# RECHERCHE DU BOSON DE HIGGS AVEC LE DETECTEUR ATLAS



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#### **PRESENT LIMITS**



#### **HIGGS PRODUCTION AT THE LHC**



#### **THE VECTOR BOSONS FUSION (VBF)**





#### Rapidity distribution

#### Signature:

- Two forward quark initiated "tag" jets (*large*  $\eta$  separation with high- $p_T$ ) with large invariant mass  $M_{ii}$
- No jet activity in the central region (between the two tag jets) due to color singlet: rapidity gap →*jet veto*
- Higgs decay products between tag jets in  $\eta$

#### Advantages:

- Provides high signal over background ratios
- Improve and extend measurement of Higgs boson parameters (couplings to bosons, fermions)
- Measure Higgs boson spin and CP properties.



#### THE SM HIGGS BOSON DECAYS





Many channels explored! All the mass range is covered!

## **PROSPECTS FOR A DISCOVERY AT LHC (<2006)**



rough estimate of discovery potential

J.J. Blaising, A. De Roeck, J. Ellis, F. Gianotti, P. Janot, G. Rolandi and D. Schlatter, **Eur. Strategy workshop (2006)** 



• Hardest for low masses

Warnings:

- these curves are optimistic on the  $ttH, H \rightarrow bb$  performance

- systematic uncertainties assumed to be luminosity dependent

New ATLAS estimation will be available soon

#### **IMPROVEMENTS**

#### ATLAS: CERN-OPEN 2008-020

Update on the analysis techniques and the discovery potentials, almost ready for publication!

Warning: ALL ESTIMATIONS ARE BASED ON 14TeV !!!

- Detailed **GEANT simulations** of the detectors.
- New (N)NLO Monte Carlos for both signal and backgrounds.
  - MCFM Monte Carlo, J. Campbell and K. Ellis, http://mcfm.fnal.gov
  - MC@NLO Monte Carlo, S.Frixione and B. Webber, www.web.phy.cam.ar.uk/theory/
  - T. Figy, C. Oleari and D. Zeppenfeld, Phys. Rev. D68, 073005 (2003)
  - E.L.Berger and J. Campbell, Phys. Rev. D70, 073011 (2004)
  - C. Anastasiou, K. Melnikov and F. Petriello, hep-ph/0409088 and hep-ph/0501130
  - Resbos, Diphox, Jetphox

- ....

- New approaches to match parton showers and matrix elements
  - ALPGEN Monte Carlo + MLM matching, M. Mangano et al.
  - SHERPA Monte Carlo, F. Krauss et al.
  - ...

Tevatron data are extremely valuable for validation, work started.

- Better understood reconstruction methods (partially based on test beam results,...)
- Further studies of **new Higgs boson scenarios**
- Various MSSM benchmark scenarios
- CP-violating scenarios
- Invisible Higgs boson decays

- .....

# $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

• Important channel in the low mass region.

• It gives the best mass resolution thanks to excellent electromagnetic energy resolution

#### **SELECTION**



 $\rightarrow \varepsilon$  (respect to offline) = (93.6 ± 0.4)%

- **Identification cut** exploiting the shower shape.
- Fiducial cut:  $0 < |\eta| < 1.37 \& 1.52 < |\eta| < 2.37$ .
- **Isolation cut**:  $\Sigma p_T < 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ , considering all tracks with

 $p_T > 1 GeV/c$  in a  $\Delta R = 0.3$  cone around the

electromagnetic cluster.

• **Momentum cut**:  $p_T > 25 GeV/c$  and  $p_T > 40 GeV/c$  for the two

most energetic photons.





In a mass window	h a mass window $M_H + - 1.4\sigma GeV$ :		
Signal Process	Cross-section (fb)		
$gg \rightarrow H$	21		
$\operatorname{VBF} H$	2.7		
ttH	0.35		
VH	1.3		

# **BACKGROUNDS**

Background is evaluated with *NLO* simulations. *It will be measured from data sidebands*.

