Probing the nature of electroweak symmetry breaking with Higgs boson pairs in ATLAS



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Higgs self coupling





Double Higgs production





diagram interferes destructively

if $K_{\lambda} > 1$ could indicate processes beyond SM.



Access to HHVV coupling via $\mathsf{K}_{2\mathsf{V}}$ coupling modifier

Two extra forward jets, unique signature



Multiple diHiggs production channels:

- 4b largest BR, huge background
- $bb\tau\tau$ small BR with relatively low background
- bbγγ very small BR, but clean channel with low background,
- bbll second largest BR
- $-\sqrt{ML}$ the combination of 9 channels with a small BR

The channels listed above will be discussed in this talk

Combination of the channels provides more precise results

Effective Field Theory (EFT)

Higgs EFT (HEFT)

- ► Describes Higgs bosons at low-energy dynamics without assumption of linear realization of EWSB
- ► The Higgs fields are treated independently
- ► Effective operators build from Higgs couplings
- ► Probe for anomalous Higgs behavior

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{HEFT}} \supset -m_t \left(\frac{c_{tth}}{v} + \frac{c_{tthh}}{v} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) \bar{t}t - \frac{c_{hhh}}{2v} \frac{m_h^2}{2v} h^3 + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \left(c_{ggh} \frac{h}{v} + \frac{c_{gghh}}{v^2} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a,\mu\nu}.$$



Event selection:

- 4 b-tagged jets
- Forward jets used to separate ggF and VBF regions
- Cut on HH and ttbar sensitive variables $X_{\rm HH}$ and X_{Wt}
- $|\Delta\eta_{\rm HH}|$ and $X_{\rm HH}\,$ categories to improve K_{λ} and $K_{\rm 2V}$ sensitivity

Analysis strategy:

- Jets paired to minimize ΔR for p_T leading dijet system
- Data from 2b region reweighed to 4b SR (data-driven bkg estimates)
- SR split into 6 ggF and 2 VBF categories
- mhh distribution used to final results



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Results



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HH → bbττ

Event selection:

- \blacklozenge 1 hadronic τ and 1 e/µ or 2 hadronic τ
- ThadThad pass single-Thad-vis triggers STTs , $p_T > 100-180$ GeV or Di-Thad-vis triggers (DTTs) $p_T > 40$ (30)GeV
- ♦ TlepThad pass Single lepton triggers SLT or Lepton-plus-Thad-vis (LTTs) p_T > 30 GeV
- m_{π} > 60 GeV using Missing Mass Calculator (arXiv:1802.08168v2)
- Signal region split into three categories ggF Low- m_{HH} (m_{HH} < 350GeV), ggF High- m_{HH} , and VBF
- Multivariate techniques (BDTs) were used to distinguish signal from background and used as the final signal/background discriminant.











 μ_{HH} < 5.9 σ_{SM} observed (3.3 σ_{SM} expected)

Observed: $-3.1 < K_{\lambda} < 9.0$ Expected: $-2.5 < K_{\lambda} < 9.3$

Observed: $-0.5 < K_{2V} < 2.7$ Expected: $-0.2 < K_{2V} < 2.4$

$HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$

Event selection:

- → 2 photons with 105 GeV $\leq m_{yy} \leq 160$ GeV
- → The leading (subleading) photon p_T is larger than 35% (25%) of the mass of the diphoton system.
- → Exactly 2 b-tagged jets
- → No e/μ in event
- * m_{bbyy} distribution split to low masses (large k_{λ} , BSM) ,350 Gev boundry, and high masses (small k_{λ} , SM) regions
- * combination of 2 BDT trainings to separate signal from single Higgs and continuum background



Signal extraction by fitting $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution in each category and signal strength allowed to float



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Results





 μ_{HH} < 4.0 σ_{SM} observed (5.0 σ_{SM} expected)

Observed: $-1.4 < K_{\lambda} < 6.9$ Expected: $-2.8 < K_{\lambda} < 7.8$

Observed: $-0.5 < K_{2V} < 2.7$ Expected: $-1.1 < K_{2V} < 3.3$

$HH \rightarrow bbll + E_T^{miss}$



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Event selection:

- two light leptons (e,μ) with opposite charge
- two b-tagged jets with $p_{\text{T}}\text{>}$ 20 GeV and $|\eta|$ <2.5
- $m_{ll} \in SF (15, 75) GeV \text{ or } DF (15,110) GeV$

Signal region split into VBF and ggF sensitives regions - VBF region - at least two forward jets with max $|\Delta\eta| > 4$, pT > 30 GeV, and max(mjj) > 600 GeV

To preselected events, DNN and BDT training were applied for ggF and VBF regions respectively.





HH->bbll+ E_T^{miss}



Results







 μ_{HH} < 9.7 σ_{SM} observed (16.2 σ_{SM} expected) Observed: $-6.2 < K_{\lambda} < 13.3$ Expected: $-8.1 < K_{\lambda} < 15.5$

Observed: $-0.17 < K_{2V} < 2.4$ Expected: $-0.51 < K_{2V} < 2.7$

$HH \rightarrow ML$



The analysis includes 9 channels with leptons in final state



Multiple events selection concerning different channels. All channels required no b-jets except 2b4l channel.

The BDT method is applied to preselected events to separate signal from background events.

The BDT score is divided into three regions in yy+ML channels. The yy+ML channels use $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution to obtain results. Background modeling using sideband data



 $HH \rightarrow ML$









Observed: $-2.5 < K_{2V} < 4.6$ Expected: $-1.9 < K_{2V} < 4.1$

 μ_{HH} < 17.0 σ_{SM} observed (11.0 σ_{SM} expected) Observed: $-6.2 < K_{\lambda} < 11.6$ Expected: $-4.5 < K_{\lambda} < 9.6$



Observed: $-1.2 < K_{\lambda} < 7.2$

Expected: $-1.6 < K_{\lambda} < 7.2$

Kλ

All presented channels have been combined. Increased sensitivity by a statistical combination of HH channels

95% CL upper limit on HH signal strength μ_{HH}

 μ_{HH} < 2.9 σ_{SM} observed

(2.4 σ_{SM} expected)

K_{2V}

Observed: $0.6 < K_{2V} < 1.5$

Expected: $0.4 < K_{2V} < 1.6$



HH Combination





Observed: -0.38< C_{ggHH} < 0.49 Expected: -0.36< C_{ggHH} < 0.36

Observed: $-0.19 < C_{ttHH} < 0.70$ Expected: $-0.27 < C_{ttHH} < 0.66$

Benchmark Model	c_{HHH}	c_{ttH}	c_{ggH}	c_{ggHH}	c_{ttHH}
SM	1	1	0	0	0
BM1	3.94	0.94	1/2	1/3	-1/3
BM2	6.84	0.61	0.0	-1/3	1/3
BM3	2.21	1.05	1/2	1/2	-1/3
BM4	2.79	0.61	-1/2	1/6	1/3
BM5	3.95	1.17	1/6	-1/2	-1/3
BM6	5.68	0.83	-1/2	1/3	1/3
BM7	-0.10	0.94	1/6	-1/6	1



BM3, BM4, BM5, and BM7 scenarios can be excluded



- HH searches are one of the most attractive in particle physics
- ♦ Not offering the unique channel a combination of searches are necessary
- HH production provides insight into the Higgs mechanism
- Good probe for searching processes BSM:
 - Heavy resonance searches
 - DiHiggs production enhancement
- ♦ HEFT four benchmark scenarios excluded
- New interesting results covering all/partial data collected during LHC RUN3 in the near future...

Thank you

Backup

The K_{λ} can be measured through loop correction in single Higgs boson production. By combining HH and H searches additional constraints can by achieved. Offers most stringent constraint on K_{λ} to date.



