



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).

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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_{weak} (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[±] mass: 80.4 GeV/c² **Z⁰ mass:** 91.187 GeV/c²

- → <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_{Panck} ~ (10¹⁹) 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'_{TC2} <u>Model IV</u>
 - quark generations (1,3) \supset U(1)₂
 - $L'_{IV} = (1/2g_{1}cot\theta_{H}) Z'_{\mu} (t_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}t_{L} + b_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}b_{L} + f_{1}t_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}t_{R} + f_{2}b_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}b_{R}) u_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}u_{L} d_{L}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}d_{L} f_{1}u_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}u_{R} f_{2}d_{R}^{-}\gamma_{\mu}d_{R}$

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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



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).

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_N** 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/c²)



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Mass cut **A** for top jet:

140 < jetMass < 250 (GeV/c²)



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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 b cuts



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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_{z'TC2} = 3500 GeV/c²

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_i
- 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: loose and tight working points





Tight working point:30% Top Tagging (matched)-> Integral(τ_3/τ_1) = 0.3[150,210] Mass Window cut

Loose working point: 53% Top Tagging (matched) -> Integral(τ_3/τ_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

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Likelihood functions



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Histogram of |cosθ*|

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



