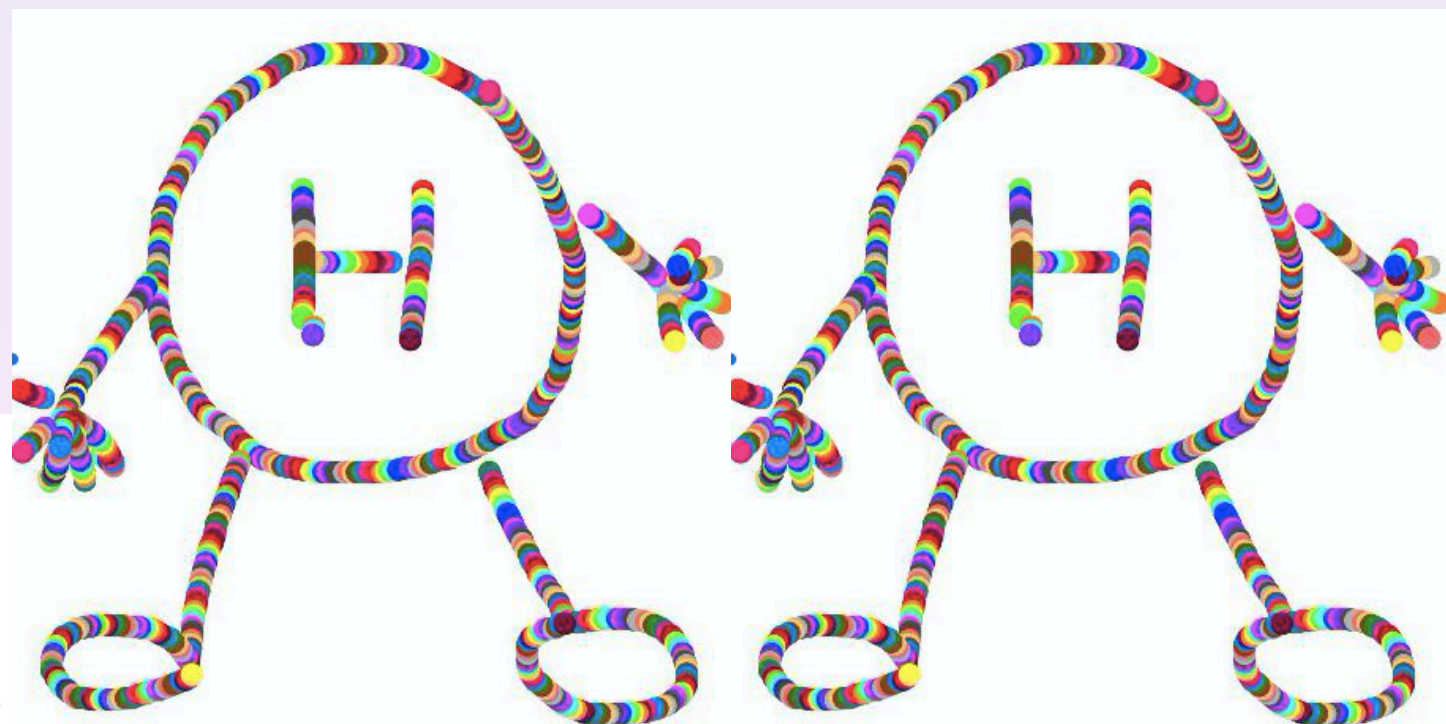


# Towards $HHH$ in a global EFT fit

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talk based on discussions with various theory and  
experimental colleagues

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# Outline

- Effective Field Theory for  $HH$
- $HH$  at NLO
- single Higgs production and global fit

# Effective Theory for the Higgs boson

There exist two fundamentally different choices for an EFT.

## SMEFT

The Higgs boson transforms in a  $SU(2)$  doublet. The Lagrangian contains all possible operators allowed by the symmetries. Ordering by operator dimension and suppression

$$(1/\Lambda)^n$$

leading Higgs deviations for  $n=2$ .

Different choices of operators connected by equations of motion.

Warsaw basis

SILH basis

equivalent for  $HH$

## HEFT (or Electroweak Chiral Lagrangian)

Higgs transforms as gauge singlet.

