

SMEFT:

# The *new* Standard Model

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BTW, I suggest you inflict this pain yourself:  
read some nice reviews & do some  $\chi^2$  fit

Masso ('17), Brivio & Trott ('19)

# Setting up the scene

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Why do we need a *new* SM?

# Particle Physics: today's pulse



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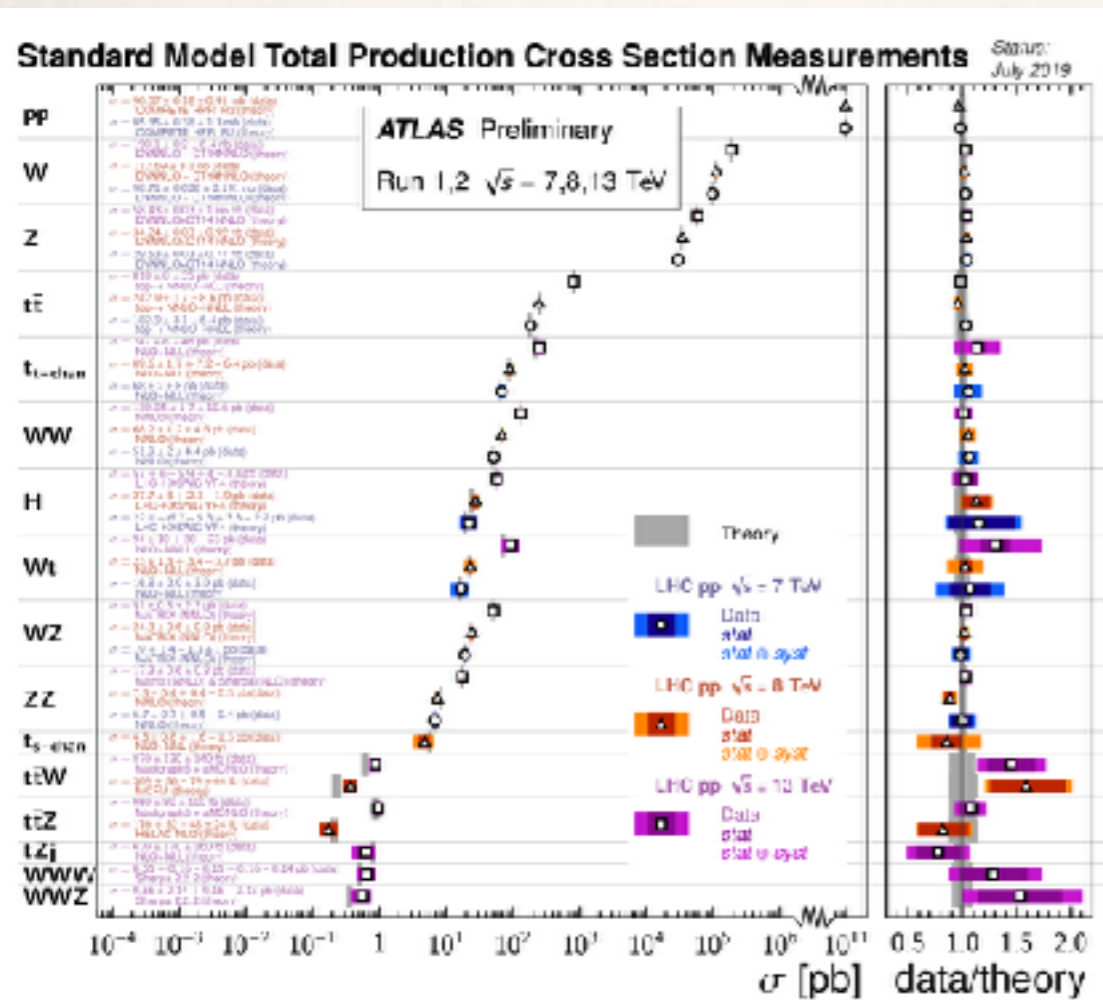
Utterly baffled by the lack of discoveries  
*'et tu, Naturalness?'*  
and with a deep theory-fatigue  
*'A new theory? Bah, humbug! surely a rehash of one of Georgi's old ideas, or a Frankenstein model with complex structure > problems'*

(PERSONAL) STATEMENTS x10  
FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES



# Lack of discoveries...

The LHC is our best probe to microscopic physics:  
controlled and well-understood environment  
programme already at the precision stage  
yet what we have seen so far is (from a BSM perspective)  
*nothing to write home about*



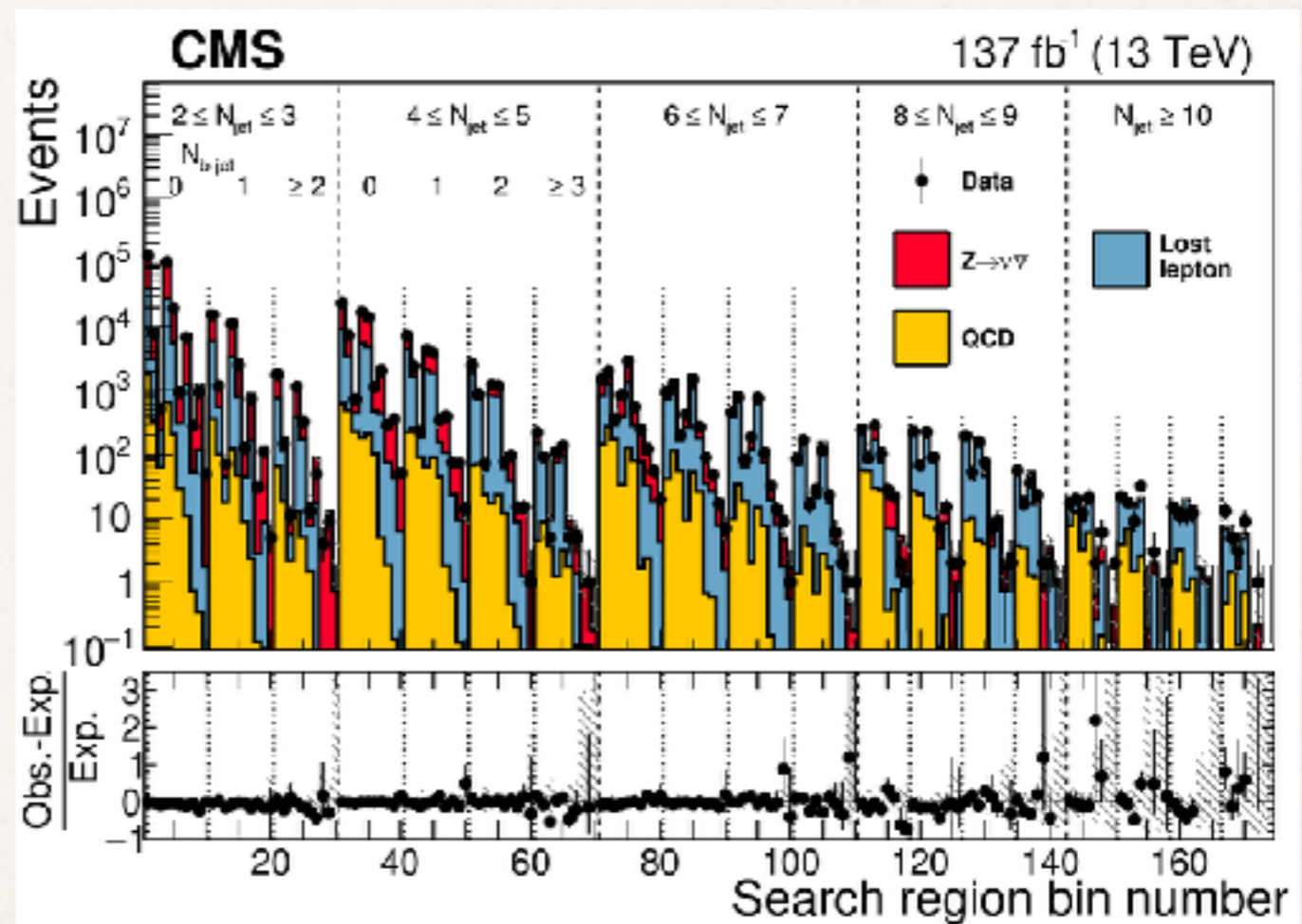
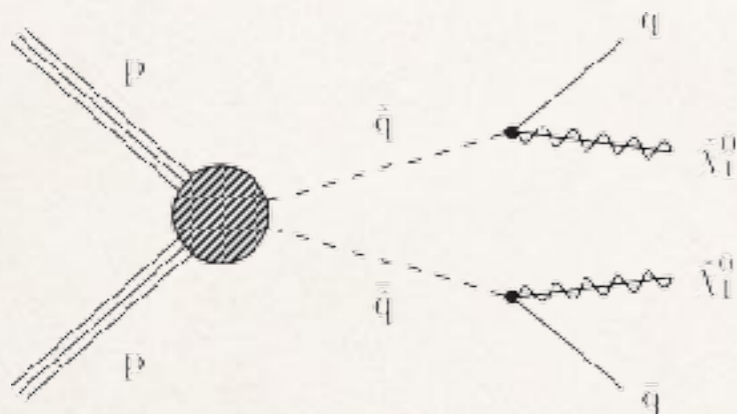
This statement doesn't make justice to the exciting LHC physics programme, and to the legacy of the Higgs discovery

