

# CP measurements in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

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# Introduction

1. CP properties of the Higgs boson
2. Test of CP invariance in VBF Higgs boson production (ATLAS analysis) ([ATLAS Collaboration arXiv:1602.04516 \(hep-ex\)](#))
3. Study on EFT validity in VBF Higgs production ([Jonas Rehberg, BSc Thesis](#))
4. Investigation of the CP structure of the Higgs Gluon Coupling in  $gg \rightarrow H + 2\text{jets}$  ([Alena Loesle, MSc Thesis](#))

# CP properties of the Higgs boson in the HVV coupling

- CP violation = 1 of 3 Sakharov conditions to explain baryon asymmetry in the universe
- Effective Lagrangian with CP-violating couplings between H and electroweak gauge bosons:

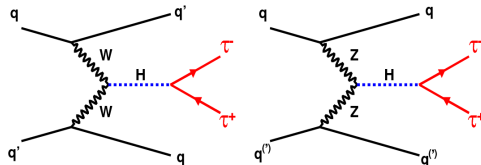
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \tilde{d} \frac{e}{2m_W \sin \theta_w} H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} \\ + \tilde{d} \frac{e}{2m_W \sin \theta_w} H \tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{d} \frac{e}{2m_W \sin \theta_w} H \tilde{A}_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu}$$

with dim-6 operators assuming  $\tilde{d} = \tilde{d}_B$  ( L3 Collaboration Phys.Lett. B589 (2004) 89-102; V. Hankele et al. Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) )

- Matrix element:

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \tilde{d} \mathcal{M}_{\text{CP-odd}}$$

- Coupling to weak vector bosons measured in VBF



# Measurement of CP invariance in VBF H production

- Total cross section influenced by  $\tilde{d}$ :  
 $|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 + \tilde{d} \cdot 2\Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{CP\text{-odd}}) + \tilde{d}^2 \cdot |\mathcal{M}_{CP\text{-odd}}|^2$   
 → integrated over full phase space (CP-even):  
 interference term vanishes

- Expectation value (mean) of differential cross-sections:

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{O}} \right\rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{O} d\sigma_{SM} + \int \mathcal{O} \tilde{d} \cdot d\sigma_{\text{Interference}} + \int \mathcal{O} \tilde{d}^2 \cdot d\sigma_{CP\text{-even}}}{\int d\sigma_{SM} + \int \tilde{d} \cdot d\sigma_{\text{Interference}} + \int \tilde{d}^2 \cdot d\sigma_{CP\text{-even}}}$$

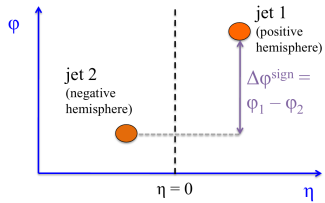
- CP-odd observable can have non-zero mean in presence of CP violation:
- ⇒ consider CP-odd observable to probe CP-odd contribution



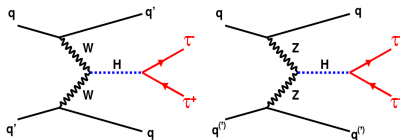
## CP-odd observables

CP-odd observables have non-zero mean in presence of CP violation  
(model independent  $\rightarrow$  EFT used for quantification)

### Signed azimuthal difference of jets $S_{\text{gnd}}\Delta\phi(jj)$



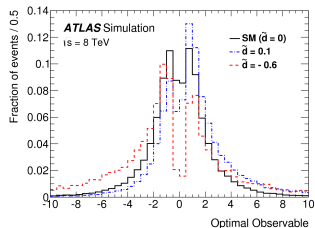
- $S_{\text{gnd}}\Delta\phi(jj) = \phi(j_{\eta>0}) - \phi(j_{\eta<0})$
- non-signed  $\Delta\phi(jj)$  is CP-even



# CP-odd observables

## Optimal Observable $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$

$$\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O} = \frac{2\Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{CP\text{-odd}})}{|\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2}$$



