

Limits on Torsion parameters from *ttbar* production at LHC

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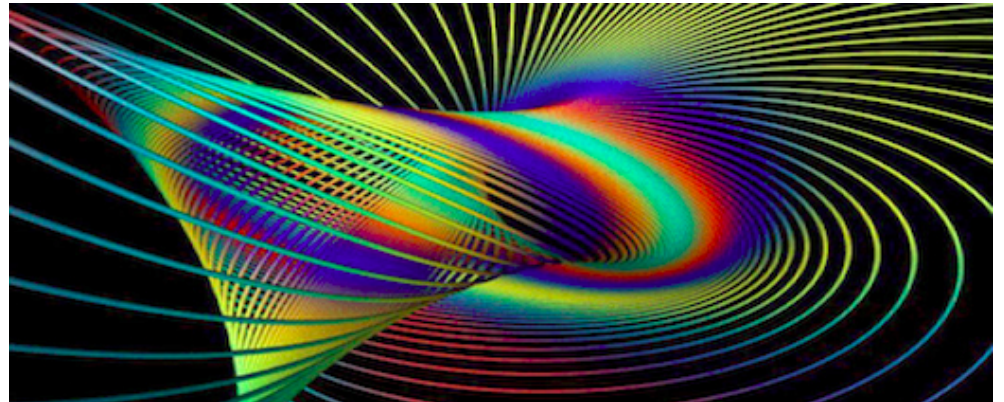
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Motivation – Why Torsion ?

- Standard Model does not include gravity.
- Some solutions like string theory predict a field usually associated with *torsion*.
- The main theoretical advantage is that torsion links the spin of the matter fields with space-time geometry.
- Effective approach to torsion treats it as a fundamental propagating field characterized by torsion mass (M_{TS}) and the coupling between torsion and SM fermions (η).
- The total Lagrangian of the theory includes $\mathcal{L}_{SM}, \mathcal{L}_{TS-matter}, \mathcal{L}_{TS-free}$.
- Due to the renormalization group running of the couplings, the interaction between the top quark and torsion may be, in principle, different from the interaction between torsion and the other fermions ($\eta_f \neq \eta_t$).

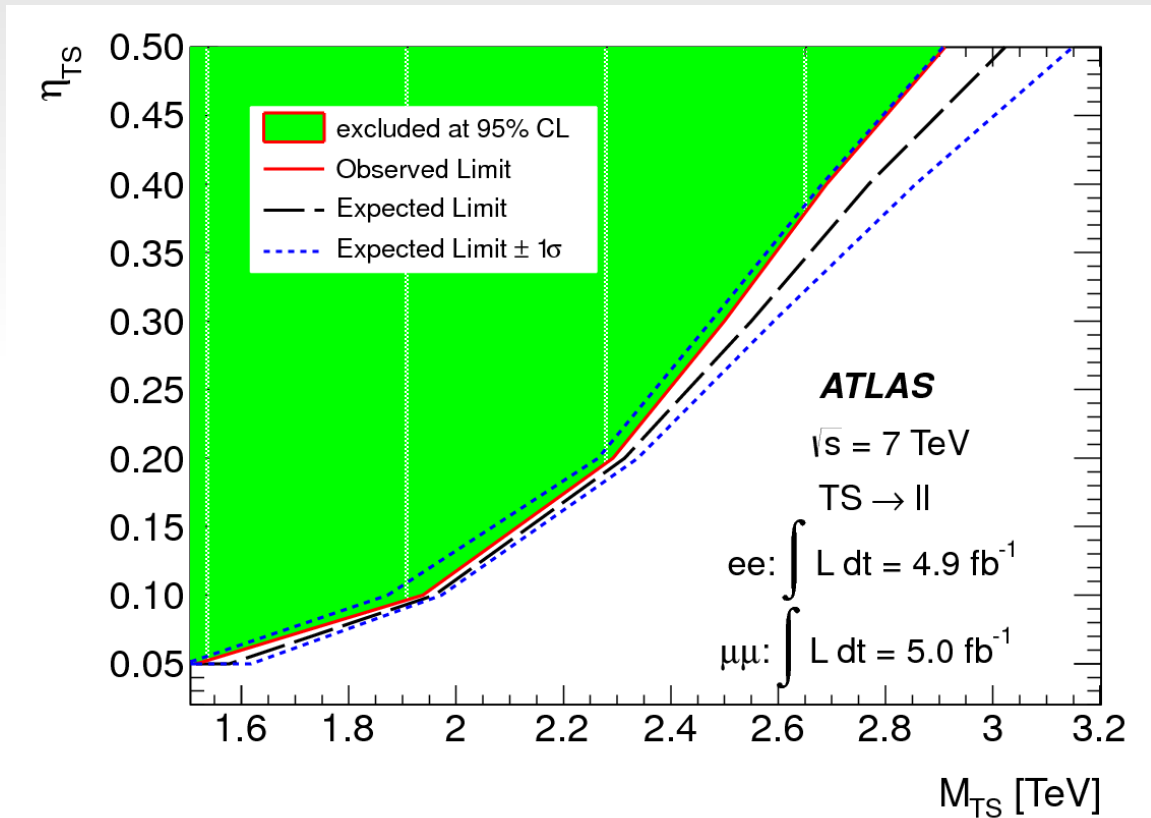
This possibility ($\eta_f \neq \eta_t$) can be investigated at LHC.



