

Top-quark physics at CLIC

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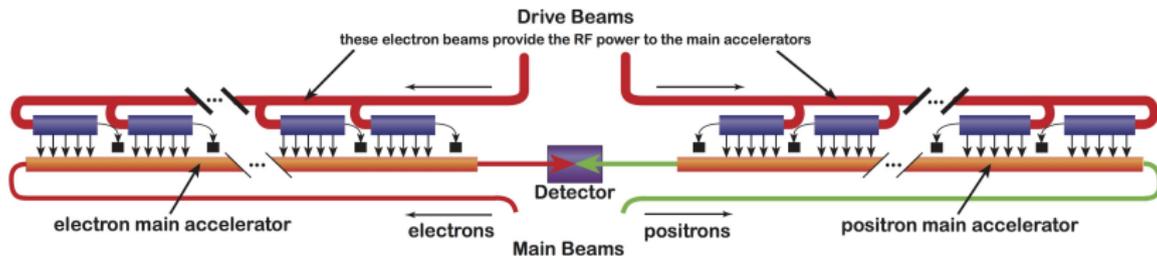
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Top-Quark Physics at the CLIC Electron-Positron Linear Collider,
CLICdp-Pub-2018-003, [arXiv:1807.02441](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.02441)

For more information on CLIC accelerator, detector and physics see:

- [CLIC input to the European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2018-2020](#)

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

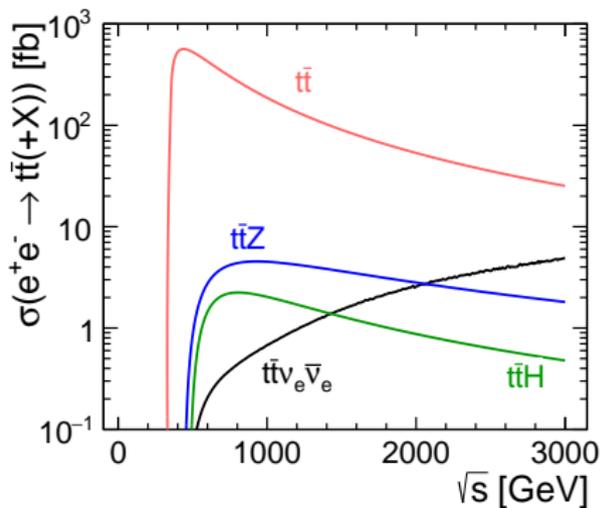
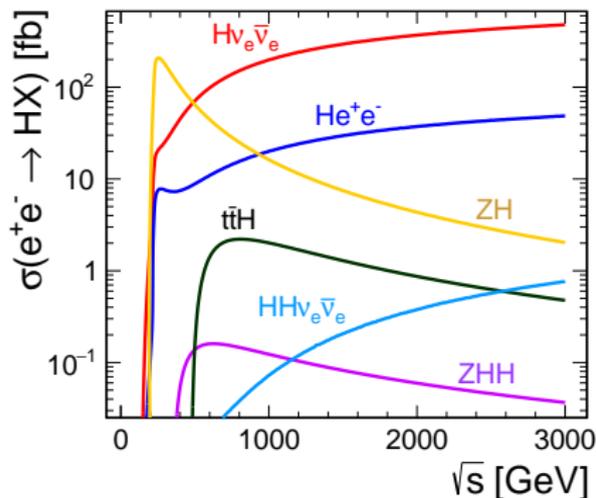
For details refer to:

P.N.Burrows, *The CLIC accelerator project: status and plans, Accelerators for HEP parallel session, tomorrow*

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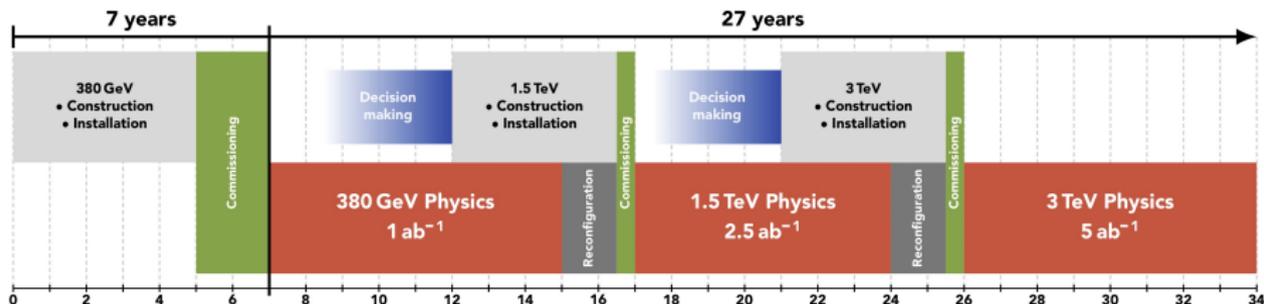
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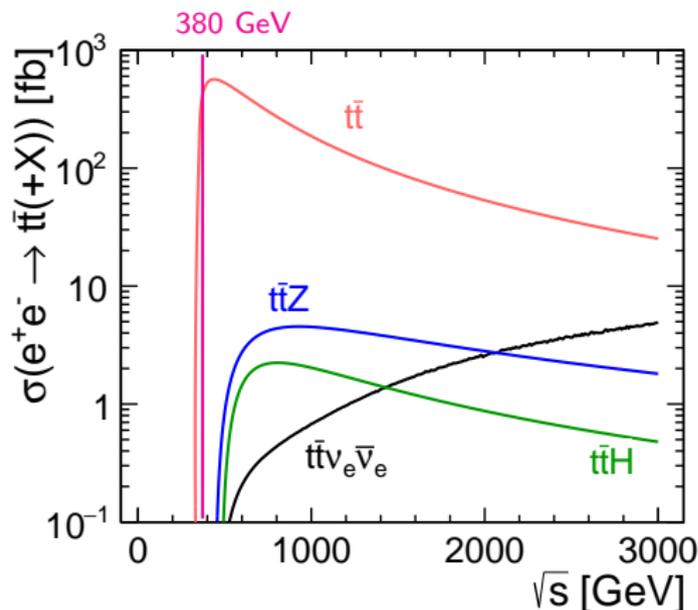
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Other CLICdp contributions to EPS-HEP'2019:

- A.Robson, *The CLIC potential for new physics*,
in *Searches for New Physics* parallel session, this afternoon,
- U.Schnoor, *The Higgs self-coupling at CLIC*, in *Higgs Physics*, yesterday,
- E.Leogrande, *The CLIC detector*, poster session

