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# *WW resonances as a window to Higgs physics*

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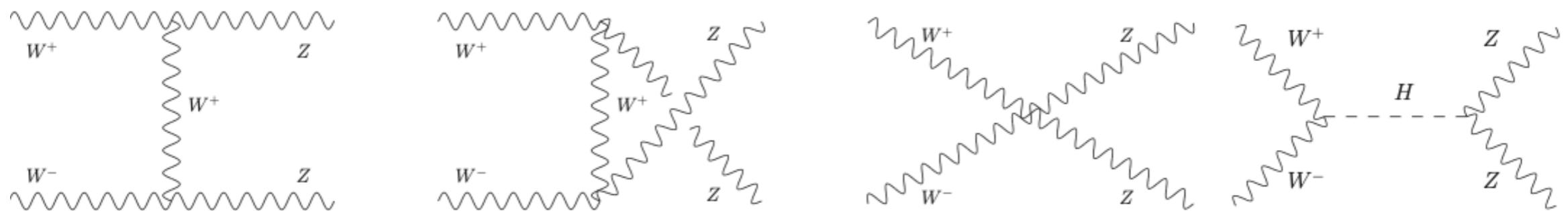
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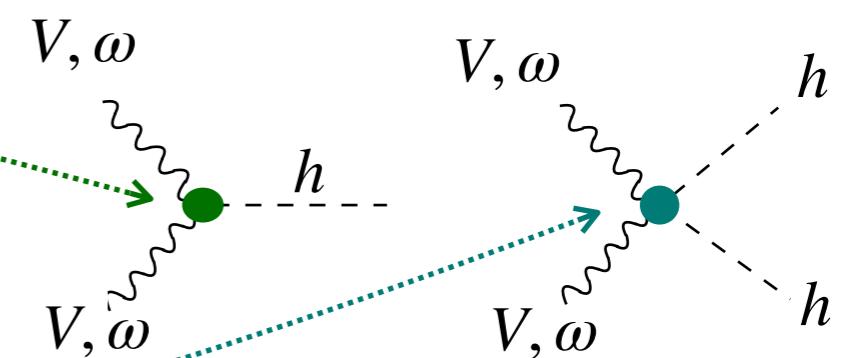
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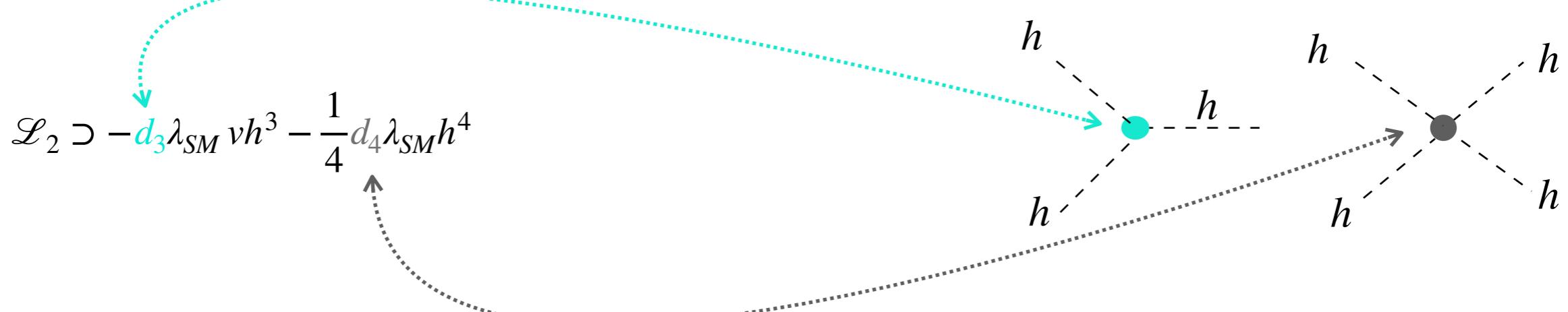
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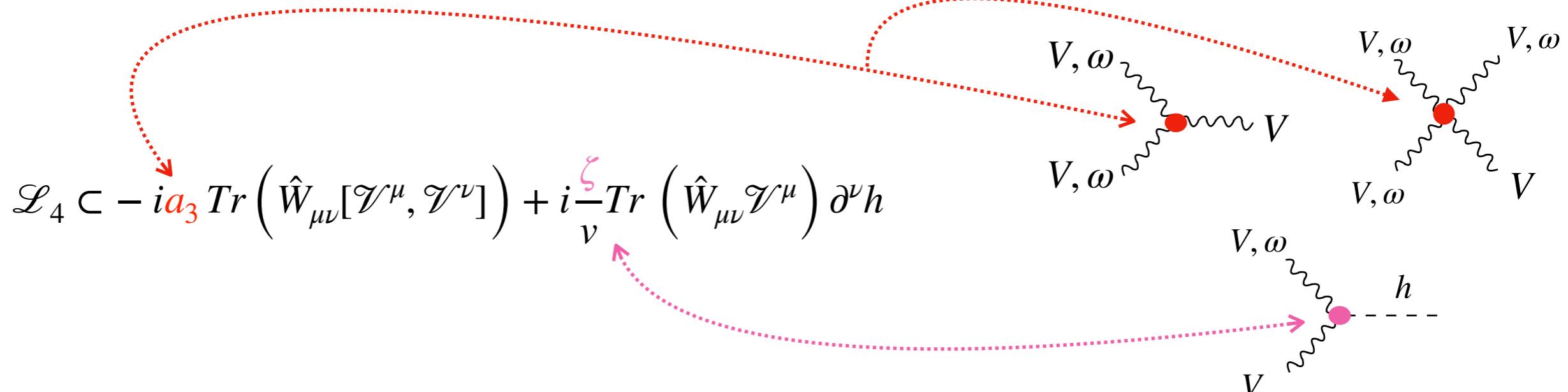
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- **Our Complete Lagrangian:**

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

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - V(h)$$

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

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- **Valid HEFT**  $\rightarrow \{\alpha_{p^2}\} + \{\alpha_{p^4}\}$    **but**    $\{\alpha_{p^2}\} + \{\alpha_{p^4}\} \not\rightarrow$  **Valid HEFT**

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- **Valid HEFT ???**

Need criteria to discriminate among different HEFTs!

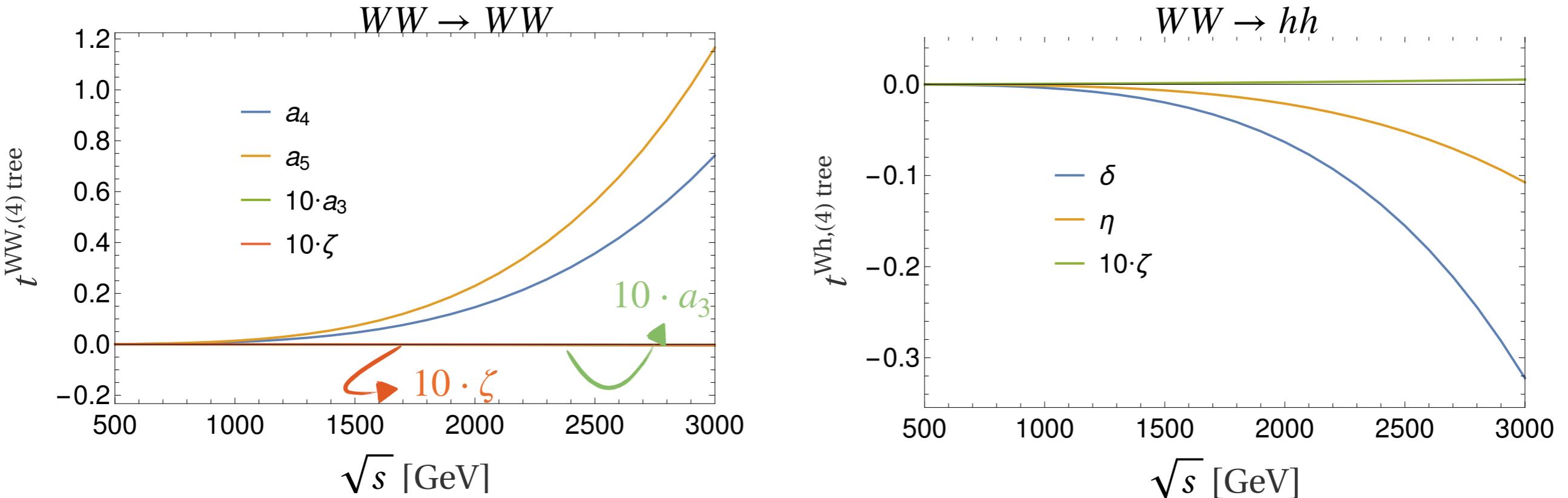
# Our approach

- **Valid HEFT:** good low energy description of a strongly interacting UV theory
- Look for **resonant states in unitarized WW scattering**
- Properties of predicted resonances **constrain on HEFT coefficients**
  - **Phenomenology:** appearance (or absence) of these resonances at the LHC minimum mass
  - **Theoretical:** no spurious (acausal) states appear
- **Up to now** from experiment at 95% C.L.

$a \in (0.94, 1.10),$ $a_4 \in (-0.0061, 0.0063),$	$b \in (0.55, 1.49),$ $a_5 \in (-0.0094, 0.0098)$	$d_3 \in (-1.4, 6.1),$ $\text{CMS}$
		$\text{ATLAS}$ $\text{CMS}$

- **The rest** remain experimentally unconstrained

# Our approach



- The relevant ones are those surviving in the  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$  limit ( $\mathbf{a}_4, \mathbf{a}_5, \delta, \eta, \gamma$ )
- Quick **violation of unitarity** with fastly growing amplitudes
- **Unitarization methods required** for predictions

# Unitarization

- Unitarization methods required: IAM
- Scalar resonances through **coupled channels**

$$t_{00}^{IAM} = \underbrace{t_{00}^{(2)} \left( t_{00}^{(2)} - t_{00}^{(4)} \right)^{-1} t_{00}^{(2)}}_{\text{resonances}}$$

$$t_{00}^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} WW^{(4)}(a_4, a_5) & WH^{(4)}(\delta, \eta) \\ WH^{(4)}(\delta, \eta) & HH^{(4)}(\gamma) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} WW : W_L W_L &\rightarrow W_L W_L \\ WH : W_L W_L &\rightarrow HH \\ HH : HH &\rightarrow HH \end{aligned}$$

- In total **4 (LO) + 5 (NLO)** dimensional parameter space after neglecting  $\mathcal{O}(p^4) g \neq 0$  operators
- a **full NLO**  $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$  is available in the literature. Too complicated for our purposes.

