# The Hunt For The Higgs Boson

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### LHC Fireworks On July 4<sup>th</sup>: Discovery Of A New Boson With Mass Near 125 GeV



#### Lecture Plan

#### Lecture 1

- Past searches
- SM Higgs production & decay
- LHC, ATLAS & CMS
- Objects for discovery
- Higgs search menu
- Low mass resolution modes
  - $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 212v$
- Low mass resolution modes
  - H → bb
  - H  $\rightarrow \tau \tau$

#### Lecture 2

- High mass resolution modes -  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$
- Combination of all search results
- Compatibility with SM Higgs boson
- Future prospects

#### Indirect Limits From Precision Electroweak Data



 Logarithmic dependence on M<sub>H</sub> allows M<sub>W</sub> and other precision observables to bound its mass

$$M_W^2 = \frac{M_Z^2}{2} \left\{ 1 + \left[ 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}\alpha(1 + \Delta r)}{G_F M_Z^2} \right]^{1/2} \right\} \quad \Delta r \sim \ln \frac{M_H}{M_Z}$$

 Global fit to precision Electroweak data including Tevatron M<sub>W</sub>= 80.385±0.015 GeV suggests:

$$M_{\rm H} = 94^{+29}_{-24} \text{ GeV}$$
  
or  $M_{\rm H} < 152 \text{ GeV}$  at 95% CL

		Measurement	Fit	IO <sup>meas</sup> –O <sup>fit</sup> I/σ <sup>meas</sup>	
	(5)			0.1.2.3	
	$\Delta \alpha_{had}^{(3)}(m_Z)$	$0.02750 \pm 0.00033$	0.02759		
	m <sub>z</sub> [GeV]	91.1875 ± 0.0021	91.1874		
	Γ <sub>Z</sub> [GeV]	2.4952 ± 0.0023	2.4959		
	$\sigma_{had}$ [nb]	41.540 ± 0.037	41.478		
	R <sub>I</sub>	20.767 ± 0.025	20.742		
	A <sub>fb</sub>	$0.01714 \pm 0.00095$	0.01645		
	Α <sub>I</sub> (Ρ <sub>τ</sub> )	0.1465 ± 0.0032	0.1481		
	R <sub>b</sub>	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	0.21579		
	R <sub>c</sub>	0.1721 ± 0.0030	0.1723		
	A <sup>6,6</sup>	$0.0992 \pm 0.0016$	0.1038		
	A <sup>0,0</sup>	$0.0707 \pm 0.0035$	0.0742		
	A <sub>b</sub>	$0.923 \pm 0.020$	0.935		
	A <sub>c</sub>	$0.670 \pm 0.027$	0.668		
	A <sub>l</sub> (SLD)	$0.1513 \pm 0.0021$	0.1481		
	$sin^2 \theta_{eff}^{iept}(Q_{fb})$	$0.2324 \pm 0.0012$	0.2314		
	m <sub>w</sub> [GeV]	$80.385 \pm 0.015$	80.377		
	Г <sub>w</sub> [GeV]	$2.085\pm0.042$	2.092	•	
	m <sub>t</sub> [GeV]	$173.20 \pm 0.90$	173.26		
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_	<ul> <li>March 2012</li> </ul>			m <sub>umit</sub> = 152 GeV	
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		m <sub>H</sub> [O	GeV]		

#### Direct Searches For Higgs Boson at LEP



- At 95% CL, Excluded SM Higgs with mass below 114.4 GeV
- Scene shifted to hadron colliders → LHC

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#### **Proton-On-Proton Collisions**

When protons collide → Interaction of constituent partons (gluons or quarks)



Produces A Whole Lot Of "Stuff" ( Yesterday's Discoveries )



#### What Is Produced in p-p Collisions



#### Higgs Production At Hadron Colliders

• Production Mechanisms:



Gluon fusion is the dominant production mechanism VBF & VH have a distinct signature

#### Higgs Production in pp collisions: $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV



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### Higgs Production in pp Collisions at 7, 8 & 14 TeV



At  $M_{\rm H}$ =125 GeV, about 25 % enhanced production at 8 TeV w.r.t 7 TeV

#### Higgs Branching Ratios Vs M<sub>H</sub>



Higgs couples most to the heaviest particle kinematically allowed

$$\Gamma(H \to W^+ W^-) = \frac{G_F M_H^2}{32\pi\sqrt{2}} (1-x)^{1/2} (4-4x+3x^2), \ x \equiv 4M_W^2/M_H^2$$
  

$$\Gamma(H \to Z^0 Z^0) = \frac{G_F M_H^2}{64\pi\sqrt{2}} (1-x')^{1/2} (4-4x'+3x'^2), \ x' \equiv 4M_Z^2/M_H^2$$
  

$$\Gamma(H \to f\bar{f}) = \frac{G_F m_f^2 M_H}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \cdot N_c \cdot \left(1-\frac{4m_f^2}{M_H^2}\right)^{3/2}$$

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### Higgs Branching Ratio : Zooming Into Low $M_{H}$



Intrinsic Width Of SM Higgs Boson



At low mass ( $M_H \approx 120 \text{ GeV}$ ), width narrower than exptal resolution even in the high mass resolution channels

#### [Production Cross section $\times$ Decay Rate] Vs M<sub>H</sub>



[Cross section × Decay Rate] Vs M<sub>H</sub> : Low Mass



Significance of an observation depends on ability to trigger on event & restrict background processes that mimic Higgs signature



#### Cross Sections for Key SM Background Processes

Backgrounds up to 5 orders of magnitude larger than signal !



Need to measure these cross sections & properties

Producing "Stuff" in Particle Collisions

Simple equation for observing "stuff" at a Collider



Event rateLuminosityCrosssectionIdentifications<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>Efficiency

- $L \rightarrow$  machine parameters
- $\sigma \rightarrow$  Nature's will
- $\epsilon \rightarrow$  Detector's capability

#### LHC Luminosity : Beyond Expectation !



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#### Schematic Of The CMS Detector



#### CMS Detector: The Real Thing



## The ATLAS Detector

Uses very different technology but has very similar capability



### Remnants In Higgs Decay

- At the end of the chain, Higgs boson decays into a subset of:
  - Hadrons:  $\pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, K_{S} \rightarrow \pi^{+}\pi^{-}$  etc
  - Muons
  - Electrons & Photons
  - Tau Lepton
  - Jets
    - b-quark jets
  - − Neutrinos → Missing Transverse energy
- Ability to precisely and efficiently reconstruct these objects defines the sensitivity for Higgs boson searches



#### **Charged Particle Trajectory Reconstruction**



Important for pileup remediation 25

#### Muon Reconstruction & Identification

Match hit pattern and momentum in inner tracker with that in muon stations



#### Efficient & Clean Muon Reconstruction



Fake rate probability : < 0.1% for  $\pi$ , 0.02% for p

#### **Electron & Photon Reconstruction**

Match momentum in the tracker with ECAL energy at point of impact



#### Material Distribution: Relevant for Electron & $\gamma$ Reco



Material in front of ECAL:
→ Electrons bremstrahlung
→ Photons convert

degrades Energy resolution



CMS

#### **Electron & Photon Reconstruction**



### $\tau \rightarrow$ hadron Reconstruction (CMS)

#### Hadronic Tau identification:

- Reconstruct individual decay modes
- Charged hadrons + electromagnetic obj arranged in strips or single photons





