



# Top-quark physics at the first CLIC stage

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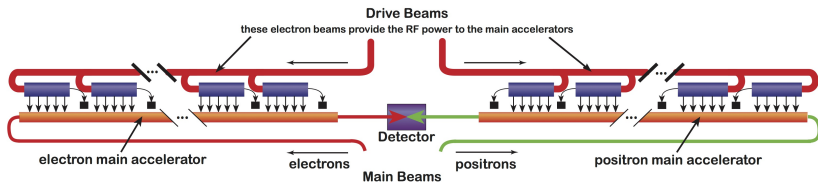
## Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Top-quark mass measurements
- 3 Top-quark couplings
- 4 Top-quark FCNC decays
- 5 Conclusions

For details see:

H.Abramowicz et al. (CLICdp Collaboration),  
*Top-Quark Physics at the CLIC Electron-Positron Linear Collider*,  
CLICdp-Pub-2018-003, prepared for submission to JHEP

## Compact Linear Collider



Conceptual Design (CDR) presented in 2012

CERN-2012-007

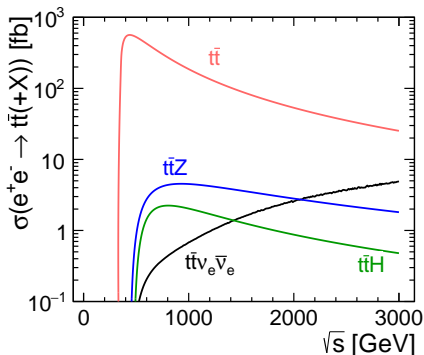
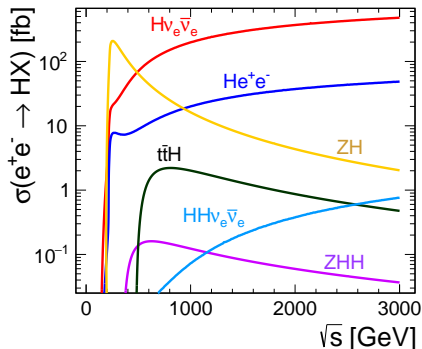
- high gradient, two-beam acceleration scheme
- staged implementation plan with energy from 380 GeV to 3 TeV
- footprint of 11 to 50 km
- $e^-$  polarisation

For details refer to: D.Schulte, *The CLIC accelerator project status and plans*, parallel session Accelerator: Physics, Performance, and R&D for Future Facilities

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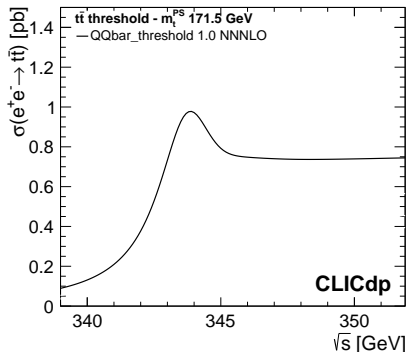
Other CLICdp contributions to ICHEP'2018 parallel sessions:

- Ulrike Schnoor, *Top-quark physics at high-energy CLIC operation* (yesterday)
- Matthias Artur Weber, *Higgs physics at CLIC* (Higgs Physics)
- Roberto Franceschini, *BSM searches at CLIC* (Beyond the Standard Model)
- Eva Sicking, *The CLIC detector* (Detector R&D for present and future...)

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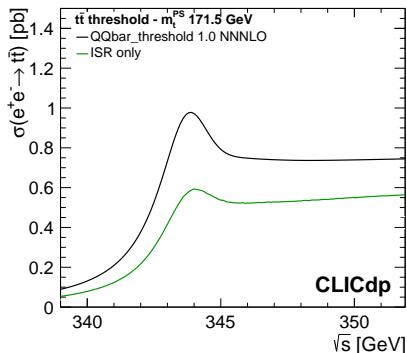


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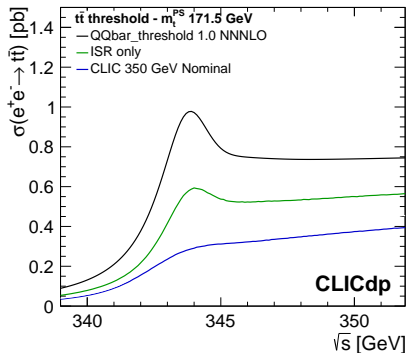


