

# The Higgs: a promising portal to New Physics

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# Motivation

## SM issues:

From observations:

- Only  $\sim 5\%$  is explained by **ordinary matter**  
 $\sim 27\%$  of **dark matter** which we do not know  
**massive neutrinos** are not predicted

Internal:

- **Flavour puzzle:** 22 free parameters  
**CP violation** in the strong sector:  $\theta_{QCD} \approx 0$   
**EW Hierarchy problem:**  $m_h \lll M_{pl}$   
**Gravity?**

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## The SM **Higgs boson**:

- **predicted** in 1964
- Gives masses to EW gauge bosons ( $W, Z$ )  
**EWSBS**
- Where does it **come from**?

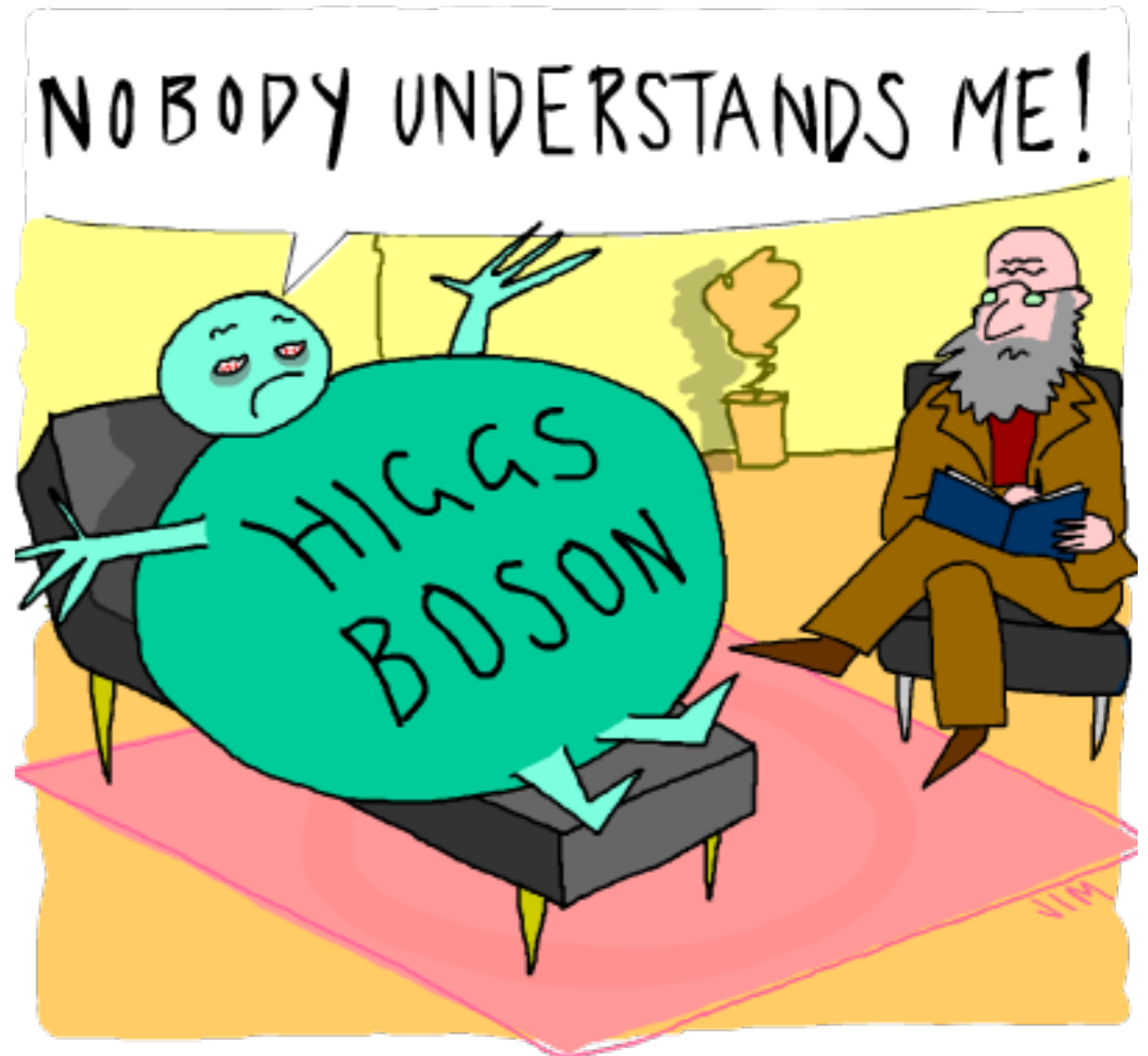


Fig I: The poor misunderstood Higgs boson

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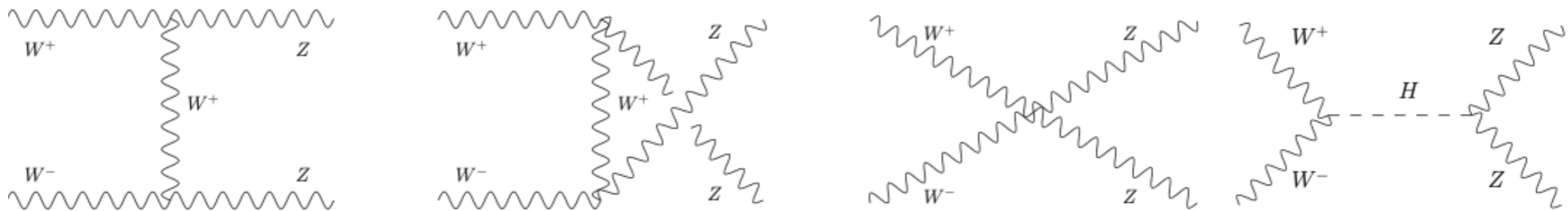
