

EFFECTIVE LAGRANGIAN FOR A LIGHT (COMPOSITE) HIGGS

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I WILL ASSUME:

- 1) $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ is linearly realized at high energies
- 2) $h(x)$ is a scalar (CP even) and is part of an $SU(2)_L$ doublet $H(x)$
- 3) The EWSB dynamics has an (approximate) custodial symmetry

global symmetry includes: $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_V$

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POWER COUNTING:

- each extra derivative costs a factor $1/\Lambda$
- each extra power of $H(x)$ costs a factor $g_*/\Lambda \equiv 1/f$

For a strongly-interacting light Higgs (SILH): $\frac{1}{f} \gg \frac{1}{\Lambda}$

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- To generate these operator New Physics must couple directly to SM fermions

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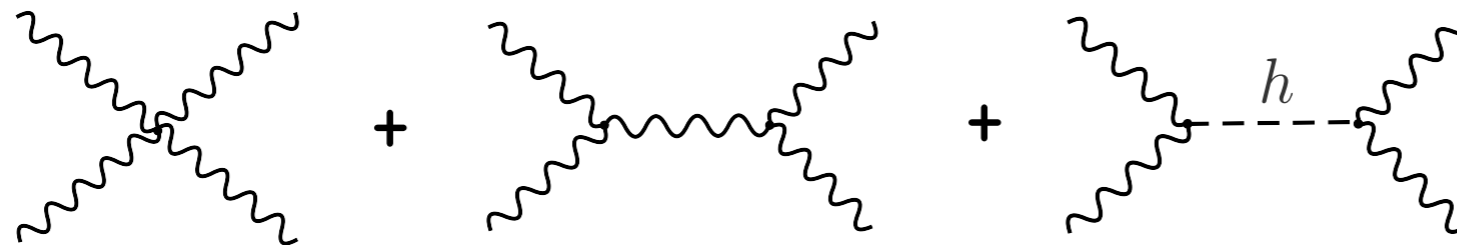
In the unitary gauge:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2 + d_3 \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{3m_h^2}{v} \right) h^3 + \dots \\ & - \left(m_W^2 W_\mu W^\mu + \frac{1}{2} m_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \right) \left(1 + 2c_V \frac{h}{v} + \dots \right) - \sum_{\psi=u,d,l} m_{\psi^{(i)}} \bar{\psi}^{(i)} \psi^{(i)} \left(1 + c_\psi \frac{h}{v} + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$c_V = 1 - \frac{\bar{c}_H}{2} \quad c_\psi = 1 - \left(\frac{\bar{c}_H}{2} + \bar{c}_\psi \right) \quad d_3 = 1 + \bar{c}_6 - \frac{3}{2} \bar{c}_H$$

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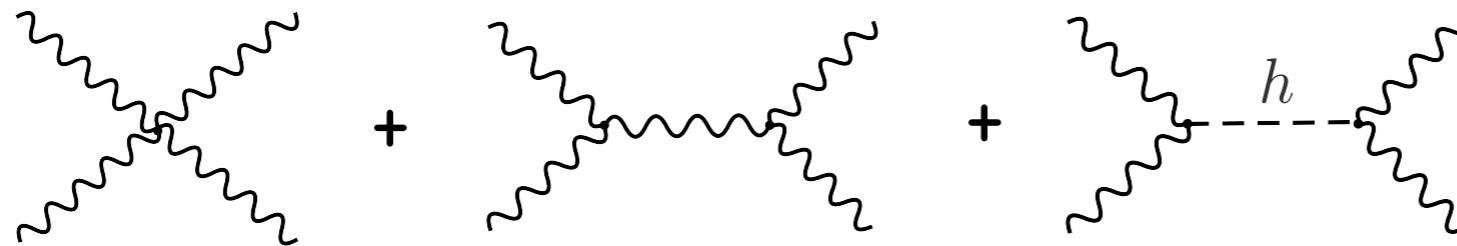


The diagram shows three Feynman diagrams for the scattering of two wavy bosons. The first diagram is a contact interaction where two wavy lines cross at a central point. The second diagram is a t-channel exchange where two wavy lines enter from the left and two exit to the right, connected by a wavy line in the middle. The third diagram is an s-channel exchange where two wavy lines enter from the left and two exit to the right, connected by a dashed line labeled 'h' in the middle. The diagrams are separated by plus signs.

