Search for the Standard Model $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays with the ATLAS detector at the LHC

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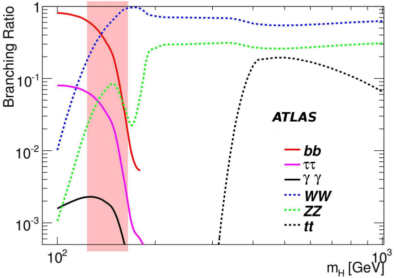
Introduction

- $H \to \gamma\gamma$ is one of the most promising discovery channels for a SM Higgs boson in low mass region ($114 < m_{\mathrm{H}} < 150$GeV)
- Has shaped the requirements for the EM calorimetry (together with $H \to 4e$ channel)



- Small branching ratio ($\approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ for $m_H = 120$ GeV)

BUT

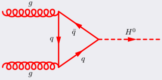
- Simple signature
- Very good mass resolution ($\approx$1.5GeV)

→ Need good photon reconstruction/identification
→ Need good γ/jet rejection
→ Need proper conversion handling
→ Need good photons direction measurement

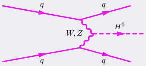
Signal and background

Higgs boson production

- gg fusion

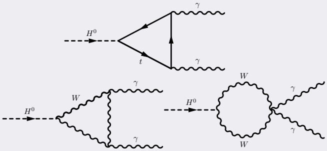


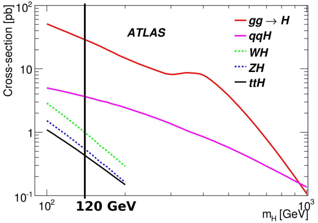
- Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)



- Associated production with W, Z or $t\bar{t}$

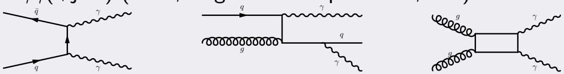
Signal





Background

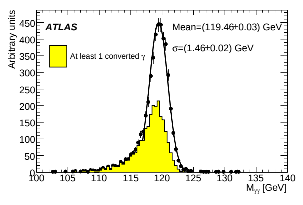
- Irreducible : $\gamma\gamma$(+jets) (Born, fragmentation processes, box)



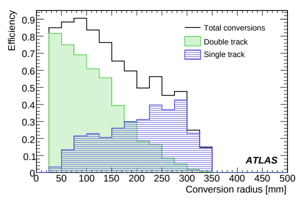
- Reducible : γ/jet(s), jet(s)/jet(s)

Reconstruction issues

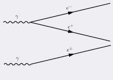
Conversion reconstruction



- MC studies : 57% of $H \to \gamma\gamma$ events have ≥ 1 conversion ($R_{\text{conv}} < 800mm$)



- 2 types of converted photons are used :



  - Double track conversions
  - Single track conversions
- Reconstruction efficiency $\approx$ 70% for early conversions ($R_{\text{conv}} < 350mm$)

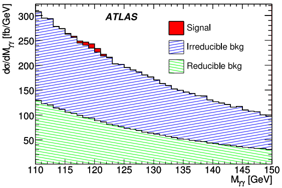
Pointing - Primary Vertex

- Precise measurement of the primary vertex position is very important to improve the Higgs mass resolution

  $\rightarrow$ Pointing using multi-layer structure of EM calorimeter, conversion tracks, recoil tracks

