

# From Flavor to Top, Higgs, and beyond

Through the language of Effective Field Theories

Electroweak, Strong, and New Interactions:

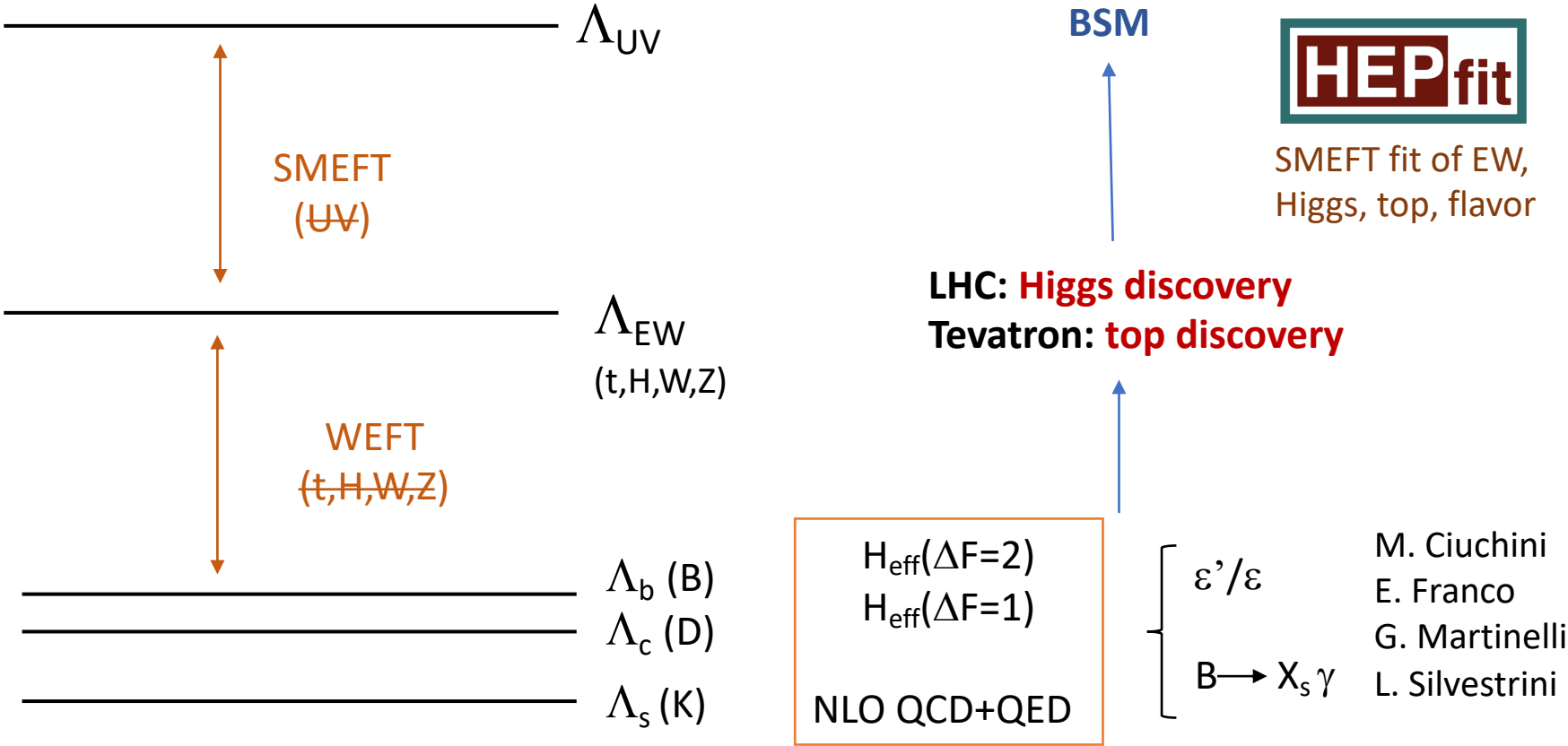
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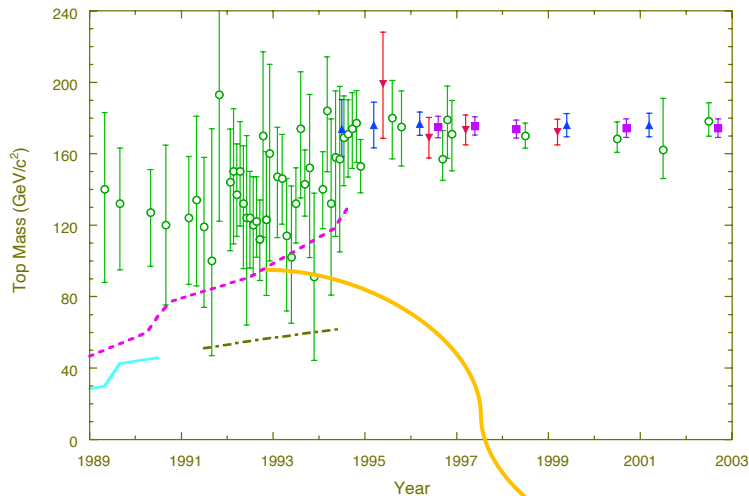
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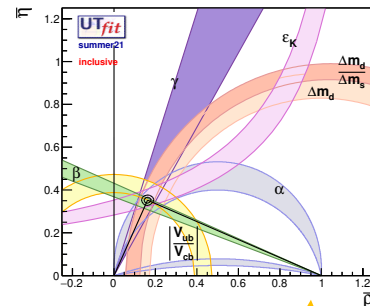


Top

# from prediction to discovery



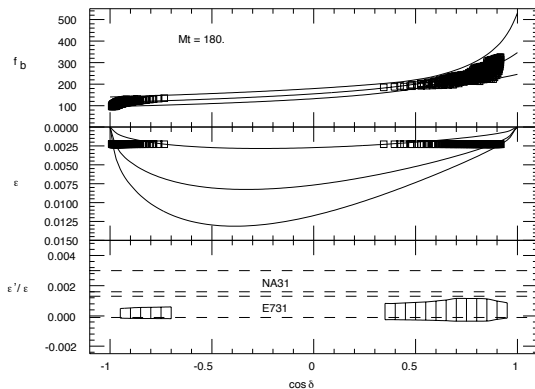
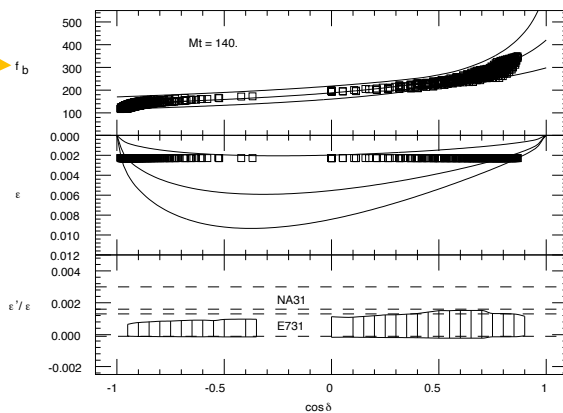
- green dots → indirect fits
- blue triangles → CDF
- red triangles → D0
- purple squares → world average
- lines → various lower bounds



