



# EFT interpretations in the Higgs sector with CMS

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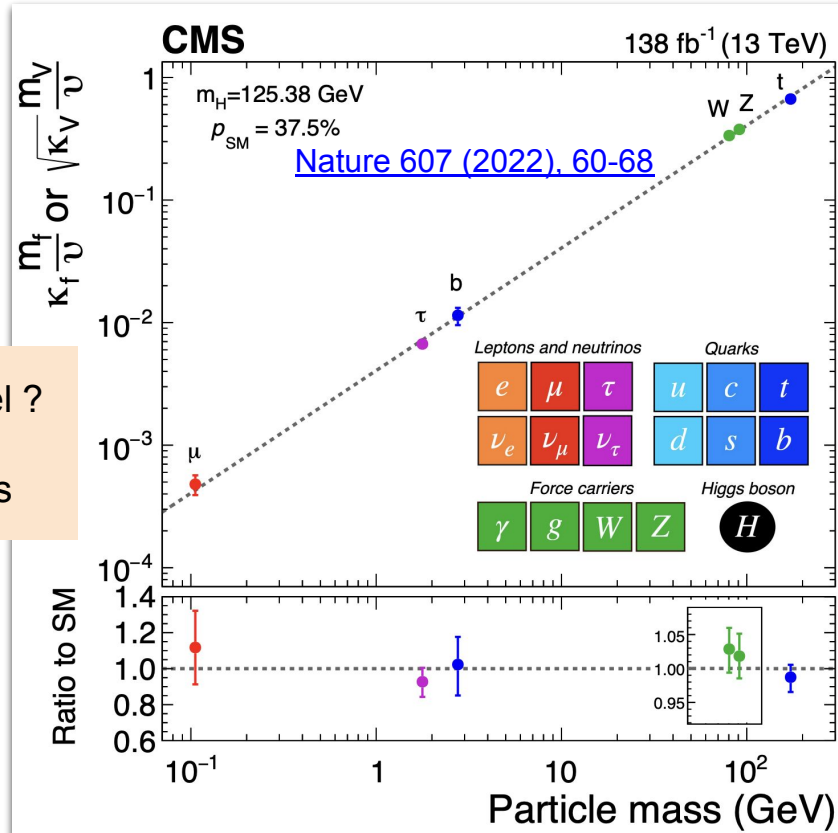
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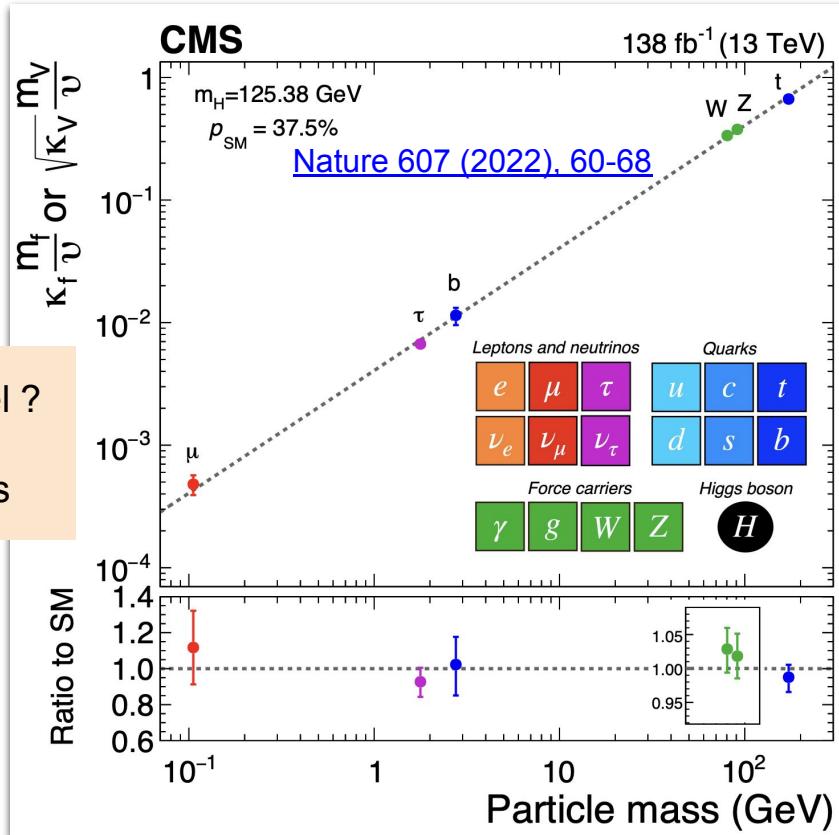
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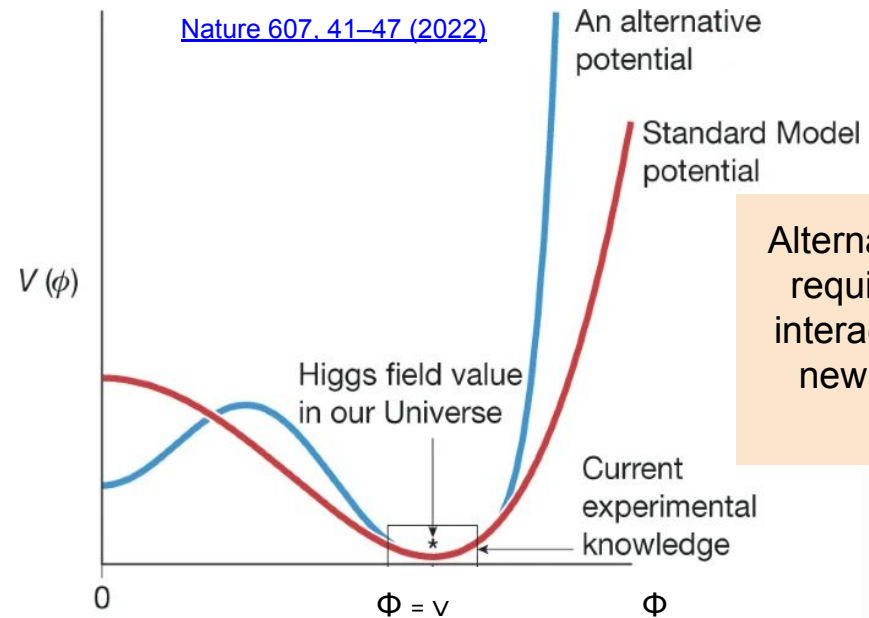
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Our current knowledge of the Higgs potential is limited



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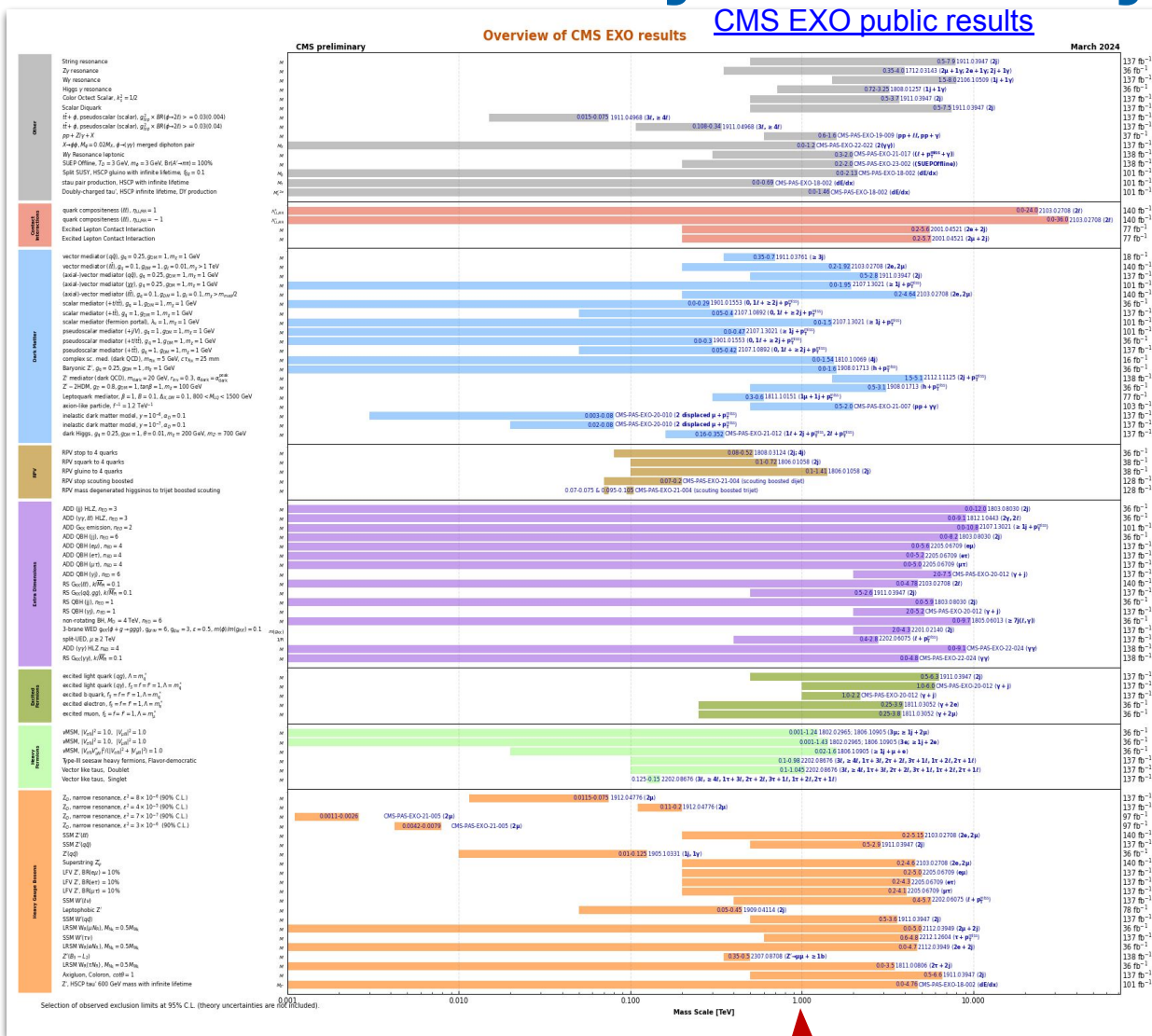
Alternative potentials require new Higgs interactions → from new **Dark Matter** particle?



