Physics at the LHC

- From the Standard Model to Searches for New Physics-



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Outline of the lectures

- Introduction

 (LHC, detector performance)
- 2. Test of perturbative QCD (Jet production, W/Z production, tt production)
- 3. Electroweak parameters (m_W, m_t, gauge couplings, ..)
- 4. Summary of the search for the Higgs Boson (short \rightarrow C. Mariotti)
- Search for Physics Beyond the Standard Model (Supersymmetry, a few other selected examples (short → M. Narain))

Disclaimer: I will try to highlight important physics measurements and results on searches for new physics. The coverage is not complete, i.e. not all results available are presented; Results from both general purpose experiments, ATLAS and CMS, plus a few from LHCb, are shown, but there might still be a bias towards the experiment I am working on. This bias is not linked to the scientific quality of the results.

The role of the LHC

1. Explore the TeV mass scale

- What is the origin of the electroweak symmetry breaking ? Does the Higgs boson exist?
- Search for physics Beyond the Standard Model (Low energy supersymmetry, other scenarios...,)

Look for the "expected", but we need to be open for surprises
 → perform as many searches (inclusive, exclusive...) for as many final states as possible

2. Precise tests of the Standard Model

There is much sensitivity to physics beyond the Standard Model in the precision area (loop-induced effects, probe energy scales far beyond direct reach)
 → precise measurements, search for rare processes

→ Guidance to theory and Future Experiments

Two important examples:

2012



Ultimate test of the Standard Model:

Compare indirect prediction of the Higgs boson mass with direct observation





- a new era in particle physics-

Steve Meyers at "Phyics at LHC 2012":

"The first two years of LHC operation have produced sensational performance: well beyond our wildest expectations. The combination of the performance of the LHC machine, the detectors and the GRID have proven to be a terrific success story in particle physics."



The LHC integrated luminosity



Very rapid rise in luminosity + good machine stability → high integrated luminosities

The LHC instantaneous luminosity



World record on instantaneous luminosity on 22. April 2011: 4.67 10³² cm⁻² s⁻¹ (Tevatron record: 4.02 10³² cm⁻² s⁻¹)

- 2011: collect per day as much integrated luminosity as in 2010
- 2012: now regularly above 6 10³³ cm⁻²s⁻¹

$Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ with 20 superimposed events



An event with 20 reconstructed vertices

(error ellipses are scaled up by a factor of 20 for visibility reasons)

Completion of an era: Tevatron











Accelerator Innovations

- First major SC synchrotron
- Industrial production of SC cable (MRI)
- Electron cooling
- New RF manipulation techniques

But Tevatron is still in the game:

- W mass
- $H \rightarrow bb$
- **B** physics -



and developing

GRID pioneers



iscoveries

Top quark B_s mixing Precision W and Top mass \rightarrow Higgs mass prediction Direct Higgs searches Ruled out many exotica

The next generation

- for next
- More than 500
- Produced critical





After a huge effort from many people over a long time, we arrived at physics analysis



H. Bachacou

The ATLAS experiment

25 m 26 m 46 m

7000 Tons



 Solenoidal magnetic field (2T) in the central region (momentum measurement)

High resolution silicon detectors:

- 6 Mio. channels (80 μm x 12 cm)
- 100 Mio. channels
 (50 μm x 400 μm)
 space resolution: ~ 15 μm
- Energy measurement down to 1° to the beam line
- Independent muon spectrometer (supercond. toroid system)

Diameter	
Barrel toroid length	
End-cap end-wall chamber span	
Overall weight	

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CMS



1.2 Detector Performance





Some bonus slides on

"Important kinematic variables

in pp collisions"

(i) Rapidity y

Usually the beam direction is defined as the z axis (Transverse plane: x-y plane).

The rapidity y is defined as:

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right) = \tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{p_z}{E} \right)$$

Under a Lorentz boost in the z-direction to a frame with velocity β

the rapidity y transforms as: $y \rightarrow y - \tanh^{-1} \beta$

Hence the shape of the rapidity distribution dN/dy is invariant, as are differences in rapidity.