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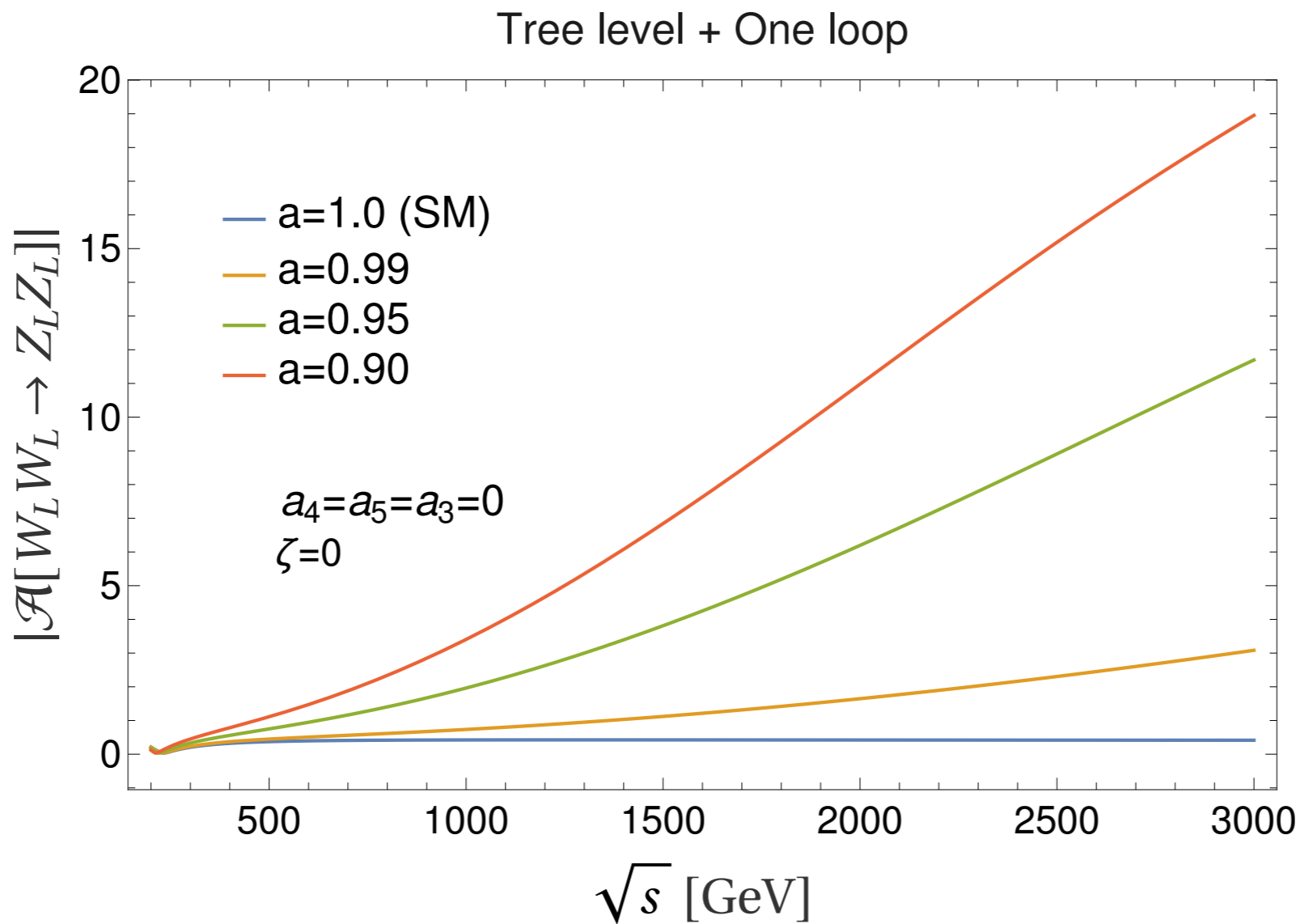
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# Effective Framework

## Effective Field Theory (EFT)

- **Bottom-up EFT:** Symmetries + Low Energy degrees of freedom
  - **No UV completion** needed
  - **Breaks down** at some energy scale. Unitarity no longer fulfilled
- **Assumptions:**
  - **Strongly coupled dynamics** with resonances at  $\sqrt{s} \lesssim \Lambda \sim 4\pi v \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$
  - **Minimal EWSB pattern:**
    - **Chiral EW symmetry:**  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \xrightarrow{L=R} SU(2)_V$  **Custodial**  $\{g, g'\} \rightarrow \{g, 0\}$
    - **Gauge EW symmetry:**  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$
  - Goldstones in **non-linear** realization  $U(x) \rightarrow LU(x)R^\dagger$
  - **Light** degrees of freedom:  $\omega^\pm, z, W^\pm, Z, h$