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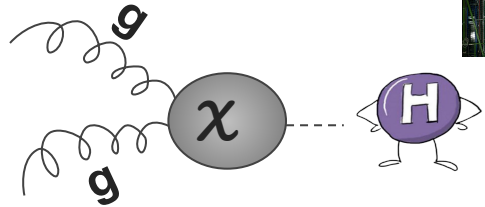
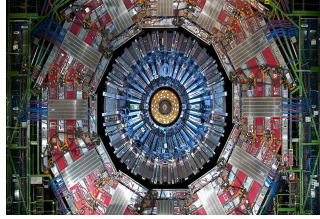
# New Physics is likely heavy (> 1 TeV)



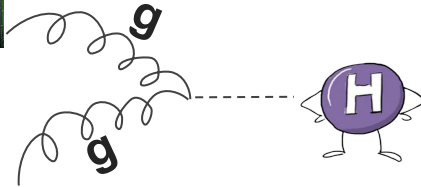
Reasonable to assume SM is a low energy approximation of a more complex model

↑  
1 TeV

# The EFT approach



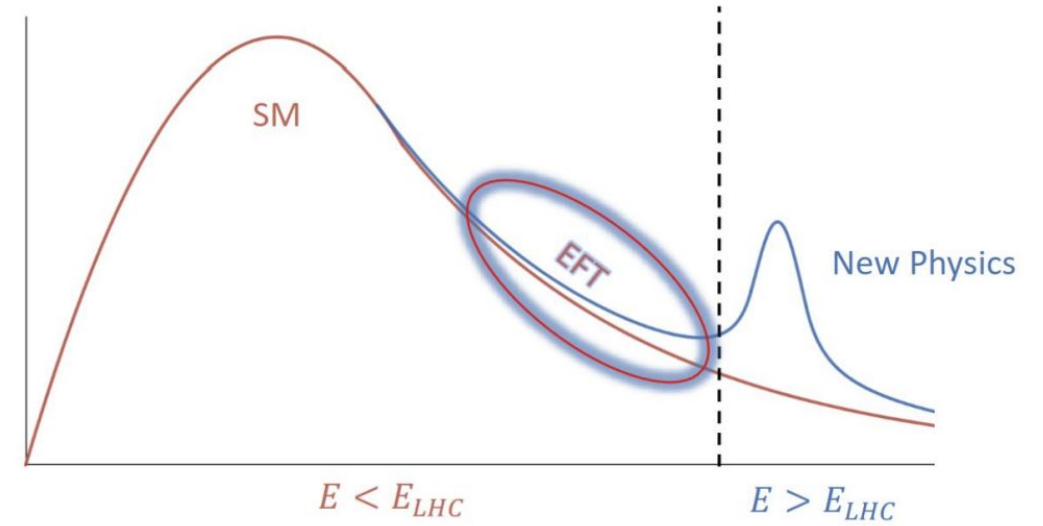
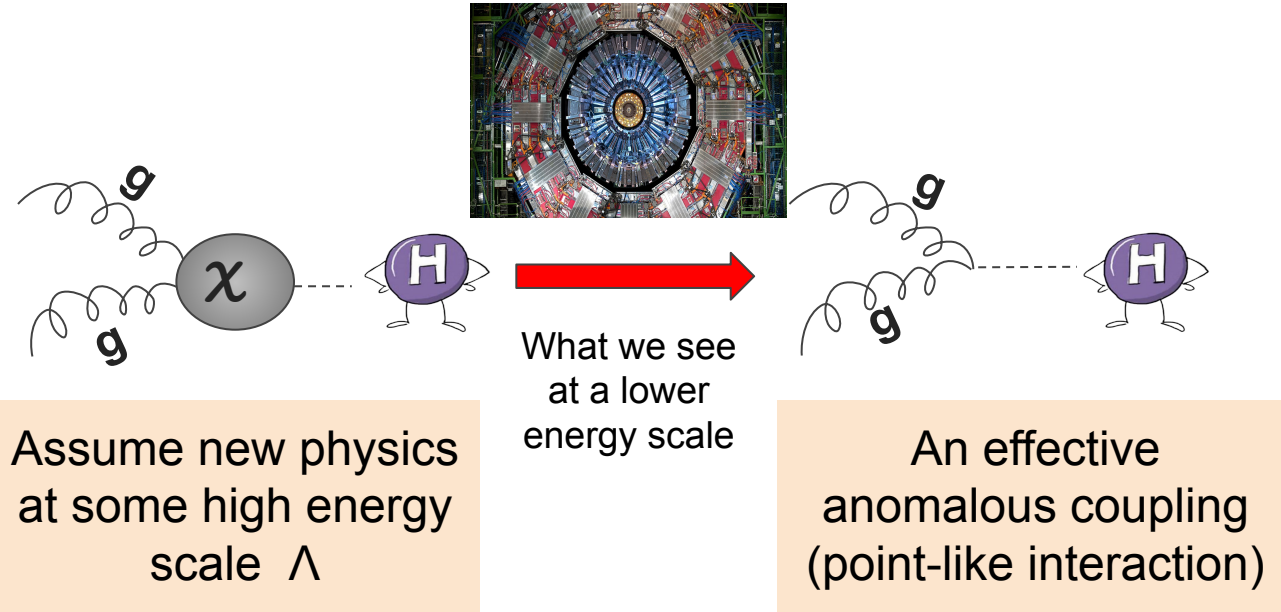
What we see  
at a lower  
energy scale



Assume new physics  
at some high energy  
scale  $\Lambda$

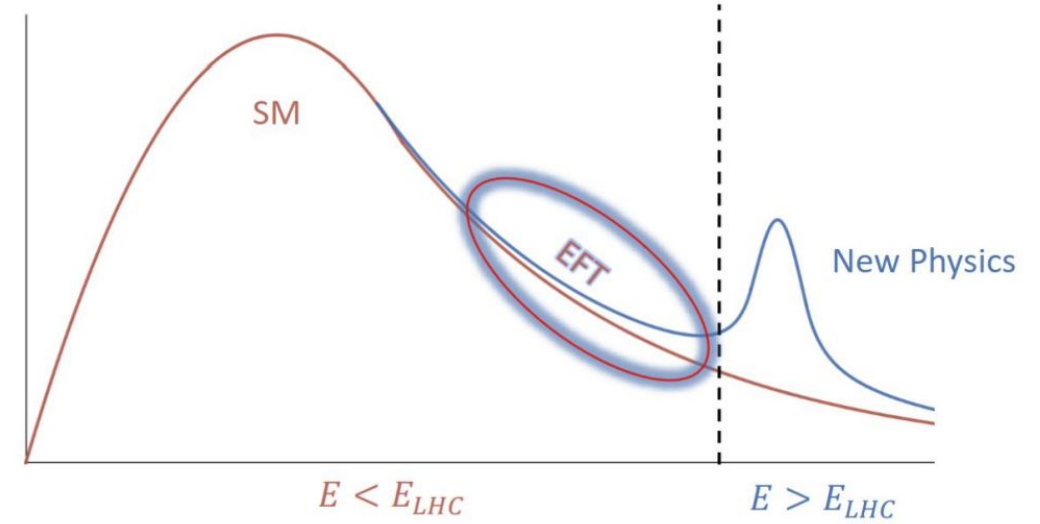
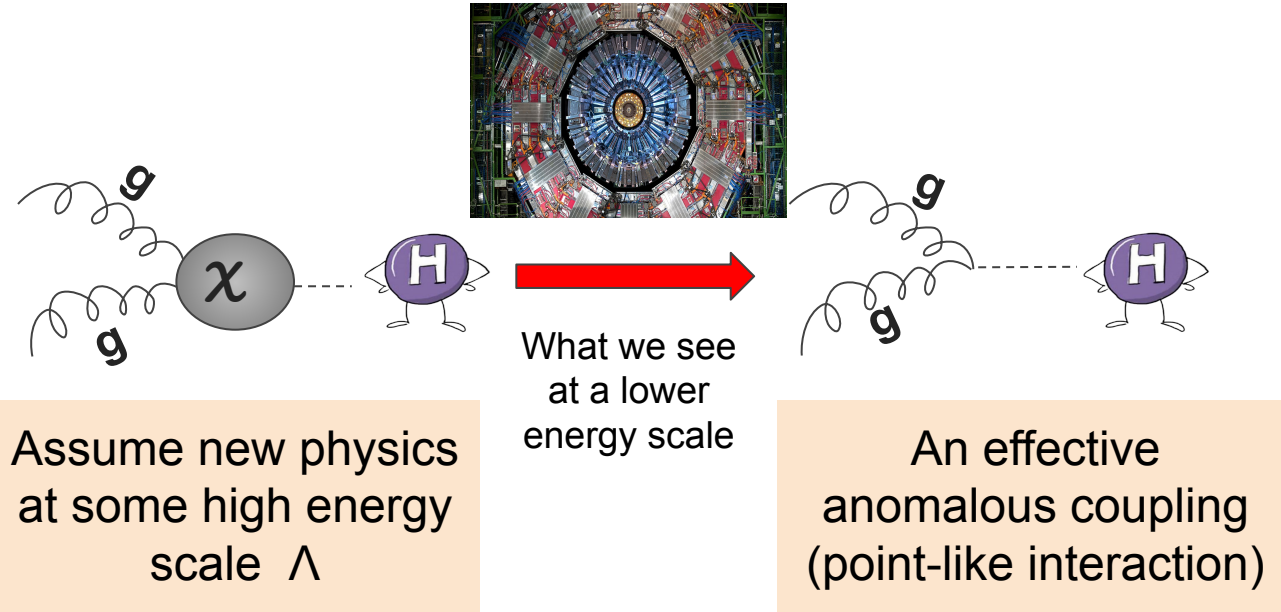
An effective  
anomalous coupling  
(point-like interaction)

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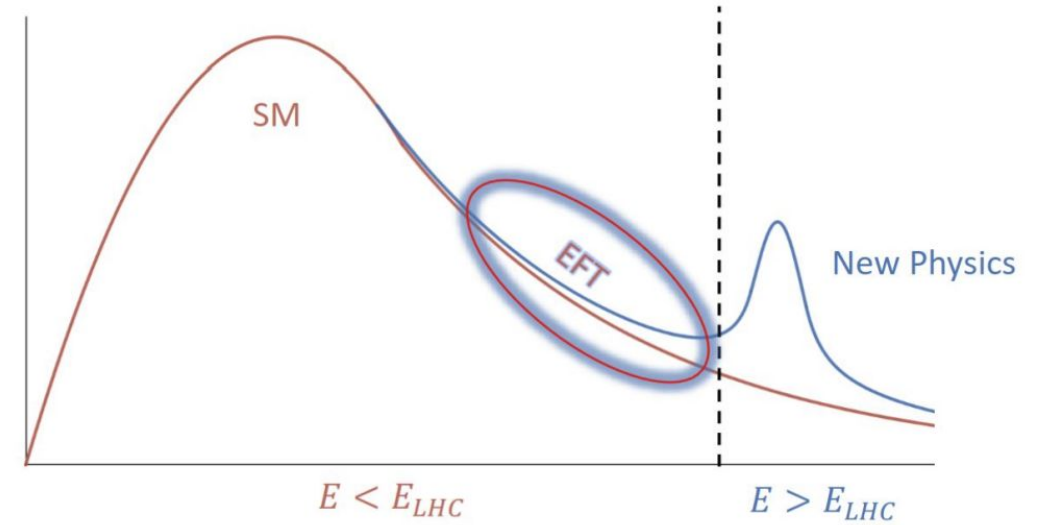
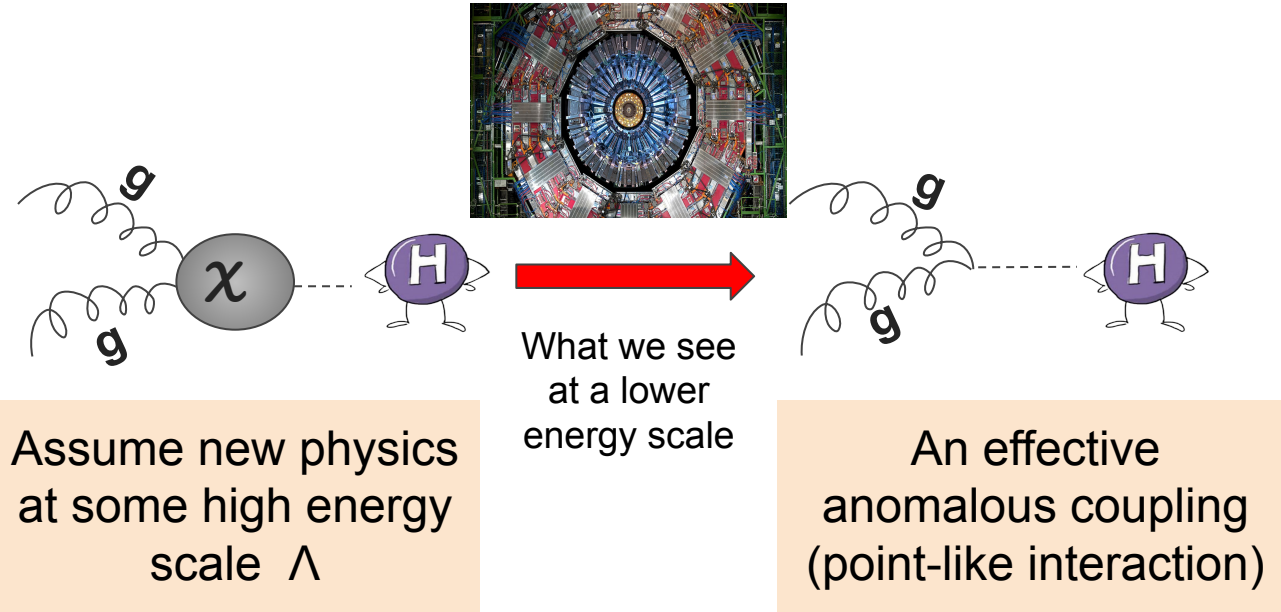
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**Scope of this talk : SMEFT and HEFT interpretations in Higgs**

