

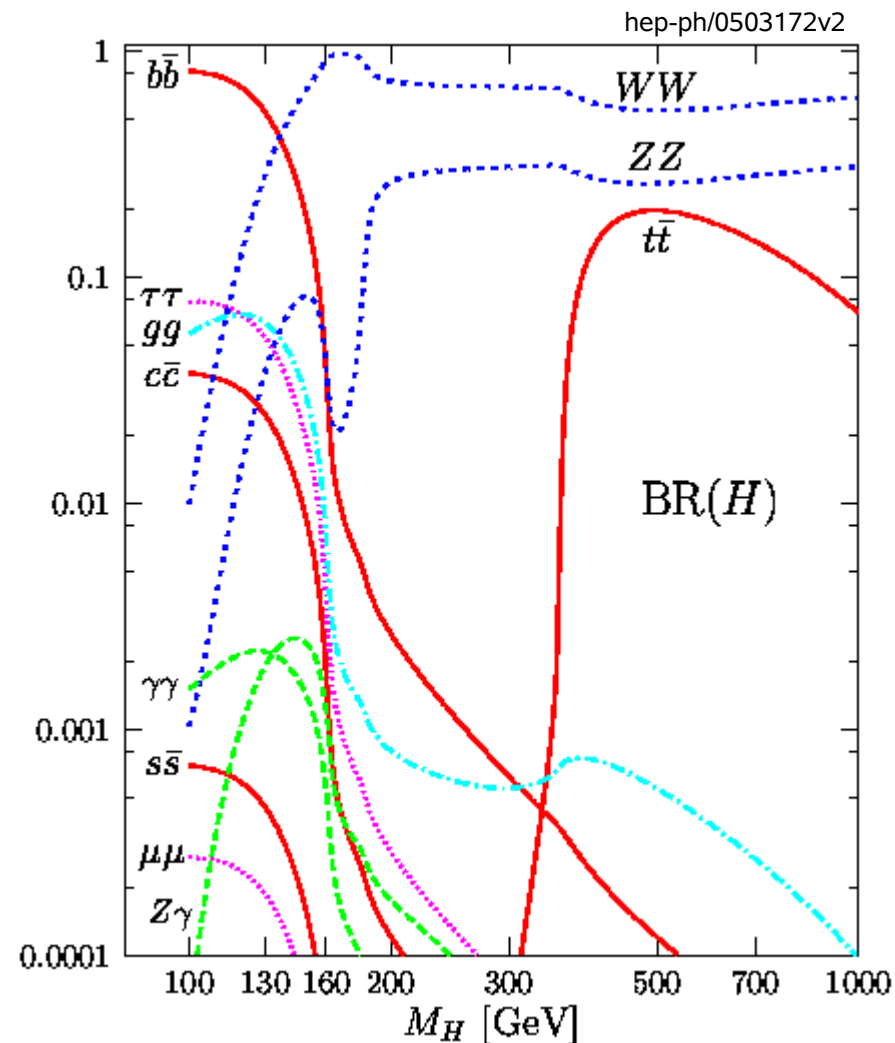
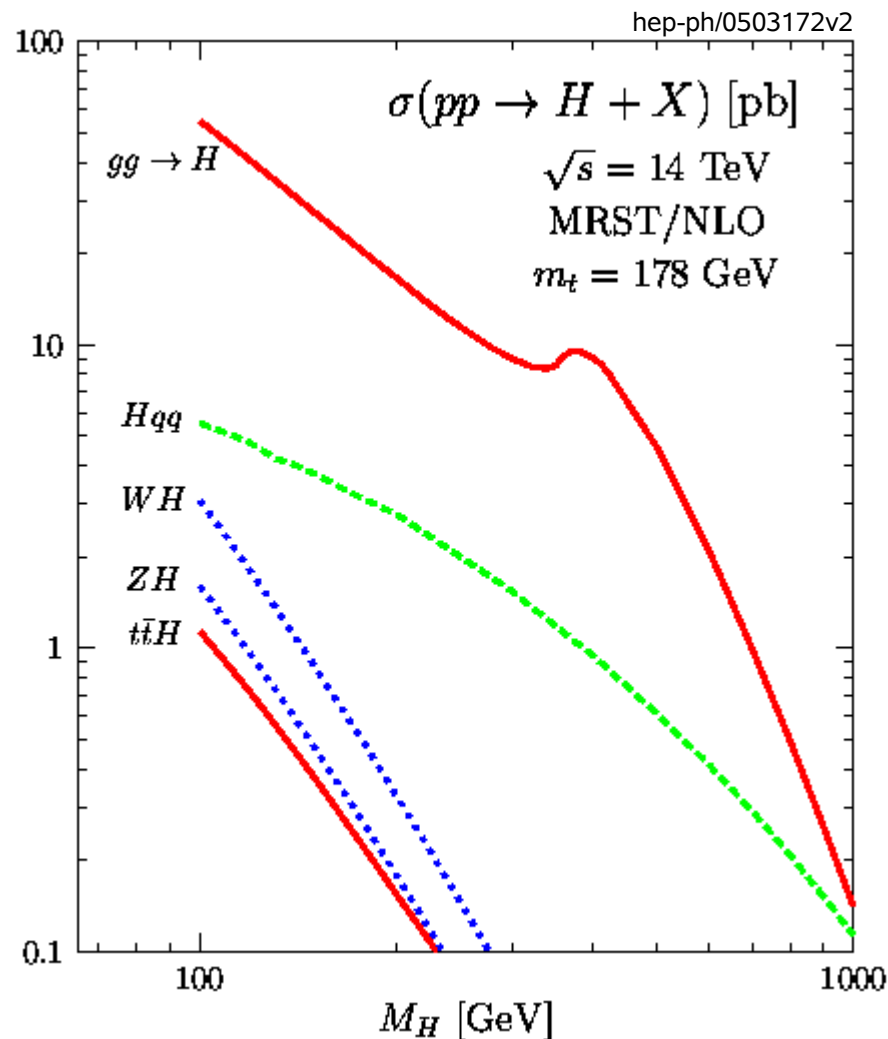
# H to 4 leptons

