

Combining (correlated) measurements with EFTfitter.jl

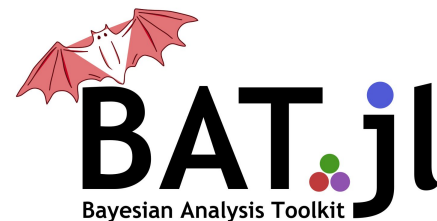
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What is EFTfitter ?

- tool for combining & interpreting of measurements in a user-friendly way
- for measurements of the same or of different observables
- uses a Bayesian approach for inference on model parameters & uncertainty propagation
- relies on BAT.jl & provides access to the full posterior distributions of the model parameters
- emphasis on correct statistical treatment of uncertainties & correlations
- allows the implementation of user-defined models & the formulation of physical constraints on observables and model parameters
- well suited for EFT interpretations (but not restricted to this field of applications)



EFTfitter paper: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1140/epjc/s10052-016-4280-9>

Combination of measurements & goals of EFTfitter.jl

- most accurate combination of measurements is achieved through the combination of likelihoods

But:

- likelihood-level combination usually needs information that is not publicly available but only inside the experimental collaborations
- can be technically complicated due to a lot of data, different frameworks for likelihood calculation, etc.

➡ need good approximative approaches for combining measurements in a simpler way

EFTfitter.jl:

- allows straightforward combination from minimal set of information (measured values, uncertainties, correlations)
- uses only one assumption: *measurements are Gaussian*, on that basis: thorough statistical treatment

Statistical principles of EFTfitter

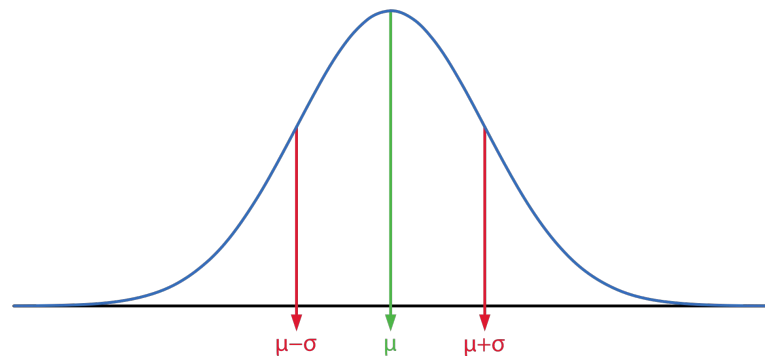
- EFTfitter uses Bayesian inference for updating knowledge about model parameters:

$$\underset{\text{posterior}}{P(\lambda|D)} \propto \underset{\text{likelihood}}{P(D|\lambda)} \cdot \underset{\text{prior}}{P(\lambda)}$$

λ : parameters D : data

- only assumption within EFTfitter:

Measurements are Gaussian



- multivariate normal distribution:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \mathcal{M}) \propto \exp \left[-(x - \mu)^\top \mathcal{M}^{-1} (x - \mu) \right]$$

EFTfitter likelihood

measurements

number of measurements

n n

observables

model parameters λ (to be fitted)

matrix that maps measurements to the corresponding predictions:
 $U = 1$ if x is a measurement of y
 $U = 0$ otherwise

$$\ln L(\vec{x} | \vec{y}(\vec{\lambda})) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [\vec{x} - U \vec{y}(\vec{\lambda})]_i \mathcal{M}_{ij}^{-1} [\vec{x} - U \vec{y}(\vec{\lambda})]_j$$

Example:

x : measured cross sections

λ : Wilson coefficients

y : predicted cross sections as a function of the Wilson coefficients

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covariance matrix:

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij} = \text{cov}[x_i, x_j] = \sum_{k=1}^M \text{cov}^{(k)}[x_i, x_j]$$

sum over all M categories of uncertainties (e.g. stat., syst., ...)

EFTfitter likelihood

The diagram shows the EFTfitter likelihood equation with several annotations:

- measurements**: points to $\vec{y}(\vec{\lambda})$
- observables**: points to \vec{x}
- model parameters λ (to be fitted)**: points to $\vec{\lambda}$
- number of measurements**: points to the two n indices in the double sum
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combining multiple measurements of the same observable:

- $y(\lambda) = \lambda$, i.e. the fit parameter is directly observable
- when using flat priors \Rightarrow same results as the best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE)

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/183996/files/OUNP-88-05.pdf?subformat=pdfa&version=1>

Which EFT model is included in EFTfitter ?

