

EXPLORING TOP-HIGGS FCNC COUPLINGS AT COLLIDERS

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- search for the Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) processes has been one of the leading tools to test the Standard Model (SM), in an attempt of either discovering or putting stringent limits on the new physics scenarios
- we investigate **rare top-Higgs flavor changing neutral current decays**

$$t \rightarrow cH, t \rightarrow uH$$

$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow cH)_{\text{SM}} \sim 10^{(-15)}$$

(many orders of magnitude smaller than the value to be measured at the LHC, at 14 TeV)

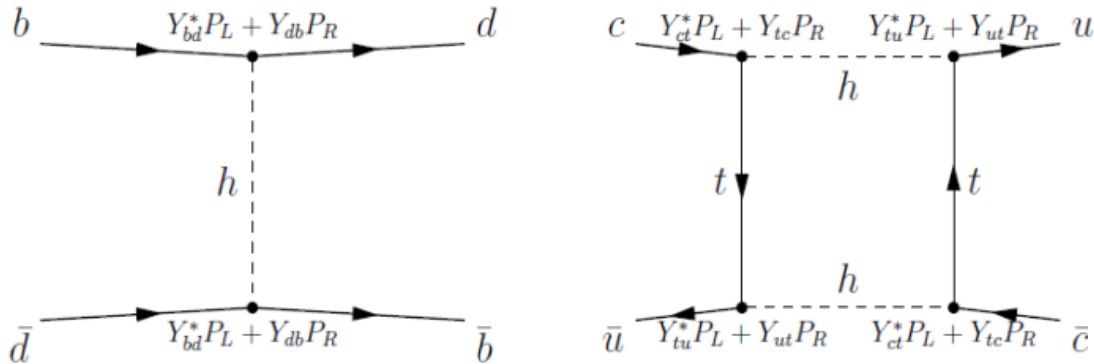
- An affirmative observation of the process $t \rightarrow qH$, well above the SM rate, will be a conclusive indication of a new physics beyond the SM
- The analysis of the tqH couplings can be carried out in the context of the **LHC** (in single top and $t\bar{t}$ production) and the next generation **e^+e^- linear colliders** (in $t\bar{t}$ production).
- The high energy e^+e^- colliders (ILC /CLIC) operating at $\sqrt{s} = 500\text{GeV}$ and a total luminosity of 500 fb^{-1} , using the initial beam polarizations, both longitudinal and transverse, will give us an excellent opportunity for precision measurements of top-quark and Higgs boson properties

FCNC COUPLING TO QUARKS

FLAVOR PHYSICS:

- tight constranints to the **FCNC light-quark couplings** $|Y_{qq'}|$ form the flavor oscillations :

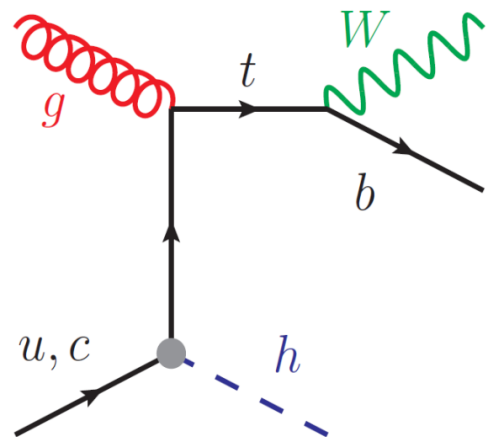
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- Wilson coefficients constrained by UTfit (Bona et al.), arXiv:0707.0636
see also Blankenburg Ellis Isidori, arXiv:1202.5704

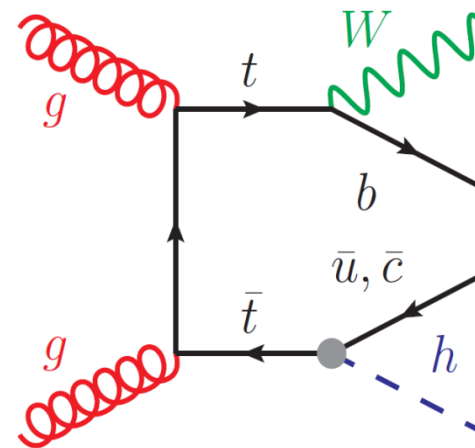
Technique	Coupling	Constraint
D^0 oscillations	$ Y_{uc} ^2, Y_{cu} ^2$ $ Y_{uc} Y_{cu} $	$< 5.0 \times 10^{-9}$ $< 7.5 \times 10^{-10}$
B_d^0 oscillations	$ Y_{db} ^2, Y_{bd} ^2$ $ Y_{db} Y_{bd} $	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-8}$ $< 3.3 \times 10^{-9}$
B_s^0 oscillations	$ Y_{sb} ^2, Y_{bs} ^2$ $ Y_{sb} Y_{bs} $	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$ $< 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$
K^0 oscillations	$\Re(Y_{ds}^2), \Re(Y_{sd}^2)$ $\Im(Y_{ds}^2), \Im(Y_{sd}^2)$ $\Re(Y_{ds}^* Y_{sd})$ $\Im(Y_{ds}^* Y_{sd})$	$[-5.9 \dots 5.6] \times 10^{-10}$ $[-2.9 \dots 1.6] \times 10^{-12}$ $[-5.6 \dots 5.6] \times 10^{-11}$ $[-1.4 \dots 2.8] \times 10^{-13}$

LHC PHYSICS on $t \rightarrow qH$:



single top + Higgs production

- Only relevant for tuh couplings (PDF suppression for charm)
- $\ell + 2\gamma$ or up to 5ℓ
- **not** included in LHC searches



$t \rightarrow hq$ decay

- Relevant for tuh and tch couplings (no PDF suppression)
- $\ell + 2\gamma$ or up to 5ℓ

[Greljo, Kamenik, Kopp, 1404.1278]

from J.Kopp's talk

CMS

$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow cH) < 0.0056 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \sqrt{|y_{tc}|^2 + |y_{ct}|^2} < 0.14$$

ATLAS

$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow cH) < 0.0079 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \sqrt{|y_{tc}|^2 + |y_{ct}|^2} < 0.17$$

Comparison of current and projected future limits

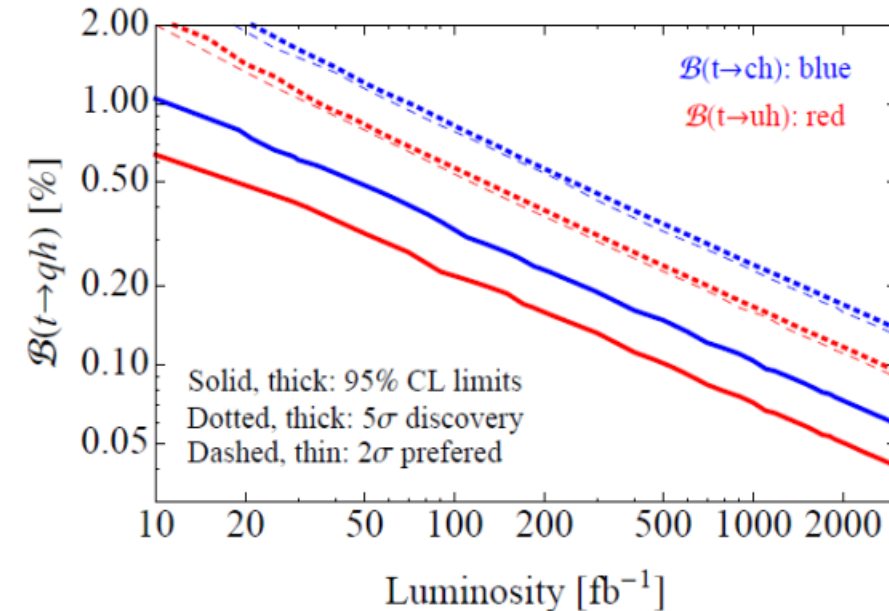
	$\sqrt{y_{ut}^2 + y_{tu}^2}$	$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow hu)$	$\sqrt{y_{ct}^2 + y_{tc}^2}$	$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow hc)$
New limits from existing data				
Multilepton	< 0.19	< 0.010	< 0.23	< 0.015
Diphoton plus lepton	< 0.12	< 0.0045	< 0.15	< 0.0066
Vector boson plus Higgs	< 0.16	< 0.0070	< 0.21	< 0.012
Projected future limits (13 TeV, 100 fb⁻¹)				
Vector boson plus Higgs	< 0.076	< 0.0015	< 0.084	< 0.0019
Multilepton	< 0.087	< 0.0022	< 0.11	< 0.0033
Fully hadronic	< 0.12	< 0.0036	< 0.13	< 0.0048