(ii) Pseudorapidity η

Rapidity:
$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right) = \tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{p_z}{E} \right)$$

For $p \gg m$, the rapidity may be expanded to obtain

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\cos^2(\theta/2) + m^2/4p^2 + \dots}{\sin^2(\theta/2) + m^2/4p^2 + \dots}$$
$$\approx -\ln \tan(\theta/2) \equiv \eta$$

where $\cos \theta = p_z/p$.

Identities: $\sinh \eta = \cot \theta$, $\cosh \eta = 1/\sin \theta$, $\tanh \eta = \cos \theta$

Relation between pseudorapidity η and polar angle θ



(iii) Distance in $\eta - \phi$ space:



Rapidity y: $y = 1/2\ln[(E + p_z)/(E - p_z)]$ Pseudorapidity η : $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$ Distance in η - ϕ : $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta \eta^2 + \Delta \phi^2}$

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(iv) Transverse Energy

At hadron colliders, a significant and unknown proportion of the energy of the incoming hadrons in each event escapes down the beam-pipe. Consequently if invisible particles are created in the final state, their net momentum can only be constrained in the plane transverse to the beam direction. Defining the z-axis as the beam direction, this net momentum is equal to the missing transverse energy vector

missing transverse energy

$$\pmb{E}_T^{ ext{miss}} = -\sum_i \pmb{p}_T(i)$$

where the sum runs over the transverse momenta of all visible final state particles.

(v) Transverse mass (invisible particles)

Consider a single heavy particle of mass M which decays to two particles, of which one (labelled particle 1) is invisible. The mass of the parent particle can be constrained with the quantity M_T defined by

 $M_T^2 \equiv [E_T(1) + E_T(2)]^2 - [\mathbf{p}_T(1) + \mathbf{p}_T(2)]^2$ = $m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2[E_T(1)E_T(2) - \mathbf{p}_T(1) \cdot \mathbf{p}_T(2)]$

where $p_T(1) = -P_T^{miss}$

This quantity is called the transverse mass. Its distribution possesses an endpoint at $M_{T}^{max} = M$.

For $m_1 = m_2 = 0 \rightarrow$

 $M_T^2 = 2|\boldsymbol{p}_T(1)||\boldsymbol{p}_T(2)|(1 - \cos \phi_{12})|$

where ϕ_{ij} is defined as the angle between particles i and j in the transverse plane.



Transverse mass

Detector performance is impressive:

- Very high number of working channels (> 99% for many sub-systems) in all experiments;
- Data taking efficiency is high (> 94%)
- Impressive reconstruction capabilities for physics objects (e, γ , μ , τ , jets, b-tagging, E_T^{miss})



Have been optimized to cope with the ever increasing number of pile-up interactions





Some performance figures from 2011 data:



Number of reconstructed primary vertices

Electron ID efficiency in ATLAS





Jet energy scale, E-flow in CMS



Jet reconstruction and energy measurement

- A jet is NOT a well defined object (fragmentation, gluon radiation, detector response)
- The detector response is different for particles interacting electromagnetically (e,γ) and for hadrons

 \rightarrow for comparisons with theory, one needs to correct back the calorimeter energies to the "particle level" (particle jet)

Common ground between theory and experiment

- One needs an algorithm to define a jet and to measure its energy conflicting requirements between experiment and theory (exp. simple, e.g. cone algorithm, vs. theoretically sound (no infrared divergencies))
- Energy corrections for losses of fragmentation products outside jet definition and underlying event or pileup energy inside



Particle Identification in ALICE and LHCb:





LHCb: Search for $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$







Proper time resolution: 45 fs

Measurement of the missing transverse energy E_T^{miss}





Resolution of E_x^{miss} and E_y^{miss} as a function of the total transverse energy in the event calculated by summing the p_T of muons and the total calorimeter energy. The resolution in Z->ee and Z-> $\mu\mu$ events is compared with the resolution in minimum bias for data taken at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV. The fit to the resolution in Monte Carlo minimum bias and Z->ee events are superposed.

