

# Top-quark Physics - Theory

- A unique laboratory to probe the SM and beyond -



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# Outline

## From prediction to discovery to precision, an incredible journey

## Why top-quark physics is unique

- The multiple implications of the large top-quark mass.
- Short life-time and the access to an *unbound* quark state.

## Theory predictions for top-quark physics at the LHC

- An incredibly rich program.
- Progress of theoretical predictions, meeting (HL-)LHC precision.

## Constraining new physics via top-quark measurements

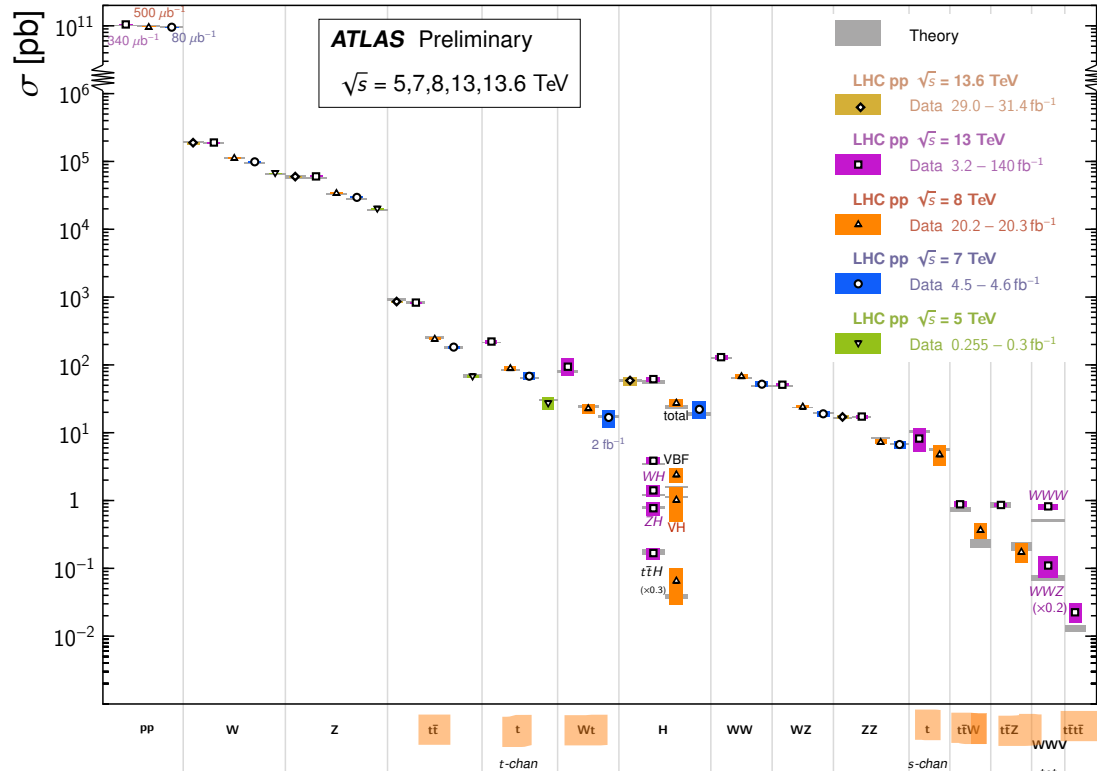
- Top-quark plays a special role in many models of new physics.
- Interesting to explore this connection in terms of effective interactions (EFT).

# Theory predictions for top-quark physics at the LHC

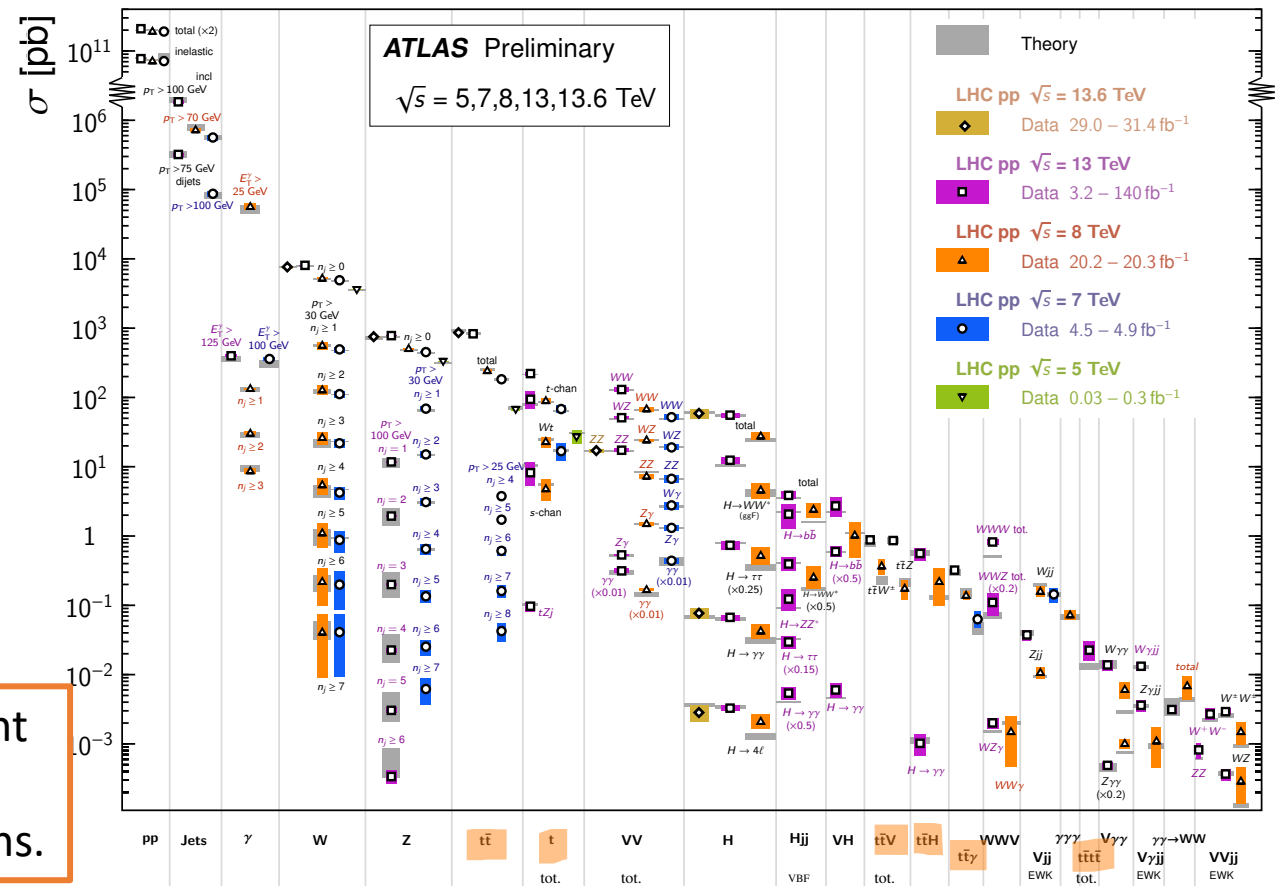
- Top-quark physics is central and unique to the physics program of the (HL-)LHC. A growing spectrum of top-physics observables is being measured with higher precision and theoretical predictions are being improved to match the experimental accuracy.

Top-quark properties are extracted from the measurement of processes that involve direct top-quark production or receive indirect top-quark dependent quantum corrections.

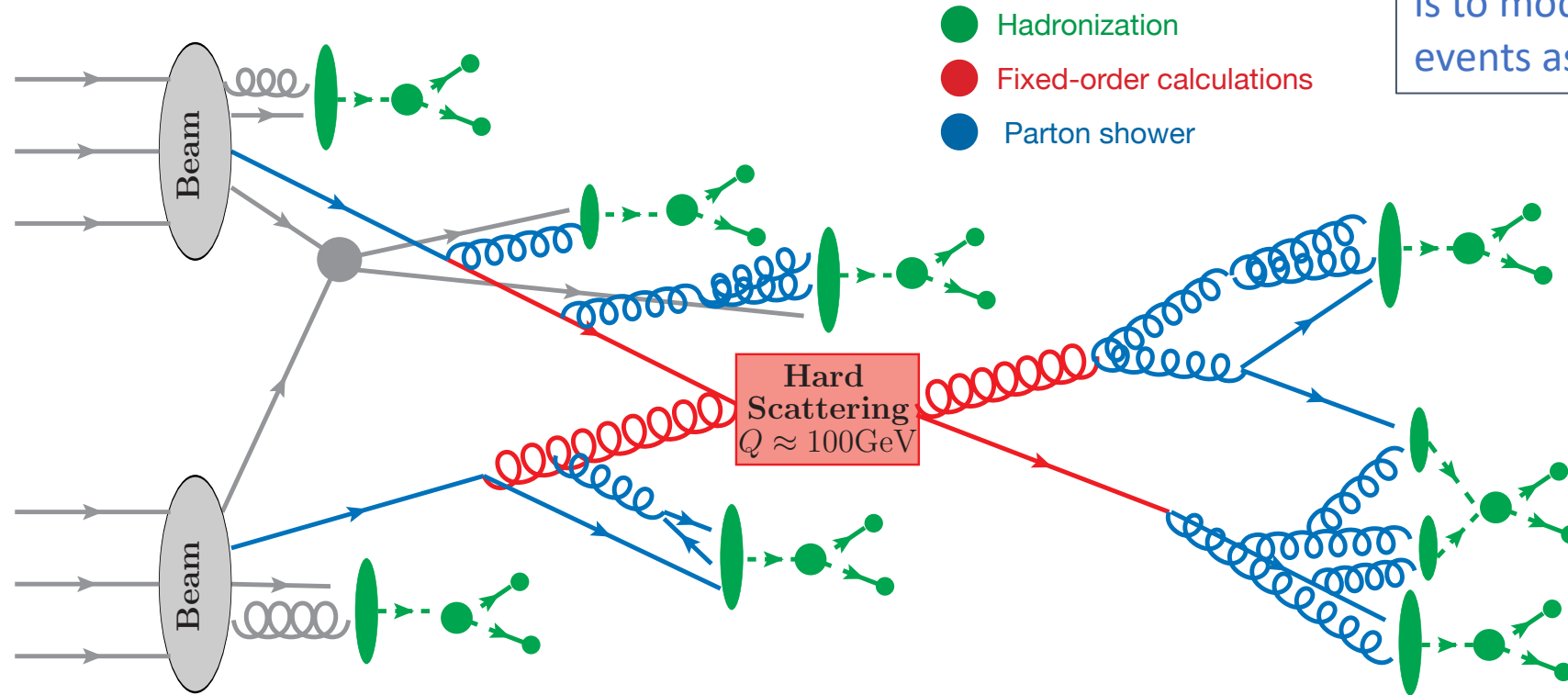
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# Dissecting the challenge



The goal of theoretical predictions is to model the complexity of LHC events as closely as possible

Huge progress in the last two decades for all components of hadronic event modeling

From S. Ferrario Ravasio, RADCOR 2023

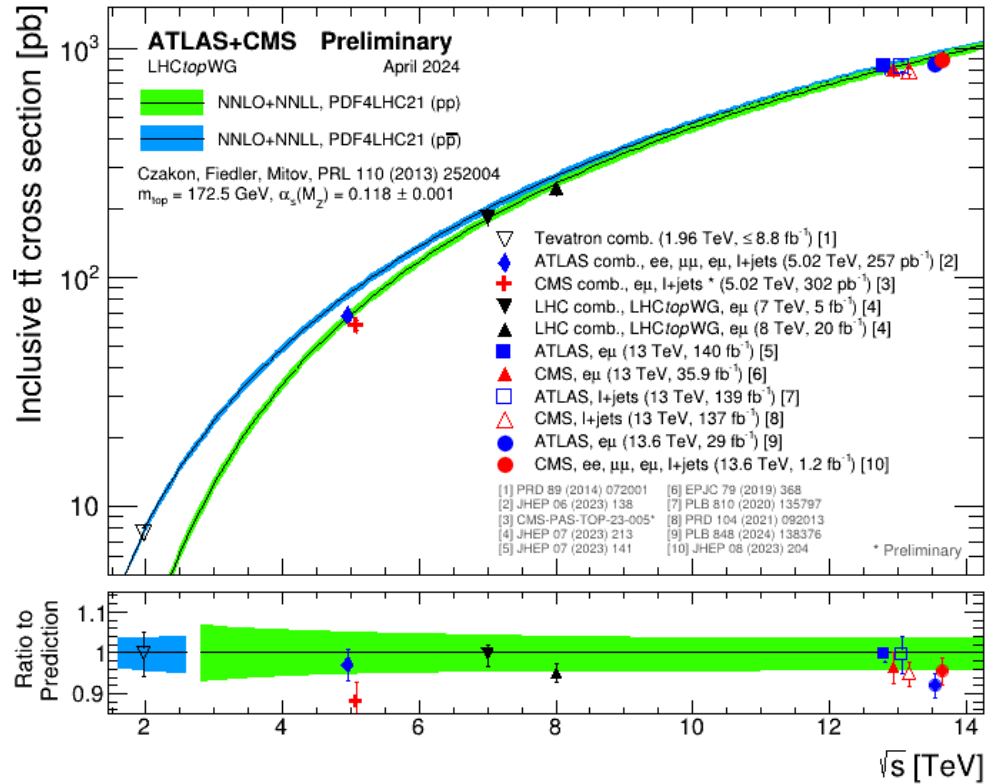
$$d\sigma = \sum_{ij} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_{p,i}(x_1) f_{p,j}(x_2) \widehat{d\sigma}(x_1 x_2 s) + O((\Lambda_{QCD}/Q)^p)$$

Parton Distribution Functions (PDF)

hard-scattering partonic xsection (pQCD+EW)

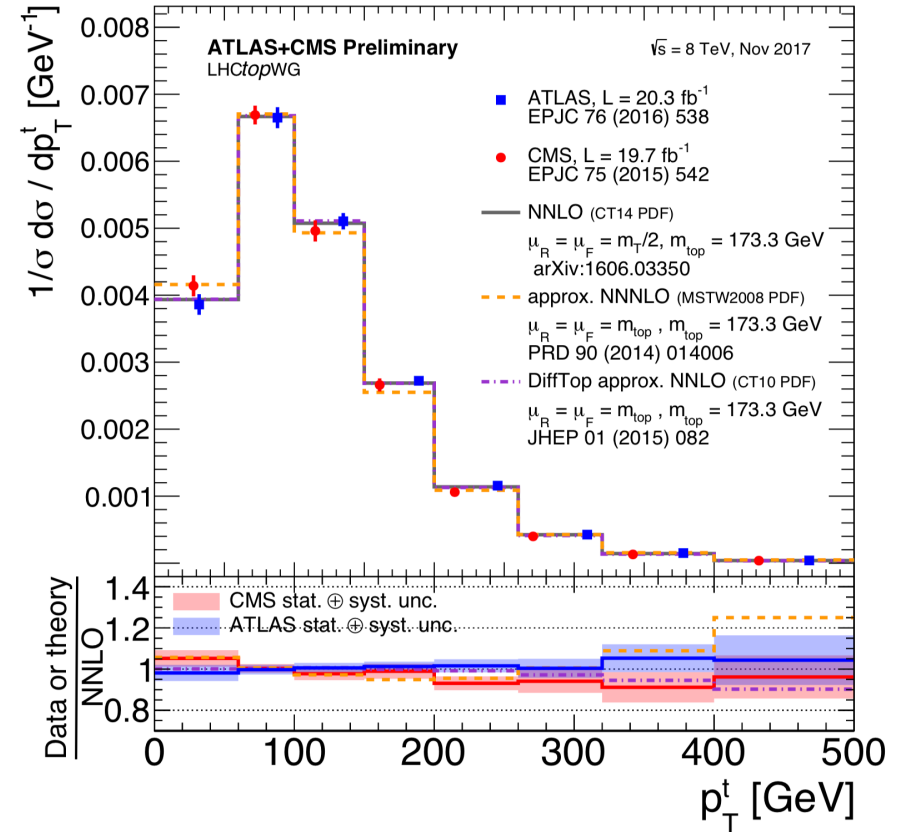
Hadronization, non-p QCD

# $t\bar{t}$ production



Two partonic channels at tree level:

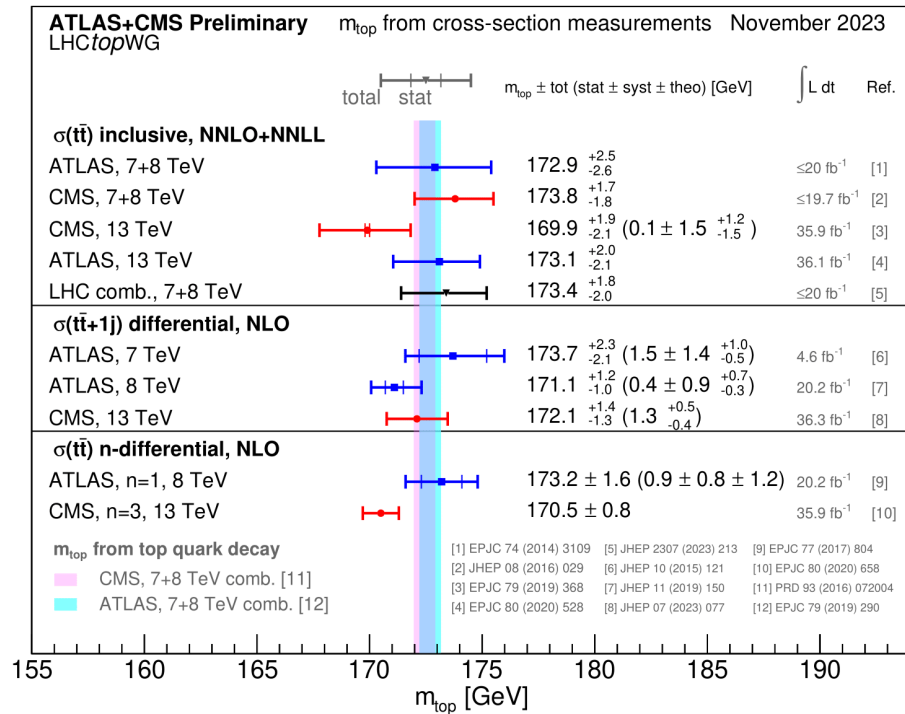
- $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  (dominant at the Tevatron)
- $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  (dominant at the LHC)



- NNLO refers to the fixed QCD order of the calculation
  - State-of-the-art of  $2 \rightarrow 2$  calculations
  - Available also at differential level
- NNLL refers to the order of resummation of soft or threshold logs ( $\log(1 - 4m_t^2/\hat{s})$ ).
  - Relevant if the threshold region is important

# Comparing $m_t$ determinations

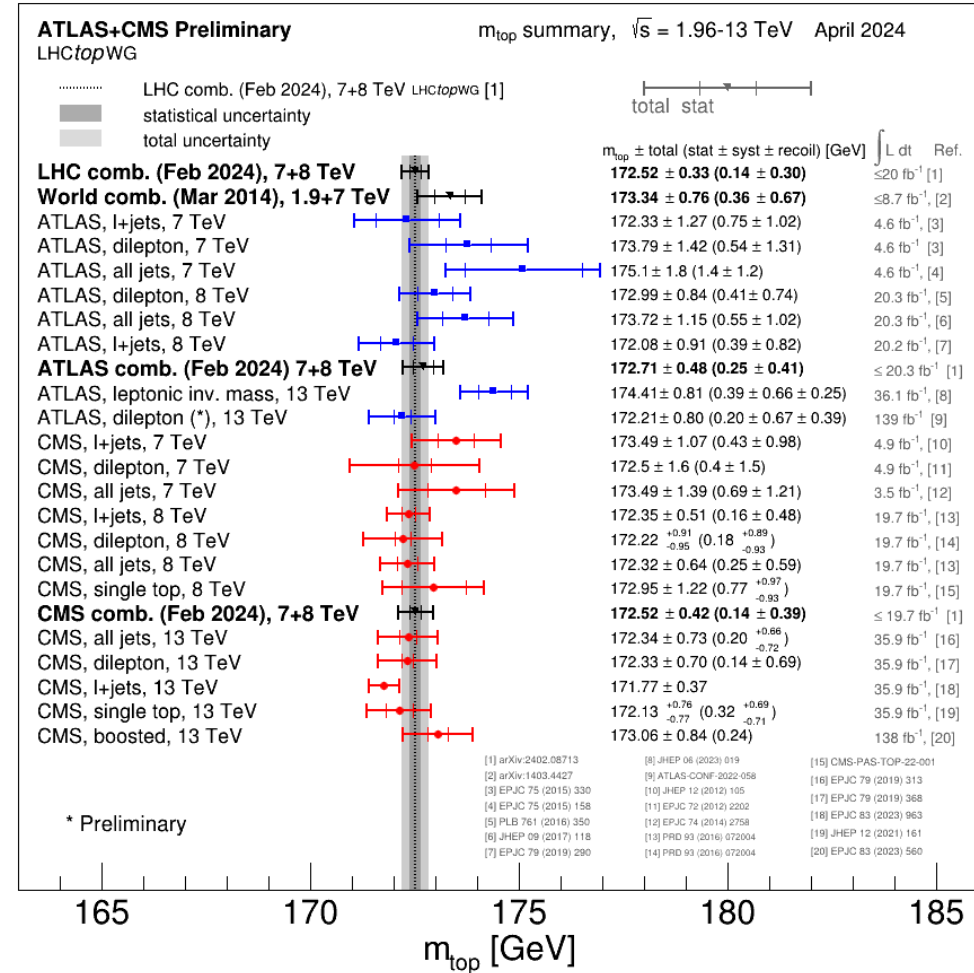
## $m_t$ from cross section



Where the debate is

What precision can we reach and what does it take?

## $m_t$ from direct reconstruction



# The top quark mass

## Pole mass, Monte Carlo mass, ... what is measured?

The top mass parameter in a theoretical calculation must be defined within a given renormalization scheme since (divergent) corrections appear at each order in perturbation theory

$$\overrightarrow{p} \text{ --- } + \overrightarrow{p} \text{ --- } \text{ (gluon loop) } + \dots \sim \frac{i}{\not{p} - m_t^0 - \Sigma(p, m_t^0, \mu)}$$

- Pole mass scheme (subtract divergent corrections in such a way that the pole in the propagator remains fixed)
- $\overline{MS}$  scheme (only the  $1/\epsilon$  poles are subtracted)

The two definitions lead to perturbatively equivalent theories, i.e. the relation between the two definition can be calculated order by order, e.g. (for  $m_{\overline{MS}} = 163.643$  GeV, and  $\alpha_s^{(6)} = 0.1088$ )

$$m_p = m_{\overline{MS}} + 7.557 + 1.617 + 0.501 + 0.195 \pm 0.005 \text{ GeV}$$

NLO      NNLO      N<sup>3</sup>LO      N<sup>4</sup>LO

[From P. Nason. [arXiv:1712.0796](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.0796)]

and the difference between predictions in the two theories is to the next perturbative order.

So far, no ambiguity!

# The top quark mass (cont'd)

The discussion arises because of the quoted precision of the determinations via direct reconstruction:

- Since the top is a colored object, no final-state hadronic system can be unambiguously associated to it.
- The mass distribution can be computed, and the top-mass enters as a parameter.
- Since this is performed via a parton-shower event generator people started calling it the *Monte Carlo mass*.
- **Perturbative argument**: since MC are LO, this mass does not correspond to any specific theory scheme.
- **Non-perturbative argument**: MC reconstruction is affected by non-perturbative effects (jets reconstruction, hadronization, etc.)
- Hence the quoted error is largely underestimated.

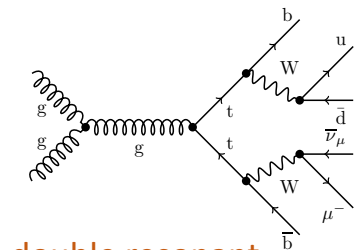
This argument can be argued because:

- The fact that MC are LO or include higher effects depend on the observable and on the MC.
- MC preserve the resonance structure, and the corresponding mass corresponds to a pole mass modulus non-factorizable effects and non-perturbative effects.
- MC effects affect the indirect determination (from cross-sections measurements) as well.

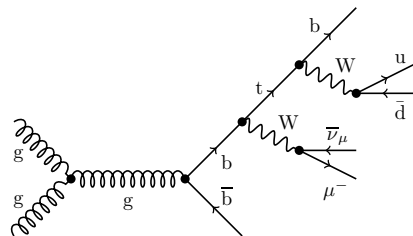
It would be more correct (and constructive!) to say that direct reconstruction analyses measure the pole mass, and one should determine how the approximations present in the MC used propagate to such measurements.

Assigning a ballpark “1 GeV” uncertainty is not particularly meaningful.

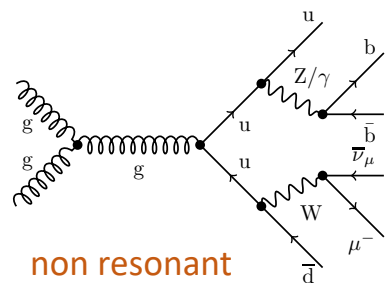
# Beyond fixed-order on-shell production



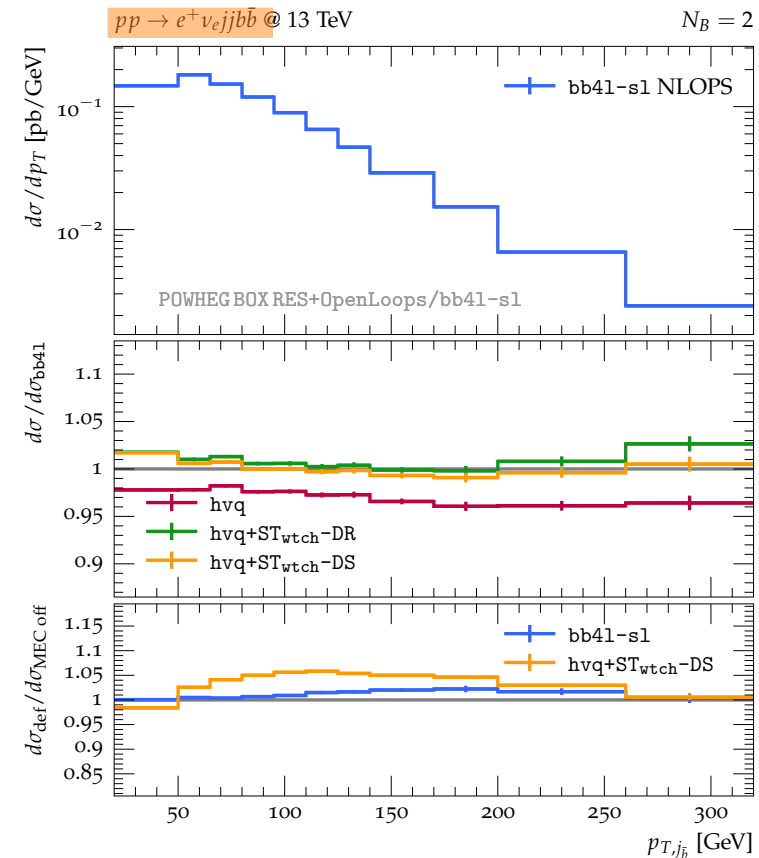
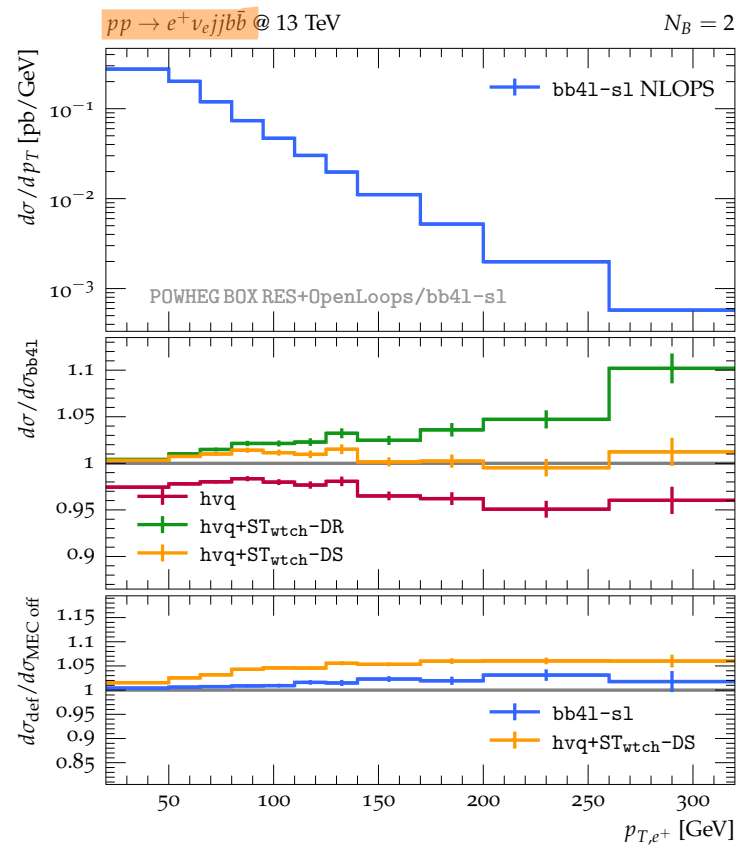
double resonant



single resonant



non resonant



[arXiv:2307.15653, Ježo, Lindert, Pozzorini]

# $t\bar{t} + X$ ( $X = W, Z, X, \gamma$ ) production

- Crucial for a complete measurement of top-quark EW couplings  
(together with single-top processes, ...)
- Top-quark couplings @ (HL-)LHC as indirect probe of BSM physics
  - Top-quark, unique probe
  - Unrivaled access to top-quark physics till future TeV-energy lepton collider
- Background to  $t\bar{t}H$ 
  - Need accurate modeling of both  $t\bar{t}Z$  and  $t\bar{t}W$  to measure  $t\bar{t}H$
- Background to many searches of BSM physics
  - signatures with multi-leptons, b jets, and missing energy

Received focused experimental and theoretical attention

# Challenge: NNLO for $2 \rightarrow 3$ multi-scale processes

Most recently first NNLO results for multi-scale processes:  $b\bar{b}W, t\bar{t}W, t\bar{t}H$

Major impact on LHC phenomenology

1 massive final-state particle (b massless)

