

# Recherche du boson de Higgs se désintégrant en 4-leptons dans ATLAS

Isolation calorimétrique des muons

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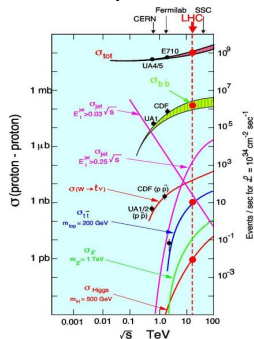
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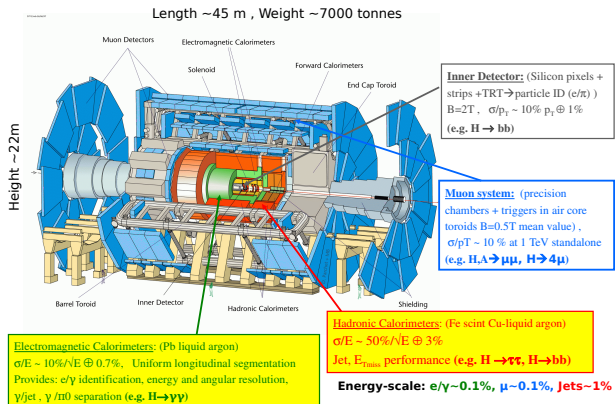
# Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27.6 km accelerator
- p + p collisions at 14 TeV  
(also Pb + Pb @ 5.5 TeV)
- 4 experiments
  - 2 general purpose: ATLAS, CMS
  - B-physics: LHC-b
  - Heavy ions: ALICE



- Designed to look for the Higgs boson and any evidence of new physics BSM
- Precision measurements ( $m_{\text{top}}$ ,  $m_W$ )
- Dealing with (very) rare processes, cannot miss interesting events!

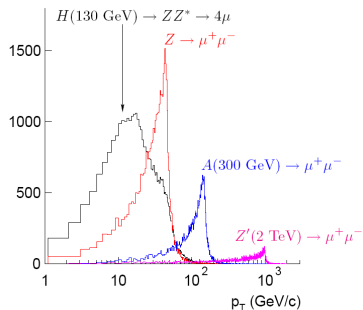
# A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS)



- Inner Detector (ID), Calorimeters, Muon Spectrometer (MS)
- Solenoidal (ID) and toroidal (MS) magnets
- $10^8$  readout channels
- More than 2k physicists

# Muons in LHC

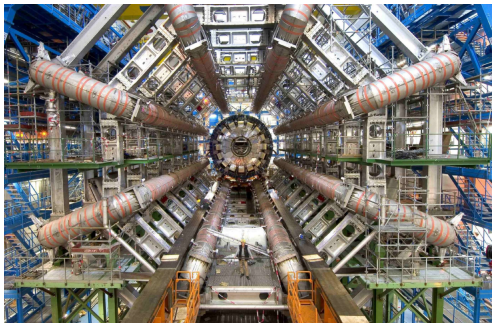
- Muons are the only particles that can traverse large quantity of material (calorimeters)
- Present in several physical processes (clean signature)
- Usually low branching ratios



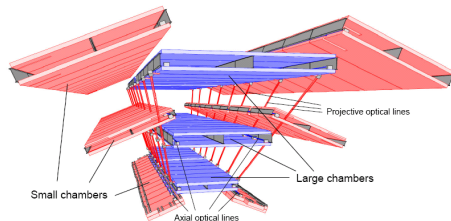
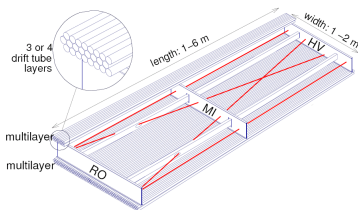
## Requirements

- Excellent reconstruction efficiency and momentum resolution over wide range
- Very low fake rates
- Efficient trigger capability

# ATLAS Muon Spectrometer

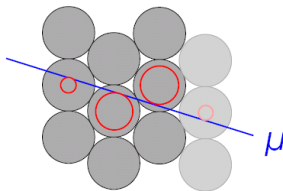
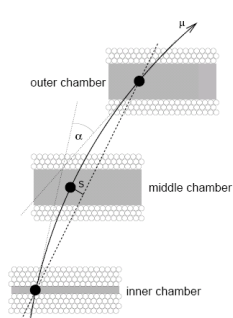


