

# Light-by-light scattering at the LHC from new physics

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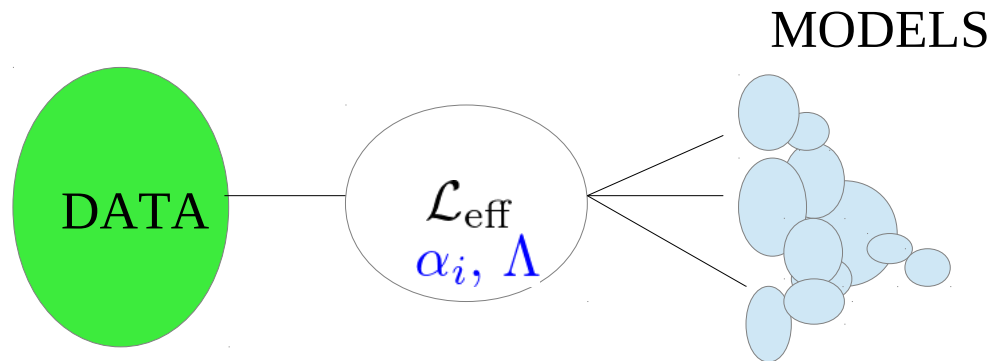


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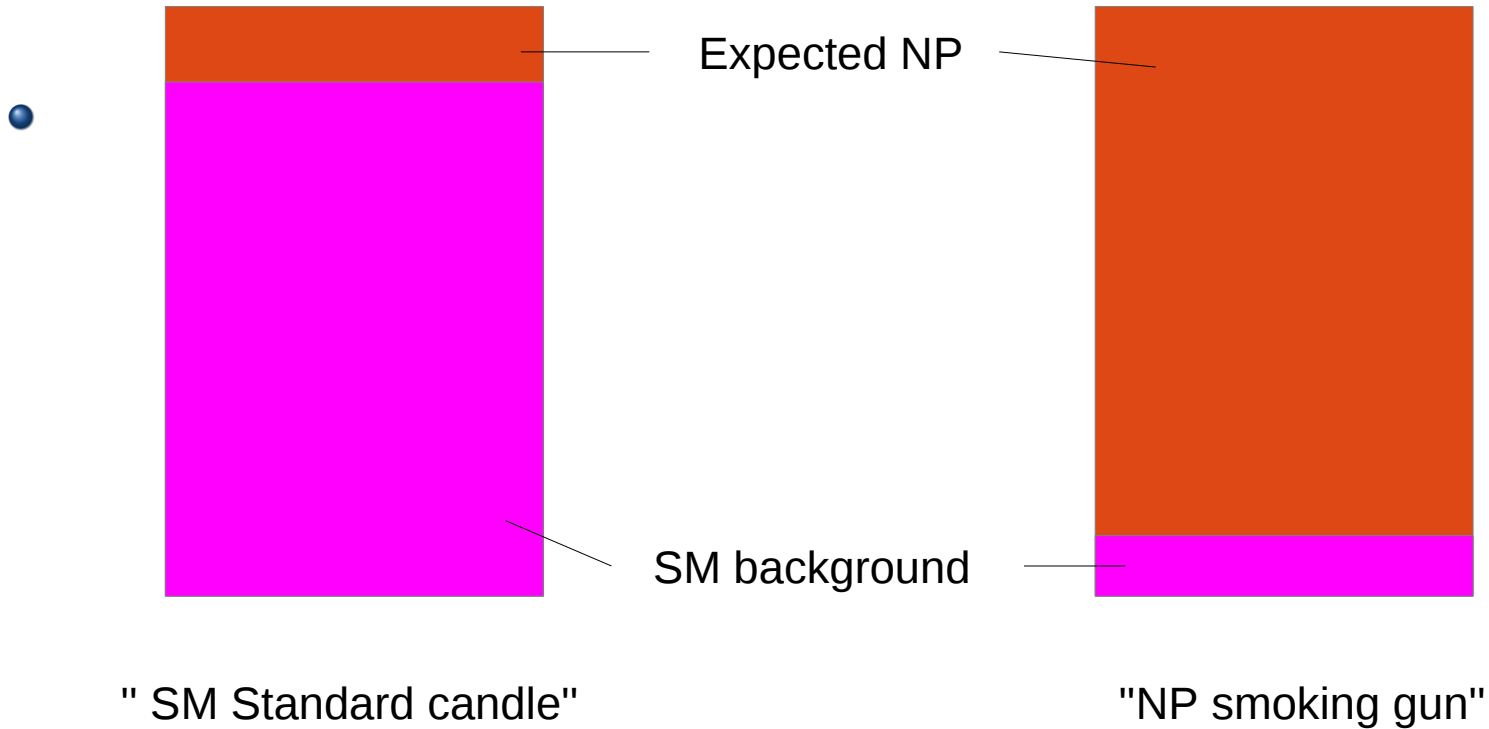
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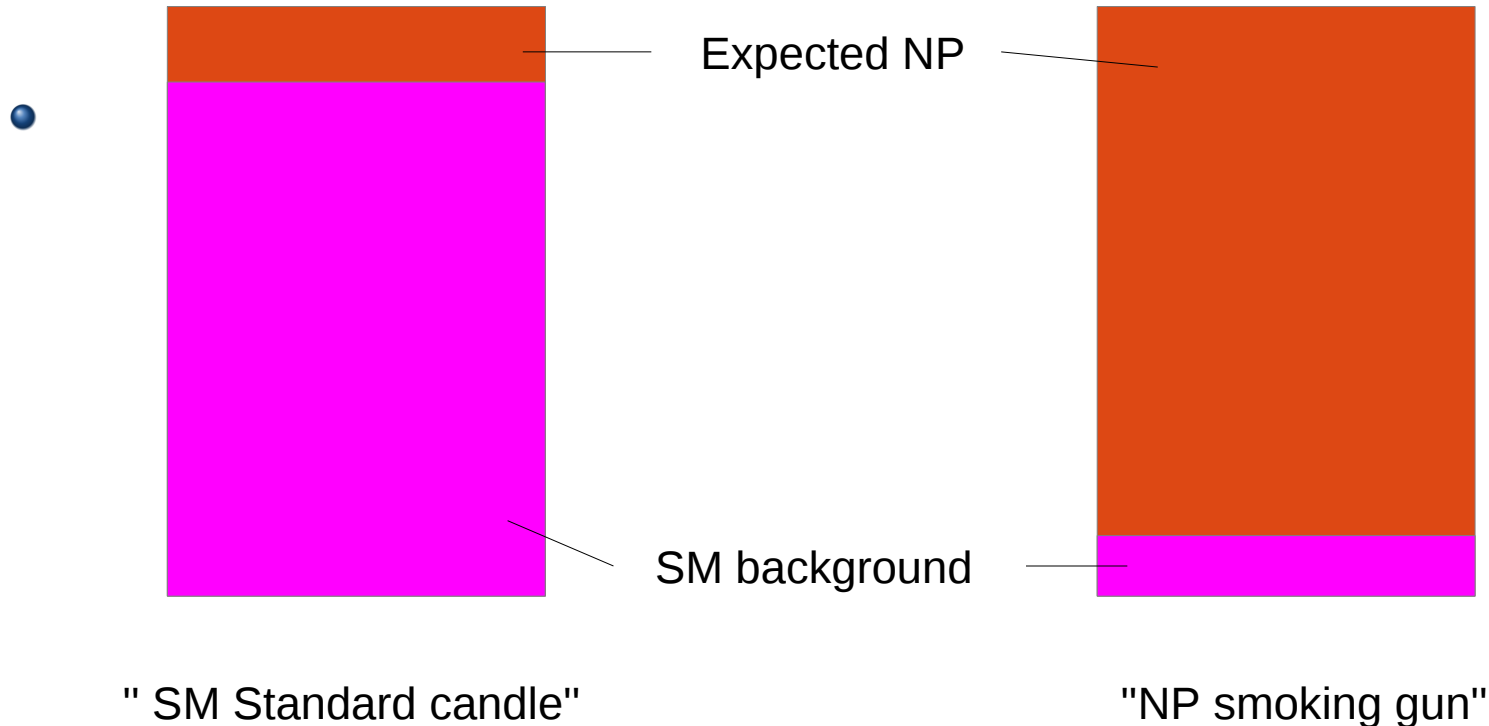
- Precision physics consists in getting information on  $\alpha_i, \Lambda$



