

Searches for Leptoquarks decaying to top quarks in final states with leptons and boosted jets

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 - ▶ Supersymmetry, Grand Unified Theory, compositeness models

- ▶ Model parameters

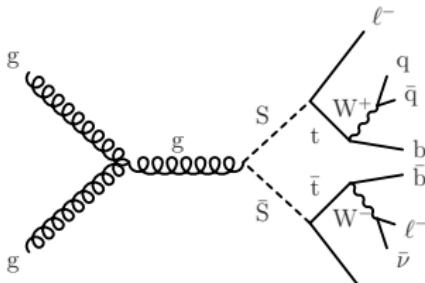
- ▶ LQ mass: M_{LQ}
- ▶ Yukawa coupling: λ
- ▶ k parameter (vector LQ):

Leptoquark	Spin	F	$SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ representation	Q_{EM}	Coupling	Decay mode
S_1	0	2	(3,1,-2/3)	-1/3	$\lambda_{L,R}(u, e_{L,R})$, $-\lambda_L(d, \nu_e)$	$t\tau^-$, $b\nu$
\bar{S}_1	0	2	(3,1,-8/3)	-4/3	$\lambda_R(d, e_R)$	$b\tau^-$
S_2	0	0	(3,2,-7/3)	-2/3 -5/3	$\lambda_L(u, \nu_e)$, $\lambda_{L,R}(u, e_{L,R})$	$\bar{t}\nu$, $b\tau^+$ $\bar{t}\tau^-$
\bar{S}_2	0	0	(3,2,-1/3)	+1/3 -2/3	$\lambda_L(d, \nu_e)$ $\lambda_L(d, e_L)$	$\bar{b}\nu$ $\bar{b}\tau^-$
S_3	0	2	(3,3,-2/3)	+2/3 -1/3 -4/3	$\sqrt{2}\lambda_L(u, \nu_e)$ $-\lambda_L(u, e_L)$, $-\sqrt{2}\lambda_L(d, e_L)$	$t\nu$ $t\tau^-, b\nu$ $b\tau^-$
V_1	1	0	(3,1,-4/3)	-2/3	$\lambda_{L,R}(d, e_{L,R})$, $\lambda_L(u, \nu_e)$	$\bar{b}\tau^-, \bar{t}\nu$
\bar{V}_1	1	0	(3,1,-10/3)	-5/3	$\lambda_R(u, e_R)$	$\bar{t}\tau^-$
V_2	1	2	(3,2,-5/3)	-1/3 -4/3	$\lambda_L(d, \nu_e)$, $\lambda_{L,R}(d, e_{L,R})$	$b\nu$, $t\tau^-$ $b\tau^-$
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V_3	1	0	(3,3,-4/3)	+1/3 -2/3 -5/3	$\sqrt{2}\lambda_L(d, \nu_e)$ $-\lambda_L(d, e_L)$, $\sqrt{2}\lambda_L(u, e_L)$	$\bar{b}\nu$ $\bar{b}\tau^-, \bar{t}\nu$ $\bar{t}\tau^-$

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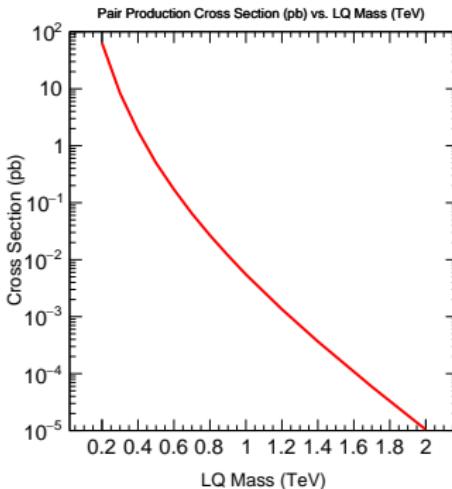
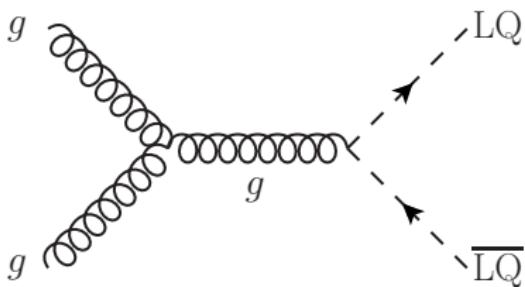
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Strong pair production is the dominant mechanism in the region of low λ



Latest CMS and ATLAS results

	Channel	Lower mass limit (GeV)
ATLAS arxiv.2306.17642	$te \ te/t\mu \ t\mu$	1580/1590
ATLAS JHEP06 (2021) 179	$t\tau \ t\tau$	1430
CMS PRD 105 (2022) 112007	$te \ te/t\mu \ t\mu/t\tau \ t\tau$	1340/1420/1120
ATLAS JHEP06 (2023) 188	$t\mu \ b\nu/te \ b\nu$	1370/1390
CMS PLB 819 (2021) 136446	$t\tau\nu(b)$	980
ATLAS JHEP06 (2023) 188	$t\nu \ b\mu/t\nu \ b\epsilon$	1460/1440

