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Probing EFT couplings in the top quark sector

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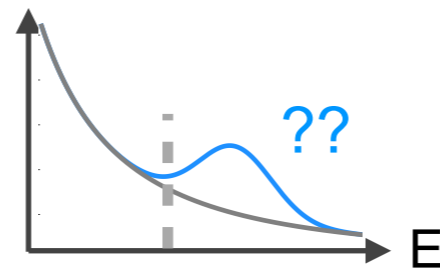


Motivation for indirect searches for new physics: New physics has to be out there, but ...

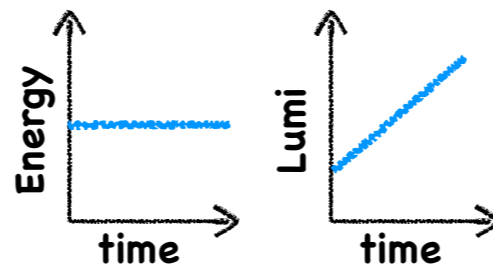
No conclusive indication
of which direction to look



No guarantee BSM
particles light enough
to be produced at LHC



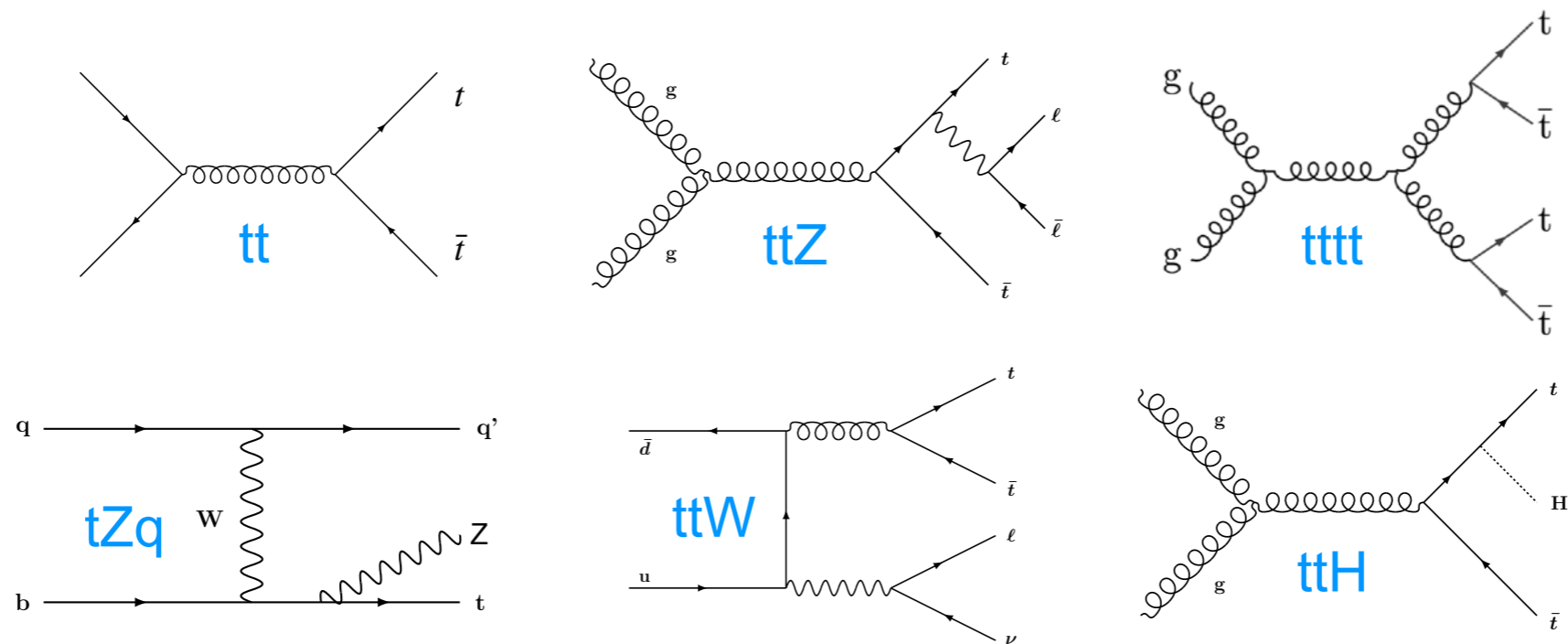
Energy not going up
much (but stats are!)



Effective field theory
(EFT) provides a
relatively model
independent way to
describe possible
effects of heavy
new physics

Motivations for SM EFT in the top quark sector

- EFT is relatively general, useful for searches in many sectors, this talk focuses on the **top sector**
- Processes involving tops are relatively **rare**, and may be an **interesting** region for new physics to be hiding
- Garnering **enough statistics** to start probing in more detail



A few examples of top quark processes

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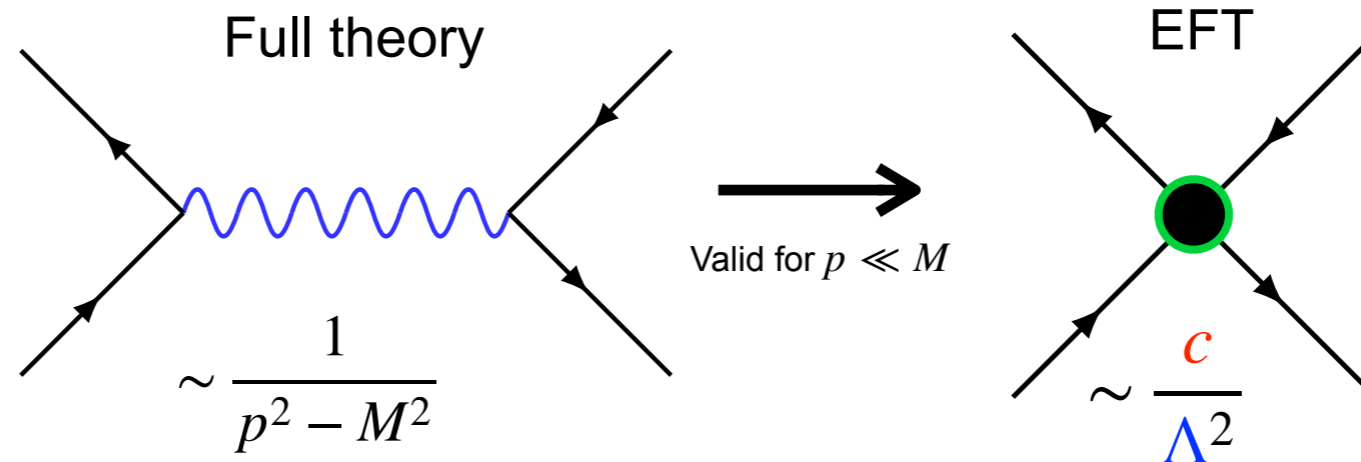
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Example of SMEFT in action:



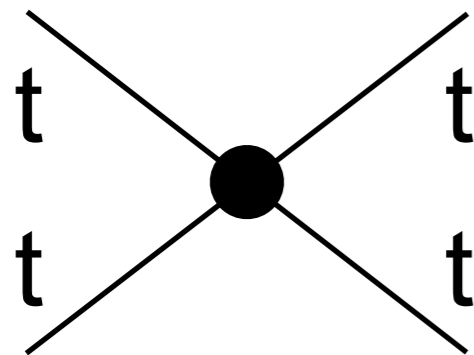
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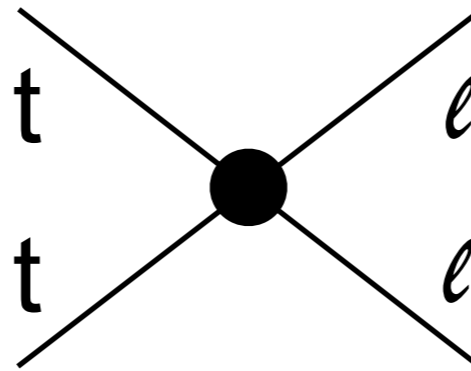
SM EFT operators involving top quarks

Focus on operators involving tops \rightarrow ~ 40 operators¹

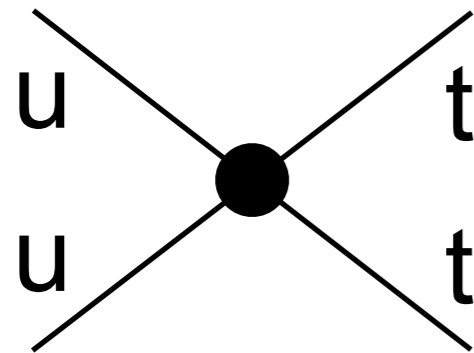
Can be generally grouped into 4 categories²



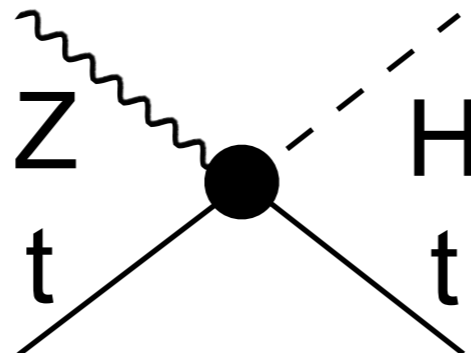
4 heavy³ quarks



2 heavy quarks and 2 leptons

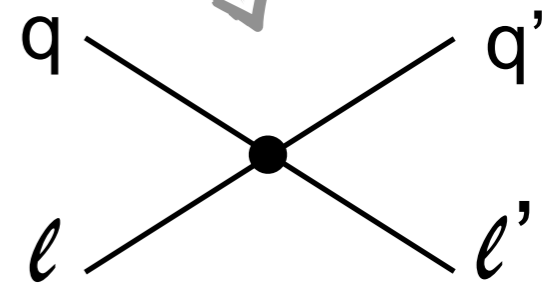


2 heavy quarks and 2 light quarks



2 heavy quarks and bosons

Relaxing charged lepton flavor conservation in this category



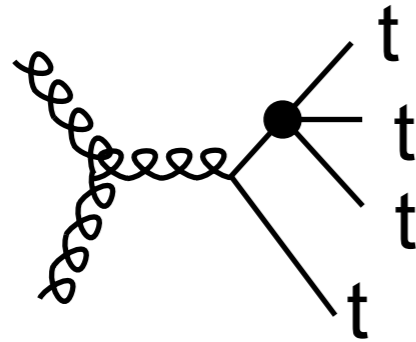
2 quark 2 lep interactions involving CLFV

¹The number quoted here is from the dim6top note ([1802.07237](#)) assumption described in the "baseline" section i.e. 4.1

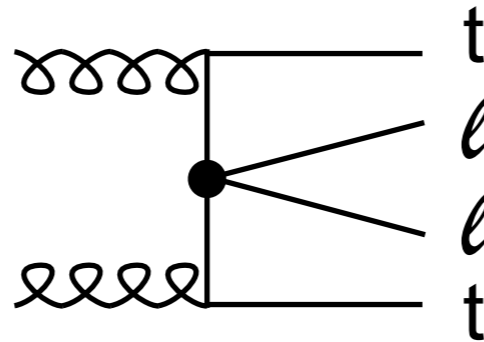
²In general an operator will give rise to multiple EFT vertices, here we just show an example vertex for an operator from each category

³Note: "heavy" means top or bottom, "light" is everything else, see dim6top model paper ([1802.07237](#)) for more details on the operators, also note the operators in the ~ 40 number quoted here does not include the FCNC operators

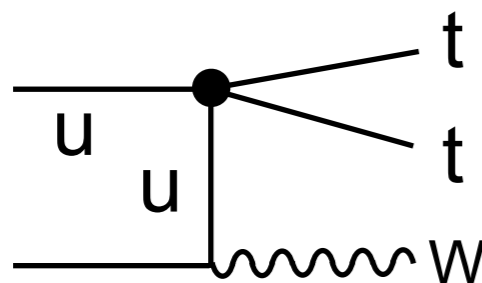
The **EFT** vertices can **impact observables**,
 where the strengths of the impacts are
determined by the WCs that scale the vertices



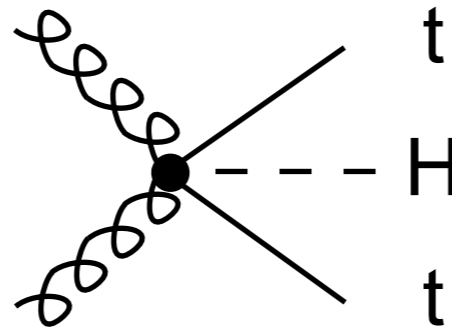
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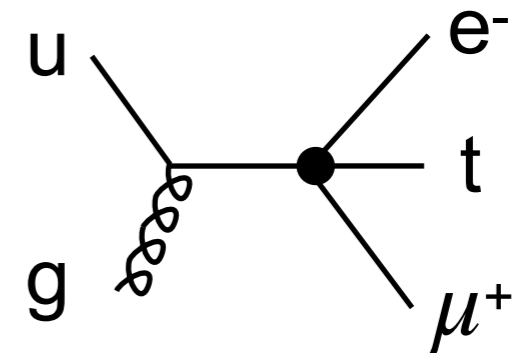
2 heavy quarks
and 2 leptons



