

Top quark electroweak interactions at high energy

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EWSB sector at the LHC

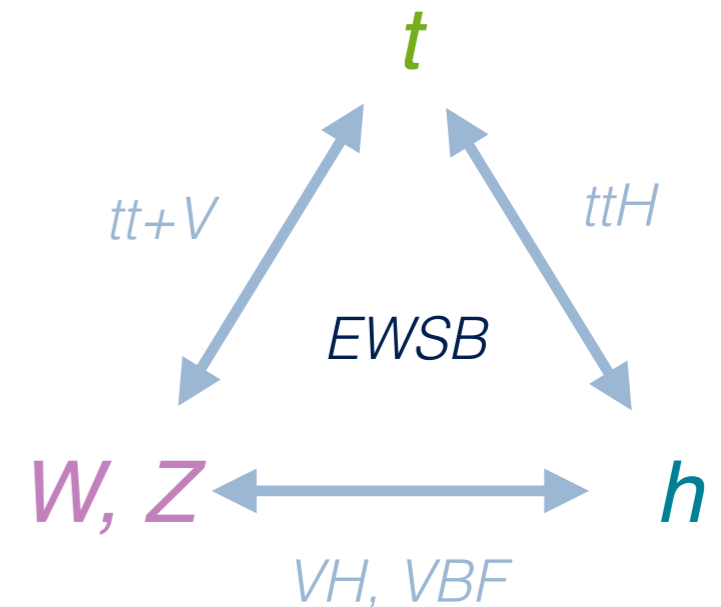
LHC legacy = precise measurements of the interactions that govern EWSB

Key players are in the game

We know that the top is special

- Being most strongly coupled to the Higgs has strong **BSM implications**
- Big role to play in uncovering the nature of EWSB?
- Through interactions with Higgs and longitudinal W,Z (Goldstone bosons)

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -iG^+ \\ v + h + iG^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \partial_\mu G^+ \leftrightarrow W_\mu^+ \\ \partial_\mu G^0 \leftrightarrow Z_\mu \end{array}$$



Intrinsic connection between measuring couplings to **gauge** and **Goldstone** bosons, especially at high energy

EWSB sector at the LHC

SM is a spontaneously broken, gauge-Yukawa theory

Symmetry \leftrightarrow Constraints/Relations

$$y_f \bar{F}_L f_R \varphi \quad (D^\mu \varphi)^\dagger (D_\mu \varphi)$$

Mass \leftrightarrow Higgs coupling

$$\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^a W_a^{\mu\nu} \quad i\bar{F} \not{D} F$$

Self-interactions \leftrightarrow Gauge currents

Delicate ‘balance’ conserves **unitarity** & **renormalisability**

Precision measurements of SM interactions target **deviations** & presence of **non-SM** Lorentz structures

Hallmark signature:

Energy growth in scattering amplitudes

Scattering unitarity

$W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$: Unitarity ‘cancellations’ in the SM

$$\mathcal{A} = \boxed{\text{triple-gauge}} + \boxed{\text{quartic}} + \boxed{\text{EWSB}} = \boxed{\sim E^0}$$

triple-gauge quartic EWSB

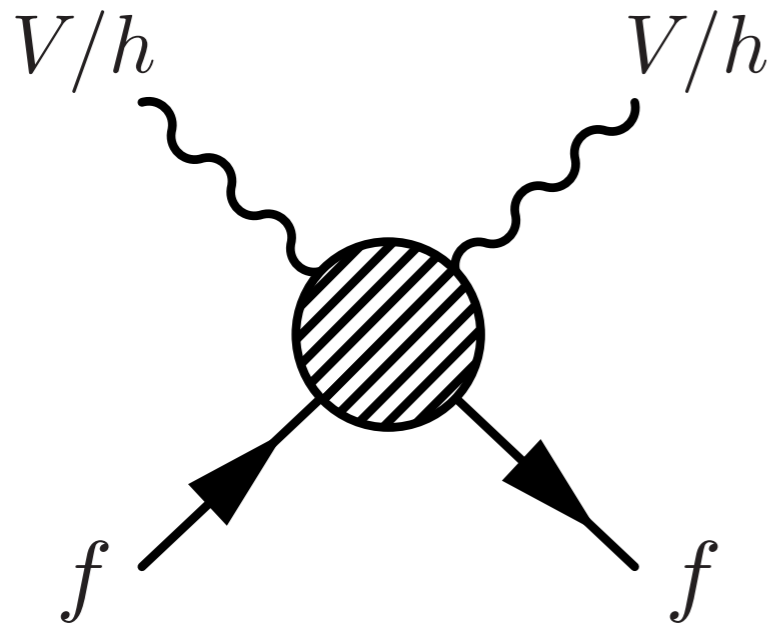
Diboson (TGC) VBS (TGC, QGC) EW Higgs prod./decay

Deviations from SM interactions \rightarrow energy growth

- Cancellations are a feature of gauge invariance & EWSB mechanism
- E-growth: theory has limited validity range \rightarrow heavy new physics

Tops and unitarity

Analogous behaviour in scatterings involving fermions



$$A \sim E^2 \rightarrow E^0 \quad \text{gauge interactions}$$

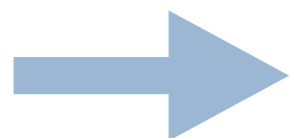
$$A \sim m_f E \rightarrow E^{-1} \quad \text{EWSB mechanism}$$

High-energy limit with **finite mass** effects

- Top quark scattering sector especially rich

Limited validity range

Heavy new physics



SM Effective Field Theory

Energy growth in SMEFT

Dim-6

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{A}_{SM} \left(1 + c_i \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} + c_j \frac{v E}{\Lambda^2} + c_k \frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \quad \text{'Energy helps accuracy'}$$

[Farina et al.; PLB 772 (2017) 210-215]

Rate measurements will become systematics dominated
Increasingly high-energy measurements scale with lumi.

However, inserting an SMEFT operator into an amplitude does not **guarantee** energy growth...

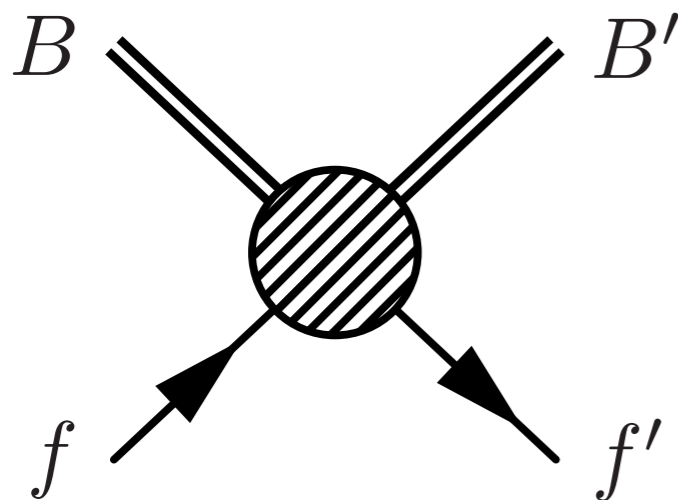
Operator contribution to a given process:

- **May not** grow maximally with energy (E^2)
 - Have **suppressed** interference w/ SM
- [Azatov et al.; PRD 95 (2017) no. 6, 065014]

There will always be **some** scattering amplitude that displays **maximal** (E^2) growth w.r.t the SM

Find and exploit them!

Our study



	Single-top	Two-top ($t\bar{t}$)
w/o Higgs	$b W \rightarrow t (Z/\gamma)$	$t W \rightarrow t W$ $t (Z/\gamma) \rightarrow t (Z/\gamma)$
w/ Higgs	$b W \rightarrow t h$	$t (Z/\gamma) \rightarrow t h$ $t h \rightarrow t h$

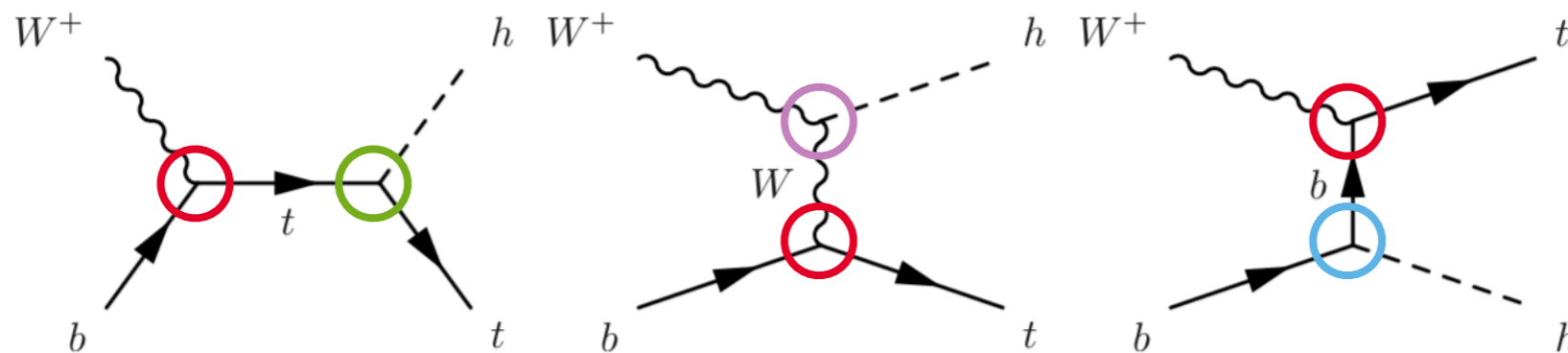
Considered 10, $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering amplitudes with \geq one top

- High energy limit: $\mathbf{s} \sim |\mathbf{t}| \gg \mathbf{v}^2$
- Max. unitary energy dependence: E^0
- Study unitarity cancellations/energy growth in SMEFT vs. **anomalous couplings**
- Do they interfere in an energy-growing way with the SM?
- How can we access them through **collider processes**?

