

# The anomalous $Zbb$ couplings: From LEP to LHC

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# Status of Zbb couplings

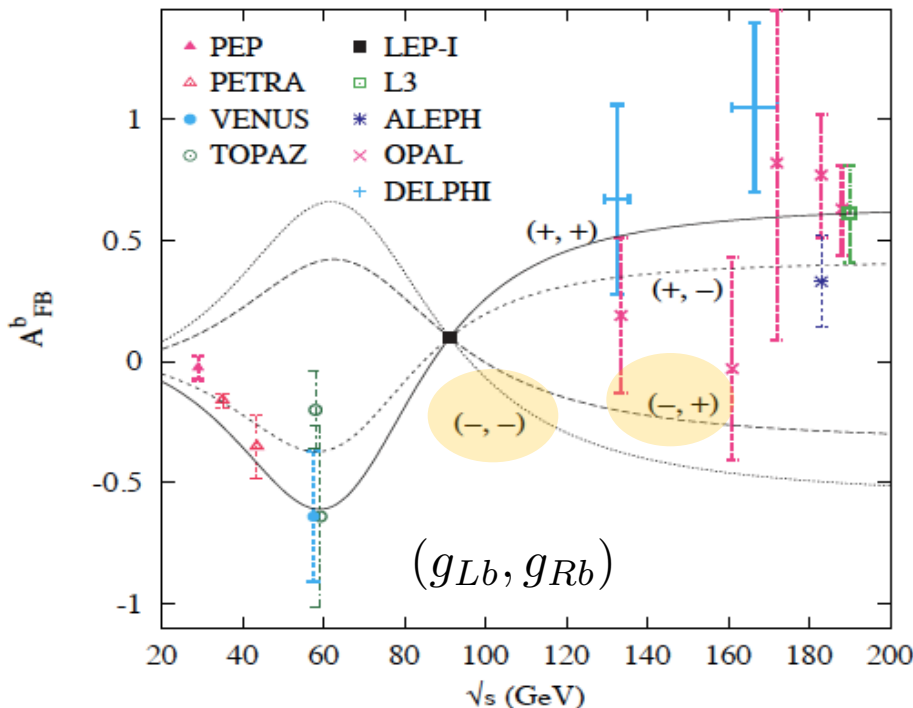
	measured value	SM prediction
$R_b^0$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	$0.21578 \pm 0.00011$
$A_{FB}^{0,b}$	$0.0992 \pm 0.0016$	$0.1032 \pm 0.0004$
$A_b$	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	$0.93463 \pm 0.00004$

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EPJC74 (2014)3046

$$R_b = \frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{\sum_q \Gamma(Z \rightarrow q\bar{q})}$$



2.5 $\sigma$  deviation with SM prediction



D. Choudhury, T. M. P. Tait, C.E.M. Wagner,  
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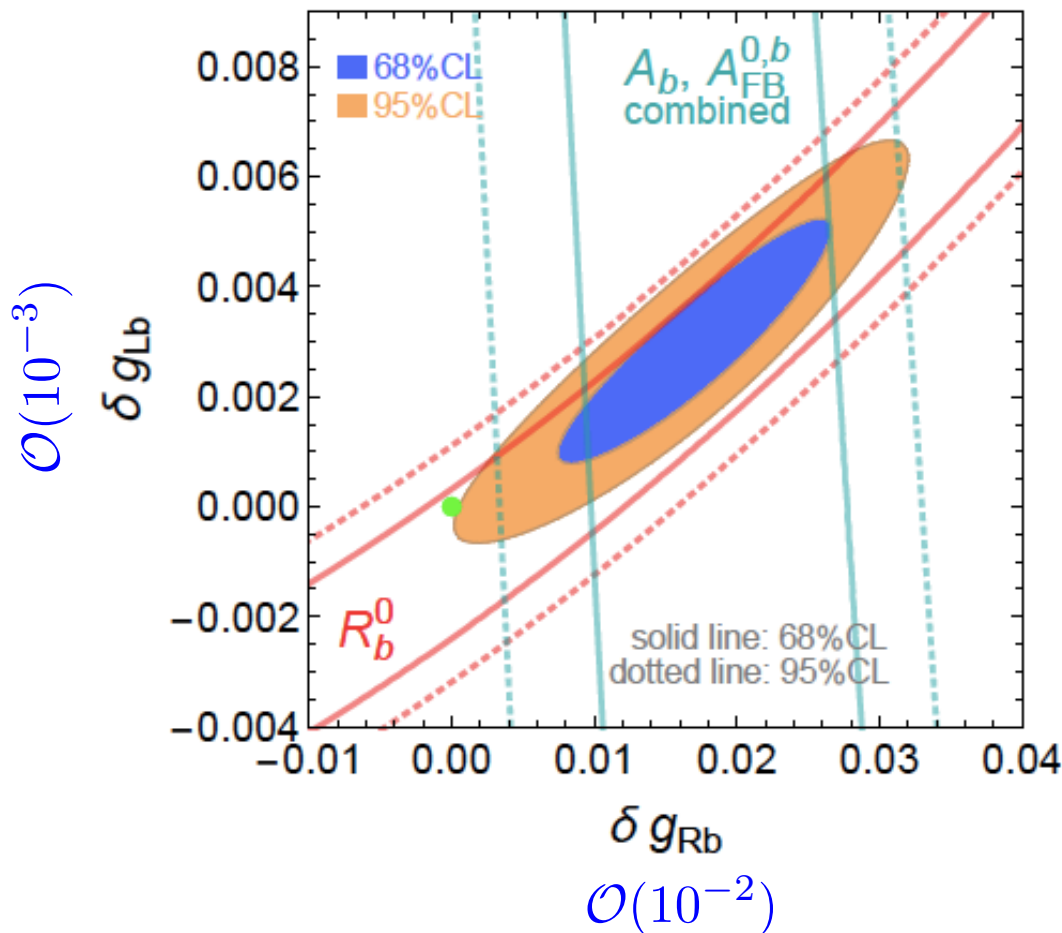
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g}{c_W} Z_\mu (g_{Lb} \bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu b_L + g_{Rb} \bar{b}_R \gamma^\mu b_R)$$

