

# CHARACTERISING NEW RESONANCES AT THE LHC IN EFT

#### Hints about SU(2) nature in extended scalar sectors

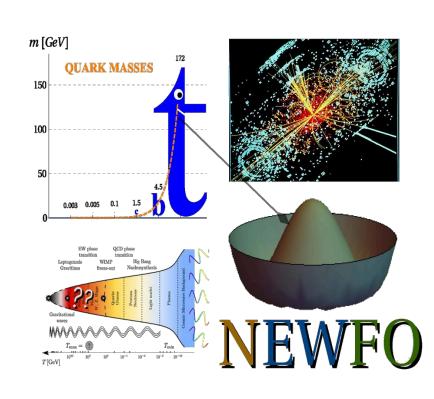
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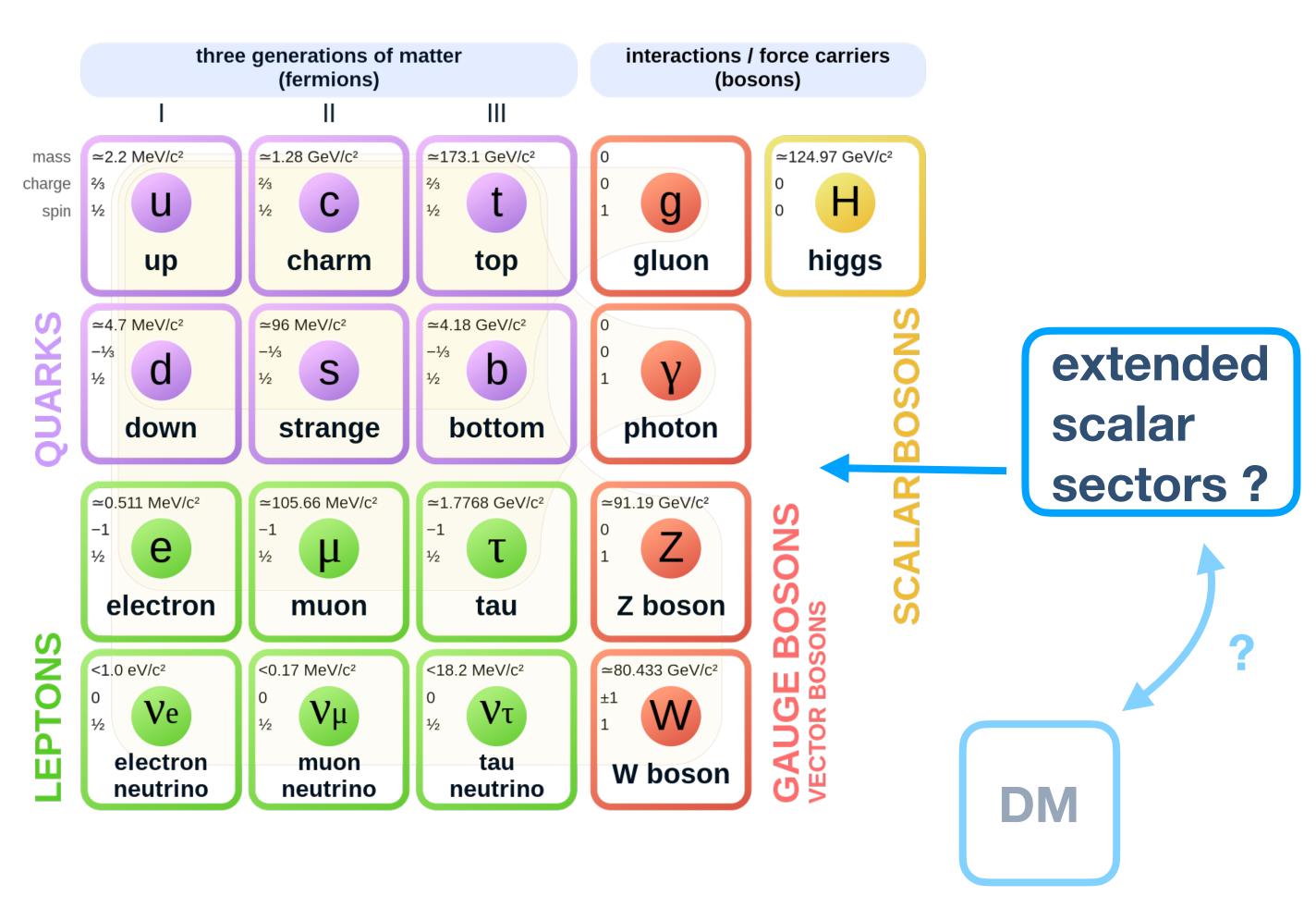
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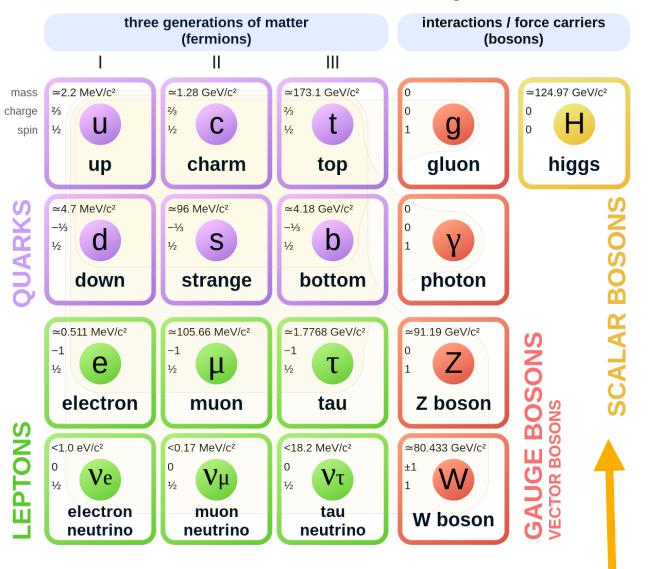


### Generalised HEFT

HEFT ⊃ SMEFT

non-linearly realised EW symmetry

#### **Standard Model of Elementary Particles**



extended scalar sectors?

