Higgs Physics – Lecture 1



Higgs Physics at the LHC – Introduction Ricardo Gonçalo – LIP

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Outlook



- Introduction
- Some theory
 - Problems with the Standard Model
- The Higgs mechanism
- The long way to discovery
 - LEP experiments
 - Tevatron experiments
 - Search and Discovery at the LHC
- Higgs boson properties
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Introduction

The Standard Model particles and interactions, and some theory to set the scene...



E as forças fundamentais?



Summary of Standard Model matter vertices



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Electroweak Unification

- Weak CC interactions explained by W^{\pm} boson exchange
- W^\pm bosons are charged, thus they couple to the γ

(+interference) e^+ ν_e W^+ e^+ γ $W^ e^ W^-$

Consider $e^-e^+ \rightarrow W^+W^-$: 2 diagrams

- Cross-section diverges at high energy
- Divergence cured by introducing Z boson
- Extra diagram for $e^-e^+ o W^+W^-$
- Idea only works if γ , W^{\pm} , Z couplings are related \Rightarrow Electroweak Unification



Electroweak Gauge Theory

• Postulate invariance under a gauge transformation like:

 $\psi \to \psi' = e^{ig\vec{\sigma}.\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{r},t)}\psi$

an "SU(2)" transformation (σ are 2x2 matrices).

- Operates on the state of "weak isospin" a "rotation" of the isospin state.
- Invariance under SU(2) transformations \Rightarrow three massless gauge bosons (W_1, W_2, W_3) whose couplings are well specified.
- They also have self-couplings.

But this doesn't quite work...

Predicts W and Z have the same couplings – not seen experimentally!

Electroweak Gauge Theory

The solution...

- Unify QED and the weak force \Rightarrow electroweak model
- "SU(2)xU(1)" transformation U(1) operates on the "weak hypercharge" $Y = 2(Q - I_3)$ SU(2) operates on the state of "weak isospin, I"
- Invariance under SU(2)xU(1) transformations \Rightarrow four massless gauge bosons W^+ , W^- , W_3 , B
- The two neutral bosons W_3 and B then $\min x$ to produce the physical bosons Z and γ
- Photon properties must be the same as QED \Rightarrow predictions of the couplings of the Z in terms of those of the W and γ
- Still need to account for the masses of the W and Z. This is the job of the Higgs mechanism (later).

The GWS Model



The Glashow, Weinberg and Salam model treats EM and weak interactions as different manifestations of a single unified electroweak force (Nobel Prize 1979)

Start with 4 massless bosons W^+ , W_3 , W^- and B. The neutral bosons mix to give physical bosons (the particles we see), i.e. the W^{\pm} , Z, and γ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} W^+ \\ W_3 \\ W^- \end{pmatrix}; B \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} W^+ \\ Z \\ W^- \end{pmatrix}; \gamma$$

Physical fields: W^+ , Z, W^- and A (photon).

 $Z = W_3 \cos \theta_W - B \sin \theta_W$

 $A = W_3 \sin \theta_W + B \cos \theta_W$

 θ_W Weak Mixing Angle

 W^{\pm} , Z "acquire" mass via the Higgs mechanism.

The GWS Model

The beauty of the GWS model is that it makes exact predictions of the W^{\pm} and Z masses and of their couplings with only 3 free parameters.

Couplings given by α_{EM} and θ_W



Masses also given by G_F and θ_W From Fermi theory $\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g_W^2}{8m_W^2} = \frac{e^2}{8m_W^2\sin^2\theta_W}$ $m_{W^{\pm}} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}e^2}{8G_F\sin^2\theta_W}\right)^{1/2}$ $m_Z = \frac{m_W}{\cos\theta_W}$

If we know α_{EM} , G_F , $\sin \theta_W$ (from experiment), everything else is defined. 01.04.20
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Evidence for the GWS model

• Discovery of Neutral Currents (1973)

The process $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu}e^-$ was observed. Only possible Feynman diagram (no W^{\pm} diagram). Indirect evidence for Z.





