





Search for the Higgs boson in fermionic channels using ATLAS detector

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Since the discovery...



Higgs searches with fermions at ATLAS

Recently updated. Main topics in this talk.

	Channel	Reference and	d released date	Paper submitted to
New	$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$	ATLAS-CONF-2 2014 Oct 7	<u>2014-061</u>	-
	$H ightarrow \mu \mu$	<u>Physics Letter</u> 2014 Jun 30	<u>s B doi:10.1016</u>	PLB
New	$\checkmark VH \rightarrow Vbb$	<u>arXiv: 1409.62</u> 2014 Sep 22	212	JHEP
ſ	$ttH \rightarrow ttbb$	ATLAS-CONF-2 2014 Mar 24	<u>2014-011</u>	-
	$ttH \rightarrow tt\gamma\gamma$	<u>arXiv:1408.70</u> 2014 Aug 27	<u>84</u>	PRD
L	$tH \rightarrow tbb$	<u>arXiv:1409.31</u> 2014 Sep 10	<u>22</u>	PLB
Oti	her related talks on SM H	iggs	Wed. 3 rd	Speaker
For	r Higgs combinations and _l	properties	9:15	Kyle CRANMER
Foi	r prospect studies		10:45	Philip CLARK
For	r ttH channels		14:30	Giuseppe SALAMANNA

Higgs production modes



Talk Outline

- 1. Searches with leptons 1. $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$
 - 2. $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- 2. Searches with quarks 1. VH, $H \rightarrow bb$



Br($H \to \tau \tau$) = 6.3% Br($H \to \mu \mu$) = 0.02% Br($H \to bb$) = 58% m_H = 125 GeV



VBF $H \rightarrow \tau_e \tau_{had}$ candidate in Run 1

H ightarrow au au analysis channels

• The search is split into 3 sub-channels based on au decay modes.



$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ analysis strategy



$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ background estimation

Arbitrary Units 0.3 0.25

0.2

0.15

 $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$, data vs data(emb)

---- Data

- Embedded Data

ATLAS Preliminary

Tau-embedding technique Estimate shape of $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ from $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$ data

- Remove μ tracks and calorimeter cells
- Replace μ with τ from full-simulated



$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ BDT analysis

- 6 BDT trainings for 2(Boosted, VBF) * 3($\tau_{lep}\tau_{lep}$, $\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$, $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$)
- Simultaneous fit on the 6 BDT output + control regions



$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ results

ATLAS Prelim.

 $\mu = 1.4^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$

m_H = 125.36 GeV

 $\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \tau \tau$

σ(statistical)

-σ**(theory)**

-σ(syst. excl. theory)

Signal strength:

MVA: $\mu = 1.42^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$ (stat.) $^{+0.32}_{-0.24}$ (syst.) ± 0.10 (theo.) for m_H = 125.36 GeV

Cut based cross-check (8TeV only):

 $\mu = 1.37^{+0.57}_{-0.48}$ (tot.)

Compatible with SM



Total uncertainty

 $\pm 1\sigma$ on μ

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Talk Outline



$H ightarrow \mu \mu$ analysis

Overview

- Important to measure
 - the 2nd generation couplings
- Search for a narrow resonance of $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- Fit $m_{\mu\mu}$ in 110-160 GeV range
- Overwhelming irreducible Drell-Yan background^{10°}_{10²}
 Precise background modeling is an important key 10
- categorization
 - ggH, VBF with 2 jets
 - For ggH, further categorization based on η^{μ} :
 - Central category: $|\eta^{\mu_1}| < 1$ and $|\eta^{\mu_2}| < 1$





- Low ($p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mu\mu}$ <15 GeV)
- Medium (15< $p_{\rm T}^{\mu\mu}$ <50 GeV)
- High (50< $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mu\mu}$ GeV)

Pre-selection

- 2 isolated opposite sign muons
- $p_{\rm T}^{\mu_1}$ > 25 GeV, $p_{\rm T}^{\mu_2}$ > 15 GeV
- $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ < 80 GeV





$H \rightarrow \mu \mu$ results



Talk Outline

- 1. Searches with leptons
 - 1. $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$
 - *2.* $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- 2. Searches with quarks
 - 1. VH, $H \rightarrow bb$ $ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu bb$ $WH \rightarrow \ell\nu bb$ $ZH \rightarrow \ell\ell bb$





