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W Mass Measurements





W Mass at Colliders & Other Observables





Methods to Measure the W Mass

Data da					
ALEPH	80.440±0.051	W mass and its width Γ_{w} is are the parameters that appear in a Breit-Wigne expression for the cross-section vs centre-of-mass-energy			
DELPHI	- 80.336±0.067 80.270±0.055	Decay	$W^+W^- \rightarrow a\overline{a'}a''\overline{a'''}$	$W^+W^- \rightarrow q\bar{q'}l\nu_l$	$W^+W^- \rightarrow l\nu_l l\nu_l$
	80.415±0.052	Fraction	46%	44%	10%
LEP2	$= 80.376 \pm 0.033$ $\chi^{2/dof} = 49/41$	Topology	4 jets, no missing energy	2 jets + missing energy + lepton	No jet + missing energy
	- 80.389±0.019 - 80.383±0.023	Machine	Method Prese precis		
Tevatron -	$= 80.387 \pm 0.016$ $\chi^{2/dof} = 4.2/6$ $= 80.385 \pm 0.015$	e+e-	1-cross-section at threshold, ±3 2-direct reconstruction		
ATLAS	80.370±0.019 80.379±0.012	pp	High p_T charged lepton from its decay. (C) Due to the presence of vs the mass is D0)		±16 MeV (CDF and is D0) (±9 MeV?)
80.2 M _W	80.4 80.6 [GeV]	рр	determined l transverse mass	by comparison of the s m _T with MC prediction	ons ±19 MeV (ATLAS only)



W mass measurement at Colliders





W+W- Decay Topologies



At LEP two point-like objects collide and this allowed the use of constraints:

- Total energy = \sqrt{s} (= 2 x beam energy); $\rightarrow v$ energy known
- Total momentum in 3 directions = 0;

At LEP rate is ~ low, events are clean, no pile-up!

 \rightarrow adjust directions and p_T and E of objects to satisfy these constraints (fit) \rightarrow improvement of m_W resolution

• If both Ws are reconstructed than also impose $m_W^1 = m_W^2$ (however in full hadronic topology 4 jets and 3 combinations; use pairing that gives best masses)



m_W Reconstruction at Threshold

Close to the W+W- threshold (161 GeV), the dependence of the W-pair production cross section rises as

$$\sigma_{WW} \propto \beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m_W^2/s}$$

→ The measurement of σ_{WW} at \sqrt{s} gives m_W (see plot on the right). The most sensitive \sqrt{s} to m_W was determined to be $\sqrt{s} = 161$ GeV, but data at 172-183 GeV were also analysed to extract m_W .

The *potential* precision is similar to the direct reconstruction method, described below. However, LEP (mostly) operated at higher centre-of-mass energies (NP + precise EW) and only 3% of the full data set was taken at 161 GeV.

Threshold Analysis				
Experiment	$m_{ m W}[m GeV]$			
ALEPH	80.20 ± 0.34			
DELPHI	$80.45\substack{+0.45\\-0.41}$			
L3	$80.78\substack{+0.48\\-0.42}$			
OPAL	$80.40\substack{+0.46\\-0.43}$			



The combination gives $m_{\rm W}({\rm threshold}) = 80.42 \pm 0.20 \pm 0.03 (E_{\rm LEP}) \, {\rm GeV}$

 $\Delta m_W{\sim}200$ MeV, energy knowledge plays no role!



Direct Reconstruction of m_W

The direct mass reconstruction method was used at 172, 183 and 189 GeV centre-of-mass energies.

- W mass is reconstructed using the pairs of jets from each W decay.
- A constrained fit, mentioned before, is used
- fully hadronic and semileptonic channels are used
- In the fully hadronic channel 'pairing problem': $(12+34, 13+24, 14+23) \rightarrow$ combinatorial background.





