

Higgs Physics - Theory

Lecture 3

From Higgs-boson properties to new physics

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- **Lecture 1: the Standard-Model Higgs boson.**
 - ↪ EW gauge symmetry, Higgs mechanism.
 - ↪ Higgs-boson interactions.
 - ↪ Quantum constraints.
- **Lecture 2: Higgs-boson physics at the LHC.**
 - ↪ Production and decay modes, what do they probe.
 - ↪ Theoretical predictions and their accuracy.
- **Lecture 3: from Higgs-boson properties to new physics.**
 - ↪ Probing specific extensions of the SM.
 - ↪ Probing classes of interactions within SM boundaries.

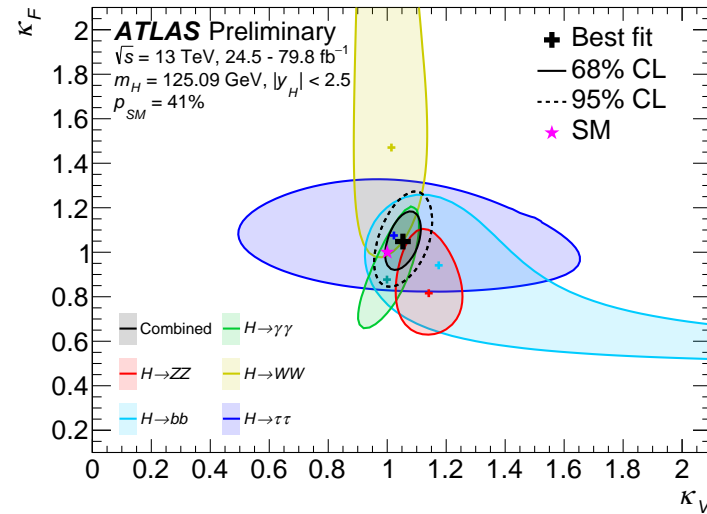
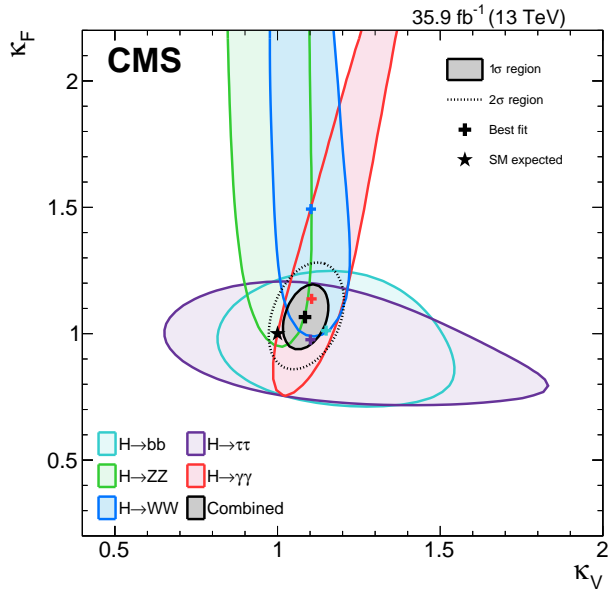
EW+Higgs precision physics in the LHC era: What does it imply for theory?

Q1: How accurate? \hookrightarrow See yesterday's lecture.

Q2: How to interpret deviations from SM prediction?

- **NP** can just **rescale the Higgs-boson couplings**: $\kappa_i = g_{Hi}/g_{Hi}^{SM}$: only limited scope.
- **NP** can **introduce new structures** in Higgs couplings: how to explore?
 - \hookrightarrow **Model-specific** approach: more stringent, yet arbitrary.
 - \hookrightarrow **Effective Field Theory** approach: less arbitrary, systematic, but less prone to simple prescriptions.
 - \hookrightarrow We may need both . . .

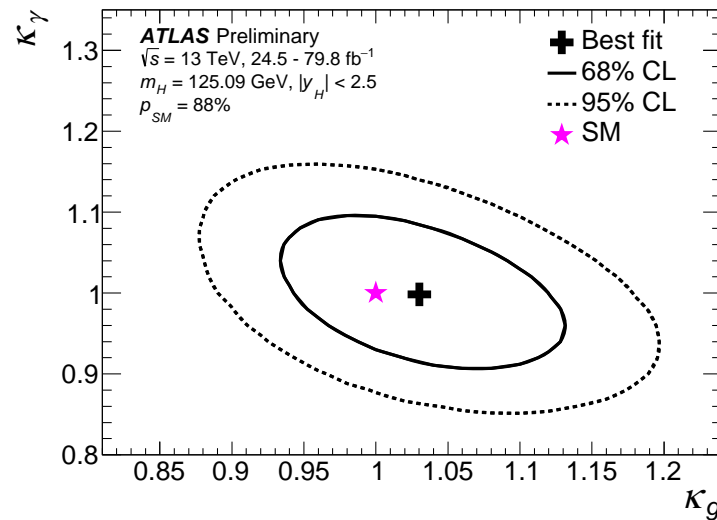
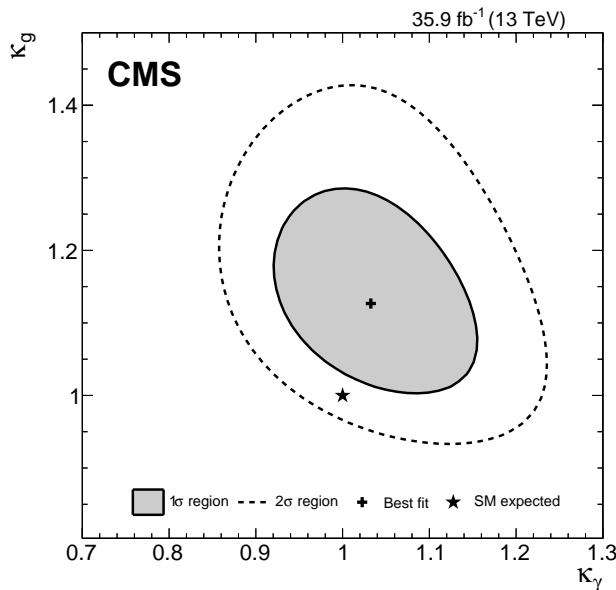
Constraining NP via deviations from SM Higgs-boson couplings: rescaling factors (κ_i)



$$\kappa_i = g_{Hi} / g_{Hi}^{SM}$$

$\kappa_V \rightarrow$ all g_{HV}

$\kappa_f \rightarrow$ all g_{Hf}



Constraining κ_i from Higgs data+EWPO

Example:

$\kappa_V \rightarrow$ all g_{HV}

$\kappa_f \rightarrow$ all g_{Hf}

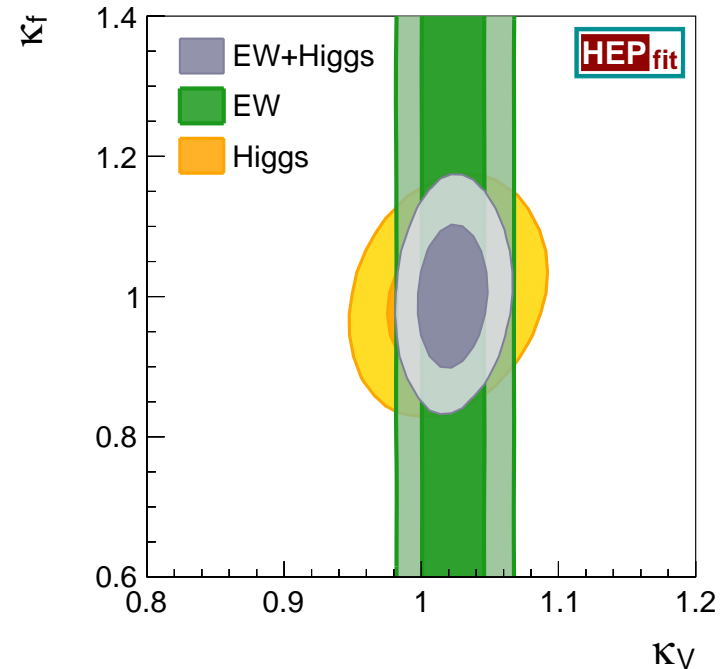
Higgs only

	68%	95%	correlation
κ_V	1.02 ± 0.03	[0.97, 1.08]	1.00
κ_f	0.98 ± 0.07	[0.84, 1.12]	0.24 1.00

Higgs+EWPO

	68%	95%	correlation
κ_V	1.02 ± 0.02	[0.99, 1.06]	1.00
κ_f	1.00 ± 0.06	[0.88, 1.12]	0.14 1.00