$WH \rightarrow \mu \nu bb$ candidate in Run 1

$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ analysis I

- Large BR (~58%), but pp → bb overwhelms ggH and VBF production to search
 ⇒ Use associated W/Z production for probe and distinguish signal from backgrounds
- 2 analyses to confirm each other
 - Multi-variate analysis (MVA): fit BDT output which combines kinematic variables in addition to m_{bb}
 - Cut-based analysis: fit di-jet invariant mass (m_{bb}) . Cross-check for MVA.
- Analysis splits into 3 sub-channels based on decay modes of W/Z: 0-, 1-, 2-lepton



Process	Z ightarrow u u	$W ightarrow e u$ / $W ightarrow \mu u$	$Z ightarrow ee$ / $Z ightarrow \mu \mu$	
#leptons	0	1	2	
Branching fraction	20%	11% / 11%	3.3% / 3.3%	
Main background	Top, W/Z+jets	Top, W+jets	Z+jets	
Event signature (Selection/BDT-input)	 Large E_T^{miss} and p_T^{miss} E_T^{miss} and di-jet in back-to-back 	 <i>E</i>_T^{miss} and <i>H</i>_T to kill multi-jet <i>m</i>_T^W 	• Low $E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ • $m_{\ell\ell}$ window cut for m_Z	

 $H_{\rm T}$: Scalar sum of jets, lepton, and $E_{\rm T}^{miss}$

$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ analysis II

- To maximize sensitivity and cope with different background composition, analysis further splits into
 - 2-jet and 3-jet categories
 - Low and high p_{T}^{V} categories (p_{T}^{V} boundary @ 120 GeV)
- Select exactly 2 tagged b-jets
 - MV1c tagger is used: improved c-jet rejection
 - Thanks to continuous calibration of b-tagging, three 2-tag categories are used based on tightness of MV1c tagger.
- In addition to three 2-tag regions, simultaneously fit MC1c in 1-tag region to constraint background



50%

70%

80%

80% 70%

MV1c(j2)

tag

50%

MM

ТТ

1-tag

MV1c(j₁)

VH improvements



Use BDTs in 3(0-, 1-, 2-) lepton-channels x 2(2-,3-) jet bins x 2(low, high) p_T^V bins x 3(LL, MM, TT) 2-tag regions



$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ results



Summary

Decay channels	Signal strength (μ)	Significance / limit
H ightarrow au au	1. $4^{\pm 0.3(stat)}_{\pm 0.3(sys)}$	4 . 5 (3. 5) <i>σ</i>
$H ightarrow \mu \mu$	—	$\mu/\mu_{ m SM}$ = 7.0 (7.2)
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	0. $5^{\pm 0.3(stat)}_{\pm 0.2(sys)}$	1. 4 (2. 6) σ

- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$: Evidence for Y_{τ}
- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: No excess observed yet at m_H =125 GeV
- $H \rightarrow bb$: An excess with 1.4 σ significance observed at m_H =125 GeV
- So far, everything looks compatible with the SM expectations





BACKUP BUCKET

$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ selection



$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ background modeling

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$VH \rightarrow Vbb \ p_T^V \ distributions$

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$VH \rightarrow Vbb \ m_{bb}$ distrubutions



$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ input variables



$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ cross-check with diboson production (VZ)





- Use VZ as cross-check which produces exactly the same final states
- Data and background + signal yield are compatible
- Significance for VZ:

4.9 σ observed

6.3 σ expected

Signal strength for VZ :

 μ = 0.52 \pm 0.32 (stat.) \pm 0.24 (syst.)

$VH \rightarrow bb$ Cut-based (di-jet) mass analysis[®]