Within a mass window $M_H$ +/- 1.4 $\sigma$ GeV:			
Background Process	Cross-section (fb)		
γγ	562		
Reducible γ <i>j</i>	318		
Reducible <i>jj</i>	49		
Drell Yan	18		



#### Strategy for jet rejection:

- *Longitudinal segmentation* of the calorimeter.
- Fine segmentation of the first layer ( $\eta$ -strips) => good  $\pi^0$  rejection.
- *Isolation* of the *electromagnetic* cluster.
- *Isolation based on tracks* reconstructed by the inner detector.



#### **INVARIANT MASSES DISTRIBUTIONS**



### **SIGNIFICANCE**

*Fit and likelihood ratio* are used for setting discovery potential and handle systematics.

Different fit based approaches:

- 1- fit only the  $m(\gamma\gamma)$  distribution;
- 2- simultaneous fit to  $m(\gamma\gamma)$ ,  $P_T(\gamma\gamma)$  and  $\cos \theta^*$
- Fit approaches are also performed with the Higgs mass floating.
- The use of *categories* with different resolutions based on  $\eta$ , *jet multiplicity* and *presence of conversions* improves the significance.



Distributions need to be handled with care: lots of comparisons between different Monte Carlo generators!!!



# $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4l$



#### It is the "golden channel"!

- Observation of a clear peak on top of a smooth background!
- Wide range of masses explored

Background will be estimated in sidebands → low systematic uncertainties



Look to the Z with first data to understand lepton reconstruction and detectors response.
Z→ee mass peak is affected by electron bremsstrahlung.



#### **SIGNIFICANCE**



- Significance estimations from number counting and from a *full range fit* are consistent.
- Other approaches (background only sideband fit, two dimensional fit on  $M_{ll}$  and  $M_{Z^*}$  with Higgs mass floated) are also explored.



# $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \ (VBF)$

- High BR in the low mass region.
- 3 channels: II, Ih, hh (65% of  $\tau$  gives hadrons)

#### SELECTION

• **Trigger**: isolated electrons (µ) with  $p_T > 22 (20) GeV/c$  ( $\varepsilon \sim 10\%$ )

 $\tau + E_T^{miss}$  ( $\epsilon \sim 3.7\%$ ) for the *hh* channel

- Isolation cut
- Likelihood exploiting the shower shape and the track quality to separate  $\tau$  and jet.
- **b-jet veto** to kill  $tt(+jets) \rightarrow lvb \ lvb \ (+jets)$  (background for the *ll* channel)
- select highest  $E_T$  jets in opposite hemispheres
- Central jet veto

#### WWZZBR(H)0.010.001 $\mu\mu$ $Z\gamma$ 0.0001 100 130 160 200 300 5007001000 $M_H$ [GeV]

#### BACKGROUNDS

- $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau + jets$
- $W \rightarrow \tau v + jets$
- tt+jets
- *QCD* multi-jets for the *hh* channel

#### **MAIN ISSUES:**

- Discrepancies in Monte Carlo generator  $\rightarrow$  impact on veto efficiency
- Estimation of QCD multi-jet  $\rightarrow$  no sensitivity yet on *hh* channel
- Pileup  $\rightarrow$  impact on  $E_T^{miss}$  and jet veto

# $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \ (VBF)$



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Comments:

- No mass peak  $\rightarrow$  use transverse mass.
- High backgrounds: WW, Wt, ttbar,  $Z \rightarrow 2l$ , bb,cc,QCD multijet

Evaluation of the sensitivity expected very soon.





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#### WHICH PARAMETERS CAN WE MEASURE AT LHC?

1. Mass

#### 2. Couplings to bosons and fermions

#### 3. Spin and CP

- Angular distributions in the decay channels:

 $H \rightarrow ZZ(*) \rightarrow 4 \ell$ ,  $H \rightarrow WW(*)$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau VBF$ are sensitive to spin and CP eigenvalue

-  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ , if observed, excludes spin 1 (Yang's theorem)

Not for early data ... needs to find Higgs first !

