



Experimental challenges at the LHC in HH final state

Mainz HH workshop



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1.1) HH production final states

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• One leg is usually $H \rightarrow bb$:

- good MH resolution (10-15%); best BF.
- No serious argument till now for any other solution.
- Second leg "golden/silver" discovery channel on single H production.
- Efficiencies would divide the number of expected events at least by 10.



1.2) HH production BSM

• We can classify the modifications of the HH production rate wrt to SM (references are given as example)



 0.1
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 1000
 1200
 1400

 Models with both effects:
 http://arxiv.org/pdf/1407.0281v2.pd
 Image: Control of the second second

NLO LO SM

BSM/SM

- 2HDM, WED, SUSY

Maximum deviation in (plausible) BSM for which there are not another EWSB states accessible at LHC





Models with loop effects: nonresonant contribution to M_{HH}. http://arxiv.org/pdf/1502.00539.pdf

- Top composite models, Higgs portal etc...

- Formalism: EFT

- WED, SUSY, 2HDM, etc... - Generic formalism: single

http://arxiv.org/abs/1404.0102

Models with extra

HH: resonant

particles coupling to

contribution to M_{HH} .

resonance with a given width.

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1.3) How woud I proceed

• I would present 3 channels considered by the experiments/pheno: $\gamma\gamma$ bb, 4b, $\tau\tau$ bb and WWbb.

• For each channel I would say what we learned from Run I/HL-LHC predictions : the analysis procedure, the important backgrounds, what can be improved in selections.

• Compare channels based on existing experimental results for resonant searches and extrapolate to non-resonant searches.

HH→γγbb

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2.1) General properties

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2.2) QCD Backgrounds

Main backgrounds (labelled QCD on the figure):

- Non-resonant QCD with real photons = $\gamma\gamma j j$ (>80%):
 - Tree and box diagram (do not forget!)
 - SHERPA (Multileg LO MEPS) seems to provide a good description within 20%
- Non-resonant QCD with fake photons = γ jbb+jjbb (<20%).
 - $\sigma(\text{Large})*\text{Eff(small})$
 - Significant uncertainties with high PU
 - Hard to simulate due to small efficiency.
- Experimentally a smooth background fit is performed. « not an issue » for the analysis itself,

but an issue for the sensitivity estimates!!!





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2.3) Rare backgrounds

Other minor backgrounds:

- Resonant: SM H production
 - less than 1 event in final selection at 8 TeV. But comparable or larger than the signal!
 - Need a deep measurement program of associated production H+jets.
 - $V(\rightarrow bb/cc/cs)H$ may be distinguished looking on bb spectrum.
- Non resonant: hopefully could be absorbed in bkg smooth fit
 - Irreducible: $Z(\rightarrow bb)+\gamma\gamma$ or t/ttbar + jets \rightarrow expect to be studies for ttH
 - Reducible: Z/W + $\gamma\gamma$, γ j, jj



2.4) Kinematics: photons p_{T} and acceptance

•Photons selections: same constraints than $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ search

• $p_{_{T,\gamma_1}} > M_{_{\gamma\gamma}}/3$, $P_{_{T,\gamma_2}} > M_{_{\gamma\gamma}}/4$

- Trigger limited. Some improvements could come from online conditions on jets.
- Especially important for second photon and second jet.
- Especially important for « threshold analysis »
- $|\eta| < 2.5$: defined by tracker acceptance; barrel photons matters more than end-cap ones.



Plots done for bb by L. Cadmuro but perfectly valid for discussion here

2.5) Kinematics: jets p_T and acceptance

- It worth to push jets theresholds close to photon ones: need « tracker » or PFlow jets
 - CMS uses: 25 GeV PFlow jets
 - Atlas: 55, 35 GeV calo jets
- B-tagging: need as pure as possible to kill QCD background (large part of the grey band).
- Jet energy regression: like in Hbb search helps to reduce b-jets resolution;
 - Better QCD/HH/VH separation
 - Expected to be efficient since no genuine MET. But there are challenges: regression works well for arrow region in p_{TH}, large pT,H spread like in non-resonant HH is

challenging.



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2.6) HH Kinematics: 3 masses

• For the signal they are « a priori » uncorrelated, except due to b-jets resolution $M_{_{\rm bb}}$

- Regression reduces the b-resolution correlation.
- Technique of Kinematic fit of M_{bb} consist in forcing $M_{bb} = M_{H}$ assuming that that the difference comes from jets resolution.
 - Improves significantly $M_{\gamma\gamma bb}$ for resonant signal.
 - Decorrelates $M_{_{bb}}$ and $M_{_{\gamma\gamma bb}}$.

For the background Kinematic fit « reshuffle »
M_{vbb} but do not creates « fake peaks ».

 To be confirmed: after this « diagonalisation » in the « vicinity of the Higgs mass »,

(100 < $M_{_{bb,}}M_{_{\gamma\gamma}}$ < 200) the 3 masses are nearly uncorreleated!

 It is possible to cut or do shape analysis in any combination of them and this would perform as well as a BDT.



