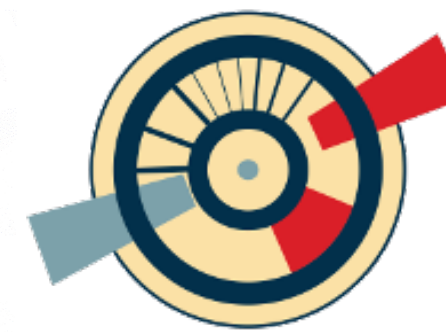


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# Future perspectives for EFT studies at LHC

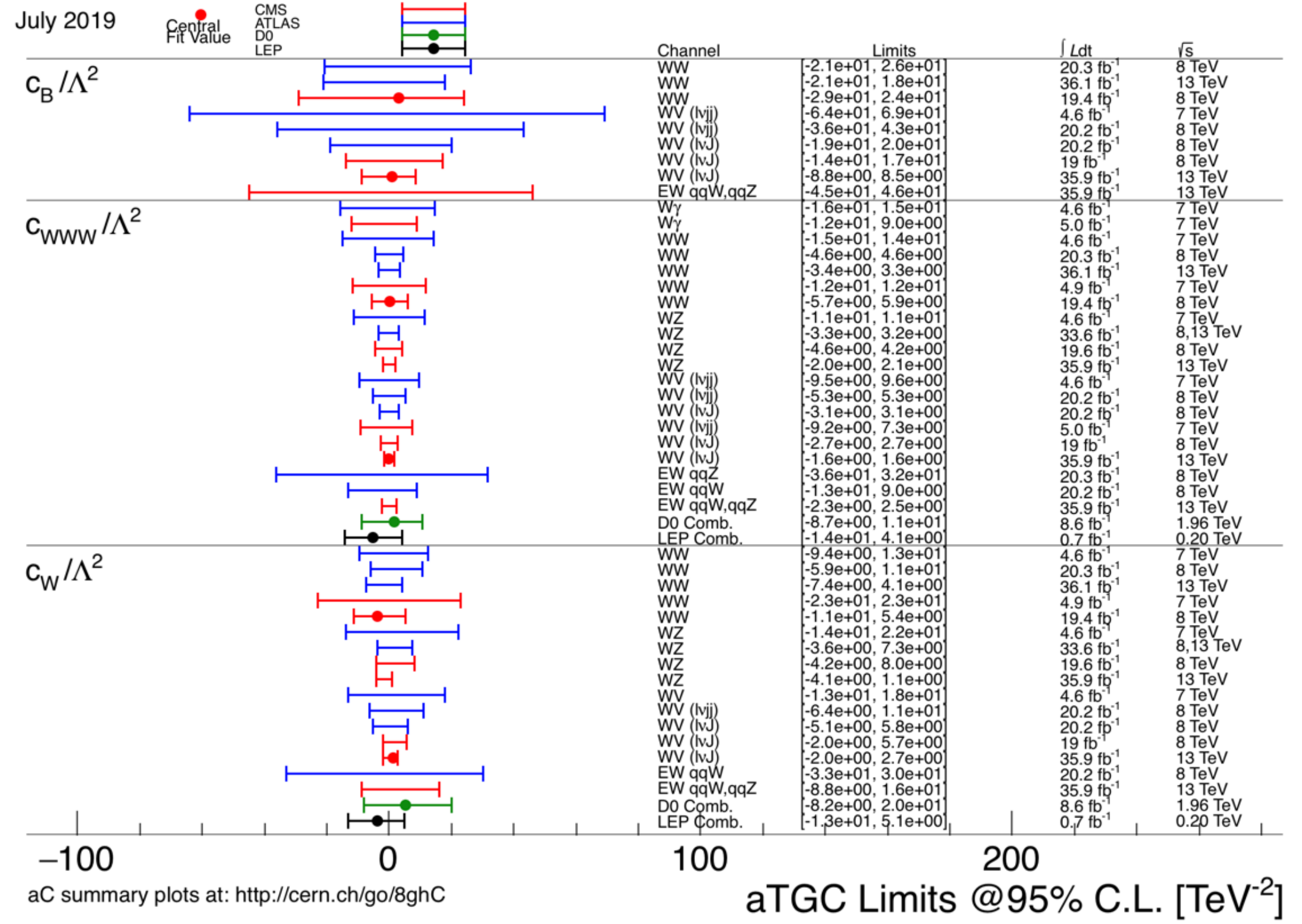
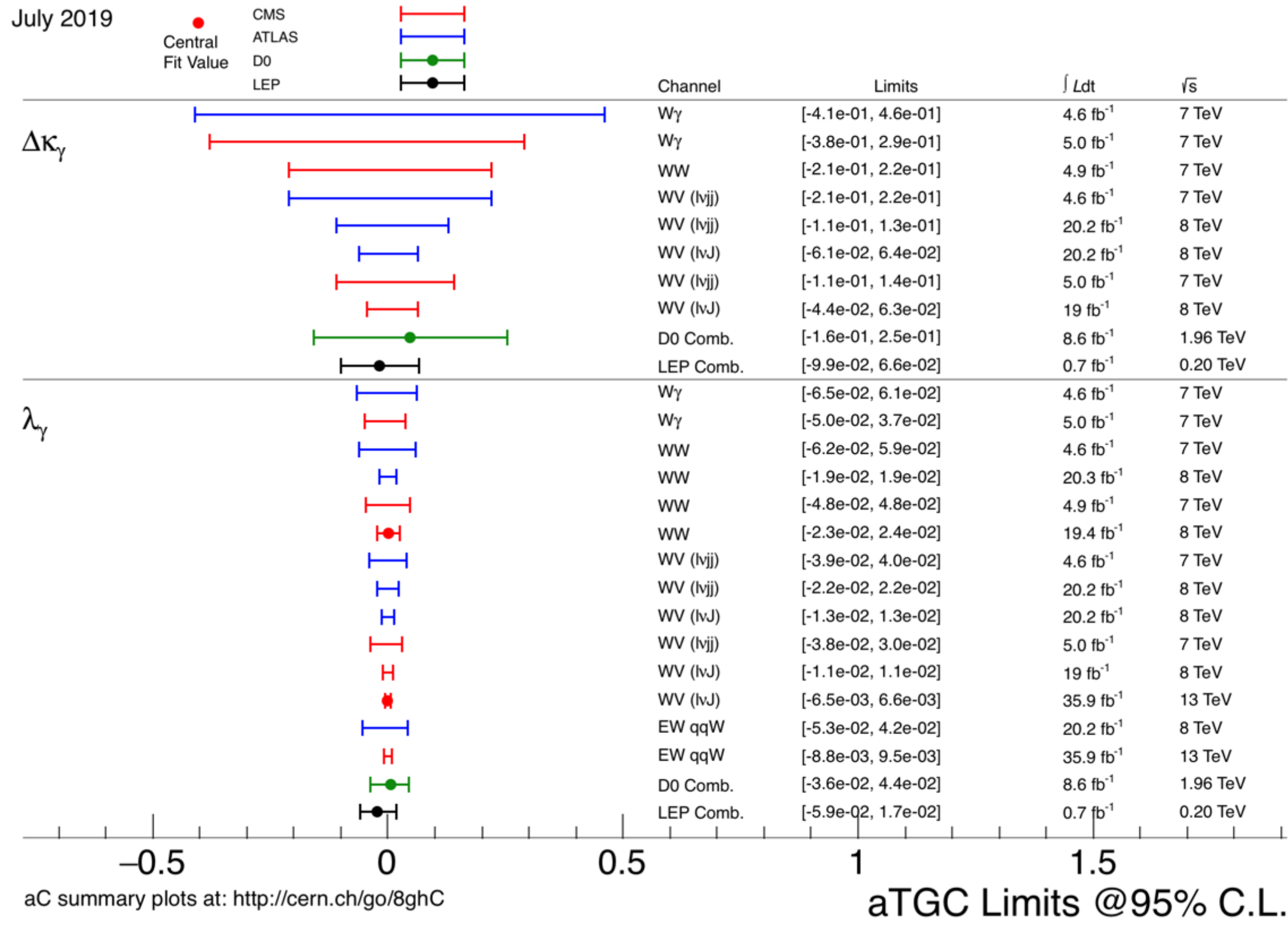
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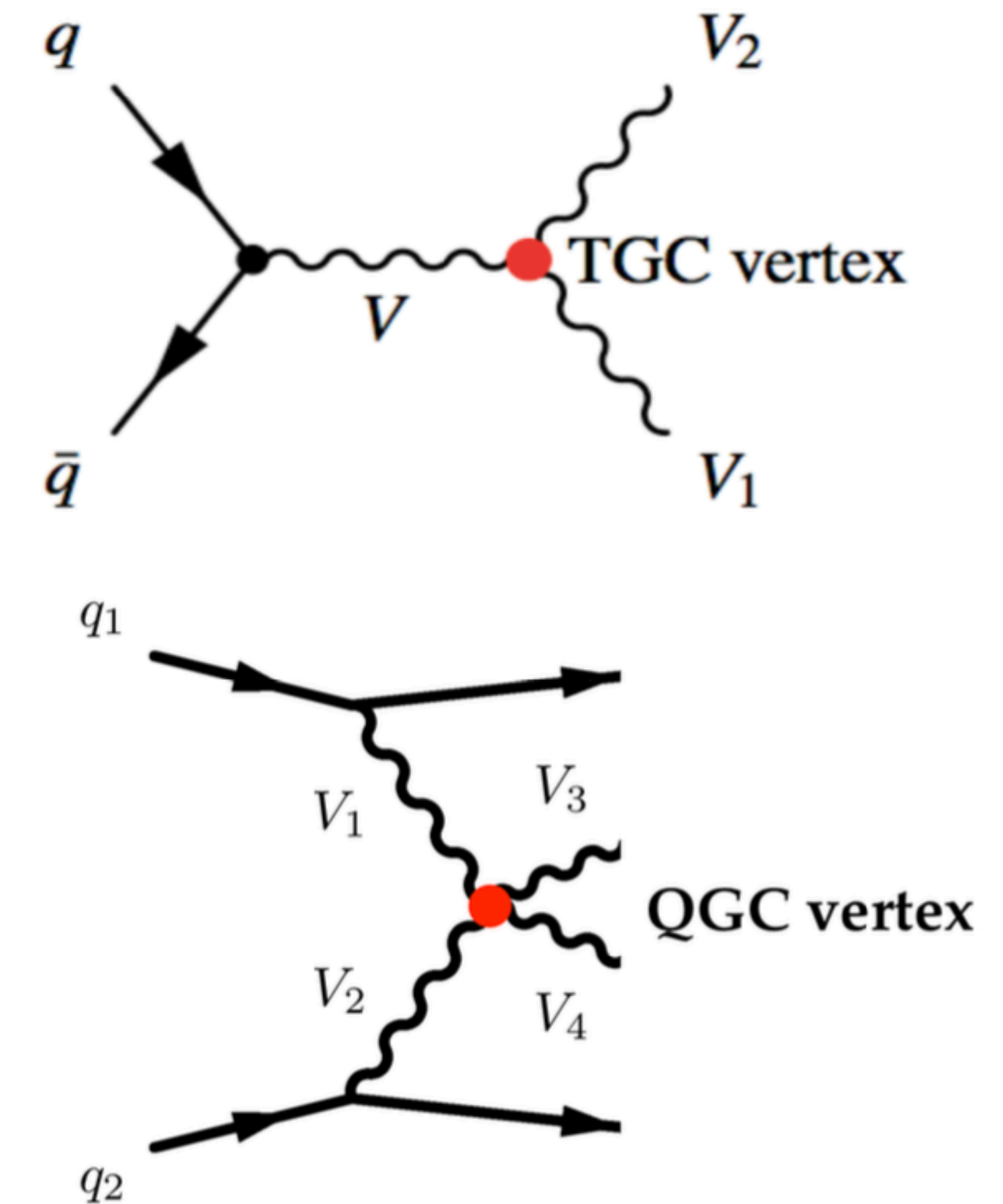
- this is a biased talk: I work in the CMS Collaboration, with some experience in the Higgs boson search and multi-boson processes (VBS)
  - in the first part of the talk, an incomplete collection of material is meant as an example to trigger the second part of the presentation,
  - a (not exhaustive) **set of questions** useful to start a discussion
  - **in view** of the preparation **of a global EFT fit of LHC results**
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- (some material stolen from recent talks at LHCP20)