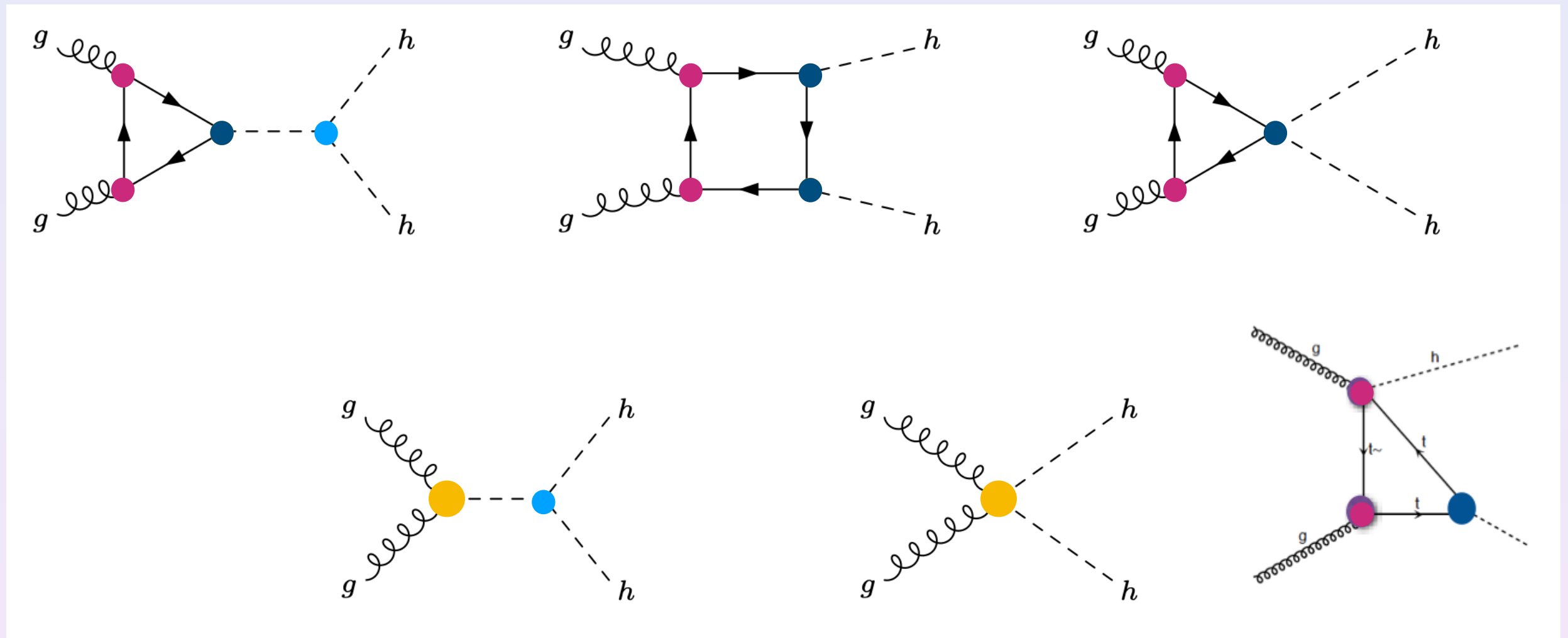
Based on chiral perturbation theory.

Ordering of operators not unique but for instance by chiral dimension.

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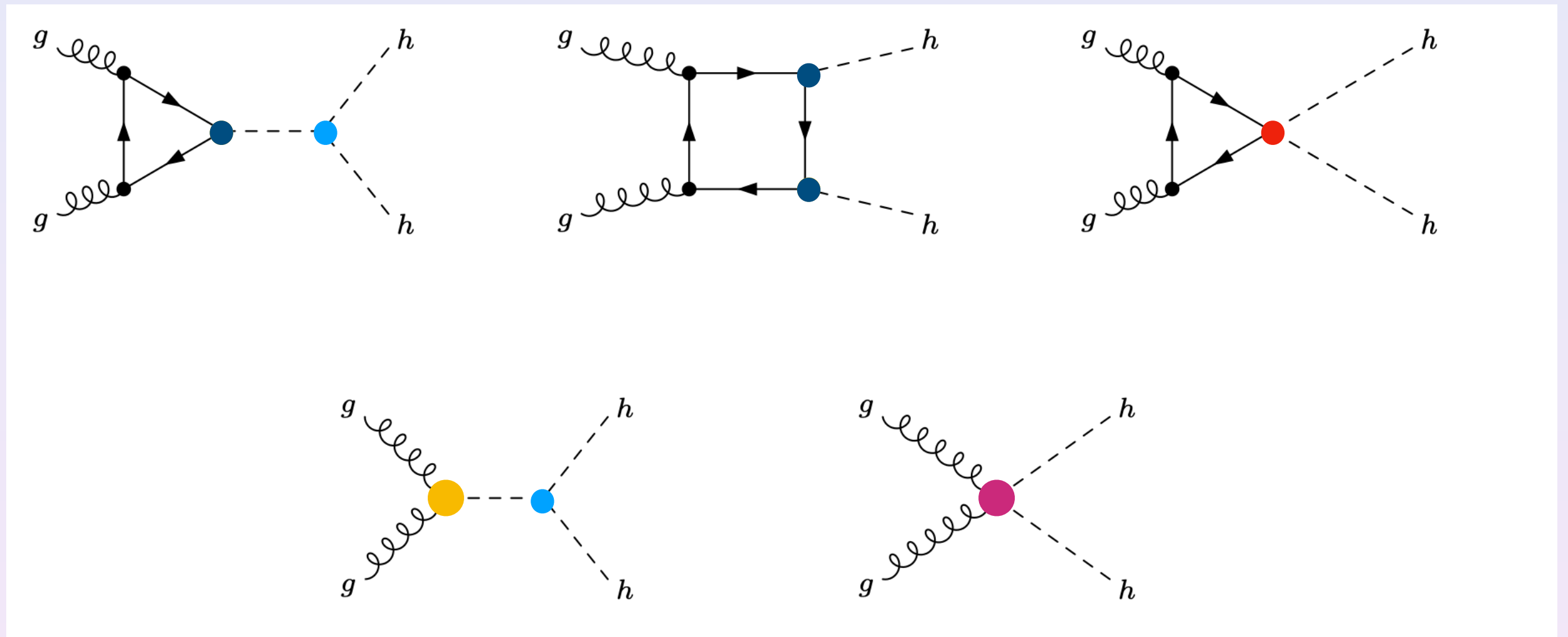
SMEFT:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{c_H}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger \partial_\mu H)^2 + \frac{c_6}{\Lambda^2} |H|^6 + \frac{c_g}{\Lambda^2} |H|^2 G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \frac{y_t c_y}{\Lambda^2} \bar{Q}_L \tilde{H} t_R |H|^2 + h.c. + \frac{c_{tG}}{\Lambda^2} \bar{Q}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} T^a \tilde{H} t_R G_{\mu\nu}^a + h.c.$$