Hartanto, Poncelet, Popescu, Zoia  
2205.01687

3 massive final-state particles

Buonocore, Devoto, Grazzini, Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Rotoli, Savoini, 2306.16311

Catani, Devoto, Grazzini, Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Savoini, 2210.07846

Major bottle neck: 2-loop 5-point amplitudes

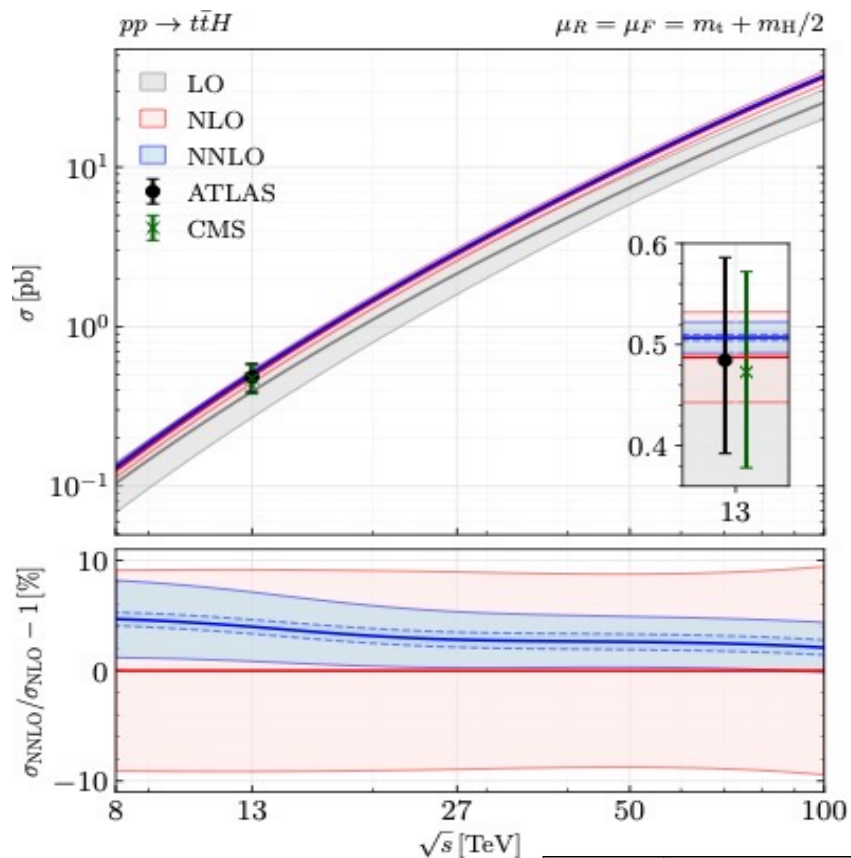
Evaluated in  $t\bar{t}W, t\bar{t}H$  calculation by soft-W/H approximation

Very recently first results for 2-loop amplitudes

Febres Cordero, Figueiredo, Krauss, Page, Reina, 2312.08131  
Buccioni, Kreer, Liu, Tancredi, 2312.10015  
Agarwal, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Klein, 2402.03301

# $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}H$ at aNNLO

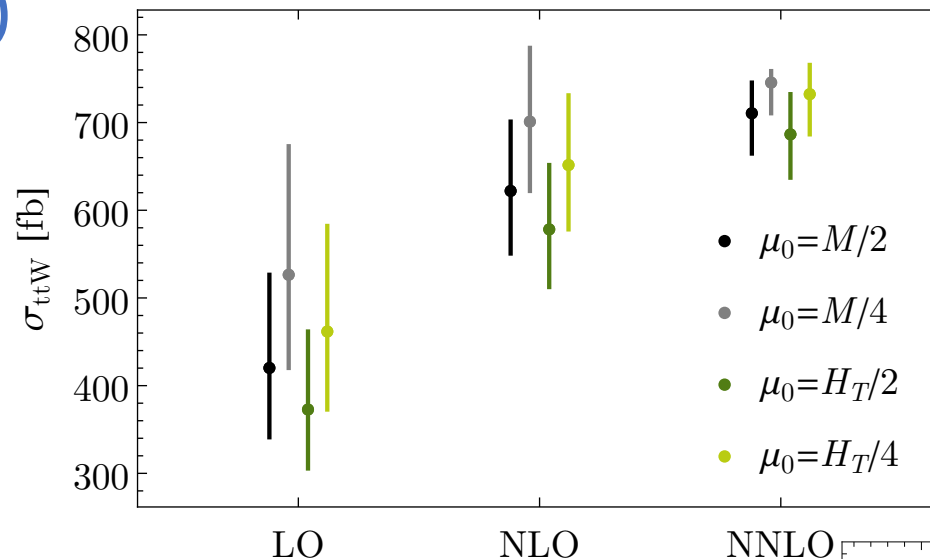
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Theoretical uncertainty  
reduced to 3% level

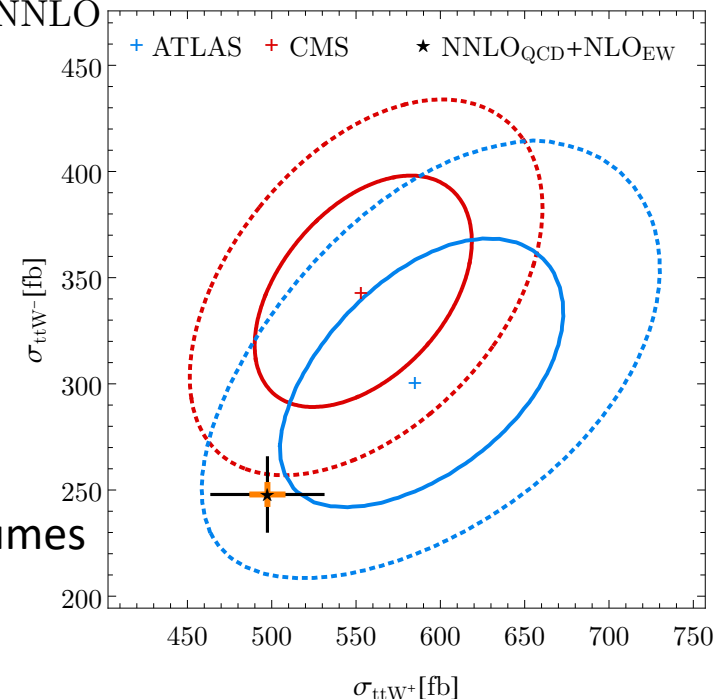
| $\sigma$ [pb]          | $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV             | $\sqrt{s} = 100$ TeV          |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $\sigma_{\text{LO}}$   | $0.3910^{+31.3\%}_{-22.2\%}$    | $25.38^{+21.1\%}_{-16.0\%}$   |
| $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$  | $0.4875^{+5.6\%}_{-9.1\%}$      | $36.43^{+9.4\%}_{-8.7\%}$     |
| $\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}$ | $0.5070 (31)^{+0.9\%}_{-3.0\%}$ | $37.20(25)^{+0.1\%}_{-2.2\%}$ |



NNLO QCD+NLO EW within at  
most  $2\sigma$  of exp. measurement.

Ratio  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}W^+}/\sigma_{t\bar{t}W^-}$  in very  
good agreement with ATLAS  
measurement

Comparison in fiducial volumes  
may give further insight

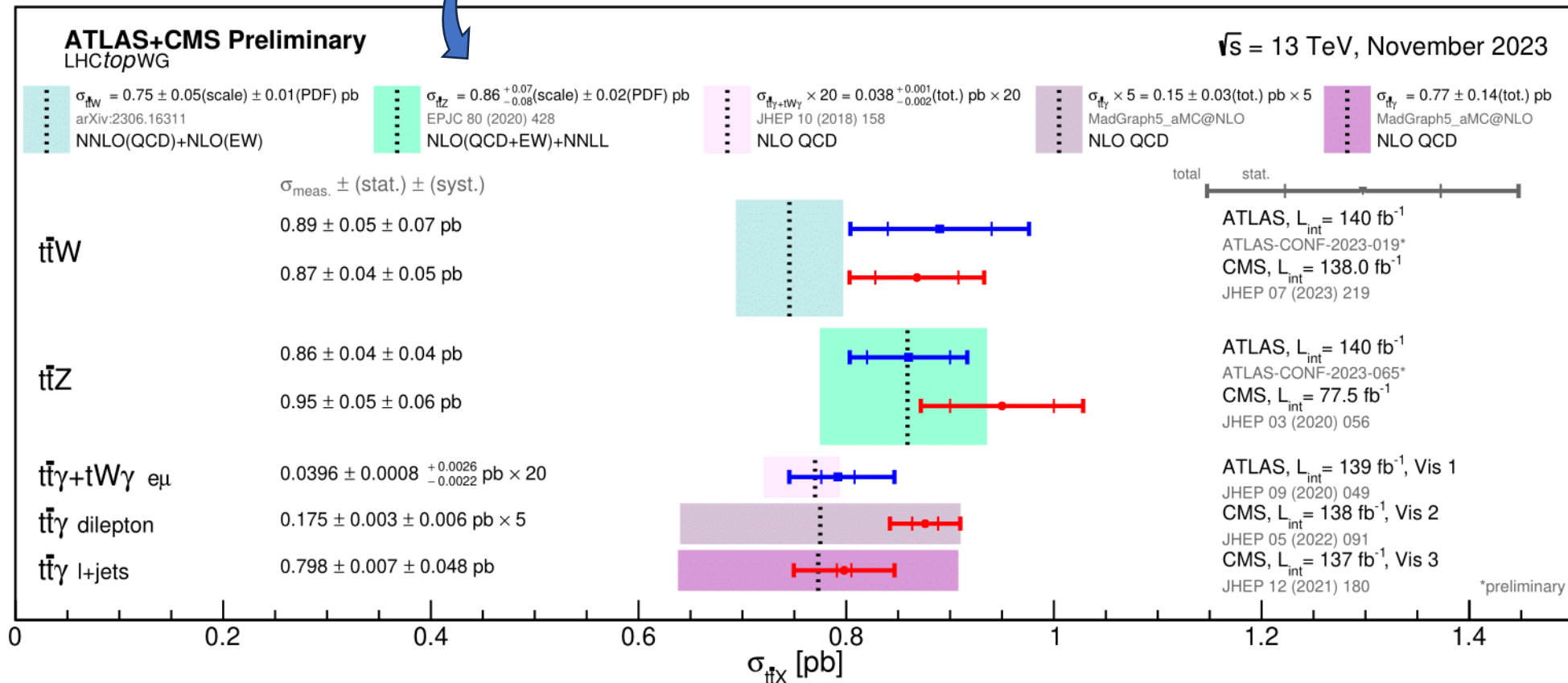


# Comparison of most recent results

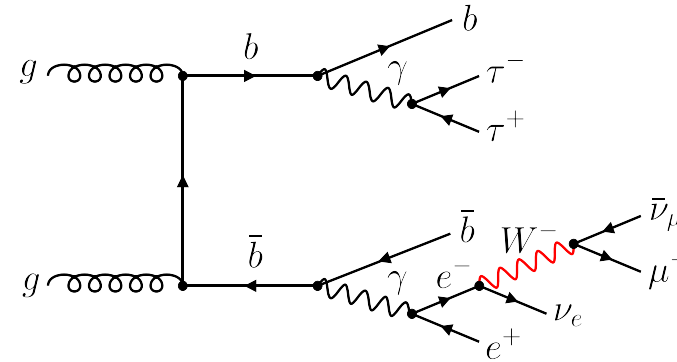
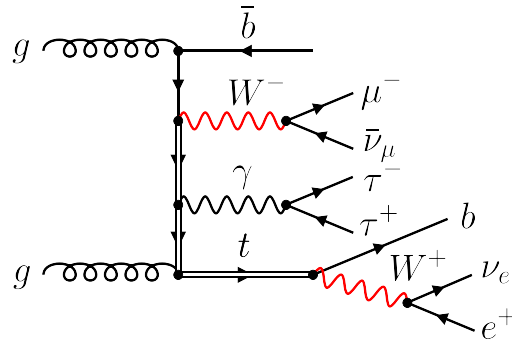
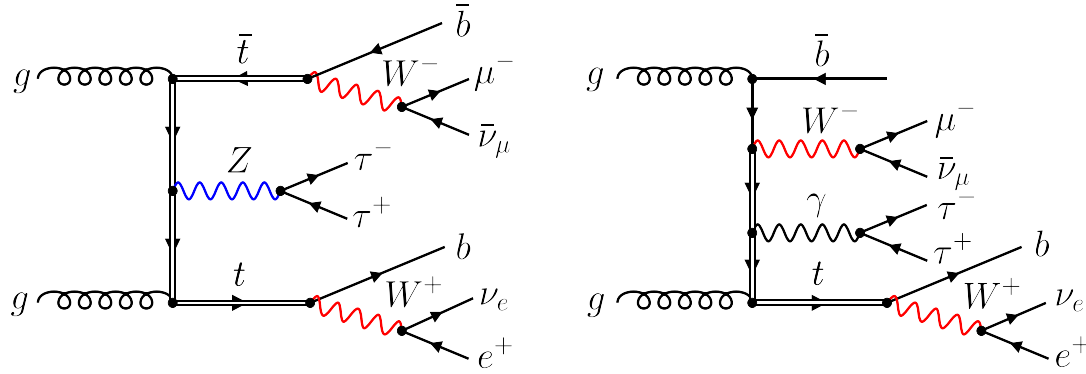
Buonocore, Devoto, Grazzini,  
Kallweit, Mazzitelli, Rottoli, Savoini

[NNLO QCD (no finite 2-loop)]

Kulesza, Motyka, Schwartländer,  
Stebel, Theeuwes



# $pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu b \bar{b} \tau^+ \tau^- (t\bar{t}Z)$ , full off-shell description



+ NLO QCD

- EW  $G_\mu$  input scheme ( $G_\mu, m_Z, m_W$ ). Other inputs:  $m_t, \Gamma_W, \Gamma_Z, \Gamma_t$  (LO, NLO, unstable-W and NWA)
- Unstable particles in complex mass scheme.
- Studied  $(\mu_R, \mu_F)$  scale dependence wrt to both a fixed and dynamical central scale (7-point variation)
- Studies PDF uncertainty.

$$\mu_0 = \frac{2m_t + m_Z}{2} \quad \mu_0 = \frac{H_T}{3} \text{ for } H_T = \sum_i p_{T,i}$$

- Specific signature studied:**  $e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu b \bar{b} \tau^+ \tau^-$

- $p_T^l > 20 \text{ GeV}, |y^l| < 2.5, \Delta R_{ij} > 0.4$
- $p_T^b > 25 \text{ GeV}, |y^b| < 2.5, \Delta R_{bb} > 0.4$
- $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$

[Bevilacqua et al., arXiv:1110.1499]

