Top quarks in ATLAS: bridging measurements and searches

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Introduction



- The interplay between top quark measurements and searches is essential to fully explore avenues for new physics
 - "Classic" SM top cross-section measurements have played a key role to understanding tt backgrounds
 - 2. The top Yukawa coupling can be measured at tree-level in ttH → important for understanding EW symmetry breaking & sensitive to new physics
 - 3. Strong motivation (*naturalness*) for top partner searches: vector-like quarks, SUSY stop (including "stealth" stop)

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Measurements \rightarrow Searches

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tt resonance search New

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- combined boosted+resolved ($\sigma \times \mathscr{B}$) < 0.03 pb for 3 TeV Z'
- excludes narrow leptophobic
 Z' < 1.8 TeV
- Moriond EW 2015 see also talk by J. Stupak

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Top Yukawa Coupling

- SM Higgs predicted to have a large Yukawa coupling to tops
 - can be probed through Higgs production in association with top quark(s): tH and ttH
- Three channels explored:



 $\begin{array}{c|c} H \rightarrow b\bar{b} & & \\ t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell + \text{jets, dilepton} \\ & \\ \text{HIGG-2013-27,} \\ \text{submitted to EPJC} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \\ t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell + \text{jets, dilepton}, \\ & \\ \text{all-had} \\ & \\ \text{Physics Letters B 740 (2015) 222-242} \end{array} \end{array}$ Multi-lepton final states (including τ s) $(\text{including } \tau$ s) $(\text{including } \tau)$ s) $(\text{including } \tau)$ s $(\text{including } \tau)$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 129.3^{+4.9}_{-12.0} \text{ (scale)} \pm 10.5 \text{ (PDF) fb}$$

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Top Yukawa Coupling



m_{γγ} mass spectrum provides discrimination
 1.42 GeV (1.56 GeV) resolution for 7 TeV
 (8 TeV) data

 $t\bar{t} \rightarrow \ell + jets, dilepton,$ all-had

 $H \to \gamma \gamma$

• Best fit value (m_H = 125.4 GeV): $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 1.3^{+2.5}_{-1.7} (\text{stat})^{+0.8}_{-0.4} (\text{syst})$





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Four search channels:



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See the full set of summary plots: <u>ExoticsPublicResults</u>

Direct Stop Searches



As of ICHEP 2014, direct stop searches provided impressive phase space coverage

But detailed $t\overline{t}$ measurements were needed to investigate the region $m_{\tilde{t}} \sim m_t$



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 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 182.9 \pm 3.1 \pm 4.2 \pm 3.6 \pm 3.3 \,\mathrm{pb} \,(\sqrt{s} = 7 \,\mathrm{TeV})$



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 - 95% CL limit on signal strength μ ATLAS Also constrains $s = 7 \text{ TeV}, 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ "stealth" stop pair ∖s = 8 TeV, 20.3 fb⁻¹ 3.5 Expected limit ±1 σ_{exp} Observed limit ±1 σ_{theol}^{SUS} production for $m_{\tilde{t}} = 175 \,\text{GeV}$, $\widetilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t \widetilde{\chi}_1^0, m(\widetilde{\chi}_1^0)=1 \text{ GeV}$ $\sigma_{\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*}$ (8 TeV) = 40 pb 1.5 includes uncertainty due to results sensitive to top ±1 GeV variation in m_{top} polarization in stop decays 0.5 200 230 180 190 210 170 220 $m_{\tilde{t}}$ [GeV]



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arxiv:1412.4742, accepted by PRL



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Direct Stop Searches





Stealth stop region $(m_{\tilde{t}} \sim m_t)$ nearly closed by precision tt measurements!

see also talk by G. Polesello

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Summary & Outlook



- On the 20th anniversary of its discovery, the massive top quark plays a <u>central role</u> in searching for new physics at the LHC
- Measurements have improved our
 background estimates and increased
 our sensitivity to new physics in
 challenging regions of phase space
- Looking forward to continued synergy between measurements and searches in Run 2!