#### 4. Higgs self coupling

Possible channel:  $gg \rightarrow HH \rightarrow WW WW \rightarrow \ell \nu jj \ell \nu jj$ Small signal cross sections, large backgrounds from tt, WW, WZ, WWW, tttt, Wtt,...

No significant measurement possible at LHC!

Very difficult at a possible SLHC (6000 fb<sup>-1</sup>), limited to mass region around 160 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

#### **DIRECT MASS AND WIDTH MEASUREMENTS**



**'leptonic/γ resolution' for low masses** 



#### HIGGS COUPLINGS – 1

#### M.Duhrssen ATL-PHYS-2003-030

M.Duhrssen,S.Heinemeyer,H.Logan,D.Rainwater,G.Weiglein and D.Zeppenfeld Phys Rev D70,113009,2004 Warning: based on 'old' expectations



First step: measure  $\sigma^*BR$  in different channels with *almost* no assumptions (uncertainties comes from selection efficiencies , background evaluation)

### HIGGS COUPLINGS – 2

Second step: give the measured  $\sigma^*BR$  as input in a global likelihood fit

#### **Output: Higgs boson couplings, normalized to the WW-coupling**



**Relative couplings can be measured with a precision of ~20% (for 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>)** 



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### **MSSM HIGGS: WHAT WE KNOW FROM THEORY**

- One doublet of Higgs pseudo-scalar fields is replaced with two:
  - One couples to up-fermions and has  $vev=v_u$
  - One couples to down fermions and has  $vev=v_d$
- 2X4-3=5 physical scalar fields/particles:  $h, H, A, H^{\pm}$
- •Properties at tree level:
- fully defined by 2 free parameters:  $m_A$ ,  $tan \beta = v_u/v_d$
- CP-odd A:

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never couples to Z or W;
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decays to bb,  $\tau\tau$  (and additionally tt for small tan $\beta$ ).

- CP-even h and H:

SM-like near their mass limits vs  $m_A$ ; at large  $tan\beta$  enhanced coupling with down fermions, suppressed couplings to *W* and *Z*.

- $H^{\pm}$  "strongly" couples to *tb* and  $\tau v$
- All Higgs bosons are narrow (Γ<10GeV)

We choose the benchmark scenario  $m_h^{max}$  corresponding to maximal theoretically allowed region for  $m_h$ 



# $H \rightarrow \mu \mu$



## $H \rightarrow \mu \mu$



# $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \ (\tau \rightarrow ll)$

#### **SELECTION.**

•Trigger: isolated  $\mu(e)$  with  $p_T > 20$  (25)GeV || two isolated  $e \parallel$  or one e & one  $\mu$ 

- **b-tagging** on at least one jet to suppress light jets
- Cuts on missing  $E_T$ , b momentum, lepton momentum, number
- *of jets* ( <3) to reject Z and *tt* backgrounds
- Collinear approximation



# Studies ongoing on hadronic τ decay mode Mass reconstruction as for SM VBF H→ ττ



#### **CHARGED HIGGS SEARCHES**



### **INVISIBLE HIGGS**





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## **CONCLUSIONS**

- •Many SM Higgs channels have been studied in detail:
  - already good sensitivity to SM Higgs with few fb<sup>-1</sup>
  - the full mass range is covered
- •MSSM Higgs sector covered in most of the  $m_A$ -tan $\beta$  plane at 30fb<sup>-1</sup>
- •Detailed Higgs properties studies will require a lot of statistics
- Analysis can be still improved!



#### FIND MORE DETAILS IN: ATLAS: CERN-OPEN 2008-020



# THE STANDARD MODEL



### **PRESENT LIMITS**

 $\tilde{m}_{W}$ 

• The electroweak measurements are sensitive to m<sub>H</sub> through radiative corrections:



• Direct search at LEP2:







## **RECONSTRUCTION ISSUES**

#### PRIMARY VERTEX

If the vertex is unknown, add 1.4 GeV to the mass resolution. Combine calorimeter and tracker informations!



- Calorimeter  $\rightarrow$  vertex position accuracy of 19 mm - Combining with the tracker information  $\rightarrow \sim 0.1 \text{ mm}$ Calorimeter information is useful in case of pile-up or events with low tracks multiplicity.

