Top Quark Production Properties

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Motivation

- Unique properties of the top quark allow for measurements of fundamental quark properties
- We now have a complete standard model, but not a fully explored standard model
- Recent measurements have shown possible deviations from the standard model
- Precision results in top physics can confirm the Standard Model predictions or shed some light on new physics!



Experimental Setup



Just a few of the many impressive features important to these analyses

CMS Experiment

- Very high Lepton Identification efficiencies
- Pseudorapidity coverage up to 2.5
- Basic cuts can give very pure samples
- All results here with 7TeV data
- Up to 5 fb⁻¹ data





- Proton-proton collider
- Primary production mechanism for top quarks is through gluons



Top Spin Correlations - Introduction

 l^+



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- The decay time of the top is short so that the decay products should contain information about the spin of the top quark
- Find the variable containing the maximal amount of information from the helicity basis that is easily measurable

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spin information carried by daughter particle

	b-quark	W+	+	d/s quark	u/c quark
α(LO)	-0.41	0.41	Ι	I	-0.31
α(NLO)	-0.39	0.39	0.998	0.93	-0.31

choose the dilepton channel

Depends on basis

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d \cos \theta_1 d \cos \theta_2} = \frac{1}{4} (1 - A \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2)$$



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Top Spin Correlations - Introduction





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- Measuring the difference in the azimuthal angle between the leptons in the lab frame gives us information about spin correlation
- Just the lepton information is needed
 - No full reconstruction and associated error!



Top Spin Correlation - Results

Use a template fit with three different templates

- tt with correlation
- tt without correlation
- background
- Determine the fraction, f, of correlation with respect to what is in the MC@NLO simulation, f x A_{MC}

$$A_{hel}^{simu} = 0.33$$

 $f = 0.74 \pm 0.08(stat.) \pm 0.24(syst.)$

The measured correlation coefficient is

$$A_{hel}^{meas} = 0.24 \pm 0.02(stat.) \pm 0.08(syst)$$

0.5

2000

1800

1600

1400

1200

1000

800

600

400

200

Compared to the standard model expectation

$$A_{hel}^{SM} = 0.31$$

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1.5



Dominant systematic uncertainties from factorization scale and tau decay

 $\Delta \phi_{I+I}$

2.5





Event Reconstruction





Top Spin Asymmetry - Results



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Asymmetry variables associated to the correlation coefficient can also be measured

 $A_{\Delta\phi} = \frac{N(\Delta\phi_{l+l^-} < \pi/2) - N(\Delta\phi_{l+l^-} > \pi/2)}{N(\Delta\phi_{l+l^-} < \pi/2) + N(\Delta\phi_{l+l^-} > \pi/2)}$

 $A_{c1c2} = \frac{N(\cos(\theta_l^+) \times \cos(\theta_l^-) > 0) - N(\cos(\theta_l^+) \times \cos(\theta_l^-) < 0)}{N(\cos(\theta_l^+) \times \cos(\theta_l^-) > 0) + N(\cos(\theta_l^+) \times \cos(\theta_l^-) < 0)}$

>A_{c1c2} requires full event reconstruction

With full kinematics make a cut on M_{tt} to look for new physics effects more prevalent at high invariant masses

Reconstructed asymmetries	Data	Simulation
$A_{\Delta\phi}$, inclusive region	-0.158 ± 0.010	-0.171 ± 0.002
A_{c1c2} , inclusive region	-0.062 ± 0.011	-0.087 ± 0.002
$A_{\Delta\phi}, M_{t\bar{t}} > 450 \text{ GeV}$	-0.378 ± 0.019	-0.384 ± 0.003
$A_{c1c2}, M_{t\bar{t}} > 450 \text{GeV}$	-0.019 ± 0.016	-0.044 ± 0.003



Top Spin Asymmetry - Results

- >By unfolding for detector effects we can measure the Asymmetries at parton level
- Regularized SVD unfolding applied

$$\begin{aligned} A^{meas}_{\Delta\phi} &= -0.097 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.036 \\ A^{sim}_{\Delta\phi} &= -0.119 \pm 0.0004 \end{aligned}$$

Sood agreement with Powheg simulation is observed

$$\begin{aligned} A_{c1c2}^{meas} &= -0.015 \pm 0.037 \pm 0.055 \\ A_{c1c2}^{sim} &= -0.063 \pm 0.0004 \end{aligned}$$