Observed: $-0.4 < K_{\lambda} < 6.3$ Expected: $-1.9 < K_{\lambda} < 7.6$

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K_{2V} =1 for single Higgs, no complete parametrization NLO EW corrections

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HL-LHC prospects



HL-LHC energy $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ HH $\sigma^{SM}_{ggF} = 36.7^{+6\%}_{-23\%}$ HH $\sigma^{SM}_{VBF} = 2.1^{+0.03\%}_{-0.04\%}$ Expected integrated luminosity 3000 fb⁻¹



Run 2 distribution scaled by factor 1.18 and 1.19 for ggF and VBF HH signals respectively



Expected significance (σ) for baseline scenario is 3.4 and observation is expected while $0 > K_{\lambda}$ or $K_{\lambda} > 5.8$

The ATLAS detector











Standard Model EFT (SMEFT)

► Includes higher-dimensional operators that capture unknown effects, beyond current measurement ability.

- Assumes linear electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) with Higgs as the part of doublet
- ► Probes for the physics beyond SM (heavy resonances,gauge boson interactions, or deviations in Higgs.

Wilson coefficients: $C_{H} \sim \kappa_{\lambda}, C_{H\Box}, C_{HD}, C_{tH}, C_{HG}, C_{tG}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \frac{c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^{\dagger} \phi) \Box (\phi^{\dagger} \phi) + \frac{c_{HD}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^{\dagger} D_{\mu} \phi)^* (\phi^{\dagger} D^{\mu} \phi) + \frac{c_{H}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^{\dagger} \phi)^3 \\ + (\frac{c_{tH}}{\Lambda^2} \phi^{\dagger} \phi \bar{q}_L \tilde{\phi} t_R + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{c_{HG}}{\Lambda^2} \phi^{\dagger} \phi G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu,a} \\ + \frac{c_{tG}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{\phi} t_R + \text{h.c.}). \end{aligned}$$

Combination











cross-sections





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SMEFT

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Parameter	Expected Constraint		Observed Constraint	
	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
c _H	-20	11	-22	11
c_{HG}	-0.056	0.049	-0.067	0.060
$c_{H\square}$	-9.3	13.9	-8.9	14.5
c_{tH}	-10.0	6.4	-10.7	6.2
c_{tG}	-0.97	0.94	-1.12	1.15

Upper and lower limits on the parameters



BM3,BM5, and BM7 scenarios can be excluded

Observed: $-0.36 < C_{ggHH} < 0.78$ Expected: $-0.42 < C_{ggHH} < 0.75$

Observed: $-0.55 < C_{ttHH} < 0.51$ Expected: $-0.46 < C_{ttHH} < 0.4$

	Observed Limit	-2σ	-1σ	Expected Limit	+1 σ	+2 σ
$\mu_{ m ggF}$	5.5	4.4	5.9	8.2	12.4	19.6
$\mu_{ m VBF}$	130	70	100	130	190	280
$\mu_{\rm ggF+VBF}$	5.4	4.3	5.8	8.1	12.2	19.1

The observed and expected upper limits on the SM ggF HH production cross-section σ ggF, SM VBF HH production cross-section σ VBF, and combined SM ggF and VBF HH production cross-section σ ggF+VBF at the 95% CL, expressed as multiples of the corresponding SM cross-sections. The expected values are shown with corresponding one- and two-standard-deviation error bounds, and they are obtained using a background-only fit to the data. When extracting the limits on σ ggF+VBF, the relative contributions of ggF and VBF production to the total cross-section are fixed to the SM prediction.

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The extracted upper and lower limits on the SMEFT parameters to which the analysis is sensitive. For each parameter, the constraints are provided assuming the other parameters are fixed to 0. The VBF HH process is ignored for this result.

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A flowchart summarizing the nine selection criteria used for the VBF and ggF analysis selections. Events must satisfy selection criteria 1-3 in order to be considered for either analysis signal region. Events failing to satisfy any of the selection criteria 4-6 are considered for inclusion in the ggF signal region, while those satisfying selection criteria 4-6 are considered for the VBF signal region.