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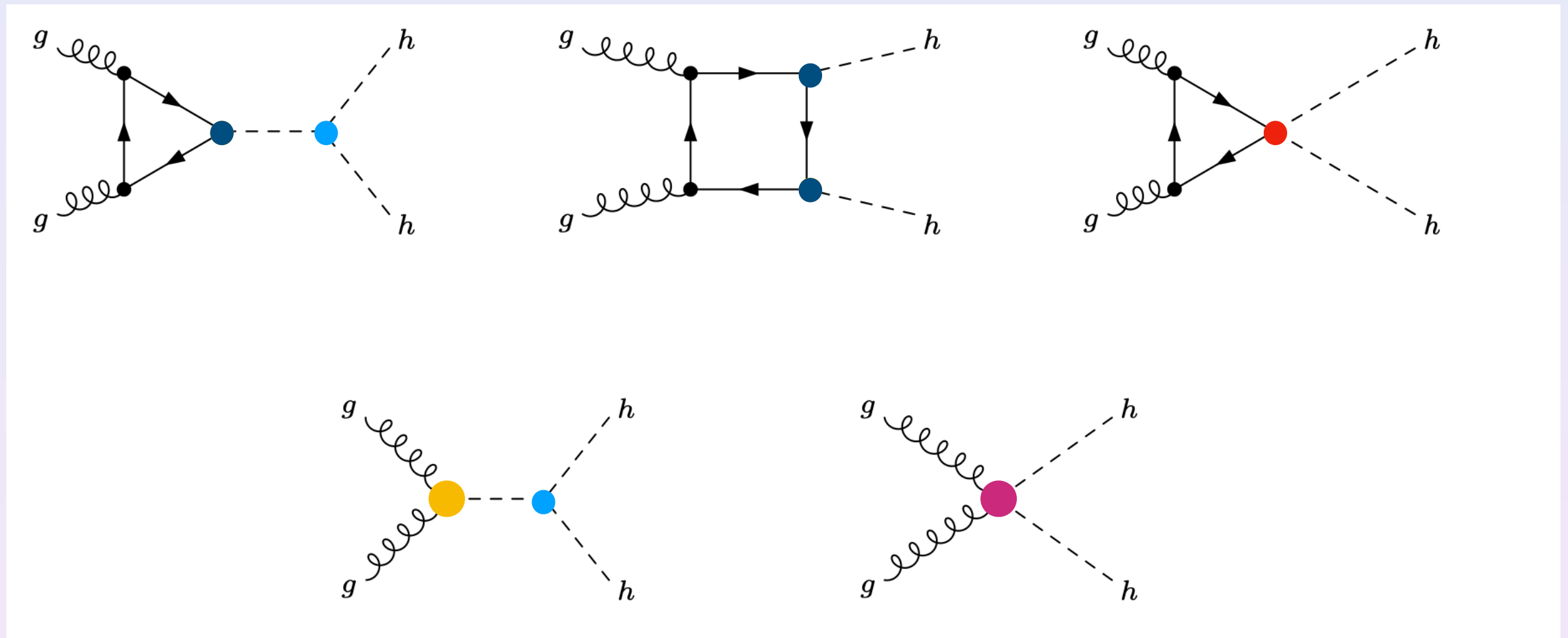
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# HEFT/SMEFT for HHH?

## HEFT

- ⊕ NLO results available  
[Buchalla et al '18; Heinrich et al '20]
- ⊕ di-Higgs is THE place to probe differences in one or two Higgs couplings
- ⊖ many more couplings only in HHH: degeneracies?
- ⊖ UV models that don't linearise to SMEFT?

## SMEFT

- ⊕ contains dipole operator (which by power counting is expected to be of higher order though)
- ⊕ Combination with single Higgs fits simpler



