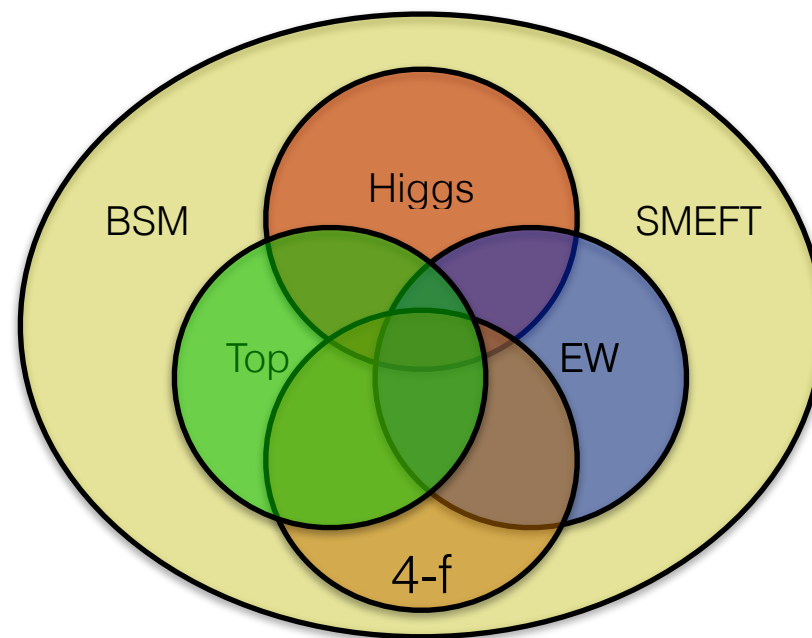


Opportunities & Experimental Challenges at the Higgs-Top interface



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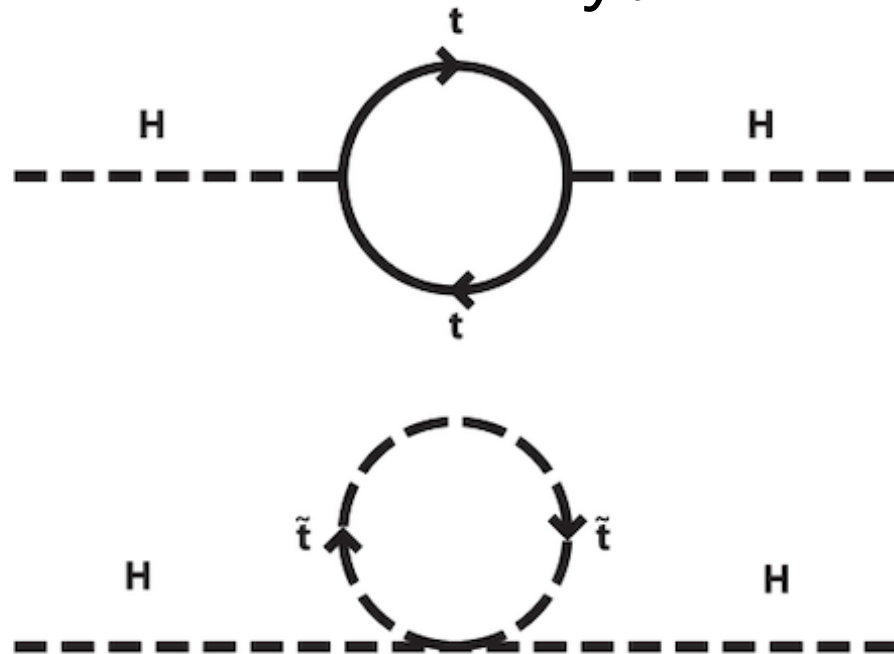


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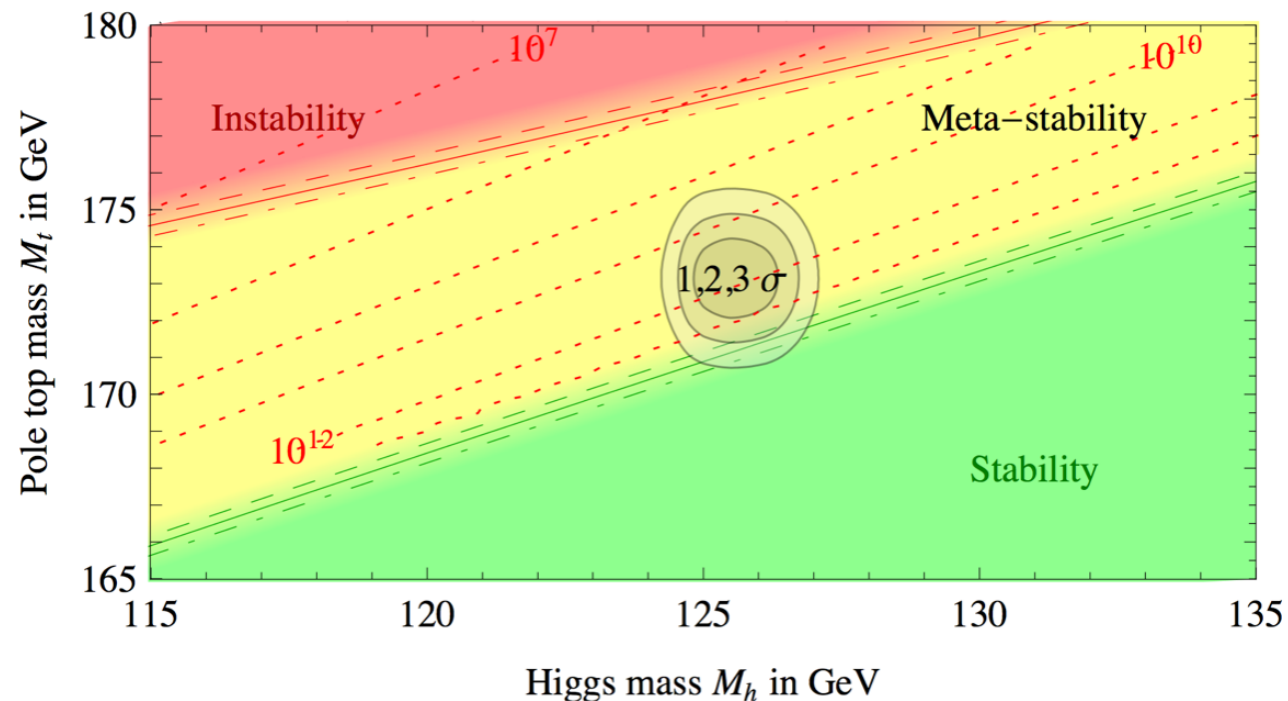
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Higgs & Top-quark “naturally” engaged in probing BSM

y_t as strong as α_s



- gauge hierarchy problem
- many models require certain top-quark “partners” to solve the problems

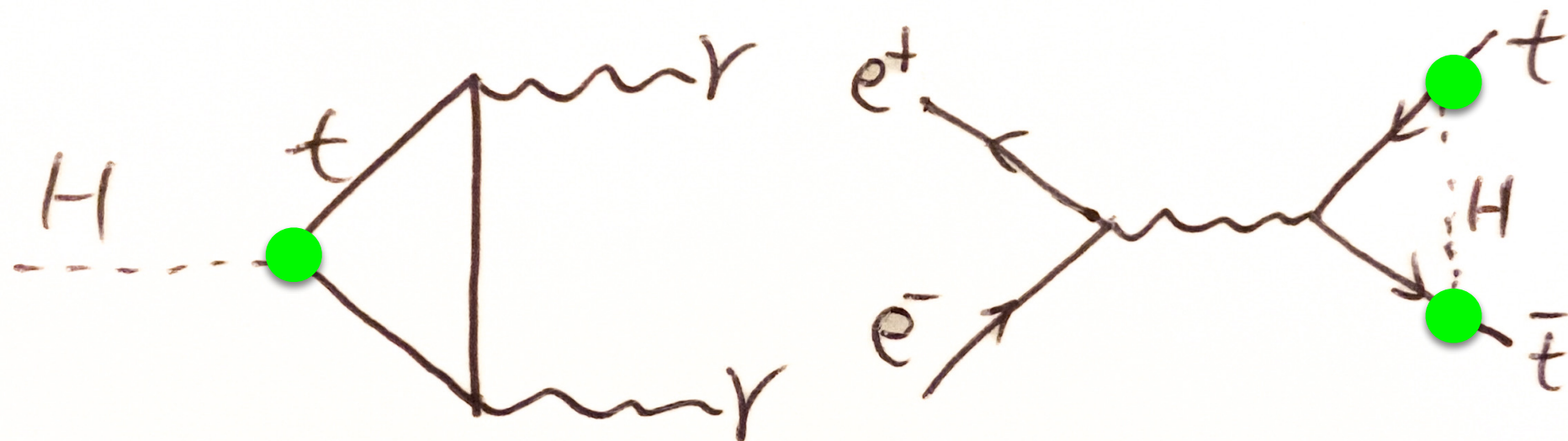


- vacuum stability

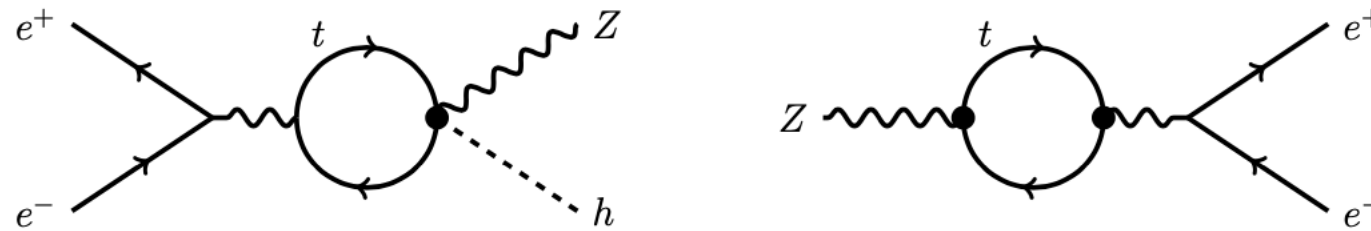
[Degrassi et al, JHEP 1208 (2012) 098]

Opportunities from Higgs-Top interplay

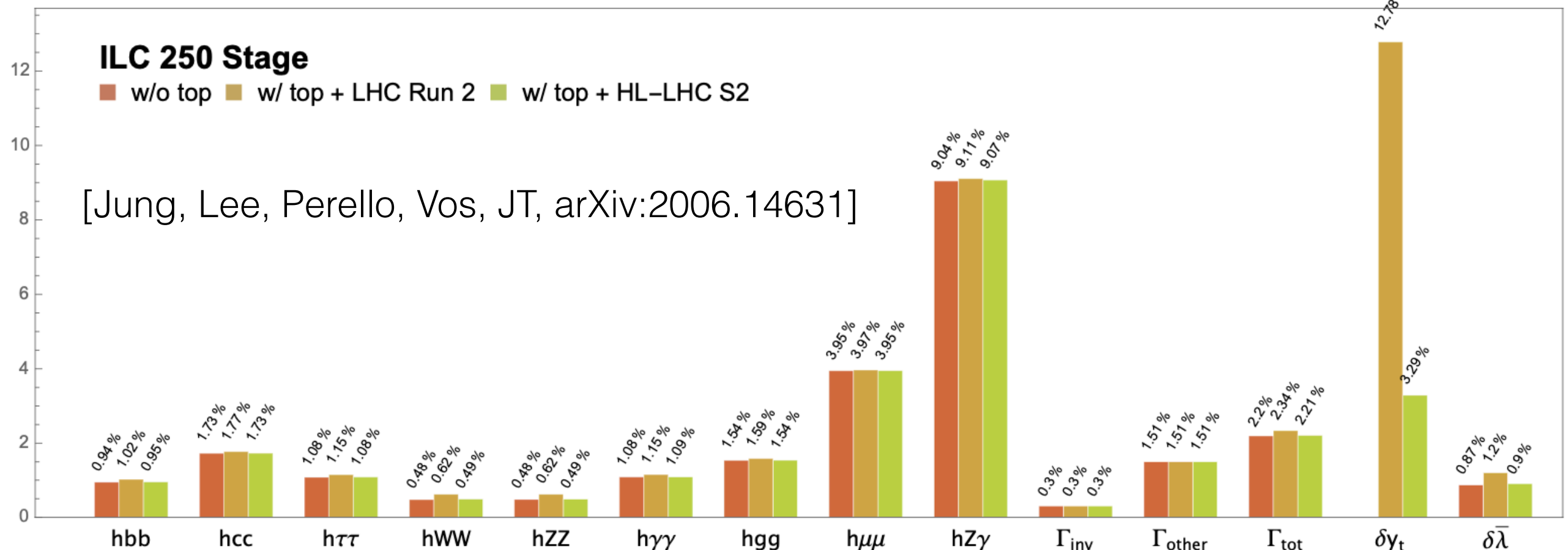
- sensitivity to y_t in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay
- sensitivity to y_t in $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ threshold scan



