

# Search for Invisible Higgs Decays to muons+MET with CMS at the LHC

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# Outline



- Theoretical Motivation
- Large Hadron Collider
- Compact Muon Solenoid
- Event Reconstruction
- Previous Results
- Analysis Cut Flow
- Discussion of Systematics
- Final Result
- Future Plans



# The Standard Model



# Standard Model Interactions



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- Fermions interact through gauge bosons
- Higgs field provides mass for:

  - Massive fermions

# SM Higgs Production





- Higgs interactions have implications for production mechanisms
- Most significant mechanisms at proton colliders shown here

Note: eventual dataset for this analysis: 100fb<sup>-1</sup>

SM Higgs Decays



With 19.7fb<sup>-1</sup> at 8TeV and 5.1fb<sup>-1</sup> at 7TeV, CMS found the Standard Model Higgs

- Discovery channels (>5σ)
  - ZZ
  - γγ
- Evidence channels (>3σ)
  - WW
  - TT
- Difficult channels
  - bb (~2σ)
  - µµ

Higgs decays at m<sub>H</sub>=125GeV



Invisible Higgs Decays

- All measured decay channels line up with SM expectation
- Of particular interest: Invisible Higgs decays
  - To particles impossible to directly detect at CMS
- In SM, only  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4v$  (0.1%)
- Higgs is a newly observed particle...
- DM candidate couples to Higgs?

How do we detect invisible particles?

- In this analysis: ZH production channel
- Signature: two leptons, missing energy







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# The Large Hadron Collider



- 27km-circumference ring buried ~100m underground
- Collides both protons and heavy ions
- Two beams counter-rotate, interact at 4 points
- 4 Main Detectors
  - CMS, ATLAS: general purpose detectors
  - LHCb: Forward & b physics
  - ALICE: Heavy Ion physics





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 $1 \text{ barn} = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ 

### Proton Beam & Luminosity



CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp, 2015,  $\sqrt{s}=$  13 TeV



Number of expected events depends on:

- Cross Section
  - Process-dependent
- Integrated luminosity
  - LHC tunes beam to optimize
  - CMS records data 24x7

$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}$	Design	2010-11	2012	2015	2016-18*
Beam Energy (TeV)	7	3.5	4	6.5	6.5
Inst. Luminosity (x10 <sup>33</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup> /s)	10	~3	~7	~4	14
Bunches	2808	1380	1380	~2200	<2808
Protons / Bunch	130B	145B	148B	150B	150B
Bunch Spacing (ns)	25	75/50	50	50/25	25
Avg. Collisions / Bunch Crossing	20	~20	35	40/20	20
Integrated Lumi to CMS (fb-1)		~5	~20	4	100

\* Anticipated





#### The Compact Muon Solenoid





The CMS magnet is a central feature of the detector

- 12.5m Length, 6.3m inner diameter
- Superconducting coils produce 3.8T field

 $P_T \approx \frac{0.3L^2B}{8s}$ 

- Cooled by liquid Helium
- Iron return yoke concentrates flux  $\rightarrow$  2T field in iron outside solenoid

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- Largest superconducting solenoid in the world
- 2.6GJ stored energy

track

The magnet bends charged particles, allowing the tracker to measure transverse momentum (p<sub>T</sub>)

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Magnet



(TOB)

(TIB)

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(TPE)

#### CMS Tracker

- Over 200m<sup>2</sup> Silicon
- Cooled to -10°C
- 66M channel pixel detector
  - 100x150µm pitch
- 9.6M channel strip detector
  - 80-180µm pitch, ~10cm long



Primary vertex resolution: O(10) µm  $\eta \equiv -\ln\left|\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right|$ 



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# Electromagnetic Calorimeter

- Over 75k Lead Tungstate crystals, 61200 in Barrel
- Average crystal size: 2.2 x 2.2 x 22cm; weight:1.5kg
- Barrel crystal face  $\Delta \eta \times \Delta \phi = 0.0175 \times 0.0175$
- Provides high resolution energy measurement for electrons and photons





Lead Tungstate

(PbWO<sub>4</sub>)

Hadronic Calorimeter

The CMS HCAL consists of 3 main regions:

Barrel (HB) and Endcap (HE) sampling calorimeters

Over 1000 tons of brass plates interleaved with scintillator tiles

HB

- WLS Fibers transfer scintillation light to readout electronics
- Covers  $|\eta| < 3$ , depth varies from 6-10 interaction lengths Forward (HF) Cherenkov detector
- Steel plates embedded with quartz fibers
- Covers  $3 < |\eta| < 5$

Resolution (HB/HE):  $\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{115\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 5.5\%$ 

Resolution (HF):

 $\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{280\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 11\%$ 



HF



ΗE

Muon Systems

3 muon detection systems embedded in the iron return yoke:

- Drift Tubes (DT) in barrel  $|\eta| < 1.2$
- Cathode Strip Chambers (CSC) in endcaps  $0.9 < |\eta| < 2.4$
- Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC) in  $|\eta| < 1.6$

Three main tasks: triggering, identification, and assisting inner tracker in



measuring high-p<sub>T</sub> muons

Muon p<sub>T</sub> Resolution





Trigger System





LHC collides bunches of protons at 40MHz ~25 collisions per bunch  $\rightarrow$  GHz rate At a Mb per event, CMS can record ~1kHz Trigger System decides what to keep

Rate reduction in two steps:

- Level-1 Trigger
  - Custom hardware
  - Subset of detector information
  - Reduces rate to ~100kHz
- High-Level Trigger
  - Software, CPU-limited
  - Full detector information
  - Reduces rate to ~1kHz

Level 1 Trigger

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L1 Trigger receives simplified detector information from calorimeters and muon systems, and forms

- EG Candidates (electrons/photons)
- Jet Candidates
- Missing Energy estimate
- Muon Candidates
- L1 accept if objects pass
- Energy thresholds
- Coincidence
- Object topology
- Defined in 'trigger menu'
- Once every 25ns
- Pipeline ~4µs long



# High Level Trigger





- Dedicated compute farm
- Commodity hardware
- Receives full detector readout
- Subset of reconstruction algorithms
- Over 450 trigger paths in HLT menu

- For HLT accepts, raw data is processed, compressed and calibrations are applied
- Some raw data can be 'parked'

#### **Event Simulation - Hard Scatter**

Two common programs for hard scatter simulation:

- MadGraph / aMC@NLO
  - Automated calculation of Feynman diagrams
- POWHEG
  - Library of tools plus calculations customized to process

Both now\* provide predictions at Next-to Leading Order (NLO)

e.g.





\* 8TeV simulations are not all NLO

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# Event Simulation - Decay & Detection

After the hard scatter simulation:

- Pythia simulates
  - Parton Shower
  - Hadronization
  - Decay to stable particles
- GEANT4

Decay

Hadronization

Parton shower

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- Passage of stable particles through detector





# **Event Reconstruction**

Particle Flow (PF) Reconstruction combines information from all detector components, building candidates in order of purity

- Muon system tracks are combined with inner tracker to make muon candidates
- ECAL & HCAL deposits are matched to tracker tracks to make electron & charged hadron candidates
- Remaining calorimeter energy is clustered to form photon candidates (ECAL) & neutral hadron candidates (HCAL)





# Muon Reconstruction

Categories of reconstructed muons:

- Standalone tracks from segments in muon systems
  - 1% exclusive rate, very high cosmic muon acceptance
- Tracker match inner detector tracks with one segment in muon system
  - High efficiency for low  $p_T$  muons
- Global match standalone muons with tracks
  - More information available
  - High purity

Requirements in this analysis:

- Global reconstruction
- Require segments in at least 2 muon stations
- >5 tracker layers for p<sub>T</sub> measurement
- Distance of closest approach to primary vertex
  - Transverse < 0.2cm
  - Longitudinal < 0.5cm





# **Electron Reconstruction**

- Electrons identified by combination of detectors
- Basic object called 'GSF electron'
  - ECAL supercluster
  - Gaussian-Sum Filter track reconstruction
- Requirements in this analysis:
- Pixel hits
  - <2 missing hits, for photon conversion veto</li>
- Tracker
  - Photon conversion vertex veto
  - Distance of closest approach to primary vertex ~ 1mm
- ECAL
  - Distance between cluster and track
  - Shower shape requirement
- HCAL
  - H/E cut for rejection of hadrons
- Distance to nearest PF muon > 0.1







