

# Higgs Gravitational Interaction and Higgs Self-Couplings

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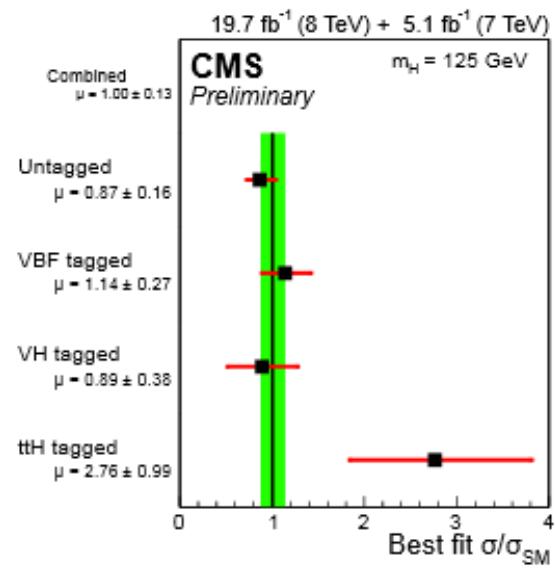
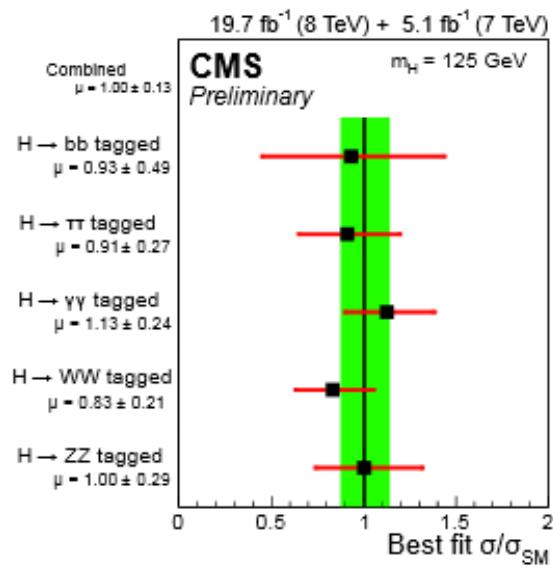
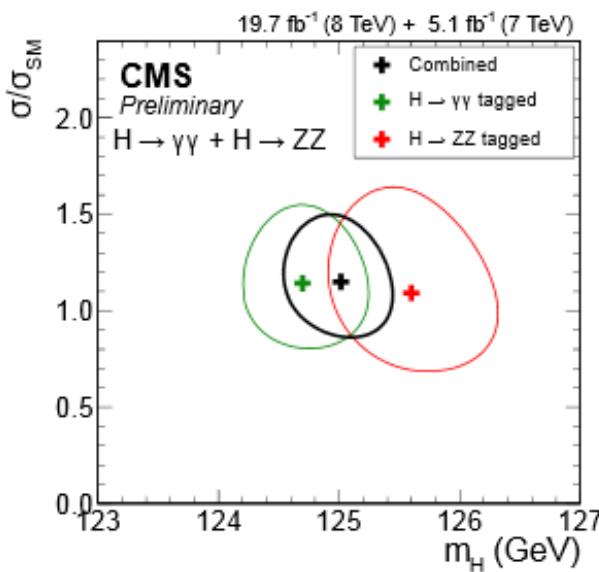
# Educational Background

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- ▶ Postdoc (2014-now)
  - ▶ University of Toronto, Canada, work with Prof. Holdom
- ▶ Ph.D. (2008-2014)
  - ▶ Center for High Energy Physics and Institute of Modern Physics, Tsinghua University. Advisor: Hong-jian He.
  - ▶ 2011-2012: Visiting student (Joint Training Program supported by National Scholarship), work with Prof. Chivukula and Prof. Simmons, Michigan State University, USA.
- ▶ Bachelor (2004-2008)
  - ▶ Department of Physics, Tsinghua University.

# Higgs Discovery

- ▶ The 125GeV Higgs discovered on LHC in 2012
- ▶ Higgs measurement by LHC Run I 7TeV+8TeV data
- ▶ So far, couplings, spin and parity compatible with SM!



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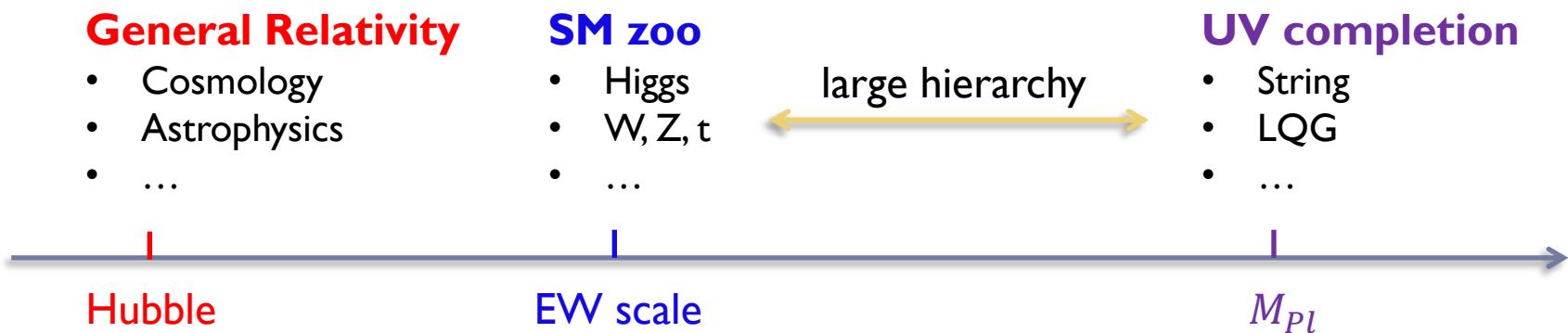
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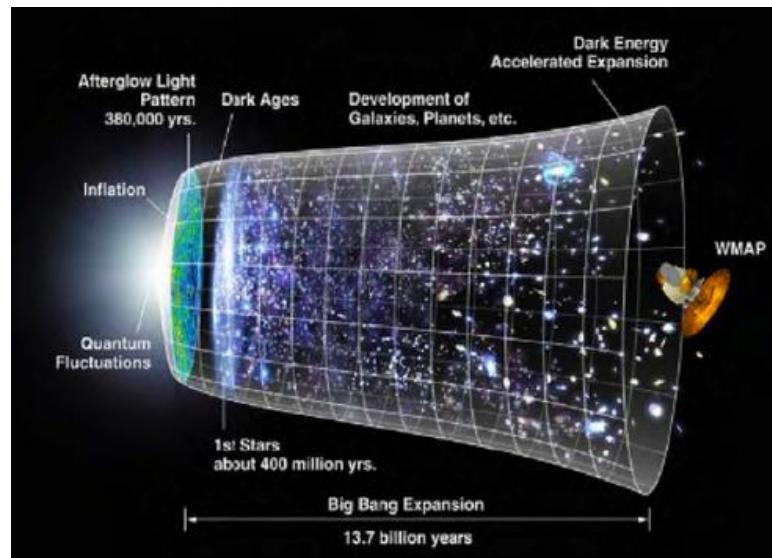
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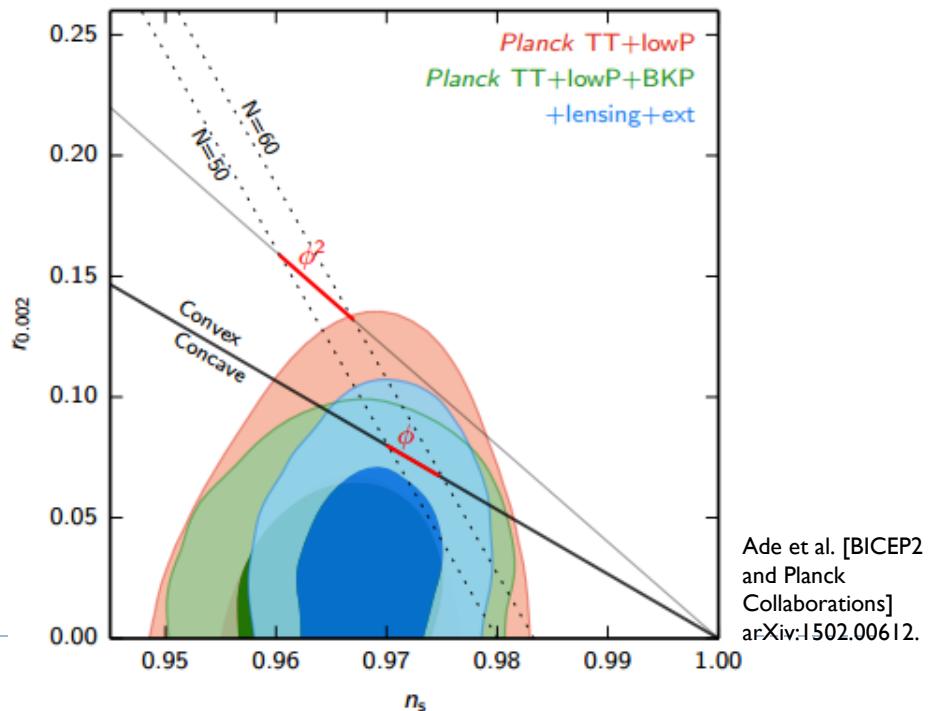