Torsion – Previous Limits

Limits from di-lepton ($ee, \mu\mu$) channel for different couplings strength

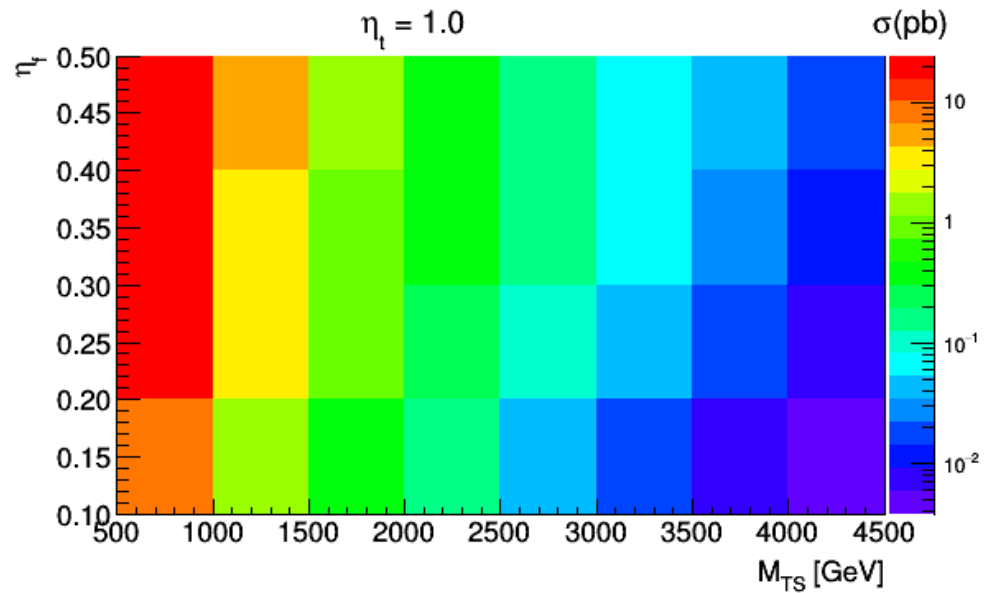
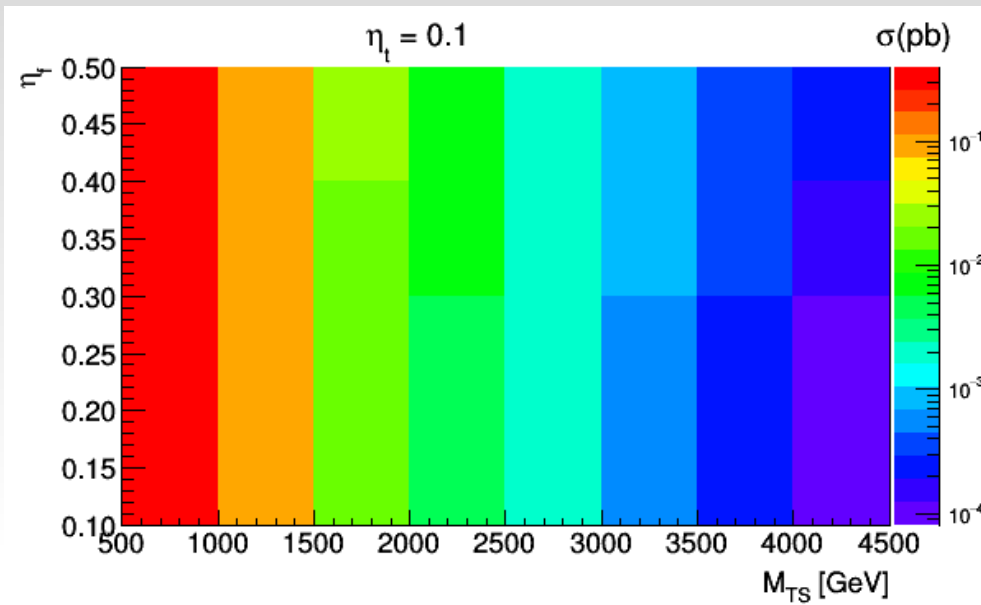
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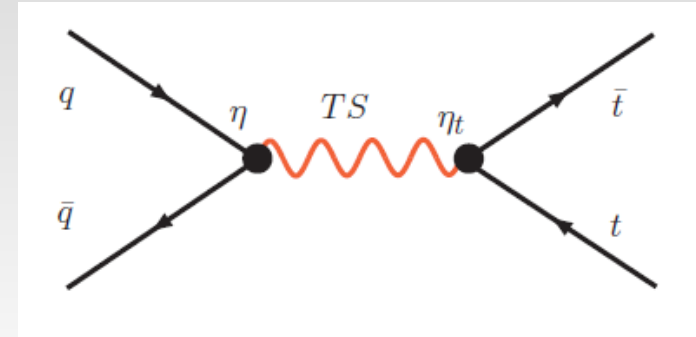
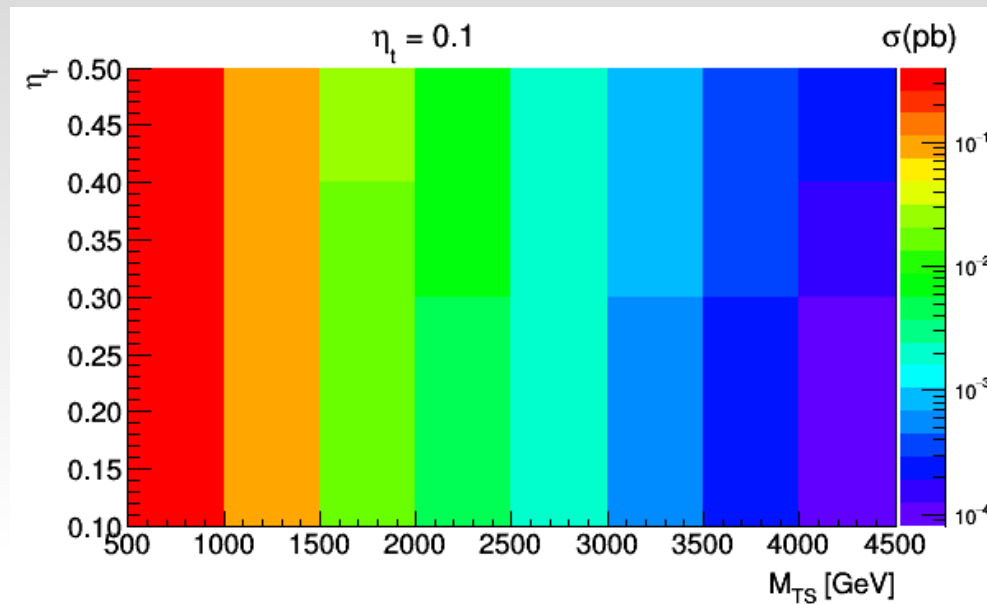
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Torsion with masses between 1.5 TeV and 2.8 TeV were excluded at 95% CL.