Maria J. Herrero and Roberto A. Morales  
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- **Shortcut:**  $t_{IJ}^{(4)} = Re t_{IJ}^{(4)} + i Im t_{IJ}^{(4)}$

Tree level	One loop	Equivalence theorem:
● $Re t_{IJ}^{(4)} : \{\alpha_{p^4}\} - terms + NLO - ET$ amplitude	$\rightarrow$ amplitude	$\left[ W_L \rightarrow \omega + o(M_V/\sqrt{s}) \right]$

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

# Our work

- $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$  at **NLO** with transverse  $W$  propagating inside the loops:  $g \neq 0$
- **EFT + unitarization techniques** predict resonances in various channels

- Isovector - vector ( $IJ = 11$ )

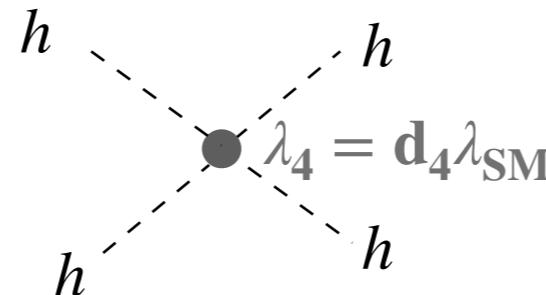
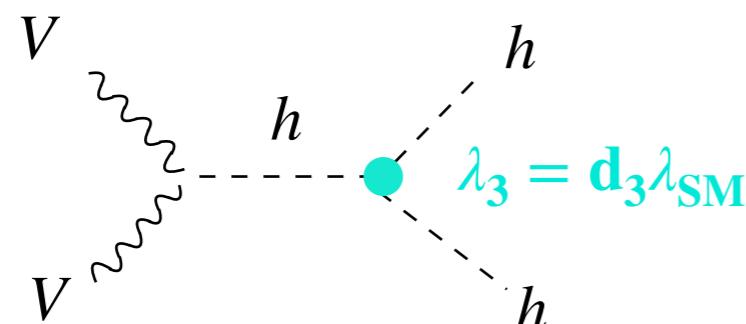
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- Isotensor - tensor ( $IJ = 20$ )

**Excludes**  $2a_4 + a_5 < 0$   
with acausal resonances

- Isoscalar - scalar ( $IJ = 00$ )

$5a_4 + 8a_5$  combination



**Now accessible at tree-level  
along unitarization of WW!**

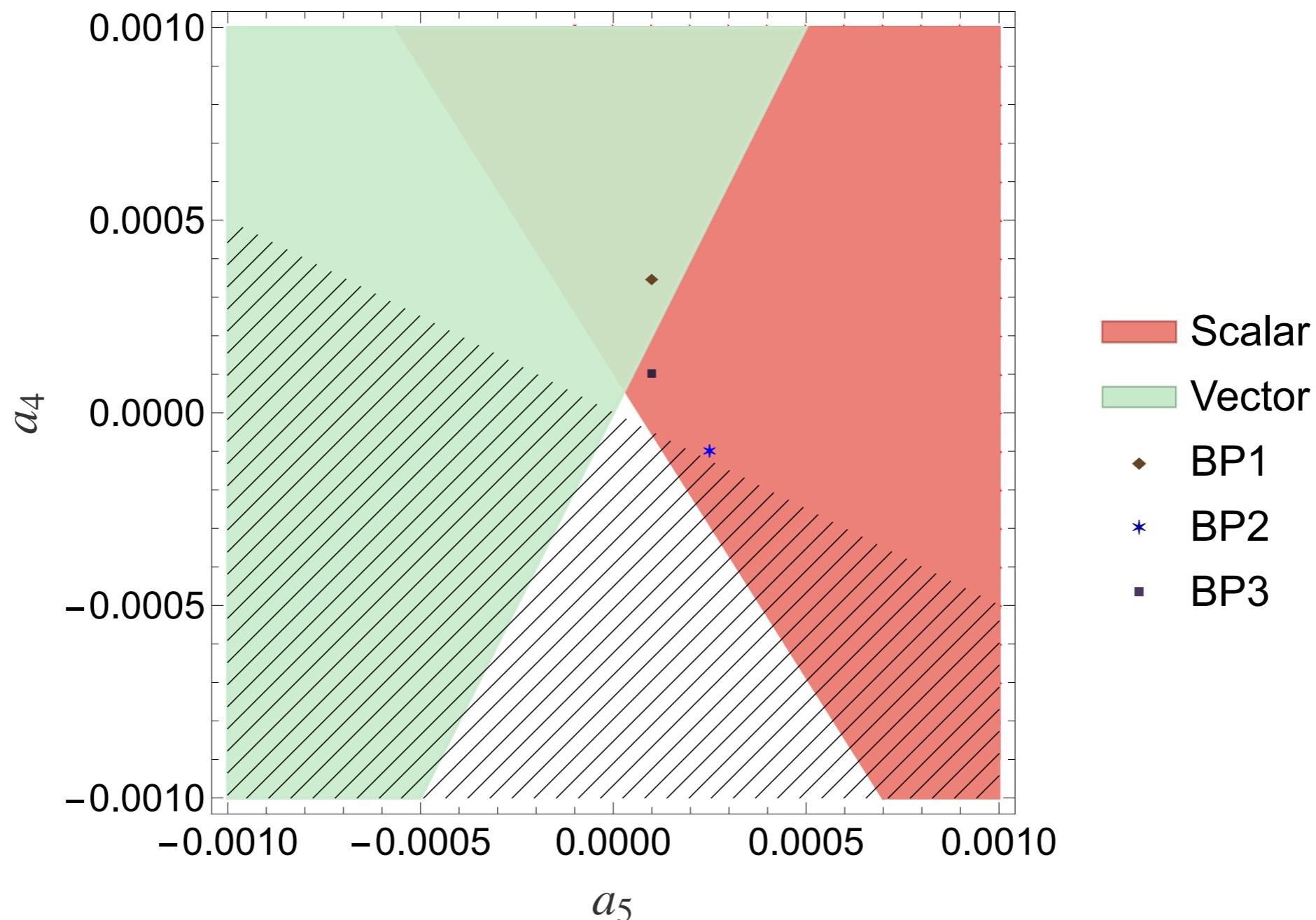
- We **require** physical scalar resonances with  $M_S > 1.8$  TeV

**I. Rosell, A. Pich and J.J. Sanz-Cillero**  
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- Physical by **phase-shift criteria**: shift in the phase from  $\pi/2$  to  $-\pi/2$

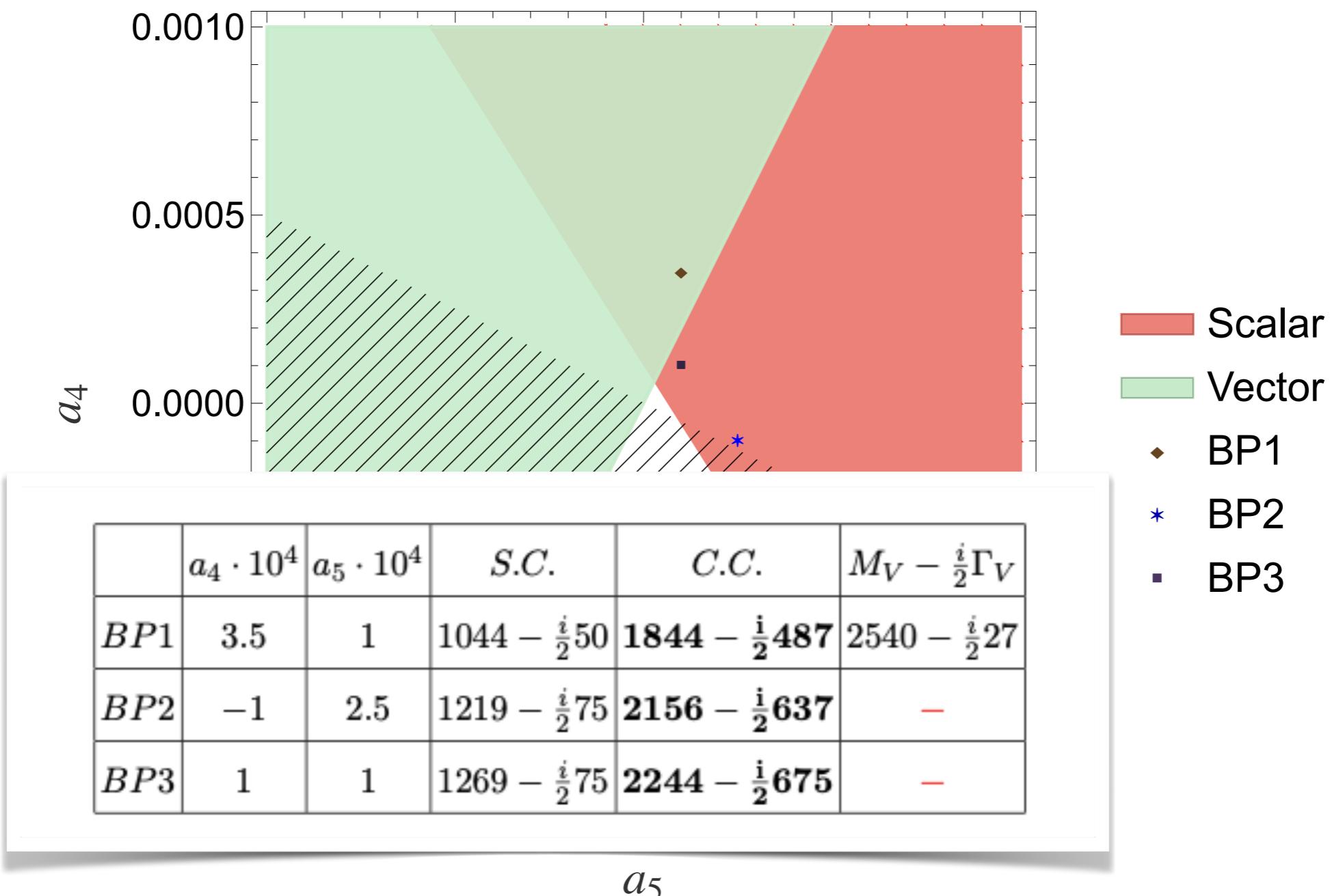
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BP3	<b>2244</b> − $\frac{i}{2}675$	$2156 - \frac{i}{2}537$	$2094 - \frac{i}{2}450$	<b>2356</b> − $\frac{i}{2}925$	<b>2544</b> − $\frac{i}{2}\Gamma$

