



Higgs properties: coupling, mass & width at ATLAS and CMS

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Introduction to the Higgs boson



$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm EW} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\rm Higgs} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm Yukawa}}_{\rm Higgs}$$

Higgs mechanism terms

The Higgs boson (discovered in 2012 by ATLAS & CMS):

- Origin of the mass of elementary particles
 Fermions: Yukawa couplings
 - Bosons: Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) mechanism
- *Electroweak symmetry breaking* (BEH mechanism)
- *Potential portal to new physics* e.g. Higgs coupling with dark matter





Higgs mass

- *m_H* is a fundamental/free parameter of the SM
- Very important to be measured as it determines many properties of the Higgs boson e.g. cross-section, Higgs decay branching fraction...
- Two golden channels: $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \& H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ for m_H measurement
 - \circ Very good mass resolution ~1-2%
 - Efficient identification of final state particles
- Best fit value for the Run 1 obtained with ATLAS+CMS combination: $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24 \ (= \pm 0.21 \ (stat) \pm 0.11 \ (syst)) \ GeV$ $\rightarrow 0.2\%$ precision





LHC Higgs Cross Section



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ATLAS Higgs mass measurement with the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ decay

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ATLAS Run 1+Run2 $m_{\mu} = 125.22 \pm 0.14 \ (= \pm 0.11(stat) \pm 0.09(syst)) \ GeV$



- Small signal yield and S/B ratio, but very good mass resolution
- Fit on *m*
- Signal : double sided crystal ball (DSCB) function depending on m_{H}
- **Background:** power law, exponential/exponential of 2nd order polynomial depending on the category
- 14 categories depending on:
- "U"-event (resp. "C"-event) if no photon conversion (resp. one or two $\gamma \rightarrow ee$)
- Central & outer barrels, and endcaps depending on $|\eta|$ of the calorimeter energy clusters
- $p_{T_t}(\gamma\gamma)$ related to the di-photon system transverse momentum
- Largest systematic uncertainties = photon energy scale (PES)
 → Large improvement of photon energy calibration w.r.t previous iteration



CMS published a partial Run 2 result (see next slide)



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Combination of $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \& H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

for Higgs mass measurement



- ATLAS Run 1+2: $m_H = 125.11 \pm 0.11 \ (= \pm 0.09 \ (stat) \pm 0.06 \ (syst)) \ GeV$
- CMS Run 1+2016: $m_{H} = 125.38 \pm 0.14 \ (= \pm 0.11 \ (stat) \pm 0.08 \ (syst)) \ GeV$

→ 0.1% precision achieved with Run 1 + partial or full Run 2 measurement for ATLAS & CMS standalone!

*CMS = partial Run 2

• ATLAS+CMS Run 1: $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24 \ (= \pm 0.21 \ (stat) \pm 0.11 \ (syst)) \ GeV$ $\rightarrow 0.2\%$ precision

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Higgs width

SM Higgs width: $\Gamma_{H} = 4.1$ MeV but could be much larger for BSM theories

→ In the SM scenario no direct measurement possible due to detector resolution (see previous slides)

 \rightarrow Measure Γ_H in the $H \rightarrow ZZ$ channel* comparing on-shell and off-shell production \rightarrow Use $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l \& H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2v$ events to enhance sensitivity

$$\sigma_{i \to H^* \to f}^{\text{on-shell}} \sim \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{m_H \Gamma_H} \to \text{depends on } \Gamma_H \qquad \qquad \mu_{i \to H^* \to f} = \frac{\sigma_{i \to H^* \to f}}{(\sigma_{i \to H^* \to f})_{\text{SM}}} = \text{signal strength}$$

$$\sigma_{i \to H^* \to f}^{\text{off-shell}} \sim \frac{g_i^2 g_f^2}{m_f^2} \to \text{no } \Gamma_H \text{-dependence} \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma_H}{\Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\mu_{\text{off-shell}}}{\mu_{\text{on-shell}}} \to \text{Measure } \mu_{\text{on-shell}} \& \mu_{\text{off-shell}} \\ \approx \mu_{\text{off-shell}} \& \mu_{\text{$$

About off-shell Higgs boson:

- ATLAS: confirmed the evidence of off-shell Higgs boson production from ZZ leptonic decay with an observed (expected) significance of 3.3 σ (2.2 σ) (Phys. Lett. B 846 (2023) 138223)
- CMS: had already observed evidence of such process in a past study (<u>Nature Phys. 18 (2022) 1329</u>)

* The indirect width determination is also possible through $t\bar{t}H$, 4 top & $H \rightarrow WW$ measurements **Assume $g_i \times g_f$ is the same for the on-shell and off-shell $(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f)$ process

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Higgs width measurement



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Higgs couplings

SM predictions: single Higgs production modes & Higgs decays

 κ = coupling strength modifier = ratio of observed vs SM predicted coupling strengths $\Rightarrow \kappa = 1 \Leftrightarrow$ Higgs coupling compatible with the SM



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Higgs couplings measurements @ Run 2



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Higgs-to-bottom coupling measurement with the $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ decay



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Higgs-to-charm coupling measurement with the $H \rightarrow c\overline{c}$ decay



→ CMS = most stringent constraints to date Reached sensitivity foreseen for the end of HL-LHC!

