

# EW interactions in high-energy top quark final states

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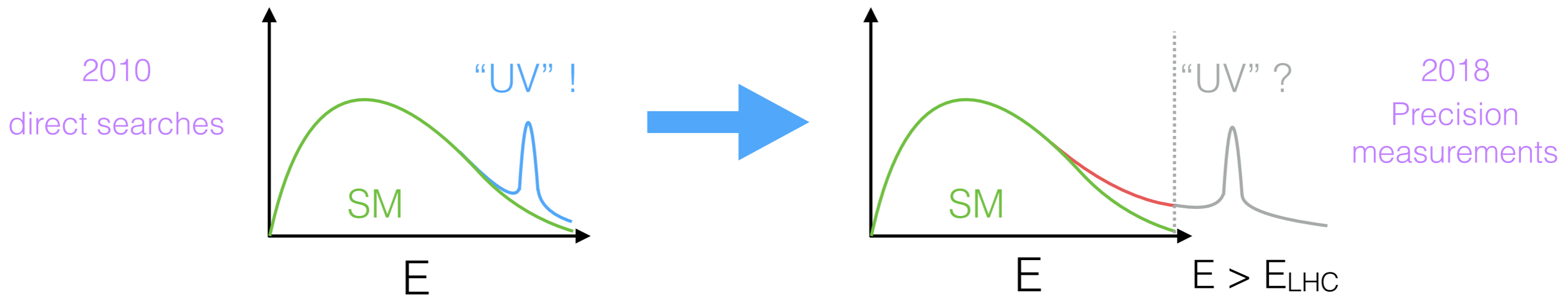
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# Outline

1. Energy growth/unitarity violating behaviour in EW top scattering
  - Helicity amplitude study
  - Anomalous couplings vs SMEFT interpretation
2. Connect to high energy collider processes
  - Case study: single **top** in association with a **Z** or **Higgs**
  - High energy behaviour from  $2 \rightarrow 2$  to  $2 \rightarrow 3/4$
  - Survey of interesting processes and SMEFT sensitivity

# From bumps to tails



- Possibility that new states exist (just) beyond the energy reach of the LHC
  - We may still observe *indirect* effects of such particles in the kinematic *tails* of distributions, e.g., LEP limits on  $\sim \text{TeV } Z'$
  - Deviations from SM-like interactions & new Lorentz structures

Unitarity-violating  
behaviour



Energy growth

# Scattering unitarity

- $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$  : SM unitarity **cancellations**

$$A = \boxed{\text{Diagram 1}} + \boxed{\text{Diagram 2}} + \boxed{\text{Diagram 3}} = \boxed{\sim E^0}$$

The diagram shows the sum of three scattering amplitudes for  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$ :
 

- Diagram 1 (Blue box):** A t-channel exchange of a photon (wavy line) between two  $W_L$  bosons. Each vertex is labeled  $g$ . The amplitude is  $\sim E^4$ .
- Diagram 2 (Red box):** A four-point contact interaction between two  $W_L$  bosons, labeled  $g^2$ . The amplitude is  $\sim E^4$ . This is labeled "gauge" below.
- Diagram 3 (Purple box):** A t-channel exchange of a Higgs boson (dashed line) between two  $W_L$  bosons. Each vertex is labeled  $\frac{m_W}{v}$ . The amplitude is  $\sim E^2$ . This is labeled "EWSB" below.

 The sum of these three diagrams is shown to be  $\sim E^0$ , indicating that the  $E^4$  terms cancel out.

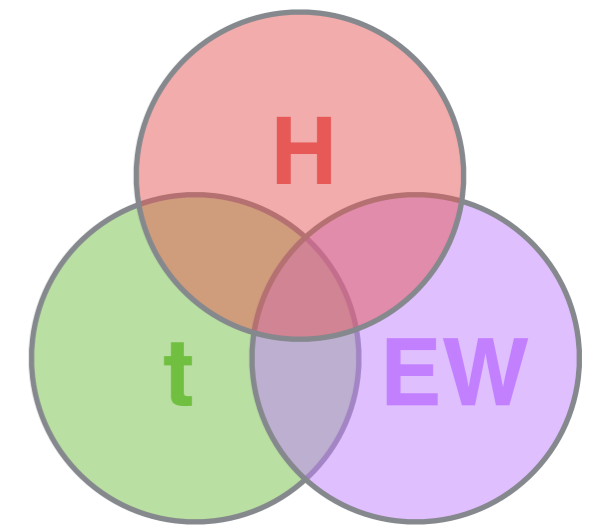
- Deviations from SM interactions = energy growth
  - Theory has **limited validity range**  $\rightarrow$  heavy new physics
  - Cancellations a feature of gauge invariance & SM EWSB mechanism

Diboson (TGC)

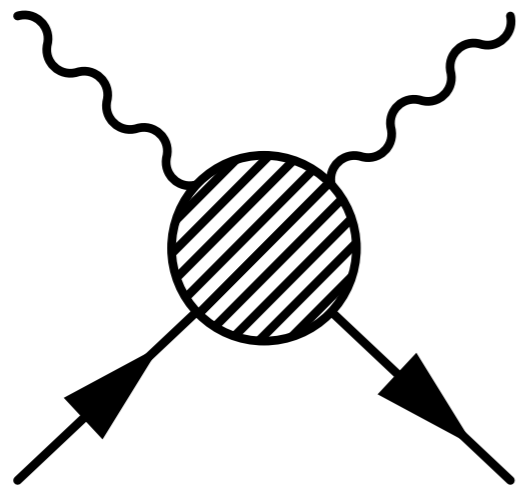
VBS (TGC, QGC)

EW Higgs prod./decay

# Unitarity and tops



- **Top quark**: other key player in EWSB
  - One of the great hopes is that it may give us hints on the nature of EWSB
  - Coloured & strongly coupled to the Higgs
  - Relatively poorly measured, especially its EW interactions



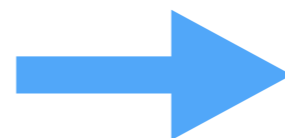
$$A \sim E^2 \rightarrow E^0 \quad \text{gauge}$$

$$A \sim m_t E \rightarrow E^{-1} \quad \text{EWSB}$$

Modified SM couplings in EWSB generically lead to **energy growth**

Limited validity range

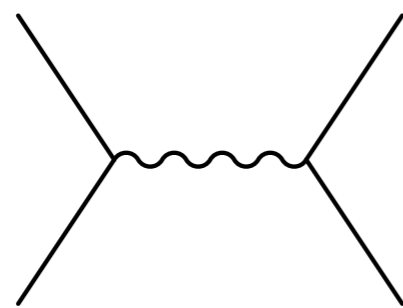
Heavy new physics



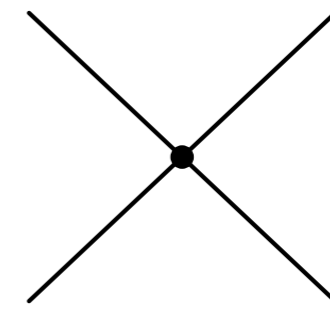
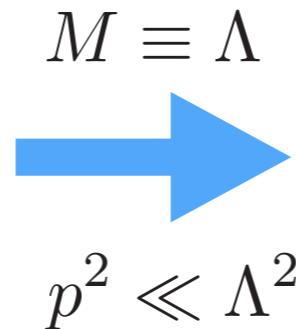
Effective Field Theory

# SMEFT

- Heavy BSM states are integrated out
  - Leaving only local operators built from SM fields
- Operator expansion:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \sum_i \frac{c_i \mathcal{O}_i^D}{\Lambda^{D-4}}$  more: fields derivatives
  - Truncated at dimension 6 (leading B & L preserving interactions)
  - We are sensitive to these via large momentum flows through effective vertices (i.e. tails of energy distributions)



$$\frac{g^2}{p^2 - M^2}$$



cf. Fermi Theory

D=6

$$-\frac{g^2}{\Lambda^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{p^2}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{p^4}{\Lambda^4} + \dots \right]$$

EW interactions in high-energy top quarks

# Energy growth & precision

- SMEFT is a natural framework to extend the LHC reach
  - Parametrises modified SM interactions & new Lorentz structures
  - Dim-6 fully captures energy growth up to  $E^2$

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{A}_{SM} \left( \boxed{1 + c_i \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}} + \boxed{c_j \frac{v E}{\Lambda^2} + c_k \frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2}} \right)$$

Inclusive measurements  
Signal-strength modifiers  
 $\kappa$ -framework

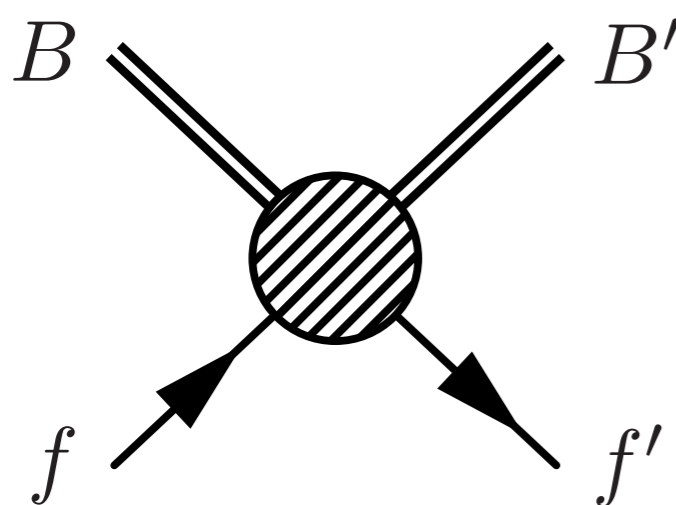
High-energy measurements  
Differential distributions  
SMEFT

‘Energy helps accuracy’

$$c = 1, \Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}, E \sim 500 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \delta_i \sim 0.06, \delta_j \sim 0.12, \delta_k \sim 0.25$$

# EW-top scatterings

- Probe for new interactions (SMEFT) in EWSB sector
- Top quark  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering amplitudes with energy growth
  - High-energy limit:  $s \sim |t| \gg v^2$
  - Unitarity non-cancellations incl. mass effects? SMEFT interpretation
  - Interfering with the SM or not? Compute helicity amplitudes
  - What collider processes can be sensitive?



$$f = t, b \quad \& \quad B = W, Z, h, \gamma$$

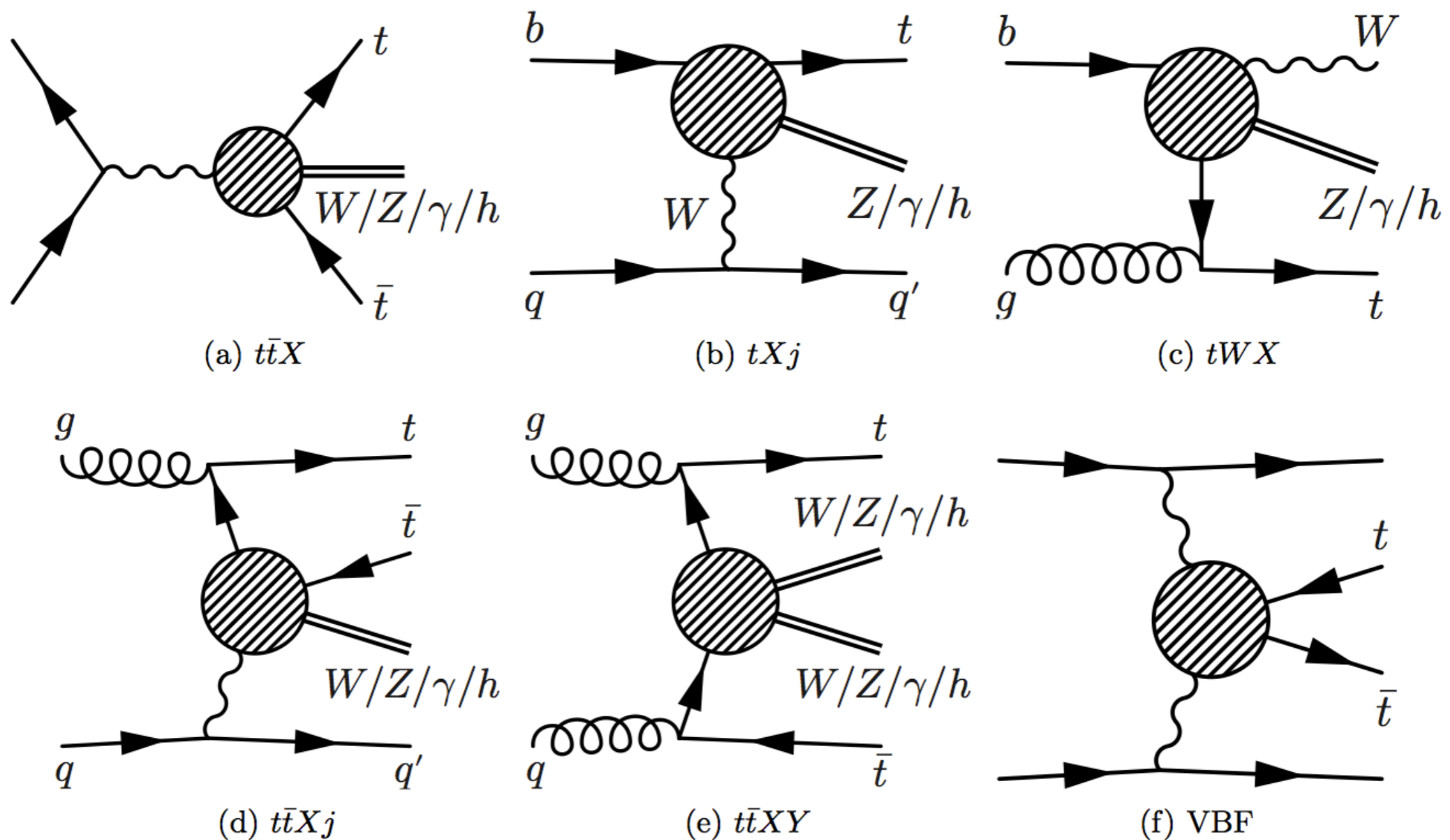
\*at least one top quark

$bW \rightarrow th$	$bW \rightarrow tZ$	$bW \rightarrow t\gamma$	$tW \rightarrow tW$
$tZ \rightarrow th$	$tZ \rightarrow tZ$	$tZ \rightarrow t\gamma$	
$th \rightarrow th$	$th \rightarrow tZ$	$th \rightarrow t\gamma$	

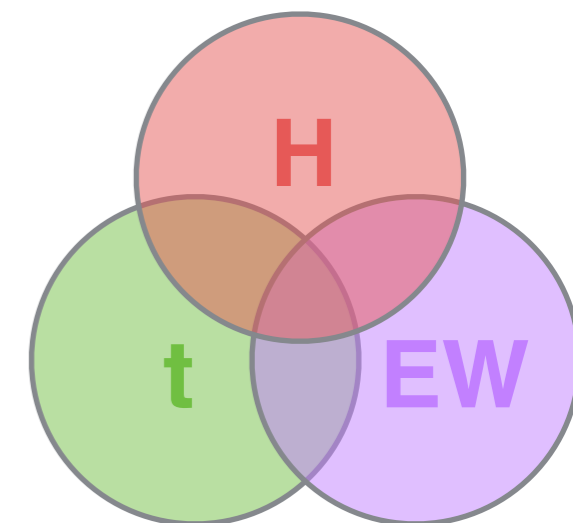


# High energy EW top prod.

- Collider processes embedding  $2 \rightarrow 2$  EW-top scattering



# SMEFT for EWSB



↓ more constrained ↓

↓ less constrained ↓

Bosonic

$\mathcal{O}_W$	$\varepsilon_{IJK} W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{J,\nu\rho} W^{K,\mu\rho}$	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\left(\varphi^\dagger\varphi - \frac{v^2}{2}\right) \bar{Q} t \tilde{\varphi} + \text{h.c.}$	Yukawa
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\left(\varphi^\dagger\varphi - \frac{v^2}{2}\right) W_I^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$i(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\tau_I t) \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I + \text{h.c.}$	weak dipoles
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$	$\left(\varphi^\dagger\varphi - \frac{v^2}{2}\right) B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$	$i(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu} t) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.}$	
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$	$(\varphi^\dagger\tau_I\varphi) B^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$	$i(\varphi^\dagger\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu\tau_I\varphi)(\bar{Q}\gamma^\mu\tau^I Q)$	currents
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu\varphi)^\dagger(\varphi^\dagger D_\mu\varphi)$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(1)}$	$i(\varphi^\dagger\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu\varphi)(\bar{Q}\gamma^\mu Q)$	
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger\varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger\varphi)$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$	$i(\varphi^\dagger\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu\varphi)(\bar{t}\gamma^\mu t)$	RHCC
	$(\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV})$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi} D_\mu\varphi)(\bar{t}\gamma^\mu b) + \text{h.c.}$	

