

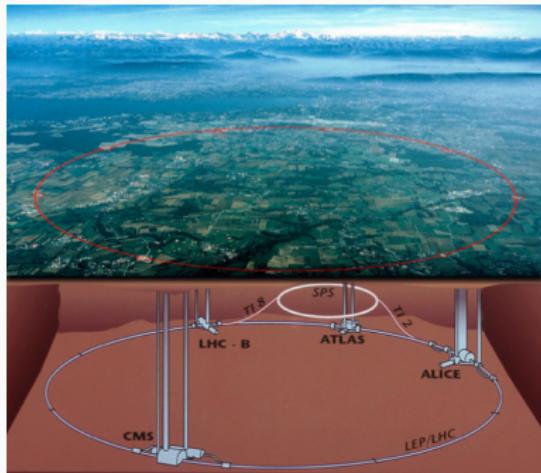
Effective field theory interpretation for measurements of top quark pair-production in association with a W or Z boson

Thesis Defense

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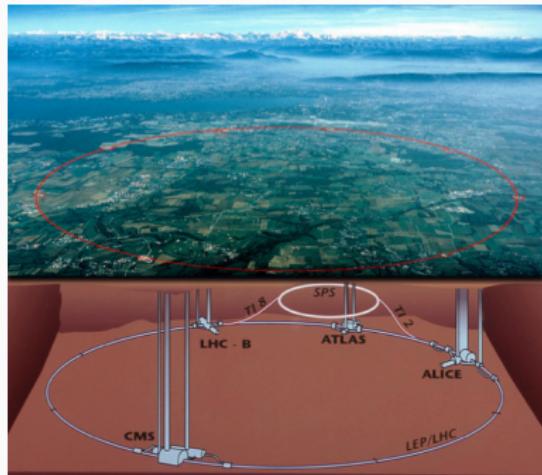
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The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



- 26.7 km tunnel
- 8 TeV center-of-mass energy, upgraded to 13 TeV starting in 2015
- Total beam energy: 260 MJ (\approx kinetic energy of 750 Honda Civics each moving at 55 MPH)
- Superconducting magnet temperature is 2 K (colder than outer space)
- Colliding protons is like shooting two needles at each other from a distance of six miles and having them hit in the middle

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



Why did we
build the
LHC????

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The standard model (SM)

- Basic idea
 - Matter is made up of combinations of fundamental particles
 - Fundamental particles are excitations of quantum fields
 - Particles interact via several forces
 - Forces are associated with couplings between ‘matter’ fields and ‘gauge’ fields

The standard model (SM)

Quarks	mass →	2.4 MeV/c ²
	charge →	2/3
	spin →	1/2
	name →	u up
Leptons	mass →	4.8 MeV/c ²
	charge →	-1/3
Leptons	spin →	1/2
	name →	d down
Leptons	mass →	<2.2 eV/c ²
	charge →	0
Leptons	spin →	1/2
	name →	v _e electron neutrino
Leptons	mass →	0.511 MeV/c ²
	charge →	-1
Leptons	spin →	1/2
	name →	e electron

- Matter particles
 - Quarks:
‘up type’
‘down type’
 - Leptons:
‘neutrino type’
‘electron type’

The standard model (SM)

Three generations of matter (fermions)			
	I	II	III
mass →	2.4 MeV/c ²	1.27 GeV/c ²	171.2 GeV/c ²
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2
name →	u up	c charm	t top
Quarks	d down	s strange	b bottom
<2.2 eV/c ²	<0.17 MeV/c ²	<15.5 MeV/c ²	
0 1/2 electron neutrino	0 1/2 muon neutrino	0 1/2 tau neutrino	
Leptons	e electron	μ muon	τ tau
0.511 MeV/c ²	105.7 MeV/c ²	1.777 GeV/c ²	
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The standard model (SM)

Three generations of matter (fermions)				Gauge bosons
I	II	III		
mass → 2.4 MeV/c ²	1.27 GeV/c ²	171.2 GeV/c ²	0	~125 GeV/c ²
charge → 2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin → 1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0
name → u up	c charm	t top	γ photon	H Higgs boson
Quarks	d down	s strange	b bottom	g gluon
4.8 MeV/c ²	104 MeV/c ²	4.2 GeV/c ²	0	0
-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	1
1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1
e electron neutrino	μ muon neutrino	τ tau neutrino	Z ⁰ Z boson	
Leptons	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	W ⁺ W boson
<2.2 eV/c ²	<0.17 MeV/c ²	<15.5 MeV/c ²	91.2 GeV/c ²	80.4 GeV/c ²
0	0	0	0	±1
1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1
ν _e	ν _μ	ν _τ	Z ⁰	W ⁺

- Matter particles
 - Quarks:
'up type' x 3
'down type' x 3
 - Leptons:
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- Forces
 - Electromagnetic (γ)
 - Weak (W/Z)
 - Strong (g)
 - Higgs (H)

Physics beyond the SM

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charge →	± 1			
spin →	1			
name →				
				W ⁺ W boson

We know this picture is incomplete!

- Gravity
- Matter/anti-matter asymmetry
- Dark matter
- Dark energy
- etc etc

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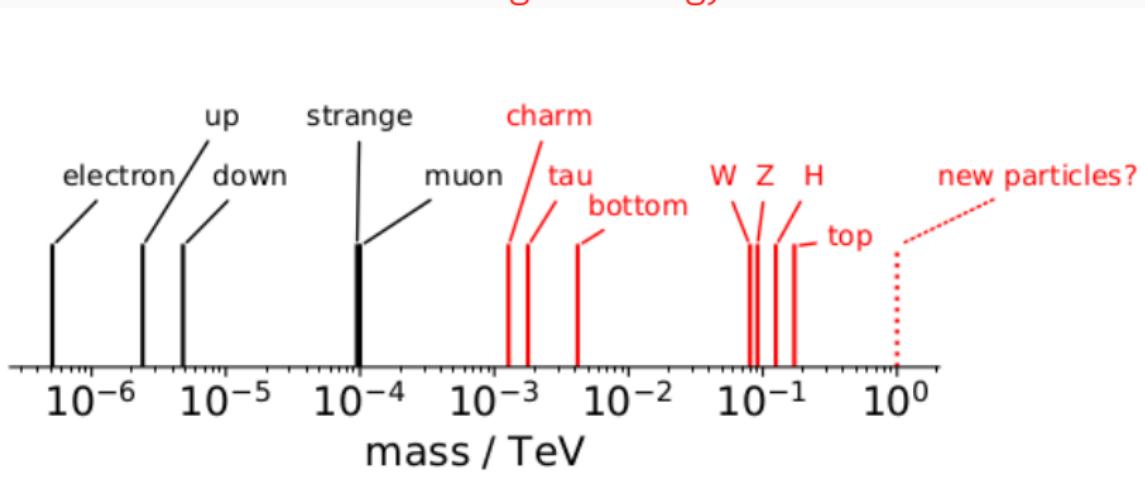
There must be particles
we have not discovered
yet!

How do we find new particles?

Turn kinetic energy into mass!

$$E \Leftrightarrow mc^2$$

In red: particles discovered at particle accelerators of higher and higher energy



Bad news: finding new particles may require more energy than the LHC provides

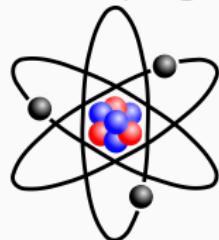
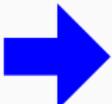
Good news: we have tools for coping; one is effective field theory (EFT)

What is an effective theory?

