Search for Exotic Higgs Decays with ATLAS Detector





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- Motivation
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Higgs discovery







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Physicists Find Elusive Particle Seen as Key to Universe



Scientists in Geneva on Wednesday applauded the discovery of a subatomic particle that looks like the Higgs boson.

Date Night at the Zoo, if Rare Species Play Along

THE ANIMAL LIFEBOAT Barriers to Browding hing but. Eighty-three percent of those species in North American 2005 ure not meeting the targets set 'I Think We Have It' Is Cheer of Day at Home of Search Could Higgs boson lead to another discovery?

Yes.

To see why, let's look at its properties.

SM Higgs decay





Curtin et al. 1312.4992 (2014) https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/CERNYellowReportPageBR2014

Exotic Higgs decay





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ATLAS+CMS combination 1606.02266 ATLAS projection ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-016 Higgs "portal" ←

coined by Brian Patt, Frank Wilczek



$\begin{array}{c} \text{Dim 2} \\ \downarrow \\ \zeta \ |\mathcal{H}|^2 \ \chi^2 \end{array}$

"Portal" interaction

Patt, Wilczek hep-ph/0605188 (2006)



SM charge

BSM charge



SM charge

BSM charge



SM charge

BSM charge

Can explore Hidden BSM structures via Higgs portal



Case 1: Invisible Higgs decay



H decays away to hidden sector ⇒ leaves missing energy

e.g. Curtin et al. 1312.4992 (2014) + many more

Invisible Higgs decay

350

Missing tranverse energy [GeV]

400

ATLAS

20.3 fb⁻¹

8 TeV

SR1

450



VBF $H \rightarrow inv$ analysis example

Probe missingenergy spectrum

Understanding $Z \rightarrow vv$ crucial (becoming the main limitation)

No significant excess observed



200

250

300

Others

10³

10²

10

2

0

of events

#

Data / Pred.

Combining $H \rightarrow inv$ analyses constrain $B_{H \rightarrow inv} < 25\%$ (95% CL)

500

Sut soft





Low transverse momentum final states ⇒ Trigger challenges ⇒ Relatively "Boosted" merged jets tagging

e.g. Curtin, Essig, Zhong 1412.4779 (2015) + many more



ATLAS: *H→aa→bb̄bb̄*



Use multivariate analysis

ATLAS: *H→aa→bb̄bb̄*



More data being analyzed. Stay tuned.

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Other channels





Direct searches are constraining beyond indirect constraint for some parameter space



Lepton flavor violating Higgs decay

CMS reported 2.4σ excess at Run 1 (13 TeV 2.3/fb shows no excess)

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Many BSM models predict non-diagonal Yukawa couplings up to O(10%) while satisfying experimental constraints



Diaz-Cruz, Toscano, PR D 62, 116005 (2000) Blankenburg, Ellis, Isidori PL B 712 (2012) 386 Arhrib, Cheng, Kong PR D 87 015025 (2013) Arana-Catania, Arganda, Herrero JHEP10 (2015) 192 + many more

Mass reconstructions in $H \rightarrow I\tau$





Well reconstructed $H \rightarrow I\tau$ peak

Focusing on $H \rightarrow \mu \tau$ results



One signal region reports 2.2σ But combination shows no excess

-B_{H→µτ} < 1.43% (95%CL)

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Interesting challenges ahead



If $B_{H \to BSM} = O(10\%)$, we already have 200k exotic higgs decay events They have topology different from typical analyses' phase-space



Key objects to study low P_T "merged" jets low P_T b-tagging algorithms soft lepton final states

b-tagging efficiency





Low P_T b-tagging in SUSY





"Catch-all" analysis



Difficult topology is targeted with all hadronic channel



Soft b-jets tagging will be helpful in this area

Summary

A new coupling of $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$ can easily add $B_{H \to BSM} = \mathcal{O}(10\%)$

Indirect constraint is 34%

Various direct searches have put stringent constraints

Low P_T objects are very important

Stay tuned for more updates



H→BSM 34% *H*→inv <mark>25%</mark> H→aa (model dep.) 10% 10% 1.5% $H \rightarrow bb$ 57% Other $H \to f\bar{f}$ $H \rightarrow gg, \gamma\gamma, Z\gamma$ $H \rightarrow VV^*$ 24% $B_H \rightarrow XX$