- Trigger and precision chambers in air core toroids
  - Independent trigger system and momentum measurement
  - Muons bent in the polar direction
- 4 different chamber technologies
- 16 sectors, 3 stations,  $\approx 2\text{k}$  chambers,  $10^6$  channels,  $10^3\text{ m}^2$
- Optical alignment aiming  $30\ \mu\text{m}$  precision



# ATLAS Muon Spectrometer - muon measurement

- Hit position defined by tube and drift radius
- Momentum determined by sagitta measurement ( $s$ )
- 2nd coordinates measured in trigger chambers (not shown)

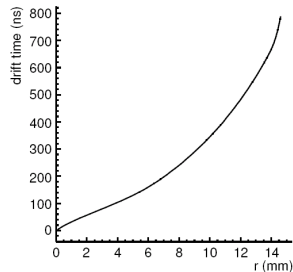


Goal:  $\sigma_{p_T} \approx 10\% @ 1 \text{ TeV}$

Sagitta  $\approx 500 \mu\text{m}$

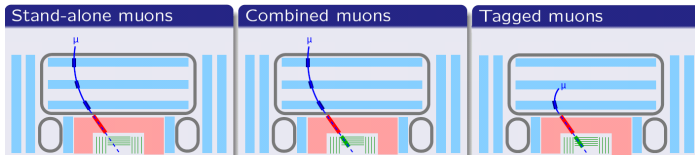
Spatial resolution  $\approx 40 \mu\text{m}$

$$\sigma_{\text{align}} = \sqrt{(50 \mu\text{m})^2 - (40 \mu\text{m})^2}$$





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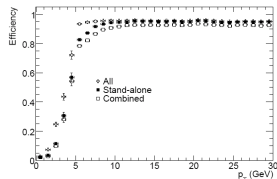
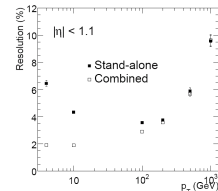
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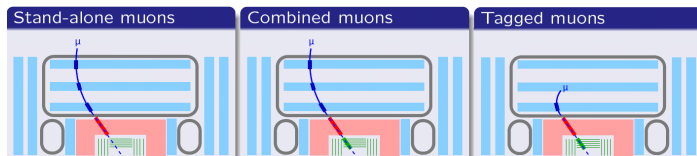
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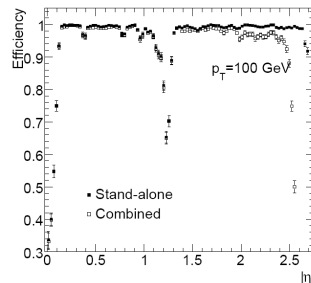
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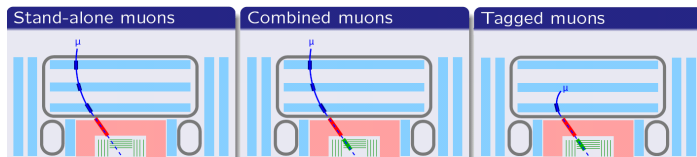
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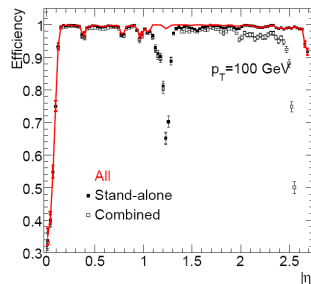
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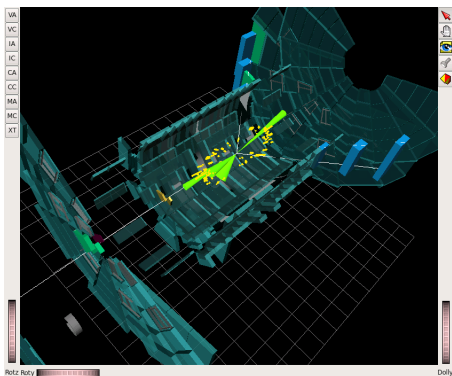
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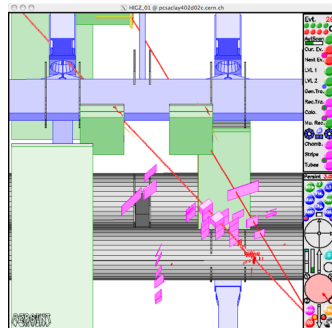
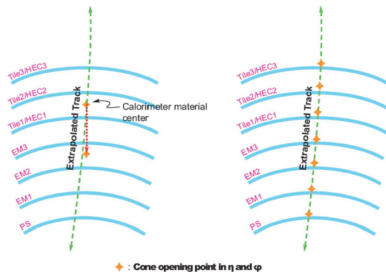
# ATLAS Muon Spectrometer - muon energy loss and isolation