See [D.Moran talk](#) for anomalous Higgs boson couplings  
and [B. Cemaiani talk](#) for STXS and differential measurements



# SMEFT : SM Effective Field Theory

SM with series of higher dimensional operators which are invariant under SU(3) x SU(2) x U(1) symmetry

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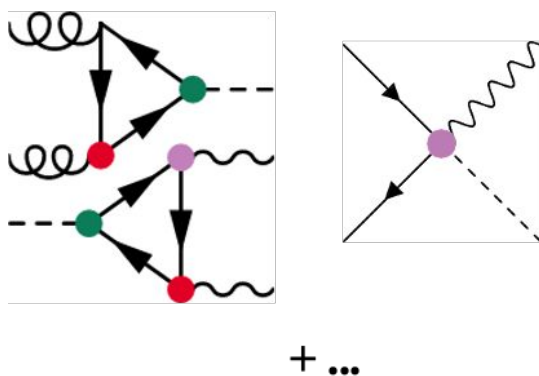
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One operator can affect many processes ..  
 Many operators can affect one process ..  
 Needs a global EFT data analysis approach

# EFT search in combination of $H \rightarrow X$ decays

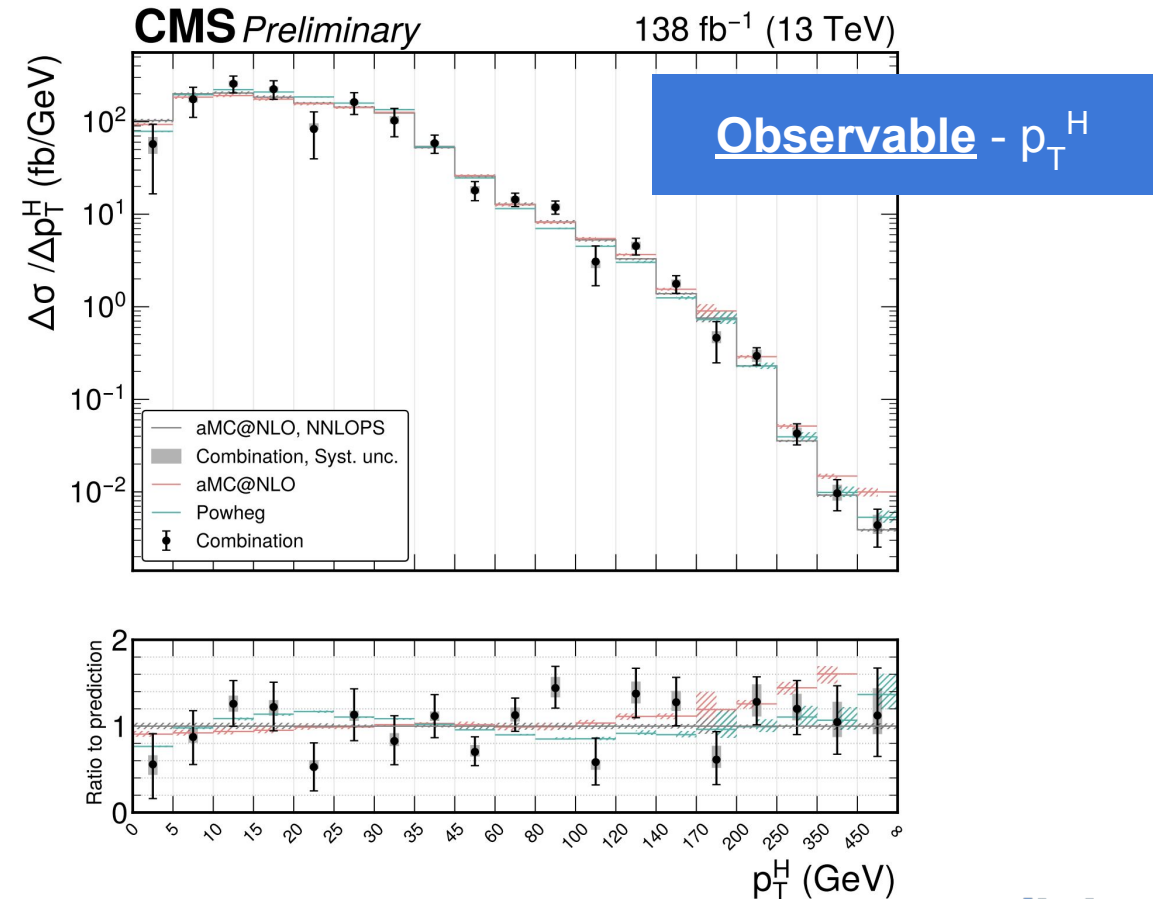
**NEW!**

Combination of analyses : [JHEP07\(2023\) 091](#), [JHEP08\(2023\) 040](#), [JHEP03\(2021\) 003](#), [Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 081805](#), [arXiv:2403.20201](#)

Signal processes :  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ ,  $H \rightarrow WW$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  (boosted)

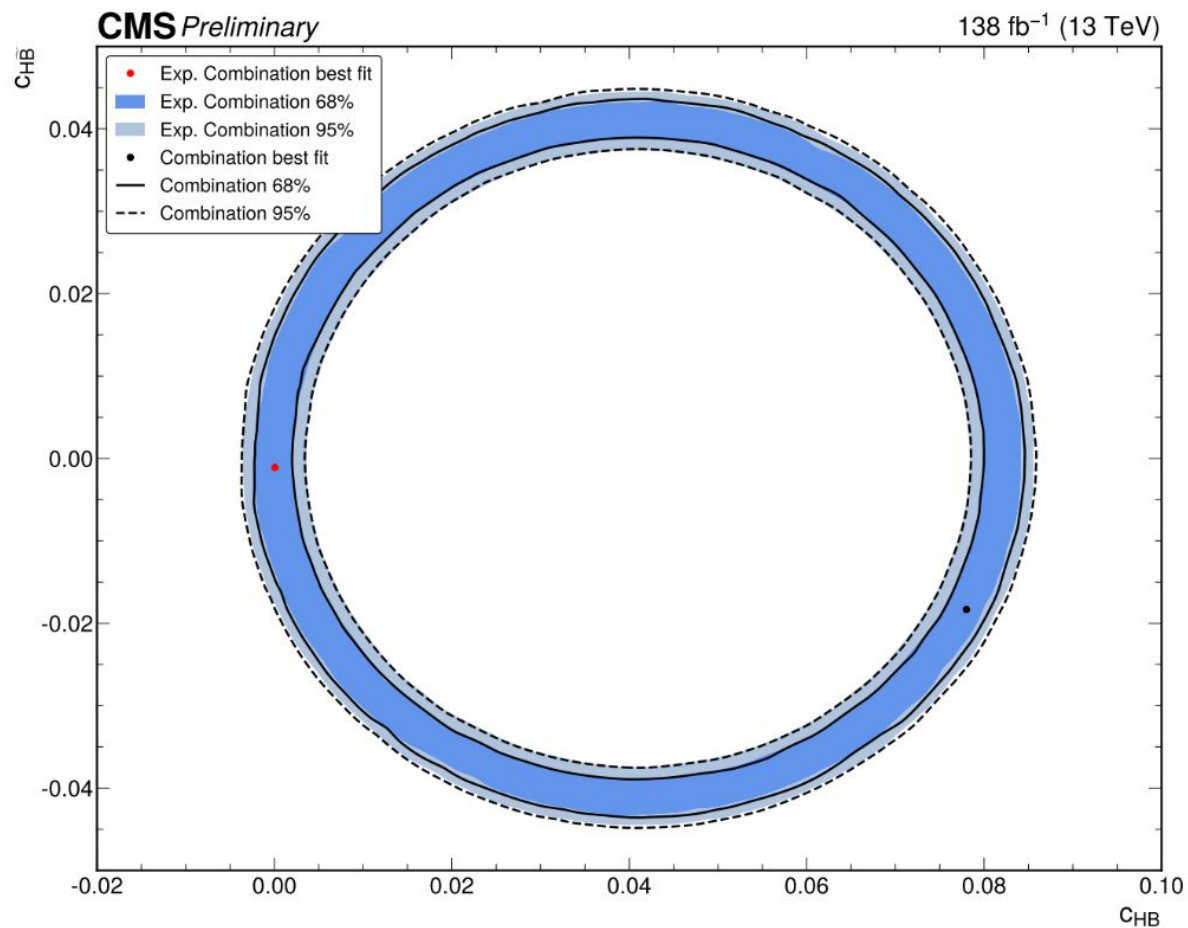
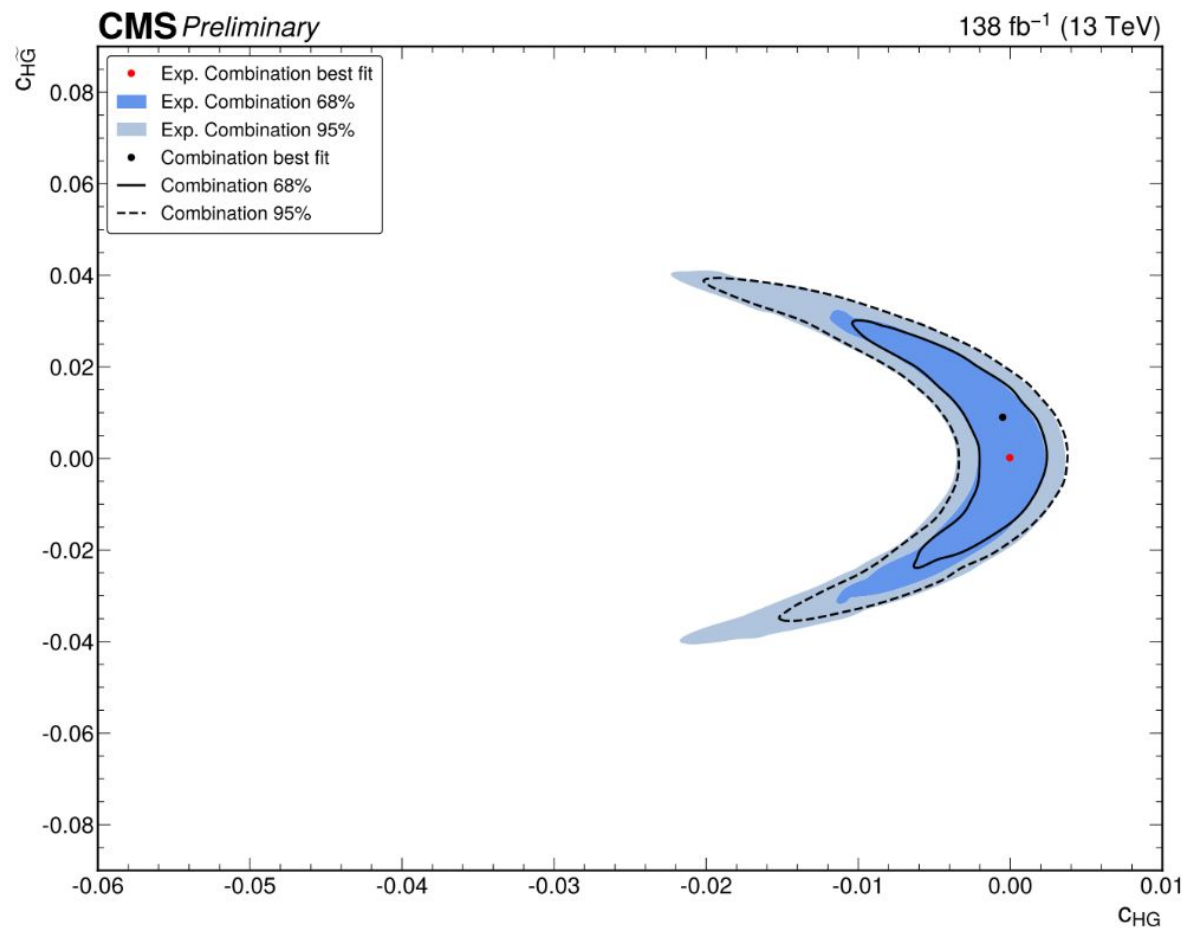
Class	Operator	Wilson coefficient	Example process
$\mathcal{L}_6^{(4)} - X^2 H^2$	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$	$c_{HG}$	
	$H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$	$\tilde{c}_{HG}$	
	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$c_{HB}$	
	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$\tilde{c}_{HB}$	
	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu}$	$c_{HW}$	
	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu}$	$\tilde{c}_{HW}$	
	$H^\dagger \sigma^i H W_{\mu\nu}^i B^{\mu\nu}$	$c_{HWB}$	
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Fit pairs of CP-even, CP-odd WCs while setting all other WC = 0 (SM)



