Top quark physics with the ATLAS and CMS experiments

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The LHC has delivered >10⁶ top quarks last year – what have we learnt?



Many unknowns: unique sample for precision measurements and exploration of deviations from the SM at the LHC.

Selecting top quarks at the LHC



Trigger

- Single/double (isolated) leptons
- and/or based on hadronic activity

Jets

- Anti- k_{T} algorithm with cone 0.4 or 0.5
- $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV } |\eta| < 5 \text{ (analysis dependent)}$
- b-tagging (optional)



- Leptons (e,μ,τ) with p_τ>20 |η|<2.5
 - Isolation in tracker and calorimeters
 - Reconstruction quality, i.e. ID (number of hits, χ², conversion veto, etc.)
- Missing transverse energy (Ε_τ^{miss})
 - Requirement is optional
 - Ranging from 20 to 60 GeV

Cross sections



Lepton+jets channel

Main backgrounds:

200

150

100

50

- **--- QCD multijets** (rejected with m_r/MET, can be controlled from sidebands)
- W+jets (in particular Heavy Flavor)
- Use kinematics to discriminate top b-driven: mass of secondary vertex



topology driven: η_{μ} jet momentum tensor/ H_{τ}





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Dilepton channel

ATLAS: arXiv:1202.4892 CMS PAS TOP-11-016

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- Cleanest signature
- Main backgrounds:
- Drell-Yan (Z-window is vetoed in ee/µµ and used to rescale DY contribution from data)
- Single top tW and dibosons (from MC)
- Residual fake leptons (controlled from sidebands using fake rate/efficiency)

"Signal is visible" even without requiring E_{T}^{miss} or b-tags

- Main systematics: jet energy scale, pileup (through E_T^{miss}), signal modeling, tW contribution
- Cross section measured from profile likelihood fit or from cut and count technique



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Combinations of the tt cross section at 7 TeV



• Total uncertainty: Experimental: 6%_{ATLAS} – 8%_{CMS} Theory: 8%_{approx. NNLO}

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• Measurement of differential cross-sections

- Kinematics are reconstructed using different methods
 - after constrained fit (I+jets)
 - → by prioritizing b-tagged jets and most probable neutrino energies for 100<m_t<300 GeV/c² (dilepton)

 $d\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$

Top pairs: p_T , η , M_{tt} Individual top quark: p_T , η

Lepton kinematics: p_{τ} , η , $M_{{}_{I\!I}}$

Good agreement found for the different quantities in both dilepton and I+jets channels







Testing pQCD - 2

- The jet scaling patterns reflects QCD structure (PDF evolution and running α_s)
- Crucial for many properties measurements affected by ISR/FSR contamination
- → Gauge central prediction with ISR variation in MC ▶
- Jet energy scale, W+QCD normalization and *b-tag* efficiency uncertainties dominate the measurement

▲ More details on A. Leyko's talk @ YSForum

• Overall good agreement is found, but no distinction yet possible between different models





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AcerMC sample	PARP(67)	PARP(64)
central	4	1
ISR down	1	4
ISR up	6	0.25



Single top: t-channel

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- Dominant production channel
 - 1 central, isolated lepton + E^{miss}_t

expect N(I⁺) ≈ 1.9 N(I⁻), i.e. N(t) ≈ 1.9 N(anti-t)

- 1 b jet + 1 forward recoil jet
- Main backgrounds:
 - Multijets: fit to E_T^{miss}, or m_T spectrum with template from lepton selection side-band
 - W+jets (heavy flavor): fit from the discriminator output or re-scaled from selection sideband (e.g. failing m_{Ivb} requirement)
- Measurement stems from 2 cross-checks:
 - fit to angular variables as η_i robust approach
 - multivariate analysis exploiting fully signal topology and maximizing significance (for CMS: not yet updated with 2011 data cf. CMS-PAS-TOP-10-008)





Single top: t-channel - results

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 $\begin{bmatrix} CMS \\ 70.2 \pm 5.2(\text{stat}) \pm 10.4(\text{syst}) \pm 3.4(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb} \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ATLAS \\ 90 \pm 9(\text{stat})^{+31}_{-20}(\text{syst}) \text{ pb} \end{bmatrix}$

Leaving discovery phase: precision measurements just around the corner!