for connection to DM, see
2411.05914 Arcadi, Cabo-Almeida,
Fabian, Goertz

leading operators:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset_{2}^{1} \sum_{\phi = \mathcal{S}, h} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial^{\mu} \phi - \mathcal{O}_{5}^{\lambda} + \underbrace{\frac{v^{2}}{4} \mathrm{Tr} \left[ (D_{\mu} \Sigma)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu} \Sigma) \right] \mathcal{O}_{3}^{\kappa}}_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}}$$

$$- \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \underbrace{\left( \overline{u_{i,L}} \ \overline{d_{i,L}} \right) \Sigma \left( Y_{ij}^{u} u_{j,R} \right) \mathcal{O}_{2}^{c_{q}}}_{Y_{ij}^{d} d_{j,R}} \right) \mathcal{O}_{2}^{c_{q}} + \underbrace{\left( \overline{\nu_{i,L}} \ \overline{\ell_{i,L}} \right) \Sigma \frac{1 - \sigma_{3}}{2} Y_{ij}^{\ell} \left( \frac{\nu_{j,R}}{\ell_{j,R}} \right) \mathcal{O}_{2}^{c_{\ell}}}_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \gamma, \mathbf{g}} + \ldots$$

$$- \sum_{\phi = \mathcal{S}, h} \underbrace{\frac{\phi}{16\pi^{2}} \left[ g'^{2} c_{B}^{\phi} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} + g^{2} c_{W}^{\phi} W^{I\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^{I} + g_{s}^{2} c_{G}^{\phi} G^{a\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^{a} \right] \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \gamma, \mathbf{g}}_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}, \gamma, \mathbf{g}}$$

$$+ \dots$$

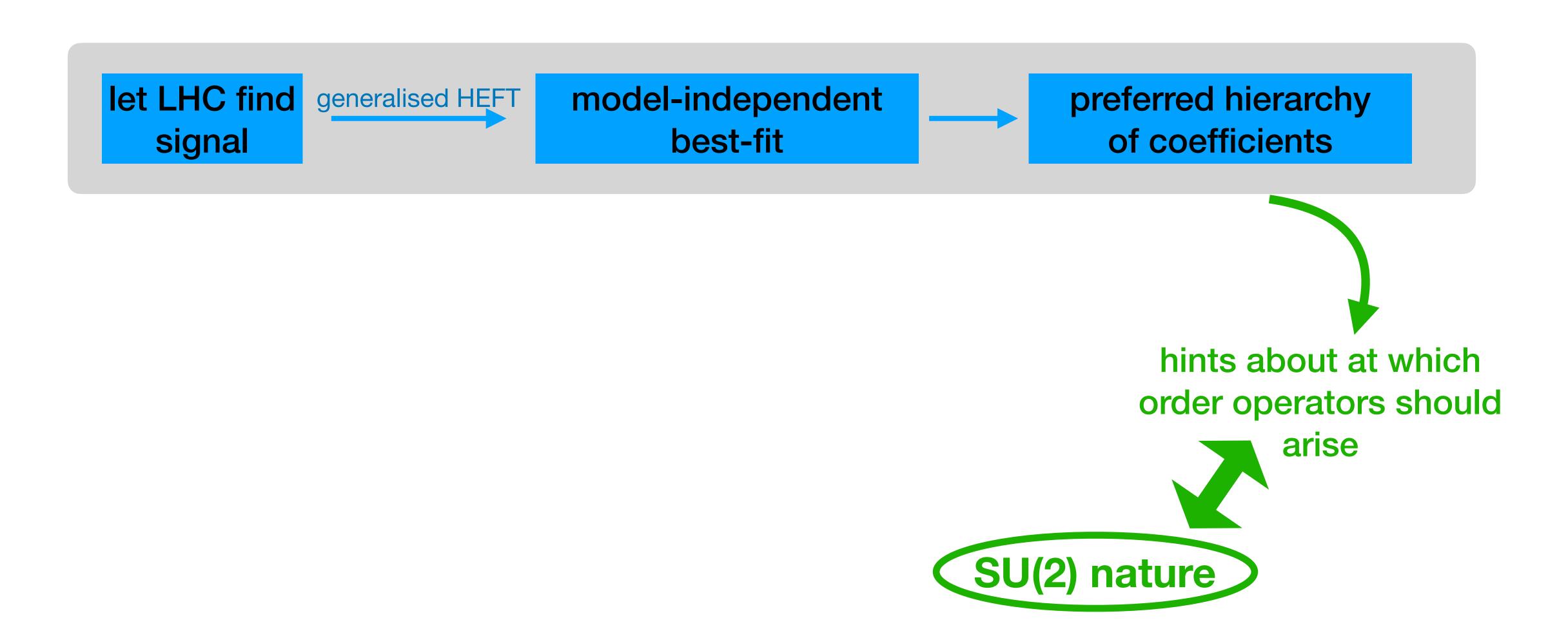
$$\mathcal{O}_d^C \equiv \mathcal{O}_d^C(h,\mathcal{S}) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^d \sum_{j=0}^{i-j} C_{i-j}^{(i)} \ h^i \mathcal{S}^{i-j}$$
 Higgs, new (light) scalar

EW Goldstone bosons in Goldstone matrix

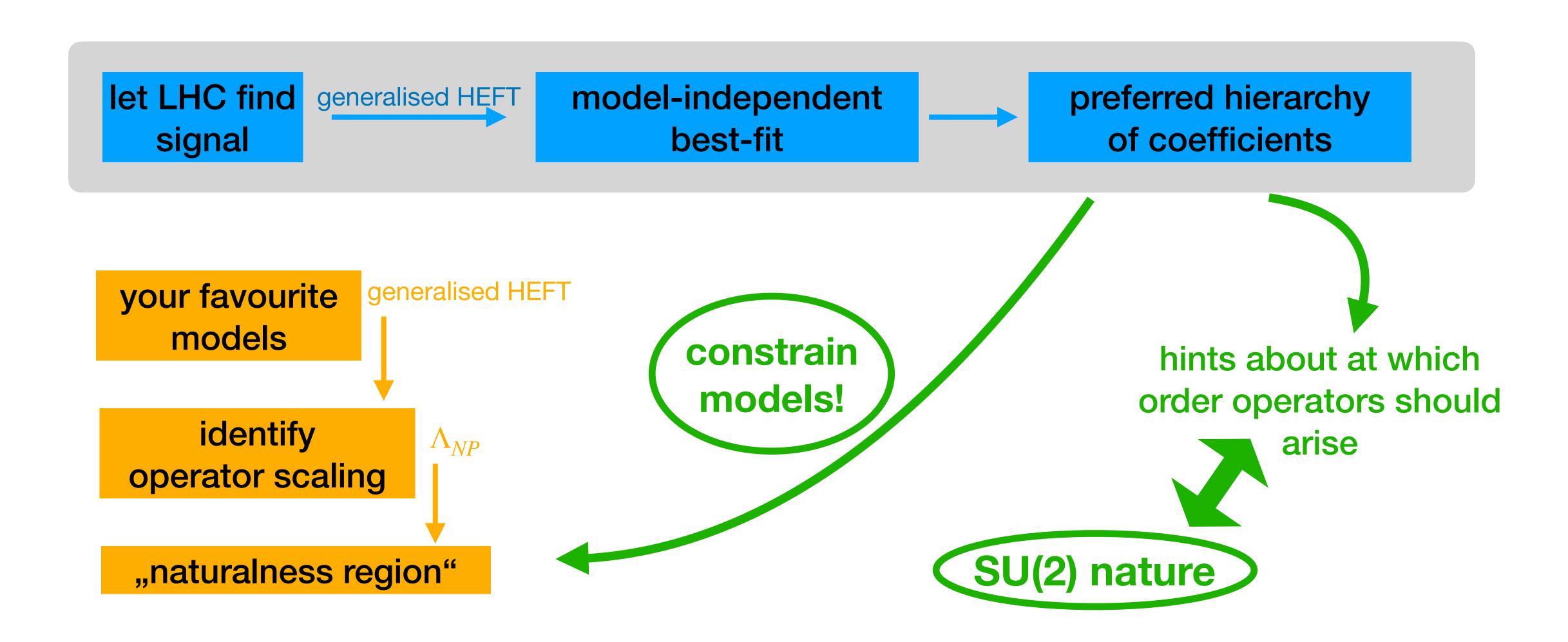
$$\Sigma(x) = e^{i\sigma^{j}G^{j}(x)/v}$$

$$D_{\mu}\Sigma \equiv \partial_{\mu}\Sigma - i\frac{g}{2}\sigma^{a}W_{\mu}^{a}\Sigma + i\frac{g'}{2}B_{\mu}\Sigma\sigma^{3}$$

