# Top-Quarks am LHC: das Standardmodell auf dem Prüfstand

**Challenging the Standard Model with top quarks** 

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# Überblick

- 1) Die Rolle des Top-quarks im Standardmodell (SM)
- 2) Der Large Hadron Collider und der ATLAS-Detektor
- 3) Direkte Suchen nach neuen Teilchen
- 4) Indirekte Suchen / Suchen nach anomalen Kopplungen
- 5) Präzisionsmessungen von Top-Quark-Eigenschaften



#### Die Elementarteilchenphysik im Kosmos der Physik



#### Streuexperimente als Weg zur subnuklearen Physik



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# Quarks and leptons



#### The Standard Model: a theory of interactions

Most remarkable feature of the SM:

Interactions (gauge fields) are predicted / derived as a consequence of local gauge symmetry!

$$\psi \to \exp(i\,\vec{\theta}(x_{\mu})\cdot\vec{a})\,\psi \qquad \lambda_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots$$

Gauge symmetry:  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ 



Gauge bosons mediate interactions

# The Higgs boson

Potential of the Higgs field

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 \phi^{\dagger} \phi + \frac{1}{4}\lambda \left(\phi^{\dagger} \phi\right)^2$$



Discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012 and subsequent measurements confirm the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism as the source of the mass of elementary particles.



# The top quark



• No bound states:  $\tau_{top}$ 

 $_{\rm b} \propto \left(\frac{M_W}{M_{\rm top}}\right)^3$ 

 $au_{ ext{top}}~pprox~4.7\cdot10^{-25}\, ext{s}$ 

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 $\Rightarrow$  Top quark decays as a quasi free particle

 $\Rightarrow$  Spin information and polarisation are accessible

(Spin decorrelation time:  $10^{-21}$  s for hadrons)

#### Top-quarks in loops: Corrections to $Z \rightarrow b\overline{b}$



# Top-quarks in loops: $B_{d(s)}^0 - \overline{B}_{d(s)}^0$ mixing



Tagged mixed = different flavour at production and decay

Tagged unmixed = same flavour at production and decay

- Loops with top-quarks lead to main contribution.
- If all quark masses were degenerate, the amplitudes would cancel each other.



#### The top-quark and the Higgs boson

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 \phi^{\dagger} \phi + \frac{1}{4}\lambda \left(\phi^{\dagger} \phi\right)^2$$
$$\lambda = \lambda(q^2)$$

- The Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda$  is not a constant.
- Loop corrections  $\rightarrow$  dependence on momentum scale  $\mu$
- Main contributions from top-quark





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#### Vacuum stability

• Condition for absolute stability of the potential:  $\lambda(q^2) > 0$ 

Degrassi et al., JHEP 1208 (2012) 098, arXiv:1205.6497 [hep-ph].



Top-quark mass is important parameter (value and uncertainty).

# High- $p_T$ interactions in proton-proton collisions ...

... described in the parton model



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#### Top-quark-antiquark pair production

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

Relative uncertainty = 5.5%

#### ... and more partonic top-quark processes

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Chapter 2

#### The Large Hadron Collider and the ATLAS detector

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# Der Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

![](_page_16_Picture_1.jpeg)

- Jeder Strahl hat ca. 2500 Protonenpakete
- 100 Milliarden Protonen pro Paket (klingt viel, aber 1 mol = 6 • 10<sup>23</sup>)

- Der leistungsstärkeste Beschleuniger der Welt: im Tunnel am CERN mit 27 km Umfang
- Zwei gegenläufige Protonenstrahlen machen 10.000 Runden / Sekunde
- Kollisionen an 4 Punkten mit Rekordenergie von 13 TeV

![](_page_16_Picture_7.jpeg)

#### Peak luminosity in 2018

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#### Number of *pp* interactions per bunch crossing

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

Mean Number of Interactions per Crossing

#### The ATLAS detector

D712/mb-26/06/9

![](_page_19_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### 46 m long and 24 m high

#### Main components ( = sub-detectors)

- Inner detector
   → tracks of charged particles
- Calorimeters
  - $\rightarrow$  photons
  - $\rightarrow$  electrons
  - $\rightarrow$  hadronic jets (quarks and gluons)
- Muon system
  - $\rightarrow$  muons
- Magnet systems

   → bending of charged particles

#### The ATLAS Pixel detector

![](_page_20_Picture_1.jpeg)

- 4<sup>th</sup> layer installed in 2014.
- Radiation hard up to 2.4 × 10<sup>16</sup> p/cm<sup>2</sup>

The ATLAS IBL Collaboration, *Production and Integration of the ATLAS Insertable B-Layer*, Journal of Instrumentation (JINST) 13 (2018) T05008, arXiv: 1803.00844.