## Outline:

- Introduction
- The work so far
- Possible improvements after the CSC note
- Ready for real data?

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# Higgs Production and Decay at the LHC



- **Dominant process:** gluon-gluon fusion  $\sim 10$ - $20\%$  uncert.
- **LEP Direct Limit:**  $M_H > 114.4$  GeV @ 95% CL

# Higgs To Four Leptons

- **The “golden channel”**
  - Clean signal on top of smooth background
    - Narrow mass peak due to full event reconstruction
  - Only electrons and muons involved
    - Multiple sub-channels:  $4e$ ,  $4\mu$ ,  $2e2\mu$
    - Simple trigger set-up: high  $P_T$  single and di-lepton triggers
    - First objects to be understood in ATLAS
  - High branching ratio in a wide mass range
- **Challenges**
  - Low statistics ( $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $Z \rightarrow ee$  BR  $\approx 3.37\%$ )
    - Good lepton identification required
  - Only one on-shell Z at low Higgs masses
    - Low  $P_T$  leptons required

# Background Processes

- **Irreducible**

- $qq \rightarrow ZZ^*/\gamma^* \rightarrow 4l$

- NLO derived from LO PYTHIA + K-factor from MCFM

- $gg \rightarrow ZZ^*/\gamma^* \rightarrow 4l$

- Added as 30% correction to  $qq \rightarrow ZZ^*$  LO x-section

- **Reducible**

- $gg \rightarrow Zbb \rightarrow 2lbb$

- NLO derived from LO AcerMC + K-factor from MCFM

- $qq \rightarrow Zbb \rightarrow 2lbb$

- Added as 8.6pb correction to  $gg \rightarrow Zbb$  LO x-section

- $gg, qq \rightarrow tt$

- NLO MC@NLO + Jimmy

- **Additional possible sources of background**

- $qq \rightarrow WZ$

- $gg \rightarrow Z+X$

$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} \cdot \text{BR}$  [fb]

$2 \times 10^2$

$6 \times 10^1$

$7 \times 10^4$

$1 \times 10^4$

$8 \times 10^5$

# The Analysis Framework

- **ATLAS Software releases 13 and 14**
  - **Athena / AthenaROOTAccess**
    - Use / validation of standard tools
    - AOD or DPD with in future maybe included user data
- **Monte Carlo samples available on the Grid**
  - **Signal samples**
    - Ideal geometry / misaligned / pile-up
    - Different mass points: 120 GeV up to 600 GeV
    - In this presentation: Higgs mass 130 GeV
  - **Background samples**
    - Misaligned
    - Sample sizes: 70k up to 500k events per channel

see tutorial by  
Bruno and Christos

see talk by  
Alessia

# The Analysis Strategy

- **Signal selection**

- **Aim: trigger on signal**

- Cuts on  $P_T$  distribution of leptons
    - Cuts on di-lepton mass  $m_{ll}$

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- **Background Rejection**

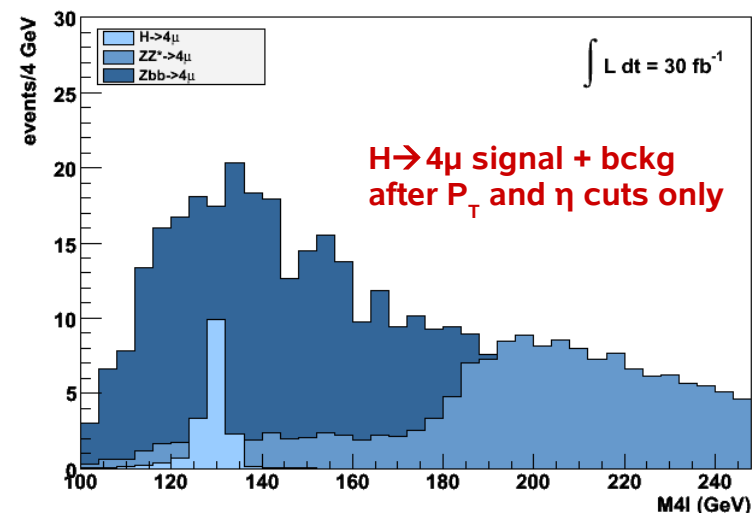
- **Aim: reject the reducible background well below the irreducible background (protection against theoretical uncertainties)**

- Isolation cuts
    - Impact parameter of leptons,  $\chi^2$  of common vertex of 4l

- **Higgs mass reconstruction**

- **Aim: improve mass resolution**

- Combined reconstruction (calo + ID, Muon Spectrometer + ID)
    - Z mass constraint (Breit-Wigner + Gaussian distribution)