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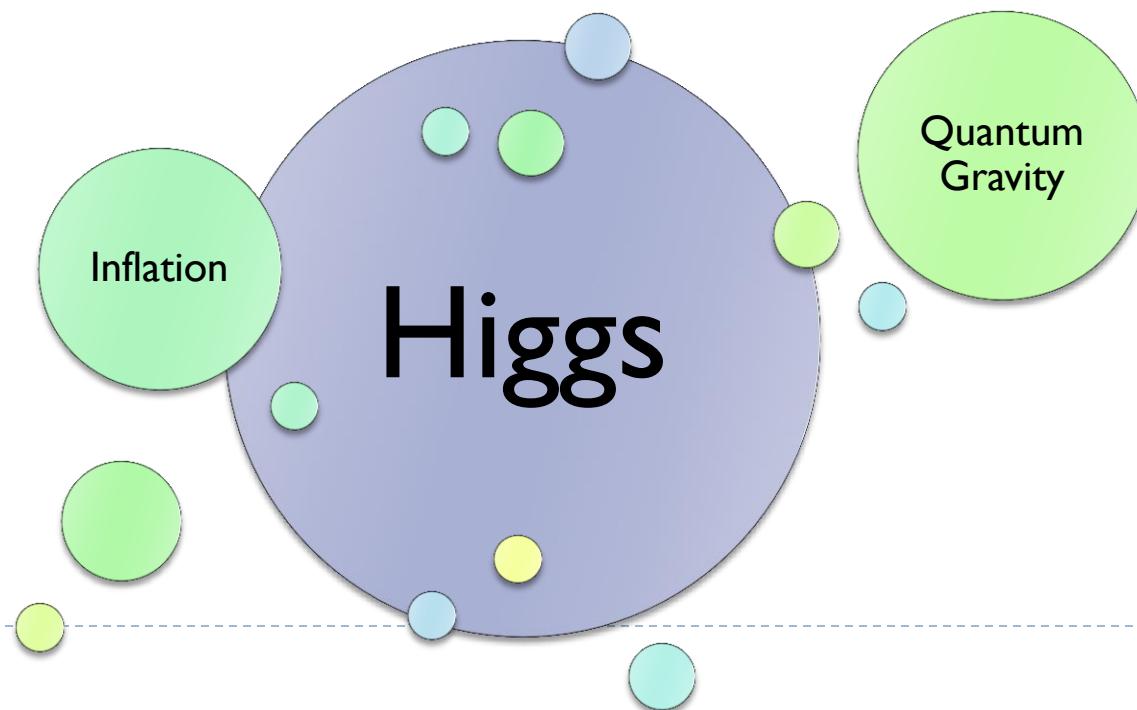
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# Outline

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- ▶ Higgs Gravitational Interaction and Higgs Inflation
  - ▶ Weak boson scattering and perturbative unitarity
  - ▶ Higgs Inflation
- ▶ Probing Cubic Higgs Interactions at Hadron Collider
  - ▶ New Higgs self-interactions from Dim=6 operators
  - ▶ Dihiggs production and full analysis of  $gg \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$
- ▶ Summary

# Higgs Gravitational Interaction

JR, Z. Z. Xianyu, H.J. He, arXiv: 1404.4627

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- ▶ Impact of  $\xi_h$  on gravity and cosmology evolution?

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- ▶ Gravity induced new Higgs-SM  $T_{\mu\nu}$  coupling

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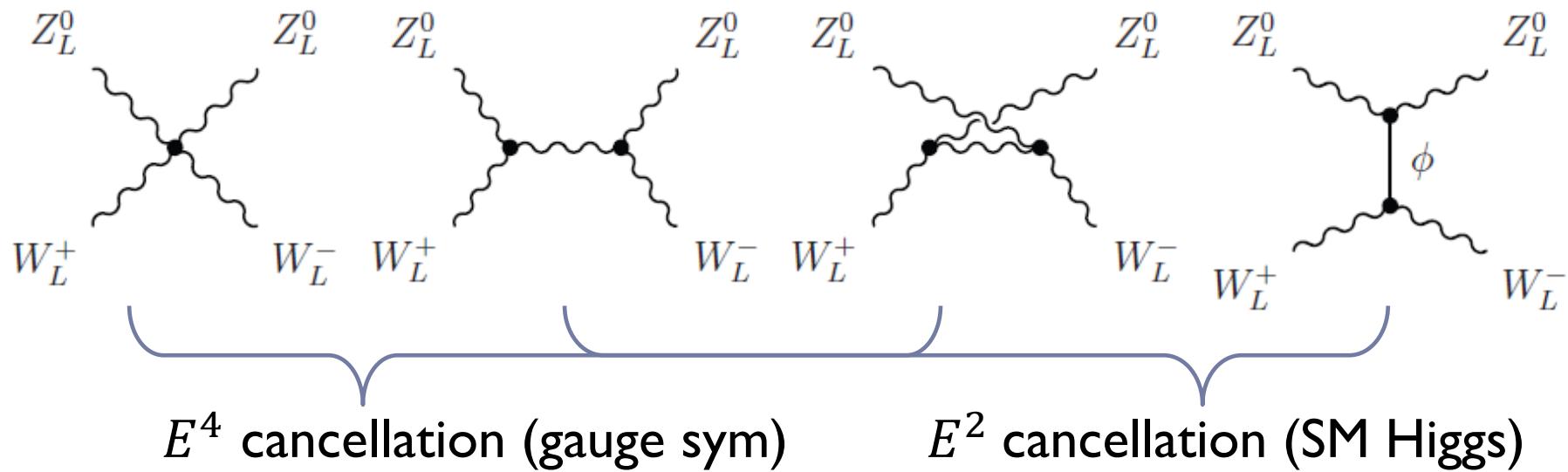
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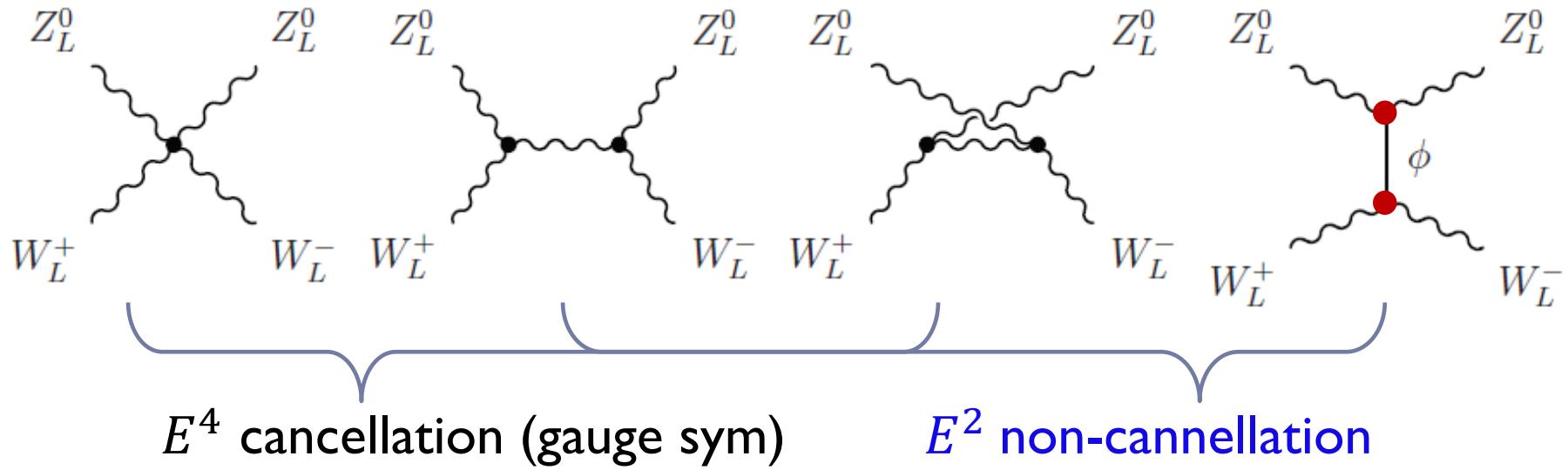
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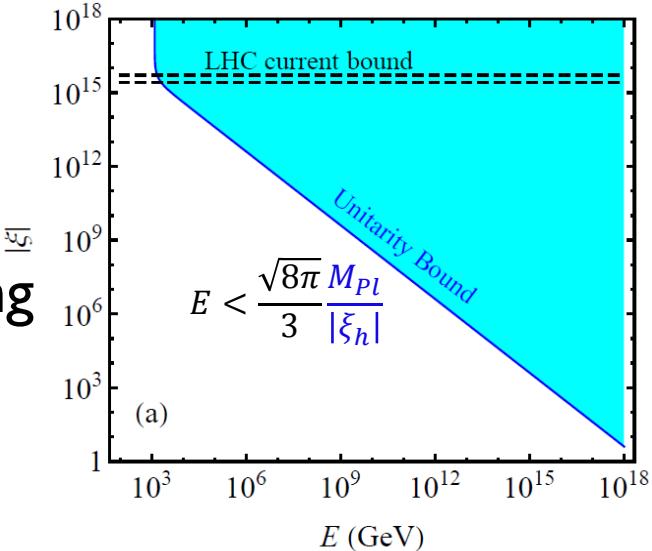


