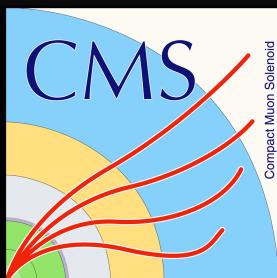


# FCNC, Anomalous Couplings, EFT



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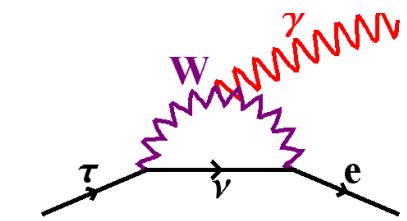
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# Top quarks as New Physics probes

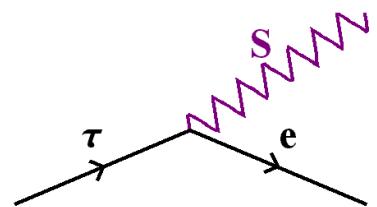
- Top sector is an attractive place to look for NP (New Physics)
  - Just starting to collect enough  $t\bar{t}X/tX$  data to study Top couplings in detail → deviations from SM couplings may hint at possible NP
  - Clean/unique decay signature of top quark → relatively easy to ID decay products, events containing tops
- FCNC, anomalous couplings and EFT can all be used as tools to search for NP in Top sector

# Flavor Changing Neutral Currents

**Standard Model FCNC  
suppressed by GIM  
(Glashow–Iliopoulos–Maiani)  
mechanism**

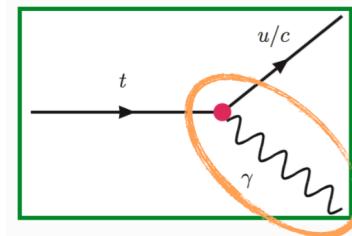


**Beyond-the-SM FCNC**

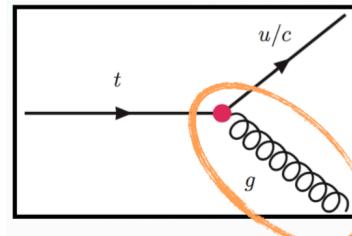


**BSM FCNC  
With Tops**

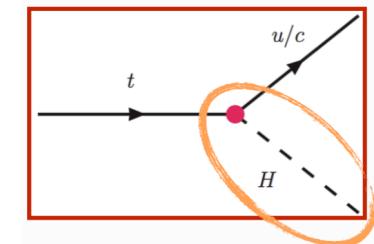
**Top+gamma**



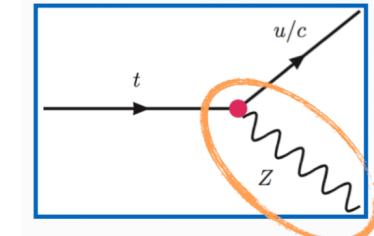
**Top+gluon**



**Top+Higgs**



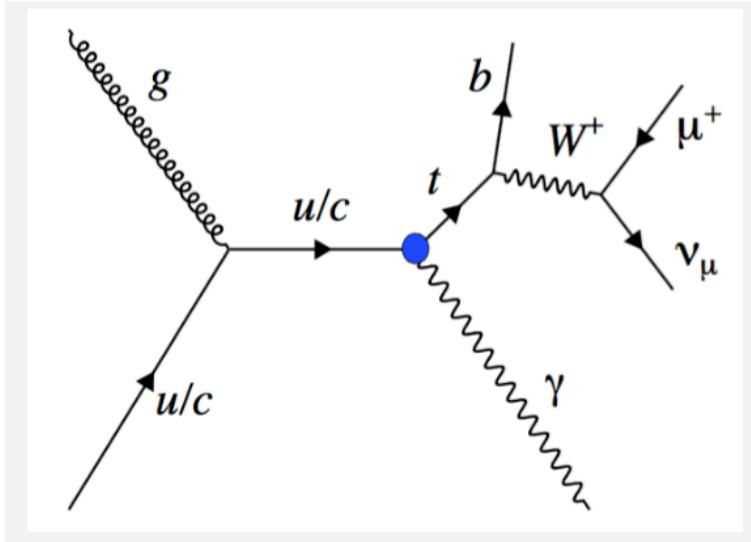
**Top+Z**



Model:	SM	QS	2HDM	FC 2HDM	MSSM	RPV SUSY	RS	EMF
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow qZ)$ :	$10^{-14}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-10}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-6}$

**Many NP models  
affected by Top FCNC  
(Ref[1-10] in JHEP 07 (2018) 176)**

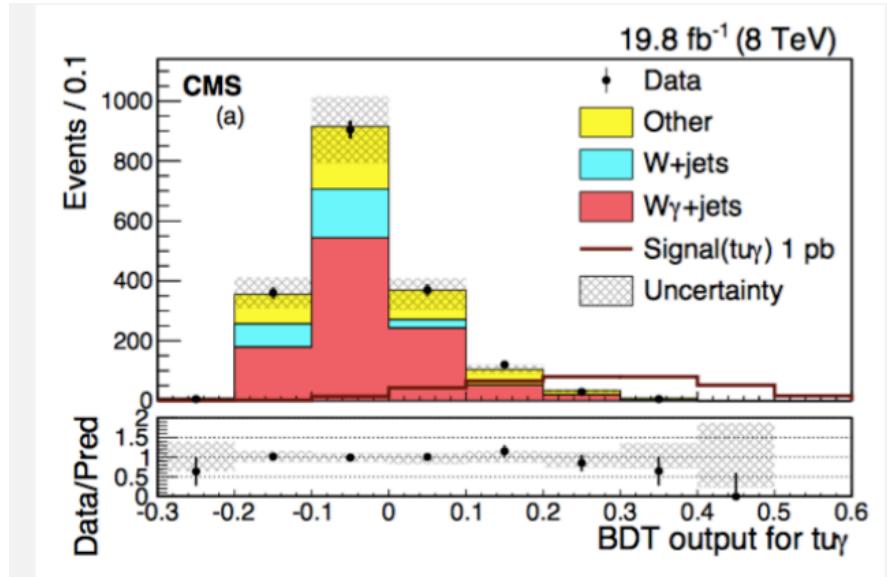
# Top- $\gamma$ FCNC



- Search for  $tq\gamma$  FCNC in single top +  $\gamma$  events
- Topology: isolated muon+photon, large missing transverse energy, 0 and 1 b jet
- BDT to separate signal from  $W+\gamma$
- Constraints on  $tq\gamma$  couplings translated to limits on  $B(t \rightarrow \gamma q)$

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20  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 8 TeV



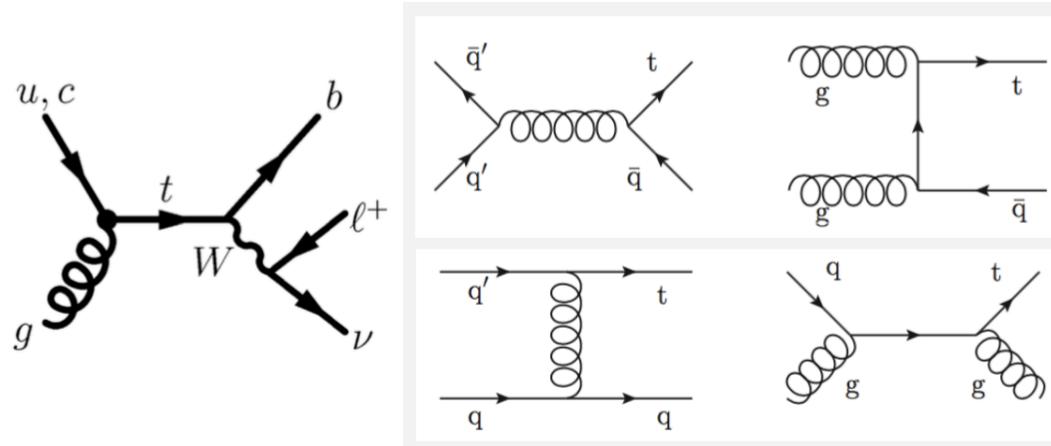
$$B(t \rightarrow \gamma u) < 0.013 \% \text{ (obs)}$$

$$0.019 \% \text{ (exp)}$$

$$B(t \rightarrow \gamma c) < 0.200 \% \text{ (obs)}$$

$$0.170 \% \text{ (exp)}$$

# Top-gluon FCNC



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20.3  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 8 TeV



$B(t \rightarrow g u) < 0.0040\% \text{ (obs)}$   
0.0035 % (exp)  
 $B(t \rightarrow g c) < 0.020\% \text{ (obs)}$   
0.018 % (exp)

- Search for tqg FCNC in single top events (specifically  $W \rightarrow l\nu$ )
- Topology: isolated lepton, large missing transverse energy, ==1 b jet and (in case of CMS analysis) ==1 non-b jet
- NNs to separate signal from background ( $t\bar{t}$  or  $W+\text{jets}$ )
- Constraints on tqg couplings translated to limits on  $B(t \rightarrow g q)$

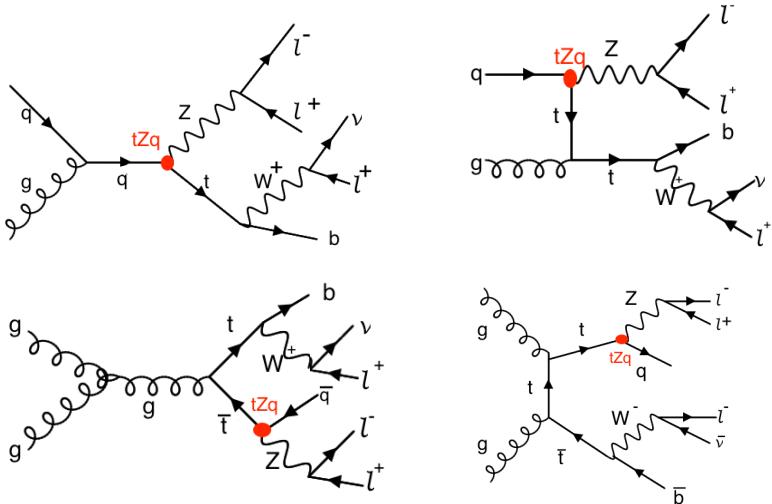
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5+20  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 7+8 TeV