Multivariate discriminator using sum of energy deposits in dR rings around the tau (from 0.1 to 0.5)





#### eff ~62% for a fake rate of ~6%

τ → ρν

candida

### Transverse Missing Energy (M<sub>ET</sub>)

- Energy conservation in direction transverse to colliding p-p beams
- $\rightarrow MET = -\sum_{i} \vec{E}_{T_i}$  (Negative vector sum of all reco. particle P<sub>T</sub>)
- Measurement not perfect, need to account for
  - Non-linear calorimeter response
  - Instrumental noise, poorly instrumented area
  - mis-measured objects
- Use  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events with no intrinsic MET





measure for MET scale
/ u<sub>ll</sub> \



• measure for MET resolution  $\sigma(-u_{\parallel}-q_{\rm T}), \sigma(u_{\perp})$ 

Events Run A Data Mean = 18.33 exp.  $Z \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$ RMS = 10.97 exp. Background Mean = 18.76 ± 0.94 105 RMS = 11.35 ± 1.57 Sys. Uncertainty 10 103 10 1.5 Data - Simulation Simulation 0.5 -0 -1.5 50 100 150 / GeV

CMS preliminary,  $\sqrt{s}=8$  TeV L = 0.7 fb<sup>-1</sup>

#### b-Jet Identification: Important For Top Reco.

- B-lifetime  $\approx 1.5 \text{ps}, <\beta\gamma c\tau > \approx 1800 \mu$ Signed decay length
- Tracks from b-hadron decay have large  $P_T$  of B vertex
- Average multiplicity  $\approx 6$
- b-taggers based on
  - Large signed impact parameter significance
  - Secondary vertex with large decay length
- Mistag rate measured from "negative tags"





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#### Consequence Of High Intensity Proton Collision: Pileup

- **Pileup** describes events coming from additional p-p interactions in the colliding proton bunches
- The chances of producing more than one hard scattering event per bunch crossing are pretty low
- But as the instantaneous luminosity per bunch crossing effectively the density of protons in the interaction region where the beams overlap – goes up, the likelihood of ' soft' interaction between the constituent quarks and gluons of additional proton-proton pairs increases (in-time-pileup)
- 'out-of-time pile-up' (OOT) refers to events from successive bunch crossings 50 ns apart.
- The challenge for ATLAS & CMS is in classifying which tracks and energy deposits to attribute to which interaction
- Unlike products from a hard scatter, pileup events are <u>softer</u>

## ATLAS: Pileup Evolution: 2010 Collision Event at 7 TeV with 2 Pile Up Vertices



http://atlac.wah.aarp.ah/Atlac/public/E//TDISDLAV/ovanta.html

## ATLAS: Pileup Evolution: 2011



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# ATLAS: Pileup Evolution: 2012



25 vertices

# Pileup & Its Consequences

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70 E

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ATLAS Online Luminosity

 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, \left[ \text{Ldt} = 6.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}, <\mu > = 19.5 \right]$ 

\_\_\_\_ √s = 7 TeV, ∫Ldt = 5.2 fb⁻¹, <μ> = 9.1

N<sub>PV</sub>

- Many more particles to reconstruct →more CPU & memory in event reconstruction
- **Contaminated Jets**

- (due to additional particles)



- Worsening of MET resolution
  - (more objects to sample)
- Worsening of Isolation observables
- Ambiguity in hard-scatter vertex identification, e.g. H  $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



# Mitigating Pileup

- Detector level mitigation: Readout over smaller time slice
  - Significantly reduces OOT pileup
- In Jet reconstruction:
- Remove from consideration charged hadrons that originate from reconstructed pileup vertices
- Amount of additional pileup energy is determined by the jet area (A) and the energy per unit area (ρ)
  - and subtracted
- Take advantage of the topological shape differences between jets from pileup and more collimated jets from hard-scatter of partons



Typical jet Pileup jet

# Landscape of The Hunt : Summer 2010

Excluded mass range from direct searches :



LHC designed to search for Higgs with mass >100 GeV

# Higgs Search Sensitivity: By Mass & By Mode

- For a given  $M_H$ , sensitivity of search depends on
  - Production cross section
  - Its decay branching fraction into a chosen final state
  - Signal selection efficiency (including trigger)
  - Mass resolution (intrinsic and instrumental)
  - Level of SM background in the same or similar final states
- In low mass range:
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$  play a special role due to excellent mass resolution for the di-photon and 4-lepton final state
  - $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow (lv)(lv)$  provides high sensitivity but has poor mass resolution due to presence of neutrinos in the final state
  - Sensitivity in H $\rightarrow$  bbbar and H $\rightarrow \tau\tau$  channels is reduced due to large backgrounds and poor mass resolution (jets or neutrinos)
- In high mass range:
  - search sensitivity dominated by H  $\rightarrow$  WW, ZZ in various final states 41

### **CMS** Searches

Analyses			No. of	m <sub>H</sub> range	$m_{ m H}$	Lumi	$(fb^{-1})$
H decay	H prod	Exclusive final states	channels	(GeV)	resolution	7 TeV	8 TeV
0.0	untagged	$\gamma\gamma$ (4 diphoton classes)	4	110-150	1-2%	5.1	5.3
· · · ·	VBF-tag	$\gamma \gamma + (jj)_{VBF}$ (low or high $m_{jj}$ for 8 TeV)	1 or 2	110-150	1-2%	5.1	5.3
bb	VH-tag	$(\nu\nu, ee, \mu\mu, e\nu, \mu\nu \text{ with 2 b-jets}) \otimes (\text{low or high } p_T^V)$	10	110–135	10%	5.0	5.1
	ttH-tag	$(\ell \text{ with } 4,5,\geq 6 \text{ jets}) \otimes (3,\geq 4 b\text{-tags});$ $(\ell \text{ with } 6 \text{ jets with } 2 b\text{-tags}); (\ell\ell \text{ with } 2 \text{ or } \geq 3 b\text{-tagged jets})$	9	110–140		5.0	-
	0/1-jets	$(e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\mu, \mu\mu) \times$ (low or high $p_T^{\tau\tau}$ ) × (0 or 1 jets)	16	110–145	20%	4.9	5.1
$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	VBF-tag	$(e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\mu, \mu\mu) + (jj)_{VBF}$	4	110–145	20%	4.9	5.1
$\Pi \rightarrow \iota \iota$	ZH-tag	$(ee, \ \mu\mu)  imes ( au_h  au_h, \ e au_h, \ \mu au_h, \ e\mu)$	8	110–160		5.0	-
	WH-tag	$\tau_h ee, \tau_h \mu \mu, \tau_h e \mu$	3	110–140		4.9	-
$WW \rightarrow \ell \nu q q$	untagged	$(e\nu, \mu\nu) \otimes ((jj)_W \text{ with } 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ jets})$	4	170-600		5.0	5.1
$WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$	0/1-jets	(DF or SF dileptons) $\otimes$ (0 or 1 jets)	4	110-600	20%	4.9	5.1
$WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$	VBF-tag	$\ell \nu \ell \nu + (jj)_{VBF}$ (DF or SF dileptons for 8 TeV)	1 or 2	110-600	20%	4.9	5.1
$WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$	WH-tag	$3\ell 3\nu$	1	110-200		4.9	-
$WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$	VH-tag	$\ell \nu \ell \nu + (jj)_V$ (DF or SF dileptons)	2	118-190		4.9	-
$ZZ  ightarrow 4\ell$	inclusive	4 <i>e</i> , 4 <i>µ</i> , 2 <i>e</i> 2 <i>µ</i>	3	110-600	1-2%	5.0	5.3
$ZZ  ightarrow 2\ell 2 au$	inclusive	$(ee, \mu\mu) \times (\tau_h \tau_h, e \tau_h, \mu \tau_h, e \mu)$	8	200-600	10-15%	5.0	5.3
$ZZ  ightarrow 2\ell 2q$	inclusive	( <i>ee</i> , $\mu\mu$ )×(( <i>jj</i> ) <sub>Z</sub> with 0, 1, 2 b-tags)	6	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 130-164\\ 200-600\end{array}\right.$	3%	4.9	-
$ZZ  ightarrow 2\ell 2  u$	untagged	$((ee, \mu\mu) \text{ with MET}) \otimes (0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ non-VBF jets})$	6	200-600	7%	4.9	5.1
$ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$	VBF-tag	$(ee, \mu\mu)$ with MET and $(jj)_{VBF}$	2	200-600	7%	4.9	5.1

