

# Top physics at the next $e^+e^-$ collider

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## Acknowledgements: source of material

This talk is a personal view and does not necessarily reflect the position of projects I'm involved in (LCC, ILC, ILD, CLIC)

Most of the material is based on studies in the framework of ILD or CLICdp, and would not have been possible without a large effort of many people to design detectors, develop MC tools, etc.

This talk is somewhat biased towards the top physics paper that is being prepared by CLIC, and several supporting documents.

A useful forum for discussion is the annual LC top workshop. This year's workshop: [Sendai \(Japan\) 4-6 June](#).

A review: top physics at high-energy lepton colliders, [arXiv:1604.08122](#)



# A brief history of top quark physics

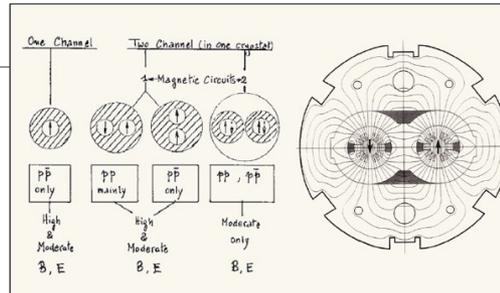
Particle physics was so easy back then!

1972: a 5M\$ collider starts operation on a SLAC parking lot

**1973: The top quark is born as a hypothetical particle**

1974: Two colliders in one country discover the same particle

1984: First LHC workshop



1994: SSC canceled

**1995: top quark discovery at FNAL**

2010: start of the LHC (top turns 25)

2020: decide next energy-frontier facility?

2035: start of operation of collider XXX





# ILC operating scenario

ILC-NOTE-2015-068  
DESY 15-102  
IHEP-AC-2015-002  
KEK Preprint 2015-17  
SLAC-PUB-16309  
June 25, 2015

Scenarios to accumulate:  
2  $\text{ab}^{-1}$  at 250 GeV  
4  $\text{ab}^{-1}$  at 500 GeV  
200  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  at top threshold

## ILC Operating Scenarios

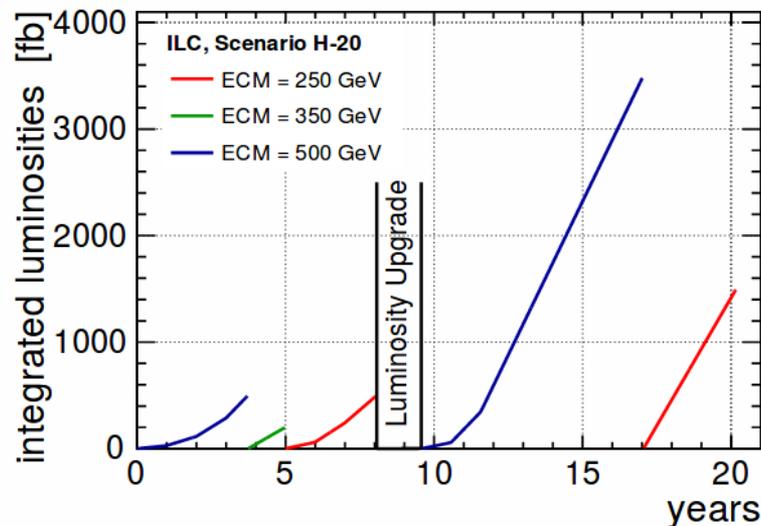
### ILC Parameters Joint Working Group

T. Barklow, J. Brau, K. Fujii, J. Gao, J. List, N. Walker, K. Yokoya

#### Abstract

The ILC Technical Design Report documents the design for the construction of a linear collider which can be operated at energies up to 500 GeV. This report summarizes the outcome of a study of possible running scenarios, including a realistic estimate of the real time accumulation of integrated luminosity based on ramp-up and upgrade processes. The evolution of the physics outcomes is emphasized, including running initially at 500 GeV, then at 350 GeV and 250 GeV. The running scenarios have been chosen to optimize the Higgs precision measurements and top physics while searching for evidence for signals beyond the standard model, including dark matter. In addition to the certain precision physics on the Higgs and top that is the main focus of this study, there are scientific motivations that indicate the possibility for discoveries of new particles in the upcoming operations of the LHC or the early operation of the ILC. Follow-up studies of such discoveries could alter the plan for the centre-of-mass collision energy of the ILC and expand the scientific impact of the ILC physics program. It is envisioned that a decision on a possible energy upgrade would be taken near the end of the twenty year period considered in this report.

Integrated Luminosities [fb]



arXiv:1506.07830v1 [hep-ex] 25 Jun 2015



# CLIC operating scenario

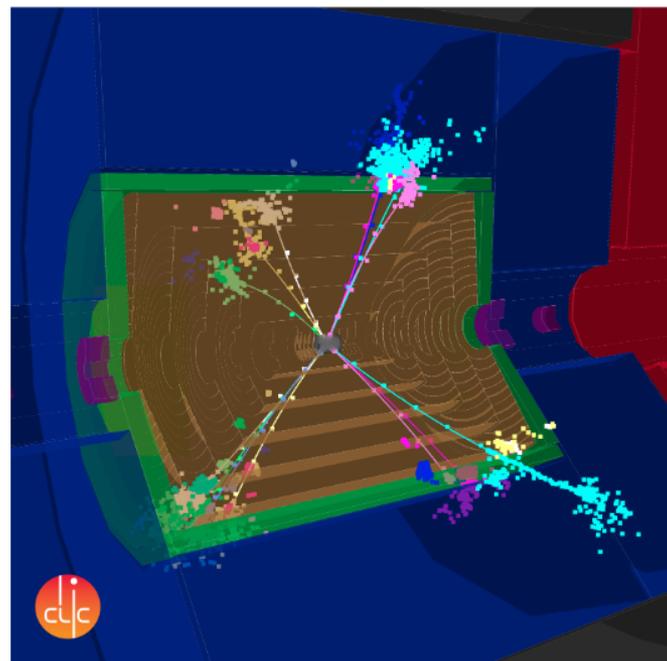
**CLIC technology has the unique capability to reach a center-of-mass energy of 1.5-3 TeV**

The staging scheme envisages:

- 500 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 380 GeV (initial stage)
  - 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 350 GeV (threshold scan)
  - 1.5 ab<sup>-1</sup> at 1.5 TeV
  - 3 ab<sup>-1</sup> at 3 TeV
- } Top, Higgs indirect BSM
- } tt̄H, HH, direct BSM

arXiv:1608.07537v3 [physics.acc-ph] 27 Mar 2017

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## The top quark

The heaviest fermion and the heaviest elementary particle

Tightly linked to the Higgs ( $y_t \sim 1$ ) and EW symmetry breaking



**The top quark** (from an experimentalist's point of view)

Top escaped scrutiny at lepton colliders so far

An accessible quark: top/anti-top, polarization



**Questions that the  $e^+e^-$  top physics program can answer:**

**Is the SM internally consistent?**

Top mass: a key parameter of the EW fit and extrapolation of EW vacuum to high scales.

**Are there extra dimensions/are Higgs and top composite?**

Top quark couplings to  $\gamma/Z$ : exquisite sensitivity to broad BSM family

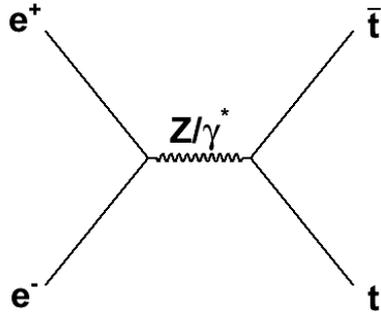
**What's behind the hierarchy of fermion masses?**

Top Yukawa: one of the key measurements in HEP

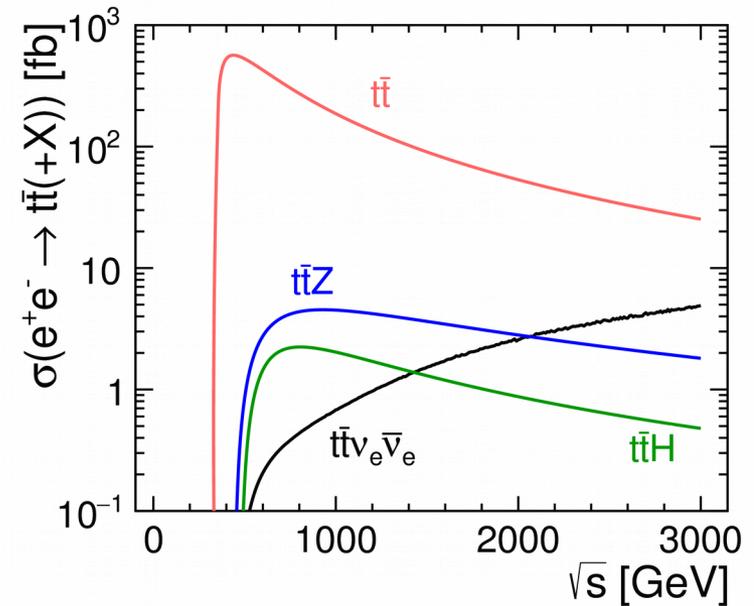
**The next collider must be able to transform HEP. Precision top physics at an  $e^+e^-$  collider has this potential. SM results answer an important question. One  $5\sigma$  deviation may guide us to what lies beyond the SM.**



# Top quark production at $e^+e^-$ colliders



Pair production provides direct access to  $Zt\bar{t}$ ,  $\gamma t\bar{t}$  vertices



- Sizeable pair production cross section right above threshold: 700 fb
- At higher-energy  $1/s$  decline for s-channel processes
- Associated production processes accessible above 550 GeV
- Vector-boson-fusion production and single top increasingly important

**Calculability is a real asset of  $e^+e^-$  colliders. QCD corrections are tiny; rates can often be predicted with sub-% precision already today.**



# Selection and reconstruction

Nearly all results based on full simulation, including realistic detector response, ISR + LS, machine background, reconstruction algorithms

Top quark pair production is the dominant source of 6-fermion events

Easily isolated by requiring isolated lepton + b-tagging:

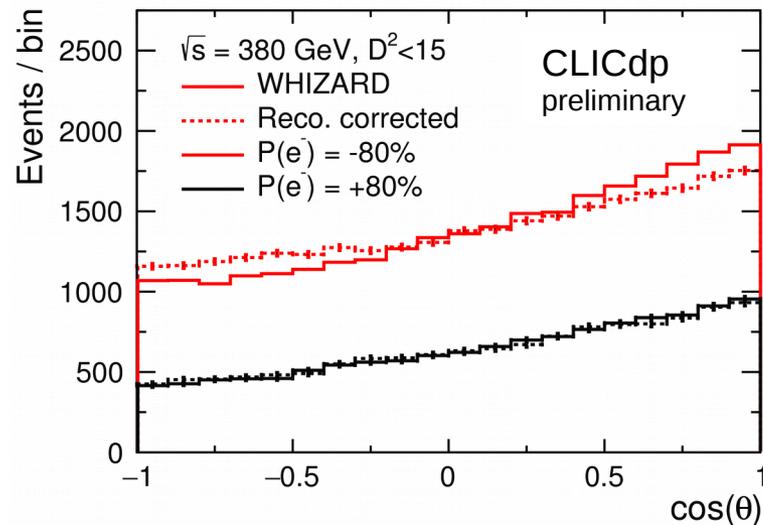
Efficiency  $\sim 70\%$

Purity  $> 80\%$

Top reconstruction is affected by ambiguity in W-b pairing

Migrations are mitigated by quality requirements

Purity increases further



More sophisticated techniques and analysis are likely to do better than this



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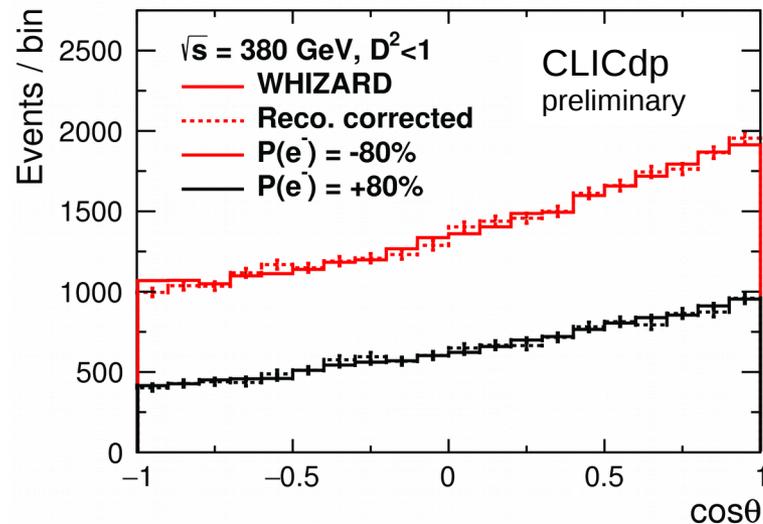
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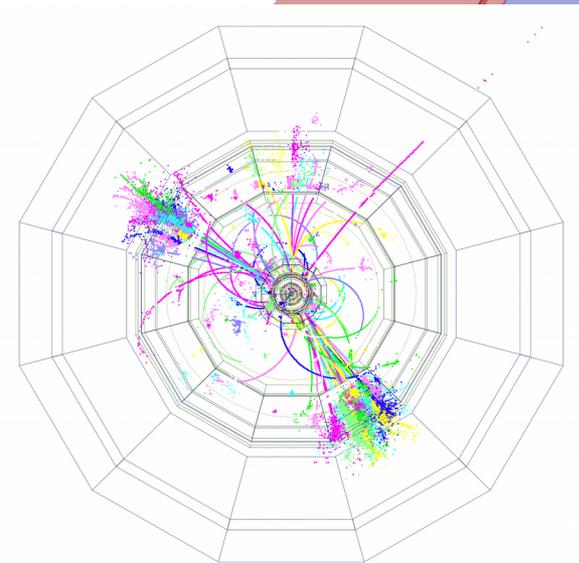
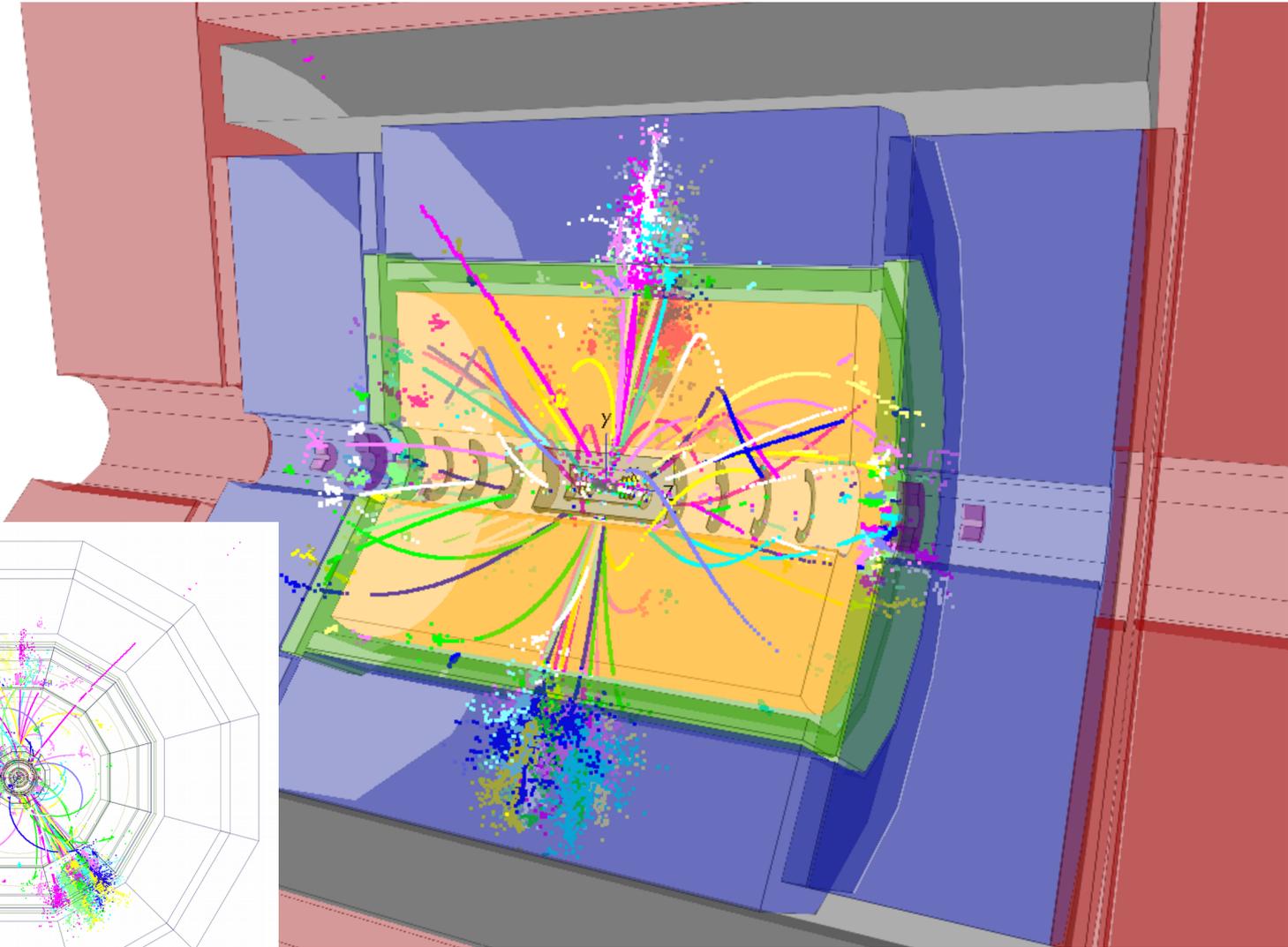
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Techniques and analysis are likely to improve further

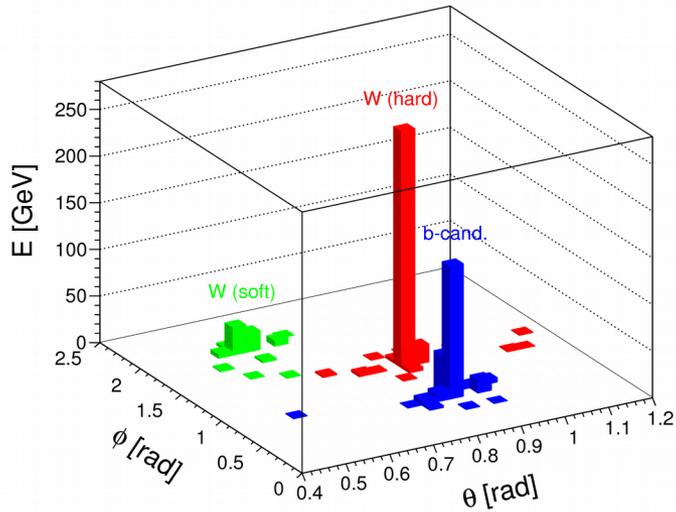


# Boosted top quark production: $\sqrt{s} > 1 \text{ TeV}$





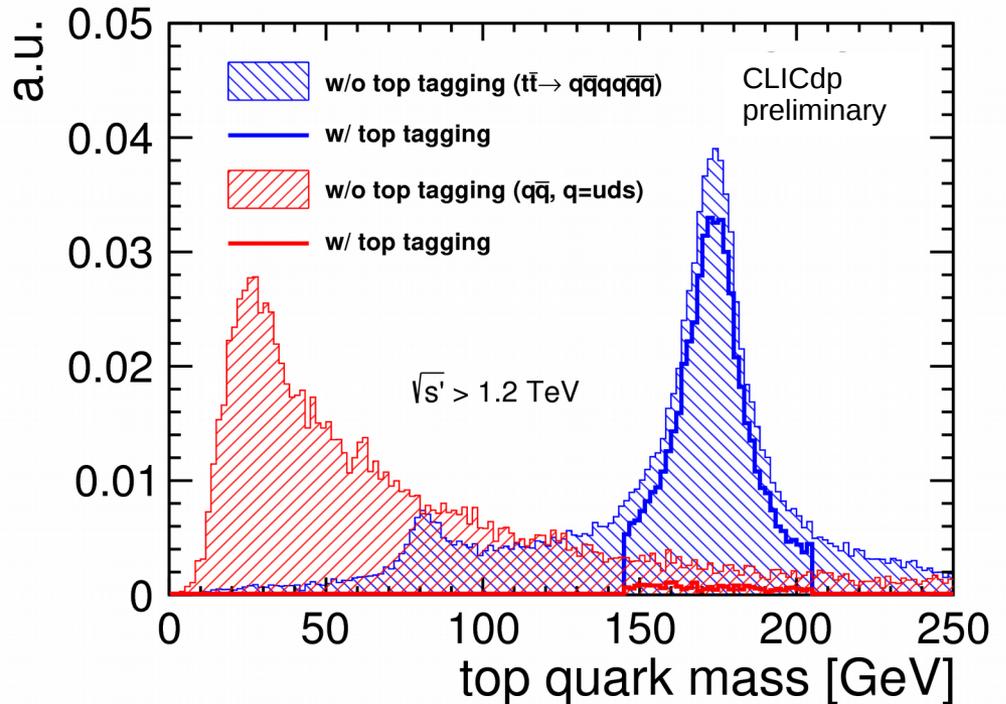
# Selection and reconstruction at high energy



- High energy is a different ball game
- Capture hadronic top in a single large-R jet (VLC, arXiv:1607.05039)
- Tag events using jet substructure analysis (Hopkins tagger, arXiv:0806.0848)
- Final selection based on multi-variate analysis

Two analyses at 1.4 TeV yield comparable results for  $\sqrt{s'} > 1.2$  TeV

Main background due to single top  
→ larger for left-handed  $e^-$  beam





# Selection and reconstruction at high energy

## Performance at 1.4 TeV

Efficiency 19-23%

Purity 55-62%

## Performance at 3 TeV

Efficiency 10-15%

Purity 30-50%

## Performance at 1.4 TeV

Efficiency ~40%

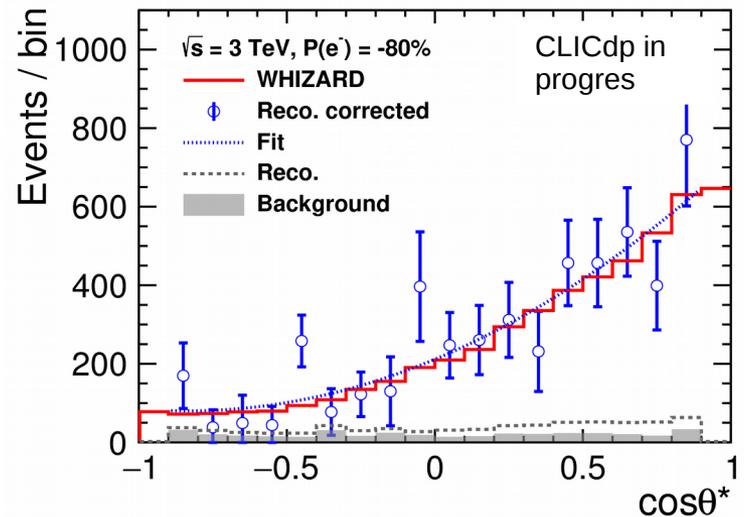
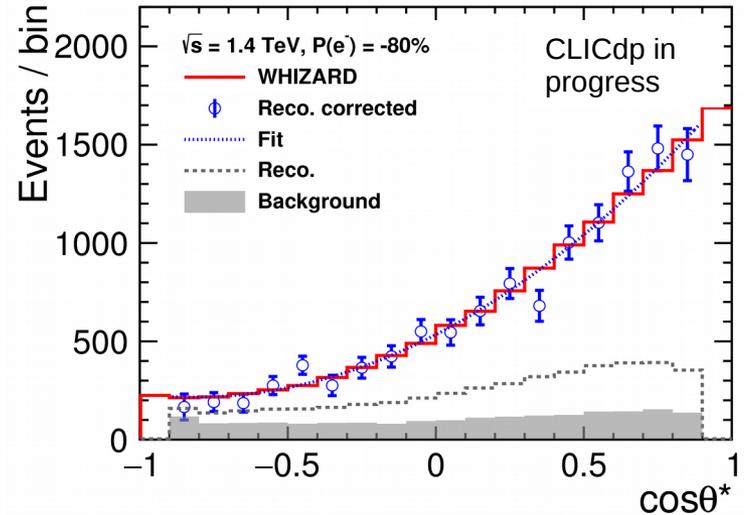
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## Performance at 3 TeV