Top-quark processes

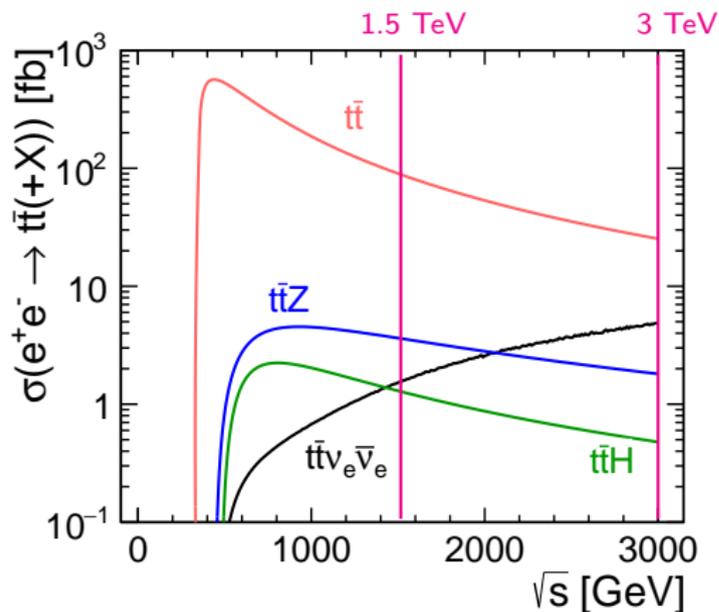


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- rare decays
- electroweak couplings

Close to 1.4 million top quarks and anti-quarks expected at the initial stage

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Additional processes open at high energies

- $t\bar{t}H \Rightarrow$ Yukawa coupling and CP properties
- $t\bar{t}\nu_e\bar{\nu}_e$ vector-boson fusion \Rightarrow BSM constraints

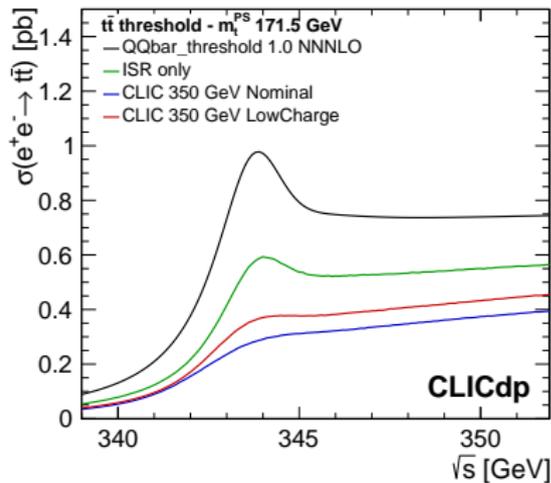
Doubled at high energy: total of over 2.8 million (anti)top quarks

Threshold scan

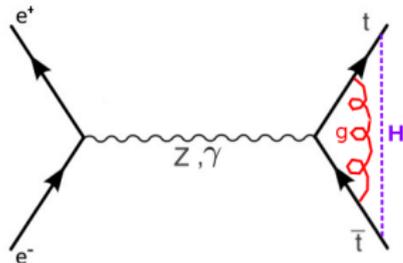
Top pair production **cross section around threshold**:

resonance-like structure corresponding to narrow $t\bar{t}$ bound state.

Very sensitive to top properties and model parameters:



- top quark mass m_t
- top quark width Γ_t
- strong coupling α_s
- top Yukawa coupling y_t



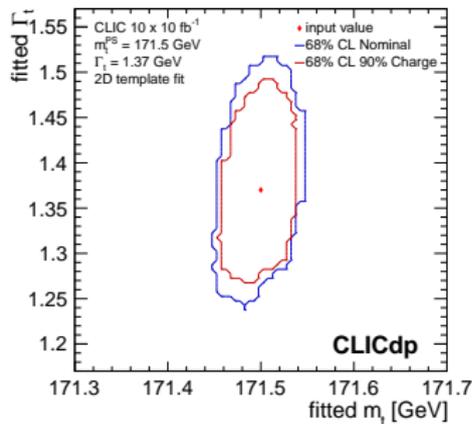
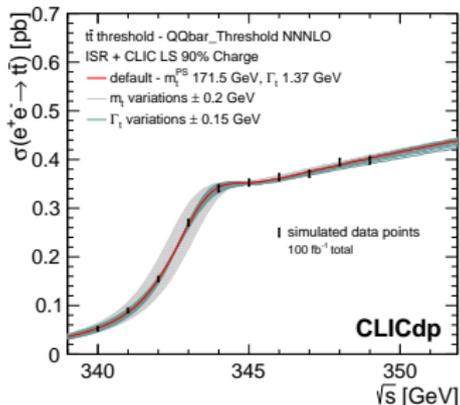
Significant cross section smearing due to luminosity spectra and ISR

Smearing due to luminosity spectra reduced for dedicated running configuration (LowCharge)

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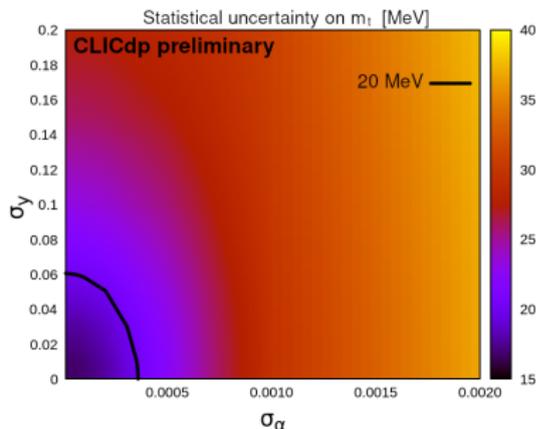
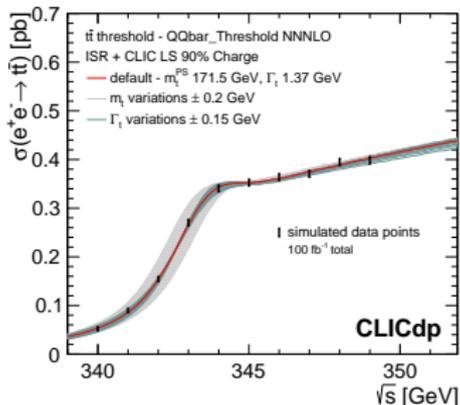


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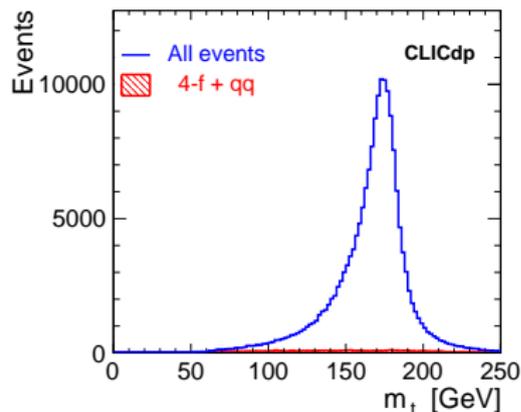


