

# Higgs Boson Searches in ATLAS



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## ATLAS Data Taking in 2011



Results presented based on EPS or Lepton-Photon Conference Papers and Letters (~1-2 /fb) @ 7 TeV

Data taken with 50 ns bunch spacing (very small fraction with 75 ns)

On average 6 interactions per bunch crossing

Between 96% and 100% of all channels operational (depending on detector subsystem)



**Current status**:

ATLAS data on tape: 4.2 /fb, Peak luminosity: 3.3 x 10<sup>33</sup> /cm<sup>2</sup>/s

New data with 12 interactions per crossing (half of the value expected at design lumi)

Collect ~5 /fb by end of 2011

Collect ~15-20 /fb by end of 2012

## ATLAS Detector

Muon Spectrometer:  $|\eta| < 2.7$ Air-core toroids and gas-based muon chambers  $\sigma/p_T = 2\% @ 50$ GeV to 10% @ 1TeV (ID+MS)

**EM Calorimeter:**  $|\eta| < 3.2$ Pb-LAr Accordion  $\sigma/E=10\% \ VE\oplus 0.7\%$ 

Inner Detector:  $|\eta| < 2.5$ , B=2T, Si pixels/strips and Trans. Rad. Det.;  $\sigma/pT =$ 0.05% pT (GeV)  $\oplus$  1%

Hadronic calorimeter:  $|\eta| < 1.7$ Fe/scintillator 1.3< $|\eta| < 4.9$  Cu/ W-LAr;  $\sigma$ /Ejet= 50%/VE  $\oplus$  3%

## SM Higgs Boson Production at the LHC

LHC cross-section working group arXiv:1101.0593v3



Associated production with W or Z



known at NNLO, ~5% theory uncertainty Leptonic signature useful for study of  $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ 



known at NLO, ~5% theory uncertainty distinctive experimental signature becomes more important at high mass

Associated production with ttbar



known at NLO, ~5% theory uncertainty Provides little additional sensitivity

Theory uncertainty mostly from scale variations and PDFs

## SM Higgs Boson Decay



 $\begin{array}{c} H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \\ H \rightarrow bb \\ H \rightarrow \tau \tau \end{array} \end{array} Low mass (m_{_{H}} < 140 \text{ GeV}) \\ H \rightarrow \tau \tau \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{c} H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow IvIv \\ H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I \end{array} \end{array} Intermediate, wide mass range (130 - 600 \text{ GeV}) \\ H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow IIvv \\ H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow IIqq \\ H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow Ivqq \end{array} \right\} Predominantly at high mass$ 



#### Events expected to be produced with L=1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

m <sub>H</sub> , GeV	ww→lvlv	ZZ→4I	γγ
120	127	1.5	43
150	390	4.6	16
300	89	3.8	0.04

(before selection)

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## High Mass Higgs Searches



тн = 200 GeV – 600 GeV

## $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow Ivqq$

#### 240 GeV < mн < 600 GeV

arXiv:1109.3615v1

Full mass reconstruction possible, in contrary to IvIv channel.

#### **Event selection:**

- Isolated e or  $\mu$  with pT > 30 GeV
- Veto events with  $2^{\text{nd}}$  lepton (to ensure independence from  $\text{ZZ} \rightarrow \text{II}\nu\nu)$
- Exactly 2 jets OR 3 jets with pT > 25 GeV (0 and 1 jet analyses)
- MET > 30 GeV
- |m<sub>ii</sub> -m<sub>w</sub> | < 10 GeV
- Reject events with b-jets (reduces top)



#### 240 GeV < mн < 600 GeV

#### **Systematic uncertainties:**

Lepton and jet reconstruction, dominant are jet energy scale and resolution.



No counting experiment. Limits obtained by fit with double exponential.

