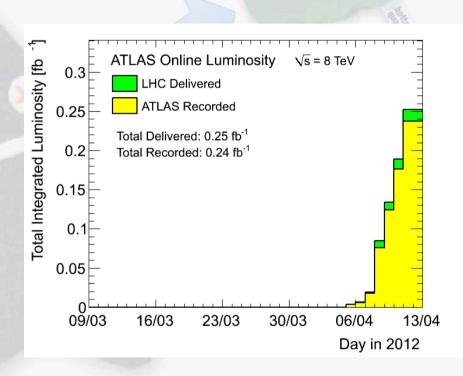
Introduction



Ricardo Gonçalo (RHUL) Higgs Weekly Meeting – 12 April 2012

News! News! News!

- LHC 2012 8TeV run has started!
 - Peak <events>/bunch crossing 27 (37 seen!!)
 - Peak stable lumi 2.5x10³³cm⁻²s⁻¹
- From Lumi talk at Open EB:
 - Final lumi scale error for 2011
 likely to be close to 2%. Small
 change to central value possible
- And also... for initial 2012 running:
 - New CMS lumi scale implies significant luminosity imbalance between points 1 and 5 (6-8%)



News! News! News!

- H->bb analysis approved by Higgs group
- Circulated today (1/2h ago)! https://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/1440266
- Congratulations everyone! ©
- What next:
 - One week of comments
 - First reading
 - Second period of comments by collaboration and management
 - Second reading
 - Send to journal
 - More comments...
 - Publication!

ATLAS Draft

Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson produced in association with a vector boson and decaying to a b-quark pair with the ATLAS detector at the LHC.

Version: 1.1

To be submitted to: Phys. Lett. B.

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Planning for 2012 analyses

- No rest for the weary!...
- Next issue for the whole group is an internal note on plans for 2012 analyses
 - The plan is not completely clear to me yet (e.g. which MC to use)
 - But main goal is to make unbiased decisions:
 - Decide on cuts and strategy before looking at new data
- Should take this as an opportunity to think ahead:
 - Boosted VH analyses and how to merge with inclusive
 - ttH, VBF, BSM analyses (see e.g. Javier and Merlin's talk today)
 - Use of MVAs (see e.g. Jan's talk today)
 - Study trigger constraints and where we can gain signal (ongoing)
 - Needs from MC: generators, where MC improvements can help most e.g. W+jets background, N_{iets} and p_T^W description, where can theory help?
 - CP performance gains needed: b-tagging, bJES, MET (see e.g. Jike's and David's talk)
 - Remember WH/ZH analyses are now systematics limited!
 - How to optimize analyses to prepare for 125GeV Higgs property measurements?

Minimal walking technicolor analysis

- Proposed by Georges Azuelos, Koji Terashi and Else Lytken
- Idea is to do combined work between HSG5 and Exotics diboson group
- Should be very readily applicable to the ZH->llbb analysis, and other possibilities exist
- See Merlin's talk

