Forward-backward asymmetry of the top quark-antiquark pairs at the Tevatron: a window for new physics ?

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The top quark ...



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... a special quark !

* Heaviest known elementary particle (Mtop ~ Mgold atom)

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yukawa} = -\lambda_{top} \bar{\psi}_{l,top} \phi \psi_{r,top}$$

$$\lambda_{top} \approx 1$$

* top life time ~ 10^{-25} s << hadronization time * M_{top} =173.07 ± 0.89 GeV



x Strong coupling to Higgs boson : special role ?
x Decays before hadronizing : study of a bare quark.



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Ideal sector to search for new physics : \rightarrow study the top quark properties in details.

Top quark properties



We are going to focus on the charge asymmetry of the top quark-antiquark pairs which have been studied both at the Tevatron (this talk) and at the LHC (few words in the conclusion).

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Theory of the charge asymmetry

At NLO, QCD predicts a $t\bar{T}$ production asymmetry via $q\bar{q}$ annihilation. Due to the interferences :



Non SM processes can modify the asymmetry (axigluon, Z' ...)

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Standard Model predictions

. Will be our baseline for predictions.

— Bernreuther & Si PRD 86 034026 (2012)

consistent fixed-order perturbative expansion NLO/LO

- Holik & Pagani PRD 84, 093003 (2011) same with different set of PDF
- Kühn & Rodrigo JHEP 1201, 063 (2012) : same with LO PDF instead of NLO PDF
 Ahrens et al. PRD 84 074004 (2011)

NLO + NNLL

Consistent predictions

Campbell & Ellis arXiv:1204.1513 [hep-ph] NLO/NLO computation → decrease by ~20% + larger uncertainty MC@NLO MCFM Event generator : NLO/NLO computation → decease by ~30 %

Theoretical uncertainties: PDF, factorization & renormalization scales.

Also, uncertainty may be underestimated Brodsky & Wu PRD 85 114040 (2012).

Charge asymmetry at the Tevatron



 \rightarrow dominant production process at the Tevatron (there is no asymmetry in gluons fusion production)



Observables : looking at the tops

* top-based asymmetry :

Do top quark preferentially follows the initial quark direction ?

$$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta y > 0) - N(\Delta y < 0)}{N(\Delta y > 0) + N(\Delta y < 0)}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}ln\frac{E+p_z}{E-p_z}$$

 $\Delta y = y_{top} - y_{antitop}$

Goes from o ($p_2=o$, transverse to the beam direction) to ∞ ($E=p_2$, along the beam direction).

Observables : looking at the leptons

* lepton-based asymmetry :

Looking at the leptons from the top quark decays

x no need to reconstruct the tT system & leptons are well measured
x influence from top polarization (if any)
x dilute asymmetry



Lepton's flight direction is correlated to the top's flight direction

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\ell\ell} &= \frac{N(\Delta\eta > 0) - N(\Delta\eta < 0)}{N(\Delta\eta > 0) + N(\Delta\eta < 0)} \quad \Delta\eta = \eta_{\ell^+} - \eta_{\ell^-} \\ A^{\ell}_{FB} &= \frac{N(q \times \eta > 0) - N(q \times \eta < 0)}{N(q \times \eta > 0) + N(q \times \eta < 0)} \quad \eta = \ln(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Experimental apparatus

Muon chamber : identification and momentum measurement of muons.



Previous measurements (2012)



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Physics beyond the Standard Model ?

some new physics models could explain the deviations observed at the Tevatron

 $u \xrightarrow{g^{u}} t \qquad u \xrightarrow{g^{u}} t$ $z \xrightarrow{t} u \xrightarrow{t} u$

tree level interferences with SM

"<u>axiqluon</u>" : massive color octet with axialvector couplings to quark in the s-channel

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<u>Z'</u>: vector boson with flavor changing couplings in the t-channel

SM model tT production

Let's focus on the axigluon model.

