# The new DIS and Drell Yan: single top quarks and W-prime bosons

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Single-top-quark production is an electroweak (EW) process:







t-channel s-channel Wt-associated

Discovered in 2009 at the Tevatron

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Experimentalist: Single top quark production is the observation of  $b\, \ell^\pm \rlap{\,/}E_T$ that reconstruct to a top quark mass, plus an extra jet (or two).



Theorist: Single top quark production is a playground in which we refine our understanding of perturbative QCD.

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- Fragmentation functions or jet definitions. These provide the coarse graining to hide final-state IR singularities.

# Drell-Yan and DIS

The traditional testbed of perturbative QCD have been restricted to Drell-Yan production,  $e^+e^-$  to jets, or deep inelastic scattering (DIS).



A key property that all three processes share is a complete factorization of QCD radiation between different parts of the diagrams.

- Drell-Yan  $\rightarrow$  Initial-state (IS) QCD radiation only.
- $e^+e^-\rightarrow$ jets → Final-state (FS) QCD radiation only.
- $\bullet$  DIS  $\rightarrow$  Proton structure and fragmentation functions probed. Simple color flow.

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 $^{\dagger}$  Massive forms:  $m_t$ ,  $m_b$ , and  $m_t/m_b$  are relevant.

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Barnett, Haber, Soper, NPB 306, 697 (88) Olness, Tung, NPB 308, 813 (88) Aivazis, Collins, Olness, Tung, PRD 50, 3102 (94) Stelzer, Z.S., Willenbrock PRD 56, 5919 (97)

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vs. *u d b* s-channel production *W t*  $(P_W^2 > 0)$ Named for the "s-channel" exchange of a W boson.

Classifying processes by analytical structure leads directly to kinematic insight:

Jets from t-channel processes are more forward than those from s-channel.



jet from t-channel

b jet from s-channel

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Larger energies resolve smaller structures.

The probability of finding a particle inside the proton is given by PDFs (Parton Distribution Functions)



 $b$  (and c) quarks are full-fledged members of the proton structure.

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Parton luminosity can be more important than This is exaggerated at LHC:  $Z \approx Z + 1$  jet  $\approx Z + 2$  jets! (True of  $W + X$  as well!) Is jet counting poorly-defined (theoretically) at LHC?

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Real problem: Is the *b* contamination  $20\%$ ,  $30\%$ ,  $10\%$ ?



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Another problem: To distinguish from  $t\bar{t}$ , the cross section in the  $W + 2$  jet bin has to be known. Counting jets is IDENTICAL to performing a jet veto. Inclusive cross sections are not enough, we need to calculate exclusive cross sections

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These needs led to work on 3 techniques:

Phase space slicing method with 2 cutoffs. L.J. Bergmann, Ph.D. Thesis, FSU (89)

cf. H. Baer, J. Ohnemus, J.F. Owens, PRD 40, 2844 (89) B.W. Harris, J.F. Owens, PRD 65, 094032 (02)

- Phase space slicing method with 1 cutoff. W.T. Giele, E.W.N. Glover, PRD 46, 1980 (92) cf. W.T. Giele, E.W.N. Glover, D.A. Kosower, NPB 403, 633 (93) E. Laenen, S. Keller, PRD 59, 114004 (99)
- Massive dipole formalism (a subtraction method) coupled with a helicity-spinor calculation. Invented to solve single-top production. cf. L. Phaf, S. Weinzierl, JHEP 0104, 006 (01) S. Catani, S. Dittmaier, M. Seymour, Z. Trocsanyi, NPB 627,189 (02)

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Every number here, even the concept of t-channel single-top, required a new or revised understanding of QCD.

- $\bullet$  b PDFs  $\rightarrow$  t-channel
- **PDF** uncertainties
- multiple scales:  $m_t/m_b$
- 2 expansions:  $\alpha_s$ ,  $1/$  ln
- Fully differential NLO jet calculations

# How do we interpret exclusive NLO calculations?

Z.S., PRD 70, 114012 (2004)

# "Paradigm of jet calculations"

- We are calculating extensive objects, i.e., jets not "improved quarks."
- Unlike inclusive NLO calculations, exclusive NLO calculations are only well-defined in the presence of a jet definition or hadronization function.  $(D_i(p_i))$ 
	- $\Rightarrow$  The mathematics of quantum field theory tells us we cannot resolve the quarks inside of these jets!