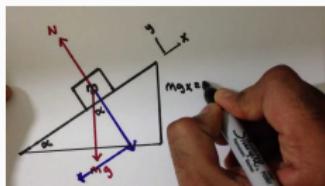
An effective theory describes observations without claiming that the mechanism of the theory is the actual cause of observations (expect a more fundamental underlying theory)



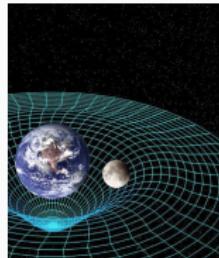
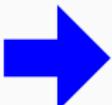
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atomic theory



newtonian
mechanics



general relativity

Effective field theory

Extend SM by adding higher dimensional operators representing new physics associated with particles too heavy to produce at LHC

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

Operators: unique products of fields

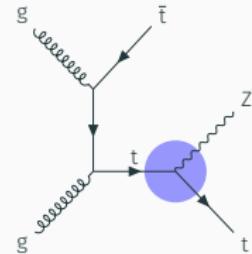
Wilson coefficients: constants which characterize the strength of the NP effect (analysis goal is to constrain these)

Top quark physics

Why study EFT in the top sector?

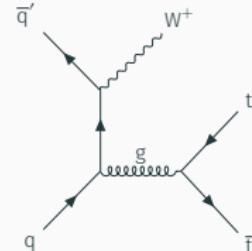
- Top's huge mass stands out—is it special?
- Top decays before hadronizing: our only chance to study a ‘bare’ quark

Top is so heavy that nothing decays to it: study associated production!



Tops + Z ($t\bar{t}Z$): Direct probe of t-Z coupling!

Tops + W ($t\bar{t}W$): Not sensitive to t-W coupling (can be measured via $t \rightarrow W b$). But tops + Ws could be a sign of NP ($X \rightarrow tW$)!

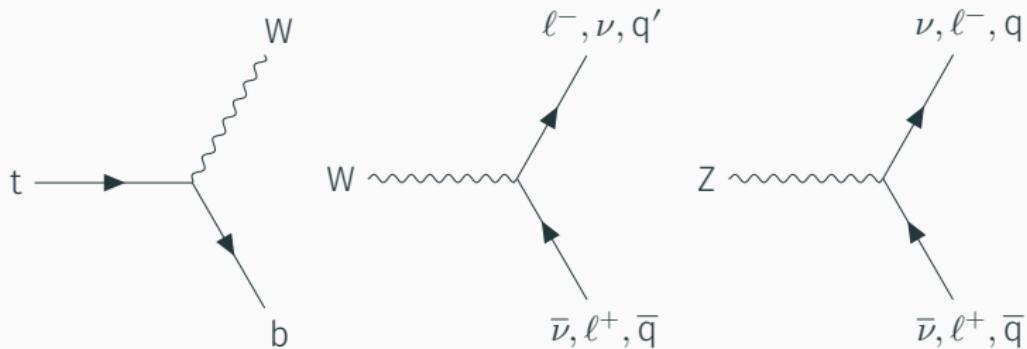


EFT is a useful tool for searching for NP

Some dimension-six operators would affect
 $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ cross sections

Analysis goal: use $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ cross section
measurements to constrain their Wilson
coefficient values

What does $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ look like?



We do not see the tops, Zs, and Ws directly: they decay before they reach the detector. So we look for the stuff they decay to.

→ Focus on **multilepton signatures**: at least one lepton ($\ell = \mu, e$) from the top and one from the W or Z. Fewer events, but cleaner signature!