# Lepton Identification

- **Good Lepton Identification essential**

- **Electrons**

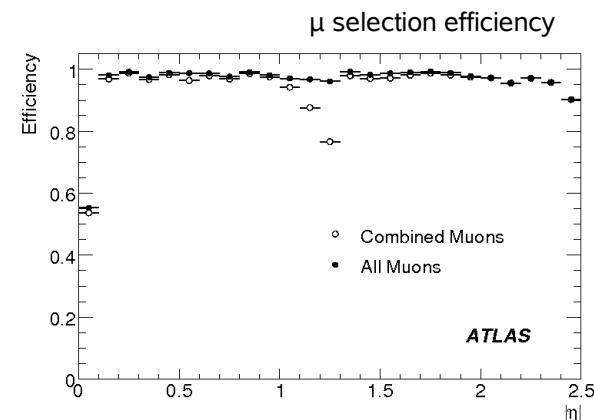
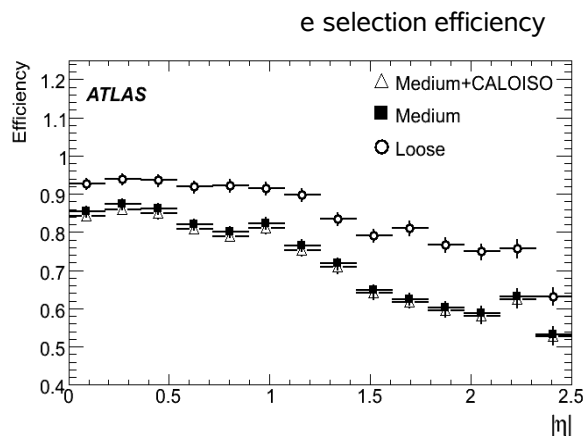
- Cluster in LAr EM-Calorimeter
- Inner Detector track associated with the cluster
- Consistency of shower shape of the cluster with an electron
- Inconsistency of shower shape of the cluster with  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Hits in the Pixel and SCT detector required

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Nicolas

- **Muons**

- STACO: Combined reconstruction of tracks in ID and Muon Spectrometer
- MuTag: Tagging ID tracks with track segments in the Muon Spectrometer

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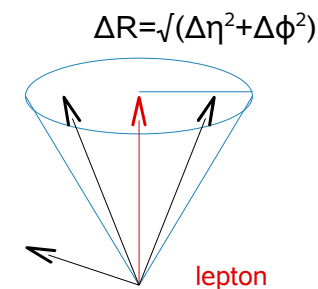


# Background Rejection

- **Track isolation**

- Zbb and tt background shows activity around leptons from heavy quark decays

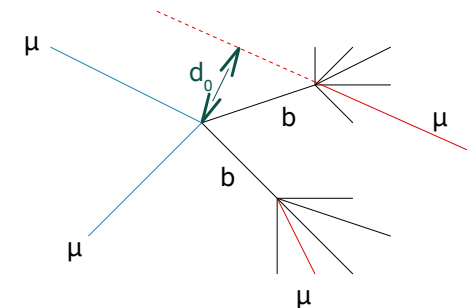
- Cut on  $\Sigma P_T/P_T^\mu$  in cone  $\Delta R$  (Inner Detector)
- Cut on  $\Sigma E_T/P_T^\mu$  in cone  $\Delta R$  (Calorimeter)



- **Impact parameter** (transverse distance of closest approach)

- Leptons from b- and c-decays come from secondary vertices

- Cut on significance:  $d_0/\sigma(d_0)$





# Higgs Mass Reconstruction

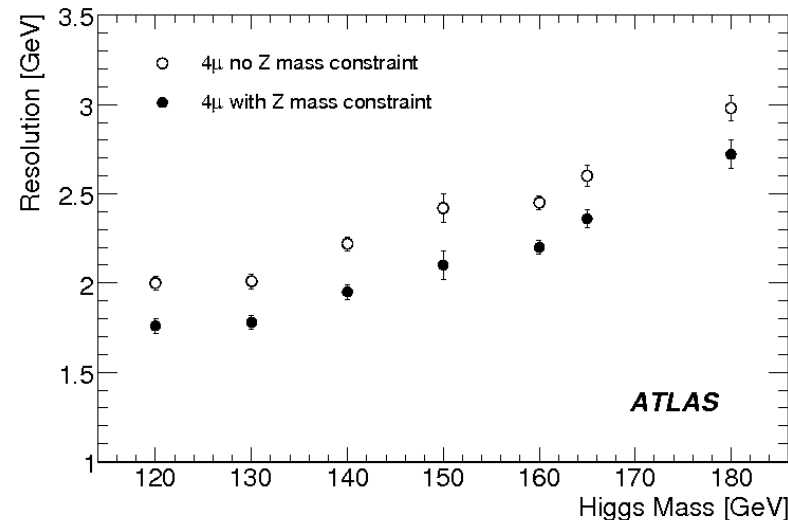
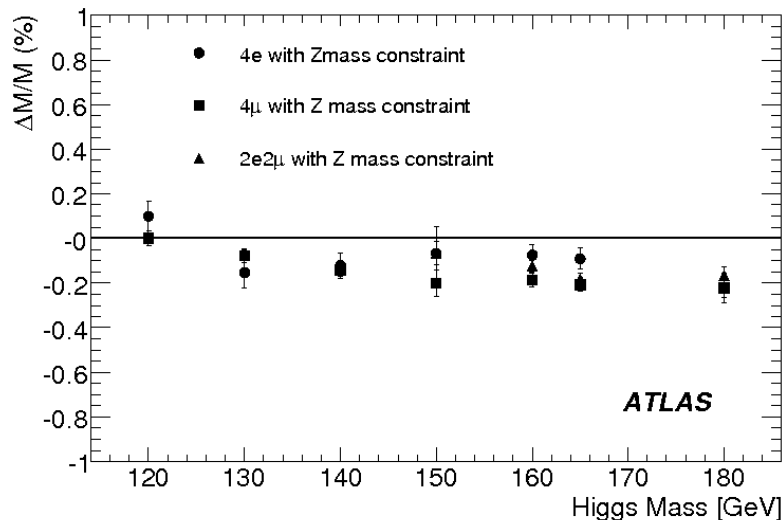
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- **Higgs mass reconstruction**