$g_{Lb} < 0$  was Excluded

$g_{Rb}$  Could be positive and negative

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Strong constraint for the left-handed Zbb coupling and large deviation of the right-handed Zbb coupling

# Status of $Zbb$ couplings

A. How to **break the degeneracy** of the right-handed  $Zbb$  coupling?

New experiments: e.g. CEPC



B. How to **explain** the LEP data?



New Physics?

e.g. Custodial symmetry  $O(3)$

Many new physics models

K. Agashe, R. Contino, L. Rold, A. Pomarol, 2006'



Statistical Fluctuation or Systematic error?

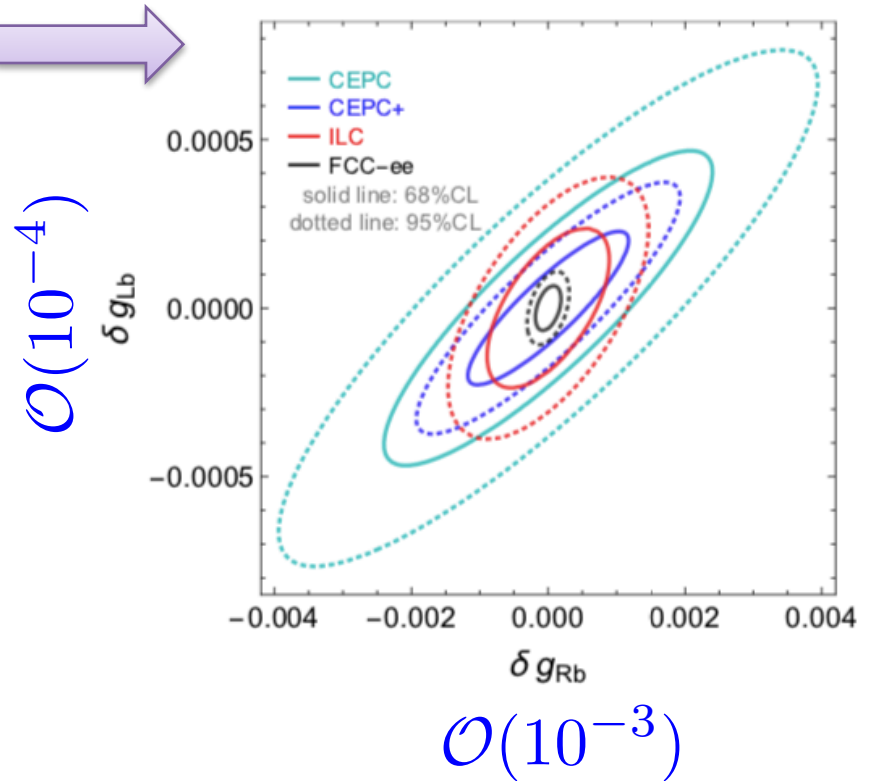
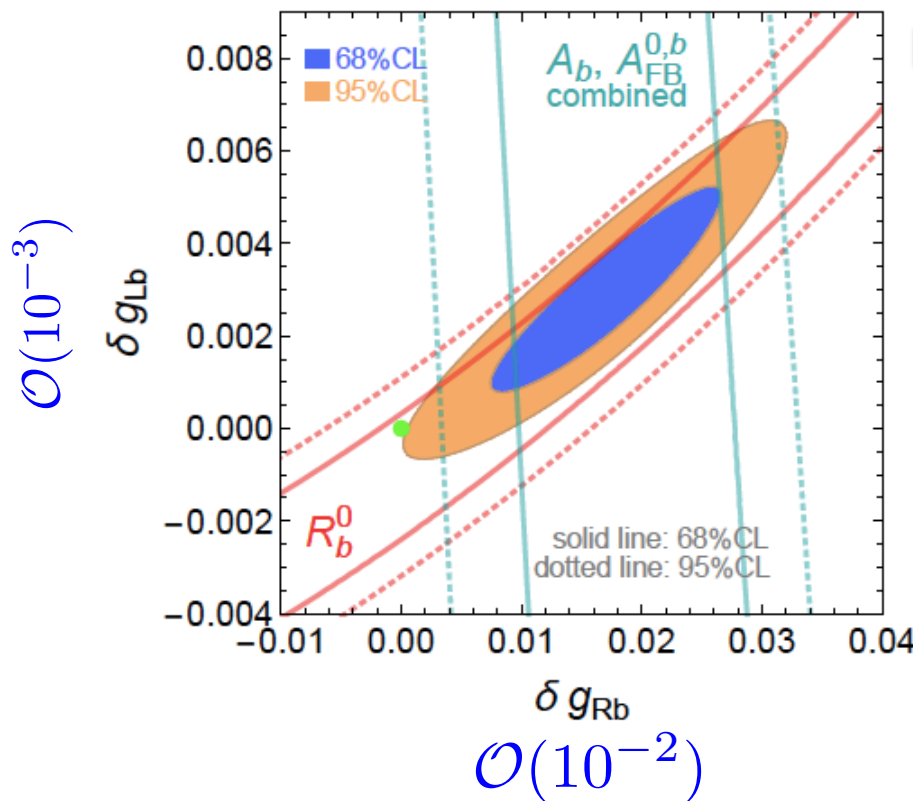
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# Zbb couplings@ future colliders

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The degeneracy of right-handed Zbb coupling could be broken by scanning the energy

S. Gori, J. Gu, L. T. Wang, JHEP04(2016)062



Should we wait for the next generation lepton colliders?