Gargamelle Bubble Chamber at CERN





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• Direct Observation of W^{\pm} and Z (1983) First direct observation in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 540$ GeV via decays into leptons $p\bar{p} \rightarrow W^{\pm} + X$ $p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z + X$ $\rightarrow e^{\pm}\nu_{e}, \mu^{\pm}\nu_{\mu} \qquad \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-}, \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$

> UA1 Experiment at CERN Used Super Proton Synchrotron (now part of LHC!)



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u}_{\mu}$

 $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$





Evidence for the GWS model

 $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$

 $\theta_W \sim 29^\circ$

Z

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- Precision Measurements of the Standard Model (1989-2000)
 LEP e⁺e⁻ collider provided many precision measurements of the Standard Model.
- Wide variety of different processes consistent with GWS model predictions and measure same value of

 $\sin^2 heta_W = 0.23113 \pm 0.00015$

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 ν_{μ}

Experimental tests of the Electroweak model at LEP

The Large Electron Positron (LEP) collider at CERN provided high precision measurements of the Standard Model (1989-2000).

Designed as a Z and W^{\pm} boson factory



Precise measurements of the properties of Z and W^{\pm} bosons provide the most stringent test of our current understanding of particle physics.



- LEP is the highest energy e^+e^- collider ever built $\sqrt{s} = 90 209$ GeV
- Large circumference, 27 km
- 4 experiments combined saw $16 \times 10^6 Z$ events, $30 \times 10^3 W^{\pm}$ events

Summary of Electroweak tests

Now have 5 precise measurements of fundamental parameters of the Standard Model

 $lpha_{EM} = 1/(137.03599976 \pm 0.00000050)$ (at $q^2 = 0$) $G_F = (1.16632 \pm 0.00002) \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ $m_W = 80.385 \pm 0.015 \text{ GeV}$ $m_Z = 91.1875 \pm 0.0021 \text{ GeV}$ $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.23143 \pm 0.00015$

In the Standard Model, only 3 are independent.

The measurements are consistent, which is an incredibly powerful test of the Standard Model of Electroweak Interactions.





Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2018



Now for the problems...



Gauge invariance

Take the Dirac Lagrangian for a <u>spinor</u> field ψ representing a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particle, for example an electron:

$$\mathcal{L} = i\hbar\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi$$

It is invariant under a global U(1) phase transformation like:

$$\psi(x) \to \psi'(x) = e^{iq\chi}\psi(x)$$

Where $\mathbf{\chi}$ is a constant

$$\mathcal{L}' = e^{-iq\chi} e^{iq\chi} (i\hbar\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi) = \mathcal{L}$$

$$\psi(x) \to \psi'(x) = e^{iq\chi}\psi(x)$$

Original sphere



Global transformation



Local transformação



χ = constant



Local gauge invariance and interactions

If $\mathbf{\chi} = \mathbf{\chi}$ (x) then we get extra terms in the Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}' = i e^{-iq\chi} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} [e^{iq\chi} \partial_{\mu} \psi + iq(\partial_{\mu} \chi) e^{iq\chi} \psi] - m e^{-iq\chi} e^{iq\chi} \bar{\psi} \psi$ $= \mathcal{L}' - q \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} (\partial_{\mu} \chi) \psi$

But we can now make the Lagrangian invariant by adding an *interaction term* with a new gauge field A_{μ} which transforms as:

$$A_{\mu} \to A'_{\mu} = A_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu}\chi$$

We get:

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi - q\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}A_{\mu}\psi$$

A few things to note:

- 1. Gauge theories are renormalizable, i.e. calculable without infinities popping up everywhere (Nobel prize of t'Hooft and Veltman)
- 2. The new gauge field A_{μ} is the photon in QED
- 3. The mass of the fermion is the coefficient of the term on $\psi\overline{\psi}$
- 4. There is no term in $A_{\mu}A^{\mu}$ (the photon has zero mass) \rightarrow this is the beginning of the Higgs story...