How well can b-quarks be tagged ?



- b quarks fragment into B hadrons (mesons and baryons)
- B mesons have a lifetime of ~1.5 ps
 They fly in the detector about 2-3 mm before they decay
 - → reconstruction of a secondary vertex possible (requires high granularity silicon pixel and strip detectors close to the interaction point)
 - → tracks from B meson decays have a large impact parameter w.r.t. the primary vertex

b-tagging performances in ATLAS and CMS: extremely important for many physics analyses (Higgs, SUSY, SM,)







1.3 Scattering processes at a hadron collider



Dominant hard scattering processes: qq, qg and gg "scattering"

Leading order



...some NLO contributions



Calculation of cross sections



 $\sigma = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_a \ dx_b \ f_a \ (x_a, Q^2) \ f_b \ (x_b, Q^2) \ \hat{\sigma}_{ab} \ (x_a, x_b, \alpha_s)$

Sum over initial partonic states a,b $\hat{O}_{ab} \equiv$ hard scattering cross section

 $f_i(x, Q^2) =$ parton density function

... + higher order QCD corrections (perturbation theory) meanwhile available for many signal and background processes ! Huge theoretical effort

which for some processes turn out to be large (e.g. Higgs production via gg fusion)

usually introduced as K-factors: $K_{[n]} = \sigma_{[n]} / \sigma_{[LO]}$

a few examples:

Drell-Yan production of W/Z: $K_{NLO} \sim 1.2$ Higgs production via gg fusion: $K_{NLO} \sim 1.8$

Results from HERA on the proton structure

• Large data sets and combination of the two HERA experiments (H1 and ZEUS) improve the precision on the parton distribution functions



 Very important to reduce cross section uncertainties at hadron colliders; but still not good enough (~ 10% errors for LHC cross sections)

Q² evolution following the DGLAP equation



Distributions of x times the unpolarized parton distributions f(x), where $f = u_v$, d_v , ubar, dbar, s, b, g and their associated uncertainties using the NNLO MRST2008 parametrization at a scale $\mu^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\mu^2 = 10.000 \text{ GeV}^2$.



Graphical representation of the relationship between parton (x, Q²) variables and the kinematic variables corresponding to a final state of mass M with rapidity y at the LHC with $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV

Comparison between the Tevatron and the LHC (14 TeV)



For the same masses (e.g. 100 GeV): x-values about 10 times lower at the LHC
Example: Drell-Yan production of W/Z bosons









Example: Drell-Yan production of W/Z bosons (cont.)

Rapidity distributions for Z and W[±] production at LO, NLO, and NNLO



Note: LHC data will be used in the future to further constrain the parton densities

Cross Sections and Production Rates



LHC is a factory for: top-quarks, b-quarks, W, Z, ..., Higgs, ...

but other more prominent processes dominate the production rates:

- Jet production via QCD scattering
- Soft pp collisions $(\sigma \sim 100 \text{ mb})$

1.4 Soft proton-proton interactions



- First physics at the LHC was dominated by large cross section of inelastic hadronic interactions
- Most interactions are due to interactions at large distance between incoming protons
 → small momentum transfer, particles in the final state have large longitudinal,
 but small transverse momentum

 $< p_T > \approx 600 \text{ MeV}$ (of charged particles in the final state)



 Measurements necessary to constrain phenomenological models of soft-hadronic interactions and to predict properties at higher centre-of-mass energies (underlying event, pile-up of minimum bias events at high luminosity,)



Charged particle density versus η

 $\mathbf{N_{ch}}$: number of primary charged particles corrected to particle level, normalized to the number of selected events N_{ev}



Various Monte Carlo models fail to describe the ATLAS data at both collider energies \rightarrow tuning of Monte Carlo parameters needed



