

# Effective Theory approach to Higgs analyses

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EFT: expansion in higher-dimensional  
operators (HDOs)

Buchmuller and Wyler. NPB (86)

*model independent*

Systematic studies

One operator, corrs.

Translation to thy

Advantages of EFT

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**And the Higgs could be**

Weak doublet or singlet

Once this choice is made, expand...

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$$

Integrating out new physics

$$\frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

Non-linearity

$$U = e^{i\Pi(h)/f}$$

...order-by-order

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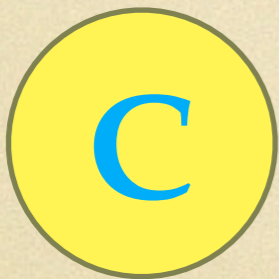
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UV theory: tree-level or loop

may need a model bias

ex. SILH

$$\frac{2igc_{HW}}{m_W^2} (D^\mu \Phi^\dagger) \widehat{W}_{\mu\nu} (D^\nu \Phi)$$

redundancies trade off operators using EOM

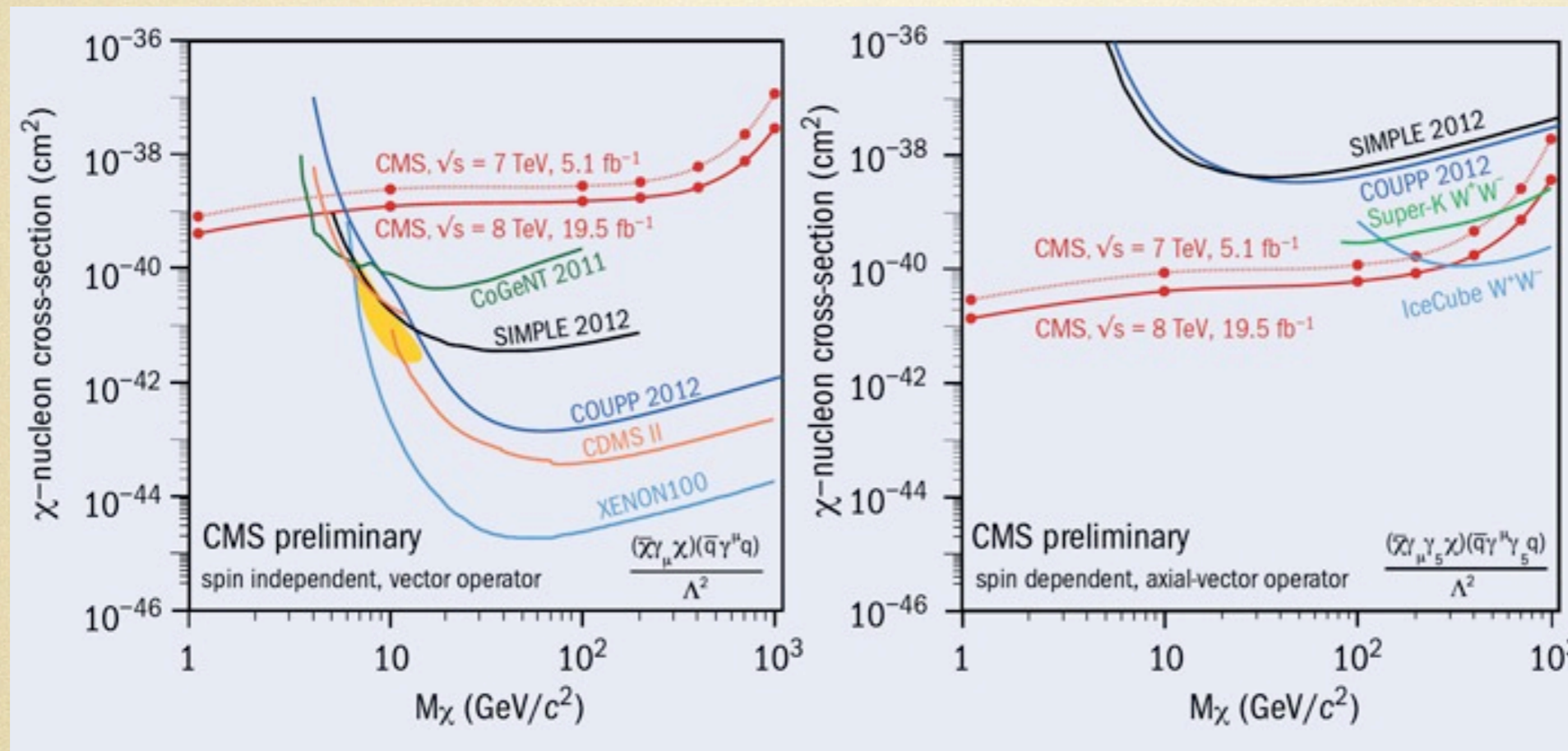
**D** Choice of basis

And, finally

Observables as a function  
of HDOs coefficients

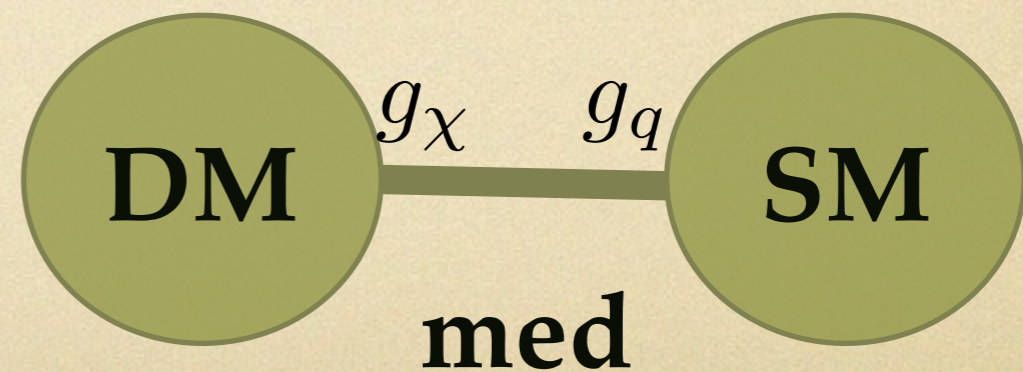
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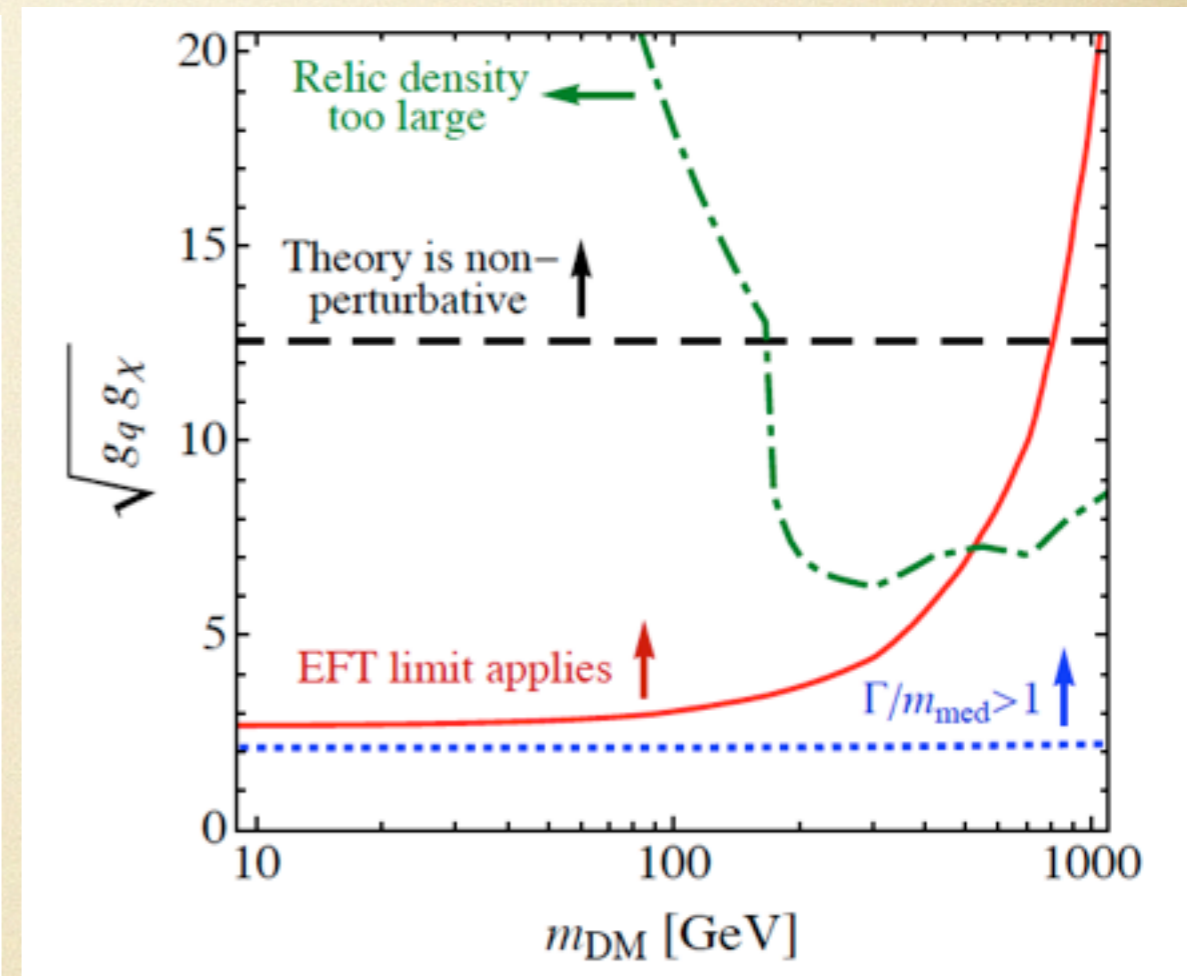
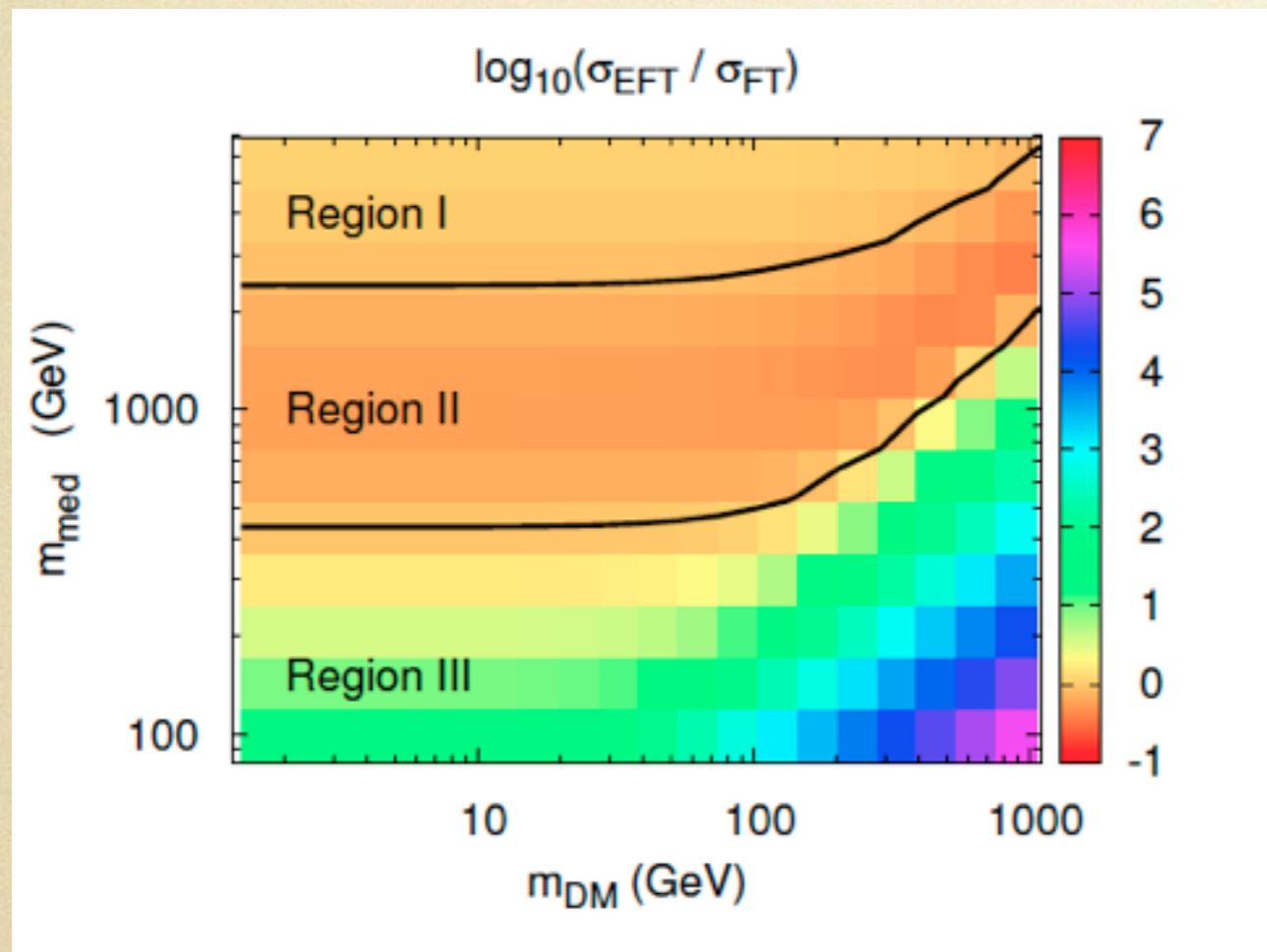
HDO for DM