- Relevant dim-6 SMEFT d.o.f. for EW-top scattering
  - Warsaw basis with  $U(2)_Q \times U(2)_U \times U(3)_d \times U(3)_L \times U(3)_e$  flavor symmetry
  - Bosonic + top operators

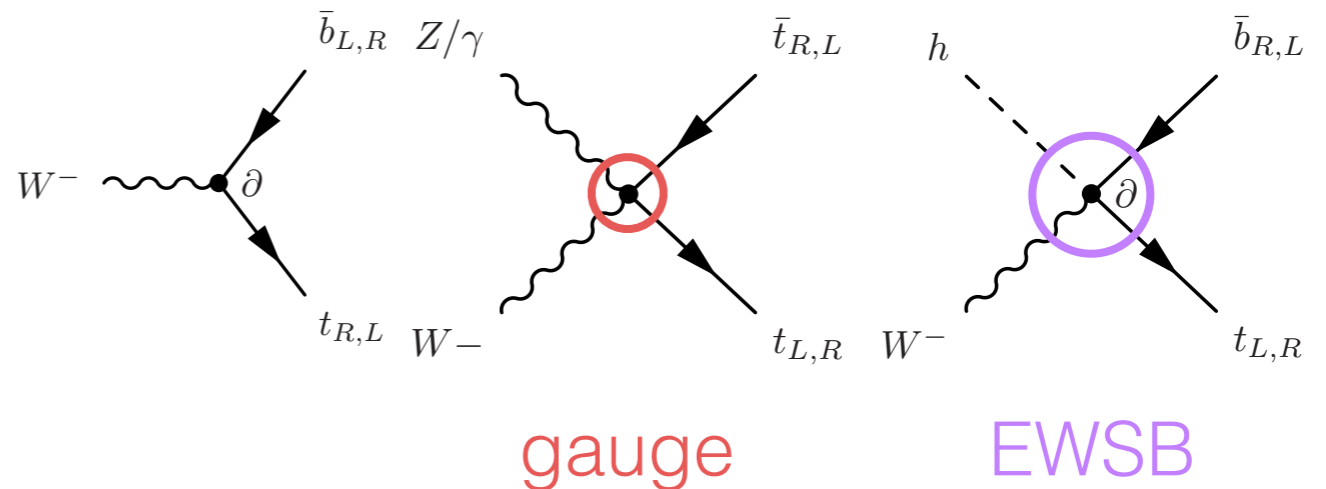
<http://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/SMEFTatNLO>

# EFT vs. AC

$$-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{tW} = i (\bar{Q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \sigma_I t) \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I + \text{h.c.}$$

$$c_{tW} \rightarrow 2g_R$$



- SMEFT construction **predicts** additional interactions
  - EFT  $\rightarrow$  AC map is one-way
  - Potentially **different** from anomalous couplings
  - AC generally violate SU(2)
  - May have different high energy behaviour
- Contact interactions responsible for energy growth

# Max growth?

- $2 \rightarrow 2$  amplitude is dimensionless
  - Guess E-growth  $\leftrightarrow$  canonical dimension of contact interaction
  - In unitary gauge:  $[\mathcal{L}_{\text{contact}}] = N \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \propto E^{N-4}$

- Goldstone equivalence:  $V_L \leftrightarrow \partial_\mu \phi / M$ 
  - Longitudinal modes  $\leftrightarrow$  additional powers of growth

- Naive formula:

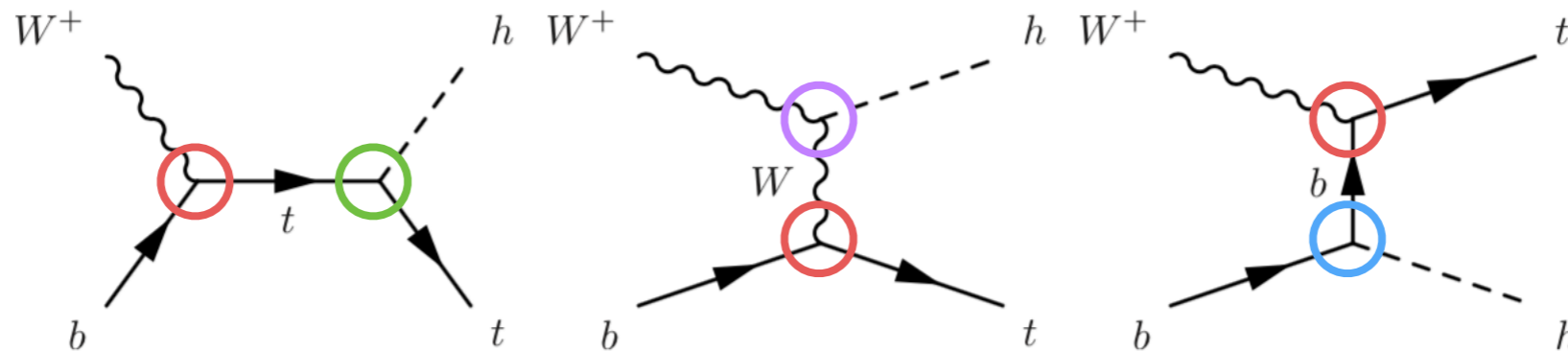
$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-6}} \propto \frac{v^m}{\Lambda^2} \frac{E^{2+n-m}}{M}$$

$n$ : # of  $V_L$

$m$ : # of vev insertions

Dim-6 expectation:  $A_{\text{max}} \sim E^2$

# $b W \rightarrow t h$



- In the SM, fully left-handed & longitudinal configuration  $\sim E^0$
- Energy growth from anomalous SM interactions
  - $tbW$  vertex present in all diagrams  $\rightarrow$  overall rescaling
  - $bbH$  interaction  $\propto mb \sim 0$
  - $hWW$  and  $ttH$  interaction participate in unitarity cancellation

$$\mathcal{A}(b_L, W_L, t_R) \propto \sqrt{-t} (2m_W^2 \boxed{g_{th}} - \boxed{g_{Wh}} m_t)$$

- Setting SM values sends it to  $\sim 1/E$

# b W $\rightarrow$ t h

SMEFT: many more sources of energy growth

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
$-, 0, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$-$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
$-, 0, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
$+, 0, -$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, 0, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$-, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$-$	$-$
$-, +, +$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$+, -, -$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, -, +$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, -$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	$-$	$-$	$-$

# b W → t h

## Helicity configurations

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	$s^0$	-	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
+, -, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

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- , 0, -	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
- , 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+ , 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+ , 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
- , -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
- , -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
- , +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
- , +, +	$s^0$	-	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
+ , -, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+ , -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ , +, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
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W<sub>T</sub> ← (rows 5-12)



# b W → t h

Schematic SM E-dependence down to E<sup>-2</sup>

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-, 0, -	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	$s^0$	-	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
+, -, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

$b W \rightarrow t h$

All operators with some degree of growth

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
$-, 0, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$-$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
$-, 0, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
$+, 0, -$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, 0, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$-, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$-$	$-$
$-, +, +$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$+, -, -$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, -, +$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, -$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	$-$	$-$	$-$

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Max growth

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-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	$s^0$	-	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
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+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-	-

$b W \rightarrow t h$

Interfering E-growth: SU(2) current operator

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$-, 0, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$-$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
$-, 0, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-tv}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
$+, 0, -$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, 0, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$-, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$
$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$-$	$-$
$-, +, +$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$+, -, -$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, -, +$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, -$	$-$	$-$	$s^0$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$-$	$-$	$-$

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Non-interfering / no E growth in interference

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	$s^0$	-	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
+, -, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-	-

$\propto m_b$  → (points to the first column)

→  $W_T$  (points to the  $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$  column)

# b W → t h

Sub-leading growth ∝ EW scale ( $m_t, m_W, v$ )

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← 9th $-, 0, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
$-, 0, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	—	—	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
$+, 0, -$	—	—	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	—	—	—
$+, 0, +$	—	—	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	—	—	—
$-, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	—	—	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	—	—
$-, +, +$	$s^0$	—	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$+, -, -$	—	—	$s^0$	—	—	—
$+, -, +$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$+, +, -$	—	—	$s^0$	—	—	—
$+, +, +$	—	—	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	—	—	—

# b W → t h

No E-growing interference

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	$s^0$	-	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
+, -, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

# b W → t h

- Only one source of energy growth from modified SM-like interactions

- All other sources in the SMEFT are from contact terms
- E.g. max growths in (-,0,-) & (+,0,+)

$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)} = i(\varphi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \tau_I \varphi) (\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I Q) \rightarrow h \partial_\mu G_+ \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu b_L + \text{h.c.} \quad \text{dim-6 contact interaction w/ Goldstone } \leftrightarrow W_L$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb} = i(\tilde{\varphi} D_\mu \varphi) (\bar{t} \gamma^\mu b) + \text{h.c.} \rightarrow h \partial_\mu G_+ \bar{t} \gamma^\mu b + \text{h.c.}$$

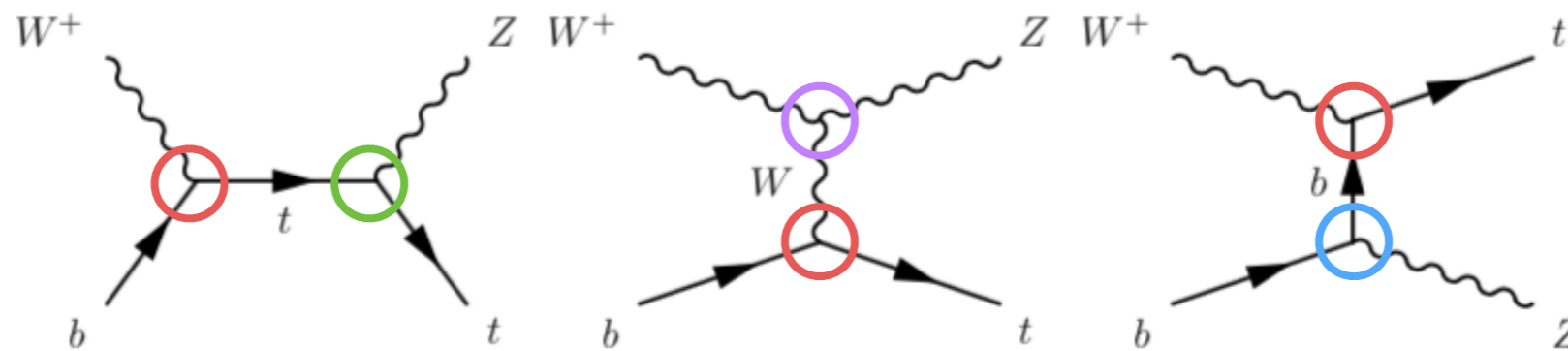
- Lower energy dependences

- ‘Pay’ a mass factor (E → m) to flip fermion helicity/gauge boson polarisation

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
- , 0 , -	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
- , 0 , +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-tv}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
- , - , -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$



# b W → t Z



- Similar to  $b W \rightarrow t h$ : longitudinal & left-handed  $\sim E^0$ 
  - $tbW$  → overall rescaling
  - $ZWW$  and  $ttZ$ ,  $bbZ$  interaction → more unitarity cancellations

$$\mathcal{A}(b_L, W_0, t_L, Z_0) \propto \sqrt{s(s+t)} (g_{b_L}^Z - g_{t_L}^Z + g_{WZ})$$

$$\mathcal{A}(b_L, W_0, t_R, Z_0) \propto \sqrt{-t} (2m_W^2 (g_{b_L}^Z - g_{t_R}^Z + g_{WZ}) - g_{WZ} m_Z^2).$$

- Gauge boson self interactions ↔ fermion interactions
- Doublet nature of (b, t), EWSB ( $m_W$  &  $m_Z$ ), gauge structure

$b W \rightarrow t Z$

Max growth

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t, \lambda_Z$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi D}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi WB}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_W$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(3)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi t}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(1)}$
$-, 0, -, 0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-
$-, 0, +, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
$+, 0, -, 0$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$+, 0, +, 0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$-, -, -, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-
$-, -, +, 0$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$-, 0, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-
$-, 0, -, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	-	-	-
$-, 0, +, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$
$-, 0, +, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$-, +, -, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	-	-	-
$\vdots$					$\vdots$					
$+, 0, +, +$	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$+, +, -, 0$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$+, +, +, 0$	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$-, -, -, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$
$-, -, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	$\frac{m_W \sqrt{s(s+t)}}{v}$	-	-	-
$-, -, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-	-	-
$-, -, +, +$	-	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$\frac{\sqrt{-tm_t} m_W}{v}$	-	-	-
$-, +, -, -$	$\frac{1}{s}$	-	-	$s^0$	-	-	$\frac{m_W \sqrt{s(s+t)}}{v}$	-	-	-
$-, +, -, +$	$s^0$	$s^0$	-	$s^0$	-	-	-	$s^0$	-	$s^0$
$-, +, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	-	-	$\frac{\sqrt{-tm_t} m_W}{v}$	-	-	-
$-, +, +, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-	-	-
$\vdots$					$\vdots$					

$b W \rightarrow t Z$

Many subleading growths (non-interfering)

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t, \lambda_Z$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi D}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi WB}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_W$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(3)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi t}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(1)}$
$-, 0, -, 0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	—	—
$-, 0, +, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	—	—	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	—	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
$+, 0, -, 0$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$+, 0, +, 0$	—	—	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$-, -, -, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	—	—	—	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	—	—
$-, -, +, 0$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$-, 0, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	—	—
$-, 0, -, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	—	—	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	—	—	—
$-, 0, +, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$
$-, 0, +, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$s^0$	—	—	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$
$-, +, -, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	—	—	—	$\frac{m_W^2(s+t)}{\sqrt{-tv}}$	—	—	—
$\vdots$					$\vdots$					
$+, 0, +, +$	—	—	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$+, +, -, 0$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$+, +, +, 0$	—	—	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$-, -, -, -$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$
$-, -, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	—	—	$s^0$	—	—	$\frac{m_W \sqrt{s(s+t)}}{v}$	—	—	—
$-, -, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	—	—	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	—	—	—	—
$-, -, +, +$	—	—	—	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	$\frac{\sqrt{-tm_t} m_W}{v}$	—	—	—
$-, +, -, -$	$\frac{1}{s}$	—	—	$s^0$	—	—	$\frac{m_W \sqrt{s(s+t)}}{v}$	—	—	—
$-, +, -, +$	$s^0$	$s^0$	—	$s^0$	—	—	—	$s^0$	—	$s^0$
$-, +, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	—	—	$\frac{\sqrt{-tm_t} m_W}{v}$	—	—	—
$-, +, +, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	—	—	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	—	—	—	—
$\vdots$					$\vdots$					

# Gauge invariance & AC

- Naive E formula for **dipole** contact term

$$\mathcal{O}_{tW} = i(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\tau_I t)\tilde{\varphi}W_{\mu\nu}^I + \text{h.c.} \rightarrow gv\bar{t}_L\sigma^{\mu\nu}t_R W_{\mu}^+W_{\nu}^-, gv\bar{b}_L\sigma^{\mu\nu}t_R Z_{\mu}W_{\nu}^-.$$

- Longitudinal configuration: **n=2** & **m=1** → E<sup>3</sup>!
- Larger than dim-6 expectations...

