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# Top Quark Current Experimental Status



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### Why is Top Quark Physics Important?

- The top quark was discovered in 1995 by CDF and DØ.
   Not a surprise: required by self-consistency of the Standard Model (SM).
- $m_t \sim 175 \text{ GeV}$  vs  $m_b \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$ Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling  $\lambda_t = \sqrt{2} m_t / v \approx 1$

 $\Rightarrow$  the top quark may help resolve one of the most urgent problems in HEP: identifying the mechanism of ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB) and mass generation!

The top quark may either play a key role in EWSB, or serve as a window to New Physics related to EWSB which might be preferentially coupled to the top quark.

- We still know little about the top quark: existing indirect constraints on top quark properties from low energy data or the statistics-limited direct measurements at Tevatron Run I leave plenty of room for New Physics.
- Even if the top quark is just a normal quark:
  - most of the experimental measurements have no analogue for the lighter quarks,
  - will allow to make stringent tests of the SM.





#### **Tevatron Accelerator**





### **Top Quark Decay**



#### CDF and DØ Detectors







62 institutions (12 countries) 767 physicists





83 institutions (19 countries) 664 physicists



- Two truly international collaborations
- Two multipurpose detectors:
  - Central tracking system embedded in a solenoidal field
    - Silicon vertex detector
    - Tracking chamber(CDF)/fiber tracker(DØ)
  - Preshowers
  - Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters
  - Muon system
- Data taking efficiency: ≥85%
- Run II results presented here: 160-370 pb<sup>-1</sup>

#### **Top Quark Pair Production Cross Section**

- The precise measurement of the top quark production cross section is a key element of the Top Physics program:
  - test of perturbative QCD and sensitive to New Physics (very important to compare measurements in as many channels as possible);
  - cross section analyses are the basis of any other top properties measurements;
  - crucial input for searches for which top events are a dominant background.
- Run I measurements consistent with the SM but precision ( $\Delta \sigma_{tt} / \sigma_{tt} \sim 25\%$ ) limited by statistics.
- In Run II, most measurements will be systematics-limited: jet energy scale, signal/background modeling, luminosity determination (currently ~6%),...

Large data samples should allow to control many of these uncertainties.



### $\sigma_{\text{tt}}$ : Dilepton Final States

- Two high  $p_T$  leptons (e, $\mu$ , $\tau$  or isolated track)
- High missing E<sub>T</sub> (all but inclusive analysis)
- $\geq 2$  high  $p_T$  central jets (all but inclusive analysis)

#### Backgrounds:

- Physics:  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau \tau$ , diboson (WW,WZ,ZZ)
- Instrumental: fake leptons, fake missing E<sub>T</sub>

#### Different techniques to exploit the potential of the sample.

standard dilepton analysis

CDF II Preliminary 360 pb<sup>-1</sup>

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- lepton+track analysis
- inclusive analysis

Event count per jet bin

160F

140**₽** 

120

100

80

60F

40

20

0

0

Lepton+track

 $\geq 2 N_{in}$ 

Diboson + Drell-Yan

+ fakes

Data

 $+ t\bar{t} (\sigma = 6.1 \text{ pb})$ 

1σ uncertainty



Signal

Purity



#### $\sigma_{tt}$ : Lepton+Jets Final States (B-Tagging)



### $\sigma_{\rm ff}$ : Lepton+Jets Final States (Kinematic)

- One high  $p_{\tau}$  lepton (e or  $\mu$ )
- High missing  $E_{\tau}$
- $\geq$ 3 high p<sub>T</sub> central jets

Backgrounds: W+jets, multijets Exploit kinematic and topological characteristics of signal events to discriminate against backgrounds.

- Lepton and jets are more energetic and central
- More spherical topology

Strategies:

- Multivariate techniques to maximize statistical sensitivity
- More inclusive analyses to minimize systematics
- Combine kinematic and b-tagging information

160

140

60

40

20





### $\sigma_{tt}$ : All-Hadronic Final State

•  $\geq$  6 high p<sub>T</sub> central jets

5,7

events

200

150

100

0.75

- Overwhelming QCD multijets background (S/B~1/2500 after ≥ 6 jets requirement)
- Very challenging: currently considered very difficult at the LHC.
- Jet energy scale dominant systematic uncertainty.