### Jet Reconstruction

Quarks and gluons hadronize



- Showers of many particles formed
- Jet reconstruction algorithms:
  - Iteratively cluster nearby particles
  - Form macroscopic objects
  - Preserve ability to compare to theory
- In this analysis, Anti-k<sub>T</sub> distance metric:

$$d_{ij} = \min\left(\frac{1}{k_{ti}^2}, \frac{1}{k_{tj}^2}\right) \frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}, \quad R = 0.5$$



- In this analysis, veto b quarks
- Jets from b quarks are distinctive
- Long-lived b hadrons form displaced vertex
- B-tagging identifies jets with displaced tracks





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- Leptons from hard process typically isolated
- Jets can produce real leptons
  - Jet fragments can fake leptons
- Isolation cuts help distinguish leptons of interest

 $p_T$ 

Electron isolation:  $I_{rel}^e = \frac{\sum p_T^{charged} + max[\sum E_T^{neutral} + \sum E_T^{photon} - \Delta \rho \cdot E.A., 0.0]$ Cut: 0.15

Muon isolation:  $I_{rel}^{\mu} = \frac{\sum p_T^{charged} + max[\sum E_T^{neutral} + \sum E_T^{photon} - 0.5 \cdot \sum p_T^{charged, PU}, 0.0]$  $p_T$ Cut: 0.2 **Isolation** cone

- Isolation cone defines components in sum
  - 0.3 for electrons
  - 0.4 for muons
- Electron veto cone in endcaps only



Missing Transverse Energy

Missing Transverse Energy (MET): Negative vector sum of transverse momentum from all reconstructed particles.

In this analysis,

- All particle-flow candidates summed
- Jet energy corrections to particles associated with a jet are applied
- Correction for systematic φ modulation observed in both data & MC, due to
  - Beam spot x-y shift
  - Noise, gain variation in ECAL/HCAL readout





# **Existing Limits**

Approaches to searching for BSM Invisible Higgs decays:

Look for deficit in sum of visible decays

- Must extrapolate from accessible decay channels
- Requires accurate knowledge of production rate
- Look for missing energy in the detector
- MET measurement becomes easier when there is a recoil topology
  - Vector Boson Fusion
  - Associated Production

# Selection of 95% CL observed (expected) upper limits on BR(H→inv.) for ~25fb<sup>-1</sup> collected at 7,8TeV with CMS and ATLAS

Channel	CMS Limit	ATLAS Limit
Deficit in sum visible	0.32 (0.43)	0.49 (0.48)
ZH production (Z→II)	0.83 (0.86)	0.75 (0.62)
VBF production	0.65 (0.49)	0.28 (0.31)

VBF

H

ΖH

 $Z^*$ 

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Dark Matter Interpretation

- Limits on invisible Higgs decays  $\rightarrow$  limits on DM-Nucleon  $\sigma$
- Assume stable DM coupling directly to Higgs
- DM mass < Higgs mass / 2
- Comparison to direct-detection
- Complementary phase space







# Signature & Dominant Backgrounds

Physics signature: ZH Associated Production

- Z boson decaying to two electrons or muons
- Higgs decay products escape detection
  - Significant Missing Transverse Energy (MET)

Irreducible background: ZZ

- One Z decays as in signal
- Other Z to neutrinos
- Slightly different kinematics: visible Z less boosted (lower transverse momentum)







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Other backgrounds due to:

- Fakes
- Detector Acceptances
- Rejection Efficiencies

All significant backgrounds on next slide

8 TeV Datasets

All significant background MC processes are plotted along with the data, here is a summary:



	$ZZ \rightarrow 2I2v$	Primary Irreducible Background
	WW $\rightarrow$ 2l2v	Can contribute two same-flavor leptons, but non-resonant
	WZ→3lv	Can contribute if one lepton is lost (esp. the W lepton)
	tt	Top decays predominantly to Wb, two Ws give two leptons
	Single top	One lepton from top, another fake
	W→lv	One lepton from W, another fake
	Z→llγ	No photon veto + fake MET
	Z→II	Fake MET
ł	Data	
	Z(II)H(inv)	Signal simulation, with Higgs decay set 100% invisible

Cut Flow Overview

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10<sup>7</sup>

 $10^{6}$ 

10<sup>5</sup>

10<sup>4</sup>

 $10^{3}$ 

10<sup>2</sup>

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Data / ∑ 5.0

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Preselection

Over 1 quadrillion collisions for this plot, preselection reduces to ~10 million.

