# **SM Higgs Boson searches in CMS**



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# Introduction

- The LHC started 9 years after the end of LEP.
- The detectors were ready and soon we realized that we were indeed understanding them.
- The start-up from the physics point of view was very successful and we got immediately tons of results!
- The statistical precision is enough already now to distinguish the relevance of Higher Order (NLO vs LO and more).
   W.r.t. LEP, theoretical predictions are ready in advance and can match the experimental precision...
- There is still a long way to go (at 8 TeV, 14 TeV and ...) and we all hope to discover the Higgs (!) but also something new, maybe totally unexpected.



### **The Experiments: CMS**



### S.M. rediscovery in 2010



# And more in 2011



# **The Higgs before LHC**



- Direct searches
  - LEP: M<sub>H</sub>>114.4 GeV at 95% CL
  - Tevatron:  $|M_H$ -166|>10 GeV at 95% CL
- Indirect constraints from precision EW measurements
  - $M_{\rm H} = 96^{+31}_{-24}$  GeV,  $M_{\rm H} < 169$  GeV at 95% CL (standard fit)
  - $M_{\rm H}$  = 120<sup>+12</sup>-5 GeV,  $M_{\rm H}$  < 143 GeV at 95% CL (including direct searches)

### **The LHC Higgs Cross Section WG**

- About 2.5 years ago, exactly the day LHC was delivering the first collision to the experiments, a group formed by TH and EXP (the LHC Higgs Cross Section WG) was founded in order to provide precise Higgs predictions.
- The goal was to access the most advanced theory predictions for the Higgs Cross Section and Branching Ratio: central value and uncertainties



• Experiments are thus from day "1" coherently using the **COMMON INPUTS** provided by the LHC H XS WG (CERN-2011-002, "YR1", and CERN-2012-002, "YR2").

This facilitates the comparison and the combination\* of the individual results

\*LHC Higgs Combination group. Only experimentalists

### **Inclusive Cross Sections**



# **Branching Ratios**

 $\Gamma_{\rm H} = \Gamma^{\rm HD} - \Gamma^{\rm HD}_{\rm ZZ} - \Gamma^{\rm HD}_{\rm WW} + \Gamma^{\rm Proph.}_{4f} + \Gamma^{\rm HD}_{\gamma\gamma} \delta^{\rm QED}_{\gamma ff}$ 



### **Higgs search strategy**



Events expected to be produced with L=1 fb<sup>-1</sup>

m <sub>H</sub> , GeV	ww→lvlv	zz→4I	γγ	
120	127	1.5	43	
150	390	4.6	16	
300	89	3.8	0.04	



Higgs production cross section tiny compared to other QCD and EWK processes



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**Higgs search strategy** 



# The challenge of the high Lumi



- Inclusive triggers have reached such high thresholds that can not be used anymore for many analyses
- In the context of each analysis dedicated triggers suitable for the specific final state have to be devised:
  - H->WW->lvlv, H->ZZ-> 4l: Double mu and double electron thresholds at (17,8) GeV
  - H->γγ: Double photon (36,18) GeV
- Challenging for the low mass Higgs searches

# Pile-up: a "manageable nuisance"



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Event with 40 reconstructed vertices from the high PU fill

#### Understanding The Yellow and Green Bands



### **The High Mass**

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# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow IIqq$



### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$



### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll_{VV}$



- Z→ ll candidate :  $M_Z \pm 15$  GeV;  $P_T$  (ll) > 25 GeV
- **Use**  $M_T^2 = (\sqrt{P_{TZ}^2 + M_Z^2} + \sqrt{MET^2 + M_Z^2})^2 (\vec{P_{TZ}} + \vec{MET})^2$
- Major backgrounds: Z+Jets, ttbar & WZ
  - $ME_T$  requirement to suppress Z + jets by x10<sup>5</sup>
  - Anti b-tag to suppress ttbar
- Residual ZZ, WZ background estimate from MC
- Residual backgrounds estimated from data
  - $-\gamma$  + jets (for Z+Jets) ; eµ sample (for ttbar +WW)



### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l \ 2\tau$



- Using both  $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$  and  $\tau_{had}\tau_{l}$  final states
- Requires  $30 < M_{\tau} < 80 \text{ GeV}$

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# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow lvjj$

• New from CMS

CMS preliminary

σ<sub>excluded</sub> / σ<sub>SM</sub>

6

5

4

3

2

150

- Studied mass range 170-600 GeV
- Mass shape analysis using  $M_{lvjj}$

Likelihood

300

analysis

For the neutrino use MET and inpose W mass constraint

 $(L dt = 5.0 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 

500

450

550

600





### **The Low Mass**



# $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l_V l_V$



Vectors from the decay of a scalar and V-A structure of W decay lead to small leptons opening angle (especially true for on-shell Ws)



- Channel with highest sensitivity
- No mass reconstruction, signal extraction from event counting
- Clean signature:
  - 2 isolated, high p<sub>T</sub> leptons with small opening angle
  - High ME<sub>T</sub>
  - Analysis performed on exclusive jet multiplicities (0, 1, 2-jet bins)
- Analysis optimized depending on the Higgs mass hypothesis
  - $p_T^{-1}$ ,  $M_{II}$ ,  $M_T$ , Df as discriminating variables
  - VBF selections for the 2-jet case

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### H →WW

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- Drell Yan: Suppressed by  $M_{ll}$  and  $ME_T$  cuts (pileup affect MET)
- W+jets (with one jet faking a lepton): lepton ID is important
- Top (tt and single top): b-tag veto (or additional soft muon)
- WW: M(ll), MT and  $\Delta \phi$

All the background are estimated from DATA in "control regions"

### WW+ 0, 1, 2 jets

### The NNLO band overlaps with the NLO one for $p_{T}^{veto} \geq \! \mathbf{30} \; GeV$

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WW + 0 jet:Veto jet of  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ WW + 1 jet:1 jet of  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ WW + 2 jet:2 jet of  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$  - VBF like

Asking jet veto, means "eliminate" diagrams with real gluon emission

The HWW analysis is divided in 3 regions: +0, +1 and +2 jets.

To get the correct TH uncertainty on the XS in the three regions: Theoretically we can compute:  $\sigma_{total}, \sigma_{\geq 1}, \sigma_{\geq 2}$ , thus

$$\sigma_0 = \sigma_{\text{total}} - \sigma_{\geq 1}$$
,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{\geq 1} - \sigma_{\geq 2}$ ,  $\sigma_{\geq 2}$ 

TH uncert:

- $\delta \sigma_{≥0} = \delta \sigma_{\text{total}}$  From Yellow Report (i.e. HNNLO/FEHIP)
- $\delta \sigma_{\geq 1}$  HNNLO/FEHIP or MCFM (identical)
- $\delta\sigma_{\geq}$  HNNLO/FEHIP gives LO, MCFM NLO

δσ <sub>≥0</sub>	+12-7%	
$\delta\sigma_{\geq 1}$	±20%	
δσ <sub>≥2</sub>	±30% (NLO) ±70% (LO)	~~~~

### H→WW→lvlv

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# VH→3l3v

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## $VH \rightarrow bb$

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- CMS exploits the W/Z+H associate production with the Higgs heavily boosted
  - Require  $p_T^{bb}$ >100 (150) GeV for ZH (WH)
- Topology is very clear, several final states considered: CMS Preliminary, BDT analysis
  - lvbb, llbb, vvbb

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# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

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The final states considered are  $4\mu$ , 4e,  $2e2\mu$ 

Very tiny cross section -> thus highest efficiency must be conserved

#### Very clean final state:

- 4 leptons of high  $\ensuremath{p_{\text{T}}}\xspace$  ,
- isolated
- coming from the primary vertex

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# The background

Irreducible background:

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#### **Reducible background:**

**Zbb/Zcc** and **tt pair** production.

I.e. events with B hadrons decaying semileptonically

Leptons are inside jets and originating from secondary vertex <sub>c/u</sub>

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#### **Instrumental background:**