- No pile-up

1033 cm-2s-1

2\*1033cm2s-1

Zrec-Ztrue

0.12

0.1

0.08

0.06

0.04

0.02

ATLAS preliminary

Only calorimeter

-100-80 -60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 80 100

0.14

0.1

0.08

0.06

0.04

0.02

0.12 ATLAS

#### **CONVERSIONS**

- ~50% of the events with at least one converted  $\gamma$  !
- ad hoc energy calibration required in late conversions;
- conversion vertex used in computation of the direction;
- used for gamma-jet background estimation.

Also one reconstructed track conversions!





#### I.Koletsou CERN-THESIS-2008-047, LAL-08-38

#### **MATERIAL BEFORE CALORIMETER**



### THE REDUCIBLE *y* jet BACKGROUND

On a selected sample of conversions we can measure the ratio  $p_T / E_T$ 



#### **ISOLATION & IMPACT PARAMETER**

**Reducible backgrounds** have activity around *leptons from b-decay* 

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta \eta^2 + \Delta \phi^2}$$



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μ

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**Normalized calorimetric and track isolation** ( $\Delta R=0.2$ ) for the signal  $(m_{\mu} = 130)$  and the Zbb and tt backgrounds in the  $4\mu$  channel.



Transverse impact parameter significance in signal and reducible background events.

#### **EFFICIENCY & RESOLUTION**



Selection efficiency as a function of the Higgs mass, for each of the three decay channels.



*Mass resolution* as a function of the Higgs mass. Open circles denote the resolution Z mass constraint improves resolution.

#### **INVARIANT MASS DISTRIBUTIONS**





Figure 7: Central jet veto performance in the presence of varying levels of pileup for signal and background samples.

# *t*t*H*→*t*t*b*b

- Trigger requires: high  $p_T$  isolated lepton &  $E_T^{miss}$  to identify the W
- b-tagging is crucial

Three approaches:

- Cut based analysis
- Likelihood analysis using invariant masses, angles and distances between jets
- Analysis with mass-constrained fit to the measured missing energy, jet and lepton four momenta (to reduce combinatorics).



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### ANGULAR DIST RIBUTIONS IN $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



$$F(\phi) = 1 + \alpha \cdot \cos(\phi) + \beta \cdot \cos(2\phi) + \beta \cdot \cos($$

$$G(\theta) = T \cdot (1 + \cos^2(\theta)) + L \cdot \sin^2(\theta)$$

$$R := \frac{L - T}{L + T}$$



C.P.Buszello,I.Fleck,P.Marquard and J.J. van der Bij Eur Phys J C32,209,2004

### **ANOMALOUS HIGGS COUPLINGS IN VBF**



**CPE** and **CPO** anomalous couplings:

- with 10 fb<sup>-1</sup> can be excluded at  $5\sigma$  in  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow llvv$  for  $m_H = 160 \text{ GeV}$ .
- with 30 fb<sup>-1</sup> can be excluded at  $2\sigma$  in  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  for  $m_H = 120$  GeV.

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### **INVISIBLE HIGGS: VBF TOPOLOGY**

#### **SELECTION:**

- •Tag jets  $p_T>40$ ,  $|\eta|<5$ ,  $\eta_1^*$   $\eta_2<0$ ,  $\Delta\eta>4.4$
- •Require  $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{T}}$  miss  $\rightarrow$  not expected in QCD jets
- •cut on jet invariant mass 1200GeV → reject QCD dijets which are softer
- •Missing transverse energy isolation variable → reduce effect of cracks
- •Reject W+jets and Z+jets cutting on hard p<sub>T</sub> leptons
- •Central jet veto
- $\phi_{ii}$  (in background also jet from radiative processes are present:  $q\overline{q} \rightarrow gV$  and  $qg \rightarrow qV$ )





#### The ATLAS experiment: 1900 scientists, 165 institutes, 35 countries!







# **CALORIMETER**





## **MAGNETS**

#### The ATLAS magnet coils

2 endcap toroids: 1T, 8coils, 20.5kA Each in its own cryostat.

