

Effective field theory constraints from the top quark sector

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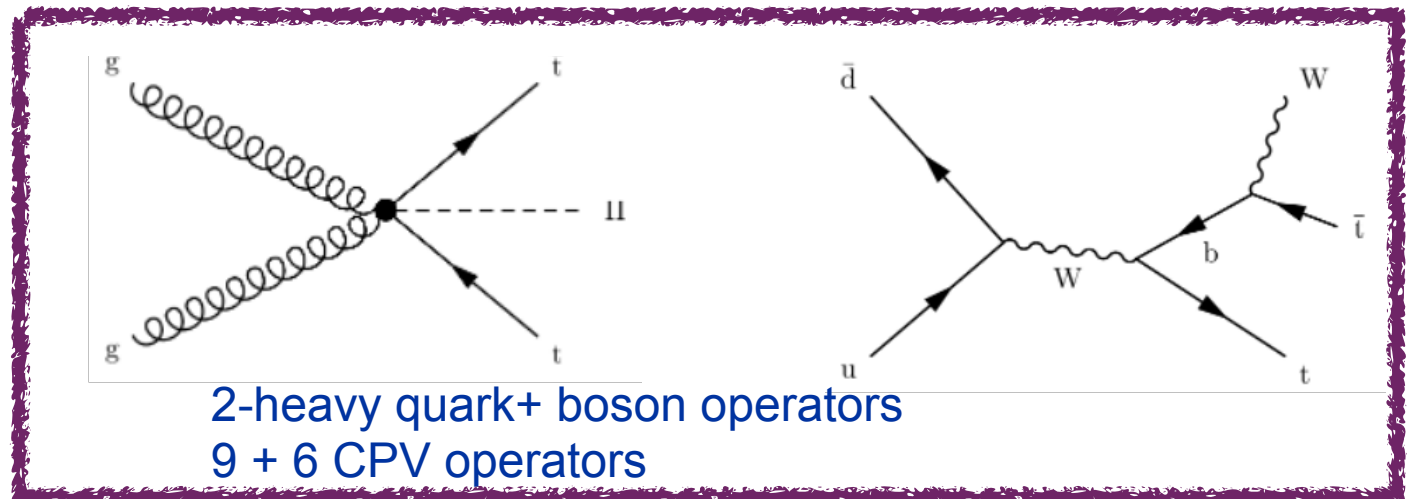
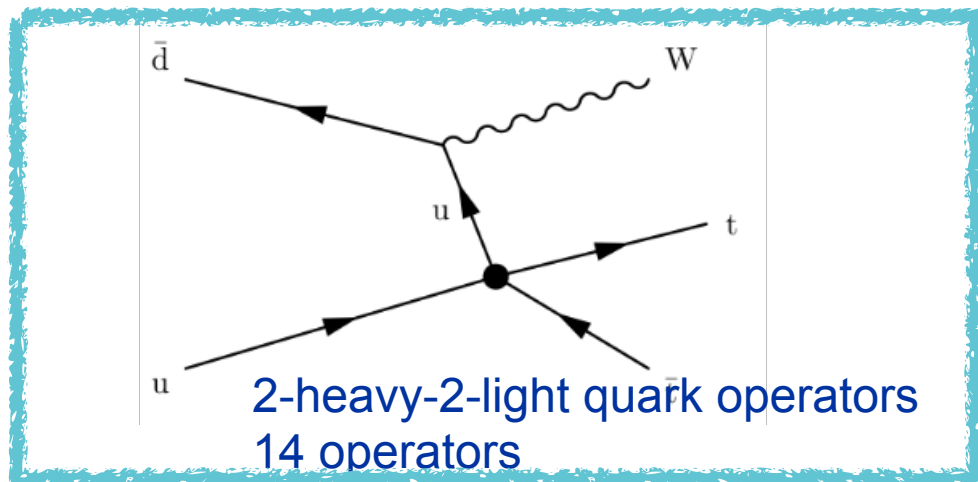
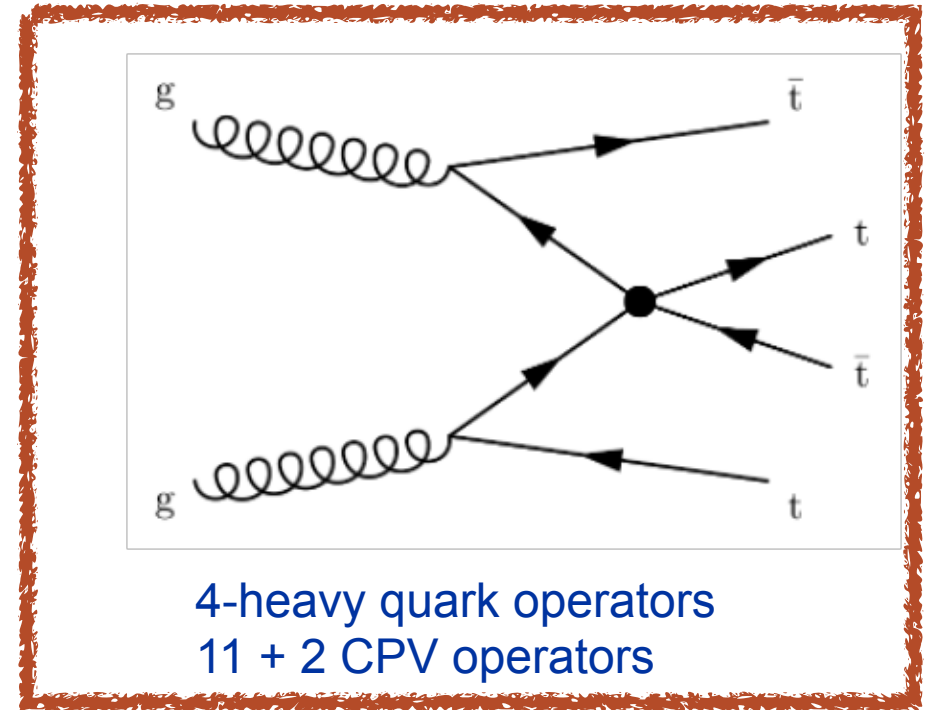
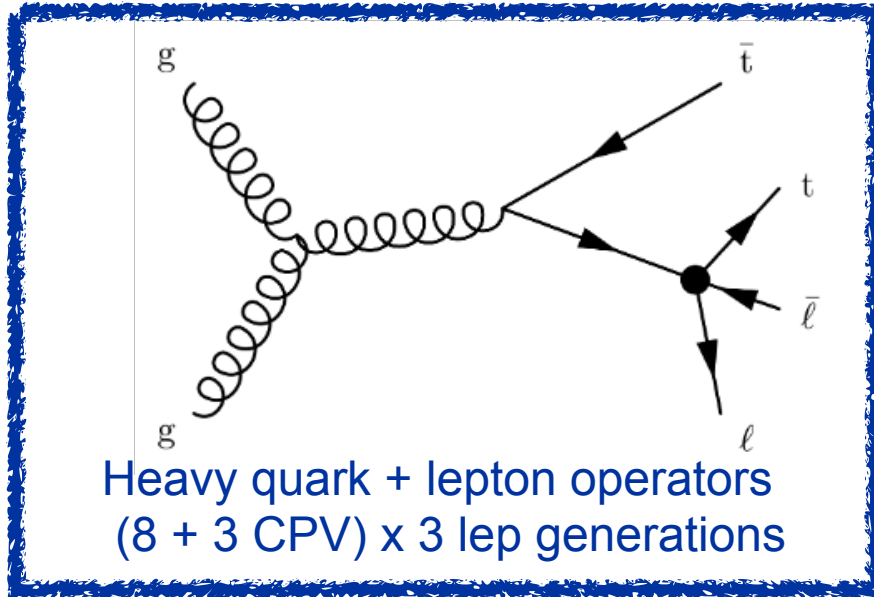
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The top EFT basis

[arXiv:1802.07237](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.07237)

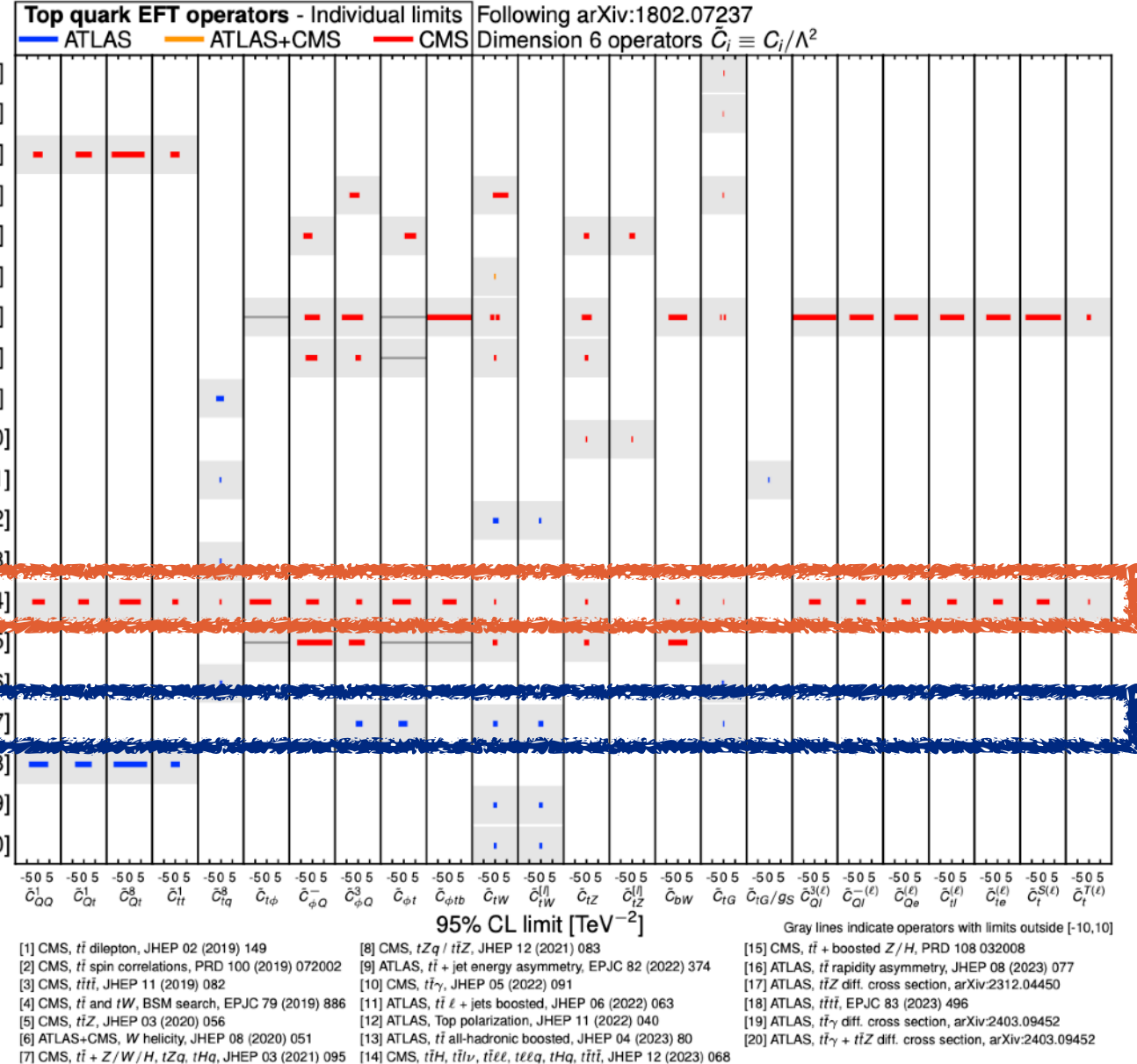
- Set of flavour assumptions used by convention for top quark studies
- 42 CP-conserving and 11 CP-violating operators



