Is the Higgs boson natural? What experiments can tell us.

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- Standard Model and Higgs boson
- LHC and ATLAS detector
- Higgs boson decays to gauge bosons
- Higgs boson couplings to fermions
- Future experimental outlook

The Standard Model

- Standard Model is renormalizable quantum field theory of 12 fermions with 3 forces mediated by spin-1 gauge bosons
- Electroweak Symmetry is spontaneously broken by Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism with 4 scalar fields
- Predicts new particle: Higgs boson
- Very successful description of particle interactions



"[The Higgs boson is] a particle needed for theories to work" - Gerard 't Hooft

The Standard Model

Higgs discovery seminar at CERN on July 4th, 2012







The Higgs boson discovery completes the SM, making the theory self-consistent up to very high energy scale.

Some of open questions

- Dark matter and dark energy
- Matter antimatter asymmetry



Rotation curves of the Andromeda Galaxy

Gravitational lensing - "bullet cluster"



Some of open questions

- Higgs boson mass is sensitive to scale of new physics
- Gravity and cosmological constant problem

Quantum corrections to the Higgs boson mass term



- Broad experimental program underway to search for new physics
- > SM precisely predicts all Higgs boson properties for fixed m_H
- Any deviations can represent signs of new physics

Road to the discovery



- 27 km tunnel LHC
- 1232 superconducting dipoles at 1.9 K
- Proton-proton, proton-ion and ion-ion collisions
- 7-8 TeV pp collisions in 2011 and 2012
- \blacktriangleright LHC will restart in 2015 at \sim 14 TeV



4 large detectors to study:

- Electroweak Symmetry Breaking
- Standard Model
- Searches for new physics
- Matter-antimatter asymmetry
- New states of matter





- *n_b* number of bunches
- $N_{1,2}$ number of protons per bunch ($\sim 1.15 \times 10^{11}$)
- f_{rev} revolution frequency (11kHz)
- \blacktriangleright β and ϵ determined by interaction region focusing and injectors
- ▶ Run 1 1380 bunches at 50 ns: $\mathcal{L}_{2012} = 0.77 \times 10^{34} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$
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More than 3000 scientists from 38 countries

Particle reconstruction and identification

- Hermetic detector
- Almost all particles are reconstructed
- Miss neutrinos and particles traveling very near beam axis

Displaced b-hadron vertex





Missing transverse energy



Momentum is conserved only in transverse plane

Missing transverse energy:

$$E_{T,miss} = -\sum_{jets} E_T - \sum_{leptons} p_T - \sum_{photons} E_T - \sum_{clusters} E_T$$

ATLAS detector



ATLAS pixel detector









$Z ightarrow \mu \mu$ with 25 vertexes

- ▶ Design ≈ 25 interactions at 25 ns
- Pileup deposits significant amount of energy in calorimeters
- Results in degraded performance - mostly compensated by reconstruction algorithms
- *E*_{T,miss} resolution degrades





Higgs boson production at the LHC

Higgs boson properties are fixed once m_H is known

- Gluon-gluon fusion (ggF)
 - Fermion couplings in the loop
- Vector boson fusion (VBF)
 - Two forward separated jets
- WH/ZH associated production:
 - Tag W/Z to reduce backgrounds
- ttH associated production:
 - Direct ttH coupling



Cross-sections and theory uncertainties for $m_H = 126 \text{ GeV}$ at 8 TeV:

	ggF	VBF	WH/ZH	tTH
σ (pb)	19.0	1.6	1.1	0.13
QCD scale	±8%	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 1\%$	+4% - 9%
$PDF + \alpha_S$	$\pm 8\%$	±4%	±4%	±8%

Higgs decays

- Γ_H = 4.1 MeV observed signal width is determined by detector resolution
- WW and ZZ dominate when kinematically allowed
- ➤ 7 channels accessible at the LHC for m_H = 126 GeV:

$$\begin{array}{l} H \rightarrow bb \\ H \rightarrow WW \\ H \rightarrow \tau\tau \\ H \rightarrow ZZ \\ H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \\ H \rightarrow Z\gamma \\ H \rightarrow \mu\mu \end{array}$$

• $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $H \rightarrow Z \gamma$ decay via loops - sensitive to new physics

Fermion couplings $\propto \frac{m_f}{\nu}$ Gauge boson couplings $\propto \frac{2m_V^2}{\nu}$



