## EFT for top-quark FCNCs

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## Flavour-changing neutral currents

#### Vanishingly small in the SM

vs. about 
$$~11\cdot 10^6$$
 tops produced at the Tevatron and LHC run I  $~+1.6\cdot 10^6/{\rm fb^{-1}}$  at 13 TeV  $~+6\cdot 10^{10}/{\rm ab^{-1}}$  at 100 TeV

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The effective field theory

for top-quark FCNCs

## The EFT parametrization of NP

(...) if one writes down the most general possible Lagrangian, including all terms consistent with assumed symmetry principles, (...) the result will simply be the most general possible S-matrix consistent with analyticity, perturbative unitarity, cluster decomposition and the assumed symmetry.

[Weinberg 79]

#### Assumption:

New-physics states are not directly producible ( $\equiv$  low-energy limit).

- $\rightarrow$  use: SM fields (fermion gauge eigenstates: q, u, d, 1, e)
  - SM symmetries (gauge and Lorentz)

#### Advantages:

- · relies on few theoretical assumptions
- · encodes our knowledge of lower energies
- · establishes a hierarchy between NP effects
- · is a proper QFT, perturbatively improvable (fixed order, and RG)
- $\cdot$  both allows and requires a global treatment

#### The fermionic SM EFT

- dim-3 · no allowed fermion mass term: —
- dim-4 · gauge:  $\bar{\psi}\not\!\!\!D\psi$  and Yukawa:  $\bar{\psi}\varphi\psi'$  operators
- dim-5 · left-handed neutrino masses ( $\Delta L = \pm 2$ ):  $\overline{I^c} \varphi I \varphi$
- dim-6 · four-fermion ( $\Delta L = \Delta B = \pm 1$ , or 0) [Grzadkowski et al 10'] basis reduction with Fierz and Schouten identities

basis reduction with EOMs

dim-7 ·  $\Delta L \neq 0$ : ... [Lehman 14']

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## The up-sector FCNC operators

#### Two-quark operators:

Scalar: 
$$O_{u\varphi} \equiv -y_t^3 \quad \bar{q} u \; \tilde{\varphi} \quad (\varphi^{\dagger} \varphi - v^2/2),$$

Vector: 
$$[O_{\varphi q}^+ + O_{\varphi q}^-]/2 \equiv y_t^2/2 \quad \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q \quad \varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi,$$
  
 $[O_{\varphi q}^+ - O_{\varphi q}^-]/2 \equiv y_t^2/2 \quad \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q \quad \varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi,$ 

$$O_{\varphi \mathbf{u}} \equiv y_t^2/2 \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}} \gamma^{\mu} \mathbf{u} \quad \varphi^{\dagger} i \stackrel{\longrightarrow}{D}_{\mu} \varphi,$$

$$O_{\mathrm{u}G} = y_t g_s \quad \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A \mathrm{u} \; \tilde{\varphi} \quad G_{\mu\nu}^A.$$

## Two-quark—two-lepton operators:

 $O_{low}^3 \equiv \bar{1}\sigma_{\mu\nu}e \quad \varepsilon \quad \bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}u.$ 

Tensor:

$$\overleftarrow{D}_{\mu}^{(I)} \equiv (\tau^I) \overrightarrow{D}_{\mu} - \overleftarrow{D}_{\mu} (\tau^I)$$

## Independent coefficients for top FCNCs

Two-quark operators:  $10 \times 2_{(a=1,2)}$  complex coefficients

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Scalar:} & C_{\mathfrak{u}\varphi}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}\varphi}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, \\ \text{Vector:} & C_{\varphi q}^{+(\mathsf{a3})} = C_{\varphi q}^{+(\mathsf{3a})*} \equiv C_{\varphi q}^{+(\mathsf{a+3})}, & (\mathsf{down}\text{-}Z) \\ & C_{\varphi q}^{-(\mathsf{a3})} = C_{\varphi q}^{-(\mathsf{3a})*} \equiv C_{\varphi q}^{-(\mathsf{a+3})}, & (\mathsf{up}\text{-}Z) \\ & C_{\varphi \mathfrak{u}}^{(\mathsf{a3})} = C_{\varphi \mathfrak{u}}^{(\mathsf{3a})*} \equiv C_{\varphi \mathfrak{u}}^{(\mathsf{a+3})}, & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}. & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}. & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}, & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}. & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{3a})}. & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}. & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}. & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}. & \\ & C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}, \ C_{\mathfrak{u}B}^{(\mathsf{a3})}$$

Two-quark–two-lepton operators:  $8 \times 2 \times 3^2$  complex coefficients

Four-quark operators: ...