Problem 1: Mass of elementary particles and gauge bosons $\overline{L}(1, \mu)$

 $\mathcal{L}_{QED} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} - m_e)\psi - e\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi A_{\mu} - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma}A_{\mu}A^{\mu}$

To keep the Lagrangian gauge invariant (against a U(1) local phase transformation) the photon field transforms as:

$$A_{\mu} \to A'_{\mu} = A_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu} \chi$$

But the A^{μ} mass term breaks the invariance of the Lagrangian:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma}A_{\mu}A^{\mu} \to \frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma}(A_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu})(A^{\mu} - \partial^{\mu}\chi) \neq \frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma}A_{\mu}A^{\mu}$$

For the SU(2)_L gauge symmetry transformations of the weak interaction the fermion mass term $m_e \overline{\Psi} \Psi$ also breaks invariance!

It should not work...



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Problem 2:

Longitudinal gauge-boson scattering

In the absence of the Higgs, some processes have cross sections that grow with the centre of mass energy of the collision... i.e. breaks unitarity!

The Higgs regulates the cross section through negative interference

Bottom line: the SM (without the Higgs mechanism) results in wrong calculations and breaks down for massive particles





Feynman diagrams contributing to longitudinal WW scattering R. Gonçalo - Physics at the LHC 30

The Higgs Mechanism

Robert Brout (1928 – 2011)

Peter Higgs (b. 1929)

François Englert (b. 1932)



• Introduce a SU(2) doublet of spin-0 complex fields

 $\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi4 \end{pmatrix}$

 $\mathcal{L} = (\partial_{\mu}\phi)^{\dagger}(\partial^{\mu}\phi) - V(\phi)$

 $V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^{\dagger} \phi + \lambda (\phi^{\dagger} \phi)^2$

- The Lagrangian is
- With a potential
- For $\lambda > 0$, $\mu^2 < 0$ the potential has a minimum at the origin
- For $\lambda > 0$, $\mu^2 < 0$ the potential has an infinite number of minima at:

$$|\phi| = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\lambda}}$$

The choice of vacuum (lowest energy state of the field) breaks the symmetry of the Lagrangian 01.04.20 R. Gonçalo - Physics at the LHC



EWK Symmetry Breaking in Pictures



The Story So Far...

IN THE BEGINNING THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED

THIS MODE A LOT OF PEOPLE VERY ANGRY AND HAS BEEN WIDELY REGARDED AS A BAD MOVE


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Carga Spin

The Long Way to Discovery



A PHENOMENOLOGICAL PROFILE OF THE HIGGS BOSON

John ELLIS, Mary K. GAILLARD * and D.V. NANOPOULOS ** CERN, Geneva

Received 7 November 1975

We should perhaps finish with an apology and a caution. We apologize to experimentalists for having no idea what is the mass of the Higgs boson, unlike the case with charm $^{3),4)}$ and for not being sure of its couplings to other particles, except that they are probably all very small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for the Higgs boson, but we do feel that people performing experiments vulnerable to the Higgs boson should know how it may turn up.

Electron-positron collider up to s^{1/2}= 209 GeV Integrated luminosity: ~700 pb⁻¹ Shutdown: September 2000











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Low-mass searches at LEP

The decay branching ratios depend only on m_H:



 \square m_H > 2m_b up to 1000 GeV/c²:

Higher-mass Higgs production at LEP



Higgs decays: focus on 3rd generation

| H→bb̄Z→qq̄ | 4-jets | 51% | WW → qqqq ZZ → qqqq QCD 4-jets |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------|--|
| H→bb Z→vv | missing energy | 15% | WW → qqlv ZZ → bbvv |
| H→bb Z→τ⁺τ΄ | τ -channel | 2.4% | WW ≻ qqτν ZZ ≻ bbττ |
| H→τ⁺τ ⁻ Z→qq | τ -channel | 5.1% | ZZ → qqττ QCD low mult. jets |
| H→bb Z→e⁺e µ⁺µĭ | lepton channel | 4.9% | ZZ → bbee ZZ → bbµµ |

