

# Predictions for multiple H production: comparing HEFT and SMEFT

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# Outline

1. SM, SMEFT and HEFT
2.  $W_L W_L \rightarrow n \times h$  VBS: theory predictions
3.  $W_L W_L \rightarrow n \times h$  VBS: SMEFT pheno suppression

## • SM:

- Complex doublet H
- Renormalizable (canonical dim.  $D \leq 4$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = \mathcal{L}_{D \leq 4}$$

## • SMEFT:

- Complex doublet H around  $H=0$
- Non-renormalizable (canonical dim. expansion.)

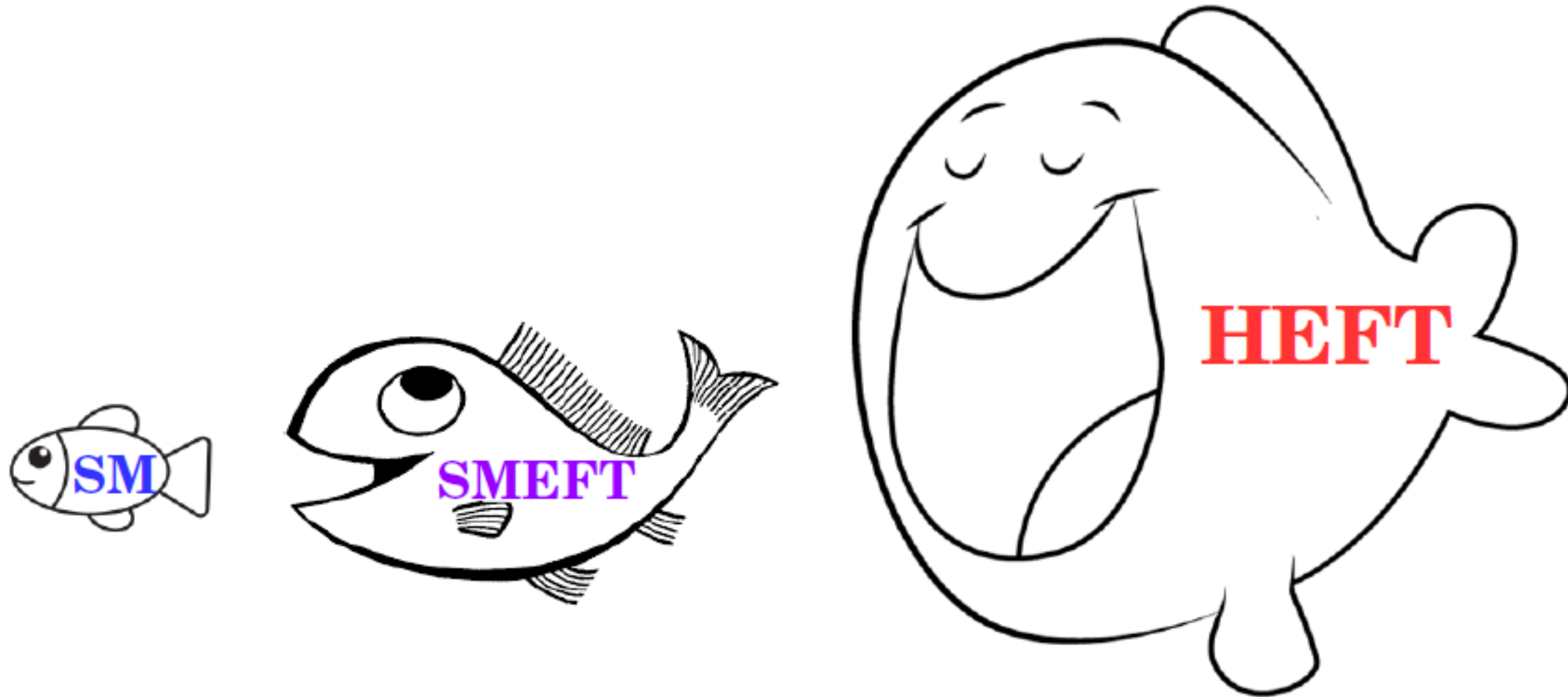
$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(D \leq 4)} + \sum_{D > 4} \frac{c_i^{(D)}}{\Lambda^{D-4}} O_i^{(D)}$$

## • HEFT ( = EWChL = EWET )

- 3 EW Goldstones + 1 singlet Higgs h (indep.)
- Non-renormalizable (chiral expansion.)

$$\mathcal{L}_{HEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{p^2} + \mathcal{L}_{p^4} + \dots$$

$$[w/ \mathcal{L}_{SM} \subset \mathcal{L}_{p^2}]$$



(x) See, e.g., Alonso,Jenkins,Manohar, PLB 754 (2016) 335-342; PLB 756 (2016) 358-364; JHEP 08 (2016) 101; Cohen,Craig,Lu,Sutherland, JHEP 03 (2021) 237; JHEP 12 (2021) 003; Brivio,Corbett,Éboli,Gavela,González-Fraile,González-García,Merlo,Rigolin, JHEP 03 (2014) 024; Agrawal,Saha,Xu,Yu,Yuan, PRD 101 (2020) 7, 075023; Gómez-Ambrosio,Llanes-Estrada,Salas-Bernárdez,SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; Commun.Theor.Phys. 75 (2023) 9, 095202; Dawson,Fontes,Quezada-Calonge,SC, 2311.16897 [hep-ph]; PRD 108 (2023) 5, 055034; Arco,Domenech,Herrero,Morales, PRD 108 (2023) 9, 095013;

- Relevant HEFT Lagrangian at LO,  $O(p^2)$  in this work \*:
  - kinematics well over  $WW$  threshold:  $s \gg m_W^2 \sim m_h^2$
  - Mass corrections neglected
  - Chiral LO: only  $O(\partial^2)$  derivative operators
  - Equivalence theorem appr.:  $W_L \approx \omega$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu h)^2 + \frac{v^2}{4}\mathcal{F}(h) \text{Tr} \left\{ \partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U \right\}$$

w/ the SU(2)-singlet “Flare” function,

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + a_3 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^3 + a_4 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^4 + \dots$$

**Other notation:**  $\kappa_V \equiv a \equiv a_1/2$  ,  $\kappa_{2V} \equiv b \equiv a_2$

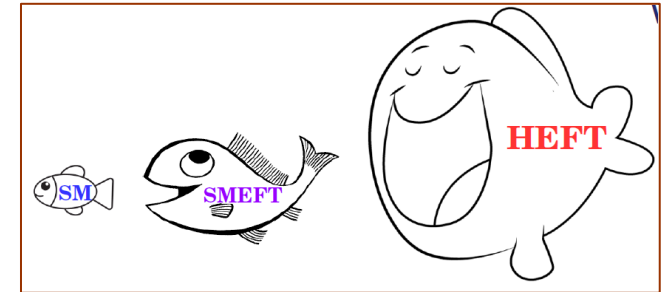
- Non-linear Goldstone realization:  $U(\omega) = 1 + i\sigma^a \omega^a / v + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$

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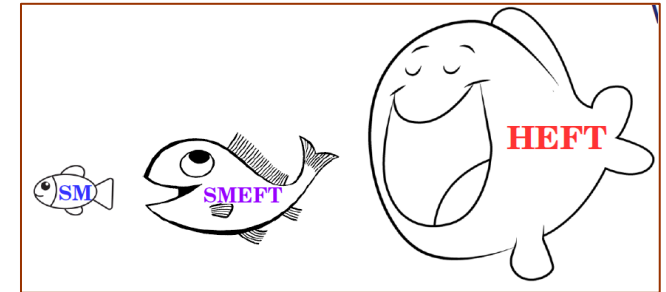
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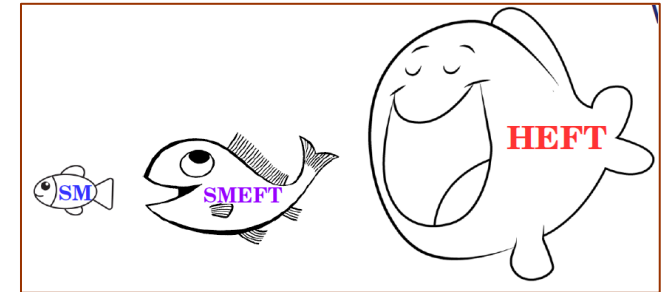
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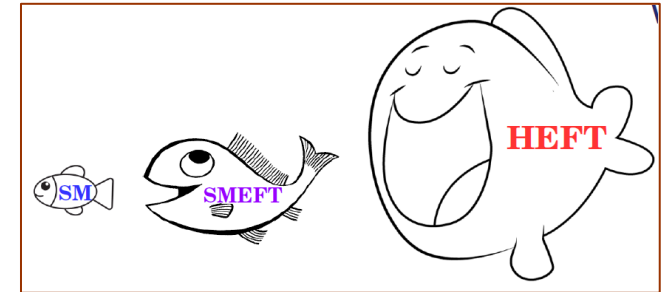
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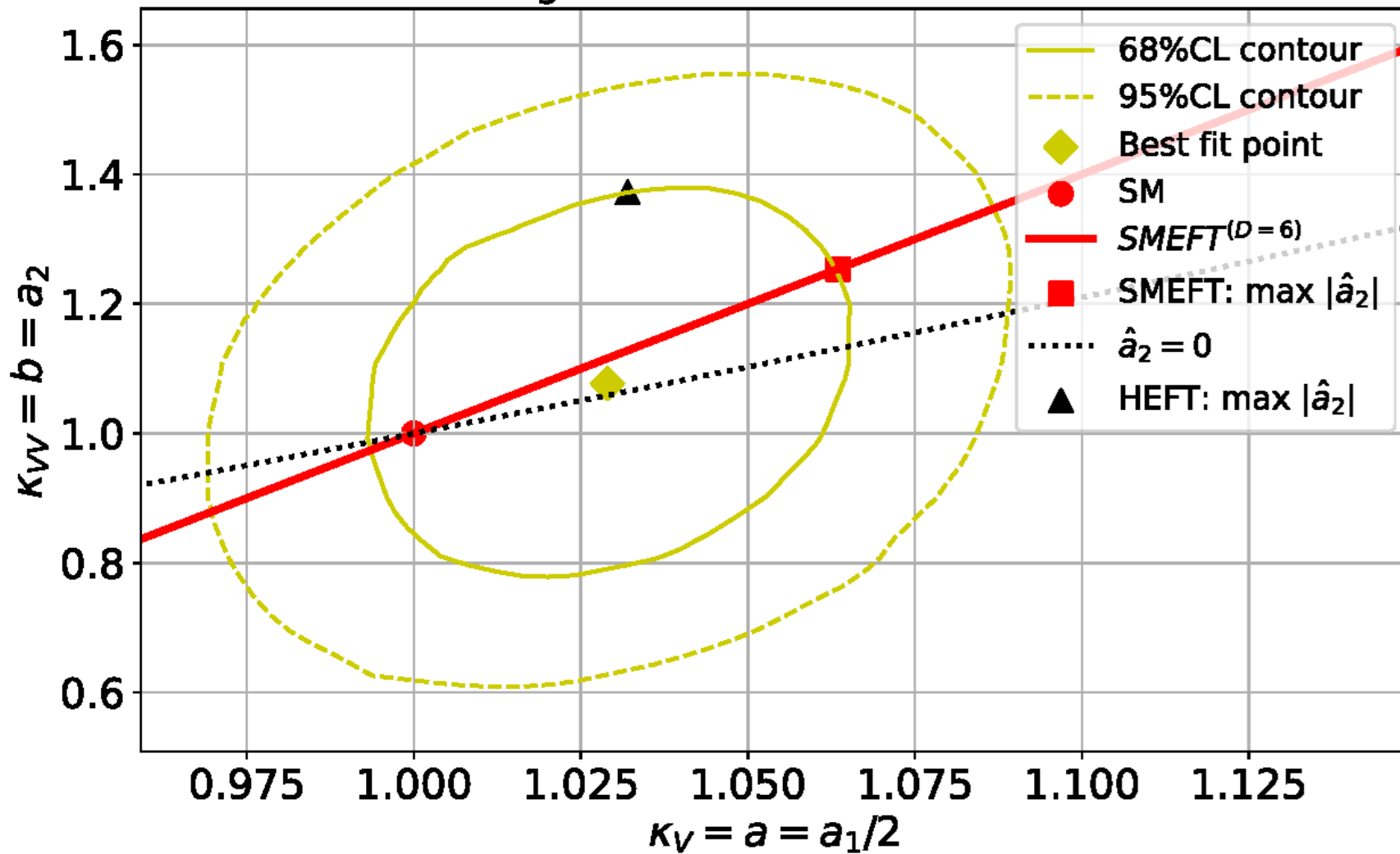
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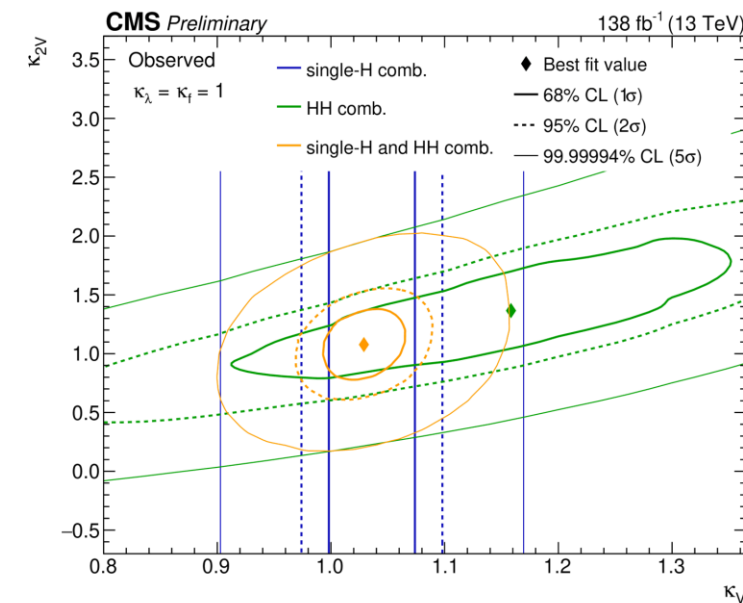
## Single-H and HH Combination



This SMEFT ( $D=6$ ) line is actually a hyper-line in the  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$  space

[  $\hat{a}_2 = 0$  is the line with vanishing  $\omega\omega \rightarrow hh$  scattering ]

Data from CMS-PAS-HIG-23-006:



$$\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$$

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} = -\frac{\hat{a}_2 s}{v^2}$$

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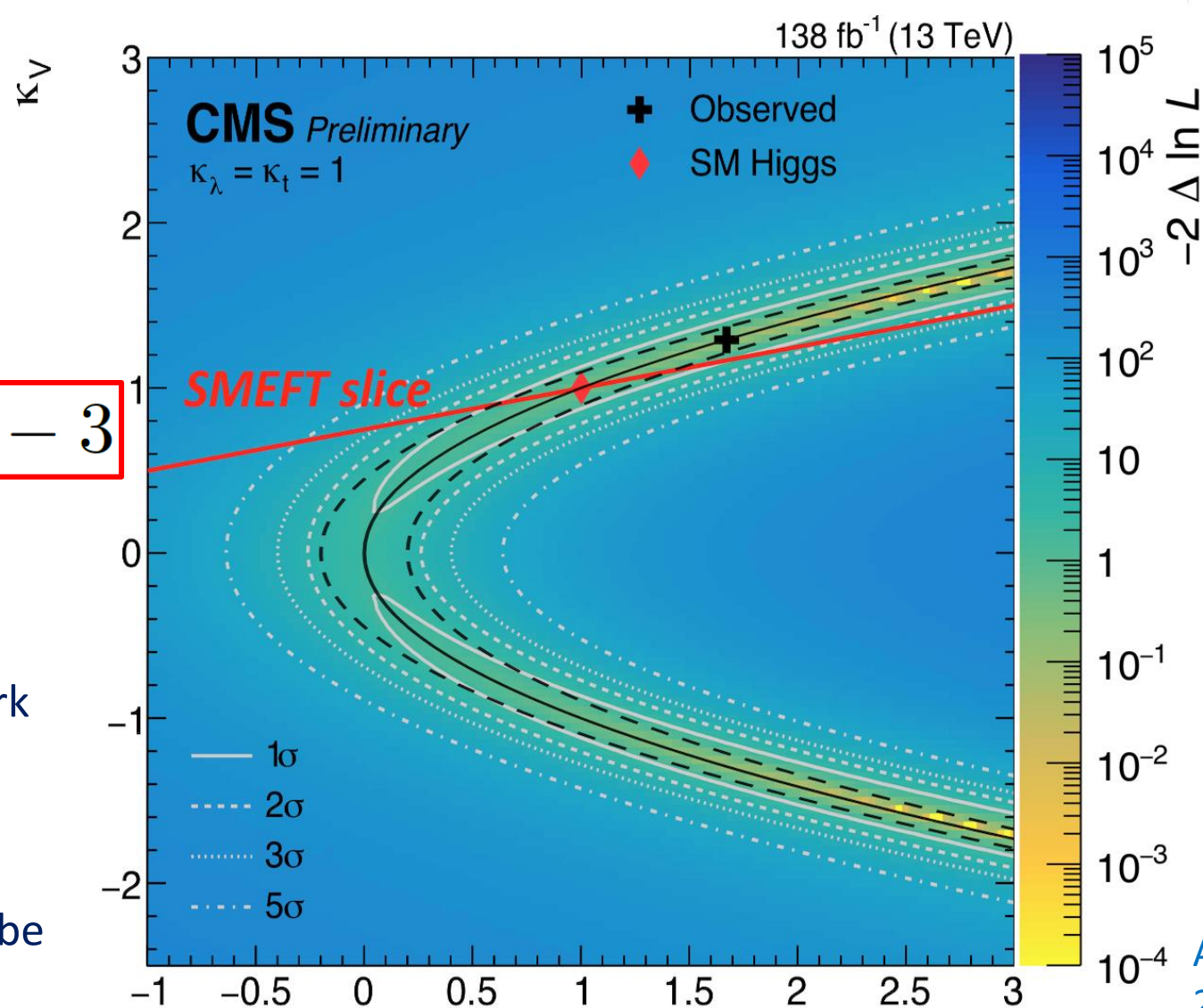
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(x) Gonzalez-Lopez, Herrero, Martinez-Suarez, EPJ C 81 (2021) 3, 260

(a)

$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$



$$[\hat{a}_2 = \pm 0.2]$$

The equivalence theorem approximations in this work seem to be in agreement with  $hh$ -production data

Indications that we might be  $O(10\%)$  close to the SM in  $(a, b)$

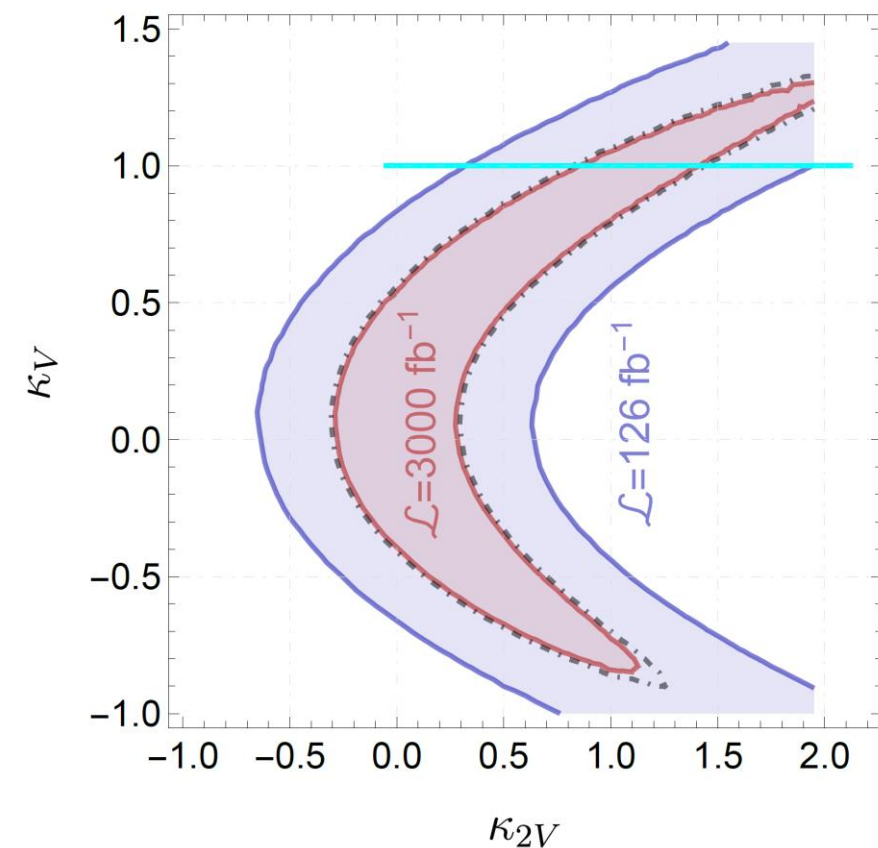
Also previous theoretical 2h-production for LHC\* noted important correlations between  $(\kappa_V, \kappa_{2V})$