- BSM physics as **search for unexpected deviations** is studied at the LHC since the beginning of the data taking
- the first version of these plots in our Twiki pages dates back to **26.02.2013**



# anomalous couplings

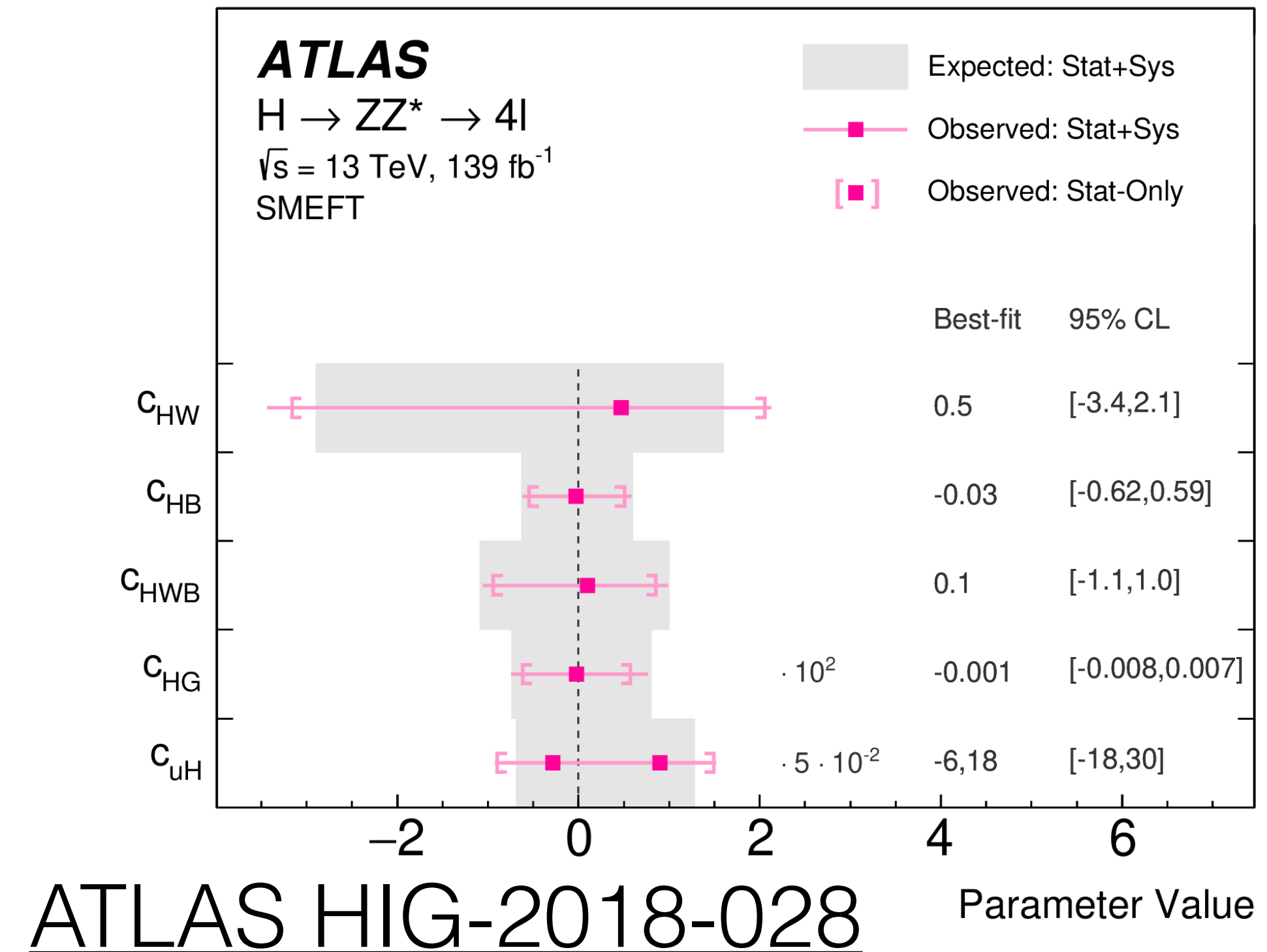
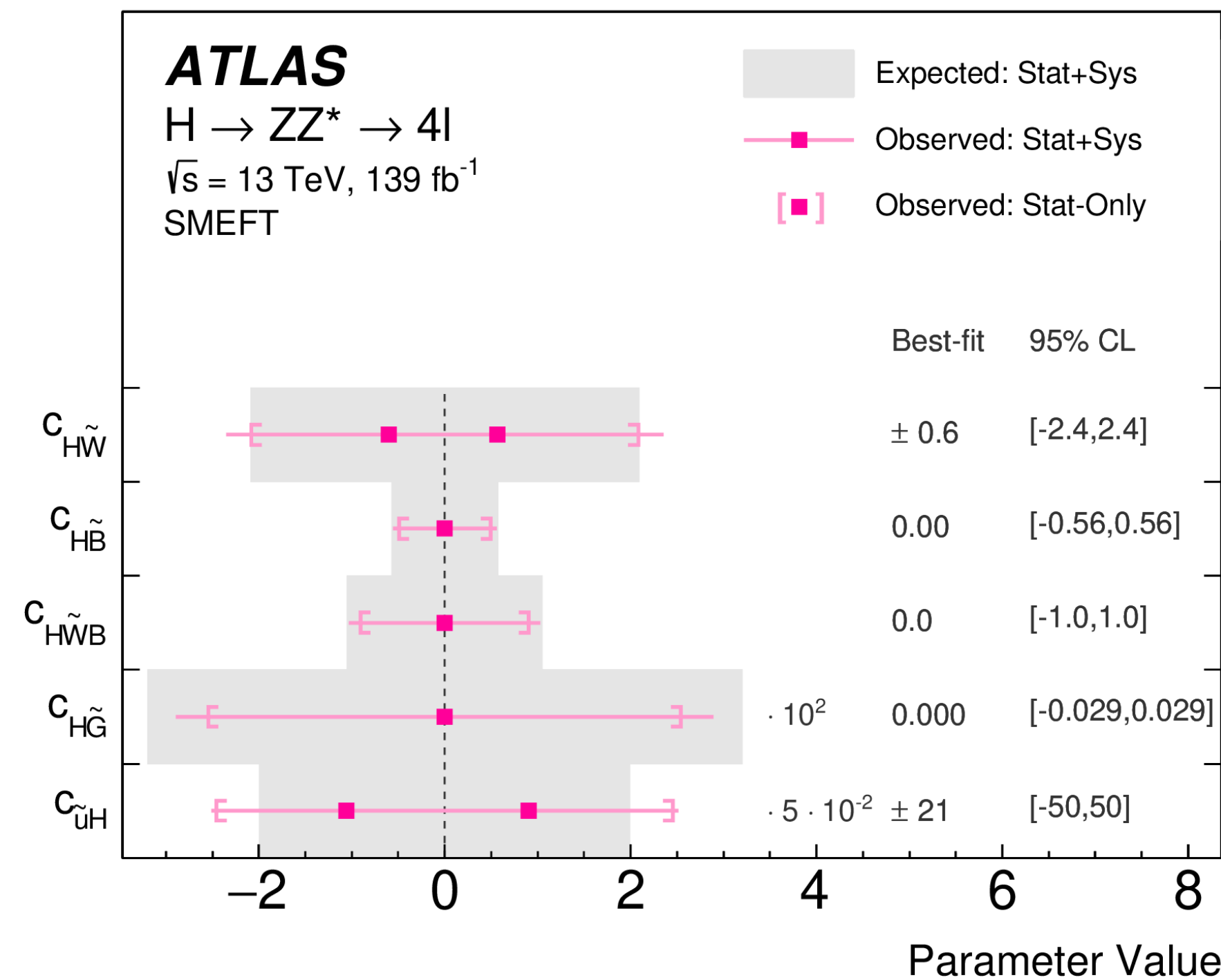
- many results have been expressed in terms of **anomalous couplings**
- assume that any new physics is summarised as a **multiplicative modification of one coupling** in a single vertex in Feynman diagrams
- typically divided into two categories: anomalous Triple Gauge Couplings (**aTGC**) or anomalous Quartic Gauge Couplings (**aQGC**)
- **historically**, aTGCs have been associated to di-boson final states, aQGCs to tri-boson final states and vector boson scattering (VBS)





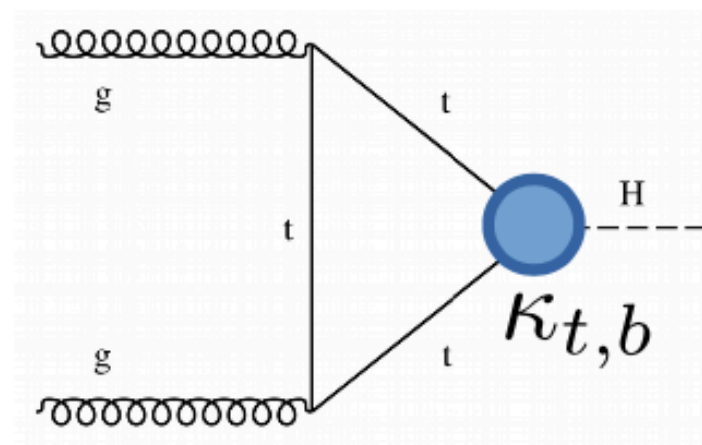
# In the Higgs sector

- searches for **anomalies wrt the SM** started before the Higgs boson discovery, putting limits on signal strengths not compatible with unity
- continued after the Higgs discovery, to ascertain the SM-nature of the newly discovered resonance

