Top Quark Flavour Physics

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Why Studying Top Quark Properties?

- Heaviest fundamental particle discovered so far $\rightarrow m_t \approx 173 \text{ GeV}$
- Extremely short lifetime \rightarrow a unique opportunity to study a bare quark
- Strong coupling to Higgs → special role in the Standard Model
- A portal to new physics?
- High production rate at the LHC \rightarrow precision measurements and detailed studies of properties



Top Quark Properties





Top Quark Mass Measurement



Measurement strategies

- Direct: Using the decay products of the top quark
- Indirect: Using cross sections or unfolded distributions and compare with theory predictions

Direct measurement @8TeV, Combination of 7 & 8 TeV

- top mass measurement in I+jets channel @8TeV
- Analysis technique: three-dimensional template fit
 - events are reconstructed via kinematic likelihood fit
 - (*m*_{top})^{reco}, (*m*_W)^{reco}, (*R*_{bq})^{reco} =sum(pTb-jets)/sum(pT light-jets)
 - simultaneous fit for m_{top} for and energy scale factors

 $(JSF, bJSF) \rightarrow$ reduces the total uncertainty in m_{top}

 $m_{top} = 172.08 \pm 0.39(stat) \pm 0.82(syst) \text{ GeV}$

- Dominant systematics: JES, b-tagging
- Combination with previous measurements: $m_{top} = 172.69 \pm 0.25 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.41 \text{ (syst) GeV}$ Total uncertainty: 0.48 GeV ($\Delta = 0.28\%$)



Top Quark Mass Measurement



Indirect measurements @13TeV

- Calculation of $t\overline{t}$ production depends on:
 - Strong coupling (α_s)
 - Top quark pole mass
 - Gluon PDF
- Analysis method: triple-differential cross section dilepton

channel to simultaneously determine all fit parameters:

 $m_{\rm t}^{\rm pole} = 170.5 \pm 0.7 ({\rm fit})^{+0.1}_{-0.1} ({\rm mod})^{+0.0}_{-0.1} ({\rm par})^{+0.3}_{-0.3} ({\rm scale}) {\rm ~GeV}$

Total uncertainty: 0.8 GeV ($\Delta = 0.45\%$)

- Inclusive cross section measurement in dilepton channel
- ${\ensuremath{\, \bullet }}$ extracting the pole mass and α_{s} by using theoretical prediction at

NNLO with different PDF sets

PDF set	$m_{\rm t}^{\rm pole}$ [GeV]
ABMP16	169.9 ± 1.8 (fit + PDF + α_S) $^{+0.8}_{-1.2}$ (scale)
NNPDF3.1	173.2 ± 1.9 (fit + PDF + α_S) $^{+0.9}_{-1.3}$ (scale)
CT14	173.7 ± 2.0 (fit + PDF + α_S) $^{+0.9}_{-1.4}$ (scale)
MMHT14	173.6 \pm 1.9 (fit + PDF + α_S) $^{+0.9}_{-1.4}$ (scale)

Total uncertainty: 2.4 GeV ($\Delta = 1.4\%$)



Top Quark Properties - Production





Charge Asymmetry



Where charge asymmetry comes from?

- @LO: Top quark and Top anti-quark are symmetric with respect to the angular distribution
- **@Higher orders:** $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ mainly causes an **asymmetry** in top quark and Top anti-quark **rapidity**

A_{FB} Forward-backward asymmetry

- $p\bar{p}$ collisions @Tevatron $q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ~ 85%
- Direction of incoming quark almost always coincides with that of proton
- Allows to define a direct **A**_{FB} measurement
- SM: 8 9%

Ac Charge asymmetry

 $qar{q}
ightarrow tar{t}$ ~ 10% @ 13 TeV *pp* collisions @LHC Valence quarks carry on average larger fraction of the proton momentum than the sea quarks Top quarks (anti-quarks) are more forward (central)

where:

SM: ~1%



Charge Asymmetry





Charge Asymmetry



ATLAS+CMS Combination - differential @ 8 TeV

- bin-to-bin correlations for a particular source
- 20% (last bin) to 52% (first bin) improvement over ATLAS result
 - Weight: 0.22 (first bin) to 0.59 (last bin)
- 9% (last bin) to 31% (first bin) improvement over CMS result
 - Weight: 0.41 (first bin) to 0.78 (last bin)
- The result uniquely restricts wide regions of the possible
 BSM parameter space, e.g. for axigluon models





Top Quark Properties - Production







Where the top polarization comes from?

