# 5. Production of high $P_T$ jets

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# **5.1 Introduction**



Leading order





- Hard scattering processes at hadron colliders are dominated by jet production
- QCD process, originating from qq, qg and gg scattering
- Cross sections can be calculated in QCD (perturbation theory)

Comparison between experimental data and theoretical predictions constitutes an important test of the theory.

#### **Deviations?**

→ Problem in the experiment ?
 Problem in the theory (QCD) ?
 New Physics, e.g. quark substructure ?

- Large cross sections....
- Fast rising with  $\sqrt{s}$

#### Leading order







Cross sections for important hard scattering Standard Model processes at the Tevatron and the LHC colliders

# Jets from QCD production: Tevatron vs LHC

- Rapidly probe perturbative QCD in a new energy regime (at a scale above the Tevatron, large cross sections)
- Experimental challenge: understanding of the detector
   main focus on jet energy scale
   resolution
- Theory challenge:
  - improved calculations... (renormalization and factorization scale uncertainties)
  - pdf uncertainties



# 5.2 Reminder: structure of QCD, matrix element calculation

Theory	Interaction	charge	Gauge boson
QED	electromagnetic	electric charge	Photon
QCD	strong	colour charge	Gluons



# SU3: $|1\rangle = (r\bar{b} + b\bar{r})/\sqrt{2}$ $|2\rangle = -i(r\bar{b} - b\bar{r})/\sqrt{2}$ $|3\rangle = (r\bar{r} - b\bar{b})/\sqrt{2}$ $|4\rangle = (r\bar{g} + g\bar{r})/\sqrt{2}$ $|5\rangle = -i(r\bar{g} - g\bar{r})/\sqrt{2}$ $|6\rangle = (b\bar{g} + g\bar{b})/\sqrt{2}$ $|7\rangle = -i(b\bar{g} - g\bar{b})/\sqrt{2}$ $|8\rangle = (r\bar{r} + b\bar{b} + 2g\bar{g})/\sqrt{6}$ Color Singlet $|9\rangle = -i(r\bar{r} + b\bar{b} + g\bar{g})/\sqrt{3}$

Color Singlet gluons do not exist. Since the gluons have m=0, this would give a strong gravity force.

#### Quark and gluon states:



# $a^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, a^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots$

Gluons carry color charge, therefore they can couple to each other. This is not possible for photons. The Gell-Mann  $\lambda$ -matrices are the generators of SU3, equivalent to the Pauli matrices for SU2.

$$\lambda^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^{4} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^{5} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^{7} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^{8} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The commutators of the  $\lambda$ -matrices define the structure constants of SU3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{\alpha}, \ \lambda^{\beta} \end{bmatrix} = 2if^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\lambda^{\gamma}$$
with  $f^{\beta\alpha\gamma} = f^{\alpha\gamma\beta} = -f^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ 
completely antisymmetric

There are 8x8x8=512 structure constants. Most are zero, except for the following and their antisymmetric permutations.

$$\begin{aligned} f^{123} &= 1\\ f^{147} &= f^{246} = f^{257} = f^{345} = f^{516} = f^{637} = \frac{1}{2}\\ f^{458} &= f^{678} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

# Feynman rules for QCD:





- Internal Loop Diagrams More complicated than in QED. Not treated here.
- 5. δ-function for momentum conservation

# Example: invariant amplitude for u dbar $\rightarrow$ u dbar scattering



Like in QED also in QCD the charge is conserved.

Thus diagrams have continuous flow of color.

