# From the ATLAS pixel detector to probing the coupling of the Higgs to quarks





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#### Previously







# **Pixel Detector**









# **Charged particle multiplicity**

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# **Material and Alignment**



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Material description in simulation describes data to within 20%



# **Cluster Splitting with Neural Networks**







- Improved impact parameter resolution
- Reduces shared clusters in jet cores by factor of 3: better tracking in boosted jets

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# **Probing Higgs-Quark Couplings**

- Higgs discovered via its decays to bosons
- Fermionic couplings added by hand to the Lagrangian
  - Not needed for electroweak symmetry breaking

### **Higgs-Quark Couplings**

- Indirect
  - ggF production
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay

### • Direct

- H→bb decay
- H→cc decay
- ttH production

### Main Higgs Decay Modes

- Decay branching fractions for  $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - H→bb: 58 %
  - H→WW\*:21%
  - H→τ⁺τ∹ 6.3%
  - H→ZZ\*: 2.6%
  - H→γγ: 0.2%

### **Key Higgs Production Modes**



More details in talk by G. Piacquadio

# Higgs couplings at the end of Run-I



Generally very good agreement with SM

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Much better precision for bosons than fermions No direct evidence for Higgs coupling to quarks

Results from Run-I ATLAS and CMS Higgs combination

# Higgs coupling to top quarks

- Indirect constraints of O(15%) by the end of Run-I
- Measure the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling directly with ttH production
  - Probes NP contributions
- Tiny cross-section of 0.5 pb (100x smaller than ggF)
  - Combine information from multiple top and Higgs decays
- Four analyses used to probe ttH production:  $\gamma\gamma$ , ZZ, bb, multilepton\*
  - All channels include at least two b-jets from the top decay (+ 2W's)



\*Mostly WW + TT

More details in talk by Y. Horii

# ttH(Multilepton)

- Select events by the number of light leptons and hadronic-T
- Single or dilepton triggers
- $\geq$  | b-jet; 2-4 jets
- BDT to extract ttH signal from ttW, ttZ,VV and tt background
- 5D multinomial BDT used in the 3I channel: extract signal and define control regions simultaneously





### Categories



# Selected ttH(ML) Challenges

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Background modelling





Cross-check analysis extracting background from data

### Non-prompt lepton backgrounds



# Estimated from control regions

# **Observation of ttH Production**

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- ttH(multilepton) results
- Expected significance: 2.8σ
- Observed significance: 4.1σ







- Combination of all channels and all analysed data
- Expected significance: 5.1 $\sigma$
- Observed significance:  $6.3\sigma$

# Higgs coupling to bottom quarks

- Largest branching ratio (58%), but challenging due to large backgrounds
- ATLAS probes:VBF, VH and ttH
- Most powerful channel is VH (V=W, Z)
- Three channels
  - 0-lepton:  $Z(\nu\nu)H(bb)$
  - I-lepton:W(Iv)H(b)
  - 2-lepton: Z(II)H(bb)
- Lepton or MET triggers
- Two b-jets
- BDT to extract Higgs from large V+jets and tt backgrounds
- Complex profile likelihood fit to extract signal and constrain backgrounds

More details in talk by Y. Enari



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# Selected H→bb Challenge: Backgrounds







# Getting to H→bb observation



# Higgs coupling to charm quarks

- We've observed the coupling of the Higgs to third generation quarks only
  - Rich flavour structure
- Can we probe the second generation quark coupling using charm?
- Analogous strategy to VH(bb)
  - Only 2-lepton; fit dijet invariant mass
- Crucial element
  - Efficient charm tagging
  - Exploit capabilities of IBL
- Obtain limit of ~100x SM
  - Strongest direct limit on charm
  - HL-LHC projection: ~6 x SM



Density <sub>6</sub>0

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# Conclusion

- An exciting ten years since the start of the LHC and six years since the Higgs discovery
- Excellent detector and software performance has been key to many of our important physics results
- This summer we've observed the coupling of the Higgs to quarks via its interactions with both top and bottom quarks
- So far, these results (and the Higgs sector in general) are compatible with the Standard Model but observation is only the beginning
  - What will we learn about nature from future LHC data ?

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