Programme of measurements by ATLAS and CMS

- Order of 30 operators probed in the top EFT basis
- Complementary search programme in ATLAS and CMS
- I will cover:
 - Newest results by ATLAS and CMS in the “canonical” flavour symmetry scenario
 - Results going beyond the usual flavour assumptions (LFV, BNV)
- For measurements in top physics see:
 - Tae Jeong’s talk on tt+bb/tt+tt
 - Jonathan’s talk on ttW, ttZ, ttgamma
- FCNCs in Efe’s talk

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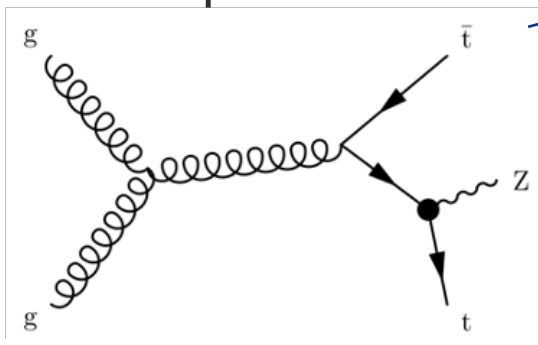
Measurement of $t\bar{t}Z$ production

arXiv:2312.04450

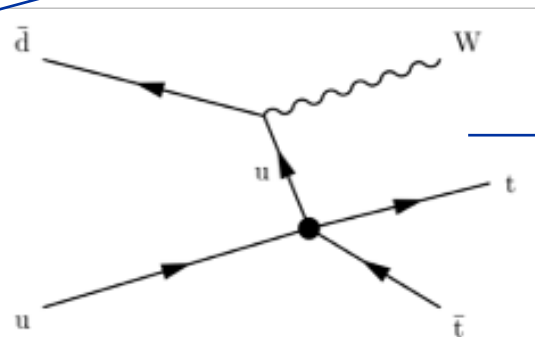


- $t\bar{t}Z$ production measured as function of observables in regions with 3 and 4 leptons
 - Signal/background discriminated using DNNs
 - Differential measurements as functions of p_{T^Z} , $p_{T^{\text{top}}}$, y^{top} , $p_{T^{\text{t}\bar{t}}}$, ...
 - Inclusive cross section, spin correlations also measured
 - Results consistent with the NLO reference models

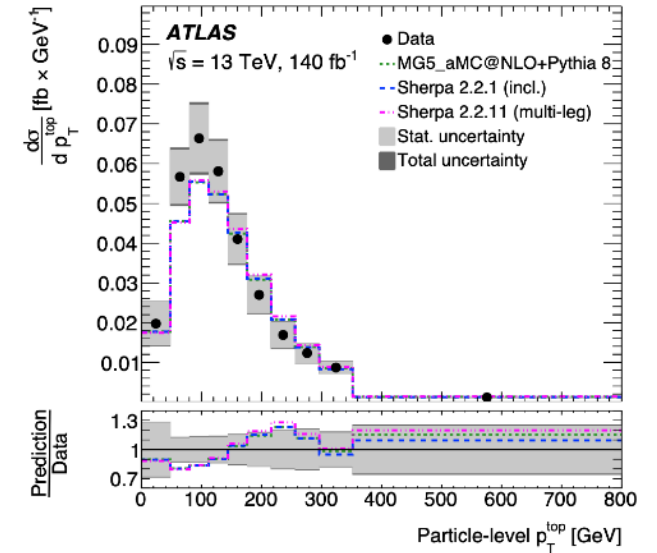
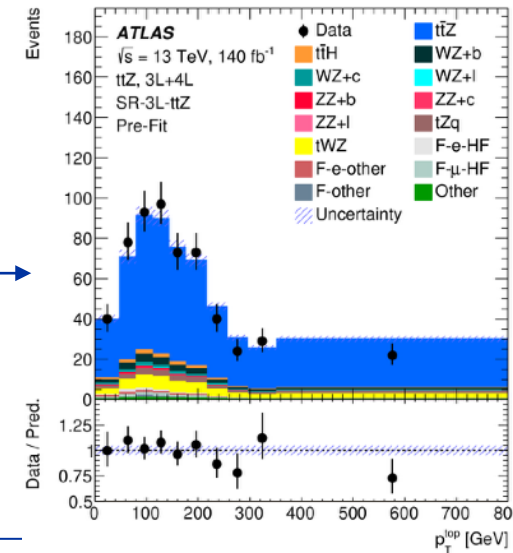
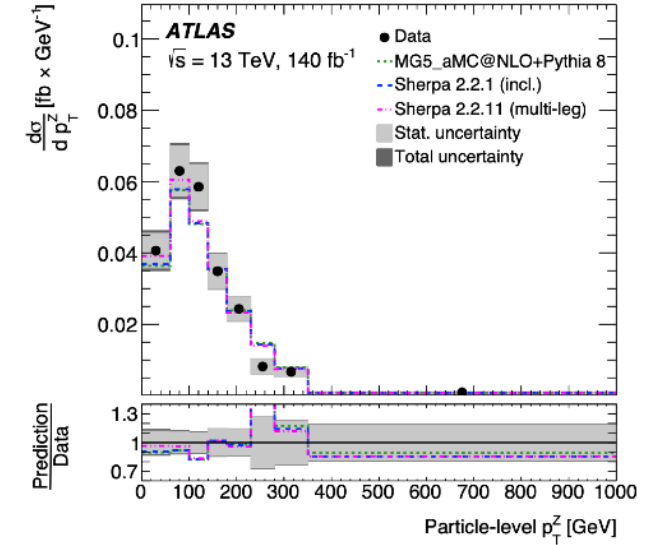
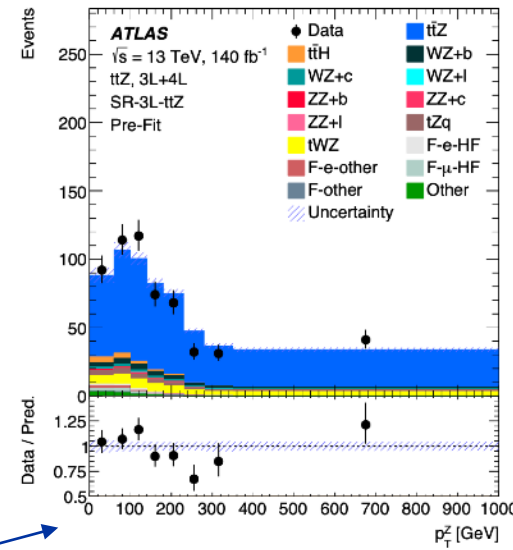
- Measurement of **all variables** interpreted in terms of EFT operators



Top+boson operators

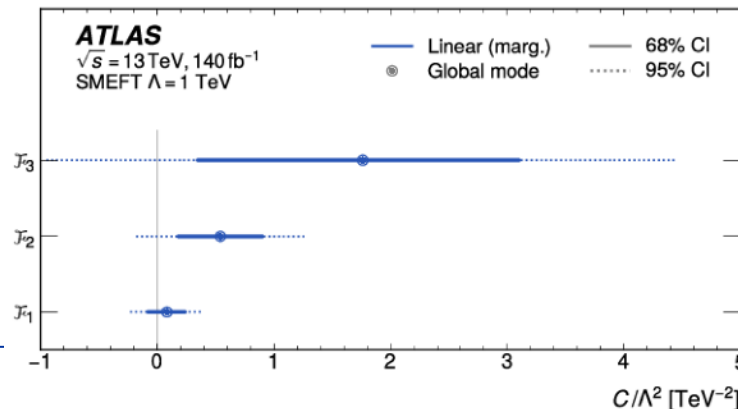
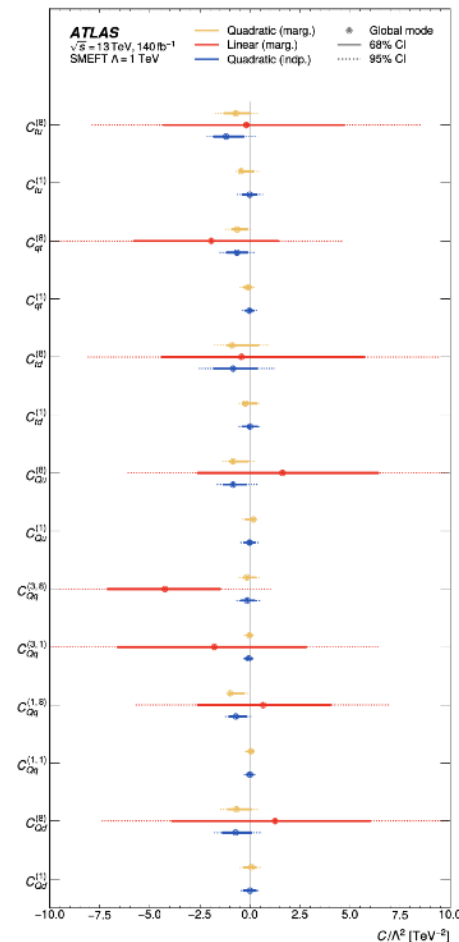
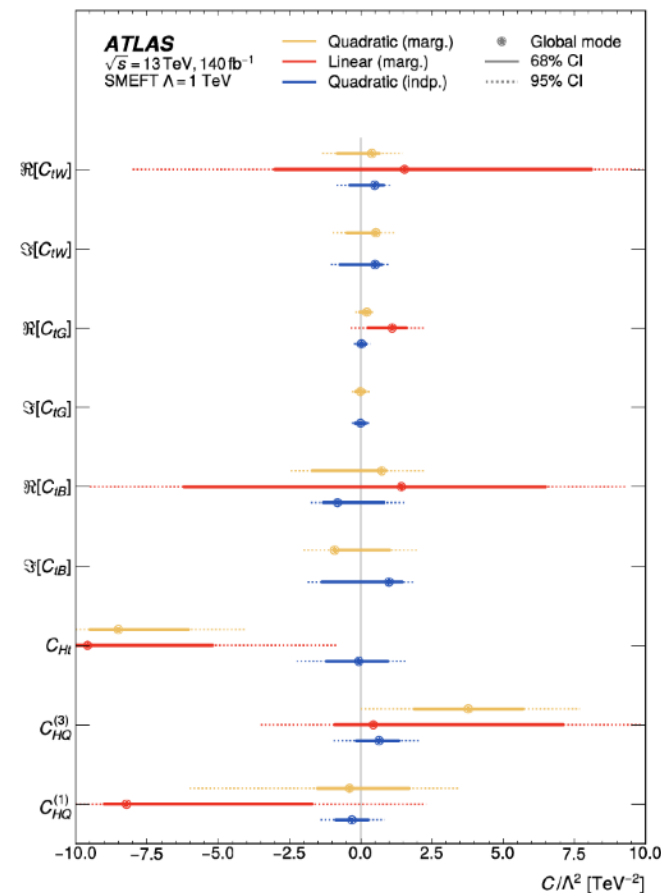
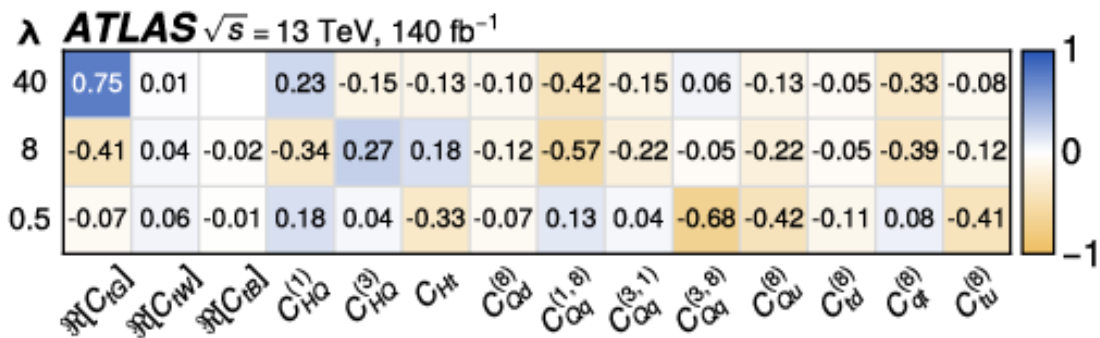


