



Searches for BSM interactions with top quarks with additional final-state leptons EFT interpretations

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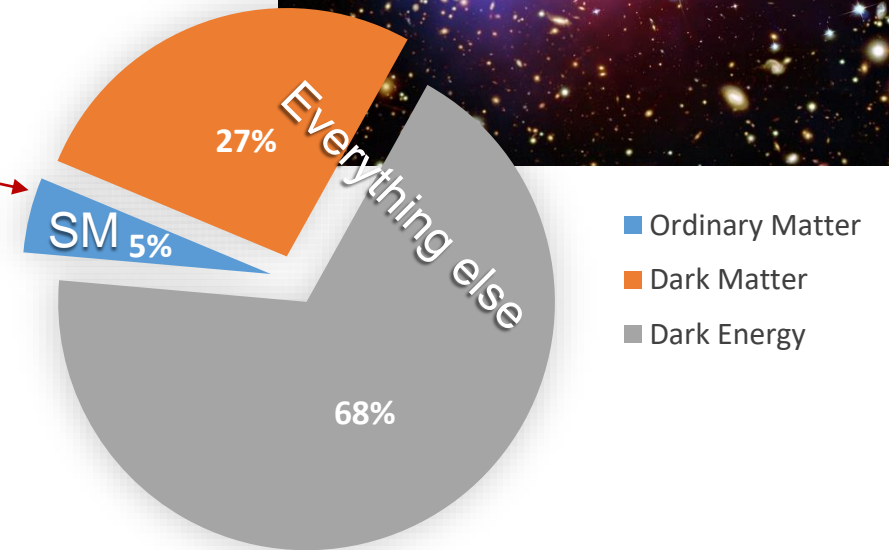
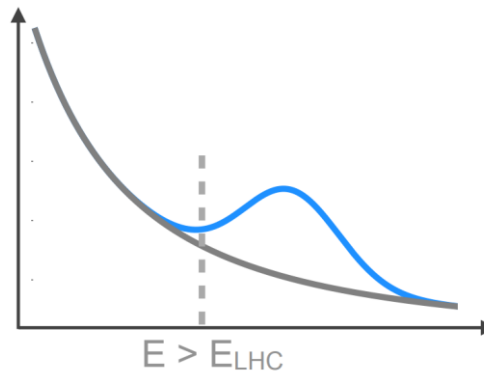
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Motivation for new physics

The standard model of particle physics (SM) is a very precise theory, but only accounts for 5% of the energy content of the universe

The LHC has been running for 10 years with no clear signs of new physics

What if $\Lambda_{\text{New physics}} > \Lambda_{\text{LHC}}$?



Introduction to SM effective field theory (SMEFT)

New physics at scales beyond what the LHC can directly probe can be approximated by expanding terms of higher dimensional (d) operators \mathcal{O} consisting of SM fields

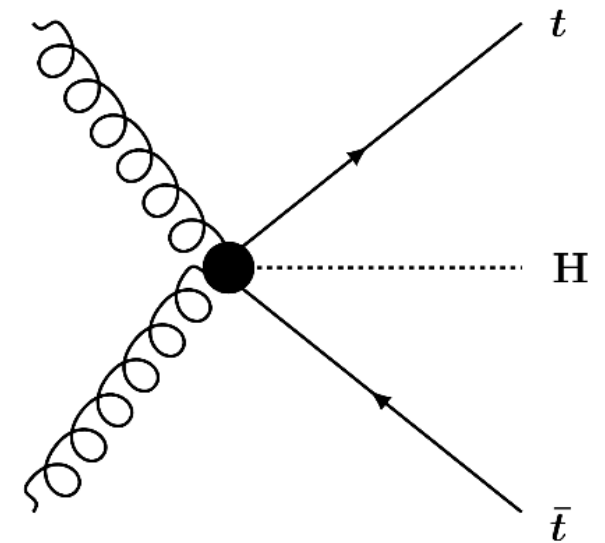
Operators are **suppressed** by powers of the energy scale Λ , and the strength is controlled by the **Wilson coefficients (WCs)** c_i

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d,i} \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

Odd dimensions **violate** lepton and baryon numbers

Focusing on **dimension-6**

dim-8+ suppressed by additional powers of Λ





Analysis overview

Dimension-six is the lowest order **non-LFV** SMEFT term

Global fit for 26 dimension-six WCs using data collected in 2016-2018 (138 fb^{-1})

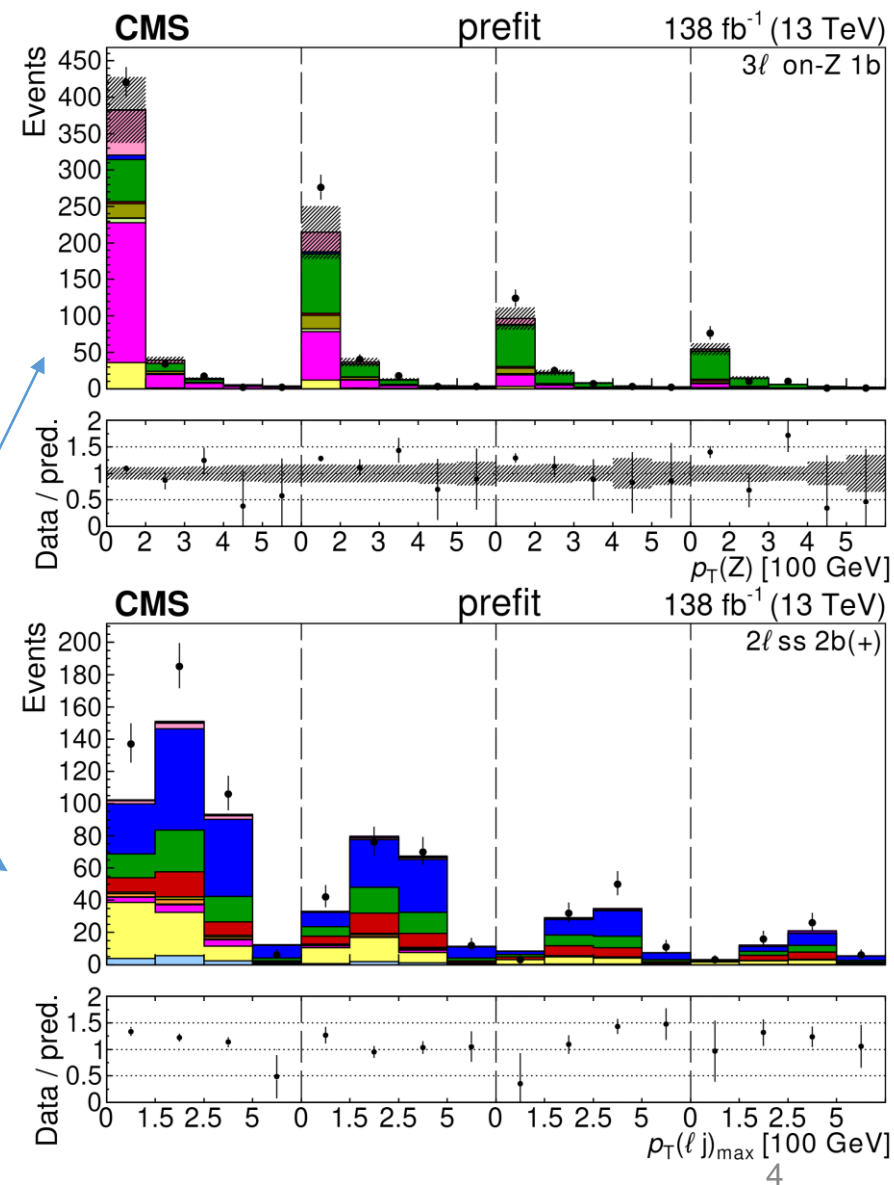
Probe EFT effects in **multilepton** final states

