



# SEARCH FOR A NEW TOPOPHYLLIC LEPTOPHOBIC Z'TC2 BOSON IN THE FULLY HADRONIC TTBAR FINAL STATE USING THE CMS DETECTOR

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		An event display with two top quarks, each decaying into a jet, CMS Collaboration (2012).

# **Presentation Outline**

**Overview of Particle Physics** 

The CMS experiment at CERN

Motivation for the existence of a new Z'TC2 boson

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### **Overview of Particle Physics**

Photograph taken in the CERN/E.T.H Zurich 1.70 m—long Cloud Chamber during an experiment at the CERN synchrotron of 28.000 MeV, CERN (1977).

# What is Particle Physics (PP)?

- Elementary constituents of matter
- Very early start: search for "substance of light " in Ancient Greece by Aristotle and Euclid
- Modern beginning:
  - Newton's corpuscular theory of light
  - Einstein's Nobel Prize for the photoelectric phenomenon



The Universe at different energy scales, from atomic physics to modern particle physics at the TeV scale., Thomson (2013).



# **PP in the Scientific Community**



### **The Standard Model (SM) particles**



 $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$  $+ i F \mathcal{D} \mathcal{F} + h.c$ +  $\chi_i \mathcal{Y}_{ij} \chi_j \not = h_c$  $+ |\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{P}}|^{2} - \vee (\phi)$ 

 $\frac{\text{SM in group theory:}}{\text{SU (3)}_{\text{C}} \times \text{SU (2)}_{\text{L}} \times \text{U}_{\text{Y}}(1)}$ 

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### **The Standard Model (SM) forces**

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# **The Higgs mechanism**

### $SU(3)_{c} \times SU(2)_{L} \times U_{\gamma}(1) \longrightarrow SU(3)_{c} \times U_{em}(1)$ : ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB)

- → Higgs mechanism: gives mass to quarks, leptons, W & Z bosons
- No mass to to photon and gluons
- → Higgs field

Higgs boson



Illustrating the Higgs mechanism, drawings are by George Boixader, CERN (1996).

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### The CMS experiment at CERN

Installation of the CMS silicon track, CERN (2008).

## Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN)





LHC map in 3D, Vittorio Frigo, CERN (1997).

 $\underline{\textbf{LHC}}: \textbf{Large Hadron Collider}$ 

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# **Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS)**

Illustration of the detection of particles at the CMS experiment, Barney (2004) 0m Im 2m 3m Key: Muon Electron Charged Hadron (e.g. Pion) - Neutral Hadron (e.g. Neutron) - - Photon 0 Tracker Electromagnetic Calorimeter The CMS detector, Maximilien Brice, CERN (2017). Hadron Superconducting Calorimeter Solenoid from return yoke interspersed Transverse slice with Muon chambers through CMS

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 $\mathcal{L} = (D_{\mu}\phi)^{*}D^{*}\phi - (\mathcal{L}\phi) - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ 

### Motivation for the existence of a new Z'TC2 boson

Peter Higgs' blackboard, Peter Tuffy, University of Edinburgh (2009).

# **The mystery of EWSB**

### 2012

# Discovery of the Higgs boson at CERN

- Provides the mechanism by which all other particles acquire mass
- Higgs boson = excitation of the Higgs field (QFT)

### But...

### What is EWSB?

- What are the actual interactions ?
- ✤ Why at v<sub>weak</sub> (weak scale)?
- Fundamental interactions ?

### But...

### What is the Higgs?

- Elementary particle?
- Are there more "Higgses" ?
- Bound state of other particles ?





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Peter Higgs in front of blackboard, Peter University of Edinburgh (2009).

## Origin of the "weak scale": Vweak

Vacuum Expectation Value (VEV) of scalar Higgs field:

$$v_{\text{weak}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\sqrt{(2)G_F})}} = 246 \text{GeV} \sim O(100) \text{GeV}$$

**W<sup>±</sup> mass:** 80.4 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> **Z<sup>0</sup> mass:** 91.187 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

- → <u>Strong QCD scale:</u>  $\Lambda_{\text{ocd}} \sim O(100) \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{well-defined}}$  quantity, arises directly from Quantum Mechanics (QM)
- → Scale of gravity: M<sub>Panck</sub> ~ (10<sup>19</sup>) GeV → gravitational effects comparable to gauge interactions, "limit of the universe"
- → <u>Weak mass scale:</u> what causes it in nature? + fine-tuning needed





# Topcolour Assisted Technicolour: theory and phenomenology of a Z'

An Industry in Change: Unparalleled Demand for Content is an Opportunity to Push the Boundaries of Creativity and Diversity, A Q & A with Sherri Potter, President, Worldwide Post Production at Technicolor (2019).

From the left, two experimental physicists, Fritz Dejongh and Vaia Papadimitriou, discuss a question in b physics with theorists Christopher Hill and Andreas Kronfeld, Fermilab Annual Report (1993).