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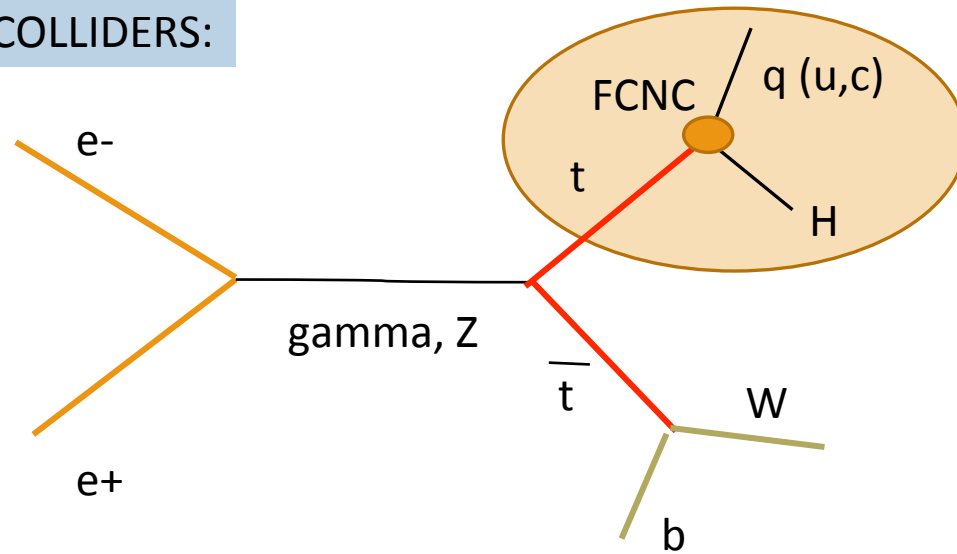
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Discriminating between tuh and tch couplings

For a 5σ discovery, discrimination between tuh and tch is possible at 2σ



LINEAR COLLIDERS:



ILC – International Linear Collider
CLIC – Compact Linear Collider

Operation at: $\sqrt{s} = 350, 500, 1000$ GeV (up 3 TeV CLIC); our reference point $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV

Beam polarizations can be tuned independently:
+/-80% for electrons , +/- 30% for positrons (both longitudinal and transversal)

The most general FCNC tqH Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{tqH} &= g_{tu}\bar{t}_L u_R H + g_{ut}\bar{u}_L t_R H + g_{tc}\bar{t}_L c_R H + g_{ct}\bar{c}_L t_R H + h.c \\ &= \bar{t}(g_{tq}P_R + g_{qt}^*P_L)qH + \bar{q}(g_{qt}P_R + g_{tq}^*P_L)tH.\end{aligned}$$

Three level decays:

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{t \rightarrow qH} &= \frac{1}{32\pi m_t^3} \sqrt{m_t^2 - (m_q - m_H)^2} \sqrt{m_t^2 - (m_q + m_H)^2} \left[(|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2)(m_t^2 + m_q^2 - m_H^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4m_t m_q (g_{tq}^* g_{qt} + g_{qt}^* g_{tq}) \right].\end{aligned}$$

normalized to the standard tWb decay:

$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qH) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}G_F} \frac{(m_t^2 - m_H^2)^2}{(m_t^2 - m_W^2)^2(m_t^2 + 2m_W^2)} (|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2) \alpha_{QCD}$$

$$\Gamma_t = \Gamma_t^{SM} + \Gamma_{t \rightarrow qH} \approx \Gamma_t^{SM} + 0.397(|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2)$$

Analysis of the tqH final state at e+e- colliders

$$e^-(p_1) + e^+(p_2) \rightarrow t(q_1) + \bar{t}(q_2),$$

$$t(q_1) \rightarrow q(p_q) + H, \quad \left[\bar{t}(q_2) \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_b) + l^+(p_l) + \nu(p_\nu) \right]$$

$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2s} \int \frac{ds_1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{((s_1 - m_t^2)^2 + \Gamma_t^2 m_t^2)} \times |\bar{\mathcal{M}}^2|$$

$$\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q_1 + q_2 - p_1 - p_2) \frac{d^3 q_1}{(2\pi^3) 2E_1} \frac{d^3 q_2}{(2\pi^3) 2E_2} \quad [\text{production of } t\bar{t}]$$

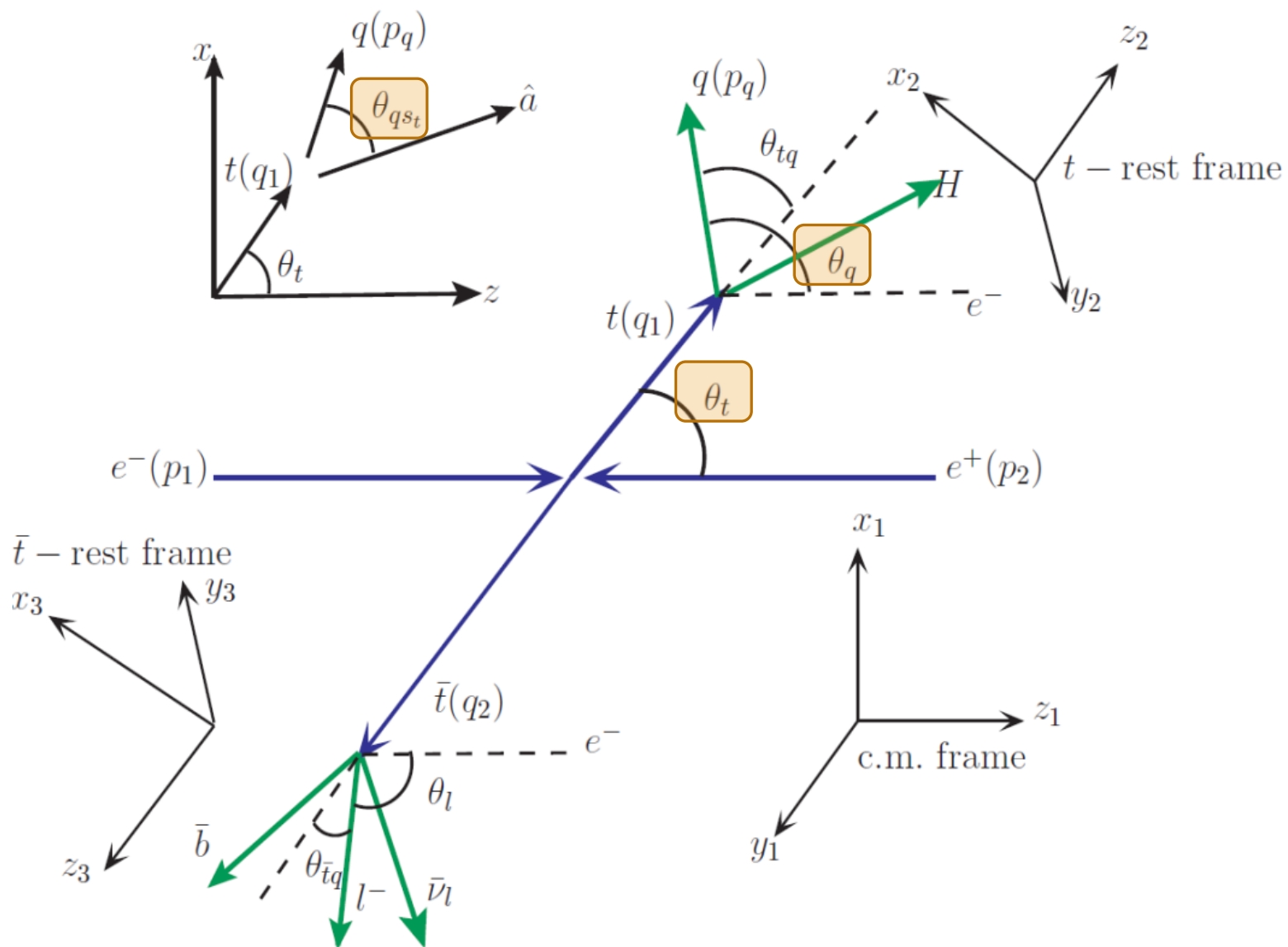
$$\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_q + p_H - q_1) \frac{d^3 p_q}{(2\pi^3) 2E_q} \frac{d^3 p_H}{(2\pi^3) 2E_H} \quad [\text{decay of } t]$$

