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# Chapter 1

## The CMS experiment at LHC

The CMS experiment is one of the biggest particle physics experiments on the world. It is located at the ring of the LHC that is the main experience managed by CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research or Centre Européenne pour la Recherche Nucléaire by its name on french. This center constitutes the biggest center for research on particle physics all over the world. All along its 60 years of existence, from 1954, 21 member states have been joining it, but an overall of 113 countries participate in different ways on this center.

On the present chapter we discuss in detail different aspects of the LHC accelerator and the CMS experiment. In particular we make some emphasis in the CMS sub-detectors related to jets, objects that play the main role on the search that is the main subject of the present work. We also discuss the present state of both machines, their achievements and the challenges that were came through. Finally, also the expectations and goals for the upcoming run II are mentioned.

### 1.1 The Large Hadron Collider

The Large Hadron Collider, or LHC, is a machine that accelerates and collides protons and heavy ions. This machine is the biggest particle collider nowadays with a circumference of 27 km. It also achieves the greatest energy by a collider up to present, planned to be 14 TeV at the center of mass of the collision. On the first run of the machine only 8 TeV were achieved, and next run is planned to start with 13 TeV. It's located in French-Swiss border near to Geneva. The tunnel for the machine was carved around 100 m under the ground, 45 m under the Jura mountains and 170 m under the Léman lake with an inclination of around 1.4%, sloping down towards the lake . This machine has used as much as possible old LEP buildings and sites, that was an electron-positron collider built between 1984 and 1989.

The protons and heavy ions accelerated by the machine are collided in different points where dedicated experiments are located to detect and study the product from the collisions. The four main experiments located on the LHC ring are CMS, ATLAS, LHCb and ALICE. The first two are experiments of generic purpose where searches

for new physics and also precision measurements are performed. LHCb is dedicated to the physics of the b-quark, and ALICE focuses on the study of the quark-gluon plasma produced from heavy ions collisions. However one of the principal objectives of the construction of the LHC was the discovery of the Higgs boson, generic searches on new physics have been conducted from the very beginning of the first data taking on 2009. Moreover, after the Higgs discovery on 2012 there is a growing effort on the searches for new physics and precision measurement on the properties of the Higgs.

The LHC is a complex machine composed of several parts. The two principal parts are the injector chain and the main ring. A diagram of the whole CERN complex can be seen in figure 1.1. The injector chain has different stages that pre-accelerate protons and heavy ions to be injected into the main ring of LHC. In the main ring the protons and heavy ions are fully accelerated and collided in four different points over the ring.

### 1.1.1 Injector chain

The injector chain begins with the proton source. Protons are extracted via ionization of Hydrogen gas in the Duoplasmatron Proton Ion Source. Such extraction is pulsed, what makes up the first bunch structure. The extracted protons are then accelerated to 50 MeV in the linear accelerator, Linac2, that dates from 1978. After this first stage several steps are followed:

1. Linac2 injects proton bunches in the Proton Synchrotron Booster (PSB) where are accelerated to 1.4 GeV.
2. From PSB, the protons are delivered to the Proton Synchrotron (PS) where they reach an energy of 25 GeV. In the PS the bunches are also split from 6 initial bunches to 72 spaced by 25 ns.
3. Finally, the pre-acceleration chain is finished by the SPS, Super Proton Synchrotron. There the bunches are accelerated up to 450 GeV right before being inserted to the main LHC ring.

The whole pre-acceleration chain has been optimized to obtain the best possible performance on the final acceleration in the LHC main ring. All parameters are carefully controlled, for example the number of bunches, the separation between bunches, the separation between trains of bunches or the injection energy to each subsystem. It's also remarkable to notice the level of control achieved in the bunches manipulation, from old subsystems as the PS from 1959 or the newest, the SPS that dates from 1976.

Some recent plans for future accelerator have been theorized using the LHC main ring as injector for a bigger accelerator, for example the so called Very Large Hadron Collider or VLHC.