Efficiency ~30%

Purity 30-50%

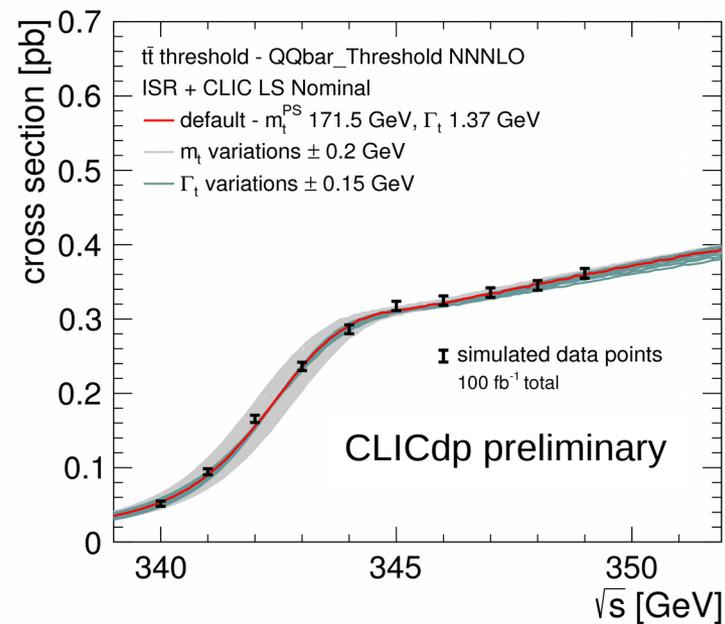
Main background is single top production (part of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+bW^-b$ )



improvement in progress

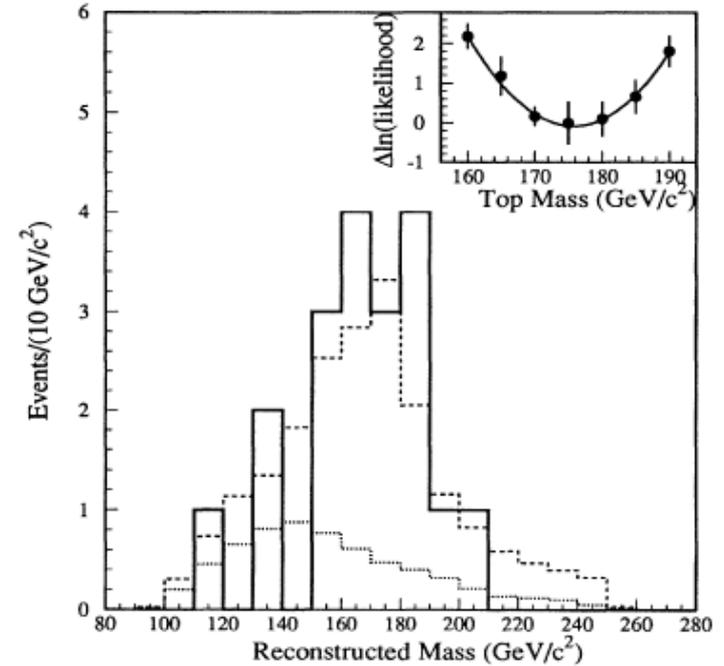


## Top threshold scan



# The top quark mass

The only quark whose mass can be determined directly



*Reconstructed top quark mass distribution at the Tevatron*



# The top quark mass

LHC + Tevatron direct:

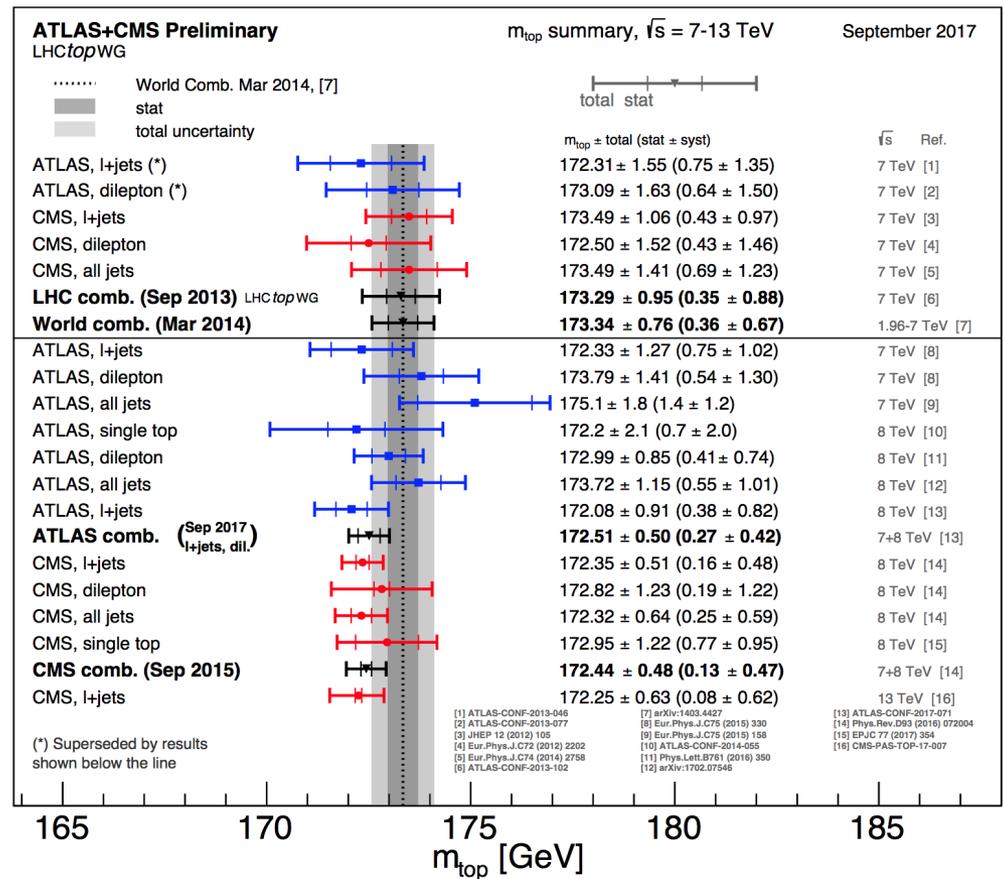
$$m_t = 173.3 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

(arXiv:1403.4427)

LHC 3 ab<sup>-1</sup> prospects:

$$\Delta m_t = \pm 0.2 \text{ (exp.)} \pm ? \text{ GeV}$$

(CMS-DP-2016-064)



Interpretation of direct mass and value of ? hotly debated (arXiv:1608.01318,arXiv:1310.0799)

FCChh: “We avoid here a discussion of the determination of the top mass at 100 TeV: any progress relative to what will be known at the end of the LHC will depend on theoretical progress that is hard to anticipate now [...]” arXiv:1607.01831



## The top quark **pole** mass

LHC + Tevatron today:

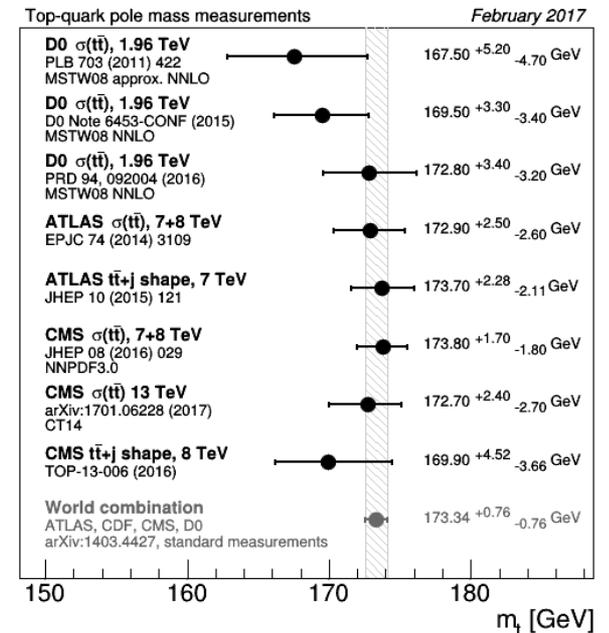
Pole mass  $m_t = 173.8 \pm 1.8 \text{ GeV}$

(CMS, NNPDF3, x-sec)

LHC 3  $\text{ab}^{-1}$  prospects:

Pole mass  $\Delta m_t = \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}$

(CMS-DP-2016-064)



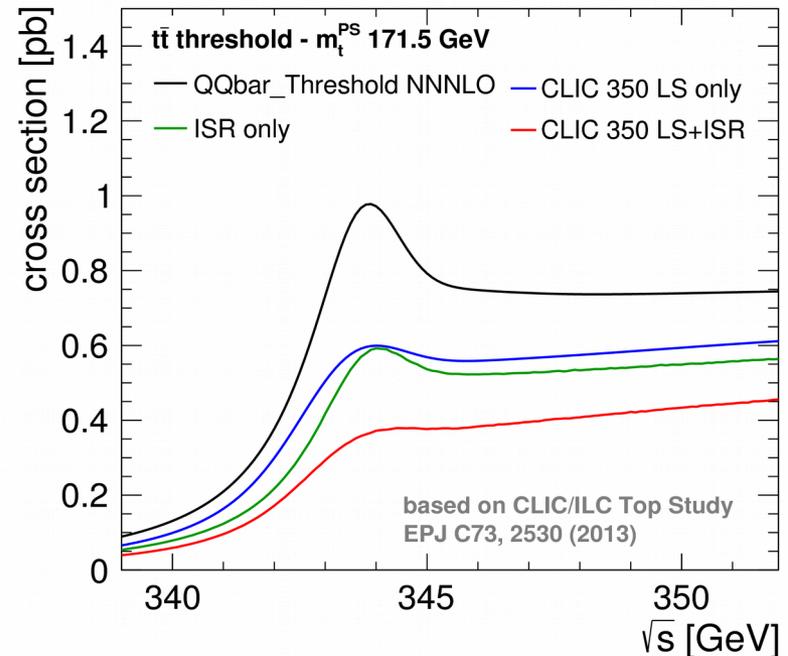


# Threshold scan: theory

At the  $t\bar{t}$  production threshold the cross section is strongly enhanced as a quasi-bound-state forms

The line shape is affected by ISR and beam energy spread, and is sensitive to the mass & width,  $\alpha_s$  and the top Yukawa coupling

ILC and CLIC include a scan of the c.o.m. energy through the threshold region in the initial stage ( $100\text{-}200\text{ fb}^{-1}$ , less than 1 year)



*We can study this in detail thanks to tremendous work by theorists, right from the initial idea (Kuhn, 1981!) to today's sophisticated calculations (Beneke et al., Hoang et al., Marquard et al.)*

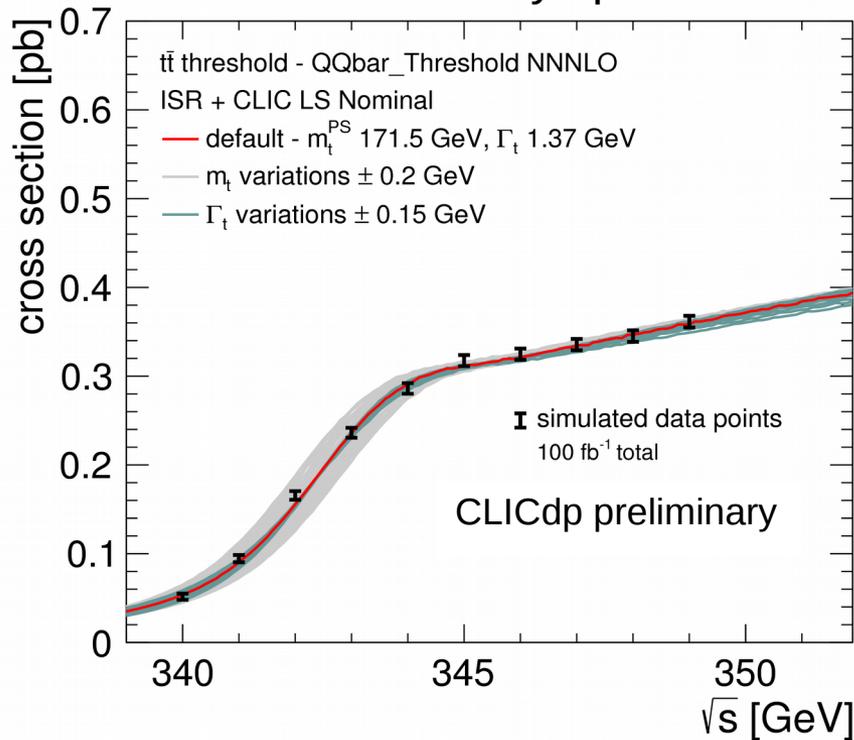


# Threshold scan: experiment

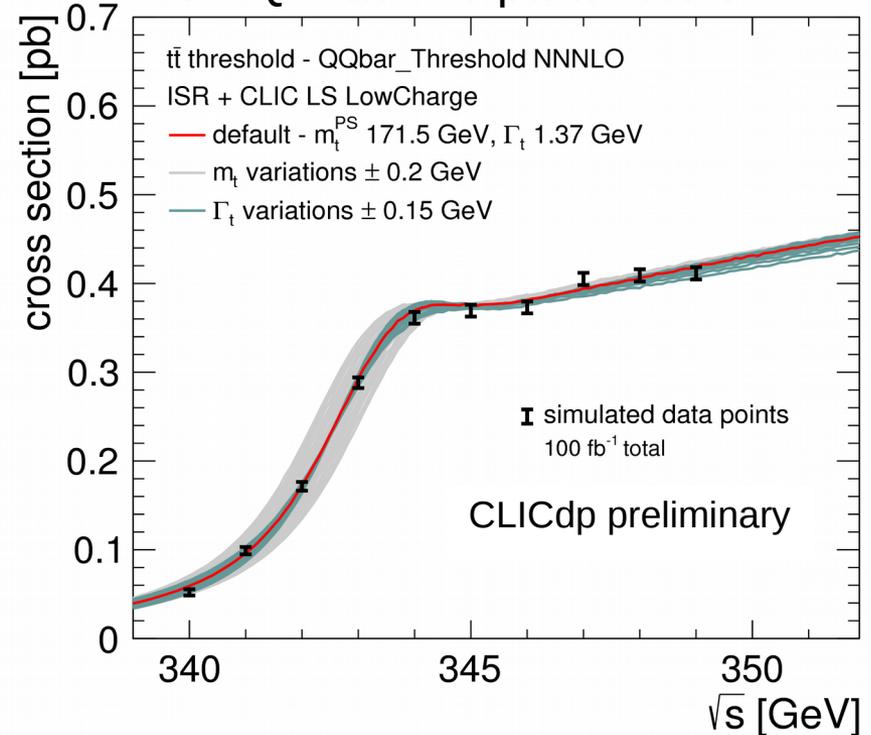
Detailed estimates of the precision in multi-parameter fits

Martinez, Miquel, EPJ C27, 49 (2003), Horiguchi et al., arXiv:1310.0563, Seidel, Simon, Tesar, Poss, EPJ C73 (2013)

## Nominal luminosity spectrum



## Low Q machine parameters



The machine parameters can be tuned (at a cost in instantaneous luminosity) to minimize the impact of the luminosity spectrum on the threshold shape  
Higher precision - per unit luminosity – in the mass extraction + potential gain in the width measurement. The details of the scan can be further optimized.