Most analyses updated with 8 TeV data References:https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResults

# **ATLAS Searches**

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H1ggs Boson	Subsequent	Sub-Channels	$m_H$ Range	$\int \mathbf{L} dt$		
Decay	Decay	Sub-Chamlers	[GeV]	$[fb^{-1}]$		
		$2011 \ \sqrt{s} = 7 \ \text{TeV}$				
	4ℓ	$\{4e, 2e2\mu, 2\mu 2e, 4\mu\}$	110-600	4.8		
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	<i>ℓℓνν</i>	$\{ee, \mu\mu\} \otimes \{\text{low, high pile-up}\}$	200-280-600	4.7		
	$\ell\ell qq$	{b-tagged, untagged}	200-300-600	4.7		
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	—	10 categories $\{p_{\text{Tt}} \otimes \eta_{\gamma} \otimes \text{conversion}\} \oplus \{2\text{-jet}\}$	110-150	4.8		
$\mathbf{H}$ , $\mathbf{H}$	<i>ℓνℓν</i>	$\{ee, e\mu/\mu e, \mu\mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}, 1\text{-jet}, 2\text{-jet}\} \otimes \{\text{low, high pile-up}\}$	110-200-300-600	4.7		
$\Pi \to W W^{\vee}$	lvqq'	$\{e, \mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}, 1\text{-jet}, 2\text{-jet}\}$	300-600	4.7		
	$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m lep}$	$\{e\mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}\} \oplus \{\ell\ell\} \otimes \{1\text{-jet}, 2\text{-jet}, VH\}$	110-150	4.7		
$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$ au_{\rm len} au_{\rm had}$	$\{e, \mu\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}\} \otimes \{E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} < 20 \text{ GeV}, E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}} \ge 20 \text{ GeV}\}$	110-150	4.7		
	· icp · ilad	$\oplus \{e, \mu\} \otimes \{1\text{-jet}\} \oplus \{\ell\} \otimes \{2\text{-jet}\}$				
	$ au_{ m had} au_{ m had}$	{1-jet}	110–150	4.7		
	$Z \rightarrow \nu \nu$	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} \in \{120 - 160, 160 - 200, \ge 200 \text{ GeV}\}$	110-130	4.6		
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	$W \to \ell \nu$	$p_{\rm T}^{W} \in \{< 50, 50 - 100, 100 - 200, \ge 200 \text{ GeV}\}$	110-130	4.7		
	$Z \to \ell \ell$	$p_{\rm T}^{\rm Z} \in \{< 50, 50 - 100, 100 - 200, \ge 200 \text{ GeV}\}$	110–130	4.7		
$2012 \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$						
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}$	4ℓ	$\{4e, 2e2\mu, 2\mu 2e, 4\mu\}$	110-600	5.8		
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	—	10 categories $\{p_{\text{Tt}} \otimes \eta_{\gamma} \otimes \text{conversion}\} \oplus \{2\text{-jet}\}$	110-150	5.9		
$H \to WW^{(*)}$	ενμν	$\{e\mu, \mu e\} \otimes \{0\text{-jet}, 1\text{-jet}, 2\text{-jet}\}$	110-200	5.8		

References: https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic

# **Description Of Search Results**

- Too many modes, too little time !
- Will focus on the important SM Higgs channels only
- ATLAS & CMS search strategies are mostly similar but differ in several details
  - Will try a pictorial and generic description
  - Will use CMS searches as an example
    - Most comprehensive & updated set of searches
    - It's the experiment I know best

# $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow (1 \nu) (1 \nu)$ : The Workhorse



Poor Higgs mass resolution (20%) due to escaping neutrinos
→ Counting experiment, look for excess over backgrounds

# Backgrounds In H $\rightarrow$ WW $\rightarrow$ (1 v) (1 v) Search

- Reducible backgrounds:
  - (DY) Z  $\rightarrow$  ll + (jets faking MET)
  - $W \rightarrow 1 v + (jets faking lepton)$
  - tW and ttbar production
  - $-W+\gamma^{(*)}$
  - WZ $\rightarrow$  31 + MET
- Irreducible background:  $- pp \rightarrow WW \rightarrow (l v) (l v)$ 
  - Non-resonant production
- Cross-section x Branching Ratio (fb) IE+08 IE+07 IE+06 IE+05 IE+04 IE+03 IE+02Wjets Drell-Yan Top WW Higgs 160
- Challenge is to kill off as much background & measure residual contributions using data-driven techniques and control samples

# Backgrounds Faking Signature Of Higgs Boson



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DY (Z + jets) "killed" by requiring missing energy in event



