# Testing the Standard Model of Elementary Particle Physics II

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#### The Higgs boson: Last puzzle piece of the SM

- Particles acquire mass via coupling to Higgs field (spontaneous symmetry breaking)
  - Postulated in 1964
  - Higgs boson (excitation of the Higgs field) was finally discovered in 2012

Gauge coupling:





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 $\propto m_f/v$ 

Self coupling:



• Higgs-potential:

Re(d)

 $V(\phi) = -\mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$ 

V (ø)

Vacuum expectation value

$$v = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

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 $Im(\phi)$ 

#### **Higgs boson production at LEP**

- Higgs Strahlung was dominant production mode at LEP
  - Since CoM was smaller than  $m_H + m_Z$  HZ production was only possible with off-shell Z boson Ο











#### **Higgs boson production at the LHC**



• All main production modes are probed at the LHC

#### **Higgs boson production cross section**



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#### **Di-Higgs boson production at the LHC**





- Probing the Di-Higgs production modes will further our understanding of the SM
  - Parameter of interests:
    - **Self-coupling**  $\kappa_{\lambda}$
    - **Quartic VVHH** coupling  $\kappa_{2V}$
  - Probing the self-coupling of the Higgs boson allows us to verify the form of the Higgs potential
  - Sensitive to contribution from BSM physics

#### **Di-Higgs boson production cross section**



Taken from: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.00012.pdf

#### **Higgs boson decay**



Some channels with low BR have a clean signature in the detector
 o e.g. H → ZZ and H → yy

#### **Higgs boson decays**

sosser W/Z

• Strength of the coupling between the Higgs boson and other particles is proportional to the particle mass:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Hff} = -\frac{m_f}{v} h f \bar{f} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_{HVV} = \frac{1}{v} \left( 2m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + 2m_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \right) h$$

- Thus decays to massless particles such as photon or gluons is only possible via top quark (or W boson) loops
- The masses of the particles running in these loops are large and thus such decay modes can compete with decays to fermions or W and Z bosons



#### 4.3.1 Searches at LEP, Tevatron and the LHC



# Higgs boson searches at the LEP and Tevatron



- Search for SM Higgs boson had to cover large range of masses
  - Properties of Higgs boson change significantly as a function of the mass



# Higgs boson searches at the LEP and Tevatron

- Extensive searches for the Higgs boson have been performed at LEP
  - Found small excess of  $h \rightarrow bb$  candidate events
  - Significance of signal events over background expectations reached two standard deviations
  - Integrated luminosity and CoM energy were not large enough for an observation

Integrated luminosities in $pb^{-1}$					
	ALEPH	DELPHI	L3	OPAL	LEP
$\sqrt{s} \ge 189 \text{ GeV}$	629	608	627	596	2461
$\sqrt{s} \ge 206 \text{ GeV}$	130	138	139	129	536



# Higgs boson searches at the LEP and Tevatron



# **Discovery of the Higgs boson**

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- With the large statistics of the full Run-II data set, we can probe differential distributions with high precision
  - Makes the Higgs boson to a tool to search for new physics



Events / Ge

Data-Background

# **Higgs boson property measurements**

#### • Analysis channels:

	$\begin{array}{l} H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow ev\mu v  (ggF, VBF, VH, ttH) \\ H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell  (ggF, VBF, VH, ttH) \\ H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma  (ggF, VBF, VH, ttH) \\ H \rightarrow Z\gamma  (ggF + VBF + VH + ttH) \end{array}$	Higgs boson coupling to bosons
0	$H \rightarrow bb (VH, VBF)$ $H \rightarrow cc (VH)$	Higgs boson coupling to quarks
0	H → ττ (ggF, VBF) H → μμ (ggF, VBF)	Higgs boson coupling to leptons

# VBF H ( $\rightarrow$ WW\* $\rightarrow$ evµv) jj



# $H \to WW^* \to ev\mu v$

- H→ WW\* → evµv is one of the most frequent decay modes of the Higgs boson
  - $\circ \quad \text{Cleaner signature wrt } H \to b \delta$
  - $\circ \quad \mbox{Higher statistics than } H \to ZZ^* \ \mbox{or } H \to \gamma \gamma$
- Characteristics of  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow ev\mu v$  decay:
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Two oppositely charged leptons with small opening angle and invariant mass  $m_{11}$
  - Presence of neutrinos prevents direct measurement of invariant mass  $m_{H}$  instead use transverse mass  $m_{T}$

$$m_{\mathrm{T}} = \sqrt{\left(E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell} + p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\nu\nu}\right)^{2} - \left|\boldsymbol{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell} + \boldsymbol{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\nu\nu}\right|^{2}}$$

with 
$$E_{\rm T}^{\,\ell\ell} = \sqrt{(p_{\rm T}^{\,\ell\ell})^2 + (m_{\ell\ell})^2}$$