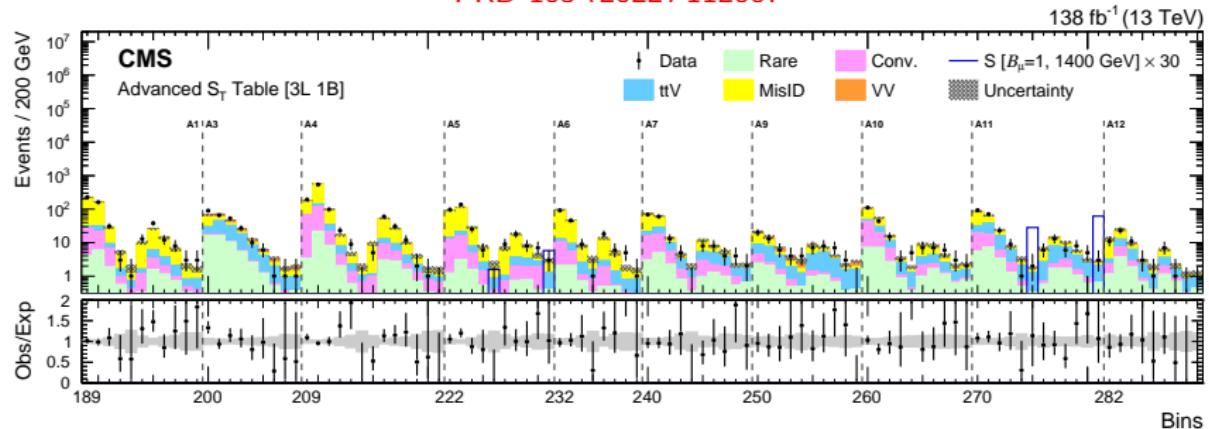
← Inclusive multilepton

What did we learn from multilepton analysis?

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- ▶ $3\ell, 4\ell$ events: 7 channels based on the number of light ℓ, τ_h
- ▶ 204 Model-independent categories:
 - ▶ OSSFn, $M_{\ell\ell}$, M_T , $\min p_{T,\ell}$, N_b , H_T , p_T^{miss}

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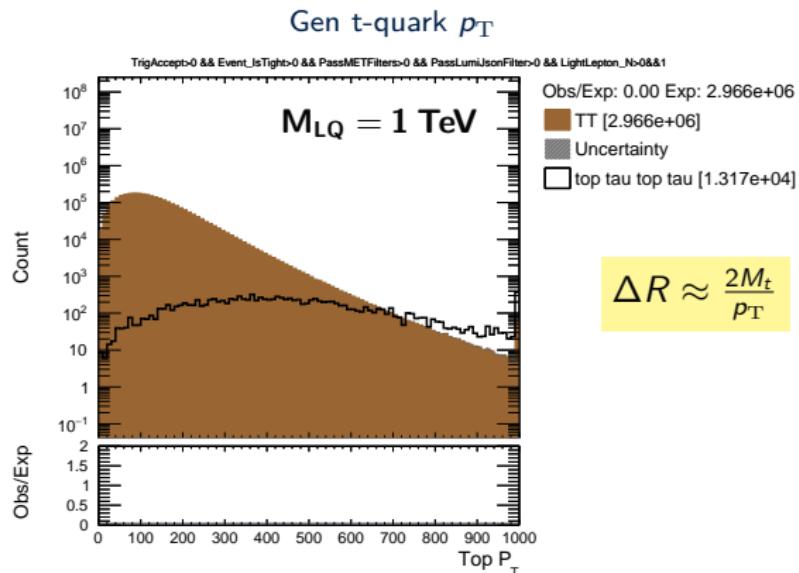
LQ signal sensitivity in regions with:

- ▶ High $p_{T,\ell}/M_T$,
- ▶ $M_{\text{OSSF}} \text{ OffZ}$
- ▶ $N_b > 0$
- ▶ large S_T

Inclusive multilepton analysis

- ▶ Not designed for high- p_T objects
- ▶ In heavy M_{LQ} regime we can extend the search by considering hadronic top decays ($\mathcal{B} \sim 67\%$)

- ▶ This analysis targets Run 2, Run 3 Data
- ▶ $t\ell$ $t\ell$ and $t\ell$ $b\nu$ decays (all lepton flavor couplings)
- ▶ Explore signal in categories with merged top- and W-tagged jets
 - ▶ Utilize AK8 jets and flavor identification (ParticleNet)
- ▶ Trigger: Single isolated ℓ , high- p_T ℓ , AK8 Jets, HT



