





### **Hadron-hadron interactions**



Dominated by events with small momentum transfer, in particular by two event types: diffractive (colourless exchange with the quantum numbers of vacuum between the two protons) & minimum-bias (exchange of colour).





# Inelastic low p<sub>T</sub> hadron-hadron collisions

Most interactions due to interactions at large distance between incoming protons where protons interact as "a whole"  $\rightarrow$  small momentum transfer ( $\Delta p \approx \hbar / \Delta x$ )/ large impact parameter  $b \rightarrow$  particles in final state have large (small) longitudinal (transverse) momentum.



 $< p_T > \approx 500 \text{ MeV}$  (of charged particles in final state)

 $\frac{dN}{d\eta} \approx 6$  ~6 charged particles per pseudorapidity (uniform distribution in azimuthal angle)

(LHC numbers)

most energy escapes down the beam pipe.

Called minimum-bias events ("soft" events) & constitute a large fraction of the total cross section e.g.  $\sim$  60 mb of ~ 110 mb at  $\sqrt{s}$  = 13 TeV. Perhaps not very interesting in themselves but needs to be understood. Cross section large that they occur multiple times per bunch crossing (e.g. 2023:  $\sim$  50 times)  $\Rightarrow$  overlap interesting collisions pile-up") & change the measured event quantities.



Diffraction



#### **Diffractive processes**

another large part of the total cross section are diffractive processes, where non-colored object(s) are exchanged refered to as "Pomeron(s)". Pomeron is described by a system of two (or even number) of gluons or gluon ladder

diffractive events characterized by "rapidity gaps" (= regions of pseudorapidity without primary particle production)













### Inelastic high p<sub>T</sub> hadron-hadron collisions

proton beam can be seen as a beam of quarks & gluons with a wide band of energies. occasionally occurs hard scattering between constituents of incoming hadrons.

constituents carry only a fraction 0 < x < 1 of proton momentum.

 $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$ 

X<sub>a</sub>p

x<sub>b</sub>p



• effective centre-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$  smaller than  $\sqrt{s}$  of colliding beams: if  $x_a \approx x_b$ 

ns:  $\sqrt{\hat{s}} = \sqrt{x_a x_b s} \approx x \sqrt{s}$ HC a mass of:

ū

d

these are interesting physics events but they are rare.

e.g. 
$$\bar{u} + d \rightarrow W^{-}$$

 $\sigma (pp \rightarrow W) \approx 150 \text{ nb} \approx 10^{-6} \sigma_{tot} (pp)$ 

W-









Parton fragmentation function  $D_i^h(x, Q^2)$  describes probability to produce certain hadron *h* from parton *i* (=  $q, q \dots g$ ). Analogous to pdf's obtain from DIS.

In fragmentation function, *x* represents fraction of partons momentum carried by produced hadron  $h \leftrightarrow$ In pdf, *x* represents fraction of momentum of original hadron carried by interacting parton.  $Q^2$  describes here the energy (scale) of the original parton when produced instead of the momentum transfer as for pdf's in DIS.

Fragmentation functions  $D_i^h(x, Q^2)$  exhibit similar scaling violations as pdf's  $f_i(x, Q^2)$  from DIS. The  $Q^2$  evolution described by similar "DGLAP"–equations:

$$\frac{\partial D_i(x,Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ji}(z,\alpha_s) D_j(\frac{x}{z},Q^2),$$

where  $P_{ji}(z, \alpha_s) = P_{ji}^{(0)}(z, \alpha_s) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ji}^{(1)}(z, \alpha_s) + \dots$ 

Lowest–order functions  $P_{ji}^{(0)}(z)$  same as those for pdf's in DIS but higher–order terms different. NB! Splitting function  $P_{ji}$  (& not  $P_{ij}$ ) since  $D_j$  describes fragmentation of final parton.  $P_{ji}$  = probability for parton *i* to transfer into parton *j*. Effect of  $Q^2$  evolution same as for DIS pdf's: *x*–distribution shifted towards lower values for larger  $Q^2$ 's.  $P_{ji}$ 's contain singularities at z = 0 & z = 1, which have important effects on fragmentation at small & large *x*, for details see O. Biebel, P. Nason & B.R. Webber, hep-ph/0109282.