Higgs boson before LHC

- LEP excluded Higgs boson with $m_H < 114.4$ GeV
- Tevatron excluded m_H in 160-170 GeV
- Precision Electroweak fits imply $m_H \lesssim 200 \text{ GeV}$
- $\blacktriangleright~W_L W_L$ scattering violates unitarity for $m_H\gtrsim 1~{\rm TeV}$
- LHC was designed to find or rule out Higgs boson with $m_H \lesssim 1 \ TeV$



 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}: \sigma \times BR \approx 0.05 \text{ pb}$ $\approx 1000 \text{ events at 8 TeV before selection}$



- Fine η granularity in the strip layer to reject π⁰
- ▶ Ø(8000) jet rejection at ~ 85% photon efficiency
- Longitudinal segmentation for shower direction: $m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_1E_2(1 - \cos\alpha)$

$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: analysis strategy

- ▶ Rare decay mode but clear signature: 2 isolated γ with $p_T > 40, 30$ GeV
- ▶ Full Higgs boson mass reconstruction search for a narrow resonance
- Domininant backgrounds continuum $\gamma\gamma$ and $\gamma + jet$
- ▶ 14: categories: different Higgs boson production modes and S/B
- Backgrounds are fitted from sidebands: $PDF_{BKG} + \mu \times PDF_{SIG}$
- Observed 7.4 σ excess (expected 4.3 σ) with $m_H \sim 126.5 \ GeV$



View from the summit



 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ $\sigma \times BR \approx 0.24 \text{ pb for } m_H = 126 \text{ GeV}$ $\approx 4800 \text{ events at 8 TeV before selection}$



$H \rightarrow WW$: analysis strategy



 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$:

- 2 opposite sign leptons + E_T^{miss}
- Only electrons and muons
- High rate, clean final state
- \blacktriangleright No mass peak because of ν

Irreducible background:

- Non-resonant WW
- Normalized from data

Other backgrounds:

- Top quark
- Z+jets
- ► W+jets
- Di-bosons: WZ, ZZ, $W\gamma^{(*)}$
- Normalized/validated from data

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$: Spin-0 Higgs boson

- Irreducible non-resonant WW background: $\sigma_H/\sigma_{WW} \approx 3\%$
- Spin-0: small opening angle for 2 charged leptons:
 - ▶ $|m_{||}| < 50 \, GeV$
 - $|\Delta \phi_{II}| < 1.8$



"... for the weak interactions parity conservation is so far only an extrapolated hypothesis unsupported by experimental evidence." - Lee and Yang, 1956.

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$: jet multiplicity

Categories based on number of jets and lepton flavor:

- Veto events with b-jets to reduce top quark background
- Improve S/B because of different background composition
- Increase sensitivity to VBF production mode (+)
- Increase theory and experimental uncertainties (-)



$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$: $p_{T,miss}$ performance

- Missing transverse momentum: $p_{T,miss} = -\sum_{charged particle} p_T$
- Use reconstructed charged particle tracks matching primary vertex - does not depend on pileup
- Miss neutral particles
- Suppress $Z \rightarrow II$ by factor of ~ 5





$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$: soft hadronic recoil veto



- Require that di-lepton system is boosted: $p_{T,II} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Soft hadronic recoil fraction: frecoil = E_{T, recoil} / p_{T,II}
- ▶ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l \nu l \nu$ recoil carried away by neutrinos
- $Z \rightarrow II$ boost requires hadronic recoil
- ▶ $Z \rightarrow II$ estimated from regions with high f_{recoil} and Z peak
- Suppress $Z \rightarrow II$ by factor of ~ 5

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$: results

$$m_{\mathrm{T}} = \sqrt{\left(E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell} + E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}\right)^{2} - \left|\mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell} + \mathbf{E}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}\right|^{2}}$$

- Probe transverse mass distribution
- Observed 3.8 σ excess for m_H = 125 GeV (expected 3.8 σ)

Category	Source	Uncertainty, up (%)	Uncertainty, down (%)
Statistical	Observed data	+21	-21
Theoretical	Signal yield $(\sigma \cdot B)$	+12	-9
Theoretical	WW normalisation	+12	-12
Experimental	Objects and DY estimation	+9	-8
Theoretical	Signal acceptance	+9	-7
Experimental	MC statistics	+7	-7
Experimental	W+ jets fake factor	+5	-5
Theoretical	Backgrounds, excluding WW	+5	-4
Luminosity	Integrated luminosity	+4	-4
Total		+32	-29



