

# Multi-Higgs production and chiral effective Lagrangians

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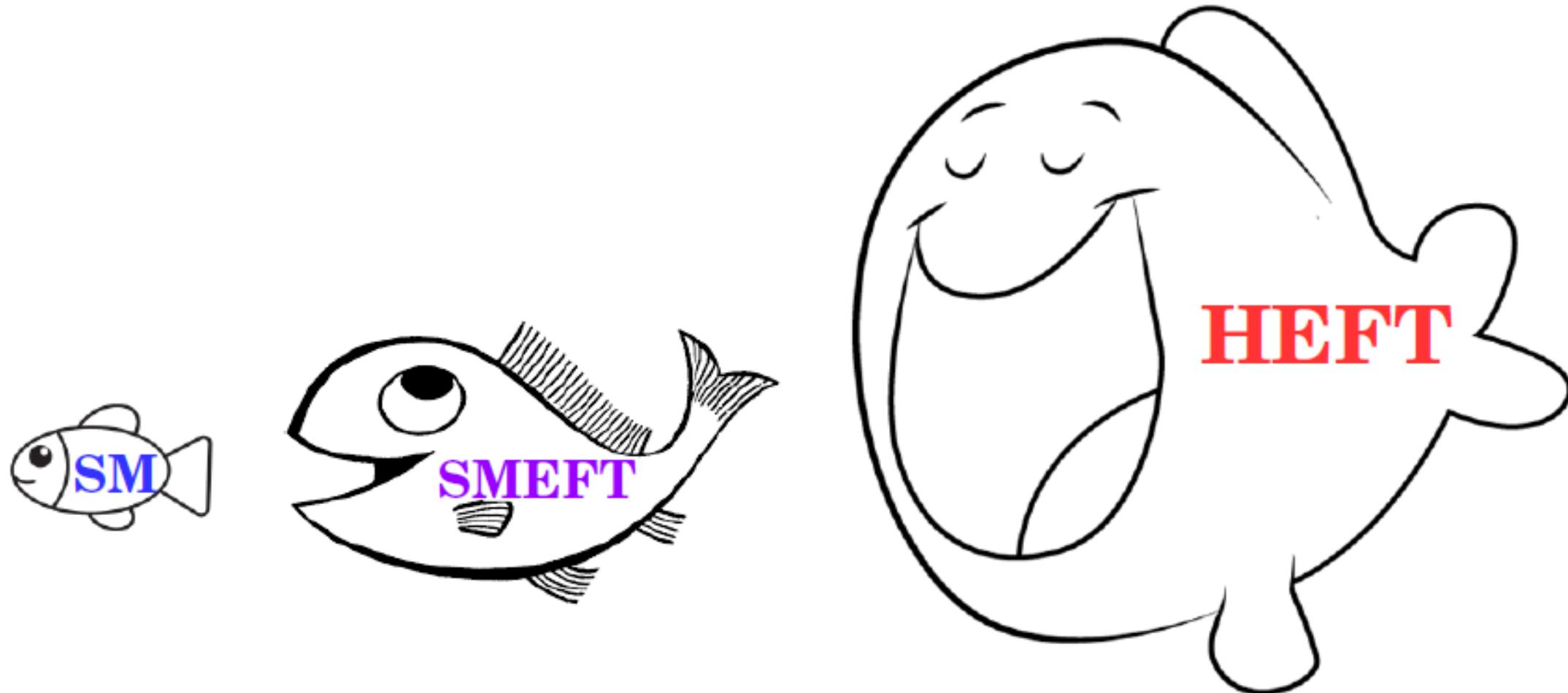
+ forthcoming pheno work

# Outline

- SM, SMEFT and HEFT : basic considerations
- $\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$  scattering : compact expressions
- Understanding  $T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h}$  : field redefinitions
- SMEFT pheno : suppressed multi-H production wrt HEFT

- **SM:**
  - Complex doublet H
  - Renormalizable (canonical dim.  $D \leq 4$ )
$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = \mathcal{L}_{D \leq 4}$$
- **SMEFT:**
  - Complex doublet H
  - Non-renormalizable (canonical dim. expan.)
$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{n,i} \frac{c_i^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(n)}$$
- **HEFT**  
 $(= EWChL = EWET)$ 
  - 3 EW Goldstones + 1 singlet Higgs h (indep.)
  - Non-renormalizable (chiral expan.)
$$\mathcal{L}_{HEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{p^2} + \mathcal{L}_{p^4} + \dots$$

[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;

# 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 [\[link1\]](#) [\[link2\]](#)



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- Relevant HEFT Lagrangian at LO,  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$ :

$$F_\pi \text{ from } \chi\text{PT} \rightarrow \text{EW vev } v = (\sqrt{2}G_F)^{-1} = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

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

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 usual notation in the bibliography:  $\kappa_V \equiv a \equiv a_1/2$  ,  $\kappa_{2V} \equiv b \equiv a_2$

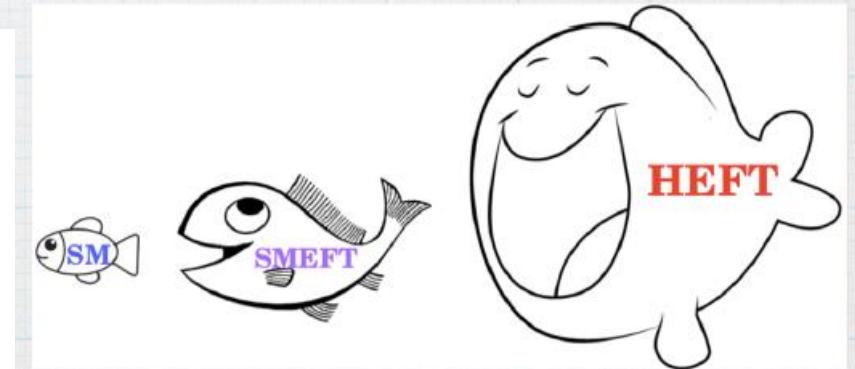
- Non-linear Goldstone realization:  $U(\omega) = 1 + i\sigma^a \omega^a/v + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$

# 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?

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



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

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

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} = \frac{8\pi^3 \hat{a}_2^2}{s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2$$

- Relevant combination:  $\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - a_1^2/4 = b - a^2$
- Pure s-wave ( $J=0$ )  $\rightarrow$  critical angular information

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

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

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

- Relevant combination:  $\hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{2}{3}a_1(a_2 - a_1^2/4) = a_3 - \frac{4}{3}a(b - a^2)$
- Pure s-wave ( $J=0$ )  $\rightarrow$  critical angular information

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$\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$

1-crossed-propagator  
dimensionless angular function  
↓↓↓↓↓↓ [BACKUP SLIDES]

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

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

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

- Relevant combination:

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

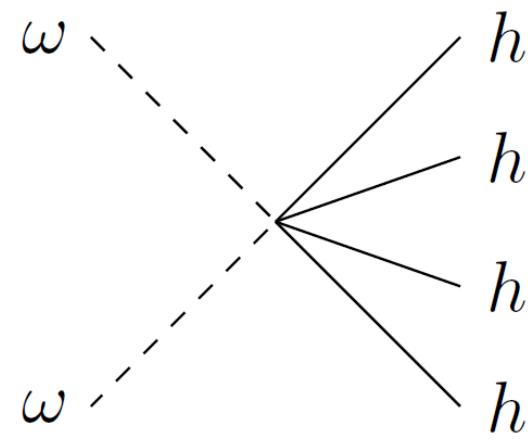
$$\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - a_1^2/4 = b - a^2$$

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

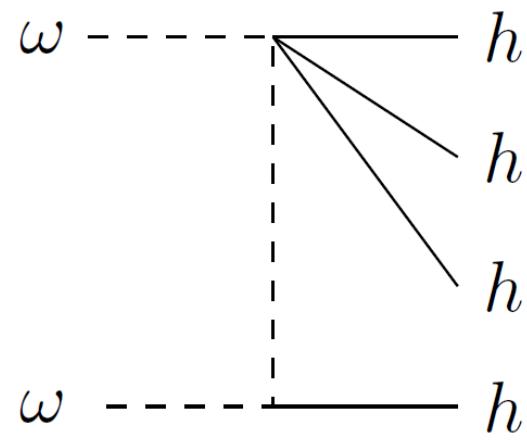
- Almost s-wave ( $J=0$ )  $[\chi_1 = -0.12, \chi_2 = 0.019]$  → critical angular information

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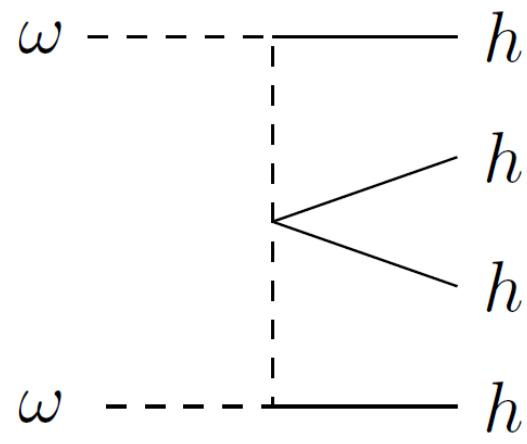
$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{v^4} (3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2(B-1))$$



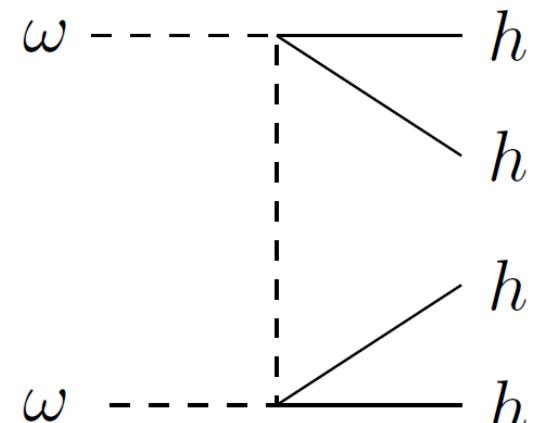
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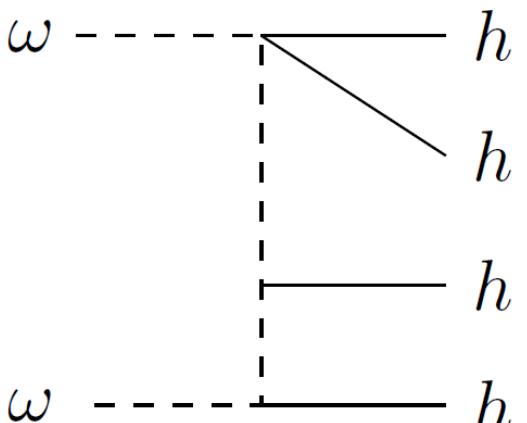
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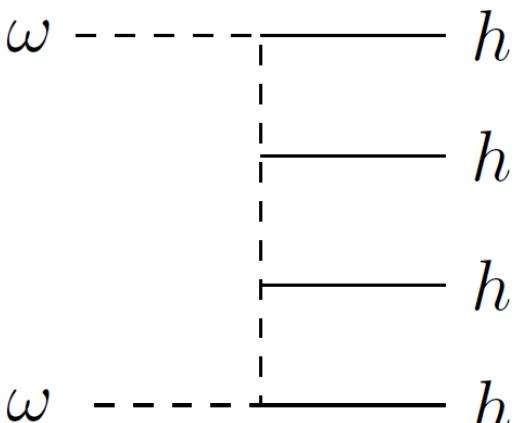
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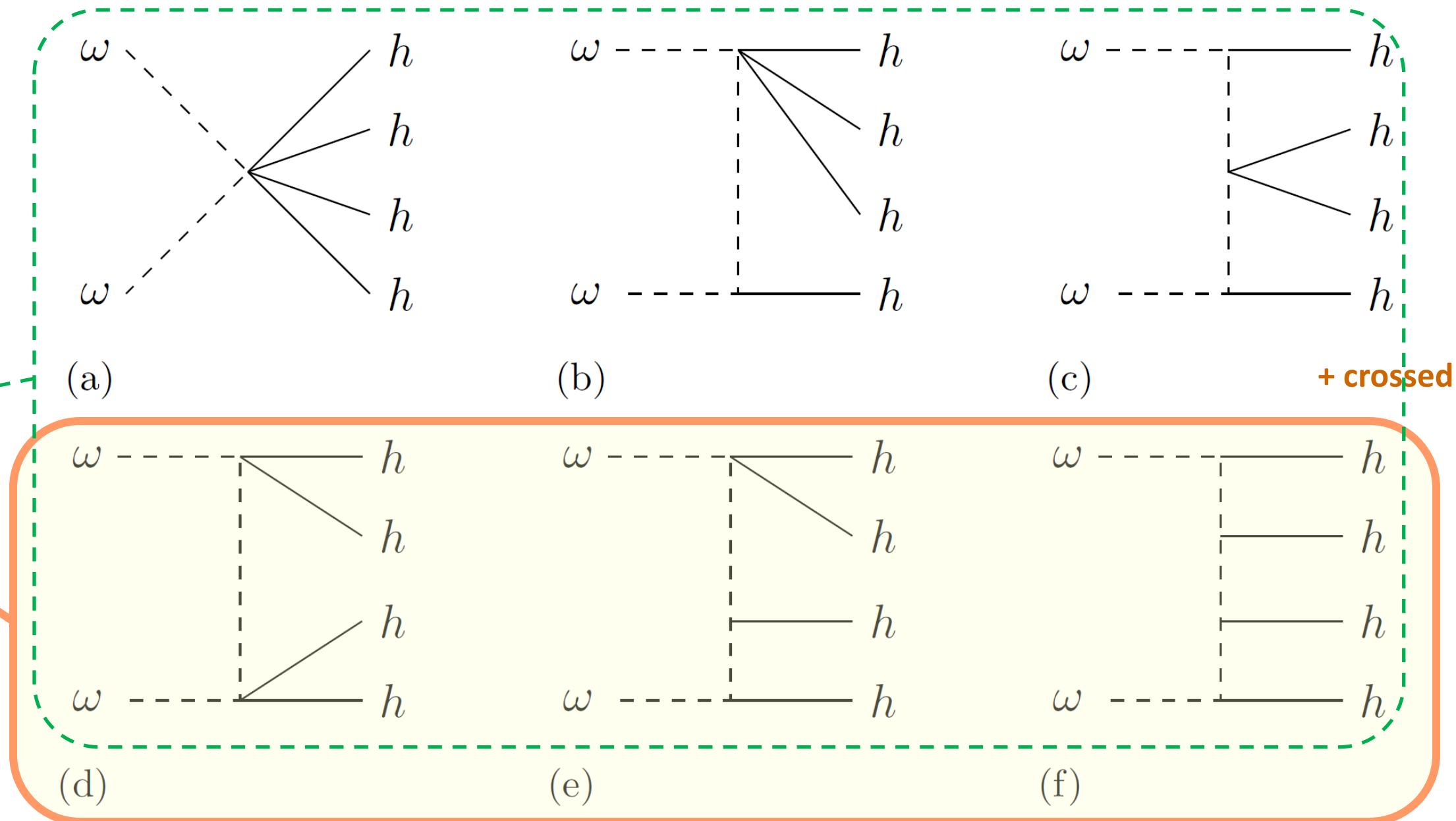
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**+ crossing**

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{v^4}$$

$(3\hat{a}_4)$

$+\hat{a}_2^2(B-1))$



# 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]

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

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

# 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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## 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

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

- 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  $\mathcal{N} = \frac{a_1}{4} = \frac{a}{2}$  :

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

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

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

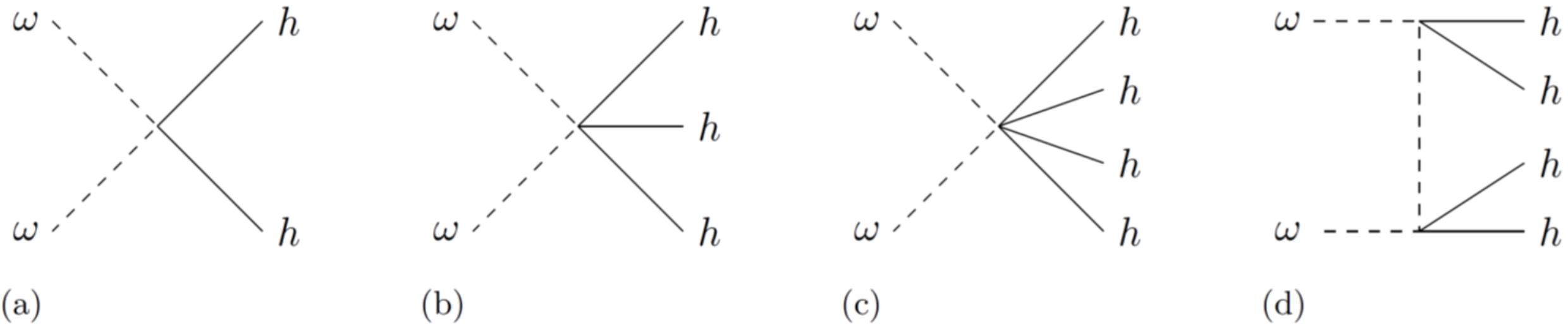
$$\hat{a}_2 = b - a^2$$

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

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

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.

