

Boosted Top quark polarization.

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Motivation

Studying top quark polarization:

- Helps to determine **nature of couplings** in BSM models.
- Probe **anomalous Wtb coupling**:

$$\Gamma^\mu = \frac{-ig}{\sqrt{2}} [\gamma^\mu \{(1 + f_{1L}) \mathbf{P}_L + f_{1R} \mathbf{P}_R\}] - \frac{g\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{\sqrt{2}m_W} [(p_t - p_b)_\nu (f_{2L} \mathbf{P}_L + f_{2R} \mathbf{P}_R)]$$

(some recent progress in this [[1809.06285 \(Peskin M., et. al.\)](#)]).

- **Lepton** from top decay is already established as a very **good spin analyzer**.
- Top from massive BSM particles are **boosted** \Rightarrow **leptons not well isolated**.
- **Additional** sources of p_T^{miss} can also **prevent** complete top reconstruction
- Boosted hadronic tops are **well reconstructed**
- Hadronic branching fraction **larger** than leptonic.

Hence, polarization measurement of boosted hadronically decaying top is an interesting problem.

SM top quark decay kinematics

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_f} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \mathcal{P}_0 \kappa_f \cos \theta_f)$$

$\theta_f \Rightarrow$ Angle between top spin and decay product momentum.

$\mathcal{P}_0 \Rightarrow$ Polarization of the produced top.

$\kappa_f \Rightarrow$ Spin analyzing power.

$$\kappa_b \approx -0.4 = -\kappa_{W^\pm}$$

$$\kappa_{\bar{d}} = 1$$

[hep-ph/0205023 (Brandenburg A. et. al.)]

$$\kappa_u \approx -0.3$$

- \bar{d} (or ℓ) has largest spin analyzing power.
- NLO QCD correction to spin analyzing power extremely small.
- Tends to form smaller invariant mass with b .

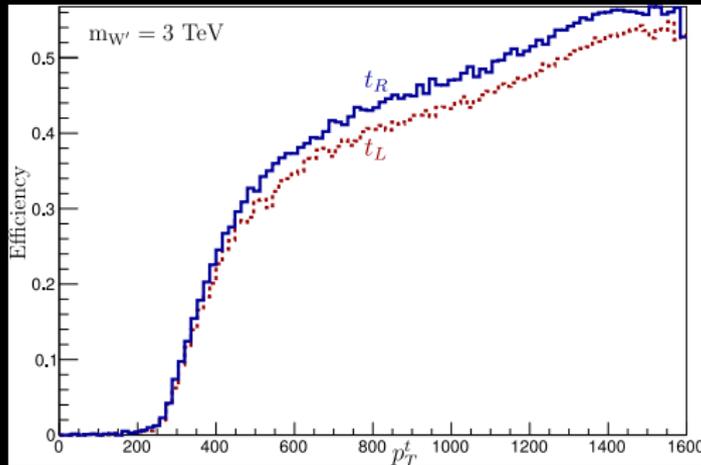
(throughout this study, spin of top quantized parallel or anti-parallel to top momentum in lab frame, t decay kinematics according to SM).

Benchmark process $W' \rightarrow tb$

- Studied effective W' model.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{V_{ij}}{2\sqrt{2}} \bar{f}_i \gamma^\mu (g_R(1 + \gamma_5) + g_L(1 - \gamma_5)) W'_\mu f_j + h.c.$$

- Difference in kinematics of final state particles leads to **tiny difference in top tagging efficiency**



- Tagged top using HEPTopTagger

[1503.05921 (Plehn T. et. al.)]

but similar

observations
by ATLAS

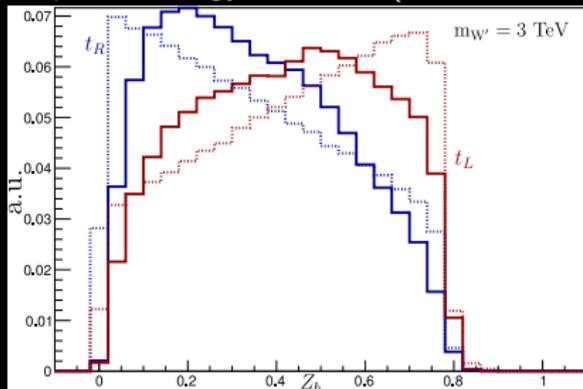
[1801.07893] using
shower deconstruction

[1211.3140 (Soper, D. et. al.)].