Back Up

Large B_{H→BSM}





FIG. 1: Sensitivity of a 125 GeV Higgs to light weakly coupled particles. Left: Exotic Higgs branching fraction to a singlet scalar *s* versus the singlet's mass m_s , assuming the interaction Eq. (1) is solely responsible for the $h \to ss$ decay. If the interaction in Eq. (1) generates the *s* mass, the result is the orange curve; the other curves are for fixed and independent values of ζ and m_s . Right: Exotic Higgs branching fraction to a new fermion ψ interacting with the Higgs as in Eq. (2) to illustrate the sensitivity of exotic Higgs decay searches to high scales, here Λ . We take here $\mu = m_{\psi}$.

Large B_{H→BSM}





FIG. 3: Size of the cubic coupling μ_v in units of Higgs expectation value v to yield the indicated $h \to ss$ branching fraction as a function of singlet mass, as given by Eq. (8).

The partial width for exotic Higgs decays is given by

$$\Gamma(h \to ss) = \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{\mu_v^2}{m_h} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_s^2}{m_h^2}} \approx \left(\frac{\mu_v/v}{0.03}\right)^2 \Gamma(h \to \text{SM}), \qquad (8)$$



H→*invisible decay*

Missing energy spectrum in two production modes are studied



VH: B_{*H*→inv} < 75%



VBF: B_{*H*→inv} < 28%





VBF H→invisible



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Figure 6. Data and MC distributions after all the requirements in SR1 for (a) $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and (b) the dijet invariant mass m_{jj} . The background histograms are normalized to the values in table 8. The VBF signal (red histogram) is normalized to the SM VBF Higgs boson production cross section with BF($H \rightarrow$ invisible) = 100%.

Invisible Higgs decay





Sig. and bkg. shape differ in VBF dijet distribution

VBF H→invisible



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Figure 7. Data and MC distributions after all the requirements in SR2 for (a) $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and (b) the dijet invariant mass m_{jj} . The background histograms are normalized to the values in table 8. The VBF signal is normalized to the SM VBF Higgs boson production cross section with BF($H \rightarrow$ invisible) = 100%.



VBF H→invisible

Signal region	SR1	SR2a	SR2b
Process			
ggF signal	20 ± 15	58 ± 22	19 ± 8
VBF signal	$286\!\pm\!57$	$182{\pm}~19$	105 ± 15
$Z(\rightarrow \nu \nu) + jets$	$339{\pm}37$	1580 ± 90	335 ± 23
$W(\rightarrow \ell \nu) + jets$	235 ± 42	1010 ± 50	225 ± 16
Multijet	2 ± 2	20 ± 20	4 ± 4
Other backgrounds	$1{\pm}0.4$	64 ± 9	19 ± 6
Total background	577 ± 62	$2680{\pm}130$	583 ± 34
Data	539	2654	636

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Table 8. Estimates of the expected yields and their total uncertainties for SR1 and SR2 in 20.3 fb⁻¹ of 2012 data. The $Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)$ +jets, $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)$ +jets, and multijet background estimates are datadriven. The other backgrounds and the ggF and VBF signals are determined from MC simulation. The expected signal yields are shown for $m_H = 125$ GeV and are normalized to BF($H \rightarrow$ invisible) = 100%. The W+jets and Z+jets statistical uncertainties result from the number of MC events in each signal and corresponding control region, and from the number of data events in the control region.

Results	Expected	$+1\sigma$	-1σ	$+2\sigma$	-2σ	Observed
SR1	0.35	0.49	0.25	0.67	0.19	0.30
SR2	0.60	0.85	0.43	1.18	0.32	0.83
Combined Results	0.31	0.44	0.23	0.60	0.17	0.28

Table 9. Summary of limits on BF($H \rightarrow$ invisible) for 20.3 fb⁻¹ of 8 TeV data in the individual search regions and their combination, assuming the SM cross section for $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$.