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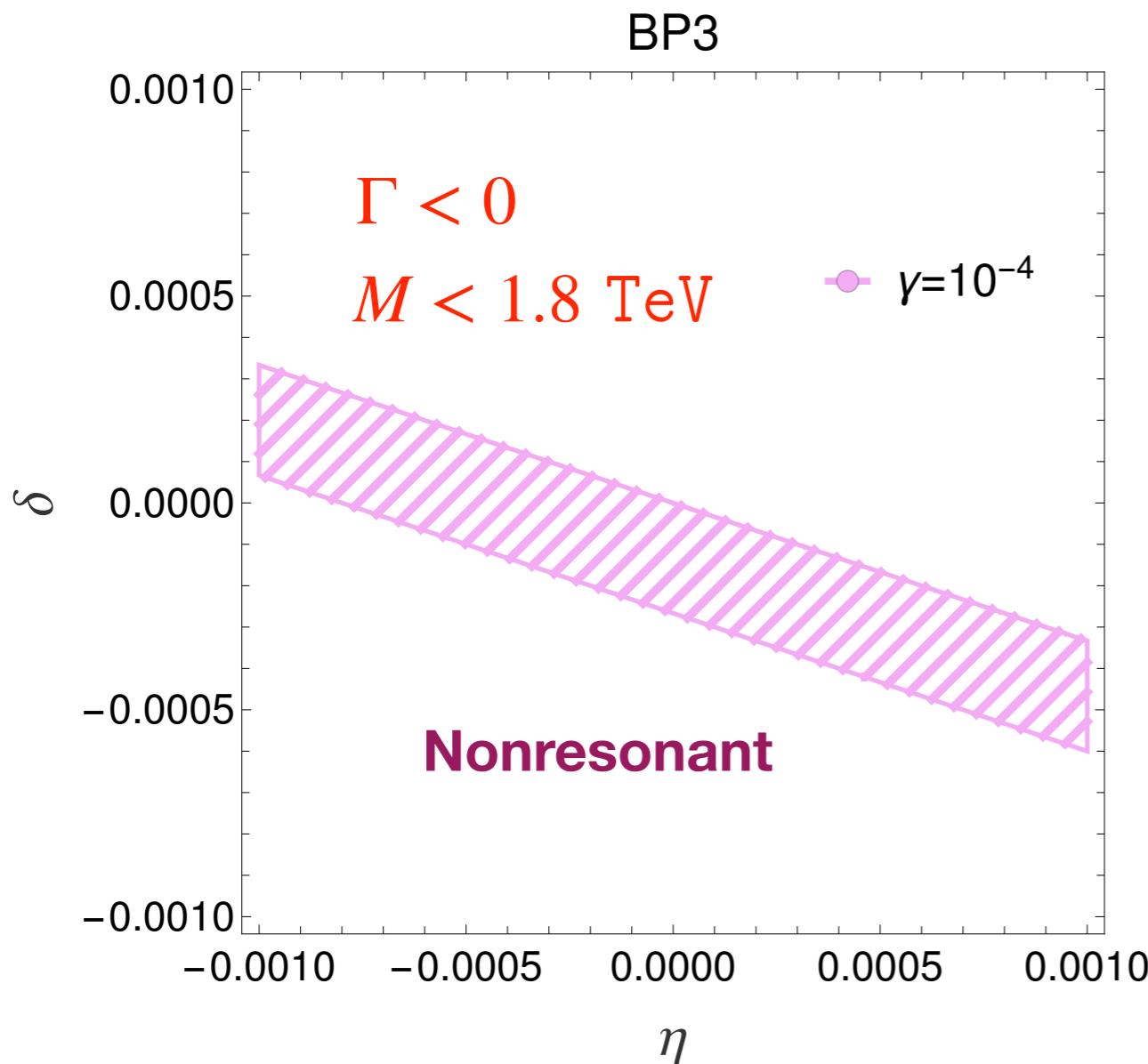
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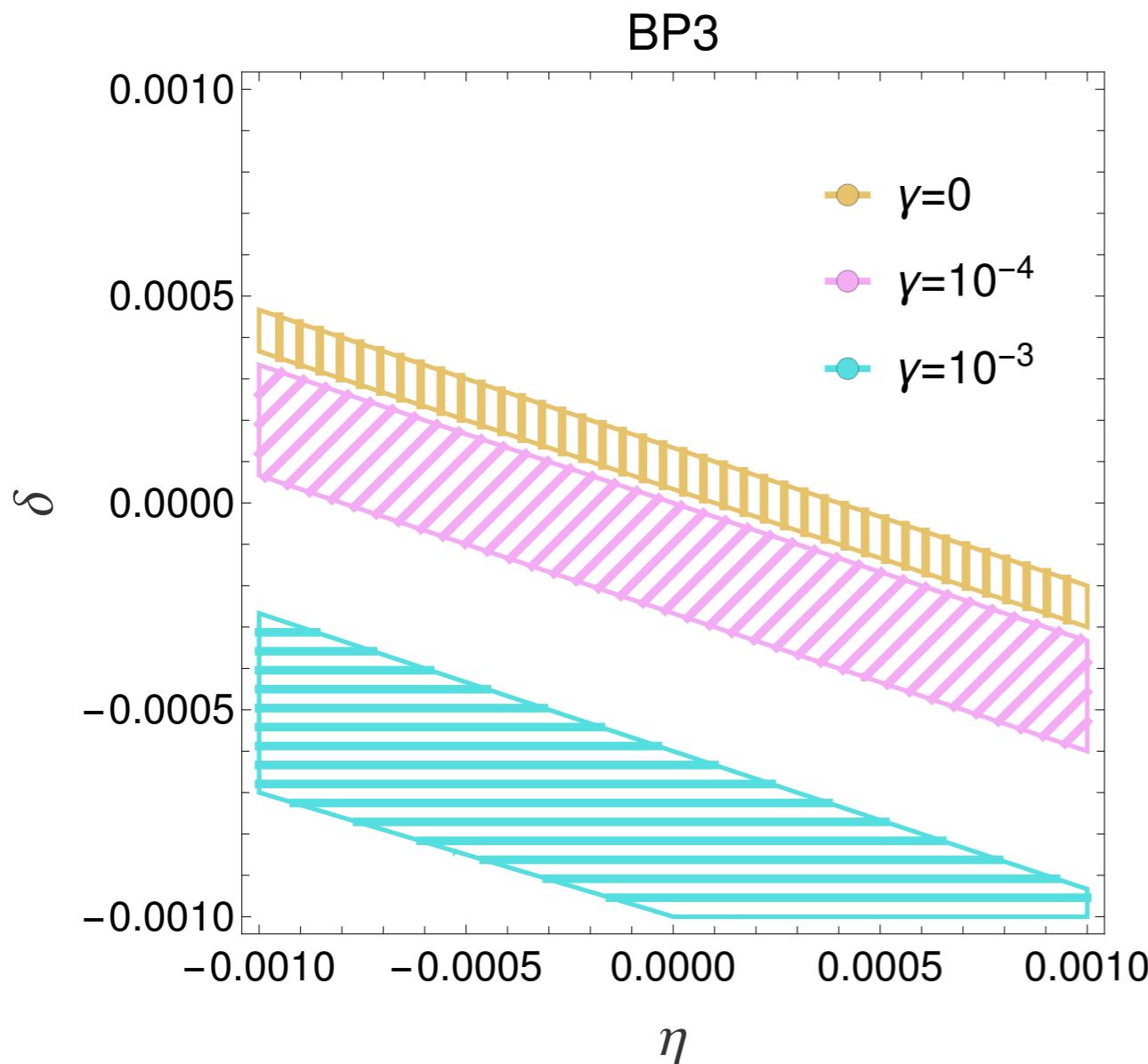
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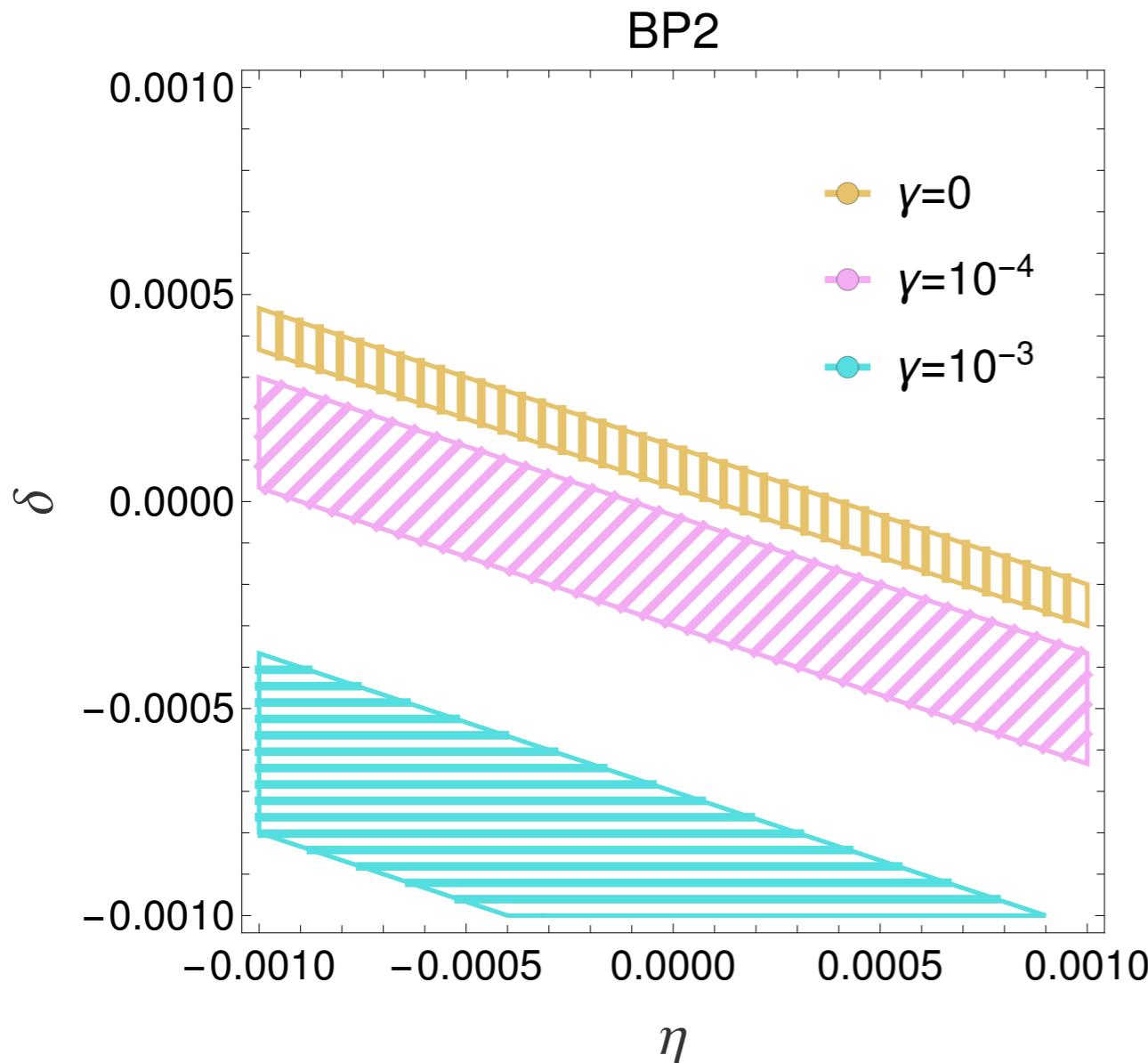