Interesting processes: ‘rare’ EW top production

tZj , tWj , tHj , tZW , tHW , $ttWj$, VBF- tt ,...

Example: $bW^+ \rightarrow tH$



In the SM, fully left handed, longitudinal W configuration $\sim E^0$

Anomalous interactions:

- tbW vertex: present in all diagrams \rightarrow overall rescaling $\sim E^0$
- bbH vertex: $\propto mb \rightarrow 0$
- HWW & ttH interactions: participate in a unitarity cancellation $\sim v E$

$$\mathcal{A}(b_L, W_L, t_R) \propto \sqrt{-t} (2m_W^2 \boxed{g_{th}} - \boxed{g_{Wh}} m_t)$$

- Fixing couplings to SM values sends it to E^{-1}

$bW^+ \rightarrow tH$ in SMEFT

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
$-, 0, -$	s^0	s^0	$-$	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
$-, 0, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
$+, 0, -$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, 0, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$-, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$-$	$-$
$-, +, +$	s^0	$-$	$-$	s^0	s^0	s^0
$+, -, -$	$-$	$-$	s^0	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, -, +$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, -$	$-$	$-$	s^0	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	$-$	$-$	$-$

$bW^+ \rightarrow tH$ in SMEFT

SMEFT: many more sources of energy growth

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$+, 0, -$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, 0, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$-, -, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$-$	$-$	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$-$	$-$
$-, +, +$	s^0	$-$	$-$	s^0	s^0	s^0
$+, -, -$	$-$	$-$	s^0	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, -, +$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, -$	$-$	$-$	s^0	$-$	$-$	$-$
$+, +, +$	$-$	$-$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	$-$	$-$	$-$

bW⁺ → tH in SMEFT

Helicity configurations

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

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- , 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+ , 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+ , 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
- , - , -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
- , - , +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
- , + , -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
- , + , +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+ , - , -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+ , - , +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ , + , -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+ , + , +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

W_L



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- , 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
- , 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+ , 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+ , 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
- , -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
- , -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
- , +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
- , +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+ , -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+ , -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ , +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+ , +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

W_L ← (rows 1-4)
W_T ← (rows 5-12)

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Schematic SM E-dependence down to E⁻²

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

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Operators with some degree of growth

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

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Max growth

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
−, 0, −	s^0	s^0	−	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
−, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	−	−	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
+, 0, −	−	−	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	−	−	−
+, 0, +	−	−	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	−	−	−
−, −, −	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	−	−	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$
−, −, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	−	−	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
−, +, −	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	−	−	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	−	−
−, +, +	s^0	−	−	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, −, −	−	−	s^0	−	−	−
+, −, +	−	−	−	−	−	−
+, +, −	−	−	s^0	−	−	−
+, +, +	−	−	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	−	−	−

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Interfering E-growth: SU(2) current operator

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
-, 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-tv}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-tm_t}$	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-tm_W}$	-	-	-

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Non-interfering / no E growth in interference

$\lambda_b, \lambda_W, \lambda_t$	SM	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$
−, 0, −	s^0	s^0	−	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
−, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	−	−	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+ , 0, −	−	−	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	−	−	−
+ , 0, +	−	−	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	−	−	−
−, −, −	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	−	−	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
−, −, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	−	−	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
−, +, −	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	−	−	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	−	−
−, +, +	s^0	−	−	s^0	s^0	s^0
+ , −, −	−	−	s^0	−	−	−
+ , −, +	−	−	−	−	−	−
+ , +, −	−	−	s^0	−	−	−
+ , +, +	−	−	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	−	−	−

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-, 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

$\propto m_b$ ←

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-, 0, -	s^0	s^0	-	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
-, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+ , 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+ , 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
-, -, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
-, -, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+ , -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+ , -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+ , +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+ , +, +	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	-	-	-

$\propto m_b$ ←

→ W_T

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Sub-leading growth ∝ EW scale (m_t, m_W, v)

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−, 0, −	s^0	s^0	−	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
−, 0, +	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	−	−	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
+ , 0, −	−	−	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	−	−	−
+ , 0, +	−	−	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	−	−	−
−, −, −	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	−	−	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$
−, −, +	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	−	−	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
−, +, −	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	−	−	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	−	−
−, +, +	s^0	−	−	s^0	s^0	s^0
+ , −, −	−	−	s^0	−	−	−
+ , −, +	−	−	−	−	−	−
+ , +, −	−	−	s^0	−	−	−
+ , +, +	−	−	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	−	−	−

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← 9th $-, 0, -$	s^0	s^0	—	s^0	s^0	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$
$-, 0, +$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	$\sqrt{-t}v$	—	—	$\frac{sm_W}{\sqrt{-t}}$	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$
$+, 0, -$	—	—	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	—	—	—
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$-, -, +$	$\frac{1}{s}$	s^0	—	—	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	s^0
$-, +, -$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	—	—	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	—	—
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$+, -, +$	—	—	—	—	—	—
$+, +, -$	—	—	s^0	—	—	—
$+, +, +$	—	—	$\sqrt{-t}m_W$	—	—	—

bW⁺ → tH in SMEFT

No E-growing interference

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+, 0, -	-	-	$\sqrt{-t}m_t$	-	-	-
+, 0, +	-	-	$\sqrt{s(s+t)}$	-	-	-
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-, +, -	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}$	-	-	$\frac{m_W(s+t)}{\sqrt{-t}}$	-	-
-, +, +	s^0	-	-	s^0	s^0	s^0
+, -, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
+, -, +	-	-	-	-	-	-
+, +, -	-	-	s^0	-	-	-
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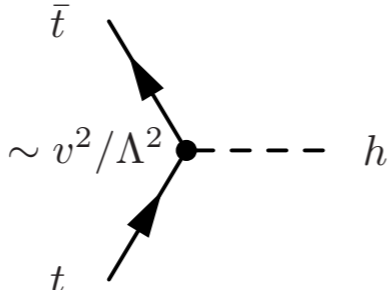
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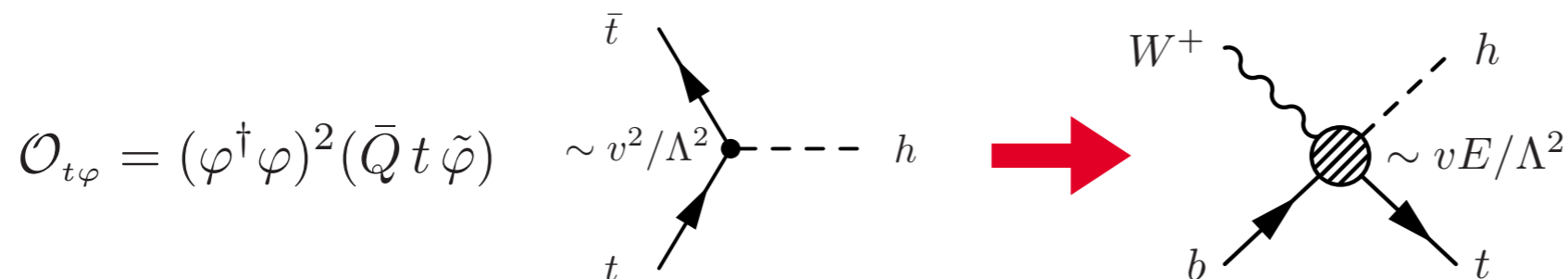
$$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi} = (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^2 (\bar{Q} t \tilde{\varphi}) \quad \sim v^2/\Lambda^2$$


The diagram shows a central vertex where two solid lines with arrows pointing towards the vertex meet. The top line is labeled \bar{t} and the bottom line is labeled t . A dashed line extends to the right from the vertex, labeled h . To the left of the vertex, the text $\sim v^2/\Lambda^2$ is written.