4-quark operators



ttZ - EFT interpretation

- Two scenarios considered:
 - Top+boson scenario
 - Four-quark scenario
- Three types of fits:
 - BSM/SM interference only, marginalised
 - Quadratic marginalised + independent
- Results consistent with the SM, slight deviations from zero due to degenerate modes
- PCA used to determine combinations of WCs with sensitivity \rightarrow **3 sensitive directions** ($C/\Lambda^2 < 3.15$ TeV⁻²)

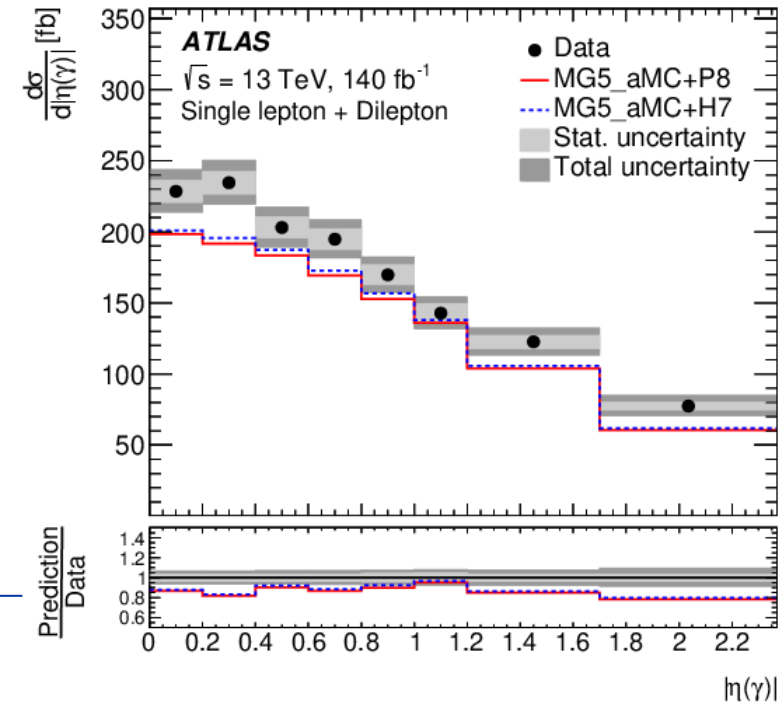
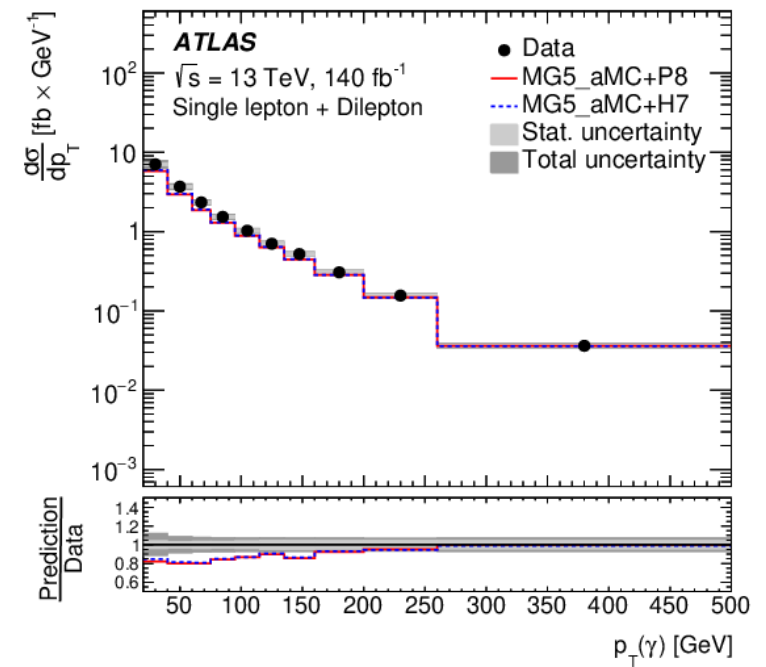


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Measurement of $t\bar{t}\gamma$ production

- $t\bar{t}\gamma$ production measured in single and di-lepton channels
- DNNs used to discriminate backgrounds against $t\bar{t}\gamma$ production, regardless of the origin of the photon
- Measurements performed as a function of p_{T}^{γ} , η^{γ} , $p_{T}(j1)$, $\Delta R(\gamma, lep)$, ...
 - η^{γ} well described by state-of-the-art MC
 - p_{T}^{γ} slightly softer than predicted
- Measurements also performed for $t\bar{t}\gamma$ production and decay separately

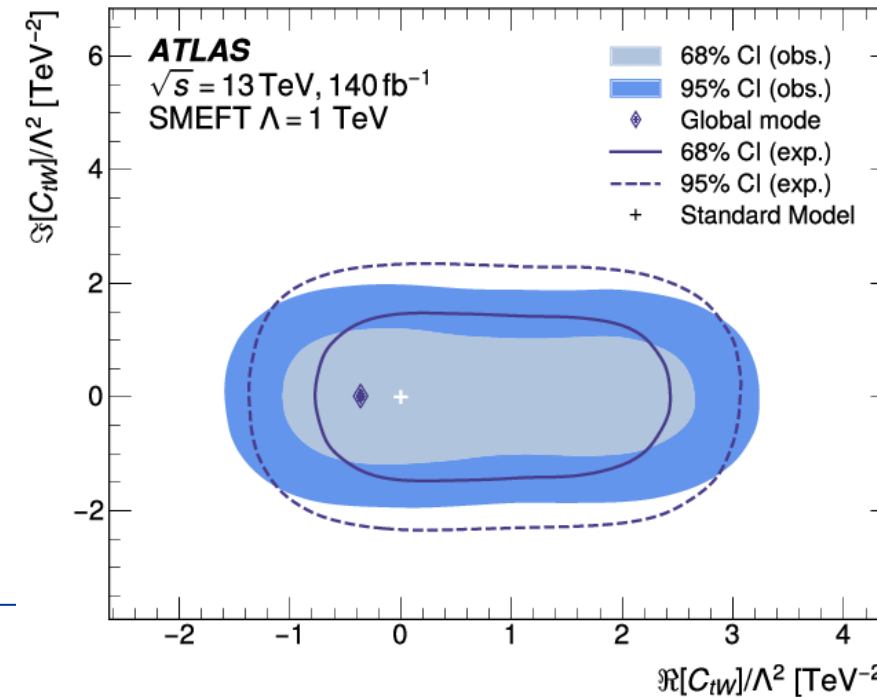
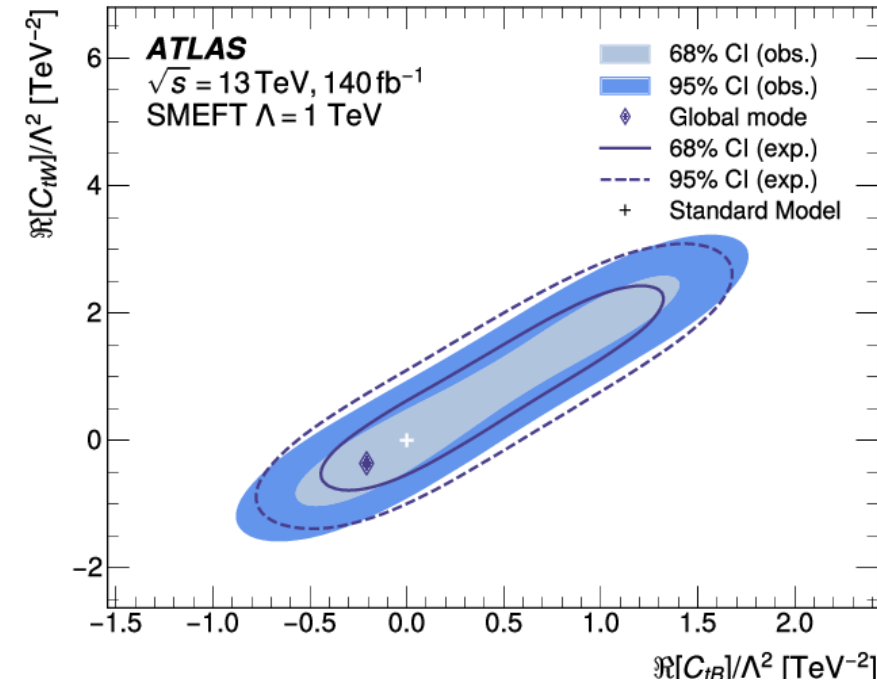
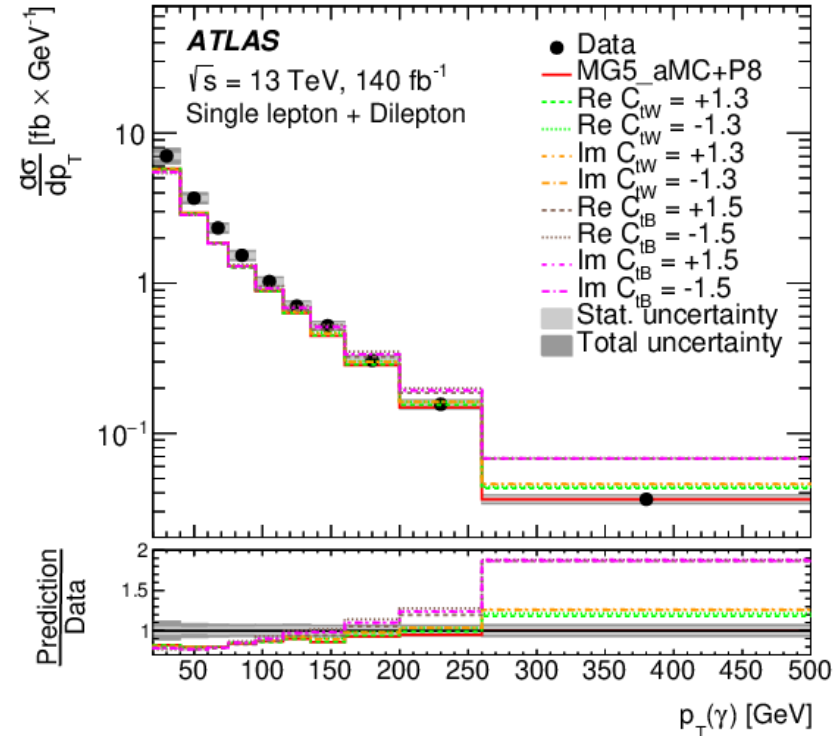