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$



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Buchmueller, Dolan and McCabe. 1308.6799

Limits valid to 20% if

$$m_{\text{med}} > 2.5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\sqrt{g_\chi g_q} > 3$$

$$\Gamma/m_{\text{med}} > 1$$

Expansion may (non-trivially) *fail*

Some operators could have large coefficients

**ex.**  $\frac{c_6}{\Lambda^2} (D^\mu \Phi^\dagger) \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} (D^\nu \Phi)$  could be loop-ind

$\frac{c_8}{\Lambda^4} (D^\rho \Phi^\dagger) (D_\rho \Phi) \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu}$  could dominate

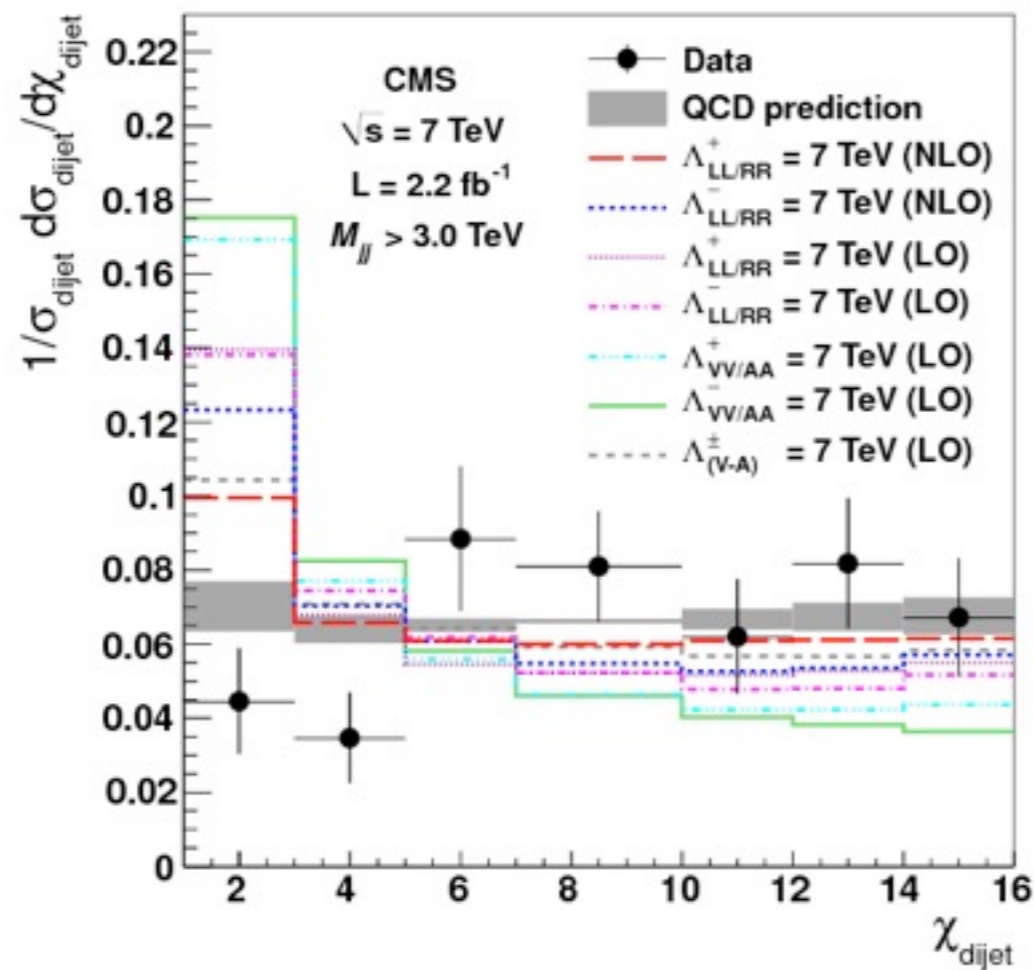
specially dangerous when

$$\Lambda \sim m_W \text{ and high-}p_T$$

How do we look for HDOs?

HDOs affect momentum dependence:  
angular,  $p_T$  and inv mass distributions

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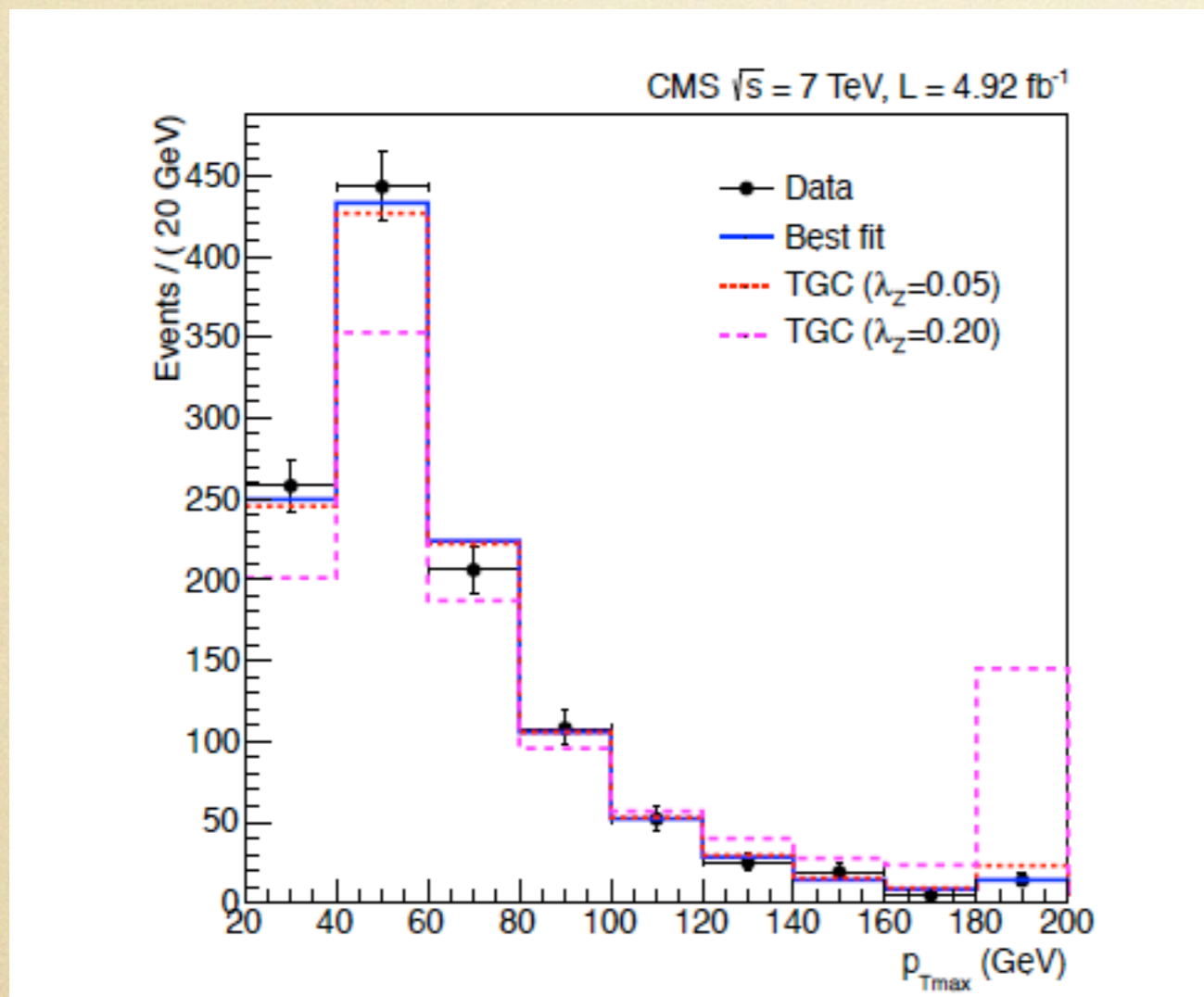


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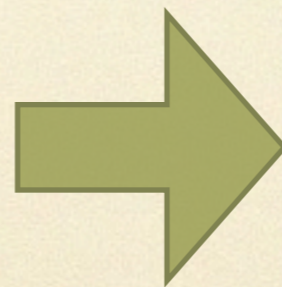
leading lepton  $p_T$



And what about the Higgs?