2 heavy quarks
and 2 light quarks



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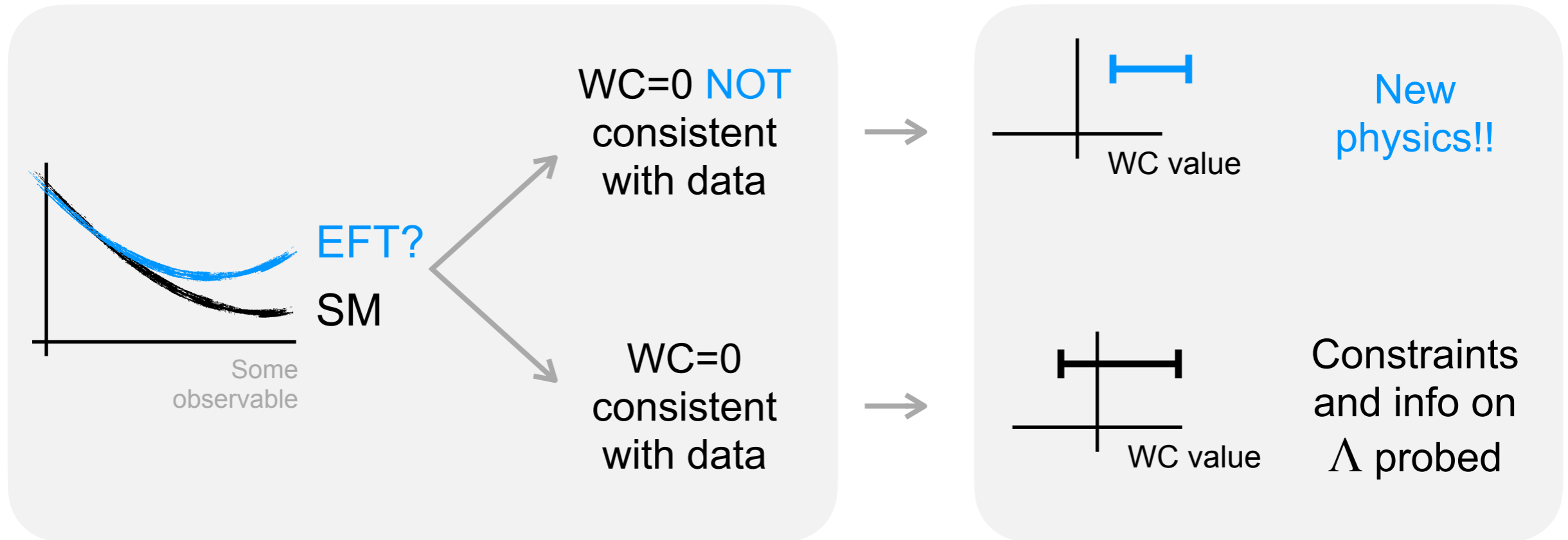


CLFV
interactions

Note: In general an operator will give rise to multiple EFT vertices, and there are also multiple types of vertices in each category, which can impact multiple signal processes. Here we just show an example vertex for an operator from each category impacting an example process.

What: Compare prediction to data to find WC values

Why: Any non-zero WC would be new physics!



How?

Parameterize some prediction in terms of the WCs
Compare observation to prediction and extract best fit values and corresponding uncertainties for the WCs



Some recent TOP EFT analyses from CMS

We'll cover these two in this talk

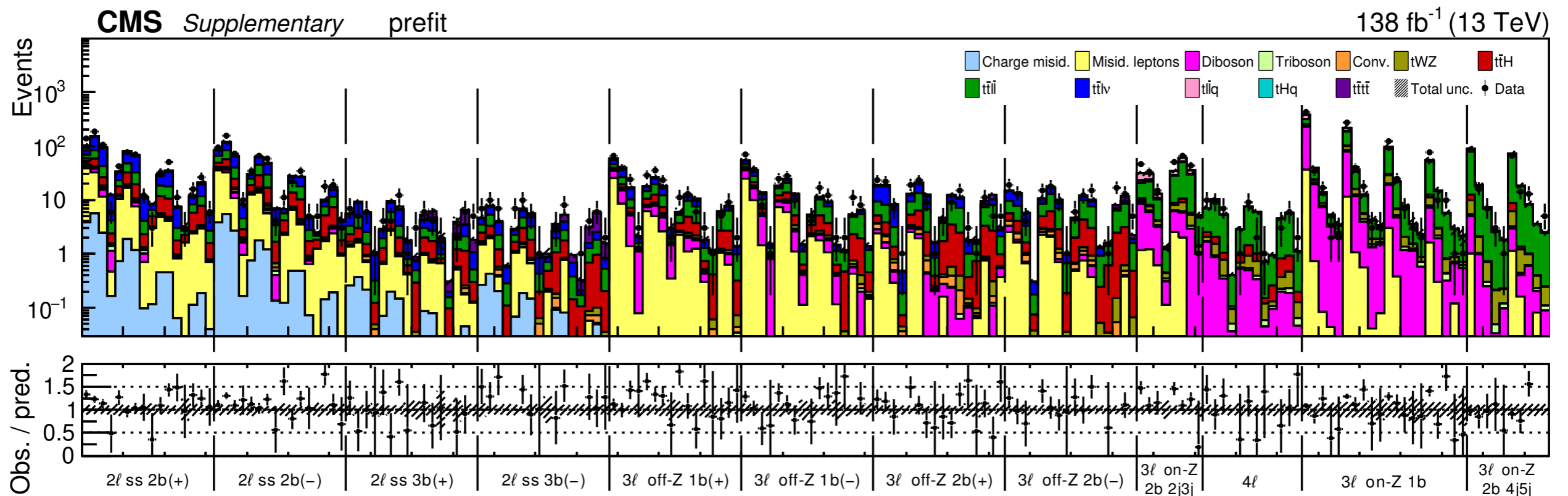
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- [t\(t\)X multilepton](#), 26 WCs (fit individually and simultaneously)
[JHEP12\(2023\)068](#)
- [t \$\bar{t}\$ with boosted Z or H](#), single lepton + jets, 8 WCs (fit individually and simultaneously)
[PRD 108 \(2023\) 032008](#)
- [Search for CLFV in e \$\mu\$](#) final states, 6 WCs (fit individually)
[JHEP 06 \(2022\) 082](#)
- [t \$\bar{t}\$ \$\gamma\$ dilepton](#), Re and Im part of 1 WC (fit individually and together)
[JHEP 05 \(2022\) 091](#)
- [t \$\bar{t}\$ Z multilepton](#), 5 WCs (fit individually and simultaneously)
[JHEP 12 \(2021\) 083](#)



CMS t(t)X multilepton (JHEP12(2023)068)

Uses SM EFT to probe potential new physics impacting associated top

- Signal processes **t(t)X**: ttH, tt ν , ttll, tllq, tHq, tttt
- Targets multilepton final states (2lss or 3+ leptons) with jets and b jet(s)
- **Simultaneously probe 26** dim6 Top EFT operators strongly impacting t(t)X

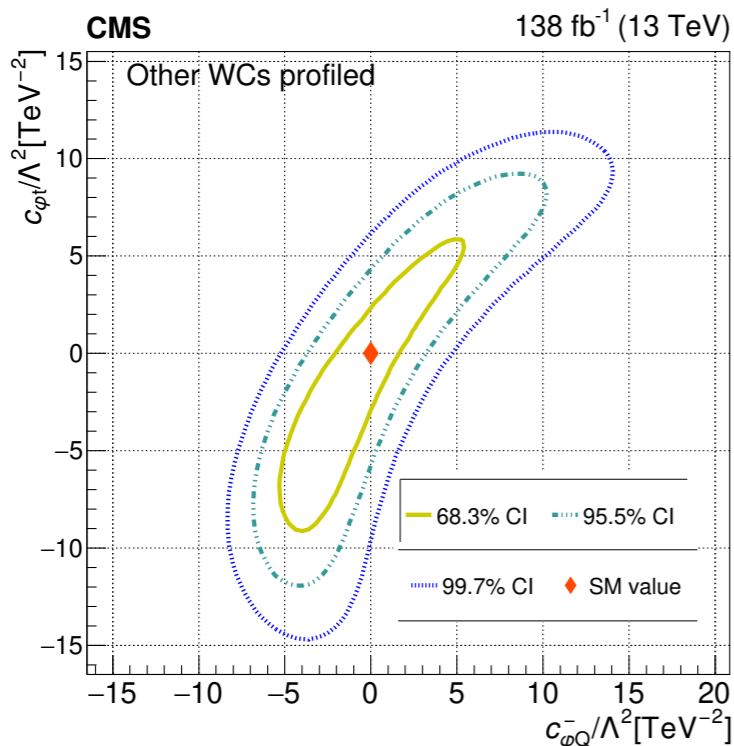


Parameterize each event weight in terms of the 26 WCs in order to to obtain the **26d quadratic parameterization for each 178 observable bins**

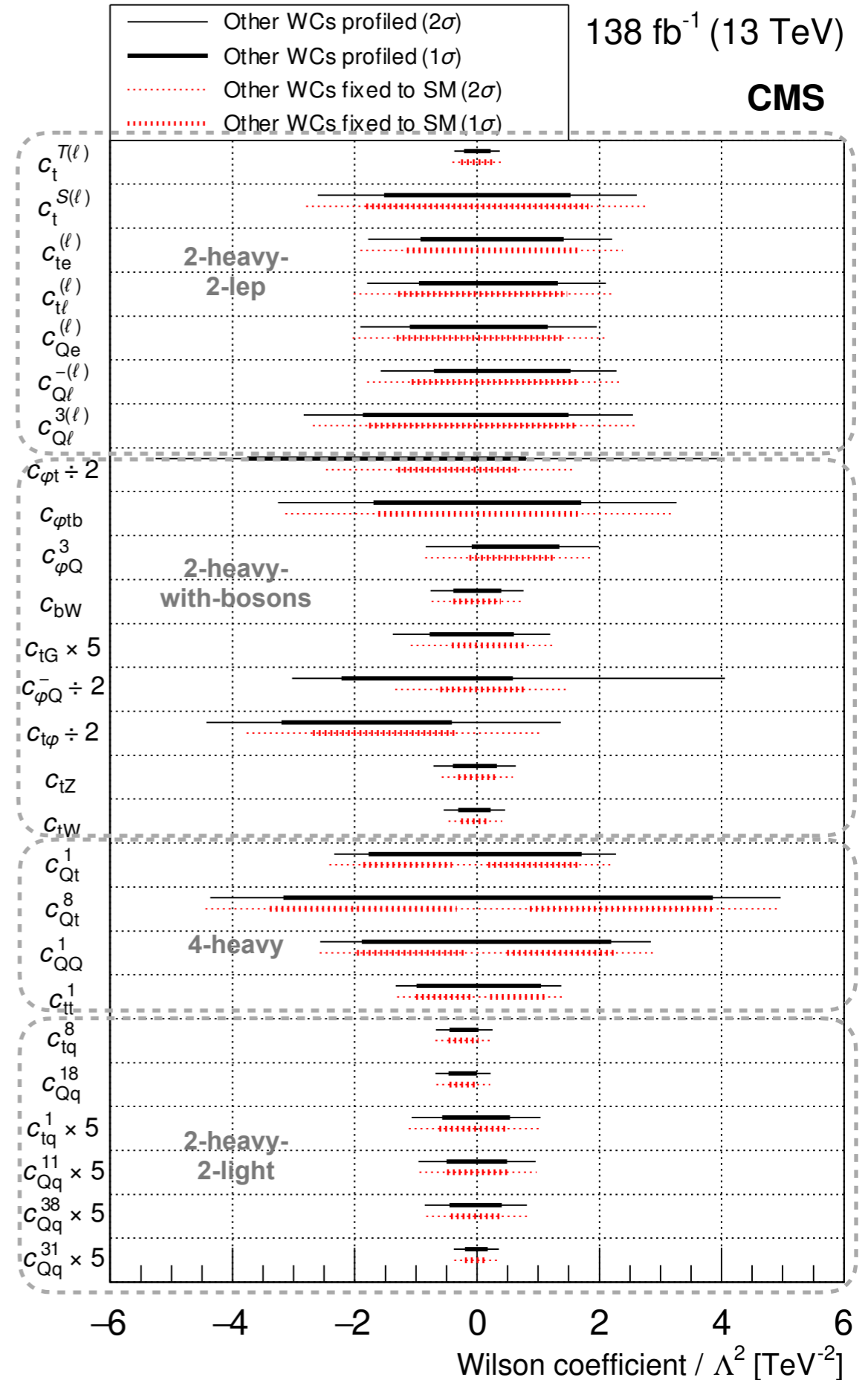


t(t)X Results

- Perform a likelihood fit where the 26 WCs are the POIs
- Extract the 1σ and 2σ confidence intervals for the WCs where other WCs are **fixed to the SM (red)** or **profiled simultaneously (black)**
- Results consistent with SM

