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# The Higgs discovery

- On July 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, ATLAS and CMS announced the discovery of the Higgs boson.
- And the 2013 Nobel prize was awarded to Peter Higgs and Francois Englert

"for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's LHC"

nature

- Since then more than 10 times the data have been collected.
- These have been used to map the properties of the Higgs with increasing precision.
- Is it actually the Higgs we were searching for?





#### The LHC timeline



- Higgs discovered with ~10 fb<sup>-1</sup> of Run 1 data.
- Run 2 dataset is ~140 fb<sup>-1</sup>.
- ~3  $ab^{-1}$  is expected by the end of HL-LHC (x20 current amount).



# The SM Higgs fingerprint

- An elementary scalar particle (spin 0) with positive parity.
- Interacts with other particles with a strength that is proportion to their masses.
- Also interacts with itself.
- As soon as the mass is determined, all properties are precisely predicted by the SM.







# **Experimentally challenging**

- Production rates of Higgs bosons are several orders of magnitude smaller than for the backgrounds.
- Challenge to extract the signal and estimate the backgrounds with the required precision.

Higgs boson	Higgs bosons per fb <sup><math>-1</math></sup> (13 TeV)				
	produced	selected			
$H ightarrow\gamma\gamma$	130	46			
$H  ightarrow ZZ^*$	1400	1.5			
$H  ightarrow WW^*$	12000	42			
H ightarrow au au	3500	17			
$H  ightarrow bar{b}$	32000	66			

Source: K. Tackmann Higgs symposium





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# Does it spin like a Higgs?

- The spin-0 nature was already demonstrated at discovery by the fact that it decays to a pair of photons.
- The spin and parity quantum numbers were determined by CMS and ATLAS in 2013 [1212.6639] and [1307.1432].
- As predicted by the SM, the data followed  $J^P = 0^+$  hypothesis.



• Most recent results [1411.3441] and [1506.05669].



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- Tau leptons can decay either
  hadronically (~70%) or leptonically.
- Look like narrow jets in the detector, use a BDT to identify.
  - Largest irreducible background comes from  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau \tau$ .







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- Already then quite stringent tests on the couplings to bosons vs fermions.
- Remember that the boson couplings come from the EWSB while the Higgs' couplings to fermions are explicitly added to the SM.
- Still no measurement of bb decay and no direct measurement of top coupling.





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- Both ttH and VH were originally considered Run3+ measurements.
- The Run 2 observations were made possible by excellent b-tagging in both experiments.





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  - $^{\rm o}$  The  $\mu\mu$  decay mode is on the verge of being observed.
  - Evidence by CMS in 2020
     [2009.04363].
  - $^{\circ}$  The *cc* decay mode is more challenging. Current limits are  $\sigma < 31 \cdot \sigma_{\text{SM}}$  (ATLAS, 2201.11428)  $\sigma < 47 \cdot \sigma_{\text{SM}}$  (CMS, 2211.14181)





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### **Higgs to invisible**

- In the SM, the Higgs is expected to decay to a fully invisible final state with a BR of 0.12%, through  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4v$ .
- But there are several BSM scenarios that given invisible BR of O(10%), e.g. Higgs decays to DM pairs.
- ATLAS and CMS put upper limits on BR<sub>inv</sub>: • 0.18 (0.10 exp.) [CMS, 2201.11585]
  - ° 0.145 (0.103 exp.) [ATLAS, 2202.07953]





