# Cut based $H \to \gamma \gamma$ analysis example using CMS Open Data

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#### 1 Introduction

This analysis example is thought to be an introduction into Higgs analysis using the CMS Open Data. To compare to already published results as in [1] and [2] the  $H \to \gamma \gamma$  decay channel is used in this analysis. Also not the *multivariate analysis* (MVA) is performed, but an alternative cut based analysis. This approach was also used in the 2011 analysis [1].

To run this analysis the usage of CernVM is recommended, as this provides an environment ready for CMS analyses. If you have other resources to run CMS analyses, you can use these as well.

The next two sections we explain how you can setup all needed tools and run the basic analysis. In the following sections we introduce you to the structure of the source code and how to modify specific parts of the analysis.

# 2 Environment setup

In this section we assume that you are running the analysis on a CernVM.

First we need to setup a working area, where the CMS environment is setup and the code will be copied to.

```
mkdir WorkingArea

cd WorkingArea

cmsrel CMSSW_5_3_32

cd ./CMSSW_5_3_32/src

cmsenv
```

All tools used in the analysis are ready to use. We can clone the analysis source code from the GitHub repository and compile it.

```
git clone https://github.com/christian512/hgg-2011.git
```

As a last step of the setup, databases for accessing the datasets (AOD files) from CERN website are linked.

```
cd hgg-2011/Analyzer
ln -sf /cvmfs/cms-opendata-conddb.cern.ch/FT_53_LV5_AN1_RUNA FT_53_LV5_AN1
ln -sf /cvmfs/cms-opendata-conddb.cern.ch/START53_LV6A1 START53_LV6A1
```

Now we are ready to start a run of the analysis.

## 3 Running the analysis

The analysis is split into two parts: Analyzer and PostAnalyzer.

First we need to convert the raw datasets (AOD files) from the CERN server to ntuples, which are stored locally. We provide a simple shell script (hgg-2011/Analyzer/run.sh) to do so. Please take a look inside the script before you run it to get a general understanding of how it calls the analyzer. Before we run the analysis we compile the Analyzer again. Note that the shell script can be called with four different arguments to process different datasets or MonteCarlo simulations. Beware that if you run the analysis on the CernVM this process can take weeks. If you have a computer cluster available, which can handle CMS environment as setup above, you need to edit the shell script to submit jobs to the cluster.

During the analyzer run some soft cuts are applied on the raw datasets to only return events, which are interessting for further analysis.

```
cd hgg-2011/Analyzer
scram b
./run.sh 1
./run.sh 2
./run.sh 3
./run.sh 4
```

The analyzer creates ROOT-ntuples which we need to move to the PostAnalyzer directory for further analysis.

```
cd hgg-2011/
mv Analyzer/ntuples-data PostAnalyzer
mv Analyzer/ntuples-mc PostAnalyzer
```

To apply the cuts on the ntuples, plot corresponding mass distributions and a simplified significance test we provide three C++ scripts to run. The execution of these scripts should not take longer than two minutes (even on CernVM).

```
cd hgg-2011/PostAnalyzer
./compile.sh
./hggMakeHist
./hggMakePlots
./pvalPlot
```

This creates plots in the director hgg-2011/PostAnalyzer/plots, which can be compared to the results of the plots provided in the published results [1] and [2].

If you are interested in improving the analysis or use this as a template for other analysis purposes you can read through the following sections which give a deeper insight of the source code.

#### 4 Structure

The most important parts of the used data structure are summarized in figure 1. As stated before in the Analyzer.cc only soft precuts are applied to reduce the number of events in the ntuples. The cuts (in final version) are applied in the selection.h. eventReco.h delivers a framework for easier access and data storage of the histograms. Also it helps with analyzing data and MC - simulations. hggMakePlots.cxx uses the histograms and create plots for the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  mass distribution. These plots serve as an example and can be optimized for several use cases. In the current state, these can be directly compared to plots from the papers.

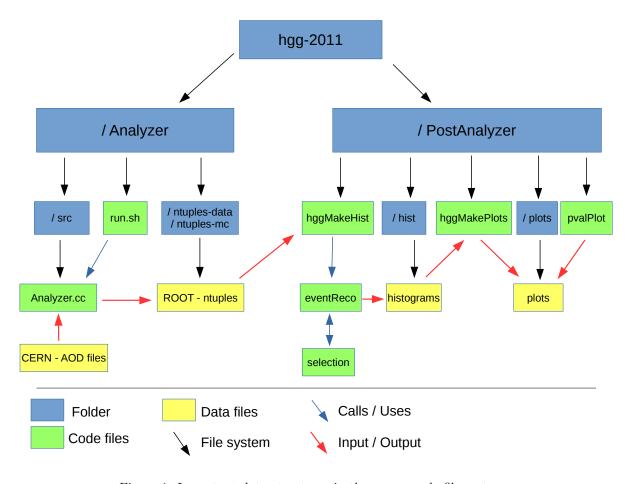


Figure 1: Important data structures in the source code file system.

# 5 Adding more variables to the ntuples

To expand the analysis and use more variables these need to be added to the ntuples. As this requires a rerun of the Analyzer, variables should be chosen wisely beforehand.

In the analyzer a local variable/array is created for each variable in the ntuples. Afterwards this variable is added to a ROOT - Tree, which is then stored as the ntuple-file. For example below the implementation of the ratio of hadronic- to electromagnetic-energy  $(\frac{H}{E})$  is shown in the Analyzer.cc.

```
//...
//Set the array values
_phHadronicOverEm[_Nph] = it ->hadronicOverEm();
//...
}
```

To use this variables then in the PostAnalyzer we need to add them to the Tree which we use there. This is done by editing the file hgg-2011/PostAnalyzer/tree.h. Here again an example for the  $\frac{H}{E}$  variable is shown.

The variable is now available at the tree and can be used for example in the selection.h file to provide cuts.

```
//+++++ selection.h +++++
//...
double SelectPh11(...)
{
    //...
    // Example for accessing a tree variable
    // preselTree is a ZTree-pointer here
    if( (preselTree->phHadronicOverEm[ph] > 0.082 && phClass == 3)
    //...
}
```

### References

- [1] CMS Collaboration. Search for the standard model higgs boson decaying into two photons in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  tev. 2012.
- [2] CMS Collaboration. Observation of the diphoton decay of the higgs boson and measurement of its properties. 2014.