## The broken-phase effective Lagrangian

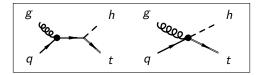
#### Schematically:

Scalar:

Vector:  $\bar{t}\gamma^{\mu}q$ 

Tensor:  $\overline{t}\sigma^{\mu\nu}q$   $A_{\mu\nu}$   $\overline{t}\sigma^{\mu\nu}q$   $Z_{\mu\nu}$   $\overline{t}\sigma^{\mu\nu}T^Aq$   $G^A_{\mu\nu}$ 

## $e^+$ $e^+$



#### Issues:

- 1. Missing four-point interactions:
  - four-fermion operators
  - a tagh vertex arising from  $O_{\mathrm{u}\mathrm{G}} \equiv \bar{q}\,\sigma^{\mu\nu}\,T^{A}\mathrm{u}\,\,\tilde{\varphi}\,\,G^{A}_{\mu\nu}$
- 2. Operators of seemingly different dimensions
- 3. Missed correlations:

of '
$$v + h$$
' type  
of ' $(t_L [V_{CKM}d_L]^3)^T$ ' type

# A first global EFT analysis at NLO in QCD

#### Direct searches

		tqg T	, tqgh T	$^{tq\gamma}$ T	<i>tqZ</i> V,T	$tq\ell\ell$ S,V,T	<i>tqqq</i> S,V,T	tqh S
The broken-phase effective Lagrangian:			Х	1	✓,✓	Х	Х	1
$e^-  ho  ightarrow e^- t$	OPAL, DELPHI, ALEPH, H1, ZEUS	L3		1	<b>√,</b> × ×	×		
boundary production $ \begin{array}{c} \bullet p \stackrel{\leftarrow}{p} \rightarrow t \\ p \stackrel{\leftarrow}{p} \rightarrow t j \\ \bullet p p \rightarrow t \gamma \\ p p \rightarrow t \ell^+ \ell^- \\ p p \rightarrow t \gamma \gamma \\ \end{array} $	CDF, ATLAS DO, CMS CMS CMS	/ / / / /	×	× × ×	× ×,√	Х	×	х
$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $	CDF, D0, ATLAS, CMS CDF, D0, ATLAS, CMS CMS, ATLAS			✓ × ×	√, <b>X</b>	×		<b>✓</b>

#### One single contribution is often assumed, although:

- · NP could generate several operators at  $\Lambda$ .
- $\cdot$  RG mixings (and fixed order corrections) would contaminate more of them at E.
- $\cdot$  EOM, Fierz identities, etc. have converted some op. into combinations of others.

⇒ A consistent EFT treatment should include *all* operators up to a given dimension!

#### Interferences and NLO

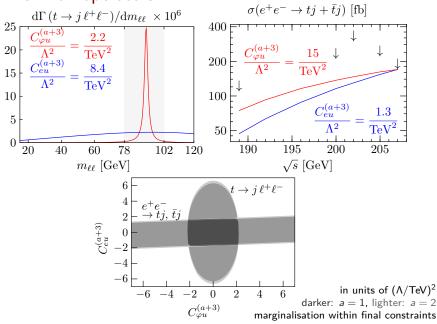
$$\text{e.g. } \Gamma_{t \to j}^{m\ell \ell} \in [78,102] \text{ GeV} = 10^{-5} \text{ GeV} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda}\right)^4 \times \\ \\ Re \begin{pmatrix} C_{q}^{(-a+3)} \\ C_{eq}^{(a+3)} \\ C_{eq}^{(3)} \\ C_{us}^{(3)} \\ C_{us}$$

two-quark op.: implemented NLO UFO model

[Degrande et al. 14']

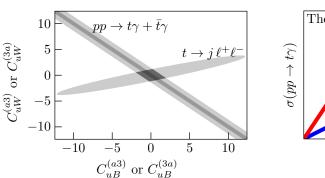
- two-quark-two-lepton op.: analytically then (now in UFO too)
   [Zhang 14']
- · four-quarks op.: implementation in progress
- everything to appear in UFO

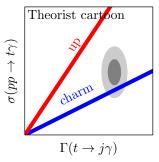
### Four-fermion operators



## Production vs. decay

Discriminate the *tc* and *tu* interactions through proton PDF.



