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#### Outline:

- The top quark and BSM physics
- New physics in top production and decay
- Searches for top-like BSM signatures

#### Results based on:

- 2010 ATLAS data:  $\int Ldt \sim 35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- 2011 ATLAS data:  $\int Ldt \sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ExoticsPublicResults
https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TopPublicResults

#### The top quark

- Top quark completes the 3 family structure of the SM
  - top is the weak-isospin partner of the *b*-quark
  - spin = 1/2
  - charge = +2/3 |e|



Three Generations of Matter

- Top quark is the heaviest known quark  $(m_t = 173.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ GeV}, \text{CDF} + \text{D0}, \text{arXiv:}1107.5255)$
- Top decays (almost exclusively) through  $t \rightarrow bW$  $BR(t \rightarrow sW) \leq 0.18\%$ ,  $BR(t \rightarrow dW) \leq 0.02\%$
- $\Gamma_t^{SM} = 1.42 \text{ GeV}$ (including  $m_b$ ,  $m_W$ ,  $\alpha_s$ , EW corrections) •  $\Lambda_{QCD}^{-1} = (100 \text{ MeV})^{-1} = 10^{-23} \text{ s}$  (hadronization time) •  $\tau_t \ll 10^{-23} \text{ s}$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  top decays before hadronization

## The top quark as a probe for beyond SM physics

- Large mass of the *t*-quark:
  - $\lambda_t = \sqrt{2}m_t/v \sim 1$  Register special role in EWSB?
  - top and W masses constrain the Higgs mass





- BSM physics often has consequences in the top sector:
  - $t\bar{t}$  and single top production can be affected by BSM models
  - Wtb vertex: can have a BSM structure
  - rare top decays: BSM models can increase the BR of t-quark decays via FCNC
  - Exotic Higgs Bosons: large coupling to the top
  - Incorporate Gravity using Extra Dimensions: many models predict new states with strong coupling to the top
  - 4th generation quarks: often decay to *t*-quarks or look like a heavy *t*

## Single top production at LHC



Channel	SM prediction	ATLAS measurement
S	$4.6\pm0.3$ pb	< 26.5 pb (ATLAS-CONF-2011-118)
Wt	15.7 <sup>+1.3</sup> pb	< 39 pb (ATLAS-CONF-2011-104)
t	64.6 <sup>+3.3</sup> pb	90 <sup>+32</sup> <sub>-22</sub> pb (ATLAS-CONF-2011-101)

(see talk by Muhammad Alhroob for details)

#### Good agreement with SM expectation found

## *tt* production at the LHC



- $\sigma(t\bar{t})$  @ 7 TeV ~ 164.6<sup>+11.4</sup><sub>-15.7</sub> pb (arXiv:0907.2527)
- Iepton+jets topology:  $BR(t\bar{t} \rightarrow bq\bar{q}'\bar{b}\ell\nu; \ \ell = e^{\pm}, \mu^{\pm}, \tau^{\pm}) \sim 44\%$
- dileptonic topology:  $BR(t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}\ell\nu\ell\nu; \ \ell = e^{\pm}, \mu^{\pm}, \tau^{\pm}) \sim 10\%$



1% τ+τ

 $\tau$ +

## $t\bar{t}$ production at the LHC: events seen by ATLAS



## Measurement of $\sigma(t\bar{t})$

#### ATLAS Preliminary, $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV (ATL-CONF-2011-108)



Good agreement with SM expectation found

## Search for $t\bar{t}$ resonances

Standard  $t\bar{t}$  selection in  $\ell$ +jets and dilepton channels

#### ℓ+jets channel (ATLAS-CONF-2011-087)

- isolated lepton (e or  $\mu$ )
- missing transverse energy (*E*<sup>miss</sup><sub>T</sub>)
- 4 or more jets (anti- $k_T$ ,  $\Delta R = 0.4$ )
- at least 1 *b*-tagged jet



