Probing the Higgs self coupling via single Higgs production at the LHC

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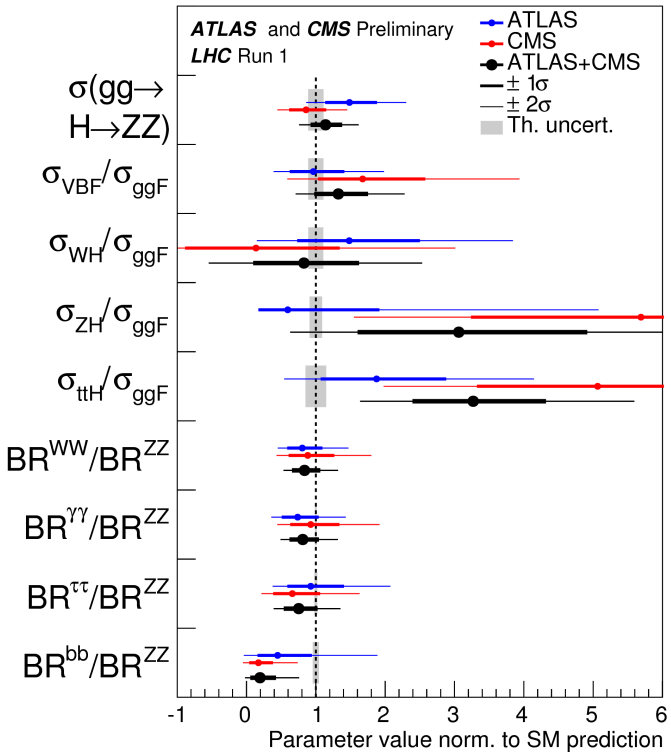
G. Degrassi, M. Fedele, PPG; JHEP 1704 (2017) 155

A Standard Higgs



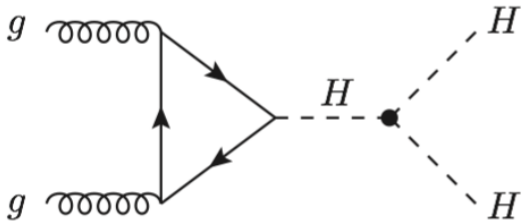
[1]

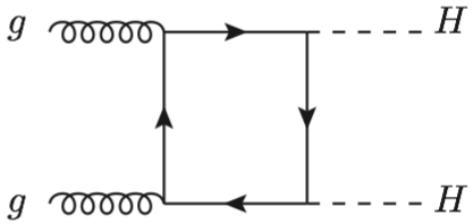
- The Higgs still appears to be quite "Standard".
- The couplings with the vector bosons are compatible with the SM within a $\sim 10\%$ uncertainty,
- for the couplings to fermions the compatibility is within a $\sim 15 - 20\%$ uncertainty.

But the situation with the Higgs self couplings is quite different.
This talk is dedicated to the trilinear coupling:
for the quartic "Abandon hope all".

[1] ATLAS-CONF-2015-044

Higgs pair production





One vs. Two at 13 TeV

$gg \to H \sim 40$ pb
$gg \to HH \sim 30$ fb

Very small Cross Section.

- Heavier final state.
- Additional weak coupling.
- Destructive interference.

Assuming no change in the other Higgs couplings at 8 TeV,

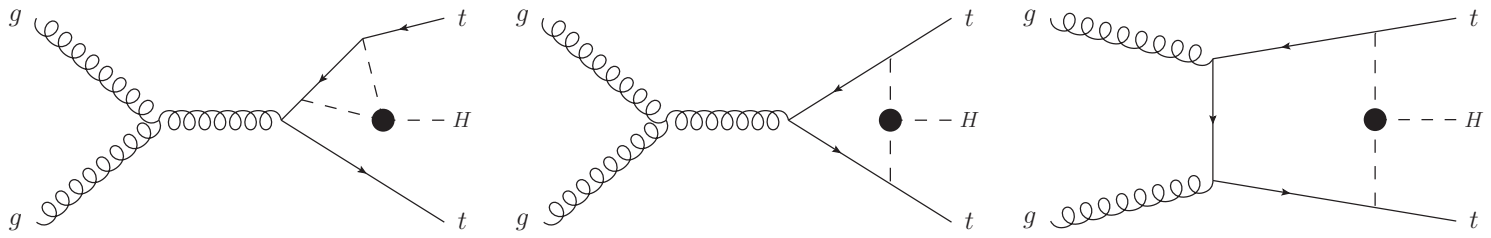
ATLAS and CMS constraint λ_3 in the region[2] $\mathcal{O}(\pm(15-20)\lambda_3^{\rm SM})$

At 3000 fb^{-1} λ_3 is constrained in the region[3] $(-1.3, 8.7)\lambda_3^{\rm SM}$

[2] Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 092004; Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) no.9, 412; Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) no.5, 052012.
[3] ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-019; ATL-PHYS-PUB-2015-046.

