



### **Top Cross Section**

### (Current Status and Early LHC Prospects)







- Top Background
- Production
- Decay
- TeVatron Results
- ATLAS and the LHC
- Tau potential



### Background





- Completes third generation of the standard model
- Observed for the first time in 1994 (Discovery papers in 1995)
  - 35 times more massive than the next quark





- Make precision measurements of the mass and couplings to test the standard model
- Why is the top so heavy?
- Sensitive to beyond standard model physics (eg. New particles lighter than the top)





- Occurs in pairs or singularly (Evidence for in 2009)
- Production typically via hadron collisions









- Within the standard model the top decays with a branching ratio of  $\sim$ 0.998 via t $\rightarrow$ Wb
- For ttbar pair decay is characterised by the decay products Top Pair Decay Channels



ĊS	n+jets	ı+jets	jets		
ūd	electro	uonu	tau+		
ч'	еτ	μτ	ξī	tau+jets	
' <del>'</del> .	eμ	dif	μτ	muon+jets	
θ	eQ	eμ	eτ	electron+jets	
Necal	e <sup>+</sup>	$\mu^+$	$\tau^{+}$	иd	cs



# **Decay Classification**



- Decays identified as:
  - Fully hadronic
  - Semi leptonic
     (e,µ)
  - Dileptonic (e,µ)
  - τ + X
- Studies have typically focused on the leptonic channels





### Discovery



• Took place at the Fermilab TeVatron in 1994/5 (Run I  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV) by the CDF and D0 collaborations



### The TeVatron





Proton – antiproton collider operational since 1992:

Run I : 1992 – 1996 : 1.8TeV : 160pb<sup>-1</sup> (Per experiment)

Run II : March 2001 – date : 1.96TeV

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### **CDF Cross Section**



- Most recent value combines four independent measurements of the total cross section:
  - Semileptonic channel (Artifical neural net)
  - Semileptonic channel (Secondary vertex b-tag)
  - Dileptonic channel (Secondary vertex b-tag)
  - Hadronic channel (Likelihood fit to top mass)
- Measurements combined using a matrix technique (Gives a weight to each channel)





### **CDF Cross Section**





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### **D0** Cross Section



- Produce a series of measurements for different channels and selections
- Take cross section ratios to aid systematics and look for new physics
- Assumed top mass of 170GeV/c<sup>2</sup> and SM branching ratios
- 1fb<sup>-1</sup> data
- All measurements in agreement with each other and with the SM





### **D0** Cross section







### Top at the LHC



- All current direct top measurements come from the TeVatron (Due to cease running in 2012?) The LHC is the future of tep
  - The LHC is the future of top physics!





# A Top Factory



proton - (anti)proton cross sections



- The LHC was designed as a  $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV proton – proton collider with an initial integrated luminosity of 10fb<sup>-1</sup>/ year
- Standard model ttbar cross section at 14TeV is ~886pb
- Expected number of top pairs  $\sim 9 \times 10^6$  / year
- Total number of pairs seen at CDF is ~35000
- The LHC is a top factory!



### LHC Startup Sep. 2008





### Static magnet test prior to 14TeV running

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### Impact on top physics





- Damaged sections were repaired and upgraded
- Non damaged sectors were not treated in the same way to avoid warming up
- 14TeV running postponed
- 10TeV and 7TeV running considered

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### Impact on top physics





•  $\sigma_{\rm tt}$  ( $\sqrt{s}$  = 14 TeV)  $\approx$  886 pb

• 
$$\sigma_{\rm tt}$$
 ( $\sqrt{s}$  = 10 TeV)  $\approx$  403 pb

- For early physics at 10TeV considered 200pb<sup>-1</sup>:
  - Corresponds to 80600 events
- For 7TeV considered 1fb<sup>-1</sup>:
  - Corresponds to 161000 events
- Current TeVatron run II:
  - Corresponds to 34500 events



### ATLAS at the LHC







### The ATLAS Detector





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- Two ttbar cross section notes prepared last summer based on 200pb<sup>-1</sup> at 10TeV
  - Single Lepton channel
  - Dilepton channel
- Theoretical SM ttbar cross section of 400pb $\pm$ 11% (NLO) and 400pb $\pm$ 6% (NNLO) for  $M_{TOP} = 172.5 GeV$
- Analyses deliberately designed to be simple until the detector is fully understood (I.e. Cuts based, no b-tag)
- Work currently in progress on 7TeV equivalent (Monte Carlo now available)

Semileptonic Channel

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### • Assumes 200pb<sup>-1</sup> at 10TeV