## $H \rightarrow \ ZZ \rightarrow IIqq$

#### 200 GeV < mн < 600 GeV

arXiv:1108.5064v1

#### **Event selection:**

- Two same flavor leptons (e/ $\mu$ )
- |m<sub>µ</sub>-m<sub>z</sub>| < 15 GeV
- Two jets, pT > 25 GeV in  $|\eta|$  < 2.5
- MET < 50 GeV

Special high mass cuts: Jet pT > 45 GeV,  $\Delta \Phi(I,I) < 1.6$ ,  $\Delta \Phi(j,j) < 1.6$ 

### **Background control:**

- Z+jets: shape from MC, scaling from m<sub>ii</sub> sidebands
- Top: shape from MC, norm. from m sidebands
- Dibosons from MC
- QCD from loose data sample





## $H \rightarrow ~ZZ \rightarrow IIqq$

#### 200 GeV < mн < 600 GeV





#### **Dominant systematic uncertainties:**

Jet energy scale b-taggging efficiency in tagged analysis

## $H \to ~ZZ \to II\nu\nu$

#### 200 GeV < mн < 600 GeV

## Strong at high mass, good background separation.

arXiv: 1109.3357v1

#### **Event selection:**

- Pair of same flavor OS leptons
- Veto events with b-tags
- |m<sub>z</sub>-m<sub>µ</sub>| < 15 GeV
- $\Delta \Phi(MET, pT \text{ leading jet}) < 0.3$

Low mass analysis (mH < 280 GeV):

- MET > 66 GeV
- 1 < ∆Φ(I,I) < 2.64

High mass analysis (mн > 280 GeV):

- MET > 82 GeV
- $\Delta \Phi(I,I) < 2.25$  (larger boost)
- ΔΦ(MET,p<sub>T</sub><sup>"</sup>) < 1

## **Background control:**

- ZZ continuum from MC (~10% uncertainty)
- Z+jets from MC, cross checked with looser selection
- $\bullet$  Top: from MC, but cross checked with two control samples (e $\mu$  and b-tagged sample)
- W+jets: from same sign lepton pairs
- QCD: From loose selection. Negligible contribution.



## $H \to ~ZZ \to II\nu\nu$

#### **Dominant systematic uncertainties:**

MET and b-tagging efficiency



Data	Total BG	mH=400 GeV
47	55.3±2.0±7.8	10.0±0.2±1.7

Signal includes contributions from  $ZZ \rightarrow 4I$  and  $WW \rightarrow IvIv$ . Independent channel due to selection criteria

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#### Intermediate and Wide Mass Higgs Searches



тн = 110 GeV – 600 GeV



## $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$

#### 110 GeV < mн < 600 GeV

## 2.1 /fb

arXiv:1109.5945v1

#### Clean but very rare channel.

#### **Event selection:**

- Two same-flavor OS lepton pairs
- Track and calo-based lepton isolation
- |m<sub>12</sub>-m<sub>z</sub>| < 15 GeV
- $m_{_{41}}$  <  $m_{_{34}}$  < 115 GeV, mass dependent low threshold



#### Mass resolution FWHM:

- mн=130 GeV: 4.5 6.5 GeV
- mн=400 GeV: 35 GeV



At low mass detector resolution dominant At high mass natural width relevant

#### **Background control:**

- Dominant ZZ(\*) from MC (~15% uncertainty)
- $\bullet$  ttbar: MC shape and  $e\mu$  data control sample
- Z+jets: Yield extrapolated from control region

## $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$

#### 110 GeV < mн < 600 GeV 2.1 /fb

<b>Results:</b>		Data	Total BG	тн=200 GeV
	4e	5	3.7±0.5	1.0±0.1
	4μ	11	7.7±1.2	2.3±0.3
	2e2µ	8	9.8±1.4	2.6±0.4



#### Systematic uncertainties:

Lepton-related uncertainties determined from W, Z and J/ $\Psi$ :

- $\rightarrow$  Impact of  $\mu$  efficiency uncertainty:
  - 1.7% (4µ), 1.2 % (2e2µ)
- $\rightarrow$  Impact of e efficiency uncertainty: 3%-15% (4e), 2%-6% (2e2 $\mu)$



## $\mathsf{H} \to \mathsf{W} \mathsf{W}^{(*)} \to \mathsf{Iv} \mathsf{v}$

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Most sensitive channel in intermediate mass range.

#### **Event Selection:**

- Exactly two isolated leptons with pT > 15 GeV
- ee/μμ: |m<sub>µ</sub>-m<sub>z</sub>| >15 GeV, m<sub>µ</sub>> 15 GeV, MET<sub>rel</sub> > 40 GeV eμ: m<sub>µ</sub>> 10 GeV, MET<sub>rel</sub> > 25 GeV

$$E_{\rm T,rel}^{\rm miss} = \begin{cases} E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} & \text{if } \Delta \phi \ge \pi/2\\ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} \cdot \sin \Delta \phi & \text{if } \Delta \phi < \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

 $\Delta \Phi = \min(\Delta \Phi(MET, lep), \Delta \Phi(MET, jet))$ 



Further cuts on  $p_{T}^{\parallel}$ ,  $m_{\parallel}$ ,  $\Delta \phi_{\parallel}$ ,  $m_{T}$ Optimized for three different mass ranges.