Getting the Mass and the Width

In the direct reconstruction method, the mass of the W boson is obtained by comparing data to simulated $e^+e^- \to W^+W^-$

event samples generated with known values of m_W and Γ_W , in order to obtain those values which describe the data best.

These Monte-Carlo samples are of large statistics, typically 10^6 events. Since the generation of event samples for all possible parameter values is very computing time intensive, different methods are used to perform the m_W and Γ_W extraction in a more efficient, but still precise way (typically re-weight events).

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The individual results of the four experiments are combined taking into account correlations



Direct Reconstruction						
$W^+W^- ightarrow q\overline{q}\ell u_\ell$		$W^+W^- \to q\overline{q}q\overline{q}$	Combined			
Experiment	$m_{\rm W}[{ m GeV}]$	$m_{ m W}[{ m GeV}]$	$m_{ m W}[{ m GeV}]$			
	Published					
ALEPH	80.429 ± 0.060	80.475 ± 0.080	80.444 ± 0.051			
DELPHI	80.339 ± 0.075	80.311 ± 0.137	80.336 ± 0.067			
L3	80.212 ± 0.071	80.325 ± 0.080	80.270 ± 0.055			
OPAL	80.449 ± 0.063	80.353 ± 0.083	80.416 ± 0.053			
	LEP combination					
ALEPH	80.429 ± 0.059	80.477 ± 0.082	80.444 ± 0.051			
DELPHI	80.339 ± 0.076	80.310 ± 0.101	80.330 ± 0.064			
L3	80.217 ± 0.071	80.324 ± 0.090	80.254 ± 0.058			
OPAL	80.449 ± 0.062	80.353 ± 0.081	80.415 ± 0.052			



How Precisely one has to Measure m_W ?

One could ask: down to which level do we need to know m_W ?

the effect of higher order diagrams:

$$m_W^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} \right) = \frac{\pi \alpha}{\sqrt{2}G_F} \left(1 + \Delta r \right)$$

Δr :

- Dependence is quadratic on $m_t \rightarrow$ more visible
- Logarithmic on $m_H \rightarrow weak$

In extended theories, Δr receives contributions from physics beyond the SM.



The current Particle Data Group gives the world average of m_W (dominated by the CDF and D0 measurements): world average of $m_W = 80385 \pm 15$ MeV

Given the precisely measured values of , G_F and m_Z , and using m_t and m_H we can use the above relation to derive SM prediction of $m_W = 80358 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$ and $m_W = 80362 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$ (different calculations).

The SM prediction uncertainty of 8 MeV represents therefore a target for the precision of future measurements of m_W .



We have seen that at LEP mw could be reconstructed using ALL decays of the W. This is possible because

- Electrons and positrons are point-like objects
- The centre-of-mass energy is defined
- The background: both hadronic and leptonic decays
- Conservation of energy and momentum allows to calculate the momentum and direction of one undetected particle (like neutrinos in the decay $W \rightarrow \nu l$)

At hadronic collider machines there are difficulties in the use of hadronic decays:

- the QCD background is >>>>>> the EW production of W's
- High energy $W \rightarrow$ the two jets $W \rightarrow qq'$ are ~merged. Sophisticated techniques look for internal structures in 'fat jets'.

In practice all m_W measurements at hadron colliders are based on the study of W's leptonic decays





The Event Structure in W (and Z) Leptonic Decays





W Mass Measurements at Hadron Colliders





Also the distribution of the p_T of the lepton has memory of m_W : the end-point is $m_W/2$



The figure \leftarrow shows the Jacobian peak of the p_T distribution when

- no Breit-Wigner distribution, ideal detector with perfect acceptance and resolution
- the W is produced according to a Breit-Wigner distribution, ideal detector with perfect acceptance and resolution
- Breit-Wigner distribution, detector with realistic acceptance and resolution

 \rightarrow the distribution becomes broader and broader



m_W and M_T (and p_T^l)

Strategy:

→ Generate MANY samples of simulated events including physics and detector effects with slightly different values of m_W and Γ_W and find which one fits best the experimental M_T distribution.





m_W Measurement Strategy: Use Z Boson

- ~10⁷ (10⁶) W[±] to Iv (Z to II) \rightarrow The sizes of these samples give a statistical error on m_W smaller than 10 MeV
- m_W is sensitive to the strange-quark and charm-quark distribution functions of the proton used in the of templates (less well known than u(x) and d(x)!)
- Use $Z \rightarrow II$ events to calibrate the detector response: treat one of the reconstructed decay leptons as a neutrino.