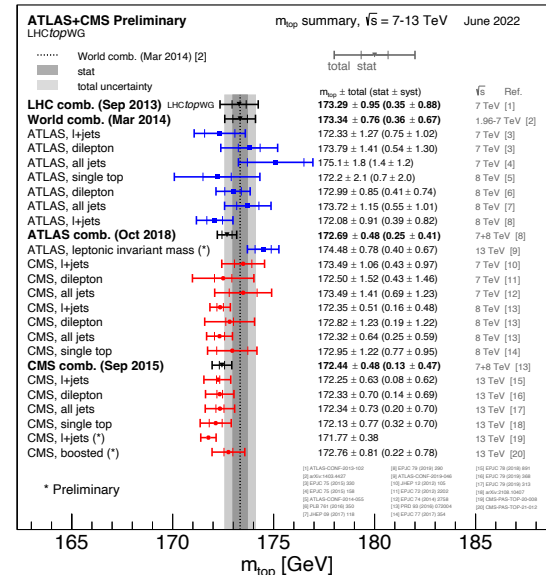
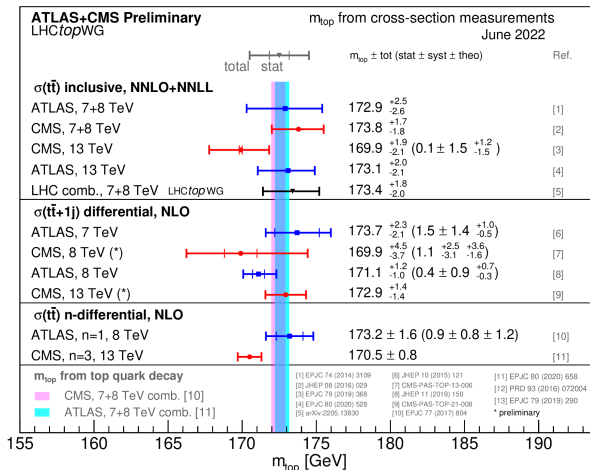
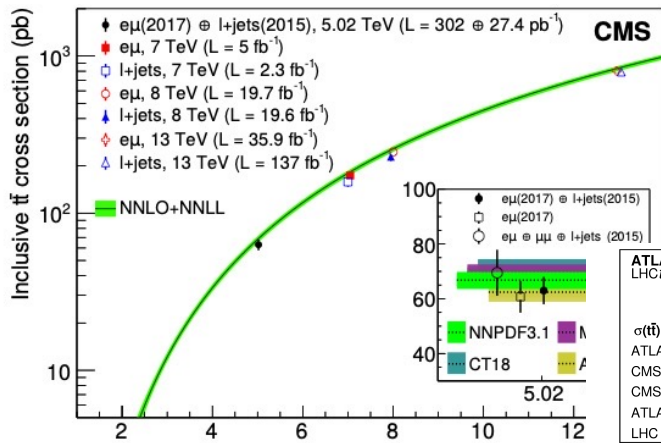
C. Quigg [hep-ph/0404228]

*Effective Hamiltonians  
beyond the Leading Order  
and their applications*

[L.R. – PhD thesis]



# from discovery to precision physics



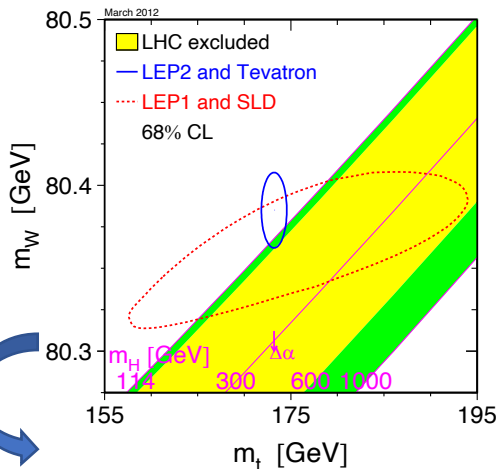
$M_t$  becomes a crucial input in precision fits of the SM (EW and flavor)



Anomalies in Top-quark EW couplings (W,Z,H) possible hint of BSM physics

# Higgs

# from prediction to discovery



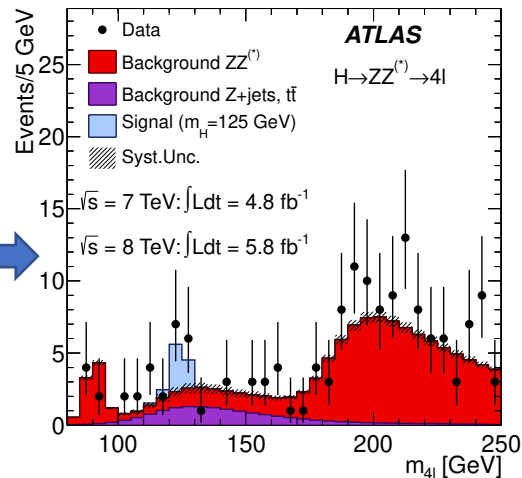
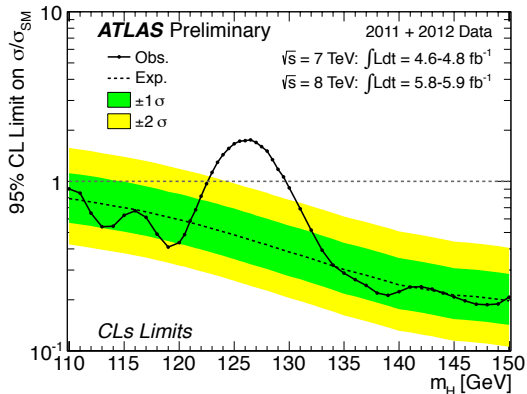
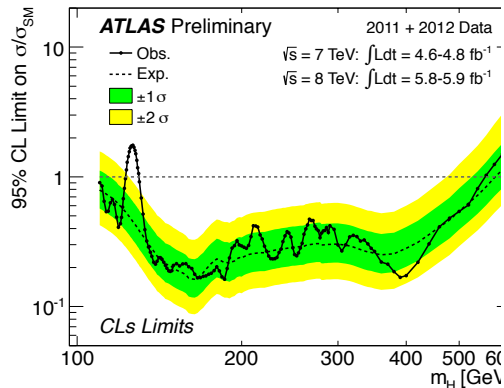
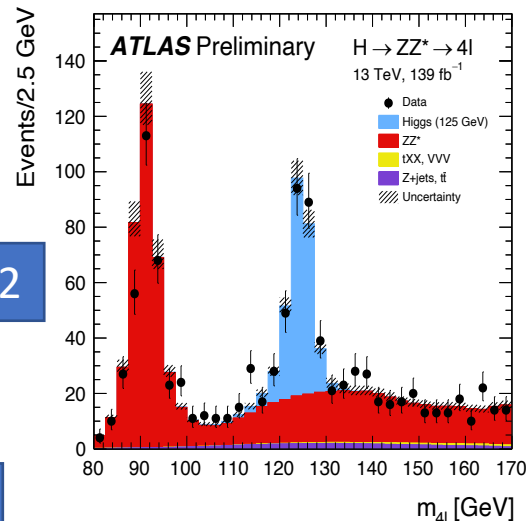
From EW fits

$$M_H = 94^{+29}_{-24} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_H < 152-171 \text{ GeV}$$