$B(t \rightarrow g u) < 0.0020\% \text{ (obs)}$   
0.0028 % (exp)  
 $B(t \rightarrow g c) < 0.041\% \text{ (obs)}$   
0.028 % (exp)

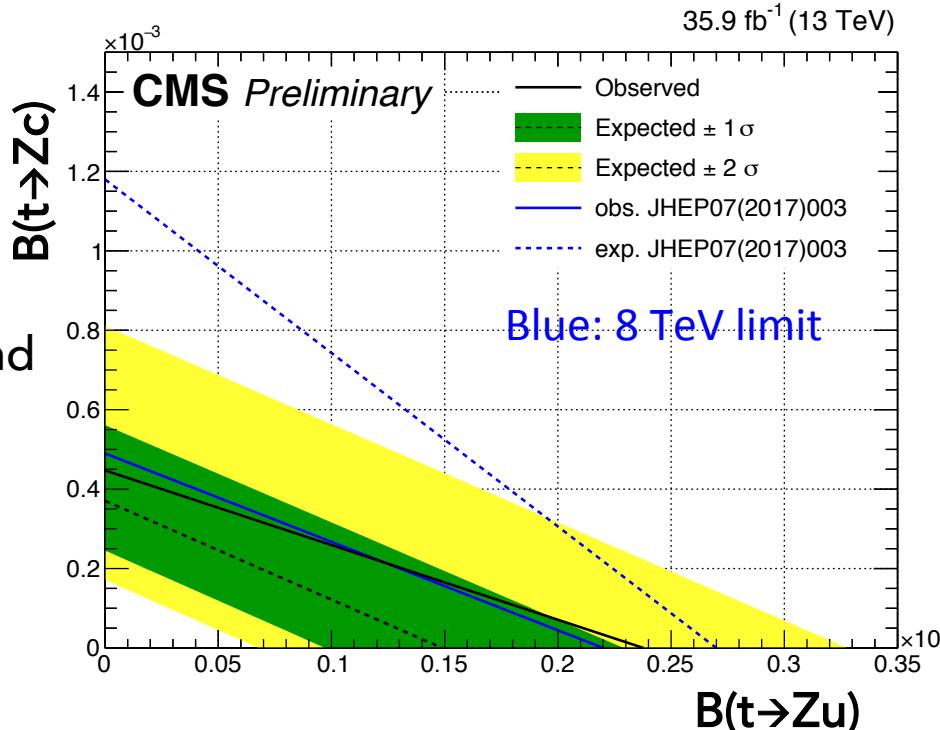
# Top-Z FCNC NEW!



- Search for top-Z FCNC in single top and  $t\bar{t}$  production
- $tZq$  vertex in production or decay
- Event selection:
  - 3 isolated, charged leptons (2 SFOS)
  - 1-3 jets (1 or more b jets)
  - 4 channels based on lepton flavor
- Main background: non-prompt leptons
- BDT used as final discriminating variable
  - trained on event-level kinematic + b-tagging observables

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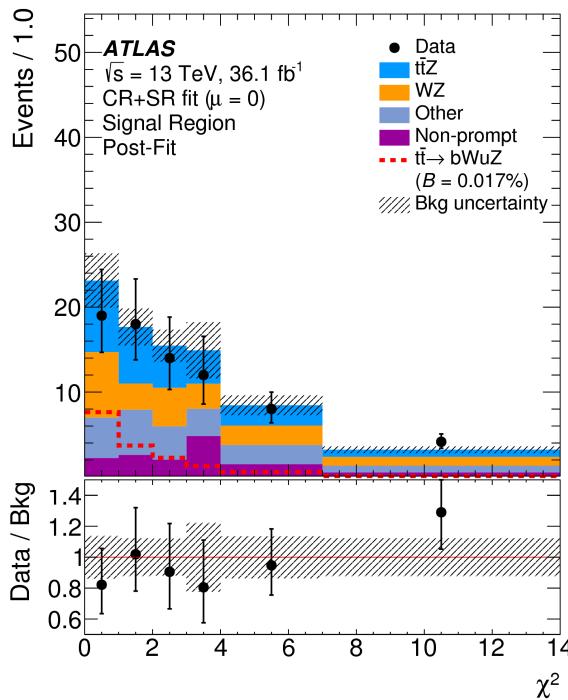
$35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1} @ 13 \text{ TeV}$



$B(t \rightarrow Zu) < 0.024\% \text{ (obs)}$
$0.015\% \text{ (exp)}$
$B(t \rightarrow Zc) < 0.045\% \text{ (obs)}$
$0.037\% \text{ (exp)}$

# Top-Z FCNC NEW!

- Search for top-Z FCNC in top pair production
- Event topology:
  - 3 isolated charged leptons
  - At least 2 jets (1 b jet)
  - Missing transverse energy



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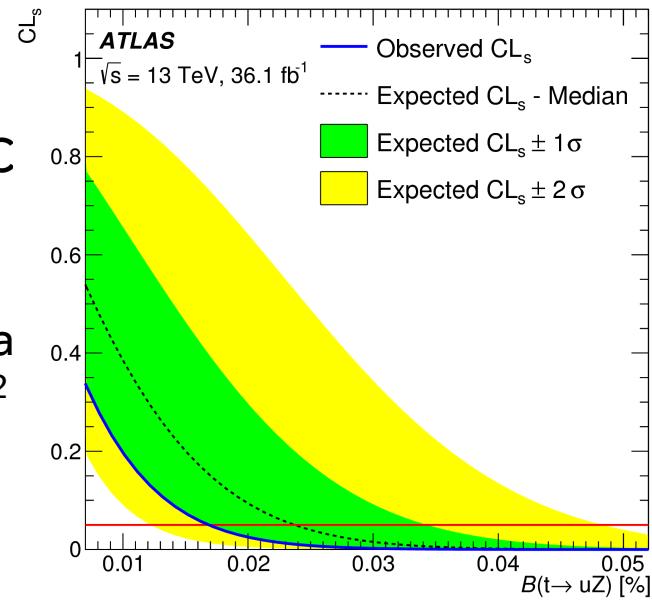
See poster by  
Ana Peixoto!

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36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 13 TeV



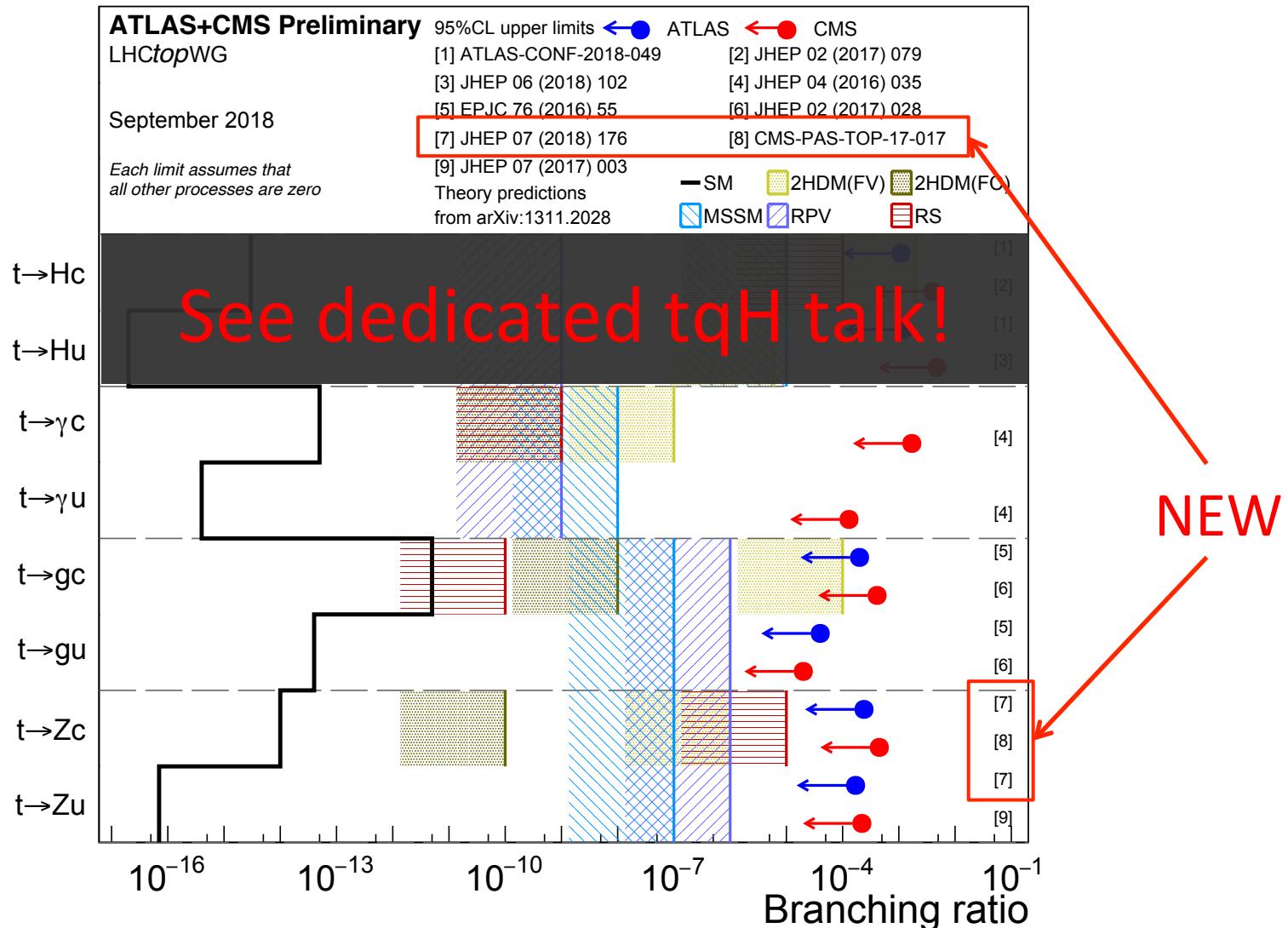
- $\chi^2$  minimization to invariant masses of W, SM top and FCNC top to reconstruct event
- Result extracted via a simultaneous fit to  $\chi^2$  value in signal regions, and to kinematic quantities (such as leading lepton  $p_T$ ) in background regions



