

The Discovery of the Higgs at the LHC

Collider Physics

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The Discovery of the Higgs at LHC

m_t *and* $m_H \rightarrow EW$ *fits*

There are very many EW measurements: cross sections, asymmetries and many others.

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Higgs Production Mechanisms at Hadron Colliders

Higgs Search at the Tevatron

Higgs Decay Channels Investigated by CDF & D0 analyses are in addition and in addition and II be called separately for Runiais and II be called separate the
In some cases, not even in the uses th same dataset, and a range of integrated luminosities is given.

background and signal in the bin, and R is a scaling factor applied to the signal to test the sensitivity level of the sen

Observed and expected 95% C.L. upper limits on the ratios to the SM cross section, as functions of the Higgs boson mass for the combined CDF and D0 analyses :

If the experiments could be repeated 100 times, 95% of times they would get the same 'exclusion' result

Tevatron Run II Preliminary, $\langle L \rangle = 5.9$ fb⁻¹

Delivered Luminosity by LHC in Run 1& 2

Integrated luminosity in LHC (fb-1)

- Run 1 (7 and 8 TeV)
- Run 2 (13 TeV)

Delivered by LHC in Run 2: 156 fb-1 Recorded by ATLAS: 147 fb-1

Higgs production cross-section at centre-of-mass energies of 14 TeV, as a function of m_H

Cross Section vs √s for a 125 GeV Higgs

- Relative ratios between different production modes is \sim constant at LHC energies: $ggF \rightarrow VBF \rightarrow VH \rightarrow ttH$
- The total cross section for the production of an Higgs of 125 GeV increases significantly with centre-of-mass energy

 $Higgs(125 \text{ GeV}) = 2.2\%$ \sqrt{s} =1.96 TeV $Higgs(125 \ GeV)$ \sqrt{s} =13 TeV

Tevatron: ggF then WH LHC: ggF then VBF

Higgs Decay Branching Fractions

For $m_H = 125$ GeV: $H \rightarrow bb$, WW, gg, $\tau\tau$ For $m_H > 160$ GeV: $H \rightarrow WW$, ZZ dominant

Discovery driven by significance of different channels

What really counts is how well one can distinguish an Higgs signal from the background

Example: the decay of the Higgs into a pair of photons is very small (H \rightarrow WW is \sim 100 times larger that H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$), however the distinct topology it generates made it very important in the Higgs discovery

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Channels used for the Higgs discovery:

- ZZ to 4 leptons
- **Two photons**
- Two WW to leptons and neutrinos (a bit late!)

Zooming the Branching Ratios of the Higgs

 $m_H = 125$ GeV

	Decay channel Branching ratio	Rel. uncertainty
$H\to\gamma\gamma$	2.27×10^{-3}	$+5.0\%$ -4.9%
$H \to ZZ$	2.62×10^{-2}	$+4.3\%$ $-4.1%$
$H \to W^+W^-$	2.14×10^{-1}	$+4.3\%$ $-4.2%$
$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	6.27×10^{-2}	$+5.7%$ $-5.7%$
$H \to b\bar{b}$	5.84×10^{-1}	$+3.2\%$ $-3.3%$
$H\to Z\gamma$	1.53×10^{-3}	$+9.0\%$ -8.9%
$H \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.18×10^{-4}	$+6.0\%$ -5.9%

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Pre-Discovery Discovery Potential

Statement in 2003

- Full mass range can already be covered after a few years at low luminosity
- Several channels available over a large range of masses
- *Low mass discovery requires combination of three of the most demanding channels*
- Comparable situation for the CMS experiment

Prediction almost correct:

- $\gamma\gamma$, ZZ to 4 leptons, WW to lvlv (higgs to qq $\tau\tau$ not used)
- Combination of channels

Higgs Terms in the Lagrangian

$$
\mathcal{L} = -g_{Hff} \bar{f} f H + \frac{g_{HHH}}{6} H^3 + \frac{g_{HHHH}}{24} H^4
$$

+ $\delta_V V_\mu V^\mu \left(g_{HVV} H + \frac{g_{HHVV}}{2} H^2 \right)$
linear quadratic

$$
g_{Hf\bar{f}} = \frac{m_f}{v}, \quad g_{HVV} = \frac{2m_V^2}{v} \qquad g_{HHVV} = \frac{2m_V^2}{v^2}
$$

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g_{HHH} = \frac{3m_H^2}{v}, \quad g_{HHHH} = \frac{3m_H^2}{v^2}
$$

 $V = W^{\pm}$ or Z $\delta W = 1, \delta Z = 1/2$

The dominant mechanisms for Higgs boson production and decay involve the coupling of H to W, Z and/or the third generation quarks and leptons.