To make yourself an idea of the important simplification:  
 $\lambda\varphi^4$  theory is simpler to compute than  $\lambda\varphi^3$

# SMEFT theory: $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$ suppression

- SMEFT $\leftrightarrow$ HEFT relations for the relevant combinations:

$$\hat{a}_2 = d + 2d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$\hat{a}_3 = \frac{4}{3}d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

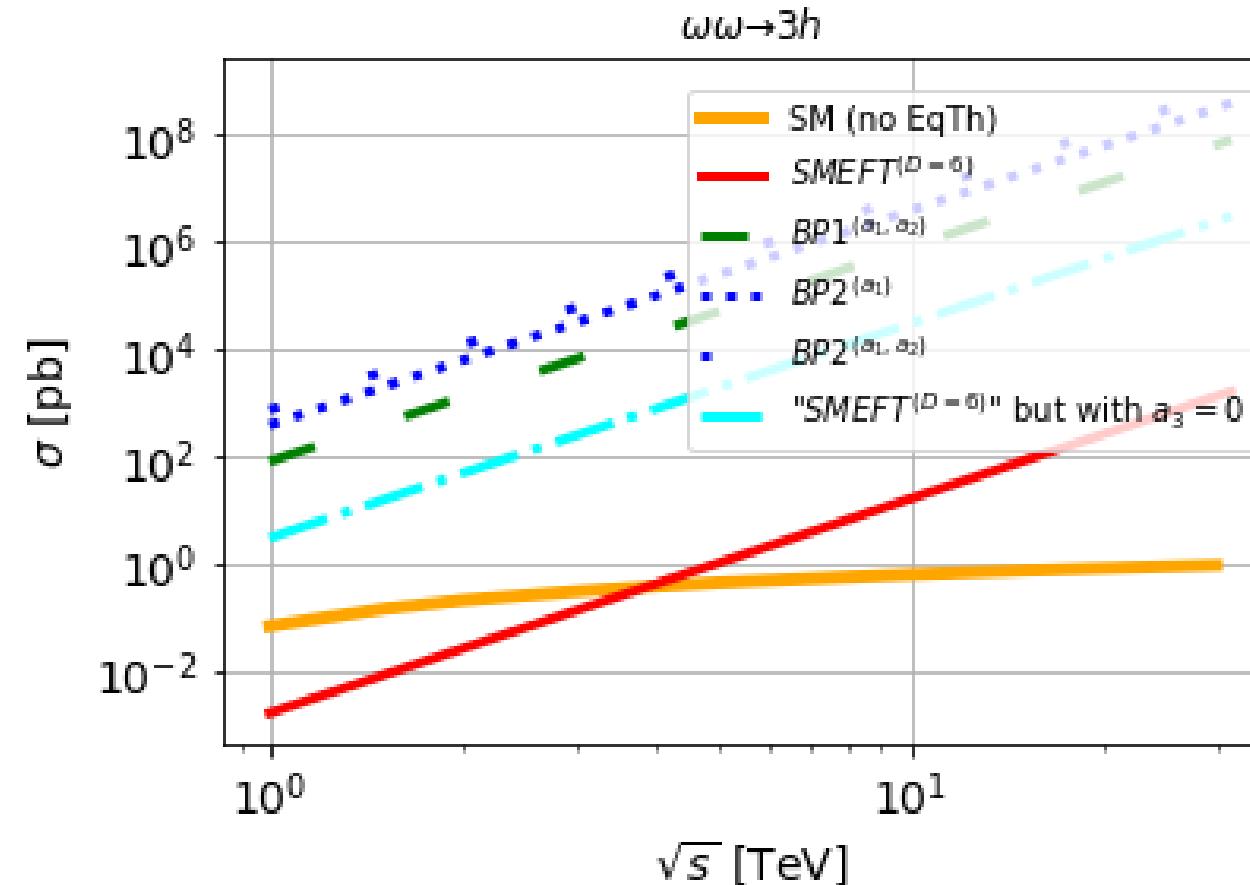
$$\hat{a}_4 = \frac{1}{3}d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

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

- Multi-Higgs fine-tuned suppression in SMEFT

# SMEFT pheno: $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$ suppression

- An illustrative example:  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$



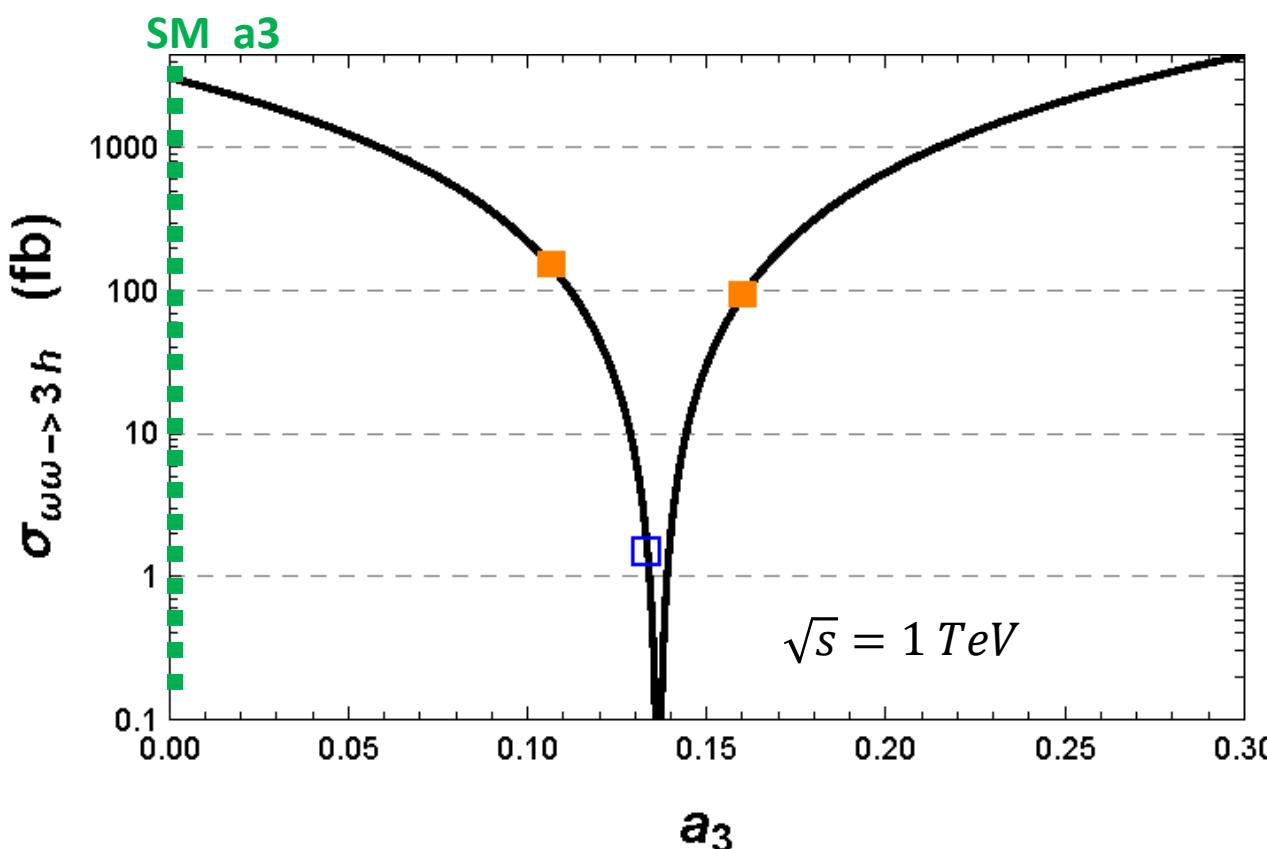
## Scanning of the $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$ cross section predictions for $\sqrt{s} = 1$ TeV:

- Empty blue square - SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup>-BP ( $d = 0.1$ ):

$$a = a_1/2 = a^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 1.05, \quad b = a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT } (D=6)} = 1.2, \quad a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT } (D=6)} = 0.13\hat{}$$

- Full Orange square - HEFT:

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



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

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

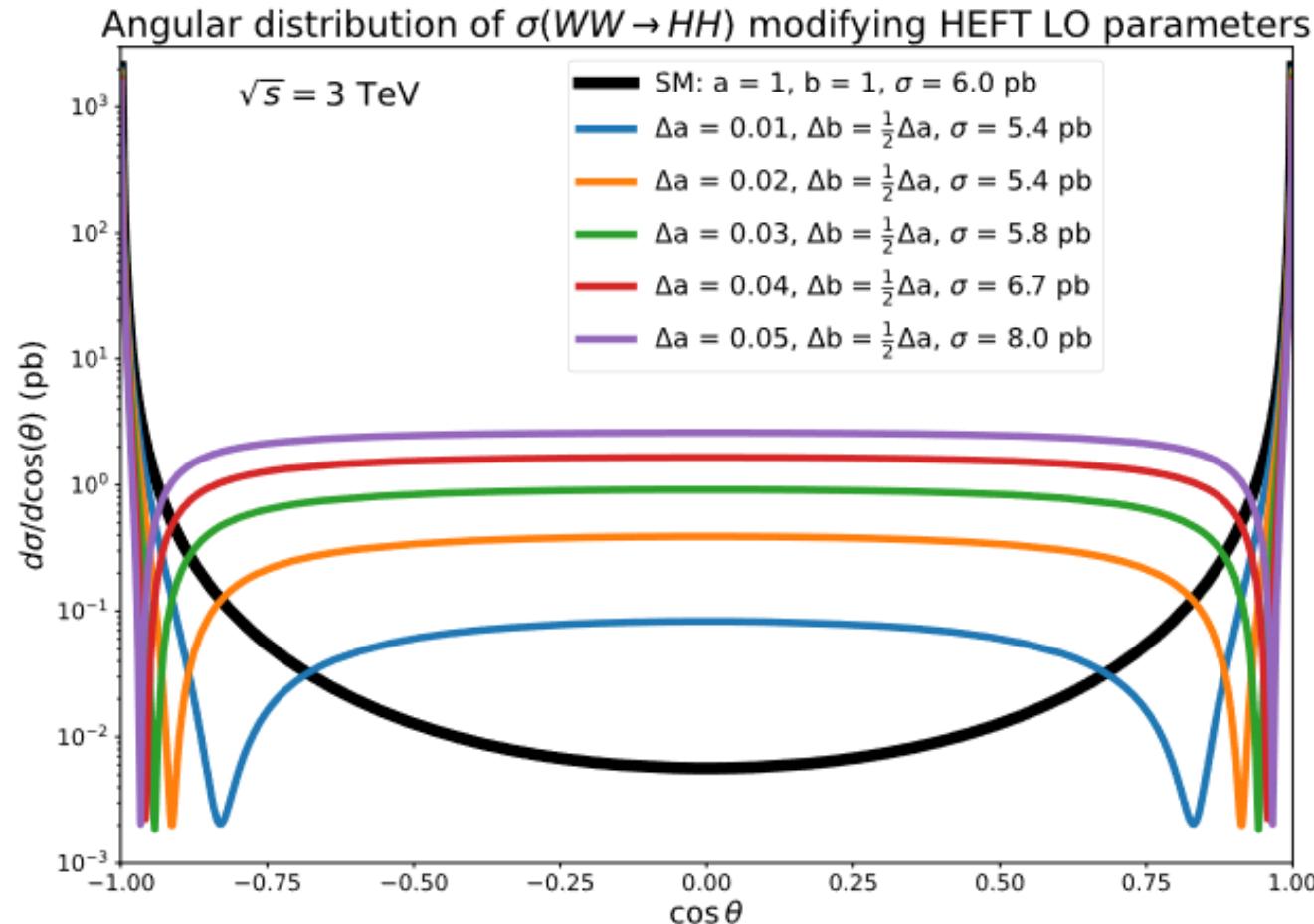
# Conclusions

- **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–

# BACKUP

- 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 Massless Particle Phase-Space Integrator  
**MaMuPaXS** <https://github.com/mamupaxs/mamupaxs>

- 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

# Higgs Effective Field Theory

## Redefined form

Calculations have also been checked with:

### 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<sup>3</sup>

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

$$\hat{a}_2 = b - a^2, \quad \hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{4a}{3} (b - a^2), \quad \hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{2} a a_3 + \frac{5}{3} a^2 (b - a^2)$$

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<sup>3</sup>This redefinition gives a more direct interpretation

# SMEFT: $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$ VERTEX suppression

- SMEFT $\Leftrightarrow$ HEFT relations for the Higgs couplings:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1/2 &= a = 1 + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d^2}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} + \rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3) \\
 a_2 &= b = 1 + 2d + 3d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3) \\
 a_3 &= \frac{4}{3}d + d^2 \left( \frac{14}{3} + 4\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3) \\
 a_4 &= \frac{1}{3}d + d^2 \left( \frac{11}{3} + 3\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$a_5$  and  $a_6$  can be found in the paper.  
 $a_n$  for  $n \geq 7$  vanishes at order  $1/\Lambda^4$ .

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

## SMEFT-like model. Benchmark points<sup>7</sup>

SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP

$$d = 0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a = a_1/2 &= 1.05, & b = a_2 &= 1.20 \\ a_3 &= 0.1\hat{3}, & a_4 &= 0.0\hat{3} \end{aligned}$$

SMEFT<sup>(D=8)</sup> BP

$$d = 0.1, \quad \rho = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a = a_1/2 &\approx 1.06, & b = a_2 &= 1.26 \\ a_3 &= 0.22, & a_4 &= 0.10 \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>7</sup> $d$  is compatible with the SM deviation range of ATLAS and CMS and crucial for the convergence.  $\rho$  is non relevant as long as it's order 1.