# Threshold scan: potential

A multi-parameter fit can extract the PS mass with excellent precision

Statistical uncertainty:	~20 MeV	$100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
Scale uncertainty:	~40 MeV	$N^3\text{LO QCD}$ , <i>arXiv:1506.06864</i>
Parametric uncertainty:	~30 MeV	$\alpha_s$ world average, <i>arXiv:1604.08122</i>
Experimental systematics:	25-50 MeV	including LS, <i>arXiv:1309.0372</i>

This threshold mass can be converted to the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme with ~10 MeV precision  
*Marquard et al., PRL114, arXiv:1502.01030*

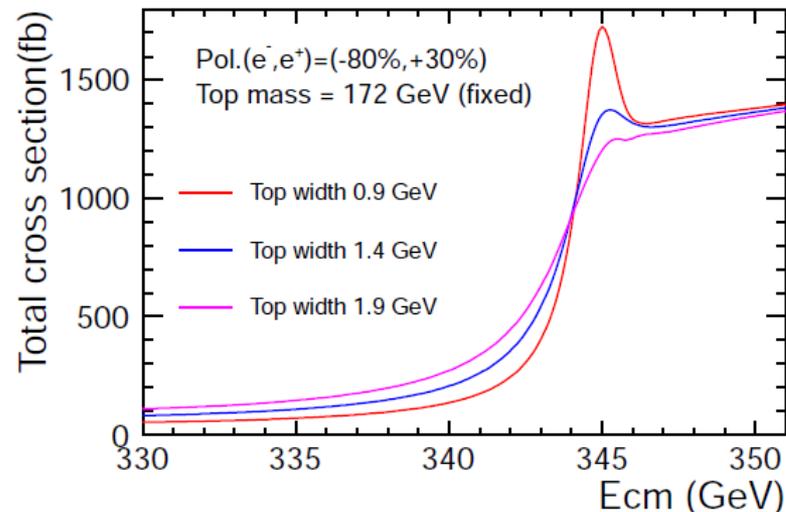
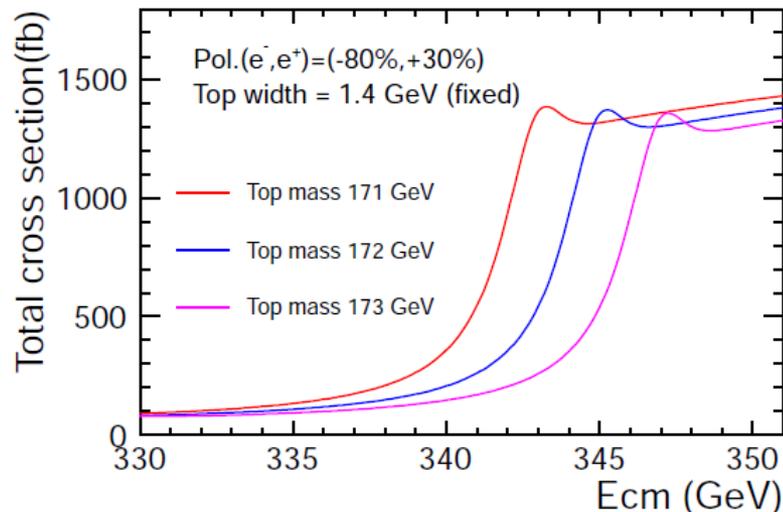
**A very competitive top quark mass measurement:**

$$\Delta m_t \sim 50 \text{ MeV} \quad ( = 3 \times 10^{-4}, \text{ cf. } \Delta m_b \sim 1\% )$$

This is a real prospect, based on technology available today, not a target!



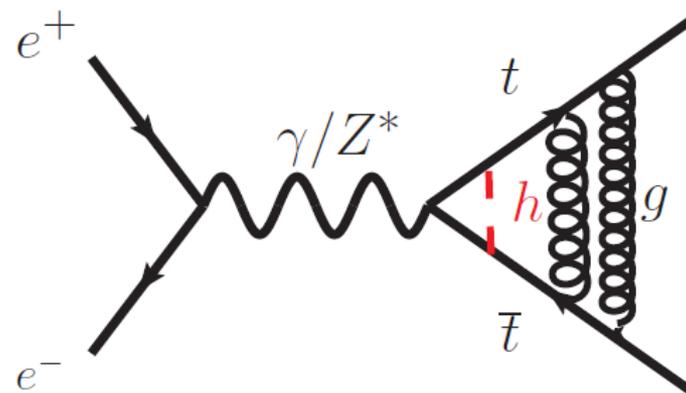
# Top quark Yukawa coupling at threshold?



Horiguchi et al., arXiv:1310.0563

Threshold shape depends on the top quark mass and top quark width, and on the strong coupling constant and Yukawa coupling

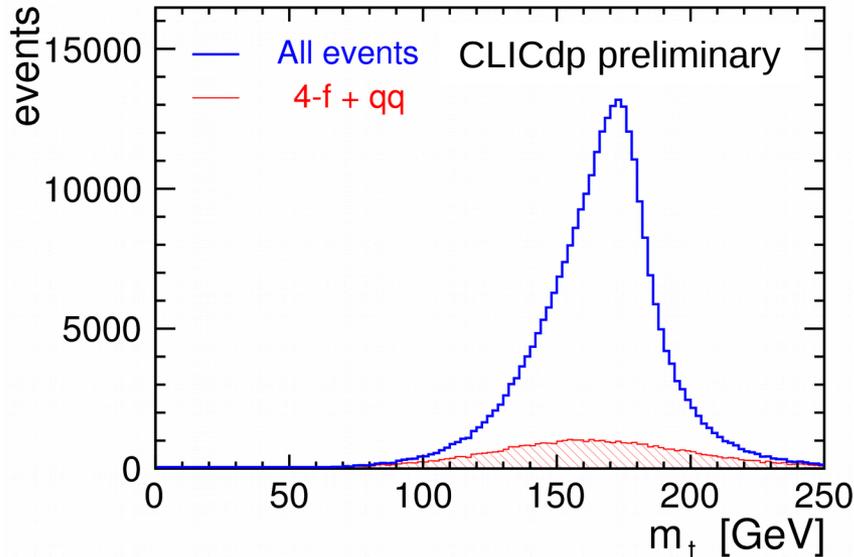
4% (stat.)  $\oplus$  20% (theo.)



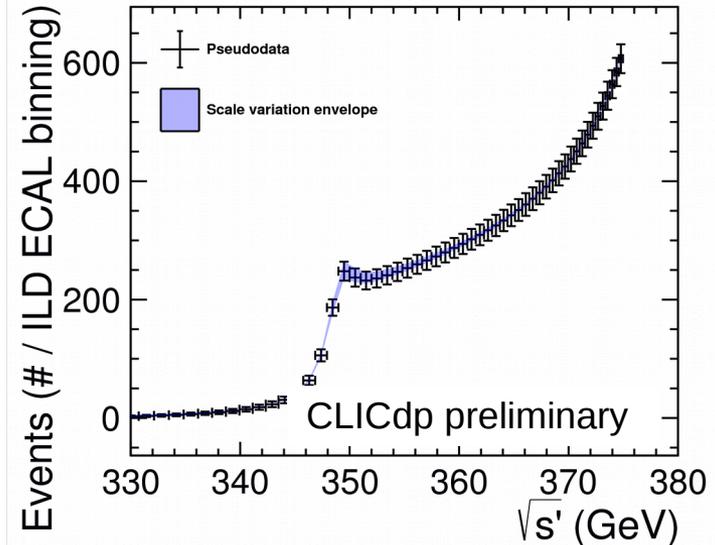


# Top quark mass: alternatives

LHC style “direct reconstruction”  
Understand MC mass post-hoc



Radiative events: “return-to-threshold”  
Access to the running of the mass

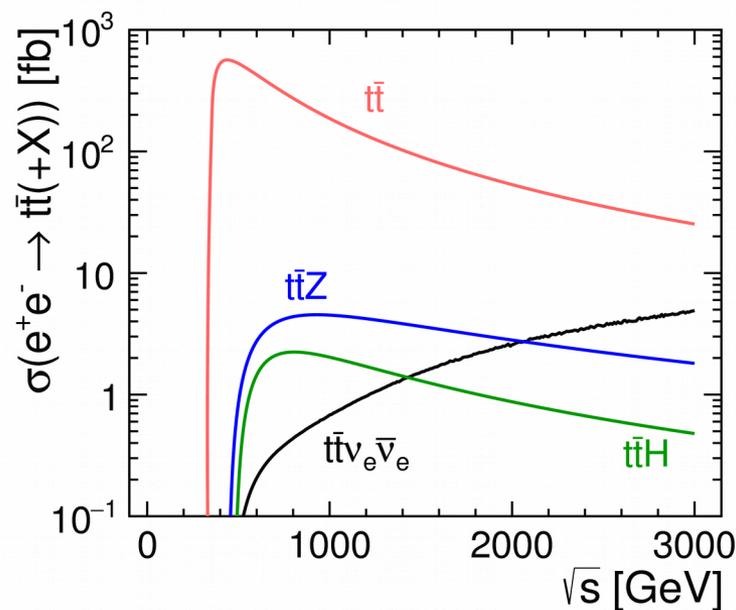


There are (at least) two further ways to determine the top quark mass with ~100 MeV statistical precision using the 380 GeV data

Potential of the high-energy run remains to be explored (see hep-ph/0703207)

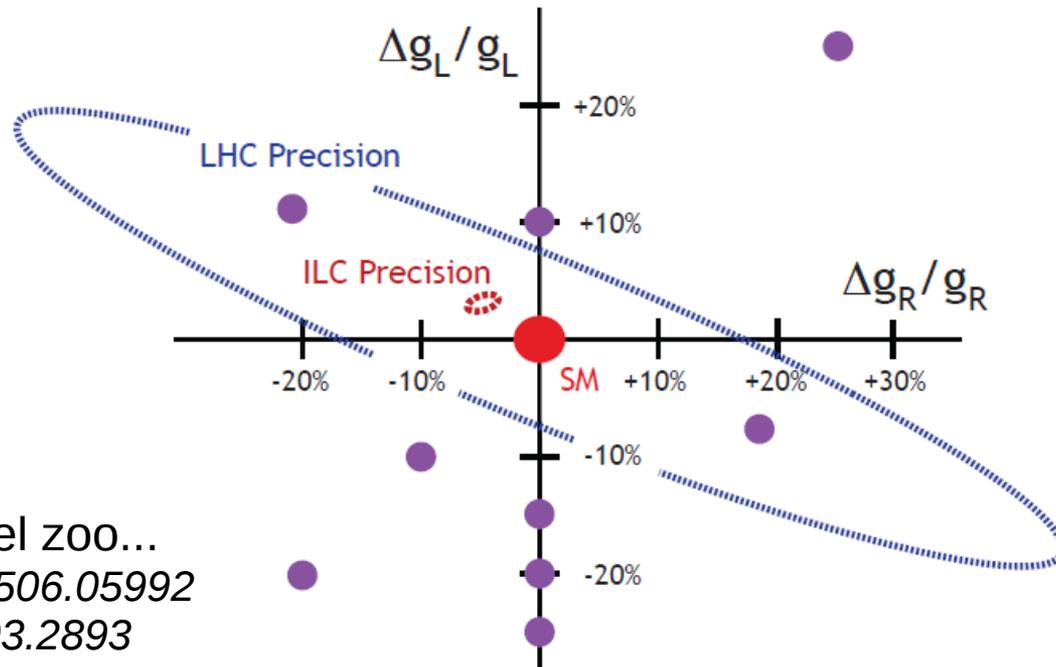


# Precision measurements of top EW couplings





***BSM motivation: strongly interacting high-scale physics predicts large deviations in  $ttZ$  coupling***



Scatter plot of the model zoo...  
*ILC Physics case, arXiv:1506.05992*  
*Richard/Wulzer, arXiv:1403.2893*

