

Search for EFT in top quark production with additional leptons

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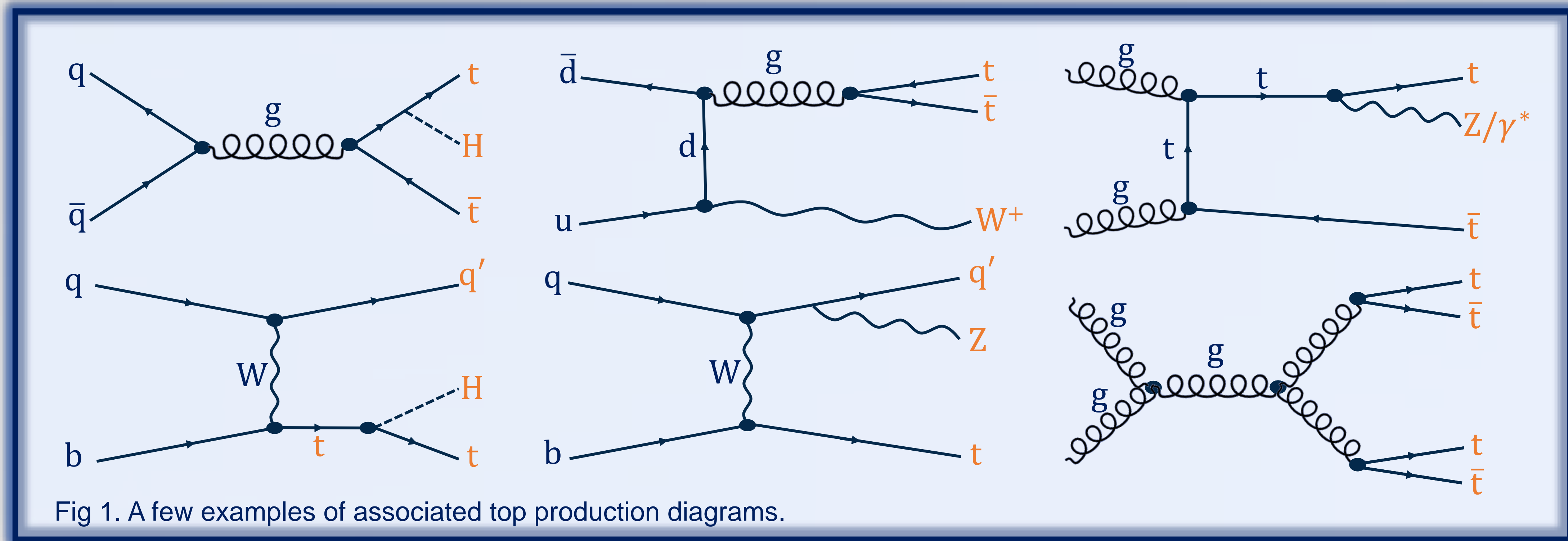
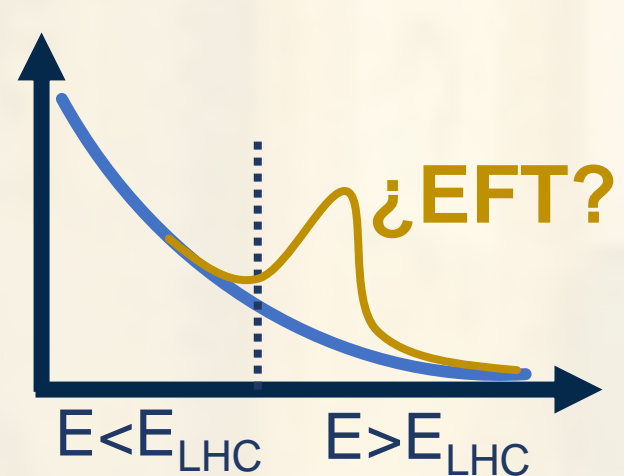


Fig 1. A few examples of associated top production diagrams.

MOTIVATION

- New particles may not be light enough to be produced on-shell at the LHC. **Indirect methods** of probing higher energy scales are thus an important part of **searches for new physics at the energy frontier**.
- One example of this type of approach is **effective field theory (EFT)**, a flexible framework that comprehensively describes the off-shell effects of new physics at a mass scale Λ .
- EFT extends the SM Lagrangian with higher-dimensional **operators**, that describe physics at a **scale** Λ , interacting with a strength determined by a dimensionless parameter called **Wilson coefficient (WC)**, c .



