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# Studies of Dim-6 EFT in Vector Boson Scattering

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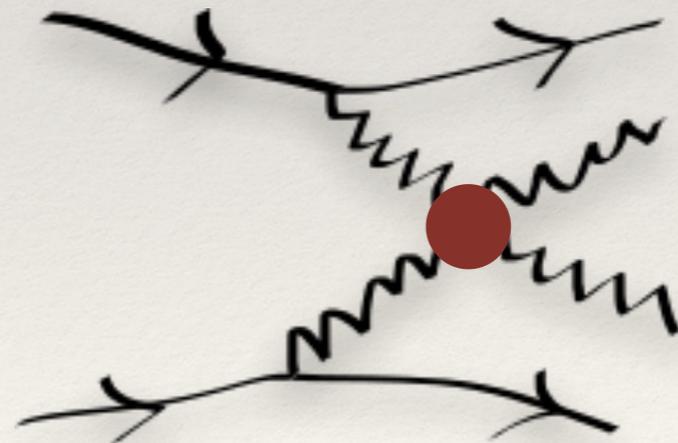
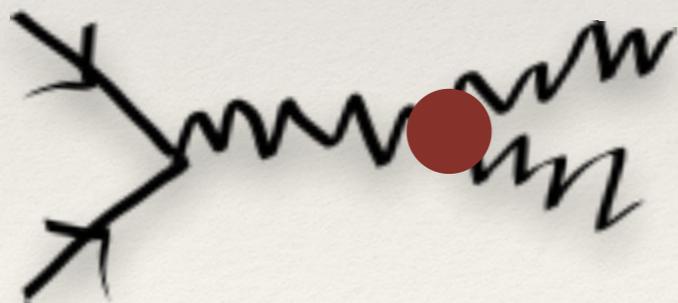
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# Motivation: From LEP to LHC

*From anomalous to effective*

- ❖ LEP: TGCs (on-shell)
- ❖ LHC: QCGs (off shell)
- ❖ The anomalous coupling approach is good in a first approximation, for more complicated processes, like VBS we need a more robust formalism



# Bottom-Up EFT

- ❖ Assuming linear representation for the Higgs, no new light particles, SM symmetries, etc:

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{c^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}^{(5)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i c_i^{(6)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_j \sum_k \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2+k}} c_j^{(6+k)} \mathcal{O}_j^{(6+k)}$$

- ❖ Amplitudes and cross-sections:

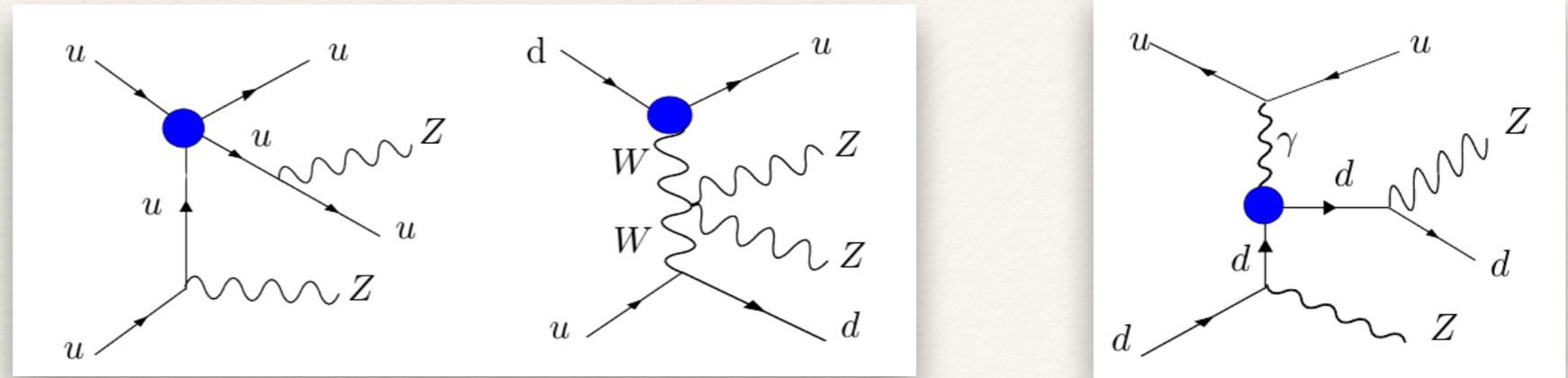
$$\mathcal{A}_{EFT} = \mathcal{A}_{SM} + \frac{g'}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{A}_6 + \frac{g'^2}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{A}_8 + \dots$$

Quadratic + dim-8

$$\sigma_{EFT} \sim |\mathcal{A}_{SM}|^2 + 2 \frac{g'}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{A}_{SM} \mathcal{A}_6 + \frac{g'^2}{\Lambda^4} \left( 2 \mathcal{A}_{SM} \mathcal{A}_8 + |\mathcal{A}_6|^2 \right) + \dots$$

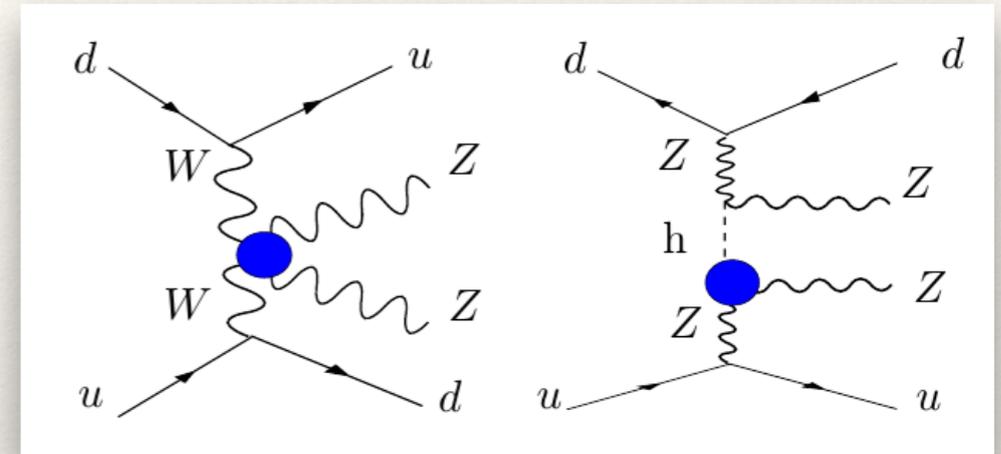
Linear EFT

*Obs: The larger Lambda is, the larger the difference between contributions....*



The idea:

# VBS (ZZ)



- ❖ Generate the purely electroweak process  $pp \rightarrow zz jj$ , with on-shell Zs
- ❖ Use numerical methods to find the relative contribution for each operator of the Warsaw basis to the total cross sections
- ❖ Observe the behaviour of different operators and combinations thereof, in a bin-by-bin, observable-by-observable basis

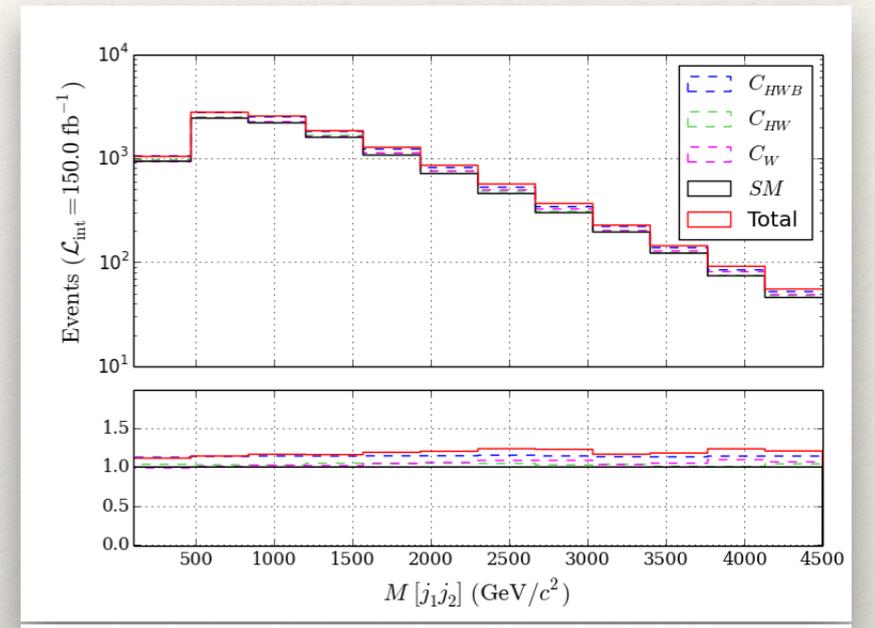
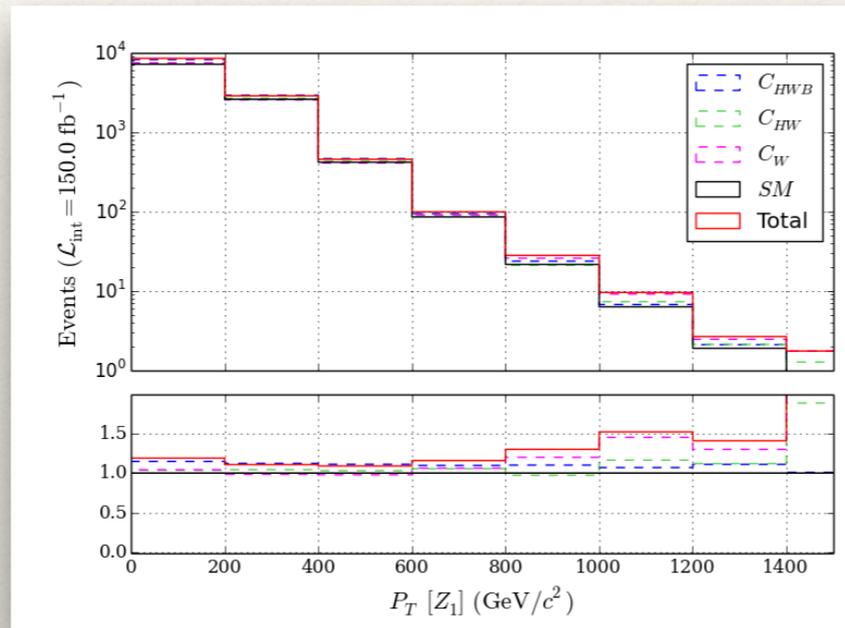
# Triple Vs Quartic: Dim-6 Vs Dim-8?