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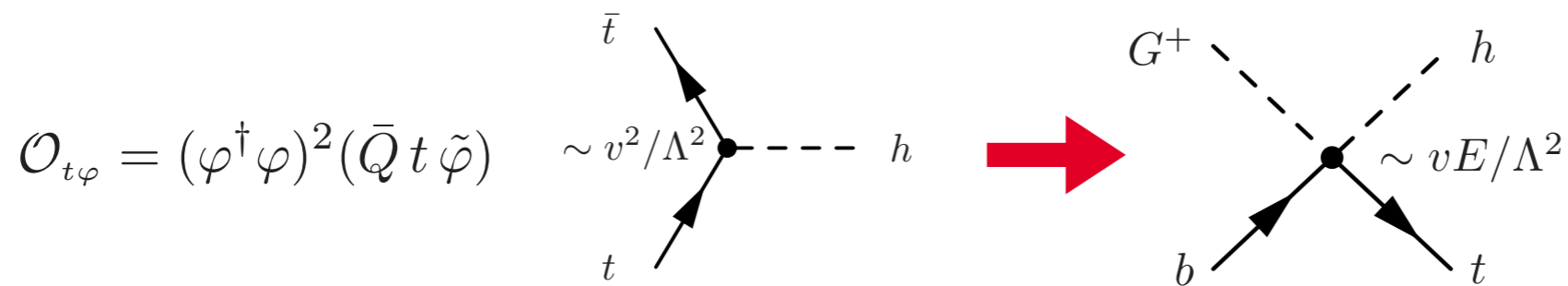
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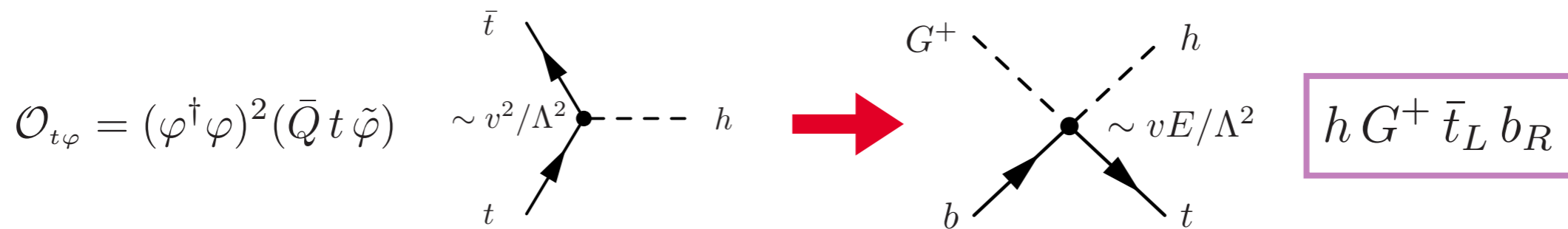


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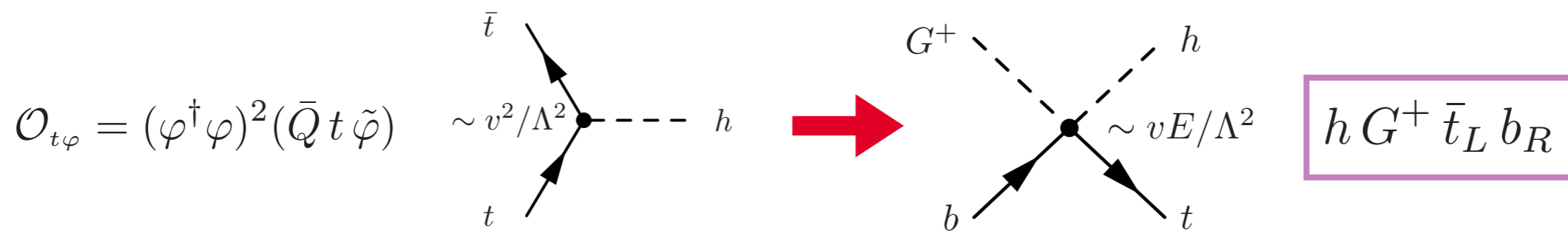


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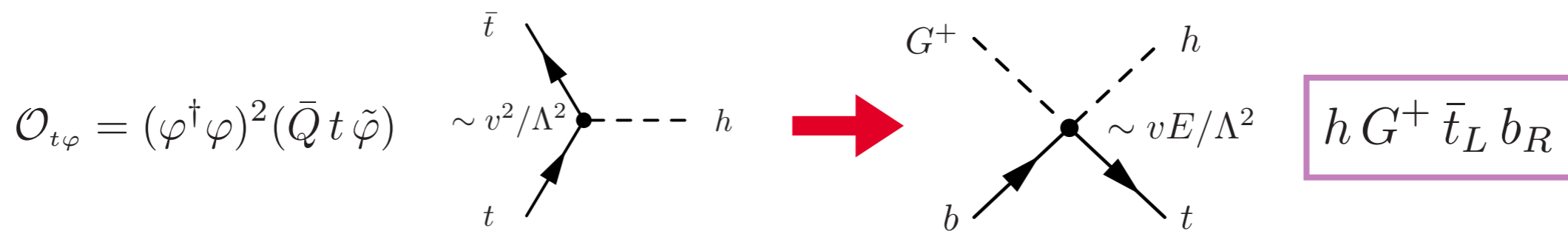
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$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)} = i(\varphi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \tau^I \varphi)(\bar{Q} \gamma^\mu \tau_I Q)$$

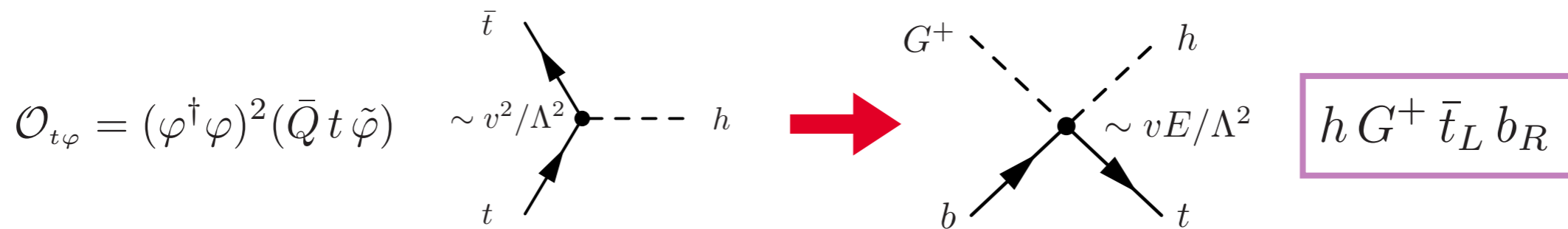
$$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb} = i(\tilde{\varphi} D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{t} \gamma^\mu b) + \text{h.c.}$$

