

# STRONG DOUBLE HIGGS PRODUCTION

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## Motivation:

After we discover a light scalar, how can we test the role it plays in the EWSB ?

# EVIDENCE FOR A LIGHT HIGGS-LIKE SCALAR

- EWBSB sector described by an  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{em}$  chiral Lagrangian:

$$\Sigma = \exp(i\sigma^a \chi^a / v) \quad D_\mu \Sigma = \partial_\mu \Sigma - ig_2 \frac{\sigma^a}{2} W_\mu^a \Sigma + ig_1 \Sigma \frac{\sigma_3}{2} B_\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr} (D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D^\mu \Sigma) \\ & + a_T \frac{v^2}{8} [\text{Tr} (\Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma \sigma^3)]^2 + a_S \text{Tr} (W_{\mu\nu} \Sigma B^{\mu\nu} \Sigma^\dagger) \\ & - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i,j} (u_L^{(i)} \quad d_L^{(i)}) \Sigma \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{ij}^u u_R^{(j)} \\ \lambda_{ij}^d d_R^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} + h.c. \end{aligned}$$

- For  $a_T = 0$ , in the limit  $g_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda^u = \lambda^d$ , there is an  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_V$  global symmetry

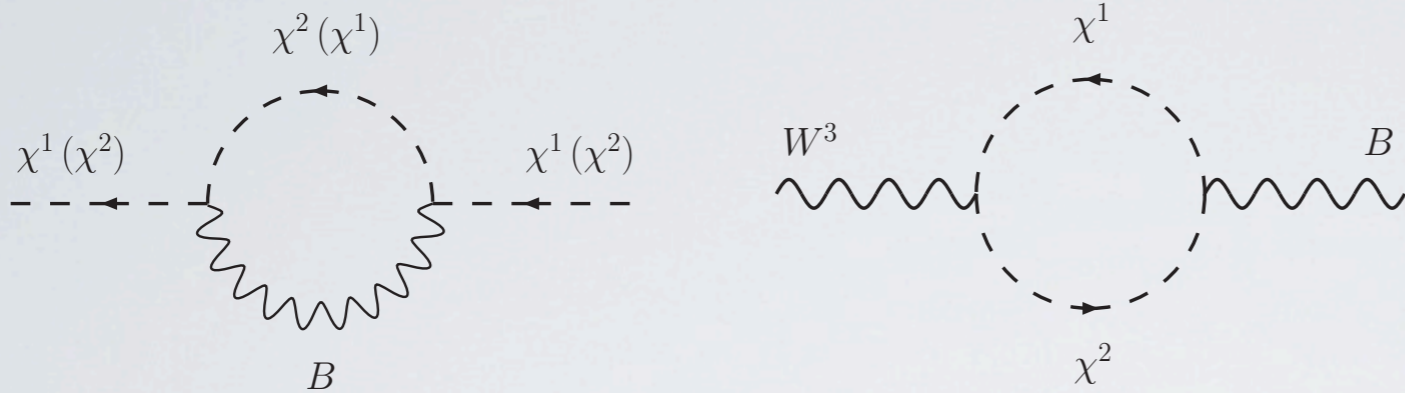
$$\Sigma \rightarrow U_L \Sigma U_R^\dagger$$

the NG bosons  $\chi^a$  transform as a triplet under the custodial  $SU(2)_V$



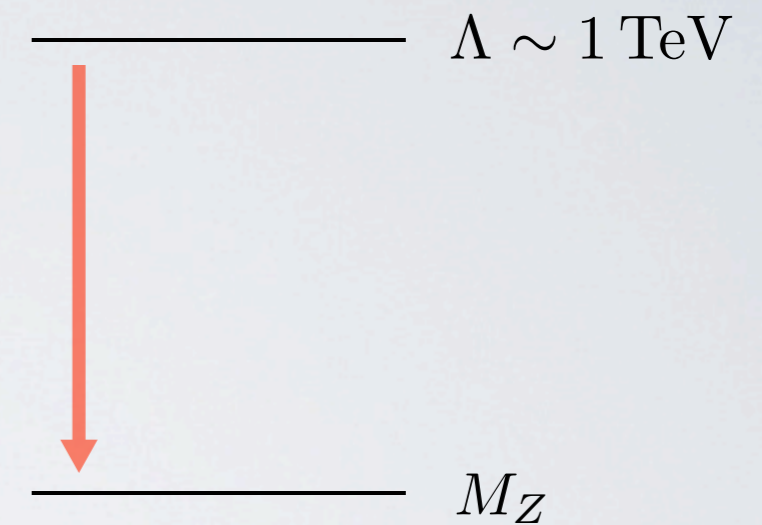
$$M_W = M_Z \quad \text{for } g_1 = 0$$

- For  $a_{S,T}(\Lambda) = 0$  the fit to LEP data is not good



$$\Delta\epsilon_3 = \frac{g_2}{g_1} a_S(M_Z)$$

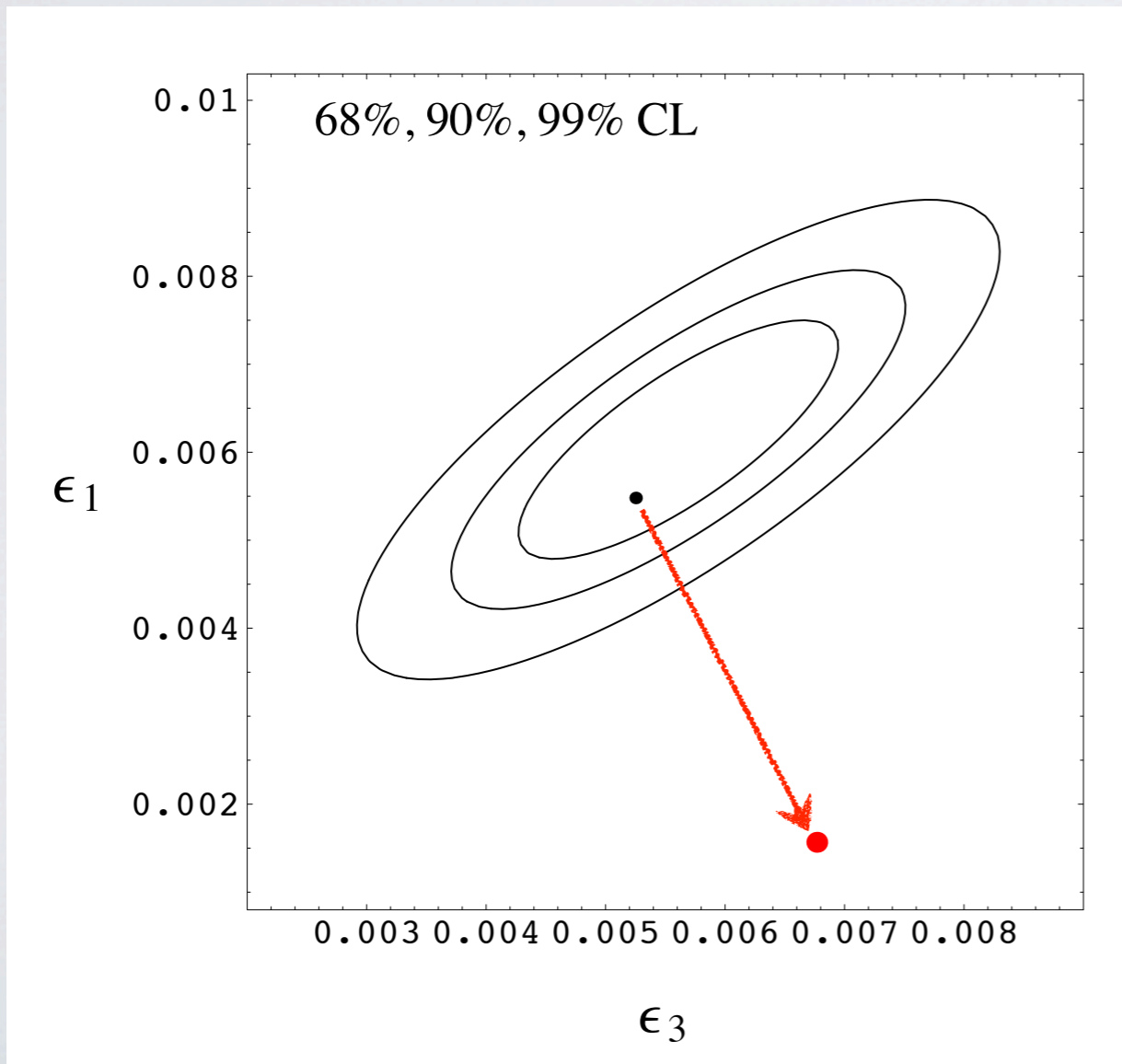
$$\Delta\epsilon_1 = a_T(M_Z)$$



$$\Delta\epsilon_{1,3} = c_{1,3} \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_Z^2}$$

$$c_1 = -\frac{3}{16\pi^2} \frac{\alpha(M_Z)}{\cos^2 \theta_W}$$

$$c_3 = +\frac{1}{12\pi} \frac{\alpha(M_Z)}{4 \sin^2 \theta}$$



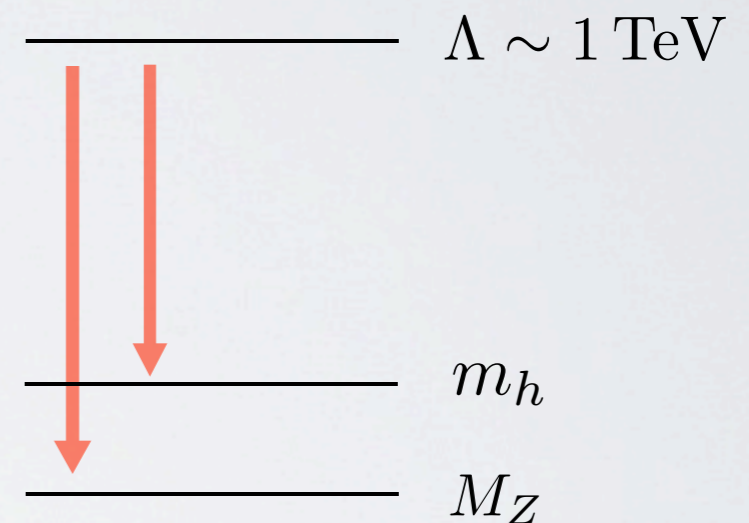
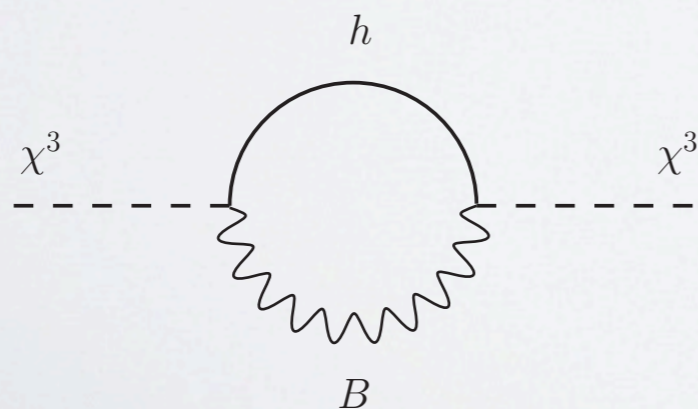
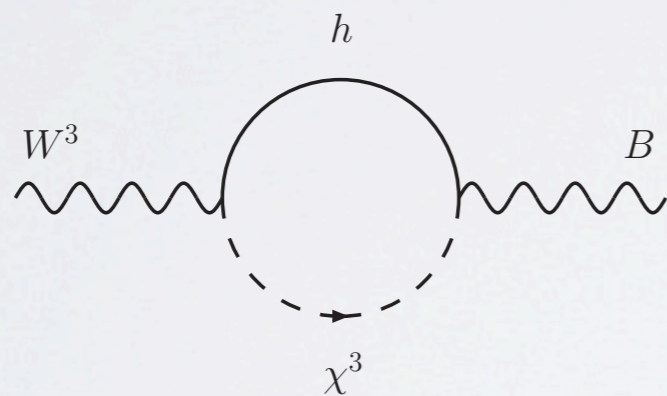
- Adding an extra scalar, singlet of the custodial  $SU(2)_V$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr} (D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D^\mu \Sigma) \left( 1 + 2a \frac{h}{v} + b \frac{h^2}{v^2} + \dots \right) + V(h)$$

$$- \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i,j} (u_L^{(i)} \ d_L^{(i)}) \Sigma \left( 1 + c \frac{h}{v} + \dots \right) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{ij}^u & u_R^{(j)} \\ \lambda_{ij}^d & d_R^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} + h.c.$$

$a, b, c$  are free parameters

[ for a SM Higgs:  $a=b=c=1$  ]