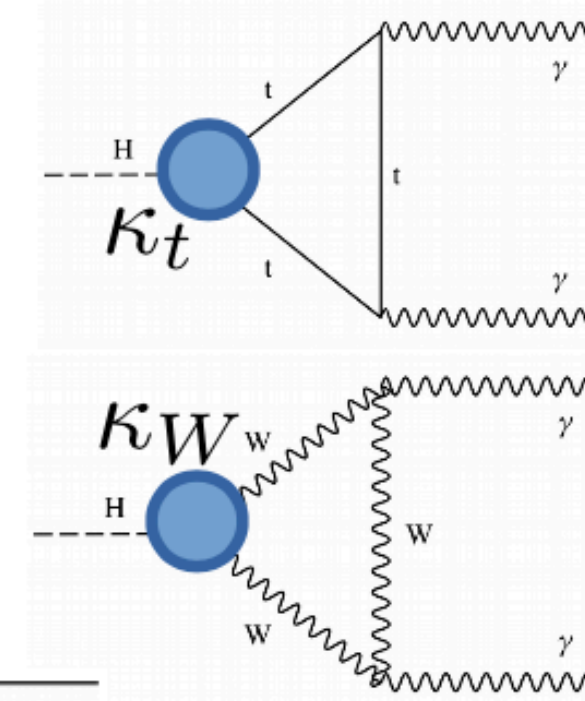
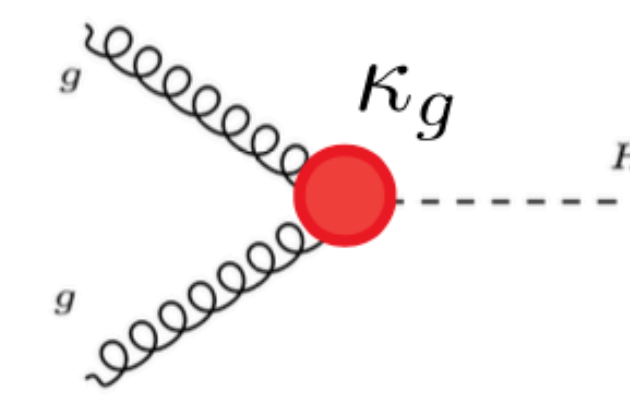


# the kappa framework

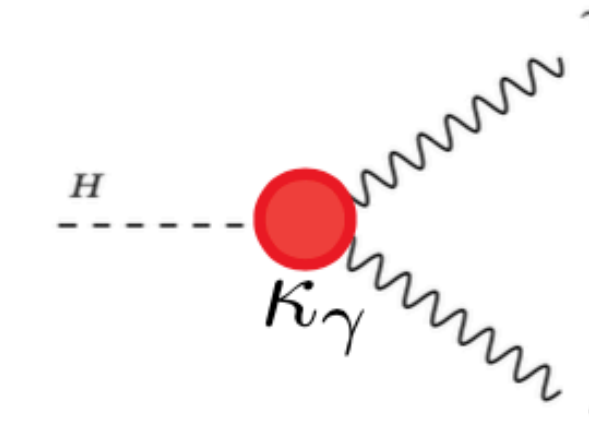
- Multiplicative coupling modifiers  
 $\Rightarrow$  SM: positive + equal to unity
- Two possible treatments for loop diagrams:
  - ▶ resolved into SM components
  - ▶ effective vertices



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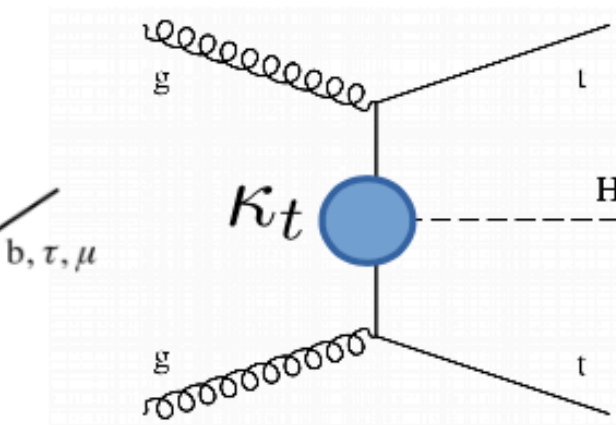
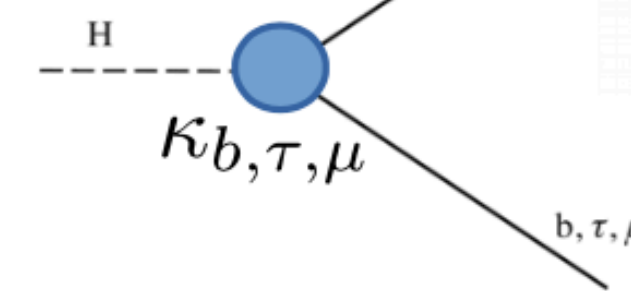
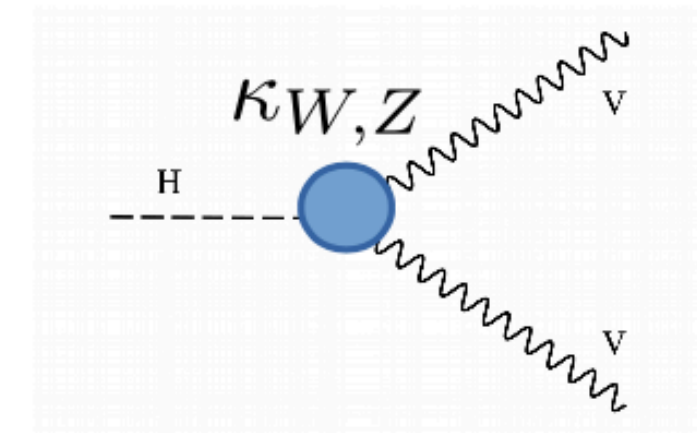


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$$\mu \rightarrow \mu(\kappa)$$

	Loops	Interference	Effective scaling factor	Resolved scaling factor
<b>Production</b>				
$\sigma(ggH)$	✓	g-t	$\kappa_g^2$	$1.04\kappa_t^2 + 0.002\kappa_b^2 - 0.038\kappa_t\kappa_b$
$\sigma(\text{VBF})$	—	—	—	$0.73\kappa_W^2 + 0.27\kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(\text{WH})$	—	—	—	$\kappa_W^2$
$\sigma(\text{qq/qg} \rightarrow \text{ZH})$	—	—	—	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow \text{ZH})$	✓	Z-t	—	$2.46\kappa_Z^2 + 0.47\kappa_t^2 - 1.94\kappa_Z\kappa_t$
$\sigma(\text{ttH})$	—	—	—	$\kappa_t^2$
$\sigma(\text{gb} \rightarrow \text{WtH})$	—	W-t	—	$2.91\kappa_t^2 + 2.31\kappa_W^2 - 4.22\kappa_t\kappa_W$
$\sigma(\text{qb} \rightarrow \text{tHq})$	—	W-t	—	$2.63\kappa_t^2 + 3.58\kappa_W^2 - 5.21\kappa_t\kappa_W$
$\sigma(\text{bbH})$	—	—	—	$\kappa_b^2$
<b>Partial decay width</b>				
$\Gamma^{ZZ}$	—	—	—	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\Gamma^{WW}$	—	—	—	$\kappa_W^2$
$\Gamma^{\gamma\gamma}$	✓	W-t	$\kappa_\gamma^2$	$1.59\kappa_W^2 + 0.07\kappa_t^2 - 0.67\kappa_W\kappa_t$
$\Gamma^{\tau\tau}$	—	—	—	$\kappa_\tau^2$
$\Gamma^{bb}$	—	—	—	$\kappa_b^2$
$\Gamma^{\mu\mu}$	—	—	—	$\kappa_\mu^2$
<b>Total width for <math>\mathcal{B}_{\text{BSM}} = 0</math></b>				
$\Gamma_H$	✓	—	$\kappa_H^2$	$0.58\kappa_b^2 + 0.22\kappa_W^2 + 0.08\kappa_g^2 + 0.06\kappa_\tau^2 + 0.026\kappa_Z^2 + 0.029\kappa_c^2 + 0.0023\kappa_\gamma^2 + 0.0015\kappa_{Z\gamma}^2 + 0.00025\kappa_s^2 + 0.00022\kappa_\mu^2$



