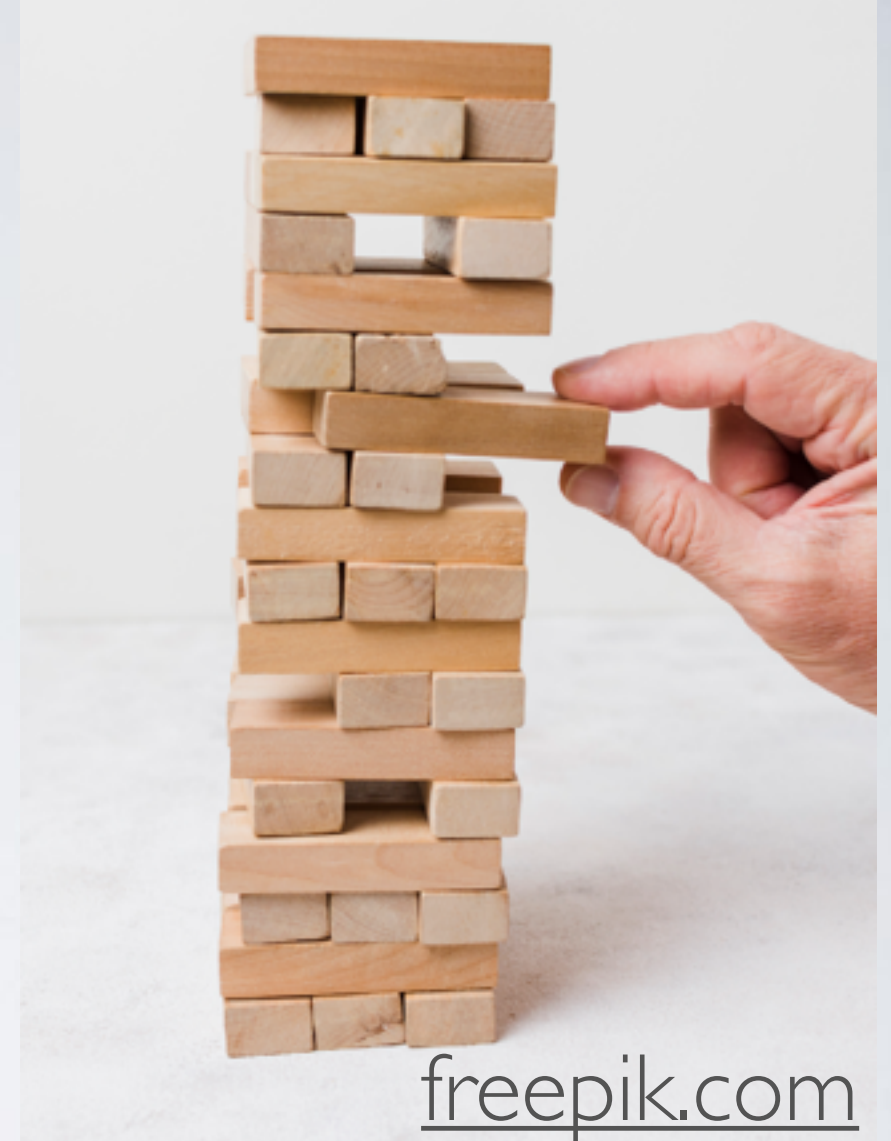


# UNITARITY VIOLATION FROM NONSTANDARD HIGGS COUPLINGS



Spencer Chang (U. Oregon)  
w/ Markus Luty 1902.05556+ongoing  
also see Falkowski & Rattazzi 1902.05936  
and earlier work by Belyaev et.al. 1212.3860  
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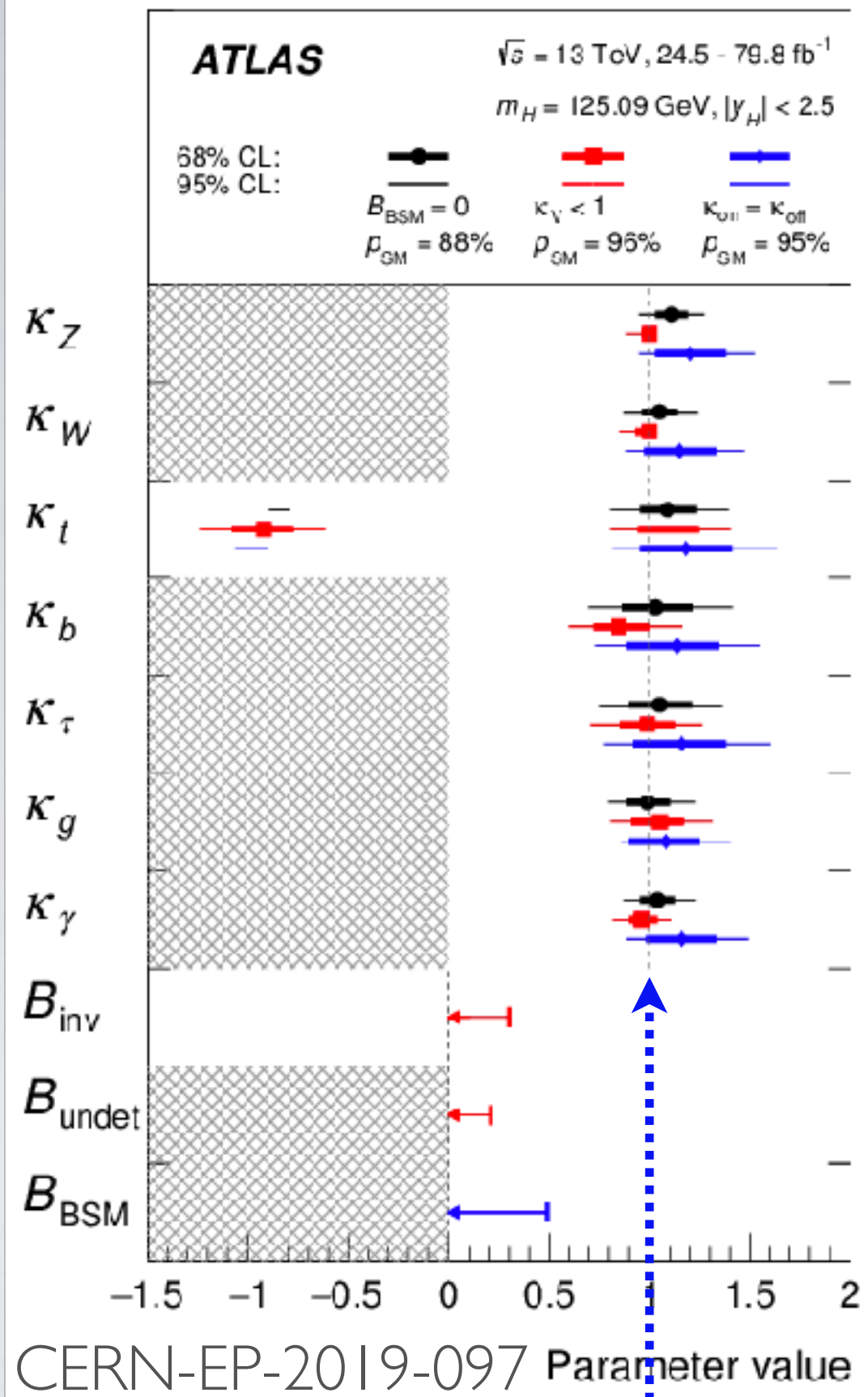
# PINNING DOWN HIGGS PROPERTIES



Post-discovery, major goal of LHC and future colliders is measuring Higgs properties so we can test EWSB mechanism, mass generation, but also to look for new physics beyond the Standard Model

# HIGGS COUPLINGS MEASUREMENTS

Fits to  
 $\sigma \times$  Branching Ratios,  
for Higgs couplings  
have 10-25%  
errors and currently  
agree with SM value



Standard  
Model values



# HIGGS COUPLINGS IN FUTURE

kappa-0	HL-LHC	LHeC	HE-LHC		ILC			CLIC			CEPC	FCC-ee		FCC-ee/eh/hh
			S2	S2'	250	500	1000	380	15000	3000		240	365	
$\kappa_W$ [%]	1.7	0.75	1.4	0.98	1.8	0.29	0.24	0.86	0.16	0.11	1.3	1.3	0.43	0.14
$\kappa_Z$ [%]	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.29	0.23	0.22	0.5	0.26	0.23	0.14	0.20	0.17	0.12
$\kappa_g$ [%]	2.3	3.6	1.9	1.2	2.3	0.97	0.66	2.5	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.0	0.49
$\kappa_\gamma$ [%]	1.9	7.6	1.6	1.2	6.7	3.4	1.9	98*	5.0	2.2	3.7	4.7	3.9	0.29
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ [%]	10.	—	5.7	3.8	99*	86*	85*	120*	15	6.9	8.2	81*	75*	0.69
$\kappa_c$ [%]	—	4.1	—	—	2.5	1.3	0.9	4.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.8	1.3	0.95
$\kappa_t$ [%]	3.3	—	2.8	1.7	—	6.9	1.6	—	—	2.7	—	—	—	1.0
$\kappa_b$ [%]	3.6	2.1	3.2	2.3	1.8	0.58	0.48	1.9	0.46	0.37	1.2	1.3	0.67	0.43
$\kappa_\mu$ [%]	4.6	—	2.5	1.7	15	9.4	6.2	320*	13	5.8	8.9	10	8.9	0.41
$\kappa_\tau$ [%]	1.9	3.3	1.5	1.1	1.9	0.70	0.57	3.0	1.3	0.88	1.3	1.4	0.73	0.44

Taken from Higgs@FutureColliders report (1905.03764)