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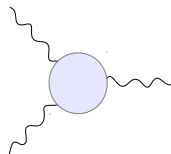
$$\text{Discovery significance} = \frac{n_{\text{obs}} - n_{\text{bg}}}{\sqrt{n_{\text{bg}}}} \quad (\text{for large background})$$

## Data for precision physics

- The LEP legacy:

	Best fit	68%	95%
$\delta\kappa_\gamma$	-0.016	[-0.036, +0.02]	[-0.054, 0.021]
$\delta g_1^Z$	-0.018	[-0.060, +0.024]	[-0.099, 0.066]
$\lambda$	-0.022	[-0.041, -0.003]	[-0.059, 0.017]

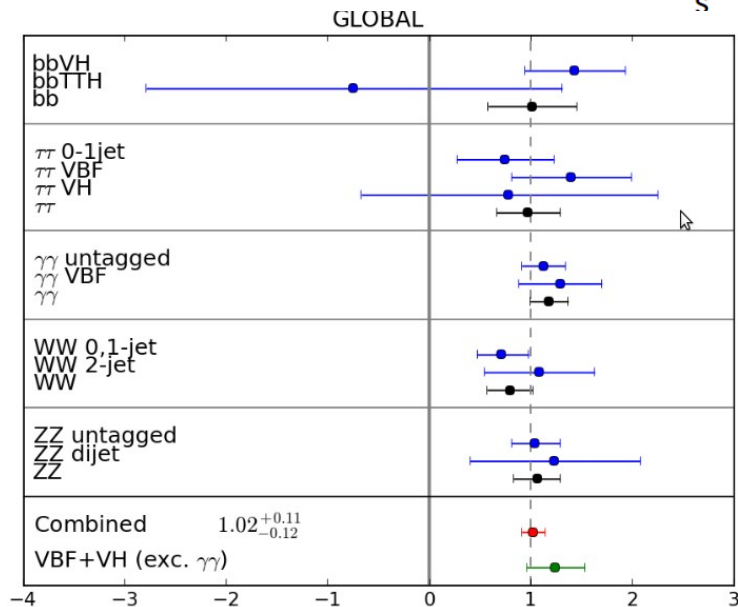
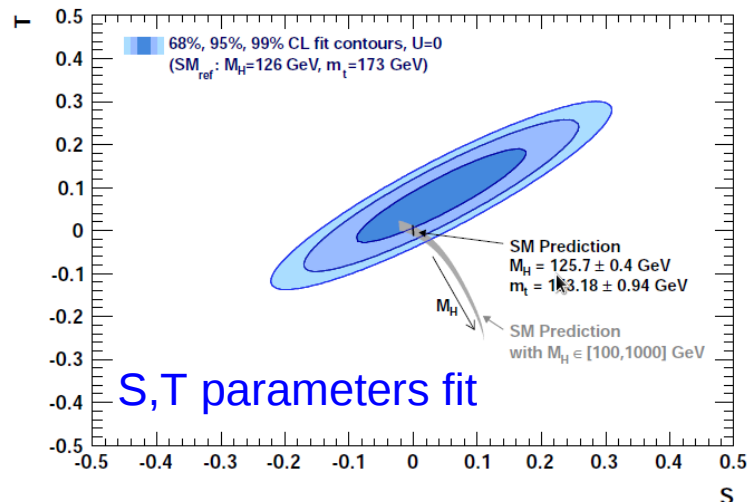
Triple gauge couplings fit  
(see also last LH report)



- From LHC and Tevatron:

$$\mu_{XY} = \frac{N_{evts}}{\sigma(X \rightarrow h)\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow Y)\epsilon_{XY} \times \mathcal{L}}$$

Higgs couplings to the SM



## Data for precision physics

- Fitting Higgs data is a big subject. Today we will just need

$$\mathcal{L}_h^{tree} \supset a_W \frac{h}{v} 2m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- + a_Z \frac{h}{v} m_Z^2 (Z_\mu)^2$$

$$0.96 < a_V < 1.21$$

95% BCI

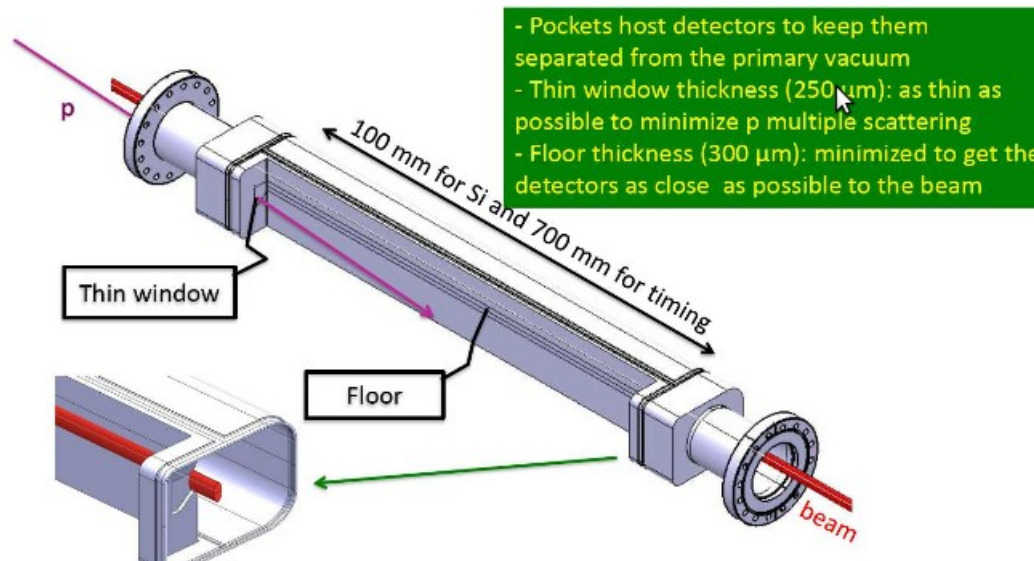
( Assuming  $a_W \approx a_Z$  )

- Obtained through a **Bayesian** fit of the dimension-6 effective Lagrangian  
[Dumont/SF/Gersdorff '13]

# Four-photon interactions at the LHC

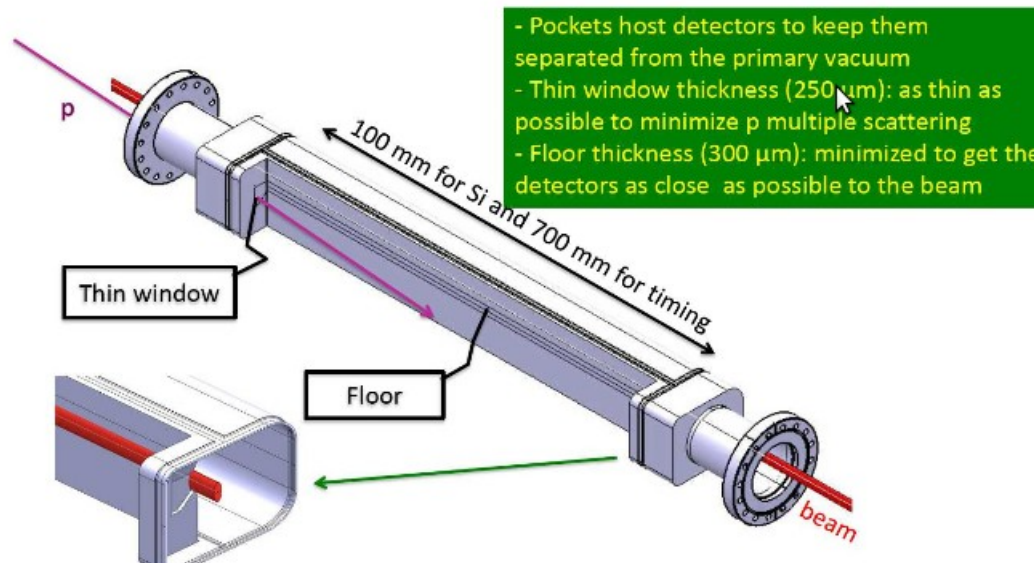
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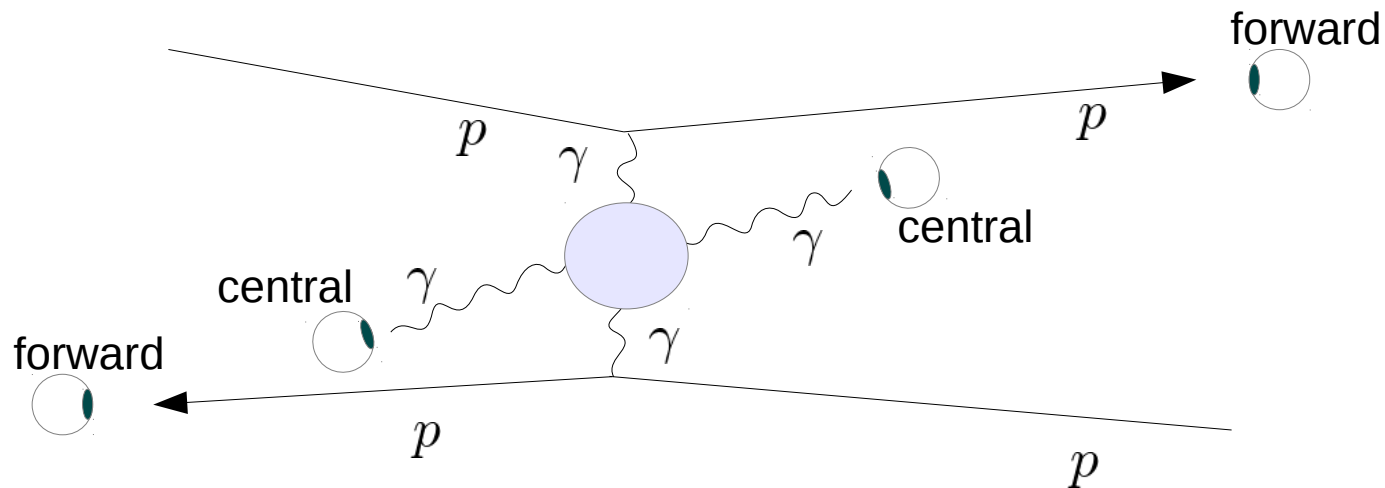