Challenges: large NLO uncertainties induced in precision EW and Higgs measurement

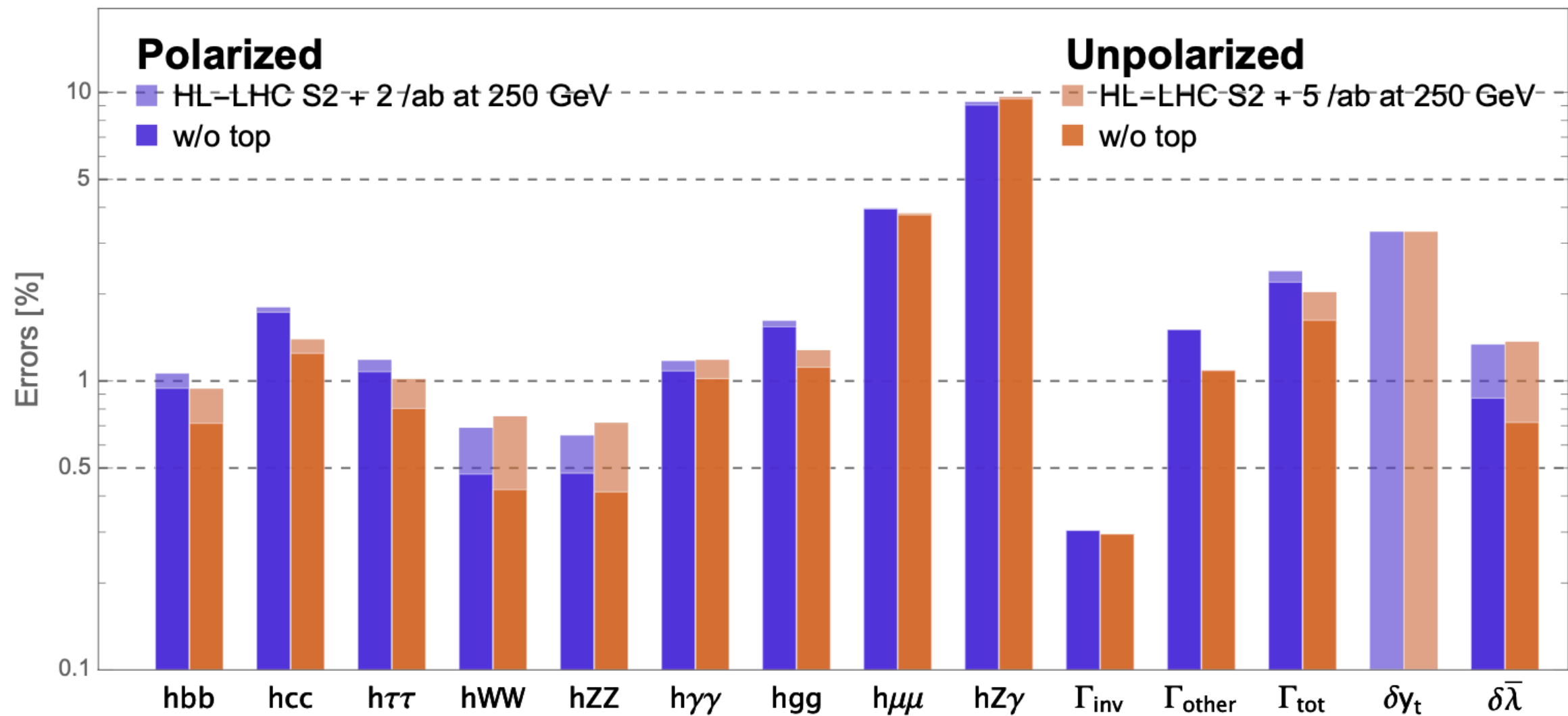


- with the help of LHC top data, Higgs coupling precisions @ ILC250 are almost restored
- note: top data from LHC Run 2 is not constraining enough



Mitigating challenges: beam polarization helps

- beam polarizations double independent observables, more robust in resolving various effects from top-EW at NLO

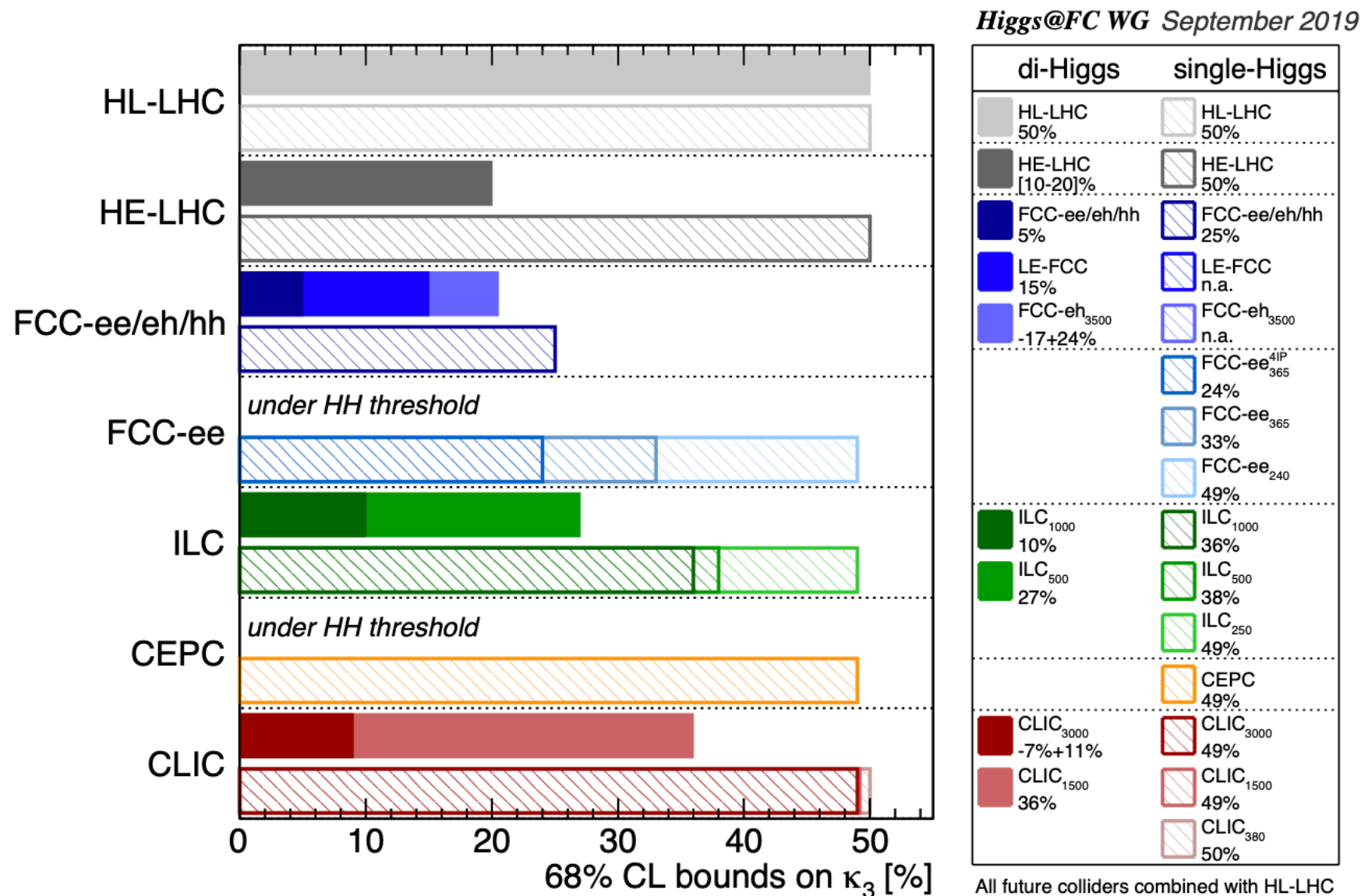


[Jung, Lee, Perello, Vos, JT, arXiv:2006.14631]

λ_{HHH} : emerging new opportunities from single-Higgs

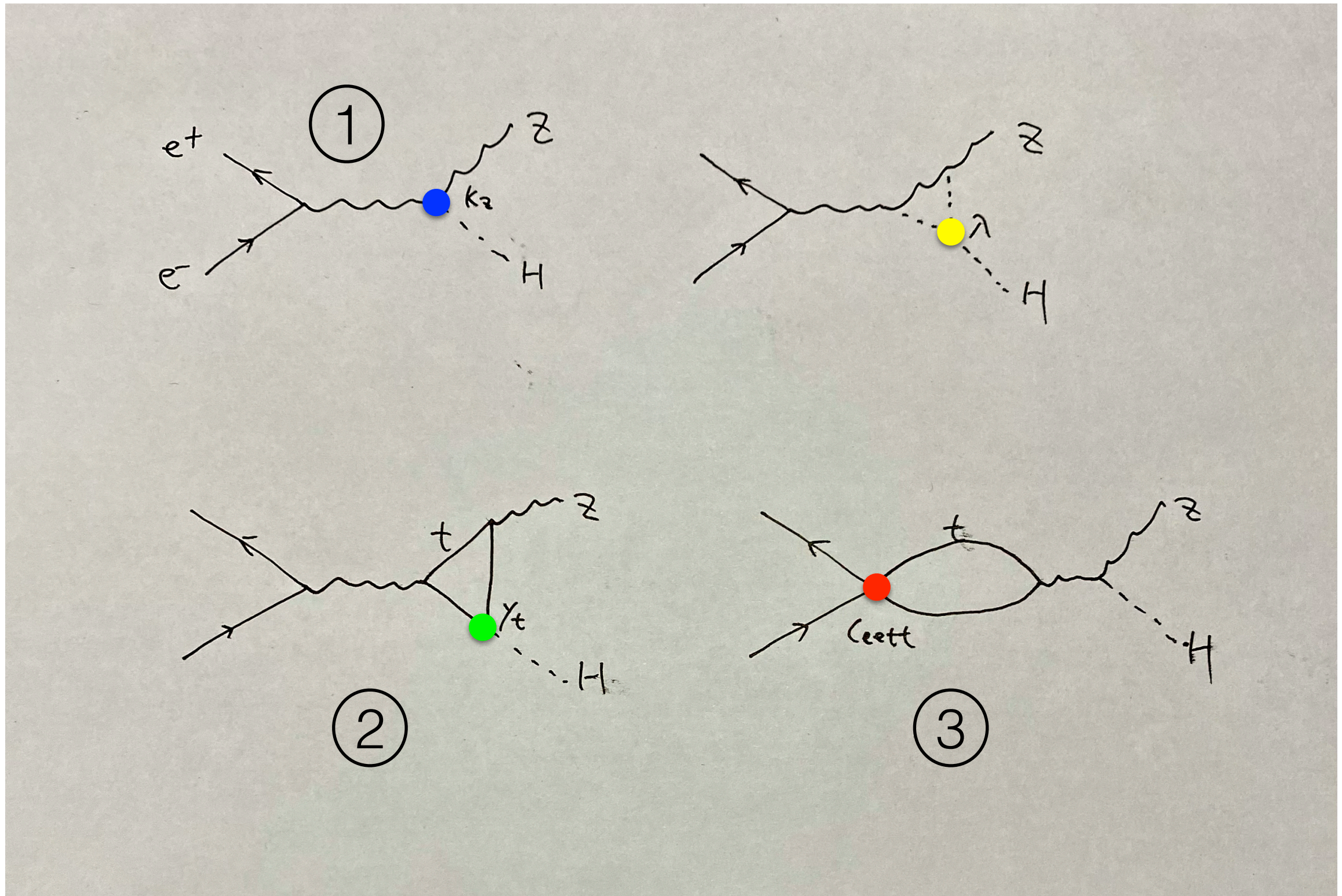
[ESUPP 2020 arXiv:1910.11775]

[—>talk by Jorge de Blas]

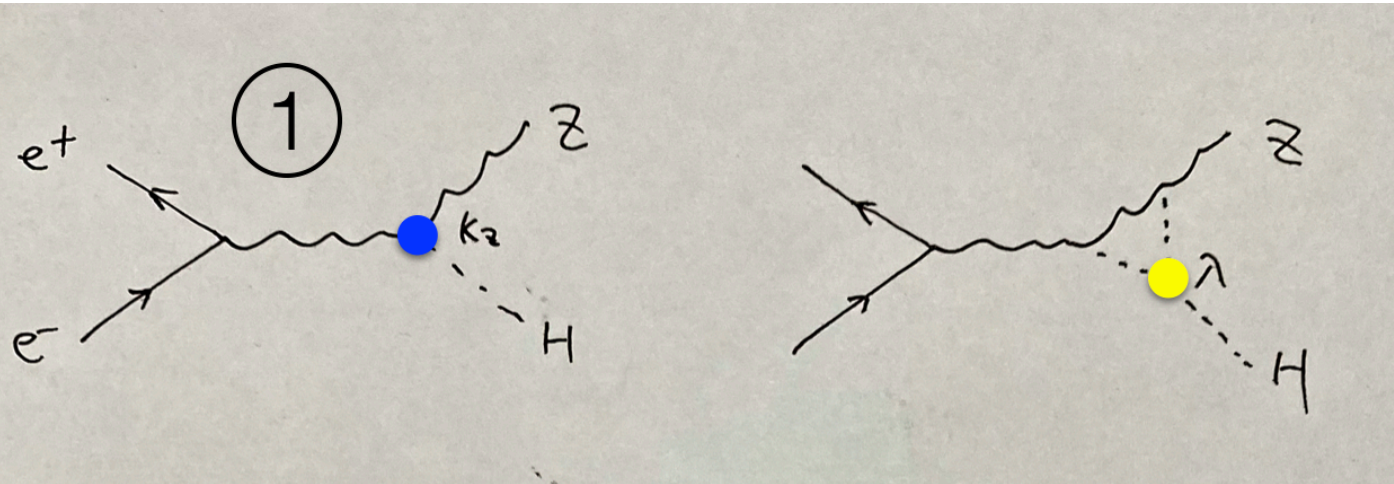


- note: 5σ is potentially reachable at an $e^+e^- < 500$ GeV
- Would that be a **discovery** of Higgs self-coupling?