### Step-By-Step Guide



## Step-By-Step Guide



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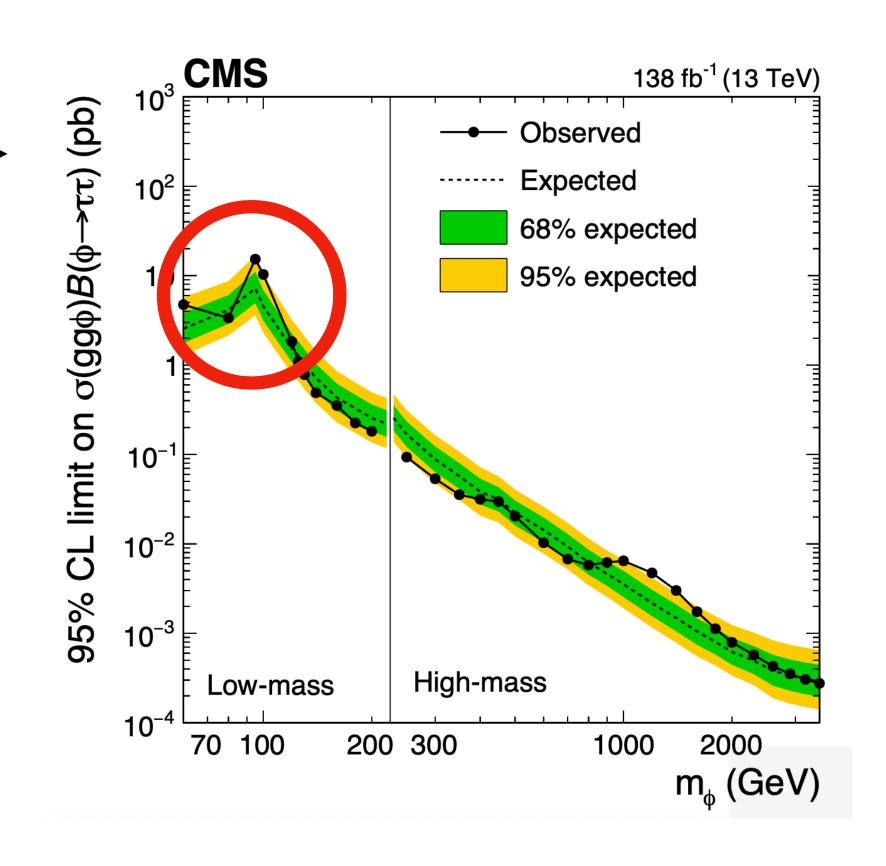


### 95 GeV Resonance

signal strength 
$$u = \frac{\sigma_{\text{new}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} \times \frac{BR_{\text{new}}}{BR_{\text{SM}}}$$

- di-tau  $\mu_{\tau\tau} = 1.22^{+0.62}_{-0.48}$
- di-bottom  $\mu_{bb} = 0.117 \pm 0.06$  [1612.08522]
- di-photon  $\mu_{\gamma\gamma} = 0.24^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$

in analysis: consider 90% C.L. (1.64  $\sigma$ ) to avoid compatibility with 0



we consider: FeynRules + Djouabi (2005)

- tree-level processes
- loop-decay into  $W, Z, g, \gamma$
- off-shell decay into  $WW^*, ZZ^*$