Integrated Luminosity = 349 pb<sup>-1</sup>

Cut

0.9

NN<sub>all</sub> discriminant

0.95

predicted background (data)

6-jet data (Vertex Tagged)

DØ RunII preliminary

tt MC + background

50 Discriminant cut > 0.9

0.8

541 events selected

~482±6 background events expected

0.85

#### Strategy:

- Use kinematic and topological variables to further increase S/B: cuts (CDF) or multivariate discriminant (DØ)
- Require b-tagging
- Background predicted from data



#### **Top Pair Production Cross Section: Summary** DØ Run II Preliminary Cacciari et al. JHEP 0404:068 (2004) Assume m,=175 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> Kidonakis, Vogt PRD 68 114014 (2003) CDF Run 2 Preliminary 8.6 <sup>+3.2 +1.1</sup> pb dilepton (topological) 230 pb<sup>-1</sup> **Dilepton: Combined** $7.0 \pm {}^{2.4}_{2.1} \pm {}^{1.6}_{1.1} \pm {}^{0.4}_{0.4}$ (L=200pb')6.7 <sup>+1.4</sup> +1.6 -1.3 -1.1 pb I+jets (topological) $230 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ Lepton+Jets: Kinematic ANN $6.3 \pm {}^{0.8}_{0.8} \pm {}^{0.9}_{0.9} \pm {}^{0.4}_{0.3}$ 7.1 <sup>+1.2 +1.4</sup> <sub>-1.2 -1.1</sub> pb combined (topological $(L=347 pb^{-1})$ 230 pb<sup>-1</sup> 8.6 +2.3 +1.2 pb dilepton (topological) NEW Lepton+Jets: Soft Muon Tag $5.3 \pm {}^{3.3}_{3.3} \pm {}^{1.3}_{1.0} \pm {}^{0.3}_{0.3}$ (L = 193 pb')370 pb<sup>-1</sup> 8.6 <sup>+1.2 +1.1</sup> pb I+jets (vertex tag) Lepton+Jets: Vertex Tag $8.9 \pm {}^{0.9}_{0.9} \pm {}^{1.1}_{0.8} \pm {}^{0.5}_{0.5}$ 230 pb<sup>-1</sup> (L = 318 pb')8.2 <sup>+0.9 +0.9</sup> <sub>-0.9 -0.8</sub> pb I+jets (vertex tag) NEW MET+Jets: Vertex Tag $363 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ $6.1 \pm {}^{1.2}_{1.2} \pm {}^{1.3}_{0.9} \pm {}^{0.4}_{0.3}$ (L=311pb')7.7 +3.4 +4.7 -3.3 -3.8 pb all hadronic $162 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ All-hadronic: Vertex Tag $8.0 \pm {}^{1.7}_{1.7} \pm {}^{3.3}_{2.2} \pm {}^{0.5}_{0.4}$ 5.2 +2.6 +1.5 -2.5 -1.0 pb $(L=311 p b^{-1})$ all hadronic NEW $350 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ Combined 0.4 7.1±0.6±0.7± Cacciari et al. JHE<mark>P 040</mark>4:068(2004), m, = 175 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> $(L=350pb^{-1})$ 2.5 5 7.5 10 12.5 15 17.5 0 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 $\sigma(p\overline{p} \rightarrow t\overline{t})$ (pb) $\sigma(\mathbf{p}\overline{\mathbf{p}} \rightarrow t\overline{\mathbf{t}}) (\mathbf{p}\mathbf{b})$

- Measurements in many different channels are self-consistent and so far in agreement with the SM prediction. As precision continues to increase, comparison among channels will become sensitive to New Physics effects.
- Most precise single measurement:  $\Delta \sigma_{tt} / \sigma_{tt} \sim 16\%$ , already being limited by systematic uncertainties. Much work underway to control systematics.
- Ongoing effort to combine measurements within and among experiments.
  - Expectation (2 fb<sup>-1</sup>):  $\Delta \sigma_{tt} / \sigma_{tt} \le 10\%$ /experiment.