Challenges: three hurdles to clarify



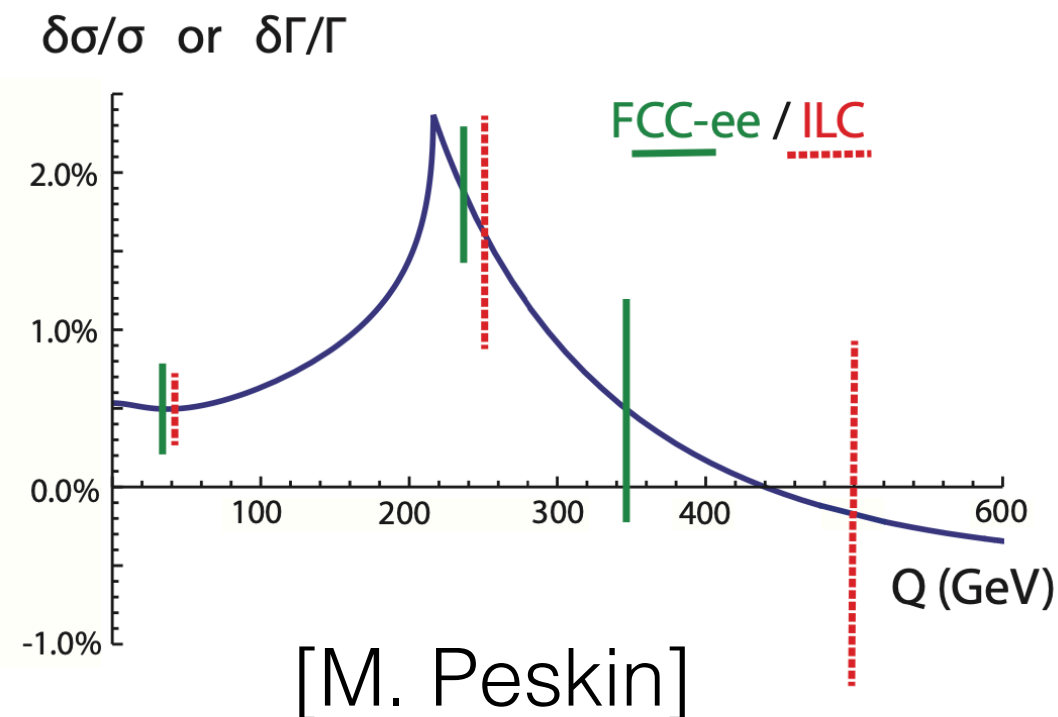
How to discriminate with HZZ coupling



[McCullough, '13]

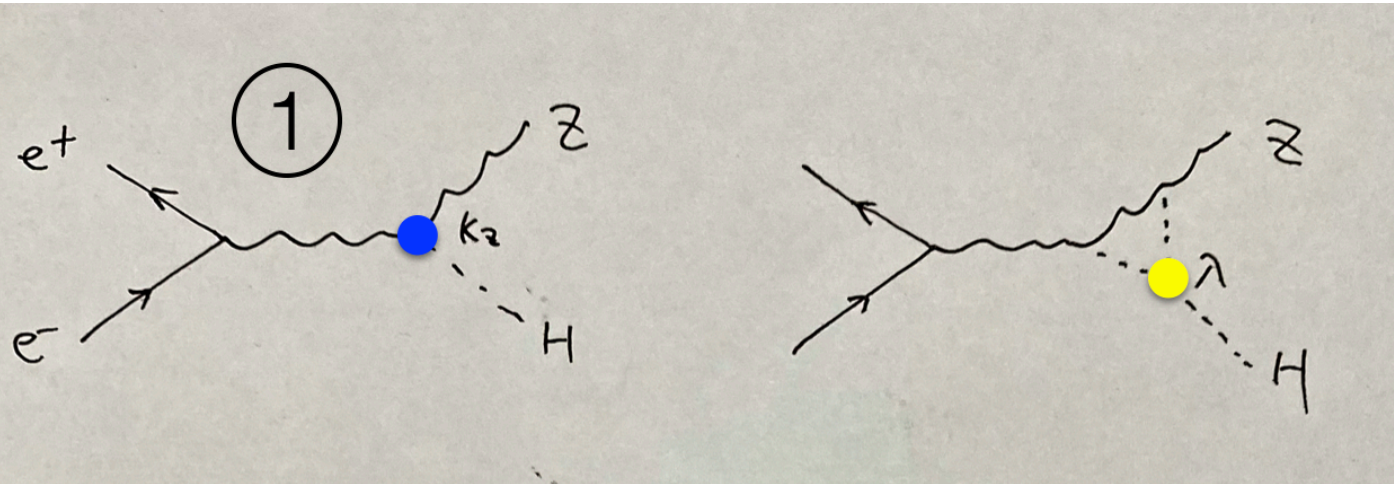
$$\delta_{\sigma}^{240} = 100 (2\delta_Z + 0.014\delta_h) \%$$

- $\delta\sigma_{ZH} < 1\%$ is a necessity; but not sufficient
- $\delta\sigma$ could receive contributions from many other sources
 —> $\delta h \sim 500\%$ at 250GeV only; [Gu, et al, arXiv:1711.03978]



► “easy” solution: lift degeneracy by multiple \sqrt{s}

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[McCullough, '13]

$$\delta_{\sigma}^{240} = 100 (2\delta_Z + 0.014\delta_h) \%$$

► difficult solution: using differential cross section

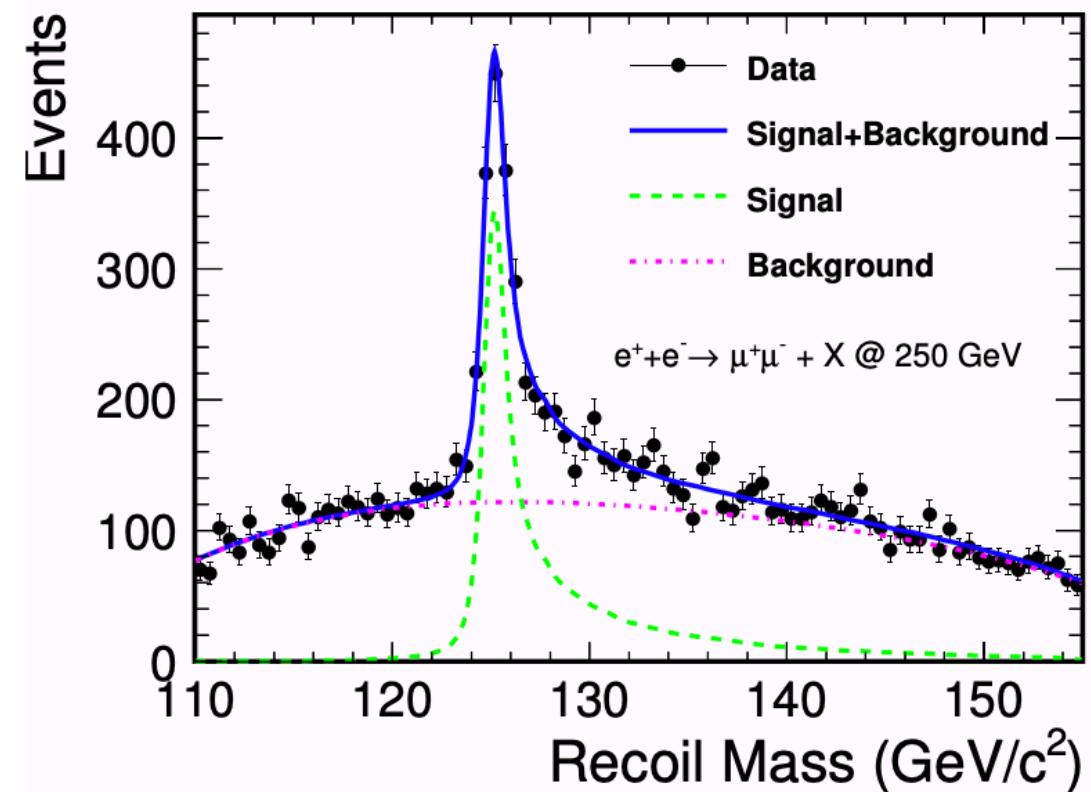
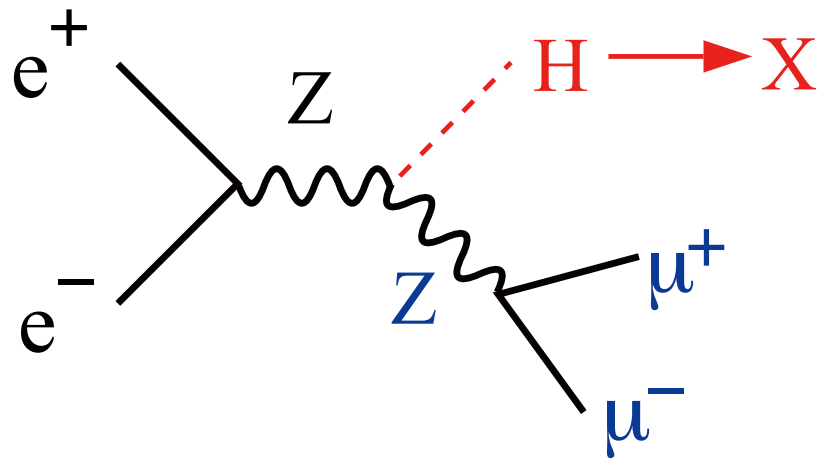
- effect of λ can be absorbed into anomalous HZZ coupling

$$\mathcal{L} = m_Z^2 \left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{a}{\Lambda} \right) H Z^\mu Z_\mu + \frac{b}{2\Lambda} H Z^{\mu\nu} Z_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\tilde{b}}{\Lambda} H Z^{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu}$$

- angular meas. may help [—> poster by **Andrea Maria**]

Challenges: $\delta\sigma_{ZH} \ll 1\%$?

- **A: yes!** Just give me **1 million** recoil Higgs events $\rightarrow 0.1\%$
- **B: likely!** Assume only **1/4** of the 1M events useful $\rightarrow 0.2\%$
- **C: let's look at some systematics first**



[Yan et al, arXiv:1604.07524]

- a crucial requirement for measuring σ_{ZH} using recoil mass technique:
independent of how Higgs decay \rightarrow who not just test it!

Challenges: $\delta\sigma_{ZH} \ll 1\%$?