- 3 to 4 precise track hits up to  $|\eta| < 2.5$ :
  - $R\Phi$  resolution: 10  $\mu$ m
  - η (or z) resolution: 115 μm
- 92 million pixel cells

![](_page_20_Picture_10.jpeg)

IBL mounted on beam-pipe

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# The Insertable B-Layer (IBL)

![](_page_21_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### 3) Monitoring and control system

![](_page_21_Picture_3.jpeg)

Designed and produced with vital contributions of the Wuppertal HEP group:

1) Mechanical support structures made of carbon fibre compounds

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2) Readout and data acquisition system

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![](_page_21_Picture_9.jpeg)

![](_page_21_Picture_10.jpeg)

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#### Secondary vertex reconstruction

- Important for top quark  $(\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow Wb) \approx 1)$  and Higgs boson physics Identification of
  - ➢ b-quark jets
  - $\succ$   $\tau$  leptons
- Long liftetime:

τ (b-Hadron) ≈ 1.5 ps  $\rightarrow$  cτ ≈ 450 μm τ (τ-Lepton) ≈ 0.3 ps

Requirement of a secondary vertex:

→ strong reduction of the W + jets background in top-quark events

Impact parameter resolution is limited by multiple scattering:

$$\propto \sqrt{rac{x}{X_0}}$$
 Amount of material

 $\propto L$  Distance of the first measurement layer

![](_page_22_Figure_11.jpeg)

#### Top-quark-antiquark pair candidate event ...

... with two reconstructed secondary vertices

CDF experiment at Fermilab

![](_page_23_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Flavour-tagging with multivariate techniques

- Use many discriminating features of *b*-jets, *c*-jets and light-jets to identify them.
- ATLAS Collaboration, ATLAS *b*-jet identification performance and efficiency measurement with  $t\bar{t}$  events in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, Eur. Phys. J. C 79 (2019) 970, <u>arXiv:1907.05120</u>.

![](_page_24_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### B-tagging improvements due to the IBL

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

Mis-identification of light-flavour jets and c-jets massively reduced for the same b-tagging efficiency.

# Challenging the Standard Model with top quarks

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#### Chapter 3

#### Direct searches for new particles (So-called on-shell production)

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Warum "brauchen" wir neue Teilchen?

#### Offene Fragen der Elementarteilchenphysik

- Materie-Antimaterie-Asymmetrie im Universum
- Neutrinos haben Masse (Neutrinooszillationen)
- Natur der Dunklen Materie
- Kommensurabilität (Gleichheit von Proton- und Elektronladung)
- Große Vereinheitlichung der Kräfte
- Das Hierarchieproblem "Natürlichkeit" der Higgs-Massen-Skala

$$\frac{m_H}{m_H} \simeq 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}$$

<sup>m</sup>Planck

![](_page_28_Figure_10.jpeg)

# Unification Theories Electricity and magnetism are different manifestations of a unified "electromagnetic" force. Electromagnetism, gravity, and the unified force or interaction. Grand Unification and Superstring theories attempt to describe this unified force and make predictions which can be tested with the Tevatron. Electroweak Electromeagnetic force and make predictions the Tevatron.

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![](_page_28_Picture_13.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_14.jpeg)

Pair production of vector-like top quark partners (T)

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

Pair production cross section does not depend on any BSM couplings. It is pure QCD.

- T quarks have spin  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Left-handed and right-handed states have the same electroweak coupling = no need to consider chiral states
- Avoids exclusion of a simple sequential 4<sup>th</sup> generation as obtained from Higgs production cross sections at the LHC.
- Contributions by T quarks dampen large quadratic corrections to the Higgs boson mass (propagator).

 $\rightarrow$  Solution to the naturalness problem

Occur in Little Higgs or Composite Higgs models.