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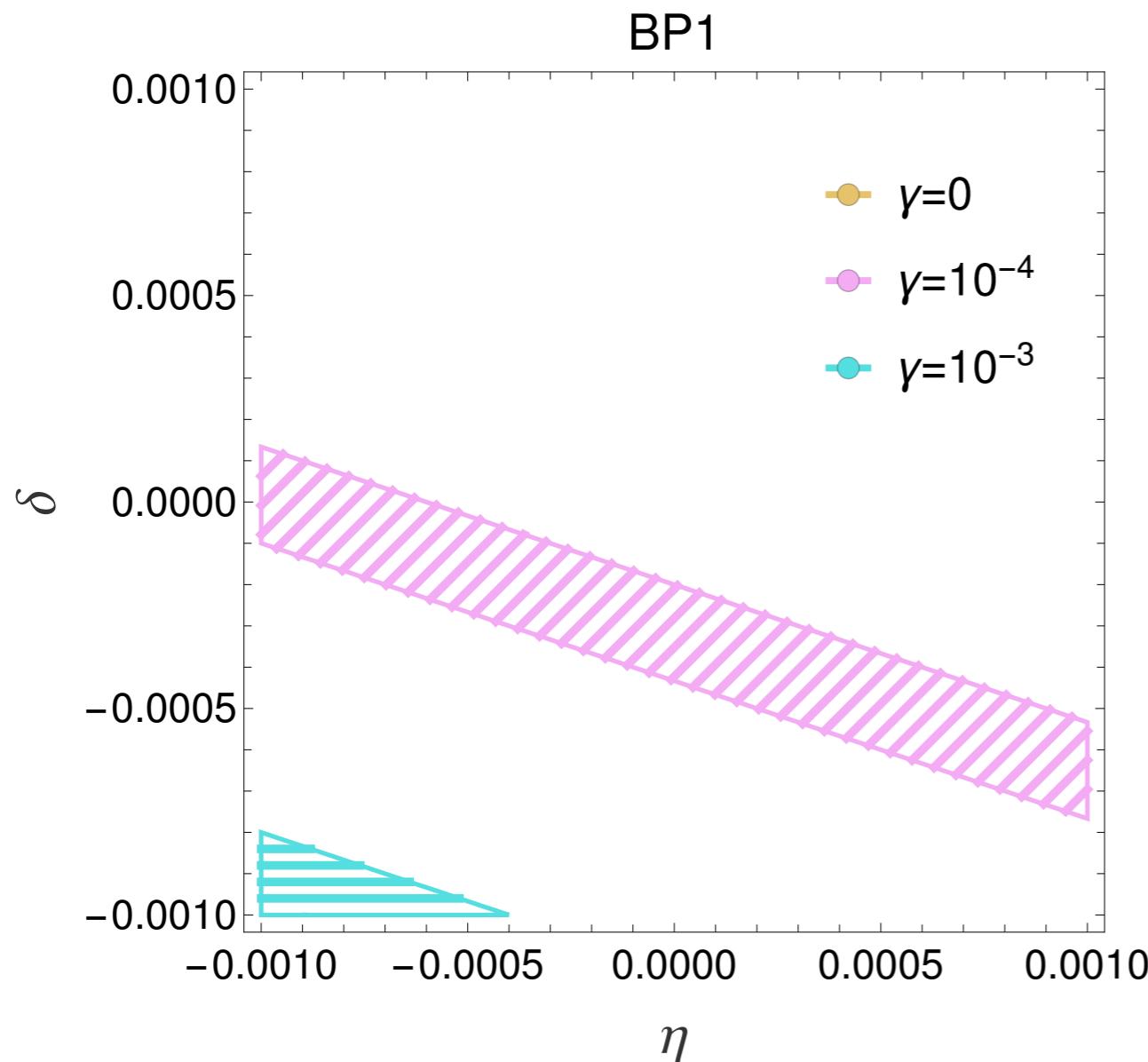
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- Can resonant states say something about **Higgs potential?**
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- **Two** physical poles
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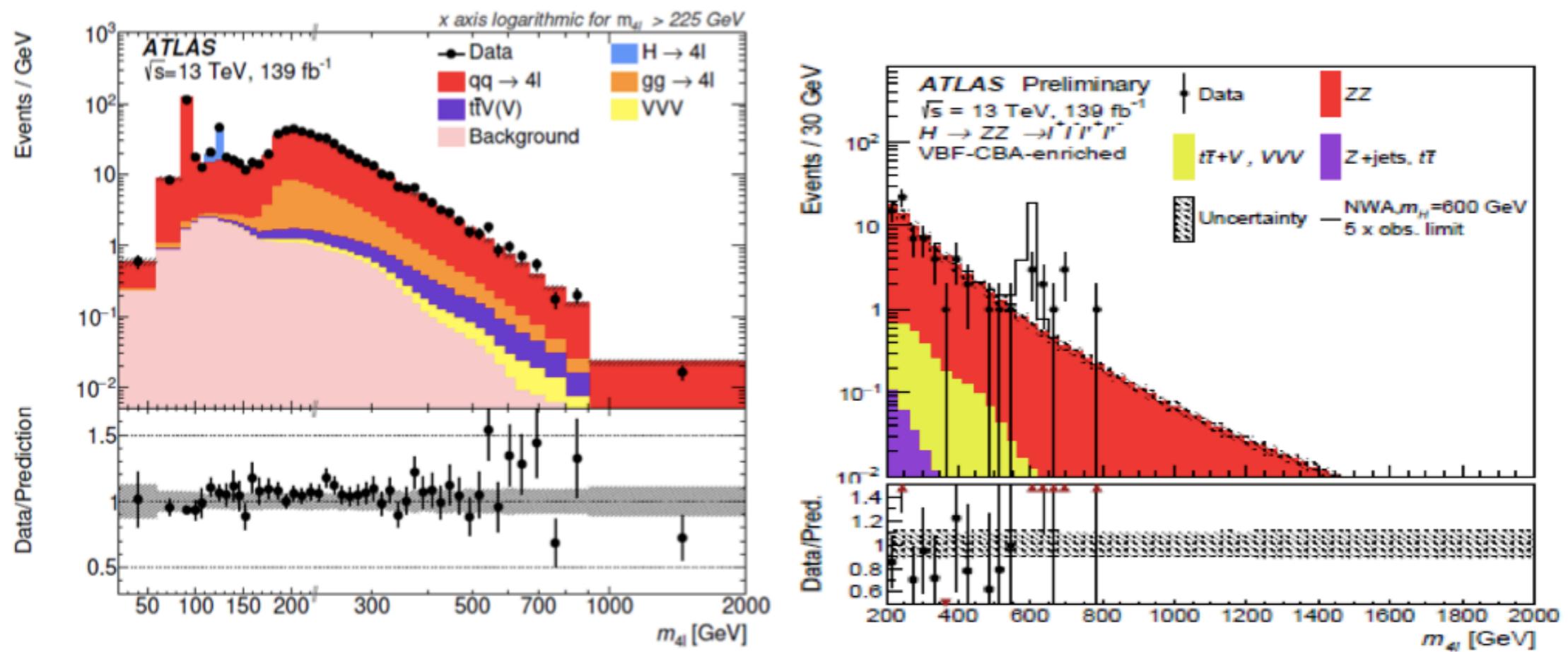
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- **One pole** scenario. Makes sense since the effect of  $\sim d_4 h^4$  should be similar to  $\sim \gamma (\partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h)^2$
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# What if...

- What if **there is** a light resonance ( $< 1.8$  TeV) but not confirmed yet?
- **ATLAS + CMS: some evidence**  $H(650) \rightarrow WW$  in 4 leptonic final state

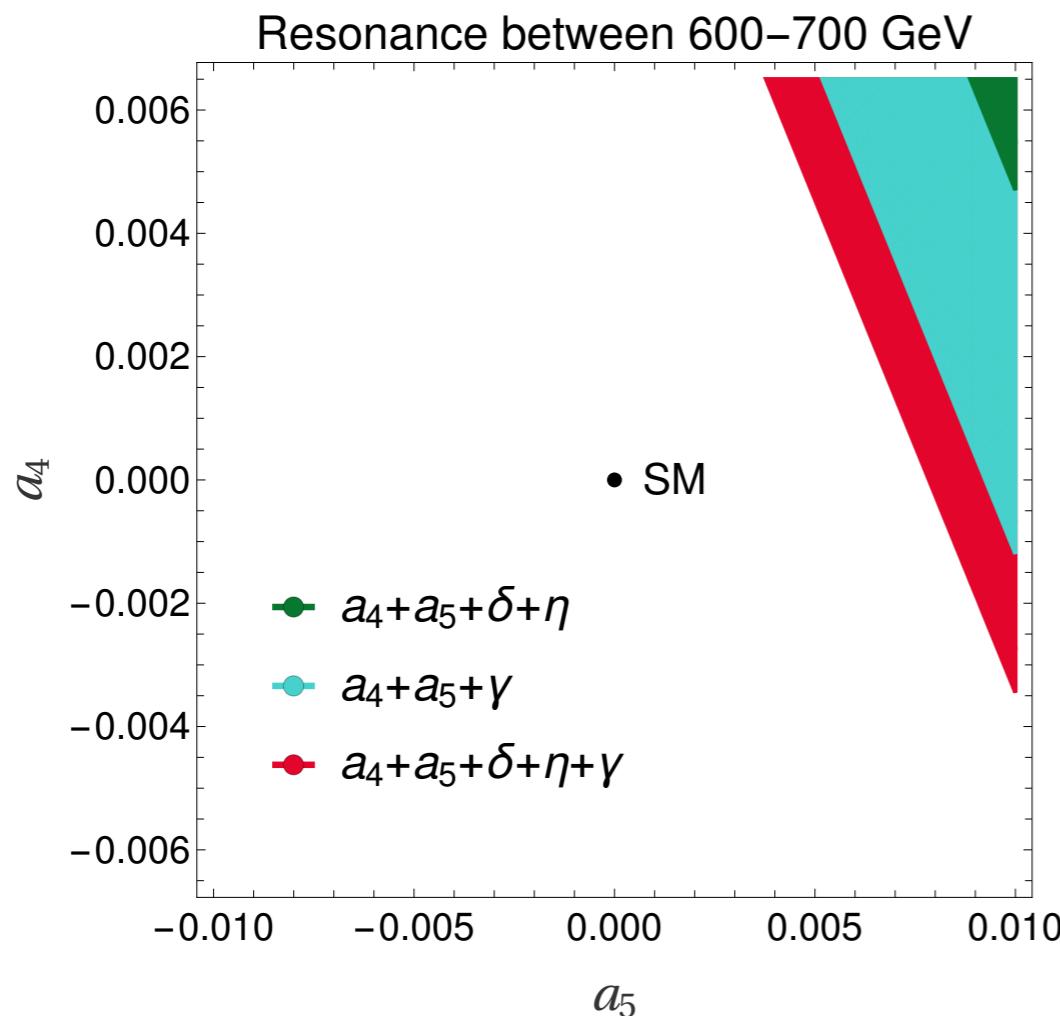


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- We can in a **nontrivial way**
- Map shows if this light resonance **can be** produced for certain values of NLO coeffs.
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- Are the properties of this resonance **compatible with experiment?**