Preselection:

- Require 2 muons with ID, Isolation as defined earlier
- Require HLT paths with
  - One muon >17GeV
  - One muon >8GeV

Baseline:

Cuts motivated in following slides



Baseline

ZZ→**≵**l2v

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WZ→3lv

W→h

Data

Expected Counts, 8TeV, 19.8fb<sup>-1</sup>

Single top

Z→II

Cut Flow -  $M(\mu\mu)$ 



- Signal events contain a Z boson ;
- Cut on dimuon invariant mass
- 10GeV window around Z mass



Expected Counts

	Before Cut	After Cut
Signal	126	113
Background	8008716	6972250
Ratio	~10 <sup>-5</sup>	~10 <sup>-5</sup>

Cut Flow - Boosted Z



- Z recoils against Higgs
- Significant transverse
   momentum
- Decay products will appear Lorentz boosted
- Cut on dimuon p<sub>T</sub> > 50GeV



**Expected Counts** 

	Before Cut	After Cut
Signal	113	77
Background	6972250	522363
Ratio	~10 <sup>-5</sup>	~10-4

Cut Flow - Jet Veto



- MET sensitive to jet energy uncertainty
- Vetoing large jet multiplicity reduces this effect
- Bin final yields in 0,1 jets
- Jet counted if p<sub>T</sub>>30GeV

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	Before Cut	After Cut	)ata /
Signal	77	71	0.
ckground	522363	362910	
Ratio	1 4x10-4	2x10-4	.3



# Cut Flow - Extra Lepton Veto



• Expect exactly 2 muons

• Remove events with extra  $e/\mu$ 

NB: No  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4I$  simulation

 Would contribute ~200 events in 2 extra lepton bin



Expected Counts

	Before Cut	After Cut
Signal	71	71
Background	362910	359426
Ratio	2x10-4	2x10-4

Cut Flow - B-Jet Veto



- ~100% top to W+b
- Veto of b-tagged jets lowers top background
- B-tagging has non-negligible • fake rate



**Expected Counts** 

	Before Cut	After Cut
Signal	71	65
Background	359426	282192
Ratio	2x10-4	2.3x10 <sup>-4</sup>

Cut Flow - High MET



- Expect significant MET
- MET very sensitive to jet energy measurement
- Z+Jets has large σ and no real MET
- High threshold necessary due to poor data/MC agreement
- Cut MET > 110GeV



Expected Counts Before Cut Afte

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Signal	65	25
Background	282192	164
Ratio	2.3x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.15

M(µµ) at Baseline

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Baseline selection: All previous cuts applied

Dominant backgrounds now:  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 2I2v$  and  $WZ \rightarrow 3Iv$ 

- ZZ\* background irreducible (same final state)
- WZ background due to lost W lepton (detector acceptance)

Expected Counts		
	<b>Baseline Selection</b>	
Signal	25	
Background	164	
Ratio	0.15	



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Z-MET Δφ at Baseline

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- Kinematics of the Z and MET considered together
- Most events 'back-to-back'
- Cut on angle between Z decay products and MET in transverse plane > 2.6



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Expected Counts

	Before Cut	After Cut
Signal	25	24
Background	164	121
Ratio	0.15	0.19

MET Balance at Baseline



- Transverse Z p<sub>T</sub> should balance MET
- Restrict ratio of MET and dimuon p<sub>T</sub> between 0.8 and 1.2



Expected Counts

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	Before Cut	After Cut
Signal	24	17
Background	121	62
Ratio	0.19	0.28