$\sim v^2/\Lambda^2$ W^+

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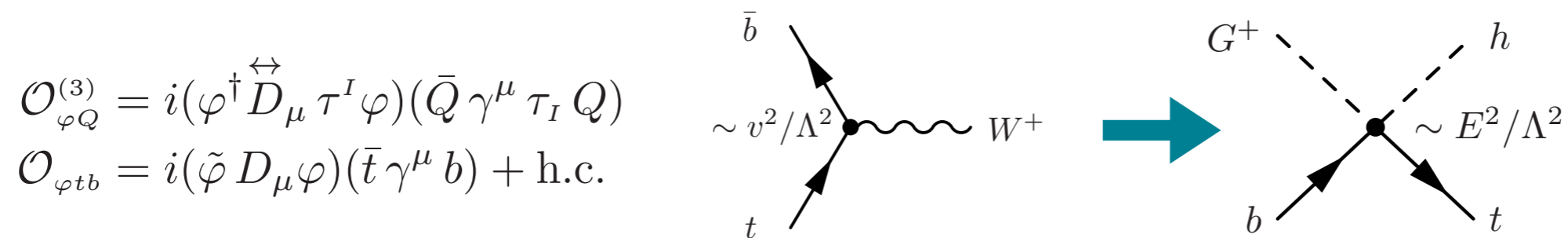
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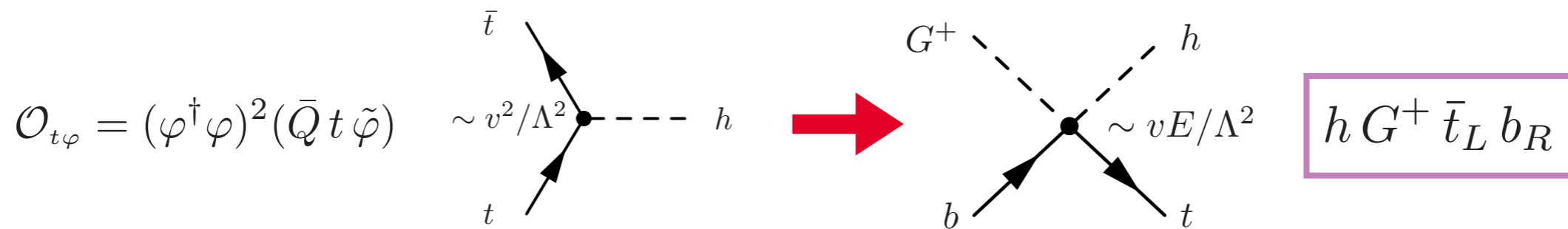
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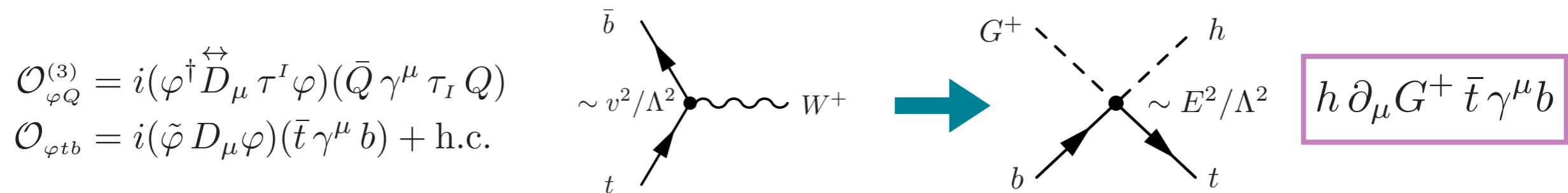
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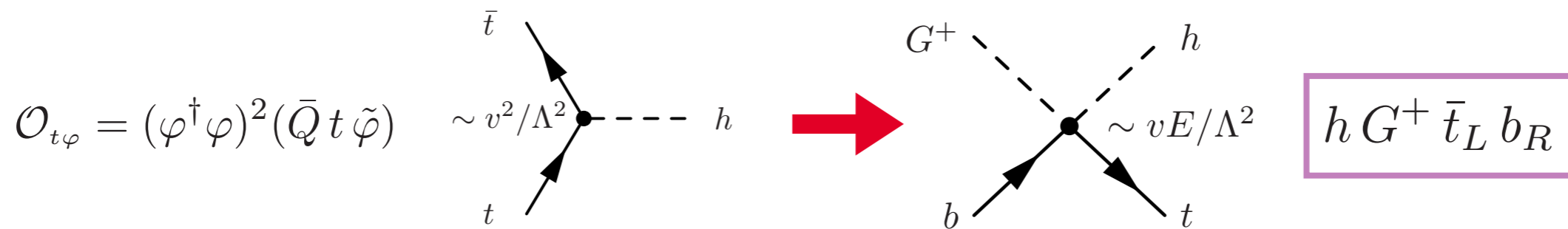
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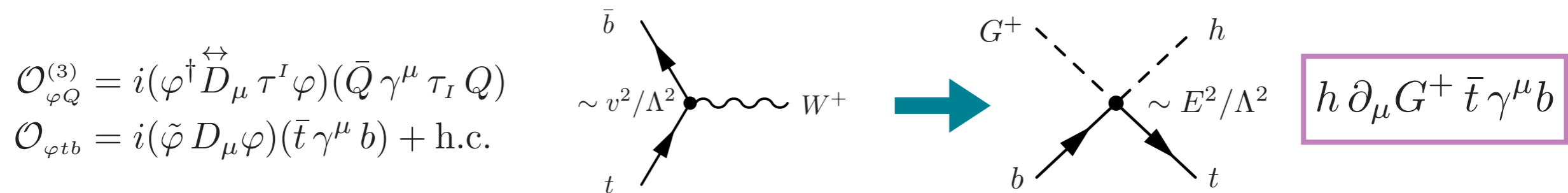
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- No anomalous coupling analogues (*recall Wtb vertex only rescales*)
- **Prediction** from gauge invariant dim-6 operators

Summary: max growths

gauge/higgs operators $\Leftarrow \Rightarrow$ *top operators*

Energy-growing
interference

	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi \square}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$	\mathcal{O}_W	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	\mathcal{O}_{tB}	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(1)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$
$bW \rightarrow tZ$	E	—	—	—	E	E^2	—	E^2	E^2	E	E^2	E	E^2
$bW \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	—	—	E	E^2	—	E^2	E^2	—	—	—	—
$bW \rightarrow th$	—	—	—	E	—	—	E	—	E^2	—	E^2	—	E^2

single-top

	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi \square}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$	\mathcal{O}_W	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	\mathcal{O}_{tB}	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(1)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$
$tW \rightarrow tW$	E	E	—	E	E	E^2	E	E	E^2	E^2	E^2	E^2
$tZ \rightarrow tZ$	E	E	E	E	E	—	E	E^2	E^2	E	E	E
$tZ \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	E^2	E^2	—	—	—
$t\gamma \rightarrow t\gamma$	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	E	E	—	—	—

*two-top
w/o Higgs*

	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi D}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi \square}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi B}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi W}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi WB}$	\mathcal{O}_W	$\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$	\mathcal{O}_{tB}	\mathcal{O}_{tW}	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(1)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$	$\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$
$tZ \rightarrow th$	E	—	E	E	E	—	E	E^2	E^2	E^2	E^2	E^2	—
$t\gamma \rightarrow th$	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	E^2	E^2	—	—	—	—
$th \rightarrow th$	E	E	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—

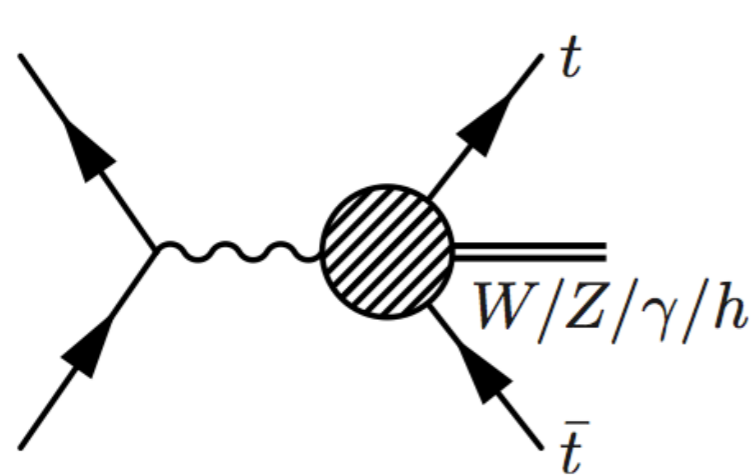
*two-top
w/ Higgs*

Most top operators show max growth somewhere

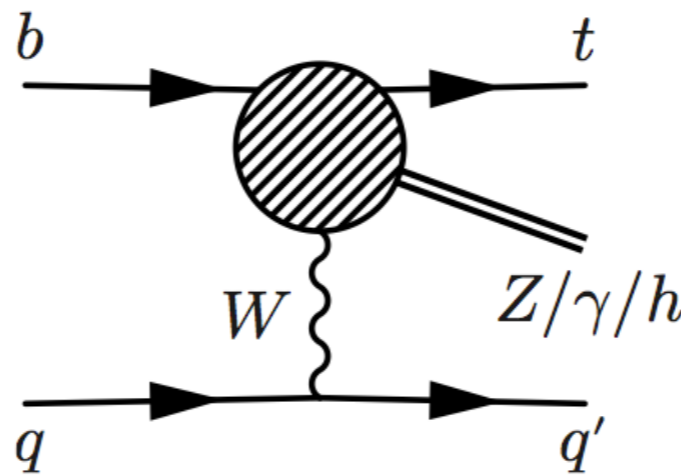
- Interfering growth *rare*, only in *longitudinal* configurations (c.f. helicity selection)