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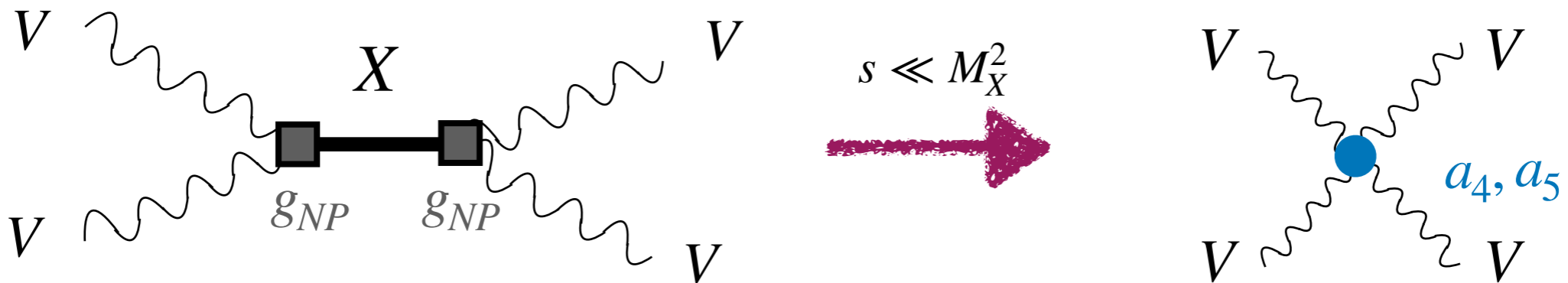
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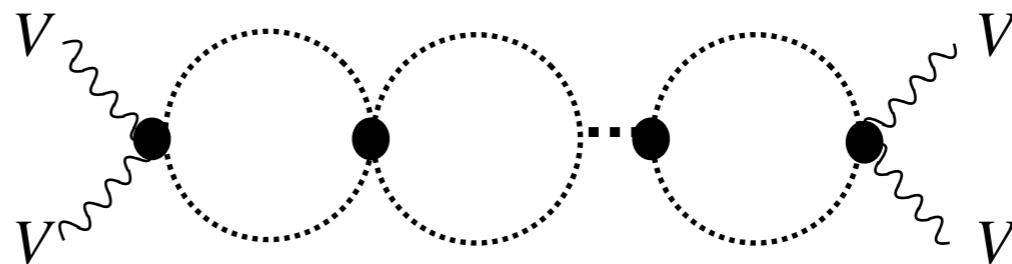
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Dynamically generated **resonances** with mass  $M(a, b, \{a_i\})$ , width  $\Gamma(a, b, \{a_i\})$  and quantum numbers  $IJ$

$$M = \sqrt{\text{Re } s_R} \quad \Gamma = -\frac{1}{m} \text{Im } s_R$$

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- $\text{Re } t_{IJ}^{(4)} : \{a_i\} - \text{terms} + \text{NLO} - \text{ET amplitude}$

**ET: Equivalence Theorem**

$$\mathcal{A}(V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L) \approx \mathcal{A}(\omega\omega \rightarrow \omega\omega) + o\left(\frac{M_V}{\sqrt{S}}\right)$$

$\omega$  is the **Goldstone Boson** associated to  $V$

reduced to 94  
scalar diagrams!!

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- $\text{Im } t_{IJ}^{(4)}$ : **exact** calculation through perturbative **Optical Theorem**

$$\text{Im } t_{IJ}^{(4)}(s) = \sigma(s) |t_{IJ}^{(2)}|^2 + \sigma_h(s) |t_{h,I}^{(2)}|^2 \delta_{I0}$$