$B(t \rightarrow Z_u) < 0.017\% \text{ (obs)}$   
 $0.024\% \text{ (exp)}$

$B(t \rightarrow Z_c) < 0.024\% \text{ (obs)}$   
 $0.032\% \text{ (exp)}$

# Summary of current FCNC limits



# Top quark Anomalous Couplings

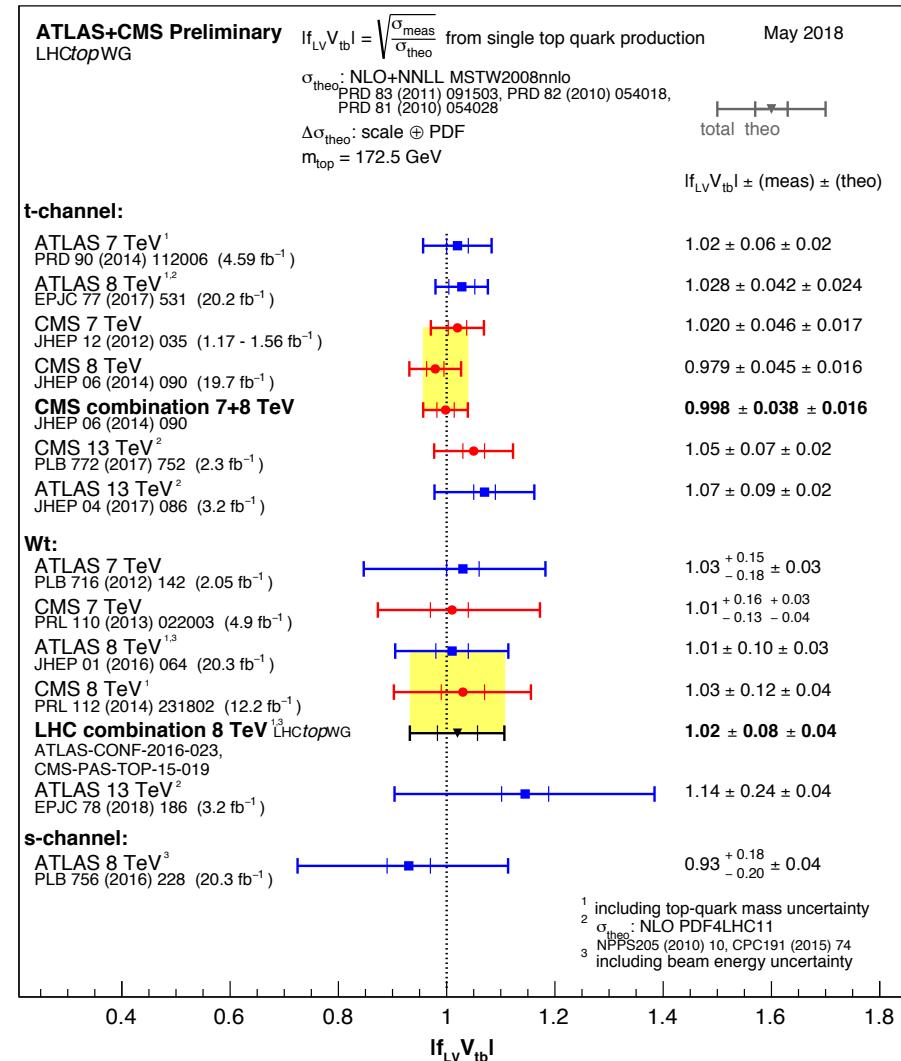
## Probes of $Wtb$ vertex:

- W polarization (and related observables) in  $t\bar{t}$  + single top events
- Generalized single top observables (e.g. angular distributions)
- Indirect limits

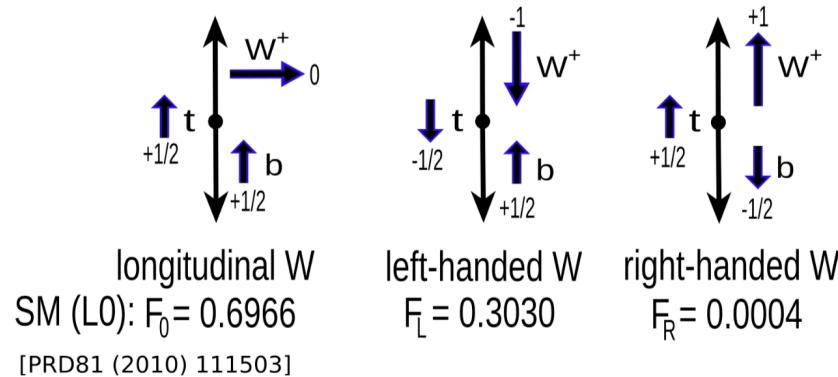
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.}$$

$V_L = V_{tb} \approx 1$  (within SM)  
 $V_R, g_R, g_L \rightarrow$  anomalous couplings

[EPJC50 (2007) 519, NPB804 (2008) 160, NPB812 (2009) 181]