$\xi_h \neq 0$ : modified  $\phi V_\mu V^\mu$  coupling, perturbative unitarity violation

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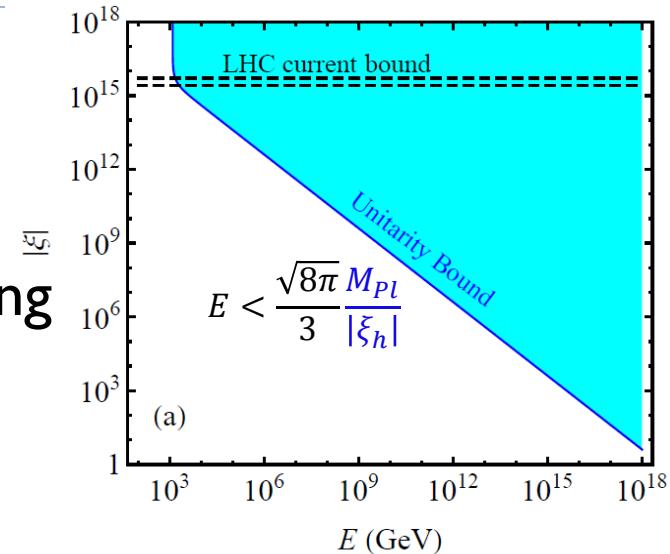


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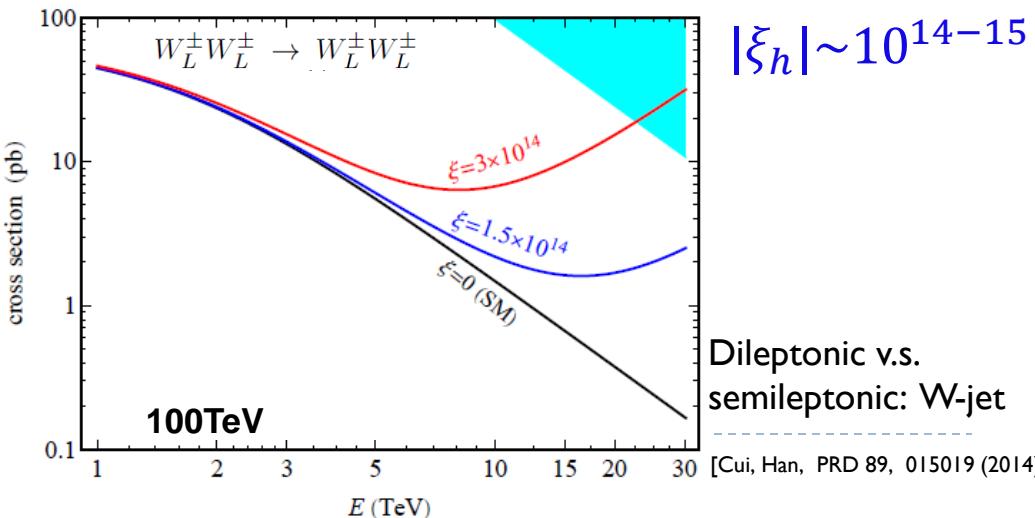
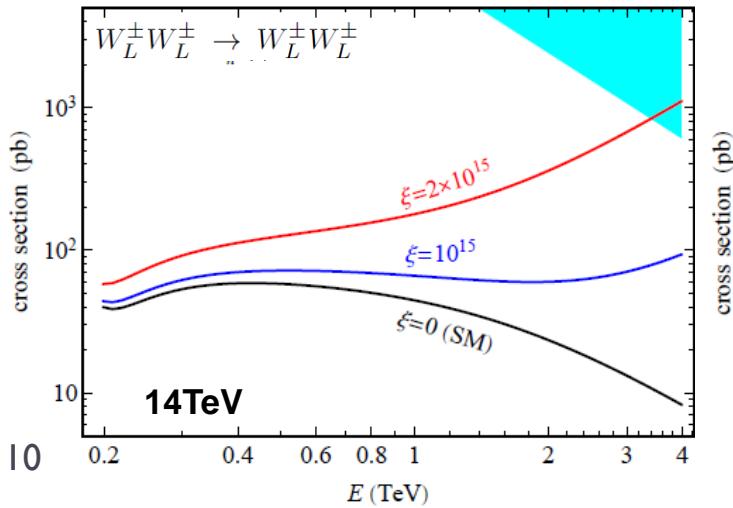
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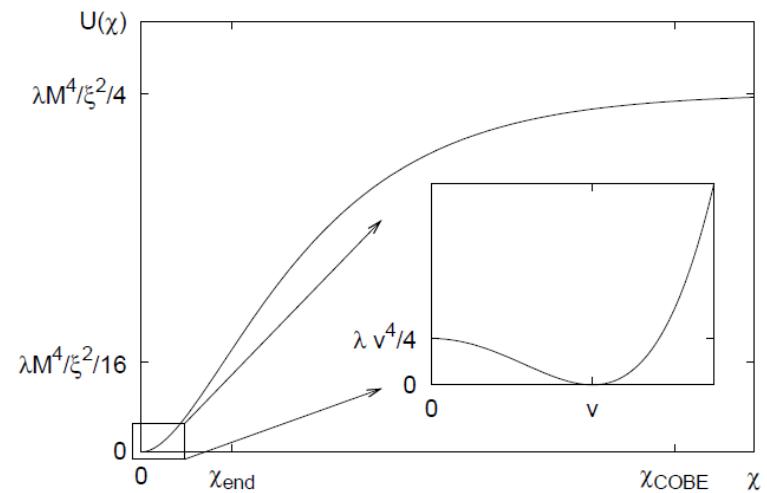
- $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$  on hadron collider for EFT cutoff  $O(10\text{TeV})$



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- ▶ Starobinsky-like model:  $R + R^2$

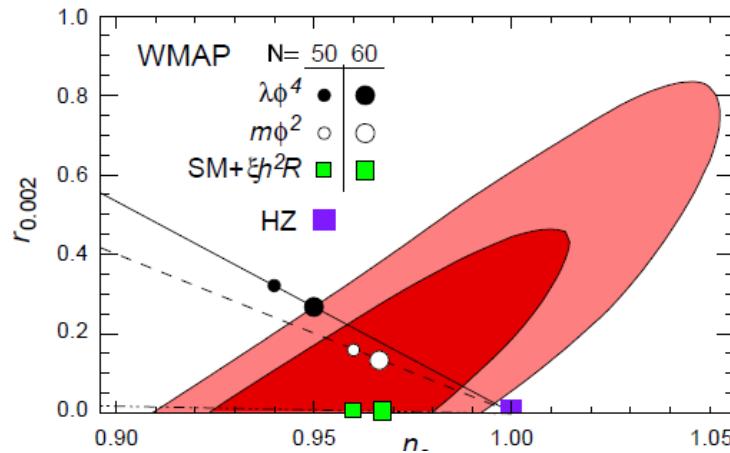
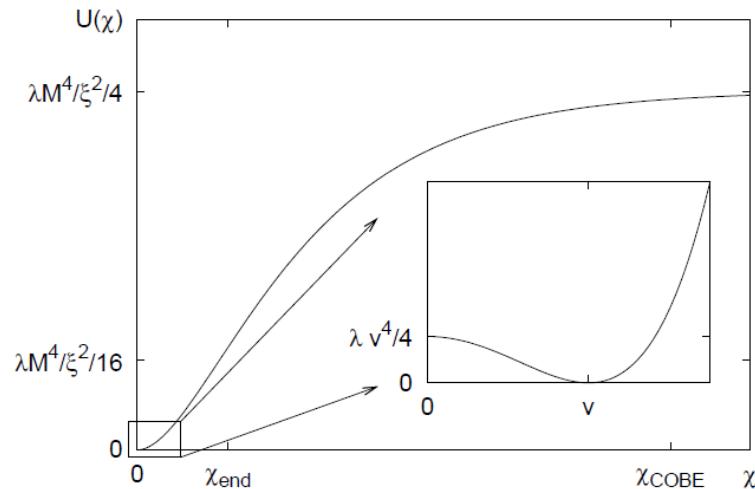
Slow roll:  $n_s \simeq 1 - \frac{2}{N}$ ,  $r \simeq \frac{12}{N^2}$