# HIGHER ORDER HIGGS COUPLINGS

HL-LHC and future colliders will be sensitive to higher order Higgs couplings, including self-interactions and quadratic couplings to  $W$ , top

$$(1 + \delta_3) \frac{m_h^2}{2v} h^3 + (1 + \delta_4) \frac{m_h^2}{8v^2} h^4$$

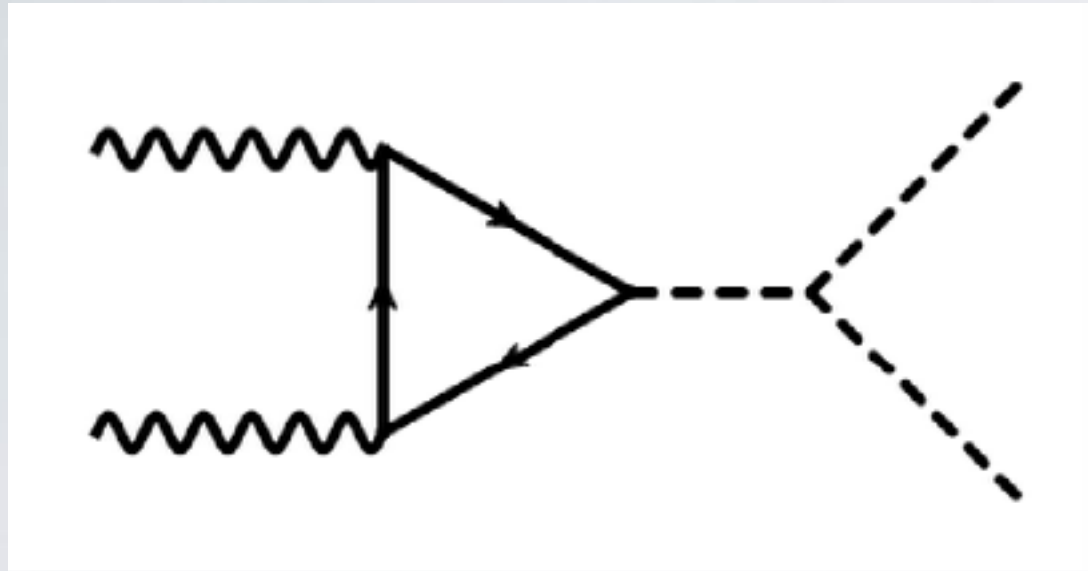
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$$\left( \frac{1}{2} m_Z^2 Z^2 + m_W^2 W^2 \right) (1 + \delta_{hhVV}) \frac{h^2}{v^2}$$

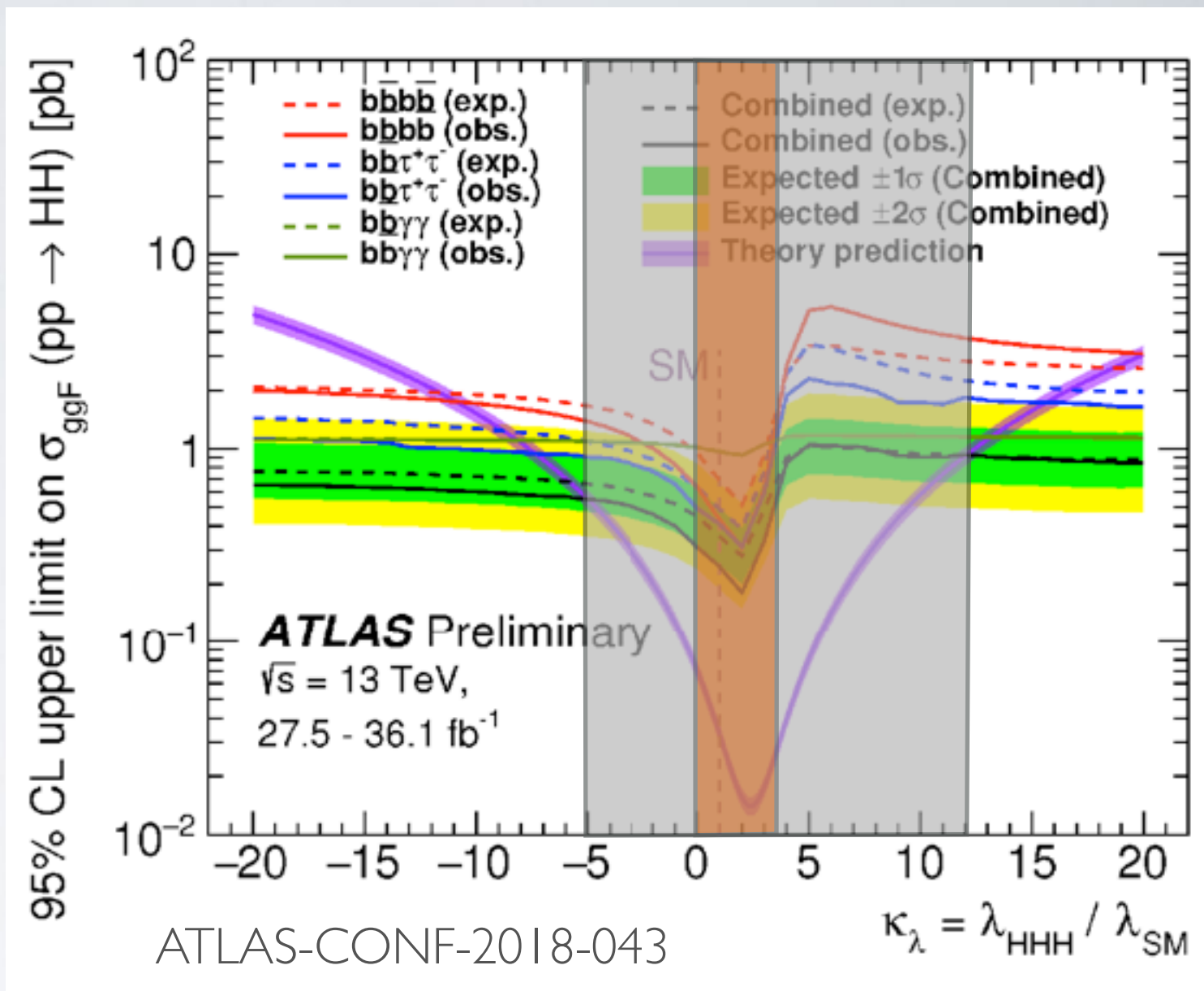
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$$- \frac{m_t}{2v^2} c_2 h^2 \bar{T} T$$

# TRILINEAR SEARCH



Trilinear probed by  
search for Double Higgs  
production



Currently only sensitive to  $O(10)$  variations, but  
projections estimate trilinear sensitivity  
to  $\sim [-0.2, 3.6]$  at LHC w/  $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  and  
20-30% at future colliders

# TRIPLE HIGGS PROCESS

Papaefstathiou and Sakurai  
See also Chien et.al.

hh and hhh at one loop  
e.g. Bizon et.al.

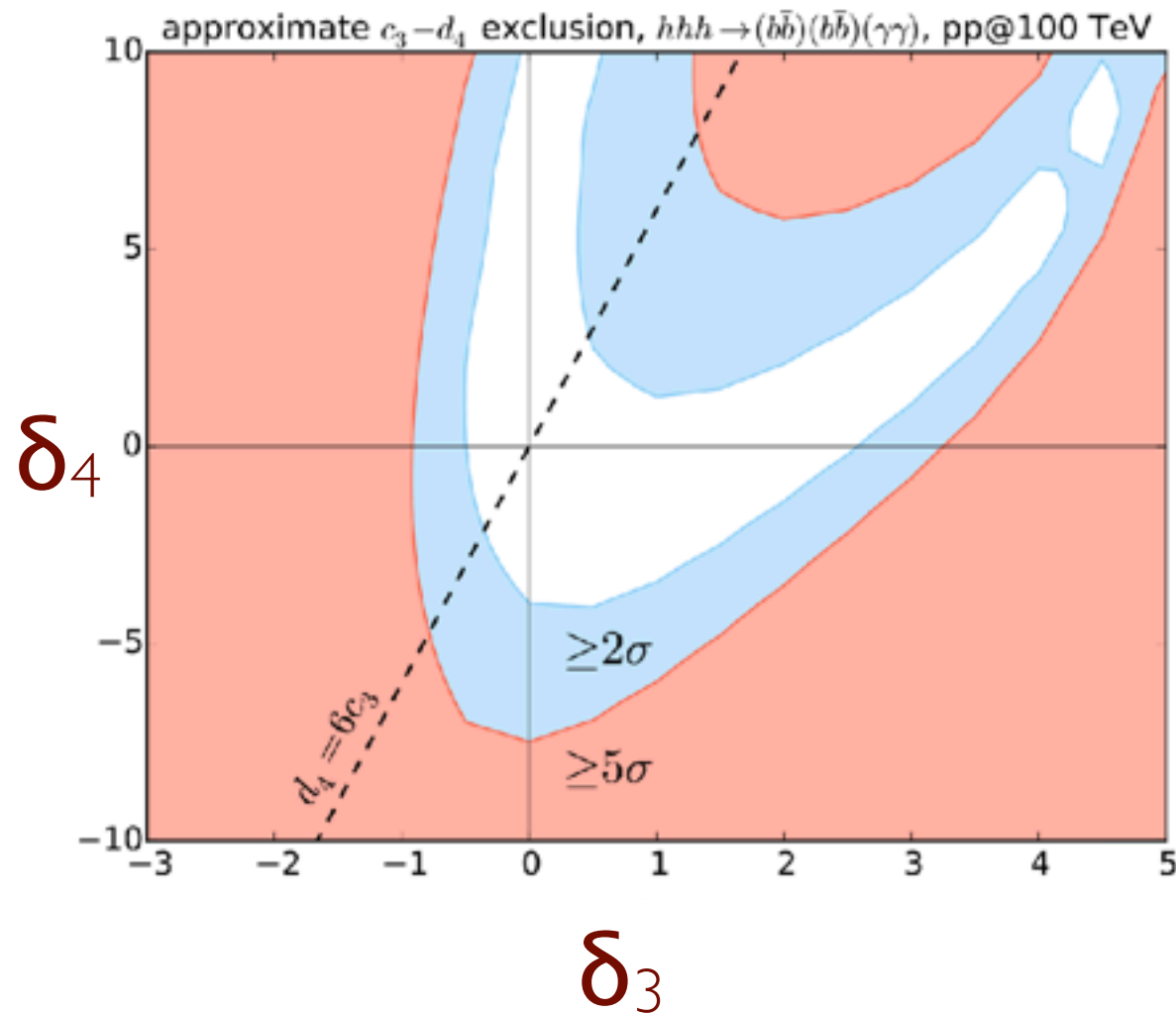
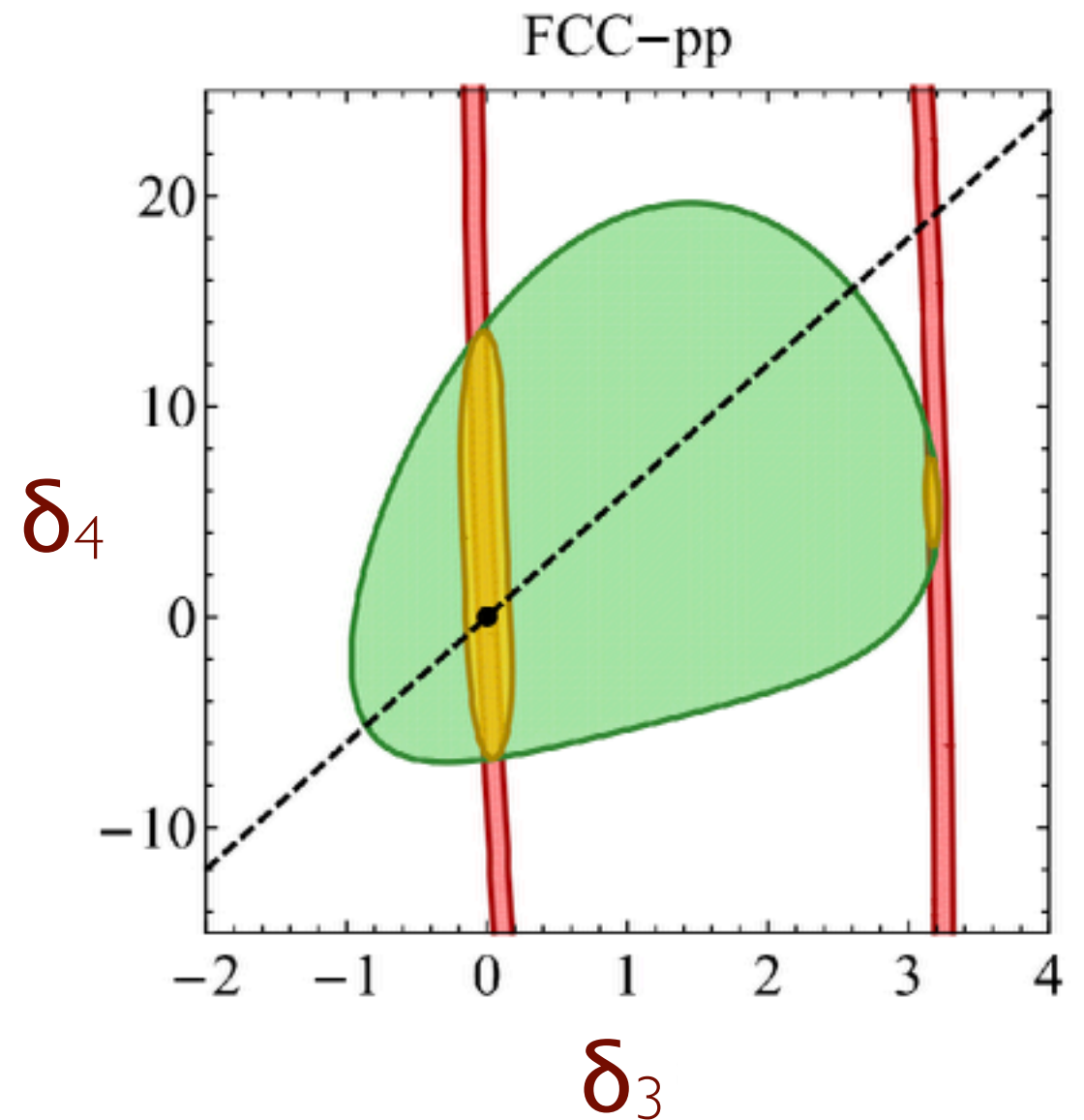