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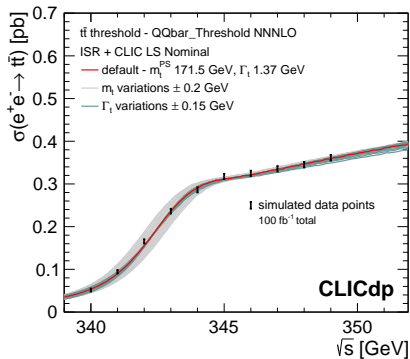
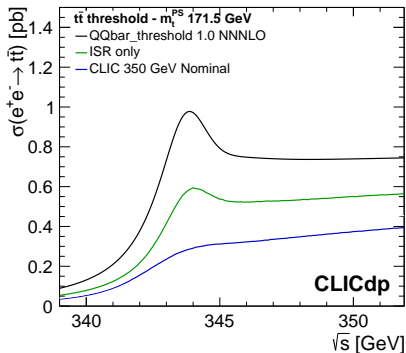


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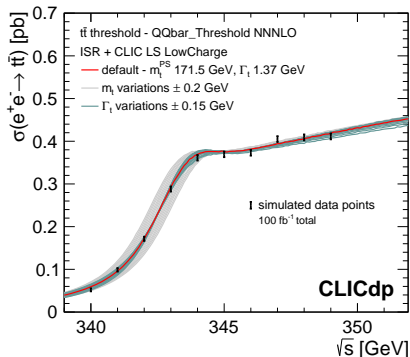
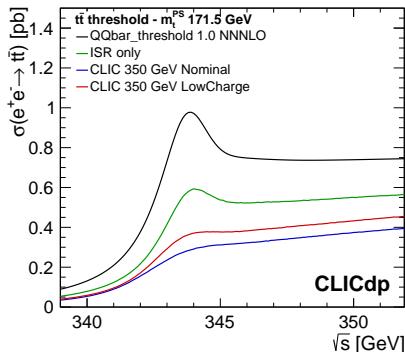
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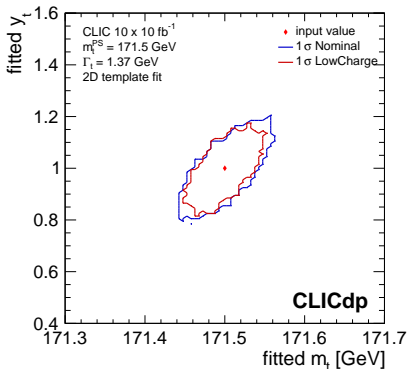
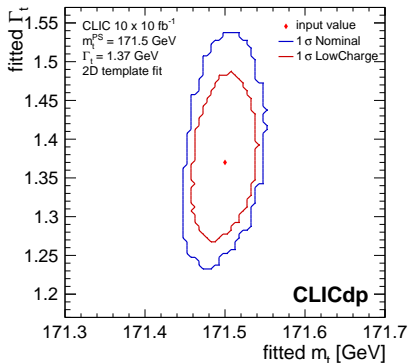
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Dedicated luminosity spectra also reduces uncertainties on the extracted

top-quark width

and

Yukawa coupling



Energy scan: 10 cross section measurements, 10 fb<sup>-1</sup> each

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- theoretical uncertainties from QCD scale variations.  
**combined theoretical and parametric uncertainties: 30 MeV to 50 MeV**  
**depending on assumptions on the expected improvement**

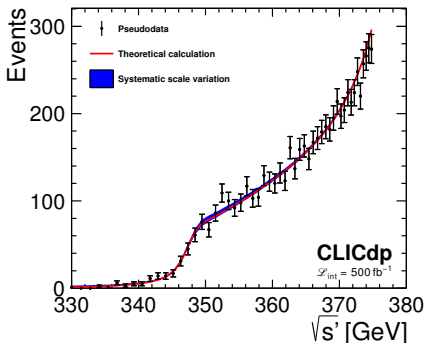
⇒ total uncertainty on top-quark mass of around 50 MeV feasible

## Radiative events

When running at 380 GeV, the top-quark mass can be still extracted from the cross section of radiative events:



Expected distribution of the reconstructed  $t\bar{t}$  invariant mass



with luminosity spectra  
taken into account

Top-quark mass:

statistical precision of  
about 100 MeV

total uncertainty of  
about 150 MeV



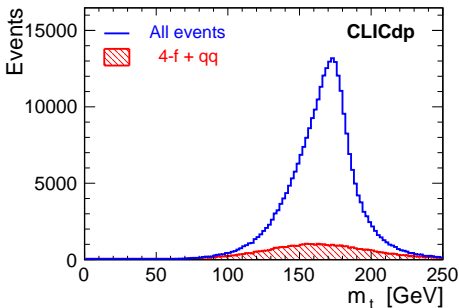
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Hadronic  $t\bar{t}$  events