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[Frampton, Glashow, PLB190 (1987) 157]

Axigluon model

Contribution to tT production from SM $\sigma_a^{INT} \approx g_s^2 \cdot$ gluon / axigluon interference : We need : QCD coupling constant $\sigma_a^{INT} > 0$ axigluon mass mass of the tT pair to observe a positive Axial-vector coupling to light (q) contribution to the asymmetry and top (t) quarks $M_G > M_{t\bar{t}} , g^q_A \cdot g^t_A < 0$ [Frampton, Shu, Wang, PLB683 (2010) 294] $M_G \le M_{t\bar{t}} , \ g^q_A \cdot g^t_A > 0$ [Tavares, Schmaltz, PRD84 (2011) 054008] A. Chapelain, 2014.02.11

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Axigluon model

Contribution to the tT production from axigluon self-interf :

No contribution to the asymmetry but it constraints the model.

$$\sigma_s^{NP} \approx (g_A^q)^2 (g_A^t)^2 \frac{M_{t\bar{t}}^2}{(M_{t\bar{t}}^2 - M_G^2)^2}$$

os(NP) contribution should be small to respect the agreement between the measured and predicted tT cross-section.

<u>e.g.</u>: if the axigluon mass is close to the tT resonance $(M_6 \sim M_{ttbar}) \rightarrow couplings$ should be very small !

Also, the width of axigluon should be large not to be seen in the $t\bar{T}$ production spectrum.





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Top quark pair signatures

* Top quark decays $\sim 100\%$ in $t \rightarrow Wb$. Final states are defined according to the W boson decay modes.





x We are interested in the dilepton and I+jets channels.

Event selection: dilepton channel



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Event selection: l+jets channel



ttbar reconstruction

* top life time ~ $10^{-25}s \rightarrow$ the top quark is not observed in the detectors ... Need to reconstruct top's kinematic to compute the tT-based charge asymmetry.



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ttbar reconstruction

* N(unknowns) > N(knowns) $\rightarrow M_w$ and M_T fixed to their world average values within their uncertainties.

- * Test different lepton-jet permutation, e.g.: $M_{ij} = M_w$.
- * Experimental resolution is taken into account.



- * I+jets : kinematic fit to reconstruct the full event
- * dilepton : also a kinematic fit but the system is less constrained due to the 2 neutrinos \rightarrow need additional assumptions (e.g. : $P_{T,ttbar}$ related to neutrino's P_{T}).

Raw (detector) asymmetry

Background subtracted data ...



But can't compare due to different acceptance cuts and detector effects.

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- top FB asymmetry at the Tevatron -

Unfolding

Correct for acceptance and detector effects back to the parton (production) level.



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Systematic uncertainties





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Tevatron tF asymmetry measurements

Do l+jets

[Phys. Rev. D 84, 112005 (2011)]

	TABLE IV. Δy -based asymmetry	etries.
	A _{FB} (%)	1
	Reconstruction level	Production level
Data	9.2 ± 3.7	19.6 ± 6.5
MC@NLO	2.4 ± 0.7	5.0 ± 0.1

IABLE III.	Reconstruction-level $A_{\rm FB}$ by subsample.		
	A _{FB} (%)		
Subsample	Data	MC@NLO	
$m_{t\bar{t}} < 450 \text{ GeV}$	7.8 ± 4.8	1.3 ± 0.6	
$m_{t\bar{t}} > 450 \text{ GeV}$	11.5 ± 6.0	4.3 ± 1.3	
$ \Delta y < 1.0$	6.1 ± 4.1	1.4 ± 0.6	
$ \Delta y > 1.0$	21.3 ± 9.7	6.3 ± 1.6	



[Bernreuther & Si PRD 86 034026 (2012)]

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half-statistics

CDF l+jets



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Tevatron leptonic tT asymmetry measurements

Do l+jets



CDF l+jets





Results is extrapolated to the full phase space using a fitted function : $\mathcal{F}(qy_{\ell}) = a \tanh\left(\frac{qy_{\ell}}{2}\right)$

prediction : $3.8 \pm 0.3 \%$

[Phys. Rev. D 88, 072003 (2013)]

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Do dilepton



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CDF dilepton



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Tevatron measurements summary



Time to combine → Tevatron legacy measurement !

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Tevatron asymmetry combination



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LHC measurements



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Lot of measurements



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LHC measurements summary



No deviations seen so far at the LHC.

Results start to be limited by the systematic uncertainties. Need new phase space to increase the sensitivity.

New physics implications ???

New physics scenarios



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Conclusion & outlook

Top charge asymmetry



New physics ?

LHC: no deviations so far. Results start to be limited by the systematic uncertainties. Will need to look at special region of the phase space to increase the sensitivity.





Tevatron : 2 σ deviations (espacially at high invariant mass). Waiting for final Do results. \rightarrow need to combine CDF & DO results to achieve the best possible sensitivity.

Also : wait for NNLO predictions !

