

Top physics results with ATLAS

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The Top quark



- Large mass: $m_{top} = (173.34 \pm 0.27 \pm 0.71) GeV$ (ATLAS, CDF, CMS, Do Collaborations, arXiv:1403.4427)
- It decays before hadronization
 - → unique possibility to study a bare quark
- Masses of Top, W and Higgs are bounded:
 → important consistency test on SM
- Large Yukawa coupling
 - → Special role in electroweak symmetry
 - breaking and in BSM physics scenarios
- Privileged window to search for new physics

Top pair production and decays

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- *tt* pairs produced mainly by *gg* fusions(87% @7*TeV*) and by *qq* annihilations (13%).
- Almost every top quark decays $t \rightarrow Wb$ $l^+ \alpha$

$$W^+$$
 v, \bar{q}'

$$W \to l\nu_l \sim 33\% b$$
$$W \to q\bar{q'} \sim 66\%$$

 Hadronic channel, single lepton channel and di-lepton channel



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$t\bar{t}$ inclusive cross section: summary



 $\sigma(t\bar{t}) @ \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CombinedSummaryPlots/TOP/

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tt inclusive cross section

EPJC 74 (2014) 3109 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, $\int Ldt = 4.6$ fb⁻¹ $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV, $\int Ldt = 20.3$ fb⁻¹

eµ channel, the most sensitive one:

Extract both total and fiducial *tt* production cross section, b-jet reconstruction and tagging efficiency in *1 btag* and *2 btag* samples, with significant reduction of major (btag) systematics



tt differential cross section measurements

The high statistics at the LHC allows to perform precision differential $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ measurements , which could unveil unexpected features (BSM).

Different strategies are used, depending on the involved energy.

Resolved topology



- Top-quark decay products are well separated and can be recostructed individually.
- Top-antitop kinematic evaluated from the reconstructed decay products.

Boosted topology



- For high-pt top quarks the decay products tend to become more and more collimated.
- Standard reconstruction becomes less efficient searching three distant objects.
- Hadronically decaying top quark is reconstructed in a single large radius jet.

tt differential cross section:

resolved topology

• Top-antitop differential cross section $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx}\right)$ where $X = m_{t\bar{t}}, p_{T,t\bar{t}}, |y_{t\bar{t}}|, p_{T,t}$ and $|y_t|$

arXiv:1502.05923, Accepted by JHEP

 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, $\int Ldt = 4.06$ fb⁻¹

- Cut-based analysis in the *l*+jets channel
- Top quark reconstruction based on particle level objects
- The unfolded data distribution for $p_{T,t}$ is softer than the NLO prediction. Quite large discrepancy observed for $p_{T,t}$ larger than 200 GeV



$t\bar{t}$ differential cross section:boosted topologyATLAS $\sqrt{s} = 8$

ATLAS-CONF-2014-057 $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV, $\int Ldt = 20.3$ fb⁻¹

- High- p_T top cross section measured for the first time
- *l*+jets channel with $p_T(t_{had}) > 300 \text{ GeV}$
- Boosted hadronic top defined as a single large-*R* jet
- Fiducial (boosted top jet) and total (parton tops) phase space measurements



• General tendency of the MC predictions to overestimate the data, especially at high p_T , confirming what seen in resolved topology.

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$tt + \gamma$ inclusive cross section

Phys. Rev. D 91, 072007 (2015)

$$\sqrt{s} = 7$$
 TeV, $\int Ldt = 4.6$ fb⁻¹

- Measurement in the lepton+jet channel: 1 lepton (e/μ) , $\geq 4jets (\geq 1btag)$, E_T^{miss} , 1 γ
- A binned template likelihood fit is used to extract the *fiducial* cross section
- Template: p_T^{iso} ($\sum p_T^{track}$ with $\Delta R(track, \gamma) < 0.2$)



Templates built for

- prompt photons (signal & background)
- background non-prompt photons sources

 $\sigma_{tt\gamma}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) \times BR =$ 63 ± 8(stat.)⁺¹⁷₋₁₃ (syst.) ± 1(lumi.) fb 5 σ significance

 $\sigma_{tt\gamma}^{th}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 48 \pm 10 \text{ fb}$ (Prediction from MadGraph and WHIZARD)

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7 TeV measurements:

- σ in t- and Wt-channel, Wt measured for the first time
 (> 5σ level)
- Upper limit for the s-channel
- Differential σ measurements.
- Top/antitop t-channel ratio (R_t)

$$R_t = \frac{\sigma_{ub \to ta}}{\sigma_{d\bar{b} \to \bar{t}a}}$$

8 TeV measurements:

- σ in t- and Wt-channel
- Upper limit for the s-channel



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Single top t-channel cross section

