

Call for Abstracts Search for pair production of vector-like quarks in the $Wb+X$ final state using the full Run 2 dataset of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV from the ATLAS detector

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Vector-like quarks (VLQ) are predicted in many extensions to the Standard Model (SM), especially those aimed at solving the hierarchy problem. Their vector-like nature allows them to extend the SM while still being compatible with electroweak sector measurements. In many models, VLQs decay to a SM boson and to a third-generation quark. Pair production of VLQ provides a model-independent method of searching due to the Quantum Chromodynamics production of the particles. This talk presents a search for pair production of vector-like top quarks that each decay into a SM W boson and a bottom quark, with one W boson decaying leptonically and the other decaying hadronically. The analysis takes advantage of boosted boson identification and data-driven correction of the dominant $t\bar{t}$ background prediction to improve sensitivity. Further, this analysis extends the previous analysis sensitivity by including the full $140fb^{-1}$ dataset of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV collected with the ATLAS detector.

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