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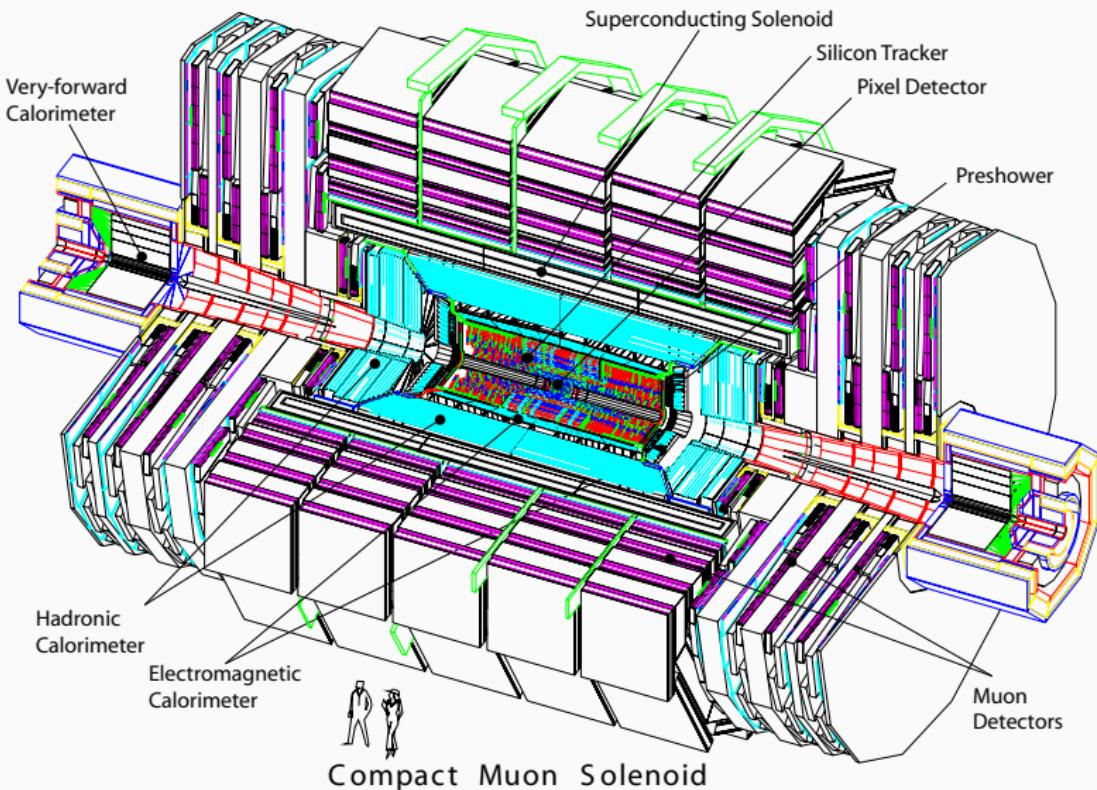
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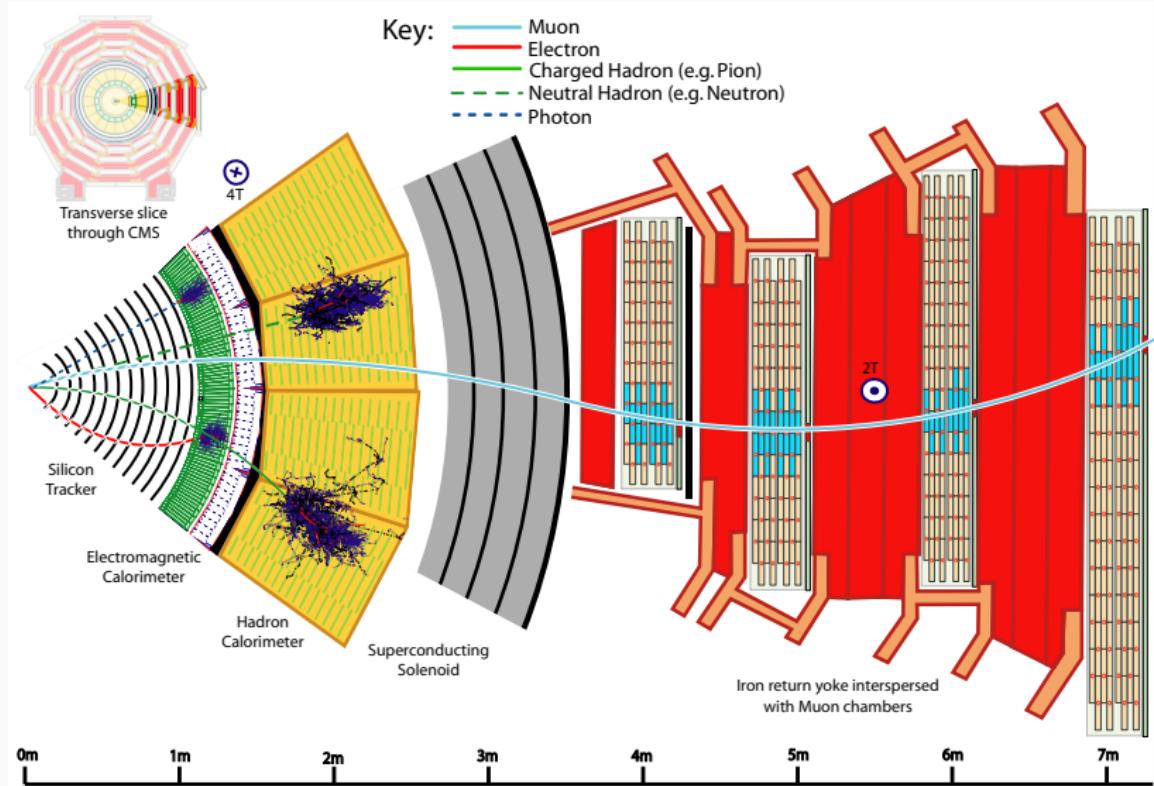
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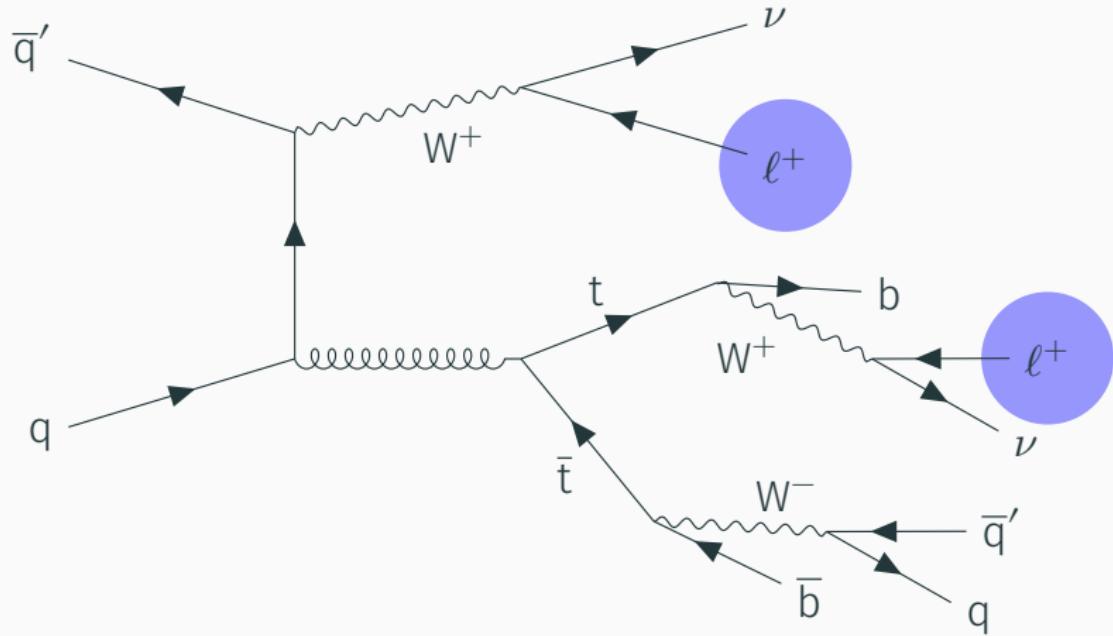
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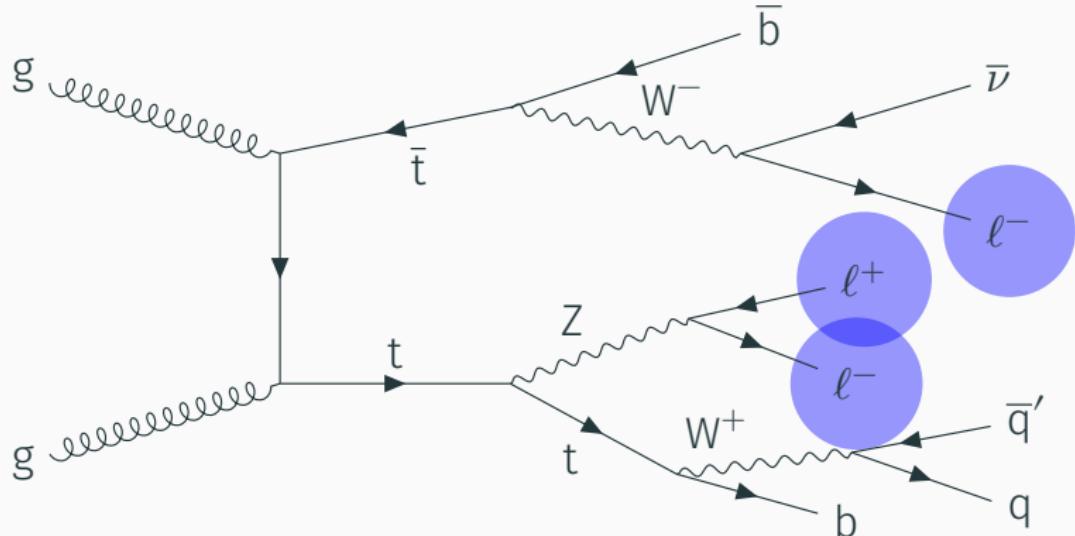
Analysis signatures



same-sign $t\bar{t}W$

$$t\bar{t}W \rightarrow (b\ell\nu)(b\bar{b}) (\ell\nu)$$

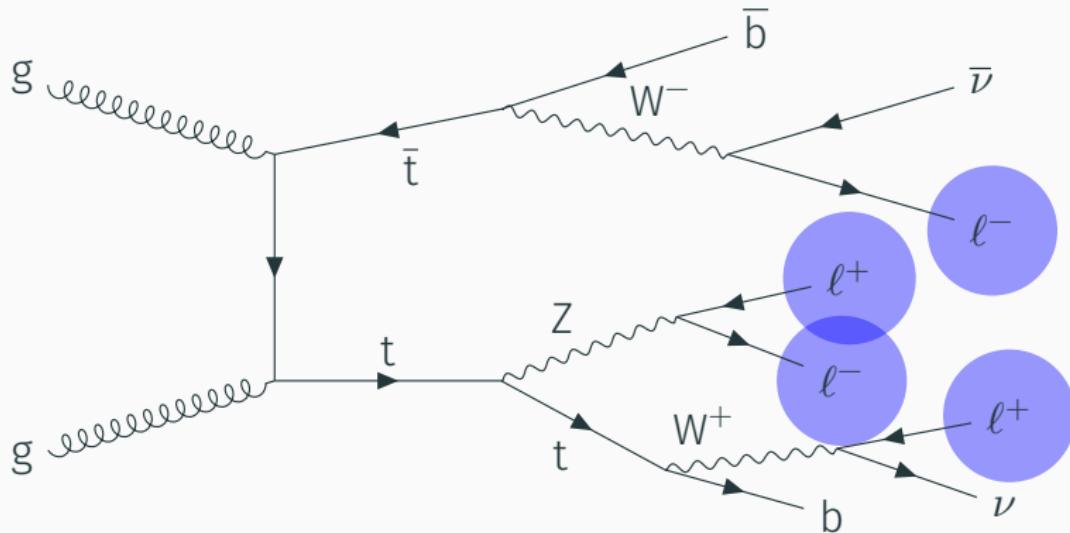
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$3\ell \, t\bar{t}Z$

$t\bar{t}Z \rightarrow (b\ell\nu)(bjj)(\ell\ell)$

Analysis signatures



$4\ell \, t\bar{t}Z$

$t\bar{t}Z \rightarrow (b\ell\nu)(b\ell\nu)(\ell\ell)$

Reducible Backgrounds

Nonprompt leptons (SS $t\bar{t}W$, 3ℓ $t\bar{t}Z$)

- Leptons from b decays, misidentified jets, photon conversions, etc (mostly from $t\bar{t}$ + jets)
- Estimated from data
 - Measure rate f_{TL} loose leptons pass tight criteria in **measurement region** enriched with nonprompt leptons
 - Weight **application region** events which pass full selection, except that at least one lepton passes loose selection but fails tight selection by f_{TL}