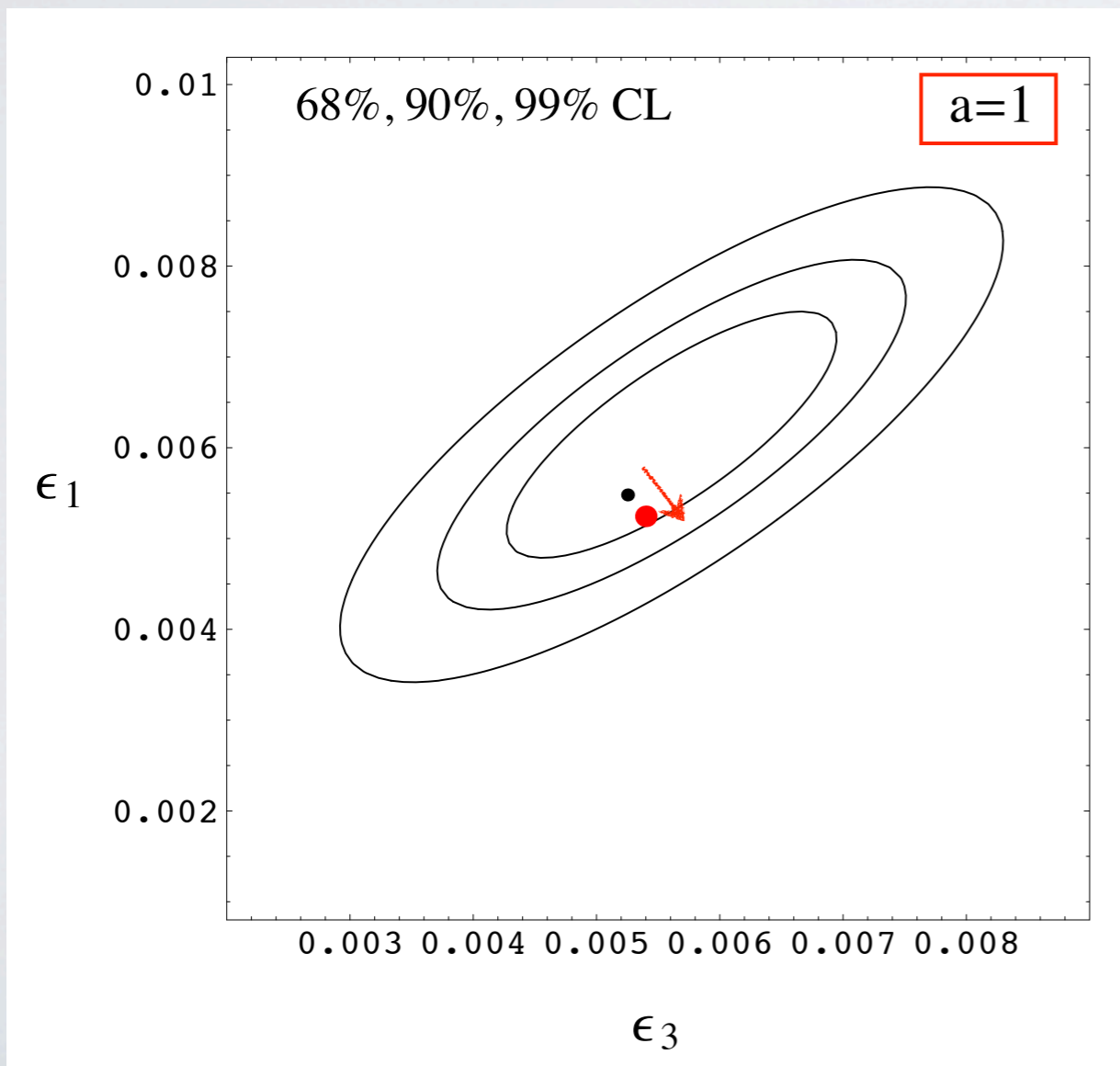


$$\Delta\epsilon_{1,3} = -c_{1,3} a^2 \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_h^2}$$

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—————  $\Lambda \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

—————  $m_h$

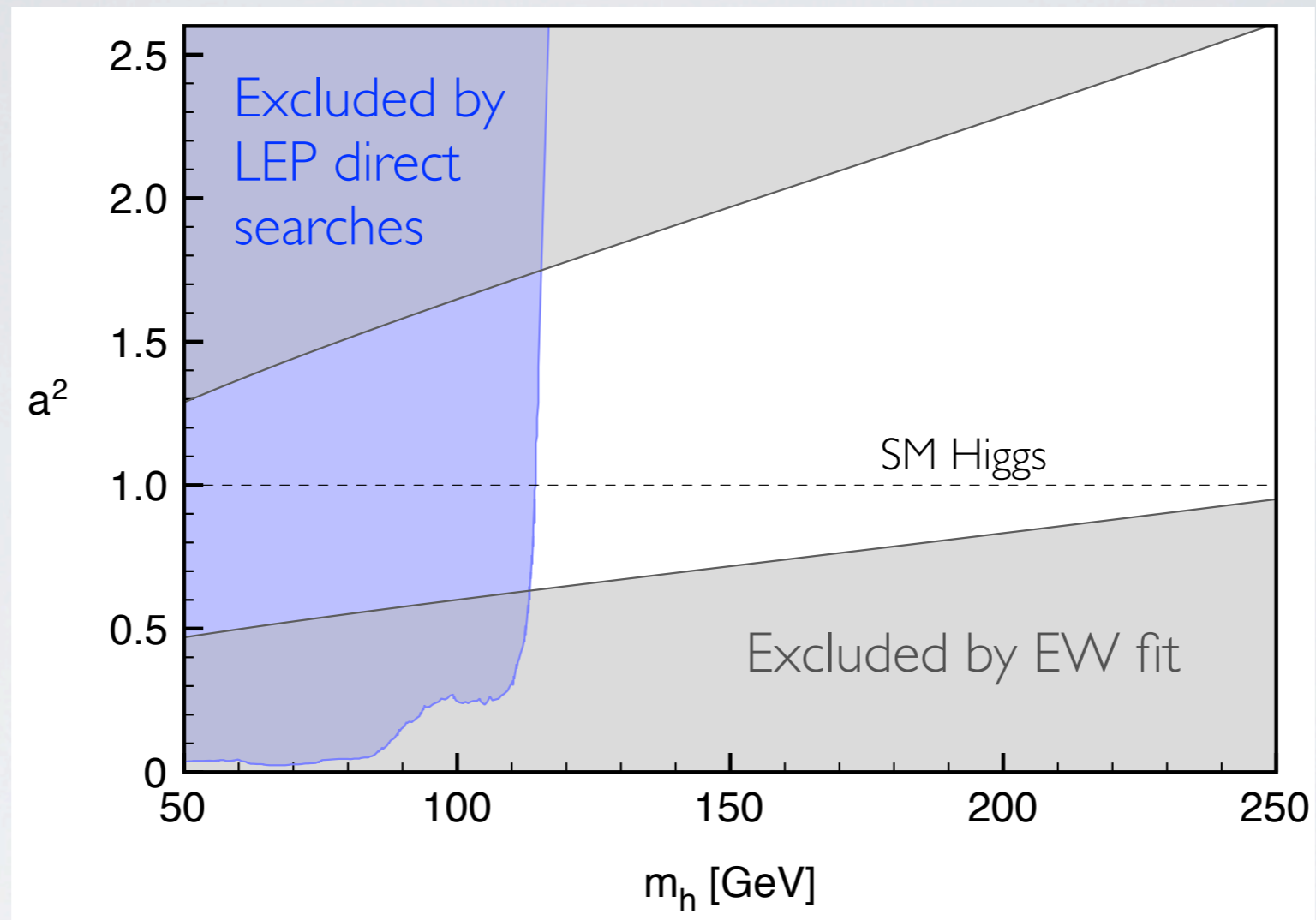
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see: Barbieri et al. PRD 76 (2007) 115008

# HOW 'STANDARD' THE HIGGS MUST BE ?



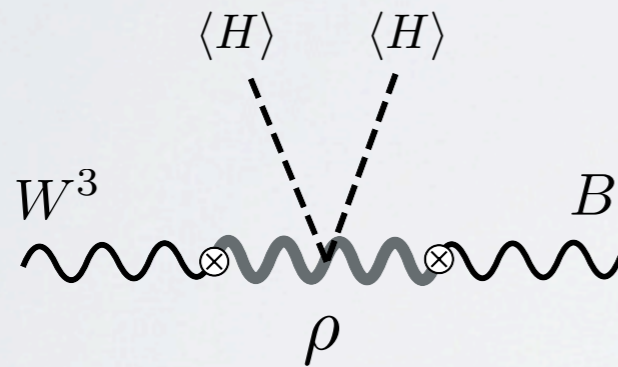
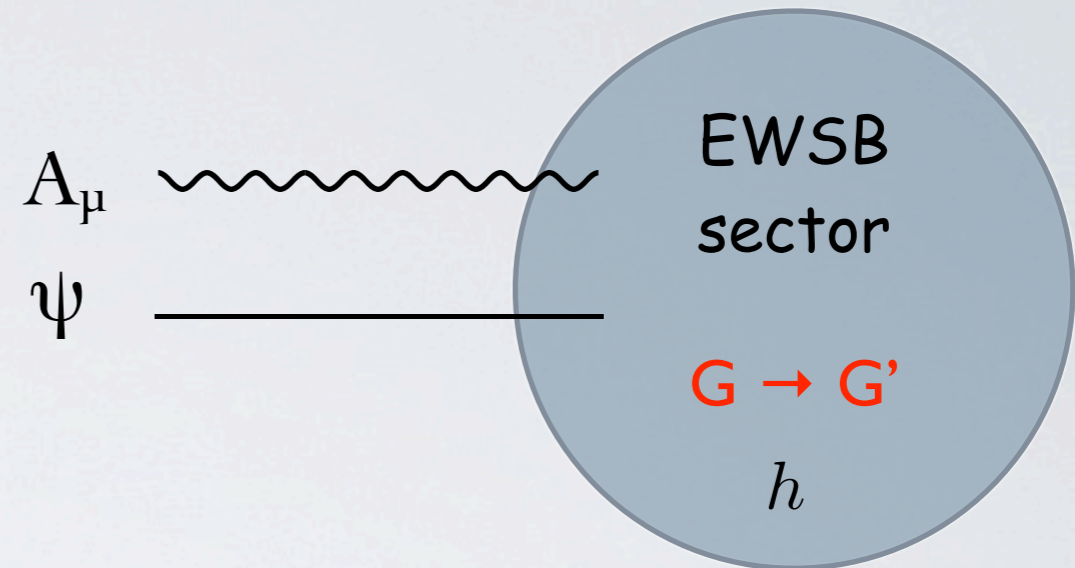
- Large deviations from  $a=1$  still allowed for a light Higgs
- Presently no constraint on  $b,c$

# THE HIGGS AS A COMPOSITE PSEUDO-NG BOSON

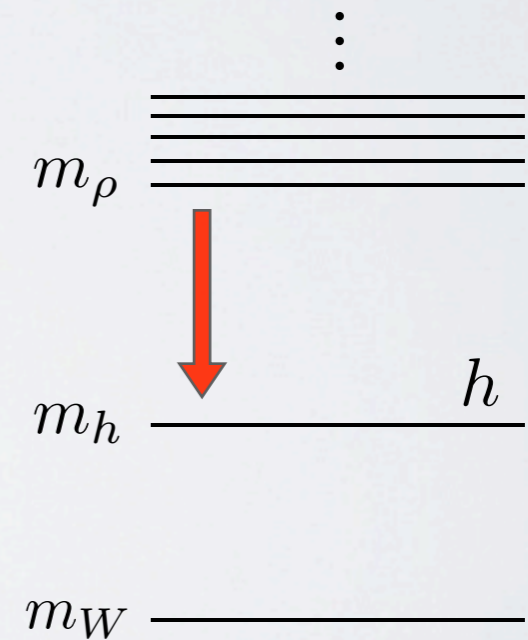
[ Georgi & Kaplan, '80 ]

Motivations:

- light Higgs naturally
- contribution to EWPO from heavier resonances parametrically suppressed



$$\Delta\epsilon_3 \equiv \hat{S} \sim \frac{m_W^2}{m_\rho^2} \sim \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \times \frac{16\pi^2}{g_\rho^2} \times \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$





$$\xi = \left( \frac{v}{f} \right)^2$$

new parameter compared to TC  
(fixed by dynamics)