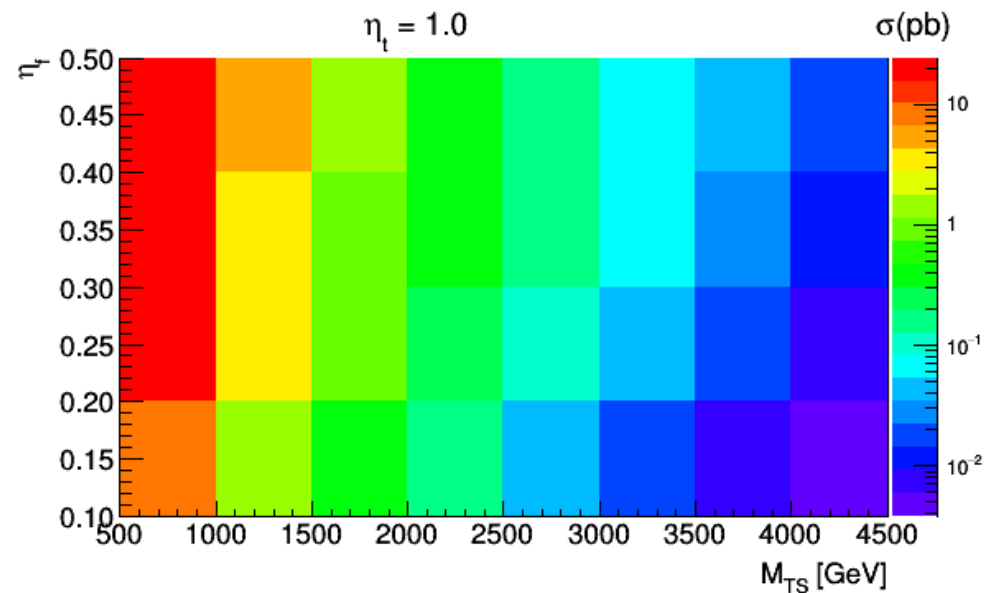
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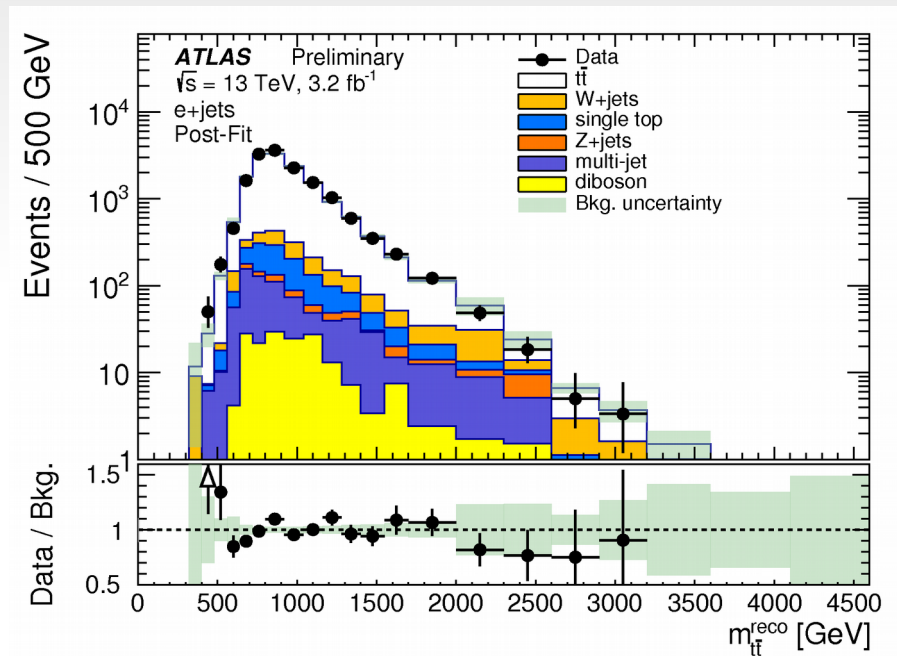
For $\eta_t < \eta_f$, the increase of the torsion production is compensated by the decrease of $Br(TS \longrightarrow t\bar{t})$.