Single Higgs at NLO

The trilinear appears also in Single Higgs processes at NLO.
We assume $V_{H^3} = \lambda_3 v H^3 \equiv \kappa_\lambda \lambda_3^{\rm SM} v H^3$ and study its effects.[4]



Due to the presence of different Loop structures these contributions cannot be captured by a local rescaling.

[4] For similar ideas: M. McCullough Phys. Rev. D90 (2014), no. 1 015001, M. Gorbahn and U. Haisch JHEP 1610 (2016) 094

Calculation

Processes at NLO

$$\Sigma_{NLO} = Z_H \Sigma_{LO}(1 + \kappa_\lambda C_1)$$

- Σ_{LO} contains QCD corrections.
- C_1 depends on the process.
- Z_H is the Higgs wave function renormalization,
- $Z_H = \frac{1}{1-\kappa_\lambda^2 \delta Z_H}$

The range of validity of our calculation is $|\kappa_\lambda| \lesssim 20$

In general an Observable O can be written as

$$O = O^{\mathrm{SM}}[1 + (\kappa_\lambda - 1)C_1 + (\kappa_\lambda^2 - 1)C_2]$$

Calculation

$$O = O^{\mathrm{SM}}[1 + (\kappa_\lambda - 1)C_1 + (\kappa_\lambda^2 - 1)C_2]$$

C_1 depends on the specific observable, $\sqrt{s}$, p_t cuts...

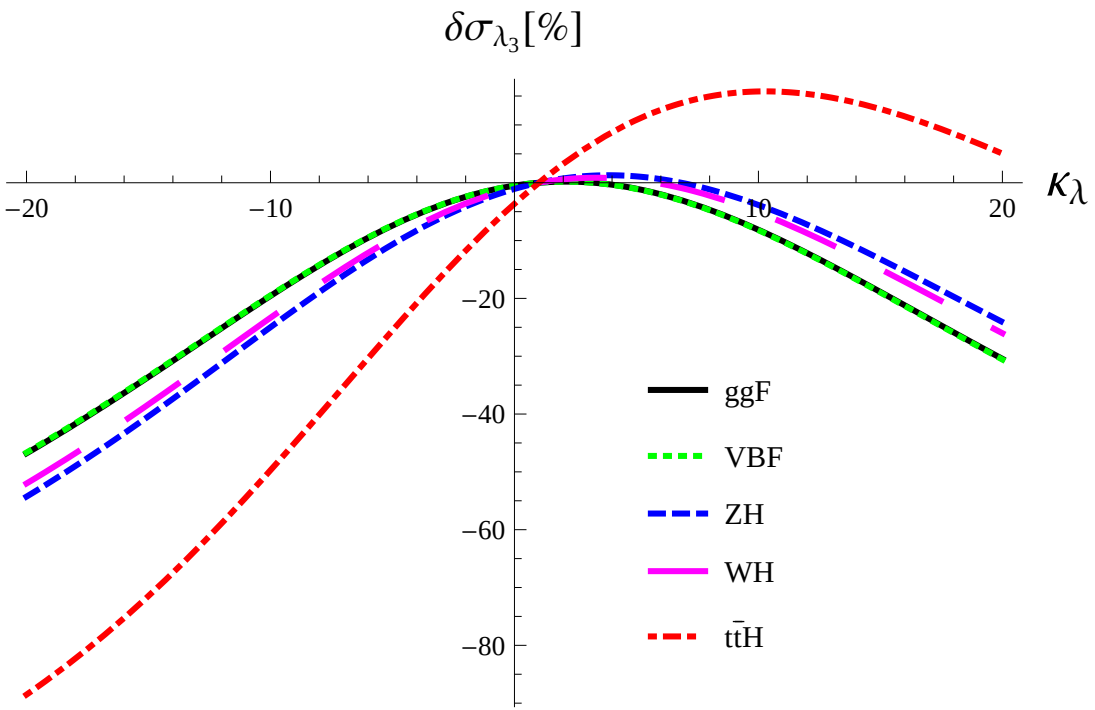
$$C_1 = \frac{\int 2\Re(\mathcal{M}^{0*}\mathcal{M}^1_{\lambda_3^{\mathrm{SM}}})}{\int |\mathcal{M}^0|^2}$$

Amplitudes generated by FeynArts, computed by FormCalc interfaced to Loop-Tools, checked with FeynCalc.