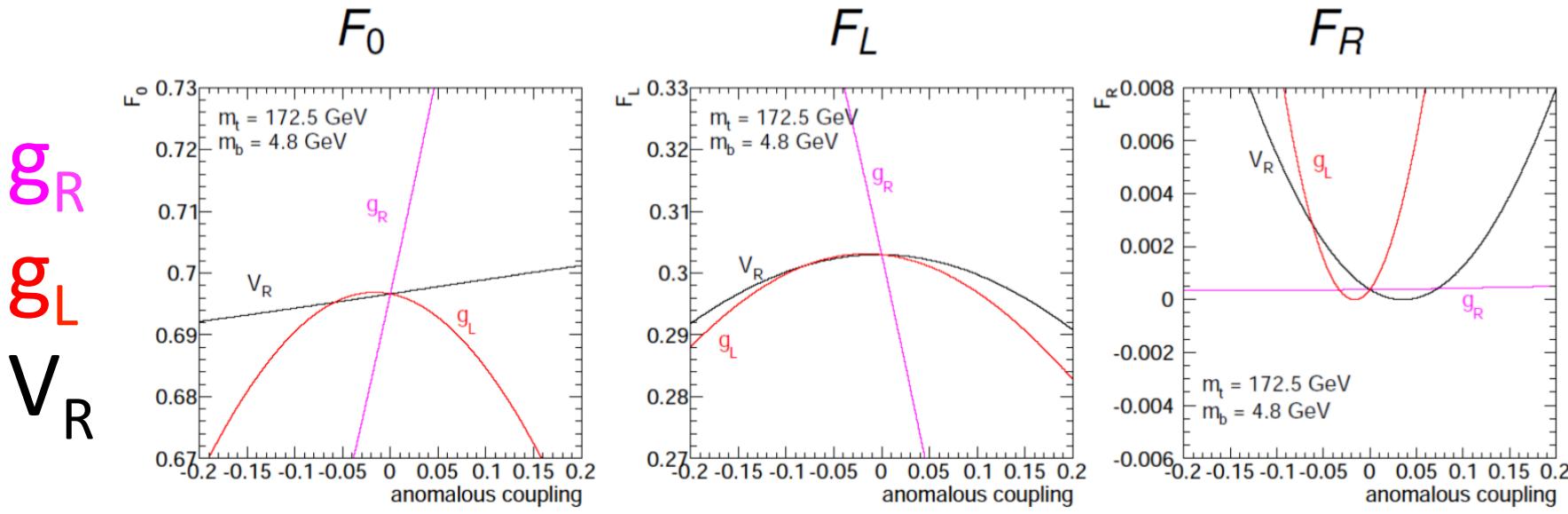


# W helicity and top quark ACs



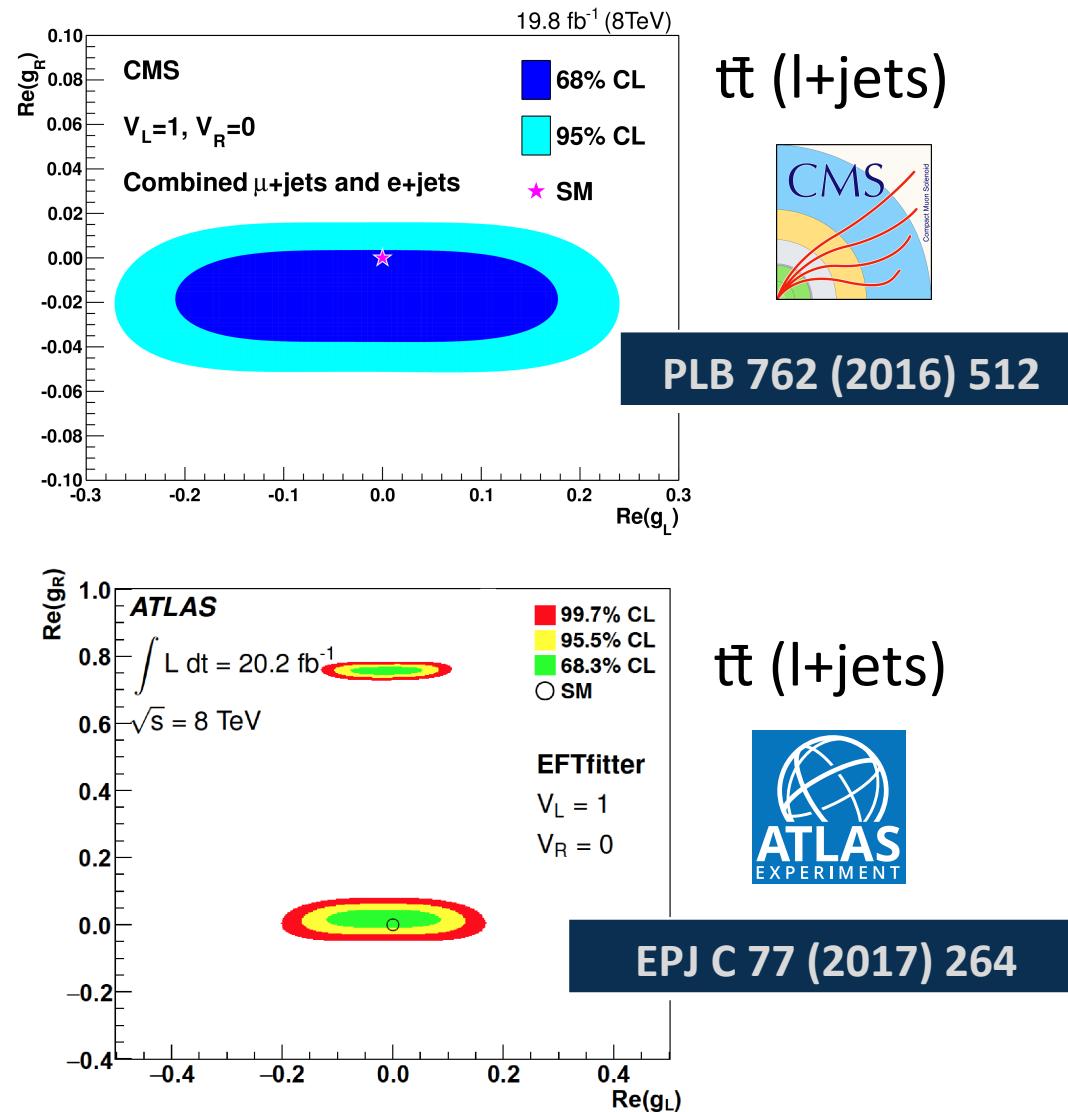
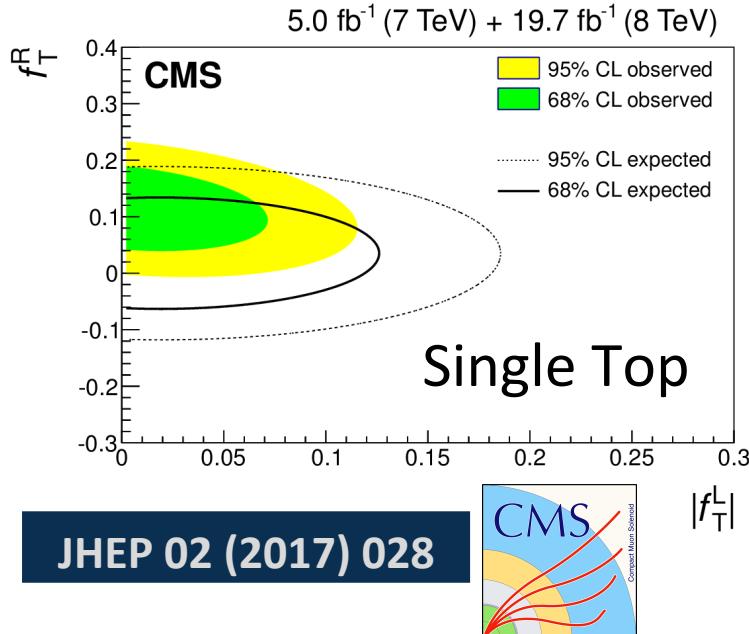
- Information on W helicity obtained by looking at top decay products (single top or  $t\bar{t}$ )
- Anomalous couplings  $\rightarrow$  deviations on helicity fractions ( $F_0$ ,  $F_L$  and  $F_R$  observables)

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} = \frac{3}{2} \left[ F_0 \left( \frac{\sin \theta^*}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + F_L \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta^*}{2} \right)^2 + F_R \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta^*}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$



# W helicity AC results

- Several W helicity analyses that set AC limits
- Various combinations of couplings considered, as well as independent measurements of helicity fractions
- All in agreement with SM



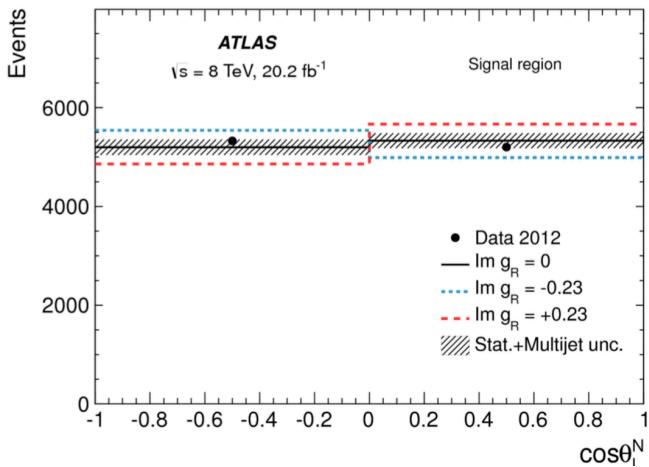
# AC constraints from additional angular information

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20 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 8 TeV



- Angular distributions in (t-channel) single top events used to measure top polarization and W spin asymmetries, constrain ACs



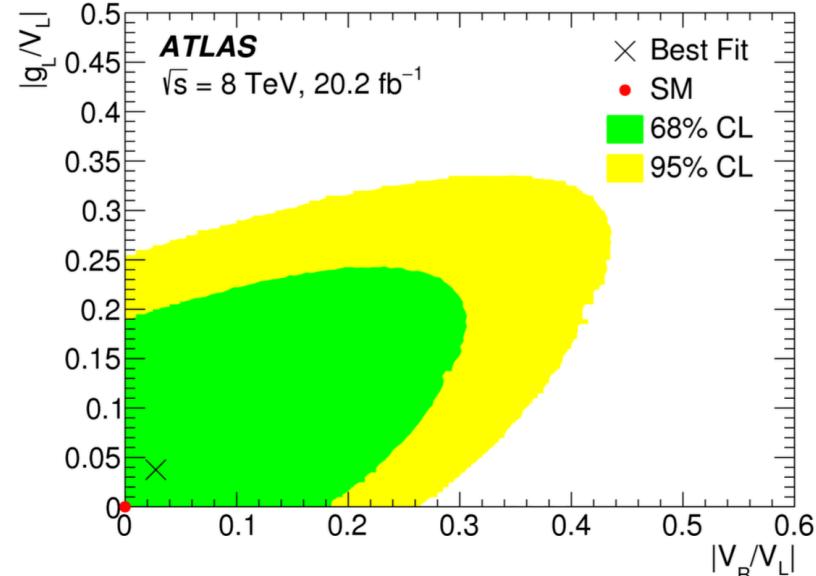
Assuming  $V_L=1$ :  $\text{Im}(g_R) \in [-0.18, 0.06]$

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- Description of the Wtb vertex using normalized triple-differential  $(\theta, \theta^*, \varphi^*)$  decay rate of top quarks
- Constraints on extended amplitudes and phases  $(f_1, f_1^+, f_0^+, \delta_+, \delta_-)$  translated into limits on coupling ratios



# EFT

## Effective Field Theory

- **Model-independent expansion** of the SM Lagrangian
- (Dimension-4) SM Lagrangian extended with higher-order operators
  - Dimension-5 operators typically excluded as they do not conserve lepton number
  - Effective Lagrangian is thus a series expansion of dimension-6 operators, in the inverse of the energy scale of the NP,  $1/\Lambda$
  - Dimensionless Wilson Coefficients (WCs)  $c_i$  parameterize the strength of a given NP interaction
- Proposal for common standards + prescriptions for EFT interpretations by LHCtopWG: [arXiv:1802.07237].

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i + \dots$$

↑  
WCs

NP energy scale      WCs      Dim-6 operators

- 59 Dimension-6 operators that conserve baryon and lepton number
- (not all relevant for Top physics)