#### **Top Quark Mass: Motivation**

 $\delta M_{\rm W} \propto \ln(M_{\rm H})$ 



Fundamental parameter of the Standard Model.

W

the quantum level:

 $\delta M_w \propto m_t^2$ 

\_W\_



### Handles for a Precision Measurement

#### Jet Energy Scale (JES)

- Dominant systematic uncertainty in Run I measurements.
- Top mass measurement requires precise mapping between reconstructed jets and original partons:
  - $\Rightarrow$  correct for detector, jet algorithm and physics effects.
- Handles:
  - dijets, photon+jets, Z+jets
  - W mass from  $W \rightarrow jj$  in top quark decays (in-situ calibration)
  - Z→bb (verification of b-jet energy scale)

B-tagging: reduction of physics as well as combinatorial background

Sophisticated mass extraction techniques: maximize statistical sensitivity; minimize some systematic uncertainties (e.g. JES) Simulation: accurate detector modeling and state-of-the-art

theoretical knowledge (gluon radiation, PDFs, etc) required

Golden channel: lepton+jets



particle jet particle jet truck, out of cone garticle particle parton jet underlying to

event

calorimeter jet

- Over-constrained kinematics
- Combinatorial background:
  - 2 v solutions (M<sub>w</sub> constraint)
  - 12 possible jet-parton assignments.
    Can be reduced using b-tagging:
    6 (1-btag), 2 (2 b-tags)

#### **Top Quark Mass: Template Methods**

hep-ex/0510048

- <u>Principle</u>: perform kinematic fit and reconstruct top mass event by event. Build templates from MC for signal and background and compare to data.
- Recent developments in this approach have lead to the most precise to date top mass measurement:

$$m_{t} = 173.5_{-3.6}^{+3.7}(stat + JES) \pm 1.3 \text{ GeV}$$
$$= 173.5_{-3.8}^{+3.9} \text{ GeV}$$

More precise than Run I world average! ( $m_t = 178.0 \pm 4.3 \text{ GeV}$ )





- Improve statistical power by defining four subsamples (based on number of tags) with different background content and sensitivity to m<sub>t</sub>.
- Reduce JES systematic by using in-situ hadronic W mass in tt events: simultaneous determination of m<sub>t</sub> and JES from reconstructed m<sub>t</sub> and M<sub>w</sub> templates. Implement constraint on JES from external measurement (~3%).
- Many systematics are expected to decrease with larger data samples.

#### **Top Quark Mass: Dynamic Methods**





Excluded

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m<sub>H</sub> [GeV]

300

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30

Impact on SM Higgs boson:  $M_H = 91^{+45}_{-32} \text{GeV}; M_H < 186 \text{GeV} @ 95\% \text{CL}$  $\Rightarrow$ uncertainty now dominated by  $\Delta M_W$ 

#### **Top Quark Mass: Projected Uncertainty**

#### Projected Uncertainty (CDF+DØ Run II; lepton+jets ONLY)



 Current understanding of systematic uncertainties in lepton+jets:

	$\Delta M_{top} \ (GeV/c^2)$
<i>b</i> -jet Energy	0.6
Method	0.5
ISR	0.4
FSR	0.6
PDFs	0.3 — = ~1.1 GeV
Generators	0.2
Bkgd Shape	0.5
b tagging	0.1
MC stats	0.3
Total	1.3

- Large data samples could be used to constrain theory-related systematics (gluon radiation, b-fragmentation, PDF's, etc)
- Projected CDF+DØ top mass uncertainty (2 fb<sup>-1</sup>): ~1.5 GeV  $\bigtriangleup \Delta M_H/M_H \sim 30\%$
- An ultimate top mass uncertainty of ~1 GeV appears feasible!!

## **Top Quark Charge**

- The top quark charge, one of the most fundamental quantities characterizing a particle, has not been directly measured yet.
- A priori there is no guarantee that we are observing pair production of resonances with  $Q=\pm 2/3e$ .