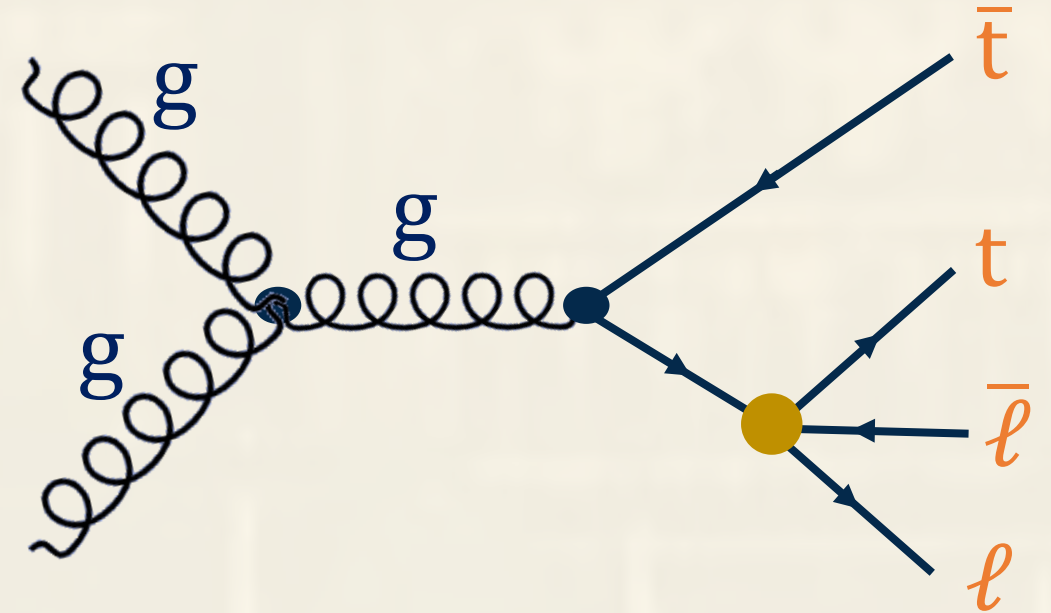
$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{d,i} \frac{c_i^d}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^d$$

We focus on the **d 6 terms**, as they are the lowest order terms that contribute.