- $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$: $\delta\text{Efficiency} \sim 1\%$

[Yan et al, arXiv:1604.07524]

$H \rightarrow XX$	bb	cc	gg	$\tau\tau$	WW*	ZZ*	$\gamma\gamma$	γZ
BR (SM)	57.8%	2.7%	8.6%	6.4%	21.6%	2.7%	0.23%	0.16%
BDT > -0.25	88.90%	89.04%	88.63%	89.12%	88.96%	89.11%	88.91%	88.28%
$M_{\text{rec}} \in [110, 155] \text{ GeV}$	88.25%	88.35%	87.98%	88.43%	88.33%	88.52%	88.21%	87.64%

- $Z \rightarrow qq$: $\delta\text{Efficiency} \sim 15\%$

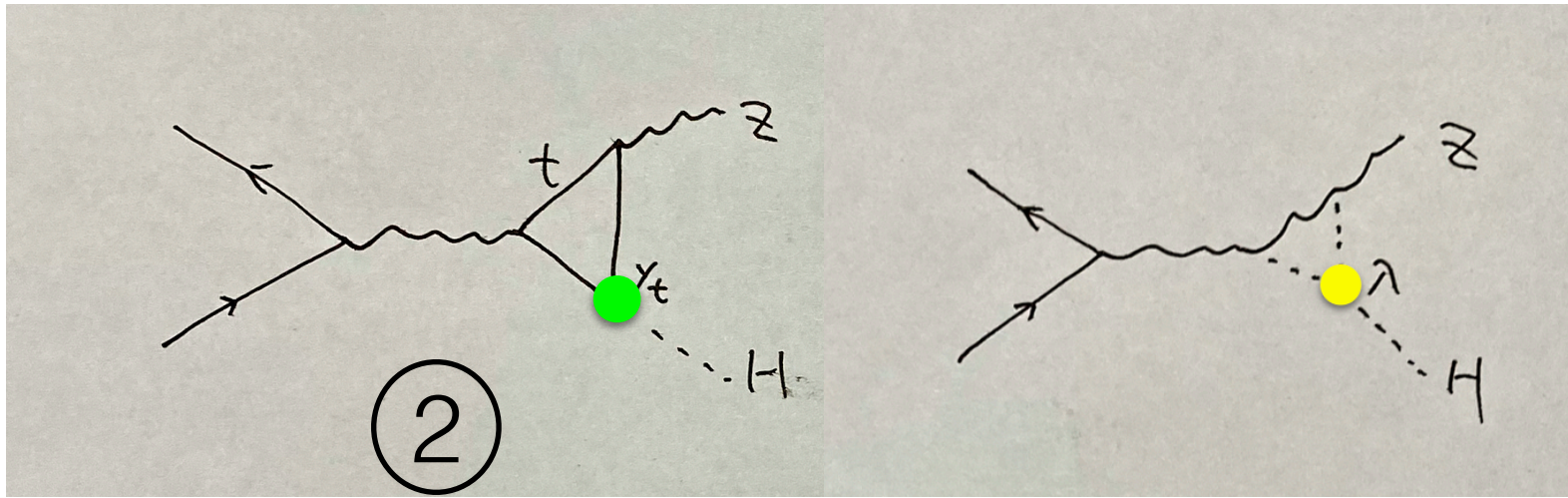
[Thomson, arXiv:1509.02853]

[Tomita 2015; Miyamoto, arXiv:1311.2248]

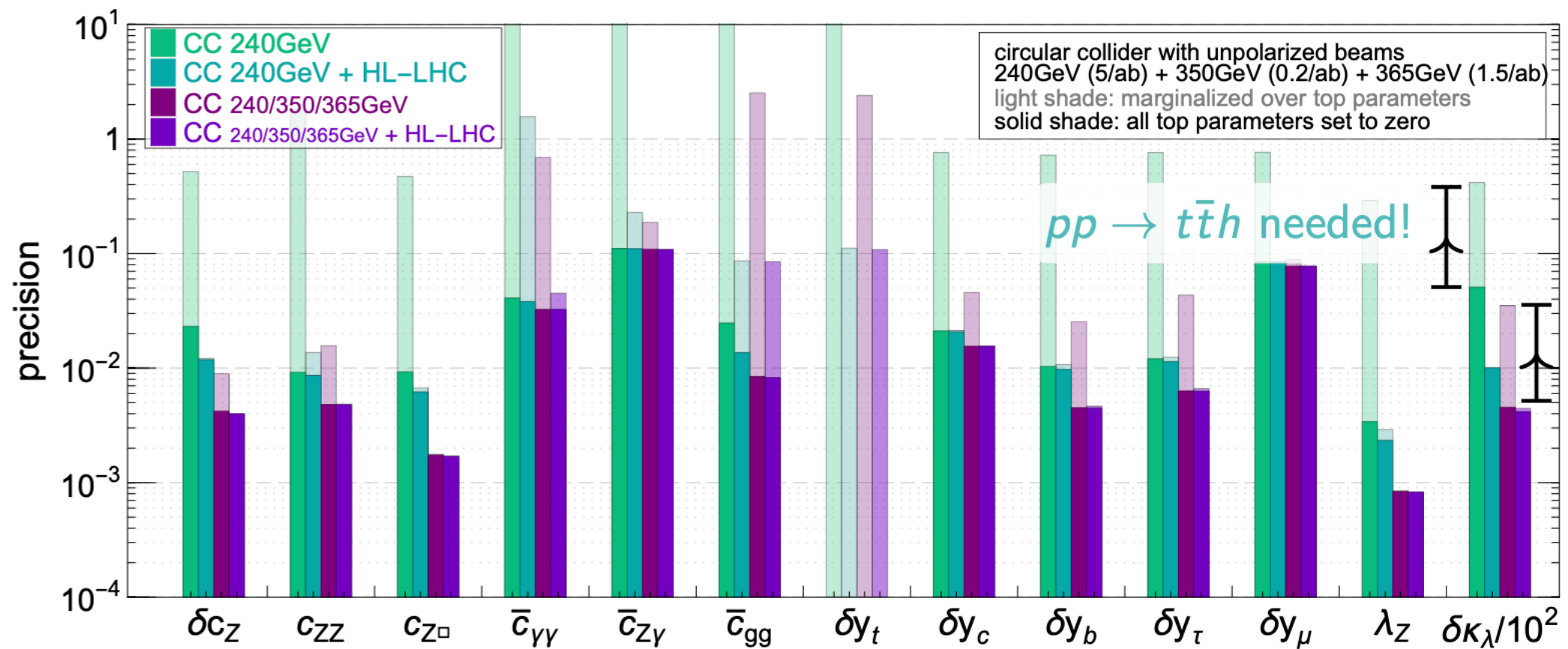
Decay mode	$\epsilon_{\mathcal{L}>0.65}^{\text{vis.}}$	$\epsilon_{\mathcal{L}>0.60}^{\text{invis.}}$	$\epsilon^{\text{vis.}} + \epsilon^{\text{invis.}}$
$H \rightarrow \text{invis.}$	$<0.1\%$	23.5%	23.5%
$H \rightarrow q\bar{q}/gg$	22.6%	$<0.1\%$	22.6%
$H \rightarrow WW^*$	22.1%	0.1%	22.2%
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$	20.6%	1.1%	21.7%
$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	25.3%	0.2%	25.5%
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	25.7%	$<0.1\%$	25.7%
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	18.6%	0.3%	18.9%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$	20.8%	$<0.1\%$	20.8%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}l\nu$	23.3%	$<0.1\%$	23.3%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tau\nu$	23.1%	$<0.1\%$	23.1%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$	26.5%	0.1%	26.5%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu\tau\nu$	21.1%	0.5%	21.6%
$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \tau\nu\tau\nu$	16.3%	2.3%	18.7%

► trash **99%** of those 1M events unless one can improve the bias

How to discriminate with top-Yukawa coupling



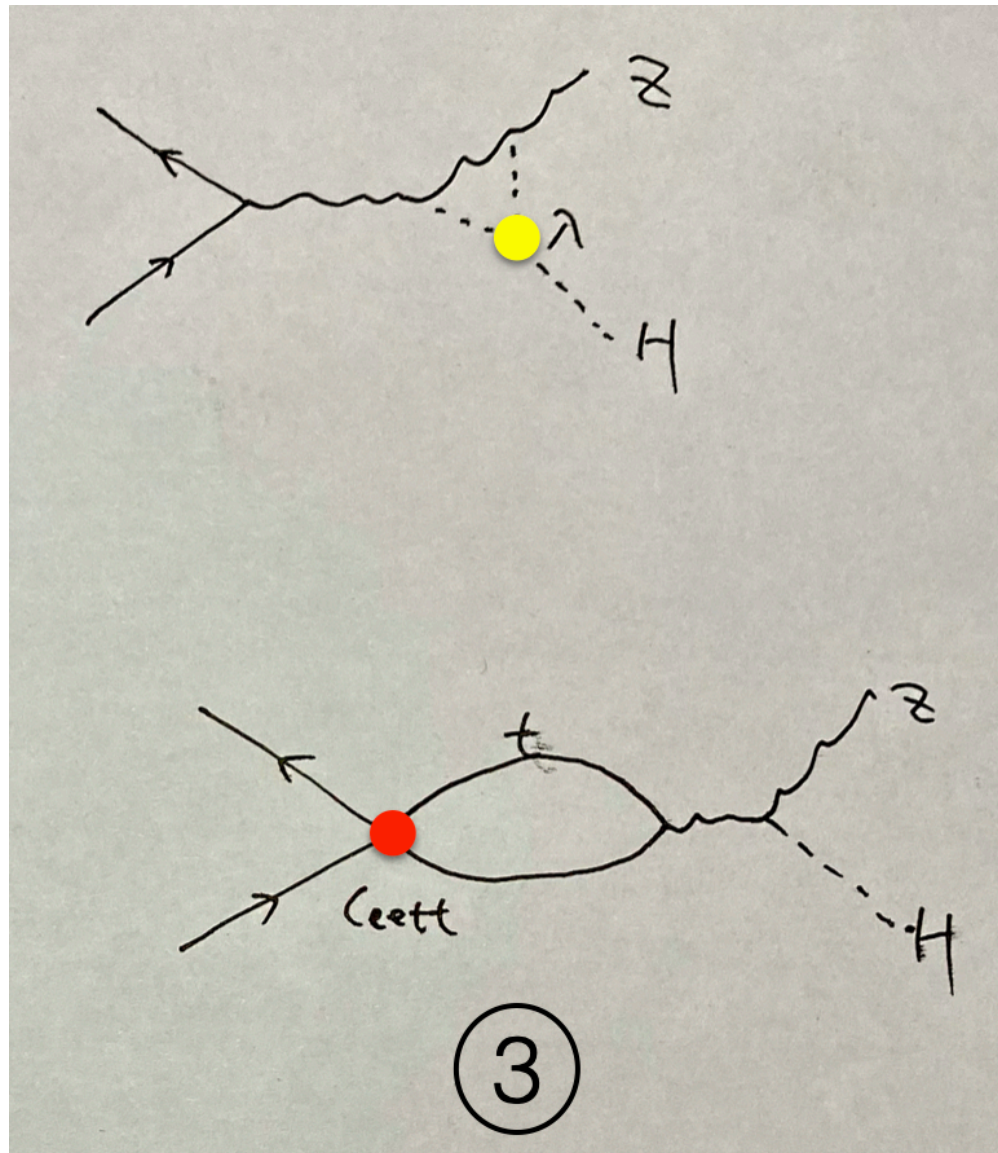
► mitigated by LHC top-Yukawa measurement



Top-quark uncertainties can impede Higgs precision!

[Durieux, Gu, Vyronidou, Zhang, '18]

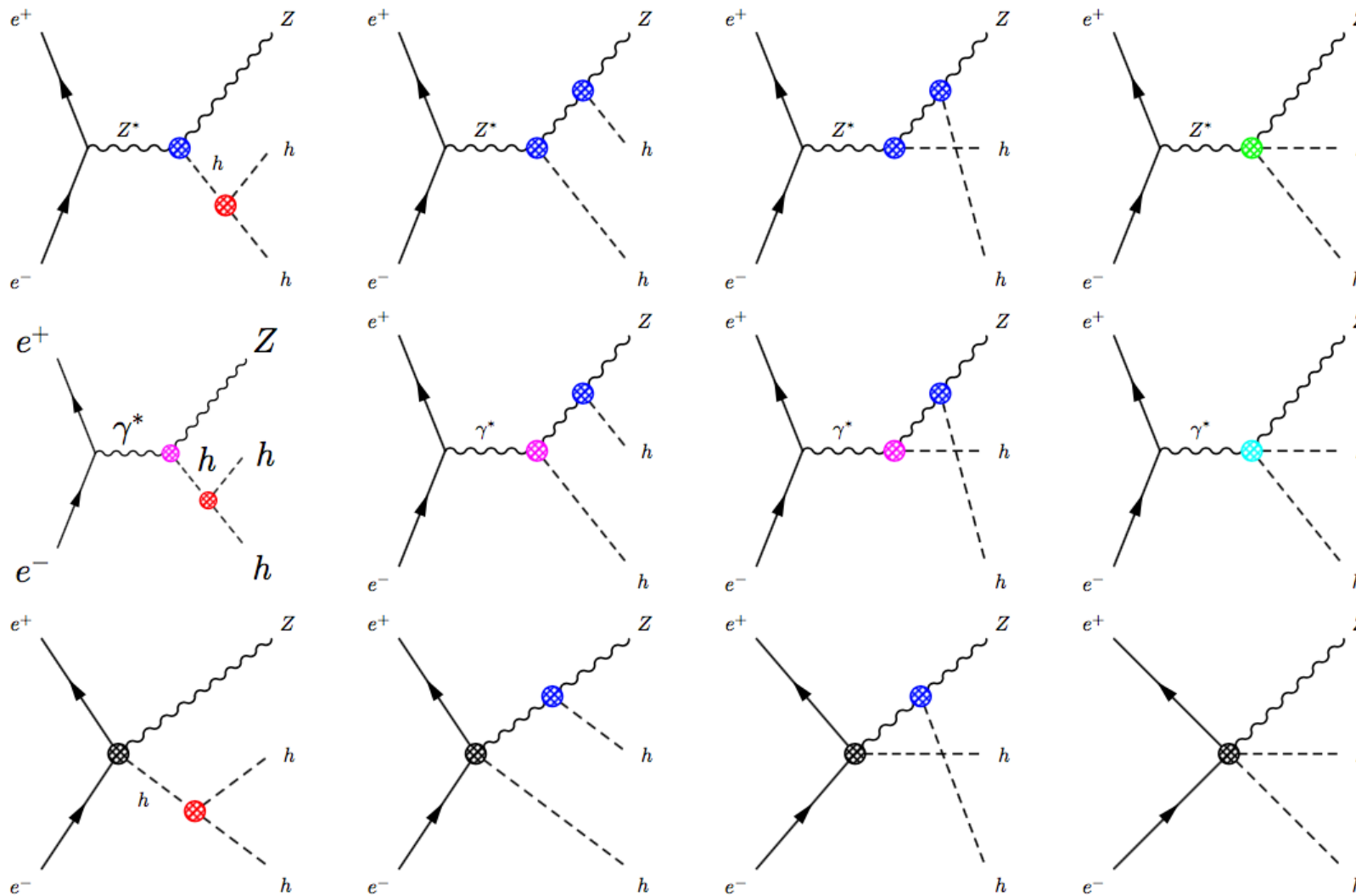
How to discriminate with 4-fermion interaction