- Lepton + 2 jets channel, 1-btag
- σ_{t-chan} calculated through a maximumlikelihood fit of a multivariate Neural Network (NN) discriminant trained with the 14 most-sensitive variables
- Total phase space measurement:

 $\sigma_{t-chan}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) =$ 82.6 ± 1.2(stat) ± 11.4(syst) ± 3.1(PDF) ± 0.09(lumi) pb (aMC@NLO)

 $\sigma_{t-chan}^{aNNLO}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) = 87.8^{+3.4}_{-1.9} \text{ pb}$

• Fiducial phase space measurement:

 $\sigma_{t-chan}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) =$ 3.37 ± 0.05(stat) ±0.47(syst)±0.09(lumi) pb



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Top quark mass

Measured through a template fit:

- Lepton+jets: *3D template fit* depending on *m*_t and jet energy scales (JSF, bJSF)
- **Dilepton:** *1D template fit* depending on *m*_t
- Templates built by varying the fit parameters in MC simulation:

 $m_{t,reco}, m_{lb,reco}, m_{W,reco}$ and R_{bq}^{reco} (ratio of the sum of the p_T of the bjets from the top and light jets from the W)



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- A maximum likelihood approach is used to reconstruct $t\bar{t}$ kinematics
- Signal and background PDFs are used in an unbinned likelihood fit separately for *i btag* and ≥2 *btag* samples:
 - Lepton+jets: $L(m_{t,reco}, m_{W,reco}, R_{bq}^{reco} | m_t, JSF, bJSF, n_{bkg})$
 - **Dilepton:** $L(m_{lb,reco}|m_t, n_{bkg})$
- Simultaneous constraint on m_t , JES and bJSF, for the first time
- Good agreement between results obtained with *i btag* and ≥2 *btag* samples
- Combination of lepton+jets and dilepton results using the *Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE)*

 $m_t^{comb} = 172.99 \pm 0.48(\text{stat}) \pm 0.78(\text{syst}) \text{ GeV}$



tt charge asymmetry in Run I

• Tevatron measured a slight discrepancy in forward-backward asymmetry of $t\bar{t}$ with respect to SM:

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)} \qquad \Delta y = y_t - y$$

• Because of the different colliding beams and top production mechanism at LHC, A_{FB} is not possible to measure. Instead, different asymmetries can be considered and have been measured at 7 TeV.

$$A_{C} = \frac{N(\Delta|y| > 0) - N(\Delta|y| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y| > 0) + N(\Delta|y| < 0)} \qquad \Delta|y| = |y_{t}| - |y_{\bar{t}}| \\ \Delta|y| = |y_{l^{+}}| - |y_{l^{-}}|$$



tt charge asymmetry in l+l- channel

JHEP 05 (2015) 061

$$\sqrt{s} = 7$$
 TeV, $\int Ldt = 4.6$ fb⁻¹

- Dilepton channel allows lepton-based asymmetry, to remove any dependence on the algorythm used for top reconstruction.
- Reconstructed Δ|y| spectra are corrected for detector response and acceptance by unfolding procedures.



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Spin correlation measurements

 $A = \frac{N(\uparrow\uparrow) + N(\downarrow\downarrow) - N(\uparrow\downarrow) - N(\downarrow\uparrow)}{N(\uparrow\uparrow) + N(\downarrow\downarrow) + N(\uparrow\downarrow)} A^{SM}_{helicity} = 0.318 \pm 0.005$

- 7 TeV analysis: Phys. Rev. D. 90, 112016 (2014)
 - The spin correlation is extracted through four observables in a binned likelihood fit of *f*_{SM} where

 $A_{measured} = f_{SM} A_{SM}^{th}$

• $\Delta \phi(ll)$ shows highest sensitivity

• 8 TeV analysis: Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 142001 (2015)

- The spin correlation is extracted through a template fit on $\Delta \phi(ll)$ distribution $f_{SM} = 1.20 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.13(\text{syst})$ $A_{helicity} = 0.38 \pm 0.04$
- It is the most precise measurement by now.
- Limits on stop production can be set exploiting the sensitivity of $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation to SUSY processes $\tilde{t}\bar{\tilde{t}} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\tilde{\chi}^0\tilde{\chi}^0$



Summary and conclusions

- During Run I ATLAS has provided several top quark measurements to make stringent tests on SM.
 - Top pair and single top cross section
 - Top-quark mass measurement
 - Top-antitop charge asymmetry
 - Top-antitop spin correlation
- Even if most of the measurements are limited by systematic uncertainties, almost all results agree with the Standard Model.
- In the $t\bar{t}$ differential cross section the data distribution for $p_{T,t}$ is slightly softer then the theoretical prediction, especially at high p_T .
- Prospects for RunII
 - The expected higher statistics will allow to refine all these results.
 - New analyses will start, especially regarding the boosted topologies.
- Additional information can be found at the ATLAS Top public results page:

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

Backup

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ATLAS (A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS)



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Common object definitions

• Details can vary among the different analyses

• Jets:

- Reconstructed from topological clusters using the anti-kt algorithm (R = 0.4)
- $p_{\rm T}>$ 25 GeV, $|\eta|<$ 2.5
- B-tagging via a Neural network based algorithm (MV1) with average efficiency of 70% and light jet rejection factor ~140

• Electrons:

- EM cluster with track matched
- Isolation in tracker and calorimeter
- $E_{\rm T} > 25$ GeV, $|\eta| < 1.37$ or $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.47$
- Muons:
 - Tracks in inner detector and muon spectrometer
 - Isolation in tracker and calorimeter
 - $p_{\rm T} > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Missing transverse energy
 - Vector sum of energy deposits in calorimeters, with corrections based on the associated reconstructed object

tt inclusive cross section

eµ channel

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Constraints on stop pair production

- *R*-parity conserving SUSY extension of SM with $\tilde{t_1} \rightarrow t \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ (BR = 100%)
- Fit $\sigma_{\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_2}$ to the $\sigma_{tt}^{meas} \sigma_{tt}^{th}$ difference
- 95% CL exclusion of stop with $m_t < m_{\tilde{t}_1} < 177 \text{ GeV}$



Top pair differential cross section Phys. Rev. D 90, 072004 $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, \int Ldt = 4.06 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Total $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ measurements show very good agreement with the SM
 - New physics phenomena can still affect the *shape* of $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$
- Top-antitop relative differential cross section $\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\frac{d\sigma}{dX}\right)$ where $X = m_{t\bar{t}}, p_{T,t\bar{t}}, |Y_{t\bar{t}}|$ and $p_{T,t}$
 - *Relative* measurement more precise than the *absolute* → cancellation of correlated systematics
- Cut-based analysis in the *l*+jets channel

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- $t\bar{t}$ system reconstructed via a kinematic likelihood fit.
- Final parton level measurement extracted via unfolding methods



Results: comparison with generators

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Electron and muon channel combination via the Asymmetric Iterative BLUE (AIB)

MC generators: Alpgen, PowHeg and Mc@Nlo interfaced with Herwig+Jimmy and PowHeg+Pythia

- General trend of data being softer in $p_{T,t}$ above 200 GeV
- All four MC generators well describe the shape of m_{tt̄} and p_{T,tt̄}
- Alpgen gives the best prediction of the $|y_{t\bar{t}}|$



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Reconstruction of the tt system

via kinematic likelihood fit

 The tt system reconstruction is performed trough a kinematic fit using a maximum likelihood approach

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_{p,1}, \widetilde{E}_{p,2} | m_W, \Gamma_W\right) \cdot \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_l, \widetilde{E}_\nu | m_W, \Gamma_W\right) \cdot \\ \cdot \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_{p,1}, \widetilde{E}_{p,2}, \widetilde{E}_{p,3} | m_t, \Gamma_t\right) \cdot \mathcal{B}\left(\widetilde{E}_l, \widetilde{E}_\nu, \widetilde{E}_{p,4} | m_t, \Gamma_t\right) \cdot \\ \cdot \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_x^{miss} | \widetilde{p}_{x,\nu}\right) \cdot \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_y^{miss} | \widetilde{p}_{y,\nu}\right) \cdot \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_{lep} | \widetilde{E}_{lep}\right) \cdot \\ \cdot \prod_{i=1}^4 \mathcal{W}\left(\widehat{E}_{jet,i} | \widetilde{E}_{p,i}\right) \cdot P\left(b \text{ tag | quark}\right),$$



- The likelihood assesses the compatibility of the event with a typical ttbar pair
- The algorithm is fed with the 4 or 5 reconstructed highest-pt jets (and their b-tag info), the lepton and the E_T^{miss}
- The output is the permutation of the four jets, lepton and E_T^{miss} that maximizes the likelihood

From the detector-level spectra to

the cross section measurement

The 'detector-level' spectra are linked to the 'parton level' cross section σ_j via

$$N_i = \sum_j M_{ij} \epsilon_j \sigma_j \beta L + B_i$$

Where

- *N_i* is the number of observed data events in the bin j.
- L is the luminosity
- B_i is the number of background events in the bin i.
- β is the branching ratio
- *M_{ij}* is the 'migration matrix'
- ϵ_j is the efficiency of the selection

tt + jets differential cross section JHEP 01(2015)020

- Cut-based analysis in the *l*+jets channel
- Particle level measurement
- Limited by systematic uncertainties, background modelling (for $n_{iets} < 4$) and • jet energy scale $(n_{iets} \ge 4)$

 $\frac{d\sigma_{tt}}{dN_{jets}}$: sensitive to hard emissions in QCD bremsstrahlung processes.