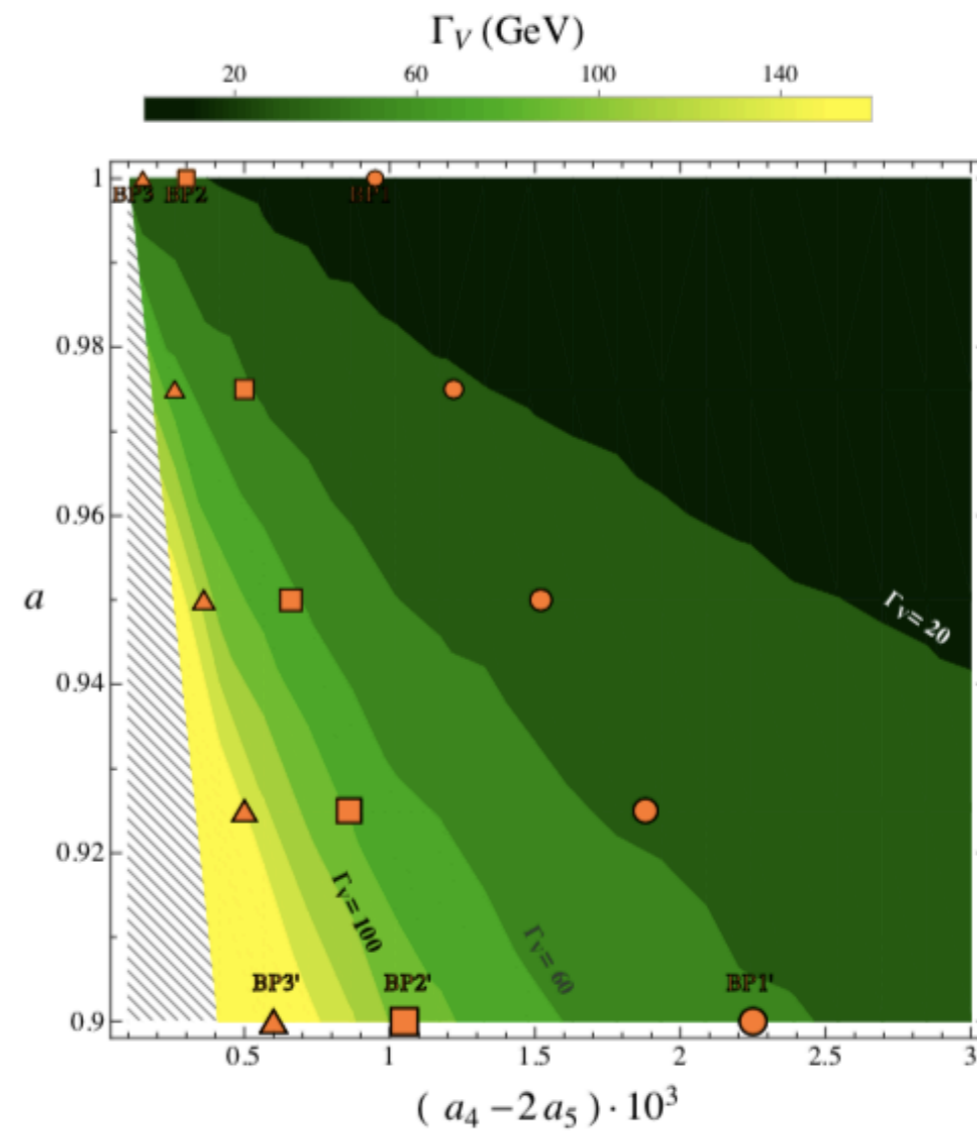
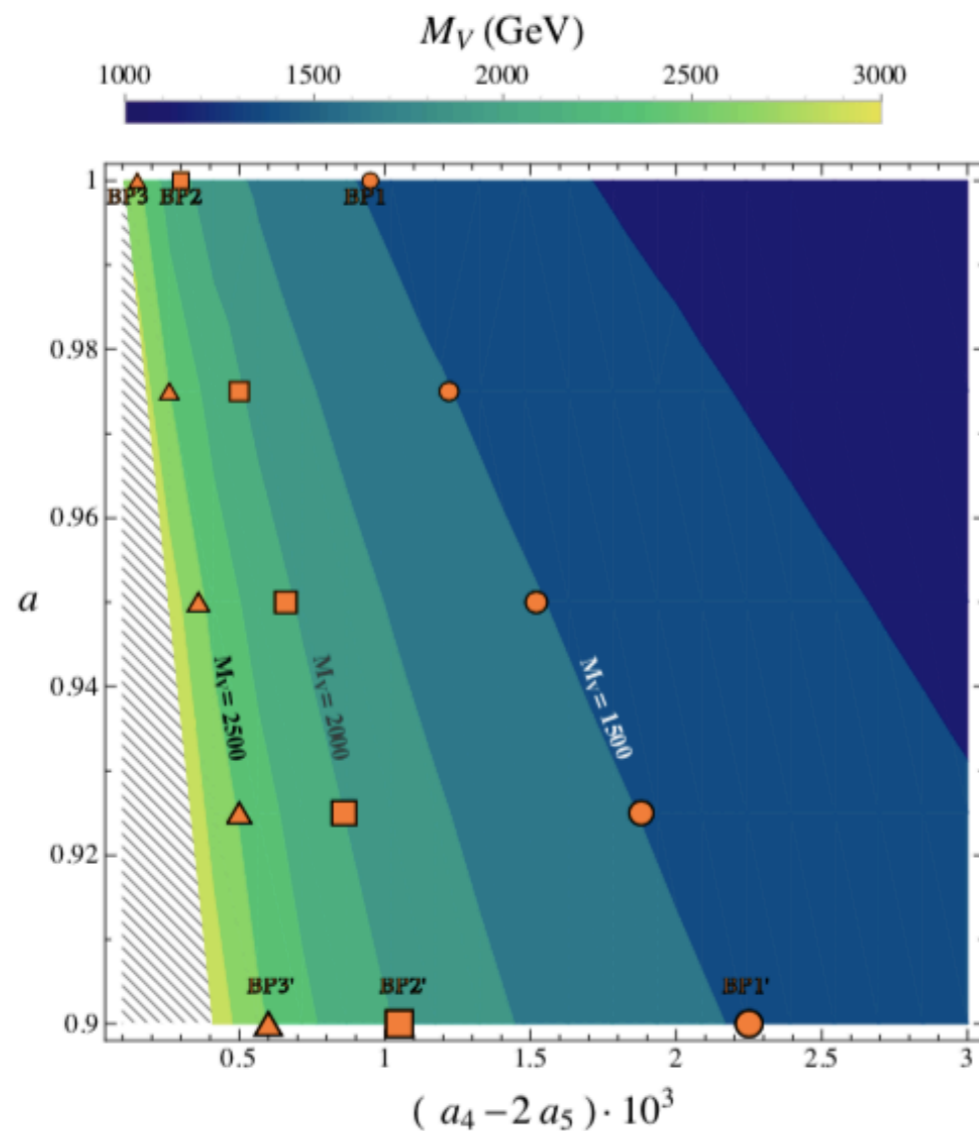
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Tree level  
calculation!!

