Direct photon measurements in ATLAS

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Deep Inelastic Scattering Workshop
Motivation

- Prompt photons: those photons produced during hard QCD scattering
  - Produced at the beam interaction point
  - NOT those produced by decay of hadrons
  - More isolated than photons resulting from hadronic decays

- Prompt photon production cross-section is sensitive to gluon PDF
  - Dominant production process is Compton scattering

- Prompt photon pairs are also signatures of new physics
  - Standard Model Higgs boson search
  - Randall-Sundrum Graviton
  - Universal Extra Dimensions
ATLAS @ LHC

Collision Energy $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

2010 collected data $\sim 40$ pb$^{-1}$

2011 collected data $\sim 26$ pb$^{-1}$

Expected data by July 2011 $\sim 500$ pb$^{-1}$
ATLAS electromagnetic calorimeter

Liquid Argon calorimeter
Barrel $|\eta| < 1.475$
Endcap $1.375 < |\eta| < 3.2$

**Depth segmentation allows measurement of photon direction**

Energy resolution:  
$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 0.7\%$$

Angular Resolution:  
$$\frac{0.05 \text{ rad}}{\sqrt{E}}$$

Cells size in the core (second layer):  
$\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.025 \times 0.025$
ATLAS Inner Detector

- Electron/photon discrimination
  - Based on track matching
  - Important for converted photon identification (~30% of all photons)
    - Based on vertex position

Pixel Tracker: 3 layers
  resolution 0.01 mm

Semi-Conducting Tracker: 4 layers (8 hits per track)
  resolution 0.017 mm

Transition Radiation Tracker: ~36 hits per track
  resolution 0.13 mm

Amount of material in the Inner Detector as a function of $\eta$
Photon Identification

- Hadronic background is suppressed using shower shape variables
  - Converted and unconverted photons have the same selection criteria for "loose"
    - Based on the hadronic leakage behind the EM calorimeter and lateral leakage and lateral width in the middle layer of EM calorimeter
  - "Tight" photon selection criteria are based on information from highly segmented front layer
    - Especially powerful to discriminate against $\pi^0$

![Prompt photon candidate](image1)

![$\pi^0$ candidate](image2)
Photon Isolation

- Energy in the electromagnetic calorimeter in a cone of $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta \eta^2 + \Delta \phi^2} < 0.4$
- Correction for out of core leakage applied
- Underlying event energy correction (pile-up dependent)
  - Applied on event by event basis
  - With 1 primary vertex: 540 MeV / Unit Area

Cacciari et al - JHEP 04 (2010) 065

\[ R = \sqrt{\eta^2 + \phi^2} \]
Two measurements of the direct photon cross-section have been released:

- Low $E_T$ range with earlier data (0.88 pb$^{-1}$)  
  http://arxiv.org/abs/1012.4389  
  - $|\eta| < 1.37$ and $1.52 < |\eta| < 1.81$; 15 GeV < $E_T$ < 100 GeV

- Result on full 2010 dataset (35 pb$^{-1}$)  
  ATLAS-CONF-2011-058  
  Focus of this talk  
  - $|\eta| < 1.37$ and $1.52 < |\eta| < 2.37$; 45 GeV < $E_T$ < 400 GeV

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\frac{d\sigma}{dE_T^\gamma} = \frac{N_{\text{yield}} U}{(\int \mathcal{L} dt) \Delta E_T^\gamma \varepsilon_{\text{trigger}} \varepsilon_{\text{reco}} \varepsilon_{\text{ID}}}
\]

- $N_{\text{yield}}$ is the number of photon events after background subtraction
- $U$ is the inversed bin migration matrix of photon's $E_T$
  - Takes into account photon energy resolution
  - Based on MC study
  - $\varepsilon$ efficiencies corresponding to trigger, photon reconstruction and photon identification
  - $\Delta E_T - E_T$ bin size
Background Subtraction

- Jet background is estimated with 2D sideband method
  - Signal leakage to background regions is subtracted from the background numbers using MC results

\[
N_A^{yield} = N_A - N_A^{bkg} = N_A - R^{bkg} \left( \frac{N_B^{obs} - N_B^{sig}}{N_D^{obs} - N_D^{sig}} \right) \left( \frac{N_C^{obs} - N_C^{sig}}{N_B^{obs} - N_B^{sig}} \right)
\]

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R^{bkg} = \frac{N_A^{bkg} N_D^{bkg}}{N_C^{bkg} N_B^{bkg}}
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c_x = \frac{N_x^{sig}}{N_A^{sig}}
\]

from MC

Correlation between isolation and reversed cuts for the background is small (leads to < 3.8% systematics)

Background from isolated electrons is estimated at 1.2% in low \( \eta \) and 1.7% at high \( \eta \) using electron-photon fake rate measured in data
Photon Purity

**880 nb\(^{-1}\) data**

- Low purity at \(E_T < 30\) GeV
- High purity with \(E_T > 100\) GeV

**35 pb\(^{-1}\) data**

- \(|\eta| < 0.6\)
- \(0.6 \leq |\eta| < 1.37\)
- \(1.52 < |\eta| < 1.81\)
- \(1.81 \leq |\eta| < 2.37\)
Trigger and reconstruction Efficiencies

