## Higgs Searches at LHC

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## Disclaimer

All (but one) results shown here were done using the ~35-43 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data out of the ~48 pb<sup>-1</sup> delivered by LHC in 2010

Brief Overview of the Standard Model Higgs Boson Searches Landscape at LHC

### The Usual Main Production Modes

Data driven background estimates legitimate use of NNLO cross sections!



\* TH uncertainty mostly from scale variation,  $\delta\sigma_{PDF-\alpha s}$ ~8-10% and  $\delta\sigma_{Scale}$ ~7-8%

### **Decay Modes**

### Brief discussion of the channels that count...

#### - The dominant b-decay channel

Huge backgrounds, needs distinctive features at production level and beyond...

Revival of bb channel in boosted A. P.

- The  $\tau\tau$  channel

Also needs distinctive production features, typically VBF.

- The γγ channel

Small branching but very distinctive signature on its own.

- The WW and ZZ Channels

Excellent channels but the lepton branchings take a large toll...

#### Common effort LHC-wide to compute cross sections and branching ratios and...

- Use common standard model input parameters

- Use a common strategy on the estimation of uncertainties some of which are highly correlated (scale variation, PDFs,  $\alpha_S$ , etc...)



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## **Fundamental Prerequisites**

In the ~40 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data collected in 2010 ATLAS and CMS have managed to measure most of the known SM processes



#### Similarly in CMS...



## The Low Mass Higgs Channels

The VBF  $H{\rightarrow}\tau\tau$  and boosted associated Higgs to bb channels not described here

Mainstream channels event yields for 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 7TeV (with trigger and reconstruction efficiencies) :

	γγ (120 GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	WW (170 GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )		ZZ (130 GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )
	25	20 (no jets) and 13 (2jets)		1 (4e,4μ,2e2μ)
Small branching but large event yield				

#### ATLAS-CONF-2011-025

### The $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Channel(s)

- All inclusive and very robust signal (in particular against pile-up)
- Despite the low branching (~0.2%) it has the largest event yield!
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Using a MC based calibration (thoroughly verified in test beam) and an already good knowledge of the amount of material upstream of the calorimeter (with in situ measurements)...

After energy scale corrections estimated with Z events, the resolution is conservatively estimated to be  $\sim$ 1.9 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

Will improve with a better calibration and more accurate detector description

Primary vertex reconstruction is also crucial (photon pointing, recoil tracks and conversion tracks)

(5.6 cm beam spot adds ~1.4 GeV mass resolution!)

This is not the whole story... 11/71

### Backgrounds



- Born and box Best estimate by parton-level resummed NLO ResBos

- The brem is in principle reducible in practice not, and it is a process difficult to simulate

Best estimate by parton-level NLO fixed order Diphox (T. Binoth, J.Ph. Guillet et al.) Now SHERPA (Gleisberg, Hoeche et al.)

- The Reducible backgrounds : Critical to reach jet rejections O(5000)



Final state parton(s) fragments into a leading  $\pi^0$ 

Best estimate by parton-level fixed order NLO JetPhox (S. Catani, M. Fontannaz et al.)

Also note : large difference Pythia vs. Herwig in the leading  $\pi 0$  fragmentation

A complete NNLO calculation is (for the time being out of reach)...

Not a problem because...

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First comparison with the data shows a resonable agreement (slight deficit in the data)

Each individual background component has been estimated using data driven methods (with reversed cuts control regions) and Z→ee for the DY component

### The H→γγ Inclusive Channel 2010 Results

The PCL at work



ATLAS limits are already competitive with those of TeVatron...

PCL limits are typically 20% less conservative than the CLs method in certain specific cases (near the  $-1\sigma$  limit) the observations can differ by larger amounts

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- 1.- Separate events in categories (pseudo-rapidity, conversions)
- 2.- Separate events in exclusive analyse in terms of jets



#### ATLAS-CONF-2011-005 CMS-HIG-10-003

### Higgs Boson Search in the WW $\rightarrow$ $I_V I_V$



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- Large yield and rather small background

Analysis strategy :

ATLAS : Exclusive analyses in number of jets

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- MET > 30 GeV

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#### CMS : only 0-jet analysis but also MVA

Similar event preselection :

- 2 OS leptons (e, $\mu$ ), p<sub>T</sub>>20GeV
- M<sub>II</sub> >12 GeV
- MET > 20 GeV
- Projected MET
- Top (b-tag) veto

Publication of WW cross section and limit on triple gauge boson couplings along with the search for the Higgs boson...