Charged particle multiplicities as function of $\ensuremath{p_{\text{T}}}$

N_{ch}: number of primary charged particles corrected to particle level, normalized to the number of selected events N_{ev}



Monte Carlo models also fail to describe the p_T spectrum

Part 2: Test of perturbative QCD

- Jet production
- W/Z production
- Production of top quarks



It is important to establish the Standard Model reference processes:

- Test of the theory itself
 Deviations → evidence for Physics beyond the Standard Model
- Important to understand the detector performance
 → understand the so called "Fake" or "instrumental" background, in particular for leptons (e,µ) and E_T^{miss}
- Standard Model processes are important background processes for many searches for Physics Beyond the Standard Model "Physics Background"

Typical selections require: leptons, jets, E_T^{miss} ,

→ W/Z + jets and tt productions are omnipresent !

2.1 Jets from QCD production

- Rapidly probe perturbative QCD in a new energy regime (at a scale above the Tevatron, large cross sections)
- Experimental challenge: understanding of the detector
 main focus on jet energy scale
 resolution
- Theory challenge:
 - improved calculations... (renormalization and factorization scale uncertainties)
 - pdf uncertainties



A comparison between the Tevatron and the LHC (14 TeV)

High p_T jet events at the LHC



Event display that shows the highest-mass central dijet event collected during 2010, where the two leading jets have an invariant mass of 3.1 TeV. The two leading jets have (p_T , y) of (1.3 TeV, -0.68) and (1.2 TeV, 0.64), respectively. The missing E_T in the event is 46 GeV. From <u>ATLAS-CONF-2011-047</u>.

An event with a high jet multiplicity at the LHC



The highest jet multiplicity event collected, counting jets with p_T greater than 60 GeV: this event has eight. 1st jet (ordered by p_T): $p_T = 290$ GeV, $\eta = -0.9$, $\phi = 2.7$; 2nd jet: $p_T = 220$ GeV, $\eta = 0.3$, $\phi = -0.7$ Missing $E_T = 21$ GeV, ϕ = -1.9, Sum E_T = 890 GeV.

Jet measurements









- Data are well described by NLO pert. QCD calculations (NLOJet++)
- Experimental systematic uncertainty is dominated by jet energy scale uncertainty
- Theoretical uncertainties: renormalization/ factorization scale, pdfs, α_s , ..., uncertainties from non-perturbative effects



Double differential cross sections, as function of p_T and rapidity y: (full 2010 data set)



CMS: include full 2011 data set; comparison up to 2 TeV (central rapidities)

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Invariant di-jet mass spectra





- Test of QCD Important for:

- Search for new resonances decaying into two jets (\rightarrow next slide)



In addition to QCD test: Sensitivity to New Physics

- Di-jet mass spectrum provides large sensitivity to new physics
 - e.g. Resonances decaying into qq, excited quarks q*,
- Search for resonant structures in the di-jet invariant mass spectrum



CDF (Tevatron), L = 1.13 fb ⁻¹ :		0.26 < m _{q*} < 0.87 TeV	
ATLAS (LHC),	L = 0.000315 fb ⁻¹	exclude (95% C.L) q* mass interval 0.30 < m _{a*} < 1.26 TeV	
	L = 0.036 fb ⁻¹ :	0.60 < m _{q*} < 2.64 TeV	



2.2 QCD aspects in W/Z (+ jet) production



- Important test of NNLO Drell-Yan QCD prediction for the total cross section
- Test of perturbative QCD in high p_T region (jet multiplicities, p_T spectra,....)
- Tuning and "calibration" of Monte Carlos for background predictions in searches at the LHC

How do W and Z events look like?