## Non-SMEFT-like models<sup>8</sup>. Benchmark points

BP1<sup>(a<sub>1</sub>)</sup>

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \exp \left\{ a_1 \frac{h}{v} \right\}$$

$$a_2 = 2.205, a_3 \approx 1.54, a_4 \approx 0.81$$

BP2<sup>(a<sub>1</sub>)</sup>

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left( 1 - \frac{a_1}{2} \frac{h}{v} \right)^{-2}$$

$$a_2 \approx 3.31, a_3 \approx 4.63, a_4 = 6.08$$

BP1<sup>(a<sub>1</sub>, a<sub>2</sub>)</sup>

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \exp \left\{ a_1 \frac{h}{v} + \left( a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right\}$$

$$a_3 \approx -0.57, \quad a_4 \approx -0.90$$

BP2<sup>(a<sub>1</sub>, a<sub>2</sub>)</sup>

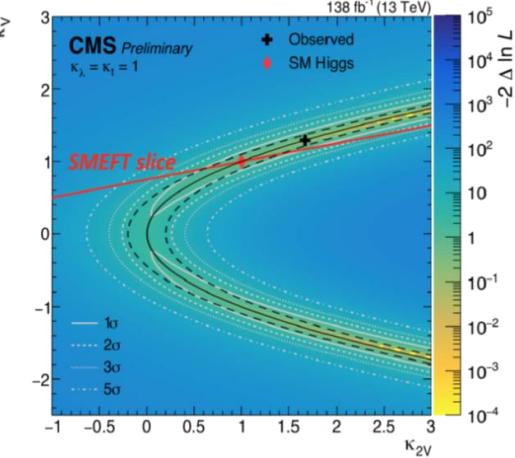
$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left( 1 - \frac{a_1}{2} \frac{h}{v} - \left( \frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{3a_1^2}{8} \right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right)^{-2}$$

$$a_3 \approx -2.01, a_4 \approx -4.53$$

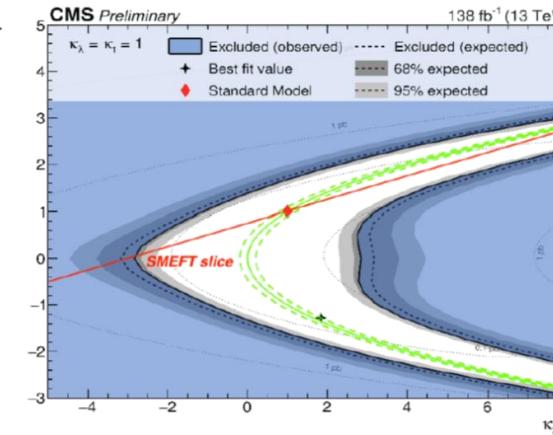
<sup>8</sup>This flare functions have no real zeros [Cohen et al. - 2008.08597, Manohar et al. 1605.03602] but fulfil the positivity requirements in Gómez-Ambrosio et al. - 2204.01763

# ATLAS and CMS analyses on multi-Higgs: Where are we standing?

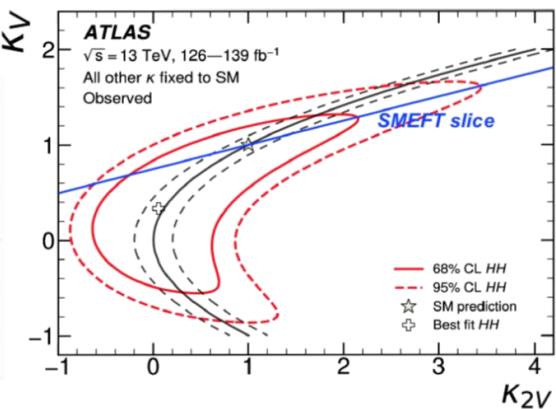
- Uncertainty in  $\textcolor{green}{k}_V = a = a_1/2$  ( $h \rightarrow \omega\omega$  vertex): **O(10%)**
- Uncertainty in  $\textcolor{red}{k}_{2V} = b = a_2$  ( $hh \rightarrow \omega\omega$  vertex): **O(100%)**
- **BUT**, in the relevant  $\omega\omega \rightarrow hh$  amp. combination  $\widehat{\textcolor{green}{k}}_{2V} = \widehat{a}_2$ : **O(10%)**



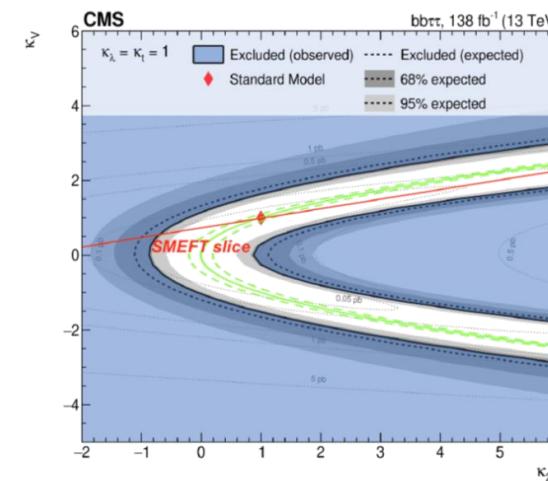
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(c)



(d)

... + some recente important improvement from HH + H:

**CMS PAS HIG-23-006**

- 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:
  - Parabolles w/ constant  $\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{4}$
  - D=6 SMEFT prediction  $a_2 = 2 a_1 - 3$

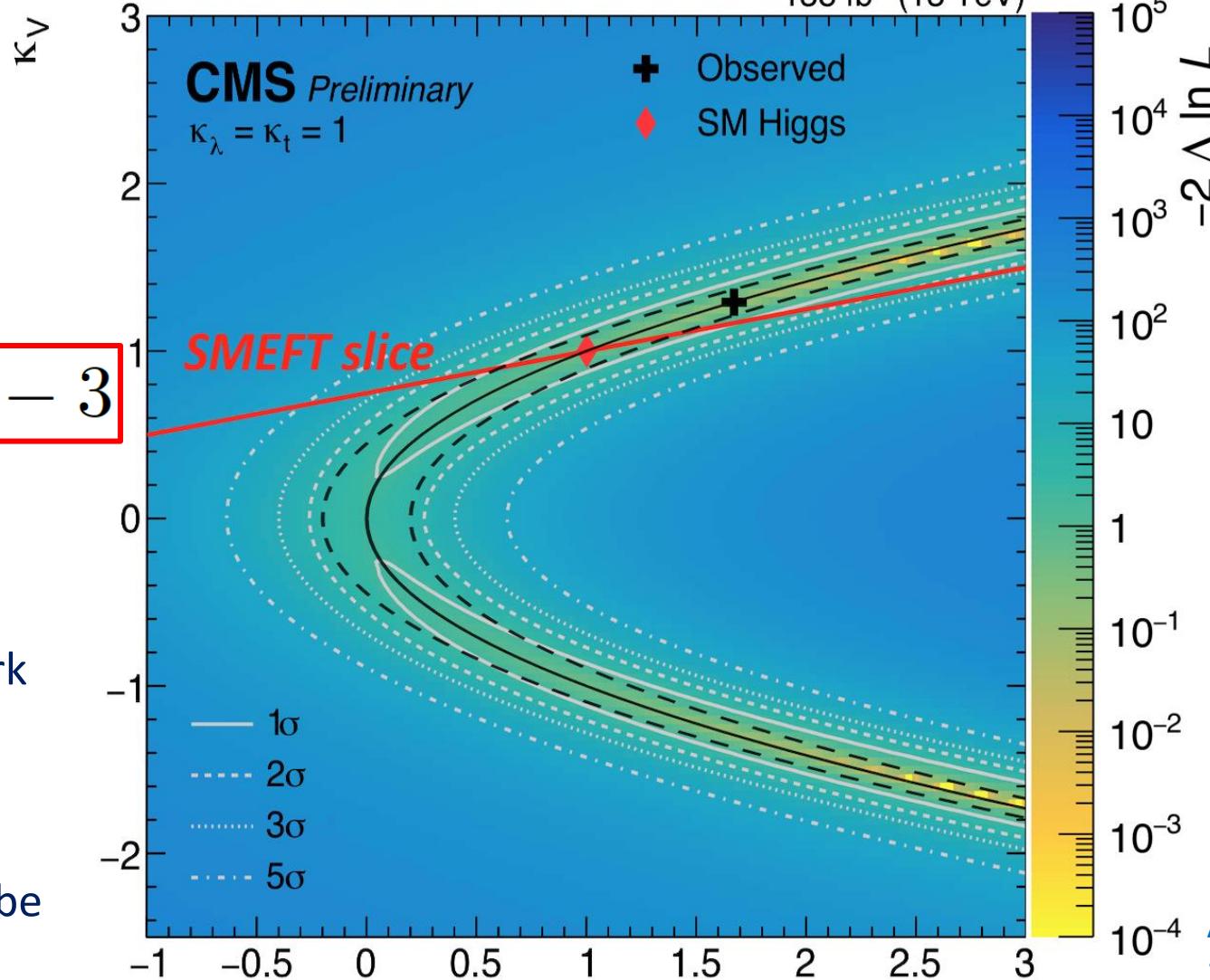
- (a) Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 041803 [2205.06667]  
 (b) CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005 (c) ATLAS-CONF-2022-050 (d) Phys. Lett. B 842 (2023) 137531 [2206.09401]. NOTE:  $\kappa_V = a_1/2$ ,  $\kappa_{2V} = a_2$ .

(a)

$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$

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  $(a, b)$



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

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

[ “banana” plots, as M.J. Herrero calls them]

\* Anisha, Atkinson, Bhardwaj, Englert, Stylianou, JHEP 10 (2022) 172

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

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

- We will actually compute the Goldstone-Goldstone scattering,

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

and extract the corresponding cross section:

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

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

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

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

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

(CM)

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\chi_1 = -0.124984(10)$$

$$\chi_2 = 0.0193760(16)$$

our phase-space integration code (`MaMuPaXS`)

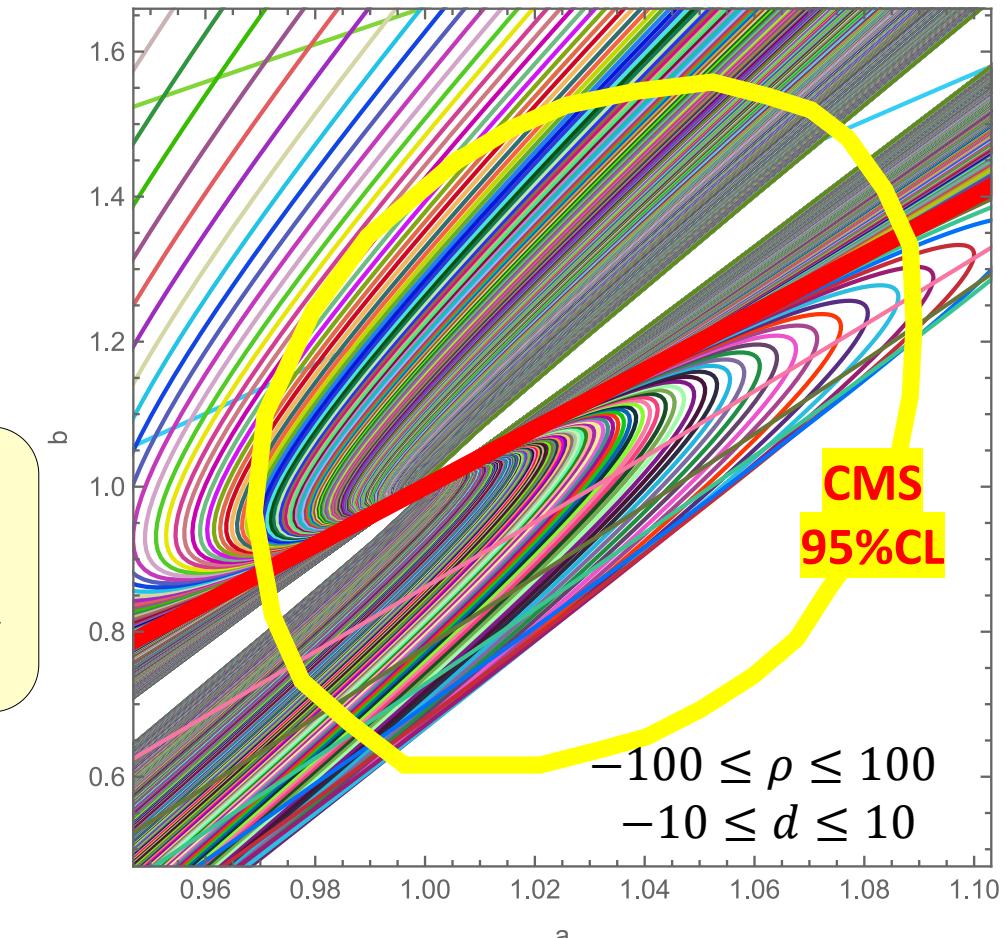
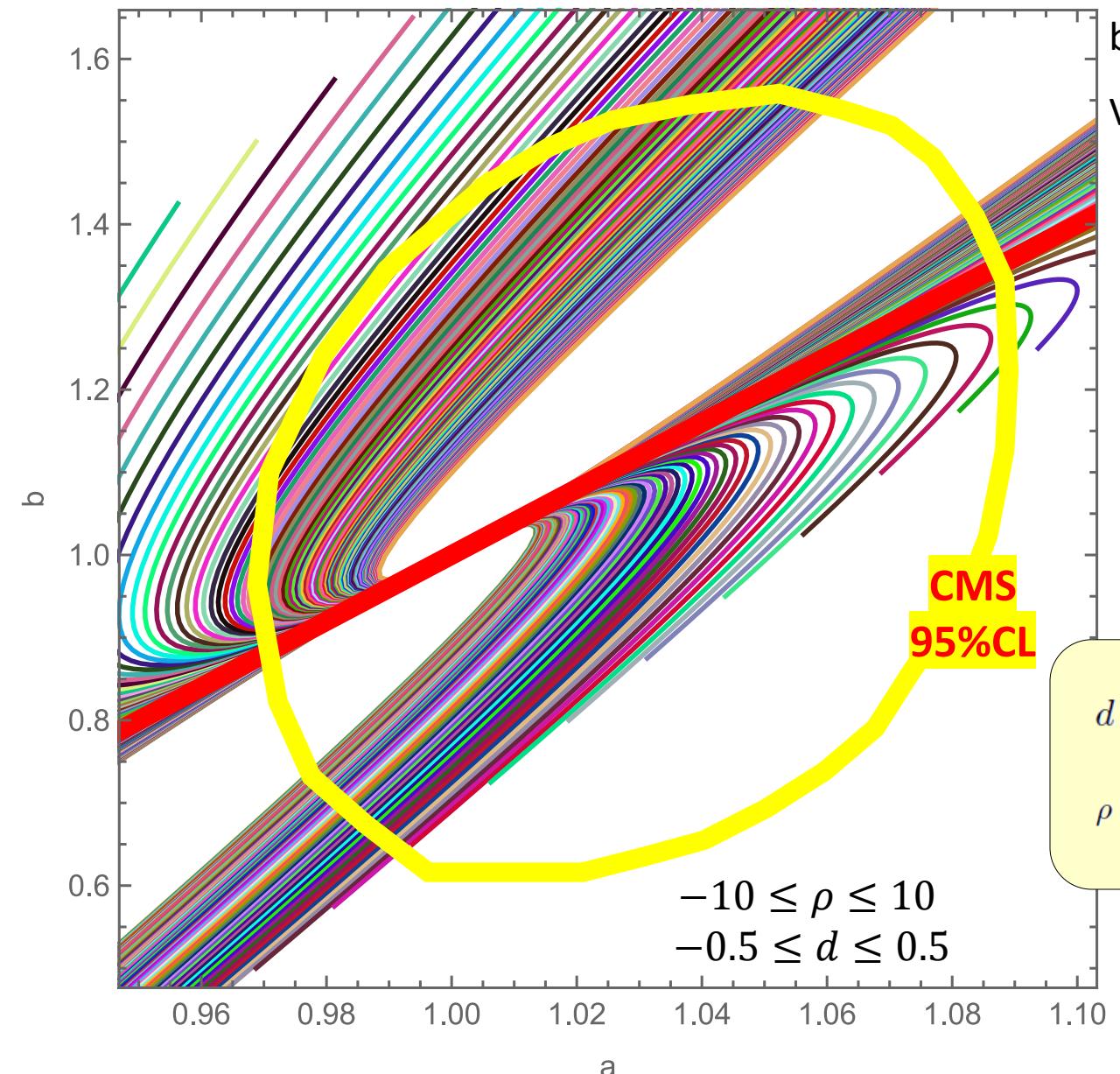
What about D=8 corrections to SMEFT?