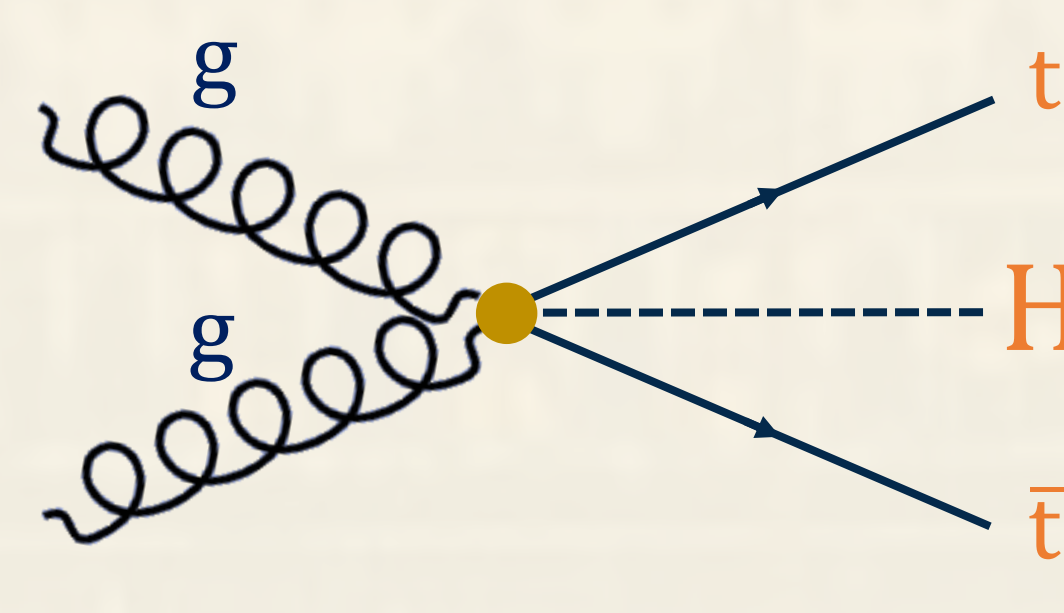
EFT IN TOP PHYSICS

- EFT operators can contribute to many top quark production modes.
- We focus on **multilepton final states**.
- **Signal processes**: $t\bar{t}H$, $t\bar{t}\ell\nu$, $t\bar{t}\ell\bar{\ell}$, tHq , $t\bar{t}\ell\bar{q}$, $t\bar{t}t$ (Fig.1).
- We consider **26 WCs** that significantly impact associated top processes:

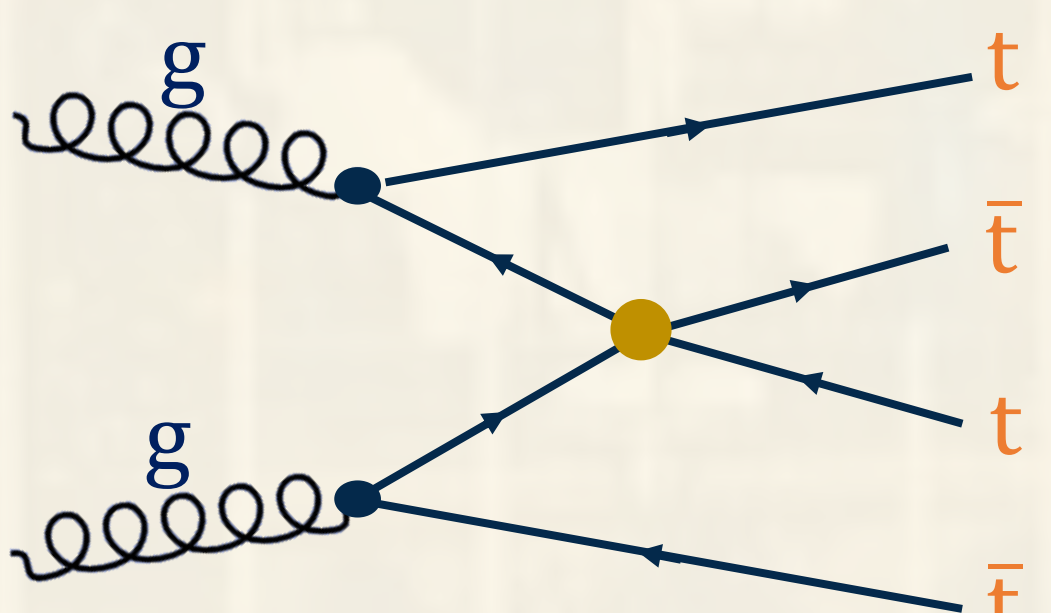
I. 2 top + 2 lepton operators



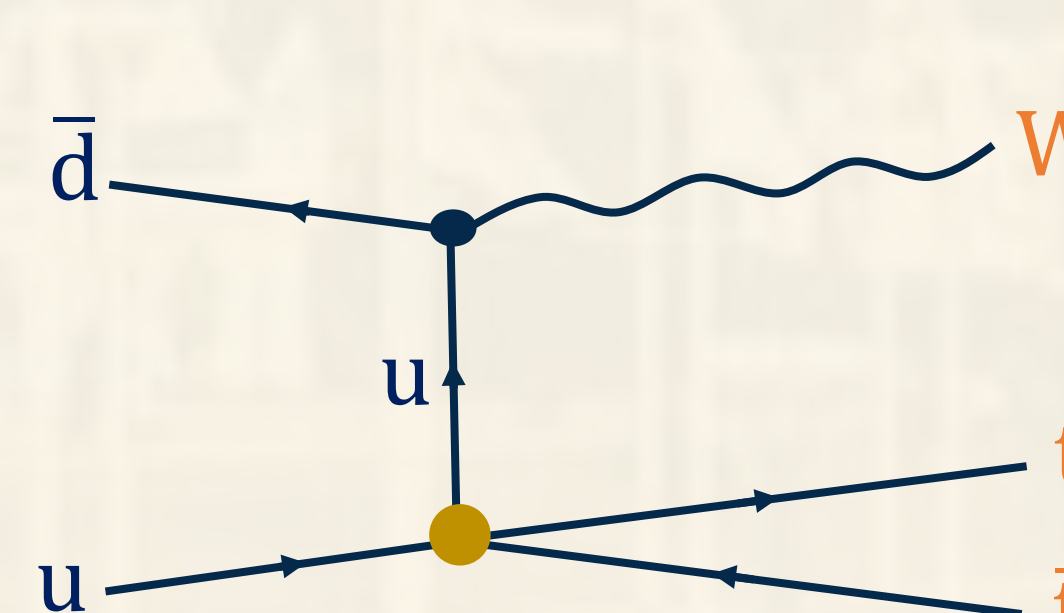
II. Top + boson operators



III. 4 heavy quarks operators



IV. 2 light + 2 heavy quarks operators



SUMMARY

- A search for **new physics** in the production of top quarks with additional leptons, jets, and b jets in the context of EFT has been performed.
- The WCs corresponding to **26 EFT operators** were simultaneously fit to the data and their CIs were extracted.
- In all cases, data are found to be **consistent with SM** expectations.

REFERENCES

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METHODOLOGY

➤ Event selection and strategy

- **Run 2** dataset is used, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 138 fb⁻¹.
- **43 categories**: events with 2 same-sign leptons, 3 or 4 leptons, additionally requiring jets and b-tagged jets, and splitting in on/off-Z region and charge sum.
- Use different variables ($p_T(\ell_{j0})$, $p_T(Z)$) in each region depending on the targeted operators → **178 bins**.

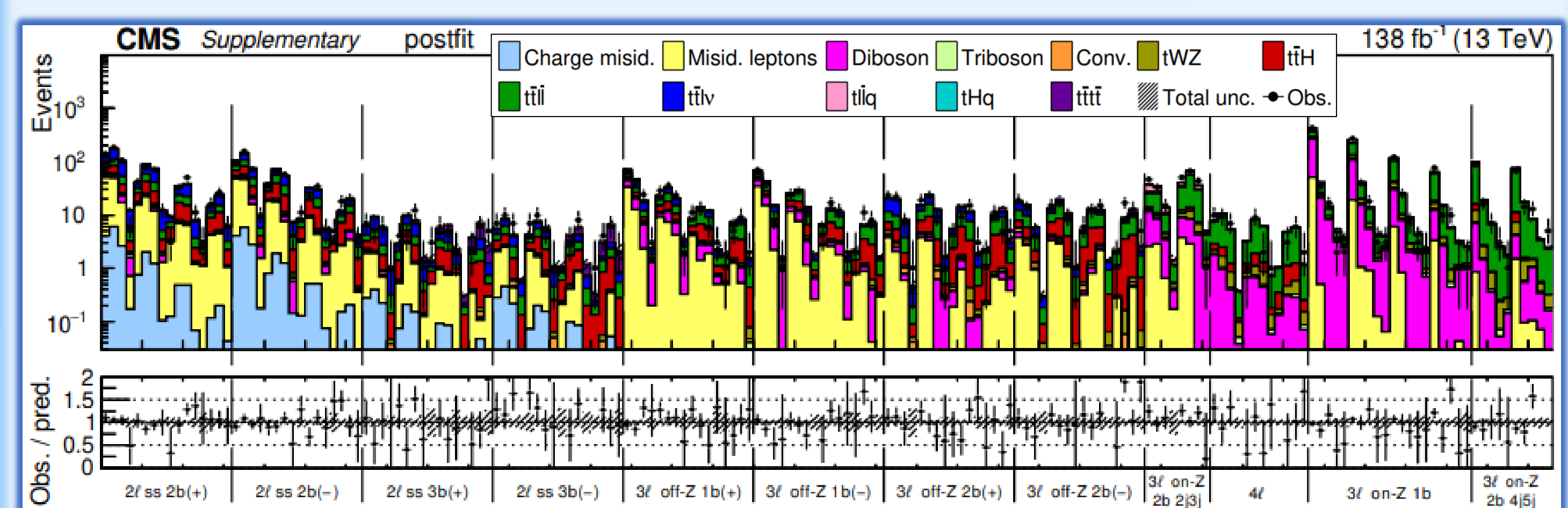


Fig 2. Observed data and expected yields in the postfit scenarios for all kinematic variables in each categories.