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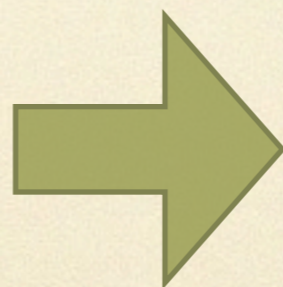
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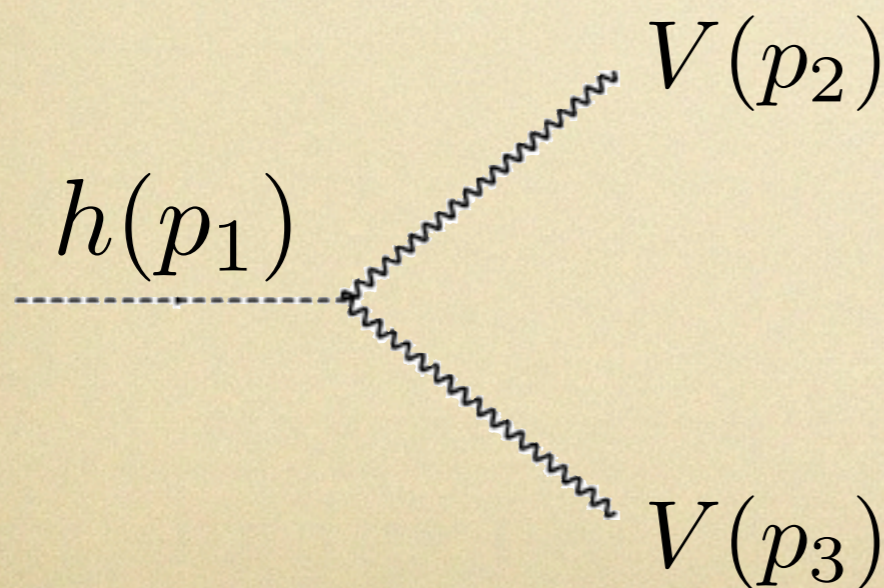


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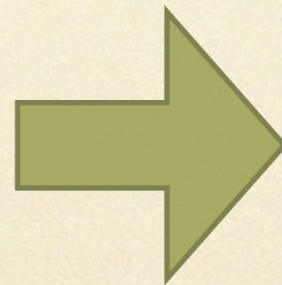
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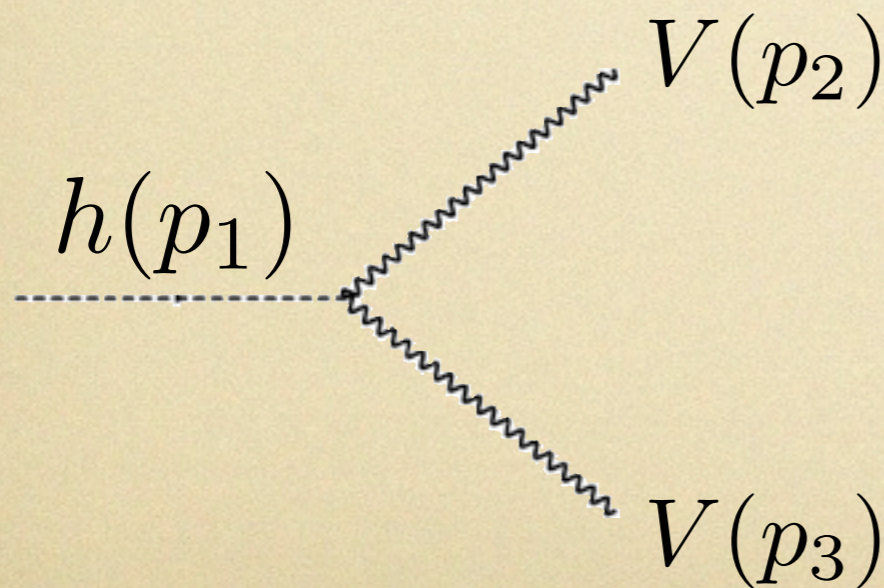


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total rates, COM, angular, inv mass and PT distributions

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# Framework for EFT studies

# Higgs BRs

## eHDECAY

Contino, Ghezzi, Grojean, Muhlleitner and Spira.

1303.3876

Production rates and kinematic distributions

depend on cuts

need radiation and detector effects

Simulation tools

We need a framework

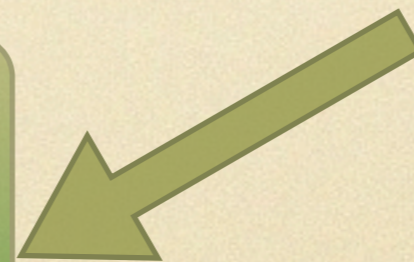
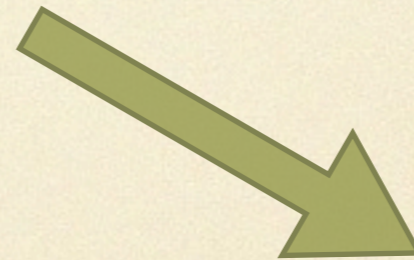
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coefficients

**Collider  
simulation**

observables

Limit coefficients  
= new physics



# A couple of tools

## 1. Feynrules HDOs involving Higgs and TGCs

Alloul, Fuks, VS. 1310.5150

links to CalcHEP, LoopTools, Madgraph...

HDOs -> Madgraph -> Pythia... -> FastSim / FullSim

## 2. QCD NLO HDOs involving Higgs and TGCs

VS and Williams. In prep.

MCFM and POWHEG

Pythia, Herwig... -> FastSim / FullSim

Before we move onto Higgs physics

Reviewing LEP constraints



# Three CP-conserving operators affect TGCs

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{TGC}}^{D=6} &= \frac{c_{WB} g_L g_Y}{m_W^2} B_{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^i H^\dagger \sigma^i H + \frac{i c_W g_L}{2m_W^2} \left( H^\dagger \sigma^i \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu H \right) (D^\nu W_{\mu\nu})^i + \frac{c_{3W} g_L^3}{m_W^2} \epsilon^{ijk} W_{\mu\nu}^i W_{\nu\rho}^j W_{\rho\mu}^k \\ &+ \tilde{c}_{WB} \frac{g_L g_Y}{m_W^2} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^i H^\dagger \sigma^i H + \frac{\tilde{c}_{3W} g_L^3}{m_W^2} \epsilon^{ijk} W_{\mu\nu}^i W_{\nu\rho}^j \tilde{W}_{\rho\mu}^k. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{TGC}}^+ &= i(1 + \delta g_1^V) (W_{\mu\nu}^+ W_\mu^- - W_{\mu\nu}^- W_\mu^+) V_\nu + i(1 + \delta \kappa_V) V_{\mu\nu} W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- \\ &+ i \frac{\lambda_V}{m_W^2} W_{\mu\nu}^+ W_{\nu\rho}^- V_{\rho\mu} - g_5^V \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (W_\mu^+ \partial_\rho W_\nu^- - \partial_\rho W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) V_\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

$c_W$  and  $c_{WB}$   
affect Higgs physics  
and S-parameter,  
but more independent  
operators involved

dim-6 and TGCs

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \kappa_\gamma &= 4c_{WB}, \\ \delta \kappa_Z &= -4 \frac{g_Y^2}{g_L^2} c_{WB} - \frac{g_L^2 + g_Y^2}{2g_L^2}, \\ \delta g_Z &= -\frac{g_L^2 + g_Y^2}{2g_L^2} c_W, \\ \lambda_\gamma = \lambda_Z &= -6g_L^2 c_{3W}, \\ \tilde{\kappa}_\gamma &= 4\tilde{c}_{WB}, \\ \tilde{\kappa}_Z &= -4 \frac{g_Y^2}{g_L^2} \tilde{c}_{WB}, \\ \tilde{\lambda}_\gamma = \tilde{\lambda}_Z &= -6g_L^2 \tilde{c}_{3W}, \end{aligned}$$

# LEP fit to WW observables

Falkowski, Fichet, Mohan, Riva, VS.  
Les Houches proceedings. To appear.

Total cross section and diff distributions from  
ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL, LEP Electroweak Collaboration.

Phys.Rept. 532

SM NLO from RACCOONWW

$$c_{WB} = -0.01 \pm 0.03, \quad c_W = 1.18 \pm 0.56, \quad c_{3W} = -0.30 \pm 0.16,$$

partial cancellation in the direction  $c_{3W} + 0.3 c_W$

due to polarization of main contribution to WW

the fit leads to no meaningful limits, strong sensitivity to  
quadratic terms (= higher-orders)

to compare with setting by  
hand  $c_{3W}=0$

$$c_{WB} = 0.03 \pm 0.02, \quad c_W = 0.18 \pm 0.07,$$

## Consequences:

1. TGCs at the LHC are terribly important (no cancellation there)
2. LEP TGCs do not constrain Higgs operators to the extent it was thought before by, e.g.

