

# *Focus topic meeting “ttbar threshold”*

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# Practical

The ECFA focus topics document:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.07564>

Note the mailing list for this group:

<https://gitlab.in2p3.fr/ecfa-study/ECFA-HiggsTopEW-Factories/-/wikis/FocusTopics/TTthresh>

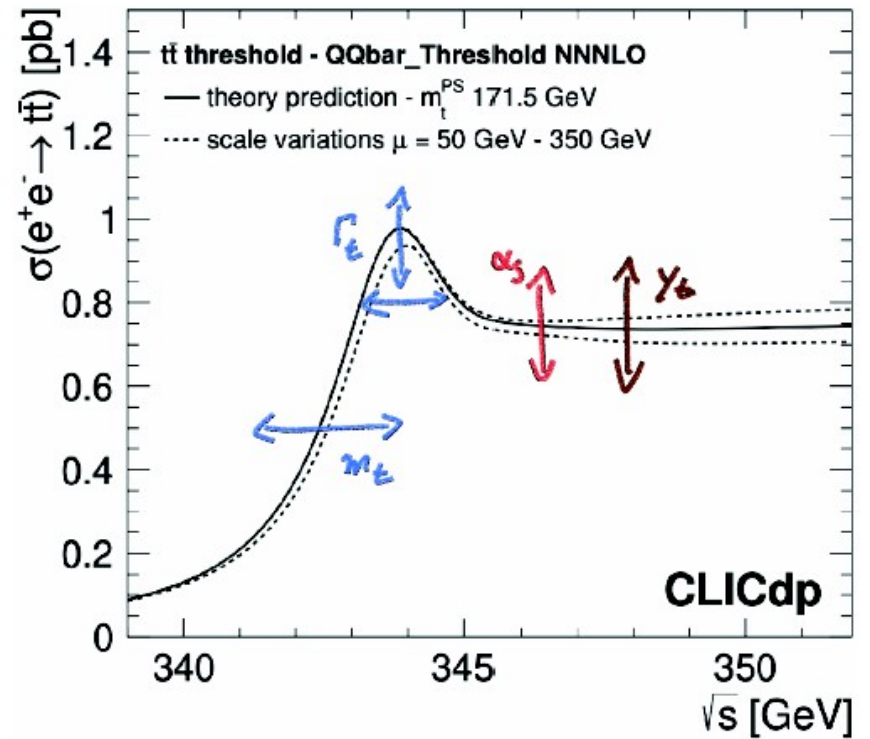
**Date for European strategy update: ~1 year earlier than you might have expected.**

The bottom line: results for the focus topic report are due by the ECFA Higgs/EW/top factory meeting Paris, 9-11 October 2024, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1399276/>.

## Focus topics for the ECFA study on Higgs / Top / EW factories

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# The $t\bar{t}$ threshold scan



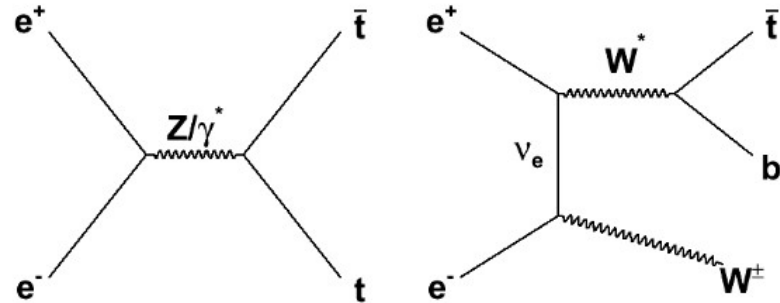
# Signal samples

WHIZARD  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WbWb$  **signal** samples

**Top quark pairs + single top + ...**

**Backgrounds:**

- **6f without b-jets** (small if b-tagging is good)
- **2f & 4f backgrounds** (use WW as a proxy)
- **Higgs production is** part of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WbWb$  sample, but is not accounted for in calculations