Lots of very precise measurements spanning a good range in energy with Run3&beyond: more to come

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resonances, excesses in MET distributions...

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To reach discovery one analysis is not enough:  
We have to **combine** many such analyses to see  
deviations

Needs to assume something:

mSUGRA, pMSSM...



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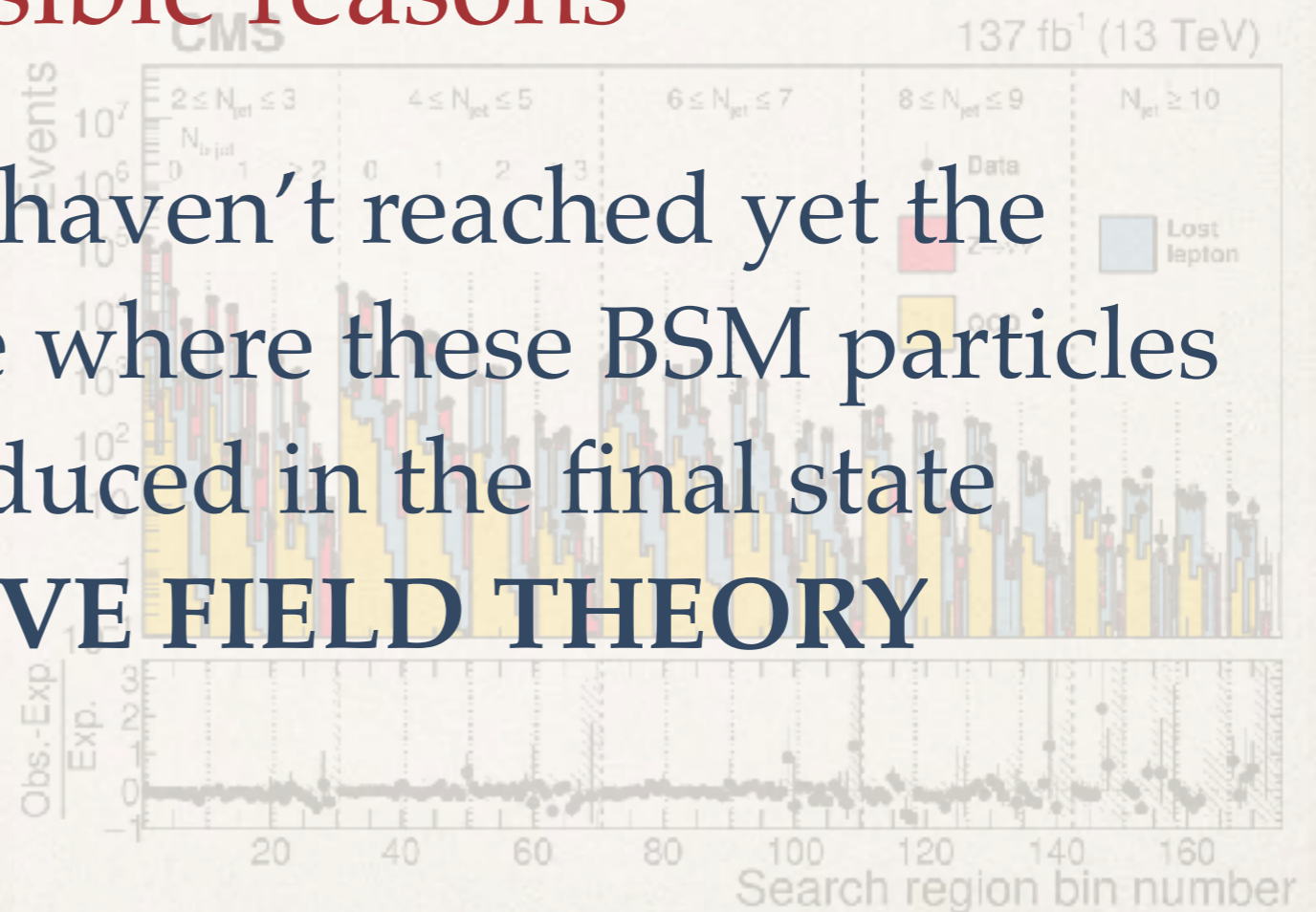
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And/or we haven't reached yet the  
kinematic range where these BSM particles  
can be produced in the final state