Measurement of $t\bar{t}\gamma$ production

- Limits on EFT operators using the **unfolded photon p_T** distribution
- Setting limits on the top quark electroweak dipole moments

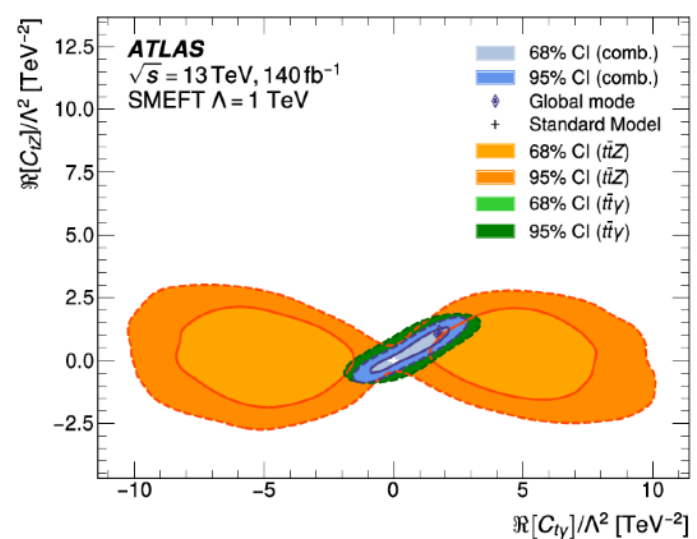
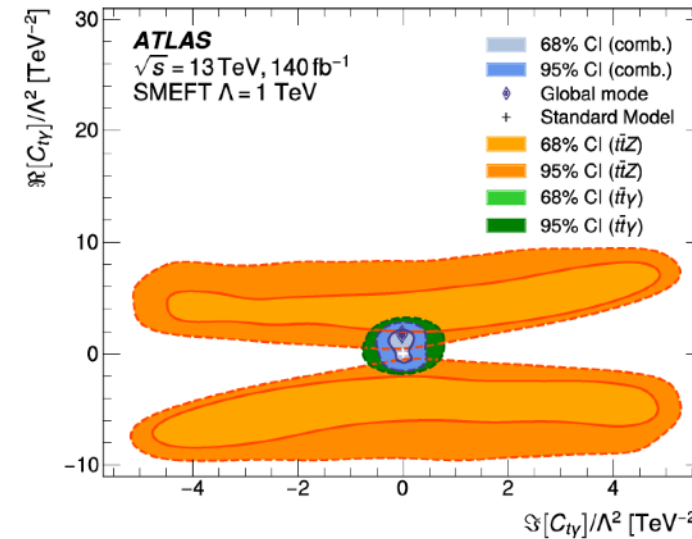
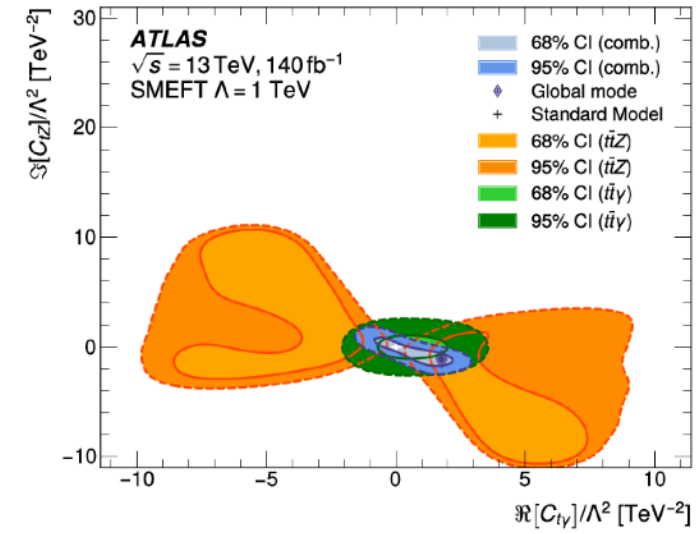
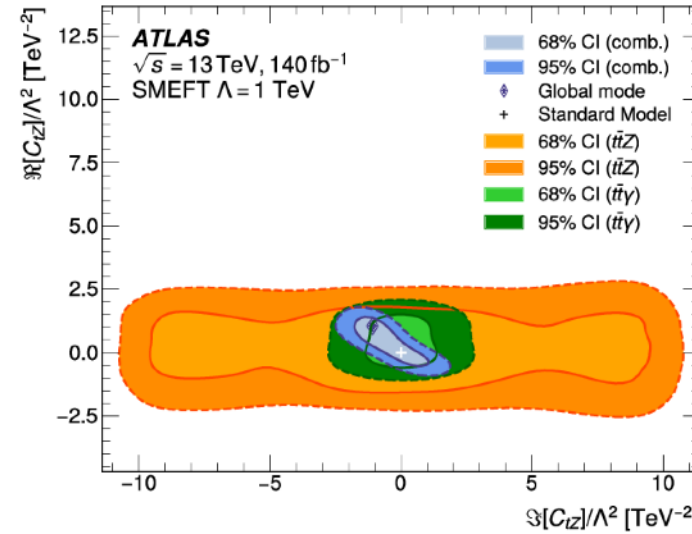
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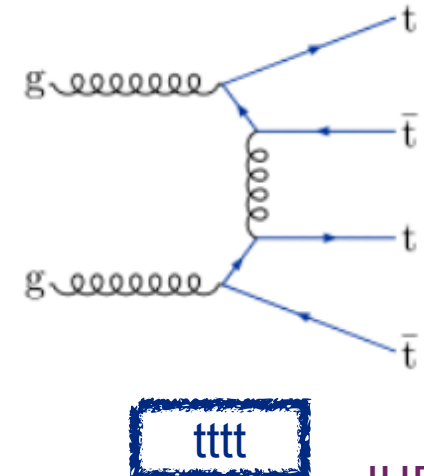
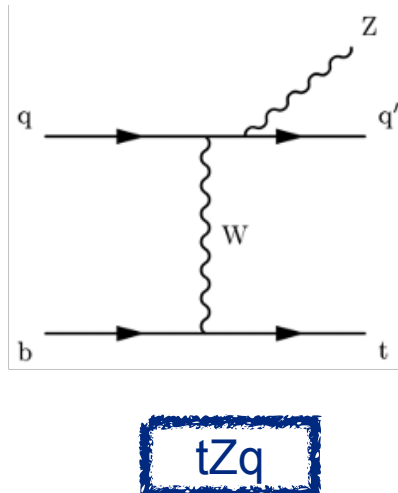
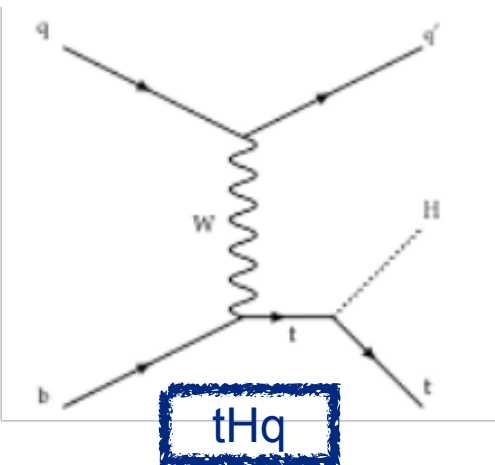
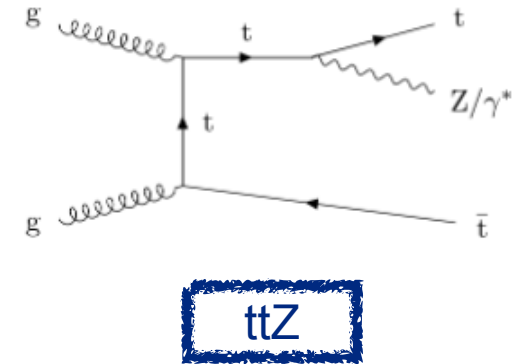
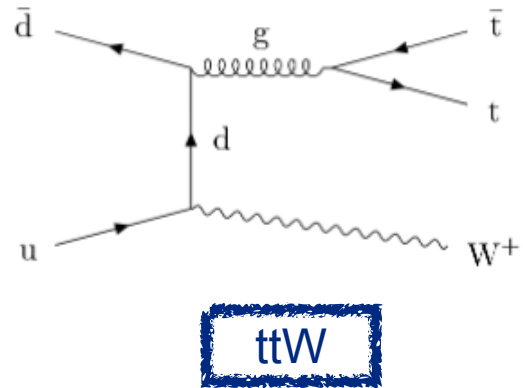
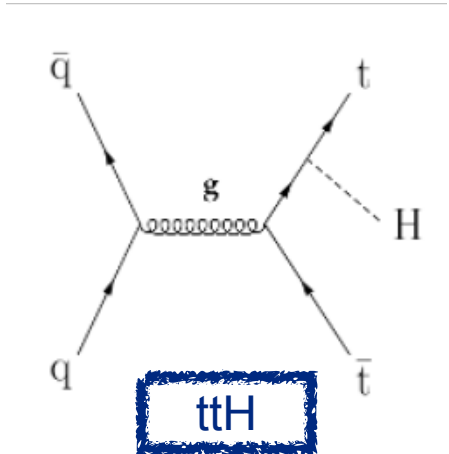


Combination of ttZ and tty measurements

- EFT interpretation from the simultaneous ttZ and tty measurements
 - Using the boson p_T distributions
 - Measuring top electroweak dipole moments
 - Sensitivity dominated by tty
- Some complementarity between analyses, different regions of the boson p_T spectrum are probed



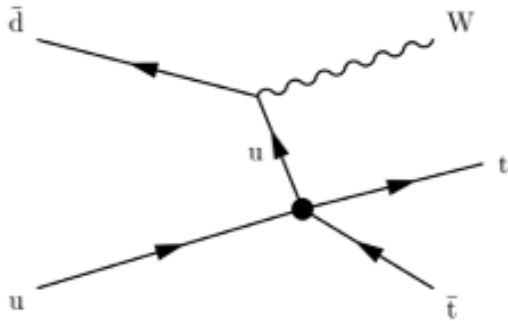
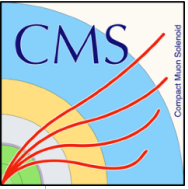
EFT in top quark production in association with leptons