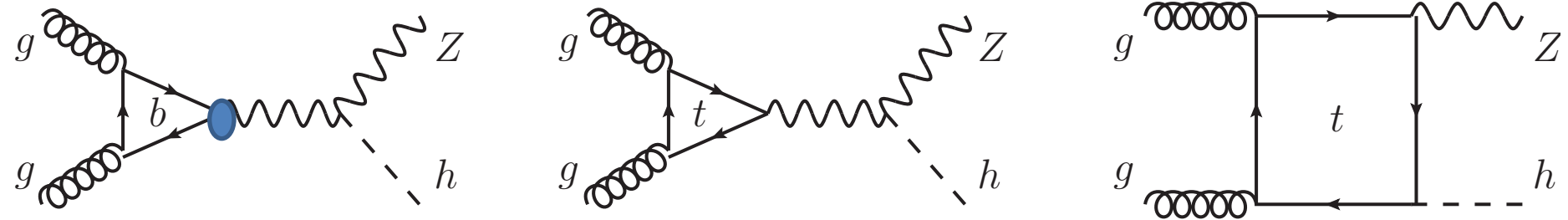
**The possibility of LHC?**

$Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ?

Other possibilities?

# Zbb couplings@LHC

**charge conjugation invariance:**



(1) Only **axial vector components** will contribute to the cross section;

(2) Only **top and bottom** quark will contribute to the scattering

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g_W}{2c_W} \bar{b} \gamma_\mu (\kappa_v^b v_b^{\text{SM}} - \kappa_a^b a_b^{\text{SM}} \gamma_5) b Z_\mu + \frac{m_Z^2}{v} \kappa_Z h Z_\mu Z^\mu$$

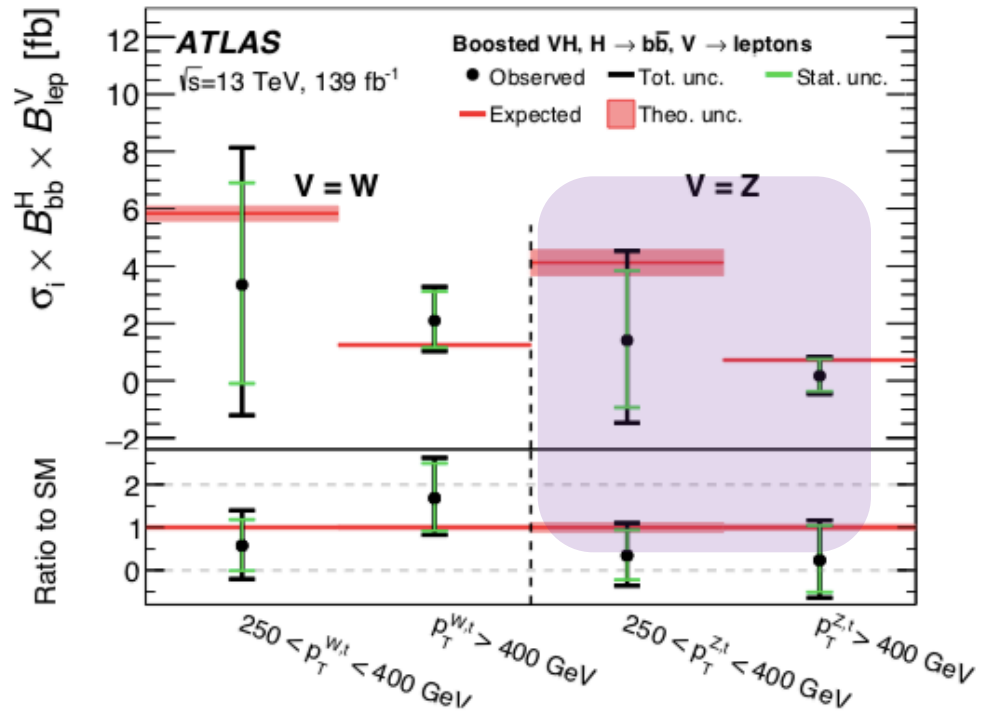
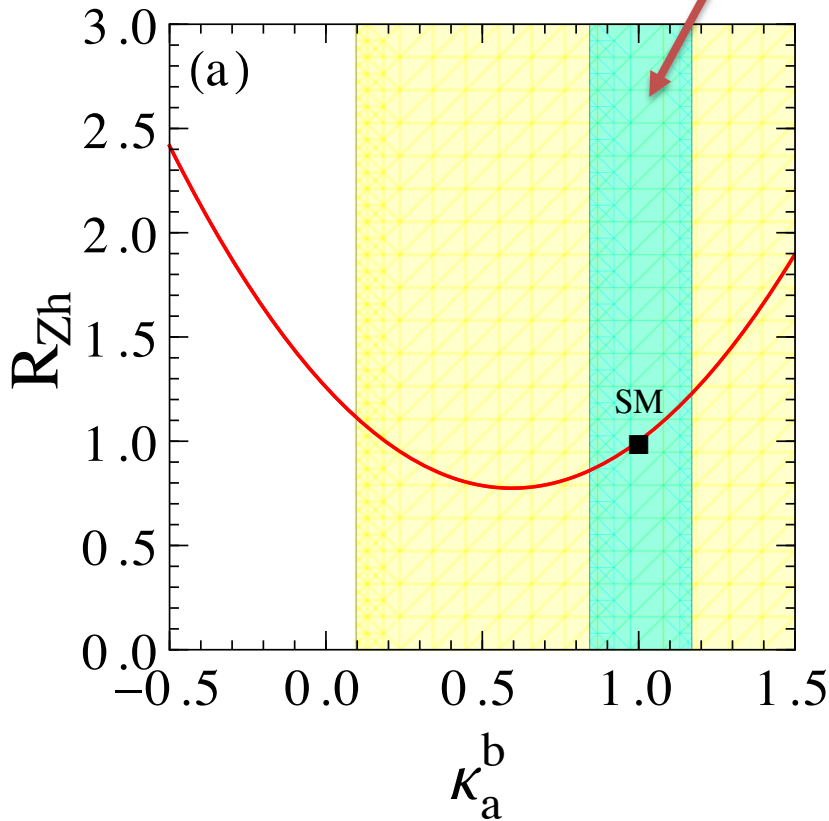
$$+ \frac{g_W}{2c_W} \bar{t} \gamma_\mu (\kappa_v^t v_t^{\text{SM}} - \kappa_a^t a_t^{\text{SM}} \gamma_5) t Z_\mu - \frac{m_t}{v} \kappa_t \bar{t} t h, \quad (1)$$