Pomarol and Riva. 1308.2803

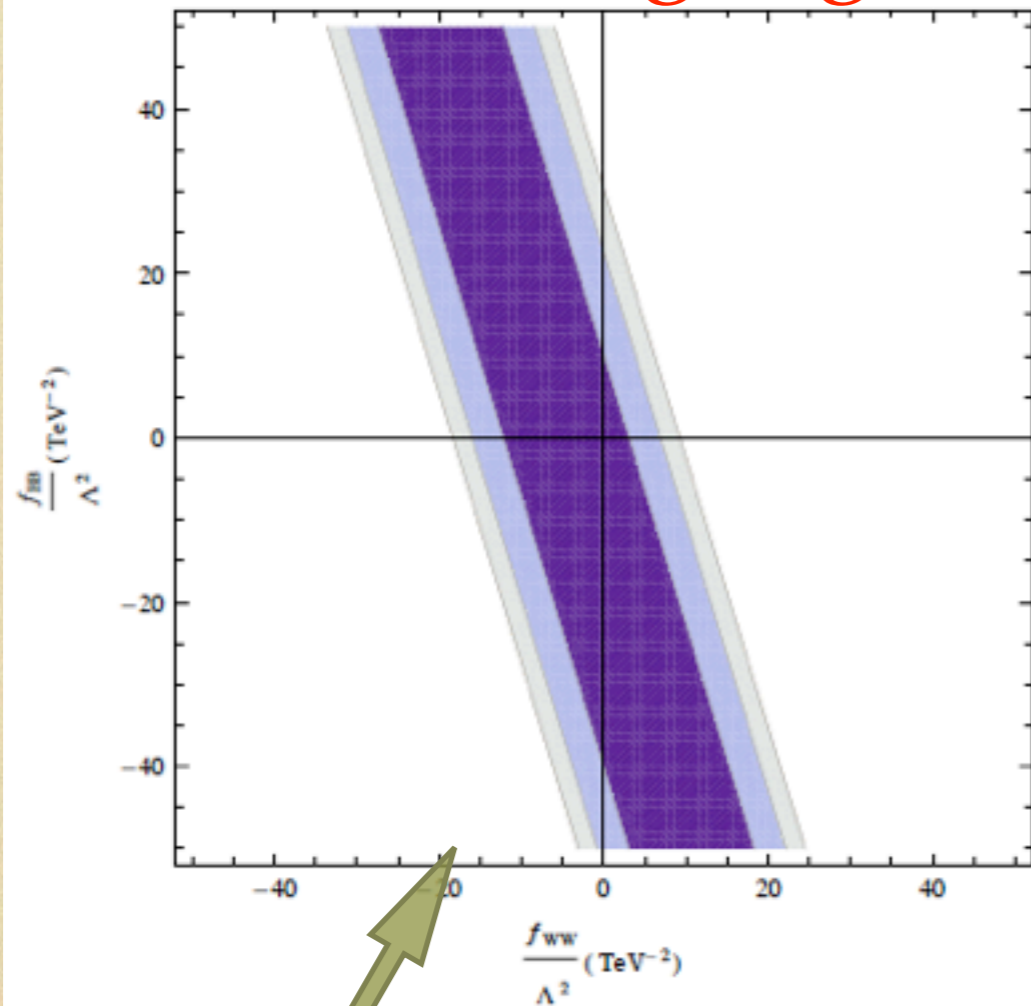
Corbett et al. 1211.4580

Higgs data truly complementary to TGCs

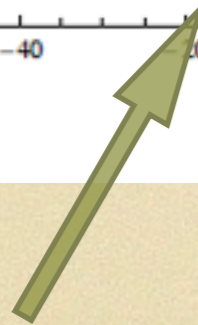
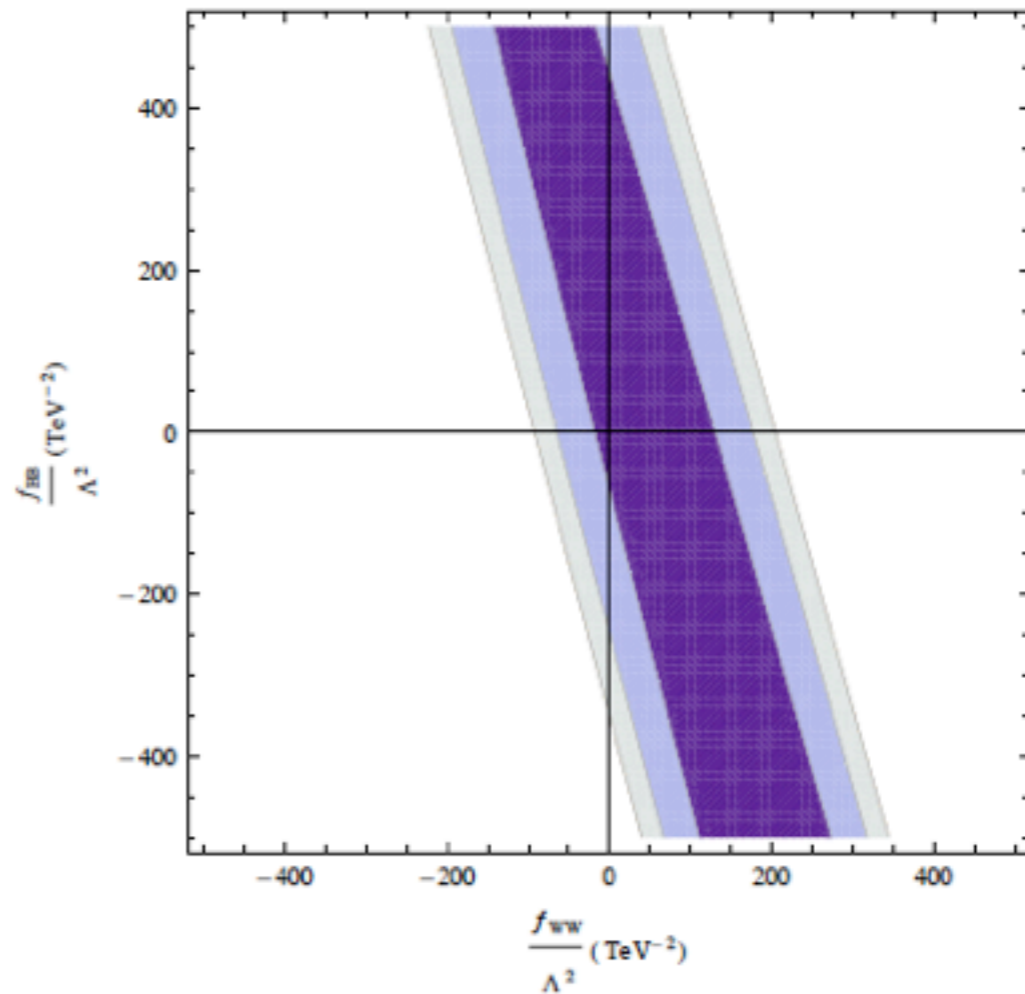
Same goes for EWPTs

renormalization **is** important

leading log



ren. scheme dep.



results of

Masso, VS. 1211.1320

Cheng, Dawson, Zhang. 1311.3107

Higgs data is complementary  
to EWPT and TGCs

Complete analysis of dim-6 Higgs

Ellis, VS and You.  
1404.3667

# Number of independent operators in Higgs physics

CP-conserving

In the SILH basis

See Rohini's talk for CP-violating

$$\bar{c}_i \equiv \{ \bar{c}_H, \bar{c}_{t,b,\tau}, \bar{c}_W, \bar{c}_{HW}, \bar{c}_{HB}, \bar{c}_\gamma, \bar{c}_g \}.$$

(cB has been eliminated using S)

Other operators affect TGCs and EWPTs but not Higgs

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \supset & \frac{\bar{c}_H}{2v^2} \partial^\mu [\Phi^\dagger \Phi] \partial_\mu [\Phi^\dagger \Phi] + \frac{g'^2 \bar{c}_\gamma}{m_W^2} \Phi^\dagger \Phi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_s^2 \bar{c}_g}{m_W^2} \Phi^\dagger \Phi G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{2ig \bar{c}_{HW}}{m_W^2} [D^\mu \Phi^\dagger T_{2k} D^\nu \Phi] W_{\mu\nu}^k + \frac{ig' \bar{c}_{HB}}{m_W^2} [D^\mu \Phi^\dagger D^\nu \Phi] B_{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{ig \bar{c}_W}{m_W^2} [\Phi^\dagger T_{2k} \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi] D^\nu W_{\mu\nu}^k + \frac{ig' \bar{c}_B}{2m_W^2} [\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi] \partial^\nu B_{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{\bar{c}_t}{v^2} y_t \Phi^\dagger \Phi \Phi^\dagger \cdot \bar{Q}_L t_R + \frac{\bar{c}_b}{v^2} y_b \Phi^\dagger \Phi \Phi \cdot \bar{Q}_L b_R + \frac{\bar{c}_\tau}{v^2} y_\tau \Phi^\dagger \Phi \Phi \cdot \bar{L}_L \tau_R. \end{aligned}$$

# Global fit to signal strengths and kinematic distributions

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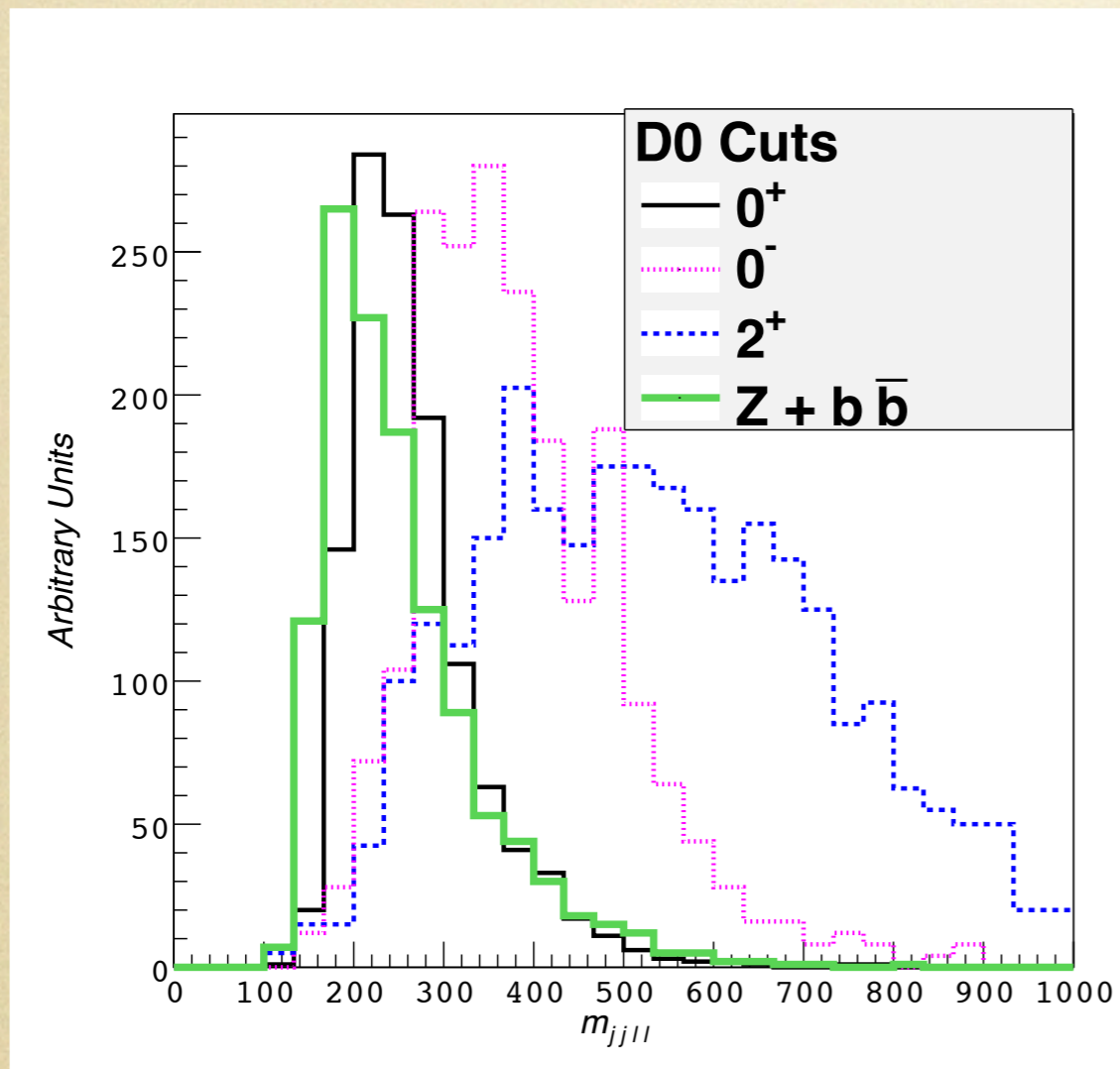
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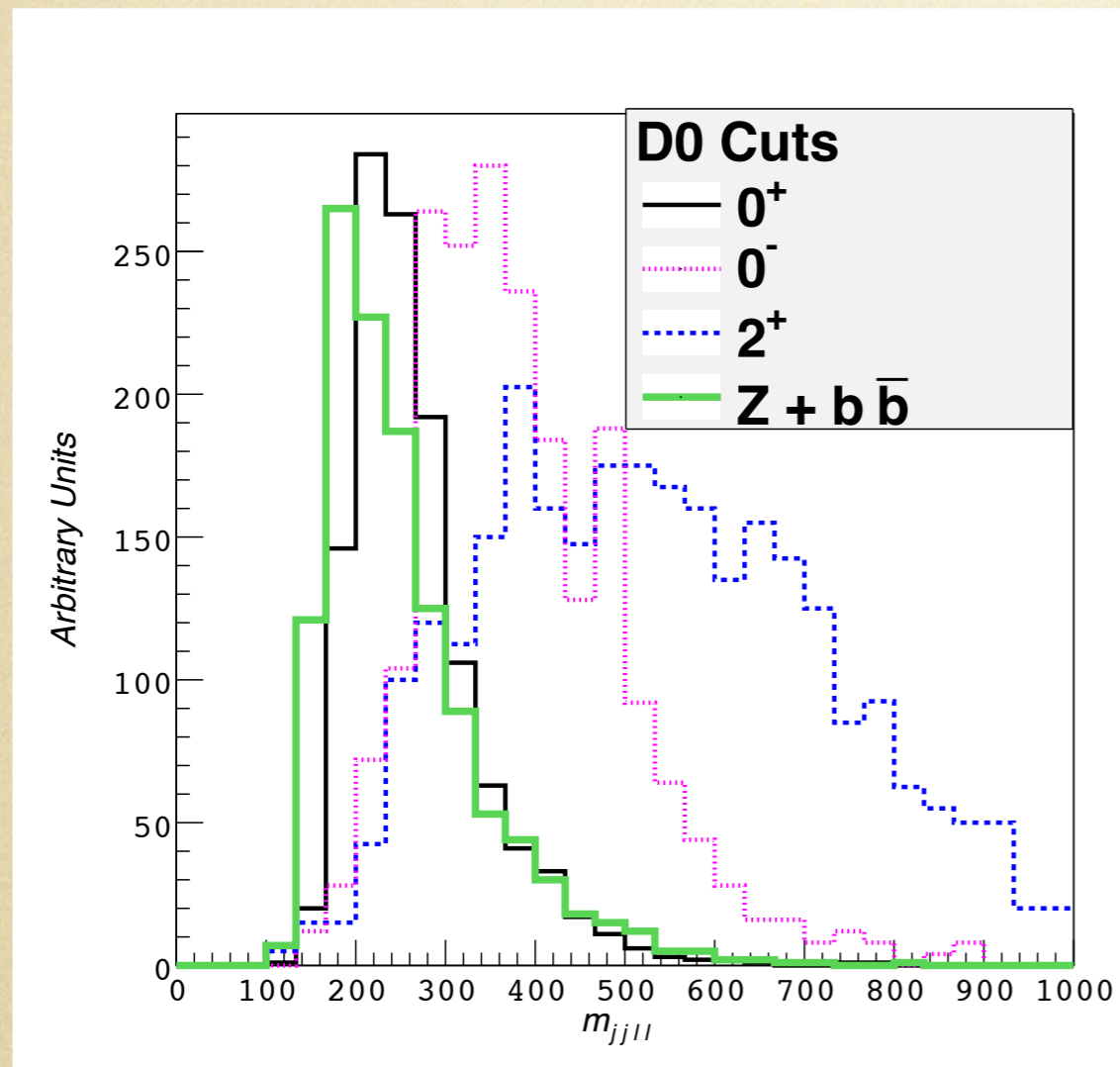
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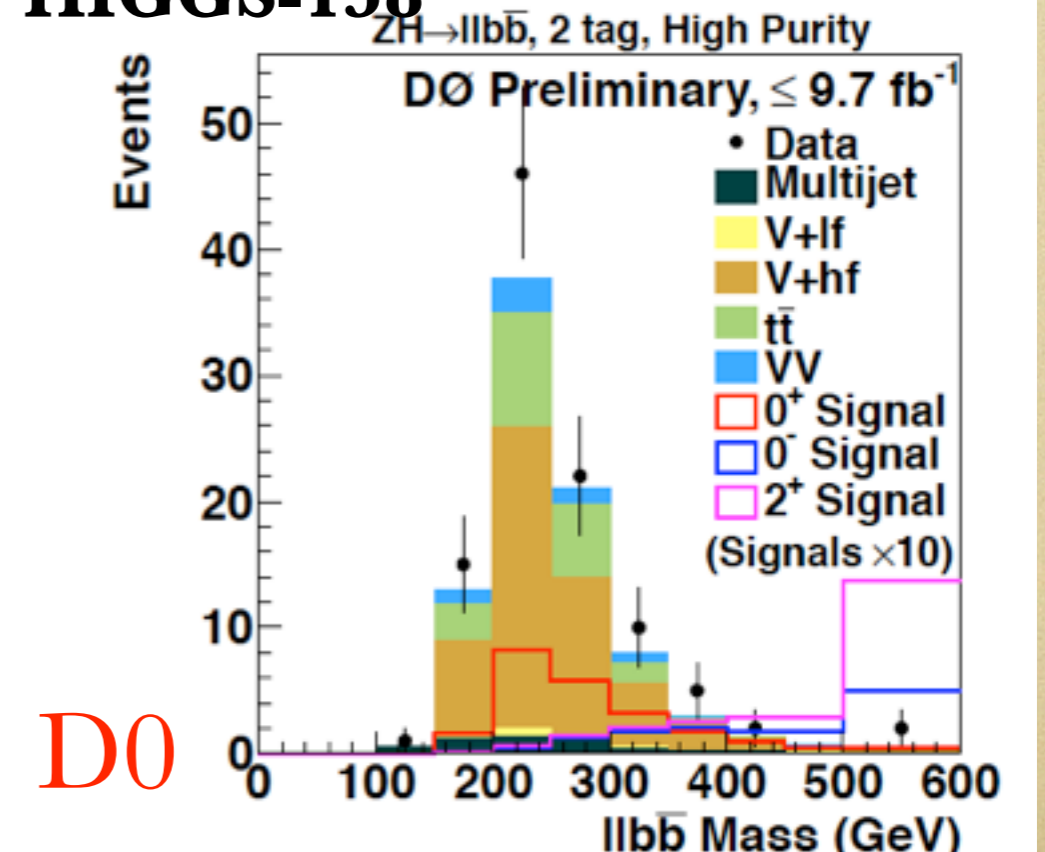