The accuracy of this validation procedure is limited by Z-boson sample, ~ 10x smaller than the W sample.





Global EW fits – Input Parameters

Parameter	Input value	Free in fit	Fit Result	Fit w/o exp. input in line	Fit w/o exp. input in line, no theo. unc.	lr
M_H [GeV]	125.1 ± 0.2	yes	125.1 ± 0.2	90^{+21}_{-18}	89^{+20}_{-17}	ir
M_W [GeV]	80.379 ± 0.013	_	80.359 ± 0.006	80.354 ± 0.007	80.354 ± 0.005	
Γ_W [GeV]	2.085 ± 0.042	_	2.091 ± 0.001	2.091 ± 0.001	2.091 ± 0.001	1
M_Z [GeV]	91.1875 ± 0.0021	yes	91.1882 ± 0.0020	91.2013 ± 0.0095	91.2017 ± 0.0089	י כ
Γ_Z [GeV]	2.4952 ± 0.0023	_	2.4947 ± 0.0014	2.4941 ± 0.0016	2.4940 ± 0.0016	2
$\sigma_{ m had}^0~[{ m nb}]$	41.540 ± 0.037	_	41.484 ± 0.015	41.475 ± 0.016	41.475 ± 0.015	5
R^0_ℓ	20.767 ± 0.025	_	20.742 ± 0.017	20.721 ± 0.026	20.719 ± 0.025	
$A_{ m FB}^{0,\ell}$	0.0171 ± 0.0010	_	0.01620 ± 0.0001	0.01619 ± 0.0001	0.01619 ± 0.0001	
$A_\ell \ ^{(\star)}$	0.1499 ± 0.0018	_	0.1470 ± 0.0005	0.1470 ± 0.0005	0.1469 ± 0.0003	Ζ
$\sin^2 \theta_{\rm eff}^{\ell}(Q_{\rm FB})$	0.2324 ± 0.0012	_	0.23153 ± 0.00006	0.23153 ± 0.00006	0.23153 ± 0.00004	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell}$ (Tevt.)	0.23148 ± 0.00033	_	0.23153 ± 0.00006	0.23153 ± 0.00006	0.23153 ± 0.00004	L
A_c	0.670 ± 0.027	_	0.6679 ± 0.00021	0.6679 ± 0.00021	0.6679 ± 0.00014	Ċ
A_b	0.923 ± 0.020	_	0.93475 ± 0.00004	0.93475 ± 0.00004	0.93475 ± 0.00002	
$A^{0,c}_{ m FB}$	0.0707 ± 0.0035	_	0.0736 ± 0.0003	0.0736 ± 0.0003	0.0736 ± 0.0002	
$A_{\mathrm{FB}}^{0,b}$	0.0992 ± 0.0016	_	0.1030 ± 0.0003	0.1032 ± 0.0003	0.1031 ± 0.0002	
R_c^0	0.1721 ± 0.0030	_	0.17224 ± 0.00008	0.17224 ± 0.00008	0.17224 ± 0.00006	
R_b^0	0.21629 ± 0.00066	_	0.21582 ± 0.00011	0.21581 ± 0.00011	0.21581 ± 0.00004	e
$\overline{m}_c [\text{GeV}]$	$1.27^{+0.07}_{-0.11}$	yes	$1.27 \substack{+0.07 \\ -0.11}$	_	_	-
$\overline{m}_b [{ m GeV}]$	$4.20^{+0.17}_{-0.07}$	yes	$4.20^{+0.17}_{-0.07}$	_	_	
$m_t \; [\text{GeV}]^{(\bigtriangledown)}$	172.47 ± 0.68	yes	172.83 ± 0.65	176.4 ± 2.1	176.4 ± 2.0	
$\Delta \alpha_{\rm had}^{(5)}(M_Z^2) \ ^{(\dagger \triangle)}$	2760 ± 9	yes	2758 ± 9	2716 ± 39	2715 ± 37	
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	_	yes	0.1194 ± 0.0029	0.1194 ± 0.0029	0.1194 ± 0.0028	