# $pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu b \bar{b} \tau^+ \tau^-$ : theoretical systematics

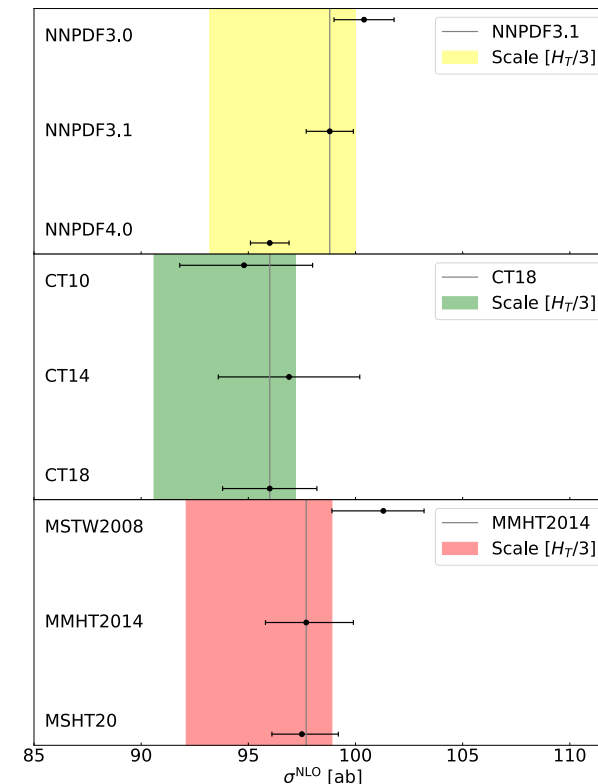
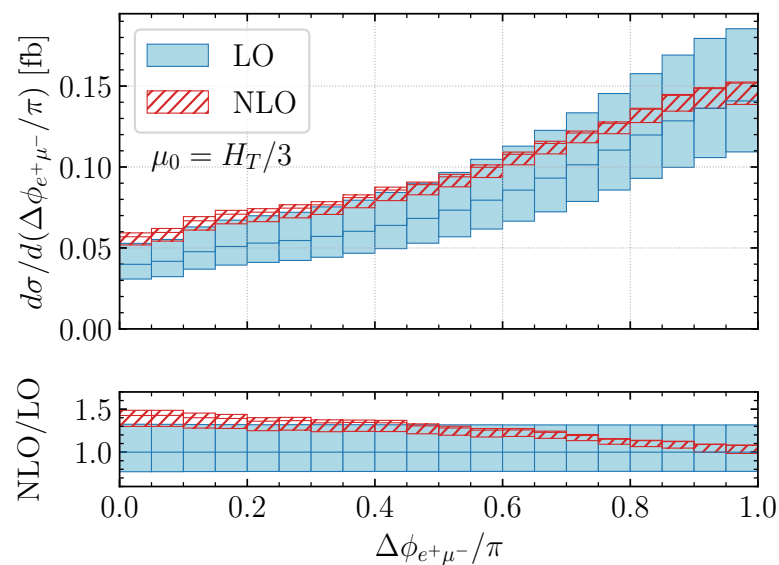
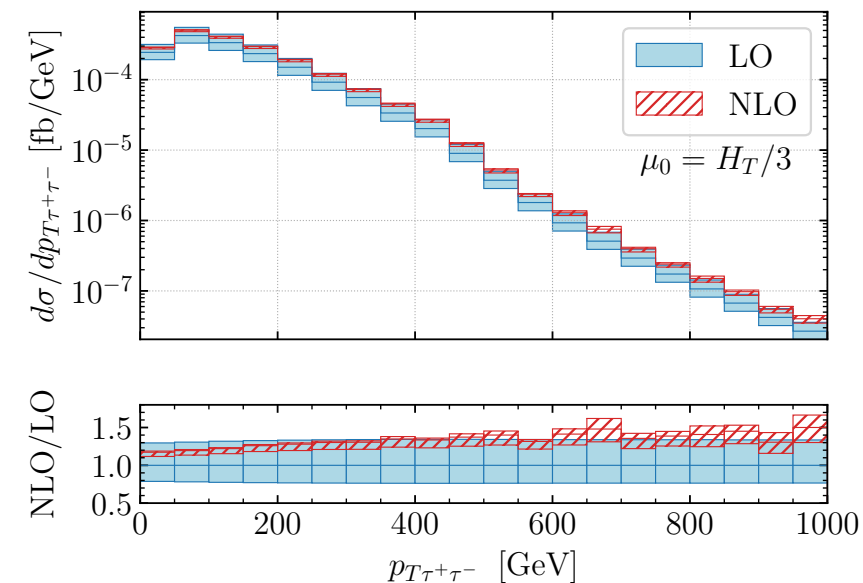
Very small residual systematic uncertainty at NLO QCD

$$\sigma_{\text{full off-shell}}^{\text{LO}} = 80.32_{-18.02(22\%)}^{+25.51(32\%)} \left( 76.98_{-17.17(22\%)}^{+24.30(32\%)} \right) \text{ ab}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{full off-shell}}^{\text{NLO}} = 98.88_{-5.68(6\%)}^{+1.22(1\%)} \left( 97.86_{-6.16(6\%)}^{+1.08(1\%)} \right) \text{ ab}$$

Dynamic scale preferred over full range of distributions.

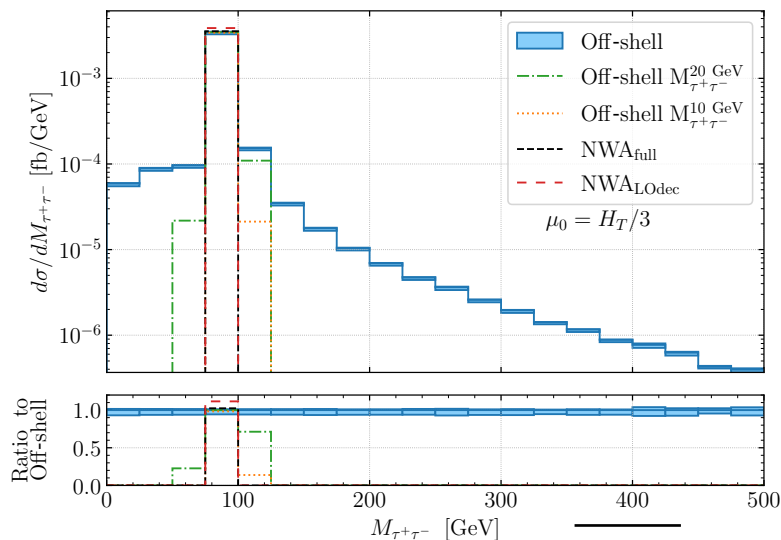
Not a uniform rescaling.



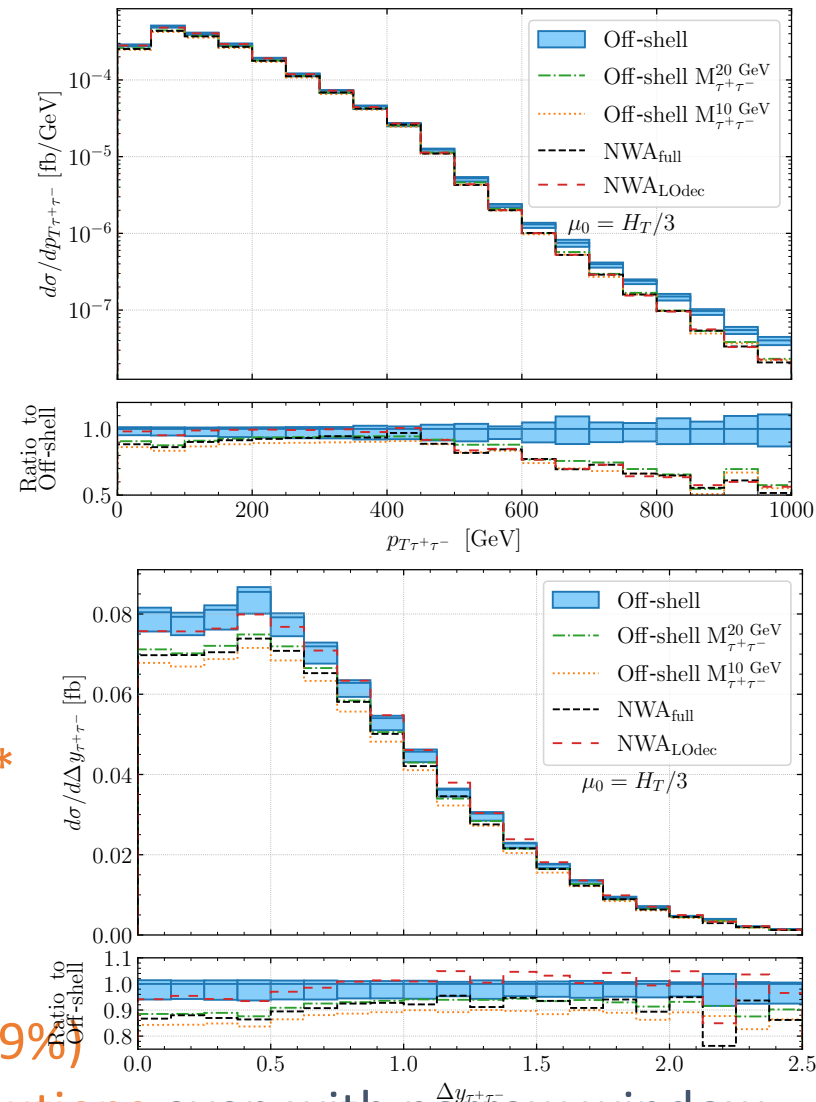
Small dependence  
on PDF

# $pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu b \bar{b} \tau^+ \tau^- (t \bar{t} Z) : \text{fully off-shell vs NWA}$

Very thorough study of modelling effects



| MODELLING                                     | $\sigma_i^{\text{NLO}}$ [ab] | $\sigma_i^{\text{NLO}} / \sigma_{\text{NWA}_{\text{full}}}^{\text{NLO}} - 1$ |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Off-shell                                     | 98.88                        | +11.4 %                                                                      |
| Off-shell $M_{\tau^+\tau^-}^{25 \text{ GeV}}$ | 91.00                        | +2.5 %                                                                       |
| Off-shell $M_{\tau^+\tau^-}^{20 \text{ GeV}}$ | 89.96                        | +1.4 %                                                                       |
| Off-shell $M_{\tau^+\tau^-}^{15 \text{ GeV}}$ | 88.44                        | -0.3 %                                                                       |
| Off-shell $M_{\tau^+\tau^-}^{10 \text{ GeV}}$ | 85.74                        | -3.4 %                                                                       |
| NWA <sub>full</sub>                           | 88.75                        | —                                                                            |
| NWA <sub>LOdec</sub>                          | 96.74                        | +9.0 %                                                                       |



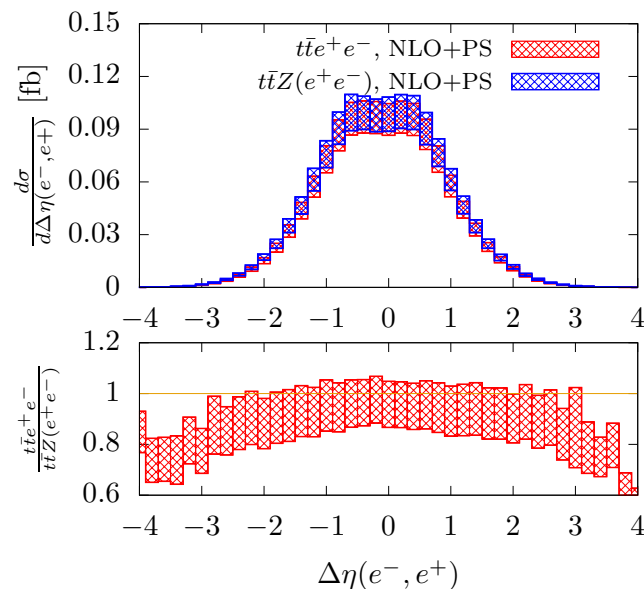
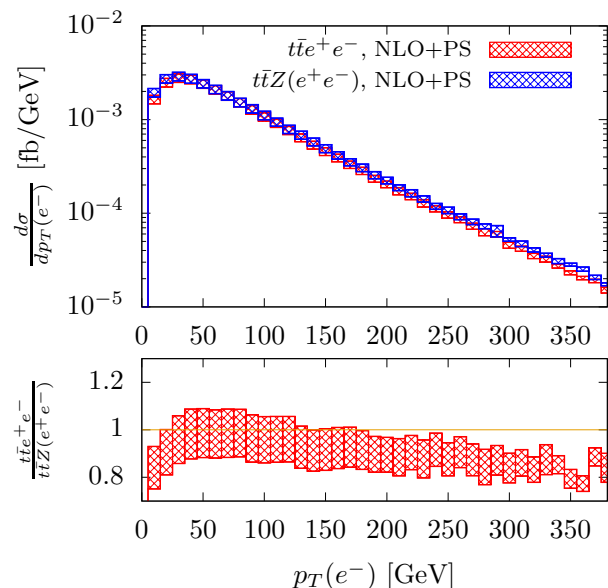
- Large off-shell effects on total cross section (11%) originating from  $t\bar{t}\gamma^*$  contribution (including  $Z/\gamma^*$  interference): studied imposing narrower  $|M_{\tau\tau} - m_Z| < X$  ( $X=25, 20, 15, 10$  GeV) cut.

Less evident in  $t\bar{t}l^+l^-$  study because it used  $X=10$  GeV.

- Large effect from including NLO QCD corrections to top-quark decay (9%)
- Sizable off-shell effects in specific fiducial regions of differential distributions even with narrow window cut around the Z peak.

