Course on Physics at the LHC

LIP Lisbon, January - June 2012

Program

The standard model of particle physics	
Detector physics and experimental metho	
Top quark and heavy flav or physics	
Statistical methods in data analysis	
Standard model Higgs and beyond	
Super symmetry	
Matter at high density and temperature	

The lectures will take place between 17:00 and 18:30 at LIP, Ay. Elias Garcia, 14 r/c, 1000 Lisbon - Portugal

More info at http://idpasc.lip.pt/LIP/events/2012_lhc_physics

2 lectures

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4 lectures

1 lecture

5 lectures

3 lectures

2 lectures

6, 27 February

5, 12, 19, 26 March

2 April

16, 23, 30 April - 7, 14 May

30 January - 13 February

21, 28 May - 11 June

18, 25 June

J. Varela, LIP/IST January 30, 2012 Specialized course on the Physics at the Large Hadron Collider organized by LIP in the framework of IDPASC.

The objective of the Course is to introduce the physics, analysis methods and results on the physics of the LHC experiments.

Emphasis is placed on the search for new physics, in particular phenomena at the basis of the electroweak symmetry breaking.

Benchmark channels in proton-proton collisions will be discussed in detail:

- identification of the objects involved
- signal and background properties
- background estimation and S/B discriminants
- estimation of systematical errors
- extraction and interpretation of the final results

Program

The standard model of particle physics

2 lectures Prof. J. Varela, 30 Jan, 13 Feb

Detector physics and experimental methods

2 lectures Dr. A. David 6, 27 Feb

Top quark physics

4 lectures Dr. M. Gallinaro, Prof. A. Onofre, 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar

Statistical methods in data analysis

1 lecture Dr. P. Bargassa 2 Apr

Standard model Higgs and beyond

5 lectures Dr. P. Silva, Dr. A. David, Dr. P. Muino, 16, 23, 30 Apr, 7, 14 May

Supersymmetry

3 lectures Dr. P. Bargassa 21, 28 May, 11 Jun

Matter at high density and temperature

2 lectures Prof. J. Seixas 18, 25 Jun

Required background

The course is intended for under-graduate or graduate students having basic training in Particle Physics:

Basic concepts

Elementary constituents of matter and interactions. Quantum numbers and conservation rules. Spin and symmetry groups. Relativistic kinematics. Cross-section. Natural units. Mass and lifetime. Resonances.

Structure of matter

Elastic scattering and form factors. Inelastic scattering experiments. Nucleon structure functions. Scale invariance. Quark model. Parton distribution functions. Introduction to QCD.

Fundamental interactions

Introduction to QED. Fermi interaction. Parity violation. Currents V-A and weak doblets. W and Z bosons. Cabibbo angle. Neutral currents. Electroweak interaction. Gauge symmetries. The Higgs mechanism. Weinberg-Salam model. CP violation.

F. Halzen and A.D.Martin, 'Quarks and Leptons', John Wiley and Sons (1984)

D. Griffiths, 'Introduction to Elementary Particles ', John Wiley and Sons (1987)

B.R.Martin, G. Shaw, 'Particle Physics ', John Wiley and Sons (1999)

Lecture 1

- 1. The LHC physics case
- 2. The LHC experimental program
- 3. Experimental challenges
- 4. Hadron interactions
- 5. Luminosity and cross-section measurements

The LHC physics case



Is a beautiful model for describing the fundamental particles and fields and their interactions

It provides a quantitative description of all experimental results so far

But:

The model requires the introduction of a new field (Higgs field) and corresponding particle ('the Higgs')