VBF H→Invisible

Model is from Phys. Lett. B 709 (2012) 65



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$$\Gamma_{H\to SS}^{\rm inv} = \frac{\lambda_{HSS}^2 v^2 \beta_S}{64\pi m_H},\tag{8.2}$$

$$\Gamma_{H\to VV}^{\text{inv}} = \frac{\lambda_{HVV}^2 v^2 m_H^3 \beta_V}{256\pi m_V^4} \left(1 - 4\frac{m_V^2}{m_H^2} + 12\frac{m_V^4}{m_H^4} \right), \tag{8.3}$$

$$\Gamma_{H \to ff}^{\text{inv}} = \frac{\lambda_{Hff}^2 v^2 m_H \beta_f^3}{32\pi\Lambda^2},\tag{8.4}$$

for the scalar, vector and Majorana-fermion dark matter, respectively. The parameters λ_{HSS} , λ_{HVV} , λ_{Hff}/Λ are the corresponding coupling constants, v is the vacuum expectation value of the SM Higgs doublet, $\beta_{\chi} = \sqrt{1 - 4m_{\chi}^2/m_H^2}$ ($\chi = S, V, f$), and m_{χ} is the WIMP mass. In the Higgs-portal model, the Higgs boson is assumed to be the only mediator in the WIMP-nucleon scattering, and the WIMP-nucleon cross section can be written in a general spin-independent form. Inserting the couplings and masses for each spin scenario gives:

$$\sigma_{SN}^{\rm SI} = \frac{\lambda_{HSS}^2}{16\pi m_H^4} \frac{m_N^4 f_N^2}{(m_S + m_N)^2},\tag{8.5}$$

Vacuum expectation value	$v/\sqrt{2}$	174 GeV
Higgs boson mass	m_H	$125 { m GeV}$
Higgs boson width	Γ_H	$4.07 { m MeV}$
Nucleon mass	m_N	$939 {\rm ~MeV}$
Higgs-nucleon coupling form factor	f_N	$0.33\substack{+0.30 \\ -0.07}$

Table 11. Parameters in the Higgs-portal dark-matter model.

$$\sigma_{VN}^{\rm SI} = \frac{\lambda_{HVV}^2}{16\pi m_H^4} \frac{m_N^4 f_N^2}{(m_V + m_N)^2},\tag{8.6}$$

$$\sigma_{fN}^{\rm SI} = \frac{\lambda_{Hff}^2}{4\pi\Lambda^2 m_H^4} \frac{m_N^4 m_f^2 f_N^2}{(m_f + m_N)^2},\tag{8.7}$$

where m_N is the nucleon mass, and f_N is the form factor associated to the Higgs bosonnucleon coupling and computed using lattice QCD [10]. The numerical values for all the parameters in the equations above are given in table 11.

ZH→Invisible 10³ **ATLAS** Data $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, \int L dt = 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell \nu \nu v$ (incl. τ) Events / 30 GeV 10 $ZH \rightarrow \ell \ell + inv.$ $WZ \rightarrow \ell v \ell \ell (\text{incl. } \tau)$ WW, dilep. $t\bar{t}$, Wt, $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ PRL 112, 201802 (2014) $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$ W+ jets, multijet, semilep. top $\ell \ell \ell + \text{inv.}, BR(H \rightarrow \text{inv.}) = 1$ 1 Data / Expected 2 .5 0.5 150 200 250 100 300 350 400 450 E_{T}^{miss} [GeV]

FIG. 2 (color online). Distribution of E_T^{miss} after the full selection in the 8 TeV data (dots). The filled stacked histograms represent the background expectations. The signal expectation for a Higgs boson with $m_H = 125.5$ GeV, a SM ZH production rate and BR($H \rightarrow \text{inv.}$) = 1 is stacked on top of the background expectations. The inset at the bottom of the figure shows the ratio of the data to the combined background expectations. The hashed area shows the systematic uncertainty on the combined background expectation.

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FIG. 3 (color online). Upper limits on $\sigma_{ZH} \times BR(H \rightarrow inv.)$ at 95% C.L. for a Higgs boson with 110 < m_H < 400 GeV, for the combined 7 and 8 TeV data. The full and dashed lines show the observed and expected limits, respectively.

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TABLE I. Number of events observed in data and expected from the signal and from each background source for the 7 and 8 TeV data-taking periods. Uncertainties on the signal and background expectations are presented with statistical uncertainties first and systematic uncertainties second.