**Figure 2.** a) CMS experimental confidence regions for the  $hWW$  coupling  $\kappa_V = a = a_1/2$  and for the  $hhWW$  coupling  $\kappa_{2V} = b = a_2$ , from a non-resonant  $hh$  production search with each Higgs boson decaying into a highly boosted  $b\bar{b}$  pair [77] (white lines and colour map in figure 11 from the additional material in CMS-B2G-22-003). b) CMS confidence regions from processes with one Higgs boson

(a) Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 041803 [2205.06667]

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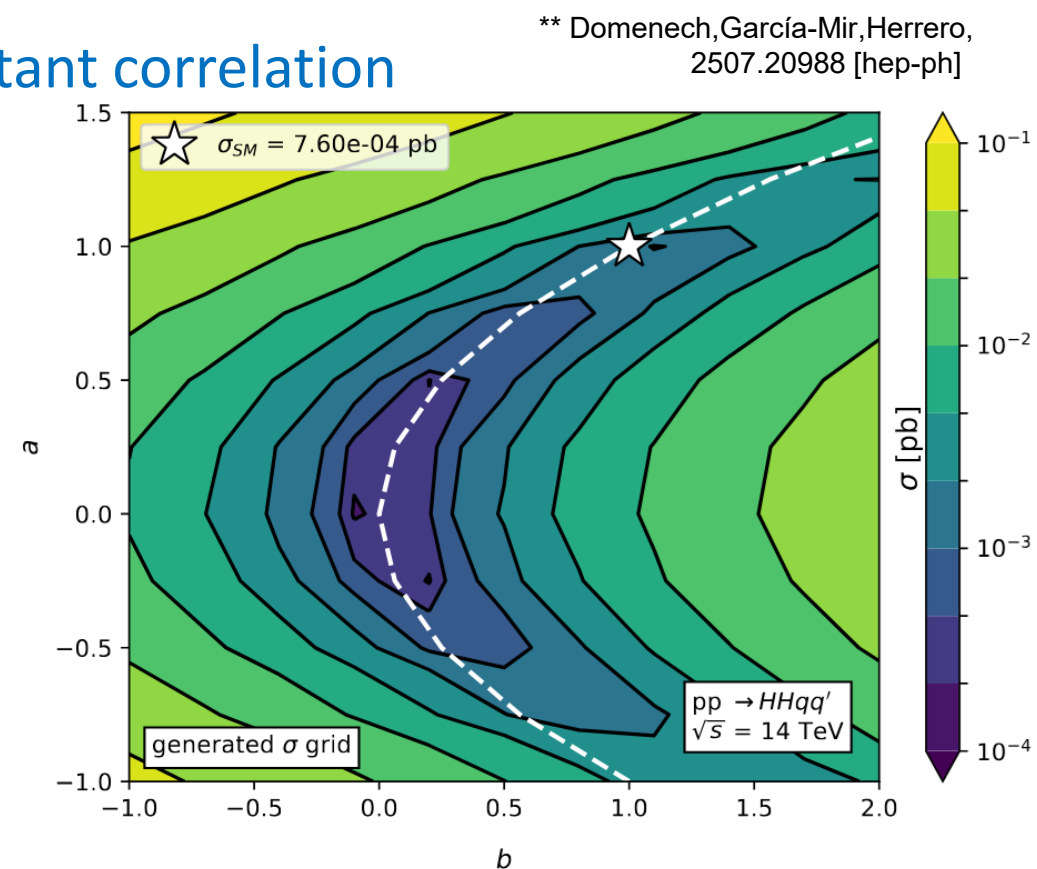


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simulations for LHC\*

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$$\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$$

Already in consideration  
for future analyses:

V. Brigljevic et al.,  
“**HHH Whitepaper**”  
2407.03015 [hep-ph]

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} = - \frac{3\hat{a}_3 s}{v^3}$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} = \frac{12\pi^3 \hat{a}_3^2}{s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3$$

• Relevant combination:

$$\hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{2}{3}a_1 \left( a_2 - a_1^2/4 \right) = a_3 - \frac{4}{3}a \left( b - a^2 \right)$$

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++ MCHM: Contino, Grojean, Pappadopulo, Rattazzi, Thamm,  
JHEP 02 (2014) 006

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\*\* LHC analysis: Anisha, Domenech, Englert, Herrero, Morales,  
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$\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$

1-crossed-propagator  
dimensionless angular function  
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$$T_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{v^4} \left( 3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B - 1) \right)$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 \left[ \left( 3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2 \right)^2 + 2 \left( 3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2 \right) \hat{a}_2^2 \chi_1 + \hat{a}_2^4 \chi_2 \right]$$

numerical integration constants  $\chi_{1,2}$ : [MaMuPaXS](#) [\[link\]](#)

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$$\hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{4}a_1a_3 + \frac{5}{12}a_1^2 \left( a_2 - a_1^2/4 \right) = a_4 - \frac{3}{2}a a_3 + \frac{5}{3}a^2 \left( b - a^2 \right)$$

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[exactly same combination as in  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$ ]

• Almost s-wave (J=0) [ $\chi_1 = -0.12$ ,  $\chi_2 = 0.019$ ] ➔ critical angular information

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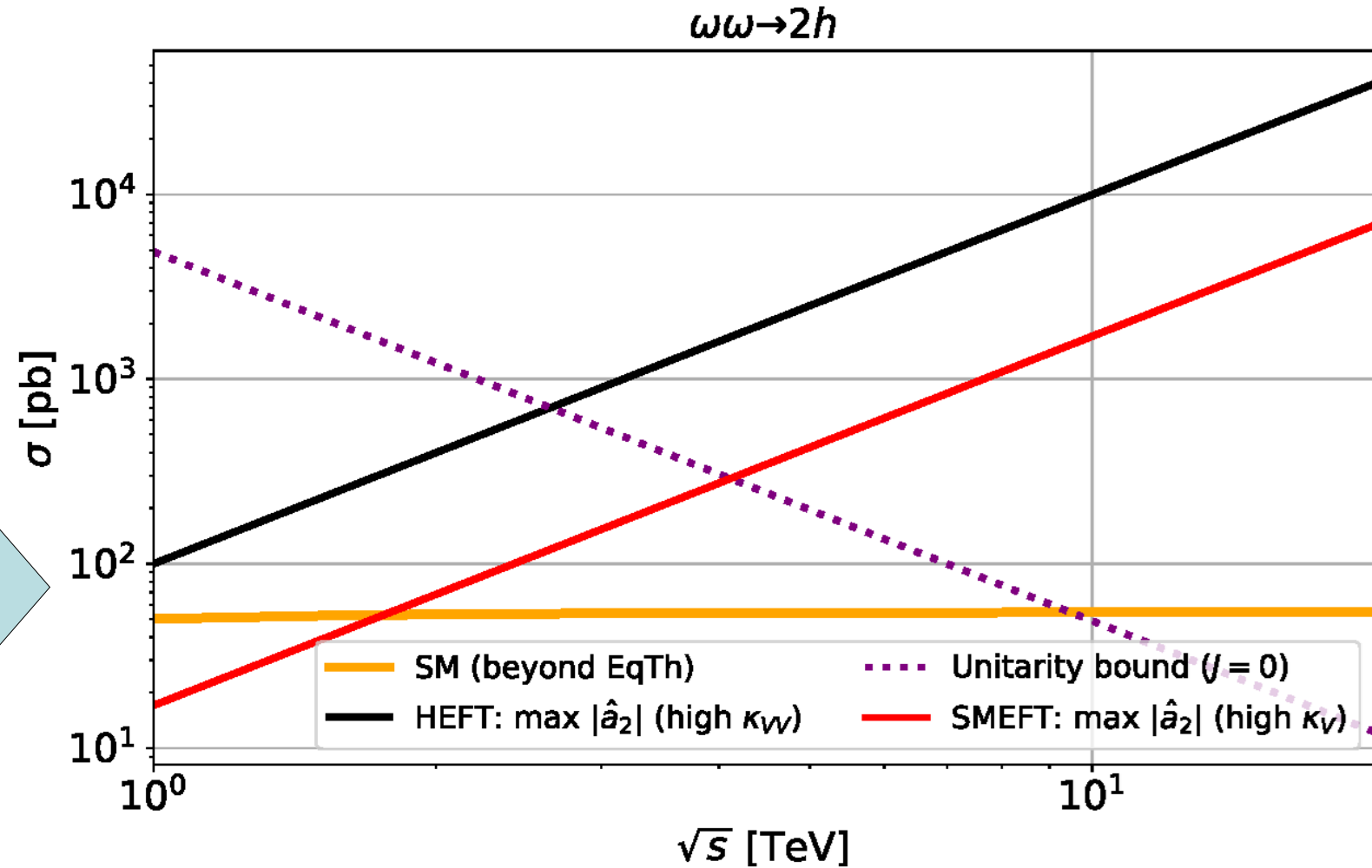
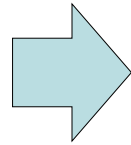
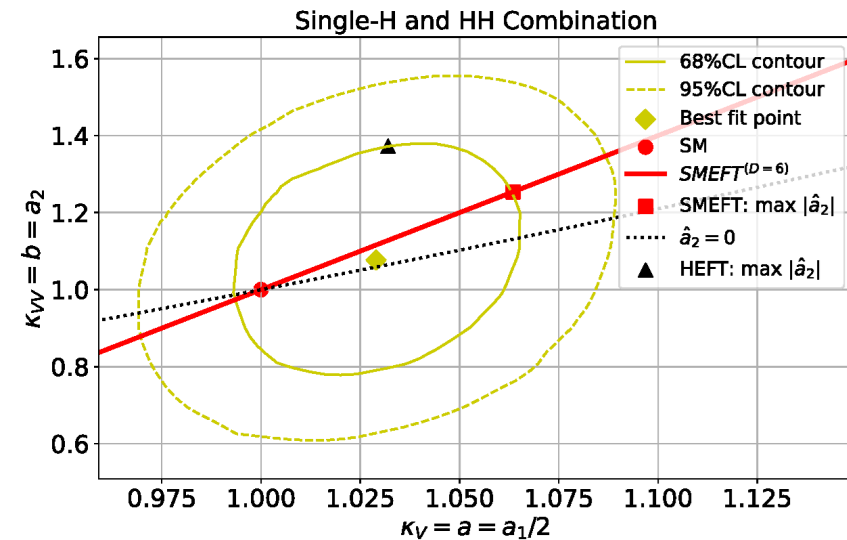
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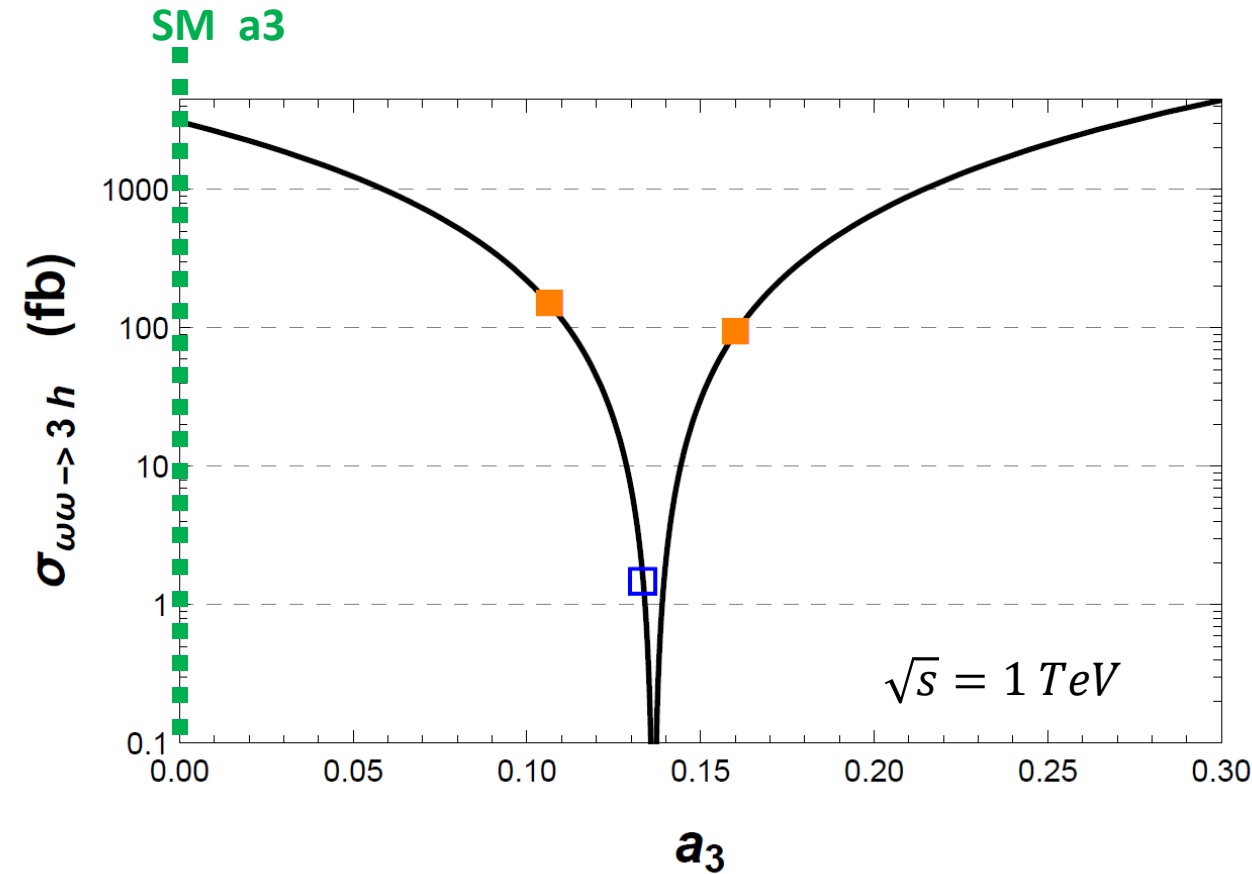
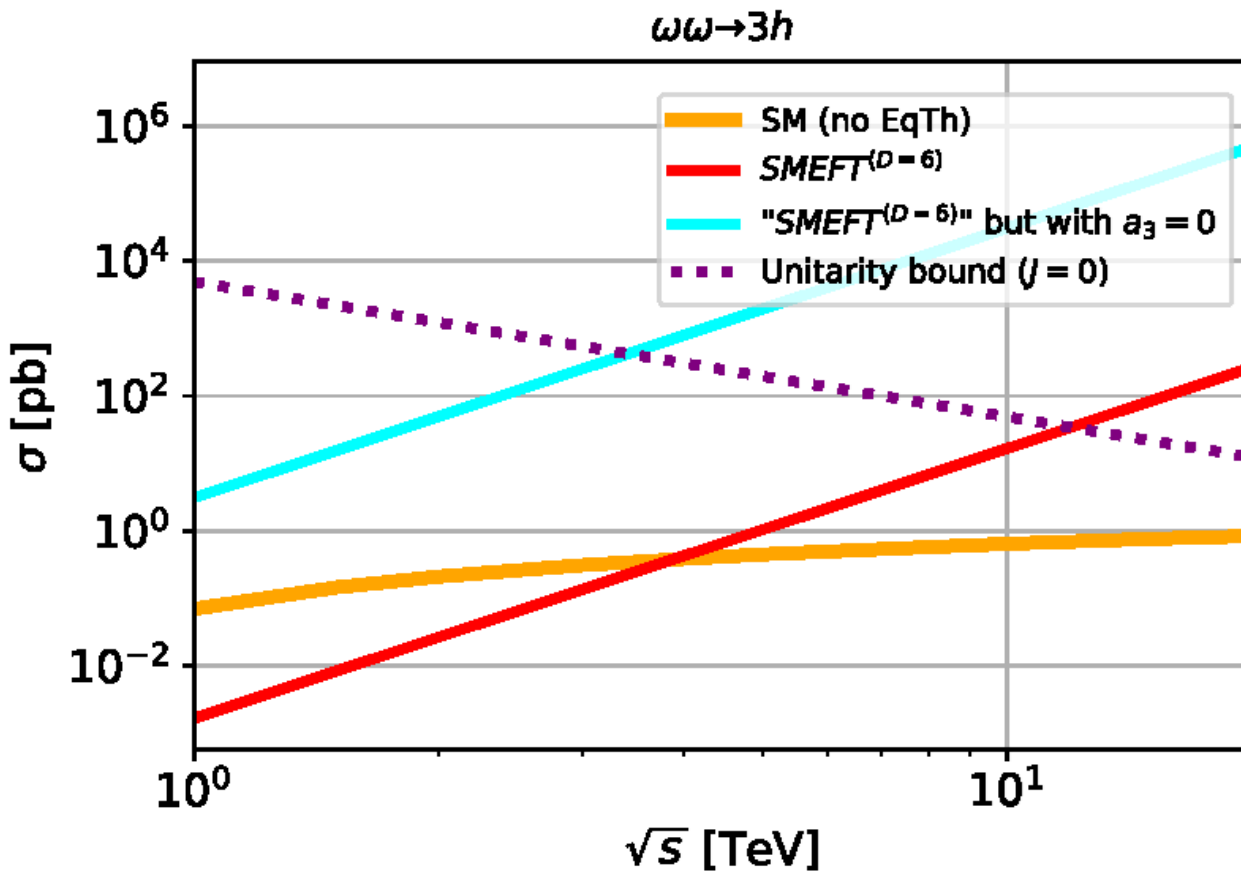
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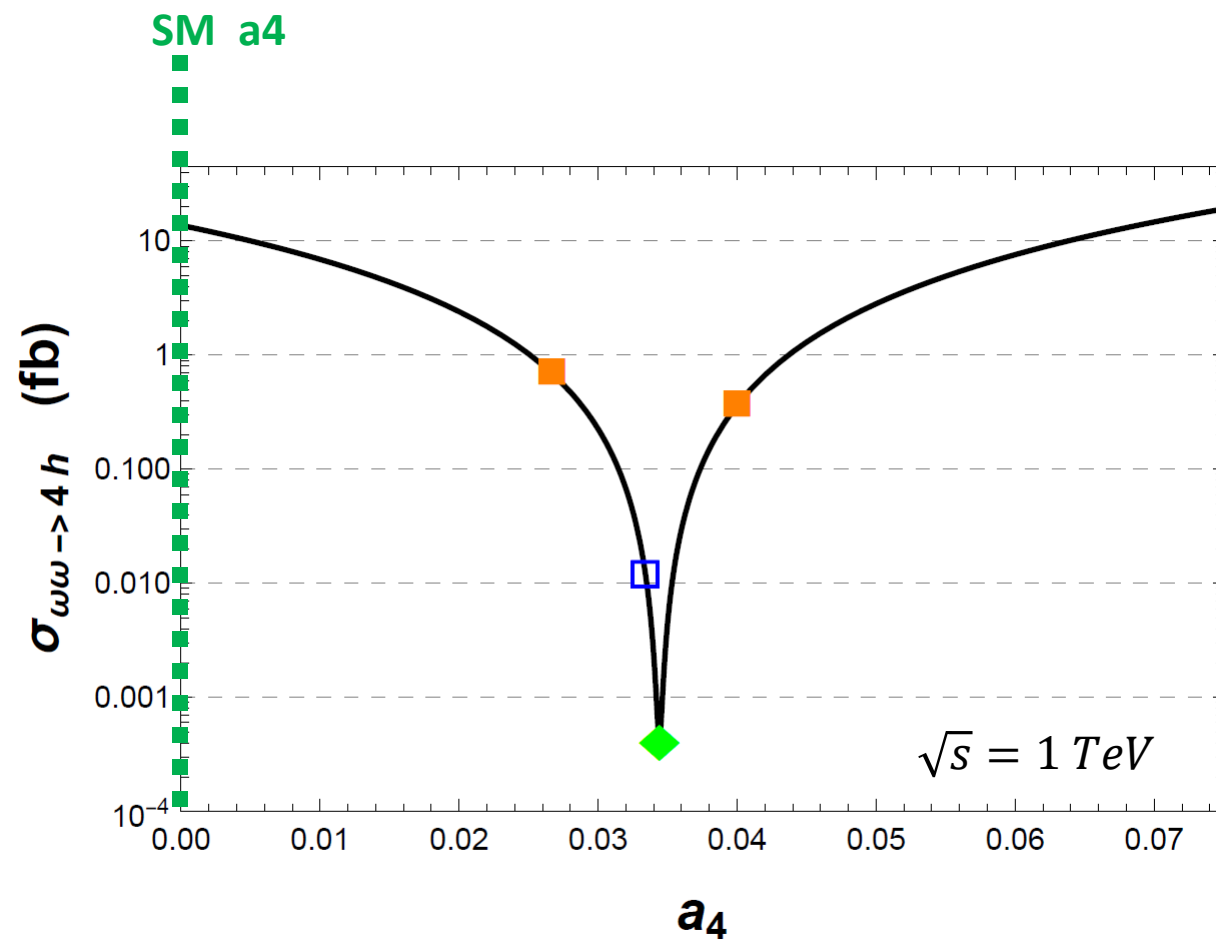
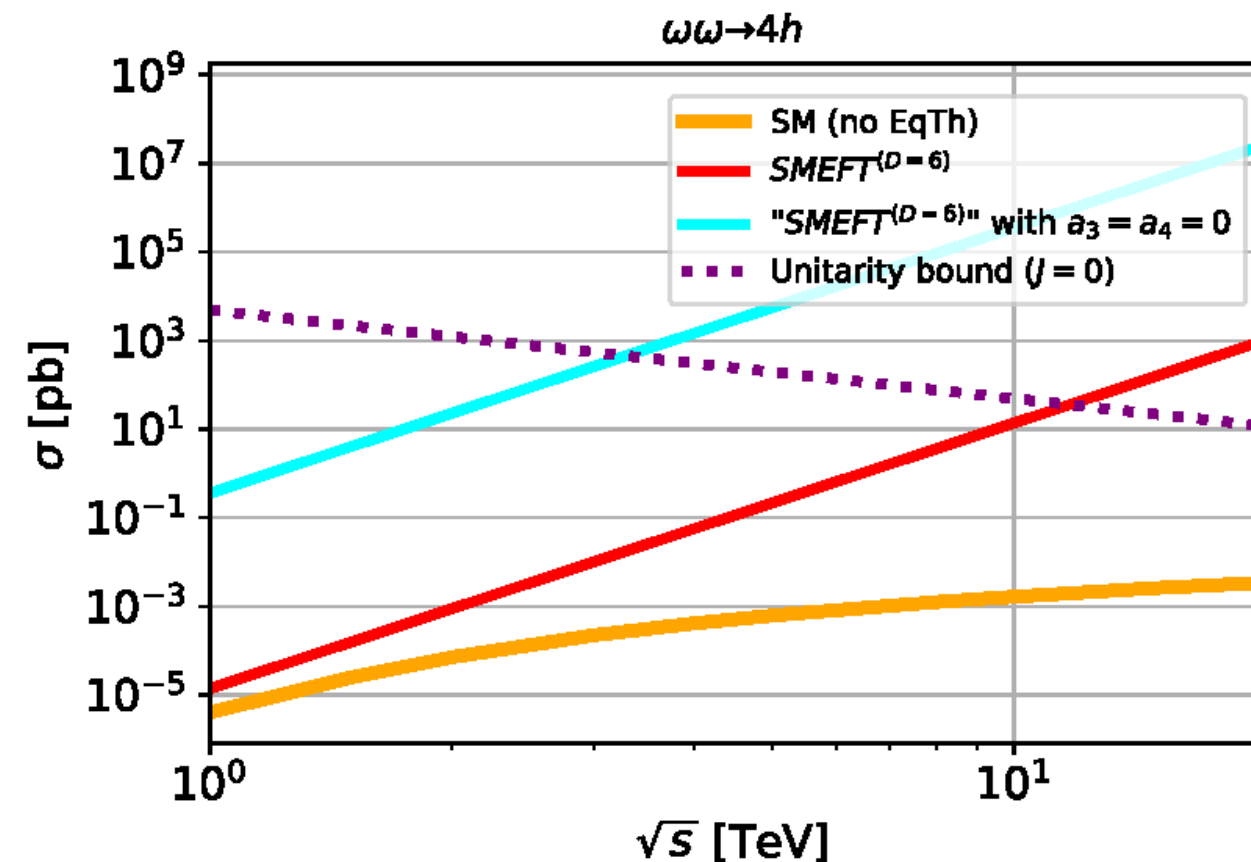