This particle has never been found by an experiment

The Standard Model



Standard Model interactions

The interaction of gauge bosons with fermions is described by SM vertices



Normal matter



The Standard Model

1 Missing piece: Higgs IO^{meas}-O^{fit}I/σ^{meas} Measurement Fit $\Delta \alpha_{had}^{(5)}(m_Z)$ 0.02758 ± 0.00035 0.02768 m_z[GeV] 91.1875 ± 0.0021 91.1874 Γ_7 [GeV] 2.4952 ± 0.0023 2.4959 σ_{had}^0 [nb] 41.540 ± 0.037 41.479 R 20.767 ± 0.025 20.742 A^{0,I} $0.01714 \pm 0.00095 \quad 0.01645$ $A_{I}(P_{\tau})$ 0.1465 ± 0.0032 0.1481 0.21629 ± 0.00066 0.21579 R R 0.1721 ± 0.0030 0.1723 A^{0,b} 0.0992 ± 0.0016 0.1038 A^{0,c} 0.0707 ± 0.0035 0.0742 0.923 ± 0.020 0.935 A_b 0.670 ± 0.027 0.668 A_c 0.1481 A_(SLD) 0.1513 ± 0.0021 $sin^2 \theta_{eff}^{lept}(Q_{fb})$ 0.2324 ± 0.0012 0.2314 80.379 m_w [GeV] 80.399 ± 0.023 Γ_w [GeV] 2.085 ± 0.042 2.092 m, [GeV] 173.3 ± 1.1 173.4 2 0 3 1 July 2010

Confirmed at sub 1% level!

The Higgs and the origin of mass

In the simplest model the interactions are symmetrical and particles do not have mass

The symmetry between the electromagnetic and the week interactions is broken:

- Photon do not have mass
- W, Z do have a mass ~ 80-90 GeV

Higgs mechanism:

mass results from the interactions with the Higgs field

The Terascale

The Standard Model would fail at high energy without the Higgs particle or other 'new physics'

Based on our present understanding and on quite general theoretical insights we expect the 'new physics' to manifest at an energy around or below

1 Tera-electronVolt = 10^{12} electronVolt

accessible at the LHC for the first time

Higgs fixes WW scattering



Problem fixed: Provided $M_H \le 1 \text{ TeV} \sim [8\pi\sqrt{2}/(3G_F)]^{1/2}$

SM Higgs production at LHC



- Gluon fusion is dominant in the entire m_H mass range
- Vector boson fusion is the next most important

Standard Model Higgs decays



Relation of Higgs, top and W masses in SM

- Higgs, top and W masses are interdependent in the SM
- Precise measurements of top and W mass allow to predict Higgs mass



As of July 2010

- M_t=173.3±1.10 GeV
- M_w=80.399±0.023 GeV
- → M_H=89⁺³⁵-26 GeV
- → M_H<158 GeV @95% CL

From direct searches at LEP:

M_H>114 GeV (LEP)

Tevatron excludes 158 to 173 GeV (2011)

The Higgs mass from SM fits



Higgs and hierarchy problem



Higgs mass is a huge problem:

- Virtual SM particles in quantum loops contribute to the Higgs mass
- Contributions grow with Λ (upper scale of validity of the SM)
- Λ could be huge e.g. the Plank scale (10¹⁹ GeV)
- Miraculous cancelations are needed to keep the Higgs mass < 1 TeV

This is known as the gauge hierarchy problem

New physics at a few TeV?



The periodic table of the elements

By the end of the 19th century, scientists had characterized many "elements" indivisible in chemical reactions leading to the modern "periodic table"

Mendeleev spotted gaps and predicted that elements would be found to fill it



1913-32: Each atom has electrons orbiting a nucleus made of protons and neutrons.

The quark model

Physicists discovered dozens of "elementary particles" similar to proton and neutron

Tables had gaps, the whole periodic table story repeats one level down

Quarks: u, d, s, c: up, down, strange, charm



Supersymmetry

Double the whole table with a new type of matter?



Heavy versions of every quark and lepton

The dark matter problem

We know that ~25% of the matter in the universe is dark matter (ordinary matter is ~4%)



New physics at LHC?

There are a large number of models which predict new physics at the TeV scale accessible at the LHC:

- Supersymmetry (SUSY)
- Extra dimensions
- Extended Higgs Sector e.g. in SUSY Models
- Grand Unified Theories (SU(5), O(10), E6, ...)
- Leptoquarks
- New Heavy Gauge Bosons
- Technicolour
- Compositeness

Any of this is what the LHC hopes to find ...