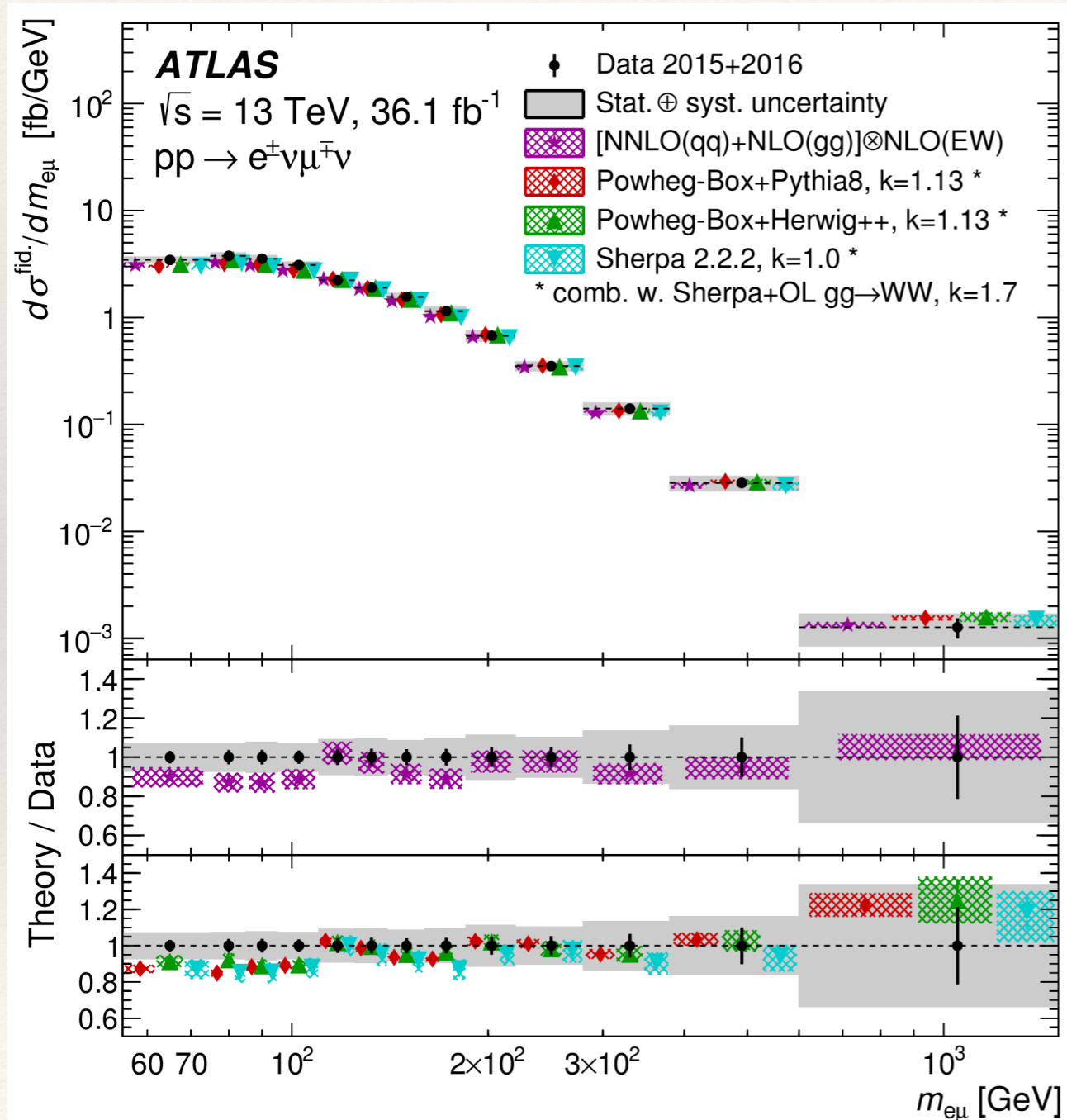
**EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY**





# Run3 and beyond

The LHC is a hadron machine, a **discovery** machine  
yet it had to re-invent itself to become a **precision** machine



Traditional resonant searches have  
been so far unfruitful

On the other hand, more statistics and  
better understanding of the experiment  
allows diving into extreme kinematic  
regions

Let's embrace this state-of-affairs to  
perform different searches for new  
phenomena, beyond resonances



# Casting a wide net: the *new* SM

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# EFT approach

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Well-defined theoretical approach

Assumes New Physics states are heavy

Write Effective Lagrangian with only light (SM) particles

BSM effects can be incorporated as a momentum expansion

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

dimension-6                      dimension-8

BSM effects                      SM particles

BSM is a **perturbation** around the SM

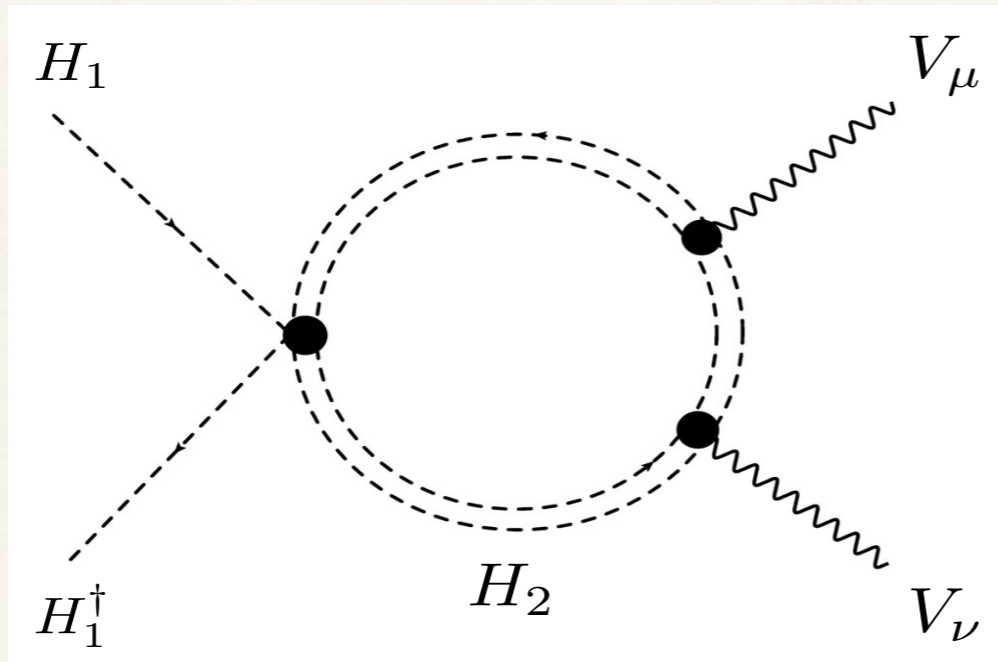
Each operator can be improved at higher orders in

QCD and EW corrections

# EFT from UV models

As long as the new states are heavy, one can **integrate them out**

**example:**  
2HDM



compute the integral  
expand of external momenta  
below the mass

GORBAHN, NO, VS. 1502.07352

first terms on the expansion are a number of **dimension-six** operators e.g.

$$\frac{ig}{2m_W^2} \bar{c}_W \left[ \Phi^\dagger T_{2k} \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi \right] D_\nu W^{k,\mu\nu} \quad \text{where } \bar{c}_W = \frac{m_W^2 (2\tilde{\lambda}_3 + \tilde{\lambda}_4)}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2}$$

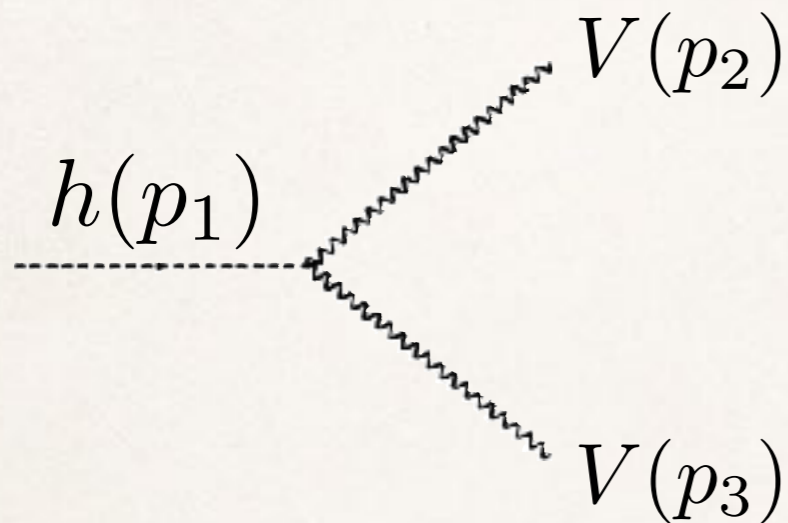
next term in the expansion: **dimension-eight**



# Differential information is key

Models offer richer kinematics than the kappa-formalism  
and the EFT approach captures them

$$-\frac{1}{4}h g_{hVV}^{(1)} V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} - h g_{hVV}^{(2)} V_\nu \partial_\mu V^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}h \tilde{g}_{hVV} V_{\mu\nu} \tilde{V}^{\mu\nu}$$