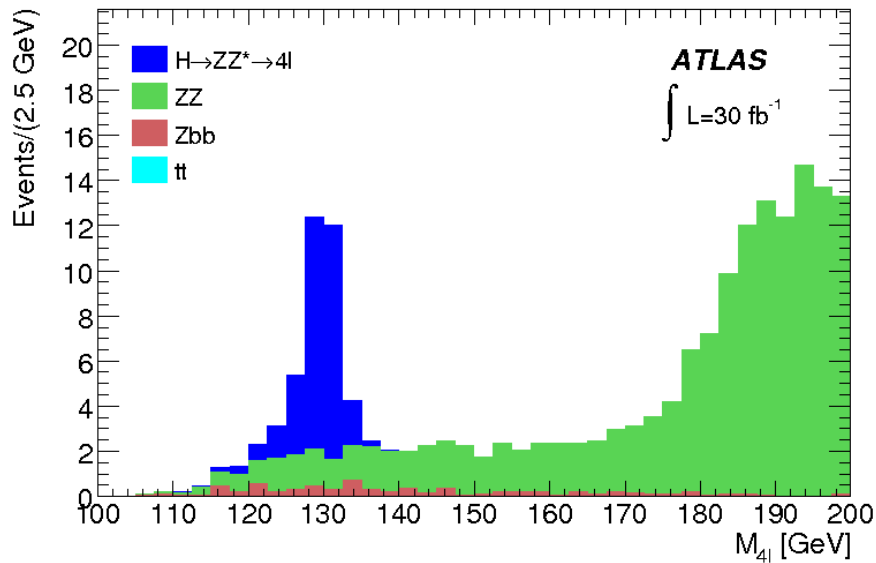
- Measurement of Higgs mass needs good lepton energy resolution
- Calibration of lepton energy using  $Z \rightarrow ll$ 
  - Electron energy corrected by 1% to account for material effects

- **Higgs width varies rapidly over mass range**

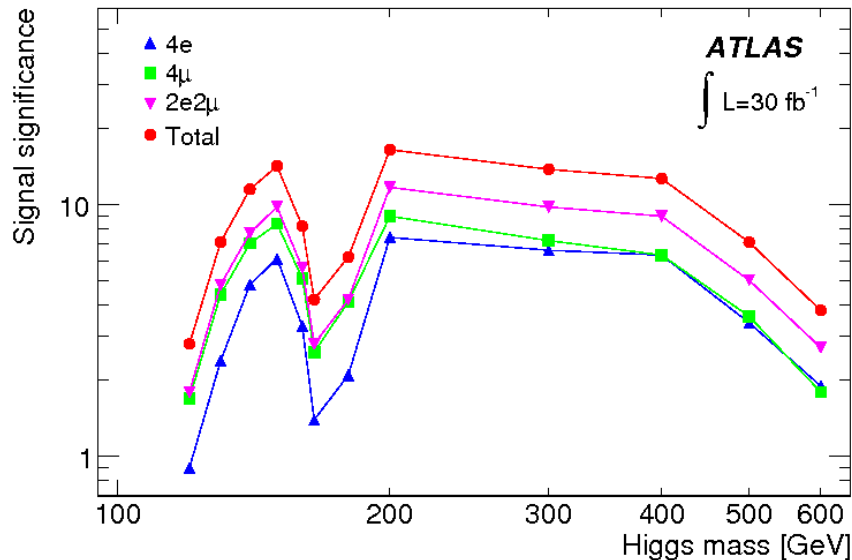
- Above  $\sim 200$  GeV natural width exceeds detector resolution
- For low masses good resolution is crucial for discovery
  - Use on-shell Z mass constrain fit