Matrix elements are like in QED, but they contain a color factor.

$$-i\mathcal{M} = \bar{u}(3)c_3^+ \left[ -i\frac{g_s}{2}\lambda^{\alpha}\gamma^{\mu} \right] u(1)c_1 \frac{-ig_{\mu\nu}\delta^{\alpha\beta}}{q^2} \bar{v}(2)c_2^+ \left[ -i\frac{g_s}{2}\lambda^{\beta}\gamma^{\nu} \right] v(4)c_4$$
$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{-g_s^2}{4q^2} \left[ \bar{u}(3)\gamma^{\mu}u(1) \right] \left[ \bar{v}(2)\gamma_{\mu}v(4) \right] \left[ c_3^+\lambda^{\alpha}c_1 \right] \left[ c_2^+\lambda^{\alpha}c_4 \right]$$

# Example (ii): u ubar $\rightarrow$ gg



$$\mathcal{M}_{2} = \frac{-g_{s}^{2}}{8} \frac{1}{p_{1} \cdot p_{4}} \left\{ \overline{v}(2) [\not e_{3}(\not p_{1} - \not p_{4} + mc) \not e_{4}] u(1) \right\} a_{3}^{\alpha} a_{4}^{\beta} (c_{2}^{\dagger} \lambda^{\alpha} \lambda^{\beta} c_{1})$$

#### colour flow in hard processes:

One Feynman graph can correspond to several possible colour flows, e.g. for  $qg \rightarrow qg$ :



while other  $qg \rightarrow qg$  graphs only admit one colour flow:



#### Quarks and gluon loops, running of $\alpha_s$ :



Quark loops: increase  $\alpha_s(|q^2|)$  with  $|q^2|$ Gluon loops: decrease  $\alpha_s(|q^2|)$  with  $|q^2|$ 

$$\alpha_{s}(|q^{2}|) = \frac{\alpha_{s}(\mu^{2})}{1 + [\alpha_{s}(\mu^{2})/12\pi](11n - 2f)\ln(|q^{2}|/\mu^{2})} \quad (|q^{2}| \gg \mu^{2})$$
  
which are open at  $|q^{2}|$ 

Leading log approximation. This formula gives the running of  $\alpha_s(|q^2|)$ . If we know it at  $|q^2|=\mu$ , we can calculate in for every  $|q^2|$ .

# Running of $\alpha_s$ :

$$\alpha_s(|q^2|) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{1 + [\alpha_s(\mu^2)/12\pi](11n - 2f)\ln(|q^2|/\mu^2)} \quad (|q^2| \gg \mu^2)$$

The energy scale  $\mu$  must be chosen such that  $\alpha_s(|q^2|) < I$ , otherwise the power expansion does not converge and perturbation theory is not valid.

One can define the  $\Lambda$  - Parameter:

$$\ln \Lambda^2 = \ln \mu^2 - \frac{12\pi}{[(11n - 2f)\alpha_s(\mu^2)]}$$

Then the single parameter  $\Lambda$  determines the running of  $\alpha$ 

$$\alpha_{s}(|q^{2}|) = \frac{12\pi}{(11n - 2f)\ln(|q^{2}|/\Lambda^{2})} \quad (|q^{2}| \gg \Lambda^{2})$$

From experimental measurements on finds:  $100 \text{ MeV} < \Lambda < 350 \text{ MeV}$ 

One usually choses  $\mu = m_Z$  as a reference scale, since  $\alpha_s(m_z^2)$  has been measured very precisely at LEP. With the formula above, values measured at other energies can be extrapolated to  $m_7$ .

# Running of $\alpha_s$ :

The renormalization scale dependence of the effective QCD coupling  $\alpha_s = g_s^2/4\pi$  is controlled by the  $\beta$ -function:

$$\begin{split} \mu \frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial \mu} &= 2\beta(\alpha_s) = -\frac{\beta_0}{2\pi} \alpha_s^2 - \frac{\beta_1}{4\pi^2} \alpha_s^3 - \frac{\beta_2}{64\pi^3} \alpha_s^4 - \cdots ,\\ \beta_0 &= 11 - \frac{2}{3} n_f ,\\ \beta_1 &= 51 - \frac{19}{3} n_f ,\\ \beta_2 &= 2857 - \frac{5033}{9} n_f + \frac{325}{27} n_f^2 , \end{split}$$

If one solves the differential equation an integration constant appears, which is the value of  $\alpha$ s at a fixed reference scale  $\mu_0$ . One often chooses  $\mu_0=M_Z$  as mentioned earlier.