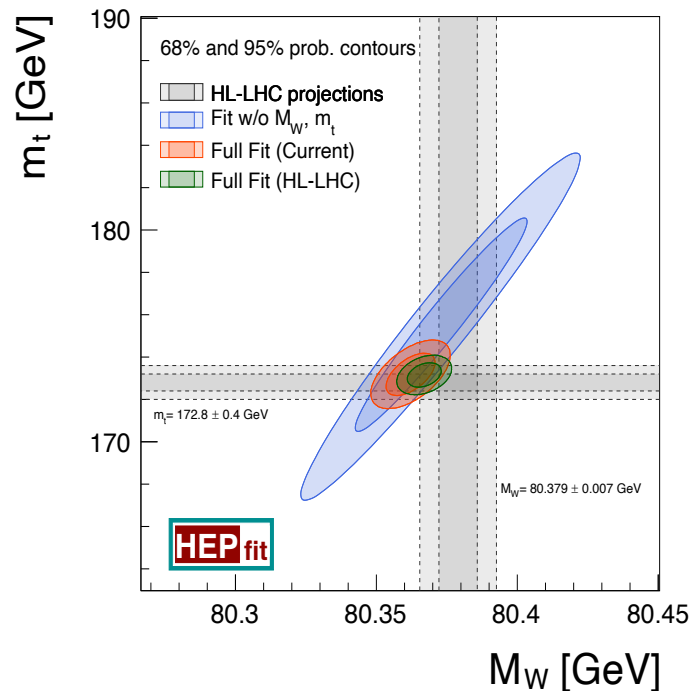
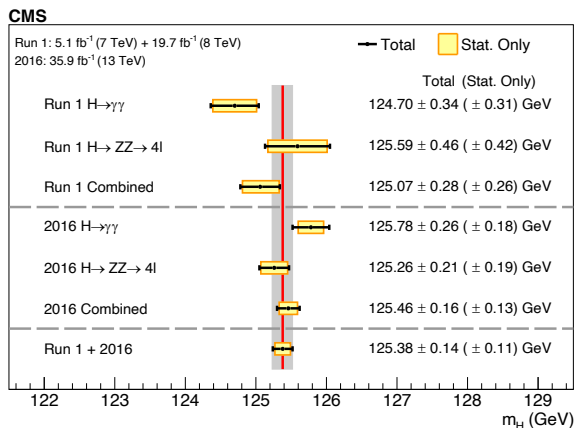
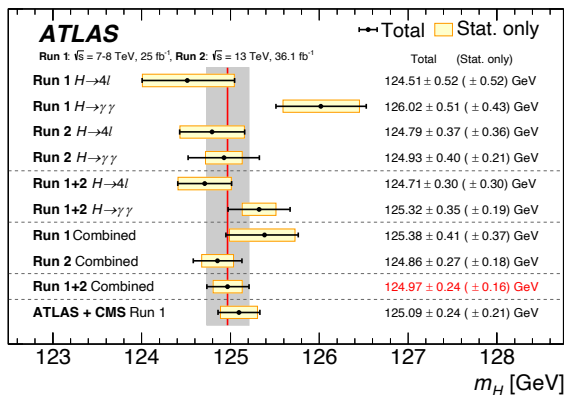
LHC@Run1+2

LHC@Run1:  $M_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24 \text{ GeV}$



# Higgs

# from discovery to precision physics

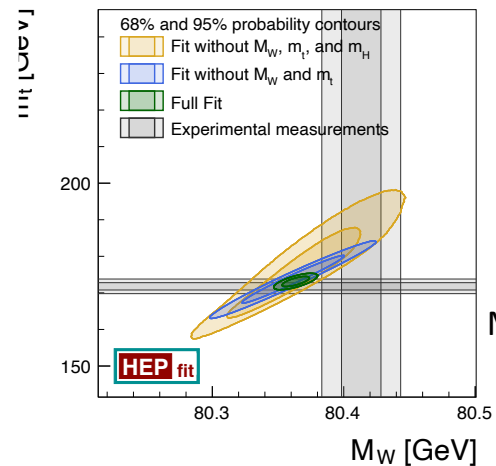
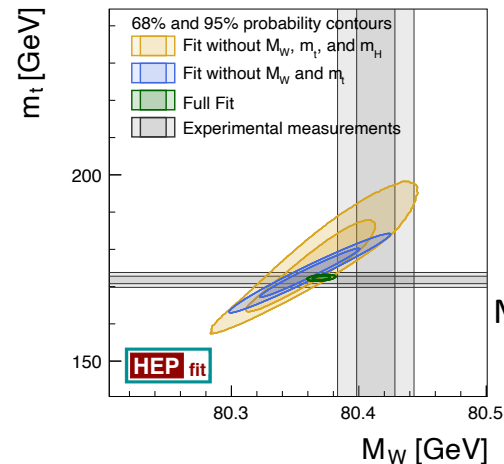
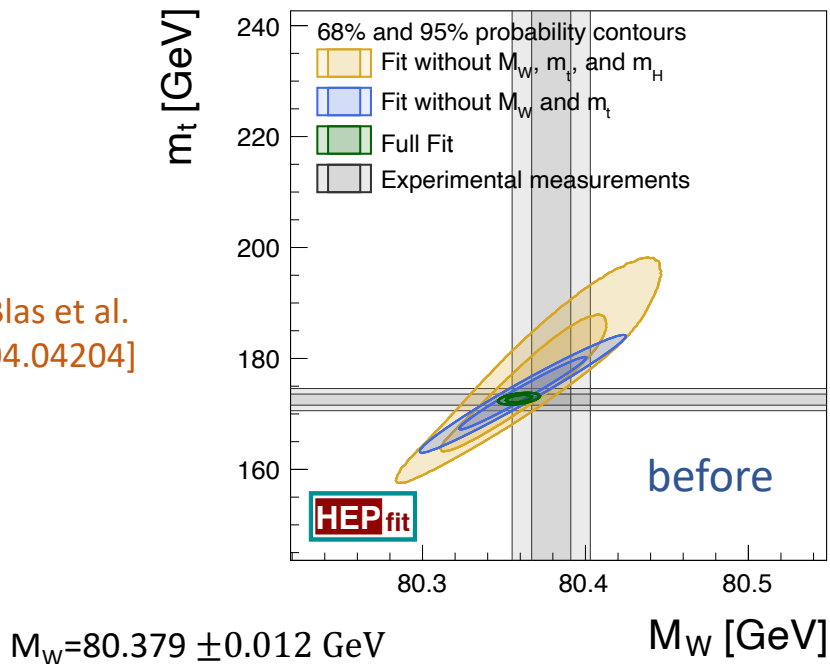