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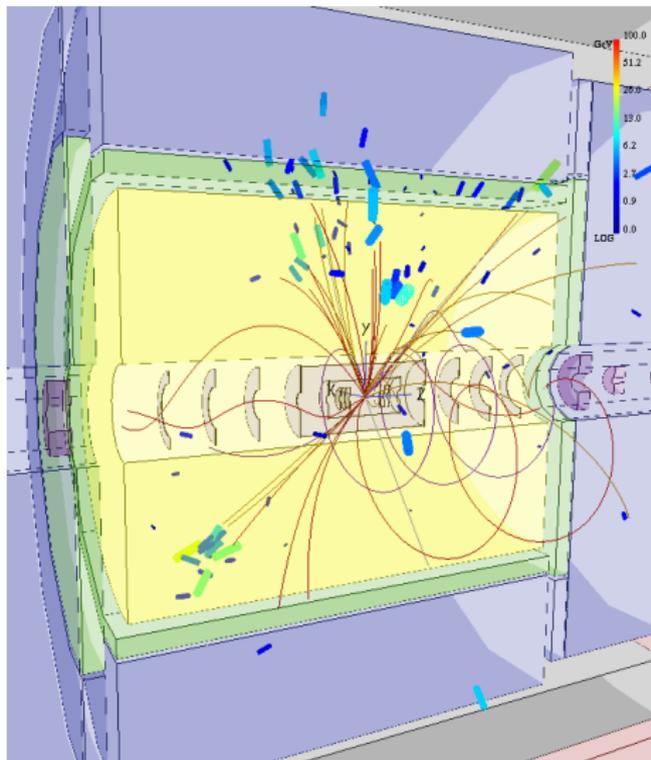
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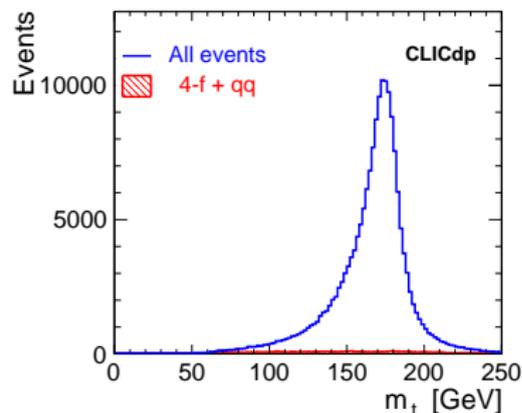
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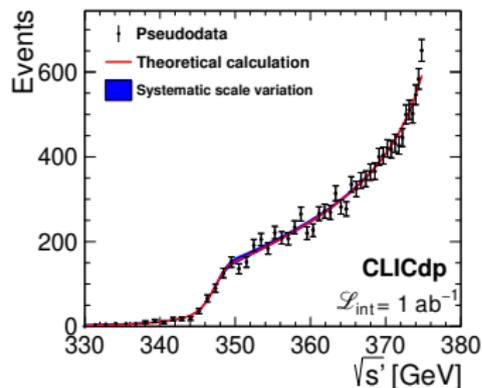
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Radiative events

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \gamma_{ISR}$$

From $t\bar{t}$ invariant mass distribution



Statistical precision ~ 100 MeV

Total uncertainty of about 140 MeV

Predictions

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Limits expected after HL-LHC running

$$BR(t \rightarrow c \gamma) < 7.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ (CMS)} \quad BR(t \rightarrow ch) < 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ (ATLAS)}$$

Sensitivity @ 380 GeV

Expected limits for 1 ab^{-1} collected at 380 GeV CLIC

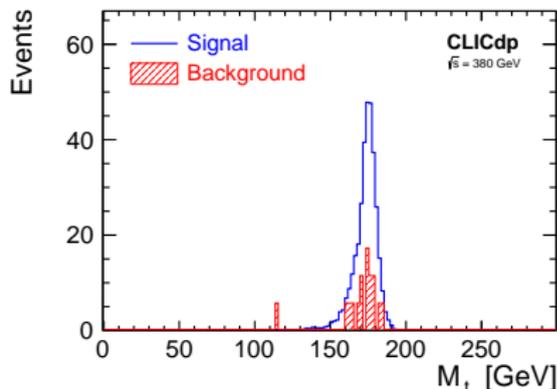
CL_s approach

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Signature:

- high energy isolated photon ($E_\gamma = 50 - 140 \text{ GeV}$)
- high energy c-quark jet ($E_{c\text{-jet}} = 50 - 140 \text{ GeV}$)
- one b-quark jet and a pair of light jets from spectator top

Reconstructed $c\gamma$ invariant mass after BDT selection



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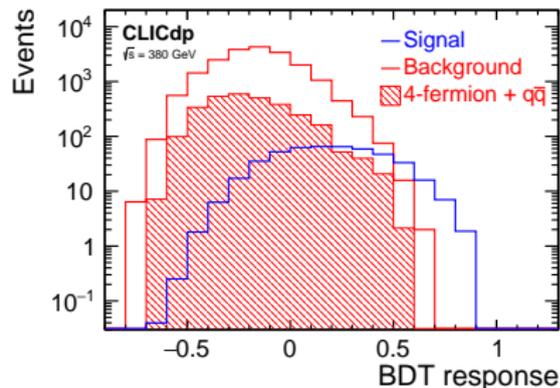
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Signature:

- final state compatible with SM $t\bar{t}$ events
- three b -quark jets in the finals state + c -quark jet
- invariant mass of two b -quark jets consistent with h mass

Response distribution of the BDT for the $t \rightarrow cH$ selection



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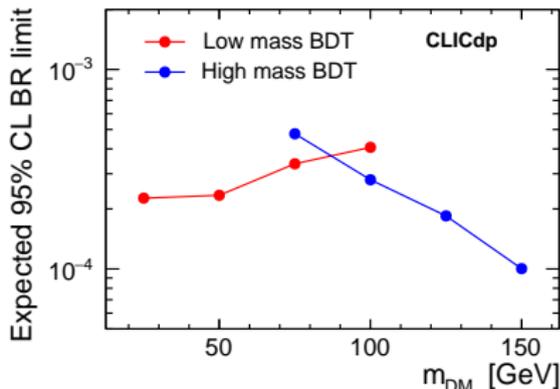
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Signature:

- c -quark jet
- large missing transverse momentum
- one b -quark jet and a pair or light jets from spectator top

95% C.L. limits on $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow c\cancel{E})$ as a function of DM particle mass