# Cross sections @LHC

$$R_{Zh} = \frac{\sigma(gg \rightarrow Zh)}{\sigma(gg \rightarrow Zh)_{SM}}$$

High  $P_T^Z$  data

ATLAS: 2008.02508



$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g_W}{2c_W} \bar{b} \gamma_\mu \kappa_a^b a_b^{\text{SM}} \gamma_5 b Z_\mu$$

High  $P_T^Z$  data gives the most important impact for the limits

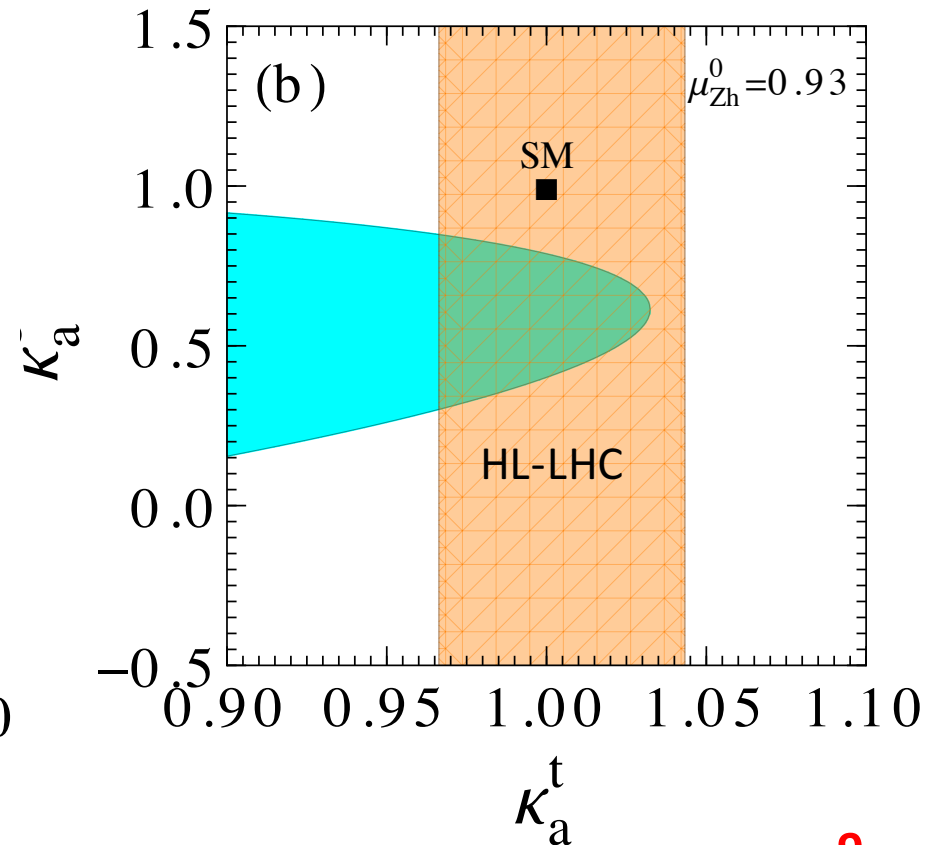
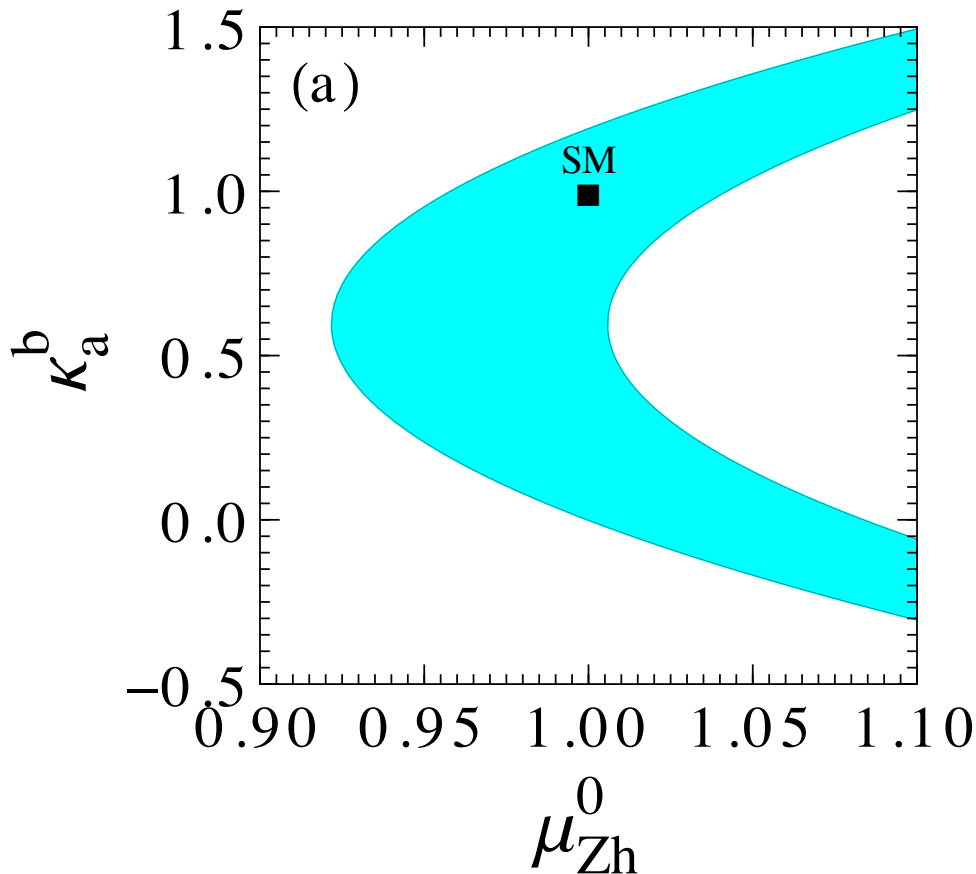