#### dilepton channel (ATLAS-CONF-2011-123)

- 2 isolated leptons (*ee*,  $\mu\mu$  or  $e\mu$ )
- *ee*,  $\mu\mu$ :  $m_{\ell\ell}$  outside  $m_Z$  window
- *e*μ: large scalar sum of *p*<sub>T</sub> of all hard objects in the event (*H*<sub>T</sub>)
- $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$
- 2 or more jets



Real Data in agreement with the SM expectation in both channels

## Search for $t\bar{t}$ resonances

#### l+jets



dileptons



- *l*+jets channel: limits set on narrow Z'-like decaying into *tt* no exclusion yet for benchmark (topcolor-assisted technicolor) Z' model (see talk by Nicolas Berger)
- dilepton channel: limits set on broader  $g_{KK}$ -like resonances  $m_{g_{KK}} < 0.84$  TeV excluded at 95% CL

#### Search for *tt* resonances: boosted objects

- For higher regions of  $p_T^t$  or  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  the top decay products are highly boosted and can be reconstructed as only one jet
- Understanding boosted objects is very important for top physics and searches for new physics



## Charge asymmetry in $t\bar{t}$ production

- At LO tt
   t
   roduction is symmetric under charge conjugation
   in the SM (small asymmetry expected at NLO)
- Several BSM processes can alter this asymmetry, either with abnormal vector or axial vector couplings or via interference with the SM

$$A_C = \frac{N(\Delta|Y| > 0) - N(\Delta|Y| < 0)}{N(\Delta|Y| > 0) + N(\Delta|Y| < 0)}$$
  
where  $\Delta|Y| = |Y_t| - |Y_{\overline{t}}|$ 



Distributions are unfolded to parton level

 $\begin{array}{l} A_{C} = -0.009 \pm 0.023 \; (\text{stat}) \pm 0.032 \; (\text{syst}) \; (e + \text{jets}) \\ A_{C} = -0.028 \pm 0.019 \; (\text{stat}) \pm 0.022 \; (\text{syst}) \; (\mu + \text{jets}) \\ A_{C} = -0.024 \pm 0.016 \; (\text{stat}) \pm 0.023 \; (\text{syst}) \; (\text{comb}) \end{array}$ 

SM expectation (MC@NLO):  $A_C = 0.006$ No evidence for new physics found (ATLAS-CONF-2011-106, see talk by Rachik Soualah for details)

#### tt spin correlations

- While *t*-quark pairs produced at hadron colliders are unpolarized, their spins are correlated
- Different BSM scenarios predict different production and decay dynamics of the top quark, which could be detected by measuring the tt spin correlations
- In the dilepton channel  $\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}$  can distinguish the SM expectation from a no-correlation scenario

[Phys. Rev D81 (2010) 074024]



$${\sf A} = rac{{\sf N}_{\it like} - {\sf N}_{\it unlike}}{{\sf N}_{\it like} + {\sf N}_{\it unlike}}$$

where  $N_{like}$  ( $N_{unlike}$ ) are the number of events where t and  $\overline{t}$  spins are aligned (anti-aligned)

#### (ATLAS-CONF-2011-117)



• fit done with 2 templates: SM spin correlation ( $f^{SM}$ ) and uncorrelated hypothesis ( $f^{UC}$ )

• 
$$f^{SM} + f^{UC} = 1$$

## $t\bar{t}$ spin correlations

- Different spin basis can be defined; in the SM: [Phys. Lett. B609 (2005) 271]
  - helicity basis:  $A_{helicity}^{SM} = 0.32$
  - maximal basis:  $A_{maximal}^{SM} = 0.44$
- Considering *A<sup>SM</sup>* in a particular basis, the measured spin correlation coefficient can be obtained:

 $A^{measured} = A^{SM} \cdot f^{SM}$ 

Channel	$f^{SM}$	$A_{helicity}$	A <sub>maximal</sub>
$e^+e^-$	$0.89 \pm 0.40$ (stat) $\pm 0.44$ (syst)	$0.28 \pm 0.13$ (stat) $\pm 0.14$ (syst)	$0.39 \pm 0.18$ (stat) $\pm 0.19$ (syst)
$\mu^+\mu^-$	$0.67 \pm 0.37 \text{ (stat)} ^{+0.50}_{-0.30} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.22 \pm 0.12$ (stat) $^{+0.16}_{-0.10}$ (syst)	$0.30 \pm 0.16 \text{ (stat)} ^{+0.22}_{-0.13} \text{ (syst)}$
$e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}$	$1.46 \pm 0.33$ (stat) $\pm 0.51$ (syst)	$0.47 \pm 0.11$ (stat) $\pm 0.16$ (syst)	$0.64 \pm 0.15$ (stat) $\pm 0.23$ (syst)
combination	$1.06 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat)} ^{+0.40}_{-0.27} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.34 \pm 0.07 \text{ (stat)} ^{+0.13}_{-0.09} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.47 \pm 0.09 \text{ (stat)} ^{+0.18}_{-0.12} \text{ (syst)}$

#### In agreement with the SM expectation

#### W polarisation in $t \rightarrow bW$ decays (ATLAS-CONF-2011-122)



Fit of the  $\cos \theta^*$  using templates realize evaluation of angular asymmetries realize BSM structure of the *Wtb* vertex changes *W* helicity fractions and angular asymmetries



#### W polarisation in $t \rightarrow bW$ decays (ATLAS-CONF-2011-122)

 $\bowtie \ell + jets$  and dilepton channels



Effective *Wtb* vertex from dim-6 operators

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^{\mu} (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_{\mu}^{-}$$
$$-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu}}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_{\mu}^{-}$$
$$V_L \equiv V_{tb} \sim 1 \text{ (within SM)}$$
$$V_R, q_R, q_L \Rightarrow \text{anomalous couplings}$$



	templates ℓ+jets	templates dilepton	asymmetries all
$F_0$	$0.57\pm0.11$	$0.75\pm0.08$	$0.70\pm0.10$
$F_L$	$0.35\pm0.06$	$0.25\pm0.08$	$0.31\pm0.07$
$F_R$	$0.09\pm0.09$	fixed to 0	$-0.01\pm0.04$
	$egin{array}{ccc} A_+ = & 0 \ A = & -0 \end{array}$	$0.54 \pm 0.04 \\ 0.85 \pm 0.02$	
	🖙 No evic	dence for B	SM physics

#### Search for FCNC

Theoretical predictions for the BR of FCNC top quark decays



[Acta Phys. Pol. B35 (2004) 2695]

- In the SM flavour changing neutral currents (FCNC) are forbidden at tree level and much smaller than the dominant decay mode (t → bW) at one loop level
- BSM models predict higher BR for top FCNC decays
   probe for new physics

#### Search for FCNC (ATLAS-CONF-2011-061)

•  $t\overline{t} \rightarrow bWqZ \rightarrow b\ell\nu q\ell\ell$  topology





(2010 data,  $\int L dt = 35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )

single lepton trigger (*e* or  $\mu$ ) 2 isolated leptons, same flavour and opp. charges ( $p_T > 25, 20 \text{ GeV}$ )  $\geq 2 \text{ central jets}$  $\not{\!\!\!E}_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  $\gamma \text{ veto } (p_T > 15 \text{ GeV})$ 3rd lepton ( $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}$ )

No evidence for signal found

■ 95% CL limits on  $BR(t \rightarrow qZ)$ :

	observed	$(-1\sigma)$	expected	$(+1\sigma)$
w/o syst	16%	8%	11%	15%
w/ syst	17%	9%	12%	16%

#### m<sub>t</sub><sup>reco</sup> (t->qZ) [GeV]

## Search for FCNC (ATLAS-CONF-2011-061)

•  $qg \rightarrow t \rightarrow bW \rightarrow b\ell\nu$  topology

(2010 data,  $\int Ldt = 35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )

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#### Regional network analysis performed



#### No evidence for signal found

95% CL upper limits on the anomalous FCNC single top-quark production  $qg \rightarrow t \rightarrow b\ell v$ 

		expected		observed
	$(-1\sigma)$	median	$(+1\sigma)$	
only normalization uncertainties	9.6 pb	13.7 pb	19.7 pb	15.6 pb
with all systematics	12.0 pb	17.4 pb	25.6 pb	17.3 pb