- Top quarks decay before fragmentation
 - spin information is transferred to daughter particles
- In SM, top quarks produced un-polarized, and spins are correlated but ...
 - New physics could induce polarization
 - change spin structure via new mediator or change the *Wtb* vertex structure



Indirect vs. direct measurements

Indirect:

- Top spins determine the preferred lepton directions
 - charge lepton is perfect spin analyzer
 - **\Delta \phi:** angle between leptons in transverse plan
 - large $\Delta \phi$ preferred: tops are produced back to back
 - We can indirectly probe the spin correlations using Δφ in the lab frame!
 - experimentally very precise because lepton angles have excellent resolution

Direct:

- Requires full tt reconstruction
- Spin density matrix (R) \rightarrow Matrix Element:

$$|\mathcal{M}(q\bar{q}/gg \to t\bar{t} \to (\ell^+\nu b)(\ell^-\bar{\nu}\bar{b}))|^2 \sim Tr[\rho R\bar{\rho}].$$

- Can find observables sensitive to the coefficients of the decomposed matrix R.
- Measurements: **differential cross section** of $t\overline{t}$ production: $\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + [\text{Coef.}]x)f(x)$



ATLAS: Indirect measurement

- Δφ distribution measured in eµ channel
 corrected in data for acceptance effect
- Data vs NLO discrepancy in both full and fiducial phase space is observed f_{SM}= 1.25 ±0.08 ≈ 3.2σ
 - Due to Missmodelling of top quark kinematics
- Dominant systematics uncertainty: generator radiation and scale settings
- None of the studied MC generators are able to reproduce the normalized Δφ distribution within the experimental errors
- NNLO: reduced discrepancy
- NNLO+EW: compatible within (large) uncertainty

SUSY: search for top squarks production: Excluded top squark mass: [170 - 230 GeV]





 $|\Delta \phi|$

CMS: direct measurement

- Top quark 4-momenta is fully reconstructed
- Probe spin in 3D (15 observables):
 - related to independent coefficients of spin-dependent parts of the tt production density matrix
 - Each coefficient is extracted from a measured normalized differential tt cross section
- Fully consistent with SM

Indirect result using $\Delta \varphi$ (II): $F_{SM}(\Delta \varphi) = 1.10^{+0.14}_{-0.17}$

Top quark anomalous **chromomagnetic dipole moment** (**CMDM**) constrain: $-0.07 < C_{tG} / \Lambda^2 < 0.16 \text{ TeV}^{-2}$ at 95% CL







CMS

CMS: direct measurement

- Measured top quark polarization: consistent with zero
- Opening angle between the leptons (in parent top rest frames) has maximal sensitivity to the alignment of the top quark spins:
 - D= -0.237± 0.007±0.009
 - **f**_{SM} =0.97± 0.05 (most precise measurement to date)









Top Quark Properties - Decay





Anomalous Couplings & IV_{tb}



- The *Wtb* vertex Lagrangian with minimum generalization in EFT includes **anomalous couplings** (≈ 0 in SM at tree level)
- New physics can modify the structure of the Wtb







Anomalous Couplings & IV_{tb}l



Combination of Single Top quark x-sec. @7 and 8 TeV

Single-top-quark production rate is proportional to V_L in

Wtb vertex

- SM: $V_L \rightarrow V_{tb}$ (CKM matrix element)
- Direct V_{tb} measurement from Single-top-quark production:

$$|\mathbf{f}_{\rm LV}\mathbf{V}_{\rm tb}| = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\rm meas.}}{\sigma_{\rm theo.(V_{\rm tb}=1)}}}$$