► probably the most pressing

- the effects from (many) eett operators have just been calculated! [[Dawson et al, arXiv:2406.03257](#)]
 - need to facilitate both theory & experimental studies towards a new global SMEFT fit
 - need HL-LHC projection for eett; need projections at e+e-, probably at multiple \sqrt{s} ~350/365/500 —> **[talk by Marcel Vos]**
- the new fit should include Higgs+EWPOs+WW+top-EW+4-fermion, include NLO SMEFT contributions in ZH / EWPOs; volunteers?

λ_{HHH} : THE opportunity that we are almost sure

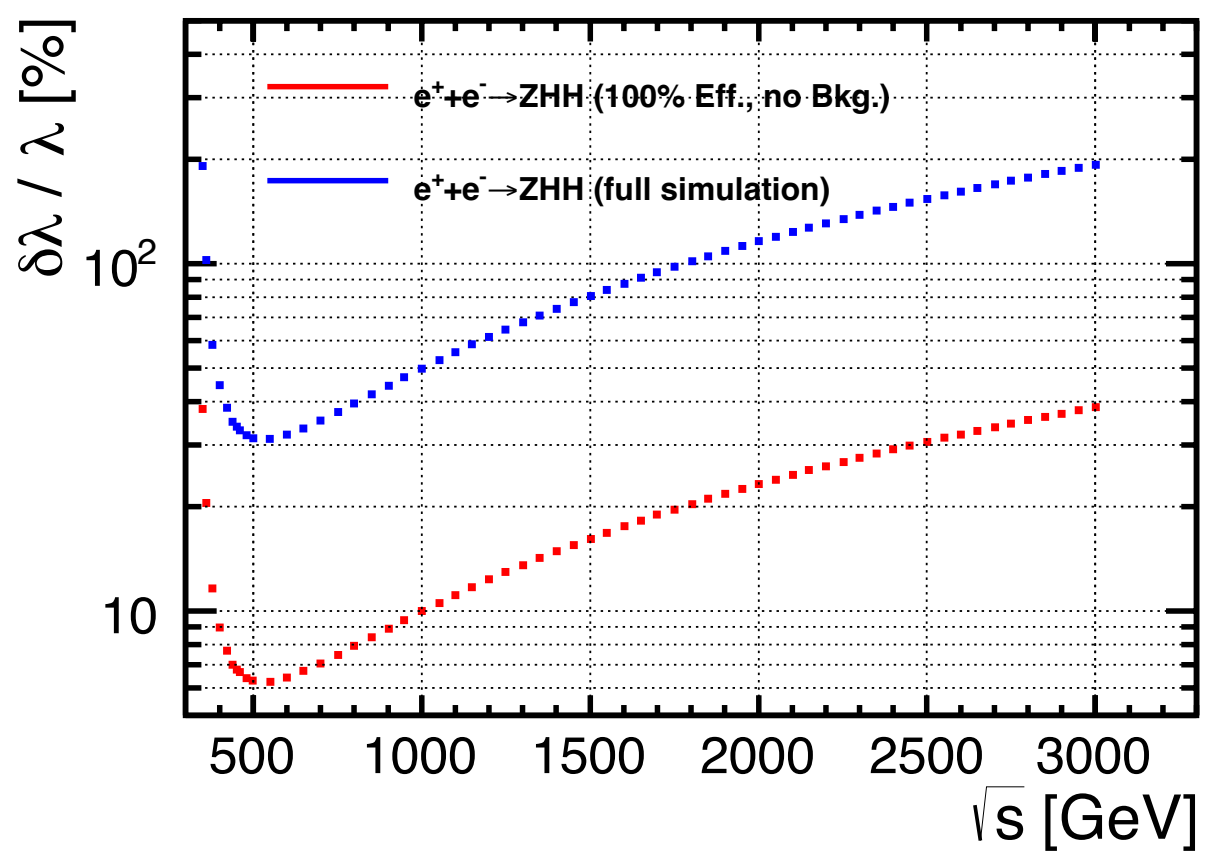


[[Barklow, Fujii, Jung, Peskin, JT, '17](#)]

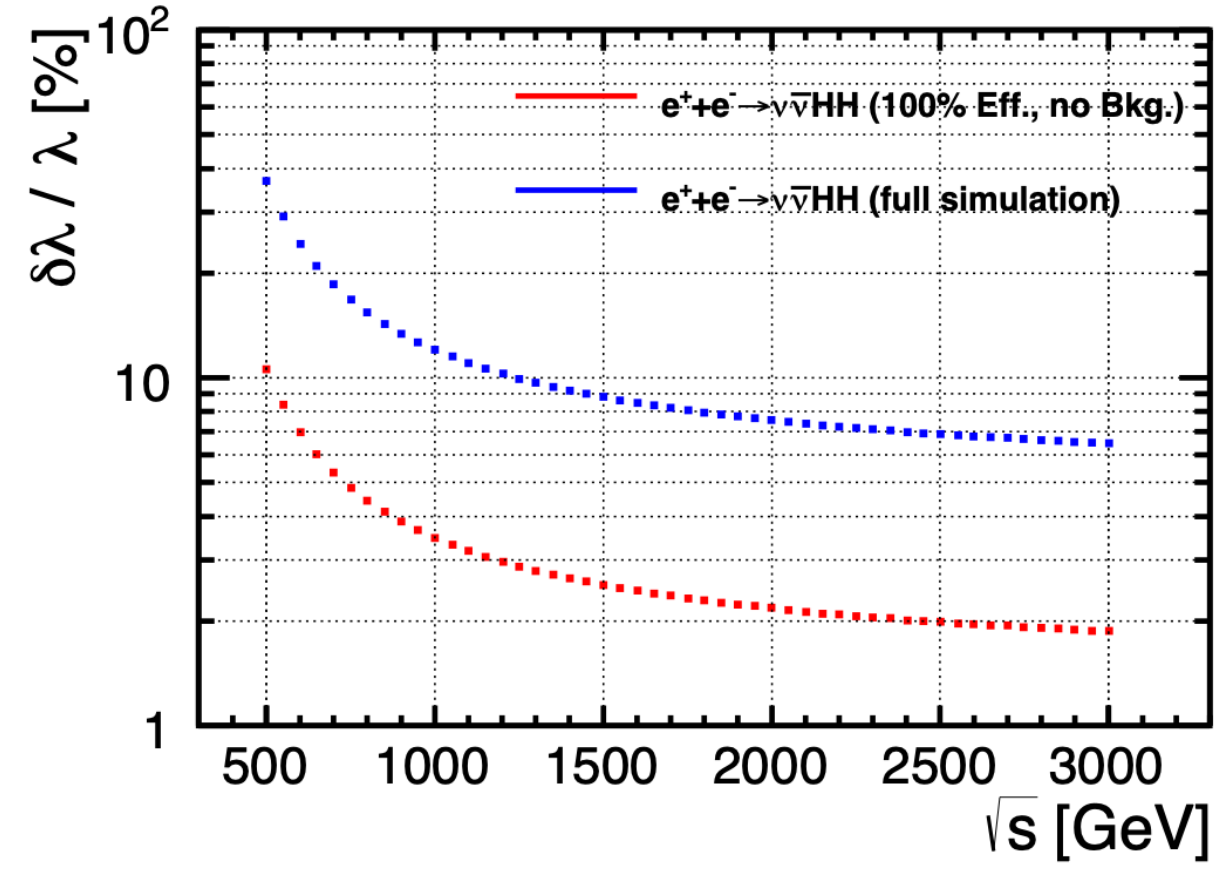
- Much less challenge from degeneracies
- Main challenges are related to how we can improve experimental analyses

di-Higgs: can we improve $\Delta\lambda_{HHH}$ by a factor of 5?

ZHH



$\nu\nu HH$



[Duerig, PhD Thesis, 2016]

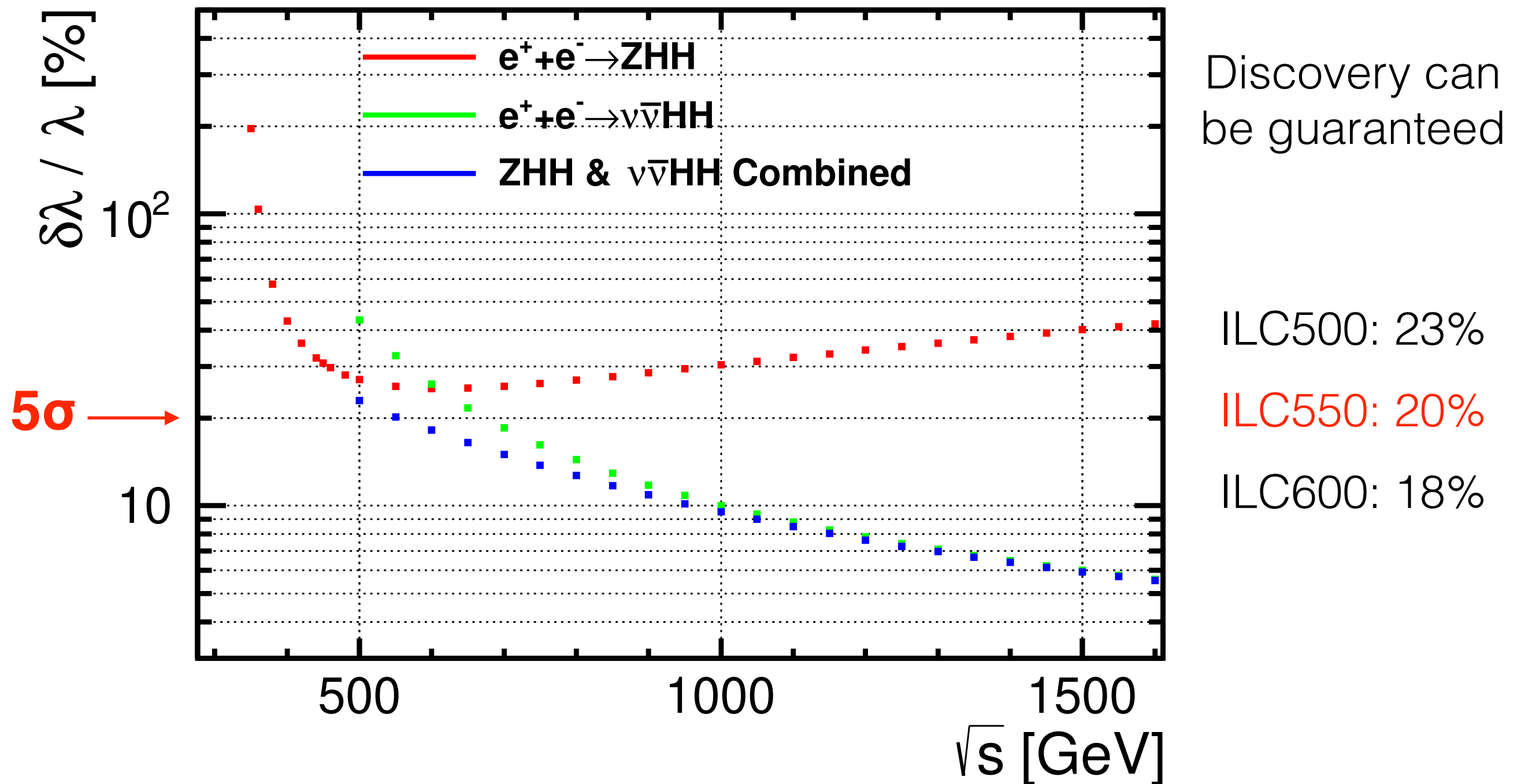
a lot of room for improvement by advanced analysis technique:
flavor tagging, jet-clustering, kinematic fitting, matrix element method, machine learning, etc

