"Vision From the Top"

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Tevatron is running at peak performance!

The LHC era has just begun!

It is the most exciting time in HEP!

(1) On top, where we stand Congrats and thanks to CDF/D0:



"Everything we know about the top ..." --- Robin Erbacher

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A spectacular "top" view :



$$\begin{split} m_t &= 173.1 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.1 \ \text{GeV} \quad (\text{O. Brandt}) \\ & \text{Best measured quark mass!} \\ \sigma(\text{tt})^{\text{CDF}} &= 7.5 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.34 \ \text{pb} \quad (\text{F. Deliot}) \\ \sigma(\text{tt})^{\text{QCD}} &= 6.93 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.14 \ \text{pb} \quad (\text{Moch, Uwer et al.}) \end{split}$$

On top: Search for new physics at Tevatron: (P. Sinervo)

- Top provides unique access to new physics
 - Extensive searches for H+
 - Now setting limits on BR ~ 0.1 for Higgs masses 100-150 GeV/c2
 - Moving to more sophisticated models

No evidence for high mass objects coupling to top

- Limits on t-tbar final state $M_x > 820 \text{ GeV/c}^2 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL}$
- Limits on t-bbar final state
 - > $M_{W'}$ > 731GeV/c² at 95% CL
- **Searches for 4th generation**
 - Limited by backgrounds
 - > $M_{t'}$ > 335GeV/c² at 95% CL
- Stop search

 Most of these analyses are based on 2-3 fb⁻¹

- Analyses are starting to appear with 4-5 fb⁻¹
- And have > 7 fb⁻¹ on "tape"
- Most of these are backgroundlimited by top production and/ or SM processes
 - Working to develop "next generation" studies



 Tremendous efforts by theorists:
 Higher order radiative corrections to top production; showering, merging ...

(Cacciari et al., Moch, Uwer et al.; Nason; Worek; Kidonakis ...)

b-flavor treatment for t-channel single top production (Campbell, Maltoni et al.; Cacciari et al., Moch, Uwer et al.; White, …)

Improved PDF's: NNPDF (Guffanti et al.)

top-mass definition and extraction (Corcella et al.)

 Background processes are better understood (Schumann, Cerrito)
 Progress is continuously being made both in theory and in experiments.



The top quark is yet to be re-discovered, even in a bird-eye view: ≈ 30 events / 10 pb⁻¹. (Hwidong Yoo)

Every ingredient for finding top quarks at hand



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(Maettig)

The "top" view will be great!

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(Hirschbuel; Barrett; Loginov; Ghodbane; Wolf ... Nason; Moch; Worek ...) LHC as a top factory: Mass, width, interactions, new channels ...

Theoretical descriptions ...



(3) Vision from the Top on new physics at LHC



new territory

new beauty



and unknowns



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"View from the top" With persistence and hard work, Donna (Gwyneth Paltrow) realized her dream, to become a first-class flight attendant, and then discovered her true passion ...

The pursuit of top-quark physics at the LHC may be of similar spirits.

Top is unique!

The large mass right at the EW scale:

 $m_t \approx v/\sqrt{2} \approx 174 \text{ GeV}$ (as heavy as a gold atom)



Pretty much in any new physics scenarios related to the EWSB, top quark will play a significant role.

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Theory	Top role	Top imprints	
EWSB	$t\bar{t}H$	$gg \to H, \ t\bar{t}H; \ H \to t\bar{t}, \ldots$	
2HDM	$t\bar{t}A, t\bar{b}H^{\pm}$	$t \to b H^{\pm}; \ gg \to A, \ b \bar{b} H(A); \ gb \to t H^{\pm}, \ldots$	
SUSY	\tilde{t}_R light	$t \to \tilde{t}\chi; \ \tilde{t} \to t\chi, \ \dots$	
	radiative EWSB	m_h light, $\tan\beta$ large	
Strong dynamics/	enhanced couplings $\rho_{TC}^{0,\pm}$	$WW \to t\bar{t}, \dots$	
Extra Dim	$G_{KK}, g_{KK}, Z', W'^{\pm} \dots$	$\rightarrow t\bar{t}, \ t\bar{b}$	
4^{th} family/	t', b'	$t', b' \to tX^0, bX^{\pm}, cX$	
Little Higgs naturalness TtH		$T \to t A^0$	

And far reaching:

- top needs partners for naturalness in EWSB.
- light stop may help with EW baryon genesis.
- top + partner may reveal dark matter signal.