^(*)Average of LEP ($A_{\ell} = 0.1465 \pm 0.0033$) and SLD ($A_{\ell} = 0.1513 \pm 0.0021$) measurements, used as two measurements in the fit. The fit without the LEP (SLD) measurement gives $A_{\ell} = 0.1470 \pm 0.0005$ ($A_{\ell} = 0.1467 \pm 0.0005$). ^(\bigtriangledown)Combination of experimental (0.46 GeV) and theory uncertainty (0.5 GeV).^(†)In units of 10⁻⁵. ^(\triangle)Rescaled due to α_s dependency.

Input values and fit results for the observables used in the global electroweak fit.

- 1. the observables/parameters used in the fit
- 2. their experimental values or estimates
- 3. indicates whether a parameter is floating in the fit.
- 4. the results of the fit including all experimental data.
- 5. fit results are given without using the corresponding experimental or phenomenological estimate in the given row (indirect determination).
- result using the same setup as in the fifth column, but ignoring all theoretical uncertainties.





Comparison of the results with the indirect determination in units of the total uncertainty, defined as the uncertainty of the direct measurement and that of the indirect determination added in quadrature.

The indirect determination of an observable corresponds to a fit without using the corresponding direct constraint from the measurement.

 $\frac{Result - Indirect Determination}{\sqrt{\sigma_{Result}^2 + \sigma_{Ind.Det.}^2}}$

In the context of global fits to the SM parameters, constraints on physics beyond the SM are currently limited by the measurement of the W-boson mass. Therefore improving the precision of the measurements of m_W is of high importance for testing the overall consistency of the SM.



ATLAS paper



The determination of m_W from the global fit of the electroweak parameters has an uncertainty of 8 MeV → natural target for the precision of the experimental measurement of m_W.

Need to improve:

- The modelling uncertainties, which currently dominate the overall uncertainty of the m_W
- Better knowledge of the PDFs, as achievable with the inclusion in PDF fits of recent precise measurements of Wand Z-boson rapidity cross sections
- Improved QCD and electroweak predictions for Drell-Yan production

All these uncertainties are crucial for future measurements of the W-boson mass at the LHC.



Not only m_W: EW Measurements at LHC: CMS

Measurements of many different EW processes have been performed:

Many different cross sections have been measured at different centre-of-mass energies, spanning over ~9 orders of magnitude.

The comparison with SM predictions is also shown.

Agreement is generally good.





Not only m_W: EW Measurements at LHC: ATLAS



As an example the inclusive cross-section for the production of Ws and Zs is also shown compared to theory.

This is the end of the SM? Do we need to measure some observable to a better precision?



EW cross-sections as Measured by ATLAS





Precision Measurements

End of Precision Measurements

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The Discovery of the Top





The Discovery of the top. The Tevatron

The Tevatron:

- proton-antiproton collider
- 1-km radius synchrotron, with superconducting magnets
- beam accelerated from 150 to 980 GeV two interaction points for the CDF and D0 detectors.