- Shifts in the Higgs couplings at  $O(\xi)$

Ex:  $SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4)$

- For a composite Higgs doublet the small  $\xi$  behavior is universal

[ Giudice et al. JHEP 0706:045 (2007) ]

$$\xi \rightarrow 0$$

$$[ f \rightarrow \infty ]$$

decoupling limit

All  $\rho$ 's become heavy and one reobtains the SM

Given the  $\sigma$ -model Lagrangian  $a, b$  predicted in terms of  $\xi$  :

$$a = \sqrt{1 - \xi}, \quad b = (1 - 2\xi)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu H)^\dagger (D^\mu H) + c_H \xi \frac{1}{2v^2} [\partial_\mu (H^\dagger H)]^2 + \dots$$

$$a = \left( 1 - \frac{c_H \xi}{2} \right) \quad b = (1 - 2c_H \xi)$$

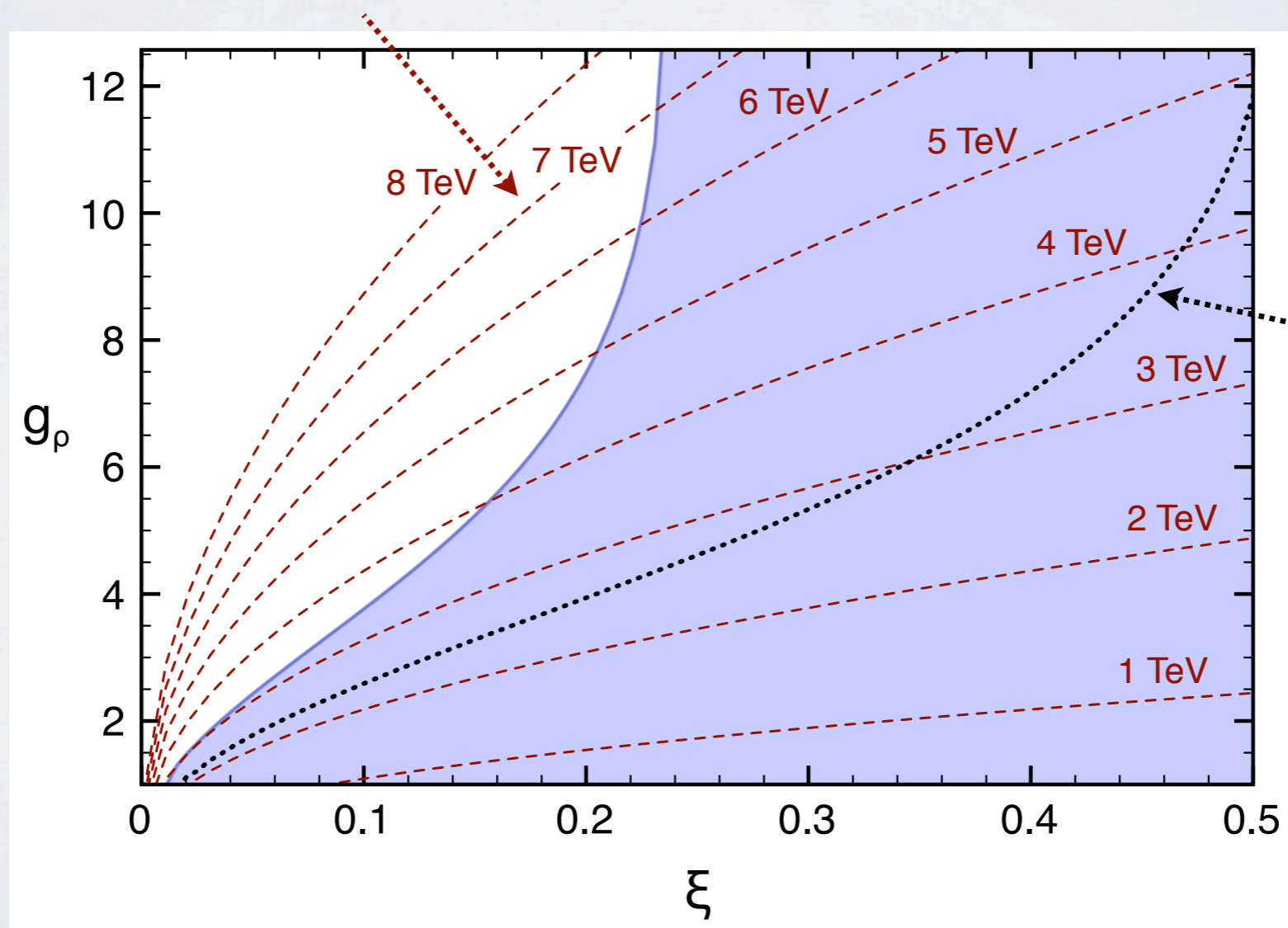
# HOW MUCH COMPOSITE THE pNG HIGGS CAN BE ?

Ex:  $SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4)$

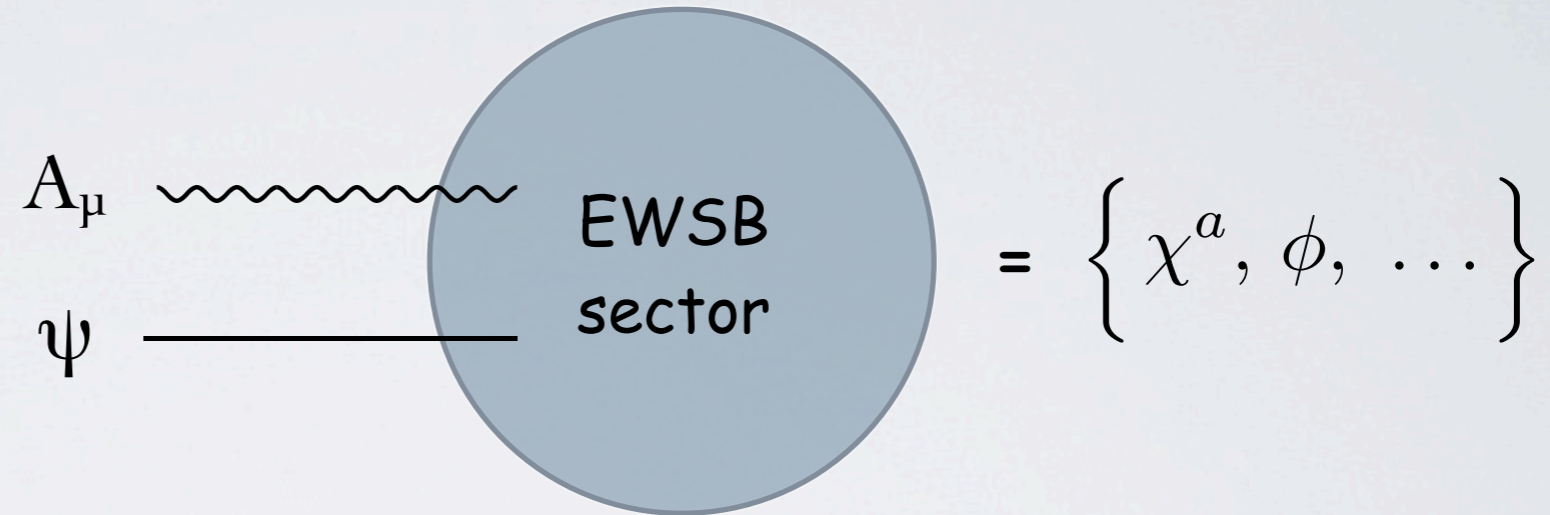
$$m_\rho = \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{g_\rho v}{\sqrt{\xi}} \quad a = \sqrt{\xi - 1}$$

[Agashe, RC, Pomarol, NPB 719 (2005) 165]

isocurves of constant  $m_\rho$



If the EWSB sector has a spontaneously broken scale invariance the corresponding NG boson (the dilaton) can be light :



Invariance under dilatations fixes the couplings of the dilaton:

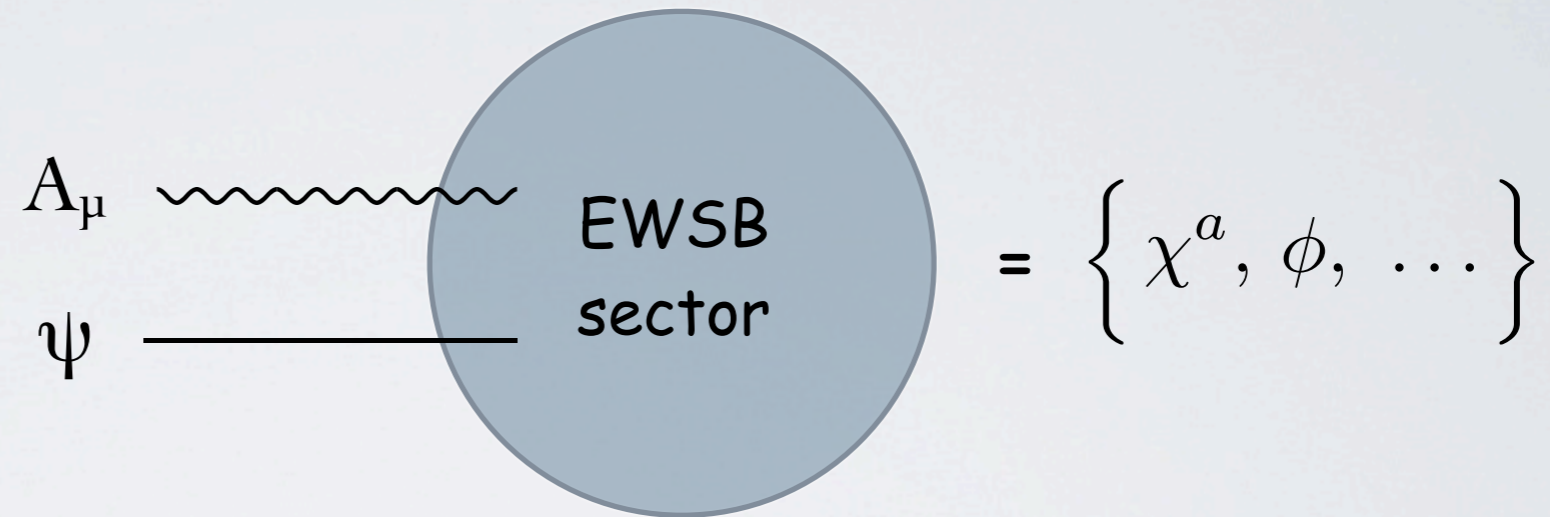
$$x \rightarrow e^{-\lambda} x \quad \phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(xe^\lambda) + \lambda f_D \quad \chi^a(x) \rightarrow \chi^a(e^\lambda x) \quad \psi(x) \rightarrow e^{3\lambda/2} \psi(e^\lambda x)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = e^{2\phi/f_D} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr} (D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D^\mu \Sigma) \right] - m_i \bar{\psi}_{Li} \Sigma \psi_{iR} e^{\phi/f_D} + h.c.$$

# A LIGHT SCALAR FAKING THE HIGGS: THE DILATON

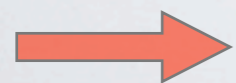
[Goldberger et al.  
PRL 100 (2008) 111802]

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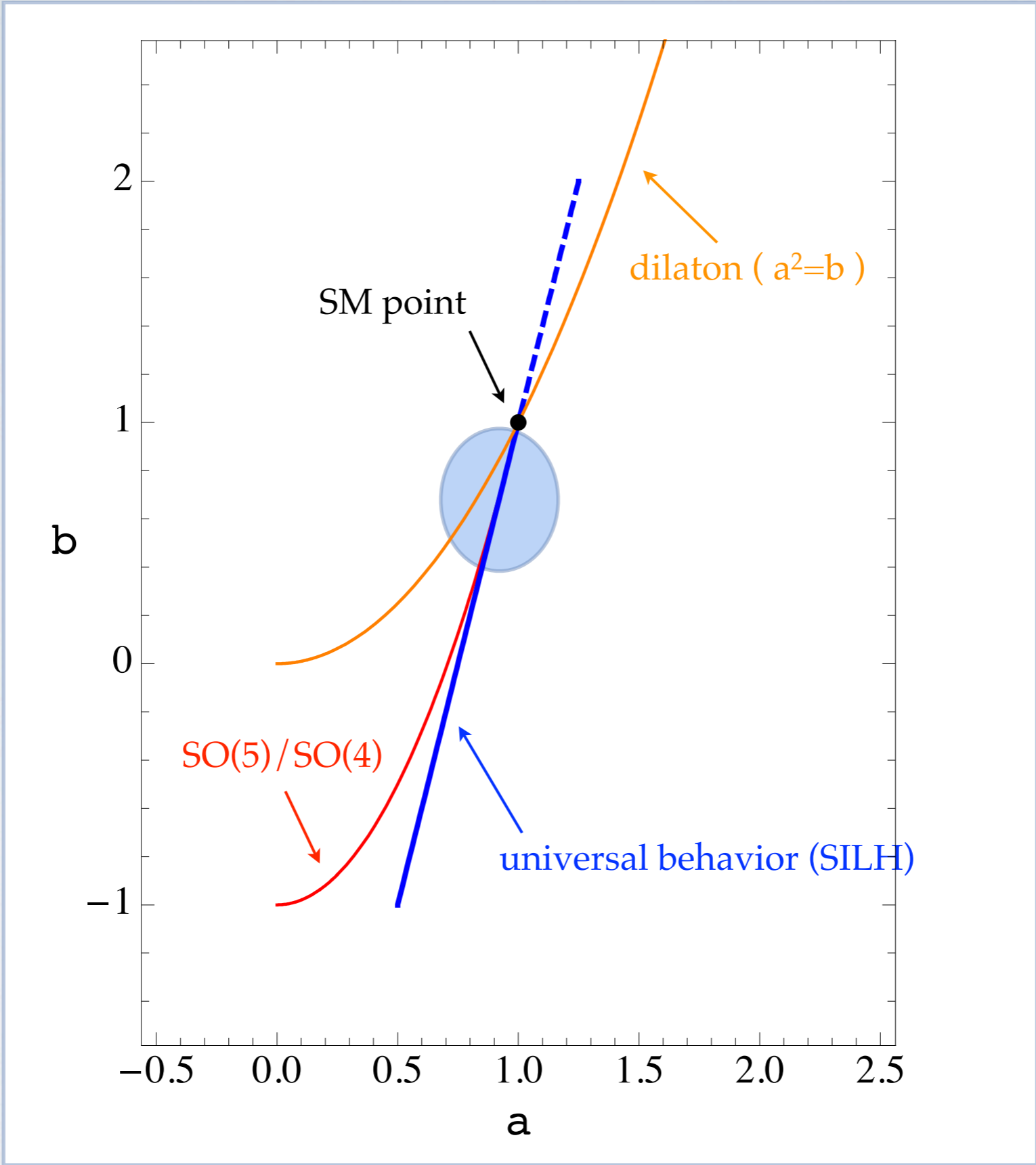
By setting  $e^{\phi/f_D} \equiv 1 + \frac{\chi}{f_D}$  one has:

$$\mathcal{L} = \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr} (D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D^\mu \Sigma) \right] \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{f_D} \right)^2 - m_i \bar{\psi}_{Li} \Sigma \psi_{iR} \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{f_D} \right) + h.c.$$