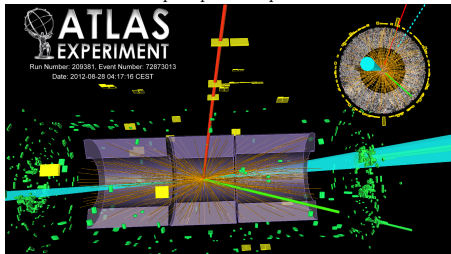
- defined with the reconstructed four-momenta of particles in the events (tagging jets, reconstructed Higgs momentum)
- Why optimal?  
 → combines the information on the entire phase space in one scalar variable (for small  $\tilde{d}$ )

(D. Atwood, A. Soni; Phys. Rev. D45 (1992)), (M. Davier et al.; Phys. Lett. B306 (1993)),  
 (M. Diehl, O. Nachtmann; Z. Phys. C62 (1994))

# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ at 8 TeV with ATLAS

Based on 8 TeV Evidence paper [JHEP 04 \(2015\) 117](#)

Final states  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$  &  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$

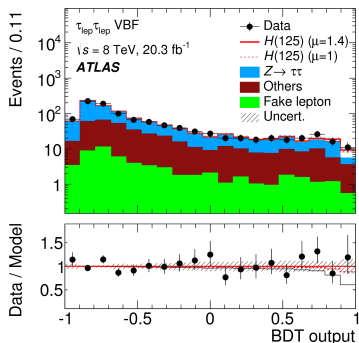


- $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{lep}}$  selection:
  - 2 opposite-sign leptons
  - $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$
  - b-jet veto
- $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  selection:
  - 1 lepton and 1  $\tau_{\text{had}}$  with opposite charge
  - $m_{\text{T}} < 70$  GeV
  - b-jet veto
- VBF category
  - at least 2 jets
  - $|\Delta\eta(jj)| > 2.2(3.0)$

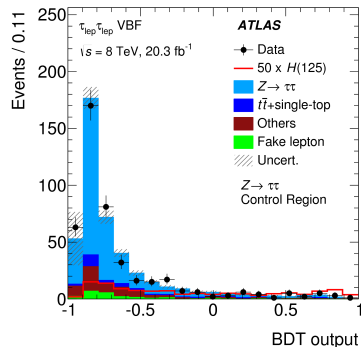
- Dominant background:  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , modeled with embedding
- BDT used to separate Higgs signal from background
- Using Missing Mass Calculator for Higgs momentum reconstruction ([A. Pranko, A. Elagin, et al. Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A654 \(2011\) 481-489](#))

# VBF category

## BDT score in VBF signal region



## BDT score in $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ control region

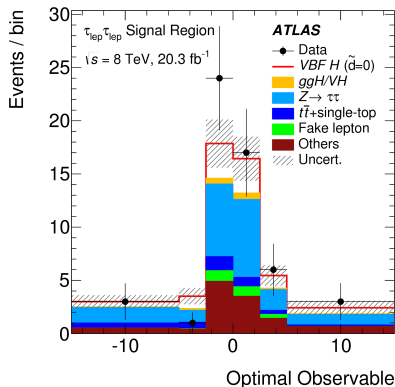


Advantage of  $H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  for CP measurement in VBF:

- Good reconstruction of Higgs four-momentum
- Large contribution from VBF

# Measurement of $\tilde{d}$ in VBF $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

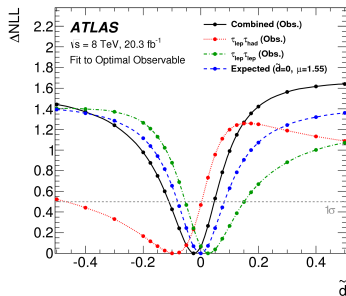
- Additional selection: BDT score cut
- Matrix element for  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$  calculation and event reweighting extracted from HAWK (Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Mück, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* 195 (2015))



- no signal strength information
  - only shape information
  - fit to full  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$  distribution to extract exclusion limits on  $\tilde{d}$
  - Mean of  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$ :
    - $\langle \mathcal{O}\mathcal{O} \rangle = 0.3 \pm 0.5 (\tau_{lep} \tau_{lep})$
    - $\langle \mathcal{O}\mathcal{O} \rangle = -0.3 \pm 0.4 (\tau_{lep} \tau_{had})$
- no hint for CP violation