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Timeline:

- 1976 Initial proposal of a $p\bar{p}$ collider at *Fermilab* by transforming an existing accelerator into a storage ring \rightarrow accumulation and cooling of antiprotons.
- 1978 Fermilab decided the construction of the accelerator. Design goals were: a luminosity of 11 · 10³⁰ cm⁻²s⁻¹ at √s=1.8 TeV.
- 1981 Tevatron starts as fixed target accelerator
- 1985 Tevatron operates as a $p\bar{p}$ collider, first collisions, experiments in construction
- 1987-1989 first ~test run of the Tevatron, 5 pb-1 of data collected
- 1992-96 Run Ia & Run Ib \rightarrow upgrade of the collider to a luminosity of $5 \cdot 10^{31} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$, 180pb⁻¹ collected
- 2001-2011 Runll top luminosity $5 \cdot 10^{32} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$



Introduction: the top Quark

The top quark is

- the heaviest known elementary particle
- Completes the third family of quarks
- its lifetime which is too short to build hadronic bound states.

The large value of the top quark mass indicates a strong Yukawa coupling to the Higgs, \rightarrow could provide special insights in our understanding of electroweak symmetry breaking.

Together with the W boson mass, it constrains the Higgs boson mass through global electroweak fits.

The top was discovered in 1995 at the Tevatron.

Run Ib Run II Run Ia Energy (center-of-mass) 1800 1800 1960 GeV $\times 10^{11}$ Protons/bunch 1.2 2.3 2.9 $\times 10^{10}$ Antiprotons/bunch 3.1 5.5 8.1 Bunches/beam 36 6 6 $\times 10^{10}$ Total Antiprotons 19 33 290 Proton emittance (rms, normalized) 3.3 3.8 3.0 π mm-mrad 2 1.5 Antiproton emittance (rms, normalized) 2.1 π mm-mrad β* 35 35 28 cm $\times 10^{30}\,cm^{-2}sec^{-1}$ Luminosity (Typical Peak) 5.4 340 16 $\times 10^{30} \, {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm sec}^{-1}$ 10 200 Luminosity (Design Goal) 5



top Production and Decay



The primary mode, in which a $t\bar{t}$ pair is produced from a $gt\bar{t}$ vertex via the strong interaction, was used by the D0 and CDF collaborations to discover the top quark in 1995.

One pair of tops produced



The second production mode of top quarks is the ew production of a single top quark from a Wtb vertex.

- Cross section ~ half that of $t\bar{t}$ pairs
- signal-to-background ratio is much worse

A. $t\overline{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \overline{b} \rightarrow q \overline{q}' b q'' \overline{q}''' \overline{b},$ (45.7%) B. $t\overline{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \overline{b} \rightarrow q \overline{q}' b \ell^- \overline{\nu}_\ell \overline{b} + \ell^+ \nu_\ell b q'' \overline{q}''' \overline{b},$ (43.8%) C. $t\overline{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \overline{b} \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell b \ell'^- \overline{\nu}_{\ell'} \overline{b}.$ (10.5%) Always 2 b-jets





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Topologies in $t\bar{t}$ Decays

	SM top decay: t → Wb (BR ≈ 100%) W ⁻ → hadrons) т	μe	
hadrons	All Hadronic	Tau + Jets	Lepton + Jets	
Г	Tau + Jets			
н В	Lepton + Jets		Dilepton	

- These events always contain two b quarks
- The W decays characterise the topology of the event:
 - All hadronic \rightarrow 6 jets (2 b jets) with large QCD background. Problem is jet-pairing, many possible combinations (W

mass as constraint...)

- Lepton + jets → lepton, neutrino + 4 jets; lepton and missing energy suppress QCD background. 4 jets, pairing problem even if less than in the full hadronic case
- Di-lepton → 2 leptons, 2 neutrinos 2 b jets; clean, little background but (10% BR) + ambiguities due to 2 neutrinos





How to Recognise a "b" Jet? \rightarrow b-Tagging

Heavy flavour hadrons (\rightarrow "b hadrons") are unstable (life-time ~ 1.5 x 10^{-12} s) and decay after a measurable path (mm's).

