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Is this the Standard Model Higgs??



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CMS 124 GeV





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ATLAS approximate

125 GeV

What do we <u>want</u> to know?

- Under the hypothesis that the peaks at ~125 GeV are the signal of a particle decay, rather than a statistical fluctuation (nor are from the decay of more than one different particle), we would like to know this particle's:
 - 1) Spin, CP, and effective couplings to each decay channel
 - 2) and are these consistent with expectations from a SM Higgs,

(in addition, of course, to its exact mass).



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What can we say <u>already</u>?

- Since it appears to decay to γγ, we know that it <u>cannot be spin 1</u>, and we also know that it <u>cannot be a fermion</u> =>
 - it must be spin 0 or 2
- Spin 2 (for example, a Randall-Sundrum graviton) is certainly still a conceivable possibility. In most such models, such particles also would decay to dileptons with a significant branching fraction this certainly cannot be the case here (there are no bumps in dilepton mass spectra at this mass). But there is no <u>fundamental</u> reason for a tensor particle not to be fermiophobic.
 - > We need to exclude spin 2 experimentally.



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What can we say <u>already</u>?

> What do we know about its **CP**?

Not much. Since it decays to two photons (and because it has even spin), its C-parity must be +1 <u>if</u> C happens to be conserved in the decay – but we don't know its parity. Must be measured experimentally as well.

So far, the effective couplings of our possible particle appear consistent with an SM Higgs, but obviously be need quite a bit more data before effective couplings can be measured with any level of precision.



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And might there be two particles?



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What info do we have?

- With sufficient data, we can do an angular analysis of the 4 leptons from the ZZ* decays, and thus obtain info on spin and CP.
- Once we have data in VBF channels, angular analysis of the jets (+ Higgs) can also give us information. (And analogously for *tt* "H" channels.)
- Associated production channels (also, once we have data in them) can also help us exclude spin 2.
- > The jet properties in "H" \rightarrow bb and "H" \rightarrow $\tau\tau$ (again, once we have data in these channels) may also give some information.



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Combining info from different sources...

- And additionally, ratios of observed yields of the signal channels, and even limits, can also all contribute information on spin and CP.
- Information from these sources on Higgs spin and CP is coupled to and correlated with information on Higgs couplings and mass, as well as with other (less interesting) parameters.
- Need a system for combining all information into a global fit for Higgs spin and CP (as well as couplings)...
- Two general ways to do this:
 - a) Directly fit <u>actual events</u> (that pass signal selection for the various Higgs decays) into an event-by-event global fit for Higgs properties.
 - b) Combine <u>already-experimentally-fitted</u> information (constraints on spin, *CP*, and couplings, perhaps all as functions of Higgs mass) into world-average fits.

Both are necessary. Let's start with b)

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- ↓ Gfitter Features
- + Gfitter Plugin Packages

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Gfitter



A Generic Fitting Project for HEP Model Testing

Goal: provide state-of-the-art model testing tool for LHC era

 Tools used by LEP written in outdated programming language, difficult to maintain in line with theoretical and experimental progress, difficult to include beyond-SM scenarios, limited fitting and statistics capabilities, ...

Gfitter software

- Modular, object-oriented C++ relying on ROOT, XML and python
- Core package with data handling, fitting and statistics tools
- Independent physics libraries: SM, 2HDM, Oblique parameters, ...

Gfitter features

- Consistent treatment of theoretical uncertainties in fit using Rfit prescription (CKMfitter)
- Various fitting tools: Minuit, Genetic Algorithm and Simulated Annealing (via TMVA)
- · Full statistics analysis: parameter scans, p-values, MC analyses, goodness-of-fit tests

Main publication: EPJ C60, 543-583,2009 [arXiv:0811.0009]

Higgs Mass Constraints

M_H from Standard fit:

- Central value ±1o: M_H = 83 ⁺³⁰₋₂₃ GeV
- 2σ interval: [42, 158] GeV

Green band due to R fit treatment of theory errors, fixed errors lead to larger χ^2_{min}