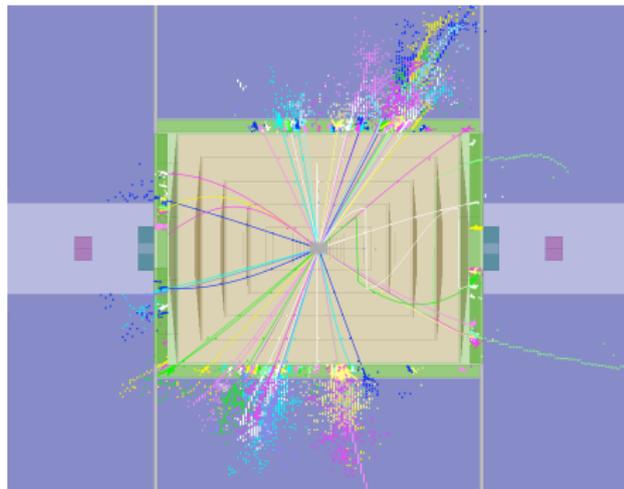
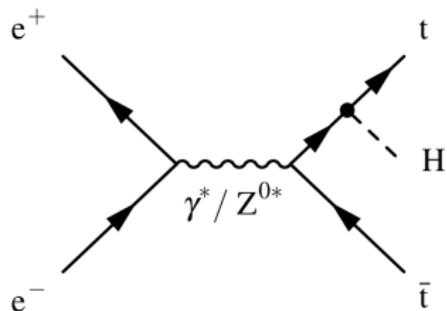


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From the measurement of the ttH production cross section



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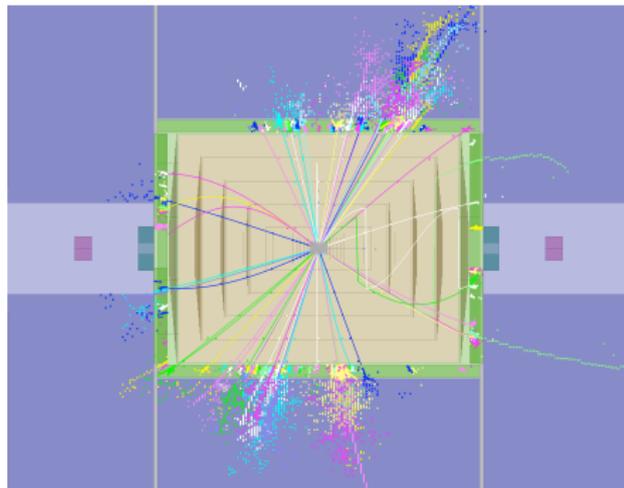
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- requires perfect detector performance (6-8 jets, 4 b -tags)

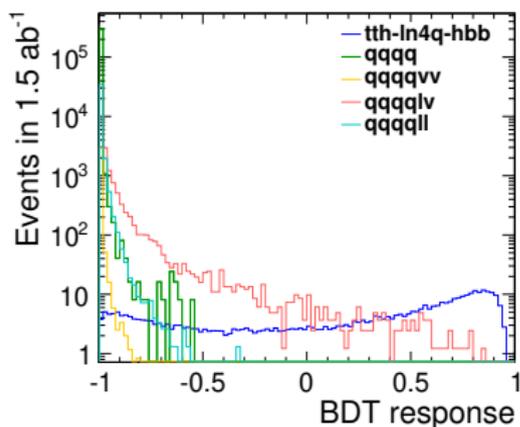


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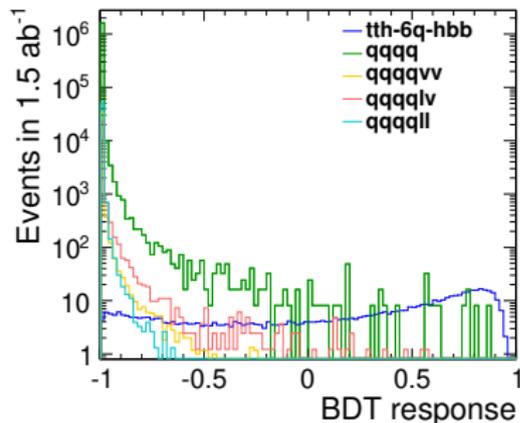
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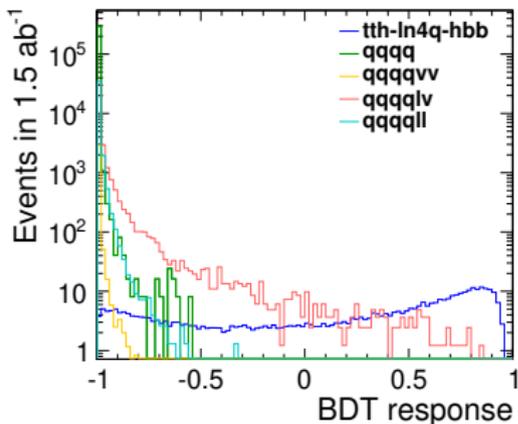


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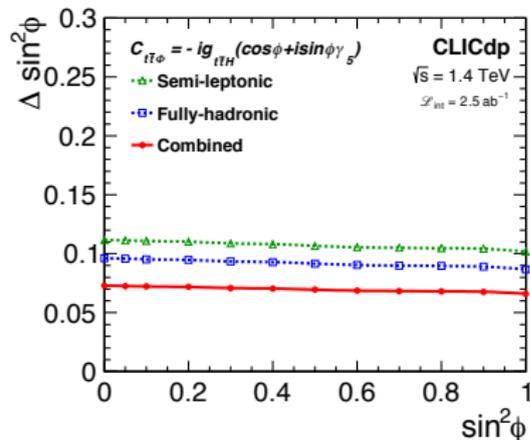
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Sensitivity to the CP mixing angle

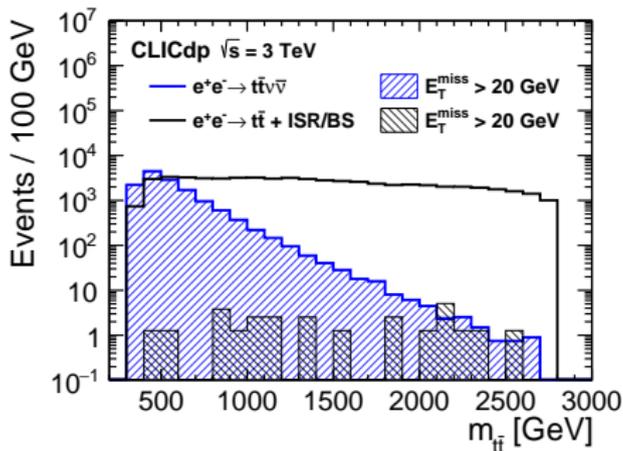
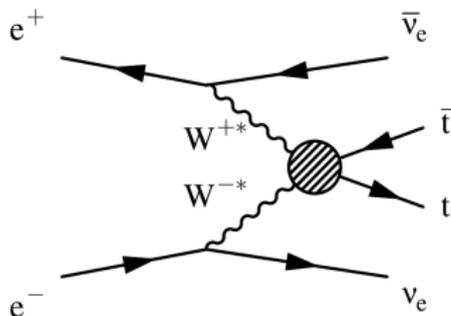


