Recent Top Quark Production Results

Harvest of LHC Run I and first measurements at 13 TeV

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Introduction

- Recent results on top quark pair production
- Recent results on single top quark production





Top Quark

By far the heaviest quark

- → it decays before it can hadronize
- → investigation of a bare quark

 Large coupling to the Higgs boson
→ top plays an important role in the SM



Open questions of SM:

- Dark matter and dark energy
- Matter antimatter asymmetry
- Unification of forces

Expect SM to be a low-energy approximation of a more general theory

Top quark plays an important role in many BSM models

LHC Accelerator



LHC:

Run I started in spring 2010 2010 and 2011: $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV 2012: $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

Run II started in spring 2015 with $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

	LHC Run I	LHC Run II
Delivered luminosity	~ 23 fb⁻¹	~2.6 fb⁻¹
Max. inst. luminosity	~7.7·10 ³³ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	~4.6·10 ³³ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹
Luminosity on tape	~ 22 fb⁻¹	~2.4 fb⁻¹
Luminosity used in analyses	~ 20 fb⁻¹	~0.4 fb ⁻¹
	2012 data taking period	October 2015

Detectors



Length: 22 m Height: 15 m Weight: 14 kt B-field: 3.8 T (solenoid)

- Excellent momentum and vertex resolution (~200 m² silicon sensors)
- Good EM calorimeter resolution



Length: 46 m Height: 25 m Weight: 7 kt B-field: 4T *(toroidal)*

Very good momentum resolution
Excellent hadron cal. resolution

Hadron Collider

Highest energies achievable with hadron colliders



Hadron collisions = collisions of "broadband" parton beams

Longitudinal momentum fractions x_i unknown \rightarrow partonic center of mass energy unknown

Consequence: use only Lorentz invariant transverse quantities, e.g. transverse momentum $p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2} = p \sin \theta$

Instead of polar angle use pseudorapidity $\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ or Lorentzinvariant rapidity $y = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z}\right)$



Top quark production rate



LHC: ~ 5,000,000 top pairs (2012, 8TeV, about 20fb⁻¹)

LHC is a top quark factory !

Top quark pair production

- Top quark pair production via strong interaction (dominant process)
- Electroweak production of single top quarks (factor 2-3 smaller than pair prod.)





Single top quark production



Electroweak production mode of top quarks

t-channel most abundant production mode for single top quarks

Direct measurement of |V_{tb}|²

	Tevatron [pb]	LHC [pb]	LHC [pb]	LHC [pb]
	√s=1.96 TeV	√s=7 TeV	√s=8 TeV	√s=14 TeV
s-channel	1.0	5	6	12
t-channel	2.1	66	87	243
Wt	0.26 *)	16	22	84

Approximate NNLO (based on threshold resummation at NNLL accuracy): PRD 83, 091503 (2011); PRD 81, 054028 (2010); PRD 82, 054018 (2010); arXiv:1210.7813 *) Approximate NNLO (based on threshold resummation at NLL accuracy): PRD 74, 114012 (2006)

Top Quark Decay Channels



SM: t → b W ≈ 100 % W → e/μ/τ v ≈ 10 %

W → hadronisch ≈ 70 %

t- and s-channel single top:

- Decay of 1 W-boson
- Most analyses use the "leptonic" decays W → ev and W → µv (~20%)

tt and Wt:

- Decay channels classified according to the decay of the two W-bosons
- Most tt properties analyses use the "lepton+jets" channel
- Most Wt analyses use the dilepton channel



tt: "lepton+jets"-channel: (e+jets and μ+jets)

- Moderate background
- Relative high branching ratio (~30%)

Survey of top quark

1995: Discovery of the top quark by both Tevatron experiments CDF and D0

Since then the top quark has been studied widly ...



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Recent results on top quark pair production:

- Top quark pair cross section
- Charge asymmetry
- Search for resonant production
- ttV cross section





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Top pair event signatures



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Recent top quark pair cross section measurement in the eµ channel from CMS



- Select events with opposite charged eµ pairs and categorize events in 12 classes according to N_{b-jets} = 0,1,2 and N_{add. jets} = 0,1,2,3 (add. jets: non b-jets)
- ◆ Perform binned likelihood fit to event number (N_{add. Jets}=0) and to p_T of the least energetic add. jet (N_{add. Jets}>0) in these 12 classes
- Constrain systematic uncertainties insitu with likelihood fit