As explained, leptons, photons and missing transverse energy are key signatures at hadron colliders

→ Search for leptonic decays: $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$ (large $P_T(\ell)$, large E_T^{miss}) Z → $\ell \ell$



<u>A bit of history</u>: one of the first W events seen; UA2 experiment

W/Z discovery by the UA1 and UA2 experiments at CERN (1983/84)



Transverse momentum of the electrons





W/Z selections in the ATLAS / CMS experiments



Electrons:

- Trigger: high p_{T} electron candidate in calorimeter
- Isolated el.magn. cluster in the calorimeter
- P_T> 25 GeV/c
- Shower shape consistent with expectation for electrons
- Matched with tracks

$Z \to ee$

• 76 GeV/ c^2 < m_{ee} < 106 GeV/ c^2

 $W \to e \nu$

- Missing transverse momentum > 25 GeV/c
- Transverse mass cut $M_T > 50$ GeV



$$M_W^T = \sqrt{2 \cdot P_T^l \cdot P_T^\nu \cdot \left(1 - \cos \Delta \phi^{l,\nu}\right)}$$

Transverse mass (longitudinal component of the neutrino cannot be measured)

Ingredients for cross-section measurements

$$\sigma_{W(Z)}^{\text{tot}} \cdot BR(W(Z) \to \ell \nu \ (\ell \ell)) = \frac{N_{W(Z)}^{\text{sig}}}{A_{W(Z)} \cdot C_{W(Z)} \cdot L_{W(Z)}}$$

- Number of W/Z signal candidates N^{sig} = N^{evt} N^{back} Estimated background (Physics background, "fake" background,...)
- $C_{W(Z)}$: reconstruction efficiencies, detector effects, ...
- $A_{W(Z)}$: acceptance (usually the final state products are measured in a so called fiducial region of the detector,

e.g. η coverage of the muon detector, p_{T} threshold of the reconstruction)

This last quantity can only be calculated with Monte Carlo, using theoretical inputs !! (N)NLO calculations, parton density functions,

- Cross sections for A_{W(Z)} = 1 are called "fiducial cross sections"
 Less affected by theoretical / pdf uncertainties...
- L_{W(Z)} : integrated luminosity



An example: CMS data from 2010: 36 pb⁻¹





Distributions of the missing transverse energy, E_T^{miss} , (left) and transverse mass mT (right) of electron candidates for data and Monte Carlo simulation, broken down into the signal and various background components.

Distributions of the invariant di-electron mass, m_{ee} , for events passing the Z selection. The data are compared to Monte-Carlo simulation, the background is very small.

W and Z production cross sections at the LHC

Measured cross section values in comparison to NNLO QCD predictions:



Data are well described by NNLO QCD calculations

C.R.Hamberg et al, Nucl. Phys. B359 (1991) 343.

Precision is already dominated by systematic uncertainties

[The error bars represent successively the statistical, the statistical plus systematic and the total uncertainties (statistical, systematic and luminosity). All uncertainties are added in quadrature.]

W cross sections at the LHC -charge separated, e/μ universality



Good agreement between data and NNLO QCD predictions for all measurements

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From fiducial cross sections to total cross sections



 $P_T(e) > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad \eta < 2.5$ $P_T(v) > 25 \text{ GeV}$ $m_T(e v) > 40 \text{ GeV}$

Uncertainties in W/Z cross section measurements

Electron channels (%)	W^{\pm}	W^+	W^{-}	Z
Trigger	0.4	0.4	0.4	<0.1
Reconstruction	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.6
Identification	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.8
Isolation	0.3	0.3	0.3	_
Energy scale and resolution	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
Defective LAr channels	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8
Charge misidentification	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	0.8	0.7	1.0	_
Pile-up	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Vertex position	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
QCD Background	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7
$EWK + tar{t}$ Background	0.2	0.2	0.2	<0.1
$C_{W/Z}$ Theor. uncertainty	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3
Total Exp. uncertainty	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.7
$A_{W/Z}$ Theor. uncertainty	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.9
Total excluding Luminosity	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.3

In addition: luminosity uncertainty $\pm 3.4\%$ (now better known in both experiments, better than $\pm 2\%$