#### $H \to WW^* \to e \nu \mu \nu$

- ggF and VBF cross sections are obtained by maximum likelihood fit
  - ggF: transverse mass  $m_{T}$
  - VBF: score of a boosted decision tree
  - Profile ggF production when fitting VBF cross section, and vice-versa
  - Measured cross sections are consistent to SM predictions





 $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow eeee$ 



#### $H \to \ ZZ^* \to \text{effe}$

- - Good channel to measure properties of the Higgs boson precisely
  - Analyses are based on finding two pairs of isolated leptons with same flavor and opposite electric charges





# $H\to\gamma\gamma$



Summary of the event categories for cross section measurement



 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 

- Analysis is sensitive to the cross sections of (almost all) Higgs boson production modes
- Final results are obtained by fit to all categories





Taken from: http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/2725727/files/ATLAS-CONF-2020-026.pdf



# $H \to \ Z\gamma$

- Low predicted branching ratio  $B(H \rightarrow Z\gamma) = (1.54 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-3}$ 
  - Can differ from the SM value if Higgs boson is:
    - a composite state
    - part of an extended scalar sector
- Categorize events:
  - VBF-like
  - $\circ$  High  $p_T$

Category	$\mu$	Significance
VBF-enriched	$0.5^{+1.9}_{-1.7}\ (1.0^{+2.0}_{-1.6})$	0.3 (0.6)
High relative $p_{\rm T}$	$1.6^{+1.7}_{-1.6}(1.0^{+1.7}_{-1.6})$	1.0 (0.6)
High $p_{\mathrm{T}t} \ ee$	$4.7^{+3.0}_{-2.7}(1.0^{+2.7}_{-2.6})$	1.7 (0.4)
Low $p_{\mathrm{T}t} \ ee$	$3.9^{+2.8}_{-2.7} \ (1.0^{+2.7}_{-2.6})$	1.5 (0.4)
High $p_{\mathrm{T}t} \ \mu\mu$	$2.9^{+3.0}_{-2.8}\ (1.0^{+2.8}_{-2.7})$	1.0 (0.4)
Low $p_{\mathrm{T}t} \ \mu\mu$	$0.8^{+2.6}_{-2.6}(1.0^{+2.6}_{-2.5})$	0.3 (0.4)
Combined	$2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9} \ (1.0^{+0.9}_{-0.9})$	2.2 (1.2)





# $VH \hspace{0.1in} H \rightarrow bb$

- ggF H  $\rightarrow$  bb has a large  $\sigma \times$  BR, but can not be separated from huge dijet backgrounds and is difficult to trigger
  - Instead, probe H→ bb in Higgs-Strahlungs events (bb-pair is produced in addition to charged leptons)
- Observation of H → bb decays and VH production mode in 2018





# VBF H ( $\rightarrow$ bb) jj

- Study VBF + photon
  - Relative low backgrounds
  - Use photon trigger
- Kinematic event properties are used in a boosted decision tree to classify signal and background events
- The measured Higgs boson signal strength is 1.3 ± 1.0
- The observed (expected) significance of the signal above the background-only hypothesis is 1.3σ (1.0σ)







#### VH $H \rightarrow cc$

- Study of Yukawa coupling of the Higgs boson to 2nd generation quarks is challenging at hadron colliders, due to small branching fractions and large backgrounds
- Charm tagging is crucial for eventual  $H \rightarrow cc$  observation
- Upper limit on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow ZH) \times B(H \rightarrow cc)$  at the 95% CL:
  - **Observed:** 2.7 pb (104 times the SM predictions)
  - **Expected:** 3.9 +2.1/-1.1 pb

Source	$\sigma/\sigma_{\rm tot}$
Statistical	49%
Floating $Z$ + jets normalization	31%
Systematic	87%
Flavor tagging	73%
Background modeling	47%
Lepton, jet and luminosity	28%
Signal modeling	28%
MC statistical	6%





Taken from https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.04329.pdf

#### $\mathbf{VH} \ \mathbf{H} \to \mathbf{cc}$



Taken from https://inspirehep.net/files/8f40463278676edecdd49e0d89fb861e

#### $H \to \tau\tau$

- Here: H + 1 jet event
  - Di-tau decay
    - $\blacksquare \quad T \to e$
    - $\blacksquare \quad T \to \mu$
    - $\bullet \quad \tau \to hadrons$

