

Pushing Higgs Effective Theory to its Limits

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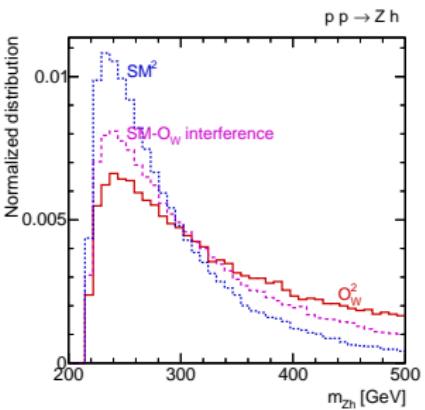
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- ▶ Perfect language for indirect signatures at electroweak scale?
 - ▶ Model independence?
 - ▶ Correlations between LEP, LHC TGV, Higgs, ...
 - ▶ Total rates + distributions



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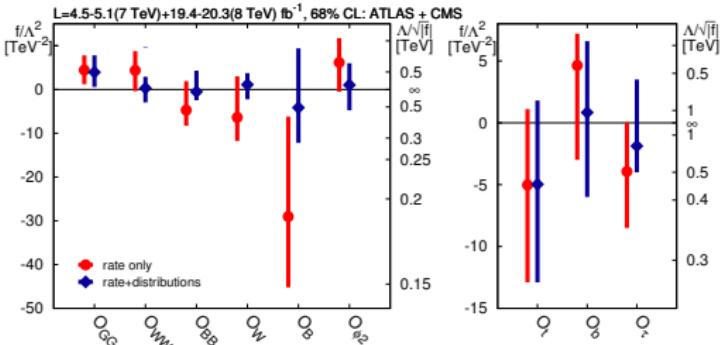
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- Global fit:** [T. Corbett, O. Eboli, D. Goncalves, J. Gonzalez-Fraile, T. Plehn, M. Rauch 1505.05516; A. Butter, O. Éboli, J. Gonzalez-Fraile, M. Gonzalez-Garcia, T. Plehn 1604.03105 → **next talk by A. Butter**]



- ⇒ Weakly interacting models currently probed in LHC Higgs observables have no clear scale hierarchy $\Lambda \gg E$. **Is the dimension-6 model valid?**

[for strongly interacting new physics, see A. Pomarol's talk]

Testing the dimension-6 approach

- ▶ Idea: compare full models vs their dimension-6 approximation explicitly
- ▶ Benchmarks:
 - ▶ Scalar singlet
 - ▶ Two-Higgs-doublet model
 - ▶ Scalar top partners
 - ▶ Vector triplet
- ▶ Observables:
 - ▶ Higgs production in gluon fusion, WBF, Higgs-strahlung
 - ▶ Representative decays: $\gamma\gamma$, 4ℓ , $2\ell 2\nu$, $\tau\tau$
 - ▶ Higgs pair production
- ▶ Tools:
 - ▶ Tree level: MadGraph with FeynRules models [A. Alloul, B. Fuks, V. Sanz 1310.5150]
 - ▶ Loop effects: reweighting technique based on LoopTools
 - ▶ HDecay, HiggsSignals, HiggsBounds, 2HDMC...

[see also A. Biekötter, A. Knochel, M. Krämer, D. Liu, F. Riva 1406.7320;
C. Englert, M. Spannowsky 1408.5147; M. de Vries 1409.4657;

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- ν -improved matching absorbs vev effects in $f^{(6)}$:

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✗

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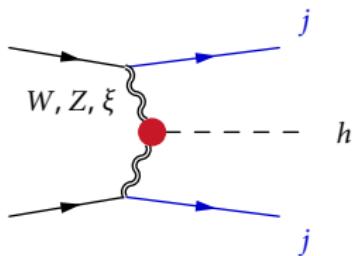
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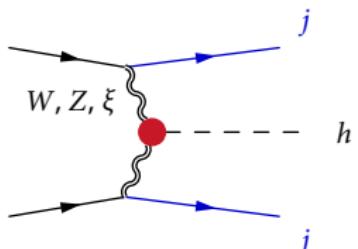
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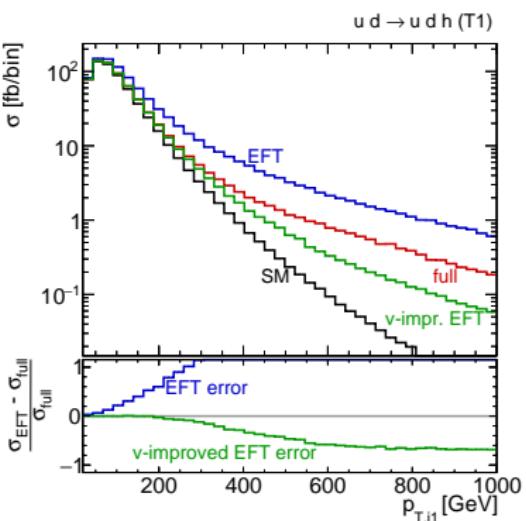
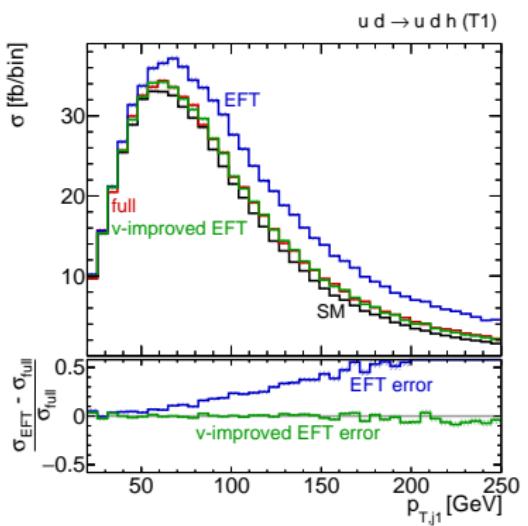


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Benchmark: $m_\xi = 1.2$ TeV, $g_V = 3$, $c_H = -0.47$, $c_F = -5$, $c_{VVHH} = 2$

EFT breakdown summary

Model	Process	Dimension-6 errors		
		Resonance	Kinematics	Matching
Singlet	on-shell $h \rightarrow 4\ell$, WBF, Vh, \dots			✗
	off-shell WBF, ...		(✗)	✗
	hh	✗	✗	✗
2HDM	on-shell $h \rightarrow 4\ell$, WBF, Vh, \dots			✗
	off-shell $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \dots$		(✗)	✗
	hh	✗	✗	✗
Top partners	WBF, Vh			✗
Vector triplet	WBF		(✗)	✗
	Vh	✗	(✗)	✗

Conclusions

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 - ▶ Extreme high-energy tails in WBF, Vh ...probably irrelevant
(limits as function of E_{\max} ?)
 - ▶ Higgs pair production ...irrelevant for now
 - ▶ Naive matching procedure ...irrelevant for fits
- ⇒ Dimension-6 description of LHC Higgs physics works
(but handle with care)

Backup

Dimension-6 basis

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dim-6}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi 1} = (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger \phi \phi^\dagger (D^\mu \phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi 3} = \frac{1}{3} (\phi^\dagger \phi)^3$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi 2} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu (\phi^\dagger \phi) \partial_\mu (\phi^\dagger \phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{GG} = (\phi^\dagger \phi) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu a}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{BW} = -\frac{g g'}{4} (\phi^\dagger \sigma^k \phi) B_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu k}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{BB} = -\frac{g'^2}{4} (\phi^\dagger \phi) B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

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Singlet

Full model:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu S \partial^\mu S - \mu_2^2 S^2 - \lambda_2 S^4 - \lambda_3 |\phi^\dagger \phi| S^2$$

Dim-6 approximation:

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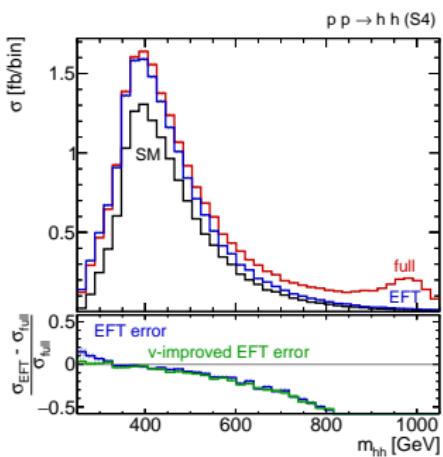
New H resonance