→ Main effect on κ_V



$$\sigma_i = \sigma_i^{\text{SM}} + \delta\sigma_i$$

$$\Gamma_j = \Gamma_j^{\text{SM}} + \delta\Gamma_j$$

$\sigma_i^{\text{SM}}, \Gamma_j^{\text{SM}} \rightarrow$ from **Higgs XS WG** (CERN Yellow Report, arXiv:1610.07922)

$\delta\sigma_i \rightarrow$ using **Madgraph** +K-factors (from **Higgs XS WG**)

$\delta\Gamma_j \rightarrow$ **eHdecay** [Contino et al., arXiv:1403.3381]

Constraining NP via SM Effective Field Theory

Extension of the SM Lagrangian by $d > 4$ operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d>4} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{L}_d = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{L}_5 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_d = \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i, \quad [\mathcal{O}_i] = d,$$

considering:

- one Higgs doublet of $SU(2)_L$, linearly realized SSB
- no \mathcal{L}_5 (only one operator affecting neutrino masses)
- **d = 6 operators only**, obeying SM gauge symmetry, L and B conservation
 - ↪ expansion in $(p, v)/\Lambda$
 - ↪ **truncation at linear order** → $O((p, v)^2/\Lambda^2)$ to be verified a posteriori.

and requiring:

- **flavour universality: 59 operators**
[basis by Grzadkowski et al., JHEP 1010 (2010) 085 → Warsaw basis]
- **CP even operators only**, with at least one Higgs: **27 operators**
- **only operators contributing to the observables considered.**

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi G} = (\phi^\dagger \phi) G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi W} = (\phi^\dagger \phi) W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi B} = (\phi^\dagger \phi) B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi WB} = (\phi^\dagger \tau^I \phi) W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi D} = (\phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi)^* (\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi \square} = (\phi^\dagger \phi)^* \square (\phi^\dagger \phi)$$

bosonic operators

→ corrections to:

- oblique parameters (in red)
- $HVV \rightarrow \kappa_V$
- WWZ and $WW\gamma$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi L}^{(1)} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{L} \gamma^\mu L)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi L}^{(3)} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \phi) (\bar{L} \tau^I \gamma^\mu L)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi e} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu e_R)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(1)} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu Q)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(3)} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \phi) (\bar{Q} \tau^I \gamma^\mu Q)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi u} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi d} = (\phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi) (\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu d_R)$$

single-fermionic-vector-current operators

→ corrections to:

- $Vf\bar{f}$ (in blue)
- $HVf\bar{f}$

single-fermionic-scalar-current operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{e\phi} = (\phi^\dagger \phi)(\bar{L} e_R \phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{u\phi} = (\phi^\dagger \phi)(\bar{Q} u_R \tilde{\phi})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{d\phi} = (\phi^\dagger \phi)(\bar{Q} d_R \phi)$$

→ corrections to:

- Yukawa couplings
- $H f \bar{f} \rightarrow \kappa_f$

four-fermion operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{LL} = (\bar{L} \gamma^\mu L)(\bar{L} \gamma^\mu L)$$

→ corrections to:

- G_F extraction from μ decay

bosonic operator, no ϕ

$$\mathcal{O}_W = \epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$$

→ corrections to:

- gauge self-interactions

Notice:

Only highlighted operators (10) enters EWPO, and only 8 combinations can be constrained → “flat directions”

Where effective operators matter ...

They **shift masses and couplings** in \mathcal{L}_{SM} and **introduce new interactions**.

Example: Consider $O_{\phi D}$ and $O_{\phi\Box}$. Upon SSB (unitary gauge):

$$O_{\phi D} = (\phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi)^* (\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi) = \frac{v^2}{4} \left(1 + \frac{eH}{v} + \frac{H^2}{v^2} \right) (\partial^\mu H)(\partial_\mu H) + \frac{g^2 v^4}{16c_W^2} Z^\mu Z_\mu \left(1 + \frac{4H}{v} + \frac{6H^2}{v^2} + \frac{4H^3}{v^3} + \frac{H^4}{v^4} \right)$$
$$O_{\phi\Box} = (\phi^\dagger \phi)^* \Box (\phi^\dagger \phi) = -(v^2 + 4vH + 4H^2)(\partial^\mu H)(\partial_\mu H)$$

New interactions: $H(\partial^\mu H)(\partial_\mu H)$, $H^2(\partial^\mu H)(\partial_\mu H)$, ... (notice: $\rightarrow p$ -dependence) **and** they both affect the H kinetic term \rightarrow normalize it by shifting the H field:

$$H = H' \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} \hat{C}_{HD} + \hat{C}_{H\Box} \right)$$

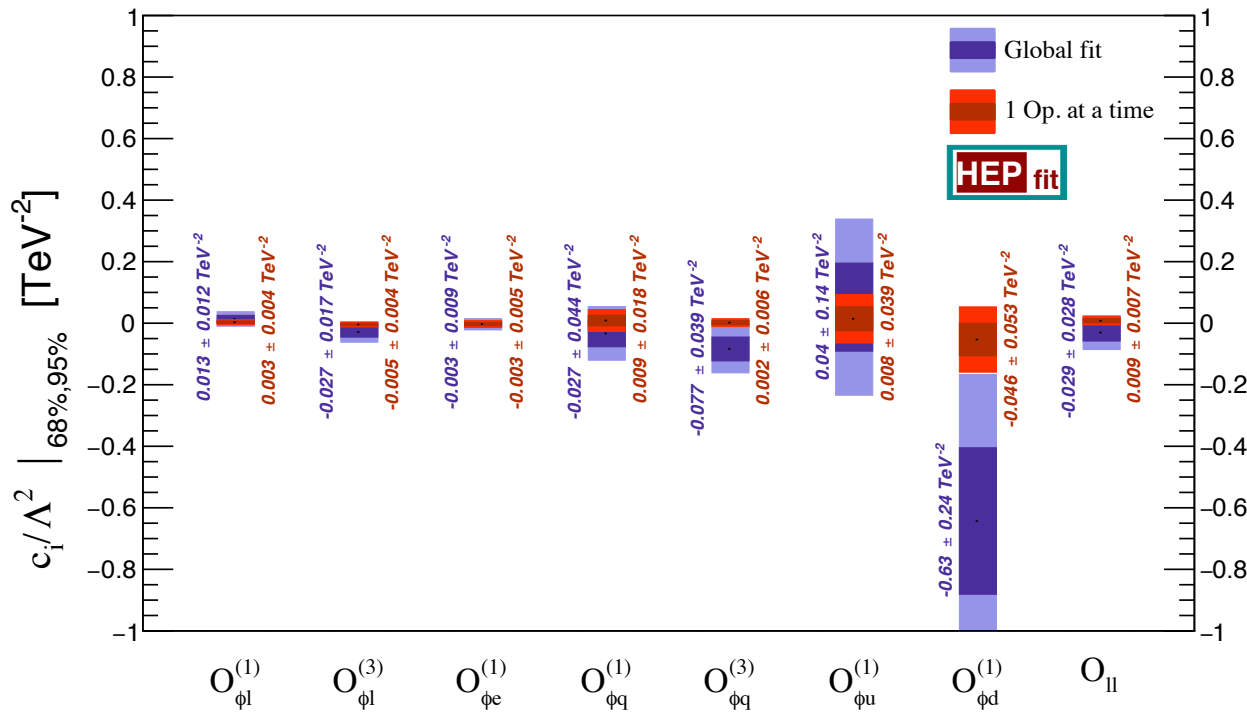
where $\hat{C}_i = C_i v^2 / \Lambda^2$. This shift affects the HVV and $Hf\bar{f}$ vertices, and the Higgs mass, now be given by:

$$M_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2 \left(1 - \frac{3}{2\lambda} \hat{C}_H - \frac{1}{2} C_{HD} + 2\hat{C}_{H\Box} \right)$$

Notice: $O_H = (\phi^\dagger \phi)^3$ affects $V(\phi)$ ($\rightarrow M_H^2$). Not among the listed operators since its effect can be observed only by the measurement of both M_H and λ .

Towards Global Fits of d=6 interactions

→ Combined global EW fit of 8 combinations of dim=6 operators.