### W + Jets Background Faking $H \rightarrow WW$ Signature



# Backgrounds Faking Signature Of Higgs Boson



# Background Alleviation Strategy

	process	characteristic	rejection	
	W+jets (31000 pb)	lepton + fake lepton	2 well identified and isolated leptons	
	Z+jets (5000 pb)	Z peak, no real $E_T^{miss}$	* proj $E^{T}_{miss} > 40 \text{ GeV}(ee,\mu\mu), 20$ GeV (eµ) * $ m_{II}-m_Z  < 15 \text{ GeV} (ee, \mu\mu),$ $m_{II} > 12 \text{ GeV} (e\mu)$	
-	tt (158 pb), tW (11 pb)	additional (b-)jets	<ul> <li>classify events in 0-,1-jet</li> <li>anti b-tagging</li> </ul>	
	W,Z + γ (165 pb)	electron from $\gamma$ coversion	<ul> <li>conversion veto</li> </ul>	
	WW (43 pb)	non resonant	* small Δφn	
	WZ (18 pb), ZZ (6 pb)	Z peak	*  m <sub>ll</sub> -m <sub>Z</sub>  <15 GeV (ee, μμ), m <sub>ll</sub> >12 GeV (eμ)	

decreasing cross section (@ 7 TeV)

relative importance after selection depends on m<sub>H</sub>

# Event Catagorization By # Of Accompanying Jets

- Catagorize events by jet multiplicity
  - $P_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 4.7$
- 0-jet: Most sensitive category
  - For  $m_{\rm H} < 130$  GeV:
    - W+jets, DY backgrounds dominant
  - $e\mu$  final state quite pure
- 1-jet: dominated by tt+tW
- 2-jets: specific selections to isolate VBF production
  - $\Delta \eta(j_1-j_2) > 3.5, m_{j1,j2} > 450 \text{ GeV}$
  - No central jets
  - Dominated by ttbar background



### Key Kinematic Observables

- P<sub>T</sub> of leading and sub-leading leptons
- Azimuthal angle difference  $(\Delta \Phi_{ll})$
- $P_{T}(ll)$
- Dilepton invariant mass ( M<sub>ll</sub>)
- $M_T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\ell\ell} E_T^{miss} (1 \cos \Delta \phi_{E_T^{miss} \ell \ell})}$





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# **Background Estimates**

- Most background estimates are obtained from control samples established in data
  - W+jet background estimated from dilepton control samples enriched in misidentified leptons
  - ttbar background from samples enriched with identified b-jets
  - Z+jets background by extrapolating from a narrow Z mass window
  - WW background
    - from signal free region (m<sub>ll</sub>>100 GeV for m<sub>H</sub> < 200 GeV)</li>
    - For high mass H, no signal-free region → taken from simulation)
- Systematic uncertainties on these estimates vary from 20-60 %



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# Digging Out Tiny Signals Over Large Backgrounds





# Compare Background Prediction & Data Yields Vs Higgs Mass Hypothesis

#### CMS 2012 : 5.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>, Cut-based Analysis, 0-Jet category

$m_{\mathrm{H}}$	$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \rightarrow W^+W^- \end{array}$		$WZ + ZZ + Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$	Тор	W + jets	$ m W\gamma^{(*)}$	all bkg.	data
		0-jet category $e\mu$ final state						
125	$23.9\pm5.2$	$87.6\pm9.5$	$2.2\pm0.2$	$9.3\pm2.7$	$19.1 \pm 7.2$	$6.0 \pm 2.3$	$124.2\pm12.4$	158
130	$35.3\pm7.6$	$96.8 \pm 10.5$	$2.5\pm0.3$	$10.1\pm2.8$	$20.7\pm7.8$	$6.3\pm2.4$	$136.3\pm13.6$	169
160	$98.3\pm21.2$	$53.6\pm5.9$	$1.2\pm0.1$	$6.3\pm1.7$	$2.5\pm1.3$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$63.9\pm6.3$	79
400	$16.6\pm4.8$	$50.5\pm5.8$	$1.5\pm0.2$	$26.1\pm5.7$	$4.5\pm2.0$	$0.7\pm0.5$	$83.3\pm8.4$	92
			0-jet catego	ry ee/μµ fina	al state			
125	$14.9\pm3.3$	$60.4\pm6.7$	$37.7\pm12.5$	$1.9\pm0.5$	$10.8\pm4.3$	$4.6\pm2.5$	$115.5\pm15.0$	123
130	$23.5\pm5.1$	$67.4\pm7.5$	$41.3 \pm 15.9$	$2.3\pm0.6$	$11.0\pm4.3$	$4.8\pm2.5$	$126.8\pm18.3$	134
160	$86.0 \pm 18.7$	$44.5\pm4.9$	$11.3\pm13.4$	$3.8\pm0.9$	$1.3\pm1.1$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	$61.4 \pm 14.4$	92
400	$12.3\pm3.6$	$37.1 \pm 4.3$	$5.7 \pm 1.3$	$20.0\pm4.7$	$3.4\pm1.9$	$13.6\pm4.8$	$79.9 \pm 8.3$	55

Mild excess over background is observed at low masses

# Quantifying Excesses & Deficits: Cartoon



some parameter

# Quantifying Higgs Search Result: An Illustration



# Quantifying Observed Excesses : Local p-Value

- Excess can be due to a real signal or a fluctuation of background w.r.t estimated
  - *p-value*: chance of background fluctuating as high as or higher than what is observed in data at a particular mass

 $p - value = \text{Prob} (n \ge n_{\text{observed}} | \text{background})$ 

*– Local Significance* (Ζσ):

related to *p-value* via the tail probability of normal distribution



• *p-value* does not tell us whether the excess is consistent with the expected SM Higgs boson rate. So we also report the best-fit value of the signal strength modifier  $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$ 

# $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow (1 \nu) (1 \nu)$ Results (CMS)



Expected Exclusion@ 95% CL: 122-450 GeV Observed Exclusion@95% CL: 129-520 GeV A small excess makes limits weaker than expected

### ATLAS $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow (1 \nu) (1 \nu)$ Analysis Strategy

- Search in range 110 < m<sub>H</sub> < 190 GeV with 2012 data.
- 3 bins: 0-jet, 1-jet, at least 2 jets
- Large pile-up in 2012 results in poorer MET resolution compared to 2011 data
  - Drell-Yan background much worse in ee, μμ final states
    - So only opposite-flavor (eµ) final states used in 2012 analysis
- After applying all other cuts, use  $M_T$  as the final observable

$$m_{T} = \sqrt{\left(E_{T}^{ll} + E_{T}^{miss}\right)^{2} - \left|p_{T}^{ll} + E_{T}^{miss}\right|^{2}}$$
$$E_{T}^{ll} = \sqrt{\left|p_{T}^{ll}\right|^{2} + m_{ll}^{2}}$$



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#### $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\mu\nu\nu$ : $M_T$ Distribution In Signal Region



### $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\mu vv$ : Results with 2012 data



p\_0Observed<br/>significanceExpected<br/>significance8×10-43.1 σ1.6 σ

At  $m_{\mu} = 125$  GeV: **2011 signal strength** ( $\mu$ ):  $\mu = 0.5 \pm 0.7$ 

**2012 signal strength (\mu):**  $\mu = 2.1^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$ 

2011, 2012 signal strengths compatible within  $1.5\sigma$ 

# High Mass Higgs Search Specialist: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 21 2v$



2v in final state  $\rightarrow$  Poor Higgs mass resolution (7-10%) <sup>64</sup>

# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 21 \, 2\nu$

- Identify On-shell  $Z \rightarrow 11$  with MET > $\approx 60 \text{ GeV}$
- Compute Transverse mass M<sub>T</sub>:

 $M_T^2 = (\sqrt{P_{TZ}^2 + M_Z^2} + \sqrt{MET^2 + M_Z^2})^2 - (\vec{P_{TZ}} + \vec{MET})^2$ 

• Build two exclusive catagories:

-VBF:

- search for 2 jets with  $\Delta \eta > 4$  and  $M_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
- No central jets in between
- Everything else (mostly gg  $\rightarrow$  H)
- Selection optimized for different Higgs masses

 $-M_{\rm H} > 250 {\rm ~GeV}$ 

# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 21 \, 2\nu$

- Major backgrounds: Z+Jets, ttbar, WW & WZ
  - Large  $ME_T$  requirement to suppress Z + jets by x10<sup>5</sup>
  - Anti b-tag to suppress ttbar
- Backgrounds estimated from data control samples
  - $-\gamma + jets$  (for Z+Jets  $\rightarrow$  fake MET)
  - $-e\mu$  sample (for ttbar +WW)
- Residual ZZ, WZ background estimate from MC



# Limits From H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$ 21 2v Search

#### Selection for $M_{\rm H} = 400 \text{ GeV}$

Kinematic selections:

VBF	0/1/2 jets
р <sub>т</sub> (Z) > 55 GeV	р <sub>Т</sub> (Z) > 55 GeV
	$ME_T > 90 \text{ GeV}$
	325 < M⊤ < 425 GeV

Event yields (5 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 7 TeV + 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> @ 8 TeV

	Total BG	Signal	Observed
VBF	3.1	1.3	2
0 jet	14.9	11.3	13
1 jet	15.6	16.2	18
2 jet	6.1	6.1	6



**Observed Exclusion :**  $278 < M_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$ Expected Exclusion :  $291 < M_H < 534 \text{ GeV}$ 

# End Of Lecture 1

### Bottomline On High Mass Higgs Searches

# **Combine all search modes** 95% CL limit on σ/σ<sub>SMH</sub> 10 Observed **CMS** Preliminary Expected (68%) √s = 7 TeV, L = 5.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, L = 5.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ Expected (95%) 10<sup>-1</sup>

A SM-like Higgs boson excluded at 95% CL for  $127 < M_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$ Focus next on low-mass Higgs searches

200

100

400 500

300

Higgs boson mass (GeV)

# H→ bb

- Important mode for measuring Higgs coupling to fermions
- H → bb production via gluon fusion and VBF are quite large but are buried (10<sup>7</sup>) under QCD production of b bbar pairs
- Most promising channel is  $H \rightarrow bb$  production associated with a Vector (V=W or Z) boson  $\sum_{0.2}^{0.2} CMS Simulation$





- V reconstruction:  $W \rightarrow 1 \nu, Z \rightarrow \nu\nu, Z \rightarrow 11$
- H→ bb reconstructed as two b-tagged jets recoiling against a high P<sub>T</sub> W/Z boson

- Large W/Z  $P_T \rightarrow$  smaller background & better di-jet mass resolution

• VH analysis targets Higgs mass range  $110 < M_H < 135 \text{ GeV}$ 



### **Background Estimate From Control Regions**

- Main backgrounds are the usual suspects:
  - Reducible: W/Z + jets (light and heavy flavor jets) & ttbar
  - Irreducible : WZ, ZZ and single top (taken from simulation)
- Background yields/shapes determined from signal-depleted control data samples using kinematic selection close to signal region



Example: Zee control region definition
### Separating Signal From Backgrounds

- A multivariate algorithm trained at each Higgs mass hypothesis
- Several kinematic and topological variables used tp separate Signal from background

#### Variable

 $p_{T_i}$ : transverse momentum of each Higgs daughter

m(jj): dijet invariant mass

 $p_{\rm T}(jj)$ : dijet transverse momentum

 $p_{T}(V)$ : vector boson transverse momentum (or pfMET)

CSV<sub>max</sub>: value of CSV for the b-tagged jet with largest CSV value

CSV<sub>min</sub>: value of CSV for the b-tagged jet with second largest CSV value

 $\Delta \phi(V, H)$ : azimuthal angle between V (or  $E_T^{miss}$ ) and dijet

 $|\Delta \eta(jj)|$ ; difference in  $\eta$  between Higgs daughters

 $\Delta R(j1, j2)$ ; distance in  $\eta - \phi$  between Higgs daughters (not for  $Z(\ell \ell)H$ )

 $N_{\rm aj}$ : number of additional jets ( $p_{\rm T} > 30 \,{\rm GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 4.5$ )

 $\Delta \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet})$ : azimuthal angle between  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and the closest jet (only for  $Z(\nu\nu)H$ )  $\Delta \theta_{\text{pull}}$ : color pull angle [62] (not for  $Z(\ell\ell)H$ )

#### $H \rightarrow bb$ Search

• A Higgs signal in the mass range [110-135] GeV is searched for as an excess in MVA classifier using predicted shapes for signal & bkgnd



No significant excess seen over predicted background yields

#### Limits From VH, $H \rightarrow$ bb Searches



Approaching SM Higgs Sensitivity but no Cigar (yet) !

#### Tevatron VH, H $\rightarrow$ bb Searches



Observe broad excess with global significance of  $2.9\sigma$ 

#### $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ : Another Low Mass Specialist

- Most promising mode for measuring Higgs coupling to leptons
- Searched for in three Higgs production modes







- And subsequent decay of  $\tau$  lepton
  - $-\tau \rightarrow evv, \tau \rightarrow \mu vv, \tau \rightarrow hadrons$
- Four signatures considered :  $e\mu$ ,  $\mu\mu$ ,  $e\tau_{h}$ ,  $\mu\tau_{h}$
- Due to missing neutrinos, Higgs signal appears as a broad excess in reconstructed  $\tau$ -pair mass (Mass resolution  $\approx 20\%$ )
- Major backgrounds arise from
  - ttbar
  - W & Z (+jets), dibosons

### $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ Search Strategy

• Search divided in 5 categories based on H mass resolution & S/B



All categories are fit simultaneously

### Anatomy of the $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Analysis



#### Tau-Pair Mass Distributions In 0 &1 Jet Catagories



Possible Signal overwhelmed by backgrounds !