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• "Bad things" happen if you treat jets as NLO partons...

# Transverse momenta distributions at NLO

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The highest  $E_T$  jet recoils against the top. The measurable change in shape is comparable to the scale uncertainty.

# Jet distributions depend on jet definition

Just like the experimentalists, theorists must study the effect jet algorithms with different cone sizes  $R$  will have on measurable properties.



For "reasonable" values of R the variation is  $< 10\%$ , but this must be checked for all observables. (Note: theoretical uncertainty  $< 5\%$ )

Upshot: NLO exclusive calculations give jets not partons. Without some thought, mismatches between theory and experiment can be larger than the theory error alone would indicate.

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# Experiment



# Event Generators

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**b**  $\sim$  1  $\circ$  PYTHIA/HERWIG completely underestimate the Wbb final state.

• Lesson: *n*-jets+showers  $\neq n+1$  jets.  $\Rightarrow$  Need NLO matching. (Schemes have since proliferated: MLM, CKKW, SCET, . . .)





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# What is a  $W'$  boson?

Working definition:  $A$  W' boson is any particle that mediates a flavor-changing charged vector or axial-vector current.

Some model classes

Left-right symmetric models: Broken  $SU(2)_I \times SU(2)_R$ 

- · Generic mixing of  $W_l-W_R$ 
	- R. N. Mohapatra, J. Pati, A. Salam, G. Senjanovic, . . .
- · Orbifold-breaking suppressed mixing, enhanced couplings Y. Mimura, S. Nandi, . . .
- · Supersymmetric L–R models

M. Cvetic, J. Pati, . . .

Models with additional left-handed W'

- · Little Higgs: SU(5)/SO(5), SU(6)/SP(6), SU(N)/SU(N−1), . . .
	- T. Gregoire, N. Arkani-Hamed, S. Chang, H. C. Cheng, A. Cohen, I. Low, D. E. Kaplan, E. Katz, O. C. Kong, A. Nelson, M. Schmaltz, W. Skiba,
	- D. Smith, J. Terning, J. Wacker, ..
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- · Topcolor topflavor, leptophobic topflavor seesaw, generic mixing H. Georgi, H. J. He, E. Jenkins, X. Li, E. Ma, E. Malkawi, D. Muller, S. Nandi, E. Simmons, T. Tait, C. P. Yuan, . . .
- · Extra dimensions: Kaluza-Klein modes of the W A. Datta, P. O'Donnell, T. Huang, Z. Lin, X. Zhang, . . .
- · Non-commuting extended technicolor
	- R. Chivukula, E. Simmons, J. Terning, . . .

# <span id="page-43-0"></span> $+$  1000's more

# Example: Tevatron  $t\bar{t}$  forward-backward asymmetry

• In proton-antiproton collisions, top quark production exhibits a forward-backward asymmetry  $(\Delta y = y_t - y_{\overline{t}})$ 

 $A_{FB}^{\text{lab}} = \frac{N_t(y_t>0) - N_t(y_t<0)}{N_t(y_t>0) + N_t(y_t<0)}$   $A_{FB}^{\text{rest}} = \frac{N(\Delta y>0) - N(\Delta y<0)}{N(\Delta y>0) + N(\Delta y<0)}$ 

- The asymmetry first appears at one loop in QCD Kuhn, Rodrigo
- A rest  $= 0.05 \pm 0.006$  Theory
- $A_{FB}^{\rm rest}$  = 0.164  $\pm$  0.045 CDF
- $A_{FB}^{\rm rest}$  = 0.196  $\pm$  0.065 DØ
- The discrepancy w/ NLO is about  $2\sigma$
- CDF finds a larger discrepancy at large invariant mass and rapidity
- DØ does not confirm this effect





# $W'$  bosons and  $A_{FB}^{t\bar t}$  vs. early LHC data

NOTE: There are 100's of models to explain  $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ , most were quickly ruled out

A large  $V_{td}^\prime > 1$  coupling *could* explain  $A_{FB}^{t\bar t}$  if  $M_{W'}$  is small enough.