Embedding the amplitudes

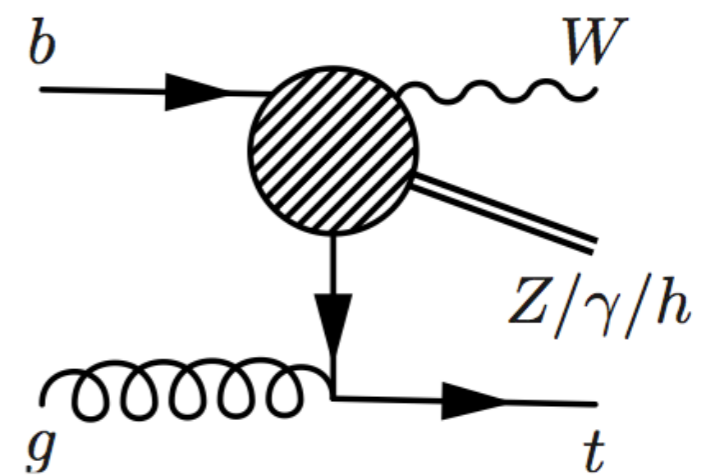
Collider processes: rare top production



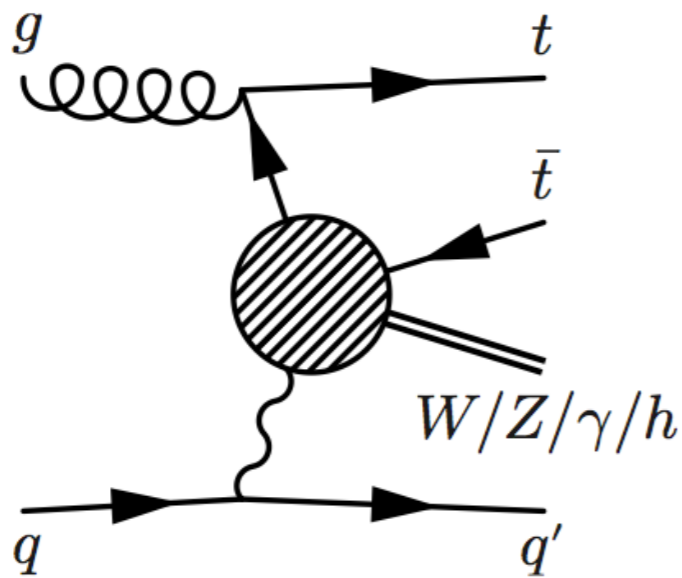
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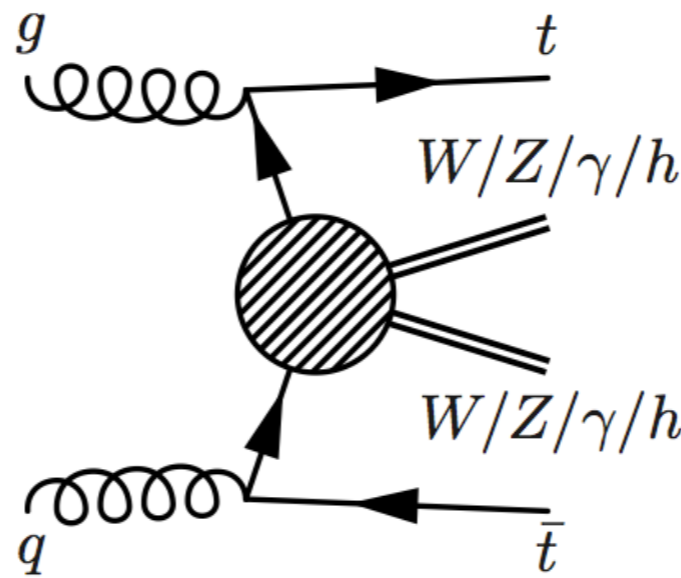
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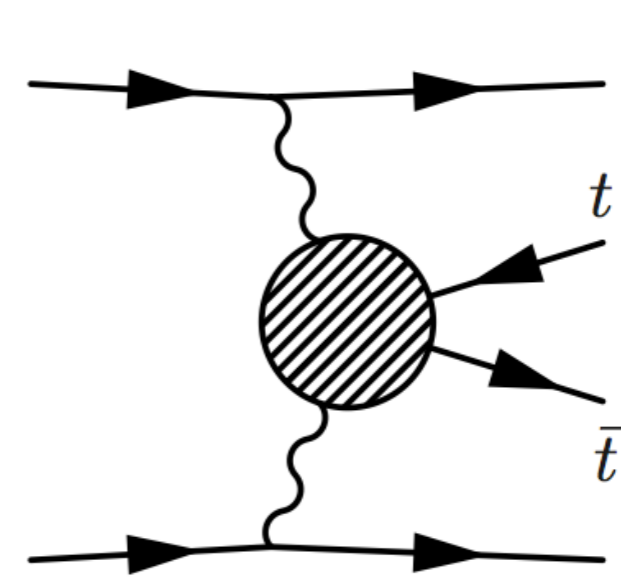
(c) tWX



(d) $t\bar{t}Xj$



(e) $t\bar{t}XY$



(f) VBF

Embedding the amplitudes

Collection of 'sensitivity' studies, general discussion



	tWj	tZj	$t\gamma j$	tWZ	$tW\gamma$	thj	thW
$bW \rightarrow tZ$	✓	✓		✓			
$bW \rightarrow t\gamma$	✓		✓		✓		
$bW \rightarrow th$						✓	✓

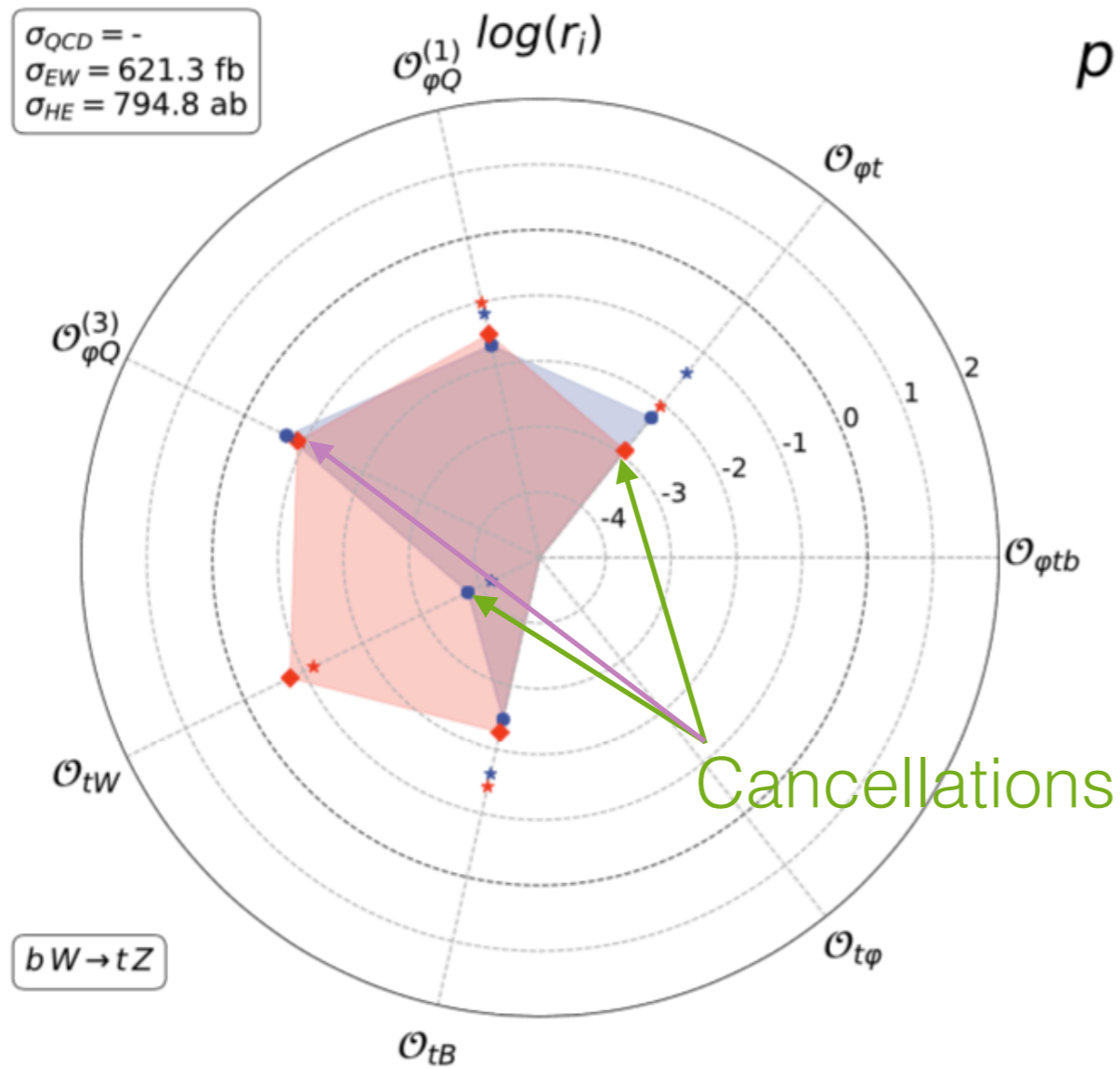
	$t\bar{t}W(j)$	$t\bar{t}WW$	$t\bar{t}Z(j)$	$t\bar{t}\gamma(j)$	$t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$	$t\bar{t}\gamma Z$	$t\bar{t}ZZ$	VBF
$tW \rightarrow tW$	✓	✓						✓
$tZ \rightarrow tZ$			✓				✓	✓
$tZ \rightarrow t\gamma$			✓	✓		✓		✓
$t\gamma \rightarrow t\gamma$				✓	✓			✓

	$t\bar{t}h(j)$	$t\bar{t}Zh$	$t\bar{t}\gamma h$	$t\bar{t}hh$
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$th \rightarrow th$				✓