Fitting **kinematic variables** (178 bins)

- p_T of Z-boson for most 3ℓ on-shell Z production ($p_T(Z)$)
- p_T of the leading pair of leptons and/or jets ($p_T(\ell j)_{\max}$)

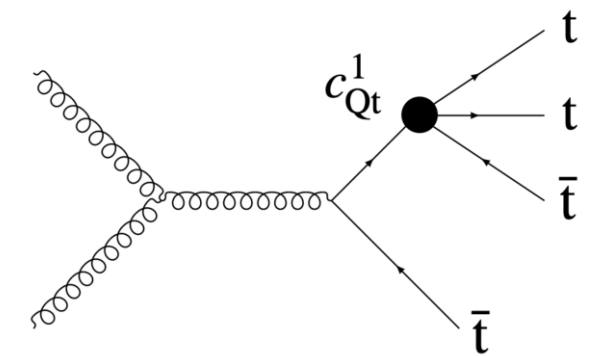
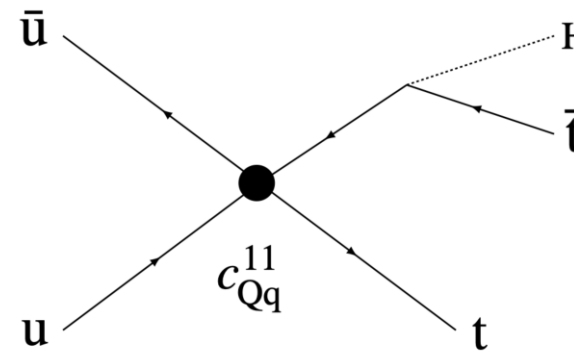
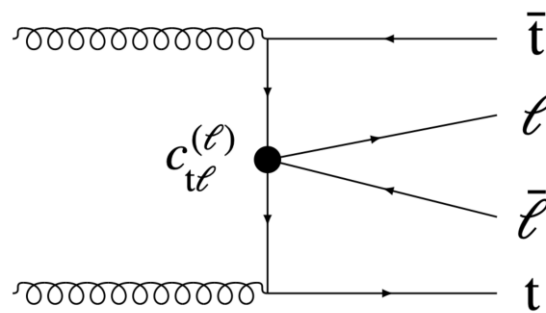
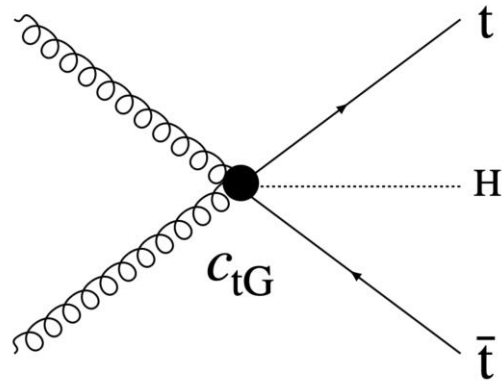
No assumptions made to the underlying correlations

Production modes: $t\bar{t}l\nu$, $t\bar{t}ll$, $tllq$, $t\bar{t}H$, tHq , and $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$



Model operators

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)	$c_{Q\ell}^{3(\ell)}, c_{Q\ell}^{-\ell}, c_{Q\ell}^{(\ell)}, c_{t\ell}^{(\ell)}, c_{t\ell}^{(\ell)}, c_t^{S(\ell)}, c_t^{T(\ell)}$
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)	$c_{QQ}^1, c_{Qt}^1, c_{Qt}^8, c_{tt}^1$



EFT parametrization

Matrix element is a function of WCs

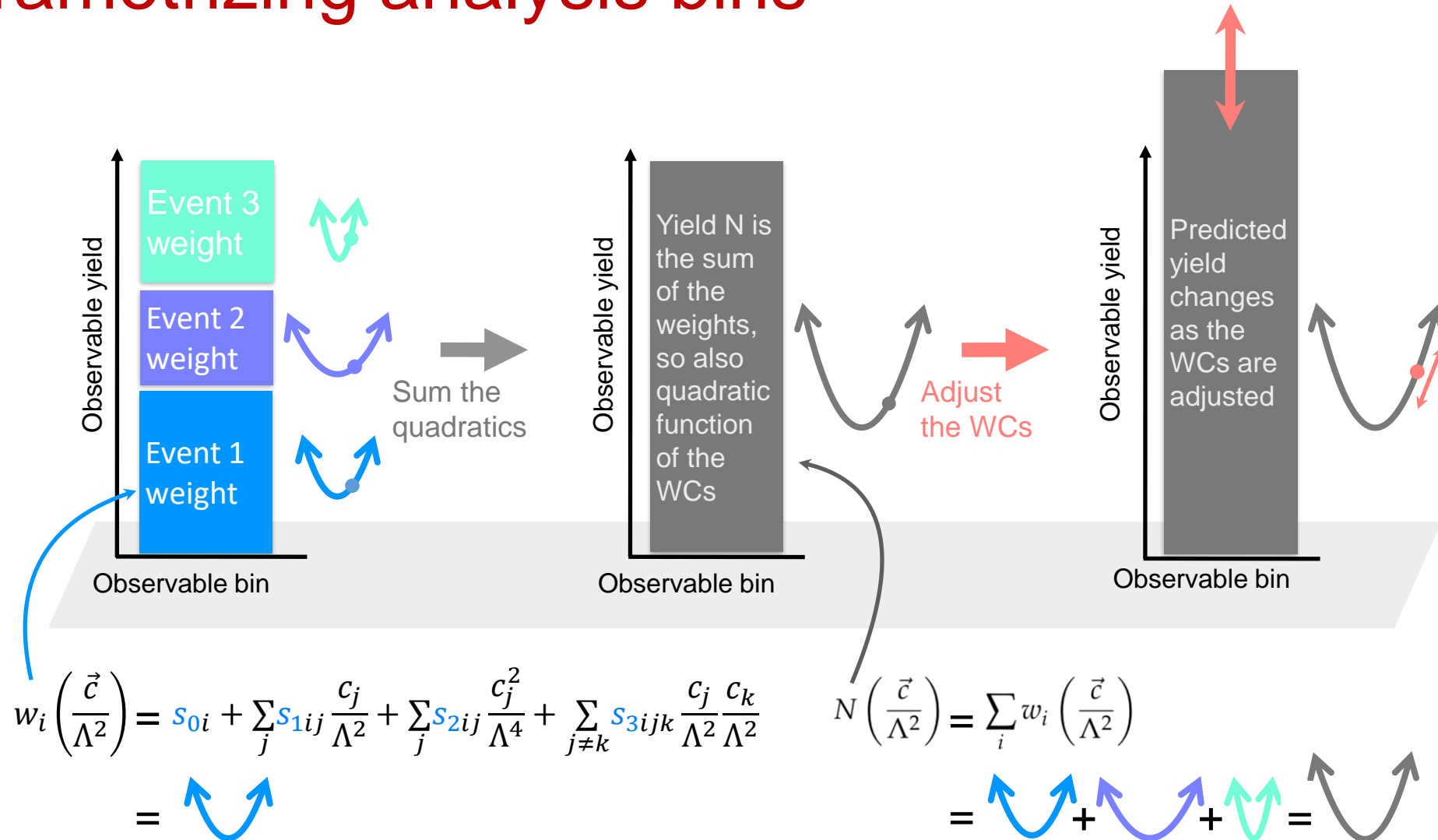
$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_j \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{M}_j$$