### 1.1.2 Main ring

The main ring is composed of two rings that accelerate the proton bunches in opposite directions, clock-wise and counter clock-wise. An schematic view of the design of the

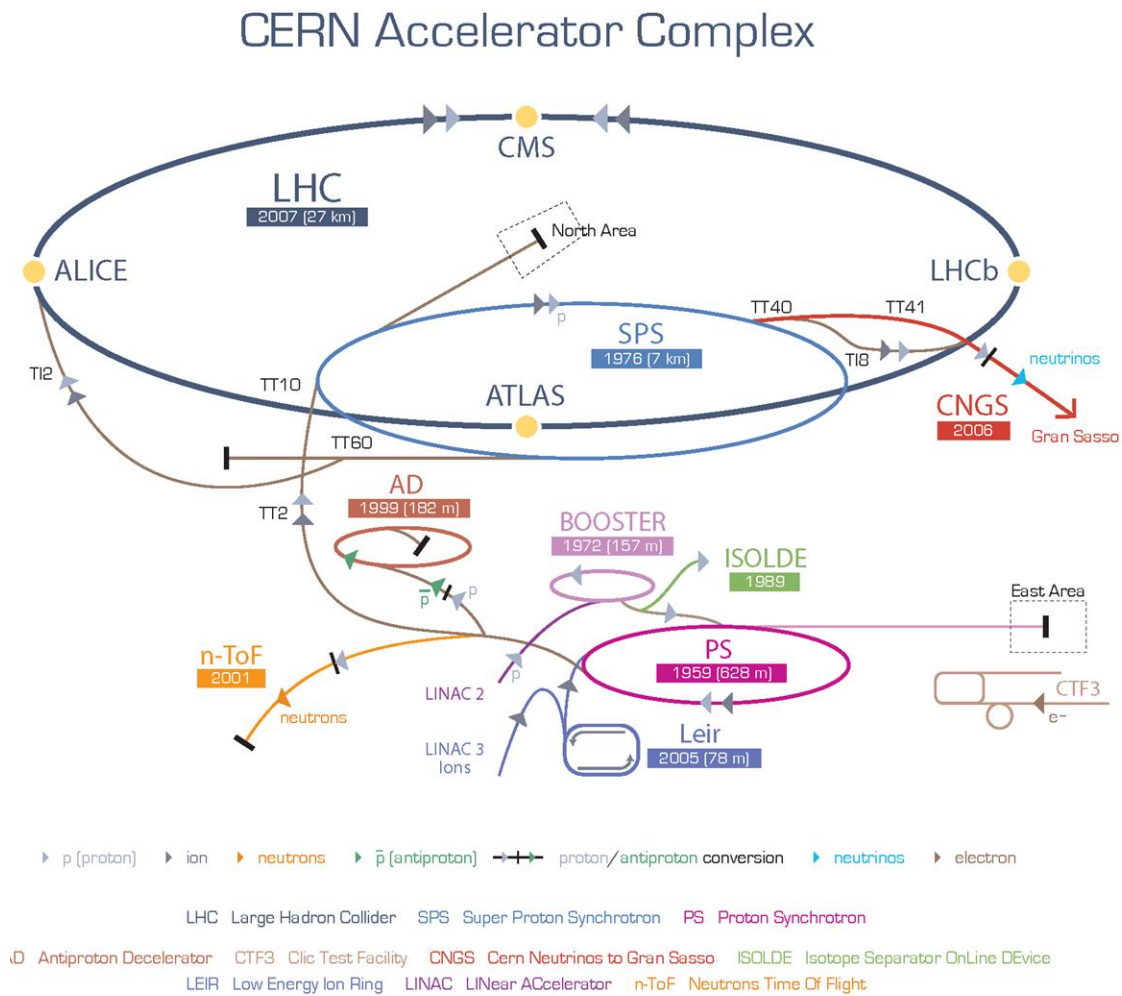


Figure 1.1: Organization of CERN complex

main ring can be seen in figure 1.2. The rings crosses in different points in order to collide the protons and they are divided in eight straight sections and eight arcs. In each octant bunches are controlled by dipole magnets. These magnets, in figure 1.3, need to produce a very strong magnetic field in order to be able to bend a 7 TeV beam of protons. This intense magnetic field, 8.33 T, is produced by electrical currents that are only achievable by means of superconductivity. All the 1232 dipoles operate at a temperature of 1.9 K, under cooling by liquid helium. They also operate under ultra-high-vacuum. The beam lines with a pressure less than  $10^{-9}$  mbar and the whole dipole system with  $10^{-6}$  mbar, that serves also as insulating system from the surroundings. In addition, the LHC main ring has other magnets that focus and correct different characteristics of the beam: 520 quadrupoles, 2464 sextupoles, 1232 octupoles.