Universal reduction of hxx couplings

hh structures



	$\sigma_{\text{default EFT}} / \sigma_{\text{full}}$			$\sigma_{v\text{-improved EFT}} / \sigma_{\text{full}}$		
	ggF	WBF	Vh	ggF	WBF	Vh
S1	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
S2	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00
S3	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.00	1.00	1.00
S4	0.98	0.98	0.98	1.00	1.00	1.00
S5	0.93	0.93	0.93	1.00	1.00	1.00



Singlet: matching

$$V(\phi, S) = \mu_1^2 (\phi^\dagger \phi) + \lambda_1 |\phi^\dagger \phi|^2 + \mu_2^2 S^2 + \lambda_2 S^4 + \lambda_3 |\phi^\dagger \phi| S^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_H^2 &= \lambda_1 v^2 + \lambda_2 v_s^2 + |\lambda_1 v^2 - \lambda_2 v_s^2| \sqrt{1 + \tan^2(2\alpha)} \\ &= \sqrt{2\lambda_2} v_s + \mathcal{O}(v^2/v_s^2) \end{aligned}$$

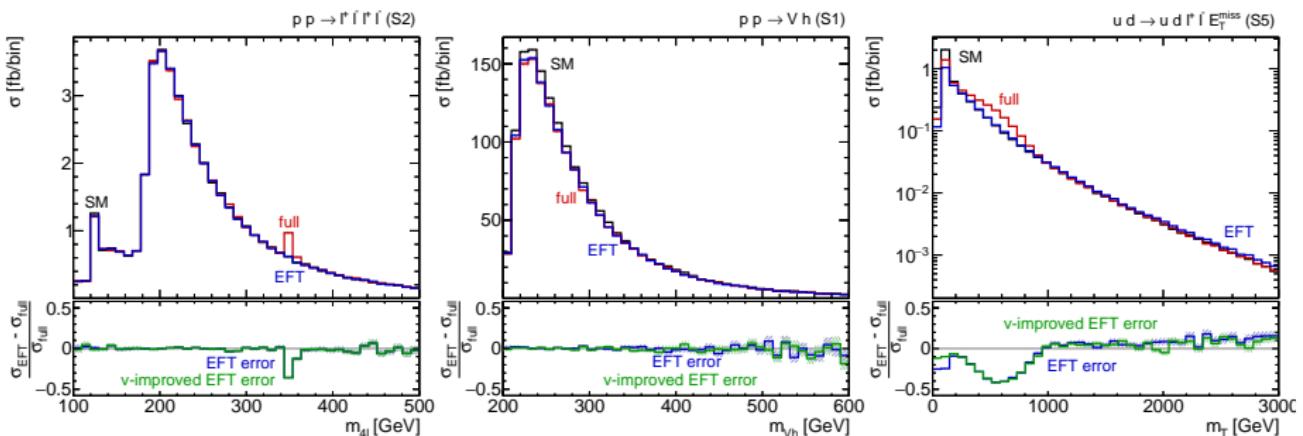
$$\frac{f_{\phi 2}}{\Lambda^2} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda_3^2}{4\lambda_2^2 v_s^2} & \text{default matching} \\ \frac{2(1 - \cos \alpha)}{v^2} & v\text{-improved matching} \end{cases}$$

with mixing angle α and singlet VEV v_s

Singlet: benchmarks

	Setup			Relative coupling shifts		
	m_H [GeV]	$\sin \alpha$	ν_s/ν	$\Delta_x^{\text{singlet}}$	$\Delta_x^{\text{default EFT}}$	$\Delta_x^{\nu\text{-improved EFT}}$
S1	500	0.2	10	-0.020	-0.018	-0.020
S2	350	0.3	10	-0.046	-0.037	-0.046
S3	200	0.4	10	-0.083	-0.031	-0.083
S4	1000	0.4	10	-0.083	-0.092	-0.083
S5	500	0.6	10	-0.200	-0.231	-0.200