$M_H$  promoted to EW precision observable

# Stress-testing the SM

A recent challenge: CDF new  $M_W$  measurement

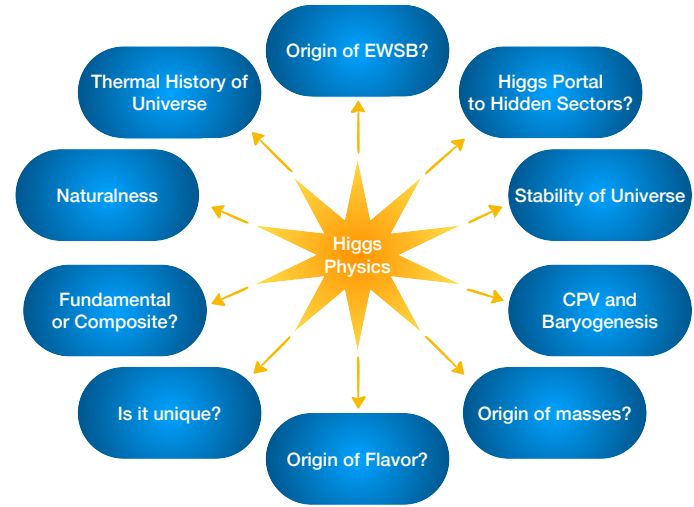
De Blas et al.  
[2204.04204]



# The big open questions

## What is the origin of the EW scale?

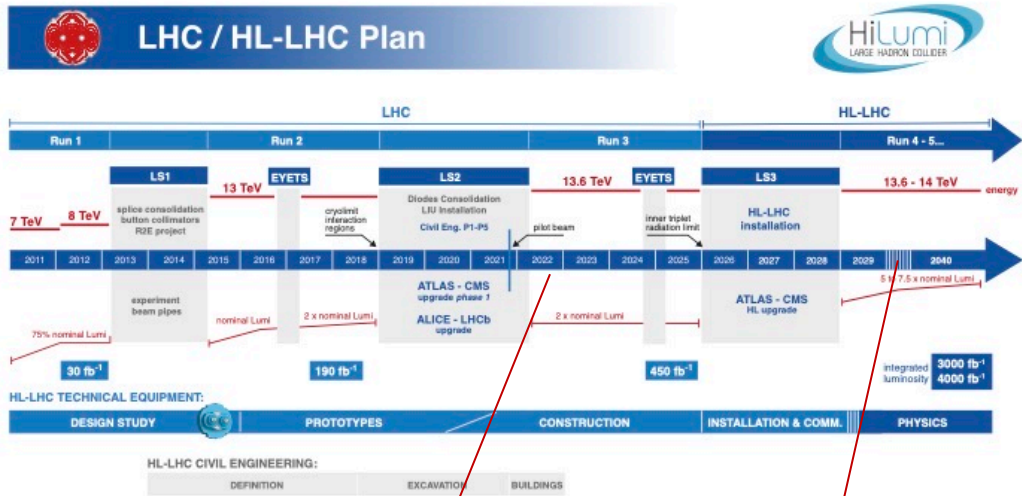
The discovery of the Higgs boson has sharpened the big open questions and given us a unique handle on BSM physics.



- Why the  $M_H \ll M_{\text{planck}}$  **hierarchy problem**?
- What are the implications for **Naturalness**?
- Can we uncover the origin of BSM physics from precision measurement of Higgs properties (couplings, width, ...). **Elementary vs composite? One Higgs? More?**
- Can we measure the shape of the **Higgs potential**  $\longrightarrow$  **Higgs self coupling(s)**
- Can Higgs properties give us **insights on flavor** and vice versa?
  - Couplings to heavy flavors (bottom, **top**, ..)
  - Couplings to light quarks and leptons



# The LHC era: exploring the TeV scale



## Indirectly via Higgs and Top:

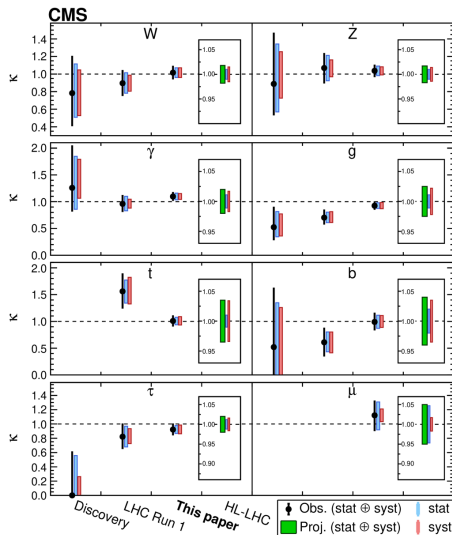
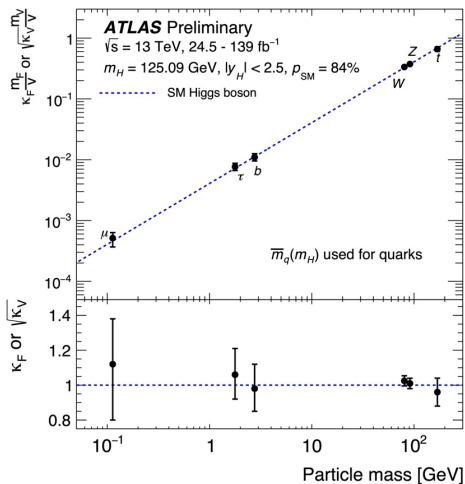
- Run 2 delivery for Higgs couplings outperformed expectations
- LHC will define top physics till the next high-energy collider
  - $e^+e^- > 500$  GeV
  - $pp@100$  TeV
  - $\mu+\mu^- > 10$  TeV