#### Search in the $T\overline{T} \rightarrow Zt + X$ with $Z \rightarrow \nu \overline{\nu}$ channel

#### <u>arXiv:1705.10751</u> JHEP 08 (2017) 052

Basic event selection:

- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 300 {\rm ~GeV}$
- exactly 1 charged lepton (trigger)
- $\geq$  4 jets with (small) R = 0.4
- Re-cluster jets to large-R jets with R = 1.0:
   ≥ 2 large-R jets

#### $t\bar{t}$ control region with 30 GeV $\leq m_T(W) \leq 90$ GeV

![](_page_30_Figure_8.jpeg)

# Signal region

with  $m_T(W) \ge 170 \text{ GeV}$ 

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

Region	$\operatorname{SR}$
Observed events	7
Fitted bkg events	$6.1 \pm 1.9$
Fitted $t\bar{t}$ events Fitted $W$ + jets events Fitted singletop events Fitted $t\bar{t} + V$ events Fitted diboson events	$2.5 \pm 1.7$ $1.1 \pm 0.7$ $1.1 \pm 0.7$ $0.91 \pm 0.20$ $0.6 \pm 0.6$
MC exp. bkg events	6.5

#### Exclusion limits on $T\overline{T} \rightarrow Zt + X$

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

- T quarks with  $m_T < 1.16$  TeV are excluded if  $\mathcal{B}(T \rightarrow Zt) = 100\%$  is assumed.
- Account for other decay modes  $(T \rightarrow Ht \text{ and } T \rightarrow Wb)$ :
  - $\circ$  Singlet model:  $m_T < 0.87 \text{ TeV}$
  - Doublet model:  $m_T < 1.05 \text{ TeV}$

#### Indirect vs. direct Searches for New Physics

- No evidence (yet) for on-shell production of new particles.
- Lower limits are growing.
- Will (soon) face steep drop in parton luminosity.

![](_page_33_Picture_4.jpeg)

Access higher mass scales by deviations in coupling measurements and search for rare processes.

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\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. †Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

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#### Chapter 4

### Indirect searches / searches for anomalous couplings

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Decays via flavour-changing neutral currents (FCNC)

- Do not exist at tree (Born) level in the SM
- Very strongly suppressed at next-to-leading order (loop level): GIM mechanism = CKM unitarity
- Suppression is lifted by non-degenerate quark masses.
- Branching ratios are extremely small.

![](_page_35_Picture_5.jpeg)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} Br(t \to q\gamma) & Br(t \to qZ) & Br(t \to qg) \\ q = u & 3.7 \times 10^{-16} & 8 \times 10^{-17} & 3.7 \times 10^{-14} \\ q = c & 4.6 \times 10^{-14} & 1 \times 10^{-14} & 4.6 \times 10^{-12} \end{array}$$

## FCNC in theories beyond the SM

·u(c) Branching ratios of top-quark decays in SM and BSM theories:  $\mathbf{SM}$ 2HDM(FV)2HDM(FC)MSSM  $\mathbf{RS}$ Process RPV  $7 \times 10^{-17}$  $t \rightarrow Zu$  $< 10^{-7}$  $< 10^{-6}$  $\leq 10^{-10}$  $\leq 10^{-7} \leq 10^{-6}$  $1 \times 10^{-14}$  $\leq 10^{-6}$  $\leq 10^{-5}$  $Z/\gamma$  $t \rightarrow Zc$  $4 \times 10^{-14}$  $\leq 10^{-7} \leq 10^{-6}$  $t \rightarrow qu$ vu(c)  $t \rightarrow gc = 5 \times 10^{-12}$  $\le 10^{-4}$  $\leq 10^{-8}$  $\leq 10^{-7} \leq 10^{-6} \leq 10^{-10}$  $\leq 10^{-8} \leq 10^{-9}$  $4 \times 10^{-16}$  $t \rightarrow \gamma u$  $\leq 10^{-9}$  $t \rightarrow \gamma c$   $5 \times 10^{-14}$  $\le 10^{-7}$  $\leq 10^{-8} \leq 10^{-9} \leq 10^{-9}$  $< 10^{-5} < 10^{-9}$  $t \rightarrow hu = 2 \times 10^{-17}$  $6 \times 10^{-6}$  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  $\leq 10^{-5}$  $t \rightarrow hc = 3 \times 10^{-15}$  $< 10^{-5} < 10^{-9} < 10^{-4}$ Η Snowmass Workshop 2013, arXiv: 1311.2028 ∕u(c) Strong enhancement! teeleee g Any FCNC signal is evidence for BSM physics!

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#### Even Hollywood knows: FCNC are exiting!

![](_page_37_Picture_1.jpeg)

The Big Bang Theory

# Search for $t \rightarrow qZ$ in $t\bar{t}$ production

ATLAS Collaboration, Search for flavour-changing neutral current top-quark decays  $t \rightarrow qZ$  in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector, Journal of High Energy Physics (JHEP) 07 (2018) 176. arXiv: 1803.09923.