# EFT search in combination of $H \rightarrow X$ decays

2D scans of Wilson Coefficients



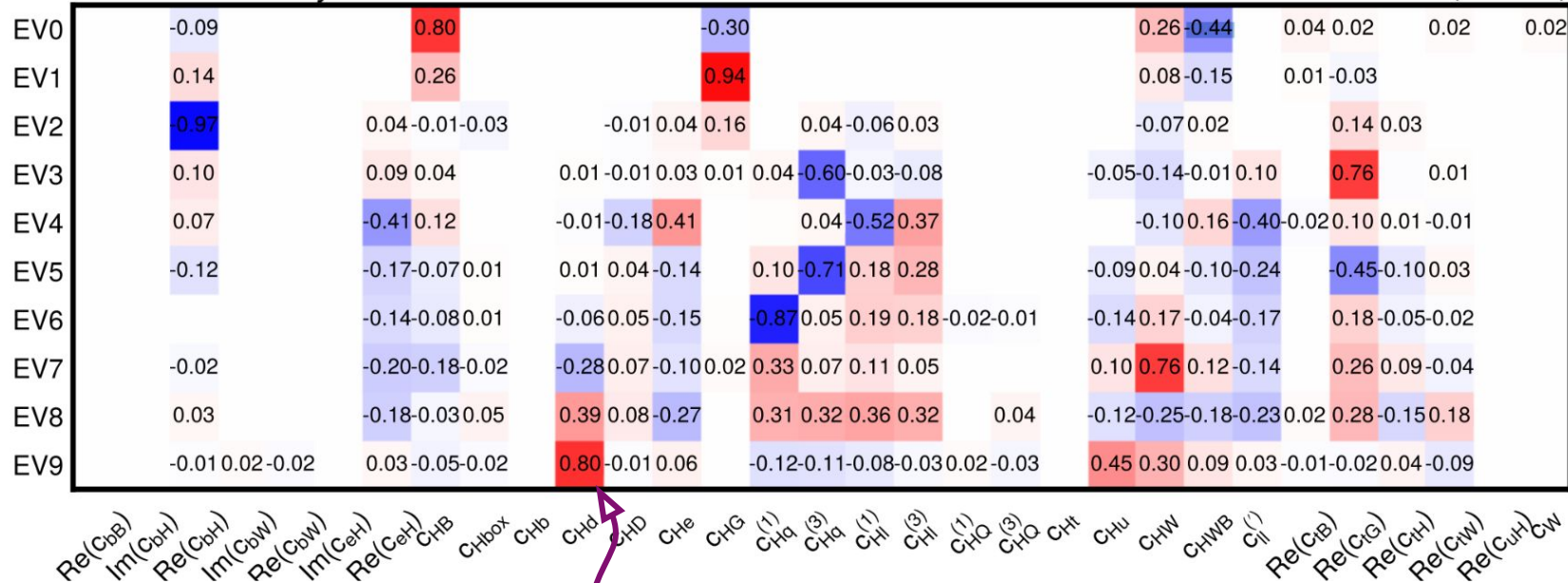
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Define linear combinations of WCs to simultaneously constrain 10 directions in the parameter space

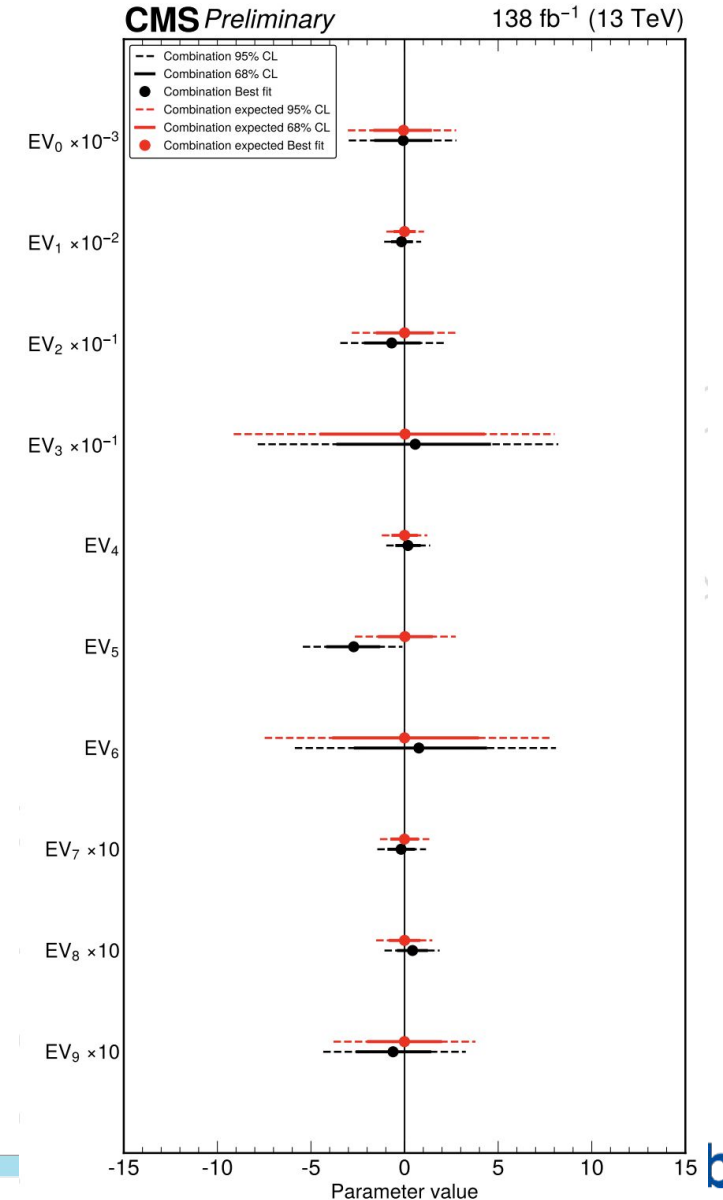
CMS Preliminary

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



Absolute value signifies importance of WC in linear combination

See more details in plenary CMS Highlights talk by [M. Pierini](#)

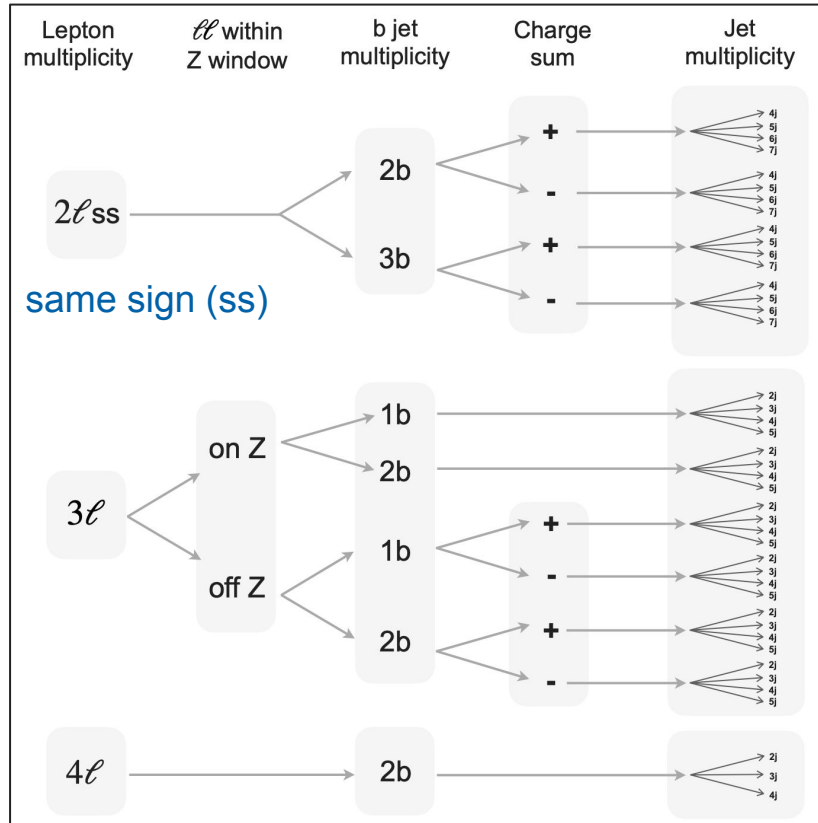


# EFT search in $t(\bar{t})X$

Global approach : 26 dimension six operators fitted simultaneously

[JHEP 12 \(2023\) 068](#)

Signal processes:  $t\bar{t}l\nu$ ,  $t\bar{t}ll$ ,  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $t\bar{t}Zq$ ,  $t\bar{t}Hq$ ,  $t\bar{t}tt$