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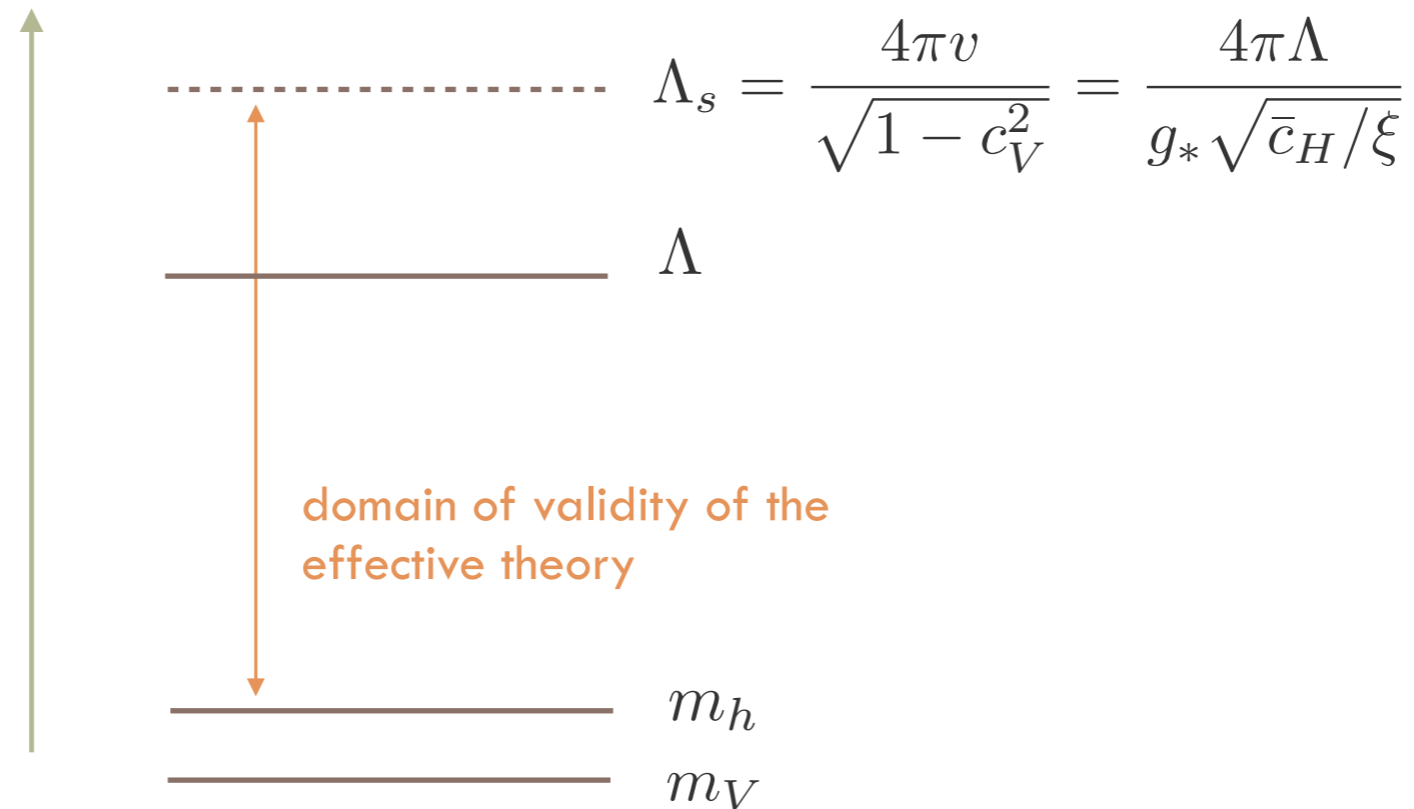
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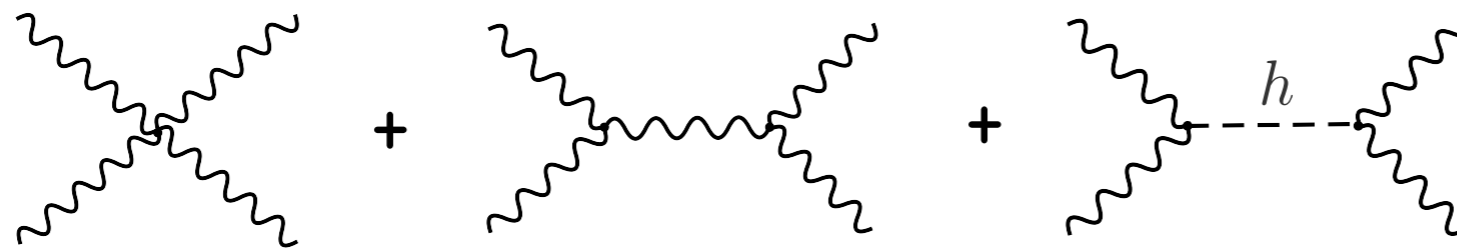
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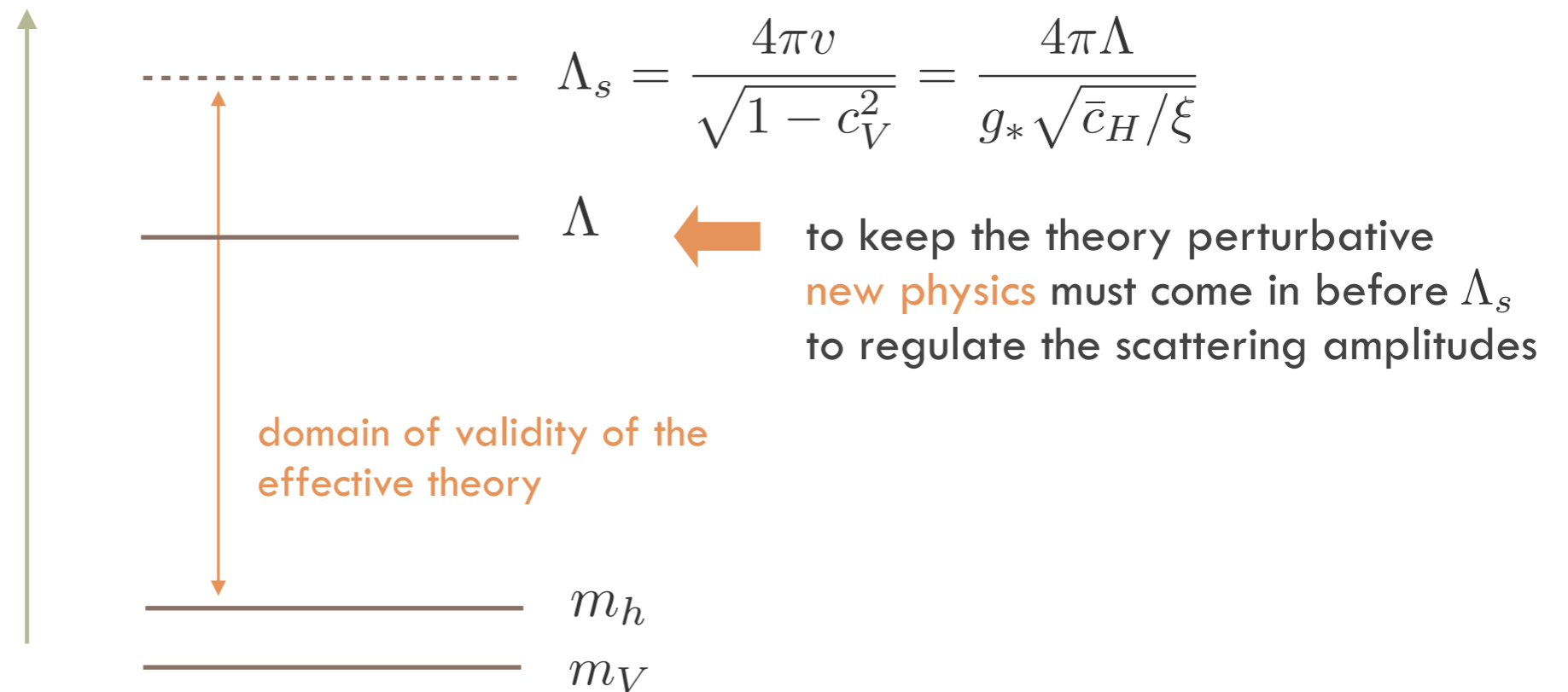
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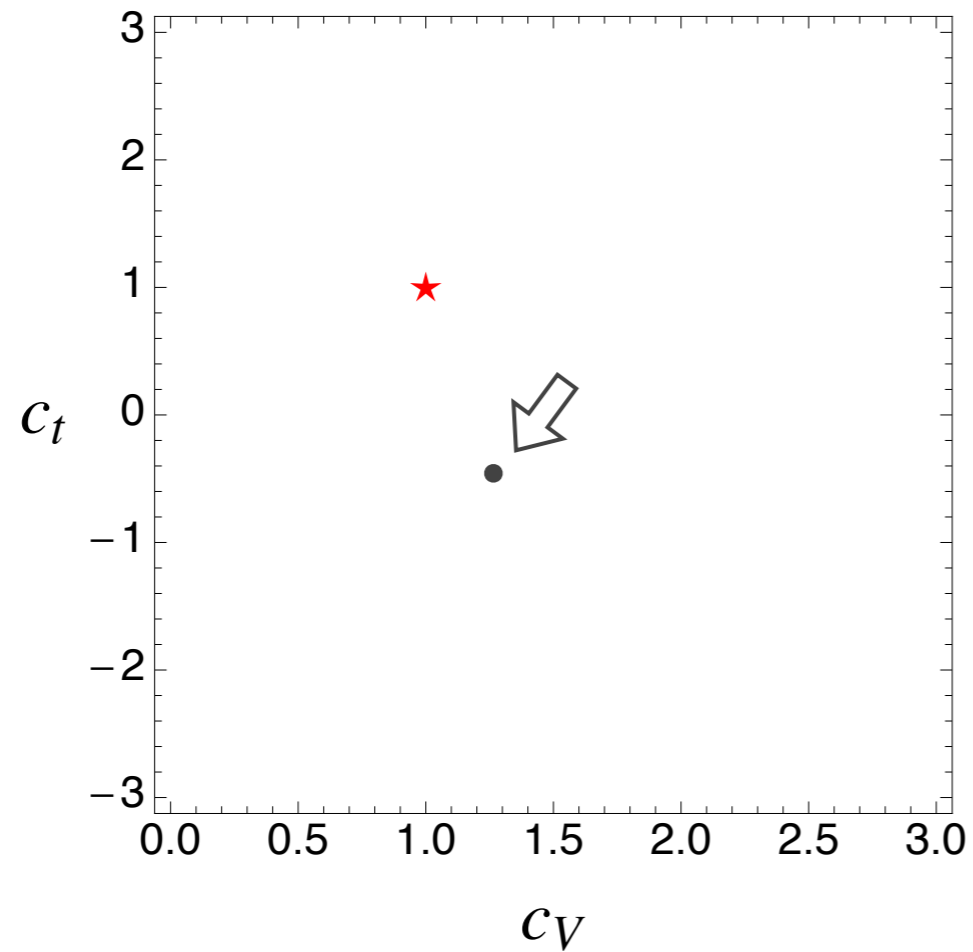