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Summary of all Higgs candidates found at LEP

Invariant mass of all candidates

In total 17 candidates selected

I 5.8 background events expected

Expectation for $m_H=115$ GeV

8.4 events

Corresponding excess was not observed

Final verdict from LEP

m_H>II4.4 GeV @ 95% CL



LEP's Final Legacy: the Blue Band Plot

<u>m_{Limit}</u> = 158 GeV July 2010 6 Theory uncertain П Decades of searches $\Delta \alpha_{\rm had}^{(5)} =$ in many 5 -0.02758±0.00035 experiments... 0.02749±0.00012 ••• incl. low Q² data 4 • By July 2010: – LEP+Tevatron+SLD 3 limits - Higgs excluded 2 m_h<114.4 GeV at 95[°]% CL Plus between 158 and 175 GeV Excluded **Preliminary** 100 300 30 01.04.20 R. Goncalo - Physics at the LHC 45 [GeV] m_

Searches at the Tevatron

Proton-anti-proton collider at s^{1/2}=1.96 TeV First superconducting accelerator Shutdown: 30 September 2011 Almost 10 fb⁻¹ of data for analysis

Higgs production at the Tevatron



Most sensitive searches



At low mass use $h \rightarrow bb$ final states

- associated production with W or Z
- challenging: b-tagging, jet resolution
- backgrounds: top, W/Z+heavy flavour di-bosons

- At high mass use $H \rightarrow WW$ final states
 - benefit from high gluon-gluon cross section
 - challenging: lepton acceptance, missing energy
 - backgrounds: top, di-bosons

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The final stand of the Tevatron

- By the end of its lifetime, the Tevatron had very sophisticated analyses of a huge number of channels
- By that time the LHC was collecting data and analysing it very fast
- The CDF and D0 experiments obtained a significant excess of around 3 standard deviations in the mass range 115<M_H<140 GeV
- Not enough to claim discovery, but consistent with the LHC results



Discovery at the LHC

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CERN Prévessin



ALICE

Proton-proton (and Heavy Ion) collider s^{1/2} = 7, 8, 13 TeV so far Operation started 2008 Physics data from 2010 Expected closure 2035 Luminosity so far: about 150 fb⁻¹ per experiment for ATLAS and CMS



-CMS

At the LHC





2012: Descoberta do bosão de Higgs: H->γγ



Discovery channels

Discovery was made in ATLAS and CMS with about 5 fb⁻¹ of 7 TeV data and 20 fb⁻¹ of 8 TeV data per experiment; several channels combined

 $h \to \gamma\gamma; h \to ZZ^* \to 4\ell; h \to WW^*; h \to \tau^+\tau^-; h \to b\bar{b}$

- This means about 400 000 Higgs bosons produced in about 8 000 000 000 000 000 000 (8x10¹⁵) proton collisions
 - Only about 4000 events with Higgs bosons contributed to the discovery



Combining Higgs Channels



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 $m_{\rm T}$ [GeV]

(a)

The p_0 Discovery Plot

- p₀ is the combined probability that the background fluctuates to look like signal
- Translated into the one-sided
 Gaussian
 probability



 This corresponds to a probability of 1 in 3.5 million that this was a false positive from fluctuating backgrounds

2013 Physics Nobel Prize Higgs for the Higgs Boson Discovery

François Englert, Belga, born 1932, U. Libre de Bruxelles



Peter Higgs, English, born 1929, Univ. of Edimburgh



"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** Large Hadron Collider"



First observations of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson at the LHC





www.elsevier.com/locate/physletb

Two quotations from the experimental papers presented in this publication:

"... The search for the Higgs boson, the only elementary particle in the Standard Model that has not yet been observed, is one of the highlights of the Large Hadron Collider physics program."