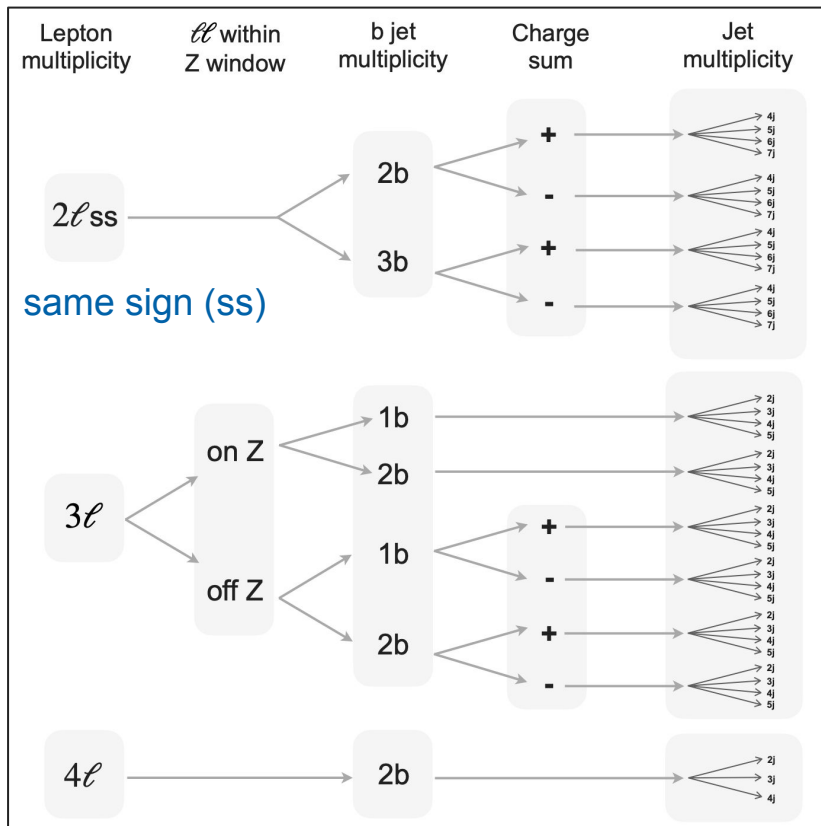
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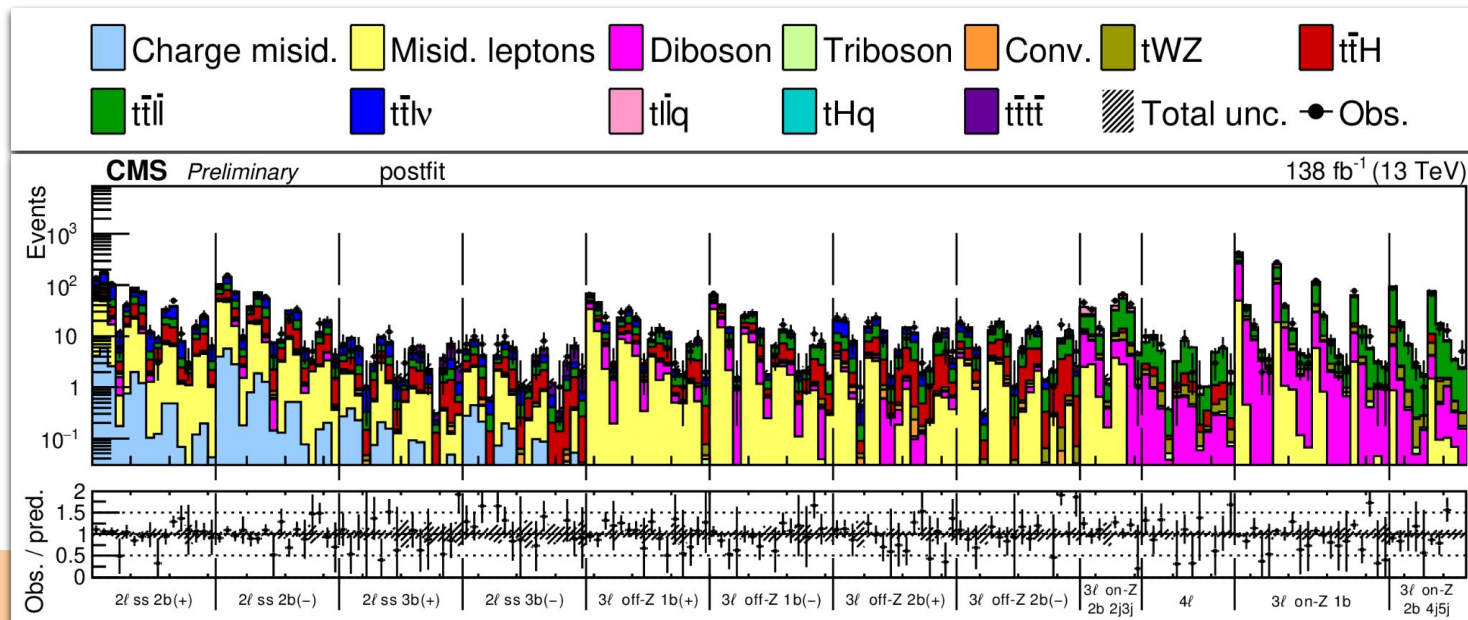


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Further binning of each category with

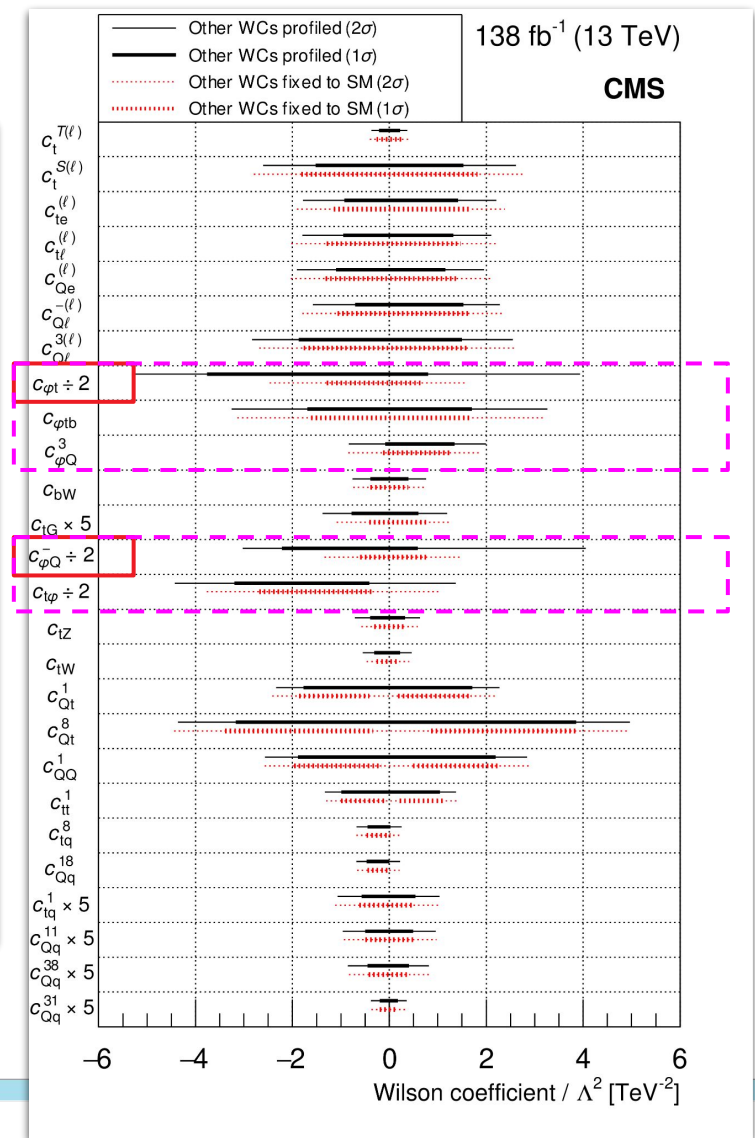
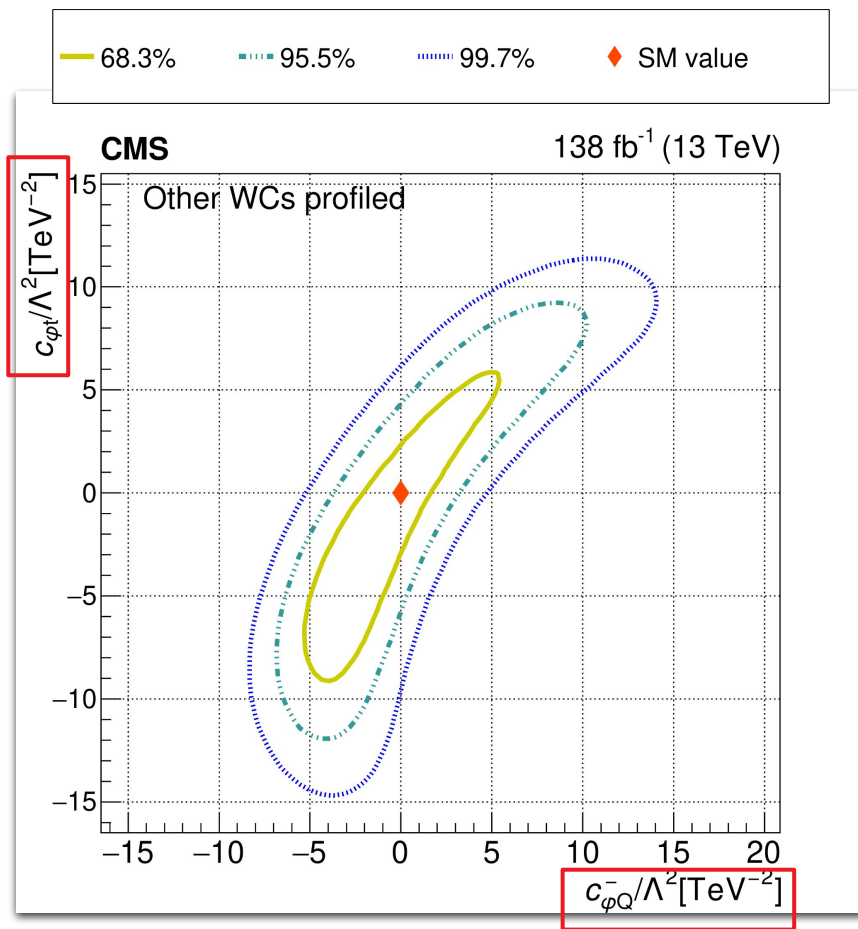
- $p_T$  of most energetic pair of leptons and jets, OR
- $p_T$  of Z boson candidate

**178 total analysis bins** → binned maximum likelihood fit



# EFT search in $t(\bar{t})X$

Improving previous constraints from [JHEP 03 \(2021\) 095](#) by factors of 2 to 6