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⇒ uncertainty of ~ 0.07 on $\sin^2\phi$ describing CP violation in ttH coupling

Measurement of $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}\nu_e\bar{\nu}_e$ production

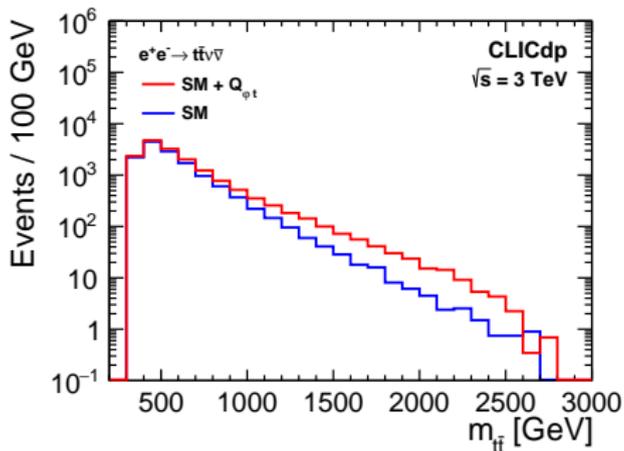
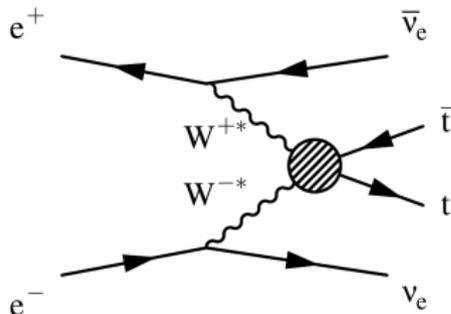
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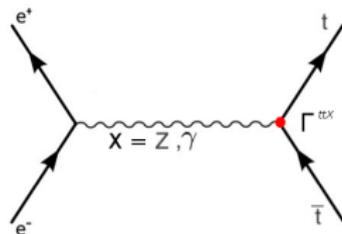
Reconstructed $t\bar{t}$ invariant mass distribution is sensitive to possible new physics contributions. Shown as an example is the EFT operator $Q_{\phi t}$

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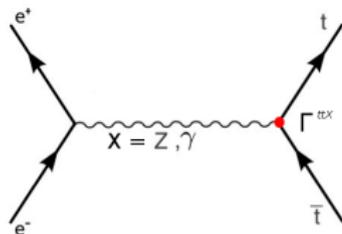


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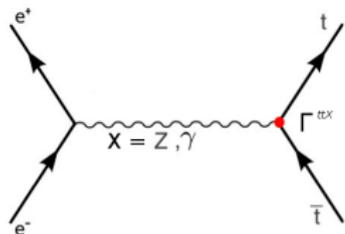
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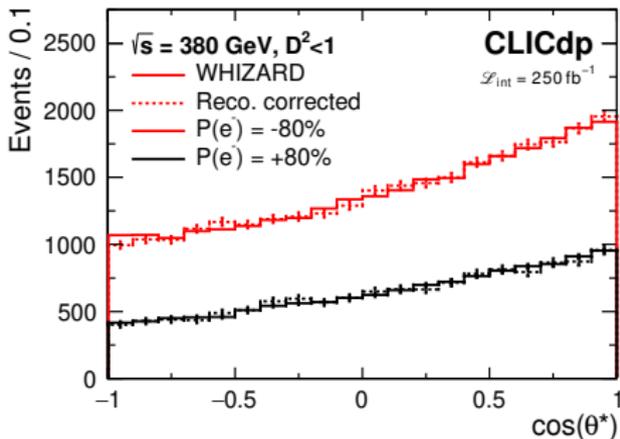
Additional constraints obtained by:

- using electron beam polarisation
- measurements at different \sqrt{s} (also using radiative events!)

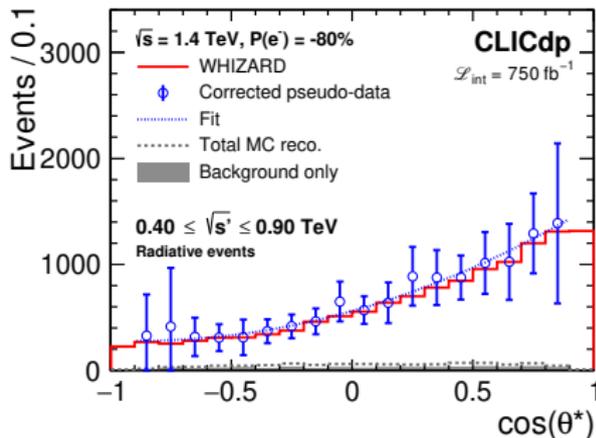
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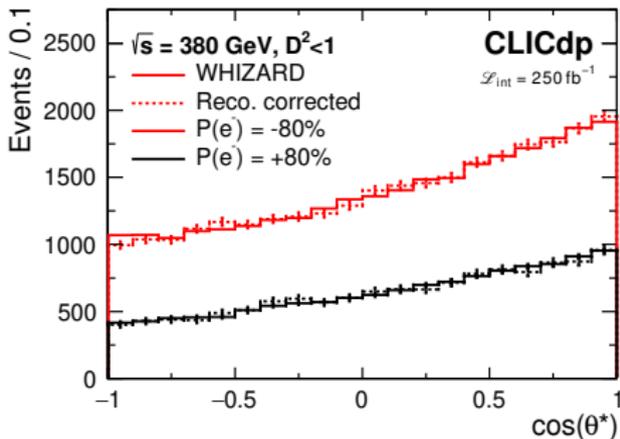
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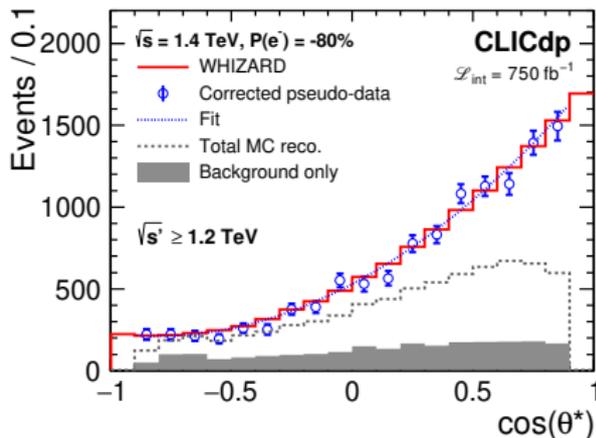
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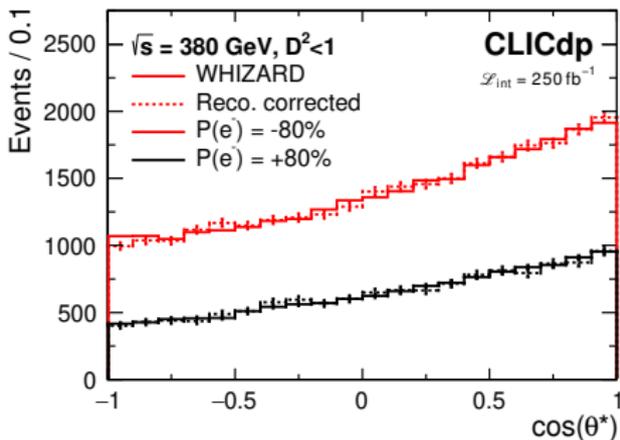
Boosted top decays at 1.4 TeV