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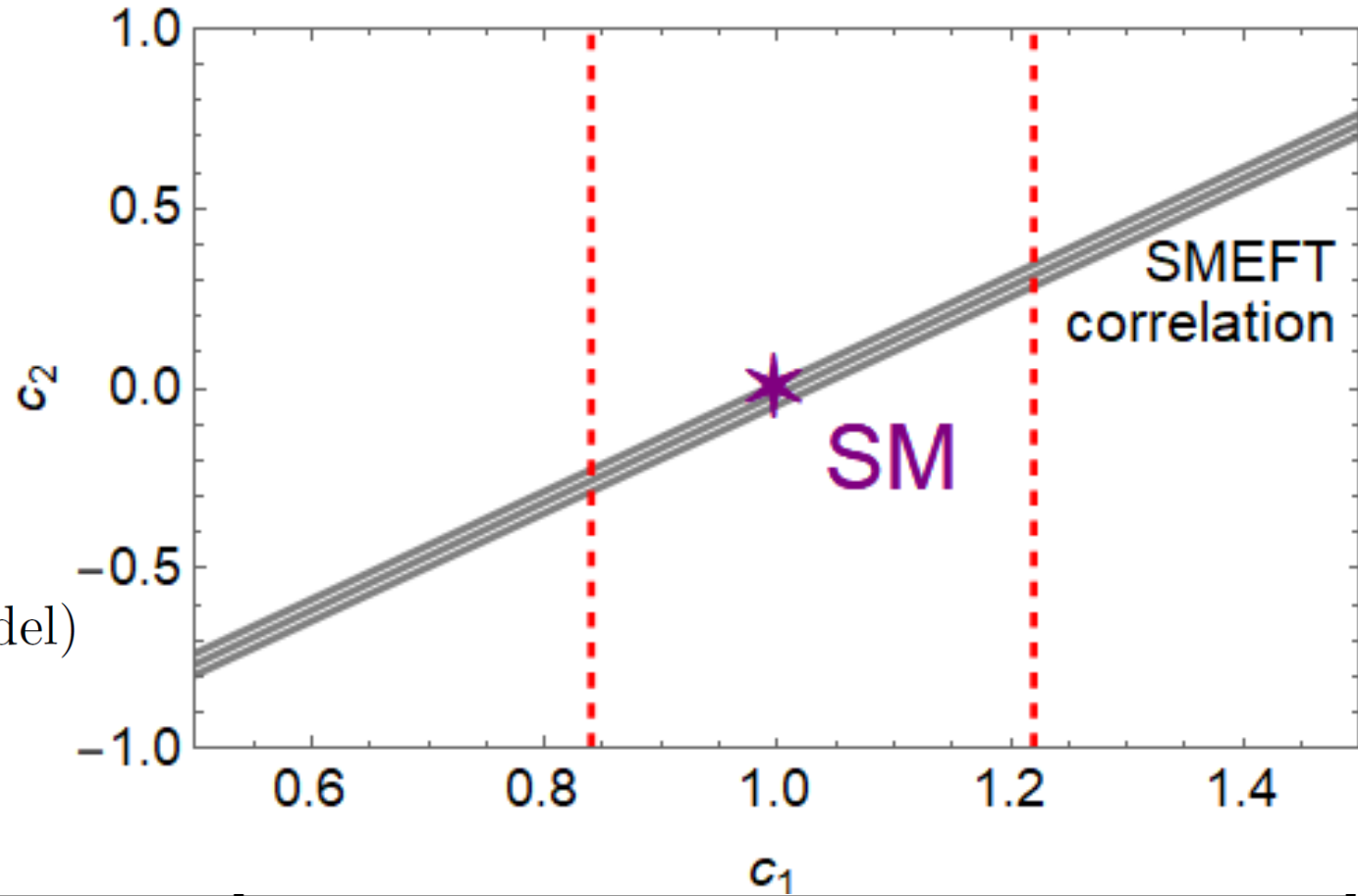
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# SMEFT theory: other correlations – Yukawa's

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\mathcal{G}(h)M_t\bar{t}t\sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega^2}{v^2}} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{G}(h_{\text{HEFT}}) = 1 + c_1 \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} + c_2 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^2 + \dots$$

(with  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_{i \geq 2} = 0$  in the Standard Model)



$$c_2 = 3c_3 = \frac{3}{2}(c_1 - 1) - \frac{1}{4}\Delta a_1^{\text{SMEFT}} \rightarrow c_2 = 3c_3 \in [-0.27, 0.35]$$

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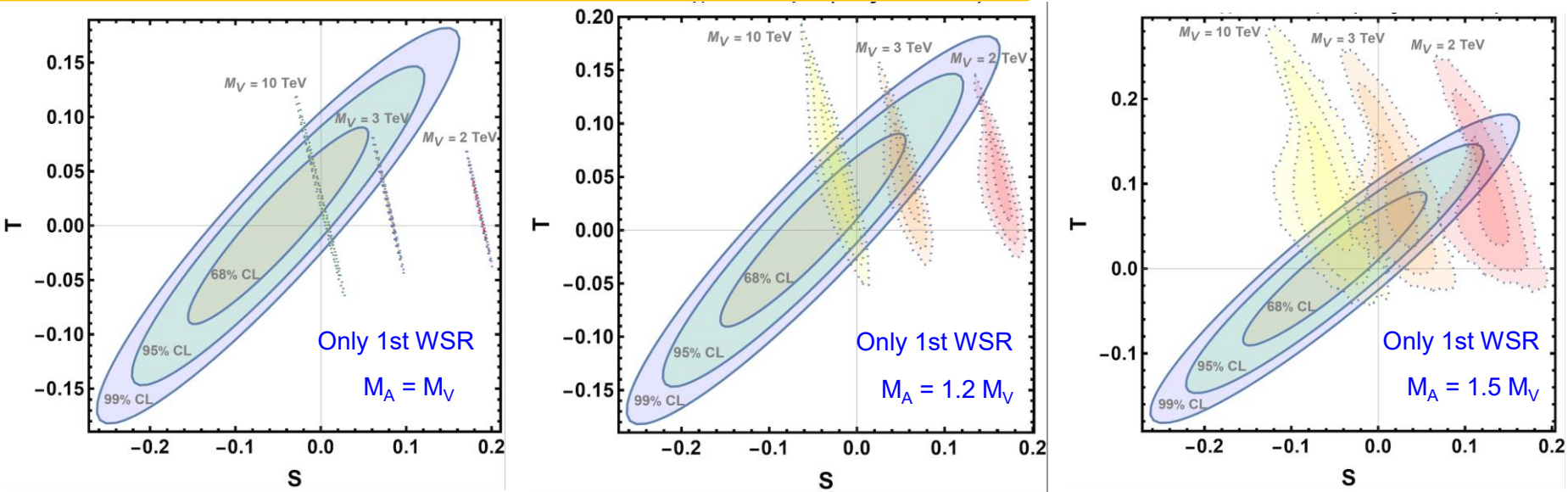
# Resonances hidden from LHC?

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 $T = 0.00 \pm 0.06^*$

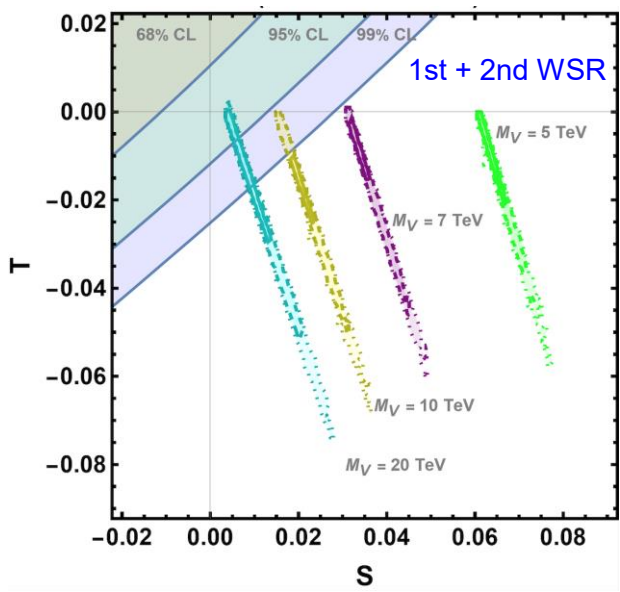
$\kappa_W = 1.023 \pm 0.026^*$ 
 $\frac{\tilde{F}_{V,A}}{F_{V,A}} = 0.00 \pm 0.33$

\* PDG '24

Only  
1st WSR



1st + 2nd  
WSR



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• Study of the oblique (S,T) parameters:

$M_A > M_V \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV (only the 1st WSR, 95% CL)}$

$M_A > M_V \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV (1st and 2nd WSR, 95% CL)}$

# Conclusions

- **SMEFT**  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - Difficult to observe  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 2h$
  - Difficult to observe a BSM excess
  - Impossible for  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 3h, 4h$

Far too few events predicted, even in best cases,

even w/ best collider, highest energy, and highest luminosity

(  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 3h, 4h$  hard sub-process cross sections are 3 and 5 orders of magnitude smaller than  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 2h$  )

- Some claim SMEFT is the only *natural* option since no BSM state observed in the few-TeV range



**Nevertheless:** EWPO and LHC VBS do not push this mass bound really that far

- An eventual observation and BSM deviation on:

$$W_L W_L \rightarrow 2h \text{ and } W_L W_L \rightarrow 3h \text{ VBS}$$

$\Rightarrow$  NP is not SMEFT-like

$\Rightarrow$  HEFT-like pattern expected



# BACKUP

- **Compact structure for  $W_L W_L \rightarrow n \times h$  scattering:**  
[Ruled by very particular combinations,  $\hat{\kappa}_{2V} \equiv \hat{a}_2$  for  $2h$ ,  $\hat{a}_3$  for  $3h$ , etc.]
- **Field redefinitions helps us to understand this simplicity**
- **Strong multi-Higgs suppression in SMEFT wrt to HEFT**
  - Even for small  $O(10\%)$  deviations in SMEFT  $a_{1,2,3,4\dots}$ –
  - Much larger XS in pure HEFT–

- ✓ The **Lagrangian** reads:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{RT}} = & \frac{v^2}{4} \left( 1 + \frac{2\kappa_W}{v} h \right) \langle u_\mu u^\mu \rangle_2 \\ & + \langle V_{3\mu\nu}^1 \left( \frac{F_V}{2\sqrt{2}} f_+^{\mu\nu} + \frac{iG_V}{2\sqrt{2}} [u^\mu, u^\nu] + \frac{\tilde{F}_V}{2\sqrt{2}} f_-^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1^{hV}}{\sqrt{2}} [(\partial^\mu h)u^\nu - (\partial^\nu h)u^\mu] + C_0^{V_3^1} J_T^{\mu\nu} \right) \rangle_2 \\ & + \langle A_{3\mu\nu}^1 \left( \frac{F_A}{2\sqrt{2}} f_-^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_1^{hA}}{\sqrt{2}} [(\partial^\mu h)u^\nu - (\partial^\nu h)u^\mu] + \frac{\tilde{F}_A}{2\sqrt{2}} f_+^{\mu\nu} + \frac{i\tilde{G}_A}{2\sqrt{2}} [u^\mu, u^\nu] + \tilde{C}_0^{A_3^1} J_T^{\mu\nu} \right) \rangle_2.\end{aligned}$$

- ✓ Including resonance masses, we have **12 resonance parameters**. This number can be reduced by using **short-distance information**, but contrary to **QCD**, we ignore the **underlying theory (BSM)**.

- ✓ **Vanishing form factors at high energies** allow us to determine  $(G_V, \tilde{G}_A, \lambda_1^{hA}, \tilde{\lambda}_1^{hV})$  in terms of the remaining parameters:

$$\frac{G_V}{F_A} = -\frac{\tilde{G}_A}{\tilde{F}_V} = \frac{\lambda_1^{hA} v}{\kappa_W F_V} = -\frac{\tilde{\lambda}_1^{hV} v}{\kappa_W \tilde{F}_A} = \frac{v^2}{F_V F_A - \tilde{F}_V \tilde{F}_A}.$$

- ✓ **Weinberg sum rules (WSRs)** at LO and at NLO.

- ✓ **1st WSR**. Vanishing of the  $1/s$  term of  $\Pi_{VV}(s) - \Pi_{AA}(s)$ :  $(F_V^2 - \tilde{F}_V^2) - (F_A^2 - \tilde{F}_A^2) = v^2$
- ✓ **2nd WSR**. Vanishing of the  $1/s^2$  term of  $\Pi_{VV}(s) - \Pi_{AA}(s)$ :  $(F_V^2 - \tilde{F}_V^2) M_V^2 - (F_A^2 - \tilde{F}_A^2) M_A^2 = 0$
- ✓ **1st WSR + LHC diboson production** imply that contributions from fermionic cuts, terms with , are negligible.