Events are weighted depending on simulated cross section ($\propto \mathcal{M}^2$)

$$w_i \left(\frac{\vec{c}}{\Lambda^2} \right) = s_{0i} + \sum_j s_{1ij} \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^2} + \sum_j s_{2ij} \frac{c_j^2}{\Lambda^4} + \sum_{j \neq k} s_{3ijk} \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^2} \frac{c_k}{\Lambda^2}$$

SM term
SM interference term
Pure EFT term
EFT interference term

Parametrizing analysis bins



Unique challenges overcome

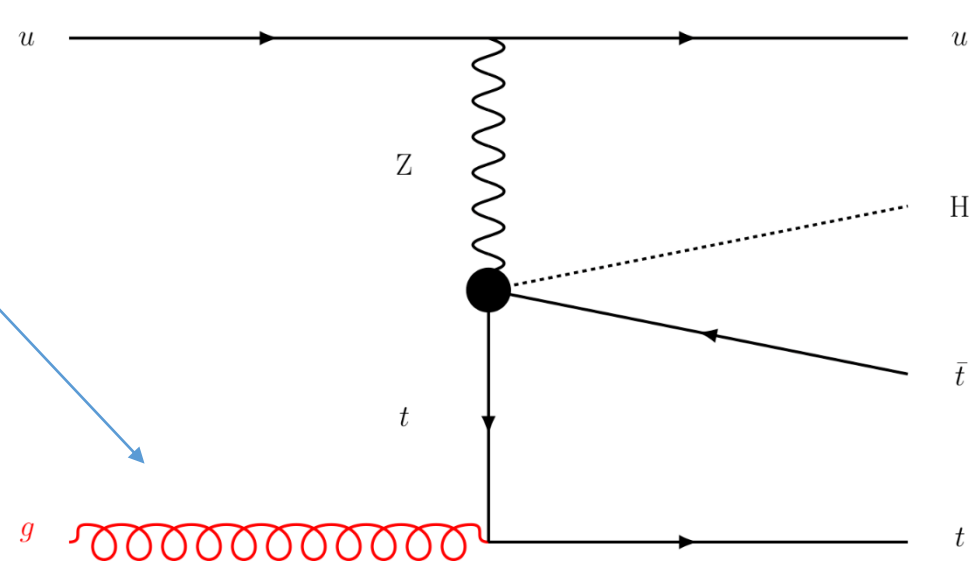
Simulation samples generated at **non-SM** point to cover more complete phase space

Extra partons are added when possible in matrix element

Generated enough simulations to over constrain structure constants in quadratic parameterization

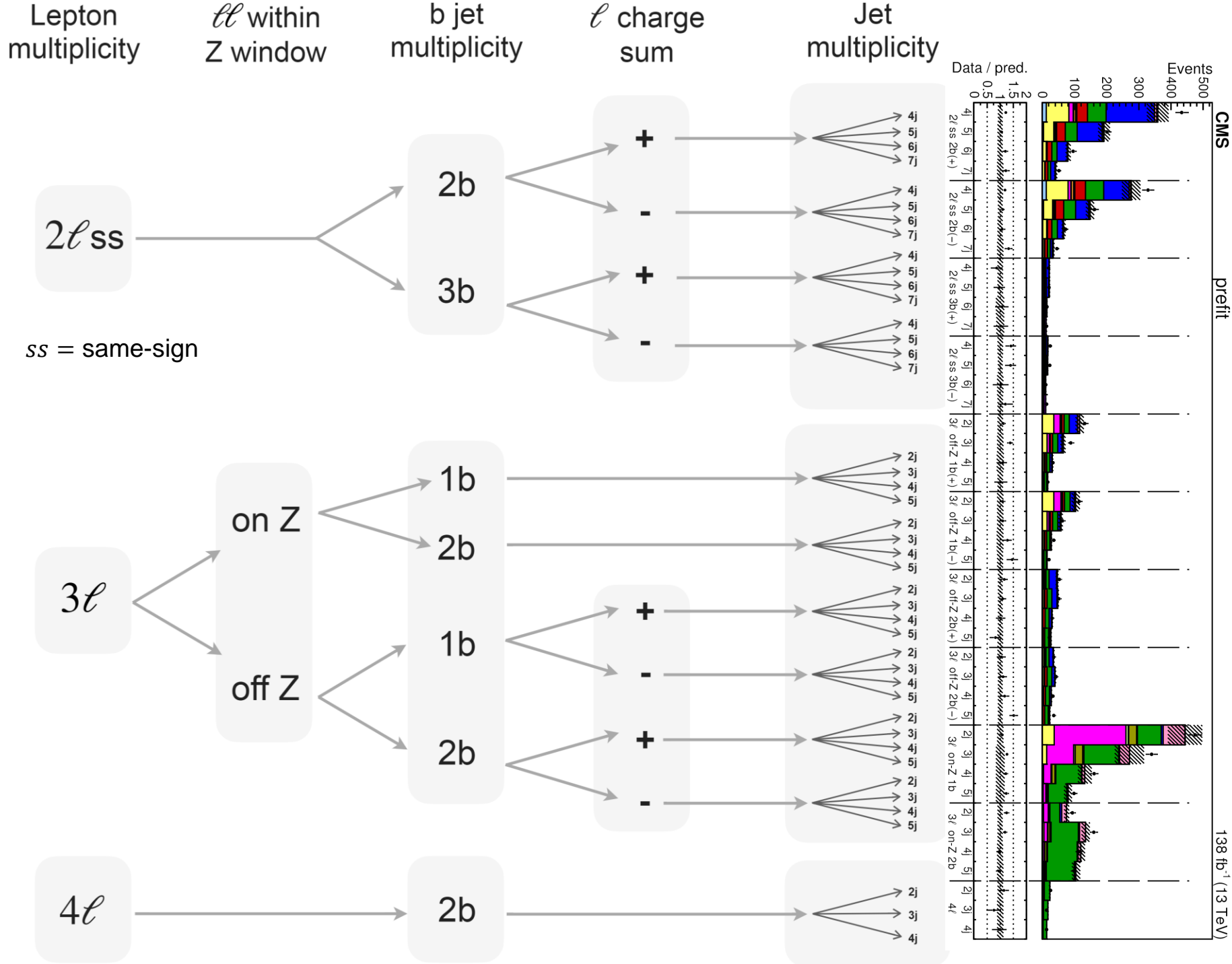
Parameterization used to **simultaneously** fit all 26 WCs