- Intact protons: all kinematics is known !
- More details on the experimental setup : **see Matthias' talk**



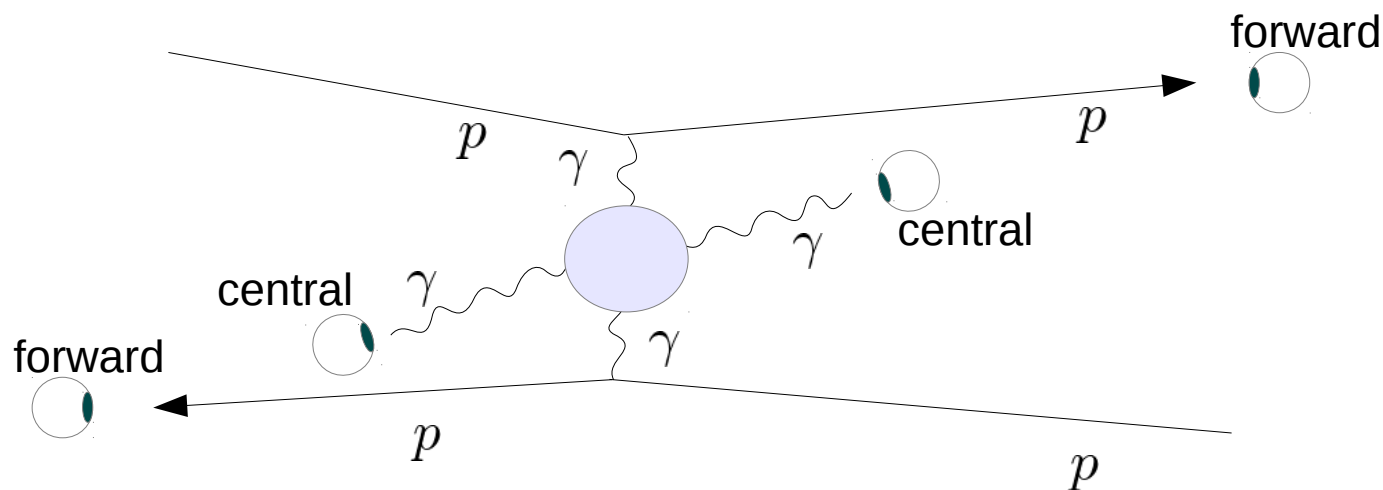
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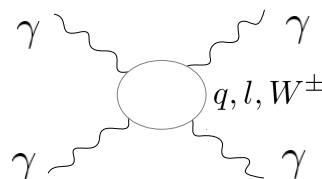


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- Potential probe for new physics in  **$4\gamma$  vertices** ?

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- **NO**
- Long answer: [see Matthias' talk](#)

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## The dimension 8 effective Lagrangian

- For **quartic gauge couplings**, one needs to go up to dimension 8 operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{(8)} = \frac{\alpha_1}{\Lambda^4} D^\mu H^\dagger D_\mu H D^\nu H^\dagger D_\nu H + \frac{\alpha_2}{\Lambda^4} D^\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H D^\nu H^\dagger D_\mu H$$

$$+ \frac{\alpha_3}{\Lambda^4} D^\rho H^\dagger D_\rho H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_4}{\Lambda^4} D^\rho H^\dagger D_\rho H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_5}{\Lambda^4} D^\rho H^\dagger \sigma^I D_\rho H B_{\mu\nu} W^{I\mu\nu}$$

$$+ \frac{\alpha_6}{\Lambda^4} D^\nu H^\dagger D_\rho H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\rho} + \frac{\alpha_7}{\Lambda^4} D^\nu H^\dagger D_\rho H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\rho}$$

$DH^2 F^2$  : comes with EW breaking

$$+ \frac{\alpha_8}{\Lambda^4} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\rho\sigma} B_{\rho\sigma} + \frac{\alpha_9}{\Lambda^4} W^{I\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{J\rho\sigma} W_{\rho\sigma}^J + \frac{\alpha_{10}}{\Lambda^4} W^{I\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^J W^{I\rho\sigma} W_{\rho\sigma}^J$$

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$$+ \frac{\alpha_{16}}{\Lambda^4} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\nu\rho} W^{I\rho\sigma} W_{\sigma\mu}^I + \frac{\alpha_{17}}{\Lambda^4} B^{\mu\nu} W_{\nu\rho}^I B^{\rho\sigma} W_{\sigma\mu}^I .$$

$F^4$  : pure field strength

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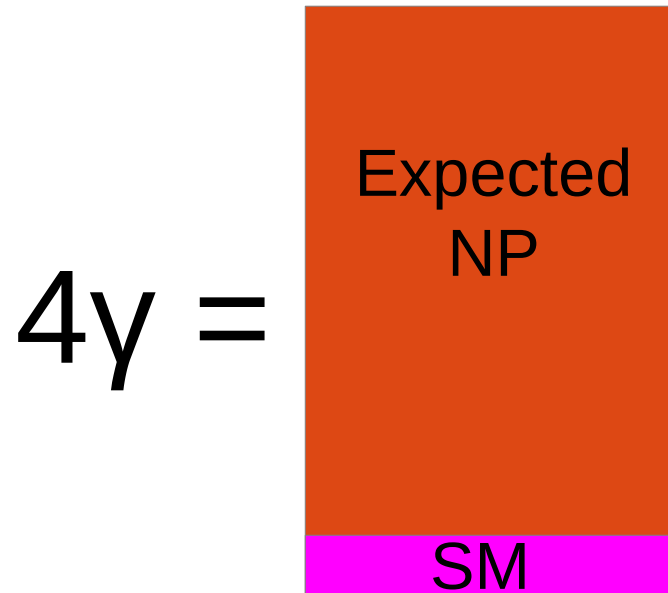
- The amplitudes are just :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{em}^2 \mathcal{M}_{++++} &= -\frac{1}{4} (4\zeta_1 + 3\zeta_2) s^2 \\ \alpha_{em}^2 \mathcal{M}_{++--} &= -\frac{1}{4} (4\zeta_1 + \zeta_2) (s^2 + t^2 + u^2) \\ \alpha_{em}^2 \mathcal{M}_{++++-} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$



