Exploring the Higgs boson with the ATLAS data



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- 1. What is the Higgs boson?
- 2. Producing and detecting Higgs boson
- 3. Higgs boson precision measurements







The Higgs boson in the Standard Model

PART I.

THE HIGGS MECHANISM

Why do the fundamental particles have mass?



Nobel Prize in Physics 2013: François Englert and Peter W. Higgs

Their idea:

Imagine a field that fills all space.

Most particles **couple** to this field, and feel a **resistance** as they move though space — this gives rise to their mass!

The stronger they **couple** to the field

- \rightarrow the stronger the resistance
- \rightarrow the larger the mass !

THE HIGGS MECHANISM



apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap120501.html

Part II: phdcomics.com/comics.php?f=1684

THE HIGGS BOSON

The Higgs mechanism makes a distinct prediction.



An excitation of the Higgs field will give rise to a new particle:



This particle has a mass, but we didn't know which, and hence not how much energy was needed to make it. The search for the Higgs went on for 40 years ...

PART II Producing and detecting Higgs bosons

LHC — the world's biggest machine



Beams of **protons** with lot's of energy circulated

2012



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Production & decay of Higgs bosons

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Decay

This determines the **signature** that the Higgs boson leaves. That is, what we look for to find the Higgs boson



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A Higgs boson is only produced in **one collision out of 200 million**



LHC strategy

"Produce as many collisions as possible as fast as possible"



Proton-proton collision occurs **every 25 ns***; 40M per second — that's *a lot!*



* in 2010-2012 we have had collisions every 50 ns = 20 MHz from now on (2015) we'll run with full speed! 40 MHz 11

LHC schedule



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The ATLAS detector





Higgs boson candidate



 $H \cdots \checkmark \gamma$

Photon energy and direction accurately measured in the EM calorimeters (green)

Most important quantity: *Diphoton invariant mass m_{YY}*, reconstructed from photon 4-momenta

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For us experimentalists it is **extremely important** to understand the **detector performance**, for example the energy response and resolution of photons. The resolution of the diphoton mass (width of distribution above) is measured to be: $\Delta m_{\gamma\gamma} = 1.5 \pm 0.15 \text{ GeV}$



The **invariant mass** of the reconstructed **diphoton** system from non-Higgs processes that fulfil the selection



This is what we expect to see.

A small $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ signal on top of a smooth background distribution

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VBF, VH, ttH, bbH	61k	140	55
total	450k	1030	403

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total	450k	57	14.6

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For $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$, the neutrinos ν , cannot be detected

Hence, it is not possible to directly reconstruct the Higgs boson mass.

Instead, another observable, called the **transverse mass** $m_{\rm T}$ is used.

Higgs boson precision measurements

PART III.

We have found a Higgs-like particle Next challenge: measure its properties



Higgs boson properties



Spin quantum number coupling to other particles





mass

Measurements of **cross sections** and differential **distributions**



Higgs boson kinematics *momentum, production angle* ... Multiplicity and properties of of associated particles Properties of the Higgs decay

New Higgs physics scenarios

We clearly has seen a new particle ! Does it come with some surprises ?



Perhaps it sometimes is produced with some new, exotic particles ?

Are there more Higgs bosons? The MSSM SUSY model suggest there might be **five Higgs bosons** A, H, h, H⁺ H⁻



Could it be a Higgs boson "**imposter**" that have a different spin or Charge-Parity ?

Is the Higgs truly a fundamental particle or does it have **substructure** ?
Measuring the Higgs boson mass



Four measurements shown: ATLAS and CMS, $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $H \rightarrow 4l$. They are compatible. Combination of the measurements give: $m_H = 125.09 \pm \text{GeV}$

Measuring the Higgs boson couplings

According to the Higgs mechanism, particle obtain their mass from the coupling to the Higgs field. *coupling to other particles*

A stronger coupling

- \rightarrow more interactions
- → more produced Higgs bosons

Example: coupling between Higgs and top quarks





Coupling between the Higgs and the *Z* bosons



Coupling between Higgs and top

Measuring the Higgs boson couplings



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coupling to other particles



The measured strength of the coupling is proportional to the mass as expected !