ATLAS Collaboration

" ... The decay to two photons indicates that the new particle is a boson with spin different from one. The results presented here are consistent, ... with expectations for a standard model Higgs boson."

CMS Collaboration

Bost worshes! Peter Higgs

It takes time to get it right



EPS-HEP 2011 conference [6]

Probing the 125 GeV Higgs



2HDM

Yukawa

couplings

Clavicle

Ribs .

Triple coupling λ_3

Aorta

BSM

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Spin and Parity

- First concern after observation!
- Some observable quantities sensitive to J^P: for example angle between leptons from W decay in H->WW
- Pure $J^{P} = 0^{-}$, 1⁺, 1⁻, and 2⁺ excluded with 97.8, 99.97, 99.7, and 99.9% Confidence Level (ATLAS arXiv 1307.1432; CMS Phys. Rev. D 92, 012004)



- Mass: around 125GeV
 Was the only unknown
 SM parameter ^(C)
- For a while, different mass values were being measured in ATLAS and CMS, and in different channels
- Numbers evolved with accumulated statistics
- Current most precise value from ATLAS+CMS has 0.2% precision!

Higgs boson mass





Exploring the electroweak scale

- Precision measurements of $m_{\rm W},\,m_{\rm t},\,m_{\rm H}$ are stringent tests of the SM at the EW scale
 - E.g. excluding measured m_H, global EW fit gives m_H = 90 ± 21 GeV (1.7 σ tension) driven in part by m_{top}



Phys. Rev. Lett. 114 (2015) 191803 JHEP 08 (2016) 045

- Mass Higgs mass measured with 0.4% accuracy:
 - m_H = 125.09 ± 0.21 (stat.) ± 0.11 (scale) ± 0.02 (other) ± 0.01 (theory) GeV
- Couplings:
 - ggF with H \rightarrow ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$,WW **observed** by individual experiments
 - VBF and H $\rightarrow \tau \tau$ observed with >5 σ significance by ATLAS+CMS combination
 - ttH, VH production and H \rightarrow bb **not observed** during Run1
- Couplings compatible with SM:
 - Signal strength: $\mu_{VBF+VH}/\mu_{ggF+ttH} = 1.06^{+0.35}_{-0.27}$
 - Coupling modifiers broadly consistent with SM but still large uncertainty



| Significance (σ) | | | |
|------------------|------|---------|--|
| Prod. | Obs. | Expect. | |
| VBF | 5.4 | 4.7 | |
| VH | 3.5 | 4.2 | |
| ttH | 4.4 | 2.0 | |
| Decay | Obs. | Expect. | |
| Η→ττ | 5.5 | 5.0 | |
| H→bb | 2.6 | 3.7 | |
| | | 65 | |

$\mu = (\sigma \times BR)_{Obs} / (\sigma \times BR)_{SM}$



arXiv:1804.02716 [hep-ex]; arXiv:1706.09936 [hep-ex]; arXiv:1806.00242 [hep-ex]

Run 2: Higgs boson mass

- Mass measurement from CMS $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4I$: $m_{H}^{ZZ^{*}}$ = 125.26 ± 0.20 (stat) ± 0.08 (syst) GeV
- New Measurements from ATLAS H→ γγ: $m_{H}^{\gamma\gamma} = 124.93 \pm 0.40 \text{ GeV}$ $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4I: m_{H}^{ZZ^*} = 124.79 \pm 0.37 \text{ GeV}$
- Run 1+2 combination from ATLAS: $m_{H} = 124.97 \pm 0.19 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.13 \text{ (syst.)} \text{ GeV}$







JHEP 11 (2017) 047; CMS-HIG-17-015; ATLAS-CONF-2018-002; ATLAS-CONF-2018-018

Differential Higgs boson

cross sections

- Reached a new phase in the exploration of the Higgs sector!
- Differential cross sections:
 - Higgs p_T sensitive to new physics in gluon-fusion loop
 - Number of jets sensitive to modeling of radiation and different production modes





Casting a wider net



Additional Higgs bosons?