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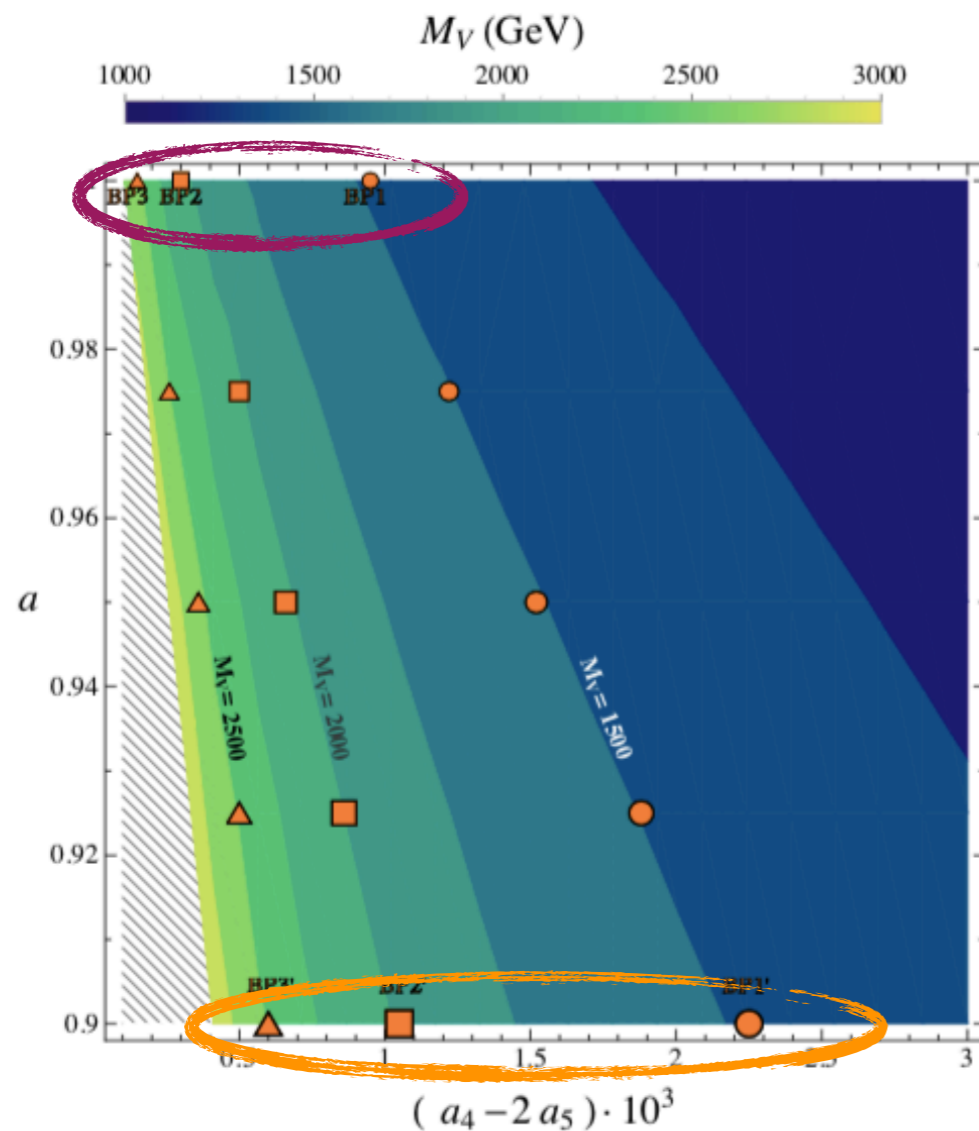
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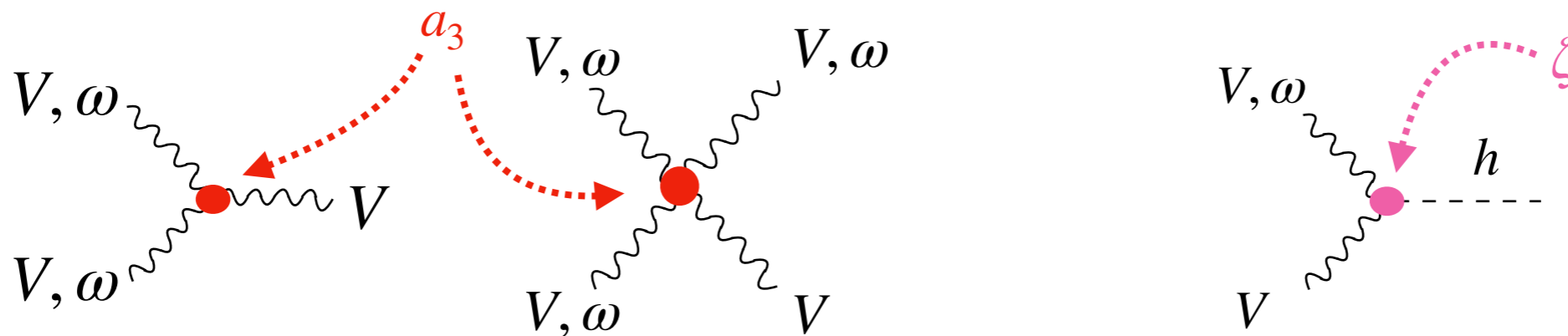