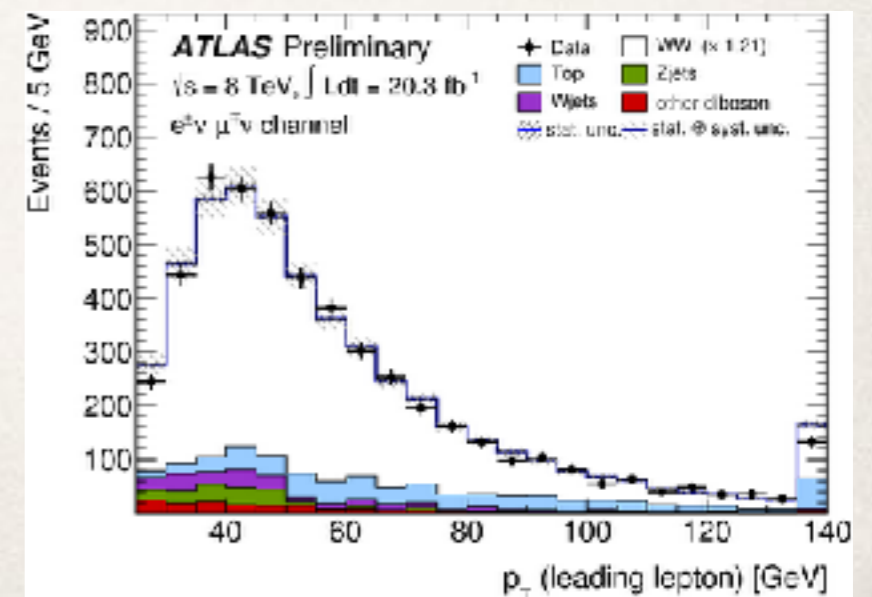
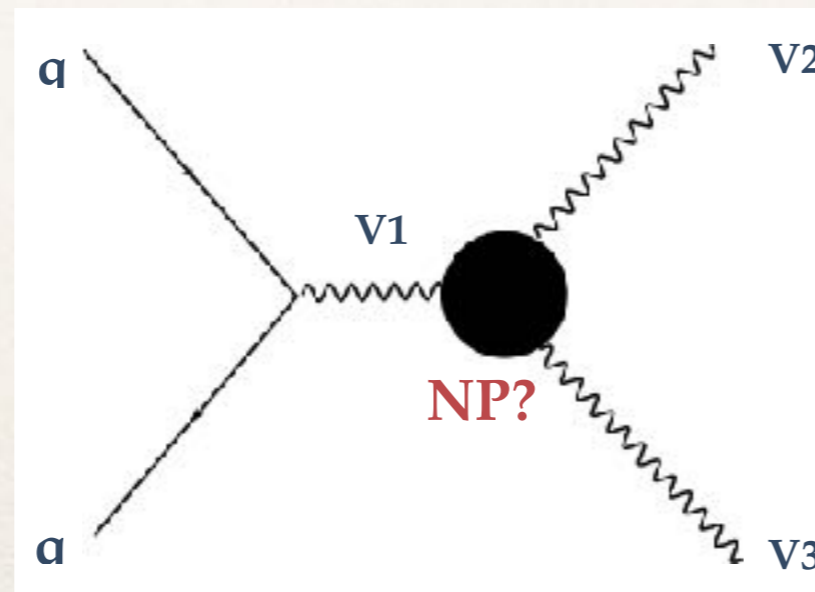


$$i\eta_{\mu\nu} \left( g_{hVV}^{(1)} \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{2} - m_V^2 \right) + 2g_{hVV}^{(2)} m_V^2 \right)$$

$$-ig_{hVV}^{(1)} p_3^\mu p_2^\nu - i\tilde{g}_{hVV} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{2,\alpha} p_{3,\beta}$$

+ off-shell pieces

exploited in searches for  
anomalous TGCs



# Matching to UV theories

Gorbahn, No and VS  
1502.07352, JHEP

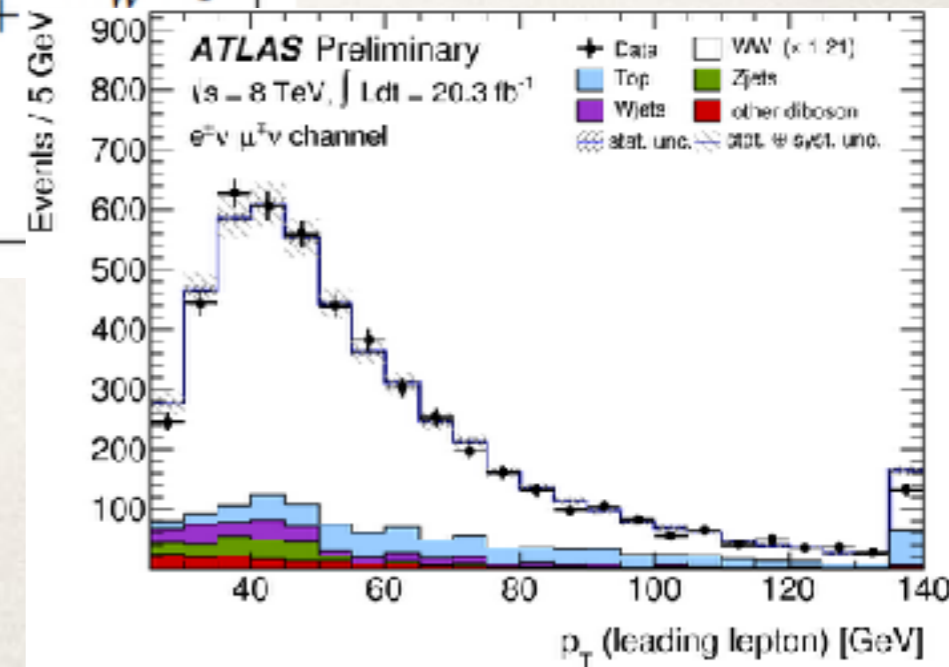
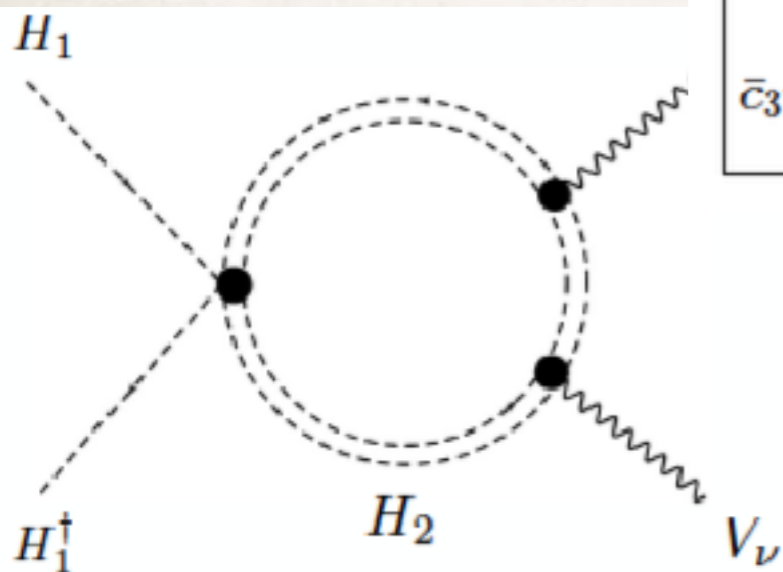
Within the EFT, connection to models is *straightforward*