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By the way: I'm on the post-doc market after June 2014 ...

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Additional materials

Standard Model predictions

BRIEF HISTORY OF CHARGE ASYMMETRY



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Axigluon constraints

- * Dijet and top pair production.
- * LHC charge asymmetry.
- Electroweak precision observable. ¥



Axigluon constraints **AXIGLUON SURVIVORS**

Heavy, flavor-sensitive:

 $M_G \approx 2 \,\mathrm{TeV}$ $g_A^q = -g_A^t \sim 1.0 \, g_s$

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Light, broad, flavor-universal:

 $g_A^q = g_A^t \sim 0.3 g_s$ Westhoff Susanne Westhoff Flavor Universal E-02

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SM predictions

	Kuhn, Rodrigo, 2011; Hollik, Pagani 2010; Bernreuther, Si 201			
		Pecjak, Top2011	A ^{tī} _{FB} [%]	A ^{pp} _{FB} [%]
7		NLO	$7.32^{+0.69+0.18}_{-0.59-0.19}$	$4.81^{+0.45+0.13}_{-0.39-0.13}$
ina		NLO+NNLL [Ahrens et. al.'11]	$7.24^{+1.04+0.20}_{-0.67-0.27}$	4.88+0.20+0.17 -0.23-0.18
se m		NNLO _{approx} [Kidonakis '11]		$5.2^{+0.0}_{-0.6}$
4	bb → tt included	EW'/NLO' ($\mu = m_t$) [Bernreuther, Si '10]	0.05	0.04
nnc	corrections	EW/NLO ($\mu = m_t$) [Hollik, Pagani '10]	0.22	0.22
NL -	NLO PDFs in numerator,	NLO(QCD+EW) [Bernreuther, Si, '12]	$8.8{\pm}0.6$	
E	mixed QCD and E	W corrections		
	12.09.2012	Yvonne Peters		12
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LHC measurements



- * A_c versus m_{ttbar}
- * A_c versus $\beta_{z,ttbar}$
- => more sensitive to new physics models.

LHC measurements



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New Observables

CHARGE ASYMMETRY WITH A JET HANDLE Probe asymmetry at LO QCD by exploiting jet kinematics: $d\hat{\sigma}_A(q\bar{q} \to t\bar{t}j) = \left[d\hat{\sigma}(t\bar{t}) - d\hat{\sigma}(\bar{t}t)\right](\theta_j, E_j, \varphi, \Delta E), \quad \Delta E = E_t - E_{\bar{t}}$



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New Observables

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Energy asymmetry:

$$A^{E} = \frac{\sigma_{A}^{E}}{\sigma_{S}} = \frac{\sigma(\Delta E > 0) - \sigma(\Delta E < 0)}{\sigma(\Delta E > 0) + \sigma(\Delta E < 0)}$$

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New Observables



Figure 8: Distribution of the ratio $A_{\ell}/A_{t\bar{t}}$ at the Tevatron as a function of $p_{T,\ell}$ (left) and $m_{t\bar{t}}$ (right) for the SM (dotted black) and for the BSM benchmarks studied in this paper: Axi200R (solid blue), Axi200L (solid red), Axi200A (solid purple), Axi2000R (dashed blue), Axi2000A (dashed purple), and Zp220 (solid green).

[Falkowski et al, arXiv:1401,2443 [hep-ph]]

$$\begin{aligned} A_C^{t\ell} &= \frac{N(\Delta|y|^{tl} > 0) - N(\Delta|y|^{tl} < 0)}{N(\Delta|y|^{tl} > 0) + N(\Delta|y|^{tl} < 0)} \\ A_C^{t\bar{t}} &= \frac{N(\Delta|y|^{t\bar{t}} > 0) - N(\Delta|y|^{t\bar{t}} < 0)}{N(\Delta|y|^{t\bar{t}} > 0) + N(\Delta|y|^{t\bar{t}} < 0)} \\ \Delta|y|^{tl} &\equiv \begin{cases} |y_{l+}| - |y_{\bar{t}}|, & \text{for leptonic top decays} \\ |y_t| - |y_{l-}|, & \text{for leptonic anti-top decays} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{\bullet} \text{ Chapelain, 2014.02.11} \qquad - \text{top FB asymmetry at the Tevatron } - \text{top FB asymmetry } - \text{top FB asymmetry at the Tevatron } - \text{top FB asymmetry } - \text{top FB asymmet$$

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Generated asymmetry

[Phys. Rev. D 87, 092002 (2013))]

TABLE I. Parton-level asymmetry predictions of POWHEG, MC@NLO, and MCFM after applying electroweak corrections.