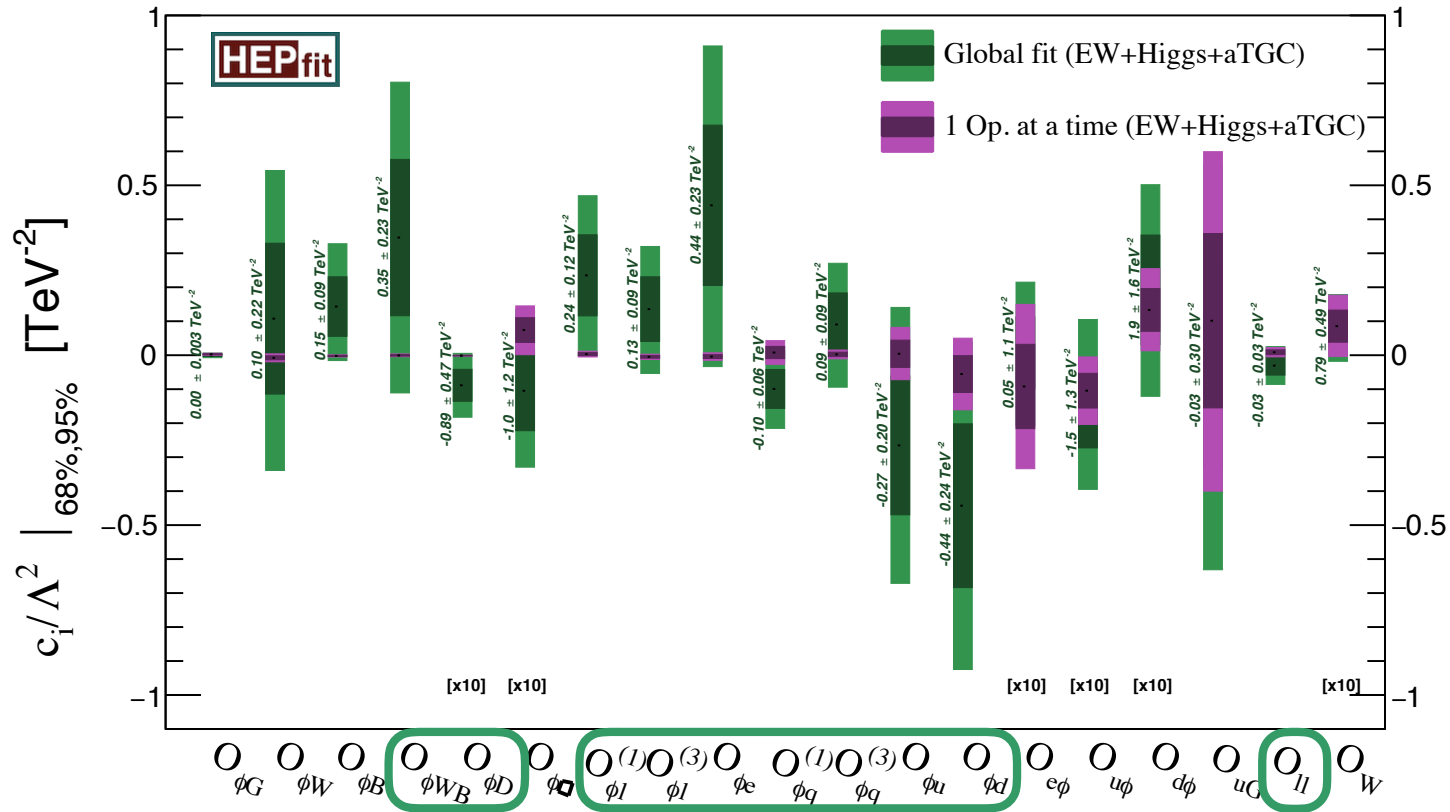


$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C}_{\phi l}^{(1)} &= C_{\phi l}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{4}C_{\phi D} \\ \hat{C}_{\phi l}^{(3)} &= C_{\phi l}^{(3)} + \frac{c_w^2}{4s_w^2}C_{\phi D} + \frac{c_w}{s_w}C_{\phi WB} \\ \hat{C}_{\phi q}^{(1)} &= C_{\phi q}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{12}C_{\phi D} \\ \hat{C}_{\phi q}^{(3)} &= C_{\phi q}^{(3)} + \frac{c_w^2}{4s_w^2}C_{\phi D} + \frac{c_w}{s_w}C_{\phi WB} \\ \hat{C}_{\phi e} &= C_{\phi e} + \frac{1}{2}C_{\phi D} \\ \hat{C}_{\phi u} &= C_{\phi u} - \frac{1}{3}C_{\phi D} \\ \hat{C}_{\phi d} &= C_{\phi d} + \frac{1}{6}C_{\phi D} \\ \hat{C}_{ll} &= C_{ll} \end{aligned}$$

[J. de Blas, talk at Lepton-Photon 2019]

Large difference between global and individual bounds → Large correlations

→ Combined global EW+Higgs fit of extended set of operators



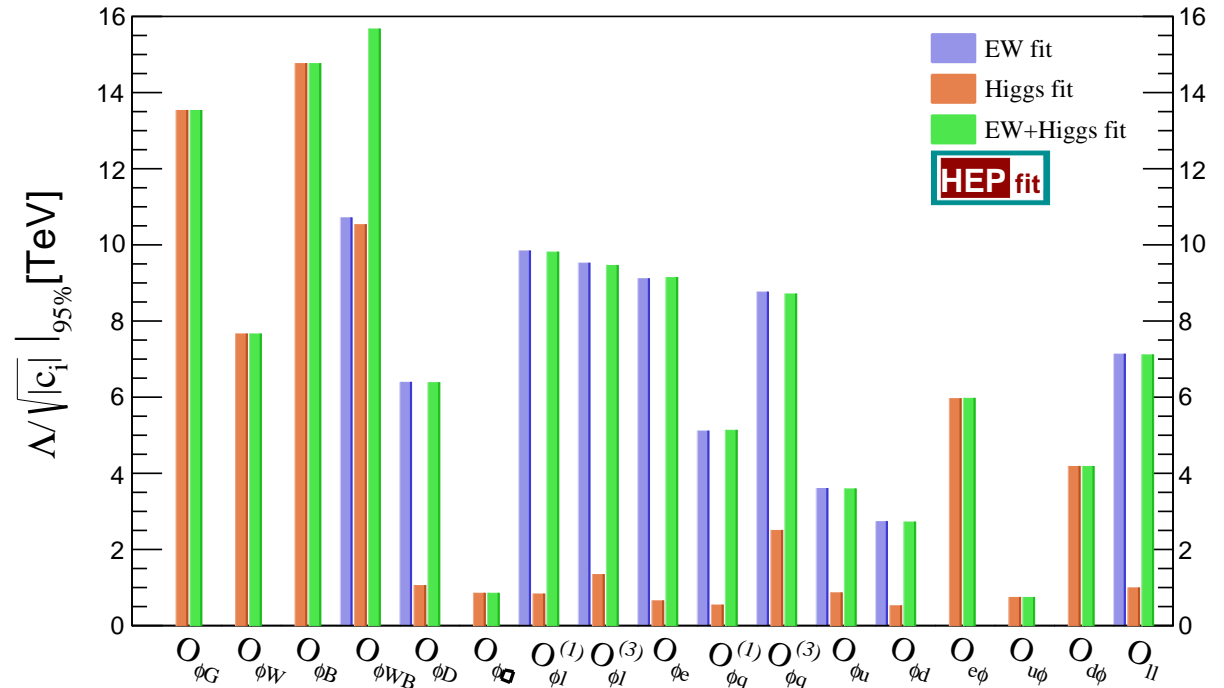
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- Lifted degeneracy among EWPO operators.
- Large difference between global and individual bounds → Large correlations
- Studies should **aim for global fit** of all necessary operators.
- Increasing precision can boost effectiveness in constraining new physics.

