



Measurement of the top quark pair production cross section in 13 TeV proton-proton collision data in the lepton+jets final state with the ATLAS detector

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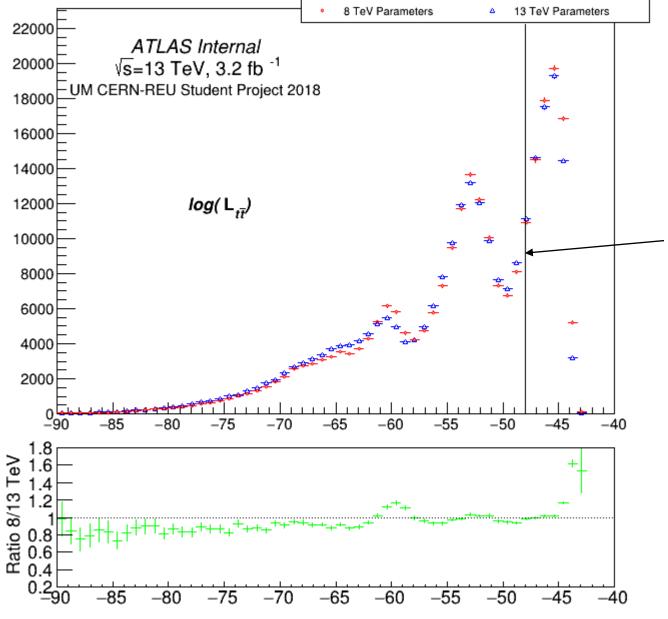


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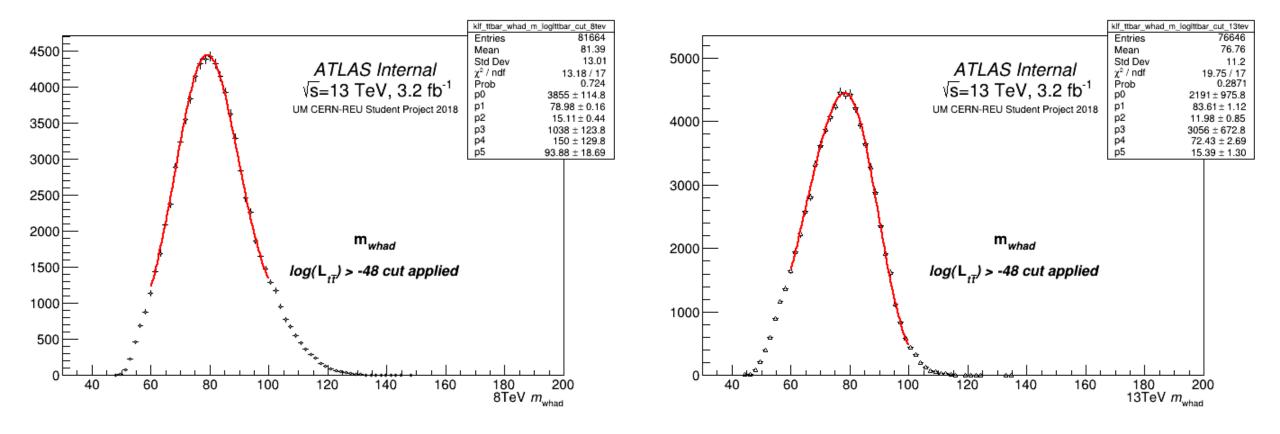
- Studies top quark production at LHC and precision measurements of its properties
- Top quark is biggest background for physics beyond the Standard Model searches
- Cross section is an important property used for overall modeling of the top quark
- BCM Detector gives luminosity uncertainty used in ATLAS physics analysis
- Cross section and luminosity are related by:
 - Number of Events = Luminosity * $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$