- Base selection:
  - 1 lepton (e or  $\mu$ ) with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - Lepton to have passed 15GeV single lepton trigger (efficiency from data)
  - Et<sub>MISS</sub> > 20 GeV
  - $\ge 4$  jets with  $p_T > 20 GeV$
  - $\ge 3$  jets with  $p_T > 40 GeV$
- Reconstruct the hadronic top as the three jets with the highest combined  $p_{_{\rm T}}$  (35% efficient)
- Option to require one of the hadronic top two jet combinations to lie within 10GeV of the reconstructed W mass (Measured from peak of W combination distribution)











# Semileptonic selection



Numbers of Selected Events							
	Electror	n Analysis	Muon Analysis				
Sample	default	+M <sub>W</sub> -cut	-cut default + <i>M</i> <sub>W</sub> -cut				
tī	2600	1286	3144	1584			
W+jets	1305	448	1766	628			
single top	210	81	227	98			
$Z \rightarrow ll$ +jets	148	43	144	49			
hadronic $t\bar{t}$	16	10	11	5			
W $b\bar{b}$	21	7	32	10			
WW	11	6	14	7			
WZ	3	1	5	2			
ZZ	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2			
Signal	2600	1286	3144	1584			
Background	1715	598	2199	799			
S/B	1.5	2.1	1.4	2.0			

 Applying the W<sub>MASS</sub> cut halves the statistics but increases the S/B ratio by a factor of 1.4

> Table and plots normalised to 200pb<sup>-1</sup>





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gaussian to replicate the combined signal and background
Integrate the gaussian to estimate the number of ttbar events

- Plot the three jet invariant mass distribution after the W mass cut
  Use a maximum likelihood fit with a
- Mass Fit
  Plot the three jet invariant mass distribution after the W mass out

**Cut and Count** 

and data

Measure cross section by counting events  $\sigma = Obtain \epsilon$  from monte carlo and N<sub>bka</sub> fr om Monte Carlo

Semileptonic predictions

$$\sigma = \frac{N_{\rm sig}}{\mathscr{L} \times \varepsilon} = \frac{N_{\rm obs} - N_{\rm bkg}}{\mathscr{L} \times \varepsilon}$$







### Results



	Cut and Count method				Fit method	
Source	e-ana	alysis	μ-analysis		e-analysis	$\mu$ -analysis
	default	+M <sub>W</sub> -cut	default	+M <sub>W</sub> -cut	+M <sub>W</sub> -cut	+M <sub>W</sub> -cut
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Stat.	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 3.4$	±2.3	±3.1	± 14.1	± 15.2
Lepton ID eff.	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm$ 1.0	$\pm$ 1.0
Lepton trig. eff.	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm 1.0$	$\pm$ 1.0	$\pm$ 1.0
50% W+jets	$\pm 25.1$	$\pm 17.4$	$\pm 28.1$	±19.8	$\pm 3.3$	± 5.6
20% W+jets	$\pm 10.0$	$\pm 7.0$	$\pm 11.2$	±7.9	$\pm$ 1.5	$\pm 2.6$
JES (10%,-10%)	+24.8-23.4	+15.9-19.1	+20.5-22.3	+11.9-17.9	-14.4	-15.4
JES (5%,-5%)	+12.3-11.9	+8.6-9.3	+10.4-10.9	+6.1-8.4	-3.7	-3.9
PDFs	±1.6	$\pm$ 1.9	$\pm 1.2$	$\pm$ 1.4	$\pm$ 1.9	$\pm$ 1.4
ISR/FSR	+9.1-9.1	+7.6-8.2	+8.2-8.2	+5.2-8.3	-12.9	-12.9
Signal MC	±3.3	$\pm$ 4.4	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm$ 4.5	$\pm$ 1.4
Back. Uncertainty	$\pm 0.6$	$\pm 0.4$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 0.4$	-	-
Fitting Model	-	-	-	-	$\pm$ 3.3	$\pm$ 4.7
10% Lumi.	±11.6	$\pm 11.2$	$\pm 11.4$	$\pm 11.1$	$\pm 10$	$\pm 10$
20% Lumi.	$\pm 23.2$	$\pm 22.3$	$\pm 22.8$	$\pm 22.2$	$\pm 20$	$\pm 20$
Tot. without Lumi.	+18.8-18.5	+14.4-15.2	+17.5-17.7	+11.9-14.7	+6.4 -14.9	+6.0 - 14.8

