# From hits to the Higgs

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# Higgs mechanism

- postulated to explain masses of elementary particles in the
   Standard Model through electroweak symmetry breaking
- consequence: Higgs boson
- SM predictions:



=> SM Higgs sector is overall very predictive:

Knowing the fermion masses, only free parameter is  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{m}}_{\ensuremath{\mathsf{H}}}$ 



The Higgs boson was discovered in 2012 by the ATLAS and CMS collaborations with a mass of ~125 GeV





... from discovery to property measurements

2012

2017







=> use the Higgs boson as a tool to search for physics beyond the SM



Two ways of searching:

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2. Indirect search:

Measure Higgs boson properties,

compare to predictions of the Standard Model



momentum



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If new physics is at 1 TeV:		Snown	Snowmass 2013 ( <u>1310.8361</u> )	
	δκν	δκ <sub>ь</sub>	δκγ	
Singlet	~6%	~6%	~6%	
2HDM	~1%	~10%	~1%	
MSSM	~.001%	~1.6%	~4%	
Composite	~-3%	~-(3-9)%	~-9%	
Top Partner	~-2%	~-2%	~1%	



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#### ... as predicted by the Standard Model at 13 TeV



Higgs decays



#### ... as predicted by the Standard Model





## Higgs decays

... as predicted by the Standard Model



+ jets in VBF, b-jets in top quarks...



# The $H \rightarrow 4l$ channel







# Differential cross section measurements





## 4 electrons





#### 4 electrons



<u>Tracking</u> Pixel Strips TRT



#### 4 electrons





EM Calorimeter: 3 layers

Hadronic Calorimeter



#### **Topological clusters (3D)**

Formed from cells in EM calorimeters









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No!

Electrons can be "faked" by







We want to select electrons from the interaction point only

How do we reject fakes?

We use properties of the tracks and clusters, p.ex.





#### electron



#### Goal: High signal efficiency, good background rejection

=> stick discriminating variables into a multivariate likelihood





# Making a Higgs peak





Purpose of event selection:

- select signal events
- reject background events

# ZH

#### Select 4 leptons

Backgrounds are small and efficiency important

=> loose criteria on identification and isolation



Z

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Recover final state radiation to improve peak position and resolution

(important for muons!)



## Background estimate

#### Small backgrounds: Z+jets, ttbar

- difficult to model, estimated from data
- profit from our understanding of lepton fakes

#### ZZ from MC simulation

(validated using the mass sidebands)







# Correction to lepton efficiencies



Lepton efficiency in simulation is not the same as data

=> simulation needs to be corrected

For both muons and electrons:

- data/MC correction factors obtained from
  - Z and J/Psi resonances
  - (Tag & Probe)
- percent-level uncertainties

Similar: Correction also for energy scale/resolution



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- Why measure them?
- properties Higgs boson production and decay
- Higgs transverse momentum
  - search for heavy particles in the ggF loop
  - checks of quark couplings



Higgs transverse momentum





#### The peak



- differential: do template fit in every bin



#### Differential cross sections



#### Correction for

- luminosity
- detector effects, like lepton efficiency and energy resolution



# Correction for detector effects

Need to go from measured to truth distribution

$$\mu_i = \sum A_{ij} x_j^{\text{truth}}$$

=> to get truth, invert matrix

Problems: creates large negative off-diagonals

 $\rightarrow$  statistical fluctuations of the data are amplified

>> Regularization
> Used here: Bin-by-bin correction







#### Higgs transverse momentum



Number of jets



# Interpretations of differential cross sections





EFT: Way to search for deviations in the Higgs Lagrangian without knowing exact new physics model

Introduce additional operators, with coefficients  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SM}} + \sum (\frac{Ji}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i)$ 

 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 

>> fit differential cross sections for Wilson coefficients (0 in SM) in the SILH basis





# Interpretations of differential cross sections

Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 128

Search for contact interactions

Introduce an effective coupling (pseudo-observable) for left and right handed leptons

 $\rightarrow$  would modify BR, and the m12, m34 distributions











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- many Higgs measurements limited by low statistics
- $H \rightarrow 4l$  is a good example
- => looking forward to more data, amazing opportunity





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HL-LHC: up to 200



# Challenge accepted

New inner tracking detector (big DESY participation!)  $\frac{\overline{E}}{2}$ 

- pixel + strip
- improved granularity
- allows to detect more forward tracks

#### High granularity timing detector

- resolve interaction vertices not only spatially but also in time
- Improve reconstruction algorithms
- particle flow
- machine learning



Maintaining excellent lepton performance will be critical at HL-LHC! (increased statistics makes systematics more important!)



#### Higgs results projected





Uncertainty in 350-1000 GeV bin 8%

Can study Higgs bosons with very high momenta!

=> sensitive to heavy particles in the loop





HL-LHC



(**k**: scaling factors to SM couplings)



#### Conclusion

- studying the properties of the Higgs boson is a crucial aspect of our searches for physics beyond the Standard Model
- so far, no deviations are observed, but many measurements are statistics limited
- ✓ the High-Luminosity LHC will help decrease the statistical uncertainties
- Efficient and precise particle reconstruction is a critical ingredient in Higgs measurements to achieve the best precision possible





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