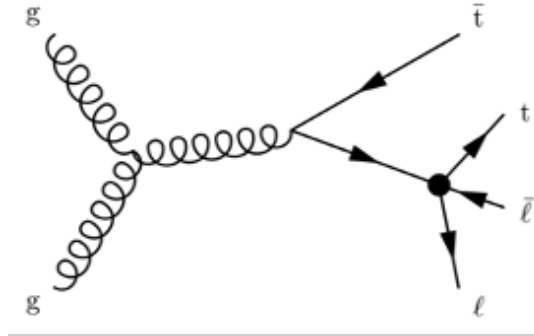
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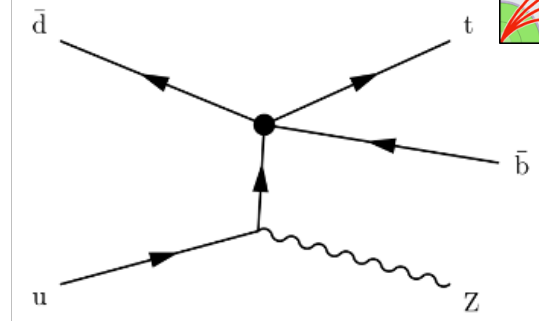
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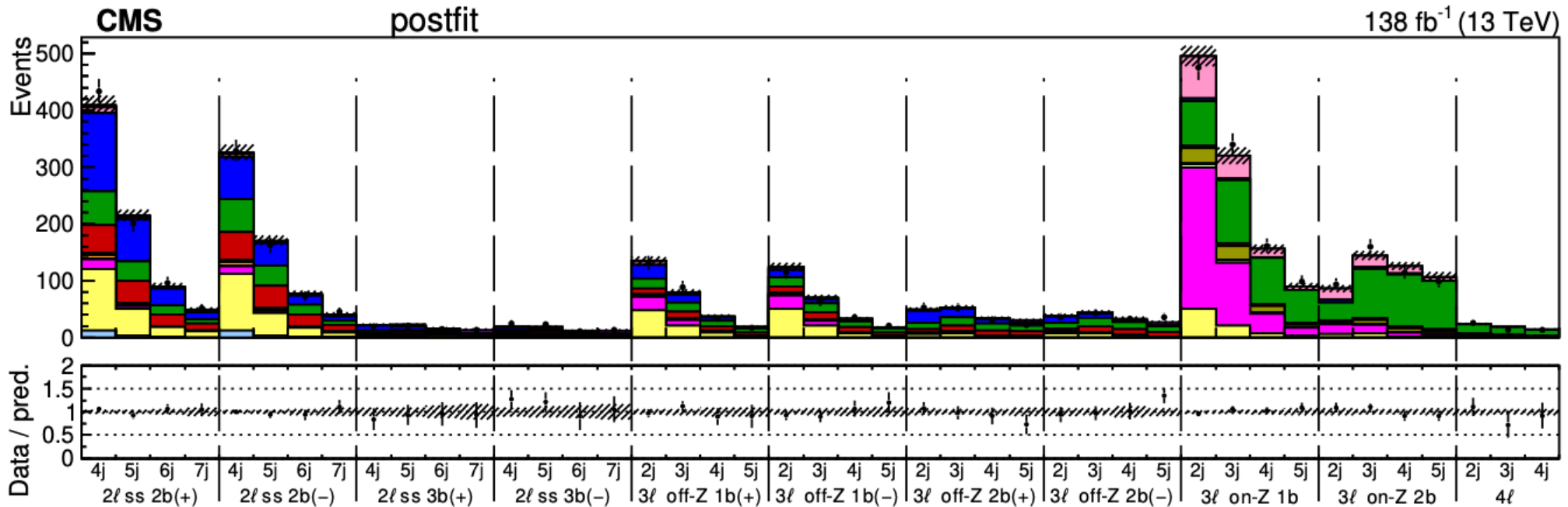
2-heavy-2-light quarks op.



2-top-2-lepton op.

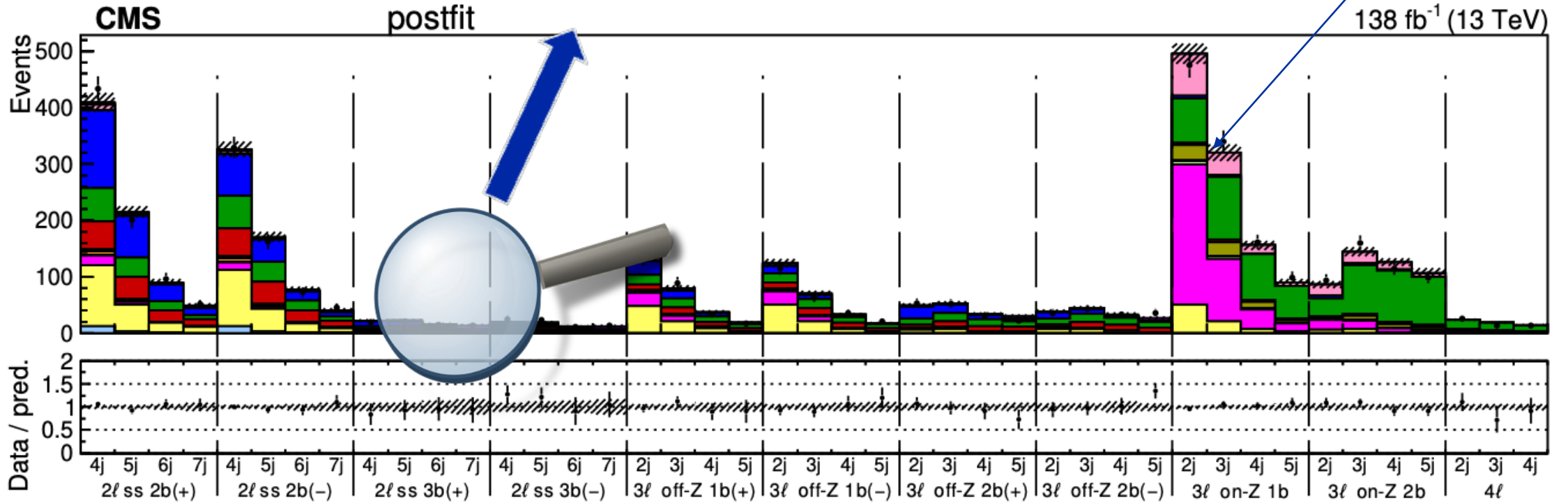
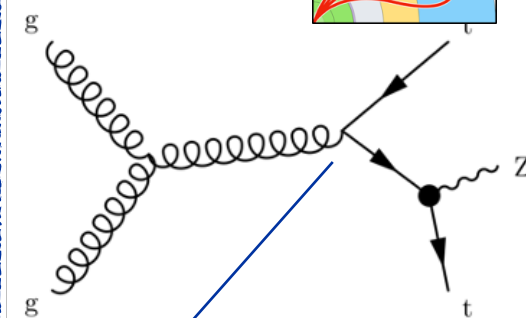
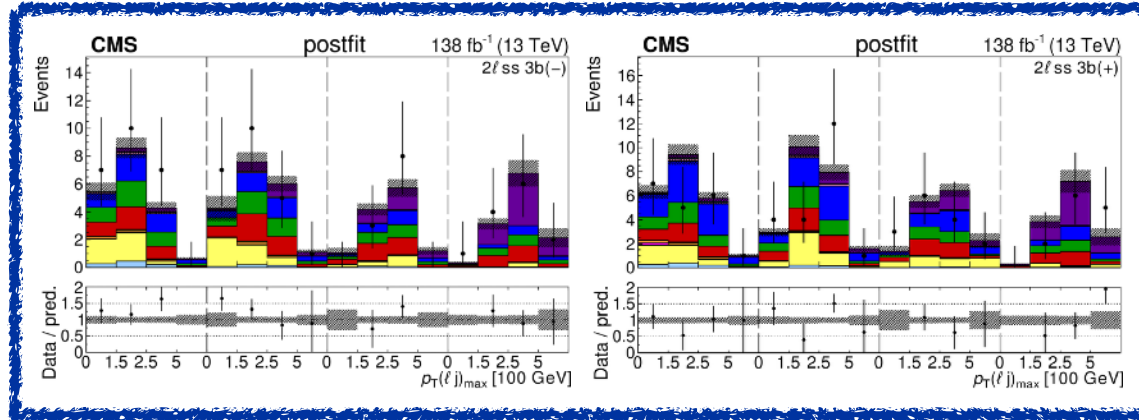
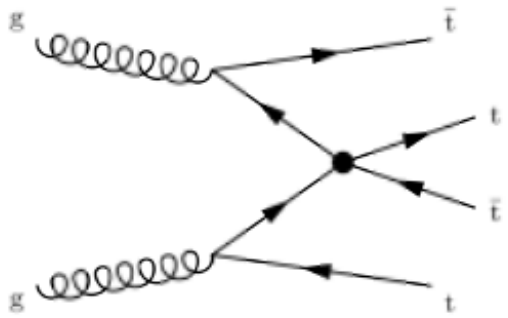
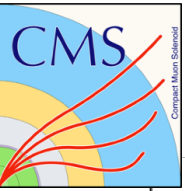