# EFT interpretation: $t\bar{t}W/Z$ cross section

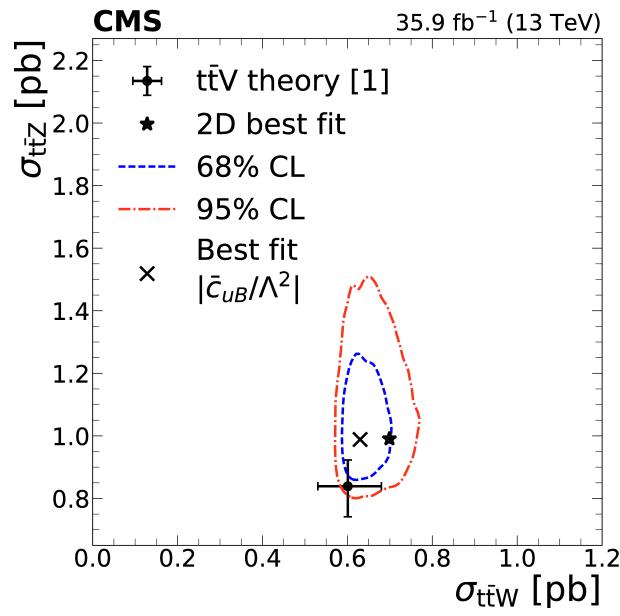
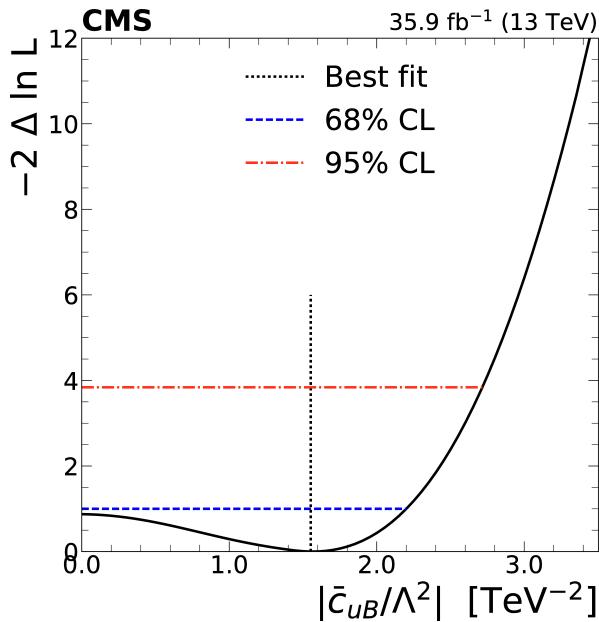
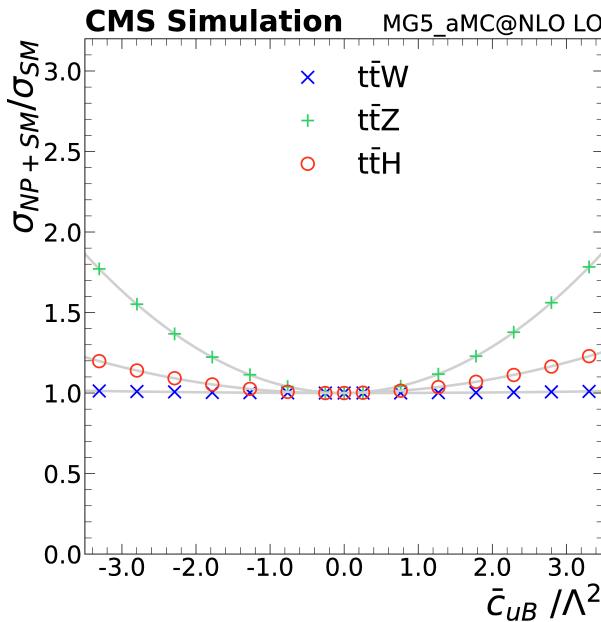
Multilepton  $t\bar{t}W$  and  $t\bar{t}Z$  xsec measurement, with additional interpretation in context of EFT

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$35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 13 TeV



- Eight operators selected that impact expected  $t\bar{t}Z/W/H$  cross section w/o significantly impacting expected backgrounds (mainly  $t\bar{t}$ )
- Constraints on the individual operators obtained by fitting to one operator at a time
- Full results in backup



# EFT interpretation: other results **NEW!**

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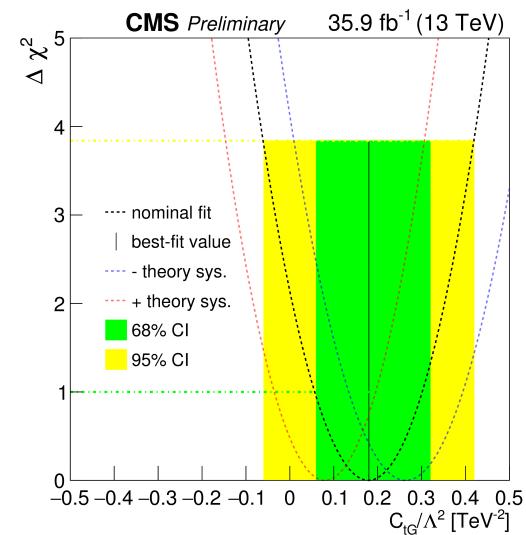
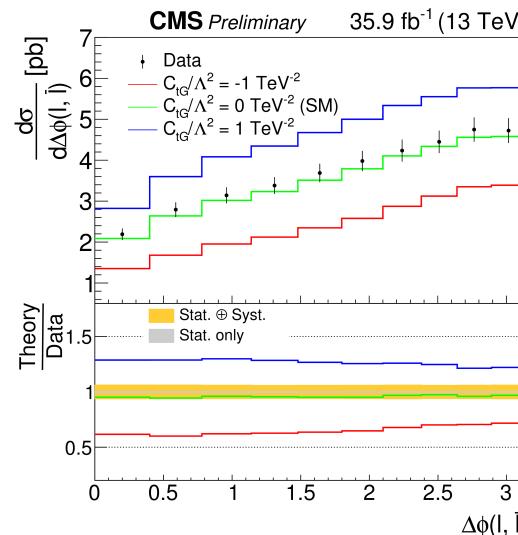
- **$t\bar{t}V + t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  cross section analysis in multilepton final states**
  - Details in talk yesterday by Clara Nellist
- **$t\bar{t}V$  measurement used to place limits on 5 EFT operators that would affect  $t\bar{t}Z$**
- Results in backup

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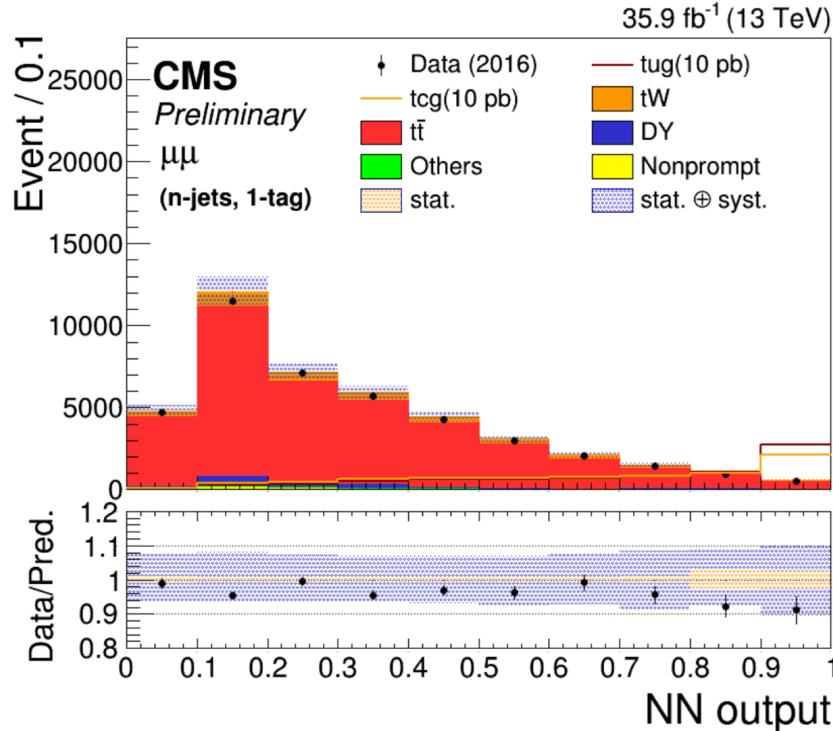


- Top chromomagnetic dipole moment constrained from differential  $t\bar{t}$  xsec as function of  $\Delta\phi(l\bar{l})$  at particle level
- Compared expected yields after varying  $C_{tG}$  operator strength using EFT predictions at NLO (PRD 91 (2015) 114010)
- Limit consistent with SM and improves previous results on  $C_{tG}/\Lambda^2$
- See talk by K. Kousouris



# EFT: Direct search for New Physics **NEW!**

## Search for deviations from the SM in single top (tW) and tt production



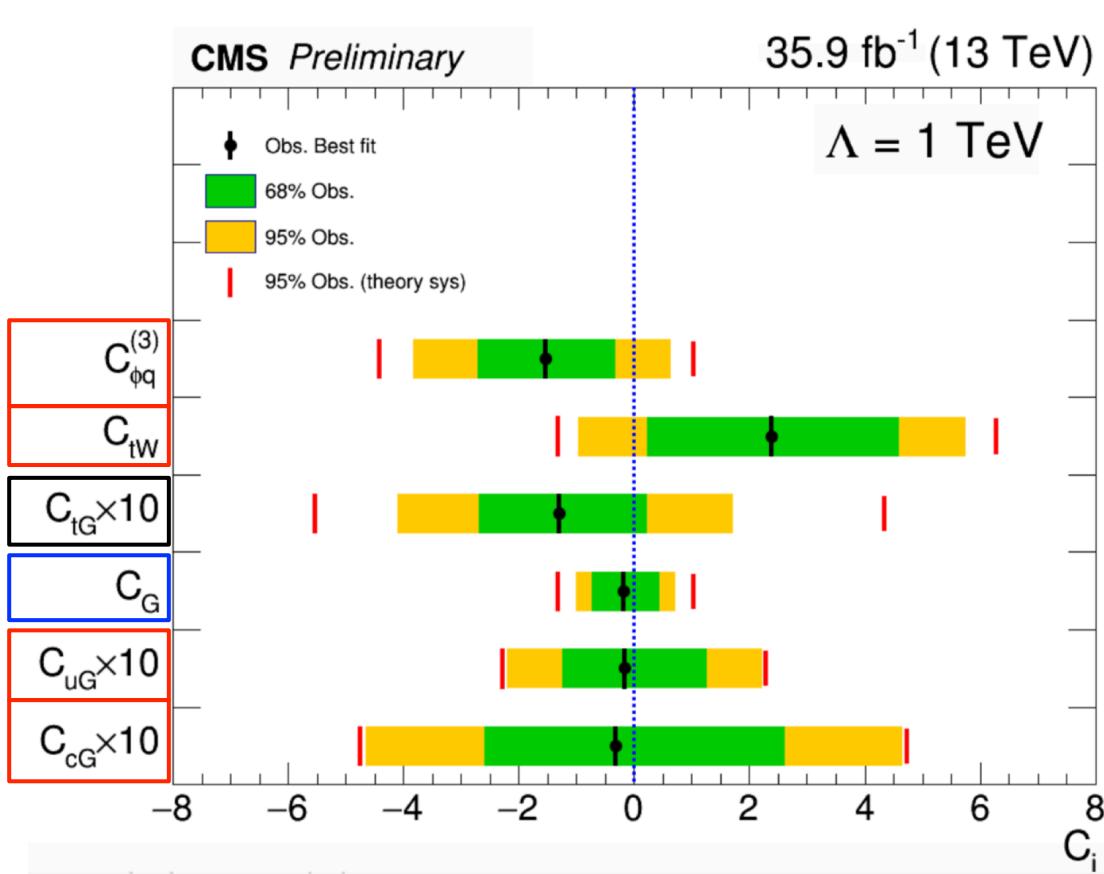
CMS PAS TOP-17-020

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- Event selection targeting dilepton + jets events
  - Separated by lepton flavor
  - tt:  $\geq 2$  jets (2 b jets)
  - tW: 1-2 jets (0-1 b jet).
- Signal extraction via neural networks (training dependent on analysis channel)

