





Vector-like quark (VLQ) searches at LHC

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Introduction

- In the SM, unnatural cancellation between large radiative corrections and bare mass of Higgs
 high-levels of fine tuning.
- Theoretical guiding principle: avoid fine tuning ==> Physics Beyond SM which solves hierarchy problem
- Many BSM theories introduce VLQs little higgs, composite higgs, extra dimensions,
- VLQ predominantly decaying via bosons and 3rd gen quarks [arXiv:1306.4432]



VLQ: X: charge +5/3 T: charge +2/3 B:charge -1/3 Y: charge -4/3

ATLAS Example

SM BG ESTIMATION



BSM signal "small" compared to SM processes, in tails of SM distributions => good control is needed.

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ATLAS Example Systematics & Combined fit

Detector systematics:

- Jet Energy Scale (JES)
- Jet Energy Resolution (JER)
- b-tagging uncertainties
- Missing Transverse Energy soft component
- ..

BG MC modeling uncertainties:

generator choice, PDF, renormalisation and factorization scales, parton shower, ISR/FSR.

Signal systematics:

ISR/FSR, parton shower, PDF, renormalisation and factorization scales and strong coupling (\Box s) uncertainty.





 if SRs overlap use one with best expected sensitivity,
 if SRs are orthogonal do statistical combination.

Notations: Standard Model - SM, Background - BG, Monte Carlo - MC, Control Region - CR, Validation Region - VR, Signal Region - SR, Transfer Factor - TE

ATLAS: VLQ Pair production "tZ+X", ATLAS-CONF-2017-015

 \overline{T} \overline{T} \overline{Z}, H, W $\overline{t}, \overline{t}, \overline{b}$

Signal event topology: 1ℓ+jets (≥1b-jet) + very large missing transverse momentum (MET) due to the invisibly decaying Z, Analysis technique: boosted Top and V (2 large-R jets), Dominant background: top production, W + jets – estimated in control regions (CRs), and checked in Validation regions (VRs). Dominant uncertainty: Statistical error in SR





ATLAS: VLQ Pair production Wb/t+X (12) ATLAS-EXOT-2016-14

t, t, bA CONTRACT OF CONTRACT. $\sim Z.H.W$ $\overline{t}, \overline{t}, \overline{b}$

- Event Topology: 1 +jets+MET, 1b + ST>1.8TeV
 Dominant Background: tt calibrated from CR
- Analysis technique: Tagged W/top-jets, full TT reconstruction
- Signal region categorization: boosted topology,
- **Dominant uncertainty:** single top/ tt interference, top modeling, b tagging and large R jets.



Reconstructed mass of the leptonically decaying VLT



ATLAS: VLQ Pair production Wb/t+X (1_ℓ)



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ATLAS Preliminary - Data

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CMS: Pair production of TT(YY) □ WbWb (1ℓ) CMS-B2G-17-003

- Event Topology: 1ℓ + ≥ 4/3jets with 1 fat jet (W-tagged)+ST>1TeV (ST = ℓ + MET +JETs)
- Analysis technique: Kinematic fit: 2 Mw, 2Mvlq, using b-jet and ST info,
- Dominant BG: top production, W+JETs estimated using MC, BG estimation is cross checked in CR
- Dominant uncertainty: Jet energy scale, MC modeling





kinematic reconstruction of bWbW final state

Observed limits T/Y mass < 1295/1275 GeV

ATLAS: VLQ Pair production tH(bb)+X (0{+jets+MET/1{}) ATLAS-CONF-2016-104

- Event Topology: 0 +jets+MET/1 (2b-jet)
- Dominant Background: tt+jets, Single Top, and V+jets - estimated from CRs
- Analysis technique: Tagged H/top-jets with subjets (2),
- Signal region categorization: jet/b-jet multiplicities, binning in: mbb, mTb, meff
- Dominant uncertainty: tt+(heavy f avour) modeling.





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t, t, b

Z, H, W



CMS: Single VLT production "tZ(II)+X", CMS-B2G-17-007 New

- **Event Topology:** *ll*+jets (≥1b)
- Dominant Background: Z+jets estimation from a CR with b-jet veto
- Analysis technique: $Z(\ell \ell)$ rec, t- and W-jet tagging
- Signal region categorization: number of forward jets, merged/partial-merged and resolved final states (in total 9 cat).
- **Dominant uncertainty:** statistics in CR





A singlet LH T(b) excluded below 1.35 to 1.45 TeV for the width of 10 - 30%.

A doublet RH T(t) excluded below 0.85 to 0.95 TeV for widths of 10 – 30% (plots not shown here).

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Preliminary

merged

CMS-B2G-16-009

- Event Topology: SS ℓℓ+≥5 (jets+other leptons), HT_lep > 1200 GeV,
- **Dominant Background:** Prompt leptons from MC (VV, VVV, tV, ttV), charge mis-id leptons and non-prompt/fake leptons fully data driven
- **Dominant uncertainty:** 30% for the charge mis-id and a 50% on the the fake lepton background, MC Modeling.





The observed limits are placed on the X5/3 mass of 1.16 TeV for a right handed X5/3 and 1.10 TeV for a left handed X5/3.

CMS: Pair production of X5/3 W+t (12) CMS-B2G-17-008

- Event Topology: $1\ell + \ge 4$ jets (≥ 1 b-jet) + MET
- **Dominant Background:** tt, W+JETs estimated using MC, BG estimation is cross checked in multiple VRs defined with $0.4 < DR(\ell, jet2) < 1.0$ and binned in b-jet, W tag multiplicities.
- Signal region categorization: 16 cat. based on lepton flavor, b-tagged jets (1, 2), W/t-tagged jets (0, 1) multiplicities
- Dominant uncertainty: Jet energy scale, MC modeling



wwwwwwwW^+W g g 000000000 35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV) 5000 CMS — X₅₀X₅₀ LH (0.9 TeV) x120 QCD Preliminary ---X_{5/2}X_{5/3} RH (1.2 TeV) x120 EWK 4000 Bka uncert Events / bin 0005/bin TOP Data e/u+iets ≥1[°]b, ≥3 j 1000 (obs-bkg) 200 400 600 800 1000 min[M(l,b)] [GeV] 35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

Conclusions

- Very diverse searches for VLQ and Top partners at LHC: tH, Wb, tZ, tW, ...
- Covering all Top/H/Z/W decays, full hadronic, semi-leptonic, dileptonic
- Background with not fully reconstructed SM events (e.g. objects out of acceptance or wrong ID) and/or with fake/non-prompt objects,
- Most relevant ingredients needed for the searches:
 - good theory modeling in all corners/tails
 - Efficient and robust Top/W/Z/H/ reconstruction for all topologies
 - good and robust b-jet identification

2017 data-taking starts in few days, search for top partners is still preferred new physics!