FIG. 6: The approximate expected  $2\sigma$  (blue) and  $5\sigma$  (red) exclusion regions on the  $c_3 - d_4$  plane after  $30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity, derived assuming a constant signal efficiency, calculated along the  $d_4 = 6c_3$  line in  $c_3 \in [-3.0, 4.0]$ .



**Sensitivity to Higgs  
quartic is poor even  
in optimistic cases**



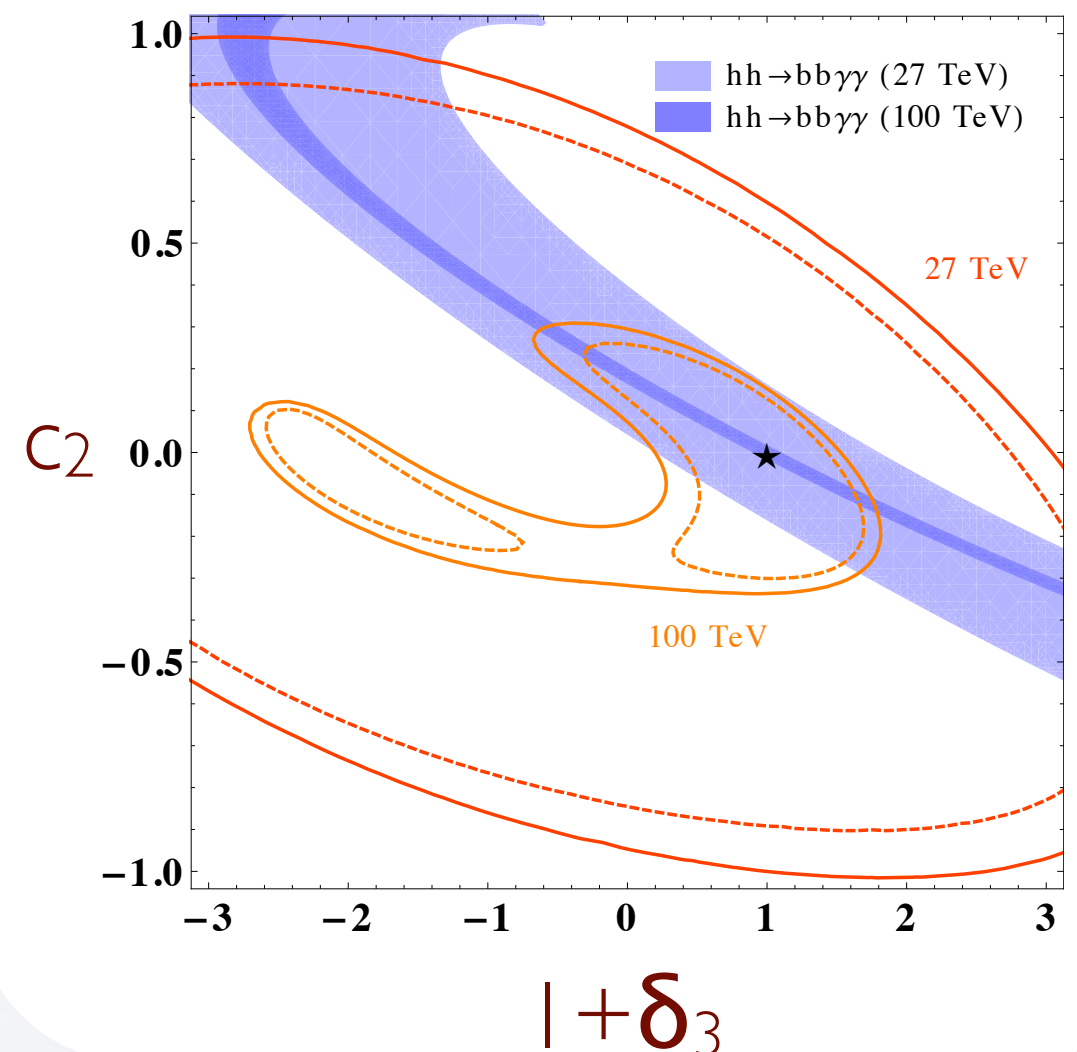
# W/Z AND TOP COUPLINGS TO HH

VVhh measured in  
VBF DiHiggs to 4b's  
Bishara et.al. (1611.03860)

	68% probability interval on $\delta_{hhVV}$	
	$1 \times \sigma_{\text{bkg}}$	$3 \times \sigma_{\text{bkg}}$
LHC <sub>14</sub>	$[-0.37, 0.45]$	$[-0.43, 0.48]$
HL-LHC	$[-0.15, 0.19]$	$[-0.18, 0.20]$
FCC <sub>100</sub>	$[0, 0.01]$	$[-0.01, 0.01]$

Sensitivity to  $\mathcal{O}(.1-1)$  for  
quadratic Higgs couplings

tthh coupling  
probed by tthh  
production  
Li et.al. (1905.03772)