[talk by R.Tagami]

[talk by B.Bliewert]

λ_{HHH} : updated projection

- two production channels **combined** at all \sqrt{s} : WW-fusion channel rapidly becomes useful just a little above 500 GeV
- luminosity now also scaled **proportionally** to \sqrt{s}

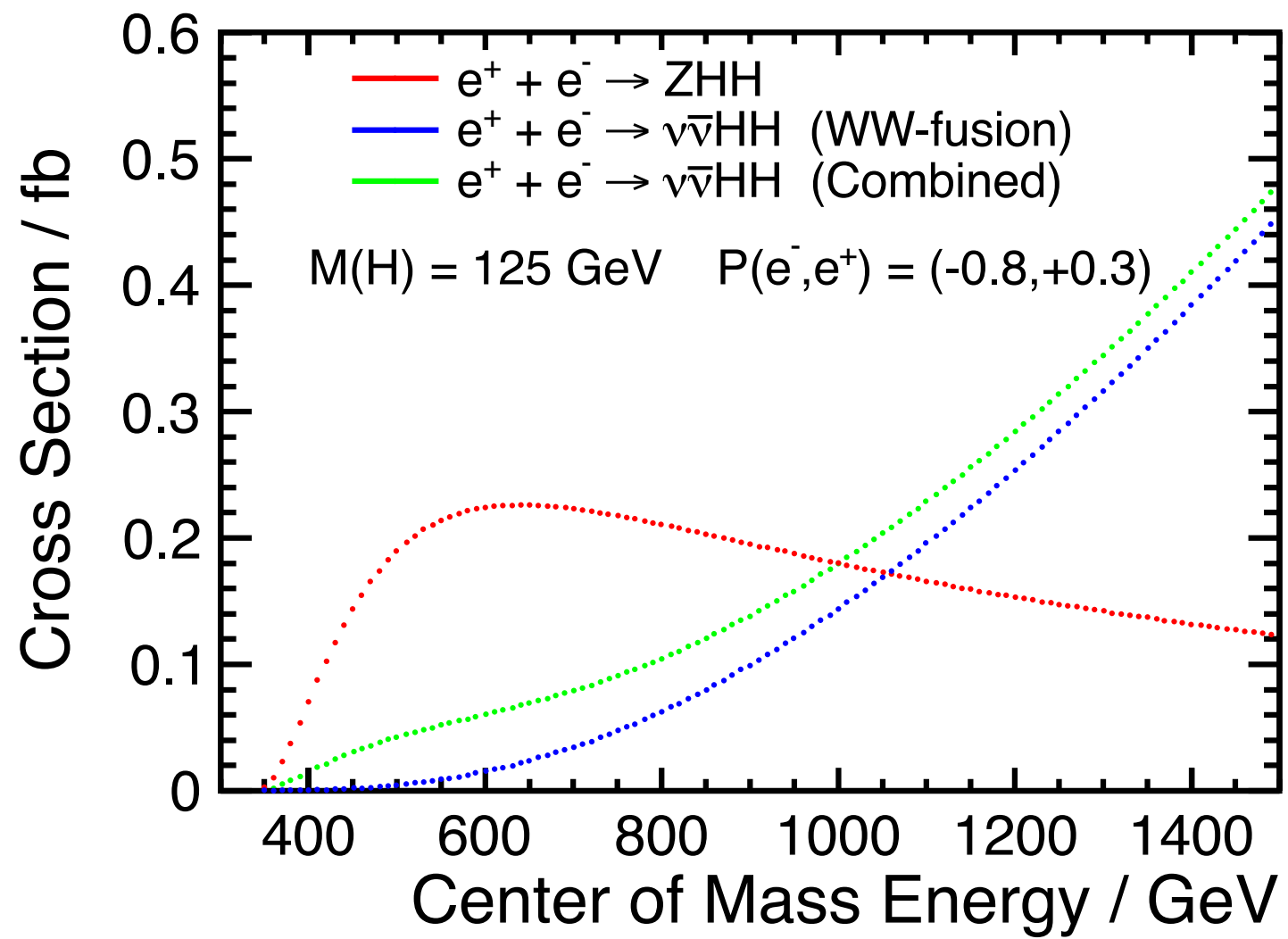


note: this is based on old DBD analysis; large room from new analysis

summary

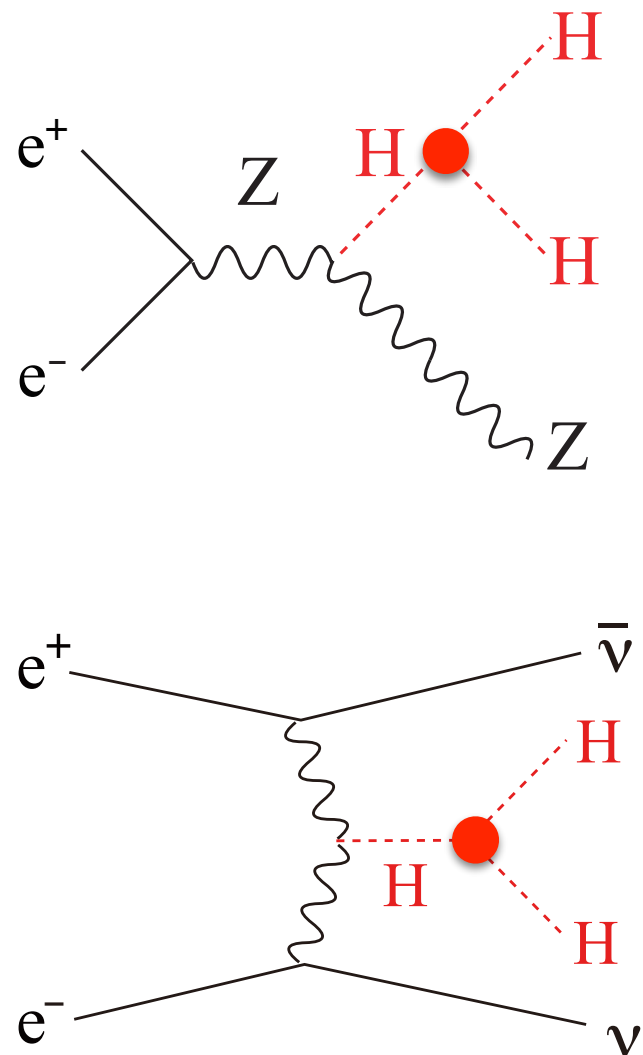
- Higgs & top are intimately engaged; many opportunities to learn Higgs physics from top-quark events, vice versa
- NLO effects from top-quark play very important role in the precision Higgs/EW measurements; (HL-)LHC input are very important for future Higgs factories
- A new global SMEFT fit is needed urgently to address the opportunity / challenges in probing λ_{HHH} using single-Higgs
- Updated λ_{HHH} projection using di-Higgs suggests discovery potential just a little above 500 GeV

backup



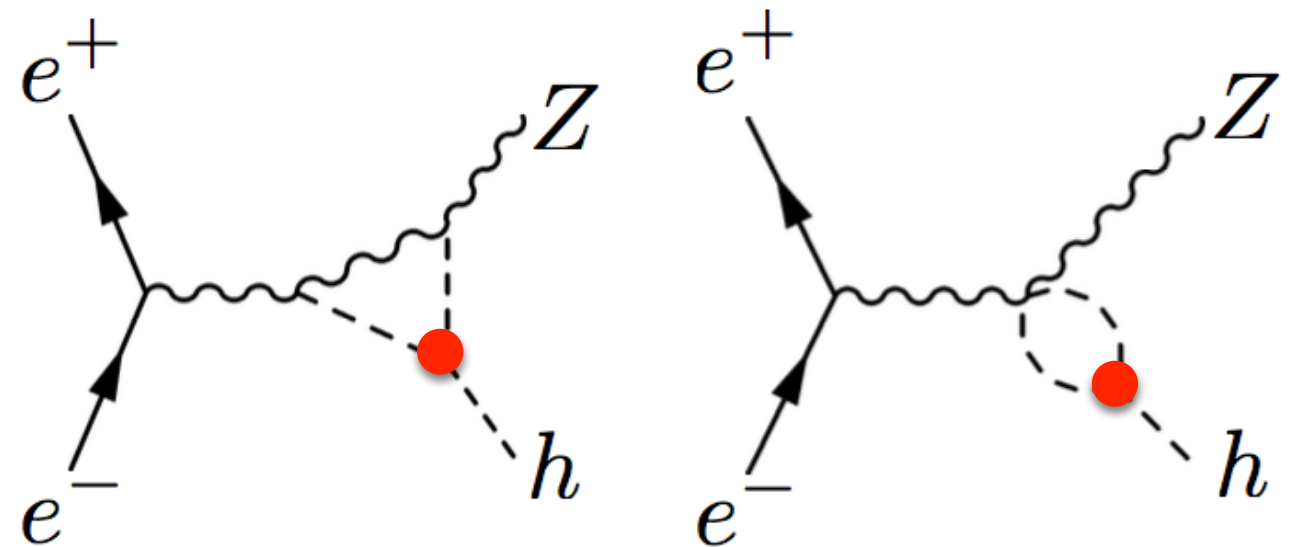
λ_{HHH} : di-Higgs & single-Higgs processes