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- Always measure  $\sigma_{\text{prod}} \times BR \rightarrow$  need total width to disentangle.
- The total width of the Higgs boson is predicted to be 4.1 MeV. Impossible to measure directly (detector resolution too poor).
- First indirect measurement by CMS in 2022 [2202.06923].
- Compares on- and off-shell Higgs production;  $\sigma^{off-shell} \sim \mu^{on-shell}\Gamma_{H}$ .
- CMS ≤140 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV) • Use  $ZZ \rightarrow 2l2v$  and  $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  decays. 2l2v+4l off-shell + 4l on-shell **CMS** Simulation 13 TeV Challenging since 2l2v off-shell + 4l on-shell 10 EW ZZ( $\rightarrow$ 4l)+qq production (l=e,  $\mu$ ) 4l off-shell + 4l on-shell 12  $qq \rightarrow ZZ$  production SM H signal ( $|H|^2$ ) is much larger SM contin.  $(|C|^2)$ Observed 10 10 dơ / dm<sub>4I</sub> (fb/GeV) SM total (H+C<sup>2</sup>) Expected 10<sup>-2</sup> than off-shell **∆** InL  $|H|^{2}+|C|^{2}$  $\Gamma_{\rm H} = 3.2^{+2.4}_{-1.7} \, {\rm MeV}$ 10<sup>-3</sup>  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ . N 10<sup>-4</sup> Binned maximum 10<sup>-5</sup> likelihood fits to  $10^{-6}$ 95% CL >100 kinematic  $10^{-7}$ 68% CL 200 300 500 1000 2000 100 distributions. m₄ (GeV) 5 10 15 • Recent CONF note [ATLAS-CONF-2022-068].  $\Gamma_{\rm H}$  (MeV)



#### The µ framework

- The agreement between the observed signal yields and the SM expectations can be quantified by fitting the data with a model that introduces signal strength parameters.
- These are generically labelled  $\mu$ , and scale the observed yields with respect to those predicted by the SM, without altering the shape of the distributions.
- Thus  $\mu = 1$  means perfect agreement with the predicted SM yield.
- Fitting the data from all production and decay modes with a single signal strength parameter yields:

 $^{\circ}\mu = 0.87 \pm 0.23$  (CMS, 2012)

- $^{\circ} \mu = 1.002 \pm 0.057$  (CMS, end of Run 2)
- $^{\circ} \mu = 1.05 \pm 0.06$  (ATLAS, end of Run 2)

 $= 1.05 \pm 0.03$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.03$  (exp.)  $\pm 0.04$  (sig. th.)  $\pm 0.02$  (bkg. th.)

• Can also derive the signal strength for individual production and decay modes.



#### **Production and decay summary**





#### The **k** framework

- A modification of the coupling strength between the Higgs and another particle can affect several processes.
  - $^{\circ}$  E.g. the modification of the Higgs-top coupling strength affects both the ggF production and the  $\gamma\gamma$  decay.
- This is handled by introducing coupling strength modifiers  $\kappa$ .
- Observables such as  $\sigma$  and  $\Gamma$  become proportional to  $\kappa^2$ .





#### Production and decay modes





### The Higgs fingerprint

• At the heart of the Higgs mechanism is the prediction that it should couple to other particles in proportion to their masses.





# **Higgs precision at HL-LHC**

- Currently our precision on the measurements on the coupling strengths between the Higgs boson and the other Standard Model particles is 5-10% (some cases even as bad as 25%).
- Percent-level precision is expected on these measurements by the end of HL-LHC.
  - Will give sensitivity to BSM particles with masses in the multi-TeV regime.





#### **Higgs precision at future colliders**



• O(1%) precision or better for many couplings with future colliders.

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#### **BSM impact on couplings**

• Examples of coupling modifications by different BSM models.



From: ILC Snowmass report

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- One parameter affecting the shape of the Higgs potential is the Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda$ :  $V(H) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_3 H^3 + \lambda_4 H^4 + \dots$
- Can be experimentally probed by measuring how often Higgs bosons are produced in pairs.  $\rightarrow$  Flagship analysis at the HL-LHC.



- Destructive interference of these two diagrams in the SM results in a small cross section:  $\sigma_{\text{SM}}$  (ggF)  $\simeq$  31 fb [13 TeV]
- If the Higgs self-coupling has the strength predicted by the Standard Model, ATLAS and CMS combined will be able to measure HH production with the full HL-LHC data (by 2040).
- If the coupling is different from the Standard Model value, the process could be observed earlier.