![](_page_38_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Signature and event selection

- 3 high- $p_{\rm T}$ , isolated charged leptons ( $e^{\pm}$  or  $\mu^{\pm}$ ) with  $p_{\rm T} > 15 {\rm ~GeV}$ 
  - One if them with  $p_{\rm T} > 27 \text{ GeV}$  (trigger)
- $\geq$  2 jets with  $p_{\rm T}$  > 25 GeV
  - Exactly one of them *b*-tagged
- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 20 \; {\rm GeV}$

#### Main backgrounds:

- $t\bar{t}Z$ , tZ, WZ and ZZ production
- Non-prompt leptons from Z + jets and  $t\bar{t}$  production

#### **Event reconstruction**

- Reconstruction of the Z boson candidate ( $Z^0 = \ell_a^+ \ell_b^-$ )
  - Require opposite-sign (charge) same-flavour lepton pair ( $e^+e^-$  or  $\mu^+\mu^-$ )
  - $|m(\ell_a^+ \ell_b^-) m_Z| < 15 \text{ GeV}$
  - If two combinations, choose the pair closest to  $m_Z$

![](_page_39_Figure_5.jpeg)

- Reconstruction of top-quark candidates:
  - Minimize

$$\chi^2 = \frac{\left(m_{j_a\ell_a\ell_b}^{\text{reco}} - m_{t_{\text{FCNC}}}\right)^2}{\sigma_{t_{\text{FCNC}}}^2} + \frac{\left(m_{j_b\ell_c\nu}^{\text{reco}} - m_{t_{\text{SM}}}\right)^2}{\sigma_{t_{\text{SM}}}^2} + \frac{\left(m_{\ell_c\nu}^{\text{reco}} - m_W\right)^2}{\sigma_W^2}$$

- Determine  $p_z(v)$
- Jet assignment
- Selection cuts:  $\left|m_{j_a \ell_a \ell_b}^{\text{reco}} 172.5 \text{ GeV}\right| < 40 \text{ GeV}, \left|m_{j_b \ell_c \nu}^{\text{reco}} 172.5 \text{ GeV}\right| < 40 \text{ GeV}, \left|m_{\ell_c \nu}^{\text{reco}} 80.4 \text{ GeV}\right| < 30 \text{ GeV}$

#### Background estimate via control regions

5 control regions are defined to determine the background rates

Sample	$t\bar{t}Z$ CR	$WZ \ CR$	$ZZ \ CR$	Non-prompt	Non-prompt
				lepton $CR0$	lepton $CR1$
$t\bar{t}Z$	$61 \pm 9$	$16.3\pm3.1$	$0\pm 0$	$6.1 \pm 1.2$	$22.1\pm3.2$
WZ	$9\pm9$	$560\pm240$	$0\pm 0$	$150\pm70$	$20 \pm 9$
ZZ	$0.07\pm0.03$	$48 \pm 11$	$92\pm20$	$58 \pm 16$	$9.0\pm2.3$
Non-prompt leptons	$3\pm 6$	$28\pm16$	$0\pm 0$	$150\pm50$	$140\pm70$
Other backgrounds	$13.4\pm2.7$	$22\pm5$	$1.0\pm0.6$	$17\pm6$	$32\pm 6$
Total background	$87 \pm 15$	$670 \pm 240$	$93 \pm 20$	$380 \pm 90$	$230\pm70$
Data	81	734	87	433	260
Data / Bkg	$0.94 \pm 0.19$	$1.1\pm0.4$	$0.94 \pm 0.23$	$1.13\pm0.28$	$1.1\pm0.4$

For each region the distribution of a particular discriminant is included in the final maximum likelihood fit.

![](_page_40_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### Fit result and upper limits

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

Use CLs method to set upper limits.

• Test statistic: 
$$q_{\mu} = -2 \ln \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}$$

![](_page_41_Figure_4.jpeg)

and

 $\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow cZ) < 2.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ 

#### Status of FCNC limits

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Interpretation in an Effective Field Theory

Use generic framework to parameterise Beyond the Standard Model contributions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm eff} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i + \text{h.c.}$$

Use MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO and FeynRules2.0 with the TopFCNC model.

Relevant operators for tqZ coupling:

$$\mathcal{O}_{uB}^{(3i)} = g_Y \left( \bar{q}_i \, \sigma^{\mu\nu} \, t \right) \tilde{\varphi} \, B_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and}$$
$$\mathcal{O}_{uW}^{(3i)} = g_W \left( \bar{q}_i \, \sigma^{\mu\nu} \, \tau^I \, t \right) \tilde{\varphi} \, W_{\mu\nu}^I$$

Operator	Observed	Expected
$ C_{uB}^{(31)} $	0.25	0.30
$ C_{uW}^{(31)} $	0.25	0.30
$ C_{uB}^{(32)} $	0.30	0.34
$ C_{uW}^{(32)} $	0.30	0.34

![](_page_44_Picture_0.jpeg)

#### Chapter 5

#### Precision measurements of top-quark properties

#### PRECISION VS ACCURACY

![](_page_45_Picture_3.jpeg)

Reduce statistical and systematic uncertainties!