The Higgs inclusive cross section



Higgs boson distributions





Example of four observables that we have measured

- 1. Higgs boson momentum
- 2. Number of jets ("quarks or gluons") produced together with the Higgs
- 3. The momenta of the first and second jets
- 4. The angle between the photons produced in the Higgs decay

Measuring Higgs boson distributions





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Summary

After its discovery, focus of Higgs boson analyses are shifting to precision measurements of its properties.

- Mass
- Spin/CP, limits on width
- Cross sections in different kinematic regions

The 2015+2016 dataset (~35 fb⁻¹ @ 13 TeV) is effectively six times larger than the Run-1 dataset, results expected for summer conferences.

Exciting times ahead!



That's all Folks/ Thanks for your attention!

Search for Higgs pair production



Expect one event in the signal region (a window around 125 GeV). Observe 4 events (!)

$\gamma\gamma + ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ combined

- Combination of the two spectra from the previous page
- Red = $\gamma\gamma$ Green = $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ Black = combined
- γγ and ZZ are independent datasets, still very good (surprisingly good) agreement

$$\sigma_i = \frac{n_i}{\mathcal{L} c_i \, \alpha_i \, \mathcal{B}}$$





Helicity angel between of the photons in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Differential cross sections with 100 fb⁻¹



Fiducial cross sections & "unfolding"

Fiducial cross sections try to avoid extrapolations



-fiducially 🐽 \-shə-lē\ adverb



In particle physics

a fiducial cross-section is a cross-section measured only for the fiducial region, a clearly defined region in phasespace in which the detector operates with high efficiency, without extrapolating to regions where the experiment has no sensitivity.

The fiducial region are defined from the stable "truth" particles from the MC event record. Corresponds to what a perfect detector would see

 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ fiducial definition 2 photons with $|\eta| < 2.37$ $p_{T\gamma1} / m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.35$ $p_{T\gamma2} / m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.25$

The fiducial region is selected to correspond to the analysis selection (see above). The yields measured in data need to be corrected for detector effect (inefficiencies). This is called *unfolding*.

Some things are harder to unfold than others

Side from Florian Bernlochner

Differential cross section measurement overview



- a) Spit dataset into bins of variable of interest (here 4 N_{jets} bins)
- b) For each bin, extract *s* from a *s*+*b* fit to the $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectra
- c) Large statistical uncertainty due to small s/b

2. Unfold to particle level and divide by integrated luminosity and bin-width

$$\sigma_{\rm fid} = \frac{n_{{\rm sig},i}}{c_i \, \mathcal{L}_{\rm int}}$$

correction factor for detector effects (±2.8%)

- a) correction for detector effects with bin-by-bin unfolding
- b) convert to ("differential") cross section by dividing by int. lumi (and bin-width)

3. Plot and compare with theory



- a) compare to **particle level** prediction - i.e. no need for detector simulation
- b) Can also compare with analytical calculations (parton level) but then need small parton→particle level (NP) correction

Signal extraction $\gamma\gamma$



Transverse momentum

ρ_τ^{γγ}

• Differential cross sections as a function of transverse momentum of the Higgs-like resonance compared with theory for the $\gamma\gamma$ (left) and ZZ (right) fiducial regions



Extrapolation to the inclusive phase space

- In principle one can also extrapolate the fiducial cross sections to the fully inclusive region.
 - Ok, given what we just discussed why would you want to do that?
 - · Not model independent, but still less model dependent than coupling measurements.
 - Can combine differential quantities with different channels, e.g. *H to four leptons*
 - Mostly account for object (photons, leptons) acceptance, i.e. more tied to objects than production specifics.



