Highlights of the Higgs Boson Measurements at the LHC

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The Accelerator : Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



2010-2012 at 7/8 TeV LS1 2015-2018 at 13 TeV with some upgrades LS2 2020-2024 at 14 TeV LS3 2025- HL-LHC

Depth underground 100-120m Perimeter ~27 km

25 nsec bunch crossing
~2700 bunches (or less)
Filled bunches < total
Protons per bunch > 10¹¹
Bunch length ~1-1.2 nsec (4σ)
Beam crossing angle ~170 µrad at collision, slightly different

The detectors : ATLAS (left) and CMS (right)



Large general purpose detectors High resolution tracking, vertexing, calorimetry Good electron and muon identification Upgrades for Run2: New innermost pixel layer (ATLAS, 2015) Pixel detector replacement (CMS, 2017) Trigger improvements to cope with ~1GHz pp interaction rate



What is pile-up ?

Because so many protons are packed in a single bunch (in order to get very high rate of partonic collisions, when these bunches cross one another, many protons interact. The

following (left) is an event with 37 pile-up from CMS and from ATLAS (right) with 25 pile-up after reconstruction. When multiple partons from the same proton interact, they are called multi-parton interaction events.



Higgs Boson Discovery and Standard Model calculations

Mass established, Nobel prize to Englert and Higgs (BEH mechanism, Brout, Englert, Higgs, Guralnik, Kibble, Hagen)



Increase in production cross-section from 8 to 13 TeV

Various decay modes & possibilities



Decay into a b-pair has highest BR, but S/B is very low....but important to measure the coupling to fermions.

Similar for decays into τ -pairs

WW* (\rightarrow Iv Iv) has a high **Branching Ratio (BR)** but with missing neutrinos, so mass resolution is poor

ZZ* (I⁺I⁻ I⁺I⁻) decay is ideal, although low BR (discovery channel)

 $\gamma\gamma$ BR is very low, but background is very well modeled, is also ideal (discovery channel)

Discovery channels $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, ZZ*

Status at the end of Run1 (7 and 8 TeV) data



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~ 10% accuracy in inclusive cross-section measurements Not quite enough for beyond SM contribution from coupling measurements (10-25%)

Bosonic decays well established, Higgs decays to invisible constrained <25-30%

ATLAS + CMS Run-1: mass of higgs boson M_h = 125.09 ± 0.24 GeV In Run2 much higher statistics and at higher energy 13 TeV

New mass measurements based on $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $h \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4I$ final states.



Combined ATLAS Run1 and 2: 124.97 \pm 0.24 GeV (\pm 0.19 stat \pm 0.13 syst) mostly from photon energy scale

Width measurement : SM width 4 MeV too small to measure directly HIGG-2017-06

CMS direct measurement $\Gamma_{\rm h}$ < 1.10 GeV @ 95% CL



Can measure from comparison of off-shell to on-shell production cross-section also

production

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\sigma_{off} \propto off-shell (prod) \bullet off-shell (decay);
but
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 $\sigma_{\rm on} \propto {\rm on-shell} ({\rm prod}) \bullet {\rm on-shell} ({\rm decay})/(\Gamma_{\rm h}/\Gamma_{\rm h}^{\rm SM})$

ATLAS Run2 new <14.4 MeV (15.2 MeV exp)





In Run2: establish Fermionic decays, precision measurements, search for any deviation from SM (with higher statistics)

Higgs decay into b-quark pair

Highest BR ~59% for h \rightarrow bb ; but hard to observe; production cross-section low

Most massive SM particles produced decay through single or two b-quarks, e.g., $Z \rightarrow bb$, t $\rightarrow bW$; also simple QCD b-quark production Extremely difficult to find b-pairs produced from h-decays

Select associated production of h with a W or a Z as the primary decay channel

Z decay is observed in two oppositely charged leptons e^+e^- or $\mu^+\mu^-$ (2-leptons) or $\nu\overline{\nu}$ (0-lepton) decays and W decay is observed in $e/\mu + \nu$ (1-lepton) decays

Leptonic decays allow separation from multi-jet backgrounds

Higgs-strahlung



Higgs decay into b-quark pair in Vh, $h \rightarrow bb$



b-identification very important, multi-variate analysis (boosted decision tree), simultaneous fit of signal and backgrounds for constraining normalization (tt-bar, V + jets with heavy flavor, shapes from MC, multijet background from data)