Largest backgrounds:
non-prompt lepton (**data driven**) and diboson background

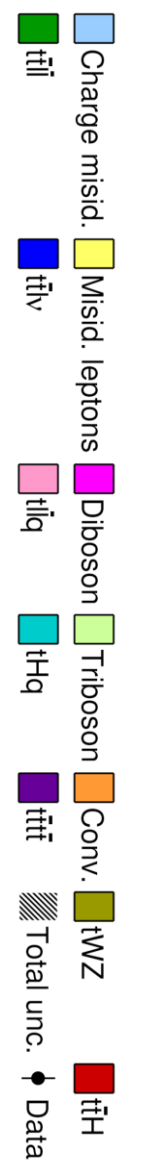


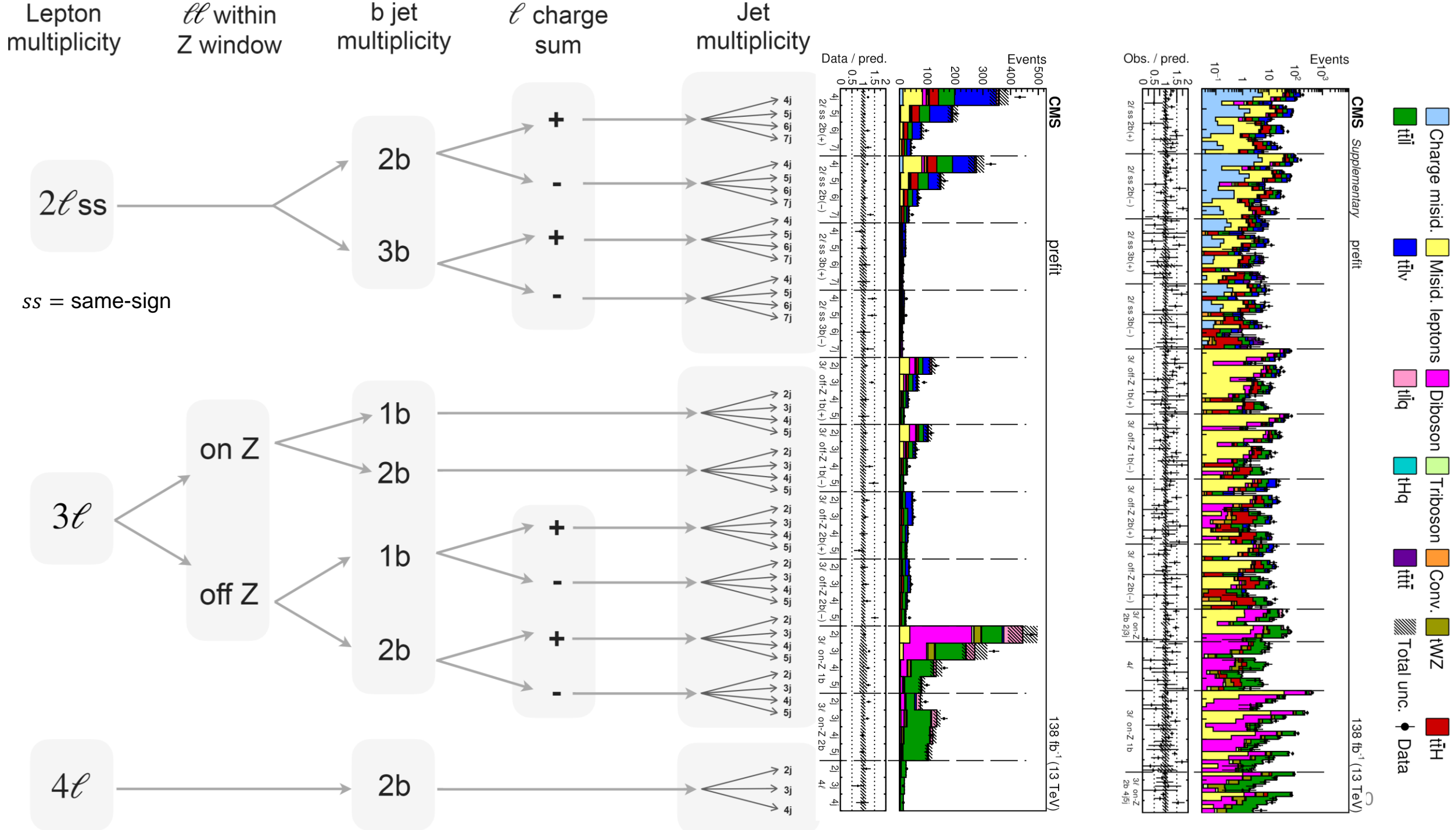
Computationally intensive framework – 210 NPs, $\sim 2.7\text{M}$ templates

Goal of **10-minute** histogram time in sight

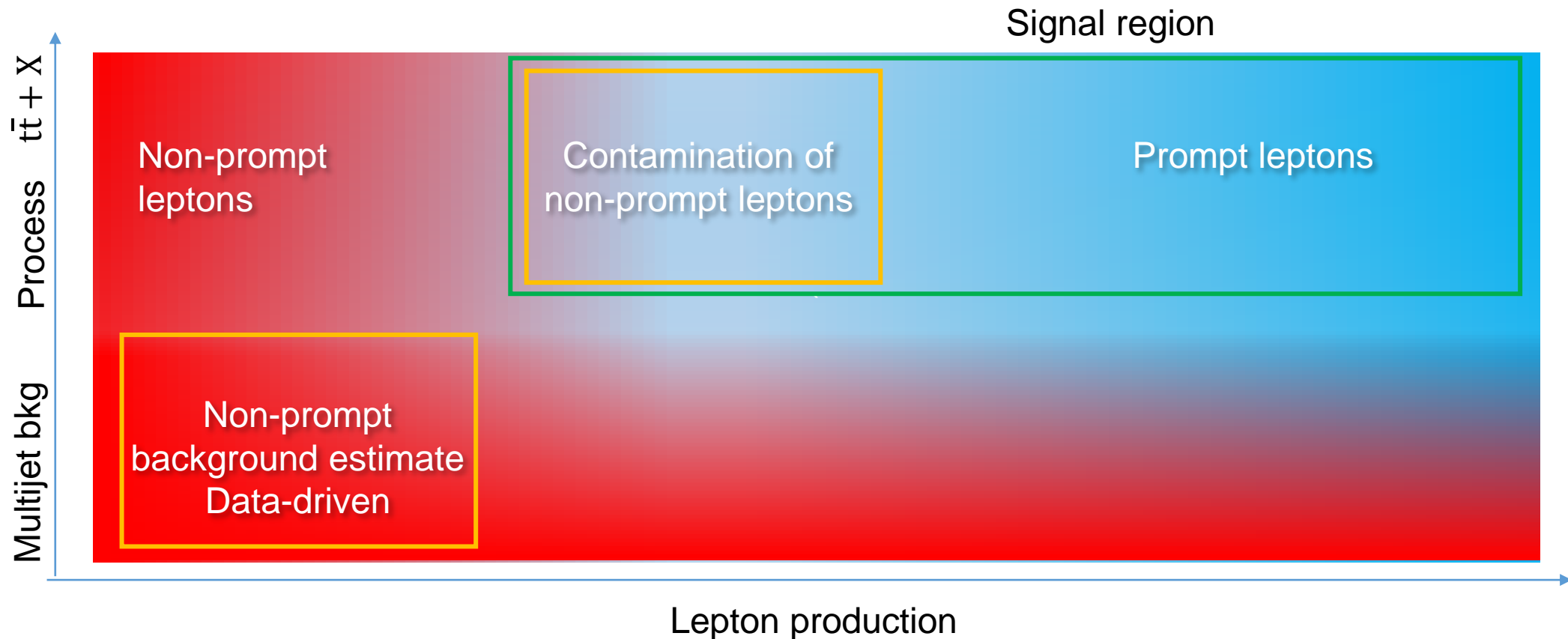


*differential distributions integrated out in plot





Misidentified lepton background



Probability of a non-prompt lepton passing **prompt** cuts is measured in a **multijet** enriched region