# HH at NLO

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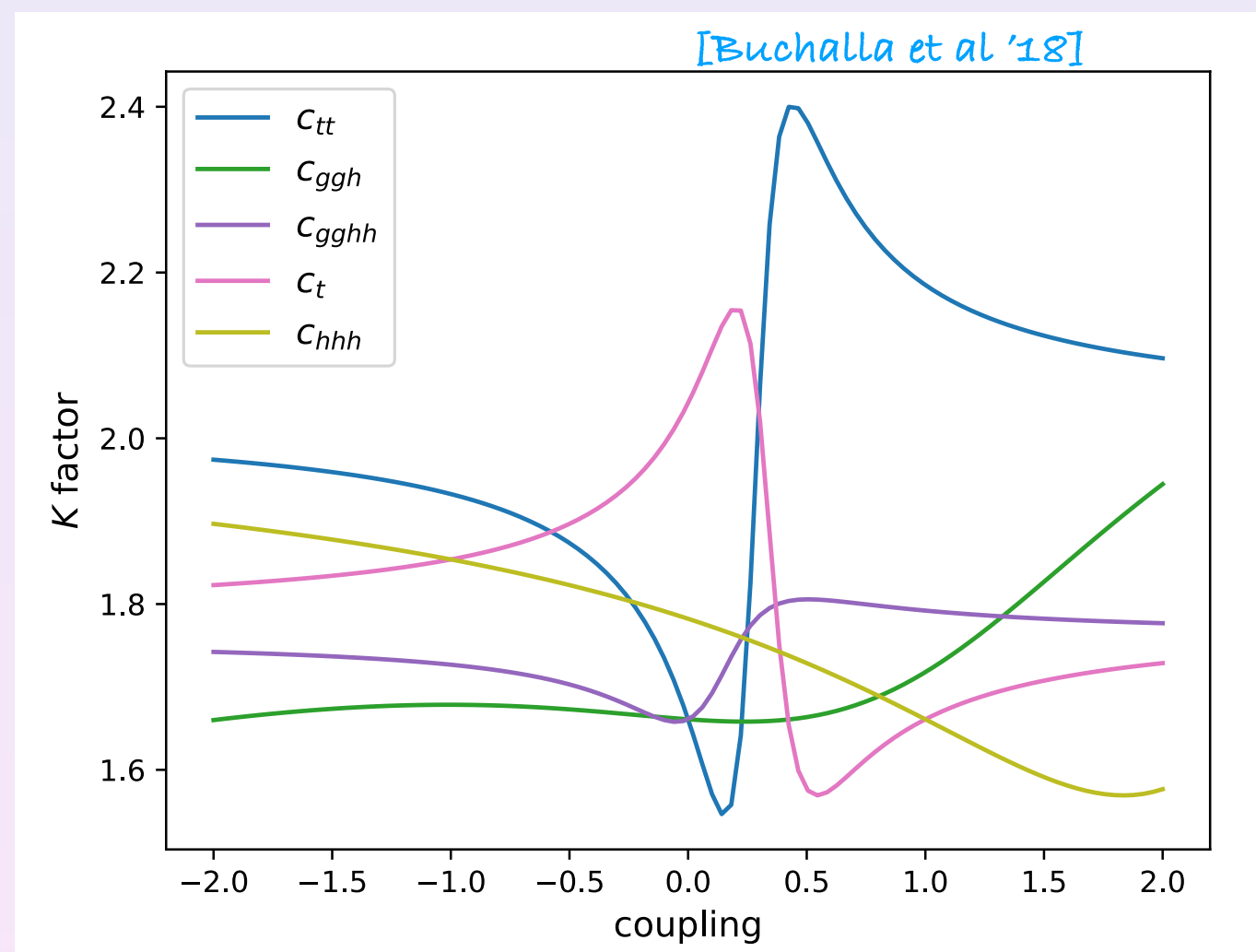
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*Strong dependence on EFT coefficient!*

Problem:

Uncertainties to be understood:

- large  $m_t$  renormalization scheme uncertainty  
[Baglio et al. '19, Baglio et al. '20]
- intrinsic uncertainty from numerical evaluation



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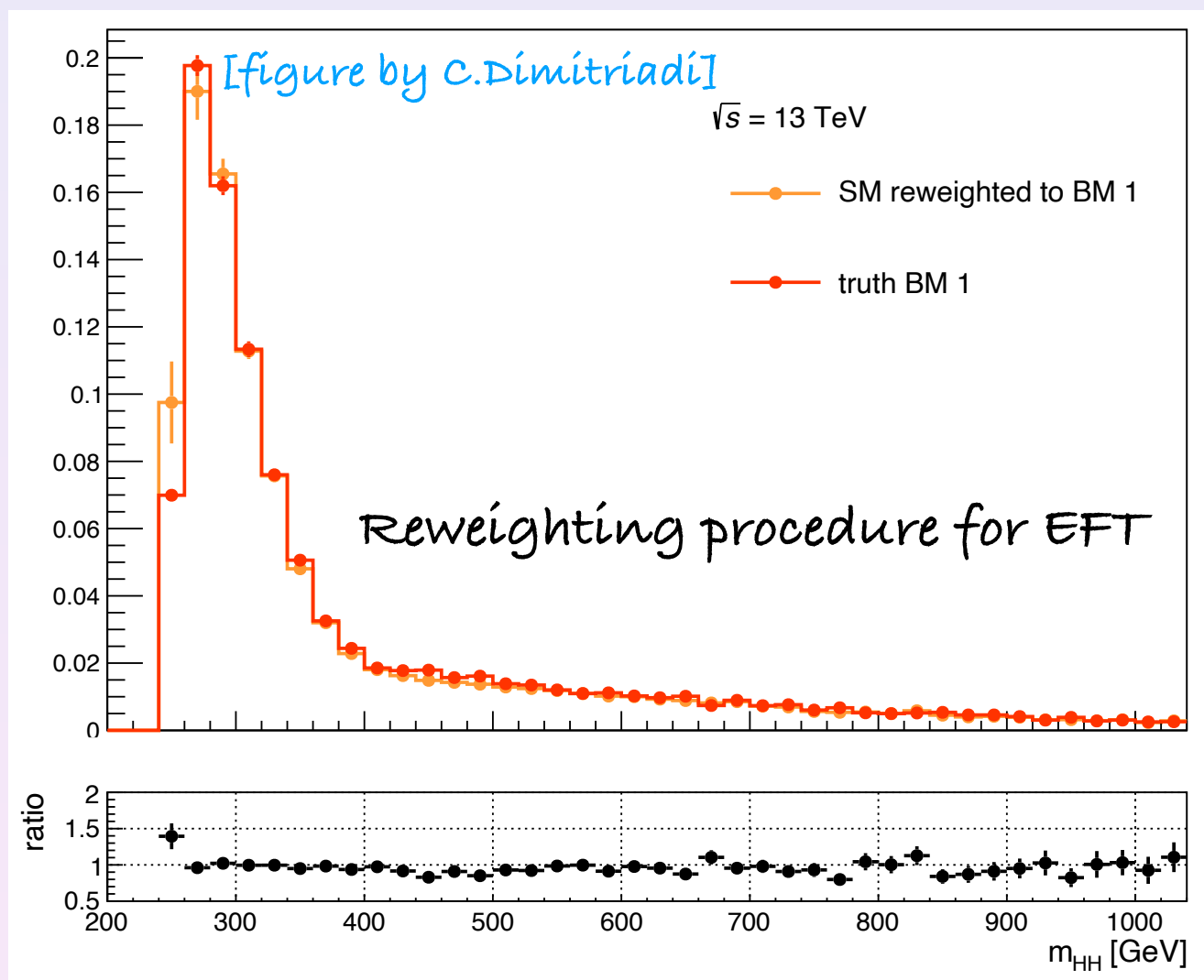
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Recommendations on the way