... apart from the Higgs

The LHC experimental program



Accelerator and Experiments

~10 Km

Underground circular tunnel 27 km circumference; 100 m underground 4 caverns for experiments

Proton-proton collisions at LHC



Heavy ion collisions: Pb-Pb 2.76 GeV/nucleon

Accelerator challenges

- Superconducting 8.3 T dipoles (operating temperature 1.9K)
- Focusing superconduting quadrupoles
- Collimation (350 MJ stored energy per beam)
- The huge size of the system
- More than 33,000 tonnes of 'cold mass'
- 27 km of cryogenic distribution line

Superconducting dipole



In the tunnel

Beam delivery towards interaction point

Current distribution using High Temperature Supercondutor current leads



In the tunnel

- **RF** cavities
- cryo-modules each with four cavities in the LHC straight section IP4
- 400 MHz RF system



In the tunnel

Jumper connecting cryogenic distribution line and magnets (once every ~100 m)

(early photo)



It's Empty!

Air pressure inside the two 27Km-long vacuum pipes is lower than on the moon.



It's Cold!

27 Km of magnets and connections are kept at 1.9 °K, colder than outer space, using over 100 tons of liquid helium.



It's Hot!

In a *tiny* volume, temperatures one billion times hotter than the center of the sun.


The Experiments





It's huge!

Largest, most complex detectors ever built

Study tiniest particles with incredible precision



(people)

World-wide collaborations



It's complex!

Worldwide LHC Computing Grid connects 100,000 processors in 34 countries with ultra-high-speed data transfers



Millions of Gigabytes of data each year.

Two concepts







Hight: 15 m Length: 22 m Weight: 12500 t





CMS detectors





ATLAS detectors





Detection of hadrons, e^{\pm} , γ and μ^{\pm}



ATLAS vs. CMS

ATLAS	Silicon pixels; Silicon strips; Transition Radiation Tracker; 2 T magnetic field	Inner Detector	Silicon pixels, Silicon strips, 4 T magnetic field	
	Lead plates as absorbers; active medium: liquid argon; outside solenoid	Electrom. Calorimeter	Lead tungsten (PbWO ₄) crystals; both absorber and scintillator; inside solenoid	
	Central region: Iron absorber with plastic scintillating tiles; Endcaps: copper and tungsten absorber with liquid argon	Hadronic Calorimeter	Stainless steel and copper with plastic scintillating tiles	
	Large air-core toroid magnet; muon chambers: drift tubes and resistive plate chambers; 0.5 T magnetic field	Muon Chambers	Magnetic field from return yoke (solenoid field: 4 T); muon chambers: drift tubes and resistive plate chambers	CMS

ALICE & LHCb



1995-2006: Detector R&D and construction



2002: CMS iron yoke assembly in surface hall



2004: CMS detector cavern



2005: Superconducting solenoid installed



2005-06: Muon chambers inserted in iron yoke



2006: Magnet test on the surface



2007: Lowering central wheel



2007: Lowering the endcap wheels





2007-08: Installation in the cavern



2008: CMS ready to close



2008: CMS closing up...

CMS closed: August 08





2008: CMS detector ready for beams



Experimental challenges



LHC pp-Interaction Rate



:. Interactions/crossing ~ 25 _____ This is a real challenge !

Proton-proton cross-sections



Multi-level trigger



Bunch crossing frequency

		(2012)
•	LHC has 3564 bunches (2835 filled with protons)	1400
•	Crossing rate is 40 MHz	20 MHz
	Distance between bunches: 27km / 3600 = 7.5m	15.0 m
	Distance between bunches in time: 7.5m / c = 25ns	50 ns
•	Proton-proton collision per bunch crossing: ~ 20	<35



Level 1 trigger and front-end readout



- 40 MHz digitizers and pipeline readout buffers (128 steps ~ 3 μs)
- 40 MHz Level-1 trigger (massive parallel pipelined processors)
- High precision (~ 100ps) timing, trigger and control distribution

High level trigger



- High Level Triggers (HLT)
- HLT (~5000 CPUs) accesses full event info seeded by L1 objects
- HLT: available 100 ms per event
- Flexibility: full event info and offline reconstruction after L1
- Large data throughput in event builder network (1 Tb/s)