Charge misidentification (SS $t\bar{t}W$)

- Charge of one electron is misidentified
- Misidentification rate measured in simulation and validated in data $Z \rightarrow ee$ events

Irreducible Backgrounds

Diboson (SS $t\bar{t}W$, $3\ell t\bar{t}Z$, $4\ell t\bar{t}Z$)

- Estimated from simulation
- Measure data/MC correction factor in WZ enriched control region
- ZZ validated in enriched control region

Rare and $t(\bar{t})X$ (SS $t\bar{t}W$, $3\ell t\bar{t}Z$, $4\ell t\bar{t}Z$)

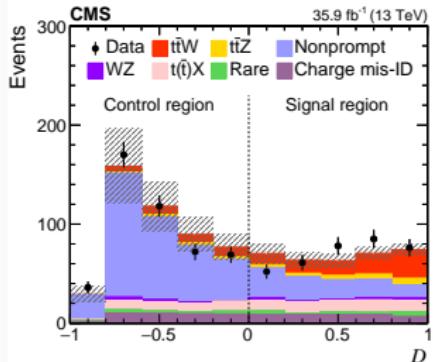
- Irreducible, but generally small contribution
- Estimated from simulation

Event selection

	SS $t\bar{t}W$	$3\ell t\bar{t}Z$	$4\ell t\bar{t}Z$
lepton p_T	$> \begin{cases} 27/40 \text{ GeV}(e) \\ 25 \text{ GeV}(\mu) \end{cases}$	$> 10/20/40 \text{ GeV}$	$> 10/10/10/40 \text{ GeV}$
jets ^a	$2, 3, > 3$	$2, 3, > 3$	≥ 2
b-tagged jets ^a	$1, > 1$	$0, 1, > 1$	$0, \geq 1$
Z window	$ M_{ee} - M_Z > 15 \text{ GeV}$	OSSF pair with $ M_{\ell\ell} - M_Z < 10 \text{ GeV}$	OSSF pair with $ M_{\ell\ell} - M_Z < 20 \text{ GeV}$ and veto on additional OSSF pair
loose lepton veto			
charge ^a	$\ell^+ \ell^+, \ell^- \ell^-$		
p_T^{miss}	$> 30 \text{ GeV}$		
BDT ^a	$D > 0, D < 0$		

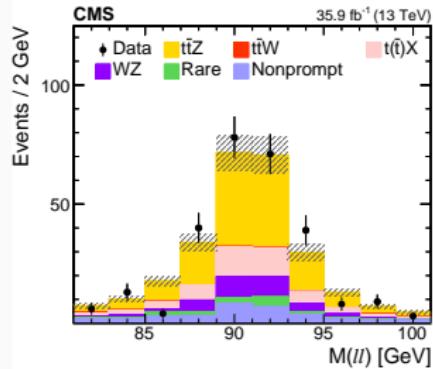
^a Entries separated by commas indicate events are categorized according to each listed criteria.

Signal extraction



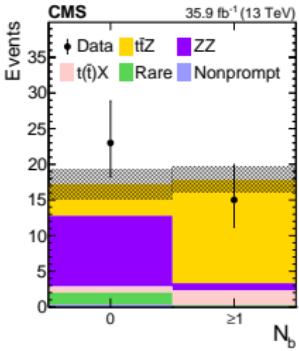
SS $t\bar{t}W$

Categorize by charge to take advantage of W charge asymmetry; use BDT to enhance sensitivity



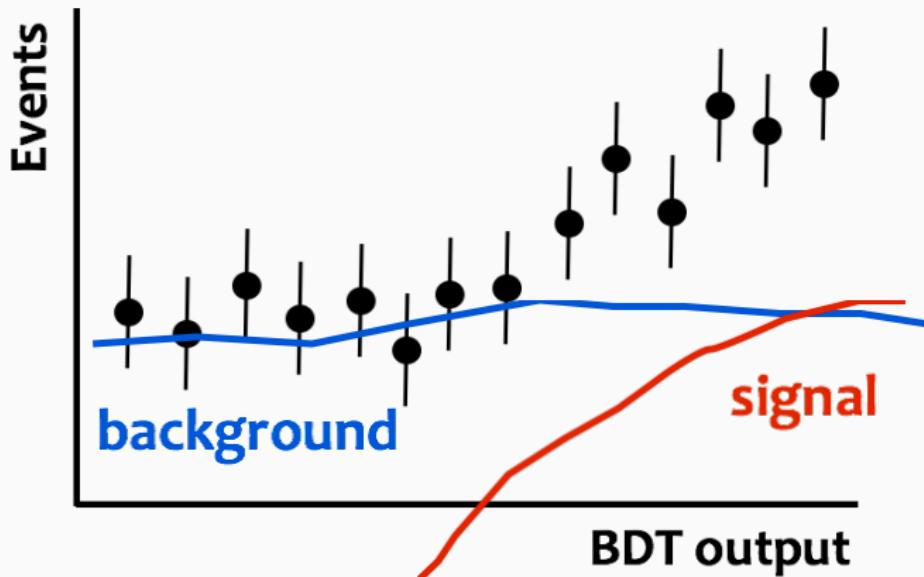
$3\ell t\bar{t}Z, 4\ell t\bar{t}Z$

Cut on Z mass window and b jets



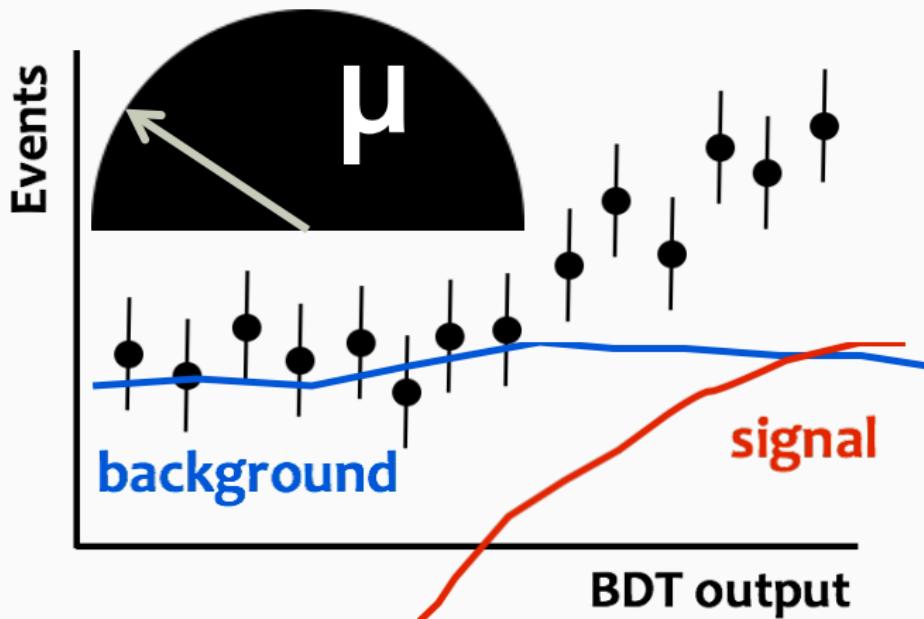
Characterizing the data

$$\text{signal strength } \mu = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}$$