# Pushing the frontiers of complexity

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Total cross- section												- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	
Fiducial cross- sections											ritory		
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Differential cross- sections													
Complexity of analysis													

#### An example: *t*-channel single top-quark production

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

ATLAS Collaboration, Fiducial, total and differential cross-section measurements of *t*-channel single top-quark production in *pp* collisions at 8 TeV using data collected by the ATLAS detector, Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) 531. arXiv: 1702.02859.

#### Observables

total cross-sections

$$\sigma(tq) = \sigma(\bar{t}q)$$

- cross-section ratio  $R_t = \frac{\sigma(tq)}{\sigma(\bar{t}q)}$
- differential cross-sections

![](_page_47_Figure_8.jpeg)

#### Separating signal and background events with neural networks

Signal purity after "regular" event selection: 21% for tq and 14% for  $\bar{t}q$  $\Rightarrow$  improve purity with multivariate methods

![](_page_48_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Determine yield of signal events

Perform a maximum likelihood fit to the discriminant distributions.

+ channel (top-quarks)

- channel (top-antiquarks)

#### Estimated event yields

![](_page_49_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### **Fiducial cross-sections**

![](_page_50_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Fiducial tq and $\bar{t}q$ cross-section results

Comparison to predictions by NLO ME generators + different parton-shower programs.

![](_page_51_Figure_2.jpeg)

Top-quark

Total uncertainty: 5.8 % (top-quark)

Top-antiquark

![](_page_51_Figure_6.jpeg)

Total uncertainty: 7.8 % (top-antiquark)

#### **Total cross-sections**

Extrapolation to the full phase space:

$$\sigma_{\rm tot} = \frac{1}{A_{\rm fid}} \cdot \sigma_{\rm fid}$$

Done for different generator setups.

**Top-antiquark** 

![](_page_52_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Figure_5.jpeg)

# Cross-section ratio $R_t$ of tq to $\bar{t}q$ production

$$R_t = \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(tq)}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\bar{t}q)}$$

- Total uncertainty: ± 5.0 %
- Statistically limited
- Comparison to predictions with different PDF sets.

![](_page_53_Figure_5.jpeg)

$$R_{t} = \frac{\sigma_{tot}(tq)}{\sigma_{tot}(\bar{t}q)} = 1.72 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (exp.)} = 1.72 \pm 0.09$$

$$ATLAS \qquad \qquad \forall s=8 \text{ TeV}, 20.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$
Measurement result
$$stat. \oplus \text{ syst.} \quad stat.$$
Predictions calculated in 5FS:
$$scale \oplus \text{ PDF} + \alpha_{s} \text{ unc.}$$
ABM (5 flav.)
$$ATLAS \text{ epWZ12}$$
CT14
$$HERAPDF 2.0$$

$$JR14 \text{ (VF)}$$

$$MMHT2014$$

$$NNPDF 3.0$$

$$A = 1.5 \quad 1.6 \quad 1.7 \quad 1.8 \quad 1.9 \quad 2$$

$$R_{t}$$

Wolfgang Wagner, Top-Quarks am LHC ...

arXiv: 1702.02859 [hep-ex]

# Differential tq and $\bar{t}q$ cross-sections

Enrich *tq* events by cut on NN discriminant

50

100

150

200

250

m(lvb) [GeV]

300

![](_page_54_Figure_2.jpeg)

Observe good agreement with predictions by NLO generators.

# Combination with CMS and determination of $|f_{LV} \cdot V_{tb}|$

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![](_page_55_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_55_Figure_3.jpeg)

Using  $|f_{LV} \cdot V_{tb}| = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{meas}}{\sigma_{pred}}}$ 

![](_page_55_Figure_5.jpeg)

- Define the additional left-handed form factor f<sub>LV</sub> to parameterise deviations from the SM.
- Assume V-A vertex structure to be unchanged.

#### Zusammenfassung

Die Rolle des Top-Quarks im Standardmodell

![](_page_56_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_56_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Der ATLAS-Detektor

![](_page_56_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### Einbau des IBL

![](_page_56_Figure_7.jpeg)

#### Identifikation von *b*-Quark-Jets

![](_page_56_Figure_9.jpeg)

#### Summary: Challenging the Standard Model with top quarks

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)