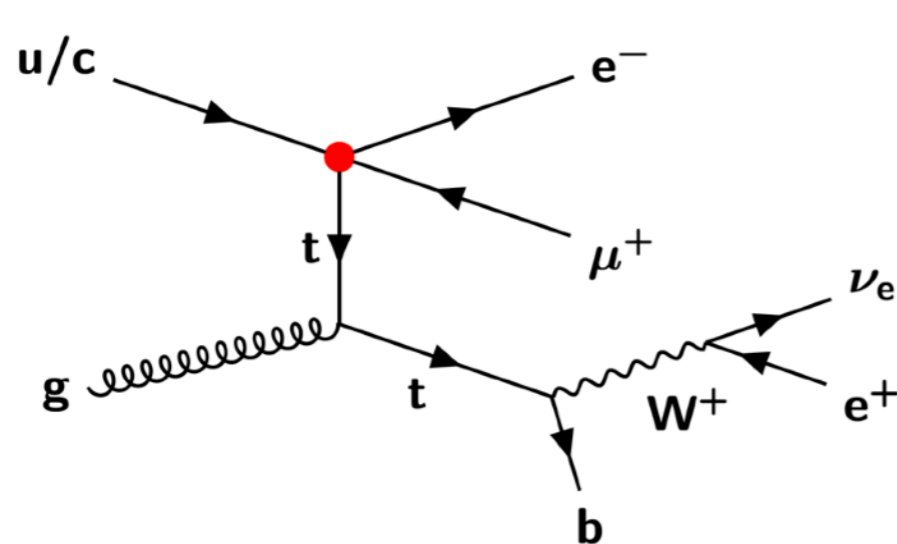


Example scan over 2 WCs to visualize correlations

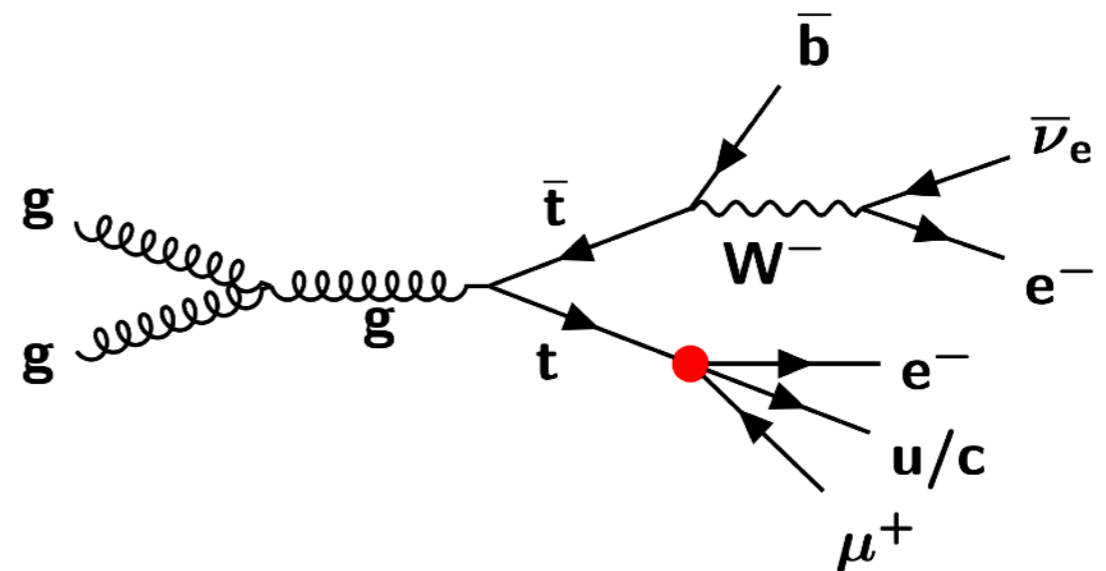


TOP-22-005: Search for CLFV in trilepton final states

- Signal regions target both **production** and **decay** of top quarks
 - Opposite-sign $e\mu$ pair + extra ℓ + jet(s) + at most 1 b jet
 - Split the SR based on mass of $e\mu$ pair (above or below 150GeV)

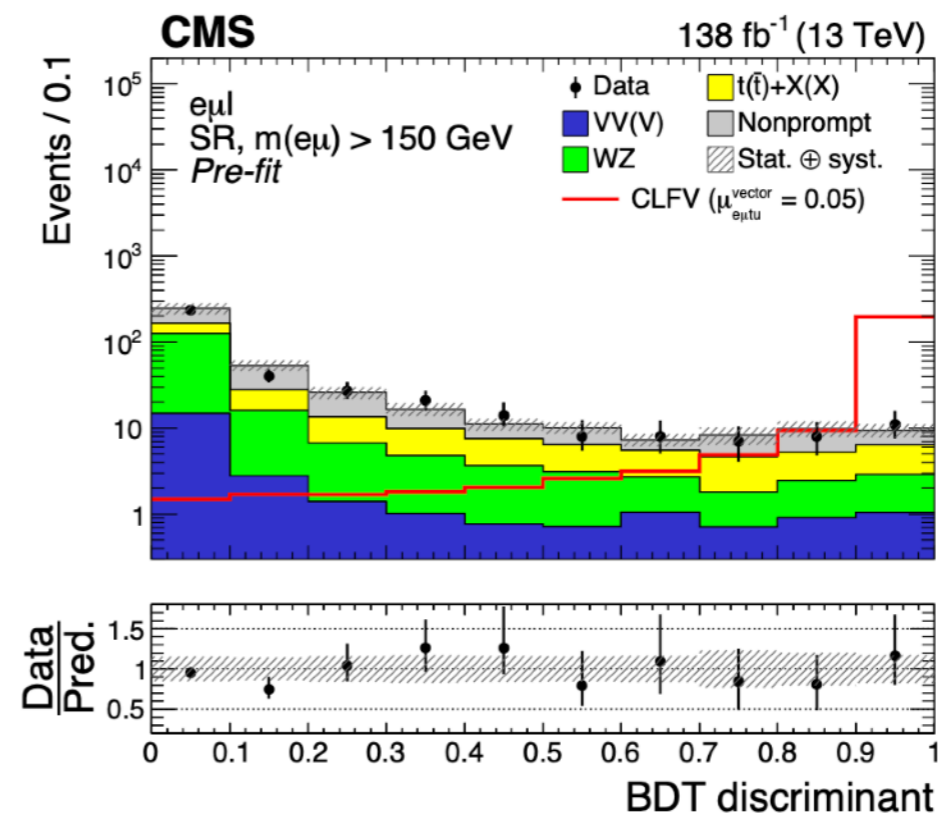
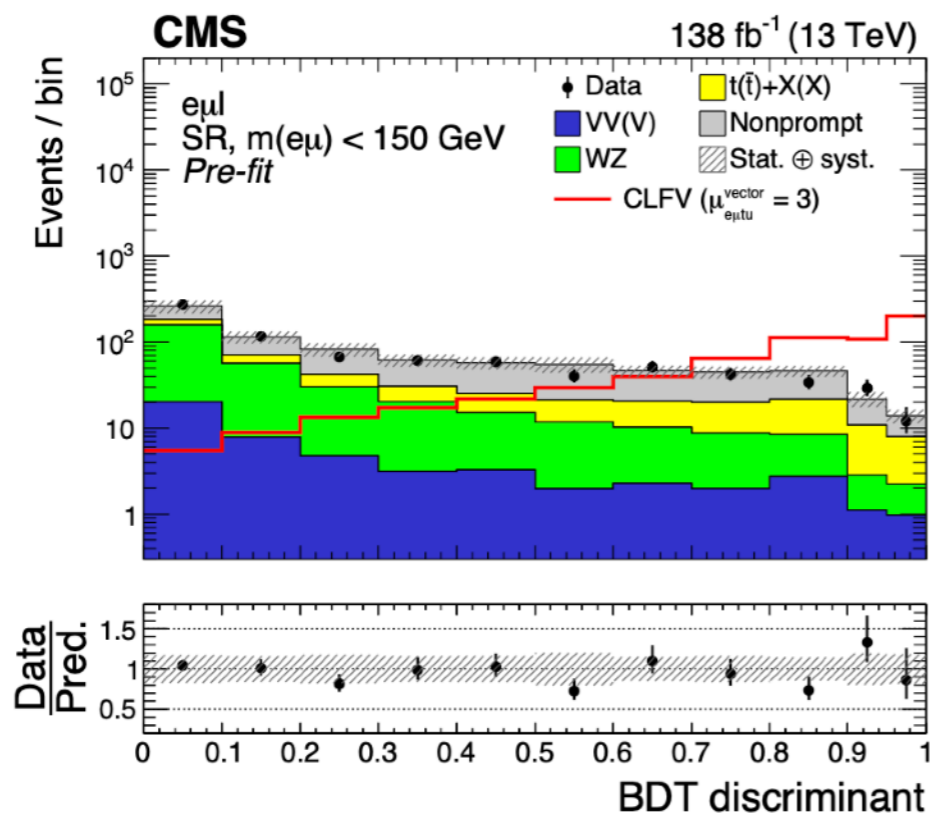


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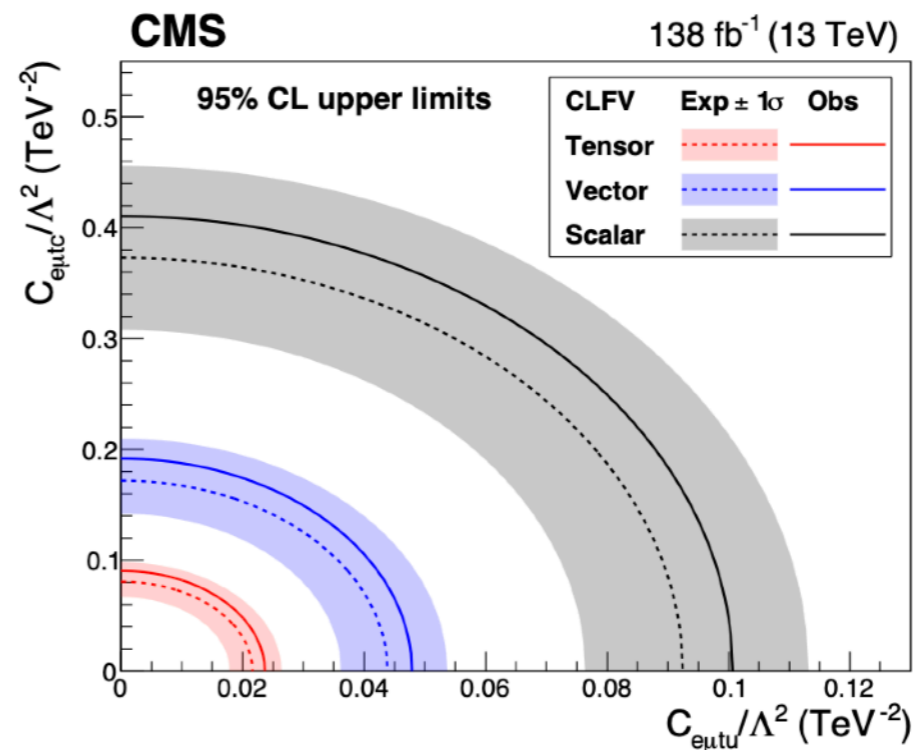


