

# TOP QUARK COUPLINGS - EFFECTIVE OPERATOR ANALYSIS

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# EFFECTIVE OPERATORS FOR HEAVY, NEW PHYSICS

- Effects on tops from very massive states,  $O(1 \text{ TeV})$ , can be parametrized by higher-dimension operators:

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum \frac{C_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i$$

- Systematic approach to finding new physics is to bound the  $C_i$  coefficients.



# WHAT ARE THESE OPERATORS OF WHICH YOU SPEAK?

$$\begin{aligned}
 O_{\phi q}^{(3,ij)} &= i(\phi^\dagger \tau^I D_\mu \phi)(\bar{q}_{Li} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_{Lj}), \\
 O_{\phi q}^{(1,ij)} &= i(\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi)(\bar{q}_{Li} \gamma^\mu q_{Lj}), \\
 O_{\phi\phi}^{ij} &= i(\tilde{\phi}^\dagger D_\mu \phi)(\bar{u}_{Ri} \gamma^\mu d_{Rj}), \\
 O_{\phi u}^{ij} &= i(\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi)(\bar{u}_{Ri} \gamma^\mu u_{Rj}), \\
 O_{uW}^{ij} &= (\bar{q}_{Li} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I u_{Rj}) \tilde{\phi} W_{\mu\nu}^I, \\
 O_{dW}^{ij} &= (\bar{q}_{Li} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I d_{Rj}) \phi W_{\mu\nu}^I, \\
 O_{uB\phi}^{ij} &= (\bar{q}_{Li} \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_{Rj}) \tilde{\phi} B_{\mu\nu},
 \end{aligned}$$

- Many parametrizations of dimension-6 operators for tops in the literature (e.g.):

Aguilar-Saavedra  
0811.3842 [operators  
equivalent to vertex  
functions]

operator	process
$O_{\phi q}^{(3)} = i(\phi^\dagger \tau^I D_\mu \phi)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)$	top decay, single top
$O_{tW} = (\bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^I t) \tilde{\phi} W_{\mu\nu}^I$ (with real coefficient)	top decay, single top
$O_{qq}^{(1,3)} = (\bar{q}^i \gamma_\mu \tau^I q^j)(\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)$	single top
$O_{tG} = (\bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda^A t) \tilde{\phi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$ (with real coefficient)	single top, $q\bar{q}, gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
$O_G = f_{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
$O_{\phi G} = \frac{1}{2}(\phi^\dagger \phi) G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
7 four-quark operators	$q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

Zhang & Willenbrock  
1008.3869 [affect  
observables at  $O(1/\Lambda^2)$ ]

# TOP COUPLINGS

- Effective operators give us a **theoretically consistent description of modified couplings to SM bosons**, e.g.

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} \supset -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (c_L^W P_L + c_R^W P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (d_L^W P_L + d_R^W P_R) t W_\mu^- + h.c.,$$

- Rewrite these vertex functions in terms of **operator contributions**, which take advantage of **gauge invariance**, can be **used at NLO**, etc.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta c_L^W &= C_{\phi q}^{(3)*} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \delta d_L^W = \sqrt{2} C_{dW} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, \\ \delta c_R^W &= \frac{1}{2} C_{\phi\phi}^{(3)*} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \delta d_R^W = \sqrt{2} C_{uW} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}. \end{aligned}$$



# THE CAUTIONARY TALE OF GLUONS

- How might we modify the top's coupling to the gluon?

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{f} \gamma^\mu (\mathcal{C}_V + \gamma^5 \mathcal{C}_A) f A_\mu \\ + \mathcal{C}_{\text{dip.}} \bar{f} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu f A_\mu$$