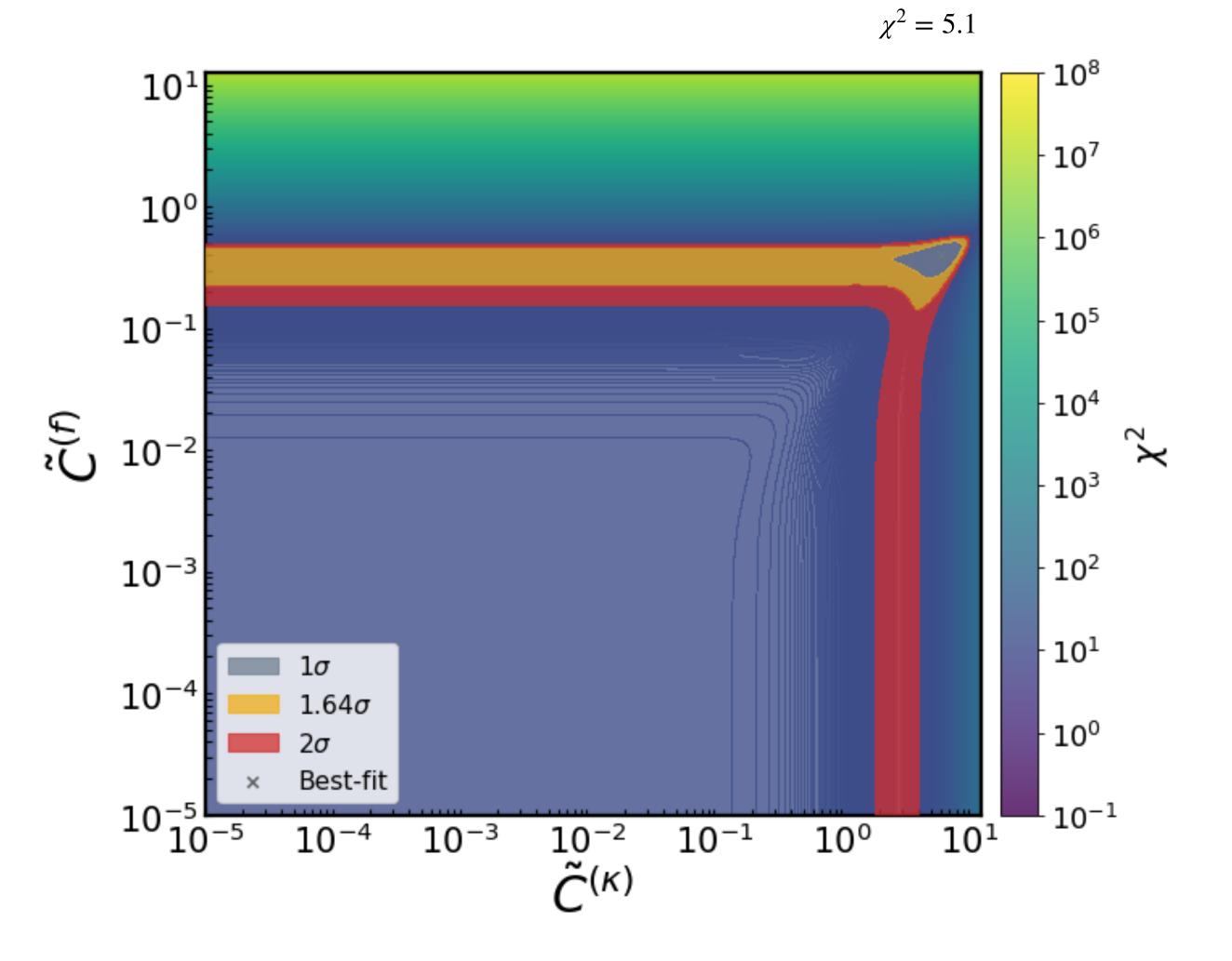
# Best Fit preliminary

 $\chi^{2}_{\gamma\gamma,\tau\tau,b\bar{b}} = \frac{\left(\mu_{\gamma\gamma,\tau\tau,b\bar{b}} - \mu^{\exp}_{\gamma\gamma,\tau\tau,b\bar{b}}\right)^{2}}{\left(\Delta\mu^{\exp}_{\gamma\gamma,\tau\tau,b\bar{b}}\right)^{2}}$ 

production dominated by gluon fusion

di-photon channel: VBF, VH included

- scale-dependence absorbed into coefficients → no assumptions during analysis!
- universal fermion coupling  $\tilde{c}_f$  vs gauge boson coupling  $\tilde{c}_\kappa$
- best fit for  $\tilde{c}_f \sim$  0.4 and  $\tilde{c}_\kappa \sim$  6.1 (but at 90% C.L. compatible with  $\tilde{c}_\kappa \rightarrow$  0)



 $\lambda \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  parameter  $\Lambda$ : NP scale

(absorption of factors of v into coefficients to make them dimensionless)

## Scaling Examples

#### **SINGLET**

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$$\lambda \frac{S}{\Lambda} \times \left( \mathcal{Z}_{\text{yuk}}^{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{Z}_{\text{gauge}}^{\text{SM}} \right)$$

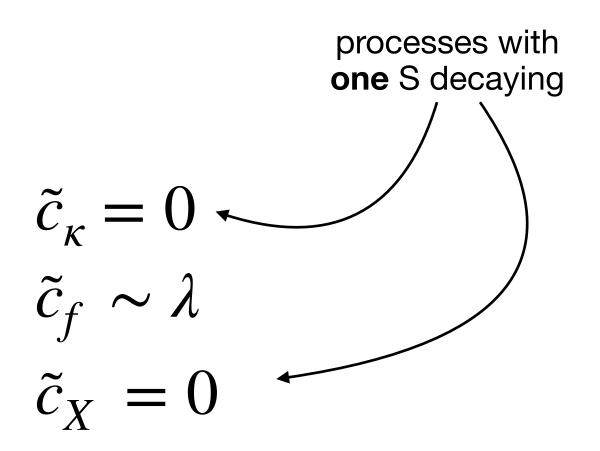
+ loops

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{W,Z} & \tilde{c}_{\kappa} \sim \lambda \frac{v}{\Lambda} \\ \text{quarks} & \tilde{c}_{f} \sim \lambda \frac{v}{\Lambda} \\ \text{W,Z,} \gamma, g & \tilde{c}_{X} \sim \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^{2}} \frac{1}{\Lambda} \\ & \text{(for now } \rightarrow 0) \end{array}$$

#### **DOUBLET**

Yukawa  $\lambda \times y_{SM} \overline{f_L} S f_R$ 

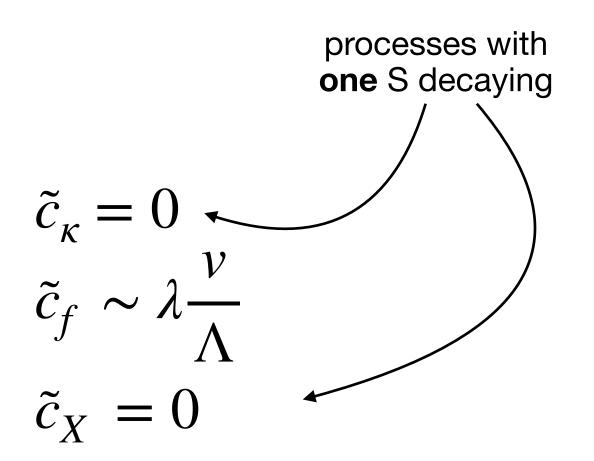
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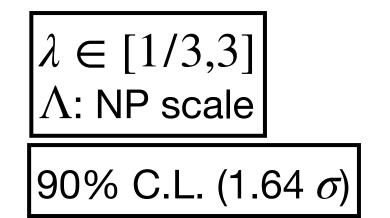


#### **TRIPLET**

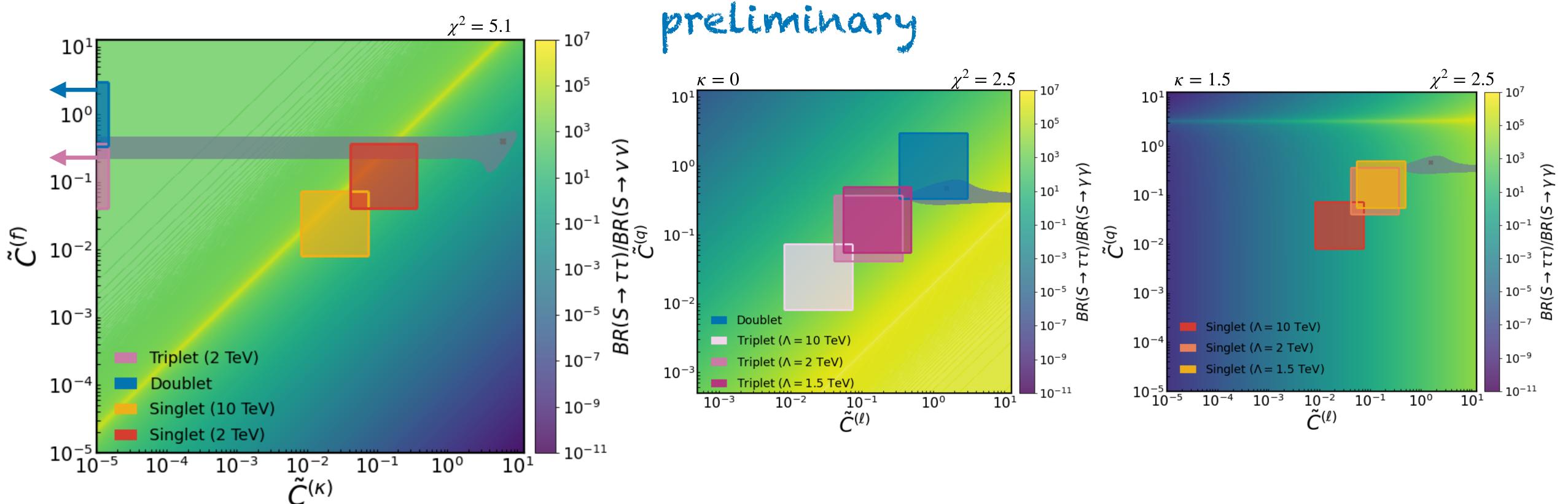
 $\begin{array}{ccc} H & f_L \\ 2 \otimes 2 & = 3 \oplus 1 \end{array}$ Yukawa  $\lambda \frac{v}{\Lambda} \times y_{SM} \overline{f_L} S f_R$ 