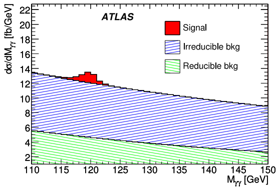
Different analysis

Inclusive



$S/B \approx 0.02$

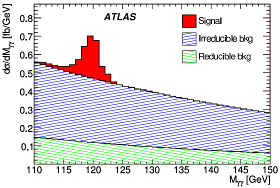
$H + 1$ jet



VBF + more jets with $gg \to H$

$S/B \approx 0.08$

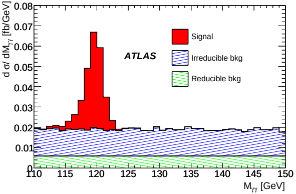
$H + 2$ jets



Mainly VBF

$S/B \approx 0.5$

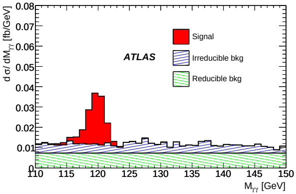
$H + E_T^{\text{miss}} + \ell$



Mainly $WH \to \ell\nu\gamma\gamma$ and $t\bar{t}H$

$S/B \approx 1.7$

$H + E_T^{\text{miss}}$



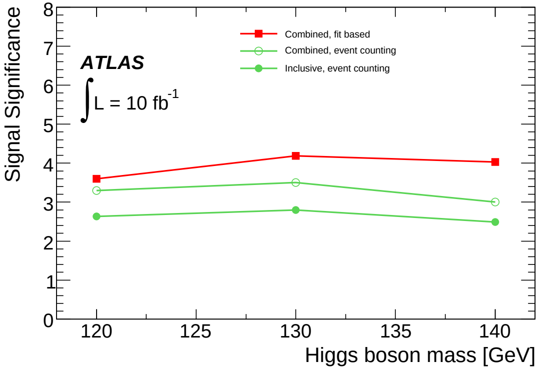
Mainly $ZH \to \nu\nu\gamma\gamma$

$S/B \approx 2.0$

- Different topology = different S/B
- Larger S/B but lower x-sections

Discovery potential

- Expected signal significance for $10\ fb^{-1}$ of integrated luminosity
- Comparing Event counting and Combined fit :
  - Using $m_{\gamma\gamma}$, $p_{T\,\mathrm{Higgs}}$, $|cos\theta^*|$
    (θ^* is the photon decay angle in the Higgs rest frame wrt Higgs lab flight direction)
  - And several categories : η, event topology (H + 0, 1, 2 jets) and conversions



m_H (GeV)	Event counting Inclusive	Event counting combined	Combined fit
120	2.6	3.3	3.6
130	2.8	3.5	4.2
140	2.5	3.0	4.0

$\Rightarrow$ Combined fit increases the significance by $\approx$40% with respect to inclusive analysis

Conclusion

- 3σ observation should be possible with integrated luminosity less than 10 fb^{-1}
- Many improvements since previous studies... and many areas are still going to be improved (conversions...)
- *And of course : work will be needed to understand the detector performance with first data...*

More details in : Expected Performance of the ATLAS Experiment - Detector, Trigger and Physics

http ://arxiv.org/abs/0901.0512

BACKUP

Inclusive analysis

- $0 < |\eta| < 1.37$, $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.37$ (motivated by offline photon identification and fake rate)
  $\Rightarrow$ Also applied in H+1jet and H+2jets analysis
- ${p_T}^{\gamma_1} > 40\text{GeV}$, ${p_T}^{\gamma_2} > 25\text{GeV}$ (obtained from optimization studies)

$H + 1$ jet analysis

- ${p_T}^{\gamma_1} > 45\text{GeV}$, ${p_T}^{\gamma_2} > 25\text{GeV}$
- ≥ 1 hadronic jet with ${p_T}^{\text{jet}} > 20\text{GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 5$ (motivated by the ability to calibrate hadronic jets in ATLAS)
- $m_{\gamma\gamma\text{jet}} > 350\text{GeV}$

$H + 2$ jets analysis

- ${p_T}^{\gamma_1} > 50\text{GeV}$, ${p_T}^{\gamma_2} > 25\text{GeV}$
- ≥ 2 hadronic jets with ${p_T}^{\text{jet}_1} > 40\text{GeV}$, ${p_T}^{\text{jet}_2} > 20\text{GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 5$
- Jets in opposite direction : $\eta_1\eta_2 < 0$ (VBF process at LO produces 2 high p_T and relatively forward jets in opposite hemisphere)
- $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.6$
- $m_{jj} > 500\text{GeV}$

  } Pseudorapidity gap and invariant mass of signal jets tend to be significantly larger than those expected for background processes
- Photons in between tagging jets
- Central jet veto : $p_T > 20\text{GeV}$, $|\eta| < 3.2$

Expected cross sections

Expected cross sections :

	Inclusive	H+1jet	H+2jets	H+$E_T{}^{\text{miss}}$+1 lepton	H+$E_T{}^{\text{miss}}$
σ_{sig}	25.4 fb	4.0 fb	0.97 fb	0.126 fb	0.072 fb
σ_{bkg}	947 fb	49 fb	1.95 fb	0.075 fb	0.036 fb

in a mass window of $m_{\gamma\gamma} \pm 1.4\sigma$ for inclusive, H+1 and H+2 jets

in a mass window of $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 120 \pm 2(1.8)$GeV for H+$E_T{}^{\text{miss}}$+1 lepton (for H+$E_T{}^{\text{miss}}$)

Trigger

- L1 menu : 2EM13I $\rightarrow \geq 2$ isolated electron or photon candidates with $E_T = 13$GeV
- L2 and EF : 2g17i - Refine the analysis of L1