➤ None

- there is no specific EFT model implemented in EFTfitter
- models enter through the user-defined observable functions $y(\lambda)$, which specify how an observable depends on the model parameters
- predictions for the observables as a function of the Wilson coefficients need to be determined before using EFTfitter
- this allows full flexibility for custom models, coming from various approaches (e.g. MC computations + approximations, or theory calculations)
- it allows to account for model-specific efficiency and acceptance corrections for the measurements or the presence of physical constraints on observables

EFTfitter.jl - API Example

1) define parameters + priors

```
parameters = BAT.NamedTupleDist(  
    C1 = -3..3, # short for: Uniform(-3, 3)  
    C2 = Normal(0, 0.5) # Normal distribution  
)
```

2) implement functions for calculating observables as a function of the parameters

```
function xsec1(params)  
    c = [20.1, 5.6, 325.5, ....]  
    return c[1]*params.C1 + c[2]*params.C1*params.C2  
        + c[3]*params.C2 + ...  
end  
...
```

3) specify measurements (values + uncertainties)

```
measurements = (  
    Meas1 = Measurement(xsec1, 21.6,  
        uncertainties = (stat=0.8, syst=1.8, another_unc=2.3), active=true),  
  
    Meas2 = Measurement(Observable(xsec2, min=0), 1.9,  
        uncertainties = (stat=0.6, syst=0.9, another_unc=1.1), active=true),  
  
    MeasDist = MeasurementDistribution(diff_xsec, [1.9, 2.93, 4.4],  
        uncertainties = (stat = [0.7, 1.1, 1.2], syst= [0.7, 0.8, 1.3],  
            another_unc = [1.0, 1.2, 1.9]), active=[true, false, true]),  
)
```

4) specify correlations for each type of uncertainty

```
correlations = (  
    stat = NoCorrelation(active=true),  
  
    syst = Correlation([1.0 0.5;  
        0.5 1.0 ], active=false),  
  
    another_unc = Correlation(another_corr_matrix, active=true)  
)
```

```
another_corr_matrix = to_correlation_matrix(measurements,  
    (:Meas1, :Meas2, 0.4),  
    (:Meas1, :MeasDist_bin1, 0.1),  
    (:MeasDist, :MeasDist, [1 0.2; 0.2 1.0]),  
    (:MeasDist_bin2, :MeasDist_bin3, 0.3),  
)
```

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5) create a model from the inputs:

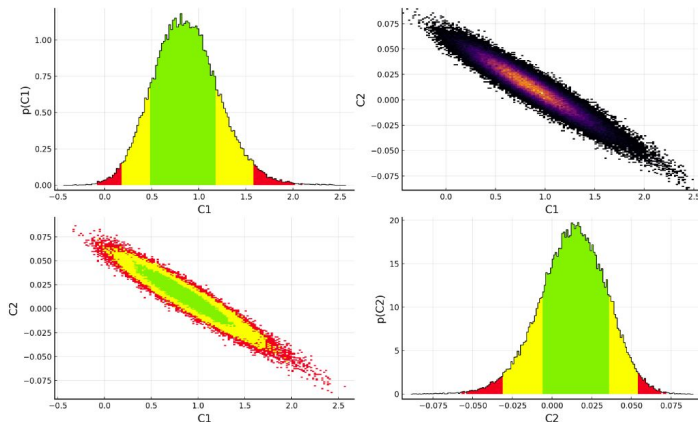
```
model = EFTfitterModel(parameters, measurements, correlations)
# use EFTfitter posterior:
posterior = PosteriorDensity(model)
```

6) sample the posterior using BAT.jl

```
algorithm = MCMCSampling(mcalg = MetropolisHastings(), nsteps = 10^6, nchains = 4)
samples = bat_sample(posterior, algorithm).result
```

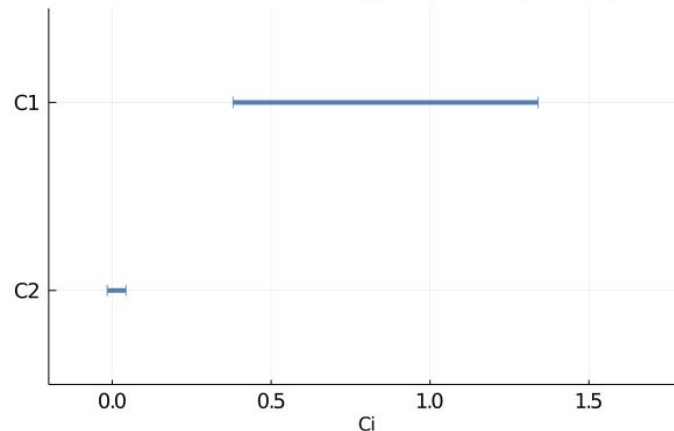
7) plot samples, print estimates, etc...

```
plot(samples)
```



```
plot(samples, 0.9)
```