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t, \lambda_Z$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$
$-, 0, -, 0$	$s^0$	$-$	$s^0$
$-, 0, +, 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$

- Not present in SMEFT prediction, **cancelled** by gauge invariance ~ E
- Not the case for general (AC) dipole modification of tbW vertex ~ E<sup>3</sup>!
- Different high energy behaviour for **AC** vs. **SMEFT**
  - Cannot naively map constraints on e.g.  $g_R$  from single-top production/decay to predictions for e.g. high- $p_T$  tZj in SMEFT

$$-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{M_W}(g_L P_L + g_R P_R)tW_{\mu}^- + \text{H.c.}$$

# Top/EW scattering

Max. energy growth of SMEFT amplitude (  $s \sim -t \gg v$  )

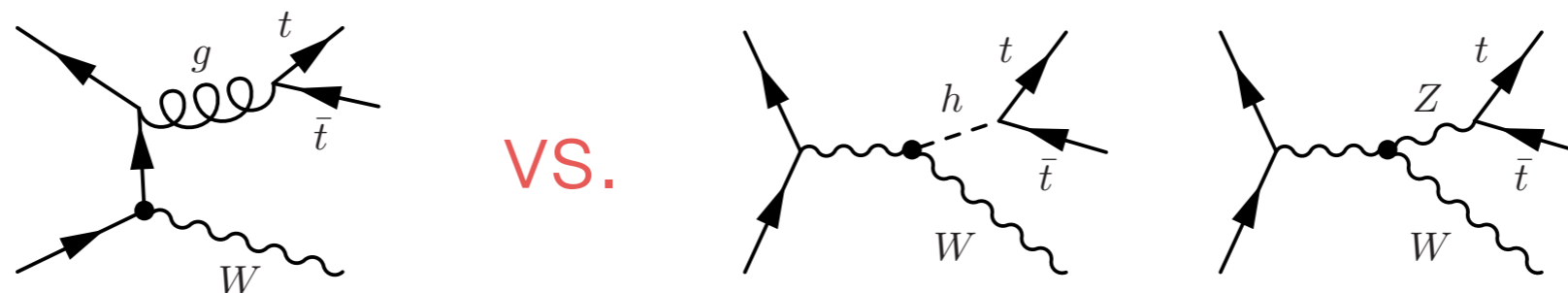
	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi \square}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$	$\mathcal{O}_W$	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(1)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$
$bW \rightarrow th$	—	—	—	$E$	—	—	$E$	—	$E^2$	—	$E^2$	—	$E^2$
$bW \rightarrow tZ$	$E$	—	—	—	$E$	$E^2$	—	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E$	$E^2$	$E$	$E^2$
$bW \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	—	—	$E$	$E^2$	—	$E^2$	$E^2$	—	—	—	—
$tW \rightarrow tW$	$E$	$E$	—	$E$	$E$	$E^2$	$E$	$E$	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E^2$	—
$tZ \rightarrow th$	$E$	—	$E$	$E$	$E$	—	$E$	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E^2$	—
$tZ \rightarrow tZ$	$E$	$E$	$E$	$E$	$E$	—	$E$	$E^2$	$E^2$	$E$	$E$	$E$	—
$tZ \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	$E$	$E$	$E$	—	—	$E^2$	$E^2$	—	$E$	—	—
$th \rightarrow th$	$E$	$E$	—	—	—	—	$E$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$th \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	$E$	$E$	$E$	—	—	$E^2$	$E^2$	—	—	—	—
$t\gamma \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	$E$	$E$	$E$	—	—	$E$	$E$	—	—	—	—

photon interactions protected by U(1)Q  
Only dipole & TGC operators

\*Interferes with SM  
In longitudinal config.

# Case study

- Interesting processes to study top/Higgs/EW sector
  - LHC-accessible processes that **contain** top-EW  $2 \rightarrow 2$  sub amplitudes
  - How much does unitarity violating behaviour translate to collider process?
- Candidate:  $t\bar{t} + (W/H/Z)$ 
  - Large **QCD-induced** contribution, less sensitive to EW operators
  - In the SM, pure EW contributions  **$\sim 100$  times smaller**
  - Involve highly off-shell, s-channel gauge bosons



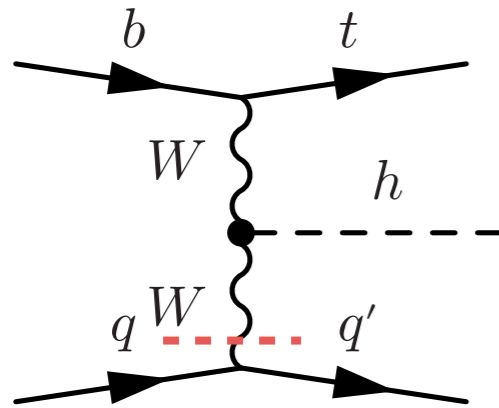
- Difficult to see SMEFT effects in EW interactions in  $t\bar{t} + X$

# Case study: $tZj/tHj$

- Alternative to  $tt+X$ : require a **single top** quark
  - Eliminates dominant QCD contribution
- Single top rate at 13 TeV LHC  $\sim 200$  pb (1/4 of QCD  $tt$ )
  - Sensitive to **2 four-fermion** and **3 top/EW** operators that modify  $tbW$  vertex
- Require the presence of an additional **Z** or **Higgs**
  - Possibility of probing large set of top/Higgs/EW operators at once
  - Contain top-EW  $2 \rightarrow 2$
  - **Higher kinematic thresholds** may enhance EFT effects
- Recent LHC measurement of  $tZj$  cross section at  $4.2\sigma$ 
  - [ATLAS; arXiv:1710.03659], [CMS-PAS-TOP-16-020 & arXiv:1712.02825]*
- Timely moment to study energy growth & EFT sensitivity of these challenging processes

# Anatomy of tHj/tZj

tHj (tZj = h → Z)

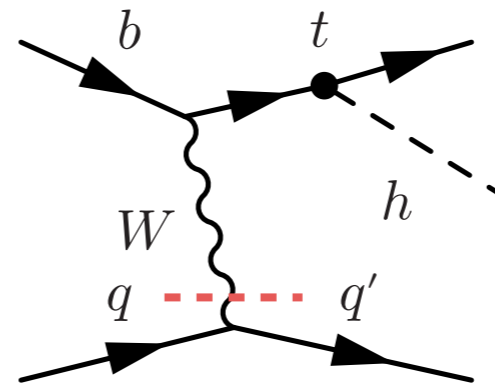


$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W} : \varphi^\dagger \varphi W_i^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^i$$

HWW

TGC

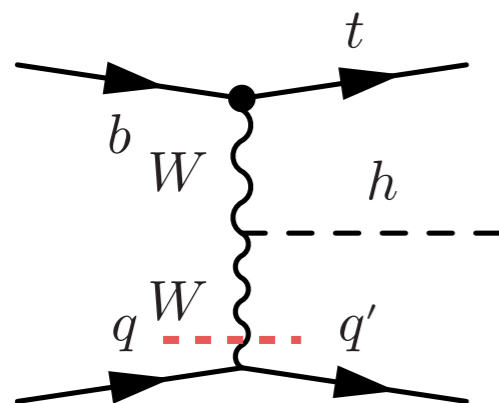
$$\mathcal{O}_W : \epsilon^{ijk} W_{i,\mu\nu} W_j^{\nu\rho} W_{k,\rho}^\mu$$



$$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$$

top Yukawa  
ttZ coupling

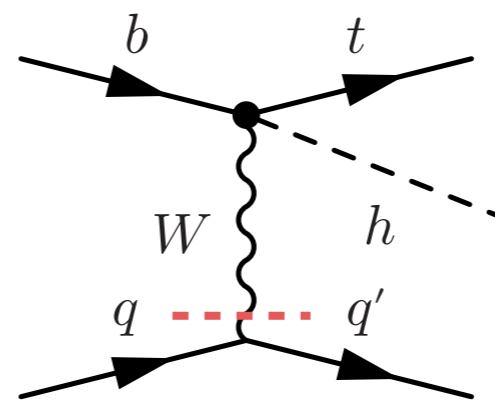
$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$$



$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)} : i(\varphi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^i \varphi)(\bar{Q}\gamma^\mu \sigma_i Q)$$

Wtb vertex

$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb} : i(\tilde{\varphi} D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{b}\gamma^\mu t)$$



$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$$

Contact terms

$$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$$

- Accessing the  $bW \rightarrow tH$  &  $bW \rightarrow tZ$  sub-amplitudes
  - VBF meets single-top
  - Different energy growth and interference with the SM



# LHC sensitivity

Energy growth: looking at **tails** to increase sensitivity

Compare to **single top** which has a much larger rate

$r = \sigma_i / \sigma_{SM}$	$tj$	$tj$ $(p_T^t > 350 \text{ GeV})$	$tZj$	$tZj$ $(p_T^t > 250 \text{ GeV})$	$tHj$
$\sigma_{SM}$	224 pb	880 fb	839 fb	69 fb	75.9 fb
$r_{tW}$	0.0275	0.024	0.016	0.010	0.292
$r_{tW,tW}$	0.0162	0.35	0.095	0.67	0.940
$r_{\varphi Q^{(3)}}$	0.121	0.121	0.192	0.172	-0.132
$r_{\varphi Q^{(3)},\varphi Q^{(3)}}$	0.0037	0.0037	0.029	0.114	0.21
$r_{\varphi tb,\varphi tb}$	0.00090	0.0008	0.0050	0.027	0.050

Increased sensitivity for **certain operators**

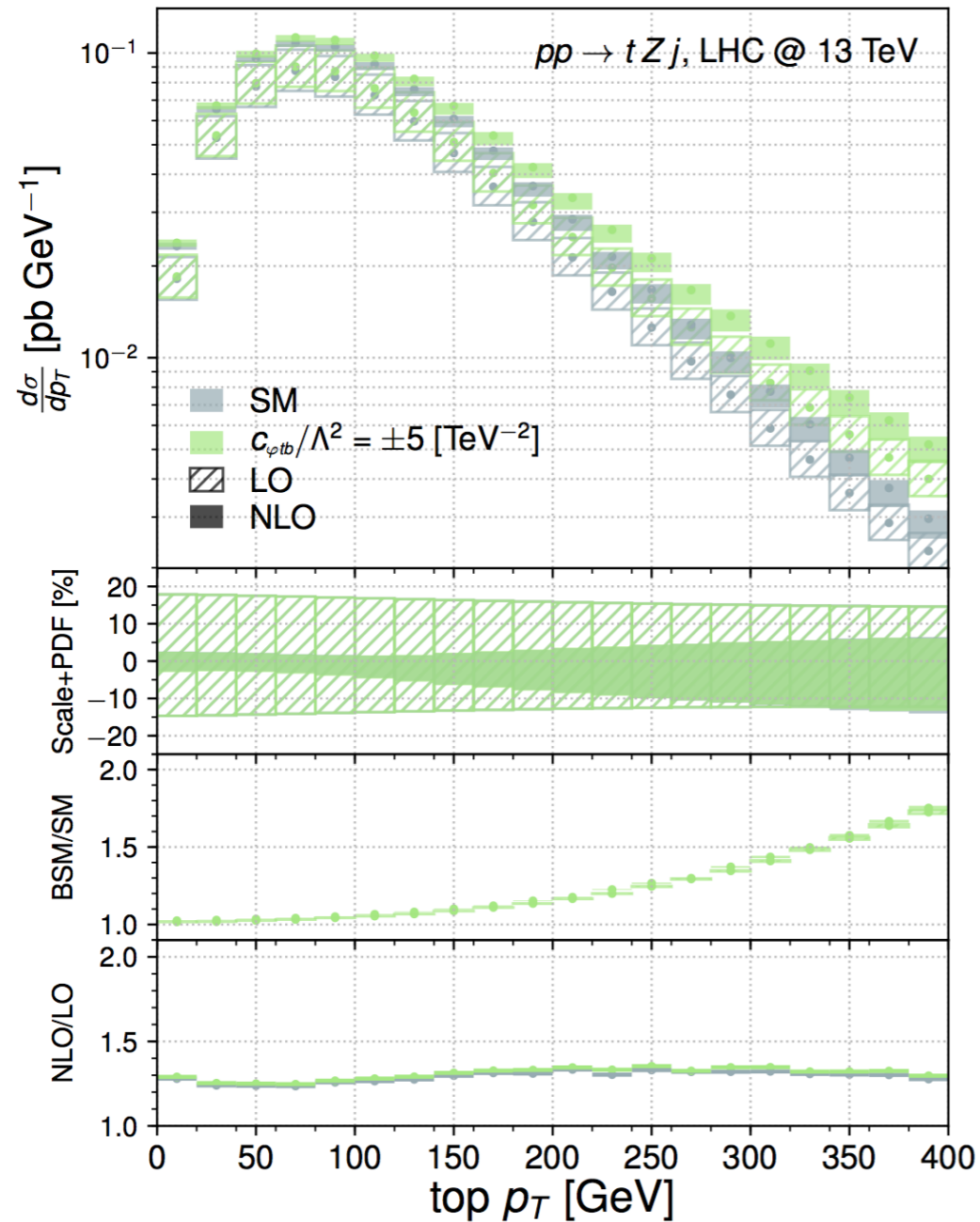
**New energy growths** w.r.t single top

Consistent with  $2 \rightarrow 2$  subamplitude analysis

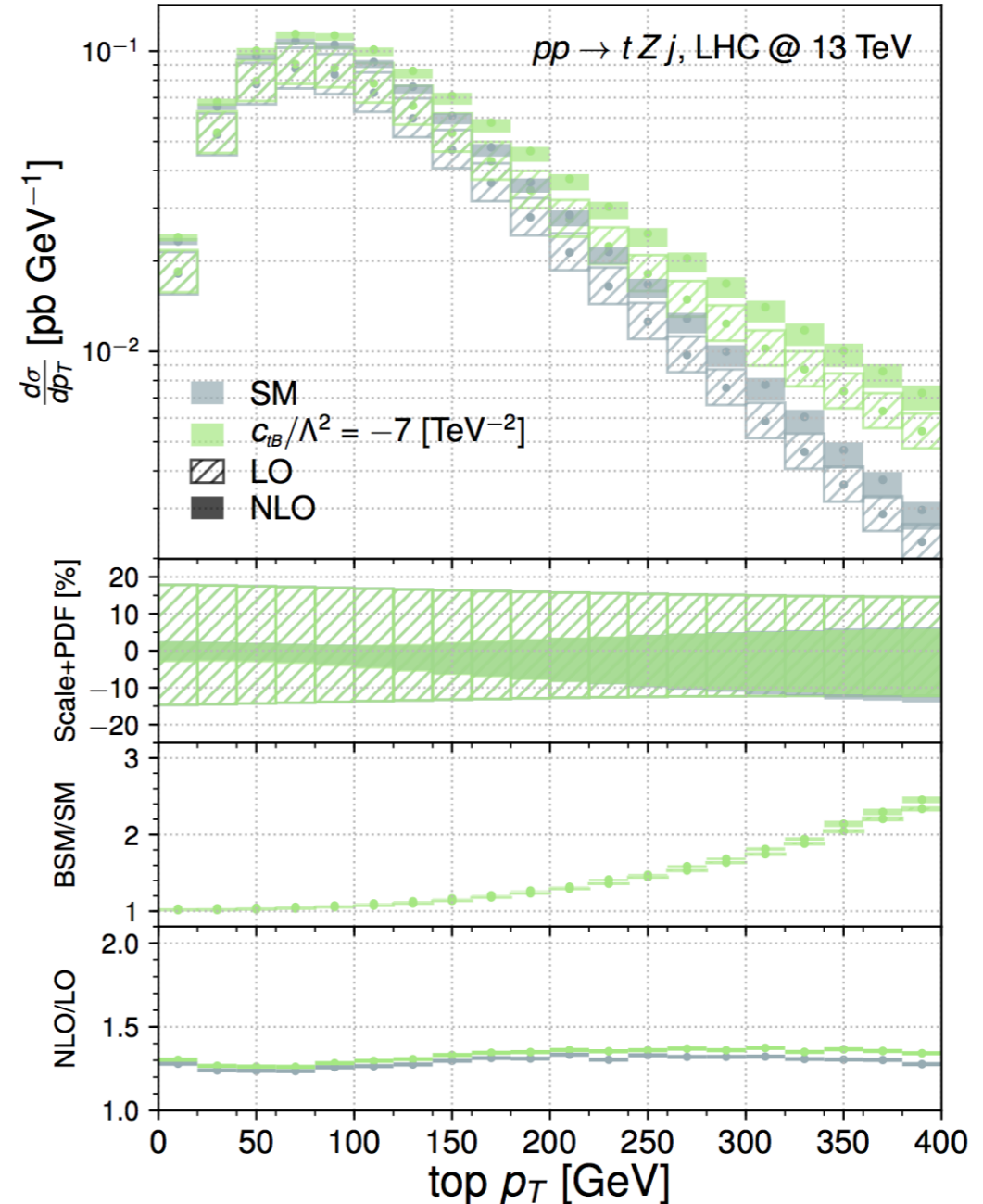
- **Except** SU(2) current operator
  - Expected energy-growing interference absent
  - Confirmed presence in tHj (not shown)
  - **Energy growing**  $Z_L$  swamped by **energy constant**  $Z_T$  at high  $p_T$

# Differential sensitivity

Fixed NLOQCD (mg5\_aMC)