Comparing 8 vs 13 TeV Transfers Functions

- 8TeV transfer functions derived in $\sqrt{s}=8~TeV$ are still used for $\sqrt{s}=13~TeV$
- 3.2 fb^{-1} data collected in 2015 with $\sqrt{s} = 13 \ TeV$ analyzed
- Goal:
 - To determine if using one vs the other makes a difference



Vertical line at $\log(L_{t\bar{t}}) = -48$. A cut of $\log(L_{t\bar{t}}) > -48$ is used to select more pure $t\bar{t}$ events. This cut is the same as the 8TeV W helicity paper: *Eur. Phys. J. C* (2017) 77:264 DOI 10.1140/epjc/s10052-017-4819-4

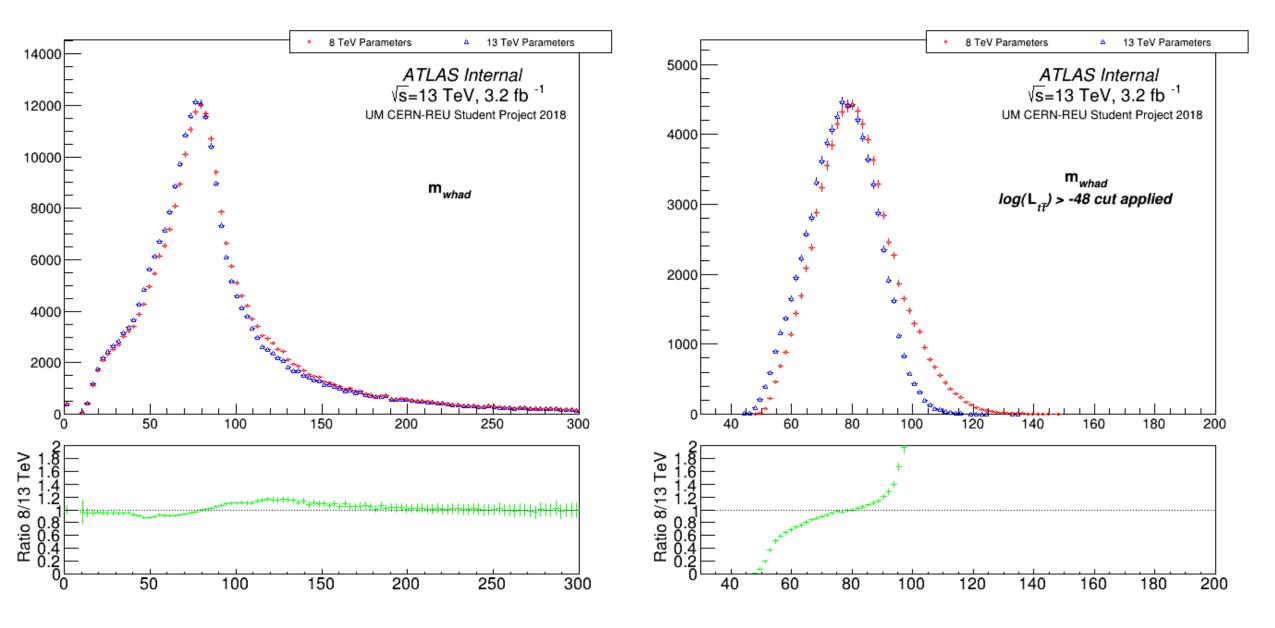


A shift to the left can be seen clearly after a double gaussian fit as been applied to the 8TeV and 13TeV results separately. The mean of m_{whad} with 8TeV parameters is ~81, while with 13TeV parameters it is ~77; however, the resolution is about 2GeV better for 13 parameters.

Summary and Outlook

- Compared 8Tev and 13TeV parameters for transfer functions
 - Noticed a difference, especially in the fit variables
- Future Tasks:
 - Investigate template fitting
 - Determine whether the 13TeV parameters result in smaller signal to background ratio
 - Analyze BCM data to find biggest cause of uncertainty

Backup



There is a noticeable shift to the left in the mass of the hadronic W when using 13TeV parameters.