Data period	2011 (7 TeV)	2012 (8 TeV)
$ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$	$20.0 \pm 0.7 \pm 1.6$	$91 \pm 1 \pm 7$
$WZ \to \ell \nu \ell \ell$	$4.8\pm0.3\pm0.5$	$26 \pm 1 \pm 3$
Dileptonic $t\bar{t}$, Wt , WW , $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$0.5\pm0.4\pm0.1$	$20\pm3\pm5$
$Z \rightarrow ee, Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$	$0.13 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.07$	$0.9\pm0.3\pm0.5$
W + jets, multijet, semileptonic top	$0.020 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.008$	$0.29 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.06$
Total background	$25.4 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.7$	$138\pm4\pm9$
Signal ($m_H = 125.5$ GeV, $\sigma_{ZH,SM}$, BR($H \rightarrow \text{inv.}$) = 1)	$8.9\pm0.1\pm0.5$	$44 \pm 1 \pm 3$
Observed	28	152

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Table 4 Predicted and observed numbers of events for the six categories in the signal region. The yields and uncertainties of the backgrounds are shown after the profile likelihood fit to the data. In this fit all categories share the same signal-strength parameter. The quoted uncertainties combine the statistical and systematic contributions. These

can be smaller for the total background than for individual components due to anti-correlations. The yields and uncertainties of the signals are shown as expected before the fit for $m_H = 125$ GeV and BR($H \rightarrow$ inv.) = 100 %. Signal contributions from VBF and $t\bar{t}H$ production are estimated to be negligible

<i>b</i> -tag category	0-tag	1-tag	2-tag		
Process	2-jet events				
Background					
Z+jets	24400 ± 1100	1960 ± 200	164 ± 13		
W+jets	20900 ± 770	1160 ± 130	47 ± 7		
tī	403 ± 74	343 ± 65	57 ± 10		
Single top	149 ± 16	107 ± 14	11 ± 2		
Diboson	1670 ± 180	227 ± 25	64 ± 7		
SM VH(bb)	1.5 ± 0.5	6 ± 2	3 ± 1		
Multijet	26 ± 43	8 ± 7	0.7 ± 0.9		
Total	47560 ± 490	3804 ± 64	347 ± 15		
Signal					
$gg \to H$	403 ± 95	25 ± 6	2.1 ± 0.5		
$W(\rightarrow jj)H$	425 ± 45	44 ± 6	0.6 ± 0.1		
$Z(\rightarrow jj)H$	217 ± 19	42 ± 4	26 ± 2		
Data	47404	3831	344		
		3-jet events			
Background					
Z+jets	9610 ± 580	795 ± 93	53 ± 7		
W+jets	7940 ± 510	479 ± 70	21 ± 4		
tī	443 ± 53	437 ± 53	63 ± 7		
Single top	97 ± 14	66 ± 9	6.4 ± 0.9		
Diboson	473 ± 54	55 ± 6	13 ± 2		
SM VH(bb)	0.8 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.9	1.4 ± 0.5		
Multijet	22 ± 29	4 ± 4	0.6 ± 0.6		
Total	18580 ± 200	1840 ± 40	158 ± 7		
Signal					
$gg \to H$	224 ± 55	15 ± 4	1.2 ± 0.5		
$W(\rightarrow jj)H$	110 ± 16	11 ± 1	0.14 ± 0.03		
$Z(\rightarrow jj)H$	65 ± 7	12 ± 1	6.1 ± 0.7		
Data	18442	1842	159		

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Fig. 1 The missing transverse momentum (E_T^{miss}) distributions of the 2-jet events in the signal region for the **a** 0-*b*-tag, **b** 1-*b*-tag and **c** 2-*b*-tag categories. The data are compared with the background model after the likelihood fit. The *bottom plots* show the ratio of the data to the total background. The signal expectation for $m_H = 125$ GeV and

 $BR(H \rightarrow inv.) = 100\%$ is shown on *top of the background* and additionally as an *overlay line*, scaled by the factor indicated in the *legend*. The total background before the fit is shown as a *dashed line*. The *hatched bands* represent the total uncertainty on the background