[Bevilacqua et al., arXiv:1110.1499]

# $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}e^+e^-$ : partial off-shell and spin-correlation effects + PS



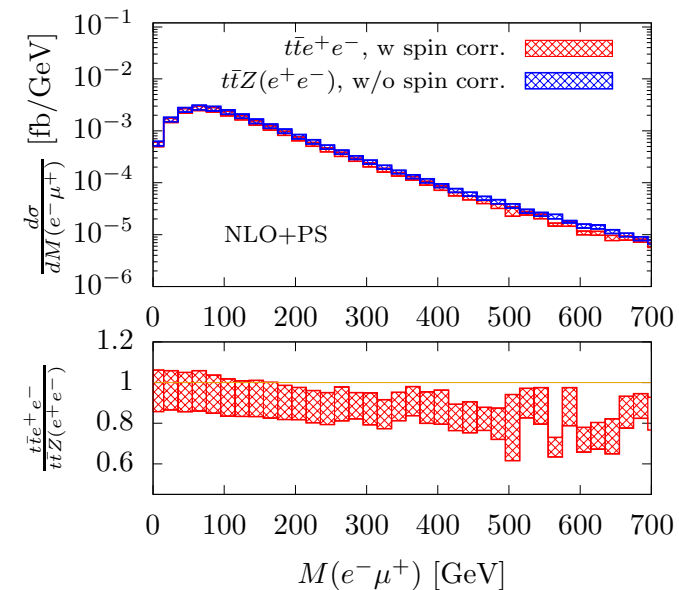
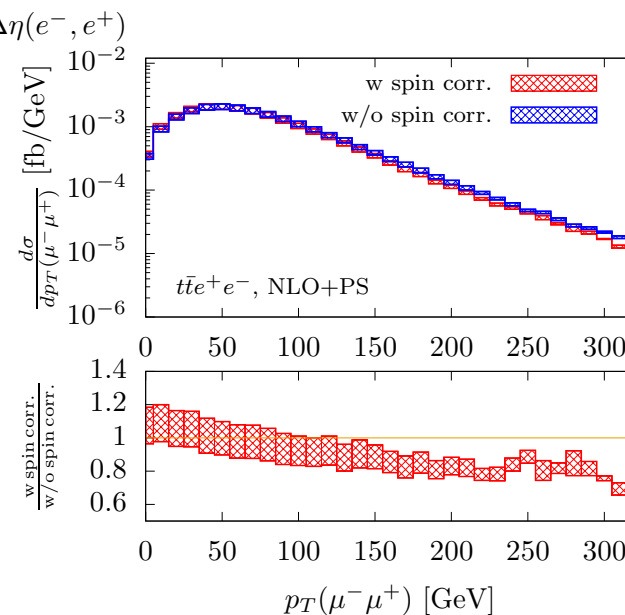
Compare  $t\bar{t}Z$  and  $t\bar{t}e^+e^-$  keeping stable top quarks:

- Effects of off-shell Z
- Effects of  $e^+e^-$  spin correlations

10-20% effect in high  $p_T$  region and in the large pseudo-rapidity difference region

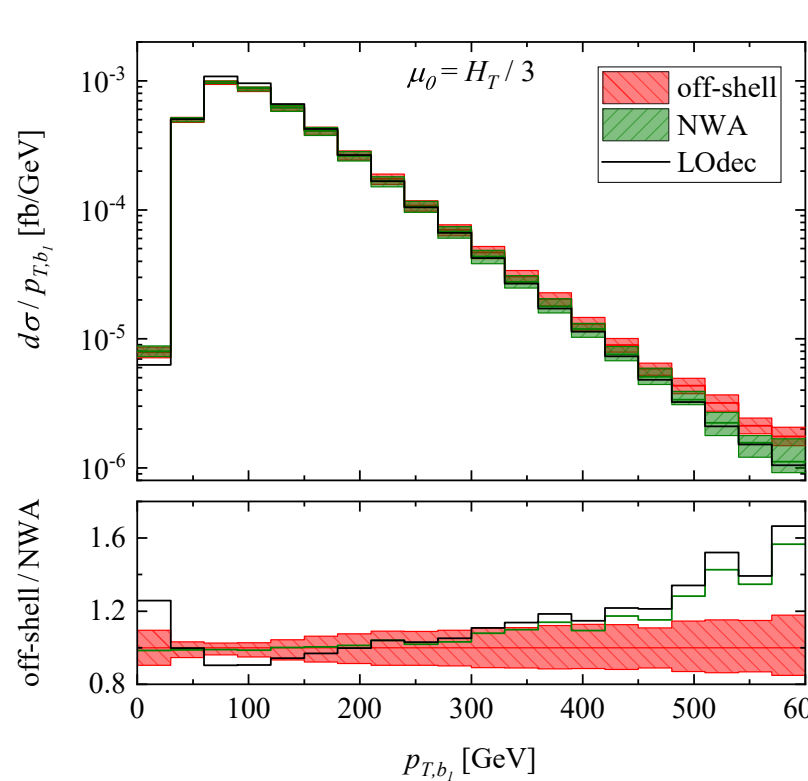
Compare  $t\bar{t}e^+e^-$  with and without modeling of top decays (NWA with LO spin correlations).

10-20% visible effects in the tails of distributions



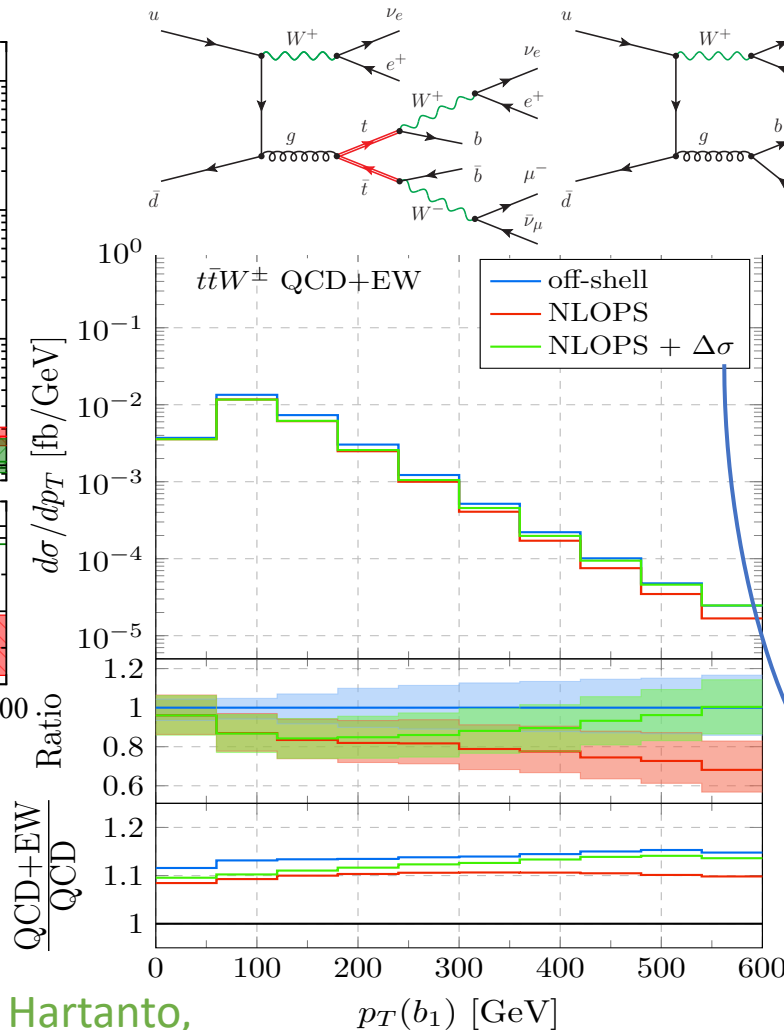
# NLO $t\bar{t}W$ : push the multiplicity challenge

Beyond on-shell production to match fiducial measurements



Bevilacqua, Bi, Hartanto,  
Kraus, Worek, 2005.09427

Bevilacqua, Bi, Febres Cordero, Hartanto,  
Kraus, Nasufi, LR, Worek, 2109.15181



Modelling full process crucial to  
match experimental fiducial cuts  
and estimate theoretical systematic

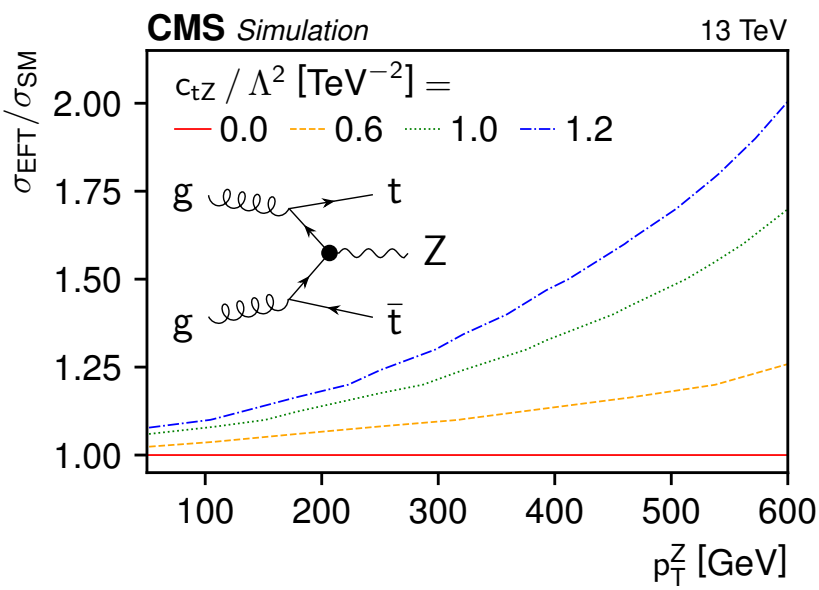
Off-shell effects most relevant in tails  
and end-points of distributions, where  
new physics effects can be hidden

$$\frac{d\sigma^{th}}{dX} = \frac{d\sigma^{NLO+PS}}{dX} + \frac{d\Delta_{off-shell}}{dX}$$

$$\frac{d\Delta_{off-shell}}{dX} = \frac{d\sigma_{off-shell}^{NLO}}{dX} - \frac{d\sigma_{NWA}^{NLO}}{dX}$$

# ... exploring boosted kinematics and off-shell signatures

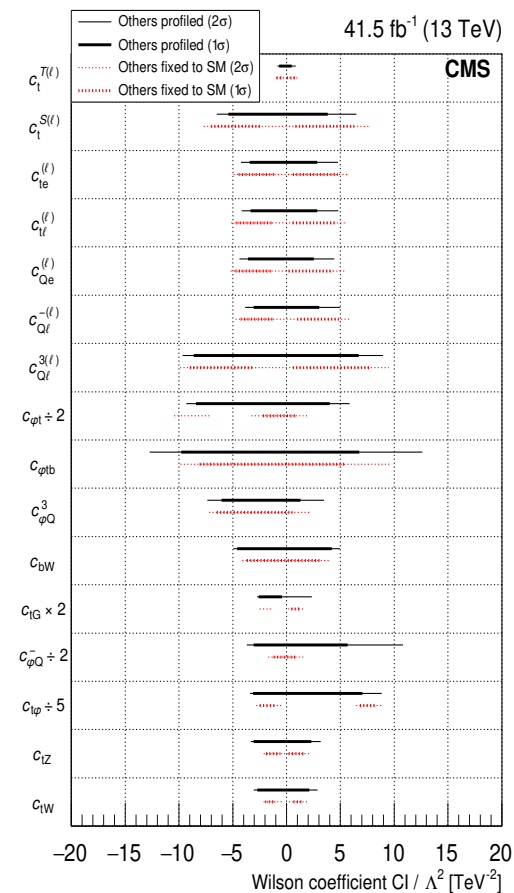
## Top pair + boosted Z/H



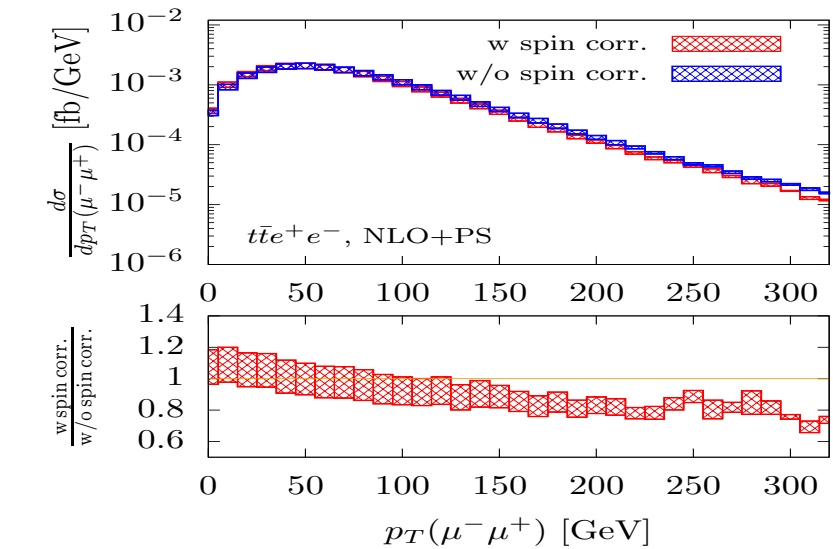
$\delta\eta_{\text{SM}} \sim g_{\text{BSM}}^2 \frac{E^2}{M^2}$

Effects in tails of distributions but also anomalous shapes

## Top+additional leptons

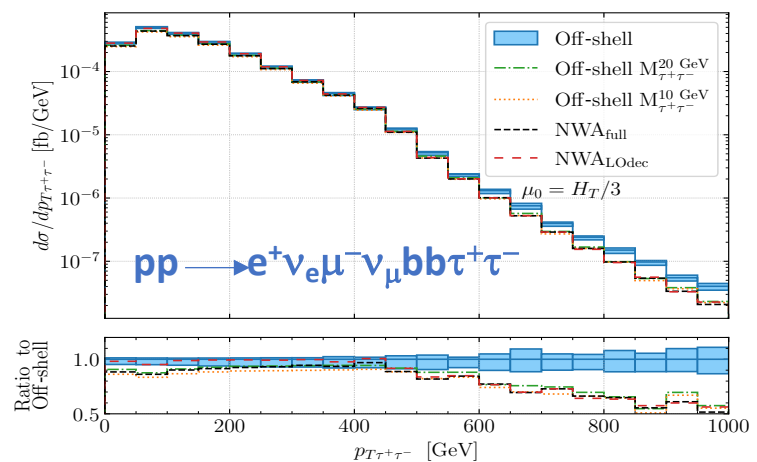


[CMS: arXiv:2012.04120]



M. Ghezzi et al. [2112.08892]

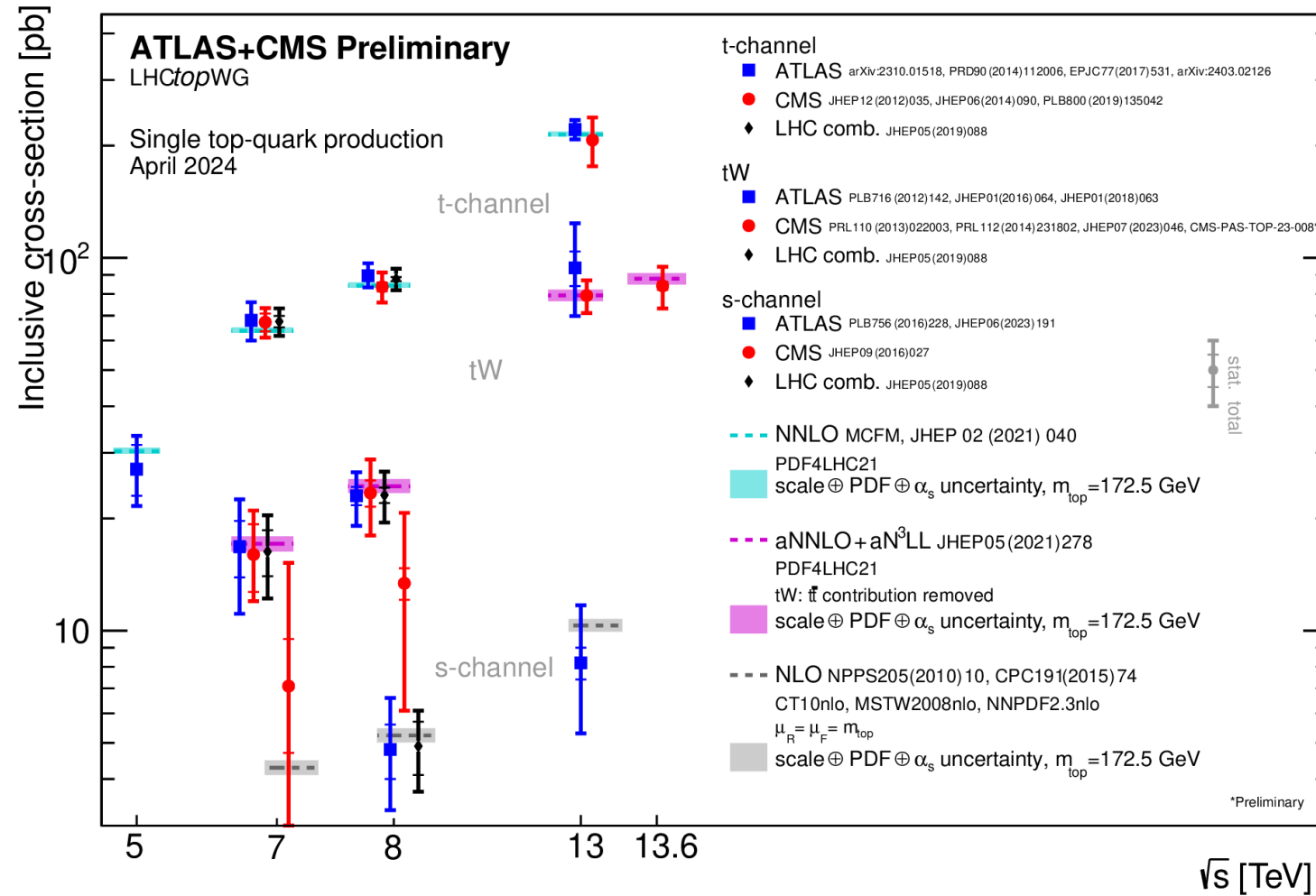
## Off-shell studies



G. Bevilacqua et al. [2203.15688]

Pointing to the need for precision in modelling signatures from  $t\bar{t} + X$  processes in regions where on-shell calculations may not be accurate enough