	MC@NLO	POWHEG	MCFM
Inclusive	0.067 ± 0.020	0.066 ± 0.020	0.073 ± 0.022
$ \Delta y < 1$	0.047 ± 0.014	0.043 ± 0.013	0.049 ± 0.015
$ \Delta y > 1$	0.130 ± 0.039	0.139 ± 0.042	0.150 ± 0.045
$M_{t\bar{t}} < 450 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0.054 ± 0.016	0.047 ± 0.014	0.050 ± 0.015
$M_{t\bar{t}} > 450 \; { m GeV}/c^2$	0.089 ± 0.027	0.100 ± 0.030	0.110 ± 0.033

Unfolding & regularization

Correct for acceptance and detector effects back to the parton (production) level.



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CDF 1+jets ttbar asymmetry uncertainties

TABLE V. Systematic uncertainties on the parton-level $A_{\rm FB}$ measurement.

Source	Uncertainty
Background shape	0.018
Background normalization	0.013
Parton shower	0.010
Jet energy scale	0.007
Initial- and final-state radiation	0.005
Correction procedure	0.004
Color reconnection	0.001
Parton-distribution functions	0.001
Total systematic uncertainty	0.026
Statistical uncertainty	0.039
Total uncertainty	0.047

CDF 1+jets lept asymmetry uncertainties

Source of Uncertainty	Value
Backgrounds	0.015
Recoil Modeling	+0.013
	-0.000
Color Reconnection	0.0067
Parton Showering	0.0027
PDF	0.0025
JES	0.0022
IFSR	0.0018
Total Systematic	+0.021
	-0.017
Data Statistics	0.024
Total Uncertainty	+0.032
rotar Oncertainty	-0.029

Do dilepton asymmetry



ATLAs I+jets ttbar asymmetry uncertainties

Source of systematic uncertainty	$\delta A_{ m C}$	
	Inclusive	$m_{t\bar{t}} > 600 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton reconstruction/identification	< 0.001	0.001
Lepton energy scale and resolution	0.003	0.003
Jet energy scale and resolution	0.003	0.003
Missing transverse momentum and pile-up modelling	0.002	0.002
Multijet background normalisation	< 0.001	0.001
<i>b</i> -tagging/mis-tag efficiency	< 0.001	0.001
Signal modelling	< 0.001	< 0.001
Parton shower/hadronisation	< 0.001	< 0.001
Monte Carlo statistics	0.002	< 0.001
PDF	0.001	< 0.001
W+jets normalisation and shape	0.002	< 0.001
Statistical uncertainty	0.010	0.021

Table 3: List of systematic uncertainties for the inclusive asymmetry (central column) and the asymmetry with the $m_{t\bar{t}} > 600$ GeV requirement (right column). For variations resulting in asymmetric uncertainties, the average absolute deviation from the nominal value is reported. The values reported for each systematic uncertainty are the variation of the mean of posteriors computed considering 1σ variations.

CMS I+jets ttbar asymmetry uncertainties

Systematic uncertainty		shift in inclusiv	e A _C	range of shifts in differential A_C
JES		0.001		0.001 - 0.005
	JER	0.001		0.001 - 0.005
Pileup		0.001		0.000 - 0.003
	b tagging	0.000		0.001 - 0.003
Lepton ID/sel	. efficiency	0.002		0.001 - 0.003
_	Generator	0.003		0.001 - 0.015
Hadronization		0.000		0.000 - 0.016
$p_{\rm T}$ weighting		0.001		0.000 - 0.003
	Q^2 scale	0.003		0.000 - 0.009
W+jets		0.002		0.001 - 0.007
Multijet		0.001		0.002 - 0.009
PDF		0.001		0.001 - 0.003
Unfolding		0.002		0.001 - 0.004
Total		0.006		0.007 - 0.022

CDF extrapolation

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Asym (full phase space)

$$\frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} dq y_{\ell} \left[\mathcal{A} \left(q y_{\ell} \right) \times \mathcal{S} \left(q y_{\ell} \right) \right.}{\int_{0}^{\infty} dq y_{\ell} \mathcal{S} \left(q y_{\ell} \right)}$$

This is the sum of the asymmetry values in the different bins weighted by the fraction of events in these bins.