### VBF (2jets) Category Has Best S/N





Much better signal to noise, but small signal

#### Background & Expected Signal in VBF Catagory

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Process	$e\tau_h+X$	$\mu \tau_h + X$	eµ+X	$\mu\mu+X$
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$53 \pm 5$	$100 \pm 9$	$56 \pm 12$	$5.3 \pm 0.4$
QCD	$35 \pm 7$	$41 \pm 9$	$7.4\pm1.4$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
W+jets	$46 \pm 10$	$72 \pm 15$	—	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
Z+jets (fake $\tau$ )	$13 \pm 2$	$2.5 \pm 0.6$	—	—
$Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$	. <u> </u>	—	_	$70 \pm 8$
tī	$7.0 \pm 1.7$	$14 \pm 3$	$24 \pm 2$	$6.7 \pm 1.5$
Dibosons	$1.2 \pm 0.9$	$2.9 \pm 2.1$	$11 \pm 2$	$2.4 \pm 0.9$
Total Background	$156 \pm 13$	$233 \pm 20$	99 ± 13	$85 \pm 9$
$H \rightarrow \tau \tau (m_H = 125 \text{GeV})$	$4.3 \pm 0.6$	$7.7 \pm 1.1$	$3.5\pm0.4$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$
Data	142	263	110	83

No significant excess over expected backgrounds

#### Limits From $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Search



#### Improvement In H $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ Sensitivity In Just 1 Year



# High Resolution Channels



## $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- A discovery channel in  $110 < M_H < 150 \text{ GeV}$
- Br (H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )  $\approx 10^{-3}$



- Search for a narrow peak with two isolated high  $E_T$  photons over a continuous diphoton background spectrum
- Background is large and composed of
  - Reducible: One or more misidentified (fake) photon (e.g.  $\gamma$ +jets)



• Irreducible: both photons are real





Search sensitivity depends on background level

#### $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ : Important Analysis Aspects

 $M^{2}_{\gamma\gamma} = 2E_{1}E_{2}(1-\cos \alpha_{\gamma\gamma}) \rightarrow$ 

– ECAL Calibration,  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  energy scale & resolution

 $-\gamma\gamma$  vertex determination (angle  $\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}$ )

- Event selection and catagorization (not all photons are measured with same precision)
- Modeling of background spectrum from data sidebands

ATLAS & CMS differ in approach but ultimately arrive at similar search sensitivities

#### **ECAL Calibration (ATLAS)**

Understand calorimeter energy response from  $Z \rightarrow$  ee,  $J/\psi \rightarrow$  ee,  $W \rightarrow$  ev data and MC):

- E-scale at  $m_Z$  known to ~ 0.3%
- Stability vs time  $\sim 0.1\%$
- Linearity better than 1% (few-100 GeV)
- "Uniformity" (constant term of resolution):





#### In situ ECAL Calibration (CMS)



#### Dedicated calibration scheme:

- ${}^{\scriptstyle \rm I\!I\!I\!I}$  inter-crystal calibration:  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$
- crystal transparency correction (laser monitoring system)
- The energy scale stability after the response corrections:
  - 🗯 barrel: 0.12% (
  - endcap: 0.45%
- Reploit  $W \rightarrow e\nu$  (E/p) and  $Z^0 \rightarrow ee$  control samples to derive energy scale and resolution systematics



#### Roadmap For $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Search (CMS)



#### $\gamma$ Energy Correction & Resolution (CMS)

- ECAL cluster energies corrected using a MC trained MVA regression
  - Raw cluster energies & position
  - Lateral & longitudinal shower shapes
  - Local shower position w.r.t crystal geometry
  - Pileup estimators, etc



- Regression also used to estimate per-photon energy resolution
- Uses  $Z \rightarrow$  ee events to measure energy scale and  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution



#### Photon Identification (CMS)

• Select di-photons with

 $- P_T^{\gamma 1} > M_{\gamma \gamma}/3, P_T^{\gamma 1} > M_{\gamma \gamma}/4$ 

- Photon Identification with a MVA method to separate prompt  $\gamma$  from  $\pi^0$  produced in jets. Uses:
  - Isolation
  - Cluster shape
  - Per event energy density (pileup)
  - Pseudorapidity η
- Efficiency measured with  $Z \rightarrow$  ee events
- Electron veto eff measured with  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$



## Selecting yy Vertex In Pileup Events Can Be Tricky





#### Selecting yy Vertex (CMS)

- $M_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_1 E_2 (1 \cos \alpha),$ 
  - $-M_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution depends on vertex selection
  - Important for high pileup events  $\rightarrow$  many choices
- No pointing  $\rightarrow$  vertex identified using tracks from  $\frac{1}{2}$ 
  - recoiling jets and underlying event &  $\gamma \rightarrow ee$ , Input variables:  $\Sigma p_t^2$ ,  $\Sigma p_t$  projected onto the  $\gamma\gamma$  transverse direction,  $p_t$  asymmetry and conversions
  - correct choice in ~83 (80)% of cases for pileup in 2011 (2012)





#### Selecting $\gamma\gamma$ Vertex (ATLAS)

- Measure  $\gamma$  direction with
  - EM calorimeter longitudinal segmentation (pointing to Z)
  - tracks from converted photons





 Good enough to make contribution to mass resolution from angular term negligible

#### Inclusive $\gamma\gamma$ Event Selection (CMS)

- Construct a MVA trained on signal & background MC. Input:
  - Photon ID MVA output of each photon
  - Expected γγ mass resolution and vertex probability
  - Kinematic variables:  $P_T$  of each  $\gamma$  and  $cos \Delta \varphi$  between them
- MVA output independent of  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Form 4 γγ catagories

– optimized to yield best expected limit in  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 

#### Inclusive yy Event Catagorization (CMS)



Cat 0 : mostly  $P_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 40$  GeV Cat1 : unconverted  $\gamma$  in barrel

#### **Exclusive Dijet Tags: VBF-like Events** Two high $P_T$ jets with **Example Di-jet event with:** • diphoton mass 121.9 GeV large $\Delta \eta \& M_{ii}$ • dijet mass 1460 GeV High S/B • jet p<sub>T</sub>: 288.8 and 189.1 GeV • jet η: -2.022 and 1.860 ~80%-pure VBF events for large di-jet invariant masses Variable 2011 2012 Tight Loose > 30 GeV $p_T(j_1)$ > 20 GeV> 30 GeV $p_T(j_2)$ $\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)$ > 3.5> 3.0 $|\eta_{\gamma\gamma} - \frac{1}{2}(\eta_{j1} + \eta_{j2})|$ < 2.5> 2.6 $\Delta \overline{\phi}(jj,\gamma\gamma)$ 100 > 350 GeV> 250 GeV> 500 GeV $m_{ii}$

#### Performance By Catagory

Expected signal and estimated background									
Event classes		SM Higgs boson expected signal ( $m_{\rm H}$ =125 GeV)						Background	
							$\sigma_{ m eff}$	FWHM/2.35	$m_{\gamma\gamma} = 125 \mathrm{GeV}$
		Total	ggH	VBF	VH	ttH	(GeV)	(GeV)	(ev./GeV)
$5.1{ m fb}^{-1}$	Untagged 0	3.2	61%	17%	19%	3%	1.21	1.14	$3.3  \pm \ 0.4$
	Untagged 1	16.3	88%	6%	6%	1%	1.26	1.08	$37.5 \pm 1.3$
	Untagged 2	21.5	91%	4%	4%	_	1.59	1.32	$74.8  \pm 1.9$
IeV	Untagged 3	32.8	91%	4%	4%	_	2.47	2.07	$193.6 \pm 3.0$
7	Dijet tag	2.9	27%	73%	1%	—	1.73	1.37	$1.7 \pm 0.2$
8 T <mark>eV 5</mark> .3 fb <sup>-1</sup>	Untagged 0	6.1	68%	12%	16%	4%	1.38	1.23	$7.4 \pm 0.6$
	Untagged 1	21.0	88%	6%	6%	1%	1.53	1.31	54.7 $\pm 1.5$
	Untagged 2	30.2	92%	4%	3%	_	1.94	1.55	$115.2 \pm 2.3$
	Untagged 3	40.0	92%	4%	4%	_	2.86	2.35	$256.5 \pm 3.4$
	Dijet tight	2.6	23%	77%	_	_	2.06	1.57	$1.3 \pm 0.2$
	Dijet loose	3.0	53%	45%	2%	_	1.95	1.48	$3.7 \pm 0.4$