Test samples produced by Louis Portales in FCCee, with DELPHES description of IDEA detector response:

[https://fcc-physics-events.web.cern.ch/fcc-physics-events/FCCee/winter2023/Delphesevents\\_IDEA.php](https://fcc-physics-events.web.cern.ch/fcc-physics-events/FCCee/winter2023/Delphesevents_IDEA.php)

use the search bar with input “Wb”, to find a set of samples with names like:

`/eos/experiment/fcc/ee/generation/DelphesEvents/winter2023/IDEA/wzp6_ee_WbWb_lep_ecm350/`

# Experimental systematic uncertainties

Is the acceptance constant vs.  $\sqrt{s}$  over the range of the threshold scan?

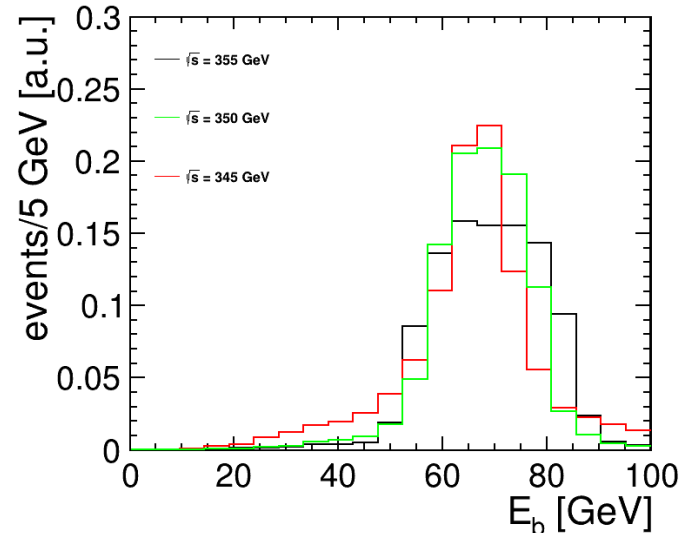
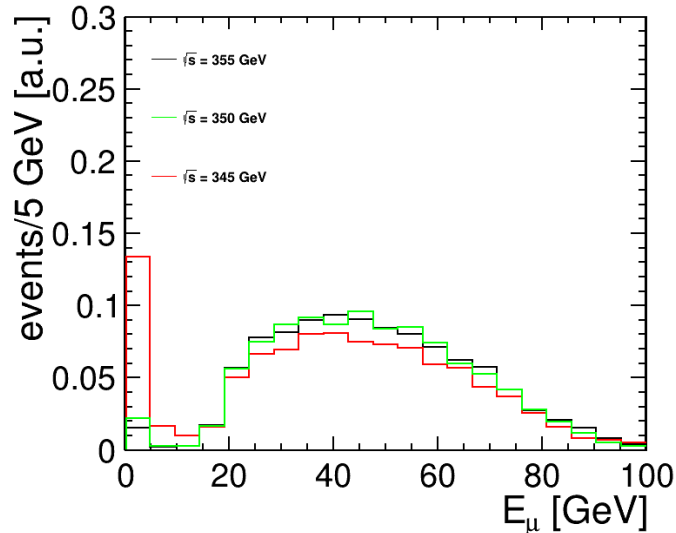
- Realistic selection requires one/two b-tags and isolated leptons, with “near-complete polar angle coverage” (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1307.8102.pdf> + CLIC 380 <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1807.02441.pdf>)

Is the b-tagging efficiency constant? Or can we calibrate it in-situ?