#### H+0jet selection:

Exactly zero jets with pT > 25 GeV

 $\rightarrow$  WW background dominant

#### H+1jet selection:

- Exactly one jet but no b-tag
- Z $\rightarrow \tau \tau$  veto by  $|m_{\tau \tau} m_{Z}| > 25 \text{ GeV}$
- Total pT < 30 GeV (MET + leptons +jet) (rejects top)
- $\rightarrow$  Large tī background

### 110 GeV < mн < 300 GeV 1.7 /fb

Kinematic distributions in µµ channel:

(no shape uncertainties shown)



#### **Background control:**

- WW normalization from control region
- Z+jets rescaled with mismodelling factor obtained from control region
- Top normalization from control region
- W+jets fake factor from control region

#### Systematic uncertainties:

- $e/\mu$  E scale, resolution, efficiency 0.3-5%
- Jet energy resolution 14%, JES 3-9 %
- B-tagging: 5-15 %, Mistagging: 21 %
- MET: ~13 %, Lumi 3.7%

## $\mathsf{H} \to \mathsf{W} \mathsf{W}^{(^*)} \to \mathsf{Iv} \mathsf{Iv}$

#### 110 GeV < mн < 300 GeV 1.7 /fb



## $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow IvIv$



#### Low Mass Higgs Searches



Fit to EW precision data suggests a light Higgs boson:



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#### $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \tau$ Tlep $\tau$ lep / $\tau$ lep $\tau$ had

#### $\tau\tau \rightarrow II + 4\nu$

- Two isolated OS leptons
- Require a high pT jet to boost the system
- Cuts on  $\Delta \Phi(II)$ , m $\tau \tau j$ , m
- Collinear approximation to reconstruct  $\tau\tau$  mass:

 $m_{\tau\tau} = \frac{m_{vis}}{\sqrt{x_1 x_2}}$ x is momentum fraction of visible decay products

• Mass resolution  $m_{\perp}$ =120 GeV ~ 24 GeV

(bit less for VBF)



 $\tau\tau \rightarrow I\tau_{_{had}} + 3\nu$ 

- More background (from fake  $\tau$ ): W, QCD
- $\tau$  pT: 20 GeV, neural net based  $\tau$  ID
- MET > 20 GeV, mT < 30 GeV
- Stronger at higher masses

Missing Mass Calculator arXiv: 0901.0512



ATLAS Preliminary



- Irreducible  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$  shape from  $\tau$  embedding into  $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$  data events arXiv: 1107.5003v1
- Fake lepton backgrounds from control sample



Dilepton channel:

Data	Total BG	тн=120 GeV
46	47.4±4.9	0.8

(ggF and VBF)

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Dominant systematic uncertainties:

Jet and  $\tau$  energy scale,  $\tau$  ID and MET

Results of MSSM h/A/H  $\rightarrow \tau \tau$  in backup slides.

Future: Dedicated VBF analysis.

## $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$

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W/Z associated. Largest branching fraction at low mass, but huge backgrounds.

#### **Event Selection:**

- Single lepton triggers: µ18, e20
- At least two jets with pT > 25 GeV within  $|\eta| < 2.5$ , two highes pT jets b-tagged

#### $\mathbf{ZH} \ \rightarrow \mathbf{IIbb}$

Entries / 10 GeV

- Two isolated leptons (e/ $\mu$ ), pT>20 GeV
- MET < 50 GeV (rejects top)
- |m<sub>µ</sub>-m<sub>z</sub>| < 15 GeV

#### $WH \to I\nu bb$

- One isolated lepton (e/ $\mu$ ) pT > 25 GeV
- MET > 25 GeV
- mT > 40 GeV  $m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^\ell p_T^\nu (1 \cos(\phi^\ell \phi^\nu))}$



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## $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$

#### **Background Control:**

All background checked on data using control samples.

Typically: Shape from MC, normalization from a sideband.  $W_{b\bar{b}}$  and QCD shape from data.

