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Measurement of t-channel single top quark production at 7 TeV

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We present a measurement of the inclusive single top production cross section in proton-proton collisions at the LHC at a centre-of-mass energy of 7 TeV, using data collected with the CMS experiment during the year 2011. The analysis considers decay channels where the W from the top decays into electron-neutrino or muon-neutrino, and makes use of kinematic characteristics of electroweak single top production for the separation of signal from backgrounds using multivariate methods. The result, which supersedes an earlier measurement based on 2010 data, is compared with the most precise standard model theory predictions. In addition, we present measurements of various differential single top quark production cross sections.

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