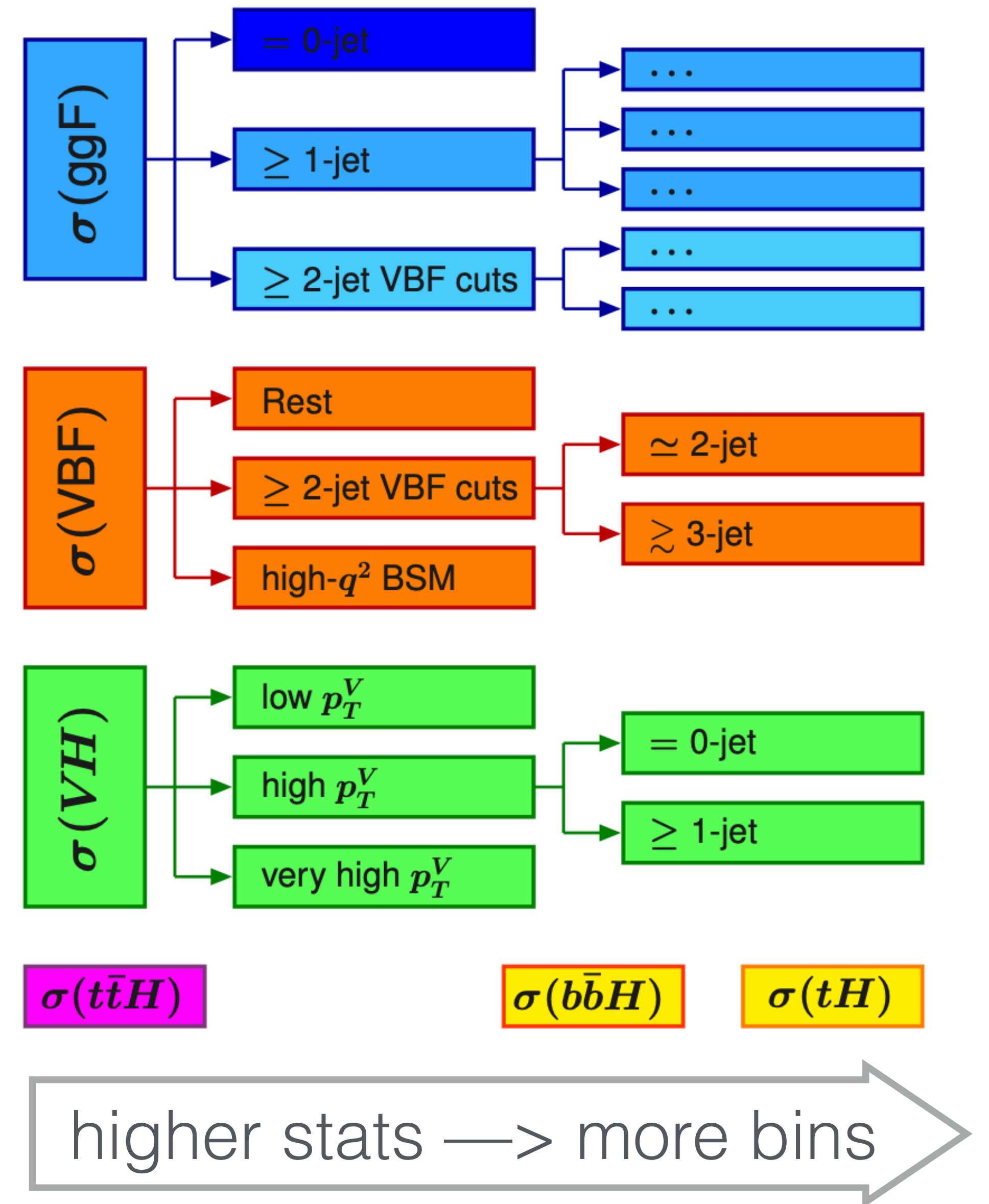
## Limitations

- 1 LO framework
- 2 Ignores shape effects
- 3 Specific to H physics



# standard template cross-sections

- **set of bins** in Higgs searches, agreed between experiments and theory, where to provide cross-section values, at different levels of refinement (the so-called versions)
- they may be used to **fit BSM models** on experimental results differentially
- **simple to use** also for global combinations in case of small deviations, with **theory uncertainties minimised**
- assume **SM selection efficiencies**, as the results are based on SM Monte Carlo simulations
- the **granularity is limited** by the binning itself