The line turns into a “thick line”/area

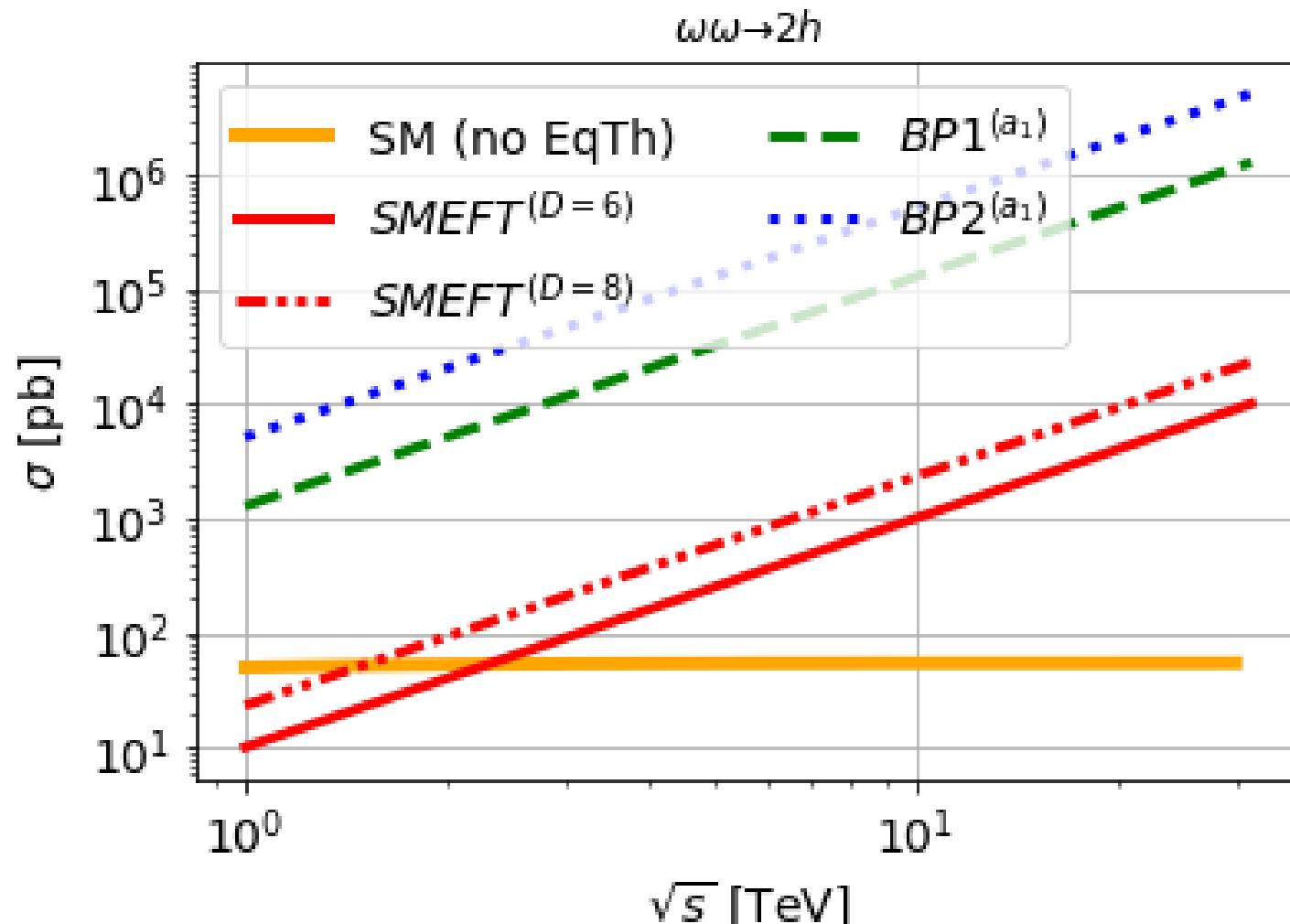
but still can't go everywhere.

Volunteers can play with D=10 corrections



# BP study

2H



Scanning of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$  cross section predictions for  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV:

- Empty blue square - SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup>-BP ( $d = 0.1$ ):

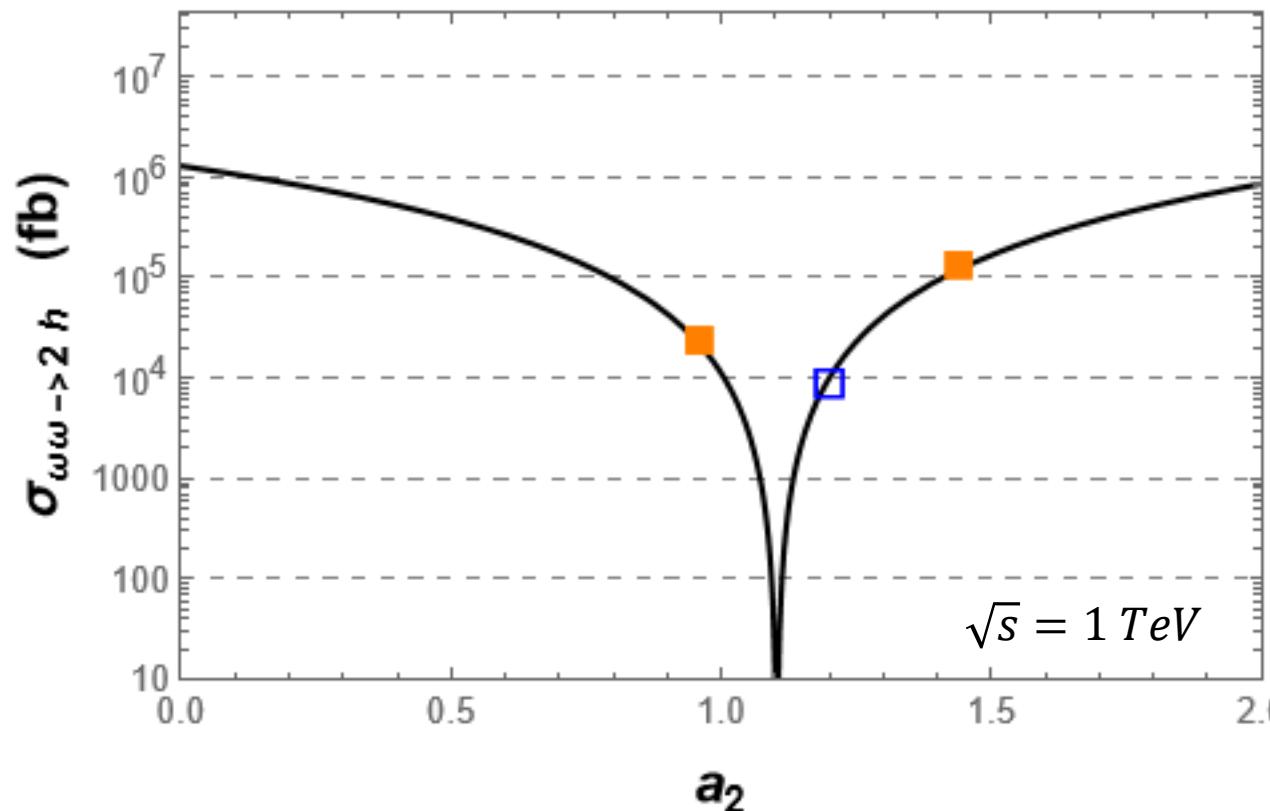
$$a = a_1/2 = a^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 1.05,$$

$$b = a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT } (D=6)} = 1.2$$

- Full Orange square - HEFT:

$$a = a_1/2 = a^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 1.05,$$

$$b = a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT } (D=6)} = 1.2 \times (1 \pm 20\%)$$

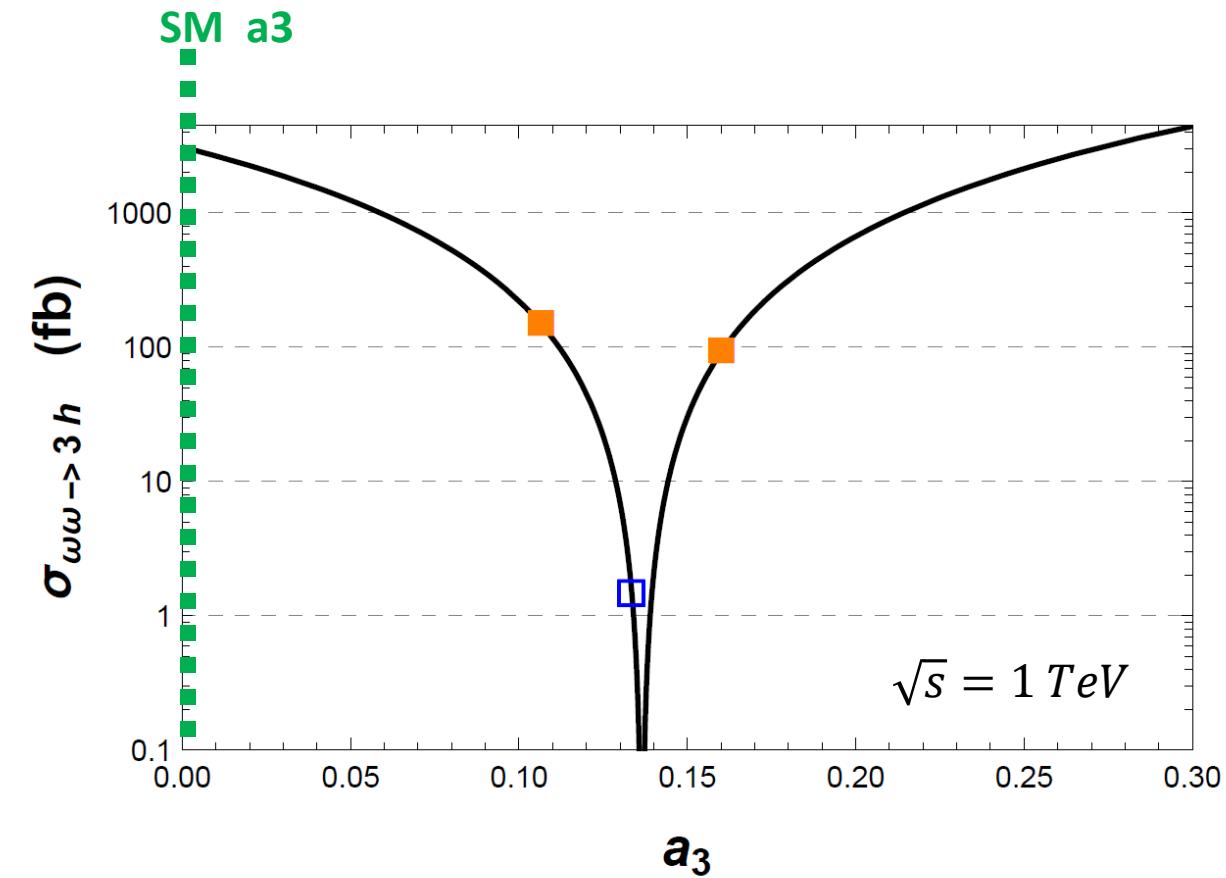
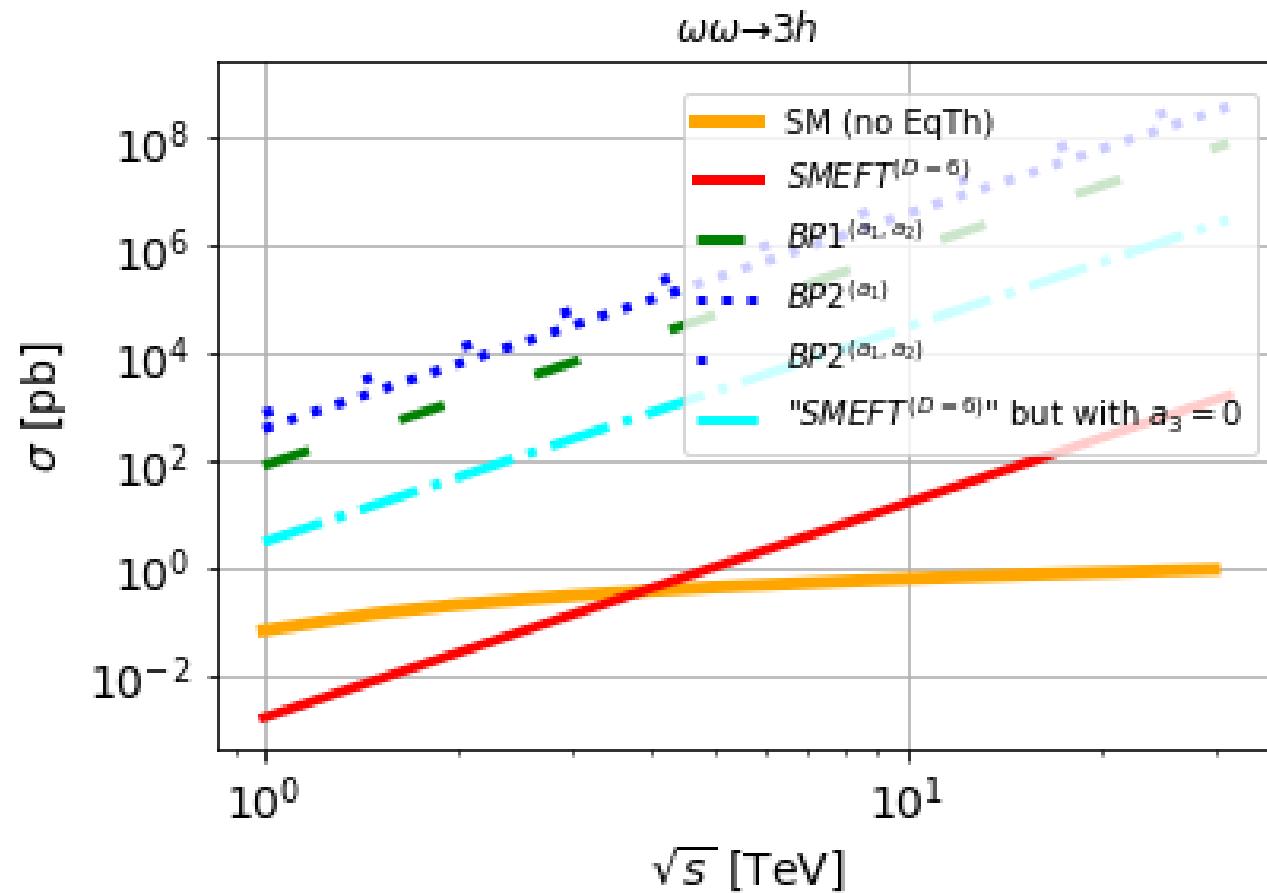