C_2 is obtained from Z_H and do not depend on the observable.

Cross Sections

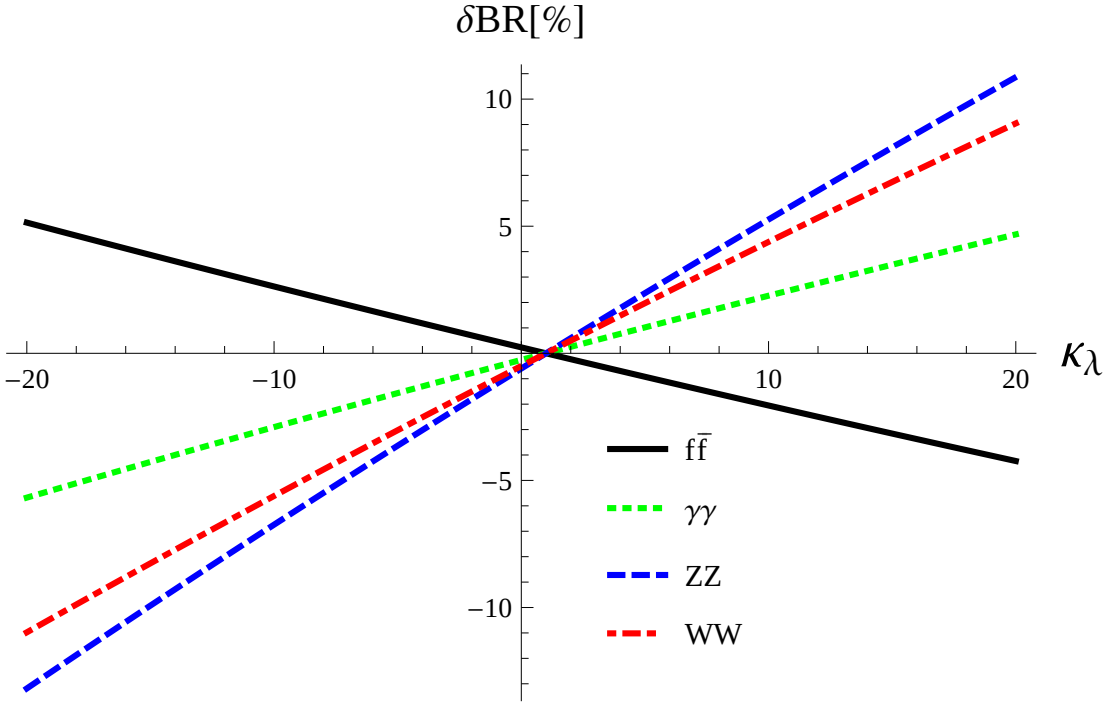
C_1^σ[%]	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	$t\bar{t}H$
8 TeV	0.66	0.65	1.05	1.22	3.78
14 TeV	0.66	0.64	1.03	1.18	3.47



- $t\bar{t}H$ receives sizeable positive corrections.
- The other σ receive very small positive corrections.
- The corrections have a parabolic shape around the SM.

Branching Ratios

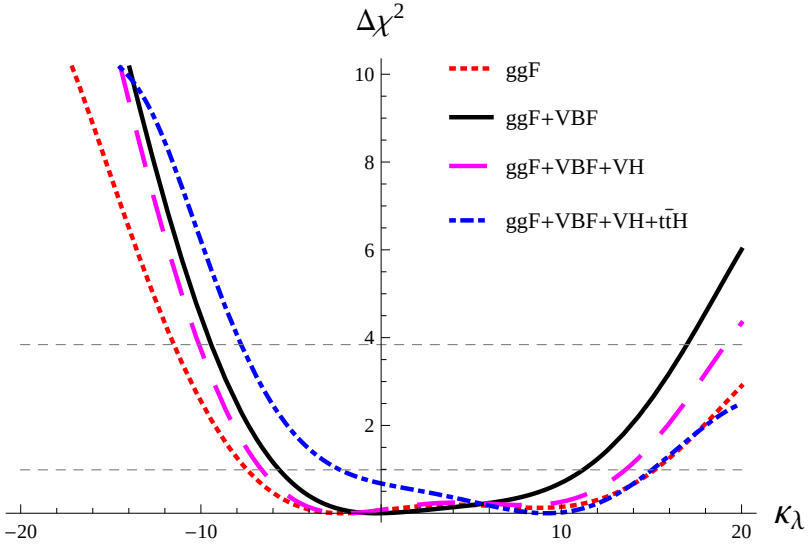
C_1^Γ[%]	$\gamma\gamma$	ZZ	WW	$f\bar{f}$	gg
on-shell H	0.49	0.83	0.73	0	0.66