Singlet: more results



Vector triplet: matching

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} V_{\mu\nu}^a V^{\mu\nu a} + \frac{M_V^2}{2} V_\mu^a V^{\mu a} + \frac{g_w^2}{2g_V} V_\mu^a c_F \bar{F}_L \gamma^\mu \sigma^a F_L \\ + i \frac{g_V}{2} c_H V_\mu^a \left[\phi^\dagger \sigma^a \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}{}^\mu \phi \right] + g_V^2 c_{V V H H} V_\mu^a V^{\mu a} \phi^\dagger \phi + \mathcal{O}(V^2 W, V^3)\end{aligned}$$

$$m_\xi^2 = M_V^2 + \left(g_V^2 c_{V V H H} + \frac{g_V^2 c_H^2}{4} \right) v^2 + \mathcal{O}(v^4/M_V^2)$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{cases} M_V & \text{default matching} \\ m_\xi & v\text{-improved matching} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{WW} = f_{BW} = -\frac{1}{2} f_W = c_F c_H$$

$$f_{\phi 2} = -\frac{1}{4\lambda} f_{\phi 3} = \frac{3}{4} (-2 c_F g^2 + c_H g_V^2)$$

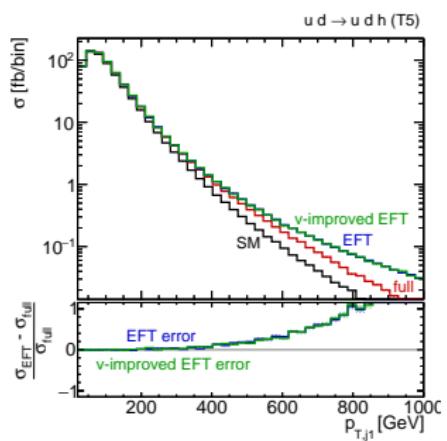
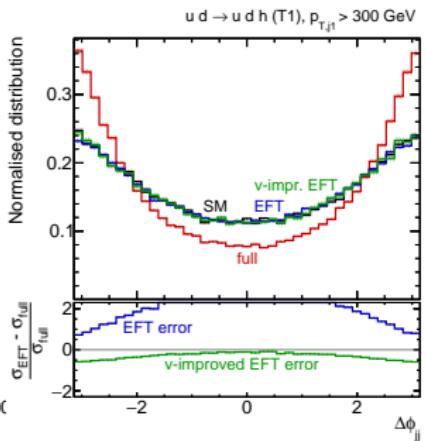
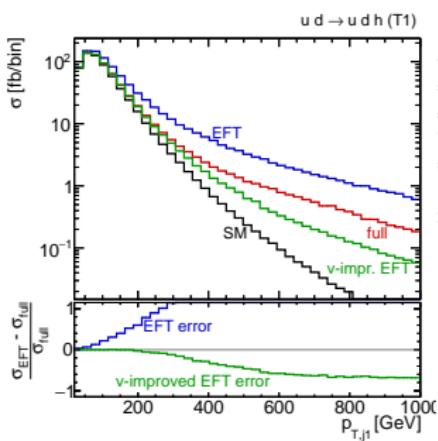
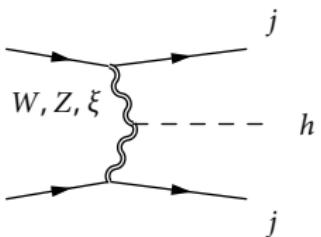
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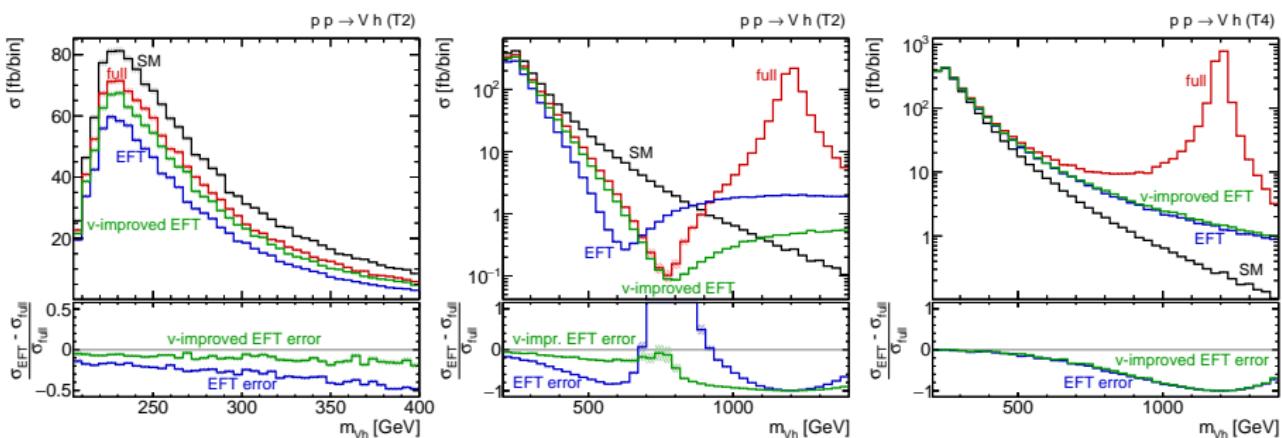
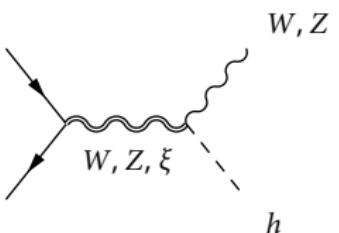
	m_ξ [GeV]	M_V [GeV]	g_V	c_H	c_F	c_{VVHH}
T ₁	1200	591	3.0	-0.47	-5.00	2.00
T ₂	1200	946	3.0	-0.47	-5.00	1.00
T ₃	1200	941	3.0	-0.28	3.00	1.00
T ₄	1200	1246	3.0	-0.50	3.00	-0.20
T ₅	849	846	1.0	-0.56	-1.32	0.08