#### **Results:**



## 110 GeV < mн < 150 GeV 1.08 /fb arXiv:1108.5895v1 $\gamma - \pi^0$ separation



 Photons seeded by clusters in elmag. calorimeter ( $E_{\tau}$ >2.5 GeV)

 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 

- Unconverted, single and double track conversions
- Fine granularity of 1<sup>st</sup> (strip) sampling allows rejection of neutral mesons ( $\pi^0$ )
- E resolution:

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\sigma(E)/E = 10\%/\sqrt{E \oplus 0.3 \text{GeV}/E \oplus (1.1-1.8)\%}
with E calibration correction from Z \rightarrow ee data)
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#### Inclusive event selection:

- Trigger: Two  $\gamma$  with p<sub>1</sub>>20 GeV
- $p_{\tau}$  > 40 / 25 GeV, Tight identification cuts
- Calo-based isolation < 5 GeV</li> (corrected for Pile-Up and out-of-cone leakages)

Data	*mн=120 GeV		
5 063	17.6		

\*sum of ggH, VBF, Z/WH, ttH





## $\mathsf{H}\to\gamma\gamma$

#### 110 GeV < mн < 150 GeV

1.08 /fb

Unconverted photons in Barrel compared with  $\gamma\gamma$  MC:



Mass resolution: 1.7 GeV (FWHM 4.15 GeV)

Could improve by 15% with nominal constant term of 0.8%

#### **Categorized analysis:**

Divide sample into 5 categories: Conversion status ⊕ position in the calorimeter exploiting different S/B ratios and resolutions to increase sensitivity.

#### Calorimeter pointing:

Combine front and middle layer of ECAL to deduce photon direction and z coordinate, combined with tracker if photon is converted

 $\rightarrow \Delta z = 1.5$  cm (unconverted, Barrel)



## $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

#### Background processes:

- Irreducible diphotons, gamma-jet and jet-jet
- Electron induced ( $Z \rightarrow ee$ )

Data sample decomposed using 2D sidebands (identification vs. isolation), cross checked with 2D fit of isolation templates:





#### Systematic uncertainties:

Signal yield 12 % ( $\gamma$  efficiency, Lumi,  $p_{T}^{\gamma\gamma}$ ) Signal resolution: 14 % (E calibration,  $\Delta z$ ) BG shape model: ±(3 - 5) events

Expected exclusion: 4 x SM

observed: 2-6 x SM

#### Future: Improve performance, use jet categories and exclusive analyses

### Summary SM Higgs Searches

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## SM Higgs Combination

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Expected exclusion: 131–450 GeV Observed exclusion: 146 – 232 GeV, 256 – 282 GeV, 296 – 466 GeV

#### **Consistency with Background-Only Hypothesis**



Dashed line gives location of the median p-value in case a Higgs signal would be present Solid line is observed combined p-value.

Small p-value means little agreement with background-only hypothesis.

#### **Consistency with Background-Only Hypothesis (Low Mass)**



Dashed line gives location of the median p-value in case a Higgs signal would be present Solid line is observed combined p-value.

Small p-value means little agreement with background-only hypothesis.

- No significant excess seen
- ATLAS excludes SM Higgs with at least 95% CL. for

146 GeV – 232 GeV 256 GeV – 282 GeV 296 GeV – 466 GeV

• ATLAS and CMS combination at m<sub>H</sub>=115 GeV:

Possible exclusion at Moriond 2012 (~5 /fb)

With ~20 /fb by end of 2012  $4\sigma$  observation possible

## **Additional Slides**

## MSSM h/A/H $\rightarrow \tau \tau$

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In SUSY coupling to vector bosons supressed/absent. Enhanced coupling to down-type fermions,  $\sim \tan\beta$ 

Considered final states:  $e\mu$ ,  $e\tau_{h}$ ,  $\mu\tau_{h}$ ,  $\tau_{h}\tau_{h}$ 

Leplep channel:



- Lepton pT cut trigger dependent: e (μ): 22 (10) GeV or 15 (20) GeV
- Sum lepton pT + MET < 120 GeV</li>
- ΔΦ(eµ) > 2.0