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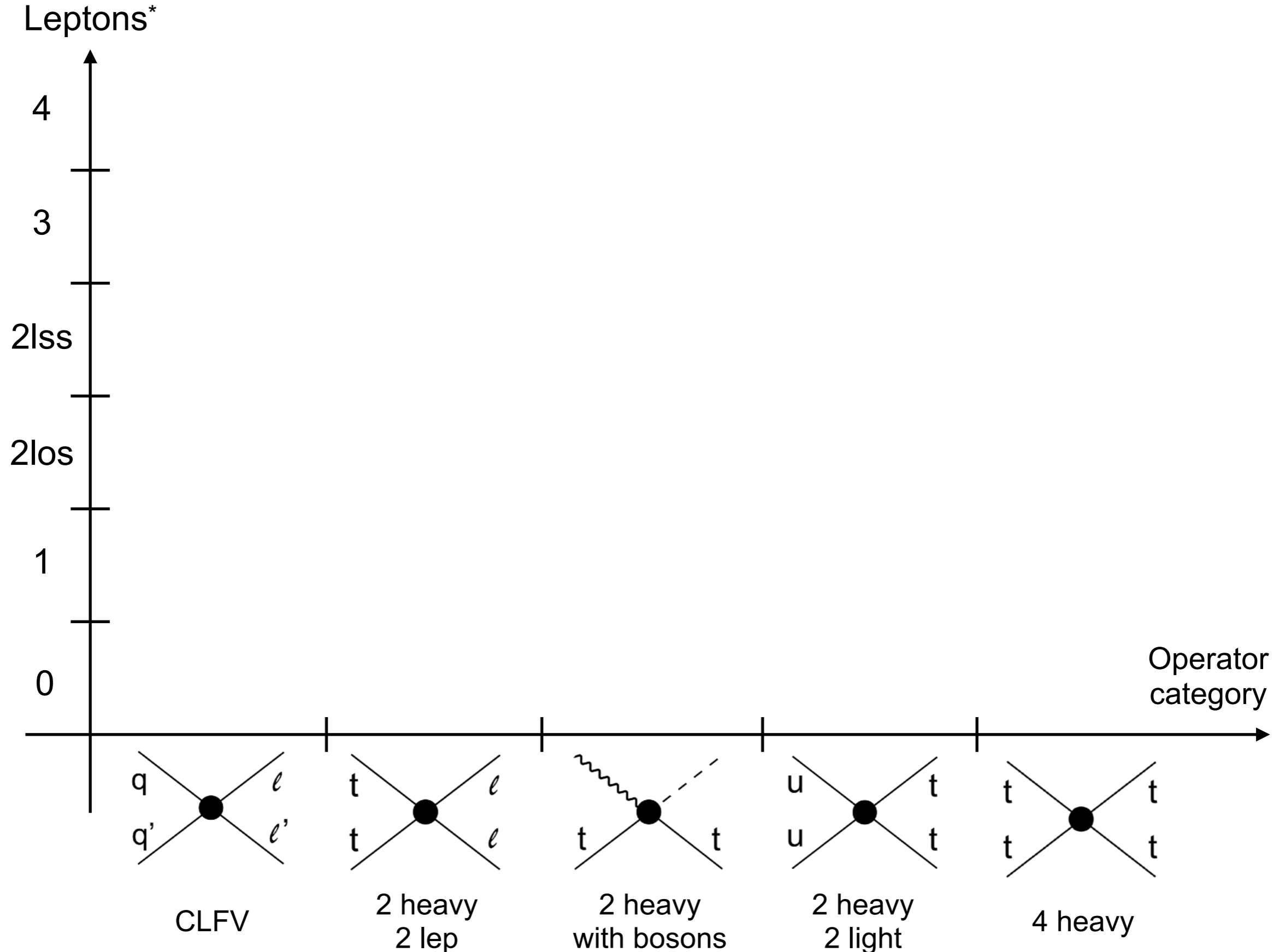
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- BDTs are trained to target SR events
- A separate BDT is trained for each SR
- Results consistent with SM expectation

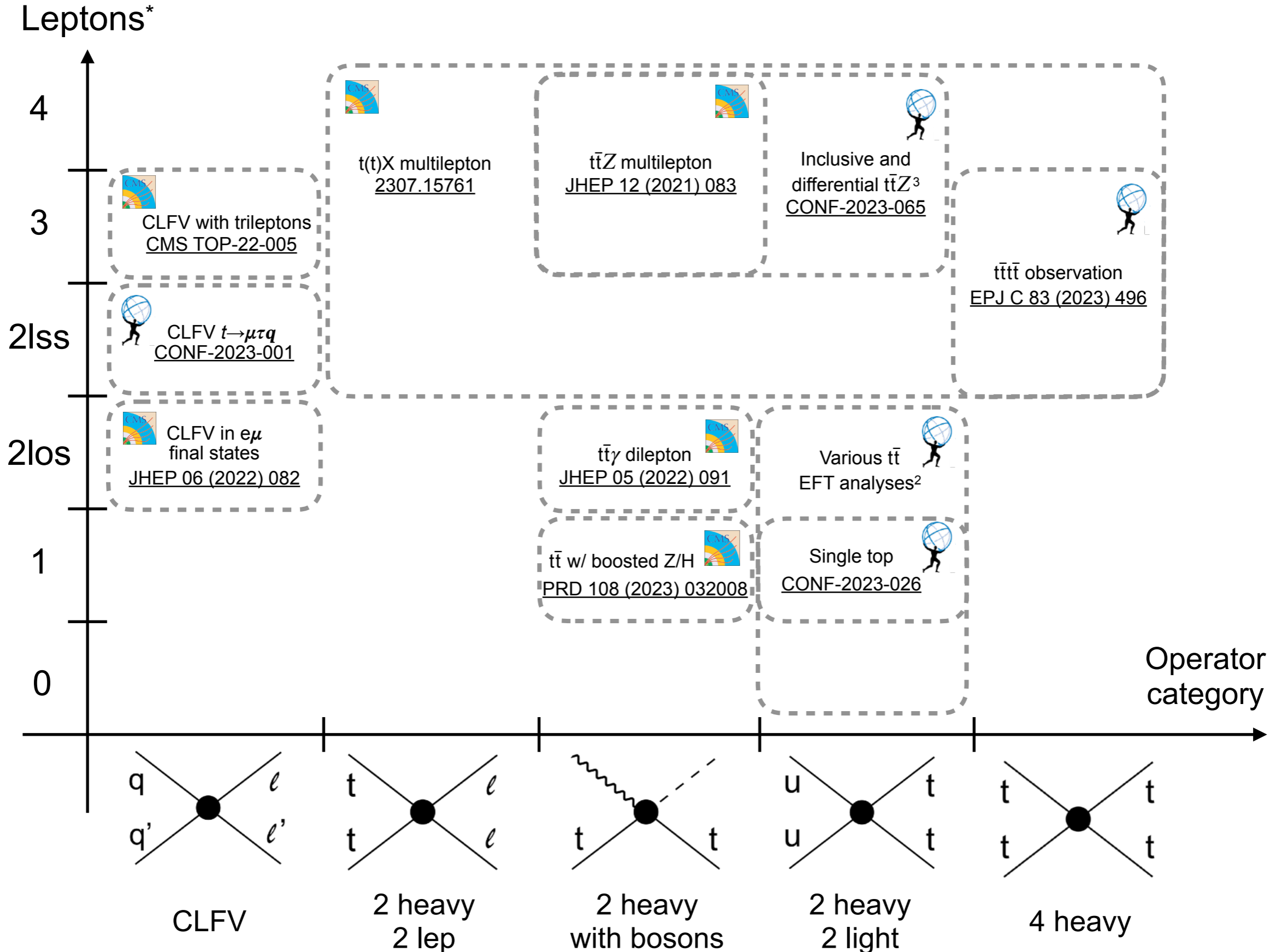


A map of some recent top EFT analyses¹



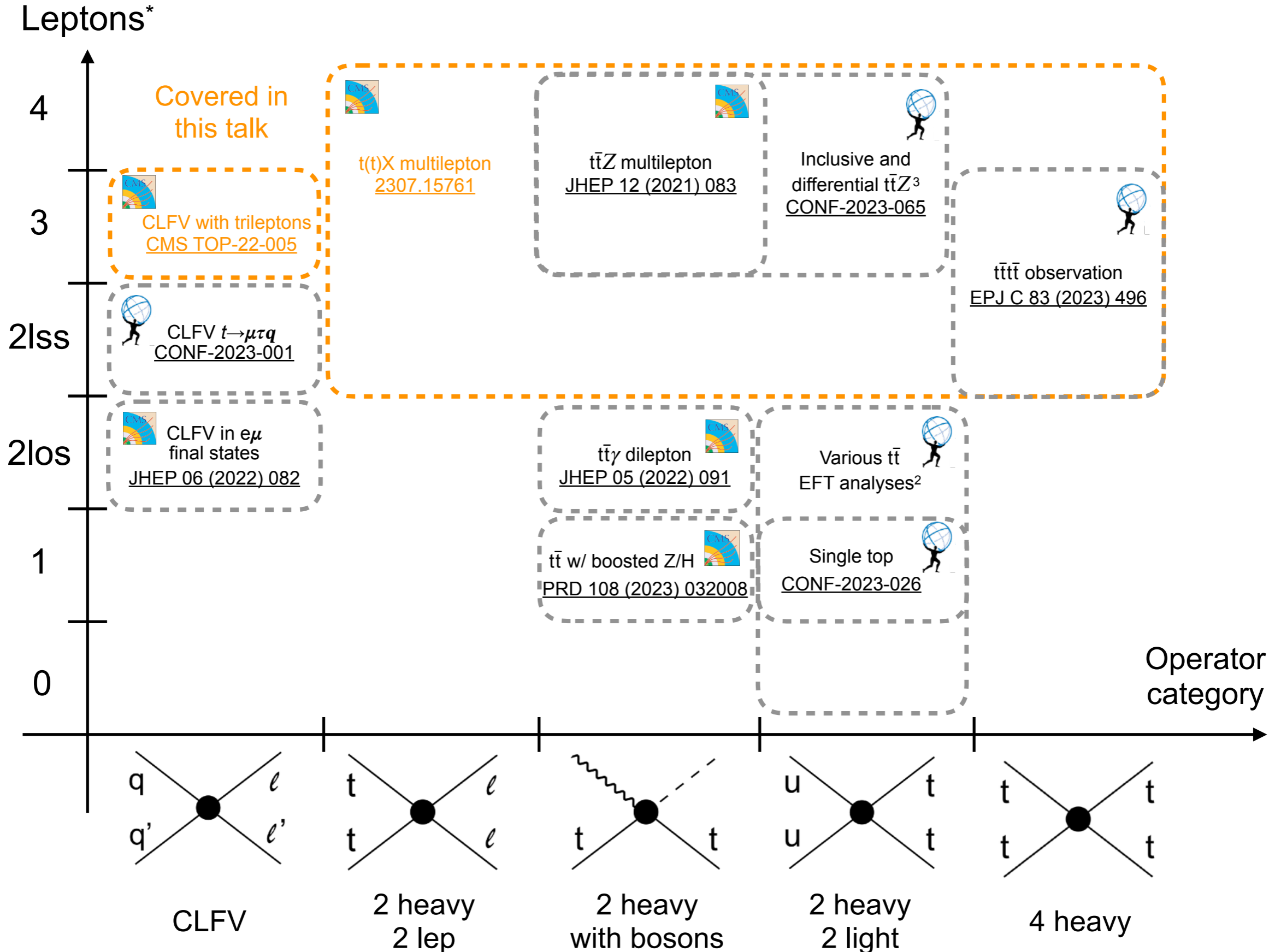
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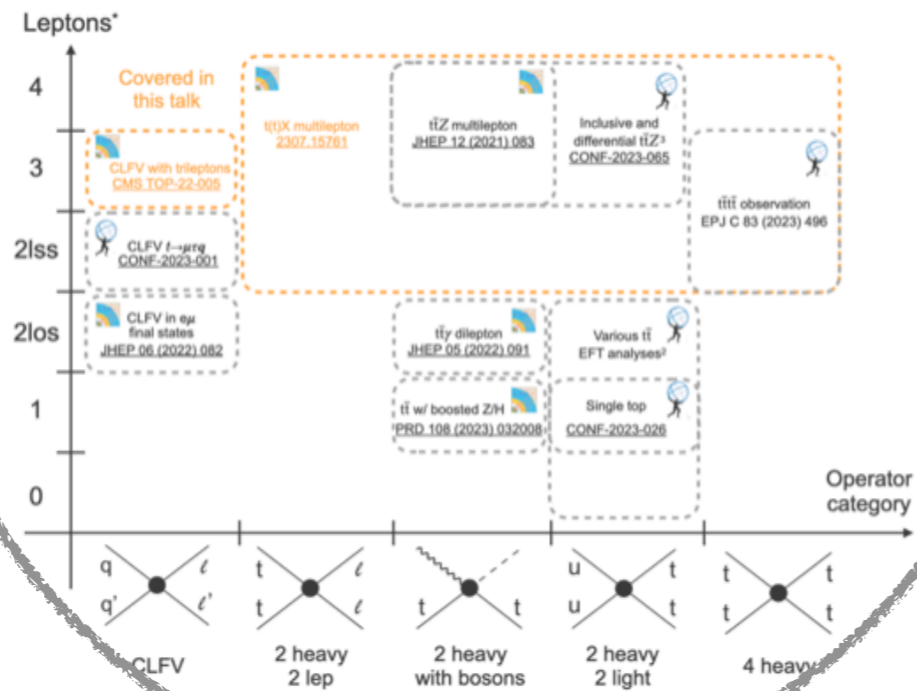
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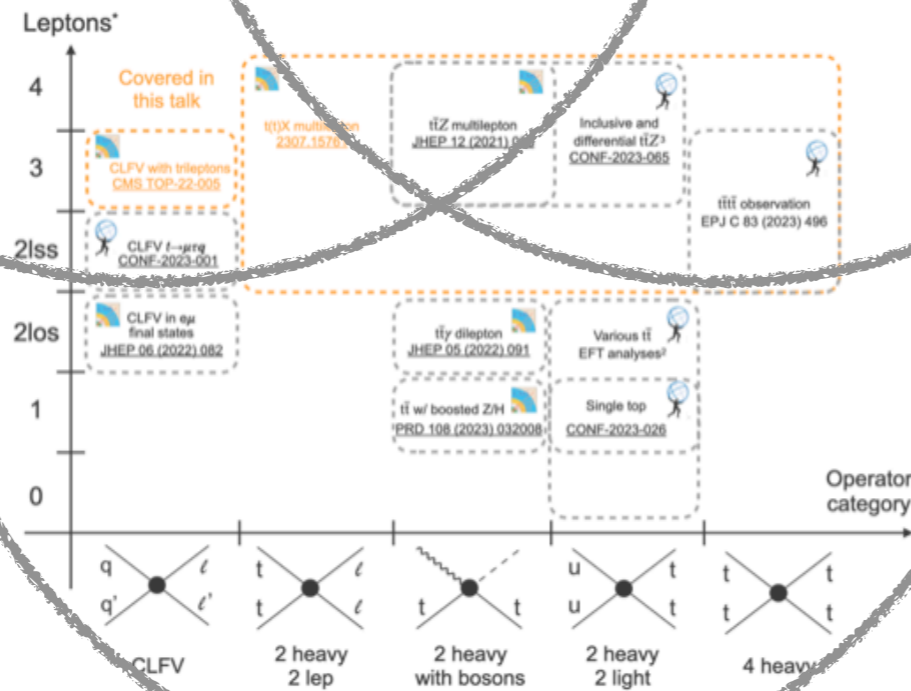


