Focus topic meeting "ttbar threshold"

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Practical

The ECFA focus topics document: https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.07564

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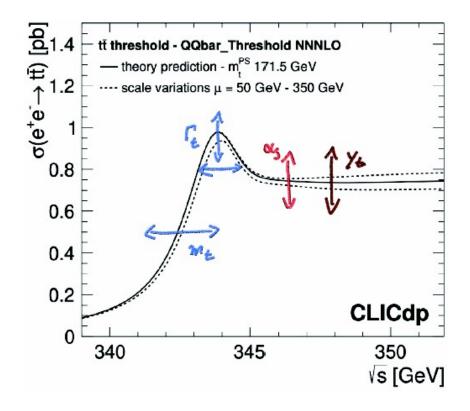
Note the mailing list for this group:

https://gitlab.in2p3.fr/ecfa-study/ECFA-HiggsTopEW-Factories/-/wikis/FocusTopics/TTthresh

Date for European strategy update: ~1 year earlier than you might have expected.

The bottom line: results for the focus topic report are due by the ECFA Higgs/EW/top factory meeting Paris, 9-11 October 2024, https://indico.cern.ch/event/1399276/.

The $\ensuremath{t\bar{t}}$ threshold scan



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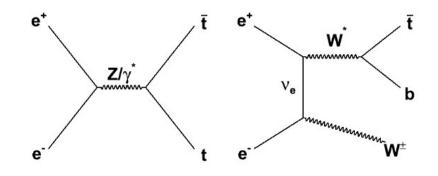
Signal samples

WHIZARD e+e- \rightarrow WbWb **signal** samples

Top quark pairs + single top + ...

Backgrounds:

- 6f without b-jets (small if b-tagging is good)
- **2f & 4f backgrounds** (use WW as a proxy)
- Higgs production is part of e+e- \rightarrow WbWb sample, but is not accounted for in calculations



Test samples produced by Louis Portales in FCCee, with DELPHES description of IDEA detector response:

https://fcc-physics-events.web.cern.ch/fcc-physics-events/FCCee/winter2023/Delphesevents_IDEA.php

use the search bar with input "Wb", to find a set of samples with names like:

/eos/experiment/fcc/ee/generation/DelphesEvents/winter2023/IDEA/wzp6_ee_WbWb_lep_ecm350/

Experimental systematic uncertainties

Is the acceptance constant vs. sqrt(s) over the range of the threshold scan?

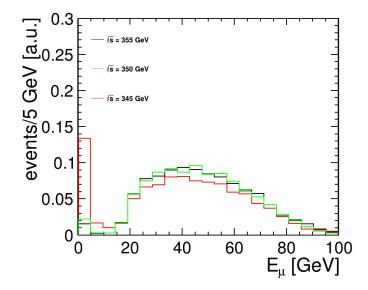
 Realistic selection requires one/two b-tags and isolated leptons, with "near-complete polar angle coverage" (https://arxiv.org/pdf/1307.8102.pdf + CLIC 380 https://arxiv.org/pdf/1807.02441.pdf)

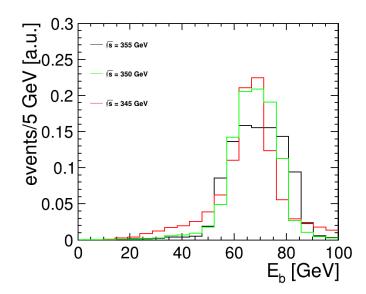
Is the b-tagging efficiency constant? Or can we calibrate it in-situ?

Double-tag method, ATLAS (https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PAPERS/TOPQ-2023-21/),
LEP (https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0509008), or ILD (https://arxiv.org/pdf/2306.11413.pdf)

No reconstruction?

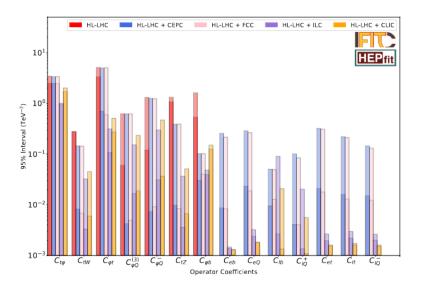
- Required by measurement of A_{FB}, but not needed (or desirable) for cross section





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Top quark (EW) couplings



From Snowmass report: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2209.11267.pdf And global SMEFT fits at future colliders https://arxiv.org/pdf/2206.08326.pdf

Top couplings - efforts

Snowmass report based on optimal analysis of $e+e- \rightarrow$ WbWb from Durieux et al.

Efforts going beyond the Snowmass report:

Update collider operation scenarios, add muon collider ... Victor Miralles/Fernando Cornet + iFIT/C

Study interplay with the Higgs/EW sector ... Juan Rojo/Eleni Vryonidou + SMEFiT

Revisit circular colliders and study CKM sensitivity ... Jan Kieseler

Note also interesting new work on entangled top quark pairs and their role in the SMEFT: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.08049.pdf

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Summary

Threshold scan for top mass etc.

WHIZARD signal MC samples are available (WbWb, fast simulation) Several people have expressed an interest. Please, provide feedback.

Top couplings studies:

Several groups are developing studies: we'll hear their plans today Coordinate so we have a coherent set of results for ECFA report