⇒ statistical uncertainty: 42 MeV

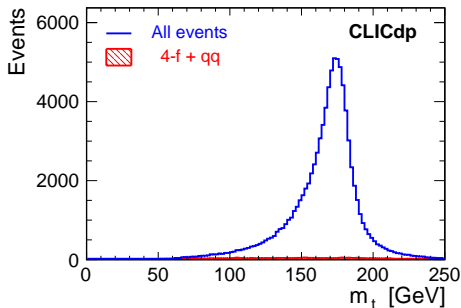
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⇒ statistical uncertainty: 56 MeV

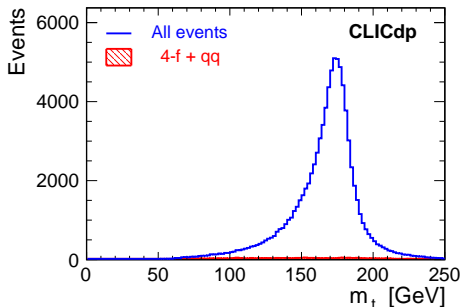
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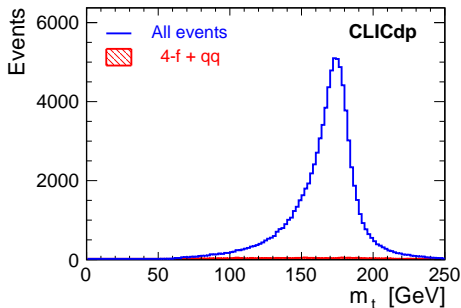
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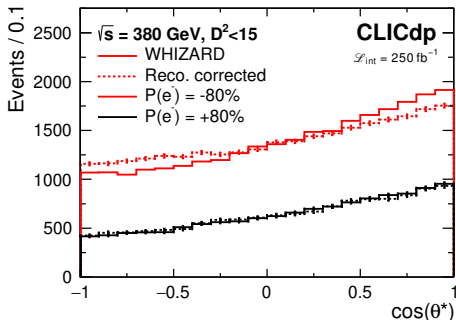
Reconstruction of the top-quark to W boson mass ratio

⇒ 60 MeV statistical uncertainty on the top-quark mass

## Asymmetry measurement

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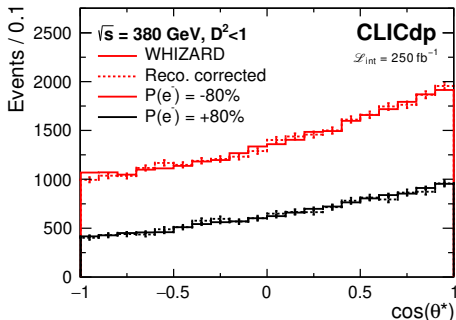


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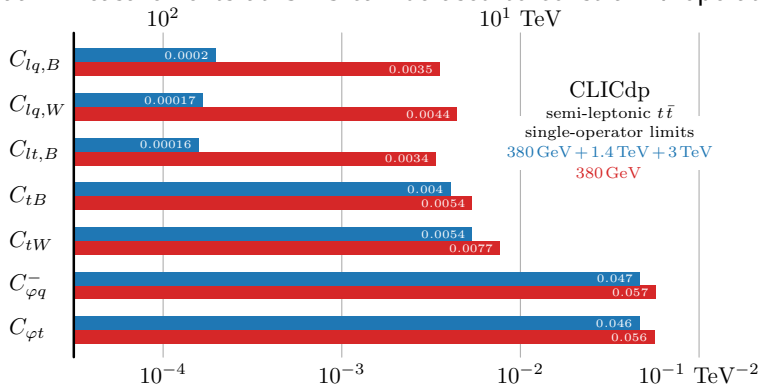


tighter cut on kinematic fit quality  $\Rightarrow$  avoid bias

## EFT interpretation

Possible BSM effects induced by heavy new physics (above the direct reach of CLIC) are universally described by Effective Field Theory (EFT)

Top-quark measurements at CLIC can be used to constrain 7 operators:



First CLIC stage crucial for constraining 4 operators

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Limits expected after HL-LHC running