- Isolation is related to detector activity around a given particle
  - One of the main features used to separate signal and backgrounds in SM analysis, Higgs searches and beyond
  - Used to separate muons from W,Z and inside jets (b,c)



# ATLAS Muon Spectrometer - muon energy loss and isolation

- Muons also loose energy in the calorimeters (impact on momentum resolution)
- Studying optimizations to better describe E-loss and consequently isolation
  - Minimum number of cells to consider for E-loss
  - Size of the region around the muon that maximizes S/B

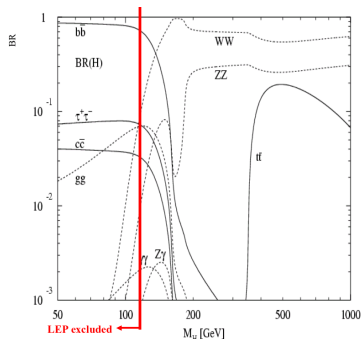
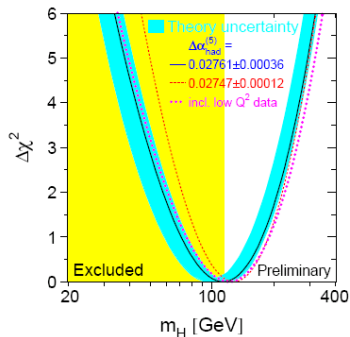


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# Higgs boson

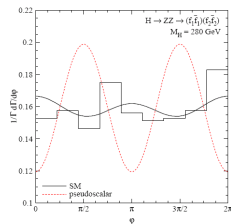
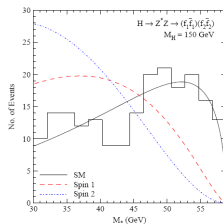
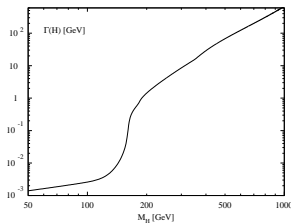
- Search for the Higgs boson is the main objective of ATLAS and LHC
- Constrains by direct ( $> 114.4$  GeV - LEP) and indirect searches ( $\lesssim 180$  GeV - LEP / Tevatron) (95% CL)
  - **But we have to look all over!**
- Many production / decay modes, but in particular  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ 
  - One the highest branching ratios
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\text{-leptons}$  ( $e, \mu$ ) is the so called "golden channel"



# Higgs to ZZ

## We see a peak! But is it the (SM) Higgs?

- Apart from Higgs mass, SM predicts width, spin, parity, couplings...
- ZZ is suitable for measuring Higgs properties
  - Mass with good precision
  - Width for high masses
  - Spin and parity, high statistics needed

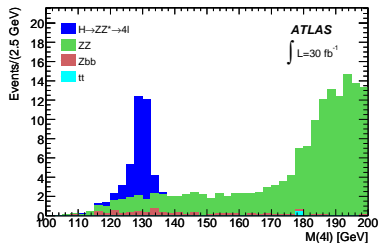




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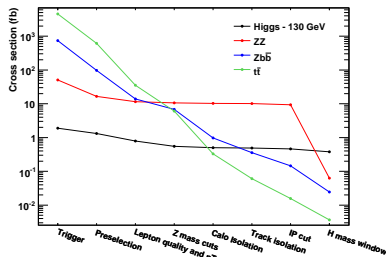
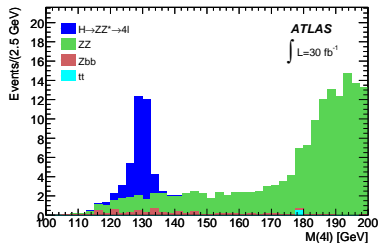
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- Low cross section when WW becomes on-shell (160 GeV)
- Soft leptons for low  $m_H$  (Z off-shell)