(\*) Pich, Rosell, SC, PRD 112 (2025) 3, 035009

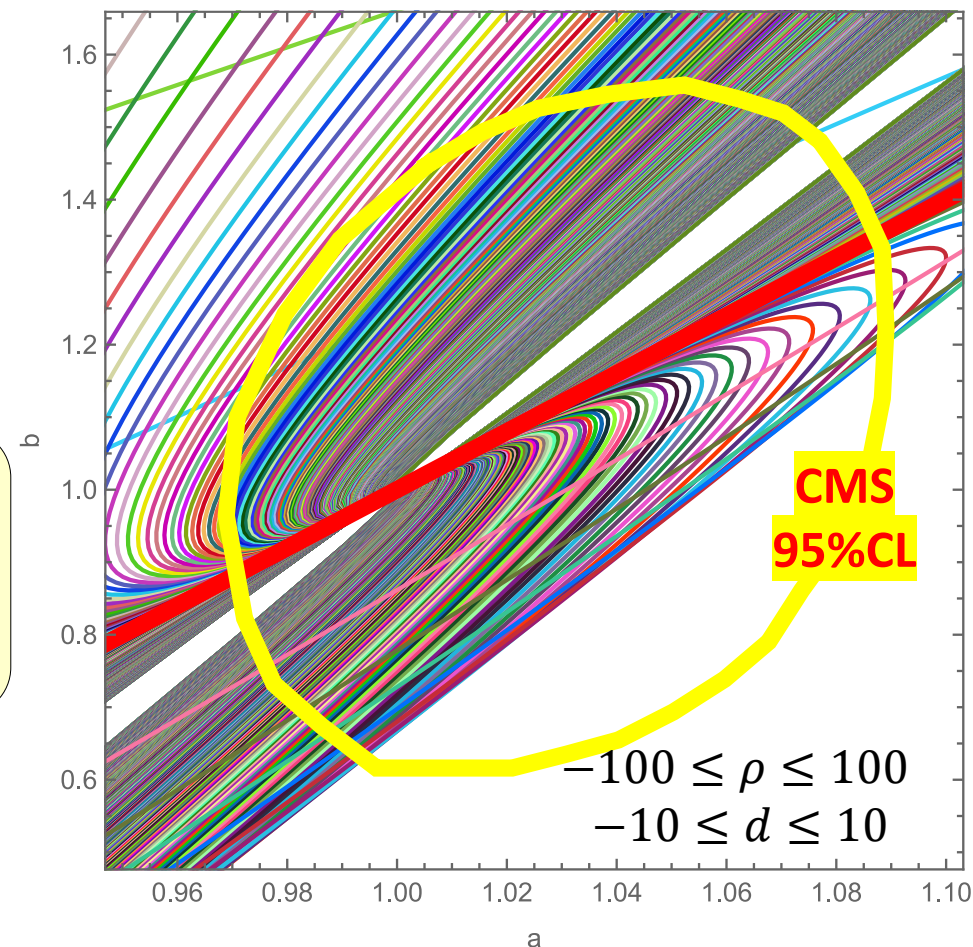
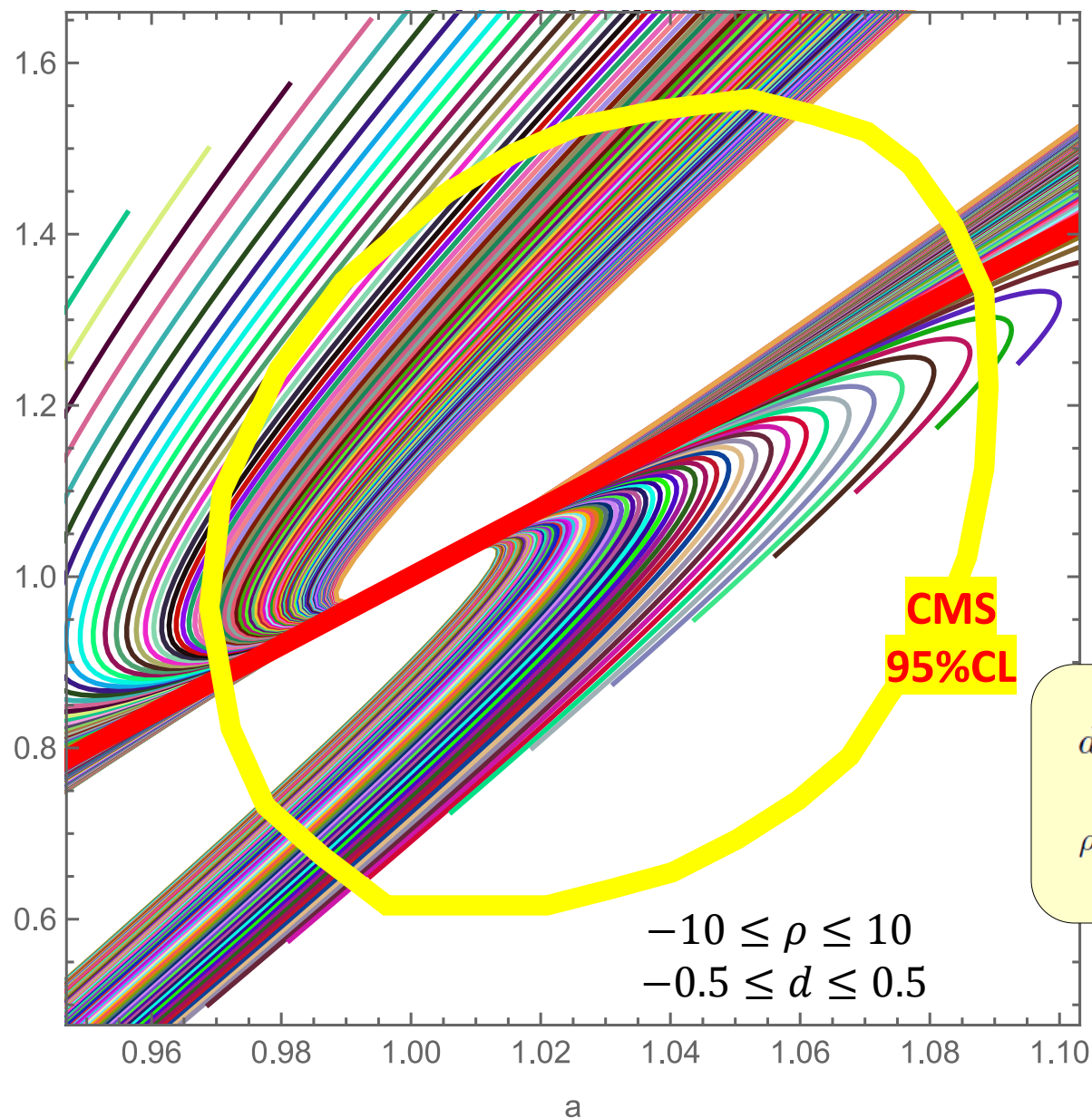
What about D=8 corrections to SMEFT? →

- The line turns into a “thick line”/area

- But still can't go everywhere

- Actually lines (2D surfaces) within  $\mathbb{R}^4$  for D=6 ( $\mathbb{R}^6$  for D=8)

- Volunteers can play with D=10 corrections



- Chiral counting:

$$\mathcal{L}_{HEFT} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \dots$$

( See M.J. Herrero's talk for NLO corrections  $O(p^4)$  or ask for backup)

- LO Lagrangian,  $O(p^2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_2 = & -\frac{1}{2}\langle G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\langle W_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu}\rangle - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\psi=q_L,l_L,u_R,d_R,e_R} \bar{\psi}i\not{D}\psi \\ & + \frac{v^2}{4} \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U \rangle (1 + F_U(h)) + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - V(h) \\ & - v \left[ \bar{q}_L \left( Y_u + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_u^{(n)} \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^n \right) U P_+ q_R + \bar{q}_L \left( Y_d + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_d^{(n)} \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^n \right) U P_- q_R \right. \\ & \left. + \bar{l}_L \left( Y_e + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_e^{(n)} \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^n \right) U P_- l_R + \text{h.c.} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.2.164})$$

[Handbook of LHC Higgs Cross Sections: 4. Deciphering the Nature of the Higgs Sector](#) - 1610.07922 [hep-ph]

This work's approx. in HEFT:  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$

- kinematics well over  $WW$  threshold:  $s \gg m_W^2 \sim m_h^2$
- Mass corrections neglected
- Chiral LO: only  $O(\partial^2)$  derivative operators
- Equivalence theorem appr.:  $W_L W_L \rightarrow n \times h \approx \omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$

[ I know: 3h, 4h, etc. looks like science-fiction nowadays ]



- Specific  $\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$  stand-alone Mathematica code [\[link\]](#)
- FeynRules + FeynCalc chiral model file @ LO + NLO [\[link1\]](#) [\[link2\]](#)

\* Delgado, Gómez-Ambrosio, Martínez-Martín, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, [JHEP 03 \(2024\) 037](#)

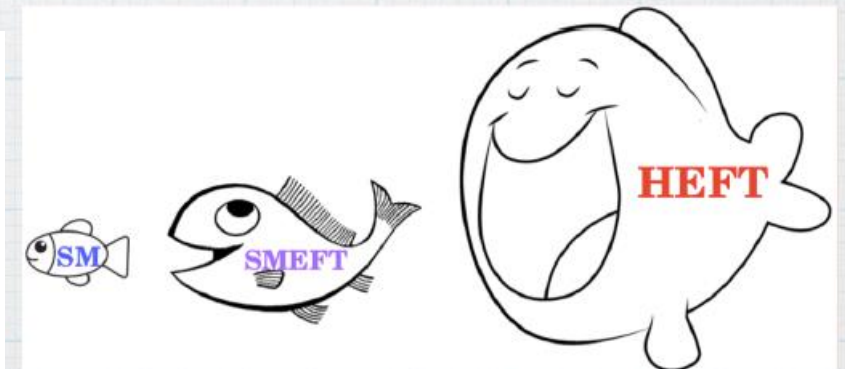
# The Flare Function

\* In HEFT:  $\mathcal{F}(h)_{HEFT} = 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^2 + a_3 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^3 + \dots$

\* In the SM:  $\mathcal{F}(h)_{SM} = \left(1 + \frac{h}{v}\right)^2$

\* In SMEFT?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(h_1) &= \left(1 + \frac{h(h_1)}{v}\right)^2 \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right) \left(2 + 2 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 3 \frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 2 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^2 \left(1 + 4 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 12 \frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 6 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^3 \left(8 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{3\Lambda^2} + 56 \frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{3\Lambda^4} + 8 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^4 \left(2 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{3\Lambda^2} + 44 \frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{3\Lambda^4} + 6 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^5 \left(88 \frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{15\Lambda^4} + 12 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{5\Lambda^4}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^6 \left(44 \frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{45\Lambda^4} + 2 \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{5\Lambda^4}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-6}). \end{aligned}$$



\* Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5;

Commun.Theor.Phys. 75 (2023) 9, 095202

\* Domenech, Herrero, Morales, Salas-Bernárdez, 2506.21716 [hep-ph]

## SM, SMEFT, HEFT... and geometry:

### Geometry of the scalar fields

(and much more in B. Assi's talk)

- \* R. Alonso, E. E. Jenkins, and A. V. Manohar,
  - \* "A Geometric Formulation of Higgs Effective Field Theory: Measuring the Curvature of Scalar Field Space," Phys. Lett. B754 (2016) 335–342, arXiv:1511.00724 [hep-ph].
  - \* "Sigma Models with Negative Curvature," Phys.Lett.B756,358(2016),arXiv:1602.00706 [hep-ph].
  - \* "Geometry of the Scalar Sector," JHEP 08 (2016) 101, arXiv:1605.03602 [hep-ph]." (Cohen et al., 2021, p. 95)
- \* T. Cohen, N. Craig, X. Lu, and D. Sutherland:
  - \* "Is SMEFT Enough?", JHEP 03, 237, arXiv:2008.08597 [hep-ph].
  - \* "Unitarity Violation and the Geometry of Higgs EFTs", (2021), arXiv:2108.03240 [hep-ph].

we now know  
that HEFT and  
SMEFT can be  
understood  
geometrically

**Old works in 80's:**

Boulware, Brown,  
Annals Phys. 138  
(1982) 392

[thanks to M. Knecht  
for calling out  
my attention to this]

- Beautiful geometric connection to scalar loop corrections <sup>(\*)</sup>  
provided by the curvature <sup>(x)</sup> of the scalar manifold metric

$$g_{ij}(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} F(h)^2 g_{ab}(\varphi) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ with } \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g_{ij} D_\mu \phi^i D^\mu \phi^j$$

$$\mathcal{R}_4 = (1 - v^2 (F')^2) F^2 = (1 - \mathcal{K}^2/4) \mathcal{F}_C,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = (1 - v^2 (F')^2) - \frac{v^2 F'' F}{(N_\varphi - 1)} = (1 - \mathcal{K}^2/4) - \frac{\mathcal{F}_C \Omega}{8},$$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = 2\mathcal{F}_C^{-1} \mathcal{R}_2 - \mathcal{F}_C^{-2} \mathcal{R}_4,$$

$$F = \mathcal{F}_C^{1/2} \quad N_\varphi = 3$$

with  $\Lambda^{-2}$  = the Riemann  $\mathbf{R}_{ijmn} \propto \mathcal{R}_{0,2,4} / v^2$  (loosely speaking, the curvature  $R$ )

- NDA gives you the suppression of individual diagrams  $\sim 1 / (4\pi v)^2$   
but the full loop suppression is  $\sim \mathbf{R}^2 / (4\pi)^2$  and  $\sim \mathbf{g}^2 \mathbf{R} / (4\pi)^2$

EFT as an expansion  $\mathcal{M} \sim R p^2 + \frac{R^2 p^4}{(4\pi)^2} + \frac{R^3 p^6}{(4\pi)^4} + \dots$  in the curvature?

- **SM:**  $\mathbf{R}_{ijmn} = 0 \rightarrow$  No  $O(p^4)$  renormalization

(\*) Guo,Ruiz-Femenia,SC, PRD92 (2015) 074005

(x) Alonso,Jenkins,Manohar, PLB754 (2016) 335; PLB756 (2016) 358; JHEP 1608 (2016) 101

- Depending on the **choice of coordinates** cancellations/suppressions may not be obvious diagram by diagram

- Example:**  $SO(5)/SO(4)$  MCHM tree LO computations for  $\omega\omega \rightarrow \omega\omega$

\*\* Agashe, Contino, Pomarol '05

\*\* Contino et al. '12

$$A(s, t, u)^{\omega\omega \rightarrow \omega\omega} = \frac{\overset{\text{HEFT}}{(1-a^2)} s}{v^2} = \overset{\text{MCHM}}{\frac{s}{f^2}},$$

$$A(s, t, u)^{\omega\omega \rightarrow hh} = \frac{\overset{\text{HEFT}}{(a^2-b)} s}{v^2} = \overset{\text{MCHM}}{\frac{s}{f^2}}$$

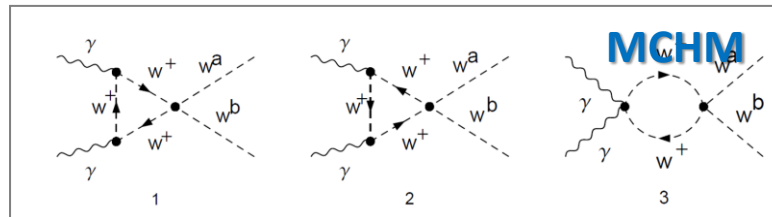
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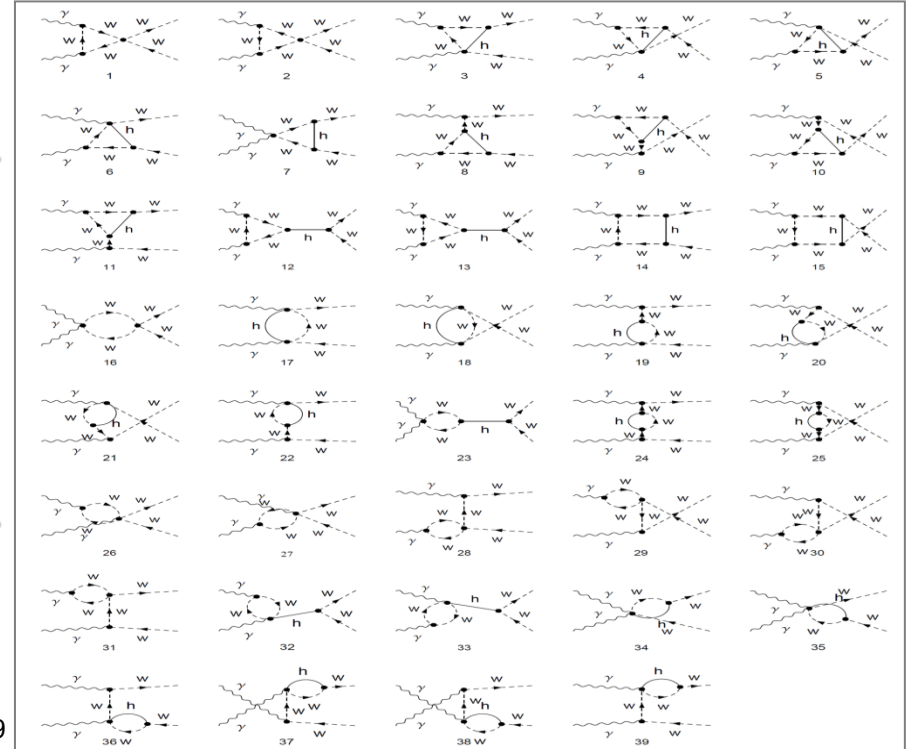
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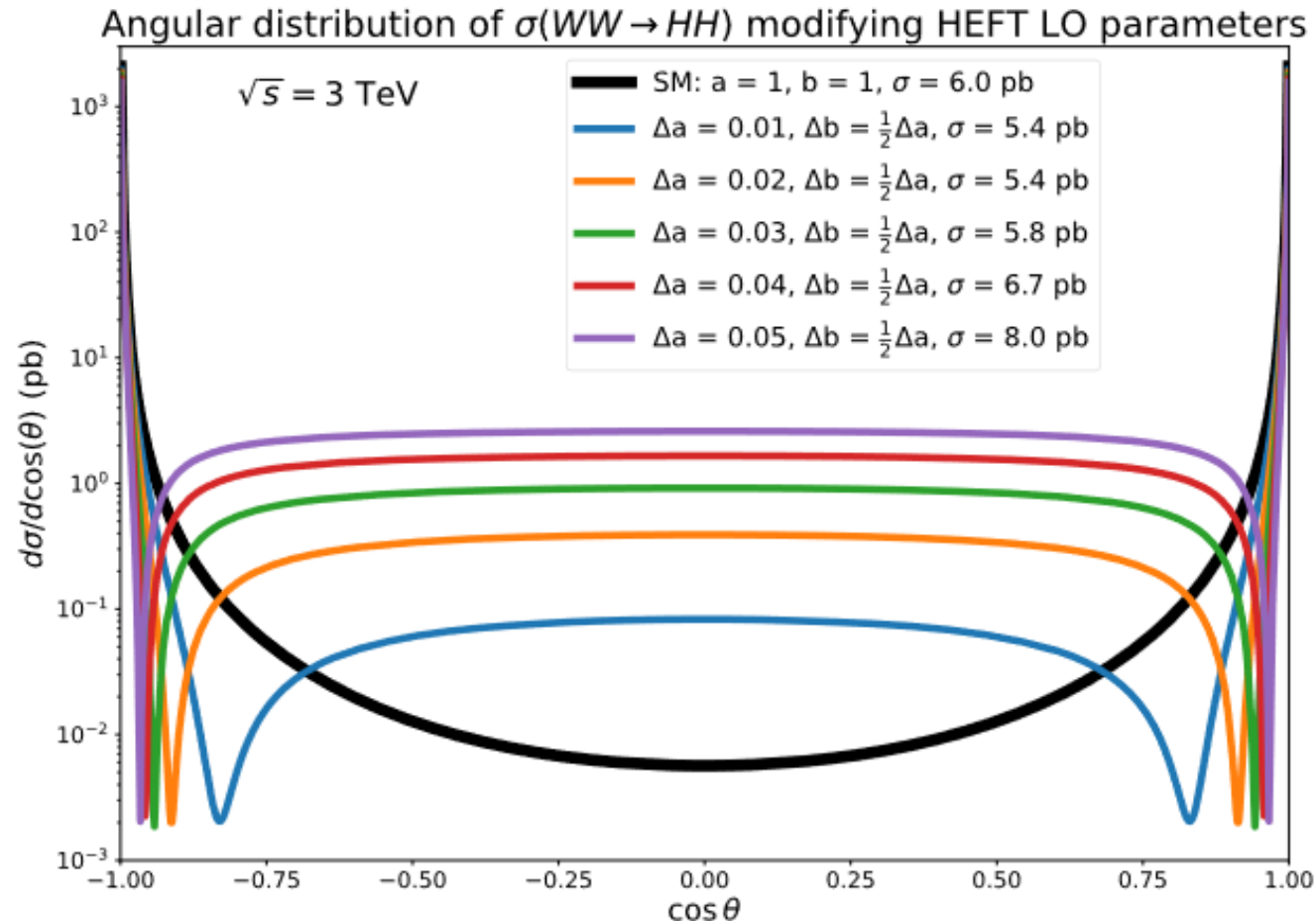
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\*\* Delgado, Dobado, Herrero, SC, JHEP 07 (2014) 149

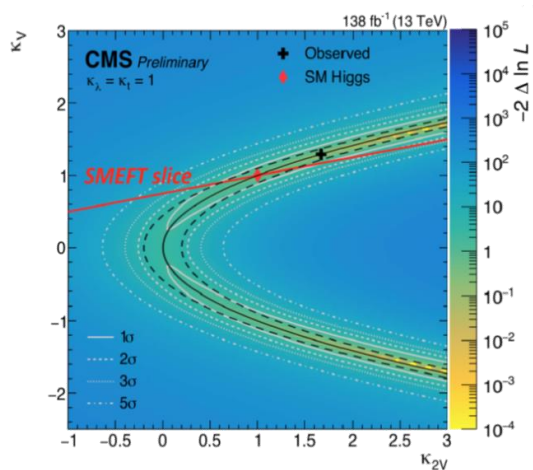


- IR finite
- Equiv. Theorem implies a **pure s-wave**
- This HEFT behaviour approximately observed with **real W's** (x) [ vs **SM** angular distribution ]

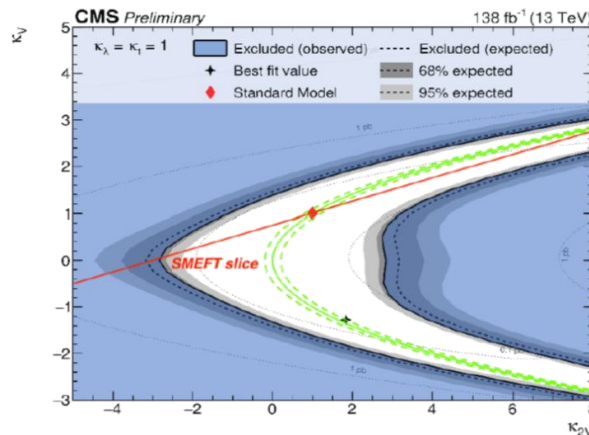


(x) Dávila, Domenech, Herrero, Morales, EPJC 84 (2024) 5, 503.