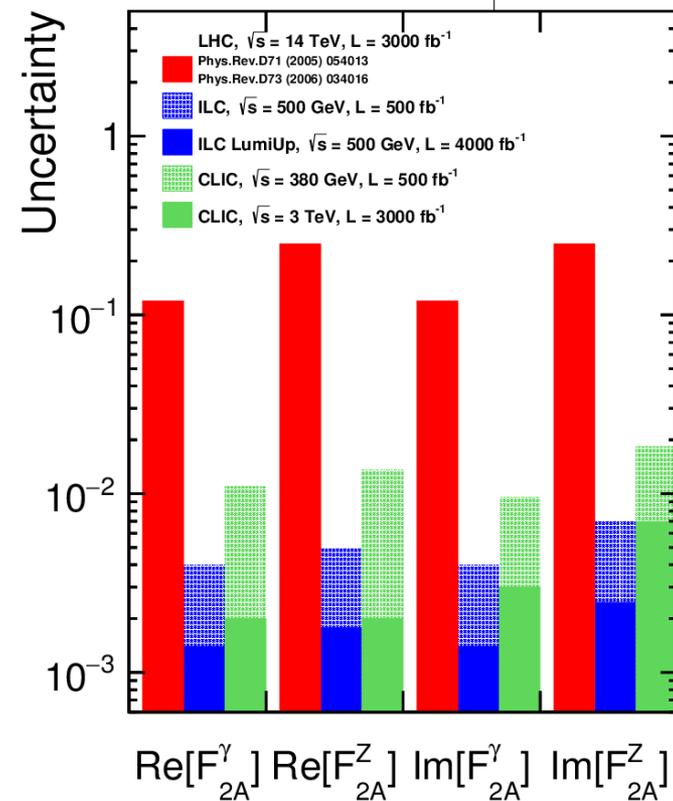
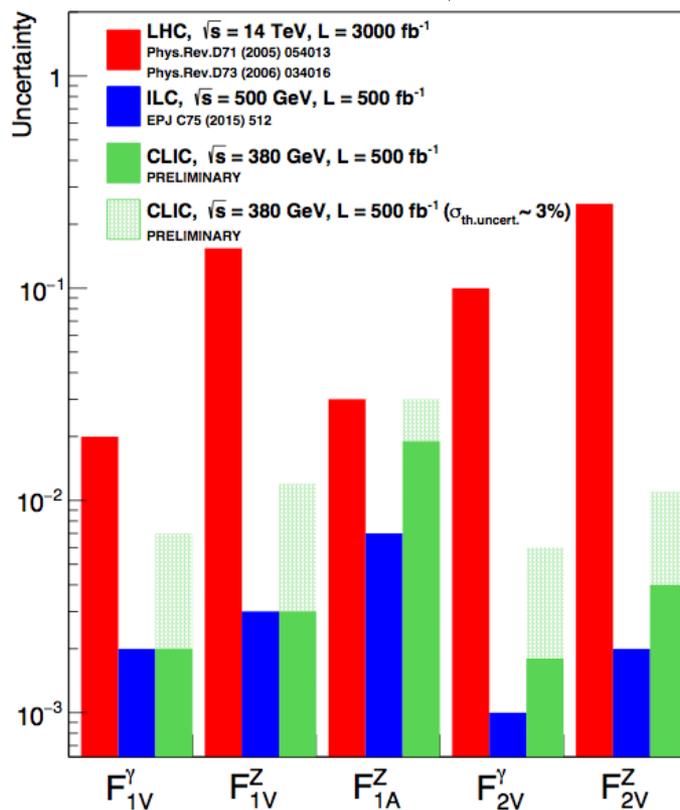


# Top anomalous couplings

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^{t\bar{t}X}(k^2, q, \bar{q}) = ie \left\{ \gamma_{\mu} \left( \underbrace{F_{1V}^X(k^2)} + \gamma_5 \underbrace{F_{1A}^X(k^2)} \right) - \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu}}{2m_t} (q + \bar{q})^{\nu} \left( i \underbrace{F_{2V}^X(k^2)} + \gamma_5 \underbrace{F_{2A}^X(k^2)} \right) \right\}$$

CLIC staging, CERN-2016-004  
based on arXiv:1505.06020

arXiv:1710.06737



Measurements in pair production in early stage have excellent BSM sensitivity

For FCCee perspective, see  
P. Janot, arXiv:1503.01325

# Effective field theory

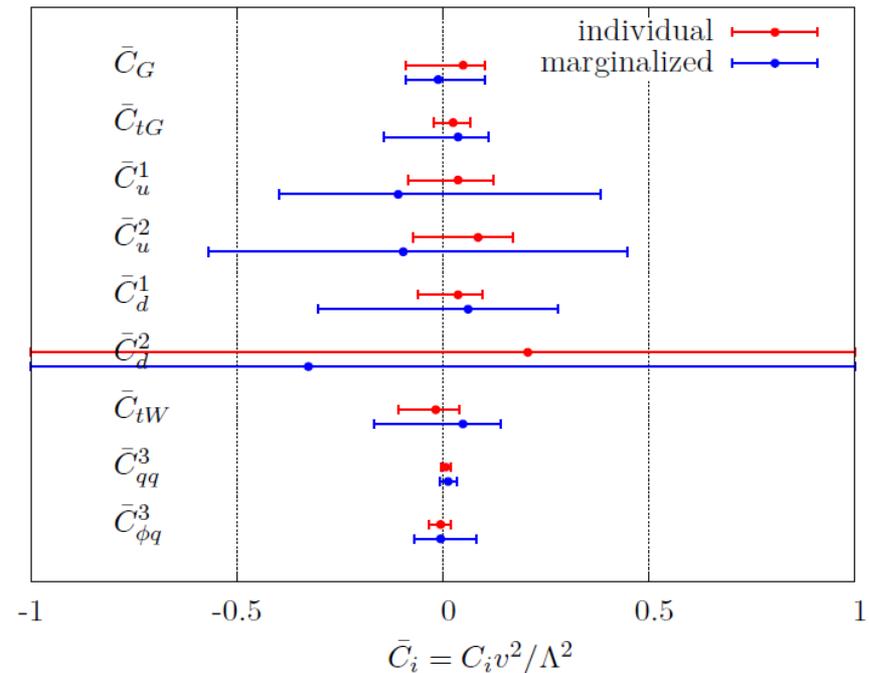
Extend SM Lagrangian with D6 operators. Effect suppressed by new physics scale  $\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i C_i O_i + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4})$$

(represents any high-scale NP compatible with gauge invariance)

9-parameter fit to Tevatron + LHC top data yields first, weak constraints  
[arXiv:1506.08845](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.08845), [arXiv:1512.03360](https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.03360)

Top-philic scenario ([arXiv:1802.07237](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.07237)):  
 focus on operators that emerge from the direct BSM coupling to the top-quark fields  $q = \{t_L, b_L\}$  and  $t = t_R$ .





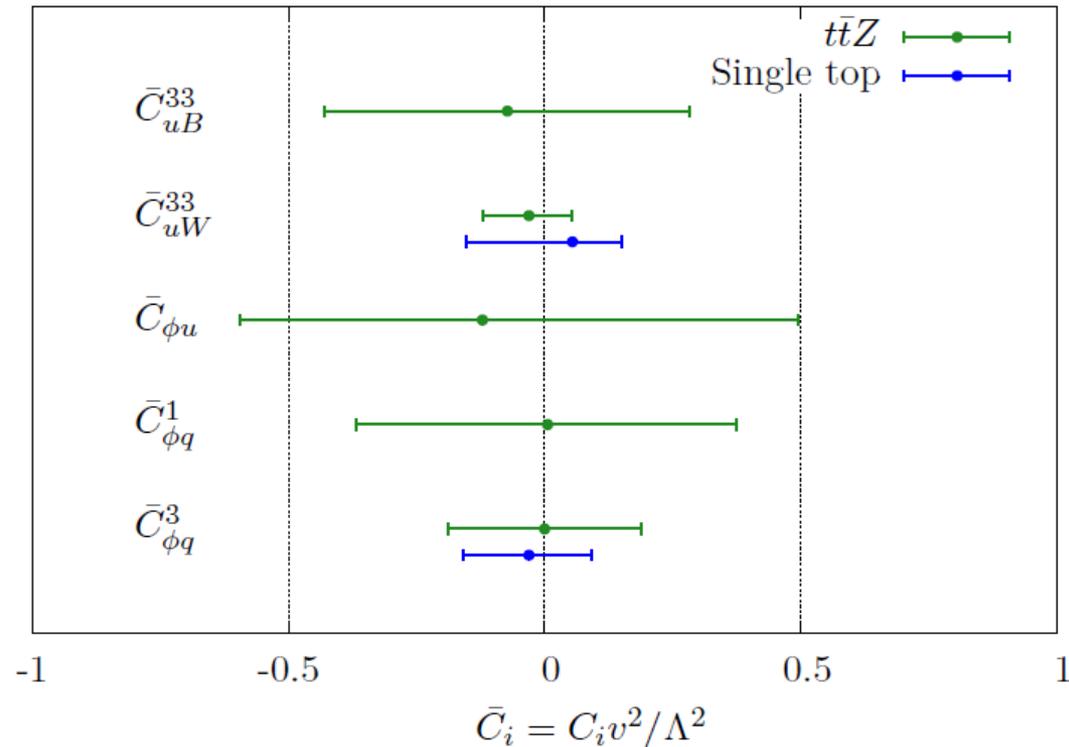
# Top EW couplings at LHC

Top EW couplings are accessible in several ways at hadron colliders:

- *single top production, associated  $t\bar{t}Z/t\bar{t}\gamma/t\bar{t}W$  production, top decay*
- *$f\bar{f} \rightarrow Z/\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  swamped at the LHC (but dominant channel at lepton colliders)*

Simultaneous fit to Tevatron and LHC yields first (rather poor) constraints

*arXiv:1506.08845, arXiv:1512.03360*



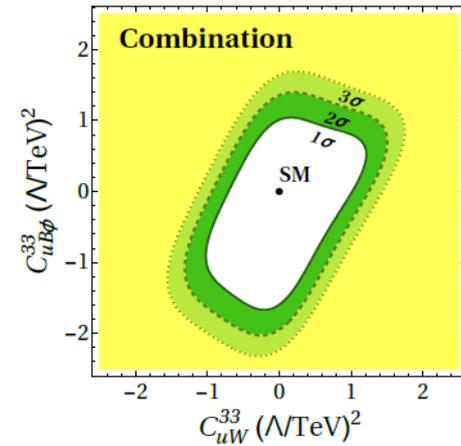
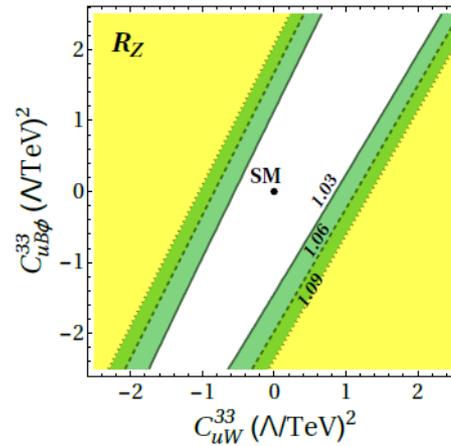
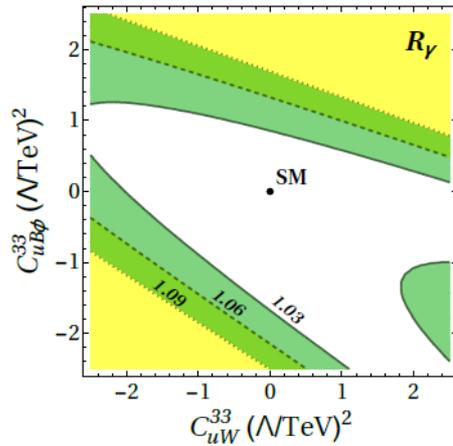


# Associated production at 100 TeV

Analyses of still “rare” processes to profit most from increase in rate.