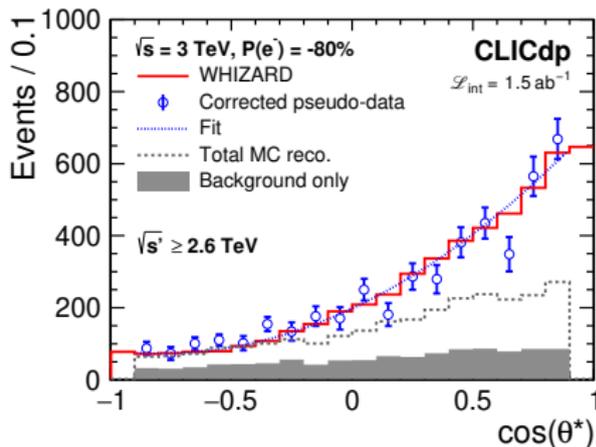
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Boosted top decays at 3 TeV



EFT framework

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$Q_{\varphi q}^- = Q_{\varphi q}^{(1)} - Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)} = (\varphi^\dagger i_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q) - (\varphi^\dagger i'_\mu \varphi)(\bar{q}\tau^I \gamma^\mu q)$
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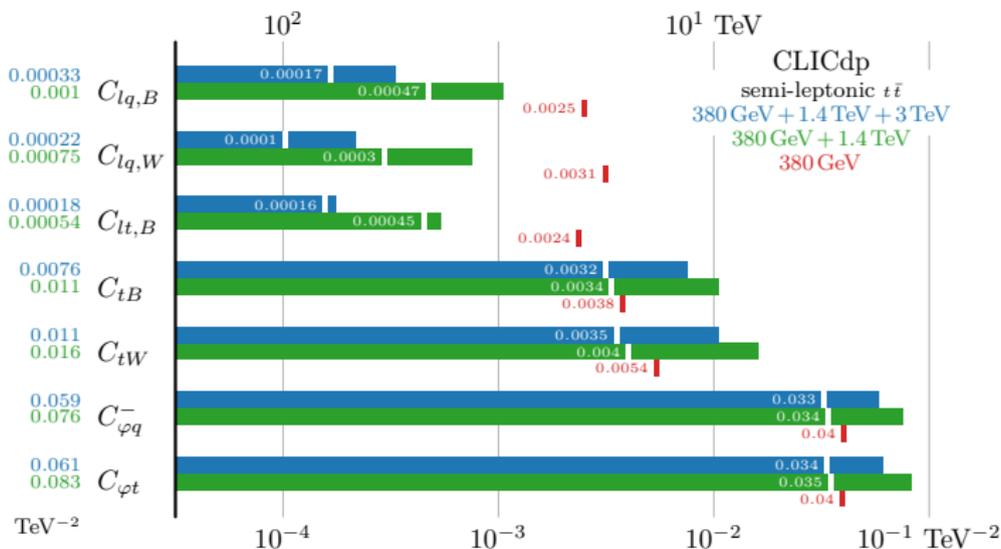
Measurements at one energy stage are insufficient to simultaneously constrain all couplings in the seven-dimensional EFT parameter space.

Only by combining data collected at different energies (and polarisations) all Wilson coefficients can be constrained simultaneously!

Sensitivity to the four-fermion operators significantly improves with energy

Constraints on BSM effects

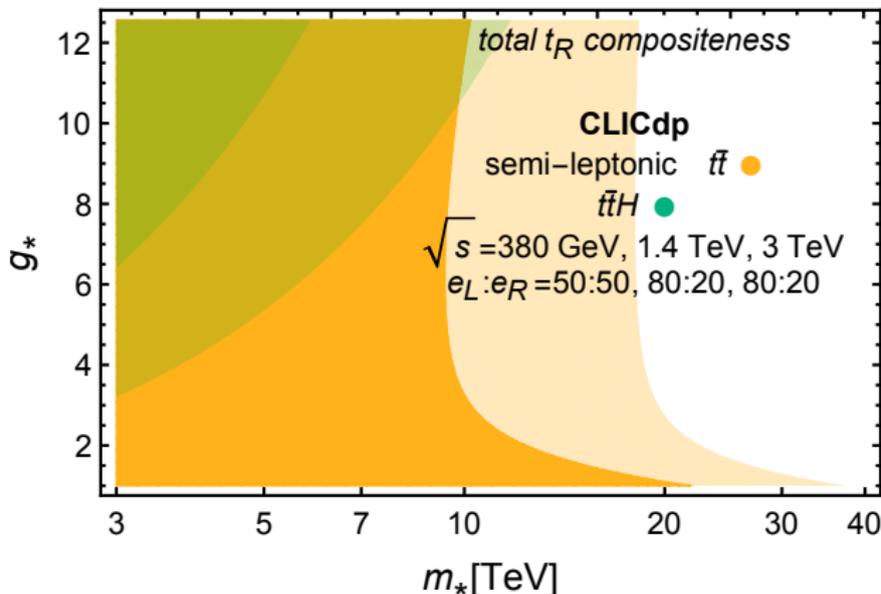
Summary of the global EFT analysis of measurements involving top quark
Results based on statistically optimal observables



High energy CLIC can reach “new physics” scales in the 100 TeV range

Discovery reach

5σ discovery range for top compositeness from global EFT analysis



top-quark compositeness can be discovered at CLIC up to ~ 10 TeV
 more than 20 TeV can be reached in favourable configurations