Ellis, Hwang, VS, You. 1208.6002

Test JCP of the Higgs

$$m_V h$$

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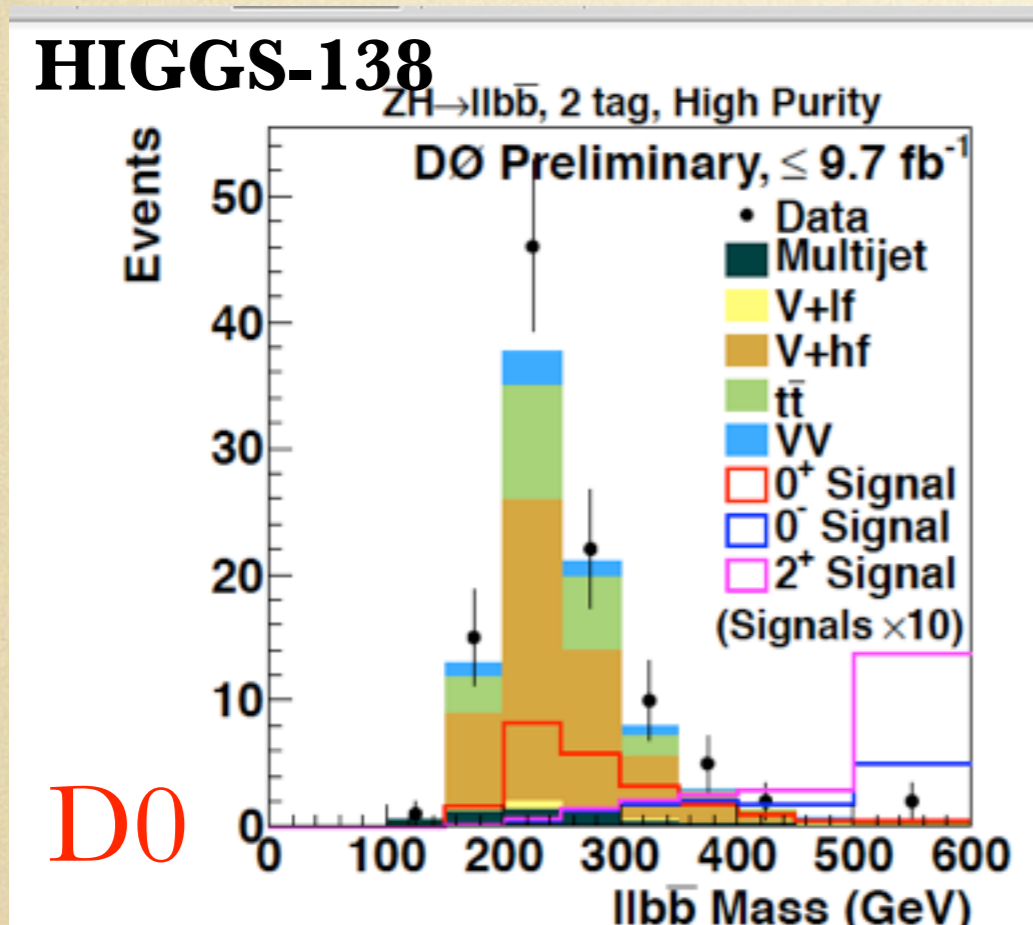


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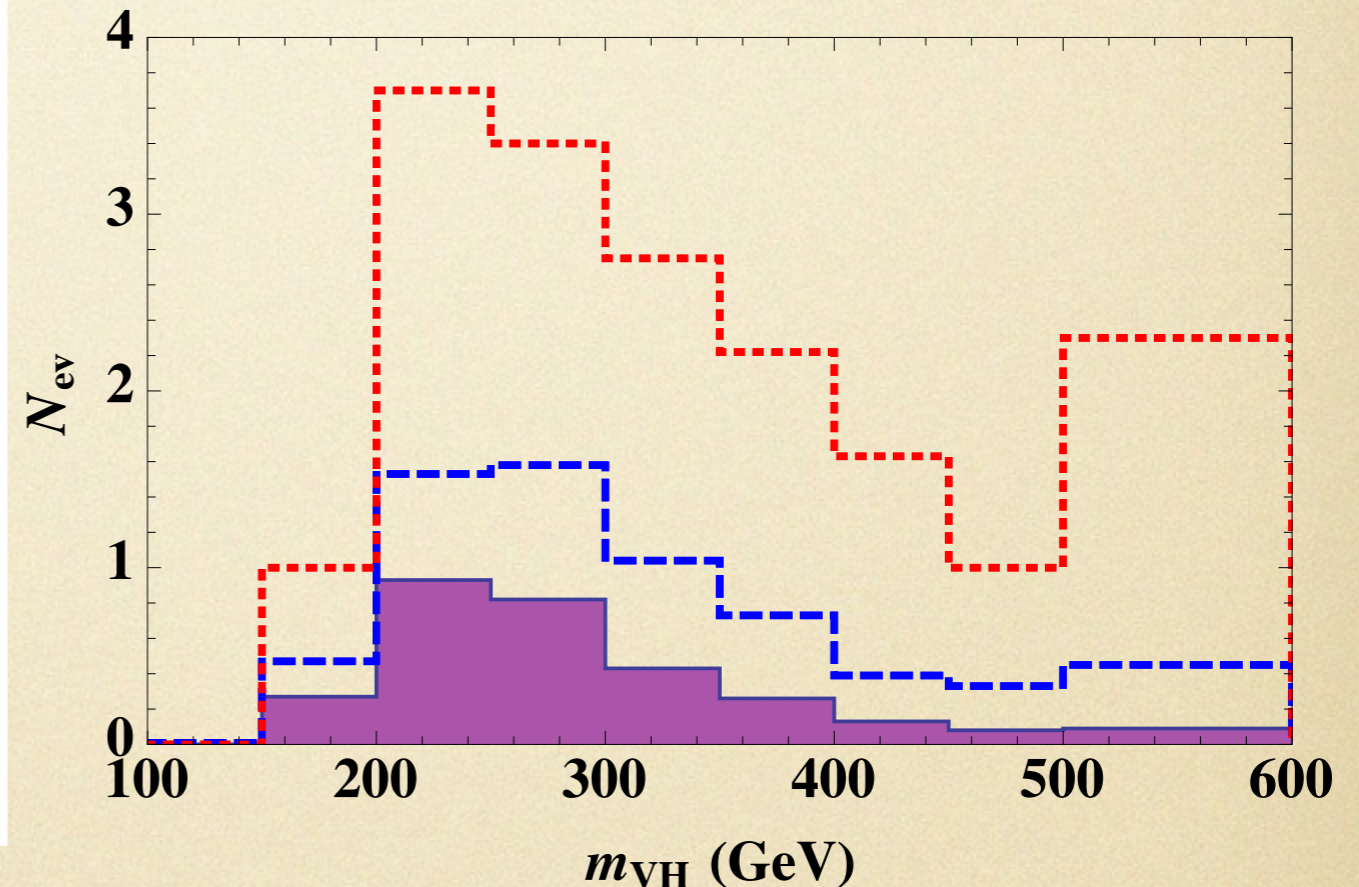
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Higgs' HDOs also have a different Lorentz structure