Transverse Mass at Baseline





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0.28

Ratio

0.28

# Muon Efficiency



To measure efficiency of muon identification, use Tag and Probe Method

- Find one well-reconstructed muon (tag)
- Look for other tracks (probes), form pairs
- Probes forming pairs with mass close to known resonance (e.g. Z) are likely true muons

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• Fit mass distribution to find efficiency



Systematics



Significant Sources of Systematic Uncertainty

Uncertainty	Comments
2.6%*	CMS Luminosity Uncertainty @ 8TeV
3%*	Efficiencies calculated using Tag & Probe
0.2%*	B tag efficiency Data/MC difference
~8%*	Varies between samples Use largest value as conservative estimate
0.3%	Vary PU correction factor by 8%
0.5%	Muon momentum scale corrections
3%*	Shift jet energy up/down by corresponding uncertainties
1-5%	Varies between samples
	Uncertainty $2.6\%^*$ $3\%^*$ $0.2\%^*$ $0.3\%$ $0.5\%$ $3\%^*$ $1-5\%$

\* c/o AN2012-123

# Final Yields & Limits



Final Event Yields for 19.8/fb at 8TeV

	μμ+0 jets	µµ+1 jet
ZZ	34.1±0.5	6.3±0.2
WZ	13.7±0.4	5.2±0.3
WW/Top/W	1.3±0.3	0.3±0.1
DY+Jets	0+.5	0+.5
Sum Backgrounds	49.1±0.7 (±4.9)	11.8±0.4 (±1.2)
ZH Signal (100%)	14.7±0.5 (±1.5)	2.5±0.2 (±0.2)
Data	47	12

Format: Value±stat (±est. systematic)

- Event yields in two-bin counting experiment with 4 backgrounds
- Asymptotic CL<sub>S</sub> upper limit on signal strength relative to predicted signal
- Observed (Expected) 95% CL Upper Limit on BR(ZH→µµ+MET):
   1.15 (1.25)

**Conclusion & Future Plans** 

Completed 8TeV analysis



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- Results compatible with existing existing CMS & ATLAS published results
- Many possible improvements, e.g.
  - Data-driven Drell-Yan background prediction
  - Electron channel
  - Most important: 13TeV data!

At 13TeV:

- Expecting 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> before Long Shutdown 2 in 2018
- ZH associated production  $\sigma$  increases by factor ~2
  - Expect ~300 dimuon events @ 100% BR
- VV background  $\sigma$  also factor ~2
  - Expect ~700 dimuon events for ZZ
- Assuming similar detector performance, expect factor ~3 improvement



# Higgs significance by channel



Channel arouning	Significance ( $\sigma$ )	
Channel grouping	Observed	Expected
$H \rightarrow ZZ$ tagged	6.5	6.3
${ m H}  ightarrow \gamma \gamma$ tagged	5.6	5.3
$H \rightarrow WW$ tagged	4.7	5.4
Grouped as in Ref. [17]	4.3	5.4
$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ tagged	3.8	3.9
Grouped as in Ref. [19]	3.9	3.9
$H \rightarrow bb tagged$	2.0	2.3
Grouped as in Ref. [16]	2.1	2.3

CMS 7+8TeV Higgs combination PAS (19.7+5.1/fb)

# CMS & ATLAS Higgs-portal DM limits







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# LHC Dipole



# Main components – dipole magnets





# Long-term LHC Luminosity Estimates

# 2010 - 2035



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### **CMS** Primary Vertex Resolution



#### CMS Tracker Material Tracker Material Budget





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# CMS Drift Tubes





# CMS Drift Tubes





# Drell-Yan Expected Events



B-Jet Veto : 279213.8
#Delta#phi Cut : 23994.6
MET Balance : 495.1
M\_{T} : 0.0
MET Cut : 0.0

B-Jet Veto : 279213.8 MET Balance : 4941.2 M\_{T} : 0.2 MET Cut : 0.0 #Delta#phi Cut : 0.0

B-Jet Veto : 279213.8 M\_{T} : 218.3 MET Cut : 11.9 #Delta#phi Cut : 2.3 MET Balance : 0.0

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B-Jet Veto : 279476.8
MET Cut : 25.9
#Delta#phi Cut : 2.3
MET Balance : 0.0
M\_{T} : 0.0