2.7) HH Kinematics: decay product angles

ΔR_{bb} and ΔR_γ: Are strongly correlated with p_{T,H} and M_{HH}. Better use cos θ*_H.
ΔR_{bγ}^{min}: interesting variable. Not so correlated to p_{T,H} and M_{HH}. Kills probably fragmentation photons in QCD (my hypothesis would be interesting to test).

- $\Delta \eta_{\rm HH} \sim \cos(\theta_{\rm HH}^*)$ flat since process dominated by s-wave.
- $\Delta \phi_{\rm HH}$: quite dangerous since very sensitive to ISR.

 Idea: on top of shape cut analysis in masses one may do a BDT analysis of the angles: since s-wave dominates all the angles are fixed for non-resonant or spin 0 resonant.



2.9) Efficiency

High purity: 2 b-tag Low purity: 1 b-tag



ATLAS:

Acceptance x Efficiency: only High purity category used 4% (260 GeV) to 8% (500 GeV).

2.12) Conclusion: independent information

- What I think would be an analysis using maximal information in a maximally comprehensive way:
 - Push p_{τ} of the second jet and photon as low as possible.
 - Do 2D shape analysis in $M_{\gamma\gamma}$, M_{bb} in bins of $M_{\gamma\gamma bb}$ after kinematic fit (or 3D if you are bold). All those masses are (probably) quite uncorrelated in signal and background.
 - Add a cut based or BDT analysis in angles. Be careful for correlation with masses.
- By how much could you improve the sensitivity?
 - Need to test :)

$HH \rightarrow 4b$

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3.1) Backgrounds

Background: multi-jet (80-90%); ttbar fully hadronic (10%).

– ATLAS removes ttbar by applying mass selections.

Background shape validated in side bands.



3.2) Jets selection and pairing

• Selections: 4 b-tagged jets with $p_T > 40$ GeV.

- Theresholds limited by the trigger.
- Complex trigger strategy requires online b-tagging (3-4 btags).
- Very efficient b-tagging is compulsory for analysis success.
- Complex pairing strategy (much easier in $\gamma\gamma$ bb). Typically pairs of b-quarks are done to be the closest possible to $M_{_{H}}$.
 - Different pairing and selections criteria in boosted and unboosted regimes (see also for more details M. Gouzevitch @ al: http://arxiv.org/abs/1303.6636).

3.3) Efficiency

• Efficiencies typically: below 1% below 500 GeV for CMS; 1-6% above 500 GeV for CMS and ATLAS.

• Analysis severely limited for $M_{_{4b}}$ below 400 GeV.



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4.1) Backgrounds

• Complex background cocktail with different relative contributions according to the τ final state:

- Irreducible bakground: tt, Z+jets, H+jets.
- Reducible backgrounds with fake τ : V+jets, QCD.
- Interesting feature per channel:
 - tt is important in 2-btag category. In fact 1-btag in this analyis is even more important than in $\gamma\gamma$ bb.
 - tt is at least 3 times less important in $\tau h \tau h$ than in $e \tau / \mu \tau$.
 - ee/ $\mu\mu$ channels overwhelmed by DY.
- In this channel backgrounds more comlex than in 4b and $\gamma\gamma$ bb but in some sense « better known ».

4.2) Selections

- The $\tau\tau$ leg:

- fully leptonc and semi-letonic channel uses double-lepton trigger or lepton+tau triggers. Can go lower than $\gamma\gamma$ triggers.

- fully hadronic channel uses tau-tau trigger with typically higher threshold like $p_{_{\rm T}} \sim 40$ GeV.

- The bb leg have the same properties than in $\gamma\gamma$.

- The τ are boosted, ie decay products collinear A kinematic fit is usually used to reconstruct $M_{\tau\tau} \sim M_{_{bb}} \sim M_{_{H}}$. It provides optimal resolution on $M_{_{\tau\tau bb}}$ especially for resonant signal.

- In semi-leptonc analysis one need to reduce the W+jets and tt contributions by applying MT or MT2 cuts.

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4b resonant ATLAS MX > 500 GeV CMS MX > 260 GeV	Cut	Cut	Fit

5.2) Results comparison



- The 4b channel is limited below 400 GeV by trigger efficiency and background turn on in M_{4b} method.
- The 2γ 2b channel is limited above 400 GeV by low BF.

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But 4b efficiency is vanishing below 400 GeV while 2γ2b stays relatively stable.
Consequently 4b background nearly like SM background! No discrimination power!!! So using 4b for non-resonant search requires to rethink completely the analysis, while 2γ2b is easy to adapt.

5.4) Sensitivity to cluster analysis



- The efficiency pattern, background spectra, resolution and analysis strategy would sculpt the sensitivity to the MHH details (and to BSM operators):
 - 4b insensitive to threshold effects and λ .
 - $2\gamma 2b$ very adaptable due to the flat efficiency.
 - $-2\tau 2b$ would be probably intermediate.



A LITTLE BIT PROVOCATIVE CONCLUSION

1) Till 2013 the experimental field was driven by the phenomenologist. Great job. Exeriments slowly take over the pheno on prospects/usage of 4 golden channels and benefit from their experience (augM2ed is a good example).