Searching for New Physics – ATLAS Results

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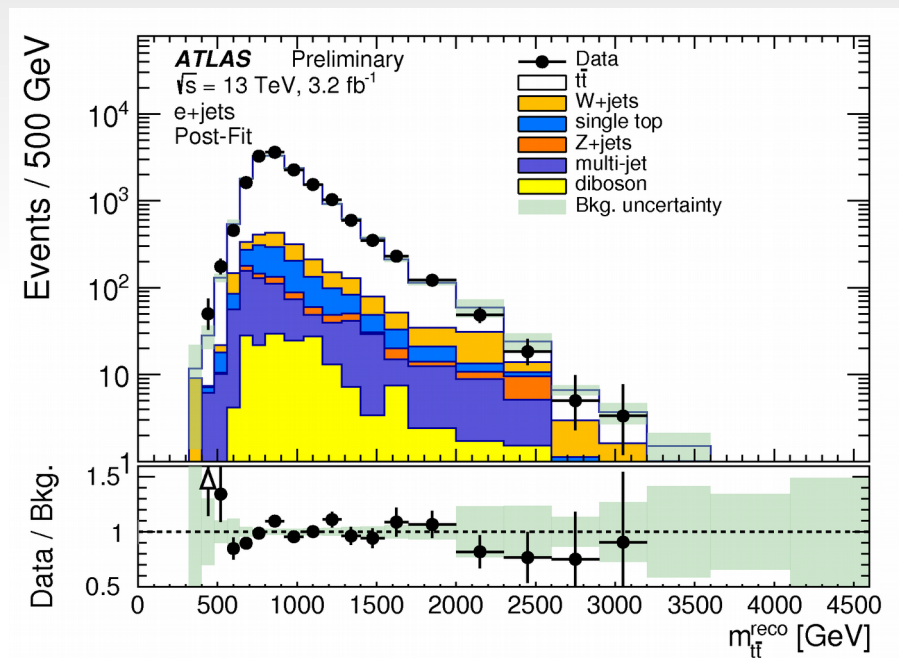


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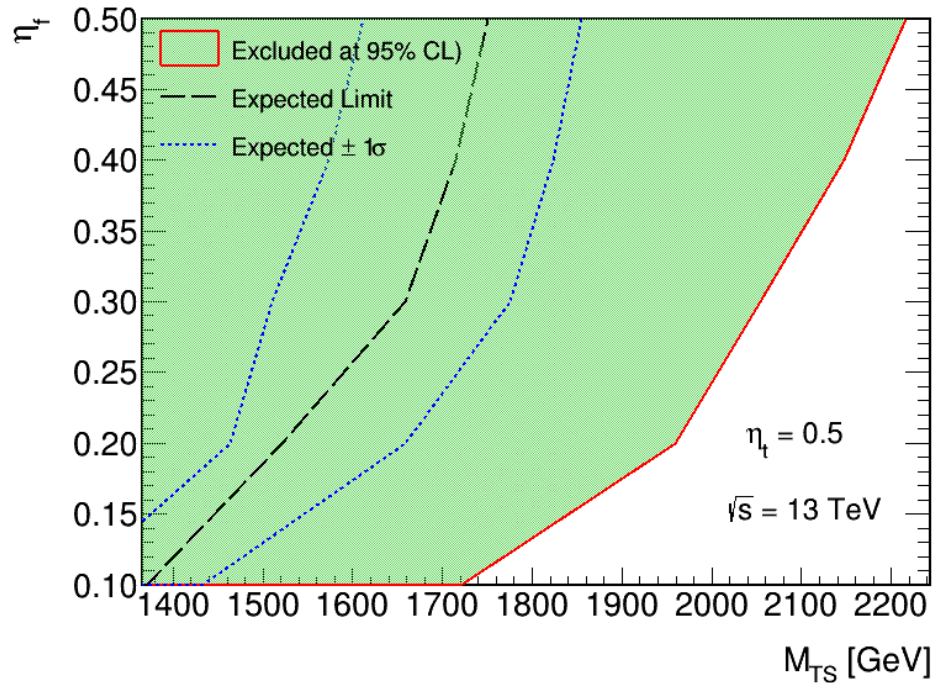
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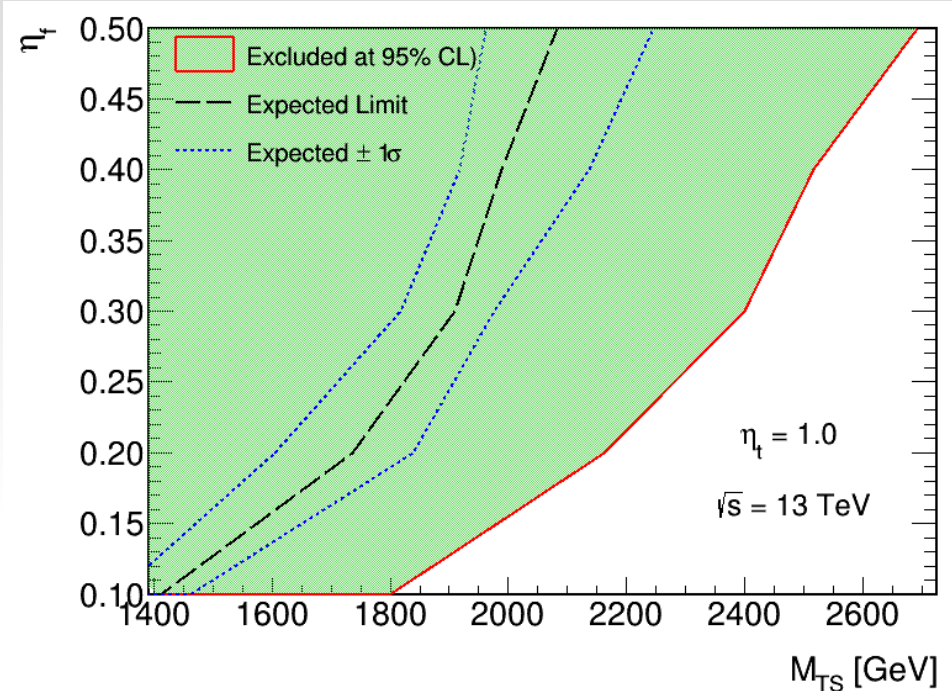