 $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow (W^+b) (W^-\bar{b})$ 

A possible scenario (D. Chang et al, Phys Rev D59, 09153 (1999)):

• Introduce exotic 4<sup>th</sup> family of quarks and leptons + heavy Higgs triplet. In particular:

 $(Q_1, Q_4), q_{Q1} = -1/3, q_{Q4} = -4/3 \text{ and } m_{Q4} = 175 \text{ GeV}.$ 

- The actual "discovered top-quark" is really  $Q_4$ :  $p\overline{p} \rightarrow Q_4 \overline{Q}_4 \rightarrow (W^-b) (W^+b)$ The SM top quark is heavier (m, ~270 GeV) and has not been observed yet.
- This model accounts for all data, in particular R<sub>b</sub> and A<sub>FB</sub><sup>b</sup>
- DØ Run II (365 pb<sup>-1</sup>)
  - 17 double-tagged (secondary vertex tagger) lepton+≥4jets candidate events
  - constrained kinematic fit to assign b-jet to lepton
  - jet-charge algorithm to reconstruct charge of b-jets
  - two measurements of |Q<sub>t</sub>| per event. Build |Q<sub>t</sub>| template for SM and exotic hypotheses and perform likelihood ratio test of hypothesis





### Anomalous Top Interactions: Phenomenology

- Anomalous top couplings can manifest themselves affecting many observables:
  - total cross-sections,
  - tt invariant mass distribution,
  - angular distributions of decay products (both tt and single top),
  - spin correlations in tt,
  - rare decays (e.g. flavor-changing neutral current processes),
  - CP-sensitive observables,
  - ...
- Many operators can contribute to a given observable. Very important to try to disentangle effects (use of polarization observables crucial) and cross-checks using different processes.
- Very important to have accurate theoretical predictions: full spin transmission, at least NLO QCD in differential distributions, etc

#### <u>GOALS</u>

- constrain (discover) new physics by careful examination of top quark observables
- identify operators responsible and disentangle effects from one another
- rule out (figure out) specific models of New Physics

 $\Rightarrow$  Analyses should be as model-independent as possible







### Single Top Quark Production

#### Strategy:

- Select b-tagged lepton+≥2jets candidate events
- Consider discriminant variables between single top and backgrounds:
  - Total event transverse energy  $(H_T)$
  - $\quad Q(lepton) \bullet \eta(untagged jet)$
  - Top spin-related angular variables
  - ⇒ Best discrimination achieved using multivariate techniques (e.g. Neural Networks, Likelihoods)
- Exploit shape information from discriminant variables to estimate upper limit on  $\sigma$  (Bayesian approach).





#### Single Top Quark Production: Summary

- Increasingly more sophisticated analyses have resulted in major improvements in the single top cross section limits. Analyses continue to be optimized.
- Possibility of a surprise around the corner (e.g. note excess in s-channel for both CDF and DØ).
   Current analyses becoming sensitive to New Physics effects!

 $\sigma_{s}$  (pb)  $\sigma_{t}$  (pb)  $\sigma_{s+t}$  (pb) SM (NLO prediction)  $1.98 \pm 0.21$  $0.88 \pm 0.07$ ~2.86 95% CL upper limits 160 pb<sup>-1</sup> 13.6(12.1) 10.1(11.2) 17.8(13.6) **Observed**(expected) 7.7 <sup>+5.1</sup>\_4.9 0.0 +4.7 \_-0.0 MPV ± 68% CL  $4.6 \pm 3.8$ 95% CL upper limits 230 pb<sup>-1</sup> **6.4**(5.8) **5.0**(4.5) **Observed**(expected) 0.0 +2.4 \_-0.0 1.9<sup>+1.9</sup>-1.6 MPV ± 68% CL 95% CL upper limits **5.0**(3.3) 4.4(4.3) 370 pb<sup>-1</sup> **Observed**(expected)





#### World's best limits

### W Helicity in Top Quark Decays





0.4

0.6

0.8 1 COSA

- Lepton kinematical distributions rather sensitive to W boson helicity:
  - Lepton  $p_T$  distribution in LAB frame
    - $\Rightarrow$  final states: lepton+jets, dileptons.
  - $\theta$ (lepton,W direction) distribution in W rest frame (explicit top reconstruction needed)

0.1

 $\Rightarrow$  final states: lepton+jets only.