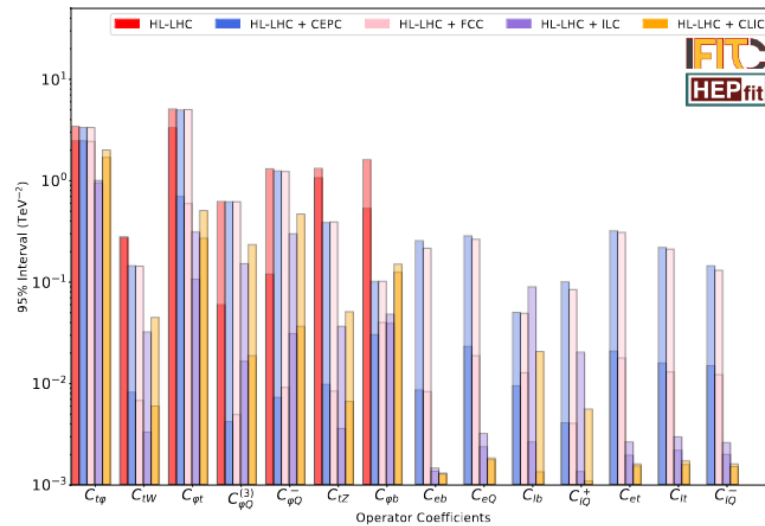
- Double-tag method, ATLAS (<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PAPERS/TOPQ-2023-21/>), LEP (<https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0509008>), or ILD (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2306.11413.pdf>)

No reconstruction?

- Required by measurement of  $A_{FB}$ , but not needed (or desirable) for cross section



# Top quark (EW) couplings



From Snowmass report:

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2209.11267.pdf>

And global SMEFT fits at future colliders

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2206.08326.pdf>

# Top couplings - efforts

Snowmass report based on optimal analysis of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WbWb$  from Durieux et al.

## Efforts going beyond the Snowmass report:

Update collider operation scenarios, add muon collider ... Victor Miralles/Fernando Cornet + iFIT/C

Study interplay with the Higgs/EW sector ... Juan Rojo/Eleni Vryonidou + SMEFiT

Revisit circular colliders and study CKM sensitivity ... Jan Kieseler

Note also interesting new work on entangled top quark pairs and their role in the SMEFT:

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.08049.pdf>

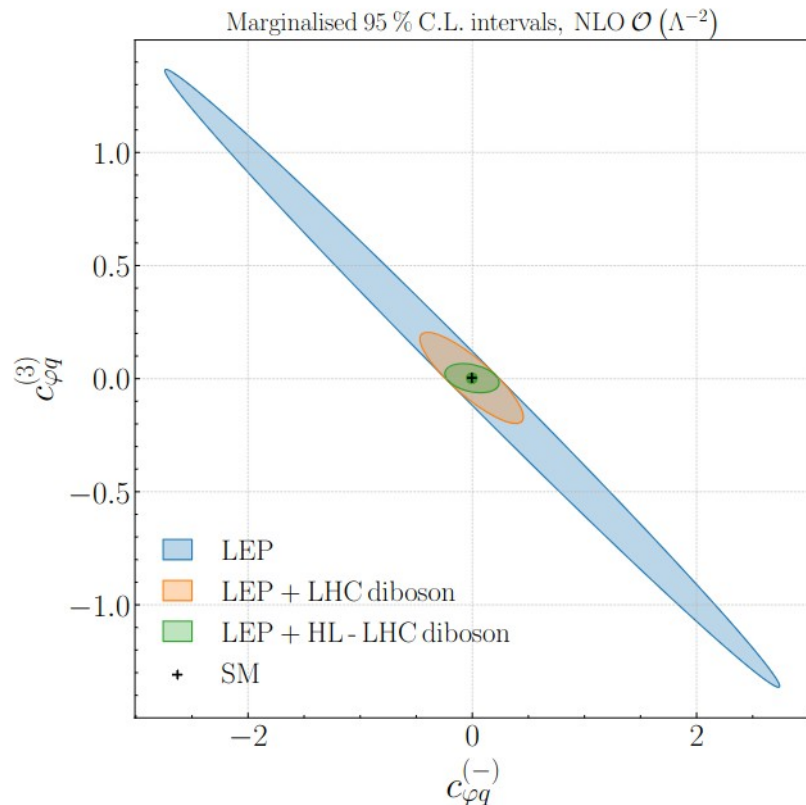
# SMEFiT prospect studies

Quite complete fit of Higgs, EW and top sectors with FCCee prospects

Allows to study interplay between the sectors

Paper online: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.12809.pdf>

*Degeneracy (blind direction) left by  $e^+e^- \rightarrow bb$  measurements at LEP is resolved by adding LHC di-boson data*