- Using expected th. cross section CMS obtains: $|V_{tb}| = 1.04 \pm 0.09(\exp) \pm 0.02(\th)$
- More to come: polarization, differential measurements

Single top: tW-channels

- Final state: 2 leptons+1 b-jet+E^{miss} (at LO similar to tt dileptons with only 1 b-jet)
- Signal discrimination
 - 2nd b-jet veto is applied for signal region
 - Balance: $|\sum \vec{p_T} + \vec{p}_T^{b-jet} + \vec{E}_T^{miss}| < 60 \ GeV$ leptons
- Use max. likelihood fit for $\sigma(tW)$:



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Recoiling

system @LO

On the road to establish the s-channel

Candidate Events

80

60ł

40

20ł

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(s-channel)/O,SM(s-channel)

More details on M. zur Nedden's talk

- Lowest cross section, may reveal new physics:
 - $\twoheadrightarrow~W'$, massive $H^{\pm}~\rightarrow t$ + b
- Signature: 1 lepton+2 b-jets+E_τ^{miss}
 - Contaminated by QCD multijets, W+HF and top pair events (similar to t-channel)
- Categorize according to b-tag multiplicity and analyze kinematics
 - Jet kinematics, invariant mass of objects, etc.
 - Apply sequential cuts maximizing S/B^{1/2}
 - Exp. S/B=16/296 → interpret statistically

атьая < 26.5 pb (20.5 pb exp.) @ 95%CL



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Properties

We have selected the top at the LHC

and we can measure its properties at production and decay.

Evidence for spin correlations

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- Top decays promptly→spin information is conserved
- Spin correlation can be sought after full kinematics reconstruction measuring:

 $A = \frac{\sigma_{tt}(\uparrow\uparrow) + \sigma_{tt}(\downarrow\downarrow) - \sigma_{tt}(\uparrow\downarrow) - \sigma_{tt}(\uparrow\downarrow)}{\sigma_{tt}(\uparrow\uparrow) + \sigma_{tt}(\downarrow\downarrow) + \sigma_{tt}(\uparrow\downarrow) + \sigma_{tt}(\uparrow\downarrow)}$

- Most interesting probes: leptons or d-type quarks
 - carry most of the top-spin information
- Strategy followed: fit ∆φ distribution with binned templates for SM and uncorrelated cases ►
 - → Translate result to maximal/helicity basis: A_{basis} = f· A_{basis}SM
 - Main systematics: ISR/FSR and signal modeling
- Evidence for spin correlations in agreement with SM









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Top charge asymmetry

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- Tevatron observes a differential dependency on the charge asymmetry cf. arXiv:1101.0034 arXiv:0712.0851
 - Sign of new physics? Confirmed by other experiments?
- Crucial difference at the LHC: we collide mainly gluons
 - Intrinsic SM asymmetry is highly diluted A_C^y (theory) = 0.0115 ± 0.0006 _/
 - Anti-quarks from sea tend to have lower x
 - At the LHC define asymmetry defined as $A_C = \frac{N^+ N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$

N[±] is the number of events with $\pm \Delta y = |y_{top}| - |y_{anti-top}|$



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LHC

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Differential top charge asymmetry

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- Asymmetry measured in p_{τ} , y or invariant mass of the top pair system
- Good agreement found between data and SM expectations within uncertainties
- Dependence on invariant mass reported by both experiments and compared to BSM models or Eff. Field Th. prediction (anomalous axial coupling of gluons to quarks)



R=B(t→Wb)/B(t→Wq)