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Fig. 2 The missing transverse momentum (E_T^{miss}) distributions of the 3-jet events in the signal region for the **a** 0-*b*-tag, **b** 1-*b*-tag and **c** 2-*b*-tag categories. The data are compared with the background model after the likelihood fit. The *bottom plots* show the ratio of the data to the total background. The signal expectation for $m_H = 125$ GeV is shown on *top*

of the background and additionally as an *overlay line*, scaled by the factor indicated in the *legend*. The total background before the fit is shown as a *dashed line*. The *hatched bands* represent the total uncertainty on the background

Dark Matter interpretation



Recasting $B_{H \rightarrow inv}$ limit on DM model



LHC limit complimentary to direct detection limits

H→aa searches



Higgs decaying to a light "hidden" sector is well motivated



Low P_T merged jet tagging is an interesting area of research

Kinematics of $X \rightarrow YY$





Interesting experimental challenges of low P_T

Not-so-boosted merged jets





X's carry 125 GeV/2 \approx O(60) GeV



Rule-of-thumb for opening angle

$$\Delta R \approx \frac{2M}{P_T}$$

If $M_X = 24$ GeV, $\Delta R \sim 0.8$

New area to develop a low P_T merged jet tagger + b-tagging

Natural SUSY





Fine mass splitting predicted for natural SUSY ⇒ Soft lepton important

$SM + S : B_{H \rightarrow ss}$





FIG. 4: Left: Branching ratios of a CP-even scalar singlet to SM particles, as function of m_s . **Right**: Branching ratios of exotic decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson as function of m_s , in the SM + Scalar model described in the text, scaled to $Br(h \rightarrow ss) = 1$. Hadronization effects likely invalidate our simple calculation in the shaded regions.

2HDM + S : B*H*→aa





FIG. 6: Branching ratios of a singlet-like pseudoscalar in the 2HDM+S for Type I Yukawa couplings. Decays to quarkonia likely invalidate our simple calculations in the shaded regions.

2HDM + S : B*H*→aa





FIG. 7: Branching ratios of a singlet-like pseudoscalar in the 2HDM+S for Type II Yukawa couplings. Decays to quarkonia likely invalidate our simple calculations in the shaded regions.

2HDM + S : $B_{H \rightarrow aa}$



tan β =5, TYPE III



FIG. 8: Branching ratios of a singlet-like pseudoscalar in the 2HDM+S for Type III Yukawa couplings. Decays to quarkonia likely invalidate our simple calculations in the shaded regions.

2HDM + S : B*H*→aa





FIG. 9: Branching ratios of a singlet-like pseudoscalar in the 2HDM+S for Type IV Yukawa couplings. Decays to quarkonia likely invalidate our simple calculations in the shaded regions.

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FIG. 10: Singlet scalar branching ratios in the 2HDM+S for different $\tan \beta, \alpha'$ and Yukawa coupling type. These examples illustrate the possible qualitative differences to the pseudoscalar case, such as dominance of $s \to c\bar{c}$ decay above $b\bar{b}$ -threshold; democratic decay to $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$; and democratic decay to $c\bar{c}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$. Hadronization effects likely invalidate our simple calculations in the shaded regions.

ATLAS $\mu\mu$ TT analysis

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- Run 2 results will come
- B_{*H*→4τ}= 100% line

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LFV: CMS 8 TeV v. 13 TeV







Lepton flavor violating Higgs decay

Many BSM models predict non-diagonal Yukawa couplings



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CMS reported 2o excess at Run 1





The process is very rare



If Hcc coupling is larger it can increase the rate (possibly more than 100%)

Searching for J/ Ψ + γ probes the loop



Higgs decay branching fraction



H→Zγ

The process is very rare



BSM particle can contribute in the loop

Searching for $Z\gamma$ probes the loop

Projection





quickly systematic dominated (more work needed!)

ATLAS and CMS combination



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Why 0.5 million?



 $\begin{array}{l} 20 pb \cdot 25 / fb = 500 k \\ 50 pb \cdot 10 / fb = 500 k \\ (500 k + 500 k) \cdot 2 \mbox{ expt} = 2 \mbox{ million Higgs events} \\ 2 \mbox{ million Higgs events} \cdot (B_{H \rightarrow BSM} = 25\%) = 0.5 \mbox{ million} \end{array}$