Evidence of decay into b-quark pair in Vh, $h \rightarrow bb$



But add other production modes for $h \rightarrow bb$, e.g., VBF (vector boson fusion), and tth (with $h \rightarrow bb$)





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Observation of Higgs boson decay into b-pair

Combining the Vh (bb), VBF h(bb) and tth (bb), both ATLAS and CMS observe h \rightarrow bb decay

From Run1 + Run2 (~80 fb⁻¹) data **Expected** sensitivity **ATLAS 5.4** σ , **CMS 5.6** σ **Observed ATLAS 5.5** σ , **CMS 5.6** σ (compatible with SM within 20%)



Search for Higgs decay into Tau-pair









lep-lep, lep-had, had-had Tau-pair decay combinations

categorize according to production mechanism: VBF, gg-fusion use visible energies from τ 's and missing p_T to estimate di-tau mass, then fit mass distribution

main background from $Z \rightarrow \tau + \tau -$, shape estimated from simulation with normalization determined through data in **control region (CR)** and fake tau's estimated with a data driven technique

Higher m_{jj} in VBF leads to higher purity of signal In gg-fusion, p_T of higgs candidate used for boosted h

Observation of Higgs decay into Tau-pair



Expected significance : CMS 5.9 σ , ATLAS 5.4 σ Observed significance : CMS 5.9 σ , ATLAS 6.4 σ

ATLAS $\mu = 1.09^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$ (stat) $^{+0.27}_{-0.22}$ (sys) $^{+0.16}_{-0.11}$ (Th. sys) .; CMS 7&8 TeV data $\mu = 0.98 \pm 0.18$

Search for higgs decay into µ-pair (2nd generation)

Similar production mechanism and main background from Z/γ^* decays into mu-pairs clean signature, but low BR, based on muon centrality (η), [$p_{T\mu\mu}$], and BDT that enhances VBF and g-g fusion contribution, $p_T > 25$ GeV



Coupling of h(125) to top quark

production of Higgs by gluon fusion happens by *indirect* coupling of t-quark pair with Higgs boson (highest), but ...

Complicated final states with 0-2 leptons, 2-6 jets, 2 b-jets h decays into $\gamma\gamma$, 4I : clean

WW, $\tau\tau$: no mass peak, need to understand background bb high BF, but very complex with tt and bb background (combinatorics) what decay modes could be exploited here ?





largest coupling to t-quark Yukawa coupling α mass



h(125) individual decay channels



Observed ATLAS 4.1σ , CMS 1.4σ

Expected ATLAS 2.80, CMS2.80 Observed ATLAS 4.1σ , CMS 3.2σ Expected ATLAS 1.60 CMS 2.20 Observed ATLAS 1.4 σ , CMS 1.6 σ

(CMS: incl. all-hadronic channel)

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Observation of tth production





ATLAS used 2017 data for the $\gamma\gamma$ and the four lepton decays mode for tth $V(h \rightarrow WW^*)$ in preparation

Expected significance : CMS 4.2 σ , ATLAS 5.1 σ Observed significance : CMS 5.2 σ , ATLAS 6.3 σ

Measurement of $h \rightarrow WW^*$ decay

Both experiments use gg-fusion and VBF production of higgs; CMS also adds (3+4) leptons from Vh



Main backgrounds from WW, top and W γ production; data driven estimate of `fake' lepton background 22

The original golden channels: $h \rightarrow ZZ^* \& \gamma \gamma$

Excellent mass resolutions and clean channels with well-understood backgrounds



Very good agreement with SM expectations

Total cross section from $h \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4I \& \gamma \gamma$



 $57_{-5.9}^{+6}$ (stat) ± $^{+4.0}_{-3.7}$ (syst) pb ATLAS

 $61.1 \pm 6.0 (stat) \pm 3.7 (syst) \, pb$ CMS

Theoretical prediction 55.6 ± 2.5 pb

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Combination of coupling measurements

with sigma × BR for each measured channel



Coupling expressed in kappa (κ)



Assume the same coupling structure as SM Modify couplings with LO degrees of freedom

 $\sigma_i = \kappa_i^2 * \sigma_i(SM) \quad \Gamma_f = \kappa_f^{2*} \Gamma_f(SM) \implies \mu^f_i = \kappa_i^2 \cdot \kappa_f^2 / (\Gamma_H / \Gamma_H(SM))$