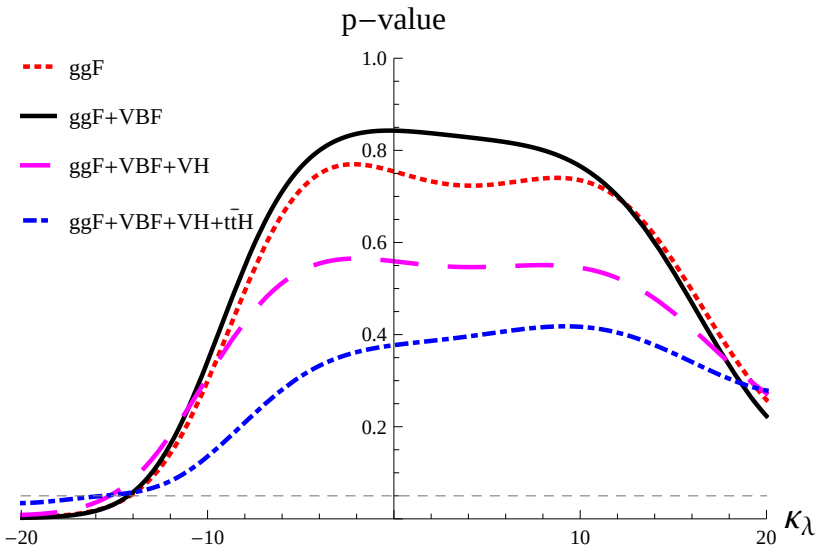


- The BR do not depend on k_λ^2.
- The (positive) δBR are usually larger than the $\delta\sigma$.
- In other words, in the range close to the SM, the decays are more sensitive to κ_λ than the production processes.

Present

Fit on different "scenarios". Data from ATLAS-CMS 8 TeV data combination[5]