Coupling to bosons (W or Z) ∝ Coupling to fermions $\propto m_f$

- The Higgs coupling to photons is generated by loops
- virtual W+W− pair provides the dominant contribution
- \triangleright virtual tt pair is subdominant.
- The Higgs coupling to gluons, is induced by a one-loop graph: H couples to a virtual tt pair.

Indirect bounds on m_H from global EW fits : two decades at LEP, SLC, Tevatron suggest a ~light Higgs

 $m_H = 89^{+35}$ -26 GeV

Direct and model-independent search at LEP up to 209 GeV cms gave a 95% CL lower bound on m_H

 m_H > 114.4 GeV 95% CL

• Direct search after LEP shutdown in 2000 at Tevatron ppbar collider using 10fb-1 gave

a] excluded intervals 90-109 GeV and 149-182 GeV b] broad excess at the level of 3 σ in the interval 115 $<$ m $_{\rm H}$ <140 GeV with a maximum at 125 GeV

- LHC run in 2011 (7 TeV, 5 fb⁻¹), 2012 (8 TeV, 20 fb⁻¹) gave evidence for a new particle decaying to $\gamma\gamma$ and ZZ with rates as predicted by SM. Evidence for decays to W+W- but no evidence for bbar and $\tau^+\tau^-$
- LHC July 2012 : ATLAS & CMS claim a discovery of a new particle with a mass of about 125 GeV

Most Promising Higgs Decay Channels

Topologies!

1. Choose channels with low SM background

- not possible: $H \rightarrow bb$... without associated production ...(VH mode, V=W,Z)
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	- possible: $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$... despite of small branching ratio ...
		- $H \rightarrow ZZ$... with at least one Z decaying leptonically ...
		- H ► WW ... large signal and large background ...

2. Optimize detector resolution

Example:mass resolution σ^m increases by a factor of 2; thus: peak region has to be increased by a factor 2 and number NB of background events increases by factor of 2

 $S = Ns/\sqrt{N}B$ decreases by $\sqrt{2}$

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S \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_m}}
$$

3. Recorded luminosity $\mathcal L$ Signal: Ns \sim \mathcal{L}

Background: $N_B \sim \mathcal{L}$

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S \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{L}}}
$$

Summary of LHC Run-1 Results (7 TeV + 8 TeV)

neutrinos.

The Discovery

- *integrate all production modes for one decay channel*
- Decays rates to γγ and ZZ consistent with (SM) Higgs boson.
- There were indications that the new particle also decays to W+W[−].

A p_0 of 2.87x10⁻⁷ corresponds to 5σ excess over the background-only prediction.

Topologies of Production Mechanisms

ggf, gluon-fusion process :

- largest cross section
- Loop with heavy top quark. *No very distinctive feature in the topology!*

VBF, vector boson fusion :

- second-largest cross section
- scattering of $qq'(q\bar{q})$, mediated by the exchange of a W or Z boson.
- The scattered quarks give two hard jets in the forward and backward regions with a large dijet mass (≥ 400 GeV) and separated by $\Delta \eta_{ii} \geq 3.5 \rightarrow$ one jet very forward + 1 jet very backward.

VH, associated production with W and Z gauge bosons :

- Third cross-section
- W and Z leptonic decay(s) \rightarrow MET & high p_T leptons \rightarrow clean signatures.

ttH: Higgs radiation off top quarks

 H igh p_T leptons, MET, b-tagged jets. Complex topology with many decay channels

Higgs Decay to Two Photons

Method: look for a peak in the invariant mass of two high p_T photons over a smoothly falling background distribution.

Gaussian central part + power law tails on both sides. Fits to large control samples of data or simulated

background events

Method: $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow l^+ l^- l'^+ l'^-$ look for a narrow mass peak over a continuous background.

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay $(4\mu, 2e2\mu, 2\mu2e, 4e)$

Different event-observables \rightarrow the probability for the event to be signal-like or background-like Event selection to magnify the ratio S/B

Number of expected and observed events in the four decay channels after the event selection, in the mass range 115 GeV $<$ m_{41} $<$ 130 GeV.