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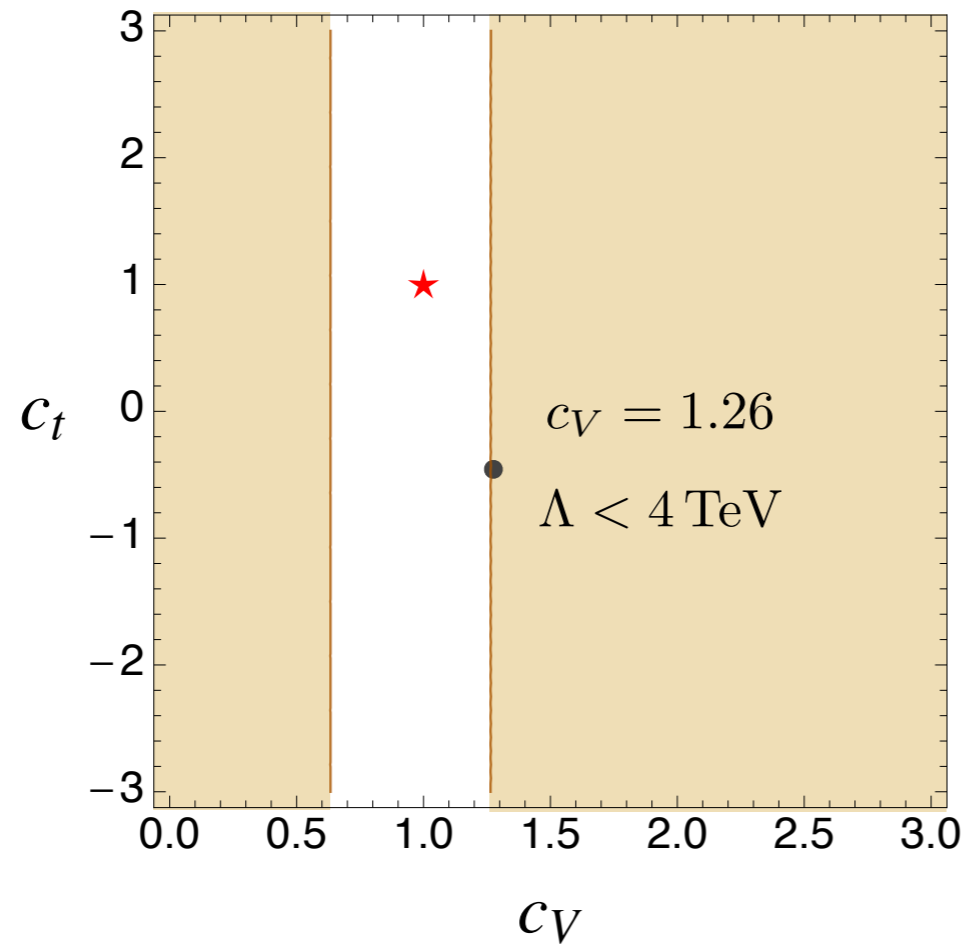
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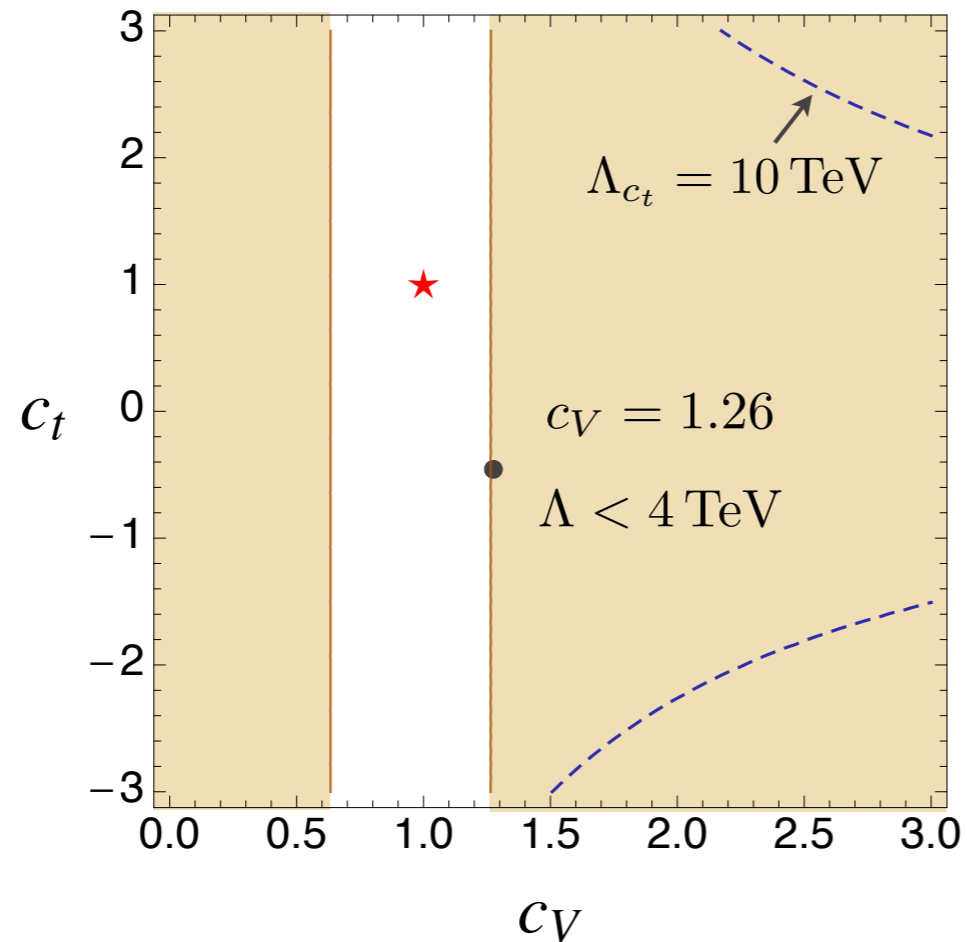