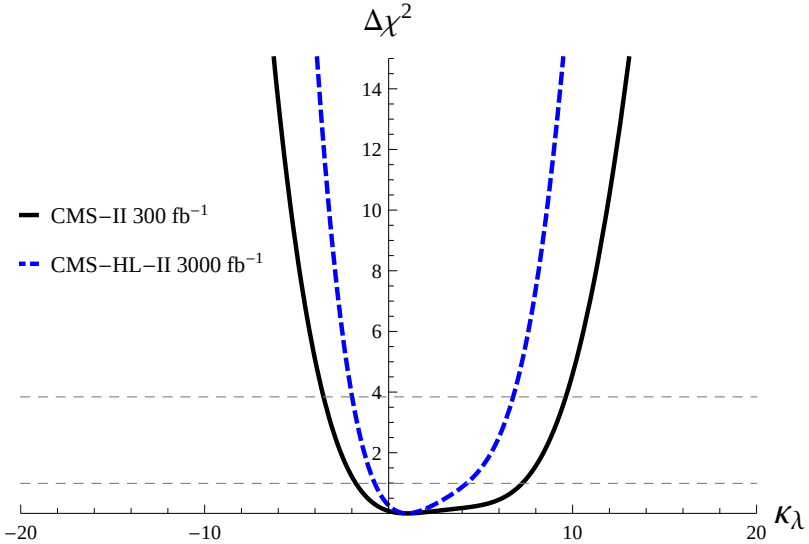


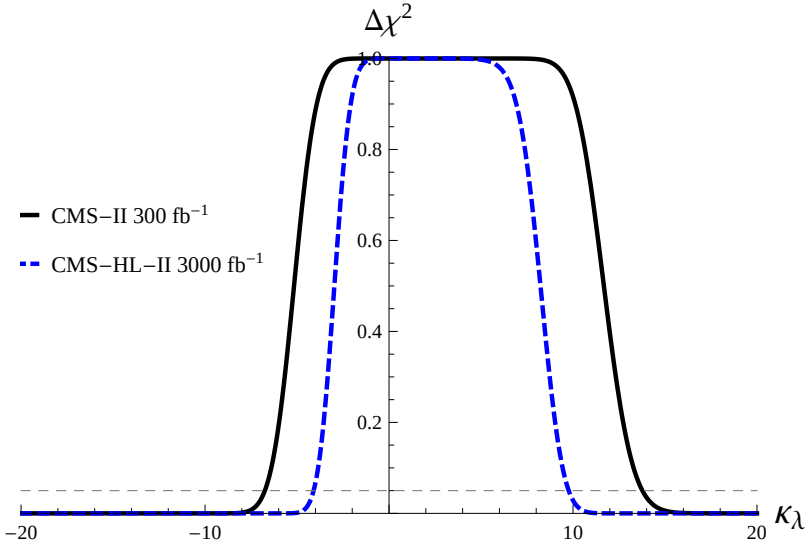
- For ggF+VBF:
  $\kappa_\lambda^{\rm best} = -0.24$, $\kappa_\lambda^{1\sigma} = [-5.7, 11.2]$, $\kappa_\lambda^{2\sigma} = [-9.4, 17.0]$.
- Requiring $p > 0.05$, we exclude at more than 2σ $\kappa_\lambda < -14.3$

[5] JHEP 1608 (2016) 045

Future

Using the uncertainties presented in arXiv:1312.4974, and assuming that LHC will measure SM, we can estimate the future capabilities of LHC.



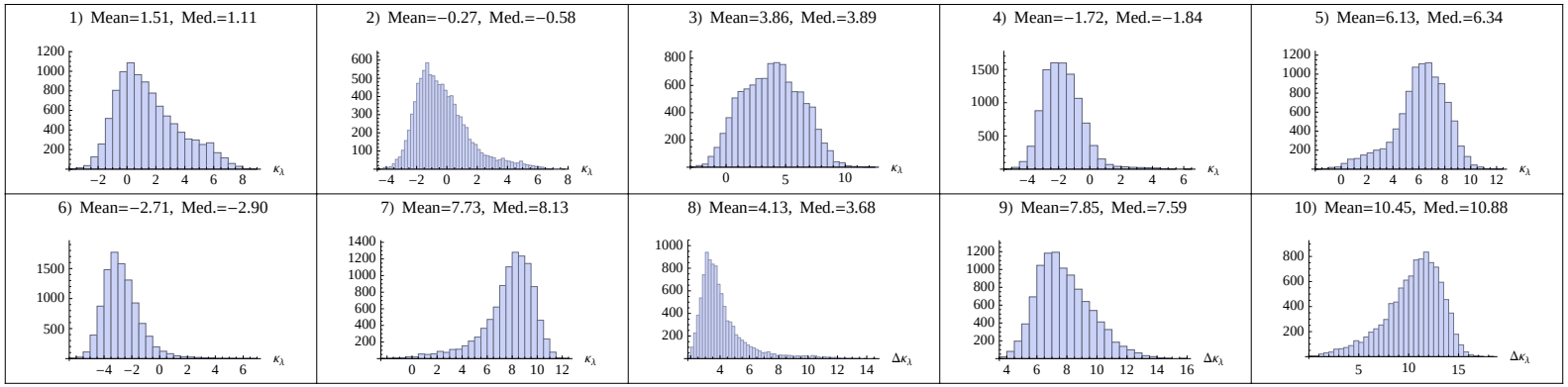


For CMS-HL-II 3000 fb^{-1}:

$\kappa_\lambda^{1\sigma} = [-0.8, 4.2]$, $\kappa_\lambda^{2\sigma} = [-2.0, 6.8]$, $\kappa_\lambda^{p>0.05} = [-4.1, 9.8]$.

Future

A more reliable approach is to consider central values compatible with SM.
We produce a collection of pseudo-measurements randomly generated with a gaussian distribution around the SM.