- The triangle and the box diagrams dominate in different parts of the HH invariant mass spectrum.
- If one moves away from the  $\kappa_{\lambda} = \lambda/\lambda_{SM} = 1$  value in the SM, the interference changes.
- Affects both the cross section and the invariant mass spectrum.



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- The most sensitive diHiggs final states are *bbbb*, *bb* $\tau\tau$  and *bb* $\gamma\gamma$ .
- *bbbb:* highest branching ratio but large multi-jet background.
- ATLAS: ATLAS-CONF-2022-035
- CMS: 2202.09617 and 2205.06667
- $bb\tau\tau$ : Intermediate branching ratio but clean final state with moderate backgrounds.
- ATLAS: 2209.10910
- CMS: 2206.09401
- *bb* $\gamma\gamma$ : Tiny branching ratio but excellent  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution and small backgrounds.
- Lower trigger thresholds, so better sensitivity at low  $m_{HH}$  hence to Higgs self-coupling.
- ATLAS: 2112.11876
- CMS: 2011.12373

	bb	ww	ττ	ZZ	YY
bb	34%				
ww	25%	4.6%			
ττ	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
YY	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

Credit: Katharine Leney



#### HH decay modes

#### Nature 607, 60-68 (2022)





Current best limits from ATLAS and CMS:





#### • 4σ discovery significance for SM-like HH production by the end of HL-LHC.



ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-018



- CLIC @ 3TeV and ILC @1 TeV will reach O(10%) precision on  $\lambda.$
- FCC-hh can reach 5% precision.



•  $2\sigma$  sensitivity to the quartic self-coupling expected at FCC-hh.



#### Conclusions

- Very productive experimental program for the past 10 years!
  - $^{\circ}$  96 CMS & 113 ATLAS papers.
  - Spanning all production and decay modes possible.
  - $^{\rm o}$  Targeting both SM and BSM.
- Very impressive results!
  - ° 0.1% precision on the mass.
  - ~5% (bosons) and ~10% (heaviest fermions) precision on couplings.
  - Much progress in searches for second generation couplings and for diHiggs production.



• HL-LHC and future colliders needed to reach the precision necessary for many BSM scenarios.









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arXiv:

#### **Differential measurements**

#### **Differential cross-sections**



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### The Higgs fingerprint

# • The coupling strengths to fermions and bosons are also of interest.

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### **Higgs timeline**

 Steady progress by the LHC experiments in the 10 years since the Higgs discovery.

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Source: Nadya Chernyavskaya (CERN) and Fabio Cerutti (LBNL) (Higgs2022 talk)

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### Why do we need the Higgs?

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ILC	ee	0.25	2	11	129 (upgr. 150-200)	4.8-5.3 GILCU + upgrade		
		0.5	4	10	163 (204)	7.98 GI	LCU	
		1.0			300	?		
CLIC	ee	0.38	1	8	168	5.9 GCł	IF	
		1.5	2.5	7	(370)	+5.1 G	CHF	
		3	5	8	(590)	+7.3 G(	CHF	
CEPC	ee	0.091+0.16	16+2.6		149	5 G\$		
		0.24	5.6	7	266			
FCC-ee	ee	0.091+0.16	150+10	4+1	259	10.5 G	CHF	
		0.24	5	3	282			
		0.365 (+0.35)	1.5 (+0.2)	4 (+1)	340	+1.1 G	CHF	
LHeC	ер	60 / 7000	1	12	(+100)	1.75 G	HF	
FCC-hh	рр	100	30	25	580 (550)	17 GCH	F (+7 GCHF)	
HE-LHC	рр	27	20	20		7.2 GCH	IF	
LE-FCC	pp.	37.5	15	20		14.9 GCH	F. New at reque	est of ESG

(For reference - LHC construction cost  $\approx$  4 GCHF, annual CERN budget  $\approx$  1 GCHF.)