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Torsion Limits from $t\bar{t}$ production



Integrated Luminosity: 3.2 fb^{-1}



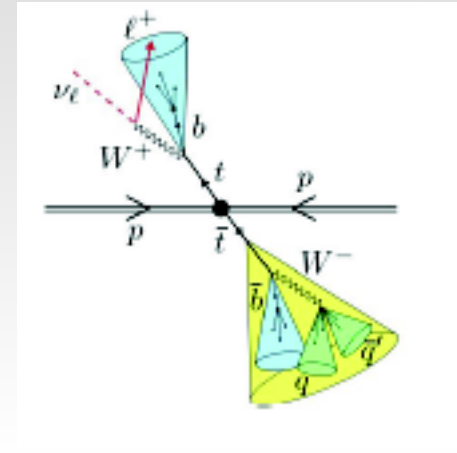
For $\eta_t = 0.1$, $M_{TS} > 1180$ GeV .

Torsion with masses up to and 2600 GeV are excluded, depending on the couplings η_f and η_t .

First limits on torsion parameters space with LHC13 results.

Looking ahead: Searching for Torsion at next LHC runs

- The lepton-plus-jets channel is used to investigate the LHC13 potential to discovery torsion.
- Simulation: CALCHEP + PYTHIA + DELPHES
- Final state: electron + jets + MET



Semileptonic Background

- ***ttbar***, W+jets, single top, QCD (multi-jets), Z+jets, diboson
- We estimate the non *ttbar* background as $\sim 20\%$ of N_{ttbar}
- The *ttbar* LO cross-section is scaled to the measured *ttbar* cross-section

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 818 \pm 8(stat) \pm 27(syst) \pm 19(lum) \text{ pb} \quad (\text{PLB 761, 2016})$$

Looking ahead: Searching for Torsion at next LHC runs

Signal Selection and Reconstruction

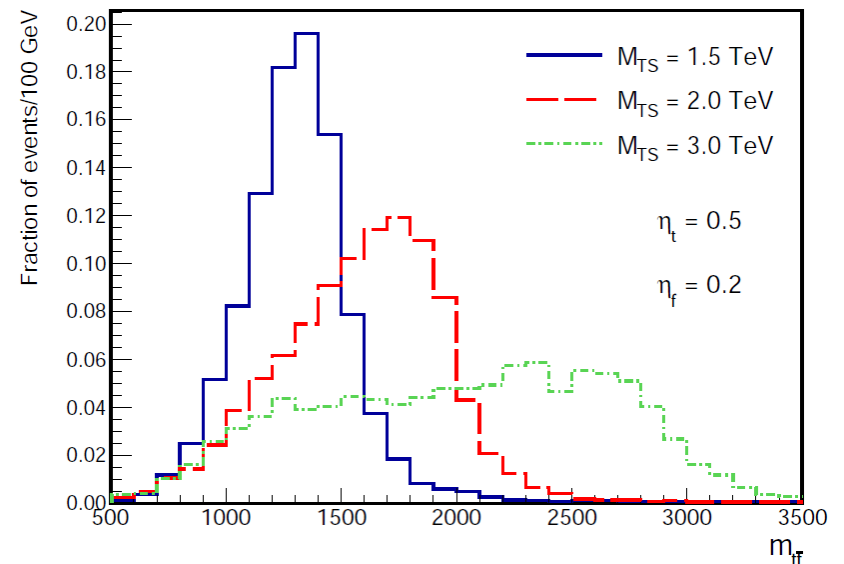
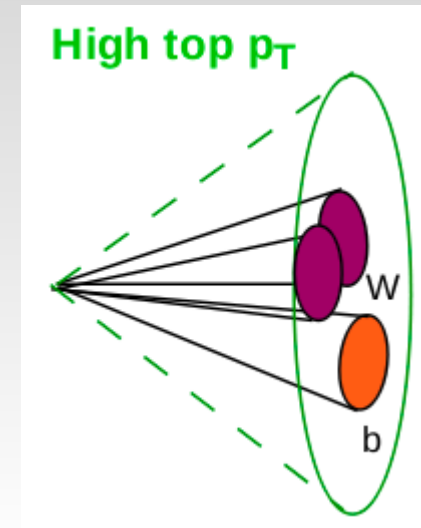
- 1 electron with $p_T > 30$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.5$
- MET > 30 GeV
- Highly boosted top candidates

$$\Delta R(\text{jet}, \text{lepton}) < 1.5, \quad p_T^{\text{jet}} > 400 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta\phi(\text{jet}, \text{lepton}) > 2.3, \quad \Delta\phi(\text{jet}_1, \text{jet}_2) > 1.5$$