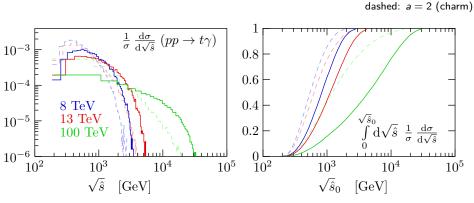


$$C_{uA} \equiv C_{uW} + C_{uB}$$
  
 $C_{uZ} \equiv C_{uW} \cot \theta_W - C_{uB} \tan \theta_W$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{in units of } (\Lambda/\text{TeV})^2 \\ \text{darker: } a=1 \text{ (up), lighter: } a=2 \text{ (charm)} \\ \text{marginalising within } \textit{C}_{\textit{uG}} \text{ constraints} \end{array}$ 

## Production vs. decay

Probing higher energies...



...until the EFT breaks down.

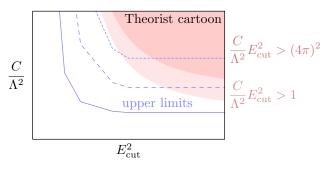
solid: a = 1 (up)

## Validity of the EFT

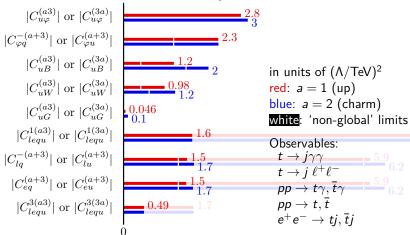
New-physics states should not be directly producible ≡ low-energy limit

Providing bounds as a function of a cut on the characteristic energy scale of the process E makes them interpretable for cutoffs lower than the experiment energy reach. [Contino et al 16']

A  $E_{\rm cut}$  may be required:  $\cdot$  for EFT perturbativity  $\cdot$  for insuring [SM-EFT interference]  $\lesssim$  [EFT]<sup>2</sup>



## Global constraints at NLO in QCD



#### Experimental improvements:

- · Off-Z-peak region in  $t o j \, \ell^+ \ell^-$  and update of  $pp o t \, \ell^+ \ell^-$
- · Constraint on pp o th
- · Statistical combinations
- · Angular distributions like 'helicity fractions'

How to proceed further?

#### LHC observables

			tqgh, T	$^{\textit{tq}\gamma}_{T}$	<i>tqZ</i> V,T	$tq\ell\ell$ S,V,T	<i>tqqq</i> S,V,T	tqh S
Anomalous couplings:		1		1	✓,✓			✓
production	$egin{aligned}  ho &  ho  ightarrow t \ (j) \  ho &  ho  ho  ho  ho t \  ho' \  ho &  ho  ho  ho t \  ho'  ho' \  ho &  ho  ho  ho t \ \gamma \gamma \end{aligned}$	X X X	Х	(X) X X	(X) X,X	х	( <b>X</b> )	Х
decay	$t ightarrow j\gamma \ t ightarrow j\ell^+\ell^- \ t ightarrow j\gamma\gamma$	X X X	Х	X X X	X,X	X		x

X: appearing at LO

X: appearing at NLO in QCD

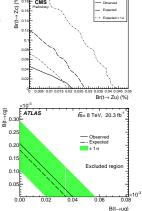
- ! 'decay' is formally QCD correction to 'production'
- · separating on-Z-peak and off-Z-peak, separating  $e^+e^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$
- $\cdot$  separating t and  $\overline{t}$  (e.g. enhances tug sensitivity, + CPV)

#### Cut-and-count vs. MVA

- ! Theory will improve.
  - EXP×TH factorisation is desirable
- Fiducial (particle-level) bgd+obs. event counts (and limits) are the simplest way to go.

eg: 
$$\sigma(pp \to \bar{b}\ell^-\cancel{E}_T \ (j)\ell^+\ell^-)$$

- · relatively straightforward to compare prediction to
- · trivial scaling with number of th. parameters
- · theory independent
- · More sophistications necessary in some cases
  - · bad scaling with number of th. parameters
  - $\cdot\,\,$  given some means of extrapolation/morphing
  - publishing MVA training
- ? Systematics uncertainties and correlations
  - · between measurements
  - · between experiments



## Conclusions ...

... are to be draw together.

So, let's discuss!