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- Simulation for 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> , mu= 50 (medium luminosity) and 6000 fb<sup>-1</sup>, mu=200 (high luminosity )

medium

$$\zeta_1^\gamma < 9 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$$
$$\zeta_2^\gamma < 2 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$$

high

$$\zeta_1^\gamma < 7 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$$
$$\zeta_2^\gamma < 1.5 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$$

- Results do not improve much at high luminosity because pile-up is higher

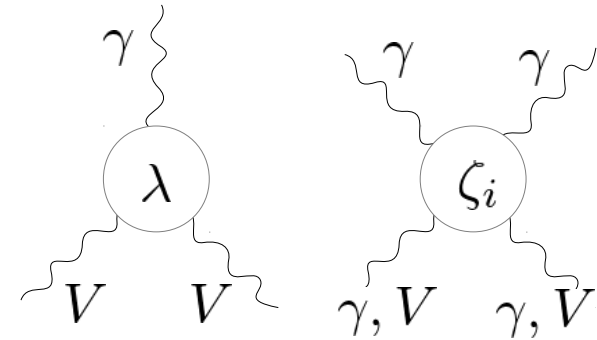
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[SF/Gersdorff '13]

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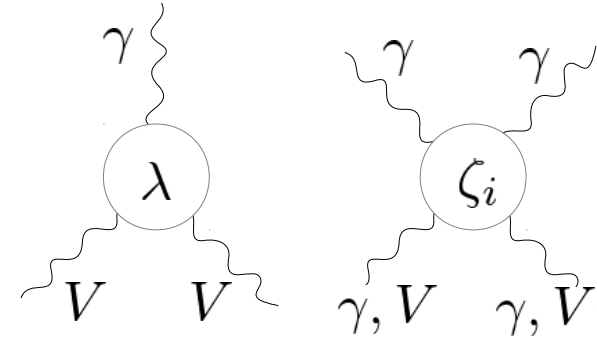
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- Apply this to the  $4\gamma$  vertices :  $\mathcal{L}_{4\gamma} = \zeta_1^\gamma F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \zeta_2^\gamma F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\sigma\mu}$

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**Scalar loops are smaller !**

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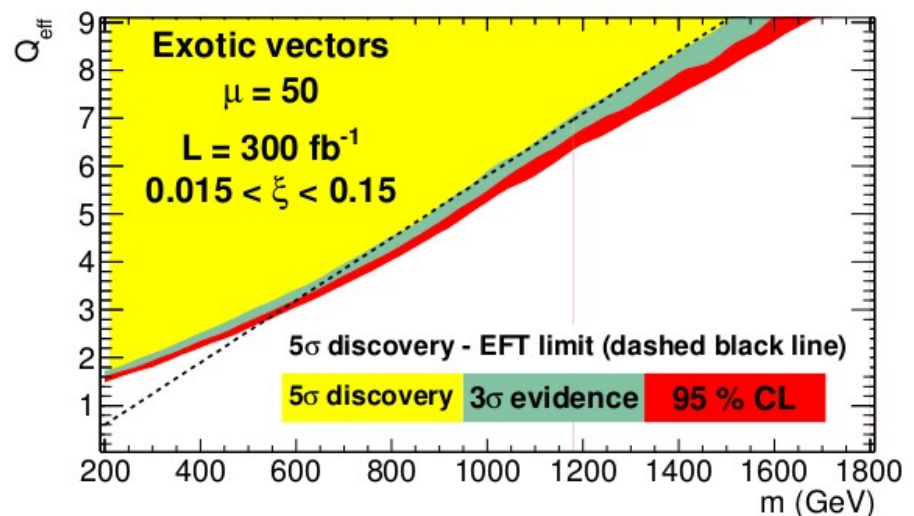
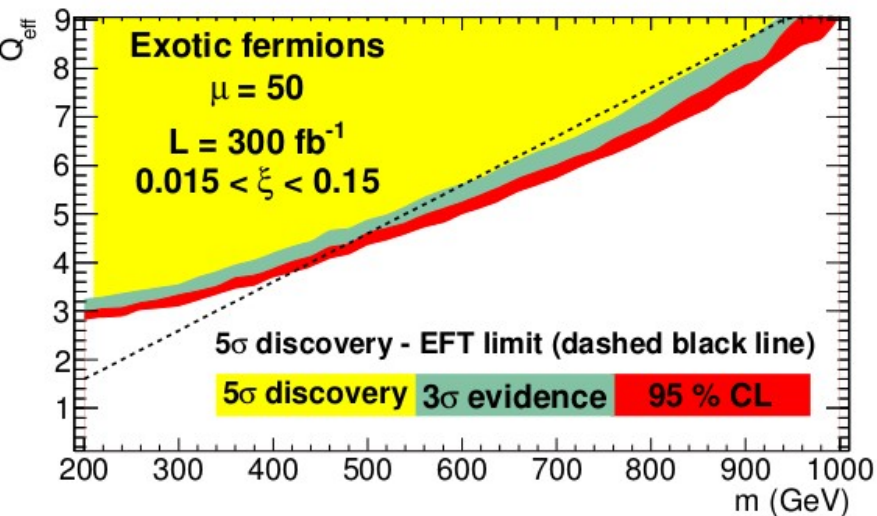
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- In familiar BSM theories (at least their minimal form),  $Q_{\text{eff}}$  hardly exceeds 3 or 4. For these values, masses up to 800 GeV (500 GeV) for  $S=1$  ( $S=1/2$ ) can be reached.
- But EFT is **not valid anymore** at these low masses

## Spin 1/2,1 charged particles for any mass

- We implemented the **full amplitudes** in FPMC for  $S=1/2, 1$ .



- Result valid for any mass, model-independent, no ad-hoc form factors

# Warped KK gravitons

## Warped extra dimensions

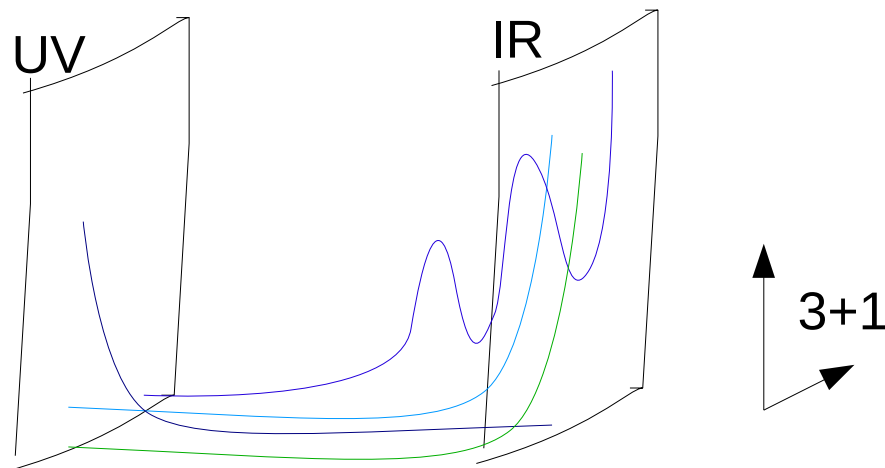
$$ds^2 = a(z)^{-2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2)$$

$$a(z) = kz \quad (\text{pure AdS})$$

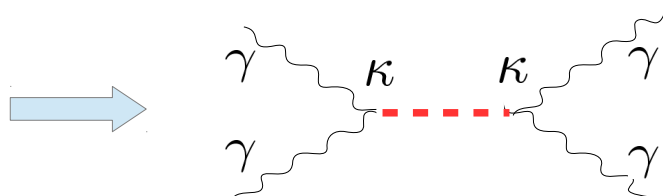
$$z \in [z_0, z_1] \quad z_0/z_1 = \epsilon$$

$$V = |\log \epsilon| \approx 37$$

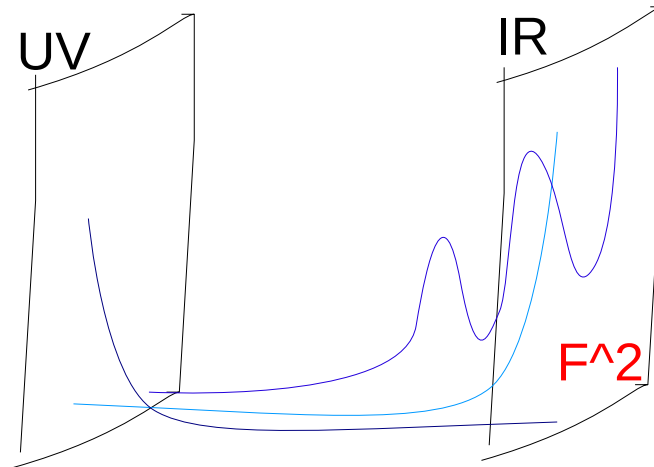
$$\tilde{k} = \epsilon k$$



- KK gravitons, radion, Higgs near the IR brane.
- KK gravitons couple strongly to the photon through the 5d stress-energy tensor with warped gravity strength  $\kappa = \tilde{k}/M_{Pl}$