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# Our work: improves

- One step further than extreme version of ET: **allow physical  $W^\pm, Z$  inside loops (94  $\rightarrow$  294 one loop diagrams)**
- **new** chiral parameters entering  $t_{11}$  (renormalization and evaluation)



- How the **previously calculated vector resonances** (BPs) are affected?
- Not only VBS but also  $IJ = 00$  final states  $WW \rightarrow hh$  and  $hh \rightarrow hh$   
 $\sim 1500$  diagrams already renormalized (my particular hell)

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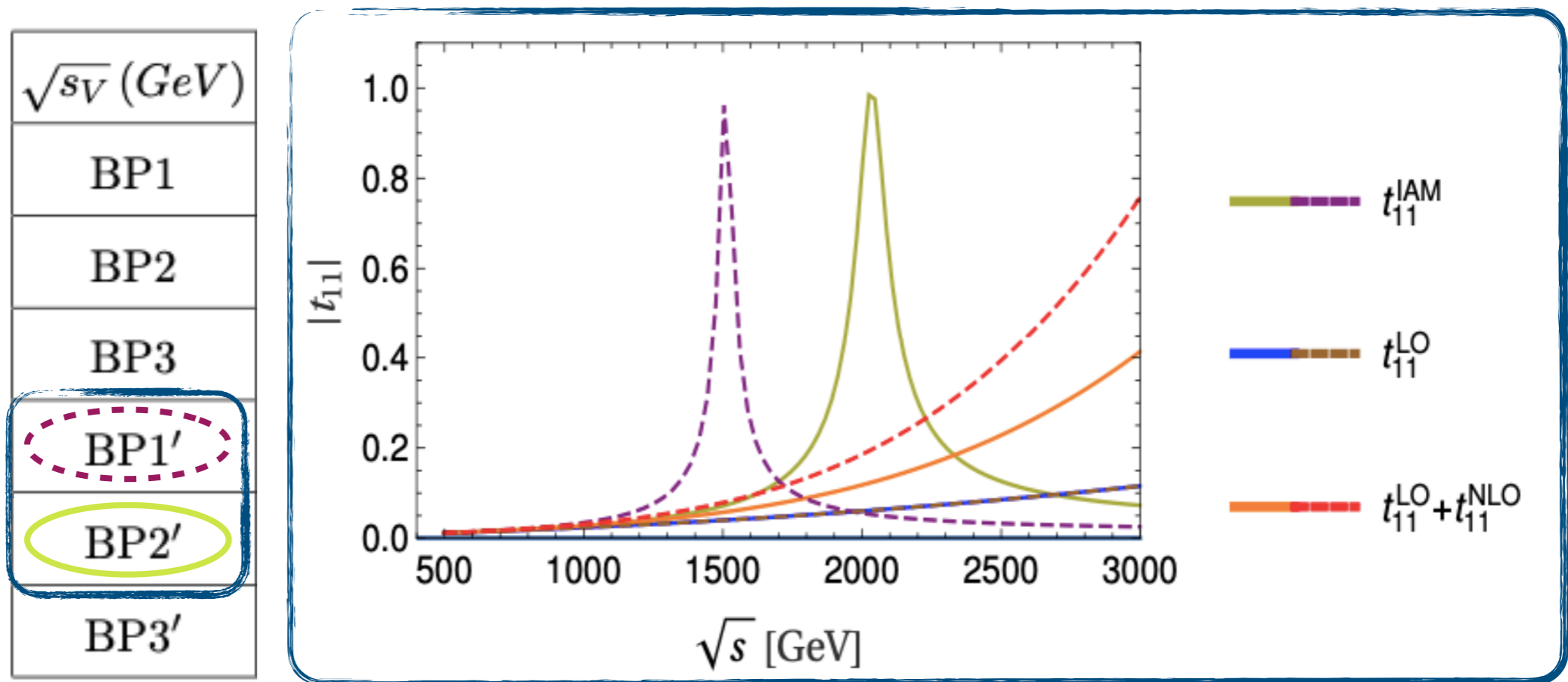
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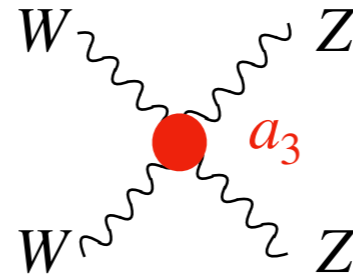
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|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
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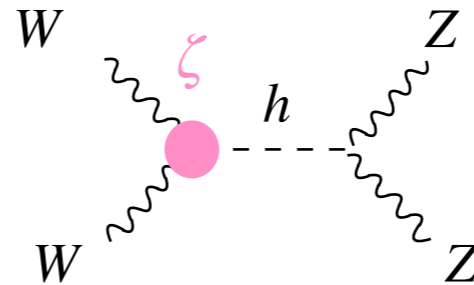
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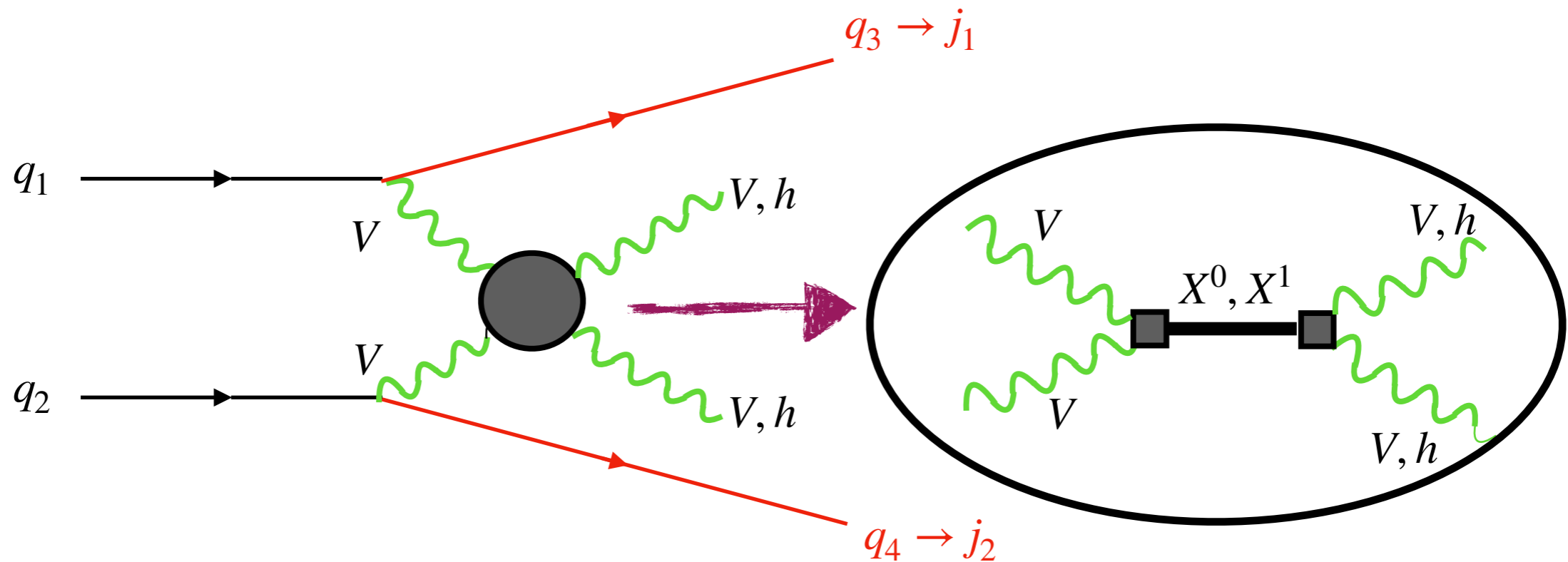
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| BP2'               | $2025 - \frac{i}{2}98$ | $2136 - \frac{i}{2}100$ | $1915 - \frac{i}{2}94$ | $2036 - \frac{i}{2}98$ | $2014 - \frac{i}{2}97$ |

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# Our work: objectives

- **Monte Carlo @LHC** to make predictions for vector/scalar BSM resonances
- **Subprocess:**  $pp \rightarrow VVjj / hhjj$



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**BACK UP SLIDES**

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- The **complete Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} \left( \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} \hat{W}^{\mu\nu} \right) - \frac{1}{2g'^2} \text{Tr} \left( \hat{B}_{\mu\nu} \hat{B}^{\mu\nu} \right) + \frac{v^2}{4} \mathcal{F}(h) \text{Tr} \left( D^\mu U^\dagger D_\mu U \right) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - V(h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_4 = & -ia_3 \text{Tr} \left( \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} [V^\mu, V^\nu] \right) + a_4 \left( \text{Tr} (V_\mu V_\nu) \right)^2 + a_5 \left( \text{Tr} (V_\mu V^\mu) \right)^2 + \frac{\gamma}{v^4} (\partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h)^2 \\ & + \frac{\delta}{v^2} (\partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h) \text{Tr} (D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U) + \frac{\eta}{v^2} (\partial_\mu h \partial_\nu h) \text{Tr} (D^\mu U^\dagger D^\nu U) \\ & + i\chi \text{Tr} \left( \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} V^\mu \right) \partial^\nu \mathcal{G}(h) \end{aligned}$$