Spin of the top λ_t will be considered as well as the beam polarizations :

$$|\bar{\mathcal{M}}^2| = \sum_{L,R} \sum_{(\lambda_t \lambda'_t = \pm)} \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_t}^{L,R} \mathcal{M}_{\lambda'_t}^{*L,R} \rho_{\lambda_t \lambda'_t}^{D^t}$$

Production helicity matrices for the top quark

Decay helicity matrix for the top (antitop helicities are summed over)



All vectors in the t -rest frame need boosting and the rotation to the center of mass frame:

$$q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_t & 0 & \sin \theta_t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_t & 0 & \cos \theta_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & \gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} q_1^{top}$$

After boosting and integration over some angles like ϕ_q, θ_t

$$\frac{d\sigma}{ds d\cos\theta_q d\phi_t} = \frac{1}{4} \left((1 - P_{e^-}^L)(1 + P_{e^+}^L) |T_{e_L^- e_R^+}|^2 + (1 + P_{e^-}^L)(1 - P_{e^+}^L) |T_{e_R^- e_L^+}|^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} P_{e^-}^T P_{e^+}^T \text{Re} e^{i(\eta - 2\phi_t)} T_{e_R^- e_L^+}^* T_{e_L^- e_R^+},$$

dependence on the Initial beam polarizations $P_{L,T}(e^-) = +/- 0.8$ $P_{L,T}(e^+) = +/- 0.3$

$$|T_{e_L^\mp e_R^\pm}|^2 = (|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2) (a_0 + a_1 \cos\theta_q + a_2 \cos^2\theta_q) + (|g_{tq}|^2 - |g_{qt}|^2) (b_0 + b_1 \cos\theta_q + b_2 \cos^2\theta_q)$$

The coefficients a_0, a_1, a_2 and b_0, b_1, b_2 differ from each other

– the couplings $|g_{qt}|^2$ have different angular dependences from $|g_{tq}|^2$

possibility to test chirality of the FCNC tqH couplings !

Constraints on the chiral FCNC couplings by angular asymmetries

$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ production +
signal $t \rightarrow qH$
background $t \rightarrow Wb$

$$\sigma_{Signal} = \frac{2\pi}{1-\beta^2}(m_t^2 - m_H^2)(|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2) \left((1 - P_{e^-}^L)(1 + P_{e^+}^L) \left(s\beta^2 B_L^2 + (2m_t^2 + s)A_L^2 \right) \right. \\ \left. + (1 + P_{e^-}^L)(1 - P_{e^+}^L) \left(s\beta^2 B_R^2 + (2m_t^2 + s)A_R^2 \right) \right).$$

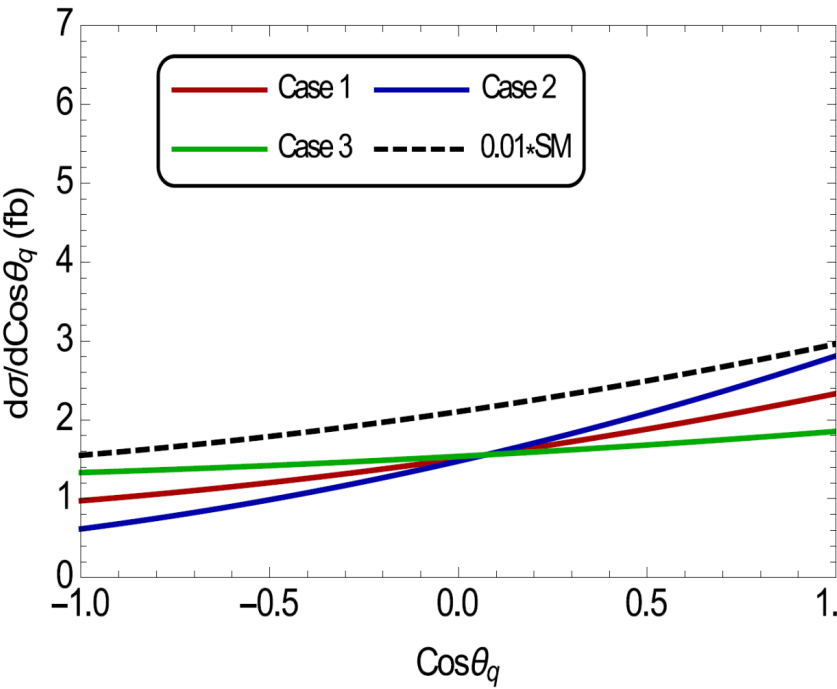
$$\sigma_{Bkg} = \frac{4\pi g^2 m_t^2}{s(1-\beta^2)^2 m_W^2} (m_t^2 - m_W^2)(m_t^2 + 2m_W^2) \left((1 - P_{e^-}^L)(1 + P_{e^+}^L) \left(s\beta^2 B_L^2 + (2m_t^2 + s)A_L^2 \right) \right. \\ \left. + (1 + P_{e^-}^L)(1 - P_{e^+}^L) \left(s\beta^2 B_R^2 + (2m_t^2 + s)A_R^2 \right) \right).$$

THREE CASES CONSIDERED:

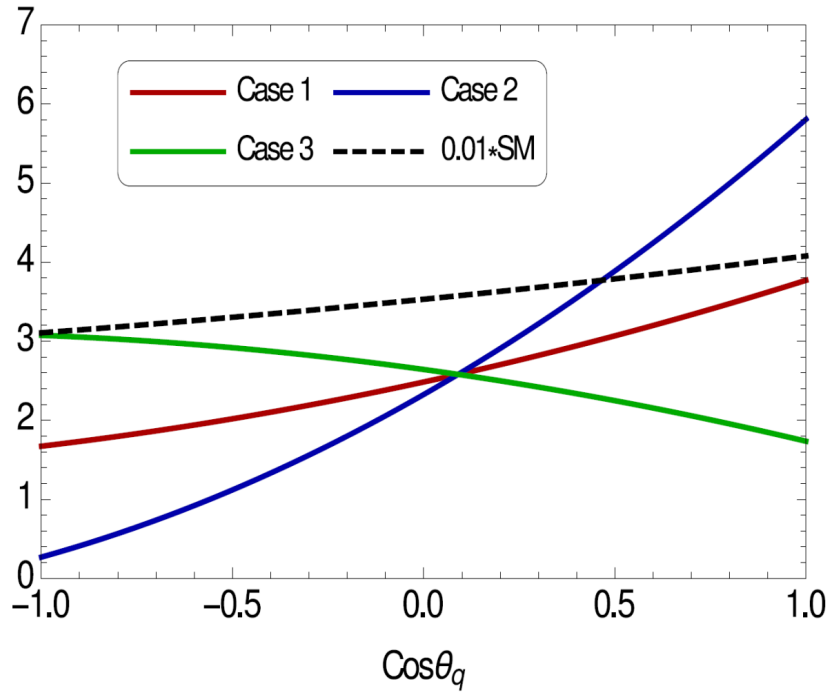
- Case 1 : $\sqrt{|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2} = 0.16$ present LHC bound
- Case 2 : $\sqrt{|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2} = 0.16$, with $|g_{qt}|^2 = 0$
- Case 3 : $\sqrt{|g_{tq}|^2 + |g_{qt}|^2} = 0.16$, with $|g_{tq}|^2 = 0$

POLAR ANGLE DISTRIBUTION

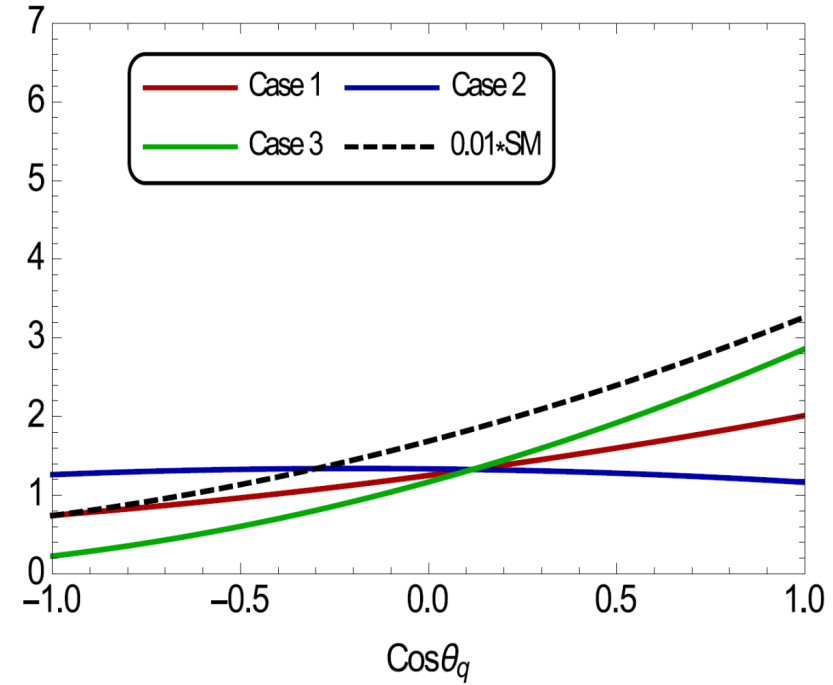
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_q} \text{ vs } \cos\theta_q$$



$$P_L(e^-) = 0 \quad P_L(e^+) = 0$$



$$P_L(e^-) = -0.8 \quad P_L(e^+) = +0.3 \quad \text{LR}$$



$$P_L(e^-) = +0.8 \quad P_L(e^+) = -0.3 \quad \text{RL}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \sqrt{|g_{qt}|^2 + |g_{tq}|^2} = 0.16 \\ & - \sqrt{|g_{tq}|^2} = 0.16, \sqrt{|g_{qt}|^2} = 0 \\ & - \sqrt{|g_{tq}|^2} = 0, \sqrt{|g_{qt}|^2} = 0.16 \end{aligned}$$

Clear dependence on the initial beam polarizations in differentiating among the chiral couplings !

CONSTRAINTS FROM ASYMMETRIES

- forward-backward:

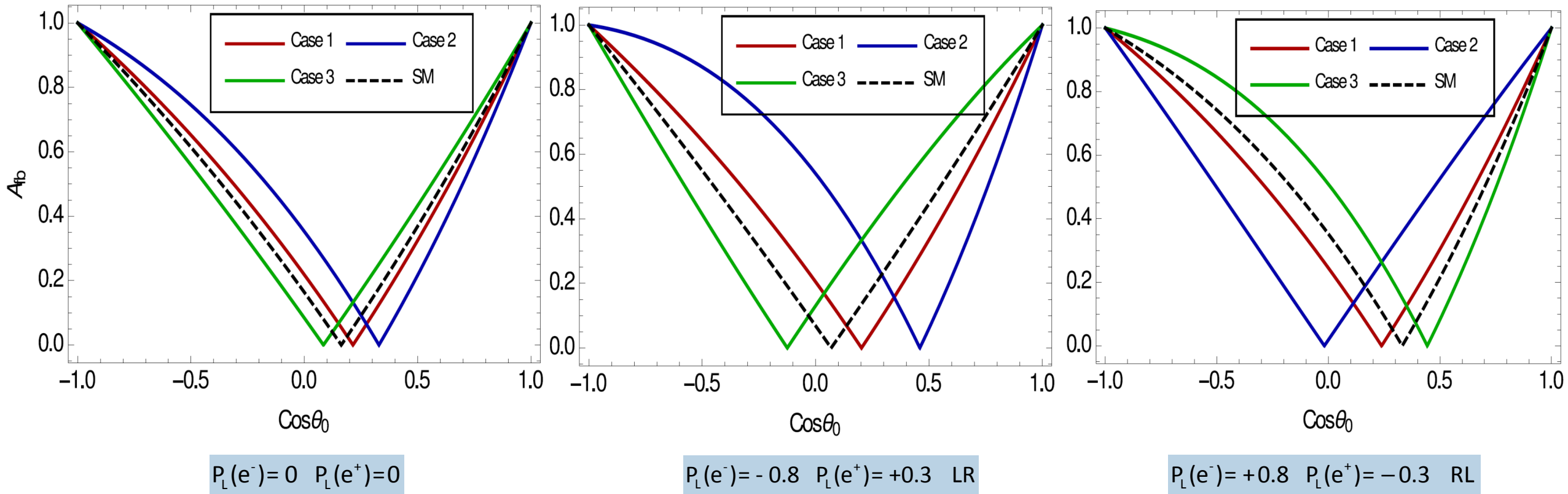
$$A_{fb}(\cos \theta_0) = \frac{1}{d\sigma/ds} \left(\int_{\cos \theta_0}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{ds d\cos \theta_q} - \int_{-1}^{\cos \theta_0} \frac{d\sigma}{ds d\cos \theta_q} \right)$$

- asymutal:

$$A_{\phi}(\cos \theta_0) = \frac{1}{d\sigma/ds} \left(\int_{-\cos \theta_0}^{\cos \theta_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \text{sgn}(\cos(\eta - 2\phi_t)) \frac{d\sigma}{ds d\cos \theta_q d\cos(\eta - 2\phi_t)} \right)$$