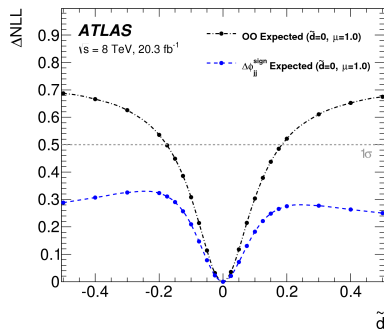
(ATLAS Collaboration arXiv:1602.04516 (hep-ex))

# Exclusion limits on $\tilde{d}$ from 8 TeV measurement



Expected 68% confidence interval:  
 $(-0.08, 0.08)$  for  $\mu = 1.55$   
 $(\mu = 1.55^{+0.87}_{-0.76}$  from fit for  $\tilde{d}=0)$

Observed confidence interval at  
 68% C.L.:  
 $\tilde{d} \in [-0.11, 0.05]$



Optimal Observable more sensitive  
 than  $\text{Sgn}d\Delta\phi(jj)$

Comparison to observed 68% C.L.  
 interval from  $H \rightarrow WW/\text{ZZ}$   
 measurement:  
 $\tilde{d} \in [-0.08, 1.38]$

# EFT validity in CP measurement

## Approach to EFT validity

- A Find characteristic energy scale describing the process
  - e.g. transverse momenta, masses, momentum transfer
- B Apply upper boundaries on characteristic scale
  - Kinematic selection of events below certain values, for various values of  $M_{\text{cut}}$
- C Measure EFT parameters in dependence of upper boundaries

$$c_i^{(\delta)} < \delta_i^{\text{exp}}(M_{\text{cut}})$$

⇒ allows re-interpretation of limits according to specific models valid up to certain values of  $M_{\text{cut}}$

(YR IV section II.2.2),(Contino, Falkowski, Goertz, Grojean, Riva JHEP 1607 (2016) 144)

## Calibration curves for $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$ vs. $\tilde{d}$

In the presence of CP-violation,  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{CP-odd}} \rangle \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Measurement of  $\tilde{d}$  via  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{CP-odd}} \rangle$

At low  $\tilde{d}$ , linear term dominates:

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}|^2 + \tilde{d} \cdot 2\Re(\mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}}\mathcal{M}_{\text{CP-odd}}) + \tilde{d}^2 \cdot |\mathcal{M}_{\text{CP-odd}}|^2$$

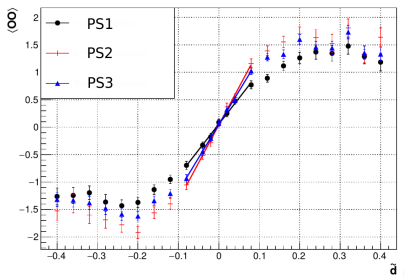
$\rightarrow$  Linear calibration curve for  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$  vs.  $\tilde{d}$

Precision of measurement depends on

- gradient of calibration line  $g$
- uncertainty of mean of the observable  $\delta(\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle)$

Considering 3 phase-space regions:

- PS1:  $M(jj) > 500 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta\eta(jj)| > 4$
- PS2:  $M(jj) > 500 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta\eta(jj)| > 2$
- PS3:  $M(jj) > 200 \text{ GeV}, |\Delta\eta(jj)| > 2$





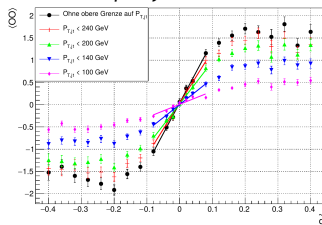
## EFT validity

A Characteristic scale; use jet  $p_T$ , since near the threshold:

$$q_i^2 \approx -p_{Ti}^2$$

B Applying upper boundaries on  $p_T(j_1)$

Change of  
calibration  
curves and  
uncertainties  
of mean  
values



OO  
50k MC  
events

Boundary b (GeV)	gradient $g(b)$	$g(b)/g(\infty)$	$\delta(\langle\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}\rangle)$
$p_T(j_1) < \infty$	$13.8 \pm 0.6$	1	0.085
$p_T(j_1) < 200$	$9.5 \pm 0.5$	$0.69 \pm 0.05$	0.070
$p_T(j_1) < 100$	$3.0 \pm 0.3$	$0.21 \pm 0.03$	0.042