- ▶ Planck normalization

$$(U/\epsilon)^{1/4} = 0.0276 M_{\text{Pl}}, \Lambda_{\text{INF}} = U^{1/4}$$

If  $\lambda \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$ ,  $|\xi_h| \sim 10^4$ ,

$$\Lambda_{\text{INF}} \sim M_{\text{Pl}} / \sqrt{\xi_h} \sim 10^{16} \text{GeV}$$



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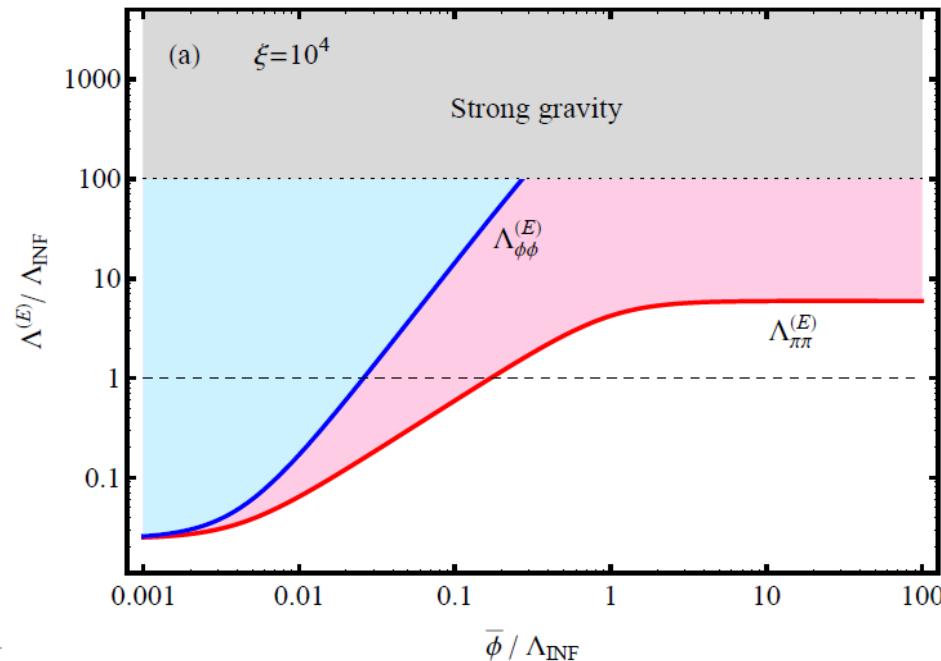
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- ▶ Unitarity bound depends on background field
  - ▶ Generalization to large field background  $\bar{\phi} \gg v$
  - ▶  $\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$  provides the strongest bound

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# Probing Cubic Higgs Interactions at Hadron Collider

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- ▶ Higgs self-interactions crucial for electroweak symmetry breaking, electroweak phase transition and Higgs inflation...
- ▶ Higgs self-interactions difficult to measure
  - ▶ Cubic Higgs coupling: 50% accuracy on HL-LHC [Snowmass Higgs Working Group Report, arXiv:1310.8361]
  - ▶ Quartic Higgs coupling: more challenging [Plehn, Rauch, Phys. Rev. D 72 (2005) 053008]
- ▶ Higgs self-interactions as the window to new physics

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- ▶ The 2d Parameter Space:  $(x_2, x_3)$   $x_j \equiv \frac{f_{\Phi,j} v^2}{\Lambda^2} \equiv \text{sign}(f_{\Phi,j}) \frac{v^2}{\tilde{\Lambda}_j^2}$  ← Effective cutoff
  - ▶ Higgs couplings to SM particles rescaled by  $\zeta = (1 + x_2)^{-1/2}$
  - ▶ Cubic Higgs coupling  $h - h - h$ :

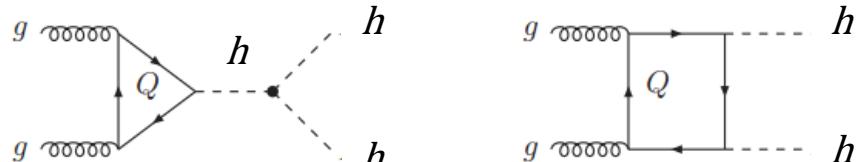
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$\hat{r} \equiv -x_3 \zeta^2 \frac{2v^2}{3M_h^2}, \quad \hat{x} \equiv x_2 \zeta^2$

# Dihiggs Production on Hadron Collider

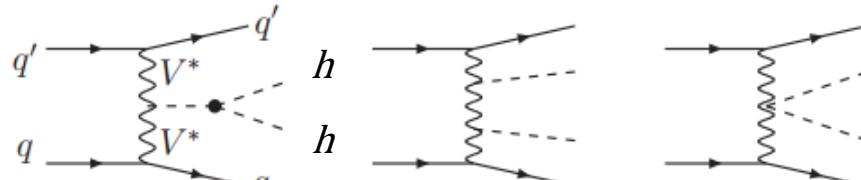
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A. Djouadi, Phys. Rept. 457 (2008) I [arXiv:hep-ph/0503172]



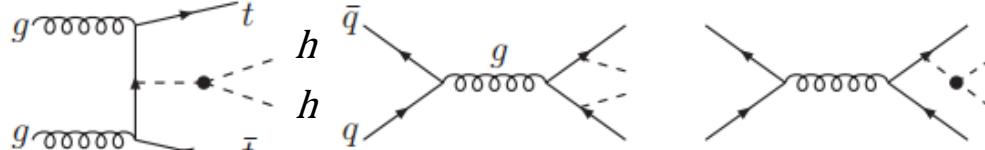
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- Vector boson fusion production:  $pp \rightarrow hhjj$

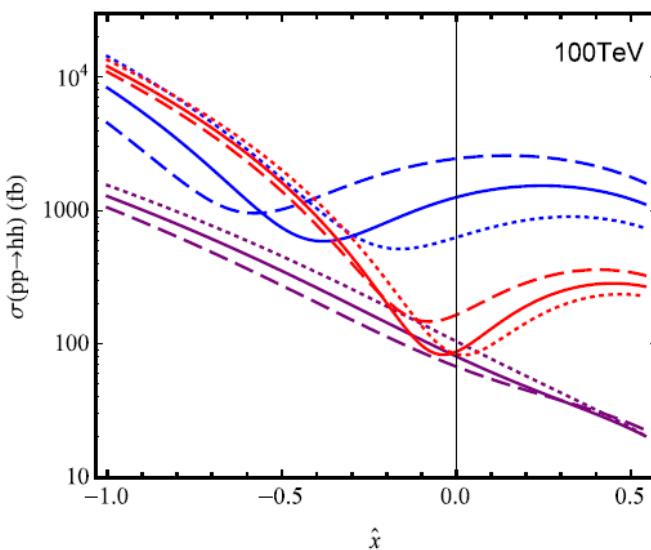
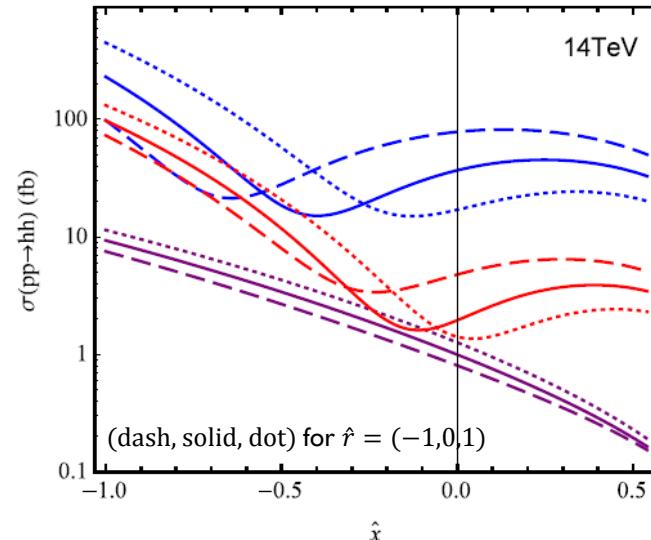