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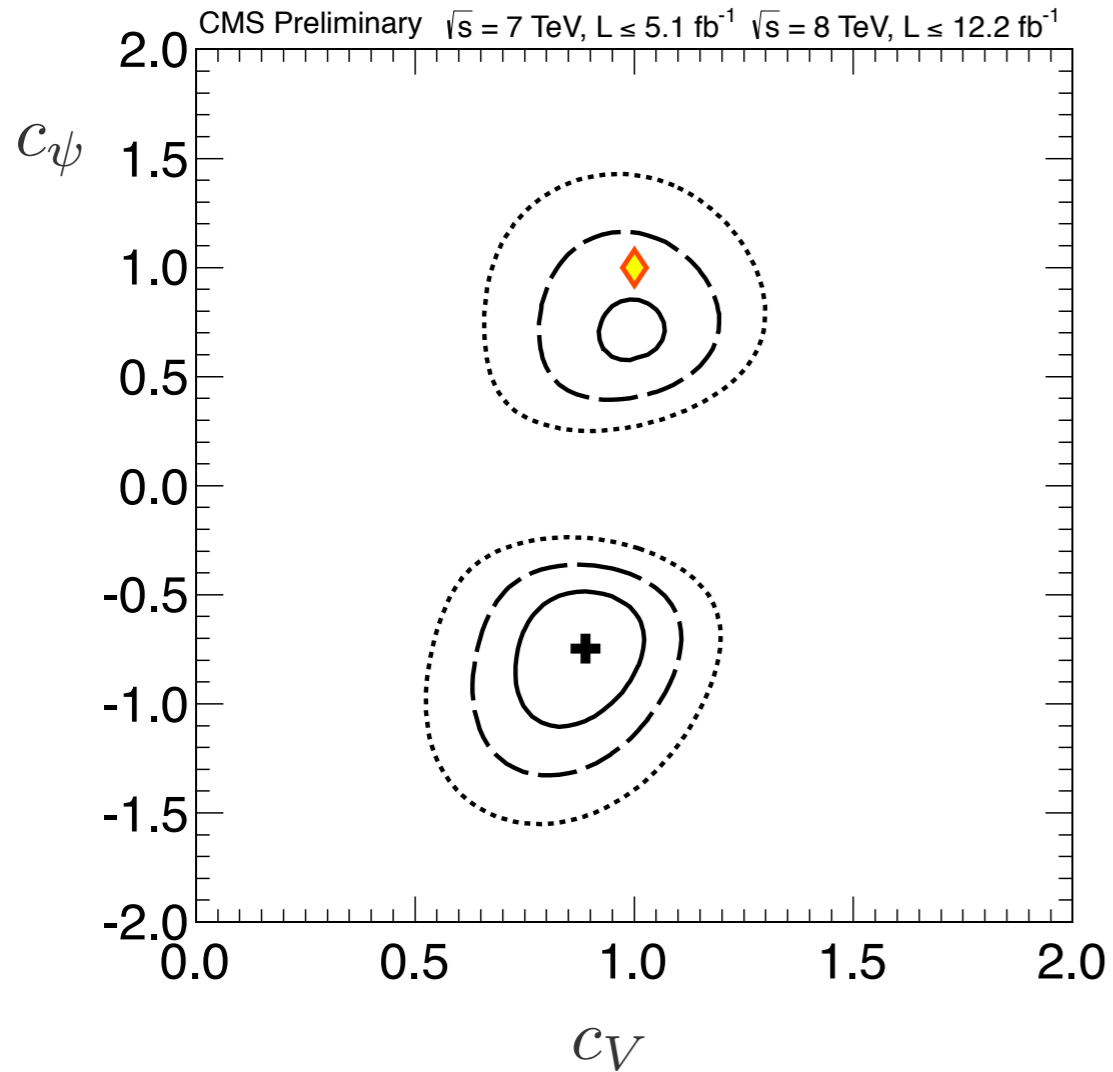
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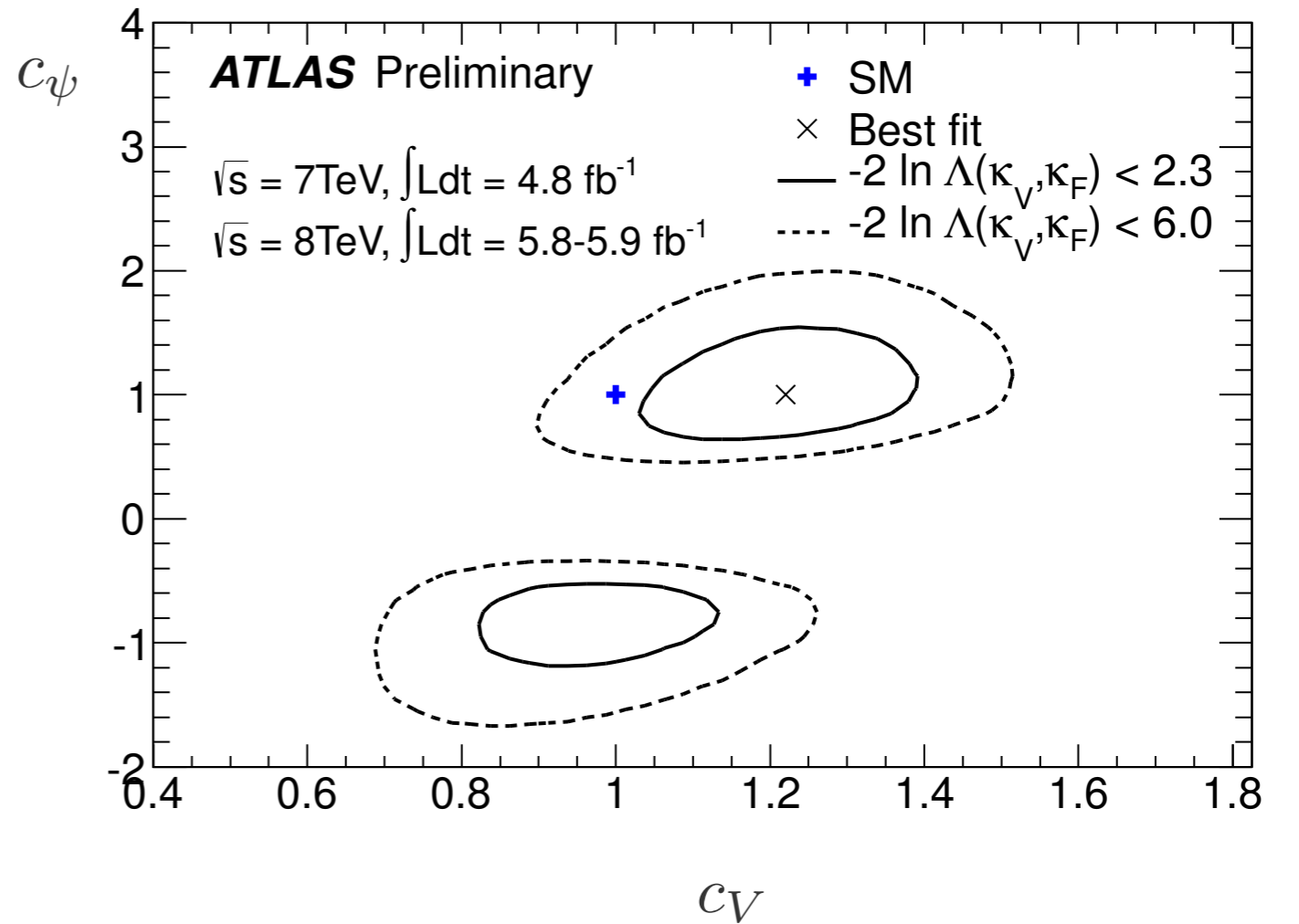
CMS