## Measurement of $B(t \rightarrow Wb)/B(t \rightarrow Wq)$

- Within the SM, assuming unitarity of the CKM matrix, B(t→Wb)~1.
   An observation of a B(t→Wb) significantly different than unity would be a clear indication of new physics: non-SM top decay, non-SM background to top decay, fourth fermion generation,..
- B(t→Wb) can be accessed directly in single top production.
   Top decays give access to B(t→Wb)/B(t→Wq): In the SM

$$R = \frac{B(t \to Wb)}{B(t \to Wq)} = \frac{|V_{tb}|^2}{|V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2 + |V_{tb}|^2} = |V_{tb}|^2 \sim 0.998$$

R can be measured by comparing the number of ttbar candidates with 0, 1 and 2 jets tagged.
 In the 0-tag bin, a discriminant variable exploiting the differences in event kinematics between ttbar and background is used.





### **New Particles in Top Production**

Many models of New Physics predict new particles Very important to perform modelpreferentially coupled to the the top quark: independent searches: Vector gauge bosons: e.g  $qq \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow tt$  (Topcolor) Deviations in kinematic properties Charged scalars: e.g.  $t \rightarrow H^+b$  (generic 2HDMs) Comparison of cross section measurements ٠ in different channels, Neutral scalars: e.g  $gg \rightarrow \eta_T \rightarrow tt$  (Technicolor) ٠ Exotic Quarks: e.g qq $\rightarrow$ W\* $\rightarrow$ tb (E<sub>6</sub> GUT) ٠ PRD 49, 4454 (1994) 0.8 150 Top  $p_{\tau}$  spectrum measurement dơ/dP<sub>T</sub> (fb/GeV) 100 00 Gauge color-octet vector Many exotic models predict sizeable resonance model enhancements in  $d\sigma_{tt}/dp_{T,t}$  for  $p_{T,t}$ >200 GeV. CDF Run I: lepton+≥4jets channel and 3-constraint kinematic fit; measured  $p_{T,t}$  extracted from hadronic top branch. 50 100 150 200 250 300  $(1/\sigma_{tt})(d\sigma_{tt}/dp_{Tt})$  in four bins of true  $p_{Tt}$ Top Quark  $P_{T}$  (GeV) within the [0,300] GeV range, obtained by  $p_T$  Bin Parameter Measurement Standard Model Expectation an unfolding procedure and corrected by acceptance effects.  $0.21^{+0.22}_{-0.21}(\text{stat})^{+0.10}_{-0.08}(\text{syst})$  $0 \le p_T < 75 \text{ GeV/c}$  $R_1$ 0.41 $\Rightarrow$  measurement consistent with the SM  $0.45^{+0.23}_{-0.23}(\text{stat})^{+0.04}_{-0.07}(\text{syst})$ but statistically limited;  $75 \le p_T < 150 \text{ GeV/c}$  $R_2$ 0.43 $\Rightarrow$  model-independent measurement  $0.34^{+0.14}_{-0.12}(\text{stat})^{+0.07}_{-0.05}(\text{syst})$  $150 \le p_T < 225 \text{ GeV/c}$ 0.13 $R_3$ which can be compared to different

 $0 \le p_T < 150 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

 $0.000^{+0.031}_{-0.000}(\text{stat})^{+0.024}_{-0.000}(\text{syst})$ 

 $0.66^{+0.17}_{-0.17}(\text{stat})^{+0.07}_{-0.07}(\text{syst})$ 

0.025

0.84

 $R_4$ 

 $R_1 + R_2$ 

 $225 \le p_T < 300 \text{ GeV/c}$ PRL 87, 102001 (2001)

models with the higher Run II statistics.

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#### **New Particles in Top Production**

#### Search for a narrow resonance $X \rightarrow tt$

- Selection of lepton+≥4jets candidate events (DØ: require ≥1 b-tag)
- Reconstruction of tt invariant mass under the tt production hypothesis (DØ: constrained kinematic fitting, CDF: usage of LO matrix element for tt)
- In the absence of a clear signal, derive (model-indep) limits on  $\sigma_X B(X \rightarrow tt)$
- Derive limits on M<sub>X</sub> within a particular model





• Tantalizing, although not statistically significant, excesses corresponding to  $M_X$ ~500 GeV (CDF) and ~450 GeV (DØ) are currently observed.