# Single-top production

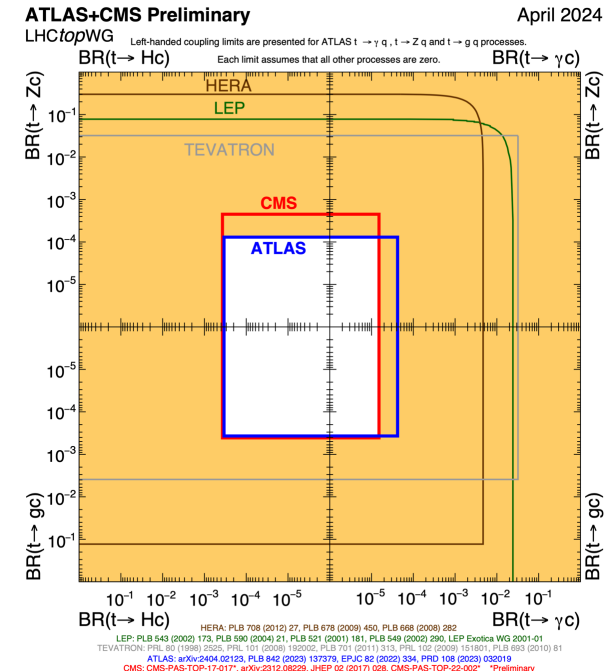
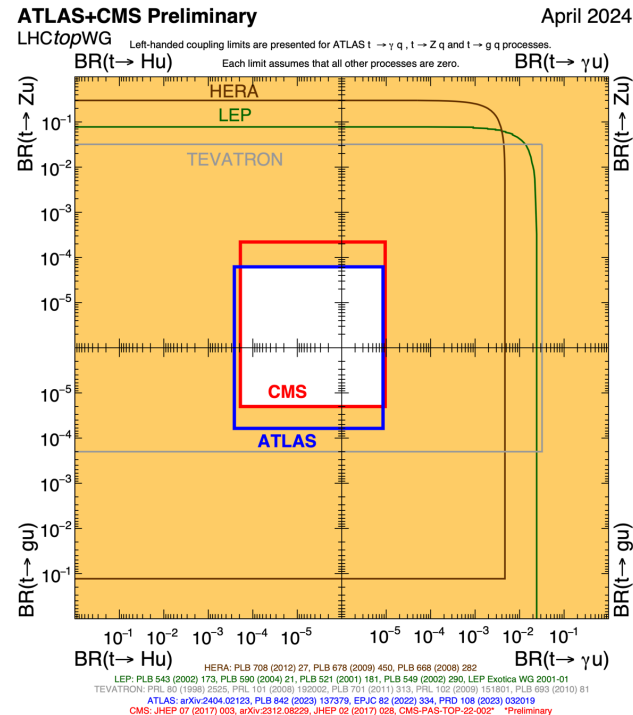
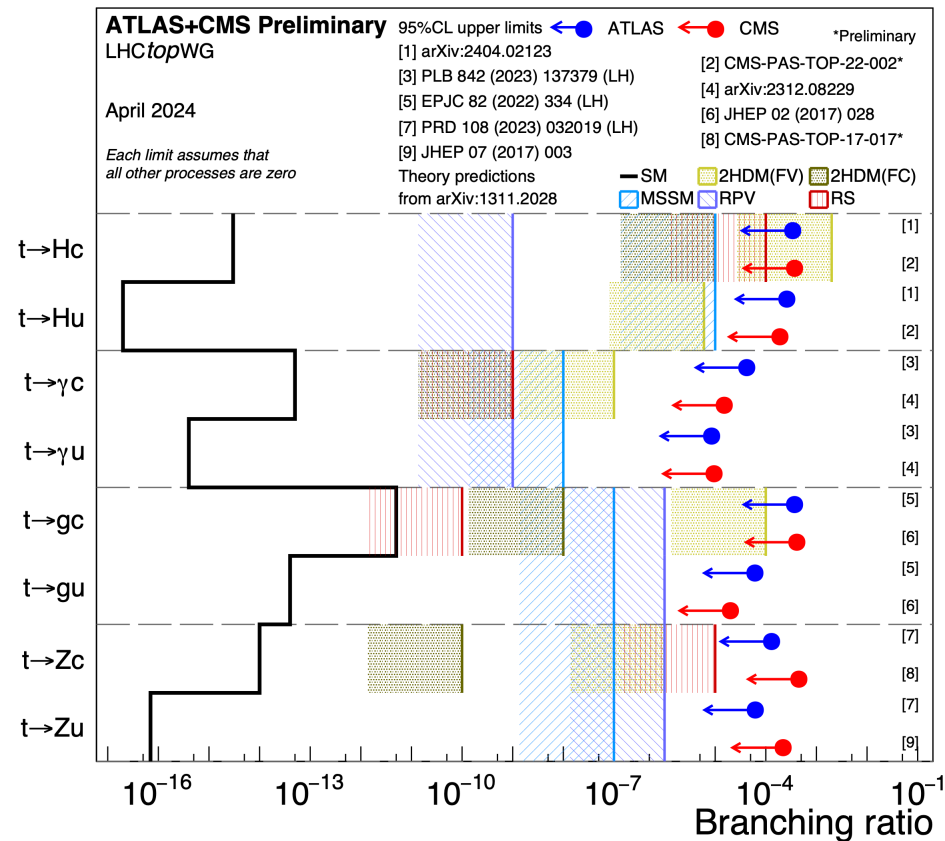


*See Robert Schöfbeck's  
lecture on Thursday*

# Constraining new physics via top-quark measurements

- Examples of direct bounds on new physics models from top-quark physics measurement and their interpretation within the SM Effective Field Theory framework.

# Constraining flavor-changing top-quark couplings



Notice the constraining power of LHC measurements!

Are these decays allowed at tree-level in the SM? In a 2HDM?

# The SMEFT framework

Grzadkowski, Iskrzynski,  
Misiak, Rosiek, 1008.4884

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i}{\Lambda^2} Q_i + \dots$$

“Warsaw” basis

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} = & -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \\ & + (D_\mu \varphi)^\dagger (D^\mu \varphi) + m^2 \varphi^\dagger \varphi - \frac{1}{2} \lambda (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^2 \\ & + i (\bar{l}'_L \not{D} l'_L + \bar{e}'_R \not{D} e'_R + \bar{q}'_L \not{D} q'_L + \bar{d}'_R \not{D} d'_R) \\ & - (\bar{l}'_L \Gamma_e e'_R \varphi + \bar{q}'_L \Gamma_u u'_R \tilde{\varphi} + \bar{q}'_L \Gamma_d d'_R \varphi) + h.c. \end{aligned}$$

with covariant derivative:

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^A \mathcal{T}^A + ig_W W_\mu^I T^I + ig_1 B_\mu Y$$

gauge fields  
and masses,  
HVV, VVV

Higgs field and Mh

Yukawa couplings

Vff, HFF

| $X^3$                      |                                                                      | $\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$ |                                                                       | $\psi^2 \varphi^3$              |                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\mathcal{O}_G$            | $f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$                   | $\mathcal{O}_\varphi$           | $(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$                                         | $\mathcal{O}_{e\varphi}$        | $(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \varphi e_r)$                                          |
| $\mathcal{O}_W$            | $\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$         | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi\Box}$     | $(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$              | $\mathcal{O}_{u\varphi}$        | $(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tilde{\varphi} u_r)$                                  |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$       | $(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$   | $\mathcal{O}_{d\varphi}$        | $(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \varphi d_r)$                                          |
| $X^2 \varphi^2$            |                                                                      | $\psi^2 X \varphi$              |                                                                       | $\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$            |                                                                                             |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi G}$  | $\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$                   | $\mathcal{O}_{eW}$              | $(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$         | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$ | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$          |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$  | $\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$                   | $\mathcal{O}_{eB}$              | $(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$                  | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$ | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$  | $\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$                      | $\mathcal{O}_{uG}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$    | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi e}$       | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$          |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$ | $\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$             | $\mathcal{O}_{uW}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$ | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$ | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$          |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{uB}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$          | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$ | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$ |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{dG}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$            | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi u}$       | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$          |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{dW}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$         | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi d}$       | $(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$          |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{dB}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$                  | $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi ud}$      | $(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$  |
| $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$     |                                                                      | $(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$          |                                                                       | $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$          |                                                                                             |
| $\mathcal{O}_{ll}$         | $(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$               | $\mathcal{O}_{ee}$              | $(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$                | $\mathcal{O}_{le}$              | $(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$                                      |
| $\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(1)}$   | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$               | $\mathcal{O}_{uu}$              | $(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$                | $\mathcal{O}_{lu}$              | $(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$                                      |
| $\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(3)}$   | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$ | $\mathcal{O}_{dd}$              | $(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$                | $\mathcal{O}_{ld}$              | $(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$                                      |
| $\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(1)}$   | $(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$               | $\mathcal{O}_{eu}$              | $(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$                | $\mathcal{O}_{qe}$              | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$                                      |
| $\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(3)}$   | $(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$ | $\mathcal{O}_{ed}$              | $(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$                | $\mathcal{O}_{qu}^{(1)}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$                                      |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{ud}^{(1)}$        | $(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$                | $\mathcal{O}_{qu}^{(8)}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$                              |
|                            |                                                                      | $\mathcal{O}_{ud}^{(8)}$        | $(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$        | $\mathcal{O}_{qd}^{(1)}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$                                      |
|                            |                                                                      |                                 |                                                                       | $\mathcal{O}_{qd}^{(8)}$        | $(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$                              |

4-fermion interactions: tt, ttH, DY

- Dim-6 operators only, including linear and quadratic effects
- Obeying SM symmetries, CP even
- Assuming  $U(2)^5$  flavor symmetry (3<sup>rd</sup> generation singled out)
- One Higgs doublet of  $SU(2)_L$ , SSB linearly realized.

# Where EFT effects matter most

Extend SM Lagrangian by effective interactions (ex. SM EFT)

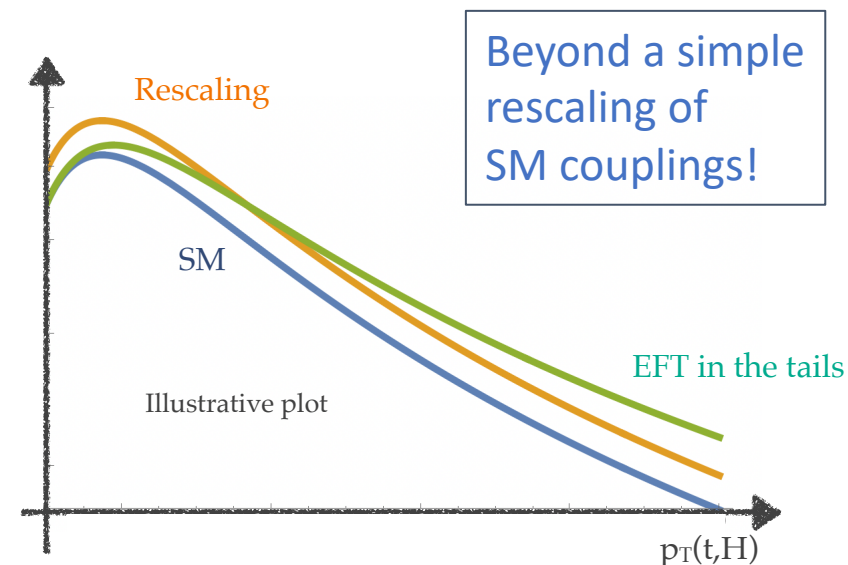
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d>4} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{L}_d = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{L}_5 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_d = \sum_i C_i^{(d)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}, \quad [\mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}] = d$$

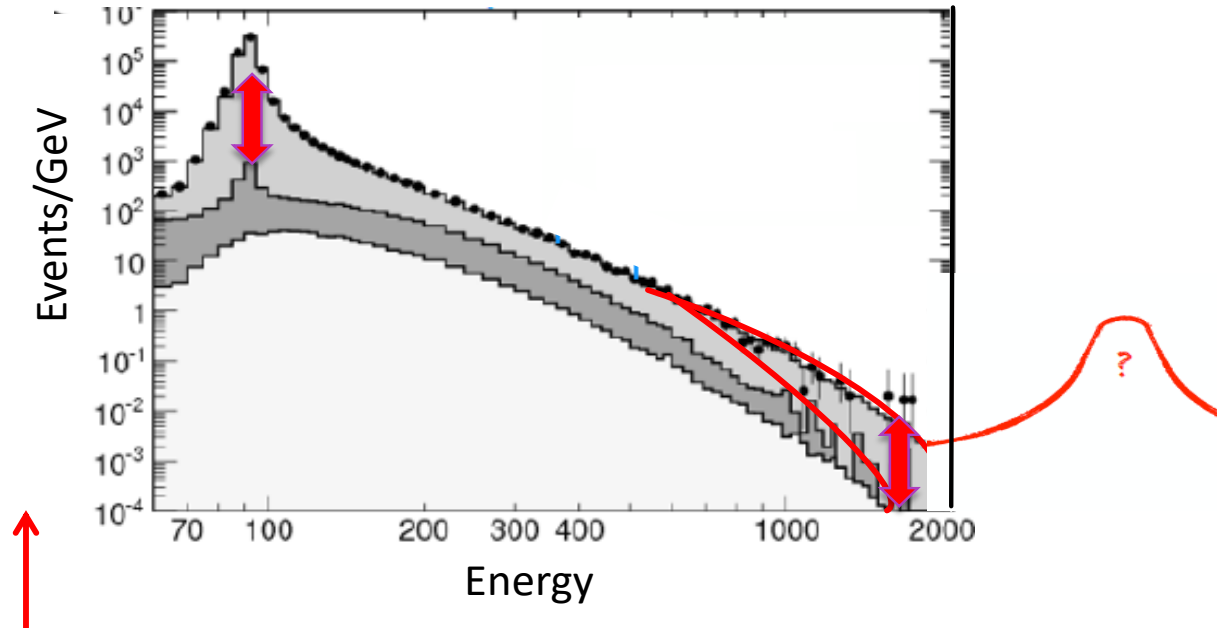
Under the assumption that new physics leaves at scales  $\Lambda > \sqrt{s}$

**Expansion in  $(v, E)/\Lambda$ : affects all SM observables** at both low and high energy

- **SM masses and couplings** → **rescaling**
- **Shapes of distributions** → more visible in **tails of distributions**