This talk presents a study using 2018 simulation

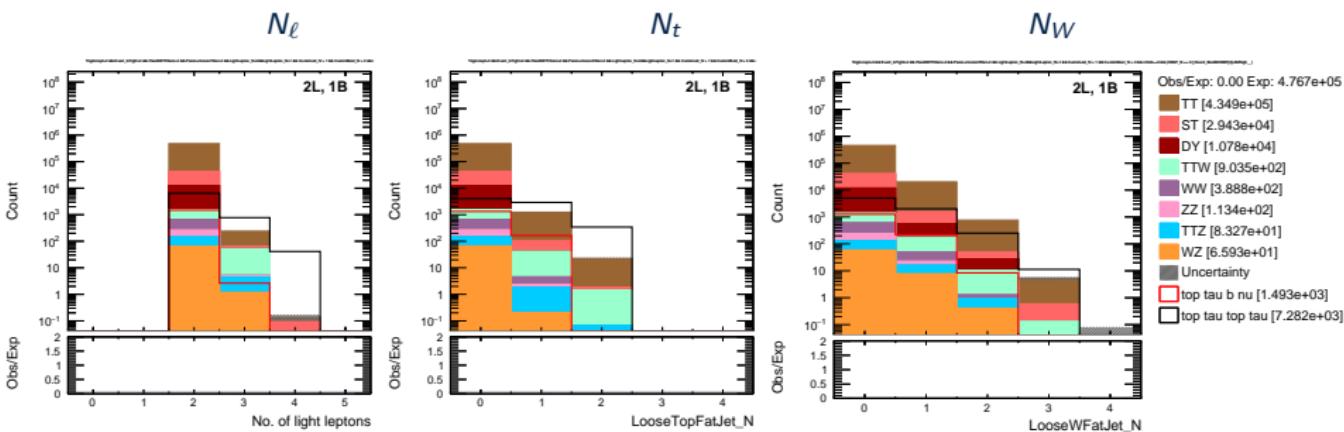
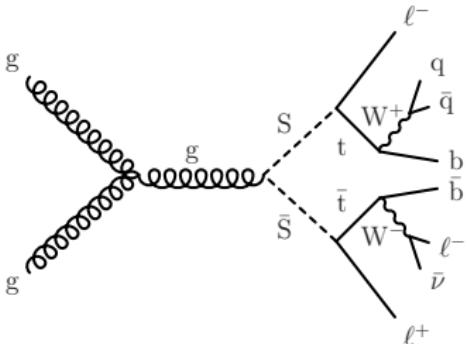
- ▶ Background: tt, VV, ttZ, ttW (NanoAODv9)
- ▶ Signal (private production)
 - ▶ S1 pair production: $t\tau \ t\tau, t\tau \ b\nu$
 - ▶ $M_{LQ} = 1\text{TeV}$, $\lambda = 0.01$
 - ▶ Signal normalized to 1 pb

Object selection

- ▶ Trigger: Single isolated ℓ , high- p_T ℓ
- ▶ Electrons, Muons
 - ▶ $|\eta| < 2.4$, $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
 - ▶ cutBasedID (medium), pfRelIso (tight), low jetPtRatio
 - ▶ Displacement: sip3D, $|dxy|$, $|dz|$, JetDeepFlavorB
- ▶ AK4 jets
 - ▶ $|\eta| < 2.4$, $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$
 - ▶ ID tight & tightLepVeto, PUID tight
 - ▶ b-tag: DeepJet medium WP
- ▶ AK8 jets
 - ▶ $|\eta| < 2.4$, $p_T > 200 \text{ GeV}$, ID tight
 - ▶ ParticleNet TvsQCD, WvsQCD for top and W tagging

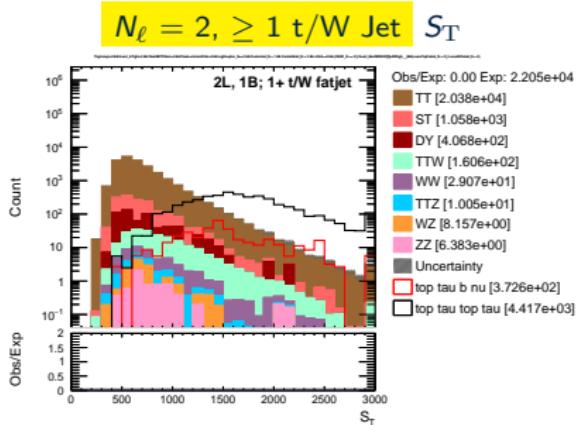
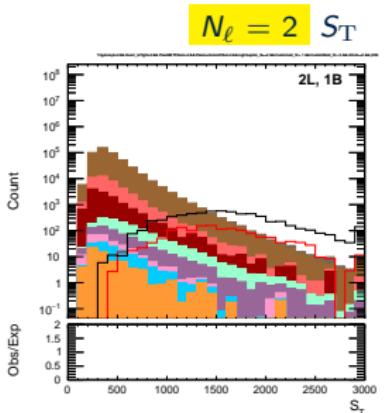
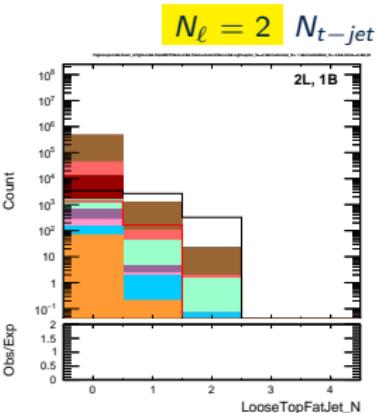
Preselections

- ▶ Number of light leptons (e, μ): $N_\ell \geq 2$
- ▶ Number of jets: $N_j \geq 2, N_b \geq 1$
- ▶ $M_{OSSF} > 106$ GeV (Above Z mass)