❖ Warsaw basis operators generating TGCs and QGCs

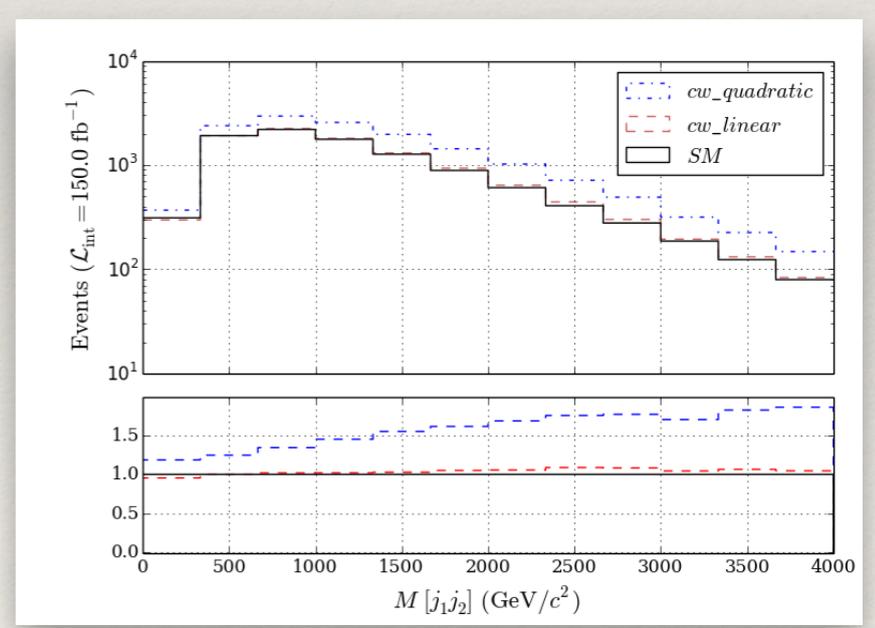
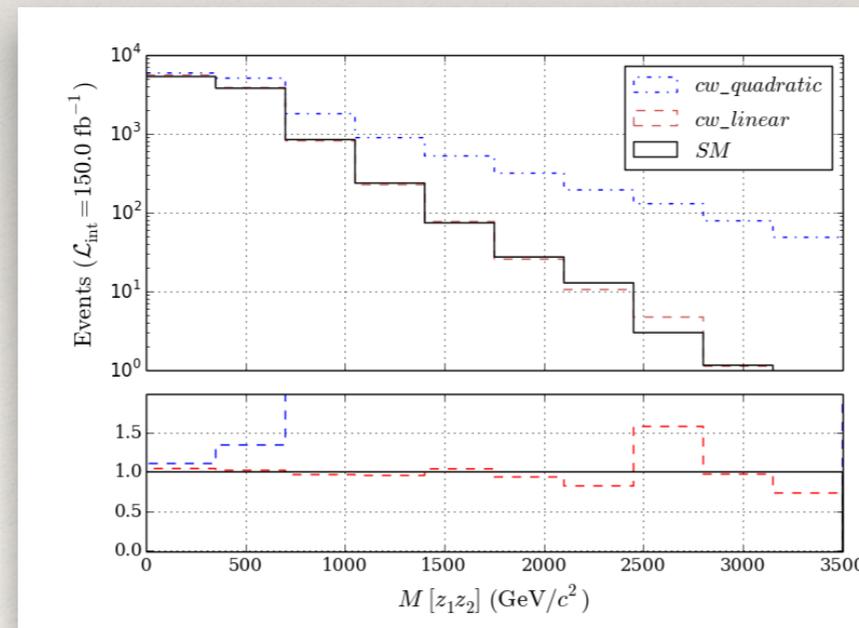
$$\mathcal{O}_W = \epsilon^{ijk} W_\mu^{i\nu} W_\nu^{j\rho} W_\rho^{k\mu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{HW} = H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{\mu\nu I}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{HWB} = H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$$



Example of quadratic contributions:



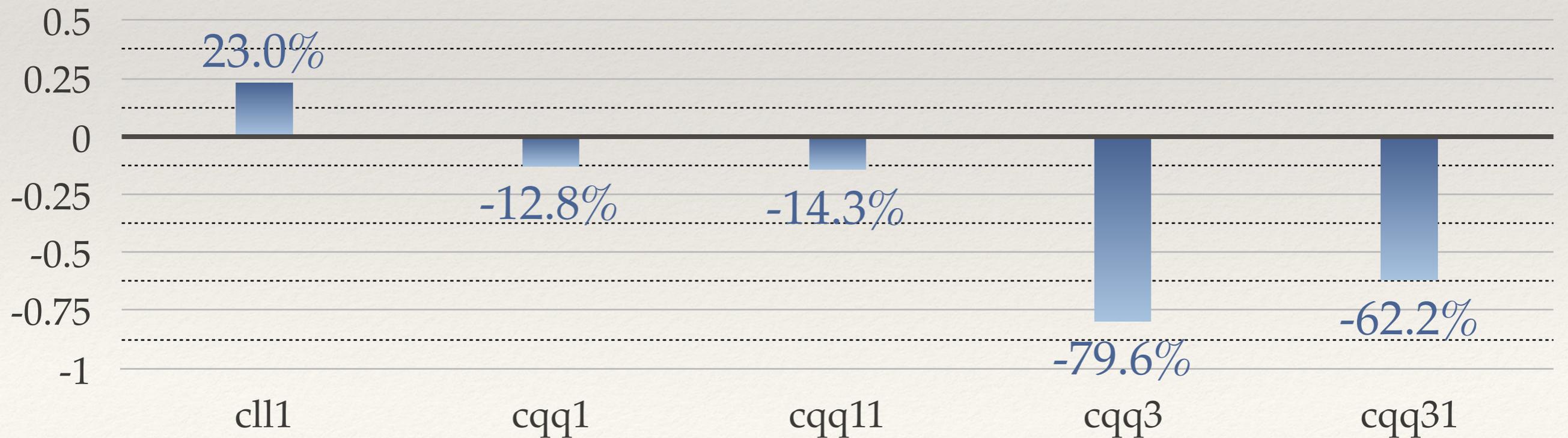
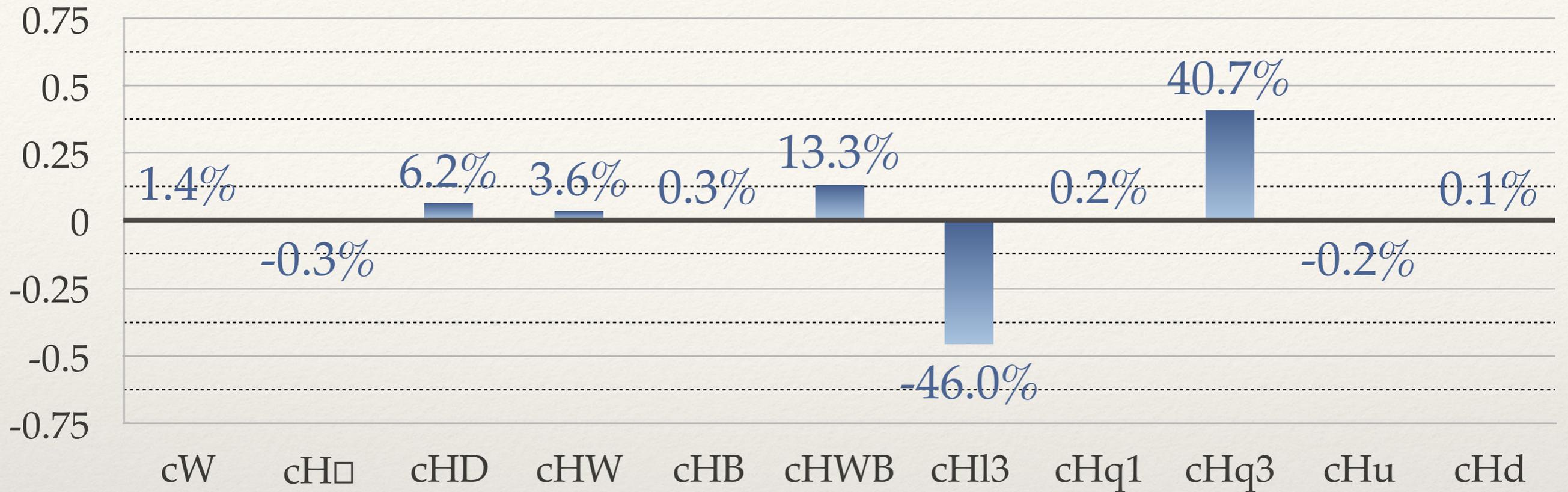
# The Warsaw Basis