# Higgs To Four Leptons CSC Note

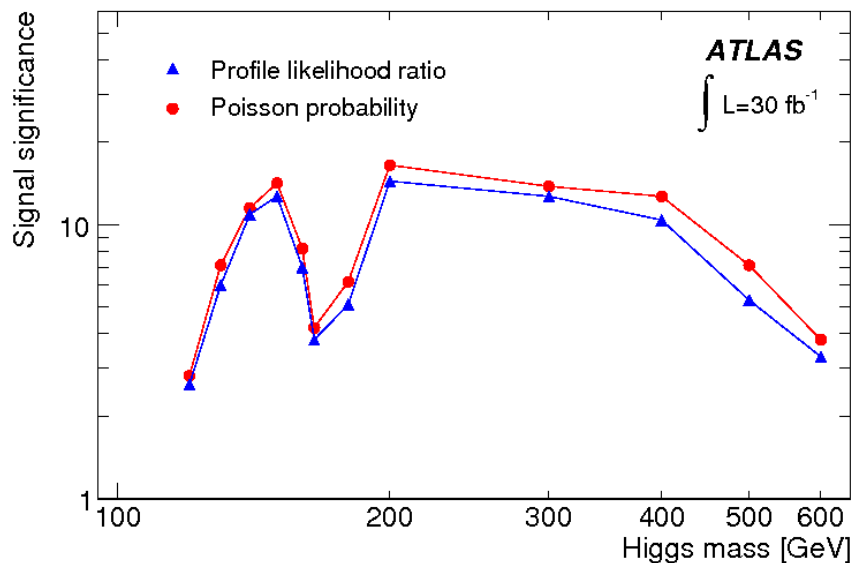


Selection cut	Signal ( $m_H=130 \text{ GeV}$ )		
	4e	4 $\mu$	2e2 $\mu$
Trigger selection	94.7	95.3	95.7
Lepton preselection	57.0	73.8	66.8
Lepton quality and $P_T$	24.7	60.5	39.7
Z's mass cut	17.1	42.9	27.6
Calo Isolation	17.1	39.5	25.4
Tracker Isolation	16.5	38.1	24.7
IP cut	15.1	36.5	23.2
H mass cut	$12.5 \pm 0.3$	$31.4 \pm 0.5$	$19.2 \pm 0.4$

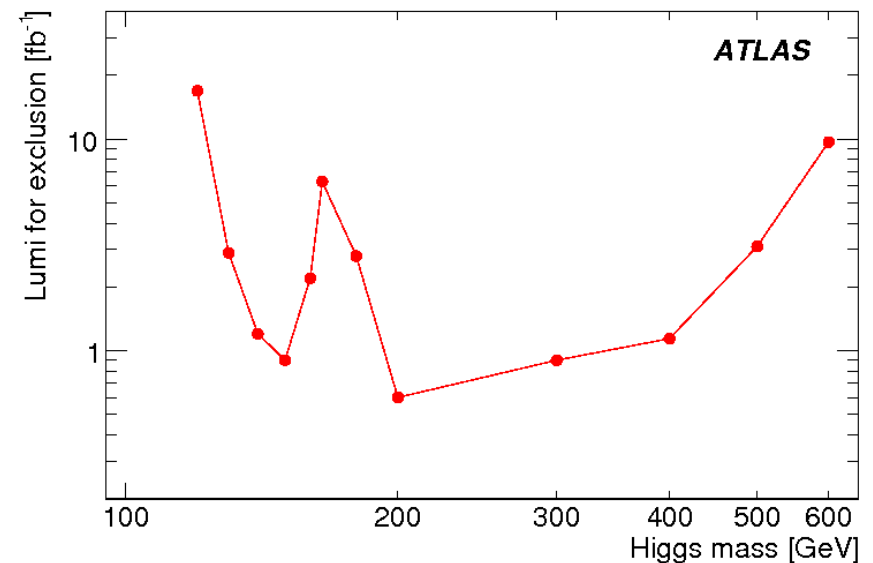


# Significance Extraction

- **Different ways how to extract the signal significance**
  - **Using Poisson statistics**
    - Good description by Monte Carlo needed
  - **Use sidebands to determine the background**
    - Good description by fit function needed



- Sideband fit result
- Counting result



95% exclusion limit

# Significance Extraction From A Sideband Fit

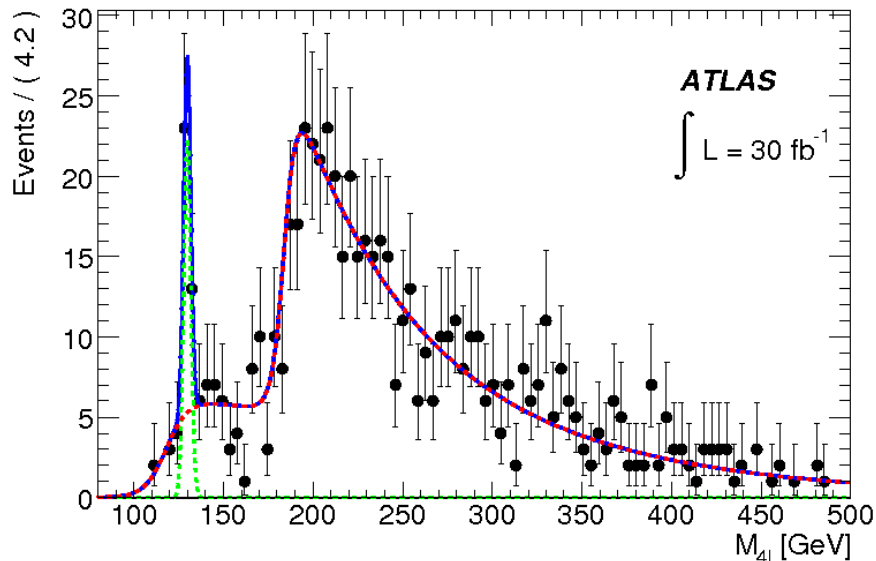
- **Background normalization error depends on statistics in the sideband and knowledge of the shape**

- **When using the full sideband fit**
  - + More statistics
  - Larger uncertainty due to complex shape
- **Only use near sideband for the fit**
  - + Much simpler shape
  - Less statistics