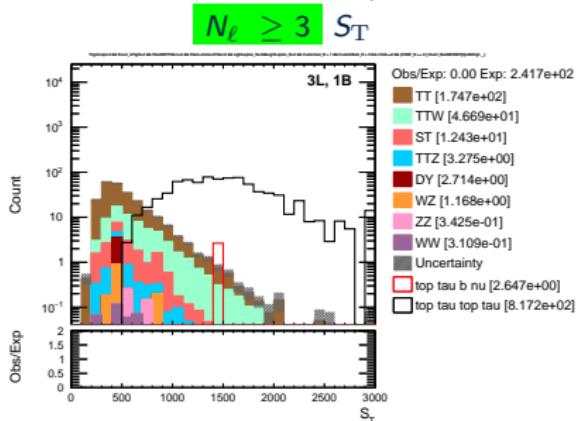


- ▶ Signal sensitivity improves in categories with $N_\ell > 2, N_{t/W} \geq 1$

We split the events into N_ℓ ($= 2, \geq 3$)



- ▶ 2ℓ : S/B increases for ≥ 1 t/W Jet
- ▶ 3ℓ : Small background
- ▶ Four categories are defined:
 - ▶ $2\ell, 0$ t/W
 - ▶ $2\ell, 1$ t/W
 - ▶ $2\ell, 2$ t/W
 - ▶ 3ℓ

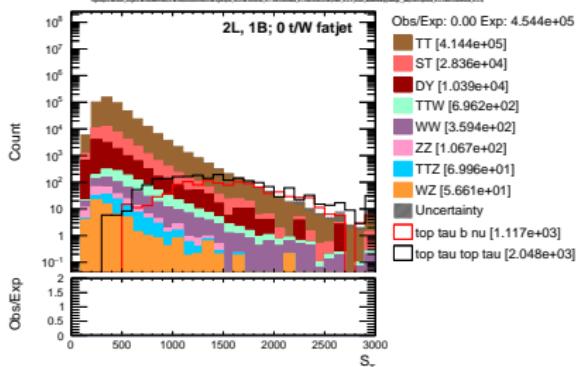


Preliminary studies 2018 Expected limits

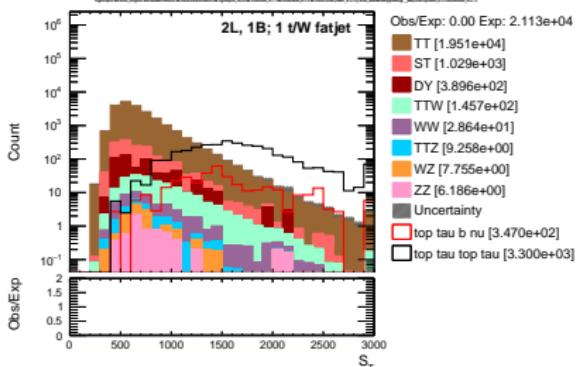
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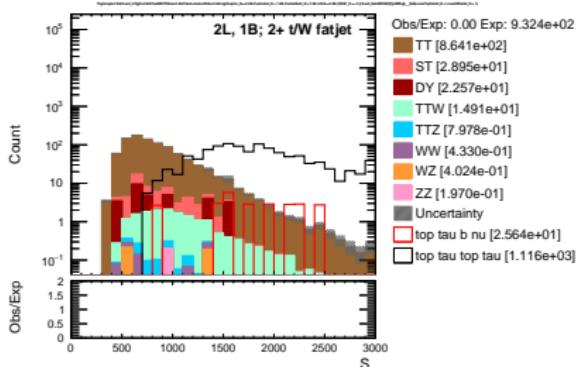
$2\ell, 0 \text{ t/W}$ S_T



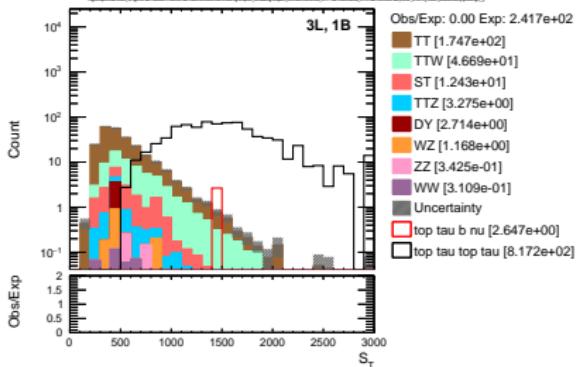
$2\ell, 1 \text{ t/W}$ S_T



$2\ell, \geq 2 \text{ t/W}$ S_T



3ℓ S_T



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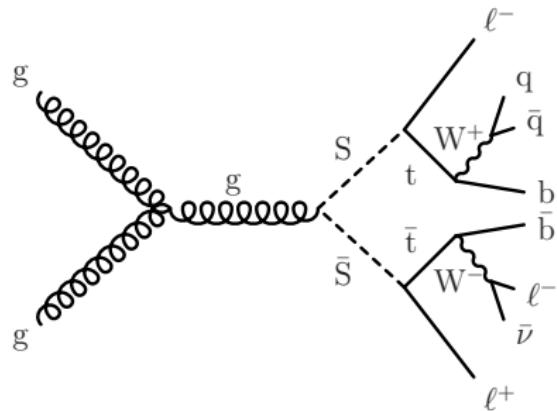
Category	Expected limit ($t\tau t\tau$)				
	-2σ	-1σ	median	$+1\sigma$	$+2\sigma$
2ℓ , 0 t/W jet	17.4648	23.3640	32.8750	46.5033	63.0022
2ℓ , 1 t/W jet	5.5947	7.4845	10.5312	14.8550	20.0191
2ℓ , 2 t/W jet	4.3934	6.0154	8.7188	12.7154	17.7276
3ℓ	2.4824	3.4527	5.1250	7.7603	11.2750
Combined 2ℓ	3.3369	4.4999	6.3750	9.1194	12.4478
Combined 2ℓ , 3ℓ	1.9290	2.6412	3.8281	5.5829	7.8073