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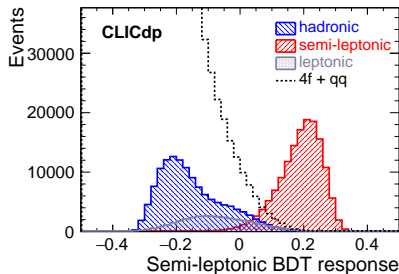
$t \rightarrow c + \text{missing energy}$  assuming hadronic decay of “spectator” top

- $c$ -quark jet
- large missing transverse momentum
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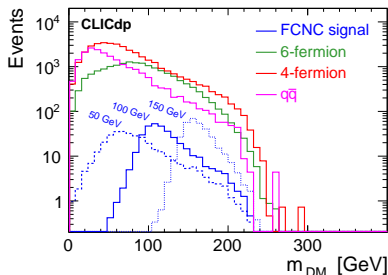
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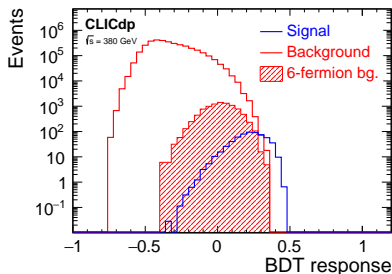
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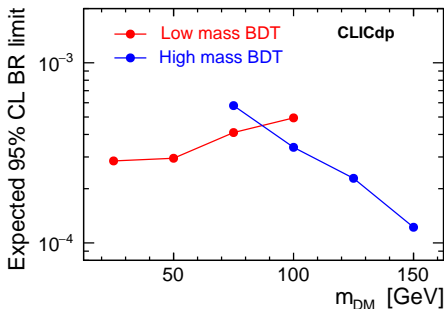
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The large number of top quarks produced allows **competitive searches** for **FCNC decays** with charm quarks in the final state



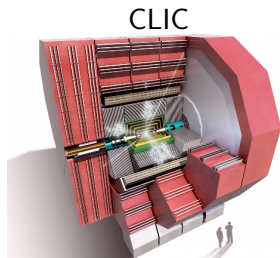
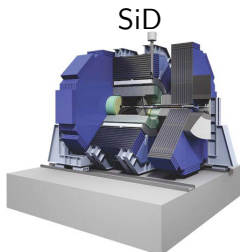
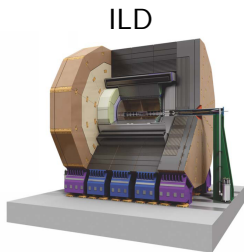
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## Detector Requirements

- Track momentum resolution:  $\sigma_{1/p} < 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
- Impact parameter resolution:  $\sigma_d < 5 \mu\text{m} \oplus 10 \mu\text{m} \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{p \sin^{3/2} \Theta}$
- Jet energy resolution:  $\sigma_E/E = 3 - 4\%$  (highest jet energies)
- Hermeticity:  $\Theta_{min} = 5 \text{ mrad}$

Three detailed LC detector concepts:



## Prospects for top-quark physics @ CLIC

Presented results based on detailed simulation studies

- signal and background processes generated with WHIZARD  
up to six particles in the final state
- luminosity spectra and beam induced backgrounds taken into account
- fragmentation and hadronisation simulated with PYTHIA 6.4
- GEANT 4 detector simulation using MOKKA and CLIC toolkits  
CLIC.ILD and CLIC\_SiD detector concepts considered for presented results
- clustering and particle flow reconstruction is using PandoraPFA  
PFOs selection with loose timing cuts assumed for first CLIC stage
- jet clustering with FASTJET, best reconstruction with VLC algorithm
- flavour tagging with LCFIPLUS package

**Direct reconstruction:** fully hadronic and semi-leptonic events

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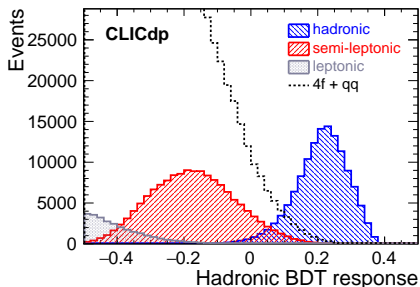
two BDTs used for selection of hadronic and semi-leptonic samples

15 input variables: total energy-momentum, event shape and jet parameters, lepton ID

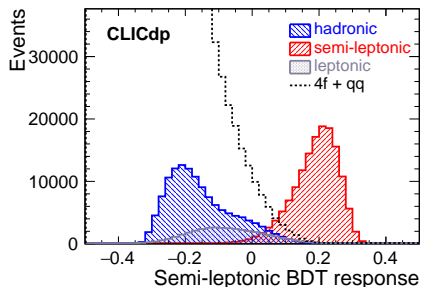
⇒ improved efficiency/purity, compared to cut-based approach

efficient rejection of non- $t\bar{t}$  background

### Hadronic sample selection



### Semi-leptonic sample selection



## Direct reconstruction

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Largest statistics expected at the first CLIC stage

Expected statistical precision on top-quark mass: 40 MeV

taking into account both the hadronic and the semi-leptonic channels  
corrected for dilution due to the use of the fixed mass jet pairing

Require jet energy scale controlled at the level of 0.025% (!)