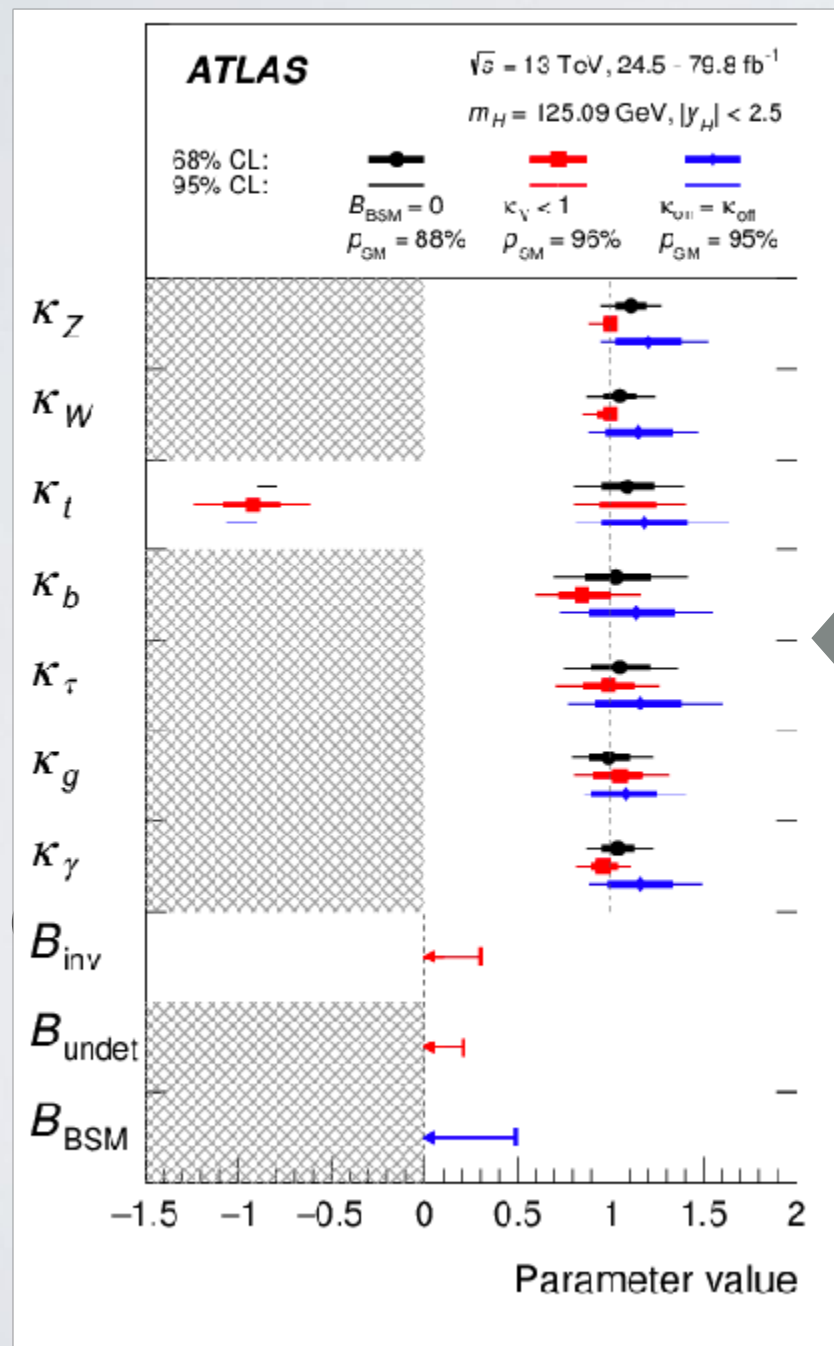




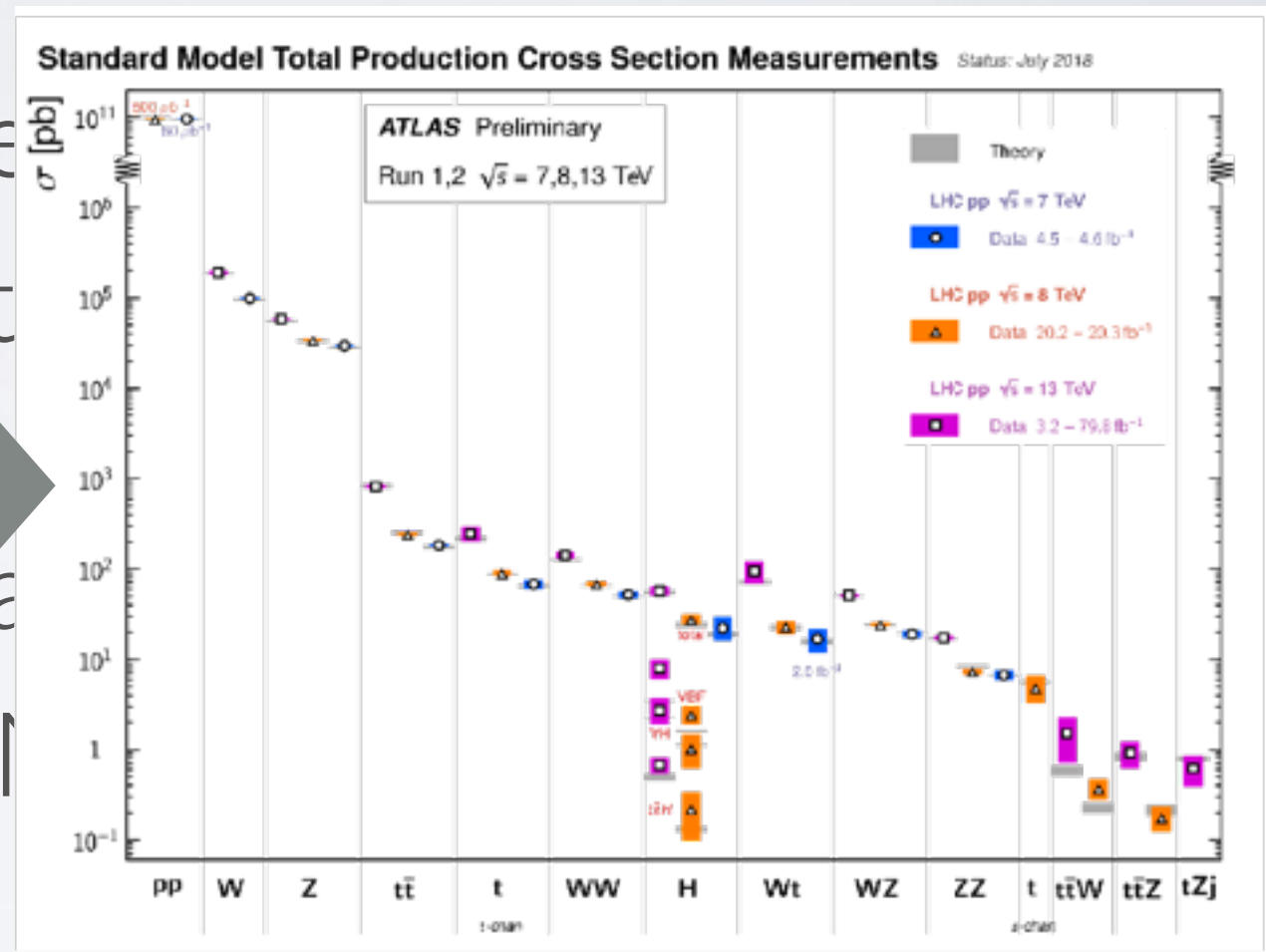
# SUMMARY OF HIGGS COUPLING PROSPECTS

- Currently many Higgs linear couplings constrained to 10-25% level, improved to few % in future
- Higher order couplings:  $VVhh$  more promising by almost order of magnitude than  $h^3$ ,  $tthh$ .  $O(1)$  at HL-LHC,  $O(10\%)$  at future colliders

# What do we do if we find a significant deviation from the SM prediction?



associated  
 be a  
 in SM



# NEW PHYSICS SCALE BOUND FROM UNITARITY VIOLATION (W/ LUTY)

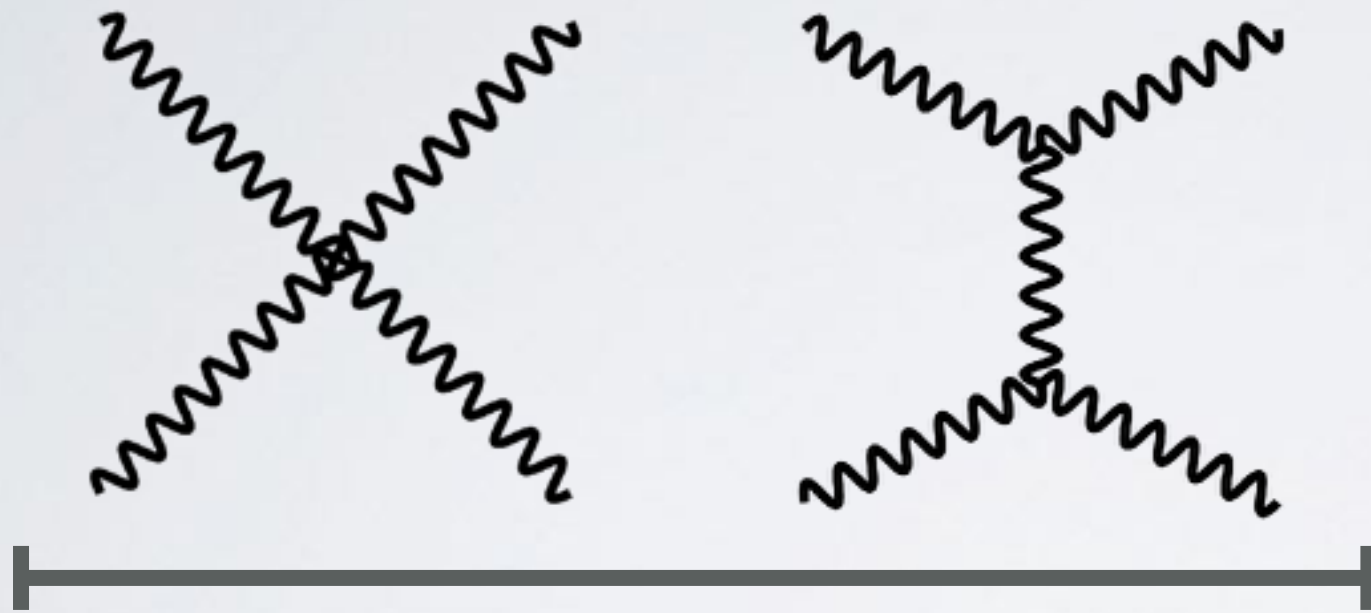


The Standard Model is a precise deck of cards, modifications (due to higher dimensional operators) lead to problems at high energies.

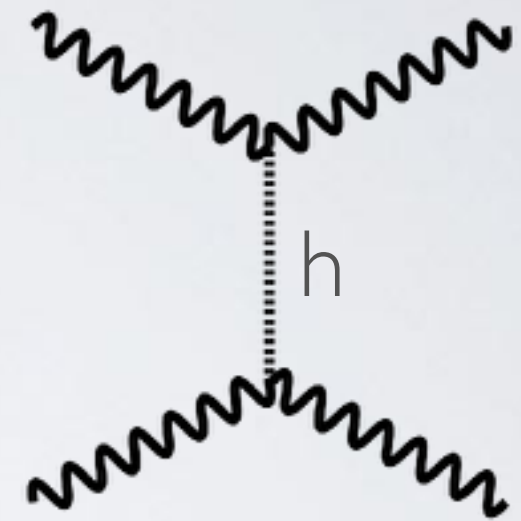
Unitarity violating processes give interesting processes to measure and put bound on new physics scale

# CLASSIC EXAMPLE

SCATTERING  $Z_L Z_L \Leftrightarrow W^+_L W^-_L$



$$M = c \text{ Energy}^2 + \dots$$



$$M = -c \text{ Energy}^2 + \dots$$

Higgs exchange cancels high energy growth if its couplings are SM-like, matrix element is Unitary if  $m_H \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$  (Lee, Quigg, Thacker)



# GENERAL HIGGS COUPLINGS

Higgs Effective Field Theory (HEFT) parameterizes most general Higgs couplings phenomenologically

$$V = \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 h^2 + \lambda_{hhh} h^3 + \lambda_{hhhh} h^4 + \lambda_{hhhhh} h^5 + \dots$$

$$V \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 X^2 + \lambda_{hhh} X^3 + \lambda_{hhhh} X^4 + \lambda_{hhhhh} X^5 + \dots$$

$SU(2) \times U(1)$  invariant form uses a nonanalytic field

$$\begin{aligned} X &\equiv \sqrt{2|H|^2} - v = \sqrt{(v+h)^2 + \vec{G}^2} - v \\ &= h + \frac{1}{2v}\vec{G}^2 - \frac{1}{2v^2}h\vec{G}^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# V AND TOP COUPLINGS

Use a nonanalytic  
Higgs doublet

$$P = \frac{H}{\sqrt{|H|^2}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}G^+/v \\ iG^0/v \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (m_W^2 W^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_Z^2 Z^2) \left( 1 + 2(1 + \delta_{hVV})\frac{h}{v} + (1 + \delta_{hhVV})\frac{h^2}{v^2} + c_3\frac{h^3}{v^3} \right) \\ & \rightarrow |DP|^2 \left( \delta_{hVV}vX + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{hhVV}X^2 + \frac{c_3}{2v}X^3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -m_t \bar{T}T \left[ 1 + (1 + \delta\kappa_t)\frac{h}{v} + \frac{1}{2}c_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{6}c_3 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^3 \right] \\ & \rightarrow -m_t \bar{T}_R P \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} T_L \\ B_L \end{pmatrix} \left[ \delta\kappa_t \frac{X}{v} + \frac{1}{2}c_2 \left( \frac{X}{v} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{6}c_3 \left( \frac{X}{v} \right)^3 + \dots \right] + h.c. \end{aligned}$$