- Model independent measurement
- measurements at $\sqrt{s}=7$ and 8 TeV by ATLAS and CMS are combined per \sqrt{s} and production modes
- Theoretical predictions:
 - NLO (t- and s-channel) and NLO+NNLL (tW)

 $|f_{VV}V_{tb}| = 1.02 \pm 0.04 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (theo)}$

➡ most precise direct measurement of V_{tb} Uncertainty improved from 4.7% to 3.7% w.r.t the most precise single measurement (ATLAS @8 TeV)



Anomalous Couplings & IVtbl



Probing *Wtb* structure in t-channel single-top-quark @ 8TeV

- Looking for single top events with:
 - one isolated electron or muon, large missing transverse momentum
 - exactly two jets (one to be b-tagged)
- The polarization observables are extracted from asymmetries in angular distributions w.r.t. spin quantization axes
- Set limits: $Im[g_R] \in [-0.18, 0.06]$ @ 95 CL
 - assuming VL = 1 and Re[VR] = Re[gL] = Re[gR] = 0
- Dominant systematics: tt modelling, JES, MC statistics

In agreement with SM predictions

$ec{q}\left(\hat{z} ight) $	Asymmetry	Angular observable	Polarisation observable	SM prediction
	$A_{ m FB}^\ell$	$\cos heta_\ell$	$\frac{1}{2} \alpha_{\ell} P$	0.45
e de la companya de l	$A_{ m FB}^{tW}$	$\cos \theta_W \cos \theta_\ell^*$	$\frac{3}{8}P(F_{\rm R}+F_{\rm L})$	0.10
\hat{s}_t	$A_{ m FB}$	$\cos heta_\ell^*$	$\frac{3}{4}\langle S_3\rangle = \frac{3}{4}(F_{\rm R} - F_{\rm L})$	-0.23
θ_{ℓ}^* $\vec{p_{\ell}}$	$A_{ m EC}$	$\cos heta_\ell^*$	$\frac{3}{8}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\langle T_0\rangle = \frac{3}{16}(1-3F_0)$	-0.20
θ_{ℓ}^{N}	$A_{\rm FB}^T$	$\cos heta_\ell^T$	$rac{3}{4}\langle S_1 angle$	0.34
	$A_{ m FB}^N$	$\cos heta_\ell^N$	$-rac{3}{4}\langle S_2 angle$	0
ϕ_N^*	$A_{\rm FB}^{T,\phi}$	$\cos\theta_\ell^*\cos\phi_T^*$	$-\frac{2}{\pi}\langle A_1 \rangle$	-0.14
$\phi^*_{\ell(T)}$	$A_{ m FB}^{N,\phi}$	$\cos\theta_\ell^*\cos\phi_N^*$	$\frac{2}{\pi}\langle A_2 \rangle$	0
${}^{\psi}\ell(T)$	$A_{\mathrm{FB}}^{\ldots,\varphi}$	$\cos\theta_\ell^*\cos\phi_N^*$	$\frac{\pi}{\pi}\langle A_2 \rangle$	0





 $\vec{N}(-\hat{y})$

 $\vec{T}(\hat{x})$

Top Quark Properties - Decay





W Helicity Fraction Measurements



W helicity fraction measurements @ LHC

- Multiple measurements performed by ATLAS and CMS in Run 1
- Using top pair and singe top events
- The lepton angular distribution in W rest frame is sensitive to the W helicity
- All measurements so far are compatible with SM prediction at NNLO QCD





Top Quark Properties - Decay







Flavour changing neutral current in top qauark

- Top quark couples to an up-type quark (u or c) and a neutral boson (γ,Z,H,g)
- Forbidden at tree-level in SM
- Heavily suppressed at higher orders via GIM suppression (rate is not observable with current dataset)
- BSM can enhance FCNC up to ~ 10⁻⁴
 - Any observation of FCNC can indicate new physics
- FCNC probe can be done in both top quark production, and decay