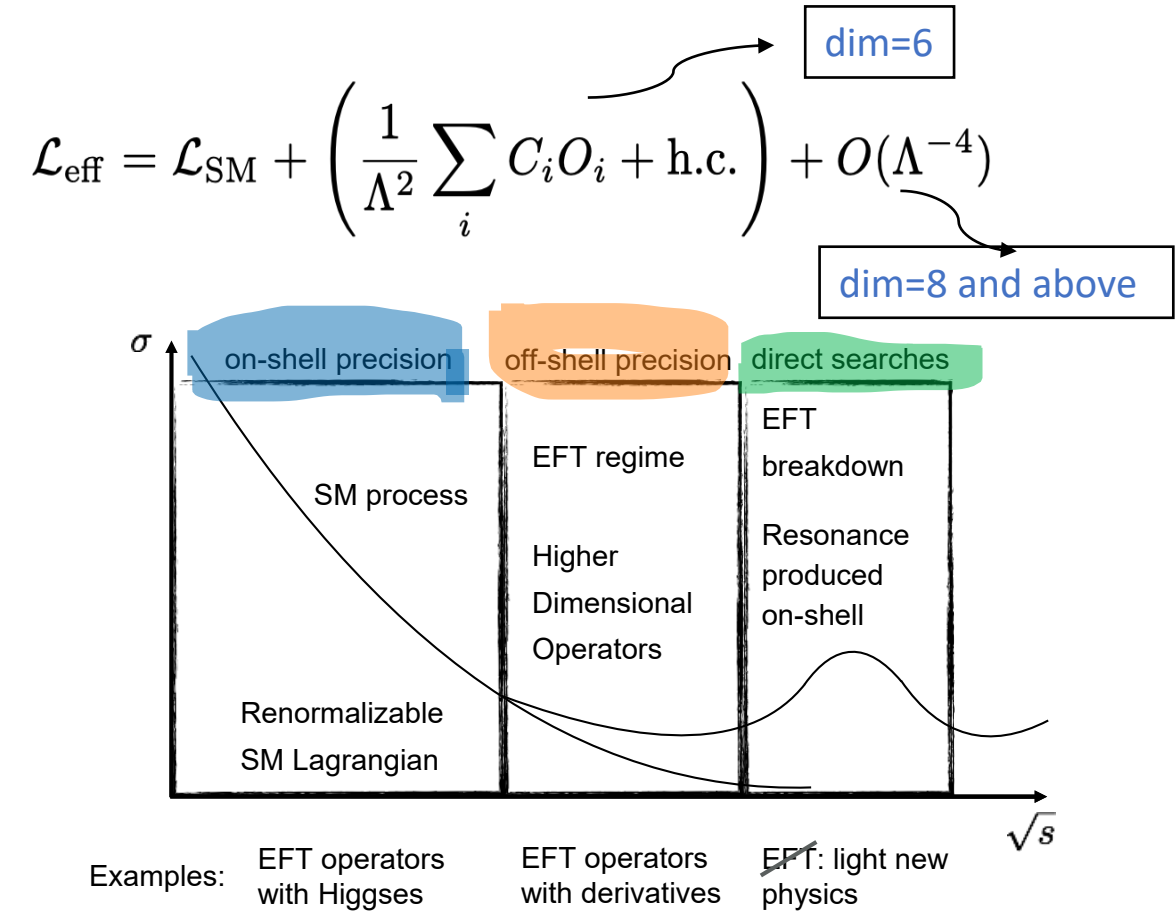


# How to see SMEFT effects



Need SM precision calculations at differential level both at **lower energy**, where rates are large and at **higher energy** where rates are small but effects of new physics may be more visible.

Extending the SM via effective interactions above the EW scale → **SMEFT**

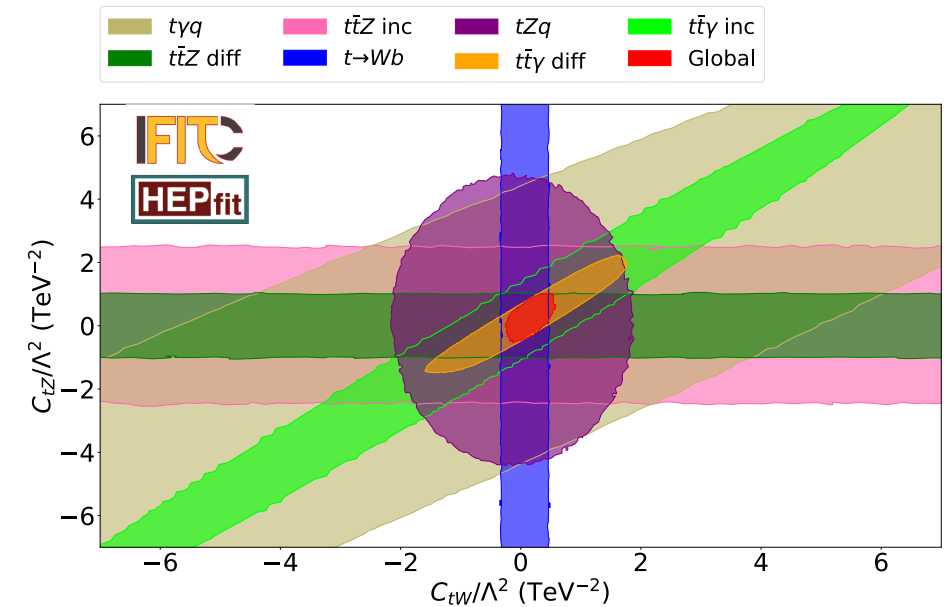
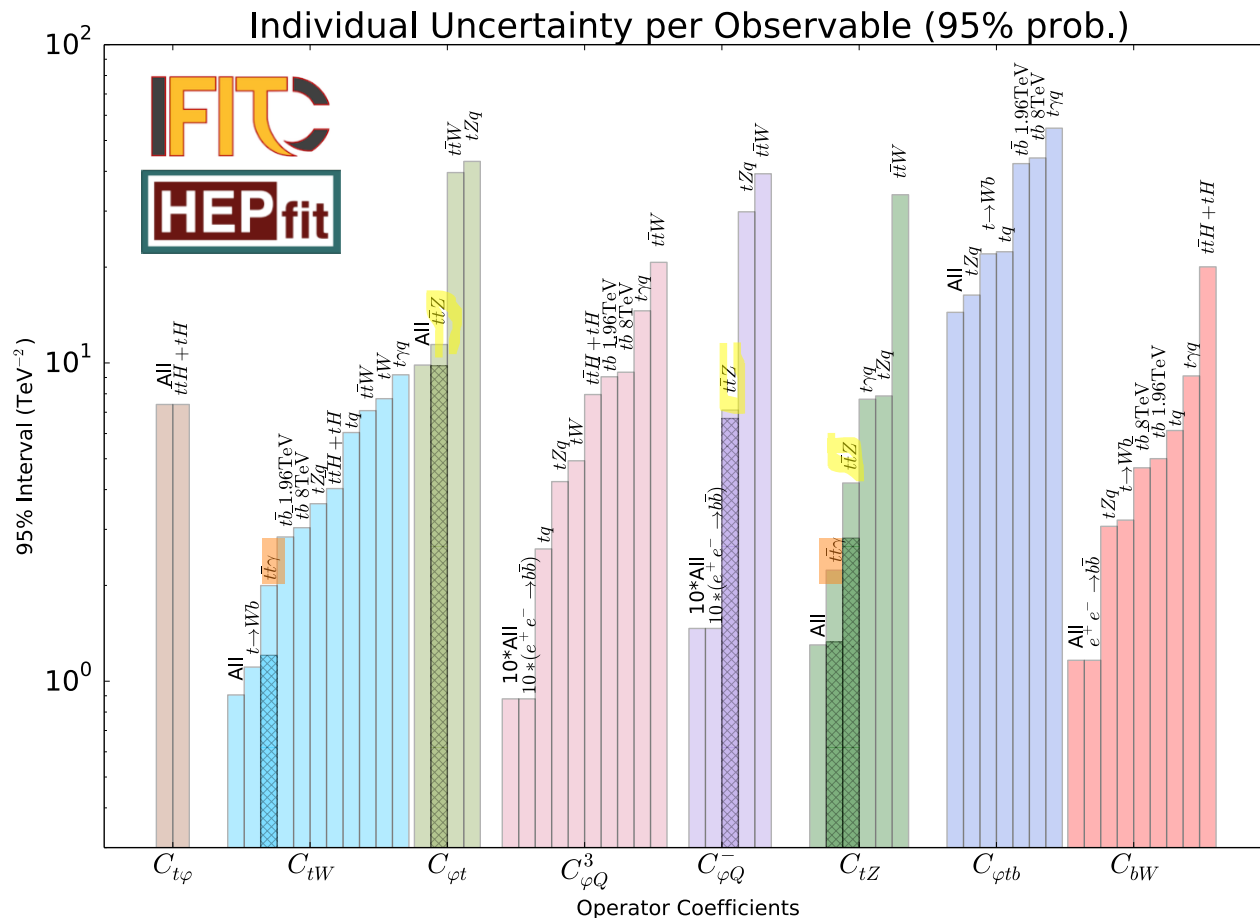


Crucial to control EFT sensitive regions

# ... through multiple probes

## Global fits of top observables

V Miralles, M. Miralles López, M. Moreno Llacer, A. Peñuelas, M. Perelló, M. Vos [arXiv:2107.13917]



Kinematic distributions add substantial constraining power



Accurate modelling of  $t\bar{t}Z$  differential cross sections and signatures is crucial

# Beyond EW fits: adding Higgs, top, DY, di-boson, flavor

Constraining new physics through the spectrum of LHC measurements and beyond

- Higgs boson observables

- Signal strengths.
- Simplified Template Cross Sections (STXS)

$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_i \times Br_j}{(\sigma_i \times Br_j)_{SM}}$$

Preliminary results in this talk

- Top quark observables

- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}, t\bar{t}Z, t\bar{t}W, t\bar{t}\gamma, tZq, t\gamma q, tW, \dots$

- Drell-Yan, Di-boson measurements

- $pp \rightarrow W, Z \rightarrow f_i \bar{f}_j$
- $pp \rightarrow WZ, WW, ZZ, Z\gamma$

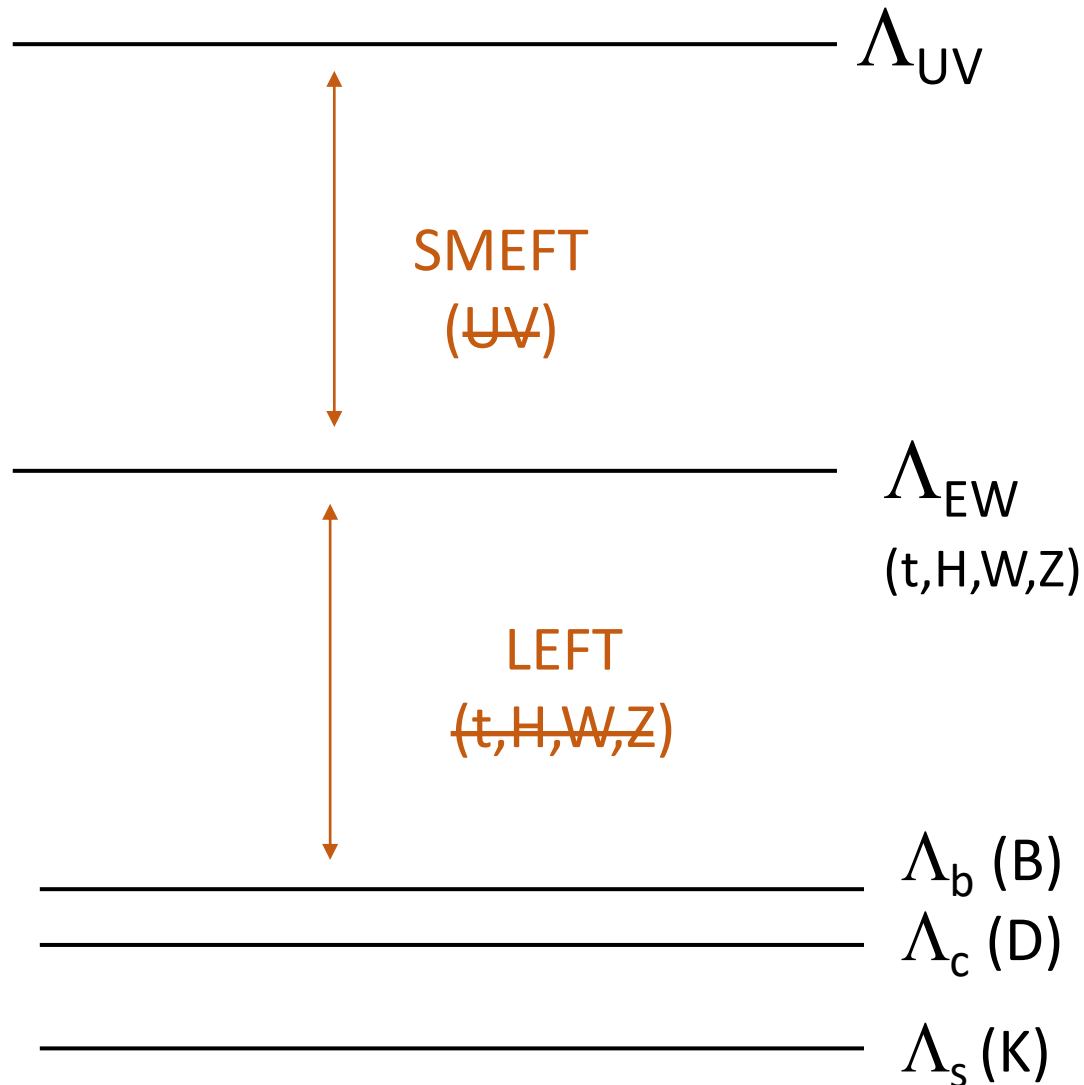
- Flavor observables

- $\Delta F=2$ :  $\Delta MB_{d,s}, D^0 - \bar{D}^0, \varepsilon_K$
- Leptonic decays:  $B_{d,s} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, B \rightarrow \tau \nu, D \rightarrow \tau \nu, K \rightarrow \mu \nu, \pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$
- Semi-leptonic decays:  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu, K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}, B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}, B, K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$
- Radiative B decays ( $B \rightarrow X_{s,d} \gamma$ )

Still being tested

# Beyond EW fits – Higgs, top, flavor observables

Connecting far apart scales naturally lends itself to the EFT framework



Heavy physics decouples and leaves effective contact interactions of  $\text{dim} > 4$

**RGE**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i,d} \frac{C_{i,d}^{\text{SMEFT}}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_{i,d}^{\text{SMEFT}}$$