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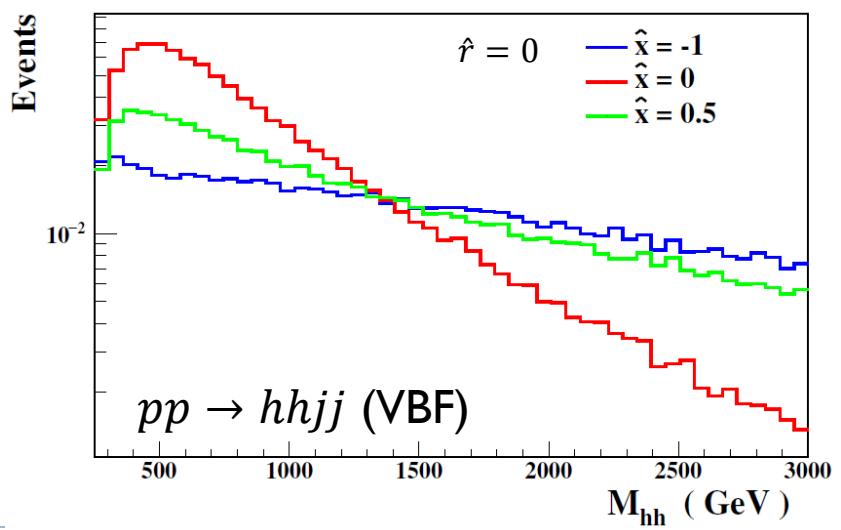
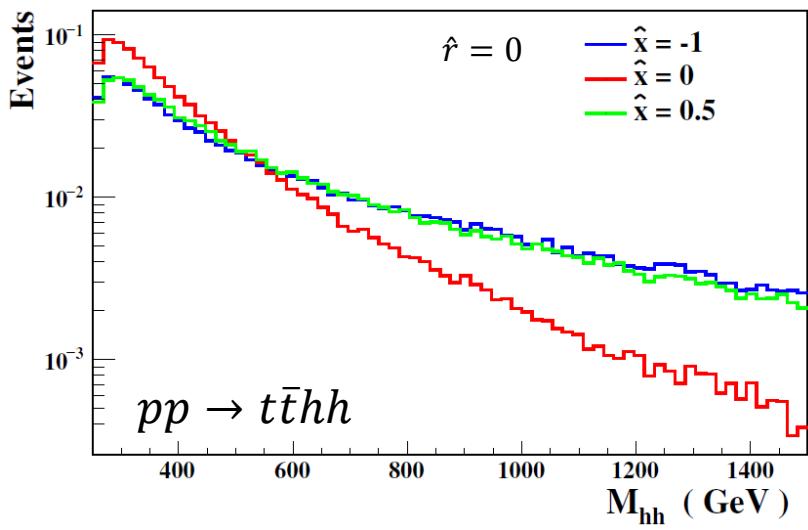
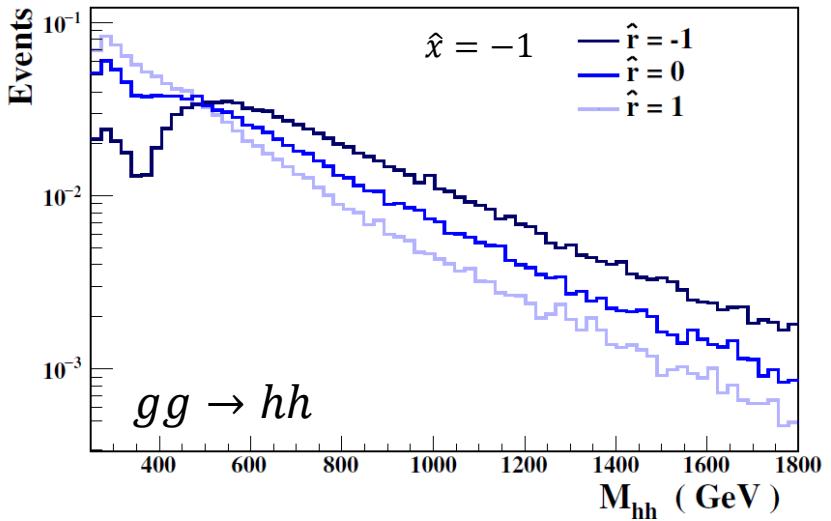
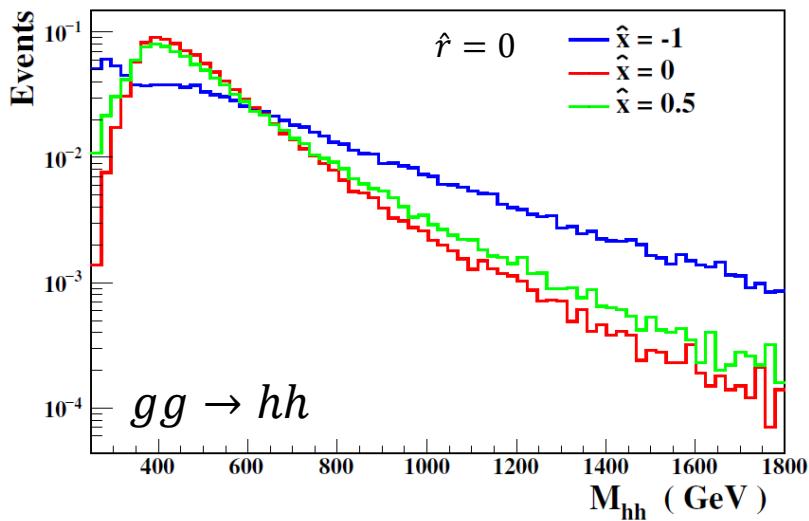
- Top-pair associated production:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}hh$



$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{sm}} \Big|_{100\text{TeV}} = (1 - \hat{x})^2 (1 + 0.23 \hat{r} - 0.80 \hat{x} + 0.07 \hat{r}^2 + 2.2 \hat{x}^2 - 0.54 \hat{r} \hat{x})$$



# Kinematic distributions @ 100 TeV



# Dihiggs Decay Channels

## ► Gluon fusion production

- ▶  $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ : BR  $\sim 10^{-3}$ , cleaner background
  - ▶ ATLAS at HL-LHC with  $3ab^{-1}$ :  $S/\sqrt{B} = 1.3\sigma$  [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-019]
- ▶  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}, b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ : larger BR, large background (boosted Higgs)
  - [Ferreira de Lima, Papaefstathiou, Spannowsky, JHEP 1408 (2014) 030]
  - [Barr, Dolan, Englert, Spannowsky, Phys. Lett. B 728, 308 (2014)]
- ▶  $b\bar{b}WW^*(b\bar{b}lvjj), WW^*WW^*(3l3vjj)$ : refined analysis
  - [Papaefstathiou, Yang, Zurita, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 011301]
  - [Li, Li, Yan, Zhao, arXiv:1503.07611 [hep-ph]]

## ► Top pair associated production

- ▶  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ : semileptonic top decay
  - [Englert, Krauss, Spannowsky, Thompson, Phys. Lett. B 743 (2015) 93; Liu, Zhang, arXiv:1410.1855 [hep-ph].]
- ▶ Vector boson fusion production: large background from gluon fusion in VBF signal region.