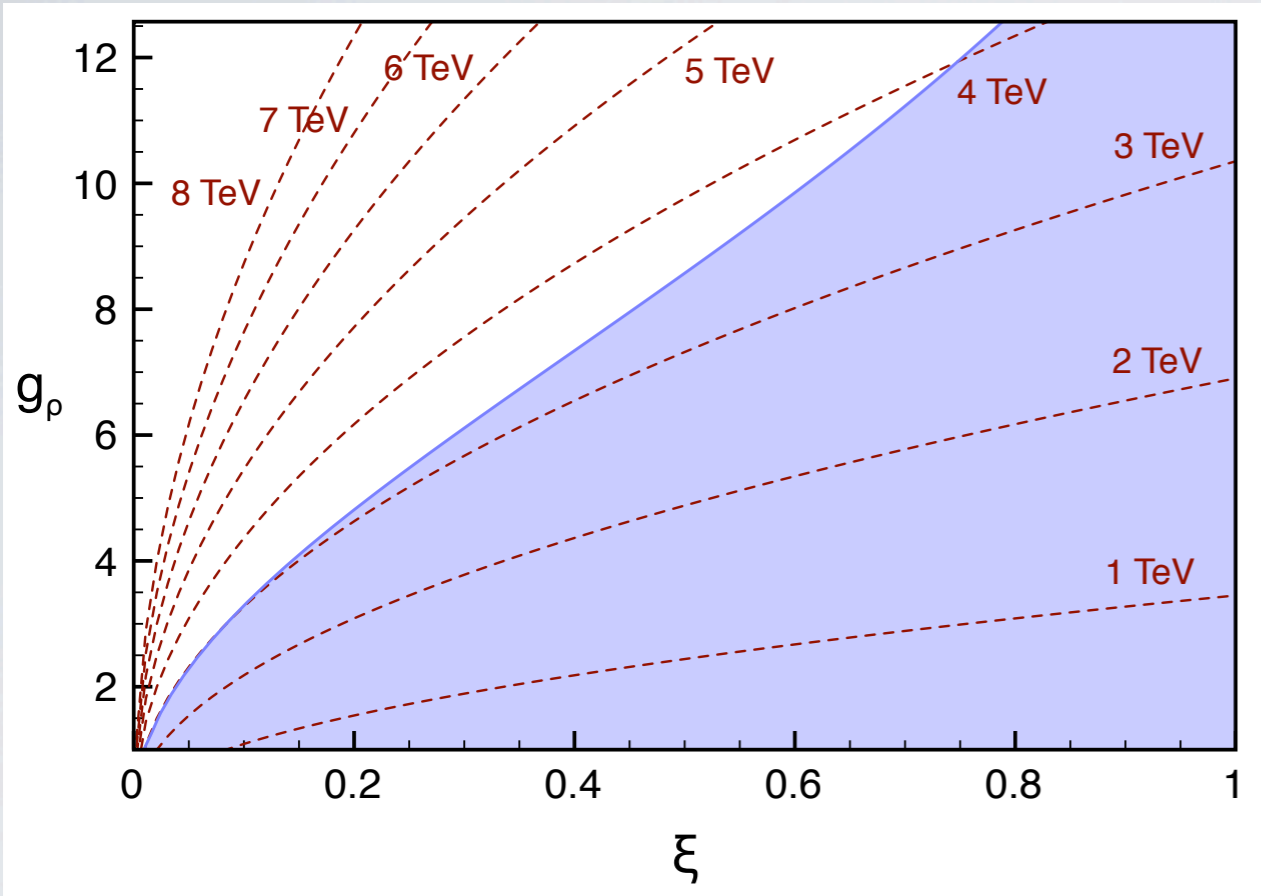
same as a light composite Higgs with:

$$a^2 = b = c^2 \quad a = \frac{v}{f_D}$$



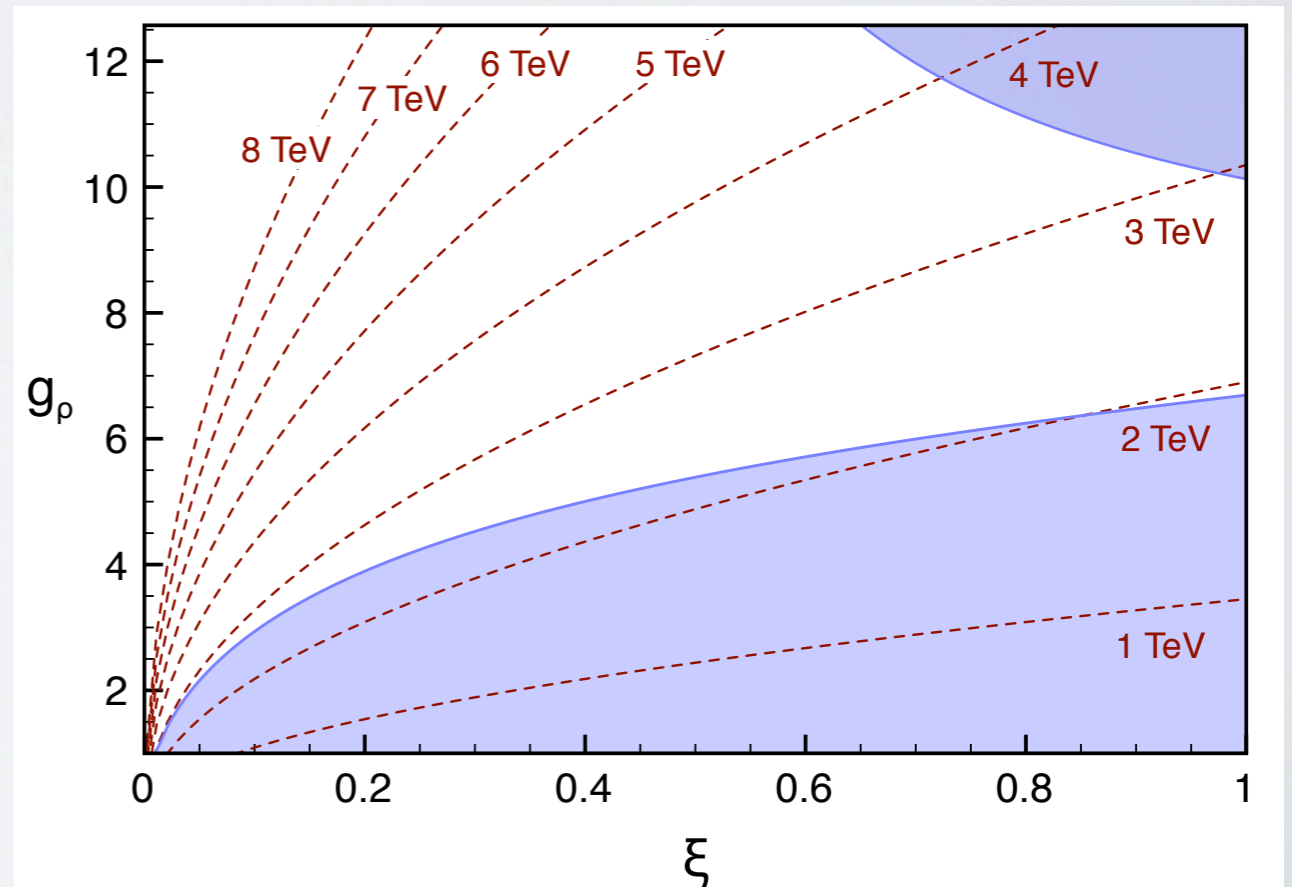
# PNGB HIGGS + DILATON

[Work in progress with A. Pomarol and R. Rattazzi]



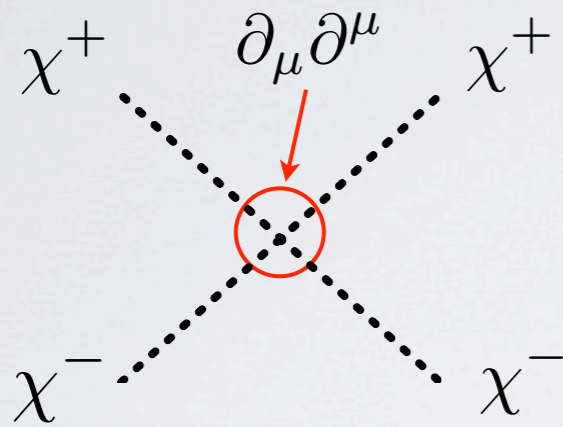
$$m_h = 120 \text{ GeV} \quad m_D = 250 \text{ GeV} \quad f_D = f$$

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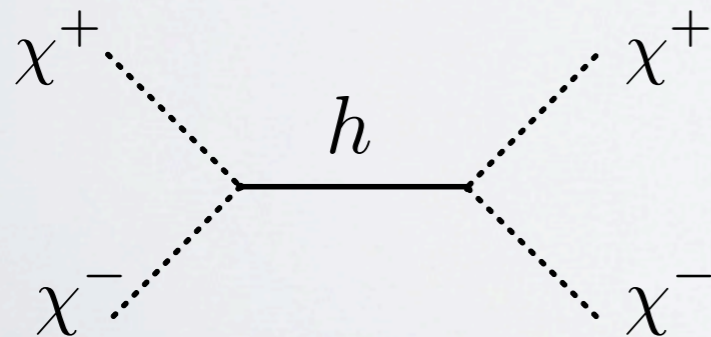
# WW SCATTERING

- By the Equivalence Theorem  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \chi\chi$  equal to  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$  at large energy



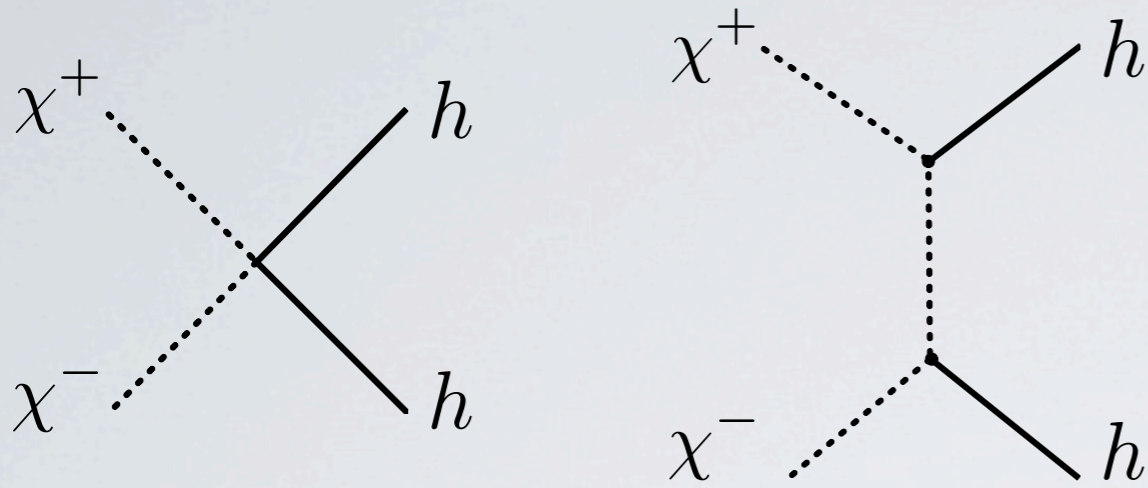
$$A(\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow \chi^+ \chi^-) = \frac{1}{v^2} (s + t)$$