M_H from Complete fit:

- Central value $\pm 1\sigma$: $M_{H} = 116^{+16}_{-1.3}$ GeV
- 2σ interval: [114, 153] GeV



A Generic, Model-Independent Parametrization

Based on De Rujula et al. ("DLPRS"), arXiv: 1001.5300 (extend to additional Higgs decay modes) -- thanks to Adam Ritz & Heather Logan for discussions:

Higgs look-alikes at the LHC

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The discovery of a Higgs particle is possible in a variety of search channels at the LHC. However, the true identity of any putative Higgs boson will, at first, remain ambiguous until one has experimentally excluded other possible assignments of quantum numbers and couplings. We quantify the degree to which one can discriminate a Standard Model Higgs boson from "look-alikes" at, or close to, the moment of discovery at the LHC. We focus on the fully-reconstructible "golden" decay mode to a pair of Z bosons and a four-lepton final state. Considering both on-shell and off-shell Z's, we show how to utilize the full decay information from the events, including the distributions and correlations of the five relevant angular variables. We demonstrate how the finite phase space acceptance of any LHC detector sculpts the decay distributions, a feature neglected in previous studies. We use likelihood ratios to discriminate a Standard Model Higgs from look-alikes with other spins or nonstandard parity, CP, or form factors. For a resonance mass of 200 GeV/c², we achieve a median discrimination significance of 3 σ with as few as 19 events, and even better discrimination for the off-shell decays of a 145 GeV/c² resonance.

General <u>spin 0</u> "Higgs" coupling to two vectors or two fermions:

$$L_{\mu\alpha} = X \, g_{\mu\alpha} - (Y + i \, Z) \, \frac{k_{\alpha} k_{\mu}}{M_{\chi}^2} + (P + i \, Q) \, \epsilon_{\mu\alpha} \frac{p_1 p_2}{M_{\chi}^2}$$

> Spin 1: $L^{\rho\mu\alpha} = X \left(g^{\rho\mu} p_1^{\alpha} + g^{\rho\alpha} p_2^{\mu} \right) + (P + iQ) \epsilon^{\rho\mu\alpha} (p_1 - p_2)$

> Spin 2+:
$$L^{\rho\sigma\mu\alpha} = X_0 m_H^2 g^{\mu\rho} g^{\alpha\sigma} + (X_1 + i Y_1) (p_1^{\alpha} p_2^{\rho} g^{\sigma\mu} + p_1^{\rho} p_2^{\mu} g^{\sigma\alpha}) + (X_2 + i Y_2) p_1^{\rho} p_2^{\sigma} g^{\mu\alpha},$$

(Lots of) Experimental Inputs

Measured rates	or limits on	rates):
production	decay	mode #
gg -> H	ZZ	1
qqн	ZZ	2
gg -> H	WW	3
qqH	WW	4
ttH	WW	5
gg - > H	gam gam	6
qqH	gam gam	7
ttH	gam gam	8
WH	gam gam	9
ZH	gam gam	10
qqH	tau tau	11
ttH	b bbar	12
WH	b bbar	13
qqH	b bbar	14
qqH gamma	b bbar	15
gg -> H	Z gam	16

Decay width

The measured width of the Higgs decay (this is certain to be just an upper limit if we have an SM Higgs -- nevertheless, an upper limit gives information and potential constraints).



Angular variables

In modes 5, 8, 12 (ttH modes): the Gunion-He parameters
(see hep-ph/9602226):
a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4
In those same modes: modified Gunion-He parameters

(replacing the momentum of the antitop with the momentum of the reconstructed Higgs in the lab frame): a_1', a_2', b_1', b_2', b_3', b_4'

In modes 2, 4, 7, 11, 14, 15 (VBF modes): delta_phijj (the azimuthal angle between the two tagging jets, see hep-ph/0105325) And the other phase space variable. [In modes 1 and 2 (H -> ZZ):

the phi & theta decay angles

In modes 3, 4, 5 (H -> WW):
the angle between the leptons (in the lab frame)

In mode 15: the phase space variables

In modes 2, 4, 5: angular correlations between the decay angles and the angles of the tagging jets?