# EFT: Direct search for New Physics NEW!



  Single Top (tW)   t $\bar{t}$   
  Single Top (tW) + t $\bar{t}$

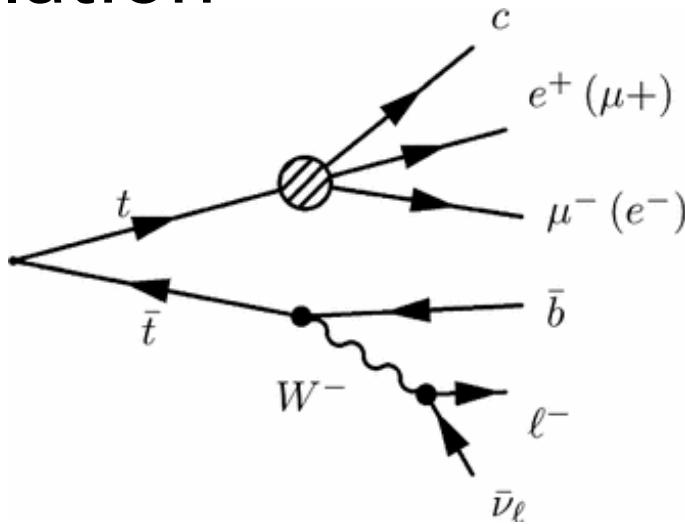


- Analysis sets limits on 6 EFT operators that affect t $\bar{t}$  and/or tW
- Limits on  $C_{uG}$  and  $C_{cG}$  translated to observed (expected) limits on FCNC BRs
- First experimental bound on  $C_G$  coupling

$B(t \rightarrow ug) < 0.12 \text{ (0.22)\% obs (exp)}$   
 $B(t \rightarrow cg) < 0.53 \text{ (1.05)\% obs (exp)}$

# Search for cLFV Top decays **NEW!**

## Charged Lepton Flavor Violation



[diagram: EPJ C (2015) 75: 450]

See poster by Carlo Gottardo!

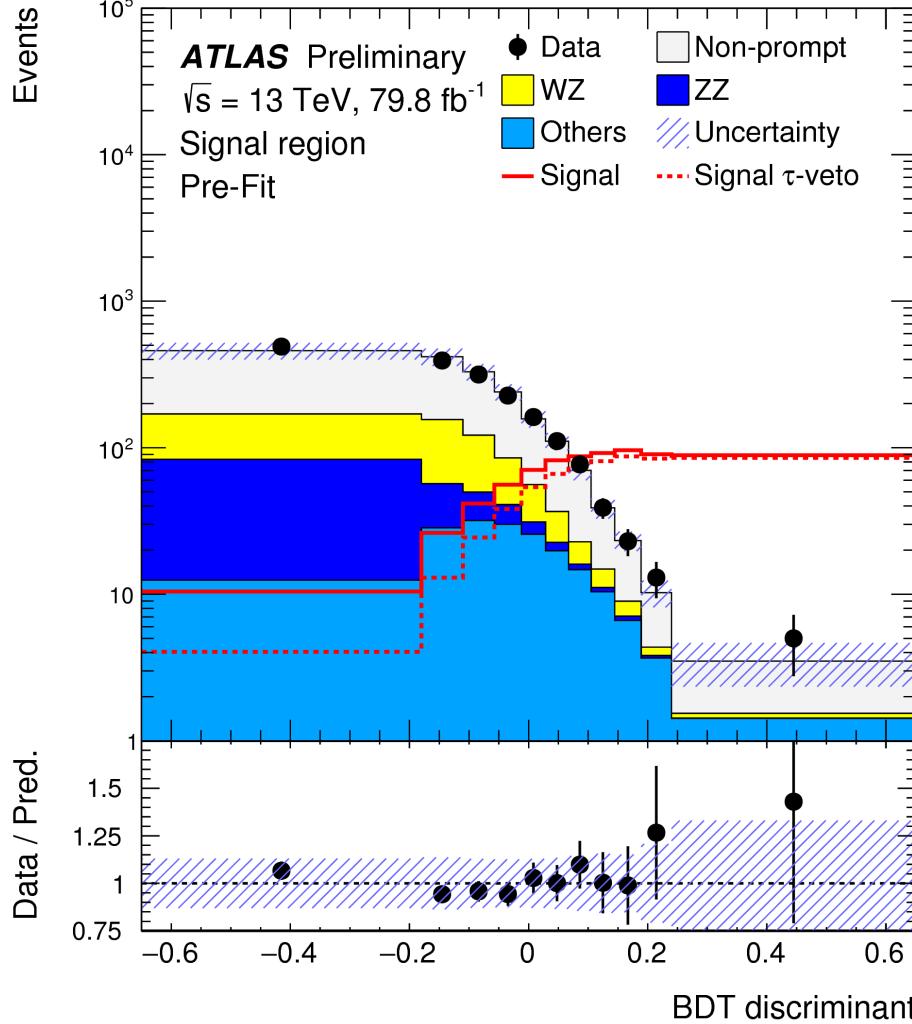
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79.8  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 13 TeV



- Top-quark pair production with the decays:
  - Different-flavor, opposite-sign dilepton + 1 up-type quark
  - SM leptonic decay
- Event signature: 3l +  $>= 2$  jets (1 b-jet)
- Main background: non-prompt leptons
  - Estimated using data-driven matrix method (tag-and-probe approach in control regions enriched in non-prompt leptons)

# Search for cLFV Top decays **NEW!**



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79.8  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 13 TeV



- Event reconstruction in signal region to reconstruct cLFV top quark
- Invariant mass of reconstructed cLFV top, other kinematic quantities used to train BDT  $\rightarrow$  final discriminant to set limits on Top cLFV BR

$$B(t \rightarrow \ell\ell'q) < 1.86(1.36) \times 10^{-5} \text{ obs (exp)}$$

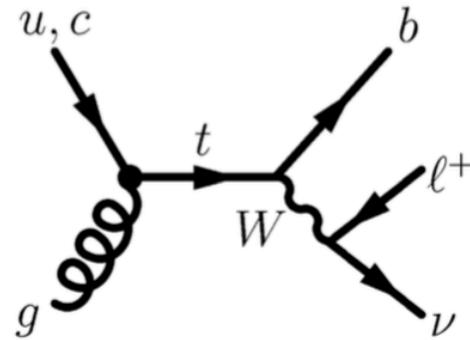
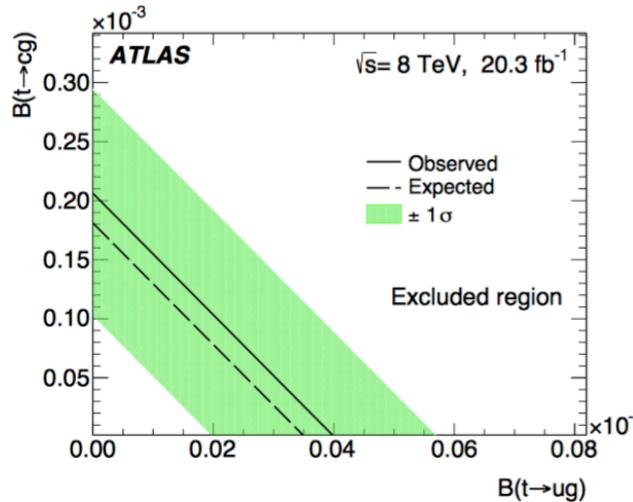
$$B(t \rightarrow e\mu q) < 6.6(4.8) \times 10^{-6} \text{ obs (exp)}$$

# Summary

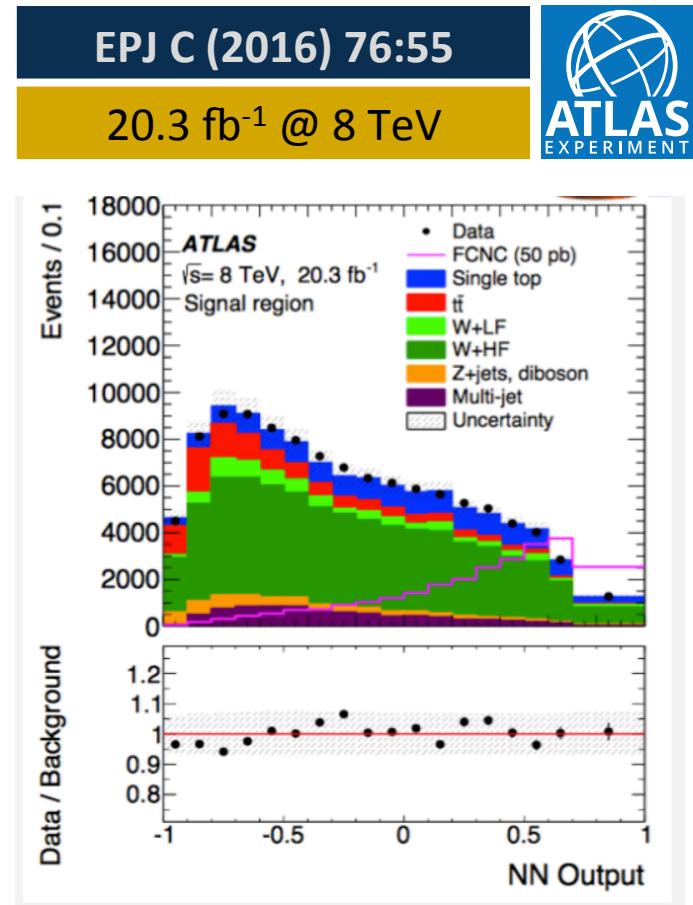
- No clear evidence (yet) for BSM effects in the Top sector
- Lots of activity in FCNC, AC and EFT Top analyses
  - Constraints on NP continue to tighten as more data is analyzed
  - See talk by K. Finelli tomorrow for tqH FCNC update!
- EFT gaining in popularity in BSM top physics
  - When appropriate, relatively straightforward to include constraints on EFT parameters in Top analyses
  - Way to do apples-to-apples comparison of BSM/NP constraints across different analyses