## WED : IR brane gauge scenario



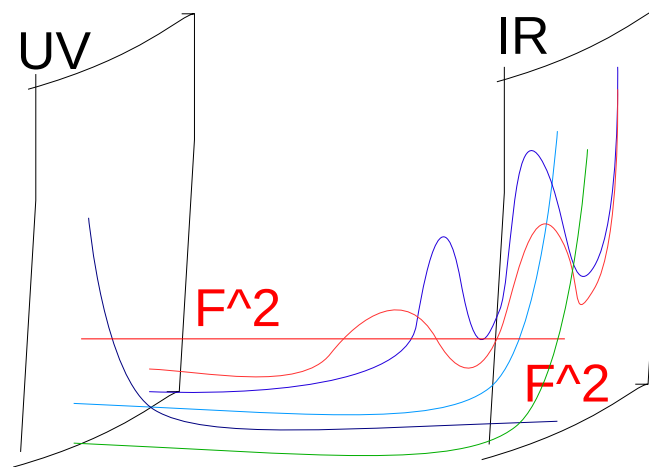
- Sizeable coupling to **KK gravitons**

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$$m_2 = 6.5 \text{ TeV}$$

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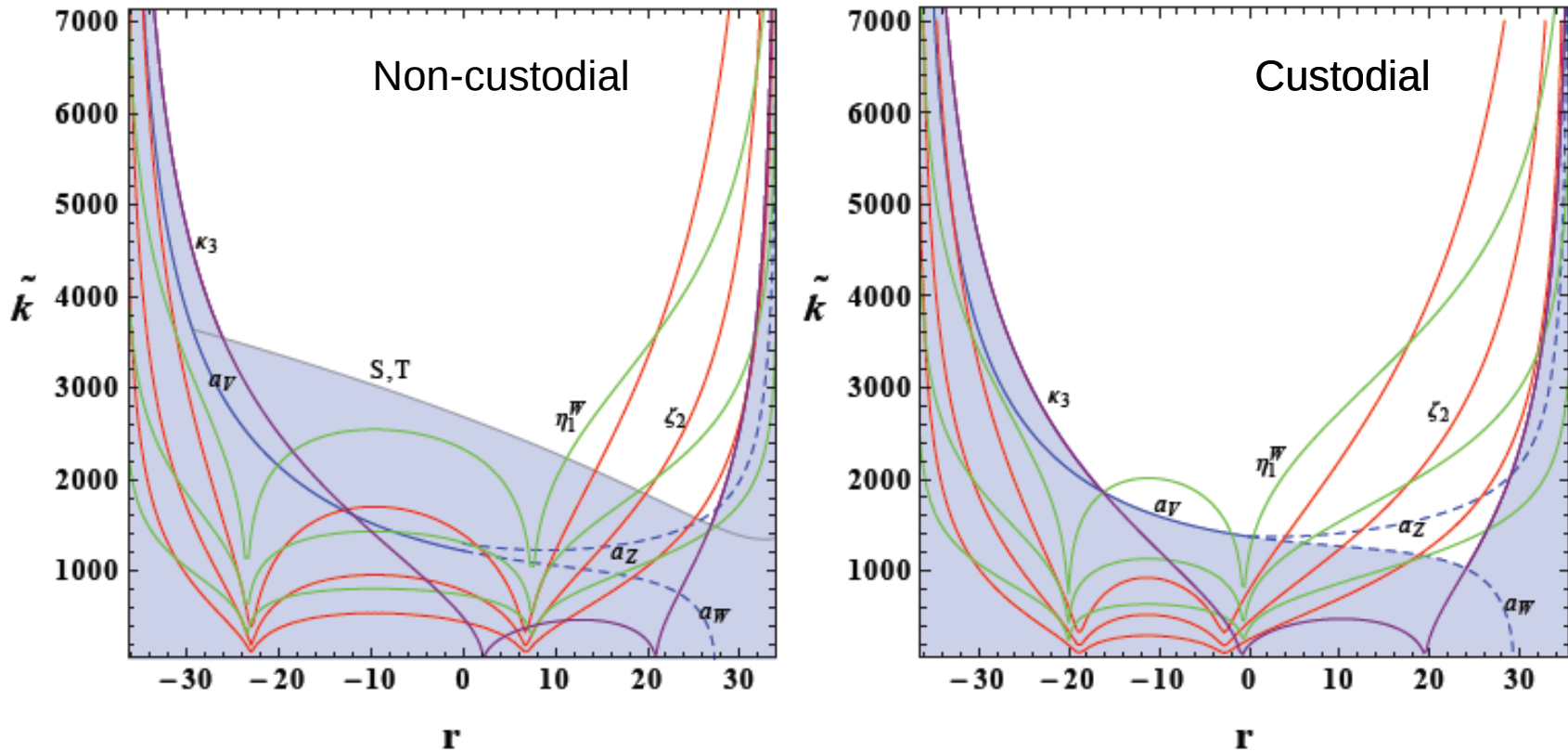


- We now have **KK gauge fields**, which contribute to S,T, Higgs, triple gauge couplings
- IR brane EW kinetic terms are crucial

$$\mathcal{L}_{IR} \supset \frac{r}{4} (W_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + \frac{r'}{4} (B_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$$

$$SU(2)_L \quad U(1)_Y$$

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- In red,  $\zeta_2^\gamma = (10^{-13}, 10^{-14}, 10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-4})$  from KK gravitons. ( $m_2 = 3.83 \tilde{k}$ )
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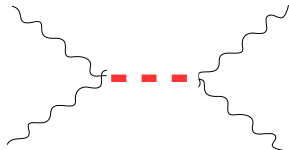


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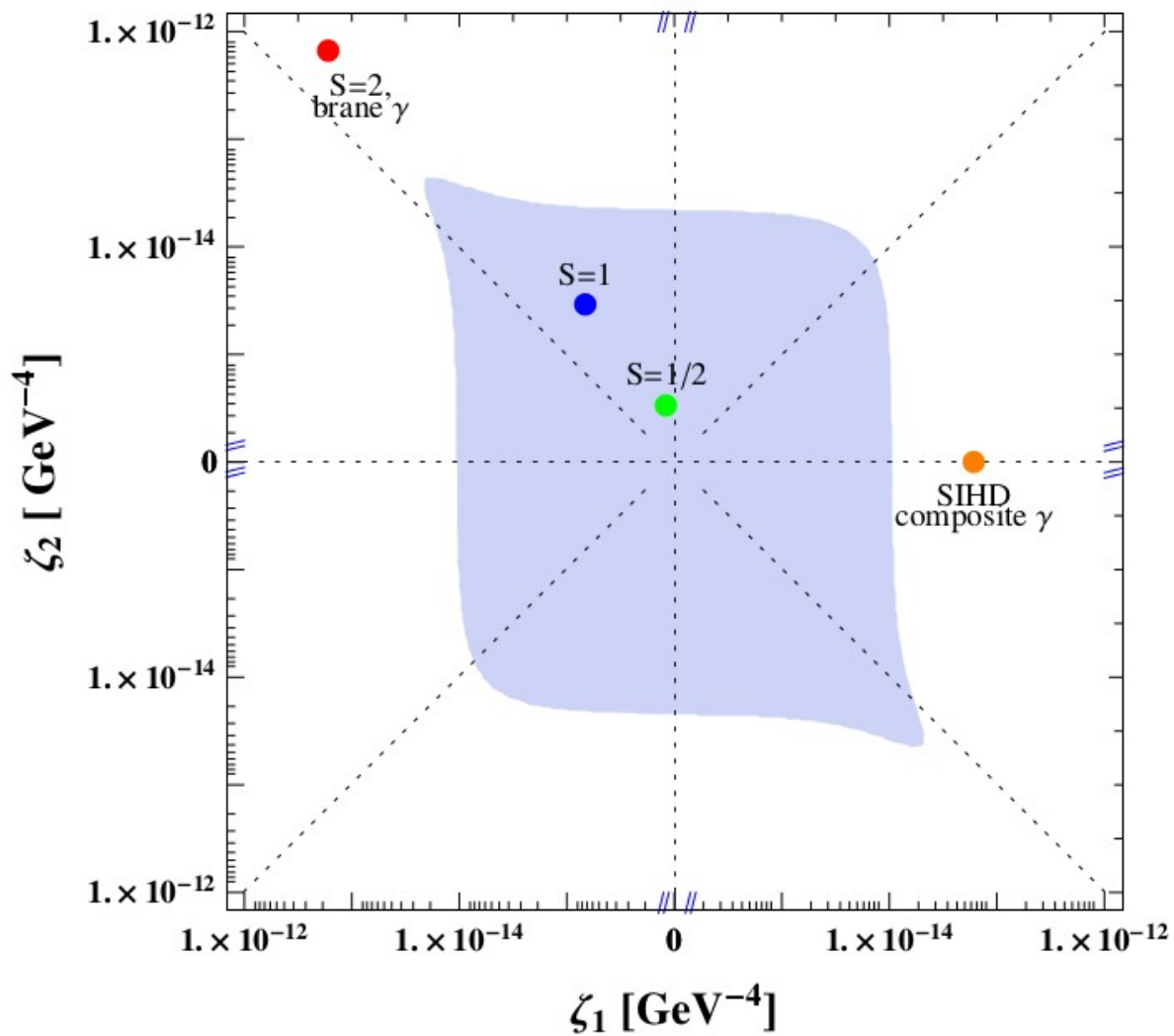
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- The SIHD couples to the trace of the SE tensor  $\phi T_\mu^\mu$ . The SE tensor contains  $(F^{\mu\nu})^2$ ,  $(Z^{\mu\nu})^2$ ,  $(W^{\mu\nu})^2$ , thus the tree-level dilaton exchange generates  $\zeta_1^{\gamma,Z,W}$