 $\frac{d\sigma_{tt}}{dp_{t,jet}}$: sensitive to the modelling of higher-order QCD effects in MC

 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, $\int Ldt = 4.6$ fb⁻¹



Jet multiplicity in top-anti-top

final states

- Useful to constrain models of initial and final state radiation (ISR/FSR)
- Provides a test of perturbative QCD
- Single-lepton channel
 - Four jet p_T thresholds: (25, 40, 60, and 80 GeV)
- Results are corrected for all detector effects through unfolding
 - Reconstructed level \rightarrow particle level
- Measurement is limited by systematic uncertainties,
 - background modelling (at lower jet multiplicities)
 - jet energy scale (at higher jet multiplicities)

Jet multiplicity in top-anti-top

final states



MC@NLO modelling predicts a lower jet multiplicity spectrum and softer jets

 Predictions from ALPGEN + HERWIG or PYTHIA and POWHEG + PYTHIA are consistent with the data

Single top/antitop t-chan ratio Phys. Rev. D. 90, 112006 (2014)

- $R_t = \frac{\sigma_{ub \to td}}{\sigma_{d\bar{b} \to \bar{t}d}}$ Very sensitive to the ratio of the PDF of the valence quark in the high *x* regime
 - Smaller uncertainties because of error cancelations
- Sensitive to new physics effects
- Same analysis technique used in the σ_{tchan} measurement



The measurement is in agreement with the predictions from different PDF sets and is dominated by systematic uncertainties

TLAS

Top quark mass

Most precise measurement in ATLAS

arXiv:1503.05427, Submitted to EPJC

 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, $\int Ldt = 4.6$ fb⁻¹

- *3D template fit* in the lepton+jets channel
 - m_t , global jet energy scale factor (JSF) and bJet energy scale factor (bJSF)
- 1D template fit in dilepton channel
- Templates: $m_{t,reco}$, $m_{lb,reco}$, $m_{W,reco}$ and R_{lb}^{reco} (ratio of the sum of the p_T of the bjets from the top and light jets from the W)
 - Templates built by varying the fit parameters • in Monte Carlo

 \mathbf{V} = linear dependency for signal and bg \square = linear dependency but not fitted ✓ = linear dependency for signal only



Probability density functions for each parameter evaluted by fitting each template distribution for signal and background

Tt charge asymmetry in Run II

- Interest shown for boosted analyses
 - Combinations with resolved analyses could improve the precision
- <u>A_C at high m_{tt} particularly sensitive to new physics</u>
- Run II ideal environment for boosted analyses
 - Expected 7x more boosted tops (*m_{tt}*>1TeV) with 5/fb
- Interest shown also for $A_C(tl)$ with a high p_T hadronically decaying top (arXiv:1401.2443)

$$A_{C}^{tl} = \frac{N(\Delta|y|^{tl} > 0) - N(\Delta|y|^{tl} < 0)}{N(\Delta|y|^{tl} > 0) + N(\Delta|y|^{tl} < 0)}$$

No ambiguity due to the z-component of the neutrino



Spin correlation observables

• Angular distributions of daughter pairs

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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_1 d\cos\theta_2} \sim 1 - A\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cos\theta_1 \cos\theta_2$$

- Elicity basis: top rest frame
- Maximal basis: event-by-event axis that maximize correlation for *gg* fusion

• S-ratio

• Ratio of matrix elements of like-helicity gluon fusion with spin correlation to without correlation

$$S = \frac{(|M|_{RR}^{2} + |M|_{LL}^{2})_{corr}}{(|M|_{RR}^{2} + |M|_{LL}^{2})_{uncorr}}$$

=
$$\frac{m_{t}^{2}[(t \cdot l^{+})(t \cdot l^{-}) + (\bar{t} \cdot l^{+}) - m_{t}^{2}(l^{+} \cdot l^{-})]}{(t \cdot l^{+})(\bar{t} \cdot l^{-})(t \cdot \bar{t})}$$

Spin correlation: stop exclusion

- $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation is sensitive to SUSY processes $\tilde{t}\bar{\tilde{t}} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\tilde{\chi}^0\tilde{\chi}^0$
- Limits on stop production can be set by measuring $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation





- Extensively measured @ 7 TeV
- All results obtained after unfolding to parton level
 - Dilepton channel (submitted to JHEP)
 - Simultaneous measurement of $A_C(tt)$ and $A_C(ll)$
 - Single lepton channel (JHEP02(2014)107)
 - Combination with CMS (ATLAS-CONF-2014-012)
- Results in agreement with SM predictions
 - To understand the discrepancies in A_{FB} @ Tevatron