$\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$



$\sigma_{HH} \sim O(0.1) \text{ fb}$

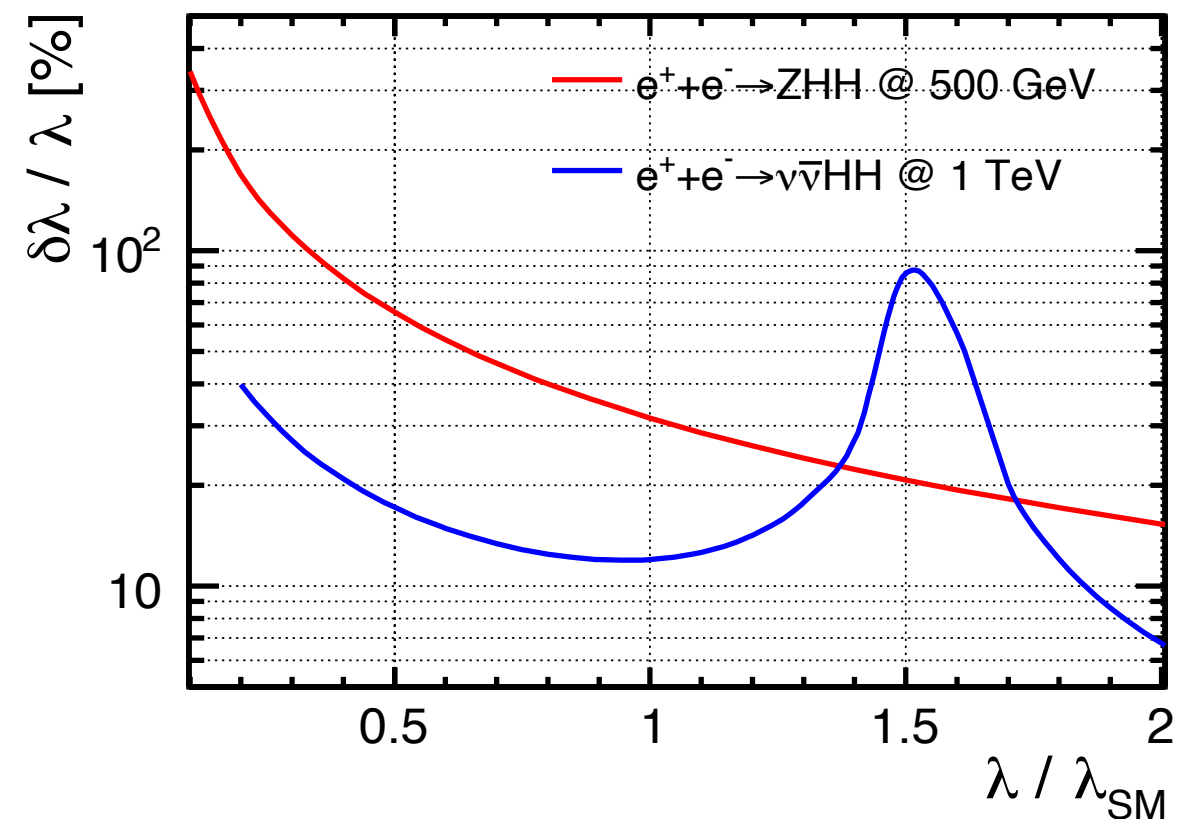
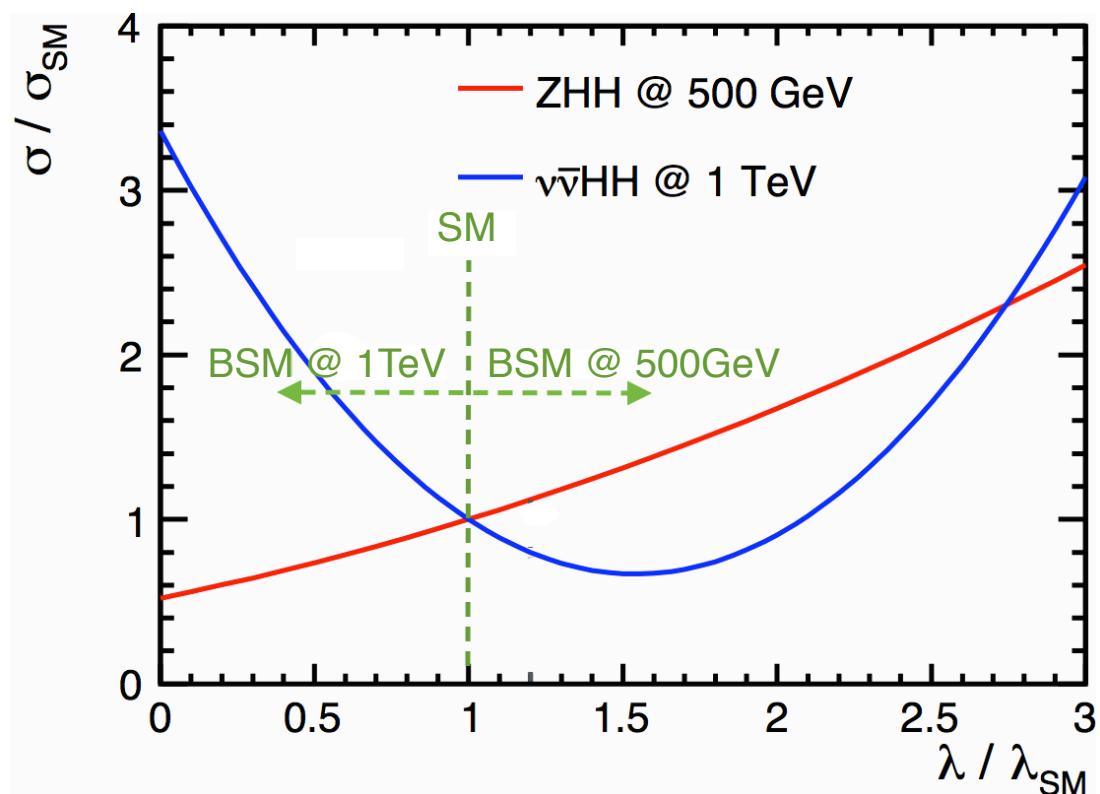
$\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 240\text{--}250 \text{ GeV}$



$\delta\sigma_{ZH} \sim O(1\%)$

Higgs self-coupling: when $\lambda_{HHH} \neq \lambda_{SM}$?

- profound effect on di-Higgs processes
- complementarity between ZHH & $\nu\bar{\nu}HH$ (& LHC): different interference
- if $\lambda_{HHH} / \lambda_{SM} = 2$, λ_{HHH} be *discovered* ($\sim 13\%$) using ZHH at 500 GeV e^+e^-



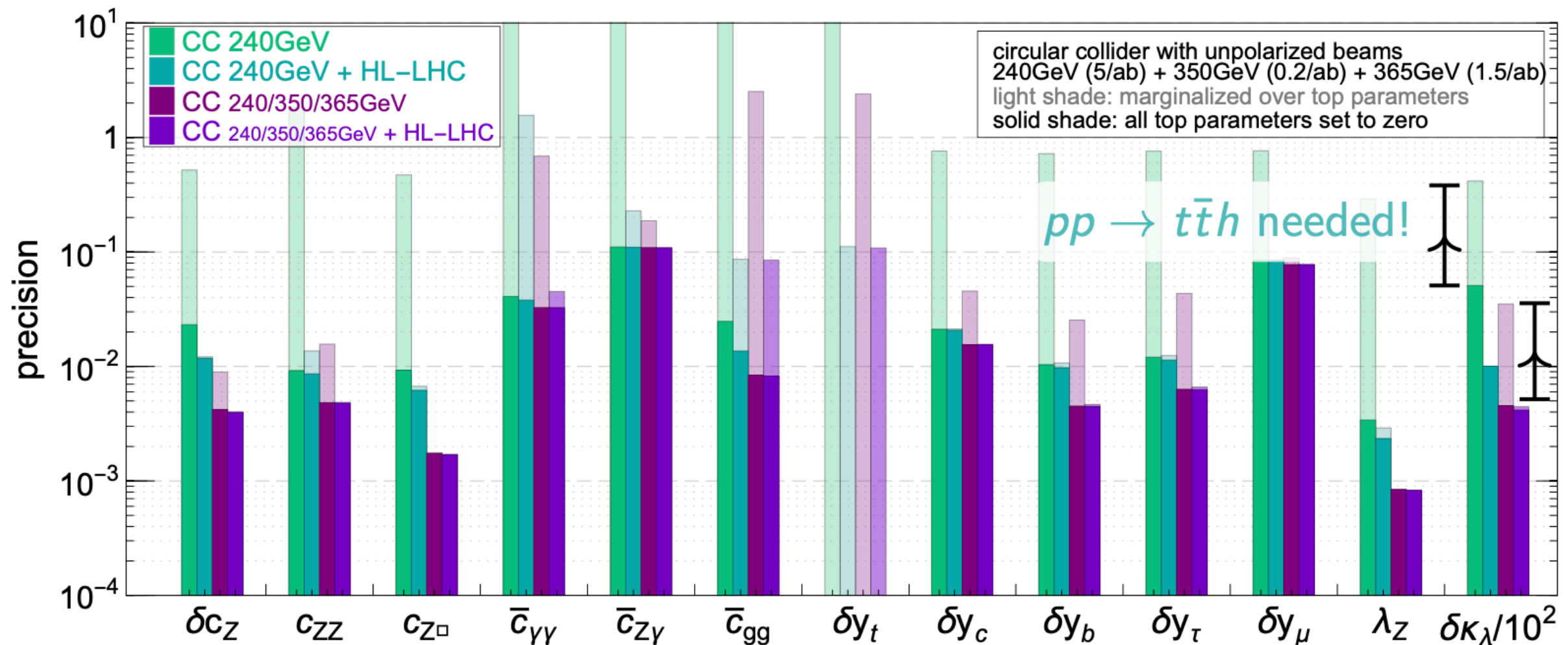
Top and trilinear

[GD, Gu, Vryonidou, Zhang '18]

[see also Jung, Lee, Perelló, Tian, Vos '20]

light shades: 12 Higgs op. floated + 6 top op. floated

dark shades: 12 Higgs op. floated + 6 top op. $\rightarrow 0$



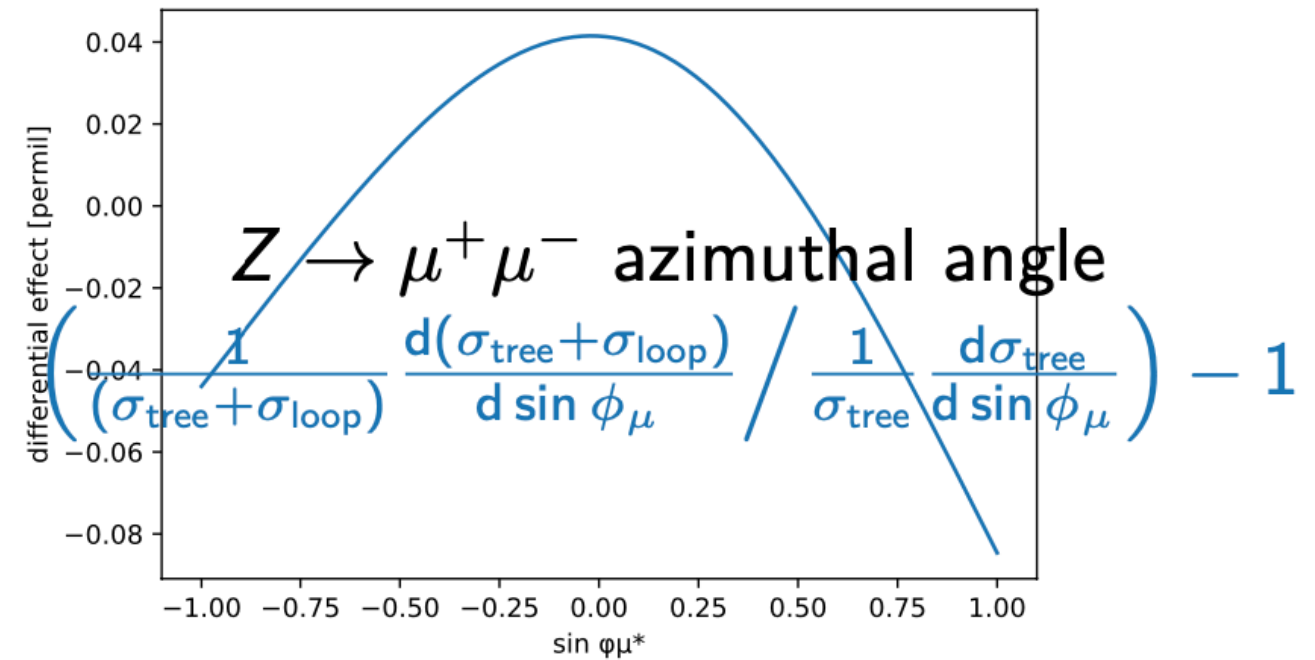
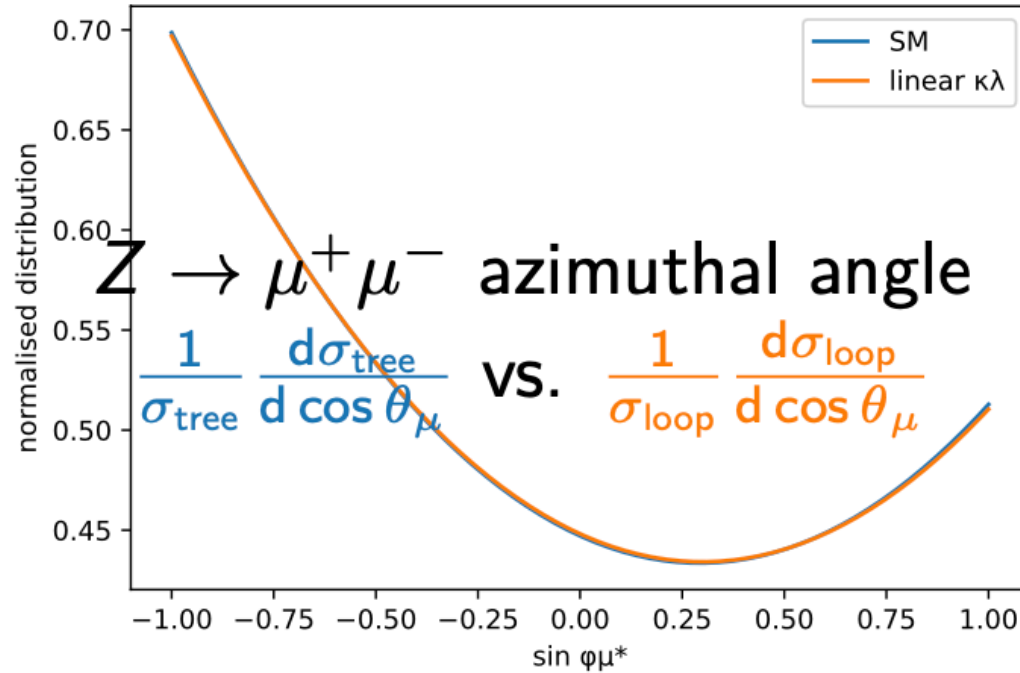
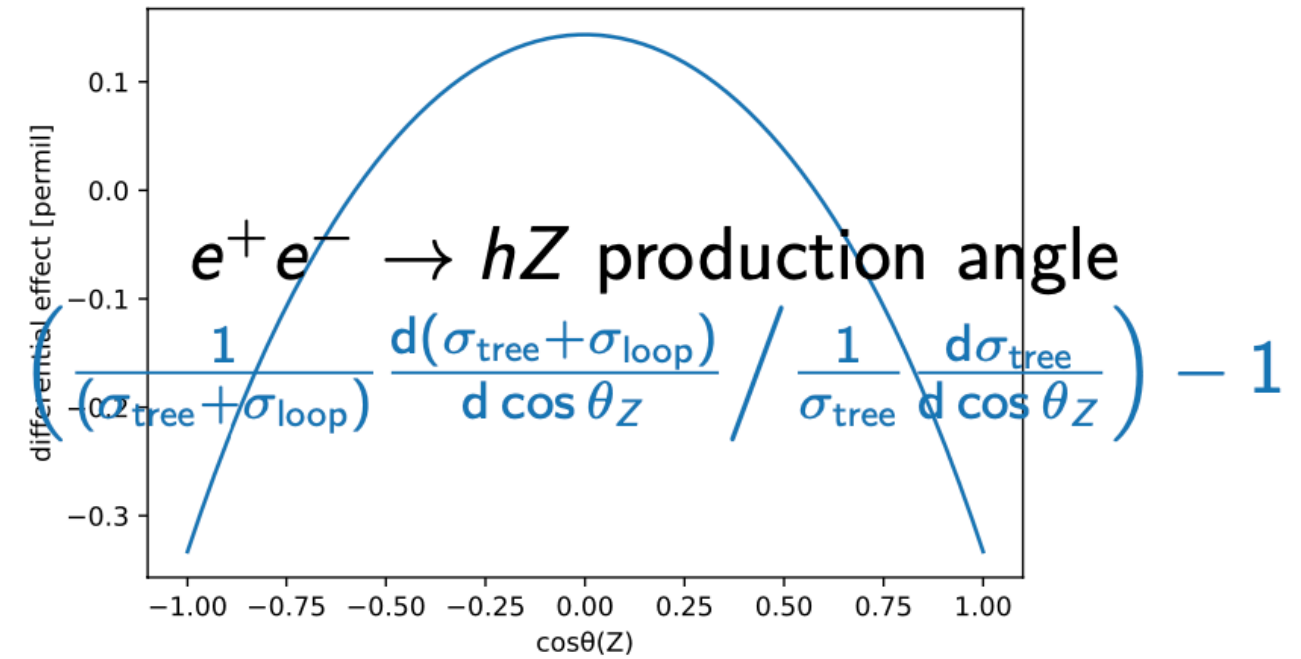
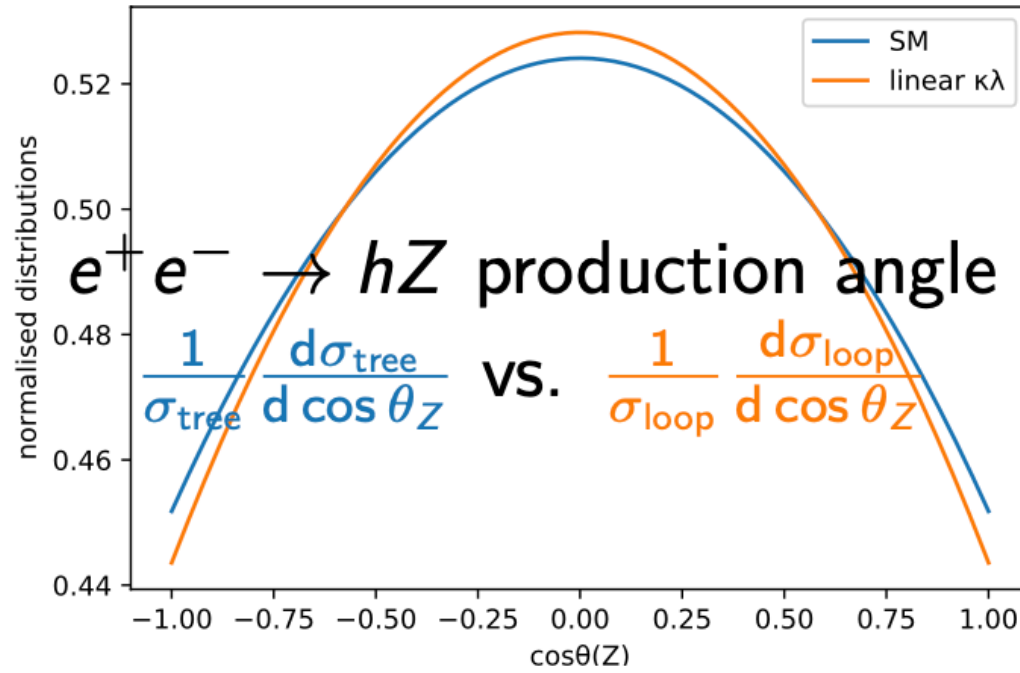
Uncertainties on the top have a big effect on the Higgs