Bounds on operators can be translated in bounds on Λ_{NP}

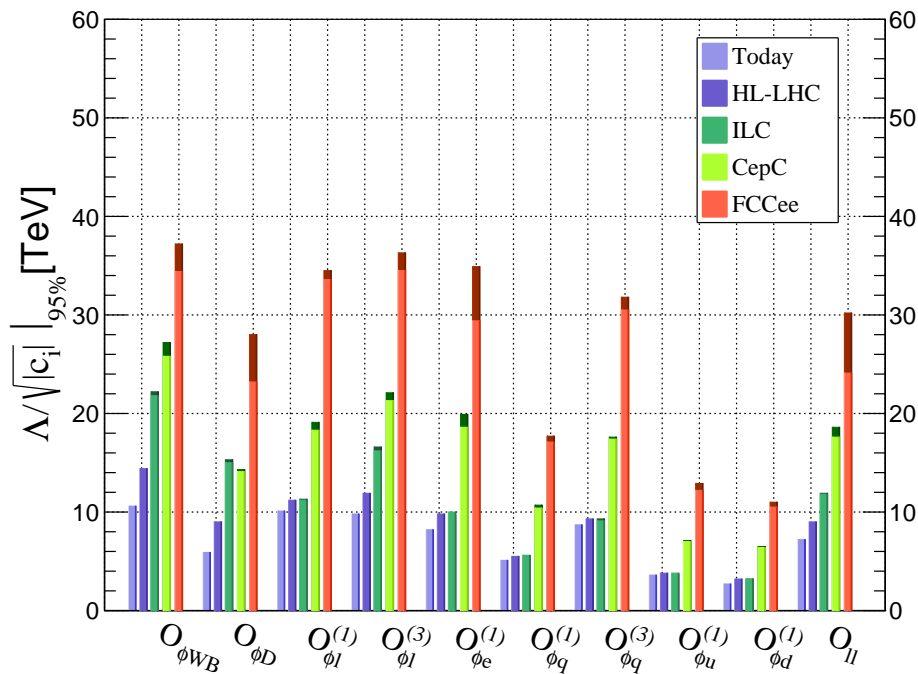
→ Extended set of operators, switching on **one operator at a time**

Coefficient	95% prob. range C_i/Λ^2 [TeV ⁻²]	95% prob. lower bound on Λ [TeV] ($ C_i = 1$)
$C_{\phi G}$	[-0.00029, 0.0059]	13.5
$C_{\phi W}$	[-0.019, 0.0040]	7.63
$C_{\phi B}$	[-0.0051, 0.0011]	14.7
$C_{\phi WB}$	[-0.0045, 0.0038]	15.7
$C_{\phi D}$	[-0.027, 0.00092]	6.38
$C_{\phi \square}$	[0.015, 1.4]	0.85
$C_{\phi L}^{(1)}$	[-0.0052, 0.012]	9.81
$C_{\phi L}^{(3)}$	[-0.013, 0.0030]	9.46
$C_{\phi e}^{(1)}$	[-0.015, 0.0070]	9.14
$C_{\phi Q}^{(1)}$	[-0.027, 0.043]	5.13
$C_{\phi Q}^{(3)}$	[-0.0111, 0.015]	8.71
$C_{\phi u}$	[-0.072, 0.082]	3.59
$C_{\phi d}$	[-0.16, 0.050]	2.72
$C_{e\phi}$	[-0.034, 0.015]	5.97
$C_{u\phi}$	[-2.0, -0.050]	0.74
$C_{d\phi}$	[0.0031, 0.061]	4.18
C_{LL}	[-0.0048, 0.022]	7.11

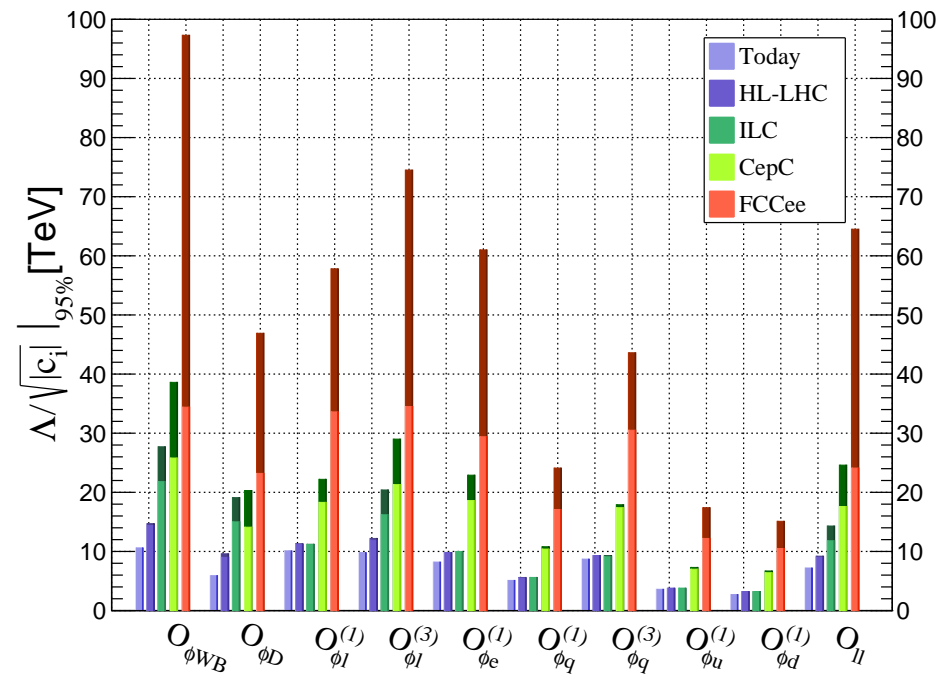


- EWPO constraints still more stringent: **Higgs bounds \leq EWPO bounds**
- **Increasing precision in constraining the C_i can greatly boost the reach in Λ !**
 - Need to incrementally move towards more **global fits**.
 - Need to use **more observables**: Higgs kinematic distributions, EW triple-gauge-coupling measurements, ...
 - incrementally **release flavour universality** → t -quark observables (b , τ).
 - Include NLO QCD/EW corrections and running of C_i .
 - Explore validity of linear vs quadratic approximation : is it consistent?

Projected bounds for Λ at future colliders



with/without theoretical errors



with/without theoretical and
parametrical errors

↪ Most recent study:

J. de Blas et al., *Higgs boson studies at future particle colliders*, arxiv:1905.03764

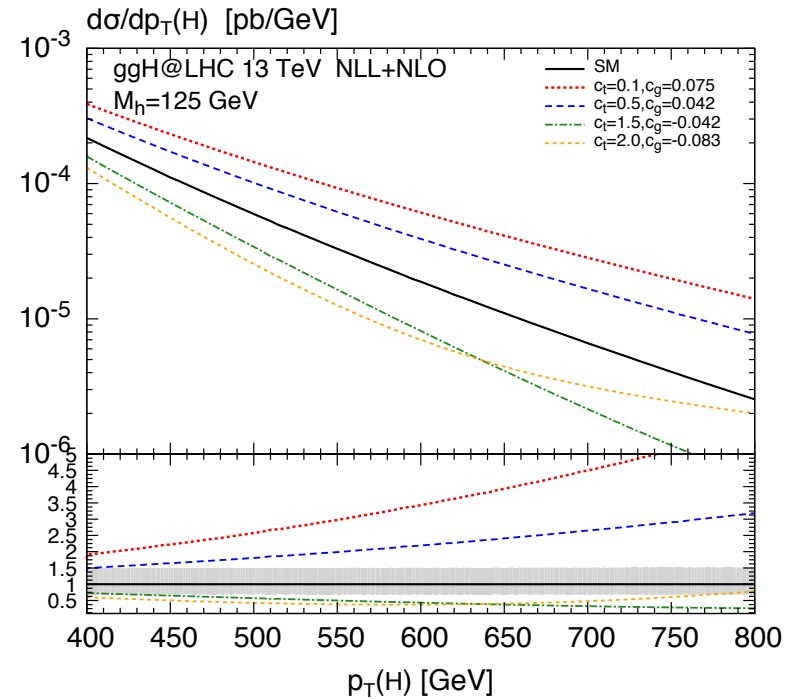
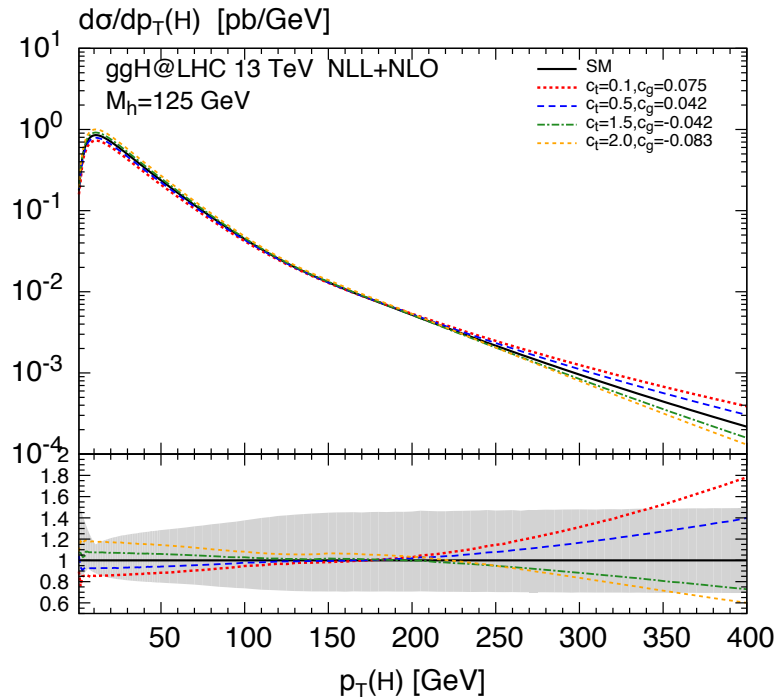
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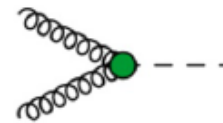
Effect of new interactions: Higgs p_T in $gg \rightarrow H$

Not visible in the inclusive cross sections, but in the shape of distributions.