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### **Backgrounds Estimates in Control Regions**

Main backgrounds are estimated in Control Regions (CRs), then extrapolated in the Signal Region (SR) :

- WW background : From side bands in  $M_{\rm II}$
- Top background : b-tagging CS (MC for CMS)
- W+jets background : Loose ID on second lepton
- Z+jets background : ABCD method in  $M_{II}$  MET plane



Because of the presence of top and W+jets backgrounds in the WW CR, CRs are interconnected.





#### $M_T$ distributions and cut applied

0-Jets Channel: WW Dominant background

Data	3	80% WW
BG	1.8±0.1	11% top
Higgs	1.26±0.02	7% W+jets 2% WZ/ZZ/Wγ

#### 1-Jets Channel: top Dominant background

Data	1	42% top
BG	1.2±0.1	32% WW
Higgs	0.6±0.01	25% W+jets
	I	1% WZ/ZZ/Wγ

#### 2-Jets Channel: WW and top sole backgrounds

_	Data	0	VBF tag/veto
-	BG	0.02±0.01	selections lead
	Higgs	0.06+0.01	high s/b but of
			course low
O(50%) top			expected number
O(50%) WW		50%) WW	of events

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### The CMS MVA approach

Having a cut based analysis and a boosted decision tree using the following variables :



 $M_{II}$ ,  $P_T^{Imax}$ ,  $P_T^{Imin}$ ,  $\Delta \phi$ 

m <sub>H</sub> = 160 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Exp. Bkg.	Exp. Sig.	Data
Cut based	0.91 ± 0.05	1.23 ± 0.02	0
BDT	0.92 ± 0.10	I.47 ± 0.02	0

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The ATLAS 95 % CL Exclusion limits using PCL



ATLAS excludes a 160 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> SM-like Higgs boson produced with a cross section of 1.2 x that of the Standard Model !

Best sensitivity at 2.1 (for a 170 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> Higgs)

#### The CMS 95 % CL Exclusion limits using CL<sub>s</sub>



CMS excluded around 2 x SM cross section at 160 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

SM4 exclusion of 144-207 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> at 95% CL

Best sensitivity at 2.1 (for a 160 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> Higgs)

### Higgs Boson Search in the ZZ→4-leptons



#### ATLAS-CONF-2011-048

- Extremely clean channel (and quite robust against pile-up)
- The low Z leptonic branchings penalize its event yield
- Relative mass resoution almost as good as the two-photon channel

Selection :

- two pairs of opposite sign and same flavor leptons (e,µ),  $p_T$ >20 GeV
- Requirement on the di-lepton pair masses
- $\Delta R$  between leptons > 0.1
- No significant impact parameter



Data	0
BG	0.4
Higgs	0.10±0.02

Background dominated by ZZ

(M<sub>41</sub> used as discriminating variable with a specific statistical treatment given the complete absence of events) 30/71 Background estimate based on the  $Z \rightarrow II$  production rate (partially data driven)

$$N_{ZZ} = \sigma_{ZZ} \varepsilon_{ZZ}^{exp} L \times \left[ \frac{N_Z^{Data}}{\sigma_Z \varepsilon_Z^{exp} L} \right] = N_{ZZ}^{MC} \times R$$



Exclusion at around 25 x SM... Not yet very sensitive!

## The High Mass Higgs Channels

 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow I_V qq$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow IIqq$  and  $II_{VV}$  Channels

Taking advantage of the lower Z,W+jets at high mass and larger branching fraction

## Higgs Boson Search in the WW→Ivqq

- The lower W+jets background at high mass allows for one non-leptonic W decay

- Relative mass resolution almost as good as the two-photon channel ( $M_{WW}$  mass reconstructed using the  $M_{Iv}$  =  $M_W$  constraint)
- The main backgrounds are from W,Z+jets and top

Backgrounds are estimated from the side-bands in an exponential fit (shape well coroborated by MC studies)

Event selection:

- 1 leptons (e, $\mu$ ), p<sub>T</sub>>30 GeV
- MET > 30 GeV
- Two or three jets  $p_T$ >30 GeV
- b-tag veto



0-jet sub-channel

### 1-jet sub-channel

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- Results after all selection cuts

Dominating background W/Z+jets estimated in the data from a fit to the MET distribution