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- The contribution is large if one has a partially **composite photon**. For a pure composite photon,

$$\zeta_1^\gamma \sim \frac{\pi^2}{2 m_\phi^4} \longrightarrow m_\phi = 4.8 \text{ TeV}$$

## EFT summary plot



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- Very nice reasoning... but what about **higher loops** ?
  - As far as I understand, in the GP paper higher-loops are assumed to be absorbed by renormalization. In reality this does not happen.
  - The formal computation they provide goes through the background field method. This computation provides only the one-loop result and neglects higher loops.



**Open problem !**

(let me know if you have any idea)

Look at the EFT results for charged particles.  
The zeta's grow fast with the spin...

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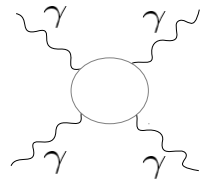
 EFT Lagrangian for higher-spin **particles**

## Virtual effects of HS particles

- HS couplings to the SM have to be bilinear, ie  $\mathcal{L} \supset \mathcal{O} \phi_{(s)} \phi_{(s)}^*$

➡ HS particles can be spotted in **loops**.

- A very naive generalization of the background field computation gives



A Feynman diagram showing a central circle with four wavy lines extending from it, each labeled with the Greek letter gamma (γ). This represents a loop of a particle interacting with four photons.

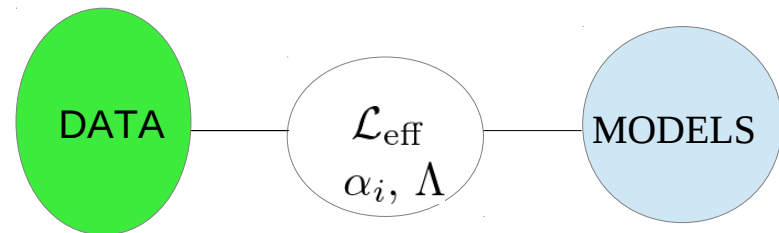
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➡ Light-by-light scattering may be a good place to look for HS particles

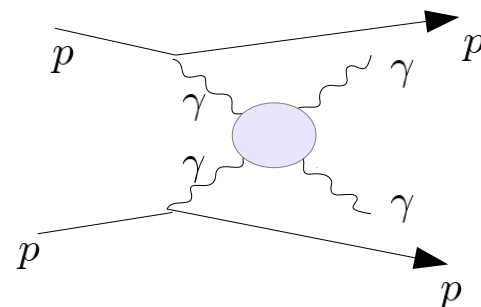
- HS QFT computations: never done and **challenging**

# Summary

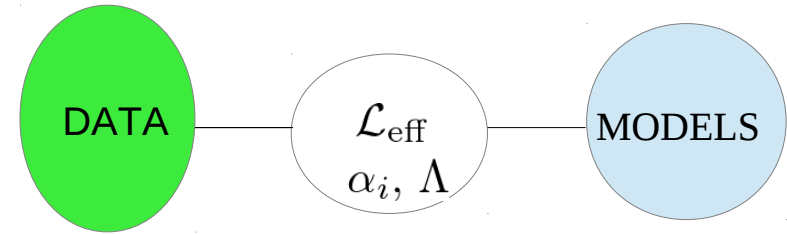
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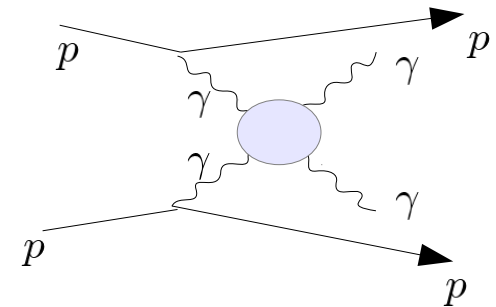
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- Model-independent bounds on **massive charged** particles.
- **Warped KK gravitons** and the **SIHD** can be detected in the multi-TeV range
- Charged **higher-spin particles** might be detected through LbL scattering. But first the QFT tools need to be set up → **upcoming work, stay tuned !**

More

## The dimension 6 effective Lagrangian

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Potentially  
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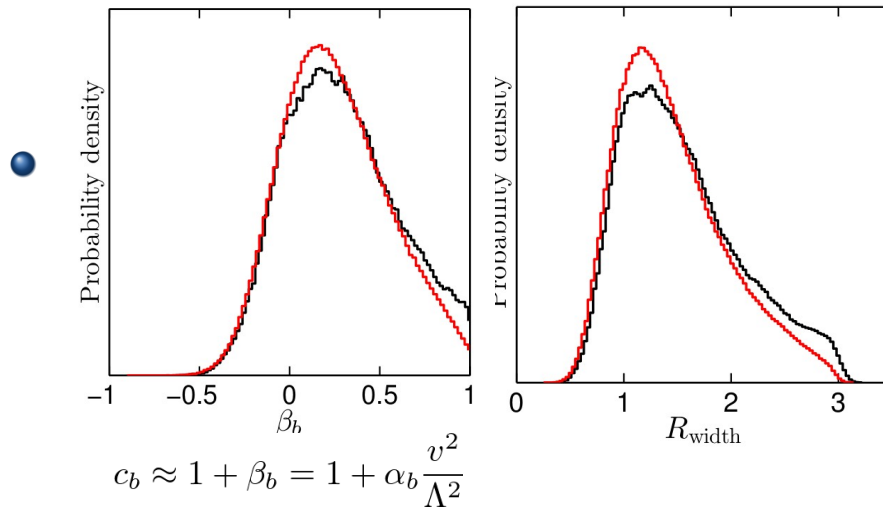
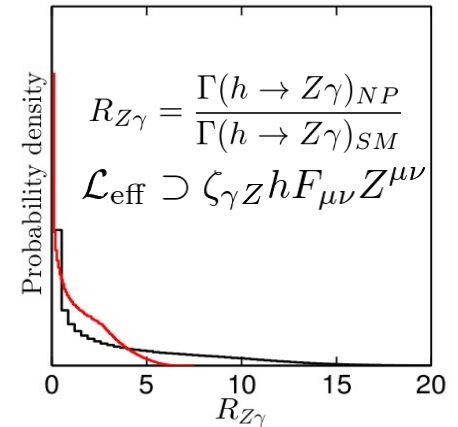
- We performed a (Bayesian) global fit of these operators [Dumont/SF/Gersdorff '13]
- Result to keep for today :

$$0.96 < a_V < 1.21 \quad 95\% \text{ BCI}$$

(Assuming  $a_W \approx a_Z$  )

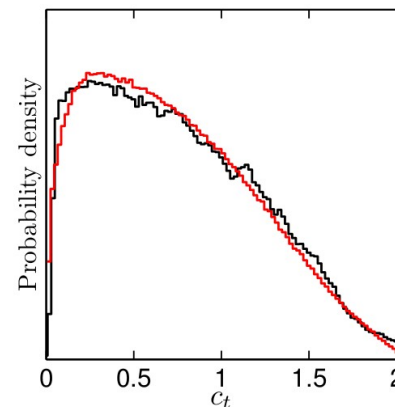
## Some results...