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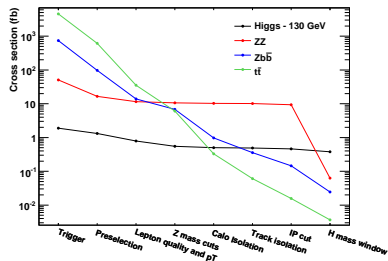
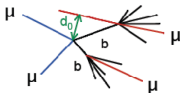
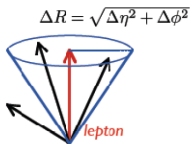
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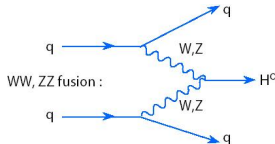
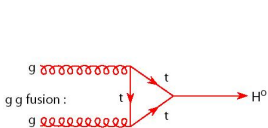
## Leptons from bottom decays

- Are softer ( $p_T$ )
- Are less isolated (track and calorimeter isolation)
- Have a displaced vertex (impact parameter (IP) )
- Do not form resonance (di-lepton mass)

Same effect on signal and ZZ! ◀ ◻ ▶ ≡ ≡ 15

# Higgs production modes

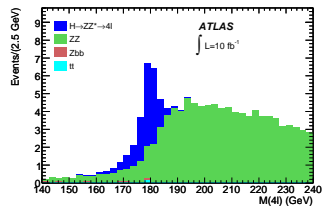
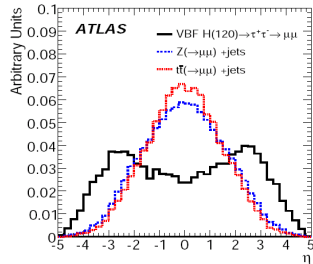
On LHC Higgs is mainly produced by gluon-fusion and Vector-Boson-Fusion (VBF)



- VBF has a clear experimental signature: two forward jets with high- $p_T$  and high separation in  $\eta$ 
  - Used when gg-fusion is not feasible ( $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ) or to reduce QCD backgrounds ( $H \rightarrow WW$ )
- Advantages: can measure Higgs coupling to W,Z, etc.
- Drawback: relatively small fraction of the production ( $\approx 20\%$ )

Started to investigate feasibility of VBF analysis in  $H \rightarrow 4l$  channel

- Can be used to reduce “irreducible” ZZ bg



# VBF analysis in $H \rightarrow 4l$ channel

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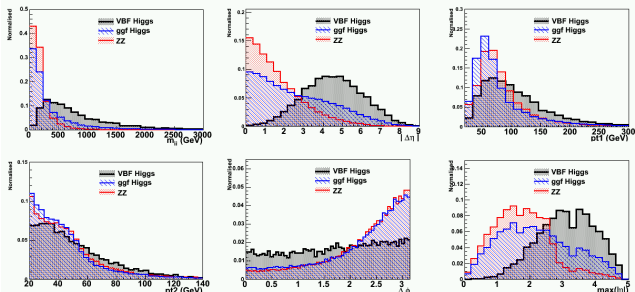
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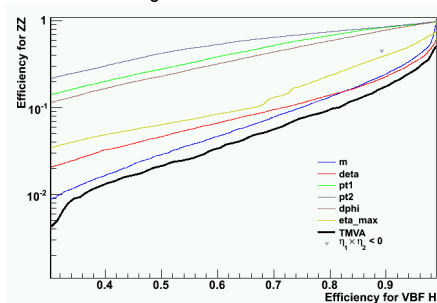
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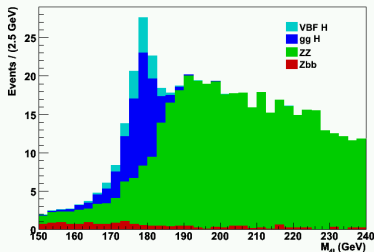
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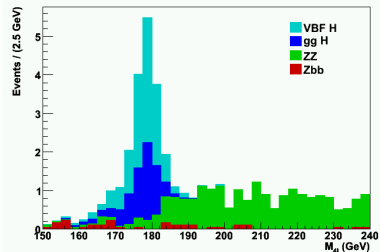
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4-lepton invariant mass - no VBF cut



4-lepton invariant mass with VBF cut





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## Summary and future plans

- ATLAS Muon Spectrometer
  - Very precise and complex system
  - Muons give a clean signature for many physical processes
  - Studying calorimetric isolation  $\rightarrow$  used on Higgs searches, SM and BSM analyses
- Higgs boson and the 4-lepton channel
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ$  can measure Higgs properties
  - 4-leptons is the “golden channel” but not that easy
  - Started VBF  $H \rightarrow 4l$  analysis

### Plans:

- Continue with H analysis on simulation
- Muon isolation with simulation and real data (collisions or cosmics)

# Muon trigger