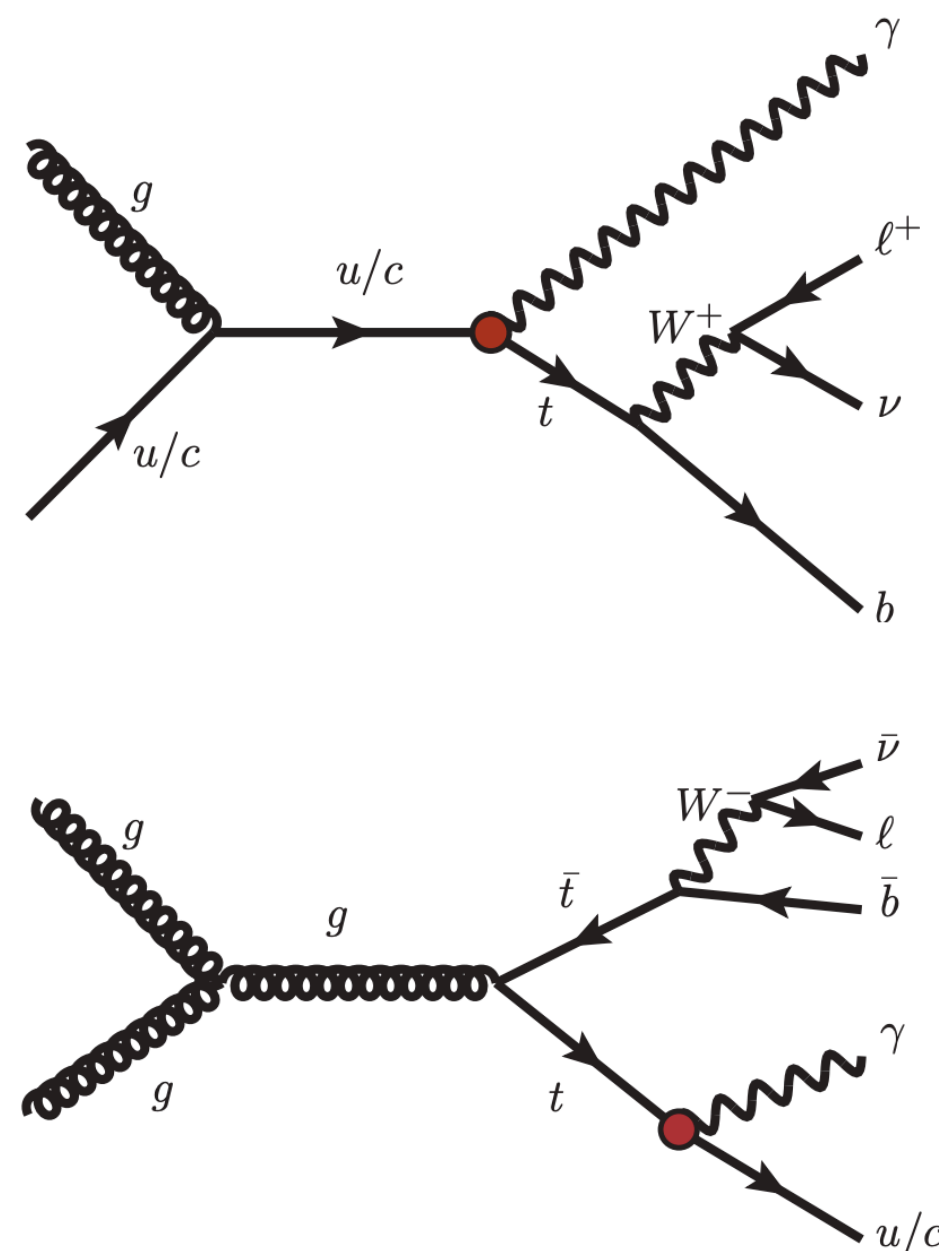
# EFT fits

- Higgs boson data analysis results also published in terms of **limits on additional EFT operators** to the SM Lagrangian
- **several different ways** of obtaining and publishing results depending on the experiments and single publications:
  - CMS HZZ HIG-13-002 (HVV effective amplitude)
  - ATLAS HZZ HIG-2018-28 (Warsaw basis)
  - ATLAS HYY ATLAS-CONF-2019-029 (SILH and Warsaw basis)
  - ATLAS H $\tau\tau$  HIG-17-004 (HEL basis)
  - CMS HIG-19-005 Higgs combination (based on STXS, kappa fwk and HEL basis)



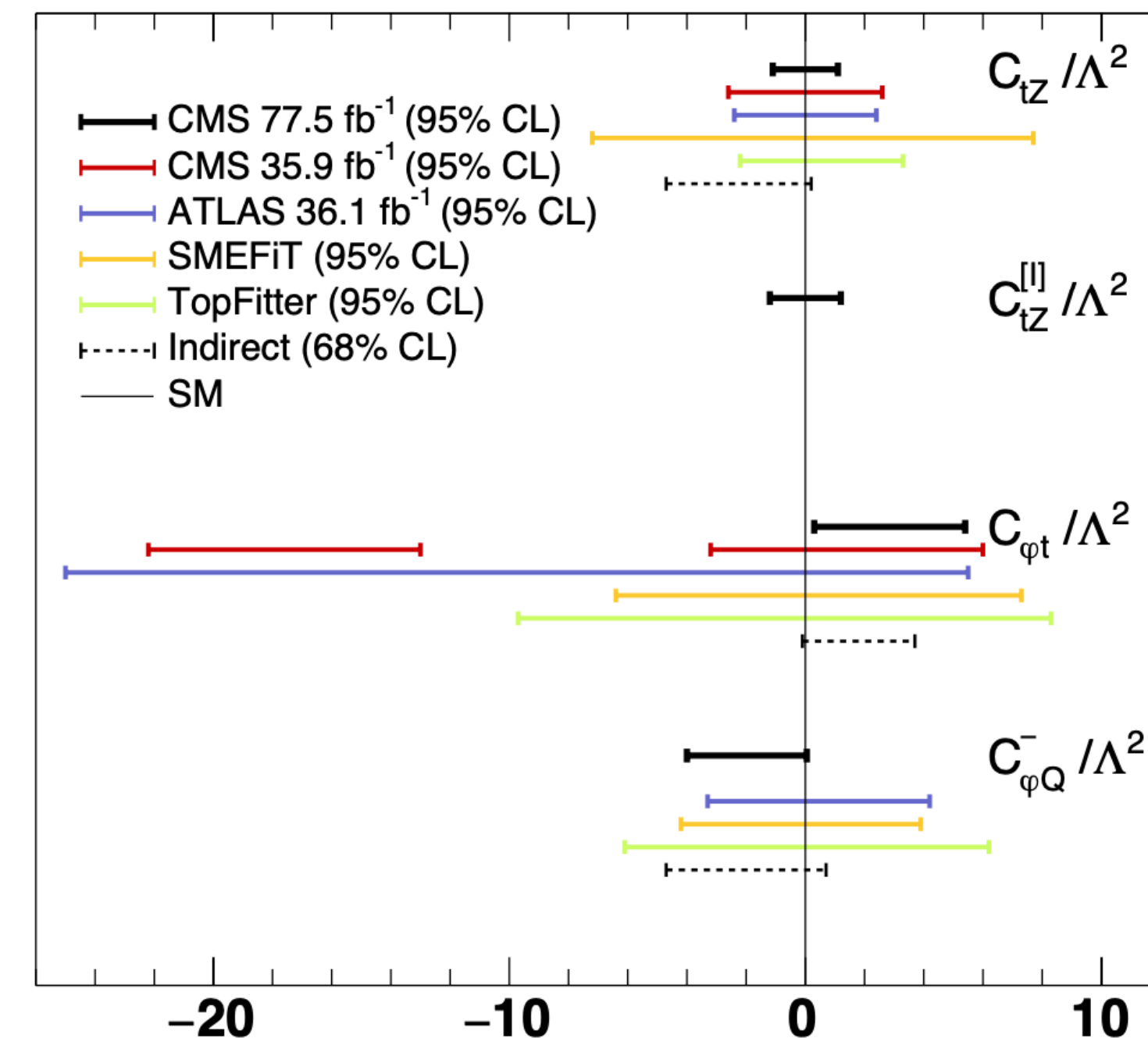
# in the top sector

- Flavour-Changing Neutral Currents (e.g. in ATLAS Phys. Lett. B 800 (2019) 135082)
- charged lepton flavour violation (ATLAS-CONF-2018-044)
- additional general anomaly searches in  $t\bar{t}b\bar{a}$  final states (e.g. in CMS 1903.11144) or exclusive ones (CMS  $t\bar{t}Z$  1907.11270)



Observable	Vertex	Coupling	Obs.	Exp.
$ C_{uW}^{(13)*} + C_{uB}^{(13)*} $	$tuy$	LH	0.19	$0.22^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$
$ C_{uW}^{(31)} + C_{uB}^{(31)} $	$tuy$	RH	0.27	$0.27^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$
$ C_{uW}^{(23)*} + C_{uB}^{(23)*} $	$tc\gamma$	LH	0.52	$0.57^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$
$ C_{uW}^{(32)} + C_{uB}^{(32)} $	$tc\gamma$	RH	0.48	$0.59^{+0.12}_{-0.09}$
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\gamma)$ [fb]	$tuy$	LH	36	$52^{+21}_{-14}$
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\gamma)$ [fb]	$tuy$	RH	78	$75^{+31}_{-21}$
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\gamma)$ [fb]	$tc\gamma$	LH	40	$49^{+20}_{-14}$
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\gamma)$ [fb]	$tc\gamma$	RH	33	$52^{+22}_{-14}$
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	$tuy$	LH	2.8	$4.0^{+1.6}_{-1.1}$
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	$tuy$	RH	6.1	$5.9^{+2.4}_{-1.6}$
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	$tc\gamma$	LH	22	$27^{+11}_{-7}$
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow q\gamma)$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	$tc\gamma$	RH	18	$28^{+12}_{-8}$