Error improved in the cut and count method by application of W mass cut



### Results



- Assume lepton trigger, 5% JES error, 20% uncertainty on W+jets and 20% luminosity error
- ElectronCutandCount $\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = (3(\text{stat})^{+14}_{-15}(\text{syst}) \pm 22(\text{lumi}))\%$ **Baseline Cut**  $\texttt{MuonCutandCount} \frac{\Delta \sigma}{\sigma} = (3(\texttt{stat})^{+12}_{-15}(\texttt{syst}) \pm 22(\texttt{lumi}))\%$ and Count Include W mass cut  ${\tt ElectronFit} \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} ~=~ (14({\tt stat})^{+6}_{-15}({\tt syst})\pm 20({\tt lumi}))\%$ **Baseline Fit**  $\texttt{MuonFit}\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} ~=~ (15(\texttt{stat})^{+6}_{-15}(\texttt{syst})\pm 20(\texttt{lumi}))\%$ Analysis without the use of MET  $\texttt{VariantAnalysis:ElectronCutandCount} \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = (3(\texttt{stat})^{+19}_{-21}(\texttt{syst}) \pm 26(\texttt{lumi}))\%$  $\texttt{VariantAnalysis:MuonCutandcount} \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = (3(\texttt{stat})^{+20}_{-20}(\texttt{syst}) \pm 23(\texttt{lumi}))\%$ 
  - For a standard model assumption, the error on the cross section for 200pb<sup>-1</sup> at 10TeV is expected to be less than 20% (Plus luminosity error)



# **Dileptonic Channel**

- Assumes 200pb<sup>-1</sup> at 10TeV
- Consider ee,  $\mu\mu$  and  $e\mu$  channels
- Base selection:
  - Two oppose sign leptons with  $p_{T} > 20 GeV$
  - Require single lepton trigger of  $p_T > 15 GeV$

$$\ge 2$$
 jets with  $p_T > 20 GeV$ 

 $-Et_{MSS} > 20GeV$ 

- Cut and count method for cross section calculation
- Assume 20% luminosity error





### Results



$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ (%)	ee channel	$\mu\mu$ channel	$e\mu$ channel	combined
Stat only	-7.5 / 7.8	-6.0/6.2	-4.0/4.1	-3.1/3.1
Luminosity	-17.3 / 26.3	-17.4 / 26.2	-17.4 / 26.2	-17.4 / 26.2
Electron Efficiency	-4.5 / 5.0	0.0 / 0.0	-2.2 / 2.4	-1.9/1.9
Muon Efficiency	0.0 / 0.0	-4.6 / 5.2	-2.1 / 2.2	-2.2/2.3
Lepton Energy Scale	-0.3 / 1.6	-2.4/2.0	-0.5 / 0.5	-0.8 / 0.8
Jet Energy Scale	-3.4 / 3.2	-3.0/4.5	-2.5 / 2.5	-2.8/3.0
PDF	-2.1 / 2.3	-1.4/1.6	-1.6 / 1.8	-1.7 / 1.8
ISR FSR	-4.0/4.2	-3.6/3.7	-3.5/3.5	-3.6/3.7
Signal Generator	-4.7 / 5.4	-4.6 / 5.4	-4.7 / 5.3	-4.7 / 5.3
Cross-Sections	-0.3 / 0.3	-0.3/0.3	-0.3/0.3	-0.3 / 0.3
Drell Yan	-1.4 / 1.3	-2.2 / 2.2	-0.5 / 0.5	-0.8 / 0.9
Fake Rate	-9.7 / 9.5	-1.1 / 1.1	-6.2/6.2	-4.0 / 4.0
All syst but Luminosity	-12.7 / 13.9	-8.9/10.2	-9.4 / 10.2	-8.7 / 9.6
All systematics	-21.0 / 30.3	-19.3 / 28.3	-19.5 / 28.5	-19.3 / 28.1
Stat + Syst	-22.3/31.3	-20.2 / 29.0	-19.9 / 28.8	-19.5 / 28.3

Overall error (200pb<sup>-1</sup>):  $3.1(\text{stat})^{+9.6}_{-8.7}(\text{syst})^{+26.2}_{-17.4}(\text{lumi})\%$ 





# Why look at taus?

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15%

21%

- Make better use of the available ttbar events:
  - Many ttbar studies use the semileptonic channel but usually only considering the electron or muon cases. These together have a combined branching ratio of 30%.
  - 21% of ttbar events contain one or more decays to taus. By making use of ttbar events containing a single tau lepton the size of the useful semileptonic dataset may be extended.