[Dolan, Englert, Greiner, Spannowsky, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 101802; Dolan, Englert, Greiner, Nordstrom, Spannowsky, arXiv:1506.08008v1 [hep-ph]]

# Full Analysis of $gg \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ @ 100 TeV

## ► Events generation: Madgraph5, Pythia 6.2, Delphes 3

- Signal: include finite mt effect
- Background: include up to one extra parton with MLM matching
- Detector response based on ATLAS/CMS performance

[W. Yao, arXiv:1308.6302 [hep-ph]]

## ► Background

$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma, b\bar{b}h(\gamma\gamma)$

$Z(b\bar{b})h(\gamma\gamma), \bar{t}th(\gamma\gamma)$

$\bar{t}t\gamma\gamma, \bar{t}t\gamma$

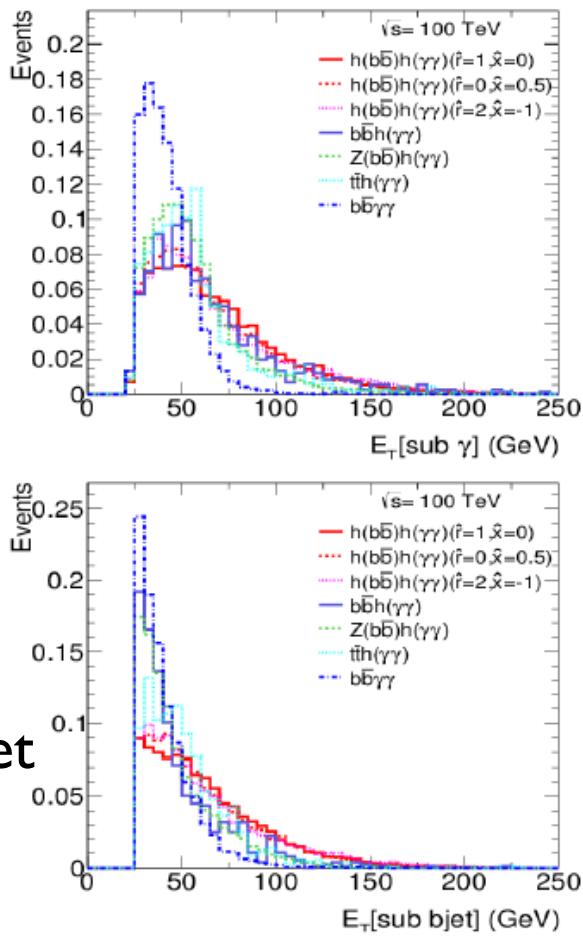
$b\bar{b}j\gamma$  ( $b\bar{b}jj$ ) (jet-faking-photon)

$jj\gamma\gamma$  (mis-tagging  $b$  or  $\bar{b}$ )

## ► Selected photon and b-jet

$$E_T > 25 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta| < 2.5$$

$$122 \text{ GeV} < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 128 \text{ GeV}$$



# Full Analysis of $gg \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ @ 100TeV

## ► Selection cuts [W.Yao, arXiv:1308.6302 [hep-ph]]

$$M_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma} > 300 \text{ GeV} \quad \Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} < 2.5, \quad \Delta R_{b\bar{b}} < 2.0$$

$$p_T^\gamma, p_T^b > 35 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{\gamma\gamma}, p_T^{b\bar{b}} > 100 \text{ GeV} \quad |\cos \theta_h| < 0.8 \text{ (Higgs decay angle)}$$

$$\Sigma(njets + nphos + nleps + nmet) < 7$$

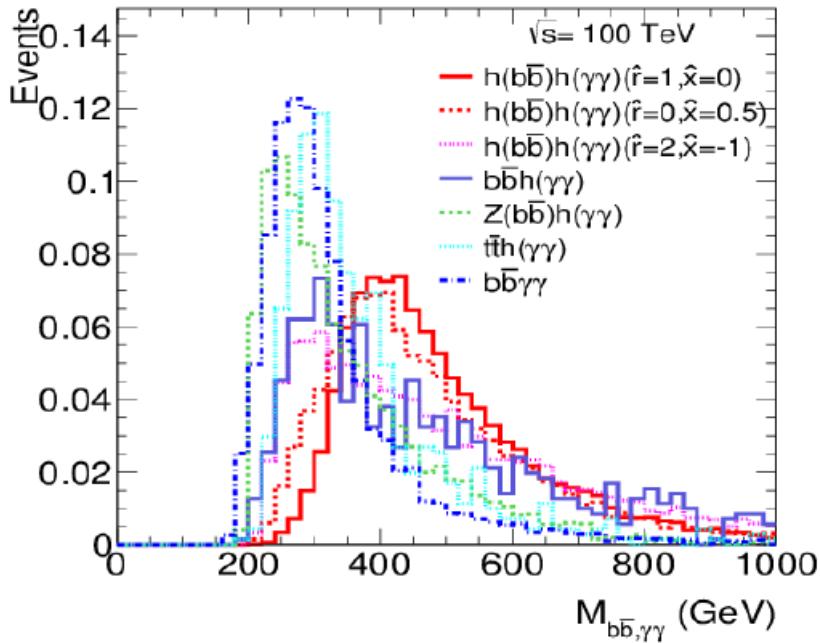
## ► Signal and background at pp(100TeV) with $L = 3ab^{-1}$

| Samples                           | $\sigma \times \text{BR}$ (fb) | Generated Evt | Selected Evt | Accept  | Expected         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| $h(b\bar{b})h(\gamma\gamma)$ (SM) | 3.53                           | 100000        | 3955         | 0.040   | $418.8 \pm 6.6$  |
| $b\bar{b}h(\gamma\gamma)$         | 50.49                          | 99611         | 78           | 0.00078 | $118.6 \pm 13.4$ |
| $Z(b\bar{b})h(\gamma\gamma)$      | 0.8756                         | 68585         | 378          | 0.0055  | $14.5 \pm 0.7$   |
| $t\bar{t}h(\gamma\gamma)$         | 37.26                          | 63904         | 67           | 0.0010  | $117.2 \pm 14.3$ |
| $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$            | 335.8                          | 150654        | 1            | 6.6e-06 | $6.75 \pm 6.7$   |
| $t\bar{t}\gamma$                  | 108400                         | 285787        | 0.013        | 4.7e-08 | $15.2 \pm 3.2$   |
| $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$            | 5037                           | 763962        | 11           | 1.4e-05 | $217.6 \pm 65.6$ |
| $b\bar{b}j\gamma$                 | 8960000                        | 1119406       | 0.0051       | 4.6e-09 | $123.6 \pm 31.9$ |
| $jj\gamma\gamma$                  | 164200                         | 813797        | 0.056        | 6.9e-08 | $33.9 \pm 3.8$   |
| Total background                  | —                              | —             | —            | —       | $647.3 \pm 76.0$ |
| $S/\sqrt{B}$ ( $S/\sqrt{B+S}$ )   | —                              | —             | —            | —       | 16.5 (12.8)      |

# Discrimination of Two Operators

- Utilize distribution in reconstructed  $M_{hh}$  bins

$M_{hh}$  bins (GeV): [300, 500], [500, 700], [700, 900], [900, 1100]