Matrix elements for hard event (including t and W decay) generated using MadGraph5 (not factorizing production & decay) and showered using Pythia8.

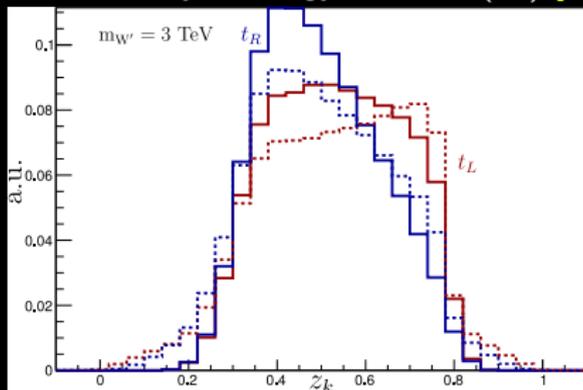
Polarization sensitive (energy fraction based) observables

- b -quark energy fraction (in the lab frame), E_b/E_t



- Spin analyzing power of b
–ve \Rightarrow b momentum opposite to top spin direction.
- \Rightarrow Soft for right handed, hard for left handed.

- Closest subjet energy fraction (z_k) [0909.3855 (Krohn D. et. al.)]

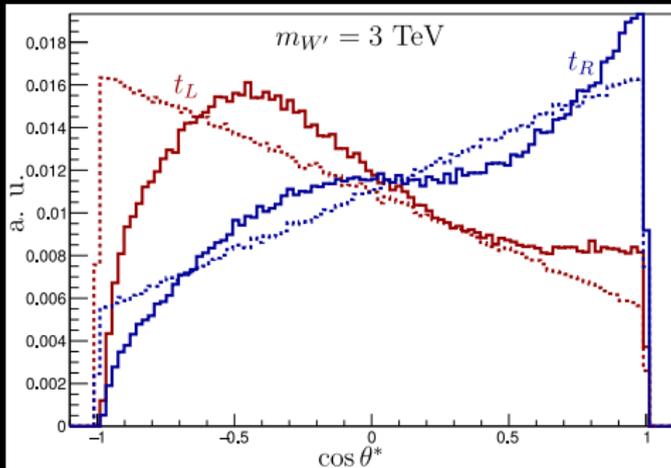


$$z_k = \frac{\max(E_i, E_j)}{E_t}$$

where d_{ij} (k_T distance) is minimum.

Angle based observable $\cos \theta^*$

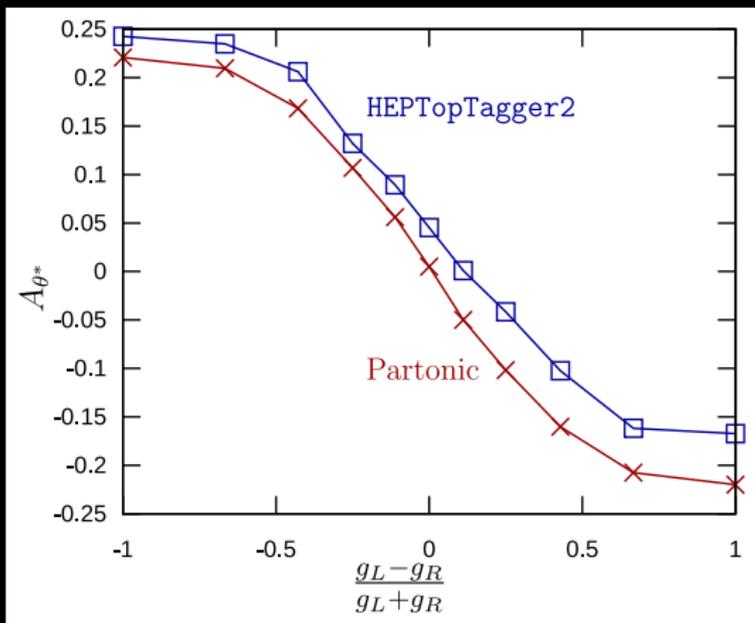
- Label 3 subjects as b, j_1, j_2 such that $m_{bj_1} < m_{bj_2}$.
- $\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu \Rightarrow$ Lorentz boost to top rest frame.
- $\vec{T} \equiv$ Top momentum in lab frame.
- $p_{j_1}^\mu \rightarrow p_{j_1}'^\mu \equiv \lambda^\mu{}_\nu p_{j_1}'^\nu$
- $\cos \theta^* \equiv \frac{\vec{T} \cdot \vec{p}_{j_1}'}{|\vec{T}| |\vec{p}_{j_1}'|}$