- $h \rightarrow Z\gamma$  can be enhanced up to a **factor 12** (95% BC) for democratic HDOs and up to a **factor 4** (95% BC) for loop-suppressed  $\mathcal{O}_{FF}$ 's



Bottom and total width can be enhanced together

- The top coupling is suppressed



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- The  $\mathcal{L}^v$  piece comes with EWSB. It dominates for  $E < v$   
The  $\mathcal{L}^\partial$  piece has only field strengths. It dominates for  $v < E < \Lambda$  (if no GBs on legs)

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Assuming broken SU(2)xU(1), one has  $\kappa_2 = \kappa_3 - \kappa_1 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w^2}$   $\kappa_\gamma = 1 + \kappa_1$   
 $\kappa_Z = 1 + \kappa_2$

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Keep only  
 $\geq 2 \gamma$  operators

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## The background field method

- Decompose gauge fields into background and fluctuation  $A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \mathcal{A}^\mu$ . Plug into the generating functional, integrate over fluctuations :

$$S_{\text{eff}}^S = +\frac{i}{2} \log(-D^2 - m_S^2)$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}^f = -\frac{i}{2} \log(-D^2 - m_f^2 + g S^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu}^a t_f^a)$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}^X = \frac{i}{2} \log(-[D^2 + m_X^2]\eta_{\mu\nu} + 2ig V_{\mu\nu}^a t_X^a) + \frac{i}{2}(1-2) \log(-D^2 - m_X^2)$$

- The one-loop effective action remains covariant in background fields. To obtain the 3 and 4-point functions one expands at 3rd and 4th order. Coefficients (Gilkey-De Witt) of the expansion are computed in [Gilkey '75, Tseytlin et al '83, 88].

- $\mathcal{L}^{(6)} \supset \frac{g^3}{16\pi^2} \left( -\frac{1}{144 m_S^2} + \frac{1}{36 m_f^2} - \frac{1}{48 m_X^2} \right) \frac{(d^2 - 1)d}{24} \mathcal{O}_{W^3}$

- $$\mathcal{L}^{(8)} \supset \frac{1}{16\pi^2 m_S^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{576} \mathcal{A} + \frac{1}{720} \mathcal{B} + \frac{1}{420} \mathcal{C} + \frac{2}{35} \mathcal{D} \right\}$$

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- $$\mathcal{A} = g'^4 d Y^4 \mathcal{O}_8 + g^4 \left( \frac{(d^4 - 1)d}{240} \mathcal{O}_9 + \frac{(d^2 - 1)(d^2 - 4)d}{120} \mathcal{O}_{10} \right)$$

$$+ g^2 g'^2 \frac{(d^2 - 1)d}{6} Y^2 (\mathcal{O}_{11} + 2\mathcal{O}_{12}),$$

Depend only on  
 $m, d, Y$

Scalar loops are small

$$\mathcal{B} = g'^4 d Y^4 \mathcal{O}_{13} + g^4 \left( \frac{(d^4 - 1)d}{120} \mathcal{O}_{14} + \frac{(d^2 - 9)(d^2 - 1)d}{240} \mathcal{O}_{15} \right)$$

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- Decomposition under  $G \rightarrow G_{EW}$  :  $\mathbf{F}_{2/3} = \mathbf{2}_{1/6} \oplus \mathbf{2}_{7/6} \oplus N \times \mathbf{1}_{2/3}$   
 $\mathbf{S}_{2/3} = \mathbf{3}_{5/3} \oplus \mathbf{3}_{2/3} \oplus \mathbf{3}_{-1/3} \oplus N \times (\mathbf{2}_{1/6} \oplus \mathbf{2}_{7/6}) \oplus \frac{N(N+1)}{2} \times \mathbf{1}_{2/3}$

- Patterns :


	$\mathbf{1}_{2/3}$	$\mathbf{2}_{1/6}$	$\mathbf{2}_{7/6}$	$\mathbf{3}_{5/3} \oplus \mathbf{3}_{2/3} \oplus \mathbf{3}_{-1/3}$
$\lambda^{Z,\gamma}$	0	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.002
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$\zeta_1^{\gamma Z}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$-5.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$-1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	$-2.7 \times 10^{-4}$
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$\zeta_4^W$	0	$-28 \times 10^{-6}$	$14 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$

$$\times \frac{1}{m_\Psi^4}$$

## The electroweak and Higgs precision observables

- $$S = \left( 2s_w c_w \alpha_{WB} + s_w^2 (\alpha_D - 2\alpha_{4f}) + c_w^2 (\alpha'_D - 2\alpha'_{4f}) \right) \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

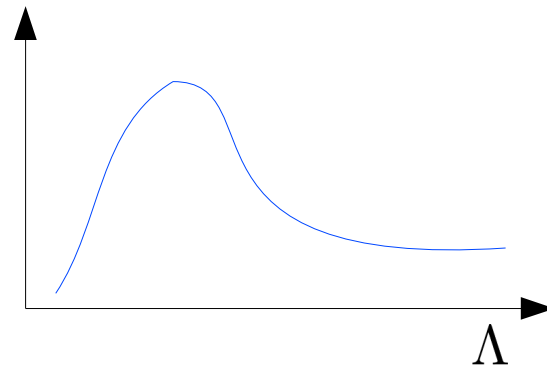
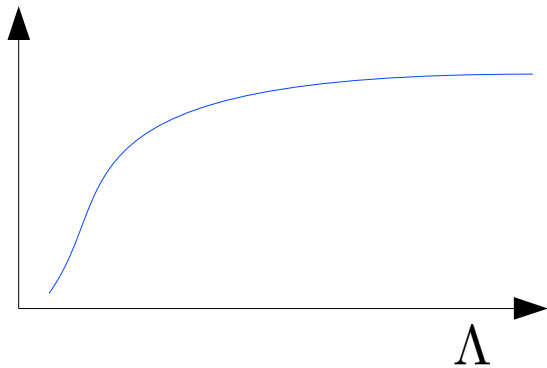
$$T = \left( -\frac{1}{2} \alpha'_{D^2} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha'_D - \frac{1}{2} \alpha'_{4f} \right) \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$a_{Z,W} = 1 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{D^2} - \frac{1}{4} (\alpha_D - \alpha_{4f}) \pm \frac{1}{4} \alpha'_{D^2} \right) \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$$
- S,T with BKTs:  $S = 2\pi f_2(\nu) \left( 1 + (r + r') \frac{2 + \nu}{3 + \nu} \right) \frac{v^2}{\tilde{k}^2}$  
  
 $T = \frac{\pi V}{2c_w^2} f_1(\nu) \left( 1 + \frac{r'}{V} \right) \frac{v^2}{\tilde{k}^2}$  (non-Custodial),  $T = 0$  (Custodial)
- Higgs couplings:  $a_Z \approx a_W \approx 1 - \frac{3g^2 + 3g'^2}{16} V f_1(\nu) \frac{v^2}{\tilde{k}^2}$  (Custodial)
   