θ_0 is the experimental polar-angle cut

FORWARD-BACKWARD ASYMMETRY

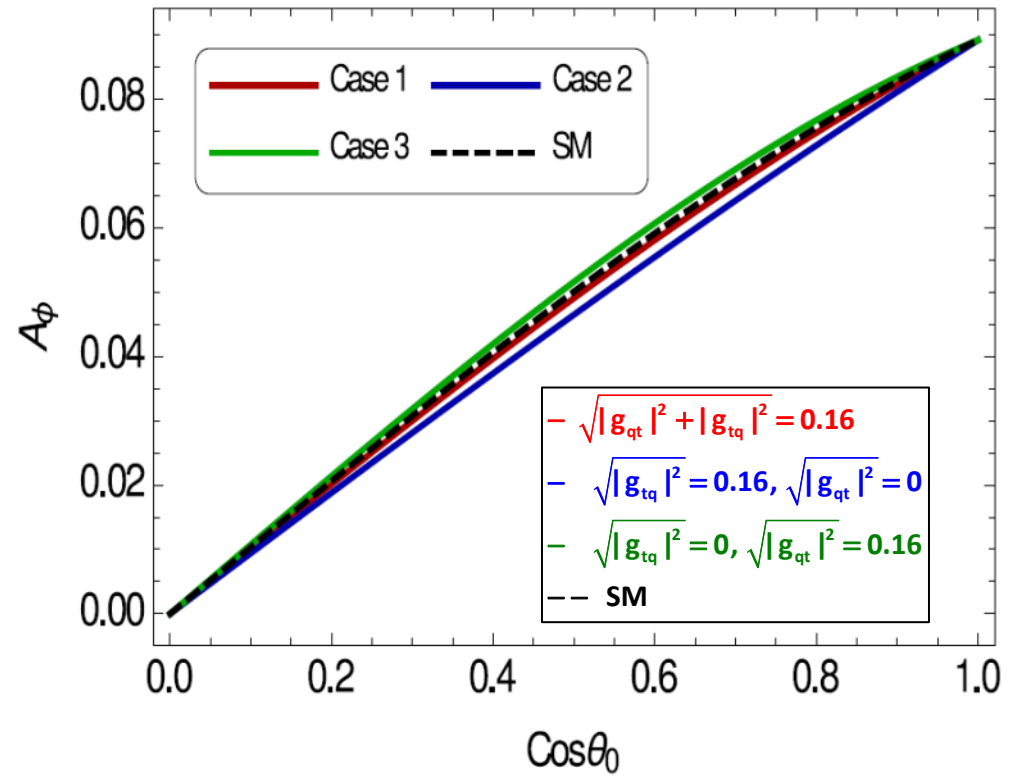


- the advantage of the beam polarization is clearly visible
(one can also see that by changing the beam polarization Case2 becomes more prominent than Case3 and vice versa)

ASYMUTHAL ASYMMETRY

- It is coming from the transversally polarized beams

$$P_T(e^-) = 0.8 \quad P_T(e^+) = 0.3$$

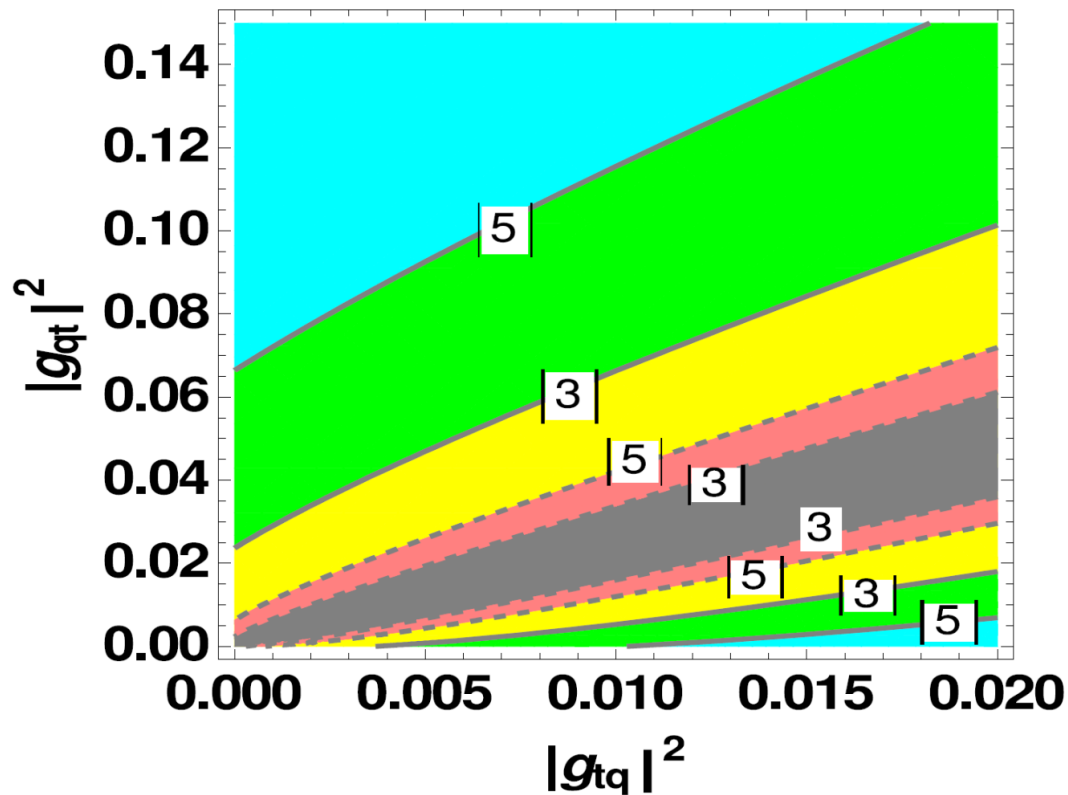


- the distribution is almost the same for the signal and the background
- it could be useful observable once FCNC couplings are discovered

LIMITS ON FCNC COUPLINGS FROM THE FORWARD-BACKWARD ASYMMETRY

- statistical significance:

$$s = \frac{|A_{sig} - A_{bkg}|}{\sqrt{\Delta A_{sig}^2 + \Delta A_{bkg}^2}}$$



$$\theta_0 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$$

luminosity of 500 fb^{-1}

solid lines – unpolarized case

dashed lines - $P_L(e-) = -0.8$ $P_L(e+) = -0.3$

The area which can be probed is above or below the curves.

The gray area cannot be probed at ILC

(much smaller region that cannot be probed when compared to LHC)

TOP SPIN OBSERVABLES

top decays before hadronizing - decay products contain information about the top spin

$$O_1 = S_t \cdot S_{\bar{t}}$$

$$O_2 = S_t \cdot \hat{a}, \quad O_{\bar{2}} = S_{\bar{t}} \cdot \hat{b}$$

$$O_3 = 4(S_t \cdot \hat{a})(S_{\bar{t}} \cdot \hat{b})$$

$$O_4 = 4((S_t \cdot \hat{p})(S_{\bar{t}} \cdot \hat{q}_1) + (S_t \cdot \hat{q}_1)(S_{\bar{t}} \cdot \hat{p}))$$