+ loops





## "Naturalness Regions"

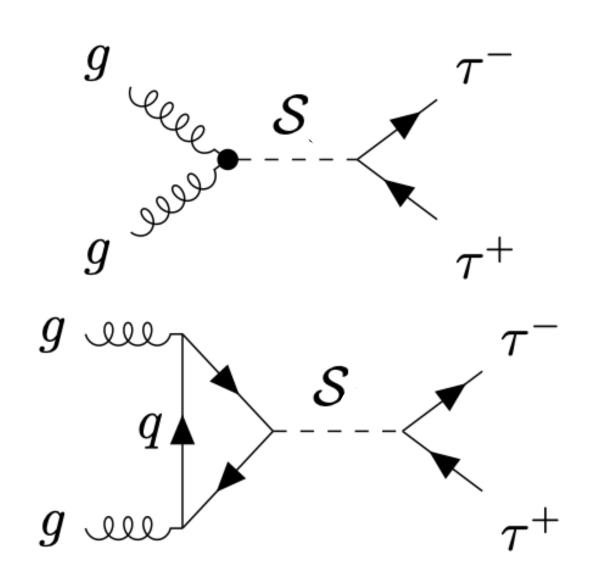


- if singlet or triplet: low  $\Lambda_{\rm NP}$  preferred
- non-universal fermion coupling preferred

- doublet better fit than triplet
- no need to redo best fit for each model variation!

### Outlook to Other Masses

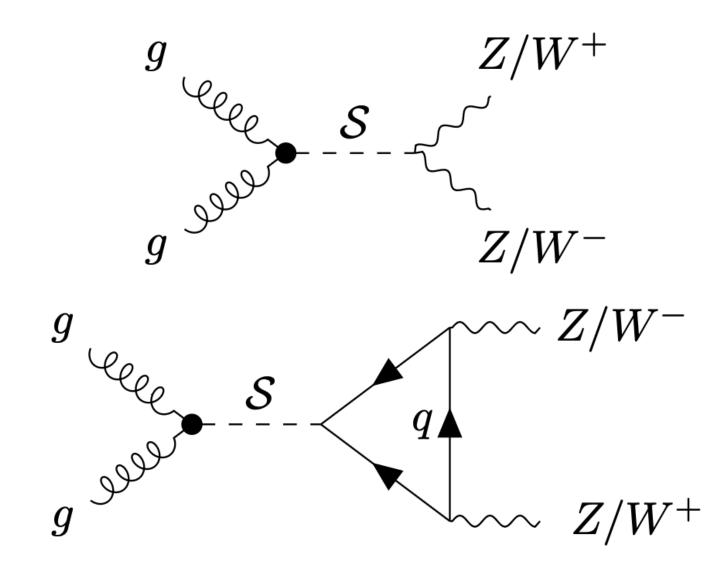
Potentially Interesting Collider Signals



 $\tau$ -pair production

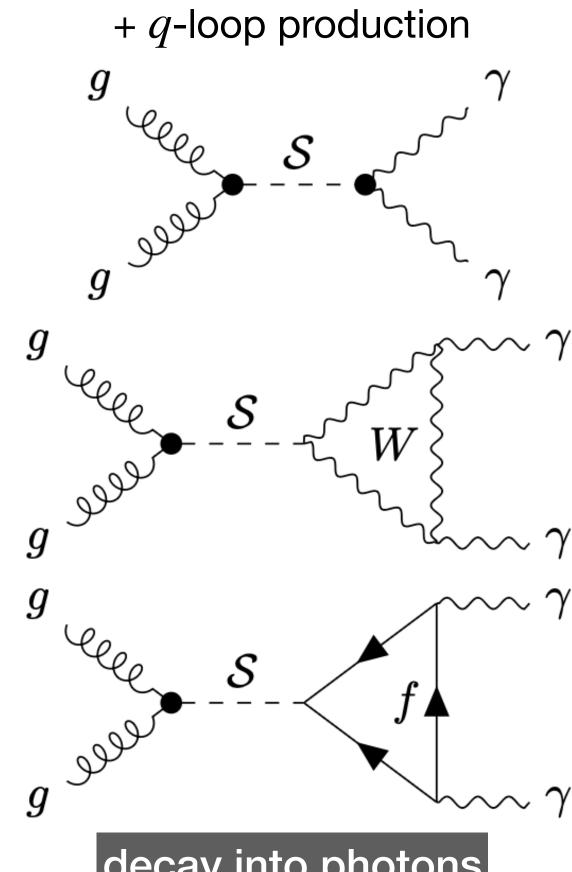
probes couplings to fermions & fairly clean signal

+ q-loop production



di-boson resonance

probes couplings to gauge bosons



decay into photons

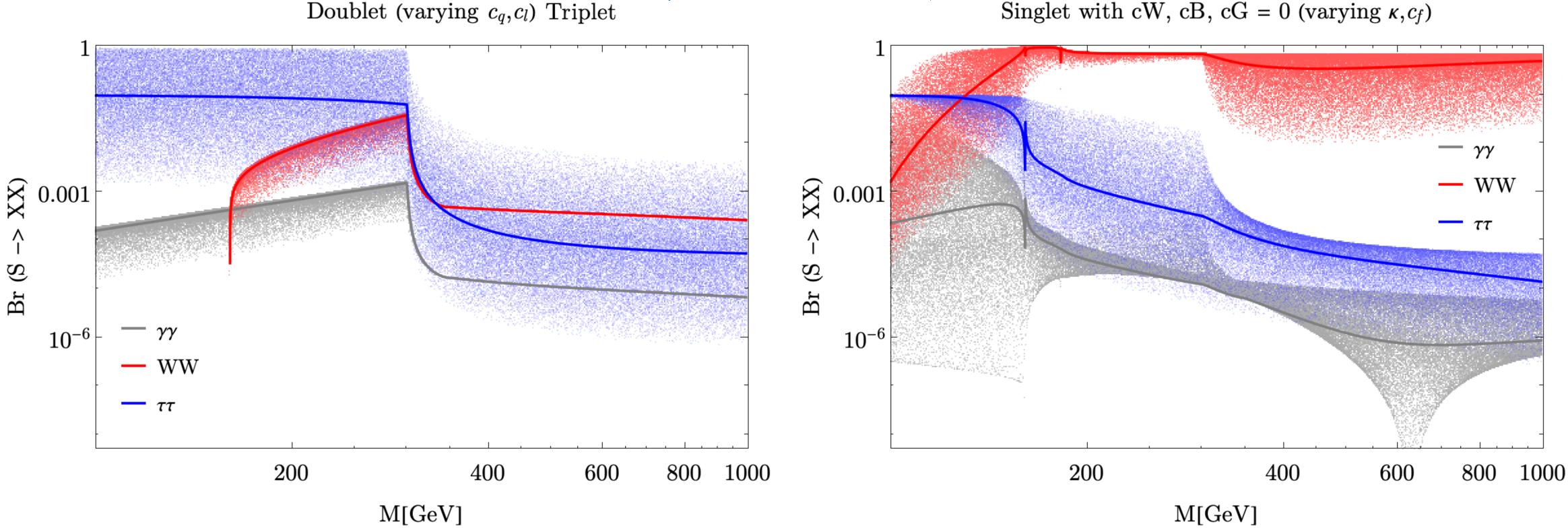
probes interplay of coupling to fermions and gauge bosons