- ▶ No τ_h included yet - expected to improve the $t\tau$ signal
- ▶ Combined 2ℓ limit comparable to 3ℓ

Categorization based on

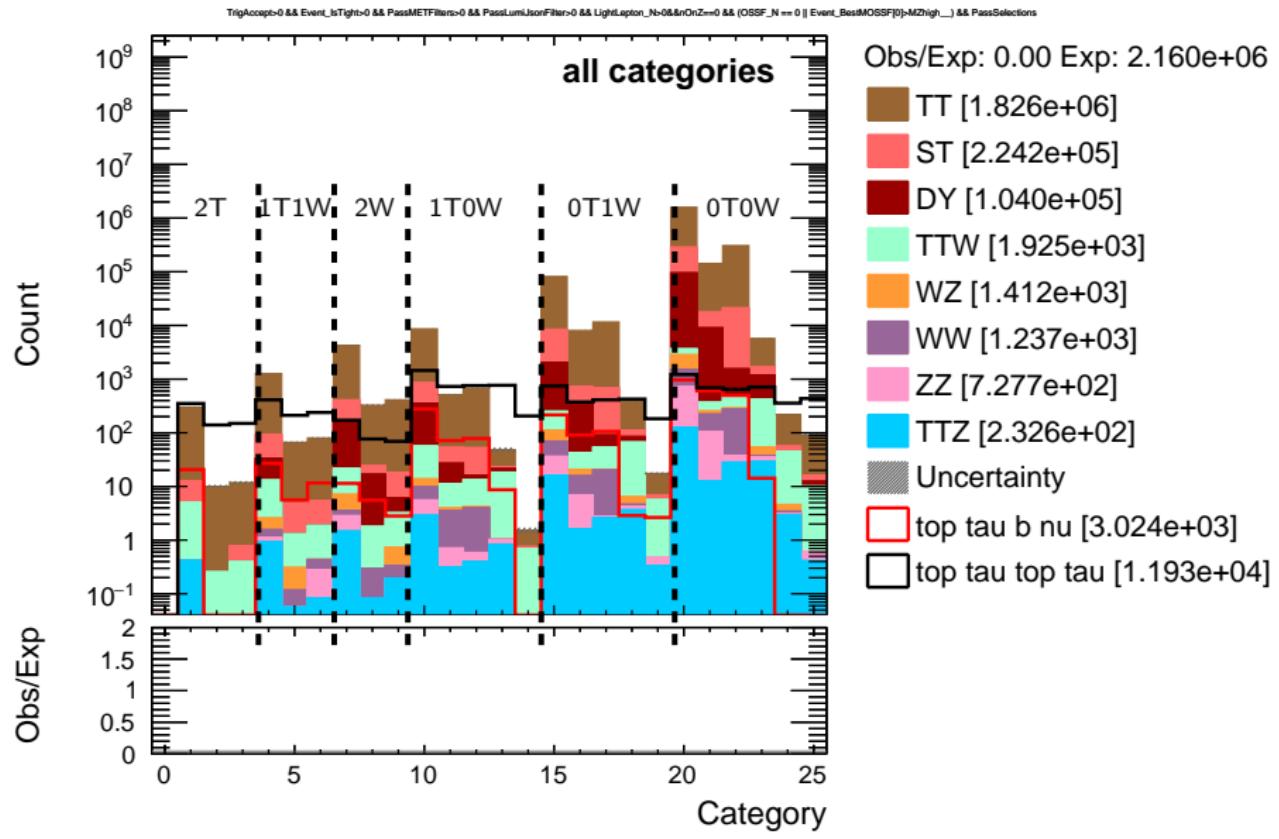
- ▶ Number of merged top- and W- tagged jets (T, W)
- ▶ Number of light leptons (ℓ)

	tr tr	tr bv			
	1l	2lOSSF	2lOSDF	2lSS	$\geq 3l$
2T	✓	✓	✓		
1T1W	✓	✓	✓		
2W	✓	✓	✓		
1T0W	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
0T1W	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
0T0W	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓



Event selections

- ▶ $N_{t-jet} = 0$: M_{OSSF} Above Z, $N_j \geq 2$, $N_b \geq 1$
- ▶ $N_{t-jet} > 0$: M_{OSSF} Above Z



- Different resonance properties in each category

- ▶ Run 2, Run 3
- ▶ $M_{LQ} = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3$ TeV
- ▶ Two final states: $t\ell t\ell, t\ell b\nu$
- ▶ All lepton flavors
- ▶ 25k events per M_{LQ} , final state, lepton flavor $\Rightarrow \sim 2.1M$ per year