➤ Backgrounds

- **Dominated by WZ production**: estimated with simulations and validated in control regions.
- **Nonprompt leptons**: estimated using **data driven** methods.

RESULTS

Results are consistent with the SM.

Results are presented in terms of 95% confident intervals (CIs) for each WCs extracted for a **single WC** at a time:

- With the other **WCs profiled**.
- With the other **WCs fixed to their SM** values of zero.

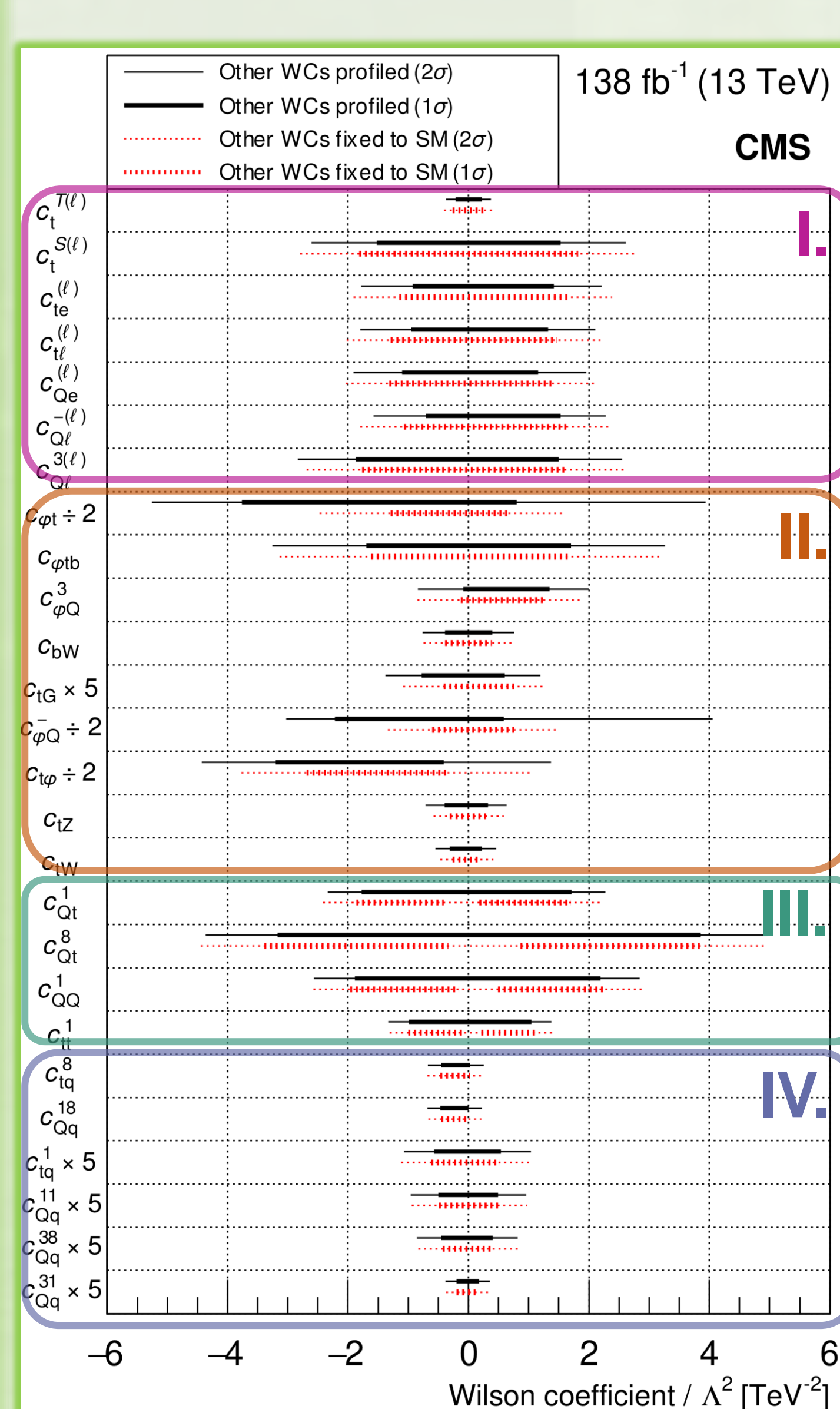


Fig 3. CIs extracted from the likelihood fits.