Loops (g and γ): either resolved with SM content, assuming no other particles, OR write as effective κ_q or κ_γ

Total width : SM contributions rescaled by appropriate κ 's; no BSM contribution even in the width

Primary limitation : same kinematics as SM, no BSM even if true

Coupling parameter framework

Scale the SM production cross sections and partial decay widths with LO motivated scale factors κ_i

Production modes Detectable decay modes $\frac{\sigma_{ggH}}{\sigma_{ggH}^{SM}} = \begin{cases} \kappa_g^2(\kappa_b, \kappa_t, m_H) \\ \kappa_g^2 \end{cases}$ $\frac{\Gamma_{WW^{(*)}}}{\Gamma_{WW^{(*)}}^{SM}} = \kappa_W^2$ (5) (10) $\frac{\sigma_{\text{VBF}}}{\sigma_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{SM}}} = \kappa_{\text{VBF}}^2(\kappa_{\text{W}}, \kappa_{\text{Z}}, m_{H}) \quad (6) \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma_{\text{ZZ}^{(*)}}}{\Gamma_{\text{ZZ}^{(*)}}^{\text{SM}}} = \kappa_{\text{Z}}^2$ (11) $\frac{\sigma_{WH}}{\sigma_{WH}^{SM}} = \kappa_W^2$ (7) $\frac{\Gamma_{b\overline{b}}}{\Gamma_{b\overline{b}}^{SM}} = \kappa_b^2$ (12) $\frac{\sigma_{\rm ZH}}{\sigma_{\rm ZH}^{\rm SM}} = \kappa_{\rm Z}^2$ (8) (9) $\frac{\Gamma_{\tau^-\tau^+}}{\Gamma_{\tau^-\tau^+}^{SM}} = \kappa_{\tau}^2$ (13) $\frac{\sigma_{\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}\tilde{\mathfrak{H}}}}{\sigma_{\tilde{\mathfrak{t}}\tilde{\mathfrak{H}}}^{\rm SM}} = \kappa_{\rm t}^2$ $\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\Gamma^{SM}} = \begin{cases} \kappa_{\gamma}^{2}(\kappa_{b}, \kappa_{t}, \kappa_{\tau}, \kappa_{W}, m_{H}) \\ \kappa_{\tau}^{2} \end{cases}$ (14)Total width $\frac{\Gamma_{\rm H}}{\Gamma_{\rm H}^{\rm SM}} = \begin{cases} \kappa_{\rm H}^2(\kappa_i, m_H) \\ \kappa_{\rm H}^2 \end{cases}$ (21)

Example:
$$(\sigma \cdot BR)(gg \to H \to \gamma\gamma) = \sigma_{SM}(gg \to H) \cdot BR_{SM}(H \to \gamma\gamma) \cdot \frac{\kappa_g^2 \cdot \kappa_\gamma^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$
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Coupling results in kappa

A detailed list of expression (as example shown) exists: "Handbook of LHC Higgs Cross Sections : 3. Higgs Properties" arXiv 1307.1347

Two different interpretations in κ -coupling framework



Combination of Higgs coupling measurements

All κ free; effective loop coupling for g, γ Total width $\Gamma = \Gamma(\kappa)/(1-BF_{BSM})$ Assumption to remove degeneracy between κ and Γ : either assume $\kappa_V = 0$ if BSM is free or $BF_{BSM} = 0$, $\kappa_{\frac{W}{Z}} \leq 1$ 10-20% accuracy on coupling modifiers in each experiment.





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Differential cross section measurements, ATLAS

Probes the kinematic properties of Higgs produced, sensitive to new physics Results reported at the particle level, corrected for detector effects, to have minimal model dependence



~80 fb⁻¹ for $\gamma\gamma$ and ZZ* \rightarrow 4l decays

Differential cross section measurements, CMS

~36 fb⁻¹ for $\gamma\gamma$ and ZZ* \rightarrow 4I, and h \rightarrow bb decays



Precise measurements of several differential measurements All generally compatible with SM predictions

Simplified template cross sections: STXS

Central idea : YR4 section 3.2, to make measurements as little model dependent as possible; Splits production measurements in *exclusive* kinematic regions;

Try combining of all channels rather than differential (partial) measurements in clean channels only, thus minimizing dependence on theoretical uncertainties



Simplified templet cross sections: STXS

Performed a combination of STXS with a fine granularity of measurements for 36.1 fb⁻¹ with $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and 4l channels. Gluon fusion production of Higgs are in good agreement with SM.