Efficiency for the 2g17i menu item to trigger on $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events with $m_H = 120$GeV - Normalized with respect to the offline selection

Trigger Level	2g17i Trigger efficiency
L1	96$\pm$0.3
L2 Calo	95$\pm$0.4
EF Calo	94$\pm$0.4

- Efficiency loss mainly due to the calorimeter isolation at L1 which is not applied in the offline photon selection
- 2g17i should be usable upt to luminosities of 10^{33}cm^{-2}s^{-1}

MC event generation

Signal

- Events generated using PYTHIA : LO matrix element calculation for all processes
- MC@NLO also used to simulate gluon fusion process
- HERWIG also used to model VBF process

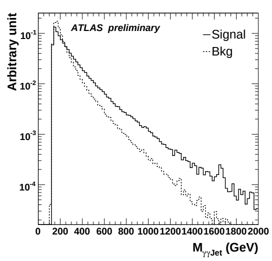
$\Rightarrow$ Full detector simulation used
All generated samples used for signal are normalized to the NLO cross-sections taking into account only QCD corrections

Background

Process	σ calculator	Cuts	σ (pb)	Full simulation # of events	Fast simulation # of events
$q\bar{q},qg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma x$	ReBos/ DIPHOX	$80 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 150$GeV $p_{T\gamma} > 25$GeV, $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$	20.9	PYTHIA/ALPGEN 200000/1300000	ALPGEN 1670000
$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	ReBos	$80 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 150$GeV $p_{T\gamma} > 25$GeV, $\lvert\eta\rvert < 2.5$	8.0	PYTHIA 200000	PYTHIA 850000
γj	JETPHOX	$p_{T\gamma} > 25$GeV	$180 \cdot 10^3$	PYTHIA 3000000	ALPGEN 36700000
jj	NLOJET++	$p_{T\gamma} > 25$GeV	$477 \cdot 10^6$	PYTHIA 10000000	ALPGEN 37000000

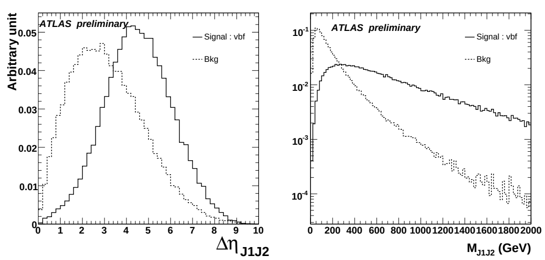
Discriminating variables for H+1, 2 jets analysis

H+1 jet



- $m_{\gamma\gamma j} > 350\text{GeV}$

H+2 jets



- $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.6$
- $m_{jj} > 500\text{GeV}$

Fit – Fitter used

Hfitter Performs unbinned extended maximum likelihood fits, arbitrary number of samples, categories and fit variables (based on RooFit)

$$\text{Likelihood : } \boxed{L = \prod_{c=1}^{n_{\mathrm{cat}}} e^{-\overline{N}^c} \prod_{i=1}^{N^c} P_i^c}$$

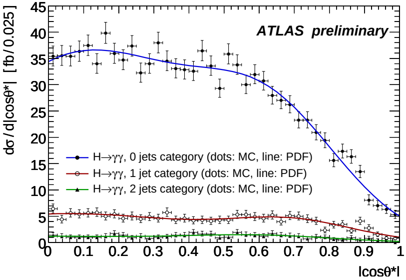
with $P_i^c = N_H f_H^c P_{H,i}^c + \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\mathrm{bkg}}} N_{B_j}^c P_{B_j,i}^c$ and $P_{U_j,i}^c = \prod_{k=1}^{n_{\mathrm{var}}} p_U^c(x_{k,i})$ where $U = H, B_j$

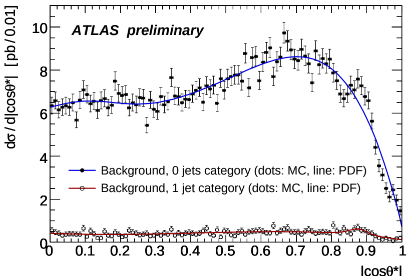
and with

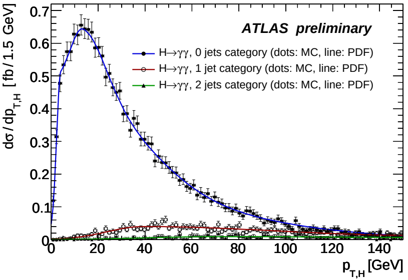
- N_H : total number of $H \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events in sample sample
- c : category with distinct properties (η, p_T region, production mechanism...)
- f_H^c : fraction of signal events in category c
- $N_{B_j}^c$: number of background event of type j in category c
- $\overline{N}^c$: number of events expected in category c
- n_{bkg} : number of background types γ/jet, 2γ+jet, di-jet, ...
- $p_U^c(x_{k,i})$: probability density for event i in category c of type U for dscriminant variable x_k