# OUR GENERAL UNITARITY VIOLATION APPROACH

$|P, \alpha\rangle$  Define states of total momentum  $P$   
w/ other properties  $\alpha$  (e.g. # Higgses)

Properly normalized  $\langle P', \alpha' | P, \alpha \rangle = (2\pi)^4 \delta(P - P') \delta_{\alpha\alpha'}$

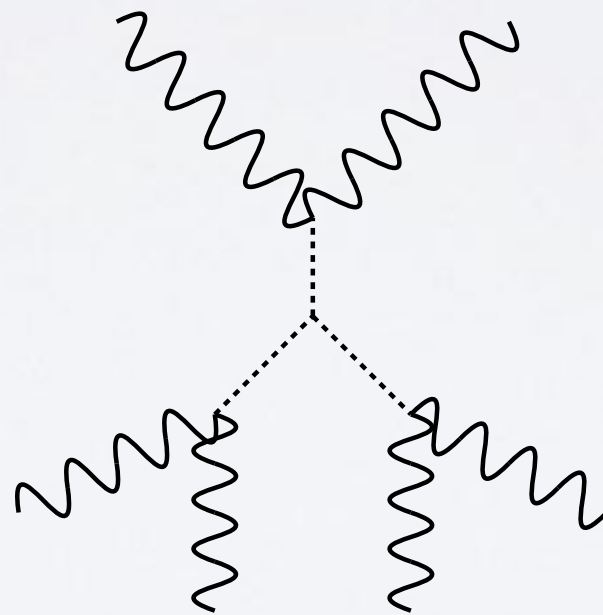
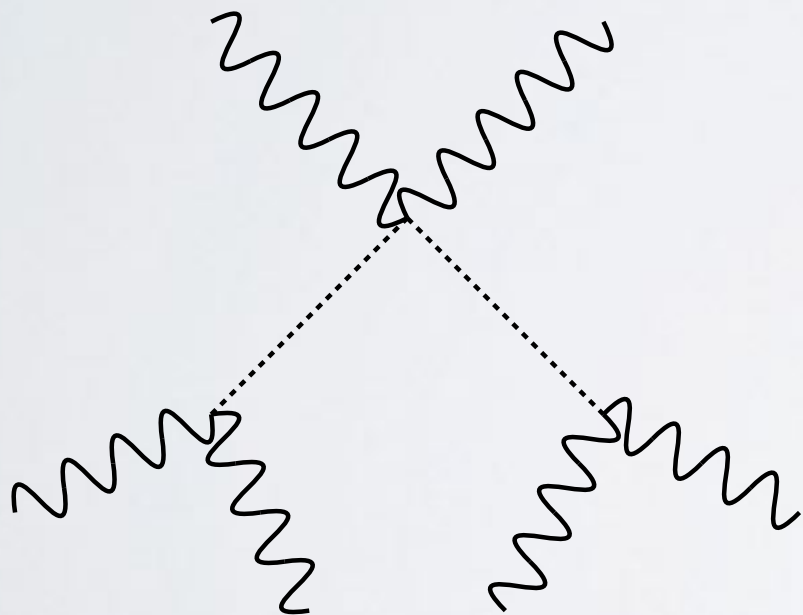
Leads to bounds  $|T_{\alpha\alpha'}| \leq 1$

$$\langle P', \alpha' | T | P, \alpha \rangle = (2\pi)^4 \delta(P - P') T_{\alpha\alpha'}$$

Allows us to go beyond 2 to 2 processes and set  
better bounds

# TRILINEAR UNITARITY VIOLATION

Modifying trilinear from SM value automatically leads to Unitarity violation at high energies



Example:

$$Z_L Z_L Z_L \Leftrightarrow Z_L Z_L Z_L$$

Cancellation to get  
 $M \sim 1/\text{Energy}^2$   
requires SM  
trilinear value!



# HIGGS TRILINEAR MODIFICATION

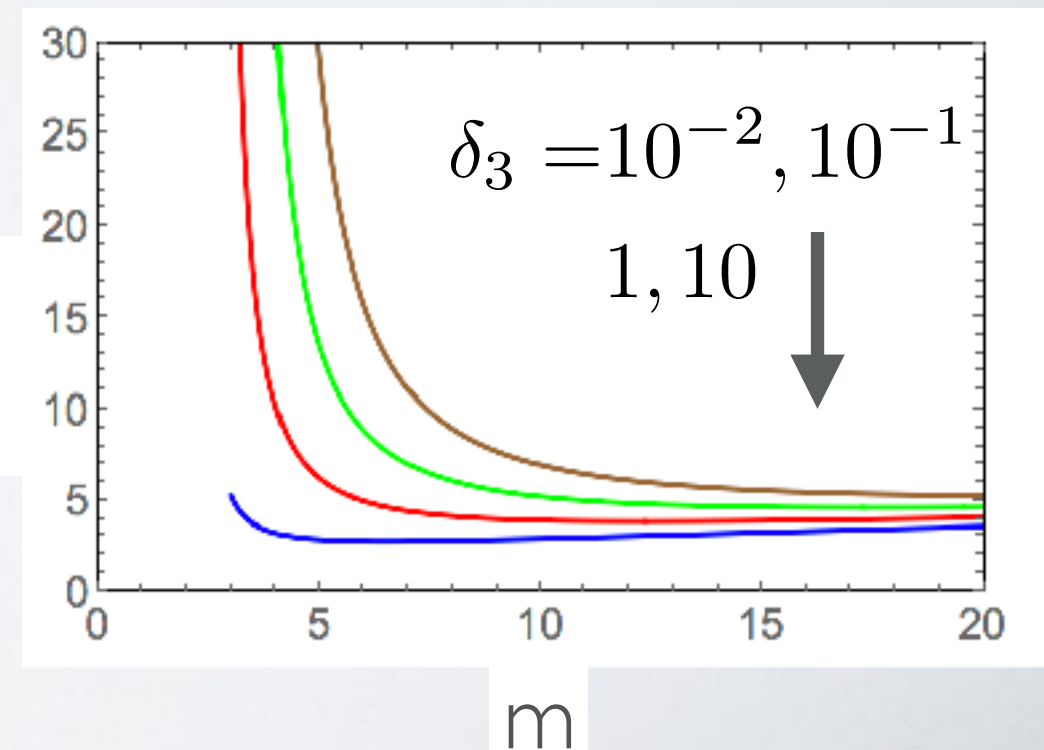
$$\frac{m_h^2}{2v} \delta_3 X^3 = \frac{m_h^2}{2v} \delta_3 \left( \sqrt{(v+h)^2 + \vec{G}^2} - v \right)^3$$

$$\supset \sum_m \delta_3 (-1)^m \frac{3m_h^2}{4v^m} \vec{G}^2 h^m$$

Goldstone Equivalence  
Theorem says  
Goldstone scattering  
gives high energy  
longitudinal W,Z  
scattering

Unitarity violating scale for  
 $Z_L h^{m/2} \leftrightarrow Z_L h^{m/2}$   
is  $\sim 5$  TeV for  $m \sim 10-15$   
(nondecoupling effect)

$E_{\text{Unitarity}}$   
(TeV)



# MODEL DEPENDENCE OF TERMS

$$X^3 \sim h^3 + \vec{G}^2(\boxed{h^2} + h^3 + \dots) + \vec{G}^4(\boxed{h} + h^2 + \dots) + \boxed{\vec{G}^6}(1 + h + \dots) + \vec{G}^8(1 + h + \dots) + \vec{G}^{10}(1 + h + \dots) + \dots,$$

$$X^4 \sim h^4 + \vec{G}^2(h^3 + h^4 + \dots) + \vec{G}^4(h^2 + h^3 + \dots) + \vec{G}^6(h + h^2 + \dots) + \vec{G}^8(1 + h + \dots) + \vec{G}^{10}(1 + h + \dots) + \dots,$$

$$X^5 \sim h^5 + \vec{G}^2(h^4 + h^5 + \dots) + \vec{G}^4(h^3 + h^4 + \dots) + \vec{G}^6(h^2 + h + \dots) + \vec{G}^8(h + h^2 + \dots) + \vec{G}^{10}(1 + h + \dots) + \dots,$$

(Schematic without coefficients, but we know cancellations can occur due to SMEFT description)

**Terms circled can only come from trilinear!**

# STANDARD MODEL EFT (SMEFT)

Nonanalytic nature of HEFT around  $v = 0$  reflects a nonlocal EFT for Higgs doublet in ultraviolet