### <u>Topcolour Assisted</u> <u>Technicolour (TC2)</u>

#### Technicolour (TC) (1970s):

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- Technifermions, Techniquarks, Technigluons:
- Novel Strong Dynamics (NSD)

### Extended Technicolour (ETC):

mechanism for EWSB to quarks and leptons

### Topcolour Assisted Technicolour (TC2):

- → Christopher T. Hill (1994, Fermilab)
  - <u>Idea</u>: Higgs = tt condensate**⟨tt⟩**
- → Testable consequence! Z'<sub>TC2</sub> <u>Model IV</u>
  - quark generations (1,3)  $\supset$  U(1)<sub>2</sub>
  - $L'_{IV} = (1/2g_{1}cot\theta_{H}) Z'_{\mu} (t_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}t_{L} + b_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}b_{L} + f_{1}t_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}t_{R} + f_{2}b_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}b_{R}) u_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}u_{L} d_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}d_{L} f_{1}u_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}u_{R} f_{2}d_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}d_{R}$

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### **Experimental Methods Used by CMS**

A candidate event in which a top quark pair is produced. Each top quark decays to a b quark and a W boson. Each b quark produces a jet, shown by the orange cones and each W boson decays to a neutrino (not seen) and a muon (shown by the red lines), CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN, (2022).

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### **Possible Z'**TC2 Final States



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# **TTbar Events in the Detector**

- Top decays before hadronisation -> can be seen "naked " in the detector
- Top pair production: <u>qq annihilation</u>(15%) or gluon fusion



An illustration of the appearance of a jet in a detector. In practice, the individual particles are not resolved, Thomson (2013).



# **Anti-kt Clustering Algorithm**

- Inclusive jet finding algorithms for hadron-hadron collisions
- Behave like an idealised cone algorithm
- Regularity of the boundaries of the resulting jets





<u>Parameter p</u>: relative power of energy vs. geometric scales



The anti-k t jet clustering algorithm, Bakas, Cacciari and Salam, (2008).

# **N-Subjettiness**

- Designed to identify boosted hadronicaly-decaying objects, like top quarks
- Tags boosted objects, rejects QCD
- N-subjettiness effectively counts the number of subjects in a given jet



Identifying Boosted Objects with N-subjettiness, Thaller % Tilburg, (2011).

• **T<sub>N</sub>** quantifies how N-subjetty a jet is, to what degree it can be regarded as **composed of N subjets** 

High top

Boosted

region

boost

boosted top decaying hadronically reconstructed as a large-radius jet

momentu

Low top

momentum

Resolved

region

### **Analysis Strategy**

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Event display of a H -> 4e candidate event, ATLAS Collaboration, CERN (2012).



# **Outline of analysis - Main ideas**

### ROOT by CERN

- Open-source data analysis framework used by high energy physics and others
- Mix of python and C++
- programme.C



# Two Background processes (BGK):

- tt production from SM processes
- Other particles from QCD interactions

### Strategy

- 1. Work with Monte Carlo (MC) simulations of BGK
  - Add Signal (S) MC simulations for Z'
  - Analyse Data sample from 2016

### Files

Background (QCD + tt) file:

TT\_TuneCUETP8M2T4\_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root

Signal Z' file:

ZprimeToTT\_**M3500\_W35**\_TuneCP2\_PSweights\_13TeV-madgraph-pythiaMLM-pythia8\_20UL.root



### **Top Tagger Development**

- TT' and QCD background file:
  - "TT\_TuneCUETP8M2T4\_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root"

### **Top Tagger: pt and mass cuts**

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Pt cuts for boosted jet phase space:

jetPt > 400 (GeV/c)

# **Top Tagger Development**



Cuts:

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minDR

# **Top Tagger Development: DRmin**

Calculation of **DR** between Reconstructed Jet & Parton:



• Histogram of **min(DR)** 

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• Cuts: **DRmin < 0.5** (matched)

**DRmin > 2** (non-matched)

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### **Top Tagger: pt and mass cuts**



### **Top Tagger: 3 different mass cuts**





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### **Top Tagger: 3 different mass cuts**



Mass cut **A** for top jet:

#### 140 < jetMass < 250 (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)



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### **Top Tagger: Efficiency diagram**



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### **Top Tagger: Efficiency diagram**



### **Top Tagger: Pt Efficiency Diagram**



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### **Top Tagger: Efficiency diagram with b cuts**



### **Top Tagger: Pt Efficiency Diagram with b cuts**



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NEW Tight working point:30% Top Tagging efficiency(matched)[150,210] Mass Window cutb cuts