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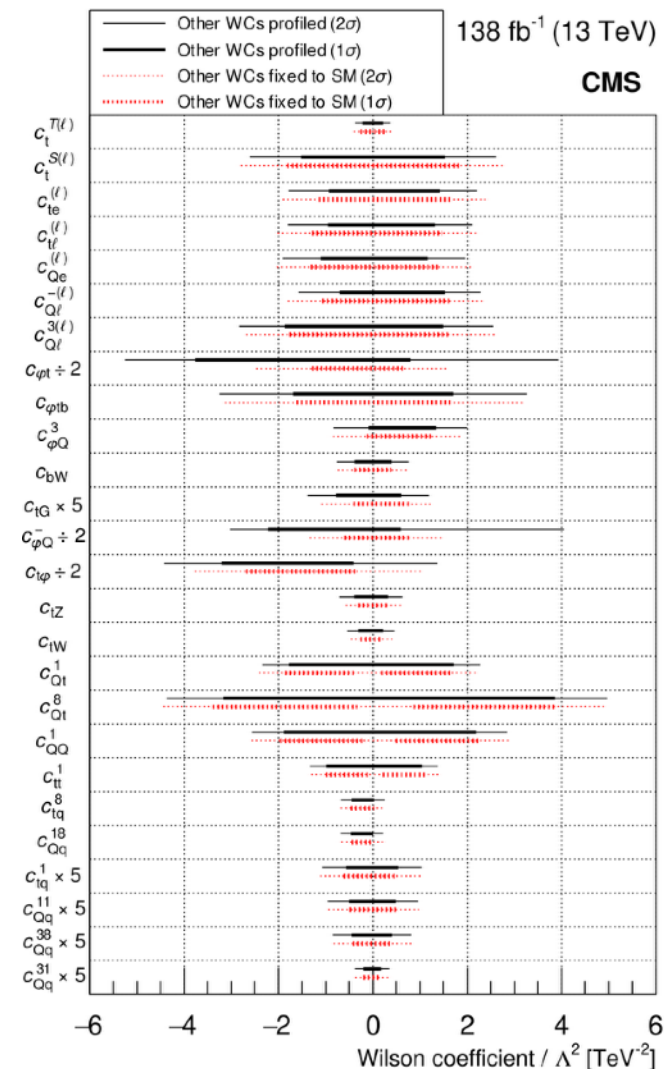
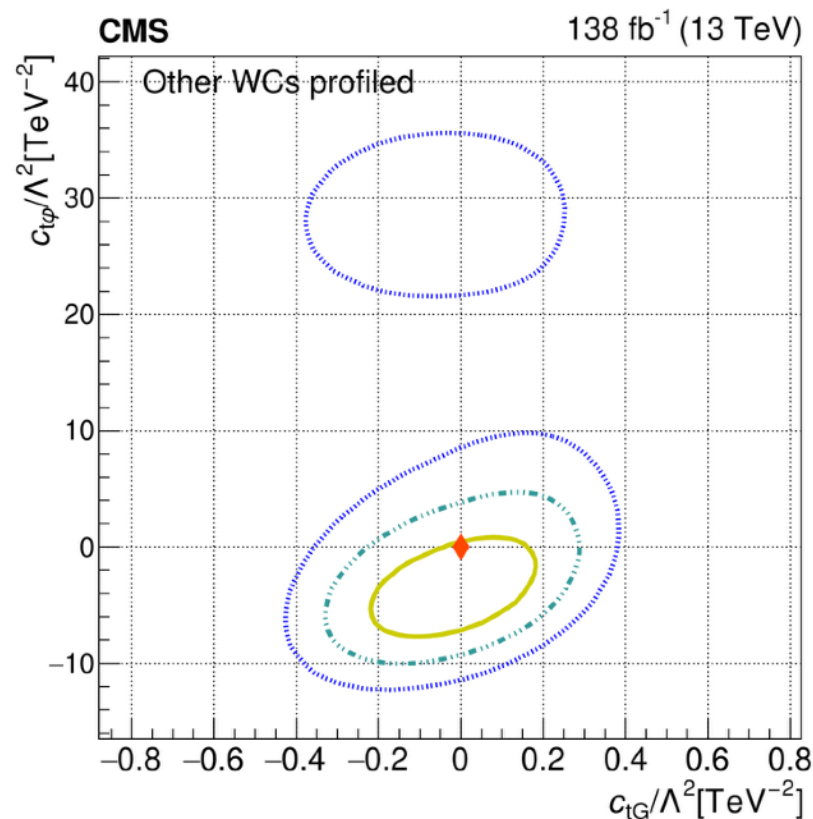
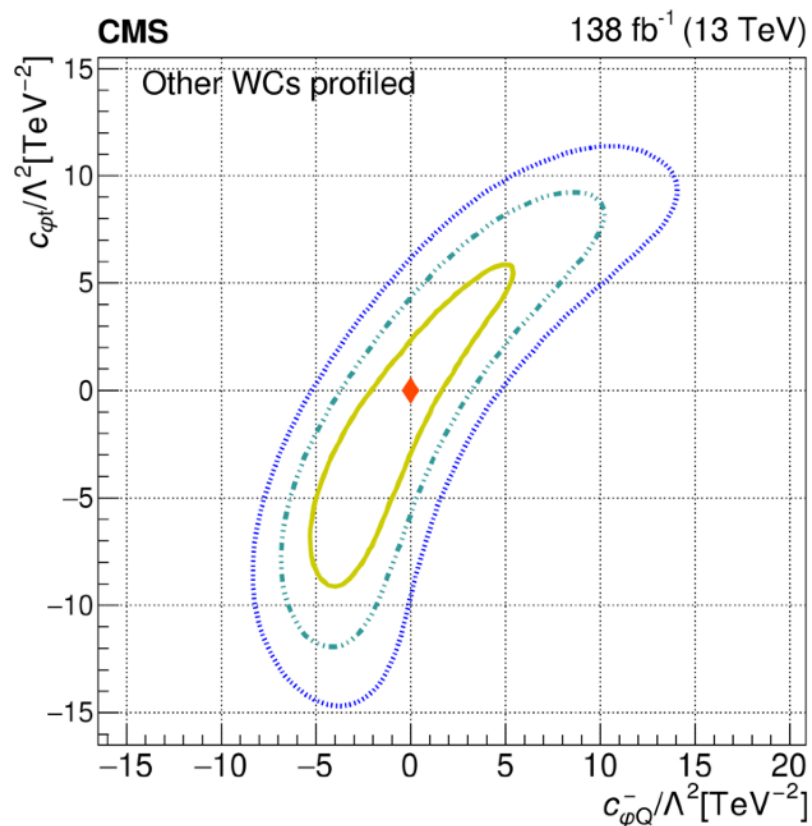
- Charge misid.
- Misid. leptons
- Diboson
- Triboson
- Conv.
- tWZ
- tt̄H
- tt̄ll
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- Total unc.
- ◆ Data

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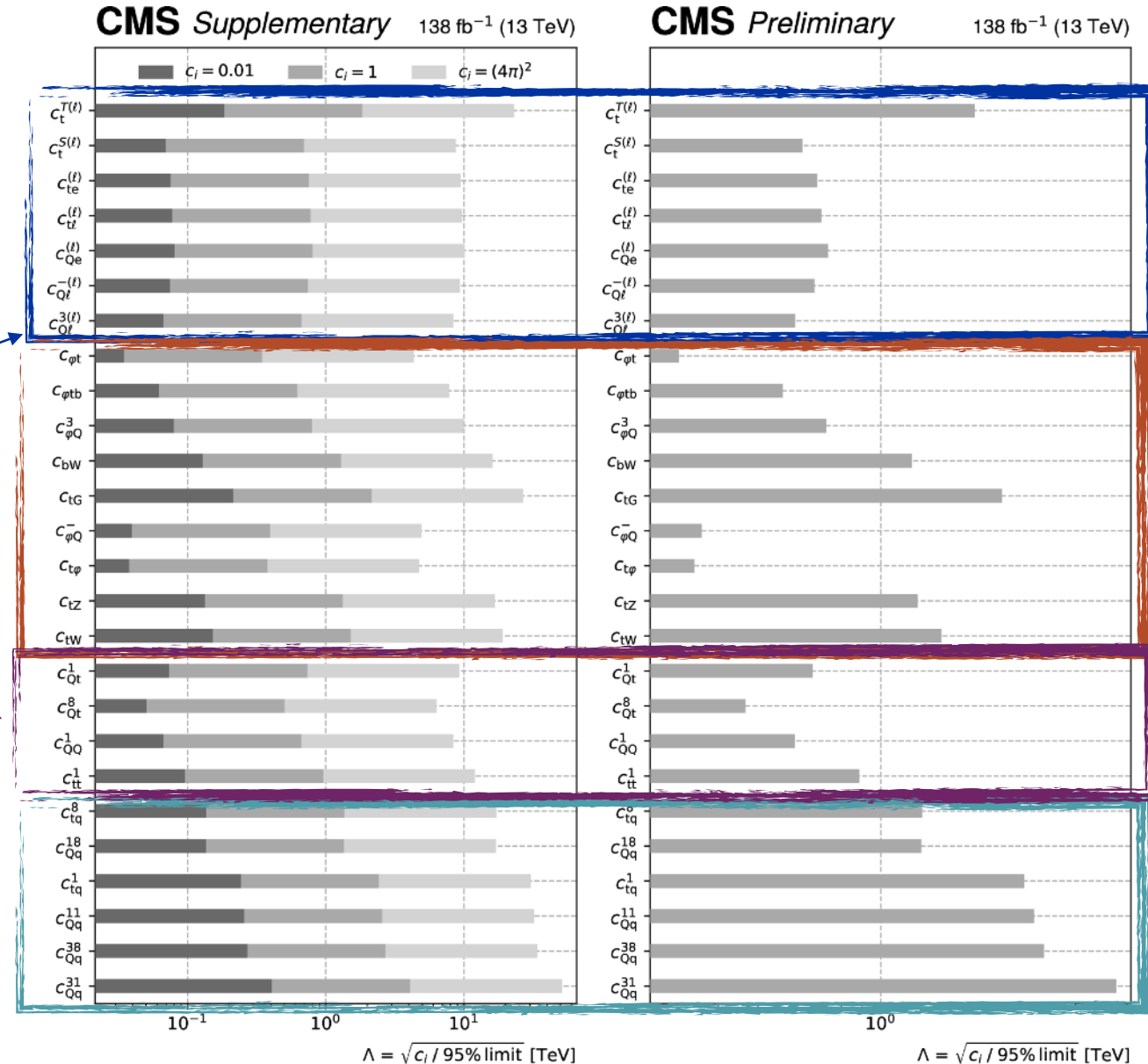
Results

- Results consistent with the SM
- Setting limits on 26 independent Wilson coefficients



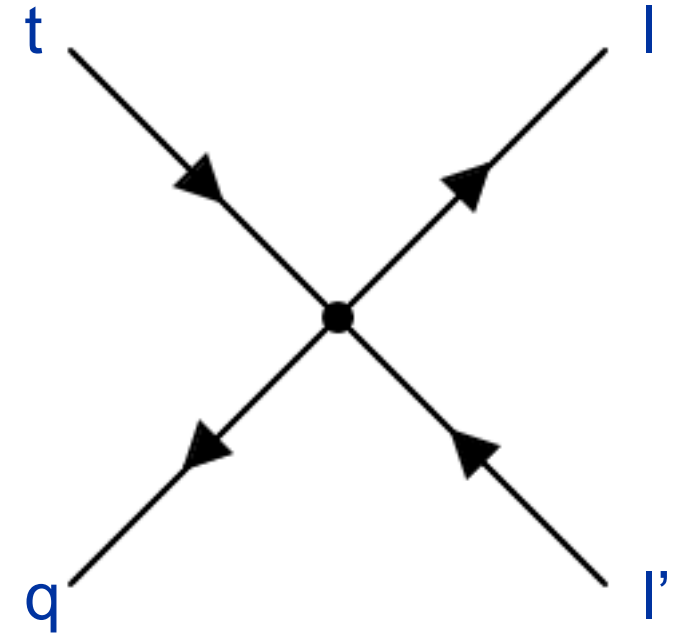
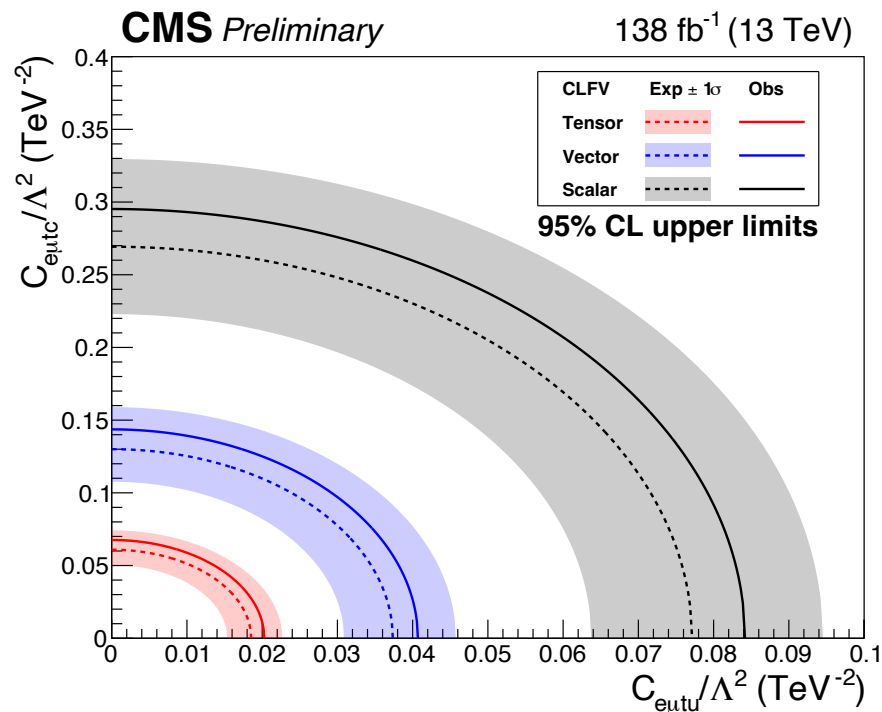
Results