## EFT

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_H &= - \left[ -4\tilde{\lambda}_3\tilde{\lambda}_4 + \tilde{\lambda}_4^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_5^2 - 4\tilde{\lambda}_3^2 \right] \frac{v^2}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \\ \bar{c}_6 &= - \left( \tilde{\lambda}_4^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_5^2 \right) \frac{v^2}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \\ \bar{c}_T &= \left( \tilde{\lambda}_4^2 - \tilde{\lambda}_5^2 \right) \frac{v^2}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \\ \bar{c}_\gamma &= \frac{m_W^2 \tilde{\lambda}_3}{256 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \\ \bar{c}_W = -\bar{c}_{HW} &= \frac{m_W^2 (2\tilde{\lambda}_3 + \tilde{\lambda}_4)}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} = \frac{8}{3} \bar{c}_\gamma + \frac{m_W^2 \tilde{\lambda}_4}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \\ \bar{c}_B = -\bar{c}_{HB} &= \frac{m_W^2 (-2\tilde{\lambda}_3 + \tilde{\lambda}_4)}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} = -\frac{8}{3} \bar{c}_\gamma + \frac{m_W^2 \tilde{\lambda}_4}{192 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \\ \bar{c}_{3W} = \frac{\bar{c}_{2W}}{3} &= \frac{m_W^2}{1440 \pi^2 \tilde{\mu}_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

MODELS

DATA





# Advantages

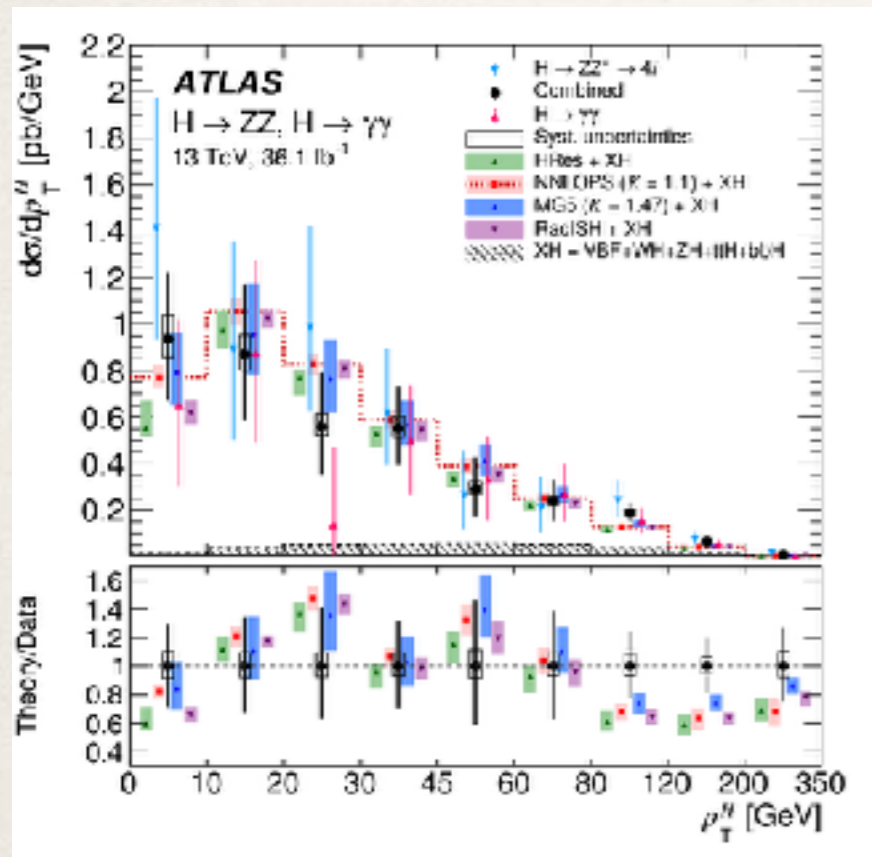
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- **Combination:** LHC Higgs and EW production, low energy, EWPTs
- **Precision:** higher-order EW and QCD, dimension-eight, chiral logs
- **Consistency:** Backgrounds and signal
- **Reduces model biases:** explore theories beyond known paradigms
- **Matching:** Direct connection to models

# Disadvantages

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# EFTs in PP are an old friend



Maybe you have been working on low-E flavour / CPV / BLV physics precision calculations or simply using bounds

**What's different for the EFT@EW scale?**

We're testing it using a *hadron* collider  
**flavour physics:** heavy means heavy

**EW EFT:** we are in this border between kinematic reach and precision

& parameter space is very large

## Disadvantages

- **Assumptions:** Only SM light states
- **Complexity:** Large number of parameters
- **Validity:** EFT cannot be used in regions of energies  $\sim$  scale of new resonances



# Recent experimental analysis



ATLAS-CONF-2020-053  
29 October 2020

Presented yesterday at CERN

Combination **Higgs** channels,  
full Run2 lumi

Exhaustive STXS  
combination used to  
interpret as an EFT

this is going to be a  
*standard analysis*

STXS Region Stage-0	STXS Region Stage-1.2	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (VH)
ggH	$N_{\text{jets}} = 0, p_{\text{T}}^H < 10$	$N_{\text{jets}} = 0, p_{\text{T}}^H < 10$	$N_{\text{jets}} = 0, p_{\text{T}}^H < 10$	
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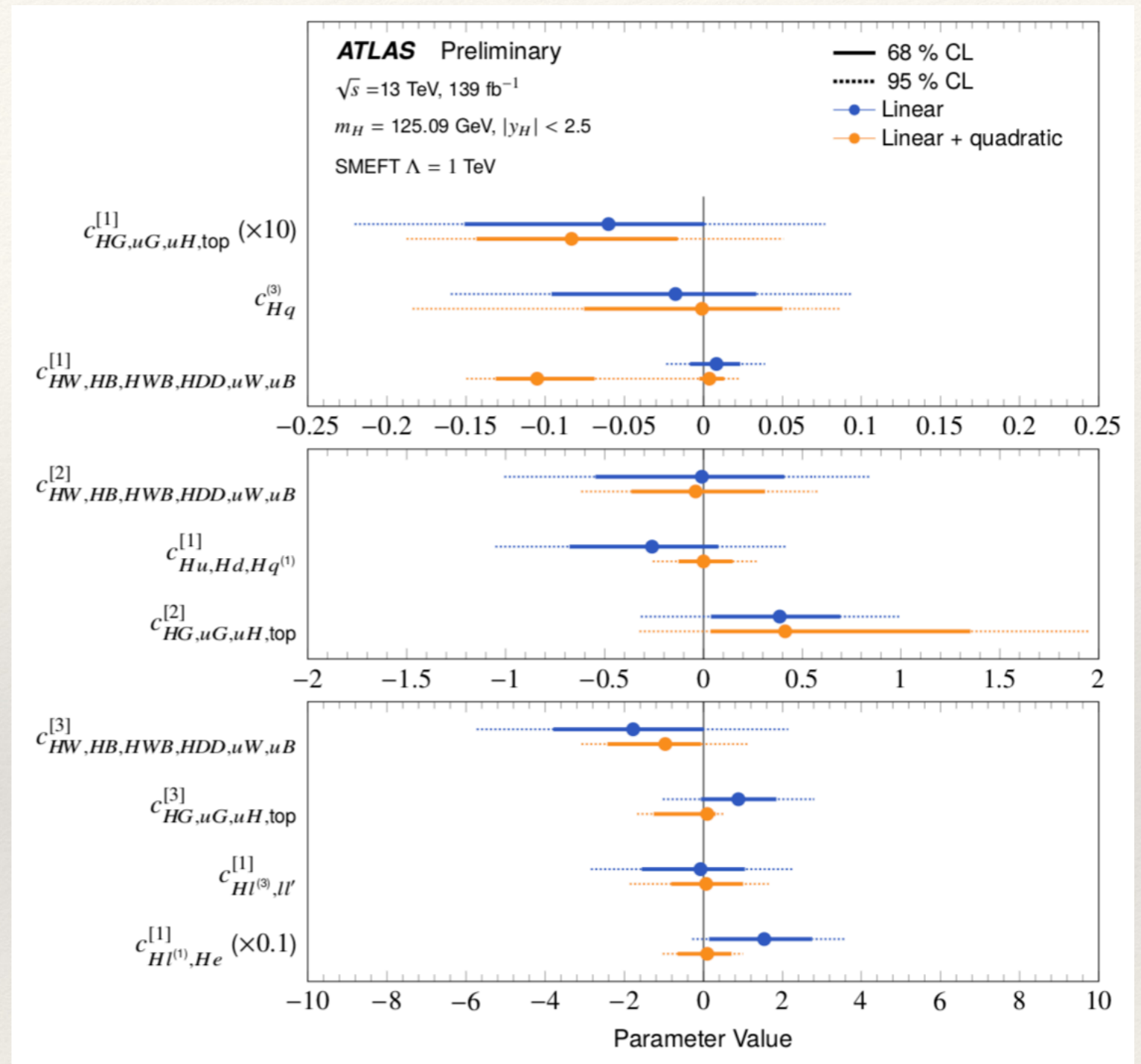
# Recent experimental analysis