- Dashed \Rightarrow at matrix element level (not showered).
- Solid \Rightarrow After jet cluster and top tagging.
- b -jets identified by W mass reconstruction criterion. Subject b -tagging also viable.

Event Asymmetry

$$A_{\theta^*} \equiv \frac{N_{\cos(\theta^*) > 0} - N_{\cos(\theta^*) < 0}}{N_{\cos(\theta^*) > 0} + N_{\cos(\theta^*) < 0}}$$



- Helps in determining model coupling parameters.
- Useful for benchmarking polarization sensitive observables.
- $A_{\theta^*} < 0$ for left handed t .
- $A_{\theta^*} > 0$ for right handed t .

Application to MSSM $\tilde{t}(\text{stop}) \rightarrow t\chi_1^0 - \text{I}$

- t_L and t_R of SM supersymmetrized into \tilde{t}_L and \tilde{t}_R (flavor eigen states)
 - Mix to give light mass eigen state: $\tilde{t}_1 = \cos(\theta_{\tilde{t}})\tilde{t}_L + \sin(\theta_{\tilde{t}})\tilde{t}_R$.

$$\text{Coupling} \Rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0(g^{\tilde{t}_1 L} P_L + g^{\tilde{t}_1 R} P_R)t\tilde{t}_1 + h.c.,$$

$$g^{\tilde{t}_1 L} = -\sqrt{2}g_2 \left[\frac{1}{2}Z_{12}^* + \frac{1}{6}\tan(\theta_W)Z_{11}^* \right] \cos\theta_{\tilde{t}} - \left[\frac{g_2 m_t Z_{14}^*}{\sqrt{2}m_W \sin(\beta)} \right] \sin\theta_{\tilde{t}}$$

$$g^{\tilde{t}_1 R} = \left[\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}g_2 \tan(\theta_W)Z_{11} \right] \sin\theta_{\tilde{t}} - \frac{g_2 m_t Z_{14}}{\sqrt{2}m_W \sin(\beta)} \cos\theta_{\tilde{t}}.$$

- Supersymmetric (fermionic) neutral components of B, W, H_u and H_d mix: $\chi_1^0 = Z_{11}B + Z_{12}W_3 + Z_{13}H_d + Z_{14}H_u$.
- **Gaugino** component of χ_1^0 **preserves** chirality (gauge interactions) of stop decay, **Higgs** components **flip** it (Yukawa interactions).

Application to MSSM $\tilde{t}(\text{stop}) \rightarrow t\chi_1^0$ - II

- Polarization of t determined by composition of \tilde{t} and χ_1^0

| χ_1^0 | \tilde{t}_1 | t chirality |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bino like or Wino Like | \tilde{t}_L | t_L |
| | \tilde{t}_R | t_R |
| Higgsino like | \tilde{t}_L | t_R |
| | \tilde{t}_R | t_L |