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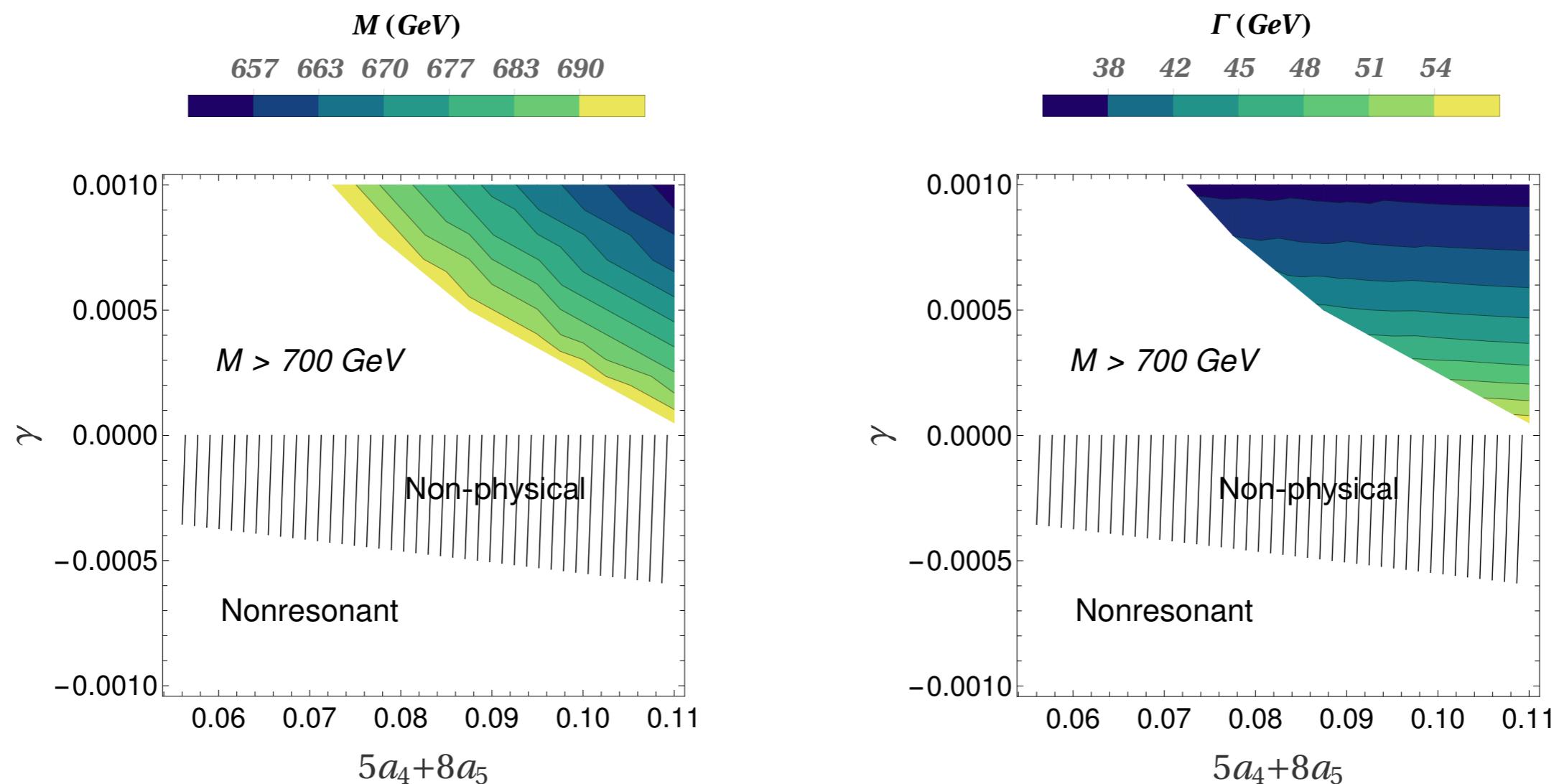
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- $\Gamma = 90 \pm 28 \text{ GeV}$
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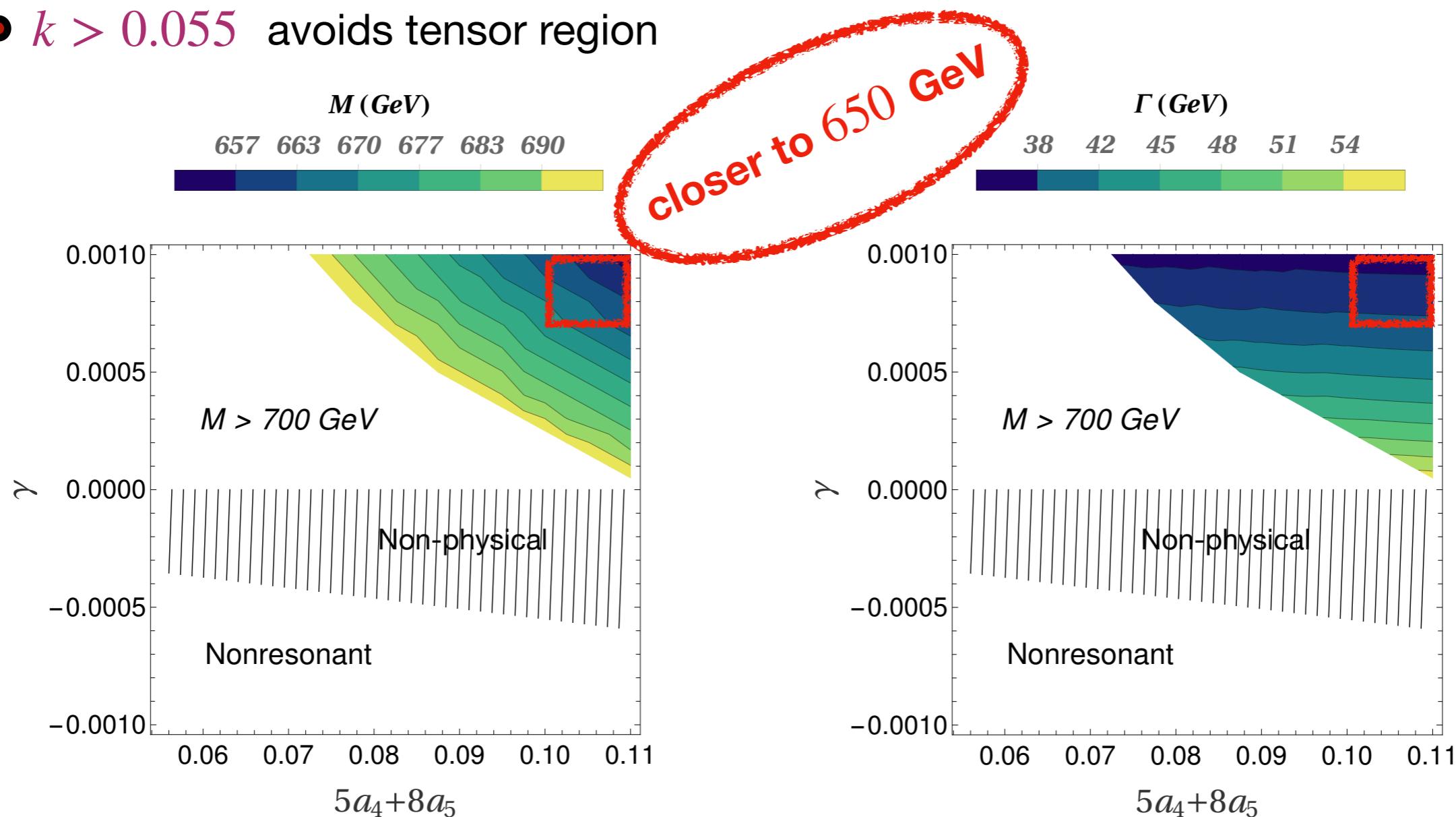
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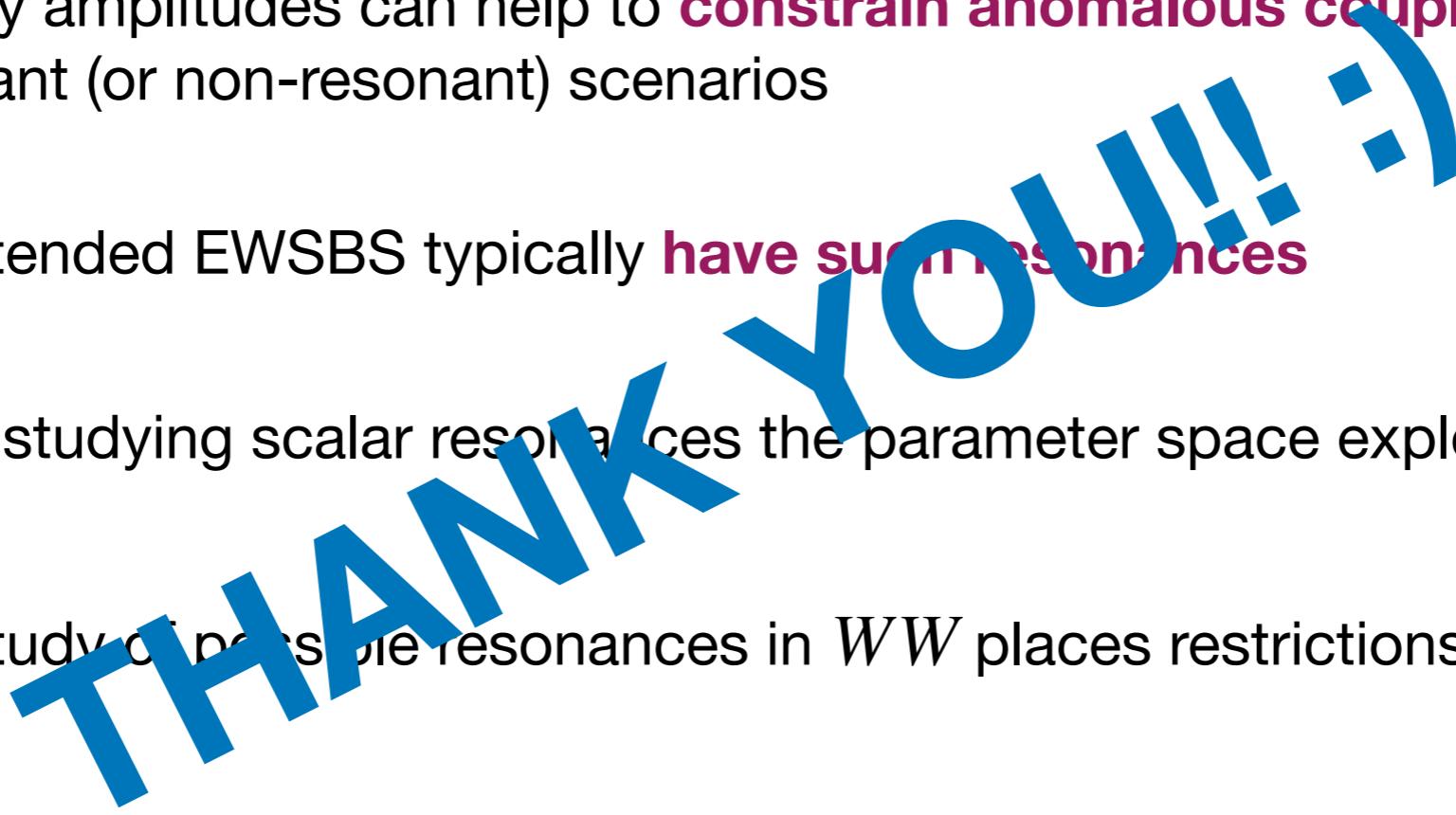