Top quark in SM



[K. Agashe et al., arXiv:1311.2028]

Process	SM	2HDM(FV)	2HDM(FC)	MSSM	RPV	RS
$t \rightarrow Zu$	7×10^{-17}	_	_	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	_
$t \to Zc$	1×10^{-14}	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-10}$	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-5}$
$t \to g u$	4×10^{-14}	—	—	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	—
$t \to gc$	5×10^{-12}	$\leq 10^{-4}$	$\leq 10^{-8}$	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-10}$
$t \to \gamma u$	4×10^{-16}	—	—	$\leq 10^{-8}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	—
$t\to \gamma c$	5×10^{-14}	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	$\leq 10^{-8}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$
$t \to h u$	2×10^{-17}	6×10^{-6}	—	$\leq 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	—
$t \rightarrow hc$	3×10^{-15}	2×10^{-3}	$\leq 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	$\leq 10^{-4}$

Search for $t \rightarrow qZ$

- Two channels are considered:
 - single top quark **FCNC production** (pp \rightarrow tZ)
 - top quark pair production with **FCNC decay** (t \rightarrow qZ)
- Looking for events with:
 - exactly 3 leptons= one opposite sign + same flavour pair
 - $1 \le jet(s) \le 3 \& W$ transverse mass < 300 GeV
- Dedicated BDT discriminants for each of 3 signal regions
- Set observed (expected) limits on the branching ratio $t \rightarrow qZ$:
 - 𝔅(t → uZ) < 0.024% (0.015%)

• 𝔅(t → cZ) < 0.045% (0.037%)















JHEP 07 (2018) 176 Ge ATLAS Data tīΖ $60 - \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 36.1 \text{ fb}$ Events / 10 WZ Signal Region Other 50 Non-prompt $\overline{t} \rightarrow bWuZ$ (B = 0.1%)Bkg uncertainty-30 20 10 Data / Bkg 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210 milui [GeV] Events / 10 GeV ATLAS 70 √s = 13 TeV, 36.1 fb W7 Signal Region Othe 60 lon-promp \rightarrow bWuZ 50 (B = 0.1%)Bkg uncertainty 40 30 20 Data / Bkg 1.5 0. 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210

 m_{ill}^{reco} [GeV]

Search for $t \rightarrow qZ$

- Looking in top-quark pair events for one FCNC and one SM top quark decay:
 - three isolated leptons (e, μ)
 - at least two jets, (one b-tagged) and MET
- Only Z boson decays into charged leptons and leptonic W
 boson decays are considered as signal
- Events are reconstructed via χ^2 minimization of the kinematic properties of the to quarks
- The data are consistent with SM background contributions

Set observed (expected) limits on the branching ratio t \rightarrow qZ:

 $\mathcal{E}(t \rightarrow uZ) < 0.017\% (0.024\%)$ $\mathcal{E}(t \rightarrow cZ) < 0.024\% (0.032\%)$



Search for t \rightarrow qH(bb)

- Two channels are considered:
 - single top quark FCNC production (pp \rightarrow tH)
 - top quark pair production with FCNC decay (t \rightarrow qH)
- Looking for events with:
 - one isolated lepton (e, μ) and at least 3 jets (at least 2 of which are b-tagged)
- Dedicated BDT discriminants for 5 signal regions
- Set observed (expected) limits on the branching ratio $t \rightarrow qH$:
 - 𝔅(t → uH) < 0.47% (0.34%)
 - 𝔅(t → cH) < 0.47% (0.44%)











Search for t \rightarrow qH (H $\rightarrow bb^{-}$, $\tau + \tau^{-}$)

- Looking in top-quark pair events for one FCNC and one SM top quark decay:
 - tqH(bb): one isolated electron or muon, multiple jets (several b-tagged jets)
 - $tqH(\tau + \tau)$: events with two τ -lepton candidates (at least one

decays hadronically), multiple jets

- Background is dominated by top-quark pair production
- **likelihood discriminant** (**Multivariate technique**) used to separate signal from background $H \rightarrow bb^{-}(H \rightarrow \tau^{+}\tau^{-})$
- The data are consistent with SM background contributions
- combined with searches in diphoton and multilepton final states (same dataset)