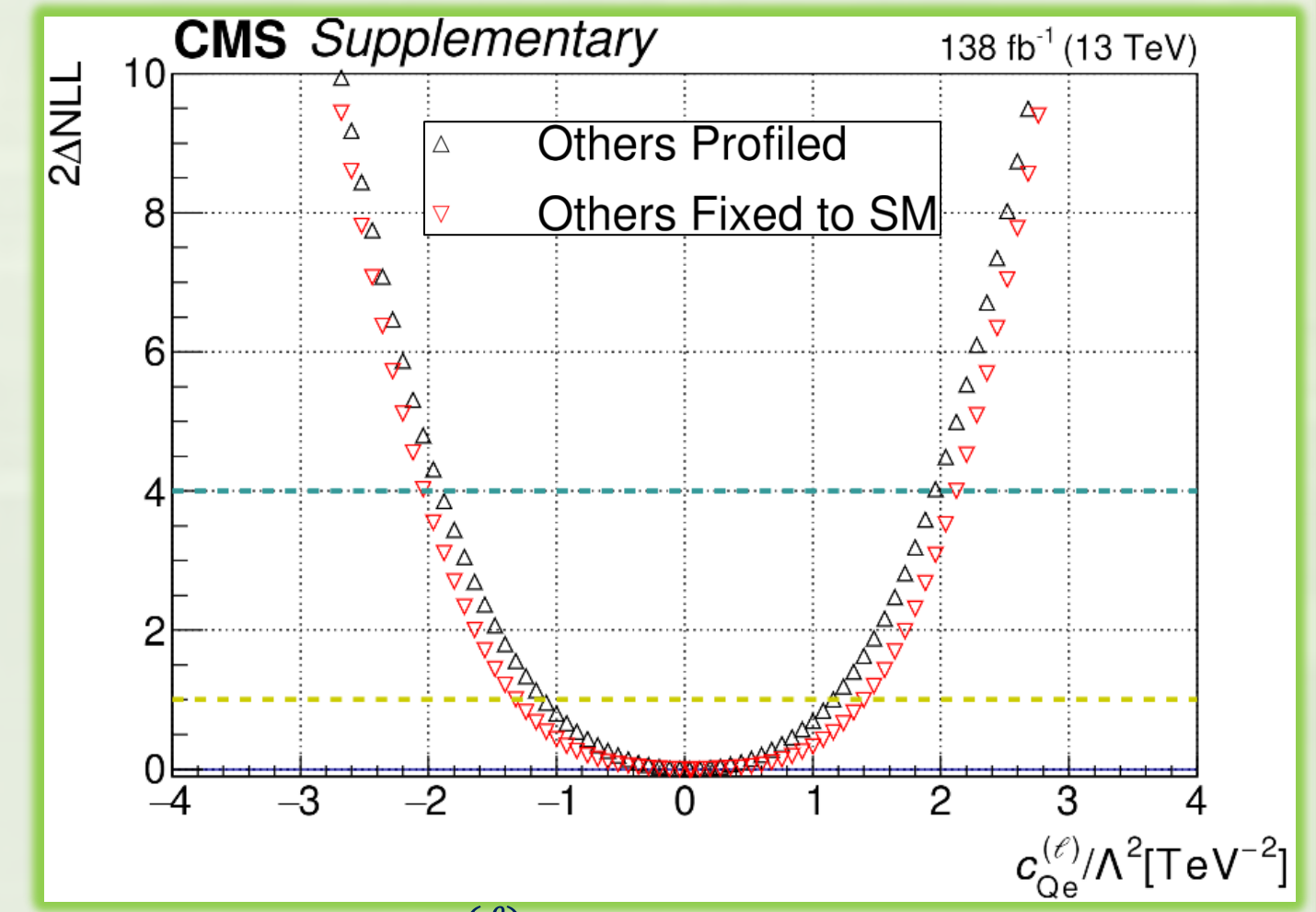


Fig 4. CIs for $c_{Qe}^{(f)}$ where other WCs are **frozen** or **profiled**.