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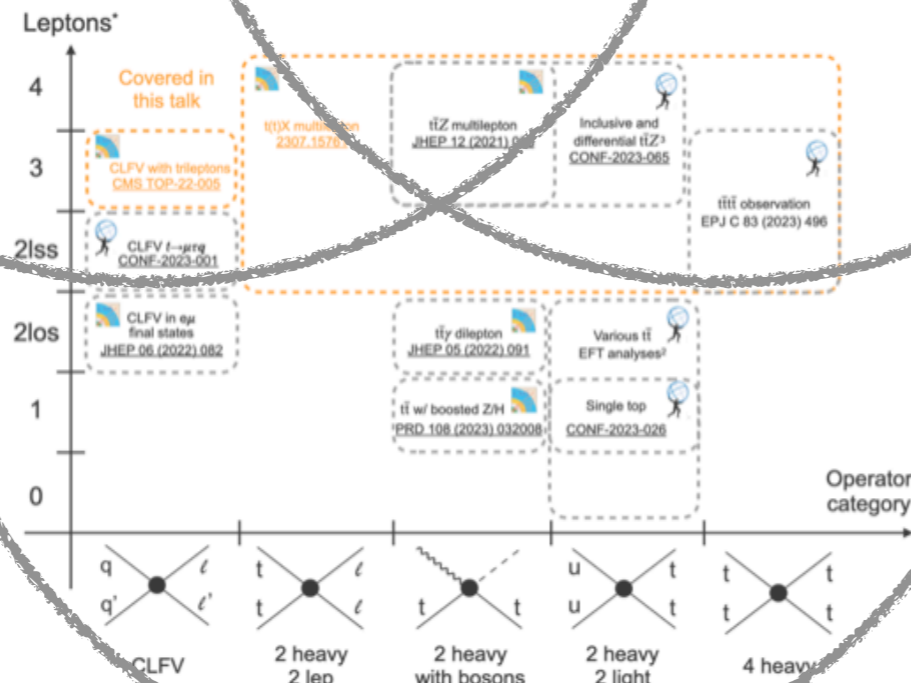


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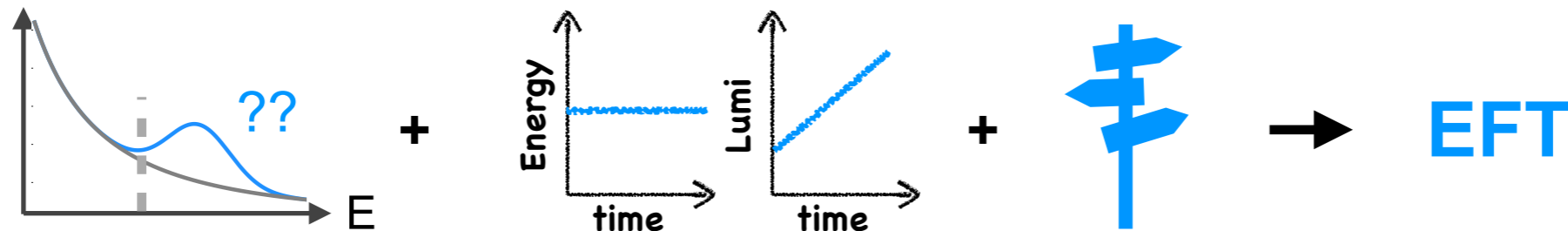


Global EFT combinations

Hopefully to new physics discoveries!

Summary and outlook for EFT in the top sector

- BSM is out there, but might not be light enough to make at the LHC
=> EFT aims to discover new physics via its off shell effects



- Many CMS EFT analyses in the top sector, two covered here:
 - $t(t)X$ in multilepton final states
 - Search for CLFV in trilepton final states
 - While no signal yet observed, still **many new directions** to improve and expanded, and **combinations** will be especially exciting
 - More data
 - Improvements in EFT modeling
 - Combinations within TOP
 - Combinations across sectors
- } Hopefully leading to new physics discoveries!

Backup

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} c_i \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$$

How many of these are there?

Depends on how you count...

- Flavor assumptions?
- Include or exclude B/L number violating operators?
- Count hermitian conjugates separately?
- ...

Some ballpark numbers:

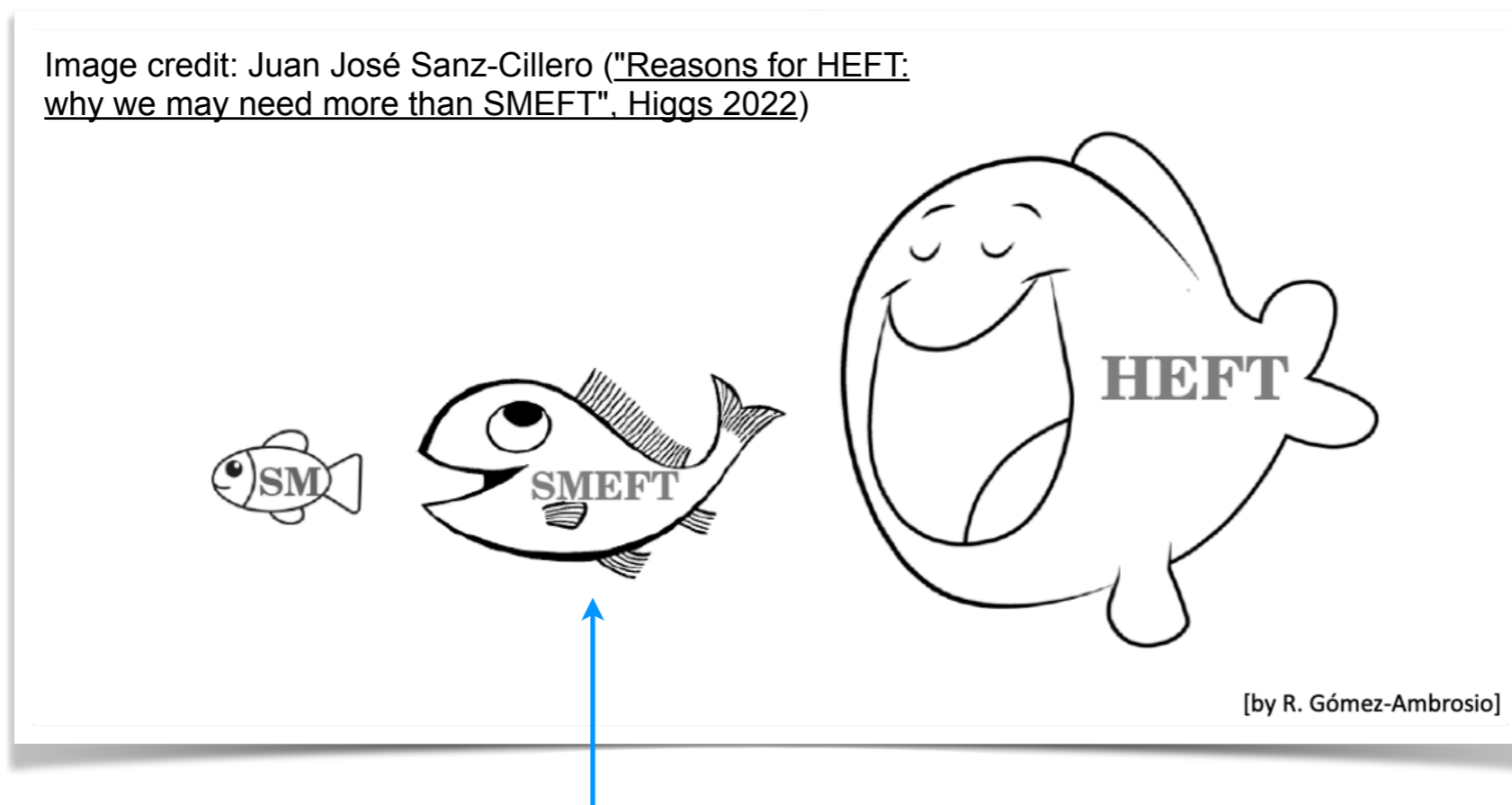
- With fewest assumptions, 1000s of operators
- With a **flavor universality assumption**, $\sim O(60)$

The dim-6 EFT operators in the Warsaw basis (1008.4884)

$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
Q_{ll}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	Q_{ee}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	Q_{le}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	Q_{uu}	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	Q_{lu}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$Q_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{dd}	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	Q_{ld}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	Q_{cu}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	Q_{qc}	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$Q_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	Q_{ed}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$Q_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$Q_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$Q_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
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$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		B -violating			
Q_{ledq}	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s^k q_t^j)$	Q_{duq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{ijk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^k]$		
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$Q_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	Q_{qqq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jkm} [(q_p^\alpha)^T C q_r^\beta] [(q_s^m)^T C l_t^k]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	Q_{duu}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^j)^T C e_t]$		
$Q_{lequ}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				
X^3		φ^6 and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
Q_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	Q_φ	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \varphi)$
Q_W	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
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$Q_{\varphi W}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi W_\mu^I W^{I\mu}$	Q_{uG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi e}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$Q_{\varphi WB}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi W_\mu^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dW}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I \varphi W_\mu^I$	$Q_{\varphi d}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_\mu^I B^{\mu\nu}$	Q_{dB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

Assumptions that go into SM EFT $\left(\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}\right)$

- TOP mainly uses **SM EFT**, i.e. **assumes SM is correct and complete** description of everything we can produce on shell
- Other EFTs (e.g. HEFT) can be more general



So for this talk, when we say "EFT" we generally mean "SM EFT"

SMEFT is a special case of HEFT in which the resonance at 125GeV is the SM Higgs*

How do observables depend on EFT? Let's start with σ

If the EFT is modeled linearly in amplitude, the cross section is an n -quadratic in terms of the WCs (where n is number of WCs)

$$\sigma \propto \left| \mathcal{M}_{SM} + \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{M}_i \right|^2 \propto s_0 + s_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} + s_{ij} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^2} = \text{↻}$$

SM
Interference with SM
Quadratic new physics

This holds for any cross section, inclusive or differential

How do observables depend on EFT? Let's start with σ

If the EFT is modeled linearly in amplitude, the cross section is an n -quadratic in terms of the WCs (where n is number of WCs)

$$\sigma \propto \left| \mathcal{M}_{SM} + \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{M}_i \right|^2 \propto s_0 + s_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} + s_{ij} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^2} = \curvearrowright$$

The diagrammatic expansion shows the cross section σ as the squared magnitude of the sum of the Standard Model (SM) amplitude and a new physics amplitude. This expands into three terms: the SM squared term, the interference with SM term, and the quadratic new physics term. The quadratic new physics term is highlighted in a blue box.