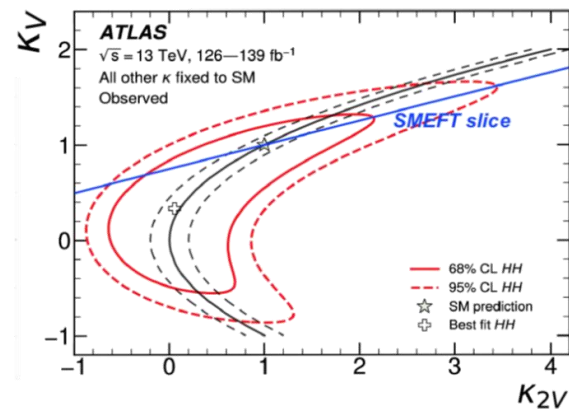
(x) See also the recent LHC análisis on  $\hat{a}_2 = (b - a^2)$ : Domenech, García-Mir, Herrero, 2507.20988 [hep-ph]



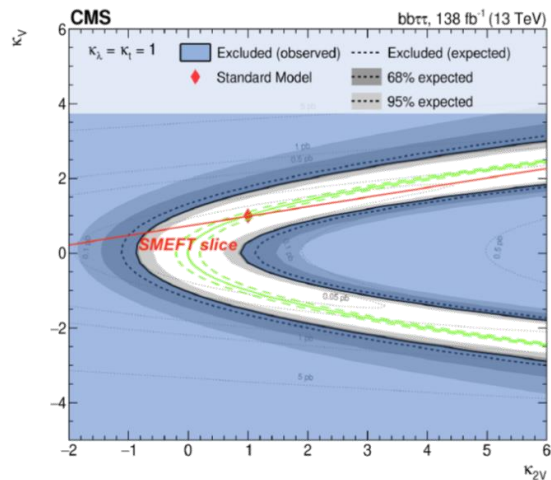
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(d)

- Exp. data on hh-production at LHC show an important correlation between  $(a, b)$

[ notation:  $a = a_1/2 = \kappa_V$ ,  $b = a_2 = \kappa_{2V}$  ]

- NOTE we have superimposed:

- Paraboles w/ constant  $\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{4}$

- D=6 SMEFT prediction  $a_2 = 2 a_1 - 3$

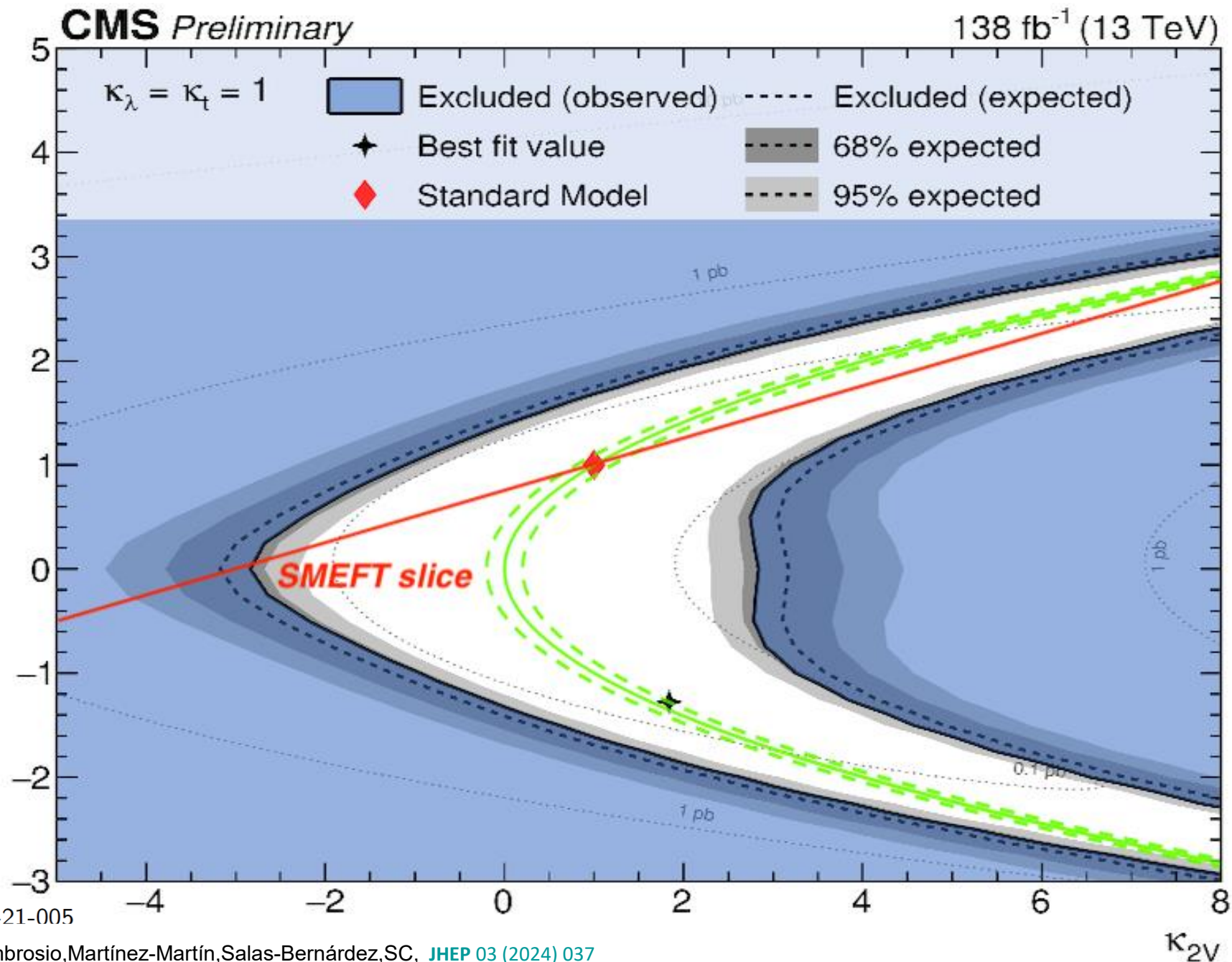
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(b) CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005 (c) ATLAS-CONF-2022-050 (d) Phys.

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... + some recente important improvement from HH + H:  
CMS PAS HIG-23-006

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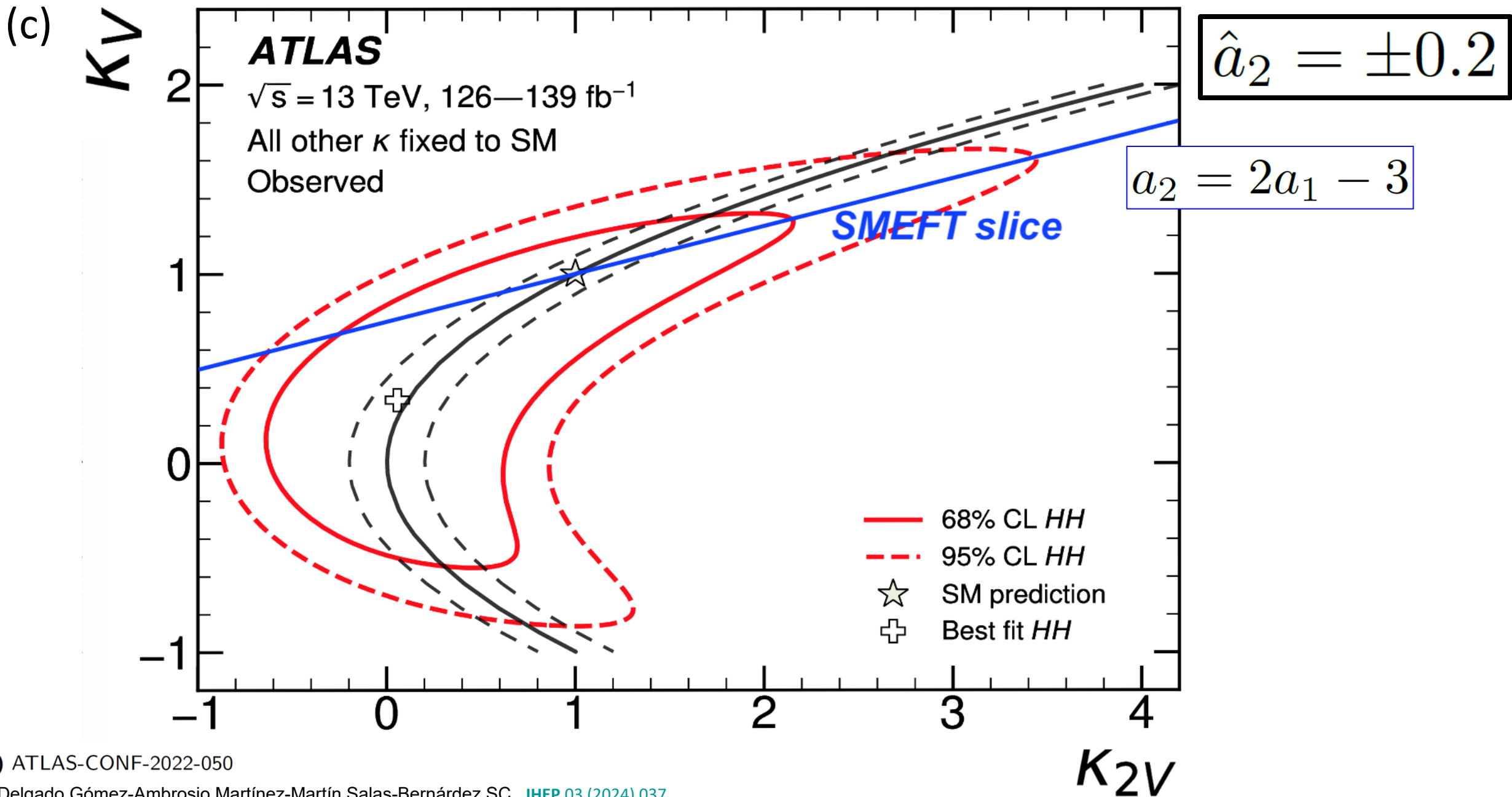
 $\kappa_V$ 

$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$

$$\hat{a}_2 = \pm 0.2$$

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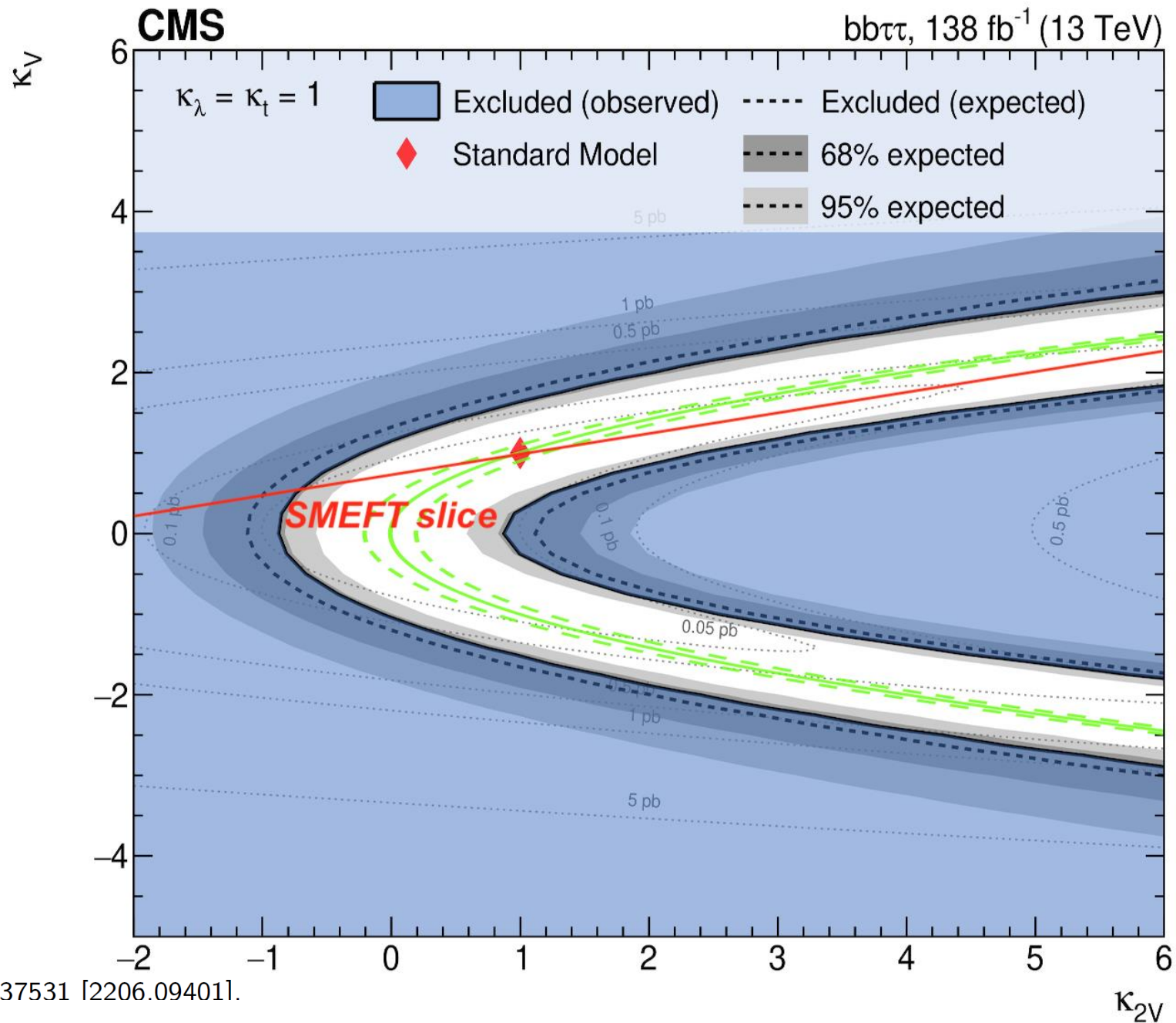
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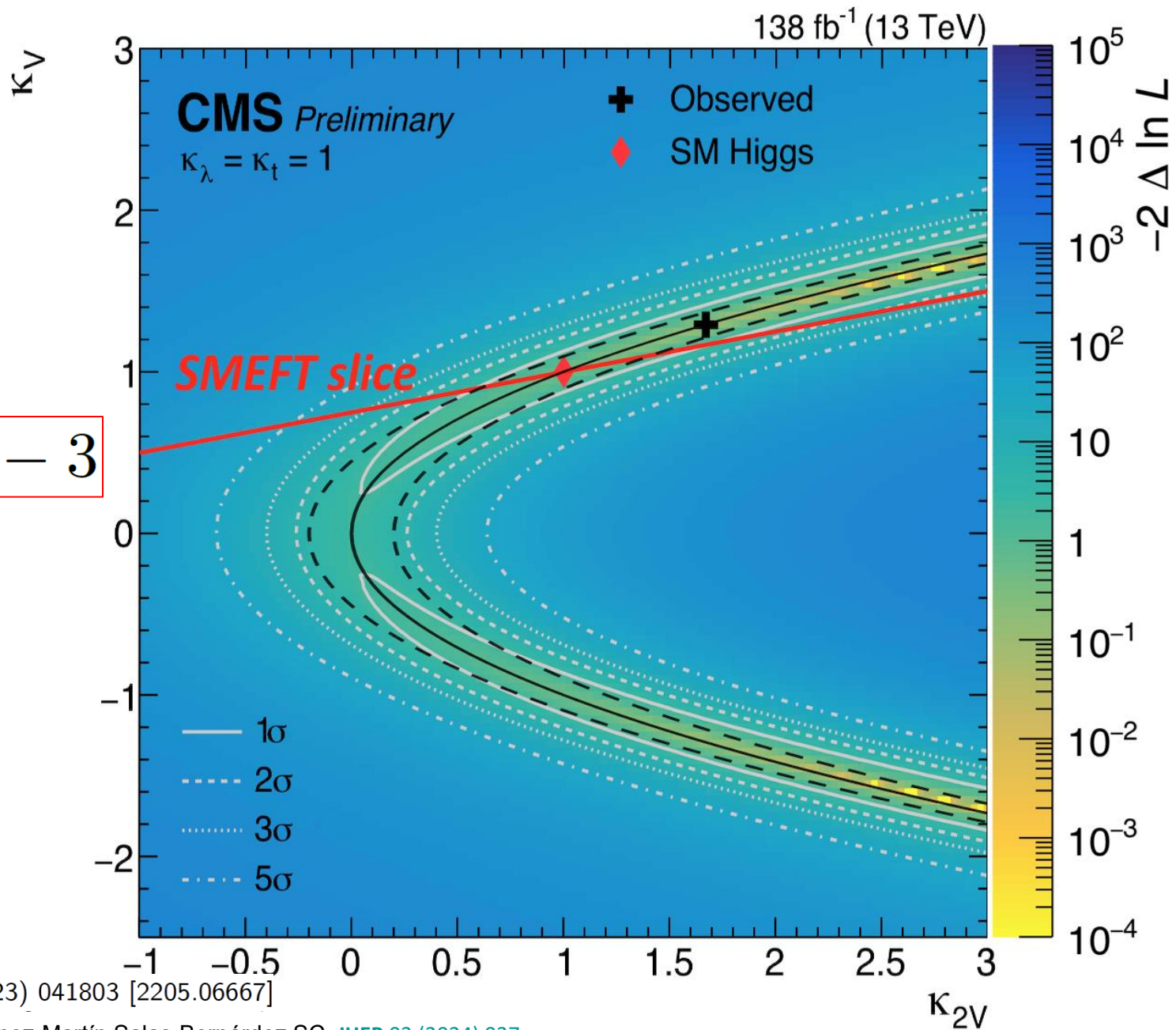
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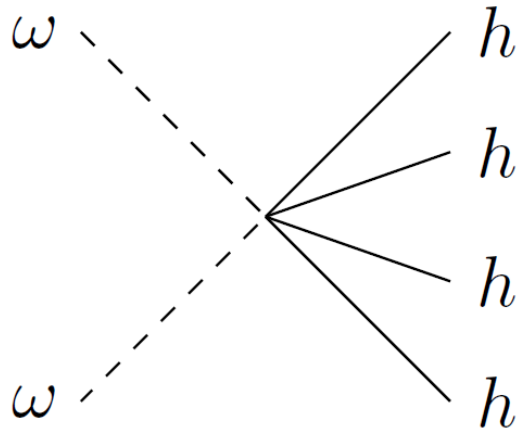


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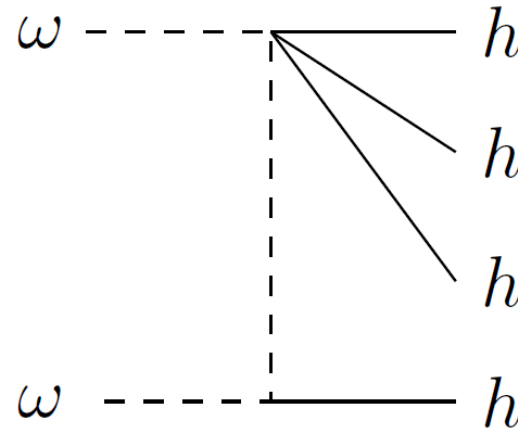
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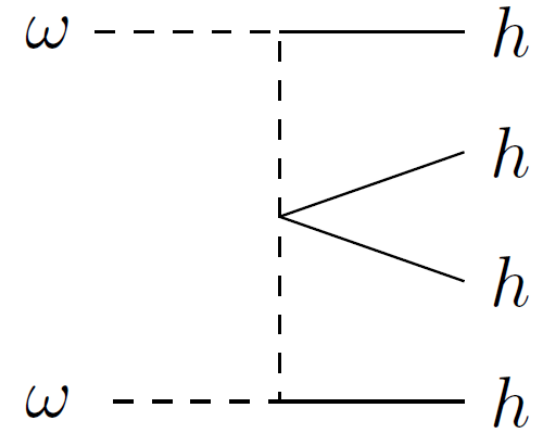
$$T_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{y_4} \left( 3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B-1) \right)$$