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Exhaustive **STXS**  
combination used to  
interpret as an **EFT**  
limits on sets of  
coefficients, at linear  
(blue) and quadratic  
(orange) level



*sets of ops grouped by their dependence on observables and correlations  
multi-TeV limits for most of these possible BSM effects*



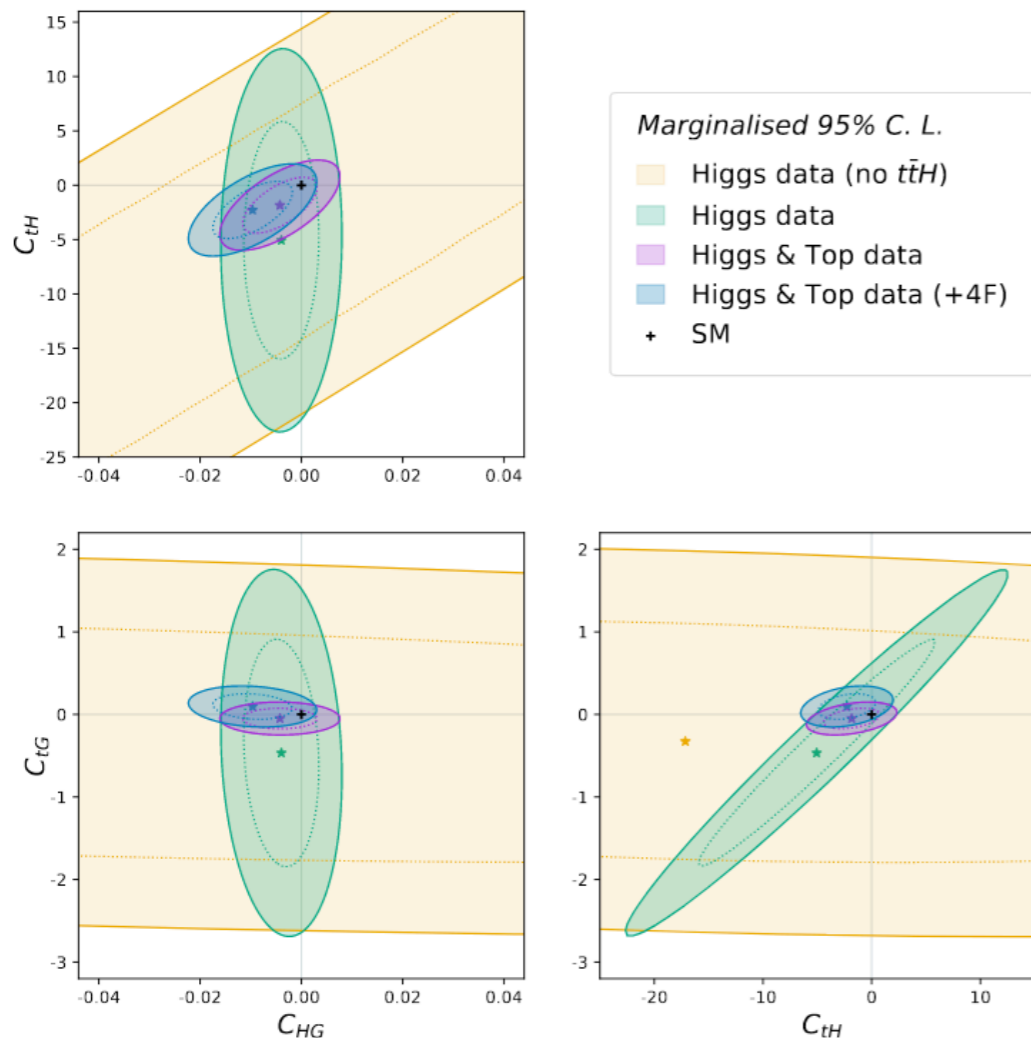
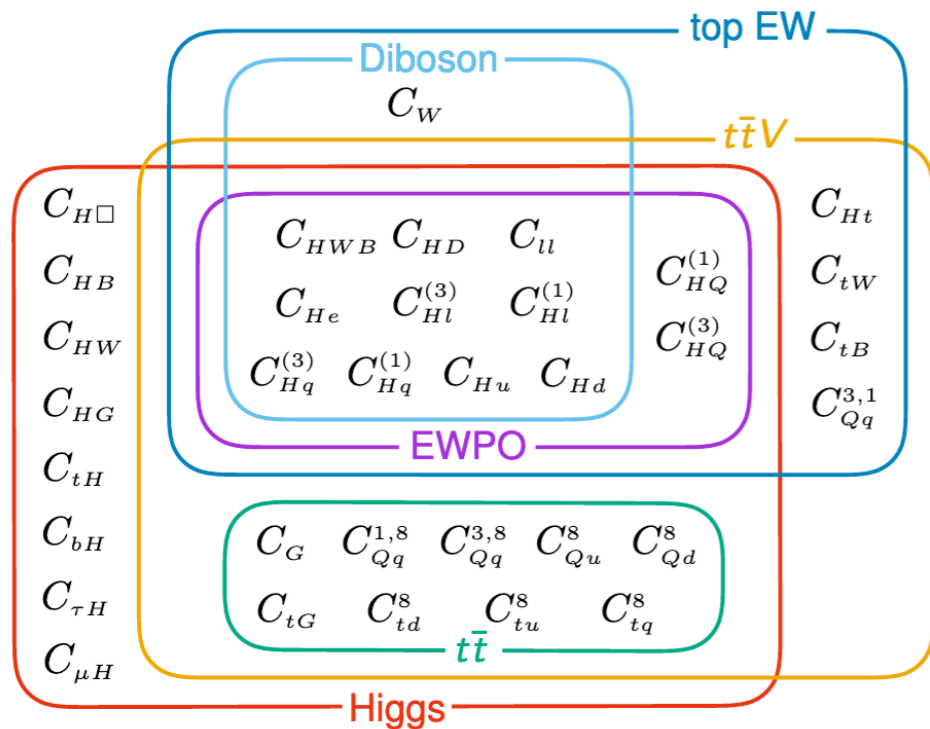
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A truly global EFT analysis is possible  
with Run2 data (+LEP)