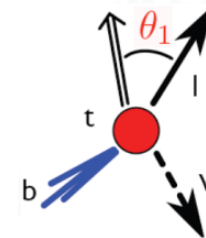
QUANTIZATION AXES:

$$\hat{a} = -\hat{b} = \hat{q}_1 \quad \text{helicity basis (top dir.)}$$

$$\hat{a} = \hat{b} = \hat{p} \quad \text{beamline basis}$$

$$\hat{a} = \hat{b} = \hat{d}_X \quad \text{off-diagonal – max basis (specific for each model X)}$$

$$\hat{a} = \hat{b} = \hat{e}_X \quad \text{minimal basis (specific for each model X)}$$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_f d\cos\theta_{\bar{f}}} = \frac{\sigma}{4} (1 + \kappa_f B_t \cos\theta_f + \kappa_{\bar{f}} B_{\bar{t}} \cos\theta_{\bar{f}} - \kappa_f \kappa_{\bar{f}} C \cos\theta_f \cos\theta_{\bar{f}})$$

$$\langle O_2 \rangle = B_t$$

$$\langle O_3 \rangle = C$$

OPENING ANGLE DISTRIBUTION

between directions of two spin analysers:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\phi_{f\bar{f}}} = \frac{\sigma}{2} (1 - \kappa_f D \cos\phi_{f\bar{f}})$$

$$\langle O_1 \rangle = D$$

max correlations – almost 100% at ILC/Tevatron

[Mahlon and Parke, hep-ph/9512264

Bernreuther et al., hep-ph/0403035]

$$\hat{d}_{SM} = \hat{d}_{SM}^{\max} = \frac{-\hat{p} + (1 - \gamma)z \hat{q}_1}{\sqrt{1 - (1 - \gamma^2)z^2}}$$

d_X [Fajfer, Kamenik, Melic, hep-ph/1205.0264]

κ_f top spin analysing power factors of the top decaying products f :

i	l^+, \bar{d}, \bar{s}	ν_l, u, c	b	W^+	j<
κ	1	-0,31	-0,41	0,41	0,51

$$\kappa_f = \frac{\rho_{++}^{t \rightarrow f} - \rho_{--}^{t \rightarrow f}}{\rho_{++}^{t \rightarrow f} + \rho_{--}^{t \rightarrow f}}$$

Our case: $t \rightarrow qH$ -spin analyser is the q-quark

$\bar{t} \rightarrow b \nu$ -spin analyser is the lepton

$$\kappa_q = \frac{|g_{qt}|^2 - |g_{tq}|^2}{|g_{qt}|^2 + |g_{tq}|^2}$$

for $|g_{qt}|^2 \simeq |g_{tq}|^2$ Information about the top spin will be lost

$$\kappa_l = 1$$

Observables	Basis	$P_{e^-}^L = 0, P_{e^+}^L = 0$	$P_{e^-}^L = 0.8, P_{e^+}^L = -0.3$	$P_{e^-}^L = -0.8, P_{e^+}^L = 0.3$
\mathcal{O}_1		$0.333\kappa_f$	$0.333\kappa_f$	$0.333\kappa_f$
\mathcal{O}_2	hel	$-0.076\kappa_f$	$0.247\kappa_f$	$-0.239\kappa_f$
	beam	$-0.174\kappa_f$	$0.344\kappa_f$	$-0.436\kappa_f$
	off	$0.176\kappa_f$	$-0.351\kappa_f$	$0.443\kappa_f$
\mathcal{O}_3	min	$0.04\kappa_f$	$-0.131\kappa_f$	$0.127\kappa_f$
	hel	$-0.654\kappa_f$	$-0.666\kappa_f$	$-0.648\kappa_f$
	beam	$0.881\kappa_f$	$0.852 \kappa_f$	$0.897\kappa_f$
\mathcal{O}_4	off	$0.911\kappa_f$	$0.886\kappa_f$	$0.924\kappa_f$
	min	$0.224\kappa_f$	$0.229 \kappa_f$	$0.222\kappa_f$

From analytical fromulas

$$\kappa_f = \kappa_q$$

FULL NUMERICAL ANALYSIS FOR THE TOP-HIGGS FCNC COUPLINGS AT ILC

$$e^-(p_1, \lambda_{e-}) + e^+(p_2, \lambda_{e+}) \rightarrow t(q_1, s_t) + \bar{t}(q_2, s_{\bar{t}})$$

$$t(q_1, s_t) \rightarrow q(p_q) + H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$$

$$\bar{t}(q_2, s_{\bar{t}}) \rightarrow b(p_b) + l(p_l) + \nu(p_\nu)$$

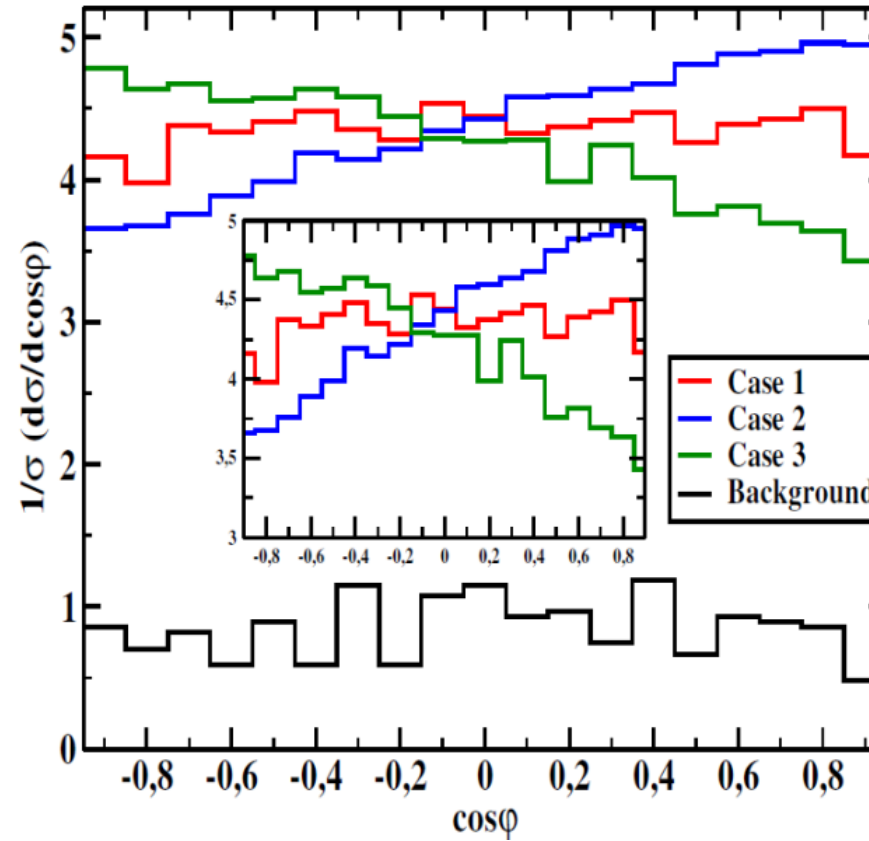
- ❖ **background** for the process is the $t\bar{t}$ production, with one top decaying hadronically and the other to lepton, neutrino and a b-quark
- ❖ **applying cuts** in the search for
 - an isolated lepton; q-quark from the top decay; b-tagged jet; reconstructed Higgs decay from two b-jets

OBSERVABLES SENSITIVE TO THE CHIRAL NATURE OF FCNC INTERACTIONS (calculated in tt-ZMF)

- ❖ polar angular distribution of the q-quark from the top decay – shown before
- ❖ opening angle distribution :