This analysis aims to deliver a comprehensive search for LQ coupling to t-quarks

- ▶ $t\ell$ $t\ell$ and $t\ell$ $b\nu$ decays
- ▶ LQ in final states with tops and charged leptons
- ▶ Off-diagonal lepton flavor couplings also considered
- ▶ Expand inclusive multilepton search: utilize merged jets

Next steps

- ▶ Submit MC request
- ▶ Study Run 2 and Run 3 data
- ▶ Optimize objects and event selections
- ▶ Utilize hadronic tau leptons

BACKUP

Fundamental scheme

- Categories **A1-G1** based on 43 categories

- Charge and flavor combination (OSSF_n)
- Mass (BelowZ, OnZ, AboveZ)
- M_T or minimum ℓp_T

		OSSF0			OSSF1			OSSF2			
		BelowZ	AboveZ	SS	OnZ	BelowZ	AboveZ	MixedZ	Single-OnZ	Double-OnZ	OffZ
3L	Low p_T/M_T	A1	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	—	—	—
	High p_T/M_T	A7	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	—	—	—
2L1T	Low p_T	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	—	—	—	—
	High p_T	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	—	—	—	—
1L2T		C1	C2	C3	—	C4	C5	—	—	—	—
4L		D1	D1	D1	D2	D3	D3	D3	D4	D5	D6
3L1T		E1	E1	E1	E2	E3	E3	E3	—	—	—
2L2T		F1	F1	F1	F2	F2	F2	—	F3	—	F4
1L3T		G1	G1	G1	—	G1	G1	—	—	—	—

- Final discriminant: $L_T + p_T^{\text{miss}}$ or S_T

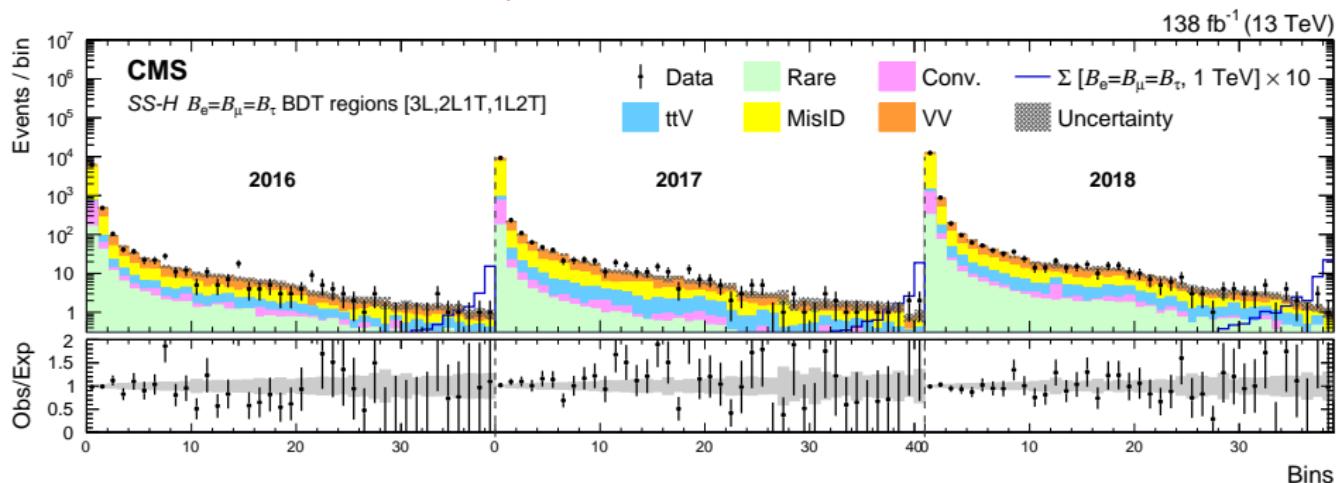
Advanced scheme

- Further categorization based on N_b , H_T , p_T^{miss} 204 categories
- Final discriminant: S_T

Model-dependent SR defined using MVA

- ▶ BDTs discriminate specific signal from SM background
- ▶ Multiple BDT trainings per year and category:
 - * Vector-like leptons (VVL): 3 mass ranges (L, M, H)
 - * Type-III seesaw (SS): 3 mass ranges \times 2 flavor scenarios
 - * Leptoquarks (LQ): 3 mass ranges \times 2 flavor scenarios

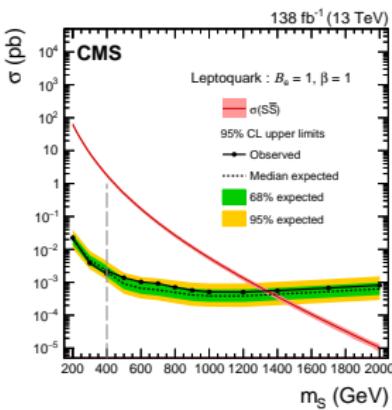
SS-H $\mathcal{B}_e = \mathcal{B}_\mu = \mathcal{B}_\tau$ - regions: [3L, 2L1T, 1L1T]