1 : $X^3$		2 : $H^6$		3 : $H^4 D^2$		5 : $\psi^2 H^3 + \text{h.c.}$					
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_H$	$(H^\dagger H)^3$	$Q_{H\Box}$	$(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$	$Q_{eH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{l}_p e_r H)$				
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$			$Q_{HD}$	$(H^\dagger D_\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$	$Q_{uH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{H})$				
$Q_W$	$\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$					$Q_{dH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_p d_r H)$				
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\epsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$										
4 : $X^2 H^2$		6 : $\psi^2 XH + \text{h.c.}$		7 : $\psi^2 H^2 D$		8 : $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		8 : $(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		8 : $(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$Q_{HG}$	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{Hi}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$	$Q_{\ell\ell}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$Q_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$Q_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{H\tilde{G}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{Hi}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$	$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{uu}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{lu}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{HW}$	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{He}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$	$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{H\tilde{W}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$	$Q_{\ell q}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$Q_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$Q_{qe}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{HB}$	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{H} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$	$Q_{\ell q}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$Q_{ed}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{H\tilde{B}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) H G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{Hu}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$	$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{HWB}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dW}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{Hd}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$	$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$		
$Q_{H\tilde{W}B}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{Hud} + \text{h.c.}$	$i(\tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$						
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						$Q_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s q_{tj})$	$Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$
								$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \epsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$

# Results:

*“VBS region”:*

- $p_T(j) > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_{jj} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta\eta(j_1j_2) > 2.4$

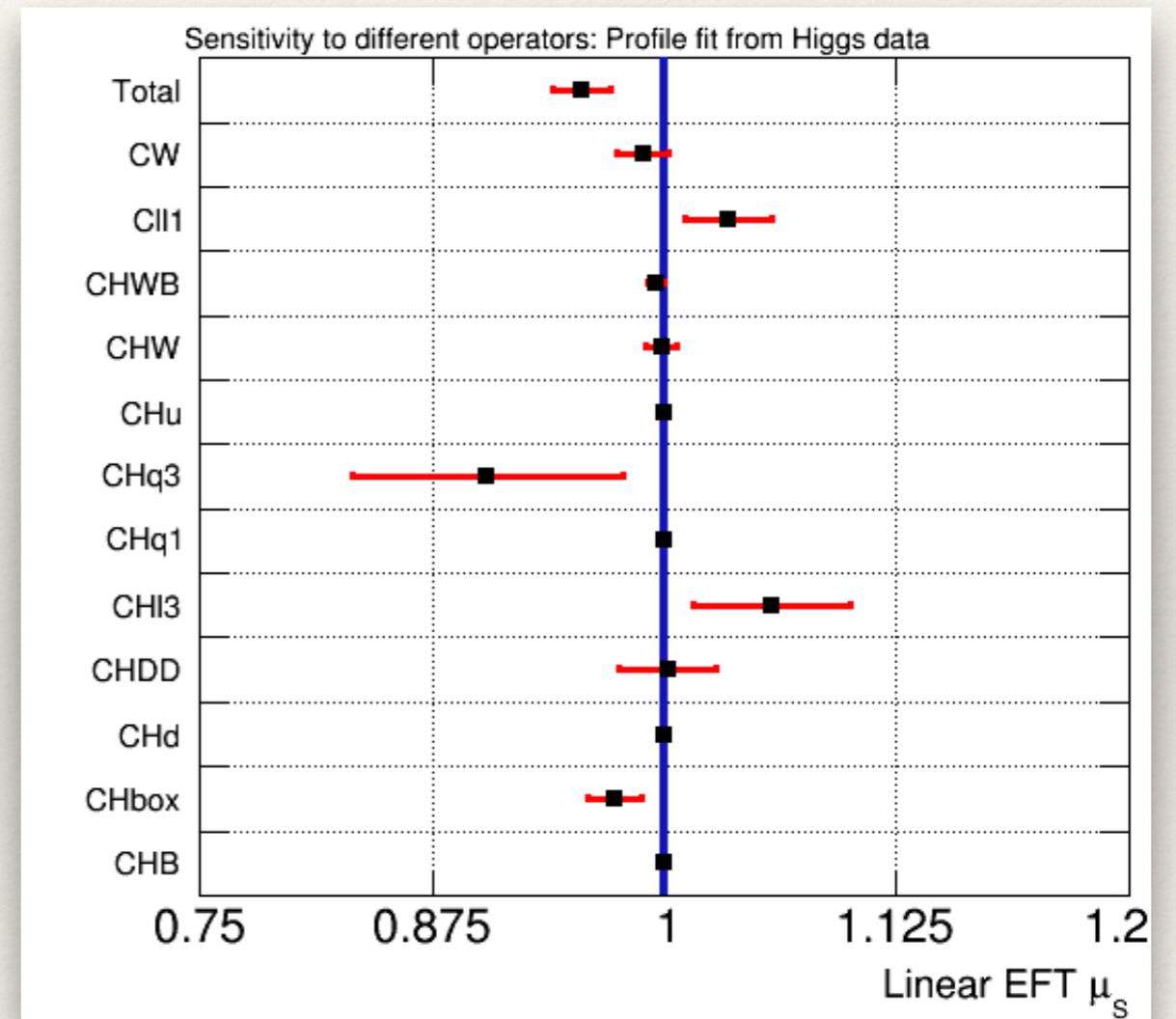


# First interesting observation:

- ❖ If we look at signal strengths:

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{EFT}}{\sigma_{SM}}$$

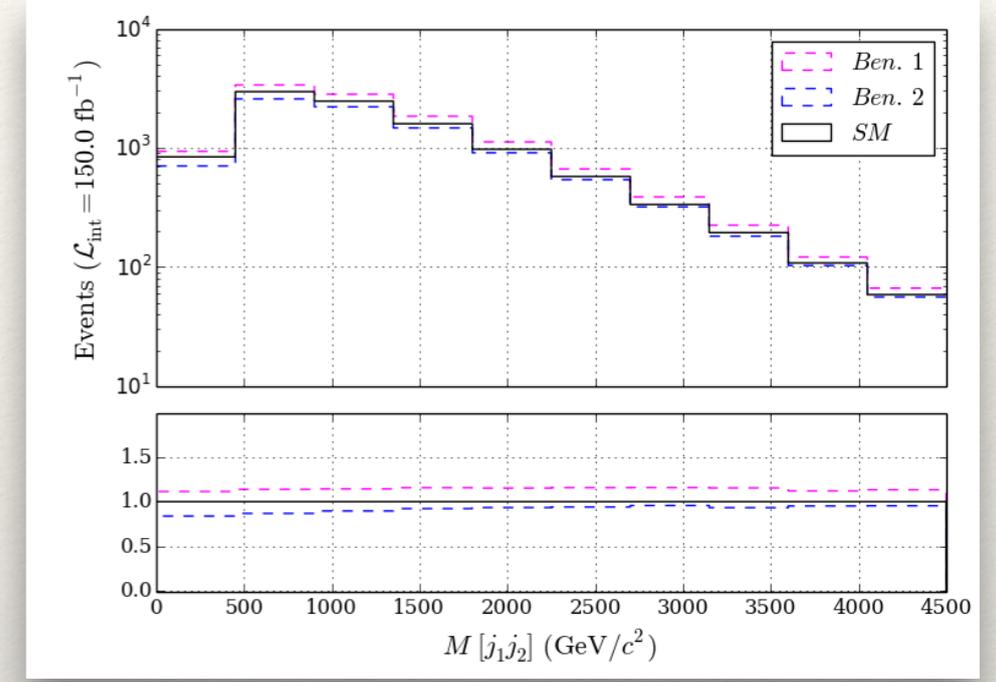
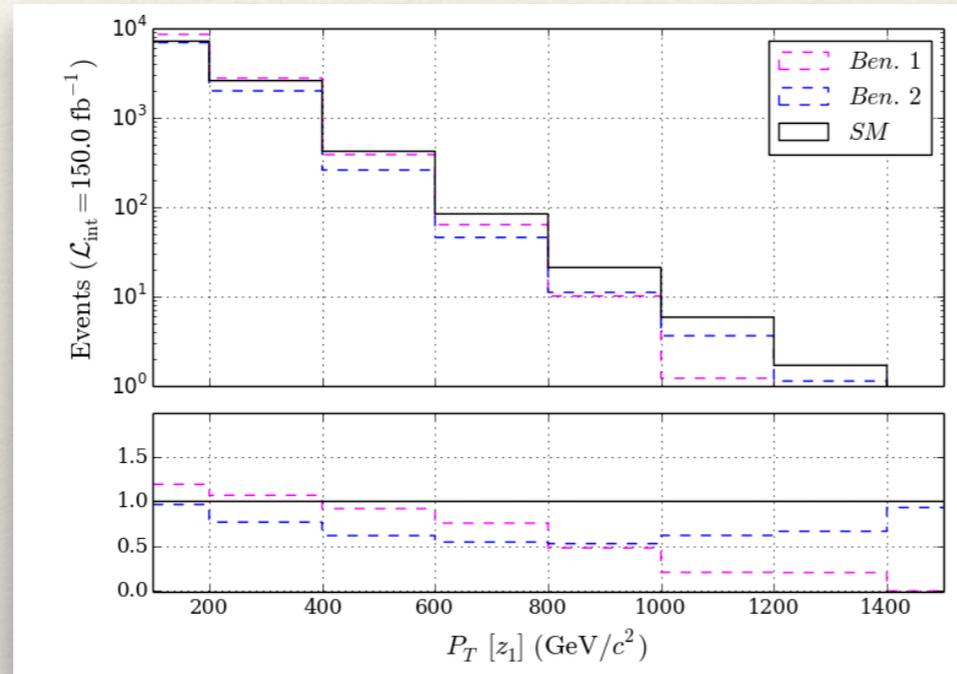
- ❖ Some existing bounds can be improved with VBS predictions
- ❖ In black: best fit values from the literature\*, in red,  $\pm 1\sigma$  CL region