Additional Material

$$\stackrel{\text{g}}{\underset{g}{\overset{H}}} \stackrel{\text{h}}{\underset{i}{\overset{H}}} Top Yukawa Coupling$$

$$\stackrel{H \to b\bar{b}}{\underbrace{t\bar{t}} \to \ell + \text{jets, dilepton}}$$

impact of reweighting Powheg+Pythia based on p_T(tt):



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full set of signal-rich and background-rich regions:



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Table 2

Expected numbers of $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ events (N_H) from an SM Higgs boson with $m_H = 125.4$ GeV after the event selection. These combined yields are normalized to 4.5 fb⁻¹ for the 7 TeV data and to 20.3 fb⁻¹ for the 8 TeV data, and are listed in the table along with the percent contribution of each Higgs boson production process with respect to the sum of all Higgs boson production processes. The numbers of fitted continuum background events (N_B) for the 7 TeV and 8 TeV data are also shown, where N_B is the integral of the continuum background in the $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ range 120–130 GeV, which is determined by an unbinned signal-plus-background fit to all categories with one common scale factor for the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ normalization. The uncertainty on N_B is the statistical uncertainty calculated from $\delta N_B = \delta N_{tot} N_B/N_{tot}$, where N_{tot} is the total number of background events in the full $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ range 105–160 GeV estimated from an unbinned signal-plus-background likelihood fit, and δN denotes the Poisson uncertainty on N.

Category	N _H	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	tτ̄Η	tHqb	WtH	N _B
7 TeV leptonic selection	0.10	0.6	0.1	14.9	4.0	72.6	5.3	2.5	$0.5^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$
7 TeV hadronic selection	0.07	10.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	80.9	2.6	1.9	$0.5\substack{+0.5 \\ -0.3}$
8 TeV leptonic selection	0.58	1.0	0.2	8.1	2.3	80.3	5.6	2.6	$0.9\substack{+0.6\\-0.4}$
8 TeV hadronic selection	0.49	7.3	1.0	0.7	1.3	84.2	3.4	2.1	$2.7^{+0.9}_{-0.7}$

5 candidate events observed in $120 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 130$ GeV, consistent with 1.3 expected from ttH + 4.6 from bkg

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 $4.6^{+1.3}$



Expected and observed yields in each channel

Category	q mis-id	Non-prompt	tĪW	tīZ	Diboson	Expected Bkg.	$t\bar{t}H (\mu = 1)$	Observed
$ee + \ge 5j$	1.1 ± 0.5	2.3 ± 1.2	1.4 ± 0.4	0.98 ± 0.32	0.47 ± 0.42	6.5 ± 2.0	0.73 ± 0.11	10
$e\mu + \ge 5j$	0.85 ± 0.35	6.7 ± 2.4	4.8 ± 1.4	2.1 ± 0.7	0.38 ± 0.32	15 ± 4	2.13 ± 0.31	22
$\mu\mu + \ge 5j$	_	2.9 ± 1.4	3.8 ± 1.1	0.95 ± 0.31	0.69 ± 0.63	8.6 ± 2.5	1.41 ± 0.21	11
ee + 4j	1.8 ± 0.7	3.4 ± 1.7	2.0 ± 0.4	0.75 ± 0.25	0.74 ± 0.58	9.1 ± 2.3	0.44 ± 0.06	9
$e\mu + 4j$	1.4 ± 0.6	12 ± 4	6.2 ± 0.9	1.5 ± 0.2	1.9 ± 1.2	24.0 ± 4.5	1.16 ± 0.14	26
$\mu\mu + 4j$	_	6.3 ± 2.6	4.7 ± 0.9	0.80 ± 0.26	0.53 ± 0.30	12.7 ± 3.0	0.74 ± 0.10	20
3ℓ	_	3.2 ± 0.7	2.3 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 0.9	0.86 ± 0.59	11.4 ± 3.1	2.34 ± 0.32	18
$2\ell 1 au_{ m had}$	_	$0.4^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$	0.38 ± 0.15	0.37 ± 0.09	0.12 ± 0.15	1.4 ± 0.6	0.47 ± 0.02	1
$1\ell 2 au_{ m had}$	_	15 ± 5	0.17 ± 0.07	0.37 ± 0.10	0.41 ± 0.42	16 ± 6	0.68 ± 0.07	10
4ℓ Z-enr.	_	$\lesssim 10^{-3}$	$\lesssim 3 \times 10^{-3}$	0.43 ± 0.13	0.05 ± 0.02	0.55 ± 0.17	0.17 ± 0.01	1
4ℓ Z-dep.	_	$\lesssim 10^{-4}$	$\lesssim 10^{-3}$	0.002 ± 0.002	$\lesssim 2 \times 10^{-5}$	0.007 ± 0.005	0.03 ± 0.00	0