# <u>NEW Loose</u> working point: 53% Top Tagging efficiency (matched) [140,250] Mass Window cut <del>b cuts</del>



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### **Sensitivity diagram**

- Add in Signal files;
  - "ZprimeToTT\_M1400\_W14\_TuneCP2\_Psweights\_13TeV-madgraph-pythiaMLM-pythia8
     \_20UL.root", for simulating the Z' signal of mass 1400GeV/c 2 and width 1%.
  - "ZprimeToTT\_M2000\_W20\_TuneCP2\_Psweights\_13TeV-madgraph-pythiaMLM-pythia8
     \_20UL.root", for simulating the Z' signal of mass 2000GeV/c 2 and width 1%.
  - "ZprimeToTT\_M2500\_W25\_TuneCP2\_Psweights\_13TeV-madgraph-pythiaMLM-pythia8
     \_20UL.root", for simulating the Z' signal of mass 2500GeV/c 2 and width 1%.
  - "ZprimeToTT\_M3500\_W35\_TuneCP2\_Psweights\_13TeV-madgraph-pythiaMLM-pythia8
     \_20UL.root", for simulating the Z' signal of mass 3500GeV/c 2 and width 1%.

### **Sensitivity calculation: Absolute yield comparison**



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### **Sensitivity calculation: Absolute yield comparison**



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### **Sensitivity calculation: Different Z' masses**



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### **Sensitivity calculation: mJJ integration**



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### Data analysis and comparison with MC simulations

- Add in Data file:
  - "JetHT\_Run2016-17Jul2018.root", 2016 data file, The CMS Collaboration, CERN
- Calculate QCD using data-driven method

### **Calculating the QCD bgk: mJJ**

NEW Loose working point: 53% Top Tagging efficiency (matched) [140,250] Mass Window cut b cuts



NEW Tight working point: 30% Top Tagging efficiency (matched) [150,210] Mass Window cut b cuts





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### **Calculating the QCD bgk: Reversed Tight cuts (RC)**



Tight working point: 30% Top Tagging efficiency (matched) [150,210] Mass Window cut b cuts

### CONTROL REGION (CR)



REVERSED Tight working point: 30% Top Tagging efficiency (matched) [150,210] Mass Window cut NO b cuts (jetNBSubDCSV==0)





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### **Calculating the QCD bgk: QCD Template**



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### **Stacking background; Overlaying signal and data**



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### **Stacking background; Overlaying signal and data**



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# Fitting result: m<sub>z'TC2</sub> = 3500 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

#### Fitting parameters:

N\_tt

Events / ( 80 )

- N\_QCD •
- N\_signal\_i •



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 $lnL(X|\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \ln[p(\vec{x}_i|\vec{\theta})]$ 

### Likelihood function and Bayesian upper limits: 1400 case

### Fitting parameters:

- N\_tt
- N\_QCD

$$lnL(X|\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \ln\left[p(\vec{x}_{i}|\vec{\theta})\right] \qquad \partial \frac{lnL}{\partial \vec{\theta}} \Big|_{\vec{\theta} = \hat{\theta}} = 0$$

• N\_signal\_i



# $\alpha := credibility$ $\frac{2 cases:}{\alpha = 0.1}$ (90% Confidence Level) $\alpha = 0.05$ (95% Confidence Level)

$$\int_{0}^{\mu_{\alpha}} p(\mu) = (1-\alpha) \int_{0}^{\infty} p(\mu) d\mu$$

### FINAL RESULT: Observed Bayesian Upper Limits vs. Mz'TC2



### **Conclusions and future prospects**

- Signal Yield N\_signal ~ σ<sub>i</sub>
- Decrease in Signal Yield with Increase in mass
- CMS and ATLS continue search for Z' "The ATLAS Collaboration, "Search for tt resonances in fully hadronic final states in pp collisions at √s = 13 TeV with the ATLAS detector" (2021), <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.05138</u>."
- Personal aspiration: calculation of possible cross sections at the LHC for Models 1-III







# Thank you!

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## **N-Subjettiness (part II)**





### **Backup Slides**



## Top Tagger: pt and mass cuts (t3/t2)



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### Top Tagger: Pt binned t3/t1



# Top Tagger: pt and mass cuts (t3/t2)



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### Top Tagger: Pt binnes t3/t2



### **Top Tagger: loose and tight working points**





Tight working point:30% Top Tagging (matched)-> Integral( $\tau_3/\tau_1$ ) = 0.3[150,210] Mass Window cut

Loose working point: 53% Top Tagging (matched) -> Integral( $\tau_3/\tau_1$ ) = 0.53 [140,250] Mass Window cut





### **Calculating the QCD bgk: loose cuts**





NEW Loose working point: 53% Top Tagging efficiency (matched) [140,250] Mass Window cut b-cuts







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### **Calculating the QCD bgk: Tight cuts**





NEW Tight working point: 30% Top Tagging efficiency (matched)
[150,210] Mass Window cut b cuts

> SIGNAL REGION (SR)





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### **Likelihood functions**



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### Histogram of |cosθ\*|

- Boost to CM reference frame
- Find Jet angle with z axis ( $\theta^*$ )