We are only here

Many years of HL running ahead of us

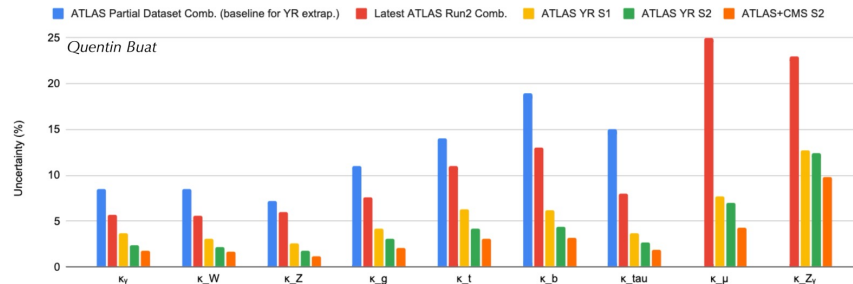
- ➔ 2-fold increase in statistics by the end of Run 3
- ➔ 20-fold increase in statistics by the end of HL-LHC!

$$\kappa = g_x / g_x^{\text{SM}}$$

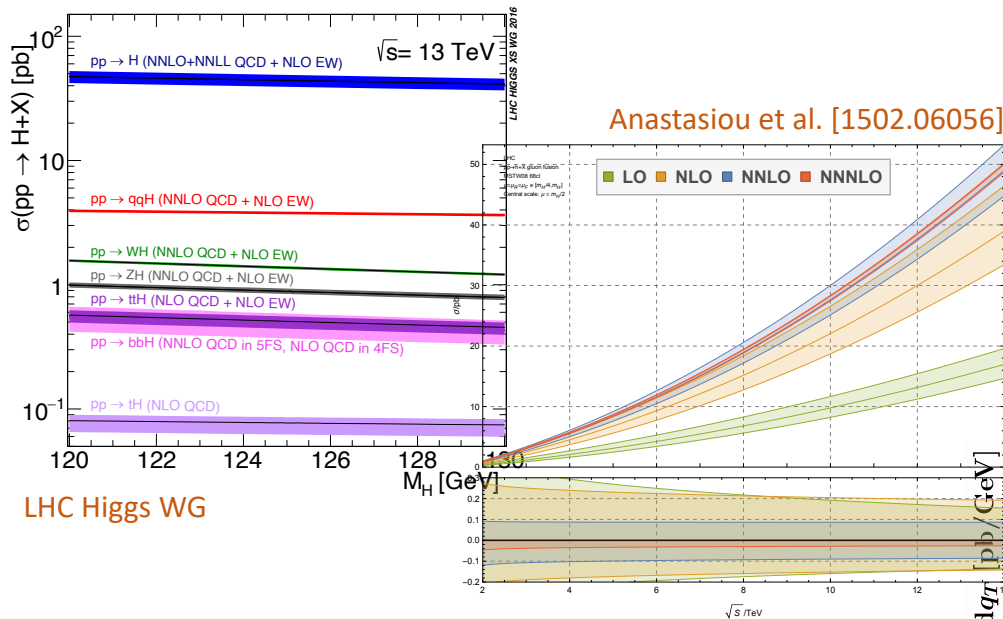


- Couplings to W/Z at 5-10 %, couplings to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fermions to 10-20%
- First measurements of couplings to 2<sup>nd</sup> generation fermions
- HL-LHC projections from YR: 2-5 % on most couplings and <50% on Higgs self-coupling

Full Run2 results drastically improve partial Run 2 results (baseline for YR projections)

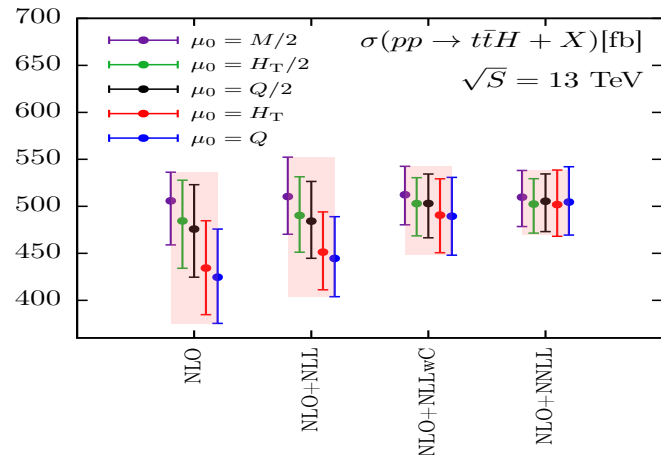


# Theory has come a long way

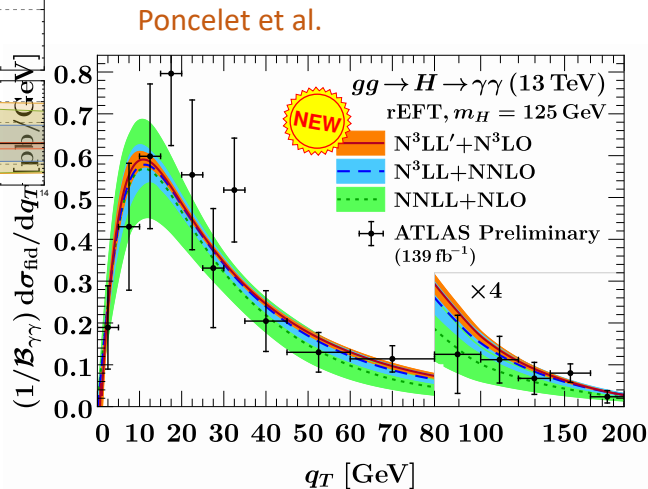


LHC Higgs WG

Several backgrounds also know at NLO QCD+EW or improved NLO (+NNLL) (e.g. W/Z+j, ttbb, ttW, ttZ, tt $\gamma$ , ...)

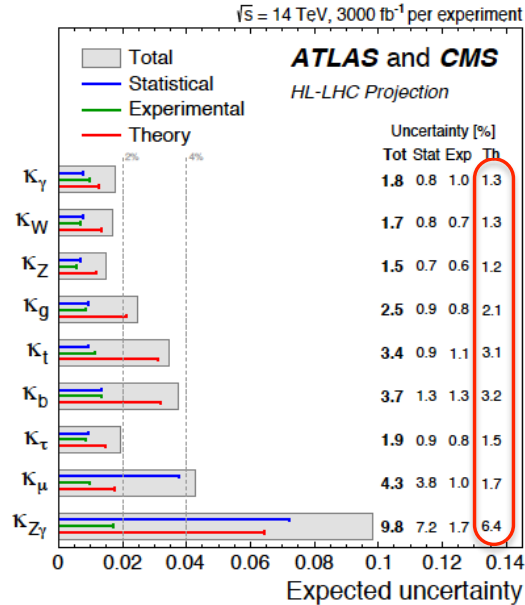
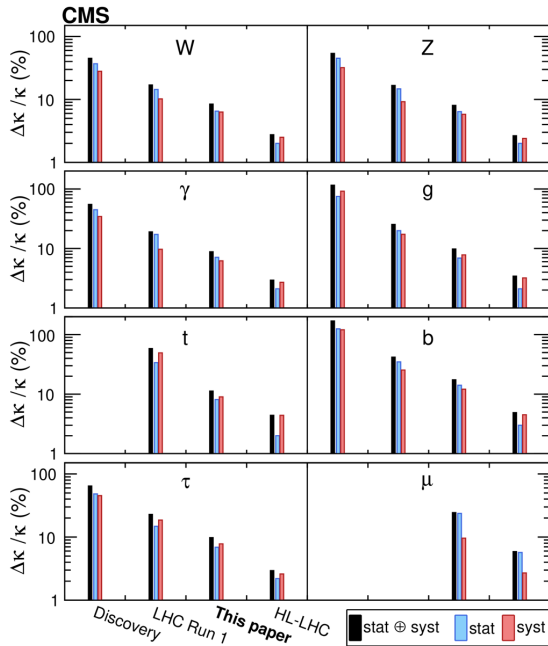


Kulesza et al. [1812.08622]



Poncelet et al.