prefers $c_\psi < 1, c_V \simeq 1$

deeper minimum at $c_\psi < 0$

ATLAS



prefers $c_V > 1, c \simeq 1$

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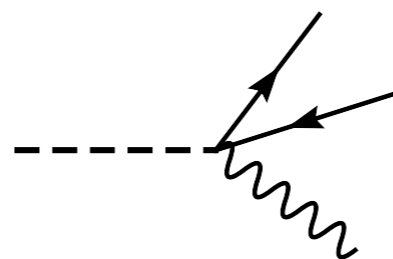
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inclusive WW,ZZ rates

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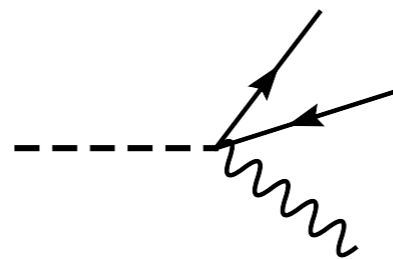
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inclusive WW, ZZ rates

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LEP already puts strong
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$$\hat{S} = (\bar{c}_W + \bar{c}_B) \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

correction to
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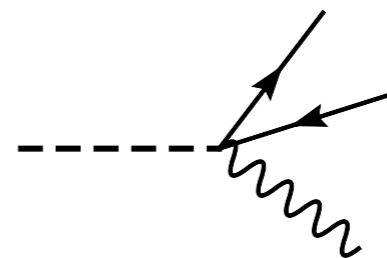
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possible strategy: new contribution
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In practice fermion compositeness is already strongly constrained:

EWPT at
Z pole

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$b \rightarrow s\gamma$

$$-0.4 \times 10^{-3} < \bar{c}_{Htb} < 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

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- The only predictions of SILH (for single Higgs processes) are:

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(2) The following relation holds: $c_{Z\gamma} = \frac{c_{WW}}{\sin(2\theta_W)} - \frac{c_{ZZ}}{2} \cot(\theta_W) - \frac{c_{\gamma\gamma}}{2} \tan(\theta_W)$

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- Large deviations from SM couplings do not necessarily disprove a Higgs doublet (e.g. non-linearities can be large)

In that case a test of doublet/pNGB Higgs can come from double (and triple) Higgs processes

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Invariance under the Goldstone symmetry implies:

- resummation of powers of H/f (Higgs non-linearities), while still assuming expansion in ∂/Λ
- some operators forbidden if $SO(5)$ unbroken

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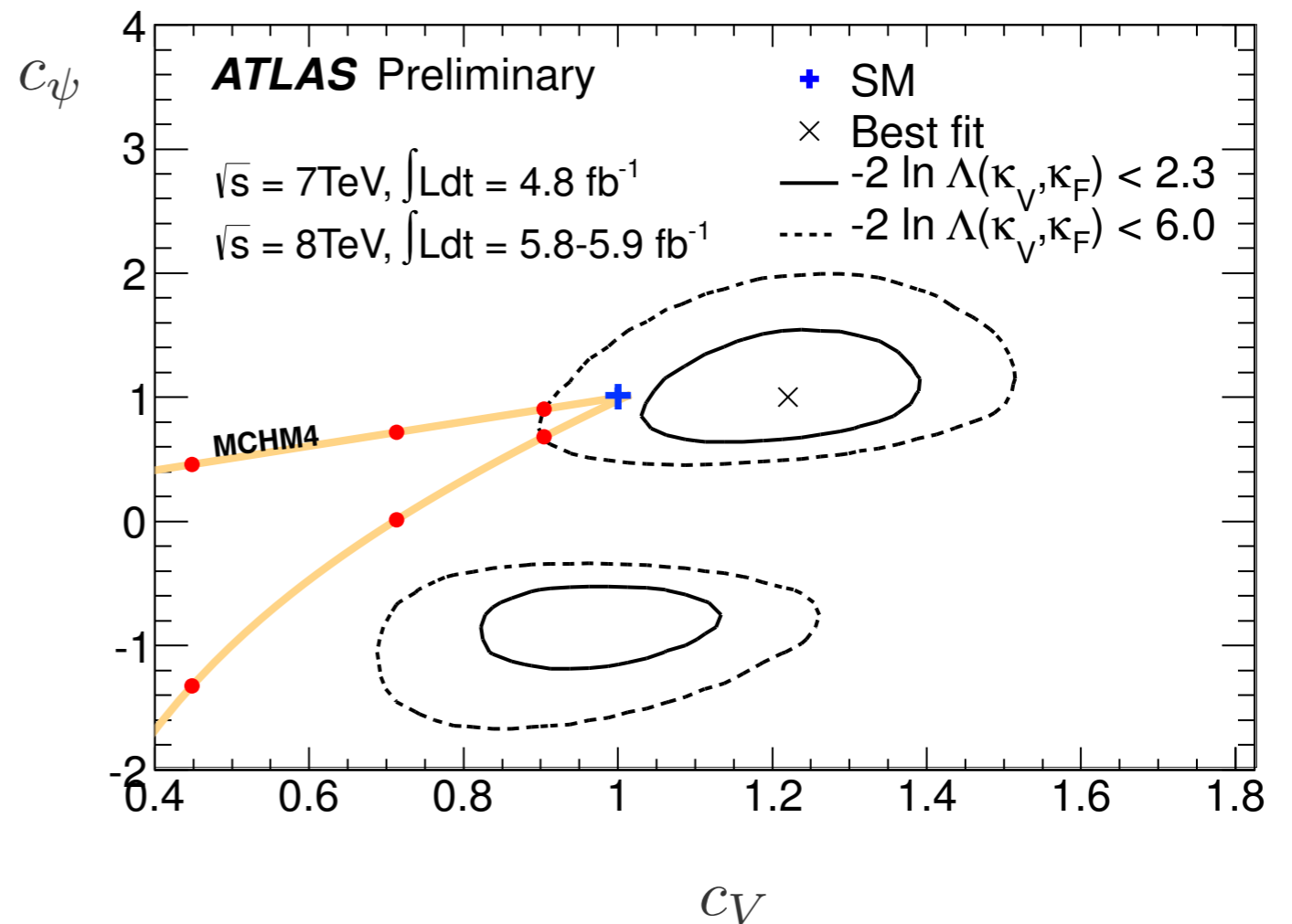
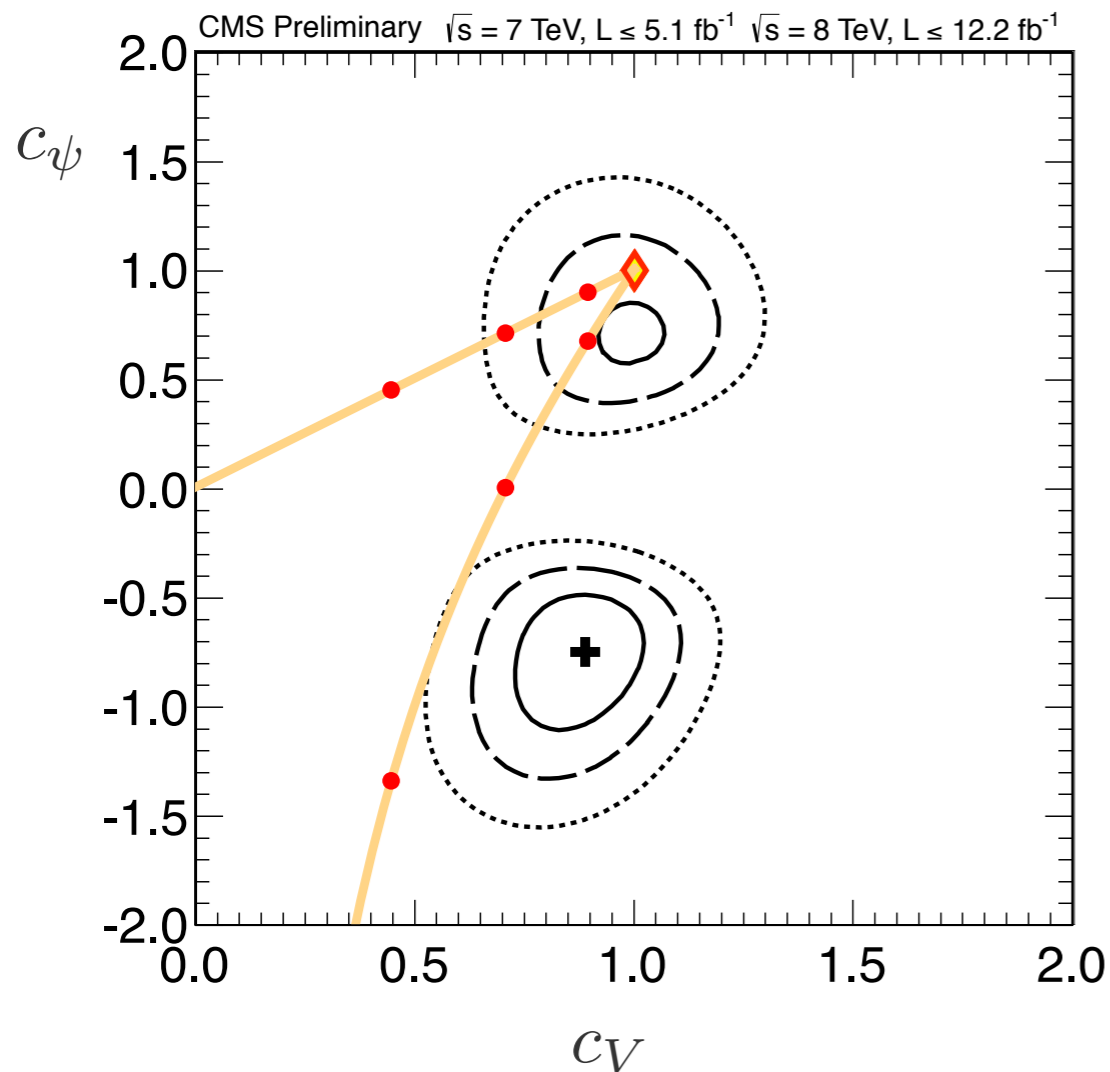
Ex: MCHM5