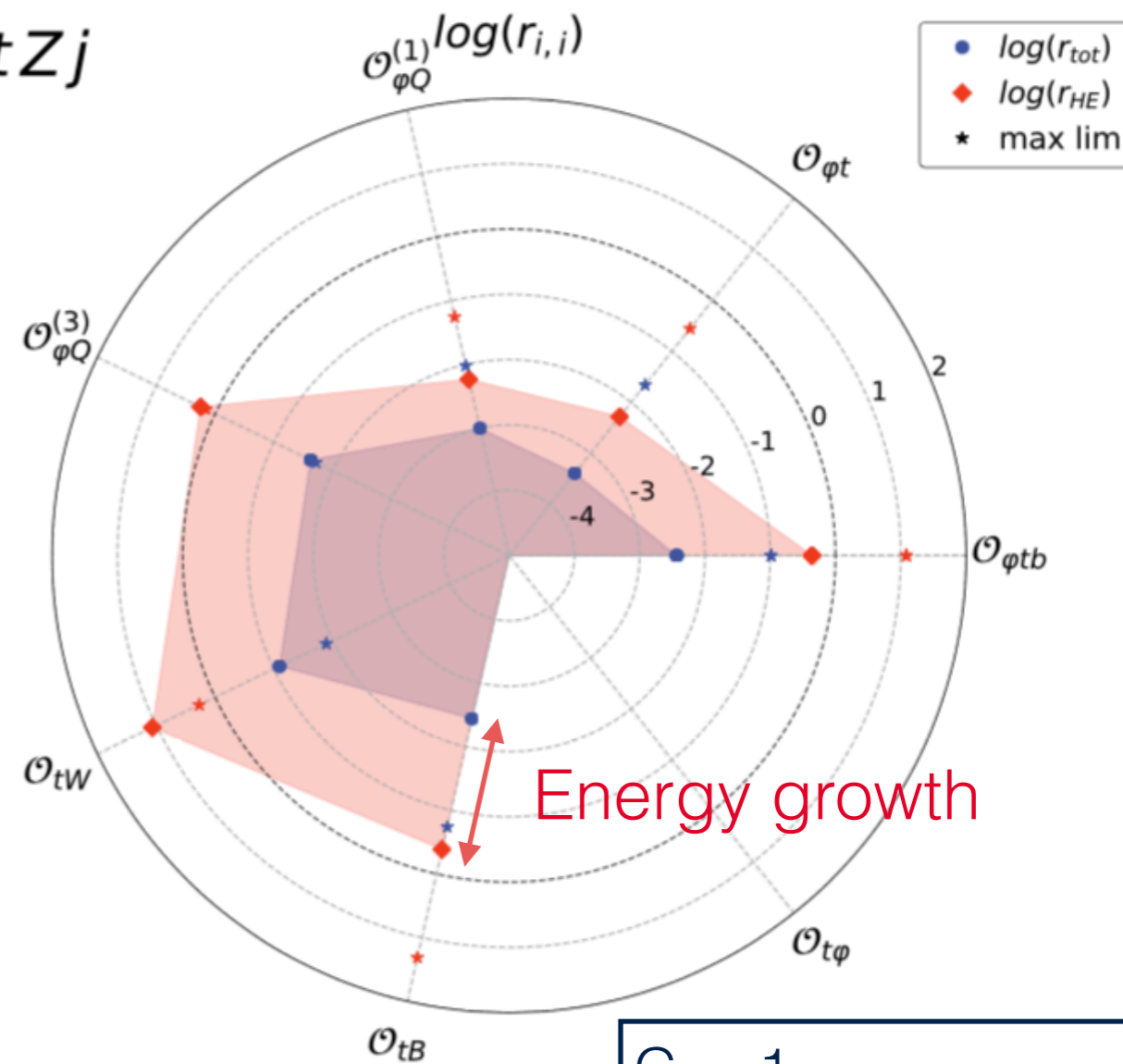
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 Inclusive
 $p_T(Z) > 500 \text{ GeV}$

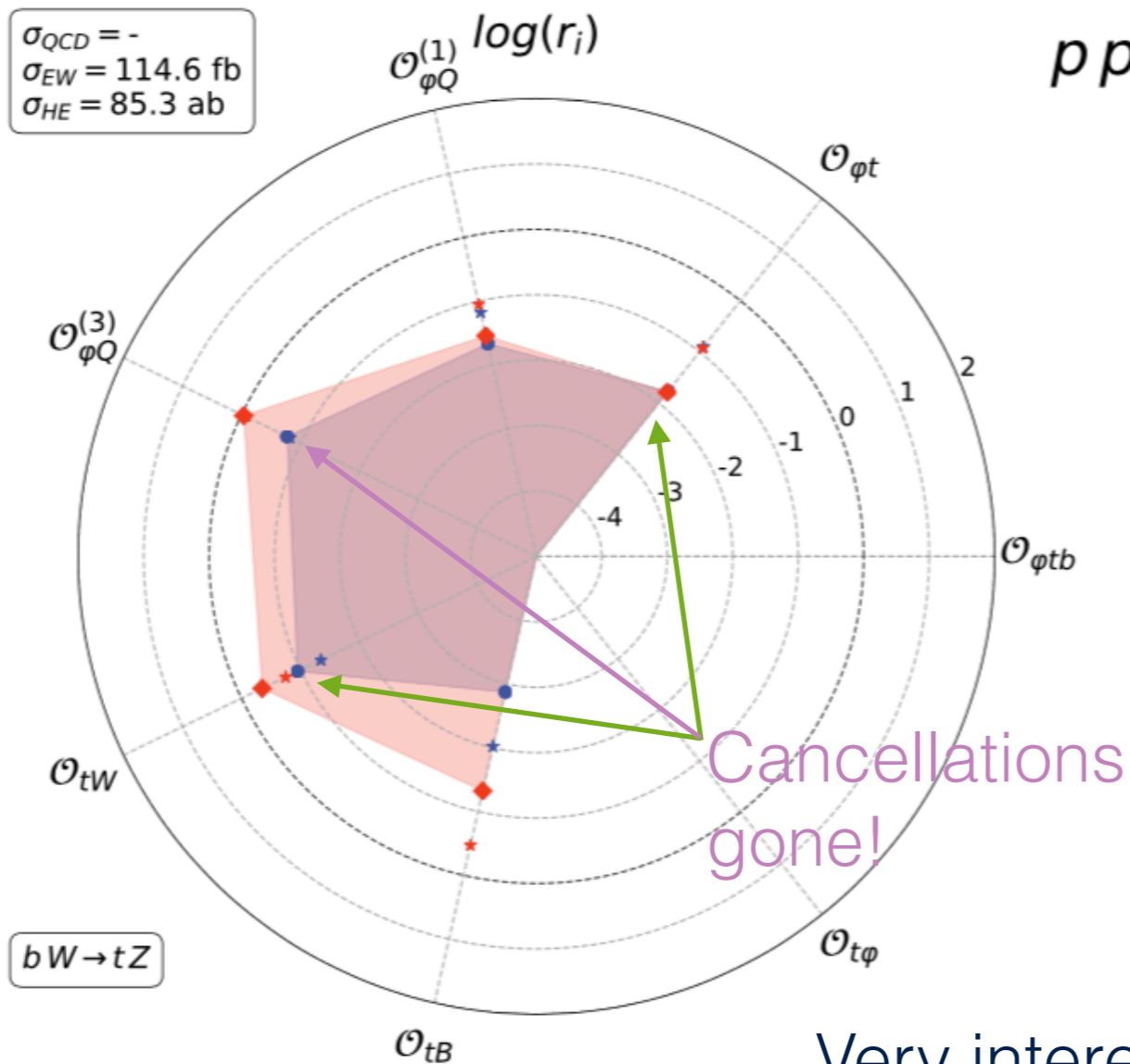
Expected growth from $2 \rightarrow 2$ absent!

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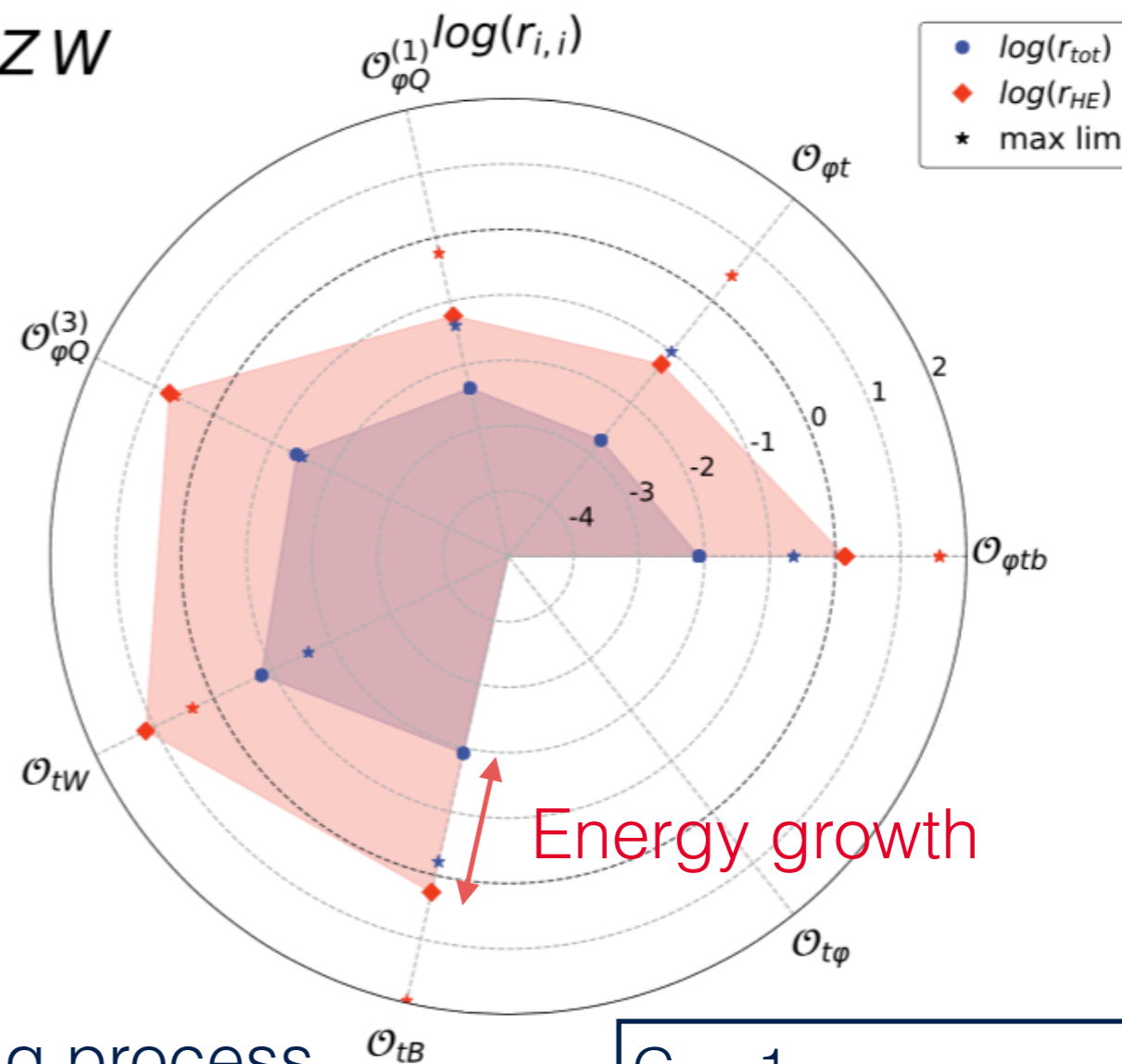
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$\sigma_{QCD} = -$
 $\sigma_{EW} = 114.6 \text{ fb}$
 $\sigma_{HE} = 85.3 \text{ ab}$