Best ~20% precision achieved.





CMS combined major Higgs decays modes: $\gamma\gamma$, 4l, bb, WW*, $\tau\tau$ for STXS. Good agreement with SM Precision close to 20% **Di-Higgs** production



At $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, and $m_h = 125$ GeV $\sigma^{SM}_{gg \rightarrow hh} = 33.53$ fb $[1.0^{+4.3\%}_{-6.0\%}$ (scale) $\pm 2.3\%$ (α_s) $\pm 2.1\%$ (PDF) $\pm 5\%$ (Theory)]

to be compared with (single Higgs) $\sigma^{SM}_{gg \rightarrow h} = 48.52 \text{ pb} [1.0^{+7.4\%}_{-7.9\%} \text{ (scale)}^{+7.1}_{-6.0} (\alpha_{s} + \text{(PDF)}]$ ~1:1500 discrepancy, compromised in signal yields & S/B in analysis mode ³⁴

Di-Higgs production



Limit from ATLAS hh combination: $\mu < 6.7$ (10.4 expected) Limit from CMS hh combination: $\mu < 22$ (13 expected) Limit on Higgs self-coupling S.F = $\kappa_{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda_{hh}}{\lambda_{hh,SM}}$ ATLAS : -5.0 < $\kappa_{\lambda} <$ 12.1 (-5.8 < $\kappa_{\lambda} <$ 12.0 expected) CMS : -11.8 < $\kappa_{\lambda} <$ 18.8 (-7.1 < $\kappa_{\lambda} <$ 13.6 expected)

Both reach 10×SM sensitivity in expected production value SM sensitivity at HL-LHC !

Conclusion

Production







Observation of all primary production and decay modes, including Confirmation of third generation of fermion couplings (t, b, τ)

No deviation from SM so far, but,

~ 3 times improvement in boson channels

36-80 fb-1 Run2 data,

Higgs physics an important indirect probe

Sensitivity to double Higgs production ~10 times SM, started



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Future plans for LHC



Long journey only begun

Extra Slides

Search for rare Higgs decays





Coupling parameter framework

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Production modes $\frac{\sigma_{ggH}}{\sigma_{ggH}^{SM}} = \begin{cases} \kappa_{g}^{2}(\kappa_{b}, \kappa_{t}, m_{H}) \\ \kappa_{g}^{2} \end{cases}$ $\frac{\sigma_{VBF}}{\sigma_{VBF}^{SM}} = \kappa_{VBF}^{2}(\kappa_{W}, \kappa_{Z}, m_{H})$

 $= \kappa_t^2$

 $\frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM}}$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm WH}}{\sigma_{\rm WH}^{\rm SM}} = \kappa_{\rm W}^2$$
$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm ZH}}{\sigma_{\rm ZH}^{\rm SM}} = \kappa_{\rm Z}^2$$

Detectable decay modes

$$\frac{\Gamma_{WW}^{(e)}}{\Gamma_{WW}^{SM}} = \kappa_W^2 \qquad (10)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{ZZ}^{(e)}}{\Gamma_{ZZ}^{SM}} = \kappa_Z^2 \qquad (11)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{b\bar{b}}}{\Gamma_{b\bar{b}}^{SM}} = \kappa_b^2 \qquad (12)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\tau^-\tau^+}}{\Gamma_{\tau^-\tau^+}^{SM}} = \kappa_\tau^2 \qquad (13)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}^{SM}} = \begin{cases} \kappa_\gamma^2(\kappa_b, \kappa_t, \kappa_\tau, \kappa_W, m_H) \\ \kappa_\gamma^2 \end{cases} \qquad (14)$$
Total width
$$\frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{SM}} = \begin{cases} \kappa_H^2(\kappa_l, m_H) \\ \kappa_H^2 \end{cases} \qquad (21)$$

Rate
$$(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma) \sim \kappa \epsilon^2 * (1.6 \kappa v^2 + 0.07 \kappa \epsilon^2 - 0.66 \kappa \epsilon \kappa v) / (0.75* \kappa \epsilon^2 + 0.25* \kappa v^2)$$

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