- The Higgs contributes to the scattering



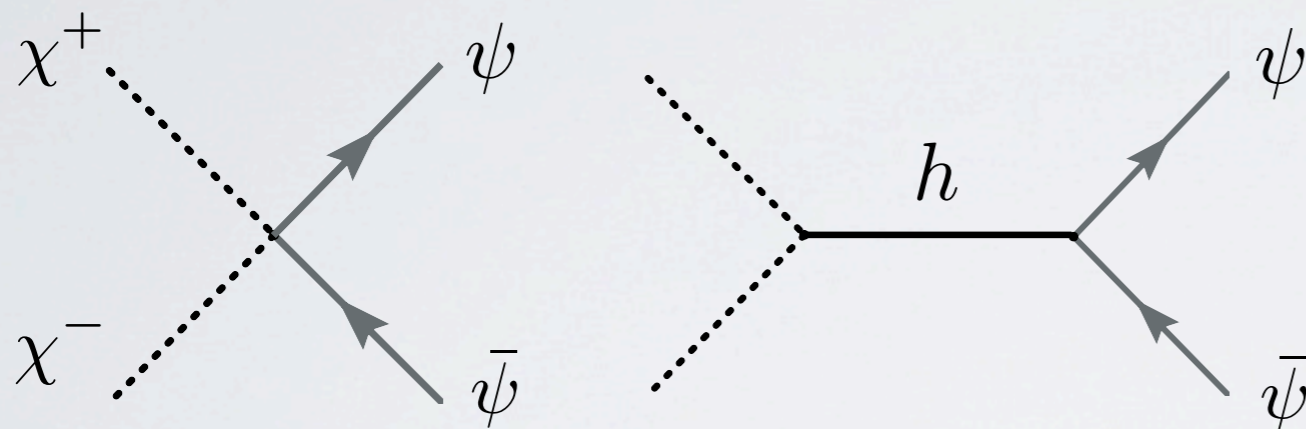
$$A(\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow \chi^+ \chi^-) \simeq \frac{1}{v^2} \left[ s - \frac{a^2 s^2}{s - m_h^2} + (s \leftrightarrow t) \right]$$

unitarity for:  $a=1$



$$\mathcal{A}(\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow hh) \simeq \frac{s}{v^2} (b - a^2)$$

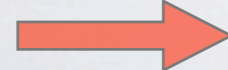
unitarity for:  $a^2=b$



$$\mathcal{A}(\chi^+ \chi^- \rightarrow \psi \bar{\psi}) \simeq \frac{m_\psi \sqrt{s}}{v^2} (1 - ac)$$

unitarity for:  $a=c$

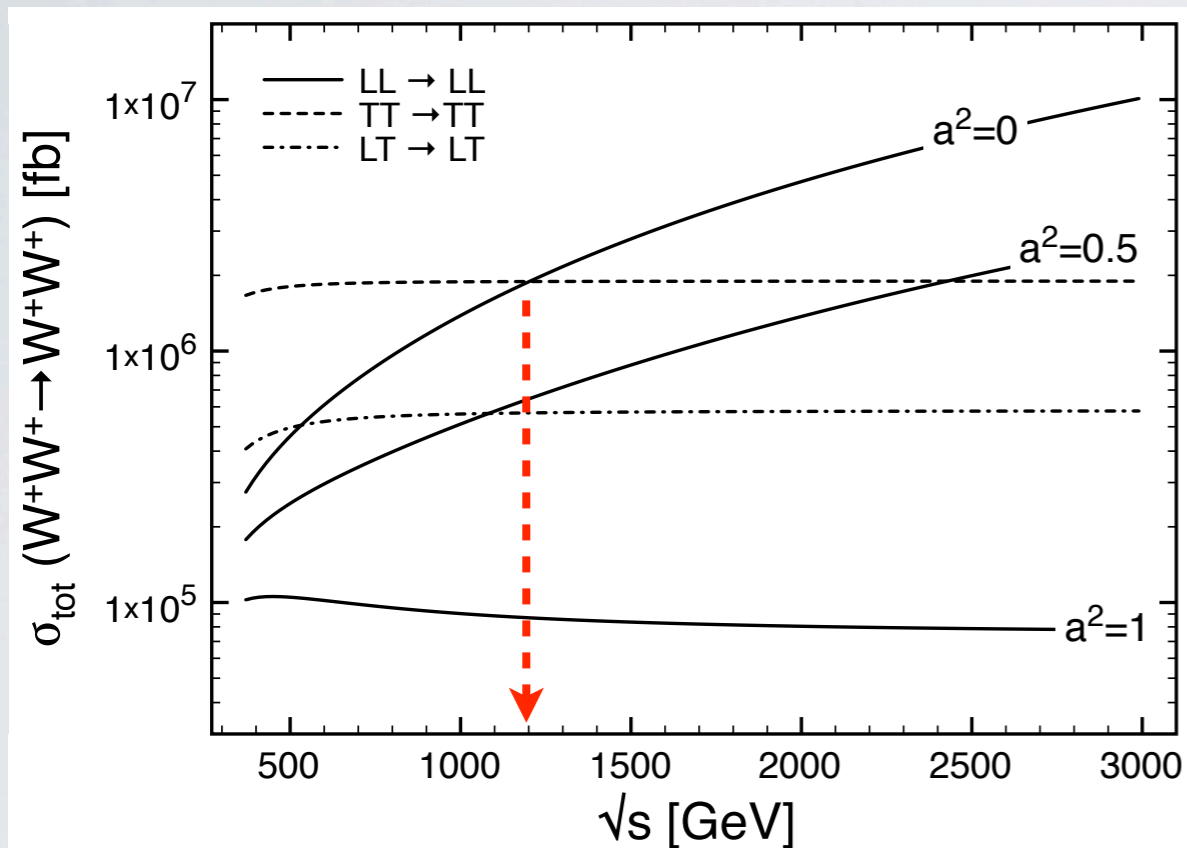
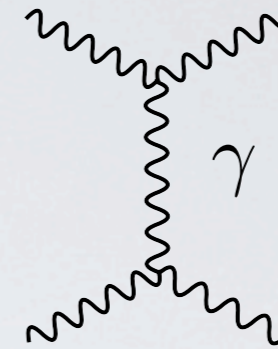
- No strong  $W_L W_L \rightarrow hh$  for a dilaton ( $a^2=b$ )
- In general  $a, b, c$  control three different sectors of the theory

  $W_L W_L \rightarrow hh$  only way to extract  $b$



# Extracting $a$ from $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering

Coulomb singularity enhances the  $TT$  scattering at small  $t$



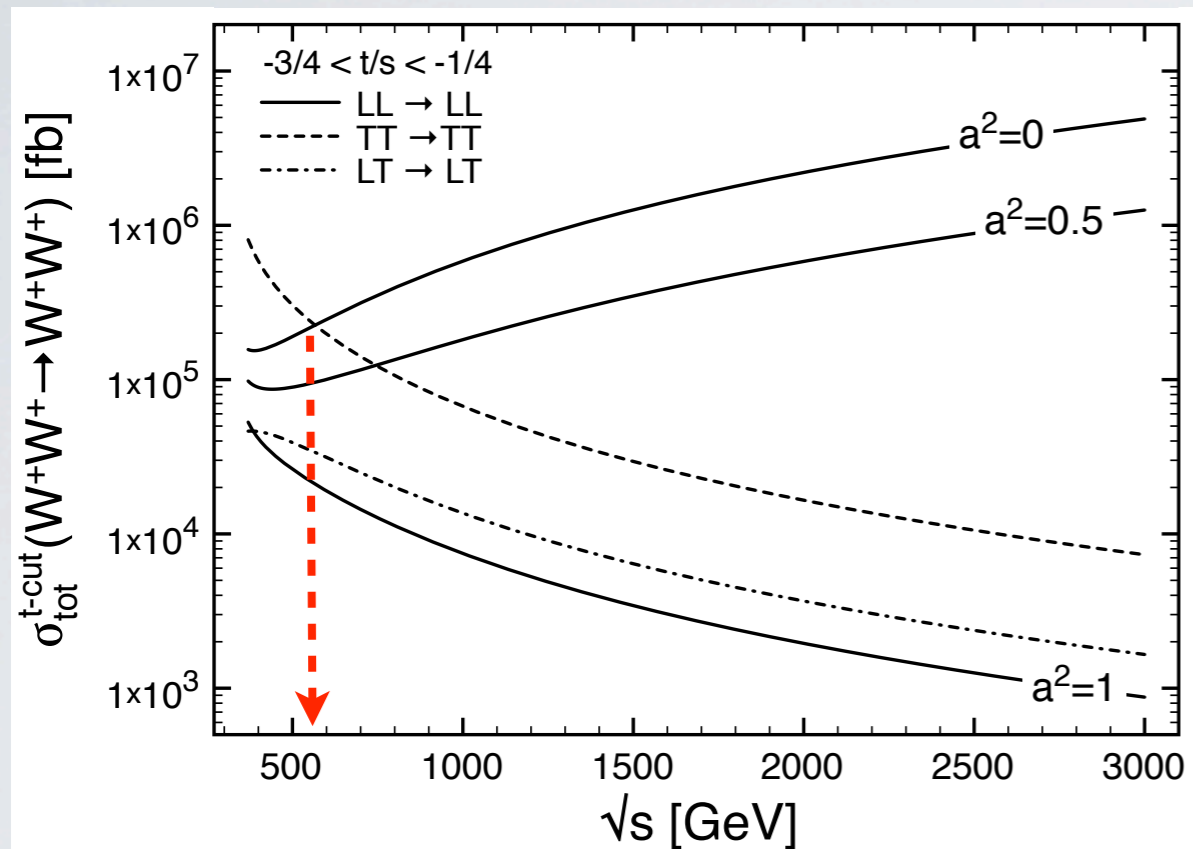
$$\sigma_{TT} \sim \frac{g^4}{8\pi} \frac{1}{t_{\min}} \quad \sigma_{LL} \sim \frac{(1-a^2)^2}{8\pi} \frac{s}{v^4}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{LL}}{\sigma_{TT}} \sim (1-a^2)^2 \frac{s t_{\min}}{M_W^4} \times \frac{1}{512} \frac{1}{(s_W^4 + c_W^4)}$$

$$-s + 4M_W^2 < t < -M_W^2$$

$TT$  scattering accidentally larger than NDA expectations: onset of strong scattering delayed

# Extracting $a$ from $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering



Cutting on events with central final  $W$ 's

$$t_{min} \sim s$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{LL \rightarrow LL}/dt}{d\sigma_{TT \rightarrow TT}/dt} \Big|_{t \sim -s/2} \sim \frac{(1 - a^2)^2}{2304} \frac{s^2}{M_W^4}$$