Operators involving Higgs

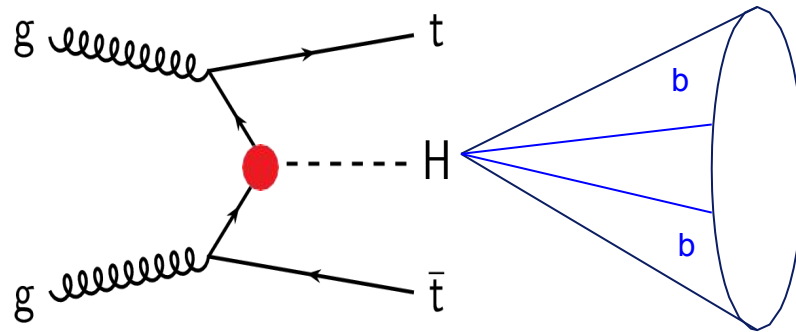




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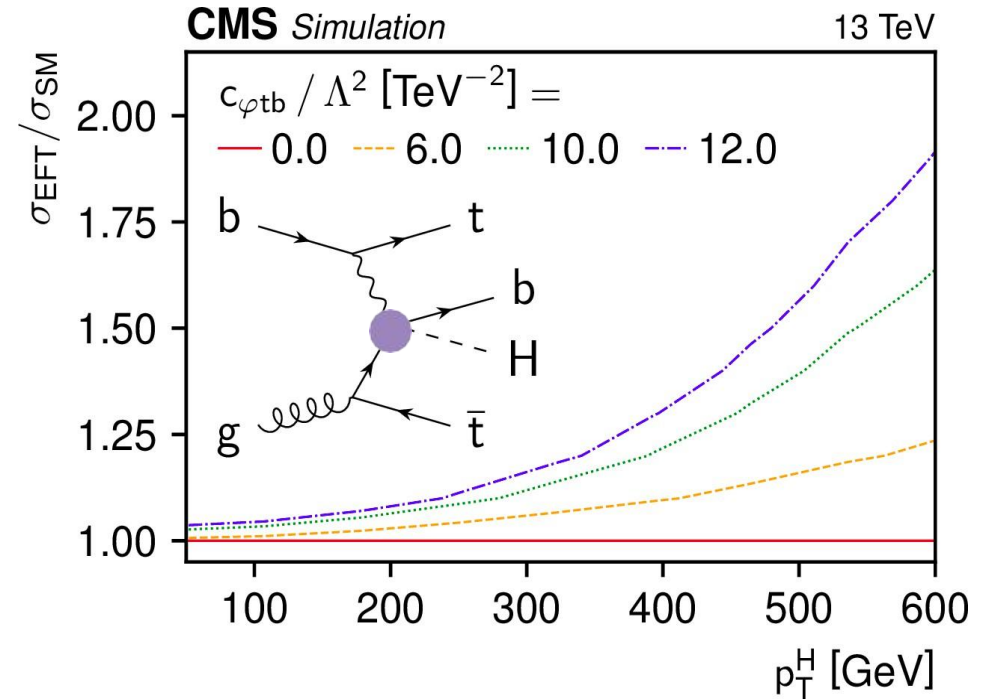
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**Global approach : 8 dimension six operators fitted simultaneously**



**SMEFT operators at work**

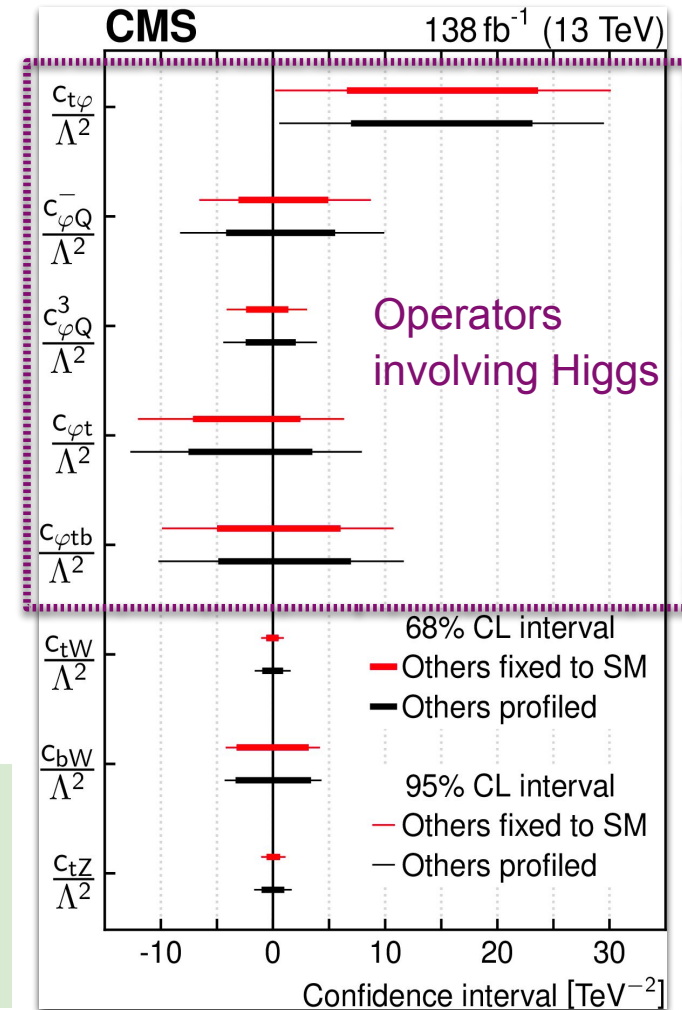
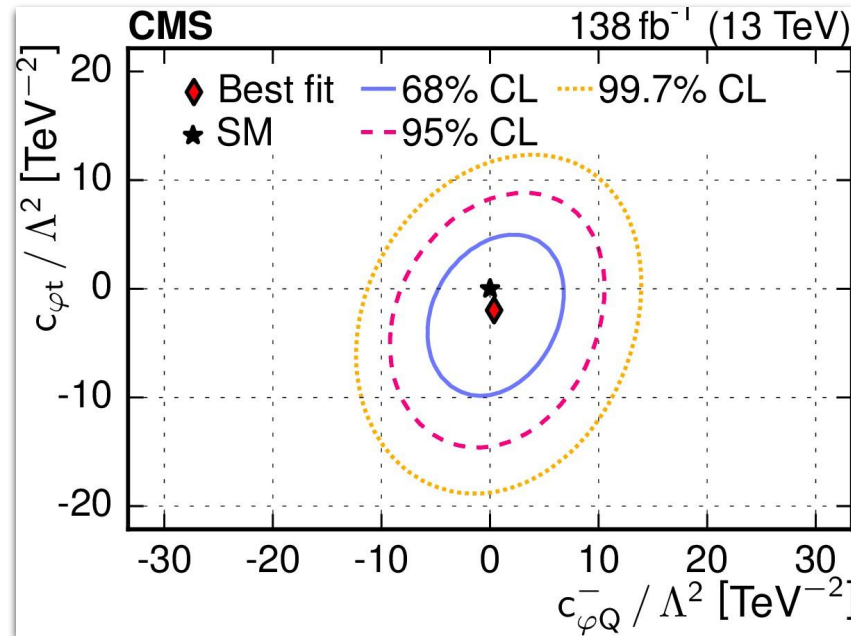
Dipole  $\mathcal{O}_{tW}$   
Current  $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$   $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^-$   $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$   $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$   
Yukawa  $\mathcal{O}_{t\varphi}$



Higher sensitivity to coupling deviations  
in boosted regime

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Smaller statistics compared to other measurements

[JHEP 03 \(2020\) 056](#), [JHEP 03 \(2021\) 095](#), [JHEP 12 \(2021\) 083](#), [JHEP 05 \(2022\) 091](#)