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$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $gg \rightarrow h$ in composite Higgs models

- Rates modified because of shift in tree-level Higgs couplings

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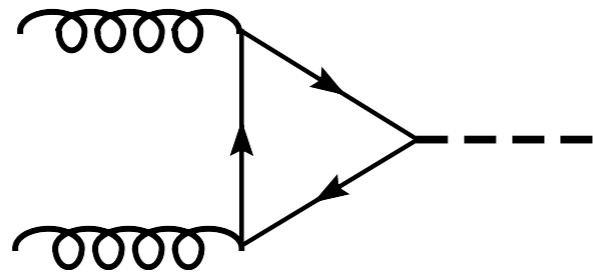
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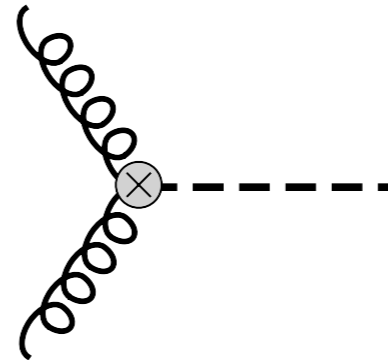
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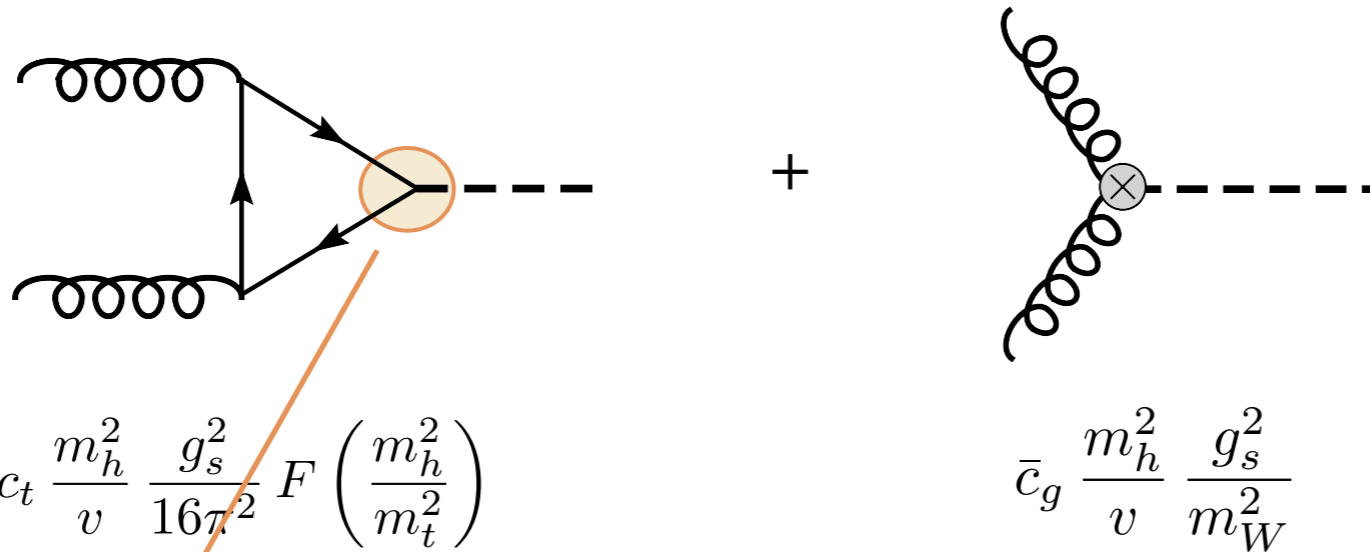