### Outlook: other masses

random scan:  $\lambda_i \in [1/3,3]$   $M \in [100,1000] \text{ GeV}$  10 000 parameter pts

lines 
$$\hat{=} \lambda_i = 1$$

Doublet (varying  $c_q, c_l$ ) Triplet

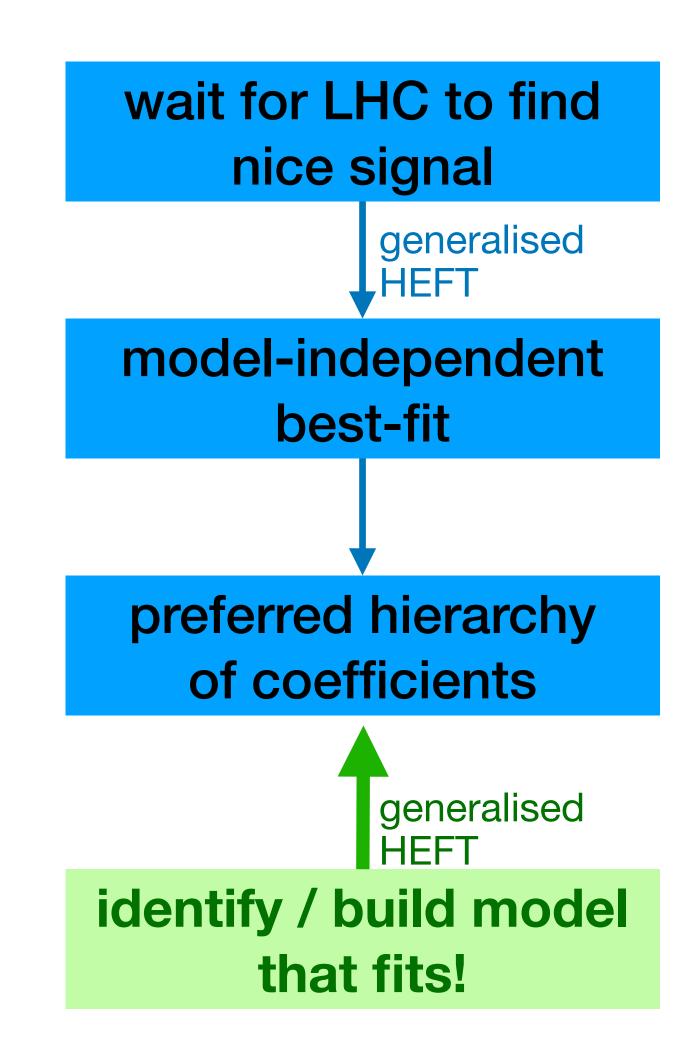


- for low masses: if S o WW dominates over S o au au : field unlikely to be a doublet / triplet
- for high masses: if  $S \to \tau \tau$  or  $S \to \gamma \gamma$  dominate over  $S \to WW$ : field unlikely to be singlet

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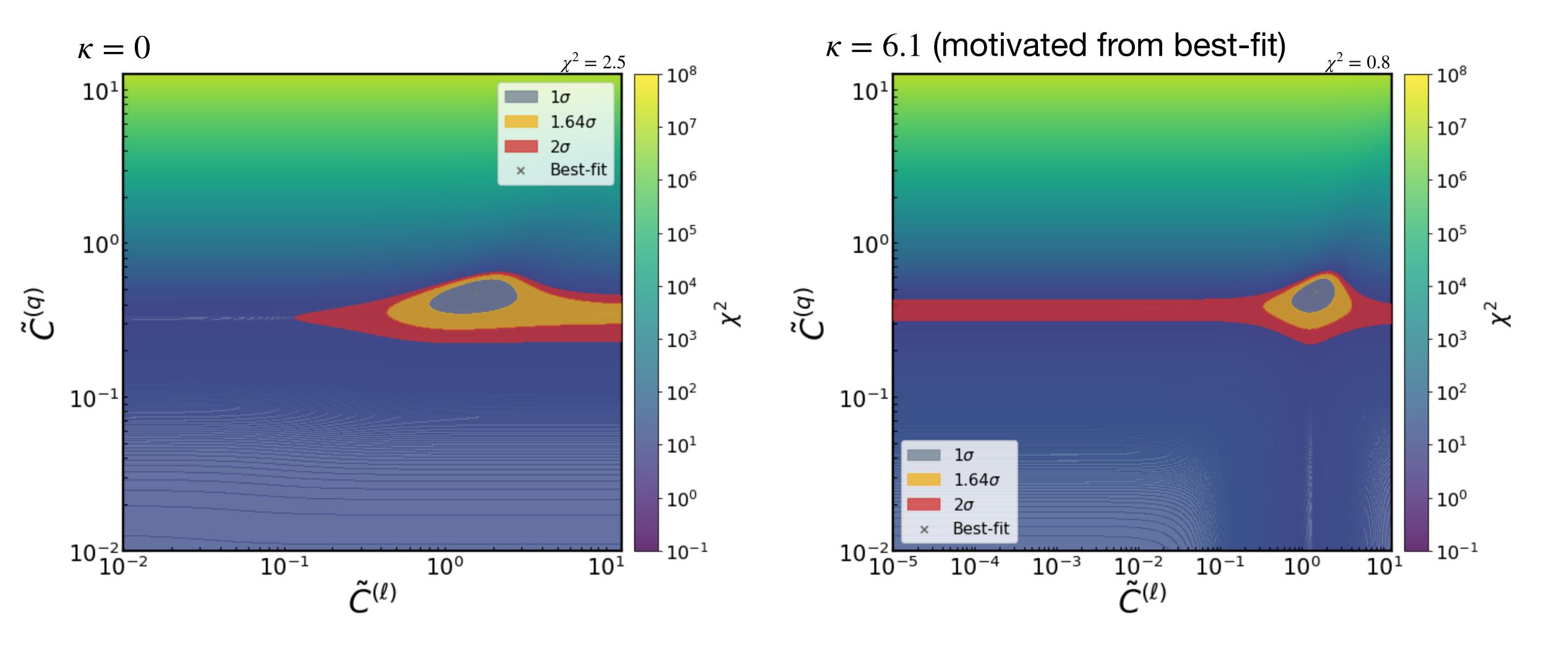
# Questions? Conclusion & Outlook