 $a_W - a_Z \propto g'^2$
- With BKTs:  $a_W - a_Z$  strongly depends on  $r'$

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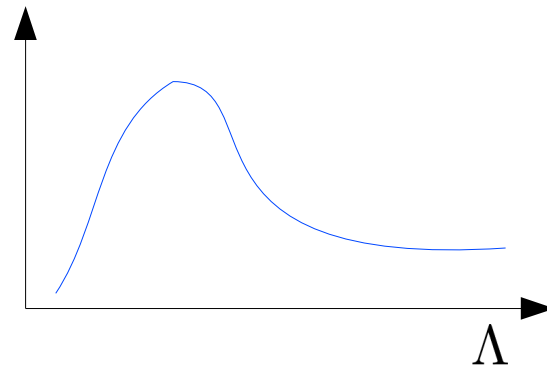
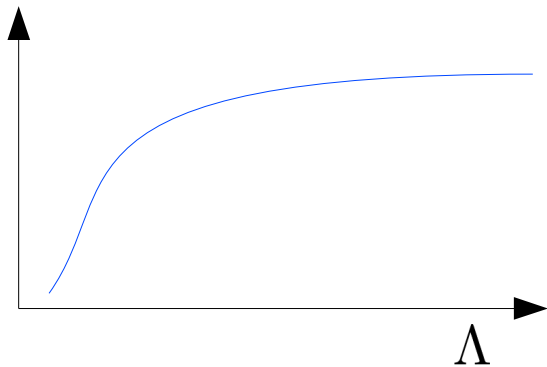
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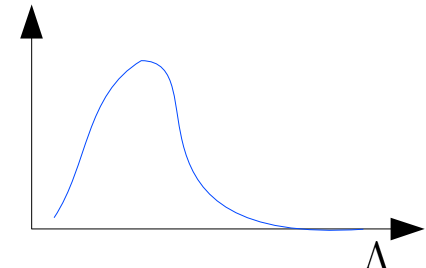
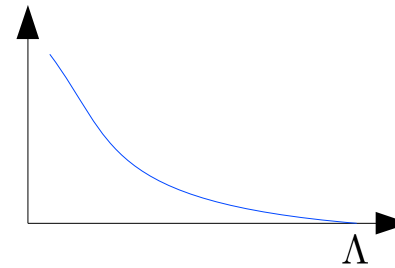
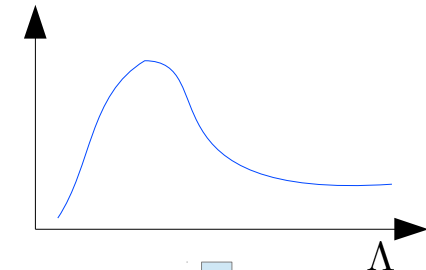
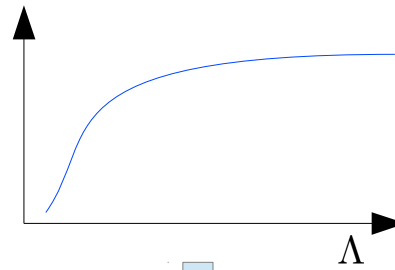
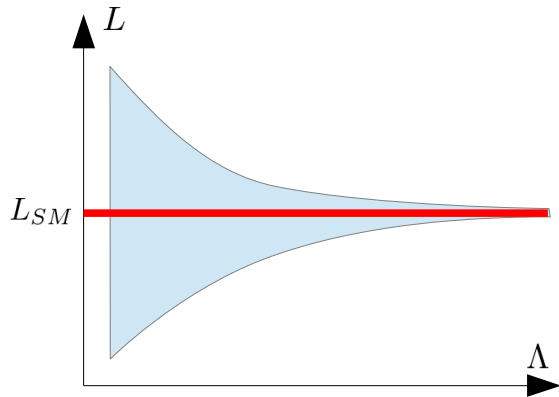


- These distributions are not normalized ("unproper"), so one **cannot** quantify properly the credibility intervals.

WHY ?

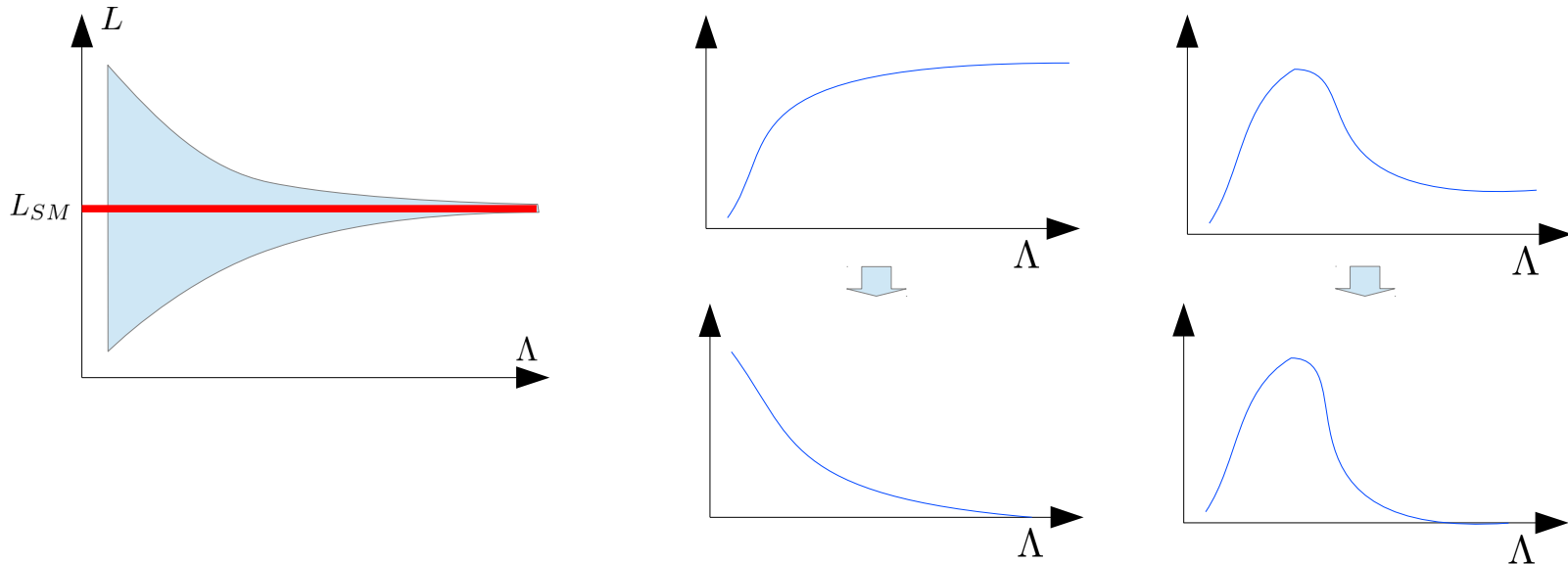
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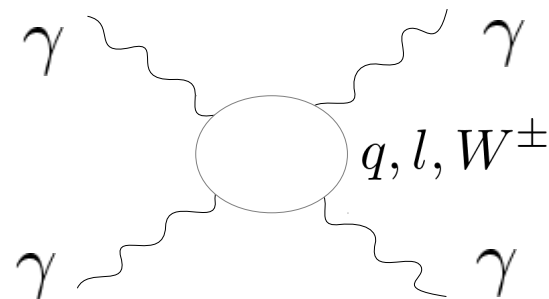
- Easy to implement using MCMCs. Convergence proof involves measure theory and Lebesgue integration.

Keep in mind if you want to evaluate the new physics scale from data !



## SM four-photon processes

- Occurs through **quark, lepton and W loops**

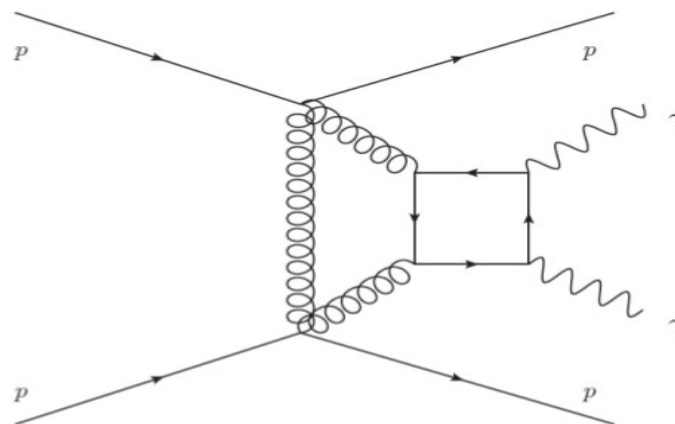


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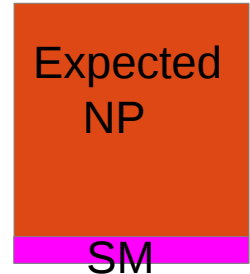
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