Data-driven

Fitting procedure

Each bin is treated as a **Poisson** experiment with a probability of obtaining the observed data

Profiled likelihood simultaneously fits all bins; extract the 95% confidence intervals of the various WCs

Two fitting procedures are used:

Scan single WC, other 25 are **unconstrained nuisance parameters**

- More physical of the two, no reason for new physics to only favor one WC

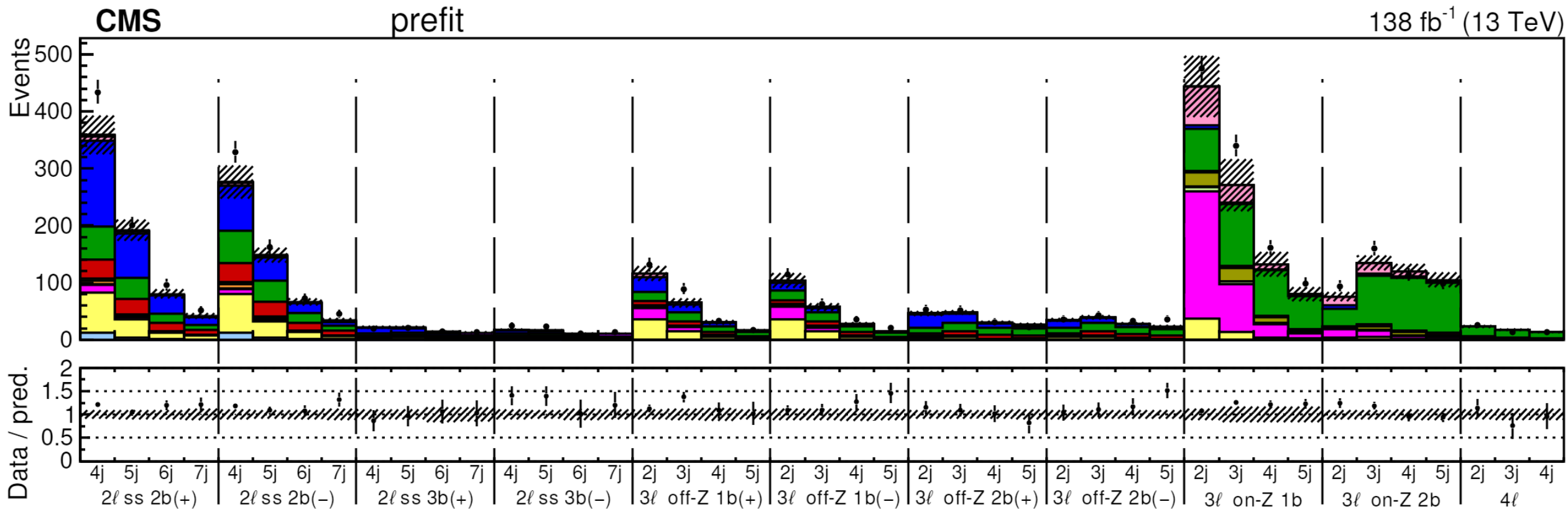
Scan a single WC, other 25 are fixed to their **SM value of zero**

- Extreme scenario where nature has a single WC; lack of correlations → single WC must account for all discrepancies between data and simulation

Initial expected yields

Kinematic variables integrated out

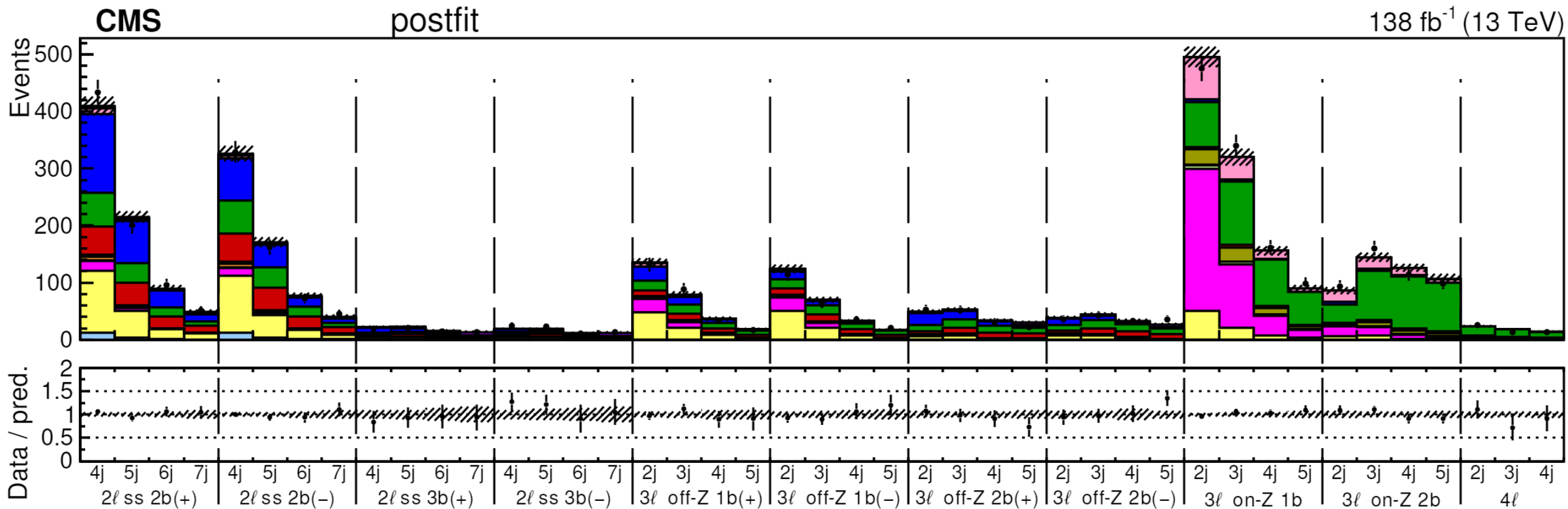
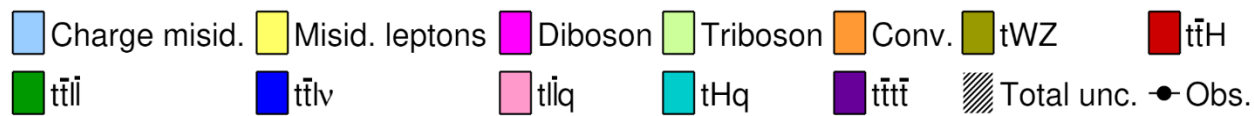
All WCs set to 0



