## **Experimental verification of Higgs mechanism**





Higgs, Brout, Englert, ... predicted in 1964

Higgs boson possibly discovered in 2012



## Higgs mechanism a brief review

Purpose: explain existence of massive particles consistence with gauge invariance



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$$S^{\dagger}S = 1 \implies a_{\ell} = \frac{1}{32\pi} \int_{-1}^{1} d\cos\theta \mathcal{M}(\cos\theta) P_{\ell}(\cos\theta), \quad |a_{\ell}| \leq 1$$

$$\varepsilon_{L}^{\mu} = k^{\mu}/m_{W} + \mathcal{O}(m_{W}/E)$$

$$w_{W}$$





 two additional theoretical bounds follow from the analysis of the Higgs potential beyond leading order

$$V(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) = \mu^2 \Phi^{\dagger}\Phi + \lambda (\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi)^2 \qquad m_h^2 = \frac{\lambda v^2}{2}$$

beyond tree level all parameters become scale dependent

$$\frac{d\lambda}{d\log Q^2} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[ 12\lambda^2 + 6\lambda\lambda_t^2 - 3\lambda_t^4 - \frac{3}{2}\lambda\left(3g_2^2 + g_1^2\right) + \frac{3}{16}\left(2g_2^4 + (g_2^2 + g_1^2)^2\right) \right]$$

- · in order to have a global minimum we need to have  $\lambda > 0$  for  $Q^2 < \Lambda^2$  for the SM to be well-defined at scales below the cut-off  $\Lambda$
- the running of  $\lambda$  hits a Landau pole (coupling becomes infinite)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\lambda}{\mathrm{d}\log Q^2} = \frac{12\lambda^2}{16\pi^2} + \text{gauge \& fermion terms}$$
$$\rightarrow \quad \lambda = \lambda(v^2) \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{4\pi^2}\lambda(v^2)\log\frac{Q^2}{v^2} \right]^{-1}$$





- LEP2 performed precision measurements of electroweak phenomenology
- over-constrain the system of 18 free parameters by measurements and perform a global fit





Based on combination of many indirect measurements the Higgs boson should be very light:  $70 \text{ GeV} \le m_h \le 140 \text{ GeV}$ 



AND IT SEEMS TO BE!

Major production channels at hadron colliders rule of thumb: couple the Higgs to something heavy However, proton constituents are practically massless









## Production cross section at hadron colliders



## Gluon Fusion





- NNLO calculation [Harlander, Kilgore (2001)]
- Large K-factor at NLO, between 1.5-2.0
- Slowly converging perturbative series
- Scale variation roughly 15% at NNLO

## Weak boson fusion (WBF)

Special process:

- Most direct test of  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$
- Because  $\hat{\sigma} \sim \log \hat{s}/m_V^2$  more important at 14 TeV
- Important channel for heavy Higgs because longitudinal gauge boson component give rates  $\sim m_H^3$ 
  - scattered quarks have large energy but small transverse momentum
  - forward tagging jets, suppressed radiation in central region (only QCD bremsstrahlung)
  - NLO corrections small





# Higgs-strahlung



- Best search channel for a light Higgs boson at Tevatron
- Due to PDFs relatively small at LHC
- However, final state gauge boson good for triggering and background suppression
- Probes Higgs coupling to gauge boson

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- Only sizable cross section for light Higgs (mH < 130 GeV)</li>
- Light Higgs decays dominantly to  $b\overline{b}$
- Only process to measure the Higgstop coupling directly





## High expectations:

# Three classes of Higgs boson decays:

- 1. Higgs decay into massless gauge bosons
- 2. Higgs decay into massive gauge bosons
- 3. Higgs decay into massive fermions