Decay Mode	BR
$\tau^- \to e^- \nu_e \nu_\tau$	$(17.83 \pm 0.04)\%$
$\tau^- \to \mu^- \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$	$(17.41 \pm 0.04)\%$
$\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 v_{\tau}$	$(25.52 \pm 0.09)\%$
$\tau^- \to \pi^- \nu_{\tau}$	$(10.83 \pm 0.06)\%$
$\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_{\tau}$	$(9.30 \pm 0.11)\%$
$\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \nu_\tau$	$(8.99 \pm 0.05)\%$
$\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	$(2.74 \pm 0.07)\%$
$\tau^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	$(1.04 \pm 0.07)\%$



#### $H \to \ \tau\tau$

- H → TT decay is the best channel to study coupling between the Higgs boson and fermions
  - Relies on efficient τ reconstruction and identification





# $H \to \mu \mu$



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN Data recorded: 2018-Oct-03 01:19:17.320393 GMT Run / Event / LS: 323940 / 44997009 / 65

VBF H  $\rightarrow \mu\mu$  candidate event (with  $m_{_{jj}}$  = 2.19 TeV)

# $H \to \mu \mu$

- The  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay offers the best opportunity to measure the Higgs interactions with a 2nd generation fermion
- Events are divided into 20 mutually-exclusive categories (to increase the sensitivity)
  - Use properties of additional jets or leptons





- A first hint of the Higgs boson decaying to a muon pair
  - $\circ \quad \text{Observed significance over the} \\ \text{background-only hypothesis is } 2.0\sigma$

Taken from: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2007.07830.pdf

# $H \to \mu \mu$



First evidence for a Higgs boson



- Dominant uncertainties on Δµ:
  - Total uncertainties: +0.44/-0.42
  - Statistical uncertainties: +0.41/-0.40
  - Experimental uncertainties: +0.12/-0.11
  - Theoretical uncertainties: +0.10/-0.11

#### **Combinations**



# **Di-Higgs and Higgs self-coupling**

ATLAS

 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 27.5 - 36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 

 $\sigma_{qqF}^{SM}$  (pp  $\rightarrow$  HH) = 33.5 fb

- So far, we can only set limits on the self-coupling strength and the Di-Higgs production cross section
- Will need the full dataset from HL-LHC phase until we can measure these observables



Observed

Expected

Expected  $\pm 1\sigma$ 

Expected  $\pm 2\sigma$ 

# **Di-Higgs and Higgs self-coupling**



### Search for resonant di-Higgs production



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# **Effective field theories**

- So far no hints for new physics in direct searches
- What if scale of new physics is outside the reach of the LHC?
  - Search for smooth enhancements in the tails of our observables
    - E.g. from resonances with masses beyond our reach
  - Probing for shape modifications of our observables
    - E.g. from anomalous couplings
- Effective field theories (EFT) allow for model independent approaches to search for such new physics effects



• In EFTs, Lagrangian of the Standard Model of particle physics is supplemented with additional BSM terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{i} rac{c_i}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_i$$

- $\mathcal{O}_i$  are higher dimension operators
- c<sub>i</sub> are the so-called Wilson coefficients
  - Specify the strength of a new CP-even (or CP-odd) interaction (i.e. they describe deviation from SM)
- A is mass scale for new particle



#### **Differential measurements**

- Re-interpretation of differential cross section measurements are used to constrain EFT parameters
- Measurement of **differential** cross sections
  - Measure number of Higgs signal events N<sup>signal</sup> in i-th p<sub>T</sub><sup>H</sup> bin (or of any other observable)
  - 2. Background subtraction
  - 3. Unfolding: Derive correction factor from MC information:

$$c_i = \frac{N^{
m reco}}{N^{
m part}}$$

4. Calculate differential cross section:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dx}\right)_i = \frac{N^{\text{signal}}}{c_i \Delta p_{i,\text{T}}^H \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}}$$







- Analysis strategy:
  - 1) Measure differential cross sections
  - 2) Perform likelihood fit to measured distributions
    - Constrain Wilson coefficients
- Exclude large range of EFT parameter space
- So far: No significant deviations from the SM expectations found
  - However, not yet sensitive to range really relevant for EFTs