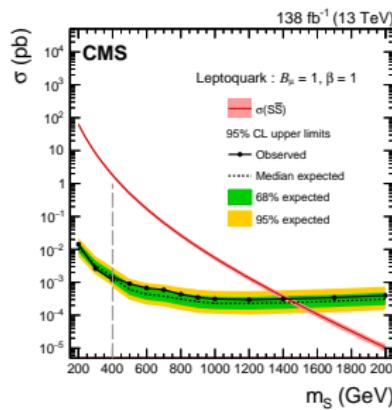
No significant deviation from SM observed

- ▶ Limits are interpreted in various BSM models
- ▶ Model-dependent SR also defined using BDT
- ▶ Best expected limits are used between the cut-based and MVA-based methods

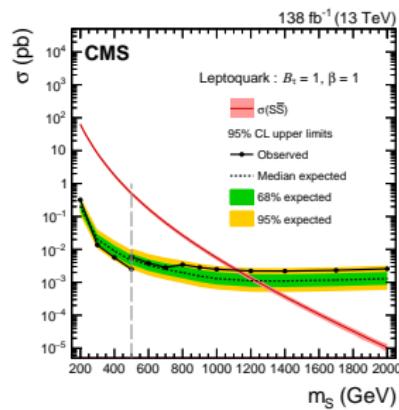
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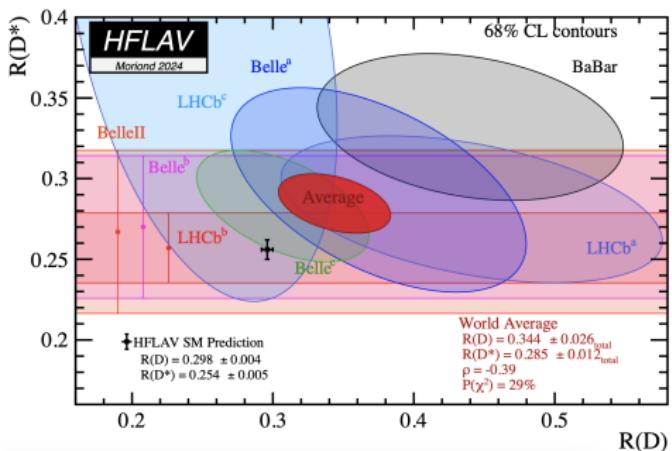
Leptoquark: $\mathcal{B}_\tau = 1$



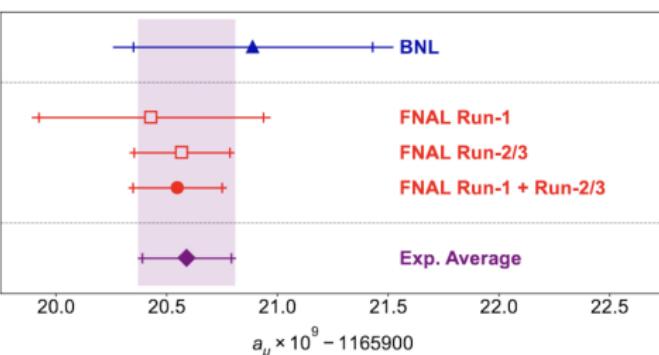
- ▶ LQ: Constraints compete ATLAS results

Leptoquarks motivated by experimental observations

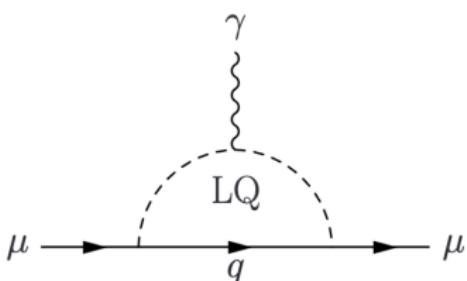
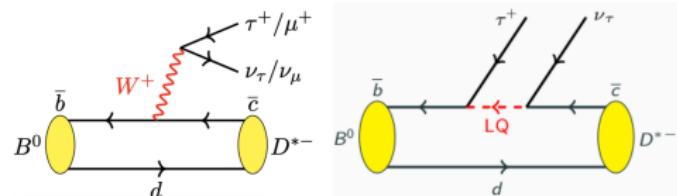
Lepton flavor violation in B-meson physics



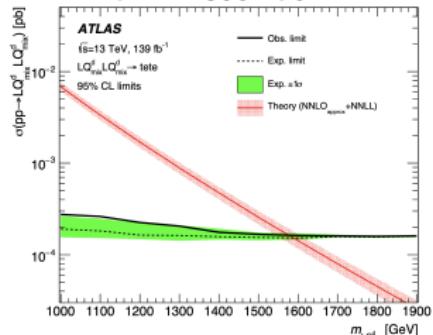
Muon anomalous magnetic moment



$$\mathcal{R}(D^*) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \mu^+ \nu_\mu)} \quad \mathcal{R}(D) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D \mu^+ \nu_\mu)}$$