SMEFT instead looks at the most general EW gauge invariant analytic EFT for H

$$Y \equiv |H|^2 - \frac{v^2}{2} = vh + \frac{1}{2} (h^2 + \vec{G}^2)$$

$$V(Y) = \lambda_{SM} Y^2 + c_3 Y^3 + c_4 Y^4 + \dots$$

# SMEFT TRILINEAR

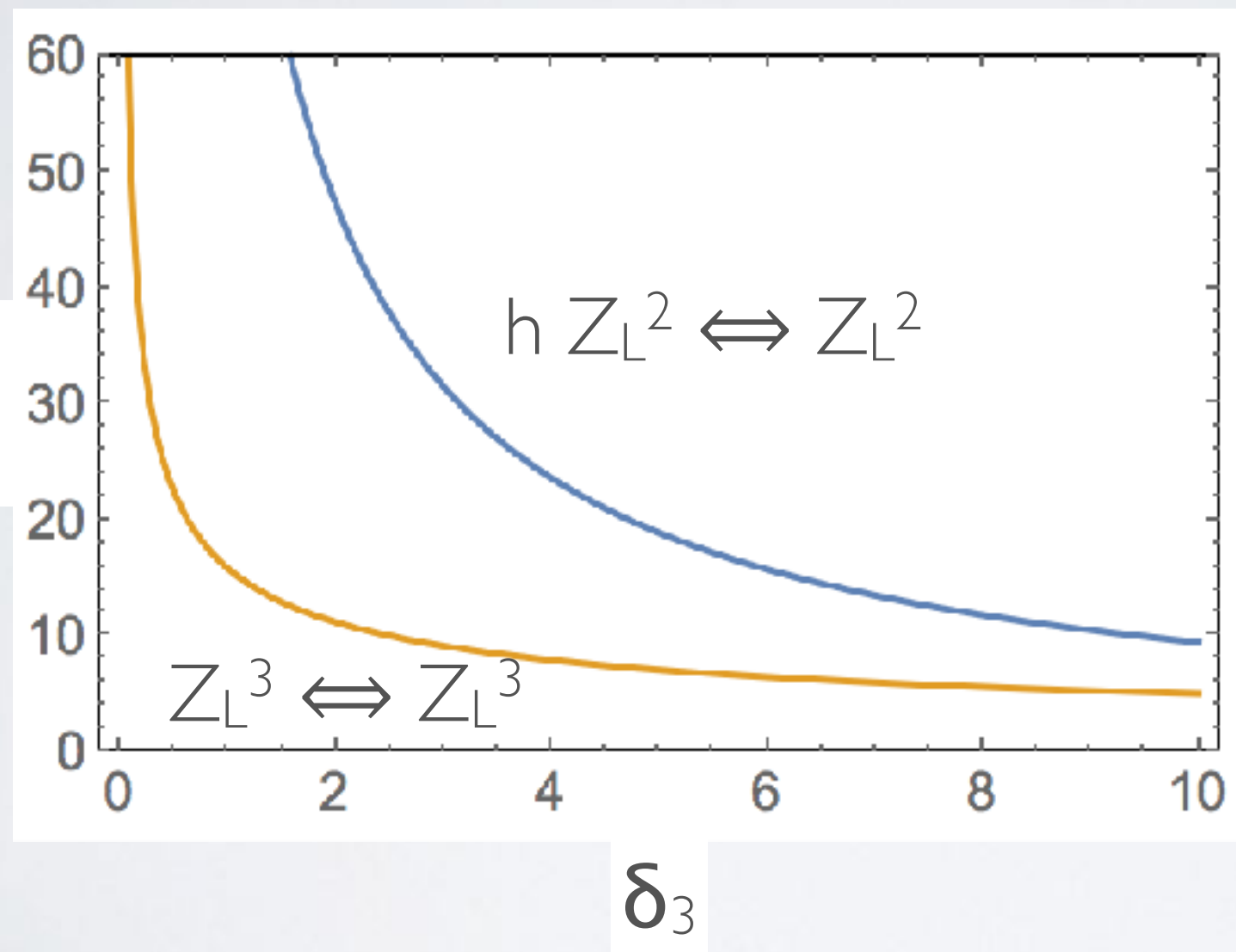
$$\begin{aligned} V &= V_{SM} + \frac{m_h^2}{2v^4} \delta_3 Y^3 + \dots \\ &= V_{SM} + \frac{m_h^2}{2v} \delta_3 h^3 + \frac{3m_h^2}{4v^2} \delta_3 h^4 + \frac{3m_h^2}{8v^3} \delta_3 h^5 + \frac{m_h^2}{16v^4} \delta_3 h^6 \dots \end{aligned}$$

This operator only leads to contact interactions up to 6-body, so it proves that high multiplicities can be cancelled by choosing correlated  $h^4, h^5, h^6$  couplings

These potential cancellations suggest one should focus on processes that only depend on trilinear (i.e.  $G^6, hG^5$ )



# MODEL INDEPENDENT VIOLATION



These couplings only depend on trilinear modifications and give much higher bounds than  $\sim 5$  TeV, but also decouple as coupling vanishes, giving a conservative bound

Coupled channel analysis leads to improved bound  
 $13 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{\delta_3}$

# W/Z COUPLINGS (IN PROGRESS)

$$Y|D_\mu H|^2$$

tells us that only up to 4-body processes are dependent solely on  $\delta_{hVV}$

e.g.  $WW \rightarrow ZZ$ , gives  $E < 4.7 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{(\delta_{hVV}/0.05)}$

However, if only  $hhVV$  is modified, then need a higher dimensional operator, which says now 6-body processes are interesting

$$Y^2|D_\mu H|^2$$

e.g.  $WWZ \rightarrow WWZ$ , gives  $E < 2.6 \text{ TeV} / \delta^{1/4}_{hhVV}$

# TOP COUPLINGS (IN PROGRESS)

$$Y\bar{T}_R H \epsilon Q_L$$

tells us that only up to 5-body processes are dependent solely on  $\delta_{\text{htt}}$

e.g.  $t_R \bar{b}_R \rightarrow W^+ W^+ W^-$  gives  $E < 33 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{(\delta_{\text{htt}}/0.05)}$

However, if only hhtt is modified, then 7-body processes are interesting

$$Y^2 \bar{T}_R H \epsilon Q_L$$

e.g.  $t_R \bar{b}_R W^- \rightarrow W^4$  gives  $E < 4 \text{ TeV} / c_2^{1/4}$

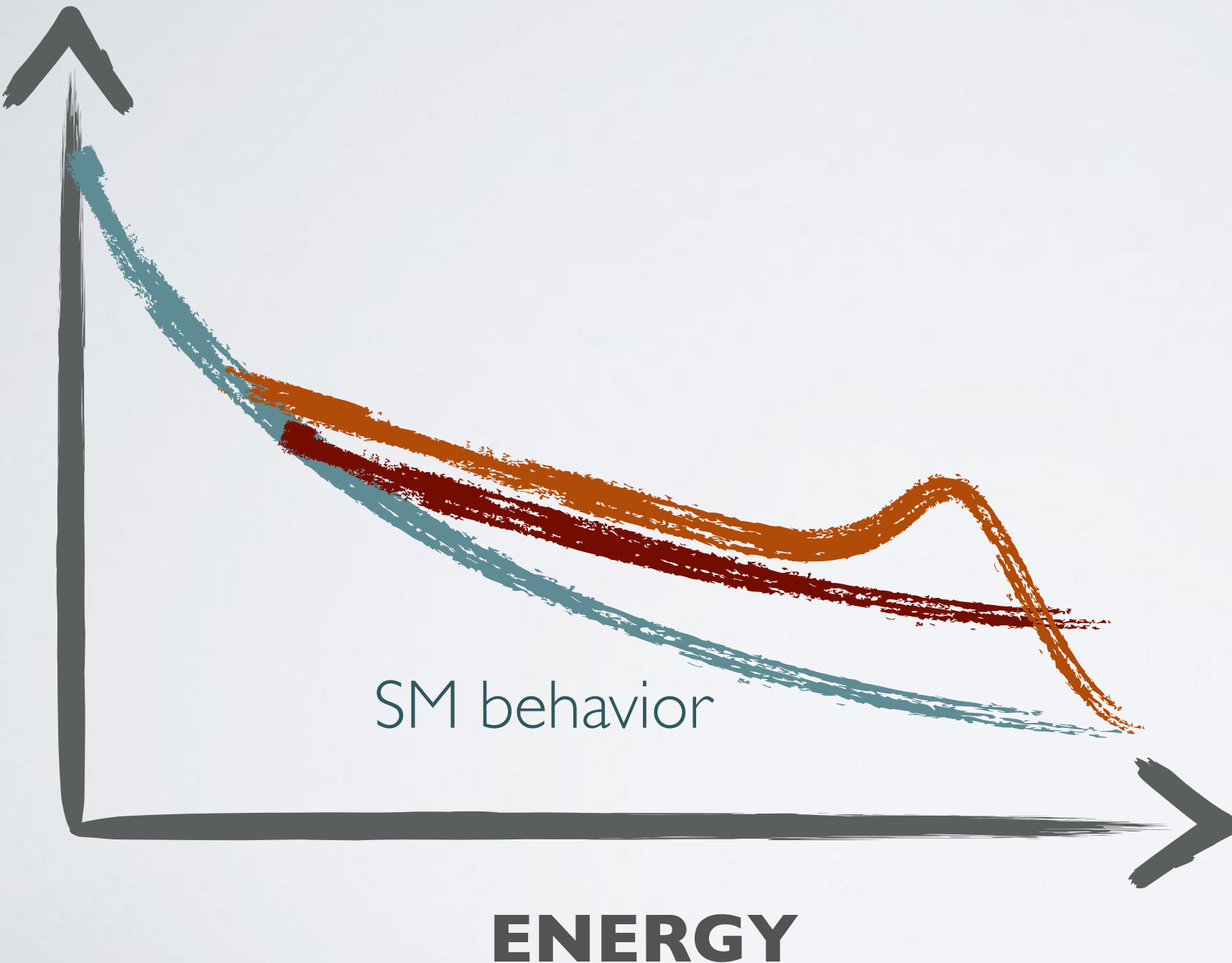
# UNITARITY BOUND SUMMARY

Higgs Trilinear	$hVV$  $hhVV$	$htt$  $hhtt$
$13 \text{ TeV}/\sqrt{\delta_3}$	$0.7 \text{ TeV}/\sqrt{(\delta_{hVV}/0.05)}$  $2.6 \text{ TeV}/\delta_{hhVV}^{1/4}$	$33 \text{ TeV}/\sqrt{(\delta_{htt}/0.05)}$  $4 \text{ TeV}/c_2^{1/4}$

These suggest, nontrivial  $V$  or top couplings is kinematically accessible at 14-27 TeV hadron collider, while trilinear requires 100 TeV. (For HEFT, bounds would be few TeV.)



# COLLIDER PROBES

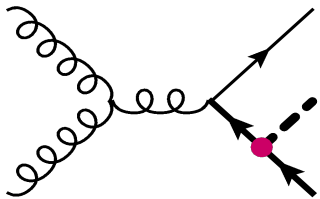
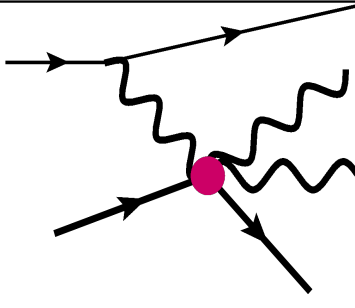
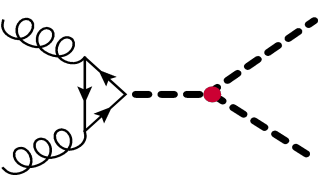
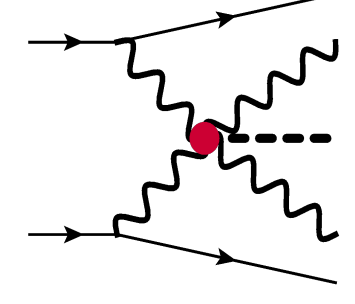


Probing high energy processes can test energy growth, complementary sensitivity to Higgs couplings

New resonances possible, but not guaranteed.  
E.g. Higgs not discovered in VB scattering