- Uncertainties of mean values  $\delta(\langle\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}\rangle)$ :
  - Gradient decreases with stronger bounds ( $\rightarrow$  loss of sensitivity)
  - Uncertainty **decreases** ( $\rightarrow$  gain of sensitivity)

## C. Measure EFT parameters – Run 2 prospects

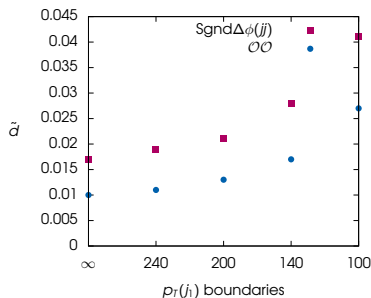
Assuming similar selection efficiency as in Run 1,  $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 100\text{fb}^{-1}$ , with

$$N_{\text{Run2}} = N_{\text{Run1}} \times \frac{\sigma_{13 \text{ TeV}}}{\sigma_{8 \text{ TeV}}} \times \frac{\mathcal{L}_{13 \text{ TeV}}}{\mathcal{L}_{8 \text{ TeV}}} = 313 \text{ events}$$

get the following exclusion limits according to  $\delta(\tilde{d}) = \frac{\delta(\langle \mathcal{O} \mathcal{O} \rangle)}{g(b)}$ :

Boundary b (GeV)	$\delta(\tilde{d})_{\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}}$	$\delta(\tilde{d})_{\text{Sgnd}\Delta\phi(jj)}$
$p_T(j_1) < \infty$	0.010	0.017
$p_T(j_1) < 200$	0.013	0.021
$p_T(j_1) < 100$	0.027	0.041

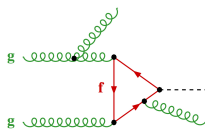
- stronger bounds  $\rightarrow$  loss of sensitivity (factor  $\sim 2.5$ )
- $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$  more sensitive than  $\text{Sgnd}\Delta\phi(jj)$
- both similarly stable



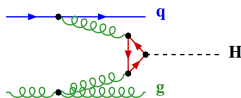
Compare to Run 1 limits:  $(-0.11, 0.05)$   
(CAVEAT: only parton level signal used for prospects)

# Study of CP violation in H+2jet production in gluon fusion

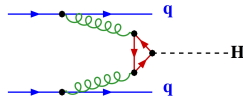
H+2jet production in gluon fusion via higher order QCD corrections:



gluon-gluon initial state



gluon-quark initial state



quark-quark initial state

Higgs-gluon interaction in EFT approach for  $m_{top} \rightarrow \infty$   
(Higgs-Characterization model):

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \underbrace{a_2 G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} H}_{\text{SM contribution}} + \underbrace{a_3 G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\rho\sigma}^a \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A}_{\text{CP odd contribution}}$$

$$a_2 = g_{Hgg} \kappa_{Hgg} \cos(\alpha), \quad a_3 = g_{Agg} \kappa_{Agg} \sin(\alpha)$$

with coupling strengths  $g_{Hgg} = \frac{-\alpha_s}{3\pi}$ ,  $g_{Agg} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}$  and dimensionless constants  $\kappa_{Hgg}$ ,  $\kappa_{Agg}$

→ mixing between CP even and CP odd coupling driven by  $\cos(\alpha)$

→ CP violation for  $\kappa_{Hgg}$ ,  $\kappa_{Agg} \neq 0$  and  $\cos(\alpha) \neq 0, \pm 1$

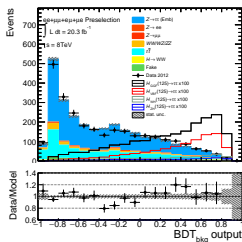
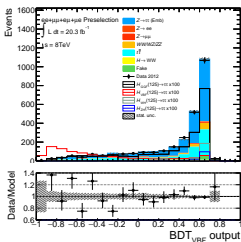
# Analysis strategy

Event selection:  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow 2l4\nu$