- consistent + LHC-friendly
- model-independent analysis possible
- can constrain possible models
- employ symmetries + power counting to understand SU(2) nature of new scalar
- next: check effect of higher dimensional operators



# Back-Up Slides

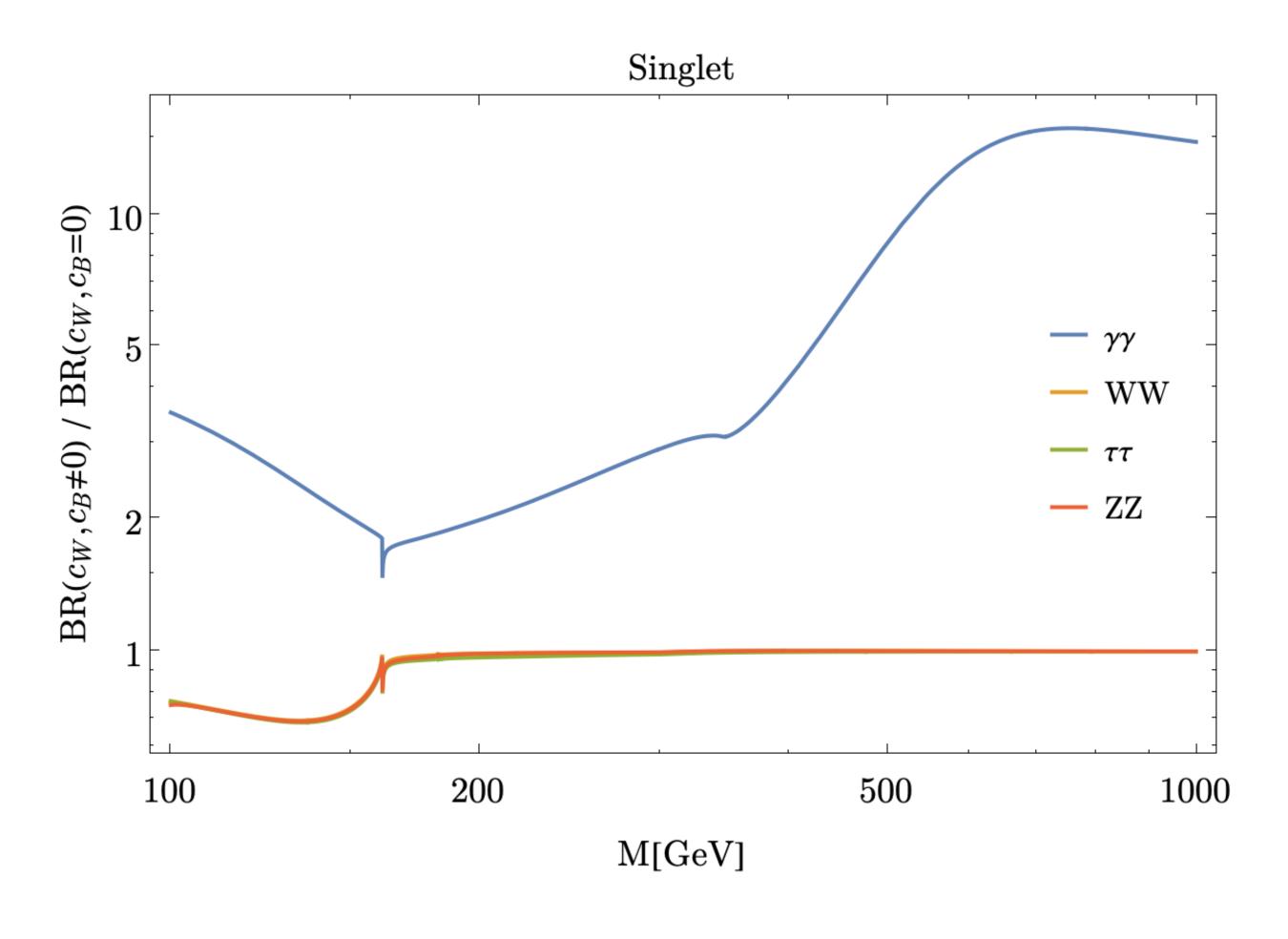
# $\chi^2$ for non-universal fermion coupling



$$\lambda = 1$$
  
 $\Lambda = 2 \text{ TeV}$ 

### Effect of FST term

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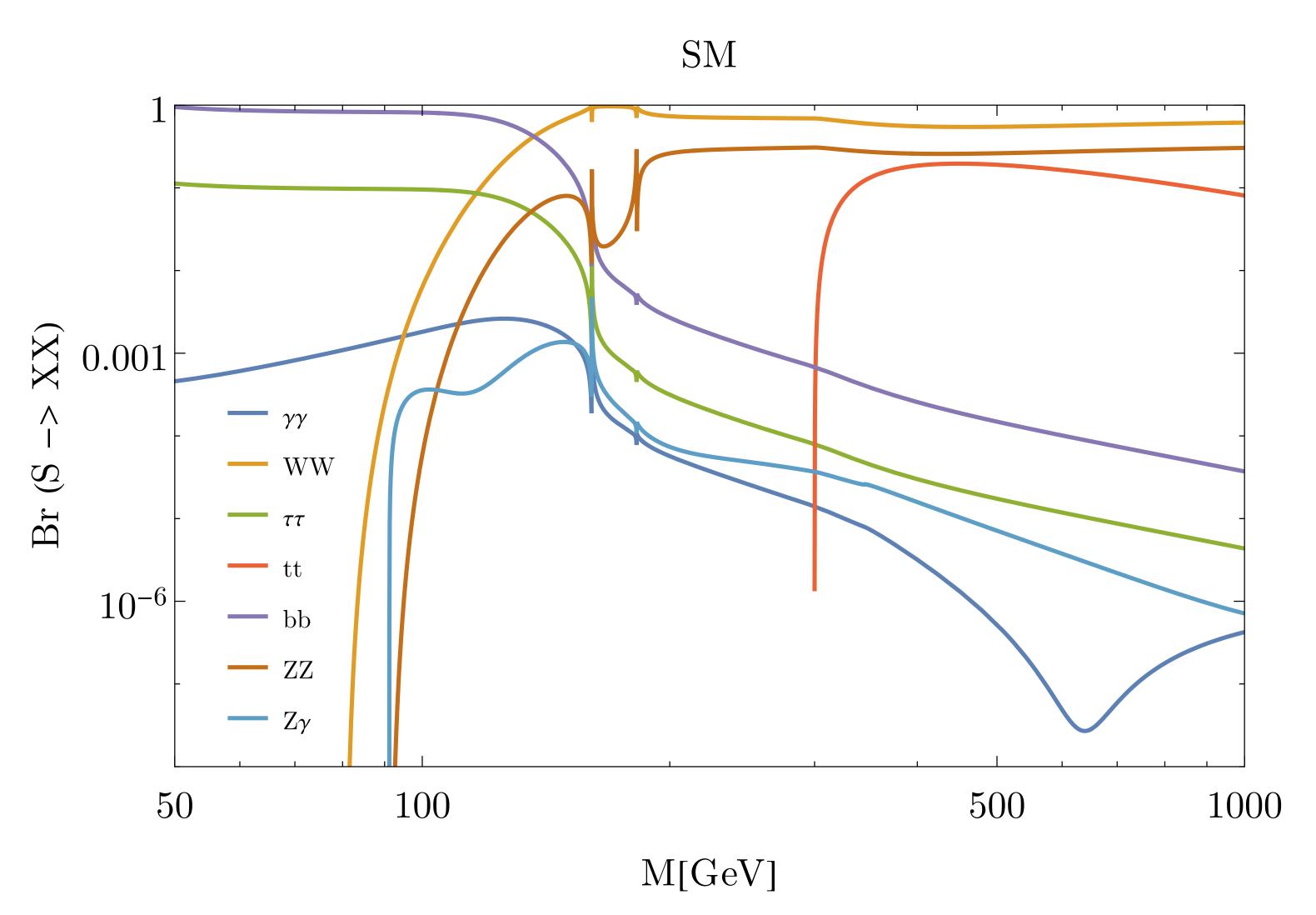