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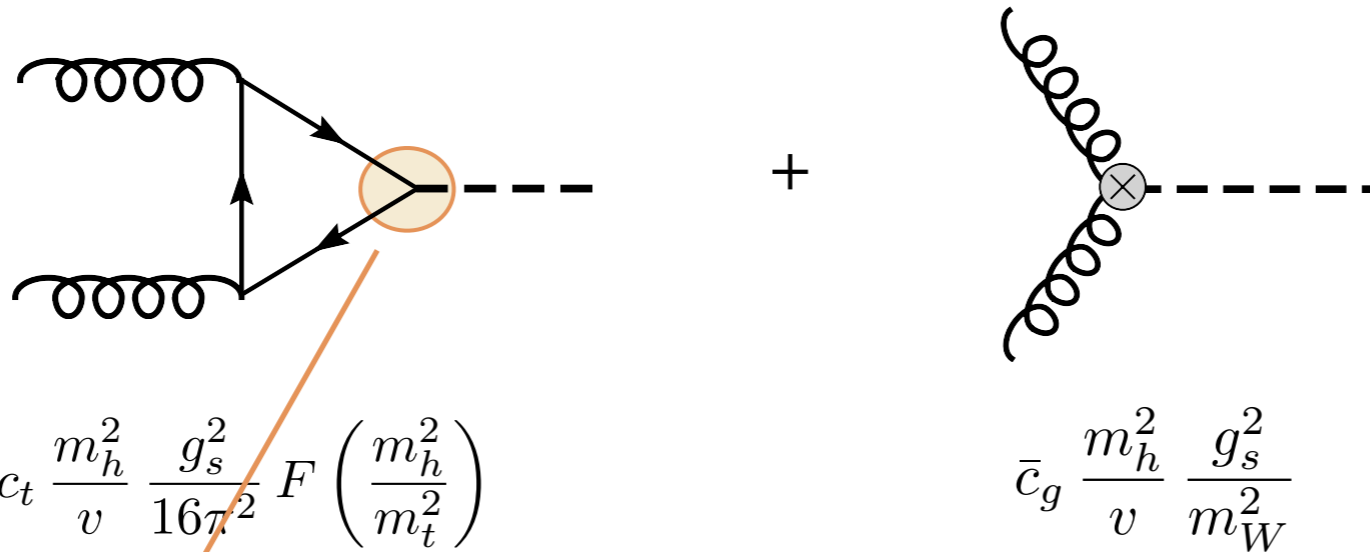
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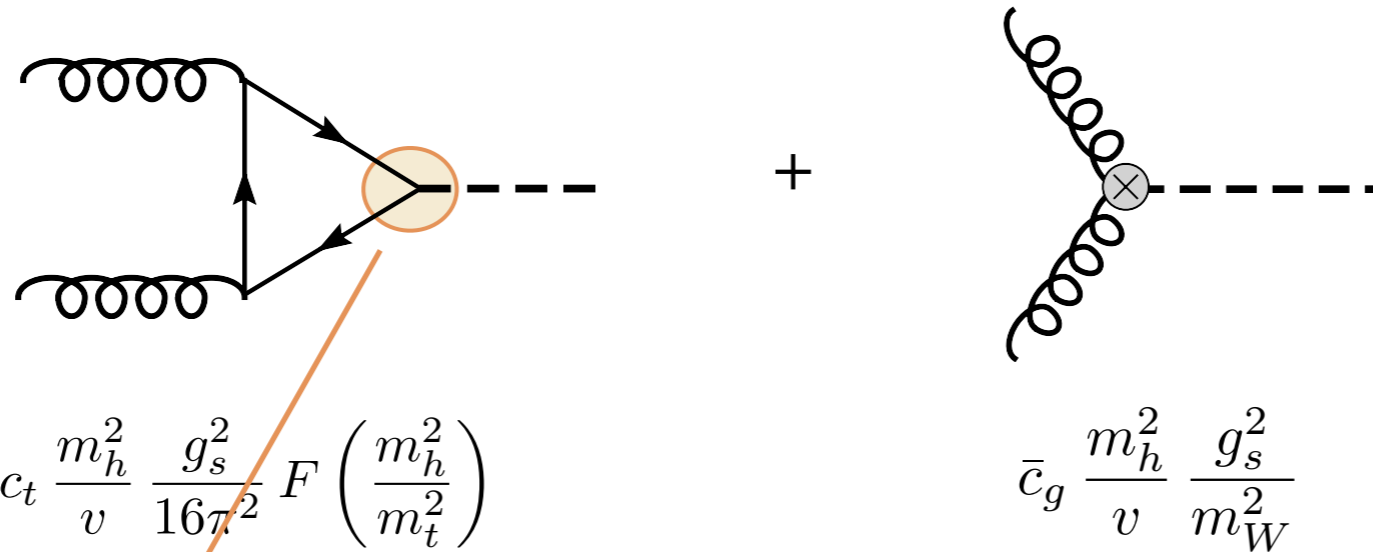
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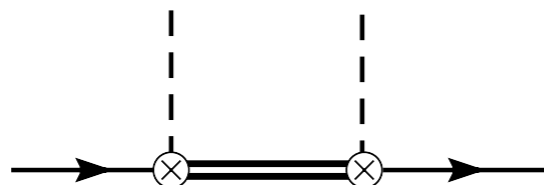
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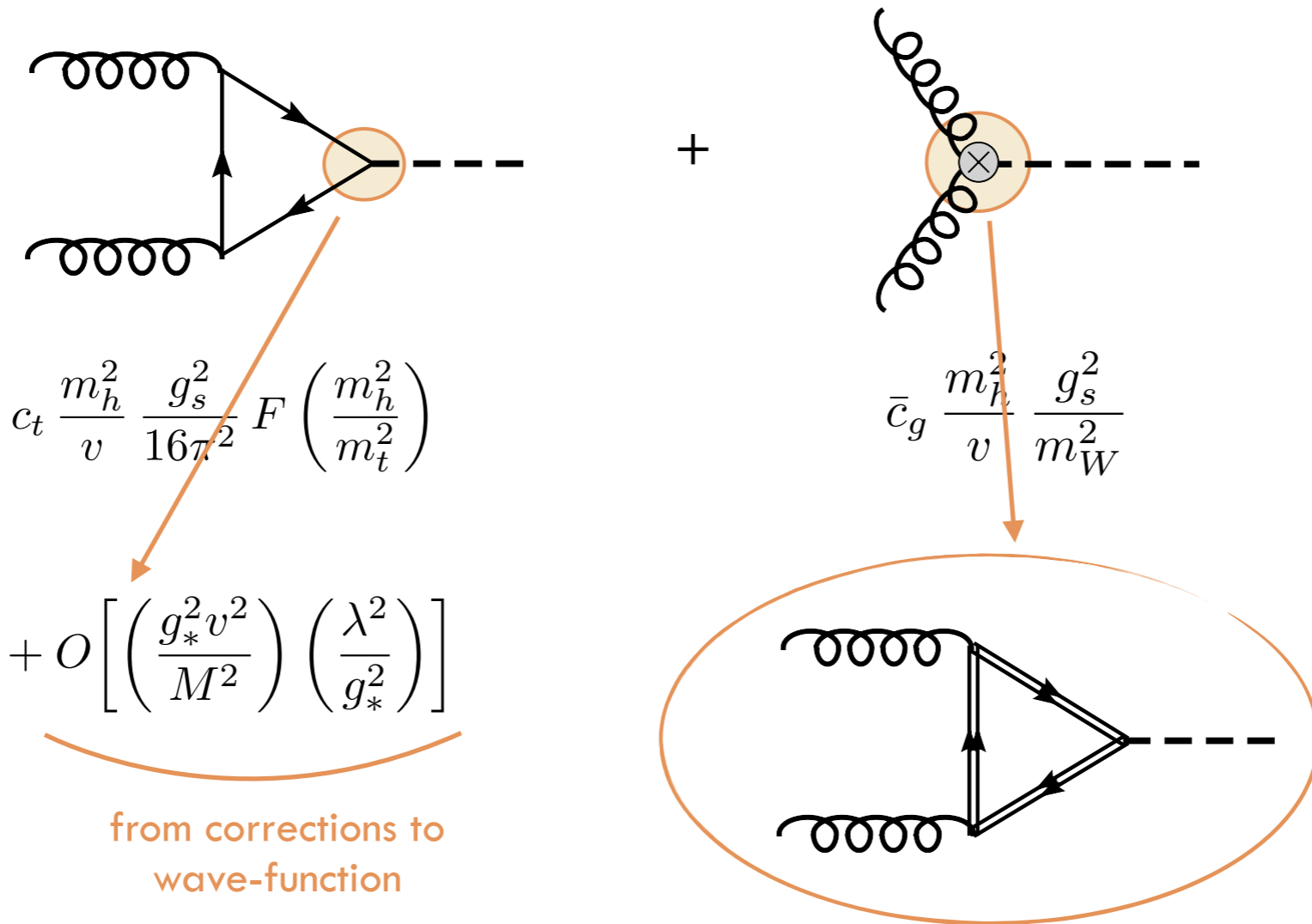
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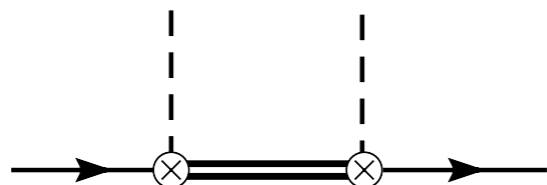