Cross-section at  
 $\sqrt{s} = 100 \text{ TeV}$

	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}W^\pm$	$t\bar{t}Z^0$	$t\bar{t}WW$	$t\bar{t}W^\pm Z$	$t\bar{t}ZZ$
$\sigma(\text{pb})$	$3.2 \cdot 10^4$	4.9	16.8	56.3	1.1	0.17	0.16



**Expect rapid improvement at LHC, HL-LHC, FCC**

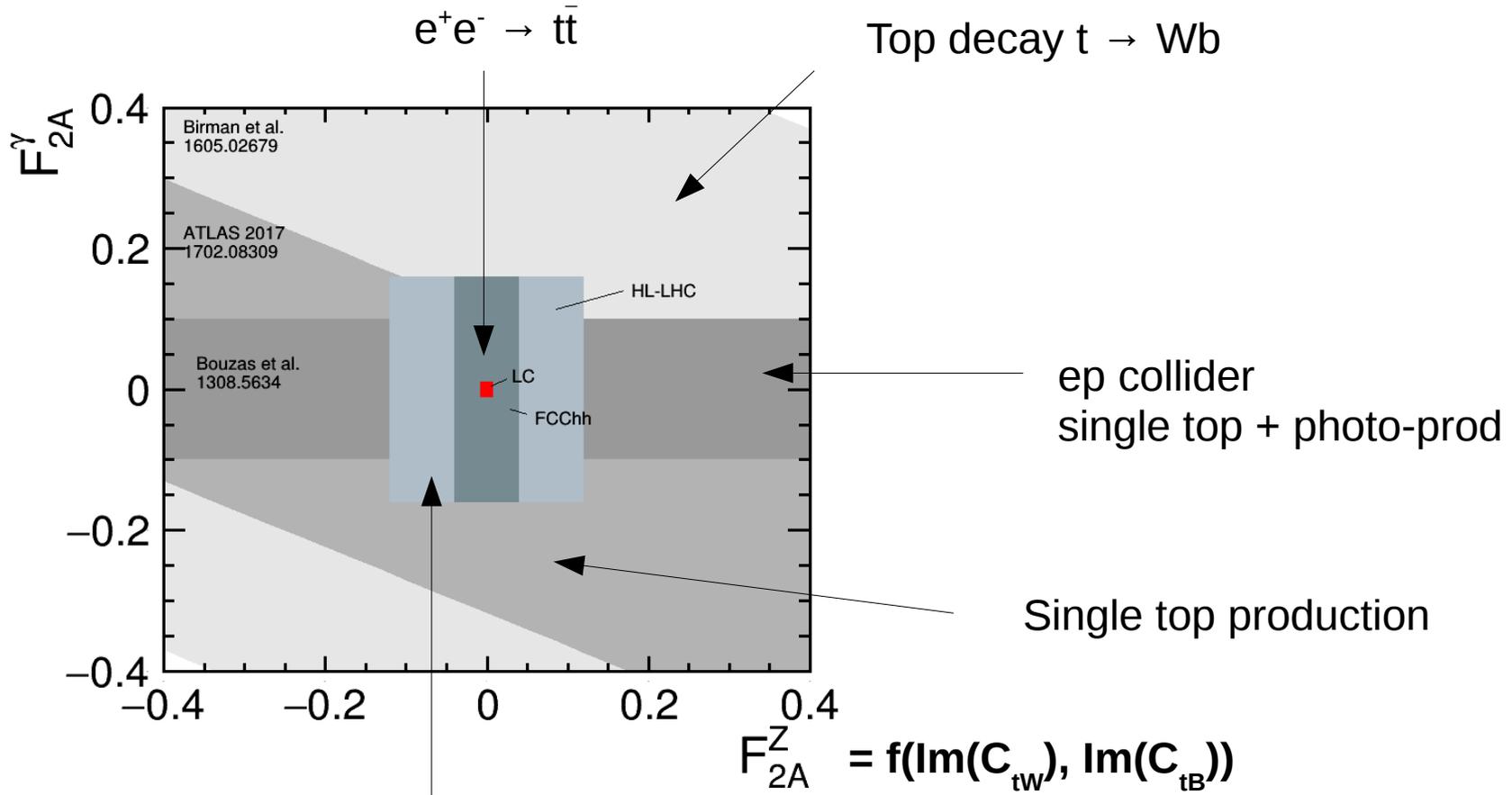
Rontsch & Schulze, arXiv:1501.05939  
Schulze & Soreq, arXiv:1603.08911

	$C_{1,V}$	$C_{1,A}$	$C_{2,V}$	$C_{2,A}$
SM value	0.24	-0.60	< 0.001	$\ll 0.001$
13 TeV, 3 ab <sup>-1</sup>	[-0.4, +0.5]	[-0.5, -0.7]	[-0.08, +0.08]	[-0.08, +0.08]
100 TeV, 10 ab <sup>-1</sup>	[+0.2, +0.28]	[-0.63, -0.57]	[-0.02, +0.02]	[-0.02, +0.02]

arXiv:1607.01831



# Many directions to approach the same problem



Associated production:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z$

**Current and future constraints from different processes and colliders on CP violating electric dipole moments of the top quark**



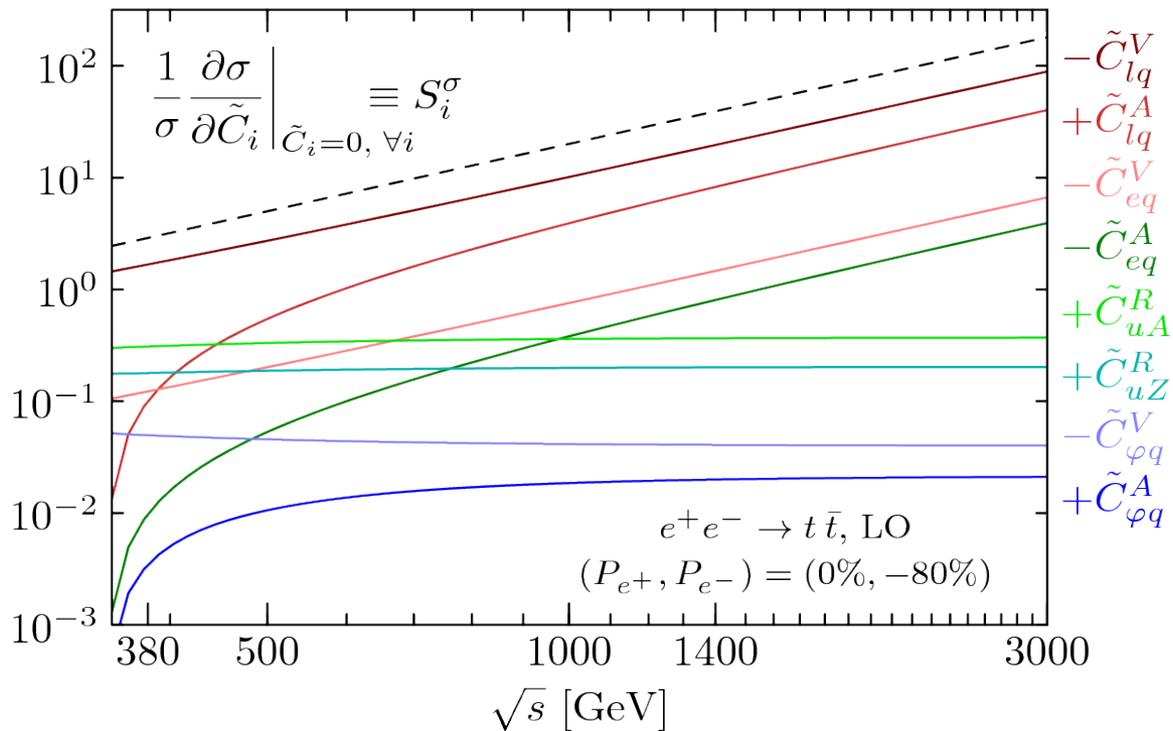
# The impact of center-of-mass energy

Low-energy operation:

high-precision constraints on two-fermion operators

High-energy operation:

quadratic increase in sensitivity to four-fermion operator coefficients

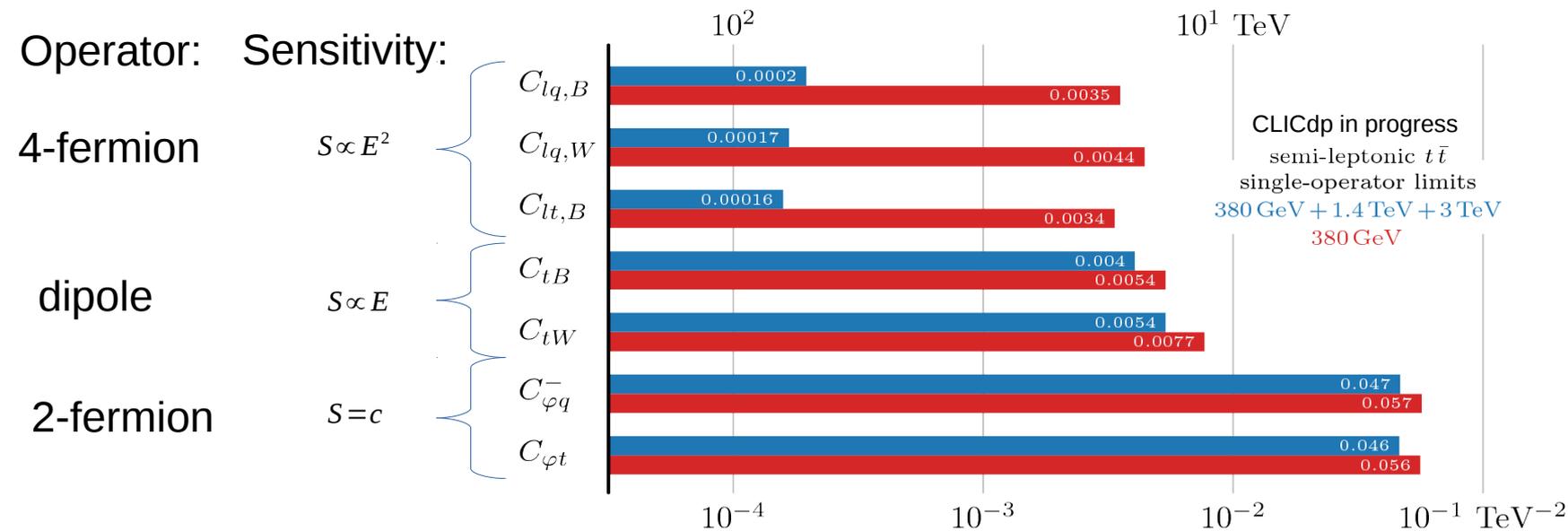


Durieux, Perelló, Vos, Zhang



# EFT fit

*High-energy runs are crucial to constrain the four-fermion operators*

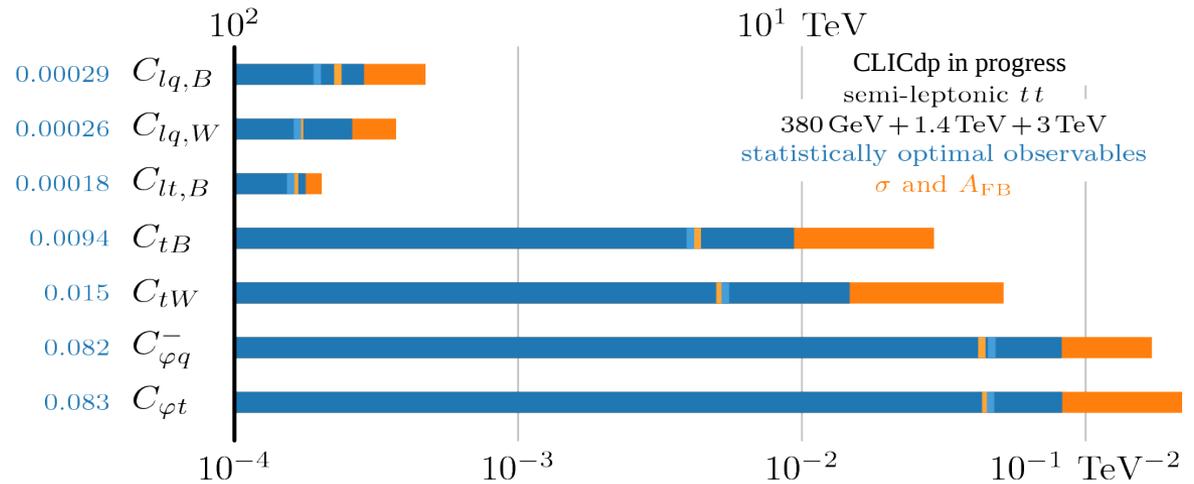


**An excellent global fit of all relevant D6 operators requires at least two energy points and beam polarization**

# Global EFT fit

## Global 7-parameter fit

two observables  $\otimes$  three c-o-m energies  $\otimes$  two polarizations = robust limits



Optimal observables are designed to constrain all directions in parameter space  
 $\rightarrow$  improve limits by a factor 1.1-3.2 wrt classical cross-section and  $A_{FB}$