- Theoretical NNLO predictions in very good agreement with the experimental measurements (for pp, ppbar and as a function of energy)
- Good agreement as well between the ATLAS and CMS experiments

W and Z production cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$



CMS has already presented first results at 8 TeV (the first 18.7 pb⁻¹)
 About 75.000 W → ev and 4.800 Z → ee candidates



- No surprise at the new energy, theoretical predictions in good agreement with the measurements
- W/Z cross-section ratio remains a bit high, but consistent within uncertainties

First physics signals with hadronic tau final states

- Taus are more difficult to detect
- They decay with a short lifetime (0.3 ps) into 1 or 3 charged hadrons (65%) and a neutrino
- Taus have to be separated from hadronic jets



- First tau signals established in both ATLAS and CMS
- Important reference signals for searches with taus in Higgs and SUSY areas



First physics signals with hadronic tau final states



 $W \not \to \tau \, \nu$





- Good agreement between the measured cross sections in the three lepton flavours
- Experimental uncertainites (Z $\rightarrow \tau \tau$) already comparable to Tevatron measurements

Can the parton distribution functions be constrained?

Sensitive measurements: differential W and Z production cross sections as function of lepton or boson rapidity, charge separated for W⁺ and W⁻

LHCb experiment can contribute significantly in the forward region: η coverage from 1.9 – 4.9

 $\Phi(\mathbf{y})$

0.5

Derived quantity: charge asymmetry: $\sigma(W^+) - \sigma(W^-) / [\sigma(W^+) + \sigma(W^-)]$



Leading order (tree level) contributions to W/Z production



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Differential cross section measurements





- Rough features of the measured differential cross sections are well described; (some tension at intermediate η region)
- Data start to be discriminating between pdf models;

These data will have impact on pdf uncertainties



 Combination of the LHC experiments leads to large η coverage interesting constraints already today

QCD Test in W/Z + jet production



- CMS inclusive spectra of jets associated to W/Z production (36 pb⁻¹);
- At detector level, compared to Monte Carlo Simulation (Madgraph + PYTHIA) (normalized to (N)NLO calculations)



- Good agreement at that stage (jets with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$),
- Top contribution clearly visible in high multiplicity bins of W + jet production

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W/Z + jet cross section measurements



- LO predictions fail to describe the data;

 Jet multiplicities and p_T spectra in agreement with NLO predictions within errors;



Jet multiplicities in W+jet production




W + b jets

- Important background for many studies (Higgs, SUSY, top)
- Measurements at the Tevatron exceed NLO prediction
- Measured by ATLAS using 2010 data sample
 - studied W + 1 jet and W + 2 jets
 - require at least one b-tagged jet



$W \rightarrow e_{V} + 2 jets$

Distribution of the mass of the particles associated to the secondary vertex for b-tagged jets



Results from e and μ combined. Measurements ~1.5 σ above NLO prediction, but still consistent within uncertainties

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- Measured by CMS using 2011 data sample •











Top Quark Physics



Why is Top-Quark so important?



The top quark may serve as a window to **New Physics** related to the electroweak symmetry breaking;

Why is its Yukawa coupling ~ 1 ??

$$M_{t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda_{t} v$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{t} = \frac{M_{t}}{173.9 \,\text{GeV}/c^{2}}$$

 A unique quark: decays before it hadronizes, lifetime ~10⁻²⁵ s no "toponium states" remember: bb, bd, bs.... cc, cs.... bound states (mesons)

 We still know little about the properties of the top quark: mass, spin, charge, lifetime, decay properties (rare decays), gauge couplings, Yukawa coupling,...

Top Quark Production

Pair production: qq and gg-fusion



Top-quark pair production in the Born approximation.

