Higgs discovery

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Higgs Production mechanisms



Decay modes of SM Higgs



The ATLAS detector



- Length : 46 m
- · Barrel toroid length 26 m
- Overall weight 7 000 tonnes
- ~ 100 million electronic channels
- ~ 3000 km of cables

Trigger

3 Levels. 40 MHz → 200 Hz

3.8T superconducting solenoid envelops

• Tracker (silicon and strip det.) | η| <2.5

 ECAL (PbWO₄ crystals)
 HCAL (brass¢intill. samplers)

Barrel |η| <1.48 Endcap 1.48<|η| <3.0

• Muon Chambers -gas ionization det. in steel return yoke outside the solenoid |ŋ| <24 Drift Tubes, Cathode Stripe and Resistive Plate Chambers



• Higgs does not couple to photons



Data analysis:

- multivariate analysis used for selection and classification of events
- multivariate analysis uses the following criteria
 - γ : shower shape (for ECAL calibration $Z \rightarrow ee$ is used), isolation variables (sum of transverse momentum in distance of photon candidate), kinematics: reconstr. in ECAL 1.44 < $|\eta| < 1.57$, $p_T^{\tau 1} > \frac{m_\gamma \gamma}{3}$ and $p_T^{\gamma 2} > \frac{m_\gamma \gamma}{4}$
 - the expected mass resolution
 - the reconstructed primary vertex of diphoton
 - if dijets are measured (from VBF): p_{T} thresholds at 30 and 20 GeV, η separation > 3.5, invariant mass of dijets> 350 GeV or 500 GeV ("tight"), angular cuts in relation to diphoton system



Event classification and expected number of events:

| Event | | SM I | Background | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| categories | | | | | | | $\sigma_{\rm eff}$ | FWHM/2.35 | $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 125 \text{ GeV}$ | |
| Ű | | Events | ggH | VBF | VH | ttH | (GeV) | (GeV) | (events/GeV) | |
| 7 TeV, 5.1 fb ⁻¹ | BDT 0 | 3.2 | 61% | 17% | 19% | 3% | 1.21 | 1.14 | 3.3 ± 0.4 | |
| | BDT 1 | 16.3 | 88% | 6% | 6% | - | 1.26 | 1.08 | 37.5 ± 1.3 | |
| | BDT 2 | 21.5 | 92% | 4% | 4% | - | 1.59 | 1.32 | 74.8 ± 1.9 | |
| | BDT 3 | 32.8 | 92% | 4% | 4% | - | 2.47 | 2.07 | 193.6 ± 3.0 | |
| | Dijet tag | 2.9 | 27% | 72% | 1% | - | 1.73 | 1.37 | 1.7 ± 0.2 | |
| $8 {\rm TeV}$, 5.3 ${\rm fb}^{-1}$ | BDT 0 | 6.1 | 68% | 12% | 16% | 4% | 1.38 | 1.23 | 7.4 ± 0.6 | |
| | BDT 1 | 21.0 | 87% | 6% | 6% | 1% | 1.53 | 1.31 | 54.7 ± 1.5 | |
| | BDT 2 | 30.2 | 92% | 4% | 4% | - | 1.94 | 1.55 | 115.2 ± 2.3 | |
| | BDT 3 | 40.0 | 92% | 4% | 4% | - | 2.86 | 2.35 | 256.5 ± 3.4 | |
| | Dijet tight | 2.6 | 23% | 77% | - | - | 2.06 | 1.57 | 1.3 ± 0.2 | |
| | Dijet loose | 3.0 | 53% | 45% | 2% | - | 1.95 | 1.48 | 3.7 ± 0.4 | |

Decay mode: $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- invariant mass fitted for each event category with polynomial functions with degree ranges from 3-5 (potential bias is smaller than stat. accuracy)
- independent sideband-background model and cross-check analyses were performed
- events are weighted according to event category



Figure 3: The diphoton invariant mass distribution with each event weighted by the S/(S + B) value of its category. The lines represent the f tted background and signal, and the coloured bands represent the ± 1 and ± 2 standard deviation uncertainties in the background estimate. The inset shows the central part of the unweighted invariant mass distribution.

 p-value: "probability for a background fluctuation to be at least as large as the maximum excess"



Decay mode: $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$

- 3 subchannel: 4e, 2e2 μ , 4 μ
- 2 pair of same-flavour, opposite charge leptons required
- e: $p_T > 7 {\rm GeV}, \, |\eta| < 2.5$, shower shape (ECAL), isolated, inner tracker and ECAL info combined
- μ : $p_T > 5 {
 m GeV}$, $|\eta| <$ 2.4, isolated, inner tracker and μ spectrometer info combined
- electron and muon should originate from same primary vertex
- cut on invariant mass of leptons: 40-120 GeV
- background: direct ZZ production (irreducible), Z + bb, tt, Z+jets, WZ+jets (reducible: jets are misidentified as leptons)
- background simulated with MC
- three final states and two data sets: 6 simultaneous two dimensional maximum-likelihood fits are performed with m_{4I} and K_D (kinematic discriminant = $P_{sig}/(P_{sig} + P_{bkg})$)