Result: $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 174.5 \pm 2.1 \text{ (stat)} \pm \frac{4.5}{4.0} \text{ (syst)} \pm 3.8 \text{ (lumi) pb}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ $\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 245.6 \pm 1.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm \frac{6.6}{5.5} \text{ (syst)} \pm 6.5 \text{ (lumi) pb}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ Relative uncertainty: < 4% ; good agreement with SM theory prediction

Summary of LHC Run I tt cross section measurements

7TeV



8TeV



Measurements in different channels are in good with each other and with SM pred. Relative uncertainty of most precise measurements $(e\mu) < 4\%$

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Top quark pair cross section measurements at 13 TeV



Rel. uncertainty of most precise measurement: <14%

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tt cross section - summary



Total top pair cross section in good agreement with SM theory prediction

Charge Asymmetry in Top Quark Pair Production

SM: Small asymmetry caused by higher order interference effect, which occurs for asymmetric initial states only (qq,qg)



SM Predictions for the Charge Asymmetry



pp – Tevatron:

Sensitive variables: rapidity in lab or in tt-frame Asym. in tt-frame > Asym in lab-frame

tt-frame: $\Delta Y = y_t - y_{anti-t} = 2 y_t^{tt}$

 $A_{_{FB}} \approx 8\%$ (2007, NLO calc. with estimated EW cor.)

- \approx 9% (2011, NLO calc. with full EW cor.)
- $\approx 10\%$ (2014, NNLO calc. with full NLO EW cor.)



Sensitive variable:

Difference of the absolute values of the top and anti-top rapidities in the lab frame, $\Delta |y| = |y_t| - |y_{anti-t}|$

$$A_{c} \approx 1.2\%$$

(2012, NLO calc. with full EW cor.)

Tevatron A_{FB} Saga



In 2008, first measurements indicated a larger inclusive A_{EB} than predicted



- In 2011, both Tevatron experiments measure a larger inclusive A_{FB} than predicted by SM
- Leptonic asymmetry measured by D0 in the L+J channel is also larger than the SM prediction

 $(3.3\sigma \text{ compared to MC@NLO})$

 CDF measured a large asymmetry for M_{tt}>450GeV, but D0 not

(3.4o ?compared to MC@NLO)

Observed deviation generated large number of theoretical BSM explanations



Measurement of A_c in lepton+jets channel

 Select events with 1 isolated central e/µ, ≥ 4 jets whereof at least one jet is b-tagged

Reconstruction of tt kinematic; lepton charge determines the charge of semileptonically decaying t-quark:

$$\Delta |\mathbf{y}| = |\mathbf{y}_{t}| - |\mathbf{y}_{anti-t}| = \mathbf{Q}_{t} \cdot (|\mathbf{y}_{lep}| - |\mathbf{y}_{had}|)$$

Perform unfolding to account for biases due to event selection and non-perfect reconstruction

Result:
$$A_c = 0.0010 \pm 0.0077$$
 (CMS)
 $A_c = 0.009 \pm 0.005$ (ATLAS)

Measurements are in good agreement with SM prediction





Inclusive charge asymmetry using the template method

- Fit symmetric and asymmetric tt
 templates to sensitive variable
 Y_{tt}=tanh(Δ|y|)
- Use fitted relative magnitude of sym. and asym. components to determine the asymmetry





- New template method (TM) assumes SM-like distributions for sym. and asym. components
- TM results in a larger model dependence but the statistical uncertainty is substantially smaller than in the standard method (unfolding)

Overview of Asymmetry measurements at the LHC



All tt asymmetry and lepton asymmetry measurements are consistent with each other and with the SM prediction

There is no indication for new physics from the A_c measurements at the LHC

State of the Charge Asymmetry in 2015



- Theory: SM prediction increased (full EW contribution, NNLO QCD pred.)
- LHC: All A_c measurements and leptonic asym. are consistent with the SM prediction
- Tevatron: Latest A_{FB} measurements and leptonic asym. (not shown, larger unc.) are larger but consistent with the SM prediction

Charge asymmetry puzzle seems to be solved, but full NNLO QCD calculations and full EW corrections are important for $t\bar{t}$ modeling

Search for resonances decaying to $t\bar{t}$





In many models with NP occur heavy resonances decaying preferentially to tt

No indication for heavy resonances at the Tevatron (sub-TeV range) With the LHC the TeV range can be explored for the first time

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Boosted top pairs - challenge



The larger the invariant top pair mass $M_{t\bar{t}}$, the more boosted the top quarks and the smaller the angles between the decay products

Leptonic side:

Lepton close to b-jet or in b-jet *(lepton not isolated)*

Hadronic side:

Jets overlap \rightarrow reconstruction of 1 or 2 jets instead of 3 *(jet with substructure)*