Fitted expected yields

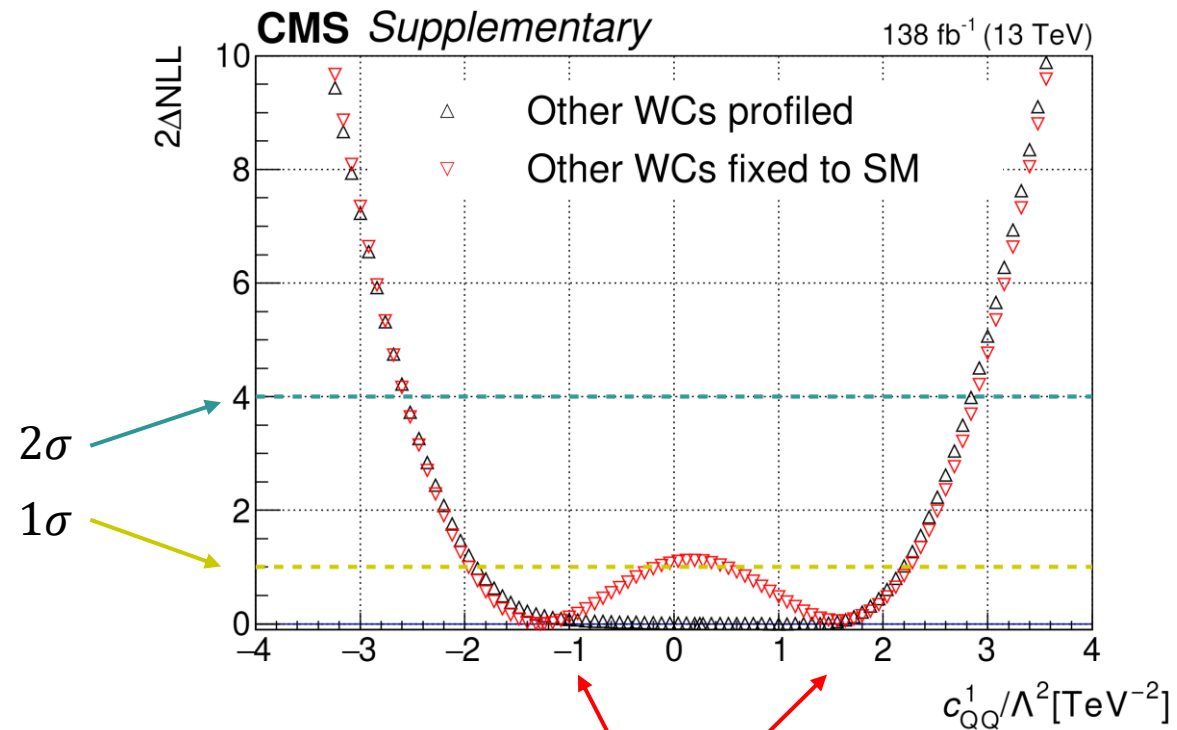
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All WCs set to best fit values



Visualizing likelihood: single WC scan

Scanning c_{QQ}^1 while the other 25 are **profiled** or **fixed to the SM** value of zero

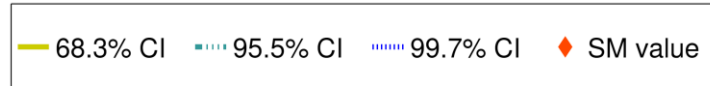


Degenerate minima widen the NLL curve

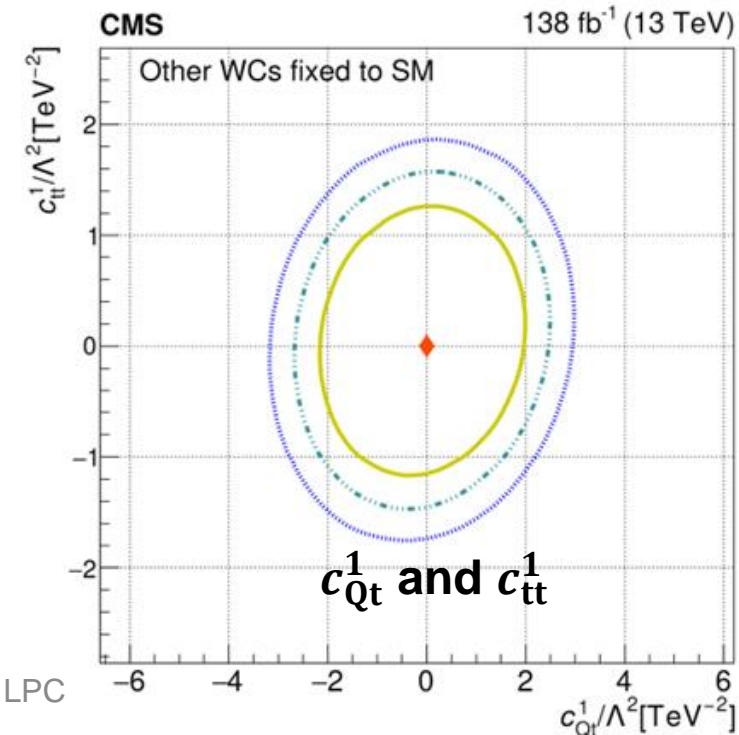
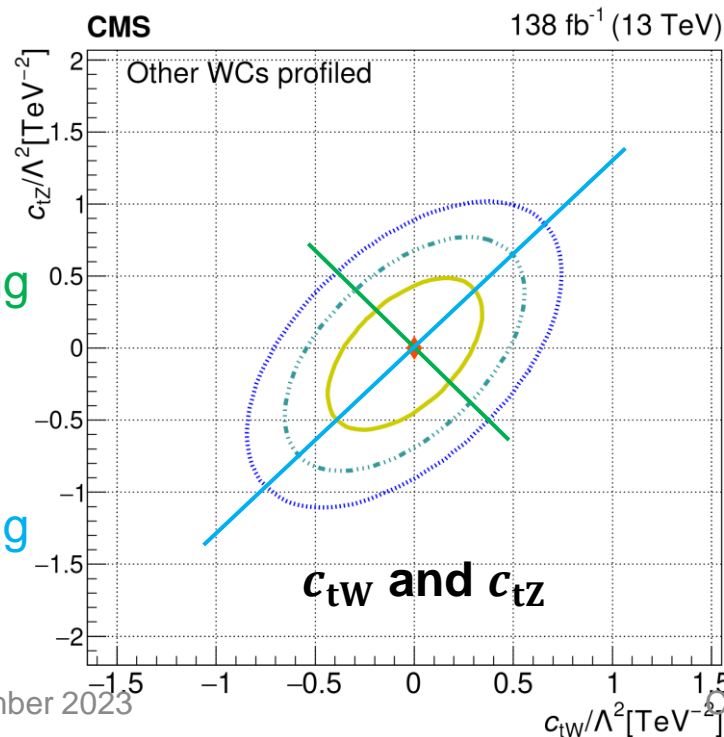
Visualizing likelihood: two-dimensional WC scans