First approach: hadronic decay of the b-hadron \rightarrow

- 1. charged tracks do not extrapolate back to the primary vertex
- 2. A secondary vertex detached from the primary vertex is present in the event

The topology close to the primary vertex has to be studied \rightarrow vertex detector

Second approach: leptonic decay of the b-hadron \rightarrow b decay to $I_{V+X} \rightarrow \sim$ soft lepton close to a jet

- d₀ track based indicator distance • of minimum approach to the primary vertex
- Lxy distance between the secondary vertex and the primary vertex in the xy plane



The Experiments: CDF & DO





The Discovery of the top in CDF



4	CDF during installation	
A. B. C.	$ \begin{array}{l} t\overline{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \overline{b} \rightarrow q \overline{q}' b q'' \overline{q}''' \overline{b}, \qquad (45.7\%) \\ t\overline{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \overline{b} \rightarrow q \overline{q}' b \ell^- \overline{\nu}_\ell \overline{b} + \ell^+ \nu_\ell b q'' \overline{q}''' \overline{b}, (43.8\%) \\ t\overline{t} \rightarrow W^+ b W^- \overline{b} \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell b \ell'^- \overline{\nu}_{\ell'} \overline{b}. \qquad (10.5\%) \\ & \text{Always 2 b-jets} \end{array} $	

A: all hadronic, B: lepton + jets, C: leptons

Selections (opti	mise $S/\sqrt{S+B}$
A: Lepton + jets	B: Di-lepton
$1 \times W \rightarrow l \nu \ (l = e, \mu)$	$2 \times W \rightarrow l \nu \ (l = e, \mu)$
$p_T^l > 20 \; GeV$	$p_T^l > 20 \; GeV$
\geq 3 jets (of which 2b)	2 jets (from b-decay)
(1 secondary vertex)	$E_T^{miss} > 25 \ GeV$
decay $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}$	75 GeV < $m_{ee,\mu\mu}$ < 105 GeV



Top Mass Reconstruction (2 methods)

- Direct m_{top} reconstruction in the I+jet channel: take the hadronic side ('jet side') and compute
- $m_W = invariant mass of jet_q and jet_{\overline{q'}}$
- JES = Jet Energy Scale: scale factor which multiplies the jet energy. You look for the JES which gives the best reconstruction of m_W
- $M_{top} = invariant$ mass of reconstructed hadronically decaying $W + jet_{\bar{b}}$





Discovery of the top at CDF & DO







Important improvements with time (and going to LHC):

- $m_t = 174.30 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.54 (CDF + D0)$
- $\rightarrow m_t = 173.34 \pm 0.36 \pm 0.67 (CDF + D0 + LHC)$



The σ_{tt} was measured from ~2 TeV to 13 TeV and found to be in agreement with SM predictions



Higgs Searches at LEP

The Higgs, the (once!) missing piece of the Standard Model





Indications from EW measurements





Where to Search for the Higgs Boson?





Where to Search for the Higgs Boson?



Variable cms energy: $90 \rightarrow 200 \text{ GeV}$



Higgs Production at LEP (e⁺e⁻ Collider)





Higgs Production at LEP





Higgs Decay

Topologies The H couples to pairs of fermions with Rates Backgrounds a strength proportional to the mass of the fermion itself WW → qqqq H→bb Z→qą 4-jets 51% ZZ → qqqq The H \rightarrow decays to the heaviest QCD 4-jets kinematically accessible pair of $f\bar{f}$ branching fraction WW → aalv bb missing Ζ→νν H→bb 15% energy $H \to f\bar{f}$ ZZ → bbvv τ+τ-Z→τ⁺τ τ-channel 2.4% H→bb WW → qqtv cc ZZ → bbττ gg ZZ → qqtt w +w 0.01 QCD low mult. jets Z→qą τ-channel 5.1% H→τ⁺τ` $\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}$ γγ lepton ZZ → bbee Z→e⁺e H→bb 4.9% 80 90 100 110 120 70 channel ZZ → bbµµ μţμ m_H(GeV/c²)