- Tau final states are predicted for a number of as yet unseen processes:
  - Standard model higgs boson (ttH-ttτ)
  - MSSM Higgs (H/A $\rightarrow \tau \tau$ )
  - Non standard model top decays



Charged Higgs would be expected to couple preferentially to the tau



# Tau Problems



- Unlike electrons and muons, taus decay within the detector volume (Electroweak)
- Decay produces two signatures:
  - Leptonic
    - 17.8% τ→eν
    - 17.8% τ→μν
  - Hadronic
    - 64.8% Decays to pions, kaons etc
- Both decays have problems
  - Leptonic decays are almost indistinguishable from electron/muon production
  - Hadronic decays produce narrow jets (in a hadronic enviroment)





- "Leptonic" taus
- Hadronic taus
  - 1 prong (1 charged pion/kaon)
  - 3 prong 3 charged pions/kaons)
  - 5 prong(5 charged pions/kaons)
- Note that the hadronic modes can also include any number of neutral pions.



### **TeVatron work**



- D0 measurement in the dileptonic channel with one tau in the final state
- Used 1.2fb<sup>-1</sup> data and observed
  - 19 signal events in the  $\mu + \tau$  channel
  - 17 signal events in the  $e + \tau$  channel
- Combining channels for a 170GeV top mass:

 $\ell + \tau : \sigma(t\bar{t}) = 6.75^{+1.91}_{-1.70}(\text{stat})^{+1.49}_{-1.31}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.39(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb.}$ 

 Combining with an earlier 1fb<sup>-1</sup> measurement and using a top mass of 175GeV:

 $\ell + \tau : \sigma(t\bar{t}) = 7.32^{+1.34}_{-1.24}(\text{stat})^{+1.20}_{-1.06}(\text{syst}) \pm 0.45(\text{lumi}) \text{ pb.}$ 

 All results consistent with other D0 measurements and the standard model





- Triggering
- Event selection

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# **Triggering Taus in ATLAS**

- For standard
   leptonic tops, trigger
   efficiencies are
   estimated from data
   by Z→II decays
   (Tag and probe)
- Examined whether
   it is possible to do
   the same for taus





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- ATLAS trigger has 3 levels
- L1 Calorimeter trigger:
  - Looks for high pt electrons and photons, jets and taus decaying into hadrons, and large missing and total Et (transverse energy)
  - For electron, photon and tau triggers, isolation can be applied to reduce the jet background











ATLAS



L1 Continued.....



### Whole Trigger

Trigger Item	$W_{\tau \rightarrow hX}$	$Z_{\tau\tau}$	$t\bar{t}$
tau12	$74.8 \pm 0.3$	$88.8\pm0.1$	$88.6\pm0.2$
tau16i	$73.5 \pm 0.3$	$86.0\pm0.1$	$83.5\pm0.3$
tau20i	$75.9 \pm 0.3$	$85.3\pm0.2$	$84.1\pm0.3$
tau29i	$78.9\pm0.5$	$83.3\pm0.2$	$83.9\pm0.4$
tau38i	$78.8 \pm 0.9$	$78.7\pm0.4$	$81.2\pm0.5$
tau50	$71.7 \pm 1.6$	$67.7\pm0.7$	$70.0 \pm 0.7$
tau84	$78.8\pm4.0$	$80.3\pm1.7$	$74.5\pm1.5$

Comparison of TAU\_25 and TAU 25I triggers for ttbar and  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$  events

Tau trigger efficiencies in top events compare well with those in cleaner environments



# Good Tau Selection



- Selection relies on identifying narrow jets with low track multiplicity
- Select hadronic taus only
- Dependant on highly correlated calorimeter variables:
  - Shower width
  - Jet isolation

Must have strong rejection power against QCD jets (main background)





### Tau Safe Cuts



- For established running multivariant techniques will be used for good tau selection
- In early data a set of simple "safe cuts" based on 4 calorimeter variables in 5  $p_T$  bins (10-25, 25-45, 45-70, 70-100 and >100GeV) have been developed
- Selection subdivided into:
  - Loose, medium and tight cuts
  - 1-Prong and 3-Prong taus
- Cuts optimized by comparing the shapes of the variable distributions for signal and background samples
  - Signal: Mix of  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$  and  $A \rightarrow \tau \tau$  events
  - Background: Pythia QCD multijet (p<sub>1</sub> 10-500GeV)
  - Originally optimized for 14TeV



### Tau Safe Cuts



### Safe Variables for calo approach

#### EMRadius: taus have a smaller transverse shower profile than QCD-jets -<u>This is the strongest</u> <u>variable</u>

Clusters from had. decaying taus are well collimated => tighter isolation criteria are used

Tight cuts
 Medium cuts
 Loose cuts



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### Trigger and selection work!



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# The Future



- Possible to trigger on taus in tops
- Selection cuts seem useable
- LHC run I statistics compare well to TeVatron dataset
- Future looks bright for ATLAS top cross section measurements with the potential for exciting new work in the tau sector











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### Backup

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