CMS





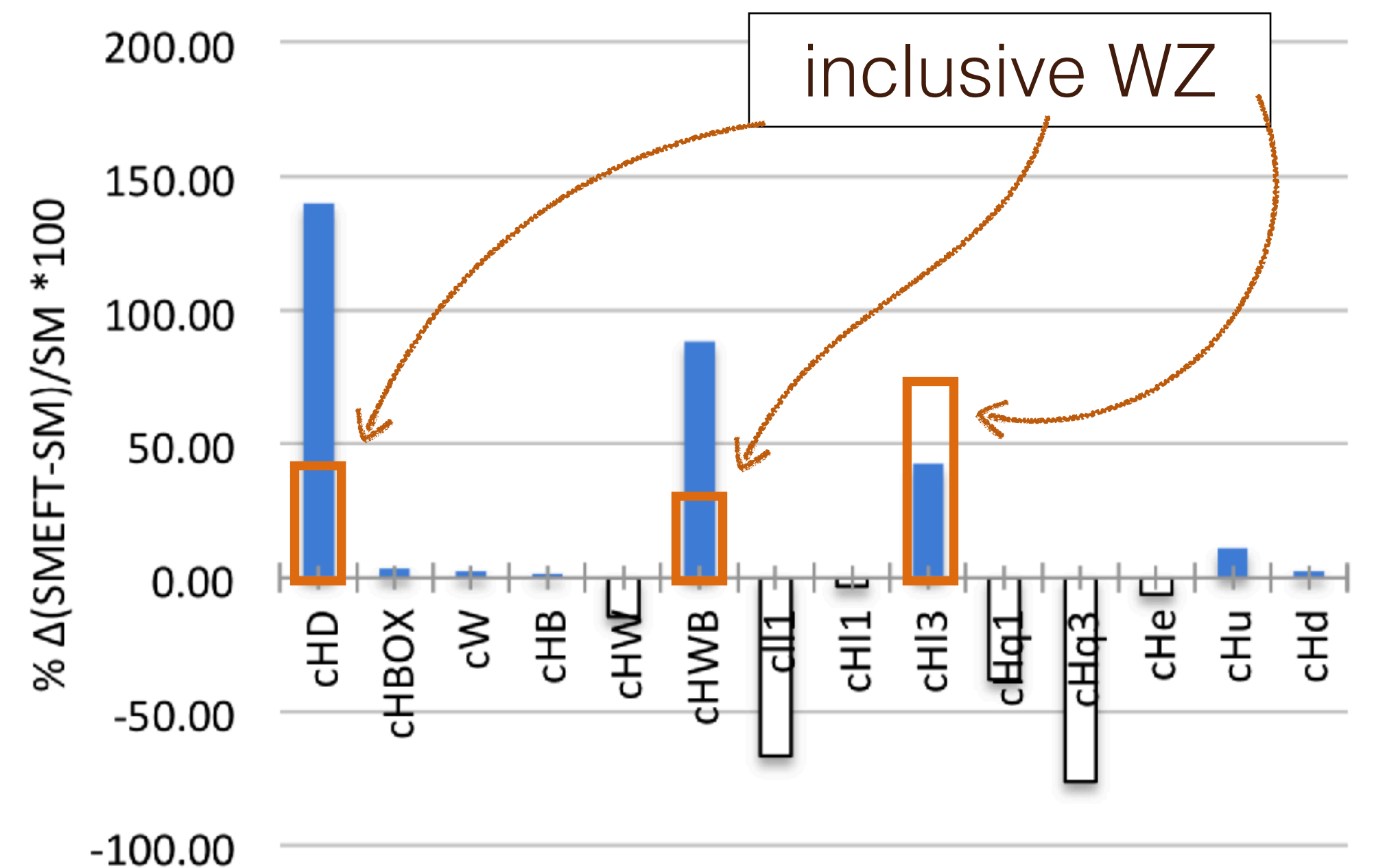
# towards a global fit

- several pieces already existing and **experience well rooted in the experimental collaborations**
- **different approaches** exist on how to model BSM effects and what to fit
- connected also to **what operators get tested** with each final state
- different choices exist on how to treat **EFT unitarity issues**



# how to perform a fully blown EFT study?

- from anomalous couplings to a fully blown EFT study:
- shift from the question “*what operators may be associated to a modified behaviour of a vertex?*” to “***which operators produce a measurable effect in the final state of the study?***”
- overcome the traditional categorisation of analyses into dim-6 and dim-8 probes: for a global fit, **lower terms** in the perturbative Lagrangian expansion are more important in general
- **need for phenomenological studies** for guidance, in particular for sophisticated final states like VBS



impact on VBS **WZ cross-section**  
studied at generator level ( $c_i/\Lambda = 0.3$ )  
D. Sampsonidou, MBI 2019



# which EFT to rule them all?

- **several different bases** are used so far, either for historical reasons or to adapt to the specific final state under study
- **a common reference**, together with practical indications on how to **translate results into that basis**, would help a lot the combination of results wherever meaningful
- would ease the re-interpretation of several results with the same BSM models
- how do we treat **loop-induced processes**?
- what can we give for granted?
  - how to make sure that **we do not absorb new physics effects in the fit of proton structure** when new high energy data are included?
  - how would the bounds change if PDFs were fitted by consistently including the same operators that are included in EFT fits?

M. Ubiali, [PDF and EFT Fits Interplay](#)

# what do we learn from BSM models?

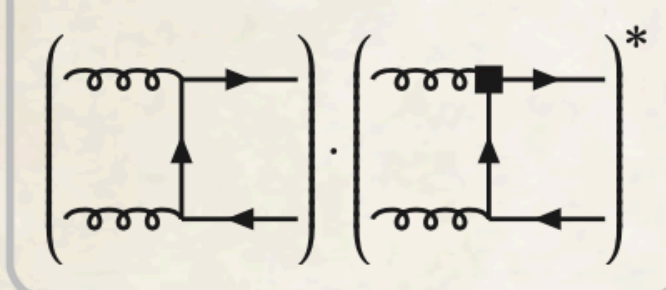
- does an explicit connection between EFT operators and UV-complete BSM models exist?
- can we derive limits on BSM models starting from constraints on EFT operators?
- can we infer, from reasonable assumptions on the BSM models nature, ...
  - what **operators are relevant**?
  - what **operator correlations** to study?

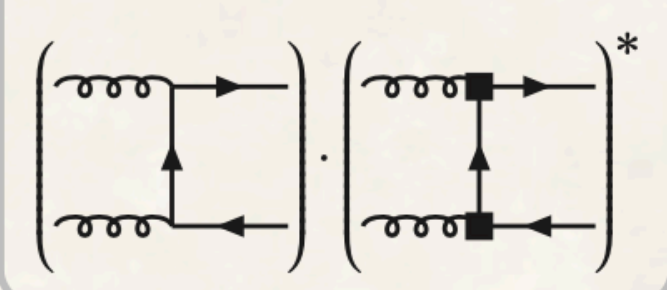
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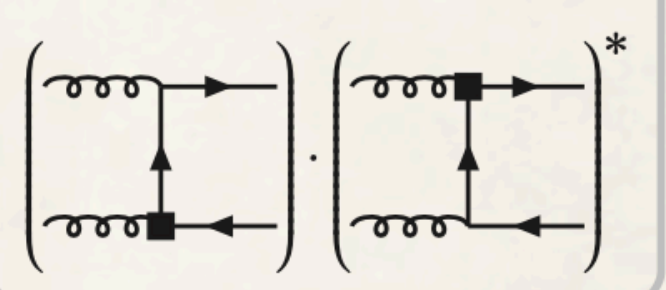
# what are the do's and don'ts?

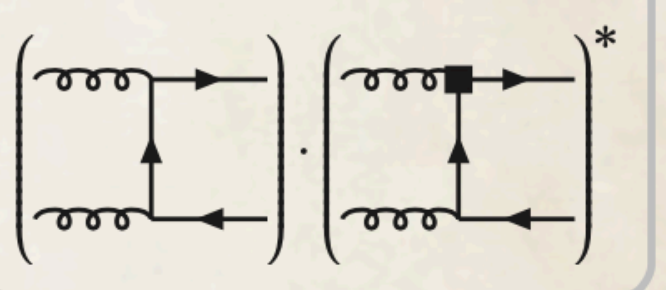
- how should the EFT models used?
- e.g. (when) should we consider **double insertions** in the data analysis?
- e.g. (when) should we **mix dim-6 and dim-8** operators in the fits? if so, how?