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 $m_{4\,\mu}{=}$ 124 .6 G eV, $m_{ee}{=}$ 76.8 G eV, $m_{\mu\,\mu}{=}$ 45.7 G eV



- 2 isolated, oppositely charged leptons (ee, $e\mu$, $\mu\mu$)
- large E_T^{miss} (due to neutrinos) transverse momentum of all final state particles should cancel if no non-interacting particle is produced
- $\bullet\,$ event classification according to number of jets (0,1,2) and lepton flavours
- p_T thresholds for leptons and jets
- background: direct WW production (irreducible), reducible: W+jets (misidentified jet as lepton), same flavour category (Drell-Yan, top-quark decays) through E_T^{miss} and b-jet tagging
- b-jet tagging: look within jet for particles that originate from a different place where the bottom quark was formed, jets are wider, have higher multiplicity, higher transverse momentum
- data is analyzed with boosted decision trees for Higgs boson mass hypothesis



| Category: | 0-jet eµ | 0-jet | 1-jet eµ | 1-jet | 2-jet eµ | 2-jet |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| WW | 87.6 ± 9.5 | 60.4 ± 6.7 | 19.5 ± 3.7 | 9.7 ± 1.9 | 0.4 ± 0.1 | 0.3 ± 0.1 |
| $WZ + ZZ + Z\gamma$ | 2.2 ± 0.2 | 37.7 ± 12.5 | 2.4 ± 0.3 | 8.7 ± 4.9 | 0.1 ± 0.0 | 3.1 ± 1.8 |
| Тор | 9.3 ± 2.7 | 1.9 ± 0.5 | 22.3 ± 2.0 | 9.5 ± 1.1 | 3.4 ± 1.9 | 2.0 ± 1.2 |
| W + jets | 19.1 ± 7.2 | 10.8 ± 4.3 | 11.7 ± 4.6 | 3.9 ± 1.7 | 0.3 ± 0.3 | 0.0 ± 0.0 |
| Wγ ^(*) | 6.0 ± 2.3 | 4.6 ± 2.5 | 5.9 ± 3.2 | 1.3 ± 1.2 | 0.0 ± 0.0 | 0.0 ± 0.0 |
| All backgrounds | 124.2 ± 12.4 | 115.5 ± 15.0 | 61.7 ± 7.0 | 33.1 ± 5.7 | 4.1 ± 1.9 | 5.4 ± 2.2 |
| Signal ($m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$) | 23.9 ± 5.2 | 14.9 ± 3.3 | 10.3 ± 3.0 | 4.4 ± 1.3 | 1.5 ± 0.2 | 0.8 ± 0.1 |
| Data | 158 | 123 | 54 | 43 | 6 | 7 |



Figure 7: Distribution of m for the zero-jet $e\mu$ category in the H \rightarrow WW search at 8 TeV. The signal expected from a Higgs boson with a mass m_{H} = 125 GeV is shown added to the background.

m_H (GeV)





Figure 10: The 95% CL limit on the signal strength σ/σ_{SM} for a Higgs boson decaying to τ pairs, for the combined 7 and 8 TeV data sets. The symbol σ/σ_{SM} denotes the production cross section times the relevant branching fractions, relative to the SM expectation. The background-only expectations are represented by their median (dashed line) and by the 68% and 95% CL bands. The dotted curve shows the median expected limit for a SM Higgs boson with $m_{H} = 125 \text{ GeV}$.

- largest branching fraction, but high background from QCD production of bb
- use Higgs production with W(II, $l\nu$) or Z(II, $\nu\nu$) \rightarrow look for dijets with high p_T , $\nu\nu$: high E_T^{miss}
- two b-jets from Higgs decay (use trained BDT algorithm)
- background contribution: W/Z+bjets (from top quarks)



Figure 12: The 95% CL limit on the signal strength σ/σ_{SM} for a Higgs boson decaying to two b quarks, for the combined 7 and 8 TeV data sets. The symbol σ/σ_{SM} denotes the production cross section times the relevant branching fractions, relative to the SM expectation. The background-only expectations are represented by their median (dashed line) and by the 68% and 95% CL bands. The dotted curve shows the median expected limit for a SM Higgs boson with $m_{\rm H} = 125$ GeV.

Hypothesis testing and exclusion limits

- b: Try to reject the null hypothesis (e.g. only background hypothesis, No Higgs \rightarrow test background compatibility)
- s+b: data consistent with Higgs+SM-background (exclusion test, limit)
- calculate CL_S: define probability density function $-2ln(\frac{L(s+b)}{L(b)})$, L(μ , θ) being likelihood function for hypothesis
- to access whether the measured data are compatible with hypothesis, a test statistic is constructed, $CL_S = \frac{p_{S+b}}{1-p_h}$
- if $CL_S < 5\%$, the SM Higgs boson is excluded with 95% confidence level.



Significance of results