The value of  $\alpha s(\mu)$  can then be calculated from:

$$\log(\mu^2/\mu_0^2) = \int_{\alpha_s(\mu_0)}^{\alpha_s(\mu)} \frac{d\alpha}{\beta(\alpha)}$$

# Experimental measurements of $\alpha_s$ :



Summary of measurements of  $\alpha_s (m_Z^2)$ , used as input for the world average value (from Particle Data Group).

Summary of measurements of  $\alpha_s$  as a function of the respective energy scale Q (from Particle Data Group).

# 5.3 Jet production at hadron colliders





# A two jet event at the Tevatron (CDF)

#### **Theoretical calculations** 5.3.1

#### Leading order



$rac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}(ab ightarrow cd) = rac{\mid M\mid}{(16\pi\hat{s}^2)}$					
ubprocess		$ \mathcal{M} ^2/g_s^4$	$ \mathcal{M}(90^\circ) ^2/g$		
$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} qq' \rightarrow qq' \\ q\bar{q}' \rightarrow q\bar{q}' \end{array} \right\}$	$\frac{4}{9} \; \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2} \;$		2.2		
$qq \rightarrow qq$	$\frac{4}{9}\left(\frac{\hat{s}^2+\hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2}\right.$	$\left( {{\hat s}^2 + {\hat t}^2 \over {\hat u}^2}  ight) - {8 \over 27} \; {{\hat s}^2 \over {\hat u}{\hat t}}$	3.3		
$q\bar{q}  ightarrow q' \bar{q}'$	$\frac{4}{9} \; \frac{\hat{t}^{\; 2} + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{s}^2} \;$		0.2		
$q \bar{q} \rightarrow q \bar{q}$	$\frac{4}{9}\left(\frac{\hat{s}^2+\hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2}\right)$	$\left( {{\hat t}^{2} + {\hat t}^{2} + {\hat u}^2 \over {\hat s}^2}  ight) - {8 \over 27} \; {{\hat u}^2 \over {\hat s} {\hat t}^2}$	2.6		
$q \bar{q}  ightarrow g g$	$\frac{32}{27}  \frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{t}}$	$\frac{\hat{u}^2}{\hat{u}^2} = -\frac{8}{3} \; rac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^{\;2}}{\hat{s}^2}$	1.0		
$gg  ightarrow q \overline{q}$	$\frac{1}{6} \ \frac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{t}}$	$-rac{3}{8} \; rac{\hat{u}^2 + \hat{t}^2}{\hat{s}^2}$	0.1		
qg  ightarrow qg	${{\hat s}^2 + {\hat u}^2\over{{\hat t}^2}}-$	$\frac{4}{9} \; \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{u}\hat{s}}$	6.1		
$gg \rightarrow gg$	$rac{9}{4}\left(rac{\hat{s}^2+\hat{u}}{\hat{t}^{2}} ight.$	${{\hat z}^2 \over {\hat z}^2} + {{\hat s}^2 + {\hat t}^2 \over {\hat u}^2} + {{{\hat u}^2 + {\hat t}^2} \over {{\hat s}^2}}$	+3) 30.4		

 $| \lambda \pi | 2$ 

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Right: Results of the LO matrix elements for the various scattering processes, expressed in terms of the Mandelstam variables s, t and u. (Kripfganz et al, 1974);

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- gg scattering is the dominant contribution under  $\eta = 0$ ; (sensitivity to gluons, sensitivity to gluon self-coupling, as predicted by QCD)
- NLO predictions have meanwhile been calculated (2002).