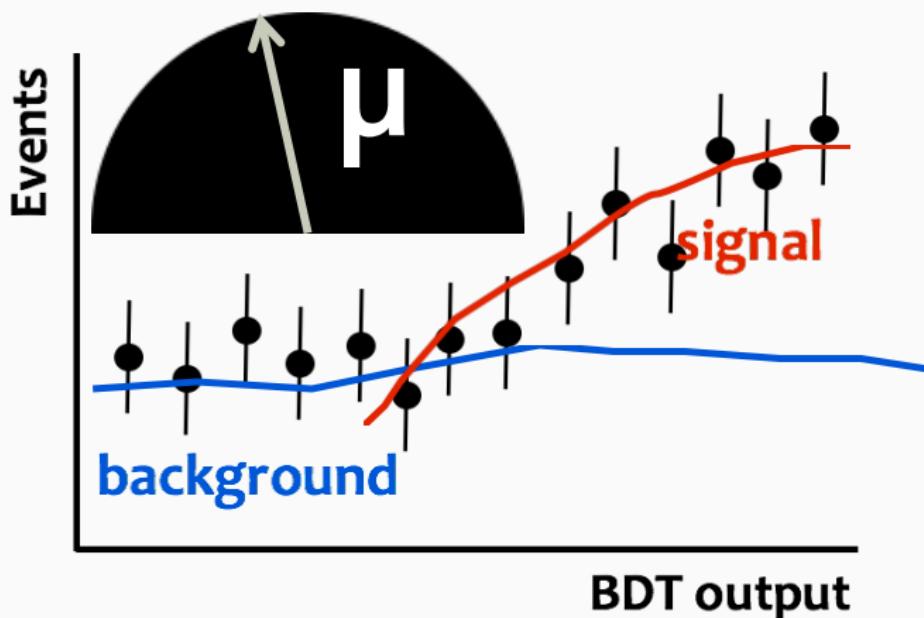
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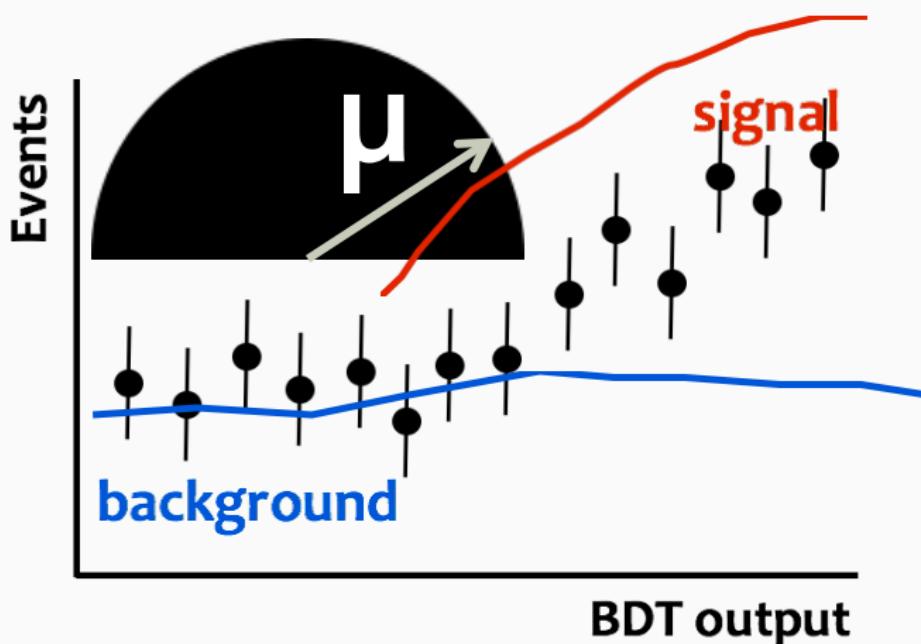
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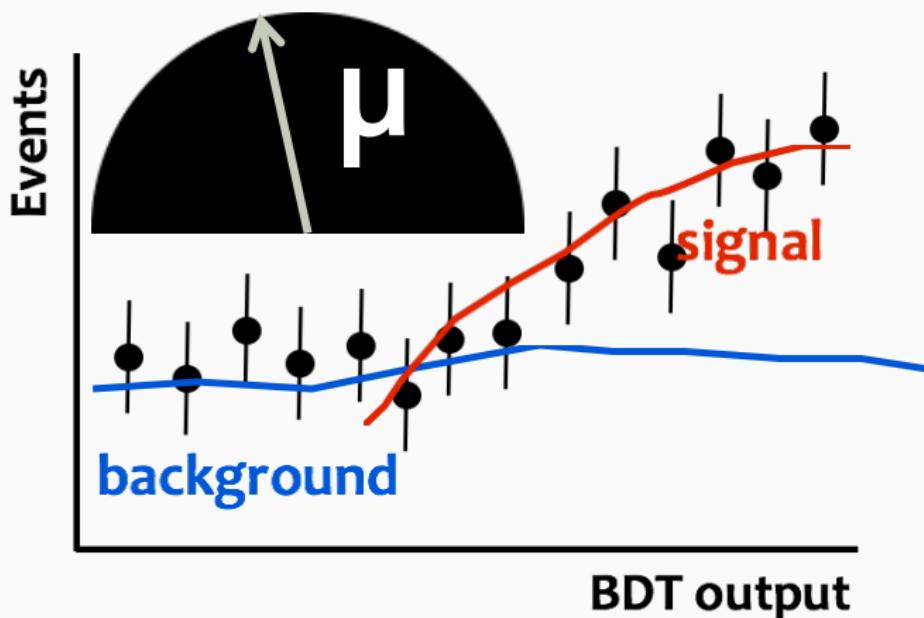
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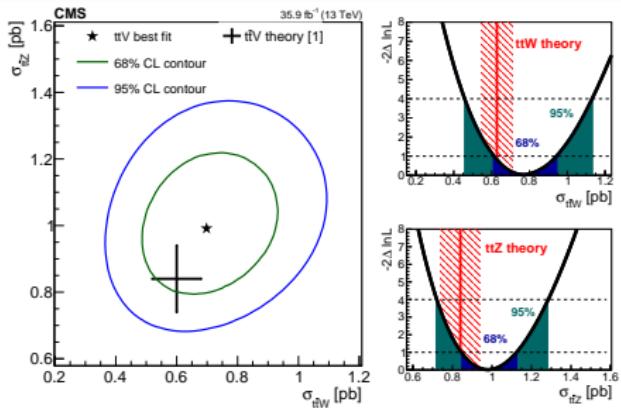


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Results



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z) = 0.99^{+0.09}_{-0.08}(\text{stat})^{+0.12}_{-0.10}(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W) = 0.77^{+0.12}_{-0.11}(\text{stat})^{+0.13}_{-0.12}(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^+) = 0.58 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.09}_{-0.08} \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^-) = 0.19 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb}$$

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Why is this hard?

1. There are 59 operators— multiple couplings may be enhanced, and operators may interfere with each other
2. EFT might affect $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ kinematics

In this work¹, we make two simplifications:

1. Study couplings independently
2. Assume EFT only affects process rates

¹Most of this work— later I will show preliminary steps toward relaxing assumption 1) and ideas for tackling 2)

General strategy

How to calculate scaling of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}W}$ and $\sigma_{t\bar{t}Z}$ as a function of the Wilson coefficients?

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum c_i \mathcal{M}_i$$

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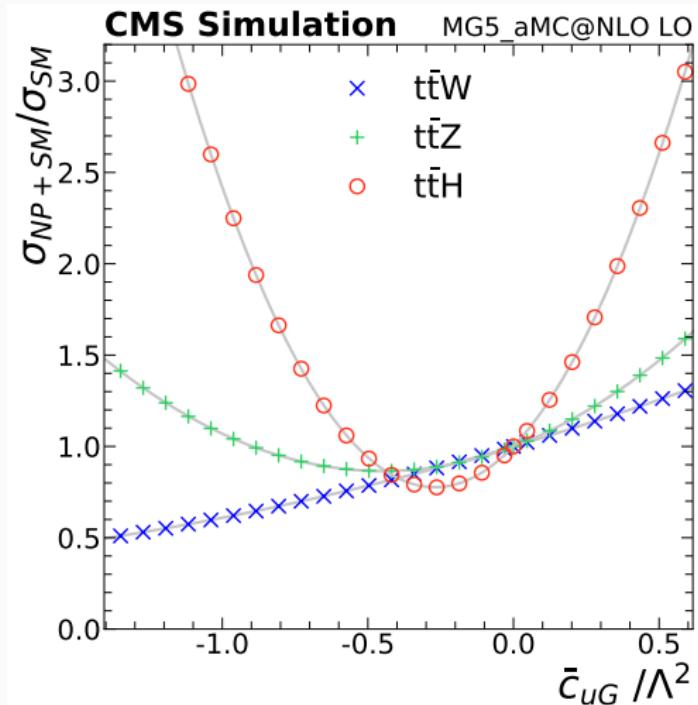
$$\begin{aligned}\mu(c_1) &= \frac{\sigma_{\text{SM+NP}}(c_1)}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{SM+NP}}(c_1)}{\sigma_{\text{SM+NP}}(0)} = \propto \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_0|^2} \\ &\propto \frac{|\mathcal{M}_0 + c_1 \mathcal{M}_1|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_0|^2} \\ &\propto s_0 + s_1 c_1 + s_2 c_1^2\end{aligned}$$