[Alasfar, Cadamuro, Dimitriadis, Ferrari, RG, Heinrich, Lang, Ördet, Pereira Sanchez, Scyboz]

Benchmarks by

[Carvalho, Dall'Osso, Dorigo, Goertz, Gottardo '15]

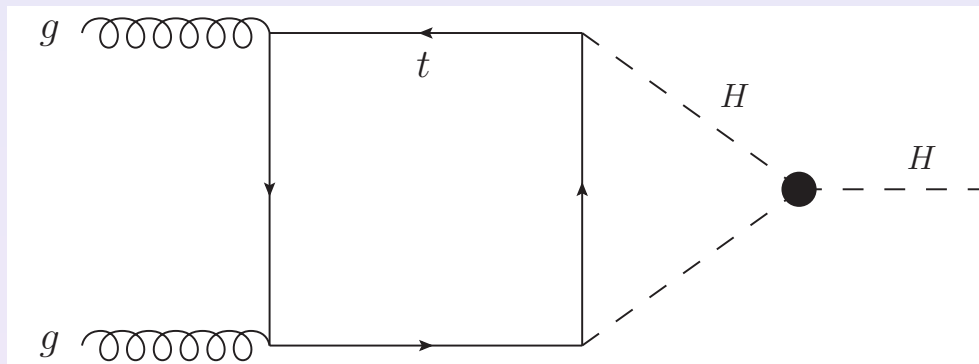
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[McCullough '14, Gorbahn,  
Haïsch '16, Degrandi,  
Giardino, Maltoni, Paganì  
'16, Bizon, Gorbahn,  
Haïsch Zanderighi '16]

Global fit necessary, including  $HH$  and differential measurements to resolve degeneracies

[Di Vita, Grojean, Panico,  
Rimbau, Vantalon '17,  
Maltoni, Paganì, Shivaji,  
Zhao '18]