# The composition of the partons involved as function of the $p_T$ of the jet at the Tevatron:



Tevatron, ppbar,  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV, central region  $|\eta| < 0.4$ 

- qq scattering dominates at high p<sub>T</sub>
- However, gluons contribute over the full range

# 5.3.2 Experimental issues

# $d^{2}\sigma / dp_{T} d\eta = N / (\epsilon \cdot L \cdot \Delta p_{T} \cdot \Delta \eta)$

• In principle a simple counting experiment

- However, steeply falling p<sub>T</sub> spectra are sensitive to jet energy scale uncertainties and resolution effects (migration between bins)
   → corrections (unfolding) to be applied
- Sensitivity to jet energy scale uncertainty: DØ: 1% energy scale error







### Jet reconstruction and energy measurement

- A jet is NOT a well defined object (fragmentation, gluon radiation, detector response)
- The detector response is different for particles interacting electromagnetically (e,γ) and for hadrons

 $\rightarrow$  for comparisons with theory, one needs to correct back the calorimeter energies to the "particle level" (particle jet)

Common ground between theory and experiment

- One needs an algorithm to define a jet and to measure its energy conflicting requirements between experiment and theory (exp. simple, e.g. cone algorithm, vs. theoretically sound (no infrared divergencies))
  - Energy corrections for losses of fragmentation products outside jet definition and underlying event or pileup energy inside



Time

#### Main corrections:

- In general, calorimeters show different response to electrons/photons and hadrons
- Subtraction of offset energy not originating from the hard scattering (inside the same collision or pile-up contributions, use minimum bias data to extract this)
- Correction for jet energy out of cone (corrected with jet data + Monte Carlo simulations)



#### Jet Energy Scale



#### Jet response correction in DØ:

- Measure response of particles making up the jet
- Use photon + jet data calibrate jets against the better calibrated photon energy



Achieved jet energy scale uncertainty:

DØ:  $\Delta E / E \sim 1-2\%$  (excellent result, a huge effort)

# Jet energy scale at the LHC

- A good jet-energy scale determination is essential for many QCD measurements (arguments similar to Tevatron, but kinematic range (jet p<sub>T</sub>) is larger, ~20 GeV – ~3 TeV)
- Propagate knowledge of the em scale to the hadronic scale, but several processes are needed to cover the large p<sub>T</sub> range

Measurement process	Jet p <sub>T</sub> range
Z + jet balance	20 < p <sub>T</sub> < 100 – 200 GeV
$\gamma$ + jet balance	50 < p <sub>T</sub> < 500 GeV (trigger, QCD background)
Multijet balance	500 GeV < p <sub>T</sub>

Reasonable goal: 5-10% in first runs (1 fb<sup>-1</sup>) 1- 2% long term





Stat. precision (500 pb<sup>-1</sup>): 0.8% Systematics: 5-10% at low  $p_T$ , 1% at high  $p_T$ 

#### Example: Z + jet balance

# **Test of QCD Jet production**



An "**early**" result from the DØ experiment (34 pb<sup>-1</sup>)

Inclusive Jet spectrum as a function of Jet- $P_T$ 

very good agreement with NLO pQCD calculations over many orders of magnitude !

within the large theoretical and experimental uncertainties

# Double differential distributions in p<sub>T</sub> and η



- Measurement in 5-6 different rapidity bins, over 9 orders of magnitude, up to  $p_T \sim 650 \text{ GeV}$
- Data corresponding to ~ 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> (CDF) and 0.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> (DØ)

# Comparison between data and theory



#### - CDF and DØ agree within uncertainties

- Experimental uncertainties are smaller than the pdf uncertainties (in particular large for large x, gluon distribution)
- Wait for updated (2009) parametrizations (plans to include Tevatron data, to better constrain the high x-region)



# **Di-jet angular distributions**

reduced sensitivity to Jet energy scale
sensitivity to higher order QCD corrections preserved



Good agreement with next-to-leading order QCD predictions

# High $p_T$ jet events at the LHC



Event display that shows the highest-mass central dijet event collected during 2010, where the two leading jets have an invariant mass of 3.1 TeV. The two leading jets have ( $p_T$ , y) of (1.3 TeV, -0.68) and (1.2 TeV, 0.64), respectively. The missing  $E_T$  in the event is 46 GeV. From <u>ATLAS-CONF-2011-047</u>.