Search for resonant $t\bar{t}$ production at the LHC – latest result (I)

High mass analyses:

ArXiv:1506.03062, submitted to PRD



- Separate analyses for high and low inv. tt mass regions
- Event selections in the high inv. tt mass region designed to cope with the boosted topology:

all-had: Require 2 jets that are identified as top-jets (via substructure in merged fat jets) and categorize events according to the number of b-tags

lepton+jets: Require ≥2 jets and one non-isolated I, categorize events according to the number of top-tags and b-tags

Search for resonant $t\bar{t}$ production at the LHC – latest result (II)



- Use reconstructed inv. mass of tt for statistical inference
- No indication for heavy resonances decaying to top quark pairs
- Most stringent limits on topcolor narrow and 10% wide Z' and KK gluon excitation: 2.4 TeV, 2.9 TeV, 2.8 TeV at 95% CL
- Search from ATLAS in the I+jets channel (JHEP08 (2015), 148) results in similar exclusion limits as I+jets analysis from CMS

Top pair events with $M_{t\bar{t}} > 1 \text{TeV/c}^2$ observed but no indication for heavy resonances decaying to $t\bar{t}$

LHC Run II will allow to explore multi-TeV range

13TeV data – Boosted tt candidate (all-hadronic)



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ttV – Decay Channels

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Process	<i>tī</i> decay	Boson decay	Channel	$Z \to \ell^+ \ell^-$	jets	E	z
$t\bar{t}W^{\pm}$	lepton+jets	$\ell^{\mp} \nu$	OS dilepton	no	4		
	dilepton	qar q	OS dilepton	no	4		
	lepton+jets	$\ell^{\pm} \nu$	SS dilepton	no	4		CMS
	dilepton	$\ell^{\pm} \nu$	Trilepton	no	2		
tīZ	dilepton	qar q	OS dilepton	no	4)	
	all-hadronic	$\ell^+\ell^-$	OS dilepton	yes	6	A	CMS
	lepton+jets	$\ell^+\ell^-$	Trilepton	yes	4		
	dilepton	$\ell^+\ell^-$	Tetralepton	yes	2		
– Most sen	sitive channels	OS: opposite si	ign leptons SS	S: same sign le	eptons		

Channel	Signal	Dominant background
OS dilepton	tīZ	tī, Z+jets
	tŧW (ATLAS only)	tī
SS dilepton	tĪW	tt with non-prompt lepton
Trileptons:	tīZ	Z+jets and tt with non-prompt lepton, WZ
	ttW	tt with non-prompt lepton, WZ
Tetraleptons:	ttZ	ZZ

Measurement of the ttV cross sections at ATLAS



- Use of 15 SR and 5 CR
- Perform a fit to the event numbers in all 20 categories
- In case of the dilepton (2L) categories also shape information is used

Measurement of the $t\bar{t}V$ cross sections at CMS



Use of 5 SR with subcategories (N_{jets}, lepton-type)

Some backgrounds (non-prompt, charge mis. id.) determined from data CR

- Reconstruction of tt-system
- tt rec. and kin. event variables used in BDT
- Extract cross sections from fit to BDT outputs



Observation of the ttV **process at the LHC**

Rare SM processes ttV have been observed and measured cross sections are consistent with SM prediction

Outline

- Introduction
- Overview of the current status in top quark physics
- Recent results on top quark pair production
- Recent results on single top quark production:
 - t-channel
 - Wt production
 - s-channel



Single top event signature



First single top t-channel cross section measurements at 13TeV



Consider leptonic decay of W-boson



whereof one is b-tagged, minimum transverse mass of W to reduce QCD background and a rec. top quark mass m_{lvb} compatible with the top mass

Validate W+jets backgrounds in side band regions of m_{lvb}

Perform simultaneous fit to $|\eta_{i'}|$ in the SR and in an tt enriched region (3Jets, 2 b-tags)

Measured cross section at 13 TeV: $\sigma = (274 \pm 116)$ pb

SM prediction: $\sigma \approx 217$ pb (NLO 5FS, HARTHOR)

First single top t-channel events seen at 13TeV, measured cross section is consistent with SM prediction

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Overview of single top t-channel measurements at Run I



Measured single top t-channel cross sections at 7 and 8TeV are in good agreement with SM prediction

Measurement of the Wt cross section



Consider dilepton

- channels: ee,µµ, eµ
- SR: opposite sign lepton pair,
- 1 b-tagged jet, missing transverse energy
- Use of BDTs to separate Wt and tt
 - Perform simultaneous fit to BDT outputs in SR and in two tt enriched regions (2 jets, 1 or 2 btags)
 - Systematic uncertainties are constrained insitu via nuissance parameters