$VH \rightarrow Vbb S/B$ sorted events



$VH \rightarrow Vbb$ results



BDT inputs

 $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

 $VH \rightarrow Vbb$

Variable	VBF			Boosted		Variable	0 Lopton	1 Lopton	9 Lopton	
variable	$\tau_{\rm lep}\tau_{\rm lep}$	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$	$ au_{ m had} au_{ m had}$	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm lep}$	$\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$	$\tau_{\rm had} \tau_{\rm had}$	variable	0-Lepton	1-Lepton	2-Lepton
$m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC}$	•	•	•	•	•	•	p_{T}^{V}		×	×
$\Delta R(\tau_1, \tau_2)$	•	•	•		•	•	$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$	×	×	×
$\Delta \eta(j_1, j_2)$	•	•	•				$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{b_1}$	×	×	×
m_{j_1, j_2}	•	•	•				$n_{m}^{b_2}$	×	×	×
$\eta_{j_1} \times \eta_{j_2}$		•	•				$P'\Gamma$			
$p_{\rm T}^{\rm lotal}$		•	•				m_{bb}	×	×	×
Sum <i>p</i> _T					•	•	$\Delta R(b_1, b_2)$	×	×	×
$p_{\rm T}(\tau_1)/p_{\rm T}(\tau_2)$					•	•	$ \Delta\eta(b_1,b_2) $	×		×
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm mas}\phi$ centrality		•	•	•	•	•	$\Delta \phi(V, bb)$	×	×	×
m_{ℓ,ℓ,j_1}				•			$-\varphi(r, oo)$			
m_{ℓ_1,ℓ_2}				•			$ \Delta\eta(V,bb) $			×
$\Delta \phi(\ell_1, \ell_2)$				•			H_{T}	×		
Sphericity				•			$\min[\Lambda \neq (\ell, h)]$			
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_1}$				•			$\min[\Delta \varphi(\ell, 0)]$		×	
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_1}$				•			$m_{\mathrm{T}}^{\prime\prime}$		×	
$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}/p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell_2}$				•			$m_{\ell\ell}$			×
m _T		•			•		$MV1c(b_1)$	×	×	×
$\min(\Delta \eta_{\ell_1 \ell_2, jets})$	•						$MV1c(b_{2})$	~	~	~
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{\ell_1}) \cdot C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{\ell_2})$	•						<i>M V</i> 10(02)	^	^	^
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_\ell)$		•						Only	y in 3-jet ev	rents
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{j_3})$	•						$p_{\mathbf{T}}^{\mathbf{jet}_{3}}$	×	×	×
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{\tau_1})$			•				mbbi	×	×	×
$C_{\eta_1,\eta_2}(\eta_{\tau_2})$			•							

SR & CR

$H ightarrow au au ext{CR}$

Process	$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m lep}$	$ au_{\mathrm{lep}} au_{\mathrm{had}}$	$ au_{ m had} au_{ m had}$		
$Z \rightarrow \ell \ell$ -enriched	$80 < m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm vis} < 100 { m GeV}$				
	(same-flavour)				
Top control region	invert <i>b</i> -jet veto	invert <i>b</i> -jet veto and $m_{\rm T} > 40$ GeV			
Rest category			pass preselection,		
			fail VBF and Boosted selections		
$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ -enriched	$m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm HPTO} < 100 {\rm GeV}$	$m_{\rm T} < 40$ GeV and $m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC} < 110$ GeV			
Fake-enriched	same sign τ decay products	same sign τ decay products			
W-enriched		$m_{\rm T} > 70~{\rm GeV}$			
Mass sideband			$m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC} < 110$ GeV or $m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC} > 150$ GeV		

These CRs are used together with 6 BDT output in SR

$VH \rightarrow Vbb \ SR$

	Dije	et-mass ana	lysis	MVA			
Channel	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton	0-lepton	1-lepton	2-lepton	
1-tag		MV1c		MV1c			
LL		m_{bb}		$BDT^{(*)}$	BI	TC	
MM 2-tag		m_{bb}			BDT	BDT	
TT		m_{bb}			BDT		

• MV1c in 1-tag is used for background constraint.

$H ightarrow au_{ m lep} au_{ m had}$ fake factor method

- Quark / gluon contribution for fake- τ
 - Fake-τ contribution from W+jets is dominated by quark-jets
 - Fake-τ contribution from multi-jet production is dominated by gluon-jets
- Define "anti-τ" control regions by inverting τ-identification criteria
 - Inverting $m_{\rm T}$ selection for W+jets
 - low $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and loose lepton isolation for multi-jet
- Obtain different mis-identification probabilities ("Fake-Factor"), calculate weighted mean value according to



 Differences between quark- and gluon-dominated Fake-Factors used as systematic uncertainty (combined with statistical uncertainty from anti-τ data)

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$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ control regions



$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ boosted signal regions



$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ results