- Higgsstr. run: insufficient
- Higgsstr. run \oplus top@HL-LHC: large top contaminations in $\bar{c}_{\gamma\gamma,gg,Z\gamma,ZZ}$
- Higgsstr. run \oplus $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$: large y_t contaminations in various coefficients
- Higgsstr. run \oplus $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \oplus$ top@HL-LHC: top contam. in \bar{c}_{gg} only

Differential hZ information

[Back-of-the-envelope calculations!!]
and discussions with Fabio Maltoni
& Xiaoran Zhao

ZZh loop κ_λ vertex: $F_a(p_i^2) (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2) + F_b(p_i^2) (p_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)(p_2 \cdot \epsilon_1)$
with $F_b/F_a \sim 10^{-2}$ so only $\lesssim 10^{-4}$ differential effect

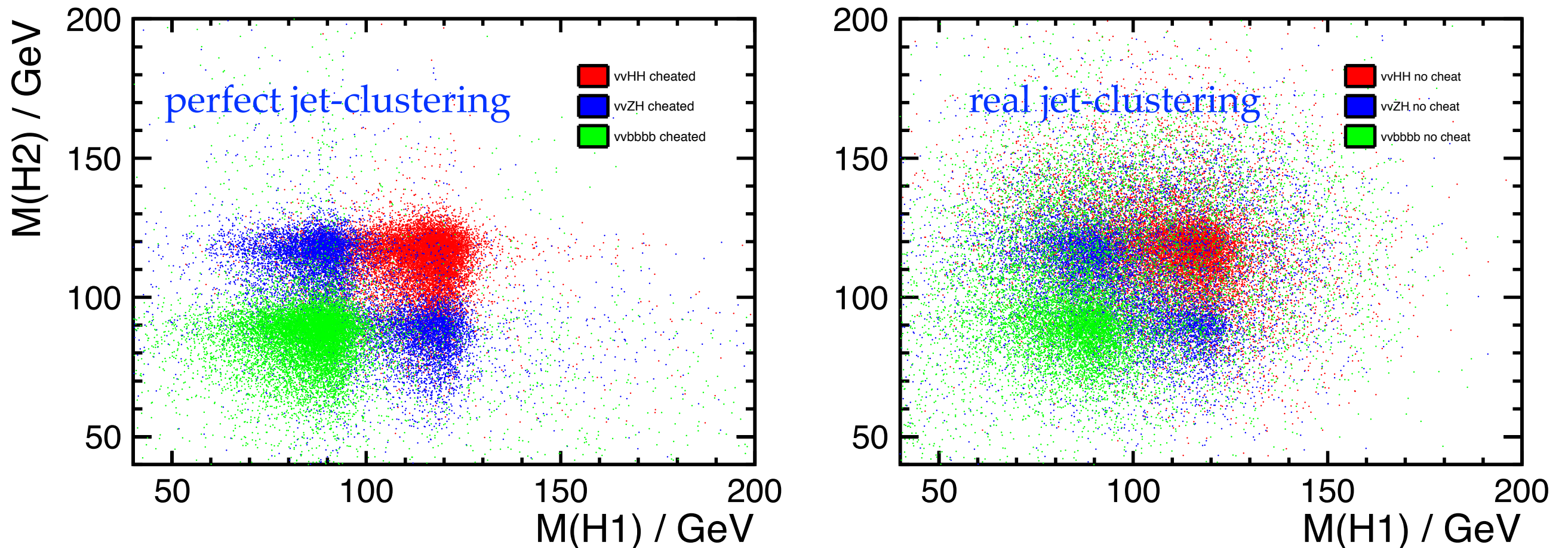


¿exploitable with an optimal discriminant?

(iii) improving jet-clustering algorithm?

ZHH->vvbbbb (BG: ZZH and ZZZ)

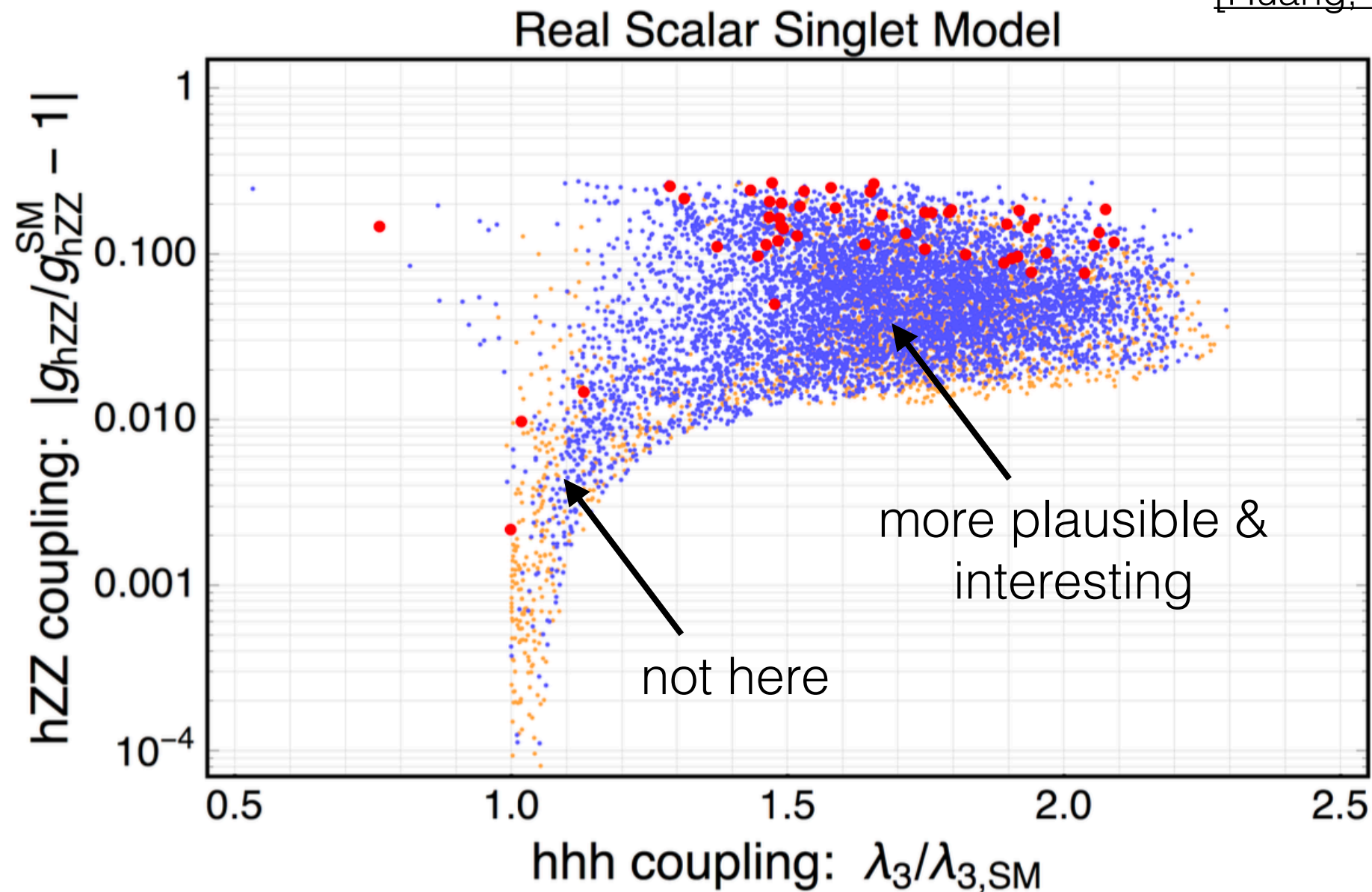
scatter plot of two Higgs masses



- ♦ the mis-clustering of particles degrades significantly the separation between signal and BG.
- ♦ it is studied that using perfect color-singlet-jet-clustering can improve $\delta\lambda/\lambda$ by 40%

(i) beyond SMEFT: large $\delta\lambda_{hhh}$; light scalars

[Huang, Long, Wang, '16]



orange: first-order phase transition

blue: strongly first-order phase transition ($v/T > 1.3$)

red: very strongly first-order phase transition (GW @ eLISA)

[recent models with even larger hierarchy $\delta_{hhh} / \delta_{hVV}$: [Durieux, McCullough, Salvioni, '22](#)]