Measured Wt cross section at 8 TeV: $\sigma = (23.0^{+3.6}_{-3.9})$ pb

SM prediction: $\sigma \approx 22 \text{ pb} (\text{NLO} + \text{NNLL})$

Measured Wt cross section is in good agreement with SM prediction, relative uncertainty of measurement is about 16%

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Search for single top s-channel with the ME method

Idea of ME method: Compute event probability for signal and background hypotheses



$$P(x|H_{proc}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d^{n} \sigma(y) dq_{1} dq_{2} f(q_{1}) f(q_{2}) W(x|y)$$

X: reconstructed Cross section final state

H_{proc}: Process of Hypothesis

 Use full kinematic information of events, integrate over unknown or poorly measured quantities

PDF's

- Calculate probability densities for signal (s-channel with 2 or 3 partons) and backgrounds (t-channel 4FS, tt, W+qq, W+qc, W+bb)
- Discriminant (prob. for an event with rec. final state x being a signal event):

$$P(S|x) = \frac{\sum_{i} \alpha_{S_{i}} P(x|S_{i})}{\sum_{i} \alpha_{S_{i}} P(x|S_{i}) + \sum_{i} \alpha_{B_{j}} P(x|B_{j})}$$

 $\alpha_{S_i}, \alpha_{B_j}$: Expected fractions of signal/ background process events after selection

Transferfunction:

 $Parton(y) \rightarrow$

rec. object(x)

Evidence for single top s-channel



- Select events with one e or µ, exactly two jets which are btagged, MET, veto events with an add. loosely rec. e or µ
- Validate tt and W+jets in control regions
- Perform a fit to the ME discriminant P(S|X) in the SR and to the charge of the lepton in the W+jets CR

Constrain syst. unc. insitu

Observed significance: 3.2 σ (exp. significance: 3.9 σ) Measured cross section: 4.8^{+2.5}_{-2.2} pb (SM: $\sigma \approx 5.6$ pb (NLO + NNLL))

There is evidence for single top s-channel production at the LHC

Status of single top quark production cross sections in 2015



Measured single top quark cross sections are in good agreement with SM prediction

Extraction of the CKM matrix element |V_{th}|



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Conclusion

Recent results from top quark production at the LHC



- Measured tt and single top σ are in good agreement with SM pred.
- Inclusive σ of tt, single top t-channel, Wt measured with a precision of below 4%, below 10% and of about 16%
- Puzzle of large asymmetries at the Tevatron seems to be solved but full NNLO QCD calc. and full EW corrections are important for $t\bar{t}$ modeling
- Observed tt events in M_{tt} =1-3 TeV range, no indication for resonant prod.
- Observed ttV production, consistent with SM
- Evidence for s-channel single top quark production

First Measurements/studies at 13TeV:

- tt cross section measured with a rel. unc. of <14%, first t-channel single top events seen at 13TeV
- Have seen nice tt events which are highly boosted

Looking forward to more detailed studies at 13 TeV







Back-Up Slides

Charge asymmetry in new physics models



J. Aguilar-Saavedra, M. Perez-Victoria, arXiv:1105.4606

- ► Z': Flavor violating Z' exchanged in t-channel in uu→tt and with righthanded Z'tu couplings
- ♦ W': W' boson with right-handed couplings exchanged in t-channel in dd→tt
- Ω⁴: Color-sextet scalar with right-handed flavor violating tu-couplings and exchanged in u-channel
- ω⁴: Color triplet with flavor violating tu-couplings, right-handed, exchanged in u-channel in uu→tt
- \mathcal{G}_{μ} : Axigluon, color octet vector with axial couplings

LHC charge asymmetry measurement provides complementary information

t-channel: Signal and background modeling

Monte-Carlo:

- Single top processes: POWHEG+Pythia
- tt+jets, W+jets, Z+jets: MadGraph+Pythia
- Diboson (WW,WZ, ZZ): Pythia

Data-driven multijet QCD modeling:

- Template obtained from loose lepton selection
- Normalization determined from fit to M_{T,W} (µ) and MET(e), respectively



Data-driven W+jets modeling ($|\eta_{i'}|$ **-analysis):**

- W+jets yield and $|\eta_{i'}|$ -template is extracted from data in m_{1vb} sideband (SB)
- Non-W+jets backgrounds are subtracted

Data-driven top pair modeling ($|\eta_{i'}|$ -analysis at 8TeV):

- $|\eta_{i'}|$ -template is obtained using the 3-jets 2-tags data sample
- Normalization is taken from the simulation