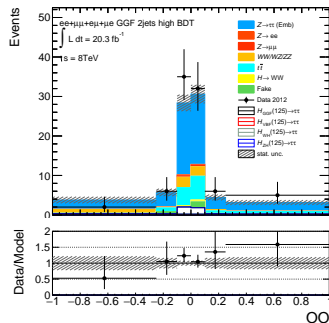
- preselection cuts
- trained two BDTs  
 $BDT_{\text{bkg}}$ : signal against all bkg  
 $BDT_{\text{VBF}}$ : signal against VBF  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  bkg

signal region constructed by cutting on both:

$$BDT_{\text{bkg}} > 0.6 \text{ and } BDT_{\text{VBF}} > -0.3$$



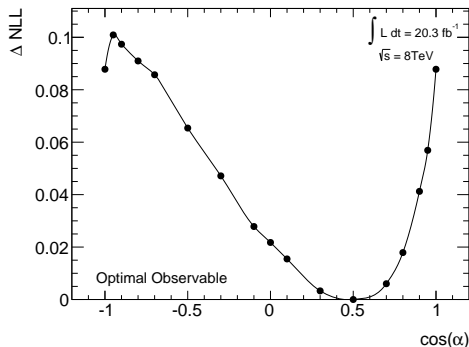
use the Optimal Observable to measure  $\cos(\alpha)$ :



$\Rightarrow$  Optimal Observable has been implemented based on MadGraph5 [arXiv:1405.0301](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.0301) (hep-ph)

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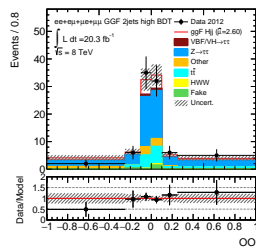
# Measurement of $\cos(\alpha)$



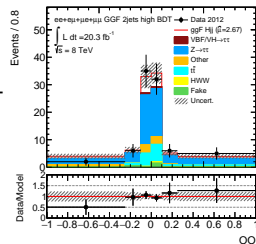
→ no  $1\sigma$  exclusion limit on  $\cos(\alpha)$  reached yet (only lelep-final state here)

→ however, promising approach to look for CP violation in Run 2

post-fit distribution for  $\cos(\alpha) = 1$  (SM)

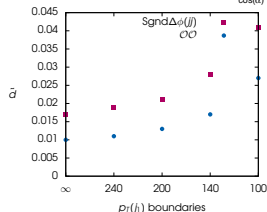
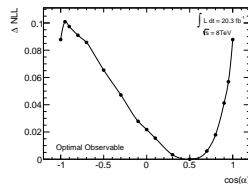
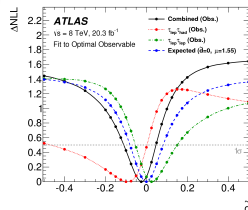


post-fit distribution for  $\cos(\alpha) = 0.5$



# Conclusions and summary

- CP nature of the Higgs boson, measured using the optimal observable method in VBF at 8 TeV
- Studying CP invariance in H+2jet production in gluon fusion
- EFT validity in VBF CP measurements and prospects at 13 TeV



# Backup

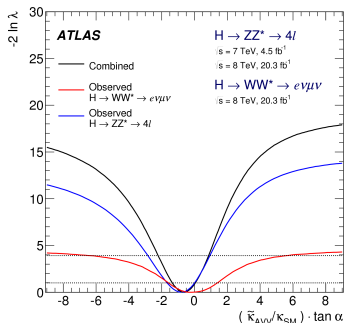
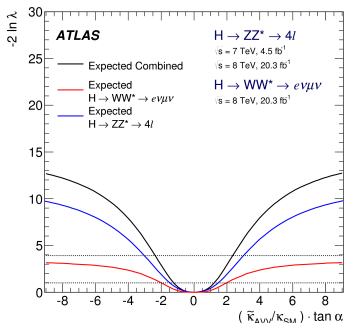
# Comparison to $\tilde{d}$ limits from WW,ZZ

$$\frac{\kappa_{AZZ}}{\kappa_{SM}} = \frac{\kappa_{AWW}}{\kappa_{SM}} = \frac{4\alpha_{EM}\Lambda}{3\pi V} \kappa_{A\gamma\gamma} = -2 \frac{e\Lambda}{m_W \sin\theta_W \tan\alpha} \cdot \tilde{d}.$$