- \( \epsilon_{\text{reco}} \) is taken from detector simulation \( \epsilon_{\text{reco}} = \frac{N_{\text{isolated}}}{N_{\text{all prompt}}^{\text{true isolated}}} \)

- Sensitive to detector's disabled regions
  - Fixed during winter shutdown

- \( \epsilon_{\text{reco}} \) is 80-85% in the Barrel, 70-78% in the Endcap

Trigger efficiency for 880 nb\(^{-1}\) analysis

- \( E_T \) threshold 10 GeV
- Efficiency with \( E_T > 15 \) GeV is 99.5%

Trigger efficiency for 45 pb\(^{-1}\) analysis

- \( E_T \) threshold 40 GeV
- Efficiency with \( E_T > 45 \) GeV is 99.4%
Photon Identification Efficiency

- Photon identification efficiency is estimated from MC using modified shower shape variables to match data
- Efficiencies and shower shapes are compared to electron's shower shapes from W decay

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Cross-section results vs CTEQ6.6 prediction

- Using JETPHOX
  - hep-ph/0204023
  - Phys. Rev. D 73, 094007

- Full 2010 dataset
- ATLAS-CONF-2011-058
- High $E_T$ measurement
- PDFs from CTEQ6.6
Cross-section results vs CTEQ6.6 prediction (2)

- 880 nb⁻¹ dataset
- Lower \( E_T \) measurement
- PDFs from CTEQ6.6
- Phys. Rev. D 83, 052005 (2011)
PDF uncertainties

- Comparing theoretical cross-section prediction and uncertainty with CTEQ6.6 and MSTW08 PDF distributions
- Using JETPHOX with NLO calculation
- Renormalization, fragmentation, and factorization scales are chosen to be at photon’s transverse energy
- Scale uncertainty estimated by independently varying the scales from 0.5 to 2.0 $E_T$
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Diphoton mass spectrum

- Diphoton mass spectrum from $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ search
  
  *ATLAS-CONF-2011-025*

- $75 \pm 13$ out of 99 events are expected to be from direct diphoton events.

  - 2D sidebands method applied for both selected photons.

  - **Solid blue**: sum of all backgrounds predicted by theory, normalized to data luminosity

  - **Brown and yellow bands**: the sum of uncertainties for the reducible and irreducible background.

  - **Result**: Excluded Higgs signal with 7-40 times SM Higgs Boson production cross-section

- Diphoton invariant mass spectrum from the Randall-Sundrum Graviton search
  
  *ATLAS-CONF-2011-044*

- Photons for this analysis pass “Loose” cuts

- No isolation required

  - **Result**: RS Gravitons are excluded below 545 GeV (920 GeV) for the RS coupling constant 0.02 (0.1)
Conclusions

- High purity and efficiency of photon reconstruction at higher $E_T$

- Prompt photon cross-section is measured in 4 different $\eta$ regions in a wide range of $E_T$, $15$ GeV $< E_T < 400$ GeV ($0.004 < x < 0.114$)

- Agreement with theory at high $E_T$

- Low $E_T$ spectrum requires more understanding

- Using prompt photons to search for new particles in diphoton spectrum sets a limit on SM Higgs cross-section and RS Graviton mass.

- We already have more than 50% of the amount of data we had last year; more results from analyses using prompt photons can be expected this summer!
Additional Information
Photon Reconstruction

- Photon reconstruction starts with a sliding window algorithm to find energy deposition in the calorimeter in the $\Delta\eta \times \Delta\varphi = 0.075 \times 0.125$ size windows.
- Checks if cluster corresponds to a photon candidate.
  - If there is no track associated, reconstruct the candidate as an unconverted photon.
  - If there is a track associated, the candidate is considered as an electron, but can be recovered:
    - If there is a conversion vertex found, the candidate is reconstructed as a converted photon.
- Converted and unconverted photons have different cluster size, energy calibration and cuts for the discriminating variables.
Energy calibration

- Energy calibration includes correction for the energy loss in the upstream material and the leakage behind electromagnetic calorimeter
- Calibration is based on test beam studies
- The in-situ calibration with data is performed
  - Reduced uncertainty on the amount of upstream material
  - Calorimeter performance is improved using Z mass reconstruction with $Z \rightarrow ee$ events in data
- Correction coefficients for energy rescale are extracted from this study
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## Summary of Systematic Effects

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Cross-Section vs CTEQ6.6 combined

ATLAS Preliminary

0.0 < |η| < 0.6

0.8 < |η| < 1.37

0.92 < |η| < 1.61

ATLAS Preliminary

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Cross-Section vs MSTW combined
Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ exclusion limit

Background decomposition:
Dashed lines – expected from MC
Dots – output from 2 x 2D sideband on data

Power constrain limit

CLs limit
New Physics Searches: Graviton

- Event display of highest mass diphoton event observed with ATLAS with photons passing “tight” requirement $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 679$ GeV

- Observed mass spectrum (points), expected background (red line) and signals of mass 550, 700 and 1000 GeV with couplings $k/M_{Pl} = 0.03, 0.05$ and 0.11, respectively (blue dash)