# Sensitivity@HL-LHC

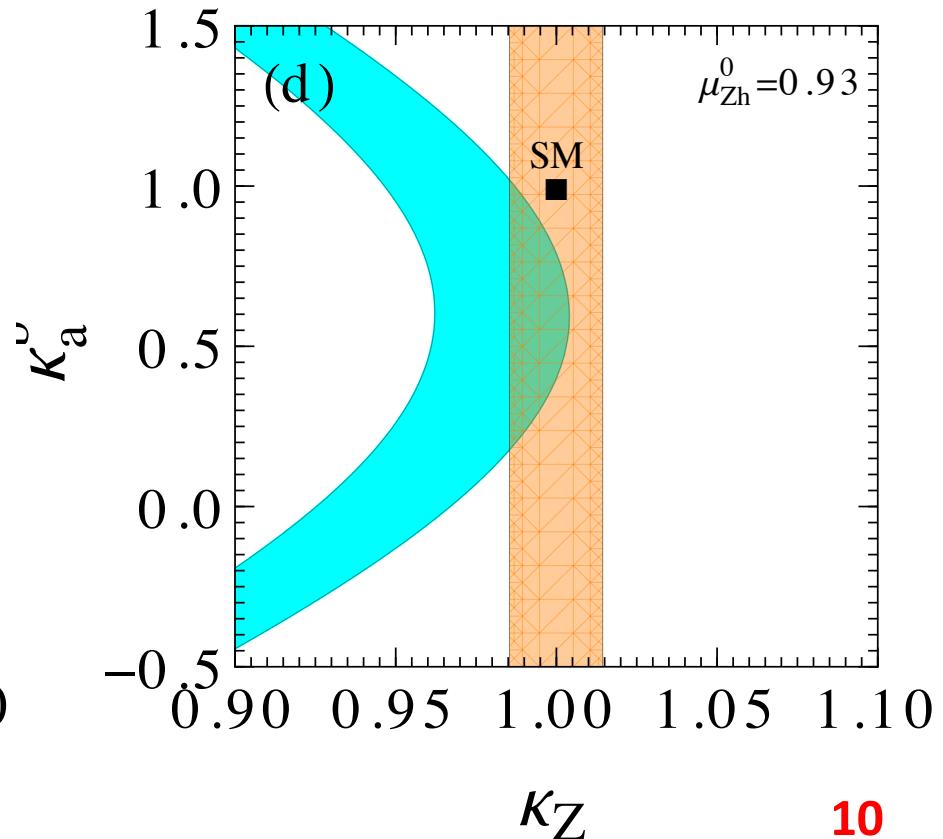
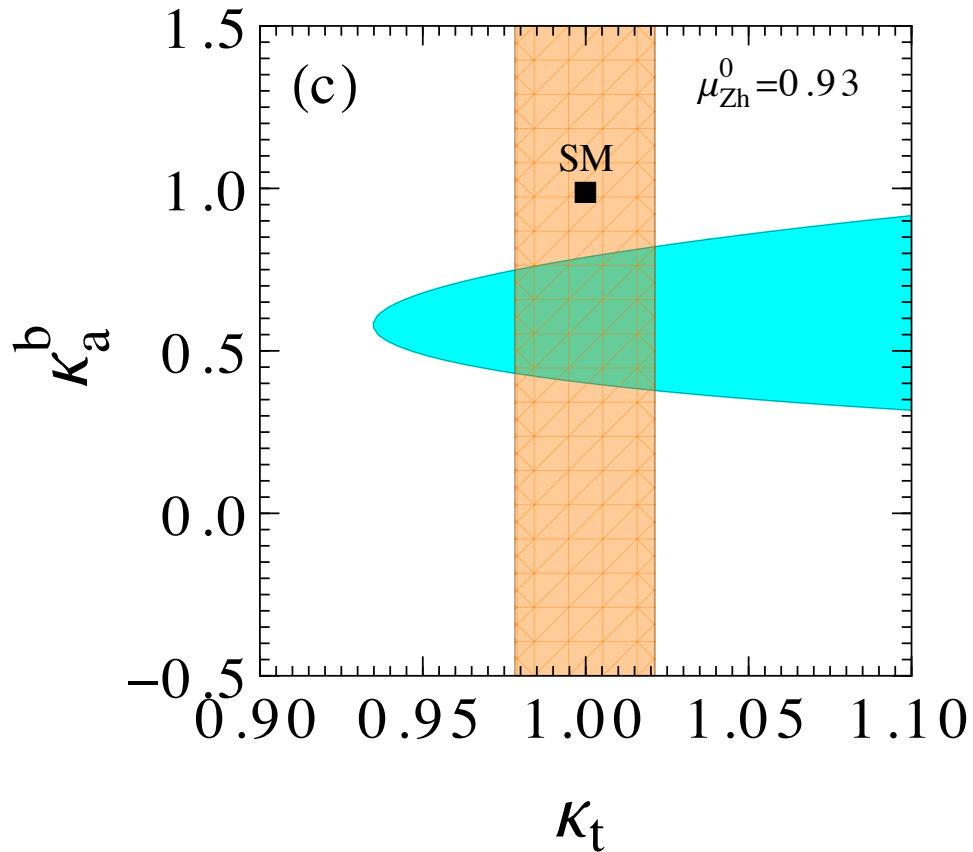
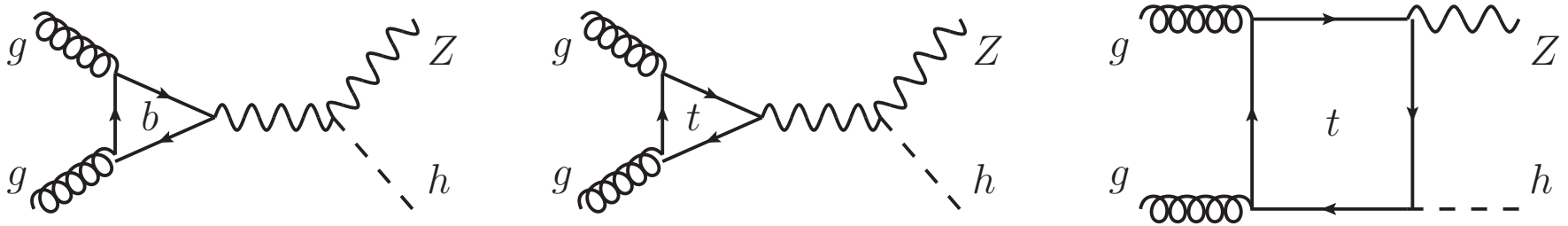
The expected limits is sensitive to the **central value of the signal strength**