Smallest intervals containing 90% posterior probability



Back up

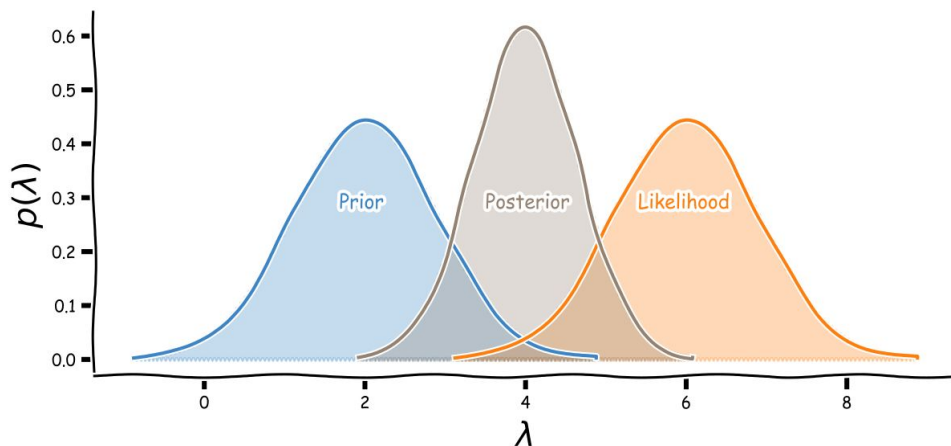
What is BAT.jl ?

- toolkit for performing Bayesian inference in a user-friendly way
- collection of algorithms & functions for solving user-specified problems, without relying on a specific modelling language / domain specific language
- focusing on sampling custom posterior distributions (particularly via MCMC methods)
- further functionalities for Bayesian analyses: integration & marginalization, optimization & parameter estimation, limit setting, model comparison, goodness-of-fit tests

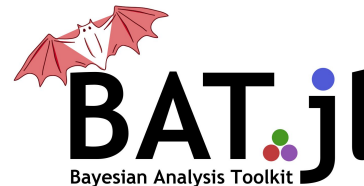
Bayes' Theorem: (simple on paper, but numerics are hard)

$$P(\lambda|D) = \frac{P(D|\lambda)P(\lambda)}{\int P(D|\lambda)P(\lambda) d\lambda}$$

D - data λ - parameters



The Bayesian Analysis Toolkit



- first released in 2008
- based on C++ & ROOT
- BAT paper: [Comput. Phys. Commun. 180 \(2009\) 2197](#)
- latest release v1.0 in 2018
<https://github.com/bat/bat/releases/tag/v1.0.0>

- rewrite in Julia, independent of ROOT
- first released in 2019
- BAT.jl paper on arxiv: [2008.03132](#)
- v2.0 of BAT.jl released in December
<https://github.com/bat/BAT.jl>

goals of rewrite:

open BAT for users beyond the realm of particle physics (reduce domain-specific dependencies),
implement modern sampling approaches and algorithms, simplify parallelization & distribution

- BAT.jl already used in scientific analyses: [Legend](#), [EFT fits](#), [COVID-19 lethality](#)

Summary

- EFTfitter allows a straightforward combination & EFT interpretation of measurements from minimal information
- emphasis is placed on the correct treatment of correlated uncertainties
- high flexibility for including different EFT models, formulation of physical constraints on observables and parameters
- easy installation, human-readable input formats, simple usage of multiple features

➡ EFTfitter well suited for global EFT fits (without likelihood-level combination)

check it out at: <https://github.com/tudo-physik-e4/EFTfitter.jl>

or try it right now on binder:



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C++ EFTfitter: <https://github.com/tudo-physik-e4/EFTfitterRelease>