## Search for $T \rightarrow tA_0$ ( $t\bar{t}$ with anomalous $E_T^{miss}$ )

- Search for pair production of exotic top partener (*T*), decaying to *tt* and 2 stable, neutral, weakly-interaction particles (*A*<sub>0</sub>)
- In SUSY models with *R*-parity conservation *T* is the stop and *A*<sub>0</sub> the lightest SUSY particle



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- The topology is  $t\bar{t}$  with an anomalous  $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$  contribution
- $\ell$ +jets analysis w/o btagging and w/ stronger cuts on  $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and transverse mass of  $\ell \nu$  ( $m_T$ )



## Search for $T \rightarrow tA_0$ ( $t\bar{t}$ with anomalous $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )



- No evidence for new physics
- 95% CL limits of  $\sigma \times BR$  for different masses of T and  $A_0$
- Assuming a model of exotic fourth generation up-type quarks [Phys.Rev.D81 (2010) 114027], these limits were converted into mass exclusion regions

#### Search for 4th generation quarks

- $Q_4 Q_4 \rightarrow q \bar{q} \ell^- \ell^+ \nu \bar{\nu} (q \neq t)$  search (ATLAS-CONF-2011-022, 37 pb<sup>-1</sup>)
- $t\overline{t}$  dilepton as base selection
- reconstruct a "colinear" mass by scanning allowed neutrino momenta and looking for consistent Q<sub>4</sub> mass



• collinear mass distribution fitted to set limits



#### Search for $d_4 d_4$ production

- Inclusive same-sign lepton search [arXiv:1108.0366, 34 pb<sup>-1</sup>]
- Sensitive to  $d_4 d_4 \rightarrow ttWW \rightarrow bbjjjj\nu\nu\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\pm}$
- Set limits on  $\sigma(d_4d_4) \times BR(d_4 \rightarrow tW)^2$ 
  - Cut on  $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$
  - Fitting with jet multiplicity distribution templates



#### Summary

- A variety of ATLAS analysis allowing to probe new physics associated to the top and top-like quarks were presented
  - Top production
  - *t*t resonances
  - Charge asymmetry in  $t\bar{t}$  production
  - *tt* spin correlations
  - W polarisation in t decays and Wtb vertex structure
  - FCNC in the top sector
  - New phenomena in  $t\bar{t}$  events with large  $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$
  - 4th generation quarks
- The top quark looks quite SM-like (no evidence for new physics seen so far)
- This is a very active field: stay tuned for news!



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# **Backup Slides**

#### The ATLAS detector

Length : ~ 46 m Diameter : ~ 24 m Weight : ~ 7000 tons ~10<sup>8</sup> electronic channels 3000 km of cables

3-level trigger reducing the rate from 40 MHz to 200-300 Hz Muon Spectrometer ( $|\eta|$ <2.7) : air-core toroids with gas-based muon chambers; Muon trigger and measurement with momentum resolution < 10% up to E<sub>µ</sub> ~ 1 TeV

> HAD calorimetry ( $|\eta| < 5$ ): segmentation, hermeticity Fe/scintillator Tiles (central), Cu/W-LAr (fwd) Trigger and measurement of jets and missing E<sub>T</sub> E-resolution:  $\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E \oplus 0.03}$

EM calorimeter ( $|\eta| < 3.2$ ): Pb-LAr Accordion; e/ $\gamma$  trigger, identification and measurement E-resolution:  $\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$  Inner Detector ( $|\eta|$ <2.5, B=2T): Si Pixels, Si strips, Transition Radiation detector (straws); Precise tracking and vertexing, e/TT separation Momentum resolution:  $\sigma/p_T \sim 3.8 \times 10^{-4} p_T$  (GeV)  $\oplus$  0.015 i.e.  $\sigma/p_T$  <2% for  $p_T$  < 35 GeV