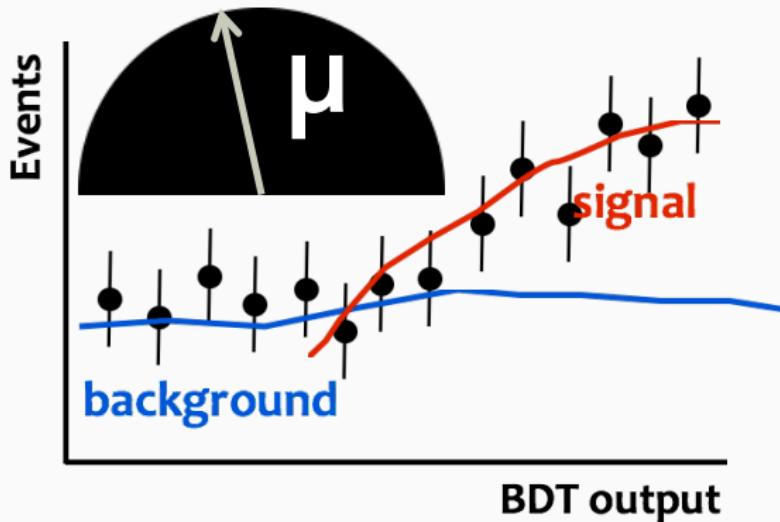
We do not need to calculate $\mu(c_1)$ at each possible c_1 : we can calculate $\mu(c_1)$ for three values of c_1 and solve the system of equations to determine s_0 , s_1 , and s_2 !

General strategy

What does $\mu(c_1)$ look like?



General strategy



Find best-fit c_1 (constrained by $\mu(c_1) = s_0 + s_1 c_1 + s_2 c_1^2$)

Eight TeV analysis²

Select five operators because they have a small effect on inclusive Higgs boson and $t\bar{t}$, and a large effect on $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}W$, or both

Coefficient	Best fit point(s)	68 % CL	95 % CL
\bar{c}_{uB}	-0.07 and 0.07	[-0.11, 0.11]	[-0.14, 0.14]
\bar{c}_{3W}	-0.28 and 0.28	[-0.36, -0.18] and [0.18, 0.36]	[-0.43, 0.43]
\bar{c}_{Hu}	-0.47 and 0.13	[-0.60, -0.23] and [-0.11, 0.26]	[-0.71, 0.37]
\bar{c}_{HQ}	-0.09 and 0.41	[-0.22, 0.08] and [0.24, 0.54]	[-0.31, 0.63]
\bar{c}'_{HQ}	0.12	[-0.07, 0.18]	[-0.33, -0.24] and [-0.02, 0.23]

²V. Khachatryan et al. "Observation of top quark pairs produced in association with a vector boson in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV". In: JHEP 01 (2016), p. 096. doi:10.1007/JHEP01(2016)096.

Thirteen TeV analysis: improvements

- Removed NP couplings to light quarks³: makes it harder to set limits because we are only sensitive to 3rd-gen couplings, but those are exactly what we want to probe
- Added scaling for $t\bar{t}H$
- Improved range-finding for parameterization
- More sophisticated operator selection

³Big thanks to Adam Martin for providing the new FeynRules implementation and a great deal of additional help

Thirteen TeV analysis: what operators do we care about?

We can eliminate:

- Operators which do not affect $t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$, or $t\bar{t}H$
- Operators which have a large effect on already precisely measured processes ($t\bar{t}$ etc)
- Operators which produce a large effect on background yields

Operators with large effect on precisely measured processes

Define extreme signal scaling $\mu_e(c_1)$ to be $\mu(c_1)$ evaluated at the c_1 which maximizes $|\mu(c_1) - 1|$ within the range of c_1 corresponding to 2σ sensitivity

Exclude operators producing $|\mu_e - 1| > 0.7$ for any of $t\bar{t}$, inclusive Higgs, WW, and WZ

	$\mu_{e,t\bar{t}}$	$\mu_{e,H}$	$\mu_{e,DY}$	$\mu_{e,ZZ}$	$\mu_{e,WZ}$	$\mu_{e,WW}$
\tilde{c}_{HB}	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	5.0	4.6
\bar{c}_G	0.6	1610.7	1.1	5.2	1.0	2.5
\tilde{c}_G	1.0	739.4	1.0	2.9	1.0	1.7
\bar{c}_{Hd}	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.0	2.8
\bar{c}_{HW}	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.1
\tilde{c}_{3W}	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	7.9	2.6
\bar{c}_{3W}	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	7.9	2.6
\bar{c}_{WW}	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.2

Operators with large effect on background yields

Worst offenders: triboson, VH, $t(\bar{t})X$. Eliminate them for now, but promising direction for future work!

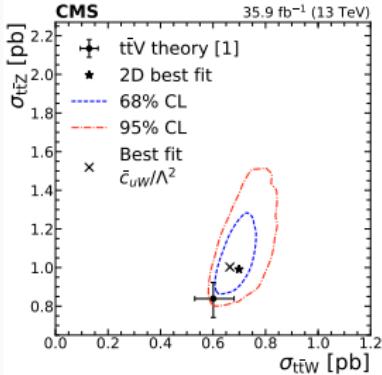
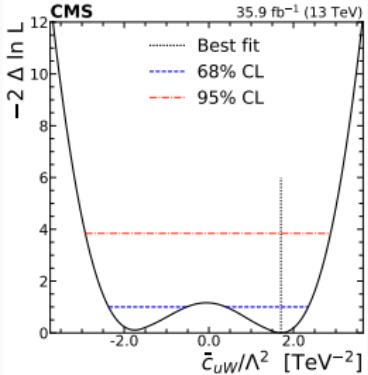
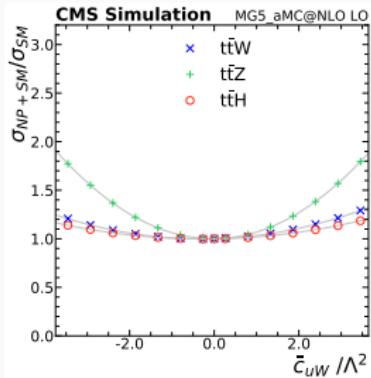
	$T_{SM}^3 = 443$			$T_{SM} = 218$					$T_{SM} = 175$					$T_{SM} = 1176$		
	$\Delta_{\bar{t}tZ}$	$\Delta_{\bar{t}tW}$	$\Delta_{\bar{t}tH}$	Δ_{WWW}	Δ_{WZZ}	Δ_{ZZZ}	Δ_{WWZ}	Δ_{VH}	Δ_{tZq}	Δ_{thq}	Δ_{tHW}	$\Delta_{tt\bar{t}}$	Δ_{tWZ}	Δ_{tG}	Δ_{WZ}	Δ_{ZZ}
\bar{c}_{HB}	135.2	0.3	36.5	59.5	8.6	272.8	1079.5	3355.3	47.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	113.3	1.3
\bar{c}_{HW}	75.1	103.5	2.1	2052.7	950.4	416.7	1017.2	36709.2	37.0	804.6	47.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	260.2	8.6
\bar{c}_{Hud}	135.5	0.0	35.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.7	0.0	1818.3	1676.5	339.6	0.5	19.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
\bar{c}_{HQ}	-175.1	2.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	41.2	224.7	1280.5	257.7	0.0	0.0	3.4	4.2	0.0	0.0	90.1
\bar{c}_B	135.8	0.0	35.1	0.0	0.6	304.2	1750.1	4177.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
\bar{c}_A	145.9	0.0	8.2	0.0	8.8	835.2	1958.5	20517.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3
\bar{c}'_{HQ}	-149.6	2.5	47.5	0.0	0.0	24.4	81.3	772.0	1687.7	1503.6	269.0	2.5	15.8	0.0	0.0	17.8
\bar{c}_U	0.9	0.1	81.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	292.0	44.7	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

¹ Yields differences are calculated as $\Delta = \sum_i N_{SM}^i (\mu_e - 1)$, where N_{SM}^i refers to the expected SM yield in a particular channel, and the sum is over i channels.