Saturating existing limits

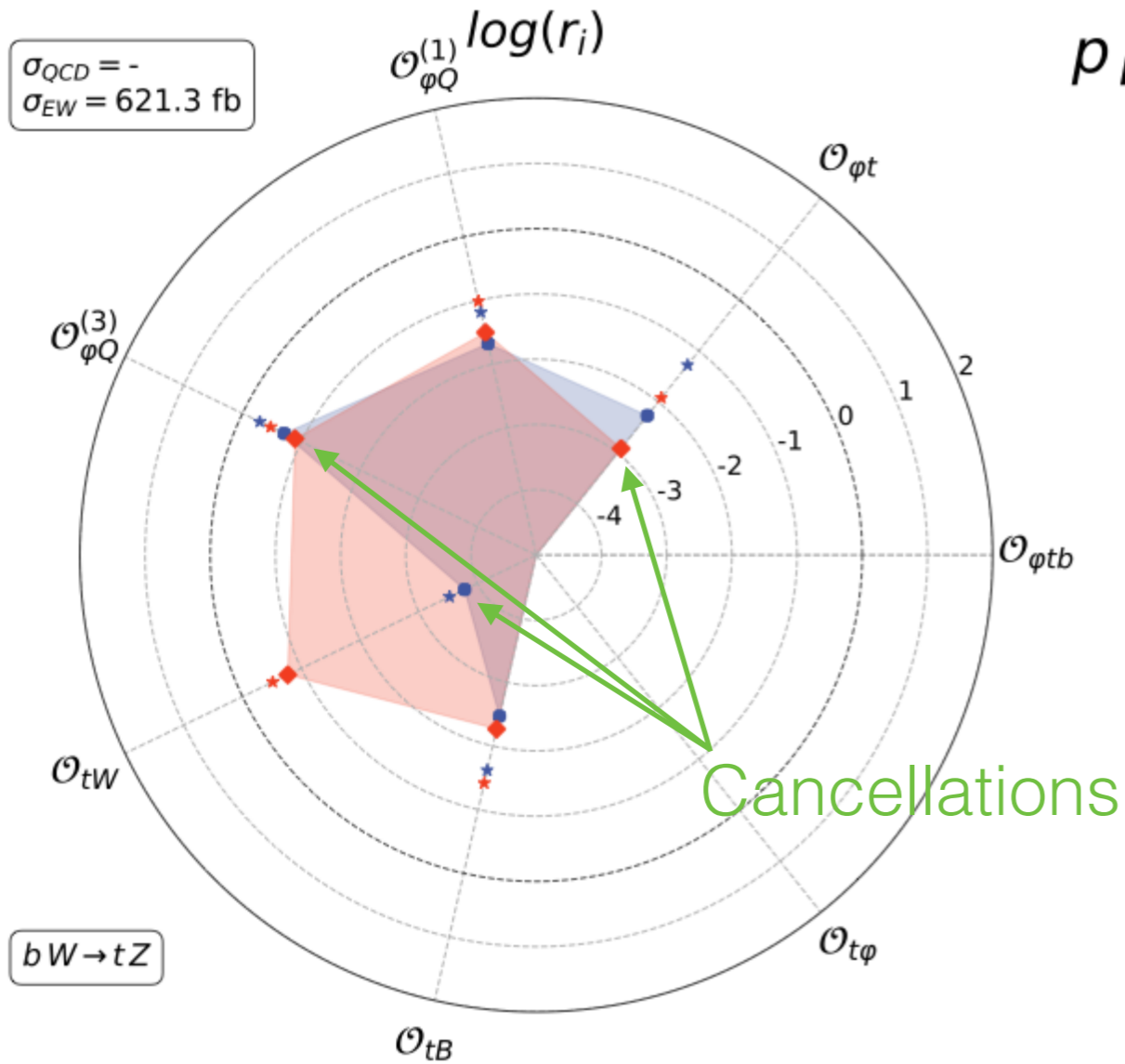


$bW \rightarrow tZ : tZj$  vs  $tZW$

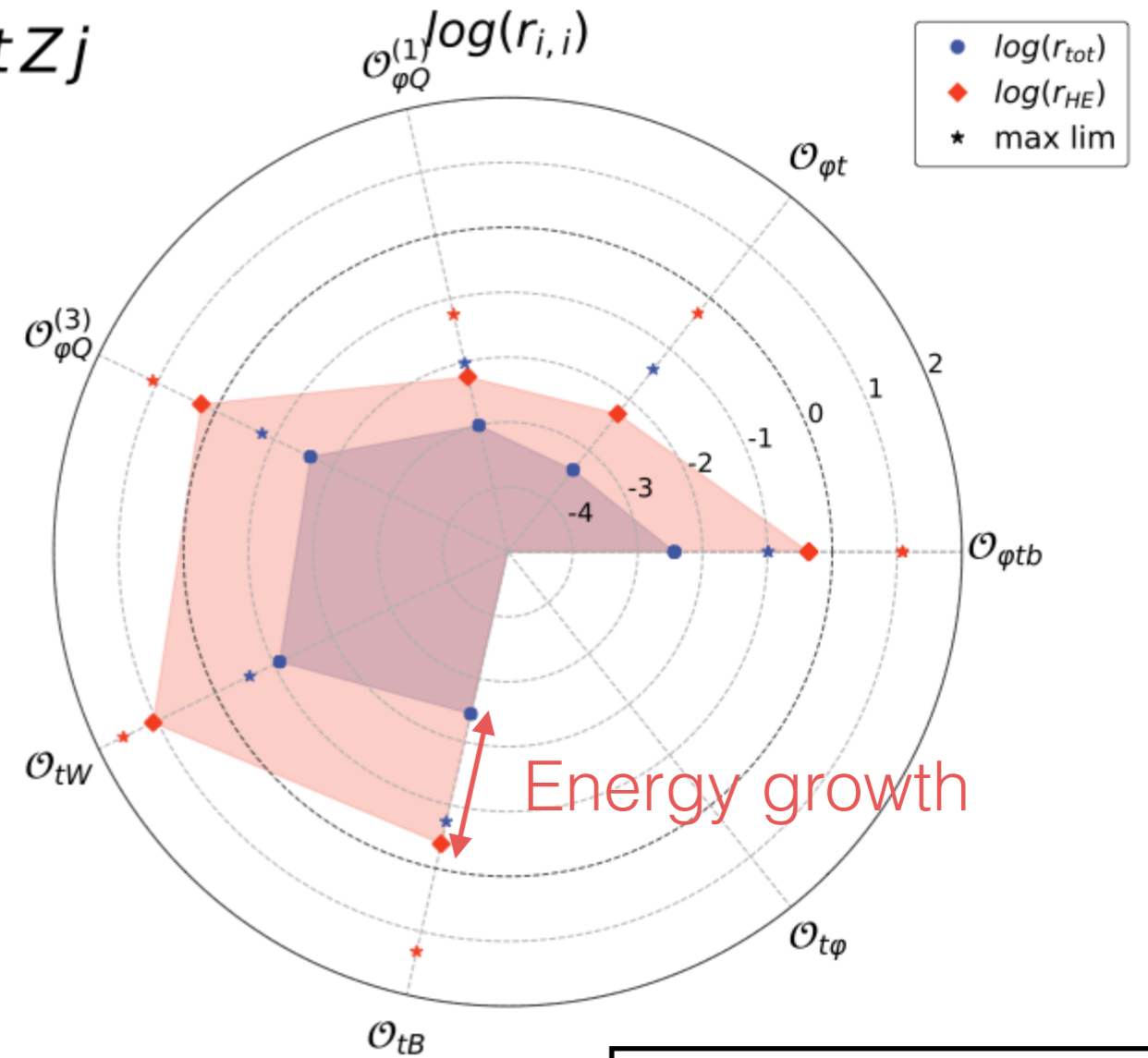
XS ratio:

interference/SM

square/SM



$pp \rightarrow tZj$



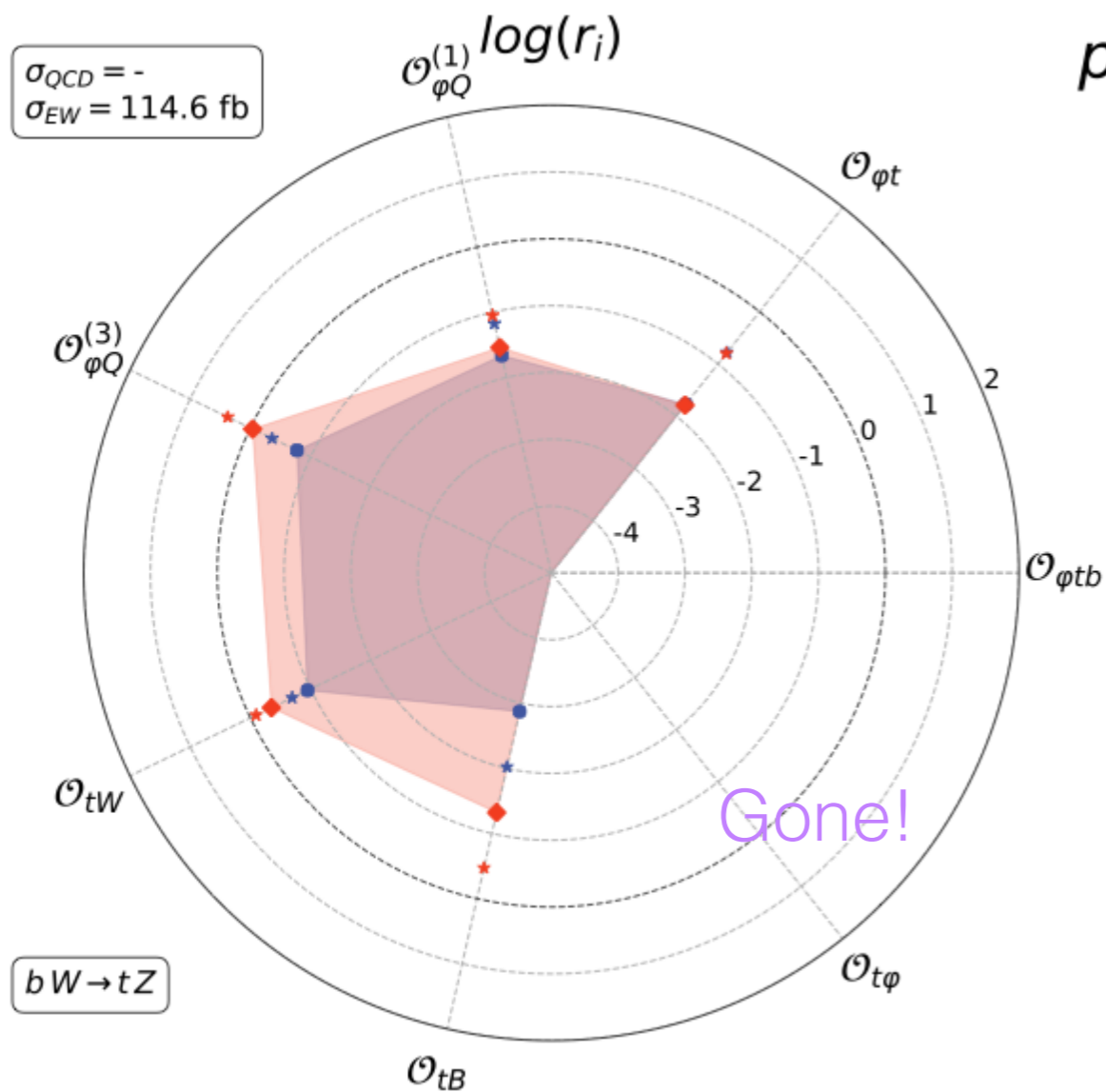
Expected growth in  $O_{\phi Q}^{(3)}$  interference term absent ( $b W_L \rightarrow t Z_L$ )  
Rate dominated by transverse Z final state

$C_i = 1$   
Inclusive  
 $p_T(t,Z) > 500 \text{ GeV}$

# $bW \rightarrow tZ : tZj$ vs $tZW$

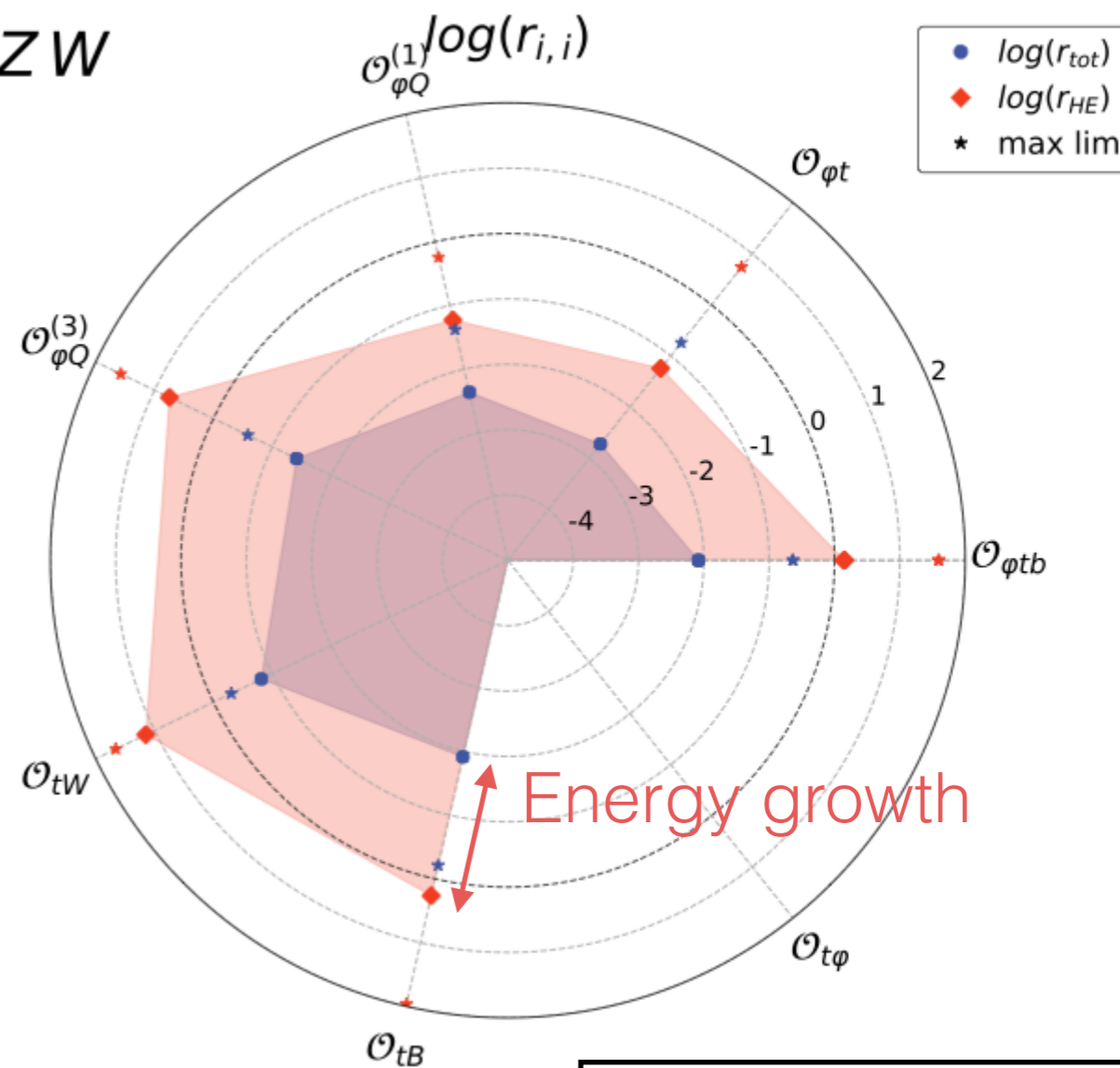
XS ratio:

interference/SM



square/SM

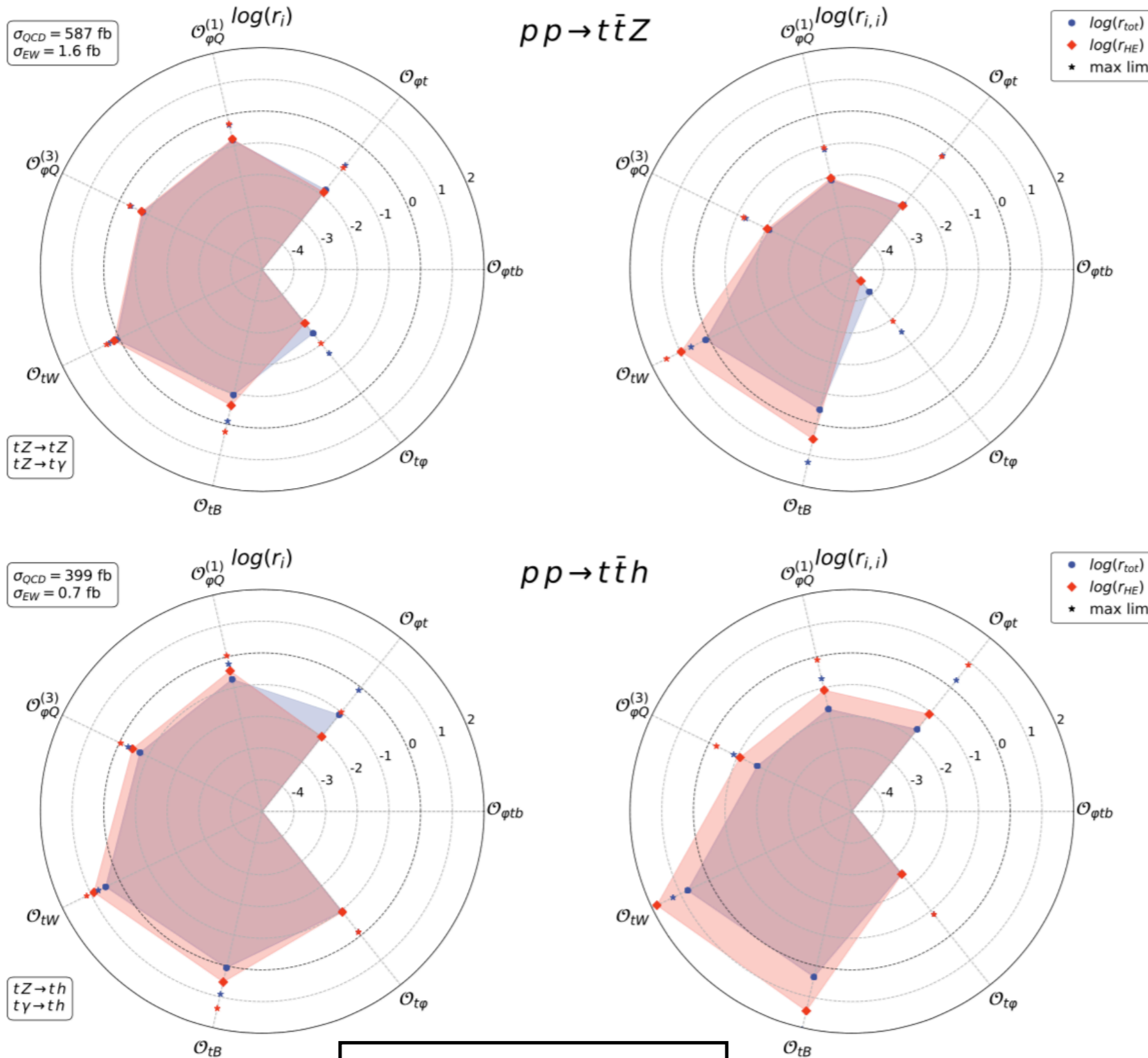
$pp \rightarrow tZW$



Growth from interference in  $b W_L \rightarrow t Z_L$   
 Access to fully longitudinal final state  
 $tZW > tZj$  to probe high-energy scattering

$C_i = 1$   
 Inclusive  
 $p_T(W,Z) > 500 \text{ GeV}$

# ttX for EW-top scattering



$\sigma_{QCD} \sim 400 \times \sigma_{EW}$

$bb \rightarrow tt + Z(H)$   
 $\sim 90(70)\%$  of  
 EW  $tt + Z(H)$ !

Almost no  
 energy growth

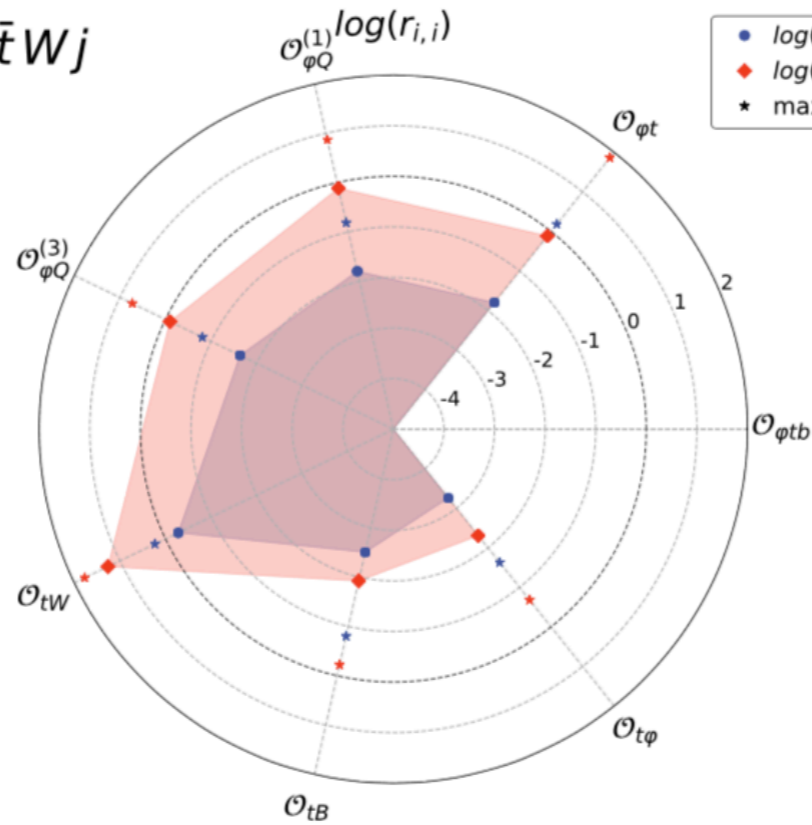
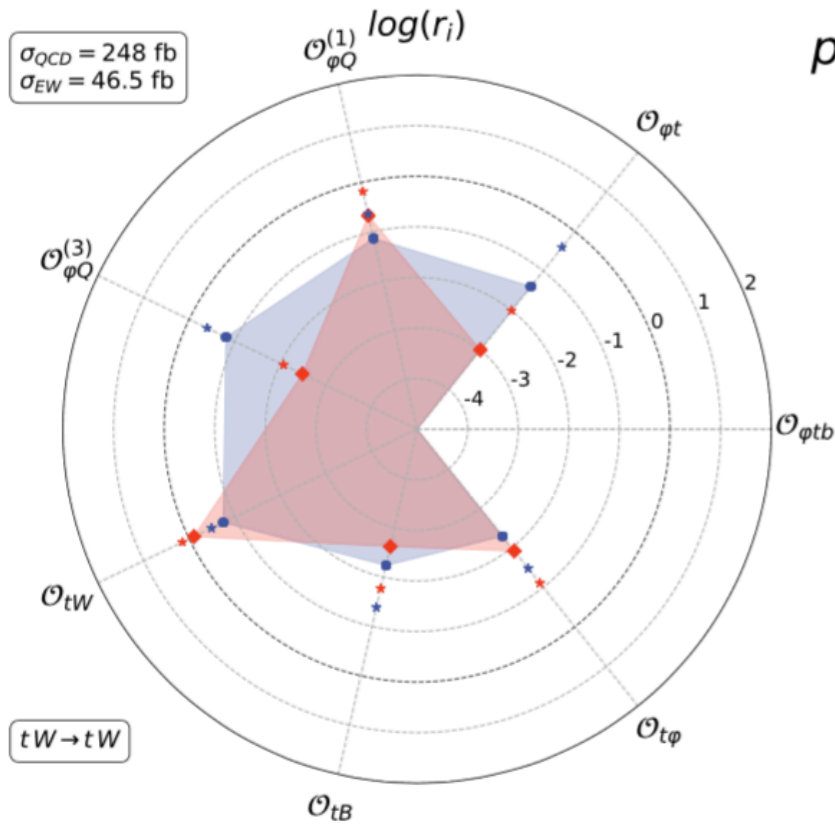
EW coupling  
 modifications  
 affect overall  
 $\sigma_{QCD}$  rate

Need  $O(50)$   
 enhancements of  
 $\sigma_{EW}$  to compete

Limited sensitivity

$p_T(t, \bar{t}) > 500 \text{ GeV}$

# Strong tW scattering



$\sigma_{QCD} \sim 5 \times \sigma_{EW}$

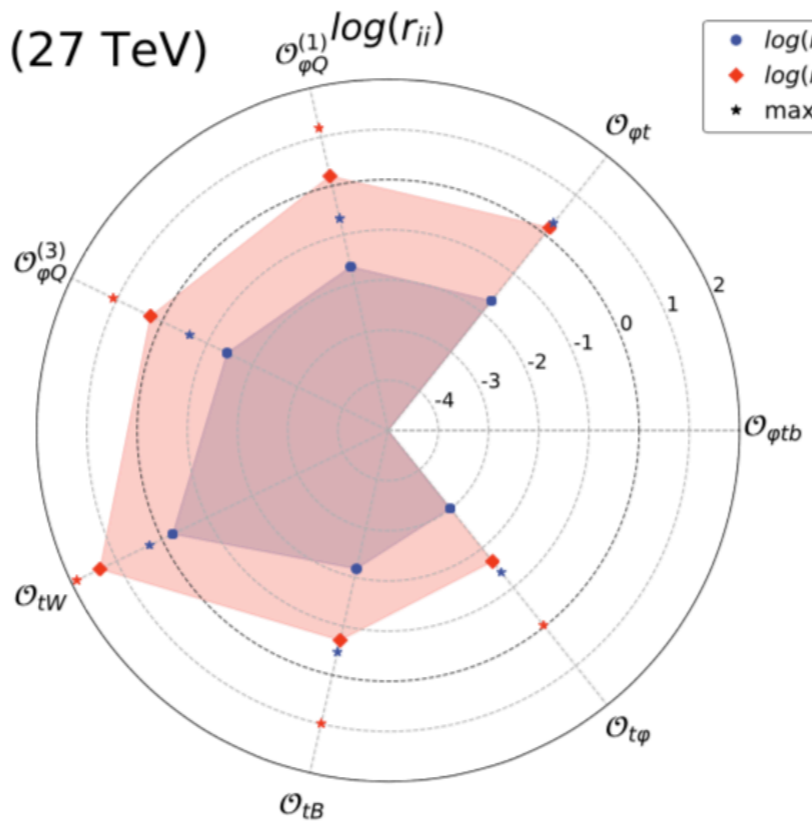
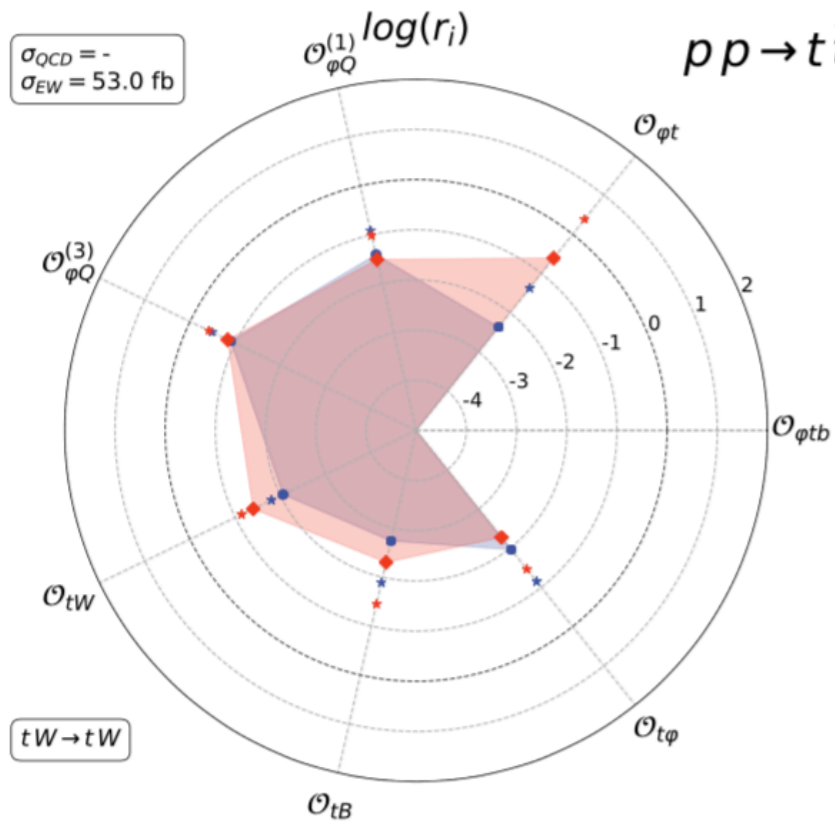
$p_T(t | \bar{t}, X) > 500 \text{ GeV}$

Cancellations in interference

Also  $ttZj$  &  $ttHj$

$\sigma_{QCD} = 444 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma_{EW} = 6.8 \text{ fb}$

$\sigma_{QCD} = 320 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma_{EW} = 3.0 \text{ fb}$



$\sigma_{13 \text{ TeV}} \sim 8.1 \text{ fb}$

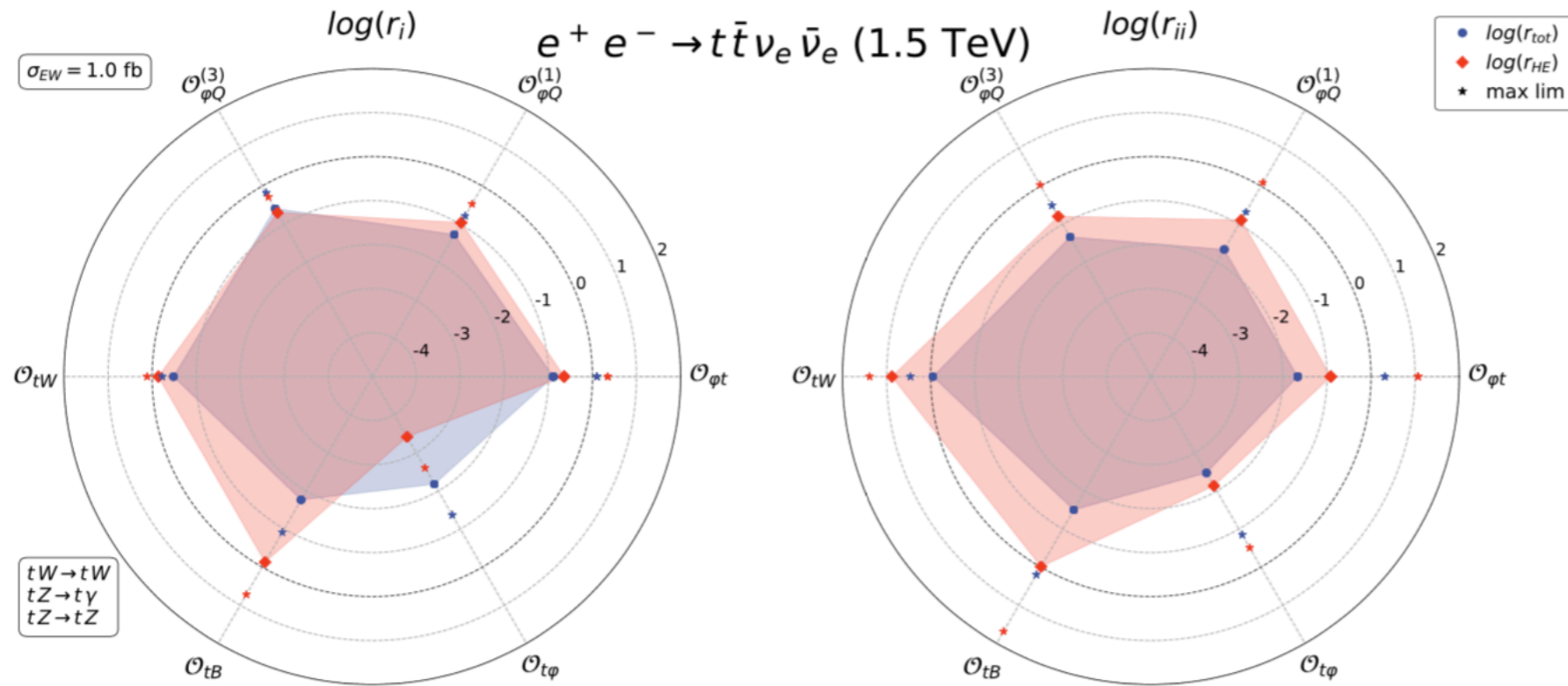
$\sigma_{27 \text{ TeV}} \sim 53 \text{ fb}$