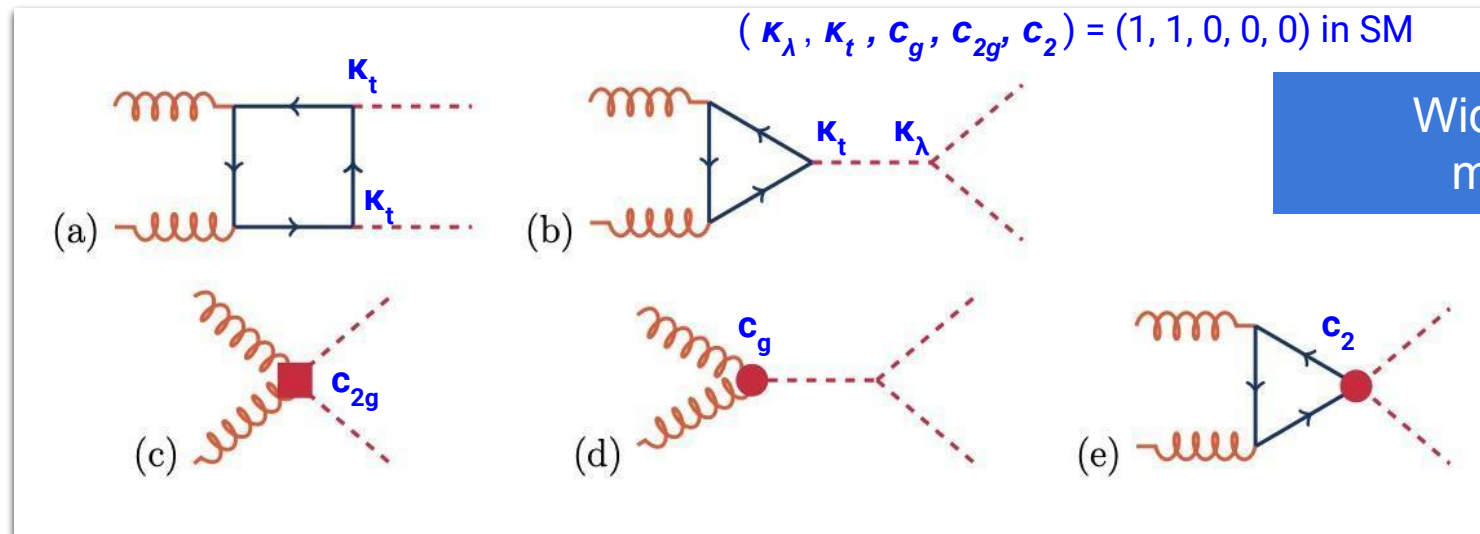
Still competitive in sensitivity

# HEFT : Higgs Effective Field Theory

Chiral perturbation theory, no power counting unlike SMEFT

Higgs field : EW singlet

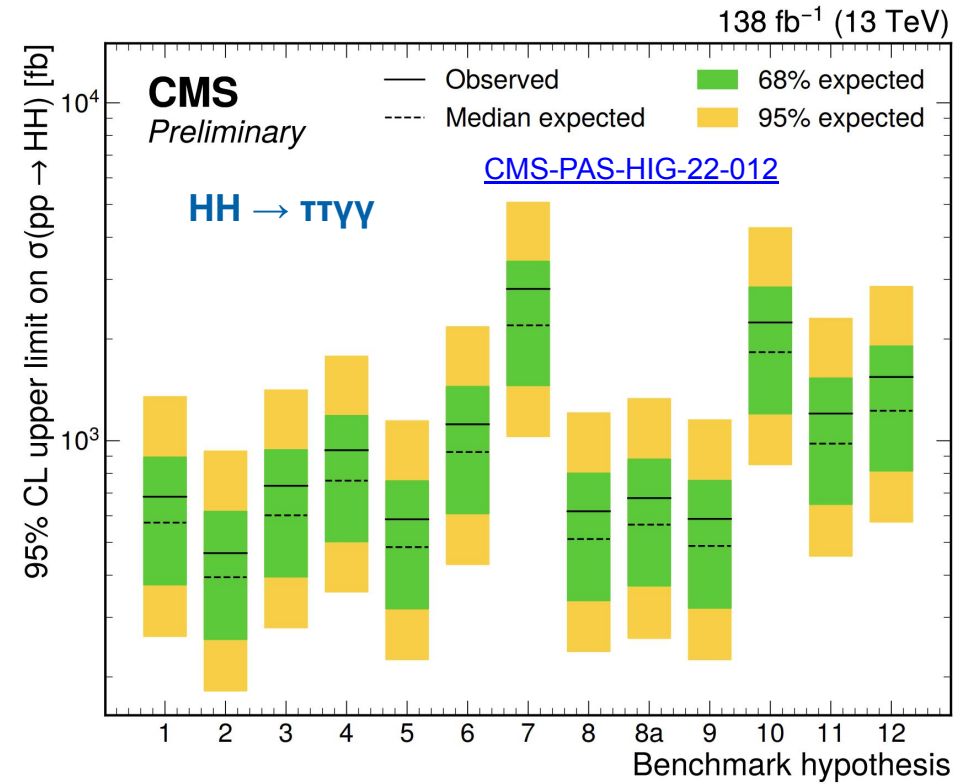
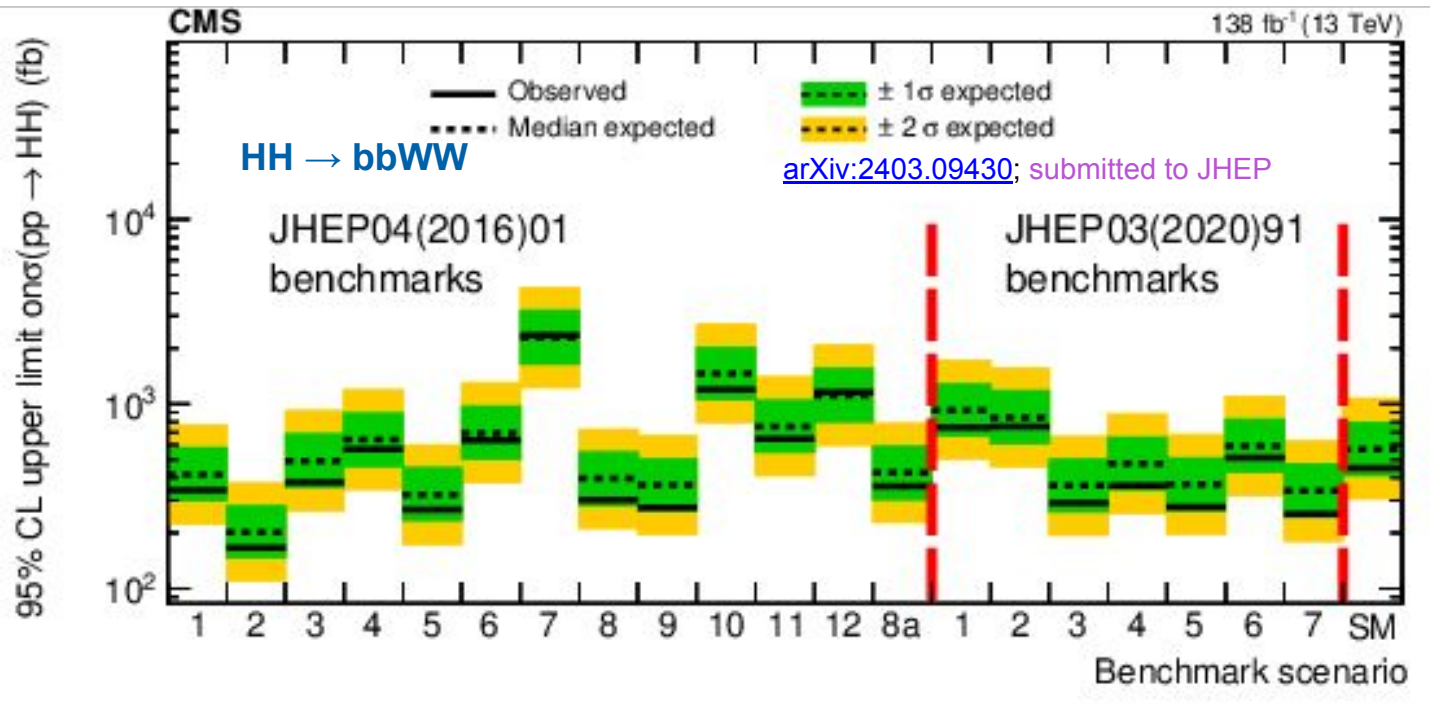
$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{HEFT} = -m_t\left(\kappa_t\frac{h}{\nu} + c_2\frac{h^2}{\nu^2}\right)\bar{t}t - \kappa_\lambda\frac{m_h^2}{2\nu}h^3 + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi}\left(c_g\frac{h}{\nu} + c_{2g}\frac{h^2}{\nu^2}\right)G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a}$$



Widely used in HH measurements

# HEFT benchmark limits

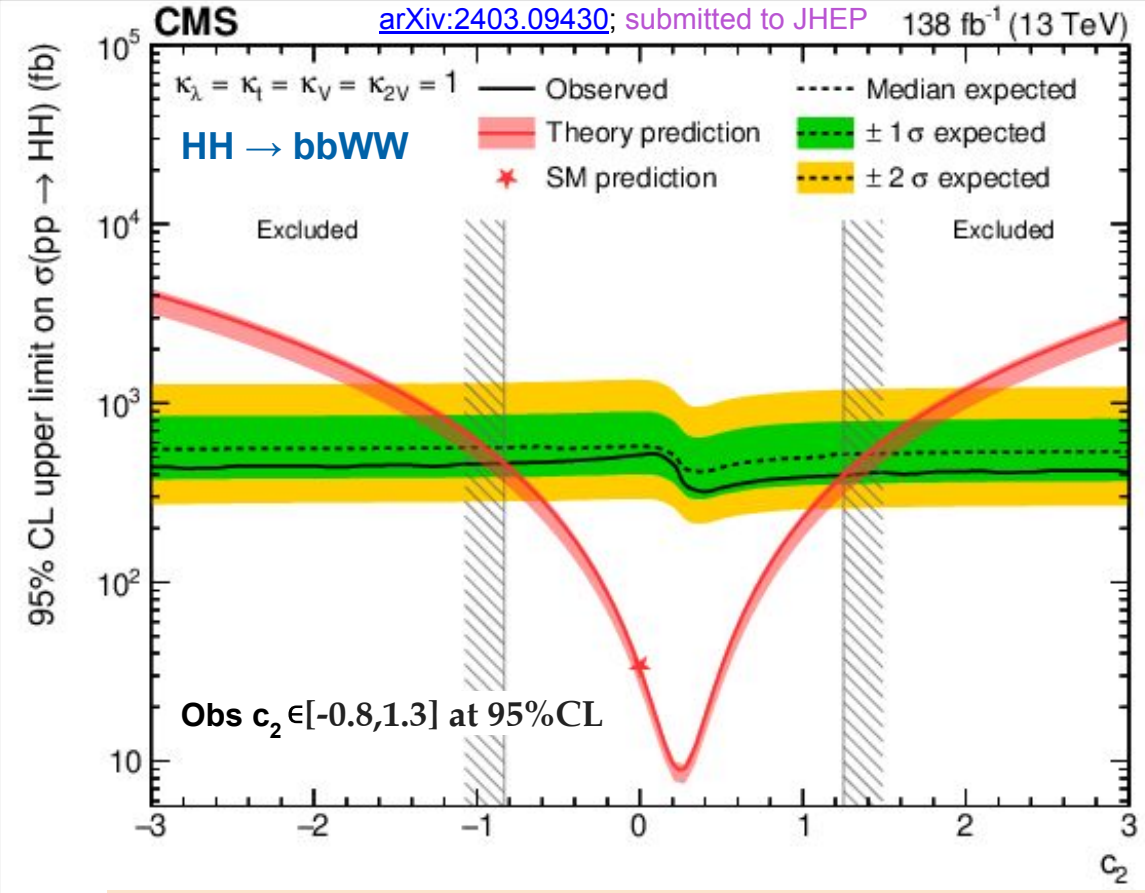
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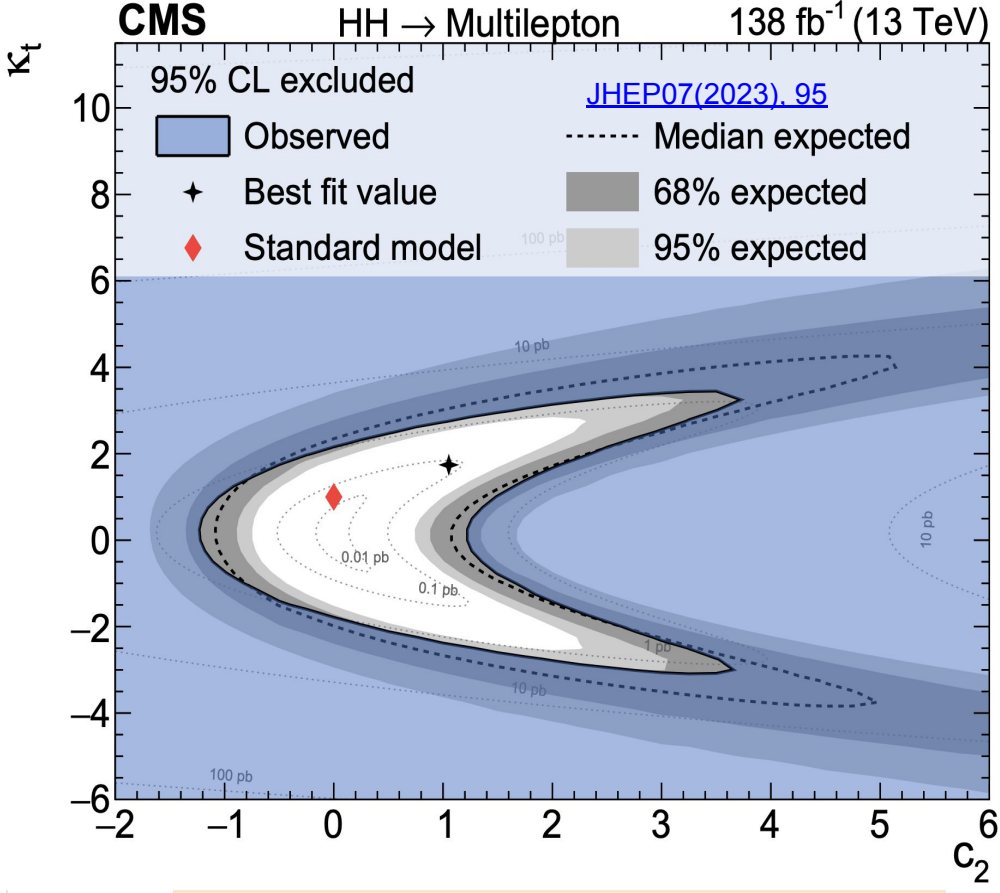
Explore HEFT sensitivity with 20 coupling configurations  
[JHEP04\(2016\)126](#), [JHEP03\(2020\)091](#)

# Scans of HEFT parameters

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Cross section upper limits as a function of  $c_2$



2D likelihood scan of  $c_2$  vs  $\kappa_t$

# Summary

- EFT is a powerful tool to test precision of SM and search for new physics
- CMS is actively pursuing a global approach to EFT analyses which include Higgs, top .. etc
- Looking forward to exciting times in Run 3 and beyond!

*New physics can lurk  
in unexpected places*



*... Thank you!*

# Backup

Grouping of WCs	WCs	Lead categories
Two heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> two leptons	$c_{Q\ell}^{3(\ell)}, c_{Q\ell}^{-3(\ell)}, c_{Qe}^{(\ell)}, c_{t\ell}^{(\ell)}, c_{te}^{(\ell)}, c_t^{S(\ell)}, c_t^{T(\ell)}$	3 $\ell$ off-Z
Four heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> quarks	$c_{QQ}^1, c_{Qt}^1, c_{Qt}^8, c_{tt}^1$	2 $lss$
Two heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> two light “ $t\bar{t}l\nu$ -like”	$c_{Qq}^{11}, c_{Qq}^{18}, c_{tq}^1, c_{tq}^8$	2 $lss$
Two heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> two light “ $t\bar{t}lq$ -like”	$c_{Qq}^{31}, c_{Qq}^{38}$	3 $\ell$ on-Z
Two heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> with bosons “ $t\bar{t}l\bar{l}$ -like”	$c_{tZ}, c_{\phi t}, c_{\phi Q}^-$	3 $\ell$ on-Z and 2 $lss$
Two heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> with bosons “ $tXq$ -like”	$c_{\phi Q}^3, c_{\phi tb}, c_{bW}$	3 $\ell$ on-Z
Two heavy <sup>quarks with</sup> with bosons with significant impacts on many processes	$c_{tG}, c_{t\phi}, c_{tW}$	3 $\ell$ and 2 $lss$

Summary of categories that provide leading contributions to the sensitivity for subsets of the WCs.