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# **BACK UP SLIDES**

# The Lagrangian

- Our complete Lagrangian

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

$$- V(h)$$

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

- Building blocks

$$U = \exp \left( \frac{i\omega^a \sigma^a}{v} \right) \in SU(2)_V, \quad V_\mu = D_\mu U^\dagger U, \quad \mathcal{F}(h) = 1 + 2a \left( \frac{h}{v} \right) + b \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + \dots,$$

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

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

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_{GF} + \mathcal{L}_{FP}$$

# 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 ( <i>S</i> -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  $hh \rightarrow hh$

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta v_{div}^2 &= \frac{\Delta}{16\pi^2} ((b - a^2)M_h^2 + 3(a^2 + 2)M_W^2), \quad \delta T_{div} = -\frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v} 3(d_3 M_h^4 + 6a M_W^4), \\
\delta a &= \frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v^2} (6a(-2a^2 + b + 1)M_W^2 + (5a^3 - a(2 + 3b) - 3d_3(a^2 - b))M_h^2), \\
\delta b &= \frac{\Delta}{32\pi^2 v^2} (6(3a^4 - 6a^2b + b(b + 2))M_W^2 \\
&\quad - (21a^4 - a^2(8 + 19b) + b(4 + 2b) + 6ad_3(1 + 2b - 3a^2) - 3d_4(b - a^2))M_h^2), \\
\delta \lambda_{div} &= \frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2 v^4} ((5a^2 - 2b + 3(d_3(3d_3 - 1) + d_4))M_h^4 - 12(2a^2 + 1)M_W^2 M_h^2 \\
&\quad + 18(a(2a - 1) + b)M_W^4), \\
\delta \lambda_3 &= \frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2 v^4} (36abM_W^4 + 6(3a^3 - 3ab - d_3(5a^2 + 1))M_W^2 M_h^2 \\
&\quad + (-9a^3 + 3ab + d_3(10a^2 - b) + 9d_3 d_4)M_h^4), \\
\delta \lambda_4 &= \frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2 v^4} (36b^2 M_W^4 - 12(a^2 - b)(8a^2 - 2b - 9ad_3)M_W^2 M_h^2 \\
&\quad + (96a^4 + 4b^2 - d_3(114a^3 - 42ab) + 9d_4^2 + a^2(-64b + 27d_3^2 + 12d_4))M_h^4), \\
\delta a_3 &= -\frac{\Delta}{384\pi^2} (1 - a^2), \quad \delta a_4 = -\frac{\Delta}{192\pi^2} (1 - a^2)^2, \\
\delta a_5 &= -\frac{\Delta}{768\pi^2} (5a^4 - 2a^2(3b + 2) + 3b^2 + 2), \\
\delta \gamma &= -\frac{\Delta}{64\pi^2} 3(b - a^2)^2, \quad \delta \delta = -\frac{\Delta}{192\pi^2} (b - a^2)(7a^2 - b - 6), \quad \delta \eta = -\frac{\Delta}{48\pi^2} (b - a^2)^2, \\
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$$\delta M_{W,div}^2 = \frac{\Delta}{48\pi^2 v^2} \left( M_W^2 \left[ 3 (b - a^2) M_h^2 + (-69 + 10a^2) M_W^2 \right] \right),$$

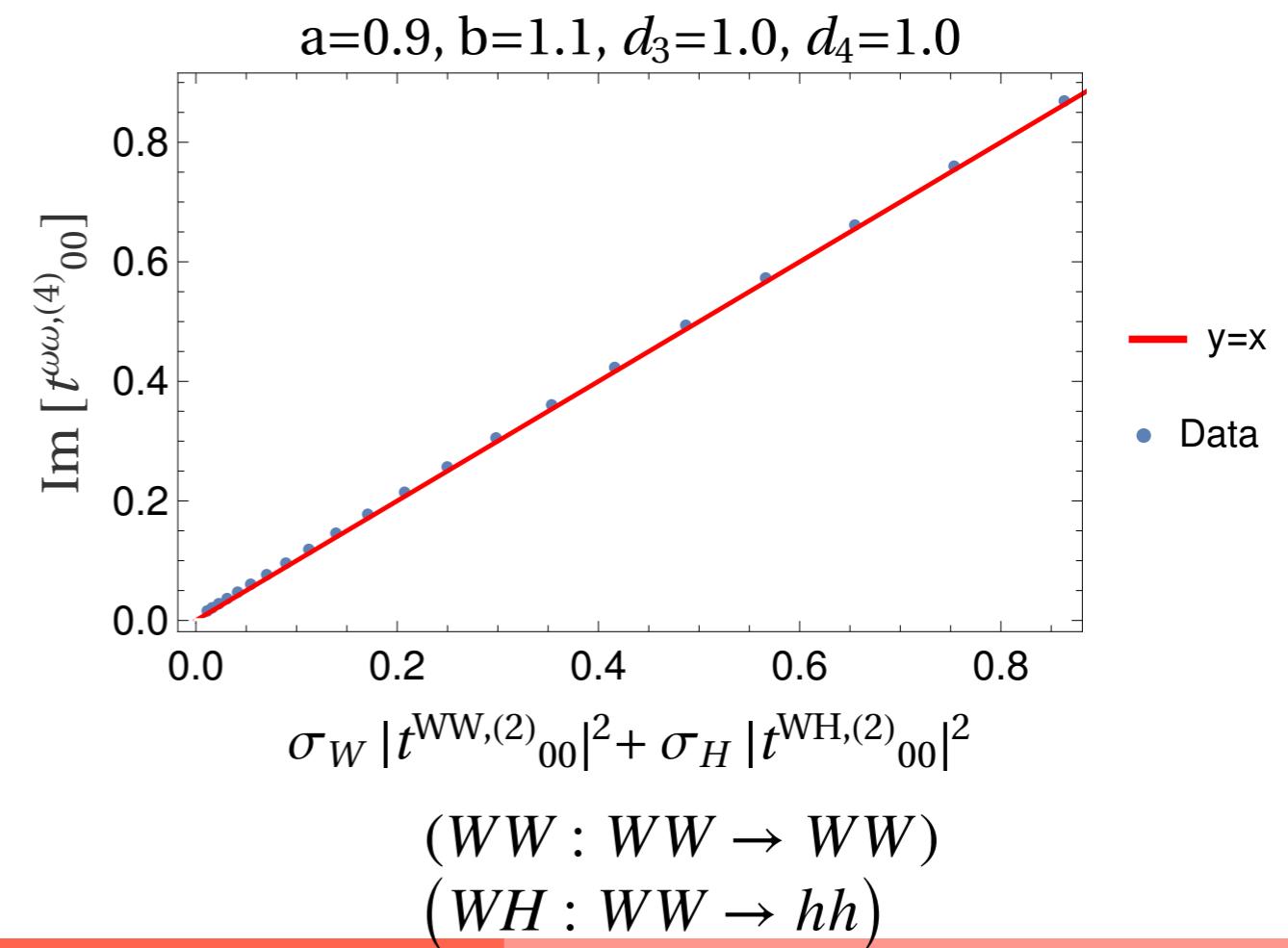
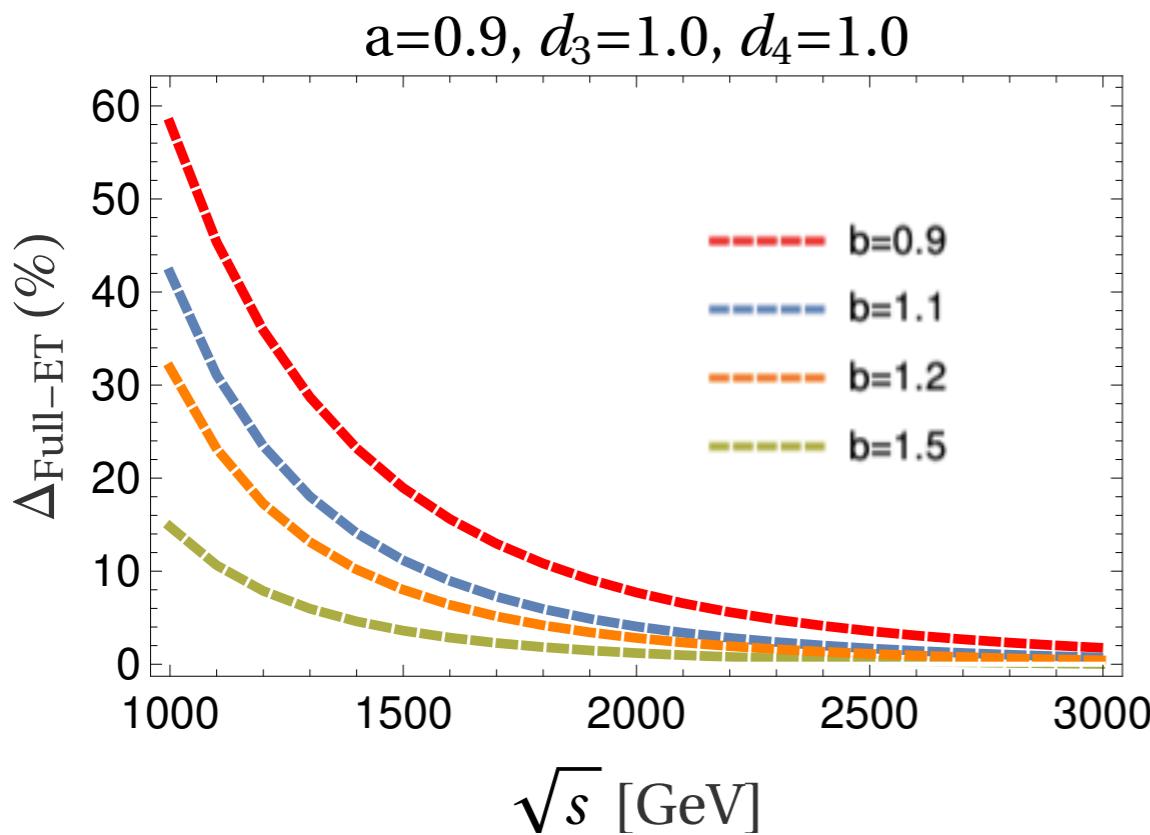
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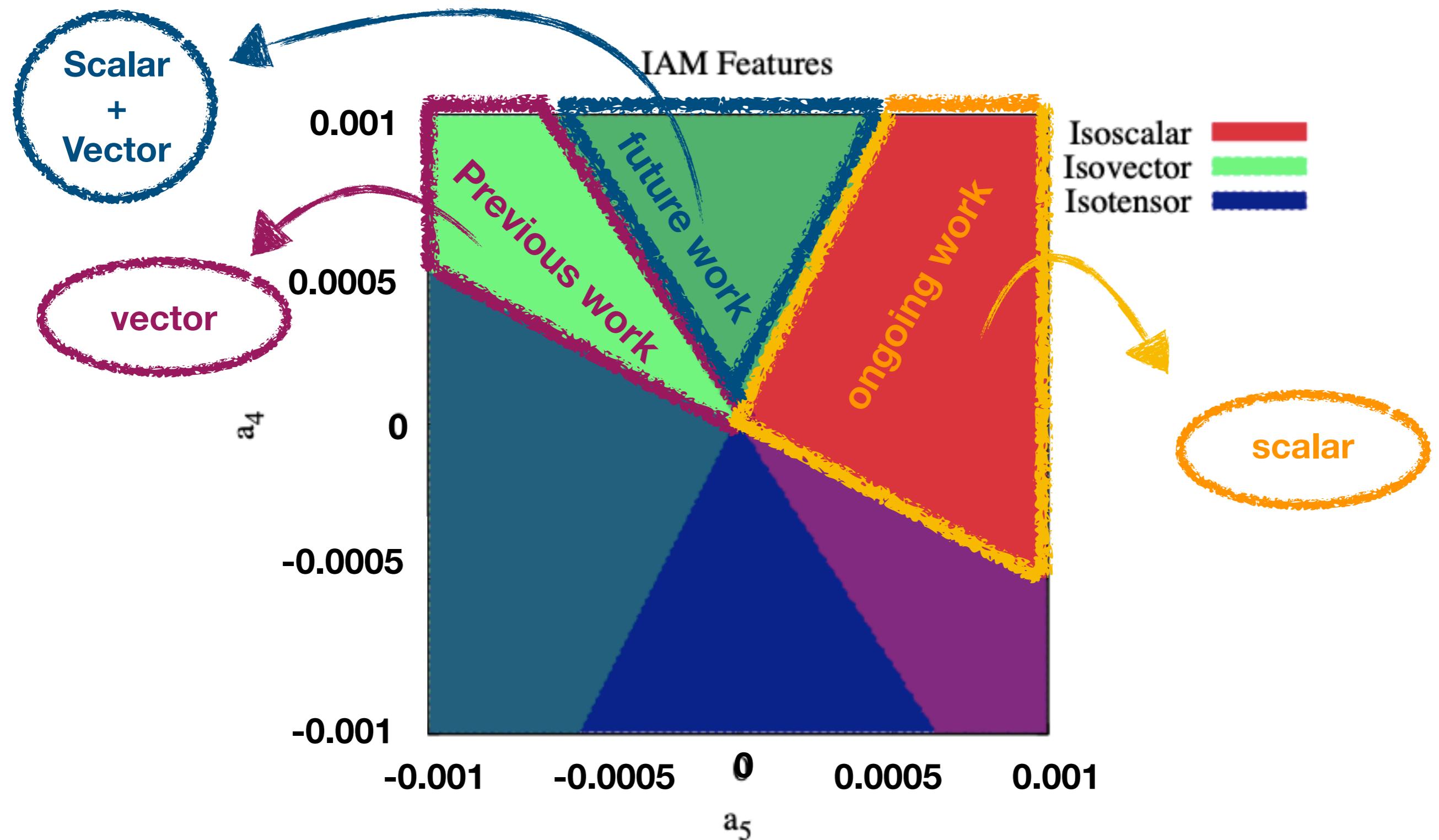
- In total: **17 counterterms + 1 tadpole**