Coefficient	Observed 95% CL limit	Expected 95% CL limit
$\overline{c}_{g}$	$[-0.26, 0.26] \times 10^{-4}$	$[-0.25, 0.25] \cup [-4.7, -4.3] \times 10^{-4}$
$\tilde{c}_g$	$[-1.3, 1.1] \times 10^{-4}$	$[-1.1, 1.1] \times 10^{-4}$
$\overline{c}_{HW}$	$[-2.5, 2.2] \times 10^{-2}$	$[-3.0, 3.0]  imes 10^{-2}$
$\tilde{c}_{HW}$	$[-6.5, 6.3] \times 10^{-2}$	$[-7.0, 7.0] \times 10^{-2}$
$\overline{c}_{\gamma}$	$[-1.1, 1.1] \times 10^{-4}$	$[-1.0, 1.2] \times 10^{-4}$
$\tilde{c}_{\gamma}$	$[-2.8, 4.3] \times 10^{-4}$	$[-2.9, 3.8] \times 10^{-4}$



# **Higgs CP/Spin**

- Spin and CP state of Higgs-boson are determined probing angular distribution of decay products
  - Data hints very strongly to a Spin CP state of 0+
  - Alternative models are rejected with a CL of more than 99 .9 %
- Spin-1 hypothesis was theoretically excluded by observation of H->yy decay mode (**Yang's theorem**):
  - A massive spin-1 particle cannot decay into a pair of identical massless spin-1 particles.





- The effective field theory approach is also used to directly constrain the CP properties of the Higgs boson
  - Probe either angles between decay products or angles between jets produced in association with the Higgs boson



• The effective Lagrangian that describes the Higgs-gluon interaction is expressed as:

$$\mathcal{L}_0^{\text{loop}} = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \kappa_{Hgg} g_{Hgg} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a,\mu\nu} + \kappa_{Agg} g_{Hgg} G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} \right) H$$

Scale factors for the CP-even and CP-odd interactions





- Complex background composition:
  - Largest contribution from top-quark pairs and diboson WW processes
- Use boosted decision trees to reduce background contributions

- Apply a maximum likelihood procedure individually to each coupling parameter hypothesis
  - Background prediction is only affected by changes to nuisance parameters





- A negative log-likelihood (NLL) curve is constructed as a function of the coupling parameters.
- The best estimate for the parameter of interest is obtained at the point where the NLL curve reaches its minimum

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- Probe HVV vertex present in VBF Higgs events to constrain CP odd contributions
   2 0.25
  - From:

$$egin{split} \mathcal{L}_{ ext{eff}} &= \mathcal{L}_{ ext{SM}} + ilde{g}_{HAA} H ilde{A}_{\mu
u} A^{\mu
u} + ilde{g}_{HAZ} H ilde{A}_{\mu
u} Z^{\mu
u} + ilde{g}_{HWW} H ilde{W}^+_{\mu
u} W^{-\ \mu
u} \end{split}$$

width

$$ilde{g}_{HZZ} = rac{1}{2} ilde{g}_{HWW} = rac{g}{2m_W} ilde{d}$$

where  $d^{\tilde{c}}$  governs the strength of CP violation.

• Exploit optimal observable which is constructed from the 2 VBF jets:

$$\mathcal{OO} = rac{2 \cdot \textit{Re}\left(\mathcal{M}^*_{\textit{SM}}\mathcal{M}_{\textit{CP-odd}}
ight)}{|\mathcal{M}_{\textit{SM}}|^2}$$



# Higgs boson mass measurement

- Higgs boson mass is measured in  $H \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  events
  - Apply a maximum likelihood method simultaneously to both analyses channels
- Run 1 + 2 combination yields:  $m_{\mu} = 124.97 \pm 0.24 \text{ GeV}$





Taken from: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1806.00242.pdf

#### Uncertainties on Higgs boson mass measurement

Source	Systematic uncertainty in $m_H$ [MeV]
EM calorimeter response linearity	60
Non-ID material	55
EM calorimeter layer intercalibration	55
$Z \rightarrow ee$ calibration	45
ID material	45
Lateral shower shape	40
Muon momentum scale	20
Conversion reconstruction	20
$H \to \gamma \gamma$ background modelling	20
$H \to \gamma \gamma$ vertex reconstruction	15
$e/\gamma$ energy resolution	15
All other systematic uncertainties	10

# Higgs boson mass measurement



# **Measurement of Higgs boson width**

 A measurement of the relative off-shell and on-shell event yields provides direct information about Γ<sub>μ</sub>:

 $\frac{\mu_{\rm off-shell}}{\mu_{\rm on-shell}}$ 

- Off-shell contribution is heavily impacted by interference between H→ZZ\* and ZZ continuum
- Results:
  - $\circ~$  The observed (expected) limit on  $\Gamma_{\!_{\rm H}}\,/\Gamma^{\rm SM}_{\phantom{\rm M}_{\!_{\rm H}}}$  is 3.5 (3.7) at the 95% CL
  - The observed (expected) 95% CL limit on the Higgs boson total width of 14.4 (15.2) MeV

Taken from: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.01191.pdf



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