1) best values, 2) 1σ region lower limit, 3) 1σ region upper limit, 4) 2σ region lower limit, 5) 2σ region upper limit, 6) $p > 0.05$ region lower limit, 7) $p > 0.05$ region upper limit, 8) 1σ region width, 9) 2σ region width, 10) $p > 0.05$ region width.

$$\kappa_\lambda^{p>0.05} = [-2.8, 7.9]$$

For ATLAS 3000 fb^{-1} $\kappa_\lambda^{p>0.05} = [-1.3, 8.7]$

λ_3-dependent contributions in m_W and $\sin^2\theta_{\rm eff}^{\rm lep}$

Precision physics can also give informations on the trilinear. [6]
The theoretical predictions of m_W and $\sin^2\theta_{\rm eff}^{\rm lep}$ can be expressed in terms of physical quantities:

$$m_W^2 = \frac{\hat\rho\, m_Z^2}{2}\left\{1+\left[1-\frac{4\hat A^2}{m_Z^2\hat\rho}(1+\Delta\hat r_W)\right]^{1/2}\right\}$$

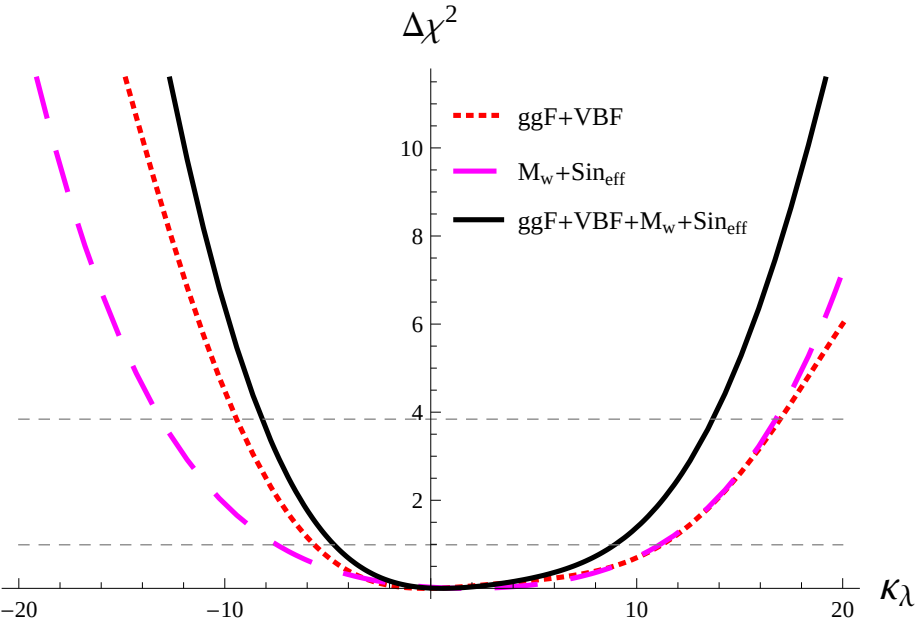
with $\hat A = (\pi\hat\alpha(m_Z)/(\sqrt{2}G_\mu))^{1/2}$.
$\hat\rho$ and $\Delta\hat r_W$ are related to the Peskin-Takeuchi parameters T and S.

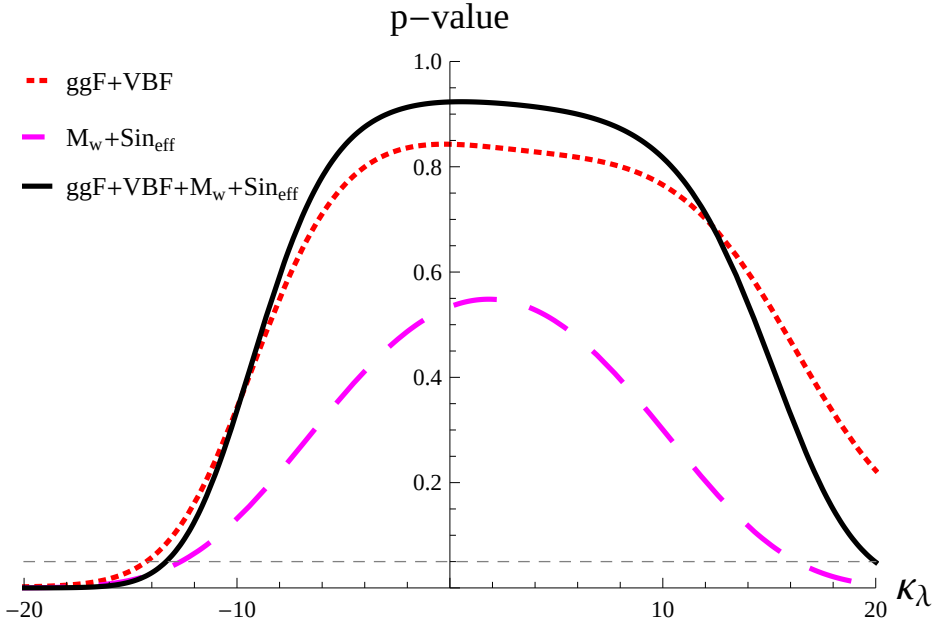
$$O = O^{\rm SM}[1+(\kappa_\lambda-1)C_1+(\kappa_\lambda^2-1)C_2]$$