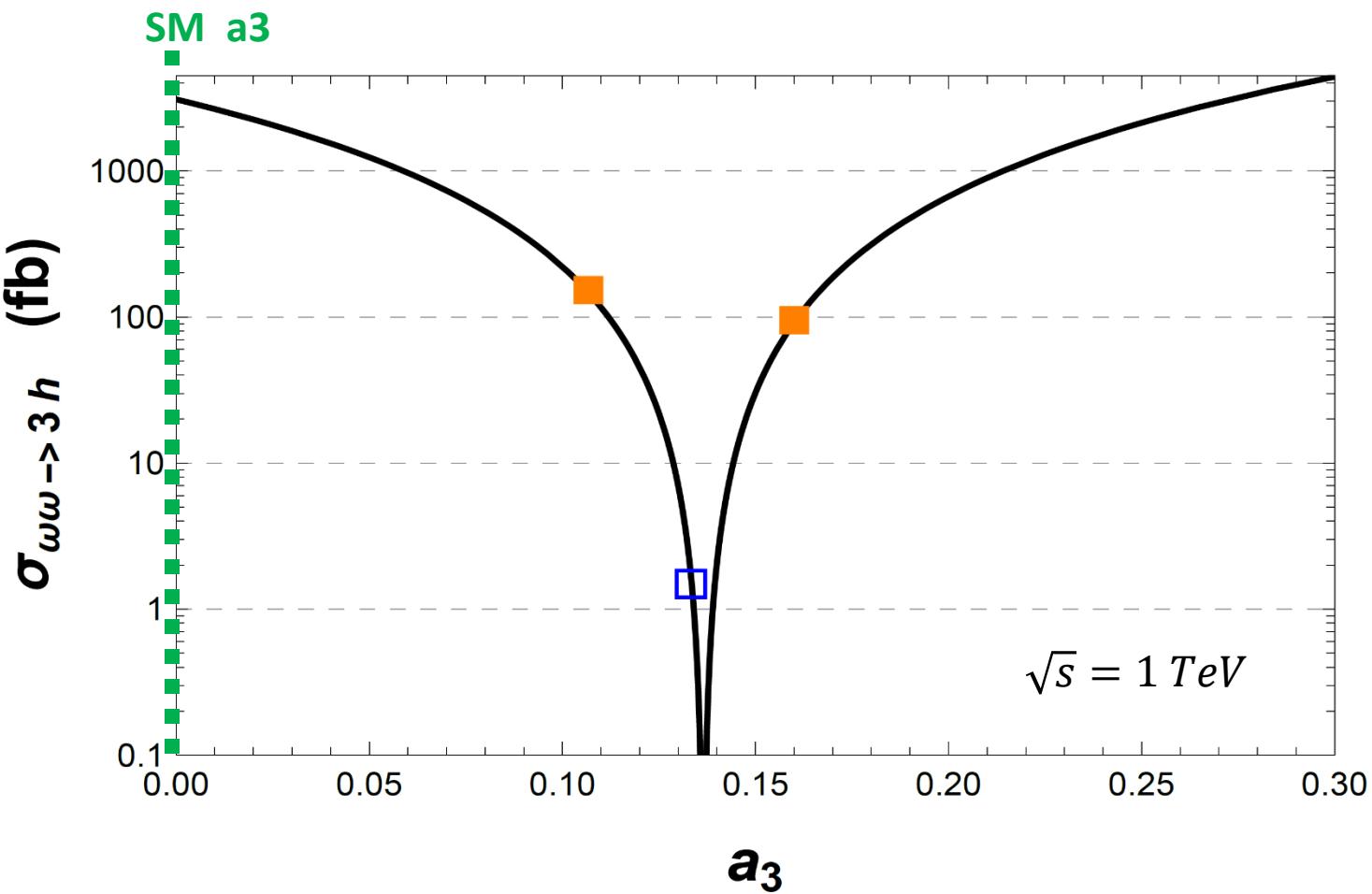
- Analogous to previous  $a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V}$  scannings for LHC and FCC analyses:

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

# BP study

3H

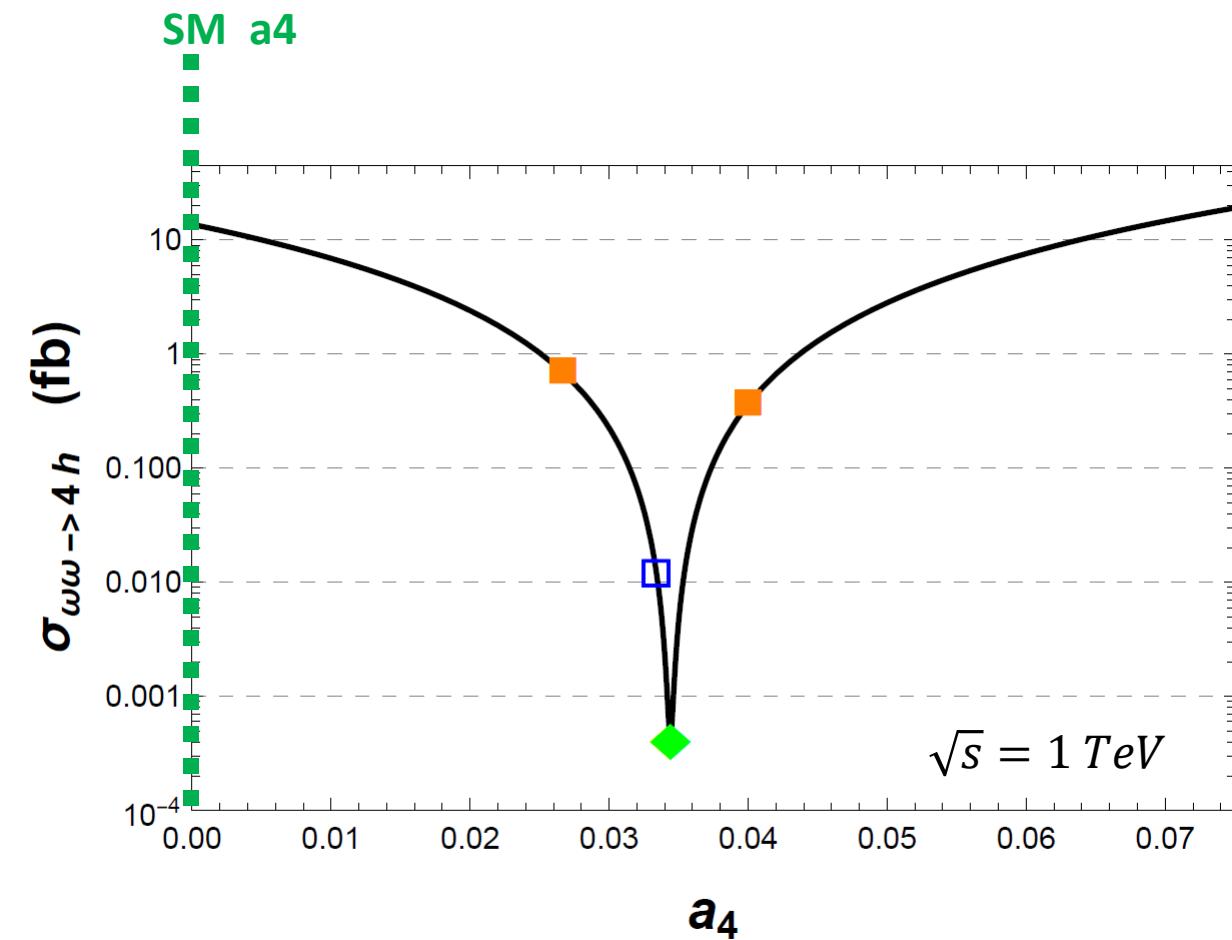
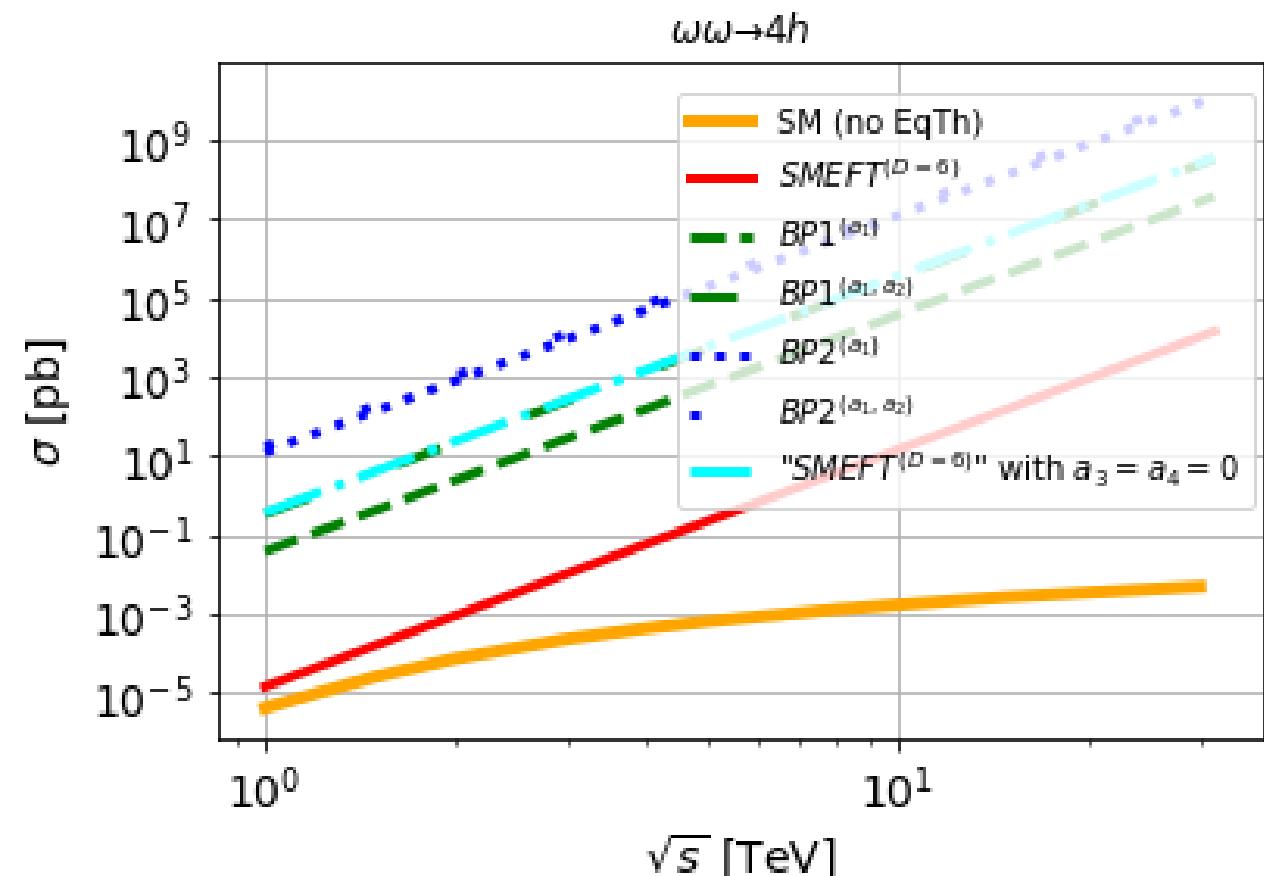


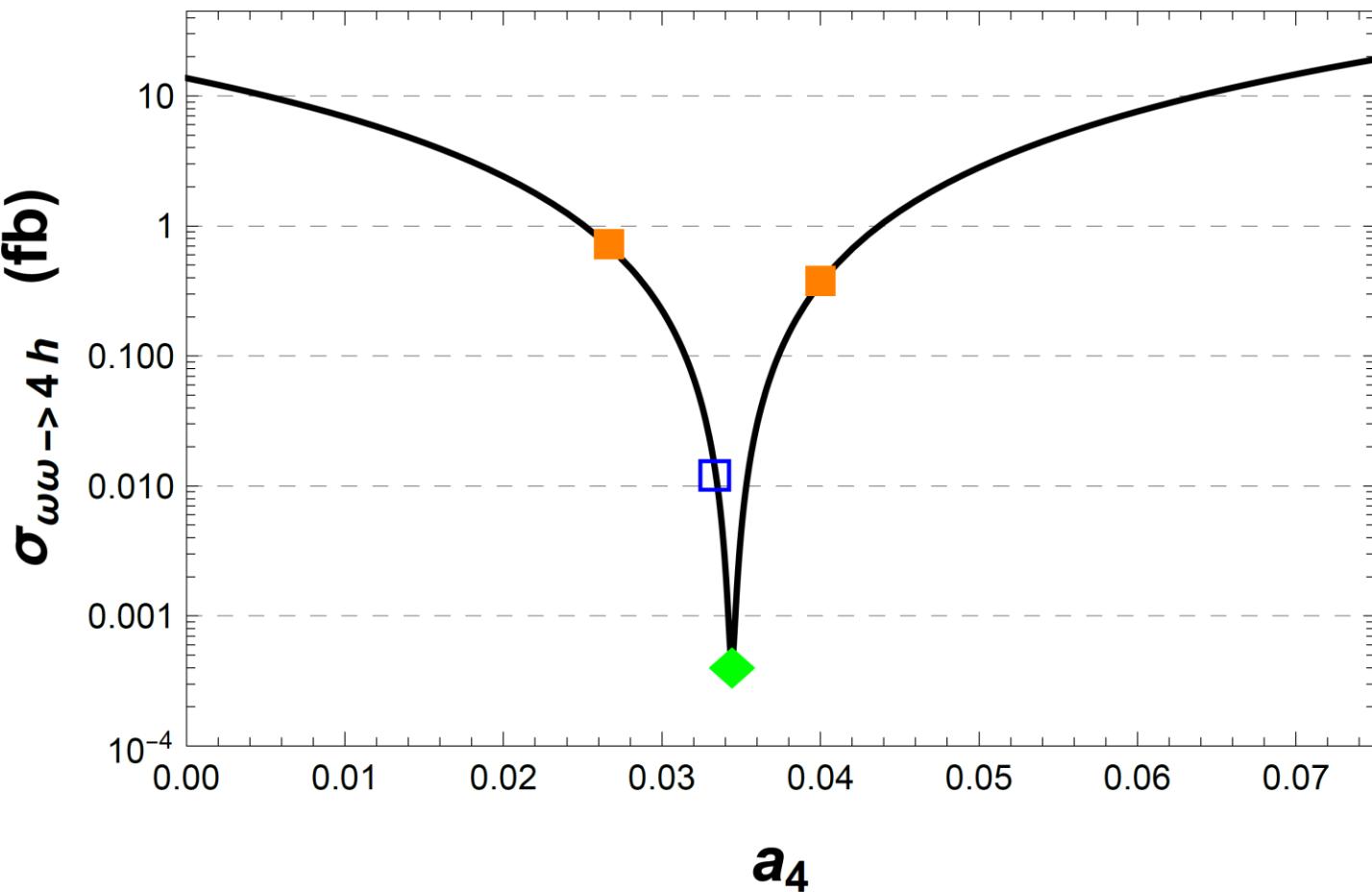


**Figure 5.** Scan of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$  cross section predictions in terms of  $a_3$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV. The inputs  $a_1 = a_1^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 2.1$  and  $a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 1.2$  are taken from (4.2), the SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP. We have marked a few especial points:  $a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 0.1\bar{3}$  (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  $a_3 = \frac{2}{3}a_1 (a_2 - \frac{1}{4}a_1^2) = 0.1365$ .