Source	Δ	μ
$2\ell 0\tau_{had}$ non-prompt muon transfer factor	+0.38	-0.35
<i>ttW</i> acceptance	+0.26	-0.21
$t\bar{t}H$ inclusive cross section	+0.28	-0.15
Jet energy scale	+0.24	-0.18
$2\ell 0\tau_{had}$ non-prompt electron transfer factor	+0.26	-0.16
$t\bar{t}H$ acceptance	+0.22	-0.15
$t\bar{t}Z$ inclusive cross section	+0.19	-0.17
$t\bar{t}W$ inclusive cross section	+0.18	-0.15
Muon isolation efficiency	+0.19	-0.14
Luminosity	+0.18	-0.14



Vector-Like Quarks $T\bar{T} \rightarrow Ht + X$



Common preselection:

1 e or 1 μ , \geq 4 jets $E_T^{miss} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $E_{T}^{miss} + m_{T}^{W} > 60 \text{ GeV}$

	5 j, 2 b	5 j, 3 b	5 j, ≥4 b	≥6 j, 2 b		$\geq 6 \text{ j, } 3 \text{ b}$ low $M_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}$	$\geq 6 \text{ j, } 3 \text{ b}$ high $M_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}$	$\geq 6 \text{ j}, \geq 4 \text{ b}$ low $M_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}$	$\geq 6 \text{ j}, \geq 4 \text{ b}$ high $M_{bb}^{\min \Delta R}$
$T\bar{T}$ ($m_T = 600 \text{ GeV}$)	-	-	-		$T\bar{T} (m_T = 600 \text{ GeV})$				
Singlet	52.5 ± 4.2	19.0 ± 2.3	5.8 ± 1.2	123.3 ± 6.2	Singlet	29.5 ± 2.0	44.0 ± 3.6	17.7 ± 1.9	24.1 ± 3.7
Doublet	25.8 ± 2.0	14.0 ± 1.4	5.0 ± 1.0	154.1 ± 6.4	Doublet	50.2 ± 2.5	68.9 ± 4.1	41.0 ± 3.9	53.8 ± 7.3
$\sigma \sigma \rightarrow t \bar{t} t \bar{t} \ (m_{\sigma} = 800 \text{ GeV})$	2.0 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.3	0.3 ± 0.1	64.8 ± 4.6	$\sigma \sigma \rightarrow t \bar{t} t \bar{t} \ (m_{\sigma} = 800 \text{ GeV})$	22.5 ± 1.6	50.7 ± 3.5	9.3 ± 1.0	16.2 ± 2.6
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ +X (Tier (1,1), m_{KK} = 800 GeV)	1.0 ± 0.4	0.6 ± 0.3	0.06 ± 0.05	180 ± 29	$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ +X (Tier (1,1), m_{KK} = 800 GeV)	33.6 ± 2.8	132.5 ± 5.9	27.7 ± 2.3	75 ± 13
$t\bar{t}$ +light jets	32400 ± 5300	2930 ± 520	48 ± 12	16200 ± 4000	$t\bar{t}$ +light jets	1280 ± 350	440 ± 110	38 ± 14	9.3 ± 3.9
$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	3800 ± 2100	730 ± 410	42 ± 24	3300 ± 1800	$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	550 ± 320	220 ± 120	53 ± 31	14.7 ± 9.0
$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	1530 ± 800	800 ± 420	108 ± 58	1300 ± 700	$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	620 ± 330	250 ± 140	178 ± 95	46 ± 25
$t\bar{t}V$	140 ± 46	24.9 ± 8.1	2.9 ± 1.0	172 ± 56	$t\bar{t}V$	28.7 ± 9.2	12.5 ± 4.2	6.2 ± 2.0	1.5 ± 0.5
tĪH	39.2 ± 1.7	20.8 ± 1.6	5.6 ± 0.7	60.2 ± 4.5	tīH	24.9 ± 1.9	11.6 ± 1.3	10.6 ± 1.2	4.1 ± 0.6
W+jets	1600 ± 1000	111 ± 71	5.0 ± 3.4	770 ± 530	W+jets	68 ± 46	16 ± 10	6.6 ± 4.8	0.6 ± 0.4
Z+jets	360 ± 120	24.8 ± 8.4	1.2 ± 0.5	185 ± 67	Z+jets	15.7 ± 6.3	3.3 ± 1.3	1.6 ± 0.6	0.3 ± 0.1
Single top	1630 ± 320	169 ± 36	7.0 ± 1.0	730 ± 200	Single top	74 ± 22	32 ± 12	7.8 ± 2.2	2.1 ± 1.3
Diboson	85 ± 27	7.3 ± 2.5	0.4 ± 0.2	45 ± 15	Diboson	4.2 ± 1.6	1.2 ± 0.5	0.4 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1
Multijet	133 ± 48	33 ± 12	6.9 ± 2.6	56 ± 20	Multijet	1.9 ± 0.8	4.8 ± 2.1	< 0.01	2.8 ± 1.0
Total background	41700 ± 6400	4840 ± 900	228 ± 69	22800 ± 5200	Total background	2670 ± 680	990 ± 260	300 ± 110	81 ± 30
Data	43319	5309	244	23001	Data	3015	1085	362	84

