4th gen quarks at ATLAS

Direct Searches

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Motivation



4th generation

A Natural SM extension.

Source: AAAS

Tevatron searches

<u>t</u>′ m > 311 GeV





Cross-sections

LHC has much larger rates for heavy quarks



t' topologies

<u>1st/2nd gen decay</u>



<u>3rd gen decay</u>



Mixing possibilities

What does the CKM tell us?

$CKM_{4 \times 4}$	=	0.97377 ± 0.00027	0.2257 ± 0.0021	0.00431 ± 0.00030	< 0.044
		0.230 ± 0.011	0.957 ± 0.095	0.0416 ± 0.0006	< 0.46
		0.0074 ± 0.0008	0.0406 ± 0.0027	> 0.78	< 0.47
		< 0.063	< 0.46	< 0.47	> 0.57

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Constraints on 4th gen mixing are fairly weak!

Signatures



Top-like:Wq WqDilepton:Ivq IvqLepton+jets:Ivq qqqAll-hadronic:qqq qqq

b-tags can probe flavor mixing

b' topologies



Top-like: WqWq

Signatures



Top-like+2W: WWb WWbDilepton:lvqqb lvqqbhalf-time same-charge!Lepton+jets:lvqqb qqqqbAll-hadronic:qqqqb qqqqb

backgrounds



t',b': Top-like I+jets top pairs W+jets Misidentified leptons (from multi-jets)



<u>t',b': Top-like dilepton</u>

top pairs Z+jets WW,WZ,ZZ,WY Misidentified leptons (from W+jets) <u>b': same-charge lepton</u> WZ,ZZ,WY

Misidentified lepton

(from W/Z+jets)

LHC-specific backgrounds

At Tevatron, true same-charge leptons are rare Primarily from trilepton processes



pp nature of LHC beams offers new background with true same-sign dileptons

ATLAS





ATLAS TDR

Mixing to 3rd generation



Light jet decays

Studies with parametric detector simulation.



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b'



<u>Same-charge dileptons</u> Extend CDF approach Use W,t mass fitting



Hadronic W's

Angles between decay products becomes small



In hadronic mode, jets merge into one.

Leptonic W's

Similarly small angles for leptonic decay



Collinear approximation

Use lepton angle to resolve t' mass underconstraint in dilepton channel





Speaker's own plots Not ATLAS result

Conclusions

Fourth generation quark searches are important

ATLAS will have great discovery/exclusion power

Expect results competitive with Tevatron soon.