# An event with a high jet multiplicity at the LHC



The highest jet multiplicity event collected by the end of October 2010, counting jets with  $p_T$  greater than 60 GeV: this event has eight. 1st jet (ordered by  $p_T$ ):  $p_T = 290$  GeV,  $\eta = -0.9$ ,  $\varphi = 2.7$ ; 2nd jet:  $p_T = 220$  GeV,  $\eta = 0.3$ ,  $\varphi = -0.7$  Missing  $E_T = 21$  GeV,  $\varphi = -1.9$ , Sum  $E_T = 890$  GeV. The event was collected on 5 October 2010.

# Jet trigger efficiencies for the first LHC data:



Inclusive-jet L1 trigger efficiency as a function of reconstructed jet pT for jets identified using the anti-kt algorithm with R = 0.6.

# Initial jet energy scale calibration:



Average jet energy scale correction, evaluated using PYTHIA 6, as a function of jet transverse momentum at the EM scale for jets in the central barrel (black circles) and endcap (red triangles) regions, shown in EM scale  $p_T$  bins and  $\eta$  regions.



Fractional jet energy scale systematic uncertainty as a function of  $p_T$  for jets in the pseudorapidity region  $0.3 < |\eta| < 0.8$  in the barrel calorimeter. The total systematic uncertainty is shown as the solid light blue area. The individual sources are also shown, with statistical errors if applicable.

# First measurements of jet $p_T$ spectra:



Inclusive jet differential cross section as a function of jet  $p_{T}$  integrated over the full region |y| < 2.8 for jets identified using the anti-kt algorithm with R = 0.4. The data are compared to NLO pQCD calculations to which soft QCD corrections have been applied. The error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty on the measurement, and the grey shaded bands indicate the guadratic sum of the systematic uncertainties, dominated by the jet energy scale uncertainty. There is an additional overall uncertainty of 11% due to the luminosity measurement that is not shown. The theory uncertainty shown in red is the guadratic sum of uncertainties from the choice of renormalisation and factorisation scales, parton distribution functions,  $\alpha_{c}(m_{7})$ , and the modelling of soft QCD effects.

# Double differential cross sections:





# Rapidity dependence of the cross sections:



# Invariant di-jet mass spectra:



Dijet double-differential cross section as a function of dijet mass, binned in the maximum rapidity of the two leading jets,  $|y|_max$ . The results are shown for jets identified using the anti-kt algorithm with R = 0.4. The data are compared to NLO pQCD calculations to which soft QCD corrections have been applied. The uncertainties on the data and theory are shown as described above for the pT spectra.

#### Important for: - Test of QCD

- Search for new resonances decaying into two jets (see later)

# Invariant di-jet mass spectra, ratio data/theory:



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# Angular correlations:



The delta phi distribution for >=2, >=3, >=4, and >=5 jets with pT > 100 GeV. Overlaid on the calibrated but otherwise uncorrected data (points) are results from PYTHIA processed through the detector simulation (lines). All uncertainties are statistical only.



The delta phi distribution in an ALPGEN Monte Carlo sample at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV. Individual contributions from 2 --> 2 (orange dot-dotdashed line), 3 (green dot-dashed line), 4 (blue dotted line), and >=5 (purple dashed line) production are shown. The total contribution (indicated by "Sigma Partons") is represented by the solid red line. The minimum jet pT requirement is 100 GeV, and the leading jet pT must be > 110 GeV.