CLIC

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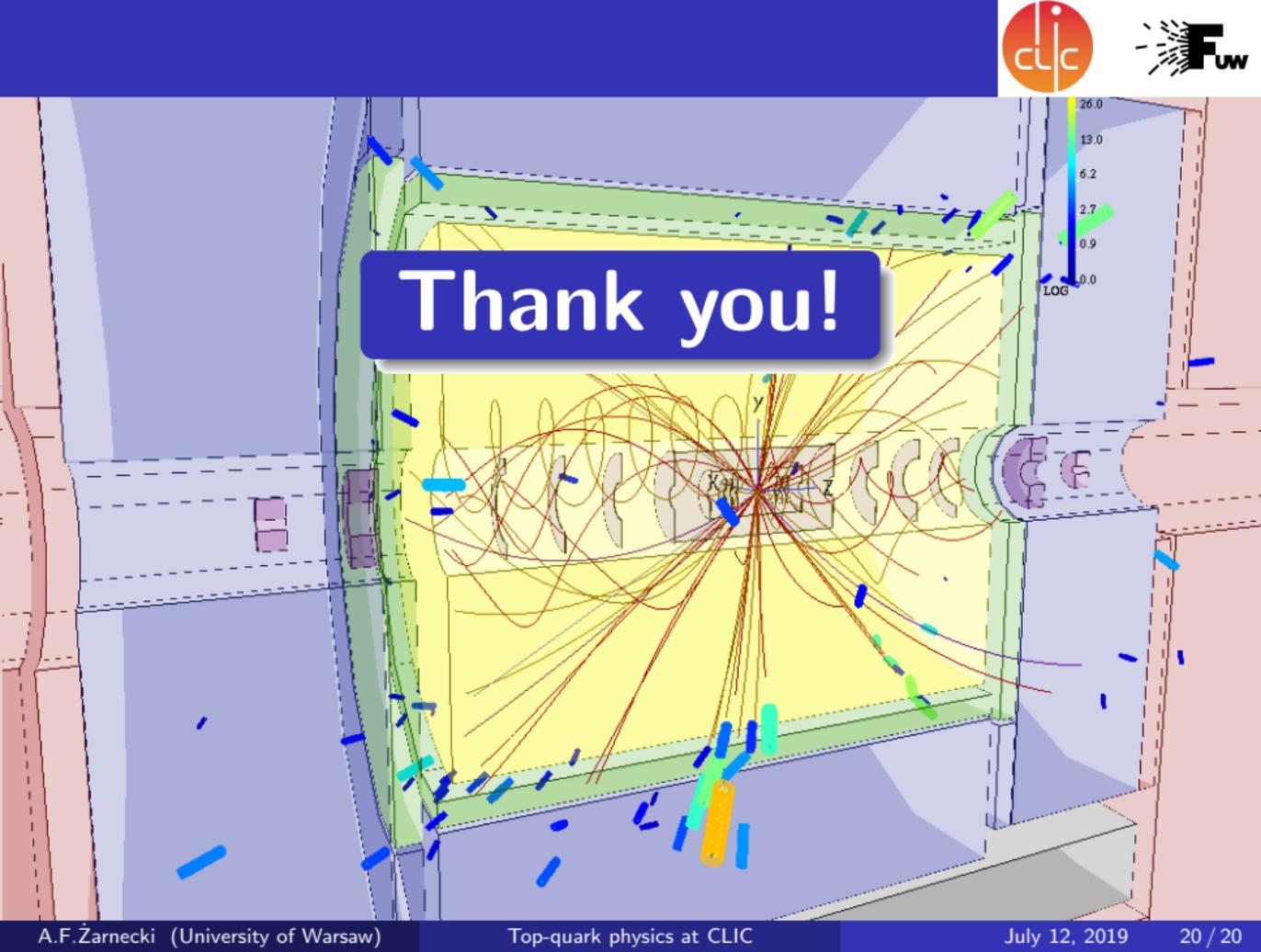
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Subsequent CLIC stages:

higher energies, luminosities and cross sections (for many processes)

- direct measurement of the top-quark Yukawa coupling
- precision measurements complementary to those at low energy
- indirect BSM searches extending to $0(100)$ TeV scales

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The image shows a 3D cutaway view of a particle detector simulation. A central yellow volume represents the calorimeter, with a complex network of red lines representing particle tracks originating from a central point. Blue dashed lines indicate energy deposits or secondary particles. A color scale on the right indicates energy values in LOG units, ranging from 0.0 to 26.0. A dark blue box with the text 'Thank you!' is overlaid on the center of the detector.

Thank you!

Formal European Strategy submissions

- The Compact Linear e^+e^- Collider (CLIC): Accelerator and Detector, [arXiv:1812.07987](#)
- The Compact Linear e^+e^- Collider (CLIC): Physics Potential, [arXiv:1812.07986](#)

Yellow Reports

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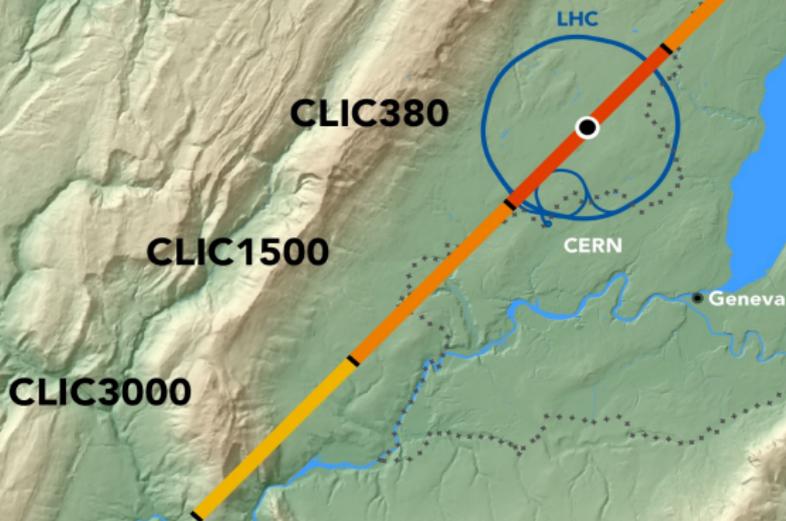
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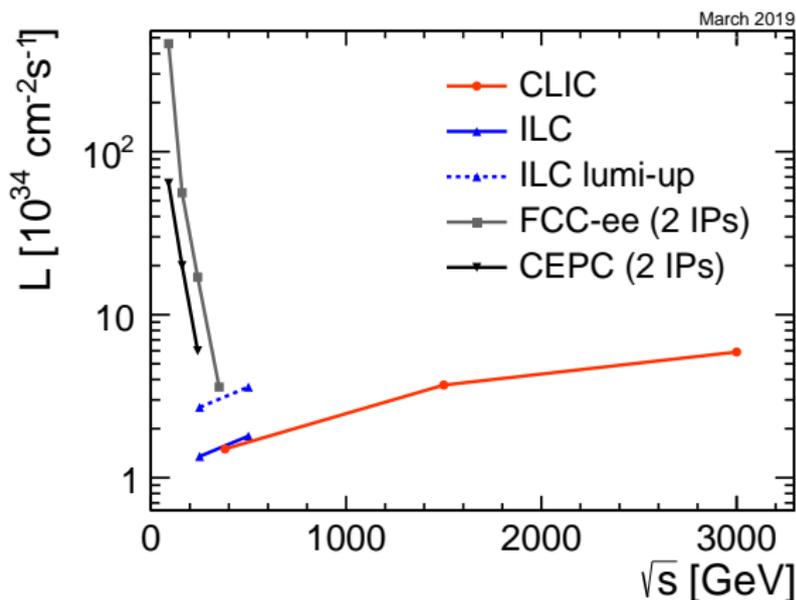
Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)