## zooming on couplings, a little more ...



Generically:  
 $\Delta\kappa/\kappa \sim O(v^2/\Lambda^2)$

For new physics at 1 TeV  
 expect deviations of  $O(6\%)$

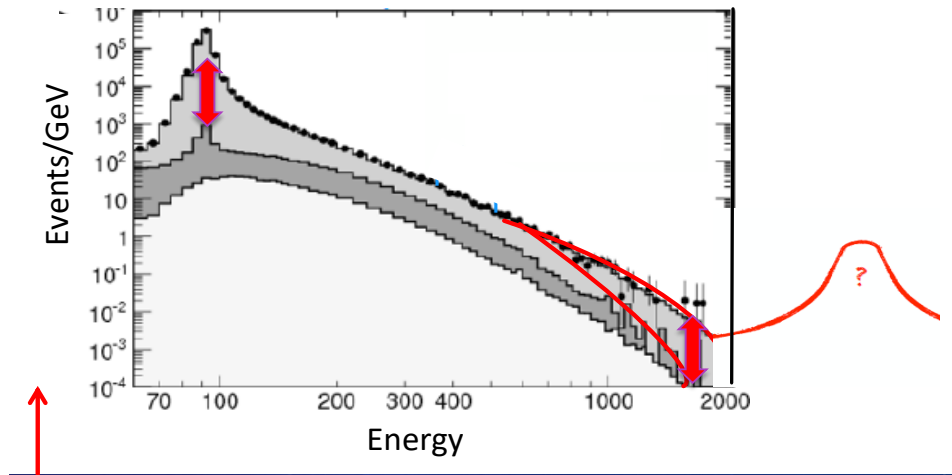
Improved systematics  
 probes higher scales



Theory could become main  
 limitation

Theory need to improve modeling and interpretation of LHC events, in particular when new physics may not be a simple rescaling of SM interactions

# Beyond total rates

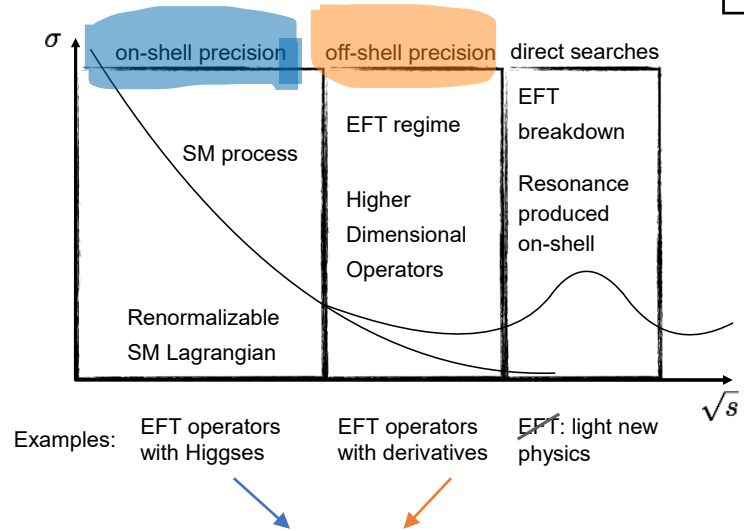


Need SM precision calculations at differential level both at **lower energy**, where rates are large and at **higher energy** where rates are small but effects of new physics may be more visible.

Extending the SM via effective interactions above the EW scale  $\rightarrow$  **SMEFT**

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

dim=6  
dim>8



Crucial to control EFT sensitive regions

# Ex: Interpreting $t\bar{t}Z$ measurements

## Anomalous top couplings

$$\mathcal{L} = e\bar{u}(p_t) \left[ \gamma^\mu (C_{1,V} + \gamma_5 C_{1,A}) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_Z} (C_{2,V} + i\gamma_5 C_{2,A}) \right] v(p_{\bar{t}}) Z_\mu$$

## Effective operators

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

$$O_{uZ} = -s_W O_{uB} + c_W O_{uW}$$

$$O_{uB} = (\bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}u)(\epsilon\varphi^* B_{\mu\nu})$$

$$O_{uW} = (\bar{q}\tau^I\sigma^{\mu\nu}u)(\epsilon\varphi^* W_{\mu\nu}^I)$$

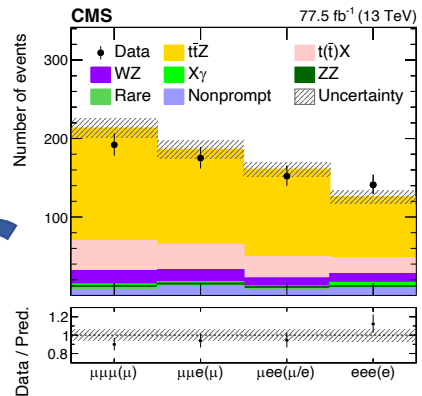
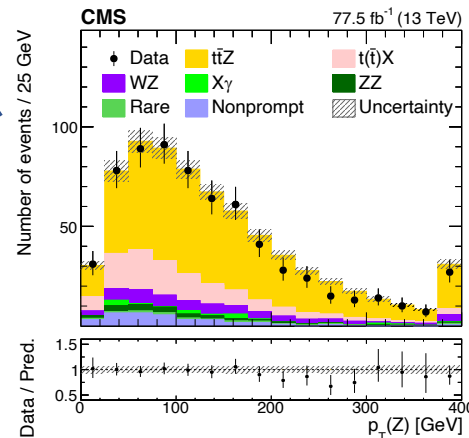
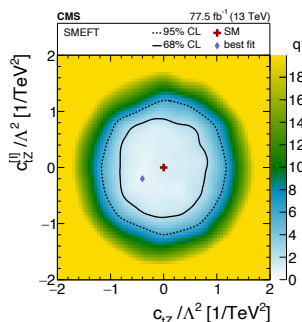
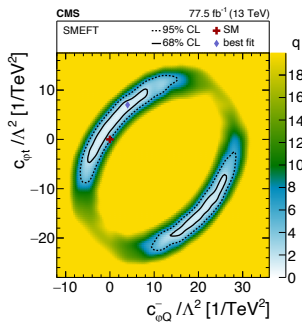
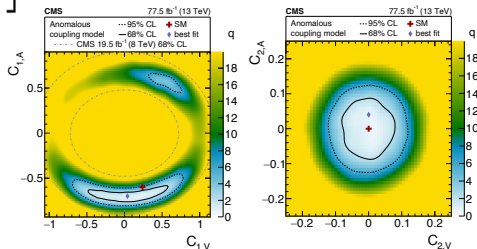
$$O_{\varphi u} = (\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u)(\varphi^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu\varphi)$$

$$O_{\varphi q}^- = O_{\varphi q}^1 - O_{\varphi q}^3$$

$$O_{\varphi q}^1 = (\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q)(\varphi^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu\varphi)$$

$$O_{\varphi q}^3 = (\bar{q}\tau^I\gamma^\mu q)(\varphi^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I\varphi)$$

...