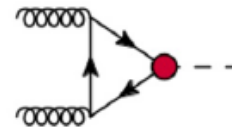


[Grazzini et al., arXiv:1612.00283]

$$O_{\phi G} = (\phi^\dagger \phi) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi v} c_g h G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}$$

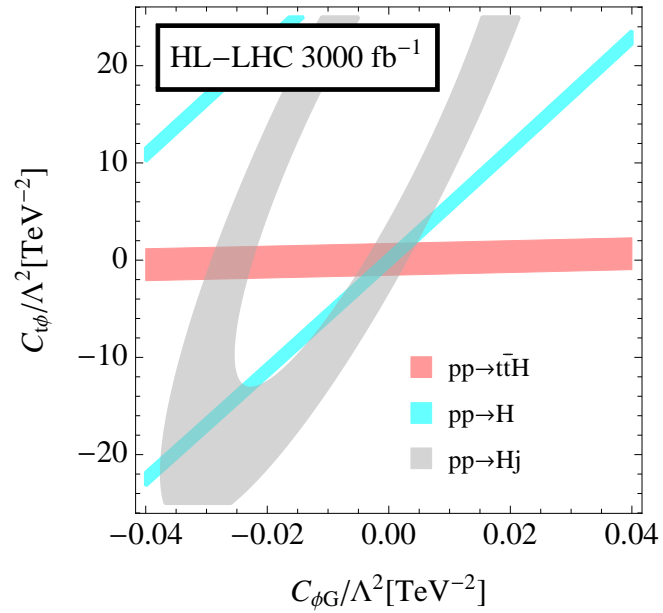
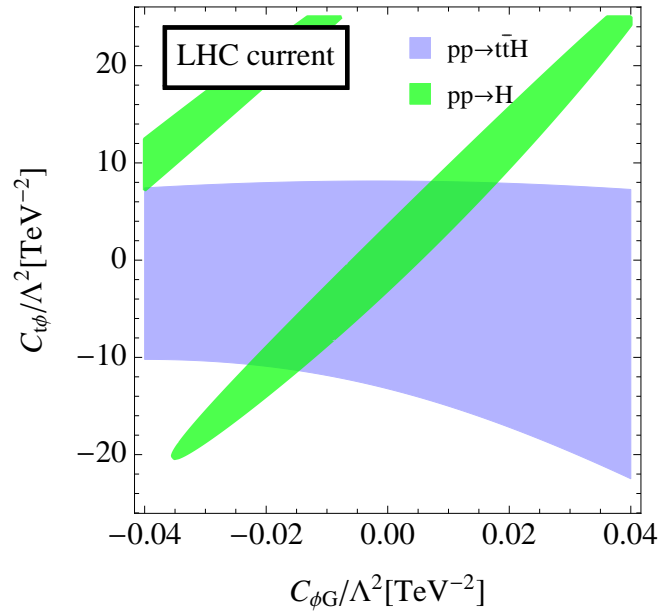


$$O_{u\phi} = (\phi^\dagger \phi) \bar{Q}_L u_R \tilde{\phi} \longrightarrow \frac{m_t}{v} c_t h t \bar{t}$$

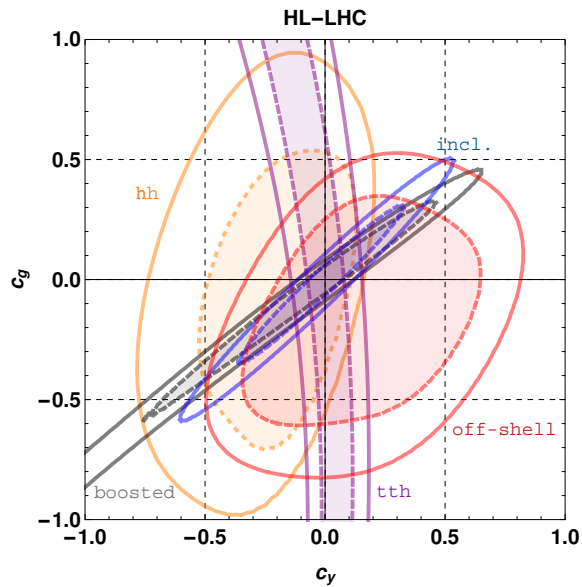


Include $O_{\phi G}$ and $O_{u\phi}$ in NLO+NLL computation: **simultaneous effects of two or more operators affects high-energy tail of the spectrum.**

Probing the gluon-Higgs vs top-Higgs interactions



[Maltoni et al., arXiv:1607.05330]

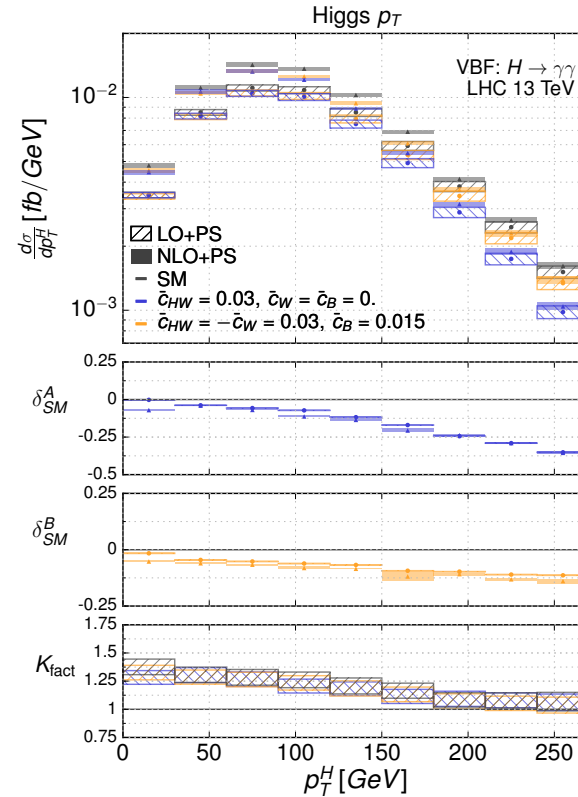
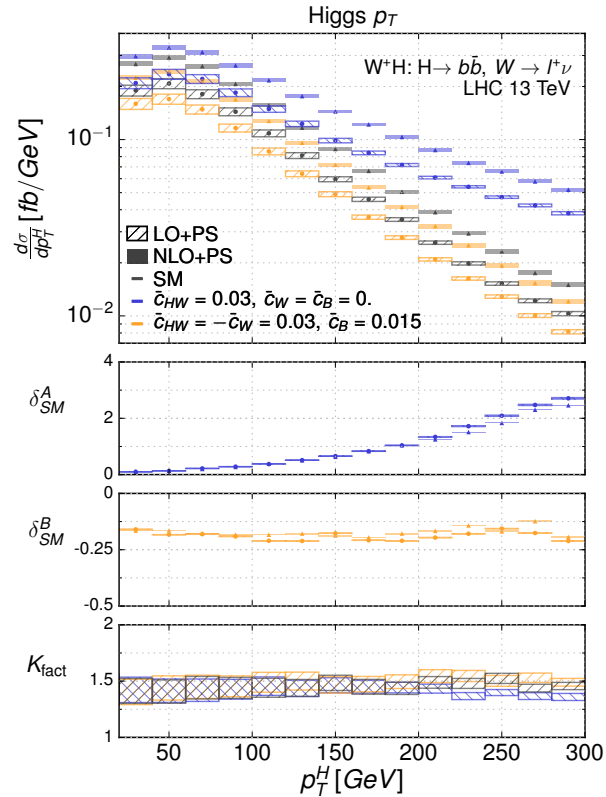


Combining:

- inclusive H
- ttH
- HH
- boosted H
- off-shell H

[Azatov et al., arXiv:1608.00977]