• Significant improvement in limits on  $M_{Z'}$ for a leptophobic Z' with  $\Gamma_{Z'} = 1.2\% M_{Z'}$  in topcolor-assisted technicolor:

• Both collaborations are eagerly analyzing more data. Results with 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> expected by Summer'06.

#### New Particles in Top Decay

- Many extensions of the SM include two Higgs doublets. EWSB produces five Higgs bosons: h<sup>0</sup>, H<sup>0</sup>, A<sup>0</sup> and H<sup>±</sup>.
- If M<sub>H±</sub><m<sub>t</sub>-m<sub>b</sub> then t→ H+b competes with t→ W+b and results in B(t→Wb)<1.</li>
   Sizeable B(t→ H+b) expected at low tanβ: H<sup>±</sup>→cs, Wbb dominates high tanβ: H<sup>±</sup>→τν dominates
  - $\Rightarrow$  affect differently  $\sigma_{tt}$  measurements in various channels.
- Consider  $\sigma_{tt}$  measurements in dileptons, lepton+jets and lepton+tau channels. Assume SM  $\sigma_{tt}$  and allow for a contamination from t $\rightarrow$  H<sup>+</sup>b decays. Perform simultaneous fit to the observation in all channels and determine exclusion region in (tan $\beta$ , M<sub>H±</sub>) within the MSSM framework.
- Exclusion region in high tanβ region dependent on assumed model parameters.



### New Physics Contamination in Top Samples

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- Top events are a major background to New Physics processes with similar signature  $\Rightarrow$  top samples could contain an admixture of exotic processes.
- Important to perform model-independent searches
- <u>Run I dilepton anomaly (CDF)</u>
  - kinematic anomaly: excess of events with high MET and lepton p<sub>T</sub>.

Consistent e.g. with  $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$  pair production with  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q \tilde{\chi}, \tilde{\chi} \rightarrow v \tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\ell} \rightarrow \ell \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ 

- R.M. Barnett and L.J. Hall, PRL 77, 3506 (1996) flavor anomaly: excess of events in  $e\mu$  channel
- CDF Run II: model-independent search for subsamples with non-SM kinematics yields overall agreement ~1.0-4.5% level. PRL 95, 022001 (2005)
- Flavor anomaly persists, but not statistically significant.

(*) Assuming $\sigma_{tt}$ =6.7 pb		<b>ee+</b> μμ	eμ
CDF Run II (~200 pb <sup>-1</sup> )	Expected (*)	3.9±0.7	4.3±0.8
	Observed	4	9
DØ Run II (~370 pb <sup>-1</sup> )	Expected (*)	8.0±0.6	15.3±2.6
	Observed	7	21
CDF+DØ Run II	Expected (*)	11.9±0.9	19.6±2.7
	Observed	11	30

More data being analyzed!

- Search for t't' production (t'  $\rightarrow$  Wq)
  - Search for a new quark which is pair-produced strongly, has m<sub>t</sub>'>m<sub>t</sub> and dominant t'→Wq.
  - Consider lepton+≥4jets channel and obtain reconstructed t' mass (M<sub>reco</sub>) from a 3-constraint kinematic fit.
  - Perform binned likelihood fit in  $(H_T, M_{reco})$  plane and set limits on  $\sigma_{t't'}$  using a Bayesian method.



- Expected limit: m<sub>t</sub><250 GeV excluded at 95% CL/</li>
- Observed limit: 196 GeV<m<sub>t</sub><207 GeV excluded at 95% CL if m<sub>t</sub>=175 GeV.

### Conclusions

- Till the beginning of the LHC, the Tevatron will remain the world's only top quark factory.
- A comprehensive program on top quark measurements is underway at the Tevatron Run II. The excellent performance of the accelerator and CDF and DØ detectors opens a new era of precision measurements in top physics, required to unravel the true nature of the top quark and possibly shed light on the EWSB mechanism.
- This is a largely unexplored territory, and thus it has the potential to reveal signs of New Physics preferentially coupled to the top quark. A number of tantalizing (yet not statistically significant) "anomalies" have been presented in this talk, which should be clarified in the very near future.
- Results reported here correspond to a maximum of 370 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data per experiment.
   Expect first preliminary results with ~1 fb<sup>-1</sup> by Winter'06 Conferences and 4-8 fb<sup>-1</sup> by the end of 2009.