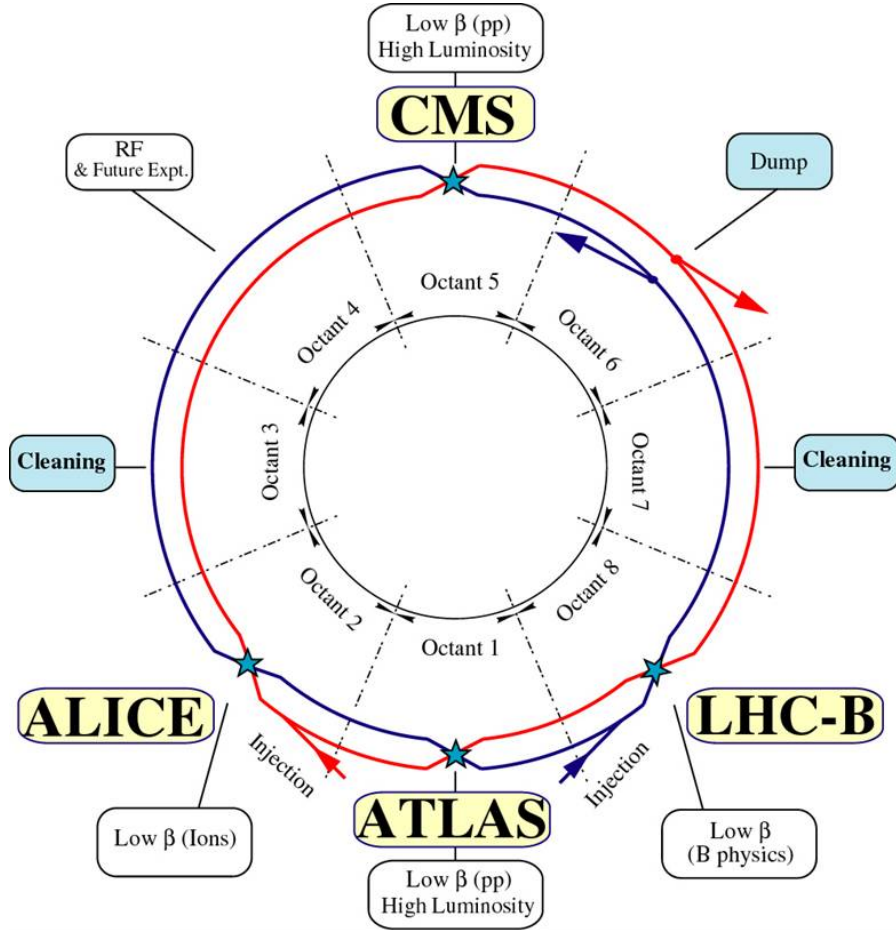


Figure 1.2: Schematic of the LHC main ring design.

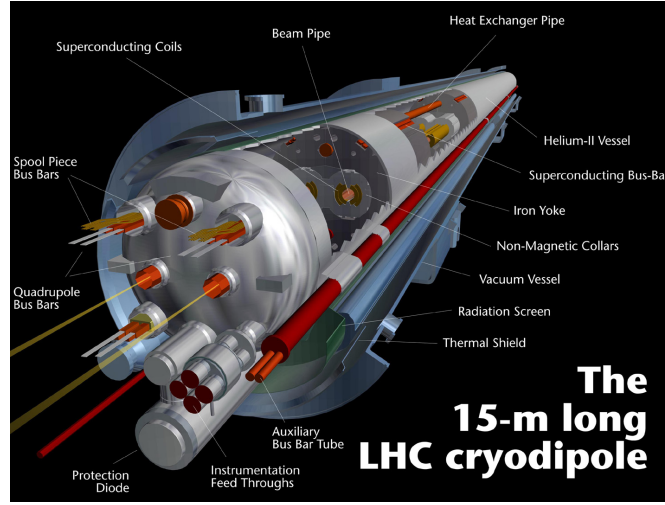


Figure 1.3: Design of LHC cryodipole that bends the beam in the main ring.

## Luminosity

On collider physics, such as the LHC, the figure of merit is the luminosity, given in equation 1.1. The luminosity is proportional to the number of events per second, and in this terms is the quantity to be maximized by the design and operation of the accelerator. In terms of the collider characteristics depend on the number of bunches in the ring  $k_b$ , the number of protons per bunch  $N_b$ , the revolution frequency  $f_{rev}$ , the relativistic gamma factor  $\gamma$ , the normalized rms transverse beam emittance  $\epsilon_n$  and the beta function at the interaction point  $\beta^*$ . The denominator on 1.1 can also be understood in terms of the horizontal and vertical width of the bunches at the crossing. In table 1.1.2 can be found the LHC beam parameters at injection and collision.