$p_T(W) > 500 \text{ GeV}$

Better growth for interference

Also  $ttZZ$ ,  $ttZH$  &  $ttHH$

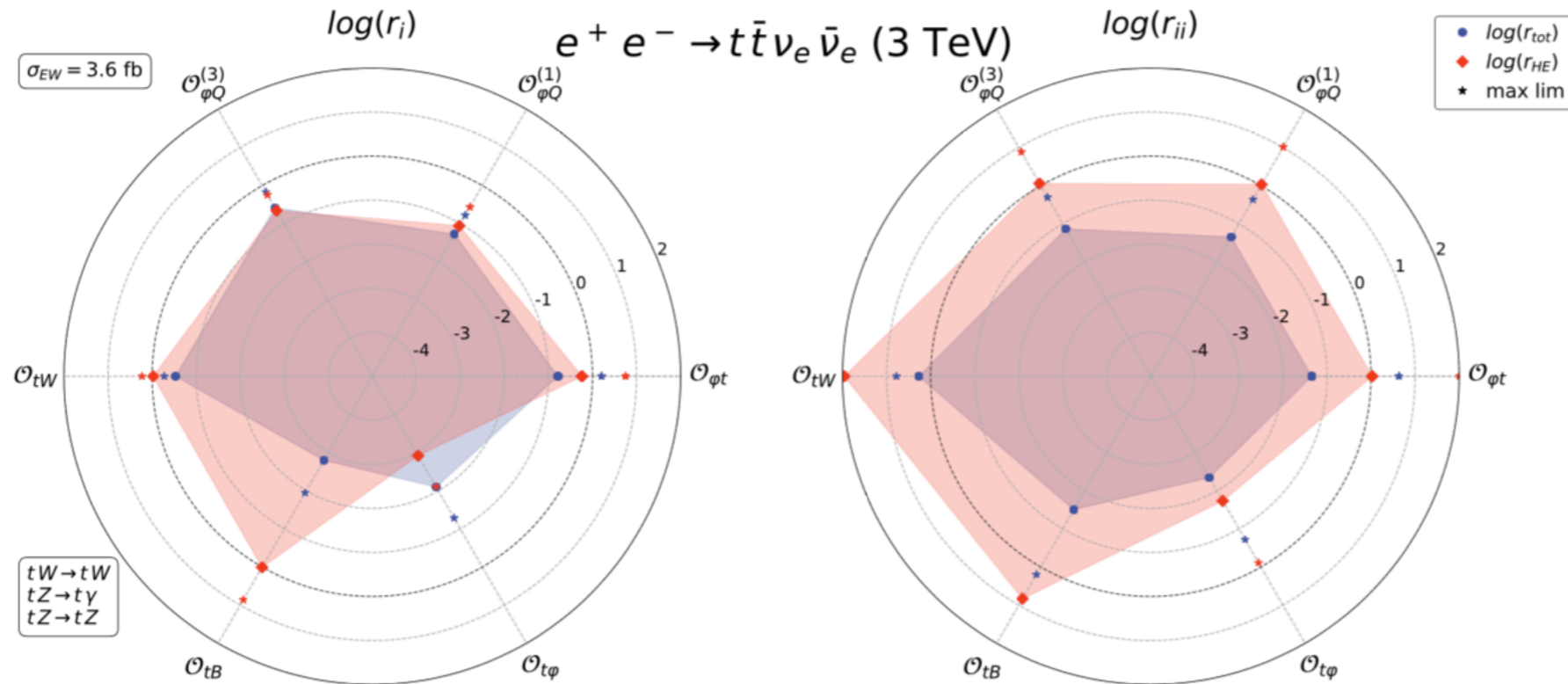
# VBF tt @ CLIC



$m_{tt} > 1 \text{ TeV}$

O(0.1-1) effects for  $c=1$

Mild energy growth in interference



$m_{tt} > 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

Also  $t\bar{t}e^+e^-$  for neutral scatterings

Pheno analysis required...

# Conclusion

- High-energy EW top scattering is a rich playground for fingerprinting EWSB
  - Many interesting sources of energy growth & potential SMEFT sensitivity
- Transferred in some cases to LHC accessible processes
  - $tt+X$  not the right place to search
  - Gauge boson final states promising e.g.  $tZW$  for accessing  $V_L$
- Many interesting processes could be accessed at future machines ( $ttXY$ ,  $ttXj$ ,  $tHj$ , ...)
  - Larger pp cross sections &  $L_{\text{int}}$  good for differential measurements
  - VBF  $tt$  at  $e+e^-$  potentially interesting
- Concrete pheno studies required



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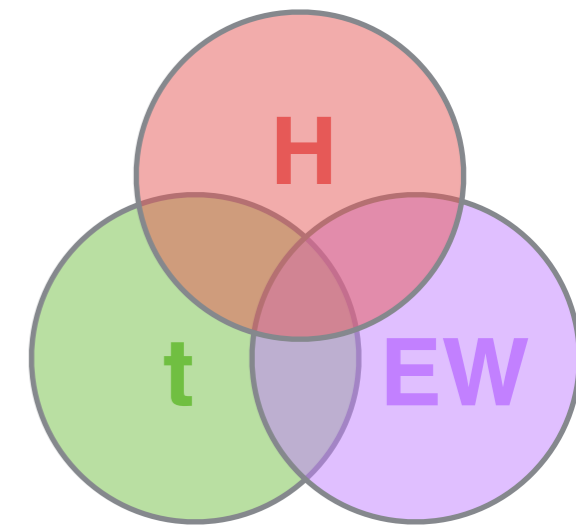
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Thank you

# Constraints



↓ more constrained ↓

↓ less constrained ↓

Operator	Limit on $c_i$ [TeV <sup>-2</sup> ]		Operator	Limit on $c_i$ [TeV <sup>-2</sup> ]	
	Individual	Marginalised		Individual	Marginalised
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$	[-0.021,0.0055] [15]	[-0.45,0.50] [15]	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	[-6.5,1.3] [6]	[-153,16.5] [15]
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi\Box}$	[-0.78,1.44] [15]	[-1.24,16.2] [15]	$\mathcal{O}_{tB}$	[-7.09,4.68] [16]	—
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$	[-0.0033,0.0031] [15]	[-0.13,0.21] [15]	$\mathcal{O}_{tW}$	[-1.31,1.80] [16]	[-4.0,3.4] [16]
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	[-0.0093,0.011] [15]	[-0.50,0.40] [15]	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(1)}$	[-3.10,3.10] [16]	—
$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$	[-0.0051,0.0020] [15]	[-0.17,0.33] [15]	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$	[-2.59,1.50] [16]	[-4.2,2.0] [16]
$\mathcal{O}_W$	[-0.18,0.18] [17]	—	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$	[-9.78,8.18] [16]	—
			$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	[-5.28,5.28] [18]	—

Yukawa  
weak  
dipoles  
currents  
RHCC

Bosonic

- Hierarchy of constraints between bosonic & top
  - EWPO, TGC has a better level of precision

[Butter et al; JHEP 1607 (2016) 152]

[Degrande, Maltoni, KM, Vryonidou, Zhang; JHEP 1810 (2018) 005]

[Ellis et al; JHEP 1806 (2018) 146]

[Buckley et al; PRD 92 (2015) 9, 091501 & JHEP 1604 (2016) 015]

# SMEFT: the new SM

- Wilsonian approach: our world is a low energy EFT
  - SM: all possible **relevant** & **marginal** operators ( $D \leq 4$ )
  - + EFT: tower of **irrelevant** operators ( $D > 4$ )
- Manifest  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge invariance
  - **Linear** realisation of EW symmetry breaking: Higgs field is an  $SU(2)$  **doublet**
- Order-by-order: self-consistent, renormalisable QFT
  - Unlike an 'Anomalous Couplings' approach
  - It is a **theory**, applicable within a finite energy range  $< \Lambda$
- Can be **matched** to UV theories of new physics
  - Each theory predicts specific Wilson coefficients
  - **Patterns/correlations** among them

# SMEFT operators

'Warsaw' basis

[Grzadkowski et al.; JHEP 1010 (2010) 085]

$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$	$Q_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$Q_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$Q_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$	$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{uu}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{lu}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$	$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$					$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{qe}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$		$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		$B$ -violating			
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$	$Q_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s q_t^j)$	$Q_{duq}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^\gamma)^T C l_t^k]$		
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$	$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	$Q_{qqu}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$	$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qqq}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} \varepsilon_{mn} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^{\gamma m})^T C l_t^n]$		
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$	$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	$Q_{qqq}^{(3)}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} (\tau^I \varepsilon)_{jk} (\tau^I \varepsilon)_{mn} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^{\gamma m})^T C l_t^n]$		
$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$	$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$	$Q_{duu}$	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$						

- Complete, non-redundant set of operators: Basis
- Dimension 6: 59 (76 real) - 2499 operators
  - Depends on CP/flavour assumptions
  - New parameters to be measured at the LHC & beyond

SILH  
HISZ  
Higgs  
...

# SMEFT@NLO

- FeynRules/NLOCT/UFO implementation of Warsaw basis
  - Tools for translation between bases [Falkowski et al.; EPJC 75 (12) 1-14]  
[rosetta.hepforge.org](http://rosetta.hepforge.org)
- $U(2)_Q \times U(2)_u \times U(3)_d \times U(3)_L \times U(3)_e$  flavor symmetry
  - Flavor diagonal fermionic operators [Aguilar-Saavedra et al.; arXiv:1802.07237]
  - Single out those involving the top quark
  - Independent 3rd gen. + universal 1st & 2nd gen.
- + all bosonic operators (Higgs & gauge bosons)
- Validated with existing implementations where available

Based on:

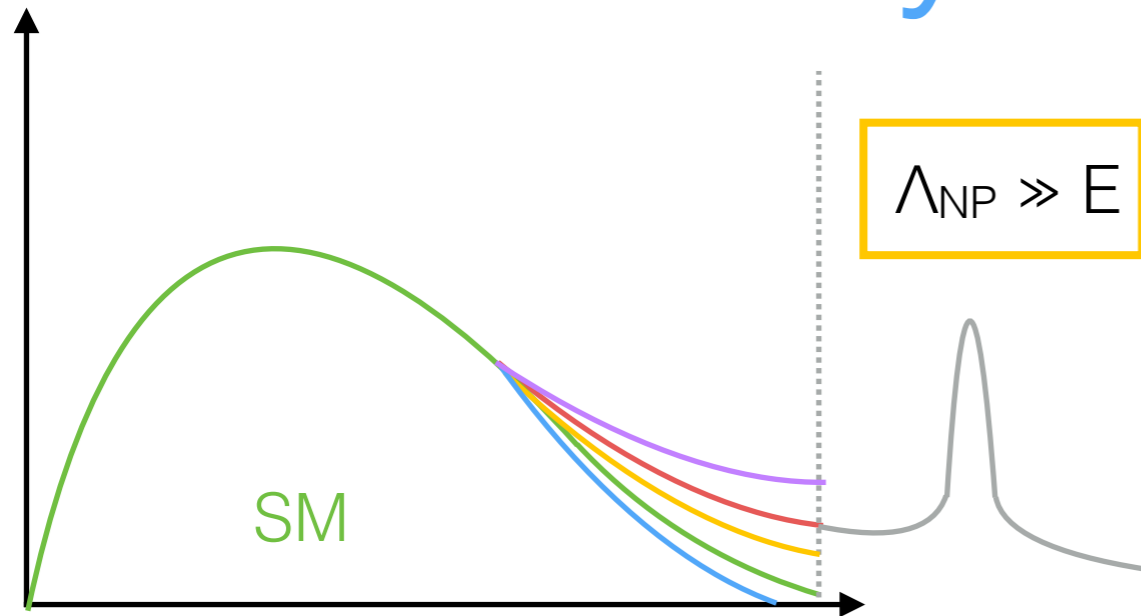
[Degrande et al; EPJC 77 (2017) 4, 262]

[Maltoni et al; JHEP 1610 (2016) 123]

[Bylund et al.; JHEP 1605 (2016) 052]

[Zhang; PRL 116 (2016) 162002]

# EFT validity



Q: How well does my EFT approximate full theory?  
 A: Depends on the theory!  
 Q: But I thought EFT was model independent....

- Two “expansions” occur
- Lagrangian level,  $(E/\Lambda_{\text{NP}})$ , truncated at operator dimension
  - Golden rule: cannot probe energies beyond  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

- Observable level,  $(c_i E/\Lambda_{\text{NP}})$  truncated at... ?

$$\sigma = \sigma_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \sigma_i^{(6)} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{c_i^{(6)} c_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4} \sigma_{ij}^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \sigma_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

# EFT expansion

- Practically: 
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

- Observable:

$$\sigma = \sigma_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \sigma_i^{(6)} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{c_i^{(6)} c_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4} \sigma_{ij}^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \sigma_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

- To square or not to square...

- Formally, **D=6 squared** part is of the same order as **D=8 interference**
- D=8 part, in general, is unknown and/or not feasible

- Is the EFT invalid if **(D=6 squared) > (D=6 interference)**?

- Depends on  $c^{(6)}_i$ ,  $c^{(6)}_{ij}$ ,  $c^{(8)}_i$  and  $\sigma^{(6)}_i$ ,  $\sigma^{(6)}_{ij}$ ,  $\sigma^{(8)}_i \rightarrow$  **model dependence**
- At most, the  $\sigma$  scale with energy as:  $\sigma^{(6)}_i \sim E^2$ ,  $\sigma^{(6)}_{ij} \sim E^4$ ,  $\sigma^{(8)}_i \sim E^4$

# Large coefficients

- If  $c$  is **large** e.g. Wilson coefficient is poorly constrained
- $(D=6)^2$  terms **could** be important without invalidating EFT

$$\frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2} < 1 < c_i^{(6)} \frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2} < c_i^{(6)} c_j^{(6)} \frac{E^4}{\Lambda^4}$$

- Truncating  $L$  at  $D=6$ ,  $\sigma$  is not really a series expansion

$$\sigma = \sigma_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \sigma_i^{(6)} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{c_i^{(6)} c_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4} \sigma_{ij}^{(6)} + \text{nothing}$$

- Dropping the squared terms  $\rightarrow \sigma$  **not positive-definite**
- If  $(D=6)^2$  are relevant, UV interpretations lean towards strongly coupled models (large  $c$ 's)
  - Most model independent approach: assume nothing about the size of  $c$ 's



# Non-interference

- Alternatively, one may have  $\sigma^{(6)}_i < \sigma^{(6)}_{ij}$ 
  - **Non-interference** by e.g. helicity selection rules in the high energy limit

[Cheung & Shen; PRL 115 (2015) 071601]

[Azatov, Contino & Riva; PRD 95 (2017) 065014]

- High energy theorem

- Many  $2 \rightarrow 2$  amplitudes involving **at least one transverse gauge boson** mediated by D=6 operators do not interfere with the SM

## Total Helicity

Interference?