# ET validity

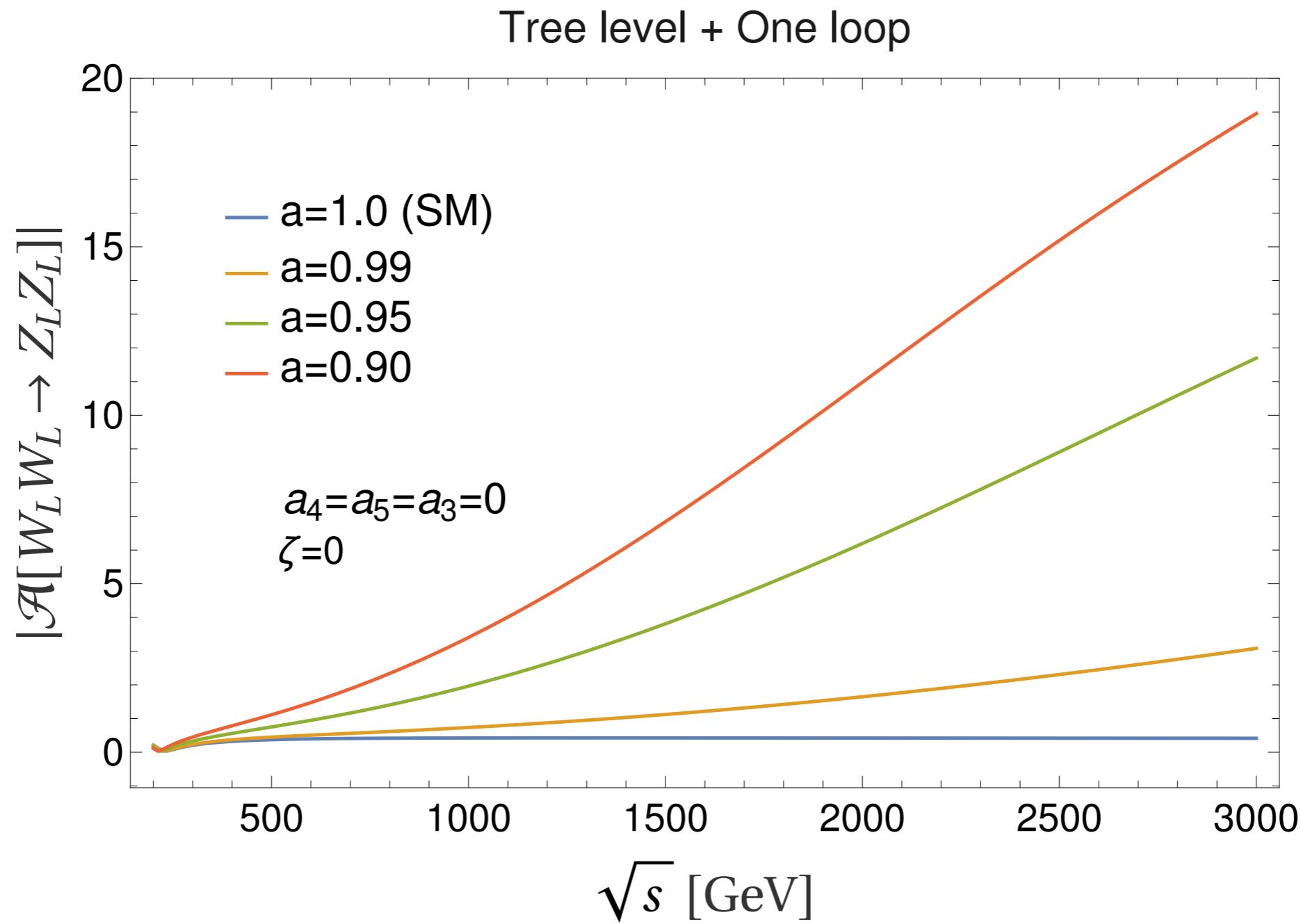
- Is it **safe** for us to use the ET?
  - We are only making use of the ET in the **one-loop calculation**
  - **Small** compared to  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$  **exact** contributions at TeV scale
  - Numerical check using **perturbative unitarity**