The conclusion is **not sensitive** to the other **top quark couplings**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{g_W}{2c_W} \bar{b} \gamma_\mu \kappa_a^b a_b^{\text{SM}} \gamma_5 b Z_\mu - \frac{g_W}{2c_W} \bar{t} \gamma_\mu \kappa_a^t a_t^{\text{SM}} \gamma_5 t Z_\mu$$

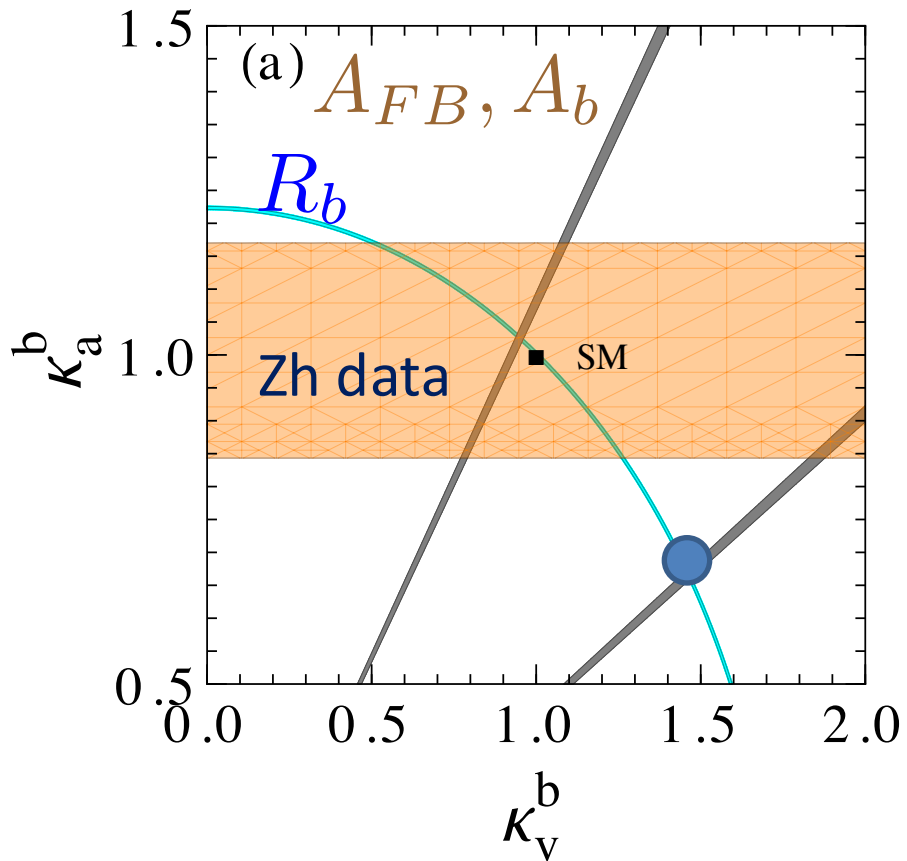


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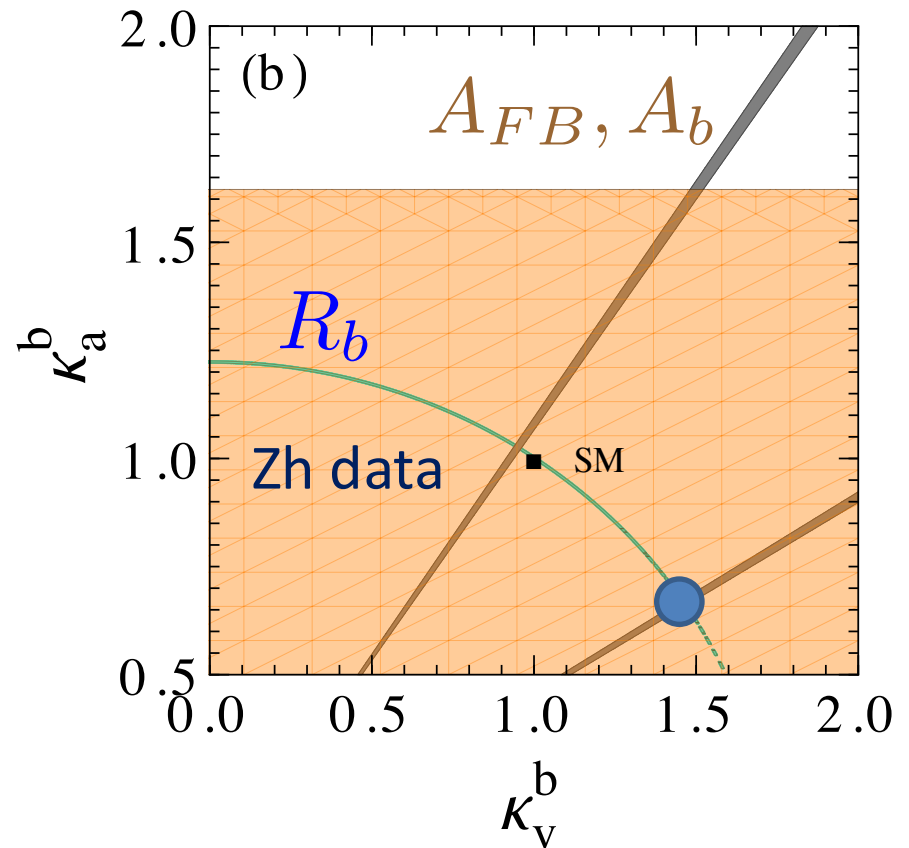