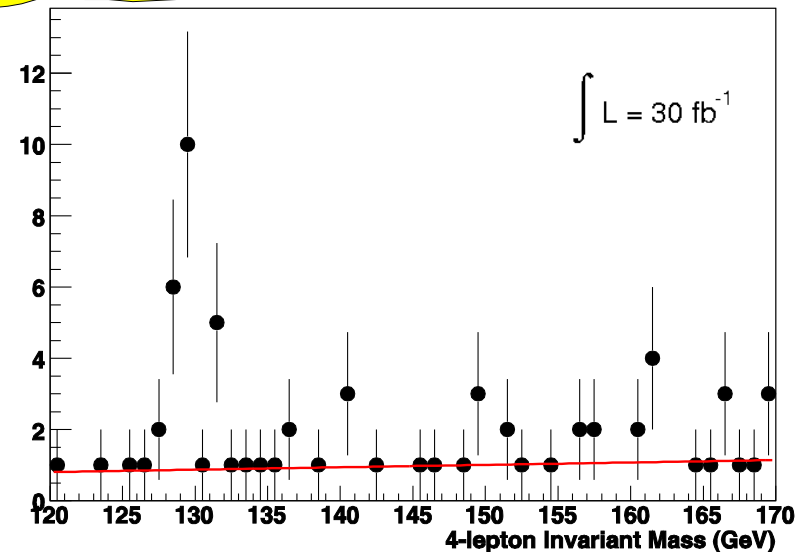
Method	Significance
(m <sub>H</sub> =130 GeV and  L =30 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	
Poisson Statistics (no sys.)	7.1
Profile Likelihood (full sideband)	5.98
Profile Likelihood (near sideband)	4.62
Approx. frequentist	4.69
Numerical frequentist	4.6±0.2

“Background and Signal Estimation for a low mass Higgs Boson at the LHC”  
Paganis, Tovey EPJC (June/2008)

**No look-elsewhere effect yet!**



**Background fit: Combination of Fermi functions**



**Background fit: straight line**

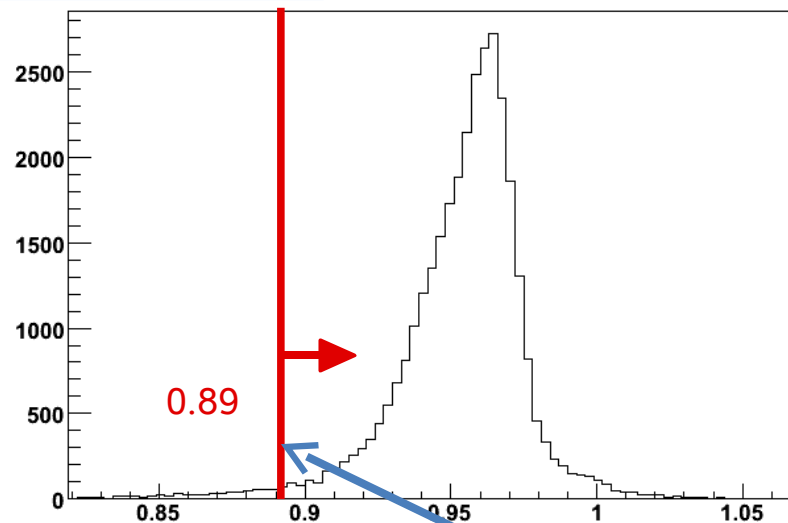
# Beyond CSC note

- **CSC analysis is done, so are we done yet?**
- **There is room for improvements e.g.**
  - Electron Identification
  - Impact parameter determination
  - Track  $\chi^2$
  - Track Isolation
  - ...

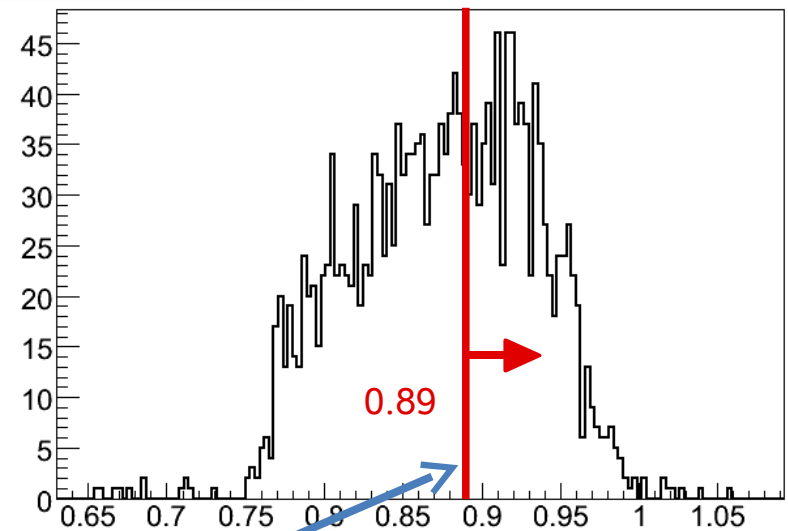
# Studies On $Z \rightarrow ee$ Inclusive Sample

- **Problem with standard medium identification cuts on electrons**
  - Z inclusive background  $\sim 20$  times higher than  $Zbb$  and  $\sim 2$  times higher than  $ZZ$
- **Test of IsEM cuts on signal electrons and fake electrons**
  - **Signal electrons:** electrons from  $Z, Z^*$  in a Higgs sample
  - **Fake electrons:** hadrons passing cuts in the  $Z \rightarrow ee$  inclusive sample