The sum of the expected number of SM Higgs boson events and the estimated background yields is compared to the data.

Improve Initial Discovery

Events selected for the discovery were very few: between 1 and 100 for each production-decay category.

decision

Initial discovery was based on a low sample of events \rightarrow limited sensitivity to SM Higgs predictions

- Selection: decay modes only, integrate production modes
- Peak in the mass \rightarrow a resonance, not necessarily a Higgs
- Later in time \rightarrow more statistics \rightarrow Need to check if also production modes are in agreement with SM

Start with most distinctive and finish with least distinctive

- Separate production processes with topological $characteristics \rightarrow categorisation$.
- One category \sim mostly one production mode (but also $others) \rightarrow not a measurement of that production cross$ section.

• Simulations are used to determine the relative contributions of the various Higgs production modes in a particular category.

Categorisation of H → γγ

Fraction of signal process / Category

29 Categories in Higgs → yy

Summary of the 29 event reconstruction categories for the measurement of production mode cross sections.

Each event is assigned to the first category whose requirements are satisfied, using the descending order given in the table.

As a result, the event populations of categories are mutually exclusive.

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*The m*_{*w*} distribution with ~80fb⁻¹

Composition of the Signal $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$

A categorisation ~similar to what was used for the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ decay is also used for the $H \rightarrow 4$ l decay

Simulated signal composition for ~80 fb-1 of luminosity at 13 TeV: The ggF component, as expected, dominates.

A correspondence is determined between reconstruction and simulation categories

Details of the Results

³ *W mass measurement at Colliders*

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W Mass Measurements at Hadron Colliders

$Higgs \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e \nu \mu \nu (36 fb^{-1})$

Background is computed using simulation. Control regions in data (orthogonal to the signal region) are used to normalise the MC predictions for most important backgrounds:

- Non resonant WW
- Top pairs production
- Di-bosons (WZ and ZZ) and Drell-Yan

Results: m_T *as proxy of* m_H

Higgs to WW: Results

Difference between the data and the estimated background for a SM Higgs boson with mH = 125 GeV.

The signal is fitted to the data with a floating signal strength \rightarrow expect μ = 1 for SM Higgs

Higgs mass: Results (@ Run 1& Run 2)

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Higgs decays to two photons and four leptons: well reconstructed m_H channels.

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Correlation Between Production and Decay of the Higgs

Same vertices in Higgs production and $decay \rightarrow in$ the SM they are dependent. Use

 $\mu =$ $\sigma^{measured} \times BR^{measured}$ $\sigma^{SM} \times BR^{SM}$

 \rightarrow if one vertex is modified by a correction factor in production the same correction factor has to modify also the corresponding vertex in decay

Use all possible measurements in the different categories and parametrise the correction factor with the signal strengths One unique μ

The combination will give a better indication of how well SM describes data

The Analysis Model

$$
n_{s}^{c} = \left(\sum_{i,f} \underbrace{\mu_{i}}_{\text{production}} \cdot \sigma_{i}^{SM} \cdot A_{if}^{c} \cdot \varepsilon_{if}^{c} \cdot \underbrace{\mu_{f}} \cdot BR_{f}^{SM}\right) \cdot \mathcal{L}^{c}
$$

 $n_{\scriptscriptstyle S}^c$ = number of events selected in one category c Category is a sample of events selected by analysis cuts

- $[\mu_i, \mu_f]$ s the ratio between the observed cross section / Branching fraction and the one predicted by the SM
- The production index $i \in \{ggH, VBF, VH, tHH\}$ and the decay index $f \in \{YY, WW, ZZ, bb, \tau\tau\}$
- $\qquad \sigma_i^{SM}$ and BR_f^{SM} production cross sections, decay branching fractions for a SM Higgs
- A_{if}^c and ε_{if}^c are the signal acceptance and the reconstruction efficiency for given production and decay mode in the category c.
- \mathcal{L}^c is the integrated luminosity used for that specific category.

Combination = fit μ_i and $\mu_i \rightarrow$ best agreement between data and (modified) SM prediction in different categories.

Includes Signal Regions and Control Regions

There are different ways of combination \rightarrow different assumptions (\sim simplifications)

How Complex is the Fit?

Production

Production

*Signal Strenght (*µ*)*

For each decay channel "c" we define categories to maximise the sensitivity of the analysis to one particular production mode.