Set observed (expected) limits on the branching ratio $t \rightarrow qH$:

ɛ(t → uH) < 0.11% (0.083%) *ɛ*(t → cH) < 0.12% (0.083%)







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FCNC @LHC in summary

ATLAS and CMS limits

on: t \rightarrow q(H/ γ /g/Z) branching rations comparison to **BSM** physics

- The full Run 2 dataset is still to be analyzed
- More interesting results to come, stay tuned!



Top Quark Properties - Decay





Charged Lepton Flavour Violation



Search for cLFV in top quark decays

- cLFV: local interactions that change the flavour of charged leptons
- Heavily suppressed in SM, e.g. $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \approx 10^{-55}$
- Analyzed data: 2015-2017 (79.8 fb⁻¹) @13TeV
- Model-independent direct search
- Looking for $t\overline{t}$ events with:
 - three charged leptons
 - one light jet and one b-tagged jet
- cLFV top quark reconstruction:
 - Iooking for $(\ell \ell q)$ system of mass close to m_t
- **BDT discriminant** used to separate sig. and bkg.
- Dominant background: non-prompt leptons

$$\mathcal{B}(t \to \ell \ell' q) < 1.36^{+0.61}_{-0.37} \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{(expected)}$$
$$\mathcal{B}(t \to \ell \ell' q) < 1.86 \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{(observed)}$$







- ATLAS and CMS performed a large number of analyses with top quarks in LHC run 2 Not enough time to cover them all in any detail
 - More ATLAS top results: <u>#TopPublicResults</u>, <u>#TopSummaryPlots</u>
 - More CMS top results: <u>#TopPhysicsPublications</u>, <u>#TopPhysicsPreliminaryResults</u>
- Large data volume enables us to do precise measurements with top quarks, and probe rare processes
- Single top-quark measurements have entered the precision era at the LHC!
- most results used $\approx 25\%$ of available data
- All measurements are so far consistent with the SM predictions
- Measurements dominated by systematic uncertainties
- No sign of new physics has been found yet, but...

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Backup

Lepton Flavour Violation



Used Variables in the Multivariate Analysis

Table 2: Variables used in the multivariate analysis, sorted according to the method-specific ranking.

Variable	Separation (%)
OSSF lepton pair invariant mass	11
cLFV top mass	10
$p_{\rm T}$ of the electron associated to the cLFV decay	9.1
$p_{\rm T}$ of the muon associated to the cLFV decay	8.5
$p_{\rm T}$ of the lepton associated to the SM decay	8.3
Scalar mass of all jets and leptons in the event	7.6
Same-sign electron pair invariant mass	6.9
Missing transverse momentum	6.8
Number of <i>b</i> -jets	6.7
W transverse mass associated to the SM top lepton	6.6
ΔR between the cLFV electron and the cLFV light jet	6.5
SM top mass	6.4
ΔR between the cLFV muon and the cLFV light jet	6.3
BDT discriminant	44



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Table 3: Pre- and post-fit yields for the background-only fit in the signal region. The post-fit uncertainties account for correlations among the nuisance parameters.

Category	Non-prompt leptons	WZ	ZZ	tĪV	Other prompt SM	Number of events
Pre-fit Post-fit	1190 ± 180 1220 ± 100	$\begin{array}{c} 350 \pm 140 \\ 278 \pm 86 \end{array}$	140 ± 52 170 ± 52	$\begin{array}{c} 108 \pm 10 \\ 108 \pm 10 \end{array}$	76 ± 10 78 ± 10	1860 ± 230 1854 ± 46
Data						1857







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Diagonal elements of $\mathbb C$ matrix



Off-diagonal elements of \mathbb{C} matrix



ATLAS and CMS measurements of the single top production cross-sections



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