Pairs of WCs are also scanned to help investigate the **correlations** between WCs, as visualizing the full **26-dimensional hypersurface** is not feasible

Other 24 WCs **profiled**



Other 24 WCs are **fixed to SM**



Better constraints along the negative vertical axis
 Looser constraints along the positive vertical axis

2 WCs must compensate for other 24 → less correlation

Important/unique systematic uncertainties

Monte Carlo simulation modeling

- **Scale uncertainties** – QCD and PDF cross section uncertainties (normalization)
- **Diboson jet multiplicity** – Diboson jet rate scale derived from control regions

Analysis specific

- **Misidentified lepton rate estimate** – Contamination from **non-prompt** leptons
Overcome by examining the analysis side-bands

Data-driven → statistically **limited**

- **Missing parton** – LO to NLO corrections for single-t samples

Important in limits

Unique to analysis



Results

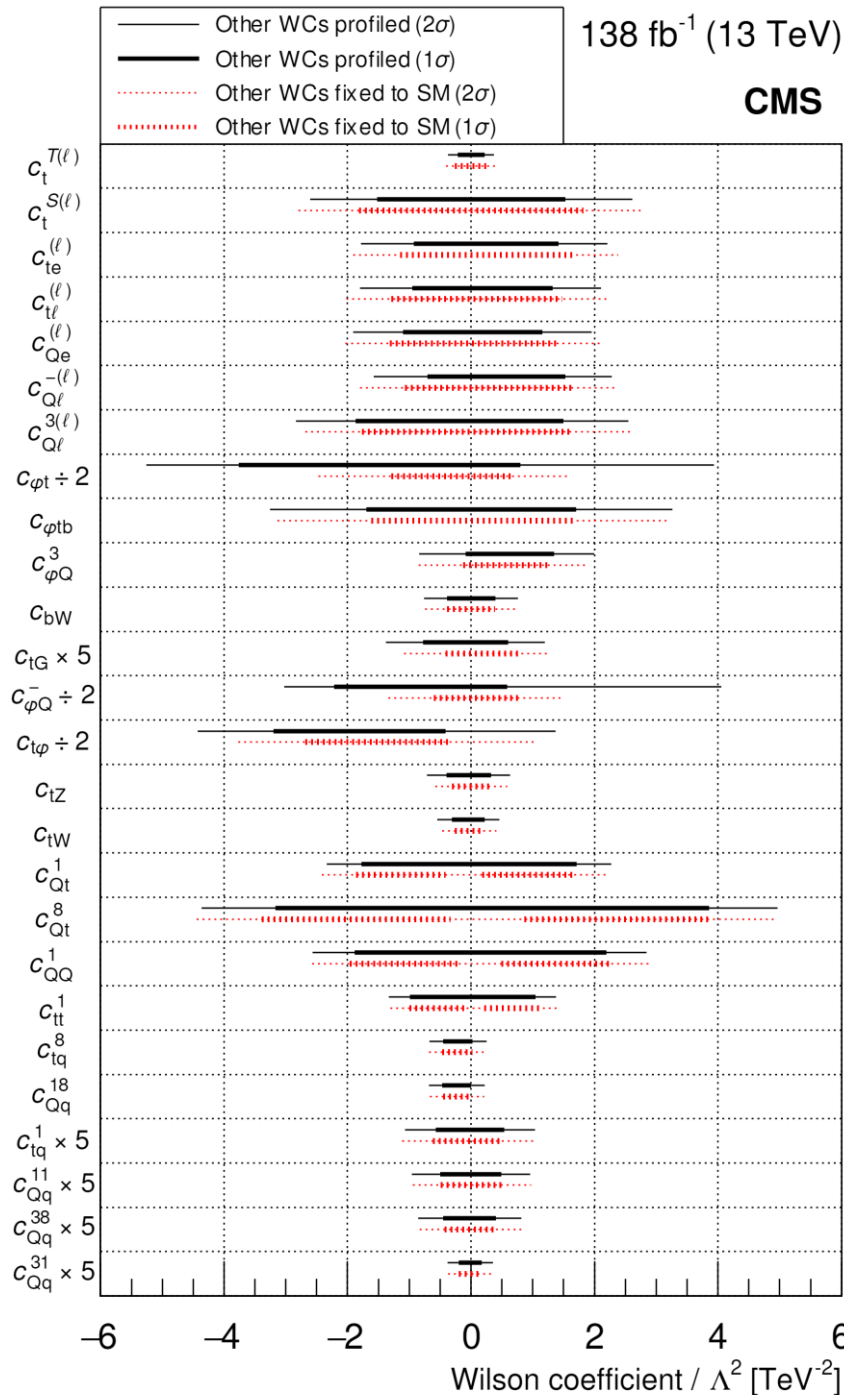
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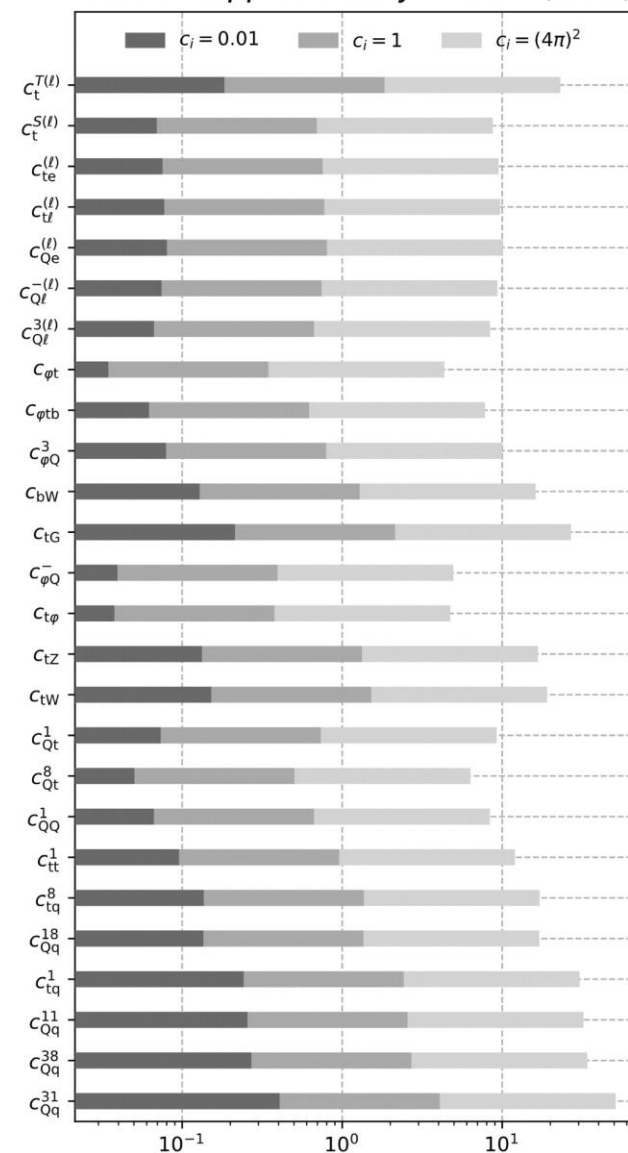
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138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