#### **Event selection**



(slide from Muhammad Saleem talk)

## Event yields: L = 0.70 fb<sup>-1</sup> (W polarisation analysis)

#### $\ell$ +jets channel

Process	Single electron channel	Single muon channel
tt	$2200\pm400$	$3200\pm500$
Single top	$120\pm~10$	$160\pm~10$
Misidentified leptons	$80\pm~80$	$200\pm200$
W+jets	$300\pm160$	$500\pm250$
Z+jets	$30\pm~20$	$40\pm~20$
Diboson	5 ± 1	8± 1
Total predicted	$2800\pm400$	$4100\pm600$
Data	3006	4313

#### dilepton channel

Process	<i>ee</i> channel	$\mu\mu$ channel	$e\mu$ channel
tt	$80\pm20$	$160\pm20$	$540\pm50$
Single top	$3\pm1$	$7\pm1$	$22\pm 3$
Misidentified leptons	$2\pm1$	$0\pm 1$	$30\pm20$
$Z ( ightarrow ee/\mu\mu)$ +jets	$3\pm$ 3	$4\pm 2$	—
$Z (\rightarrow  au  au)$ + jets	$2\pm1$	$5\pm1$	$26\pm5$
Diboson	$2\pm 1$	$4\pm~9$	$14\pm~2$
Total predicted	$90\pm20$	$180\pm20$	$630\pm60$
Data	103	175	643

#### Probing the Wtb vertex: spin asymmetries



$$X = \text{top decay product} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \vec{p}_X = \text{momentum in } t \text{ rest frame}$$
$$\vec{p}_j = \text{jet momentum in } t \text{ rest frame}$$
$$Q = \cos(\vec{p}_X, \vec{p}_j) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad A_X \equiv \frac{N(Q > 0) - N(Q < 0)}{N(Q > 0) + N(Q < 0)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} P \alpha_X \quad [P = 0.95 \ (t) \quad P = -0.93 \ (\bar{t})]$$

[PLB 476 (2000) 323]

# Probing the *Wtb* vertex: single top production cross-section



 $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{SM}} \left( V_L^2 + \kappa^{V_R} V_R^2 + \kappa^{V_L V_R} V_L V_R + \kappa^{g_L} g_L^2 + \kappa^{g_R} g_R^2 + \kappa^{g_L g_R} g_L g_R + \dots \right)$ 

- the  $\kappa$  factors determine the dependence on anomalous couplings
- the  $\kappa$  factors are, in general, different for t and  $\overline{t}$  production
- the measurement of the single top production cross-section allows to obtain a measurement of  $V_L (\equiv V_{tb})$ and bounds on anomalous couplings

#### W polarisation beyond helicity fractions

New idea to study top decays: [NPB840 (2010) 349]
 consider transverse and normal directions



$$\vec{q} \rightarrow W$$
 mom in *t* rest frame  
 $\vec{s}_t \rightarrow \text{top spin}$   
 $\vec{N} = \vec{s}_t \times \vec{q}$   
 $\vec{T} = \vec{q} \times \vec{N}$   
meaningful for polarised *t* decays  
(e.g. in single top production)

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_{\ell}^{X}} = \frac{3}{8} (1 + \cos\theta_{\ell}^{X})^{2} F_{+}^{X} + \frac{3}{8} (1 - \cos\theta_{\ell}^{X})^{2} F_{-}^{X} + \frac{3}{4} \sin^{2}\theta_{\ell}^{X} F_{0}^{X}$$
$$A_{\text{FB}}^{N} = \frac{3}{4} \left[ F_{+}^{N} - F_{-}^{N} \right] \qquad A_{\text{FB}}^{N} \simeq 0.64 P \operatorname{Im} g_{R}$$

#### *tt* resonances: boosted objects



## Search for charged Higgs $H \rightarrow c\bar{s}$ in top decays ATLAS-CONF-2011-094





### Search for $H^+ \rightarrow \tau \nu$ (ATLAS-CONF-2011-138)



• Both the W and the  $\tau$  decay hadronically