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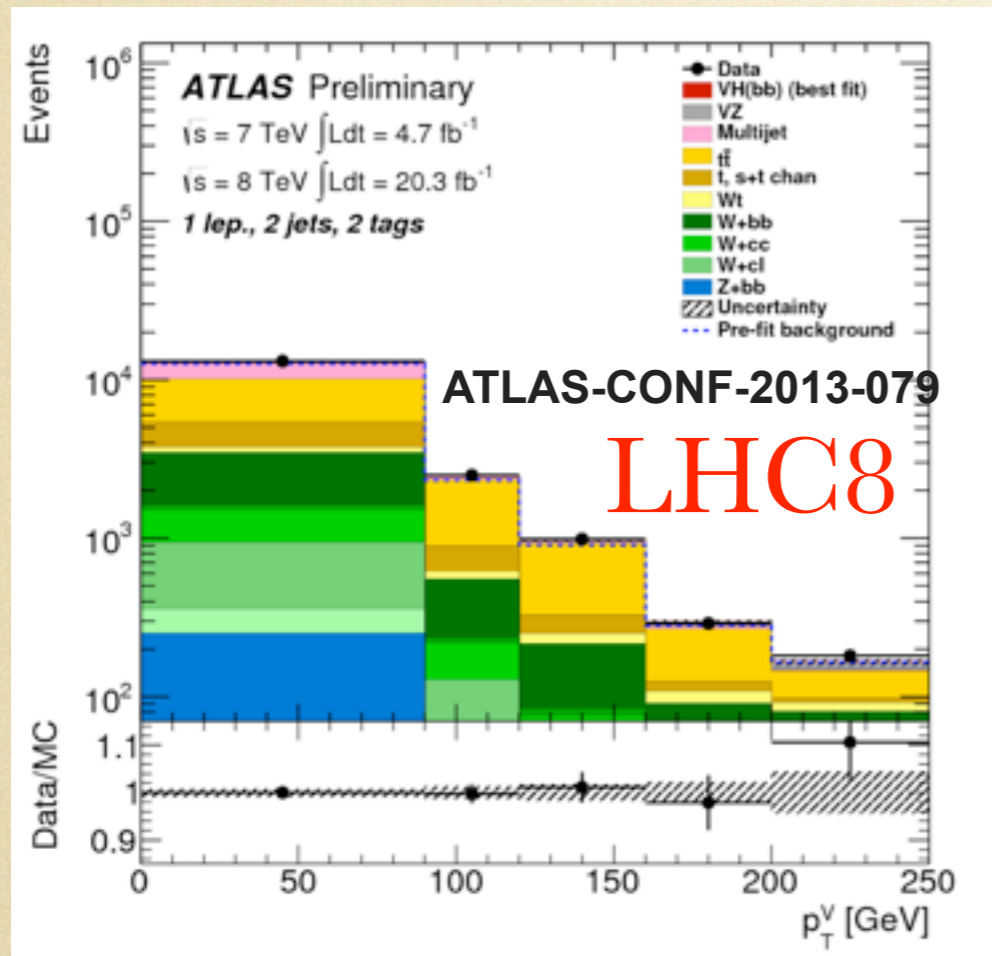


Feynrules  $\rightarrow$  MG5  $\rightarrow$  pythia  $\rightarrow$  Delphes3  
validate SM/BGs  $\Rightarrow$  expectation for HDOs

Last bin constraint better than D0 signal strength

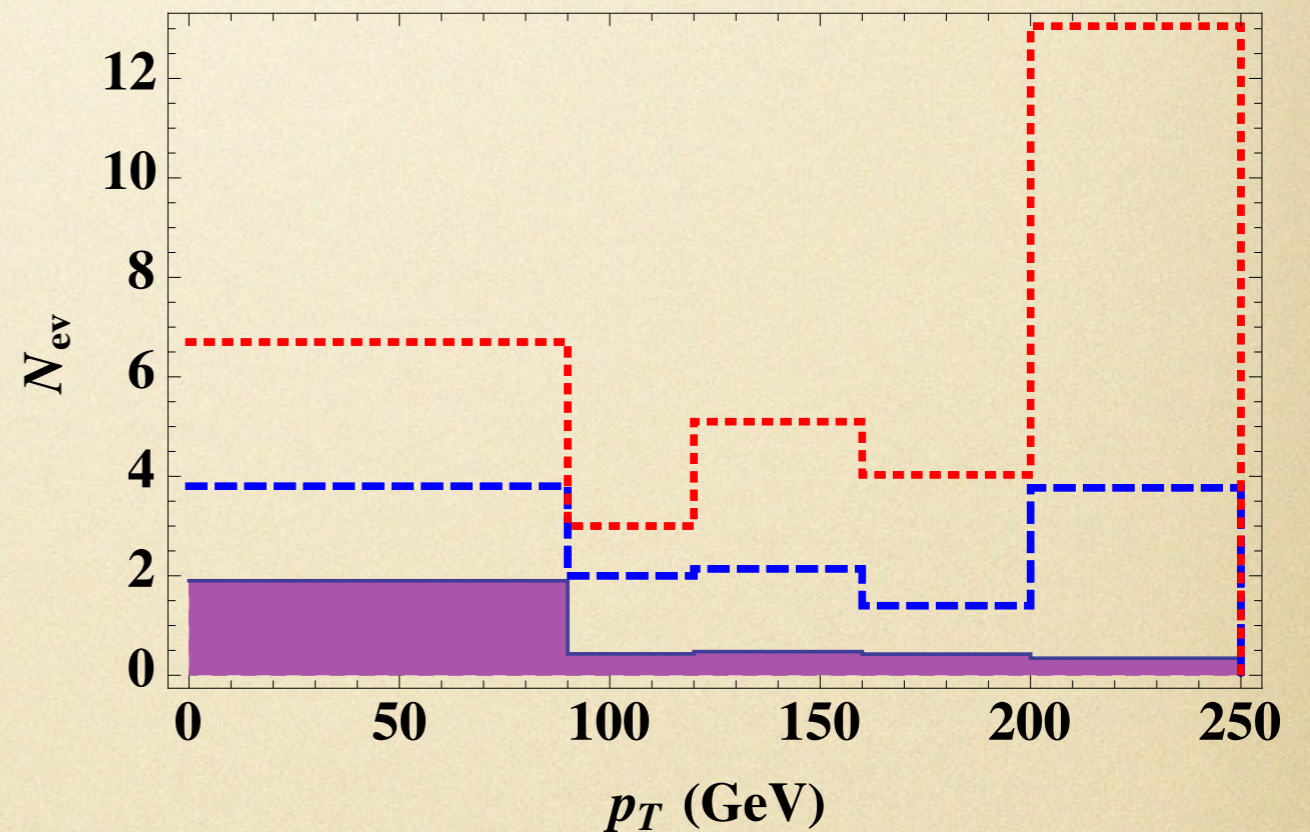
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LHC data should be even better



only  $p_T^V$  available

LHC8 ATLAS VH



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verified for SM/BGs => expectation for HDOs

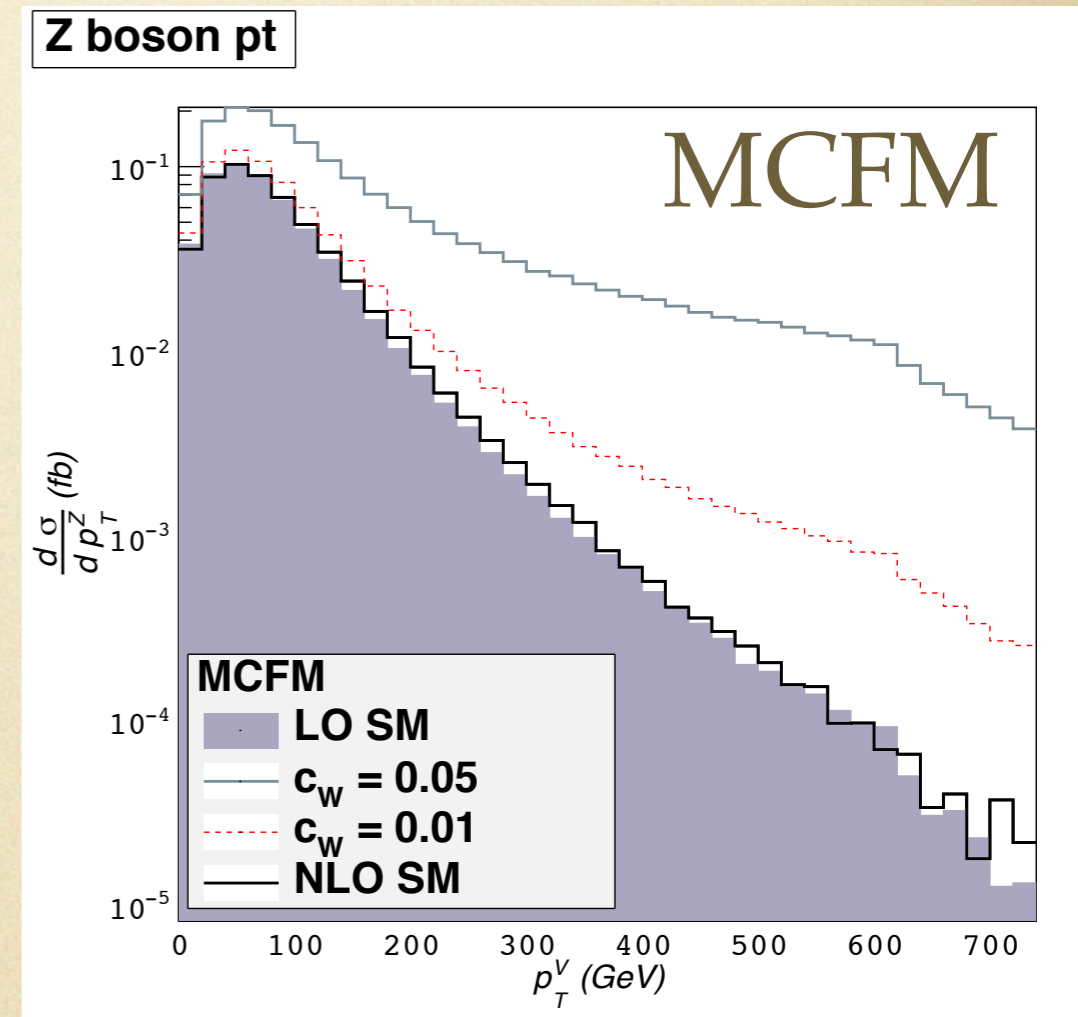
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comment 1:

pTV is more sensitive than mVH to QCD NLO  
but effect not yet at the level of operator values we can  
bound

comment 2:

Sensitivity to quadratic orders  
in  $c$ 's (dim-8) is less than current  
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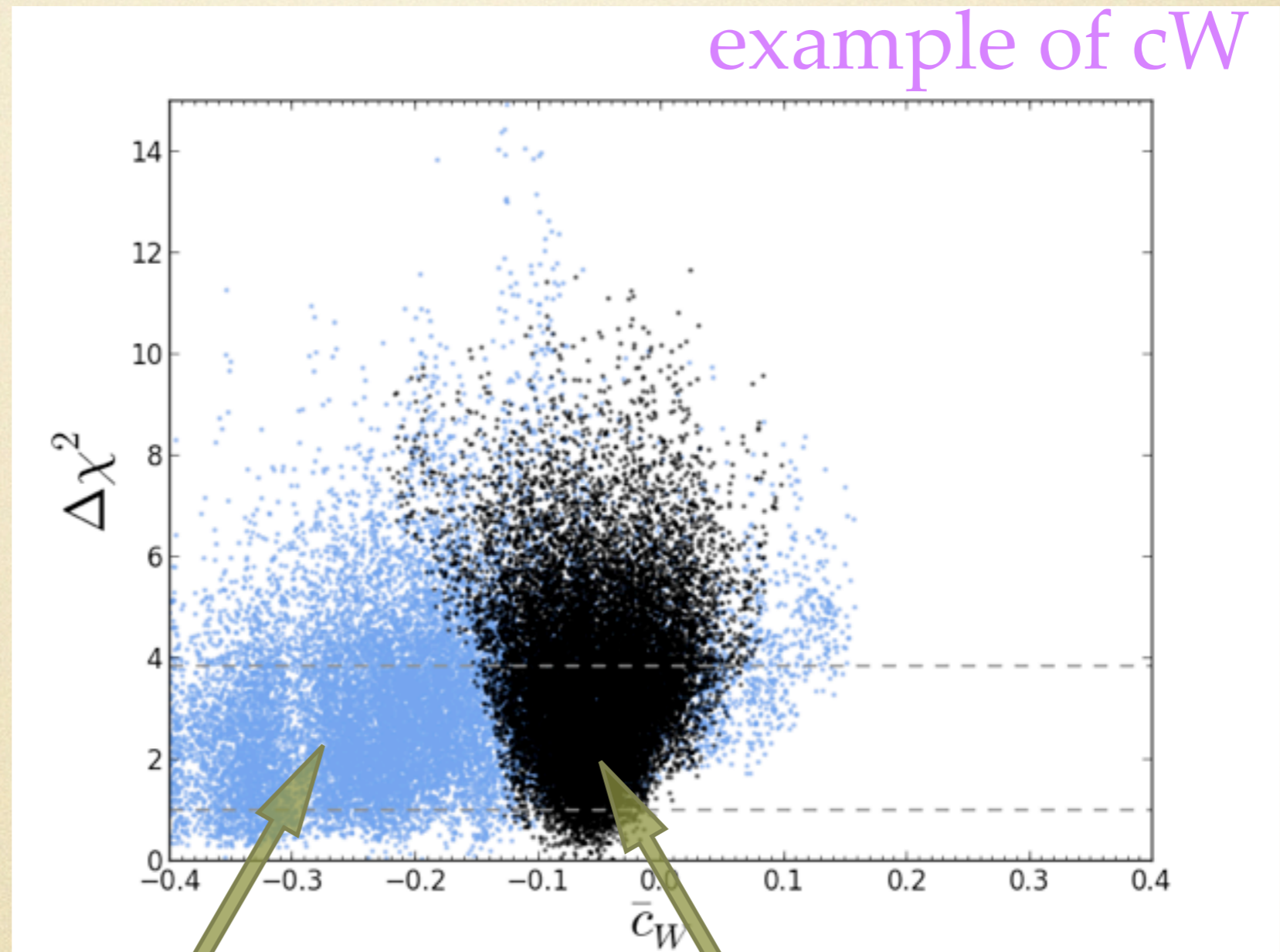
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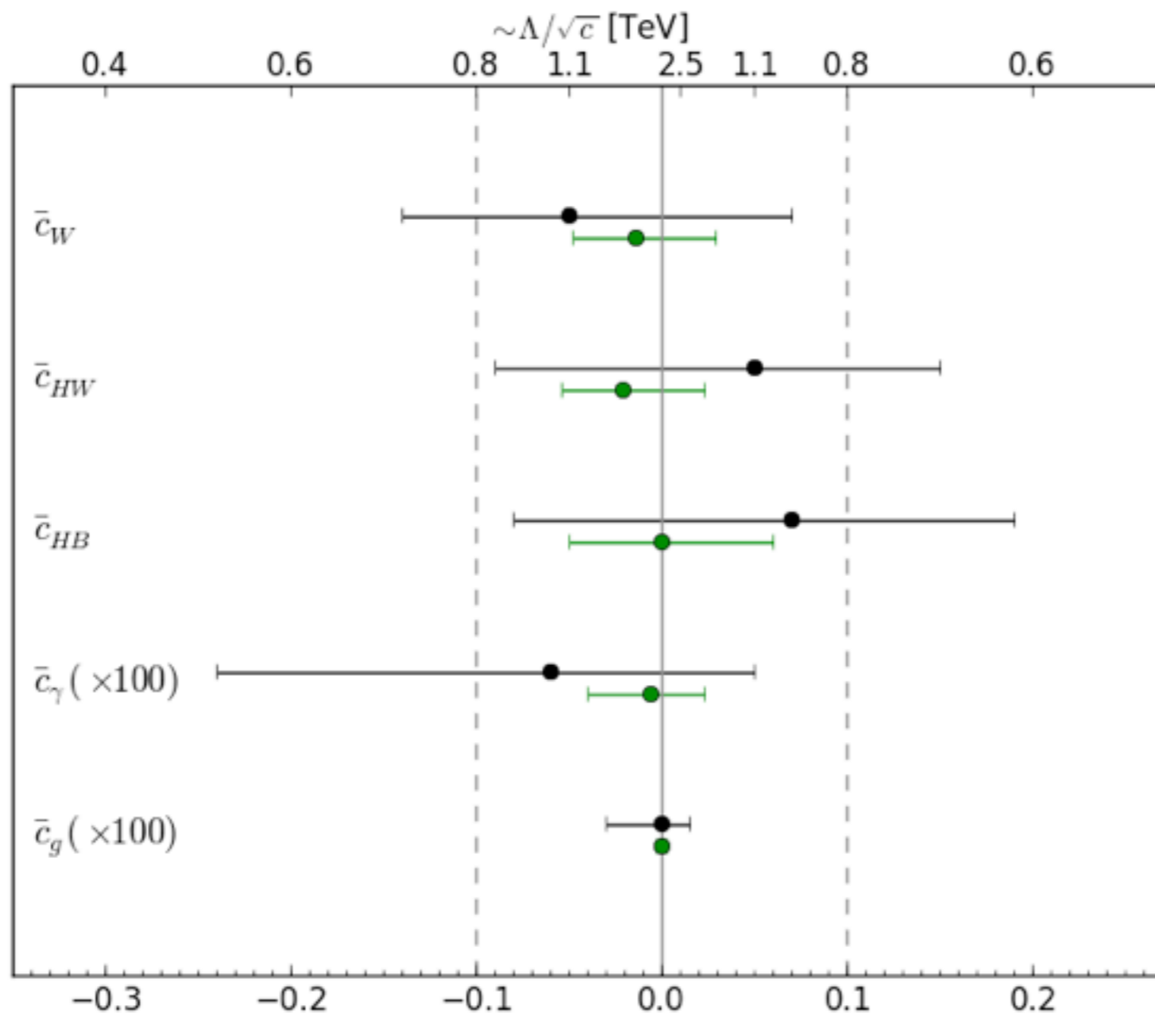
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without AP

with AP

# In summary



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green one-by-one fit

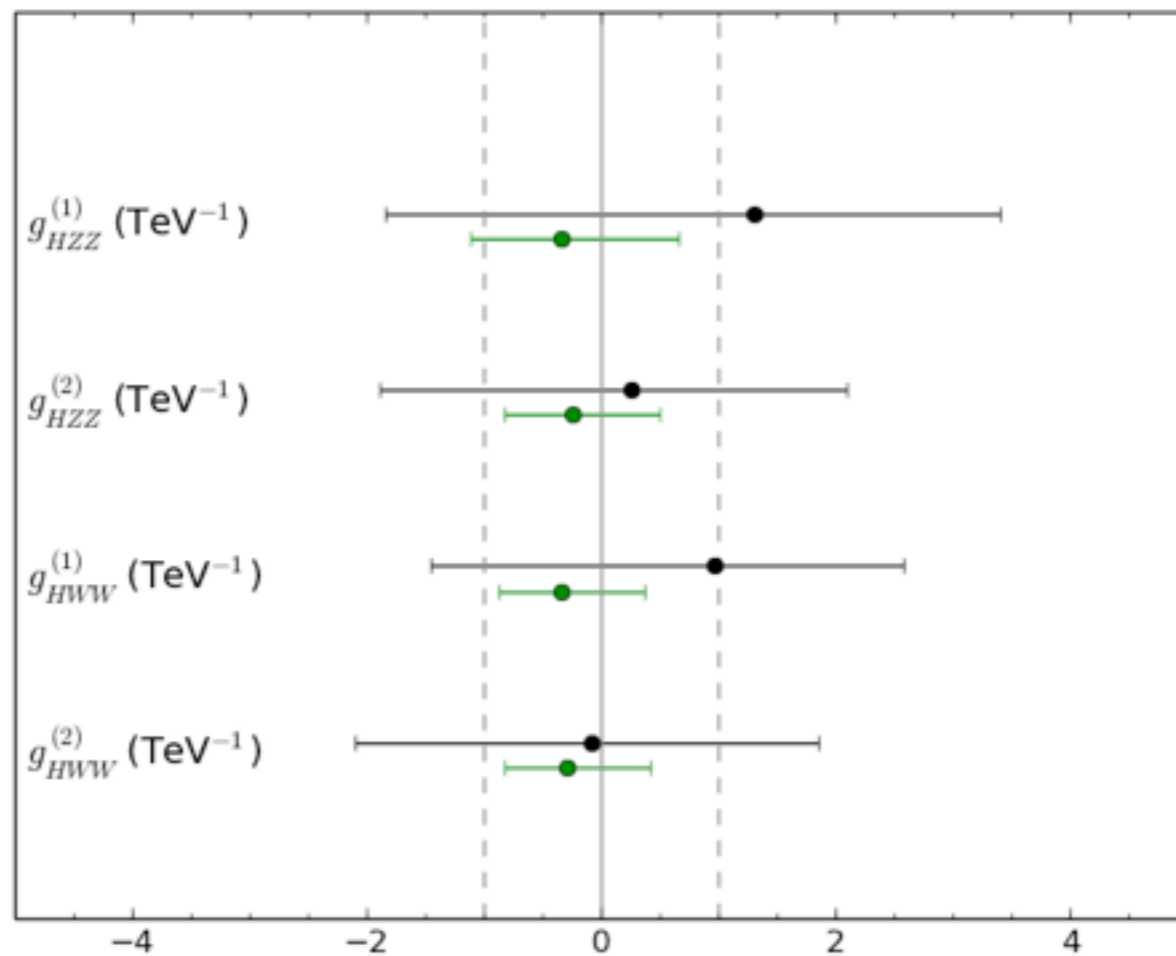
ct, cd, cH: no meaningful constraints



In summary

In terms of Higgs' anomalous couplings

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}g_{HZZ}^{(1)}Z_{\mu\nu}Z^{\mu\nu}h - g_{HZZ}^{(2)}Z_\nu\partial_\mu Z^{\mu\nu}h \\ -\frac{1}{2}g_{HWW}^{(1)}W^{\mu\nu}W_{\mu\nu}^\dagger h - \left[g_{HWW}^{(2)}W^\nu\partial^\mu W_{\mu\nu}^\dagger h + \text{h.c.}\right],$$