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Higgs + Dark Matter

- Used 79.8 fb⁻¹ of 13 TeV data
 - High E_T^{miss} (>150GeV) and btagging to suppress backgrounds
 - Reconstruct b-jets as 2 small jets or merged variable-radius (VR) track jets
- Signal benchmark: Type-II 2HDM + U(1)_{z'} symmetry (Z'-2HDM)
- Main backgrounds: tt, W/Z+jets
- Excluded region in $m_A m_{Z'}$ plane



Charged Higgs: $H^+ \rightarrow tb$

- Explored single-lepton and dilepton tt final states
 - In range m_{H+}: 200 2000 GeV
- 36.1 fb⁻¹ of 13 TeV data
- Events categories: N_{iets} and N_{b-tags}
 - Allow to constrain backgrounds in simultaneous fit
- BDTs trained in signal regions
 - Separate signal and background for 18 mass points
 - Matrix method used in single-lepton channel
- Extracted limits on σ x BR and on m_{H^+} tan β plane for two MSSM scenarios



Triple Higgs coupling

- The triple Higgs coupling λ_{HHH} can be probed through di-Higgs production
- Very suppressed in SM!
 - Negative interference between LO diagrams
 - Cross section 1500x less than ggF
- Wide range of decay BR and channel purity
- bbττ analysis:
 - Used 36 fb⁻¹ of 13 TeV data
 - Final state BR(bbττ)=7%
 - Non-Resonant 95% CL limit:

 µ < 12.7 observed (14.8 expexcted)

- Combination: at ≈10 x SM sensitivity
 with 3% of the HL-LHC luminosity
 analyzed

Di-Higgs combination plot here

Combined

10

20

30

40

95% CL upper limit on σ_{ggF} (pp \rightarrow HH) normalized to σ_{ggF}^{SM}

50

80

9.2

70

6.7 10.4

60
Implications for 2HDM

- H(125) assumed to be light CPeven neutral scalar h in 2HDM
- *h* production and decay same as for SM Higgs boson



A bit of fun...



- What if...
 - At higher orders, Higgs potential doesn't have to be stable
 - Depending on m_t and m_H second minimum can be lower than EW minimum ⇒ tunneling between EW vacuum and true vacuum?!
- "For a narrow band of values of the top quark and Higgs boson masses, the Standard Model Higgs potential develops a shallow local minimum at energies of about 10¹⁶ GeV, where primordial inflation could have started in a cold metastable state", I. Masina, arXiv:1403.5244 [astro-ph.CO]
 - See also: V. Brachina, Moriond 2014 (Phys.Rev.Lett.111, 241801 (2013)), G. Degrassi et al, arXiv:1205.6497v2; R.Contino, Workshop sulla fisica p-p a LHC, 2013

The universe seems to live near a critical condition JHEP 1208 (2012) 098 Why?!

Explained by underlying theory?

Anthropic principle?







Local News



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O detector CMS no grande acelerador de partículas LHC, em Genebi

rísica de partículas Bosão de Higgs visto (finalmente) a desintegrar-se em quarks bottom

Descoberta anunciada no Laboratório Europeu de Física de Partículas (CERN) é um passo fundamental para perceber como o bosão de Higgs faz com que as partículas fundamentais adquiram massa.