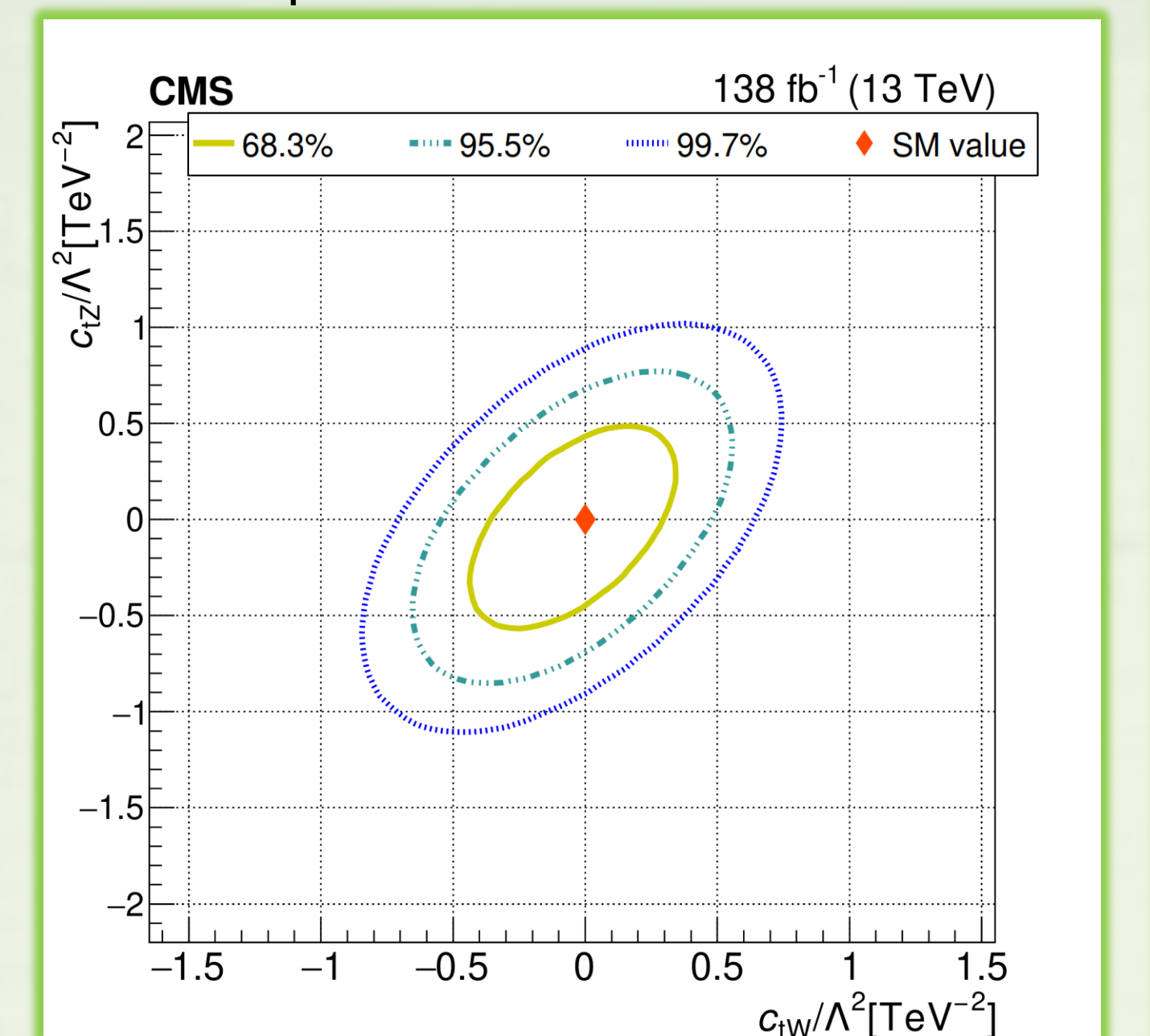


Fig 5. CIs of a 2D scan for c_{tW} and c_{tZ} .