 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$

 $\sigma \times BR \approx$ 3 fb for $m_H =$ 126 GeV \approx 56 events at 8 TeV before selection



$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$

- Four isolated electrons or muons
- Hard work on improving efficiency and momentum resolution
- 4 resolution categories: 4*e*, $2e2\mu$, $2\mu 2e$, 4μ
- Observed 27 events (expected 9 background only) in 115-135 GeV range
- $m_H = 124.3 \pm 0.6(stat) \pm 0.4(syst)$ GeV
- $J^P = 0^+$ strongly favored other modes excluded at > 95% CL



Summary of Higgs boson measurements



- Signal strength $\mu = \frac{\sigma \times BR}{\sigma_{SM} \times BR_{SM}}$
- Clear evidence for Higgs boson decays to gauge bosons with properties consistent with the SM predictions
- Strong evidence for $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ decays

What's next?



Flavor puzzles: Higgs couplings to fermions at LHC



 $Y_f \sim m_f/v, \ Y_V \sim m_V/v, \ v = 246 \ \text{GeV}$

- Explore flavor physics in Higgs boson couplings to fermions
- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ and $t\bar{t}H$ test 3rd generation couplings
- $H \rightarrow \mu \mu$ tests 2nd generation coupling
- Is there CP violation at the Electroweak scale?

$H ightarrow \mu \mu$ search

- $\blacktriangleright~H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ probes directly SM Higgs coupling to 2nd generation fermions
- ▶ $B(H[125] \rightarrow \mu\mu) = 2.2 \times 10^{-4} \rightarrow 2.6 \text{ events}/fb^{-1} (\approx 55\% \text{ efficiency})$
- Dominant irreducible background is Z+jet (also $t\bar{t}$ and di-bosons)



$H \rightarrow \mu \mu$: two resolution categories





Results



- ▶ No evidence of significant enhancement in the $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ production
- Observed (expected) limit at the 95% CL for the Higgs boson with a mass of 125 GeV is 9.8 (8.2) times the Standard Model prediction

$H \to \mu \mu$ at HL-LHC

- High Luminosity LHC will provide up to 3000 fb⁻¹
- Extensive ATLAS detector upgrades
- Expand sensitivity of searches for new physics
- Expect \sim 10% statistical uncertainty on $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ with HL-LHC



Higgs boson measurements at 14 TeV

- Higher Higgs cross-section but challenging pileup conditions
- \blacktriangleright Expect $\approx 5-10\%$ statistical precision on Higgs boson couplings



$t\bar{t}H$ cross-section and branching ratios

- $t\bar{t}H$ allows to measure directly the top quark Yukawa coupling
- \blacktriangleright Probe for new physics contributions in $gg \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ loops



Examples of LO Feynman diagrams for the partonic processes $q\overline{q}, gg \to t\overline{t}H.$

 $t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow bb$

- Dominant decay mode
- Large irreducible $t\overline{t} + bb$ QCD background
- Boosted techniques at 14 TeV

$t\bar{t}H$ at HL-LHC

▶ ~ 20% statistical precision on ttH coupling measurement in $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$, $H \rightarrow 4I$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay modes



$t\bar{t}H ightarrow$ leptons

ttH coupling measurement:

- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow WbWb + WW$
- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow WbWb + \tau\tau$
- Search for CP violation in $\tau\tau$

$t\bar{t}H ightarrow$ leptons

- Multi-lepton final states to suppress $t\overline{t} + X$
- Main backgrounds:
 - $t\bar{t}W$ and $t\bar{t}Z$
 - $-t\overline{t}+jets$ with non-prompt leptons

Potential channels

- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow \text{same sign } 2\text{-lepton} + 6\text{-jets}$
- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow \text{same sign } 2\text{-lepton} + \tau + 4\text{-jets}$
- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow 3$ -lepton + 4-jets
- $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow$ 4-lepton + 2-jets



Summary and outlook

- The Higgs boson discovery completes the SM
- > Yet the SM does not explain full range of the observed phenomena
- Extensive searches at the LHC and other facilities so far have found no evidence for new physics
- Upcoming LHC runs will expand reach of new physics searches and allow precision measurements of Higgs boson properties
- Studies for future high energy colliders are underway
- > SM precisely predicts all Higgs boson properties for fixed m_H
- Any deviations can represent signs of new physics

Is the Higgs boson natural? Only future experiments can tell.