- **Building blocks**

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$$D_\mu U = \partial_\mu U + i\hat{W}_\mu U, \quad \hat{W}_\mu = g \frac{\vec{W}_\mu \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{2}, \quad \hat{W}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \hat{W}_\nu - \partial_\nu \hat{W}_\mu + i [\hat{W}_\mu, \hat{W}_\nu],$$

$$V(h) = \frac{1}{2} M_h^2 h^2 + \lambda_3 v h^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} h^4 + \dots, \quad \mathcal{G}(h) = 1 + b_1 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right) + b_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + \dots$$

# Experimental bounds on chiral couplings

| Couplings                              | Ref. | Experiments                          |
|--|------|--------------------------------------|
| $0.89 < a < 1.13$                      | [47] | LHC                                  |
| $-0.76 < b < 2.56$                     | [48] | ATLAS                                |
| $-3.3\lambda < \lambda_3 < 8.5\lambda$ | [49] | CMS                                  |
| $ a_1  < 0.004$                        | [50] | LEP ( $S$ -parameter)                |
| $-0.06 < a_2 - a_3 < 0.20$             | [51] | LEP & LHC                            |
| $-0.0061 < a_4 < 0.0063$               | [52] | CMS (from $WZ \rightarrow 4l$ )      |
| $ a_5  < 0.0008$                       | [53] | CMS (from $WZ/WW \rightarrow 2l2j$ ) |

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# The counterterms

- The counterterms for:  $\omega\omega \rightarrow \omega\omega$ ,  $\omega\omega \rightarrow hh$  and  $hh \rightarrow hh$

$$\delta v_{div}^2 = \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} ((b - a^2)M_h^2 + 3(a^2 + 2)M_W^2), \quad \delta T_{div} = -\frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v} 3 (d_3 M_h^4 + 6a M_W^4),$$

$$\delta a = \frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v^2} (6a(-2a^2 + b + 1)M_W^2 + (5a^3 - a(2 + 3b) - 3d_3(a^2 - b))M_h^2),$$

$$\delta b = \frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v^2} (6(3a^4 - 6a^2b + b(b + 2))M_W^2 - (21a^4 - a^2(8 + 19b) + b(4 + 2b) + 6ad_3(1 + 2b - 3a^2) - 3d_4(b - a^2))M_h^2),$$

$$\delta \lambda_{div} = \frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2 v^4} ((5a^2 - 2b + 3(d_3(3d_3 - 1) + d_4))M_h^4 - 12(2a^2 + 1)M_W^2 M_h^2 + 18(a(2a - 1) + b)M_W^4),$$

$$\delta \lambda_3 = \frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2 v^4} (36abM_W^4 + 6(3a^3 - 3ab - d_3(5a^2 + 1))M_W^2 M_h^2 + (-9a^3 + 3ab + d_3(10a^2 - b) + 9d_3d_4)M_h^4),$$

$$\delta \lambda_4 = \frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2 v^4} (36b^2M_W^4 - 12(a^2 - b)(8a^2 - 2b - 9ad_3)M_W^2 M_h^2 + (96a^4 + 4b^2 - d_3(114a^3 - 42ab) + 9d_4^2 + a^2(-64b + 27d_3^2 + 12d_4))M_h^4),$$

$$\delta a_3 = -\frac{\Delta}{384\pi^2} (1 - a^2), \quad \delta a_4 = -\frac{\Delta}{192\pi^2} (1 - a^2)^2,$$

$$\delta a_5 = -\frac{\Delta}{768\pi^2} (5a^4 - 2a^2(3b + 2) + 3b^2 + 2),$$

$$\delta \gamma = -\frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2} 3(b - a^2)^2, \quad \delta \delta = -\frac{\Delta}{192\pi^2} (b - a^2)(7a^2 - b - 6), \quad \delta \eta = -\frac{\Delta}{48\pi^2} (b - a^2)^2,$$

$$\delta \zeta = \frac{\Delta}{96\pi^2} a(b - a^2).$$



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$$\delta M_{h,div}^2 = \frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v^2} (3 [6 (2a^2 + b) M_W^4 - 6a^2 M_W^2 M_h^2 + (3d_3^2 + d_4 + a^2) M_h^4]),$$

$$\delta M_{W,div}^2 = \frac{\Delta}{48\pi^2 v^2} (M_W^2 [3 (b - a^2) M_h^2 + (-69 + 10a^2) M_W^2]),$$

$$\delta Z_{h,div} = \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2 v^2} (3a^2 (3M_W^2 - M_h^2)),$$

$$\delta Z_{\omega,div} = \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2 v^2} ((b - a^2) M_h^2 + 3 (a^2 + 2) M_W^2)$$

- In total: **17 counterterms + 1 tadpole**