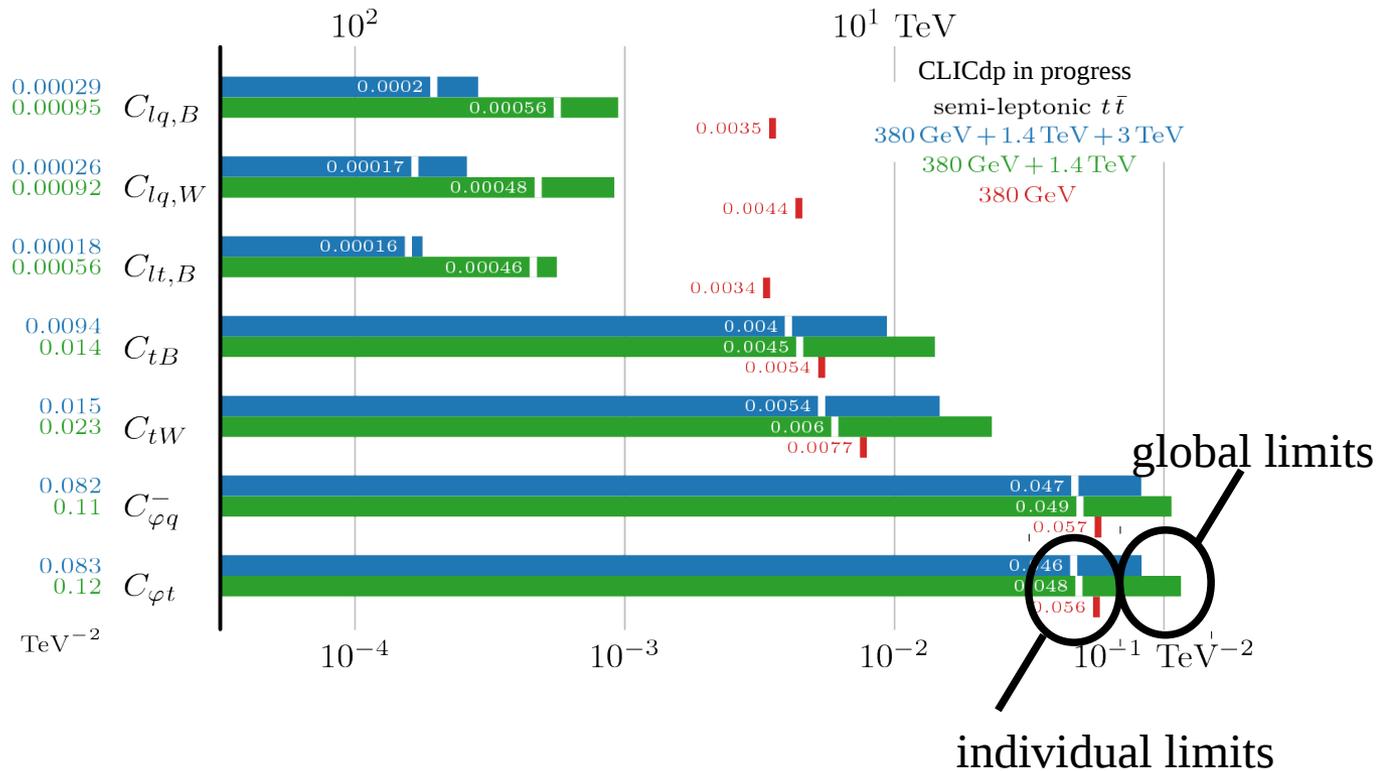
# Global EFT fit

## Global 7-parameter fit – top-philic scenario

380 GeV+1.4 TeV+3 TeV  
(indiv. + global limits)

380 GeV+1.4 TeV  
(indiv. + global limits)

380 GeV  
(individual limits only)



CLIC top physics program provides tight constraints on all 7 coefficients

Two-fermion operator limits exceed HL-LHC prospects by a large factor

Excellent limits on 4-fermion and dipole moment operators!



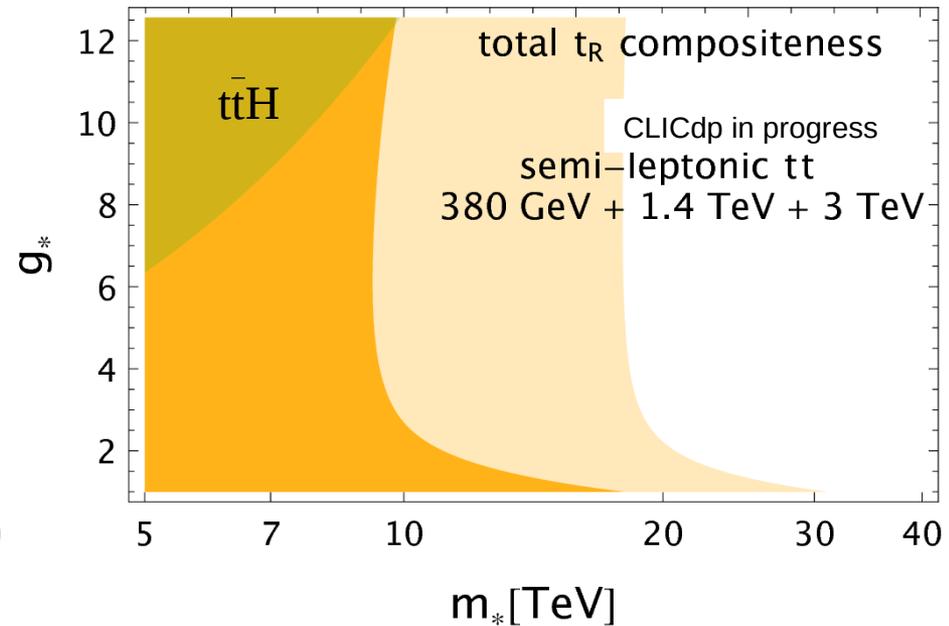
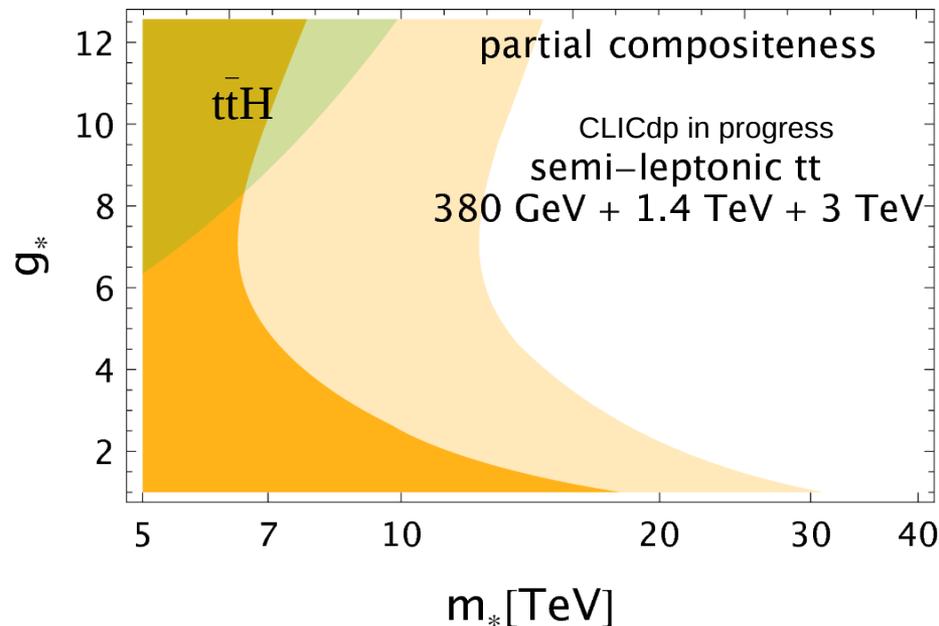
# From EFT to concrete scenario

Re-express EFT constraints as limits on the canonical composite Higgs scenario, characterized by a coupling strength  $g_*$  and NP scale  $m_*$  (*Giudice 2007*)

The top quark is naturally composite in this framework (*Pomarol 2008*), the only viable option to generate the top Yukawa coupling (*Ratazzi 2008*)

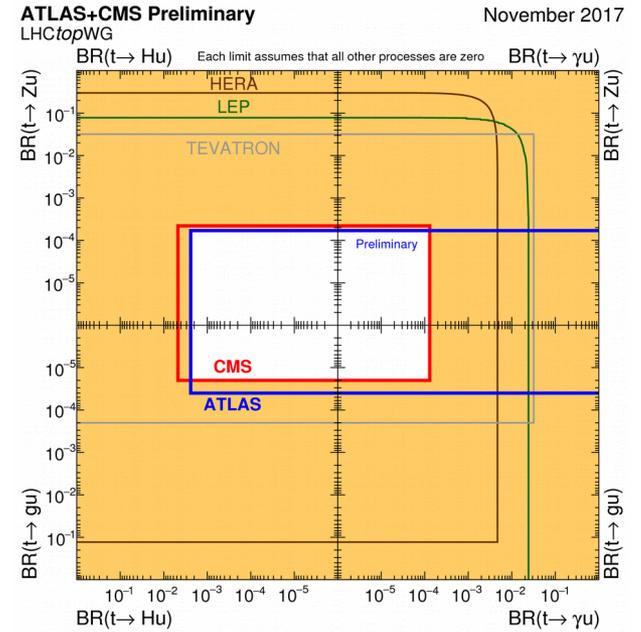
Benchmarks: partial ( $t_L$  and  $t_R$  composite) & total ( $t_R$  maximally composite)

Pessimistic  $5\sigma$  discovery contours reach 7-15 TeV, in favourable cases  $> 20$  TeV





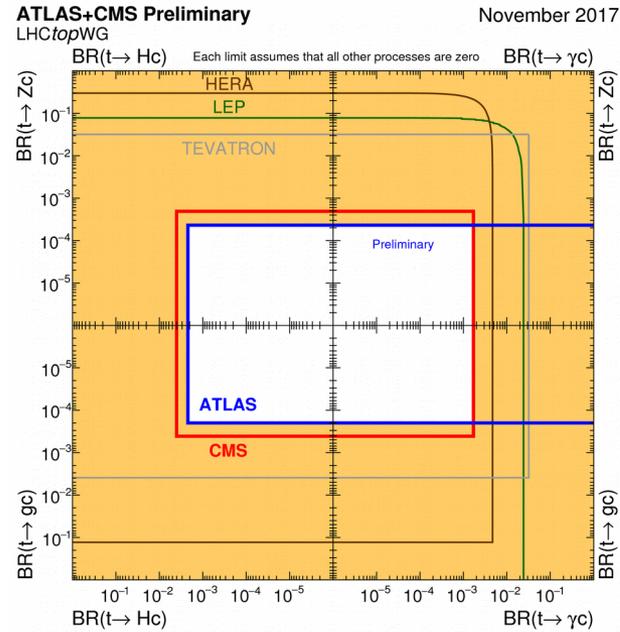
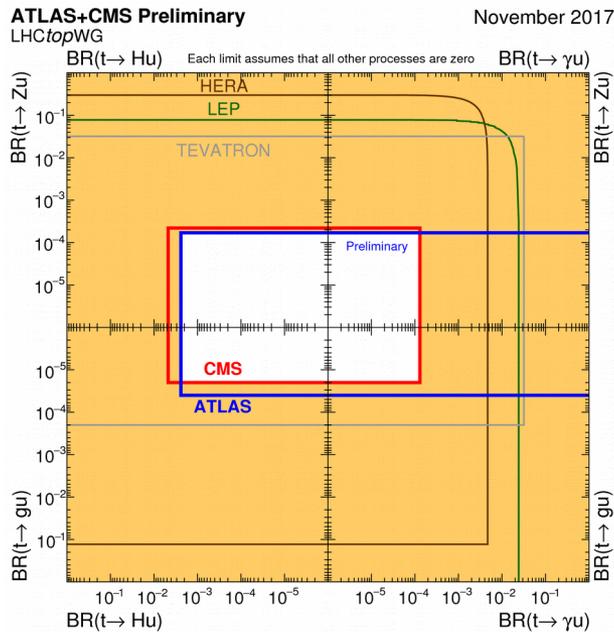
# FCNC top interactions





# Top FCNC decays

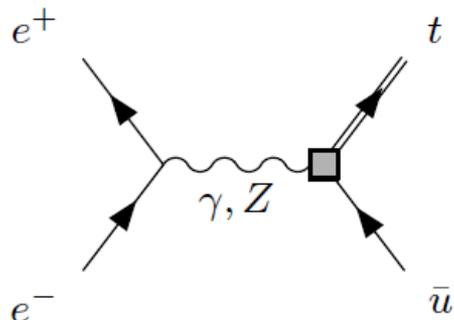
- Highly suppressed in the SM, possibly enhanced by New Physics
- LHC produces millions of tops  $\rightarrow$  BR to improve to  $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$  level



- What can a lepton collider do after the LHC is done?