- Limits on Wilson coefficients are translated to limits in the new physics scale
- 2-top-2-lepton operators: $\Lambda > O(800 \text{ GeV})$ - $O(1 \text{ TeV})$
- top+boson operators: $\Lambda > O(300 \text{ GeV})$ - $O(1 \text{ TeV})$
- 4-heavy-quark-operators: $\Lambda > O(700 \text{ GeV})$ - $O(1 \text{ TeV})$
- 2-light-2-heavy operators: $\Lambda > O(1 - 3 \text{ TeV})$



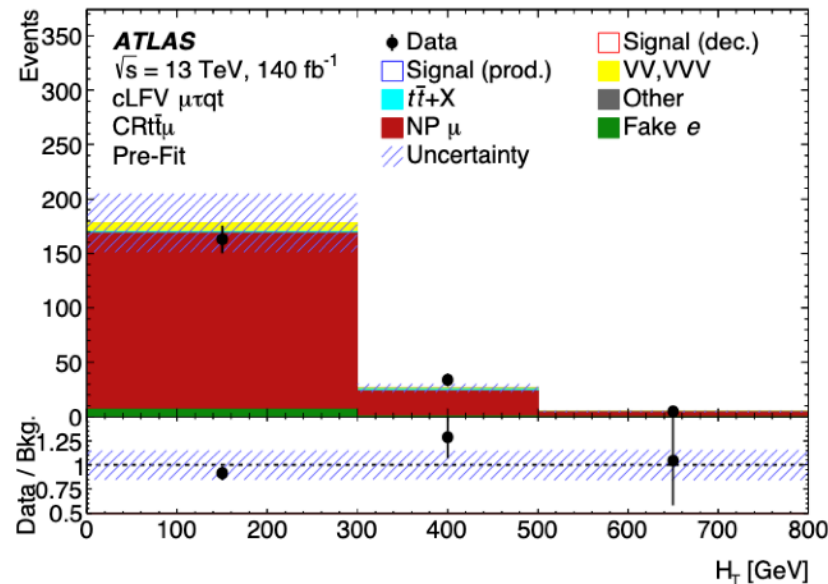
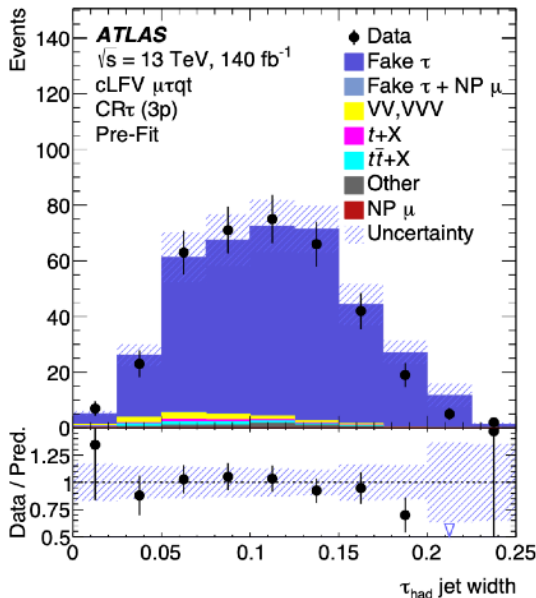
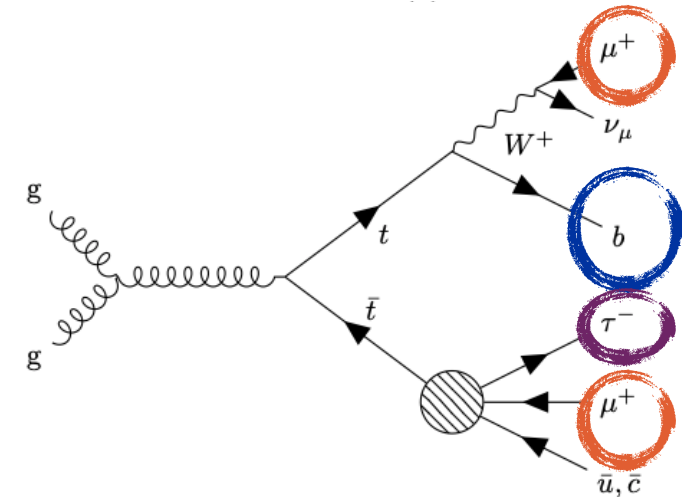
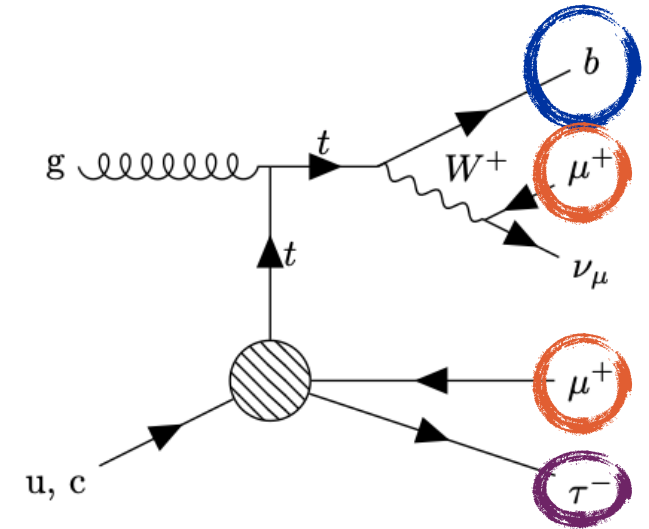
Top quark probing lepton flavour violation

- Four-fermion contact interactions may introduce LFV
- Different LFV couplings studied by ATLAS and CMS:
 - $tq\ell\mu$ by CMS in [arXiv:2312.03199](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.03199) and [JHEP 06 \(2022\) 082](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.082)
 - Covering latest result by ATLAS on $tq\mu\tau$ [arXiv:2403.06742](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.06742)

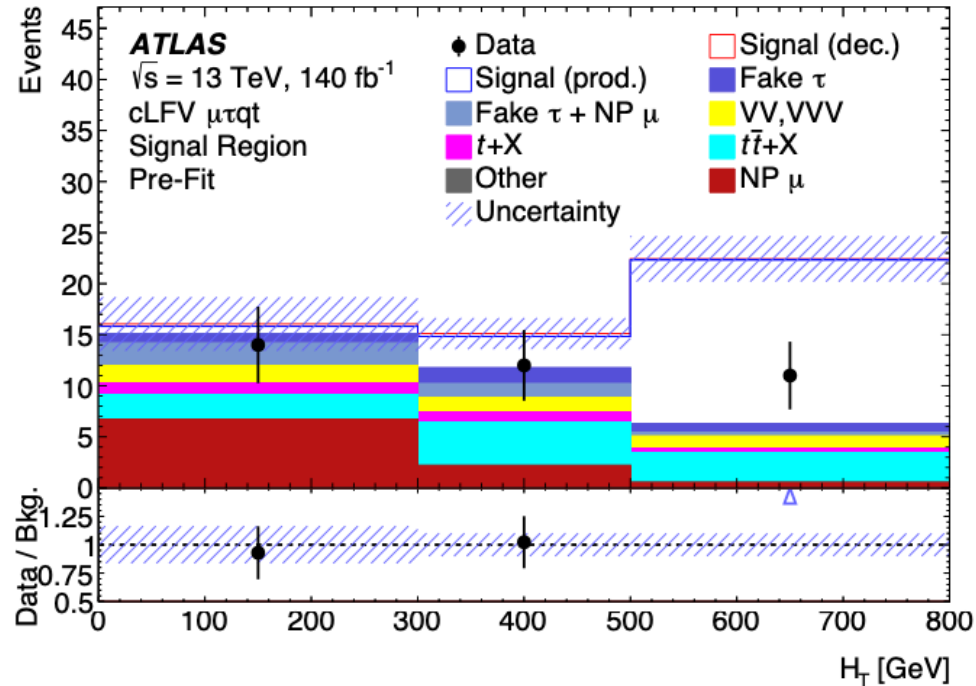


Lepton flavour violation

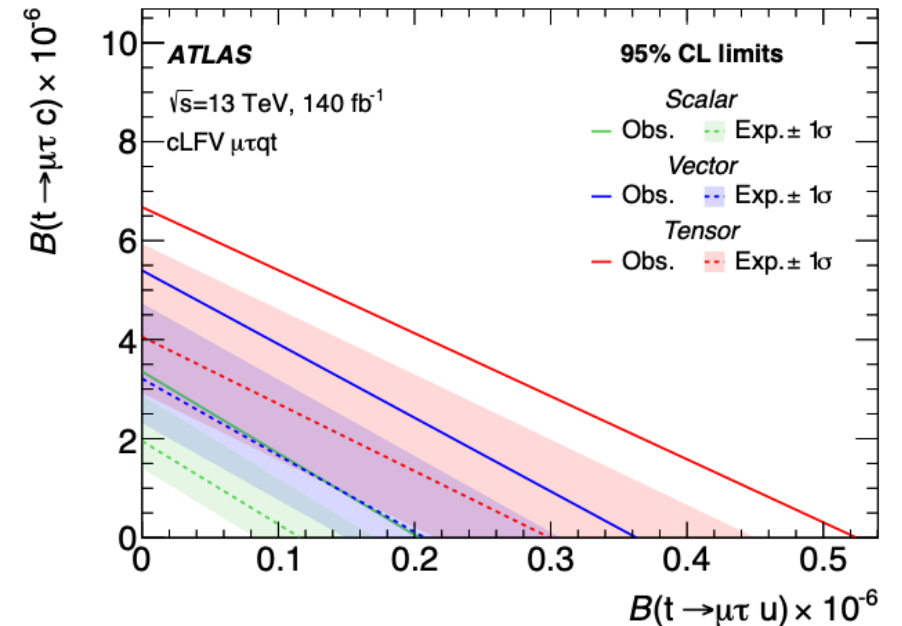
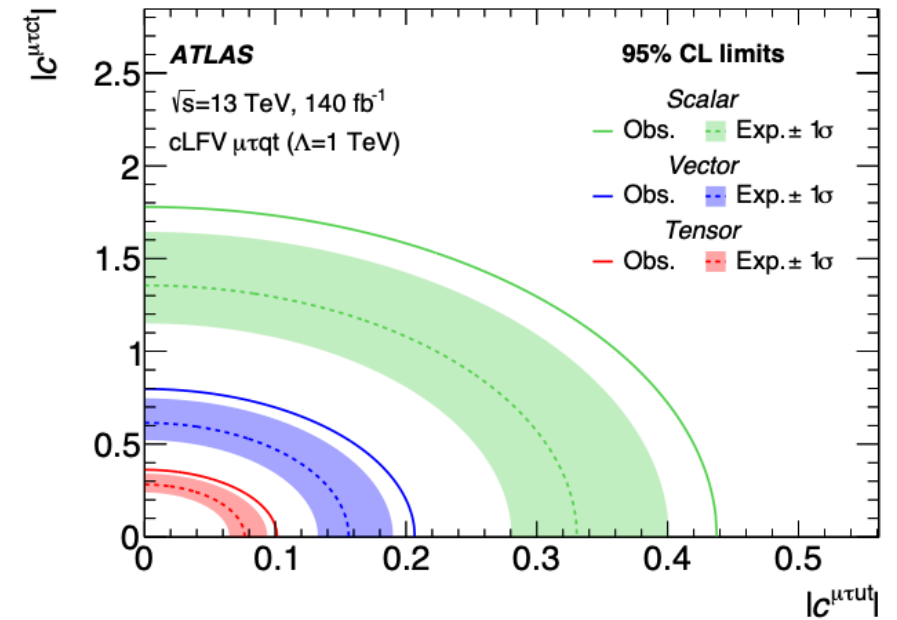
- Sensitivity coming from **tt** production and **t**→ll'q decay
 - Fully dominated in production for tμτ
 - More balanced between the two channels for tμτ
- Using events with **two same-sign muons**, a **hadronically decaying τ candidate** and at least **one jet**
- Backgrounds dominated by tt+X (ttW, ttZ, ttH) and WZ production
- Semi data-driven estimation of nonprompt μ and jets faking τ