Parton fragmentation function  $D_i^h(x,s)$  usually determined from  $e^+e^-$  fragmentation functions  $F^h(x,s)$ .  $F^{h}(x,s) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{tot}} \frac{d\sigma}{dx} (e^{+}e^{-} \rightarrow hX) = \sum_{i} \int_{x}^{1} \frac{dz}{z} C_{i}(s;z,\alpha_{s}) D_{i}^{h}(\frac{x}{z},s)$  $C_q(s;z,\alpha_s) = g_q(s)\delta(1-z) + O(\alpha_s) \& C_g(s;z,\alpha_s) = O(\alpha_s)$ &  $g_i(s)$  appropriate (e.g. q) electroweak coupling.  $10^{17}$ 10<sup>16</sup> (a) 10<sup>15</sup> The  $e^+e^ 10^{14}$ fragmentation 10<sup>13</sup> functions for 10<sup>12</sup> all charged 10<sup>11</sup> particles for  $\frac{1}{10^{10}} \frac{1}{10^{10}} \frac{1}{10^{10}}$ different  $\sqrt{s}$ . The influence of scaling violations can be seen.  $10^{5}$ Larger  $\sqrt{s}$  $10^{4}$ shifts the  $10^{3}$ TASSO 14 Gev x-distribution 100 TASSO towards BaBar 10.5 GeV 10 smaller x's. 1 0.1 0.01

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0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9

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Most interesting processes are **rare processes**:

- involve heavy particles
- have small cross-sections (e.g. W production)



main background: QCD jets  $\rightarrow$  lepton & photon signatures important trigger signatures: a)  $\mu$  (charged particle beyond cal.), b)  $\gamma/e$  (em. shower) & c) neutrinos (missing transverse energy). note: pay a prize for branching ratio i.e. BR(W  $\rightarrow$  Iv)  $\approx$  30%





Pileup



Typical of LHC:

protons grouped in bunches (of  $\sim$  few 10<sup>11</sup> protons) crossing each other at the interaction points every 25 ns



detector

⇒ at each beam crossing ~ 50-60 minimum-bias events are produced at  $L \approx$  few 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. these overlap with high p<sub>T</sub> physics events, giving rise to so-called pile-up







Pile-up, a very serious experimental difficulty at LHC

Large impact on detector design:

• LHC detectors must have fast response, otherwise integrate over many bunch crossings  $\rightarrow$  too large pile-up

Typical response time : 15-50 ns  $\rightarrow$  integrate over 1-2 bunch crossings  $\rightarrow$  pile-up of ~ 50-60 minimum bias  $\Rightarrow$ very challenging readout electronics

• LHC detectors must be highly granular to minimize probability that pile-up particles are in the same sensitive detector element as interesting object (e.g.  $\gamma$  from H  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  large number of electronic channels  $\Rightarrow$  high cost

• LHC detectors must be radiation resistant: high flux of particles from pp collisions  $\rightarrow$  high radiation environment







Keyword: large event statistics

Expected event rates in ATLAS & CMS for representative (both known & new) physics processes at current high luminosity running ( $\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

Process	Events/s	Events/year	Other machines (total statistics)
$W \rightarrow ev$ $Z \rightarrow ee$	300 30	10 <sup>9</sup> 10 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>4</sup> LEP / 10 <sup>7</sup> Tev. 10 <sup>7</sup> LEP
$t\bar{t}$	16	5 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	10 <sup>4</sup> Tevatron
$b\overline{b}$	10 <sup>6</sup>	few 10 <sup>12</sup>	10 <sup>8</sup> B-factories
$\widetilde{g}\widetilde{g}$	0.02	5 · 104	
$(m_{\rm gluino} = 1 \text{ TeV})$			
Н ( <i>m</i> <sub>H</sub> =125 GeV)	~1	few 10 <sup>6</sup>	10 <sup>4</sup> Tevatron
QCD jets $p_T > 200 \text{ GeV}$	10 <sup>3</sup>	few 10 <sup>9</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup> Tevatron

High lumi LHC (~  $5 \cdot 10^{35}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>): statistics 2.5 times larger

 $\rightarrow$  LHC is a B-factory, top factory, W/Z factory, Higgs factory, etc.... (the difficult challenge is to extract the signal)













#### **Higgs discovery**



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### The Discovery





#### $m_H$ = 125.3 ± 0.4 (stat) ± 0.5 (syst) GeV Combined significance: 5.0 $\sigma$

Five decay modes analysed but no significance signal in  $H \to \tau \tau$  and bb



• 60 H → ZZ\* → 4ℓ

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#### $H \rightarrow WW^*/H$ mass



### The Discovery Channels

A discovery channel of a different kind: the WW

regions in the data.

correlation to the electrons.