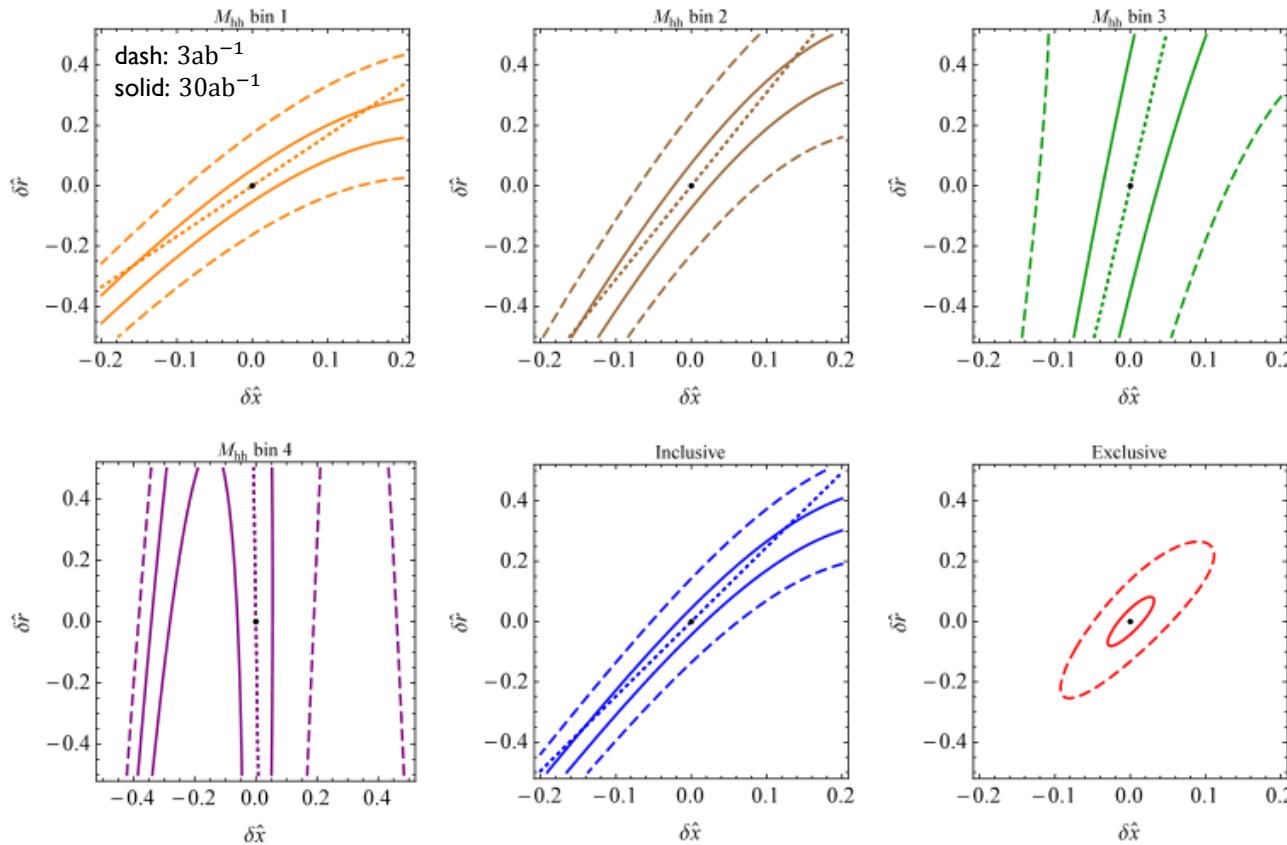


| $M_{hh}$ bins (GeV)               | [300, 500] | [500, 700] | [700, 900] | [900, 1100] |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| $h(b\bar{b})h(\gamma\gamma)$ (SM) | 200        | 170        | 52.5       | 11.1        |
| $b\bar{b}h(\gamma\gamma)$         | 67.1       | 31.9       | 15.8       | 3.81        |
| $Z(b\bar{b})h(\gamma\gamma)$      | 11.2       | 2.77       | 0.46       | 0.04        |
| $t\bar{t}h(\gamma\gamma)$         | 97.5       | 15.9       | 3.22       | 0.58        |
| $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$            | 5.41       | 1.1        | 0.24       | 0.0         |
| $t\bar{t}\gamma$                  | 13.9       | 1.09       | 0.16       | 0.05        |
| $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$            | 188        | 23.7       | 5.25       | 0.32        |
| $b\bar{b}j\gamma$                 | 107        | 11.8       | 3.44       | 1.32        |
| $jj\gamma\gamma$                  | 30.3       | 2.58       | 0.82       | 0.24        |
| Total Backgrounds                 | 521        | 90.8       | 29.4       | 6.37        |

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{sm}} \Big|_{\text{bin 1}} = (1 - \hat{x})^2(1 - 0.82\hat{r} + 3.4\hat{x} + 0.17\hat{r}^2 + 3.3\hat{x}^2 - 1.5\hat{r}\hat{x}), \quad \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{sm}} \Big|_{\text{bin 3}} = (1 - \hat{x})^2(1 - 0.14\hat{r} + 3.5\hat{x} + 0.04\hat{r}^2 + 5.6\hat{x}^2 - 0.85\hat{r}\hat{x})$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{sm}} \Big|_{\text{bin 2}} = (1 - \hat{x})^2(1 - 0.42\hat{r} + 3.3\hat{x} + 0.06\hat{r}^2 + 3.8\hat{x}^2 - 0.95\hat{r}\hat{x}), \quad \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{sm}} \Big|_{\text{bin 4}} = (1 - \hat{x})^2(1 - 0.03\hat{r} + 4.0\hat{x} + 0.03\hat{r}^2 + 8.6\hat{x}^2 - 0.65\hat{r}\hat{x})$$

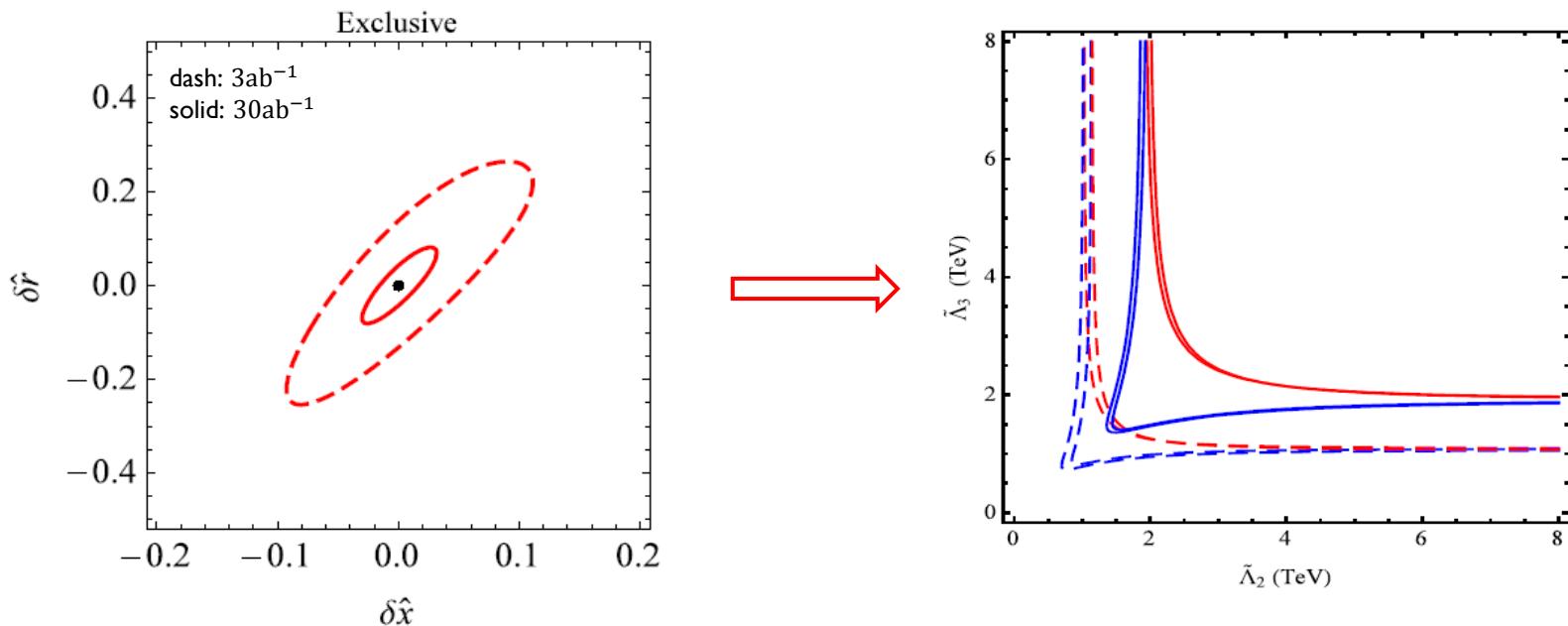
# Sensitivity on $(\hat{r}, \hat{x})$ Plane: SM



- ▶  $(\hat{r}, \hat{x}) = (0,0)$
- ▶ Degenerate direction around origin
- ▶ Exclusive analysis breaks degenerate direction
- ▶ 1d sensitivity:  
 $\delta\hat{r} \sim 13\%(4\%)$ ,  
 $\delta\hat{x} \sim 5\%(1.6\%)$
- ▶ The weakest 2d sensitivity:  
 $\delta\hat{r} \sim 25\%(8\%)$ ,  
 $\delta\hat{x} \sim 10\%(3\%)$

Dihiggs measurements alone can probe both  $(\hat{r}, \hat{x})$  to a good accuracy

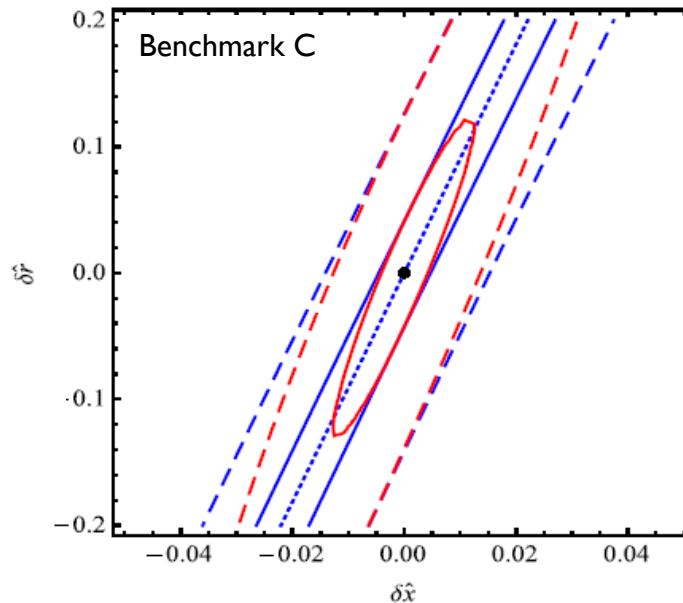
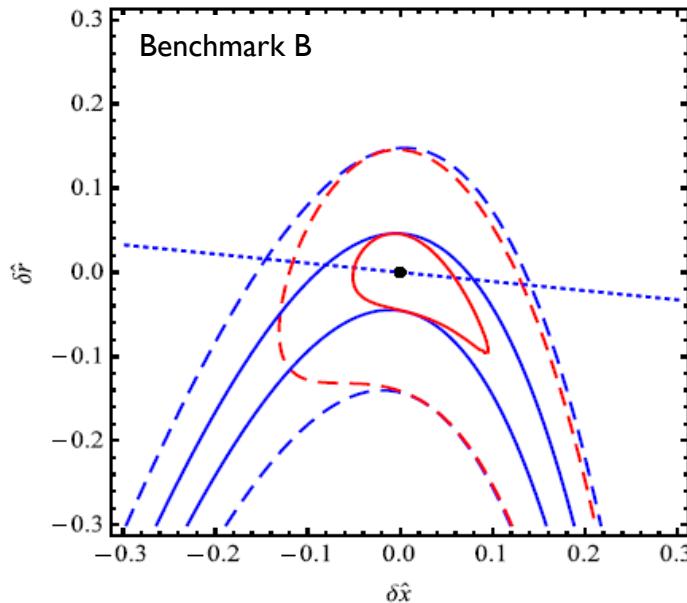
# Sensitivity on $(\hat{r}, \hat{x})$ Plane: SM