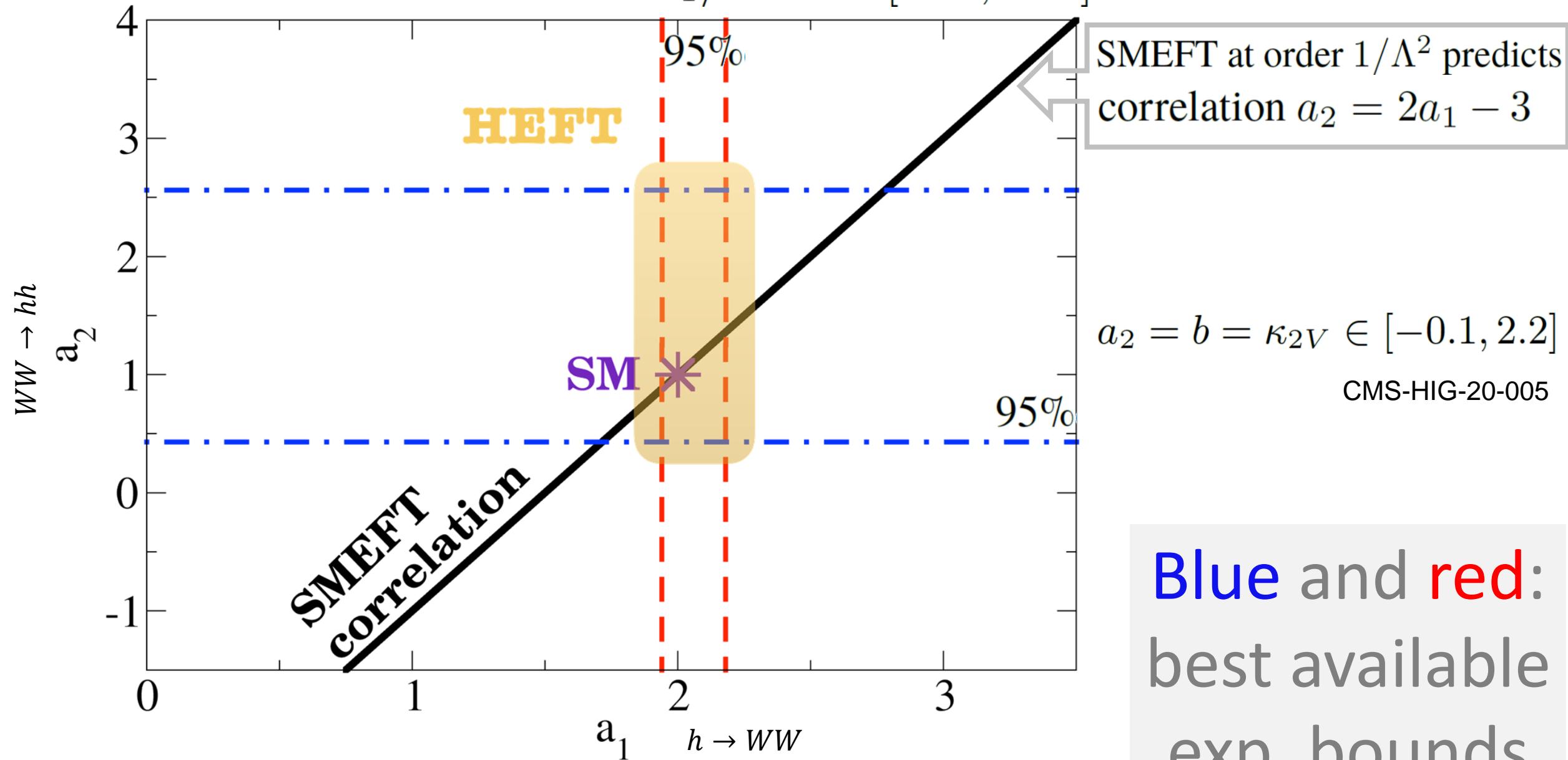
# BP study

4H



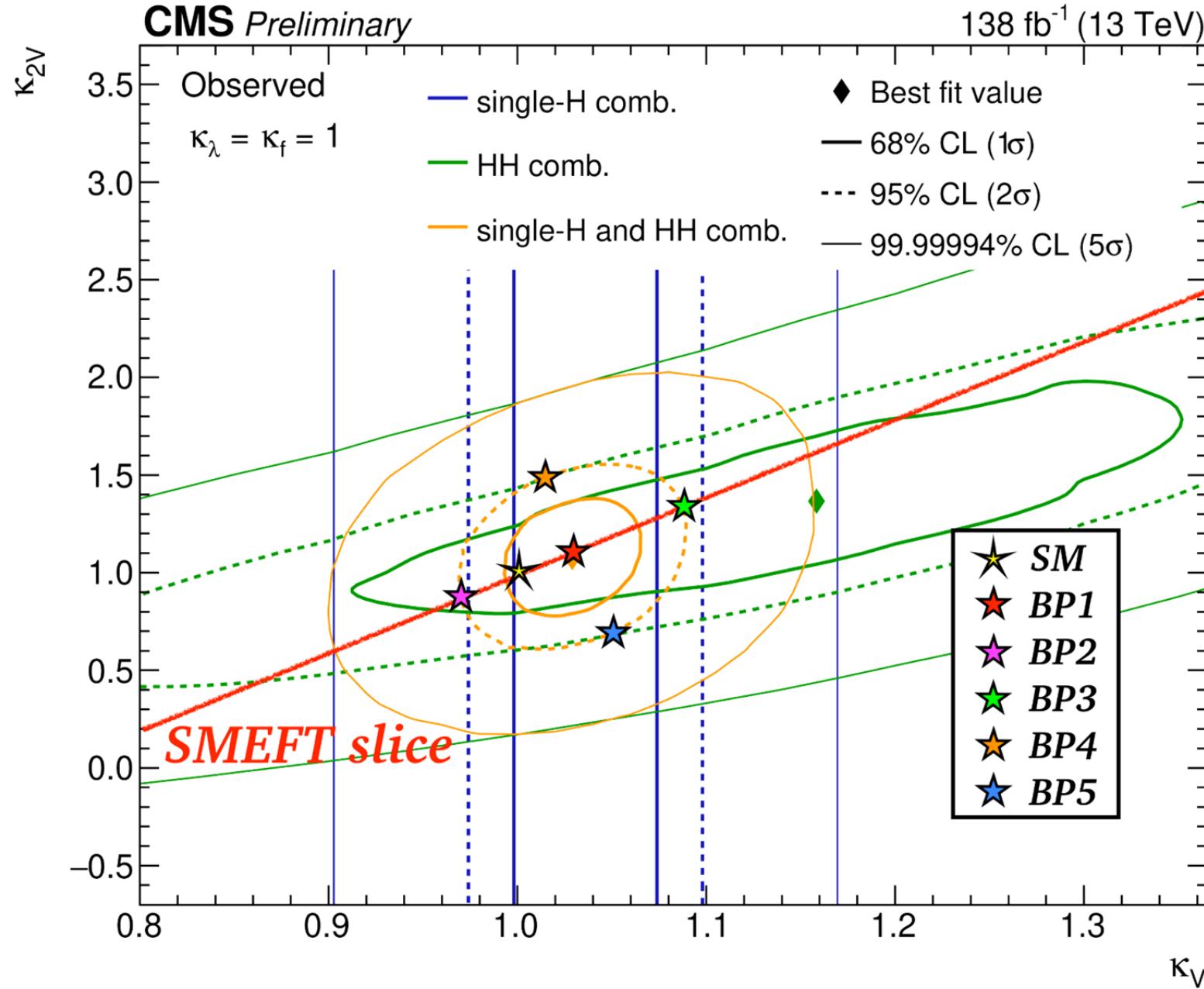


**Figure 7.** Scanning of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$  cross section predictions in terms of  $a_4$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV. The inputs  $a_1 = a_1^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 2.1$ ,  $a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 1.2$  and  $a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 0.13$  are taken from (4.2), the SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP. We have marked a few especial points:  $a_4 = a_4^{\text{SMEFT}(D=6)} = 0.03$  (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).



Blue and red:  
best available  
exp. bounds

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



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

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

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

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

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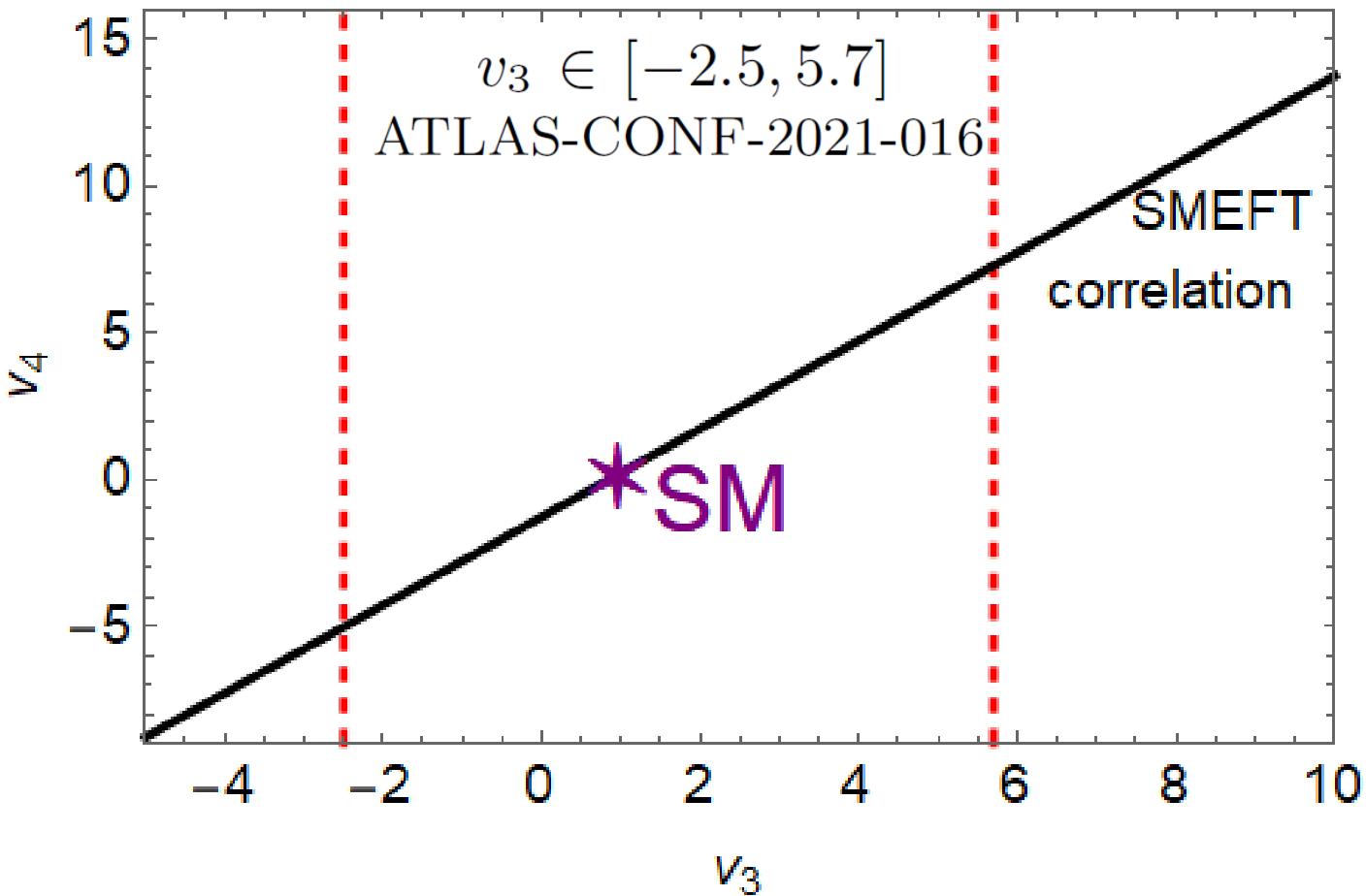
<b>Consistent SMEFT range at order <math>\Lambda^{-2}</math></b>	<b>Consistent SMEFT range at order <math>\Lambda^{-4}</math></b>	<b>Perturbativity of <math>\Lambda^{-4}</math> SMEFT</b>	$ \Delta a_2  \leq 5 \Delta a_1 $
$\Delta a_2 \in [-0.12, 0.36]$	ATLAS	ATLAS	
$a_3 \in [-0.08, 0.24]$	$a_3 \in [-4.1, 4.0]$	$a_3 \in [-3.1, 1.7]$	
$a_4 \in [-0.02, 0.06]$	$a_4 \in [-4.2, 3.9]$	$a_4 \in [-3.3, 1.5]$	
$a_5 = 0$	$a_5 \in [-1.9, 1.8]$	$a_5 \in [-1.5, 0.6]$	
$a_6 = 0$	$a_6 = a_5$	$a_6 = a_5$	$a_1/2 = a \in [0.97, 1.09]$ [67]
	CMS	CMS	
	$a_3 \in [-3.2, 3.0]$	$a_3 \in [-3.1, 1.7]$	•ATLAS
	$a_4 \in [-3.3, 3.0]$	$a_4 \in [-3.3, 1.5]$	
	$a_5 \in [-1.5, 1.3]$	$a_5 \in [-1.5, 0.6]$	
	$a_6 = a_5$	$a_6 = a_5$	•CMS
			$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.43, 2.56]$ [69]
			$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.1, 2.2]$ [68]

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio,Llanes-Estrada,Salas-Bernárdez,SC, 2204.01763 [hep-ph]

## 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



$$\Delta v_4 = \frac{3}{2} \Delta v_3 - \frac{1}{6} \Delta a_1$$

SMEFT

$$\Delta v_4 \in [-3.8, 8.6]$$

$$v_5 = 6v_6 = \frac{3}{4} \Delta v_3 - \frac{1}{8} \Delta a_1$$

SMEFT

$$v_5 = 6v_6 \in [-1.9, 4.3]$$

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

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

HEFT correlations from the Custodial preserving SMEFT operators

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

$$v_3 = 1 + \frac{3v^2 c_{H\square}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, \quad v_4 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{25v^2 c_{H\square}}{6\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2},$$

$$v_5 = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\square}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, \quad v_6 = \frac{v^2 c_{H\square}}{3\Lambda^2} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2},$$

$$v_{n \geq 7} = 0,$$

$$\text{with } m_h^2 = -2\mu^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2c_{H\square}v^2}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2} \right),$$

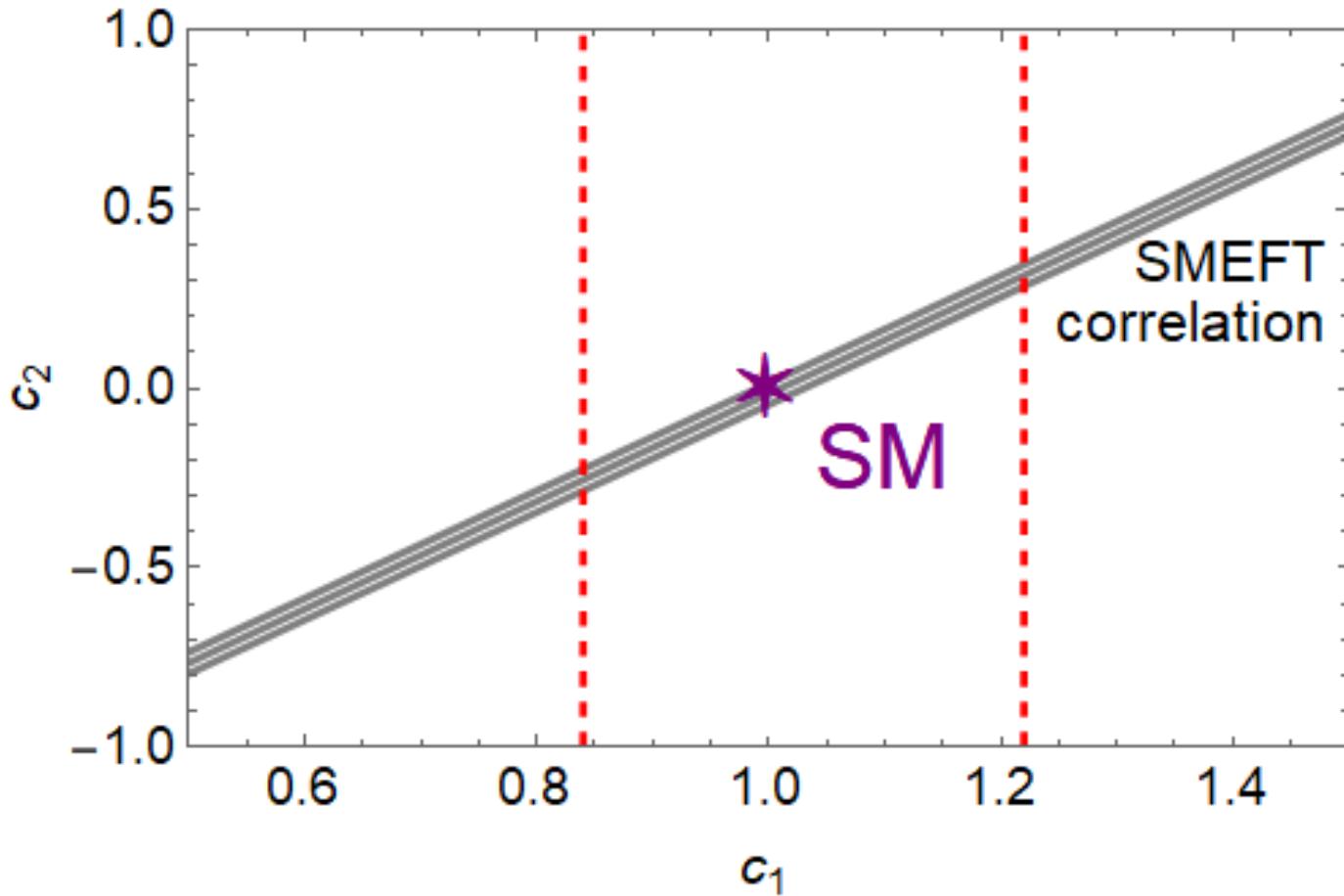
$$2\langle |H|^2 \rangle = v^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2} \right).$$