$$\mathcal{P}_0 = \frac{\left(|g^{\tilde{t}_{1L}}|^2 - |g^{\tilde{t}_{1R}}|^2 \right) \mathcal{K}^{1/2} \left(1, \frac{m_t^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2}, \frac{m_{\chi_1^0}^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} \right)}{\left(|g^{\tilde{t}_{1L}}|^2 + |g^{\tilde{t}_{1R}}|^2 \right) \left(1 - \frac{m_t^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} - \frac{m_{\chi_1^0}^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} \right) - 4 \frac{m_t m_{\chi_1^0}}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} \text{Re} (g^{\tilde{t}_{1L}} g^{\tilde{t}_{1R}*})}$$

$$\mathcal{K}(x, y, z) \equiv x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz - 2zx$$

- Events studied:**

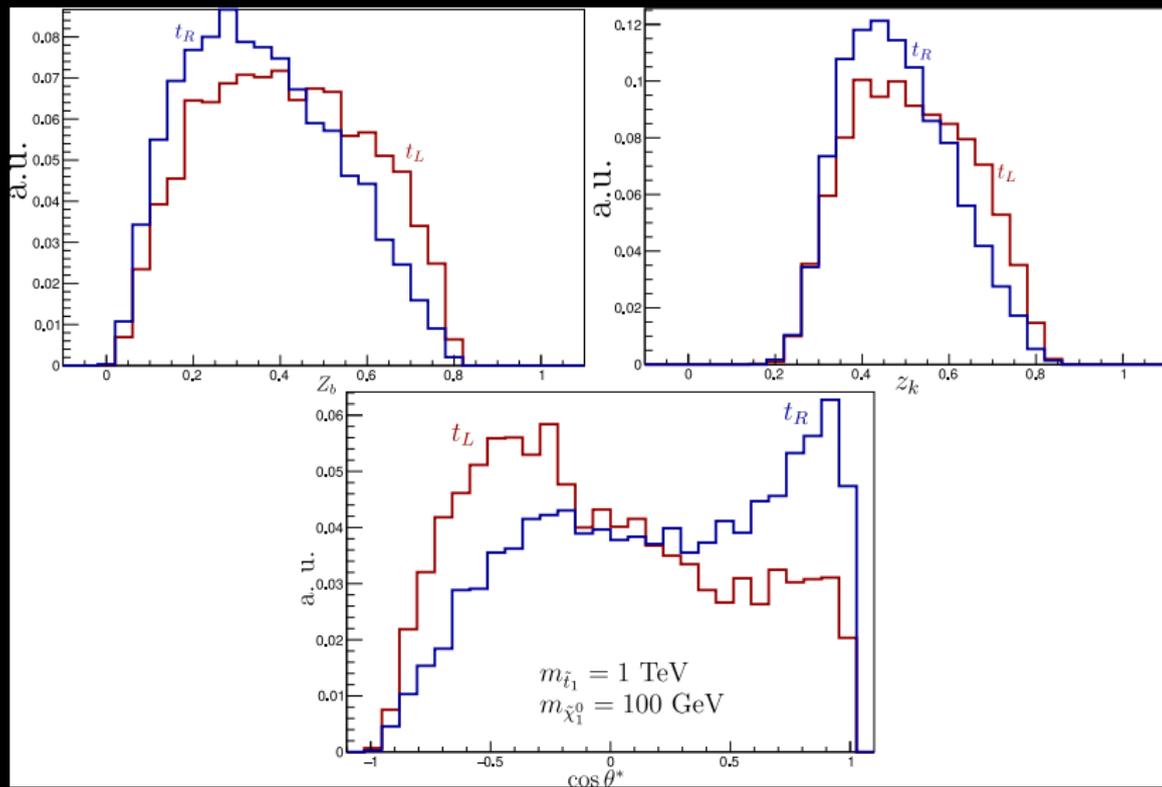
$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t \bar{t} \chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow (bjj) (b\ell\nu_\ell) \chi_1^0 \chi_1^0$$

with

$$m_{\chi_1^0} = 100 \text{ GeV} ; m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 1 \text{ TeV} ; \tan \beta = 10$$