# Angular correlations:

The differential cross section (1/sigma)(d sigma/d delta phi) binned in nine pTmax regions. Overlaid on the data (points) are results from the NLO pQCD calculation. The error bars on the data points indicate the statistical (inner error bar) and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature in this and subsequent figures. The theory uncertainties are indicated by the hatched regions. Different bins in pTmax are scaled by multiplicative factors of ten for display purposes. The region near the divergence at delta phi --> pi is excluded from the calculation.



Ratio between data and NLO calculations:



Ratio of the differential cross section (1/sigma)(d sigma/d delta phi) measured in data with respect to expectations from NLO pQCD (points). The theory uncertainties are indicated by the hatched regions. The region near the divergence at delta phi --> pi is excluded from the comparison.

# 5.4 Impact on the parton density distributions

 As discussed before: there is a sizeable gluon contribution in the QCD jet cross sections



Tevatron, ppbar,  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV, central region  $|\eta| < 0.4$ 

- The gluon distribution, at particular at large x-values (high PT jets) is not well constrained from deep inelastic scattering or other experiments
  - $\rightarrow$  large uncertainties (which are not easy to quantify)

#### **Tevatron data from 2008 (CDF experiment):**



Since the experimental uncertainties are smaller than the pdf uncertainties, the latter can be reduced / pdfs can be more constrained

#### **Tevatron jet data are included in recent pdf fits:**

- For details, see MSTW analysis in Ref. hep-ph:0901.0002
- Data from CDF and D0 (Run-II, 2008) are included; Data favour a smaller gluon content at high x



#### **Tevatron jet data are included in recent pdf fits:**

 Reduced pdf uncertainty (already included and used in recent cross-section calculations at the Tevatron and at the LHC)



It is expected that LHC data will be added as well very soon  $\rightarrow$  further constraints

#### **Relevance for Searches for new physics:**

 Several models for new physics, e.g. quark substructure, predict deviations from the QCD behaviour at large PT

Effects from pdfs and "new physics" must be separated

 Famous "historical example": evidence for quark substructure in the CDF experiment in 1997



Run I data compared to pQCD NLO

Observed deviation in tail ...... was this a sign of new physics ?

# Some important comments:

•Disentangling the effects of pdfs and "new physics" is not easy

•All data entering the pdf fits must be described in the global fits by the pdf fitting groups.... it is important to have uncorrelated data sets (different physics processes, accelerators, as little common systematic uncertainties as possible)

•pdf uncertainties must be evaluated and and interpretation of new physics must take these uncertainties into account

Evaluation of pdf uncertainties:

(i) Uncertainties on the fitted parameters, within one parametrization (these uncertainties are provided by the pdf-fitting groups)

(ii) As an additional check → systematic uncertainties
 a comparison between different pdf fits (groups) must be performed

(iii) Uncertainties on the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_{\rm s}$  (enters via pdf evolution)

Error bands of individual parametrizations and consistency among them:

- MSTW (2008) is always used as a reference
- uncertainties depend on the x-values or the c.m.s energy of the parton-partonsystem

## gg luminosity at the LHC:



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# $\Sigma$ qq luminosity at the LHC:



This has direct implications on the cross-section calculation at the LHC:

Example: Higgs production (via gluon fusion)





Correlation between pdfs and  $\alpha_s$  (most affected is the gluon distribution):



... less dramatic for quark distributions:



Implications on the cross-section calculation at the LHC:

Example: Higgs production via gluon fusion,  $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$ 



Implications on the cross-section calculation at the LHC:

Example: top pair production via gluon fusion



#### Example: Production of W and Z bosons at the LHC



All these processes will be measured in detail at the LHC (see next lectures), differential measurements will provide significant constraints on pdfs

# 5.5 Direct photon production



#### Motivation:

•Test of perturbative QCD
•The gluon-initiated process dominates up to ~150 GeV
→ the high statistics Tevatron and LHC datasets can further constrain the gluon pdf

•Better energy resolution of photons, as compared to jets (no decay, fragmentation, no jet algorithm, better el.magn calorimeter resolution)