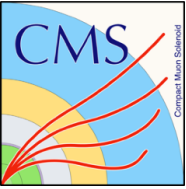
Lepton flavour violation



- Results compatible with SM expectations within 1.6σ
- Slight excess driven by the last HT bin in the signal region
- Setting limits on LFV for fermion operators, translated to $10^{-6} - 10^{-7}$ limits in LFV top quark decay modes
- Analysis also interpreted in terms of leptoquarks



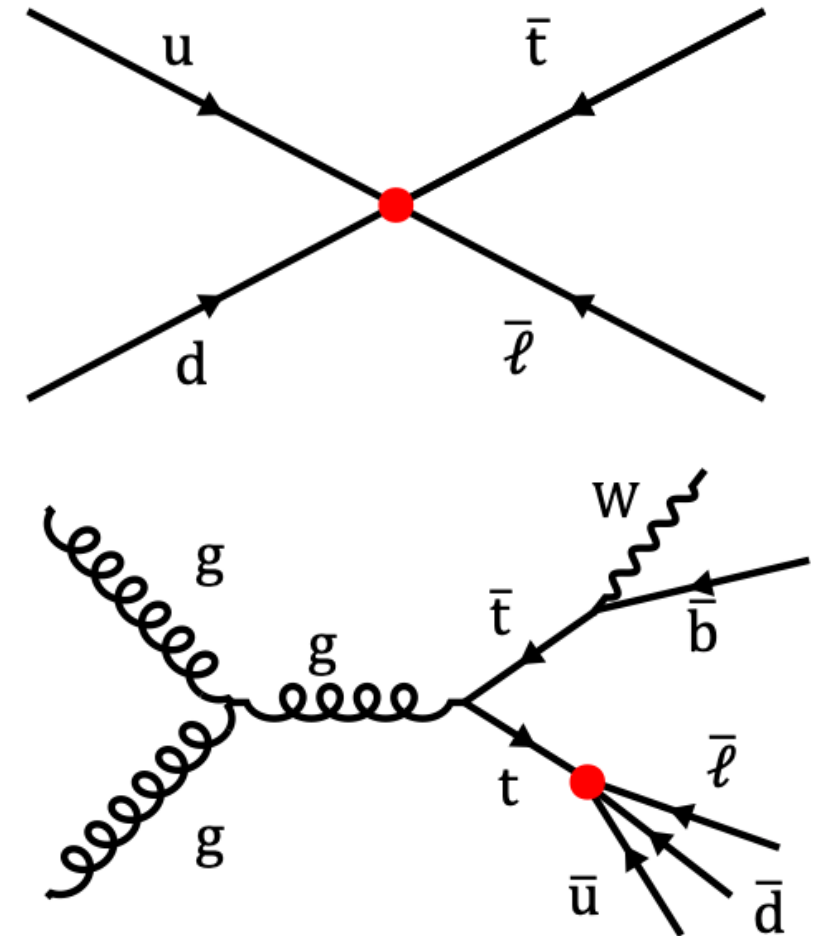
Baryon number violation



- Baryon number violation can be induced by 4-fermion operators
- Introducing **top + lepton production** and **$t \rightarrow lqq$** decay

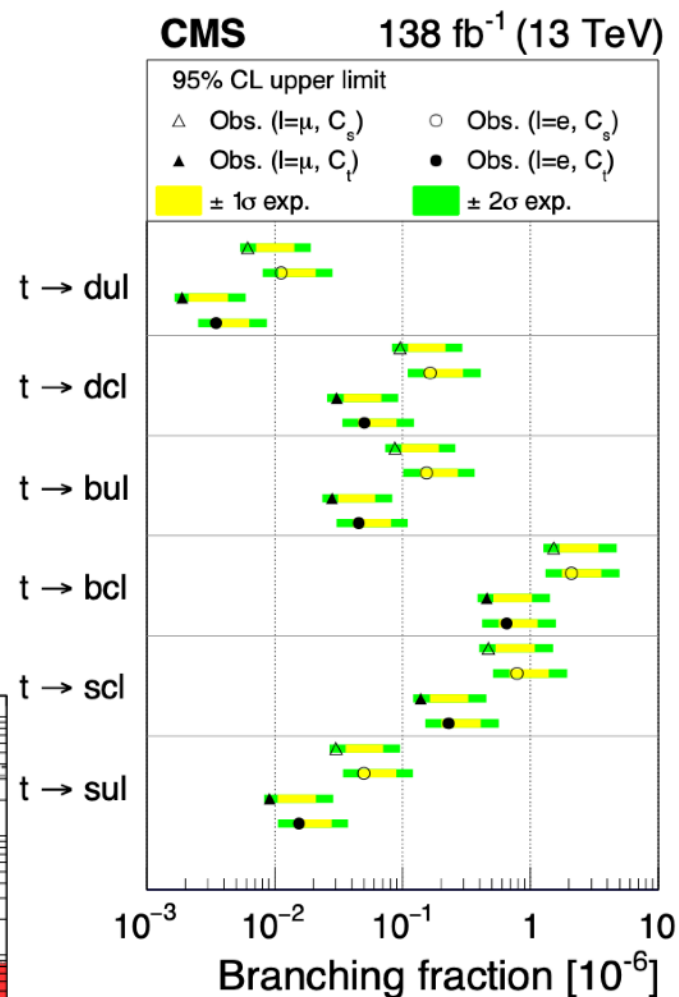
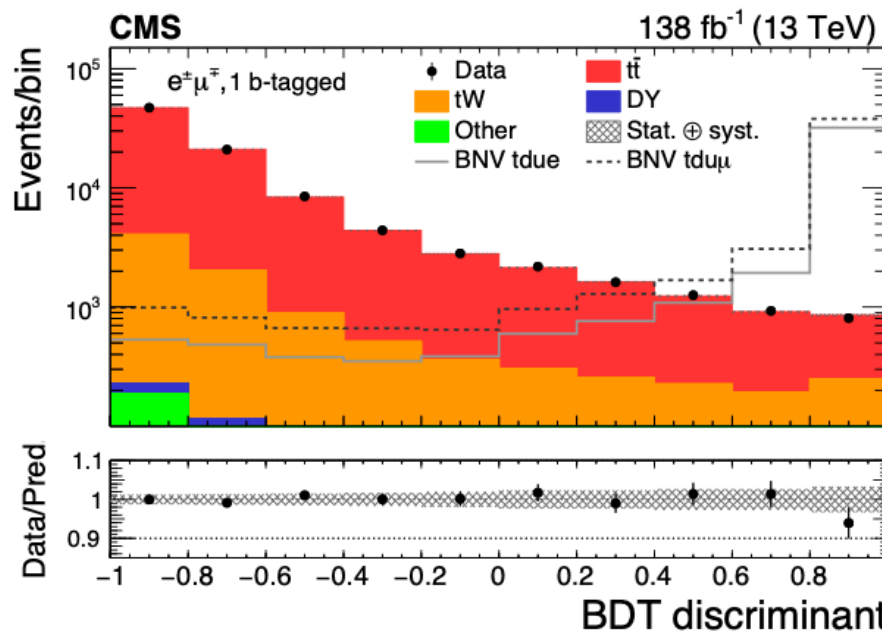
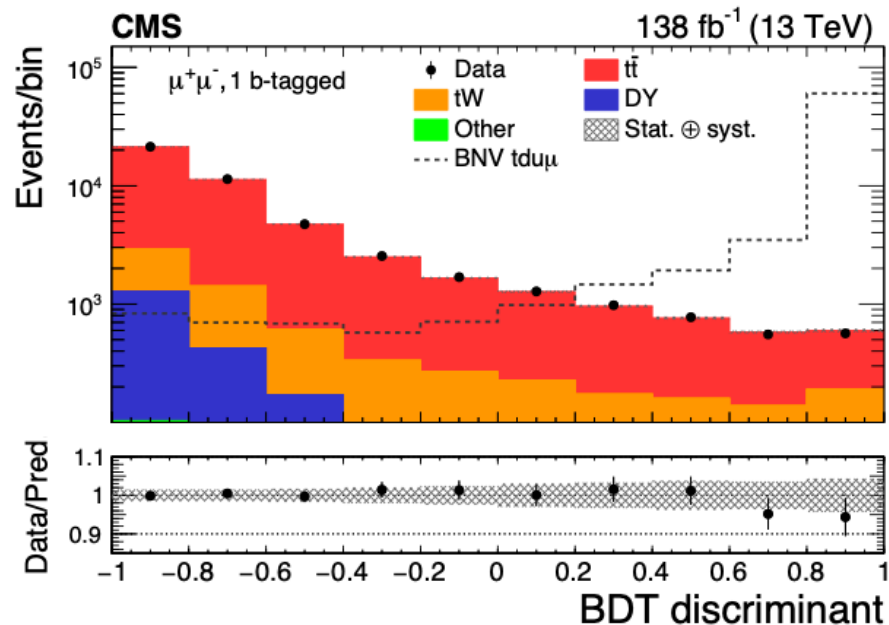
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{C_s}{\Lambda^2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [\bar{t}_\alpha^c d_\gamma] [\bar{u}_\beta^c \ell] + \frac{C_t}{\Lambda^2} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [\bar{t}_\alpha^c \ell] [\bar{u}_\beta^c d_\gamma] + \text{h.c.}$$

- Probing $tlqq'$ couplings with $l=e,\mu$, $q=u,c$, $q'=d,s$, b
- Probing scalar and tensor Lorentz structure
- Studying the dilepton channel (ee , $e\mu$, $\mu\mu$) in events with exactly one b-tagged jet



Baryon number violation

- BDT used to discriminate between top+lepton BNV production signal and SM backgrounds
- Rely mostly on lepton and top quark p_T and $\Delta\Phi(l,l)$
- Results consistent with the SM within 2 sigma
- Setting limits in top branching fraction between 10^{-9} - 10^{-6}



Conclusions

- Overview of latest results on EFTs involving the top quark
 - **Showed an snapshot of a broader on-going programme**
- ATLAS and CMS study both the “**canonical**” flavour symmetry and violations of **accidental symmetries** (BNV, LFV)
- **Complementary programmes** followed by both collaborations, both in methodology and observables used
- **All results are compatible with the SM**
- **More analyses and combinations are ongoing**
 - See talks on combinations by Alessandro (Higgs combinations) and Andrea (all sectors)
- **Keep posted for more interesting results**