## 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)



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

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

The Yukawa Lagrangian in HEFT:

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

with the function

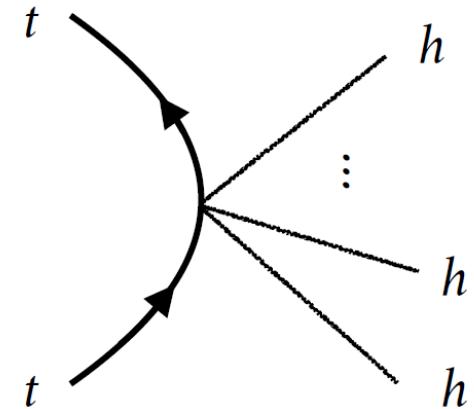
$$\mathcal{G}(h_{\text{HEFT}}) = 1 + c_1 \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} + c_2 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^2 + \dots$$

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

If SMEFT applies,  $\mathcal{G}(h)$  must have only odd powers of  $(h - h^*)$  around the symmetric point  $h^*$ ), we obtain the correlations

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

$$c_1 \in [0.84, 1.22] \quad \text{J. de Blas et al., JHEP 07 (2018), 048}$$



# The flair of the Higgsflare: motivation

flair

*noun*

UK /fleə/ US /fler/

C1 [S]

natural ability to do something well:

- He has a flair **for** languages.

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{dh^{\text{NL}}}{dh^{\text{L}}} = \sqrt{1 + P(h^{\text{L}})}$$

↓

$$h^{\text{NL}} = \int_0^{h^{\text{L}}} \sqrt{1 + P(h)} dh$$

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?

?

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

if there exists an  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$   
fixed point  $\mathcal{F}_C(h^*)=0$  <sup>(x)</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

\* LHCHXSWG 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]

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

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

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

### SMEFT parameters

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

# Exclusion plots

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} = \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d^4 (1 + \rho)^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d^4 \left[ (1 + \rho)^2 + 2(1 + \rho)\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right]$$

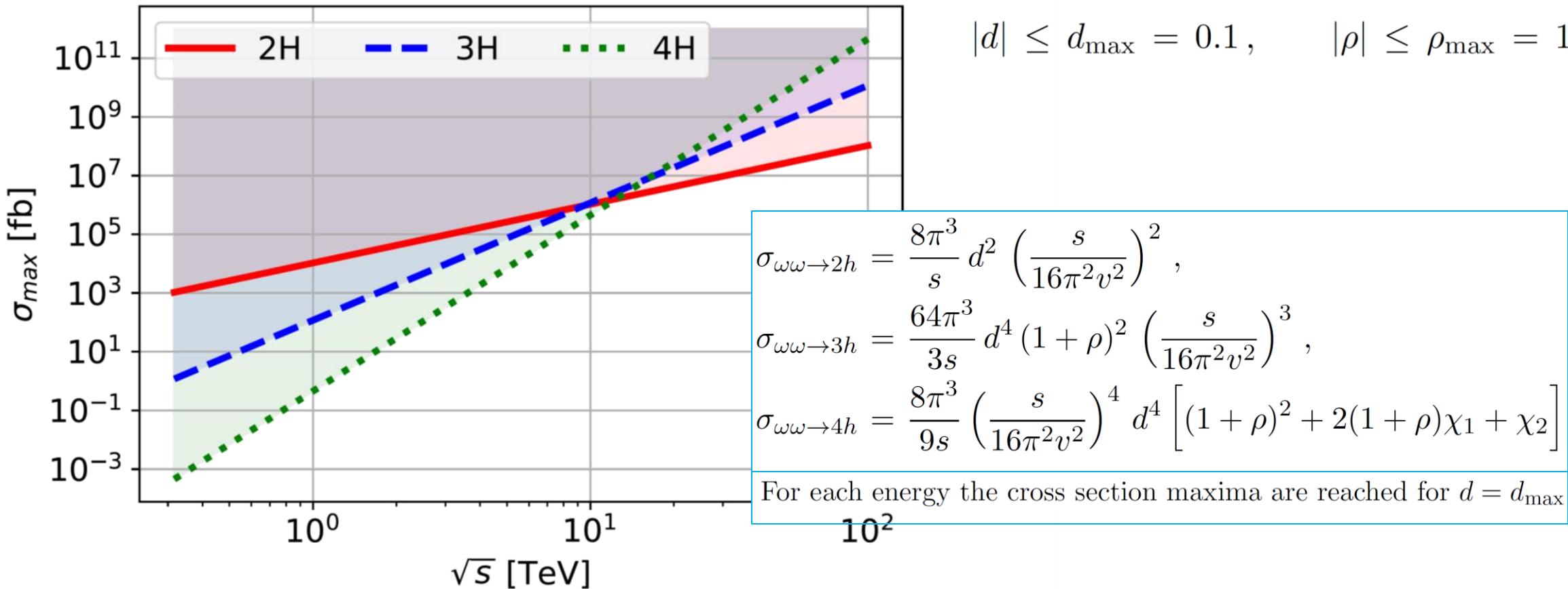


$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow hh}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d_{\max}^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}^{\max} = \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d_{\max}^4 (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d_{\max}^4 \left[ (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 + 2(1 + \rho_{\max})\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right]$$

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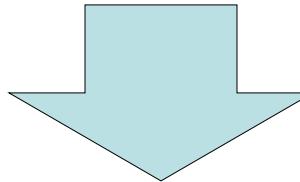


**Figure 8.** SMEFT exclusion plot for the cross sections for 2, 3 and 4 Higgs bosons with  $|d| \leq d_{\max} = 0.1$  and  $|\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$ . The regions above the solid, dashed and dotted lines can be safely excluded if the Wilson coefficients are within the considered range. Notice that the EFT perturbativity condition is not considered in this figure, as the EFT expansion breaks down on the region past the crossing point.

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- What if we require that, at a given energy,  
the couplings must always be small enough  
so the EFT power expansion is still convergent at that  $E_{CM}$  ?

$$\left| \frac{c_{H\square}^{(6)} s}{\Lambda^2} \right| = \left| \frac{d s}{2v^2} \right| \leq \epsilon \ll 1$$

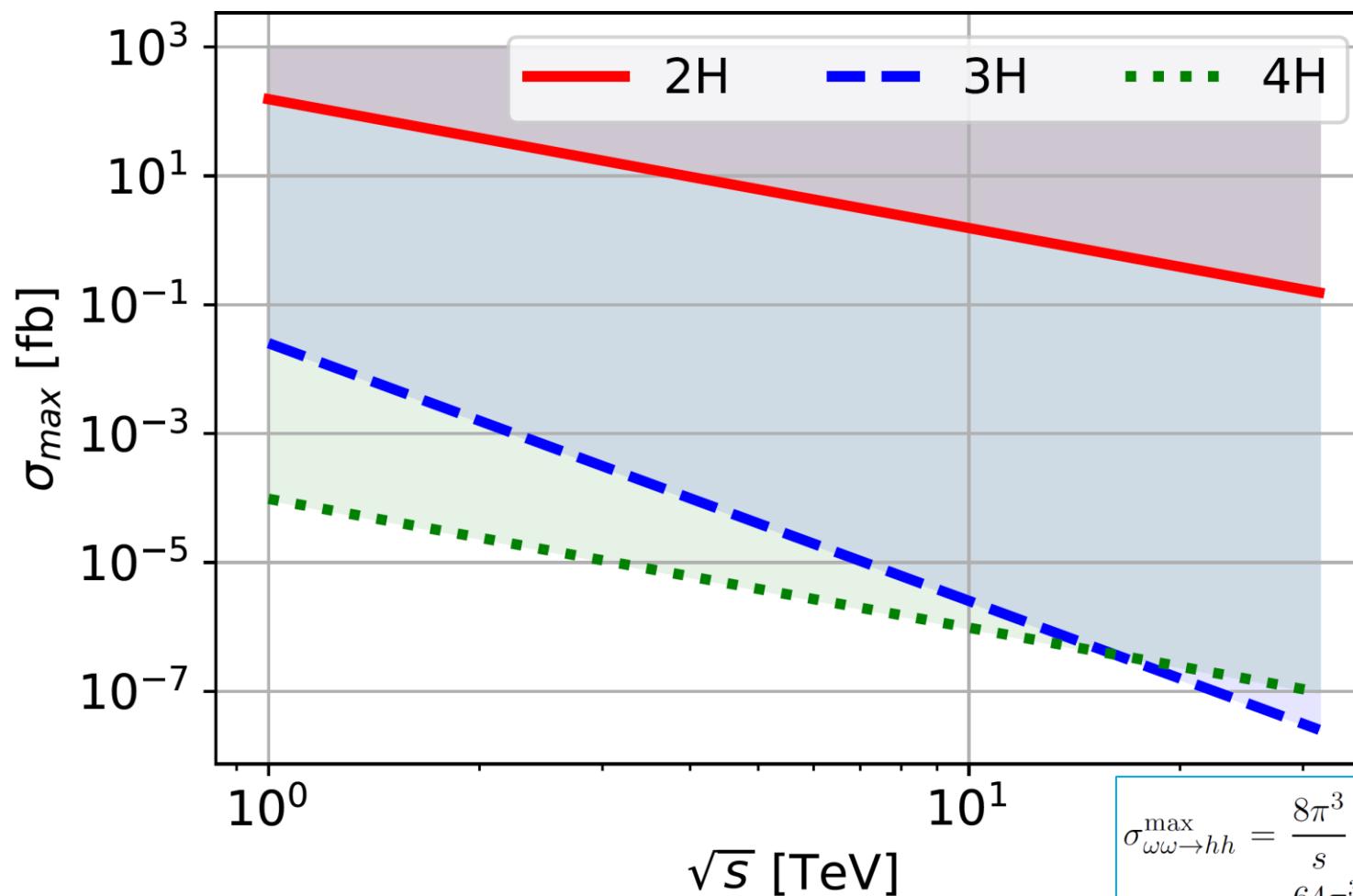


$$|d| \leq d_{\max}(s) = \frac{2v^2}{s} \epsilon$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow hh}^{\text{EFT}-\text{max}} = \frac{\epsilon^2}{8\pi s},$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}^{\text{EFT}-\text{max}} = \left( \frac{v^2}{16\pi^2 s} \right) \frac{4\epsilon^4}{3\pi s} (1 + \rho_{\max})^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h}^{\text{EFT}-\text{max}} = \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \right)^2 \frac{\epsilon^4}{18\pi s} ((1 + \rho_{\max})^2 + 2(1 + \rho_{\max})\chi_1 + \chi_2)$$



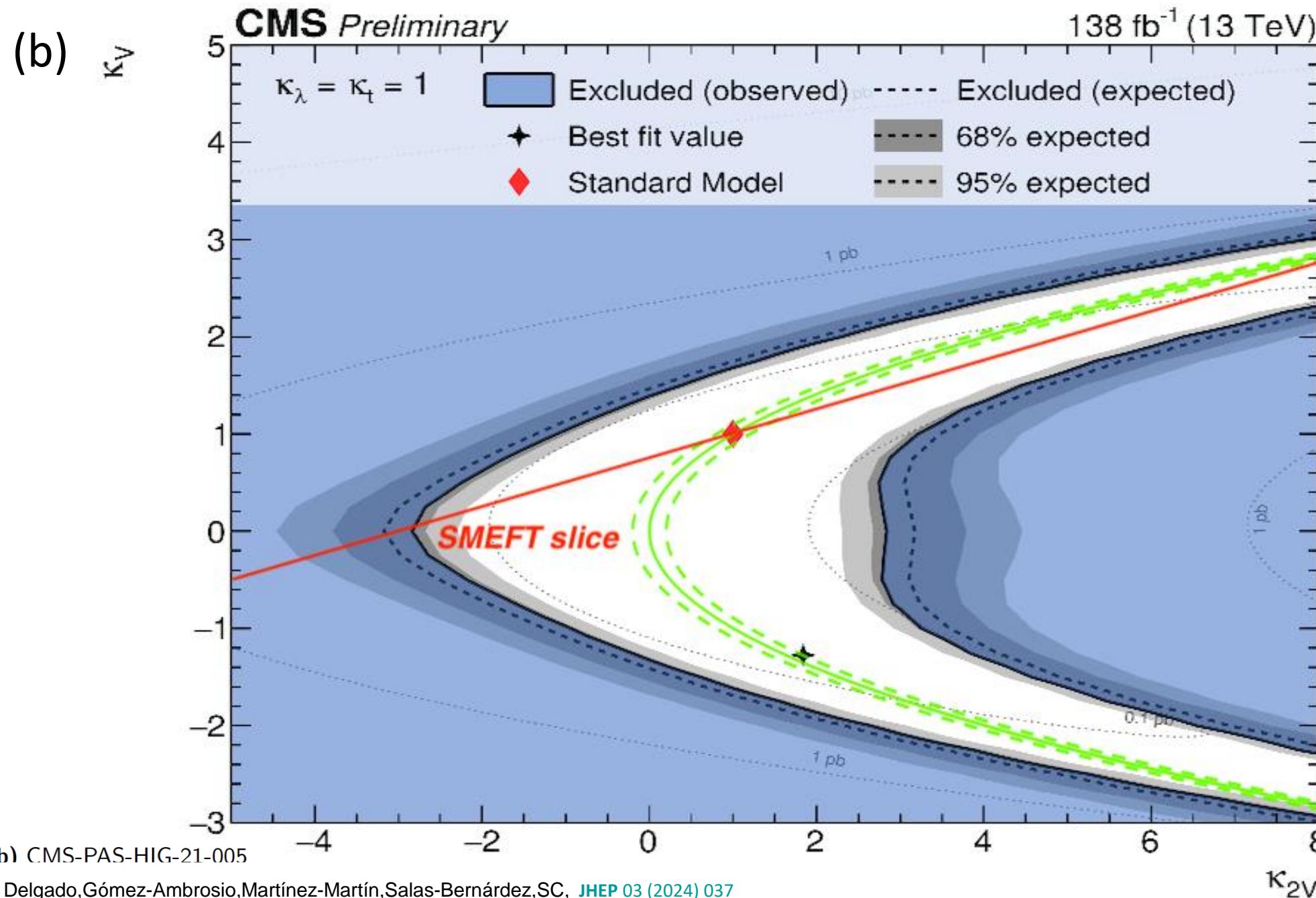
$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow hh}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d_{\max}^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}^{\max} = \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d_{\max}^4 (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d_{\max}^4 \left[ (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 + 2(1 + \rho_{\max})\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right]$$

**Figure 9.** Exclusion plot for the maximum value of the cross sections for 2, 3 and 4 Higgs bosons with the constraint  $|\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$  and EFT-expansion tolerance  $\epsilon = 0.1$ .