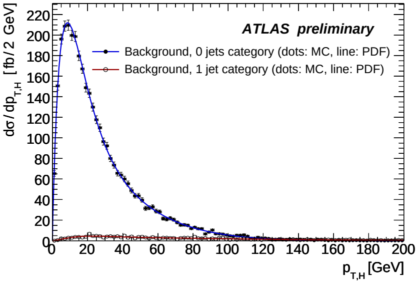
Fit

Signal | Background



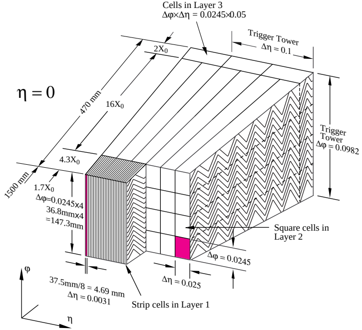






(VBF topology not shown for background because of a too low relative cross-section)

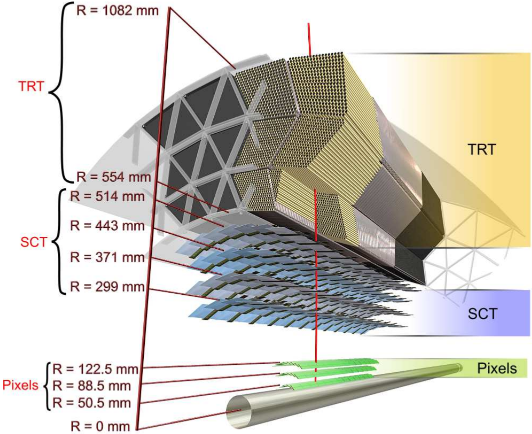
Calorimeter granularity



	$\|\eta\|$ *range*	Cell η size		Cell ϕ size	
		Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 1	Layer 2
Barrel	0-1.4	0.025/8	0.025	0.1	0.025
	1.4-1.475	0.025	0.075	0.1	0.025
EndCap	1.375-1.425	0.05	0.05	0.1	0.025
	1.425-1.5	0.025	0.025	0.1	0.025
	1.5-1.8	0.025/8	0.025	0.1	0.025
	1.8-2.0	0.025/6	0.025	0.1	0.025
	2.0-2.4	0.025/4	0.025	0.1	0.025
	2.4-2.5	0.025	0.025	0.1	0.025

Granularity of layer 3 : $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.050 \times 0.025$

Inner detector



H+E_T^{miss} and H+1 lepton from associated production

H+E_T^{miss}+1 lepton

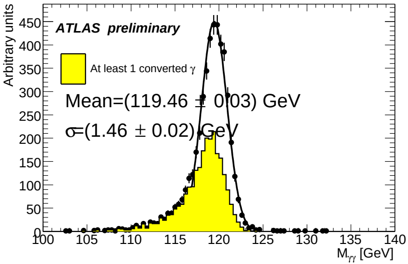
- Signal : Mainly from $WH \rightarrow \ell\nu\gamma\gamma$ and $t\bar{t}H$
- Background : Mainly from $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$, $W\gamma\gamma$ where W decays to $\ell\nu$ and $W\gamma \rightarrow e\nu\gamma$ where the other photon is radiated by the electron or is a jet faking photon

H+E_T^{miss}

- Signal : Mainly from $ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma\gamma$
- Background : Mainly from $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$, $Z\gamma\gamma$ and $W\gamma \rightarrow e\nu\gamma$ where the other photon is radiated by the electron or is a jet faking photon

Invariant mass and resolution

- Mass resolution is determined from an asymetric Gaussian fit ($[-2\sigma, +3\sigma]$) on the invariant di-photon mass peak



m_H	120GeV		130GeV	
	No pileup	Pileup	No pileup	Pileup
Mass fitted (GeV)	119.46	119.47	129.47	129.41
σ_m (GeV)	1.46	1.52	1.54	1.62

- The relative mass resolution σ_m/m is close to 1.2% degrading by a few percent when $10^{33}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ pileup is added