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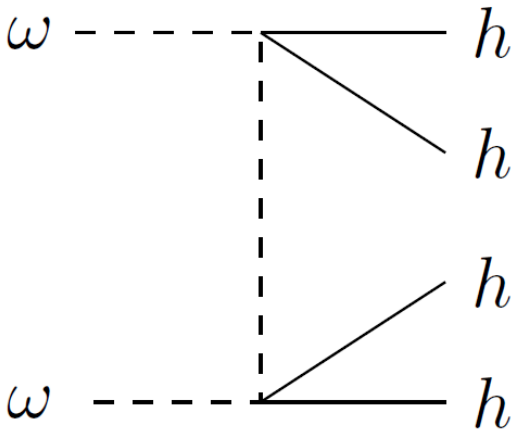


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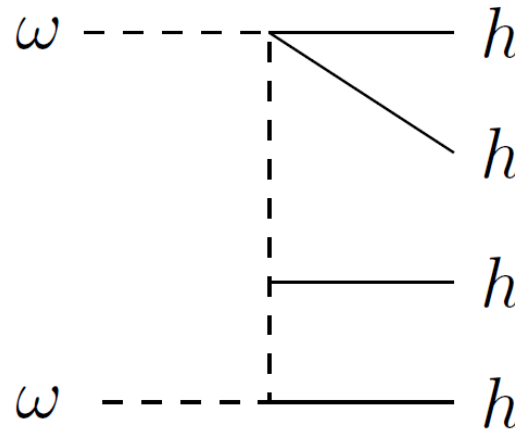


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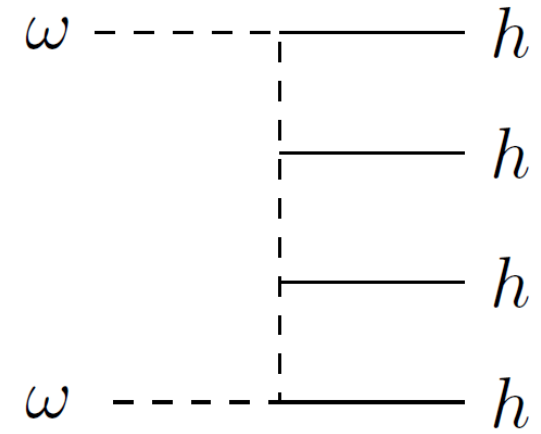
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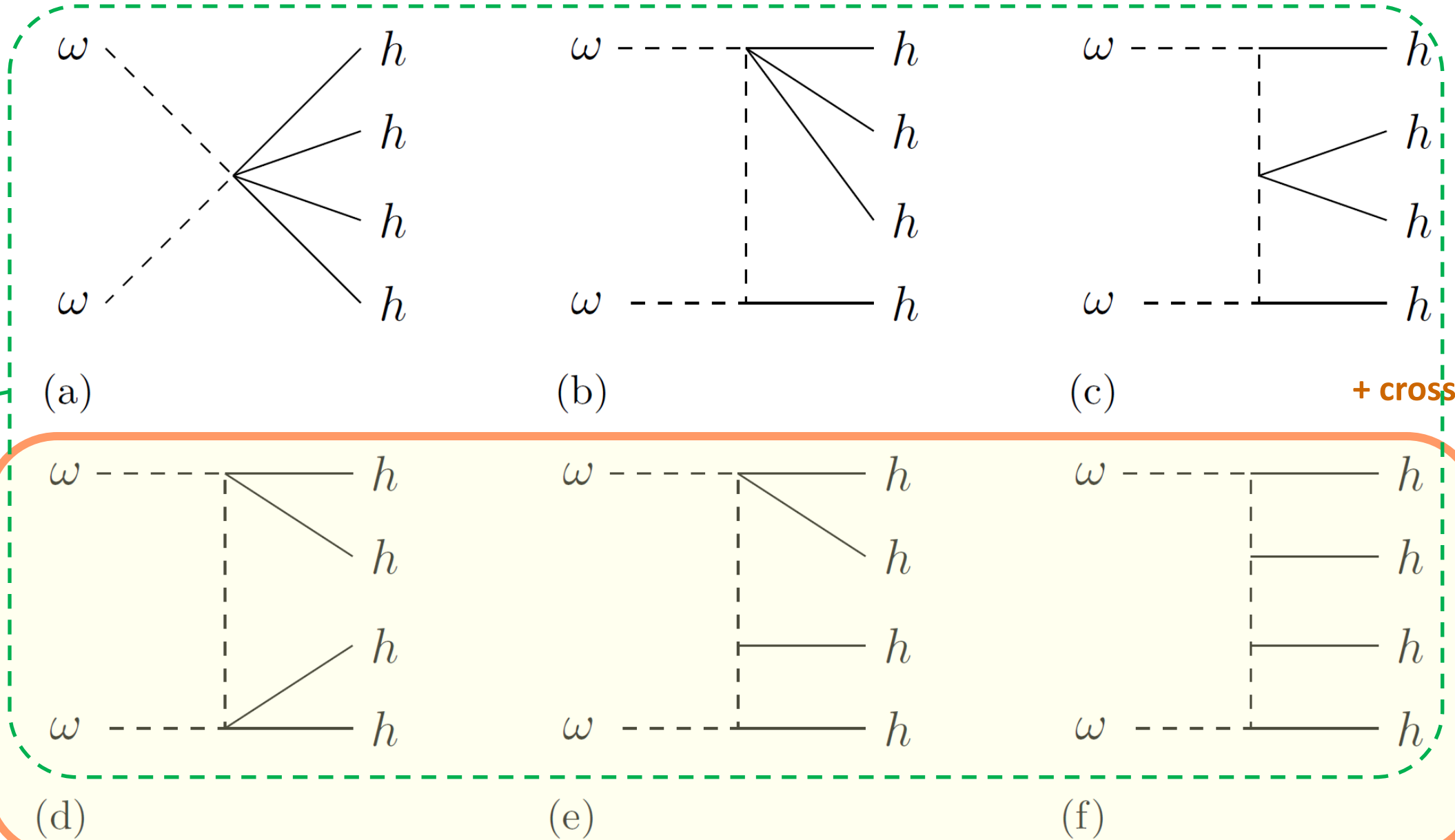


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# Understanding the $T_{\omega\omega\rightarrow n\times h}$ structure: field redefinitions

## HEFT Lagrangian<sup>1</sup>

[Appelquist et al. - Phys. Rev. D 22 (1980) 200, Longhitano et al. - Phys. Rev. D 22 (1980) 1166]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{F}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

## Flare function<sup>2</sup>

[Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez and Sanz-Cillero - 2204.01762]

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^2 + a_3 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^3 + a_4 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

$$a \equiv \frac{a_1}{2}, \quad a_2 \equiv b \quad \text{with} \quad a_{1,\text{SM}} = 2, \quad a_{2,\text{SM}} = 1, \quad a_{3,\text{SM}} = 0, \quad a_{4,\text{SM}} = 0$$

- Consider field redefinitions of the form (other coordinates for the fields)

$$\omega^a \rightarrow \tilde{\omega}^a(\omega, h) \equiv \omega^a + G_1(h) \omega^a$$
$$h \rightarrow \tilde{h}(\omega, h) \equiv h + f_1(h) \frac{\omega^2}{v}$$

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\*\* Alessia Nasoni, Master Thesis 2025; Martellini, Nasoni, SC, forthcoming

# HEFT lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

Field redefinition

$$\omega^a \rightarrow \omega^a + g(h) \omega^a, \quad h \rightarrow h + \mathcal{N} (1 + g(h)) \frac{\omega^a \omega^a}{v}$$

Redefined HEFT Lagrangian for  $g'(h) = -2\mathcal{N}/[v \mathcal{F}(h)]$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

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- In order to avoid generating interaction terms proportional to  $(\partial h)^2$  or  $(\omega \partial \omega) \partial h$  in the LO Lagr.  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , one needs:

$$f_1(h) = -\frac{v}{2} \mathcal{F}(h) G'_1(h) (1 + G_1(h))$$

$$\mathcal{F}'(h) G'_1(h) = -\mathcal{F}(h) G_1(h);$$

solving for  $G'_1(h)$ , we find

$$f_1(h) = -\frac{v}{2} \tilde{\mathcal{N}} (1 + G_1(h))$$

$$G'_1(h) = \tilde{\mathcal{N}} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(h);$$

## Redefined HEFT lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

## Redefined flare function

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = \mathcal{F}(h) \left( 1 + g(h) \right)^2$$

\* Delgado, Gómez-Ambrosio, Martínez-Martín, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, [JHEP 03 \(2024\) 037](#)

- For a general normalization  $\mathcal{N}$  and solution of  $g'(h) = -2\mathcal{N}/[v \mathcal{F}(h)]$  :

$$g(h) = -\frac{2\mathcal{N}}{v} \int_0^h \frac{ds}{\mathcal{F}(s)} = \mathcal{N} \left( -2\frac{h}{v} + 2a\frac{h^2}{v^2} + \frac{2}{3}(b-4a^2)\frac{h^3}{v^3} + \frac{1}{2}(a_3-4ab+8a^3)\frac{h^4}{v^4} + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \right)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = \mathcal{F}(h) \left( 1 + g(h) \right)^2$$

- However, for the particular normalization  $\mathcal{N} = \frac{a_1}{4} = \frac{a}{2}$  :

$$g(h) = -a\frac{h}{v} + a^2\frac{h^2}{v^2} + \frac{1}{3}a(b-4a^2)\frac{h^3}{v^3} + \frac{1}{4}a(a_3-4ab+8a^3)\frac{h^4}{v^4} + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = 1 + \hat{a}_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + \hat{a}_3 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^3 + \hat{a}_4 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

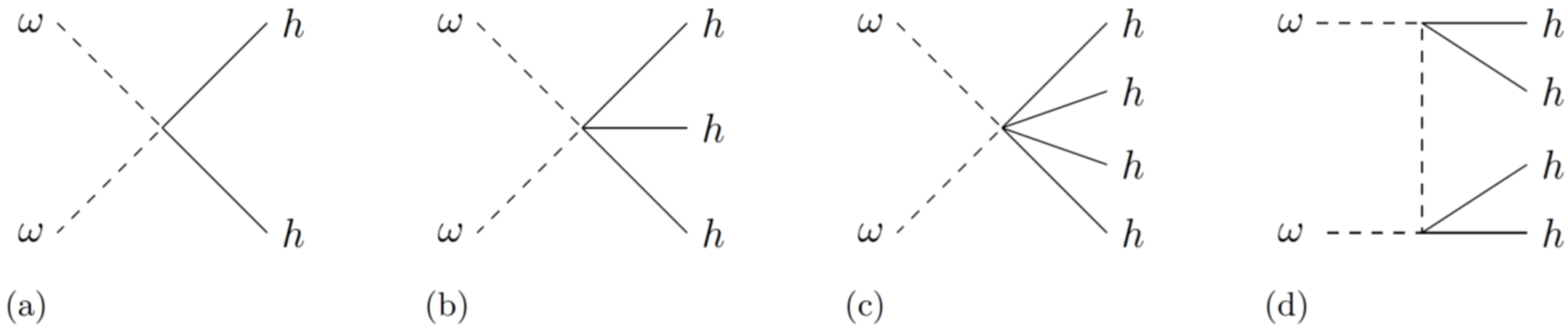
# Redefined parameters ( $\hat{a}_1 = 0$ )

$$\hat{a}_2 = b - a^2$$

$$\hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{4a}{3} (b - a^2)$$

$$\hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{2} a a_3 + \frac{5}{3} a^2 (b - a^2)$$

Exactly the same effective combinations found  
before in the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$  scattering amplitudes !!!



**Figure 10.** **a)** Only diagram contributing to the process  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$ . **b)** Only diagram contributing to the process  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$ . **c-d)** Only two diagrams contributing to the process  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$ . We have used the simplified Lagrangian (C.6) to generate these amplitudes, so every  $\omega\omega h^n$  vertex carries an  $\hat{a}_n$  effective coupling. Note that, in addition, one needs to consider all possible permutations for the assignment of the external particles.

For SMEFT starting @ D=6:

$$\Delta b = 4\Delta a^*$$

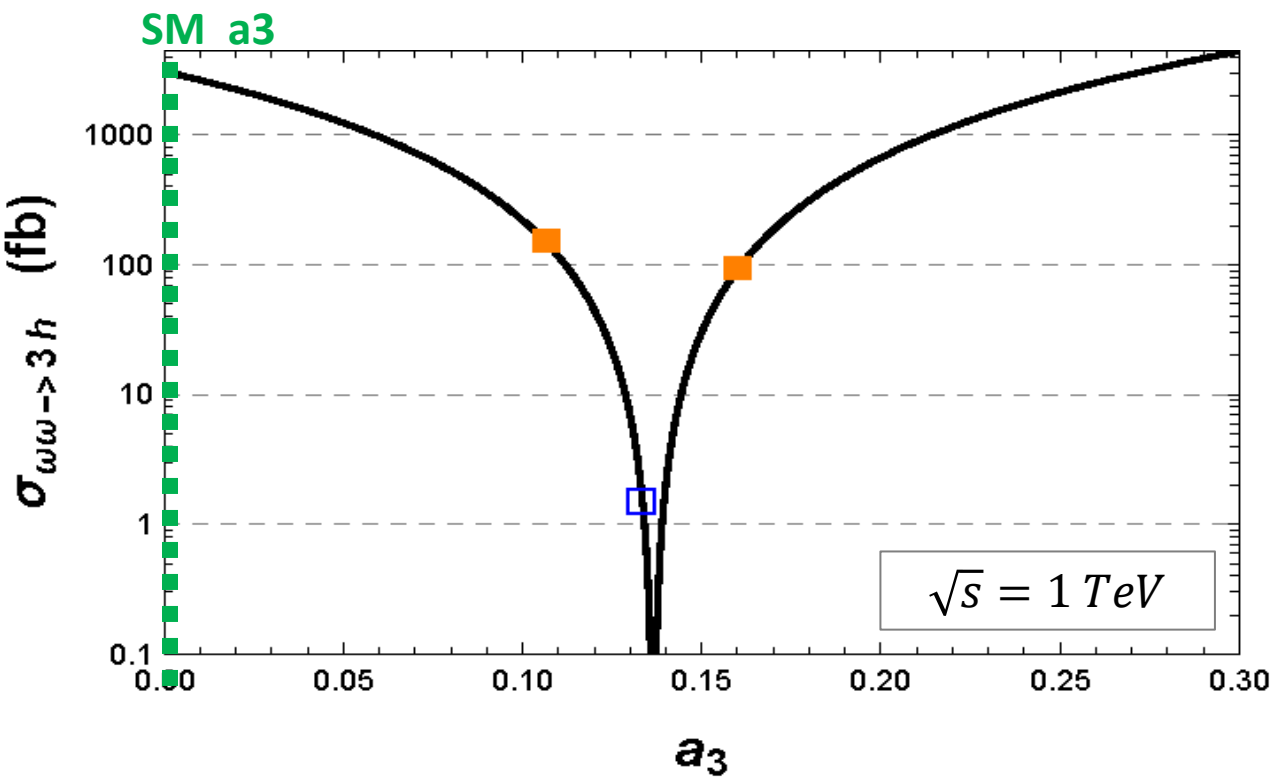
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$$a = a_1/2 = a^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.05, \quad b = a_2 = a_2^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.2, \quad a_3 = a_3^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 0.1\hat{3}$$

- Full Orange square - HEFT:

$$a = a_1/2 = a^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.05, \quad b = a_2 = a_2^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.2, \quad a_3 = a_3^{SMEFT(D=6)} \times (1 \pm 20\%)$$



$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}^{SMEFT} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda^8}$$

- Analogous to previous  $a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V}$  scannings for LHC and FCC analyses:

(x) Englert,Naskar,Sutherland, JHEP 11 (2023) 158

\* G. Buchalla,Cata,Celis,Krause, [NPB 917 \(2017\) 209-233](#) (e.g., for Real Singlet Ext),

\* Delgado,Gómez-Ambrosio,Martínez-Martín,Salas-Bernárdez,SC, [JHEP 03 \(2024\) 037](#)

**For SMEFT starting @ D=8:**  
 $\Delta b = 6\Delta a$  \*

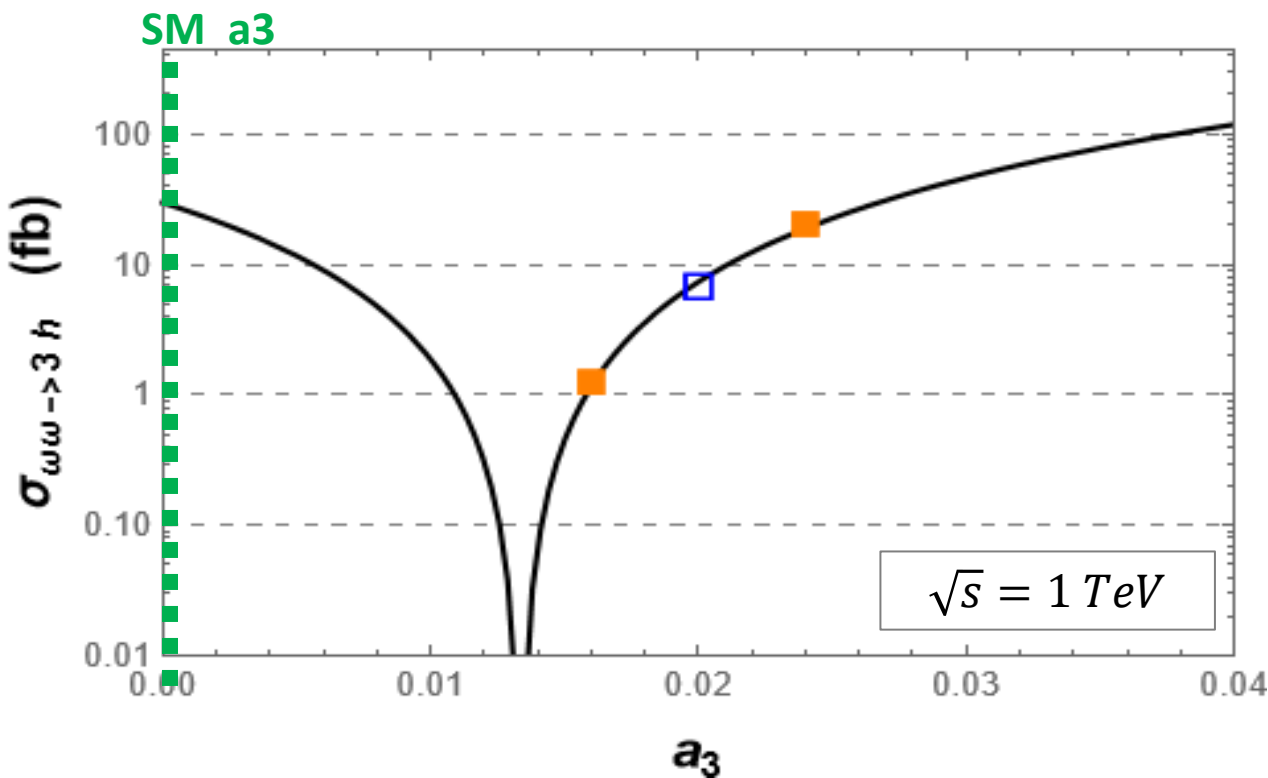
Scanning of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$  cross section predictions for  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV:

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(x) Englert,Naskar,Sutherland, JHEP 11 (2023) 158

\* Dawson,Fontes,Quezada-Calonge,Sanz-Cillero, [PRD 108 \(2023\) 5, 055034](#) (e.g., for 2HDM),  
 \* Delgado,Gómez-Ambrosio,Martínez-Martín,Salas-Bernárdez,SC, [JHEP 03 \(2024\) 037](#)

- Various public code repositories created:
  - Specific Mathematica stand-alone code for  $\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$   
<https://github.com/alexandresalasb/WWtonHcalculator>
  - General FeynRules model file <https://github.com/Javomar99/EWET>  
implementing  $O(p^2)$  and  $O(p^4)$  HEFT Lagrangian
  - New fast+simple Massless Particle Phase-Space Integrator  
MaMuPaXS <https://github.com/mamupaxs/mamupaxs>

\* Delgado, Gómez-Ambrosio, Martínez-Martín, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, [JHEP 03 \(2024\) 037](#); PoS ICHEP2024 (2025) 095 - 2410.19951 [hep-ph]

- We will actually compute the Goldstone-Goldstone scattering,

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h}$$

and extract the corresponding cross section:

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h} = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2s} \int |T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h}|^2 d\Pi_n$$