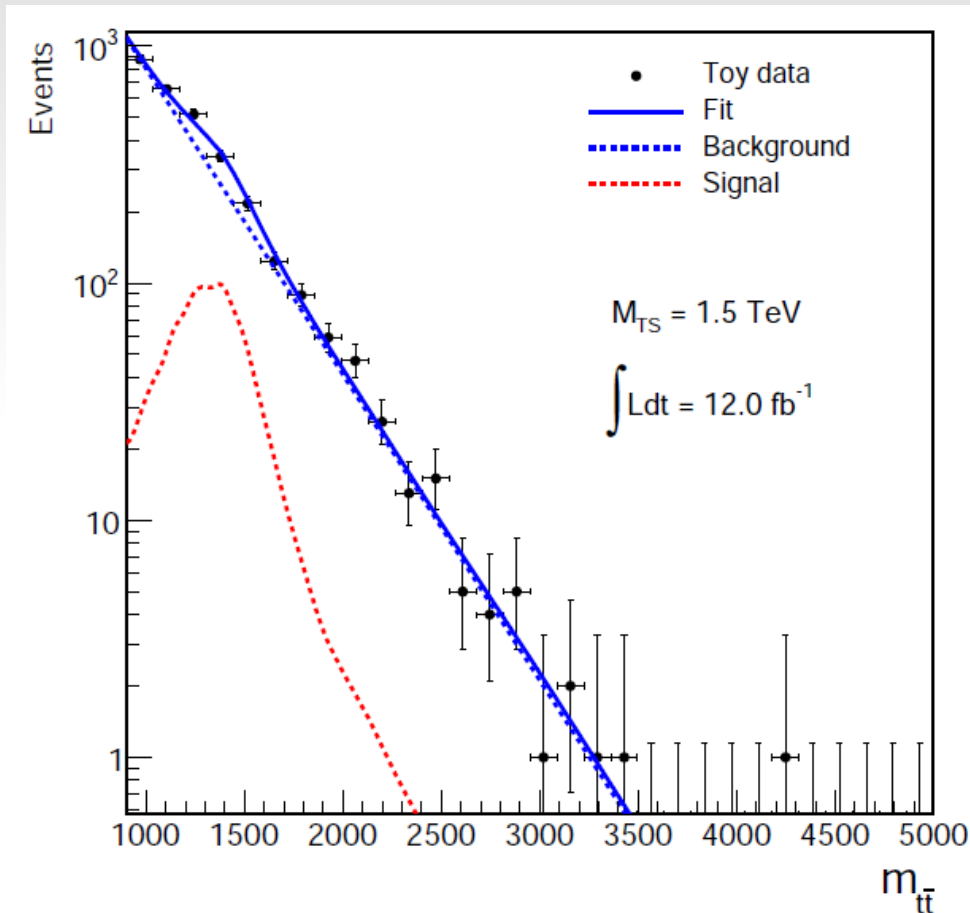
- Three jets events

$$\chi^2 = \left[\frac{m_{jj} - m_{th}}{\sigma_{th}} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{m_{jl\nu} - m_{tl}}{\sigma_{tl}} \right]^2$$



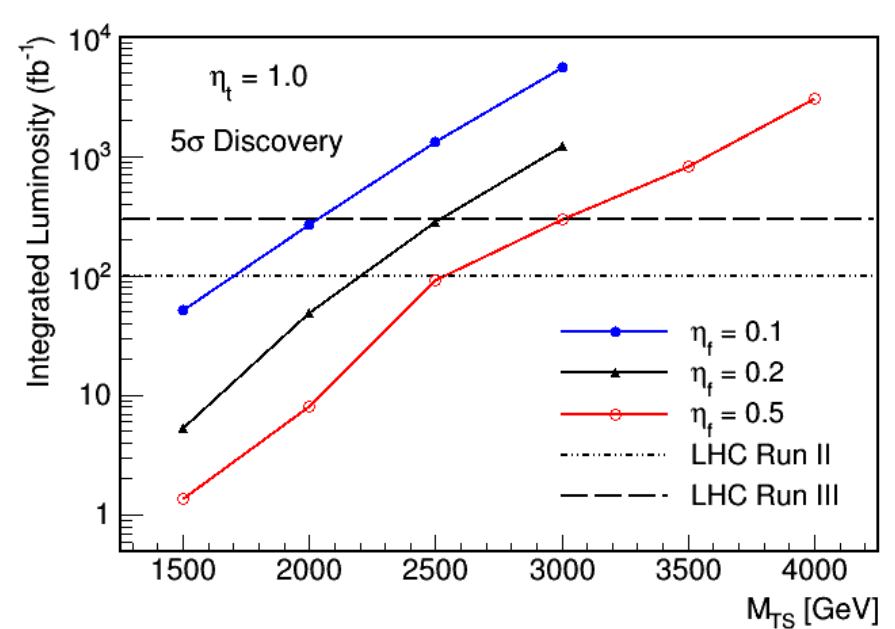
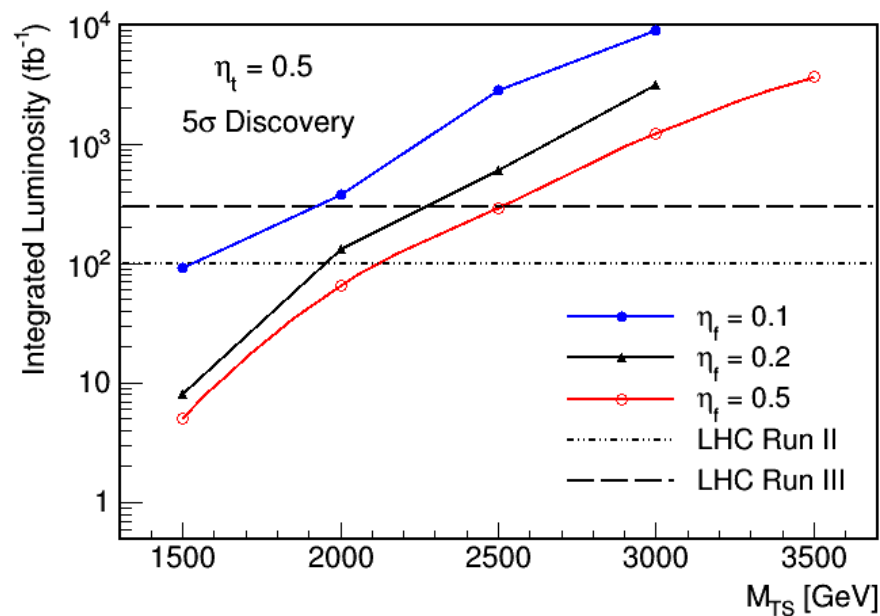
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The number of signal and backgrounds events is estimated from a likelihood fit