# Top FCNC interactions at CLIC

## Lepton colliders may provide complementary constraints



$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{u}$  limits from LEP2 in  
arXiv:1412.7166

Integrated luminosity	Branching ratio	240 GeV	350 GeV	500 GeV
300 fb <sup>-1</sup>	$Br(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$	$1.23 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.43 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.45 \times 10^{-5}$
	$Br(t \rightarrow qZ) (\sigma_{\mu\nu})$	$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.94 \times 10^{-5}$
	$Br(t \rightarrow qZ) (\gamma_\mu)$	$3.06 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.83 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-4}$
3 ab <sup>-1</sup>	$Br(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$	$3.70 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.86 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.76 \times 10^{-6}$
	$Br(t \rightarrow qZ) (\sigma_{\mu\nu})$	$4.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-5}$
	$Br(t \rightarrow qZ) (\gamma_\mu)$	$9.25 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.27 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.49 \times 10^{-4}$
10 ab <sup>-1</sup>	$Br(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$	$2.01 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.25 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.59 \times 10^{-6}$
	$Br(t \rightarrow qZ) (\sigma_{\mu\nu})$	$2.44 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.60 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.85 \times 10^{-6}$
	$Br(t \rightarrow qZ) (\gamma_\mu)$	$5.02 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.00 \times 10^{-5}$

H. Khanpour et al., Single top quark production as a probe of anomalous tq $\gamma$  and tqZ couplings at the FCC-ee , arXiv:1408.2090 .

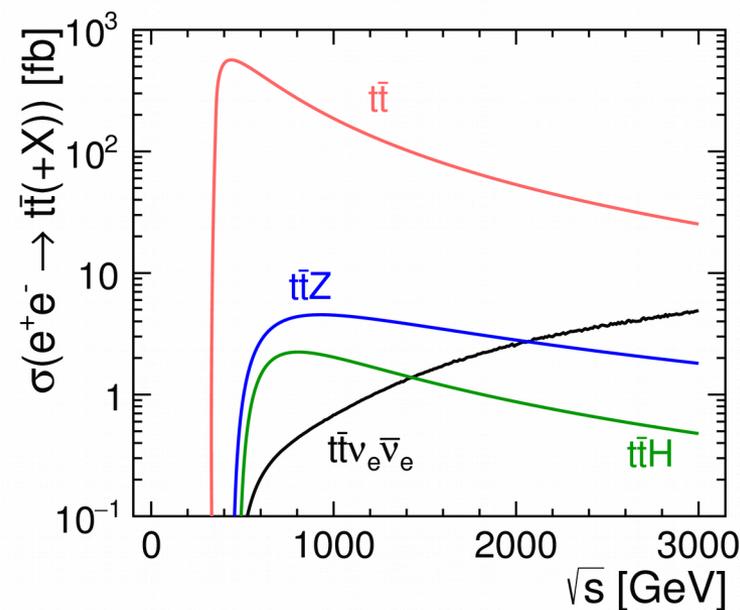
## And can be competitive in some decay channels CLIC380 study, with focus on hardest cases: $t \rightarrow cH$ , $t \rightarrow c\gamma$

- $BR(t \rightarrow c\gamma) < 4.7 \times 10^{-5}$  at 95% C.L.
- $BR(t \rightarrow cH) \times BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) < 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  at 95% C.L.

LC assets – excellent charm tagging and possibility to exploit  $b\bar{b}$  final state – make up for smaller production rates and yield competitive limits



## 0.5(5) – 3 TeV: $t\bar{t}+H$ production

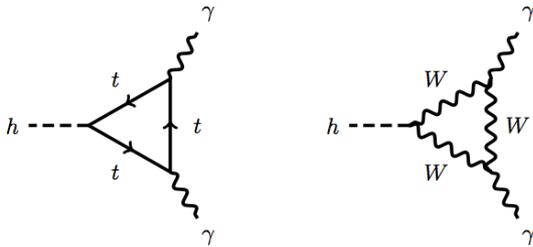




# Top Yukawa coupling

At the LHC the top quark Yukawa coupling is inferred from the observed  $gg \rightarrow H$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  rates.

Run I result:  $k_t = 1.43 \pm 0.23$



The top Yukawa coupling can be measured directly in associated  $ttH$  production.

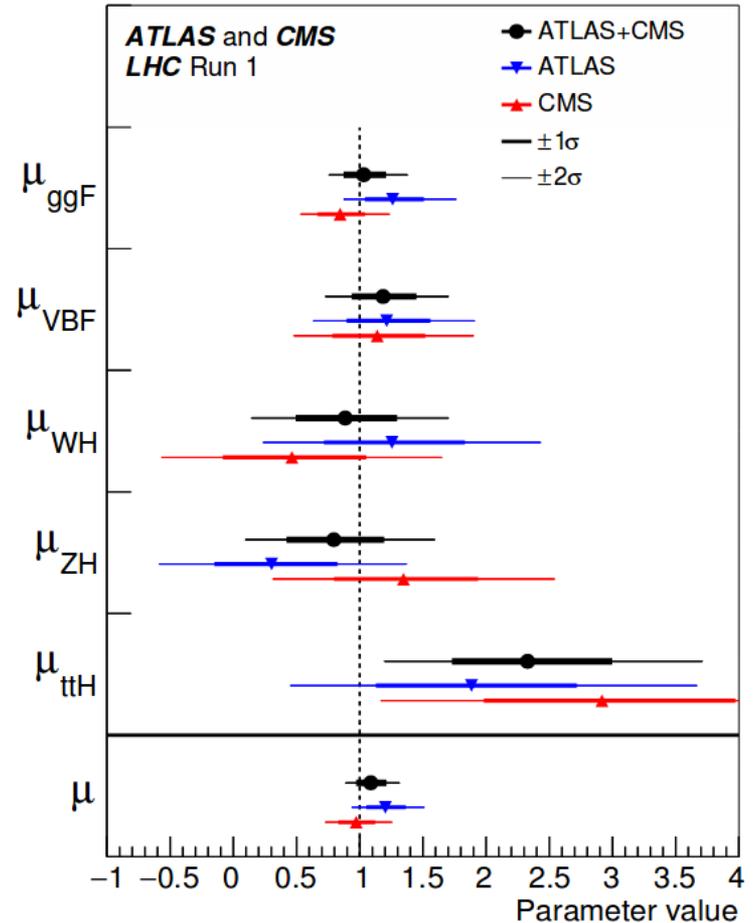
Run I result:  $\mu_{ttH} = 2.3 \pm 0.7$

Prospects for full LHC programme:

$K_u \rightarrow 14\text{-}15\%$  (300/fb)

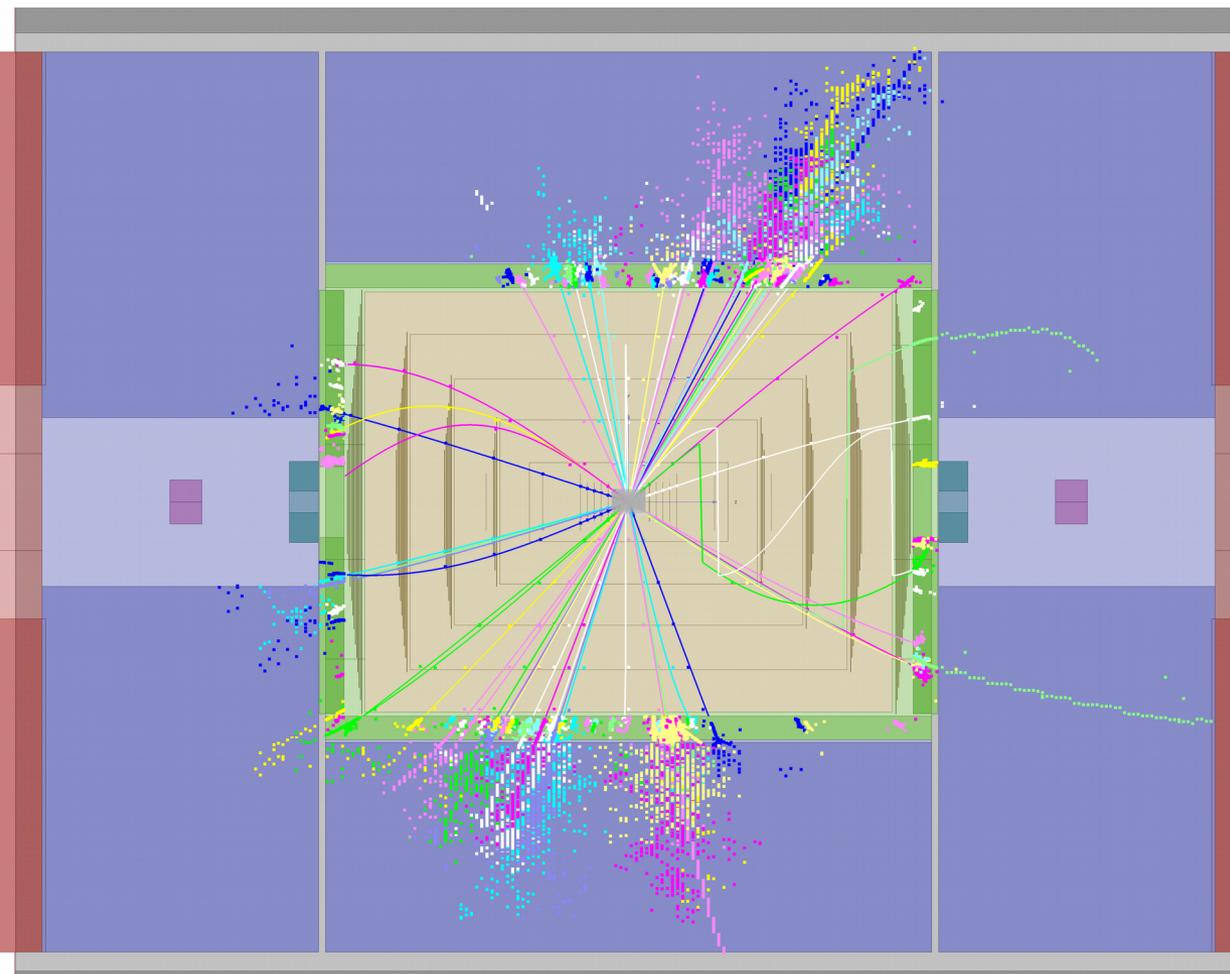
$K_u \rightarrow 7\text{-}10\%$  (3/ab)

Snowmass  
Higgs report





# $t\bar{t}H$ production



Complex multi-jet events:  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$   
0 leptons  $\rightarrow$  8 jets, 1 lepton  $\rightarrow$  6 jets



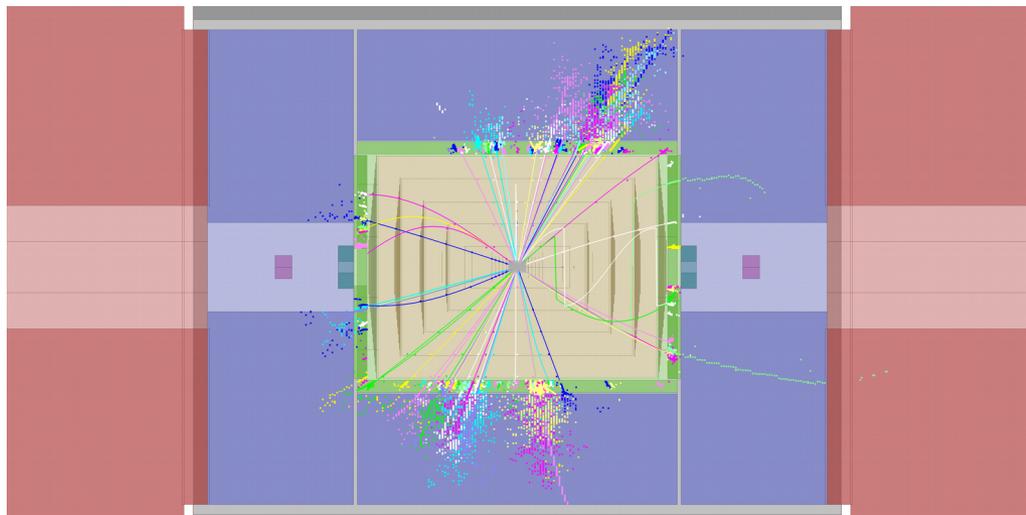
# Top quark Yukawa coupling

## Challenges:

Small signal sample

Large (x100) background rejection

Jet reconstruction and pairing



ILC : **3%** with  $4 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  at 550 GeV

*arXiv:1506.05992*

ILC : **4%** with  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  at 1 TeV

*arXiv:1409.7157*

CLIC : **3.8%** with  $1.5 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  at 1.4 TeV

*arXiv:1608.07538*

FCChh target: **1% precision**

*arXiv:1507.08169*



# Summary

The LC top physics program complements hadron colliders in important ways.

The precision of several key measurements exceeds the HL-LHC significantly:

- top mass measurement:  $\Delta m_t \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$
- FCNC interactions: **competitive for  $t \rightarrow c\gamma$ ,  $t \rightarrow ch$**
- top quark EW couplings: **improved by order of magnitude**
- the determination of the **top Yukawa coupling to 3-4%**

With this precision, these measurements have the potential answer important questions, hopefully offering guidance towards a more complete theory