-  380 GeV - 11.4 km (CLIC380)
-  1.5 TeV - 29.0 km (CLIC1500)
-  3.0 TeV - 50.1 km (CLIC3000)



Comparison to other project

- Stage 1 luminosity “per IP” similar to FCC-ee
with half the construction cost and half the power consumption
- The only e^+e^- project that can go into the TeV domain



2013 – 2019

Development Phase

Development of a project plan for a staged CLIC implementation in line with LHC results; technical developments with industry, performance studies for accelerator parts and systems, detector technology demonstrators

2020 – 2025

Preparation Phase

Finalisation of implementation parameters, preparation for industrial procurement, pre-series and system optimisation studies, technical proposal of the experiment, site authorisation

2026 – 2034

Construction Phase

Construction of the first CLIC accelerator stage compatible with implementation of further stages; construction of the experiment; hardware commissioning





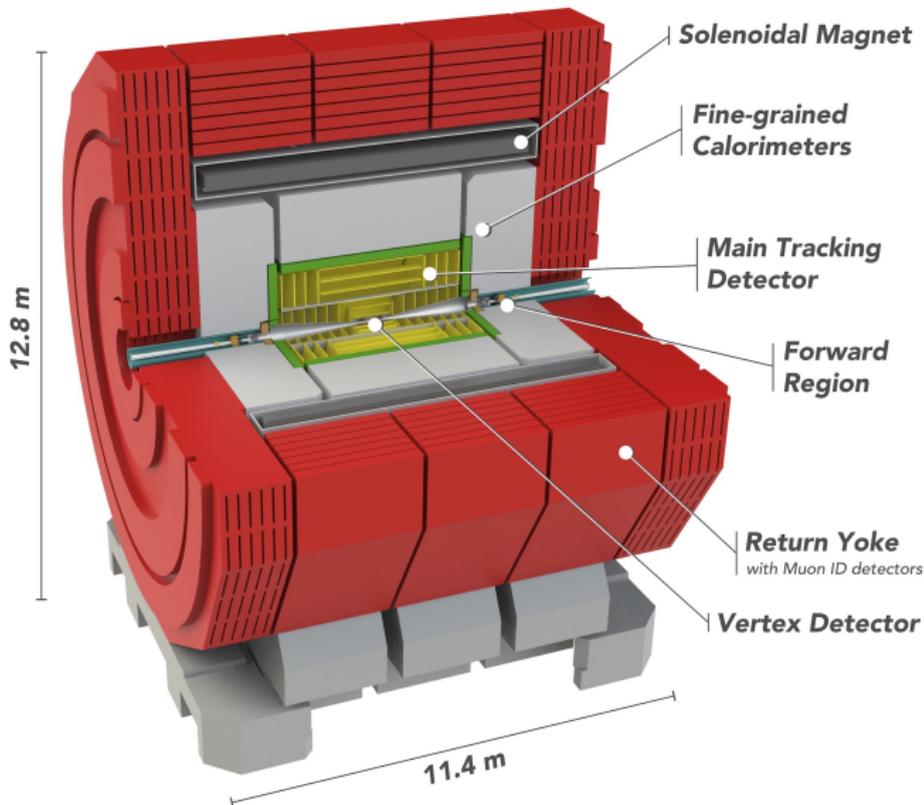
CLICdet

Based on detailed simulation studies, detector R&D and beam tests.

Optimised for Particle Flow reconstruction

Full exploitation of physics potential from 380 GeV to 3 TeV

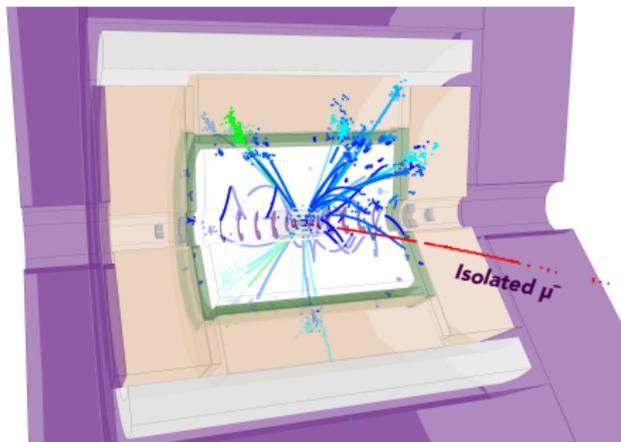
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Top-quark event reconstruction

High efficiency of $t\bar{t}$ event reconstruction thanks to the clean environment

380 GeV



Full reconstruction of the decay products at the first energy stage.

High energy and mass resolution from Particle Flow reconstruction.

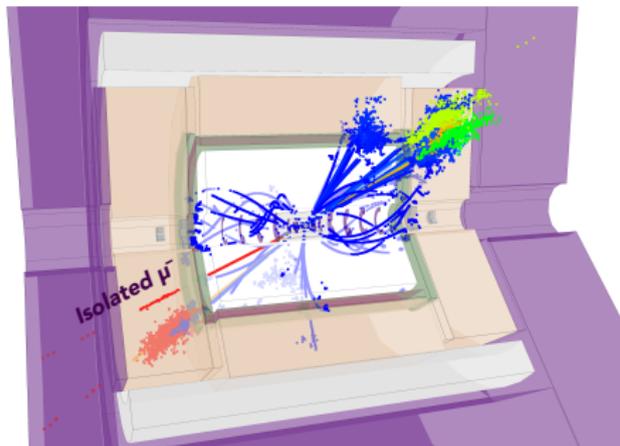
Based on high calorimeter granularity and precise tracking.

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3 TeV



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At high energy stages, dedicated algorithms developed for tagging boosted top-quark decays.

Reconstructing 'fat' jets and looking at their substructure

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