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$$\omega^+(k_1) \omega^-(k_2) \rightarrow h(p_1) h(p_2) h(p_3) h(p_4)$$

$$B = f_1 f_2 f_3 f_4 \left( \mathcal{B}_{1234} + \mathcal{B}_{1324} + \mathcal{B}_{1423} + \mathcal{B}_{2314} + \mathcal{B}_{2413} + \mathcal{B}_{3412} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{ijkl} = \frac{z_{ij} z_{kl}}{2f_i f_j z_{ij} - f_i z_i - f_j z_j}$$

where  $f_i = qp_i/q^2$ ,  $z_i = 2k_1 p_i / qp_i$ ,  $z_{ij} = z_{ji} = q^2 (p_i p_j) / [(qp_i) (qp_j)]$   
 $q = k_1 + k_2 = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4$

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$$(CM) \quad f_i = \|\vec{p}_i\|/\sqrt{s} \quad (s = 4\|\vec{k}_1\|^2)$$

$$z_i = 2 \sin^2(\theta_i/2)$$

$$z_{ij} = 2 \sin^2(\theta_{ij}/2)$$

$$^4B = f_1 f_2 f_3 f_4 \left( \mathcal{B}_{1234} + \mathcal{B}_{1324} + \mathcal{B}_{1423} + \mathcal{B}_{2314} + \mathcal{B}_{2413} + \mathcal{B}_{3412} \right), \text{ with each term } \mathcal{B}_{ijkl} = \frac{z_{ij} z_{kl}}{2f_i f_j z_{ij} - f_i z_i - f_j z_j}$$

only depending on external momenta scalar products of the form  $f_i = qp_i/q^2$ ,  $z_i = 2k_1 p_i / qp_i$ ,  $z_{ij} = z_{ji} = q^2 (p_i p_j) / [(qp_i)(qp_j)]$ . The total four-momentum is denoted as  $q = k_1 + k_2 = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4$  and the on-shell condition  $k_{1,2}^2 = p_{1,2,3,4}^2 = 0$ . Note that here we have rewritten the expression  $f_1 f_2 f_3 f_4 \mathcal{B}_{ijkl} = (p_i + p_j)^2 (p_k + p_l)^2 / [4q^2 (k_1 - p_i - p_j)^2]$  for on-shell massless external particles in a more convenient form for the phase-space integration. In the center-of-mass (CM) rest-frame these relations define: the three-momentum fractions  $f_i = \|\vec{p}_i\|/\sqrt{s}$  ( $s = 4\|\vec{k}_1\|^2$ ) for each outgoing Higgs boson; the angular functions  $z_i = 2 \sin^2(\theta_i/2)$  with  $\theta_i$  being the angle between the  $i$ -th Higgs boson and the incoming  $\omega^+$  Goldstone boson momenta,  $\vec{k}_1$  (that is,  $z_1 = 1 - \cos \theta$ ,  $z_2 = 1 + \cos \theta$  as usual in a two-body problem with  $t$  and  $u$  channels);  $z_{ij} = 2 \sin^2(\theta_{ij}/2)$ , with  $\theta_{ij}$  being the angle between the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th Higgs bosons. We remark that by construction we have factored out the scaling with  $s$  so that the kinematic function  $B$  only depend on the angular distribution of the Higgses.

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$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 \left[ (3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2)^2 + 2 (3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2) \hat{a}_2^2 \chi_1 + \hat{a}_2^4 \chi_2 \right]$$

$$\chi_n = \mathcal{V}_4^{-1} \int d\Pi_4 B^n,$$

$$\mathcal{V}_4 = \int d\Pi_4 = s^2 (24(4\pi)^5)^{-1}$$

$$\chi_1 = -0.124984 \text{ (10)}$$

$$\chi_2 = 0.0193760 \text{ (16)}$$

our phase-space integration code (MaMuPaXS)

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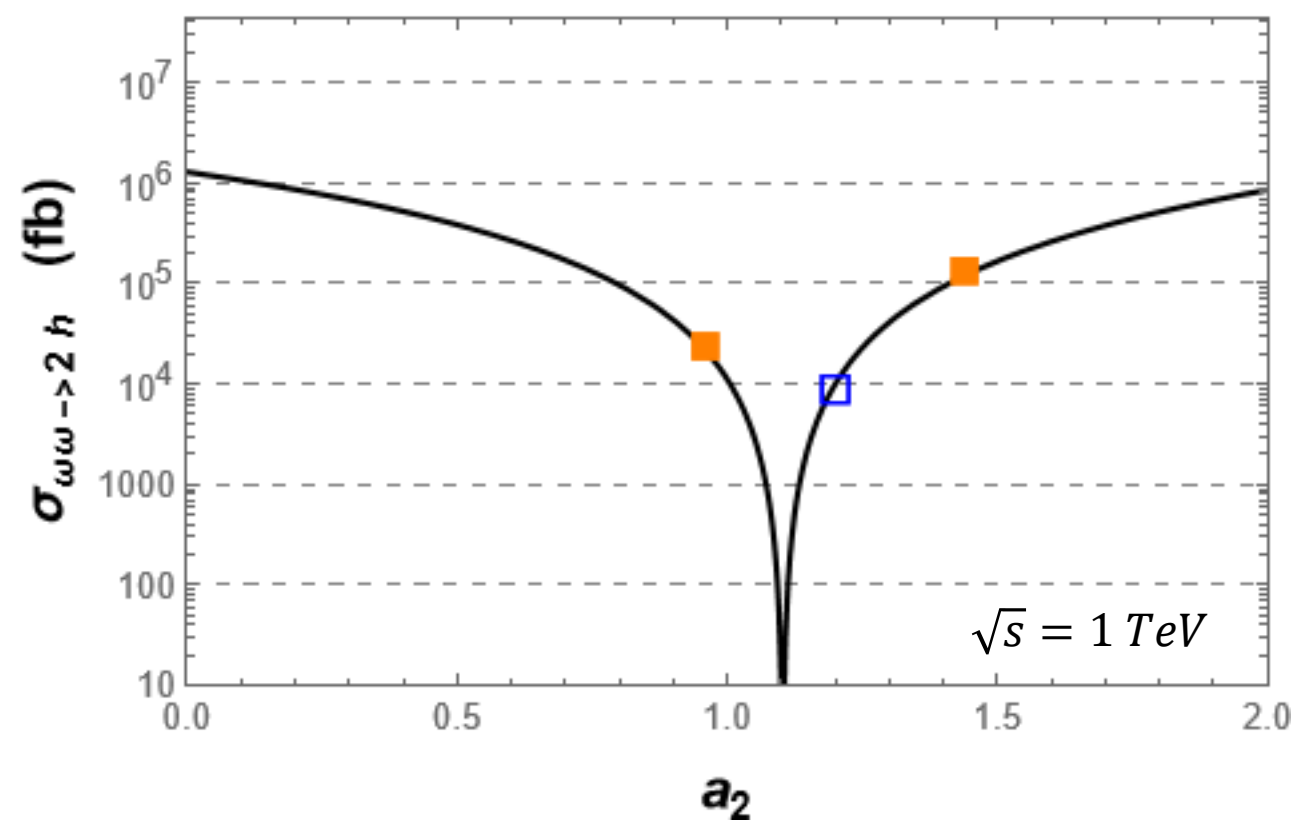
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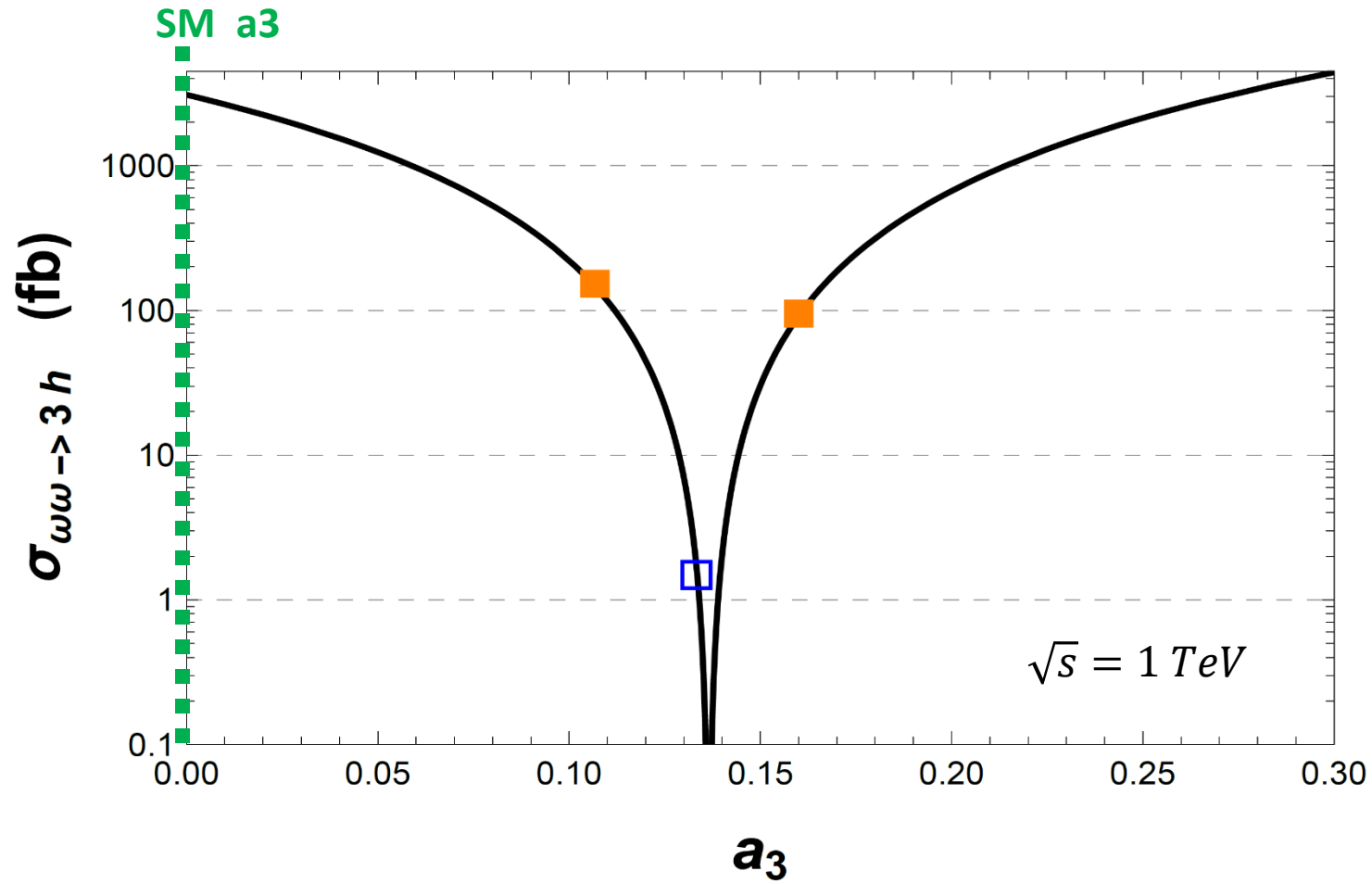
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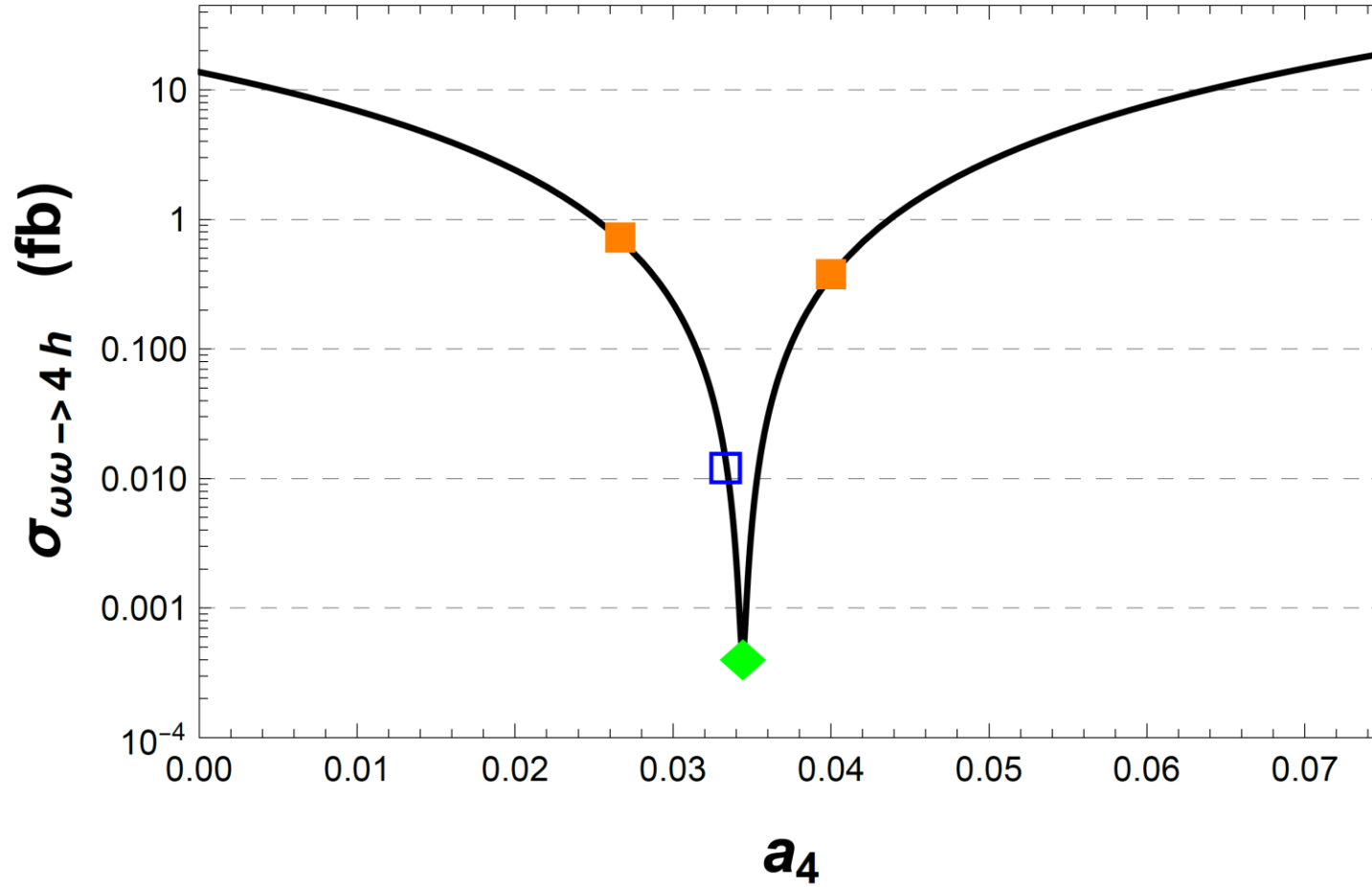
- Analogous to previous  $a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V}$  scannings for LHC and FCC analyses:

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**Figure 5.** Scan of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$  cross section predictions in terms of  $a_3$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV. The inputs  $a_1 = a_1^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 2.1$  and  $a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 1.2$  are taken from (4.2), the SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP. We have marked a few especial points:  $a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 0.1\hat{3}$  (empty blue square) and their 20% deviations (full orange squares),  $a_3 = 80\% \times a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$  and  $a_3 = 120\% \times a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$ . We note that, in between,  $\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}$  vanishes at  $a_3 = \frac{2}{3}a_1(a_2 - \frac{1}{4}a_1^2) = 0.1365$ .

\* Delgado, Gómez-Ambrosio, Martínez-Martín, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, [JHEP 03 \(2024\) 037](#)



**Figure 7.** Scanning of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$  cross section predictions in terms of  $a_4$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV. The inputs  $a_1 = a_1^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 2.1$ ,  $a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 1.2$  and  $a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 0.1\hat{3}$  are taken from (4.2), the SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP. We have marked a few especial points:  $a_4 = a_4^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 0.0\hat{3}$  (empty blue square) and their 20% deviations (full orange squares),  $a_4 = 80\% \times a_4^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$  and  $a_4 = 120\% \times a_4^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$ . The cross section's minimum is not zero this time and it is found at  $a_4 = \frac{3}{4}a_1a_3 - \frac{5}{12}a_1^2\hat{a}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\hat{a}_2^2(1 - \chi_1) \approx 0.0344$  (filled green diamond).

| Correlations<br>accurate at order $\Lambda^{-2}$                                                                                            | Correlations<br>accurate at order $\Lambda^{-4}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | $\Lambda^{-4}$ Assuming<br>SMEFT perturbativity                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\Delta a_2 = 2\Delta a_1$<br>$a_3 = \frac{4}{3}\Delta a_1$<br>$a_4 = \frac{1}{3}\Delta a_1$<br><br>$a_5 = 0$<br><br>$a_6 = 0$ <b>SMEFT</b> | $(a_3 - \frac{4}{3}\Delta a_1) = \frac{8}{3}(\Delta a_2 - 2\Delta a_1) - \frac{1}{3}(\Delta a_1)^2$<br>$(a_4 - \frac{1}{3}\Delta a_1) = \frac{5}{3}\Delta a_1 - 2\Delta a_2 + \frac{7}{4}a_3 =$<br>$\quad = \frac{8}{3}(\Delta a_2 - 2\Delta a_1) - \frac{7}{12}(\Delta a_1)^2$<br>$a_5 = \frac{8}{5}\Delta a_1 - \frac{22}{15}\Delta a_2 + a_3 =$<br>$\quad = \frac{6}{5}(\Delta a_2 - 2\Delta a_1) - \frac{1}{3}(\Delta a_1)^2$<br>$a_6 = \frac{1}{6}a_5$ <b>SMEFT</b> | $ \Delta a_2  \leq 5 \Delta a_1 $<br><br>those for $a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6$<br><br>all the same<br><br><b>SMEFT</b> |

$$\Delta a_1 := a_1 - 2 = 2a - 2$$

$$\Delta a_2 := a_2 - 1 = b - 1$$

$$a_1 = \left( 2 + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)}v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 3\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right) \quad a_2 = \left( 1 + 4\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)}v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 12\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 6\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right)$$