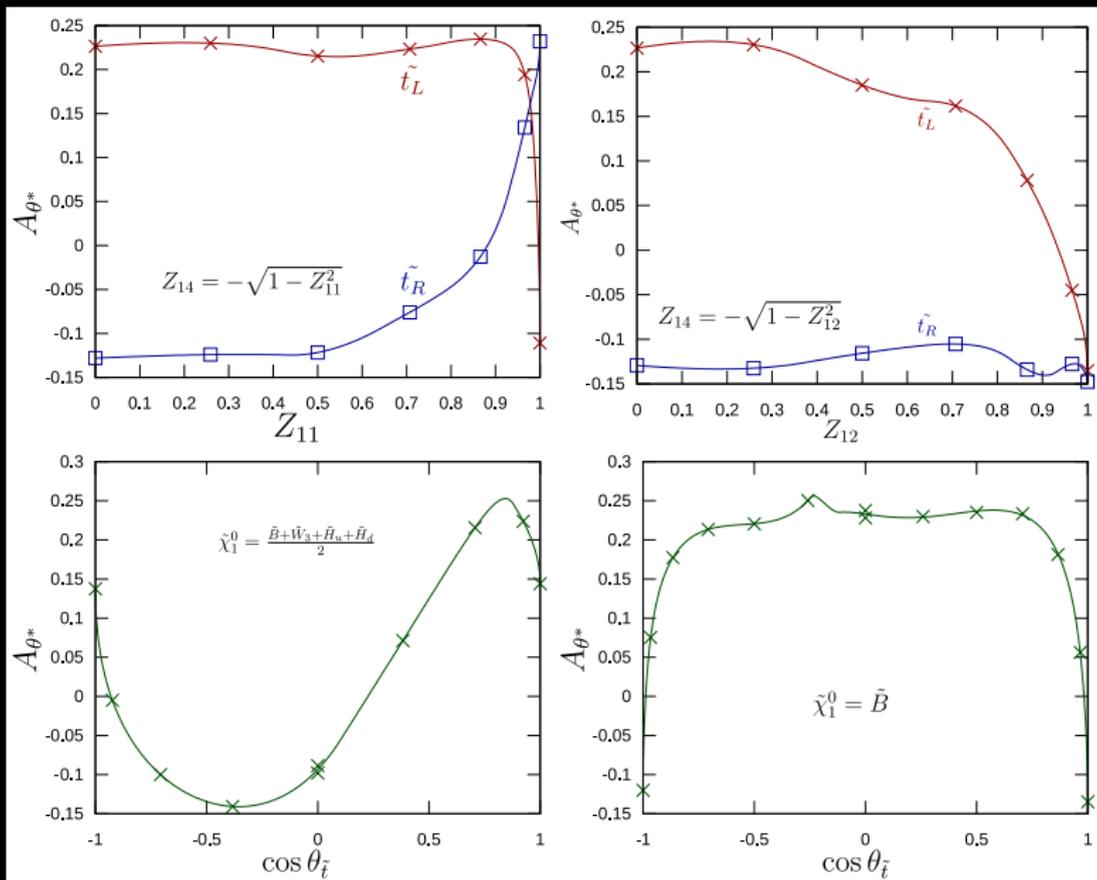
- Selection:** 1 isolated lepton ($p_T^\ell > 20 \text{ GeV}$), $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$

Polarization sensitive observables for \tilde{t}



$\cos \theta^*$ performs better than other two variables.

Asymmetry observables for \tilde{t}



Summary:

- Studied **observables** to discriminate **polarization of top** quarks.
- Studied simple application:
 - Event **asymmetry** as a function of **model parameters**.
 - Polarized tops from decay of \tilde{t} squark of MSSM.
- In **[1902.08096]**, we also studied the application of our observables to RS models.
- So far, the **observable** seems **robust**.

Outlook:

- Explore applications of **machine learning** and **deep neural networks** in observables for top **polarization**.
- Explore the **robustness** of our observables in **realistic** experimental scenario with **background** and **contamination**.

Thank You!

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