Category 3 diphotons have the worst  $M_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution & S/B

#### γγ Mass Distribution By Catagories (8 TeV)



Fit all catagories simultaneously with a signal & background model<sup>102</sup>

#### Combined Mass Distribution Weighted by S/B

- Sum of mass distributions for each catagory, weighted by S/B
- B is integral of background model over a constant signal fraction interval



#### 95% SM Higgs Exclusion Limit



- Expected 95% CL exclusion 0.76 x  $\sigma_{SM}$  at M = 125 GeV
- Large range with expected exclusion below  $\sigma_{SM}$
- Largest excess at 125 GeV

Scan Of p-value Vs Mass



- Minimum p-value at 125 GeV with a local significance of  $4.1 \sigma$
- Similar excess at same mass in 2011 and 2012
- Global significance in the full search range (110-150 GeV): 3.2  $\sigma_{105}$

### Fitted Signal Strength $\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$



Combined best fit signal strength  $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 1.56 \pm 0.43$  consistent with but larger than SM

Best fit signal strength consistent between different classes and datasets

#### ATLAS Catagorization of yy Events

- Catagorize events by S/B based on
  - Both  $\gamma$  unconverted or  $\geq 1$  converted
  - Both  $\gamma$  are central ( $|\eta| < 0.75$ )
  - One in EB-EE transition region
  - And the rest
  - $-P_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 60 \text{ GeV or less}$
- Di-jet category
  - $P_{Tt}^{jet} > 25-30 \text{ GeV}$
  - $-\Delta\eta_{jets} > 2,8$
  - $M_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}$
  - Back to back dijets &  $\gamma\gamma (\Delta \phi > 2.6)$





#### ATLAS Catagorization of yy Events : 8 TeV

#### Strength of categorization: different resolution, different S/B (1% - 20%)

Category	$\sigma_{CB}$	FWHM	Observed	S	В
	[GeV]	[GeV]	$[N_{\rm evt}]$	$[N_{\rm evt}]$	$[N_{\rm evt}]$
Inclusive	1.63	3.87	3693	100.4	3635
Unconverted central, low $p_{Tt}$	1.45	3.42	235	13.0	215
Unconverted central, high $p_{Tt}$	1.37	3.23	15	2.3	14
Unconverted rest, low $p_{Tt}$	1.57	3.72	1131	28.3	1133
Unconverted rest, high $p_{Tt}$	1.51	3.55	75	4.8	68
Converted central, low $p_{Tt}$	1.67	3.94	208	8.2	193
Converted central, high $p_{Tt}$	1.50	3.54	13	1.5	10
Converted rest, low $p_{Tt}$	1.93	4.54	1350	24.6	1346
Converted rest, high $p_{Tt}$	1.68	3.96	69	4.1	72
Converted transition	2.65	6.24	880	11.7	845
2-jets	1.57	3.70	18	2.6	12

#### In all, 10 catagories, each fitted with a signal & background model
#### $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ Distribution : Weighed by S/B In Each Catagory



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#### 95% Exclusion Limit



Exclusion sensitivity below SM expectation till  $M_H = 140 \text{ GeV}$ Observed exclusion : [112-122.5, 132-143] GeV Observe significant excess over Bkgnd only hypothesis @ 126.5 GeV<sub>110</sub>

#### p-Values: 7, 8 TeV and Combined



Most significant deviation from bkgnd-only hypothesis @ 126.5 GeV Observed local significance  $4.7\sigma$ , Expected =  $2.4\sigma$ Similar sized excesses ( $3.5\sigma$ ,  $3.4\sigma$ ) at compatibles masses !

#### Signal Strengths



 Fitted signal strength µ=1.9±0.5 at m<sub>H</sub>=126.5 GeV

Observed rate consistent with SM but larger in central value (1.9)

- Breakdown of results by fit categories
  - Most sensitive categories indicated
  - No particular surprises



## $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$

- Golden channel : Four isolated leptons from one point in 3D space
- Benefits from excellent electron and muon energy resolution
  - $M_{41}$  mass resolution  $\approx$  1-2 %
- $\sigma \times Br(H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l)$  quite small
  - Needs highest selection efficiency po
    → Efficient lepton identification over broad P<sub>t</sub> range
- Backgrounds
  - Non-resonant pp→ ZZ→41 is largest :
    irreducible, has same topological signature as H → 41
    - But no narrow peak as in  $H \rightarrow ZZ$
  - Z+jets,ttbar, WZ...all reducible and important at low M<sub>41</sub>







## $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\mu 2e$







#### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$ Event Selection : CMS

- Leptons compatible with primary vertex & isolated
  - muons:  $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$
  - electrons:  $p_T > 7$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - at least one lepton with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - at least two leptons with  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- First Z candidate (Z<sub>1</sub>)
  - chosen as di-lepton pair with m(II) closest to  $\rm m_{\rm Z}$
  - 40 < m(II) < 120 GeV
- Second Z candidate (Z<sub>2</sub>)
  - build from remaining highest  $p_T$  leptons
  - 12 < m(II) < 120 GeV





#### **Final State Radiation Recovery**

- Sometimes the leptons radiate photons, CMS attempts to find them
  - Applied on each Z for photons near the leptons



- Associates the photon with Z if:
  - M(II+γ)< 95 GeV
  - $|M(II+\gamma)-M_z| \le |M(II)-M_z|$
- Removes associated photons from lepton isolation calculation

- Expected Performance
  - · 6% of the events affected
  - 4.8% of the events: mass improved
  - 1.2% of the events: mass degraded
  - 2% more events added into sample after FSR recovery



#### Example of Final State Radiation Recovery



FSR recovery has small impact on CMS Higgs search sensitivity (~ 3%) but enhances robustness for small statistics searches as currently



An excess observed near M = 126 GeV

### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$ Event yield : CMS



Channel	4e	$4\mu$	2e2µ	$4\ell$
ZZ background	$2.7\pm0.3$	$5.7\pm0.6$	$7.2 \pm 0.8$	$15.6\pm1.4$
Z + X	$1.2^{+1.1}_{-0.8}$	$0.9\substack{+0.7\\-0.6}$	$2.3^{+1.8}_{-1.4}$	$4.4^{+2.2}_{-1.7}$
All backgrounds (110 < $m_{4\ell}$ < 160 GeV)	$4.0 \pm 1.0$	$6.6 \pm 0.9$	$9.7 \pm 1.8$	$20 \pm 3$
Observed (110 < $m_{4\ell}$ < 160 GeV)	6	6	9	21
Signal ( $m_{\rm H} = 125  {\rm GeV}$ )	$1.36\pm0.22$	$2.74\pm0.32$	$3.44\pm0.44$	$7.54 \pm 0.78$
All backgrounds (signal region)	$0.7 \pm 0.2$	$1.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.9 \pm 0.3$	$3.8 \pm 0.5$
Observed (signal region)	1	3	5	9