- 95% CL result using the PCL and CLs prescriptions



Large differences observed due to the proximity of the -1 $\sigma$  background fluctuation limit

Data	713
BG	674 ±46
Higgs	02.1±0.7

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### Higgs Boson Search in the ZZ→IIqq and IIvv Final States

- The lower Z+jets background at high mass allows for one non-leptonic Z decay or one  $Z \rightarrow vv$  decay

- Good mass resolution in the Ilqq channel using the Z mass constraint (spoilt by the Higgs natural width at high masses) but enough to define side bands




Ilqq Channel :

- Dominant Z+jets background estimated in M<sub>ii</sub> control region (40,70)
- Estimated with MC and normalization checks from side-bands in  $M_{\mu}$
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#### Ilvv Channel :

- Di-boson background estimated from MC (with uncertainty of ~15%)
- top from Monte Carlo with normalization checks in the data
- Multijet similar to llqq

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#### Systematic Uncertainties Review The ATLAS case (CMS similar studies)

- Most backgrounds are estimated in the data in control samples (straightforward systematics)

- Most signal related systematic uncertainties are correlated among channels and arise from object reconstruction (electrons, photons, muons, jets, MET and b-tagging)

	$\gamma\gamma$ WW $\rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$			$WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$		1111	llqq	$ll\nu\nu$	
		0 jet	1 jet	2 jet	0jet	1 jet			
$electron/\gamma$ efficiency	$^{+15}_{-16}\%^{*}$	$\pm (6 - 16)\%$	$\pm (6 - 16)\%$	$\pm (6 - 16)\%$	$\pm 5.4\%$	$\pm 5.4\%$	$\pm 2.5\%$	$\pm 4.6\%$	$\pm 4.6\%$
$electron/\gamma$ energy scale	-	$\pm (1 - 3)\%$	$\pm (1 - 3)\%$	$\pm (1 - 3)\%$	-	-	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm (1 - 3)\%$	$\pm (1 - 3)\%$
$electron/\gamma$ resolution	$\pm 13\%$	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 20\%$	-	-	-	$\pm (0.2 - 0.4)\%$	$\pm (0.2 - 0.4)\%$
muon efficiency	-	$\pm (0.4 - 1.2)\%$	$\pm (0.4 - 1.2)\%$	$\pm (0.4 - 1.2)\%$	$\pm 0.4\%$	$\pm 0.4\%$	$\pm (0.5 - 1)\%$	$\pm 2\%$	$\pm 2\%$
muon energy scale	-	$<\pm3.5\%$	$<\pm3.5\%$	$< \pm 3.5\%$	-	-	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 1\%$
muon resolution	-	$<\pm10\%$	$< \pm 10\%$	$< \pm 10\%$	-	-	$\pm few\%$	-	-
JES signal	-	$<\pm10\%$	$< \pm 10\%$	$< \pm 10\%$	$\pm 26\%^{*}$	$\pm 26\%^{*}$	-	$\pm (5 - 12)\%$	-
JES background	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JET resolution signal	-	$\pm 14\%$	$\pm 14\%$	$\pm 14\%$	-	-	-	$\pm (5 - 12)\%$	-
JET resolution bkgd.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
b tag efficiency	-	-	$\pm 10-12\%$	$\pm 10-12\%$	-	-	-	-	$\pm 10-12\%$
b mistag rate	-	-	$\pm 26\%$	$\pm 26\%$	-	-	-	-	$\pm 26\%$
MET resolution	-	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 20\%$	-	-	-	-	$\pm 20\%$
MET tails	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luminosity - sig.	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$
Luminosity - bkg.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\pm 11\%$	$\pm 11\%$
Signal in $gg \rightarrow H$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$	$^{+20}_{-15}\%$
Signal in VBF	-	-	-	$^{+4-20}_{-3-20}\%$	-	-	-	-	-

\*Per event efficiencies

This slide unfortunately does not do justice to the work necessary to derive each figure...

An immense amount of work has been devoted to study in detail each of these systematics, in the combined performance groups

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... for the time being similar technique used only by CMS ...