Partial decay width of  $a \rightarrow b_1 + b_2$ 

$$\Gamma(a \to b_1 + b_2) = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{2m_a} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{q_1}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_1} \frac{d^3 \vec{q_2}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_2} \delta^4(p_a - p_1 - p_2) \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}$$

in rest frame of a can be written as  $\Gamma(a \rightarrow b_1 + b_2) = \frac{|\vec{p_1}|}{8\pi m_a^2} \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2}$ 

the width only depends on the couplings and the masses

1. Higgs decay into massless gauge bosons  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma/Z \gamma/gg$ 



• 
$$\Gamma(H \to \gamma \gamma) \sim m_H^3$$

- Effectively only top and W contribute (W dominates)
- Destructive interference between W and top
- Below WW and ff threshold W loop always dominant; falling from  $A_1^H = -7$  for small  $\tau$  to  $A_1^H \to -2$  for large  $\tau$
- ullet fermionic contribution grows from small  ${\mathcal T}$  to threshold, then falls again

### 2. Higgs decay into massive gauge bosons

$$\begin{split} \Gamma(H \to VV) &= \frac{g^2 m_H^3}{128 \ \pi \ m_W^2} \delta_V \sqrt{1-x} \ (1-x+\frac{3}{4}x^2) \\ \text{with} \quad x &= \frac{4m_V^2}{m_H^2}, \ \delta_W = 2, \ \delta_Z = 1 \end{split}$$

•  $\Gamma(H \to VV) \sim m_H^3$  follows from the longitudinal polarized vector component, example W:

Higgs rest frame:  

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{\left|\mathcal{M}\right|^{2}} &= g_{2}^{2} m_{W}^{2} \sum_{\text{pol.}} \epsilon_{\mu}(p_{1}) \epsilon_{\nu*}(p_{1}) \epsilon^{\mu}(p_{2}) \epsilon^{\nu*}(p_{2}) \\
&= g_{2}^{2} m_{W}^{2} \left(-g_{\mu\nu} + p_{1,\mu}p_{1,\nu}/m_{W}^{2}\right) \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + p_{2}^{\mu}p_{2}^{\nu}/m_{W}^{2}\right) \\
&= g_{2}^{2} m_{W}^{2} \left(-g_{\mu\nu} + p_{1,\mu}p_{1,\nu}/m_{W}^{2}\right) \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + p_{2}^{\mu}p_{2}^{\nu}/m_{W}^{2}\right) \\
&= g_{2}^{2} m_{W}^{2} \left[2 + \left(\frac{m_{H}^{2}}{2} + m_{W}^{2}\right)^{2}/m_{W}^{4}\right] \sim m_{H}^{4}
\end{aligned}$$

• Ratio between transverse and longitudinal polarization is

$$\frac{\Gamma(H \to V_T V_T)}{\Gamma(H \to V_L V_L)} = \frac{x^2/2}{(1 - x_V/2)^2} \to_{m_H \gg m_V} 0$$

→ direct test of Higgs mechanism

## 3. Higgs decay into massive fermions

The partial decay width is

 $\Gamma_f(H \to f\bar{f}) = \frac{G_F N_c}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} m_H m_f^2 \beta_f^3 \quad \text{with} \quad \beta_f = (1 - 4m_f^2/m_H^2)$  $\longrightarrow \text{ strong phase space suppression at threshold } \beta_f^3 \to 0$ 

### Total width of the Higgs boson



## Major decay channels

rule of thumb: couple the Higgs to something heavy but lighter than mH/2



## How about backgrounds?



- Higgs production comparably rare at LHC
- Need huge background noise reduction
  - → stiff trigger conditions
  - → focus on rare objects (leptons)
  - precise reconstruction of objects
  - → smart choice of observables

#### **Understanding of the Yellow and Green bands :**

## from Eilam Gross

 Upper limit on the Standard Model (SM) Higgs Boson production cross section divided by the Standard Model expectation as a function of m<sub>Higgs</sub>



## I. Discovery of the Higgs(like) boson

A.  $pp \to H + X \to \gamma\gamma + X$ 

- Loop induced in production and decay
- Mainly sensitive to Htt and HWW couplings
- Excludes the resonance to be Spin-1 (Landau-Yang Theorem)

signal at 7 Tev:  $\sigma \times BR(m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}) \simeq 0.04 \text{ pb}$ Backgrounds problematic  $\longrightarrow$  Channel for experimentalists (data driven techniques) Irreducible background





4.5 standard deviations at 126.5 GeV



Allows precise reconstruction of resonance's mass

Event selection:

- Single- or dilepton trigger
- All possible combinations with sameflavor opposite-charge lepton paris are formed
- Staggered cuts:

 $\begin{array}{ll} p_{T,e~(\mu)} > 7~(6)~{\rm GeV} & p_{T,l_1} > 20~{\rm GeV} \\ p_{T,l_2} > 15~{\rm GeV} & p_{T,l_3} > 10~{\rm GeV} \end{array}$ 

- Leptons have to be separated, isolated and pairwise in broad mass windows
- → 3.4 standard deviations at 125 GeV



	Signal	$ZZ^{(*)}$	$Z$ + jets, $t\bar{t}$	Observed
$4\mu$	$2.09 \pm 0.30$	$1.12 \pm 0.05$	$0.13 \pm 0.04$	6
$2e2\mu/2\mu2e$	$2.29 \pm 0.33$	$0.80 \pm 0.05$	$1.27 \pm 0.19$	5
4 <i>e</i>	$0.90 \pm 0.14$	$0.44 \pm 0.04$	$1.09 \pm 0.20$	2

$$C. \quad pp \to H + X \to WW^* + X \to l^+ \bar{\nu} l'^- \nu' + X$$

- Probes HWW coupling in decay
- Direct test of EWSB, particularly in combination with HZZ
- Backgrounds difficult to simulate (MC input very important)



→ 2.8 standard deviations at 125 GeV



## II. Higgs couplings measurements

After discovery the Higgs couplings have to be measured:

Present status:

- CMS did fit for couplings already
- For the overall CS one has

 $\sigma/\sigma_{\rm SM} = 0.87 \pm 0.23$ 

- $\bullet$  Green band indicates  $\pm 1\sigma$  uncertainty including stat. and sys. uncertainties
- Decay to photons a bit high to taus a bit low, but so far all in all good agreement with SM



#### • If the Higgs is SM-like it has to show up in several channels



[Lafaye, Plehn, Rauch, Zerwas, Duehrssen (2009)]

Channels are mutually related

Some couplings/channels very challenging:

- Higgs decay to light fermions
- Extracting  $HZ\gamma$



assumed: 
$$\Gamma_{H} = \Sigma_{SM} \Gamma_{i}$$
  $\Gamma_{i} \sim g_{d}^{2}$ 

- Every measurement affected by production and decay
- Need cross correlation between many channels!





## coupling comparison LCs vs LHC



- ILCs better suited to measure Higgs couplings
- However, for uncertainty estimate new techniques (jet substructure) not taken into account

Techniques might be useful to improve on hbb and htt couplings

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Idea: [M. H. Seymour, Z. Phys. C 62, 127 (1994)]

Trailblazing analysis: [Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam PRL 100 (2008)] confirmed by ATLAS [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2009-088]

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mass drop:



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- LHC 14 TeV; 30 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- HERWIG/JIMMY/Fastjet cross-checked with PYTHIA with "ATLAS tune"
- 60% b-tag; 2% mistag
- Combination of HZ and HW channels

Confirmed in ATLAS full detector simulation

## Higgs Selfcoupling

- For EWSB Higgs potential needed -> measure selfcoupling
- $\lambda_{HHHH}$  absolutely hopeless at LHC (and any of the others...)
- $\lambda_{HHH}$  very difficult to measure at the LHC



- potentially large backgrounds

For Higgs with 125 GeV decay to bottoms dominating.

Thus, QCD induced g -> bb splitting gives large backgrounds.



+- Additional hard jet can ameliorate 1/s suppression but is expensive







Many – and just a few +



Several reconstruction approaches tried in [Baur, Plehn, Rainwater PRD 69 (2004)] [Dolan, Englert, MS 1206.5001] [Papaefstathiou, Yang, Zurita 1209.1489]



Most promising final states probably  $\bar{b}b\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\bar{b}b\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $4\tau(?)$ But all tough!  $\bar{b}bW^+W^-$ 

### III. Higgs spin and CP

Although Landau-Yang theorem rules out spin-1 particles it will be necessary to measure spin of Higgs.