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b-iet ⊾

- Some tension between SM and D0 measurement: $R_{\text{dileptons}} = 0.86 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat} \oplus \text{syst)}$
- Measurement is fully data-driven
 - b-tagging multiplicity is parametrized as function of R, ϵ_{b} , ϵ_{a} , top contributions
 - number of reconstructed t \rightarrow Wq is estimated from lepton-jet invariant mass spectrum
- $R = 0.98 \pm 0.04 \text{ (stat} \oplus \text{syst)}$
 - Iower endpoint of the confidence interval @ 95% CL after requiring R<1 is R>0.85



Rare decays : FCNC

- At LO FCNC is highly suppressed: $BR_{SM}(t \rightarrow qZ) \sim 10^{-14}$
 - NLO corrections from BSM scenarios can enhance the BR by almost a factor of 10¹⁰
- Search in top decays: $t \rightarrow qZ \rightarrow q I^+I^-$ (trilepton events, clean but small BR)
- After pre-selection assign top decays from min χ^2 or requiring 1 b-tag
 - Full kinematics specified from χ^2 fit or using m_w and E_T^{miss} constraints



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Search for FCNC in single top

arXiv:1203.0529v1 [hep-ex]

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Most stringent limits up to date!

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W⁺

- **Measure** θ^* , the angle between the lepton and the -b direction (W rest frame)
 - Distribution reflects 3 possible polarizations of the W boson

 $F_0=0.698, \quad F_L=0.301, \quad F_R=4.1 \times 10^{-4}.$ for M_w =80.399 GeV, m_t =173.3 GeV, m_b =5 GeV

- Anomalous tWb couplings lead to deviations of the W helicity fraction
- Measurement of fractions or asymmetries is **affected by** two aspects:
 - Detector effects: distortions due to resolution, acceptance, ...
 - Th./modeling uncertainties: fixed grid polarization scan vs. generalizing generator level polarization to any scenario





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W+

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W polarization - results

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Results	s		
ATLAS	F ₀	=	0.57 ± 0.07 (stat.) ± 0.09 (syst.)
	FL	=	0.35 ± 0.04 (stat.) ± 0.04 (syst.)
	F _R	=	0.09 ± 0.04 (stat.) ± 0.08 (syst.)
CMS	F ₀	=	$0.567 \pm 0.074 (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.047 (\text{syst.})$
	F _L	=	$0.393 \pm 0.045(stat.) \pm 0.029(syst.)$
	F _R	=	$0.040 \pm 0.035 \; (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.044 (\text{syst.})$

- Helicity fractions can be translated to constrain anomalous couplings and NP operators
 - e.g. the constrain in g_R yields:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{ATLAS}{Re(C_{uW}^{33})} \\ &\frac{Re(C_{uW}^{33})}{\Lambda^2} \in [-2.27, 1.57] \text{ TeV}^{-2} \\ &\frac{CMS}{Re(C_{uW}^{33})}/\Lambda^2 = -0.813 \pm 0.615 \text{ (stat.)}^{+0.847}_{-0.951} \text{ (syst.) TeV}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Top quark mass

Measurements in different channels and first individual combinations..

World's most precise top mass difference.

Lepton+jets measurements

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• Channel allows for in-situ calibration of the light quark JES from $W \rightarrow qq' \log q'$

ATLAS: templated fit as function of JES and top mass

CMS: kinematic fit + **ideogram like method** \rightarrow combine event-per-event likelihood



Dilepton mass measurement

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 "Back of the envelope" calculation indicates that result will help decrease the current uncertainty from the Tevatron (partially uncorrelated systematics + higher statistics)

Top mass difference

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- Test CPT invariance in the top quark sector: m_{top}=m_{anti-top}?
- Compare μ⁺+jets vs μ⁻+jets samples
- Mass reconstructed from hadronic side
 - Use kinematic fit (including resolutions)
 - Choose combination with lowest χ^2
- Final measurement from ideogram method (combine event-per-event likelihood for μ⁻ and μ⁺ separately)
- Most systematic effects cancel out
- Measurement is stat. limited
- World's best so far!