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T ₂	1.05	0.74	0.99	0.91
T ₃	0.92	1.07	0.97	1.02
T ₄	1.03	0.97	1.01	0.98
T ₅	1.00	1.04	1.00	1.04

Vector triplet: more WBF



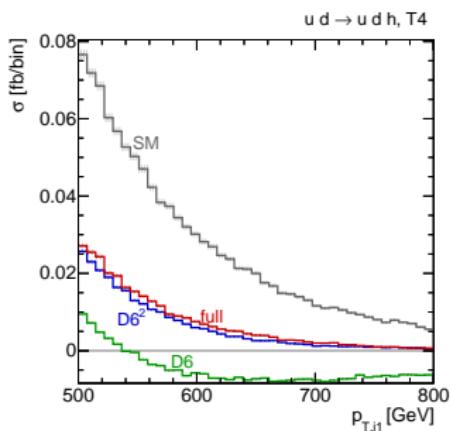
Vector triplet: Vh



Vector triplet: to square or not to square

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{D6} \stackrel{?}{+} |\mathcal{M}_{D6}|^2$$

- ▶ We ignore $\operatorname{Re} \mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{D6}$ at the same order $1/\Lambda^4$
- ▶ But: $|\mathcal{M}_{D6}|^2$ necessary to avoid negative cross sections

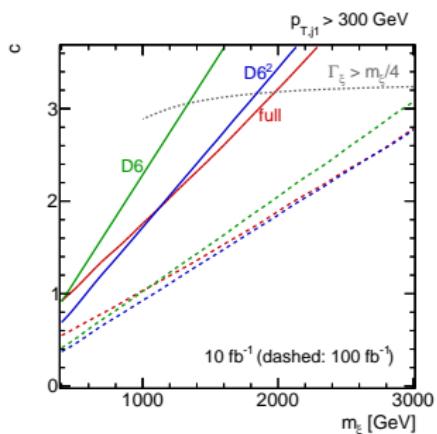
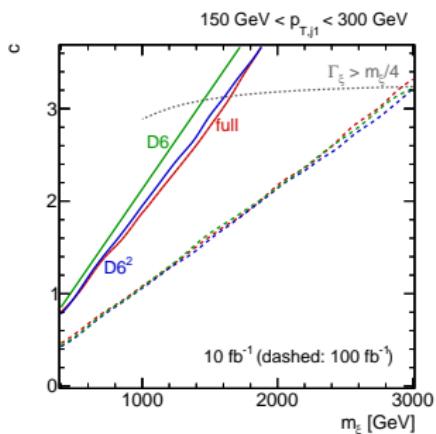