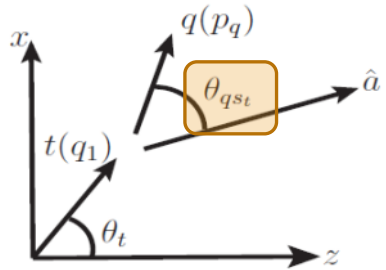
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\phi_{q|}} = \frac{\sigma}{2} (1 - \kappa_q D \cos\phi_{q|})$$

$$D = \langle O_1 \rangle = \langle S_t \cdot S_{\bar{t}} \rangle$$



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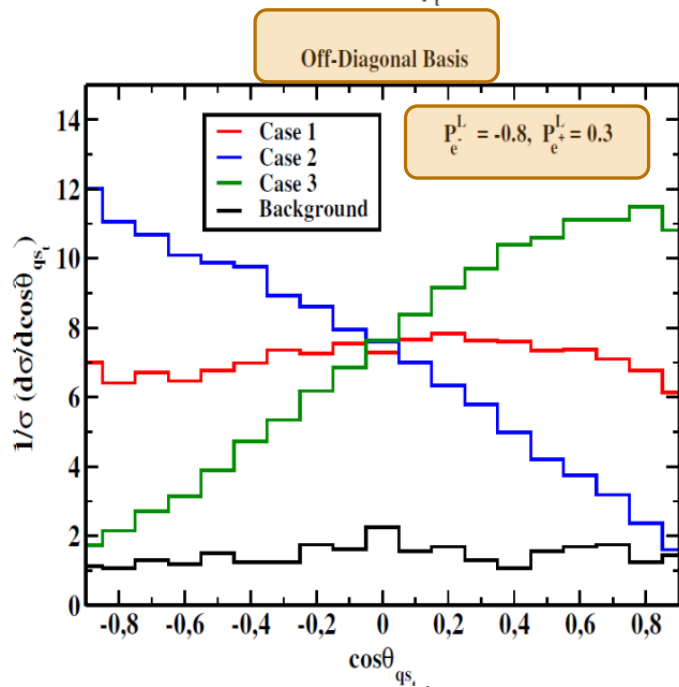
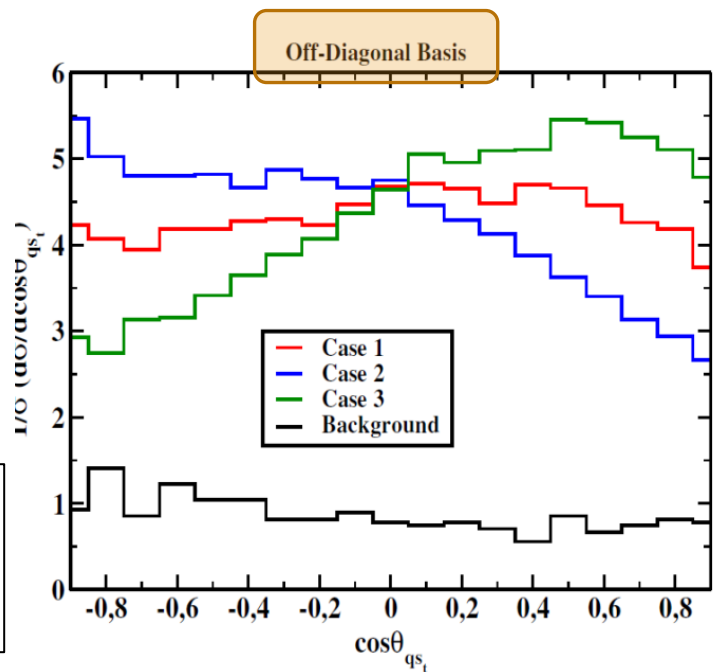
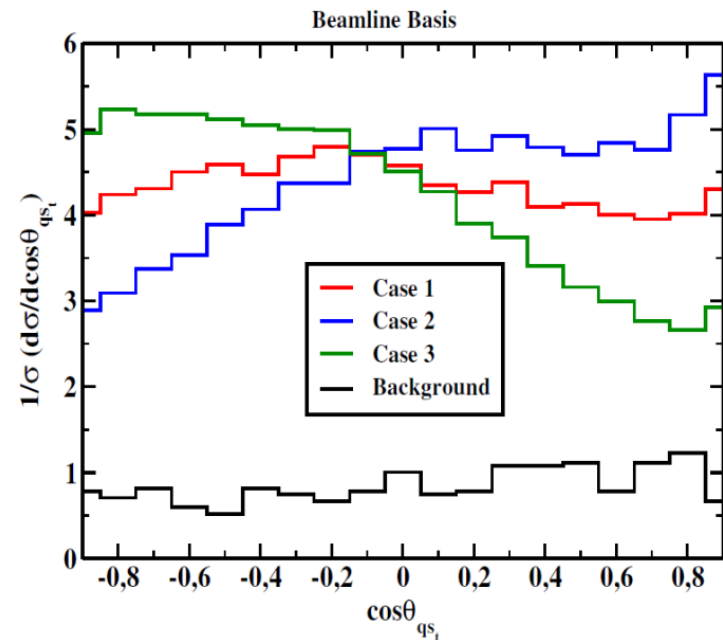
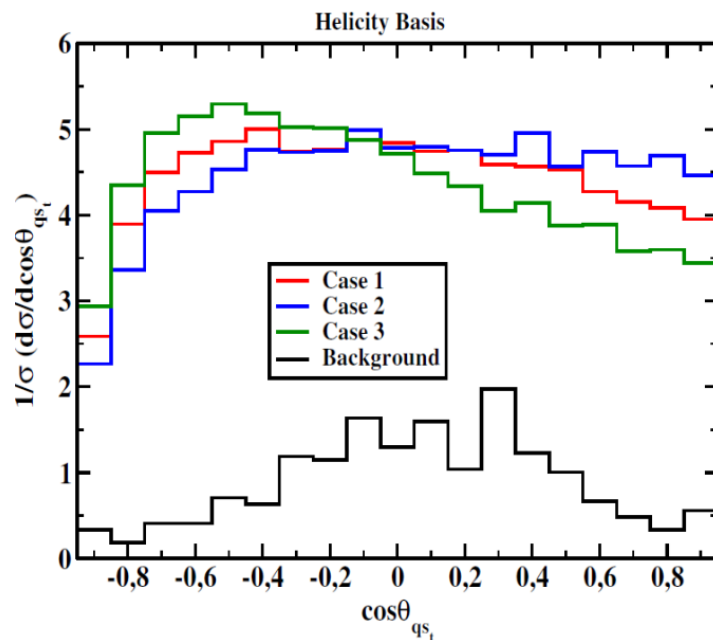
❖ TOP-SPIN



$$B_t = \langle O_2 \rangle = \langle S_t \cdot \hat{a} \rangle$$

- ❖ Clear distinction between chiral couplings
- ❖ Clear enhancement of the effect by using the initial beam polarizations