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Cancellations gone!

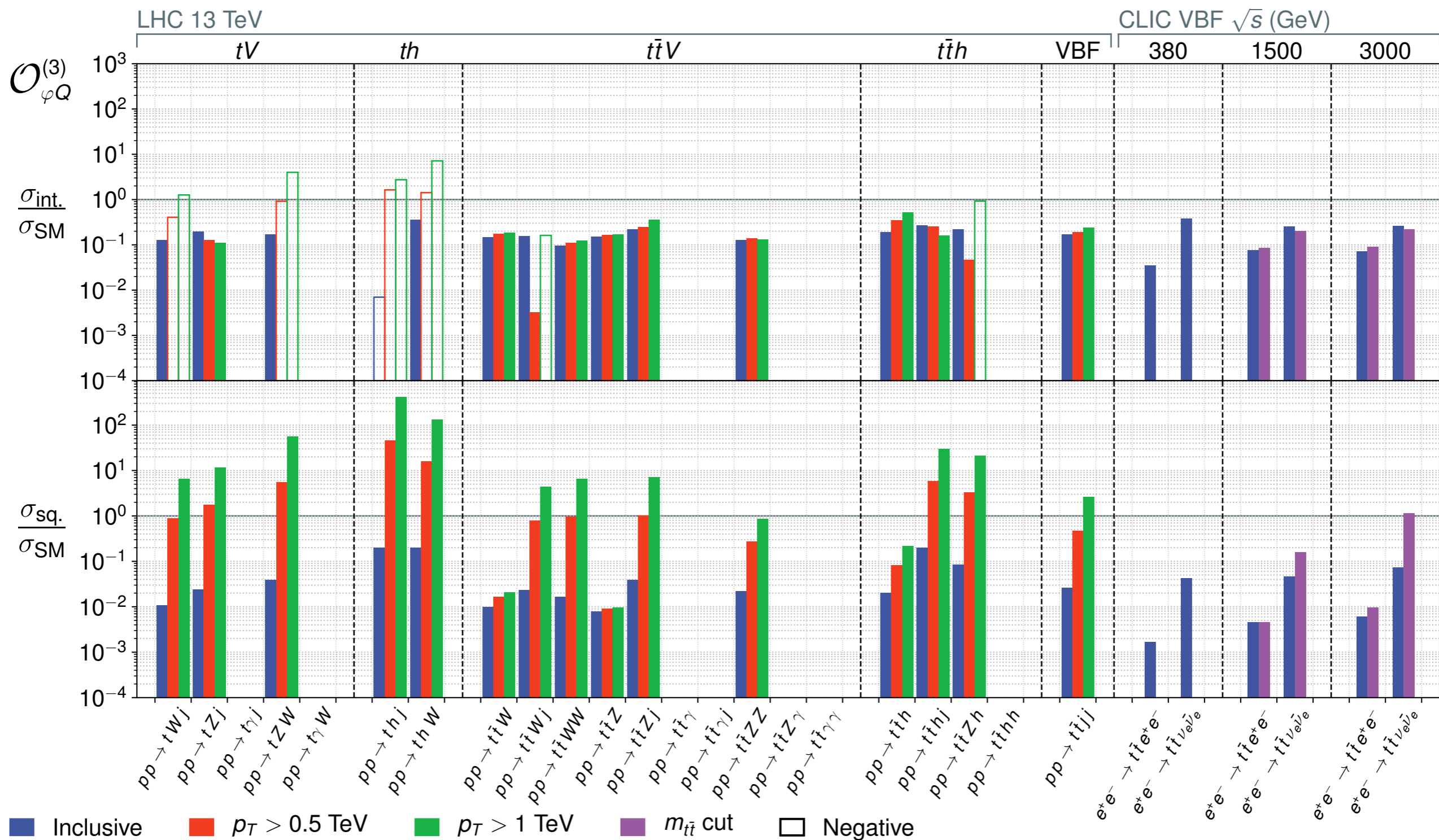
Energy growth

Expected growth is there!

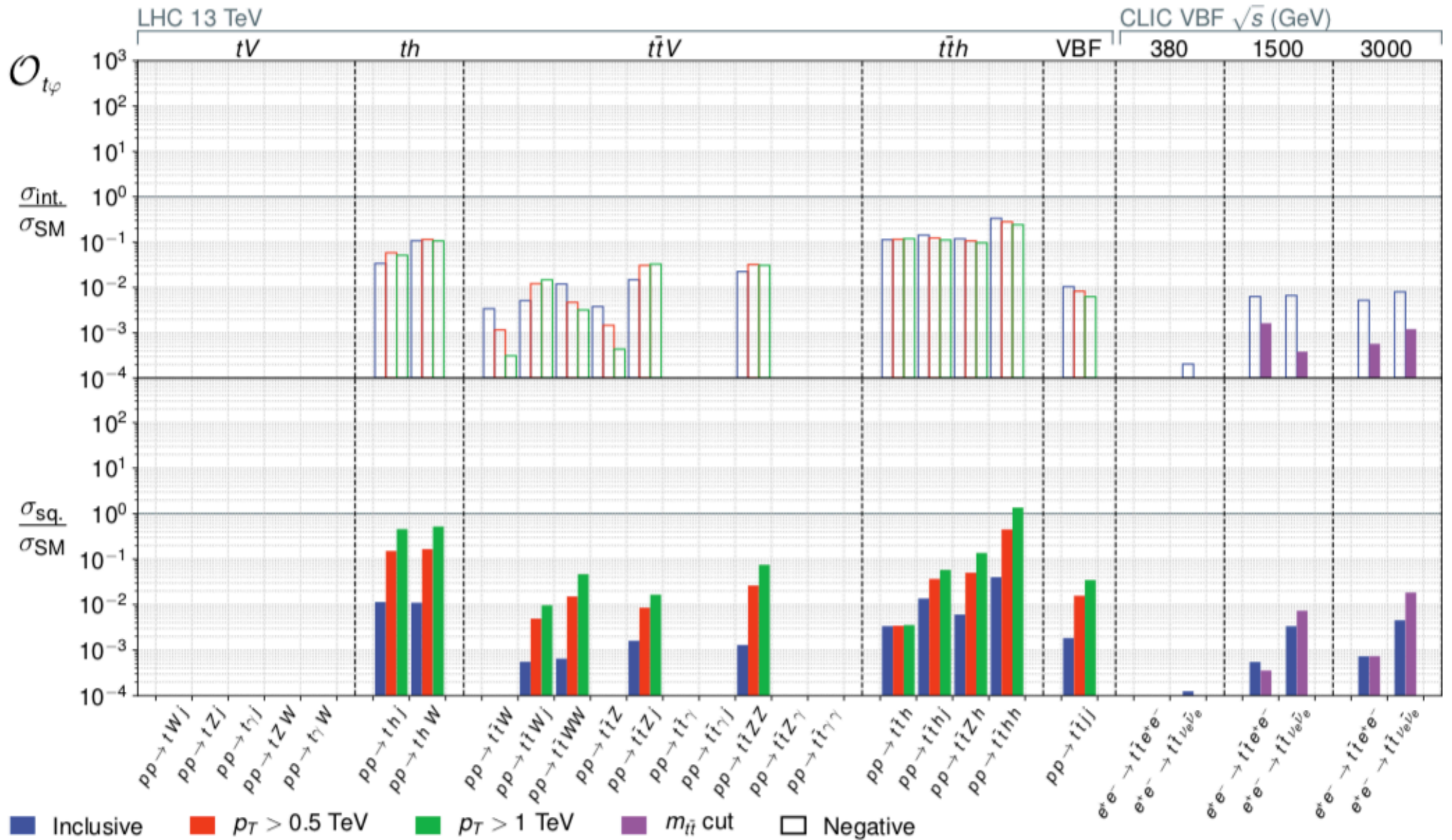
Very interesting process that should be measured at the LHC