Vector triplet: toy limits

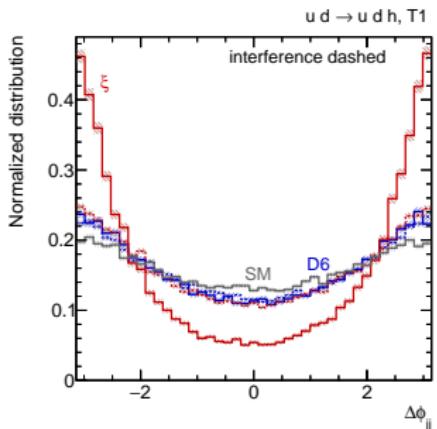
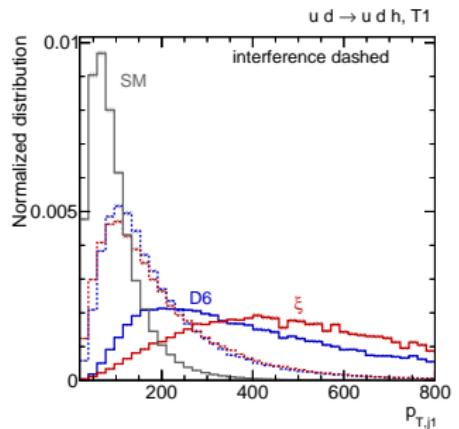
- 2-dimensional parameter space (m_ξ, c):

$$g_V = 1, \quad c_H = c, \quad c_F = c/(2g^2), \quad c_{HHVV} = c^2$$

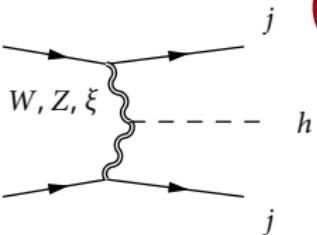
- “Analysis”:
 - Parameter point is excluded if $S/\sqrt{B} > 2$
 - Parton level, no non-Higgs backgrounds
- Limits in the absence of a signal:



Vector triplet: EFT breakdown anatomy



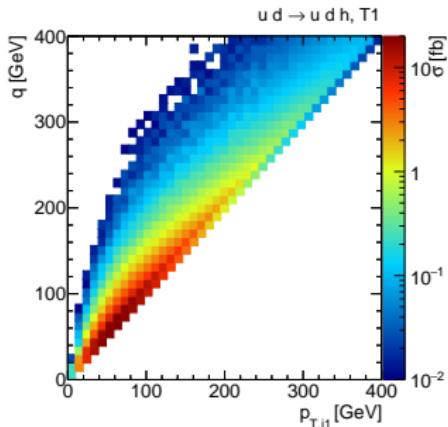
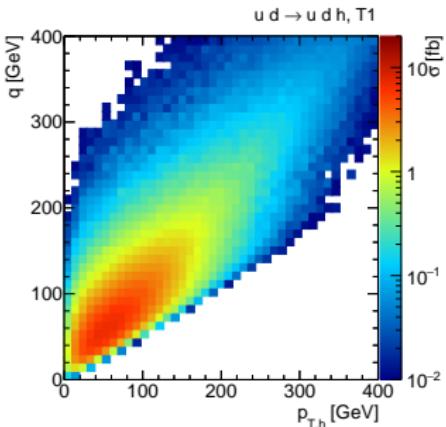
Vector triplet: WBF observables (1)



- Momentum transfer for $ud \rightarrow u dh$:

$$q = \begin{cases} \max\left(\sqrt{|(p_{u'} - p_d)^2|}, \sqrt{|(p_{d'} - p_u)^2|}\right) & \text{for } W\text{-like phase-space points} \\ \max\left(\sqrt{|(p_{u'} - p_u)^2|}, \sqrt{|(p_{d'} - p_d)^2|}\right) & \text{for } Z\text{-like phase-space points} \end{cases}$$