#### Fully hadronic channel:

#### Lephad channel



- Two-τ trigger
- Cut based  $\tau$  ID
  - τ pT > 45 (30) GeV

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- MET > 25 GeV
- Veto events with high-pT leptons
- Lepton pT: e (μ) 25 (20) GeV when more leptons in the event: e (μ) 15 (10) GeV
- $\tau$  pT: 20 GeV,  $\tau$  ID NN based
- MET > 20 GeV, mT < 30 GeV

Missing Mass Calculator arXiv: 0901.0512

## MSSM h/A/H $\rightarrow \tau \tau$

#### Background control:

- W+jets and QCD from SS mass shape in lephad channel
- QCD in fully hadronic channel from ABCD method ( $\tau$  ID vs. charge product)



#### Systematic uncertainties:

- Dominant  $\tau_{_{h}}$  ID efficiency & fake rate uncertainty: 10 %
- $\bullet$  Also important:  $\tau$  and jet energy scales and resolutions

## MSSM h/A/H $\rightarrow \tau \tau$

#### 100 GeV < ma < 600 GeV

#### **Results:**

\*ggF and b-associated production

	Data	Total BG	Signal* tanβ=20
leplep	2 472	$2\;600\pm200$	тн=120 GeV:155±6
lephad	1 913	$2\ 100\pm400$	тн=120 GeV:116±9
hadhad	245	233 +44 -28	тн=200 GeV:19±1





## Search channel: $t\bar{t} \rightarrow H^+b + W^-b \rightarrow \tau vb + qq'b$

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#### **Event selection:**

- MET +  $\tau$  trigger
- MET > 50 GeV
- Hadronic t with pT > 35 GeV
- At least one b-tagged jet

MSSM  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau v$ 

- Two additional jets + b-jet
- Final discriminant: mT

Data	Total BG	mн⁺=130 GeV, BR (t→bH⁺)=0.1
43	37±7	70

- Jet and  $\tau$  related systematics dominant
- True  $\tau$  background via  $\tau$  embedding into  $\mu$ +jets data sample



## $H^{\pm\!\pm\!}\!\!\to\mu\mu$

#### 100 GeV < mн<sup>±</sup> < 400 GeV 1.6 /fb



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- Relevant models eg. Little Higgs, Higgs triplets
- Select events with 2 high p⊤ same sign muons
- Production in DY process  $q\overline{q} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow H^{**}H^{--}$
- If BR=1, left-handed  $H^{\pm\pm}$  excluded for mH < 375 GeV, right-handed  $H^{\pm\pm}$  excluded for mH < 295 GeV



## 4<sup>th</sup> Generation



• Heavy 4<sup>th</sup> generation: m = 600 GeV

• Exclusion: 120 GeV – 600 GeV

## $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



## $H \rightarrow W W \rightarrow Ivqq$



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## CMS Higgs Results Summary



## **CMS Higgs Results Combination**



## Summary SM Higgs Searches

Chai	nnel	btag (veto)	Jets	MET (GeV)	Shape	Mass Range (GeV/c²)	Main backgrounds
γ	γ				M <sub>γγ</sub>	110-150	γγ <mark>(</mark> from sidebands)
τ	τ	1	~		Μ <sub>ττ</sub>	110-140	Z from data driven methods
w	Ή	1	2		M <sub>bb</sub>	110-130	Top (3j - high M <sub>bb</sub> ) and W+jets (low M <sub>bb</sub> )
Z	Н	1	2		M <sub>bb</sub>	110-130	Z+jets (low M <sub>bb</sub> )
	0-jet		0	>30		110-600	WW (control region M <sub>II</sub> )
WW (byby)	1-jet	veto	1	>30		110-600	Top (from reverse btag) and WW (M <sub>II</sub> CR)
()	VBF*	veto	2	>30		110-600	Top from CS
WW**	0-jet		0	>30	M <sub>ww</sub>	200-600	W+jets (sidebands)
(lvqq)	1-jet	veto	1	>30	M <sub>ww</sub>	200-600	W+jets (sidebands)
ZZ (	(    )	IP			M <sub>4I</sub>	110-600	ZZ (from MC), Z+jets and top (CR)
ZZ (II	ττ)*				$M_{2l2\tau}$	200-600	ZZ (From Z - data)
ZZ (I	lνν)	1		>30	M <sub>T</sub>	200-600	VV(from MC) and top (MC and checks)
ZZ (I	lqq)	1	2	<50	M <sub>llqq</sub>	200-600	Z+jets (from MC) and top (from MC)

\* CMS only / \*\* ATLAS only