[6] see also Kribs , Maier, Rzehak, Spannowsky, Waite arXiv:1702.07678

Results

	C_1	C_2
m_W	6.27×10^{-6}	-1.72×10^{-6}
$\sin^2\theta_{\rm eff}^{\rm lep}$	-1.56×10^{-5}	4.55×10^{-6}





- $\kappa_\lambda^{\rm best} = 0.5$, $\kappa_\lambda^{1\sigma} = [-4.7, 8.9]$, $\kappa_\lambda^{2\sigma} = [-8.2, 13.7]$.
- Requiring $p > 0.05$ we exclude at more than 2σ $\kappa_\lambda < -13.3$ and $\kappa_\lambda > 20.0$

Conclusions

- No direct measurement of the Higgs self couplings. In particular of the trilinear.
- The Higgs trilinear coupling can be investigated from single Higgs processes.
- Compared to Higgs pair production, the bounds obtained are competitive and complementary.
- This approach is model dependent, however the condition for the other couplings to be SM can be lifted. Marc's talk!
- Precision physics can help further constraint the allowed region.

Backup Slides

The dimension 6 operator

$$V^{\mathrm{dim}-6}(\Phi) = V^{\mathrm{SM}}(\Phi) + \frac{c6}{v^2}(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^3, \text{ with } \Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}\phi^+ \\ v + H + i\phi^0\end{pmatrix}$$

From the conditions $\left|\frac{dV^{\mathrm{dim}-6}(\Phi)}{d\Phi}\right|_{|\Phi|=v/\sqrt{2}} = 0,$

$$\kappa_\lambda = 1 + \frac{2c_6 v^2}{m_H^2}$$

We need to impose that $\Phi = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$ is still a global minimum.

$$V^{\mathrm{dim}-6}(v/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{c_6 v^4 - m_H^2 v^2}{8} < 0 = V^{\mathrm{dim}-6}(0) \to \kappa_\lambda < 3$$

C. Grojean, G. Servant and J. D. Wells; Phys. Rev. D71 (2005) 036001

P. Huang, A. Joglekar, B. Li and C. E. M. Wagner; Phys. Rev. D93 (2016) 055049

EFT vs. κ_λ

$\kappa_\lambda < 3$ is not very interesting for present phenomenology
More in general one can write $V^{NP} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} c_{2n} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^n$.
We ask the series to be convergent but we do not impose other conditions on c_{2n}.
Expanding up to ϕ^4 ($\xi = \phi^+ \phi^- + \frac{1}{2}\phi_2^2$)