$$L = \frac{k_b N_b^2 f_{rev} \gamma}{4\pi \epsilon_n \beta^*} \quad (1.1)$$

Parameter/units	Injection	Collision
Energy [GeV]	450	7000
Luminosity [ $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]		$10^{34}$
$k_b$ Number of bunches	2808	
Bunch spacing [ns]	24.95	
$N_b$ intensity per bunch [protons/bunch]	$1.15 \times 10^{11}$	
Beam current [A]	0.58	
$\epsilon_n$ normalized rms transverse beam emittance [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	3.5	3.75
$f_{rev}$ revolution frequency [kHz]	11.25	

At the crossing points, the number of events coming from collisions and produced via an specific process, is directly proportional to the luminosity provided by the collider, as in equation 1.1.

$$N_{events} = L\sigma_{process} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\sigma_{process}$  is the cross section of the process.

## 1.2 The Compact Muon Solenoid experiment

$$f'(x) = 1 - 2x$$

$$\beta(x) \leq \cos(x)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{(2)}}{2}$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f'(x) = f(x) \quad (1.3)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1 \quad (1.4)$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(x)}{f(x)} = \pi^2 \quad (1.5)$$

$$\left\| 2^{\Gamma(x)} \right\|^2 = \underbrace{f(a) + f(b)}_{\leq 1} + \dot{y}$$



## Chapter 2

# The Standard Model

Since the Greeks, different theories about the composition and structure of the world have been formulated. At ancient Greece this theories were elaborated from a philosophical point of view. Nowadays, we count with a very sophisticated set of tools and concepts that allowed us to build up a general vision of nature, its components and structure. Moreover, on the subject of the constituents, or elemental constituents, we have developed a theory that is capable to describe the majority of known phenomena. This theory is the Standard Model (SM) of particle physics.

This SM relies in two of the more fancy constructs of modern physics and mathematics. From physics side, the quantum field theory; from mathematics, group theory. Quantum field theory has born from the understanding of processes that take place at very small spatial scales but in a regime where special relativity play an important role. To describe such, a major part of the most brilliant minds of the 20th century dedicated their life, Paul Dirac, Richard Feynman, Enrico Fermi among them. The theory of quantum fields has set in a common place two extraordinary achievements of physics: special relativity and quantum mechanics. With it we have been capable to describe many phenomena:  $\beta$  decay and  $\alpha$  decay, solid state, with many other.

From the mathematics side, group theory has become one of the most powerful tools for particle physicist. However, their development began quite early, with Galois at XXXX, and was used in other parts of physics, it's with Lie algebras and the possibility of describing continuous symmetries that the most important step will be given. Also, this would have not been possible with the amazing connection found by Emmy Noether in XXXX. Her finding connected symmetries and physics in a form never known before. She found that for every conserved quantity in a system there is a symmetry followed by it. As group theory can be seen, in grosso modo, a way to mathematically describe symmetries, group theory became the tool to describe systems with conserved quantities.

In this chapter, we are going to present the basics of the SM. We describe its seminal ideas, its structure and content and it's ultimate consequences. Finally, we close with its limitations.

## 2.1 Symmetries and interactions

## 2.2 Fields and particles

### 2.2.1 The mass problem

### 2.2.2 Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

### 2.2.3 Higgs mechanism

## 2.3 Hierarchy problem and other limitations

## Chapter 3

# Vector Like Quarks: Generic model

From chapter 2 we have seen how there are some parts in the SM that does not work very well. From such internal issues some further models/theories have been developed. All this theories are commonly grouped under the term Beyond Standard Model or simply BSM. One of the most famous BSM theory is supersymmetry (SUSY). This theory postulates a symmetry that does not distinguish between fermions and bosons. This idea have given birth to a plethora of model realizations and physics predictions. So far, nothing of the new consequences of this theory have been confirmed but the experiments have an enormous investment on their search. But not only SUSY have seen the day light, there is on the market an astonishing amount of BSM theories addressing different issues of the SM. Extra dimensions, fourth families, composite Higgs are a few of them.

In this chapter we will describe a bunch of models that introduce additional heavy quarks, heavier than the top, in order to solve the hierarchy problem, described on section 2.3.

### 3.1 Motivation

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#### 3.3.2 Decay modes

#### 3.3.3 Stragey for the full hadronic final state

#### 3.3.4 Event selection

#### 3.3.5 Results



## Chapter 4

# Understanding theory predictions via Monte-Carlo event generation



## Chapter 5

**Search for a single produced  $T'$   
decaying into top and Higgs in  
the full hadronic final state**





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