Still numerically larger than naive expectation

- Large pollution from transverse modes in hard scattering

# Extracting $a$ from $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering

- Larger luminosity for longitudinal  $W$ 's makes the signal even harder to identify

same as in Weizsacker-Williams photon spectrum

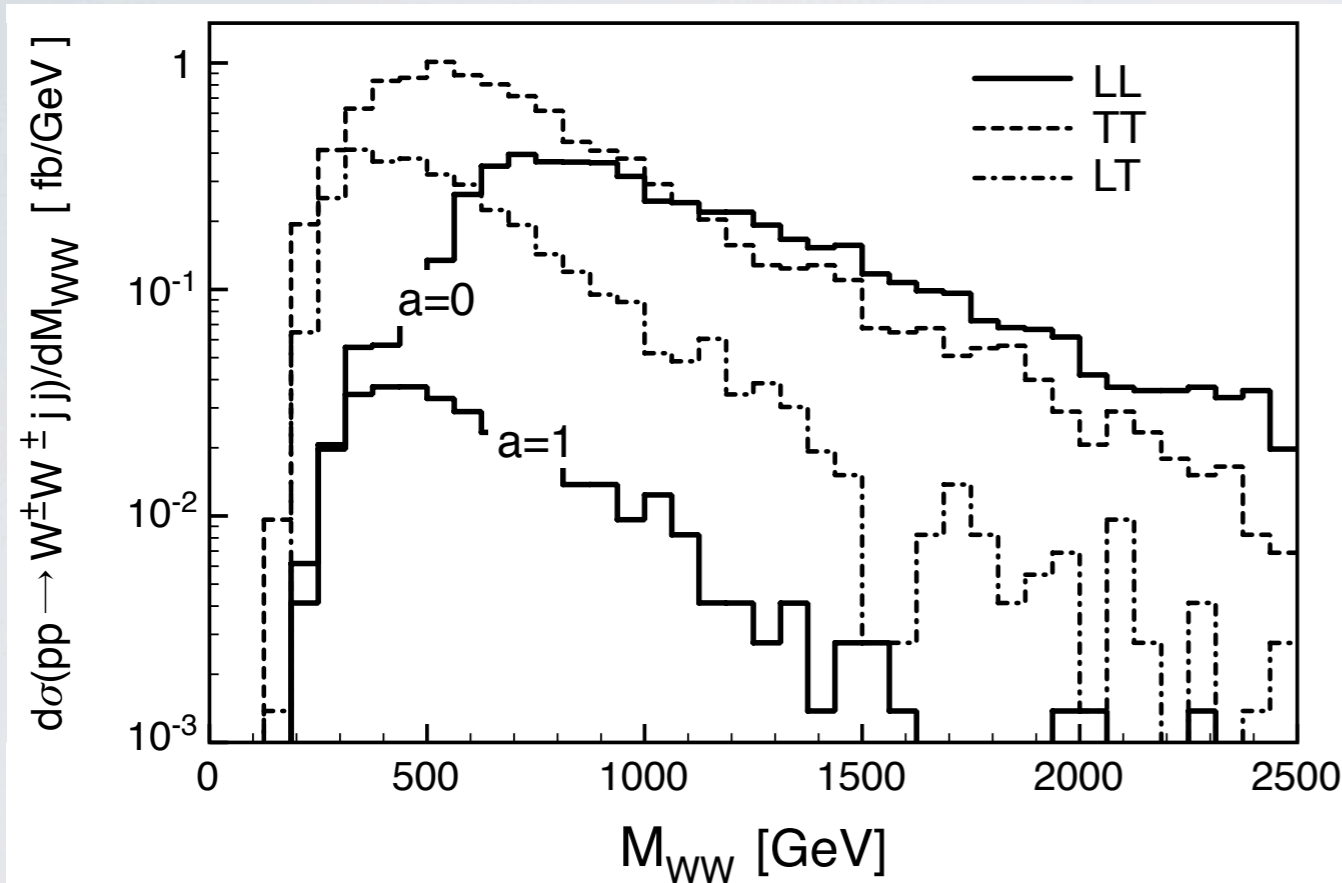
$$P_T(z) = \frac{g_A^2 + g_V^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{2z} \log \frac{(p_{Tj}^{max})^2}{(1-z)M_W^2}$$

$$P_L(z) = \frac{g_A^2 + g_V^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{1-z}{z}$$

$$M_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_{Tj} < 120 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_{TW} > 300 \text{ GeV}$$



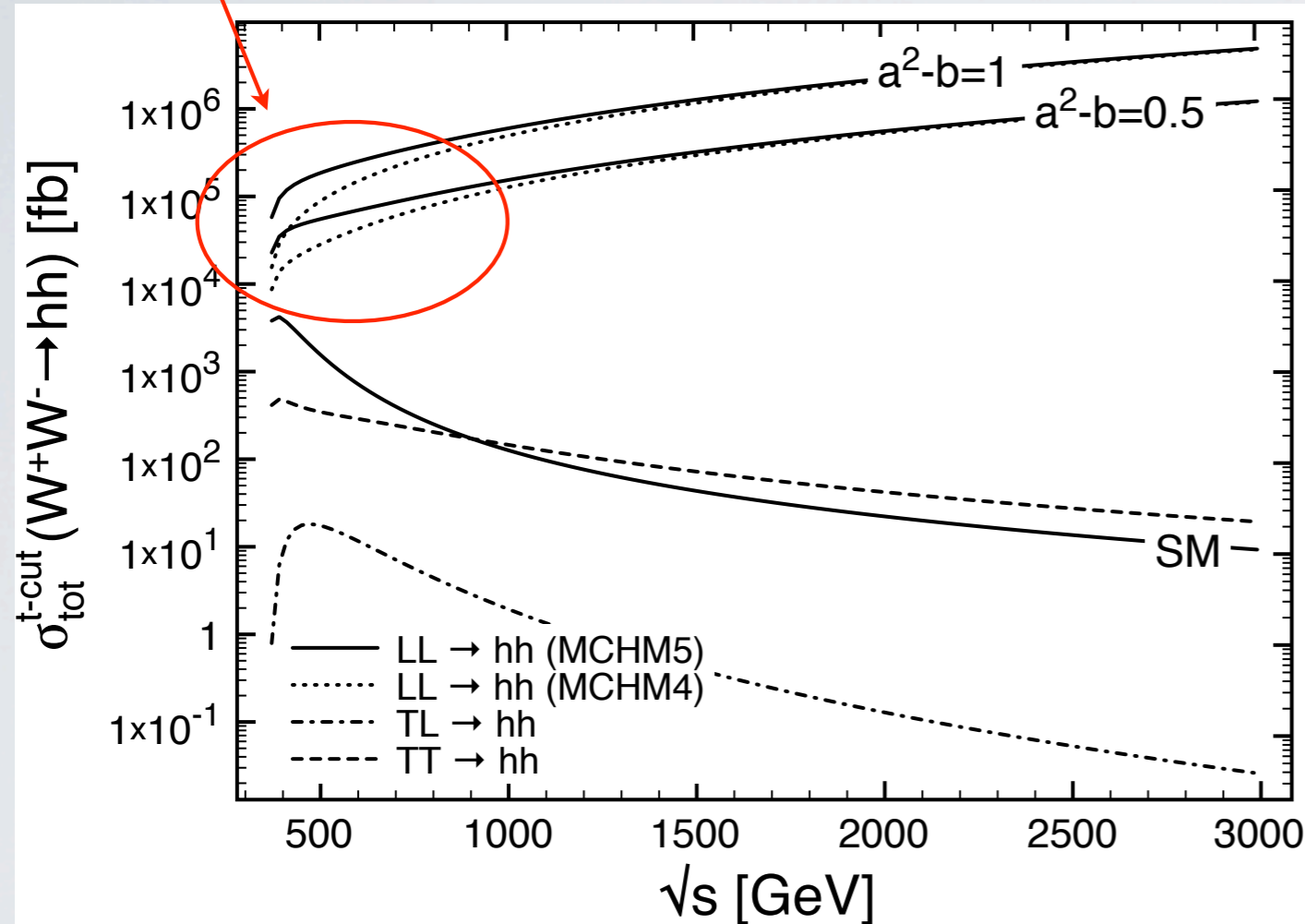
$$\sigma(\text{signal}) = \sigma(a \neq 1) - \sigma(SM)$$

- $\sim O(10)$  events in fully leptonic channel  $W^\pm W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \nu$  with  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for  $a=0$
- LHC at 14 TeV sensitive to  $a^2 \lesssim 0.5$  with  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# Extracting b from $WW \rightarrow hh$ scattering

model dependency

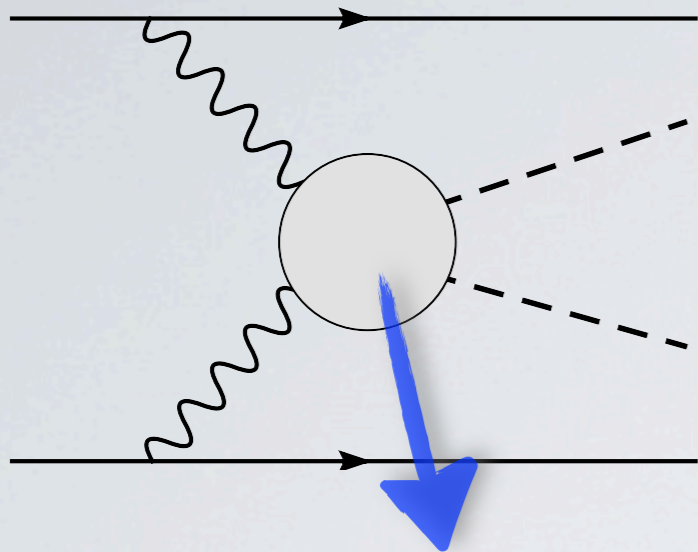
$m_h = 180 \text{ GeV}$



Naive estimate works well

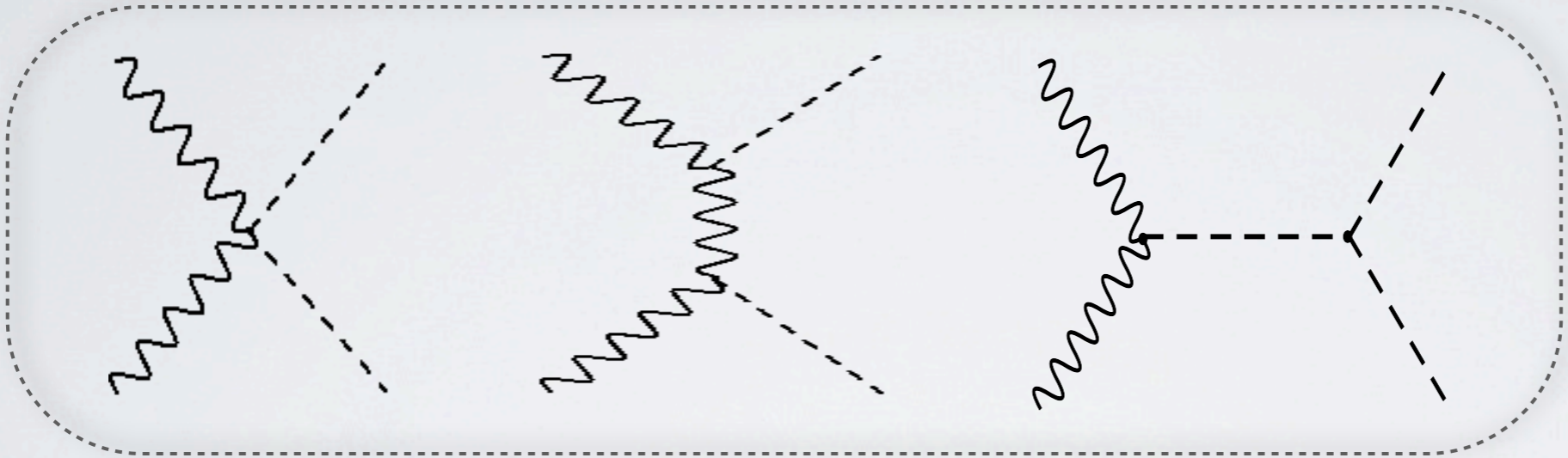
$$\frac{d\sigma_{LL \rightarrow hh}/dt}{d\sigma_{TT \rightarrow hh}/dt} \sim \frac{1}{8} \frac{(b - a^2)^2}{a^4 + (b - a^2)^2} \frac{s^2}{M_W^4}$$

- No Coulomb singularity enhancement of transverse scattering
- Longitudinal scattering always dominating: cleaner than  $WW \rightarrow WW$



$\sigma(pp \rightarrow hhjj)$ [fb]	MCHM4	MCHM5
$\xi = 1$	9.3	14.0
$\xi = 0.8$	6.3	9.5
$\xi = 0.5$	2.9	4.2
$\xi = 0$ (SM)	0.5	0.5
dilaton $v/f_D = 1.5$		3.3