$A_4$	$ h(A_4^{\text{SM}}) $	$ h(A_4^{\text{BSM}}) $
VVVV	0	4,2
VV $\phi\phi$	0	2
VV $\psi\psi$	0	2
V $\psi\psi\phi$	0	2
$\psi\psi\psi\psi$	2,0	2,0
$\psi\psi\phi\phi$	0	0
$\phi\phi\phi\phi$	0	0

X

✓

V = Transverse vector

$\phi$  = Longitudinal vector or Higgs

$\psi$  = Fermion

$p p \rightarrow ZH, WH, WW, WZ$

Interference can be recovered considering **finite mass effects** or **higher order corrections (2  $\rightarrow$  3,4)**

[Panico, Riva & Wulzer; CERN-TH-2017-85]

[Azatov, et al. LHEP 1710 (2017) 027]

# EFT “expansion”

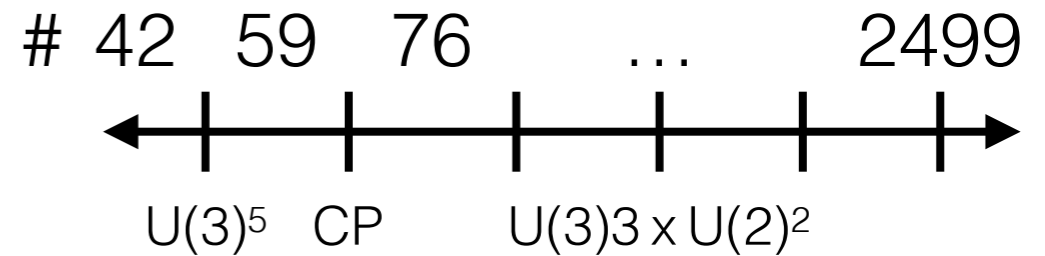
- To square or not to square...
  - Model & process dependent
  - Better calculate both and check the effect of including or not the square
- Relation to the validity question
  - Depends on the sensitivity of each measurement/process
  - We can only constrain  $(c/\Lambda)$  &  $\Lambda$  an arbitrary scale w.r.t to unknown  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$
- Validity assessment is an *a posteriori* check at interpretation stage on a process-by-process basis
  - Publish limits as a function of experimental energy  
*[Contino et al.; JHEP 1607 (2016) 144]*
- Realistically can't include  $D=8$  without sufficient motivation
  - If  $c^{(6)}_i=0$  e.g. for neutral triple gauge boson couplings



# Interpretation

- Global **likelihood** in SMEFT parameter space
- **Individual** & **marginalised** confidence intervals
  - Individual limits are useful to quantify degree of sensitivity to given coeff.
  - Marginalised intervals reveal degeneracies/blind directions
- Constraints as a **function of energy (cuts)**
  - Allow a **wider range** of model interpretations (different NP mass scales)
  - Check perturbativity in Wilson coefficients
- Matching to UV models
  - Correlated Wilson coefficients → **better limits**
  - Validity & perturbativity in **NP couplings**
  - Marginalisation over operator **subsets** generated by target model

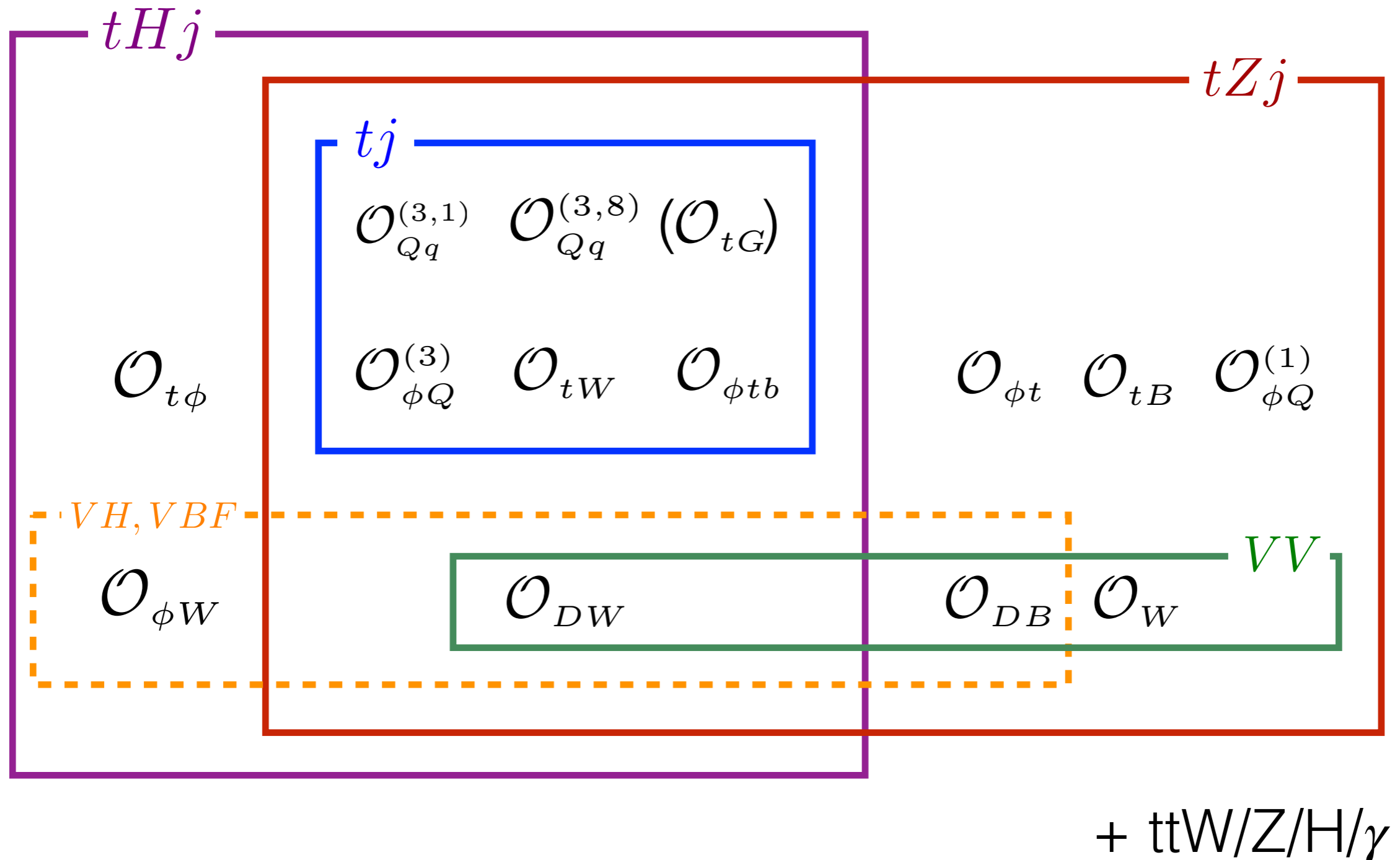
# Flavor symmetry



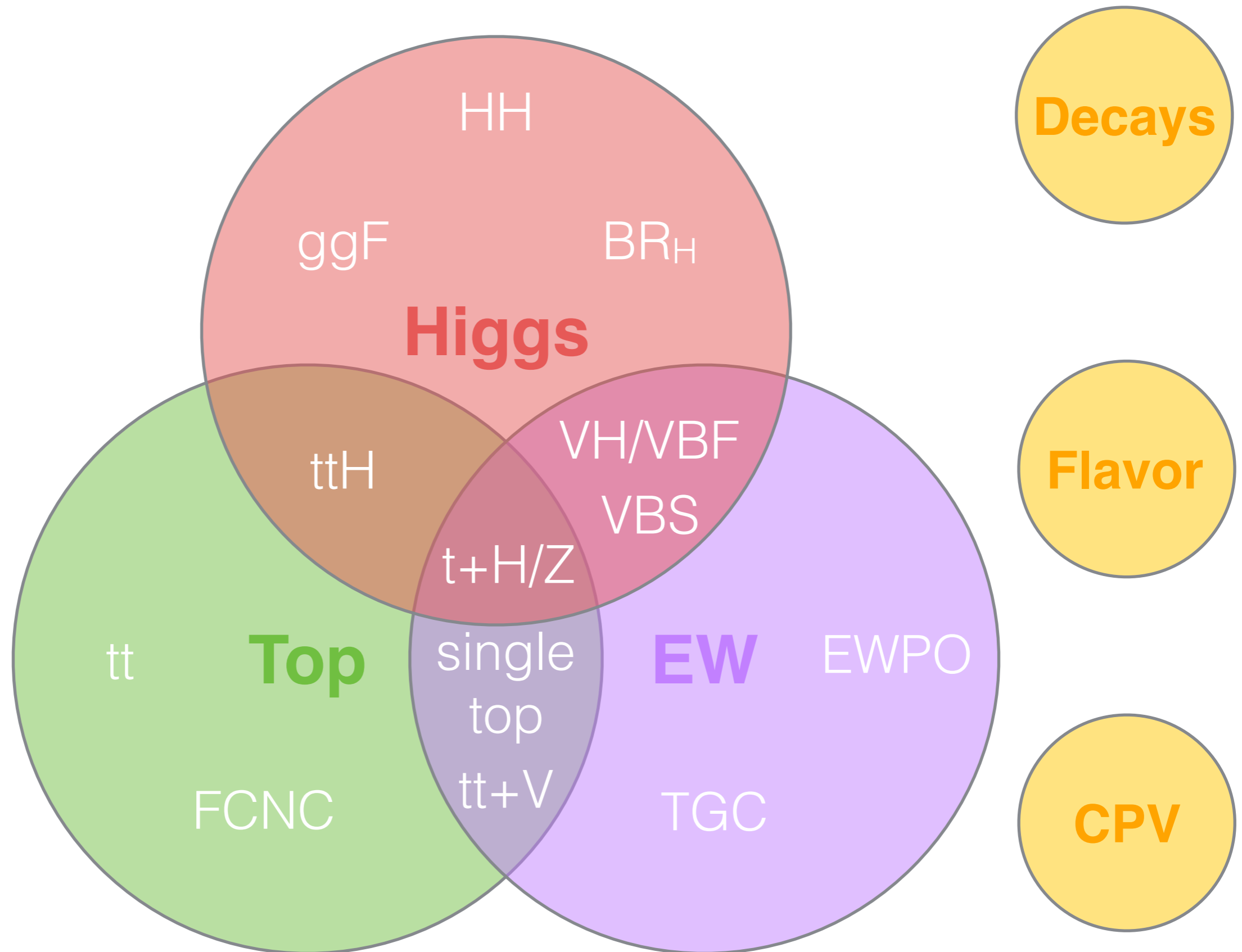
[Aguilar-Saavedra et al.; arXiv:1802.07237]

- SM fermion sector  $q^i, u^i, d^i, l^i, e^i$ 
  - 5 SU(3) x SU(2) x U(1) representations → U(3)<sup>5</sup> flavor symmetry
  - Only **broken** by Yukawa interactions
- Some SMEFT operators also break it
  - Chirality flipping F<sub>L</sub>f<sub>R</sub> structures (Yukawa-like)
  - Flavor violating (off diagonal/non-universal) entries
- Starting point: **flavor symmetric**
  - No chirality flipping & diagonal, universal structure
- Controlled departures
  - Minimal for top physics: U(3)<sup>3</sup> x U(2)<sup>2</sup>, single out q<sup>3</sup>, u<sup>3</sup>
  - Similar to MFV: expansion in Yukawa couplings

# Interplay



# SMEFT at the LHC: key players



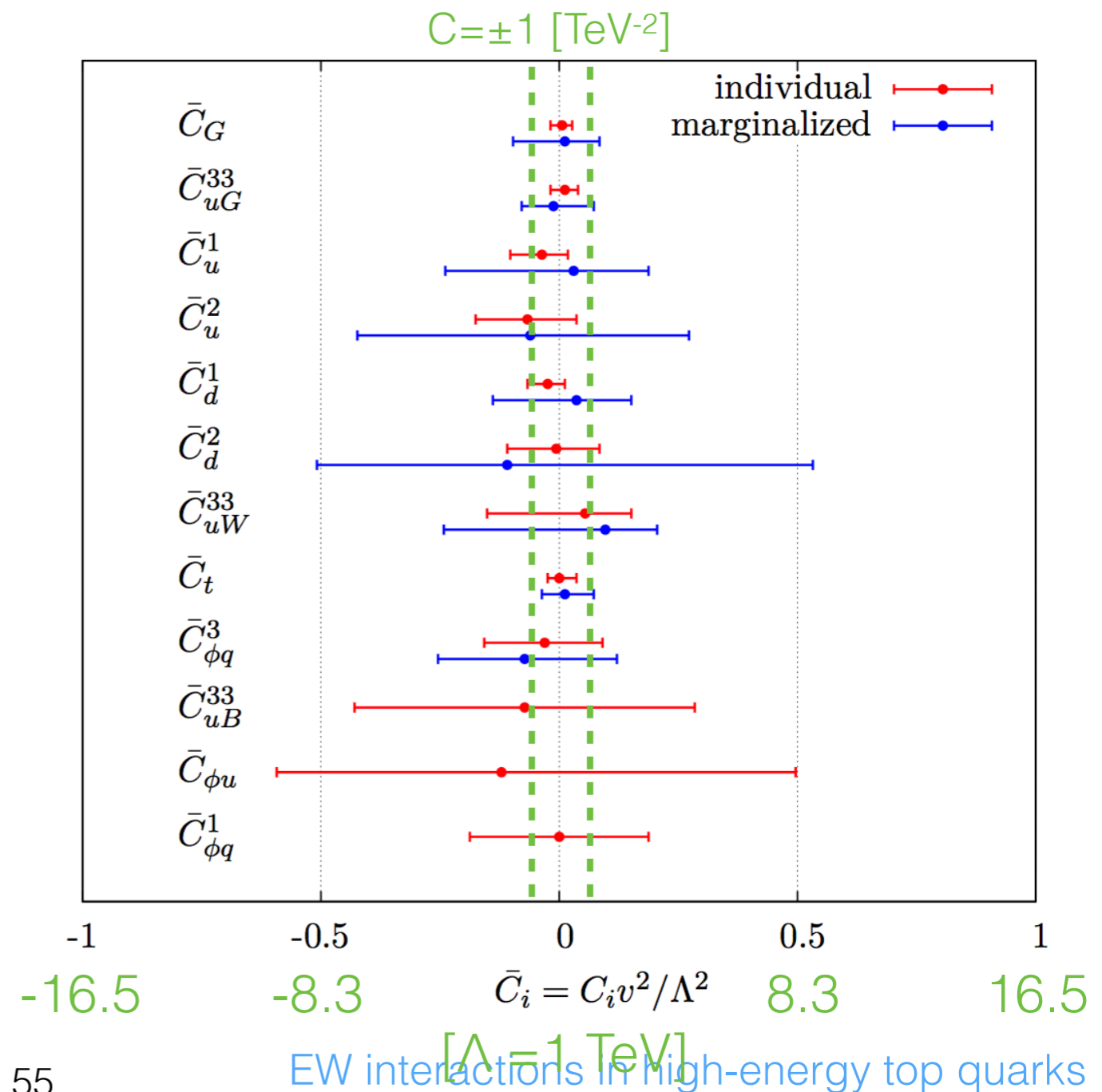
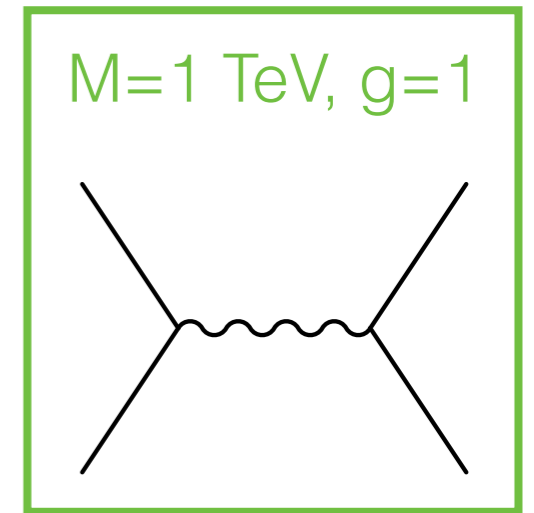
# TopFitter

- Global SMEFT analysis of top quark data

- LO constraints on 12 operators
- 195 (174 differential) observables
- tt, single-top & tt+Z/ $\gamma$
- Helicity fractions,  $A_{\text{FB}}$  &  $A_C$

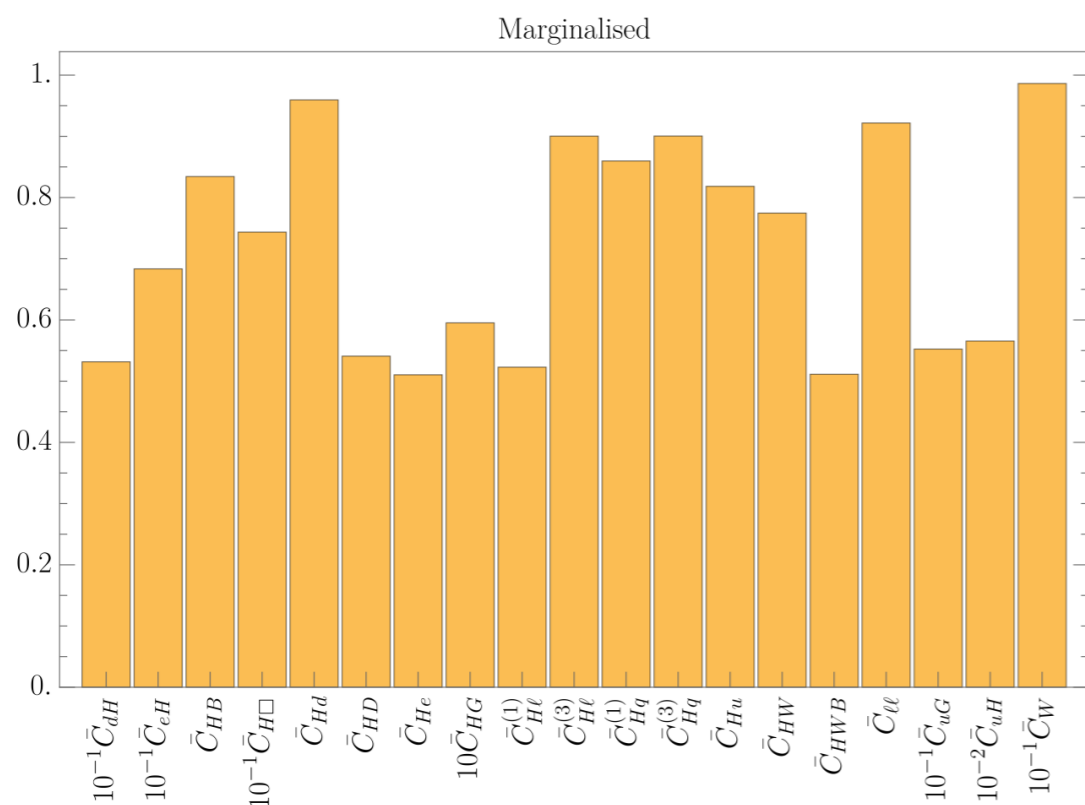
- Selected those that **interfere** with SM