Solenoid: 2T, 7.7kA 2.4m bore, 5.3m length. Field measured to <10<sup>-4</sup>



Barrel toroid: 0.5T, 8coils, 20.5 kA,7000m<sup>3</sup> field volume





#### **MUONS DETECTOR**



Stand-alone momentum resolution ΔpT/pT < 10% up to 1 TeV

#### ~1200 MDT precision chambers for track reconstruction (+ CSC)







### FIRST BEAM-SPLASH EVENT



#### **Updated MSSM scan for different benchmark scenarios**

Benchmark scenarios as defined by M.Carena et al. (h mainly affected)

ATLAS preliminary, 30 fb<sup>-1,</sup>  $5\sigma$  discovery



**MHMAX scenario**  $(M_{SUSY} = 1 \text{ TeV/c}^2)$  maximal theoretically allowed region for  $m_h$ 

**Nomixing scenario**  $(M_{SUSY} = 2 \text{ TeV/c}^2)$ (1TeV almost excl. by LEP ) small  $m_h \rightarrow$  difficult for LHC

**Gluophobic scenario** ( $M_{SUSY} = 350 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ ) coupling to gluons suppressed (cancellation of top + stop loops) small rate for g g  $\rightarrow$  H, H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and Z $\rightarrow$ 4  $\ell$ 

**Small**  $\alpha$  **scenario** (M<sub>SUSY</sub> = 800 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>) coupling to b (and t) suppressed (cancellation of sbottom, gluino loops) for large tan  $\beta$  and M<sub>A</sub> 100 to 500 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>



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#### small differences ~ understood

NOTE: differences in K factors and use of categories might explain the different significance in number counting?

### **SELECTION AND BACKGROUNDS**

- No mass peak  $\rightarrow$  use transverse mass.
- Reconstruction:
  - Trigger : single or double lepton selection  $1\mu 20i$  or 1e25i;
  - Offline: select events with exactly two isolated (tracking and calorimeter) opposite sign primary leptons and  $E_T^{miss}$ .
  - Specific reconstructions for different channels
- **High backgrounds:** WW, Wt, ttbar,  $Z \rightarrow 2l$ , bb,cc,QCD multijet

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Process	Cross-section(pb)	X,
$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW \ (M_H = 170 \text{ GeV})$	19.418	
$\operatorname{VBF} H \to WW \ (M_H = 170 \text{ GeV})$	2.853	a s
$\operatorname{VBF} H \to WW \ (M_H = 300 \text{ GeV})$	0.936	ACC ACC
qq/qg  ightarrow WW	111.6	65
gg  ightarrow WW	5.26	
$pp \rightarrow t\overline{t}$	833	_u w
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau + jets$	2015	
W+jets	20510	1001



The challenge: precise knowledge of the backgrounds.

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# **UNSOLVED QUESTIONS**



**Experiments are trying to answer!** 

### **PRIMARY VERTEX RECONSTRUCTION**

If the vertex is unknown, add 1.4 GeV to the mass resolution.

# *Tracker and calorimeter informations* are combined:

- Using calorimeter longitudinal segmentation and pre-shower strips  $\rightarrow$  vertex position accuracy is **19mm** (17mm when using conversions).
- Combining with the tracker information  $\rightarrow \sim 0.1$  *mm*
- Calorimeter information is useful in case of pile-up or events with low tracks multiplicity.





# **BACKGROUNDS**

#### **Backgrounds:**

- $qq,gg \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l \ (l=e,m,t)$
- $qq \rightarrow Zbb \rightarrow 4l$
- $qq \rightarrow Zbb \rightarrow 3l$
- $qq,gg \rightarrow tt$
- $qq,gg \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow 3l$
- $Z \rightarrow 2l + X$

Background will be estimated in sidebands → low systematic uncertainties

•Look to the Z with first data to understand lepton reconstruction and detectors response.

• $Z \rightarrow ee$  mass peak is affected by electron bremsstrahlung.



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