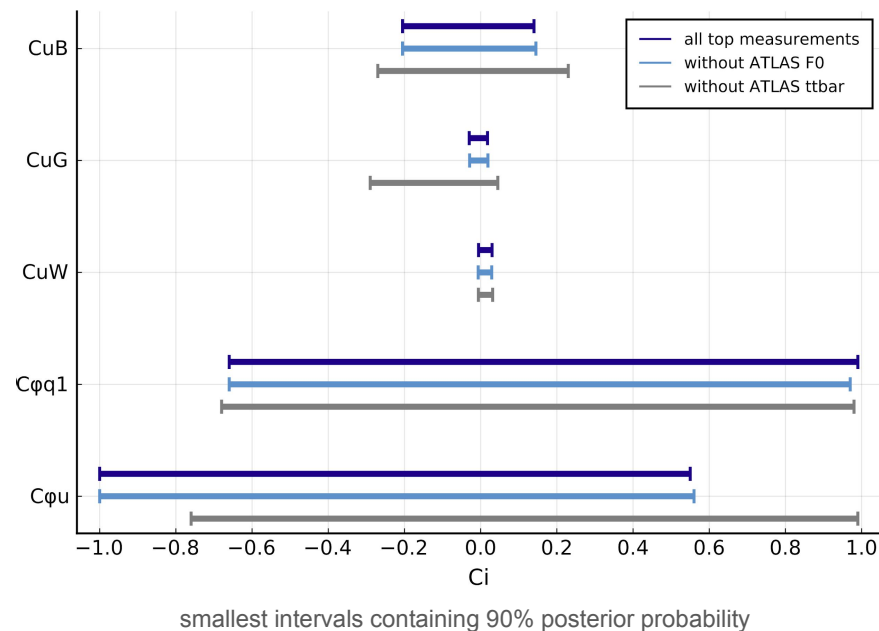
Influence of the individual measurements / uncertainty types

- BLUE assigns weights to the individual measurements included in the combination
- we try to estimate the influence of a measurement by considering its impact on the size of the posterior distribution
- idea: remove one measurement from the combination, see how the size of the smallest intervals/HDR changes
- expectation: when removing information, the result is more uncertain and the interval size should increase

Example:

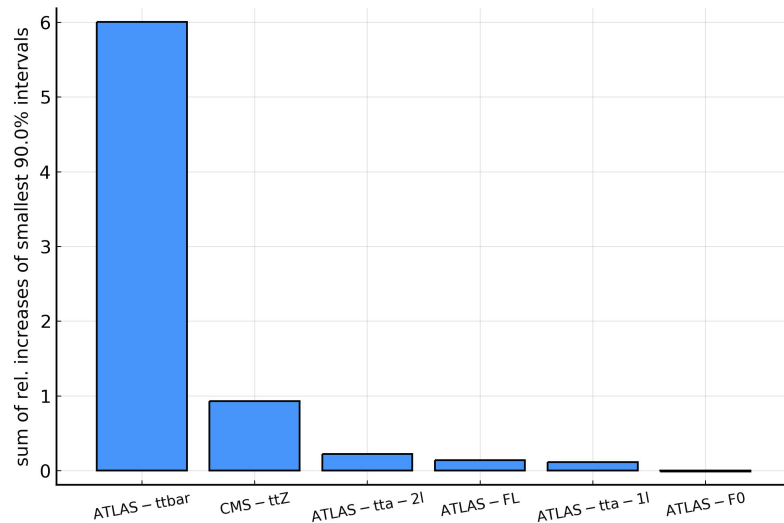
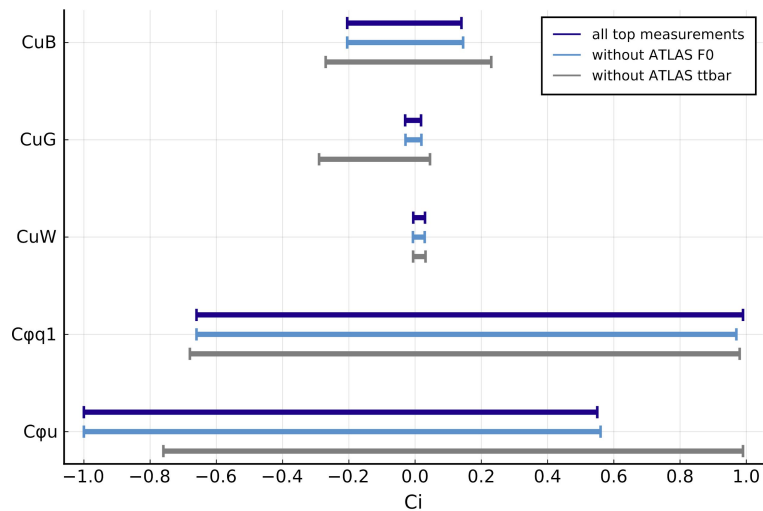
top-quark production & decay measurements from
the top-quark & B physics combination study

[\[2012.10456\]](#)



Ranking example

```
measurement_ranking = EFTfitter.rank_measurements(model, criterion = SumOfSmallestIntervals(p=0.9))
```



- use relative increase of smallest p% intervals/areas as ranking criterion (default: sum over all rel. increases of 1d smallest intervals)
- for ranking of uncertainty categories: use relative decrease
- for contradicting measurements: posterior interval could also shrink when excluding one measurement (e.g. “outlier”)