We performed the most complete global  
fit with Higgs+Diboson+Top+4F data  
(341 observables) against 20 (MFV)/34  
(top-specific) operators

This is an example of the interplay  
between Higgs (green) and Higgs+Top  
(pink) information

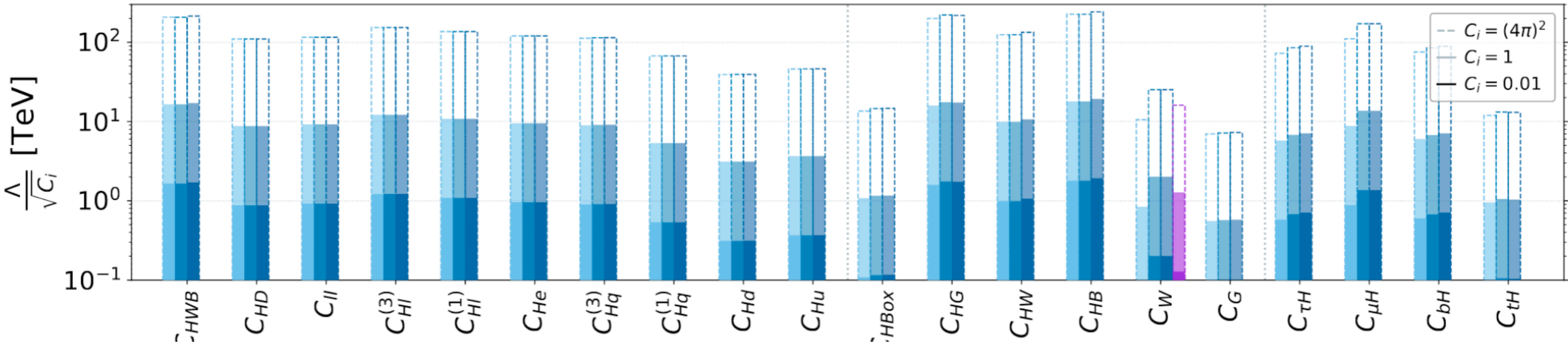
These combinations and *public*  
frameworks to do fits  
(like our *Fitmaker*)  
are going to become state-of-the-art



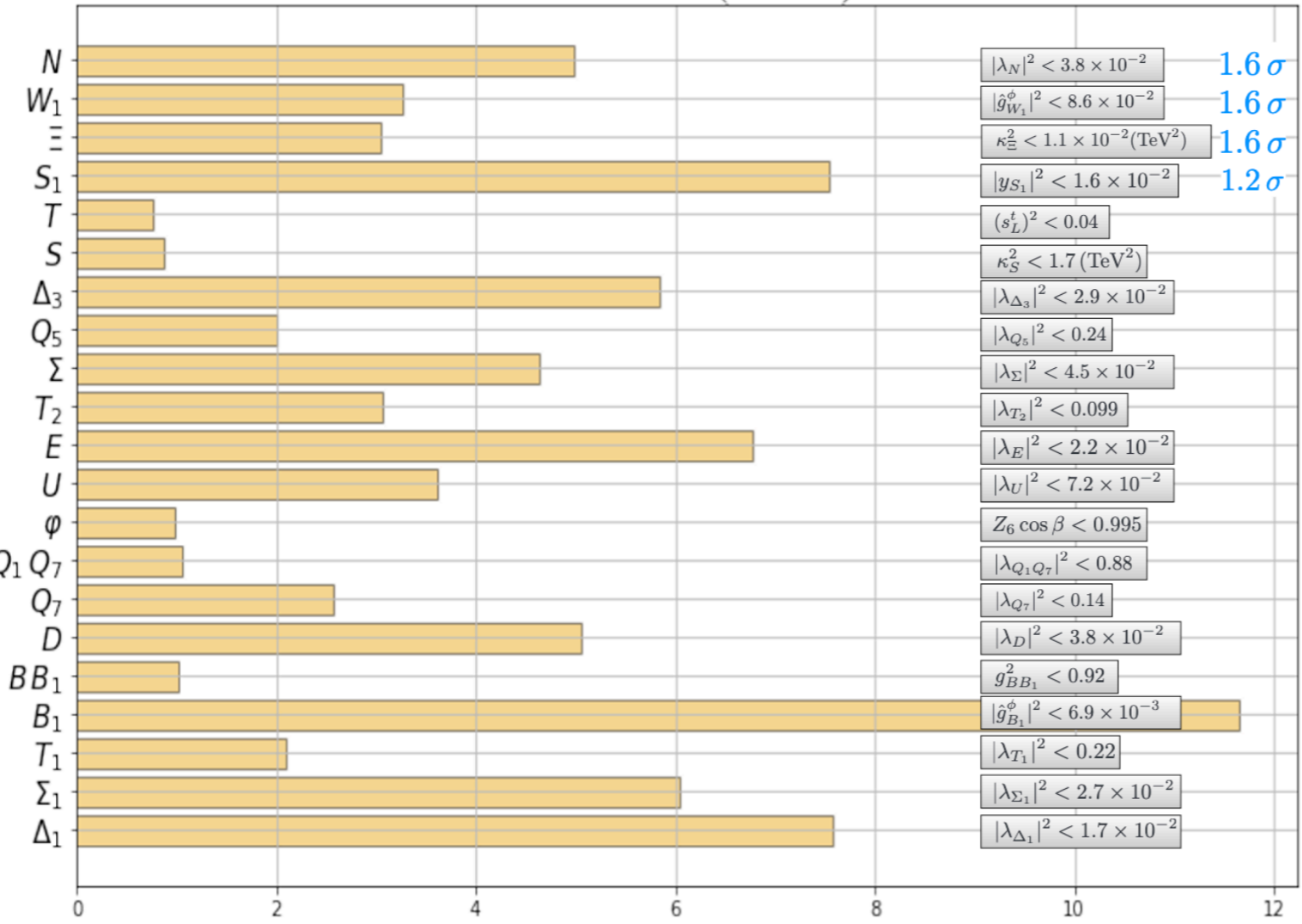


# Current SMEFT constraints reach the TeV for most of the param space

Ellis, Madigan, Mimasu, VS, You  
2012.02779, JHEP



Mass limits (in TeV)



And when translated into vanilla extensions of the SM, the mass limits are also probing the TeV scale

*Lots of work needed to advance this area: higher-order calculations, optimisation of strategies, better exp understanding of correlations...*



# Challenges

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# 1. Theory biases

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Is the EFT framework really *model-independent*?