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- Similarly, the polarization of the top quark can be measured with the daughter particles $\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_{l,n}} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2k_lP_n\cos\theta_{l,n})$
- From QCD, top pairs are unpolarized, but EWK corrections provide small polarization that is enhanced by new physics
- >Where $\theta_{n,l is}$ the angle between the lepton in the top rest frame and the helicity axis, Experimentally: $N(\cos(\theta_{r}^{+}) > 0) N(\cos(\theta_{r}^{+}) < 0)$





The two production mechanisms give very different methods to measure the asymmetry

proton-antiproton is a CP eigenstate

Interference terms create asymmetry

proton-proton is not a CP eigenstate

and no asymmetry comes from the gluon fusion

Instead the effect comes from the fact the quark will always be a valence quark and the anti quark comes from the sea

The average momentum fraction will be higher for the quark and will in general be more forward!







- Considering these differences we choose variables to attempt to exploit the differences
 - At LHC we measure the charge asymmetry

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)}$$

Lepton only measurement

$$A_{lepC} = \frac{N(|\eta_{\ell^+}| > |\eta_{\ell^-}|) - N(|\eta_{\ell^+}| > |\eta_{\ell^-}|)}{N(|\eta_{\ell^+}| > |\eta_{\ell^-}|) + N(|\eta_{\ell^+}| > |\eta_{\ell^-}|)}$$

Full reconstruction needed

$$A_C = \frac{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) - N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}{N(|y_t| > |y_{\bar{t}}|) + N(|y_t| < |y_{\bar{t}}|)}$$

$$A_{topFB} = \frac{N(cos(\theta_t) > 0) - N(cos(\theta_t) < 0)}{N(cos(\theta_t) > 0) + N(cos(\theta_t) < 0)}$$





Top Charge Asymmetry - Method



>2D regularized unfolding

Chosen to have approximately the same statistics in each bin



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>Background Estimation:

single lepton: fit $E_{T,miss}$ for $E_{T,miss} < 40$, M_3 for $E_{T,miss} > 40$

individual template for W⁺ and W⁻

dilepton: Matrix method for QCD and W+jets

Drell-Yan normalized to prediction inside a Z-mass window



Top Charge Asymmetry - Results (dilepton)

> Full unfolded result for $\Delta |y|$

large mtt has enhanced

Data

EFT

— NLO prediction

700

m_{..} [GeV/c²]

800

quark annihilation

500

600

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400

dilepton

5.0 fb⁻¹ at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

- Differential measurement of A_C provided as a function of M_{tt} , $|y_{tt}|$, **P**_{T,tt}
- Compared with EFT model with effective axial-vector coupling that could describe the M_{tt} dependence seen at the Tevatron[PRD 8 (2011) 054017]

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0.4

0.2

0

CMS Preliminary

0.5

dilepton



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 \mathbf{A}_{C}

0.4

0.2

0

-0.2

300

Top Charge Asymmetry - Results (dilepton)

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1/a da/d(ln_{l+}l-ln_{l-}l)

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0<u>∟</u> -3

-2

Full unfolded results to parton level

Compared with Powheg parton level

No significant deviations from the SM

Unfolded asymmetries	Data	POWHEG	
AlepC	$0.010 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.006$	0.004 ± 0.0004	
AtopFB	$-0.011 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.026$	0.005 ± 0.0004	
$A_{topFB}(M_{tf} < 450 \text{GeV})$	$0.015 \pm 0.033 \pm 0.034$	0.003 ± 0.001	
$A_{topFB}(450 \le M_{t\bar{t}} < 550 \text{ GeV})$	$-0.009 \pm 0.050 \pm 0.055$	0.005 ± 0.001	
$A_{topFB}(M_{tf} \ge 550 \text{ GeV})$	$-0.063 \pm 0.071 \pm 0.081$	0.007 ± 0.001	

CMS Preliminary, 5.0 fb⁻¹ at √s=7 TeV

Syst. Uncertainty

Powheg parton level

0

2

 $\bar{\eta}_{+}$

Data - BG) Unfolded



 $\cos(\theta_{top})$





Top Charge Asymmetry - Results (single lepton)



Differential and inclusive charge asymmetry

- provided as a function of M_{tt}, |y_{tt}|, P_{T,tt}
- >Again no significant deviation from SM

Uncorrected

BG-subtracted

Final corrected





Measurements made of spin correlations in top-pair events and for charge asymmetry variables

- using the full 5 fb⁻¹ of pp data collected in 2011 at 7TeV
- measurements made in dilepton and single lepton (charge asymmetry only) channels
- CMS results consistent with the Standard Model
- >Thank you for listening