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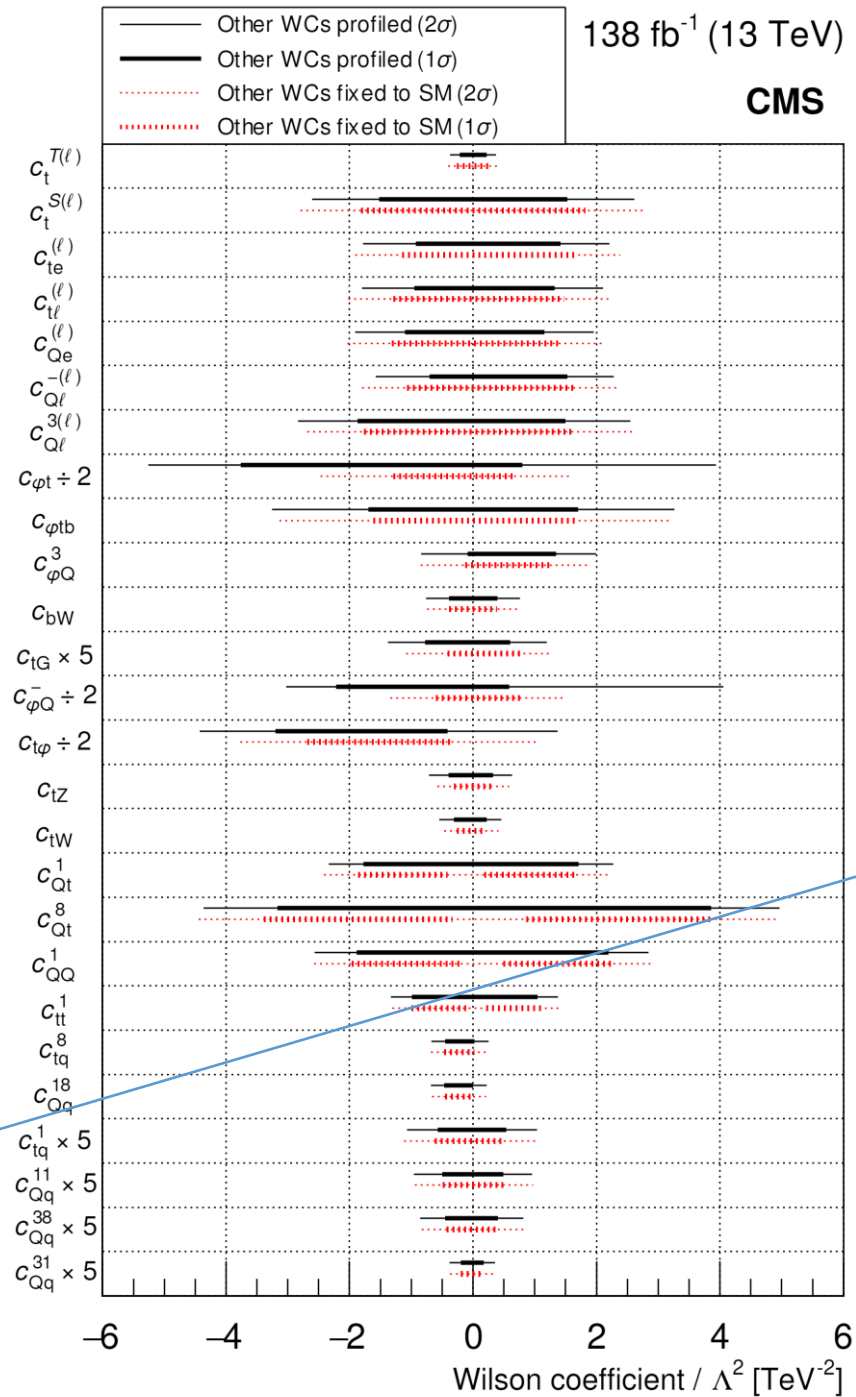
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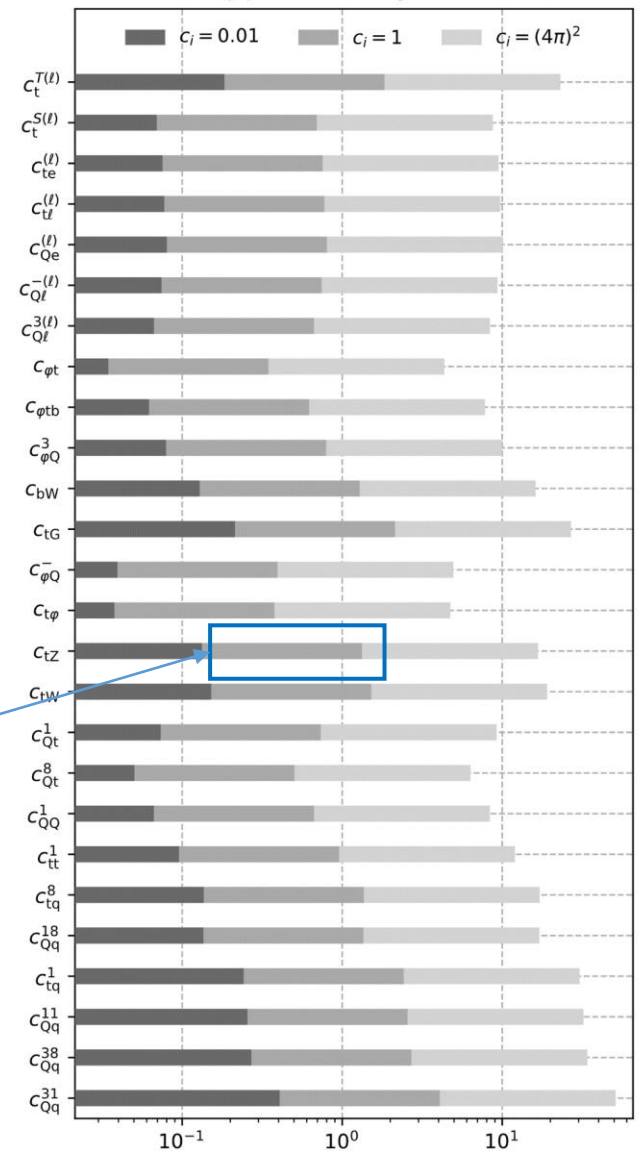
- Range at which we can probe new physics
- E.g., if nature set $c_{tZ} = 1$ we would measure $\Lambda \approx 1$ TeV

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Summary

EFT in t quark + additional lepton final states

- Run 2 data (138 fb^{-1})
- Kinematic distributions – $p_{\text{T}}(lj)_{\text{max}}$ and $p_{\text{T}}(Z)$
- 95% confidence intervals extracted for 26 WCs

Very technical analysis with many moving parts

- Statistical inference computationally intensive

All WCs consistent with SM

Backup

Dim6TopEFT Model

EFT simulations are generated by MADGRAPH_aMC@NLO using the [dim6TopEFT\[1\]](#) model

- [Warsaw basis](#) of dimension six operators
- $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$
- CKM matrix is assumed to be a [unit matrix](#)
- u, d, s, c, e, μ masses all set to [zero](#)
- The unitary gauge is used and Goldstone bosons are removed
- [Baryon](#) and [lepton](#) number violating operators are [not](#) included
- Only [tree-level](#) simulation is possible

[1] <https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.07237>