The 8-TeV-WW/ZZ parity analysis uses the definition  $\tilde{\kappa}_{AVV} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{V}{\Lambda} \kappa_{AVV}$ . This reduces the conversion to

$$\tilde{d} = -2 \frac{m_W \sin\theta_W}{eV} \frac{\tilde{\kappa}_{AVV}}{\kappa_{SM}} \tan\alpha = -\frac{\tilde{\kappa}_{AVV}}{\kappa_{SM}} \tan\alpha$$

using  $m_W = \frac{1}{2} gV = \frac{eV}{2 \sin\theta_W}$ .



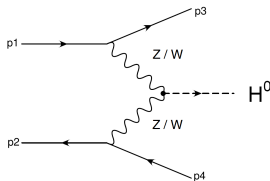
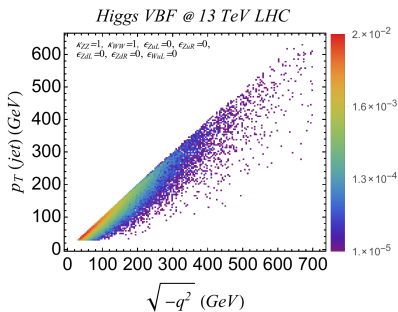


# Find the characteristic scale for VBF Higgs production

(cf. YR IV sec. II.1.6 *PO in Higgs electroweak production: phenomenology*)

- relevant scale in VBF:  $q_1 = p_1 - p_3$  and  $q_2 = p_2 - p_4$
- if  $p(j_1)$ ,  $p(j_2)$ , and  $p(H)$  are reconstructable,  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$  can be determined using the correlation between incoming and outgoing quarks' directions  
 $\Rightarrow$  use solution with minimum angles  $\sphericalangle(p_1, p_3)$  and  $\sphericalangle(p_2, p_4)$
- if they are not reconstructable: use jet  $p_T$ , as near the threshold,

$$q_i^2 \approx -p_{Ti}^2$$



(from YR IV sec. II.1.6)

## CP violation in HVV in general

For a possible combination with  $H \rightarrow VV$  channels, need to use the same CP-violating coupling parameters **or** if not the same, compatible ones  $\rightarrow$  e.g. conversion between  $\tilde{d}$  and Higgs-Characterization parameters:

(arXiv:1306.6464 (hep-ph))

- Lagrangian with  $\tilde{d}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \tilde{d} \frac{e}{2m_W \sin \theta_w} H \widetilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} + \tilde{d} \frac{e}{2m_W \sin \theta_w} H \widetilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{d} \frac{e}{2m_W \sin \theta_w} H \widetilde{A}_{\mu\nu} A^\mu A^\nu$$

can be converted into the Higgs-Characterization Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & \{ \cos \alpha \kappa_{SM} [ \frac{1}{2} g_{HZZ} Z_\mu Z^\mu + g_{HWW} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} ] & (1) \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\Lambda} [ \cos \alpha \kappa_{HZZ} Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \sin \alpha \kappa_{AZZ} Z_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} ] \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\Lambda} [ \cos \alpha \kappa_{HWW} W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} + \sin \alpha \kappa_{AZZ} W_{\mu\nu}^+ \widetilde{W}^{-\mu\nu} ] \} \end{aligned}$$

- The conversion is

$$\tilde{d} = - \frac{\sin \theta_w m_W}{2\Lambda e} \frac{\kappa_{AVV}}{\kappa_{SM}} \tan \alpha$$

- with  $\kappa_{AWW} = \kappa_{AZZ} (= : \kappa_{AVV})$  which corresponds to the condition

$\tilde{d} = \tilde{d}_B$ , which is also used in HZZ/HWW paper (Run 1)

## Effective field theories

Adding higher-dimensional operators to the SM-Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_d \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}^{(d)}$$

$c_i^{(d)}$ : Wilson coefficients

$\Lambda$ : scale of new physics

→ low-energy tail of new physics

- CAVEAT: Limited validity due to
  - truncation of dimensional series
  - unitarity violation
  - missing higher order corrections
- all leading to growing difference to a complete BSM theory