3x7/7x7 (signal)



3x7/7x7 (fakes)



optimised cut value

# Estimate Of Required Fake Rejection

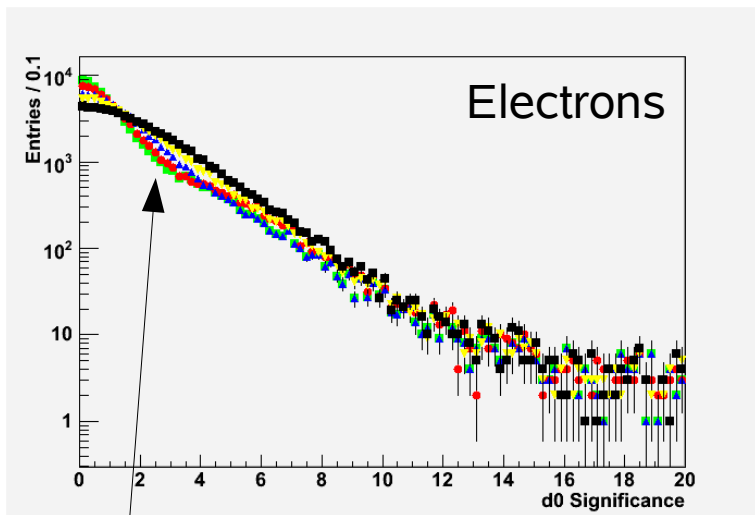
- **We need to make sure, that we control the background**
  - Aim:  $Z \rightarrow ee$  below 10% of  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4e$ 
    - $Z \rightarrow ee$  cross section: 1.4 nb
    - $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4e$  cross section 8.5 fb with sel. efficiency  $\sim 30\%$
    - $8.5 \text{ fb} \times 30\% \times 10\% = 1.4 \text{ nb} \times \text{sel. efficiency} \times (\text{rejection})^{-1}$
  - Required rejection before selection:  $\sim 5 \times 10^6$
  - Achieved rejection with medium cuts:  $\sim 2 \times 10^5$
- **Composition of the remaining background after medium cuts:**
  - $\sim 60\%$       2 e from Z + 2 fakes
  - $\sim 30\%$       2 e from Z + 1 fake + 1 e from photon conversion
  - $\sim 10\%$       2 e from Z + 2 e from photon conversion
- **Jet rejection for various IsEM settings is (for  $p_T > 8 \text{ GeV}$ ):**
  - Loose:                       $\sim 180$       (with electron efficiency of 86.9 %)
  - Medium:                       $\sim 500$       (with electron efficiency of 76.0 %)
  - Medium + CalIso:       $\sim 900$       (with electron efficiency of 75.8 %)
  - Tight:                       $\sim 45000$  (with electron efficiency of 67 %)

# IsEM Optimisation

- **Desired jet rejection: ~3200**
  - Medium cut too low / tight cut too drastic
- **Optimisation of electron cuts for the  $H \rightarrow 4l$  analysis**
  - Analysing  $Z \rightarrow ee$  inclusive sample
  - Cut values derived using TMVA (multivariate analysis)
- **Two sets of cuts:**
  - **Set optimised for high efficiency**
    - jet rejection: 3801 → factor 8 improvement to 'medium'
    - Electron efficiency: 79.3% → 5% increase to 'medium'
  - **Set optimised for high rejection**
    - jet rejection: 8247
    - Electron efficiency: 74.5%
- **Remark:**
  - Currently this is all back-on-the-envelope estimation
  - Study ongoing with  $Z \rightarrow ee$  inclusive sample with 5M events



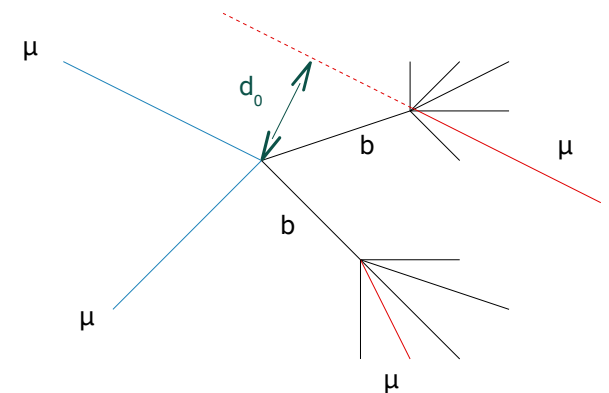
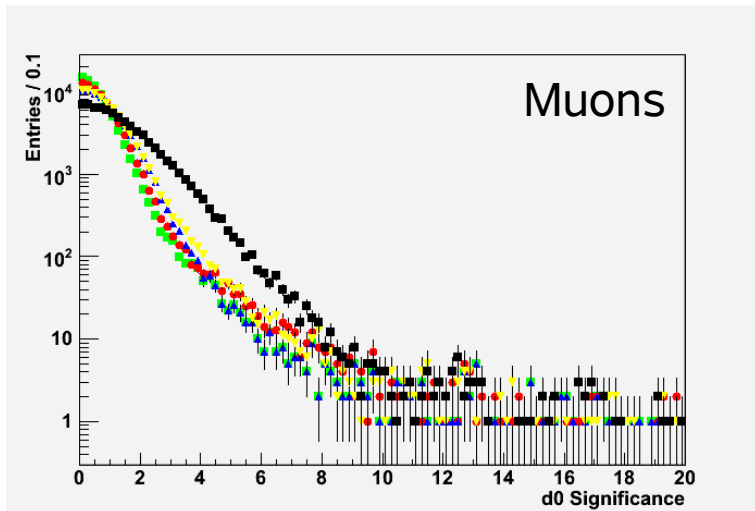
# Impact Parameter Studies