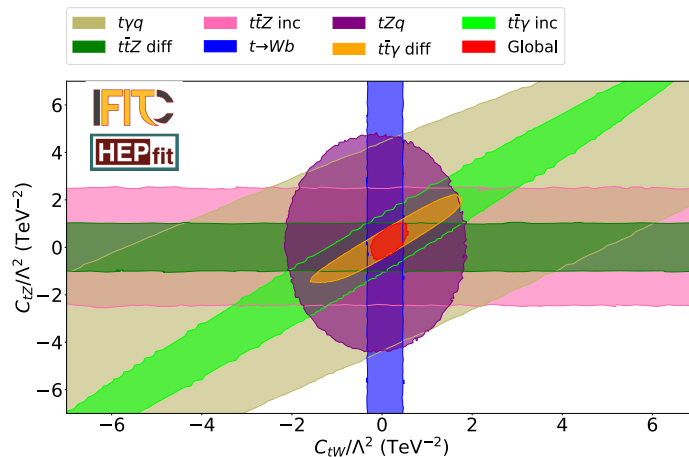
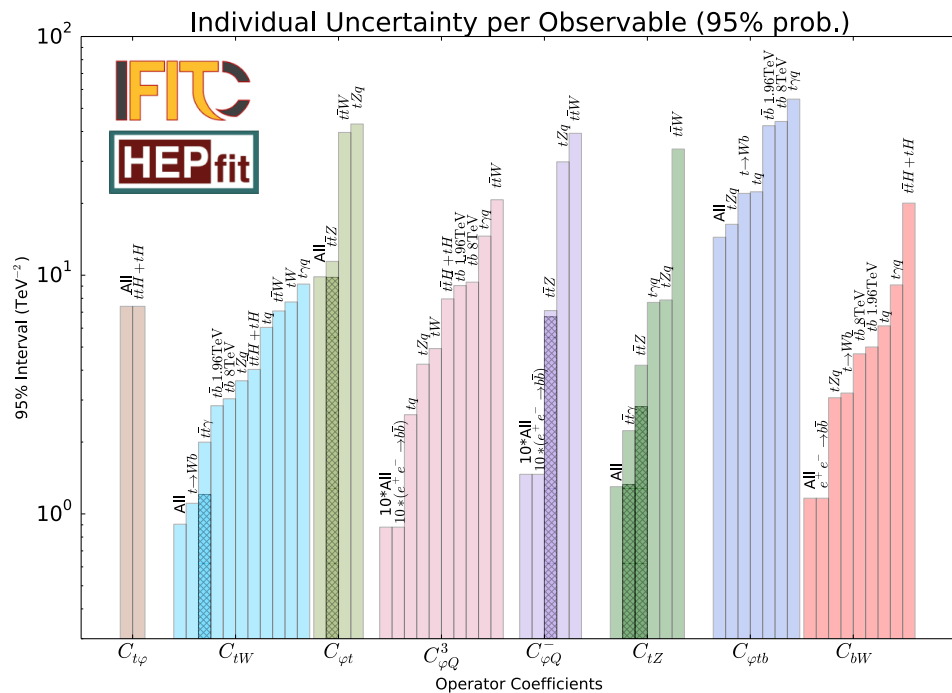
CMS [arXiv:1907.11270]

ttZ searches in 3l and 4l signatures

# EFT allows multiple probes

## Global fits of top observables

V. Miralles, et al. [arXiv:2107.13917]



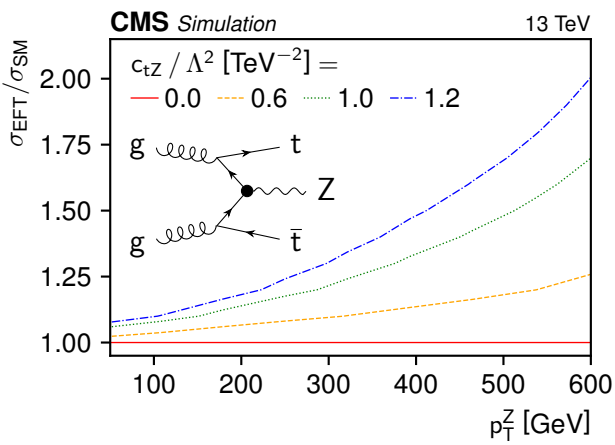
Kinematic distributions add substantial constraining power



Accurate modelling of  $t\bar{t}+X$  differential cross sections and signatures becomes crucial

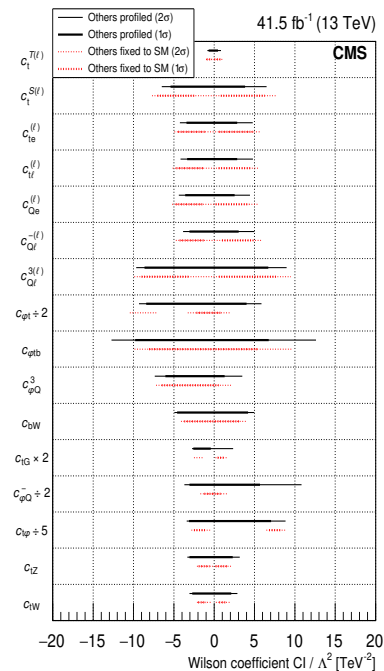
# ... exploring boosted kinematics and off-shell signatures