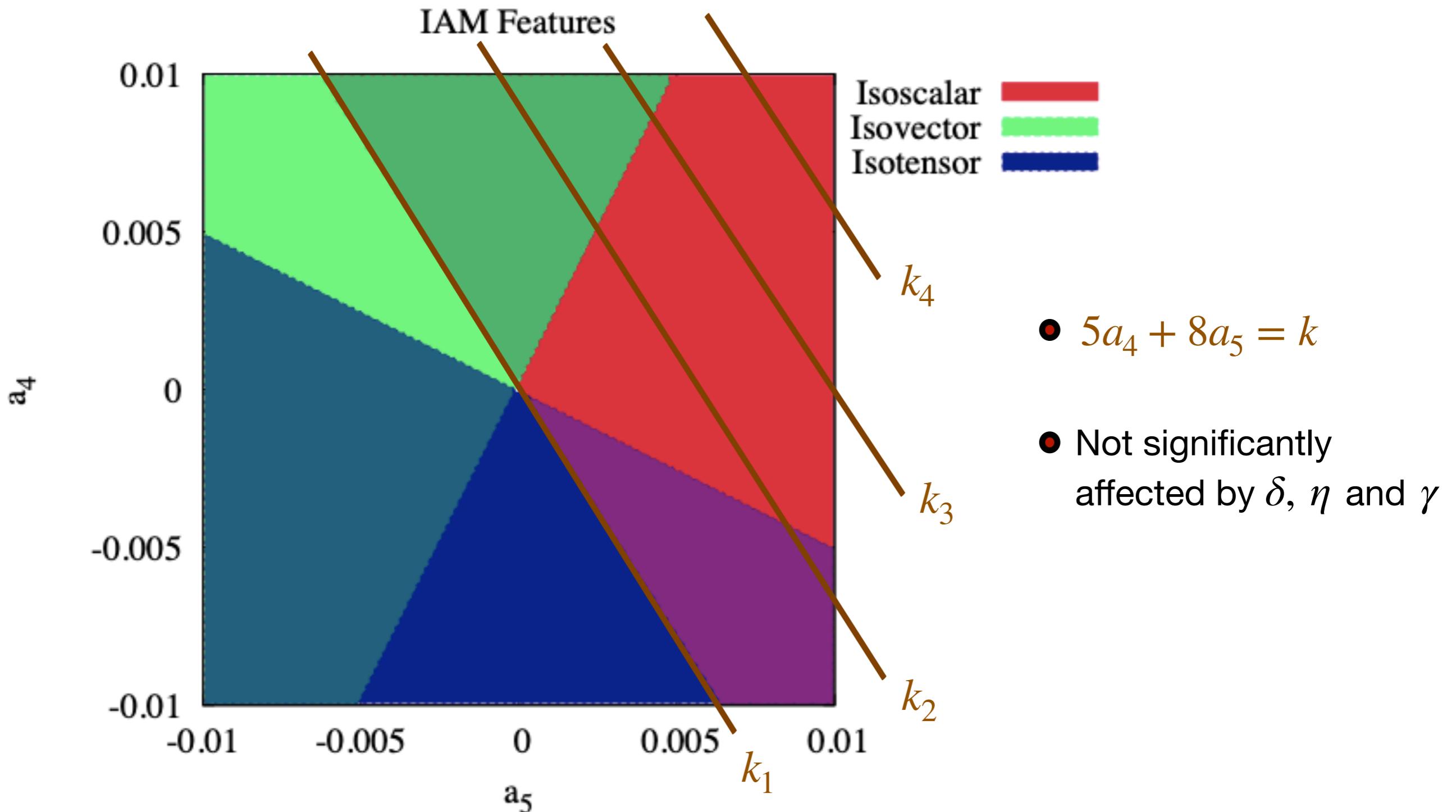
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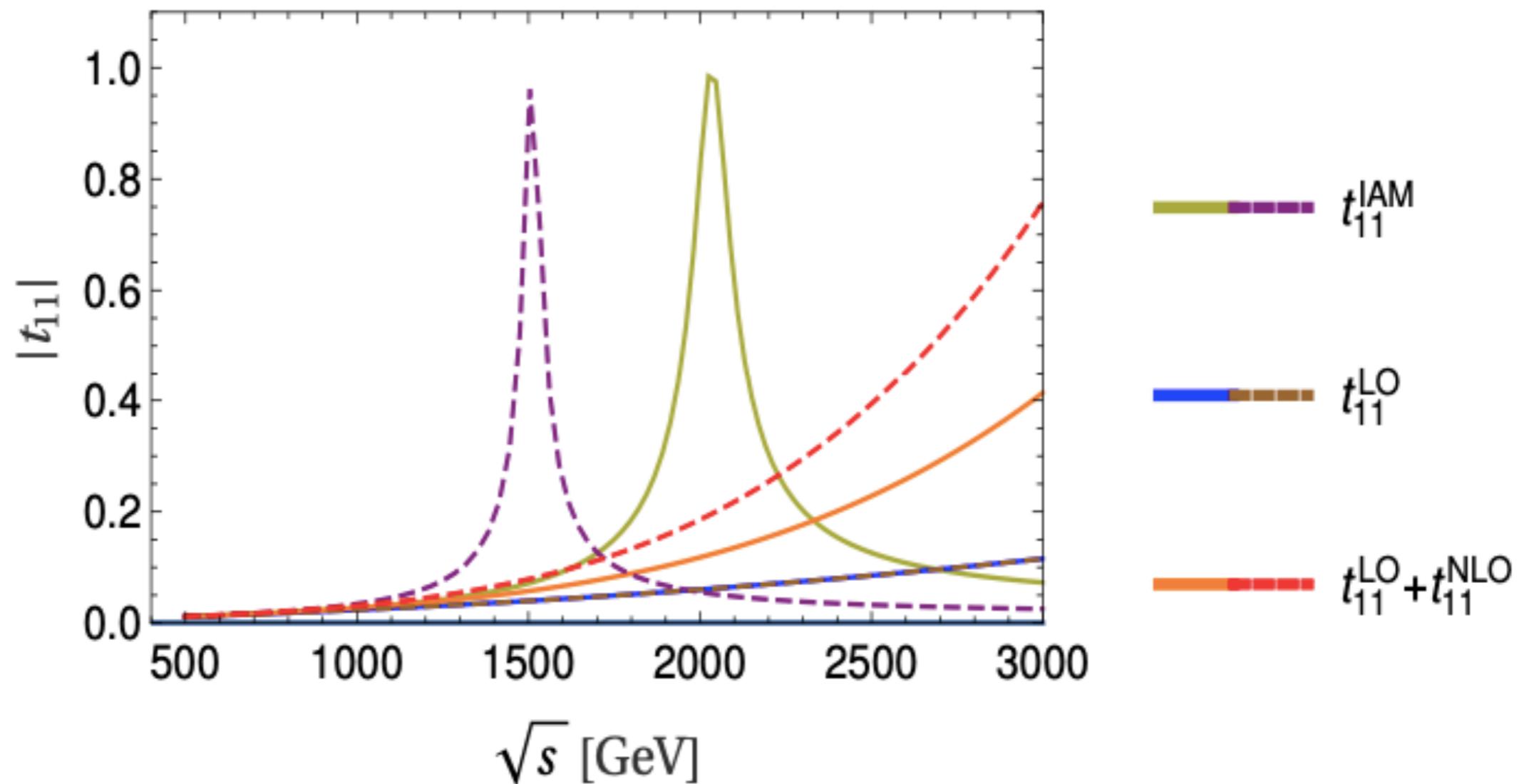
# Violation of unitarity



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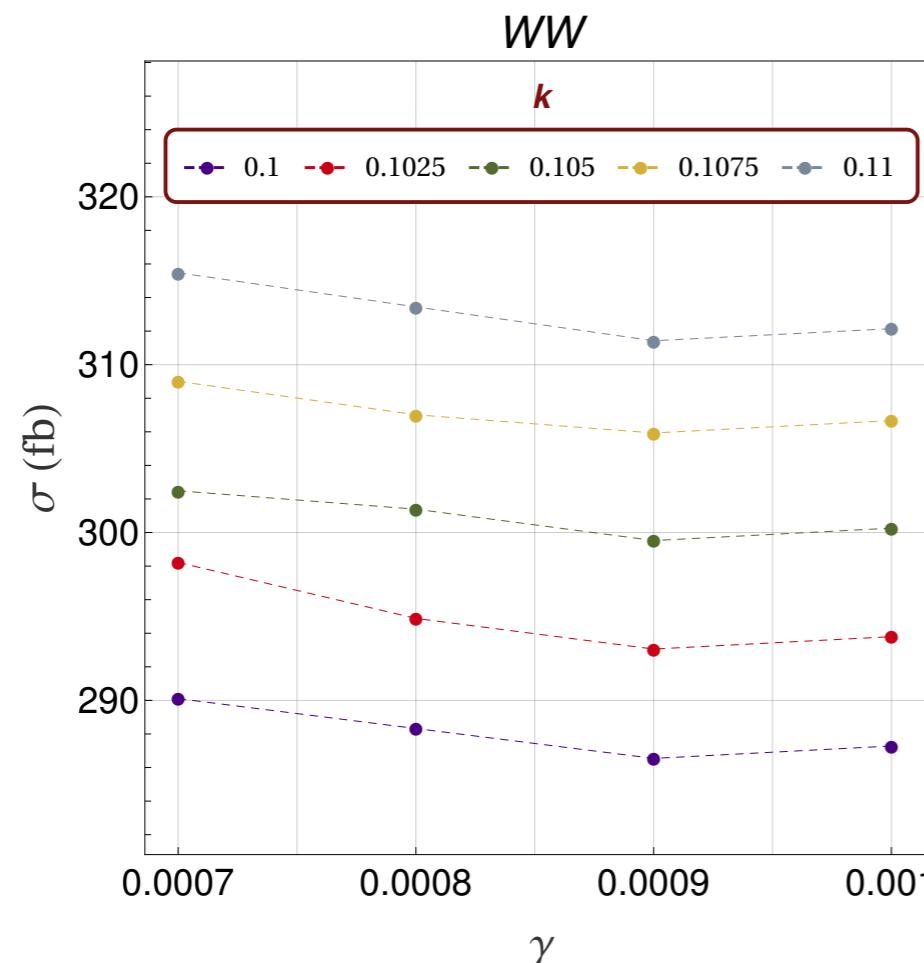


# Unitarized amplitudes: vector-isovector



# Scalar H(650): cross section in EWA

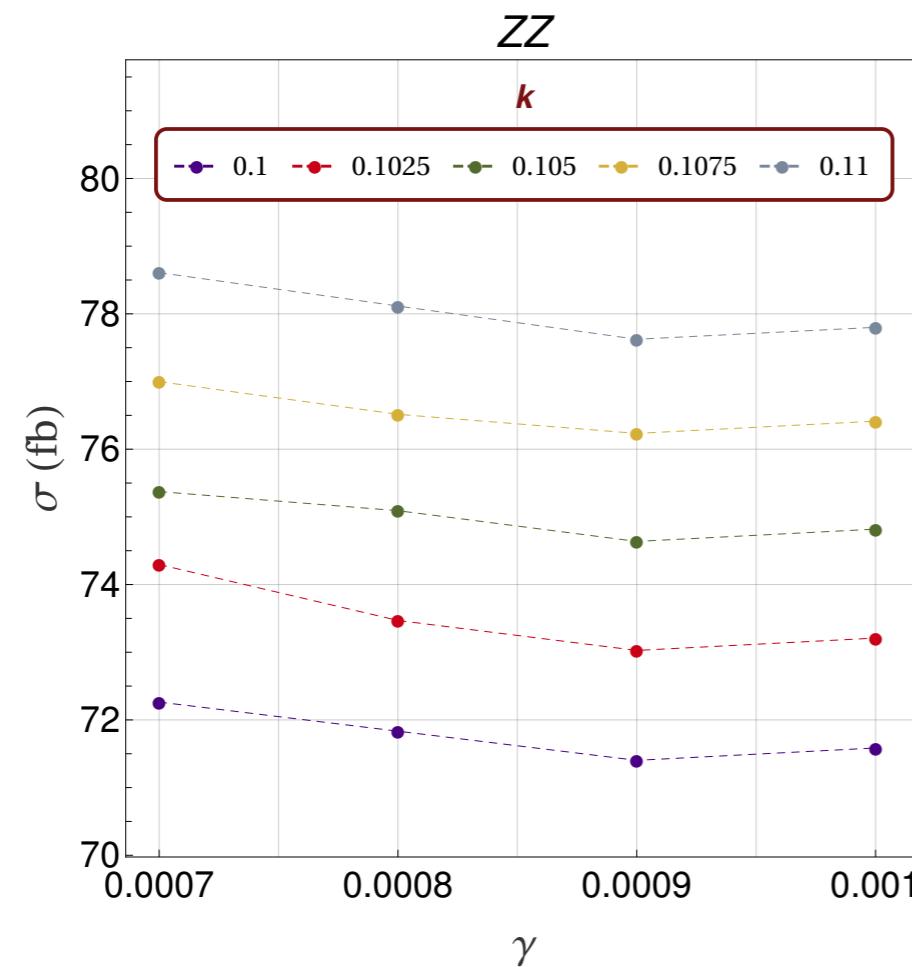
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- Cross sections for **ZZ final state**  
 $\sim 75$  fb for all scenarios
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