Cheung, W.Y. Keung, T.-C. Yuan; Bhattacherjee, Biswal, Ghosh; Barger, W.Y. Keung anf C.-T. Yu, Craig, Kilic, Strassler; C.H. Chen, Law, R.H. Li; Yan, Wang, Shao, C.S. Li; Knapen, Zhao, Strassler

These models were constructed to avoid constraints shown later.

 $W'$  bosons this light would have modified  $t\bar{t}$ *i* at LHC.





Directly excluded  $(>97\%$  C.L.) Duffty, Z.S., Zhang, PRD 85, 094027 (2012)

# Model independent searches for  $W'$



For an arbitrary Lagrangian with coupling to fermions

$$
\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{f}_i \gamma_\mu \left( g_R e^{i\omega} \cos \zeta \, V_{f_i f_j}^R P_R + g_L \sin \zeta \, V_{f_i f_j}^L P_L \right) W' f_j + \text{H.c.}
$$

Complete factorization of couplings proved through NLO for ALL models. Z.S., PRD 66, 075011 (2002) [hep-ph/0207290].

The differential NLO cross section looks like:  $\sigma_{\rm NLO} = (g^{\prime}/g_{{}_{\textrm{SM}}})^4\times \sigma_{{\rm NLO}}^{{\rm SM}}\; (g^{\prime}\sim g\sqrt{|V^{\prime}_{i}||V^{\prime}_{f}|})$ This holds for any final state, but s-channel single-top is special...

The final state is fully reconstructable! *<sup>q</sup>*

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A limit on a cross section  $\times$  BR = a limit on  $(g')^4$ !

It takes very little data to get close to the world's best limit on  $\boldsymbol{g}'$ 

# Model-independent  $W'$  searches at the Tevatron



# Model-independent  $W'$  searches at the LHC

Search strategy updated to LHC Duffty, Z.S., PRD 86, 075018 (2012)



Many new issues arise at LHC: • Interference more complicated



More structure in  $W'_L$  vs.  $W'_R$ or  $W'^+$  vs.  $W'^-$ 7 TeV mey + = 1000 GeV d=dET b2 (normalized) 7 TeV mw = 1000 GeV d=dl (normalized)

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### Initial LHC searches (Tevatron-like)



### CMS 1208.0956

### ATLAS has a similar study

Initial measurements used our updated NLO calculations

The next analyses will use this updated kinematic information

# Investigating the initial state: PDF uncertainties

Single top and  $W'$  motivated the Modified Tolerance Method (what you use for PDF errors on observables)

$$
\delta O_{+} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{20} (\max[O(z_i^0+t)-O(z_i^0),O(z_i^0-t)-O(z_i^0),0])^2}
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- $\bullet$  In *t*-channel single top production, the *b* PDF uncertainty is  $3\times$  any other theory error
- Large  $W'$  masses means large- $x/$ large- $Q^2$

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# Investigating the initial state: Nuclear corrections

L.T. Brady, A. Accardi, W. Melnitchouk, J.F. Owens, JHEP 1206, 019 (2012)

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\bullet \ \ x \sim \frac{M_{W'}}{\sqrt{5}}e^{|y|}
$$

Uncertainties are not uniform in the detector.







Uncertainties in nuclear corrections to deuterium DIS affect The large-x d PDF. Even at  $\sqrt{S} = 8$  TeV! Constraining nuclear uncertainties in large- $x$   $F_2^n$  at Jefferson Lab will have an important impact on LHC searches.

### For large  $W'$  mass the top quark is highly boosted

It becomes difficult to reconstruct  $\text{isolated jets from } t \to bW \to bjj$ 



### ATLAS-CONF-2012-065

### Many "boosted top" algorithms have been developed:



The basic idea is to create a fat (large  $\Delta R$ ) jet, and find identifiable clustered substructure we can associate with hadronic top decays.



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# Can we improve  $W'$  searches with boosted tops?

D. Duffty, ZS, arXiv:1301.xxxx



### **Challenges**

Full detector simulations are too optimistic for top tagging efficiency, and fake rates

Here we use the top tagging efficiency measured by CMS

- Muon tagging the *b* jet  $\Rightarrow$  great  $S/B$ What control sample should be used to normalize B?
- $\bullet$  Wij/Zij fixed order matrix elements may be insufficient to model kinematics We are checking this last point now

If this holds, we may be able to rule out most perturbative models with  $M_{W'}$  below 2 TeV!