- ttg, tbW, ttZ, ggg + linear combinations of 4F operators
- Probes energy scales of order  $\Lambda \sim 0.3 - 1$  TeV
- **Validity** assessment necessary



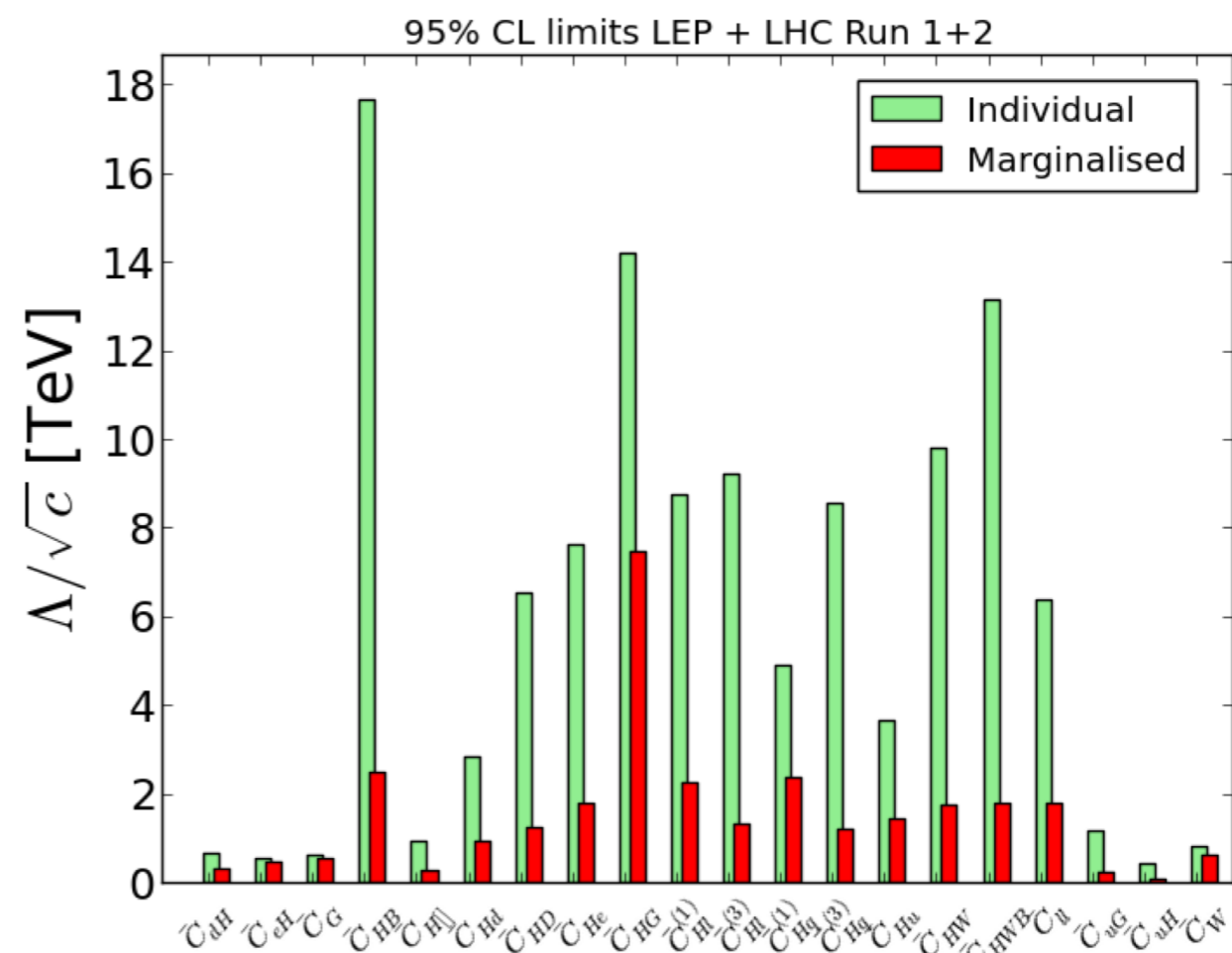
# Gauge/Higgs sector fit

- Very recent global fit to LEP + LHC Run I & II data
  - Flavor universal assumption
- New differential information
  - Simplified Template Cross Sections (STXS) for Higgs production
  - High- $p_T$  WW measurements



Improvement when adding Run II data

K. Mimasu, 10/01/2019



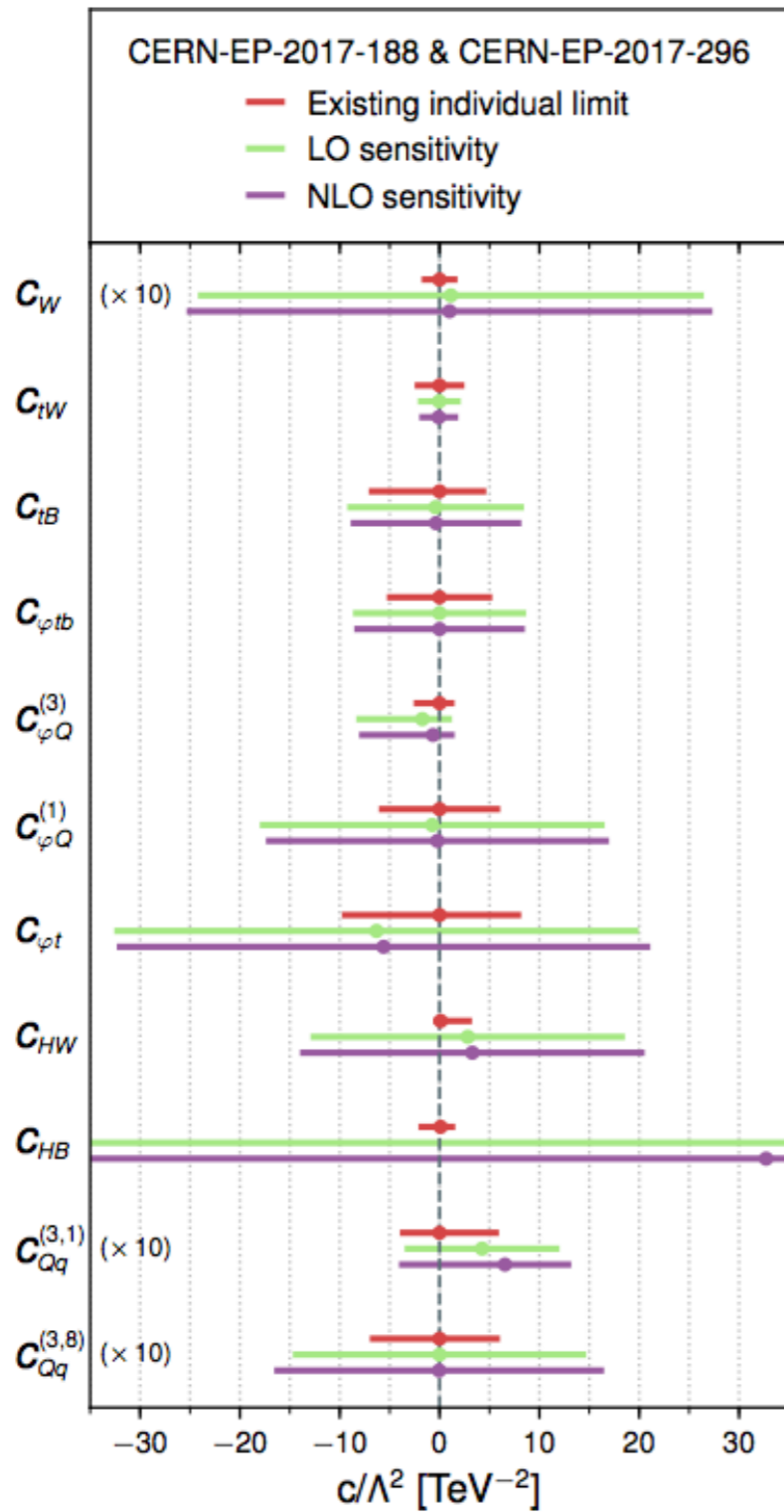
EW interactions in high-energy top quarks



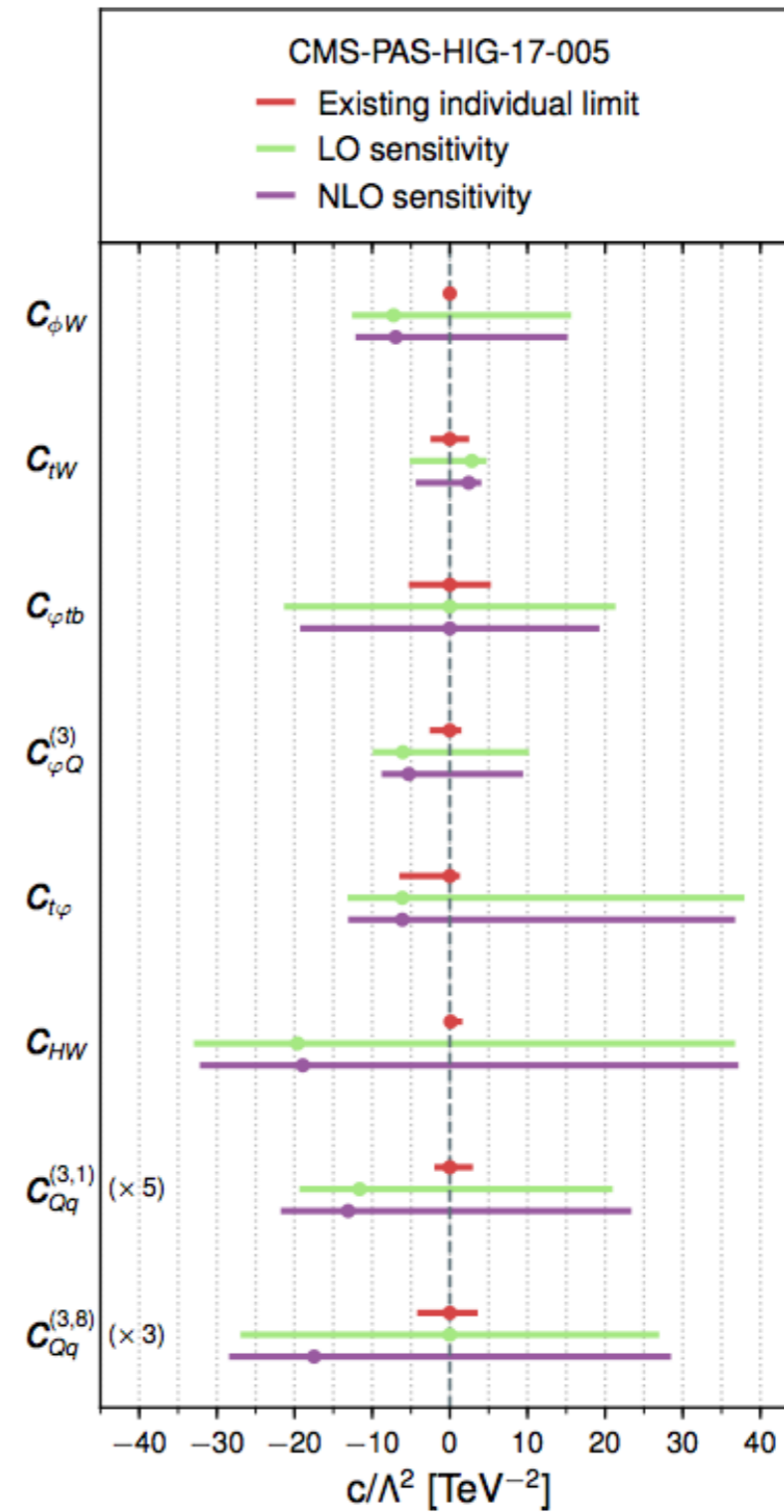
# Current sensitivity

Recent tZj measurement  
CMS ttH+tH analysis

tZj  
TGC  
Dipoles  
RHCC  
Currents  
LEP  
orthogonal  
4-fermion



tHj  
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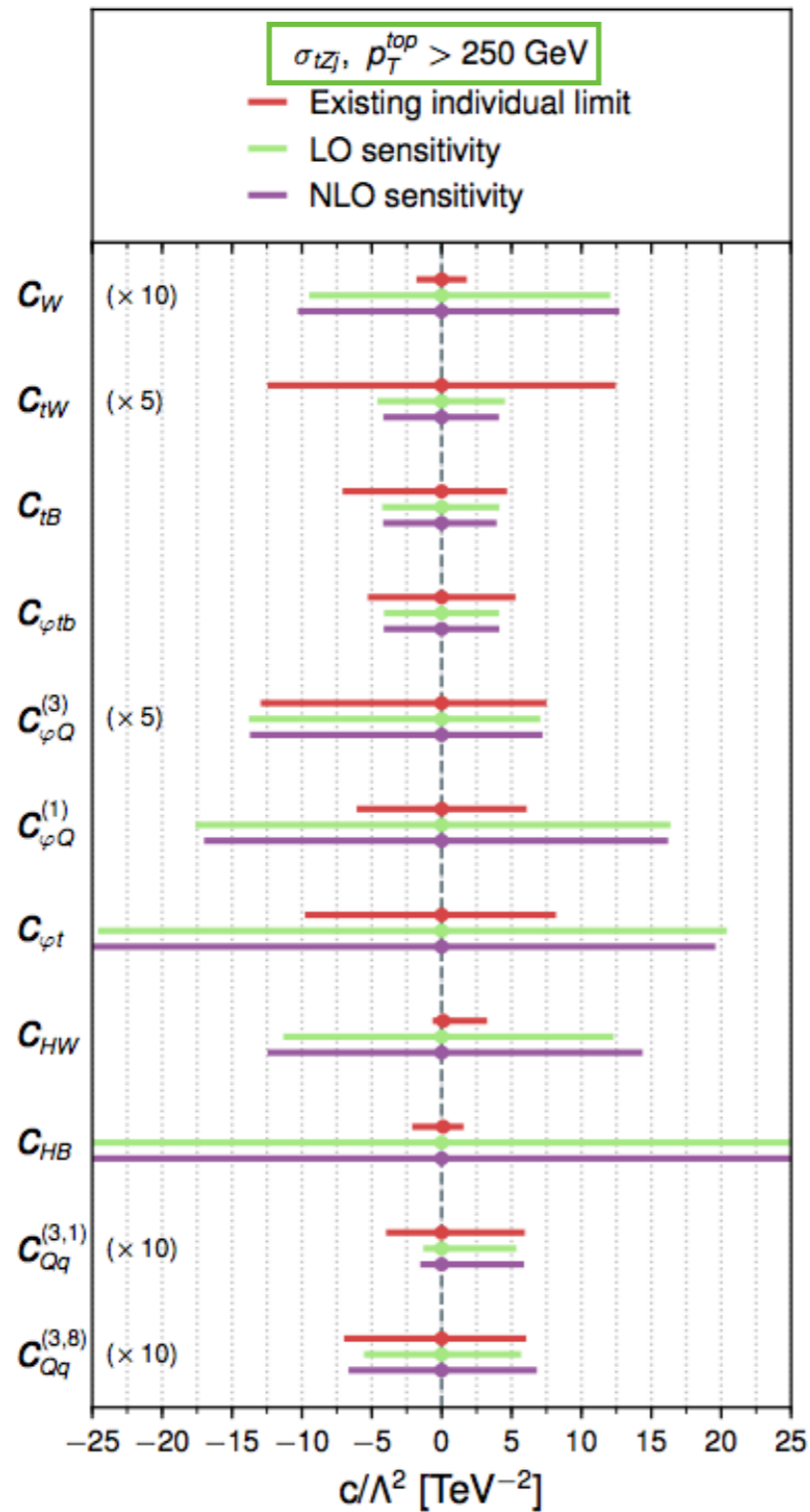


# Future sensitivity

High  $p_T$   $tZj$ : end of run II/HL-LHC  
 $tHj$ : HL-LHC ?

$tZj$

TGC  
 Dipoles  
 RHCC  
 Currents  
 LEP  
 orthogonal  
 4-fermion



$tHj$

Gauge-Higgs  
 Dipole  
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