Indirect Higgs information:

top mass, W mass, etc.

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 $VBF H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$

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looking at most general tensor structure of this process:

$$T^{\mu
u}(q_1, q_2) = a_1(q_1, q_2)g^{\mu
u} + a_2(q_1, q_2)[q_1 \cdot q_2g^{\mu
u} - q_2^{\mu}q_1^{
u}] + a_3(q_1, q_2)\epsilon^{\mu
u
ho\sigma}q_{1
ho}q_{2\sigma}$$



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- An anomalous coupling will have several effects: Higgs production x-section, Higgs branching ratio, various final state distributions, etc.
- Observable most sensitive to anomalous coupling: azimuthal angle difference (azimuthal angle of "away" jet minus azimuthal angle of "toward" jet).



(Plehn, Rainwater, & Zeppenfeld, hep-ph/0105325)



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 $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$





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 $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$



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Properties Fitting

- Use best-fit values (with uncertainties) for other SM parameters.
- > 21 parameter fit
- New package added to Gfitter.

BUT FIRST!

- Before one can really utilize a package like Gfitter, one needs to do an experimental fit for signal and background in the individual modes, etc., to fit for the physical constraints that can then be used in the Gfitter fit.
- 2) Gfitter *does not (and can not)* do an experimental fit for those physical constraints.
- 3) An event-by-event experimental fit, combining all the individual modes, can in principle provide a lot more information than first fitting for constraints, then doing a separate fit to combine those constraints.
- ⇒ Need to start with an event-by-event experimental fit, with signal and background in each mode, for Higgs properties...



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Higgs Properties Fit of 1000 H \rightarrow ZZ* events: Projection onto $m_{Z^{(*)}}$





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Higgs Properties Fit of 1000 H \rightarrow ZZ^(*) events: Projection onto $m_{Z^{(*)}}$





m_H = 120 GeV



m_н = 180 GeV





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Summary

- We already know a few things about this "Higgs," assuming it's not a fluctuation: it *must be spin 0 or 2*, and – so far... – the *couplings are consistent with SM* expectation.
- Other properties will need a little more time, but note that although individual Higgs decay modes require large amounts of data to determine Higgs properties, a global fit using all available info will start seeing results *much* sooner.
- Begun global Higgs properties fit, both event-by-event, as well as in the Gfitter framework – but <u>urgently need help from /</u> <u>collaboration with theorists</u>!
 - > Thanks so far to Heather Logan and Adam Ritz for much helpful advice!
- With your (theorists') help, we should have much more info on the properties of our "possible Higgs" very soon.



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BACKUP

- Before look-elsewhere-effect is considered, we have:
 - γγ channel: ATLAS: 2.7σ signal, $(2.0 \pm 0.8) \times SM$ @ $(126 \pm 2) GeV$ CMS: 2.3σ signal, $(1.8 \pm 0.8) \times SM$ @ $(123 \pm 3) GeV$ 4ℓ channel: ATLAS: 2.0σ signal, $(1.5 \pm 1.1) \times SM$ @ $(124 \pm 2) GeV$ CMS: 0.7σ signal, $(0.5 \pm 0.7) \times SM$ @ $(125 \pm 6) GeV$ 2ℓ 2ν channel: ATLAS: 1.8σ signal, $(2.1 \pm 1.6) \times SM$ @ $(120 \pm 15) GeV$ CMS: 1.0σ signal, $(0.7 \pm 0.7) \times SM$ @ $(126 \pm 2) GeV$
- After LEE is considered, we have

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- > ATLAS combined: 2.3 σ signal, (1.5 ± 0.6) x SM @ (125 ± 2) GeV
- > CMS combined: 1.9 σ signal, (1.2 ± 0.6) x SM @ (122 ± 3) GeV
- Could there be two separate bumps (at 119 and 125 GeV)?
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