$$-\sum_{I}\frac{\phi}{16\pi^{2}}\left[g'^{2}c_{B}^{\phi}B^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu}+g^{2}c_{W}^{\phi}W^{I\mu\nu}W_{\mu\nu}^{I}+g_{s}^{2}c_{G}^{\phi}G^{a\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^{a}\right]$$

→ mainly relevant for decay into two photons

### SM Comparison

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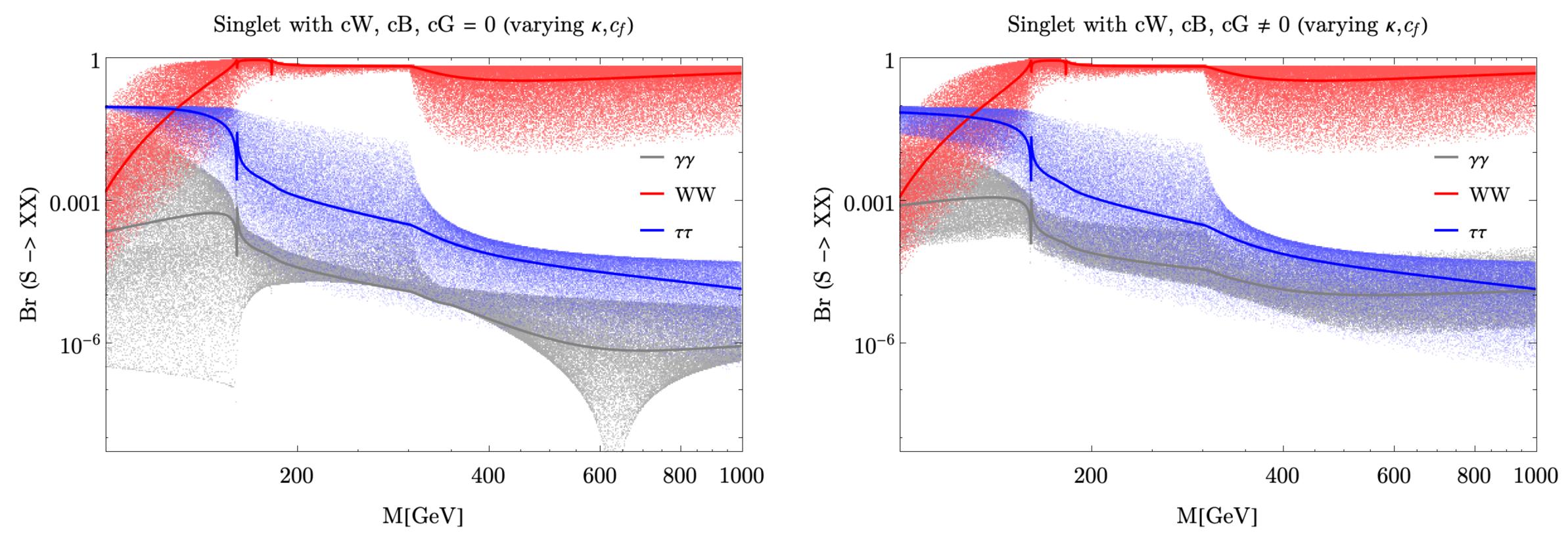
around  $m_H \sim 650$  GeV:

destructive interference between top and W loop for  $H \to \gamma \gamma$ 

# Branching Ratios preliminary

random scan:  $\lambda_i \in [1/3,3]$  $M \in [100, 1000] \text{ GeV}$ 10 000 parameter pts

lines  $\hat{=} \lambda_i = 1$ 



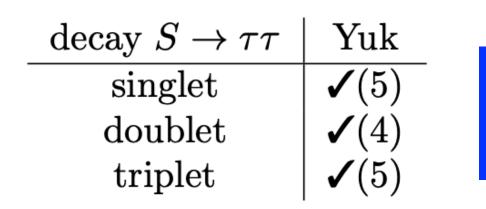
- coupling to FST → lifts destructive interference between top and W loop for decay into photons
- expect decay into gauge bosons to dominate if new scalar has large mass

 $\tau$ -pair production

decay into photons

# di-boson resonance Contributions to decays

${\rm decay}\ S\to\gamma\gamma$	FST	$\log t$	loop b	$\mathrm{loop}\ \tau$	$\log W$
singlet	$\checkmark$ (5 + loop)	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)			
$\operatorname{doublet}$	×	$\checkmark$ (4 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (4 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (4 + SM loop)	X
$\operatorname{triplet}$	×	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	×



$\mathrm{decay}\ S \to WW$	FST	loop t	$\mathrm{loop}\;b$	$\kappa$	
$\overline{ ext{singlet}}$	$\checkmark$ (5 + loop)	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	<b>✓</b> (5)	
$\operatorname{doublet}$	X	$\checkmark$ (4 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (4 + SM loop)	X	
$\operatorname{triplet}$	×	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	$\checkmark$ (5 + SM loop)	X	

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# Coupling Range

- couplings can be a priori positive or negative
- but: signal strength symmetric up to negligible effects
- → focus on absolute value for couplings
- largest coupling for analysis:  $4\pi$  smallest coupling: 0 (in log-scale  $10^{-5}$ , if dim  $5 \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\rm UV} = 10^4$  TeV)