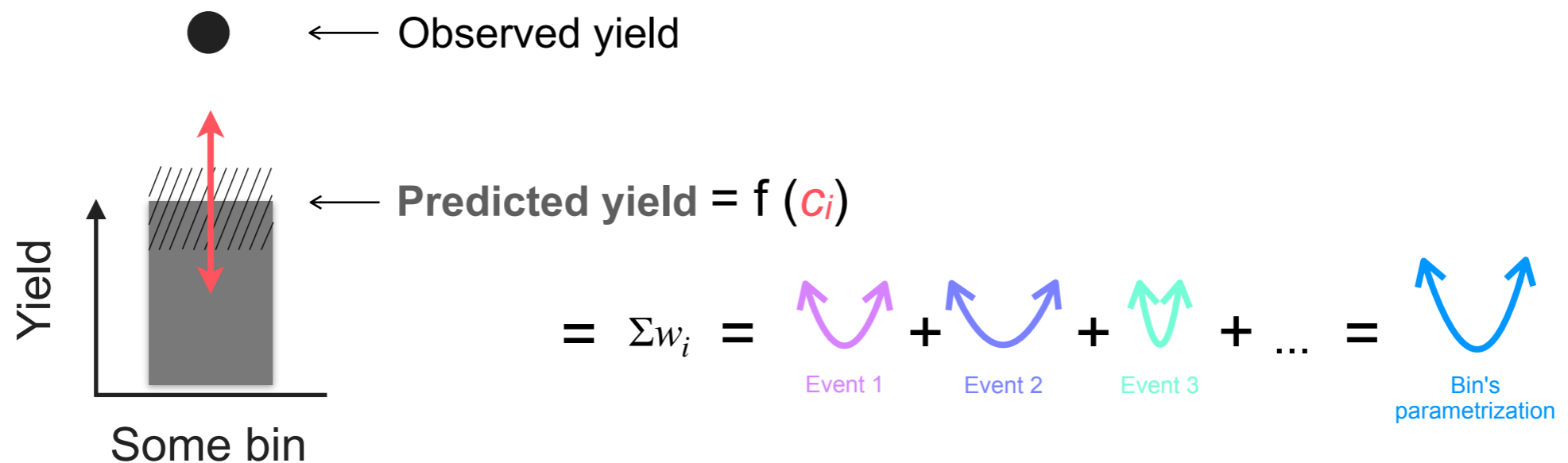
A complication: Other contributions at same Λ^{-4} order as quad piece, challenging to include

Diagrammatic representations of other contributions at the same order as the quadratic new physics term:

- Two dim6 operators multiplied together: $\sim \Lambda^{-4}$
- A dim8 operator multiplied by a SM amplitude: $\sim \Lambda^{-4}$

How to compare prediction to observation

1. Write the **prediction** in the observable bins **as a function of WCs**
 - Cross sections scale quadratically with WCs
 - Yield in any observable bin scales as **n-dimensional quadratic** in terms of the n WCs
2. Compare that to the observation to extract limits for the WCs



Advantageous vs more challenging aspects of the direct detector-level approach



Analysis preservation/longevity

Reinterpretations

Need to produce detector-level EFT simulations

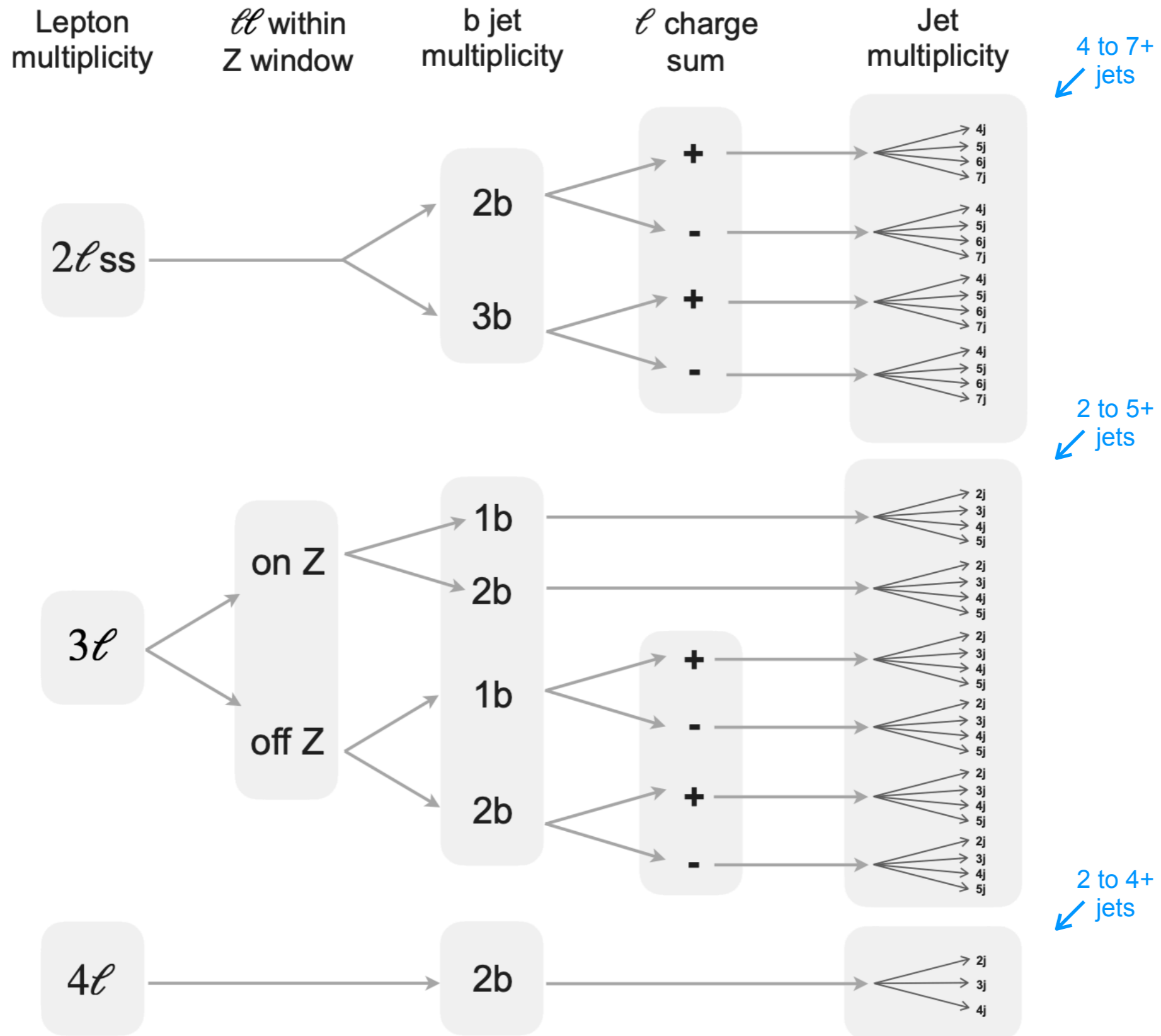
More information available → potential for more sensitivity

Can handle final states with complicated admixtures of processes all affected differently by EFT

Account for all relevant correlations

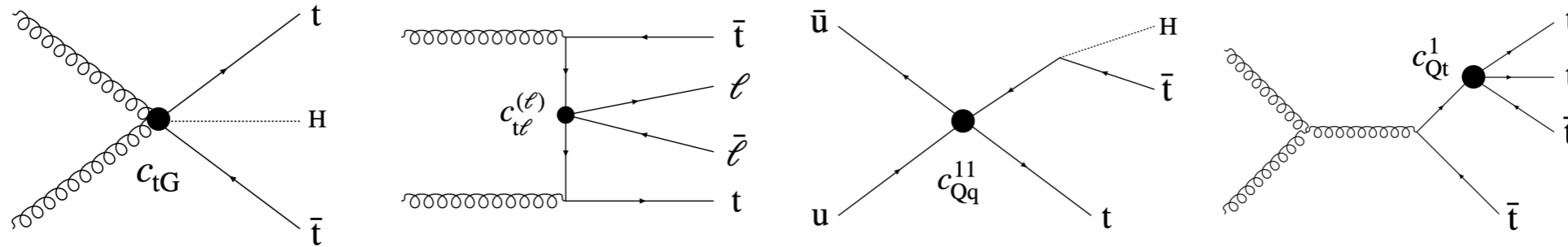
These challenging aspects for direct approaches are generally advantages of the indirect approach

TOP-22-006 event selection summary



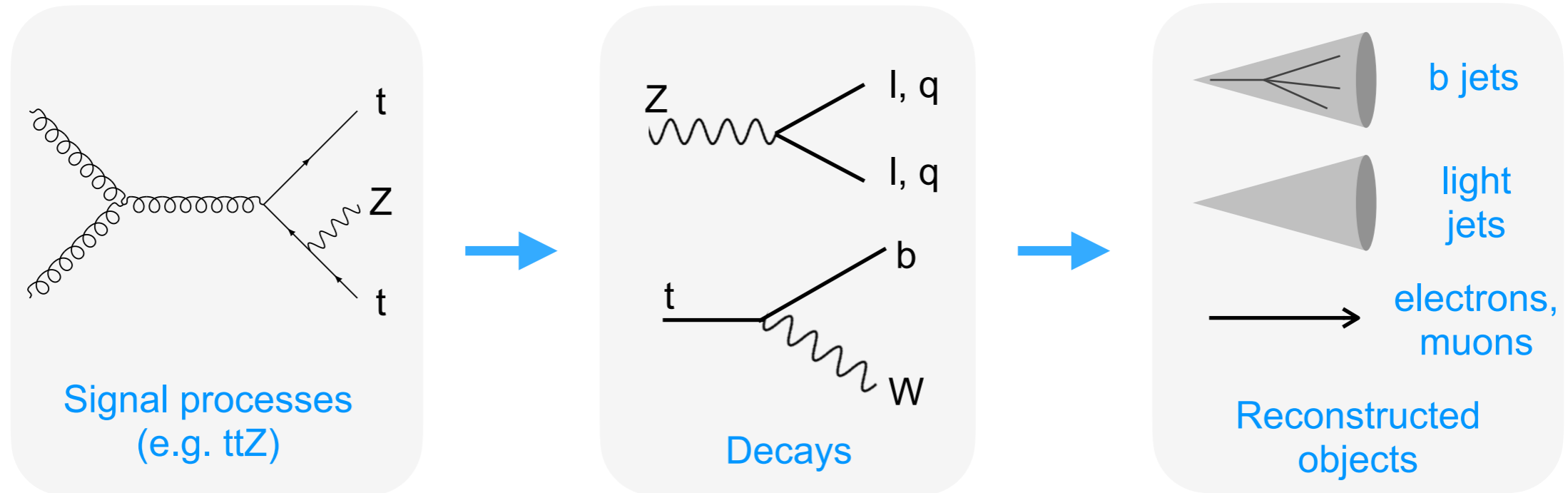
TOP-22-006 details

Operator category	Wilson coefficients
Two-heavy (2hqV)	$c_{t\phi}, c_{\phi Q}^-, c_{\phi Q}^3, c_{\phi t}, c_{\phi tb}, c_{tW}, c_{tZ}, c_{bW}, c_{tG}$
Two-heavy-two-lepton (2hq2 ℓ)	$c_{Q\ell}^{3(\ell)}, c_{Q\ell}^{-\ell}, c_{Qe}^{(\ell)}, c_{t\ell}^{(\ell)}, c_{te}^{(\ell)}, c_t^{S(\ell)}, c_t^{T(\ell)}$
Two-heavy-two-light (2hq2lq)	$c_{Qq}^{31}, c_{Qq}^{38}, c_{Qq}^{11}, c_{Qq}^{18}, c_{tq}^1, c_{tq}^8$
Four-heavy (4hq)	$c_{QQ}^1, c_{Qt}^1, c_{Qt}^8, c_{tt}^1$

