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Status of single top measurements in CMS



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Introduction

Top quark at LHC: produced mostly in pair via strong interaction **Single-top quark:** production via <u>electroweak</u> interaction, involving tWb vertex



Why single-top?

Sensitive to new physics!

- FCNC, Anomalous couplings
- New particles (W', charged Higgs)
- Characteristic scenario for SM measurements
 - Top polarization, W helicity, top mass, $|V_{tb}|$
- Background in searches
 - SUSY, Higgs

We will look at

- Production cross sections of tchannel and tW associated production
- Top/anti-top production ratio
- |V_{tb}|
- Top polarization
- W-helicity in single-top

t-channel cross section



Selection: 1 lepton + 1 jet + 1 b-tagged jet + MET-related requirement 3

t-channel cross section at 7 TeV



t-channel cross section at 8 TeV

$|\eta_{i'}|$ analysis ported to 8 TeV (µ+jets)

Also top-pair modeling from data



Result:

 $\sigma_{t-ch} = 80.4 \pm 5.8(\text{stat.}) \pm 11.0(\text{syst.}+\text{th.}) \pm 4.0(\text{lumi.})$

t-channel cross section overview



t-channel top/anti-top at 8 TeV

t-channel top quark charge: inherited from the quark in initial state

Valence *u* and *d* quarks contribution generates

difference in top-antitop cross section

- depends on proton parton distribution function
- $|\eta_{j'}|$ analysis: fit performed on positive and negative charge leptons simultaneously:





W-helicity measurement

• Probes the **anomalous couplings** in tWb interaction

$$L = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\gamma^{\mu}(V_{L}P_{L} + V_{R}P_{R})tW_{\mu}^{-} + -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\bar{b}\frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{M_{W}}(g_{L}P_{L} + g_{R}P_{R})tW_{\mu}^{-} + h.c.$$

- Anomalous couplings are reflected in angular decay distribution $\cos(\theta_l^*)$
- Partial decay of top quark



 $\cos\theta_l^*$

W-helicity measurement (single-top topolog

First measurement of W-helicity fractions in single-top

A reweighting method employed in a binned likelihood fit using $cos(\theta^*)$ variable **Simultaneous measurement** of W+jets and W-helicities



Only t-channel with highest rate

Signal is every process that includes $t \rightarrow b\mu\nu$ **Contributions from top-pair events are taken into account**

W boson is reconstructed using W-mass constrained solutions for $p_{z,\nu}$



W-helicity measurement (single-top topology) 🦄



Top quark polarization



 The sample is statistically a mix of ↑ and ↓ top quarks

• We measure the spin asymmetry:

$$A_{l} \equiv \frac{N(\uparrow) - N(\downarrow)}{N(\uparrow) + N(\downarrow)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot P_{t} \cdot \alpha_{l}$$

New physics in tWb vertex alters the top polarization

Single-top quark in t-channel:

produced 100% polarized in the direction of down-type fermion due to V-A coupling

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_l} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + P_t \alpha_l \cos\theta_l)$$

top polarization

Correlation degree or spin analyzing power SM: $\alpha_l \approx 1$ for d-fermion

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Experimentally:

we select the t-channel event: 1 lepton + 1 light jet + 1 b-tagged jet + ...



Top quark polarization



Electron $A_l = 0.31 \pm 0.11 (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.23 (\text{syst.})$

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tW-channel cross section: selection

SM expectations (<u>http://arxiv.org/abs/1210.7813v2</u>) 7 TeV σ_{tW} = 15.6±0.4±1.1 pb 8TeV σ_{tW} = 22.2±0.6±1.4 pb



MET ambiguity: Not possible to fully reconstruct the top quark or W-boson

tW-channel cross section: main backgrounds

Top pairs



- Veto the second b-quark jet (7 TeV)
- Looking at p_T (system): p_T of $(\vec{p}_{vis} + E_T^{miss})$
- Using control regions with 2 jets and 1 or 2 b-tagged to constrain the top-pair normalization in the fit (2j2t, 2j1t)



Z + jets for ee and μμ channels



Others are negligible

- Veto lepton pairs under the Z-mass peak, 90-x GeV < m_{ll} < 90+x GeV
- Cut on missing energy, $E_t^{miss} > 50$ (30) GeV at 8 (7) TeV
- Normalization is corrected by a data-driven factor
 - Correction is extracted using events inside Zmass peak

tW-channel cross section at 7 TeV

A **Likelihood fit** is performed on a **BDT (4 var.)** output over all three channels ($\mu\mu$, e μ , ee) and all three regions (1j1t, 2j1t, 2j2t)

Templates for signal and background taken from **simulation**

Uncertainties included in the fit as nuisance parameters

CMS showed EVIDENCE at 7 TeV

Significance: 4.0 σ (expected: 3.6^{+0.8}_{-0.9})

Cross section: 16⁺⁴-5 pb

 $|V_{tb}|$: 1.01^{+0.16}-0.13 (exp.)^{+0.03}-0.04 (th.)

Constrained $|V_{tb}| < 1$: $|V_{tb}| > 0.79$ @90% C.L.



tW-channel cross section at 8 TeV

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Uncertainties included in the fit as nuisance parameters

CMS showed the FIRST OBSERVATION at 8 TeV

Significance: 6.0σ (expected: $5.4^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$)

Cross section: 23.4^{+5.5}-5.4 pb

 $|V_{tb}|$: 1.03 ± 0.12(exp.) ± 0.04(th.)

Constrained $|V_{tb}| < 1$: $|V_{tb}| > 0.78 @95\%$ C.L.

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Summary on CMS single-top cross sections



Search for FCNC in tZ events

tZ final state is **sensitive** to two types of **anomalous couplings**



Rare signature (low statistics) : 3 lepton (eeμ, μμμ, μμe, eee) + 1 b-jet + rejecting low m_T^W

Backgrounds

- Fake leptons in Z+jets: Normalization from template fit on m_T^W, shape from Z+jets data
- WZ+jets: Normalization is left free in limit calculations
- Others (sub-dominant): ZZ+jets, top-pairs, tZq

Limits: obtained based on a likelihood fit on the BDT (11 var.)discriminant after selection

Search for FCNC in tZ events

Likelihood fit on BDT output to obtain the limit on cross section @ 95% C.L.



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Search for FCNC in tZ events

No New Physics

Limits set on the anomalous couplings at 95% C.L.

Anomalous Brs

Coupling strength results translated to top quark anomalous branching fractions

Improved results

Expected at 8 TeV



couplings	Expected	Observed	$\mathcal{B}(t \to gq/Zq)$
κ_{gut}/Λ	0.096	0.096	0.56 %
κ_{gct}/Λ	0.427	0.354	7.12 %
κ_{Zut}/Λ	0.492	0.451	0.51 %
κ_{Zct}/Λ	2.701	2.267	11.40 %

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Summary

- **CMS** is performing extensive searches and measurements in single-top events
- The first observation of single-top in tW-channel is reported
- All measurements so far are consistent with the SM predictions
- No sign of new physics yet
- More measurements and updates with the full CMS dataset is underway
- Stay tuned <u>https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsTOP</u>



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