- NLO corrections completely known
- NNLO partly known approximate NNLO results:

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\rm LHC} &= (887^{+9}_{-33}\,({\rm scale})^{+15}_{-15}\,({\rm PDF}))\,\,{\rm pb} \qquad (14\,\,{\rm TeV})\,, \\ \sigma_{\rm Tev} &= (7.04^{+0.24}_{-0.36}\,({\rm scale})^{+0.14}_{-0.14}\,({\rm PDF}))\,\,{\rm pb} \quad (1.96\,\,{\rm TeV})\,. \end{split}$$

122.00		Tevatron 1.96 TeV	LHC 14 TeV
qq	1	85%	5%
gg		15%	95%
σ	(pb)	7.0 pb	887 pb

For LHC running at \sqrt{s} = 7 TeV, the cross section is reduced by a factor of ~5, but it is still a factor 25 larger than the cross section at the Tevatron

Top Quark Decays

BR (t→Wb) ~ 100%

Dilepton channel:

Both W's decay via $W \rightarrow \ell_V$ ($\ell = e \text{ or } \mu; 4\%$)

Lepton + jet channel:

One W decays via $W \rightarrow \ell v$ ($\ell = e \text{ or } \mu; 30\%$)

Full hadronic channel:

Both W's decay via $W \rightarrow qq$ (46%)







<u>Important experimental signatures</u>: : - Lepton(s)

- Missing transverse momentum

- b-jet(s)



First results on top production from the LHC





Event Selection:

- Lepton trigger
- One identified lepton (e, μ) with $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Missing transverse energy: E_T^{miss} > 35 GeV (significant rejection against QCD events)
- Transverse mass: M_T(I,v) > 25 GeV (lepton from W decay in event)
- One or more jets with p_{T} > 25 GeV and η < 2.5



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80Ē

60Ē

40

Events /

Invariant mass distributions in the I-had channel





Top fractions increase with number of b-tags

Events / (25 GeV)

30F

25È

20È

5È

10È

ATLAS Preliminary [µ+jets]

3 jets / 0 b-tag

Data

Model

Background :

 $L dt = 35 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

- Good description for all jet-multiplicity and b-tag combinations
- Data are consistent with top quark production with mass of 173 GeV

Top-quark production measured in many different decay modes

(i) Di-lepton selection in both ATLAS and CMS $(0.7 \text{ fb}^{-1} - 1.14 \text{ fb}^{-1})$



Multiplicity distributions of b-tagged jets (small backgrounds, mainly from Z+jet production)









(ii) $\mu + \tau$ final states in both ATLAS and CMS (0.7 fb⁻¹ – 1.14 fb⁻¹)

Require: μ + hadronically decaying τ , E_T^{miss} + b-jets (significant backgrounds, but signal contribution needed)



reconstructed mass in CMS

ATLAS: Multivariate analysis Jet multiplicity distribution in signal (left) and background (right) regions





- Perturbative QCD calculations (approx. NNLO) describe the data well;
- The two LHC experiments agree within the systematic uncertainties
- Total uncertainty already at the level of ±6%



CMS: new measurement at 8 TeV ! ۰

Lepton + jets and di-lepton channels combined:

 σ = 227 ± 3 (stat) ± 11 (syst.) ± 10 (lum.) pb



CMS Preliminary

 CMS combined 7 TeV (1.1 fb⁻¹) CMS combined 8 TeV (2.8 fb⁻¹)

> NLO QCD Approx. NNLQ QCD Scale uncertainty Scale ⊗ PDF uncertainty

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و(tt) (pb) 300 م

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200

150

100

Top-antitop differential cross sections

- Important test of the Standard Model (perturbative QCD), deviations may indicate new physics
 - e.g. new particles (resonances) decaying into tt, or other new/unexpected effects (→ Tevatron charge asymmetry)
- Important variables studied:
- tt mass distribution



- Rapidity y and p_{T} of the tt system

ATLAS comparison on detector level shows good agreement in all variables (background partially extracted from data)

→ not much room left / no signs yet of Physics beyond the Standard Model (more in the lecture of M. Narain)





 Both collaborations have unfolded the detector effects and have extracted differential cross-section measurements (normalized to the tt cross section → sensitivity in shapes of distributions)