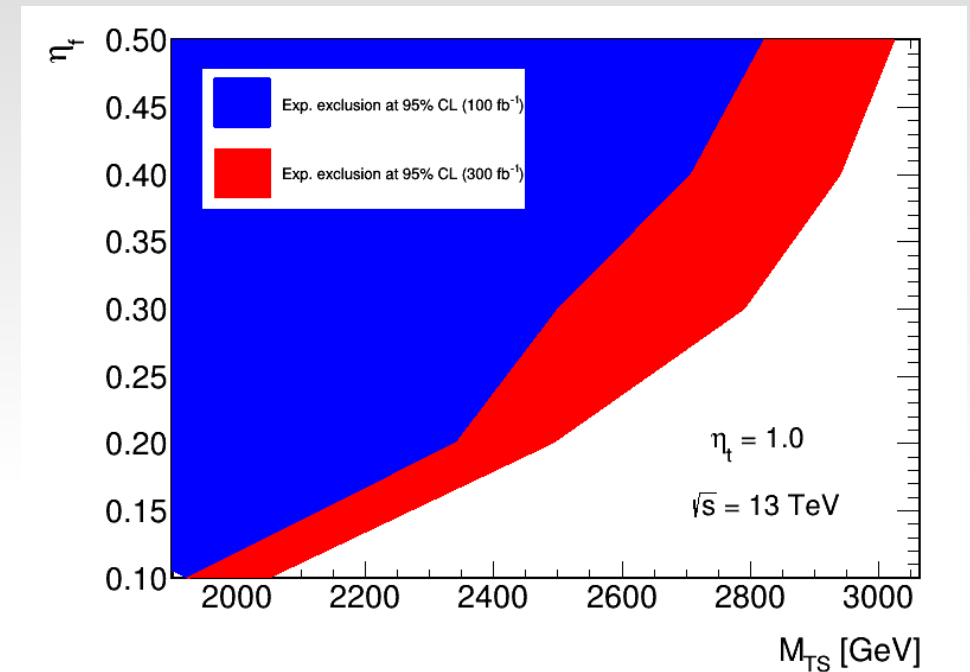
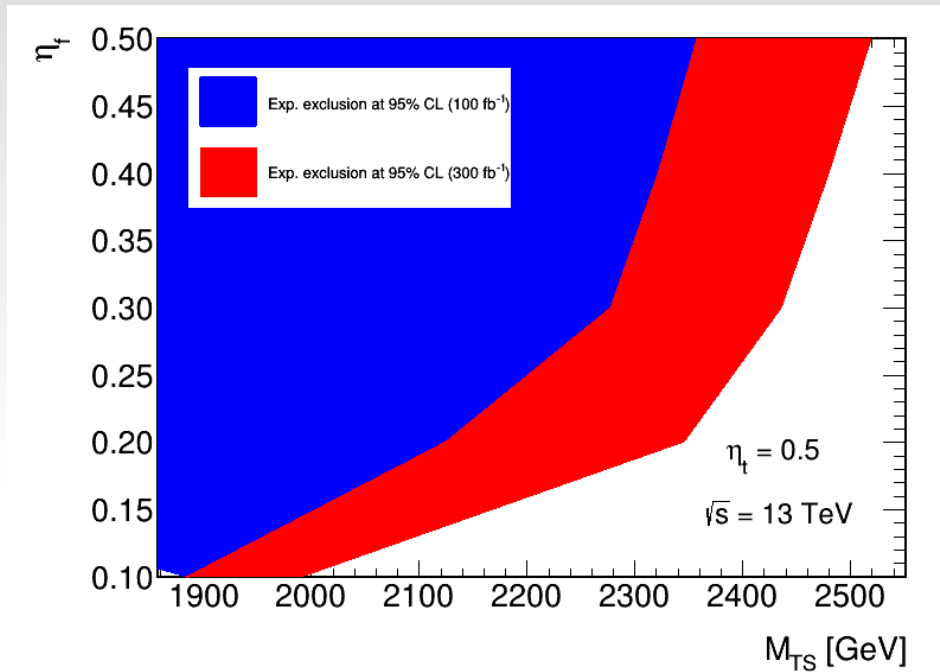
- Signal region: [900, 5000] GeV
- Shape analysis (likelihood fit)
- Background pdf is modeled as exponential
- Numerical pdf for signal
- The integrated luminosity is increased until P -value $< 3 \times 10^{-7}$

Discovery Potential at 13 TeV



- By the end of Run II, torsion with mass ~ 2.5 TeV could be observed.
- At Run III, masses up to ~ 3.0 TeV can be probed.
- With the luminosity expected for sLHC (3000 fb^{-1}), $M_{\text{TS}} \sim 4$ TeV can be reached.