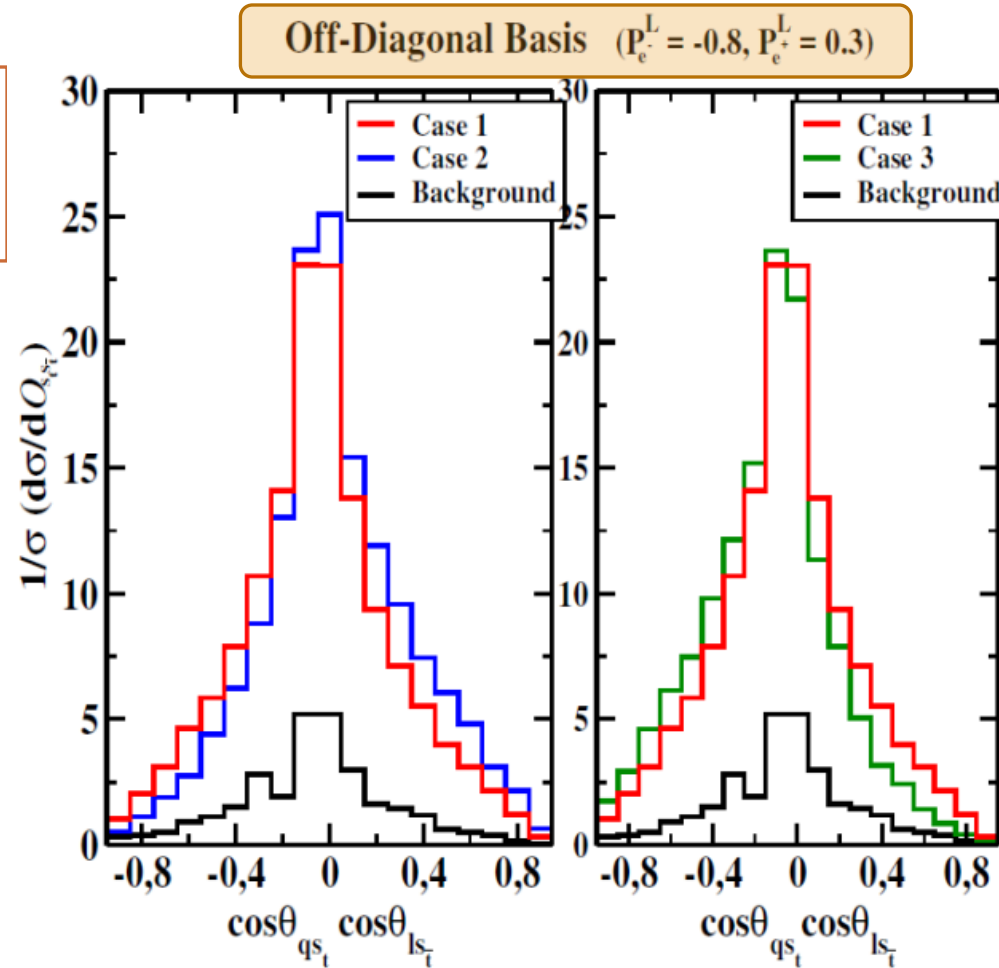
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❖ SPIN-SPIN CORRELATIONS

$\mathcal{O}_{s_t, s_{\bar{t}}} = \cos \theta_f \cos \theta_{\bar{f}}$ distribution:

$$\sim \langle O_3 \rangle = \langle 4(S_t \cdot \hat{a})(S_{\bar{t}} \cdot \hat{b}) \rangle$$

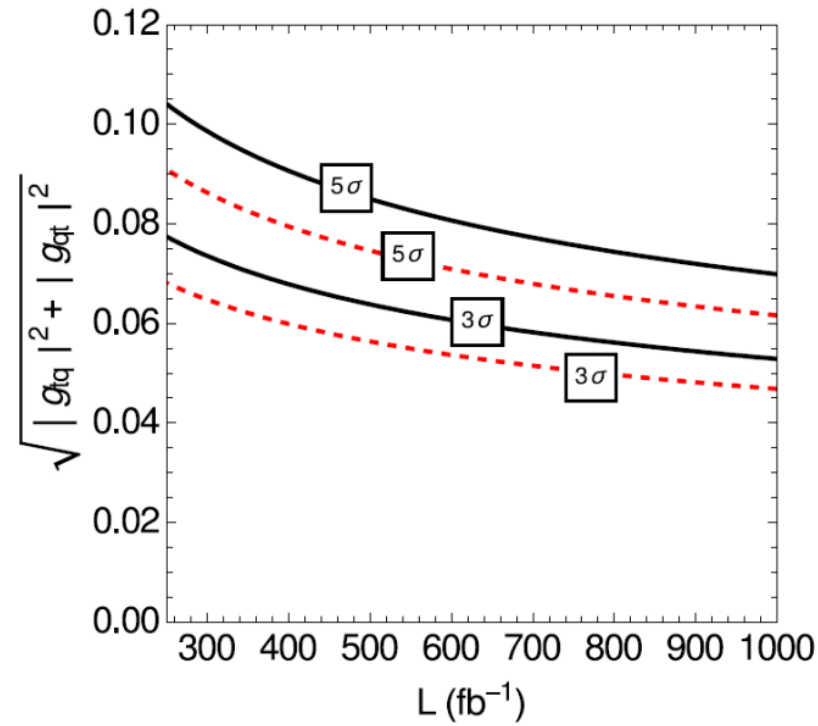
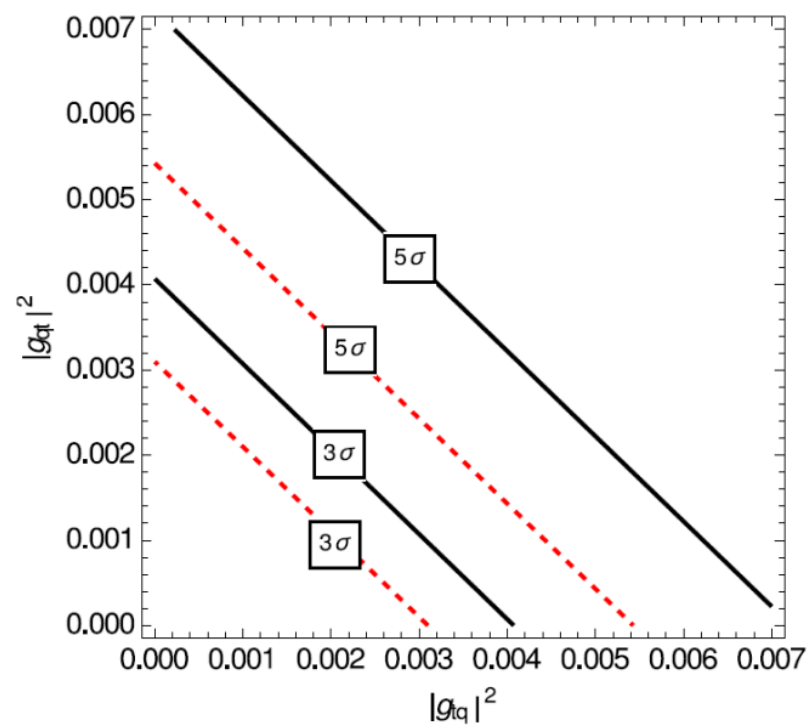


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One can see asymmetry
when compared Case 2 and Case3
- possibility to distinguish chiral couplings

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEASUREMENTS

	$P_{e^-}^L = 0, P_{e^+}^L = 0$		$P_{e^-}^L = -0.8, P_{e^+}^L = 0.3$	
Significance	$\sqrt{ g_{tq} ^2 + g_{qt} ^2}$	$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qH)$	$\sqrt{ g_{tq} ^2 + g_{qt} ^2}$	$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qH)$
2σ	0.052	7.61×10^{-4}	0.046	5.96×10^{-4}
3σ	0.063	1.11×10^{-3}	0.056	8.84×10^{-4}
5σ	0.085	2.03×10^{-3}	0.074	1.54×10^{-4}



— unpolarized beams
- - - polarized beams
 $P_L(e^-) = -0.8 \quad P_L(e^+) = +0.3$

CONCLUSIONS

- ❖ Nature of the FCNC top-Higgs couplings can be probed by using complementary machines, the LHC and the linear colliders
- ❖ At LHC one can distinguish among $|g_{ct}|$ and $|g_{ut}|$ FCNC couplings
- ❖ At linear colliders one can distinguish among different chiral FCNC couplings $|g_{qt}|$ and $|g_{tq}|$ by use of
 - the initial beam polarizations (longitudinal (and possibly transversal))
 - the top-spin polarization observablesand by exploring various angular asymmetries
- ❖ bound obtained at linear colliders could be about a factor of 2 better than the one obtained at LHC
$$\sqrt{|g_{qt}|^2 + |g_{tq}|^2} < 0.05 - 0.07$$