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# Conclusions

Absence of hints in direct searches

EFT approach to Higgs physics

Systematic, model-independent

Handles at LHC and Tevatron

beyond signal strengths

COM dependence, angular,  $p_T$  and inv mass

SM precision crucial: excess as genuine new physics

LEP constraints not as powerful as expected

Higgs physics is complementary

Complete global fit to Higgs physics

also, beyond signal strengths

Use of AP breaks degeneracy in fit, plus provides stronger constraints through kinematics

# Framework for HDO studies

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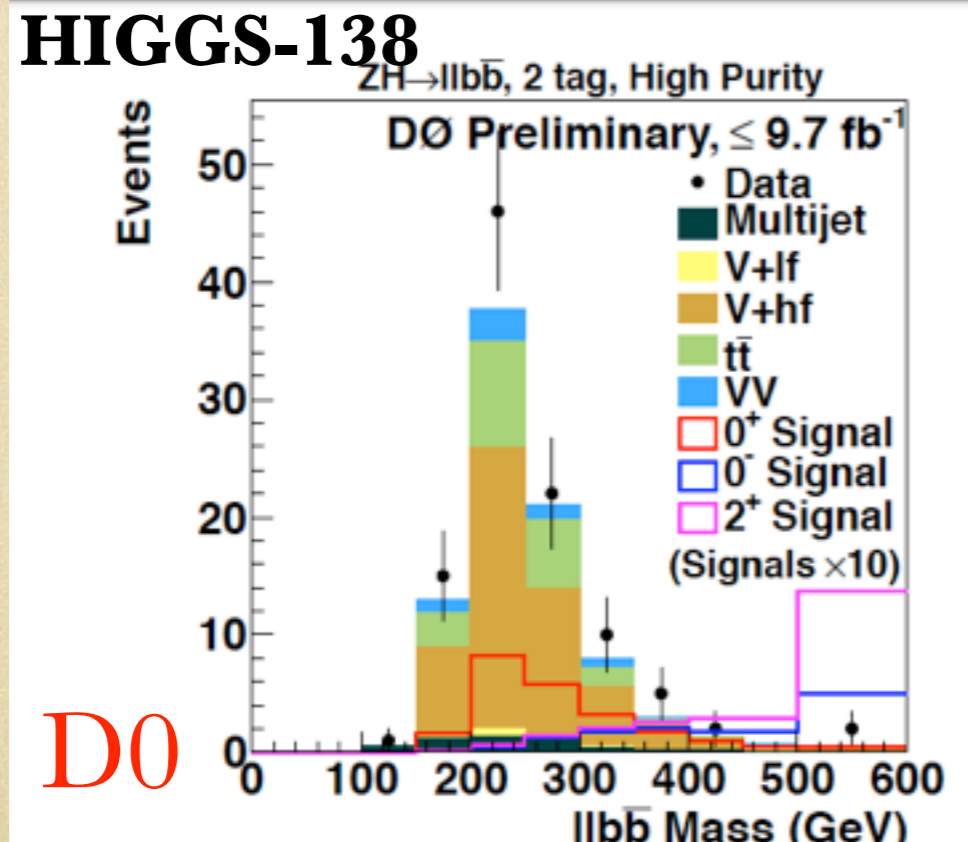
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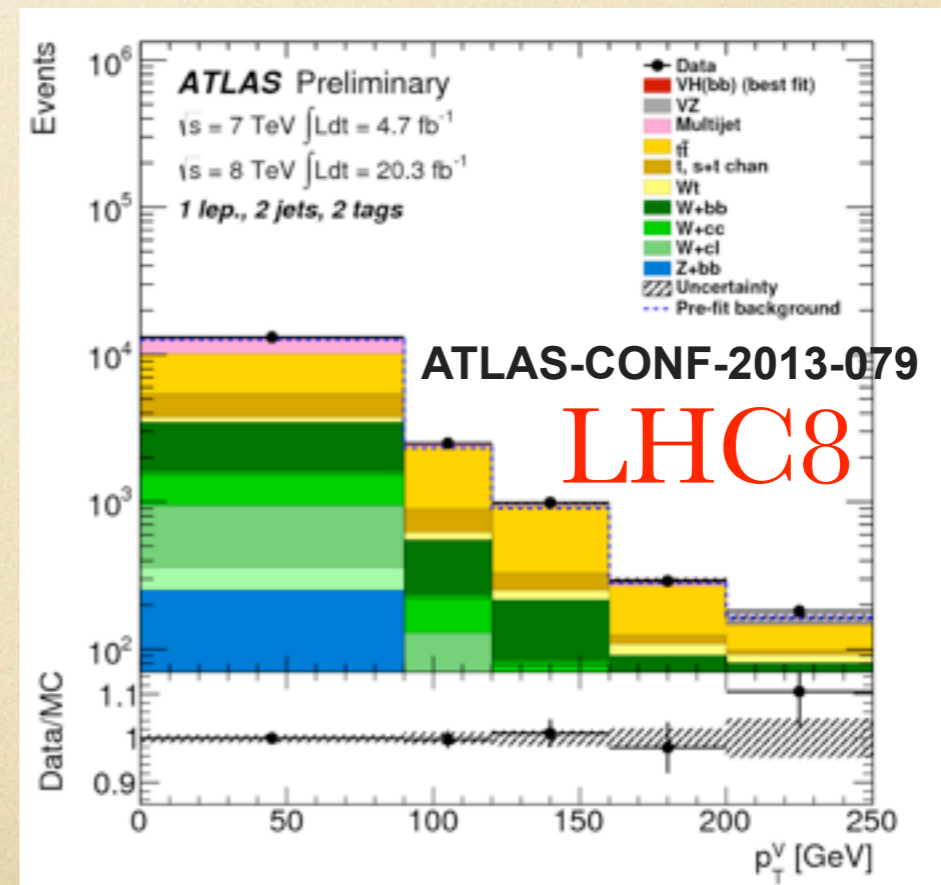
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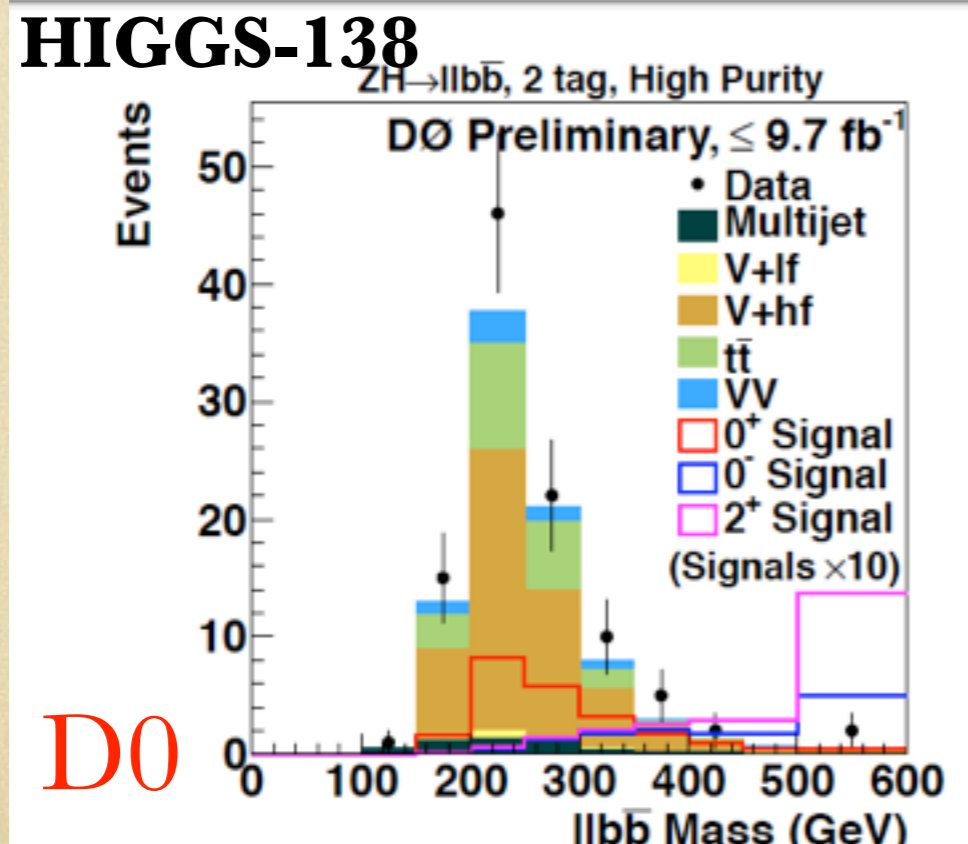
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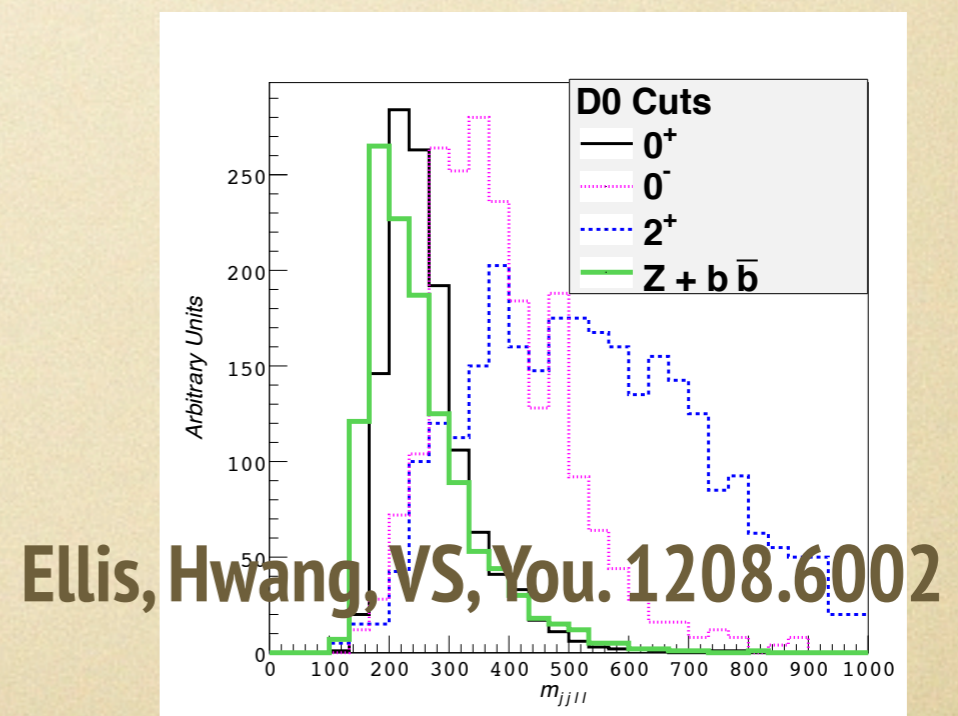
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