Triggers and event selection

- Select processes that produce particles with high transverse energy
- Examples at 5.x10³³ cm⁻²s⁻¹
 - Single lepton and photon triggers ($P_T \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$)
 - Multiple lepton and photon triggers ($P_T \sim 15 \text{ GeV}$)
 - Missing transverse energy ($P_T \sim 50-100 \text{ GeV}$)
 - Multiple jet triggers ($P_T \sim 50-100 \text{ GeV}$)
- About 100 trigger conditions in L1 trigger table
- About 400 trigger conditions in HLT trigger table

2011 Physics Proton Trigger Menu (end of run L = $3.3 \ 10^{33} \ \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)

	Offline Selection	Trigger Se	election	L1 Rate (kHz) at 3e33	EF Rate (Hz) at 3e33
AILAO		L1	EF		
Single leptons	Single muon > 20GeV	11 GeV	18 GeV	8	100
	Single electron > 25GeV	16 GeV	22 GeV	9	55
Tura la nata na	2 muons > 17, 12GeV	11GeV	15,10GeV	8	4
i wo leptons	2 electrons, each > 15GeV	2x10GeV	2x12GeV	2	1.3
	2 taus > 45, 30GeV	15,11GeV	29,20GeV	7.5	15
Two photons	2 photons, each > 25GeV	2x12GeV	20GeV	3.5	5
Single jet plus MET	Jet pT > 130 GeV & MET > 140 GeV	50 GeV & 35 GeV	75GeV & 55GeV	0.8	18
MET	MET > 170 GeV	50 GeV	70GeV	0.6	5
Multi-jets	5 jets, each pT > 55 GeV	5x10GeV	5x30GeV	0.2	9
TOTAL				<75	~400 (mean)

Event pileup in beams crossing



Event pileup in 2011-12

- In 2011 luminosity increased from 10^{32} cm⁻²s⁻¹ up to 3.5×10^{33} cm⁻²s⁻¹
- Bunch crossing spacing of 50 ns implies two times more pile-up (same beam current divided by two times fewer bunches)
- At the end of 2011 pileup was 15 events per crossing on average
- In 2012 luminosity may reach 7.x10³³ cm⁻²s⁻¹, corresponding to 30 pileup events



Event pileup, trigger and data analysis

- Most p-p collisions (minimum bias) produce particles with low P_T (~0.5 GeV)
- Hard collisions produce objects (lepton, jets) with high P_T (> 20 GeV)
- High pile-up (> 10) has strong effects on trigger and data analysis:
 - Trigger rate of jets and missing energy
 - Jet reconstruction and energy scale (pileup subtraction)
 - Primary vertex identification
 - Lepton isolation efficiency
 - Tracking occupancy and reconstruction
 - etc.


High radiation levels

Length [cm]



Radiation Dose [Gy/year]

Radiation hard detectors and electronics



Detector commissioning and rediscovery of the SM



2009: First p-p collisions at LHC

November 23, 2009 First collisions at 900 GeV December 14, 2009 First collisions at 2.36 TeV March 30, 2010 First collisions at 7 TeV



...unforgettable moments



LHC Page 1: ramp



LHC Page 1: stable beams



Tracking performance



Tracking: secondary vertices

Basic variables relevant for B-tagging are well described by the simulation





Secondary vertices compatible with heavy flavor production

Photons and electrons







Jets and missing energy



Missing Transverse Energy





Rediscovery of resonances



J/ψ 's decaying into muons



Gaussian-mean mass: 3.06±0.02 GeV Resolution: 0.08±0.02 GeV Number of signal events: 49±12 30 -----ATLAS Preliminary 25 Data with Poisson Errors ML Fit 20 15 10 5 0 2.4 2.6 2.8 3.2 3.4 3.8 3 3.6 Invariant Mass µ⁺µ⁻ [GeV]

ATLAS

CMS

W and Z Bosons

$W \rightarrow \mu \nu$



W→ev





CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN Run 133877, Event 28405693 Lumi section: 387 Sat Apr 24 2010, 14:00:54 CEST

Electrons $p_T = 34.0, 31.9 \text{ GeV/c}$ Inv. mass = 91.2 GeV/c²



Z→ee:

Mass= 91.2 GeV/c2

Rediscovery of the Standard Model





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p_T (e', e', μ', μ')= 41.5, 26.5, 24.7, 18.3 Ge <u>m (e'</u>e')= 76.8 GeV, m(μ'μ') = 45.7 GeV

End of Lecture 1