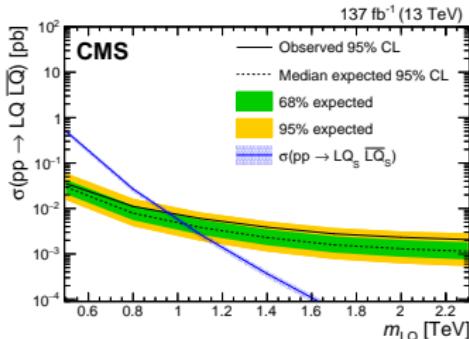


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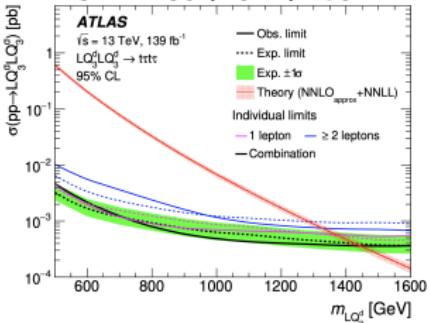
- $te \, te/t\mu \, t\mu: m_{LQ} > 1.58/1.59 \text{ TeV}$

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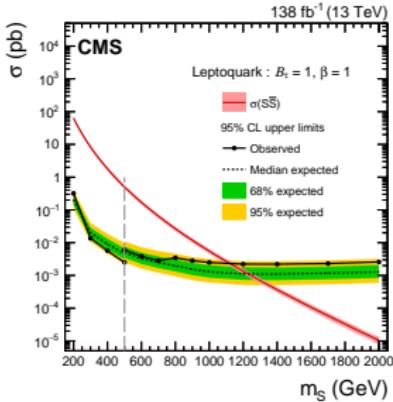
- $t\tau\nu(b): m_{LQ} > 980 \text{ GeV}$

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- $t\tau \, t\tau: m_{LQ} > 1.43 \text{ TeV}$

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- $te \, te/t\mu \, t\mu/t\tau \, t\tau: m_{LQ} > 1.34/1.42/1.12 \text{ TeV}$

► Trigger

μ HLT_IsoMu24 || HLT_IsoTkMu24 || HLT_Mu50 || HLT_TkMu50
 e HLT_Ele32_WPTight_Gsf || HLT_Ele50_CaloIdVT_GsfTrkIdT_PFJet165 ||
HLT_Ele115_CaloIdVT_GsfTrkIdT || HLT_Photon200

► Muons

- $|\eta| < 2.4$, $p_T > 10$ GeV
- cutBasedID (medium), pfRelIso (tight), jetPtRatio < 1.6
- sip3D < 7 , JetDeepFlavorB < 0.55 , $|dxy| < 0.05$, $|dz| < 0.1$

► Electrons

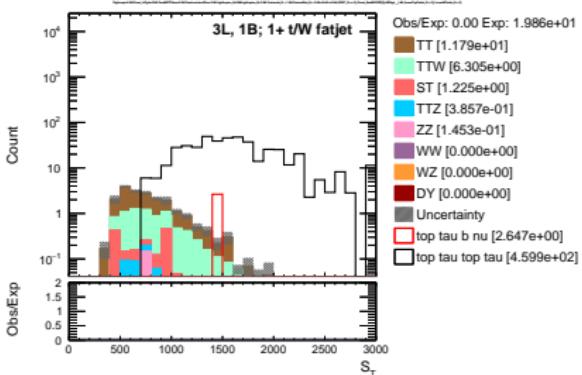
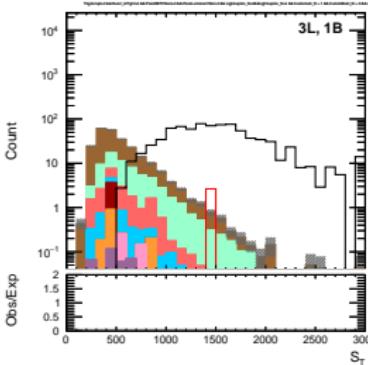
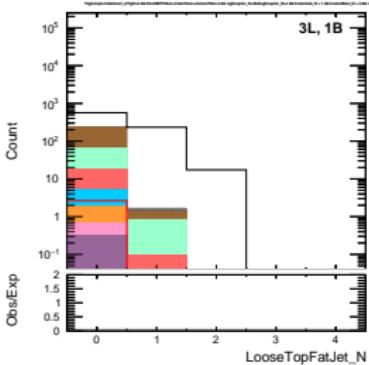
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► AK4 jets

- $|\eta| < 2.4$, $p_T > 30$ GeV
- ID tight & tightLepVeto
- PUID tight
- b-tag: DeepJet medium WP
- $\Delta R(jet, \ell) > 0.4$

► AK8 jets

- $|\eta| < 2.4$, $p_T > 200$ GeV, ID tight
- t-tag: $p_T > 400$ GeV, pnTvsQCD (loose)
- W-tag: $p_T > 200$ GeV, pnWvsQCD (loose), NOT t-tagged

$N_{\ell} \geq 3$
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 $N_{\ell} \geq 3 + \geq 1 \text{ t/W jet}$


Obs/Exp: 0.00 Exp: 1.986e+01

- [Brown] TT [1.179e+01]
- [Cyan] TTW [6.305e+00]
- [Red] ST [1.225e+00]
- [Blue] TTZ [3.857e-01]
- [Pink] ZZ [1.453e-01]
- [Purple] WW [0.000e+00]
- [Orange] WZ [0.000e+00]
- [Dark Red] DY [0.000e+00]
- [Grey] Uncertainty
- [Red Box] top tau b nu [2.647e+00]
- [White Box] top tau top tau [4.599e+02]