Channel where each of the W decays to leptons, the mass resolution is spoiled by the neutrinos!

Large event rate, but also large backgrounds from the WW and top production.



Requires good simulation of backgrounds and control

Uses the V-A nature of the W coupling that transfers the W spin



#### **First Precision Measurement at the LHC?**

#### Higgs boson mass measurement

- Measurement done exclusively in the diphoton and 4-leptons channel.
- Optimizing the analysis in categories with best mass resolution (photon, electron and muons energy response).
- Reached at Run 1 a precision of 0.2%.
- Among (if not the) most precise measurement done at the LHC in 2013.







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#### Width of the Higgs Boson

Upper limits on the width can be obtained from the mass peaks (at the level of the experimental resolution )



# Off-Shell Higgs Boson







# **Run 2 Higgs Headlines**

Run 2 Higgs Physics major milestones reached: Third Generation (Charged) Observation Completed!

Yukawas at LHC		tau	b	top
ATLAS	Exp. Sig.	5.4 $\sigma$	5.5 $\sigma$	5.1 <i>0</i>
	Obs. Sig.	<b>6.4</b> σ	<b>5.4</b> σ	<mark>6.3</mark> σ
	mu	$1.09\pm0.35$	$1.01\pm0.20$	1.34 $\pm$ 0.21 *
CMS	Exp. Sig.	5.9 $\sigma$	5.6 σ	4.2 <i>0</i>
	Obs. Sig.	<b>5.9</b> σ	<b>5.5</b> σ	<b>5.2</b> σ
	mu	1.09 $\pm$ 0.27 *	1.04±0.20	1.26 $\pm$ 0.26 **

\* 13 TeV only derived from cross section measurements

\*\* Lower uncertainty (upper uncertainty 31)

#### + evidence for coupling to second generation: $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



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#### Direct probe of the top Yukawa coupling





- Large number of final states which are typically very complex (mixture of b-jets, leptons, taus and photons)
- But, many different channels, also means different backgrounds and different systematic uncertainties and therefore also a strength!
- With the new Run at close to double centre-of-mass energy and increased statistics, changes in leading channels.







#### ttH(bb)

Very large backgrounds of top pair production associated with b jets Dominated by background modelling uncertainties

ttH(WW, ZZ and tau tau)

So-called multi-lepton channel

Large number of topologies intricate reducible backgrounds of jets faking leptons.



#### Direct probe of the top Yukawa coupling







#### Higgs boson decays to b-quarks & c-quarks



#### **Combination Procedure and Master Formula**

What is done in Higgs boson couplings analyses is to count number of signal events in specific production and decay channels.

$$n_{s}^{c} = \mu \sum_{i \in \{\text{prod}\}} \sum_{f \in \{\text{decay}\}} \mu^{i} \sigma_{SM}^{i} \times \mu^{f} Br^{f} \times \mathcal{A}^{ifc} \times \varepsilon^{ifs} \times \mathcal{L}$$
Same formula as the total cross section measurement formula

These « mu » or signal strength factors cannot be fitted simultaneously, typical fit models include:

 $\mu_i$ 

$$\mu$$

cross section

Extrapolated total

Cross section times branching

 $\mu_{if} = \mu_i \mu_f$ 

$$(\mu_f = 1)$$
  $\mu_f \ (\mu_i = 1)$ 

Branching fractions

Manifest in this formula why absolute couplings cannot be measured with this procedure:  $\mu_i, \mu_f$  cannot be fitted simultaneously.

Introducing simple scale factors of the Standard Model couplings in a « naive » effective Lagrangian.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa_{Z} \frac{\mathrm{m}_{Z}^{2}}{v} Z_{\mu} Z^{\mu} + \kappa_{W} \frac{\mathrm{m}_{W}^{2}}{v} W_{\mu} W^{\mu} + \kappa_{\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi v} A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{f} \kappa_{f} \frac{\mathrm{m}_{f}}{v} f\overline{f}$$

Simply reparametrise the mu values using the kappas! For a complete description see (link) - Chapter 10







### **Run 2 Couplings Measurements**

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# Precision vs Energy (2)

#### • Others lean towards higher-energy replicas of the standard theory



Direct searches at larger energies may be the key – but how much larger ?
 Rare decays and precise measurements may also unveil these extension's imprints

### Short-term perspectives (2025-2040)