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Observation of $H \rightarrow bb$

- See **CERN seminar last week**! (https://indico.cern.ch/event/750541/)
- Largest branching fraction (58.4%) but huge background from heavy flavour production
- Must use associated production: WH/ZH
 - Require 2 b jets + 0 ($Z \rightarrow \nu \nu$), 1 ($W \rightarrow \ell \nu$) or 2 ($Z \rightarrow \ell \ell$) leptons
- Largest backgrounds:
 - Z+heavy flavour (0- and 2-lepton) and tt (1-lepton)
 - − Irreducible background from VZ with $Z \rightarrow bb$



Observation of $H \rightarrow bb$

- Harder p_T spectrum for signal than backgrounds

 Go to high p_T to improve S/B
- Use for event categories:
 - $-75 < p_T^V < 150 \text{ GeV} (2\ell \text{ only})$
 - $-150 < p_T^V < 200 \text{ GeV}$
 - $p_T^V > 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Main discriminant variables $m_{bb}^{}$, p_T^{V} and $\Delta R_{bb}^{}$
 - m_{bb} resolution extremely important!



arXiv:1808.08238

Observation of $H \rightarrow bb$

- Run 2:
 - Observed (expected) of 4.9 σ (4.3 σ)
- Adding Run 1:
 - Observed (expected) of 4.9 σ (5.1 σ)
- Adding ttH and VBF:
 - Observed (expected) of 5.4 σ (5.5 σ)
 - Observation of H→bb decays
- Adding $H \rightarrow ZZ$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$:
 - Observed (expected) of 5.3 σ (4.8 σ)
 - Observation of VH production



Combination

- Combined γγ, ZZ, WW,ττ, μμ and bb (incl. ttH+tH modes)
 - Up to 79.8 fb⁻¹ of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV data
- Combination yields VBF significance 6.5σ (5.3σ expected) from ATLAS alone
- Main production modes (ggF, VBF, VH, ttH) have all been observed!!
- Good agreement with SM predictions
- Overall signal strength:

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\mu = 1.13^{+0.09}_{-0.08}
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 Quantified space for undetectable decays or modified BR (e.g. BSM H→cc)

B_{BSM} < 0.13 at 95% CL.(*)



(*) In determination of κ_g and κ_v - assumption dependent

arXiv:1806.00425 [hep-ex];

Observation of ttH production

- **Direct** access to top Yukawa coupling
- Experimental tour-de-force!
 - Complex final states
 - Large irreducible backgrounds
 - Small cross sections: O(0.5)pb @ 13 TeV
- Use all available final states:
 - H→bb: high stats but low purity BR≈58%, S/B≈1-6%
 - Multileptons: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$, $H \rightarrow WW^*$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ BR = 30%, S/B=4-34%
 - $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: clean but low stats BR = 0.23%, S/B=5-200%
 - − $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4$ lep: clean but very low stats BR = 0.01%, S/B=50-500%



ttH observation: bb and Multileptons

ttH(H→leptons)

- Sensitive to: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$, $H \rightarrow WW^*$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$
- Backgrounds: ttW/ttZ, non-prompt leptons and jets faking taus
- Main uncertainties: signal modelling, jet energy scale and non-prompt lepton estimate
- 4.1 σ observed; 2.8 σ expected

ttH(H→bb):

- Profit from large H→bb branching ratio (58.4%)
- But challenging final state: large ttbb irreducible background, theory uncertainties, combinatorics...
- Main uncertainties: tt+heavy flavours, b tagging, jet calibration
- ATLAS: 1.2*σ* observed; 1.6*σ* expected

For **both** channels:

• Intensive use of dedicated machine learning (NN, BDT) and matrix element methods: suppress fake leptons, reconstruct events, flavour tagging, and enhance S/B



arXiv:1806.00425 [hep-ex]; arXiv:1804.02610 [hep-ex]

ttH(H \rightarrow yy) and Combination

- $ttH(H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$:
 - New signal categories from BDT discriminant
 - Sensitivity increased by 50%

ttH combination: ttH(H \rightarrow leptons + H \rightarrow bb + H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$)

- Run 2 data from 2015+2016+2017 (γγ/ZZ): 79.8 fb⁻¹
 - 5.2 σ observed, 4.9 σ expected
- Adding Run 1: 6.3 σ observed, 5.1 σ expected
- Measured production cross section at 13 TeV: 670 ± 90 (stat.) +110-100 (syst.) fb





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Questions?

Thank you for your interest!

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