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Charged current operator



Yukawa operator



High-energy EW tops

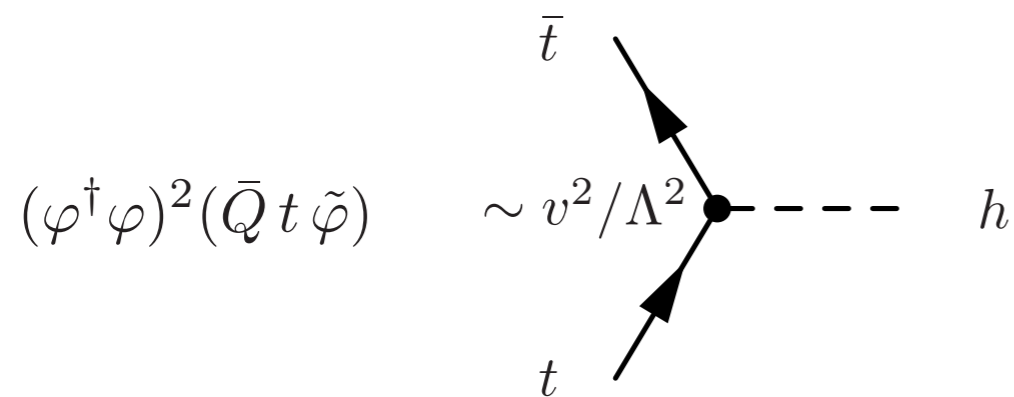
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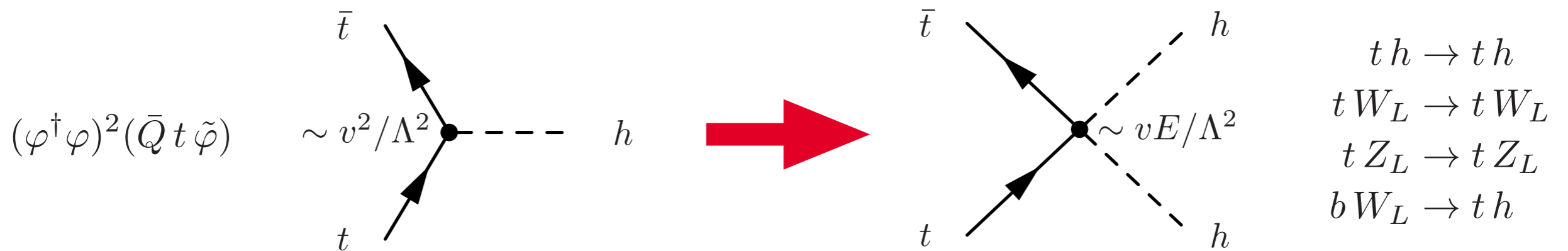
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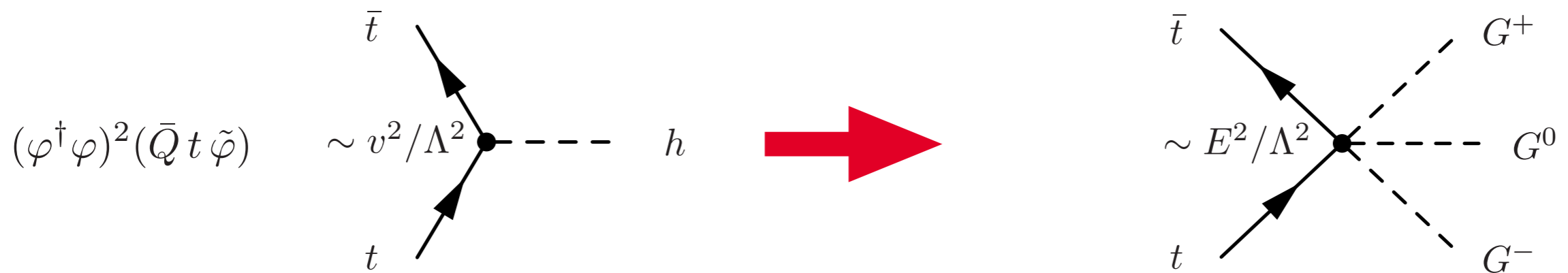
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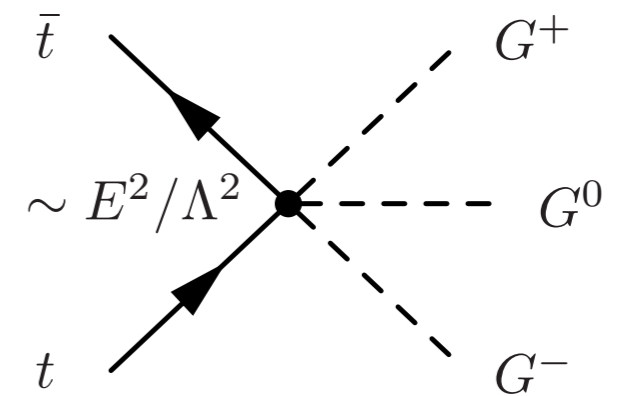
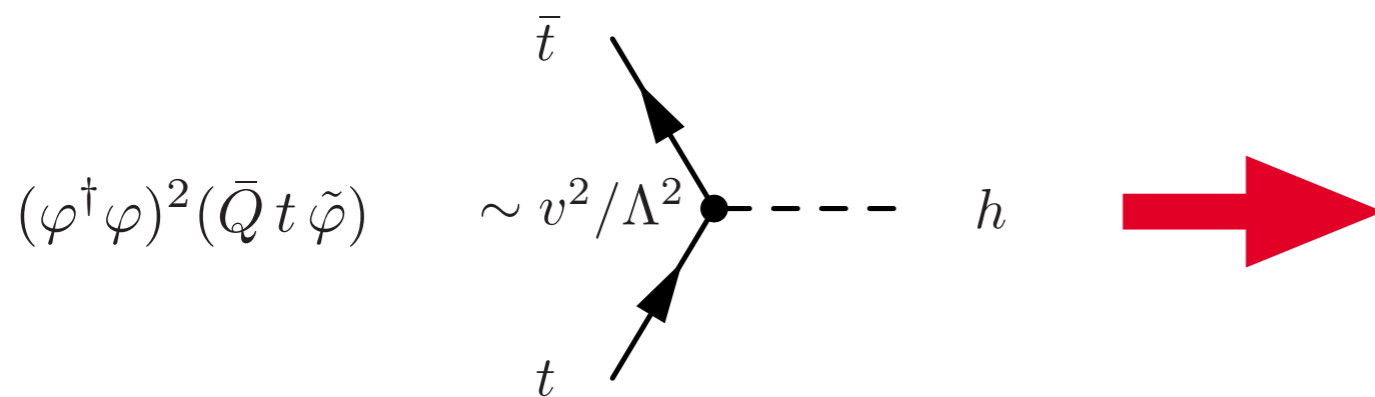
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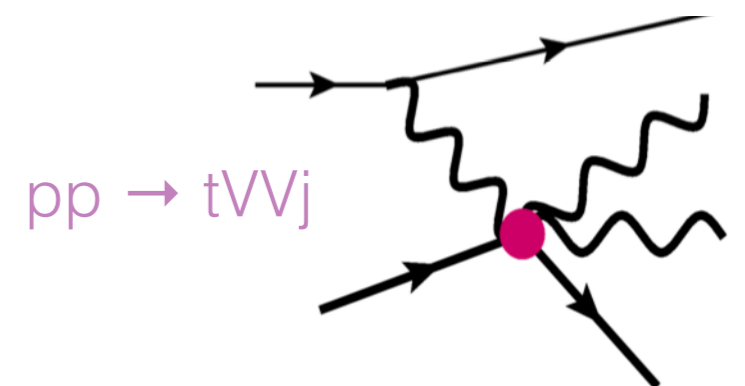
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Essential prediction of **SMEFT**

- Higgs & Goldstones in the same multiplet
- Modified **ttH**, **ttZ** interactions correlated with modifications to **higher multiplicity processes** involving **longitudinal** gauge bosons, **Higgs** & **top quarks**

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -iG^+ \\ v + h + iG^0 \end{pmatrix}$$



[Henning et al.; arXiv:1812.09299]

Conclusions

Broad survey of $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering amplitudes with tops

- Identified leading & subleading sources of energy growth from SMEFT operators as well as interference structure with SM
- Nearly all operators present maximal (E^2) growth in some configuration
- E-growing interference only present in fully longitudinal configs.
- High-energy EW top scattering is a rich playground for fingerprinting EWSB

First collider sensitivity studies embedding the amplitudes

- Many interesting rare top production modes to consider
- Energy growth from $2 \rightarrow 2$ not always transferred to full process
- Many interesting processes for LHC and future colliders
- Probe operators that do not lead to energy growth in e.g. ttH , ttV
- Essential prediction of SMEFT that should be tested
- Promising programme for the future of precision top physics