

Higgs couplings measurements from ATLAS and CMS

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Introduction

The Higgs boson is responsible for electroweak spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi} = (D^{\mu}\phi)^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}\phi) - \sum_{f} g_{f}(\bar{\psi}_{L}\phi\psi_{R} + h.c.) - V(\phi)$$

• Gives mass to vector bosons through gauge couplings and vacuum expectation value:

$$m_W = \frac{vg}{2}$$

• Fermion masses determined by Yukawa couplings:

$$m_f = \frac{\lambda_f v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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- $\mu = 1.19 + 0.40 0.39$ (stat) + 0.15 (syst)
 - First evidence of $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ process (3.0 σ significance)
- Branching fraction: $0.8 \times 10^{-4} < BR(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) < 4.5 \times 10^{-4}$ at 95% C.L.
 - SM value: B(H → $\mu\mu$) = 2.18 × 10⁻⁴
- Coupling modifier: $\kappa_{\mu} = 1.07 \pm 0.22$ at 68% CL

ATLAS:

- $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.6$ (dominated by statistical uncertainty)
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Targeting the Production Mode: $ttH \rightarrow bb$

The ttH \rightarrow bb process allows to measure both the κ_t and κ_b coupling values. Main challenges:

- Low signal production cross-section
- Irreducible tt+jets background especially difficult to model

Signal strength consistently below expectation both in ATLAS and CMS results:

• ATLAS:

$$\mu = 0.35^{+0.36}_{-0.34} = 0.33 \pm 0.20 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.30}_{-0.28} \text{ (syst)}$$

• CMS:

 \circ $\mu = 0.33 \pm 0.26 = 0.33 \pm 0.17 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.21 \text{ (syst)}$





VH→bb

Targeting Higgs boson production in association with a W or Z boson

- Vector bosons decaying leptonically
 - \circ 0, 1, and 2 leptons categories
- Observation of VH process
- ATLAS:
 - \circ $\mu(VH) = 1.02 + 0.18 0.17$
 - \circ Corresponding to an observed (expected) significance of 6.7 (6.7) σ
- CMS:
 - \circ $\mu(VH) = 1.15 + 0.22 0.20$
 - \circ $\,$ Corresponding to an observed (expected) significance of 6.3 (5.6) σ



Targeting the Production Mode: bbH

Rare Higgs production mode, sensitive to the coupling to **top** and **bottom** quarks

- Similar production cross section as ttH
 - \circ \quad But no top quarks in the final state
 - More challenging signature than ttH
- WW and $\tau\tau$ final states
- Observed (expected) upper limit 3.7 (6.1) times the SM prediction at 95% CL
- Results also interpreted in terms of couplings to top and bottom quarks
 - Best fit values: $(\kappa_t, \kappa_b) = (-0.73, 1.58)$
 - \circ ~ Compatible with SM within 2 σ



VBF WH→bb



 $\sim \kappa_Z^2 \qquad \text{Interference} \sim \kappa_W \kappa_Z \qquad \sim \kappa_W^2 \quad \frac{\text{Picture from Karsten Köneke}}{\text{M}}$ $\kappa_W \text{ and } \kappa_Z \text{ are usually measured using } H \rightarrow WW \text{ and } H \rightarrow ZZ$

- The square of κ_W or κ_Z is involved
 Sign is left unconstrained
- In the SM, $\lambda_{WZ} = \kappa_W / \kappa_Z = 1$
 - \circ $\;$ Negative values of λ_{WZ} would enhance the VBF WH production and are predicted by BSM models
- ATLAS and CMS results exclude negative λ_{WZ} with significance greater than 5σ





Combined Results

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Higgs Self-Coupling Results

Several single- and double-Higgs measurements combined to measure the Higgs self-coupling κ_{λ} :



 \circ -1.4 < κ_{λ} < 6.1 at 95% CL CMS:







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- Couplings to the most massive particles are well established
 - $\circ \quad \text{Relative } \kappa_W^{}/\kappa_Z^{} \text{ sign}$
 - $\circ ~~$ ttH and bbH measurements to constraint $\kappa_{_{\rm t}}$ and $\kappa_{_{\rm b}}$
- Challenging second-generation fermions:
 - \circ Already 3-sigma evidence for $H \rightarrow \mu \mu$
 - \circ Competitive limits on the $\kappa_{\rm c}$ coupling modifier
- Combination of H and HH measurements put stringent limits on Higgs self-coupling



BACK-UP

Targeting the CP Structure: ttH

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ttH \rightarrow bb final state:

- ATLAS:
 - Coupling modifier $\kappa_t = 0.84^{+0.30}_{-0.46}$
 - CP-mixing angle $\alpha = 11^{\circ} + 52^{\circ}_{-73^{\circ}}$
- CMS:
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ATLAS: $\gamma\gamma$ final state

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Higgs Branching Fractions



Decays of a 125 GeV Standard-Model Higgs boson

https://atlas.physicsmasterclasses.org/en/zpath_hboson.htm

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CP Properties: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

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Effective Lagrangian for Yukawa coupling to tau lepton parameterized by **CP-even** and **CP-odd** components:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Y}} = -\frac{m_{\tau}}{v} \mathrm{H}(\underline{\kappa_{\tau} \overline{\tau} \tau} + \widetilde{\kappa}_{\tau} \overline{\tau} i \gamma_{5} \tau)$$

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Effective Field Theory Interpretation

Combination of several Higgs ATLAS results in terms of EFT:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i}^{N_{d=6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_{j}^{N_{d=8}} \frac{b_j}{\Lambda^4} O_j^{(8)} + \dots$$
 Introducing new operators O_i and the corresponding coefficients c_i



ATLAS and CMS Public Results

- ATLAS: <u>https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/WebHome#Recent_Results</u>
- CMS: <u>https://cms-results-search.web.cern.ch/</u>

Analyses List

- H→bb
 - ATLAS: <u>VH bb boosted</u>, <u>ttH bb</u>, <u>WH/ZH bb</u>
 - CMS: <u>VH bb</u>, <u>WH bb AC</u>, <u>ttH bb</u>
- H→ττ
 - ATLAS: <u>H tautau</u>, <u>H tautau CP</u>, <u>VH tautau</u>
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 - CMS: <u>H WW</u>, <u>H WW AC</u>
- $H \rightarrow Z\gamma: \underline{LHC HZ\gamma}$
- Higgs self couplings
 - ATLAS: double Higgs
 - CMS: <u>single-double Higgs combination</u>
- Higgs Nature papers
 - ATLAS: <u>10 years paper</u>
 - CMS: <u>10 years paper</u>
- ttH:
 - CMS: <u>ttH multilepton CP</u>
- BSM/EFT interpretation:
 - ATLAS: <u>EFT/BSM</u>