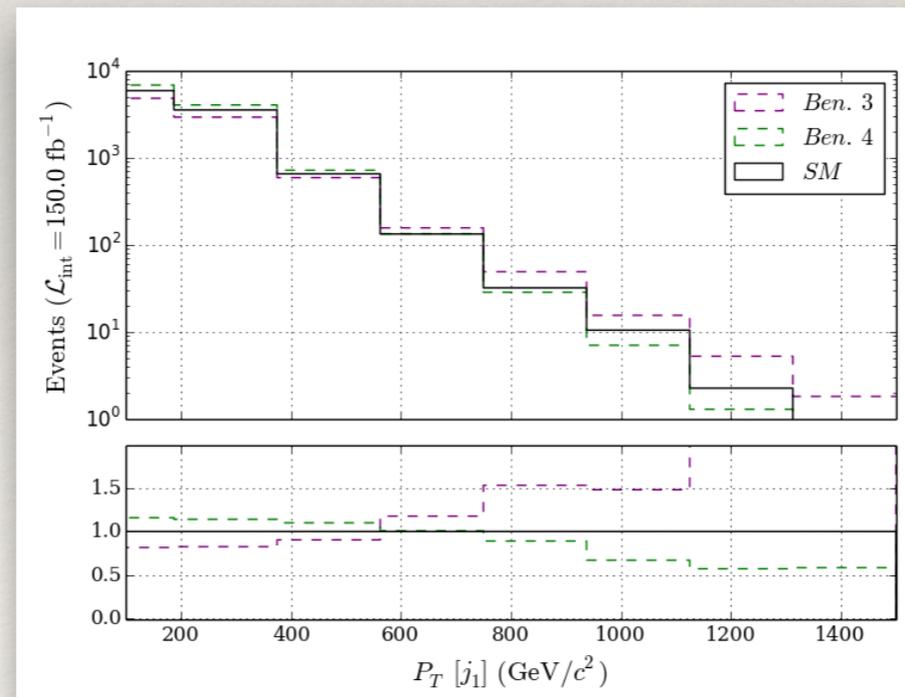
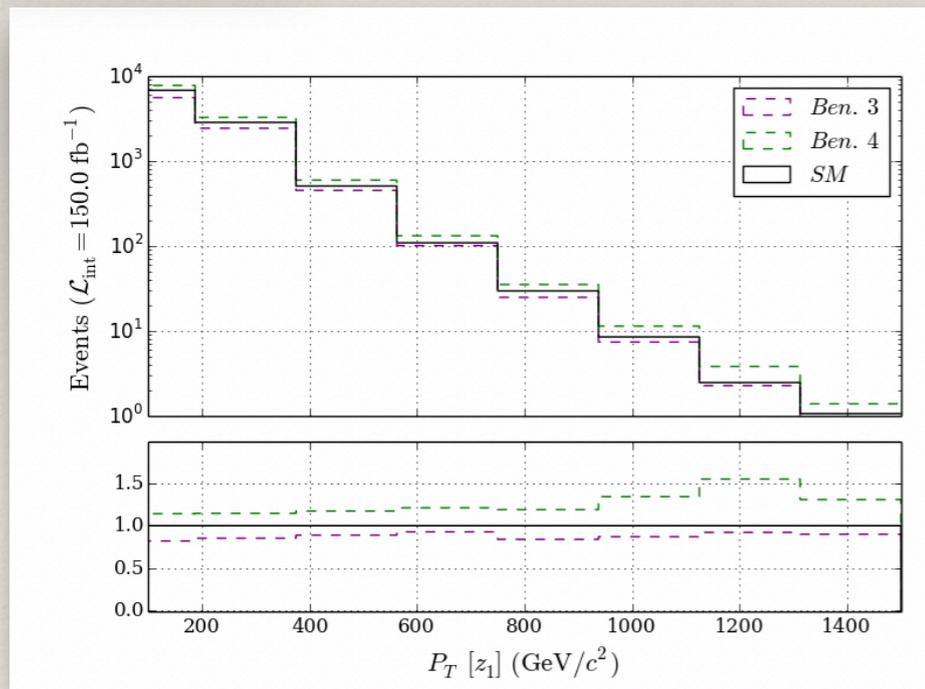
\*Ellis, Murphy, Sanz, You, 1803.03252

# Differential Distributions

Bosonic  
benchmarks:



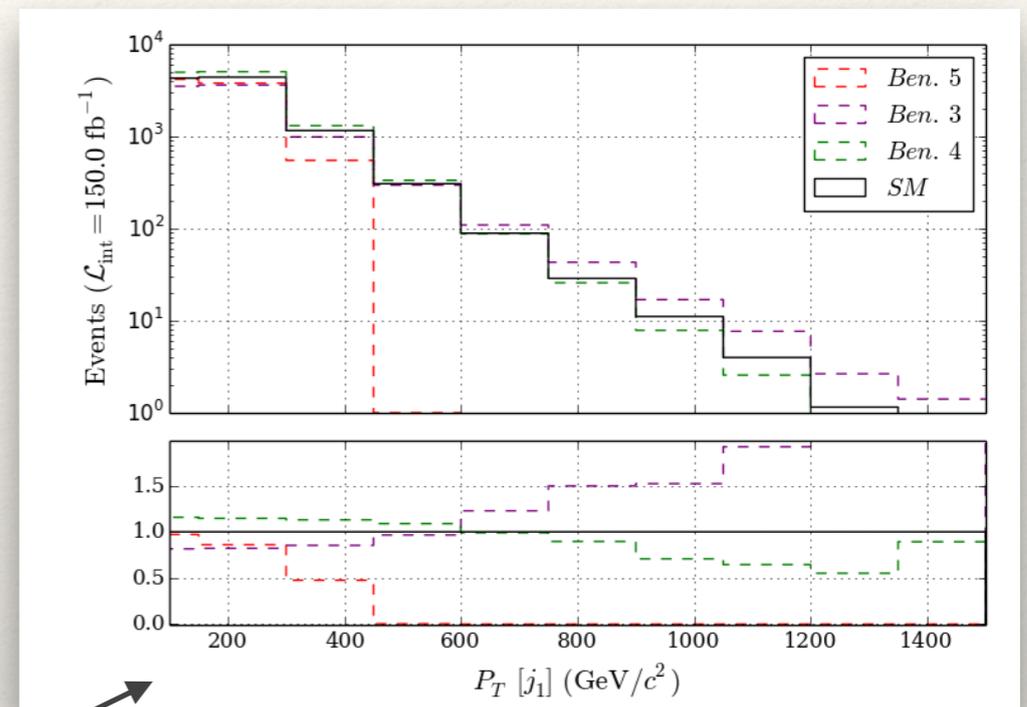
Fermionic  
benchmarks:



*We choose different sets of the  $c_i$  values, enhancing or suppressing the xsec by 15%*

# Second interesting observation:

- ❖ A study of differential distributions sheds much more light on the EFT behaviour. Not only at high energies

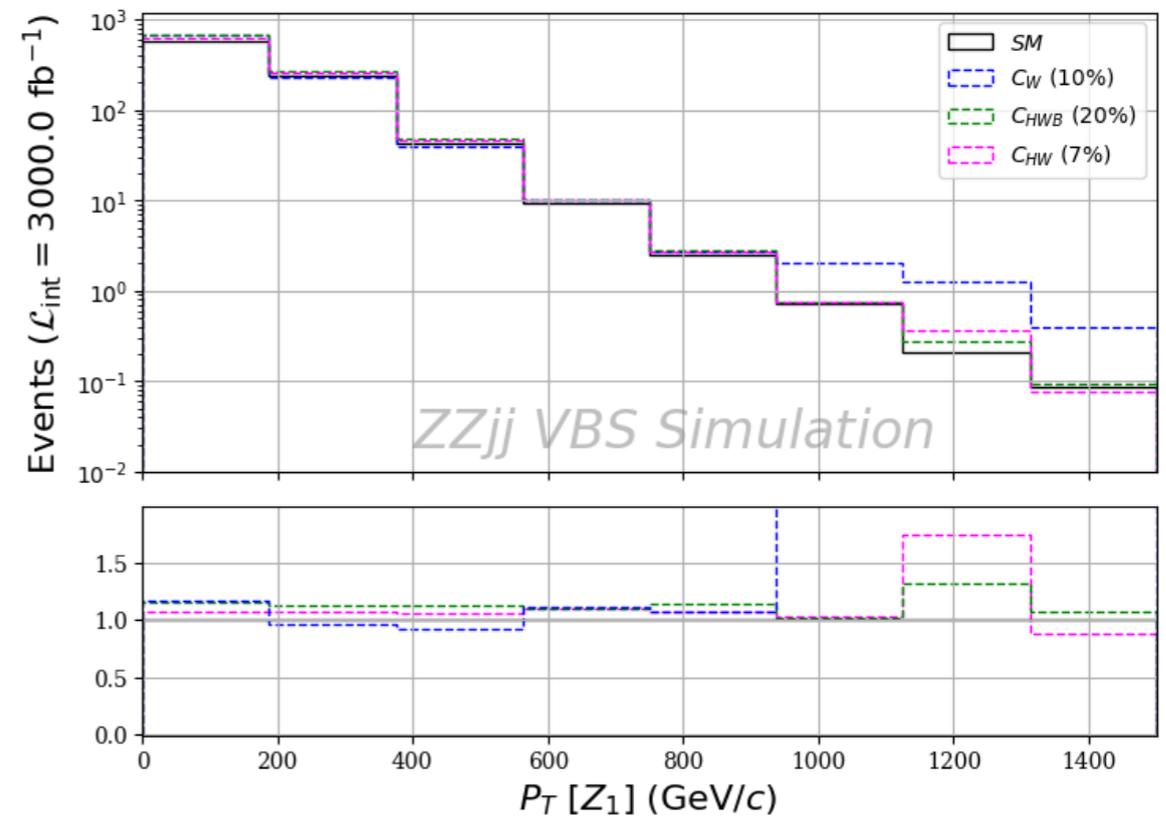
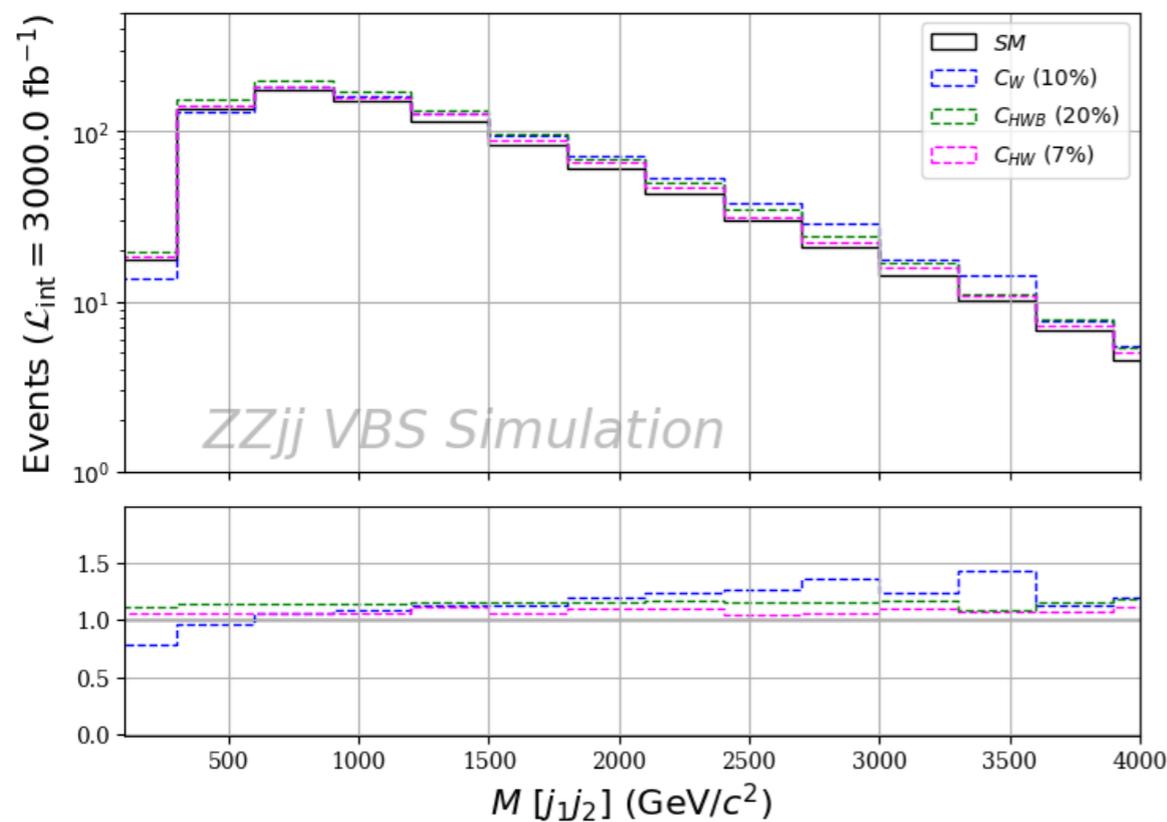


