



Measurements of Higgs boson production in the di-photon decay channel at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV in pp collisions at CMS

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The $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Decay Channel

- Clean signature with two isolated and highly energetic photons
- Final state fully reconstructed with **excellent** mass resolution
- **Large background** from QCD ($\gamma\gamma \gamma j jj$)



Analysis Strategy

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_1E_2(1-\cos\theta)}$$

- Select two **"good quality" photons**
- Measure photon energy precisely
- Find the **primary vertex** of the decay
- Event categorization on mass resolution and S/B
- Additional event classes according to production mechanism
- Signal extracted from background by fitting the observed di-photon mass distributions in each category



Photon Energy

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- Photon energy reconstructed by building clusters of energy deposits in the electromagnetic calorimeter.
- Energy and its uncertainty corrected for local and global shower containment
 - regression technique:
 - corrects photons' energies
 - provides an estimate of energy resolution
- Energy scale in data corrected as a function of data taking epochs, pseudorapidity and EM shower width
- Smearing to the reconstructed photon energy in MC to match the resolution in data
 - $Z \rightarrow ee$ peak used as reference



Vertex Identification

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_1E_2(1-\cos\theta)}$$

 Vertex assignment considered as correct within 1 cm of the diphoton interaction point

negligible impact on mass resolution

- Multi-variate approach:
 - Observables related to tracks recoiling against the diphoton system
 - direction of conversion tracks
- Second MVA discriminant to estimate the probability for the vertex assignment to be within 1 cm



• Method validated on $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events, by refitting vertices ignoring the muon tracks



Photon Selection

• Trigger selection:

double-photon trigger path based on transverse energy, H/E, electromagnetic shower shapes and isolation variables, m_{vv}

• Preselection:

similar to trigger requirements, but more stringent

Photon Identification:

- Multi-Variate approach to reject fake photon candidates (mainly from π⁰ mesons produced in jets)
- Shower shape and isolation observables, median energy density (ρ)
- BDT output provides an estimate of the per-photon quality



BDT OUTPUT

Tagged Events

Event categories defined targeting Higgs boson production mode other than ggF, by requiring specific features in the final state

ttH PRODUCTION MODE:

- Higgs accompanied by two b quarks and two W bosons
 - ttH Hadronic (additional jets)
 - ttH Leptonic (additional leptons)

VBF PRODUCTION MODE:

- Higgs accompanied by 2 jets separated by a large rapidity gap
- MVA approach to identify events with 2 jets
- Combination of di-jet and di-photon BDT (VBF tag 0, 1 and 2)

VH PRODUCTION MODE:

- Higgs accompanied by a vector boson (W or Z)
- 5 categories according to the presence of leptons, missing transverse momentum and jets (ZH Leptonic, WH Leptonic, VH Leptonic Loose, VH MET, VH Hadronic)







Untagged Events

The remaining inclusive events are categorized according to the **photon kinematics**, perevent **mass resolution**, **photon ID** and **good vertex probability** by a **multivariate classifier**



The number of categories and their boundaries are **optimized** to maximize the **expected significance**

Signal and Background Model

SIGNAL

Parametrized model of Higgs boson mass shape

- Obtained from simulation
- MC tuning and data/MC efficiency scale factors applied



BACKGROUND

Background model extracted from data

- Different functional forms used for each category
- Choice of function treated as a discrete nuisance parameter



Mass Spectra (All Categories)



Results

- Best-fit signal strength: $\hat{\mu} = 1.18^{+0.17}_{-0.14} = 1.18^{+0.12}_{-0.11} (stat.)^{+0.09}_{-0.07} (syst.)^{+0.07}_{-0.06} (theo.)$
- Signal strength measured in bosonic and fermionic components:
 - $\mu_{VBF/VH} = 1.21^{+0.58}_{-0.51}$
 - $\mu_{ggH/ttH} = 1.19^{+0.22}_{-0.18}$
- Signal strength measured for each production modes (compatible with the Standard Model)
- Best fit mass

 \widehat{m}_{H} = 125.4 ± 0.3 GeV = 125.4 ± 0.2 (stat.) ± 0.2 (syst.)







Conclusions

- Results of the CMS $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ analysis have been reported, using 35.9 fb⁻¹ of collision data collected in 2016 at 13 TeV
- The $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ channel is one of the most sensitive for the precise characterization of the Higgs boson
- The best fit signal strength modifier is $\widehat{\mu} = 1.18^{+0.17}_{-0.14}$
- The best-fit values for the signal strength modifiers associated with bosonic and fermionic components are found to be $m_{ggH/ttH} = 1.19^{+0.22}_{-0.18}$ and $m_{VBF/VH} = 1.21^{+0.58}_{-0.51}$
- All results are up-to-now compatible with the Standard Model



Backup

Mass Spectra (Tagged Events)



Mass Spectra (Tagged Events)



Mass Spectra (Untagged Events)



Category Signal Events



ttH Combination

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- Measure ttH signal strength in combined analysis for three parameterisations
- Expected contamination from other Higgs processes (e.g. ggH, tH) is small these are treated as backgrounds normalised to SM prediction, subject to standard theoretical uncertainties



From A. Gilbert's seminar at CERN