Expected Limits at 13 TeV



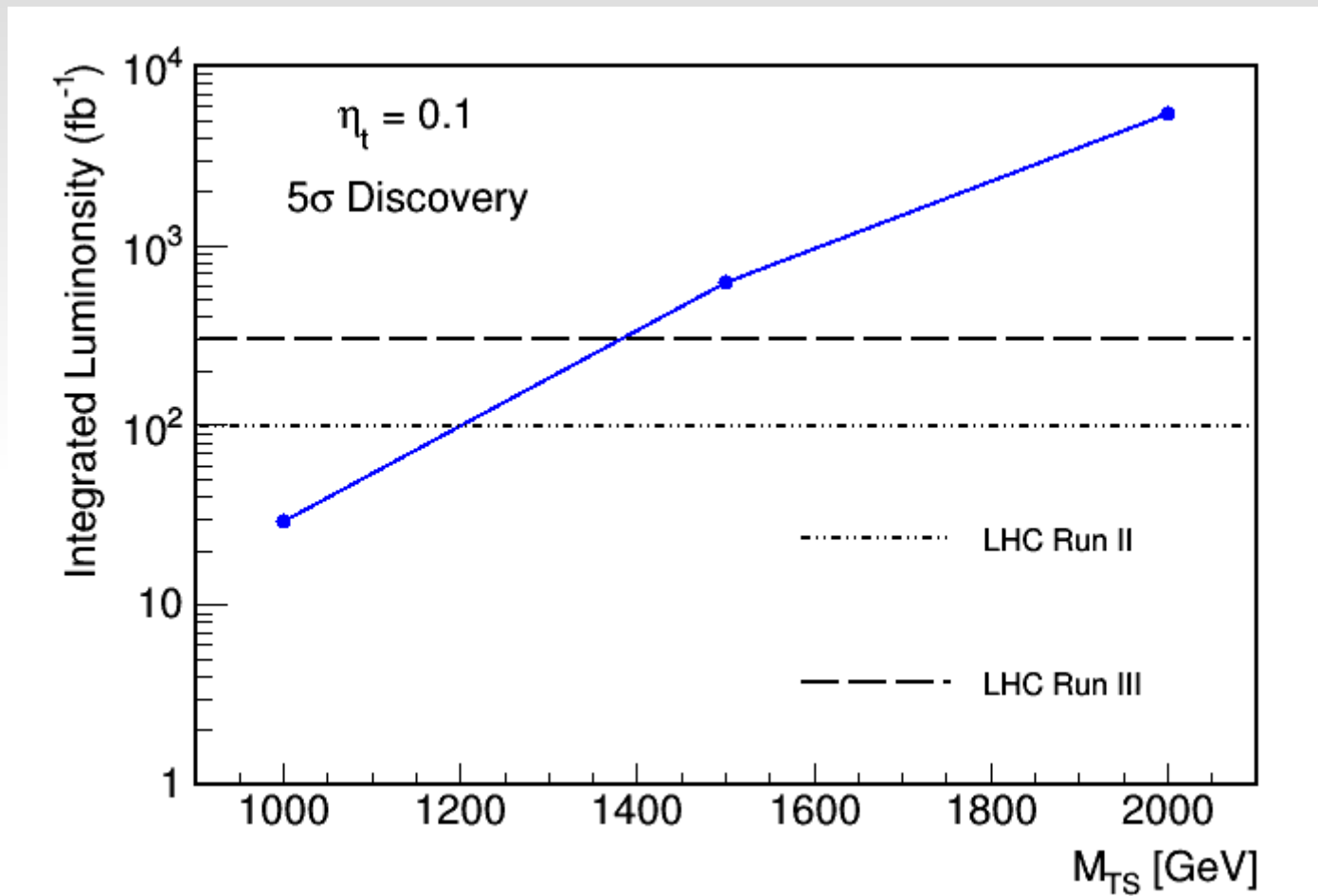
- For $\eta_t = 0.1$, $M_{TS} > 1445$ GeV (300 fb⁻¹)
- Masses up to ~ 2700 GeV (100 fb⁻¹) and ~ 3030 GeV (300 fb⁻¹) can be excluded.

Summary

- **New limits on torsion parameters from $t\bar{t}$ production were derived.**
- **The $t\bar{t}$ production at LHC may provide complementary information on torsion couplings, specially if the torsion-leptons coupling is weak.**
- **By the end of LHC run II (run III), a torsion with mass of 2.5 TeV (3.0 TeV) can be observed in the strong torsion-top coupling scenario.**
- **With 300 fb^{-1} of data, torsion with masses above 3.0 TeV can be excluded.**
- **To appear soon in the arXiv.**

Backup Slides

Expected reach for $\eta_t = 0.1$



Torsion action and symmetry

$$\mathcal{S}_{non-min}^{TS-matter} = i \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \bar{\psi}_{(i)} \left(\gamma^\alpha \nabla_\alpha + i \eta_i \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu S_\mu - i m_i \right) \psi_{(i)},$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{tor}^{TS-kin} = \int d^4x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} S_{\mu\nu} S^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} M_{TS}^2 S_\mu S^\mu \right\}$$

Extra transformations related to torsion

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi' = \psi e^{\gamma_5 \beta(x)}, \quad \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi}' = \bar{\psi} e^{\gamma_5 \beta(x)}, \quad S_\mu \rightarrow S'_\mu = S_\mu - \eta^{-1} \partial_\mu \beta(x)$$

This symmetry implies that torsion **has** to be a massive field.

Running couplings

$$\eta_i(\mu) = \eta_i(\mu_0) \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right)^{Ch_i/(4\pi)^2} .$$

where $\mu_0 = M_p = 10^{19}$ GeV.

Theoretical constraint

$$M_{TS} \gg m_i \eta_i$$