- Correlation with observables:



Vector triplet: WBF observables (2)

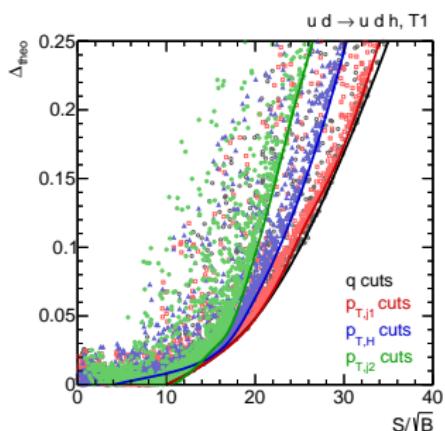
- ▶ Looking for phase-space region with...
 - ▶ ...large sensitivity to new physics

$$S/\sqrt{B} = \sqrt{30 \text{fb}^{-1}} \left| \frac{\sigma_{\text{full}} - \sigma_{\text{SM}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}} \right|$$

- ▶ ...small EFT error
- ▶ 1-dimensional cut windows in different observables:

Only cuts are shown where at least 20 fb (before Higgs decay) survive

$$\Delta_{\text{theo}} = \left| \frac{\sigma_{\text{EFT}} - \sigma_{\text{full}}}{\sigma_{\text{full}}} \right|$$



Full model:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset (D_\mu \phi_1)^\dagger D^\mu \phi_1 + (D_\mu \phi_2)^\dagger D^\mu \phi_2 - V(\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

Dim-6 approximation:

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New H^0, A^0, H^\pm resonances

✗
(✓)

hff coupling shifts

✗

(Small) hVV coupling shifts

✗
(✓)

H^\pm loop in $h\gamma\gamma$

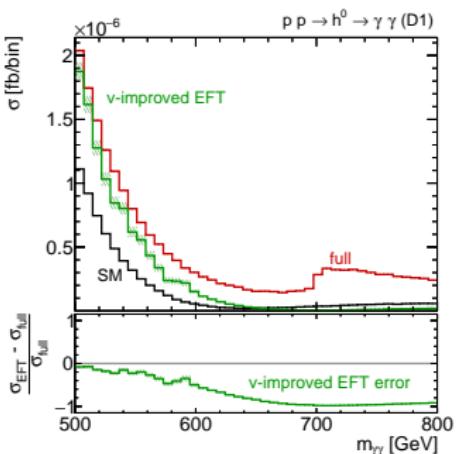
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hh structures

2HDM: benchmarks, results

Type	$\tan \beta$	α/π	m_{12}	m_{H^0}	m_{A^0}	m_{H^\pm}	
D1	I	1.5	-0.086	45	230	300	350
D2	II	15	-0.023	116	449	450	457
D3	II	10	0.032	157	500	500	500
D4	I	20	0	45	200	500	500

	$\sigma_v\text{-improved EFT}/\sigma_{\text{full}}$		
	ggF	WBF	Vh
D1	0.87	1.11	1.11
D2	1.00	1.00	1.00
D3	1.02	1.04	1.04
D4	1.00	1.00	1.00



Scalar top partners

Full model:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \supset & (D_\mu \tilde{Q})^\dagger (D^\mu \tilde{Q}) + (D_\mu \tilde{t}_R)^* (D^\mu \tilde{t}_R) \\ & - \tilde{Q}^\dagger M^2 \tilde{Q} - M^2 \tilde{t}_R^* \tilde{t}_R \\ & - \kappa_{LL} (\phi \cdot \tilde{Q})^\dagger (\phi \cdot \tilde{Q}) - \kappa_{RR} (\tilde{t}_R^* \tilde{t}_R) (\phi^\dagger \phi) \\ & - [\kappa_{LR} M \tilde{t}_R^* (\phi \cdot \tilde{Q}) + \text{h.c.}] \end{aligned}$$

Dim-6 approximation:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i$$

Loop effects in $hgg, h\gamma\gamma$

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(Small) loop effects in WBF, Vh

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