Analysis Strategy of the Higgs Search

The ~largest accessible Higgs mass at LEP was ~115 GeV @ LEP cms 200 GeV

Analysis strategy: compromise between

- of statistics and \rightarrow (small) signal is hidden by a large background \rightarrow almost invisible
- Need to reduce background \rightarrow (even smaller) signal is ~insignificant over a ~reduced background

. The searches at LEP was driven by Z decay channels (since $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$)

- the four-jet final state $(H \to b\bar{b})(Z \to q\bar{q})$ including one very special case... $(H \to b\bar{b})(Z \to b\bar{b})$
- the missing energy final state $(H \to b\bar{b})(Z \to \nu\bar{\nu})$
- the leptonic final state $(H \to b\bar{b})(Z \to l^+l^-)$ where ℓ denotes an electron or a muon,
- and the tau lepton final states $(H \to b\bar{b})(Z \to \tau^+\tau^-)$ and $(H \to \tau^+\tau^-)(Z \to q\bar{q})$

Two approaches:

- Selection cuts based on kinematical variables and topologies
- MVA analysis → use global variables & neural networks → one indicator per each event to distinguish signal and background (more efficient)



Looking for an Higgs Boson: how?

Analysis Strategy for one final state topology:





Combining Different Channels

Higgs search at LEP = small signal + large background \rightarrow two ways to increase statistics:

- Combine different experiments \rightarrow 4 experiments \rightarrow statistical significance of signal increases by $\sqrt{4} = 2$
- Combine different channels of the same experiment (= one final-state and one centre-of-mass energy)
 - $\circ m_h^{rec}$ the reconstructed Higgs boson mass, and a
 - G(many event variables): how "Higgs-like" is the sample:

> G < 0 or G << 0 → likely it is Higgs (one choice, it could be the opposite, G>0) > G > 0 or G >> 0 → likely it is background (one choice, it could be the opposite, G<0)

The distribution of data in the plane (m_h^{rec},G) is interpreted

In two hypothetical scenarios:

- The distribution contains background only \mathcal{L}_b
- The distribution contains signal plus background \mathcal{L}_{s+b}

In a search experiment one very good indicator is the likelihood ratio

 $Q = \mathcal{L}_{s+b} / \mathcal{L}_b \ (use - 2\ln(Q))$



Statistical Analysis

One cannot tell on an event-by-event basis whether one event is signal or background \rightarrow statistical analysis.





Statistical Analysis





The Result: m_h^{rec} of Different Experiments



Distributions $m_{\rm H}^{rec}$ for two different signal purities.

Monte Carlo predictions:

- yellow for the background
- red for an Higgs boson of mass 115 GeV.

The points with error bars show the data.





The Upper Limit of m_h^{rec}



- The solid curve represents the observation
- The dashed curve background expectation; ___
- Green band 68% probability around <background>
- Yellow band 95% probability around <background>
- The dash-dotted curve signal plus background expectation (when the signal mass given on the abscissa is tested).

Broad region of data just below $0 \rightarrow no$ significant signal detected

Very negative values of -2ln(Q) would indicate the very likely presence of a signal

a lower bound of 114.4 GeV/c² is set on the mass of the SM Higgs boson at the 95% confidence level.





End of Discoveries

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The Combination Mechanism (ADLO)

For each given channel and bin in the (m_h^{rec},G) plane, the experiments give

- the number of selected data events,
- the number of expected background events, and
- the number of expected signal events for a set of hypothetical Higgs boson masses.

The expected signal and background estimates make use of detailed Monte Carlo simulations by the four experiments: all known experimental features, the centre-of-mass energies, integrated luminosities of the data samples, cross-sections and decay branching ratios for the signal and background processes, selection efficiencies and experimental resolutions with possible non-Gaussian contributions.