WC/ $\Lambda^2$ [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]	$2\sigma$ Interval (others profiled)	$2\sigma$ Interval (others fixed to SM)
$c_t^{T(\ell)}$	[-0.37, 0.37]	[-0.40, 0.40]
$c_t^{S(\ell)}$	[-2.60, 2.59]	[-2.80, 2.80]
$c_{te}^{(\ell)}$	[-1.76, 2.20]	[-1.90, 2.39]
$c_{t\ell}^{(\ell)}$	[-1.78, 2.10]	[-2.01, 2.20]
$c_{Qe}^{(\ell)}$	[-1.89, 1.94]	[-2.04, 2.12]
$c_{Q\ell}^{-3(\ell)}$	[-1.56, 2.27]	[-1.80, 2.33]
$c_{Q\ell}^{3(\ell)}$	[-2.81, 2.54]	[-2.68, 2.58]
$c_{\phi t}$	[-10.76, 7.91]	[-4.95, 3.19]
$c_{\phi tb}$	[-3.23, 3.23]	[-3.15, 3.19]
$c_{\phi Q}^3$	[-0.81, 2.01]	[-0.84, 1.91]
$c_{bW}$	[-0.75, 0.76]	[-0.75, 0.75]
$c_{tG}$	[-0.27, 0.24]	[-0.22, 0.25]
$c_{\phi Q}^-$	[-6.09, 8.20]	[-2.66, 2.95]
$c_{t\phi}$	[-8.98, 2.85]	[-7.68, 2.15]
$c_{tZ}$	[-0.70, 0.63]	[-0.58, 0.59]
$c_{tW}$	[-0.54, 0.45]	[-0.47, 0.41]
$c_{Qt}^1$	[-2.71, 2.66]	[-2.75, 2.62]
$c_{Qt}^8$	[-5.15, 5.74]	[-5.24, 5.66]
$c_{QQ}^1$	[-3.03, 3.28]	[-3.04, 3.28]
$c_{tt}^1$	[-1.56, 1.60]	[-1.54, 1.63]
$c_{tq}^8$	[-0.67, 0.25]	[-0.68, 0.24]
$c_{Qq}^{18}$	[-0.68, 0.21]	[-0.67, 0.21]
$c_{tq}^1$	[-0.21, 0.21]	[-0.22, 0.20]
$c_{Qq}^{11}$	[-0.19, 0.19]	[-0.19, 0.19]
$c_{Qq}^{38}$	[-0.17, 0.16]	[-0.17, 0.16]
$c_{Qq}^{31}$	[-0.08, 0.07]	[-0.08, 0.07]



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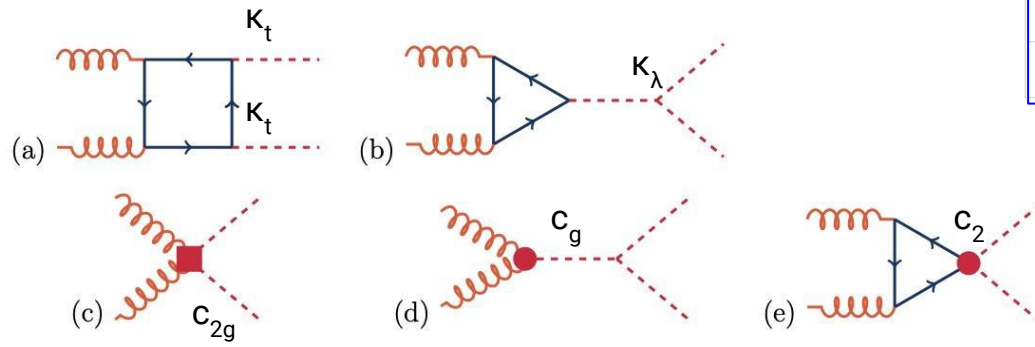
Operator	Definition	WC
$\dagger O_{u\varphi}^{(ij)}$	$\bar{q}_i u_j \tilde{\varphi} (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$c_{t\varphi} + ic_{t\varphi}^I$
$O_{\varphi q}^{(ij)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi) (\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu q_j)$	$c_{\varphi Q}^- + c_{\varphi Q}^3$
$O_{\varphi q}^{3(ij)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi) (\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_j)$	$c_{\varphi Q}^3$
$O_{\varphi u}^{(ij)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi) (\bar{u}_i \gamma^\mu u_j)$	$c_{\varphi t}$
$\dagger O_{\varphi ud}^{(ij)}$	$(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger i D_\mu \varphi) (\bar{u}_i \gamma^\mu d_j)$	$c_{\varphi tb} + ic_{\varphi tb}^I$
$\dagger O_{uW}^{(ij)}$	$(\bar{q}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I u_j) \tilde{\varphi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$c_{tW} + ic_{tW}^I$
$\dagger O_{dW}^{(ij)}$	$(\bar{q}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I d_j) \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$c_{bW} + ic_{bW}^I$
$\dagger O_{uB}^{(ij)}$	$(\bar{q}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_j) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$\frac{c_W}{s_W} (c_{tW} + ic_{tW}^I) - \frac{1}{s_W} (c_{tZ} + ic_{tZ}^I)$

Ignore imaginary terms which are CP violating

WC/ $\Lambda^2$	95% CL interval [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]	
	(Others profiled)	(Others fixed to SM)
$c_{t\varphi}/\Lambda^2$	[0.56, 30]	[0.20, 30]
$c_{\varphi Q}^-/\Lambda^2$	[-8.3, 9.9]	[-6.6, 8.7]
$c_{\varphi Q}^3/\Lambda^2$	[-4.4, 3.9]	[-4.1, 3.0]
$c_{\varphi t}/\Lambda^2$	[-13, 7.9]	[-12, 6.3]
$c_{\varphi tb}/\Lambda^2$	[-10, 12]	[-9.9, 11]
$c_{tW}/\Lambda^2$	[-1.6, 1.6]	[-1.0, 0.96]
$c_{bW}/\Lambda^2$	[-4.3, 4.3]	[-4.2, 4.2]
$c_{tZ}/\Lambda^2$	[-1.7, 1.7]	[-1.0, 1.1]

Simultaneous fit of 8 WCs

# HEFT Interpretation benchmarks



12+1 benchmarks of [JHEP04\(2016\)126](#)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8a
kl	7.5	1.0	1.0	-3.5	1.0	2.4	5.0	15.0	1.0	10.0	2.4	15.0	1.0
kt	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
c2	-1.0	0.5	-1.5	-3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	-1.0	0.0	1.0	0.5
cg	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.2	-1.0	-0.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.8/3
c2g	0.0	0.6	-0.8	0.0	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.6	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0

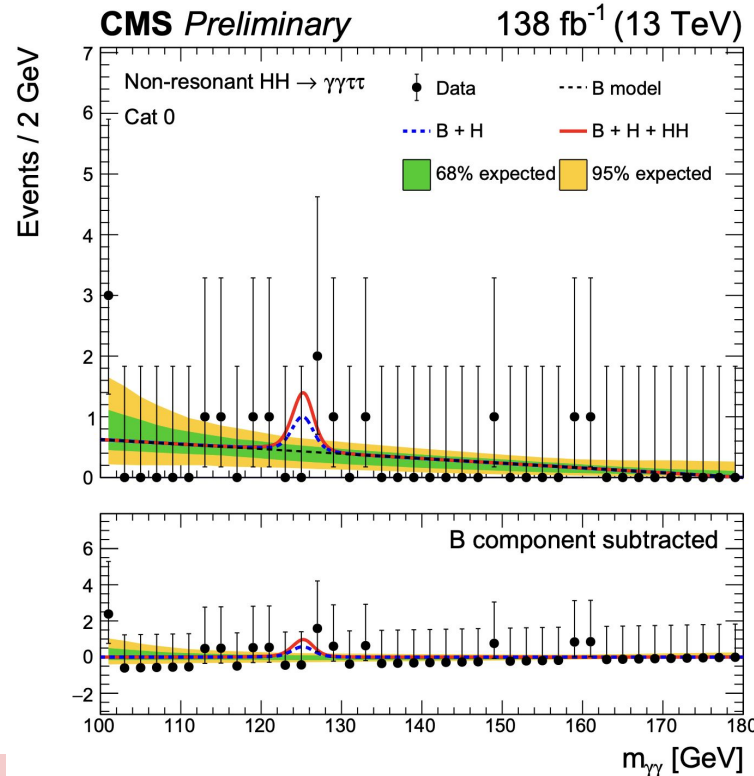
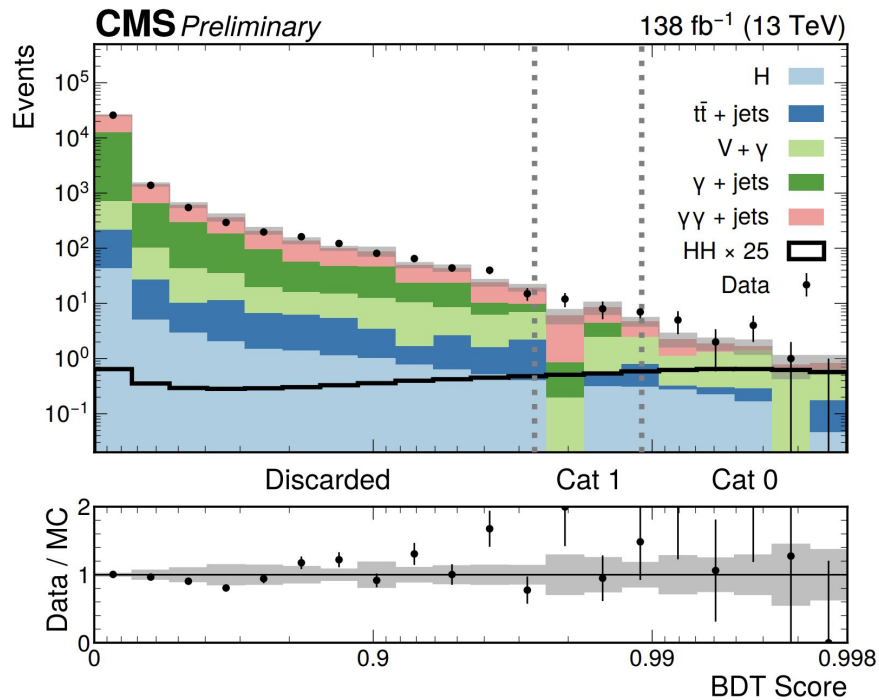
7 benchmarks of [JHEP03\(2020\)091](#)

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kl	3.94	6.84	2.21	2.79	3.95	5.68	-0.10
kt	0.94	0.61	1.05	0.61	1.17	0.83	0.94
c2	-1./3.	1./3.	-1./3.	1./3.	-1./3.	1./3.	1.
cg	0.5*1.5	0.0*1.5	0.5*1.5	-0.5*1.5	1./6*1.5	-0.5*1.5	1./6*1.5
c2g	1./3.*(-3.)	-1./3.*(-3.)	0.5*(-3.)	1./6.*(-3.)	-0.5*(-3.)	1./3.*(-3.)	-1./6.*(-3.)

# HH $\rightarrow$ $\tau\tau\gamma\gamma$

Tiny BR (0.028% of HH) but clean final state - first analysis!

## Search in hadronic + leptonic $\tau$ final states



- Background modelling: Analytic functions determined by fitting the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum
- Signal (and single Higgs): double Crystal Ball fitted on simulation

BDT to define signal enriched categories

Bump hunt in  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum

# Older HEFT results from CMS

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