# Backup

# Top-gluon FCNC

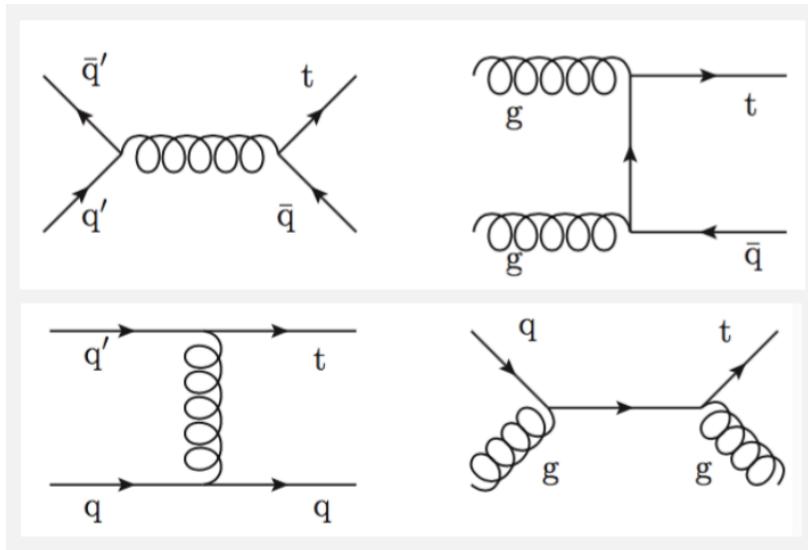


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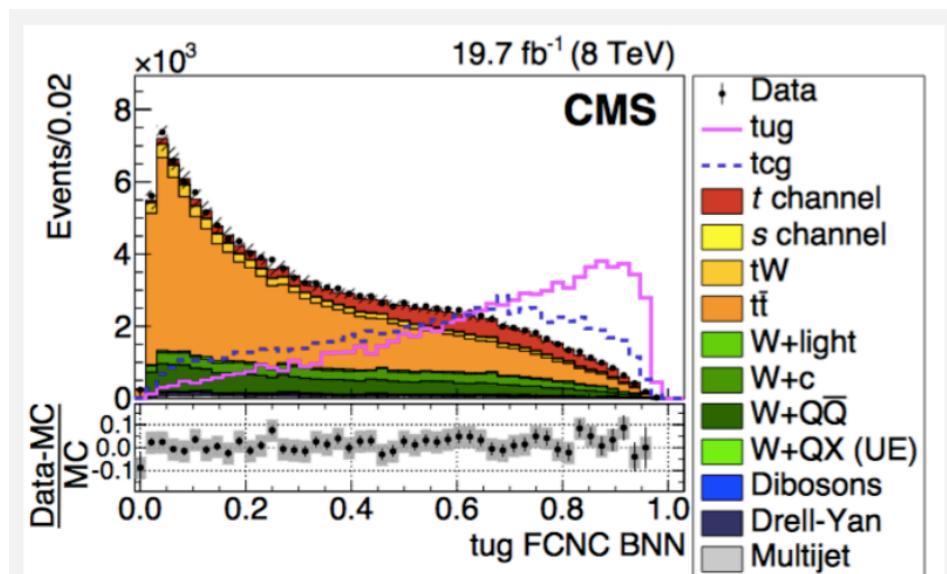
# Top-gluon FCNC



- Search for  $tqg$  FCNC in single top events
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- Best limits on  $B(t \rightarrow g u)$

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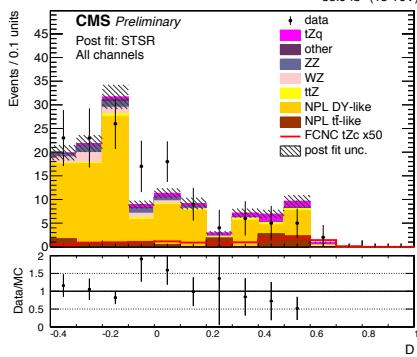
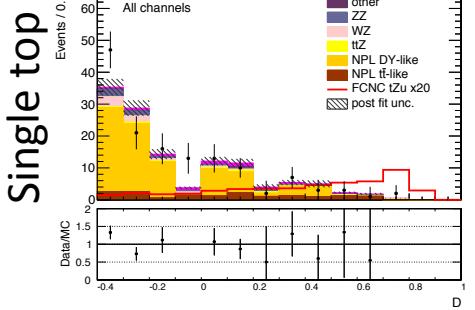
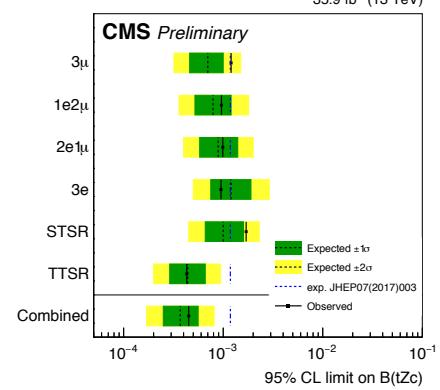
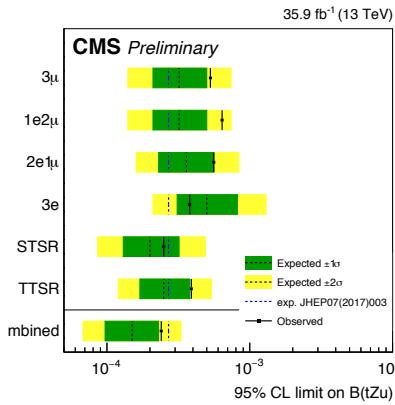
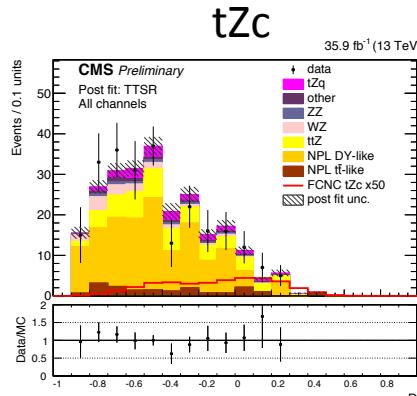
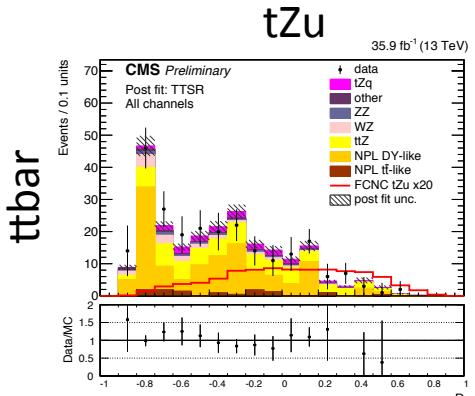
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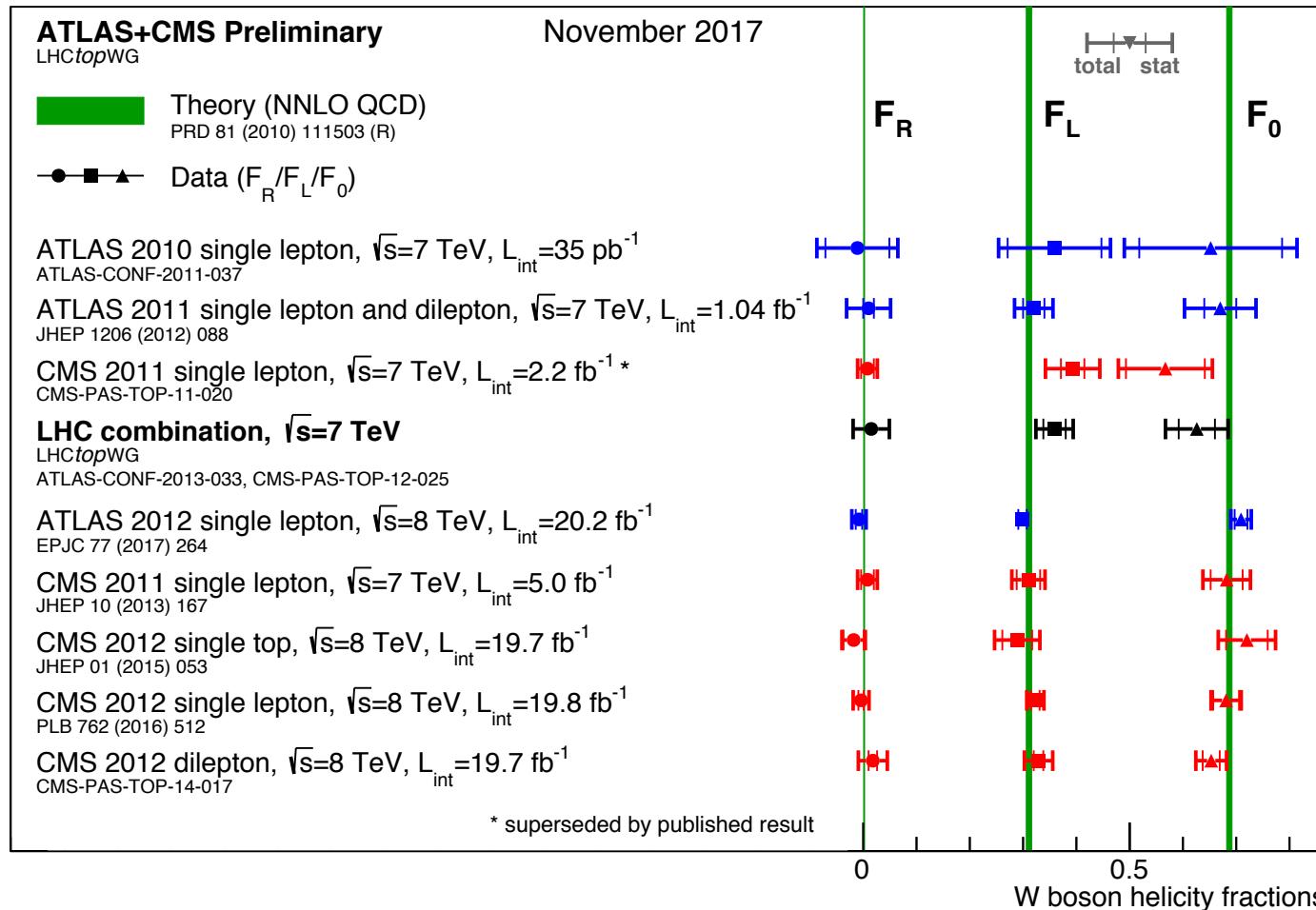
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- Above: upper limits broken down by analysis channel
- Left: BDTs used as inputs to the fit