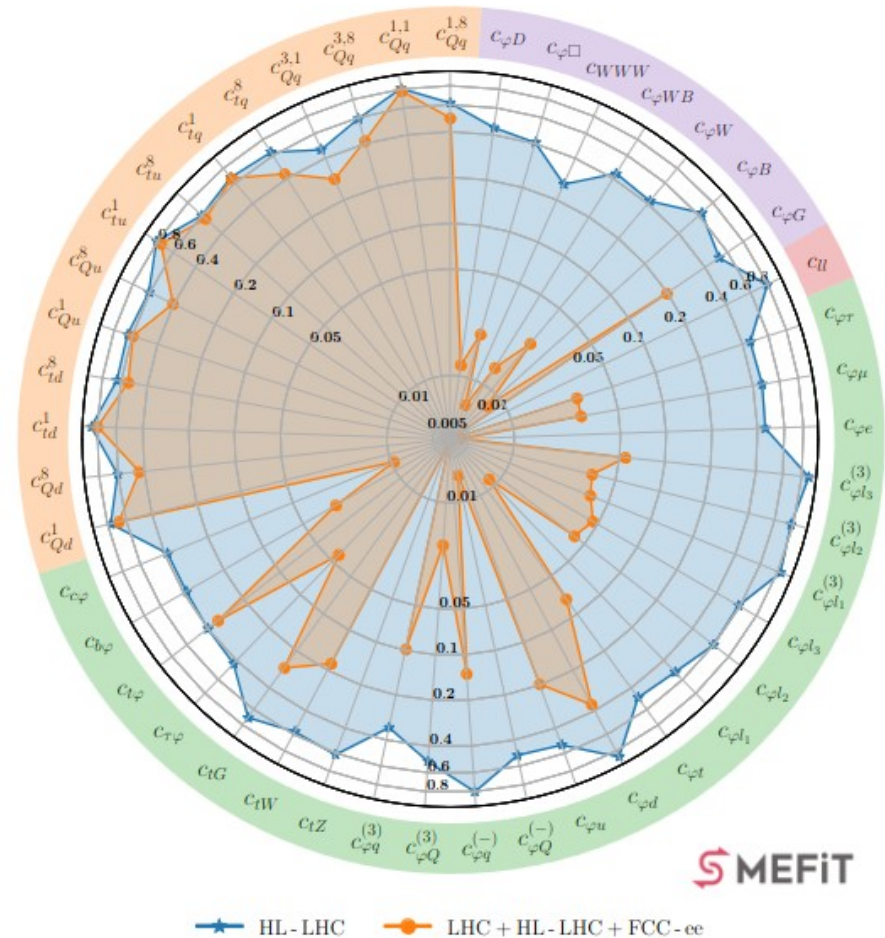
# SMEFiT global fit results

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.12809.pdf>

Top di-fermion operators improve strongly with FCCee top data  
 Top qqtt operators improve very  
 Top lltt operators not included (require top data at two energies)

Key study of Higgs self-coupling from ZH cross section in “global” environment requires more work

Ratio of Uncertainties to SMEFiT3.0 Baseline,  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-2})$ , Marginalised



# Summary

## **Threshold scan for top mass etc.**

WHIZARD signal MC samples are available (WbWb, fast simulation)  
Several people have expressed an interest; produce results over summer.

## **Top couplings studies:**

Several groups are developing studies: plans are explained on the agenda:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1404821/>

Coordinate so we have a coherent set of results for ECFA report

(KIT + iFIT/C team – compare circular collider projections)

(KIT – bring Vts to maturity)

(SMEFiT team – extend to other collider projects, add self-coupling)