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\begin{aligned}
V_{4\phi}^{NP} \;=\; & \frac{m_H^2}{2v^2}\,\xi^2 + \left(\frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} + d\lambda_4\right)\frac{1}{4}\,\phi_1^4 + \left(\frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} + 3\,d\lambda_3\right)\xi\,\phi_1^2 \\
& + \left(\frac{m_H^2}{2v} + d\lambda_3\right)\phi_1^3 + \frac{m_H^2}{v}\,\xi\,\phi_1 + \frac{1}{2} m_H^2\,\phi_1^2\,.
\end{aligned}
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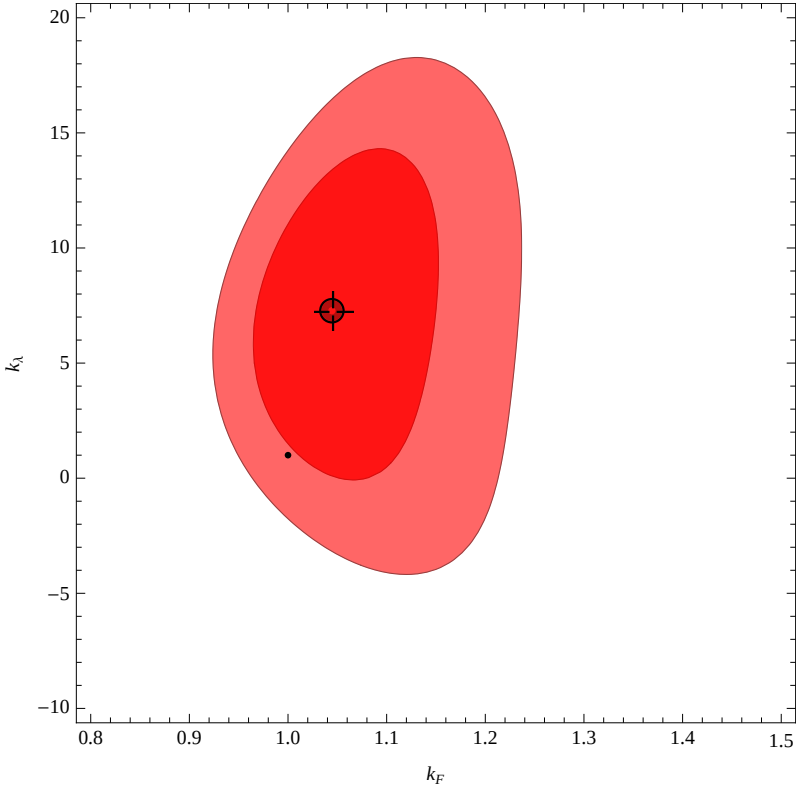
$V_{4\phi}^{NP}$ gives the same results of the anomalous coupling, since contributions due to $d\lambda_4$ are zero at the order of our calculations.

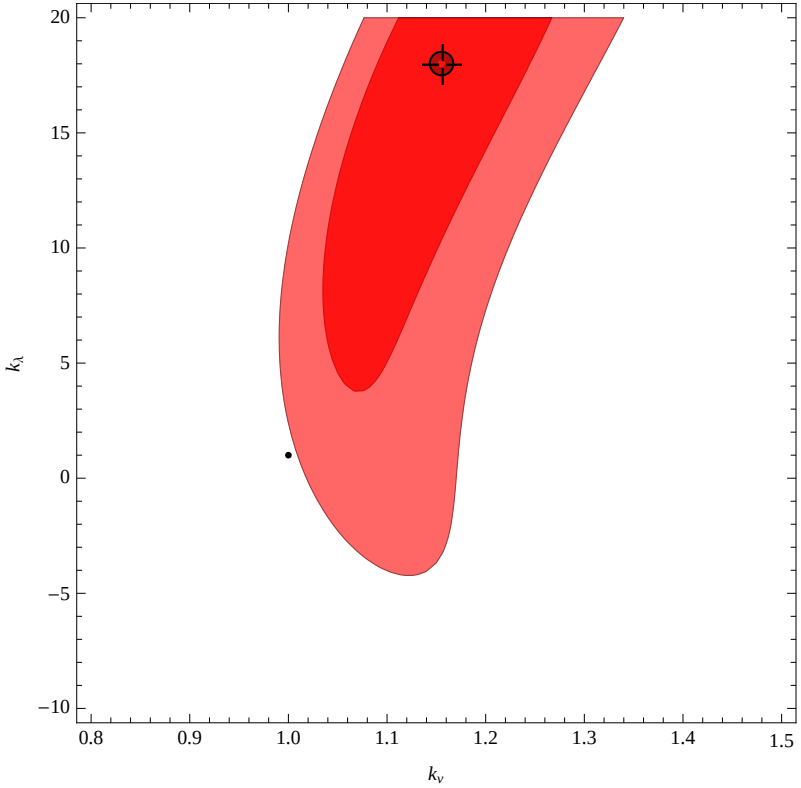
C_1 v.s. p_T cuts!

C_1^σ[%]	25 GeV	50 GeV	100 GeV	200 GeV	500 GeV
WH	1.71	1.56	1.29	1.09	1.03
ZH	2.00	1.83	1.50	1.26	1.19
$t\bar{t}H$	5.44	5.14	4.66	3.95	3.54

Table: C_1^σ at 13 TeV obtained by imposing the cut $p_T(H) < p_{T,\mathrm{cut}}$, for several values of $p_{T,\mathrm{cut}}$.

k_λ v.s. k_F and k_λ v.s. k_V





Backup 3

The two-loop diagrams in the W self energy that are sensitive to a modification of the Higgs self couplings are depicted in figure.