Effect of new interactions: Higgs p_T in VH and VBF

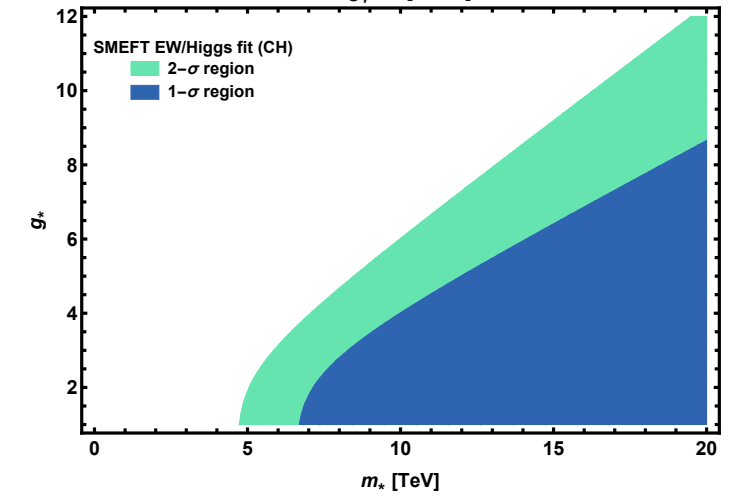
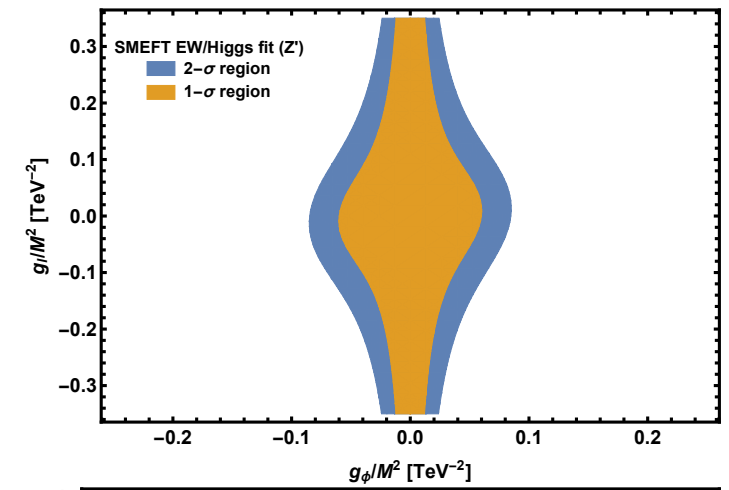
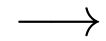
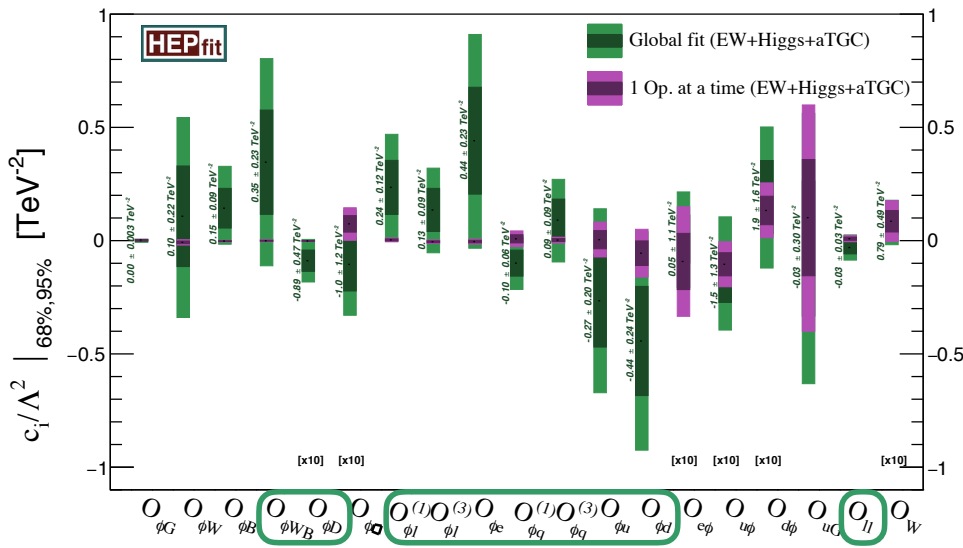


[Degrande et al., arXiv:1609.04833]

- ↪ Includes NLO QCD matched to PS, validated with both MG5aMC@NLO and POWHEG-BOX.
- ↪ **Question: consistency of EFT.**

From SM-EFT to specific models

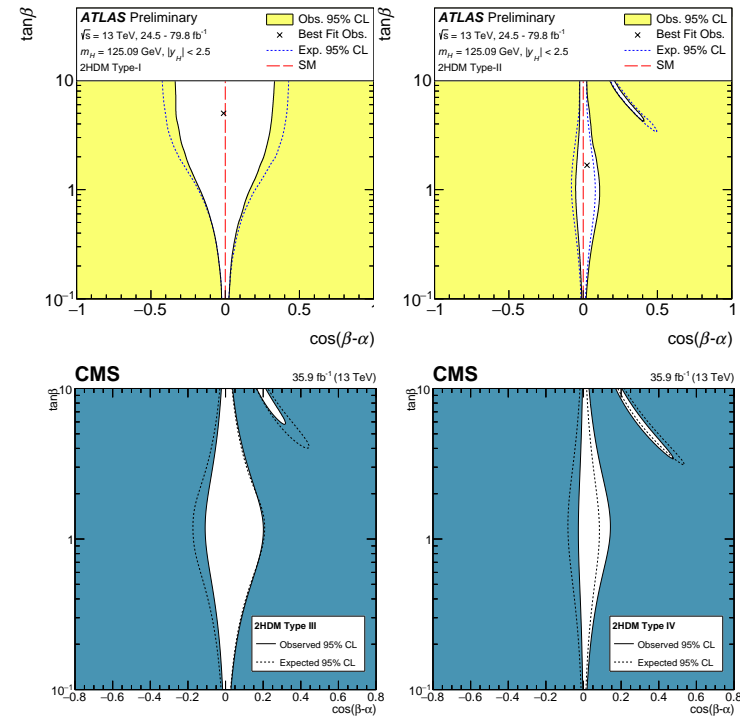
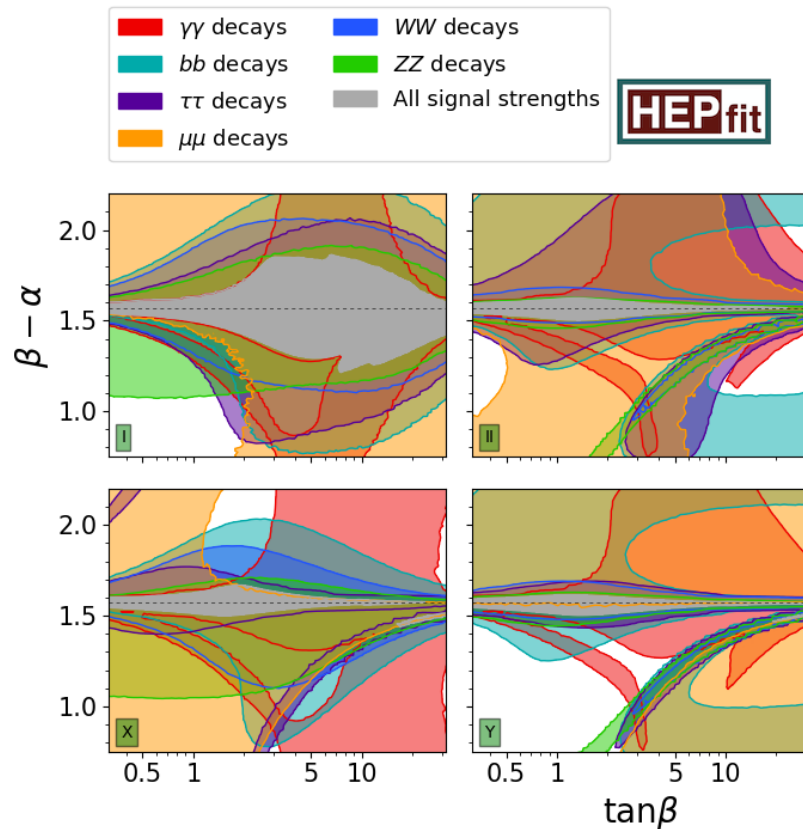
Specific model $\rightarrow \{O_i\} \rightarrow$ bounds on $\{C_i\} \rightarrow$ bounds on the mode



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Broad spectrum of searches, old and new ideas

2HDM: natural extension, MSSM motivated, FC scalar currents



[Eberhardt, Chowdhury, arXiv:1711.02095]

Favor alignment scenario \rightarrow consistent with SM-like couplings and EWPO

Towards a **decoupling scenario**: $M_h \ll M_H, M_A, M_{H^\pm}$, i.e. spectrum of very heavy scalars.