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio,Llanes-Estrada,Salas-Bernárdez,SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; arXiv: 2207.09848 [hep-ph]

| Consistent SMEFT<br>range at order $\Lambda^{-2}$                                                              | Consistent SMEFT<br>range at order $\Lambda^{-4}$                                                      | Perturbativity of<br>$\Lambda^{-4}$ SMEFT                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\Delta a_2 \in [-0.12, 0.36]$<br>$a_3 \in [-0.08, 0.24]$<br>$a_4 \in [-0.02, 0.06]$<br>$a_5 = 0$<br>$a_6 = 0$ | <b>ATLAS</b><br>$a_3 \in [-4.1, 4.0]$<br>$a_4 \in [-4.2, 3.9]$<br>$a_5 \in [-1.9, 1.8]$<br>$a_6 = a_5$ | <b>ATLAS</b><br>$a_3 \in [-3.1, 1.7]$<br>$a_4 \in [-3.3, 1.5]$<br>$a_5 \in [-1.5, 0.6]$<br>$a_6 = a_5$ |
|                                                                                                                | <b>CMS</b><br>$a_3 \in [-3.2, 3.0]$<br>$a_4 \in [-3.3, 3.0]$<br>$a_5 \in [-1.5, 1.3]$<br>$a_6 = a_5$   | <b>CMS</b><br>$a_3 \in [-3.1, 1.7]$<br>$a_4 \in [-3.3, 1.5]$<br>$a_5 \in [-1.5, 0.6]$<br>$a_6 = a_5$   |

$$|\Delta a_2| \leq 5|\Delta a_1|$$

$$a_1/2 = a \in [0.97, 1.09] \text{ [67]}$$

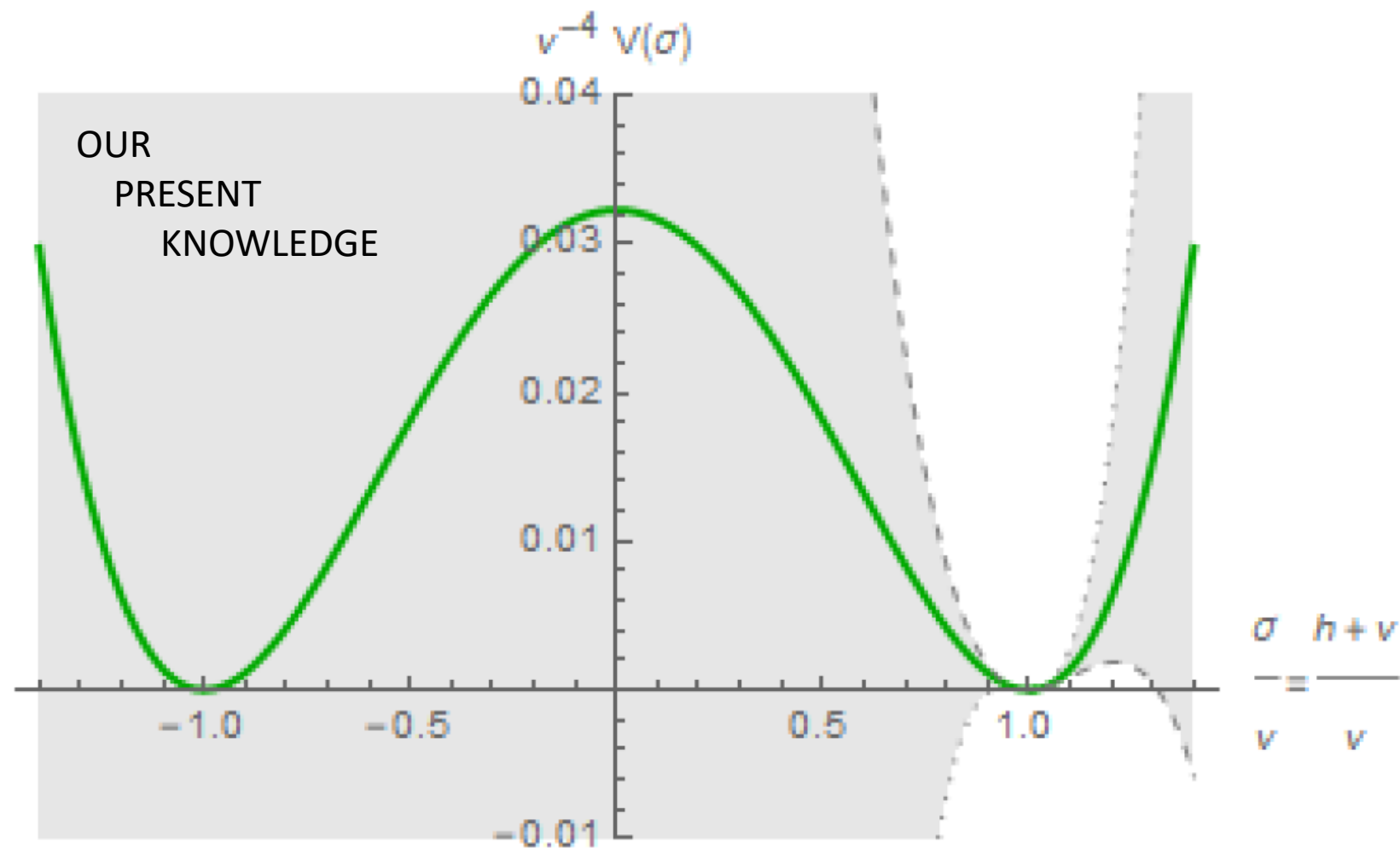
•ATLAS

$$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.43, 2.56] \text{ [69]}$$

•CMS

$$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.1, 2.2] \text{ [68]}$$

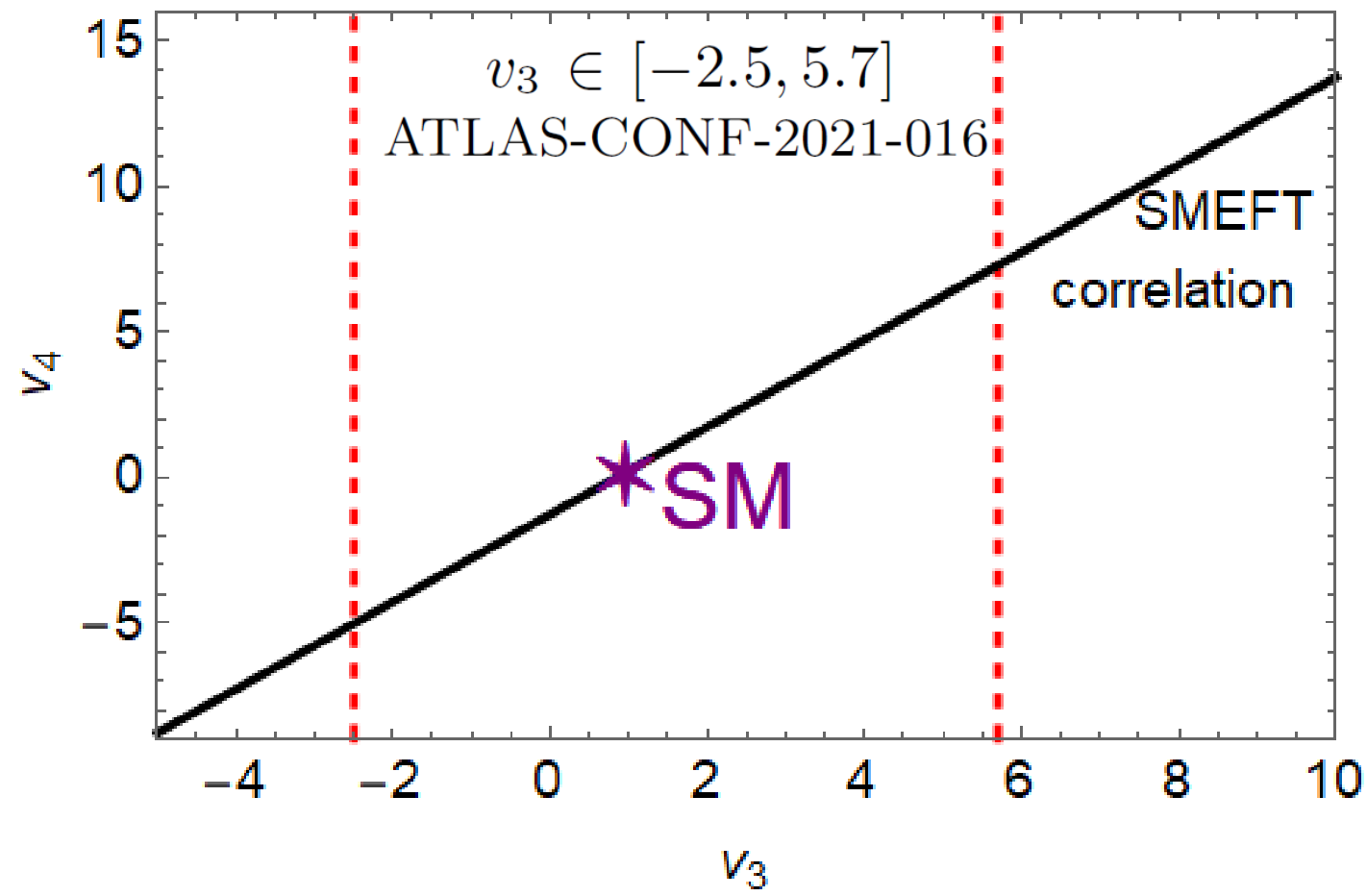
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# Other correlations: Higgs potential

$$V_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{m_h^2 v^2}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^2 + v_3 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^3 + v_4 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^4 + \dots \right],$$

with  $v_3 = 1$ ,  $v_4 = 1/4$  and  $v_{n \geq 5} = 0$  in the SM



|                                                                |                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $\Delta v_4 = \frac{3}{2} \Delta v_3 - \frac{1}{6} \Delta a_1$ | $\Delta v_4 \in [-3.8, 8.6]$ |
| $v_5 = 6v_6 = \frac{3}{4} \Delta v_3 - \frac{1}{8} \Delta a_1$ | $v_5 = 6v_6 \in [-1.9, 4.3]$ |

$$a_1/2 \in [0.97, 1.09]$$

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HEFT correlations from the Custodial preserving SMEFT operators

$$\mathcal{O}_H := (H^\dagger H)^3, \quad \mathcal{O}_{H\Box} := (H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H).$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_3 &= 1 + \frac{3v^2 c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, & v_4 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{25v^2 c_{H\Box}}{6\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, \\ v_5 &= \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, & v_6 &= \frac{v^2 c_{H\Box}}{3\Lambda^2} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, \\ v_{n \geq 7} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } m_h^2 &= -2\mu^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2c_{H\Box} v^2}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2} \right), \\ 2\langle |H|^2 \rangle &= v^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

# Low-energy EFT (SM + ...): representations

- Higgs field representation: SMEFT vs HEFT, a matter of taste? (+)

## 1) Linear\* (SMEFT): in terms of a doublet $\phi = (1+h/v) U(\omega^a) \langle \phi \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{L}} &= (\mathbf{D}_\mu \phi)^\dagger \mathbf{D}_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) \square (\phi^\dagger \phi) + \dots \\ &= \frac{(v+h)^2}{4} \langle (\mathbf{D}_\mu \mathbf{U})^\dagger \mathbf{D}_\mu \mathbf{U} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (1 + \mathbf{P}(h)) (\partial_\mu h)^2 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dh^{\text{NL}}}{dh^{\text{L}}} &= \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{P}(h^{\text{L}})} \\ h^{\text{NL}} &= \int_0^{h^{\text{L}}} \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{P}(h)} dh\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{NL}} = \frac{v^2}{4} \mathcal{F}_c(h) \langle (\mathbf{D}_\mu \mathbf{U})^\dagger \mathbf{D}_\mu \mathbf{U} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c(h) = 1 + \frac{2ah}{v} + \frac{bh^2}{v^2} + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

???

$$\frac{v^2}{2} \mathcal{F}_c(h^{\text{NL}}) = \frac{(v+h^{\text{L}})^2}{2} = \phi^\dagger \phi$$

if there exists an  $\text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_R$   
fixed point  $\mathcal{F}_c(h^*)=0$  (x)

## 2) Non-linear\* (HEFT or EW $\chi$ L): in terms of 1 singlet $h$ + 3 NGB in $\mathbf{U}(\omega^a)$

(+) SC, arXiv:1710.07611 [hep-ph]; PoS EPS-HEP2017 (2017) 460

\* Jenkins, Manohar, Trott, JHEP 1310 (2013) 087

\* LHCHSWG Yellow Report [1610.07922]

(x) Transformations:

Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi, JHEP 0706 (2007) 045

Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, JHEP 1608 (2016) 101

# Relation to SMEFT

## SMEFT

### SMEFT lagrangian

[Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez and Sanz-Cillero - 2207.09848]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(n)}$$

### $\mathcal{O}_{H\Box}$ operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{H\Box}^{(6)} = (H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H), \quad \mathcal{O}_{H\Box}^{(8)} = (H^\dagger H)^2\Box(H^\dagger H), \quad \partial^2 \equiv \Box$$

### SMEFT parameters

$$d = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}}{2(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2}$$

## SMEFT $\Rightarrow$ HEFT connection

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ (\nu + h_{\text{SMEFT}}) + i\phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Relevant SMEFT at the TeV scale:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = |\partial H|^2 + \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger H) \Box (H^\dagger H)$$

To polar-like coordinates:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - 2(\nu + h)^2 \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} \right) (\partial_\mu h)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nu + h)^2 (\partial_\mu \mathbf{n} \cdot \partial^\mu \mathbf{n})$$

- SMEFT in the *HEFT*-form<sup>(x)</sup> looks like...

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \frac{v^2}{4} \mathcal{F}(h_1) \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U \rangle + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h_1)^2}_{\text{HEFT (x)}} - V(h) - \frac{c_{H\Box} [(v + h_1)^3 - v^3]}{3\Lambda^2} V'(h_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(h_1) &= \left(1 + \frac{h_1}{v}\right)^2 + \frac{2v^3 c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} \left(1 + \frac{h_1}{v}\right) \left(\frac{h_1^3}{3v^3} + \frac{h_1^2}{v^2} + \frac{h_1}{v}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{c_{H\Box}^2}{\Lambda^4}\right) = \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right) \left(2 + 2\frac{c_{H\Box} v^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^2 \left(1 + 4\frac{c_{H\Box} v^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) + \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^3 \left(8\frac{c_{H\Box} v^2}{3\Lambda^2}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^4 \left(2\frac{c_{H\Box} v^2}{3\Lambda^2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

SMEFT correlated coeff.

$$a_1 = 2a = 2 \left(1 + v^2 \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2}\right), \quad a_2 = b = 1 + 4v^2 \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad a_3 = \frac{8v^2}{3} \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad a_4 = \frac{2v^2}{3} \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2}$$

# SMEFT $\Leftarrow$ HEFT connection

From HEFT to SMEFT one has to solve

$$h_{\text{HEFT}} = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( (1 + h_{\text{SMEFT}}/v)^2 \right)$$

and in order to have an analytic Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \underbrace{|\partial H|^2}_{=\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{8|H|^2}{v^2} \left( (\mathcal{F}^{-1})' (2|H|^2/v^2) \right)^2 - 1 \right]}_{=\Delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}}} \frac{(\partial|H|^2)^2}{\underbrace{2|H|^2}_{\text{Possible non-analyticity}}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Provides conditions on the derivatives of the flare function  $\mathcal{F}(h)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Correlation of HEFT parameters by assuming an analytic SMEFT.

## SMEFT vs HEFT: potential issues

- **Theory:**

HEFT Lagrangian becomes singular in *SMEFT-form*  
(coordinates)

- **Phenomenology:**

SMEFT predicts correlations absent in experiment?  
(in principle, also absent in HEFT)

# Oblique Electroweak Observables: S and T at NLO

- ✓ Universal oblique corrections via the **EW boson self-energies** (transverse in the **Landau gauge**)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{v.p.}} \doteq -\frac{1}{2} W_\mu^3 \Pi_{33}^{\mu\nu}(q^2) W_\nu^3 - \frac{1}{2} B_\mu \Pi_{00}^{\mu\nu}(q^2) B_\nu - W_\mu^3 \Pi_{30}^{\mu\nu}(q^2) B_\nu - W_\mu^+ \Pi_{WW}^{\mu\nu}(q^2) W_\nu^-$$

- ✓ **S parameter\***: new physics in the difference between the Z self-energies at  $Q^2=M_Z^2$  and  $Q^2=0$ .

$$e_3 = \frac{g}{g'} \tilde{\Pi}_{30}(0), \quad \Pi_{30}(q^2) = q^2 \tilde{\Pi}_{30}(q^2) + \frac{g^2 \tan \theta_W}{4} v^2, \quad S = \frac{16\pi}{g^2} (e_3 - e_3^{\text{SM}}).$$

- ✓ **T parameter\***: custodial symmetry breaking

$$e_1 = \frac{\Pi_{33}(0) - \Pi_{WW}(0)}{M_W^2} \stackrel{**}{=} \frac{Z^{(+)}}{Z^{(-)}} - 1 \quad T = \frac{4\pi}{g'^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} (e_1 - e_1^{\text{SM}})$$

- ✓ We follow the useful **dispersive representation** introduced by **Peskin and Takeuchi\*** for S and a **dispersion relation for T** (checked for the lowest cuts):

$$S = \frac{16\pi}{g^2 \tan \theta_W} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \left( \rho_S(t) - \rho_S(t)^{\text{SM}} \right)$$

$$T = \frac{16\pi}{g'^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t^2} \left( \rho_T(t) - \rho_T(t)^{\text{SM}} \right)$$

- ✓  $\rho_S(t)$  and  $\rho_T(t)$  are the spectral functions of the  $W^3B$  and of the difference of the neutral and charged Goldstone boson self-energies, respectively.
- ✓ They need to be well-behaved at **short-distances** to get the convergence of the integral.
- ✓ **S and T parameters** are defined for a reference value for the **SM Higgs mass**.

\* [Peskin and Takeuchi '92](#)

\*\* [Barbieri et al. '93](#)

- ✓ We consider only the **lightest two-particle absorptive cuts** ( $\phi\phi, h\phi, \psi\bar{\psi}$ ) and in general we take as working assumptions  $M_A > M_V$  and  $\tilde{F}_{V,A}^2 < F_{V,A}^2$ .

- ✓ **LO** result ( $T_{LO}=0$ ):

- ✓ With 1st and 2nd WSR:  $S_{LO} = \frac{4\pi v^2}{M_V^2} \left(1 + \frac{M_V^2}{M_A^2}\right) \longrightarrow \frac{4\pi v^2}{M_V^2} < S_{LO} < \frac{8\pi v^2}{M_V^2}$

- ✓ With only the 1st WSR:  $S_{LO} > \frac{4\pi v^2}{M_V^2}$

- ✓ **NLO** result with 1st and 2nd WSR:

$$S_{NLO} = 4\pi v^2 \left( \frac{1}{M_V^2} + \frac{1}{M_A^2} \right) + \Delta S_{NLO}^{P-even} + \Delta S_{NLO}^{P-odd}$$

$$\Delta S_{NLO}^{P-even} = \frac{1}{12\pi} \left[ (1 - \kappa_W^2) \left( \log \frac{M_V^2}{m_h^2} - \frac{11}{6} \right) + \kappa_W^2 \left( \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} - 1 \right) \log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \right]$$

$$\Delta S_{NLO}^{P-odd} = \frac{1}{12\pi} \left( \frac{\tilde{F}_V^2}{F_V^2} + 2\kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_V \tilde{F}_A}{F_V F_A} - \kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_A^2}{F_A^2} \right) \left( \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} - 1 \right) \log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\tilde{F}_{V,A}^4}{F_{V,A}^4} \right)$$

P-even results correspond to Pich, IR and Sanz-Cillero '13 '14

$$T_{NLO} = \Delta T_{NLO}^{P-even} + \Delta T_{NLO}^{P-odd}$$

$$\Delta T_{NLO}^{P-even} = \frac{3}{16\pi \cos^2 \theta_W} \left[ (1 - \kappa_W^2) \left( 1 - \log \frac{M_V^2}{m_h^2} \right) + \kappa_W^2 \log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \right]$$

$$\Delta T_{NLO}^{P-odd} = \frac{3}{16\pi \cos^2 \theta_W} \left\{ 2\kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_A}{F_A} - 2 \frac{\tilde{F}_V}{F_V} + \frac{M_V^2}{M_A^2 - M_V^2} \log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \left( 2 \frac{\tilde{F}_V}{F_V} - 2\kappa_W^2 \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \frac{\tilde{F}_A}{F_A} \right) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{M_V^2}{M_A^2 - M_V^2} \log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \left[ \left( \kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_A^2}{F_A^2} - \frac{\tilde{F}_V^2}{F_V^2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \right) + 2 \frac{\tilde{F}_V \tilde{F}_A}{F_V F_A} \left( \kappa_W^2 \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} - 1 \right) \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + 2 \left( \frac{\tilde{F}_V^2}{F_V^2} - \kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_A^2}{F_A^2} + (1 - \kappa_W^2) \frac{\tilde{F}_V \tilde{F}_A}{F_V F_A} \right) \right\} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\tilde{F}_{V,A}^3}{F_{V,A}^3} \right)$$

Expansion in  $\frac{\tilde{F}_{V,A}}{F_{V,A}}$ .

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- ✓ **NLO** result with only the 1st WSR:

$$S_{NLO} > \frac{4\pi v^2}{M_V^2} + \Delta\tilde{S}_{NLO}^{P-even} + \Delta\tilde{S}_{NLO}^{P-odd}$$

$$\Delta\tilde{S}_{NLO}^{P-even} = \frac{1}{12\pi} \left[ \left(1 - \kappa_W^2\right) \left(\log \frac{M_V^2}{m_h^2} - \frac{11}{6}\right) - \kappa_W^2 \left(\log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} - 1 + \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2}\right) \right]$$

$$\Delta\tilde{S}_{NLO}^{P-odd} = \frac{1}{12\pi} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2}\right) \left[ \frac{\tilde{F}_V^2}{F_V^2} + \kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_A}{F_A} \left(2 \frac{\tilde{F}_V}{F_V} - \frac{\tilde{F}_A}{F_A}\right) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \log \frac{M_A^2}{M_V^2} \left( \frac{\tilde{F}_V^2}{F_V^2} - \kappa_W^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_A^2}{F_A^2} - 2 \frac{\tilde{F}_V \tilde{F}_A}{F_V F_A} \right) \right\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\tilde{F}_{V,A}^4}{F_{V,A}^4}\right)$$

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