5 angles determine the kinematics of the process



$$\cos \theta_h = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{p}_X}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_{\alpha}^2 \, \mathbf{p}_X^2}} \bigg|_{Z_h} \qquad \cos \theta_\ell = \frac{\mathbf{p}_- \cdot \mathbf{p}_X}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_-^2 \, \mathbf{p}_X^2}} \bigg|_{Z_\ell} \qquad \cos \theta^\star = \frac{\mathbf{p}_{Z_\ell} \cdot \hat{e}_{z'}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}_{Z_\ell}^2}} \bigg|_X$$



[Gao, Gritsan, Guo, Melnikov, Schulze, Tran]

For the Higgs with  $m_H \gtrsim 170 \text{ GeV}$  the invariant mass of the reconstructed off-shell Z can be studied to measure the spin of the Higgs:

<sup>[</sup>Choi, Miller, Muehlleitner, Zerwas PLB 553 (2003)]





[Boughezal, LeCompte, Petriello 1208.4311]

$$\mathcal{A}_{M_{cut}} = \frac{N(M_{34} > M_{cut}) - N(M_{34} < M_{cut})}{N(M_{34} > M_{cut}) + N(M_{34} < M_{cut})}$$

#### CP of Higgs: 2 options for light Higgs

- For light Higgs with 125 GeV CP can be measured using angular correlations of tagging jets in Gluon Fusion with 2 additional jets
   [Plehn, Rainwater, Zeppenfeld PRL 88 (2002)]
- Event shape observables can be used to measure CP of Higgs [Englert, MS, Takeuchi 1203.5788]

Interaction:

Gluon-Fusion

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} H G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\ \mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_s}{16\pi v} A G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a\ \mu\nu}$$
For tagging jets with  $|p_z^J| \gg |p_{x,y}^J|$ 

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{even}} \sim J_1^{\mu} J_2^{\nu} \left[ g_{\mu\nu}(q_1 \cdot q_2) - q_{1\nu} q_{2\mu} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ J_1^0 J_2^0 - J_1^3 J_2^3 \right] \mathbf{p}_T^{J_1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^{J_2} \sim \mathbf{0} \text{ for } \Delta \phi_{jj} = \pi/2$$

 $\mathcal{M}_{
m odd}$  contains Levi-Civita tensor which is 0 if two of momenta linearly dependent, i.e. if  $\Delta \phi_{jj} = 0$  or  $\Delta \phi_{jj} = \pi$ 

### Event shapes

• Event shapes well studied experimentally and theoretically

[Bethke, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 121 (2003)] [Kluth. et al, EPJC 21 (2011)] [Banfi et al., JHEP 0408] [Gehrmann-De Ridder et al., JHEP 0712]

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### Tagging jets approach:



azimuthal angle between all jets with larger or smaller rapidity wrt Higgs

$$p_{<}^{\mu} = \sum_{j \in \{\text{jets: } y_{j} < y_{h}\}} p_{j}^{\mu}$$
$$p_{>}^{\mu} = \sum p_{j}^{\mu}$$

$$j \in \{ \text{jets: } y_j > y_h \}$$

$$\Delta \Phi_{jj} = \phi(p_{>}) - \phi(p_{<})$$

#### Tagging jets approach:



## Obvious correlation between thrust and $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$



## Event selection cuts

two tagging jets:  $p_{T,j} \ge 40 \text{ GeV}$ , and  $|y_j| \le 4.5$ 

$$m_{jj} = \sqrt{(p_{j,1} + p_{j,2})^2} \ge 600 \text{ GeV}$$

two taus, hard and central:  $p_{T,\tau} \ge 20 \text{ GeV}$ , and  $|y_{\tau}| \le 2.5$ 

 $|m_{\tau\tau} - m_H| < 20 \text{ GeV}$ 

For event shapes use either constituents with

 $p_{T,i} \ge 1 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta_i| \le 4.5$ 

or, to reduce pileup sensitivity  $p_{T,j} \ge 40 \text{ GeV}$ , if  $2.5 \le |y_j| \le 4.5$ , and  $p_{T,j} \ge 10 \text{ GeV}$ , if  $|y_j| \le 2.5$ .

Distributions CP-odd vs CP-even