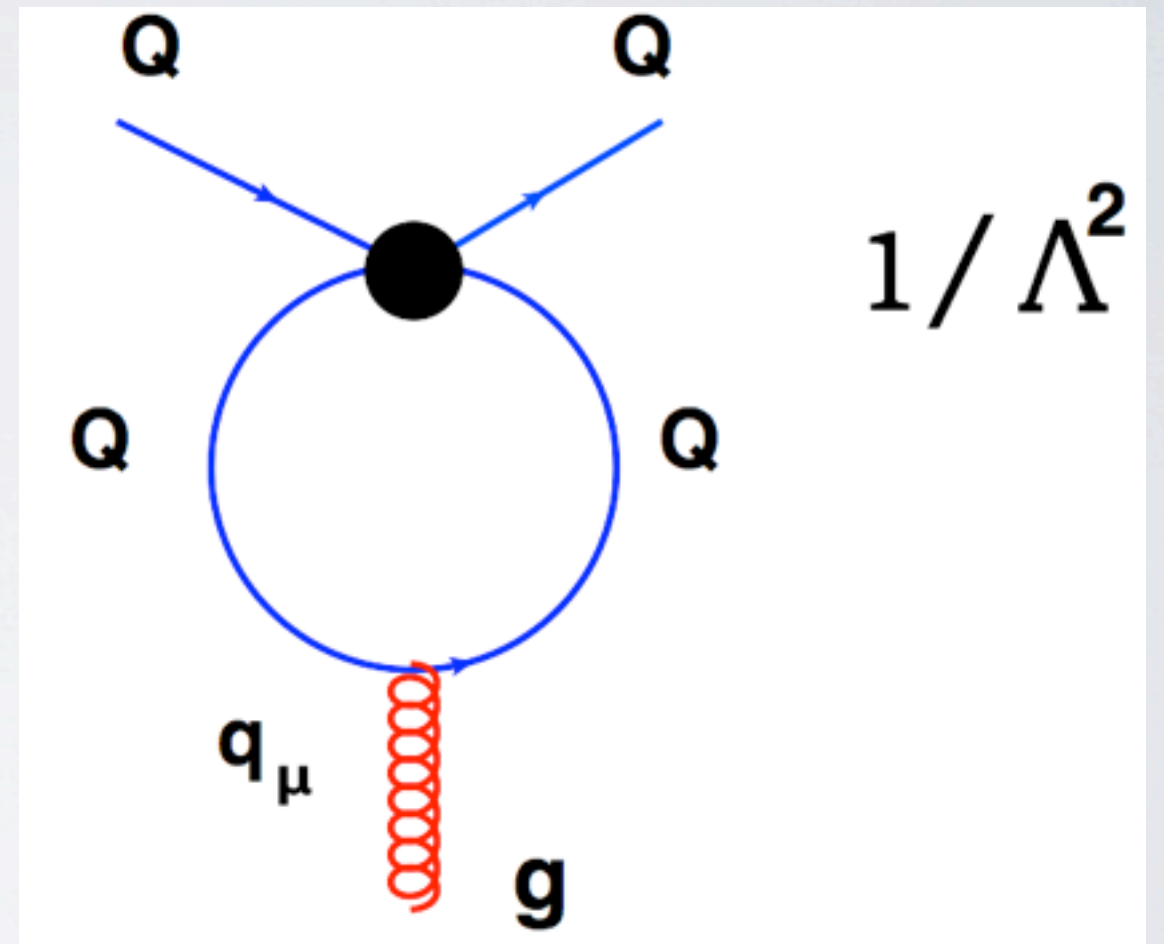
- Could axial form factor for gluon **resolve**  $A_{\text{FB}}^*$ ?
- Gauge invariance **dictates** that  $C_A=0$ .
- **Can't just add this form factor.**

By contrast, we can sensibly talk about adding a chromoelectromagnetic dipole operator, and can bound it, cf. Kamenik et al. 1107.3143, Baumgart & Tweedie 1212.4888

Proposed in Gabrielli, Raidal et al., 1106.4553, 1112.5885, 1212.3272

# HOW TO GET AN AXIAL FORM FACTOR

- Can't write a standalone axial interaction
- Can generate form factor from four-fermion operators for off-shell gluon
- Operators involved have parity-odd structures



Four-fermi operator generating axial coupling



# NON-INTERFERING OPERATORS

- Rather than bound loop suppressed process, **look at four-fermion interaction directly**
- Analysis **simplified by non-interference** with QCD
- Most attention in literature to date has **ignored this set** (cf. Willenbrock et al. 1008.3869)

$$\mathcal{O}_{AV}^{1,8} = [\bar{q} T_{1,8} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q] [\bar{t} T_{1,8} \gamma^\mu t] ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{VA}^{1,8} = [\bar{q} T_{1,8} \gamma^\mu q] [\bar{t} T_{1,8} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 t] ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{PS}^{1,8} = [\bar{q} T_{1,8} \gamma_5 q] [\bar{t} T_{1,8} t] ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{SP}^{1,8} = [\bar{q} T_{1,8} q] [\bar{t} T_{1,8} \gamma_5 t]$$

# SELECTING A TARGET

- We start with one pair of up-top operators.

$$\mathcal{O}_{AV}^{1,8} = [\bar{u} T_{1,8} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u] [\bar{t} T_{1,8} \gamma^\mu t]$$

- We perform a simple cut and count analysis with a two-bin (“hi” vs. “lo”) ratio
- Knowing that ratio for the SM and at two different parameter points lets us scale our sensitivity