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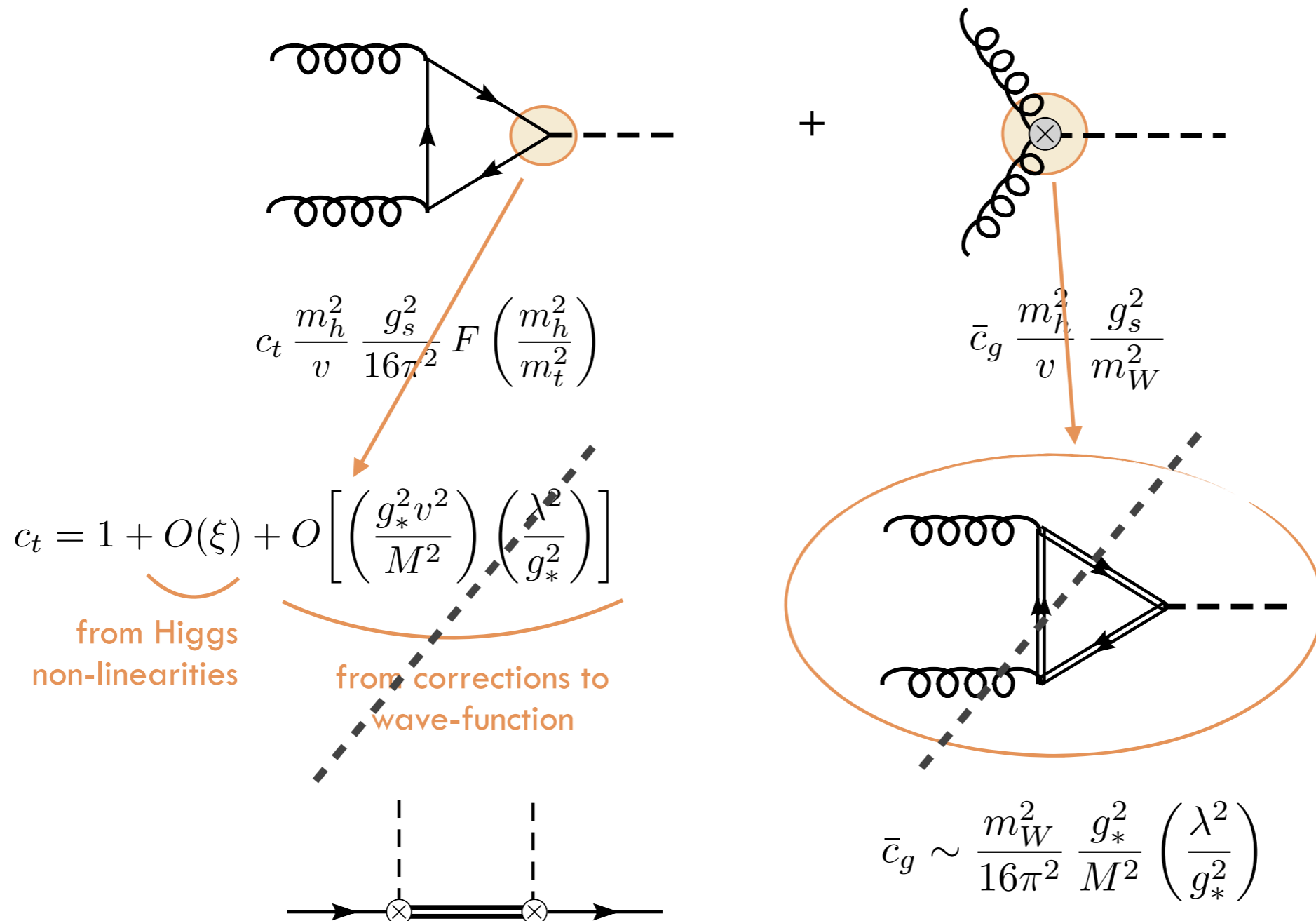


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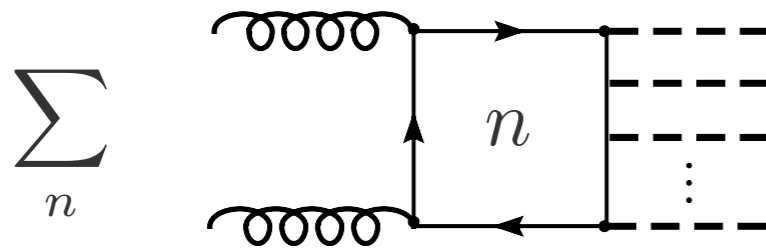
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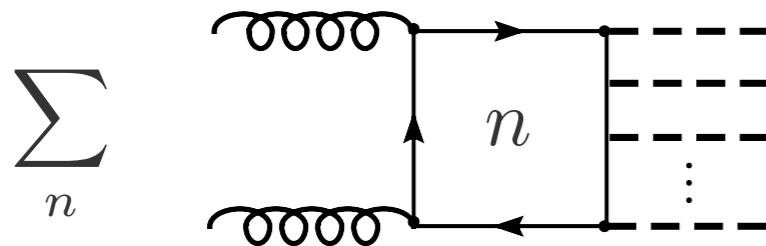
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