However a mixture of different mechanisms in one category is inevitable. \rightarrow This implies the cross section of one category is not the cross section of only one production mechanism.

$$
n_{S}^{c} = \left(\sum_{i,f} \mu_{i} \cdot \sigma_{i}^{SM} \cdot A_{if}^{c} \cdot \varepsilon_{if}^{c} \cdot \mu_{f} \cdot BR_{f}^{SM}\right) \cdot \mathcal{L}^{c}
$$

Where μ_c is ration between measured & expected events in that category and

 $i =$ ggf, VBF, VH, tth and $f=gg,WW,ZZ,bb,tt$

Measurement of μ_c gives an indication of how well SM describes data

Fit type 1 most general case

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Fit Type 2: Fewer Parameters

Take the Higgs produced via ggF and decaying to ZZ as reference

$$
i = \text{production, f} = \text{decay}
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\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_{ggF}\sigma_i^{SM}} \times \mu_{gg \to H \to ZZ}
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\mu_f = \frac{\text{BR}_i}{\text{BR}_{ZZ}\text{BR}_i^{SM}}
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\mu_{gg \to H \to ZZ} = \mu_{ggF} \times \mu_{ZZ} \times \sigma_i^{SM} \times \text{BR}_f^{SM}
$$

Then, the master formula applies for all i and f indices except when both $i = ggF$ and $f = ZZ$ \rightarrow 8 + 1 parameters

Improved precision in the fit, due to fewer parameters, shows no deviation from SM (assumption production and decay independent)

Finally if all deviations are included in a single parameter

 $\mu = 1.09 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.04(expt) \pm 0.03(th.bkg) \pm 0.07(th.sig)$

⁶ *ATLAS Recent Results: references*

Parameter normalized to SM value

More Simplifications.. Fewer Parameters

Assume all production cross sections are SM ones \rightarrow fit only modifiers of BR's

Assume all BRs are SM ones \rightarrow fit only modifiers of production cross-sections

One more assumption: vertices VBF & VH scale with one μ and ggF and ttH with another μ

No (significant) deviation observed so far, need more statistics ! \rightarrow LHC at High Luminosity

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Elaborate even more: introduce modifiers k_x of vertices in the Lagrangian. In this way production and decay vertices are treated in the same way.

$$
\mathcal{L} = \frac{m_H^2}{\kappa_3} \frac{H}{2v} H^3 + \frac{\kappa_Z m_Z^2}{v} Z_\mu Z^\mu H + \frac{\kappa_W}{v} \frac{2m_W^2}{v} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} H
$$

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$$
+ \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_g} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi v} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} H + \frac{\kappa_\gamma}{\kappa_\gamma} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi v} A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} H + \frac{\kappa_{Z\gamma}}{\kappa_{Z\gamma}} \frac{\alpha}{\pi v} A_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} H
$$

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$$
+ \frac{\kappa_V V}{\kappa_V V} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi v} \left(\cos^2 \theta_W Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + 2 W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} \right) H
$$

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$$
- \left(\frac{\kappa_t}{\kappa_t} \sum_{f=u,c,t} \frac{m_f}{v} f \overline{f} + \kappa_b \sum_{f=d,s,b} \frac{m_f}{v} f \overline{f} + \frac{\kappa_\tau}{r} \sum_{f=e,\mu,\tau} \frac{m_f}{v} f \overline{f} \right) H.
$$

Latest Results by ATLAS

$$
u = 1.11^{+0.09}_{-0.08} = 1.11 \pm 0.05 \text{ (stat.)}^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (exp.)}^{+0.05}_{-0.04} \text{ (sig. th.)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (bkg. th.)}
$$

Parameter normalized to SM value

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Conclusions

- Production Decays gluon fusion ZZ pairs vector boson fusion (VBF associated prod. with W/Z W, Z NEU associated prod. 00000000
	- Thanks to the first 36-80 fb-1 of Run-2 data:
		- The bosonic decay channels entered a precision era $(\sim 3x$ improvement w.r.t. Run-1)
		- Direct observation achieved for all main production and decay modes!
		- Direct confirmation of coupling to all ۰ 3rd generation fermions (top-quark, **bottom-quark**, taus)
		- Sensitivity to double Higgs production approaching 10 x SM Higgs to 2 Higgses
	- Higgs physics an important indirect probe for New Physics: so far no deviations from SM...
	- But still at the beginning of a long journey! Only analyzed <3% of the final LHC luminosity.

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