- Except if you have a very clever idea how to improve an analysis I think one shall let them do and spend time for new things :)
- Which? For example explore new channels and say if they are or not useful. Exploration is much more « easy » for you than for experiments.

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2) How? Here are my personal and biased recommendations:

- Be very careful with experimental assumptions. Better consult a specialist in « SOS experimental hotline ».
- If you use a « golden » channel to assess the sensitivity to your preferred new physics model verify that you are consistent with what experiments observe/predict at 8 TeV/HL-LHC and Run II: backgrounds, uncertainties etc...
- Be VERY careful with MVAs. Typical questions I ask myself for an MVA:
 - If you have a fully reconstructed final state do you really need an MVA?
 - Did you checks that you use the minimal reasonable set of variables.
 - Don't you use 2 times the same information (pTH1 and pTH2 with a LO MC without extra hard jets for example).
 - If you see a huge improvement wrt to a cut based, may be the cut based is severely sub-optimal?
- Do no assume: "this background would be perfectly known by that time ». It is very background depedent: ttbar is not the same than QCD with fake photons ...

BACKUP





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Event Selection Criteria
\geq 2 isolated photons, with p _T > 30 GeV, $ \eta < 1.37$ or $1.52 < \eta < 2.37$
\geq 2 jets identified as <i>b</i> -jets with leading/subleading p _T > 40/25 GeV, $ \eta $ < 2.5
No isolated leptons with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.5$
< 6 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.5$
$0.4 < \Delta R^{bb} < 2.0, \ 0.4 < \Delta R^{\gamma\gamma} < 2.0, \ \Delta R^{\gamma b} > 0.4$
$100 < m_{bb} < 150 \text{ GeV}, 123 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 128 \text{ GeV}$
$p_T^{\gamma\gamma}, p_T^{b\overline{b}} > 110 \text{ GeV}$



HH \rightarrow bb $\gamma\gamma$ Analysis Description

- Search for non-resonant HH->bbγγ
 - Cross section at √s=14 TeV is 40.2 fb [NNLO]
- Event selection
 - * 2 photons: p_T >40GeV and p_T >20GeV, $|\eta|$ <2.5
 - * 2 b-tagged jets, CSV medium WP, p_T >30GeV, $|\eta|$ <2.4
- Kinematic selection
 - Additional lepton veto
 - * Less than 4 jets with $|\eta| < 2.4$ and $p_{\tau} > 30 \text{GeV}$
 - * ΔR_{bb} and $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma}$ less than 2.0, min of $\Delta R_{\gamma b}$ >1.5
- Two categories considered
 - Both photons in barrel
 - At least one photon in endcap
- Likelihood fit signal extraction
 - * 2D fit of M_{bb} and $M_{\gamma\gamma}$
 - * Mass fit window of 100GeV<M $_{_{YY}}$ <150GeV and 70GeV<M $_{_{bb}}$ <200GeV is used
- Parameterized object performance tuned to Phase II detector
 - Preliminary tune as the final tuning need to be obtained from final Phase II samples

HH → bbWW: Analysis Description

Search for $HH \rightarrow bb^-WW \rightarrow bb^-l\nu l\nu$

Event preselection:

- 2 b-jets Medium WP, pT > 30 GeV
 2 leptons, muons: pT > 20 GeV, electrons: pT > 25 GeV
- * MET >20GeV Clean up cuts (*mjj*, *mll*, ΔRjj , ΔRll , $\Delta \varphi jj, ll$)

Analysis Optimization:

- Neural network discriminant from kinematic variables
- Variables: *Mll*, *Mjj*, ΔRll , ΔRjj , ΔRjl , *MET*, $\Delta \varphi ll$, *jj*, *pjj*, and *MT*

Analysis Setup:

- Phase II scenario Assuming 3000/fb
- Based on Delphes reconstruction
- Considering only the main background: *f* t
- The rest of the SM processes are negligible

HH → bbWW: 95% CL Limits



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Peak: 37 pileup events

Design value **25 pileup events** (L=10³⁴, BX=25 ns)



Luminosity



Produced Higgs bosons: 25 fb-1 * 2 experiments * 20 000 fb ~ 1 million!
LHC project costed : 5 billion dollars

3.1) Non-resonant HH production: EFT and BSM

The relevant lagrangian terms of gg→HH production in D=6 EFT

$$\mathcal{L}_{hh} = -\frac{m_h^2}{2v} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}c_H + c_6\right) h^3 + \frac{\alpha_s c_g}{4\pi} \left(\frac{h}{v} + \frac{h^2}{2v^2}\right) G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}_a$$
$$- \left[\frac{m_t}{v} \left(1 - \frac{c_H}{2} + c_t\right) \bar{t}_L t_R h + \text{h.c.}\right] - \left[\frac{m_t}{v^2} \left(\frac{3c_t}{2} - \frac{c_H}{2}\right) \bar{t}_L t_R h^2 + \text{h.c.}\right]$$

arXiv:1410.3471

Non SM Yukawa coupling is not considered



ttHH non-linear interaction

Higgs-gluon contact interactions

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