³ T_{SM} is the sum of expected SM yields over channels and the given process group: $T_{SM} = \sum_{i,p} N_{SM}^{i,p}$.

Results

Eight survivors: \bar{c}_H , \tilde{c}_{3G} , \bar{c}_{3G} , \bar{c}_{uG} , \bar{c}_{uB} , \bar{c}_{Hu} , and \bar{c}_{2G}



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\bar{c}_{uW}/Λ^2	1.7	$[-2.4, -0.5] \cup [0.4, 2.4]$	$[-2.9, 2.9]$
$ \bar{c}_H/\Lambda^2 - 16.8 \text{ TeV}^{-2} $	15.6	$[0, 23.0]$	$[0, 28.5]$
$ \tilde{c}_{3G}/\Lambda^2 $	0.5	$[0, 0.7]$	$[0, 0.9]$
\bar{c}_{3G}/Λ^2	-0.4	$[-0.6, 0.1] \cup [0.4, 0.7]$	$[-0.7, 1.0]$
\bar{c}_{uG}/Λ^2	0.2	$[0, 0.3]$	$[-1.0, -0.9] \cup [-0.3, 0.4]$
$ \bar{c}_{uB}/\Lambda^2 $	1.6	$[0, 2.2]$	$[0, 2.7]$
\bar{c}_{Hu}/Λ^2	-9.3	$[-10.3, -8.0] \cup [0, 2.1]$	$[-11.1, -6.5] \cup [-1.6, 3.0]$
\bar{c}_{2G}/Λ^2	0.4	$[-0.9, -0.3] \cup [-0.1, 0.6]$	$[-1.1, 0.8]$

$\mu(c_i)$ parameterization in multiple dimensions

Considering the effects of operators simultaneously is more physically meaningful. Example for three:

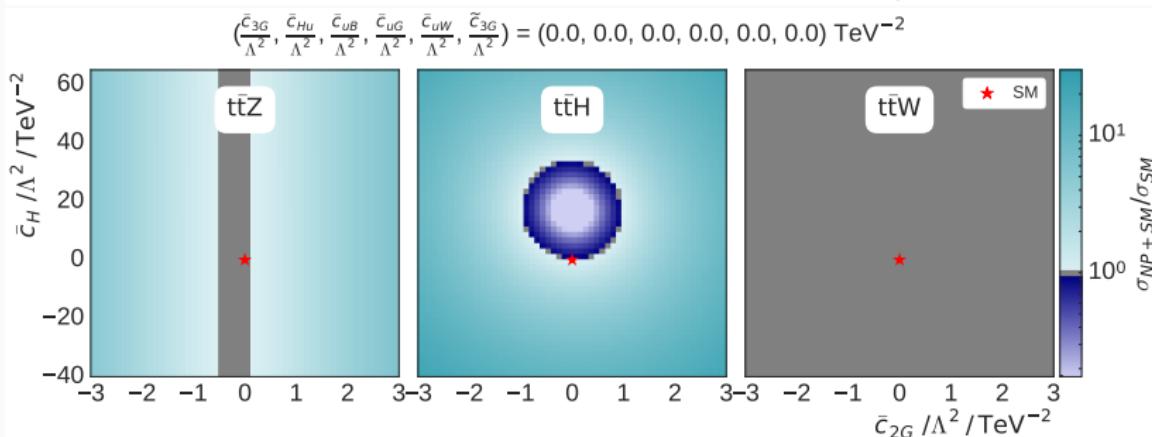
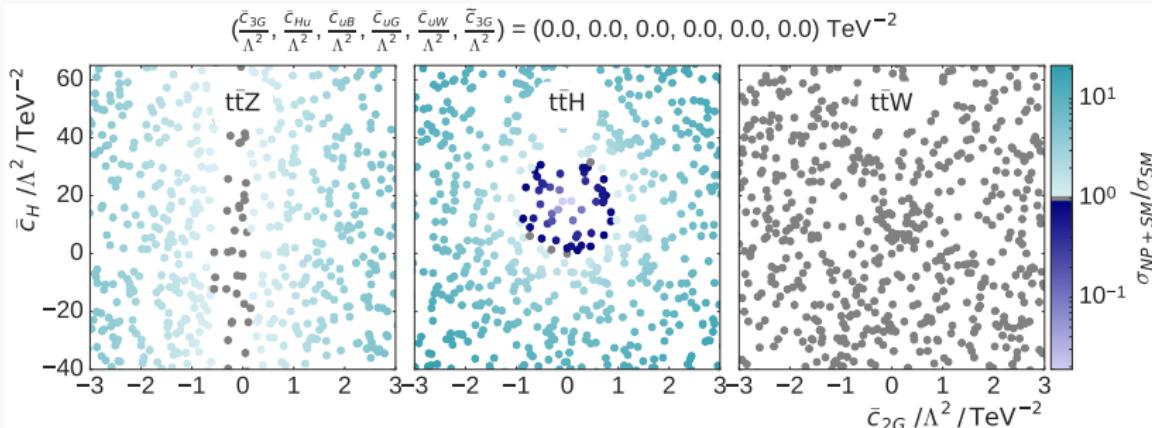
$$\sigma(c_1, c_2, c_3) \propto |\mathcal{M}_0 + c_1 \mathcal{M}_1 + c_2 \mathcal{M}_2 + c_3 \mathcal{M}_3|^2$$

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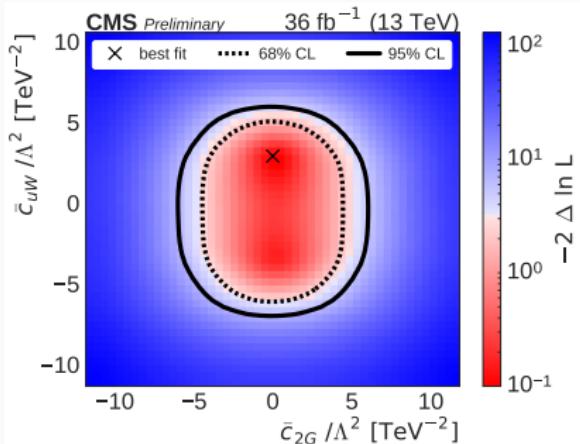
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$$N_s = 1 + 2d + \frac{d}{2}(d - 1)$$

$\mu(c_i)$ parameterization in two dimensions



Thirteen TeV analysis: simultaneous fit (preliminary!)



CL surface ‘bounding box’ for
8D simultaneous fit

	0.68 % CL / TeV^{-2}	0.95 % CL / TeV^{-2}
\bar{c}_{2G}/Λ^2	[-10.4, 10.0]	[-12, 12]
\bar{c}_{3G}/Λ^2	[-9.2, 8.6]	[-10.4, 9.9]
\bar{c}_H/Λ^2	[-25, 52]	[-31, 57]
\bar{c}_{Hu}/Λ^2	[-13, 6.2]	[-14, 7.3]
\bar{c}_{uB}/Λ^2	[-7.8, 7.3]	[-8.5, 7.9]
\bar{c}_{uG}/Λ^2	[-1.4, 1.0]	[-1.6, 1.1]
\bar{c}_{uW}/Λ^2	[-7.5, 6.8]	[-8.2, 7.4]
\tilde{c}_{3G}/Λ^2	[-1.3, 1.3]	[-1.4, 1.4]

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Matrix element reweighting: ‘recycle’ simulated events to model different hypothesis by weighting events:

$$w_{\text{new}} = w_{\text{orig}} \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{new}}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{orig}}|^2}$$

Bad news: ‘combinatoric explosion’ still a problem! Assuming 32 bits of memory per weight: weights for one event evaluated at just 10 values per parameter in a 15 dimensional parameter space would require $10^{15} \times 32 \text{ bits} = 4000 \text{ TB}$!