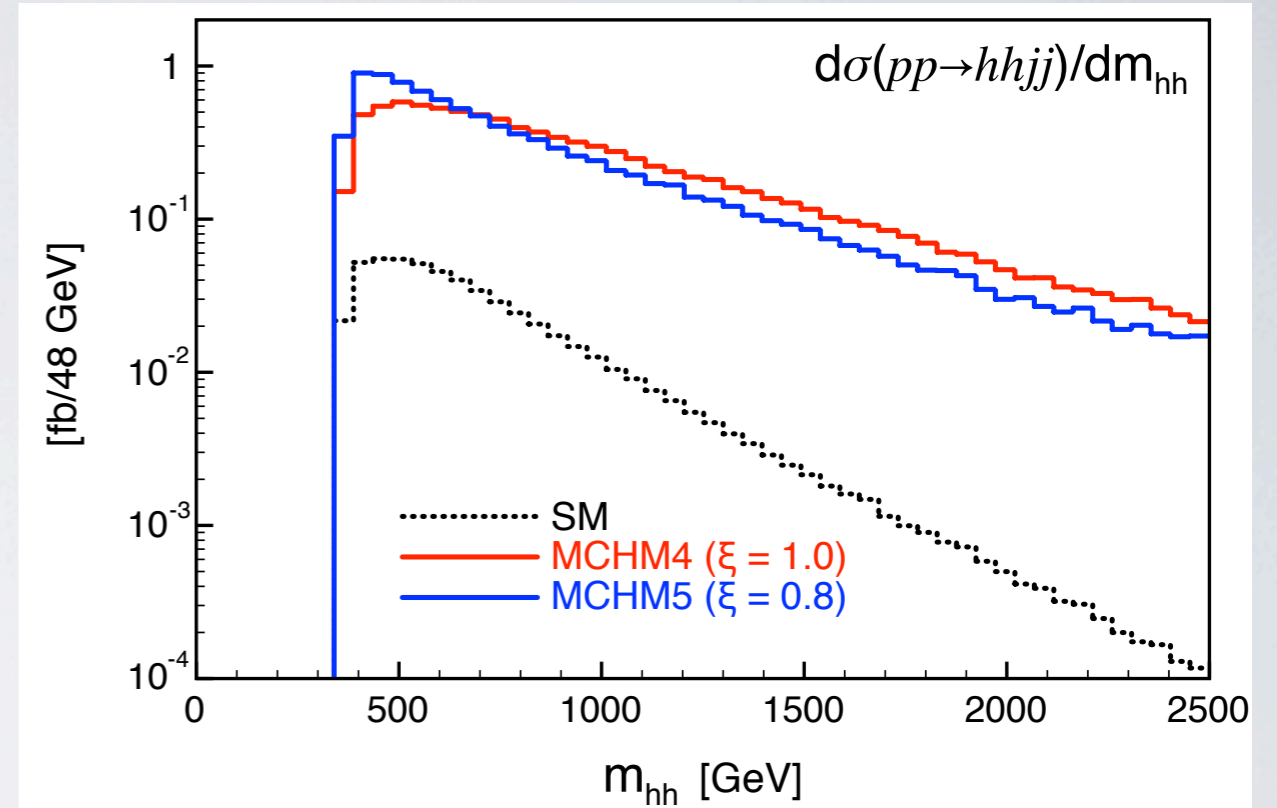
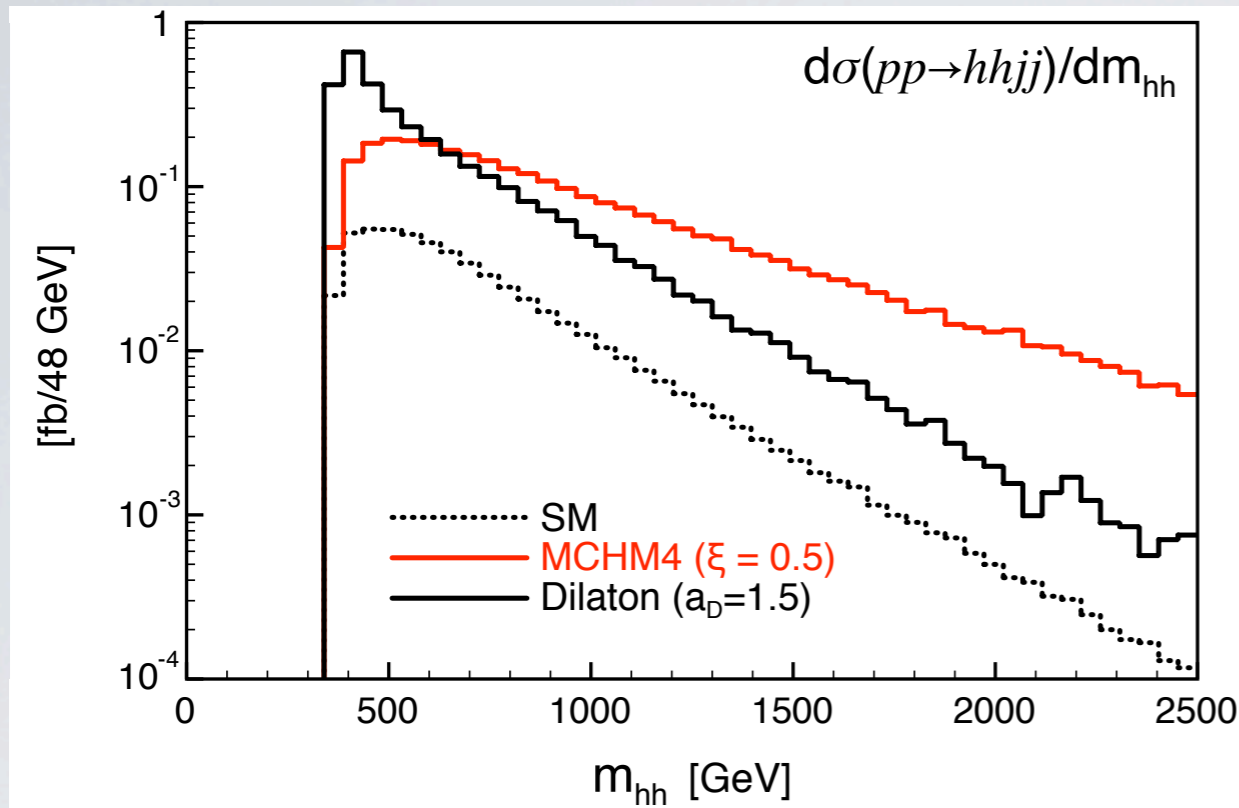
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$$V(h) = \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 h^2 + d_3 \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{3m_h^2}{v} \right) h^3 + d_4 \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{3m_h^2}{v^2} \right) h^4 + \dots$$

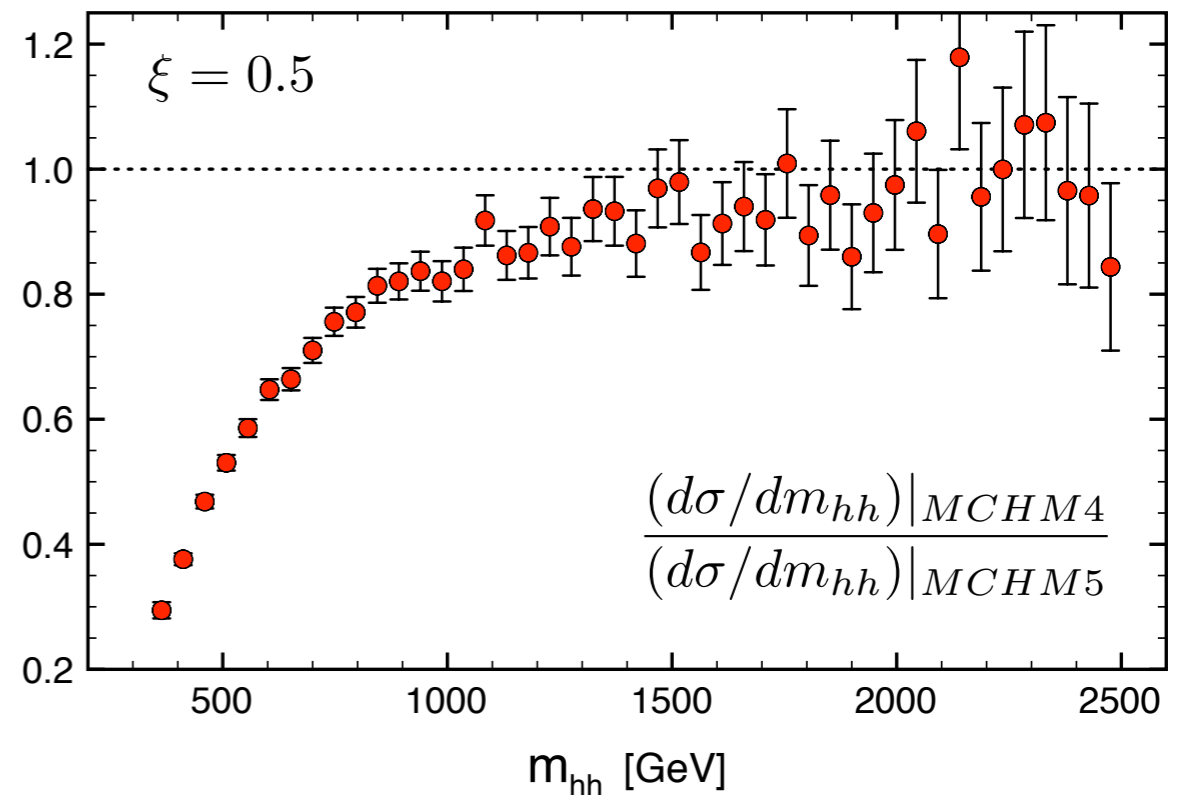
Coupling	MCHM4	MCHM5
$a = g_{hWW}/g_{hWW}^{SM}$	$\sqrt{1-\xi}$	$\sqrt{1-\xi}$
$b = g_{hhWW}/g_{hhWW}^{SM}$	$1-2\xi$	$1-2\xi$
$c = g_{hff}/g_{hff}^{SM}$	$\sqrt{1-\xi}$	$\frac{1-2\xi}{\sqrt{1-\xi}}$
$d_3 = g_{hhh}/g_{hhh}^{SM}$	$\sqrt{1-\xi}$	$\frac{1-2\xi}{\sqrt{1-\xi}}$

# Breaking the model degeneracy

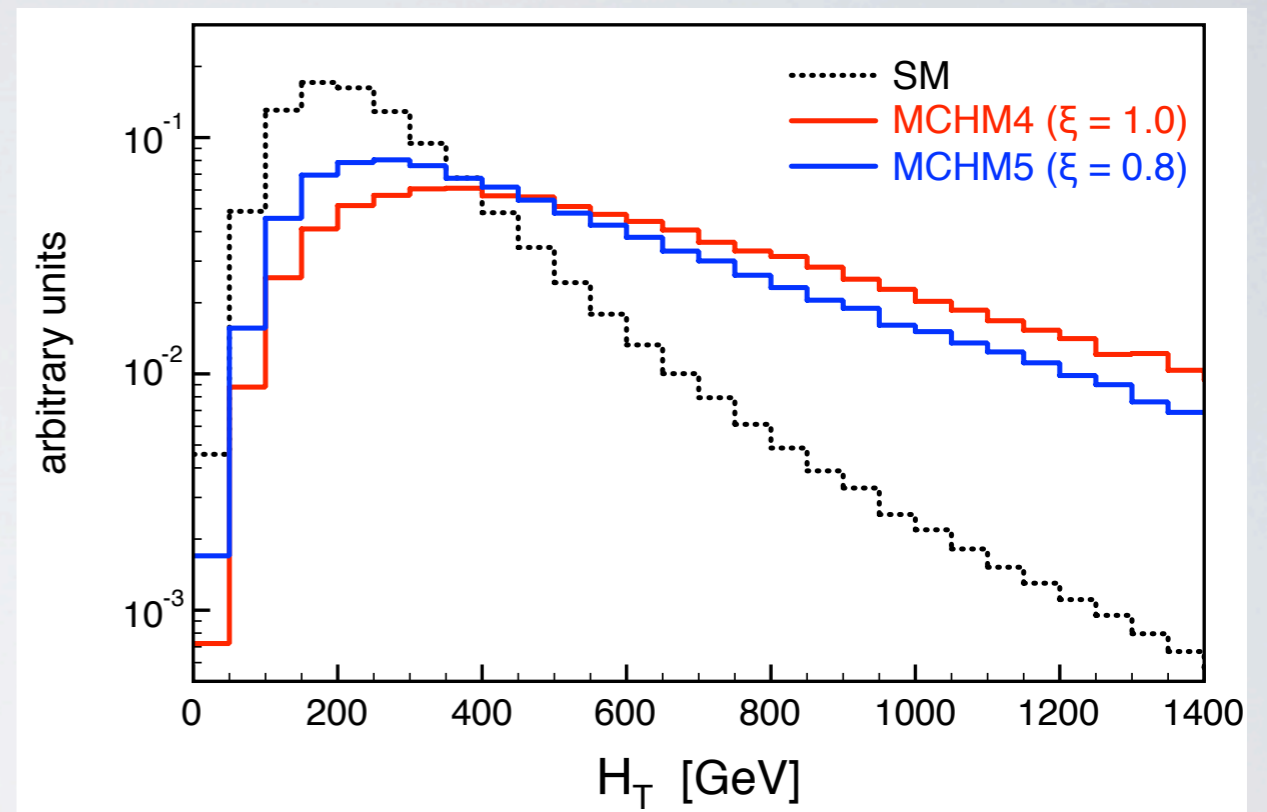
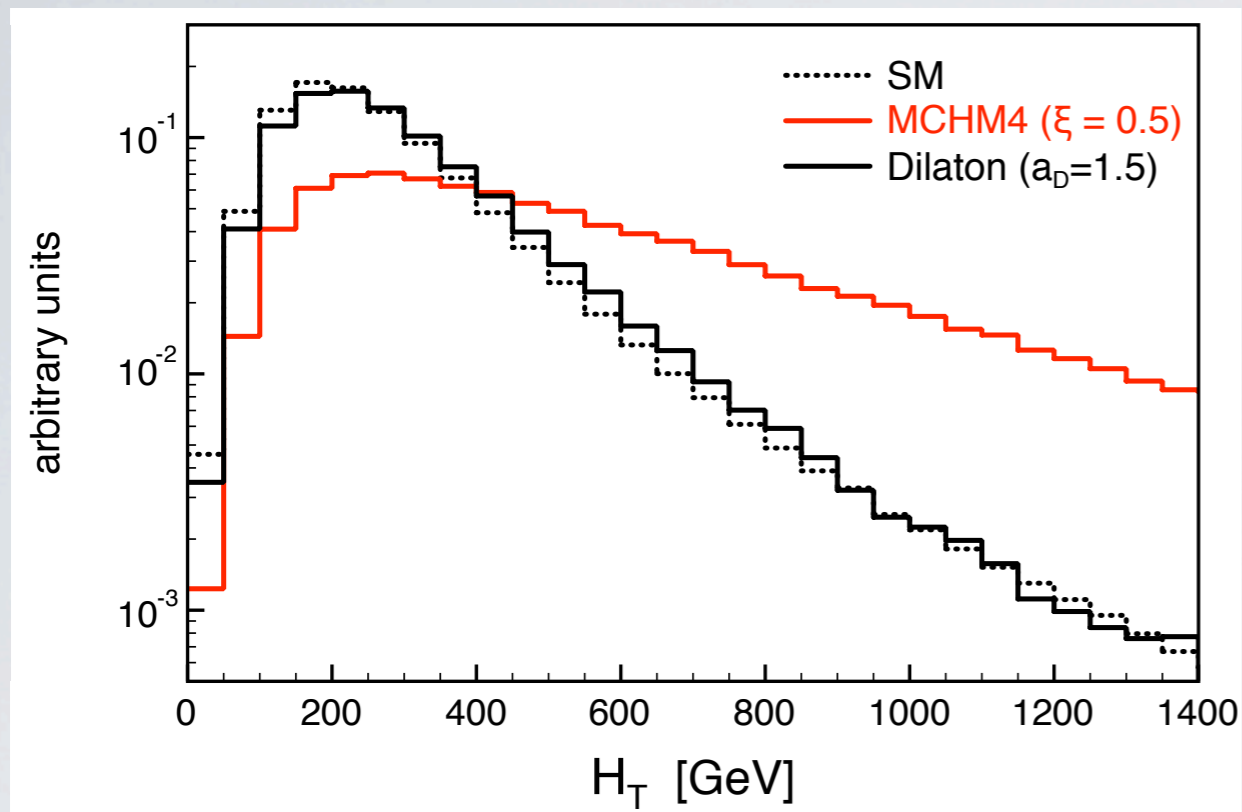