 $\Rightarrow$  The Tevatron will continue to deliver highly competitive top physics results till the end of the decade.

Techniques developed at the Tevatron to control systematic uncertainties to the percent level will be an invaluable experience for the LHC.



#### **Spin Issues in Top Production**

#### Strong interaction: Top Pair Production

C and P conserving → only transverse polarization allowed

 $\mathsf{P}_{||} = \mathsf{P}_{\perp} = \mathsf{0}$ 

 $\mathsf{P}_{_{N}}\!\sim\!$  few % in SM from QCD effects at the loop level



Net polarization of top quarks very small:  $N(t_{\uparrow}) = N(t_{\downarrow})...$ BUT large asymmetry,  $C = \frac{N_{\parallel} - N_{\chi}}{N_{\parallel} + N_{\chi}}$ , if proper spin quantization axes chosen:



#### **Electroweak interaction:**

- Single Top Production: V-A weak interaction  $\rightarrow$  P<sub>II</sub> $\uparrow\uparrow$
- Top Pair Production in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>: the EW interaction leads to sizeable  $P_{\parallel}$  and  $P_{\perp}$  at tree level. Also, can use beam polarization to produce samples of highly polarized top quarks.

#### Spin Issues in Top Decay

• Decays like a "free quark" • spin efficiently transmitted to the final state  $\chi_{l}^{t}$   $\chi_{b}^{t}$   $\frac{b}{t}$   $\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\chi_{i}^{t}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \alpha_{i}\cos\chi_{i}^{t}\right)$ 



The production mechanism of t t correlates the spin

The t( $\bar{t}$ ) decay products are strongly correlated with the t( $\bar{t}$ ) spin

➔ Angular correlations between t and t decay products

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d \cos \chi_i^t d \cos \chi_j^{\bar{t}}} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 + \frac{N_{\parallel} - N_X}{N_{\parallel} + N_X} \alpha_i \alpha_j \cos \chi_i^t \cos \chi_j^{\bar{t}} \right]$$

Use polarization properties of the top quark as additional observables for testing the SM and to probe for New Physics

#### Top Couplings to Gauge Bosons: g

- The g-t-t vertex can be affected by strong dipole moments related to New Physics (in particular in some strongly-coupled EWSB scenarios).
- tt production is a direct test of the top coupling to gluons. Must test, not only the effective coupling strength (total rate), but also the presence of a more complicated Lorentz structure.
- In order to disentangle the effects of the different operators, observables sensitive to different combinations need to be used: cross-section, spin correlations, tt invariant mass, etc



• Net polarization of top quark in pair production very small:  $N(t_{\uparrow})=N(t_{\downarrow})$  but large asymmetry between like- and unlike-spin configurations if proper spin quantization axes are chosen:

$$\frac{N_{\parallel} - N_{X}}{N_{\parallel} + N_{X}} \sim -0.8 \quad \text{(off-diagonal basis @ NLO)} \qquad \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\cos\theta_{i}^{t}d\cos\theta_{j}^{\bar{t}}} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 + \frac{N_{\parallel} - N_{X}}{N_{\parallel} + N_{X}} \alpha_{i}\alpha_{j}\cos\theta_{i}^{t}\cos\theta_{j}^{\bar{t}} \right] \\ \frac{1}{\kappa \sim +0.8} \quad \text{(dilepton channel)}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  angular correlation between top and anti-top decay products



DØ Run II dileptons: κ=2.3±2.5, κ>-0.25 @ 68% CL

CDF Run II sensitivity study (dileptons): 340 pb<sup>-1</sup>: N<sup>exp</sup>=19.2,  $\Delta \kappa = 1.6$ 2 fb<sup>-1</sup>: N<sup>exp</sup>=113.0,  $\Delta \kappa = 0.6$ 



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