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Statistical correlations between distributions



Can use all kinematic distributions in a combined analysis and probe for **New Physics**:



 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \bar{c}_{\gamma} O_{\gamma} + \bar{c}_{g} O_{g} + \bar{c}_{HW} O_{HW} + \bar{c}_{HB} O_{HB} \\ &+ \tilde{c}_{\gamma} \tilde{O}_{\gamma} + \tilde{c}_{g} \tilde{O}_{g} + \tilde{c}_{HW} \tilde{O}_{HW} + \tilde{c}_{HB} \tilde{O}_{HB}, \end{aligned}$

Effective Field Theory Analysis of differential cross sections

• Effective Field theory: Strongly Interacting Light Higgs arXiv:1303.3876 arXiv:hep-ph/0703164 SM NP • Extends SM by adding point-like interactions $\mathcal{L} = \bar{c}_{\gamma}O_{\gamma} + \bar{c}_{g}O_{g} + \bar{c}_{HW}O_{HW} + \bar{c}_{HB}O_{HB} + \tilde{c}_{\gamma}\tilde{O}_{\gamma} + \tilde{c}_{g}\tilde{O}_{g} + \tilde{c}_{HW}\tilde{O}_{HW} + \tilde{c}_{HB}\tilde{O}_{HB},$

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Limits on \overline{c}_g and \overline{c}_y



Other operators:



 No significant deviation from SM observed.

95% 1 – <i>CL</i> limit
$[-7.4, 5.7] \times 10^{-4} \cup [3.8, 5.1] \times 10^{-3}$
$[-1.8, 1.8] \times 10^{-3}$
$[-0.7, 1.3] \times 10^{-4} \cup [-5.8, -3.8] \times 10^{-4}$
$[-2.4, 2.4] \times 10^{-4}$
$[-8.6, 9.2] \times 10^{-2}$
[-0.23, 0.23]

Run 2: Simplified cross section framework



LHC HXS WG meeting about fiducial cross sections:

https://indico.cern.ch/event/399923/

https://indico.cern.ch/event/399923/session/3/contribution/20/material/slides/0.pdf

High mass " $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ "

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Theorists React to the CERN 750 GeV Diphoton Data

Last December, the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations at the Large Hadron Collider reported preliminary data with a small excess of diphoton events at an invariant mass of about 750 GeV [1,2], which, if verified, would require unexpected new elementary particles. The collaborations have recently reanalyzed their data [3,4], and the signal has become slightly stronger. Though the results are extremely intriguing, more data are required to establish if the excess is real, or a statistical fluctuation.

Over 250 theory papers have appeared following the December announcement, and a number of them were submitted to us. We found it appropriate to publish a small sample of them. To maximize the coherence and fairness of our choices, we obtained informal advice from several experts.

Four such Letters appear in this issue [5–8]. Others may follow, but we think that this set gives readers a sense of the kind of new physics that would be required to explain the data, if confirmed.

Robert Garisto Editor

Dag Gillberg



CMS results - magnet on

Slide from Pascale Musella's, Moriond talk





for look-elsewhere-effect.






Marco Delmastro

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Correction for detector effects



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Correction for detector effects



Reconstructed level N_{jets}

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Higgs cross section measurements

Higgs + $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$



ETmiss > 90 GeV pTγγ > 90 GeV Target: "Mono Higgs", Higgs + DM

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Comparing analytical ggF predictions with data

Analytical calculated cross sections can be corrected for acceptances and non-perturbative effects using provided correction factors for each fiducial region/bin of differential cross section SM is assumed for provided values. Uncert. from QCD-scale, PDF, MPI/fragm. tune variations



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$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ fiducial cross sections



Higgs couplings

• Search for deviations from the SM Higgs coupling to other particles by introducing multipliers using a **tree-level motivated benchmark model** following the LHC Higgs XS WG recommendations: <u>1209.0040</u>