2HDM - Type II, MSSM-like, quick guide

Two complex $SU(2)_L$ doublets, with hypercharge $Y = \pm 1$:

$$\Phi_u = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_u^+ \\ \phi_u^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_d = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_d^0 \\ \phi_d^- \end{pmatrix}$$

and (super)potential (Higgs part only):

$$\begin{aligned} V_H &= (|\mu|^2 + m_u^2)|\Phi_u|^2 + (|\mu|^2 + m_d^2)|\Phi_d|^2 - \mu B \epsilon_{ij} (\Phi_u^i \Phi_d^j + h.c.) \\ &+ \frac{g^2 + g'^2}{8} (|\Phi_u|^2 - |\Phi_d|^2)^2 + \frac{g^2}{2} |\Phi_u^\dagger \Phi_d|^2 \end{aligned}$$

The EW symmetry is spontaneously broken by choosing:

$$\langle \Phi_u \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \Phi_d \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v_d \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

normalized to preserve the SM relation: $M_W^2 = g^2(v_u^2 + v_d^2)/4 = g^2 v^2/4$.

Five physical scalar/pseudoscalar degrees of freedom:

$$h^0 = -(\sqrt{2}\text{Re}\Phi_d^0 - v_d) \sin \alpha + (\sqrt{2}\text{Re}\Phi_u^0 - v_u) \cos \alpha$$

$$H^0 = (\sqrt{2}\text{Re}\Phi_d^0 - v_d) \cos \alpha + (\sqrt{2}\text{Re}\Phi_u^0 - v_u) \sin \alpha$$

$$A^0 = \sqrt{2} (\text{Im}\Phi_d^0 \sin \beta + \text{Im}\Phi_u^0 \cos \beta)$$

$$H^\pm = \Phi_d^\pm \sin \beta + \Phi_u^\pm \cos \beta$$

where $\boxed{\tan \beta = v_u/v_d}$.

All masses can be expressed (at tree level) in terms of $\boxed{\tan \beta}$ and M_A :

$$M_{H^\pm}^2 = M_A^2 + M_W^2$$

$$M_{H,h}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(M_A^2 + M_Z^2 \pm ((M_A^2 + M_Z^2)^2 - 4M_Z^2 M_A^2 \cos^2 2\beta)^{1/2} \right)$$

Notice: tree level upper bound on M_h : $\boxed{M_h^2 \leq M_Z^2 \cos 2\beta \leq M_Z^2}$!

Higgs boson couplings to SM gauge bosons:

Some phenomenologically important ones:

$$g_{hVV} = g_V M_V \sin(\beta - \alpha) g^{\mu\nu} \quad , \quad g_{HVV} = g_V M_V \cos(\beta - \alpha) g^{\mu\nu}$$

where $g_V = 2M_V/v$ for $V = W, Z$, and

$$g_{hAZ} = \frac{g \cos(\beta - \alpha)}{2 \cos \theta_W} (p_h - p_A)^\mu \quad , \quad g_{HAZ} = -\frac{g \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{2 \cos \theta_W} (p_H - p_A)^\mu$$

Notice: $\boxed{g_{AZZ} = g_{AWW} = 0}$, $\boxed{g_{H^\pm ZZ} = g_{H^\pm WW} = 0}$

Decoupling limit: $\boxed{M_A \gg M_Z}$ \longrightarrow $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_h \simeq M_h^{max} \\ M_H \simeq M_{H^\pm} \simeq M_A \end{array} \right.$

$$\cos^2(\beta - \alpha) \simeq \frac{M_Z^4 \sin^2 4\beta}{M_A^4} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0 \\ \sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1 \end{array} \right.$$

The only low energy Higgs is $h \simeq H_{SM}$.

Higgs boson couplings to quarks and leptons:

Yukawa type couplings, Φ_u to up-component and Φ_d to down-component of $SU(2)_L$ fermion doublets. Ex. (3rd generation quarks):

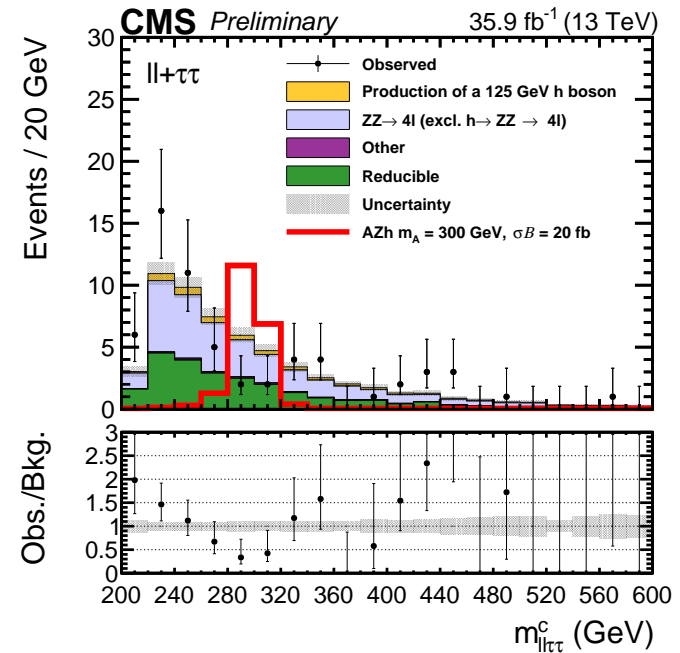
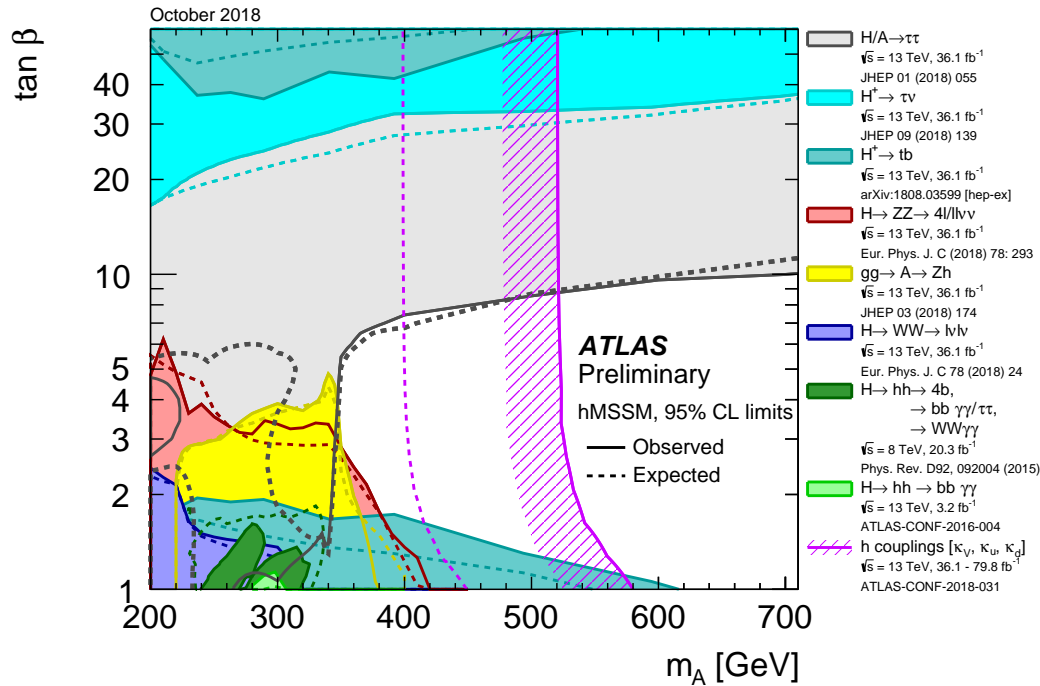
$$\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = h_t [\bar{t}P_L t \Phi_u^0 - \bar{t}P_L b \Phi_u^+] + h_b [\bar{b}P_L b \Phi_d^0 - \bar{b}P_L t \Phi_d^-] + \text{h.c.}$$

and similarly for leptons. The corresponding couplings can be expressed as ($y_t, y_b \rightarrow \text{SM}$):

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ht\bar{t}} &= \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta} y_t = [\sin(\beta - \alpha) + \cot \beta \cos(\beta - \alpha)] y_t \\ g_{hb\bar{b}} &= -\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} y_b = [\sin(\beta - \alpha) - \tan \beta \cos(\beta - \alpha)] y_b \\ g_{Ht\bar{t}} &= \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} y_t = [\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \cot \beta \sin(\beta - \alpha)] y_t \\ g_{Hb\bar{b}} &= \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} y_b = [\cos(\beta - \alpha) + \tan \beta \sin(\beta - \alpha)] y_b \\ g_{At\bar{t}} &= \cot \beta y_t \quad , \quad g_{Ab\bar{b}} = \tan \beta y_b \\ g_{H^\pm t\bar{b}} &= \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}M_W} [m_t \cot \beta (1 + \gamma_5) + m_b \tan \beta (1 - \gamma_5)] \end{aligned}$$