$$r = \frac{r_{SM} + C_{AV}^2 H_{NP}}{1 + C_{AV}^2 L_{NP}}$$

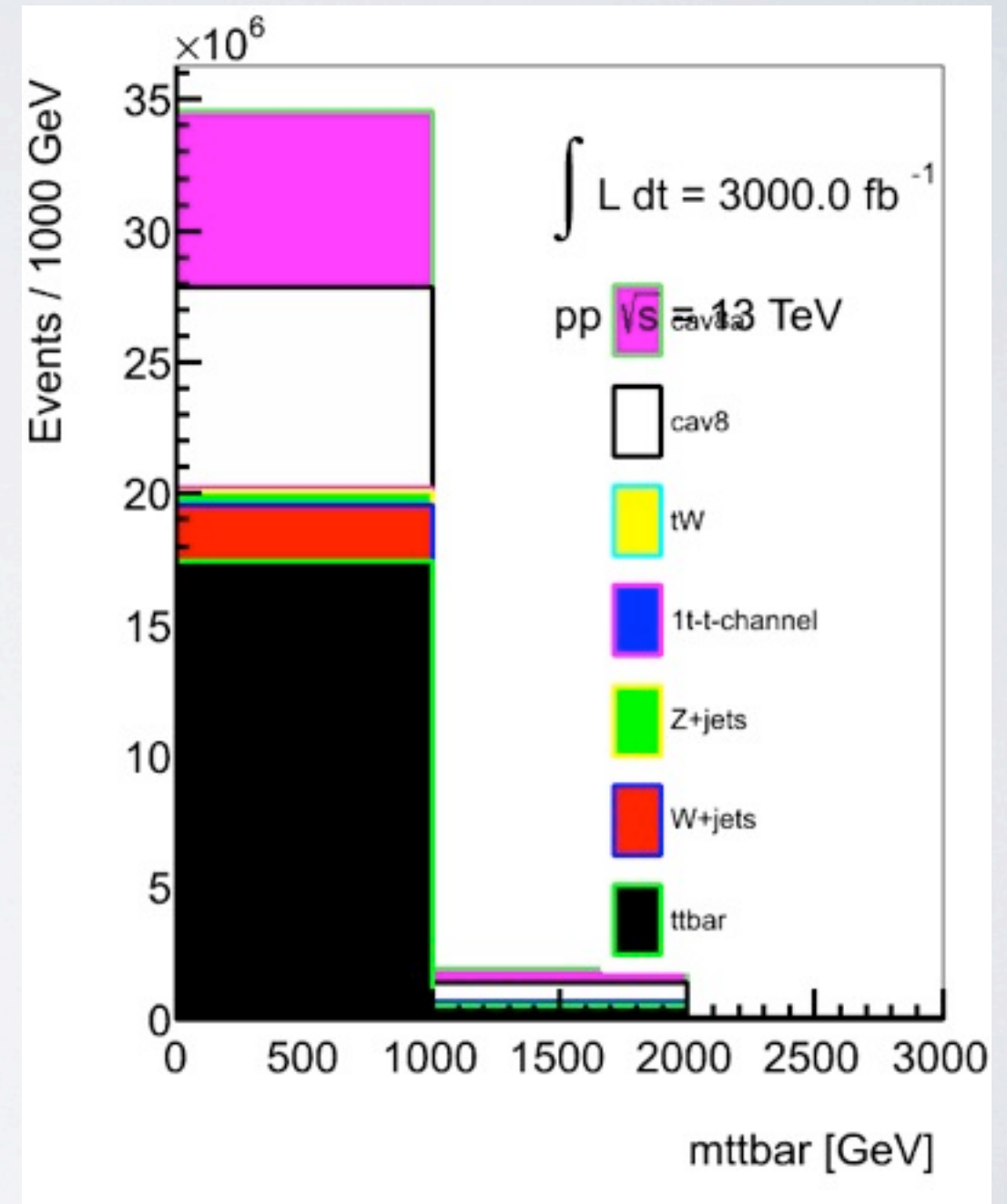


# EVENT SELECTION AND RECONSTRUCTION

- We take events with
  - Single charged lepton
  - MET
  - $>4$  jets
  - $>0$  btags
- Can make a “topological top pair” by taking scalar  $p_T$  sum of above and bin hi vs. lo.

# RECONSTRUCTION AND BACKGROUNDS

- We can also group our jets into **hadronic top and W** by taking  $\chi^2$  with the heavy particle masses.
- This also gives us ability to cut on invariant mass and binning by invariant mass
- Backgrounds considered include: **W + jets**, Z+jets, single-top (t-channel and tW)



“Two” bin  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  (white and pink are different NP points)



# LIMITS

cuts, bin	300 fb <sup>-1</sup> (TeV)	3 ab <sup>-1</sup> (TeV)
none, $h_T$	1.4	1.8
$m_t$ , $h_T$	2.1	2.8
$m_t$ , $m_W$ , $h_T$	1.8	2.4
$m_t$ , $m_{t\bar{t}}$	2.2	3.0
$m_t$ , $m_{t\bar{t}}$ , $C_{AV}^{(8)}$	1.5	2.0

95% CL limits on effective coupling scale for cuts ( $m_t$  and  $m_W$  windows), binning ( $h_T$  and  $m_{t\bar{t}}$ ), bounding  $C_{AV}^{(1)}$  except where indicated

# CONCLUSIONS

- This is work in progress and there remains much to do
  - Account for NLO
  - Charge asymmetry as complementary observable
  - Fits besides two-bin?
  - Other operators
- Despite the lack of interference, we can bound these four-quark operators at the partonic interaction scale. Worthy of further study beyond Snowmass.