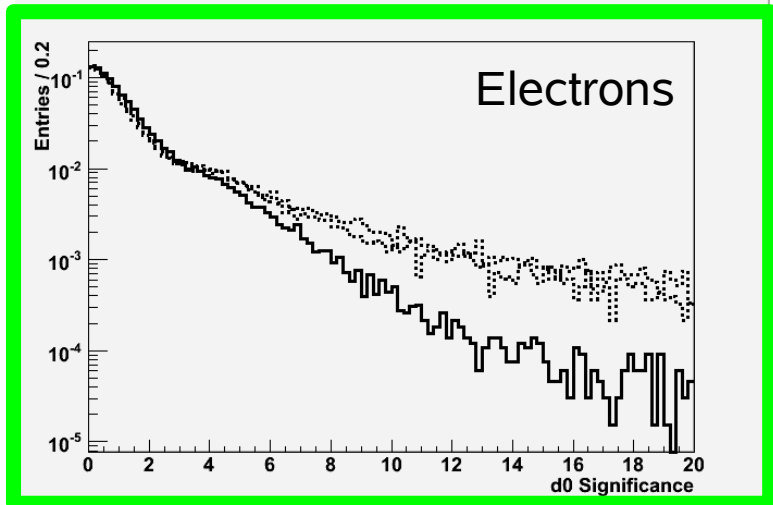
kinks observe in 3) and 4)

## $d_0$ calculated with respect to...

- 1) ...nominal interaction point
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses only error on reconstructed track
- 2) ...simulated primary vertex
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses only error on reconstructed track
- 3) ...reconstructed primary vertex using all tracks
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses only error on reconstructed track
- 4) ...reconstructed primary vertex using all tracks (used in CSC note)
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses error on reconstructed track and error on primary vertex
- 5) ...reconstructed primary vertex using all tracks but current one
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses error on reconstructed track and error on primary vertex

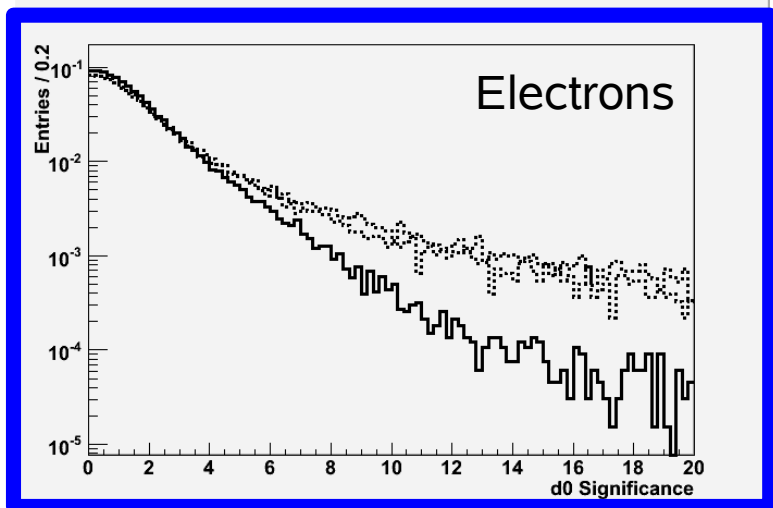


# Impact Parameter for Electrons



$d_0$  calculated with respect to...

- 4) ...reconstructed primary vertex using all tracks (used in CSC note)
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses error on reconstructed track and error on primary vertex
- 5) ...reconstructed primary vertex using all tracks but current one
  - $\sigma(d_0)$  uses error on reconstructed track and error on primary vertex



Solid line: signal

Dashed lines:  $t\bar{t}$  and  $Z\bar{b}b$  backgrounds

Histograms are normalized to the individual total numbers of events and then superimposed.

Including the current track in the  $d_0$  calculation can lead to a biased  $d_0$  significance result  $d_0/\sigma(d_0)$

# First Data

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- **Verify that the detector works**
  - analyse properties as close to the hardware as possible
- **Verify lepton identification**
  - use well known processes like  $Z \rightarrow ll$
  - at  $10\text{pb}^{-1}$  with  $\sqrt{s}=14\text{TeV}$  about 5k  $Z \rightarrow ll$  expected (after cuts)
- **Prove that we understand the detector**
  - verify Standard Model properties
- **Prove that we have the background under control**
  - Estimate the background from data
- **Significances depend on  $m_H$  and knowledge of background**
  - for  $1\text{fb}^{-1}$  : between 0.5 and 2.5
  - for  $5\text{fb}^{-1}$  : between 1.0 and 5.9

# Outlook

- **A first step has been done with the CSC note**
  - We have seen, that it is feasible
- **We have seen, that there is room for improvements**
  - Improved electron identification cuts
  - Improved impact parameter treatment
  - Other studies ongoing
- **Now we need to prepare ourselves for real data**
  - The next months will be an exciting time