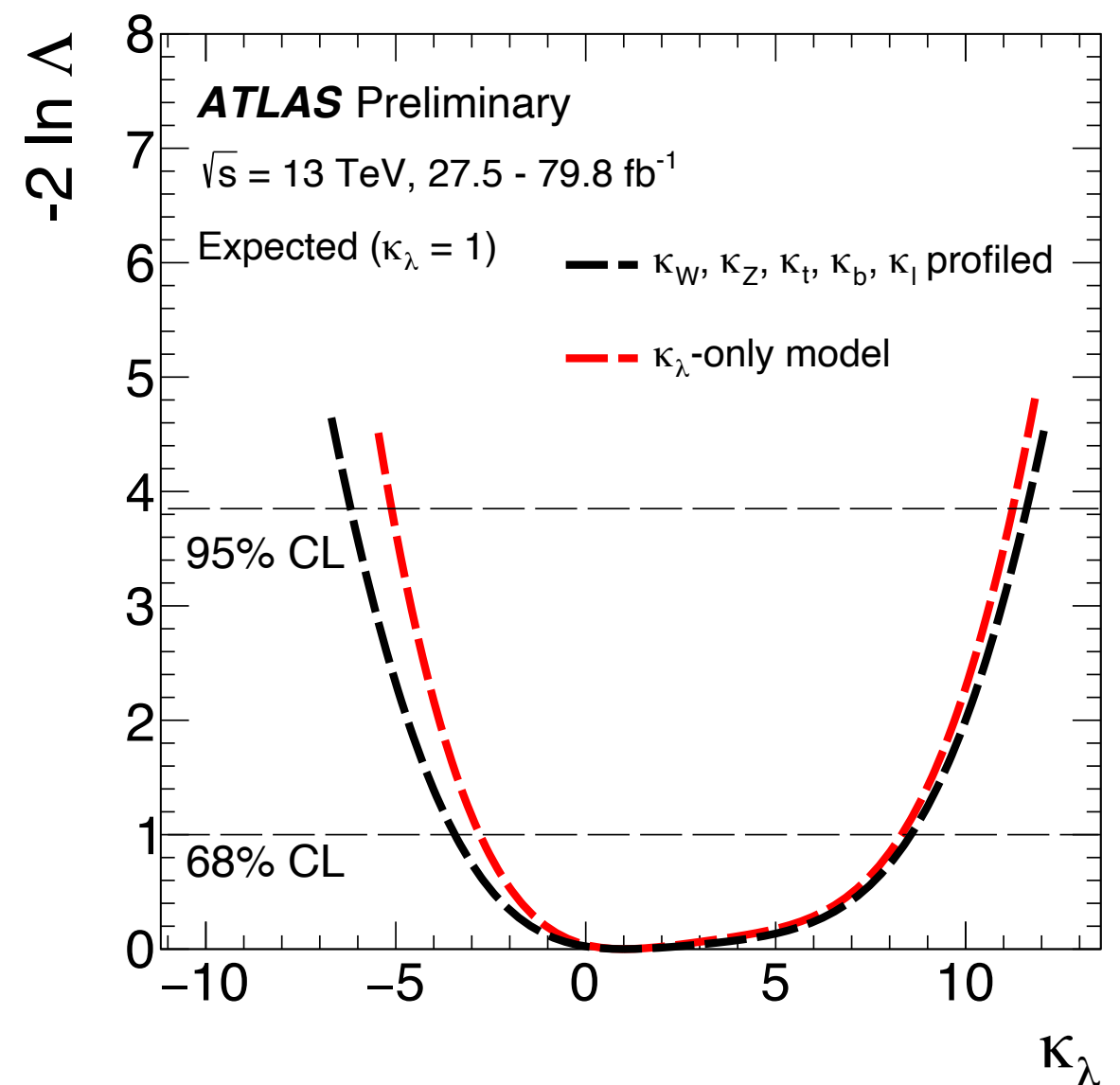
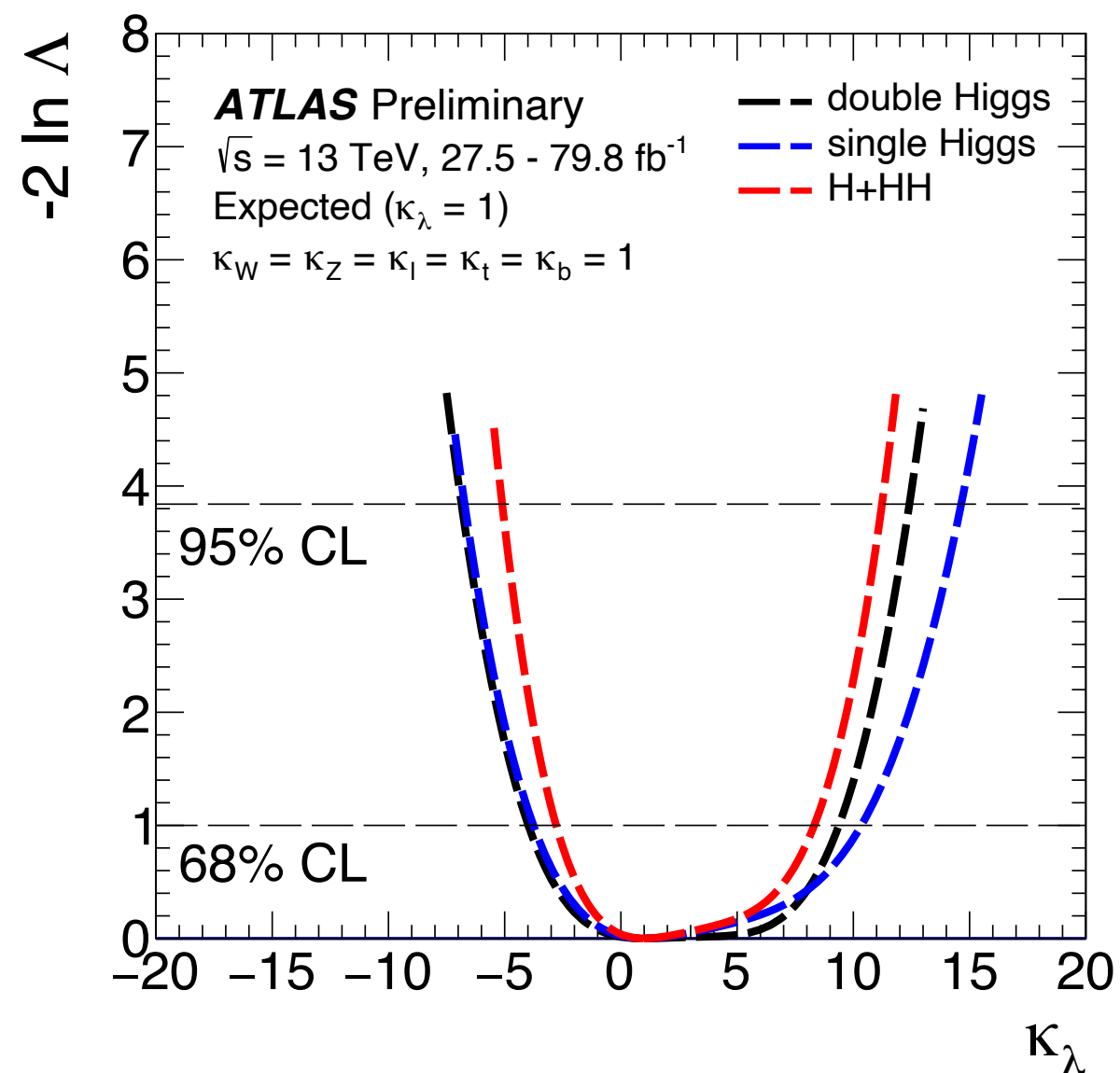
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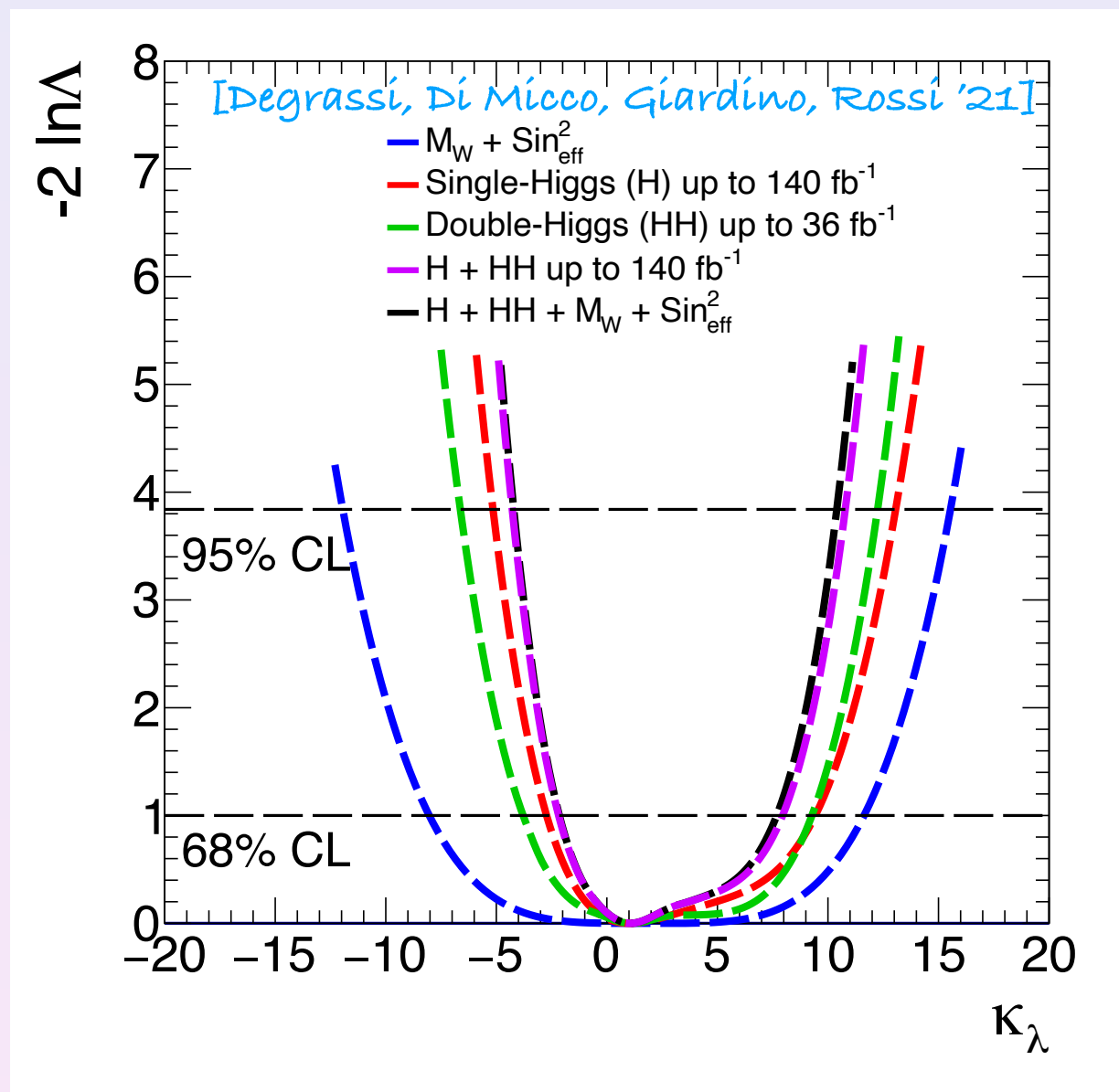
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Trilinear Higgs self-coupling enters also in  
electroweak precision  
observables

