

Top-Quark Studies at CMS

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Outline

- Introduction
- Examining the top-quark selection on first 78 nb⁻¹ of pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV
 - In the dilepton and lepton+jets channels ($I=e,\mu$) •
 - Aimed (eventually) at first cross-section measurements
 - Not enough data to see any top-quark signal, but a good test of CMS's tools
 - event reconstruction in first data, comparison with simulation
 - testing of data-driven methods for background estimation
- Latest news from the most recent data
 - What we see in 0.25 pb⁻¹ …
- Summary

"The Truth (Quark) is rarefy pure and never simple."

(Oscar Wilde)



Introduction

- Why top-quark physics?
 - Test of not-so-well explored area of the standard model
 - σ, couplings, rare decays, prod. properties
 - The most exotic of all known elem. particles
 - Important background to many searches, etc …



- Contains/tests ~all major features of the reconstruction
 - leptons of all kinds, light and heavy jets (*b*-tagging), missing transverse energy (MET), ... + an on-shell W boson in its decay
 - Excellent tool for the calibration of the experiment
 - jet-energy scale for light & heavy quarks, b-tagging efficiency, MET



Dilepton+X Selection

- Dilepton channels: ee, μμ, eμ
 - Triggers: μ+X (p_T > 9 GeV/c) or e/γ+X (E_T > 15 GeV)
 - 2 isolated, prompt, oppositely charged leptons (I = e,µ) of good quality
 - *p*_T(I) > 20 GeV/c
 - $|\eta_{\mu}| < 2.5$, $|\eta_{e}| < 2.4$
 - Relative isolation: Detected energy around lepton

$$\widehat{\sum} p_T^{\text{track}} + \sum_{R < 0.3} p_T^{\text{ECAL}} + \sum_{R < 0.3} p_T^{\text{HCAL}}$$
Rel.isol. =
$$\frac{R < 0.3}{p_T(\text{lepton })}$$
< 15 %

- Missing transverse energy (MET)
 - using calorimeter⊕tracking
 - MET > 30 (20) GeV (in *eµ+X*)



- Z-boson veto:
 - $76 < M_{ee,\mu\mu} < 106 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
- Count additional jets:
 - anti- k_T jets, R = 0.5
 - using calorimeter⊕tracking info
 - |η| < 2.4, p_T > 30 GeV/c
 - ≥ 2 jets typical for ttbar



Dilepton Channel in 78 nb⁻¹

Insufficient data for signal just yet \Rightarrow <u>background studies</u> in relaxed selection & test of data-driven methods for background estimation



Background Estimation in Dileptons



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Bottom-Jet Identification

- Relaxed selection: Simulation describes the data very well!
- Jets from b-quarks are a telling feature of top-quark decays
 - Not (yet) applied in the selection, but we start to observe the heavy-quark content of the event sample
 - Example: Loose b-tagger using the impact parameter significance (IPsig) of the tracks associated with the jet (loose cut = ~10% fake rate/jet)



Simple and robust tagger: IPsig of track with 2nd-highest IPsig in the jet > loose threshold

Chosen here, as it allows to see any tagged jets in the selected sample already

To be tightened as luminosity increases to improve purity of b-tagged jets

Relaxed selection here: without Z-veto, no MET requirement



Lepton+Jets Selection (simplified)

- Channels: *e*+jets, μ+jets
 - Ask for exactly 1 prompt, isolated electron (muon) of good quality
 - Very similar selection of *e*, *µ* as before, but
 - tightened ID requirements and isolation:
 - Rel.isol. < 10%(*e*), 5%(μ)
 due to larger backgrounds
 - *p_T*(e) > 30 GeV/c
 - $p_T(\mu) > 20 \text{ GeV/c}, |\eta_{\mu}| < 2.1$
 - Do not apply (yet) any requirement of significant missing transverse energy (MET)



- Count additional jets
 - anti- k_T jets, R = 0.5
 - using calorimeter info
 - |η| < 2.4, p_T > 30 GeV/c
 - ≥ 4 jets is typical for ttbar



L+Jets Channel in 78 nb⁻¹



Background Estimation in L+Jets



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L+Jets Channel in 78 nb⁻¹



Telling L+Jets Distributions



So do we see the Top-Quark?

Not in the 78 nb⁻¹ of data presented so far

(in agreement with the expectation/predictions)





µ+Jets Candidate Event (from July 14!)



comb.): 104, 105, 151 GeV/c²

e+Jets Candidate Event (from July 18)



μμ + Jets Candidate Event (from July 18)



μμ +Jets Candidate ... cont'd



Summary

- 78 ± 9 nb⁻¹ of pp collisions at 7 TeV fully analyzed
 - Fast turn-around time (data is only ≥2 weeks old)
 - No signal, as expected
 - Tools are ready for first measurements:
 - Simulation describes the data very well
 - Successfully tested background estimations
- Currently establishing first top-quark signals
 - Exciting top candidates in the most recent data in 3 channels in 0.25 pb⁻¹!

- Very, very exciting times are ahead!
 - we've been saying this for years, but it's nothing but the Truth (quark)



The signal is starting to rise from the background

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Thanks!

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Reference:

"Selection of Top-Like Events in the Dilepton & Lepton+Jets Channels in Early 7 TeV Data," CMS Physics Analysis Summary, CMS-PAS-TOP-10-004 (2010)



Backup Slides ...

Compact Muon Solenoid





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Dilepton Channel: Fake Rate & Yields



Dilepton Channel





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Dilepton Channel



Sum (p_T) of the 2 lepton transverse momenta

Relaxed selection: no Z-veto, N_{jet} ≥ 0, no MET cut



e+Jets: Fits in H_{T,lep} & MET



e+Jets: Fits in H_{T,lep} & MET, Results

Fit templates in background region \rightarrow extract N(QCD)

2 complementary templates for QCD: electron candidates that nearly pass e-ID criteria and jets with large electro-magnetic fraction (*W* template from simulation)

Table 5: *e*+jets: Results of the QCD estimation using templates for events without any jet requirement.

Variable	Template	QCD in bkg. region	QCD in sig. region	Whole dataset
₿ _T (>25)	QCD model	$41{\pm}15$	19 ± 7	60±23
	prediction (sim.)	$50.5 {\pm} 0.5$	12.2 ± 0.2	$62.7 {\pm} 0.5$
н (>60	QCD model	$47{\pm}13$	39±11	$86{\pm}24$
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Table 6: *e*+jets: Results of the QCD estimation using templates for event with at least one jet.

Variable	Template	QCD in bkg. region	QCD in sig. region	n Whole dataset
₿ _T (>25)	QCD model	28±17	8 ± 5	37±21
	prediction (sim.)	$36.3 {\pm} 0.4$	$5.3 {\pm} 0.1$	$41.6{\pm}0.4$
Н (со)	QCD model	26±10	10±4	36±14
¹¹ T,lep (>60	prediction (sim.)	$29.2 {\pm} 0.4$	$12.4{\pm}0.2$	$41.6 {\pm} 0.4$

Simulation describes the data as well as the BG estimate very well!





e+Jets Kinematical Distributions



µ+Jets Kinematical Distributions