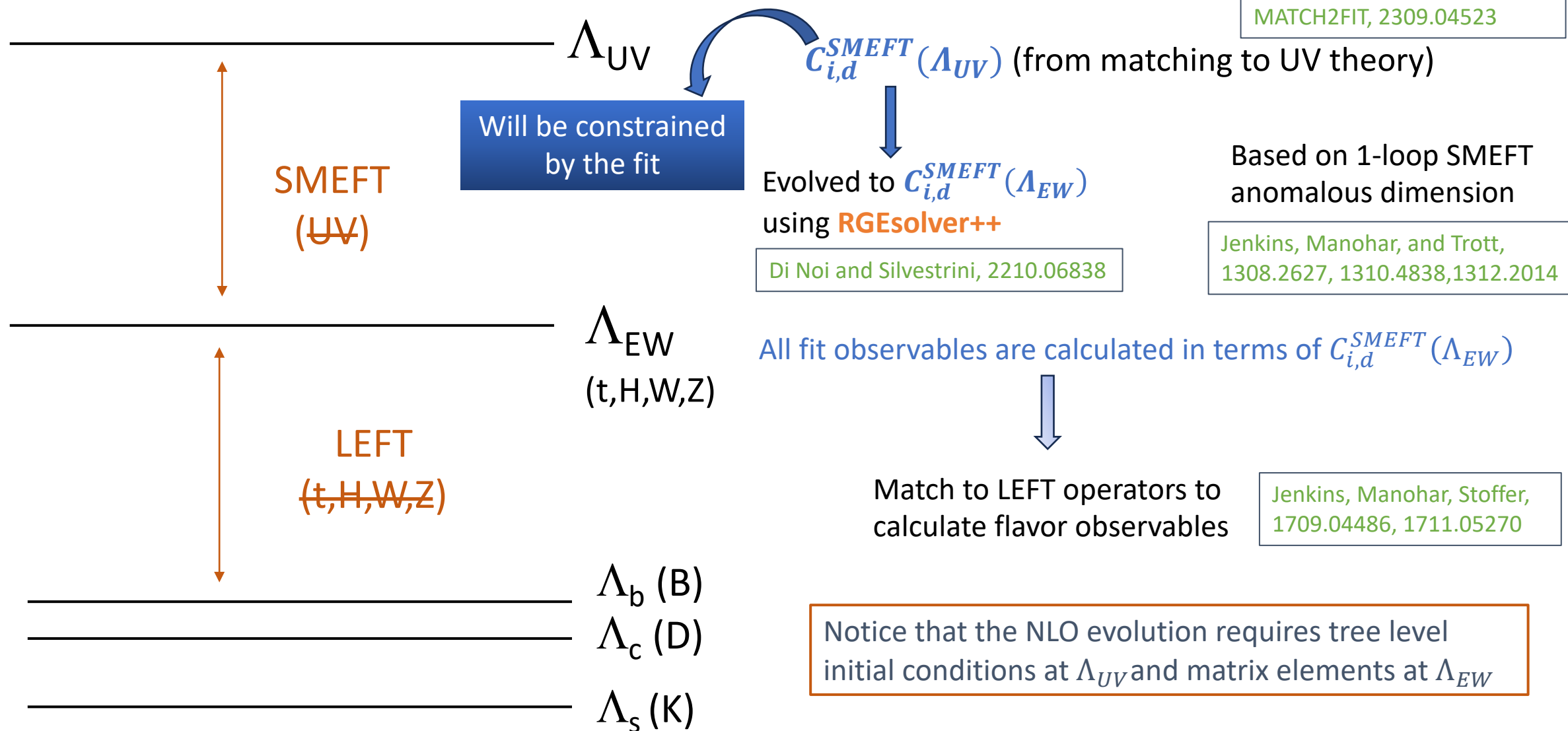
**RGE**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD+QED}} + \sum_{i,d} \frac{C_{i,d}^{\text{LEFT}}}{v^2} \mathcal{O}_{i,d}^{\text{LEFT}}$$

Operators mix through RGE and what we really want to know is the SMEFT structure at the high scale

# Beyond EW fits – Higgs, top, flavor observables

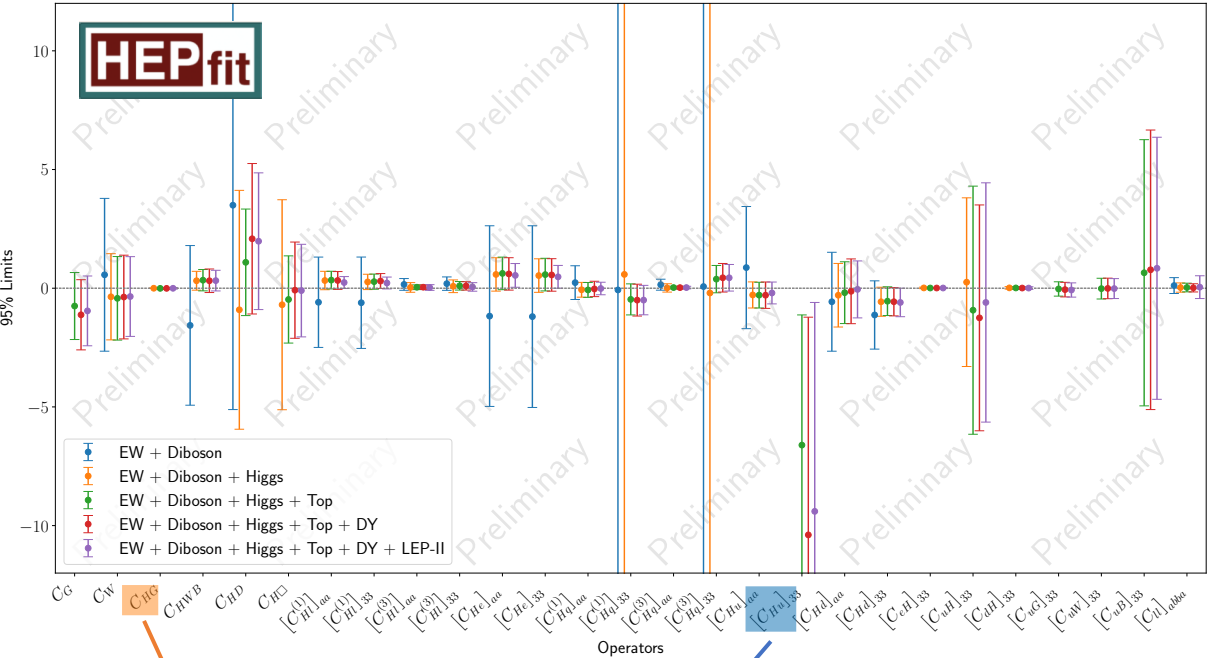
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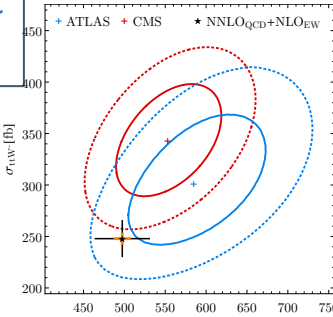
# Preliminary results

Fits with  $U(2)^5$  flavour symmetry: 2-Fermion

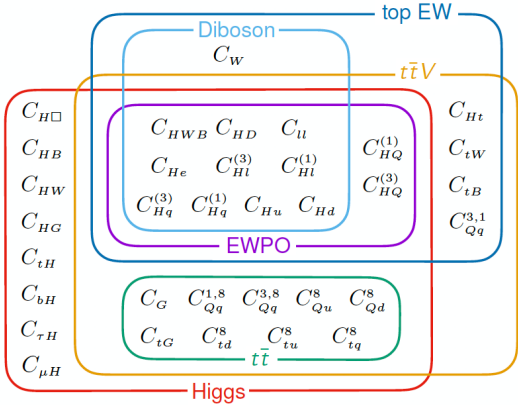
Limits for WC at the scale  $\Lambda_{UV} = 1$  TeV



Effect of Vtt  
(V=Z,W, $\gamma$ )

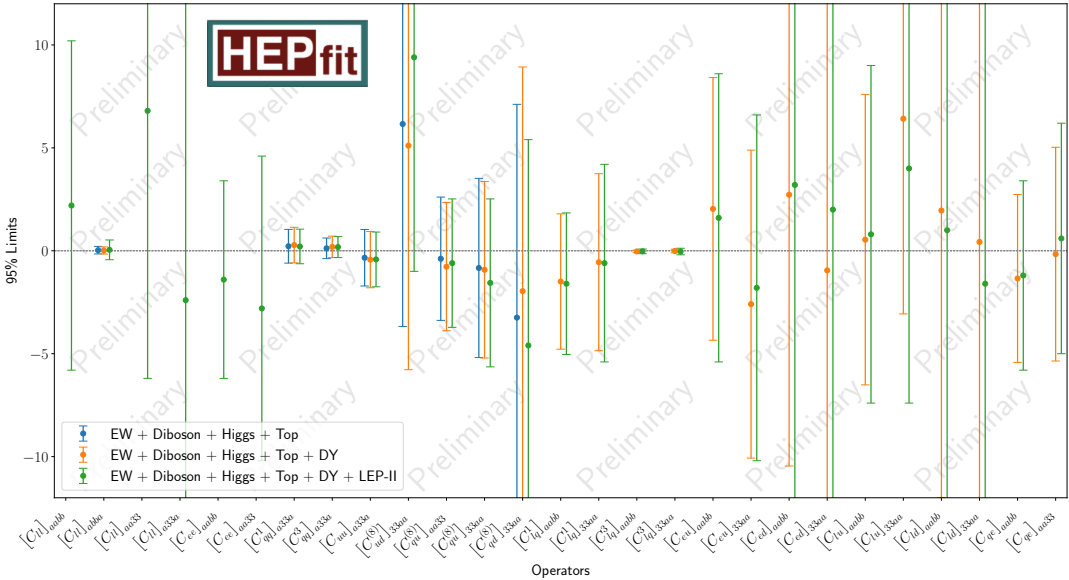


Highly constrained from  
ggH RGE effects visible



Mainly constrained by top observables

Fits with  $U(2)^5$  flavour symmetry: 4-Fermion



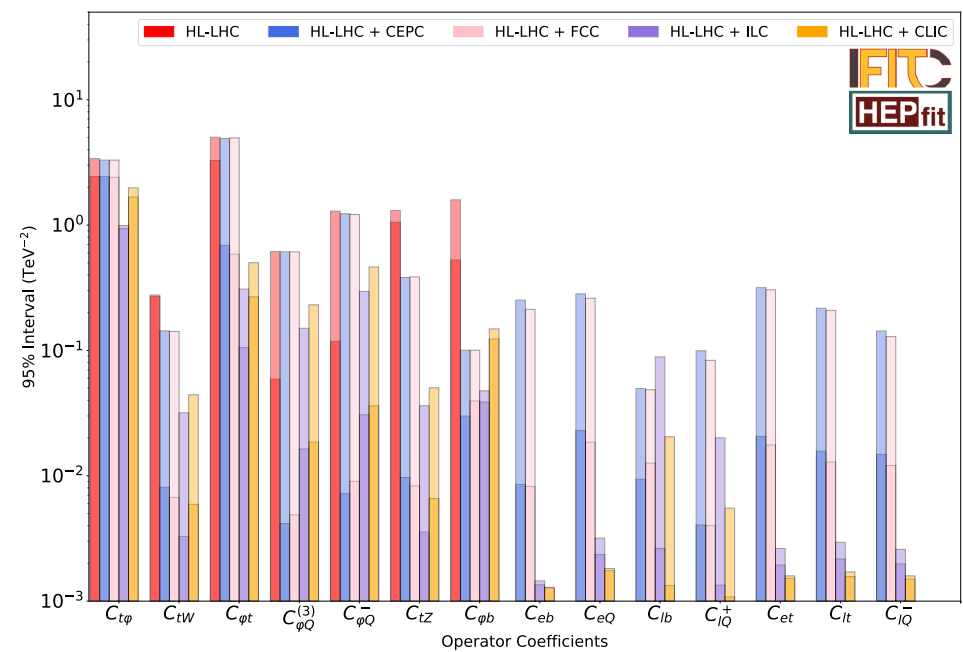
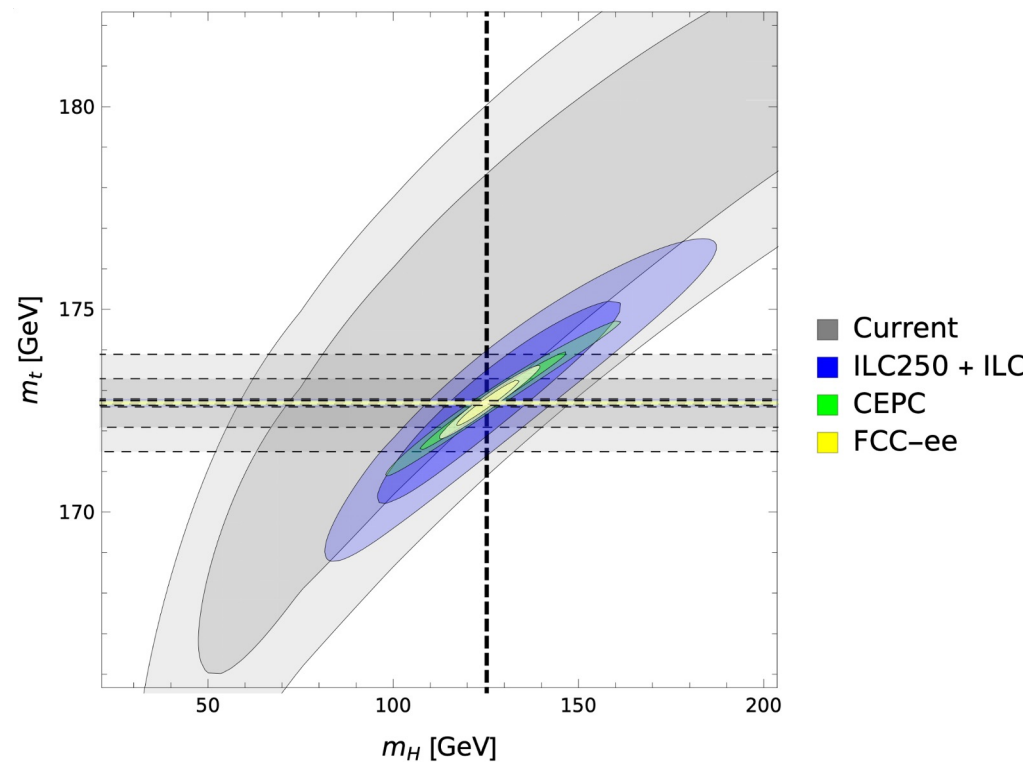
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A glance to the future

# Reach of future colliders for top mass/couplings

Stress testing the SM and exploring anomalous couplings

| Parameter                                                          | HL-LHC | ILC 500 | FCC-ee | FCC-hh |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| $\sqrt{s}$ [TeV]                                                   | 14     | 0.5     | 0.36   | 100    |
| Yukawa coupling $y_t$ (%)                                          | 3.4    | 2.8     | 3.1    | 1.0    |
| Top mass $m_t$ (%)                                                 | 0.10   | 0.031   | 0.025  | –      |
| Left-handed top- $W$ coupling $C_{\phi Q}^3$ ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ) | 0.08   | 0.02    | 0.006  | –      |
| Right-handed top- $W$ coupling $C_{tW}$ ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ )      | 0.3    | 0.003   | 0.007  | –      |
| Right-handed top- $Z$ coupling $C_{tZ}$ ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ )      | 1      | 0.004   | 0.008  | –      |
| Top-Higgs coupling $C_{\phi t}$ ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ )              | 3      | 0.1     | 0.6    | –      |
| Four-top coupling $c_{tt}$ ( $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ )                   | 0.6    | 0.06    | –      | 0.024  |



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