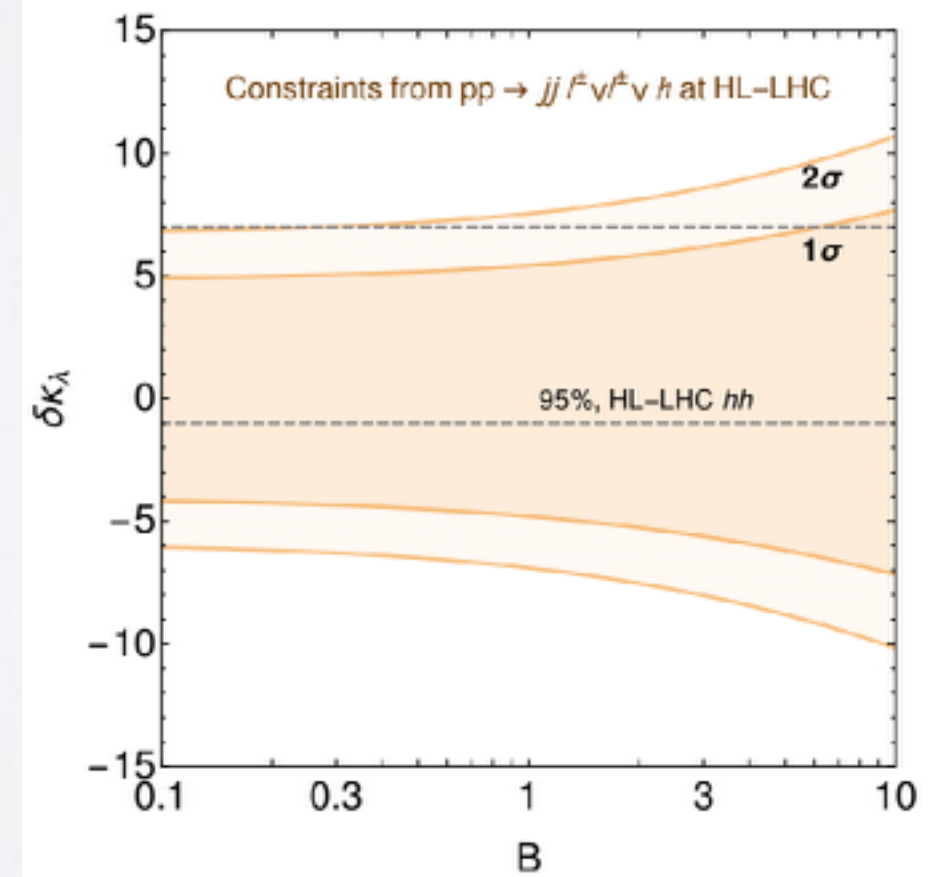
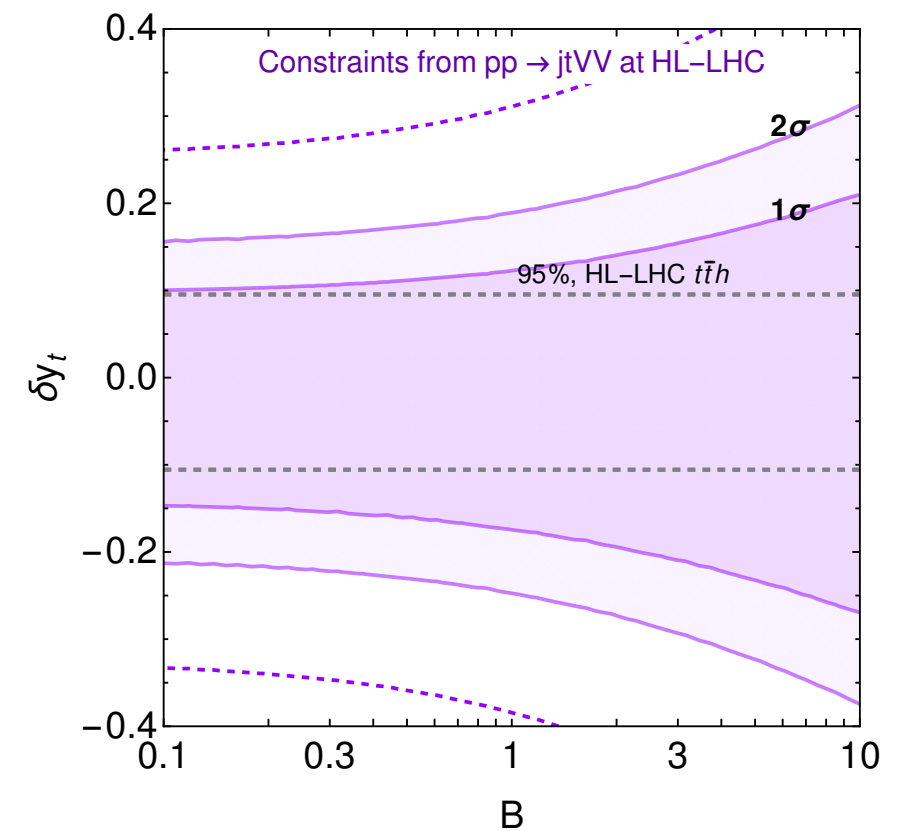
# COLLIDER TESTS OF UNITARITY VIOLATION

Henning et.al.1812.09299

$\kappa_t$	$\mathcal{O}_{y_t}$			$\sim \frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2}$
$\kappa_\lambda$	$\mathcal{O}_6$			$\sim \frac{vE}{\Lambda^2}$

Searching for Unitarity violating processes (solid) has similar sensitivities to coupling measurement (dashed) for  $t\bar{t}h$ ,  $h h h$

Extension to  $t\bar{t}h h$  and  $V V h h$ ?



# COLLIDER PROBES QUESTIONS

Have we exhausted interesting processes? Unitarity violation only suggests sensitivity for very high energies, so is there another way to identify processes?

Also, if new physics is at accessible scale, need to systematically explore UV completions  
(e.g. Historical lesson,  $W/Z$  and Higgs weren't discovered by looking at unitarity violating processes, appeared at much lower energy than then needed to)

# CONCLUSIONS

- Precision Higgs couplings could discover a deviation from SM, suggesting new physics at some energy scale
- Unitarity violation places a bound on this energy scale and identifies interesting correlated processes to measure
- Higgs trilinear modifications lead to Unitarity violation at high energies ( $\sim 5 - 13 \text{ TeV}$  for  $\delta_3 \sim 1$  depending on assumptions)
- $VVhh, tthh$  is of interest at HL-LHC and future colliders, Unitarity bound is  $\sim 3-5 \text{ TeV}$  for  $O(1)$  coupling

**Thanks for your attention!**



# EXTRA SLIDES

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Possible to systematically model build UV completions of these coupling modifications? If so, what are the correlated signals?
- Other technique besides Equivalence theorem that identifies interesting processes that are modified by nonstandard couplings?

# UNITARITY CONSTRAINTS ON NON-DERIVATIVE COUPLINGS

$$\frac{\lambda}{n_1! \cdots n_r!} \phi_1^{n_1} \cdots \phi_r^{n_r}$$

Consider s-wave  
scattering

$$\phi_1^{k_1} \cdots \phi_r^{k_r} \leftrightarrow \phi_1^{n_1 - k_1} \cdots \phi_r^{n_r - k_r}$$

If we properly normalize these states, then unitarity bounds are easy (see paper for more details)