## Top pair + boosted Z/H

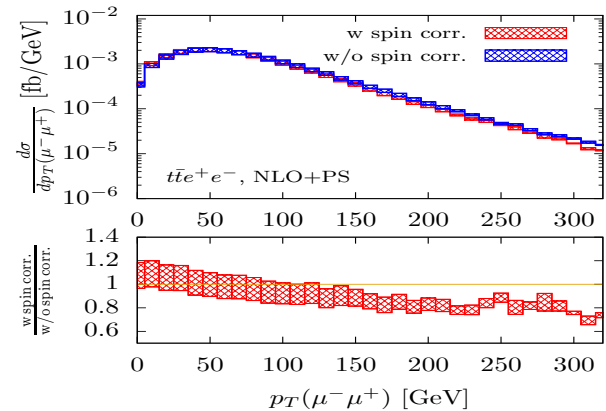


$\delta\eta_{SM} \sim g_{BSM}^2 \frac{E^2}{M^2}$  Effects in tails of distributions but also anomalous shapes

## Top+additional leptons

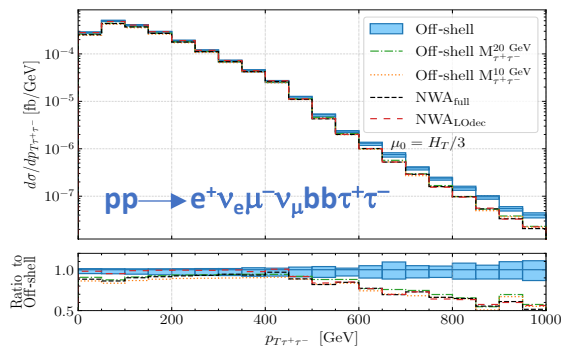


[CMS: arXiv:2012.04120]



M. Ghezzi et al. [2112.08892]

## Off-shell studies



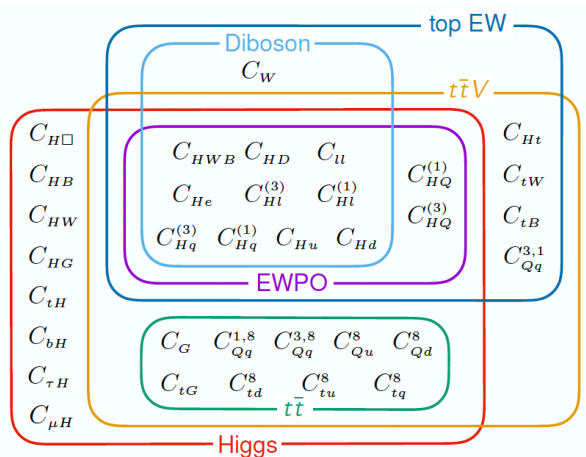
G. Bevilacqua et al. [2203.15688]

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

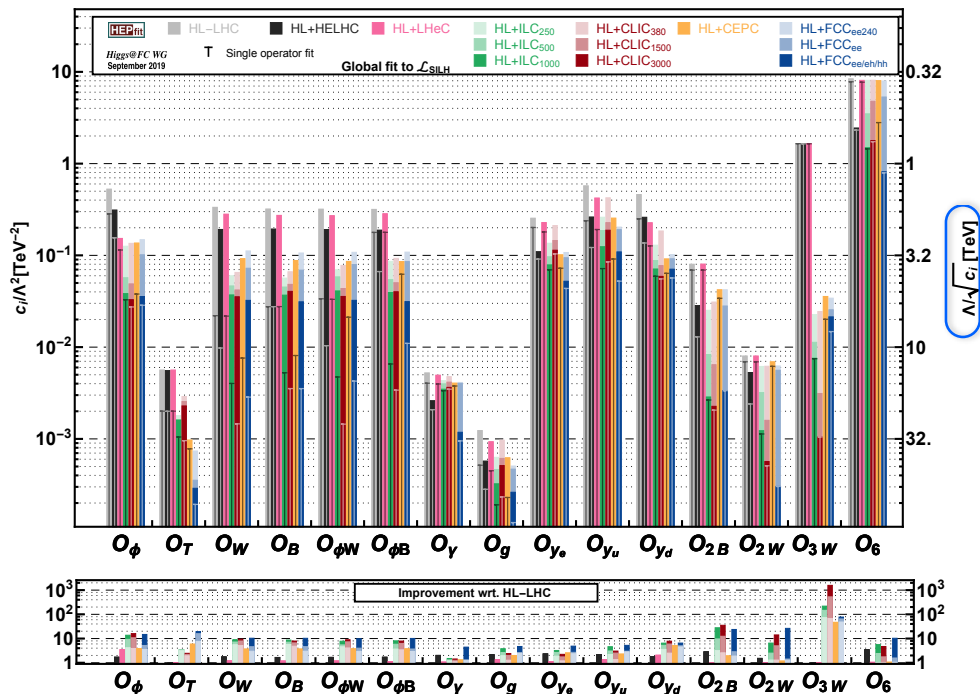


# EFT global fits

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## EW + Higgs



EFT connects different processes with large correlations: pattern of coefficients give insights on underlying BSM model

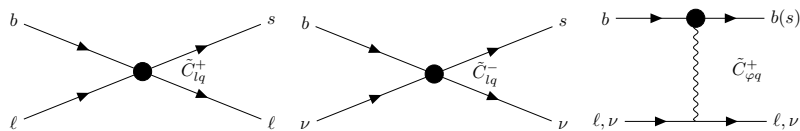
# ... adding EW + Higgs + top and flavor!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}^{\text{EFT}} \xrightarrow{\Lambda \ll \Lambda_{\text{EW}}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Weak}}^{\text{EFT}} = \sum_{i=1}^{10} C_i^{\text{WEFT}} \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{WEFT}}$$

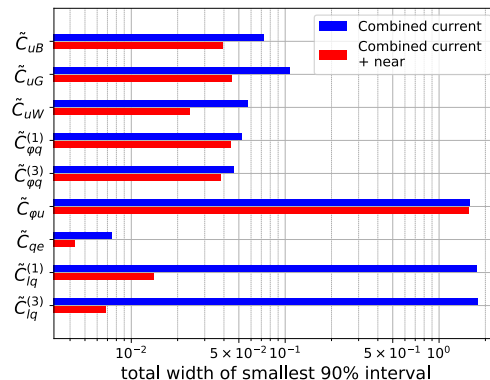
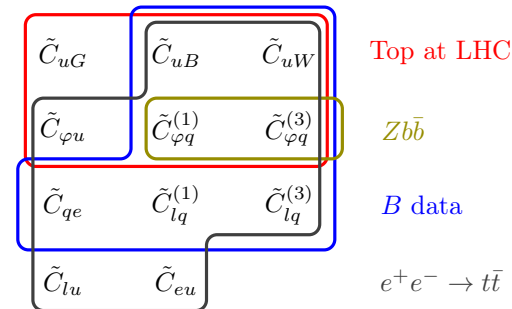
where

$\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{WEFT}} \rightarrow$  4-fermion operators of quarks(except  $t$ ) and leptons

$C_i^{\text{WEFT}} \rightarrow$  depend on  $C_i^{\text{SMEFT}}$



Strong constraint from B-meson semileptonic decays and intriguing relation with flavor anomalies



near:  
including Belle II  
and HL-LHC