Results $\Delta m_t = -1.2 \pm 1.2 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst.)} \text{ GeV}$

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• Result is consistent with the SM



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Summary



- 2011 has been a great year for top quark physics
 - Good collection of results were recently made public by the LHC experiments ATLAS: https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults
 CMS: https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOP
 - Results contribute effectively to a more precise knowledge of the top quark

e.g. cross section, perturbative QCD, FCNC, charge asymmetry,

mass, mass difference, R_{h} , W polarization.

- Much more to come in the near future
- BSM searches uncovered in this talk but many results are out...



... no evidence of BSM effects in the top quark sector up to now...

but we'll keep searching for it with >15 fb⁻¹ @ 8TeV to be kindly delivered by the LHC in 2012

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Backup



Top provides a unique sample for the calibration of our detectors

All hadronic channel

- Select at least 6 jets (thresholds depend on trigger turn-on)
 - b-tagging reduces combinatorics
- Correct combination of jets reconstructs m_{top} from:
 - min χ^2 with fixed m_t or Kinematics fit with m_t=m_{anti-top}
- Multijet QCD, main background, modeled from data
 - model χ^2 using event mixing from 4-5 jet events (A)
 - → re-weight mass spectrum obtained in control region with 0 b-tags (C)





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т dilepton channel

T reconstruction



Multivariate based indentification ATLAS

- Use BDT to identify T from reconstructed jet
- Variables depend on # of prongs
- e.g. radius and energy fraction of EM/tracks

Hadron + strips *cms*

- particle flow based: use mass of charged hadrons and γ
- γ /e clustered in strips along bending plane (identify π_{o})
- different combinations = different τ decay modes

Rely on isolated e/μ probe and search for OS τ

- Require at least two jets (one b-tagged)
- Significant E_τ^{miss}

Determine from data τ fakes

- dominated by light flavor jets contribution
- In W+jets gluon contribution canceled by OS-SS
- Conservative approach: average W+jets and QCD





Background control for t-channel

- **QCD multijets** is controlled in the 2 jet 1 tag sample after fitting the low M_{τ} region for the muon channel (low E_{τ}^{miss} region for the electron channel)
- Check shape and normalization of $|\eta_i|$ and m_{ivb} in 2 control regions:
 - 2 jets 0 tags: W+light
 - ➔ 3 jets 2 tags: Ttbar
- W+ heavy flavor production is the main background
 - From EWK/ Ttbar cross section measurement it is expected to be 1.2 (W+b) / 1.7x (W+c) larger with respect to MC prediction
 - → Control $|\eta_j|$ in the m_{Ivb} sidebands ►
 - Subtract TTbar, single top-s, -tW and dibosons from prediction
 - Derive the template for the W+heavy flavor contribution to be fit in the signal region



Effective field theory for charge asymmetry anomaly

Effective axial-vector coupling of gluon as an explanation of the top quark asymmetry PRD 84:054017,2011

Emidio Gabrielli^{1, *} and Martti Raidal^{1, †}

Implications of the effective axial-vector coupling of gluon on top-quark charge asymmetry at the LHC

arXiv:1112.5885

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Our proposal consists in adding an anomalous effective axial-coupling to the gluon with quarks that is induced at one loop level.

We treated this vertex in the approximation of the effective theory. Color gauge invariance requires that such a coupling must vanish with vanishing external momenta, namely $g_A(q^2) \sim q^2/\Lambda^2$, where Λ is the scale of new physics assumed to be larger than any other scale in the set up.

In this framework the observed Tevatron TTbar anomaly can be explained in a consistent way with a universal anomalous gluon coupling with Λ of order of TeV. Because of the q² behaviour of the effective coupling, this scenariois testable at the LHC.

$$g_S rac{q^2}{\Lambda^2} F(rac{q^2}{\Lambda^2}) [ar Q \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 T^a Q] G^a_\mu.$$