→ process plays a key role in jet calibration

# Direct photon production has been measured in many fixed target and collider experiments: $10^{5}$

- Highest p<sub>T</sub> values from Tevatron experiments so far
- In general, data are well described by NLO pQCD predictions



Some details on the experimental measurement:

Main backgrounds: photons from final state radiation off quarks
 → di-jet production is a background

decays of high  $p_T \pi^0$  mesons inside jets  $\rightarrow$  di-jet production is a background

•To suppress backgrounds: require isolated photons (cut on energy deposited in a cone of R=0.4 around the photon)



#### Example: Isolation variable, as measured in the CDF experiment



 Photon fraction is determined from a fit to the experimental data (templates, i.e. shapes of photons from Monte Carlo simulation, cross-checked with electron shapes from Z → ee data)

#### The photon fraction as a function of $p_T$ :



#### Measured photon $p_T$ spectra at the Tevatron:







- In general good agreement within the experimental and theoretical uncertainties
- However, both experiments measure an excess (data/theory) in the low p<sub>T</sub> region;

origin: unclear !!

# Photons at the LHC









# Photons at the LHC



- There is still something not understood going on below 50 GeV
  - However, due to different energies, effects from pdf and matrix elements can be separated (LHC probes a different x-range for the same  $p_{\tau}$  value)
- The additional kinematic reach of the LHC is apparent
  - For the same  $x_T$ , the LHC goes out 3.5x farther in  $E_T$ .
  - With only 1% of the data, the kinematic reach is the same as the Tevatron's
  - This represents 1-10% of the data the LHC has already collected
  - The troublesome region below 50 GeV is a tiny piece of what will be studied

#### The next step: Di-photon production



- Direct probe of qq  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  process (QED)
- Sizeable gg-box contribution
- Irreducible background in searches for new physics
  - Higgs bosons
  - SUSY searches with light gravitinos,....



# $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

#### Main backgrounds: γγ irreducible background



γ-jet and jet-jet (reducible)



- Main exp. tools for background suppression:
  - photon identification
  - γ / jet separation (calorimeter + tracker)
  - note: also converted photons need to be reconstructed? (large material in LHC silicon trackers)



CMS: fraction of	converted ys
Barrel region:	42.0 %
Endcap region:	59.5 %

#### Elements of the analyses:

- NLO calculations available (Binoth et al., DIPHOX, RESBOS)
- Realistic detector material
- NLO K factors (for signal and background)







- Comparable results for ATLAS and CMS
- Improvements possible by using more exclusive  $\gamma\gamma$  + jet topologies

#### **Results on di-photon production from the Tevatron and LHC:**



- Data both at the Tevatron and at the LHC agree with expectations
- Higher energy / potential of the LHC already clearly visible (even at this early stage of data taking)
   → LHC is on the way towards Higgs discovery or exclusion !

# 5.6 Measurements of the strong coupling constant $\alpha_s$



• Running of  $\alpha_s$  well established, in agreement with predictions from QCD

World average (2010):  $\alpha_s = 0.1184 \pm 0.0007$ 



The results for  $\alpha_s$  ( $p_T$ ) top and  $\alpha_s$  ( $m_Z$ ) (bottom). The results are based on 22 selected data points. For comparison, results from HERA DIS jet data have been included. The running of a s for the value measured in D0 is superimposed as yellow band. All data points are shown with their total uncertainties, the D0 values are correlated.



Jet cross sections over large energy range and for many hadron collider experiments consistent with  $\alpha_s = 0.118$ 

A compilation of data-over-theory ratios for inclusive jet cross sections as a function of the jet transverse momentum (pT), measured in different hadron-induced processes at different centre-of-mass energies (Particle Data Group, 2010).

The various ratios are scaled by arbitrary numbers (indicated between parentheses) for better readability of the plot. The theoretical predictions have been obtained at NLO accuracy, for parameter choices and structure functions as indicated at the bottom of the figure.