HL-LHC prospects





Negative log-profile-likelihood as a function of $\kappa\lambda$ evaluated on an Asimov dataset constructed under the SM hypothesis of $\kappa\lambda$ =1, for $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}\tau$ + τ - and $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ projections, and their combination assuming the four different uncertainty scenarios described in the text. The intersections of the dashed horizontal lines with the profile likelihood curve define the 68% and 95% confidence intervals, respectively.

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HL-LHC prospects





Expected 95% CL limits on the HH cross-section for different $\kappa\lambda$ hypotheses at \sqrt{s} = 14 TeV, 3000 fb-1 at the HL-LHC with the baseline uncertainty scenario for combination with bbyy and bb\tau+\tau- channels. The expected cross-section limits assume a complete absence of HH production. The theory prediction curve represents the situation where all parameters and couplings are set to their SM values except for $\kappa\lambda$. The SM hypothesis corresponds to $\kappa\lambda$ =1.



Expected 95% CL limits on the HH cross-section for different κ 2V hypotheses at \sqrt{s} = 14 TeV, 3000 fb-1 at the HL-LHC with the baseline uncertainty scenario. The expected cross-section limits assume a complete absence of HH production. The theory prediction curve represents the situation where all parameters and couplings are set to their SM values except for κ 2V. The SM hypothesis corresponds to κ 2V=1.

HH → bbtt





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SM

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6 HEFT shape benchmark









Thad Thad channel

Schematic depiction of the fake-factor method to estimate the multi-jet background with fake-thad-vis in the thadthad channel. Backgrounds that are not from multi-jet events are simulated and subtracted from data in all the control regions. This is indicated by `Non-multi-jet subtracted' in the legend.

ThadThad		TlepThad	
STTs	DTTs	SLTs	FTTs
No e/µ Two loose Thad-vis		p⊤ ^e > 25,27GeV p⊤ ^µ > 21,27GeV	18GeV< p⊤ ^e < SLTs 15GeV <p⊤<sup>µ < SLTs</p⊤<sup>
p _T > 100,140,	р _т >40 (30)GeV	one loc	ose Thad-vis
180 (25) GeV			P _T > 30 GeV

 $\tau_{\rm lep} \tau_{\rm had}$ channel



Schematic depiction of the combined fake-factor method used to estimate multi-jet and tī backgrounds with fake-thad-vis in the tlepthad channel. Backgrounds which are not from events with fake-thad-vis originating from jets are estimated from simulation and are subtracted from data in all control regions. Events in which an electron or a muon is misidentified as a thad-vis are also subtracted, but their contribution is very small. Both sources are indicated by `True-thad-vis subtracted' in the legend.



Effective Filed Theory coefficient results





Observed and expected 95% CIs on HEFT and SMEFT Wilson coefficients

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$HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$







Systematic uncertainty source	Relative impact [%]	
Experimental		
Photon energy resolution	0.4	
Photon energy scale	0.1	
Flavour tagging	0.1	
Theoretical		
Factorisation and renormalisation scale	4.8	
$\mathcal{B}(H \to \gamma \gamma, b\bar{b})$	0.2	
Parton showering model	0.2	
Heavy-flavour content	0.1	
Background model (spurious signal)	0.1	

2 regions for increase sensitivity to:

- $I Iarge k_{\lambda}$, BSM, (low masses)
- II small k_{λ} , SM, (high masses)

Category	Selection criteria
High Mass 1	$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* \ge 350 \text{ GeV}, \text{BDT score} \in [0.545, 0.830]$
High Mass 2	$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* \ge 350 \text{ GeV}, \text{BDT score} \in [0.830, 0.905]$
High Mass 3	$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* \ge 350 \text{ GeV}, \text{BDT score} \in [0.905, 1.000]$
Low Mass 1	$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* < 350 \text{ GeV}, \text{BDT score} \in [0.430, 0.785]$
Low Mass 2	$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* < 350 \text{ GeV}, \text{BDT score} \in [0.785, 0.890]$
Low Mass 3	$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* < 350 \text{ GeV}, \text{BDT score} \in [0.890, 0.950]$
Low Mass 4	$m^*_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}$ < 350 GeV, BDT score \in [0.950, 1.000]

 $HH \rightarrow bbyy$



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