We will also learn about backgrounds to these substructure measurements.

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# **Conclusions**

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Single-top-quark production is the new DIS and Drell-Yan

 $\sigma_{\rm obs.} = \int f_1(x_1,\mu_1) f_2(x_2,\mu_2) \otimes \overline{|M|^2} \otimes d \rm{P.S.} \otimes D_i(p_i) \ldots D_n(p_n)$ 

 $- b/c$  are inside the proton — Analytic structure gives direct kinematical insight  $\Rightarrow$  New processes & new questions

- 3 mathematical techniques developed to calculate exclusive jet observables: MDF, PSS1, PSS2
- The "paradigm of jet calculations" <sup>δ</sup>*<sup>c</sup>* Exclusive NLO calculations intrinsically describe jets, not quarks.

The search for  $W'$  production pushes our understanding

- Jet substructure (e.g., top-jets) and its backgrounds will need much deeper investigation
- Large-x physics (e.g., at JLAB) will provide increasingly important constraints on LHC physics reach



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The International Symposium on Multiparticle Dynamics (ISMD) is a major international high-energy conference which attracts participants (theorists and experimentalists) with a common interest in reactions involving a large number of particles. The XLIII International Symposium on Multiparticle Dynamics will be organized in September 2013 by the HEP ANL division together with the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT, Chicago) and Northwestern University (Chicago). The goal is to provide a truly international forum for discussion and presentations of recent experimental results from the LHC. Tevatron and other experiments as well as new developments in theory. ISMD symposiums typically involve about 120 participants and include about 100 plenary presentations with a good balance between experimental and theoretical talks spread over 5 1/2 days. The Symposium will comprise several sessions, with each session started by an overview talk and followed by topical contributions. The following sessions are planned: "High-pT OCD", "High-pT electroweak physics" (including Higgs), "Soft OCD", "Diffraction" and "Heavy-ion collisions". Special session will be held with overview talks on the "Intensity Frontier" and Snowmass2013

### September 15-20, 2013

at

The Illinois Institute of Technology

I hope to hear more from Jefferson Lab about your impressive program

(http://atlaswww.hep.anl.gov/ismd13/)

# $W'$  bosons are a general prediction

### For each  $[SU(2) \otimes U(1)]$  that is broken, there will be a new massive charged  $vector W'.$

 $M_{W'}\approx \frac{t}{2}$  $\frac{f}{2}\sqrt{\varepsilon_i^2+\varepsilon_j^2}$  with  $f < 1$  TeV $\left[\frac{m_H}{200 \text{GeV}}\right]^2$ .

Couplings to fermions

The Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}=-i\frac{g^{\prime}}{2\sqrt{2}}V_{ij}W^{\prime}_{\mu}\bar{q}_{L}^{i}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})q_{L}^{j}$ where  $g' =$  is  $g_{SM} F(g_1, g_2, ..., g_n)$ . L , For  $\mathsf{[SU(2)\otimes U(1)]^2}$  (a.k.a. Littlest Higgs),  $\mathcal{F}=\frac{\mathcal{g}_1}{\mathcal{g}_2}$  $rac{g_1}{g_2}$ . Note: The coupling  $W'\bar{T}_L b_L$  has  $F = \frac{g_1}{g_2}$ g2  $\frac{vx_L}{f}$ , where  $\frac{vx_L}{f} = \sqrt{2(1-V_{tb}/V_{tb}^{SM})}$ . Single-top tells us this is small.

An important constraint is the measured  $g_{\rm SM} = 0.6529$ .

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\frac{1}{g_1^2} + \frac{1}{g_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{g_n^2} = \frac{1}{g_{5M}^2} \approx \frac{1}{0.426}
$$

Thus,  $g_{\scriptscriptstyle SM} < g_{1,2,...} < 4\pi$  (upper limit of effective theory).  $\Rightarrow$  For all Little Higgs models there will be at least 1 W' with  $0.184 < g'/g_{_{SM}} < 5.43$ , and preferentially  $g'/g_{_{SM}} \sim 1.5$ Zack Sullivan  $(V'$  IIT) [New DIS/Drell Yan: single top and](#page-0-0)  $W'$