- ▶ Exclusive analysis translated as probe of the effective cutoffs
- ▶ Two cases:  $x_2 x_3 > 0$  (red),  $x_2 x_3 < 0$  (blue)
- ▶ 1d sensitivity:  $\tilde{\Lambda}_2, \tilde{\Lambda}_3 \gtrsim 1(2)$  TeV
- ▶ Weakest 2d sensitivity:  $\tilde{\Lambda}_2, \tilde{\Lambda}_3 \gtrsim 0.75(1.4)$  TeV

# Sensitivity for Generic $(\hat{r}, \hat{x})$

- ▶ Sensitivity contours qualitatively different
  - ▶ Benchmark B:  $(\hat{r}, \hat{x}) = (-0.5, 0.2)$ , low invariant mass bins (dominant) insensitive to  $\hat{x}$
  - ▶ Benchmark C:  $(\hat{r}, \hat{x}) = (1, -0.5)$ , all bins sensitive to  $\hat{x}$  and similar



# Summary

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- ▶ Studied impact of the unique non-minimal higgs-gravity coupling on Higgs physics and weak boson scattering. The perturbative analysis of slow-roll Higgs inflation is reliable.
- ▶ Measurement of derivative cubic Higgs couplings on hadron collider by dihiggs production with distinctive kinematic feature. Discriminate deviation couplings from the SM one by using  $M_{hh}$  bins.
- ▶ Dihiggs production alone can probe both cubic Higgs couplings to a good accuracy. Sensitivity qualitatively different for various benchmark points.

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Thank You!

# Higgs Inflation v.s. Electroweak Physics

- ▶ Make connection between EW physics and inflation
  - ▶ Unitarity problem at (p)reheating
  - ▶ Generalization to get rid of the lower cutoff  $M_{\text{Pl}}/|\xi_h|$ , e.g. add a singlet. Giudice, Lee PLB 694, 294 (2011); Barbon, et al. arXiv:1501.02231
- ▶ Ambiguity to calculate quantum correction Bezrukov, et al. arXiv:1307.0708
  - ▶ EFT at inflation with approximate shift symmetry

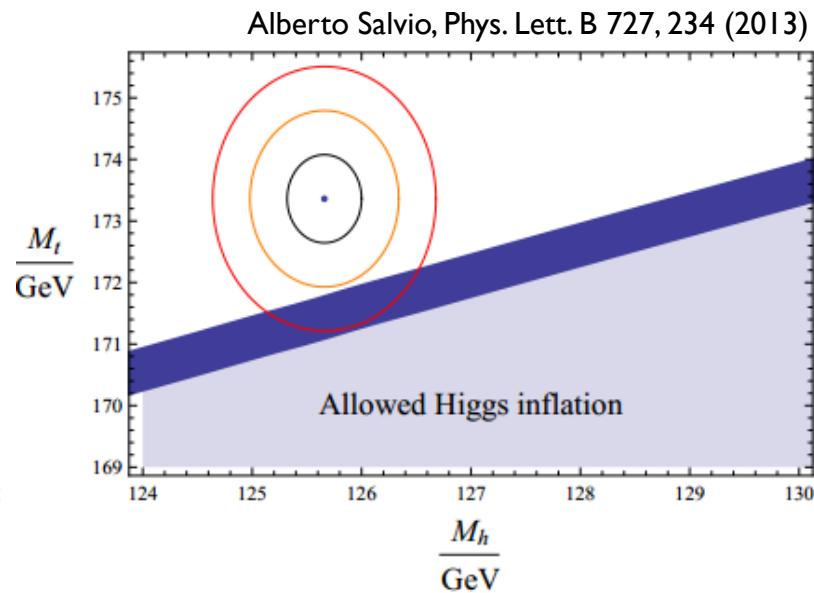
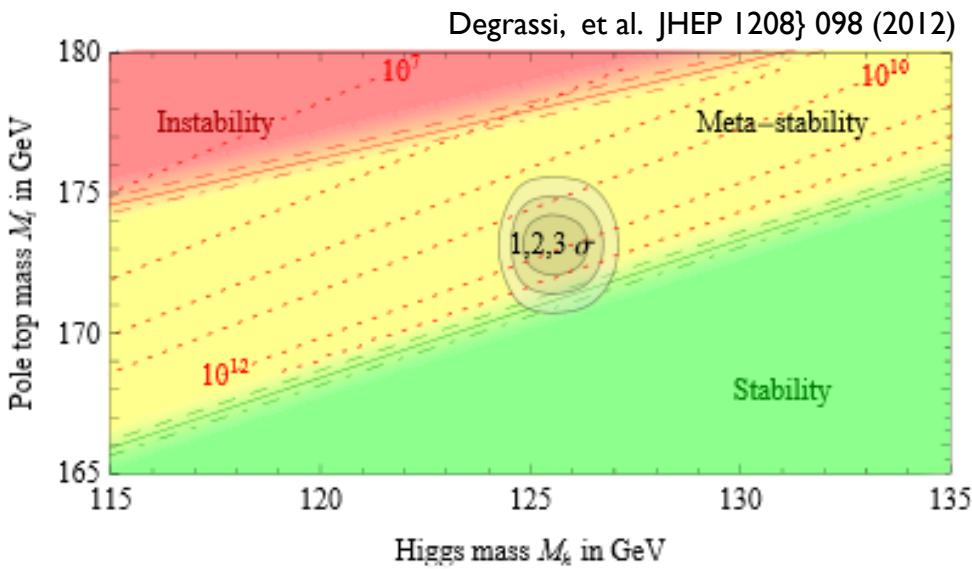
$$\mathcal{L} = f^{(1)}(\chi) \frac{(\partial_\mu \chi)^2}{2} - U(\chi) + f^{(2)}(\chi) \frac{(\partial^2 \chi)^2}{M^2} + f^{(3)}(\chi) \frac{(\partial \chi)^4}{M^4} + \dots \quad f^{(i)}(\chi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n^{(i)} e^{-\frac{2n\chi}{\sqrt{6}M}}$$

- ▶ Use DREG, but subtraction has arbitrariness

| $\mu^2/M_P^2 \propto$ | Einstein frame                             | Jordan frame                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Choice I              | $F_I^2 = 1$                                | $F_I^2 = \frac{M_P^2 + \xi h^2}{M_P^2}$ |
| Choice II             | $F_{II}^2 = \frac{M_P^2}{M_P^2 + \xi h^2}$ | $F_{II}^2 = 1$                          |

# Higgs Inflation v.s. Vacuum Stability

## ► SM vacuum stability



## ► Maybe no need of absolute stability

- Sensitive to higher order terms at  $M_{\text{Pl}}/|\xi_h|$ : effective  $\delta y_t$  in RGE
- Thermal correction after (p)reheating

Bezrukov, Rubio, Shaposhnikov, arXiv:1412.3811; Rubio, arXiv:1502.07952.

# Higgs Inflation with large $r$

- ▶ BICEP2:  $r \sim 0.2$  (BKP-joint:  $r \lesssim 0.1$  )
- ▶ Critical regime
  - ▶ Flatness due to  $\lambda$  running,  $|\xi_h| \sim \mathcal{O}(10 - 100)$
  - ▶ Inflation scale:  $\Lambda_{\text{INF}} \sim 10^{16} \text{GeV} \ll M_{\text{Pl}}/\sqrt{|\xi_h|}$
- ▶ Background dependent unitarity bound

Hamada, Kawai, Oda, Park,  
arXiv:1403.5043;  
Allison, JHEP 02 (2014) 040