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(Hou; Lessard; Steggemann Ferrari)

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A few sample studies: *A. Resonance signal:* $q\bar{q}, gg \rightarrow R^* \rightarrow t \bar{t}$

Spin	color	parity $(1, \gamma_5)$	some examples/Ref.	
0	0	(1,0)	SM/MSSM/2HDM, Ref. [51, 52, 53]	
0	0	(0,1)	MSSM/2HDM, Ref. [52, 53]	
0	8	(1,0)	Ref. [54, 55]	
0	8	(0,1)	Ref. [54, 55]	
1	0	(SM,SM)	Z'	
1	0	(1,0)	vector	
1	0	(0,1)	axial vector	
1	0	(1,1)	vector-left	
1	0	(1,-1)	vector-right	
1	8	(1,0)	coloron/KK gluon, Ref. [56, 57, 58]	
1	8	(0,1)	axigluon, Ref. [57]	
2	0	—	graviton "continuum", Ref. [17]	
2	0	—	graviton resonances, Ref. [18]	

Table 1: The BSM particles included in the topBSM "model".

Frederix and Maltoni, 0712.2355



Frederix and Maltoni, 0712.2355 Barger, Han, Walker, hep-ph/0612016 A new problem at higher energies: Boosted top / top jet!

For $M_{Z'} = 2 \text{ TeV}$, $\theta \approx 2 \text{ m}_t / M_{Z'} < 0.2$ → lepton/b NOT isolated, inevitable !

Much larger QCD backgrounds (E. Chabert, J. Sjolin)

Jet mass?

Agashe et al. hep-ph/0612015; Barger, Han, Walker, hep-ph/0612016; Lillie, Randall, Wang: hep-ph/0701166.



 $\theta \approx \gamma^{-1} \approx m_t / E_t$



t-channel new physics: (cont'd) $q q' \rightarrow (V^*) \rightarrow q' Q$

- t-channel vector boson enhancement: $\ln(s/M^2_w)$
- longitudinal gauge boson enhancement: M_{O}/M_{W}





Tevatron reach: forward jet 600 GeV / 8 fb⁻¹

> LHC reach: 2 TeV / 10 fb⁻¹

C. Top partners decay to tops

Quite general and well-motivated, there are top-partners: In SUSY: \tilde{t} (scalar) In Little Higgs: T (fermion)



How to dig the tops out?



Top mass reconstruction ? $(p_1 + p_n)^2 = M_W^2$, $(p_1 + p_n + p_b)^2 = m_t^2$





Top is unique: Think it over again ...

Practically, the prompt decay $\tau \approx 10^{-25} \text{ s} << 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ makes the top the only "bare quark" !

How does this help to uncover new physics ?

a. Spin, Helicity, Chirality



Only top quark can help!

Define a polar angle of a charge lepton in the top-rest frame, w.r.t the top momentum direction:



b. Charge, Parity, and CP

Top is the only quark that its charge can be kept track of via leptonic decay, and thus can test F-B symmetry (parity). E.g.: a vector resonance:



And possibly test CP asymmetry as well for tt-interactions:

p p \rightarrow t t \rightarrow µ⁺ µ⁻ v v b b X 3% asymmetry achievable. 5 σ at 10 fb⁻¹.

 The time is ripe for experimental studies of CP violation in top physics: any observation would signal new physics. We urge the collaborations to carry them out.



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(G. Valencia)

c. Top flavors

Non tb couplings of top are tiny in SM, and thus worth searching for.

Anomalous couplings may come from effects of heavier particles. (S. Willenbrock)

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Some possible rare decays of the top quark into Standard Model particles, the Standard Model branching ratio predictions [67], existing experimental constraints, and prospects for experimental measurements at the LHC.

Decay Mode	SM BR	95% CL Tevatron	LHC Prospects 10 fb^{-1}
$t \rightarrow bW$	~ 1	$> 0.79 \ [68]^*$	$0.998\ [69]^{\dagger*}$
$t \rightarrow sW$	1.6×10^{-3}	(see above)	(see above)
$t \rightarrow dW$	10^{-4}	(see above)	(see above)
$t \to qZ \ (q = u, c)$	1.3×10^{-13}	< 0.037 [70]	6.5×10^{-4} [71]
$t \to q \gamma \ (q = u, c)$	5×10^{-13}	< 0.18 [72]	1.9×10^{-4} [71]
$t \to qg \ (q = u, c)$	5×10^{-11}	< 0.12 [72]	$10^{-2} (1 \text{ fb}^{-1}) [9]$
$t \to qh^0 \ (q = u, c)$	8×10^{-14}	_	1.4×10^{-4} [73]
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d. Baryon Number?

The baryon number is necessarily broken, because: Theory: B, L anomalous in SM; Observation: Matter-antimatter asymmetry.



Can we test B-violation at the LHC, the energy frontier? beyond the only experiments proton decay and n-n oscillation

The top quark carries B=1/3, a possible chance to test B-violation. No concrete proposals yet ...

(4) Final Remarks: "Top priority"
Top physics has entered a more exciting era!
Hard to imagine that top won't lead

the way for new physics discovery! Should be the "Top priority"!

- Efficient top event reconstruction
- Boosted tops for heavy resonances: jets, b-tagging at high pT, isolation
- Control systematics: ISR/FSR (both expt. and theo.)
 * Parton showering/merging, scale choice (theo.) Will keep us busy! Realize our dreams!





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