**QCD** and **Z/W+light jets**. Events with jets faking leptons (mostly electrons)

# $\mathbf{Zbb} + \mathbf{tt} \rightarrow \mathbf{4l}$

- Reducible backgrounds (Zbb/tt) is measured in a dedicated control region:
  - Same requirements for the on-shell Z candidate as for the signal
  - Relaxed selections on charge,
     flavor and isolation and inverted IP
     cut for the other lepton pair
  - From this plot we can disentangle
    Zbb from tt, by fitting the "Z peak"
    and a polinomial for tt.
  - Comparing data/MC, we can get the k-factor (MC are at LO or NLO)

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# $pp \rightarrow 4l$

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### **Results:** $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

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### **Results**

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# **CMS:** $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- A new analysis: variables combined in a BTD
- Sensitivity improved by about 40% in integrated luminosity
- 4 classes of events ( by varying S/B) plus the VBF category.

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### **Results** H $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

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### **Combination** !

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# **Channel by channel**

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11 channels:

- Correlated uncertainties (Jet energy scale, Luminosity etc) are taken into account
- When data driven method are used, systematic are not correlated
- Theory uncertainties are carefully taken into account across channels using the recommendation of the LHC H XS WG

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**CMS: the SM Higgs as of today** 

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### **Low Mass Range**

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### **Consistency with B only Hypothesis**

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### **Best Fit for Signal Strength w.r.t. SM Rate**

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### **Near future**

By the end of the 8 TeV run in 2012, the luminosity collected will hopefully allow us to have 5 sigma everywhere. Maybe difficult at 115 Gev The very high mass will be investigated as well.

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By the end of 2012 five sigma everywhere, maybe difficult at 115 GeV

### Summary

- Fantastic years at LHC and CMS: lots of data and analyses, measurements and searches...
- We did things we never imagined would be possible 2 years ago.
- Unfortunately we did not discover anything up to now/ Fortunately we did not exclude everything up to now!
- But more luminosity and higher energy will come.
- We do not yet know what is in front of us: maybe another unexpected interpretation of our world!

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### **Production rates at LHC**

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# Trigger

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 At LHC the collision rate will be 40 MHz The Event size ~1 Mbyte

Band width limit ~ 100 Gbyte → Mass storage rate ~100 Hz

Thus we should select the events with "the Trigger"

- Level-1 Trigger input 40 MHz
- Level-2 Trigger input 100 kHz (HLT for CMS)
- Level-3 Trigger input xx kHz (HLT for Atlas)

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### CMS: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

optimize sensitivity by splitting in jet/topology categories: VBF highest sensitivity but all production modes considered: gg→H, VBF, W(Z)H, ttH

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### MSSM **\$**

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- Most sensitive channel for neutral Higgs searches in the context of SUSY models
  - Large portion of  $tan\beta$ -M<sub>A</sub> plane excluded

# $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ , in the summer

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- Two high pt, isolated photons, pointing to a PV
- Different photon categories treated differently.
- $M(\gamma\gamma)$  resolution very similar.
- Results very similar
- Fluctuations: excess and deficit.... We will see!

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### **Isolation**

The requirement that the energy flow in the vicinity of a muon is below a certain threshold helps discriminating muons from W/Z from muons produced as a result of QCD processes.

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ECAL and HCAL contributions are affected by pile-up conditions To have a pile-up robust analysis R<sub>lso</sub> must be corrected by the average energy flow in the event [Fast-jet correction]

# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

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In the Z1+1 leptons sample: the probability that a muon/electron with relaxed ID and ISO passes the analysis requests

More checks done on the Z1+SS vs Z1+OS samples.

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### ZZ continuum

• Directly from MC:

$$\left( \sigma_{NLO}^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} \times \varepsilon_{MC}^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} + \sigma_{LO}^{gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} \times \varepsilon_{MC}^{gg \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l} \right) \times L$$

• Normalization to Z rate in data

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- The luminosity uncert. cancel in the ratio
- The TH uncertainties as YR prescription
   ~ 10% (PDF4LHC prescription + QCD scale)
- Results: the two agree within %

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M(μ, μ)

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M(e,e)

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# The control of the background

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### CLS

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# **Higgs in the SM4**

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#### New values from CERN 2012-002 including EW correction to production and decay

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# Limits in the Fermiophobic scenario

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# The SM Higgs as of today

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