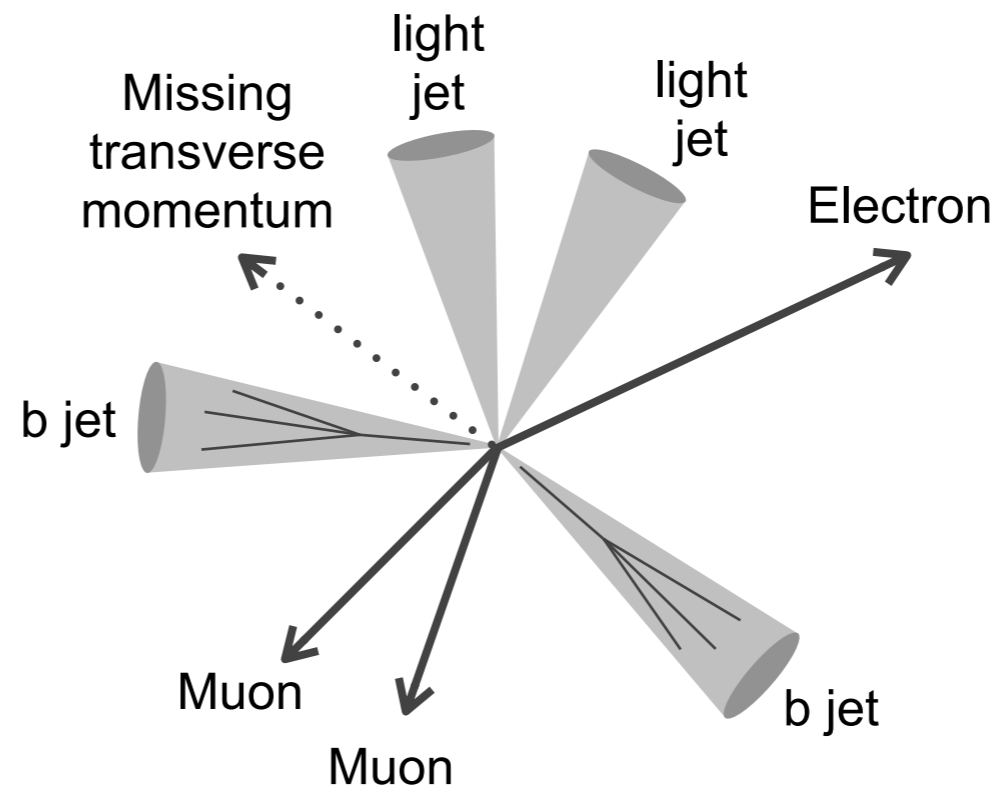


Event category	Leptons	$m_{\ell\ell}$	b tags	Lepton charge sum	Jets	Kinematical variable
2 l ss 2b	2	No requirement	2	$>0, <0$	4, 5, 6, ≥ 7	$p_T(lj)_{\max}$
2 l ss 3b	2	No requirement	≥ 3	$>0, <0$	4, 5, 6, ≥ 7	$p_T(lj)_{\max}$
3 l off-Z 1b	3	$ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} > 10 \text{ GeV}$	1	$>0, <0$	2, 3, 4, ≥ 5	$p_T(lj)_{\max}$
3 l off-Z 2b	3	$ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} > 10 \text{ GeV}$	≥ 2	$>0, <0$	2, 3, 4, ≥ 5	$p_T(lj)_{\max}$
3 l on-Z 1b	3	$ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} < 10 \text{ GeV}$	1	No requirement	2, 3, 4, ≥ 5	$p_T(Z)$
3 l on-Z 2b	3	$ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell} < 10 \text{ GeV}$	≥ 2	No requirement	2, 3, 4, ≥ 5	$p_T(Z)$ or $p_T(lj)_{\max}$
4 l	≥ 4	No requirement	≥ 2	No requirement	2, 3, ≥ 4	$p_T(lj)_{\max}$

TOP-22-006 experimental signatures

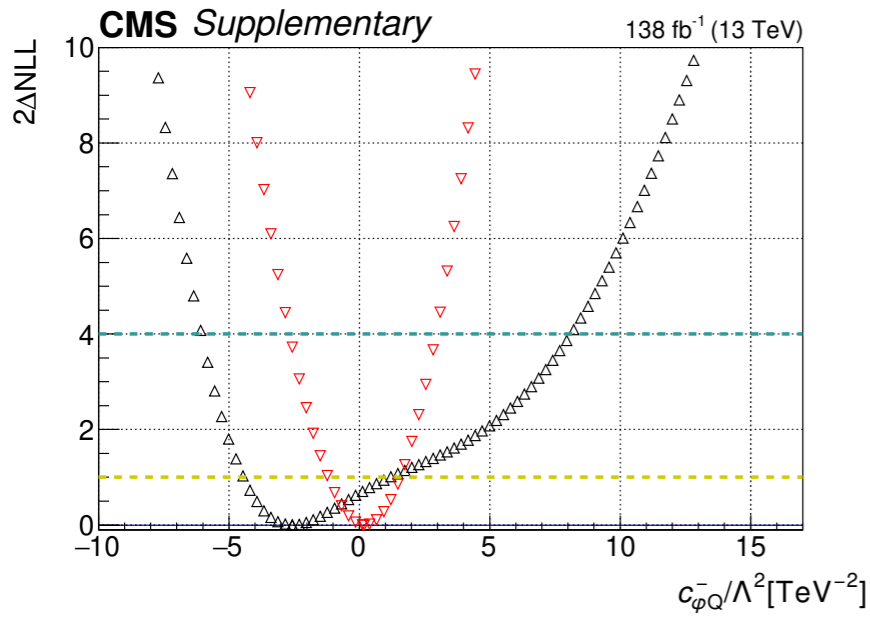


- We're interested in **leptonic** decays of **associated top** processes
- These lead to signatures of **leptons, jets, and b jets**

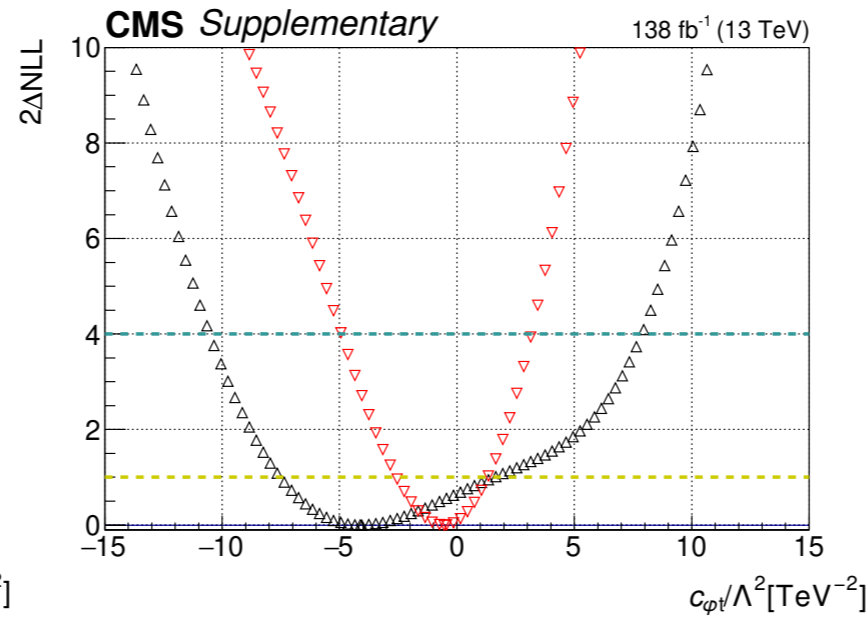


Example one-dimensional scans TOP-22-006

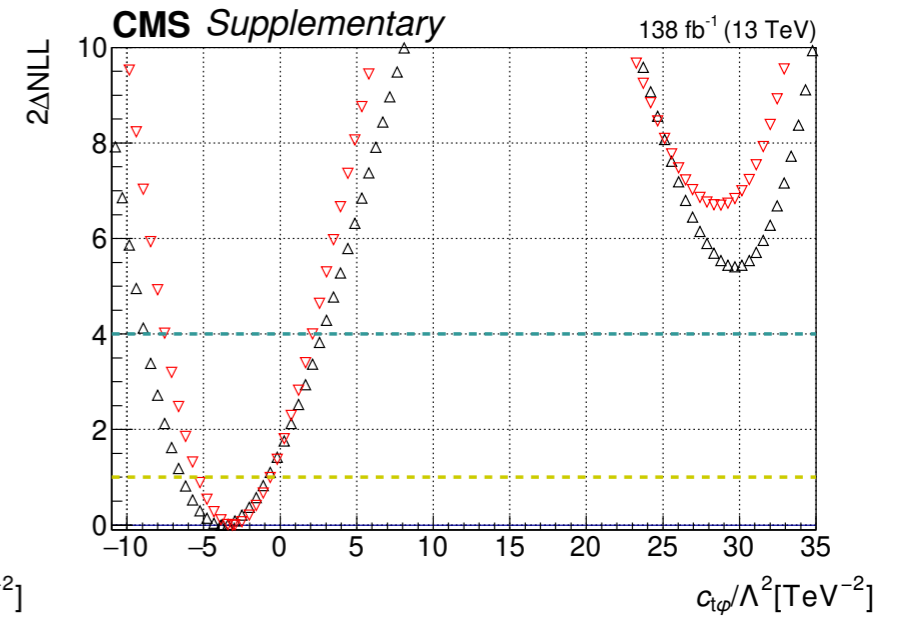
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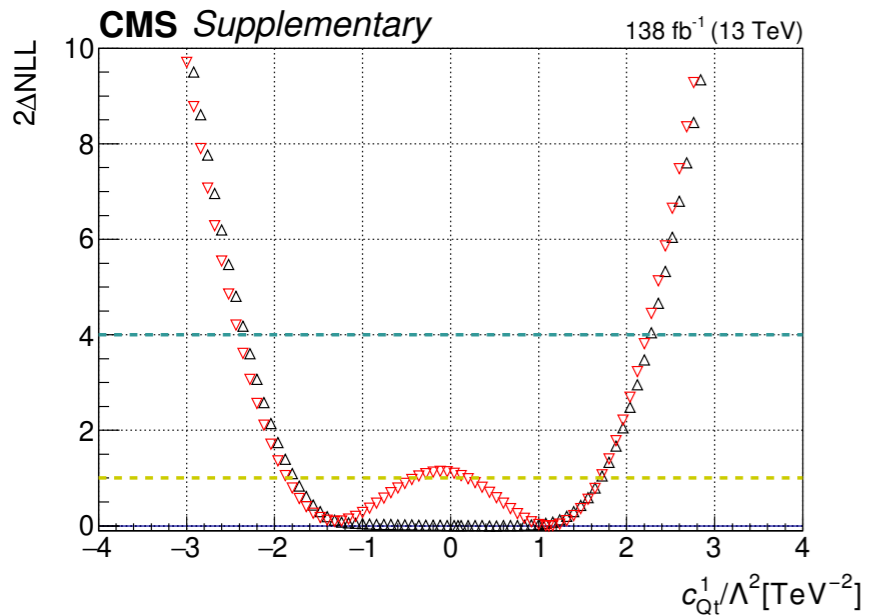
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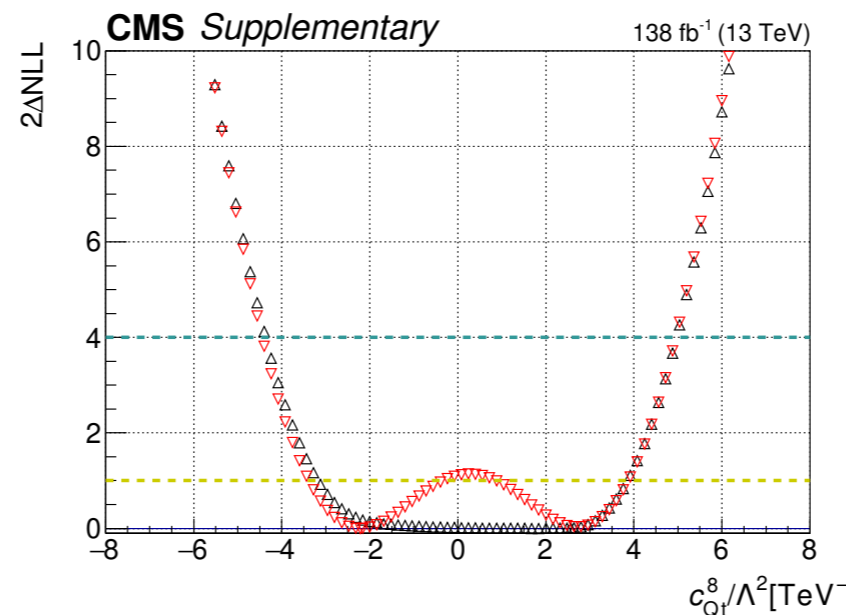
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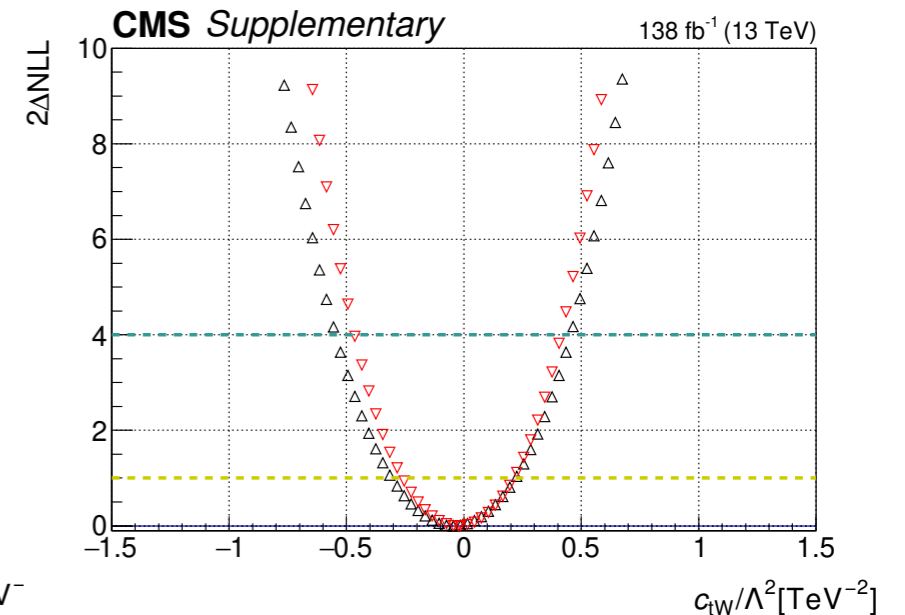
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Details of TOP 22-005

