

Higgs Boson Properties With CMS Experiment

Working Package 1: Interpretation of data



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- Achievements :
 - Development of Monte-Carlo simulation, Calibration and Characterisation for SDHCAL prototype
 - Demonstration of a model independent measurement of the Higgs boson using the recoiling jets from the Higgs-strahlung production mode.
- Outcomes:
 - $\circ~$ 4 papers as first author + active contributions to 4 other papers + co-author of 7 publications with CALICE Collaboration
 - $\circ~$ Finalisation and publication of the thesis on February 12th, 2015



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My project focuses on the measurement of the Higgs properties with CMS experiment within Durham University and Imperial College London.

- Supervisors: Nigel Glover (IPPP Durham), Paul Dauncey / Gavin Davies (Imperial College London)
- Started 01/11/2014

The main goals are:

- Exploitation of the LHC-Run II data:
 - $\circ~$ Development & validation of the $H\to\gamma\gamma$ analysis framework
 - $\circ~\mbox{Re-discovering}$ the Higgs boson with $13~\mbox{TeV}$ data
- Studying and understanding QCD jet production, with aim of improving the Higgs boson sensitivity mainly in the Vector Boson Fusion (VBF) production mechanism (with $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$).
- Measurement of the Higgs Properties (Spin/CP, couplings, self-coupling, ...) with the LHC-Run II data

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- Since June 2015, the LHC delivers pp collision at 13 TeV
- So far CMS recoreded about $2.2 fb^{-1}$, still increasing
- This marks a new energy frontier in particle physics



• What to do with these data ?

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- Reminder: The Higgs boson was discovered in 2012 by ATLAS and CMS collaborations at LHC
- One of the main channels is the $H\to\gamma\gamma:$ clean signature, allows measurement the Higgs' properties
- The second most important Higgs boson production process at LHC is the Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)
- This production mode is characterised by
 - Very low hadronic activities in the central rapidity region
 - Two energetic quark jets with a large rapidity gap (from the scattered quarks)
- The good reconstruction of jets is important to increase the sensitivity of the H → γγ analysis → It is important to reduce the pile-up contribution (next slide) to the jets and determine the jet's properties (identifying if the jets is either from quark or gluon)

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Preparation for Run II

pile-up mitigation and Jet identification

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Conferences:

- 12/2014: Invited talk the third French Linear collider days (Journées Collisionneur Linéaire) talk : Model independent analysis for $HZ(Z \rightarrow q\bar{q})$ at ILC250 and FCC
- 04/2015: HiggsTools, First Annual Meeting, Freiburg, Germany talk : Weak Boson Fusion Higgs boson production in CMS
- 10/2015: Higgs Coupling 2015, IPPP Durham

Training:

- 02/2015: First Young Researchers Meeting Collaborative Teamwork and Communication
- 06/2015: First HiggsTools Summer School

Secondment:

- Academic secondment at Imperial College London (Febrary to April and June)
 - $\circ~$ Worked more closely with ILC team
 - $\circ~\rightarrow$ Responsible of the Jet validation and VBF tagging in CMS $H\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ analysis group

Taking advantage of the HiggsTools netwok:

- Within Davide Napolitano (ESR1), we organise of the HiggsTools Journal Club: A regalar opportunity for discussion and exchange beteen ESRs.
- Trainings and summer schools
- YRM this week, participating to VBF/MC/PDF session

Publication:

• CMS will validate my authorship at the end of this year (2015)

Visits to CERN:

I visited CERN 2 times for 1 week period (4/2015, 5/2015), next visit will be next week (from 26 October)

Current & Short term plans:

- Finalising the studies on the pile-up mitigation and estimate the impact on the analysis
- Implementation of Multi-Variate Analysis for tagging the ${\rm VBF}(H\to\gamma\gamma)$ signature

Mid term plans:

- Writing an analysis note summarising my work on the pile-up mitigation for $H\to\gamma\gamma$
- Important deadlines ahead:
 - Producing first (preliminary) result for Moriond 2016,
 - VBF results for summer 2016 (ICHEP 2016 ...)

Long term and Carrer plan:

- Obtain a leading position in the $H\to\gamma\gamma$ analysis (sub-convener) in CMS
- Find a future position in a University/Laboratory which matches my interests and my passion to high energy physics
- Planning to start the private secondment with Wolframe in June 2016