Not completely

e.g. In non-linear realisations of EWSB  
the Higgs could be a **SINGLET**  
as opposed to the doublet case

Higgs = (**vev** + higgs particle + **W/Z dofs**)

## CONSEQUENCES

\*de-correlation of Higgs and VV

\*EFT expansion changes

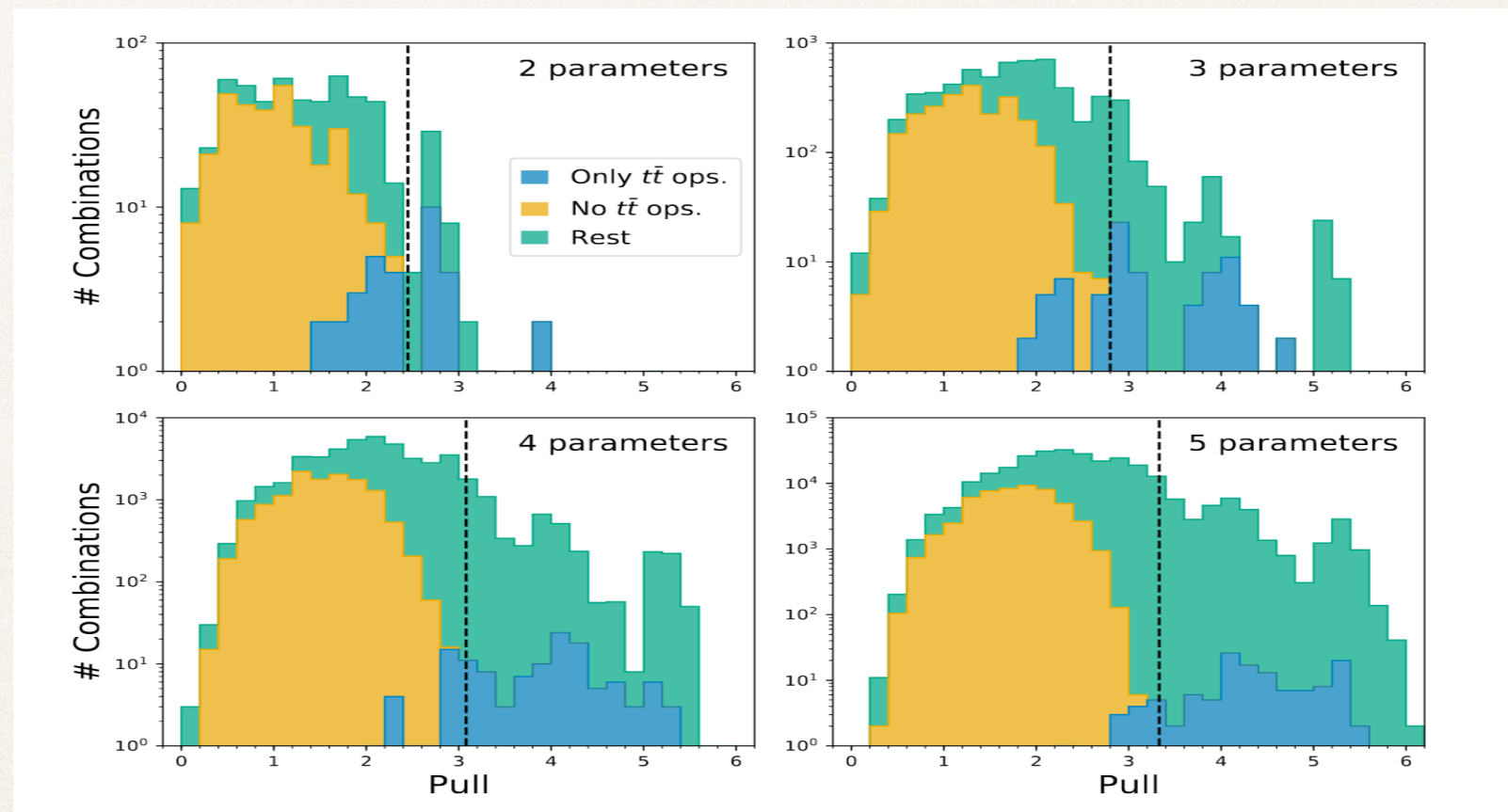
EFT provides a *large enough* set of deformations from the SM  
serves the purpose of guiding searches and interpretation in  
terms of UV models



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**BUT** EFT's extra parameters  
constrained by current measurements  
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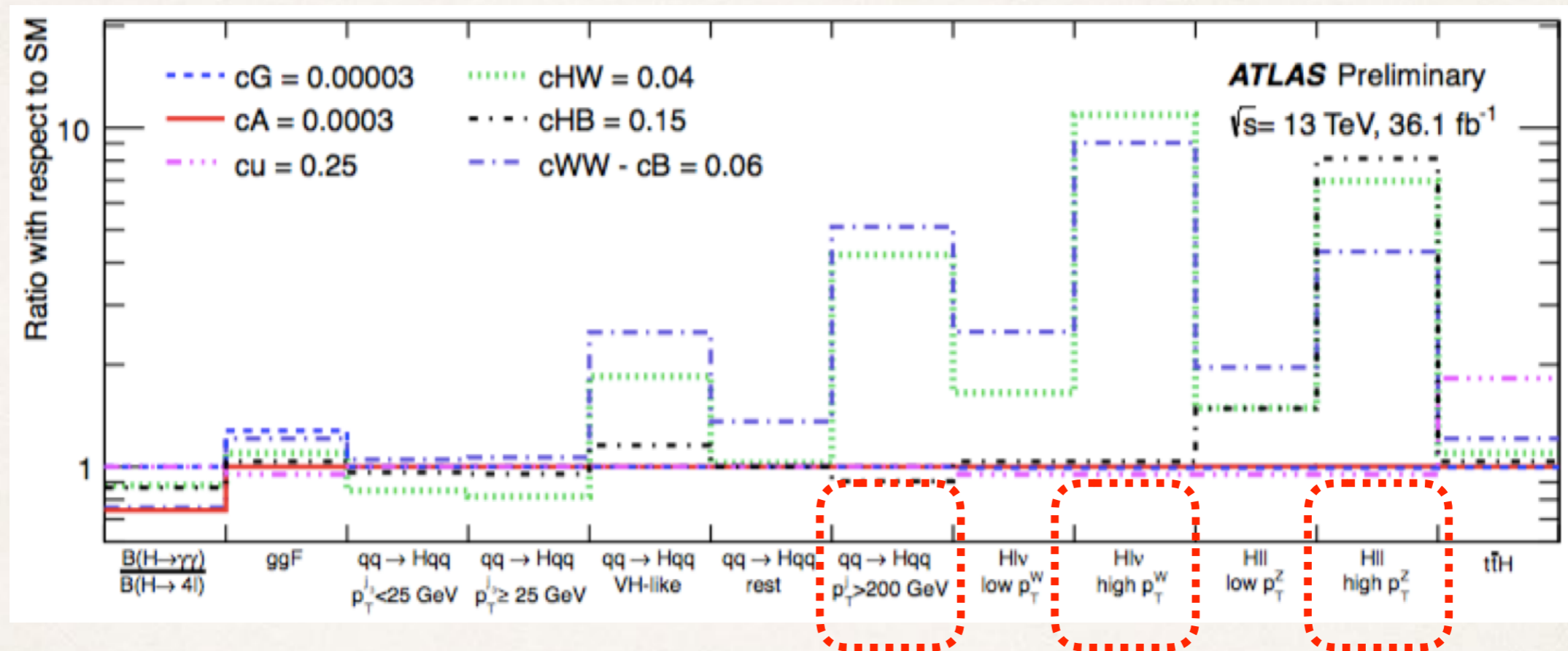
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SM	157	0.987	0.532
SMEFT	137	0.987	0.528
SMEFT*	143	0.977	0.564



Combination of many channels is key  $\rightarrow$  GLOBAL FITS



# 3. *Extreme* kinematics



In these regions our theoretical/experimental understanding is weaker  
e.g. WW at high- $p_T$  (large EW corrections)  
e.g. Higgs+jet at high- $p_{TH}$   
and the **EFT validity** needs to be taken into account

This problem can be addressed by working harder  
Many of us developing MC tools EFT@NLO and dim-8 effects



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