- Analysis signature:
 - Opposite charge e-mu pair
 - Third lepton coming from leptonic top decay
 - Require jet(s), at most one of which is b jet

Lorentz structure	Operator
Vector	$O_{lq}^{(1)ijkl} = (\bar{l}_i \gamma^\mu l_j) (\bar{q}_k \gamma_\mu q_l)$
	$O_{lu}^{ijkl} = (\bar{l}_i \gamma^\mu l_j) (\bar{u}_k \gamma_\mu u_l)$
	$O_{eq}^{ijkl} = (\bar{e}_i \gamma^\mu e_j) (\bar{q}_k \gamma_\mu q_l)$
	$O_{eu}^{ijkl} = (\bar{e}_i \gamma^\mu e_j) (\bar{u}_k \gamma_\mu u_l)$
Scalar	$O_{lequ}^{(1)ijkl} = (\bar{l}_i e_j) \varepsilon (\bar{q}_k u_l)$
Tensor	$O_{lequ}^{(3)ijkl} = (\bar{l}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_j) \varepsilon (\bar{q}_k \sigma_{\mu\nu} u_l)$

- Signal samples parameterized via dim6 EFT WCs, no interference with SM, (WCs are probed individually, i.e. any interference among WCs is ignored)
- Backgrounds: Prompt (e.g. WZ), nonprompt (fakes from ttbar or DY)

Table 3: Summary of the selection criteria used to define different event regions.

Category	Region	OnZ	OffZ	$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$	#jets ≥ 1	#b jets ≤ 1
$eee/\mu\mu\mu$	nonprompt VR	—	—	—	—	—
	WZ VR	✓	—	✓	✓	✓
$e\mu\ell$	SR	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
	nonprompt VR	✓	—	—	—	—
	WZ VR	✓	—	✓	✓	✓

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Table 5: Summary of systematic uncertainties and the average change in signal and overall background yields in the SRs. Uncertainties that only contain normalization effects, such as luminosity uncertainties and uncertainties in theoretical cross sections, are not included in this table.

Systematic uncertainty	$m(e\mu) < 150 \text{ GeV}$		$m(e\mu) > 150 \text{ GeV}$	
	Background	Signal	Background	Signal
Pileup	<0.1%	0.4%	<0.1%	0.3%
Lepton reconstruction	<0.1%	0.6%	<0.1%	1.7%
Lepton identification and isolation	1.0%	1.4%	1.0%	1.3%
High- p_T lepton	<0.1%	0.2%	<0.1%	3.4%
Muon momentum scale and resolution	<0.1%	0.3%	<0.1%	0.1%
L1 prefiring	<0.1%	0.4%	<0.1%	0.4%
Jet energy scale and resolution	<0.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.4%
b tagging	<0.1%	0.9%	1.0%	0.5%
Jet modeling	6.0%	—	7.0%	—
Nonprompt	11.0%	—	9.0%	—
PDF	<0.1%	2.3%	<0.1%	1.3%
QCD scale	4.0%	2.8%	5%	1.4%
Initial- and final-state radiation	—	7.6%	—	1.0%

Important input variables for BDT targeting the top decay:

- The invariant mass of the OSSF lepton pair
- The number of b-tagged jets
- The invariant mass of the flavor-violating top quark candidate

Important input variables for BDT targeting the top production:

- The invariant mass of the LFV $e\mu$ pair
- The p_T of the LFV electron
- The p_T of the LFV muon

- The largest post-fit uncertainties are the statistical uncertainties from the limited number of simulated events
- By convention, positive Wilson coefficients are assumed, and the one-dimensional upper limits on a given Wilson coefficient, C_a/Λ^2 , are obtained by taking the square root of the upper limits on the corresponding signal strength μ_a
- Results can also be converted into branching ratio for $B(t \rightarrow e\mu q)$, with $q=u$ or c

Details of TOP 22-005

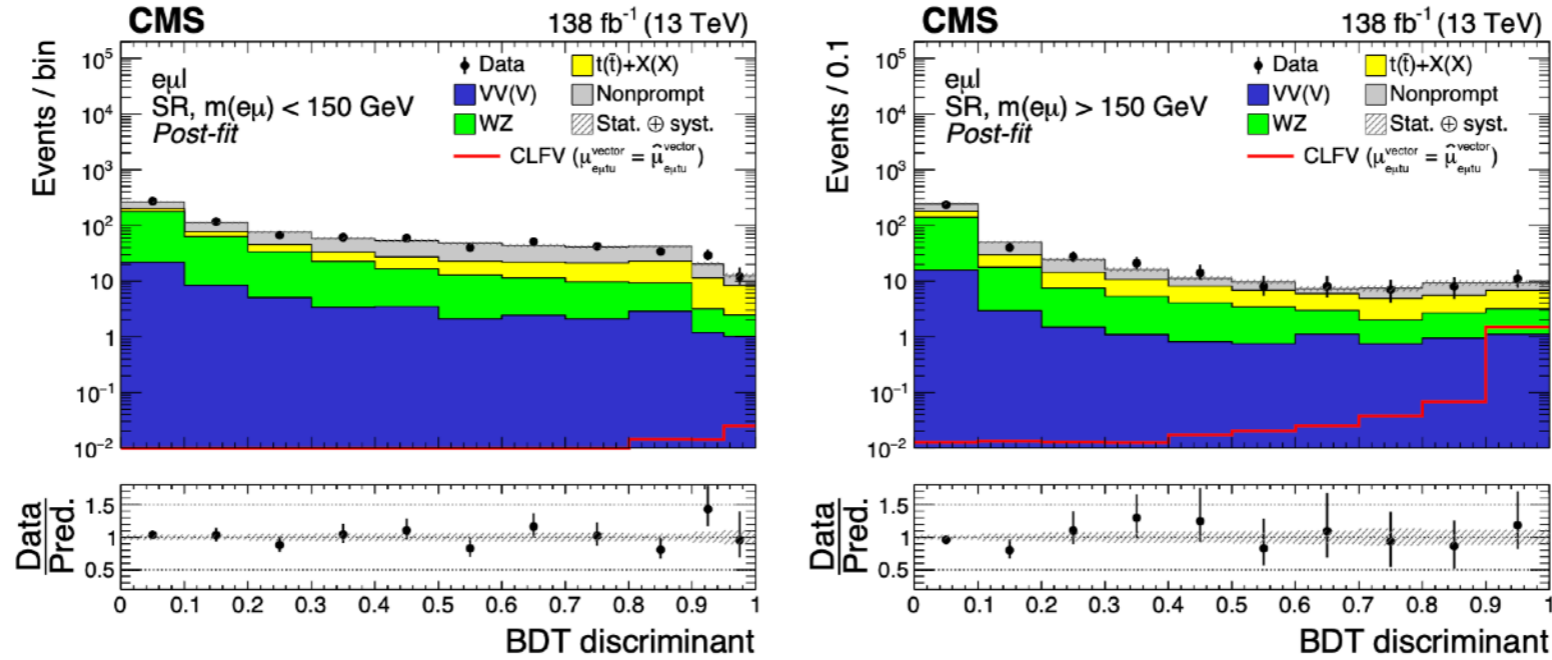


Figure 5: Distributions of the post-fit BDT discriminant targeting the CLFV top quark decay (left) and production (right) signal. Contributions from the two signal modes (production and decay) are combined within each SR and are shown as the solid red line. The post-fit signal strength ($\mu_{e\mu tu}^{\text{vector}} = \hat{\mu}_{e\mu tu}^{\text{vector}}$) is used to normalize the signal cross sections. The hatched bands indicate post-fit uncertainties (statistical and systematic) for the SM background predictions.

CLFV coupling	Lorentz structure	$C_{e\mu tq} / \Lambda^2 \text{ (TeV}^{-2}\text{)}$		$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow e\mu q) \times 10^{-6}$	
		Exp. (68% CL range)	Obs.	Exp. (68% CL range)	Obs.
$e\mu tu$	Tensor	0.022 (0.018–0.026)	0.024	0.027 (0.018–0.040)	0.032
	Vector	0.044 (0.036–0.054)	0.048	0.019 (0.013–0.028)	0.022
	Scalar	0.093 (0.077–0.114)	0.101	0.010 (0.007–0.016)	0.012
$e\mu tc$	Tensor	0.084 (0.069–0.102)	0.094	0.396 (0.272–0.585)	0.498
	Vector	0.175 (0.145–0.214)	0.196	0.296 (0.203–0.440)	0.369
	Scalar	0.385 (0.318–0.471)	0.424	0.178 (0.122–0.266)	0.216

Constraints on CP violating operators in dim6top (1802.07237 i.e. dim6top note)

Four-heavy					
$c_{QtQb}^{1I} \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{quqd}^{1(3333)}\}$	$[-3.4, 3.4] \cdot 10^{-3}$	(d_n)			
$c_{QtQb}^{8I} \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{quqd}^{8(3333)}\}$	$[-2.2, 2.2] \cdot 10^{-2}$	(d_n)			
Two-heavy					
$c_{l\varphi}^I \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{u\varphi}^{(33)}\}$	$[-3.7, 3.7]$	(d_n)	$[-0.18, 0.18]$	(d_e)	
$c_{\varphi tb}^I \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{\varphi ud}^{(33)}\}$	$[-0.019, 0.019]$	(d_n)	$[-0.052, 0.052]$	$(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	
$c_{lW}^I \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{uW}^{(33)}\}$	$[-8.1, 8.1] \cdot 10^{-3}$	(d_e)	$[-2.4, 4.5]$	$(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	
$c_{lA}^I \equiv \text{Im}\{c_W C_{uB}^{(33)} + s_W C_{uW}^{(33)}\}$	$[-6.3, 6.3] \cdot 10^{-3}$	(d_e)	$[-9.0, 5.0]$	$(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	
$c_{bW}^I \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{dW}^{(33)}\}$	$[-5.5, 5.5] \cdot 10^{-4}$	(d_n)	$[-4.3, 2.3] \cdot 10^{-2}$	$(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$	
$c_{lG}^I \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{uG}^{(33)}\}$	$[-6.9, 6.9] \cdot 10^{-3}$	(d_n)			
Two-heavy-two-lepton					
$c_t^{SI(e)} \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{lequ}^{1(1133)}\}$	$[-5.5, 5.5] \cdot 10^{-8}$	(d_e)			
$c_t^{TI(e)} \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{lequ}^{3(1133)}\}$	$[-8.0, 8.0] \cdot 10^{-11}$	(d_e)			
$c_b^{SI(e)} \equiv \text{Im}\{C_{ledq}^{(1133)}\}$	$[-2.5, 2.5] \cdot 10^{-4}$	(d_e)			

Table 5: Constraints from the electron and neutron EDMs as well as $A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_s \gamma)$. Here we turn on one coupling at a time and assume $\Lambda = 1$ TeV. The source of the constraints are indicated in brackets.