[Degrassi, Fedele, Giardino '17,  
Kribs, Maier, Rzehak,  
Spannowsky, Waite '17]

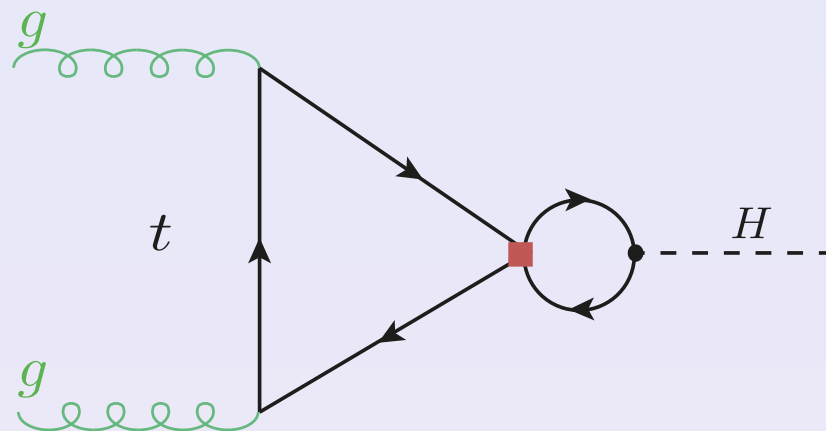
Impact on fit though small

[Degrassi, Di Micco, Giardino,  
Rossi '21]



# Operators entering at NLO

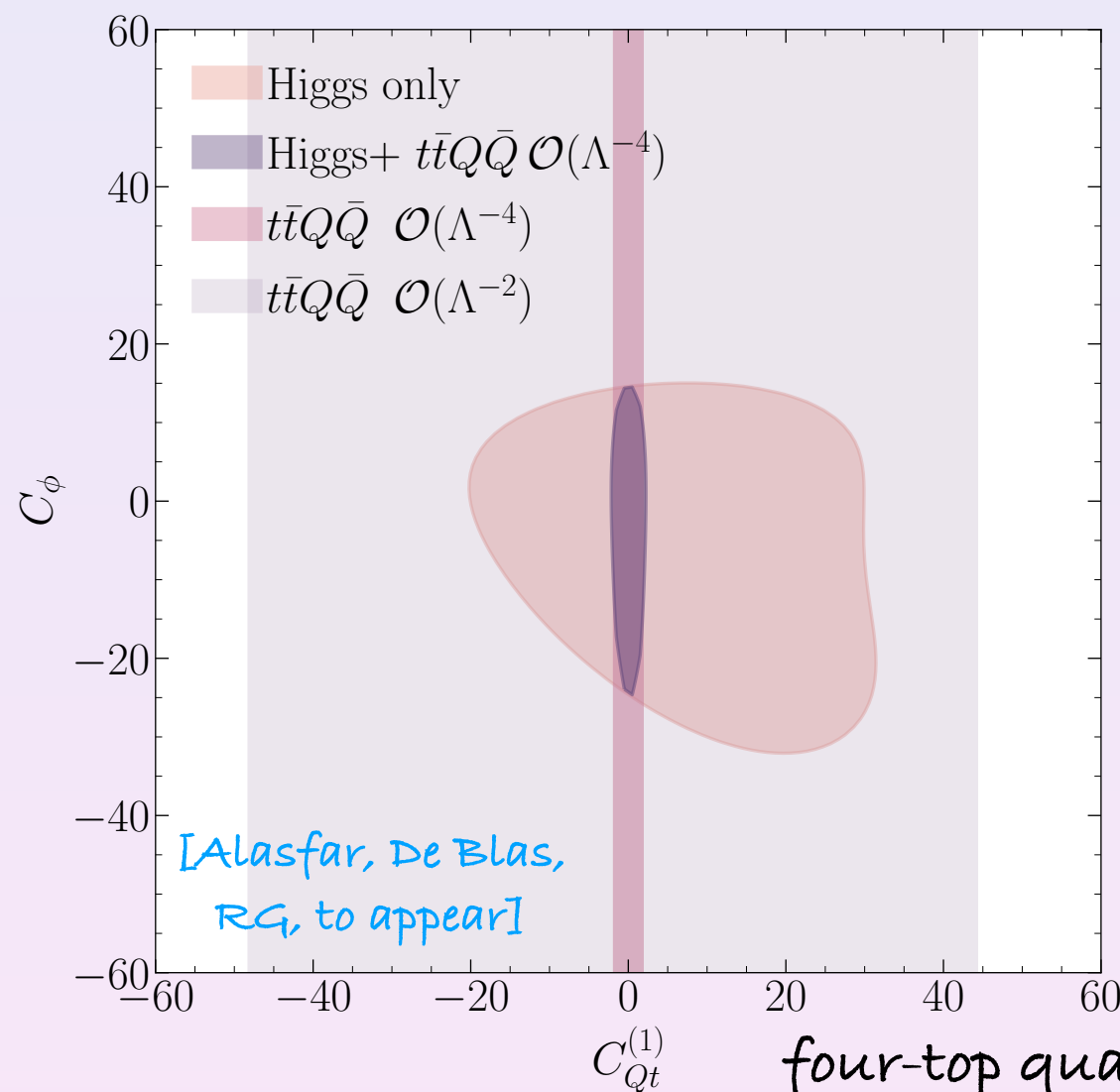
But is it enough to include the tree-level operators into the global fit?



E.g. poorly constrained four-fermion operators enter at NLO to single Higgs production

[work in progress with L. Alasfar and J. De Blas]

self-coupling  
modification



[bounds from 4 top  
production from SMEFIT  
collaboration '21]

four-top quark singlet operator

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