JES effects significantly reduced by relating the top-quark mass to W mass

⇒ expected uncertainty on the reconstructed mass ratio

corresponds to the top-quark mass uncertainty of about 60 MeV

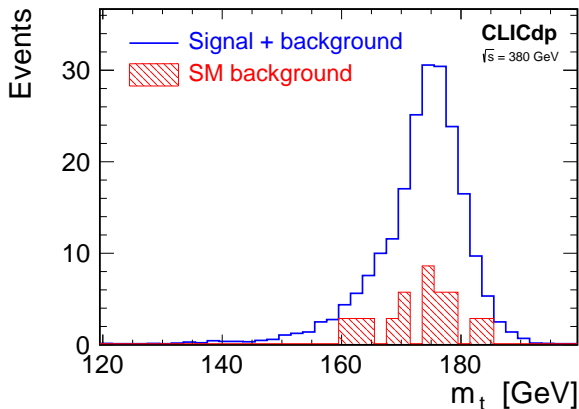
not sensitive to the absolute jet energy scale

energy scale dependence on the quark flavour has to be understood to about 0.1%

## Kinematic reconstruction

For signal events after BDT selection cut ( $\text{BDT} > 0.29$ )

Reconstructed  $c\gamma$  invariant mass



**Signal hypothesis:** three jets are required to have  $b\text{-tag} > 0.4$   
 fourth jet required to have  $c\text{-tag} + b\text{-tag} > 0.4$

**Kinematic fit**  $\chi^2$  definition for hadronic events

Mass ratios used to reduce influence of mass correlations

- signal hypothesis

top boost as additional constraint

$$\chi_{sig}^2 = \left( \frac{M_{bqq} - m_t}{\sigma_t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_{bbc} - m_t}{\sigma_t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{E_{bqq} - \gamma_t}{M_{bqq} - \gamma_t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{E_{bbc} - \gamma_t}{M_{bbc} - \gamma_t} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_{qq} - \frac{m_W}{m_t}}{\sigma_{R_W}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_{bb} - \frac{m_h}{m_t}}{\sigma_{R_h}} \right)^2$$

- similar for background hypothesis ( $t\bar{t}$  hadronic decays)

$$\chi_{bg}^2 = \dots + \left( \frac{M_{qq} - \frac{m_W}{m_t}}{\sigma_{R_W}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_{bq} - \frac{m_W}{m_t}}{\sigma_{R_W}} \right)^2$$

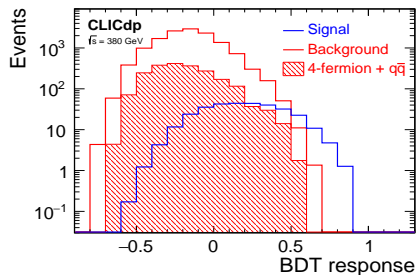
## Multivariate analysis

Used for final signal vs background discrimination

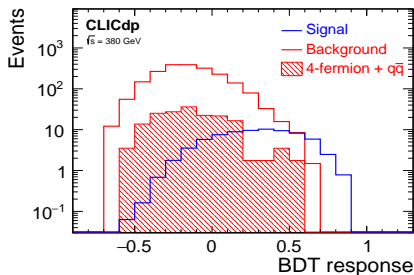
11 input variables: classification results, flavour tagging and kinematic fit

One BDT trained on both samples

Hadronic sample



Semi-leptonic sample





## Preselection

We look for the final state consisting of four jets with only one  $b$  quark ( $c +$  hadronic decay of second top quark)

Dominant background contribution expected from four fermion processes (mainly  $WW$  production), but also from quark pair production.

Following preselection cuts are applied:

- $b$ -tag value for  $b$ -jet  $> 0.6$
- $b$ -tag values for other jets  $< 0.4$
- Transverse momentum  $> 20$  GeV
- Long. momentum  $|p_z| < 100$  GeV
- Total invariant mass  $> 140$  GeV

Preselection efficiency for signal events between 35 and 42%

Depending on the assumed mass