Parameterized matrix element reweighting

Luckily, we have a lot of practice parameterizing second-order polynomials!

$$\begin{aligned} w_{\text{new}}(c_1) &= w_{\text{orig}} \frac{|\mathcal{M}_0 + c_1 \mathcal{M}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{orig}}|^2} \\ &= w_{\text{orig}} \frac{s_0 + s_1 c_1 + s_2 c_1^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{orig}}|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

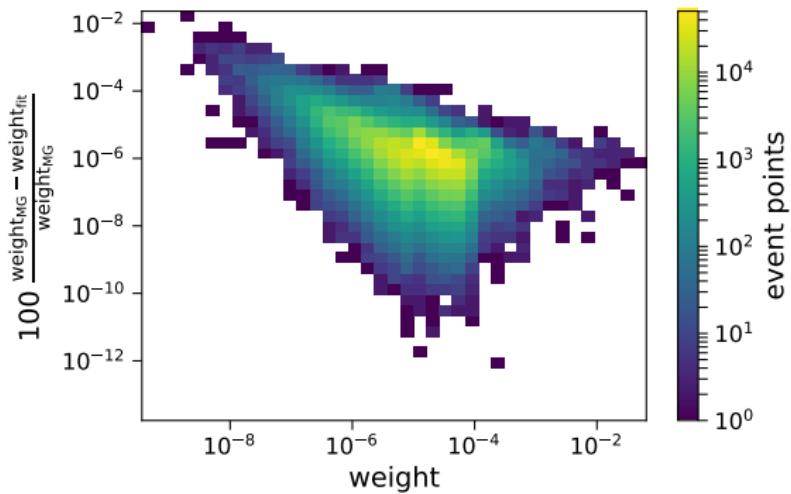
Before: parameterized $\mu(c_i)$ per-process

Now: parameterize $w(c_i)$ per-event

Need more, but they are cheap: 50 000 parameterizations in 8D (one for each event) to 200 points: ≈ 100 seconds

Parameterized matrix element reweighting

Preliminary parameterizations look promising!



Future work: how to choose reference model, properly handle uncertainties, etc... If these problems can be addressed satisfactorily, could perform ‘traditional’ analysis, then apply reweighting to final discriminant histograms

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- Used $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$ cross section measurements to constrain Wilson coefficients of dimension-six operators (results consistent with SM)
- Challenging because of large phase space; we (mostly) studied operators independently, and assumed only rates are affected
- Different combos of Wilson coefficient values can correspond to identical cross section scaling; this degeneracy is a challenge
- Identified large NP effects on triboson, $t(\bar{t})X$, and VH processes— hints at interesting direction for future work (fitting effects on more signal regions simultaneously helps break degeneracies)
- Building on experience parameterizing NP effects in one dimension, we:
 - Presented preliminary results in higher dimensions
 - Demonstrated how approach can be extended to ‘recycle’ simulation; this could be used in detector-level analyses, benefit from kinematic handles to further break degeneracies

The end: THANK YOU!

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backup

Summary of selection

Requirement	Eliminated
No effect on $t\bar{t}H$, $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}W$	$\bar{c}_l, \bar{c}_{lB}, \bar{c}_d, \bar{c}_{2B}, \bar{c}_{lW}, \bar{c}_{dB}, \bar{c}_{dW}, \bar{c}'_{HL},$ $\bar{c}_{He}, \bar{c}_{dG}, \bar{c}_6, \bar{c}_{HL}$
$ \mu_{WZ} - 1 > 0.7$	$\tilde{c}_{HB}, \bar{c}_T, \tilde{c}_{3W}, \bar{c}_{3W}, \bar{c}_{WW}, \bar{c}_{HW}$
$ \mu_{ZZ} - 1 > 0.7$	$\bar{c}_G, \tilde{c}_G, \bar{c}_T$
$ \mu_{WW} - 1 > 0.7$	$\tilde{c}_{HB}, \bar{c}_G, \tilde{c}_G, \bar{c}_T, \bar{c}_{Hd}, \tilde{c}_{3W}, \bar{c}_{3W}$
$ \mu_{tt} - 1 > 0.7$	\bar{c}_{uG}, \bar{c}_G
$ \mu_H - 1 > 0.7$	\bar{c}_G, \tilde{c}_G
Large effect on backgrounds	$\bar{c}_{HB}, \tilde{c}_{HW}, \bar{c}_{Hud}, \bar{c}_{HQ}, \bar{c}_B, \tilde{c}_A, \bar{c}'_{HQ},$ \bar{c}_u

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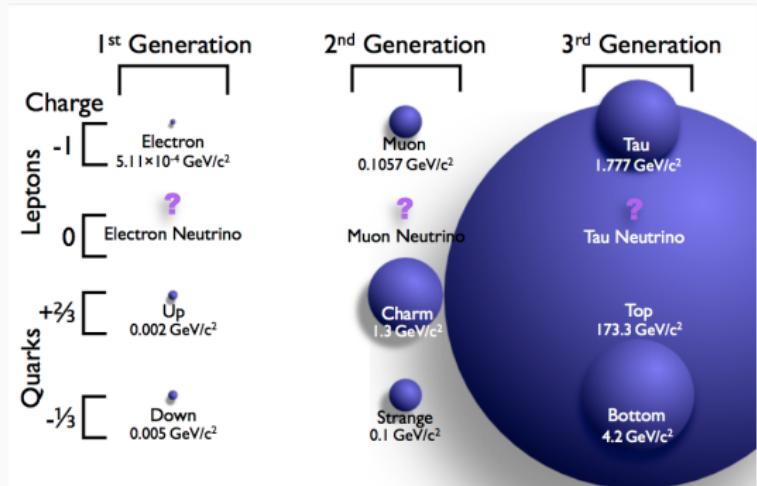
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Top quark physics

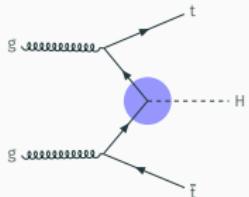


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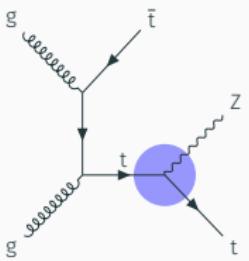
- Top's huge mass stands out—is it special?
- Top decays before hadronizing: our only chance to study a 'bare' quark

Top is so heavy that nothing decays to it → study associated production!

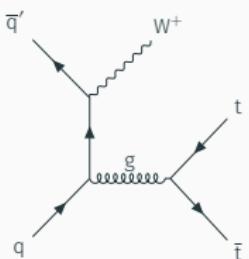
Top quark + what?



Tops + Higgs ($t\bar{t}H$):
Obviously! Source of mass
and most massive particle.
Sign me up!



Tops + Z ($t\bar{t}Z$): Also very
interesting! Direct probe of
t-Z coupling!



Tops + W ($t\bar{t}W$): Not sensitive
to t-W coupling in SM (can be
measured via $t \rightarrow W b$). But
tops + Ws could be a sign of
new physics ($X \rightarrow tW$).

Thirteen TeV analysis

We received feedback on 8 TeV paper:

- D6 operators were flavor-independent (equal coupling to all flavors) in 8 TeV analysis: this is a simplifying assumption
- Z coupling to light quarks is highly constrained by other measurements → we removed 1st and 2nd gen quark couplings in the MadGraph implementation⁴
- Makes it harder to set limits because we are only sensitive to 3rd-gen couplings, but those are exactly what we want to probe

⁴Big thanks to Adam Martin For providing the new FeynRules implementation and a great deal of additional help

Thirteen TeV results

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¹ In some cases the profile likelihood shows another local minimum, the number reported here is the global minimum.