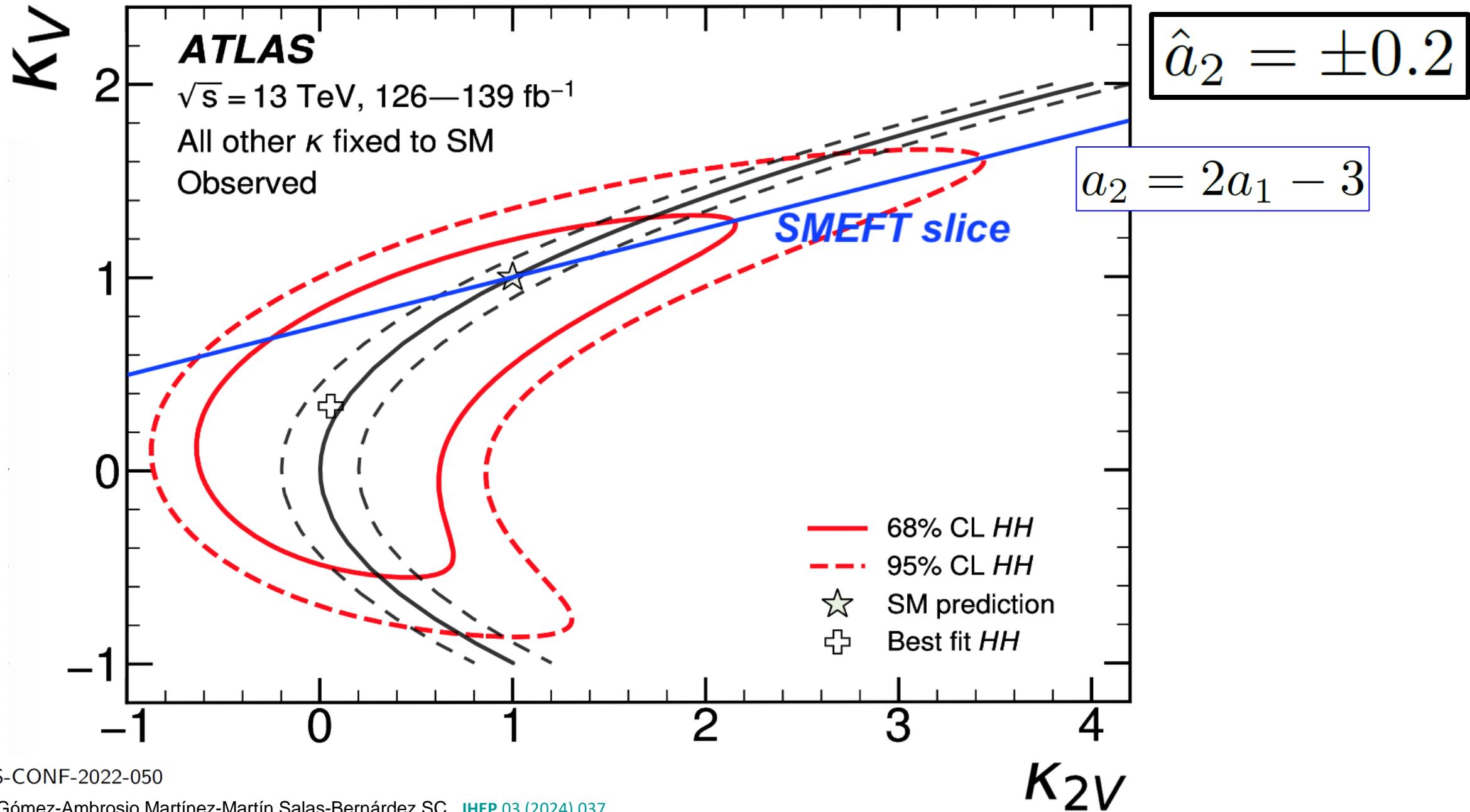
(b)



$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$

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

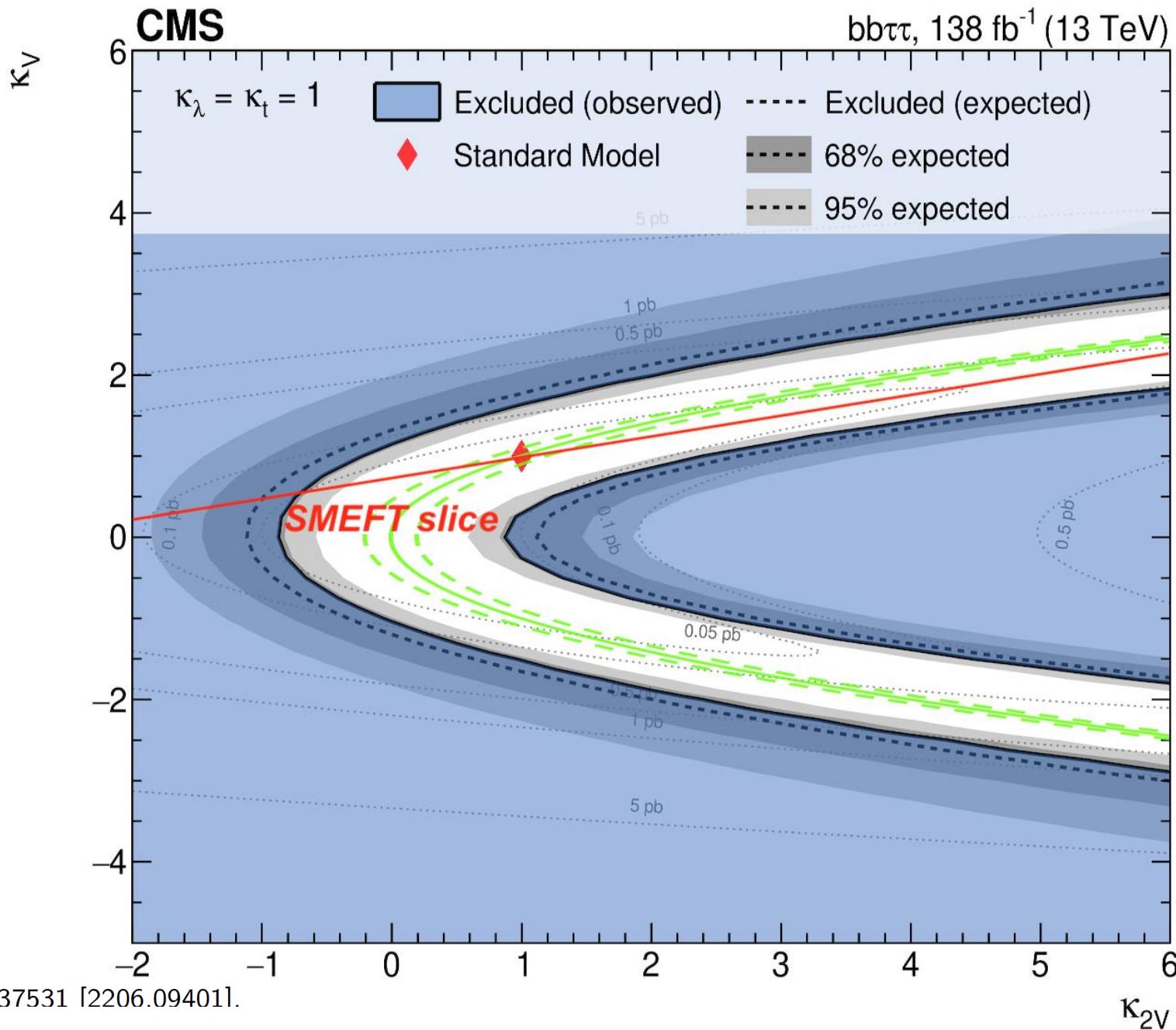
(c)



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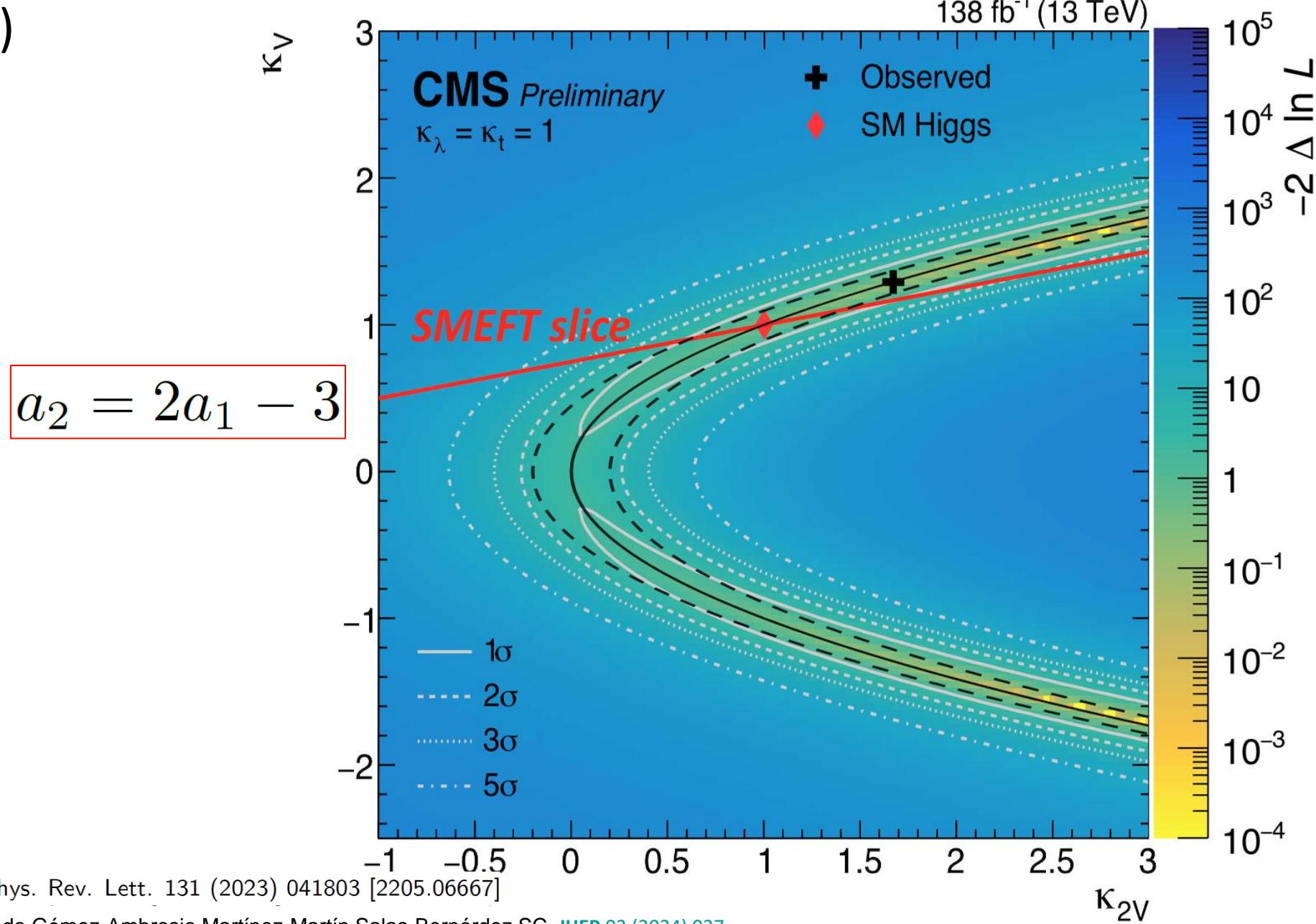
(d)



$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$

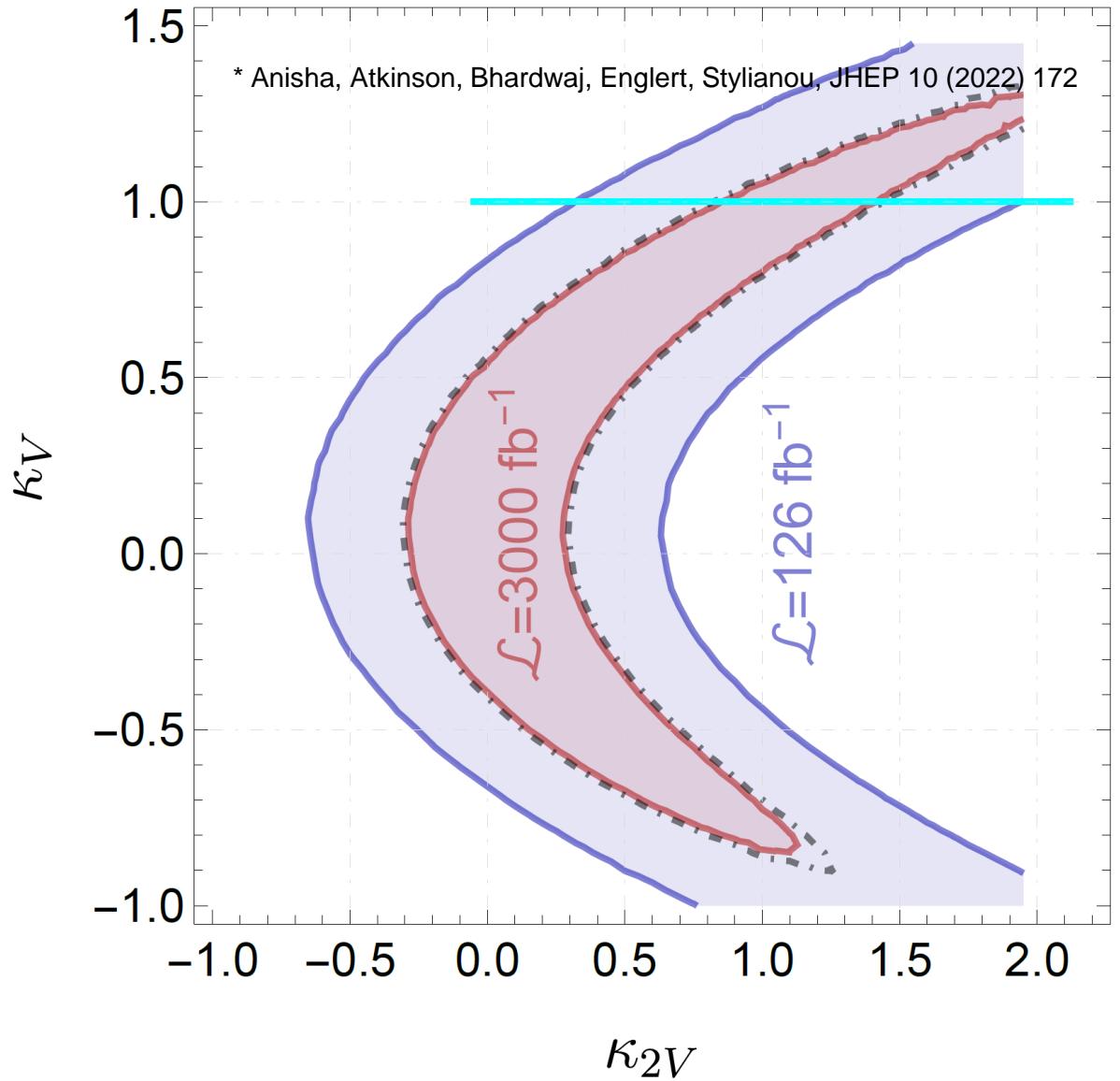
$$\hat{a}_2 = \pm 0.2$$

(a)



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- Also previous theoretical hh-production simulations for LHC\* noted an important correlation between  $(a, b)$
- [“banana” plots, as M.J. Herrero calls them]