# Break the $Zbb$ coupling degeneracy

Current Zh data could break the degeneracy

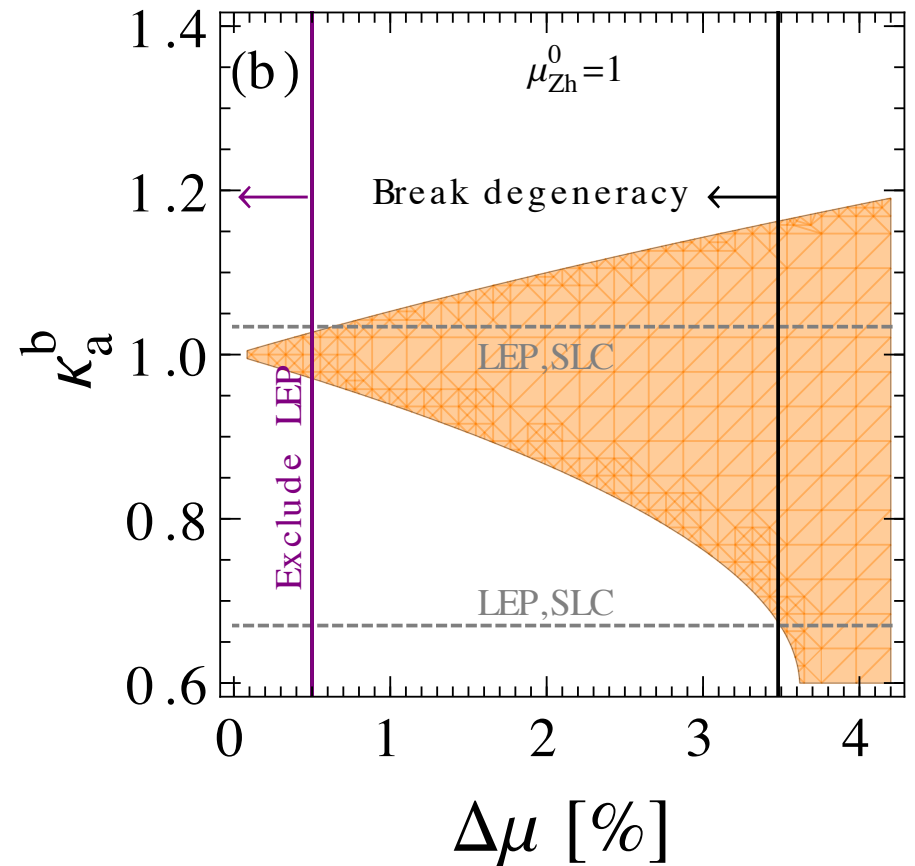
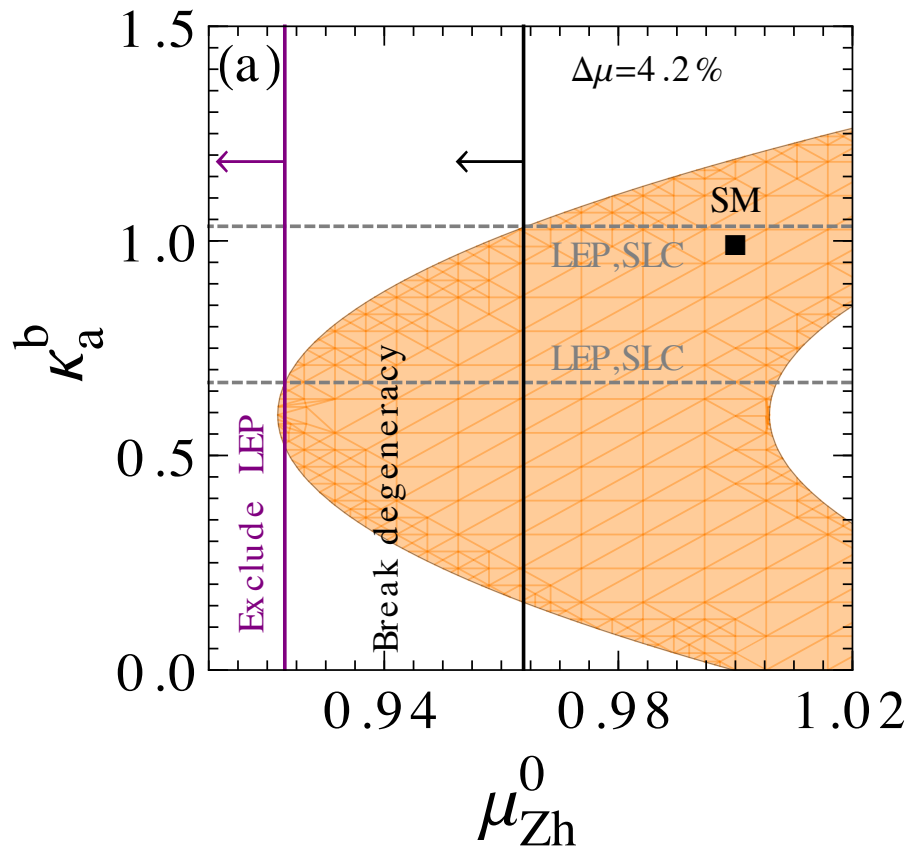