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{hh}^2} = \frac{1}{m_{hh}^2} \hat{\sigma}(W_i W_j \rightarrow hh) \rho_W^{ij}(m_{hh}^2/s, Q^2)$$

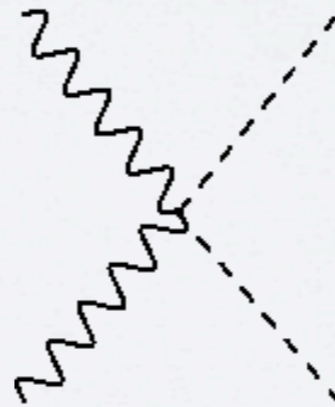
$$\rho_W^{ij}(\tau, Q^2) = \tau \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_{q_A}(x_1, Q^2) f_{q_B}(x_2, Q^2) \times \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^1 dz_2 P_A^i(z_1) P_B^j(z_2) \delta(x_1 x_2 z_1 z_2 - \tau)$$



# Breaking the model degeneracy



$$H_T = \sum_{i=1,2} |p_{TH_i}|$$



More central Higgses  
(larger  $H_T$ )

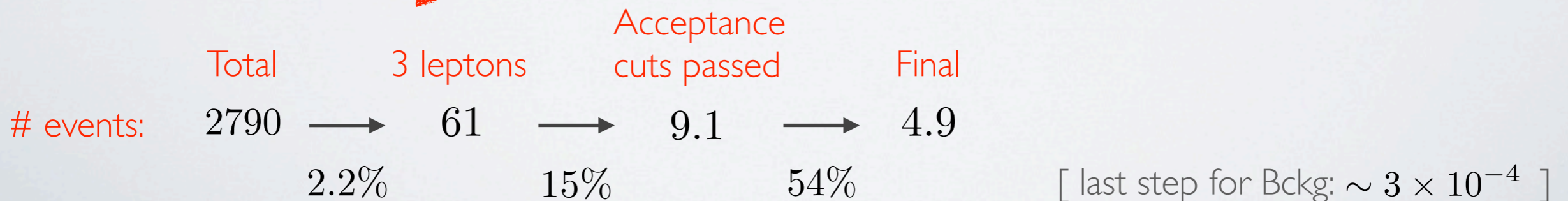
Signal pure s-wave

- Moral: extracting (a<sup>2</sup>-b) requires studying events at large m<sub>hh</sub> / H<sub>T</sub>

Problem: very few events:

$$pp \rightarrow hhjj \rightarrow 4Wjj \rightarrow \begin{cases} l^+l^+l^-l^- \cancel{E}_T + 2j \\ l^+l^-l^\pm \cancel{E}_T + 4j \\ l^{+(-)}l^{+(-)} \cancel{E}_T + 5j (6j) \end{cases}$$

# Events with 300 fb <sup>-1</sup>		3 leptons		2 SS leptons		4 leptons	
		signal	bckg.	signal	bckg.	signal	bckg.
MCHM4	$\xi = 1$	4.9	1.1	15.0	16.6	1.3	0.08
	$\xi = 0.8$	3.3	1.2	10.1	18.3	0.9	0.14
	$\xi = 0.5$	1.5	1.4	4.9	21.0	0.4	0.23
MCHM5	$\xi = 0.8$	4.5	1.8	14.3	26.0	1.1	0.19
	$\xi = 0.5$	2.3	1.2	7.6	18.4	0.6	0.21
SM	$\xi = 0$	0.2	1.7	0.8	25.4	0.05	0.37



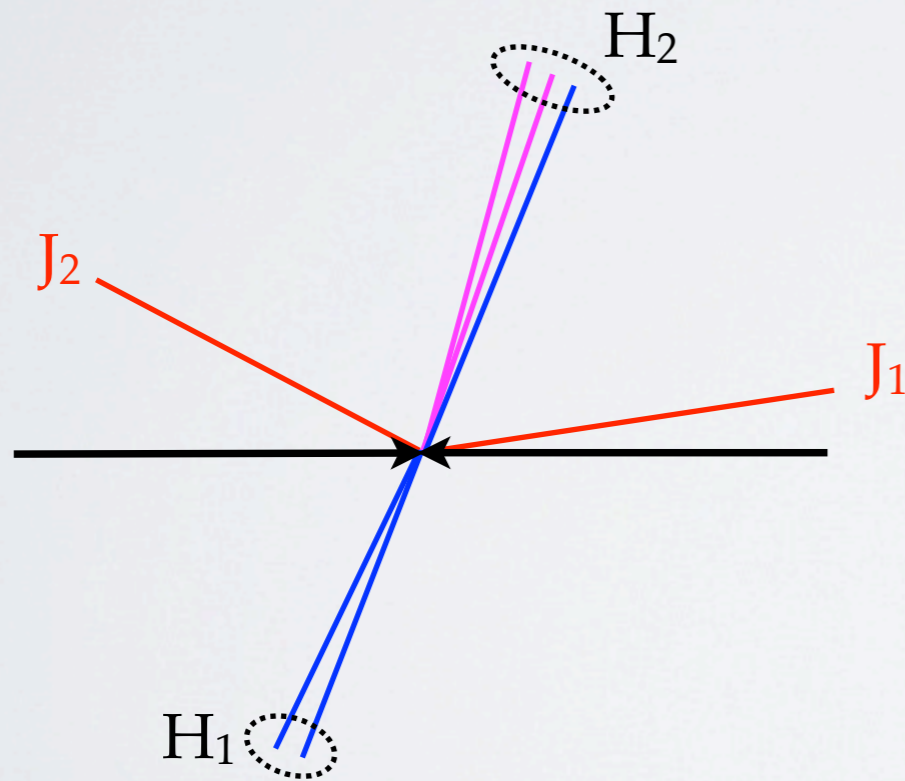


- Efficiency of `standard` cuts drastically drops for energetic (boosted) events

$$p_{Tj} > 30 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta_j| < 5 \quad \Delta R_{jj'} > 0.7$$

$$p_{Tl} > 20 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta_l| < 2.4 \quad \Delta R_{jl} > 0.4 \quad \Delta R_{ll'} > 0.2$$

The larger  $m(hh)$ , the more boosted the Higgses, the more collimated its decay products



	4 jets	3 jets (1 'fat')
No cut on $m_{hh}$	40%	17%
$m_{hh} > 750 \text{ GeV}$	36%	32%
$m_{hh} > 1500 \text{ GeV}$	18%	59%

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These events are lost with a standard analysis

# LUMINOSITY vs ENERGY UPGRADE

- With a tenfold Luminosity upgrade ( $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ) our analysis predicts:

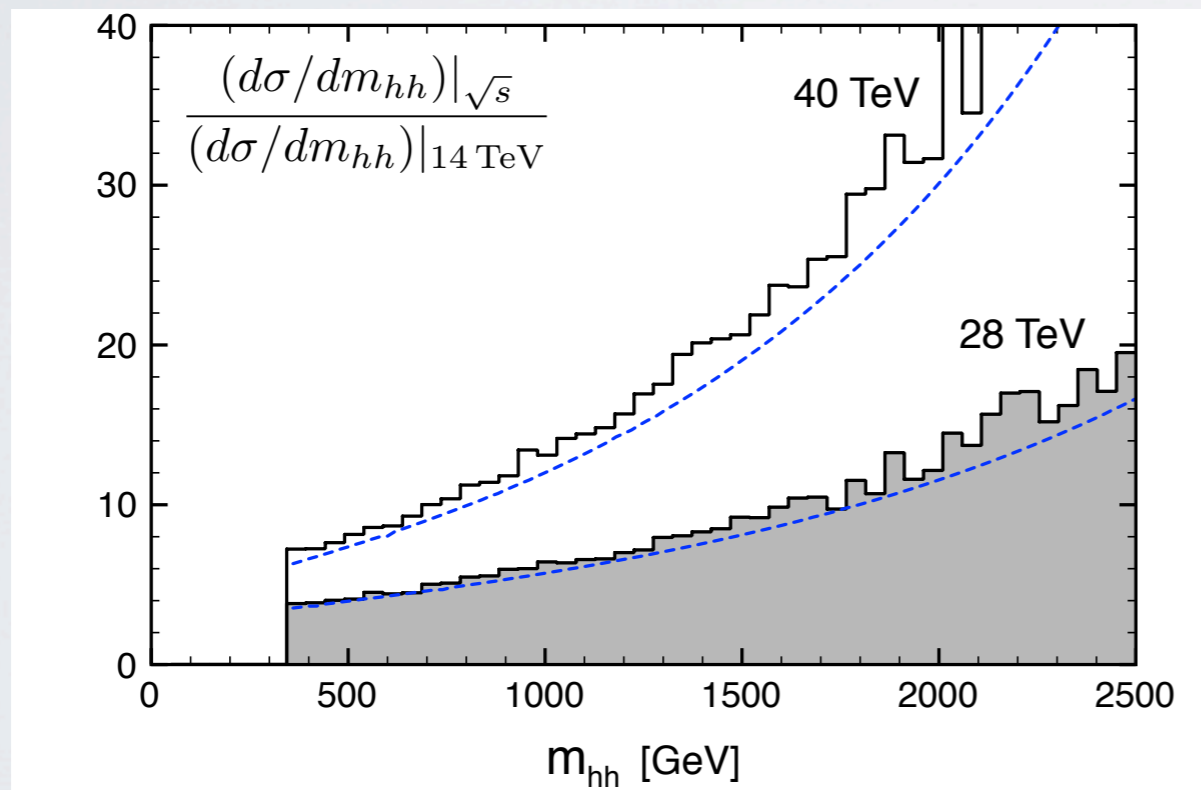
~ 50 three-lepton events

~ 150 two same-sign lepton events



even with a standard strategy should be possible to extract the energy growing behavior of the signal

- With a higher-energy collider one can probe larger values of  $m_{hh}$



Luminosity upgrade as effective as a 28 TeV collider to study the signal

Full optimized analysis required to properly estimate the background

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{hh}^2} = \frac{1}{m_{hh}^2} \hat{\sigma}(W_i W_j \rightarrow hh) \rho_W^{ij}(m_{hh}^2/s, Q^2)$$

# CONCLUSIONS

- LHC goal: Unraveling the mechanism of EWSB  
main question: weak or strong ?
- $WW \rightarrow hh$  only process to probe the  $(hhWW)$  coupling  
LHC reach ( $3\sigma$ ) with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :  $\xi \sim 1$   
 $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ :  $\xi \sim 0.5$
- Model dependency due to the trilinear coupling important
- New strategy (e.g. using jet substructure) required to study events at large  $m_{hh}$
- Additional channels to be studied ( ex:  $hh \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$  )