Unitarity constraints from this amplitude requires

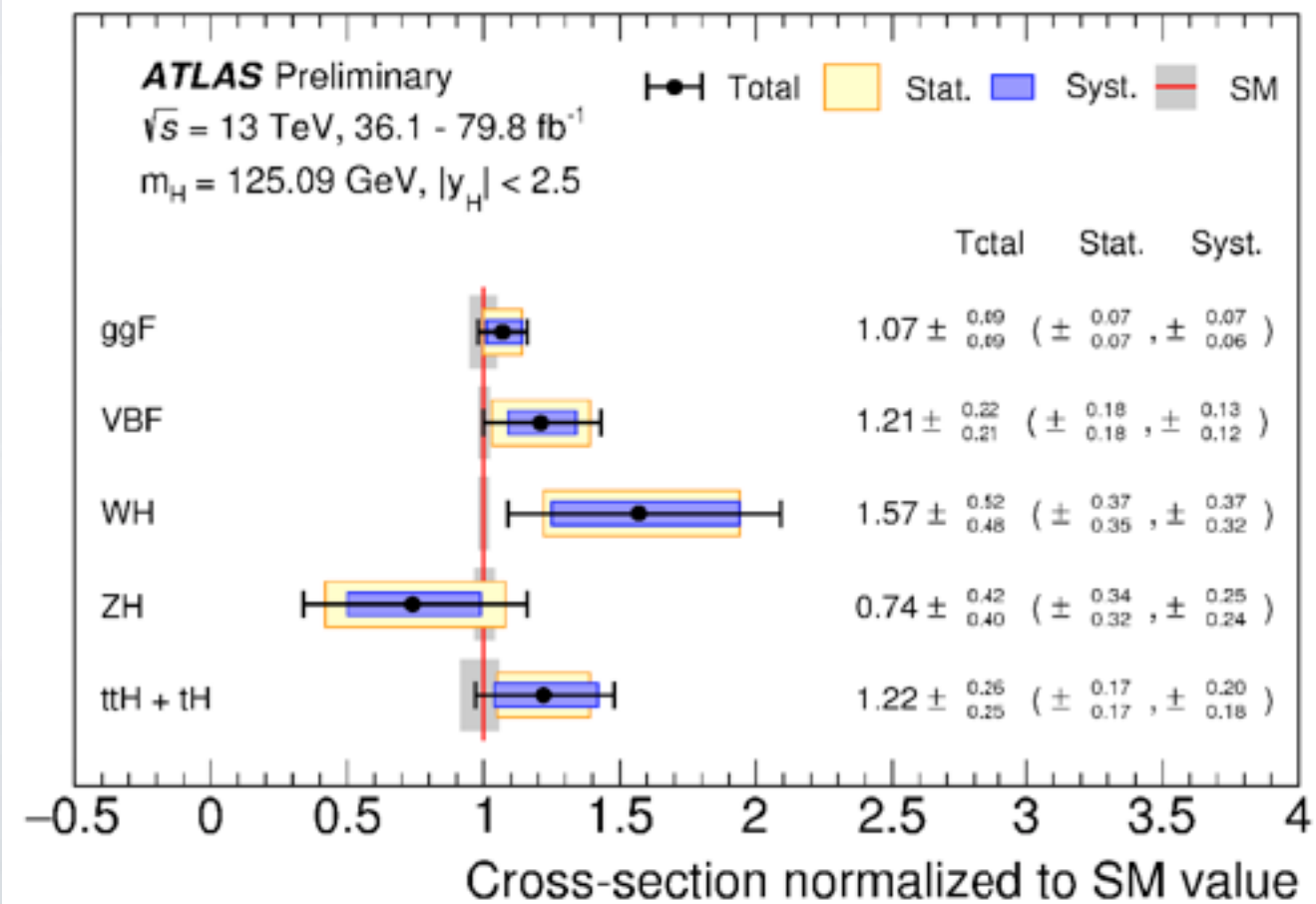
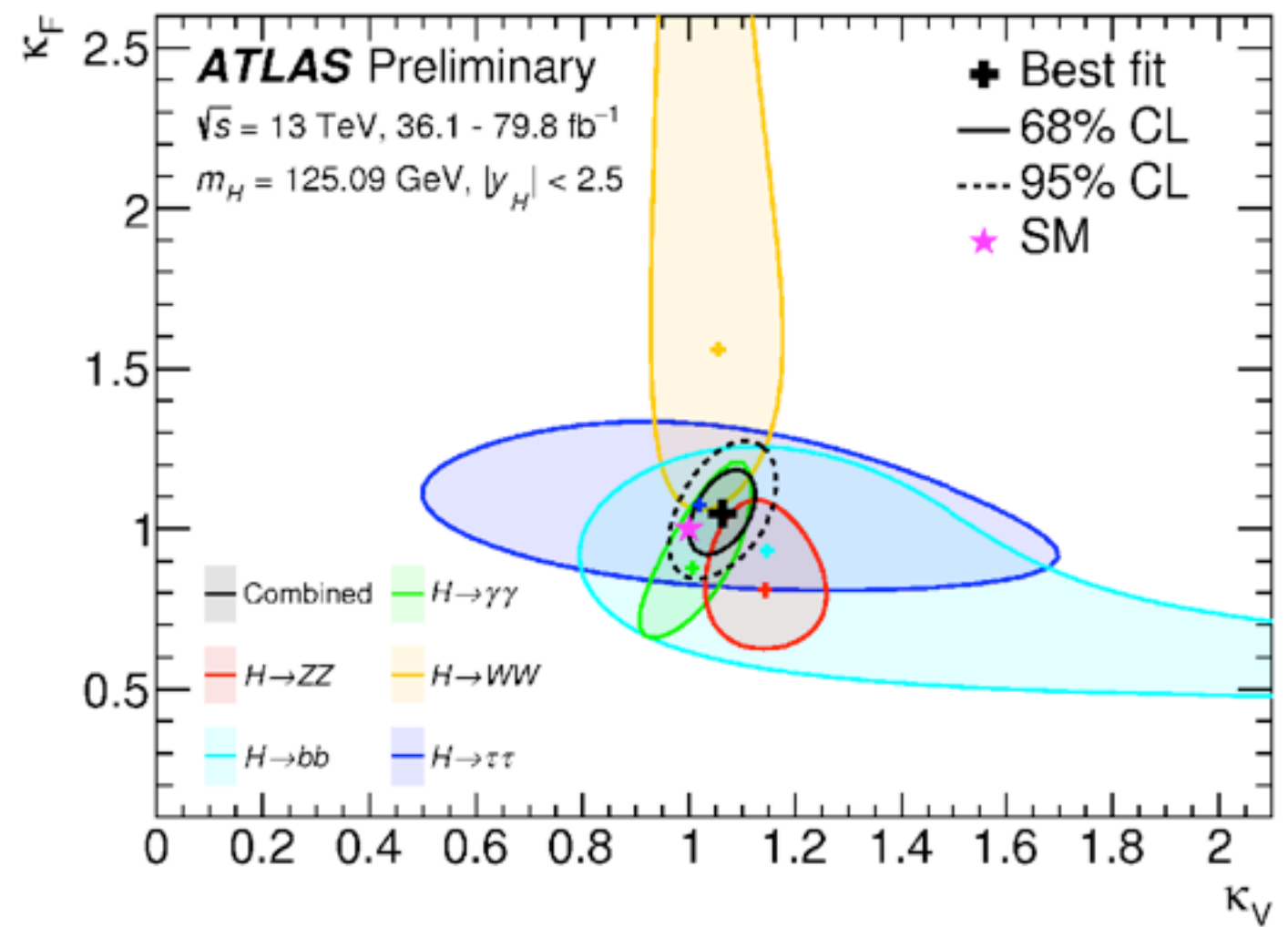
$$E \leq 4\pi \left[ \frac{64\pi^2}{\lambda^2} (k_1! \cdots k_r! (k-1)! (k-2)!) ((n_1 - k_1)! \cdots (n_r - k_r)! (n-k-1)! (n-k-2)!) \right]^{\frac{1}{2n-8}}$$

where  $n \equiv n_1 + \cdots + n_r, k \equiv k_1 + \cdots + k_r$

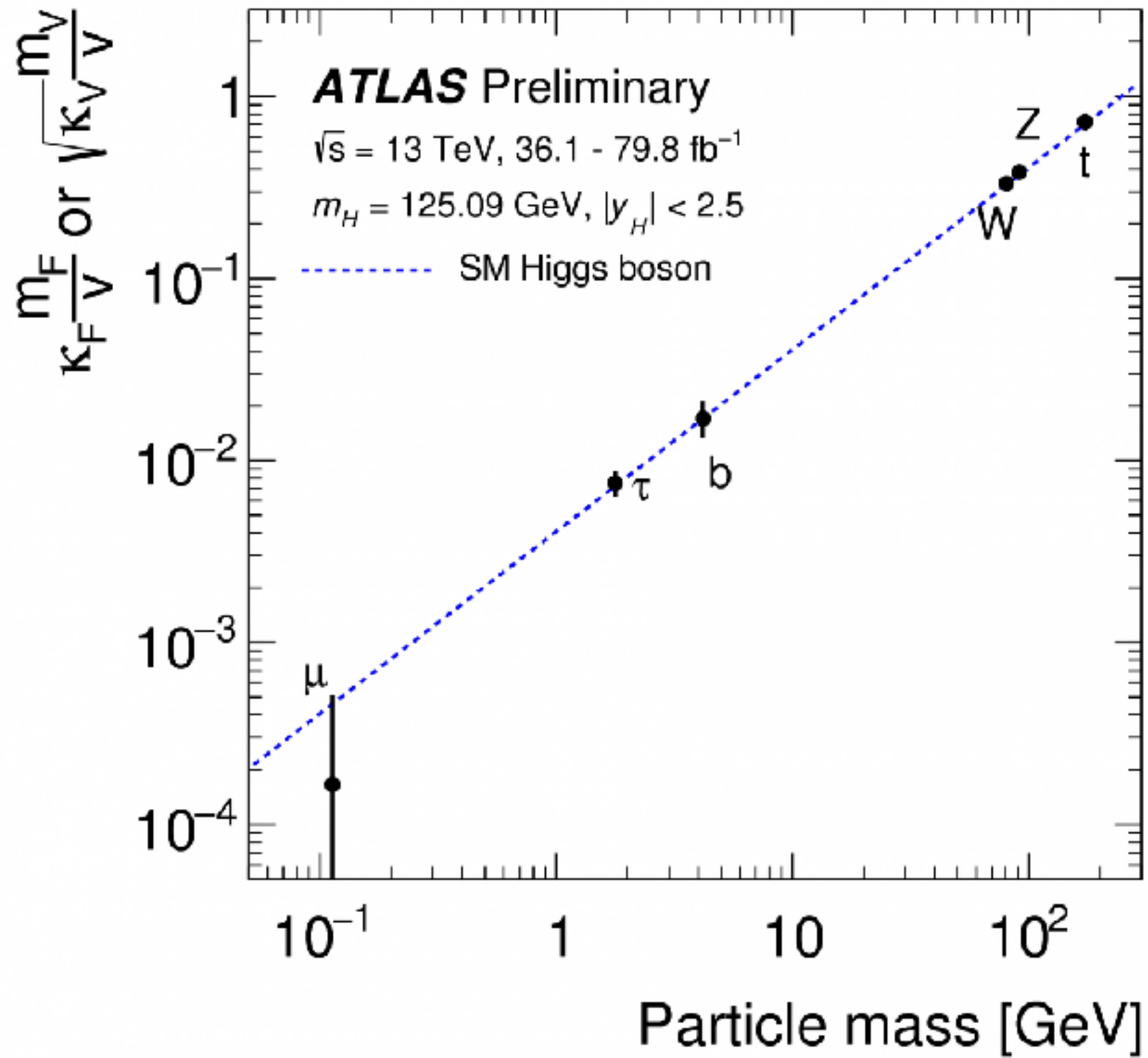
# SCALAR STATES

$$|P, k_1, \dots, k_r\rangle = C_{k_1 \dots k_r} \int d^4x e^{-iP \cdot x} \prod_{i=1}^r \left[ \phi_i^{(-)}(x) \right]^{k_i} |0\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{|C_{k_1 \dots k_r}|^2} = \frac{1}{(k-1)!(k-2)!} \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \prod_{i=1}^r k_i! \right) \left( \frac{E}{4\pi} \right)^{2k-4}$$







# INCLUDING QUARTIC

$$V \supset \frac{m_h^2}{8v^2}(1 + \delta_4) h^4 + \frac{m_h^2}{4v^3}(\delta_4 - 3\delta_3) h^3 \vec{G}^2 + \frac{3m_h^2}{16v^4}(\delta_4 - 5\delta_3) h^2 \vec{G}^4 \\ + \frac{m_h^2}{16v^5}(\delta_4 - 6\delta_3) h \vec{G}^6 + \frac{m_h^2}{128v^6}(\delta_4 - 6\delta_3) \vec{G}^8.$$

Process	Unitarity Violating Scale
$h^2 Z_L \leftrightarrow h Z_L$	$66.7 \text{ TeV} /  \delta_3 - \frac{1}{3}\delta_4 $
$h Z_L^2 \leftrightarrow Z_L^2$	$94.2 \text{ TeV} /  \delta_3 $
$h W_L Z_L \leftrightarrow W_L Z_L$	$141 \text{ TeV} /  \delta_3 $
$h Z_L^2 \leftrightarrow h Z_L^2$	$9.1 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{ \delta_3 - \frac{1}{5}\delta_4 }$
$h W_L Z_L \leftrightarrow h W_L Z_L$	$11.1 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{ \delta_3 - \frac{1}{5}\delta_4 }$
$Z_L^3 \leftrightarrow Z_L^3$	$15.7 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{ \delta_3 }$
$Z_L^2 W_L \leftrightarrow Z_L^2 W_L$	$20.4 \text{ TeV} / \sqrt{ \delta_3 }$
$h Z_L^3 \leftrightarrow Z_L^3$	$6.8 \text{ TeV} /  \delta_3 - \frac{1}{6}\delta_4 ^{\frac{1}{3}}$
$h Z_L^2 W_L \leftrightarrow Z_L^2 W_L$	$8.0 \text{ TeV} /  \delta_3 - \frac{1}{6}\delta_4 ^{\frac{1}{3}}$
$Z_L^4 \leftrightarrow Z_L^4$	$6.1 \text{ TeV} /  \delta_3 - \frac{1}{6}\delta_4 ^{\frac{1}{4}}$