Including all Zh data



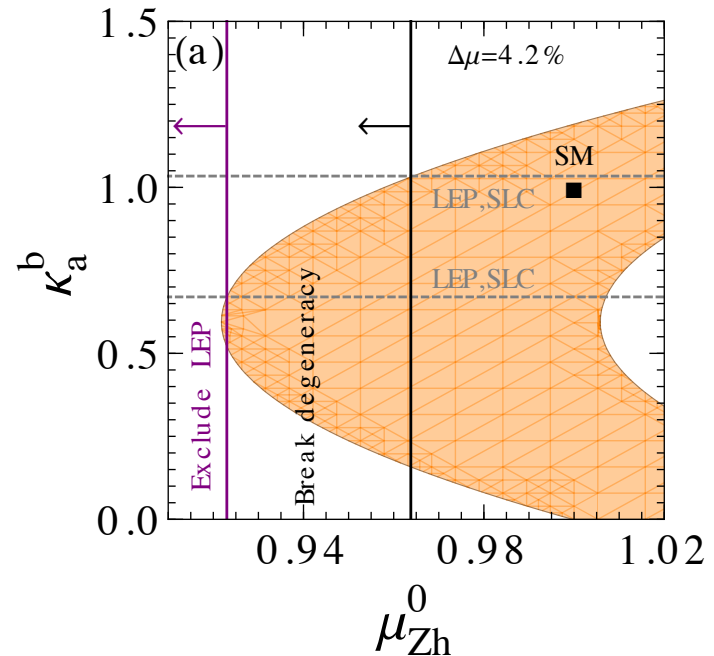
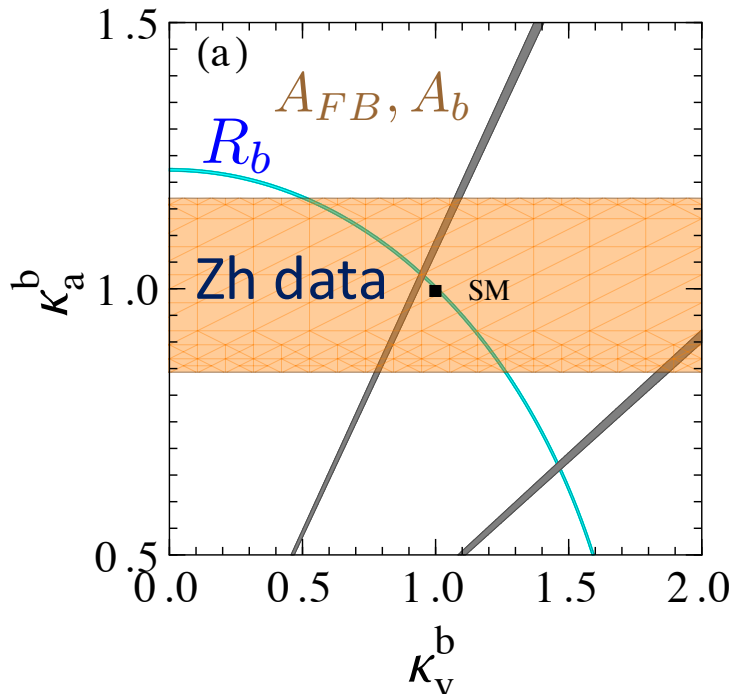
Removing the two high  $P_T^Z$  data **11**

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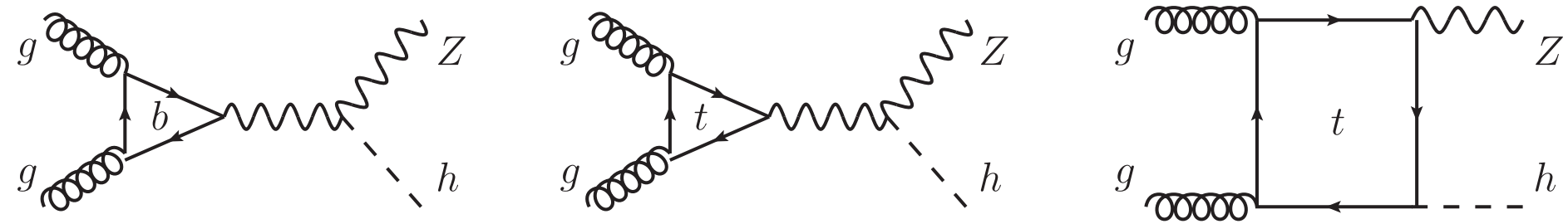


# Summary

- A. We proposed a new method to probe the  $Zb\bar{b}$  coupling through  $Zh$  production at the LHC and the results are not sensitive to the top quark couplings;
- B. The  $Zh$  data at the 13 TeV LHC can resolve the apparent degeneracy of the  $Zb\bar{b}$  coupling;
- C. The HL-LHC could verify or exclude the  $Zb\bar{b}$  couplings.



# Zbb couplings@LHC



The contribution dominant by the **(++0)** and **(--0)** helicity amplitudes:

$$M_{++0}^{\Delta} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{m_Z} \sum_{t,b} \left[ \kappa_a^q \kappa_Z \frac{a_q^{\text{SM}} g_{hZZ}}{m_Z^2} (F_{\Delta}(s, m_q^2) + 2) \right] N,$$

$$M_{++0}^{\square} = -\frac{4}{m_Z \sqrt{\lambda}} \kappa_a^t \kappa_t g_{htt} a_t^{\text{SM}} m_t [F_{++}^0 + (t \leftrightarrow u)] N,$$