# Summary of W helicity measurements



See also talk by Petra

# EFT with Top Quarks

- To investigate effects of NP on a given process using EFT, one must calculate the expected cross section as a function of the WCs:

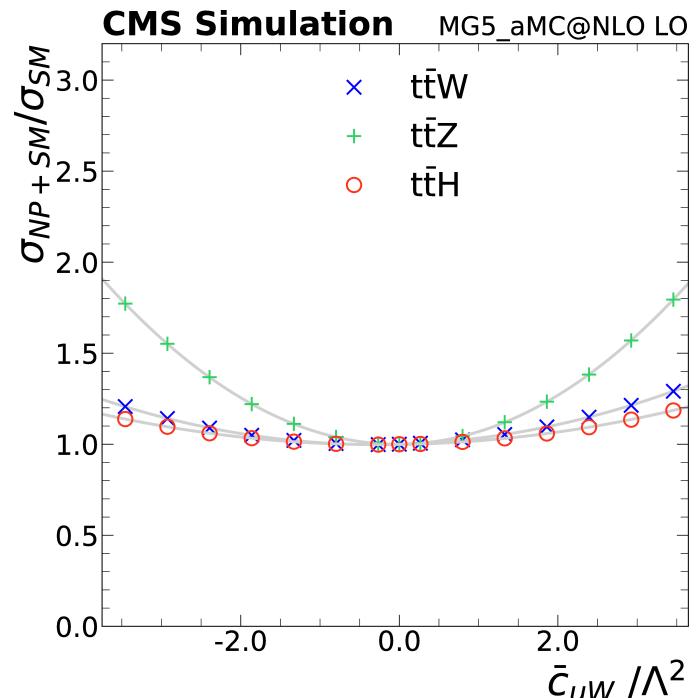
Matrix element      SM      EFT expansion

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_i c_i \mathcal{M}_i$$

- Xsec scales quadratically with WC strength:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{SM+NP}}(c_i) &\propto |\mathcal{M}|^2 \\ &\propto s_0 + s_1 c_i + s_2 c_i^2\end{aligned}$$

c.f. JHEP 08 (2018) 011



# EFT interpretation: $t\bar{t}W/Z$ cross section

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Results: limits placed on 8 EFT operators

Wilson coefficient	68% CL [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]	95% CL [ $\text{TeV}^{-2}$ ]
$\bar{c}_{uW}/\Lambda^2$	$[-1.6, 1.5]$	$[-2.2, 2.2]$
$ \bar{c}_H/\Lambda^2 - 16.8 \text{ TeV}^{-2} $	$[3.7, 23.4]$	$[0, 28.7]$
$\tilde{c}_{3G}/\Lambda^2$	$[-0.5, 0.5]$	$[-0.7, 0.7]$
$\bar{c}_{3G}/\Lambda^2$	$[-0.3, 0.7]$	$[-0.5, 0.9]$
$\bar{c}_{uG}/\Lambda^2$	$[-0.9, -0.8] \text{ and } [-0.3, 0.2]$	$[-1.1, 0.3]$
$ \bar{c}_{uB}/\Lambda^2 $	$[0, 1.5]$	$[0, 2.1]$
$\bar{c}_{Hu}/\Lambda^2$	$[-9.2, -6.5] \text{ and } [-1.6, 1.1]$	$[-10.1, 2.0]$
$\bar{c}_{2G}/\Lambda^2$	$[-0.7, 0.4]$	$[-0.9, 0.6]$

# EFT interpretation: $t\bar{t}X$ measurement

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Interpretations of the inclusive cross-section measurement in terms of Effective Field Theory (EFT).

- Set constraints on the five operators which modify the  $t\bar{t}Z$  vertex:  $O_{\phi Q}^{(3)}, O_{\phi Q}^{(1)}, O_{\phi t}, O_{tW}, O_{tB}$
- First two enter the  $t\bar{t}Z$  vertex as a linear combination
  - measurement is sensitive to the difference:  $C_{\phi Q}^{(3)} - C_{\phi Q}^{(1)}$
- Only one operator is considered at a time.

Coefficient	Expected limits at 68% and 95 % CL	Observed limits at 68% and 95 % CL	Previous constraints at 95 % CL
$(C_{\phi Q}^{(3)} - C_{\phi Q}^{(1)})/\Lambda^2$	[-2.1, 1.9], [-4.6, 3.7]	[-1.0, 2.7], [-3.4, 4.3]	[-3.4, 7.5] <small>JHEP 05 (2016) 052</small>
$C_{\phi t}/\Lambda^2$	[-3.8, 2.8], [-23, 5.0]	[-2.0, 3.6], [-27, 5.7]	[-2.0, 5.7]
$C_{tB}/\Lambda^2$	[-8.3, 8.6], [-12, 13]	[-11, 10], [-15, 15]	[-16, 43]
$C_{tW}/\Lambda^2$	[-2.8, 2.8], [-4.0, 4.1]	[-2.2, 2.5], [-3.6, 3.8]	[-0.15, 1.9]

# EFT: Search for New Physics

Search for new physics in top quark  
dilepton final states (backup)

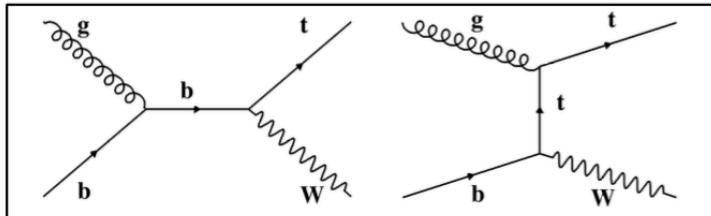
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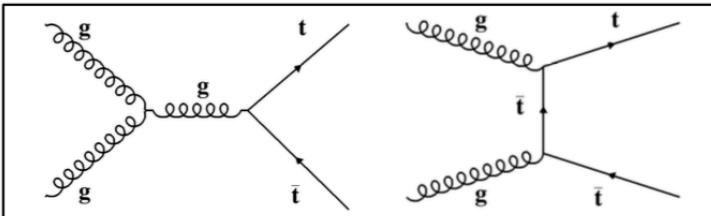


Contributions  
From SM

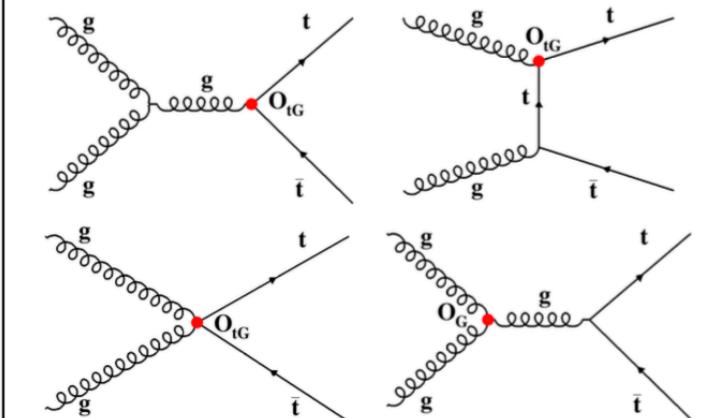
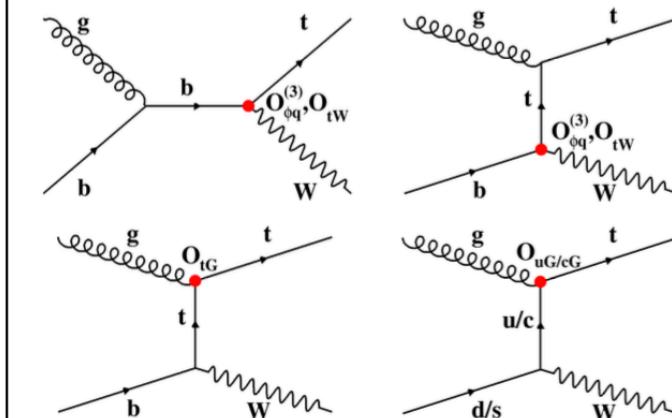
Single Top (tW)



TTBar



Contributions  
From EFT



# Search for cLFV Top decays

## Ranked list of variables used in BDT

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Variable	Separation (%)
OSSF lepton pair invariant mass	11
cLFV top mass	10
$p_T$ of the electron associated to the cLFV decay	9.1
$p_T$ of the muon associated to the cLFV decay	8.5
$p_T$ of the lepton associated to the SM decay	8.3
Scalar mass of all jets and leptons in the event	7.6
Same-sign electron pair invariant mass	6.9
Missing transverse momentum	6.8
Number of $b$ -jets	6.7
$W$ transverse mass associated to the SM top lepton	6.6
$\Delta R$ between the cLFV electron and the cLFV light jet	6.5
SM top mass	6.4
$\Delta R$ between the cLFV muon and the cLFV light jet	6.3
BDT discriminant	44