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{dim6}} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{dim8}} \right|^2 && \text{consider terms up to } O(1/\Lambda^4) \\
 & = \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} \right|^2 + 2\text{Re} \left[ \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{dim6}}^* \right] + \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{dim6}} \right|^2 + 2\text{Re} \left[ \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} \mathcal{M}_{\text{dim8}}^* \right] + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$\sim \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}$ 


$\sim \frac{C_i^{(6)} C_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4}$ 


$\sim \frac{C_i^{(6)} C_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^4}$ 


$\sim \frac{C_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4}$ 


talk by Peter Geller at LHCP20



# how should we cure the unitarity problem?

- In SMEFT, scattering amplitudes generally grow with energy leading to a **breakdown of unitarity at some critical energy**
- **EFT validity stops at the energy  $\Lambda$** , which represents the scale of new physics
  - if this effect is neglected in data analyses, resulting limits on Wilson coefficients are typically too stringent
- **what technique** should be applied to provide results that are not too optimistic, if unitarity questions are neglected?
- how is the unitarity issue treated **when combining several analyses?**
- how do we balance the accounting of unitarity bounds with the **need for an easily-usable result?**

M. Szleper

EFT validity issues in Vector Boson Scattering data analysis

# how will we cope with samples simulation?

- investigating several directions in the hyper-volume of Wilson coefficients is **costly** in terms of MC generation and of event simulation and reconstruction
- can we **generate** linear, interference and quadratic **terms separately** in a safe manner?
- up to what extent may we use **event weights**?

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{EFT}}(v) &= f_{\text{SM}}(v) + \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} f_{\text{INT},i}(v) + \frac{c_i^2}{\Lambda^4} f_{\text{BSM},i}(v) \\ &+ \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^2} f_{\text{INT},j}(v) + \frac{c_j^2}{\Lambda^4} f_{\text{BSM},j}(v) \\ &+ \frac{c_i c_j}{\Lambda^4} f_{\text{INT},ij}(v) , \end{aligned}$$

- **how much do we lose**, relying on differential distributions or STXS only?

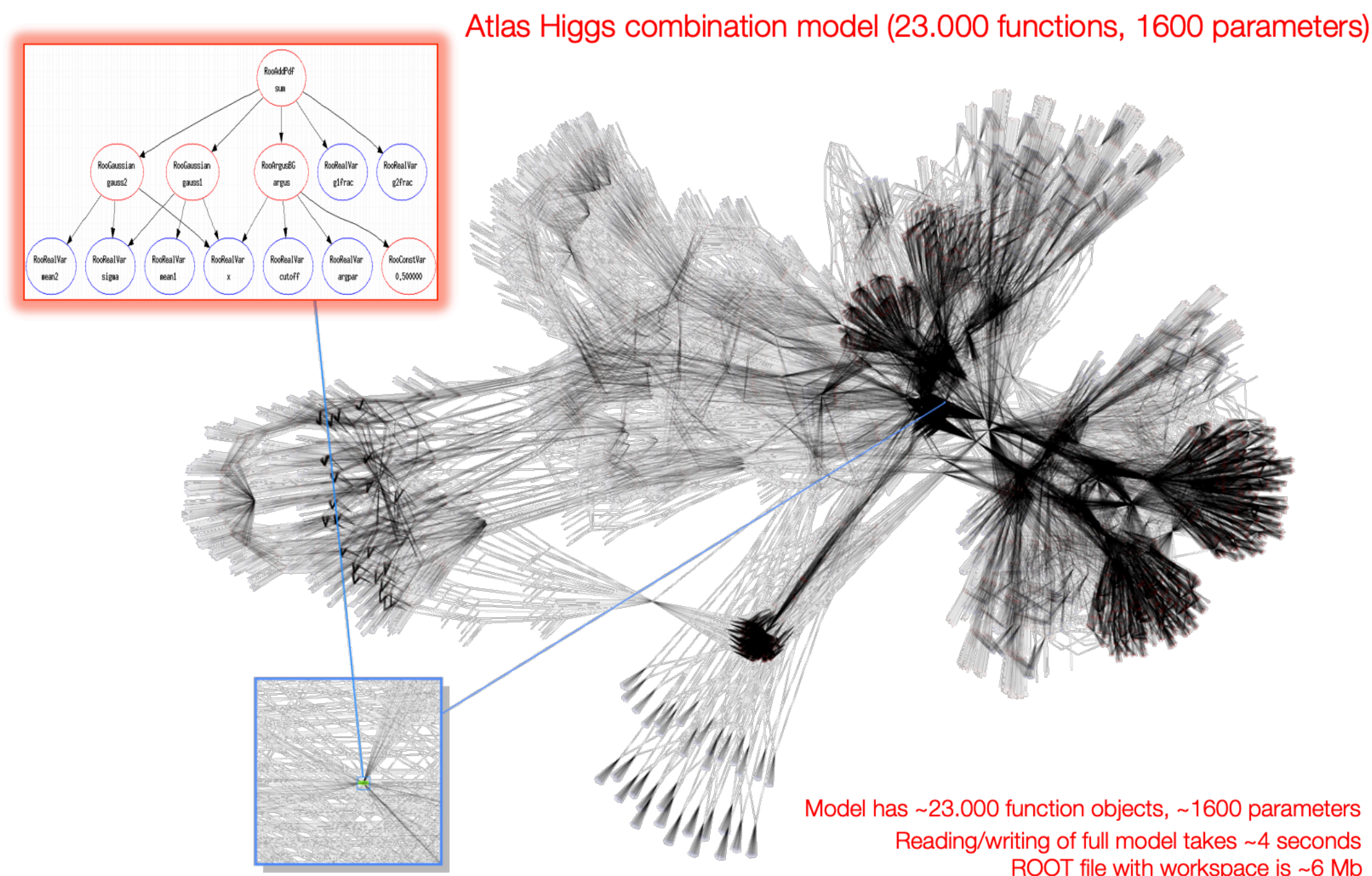
# what is the interplay with N<sup>X</sup>LO calculations?

- QCD and EW higher order corrections may be of **the same size of EFT effects**
- the more precisely we take them into account for, the better it is
  - agreed **generation tools**,
  - prescriptions for **combining different calculations** and
  - for calculation of **uncertainties** are probably needed
- how do **EFT terms enter in the NLO** corrections?
  - how much is this effect relevant?
- what are the **theory uncertainties** that need to be considered?
  - besides missing higher order EW and QCD ones, how do we include uncertainties from choices made in the **dim-6 EFT expansion** truncation?



# how will we perform experimental fits?

- **Several tools exist** on the market, both from theory and experiments
- **Combinations of experimental results** in global fits involve thousands of events, hundreds of nuisance parameters, measurement bins, tens of parameters of interest
- **Implementing the proper fitting tool** may be a crucial aspect of a global EFT fit



W. Verkerke  
Statistical model building at the LHC

J. Bendavid,  
Differential W measurements in run 2

# summary

- the interest of the community on systematic EFT fits is increasing rapidly
- involving the **largest number of players and final states** is possible
- the **interplay between theory and experiments**
  - for physics discussions
  - and agreement on tools and prescriptions
- will be fundamental to create the necessary **order for an inclusive global fit**
- a global LHC EFT Working Group, involving theory, ATLAS and CMS is starting