# ATLAS-CONF-2011-024 CMS-HIG-10-002 MSSM Higgs Boson Search in the $\tau^+\tau^-$ Channel

Signal produced mainly in gluon fusion and b(b)H



Search performed in the  $\,\tau_{\text{had}}\,\text{e},\!\mu$  channels

Main background Z decays into  $\tau^{\scriptscriptstyle +}\tau^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ 



ATLAS Event selection :

- 1 tau and 1 leptons (e, $\mu$ ), opp. sign
- MET > 20 GeV
- $M_T$  < 30 GeV

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Results :

(m<sub>A</sub> = 120 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> and tan 
$$\beta$$
 = 40)

Data	206	
BG	207 ± 6	
Higgs	52 ± 1	

Z background ~50%

### Data driven background estimates

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ATLAS uses the lepton-tau-hadron channels only

CMS also uses the di-lepton channel...

... implications at low mass

(CMS similar selection variables)

Process	$\mu \tau_h$	$e\tau_h$	еµ
Total	557 ± 79	$536 \pm 57$	$102 \pm 5$
Observed	517	540	101
Signal Efficiency	0.0391	0.0245	0.00582

#### (different working point)



Using  $M_{vis} \tau^+ \tau^-$  as a discriminating variable for ATLAS and a likelihood based mass for CMS, derive 95% CL limits with PCL prescription for ATLAS and using Bayesian methods for CMS



TeVatron limits superseded over a vast mass domain

#### ATLAS-CONF-2011-051 CMS-PAS-HIG-11-002



## **Charged Higgs Searches**

In both cases search for  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau \nu$  (assumed to be 1 here) accompanied by a W to Iv or jj

ATLAS : Only data driven background studies in both topologies

CMS : Following the top cross section measurement in the I+jets channel, first limits on Br(t $\rightarrow$ bH<sup>+</sup>) in the  $\tau v l v$  topology



## **Doubly Charged Higgs**

- extending Standard Model adding scalar triplet (motivated by Seesaw mechanism for neutrino masses). Leads to a doubly charged Higgs H<sup>±±</sup>.

- Use di-lepton  $H^{\pm\pm}$  decay topologies in four or three leptons.
- Look for SS di-lepton resonances.
- Limits set in various benchmark scenarios.





Normal Hierarchy / Inverse Hierarchy / Degenerate State





#### Limits comparable or better than previous experiments

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#### ATLAS-CONF-2011-020

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# Conclusions

With  $\sim 40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of data :

- ATLAS and CMS have measured many possible SM production rates

- ATLAS and CMS have performed searches for the Higgs boson with sensitivities either close or even better than those of TeVatron. In the same channels.

- All the searches were performed with simple analyses\*.

- Backgrounds were in most cases systematically studied in data control samples.

- The search in the complete allowed SM Higgs mass domain has started!

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Hope to reach 5 10<sup>33</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> in the coming months...

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### Back to prospects (CMS this time)



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In 2011 LHC is offering great analysis opportunities and challenges... ... Not the least of them : Pile-up



# Backup Slide

### The ATLAS and CMS Detectors Synopsis

Sub System	ATLAS	CMS		
Design	46 m	Eg 22 m		
Magnet(s)	Solenoid (within EM Calo) 2T 3 Air-core Toroids	Solenoid 3.8T Calorimeters Inside		
Inner Tracking	Pixels, Si-strips, TRT PID w/ TRT and dE/dx $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T\sim 5 imes 10^{-4}p_T\oplus 0.01$	Pixels and Si-strips PID w/ dE/dx $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 1.5  imes 10^{-4} p_T \oplus 0.005$		
EM Calorimeter	Lead-Larg Sampling w/ longitudinal segmentation $\sigma_E/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.007$	Lead-Tungstate Crys. Homogeneous w/o longitudinal segmentation $\sigma_E/E\sim 3\%/\sqrt{E}\oplus 0.5\%$		
Hadronic Calorimeter	Fe-Scint. & Cu-Larg (fwd) $\gtrsim 11\lambda_0$ $\sigma_E/E\sim 50\%/\sqrt{E}\oplus 0.03$	Brass-scint. $\gtrsim 7\lambda_0$ & Tail Catcher $\sigma_E/E\sim 100\%/\sqrt{E}\oplus 0.05$		
Muon Spectrometer System Acc. ATLAS 2.7 & CMS 2.4	Instrumented Air Core (std. alone) $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 4\% \text{ (at 50 GeV)}$ $\sim 11\% \text{ (at 1 TeV)}$	Instrumented Iron return yoke $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 1\% \text{ (at 50 GeV)}$ $\sim 10\% \text{ (at 1 TeV)} \text{ 71/71}$		