Use low energy bins to derive stronger bounds on the EFT coefficients (unitarity bounds)

*Work in progress...*

# Future Prospects (HL-LHC)

- ❖ VBS(ZZ) with leptonic decays: very good prospects for the future runs
- ❖ LHC Run-2:  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  events  $\rightarrow$  HL-LHC:  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  events



# More work in progress...

❖ Look at different kinematic regions to find the optimal ones. (in line with the STSX approach)

❖ Region 1: “VBS region”

- $p_T(j) > 30$  GeV
- $m_{jj} > 100$  GeV
- $\Delta\eta(j_1j_2) > 2.4$

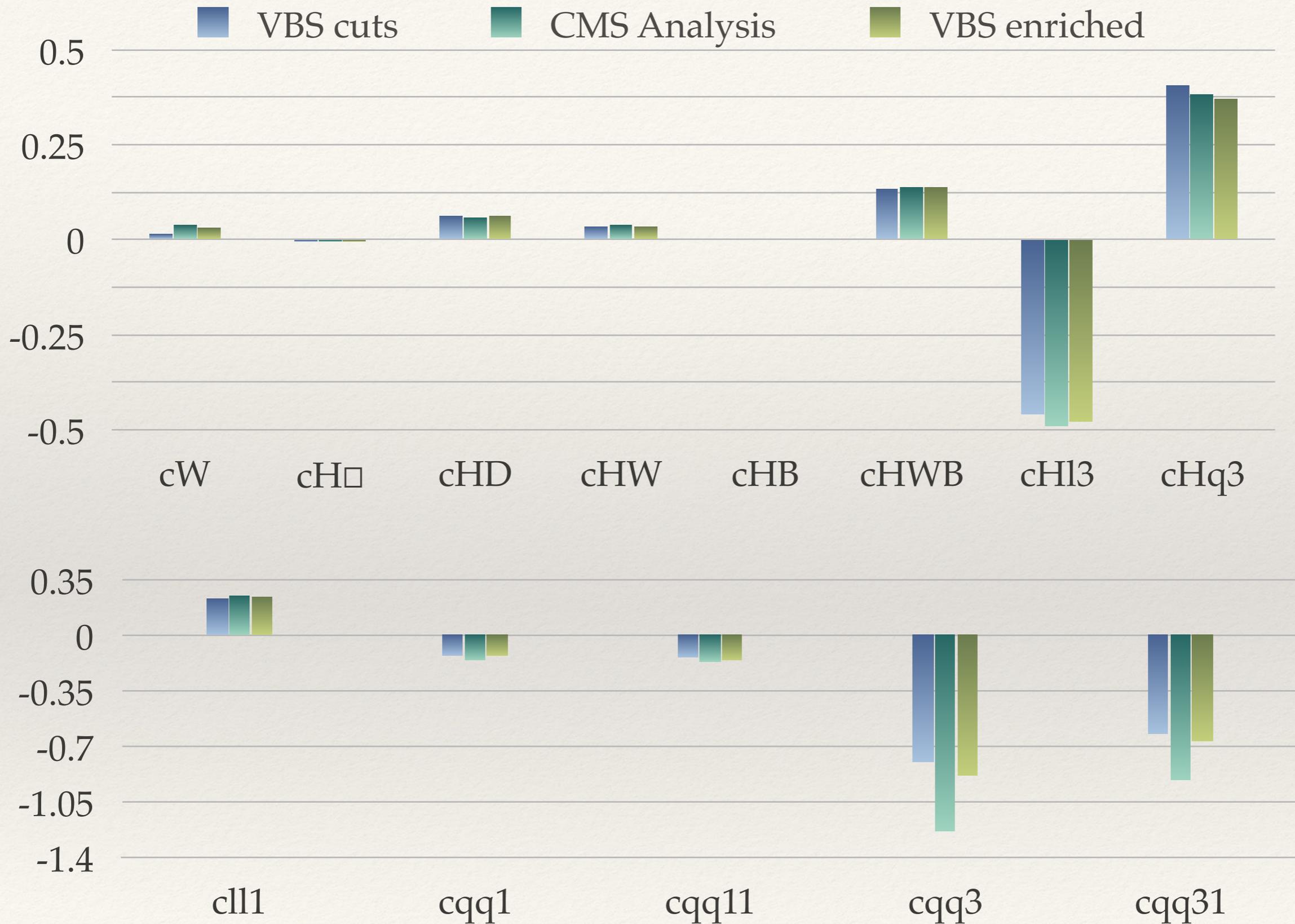
❖ Region 2: CMS analysis

- $p_T(j) > 30$  GeV
- $m_{jj} > 100$  GeV

❖ Region 3: “VBS enriched region”

- $p_T(j) > 30$  GeV
- $m_{jj} > 400$  GeV
- $\Delta\eta(j_1j_2) > 2.4$

## STXS-style analysis:



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# Conclusions and outlook

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- ❖ Goal: global fit of EFT coefficients
- ❖ Ingredients:
  - ❖ From the TH side:
    - ❖ Precise EFT predictions (SIG and BKG)
    - ❖ Control of MHOUs (NLO EFT and higher dim operators)
  - ❖ From the EX side:
    - ❖ Measurements for cross sections and differential distributions
- ❖ From both:
  - ❖ See the big picture rather than fitting each channel individually



# Thanks for your attention

“All of physics is either impossible or trivial. It is impossible until you understand it, and then it becomes trivial.”

– *Ernest Rutherford*