Notice: consistent **decoupling limit behavior.**

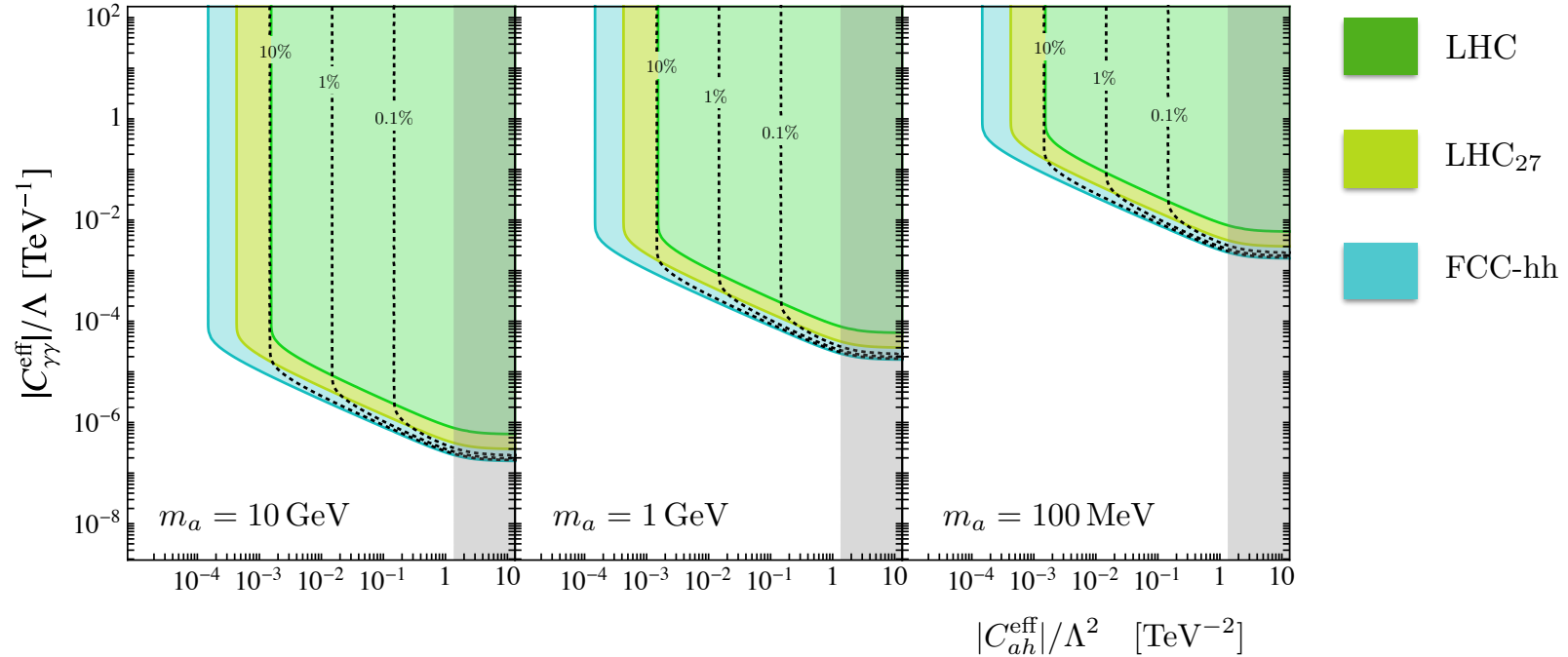
Heavy-scalar and charged-scalar searches further explore parameter space.



More exotic scenarios

- Higgs FCNC decays ($H \rightarrow e\tau$, $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$, $t \rightarrow Hc$, ...)
- Higgs decays to BSM gauge bosons ($U(1)_{\text{dark}}$)
- Higgs decays to light scalars ($H \rightarrow aa$, $a = \text{axion-like particle}$ or **ALP**)

Axion-like particles (ALP)



[Bauer et al., arXiv:1808.10323]

ALP: pseudo-Goldstone bosons of SB global symmetry (NP at scale Λ)

\hookrightarrow *light* pseudoscalar messengers of NP

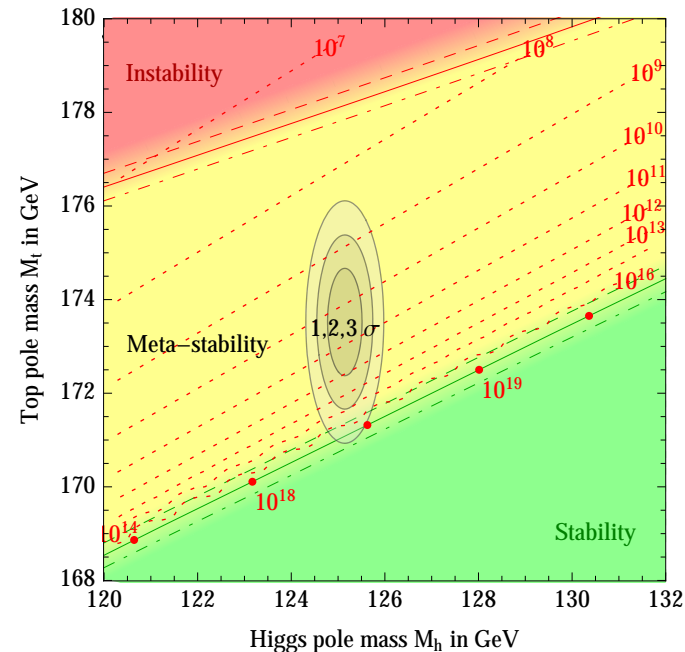
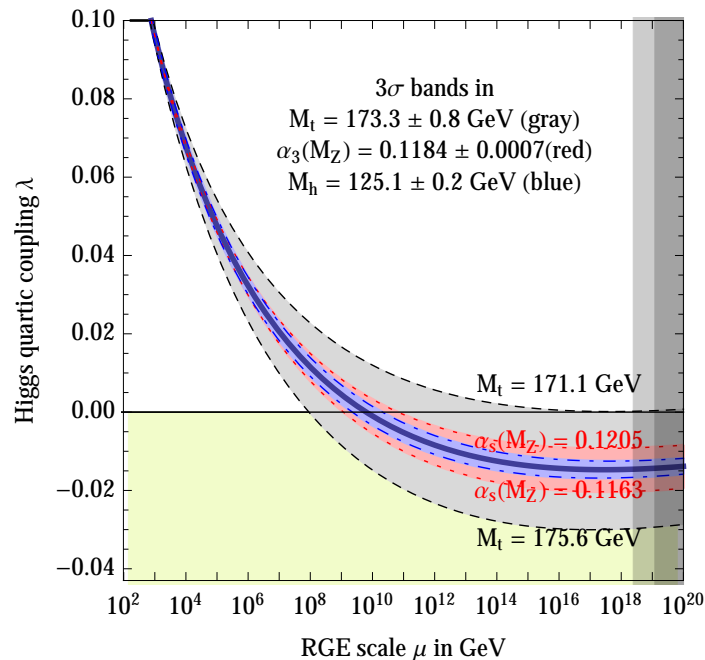
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_a + \dots + \frac{C_{\gamma\gamma}}{\Lambda} a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \dots + \frac{C_{ah}}{\Lambda^2} (\partial^\mu a)(\partial_\mu a) \phi^\dagger \phi + \frac{C_{aZ}}{\Lambda^3} (\partial^\mu a)(\phi^\dagger i D_\mu \phi) \phi^\dagger \phi + \dots$$

LHC gives access in particular to: $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow l^+ l^- 2\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$

\hookrightarrow models with **extra singlet-scalar** very important templates for future collider studies!

[see e.g. Heinemann and Nir, arXiv:1905.00382]

Could new physics be beyond reach?



Buttazzo et al., arXiv:1307.3536

Including quantum effects in the study of the Higgs potential, for $M_h \approx 125$ GeV, a condition of **criticality** ($\lambda \rightarrow 0$) is **reached for** $\Lambda \approx 10^{10} - 10^{12}$ GeV.

Is this a signal of NP below the Planck scale?

Outlook

- After the discovery of the Higgs-boson during Run I of the LHC, a major effort to **develop a full-fledged precision program to measure its couplings** has been growing.
- **Indirect evidence of new physics** from Higgs-boson and EW precision measurements could come from the synergy between
 - accurate theoretical prediction,
 - a systematic approach to the study of new effective interactions,
 - the intuition and experience of many years of Beyond SM searches!
- **Increasing the precision of input parameters** could **allow to test higher scales** of new physics: a factor of 10 in precision could give access to scales as high as 100 TeV.
- **Direct evidence** of new physics will boost this process, as the discovery of a Higgs-boson has prompted and guided us in this new era of LHC physics.
- Even **no new discovery** and just **indirect evidence** would mean a lot!