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$T\bar{T} \rightarrow Wb\!+\!\mathrm{X}$



Selection	Requirements		Loose selection	Tight selection
Preselection	One electron or muon $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 20 \text{ GeV}, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} + m_{\rm T} > 60 \text{ GeV}$ $\geq 4 \text{ jets}, \geq 1 b\text{-tagged jets}$	$T\overline{T}(m_T = 600 \text{ GeV})$ Chiral fourth-generation Vector-like singlet	115 ± 10 60.3 ± 5.1	58.9 ± 5.9 24.5 ± 2.3
Loose selection	Preselection $\geq 1 W_{had} \text{ candidate (type I or type II)}$ $H_{T} > 800 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{T}(b_{1}) > 160 \text{ GeV}, p_{T}(b_{2}) > 110 \text{ GeV (type I) or } p_{T}(b_{2}) > 80 \text{ GeV (type II)}$ $\Delta R(\ell, \nu) < 0.8 \text{ (type I) or } \Delta R(\ell, \nu) < 1.2 \text{ (type II)}$	$t\bar{t}$ $t\bar{t}V$ W+jets Z+jets	390 ± 110 6.5 ± 2.5 38 ± 19 1.5 ± 1.2	$10.7 \pm 4.3 \\ 0.4 \pm 0.2 \\ 11.4 \pm 6.2 \\ 0.4 \pm 0.4$
Tight selection	Loose selection $\min(\Delta R(\ell, b_{1,2})) > 1.4, \min(\Delta R(W_{had}, b_{1,2})) > 1.4$ $\Delta R(b_1, b_2) > 1.0$ (type I) or $\Delta R(b_1, b_2) > 0.8$ (type II) $\Delta m < 250$ GeV (type I)	Single top Diboson Multijet	36 ± 17 5.6 ± 1.4 0.3 ± 1.6	2.2 ± 1.5 1.5 ± 0.6 0.8 ± 0.7
		Total background	480 ± 120	27.5 ± 8.6
		Data	478	34





Same-sign dilepton/trilepton



multilepton analysis

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Search for 4-top production



Same channels as vector-like quark searches: Ht+X, ss dilepton / trilepton
 generation / trilepton