#### An Odd Aspect: $Z_1$ Vs $Z_2$ Mass In H $\rightarrow$ ZZ



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#### Angular Analysis In $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$ (CMS)

- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$  Decay kinematic fully described by 5 angles and the 2 Z masses
  - discriminates spin 0 particle from background
  - MELA: matrix element likelihood analysis

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#### Some discriminating variables



#### MELA Vs 41 Mass

MELA = 
$$\left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{bkg}}(m_1, m_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Phi, \theta^*, \Phi_1 | m_{4\ell})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{sig}}(m_1, m_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Phi, \theta^*, \Phi_1 | m_{4\ell})}\right]^{-1}$$



CMS: 2D Fit of MELA Vs 41 Mass







Expected local significance at 125.5 GeV: 3.8  $\sigma$ Observed local significance at 125.5 GeV: 3.2  $\sigma$ 

#### CMS Exclusion Limits: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 41$



#### Expected exclusion at 95% CL: 121-550 GeV Observed exclusion at 95% CL: 131-162 and 172-530 GeV

#### $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41$ : ATLAS

Selection

- At least two pairs of opposite-charge, same-flavor leptons (e,μ)
- p<sub>T</sub> thresholds: 20, 15, 10, 7 GeV (6 GeV for muons)
- 50 <  $m_{12}$  < 106 GeV,  $m_{41}$ -dependent cut on  $m_{34}$ ,  $m_{34}$  < 115 GeV
- All same-flavor, opposite-sign pairs  $m_{\parallel}$ >5 GeV ( $J/\psi$  veto)
- ΔR(I,I') < 0.1 (0.2) for all same (different)-flavor</li>
- Tracking and calorimeter isolation
- Impact parameter significance



#### 41 Mass Spectrum: ATLAS



#### Discrepancy has negligible impact on the low-mass region < 160 GeV

(no change in results, if in the fit ZZ background is constrained within its uncertainty or left free)

 $M_{4l}$ >160 GeV dominated by ZZ background: 147 ± 11 events expected; 191 observed

~1.3 times more ZZ events in data than SM prediction  $\rightarrow$  in agreement with measured ZZ cross-section in 41 final states at 8 TeV

Measured  $\sigma$  (ZZ) = 9.3 ± 1.2 pb SM (NLO)  $\sigma$  (ZZ) = 7.4 ± 0.4 pb





•Observed

 $131 < m_{\rm H} < 162 \text{ GeV}$  and  $170 < m_{\rm H} < 460 \text{ GeV}$ 

#### $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41$ Low Mass Region



#### Event count in 120 <m<sub>41</sub> <130 GeV

7+8 TeV	4μ	2e2µ + 2µ2e	<b>4e</b>	sum
Background	1.3 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.2	5.1 ± 0.3
m <sub>H</sub> =125 GeV	2.1 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.3	0.9 ± 0.1	5.3 ± 0.4
Data Observed	6	5	2	13
S/B	1.6	1.0	0.6	1.0

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#### Best-fit value at 125 GeV: μ =1.3 ± 0.6

Data sample	m <sub>H</sub> at max deviation	local p-value	local significance	expected
2011	125 GeV	1.1 %	2.3 σ	1.5 σ
2012	125.5 GeV	0.4 %	2.7 σ	2.1 σ
2011+2012	125 GeV	0.03 %	3.4 σ	2.6 σ

Global 2011+2012 (including LEE over full 110-141 GeV range): 2.5o



## Combination Of SM Higgs Searches

#### Exclusion Limits On The SM Higgs Boson



ATLAS 95% CL Exclusion:  $111 < M_H < 122, 131 < M_H < 559$  GeV CMS 95% CL Exclusion:  $110 < M_H < 122.5, 127 < M_H < 600$  GeV

#### Observation Of A New Boson

ATLAS & CMS observe a narrow state near M = 125 GeV with a high significance



#### CMS & ATLAS : Local p-values & Significances



3σ 4σ \_ 5σ CMS : 5.0σ 6σ 7σ 130 135 140 145 m<sub>H</sub> (GeV) Expected  $(\sigma)$ Observed  $(\sigma)$ 3.83.2 2.84.12.51.6 1.9 0.7 1.4\_ 4.75.0

3.4

5.8

Independent and consistent results

1.6

5.0

1σ

2σ

#### Quantifying Observed Excess : Signal Strength $\mu$

# $\mu = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{SM}}$ : Indicates by what factor SM Higgs cross section

would have to be scaled to best match the observed data



Observed rate consistent with SM expectations ( $\mu = 1$ ) A little larger for ATLAS:  $\mu = 1.4 \pm 0.3$ A bit less for CMS:  $\mu = 0.87 \pm 0.23$ Helps explain the difference in significances of observation

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#### Best Fit Signal Strengths : By Channels



Consistent with the SM Higgs boson although both experiments see a higher H $\rightarrow$   $\gamma\gamma$  rate ( $\mu_{ATLAS} = 1.9 \pm 0.5$ ,  $\mu_{CMS} = 1.6 \pm 0.4$ )

#### Mass Of The Observed Resonance



Both measurements dominated by the observation in H  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ & supported by observed excess in H  $\rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  mode. H $\rightarrow$  WW  $\rightarrow 21 2v$  mode has too poor a mass resolution to contribute <sub>138</sub>

## Summary & Conclusion

#### What Have We Learnt So Far : Just The Facts

- While searching for the Standard Model Higgs boson, ATLAS & CMS experiments have <u>independently</u> discovered a new resonance "X" with M<sub>X</sub> ≈125 GeV
  - Probability of background fluctuation is  $<< 10^{-9}$
- Because  $X \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 
  - From angular momentum conservation & Bose-Einstein statistics
    → this neutral particle can not have spin = 1
    - New form of fundamental particle (Scalar or Tensor)
- Its production rate and decay into γγ, ZZ & WW is compatible, within errors, with expectations from a SM Higgs boson but we have not (yet) observed it to decay into fermion pairs as expected for SM Higgs:
  - $H \rightarrow bb \text{ or } H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

#### Landmark Achievement In 21st Century Science

#### A discovery that brought tears to Peter Higgs's eyes !



### Next Steps

- Establishing the properties of the new particle is just the first part of a long journey : **sprint is over, marathon has begun**
- LHC continues its excellent performance, ATLAS & CMS hope to accumulate another ≈ 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> by end of 2012
  → total ≈ 30 fb<sup>-1</sup> data per experiment
- Continue to investigate the observed resonance in a variety of channels
  - Precise measurement of the boson mass
  - Measure its coupling to Vector bosons and fermions
  - Measure angular distribution in WW/ZZ modes to determine the spin and parity of the observed boson
- Exciting times ahead !