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Determination of the relative sign of the Higgs-to-*W* & *Z* couplings with VBF *WH* process



Both collaboration are excluding λ_{WZ} = -1 with a significance greater than 5 σ



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Higgs-self coupling & Di-Higgs production modes

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Allows probing
$$\kappa_{\lambda} = \lambda / \lambda_{SM} \& \kappa_{2V} = \lambda_{2V} / \lambda_{2V,SM}$$
 modifiers

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- The Higgs self-coupling & Higgs potential shape remain largely unconstrained \rightarrow Different shape would imply new Physics (Phys. Rev. D 101, 075023)
- Challenging di-Higgs searches as $\sigma_{\rm HH} / \sigma_{\rm H} \sim 10^{-3}$
- Three most sensitive analyses (BR): $HH \rightarrow b\overline{b}b\overline{b}$ (34%), $b\overline{b}\tau\tau$ (7.3%) & $b\overline{b}\gamma\gamma$ (0.3%) \rightarrow Combination to improve sensitivity to couplings
- Single Higgs analyses are indirectly sensitive to the Higgs self-coupling (due to higher order corrections, 2 examples below)

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Spontaneous symmetry breaking for $\mu^2 < \theta \& \lambda > \theta$ λ = Higgs self coupling constant $V(\phi)$

Higgs potential

 $V(\phi) = \mu^2 \left|\phi\right|^2 + \lambda \left|\phi\right|^4$



Higgs-self coupling and quartic VVHH coupling measurements

Phys. Lett. B 843 (2023) 137745 CMS 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV) → HH (incl.)) / fb σ₉₉F+vвF(*HH*) [fb] $\kappa_{t} = \kappa_{m} = \kappa_{m} = 1$ Observed Median expected ATLAS Observed limit (95% CL) Theory prediction 68% expected Expected limit (95% CL) $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$. 126—139 fb⁻¹ $(\mu_{HH} = 0 \text{ hypothesis})$ -- 95% expected 10⁴ $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^{+}\tau^{-} + b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma + b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ Expected limit ±1σ Expected limit ±2σ 108 Theory prediction limit on $\sigma(pp)$ SM prediction 10³ 95% CL I 10² 10² bbvv bbτ+τ-Excluded Excluded bbbb Combined 10^{1}_{-10} 10 15 -6 -4 -2 0 10 Kλ CMS 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV) → HH (incl.)) / fb σ_{VBF}(HH)[fb] $\kappa_{\lambda} = \kappa_{t} = \kappa_{y} = 1$ Median expected Observed ATLAS Observed limit (95% CL) Theory prediction 68% expected Expected limit (95% CL) $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$. 126—139 fb⁻¹ $(\mu_{HH} = 0 \text{ hypothesis})$ 95% expected 10³ $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^{+}\tau^{-} + b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma + b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ Expected limit ±1σ Expected limit ±2σ Theory prediction 10² limit on $\sigma(pp$ SM prediction 102 Excluded Excluded 95% CL I 10¹ bbγγ bb τ⁺ τ⁻ bbbb Combined 10⁰ 3 K_{2V} K_{2V}

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ATLAS: $HH \rightarrow b\overline{b}b\overline{b}, b\overline{b}\gamma\gamma \& b\overline{b}\tau\tau$ (assuming that the other Higgs boson interactions are as predicted by the SM)

obs: $-0.6 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 6.6$ (exp: $-2.1 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.8$) obs: $0.1 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.0$ (exp: $0.0 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.1$)

CMS: $HH \rightarrow b\overline{b}b\overline{b}$, $b\overline{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\overline{b}\tau\tau$, $b\overline{b}ZZ$ & Multilepton (same assumption about other interactions)

obs:
$$-1.24 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 6.49 \ (exp^*: -1 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7)$$

obs: $0.67 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.38 \ (exp^*: 0.6 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 1.4)$

CMS: $\kappa_{2V} = 0$ excluded with 6.6 σ

*CMS expected limits estimated from plots (missing info in publication) NB: the observed values are obtained from a LLR test statistic and NOT from the plots in this slide

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Single & double-Higgs combination



- $HH+H \kappa_{\lambda}$ only = κ_{λ} is the only floating parameter • ATLAS obs: $-0.4 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 6.3$ (exp: $-1.9 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.6$) • CMS obs: $-1.2 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.5$ (exp: $-2.0 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.7$)
- $HH+H \kappa_{\lambda}$ generic = κ_{λ} , κ_{t} , κ_{b} , κ_{V} & κ_{z} free parameters • ATLAS obs: $-1.4 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 6.1$ (exp: $-2.2 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.7$) • CMS obs: $1.4 < \kappa_{z} < 7.8$ (cm); $2.3 < \kappa_{z} < 7.7$)
 - CMS obs: $-1.4 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.8$ (exp: $-2.3 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 7.7$)





 \rightarrow Less assumptions required on the other couplings for *H*+*HH* combination

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Higgs CP properties

Test of Higgs CP invariance

with $H \rightarrow VV^* \rightarrow 4l$ processes $(l=e,\mu)$

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Conclusion

- Higgs mass measurement: ATLAS & CMS are reaching the per mil precision for the Run 2! $\rightarrow \delta m_{\mu} \sim 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
 - \rightarrow The Higgs mass is one of the most crucial SM parameters to measure as many Higgs properties are m_H -dependent
- Higgs widths Γ_{μ} measured by ATLAS & CMS are compatible with the SM predictions
- Higgs couplings measured up-to-date are SM-like, no significant deviation from SM predictions are observed
 → Crucial constraining Higgs-to-fermion & Higgs-to-boson couplings
 to extensively probe the Yukawa, BEH mechanisms & thus the EW symmetry breaking
 - → STXS and EFT interpretations to extensively test the validity of the SM in different region of phase space e.g. high energy domain + testing CP properties of the Higgs
 - \rightarrow Di-Higgs searches to constrain the Higgs potential shape, Higgs-self (κ_{λ}) and quartic *HHVV* (κ_{2V}) couplings
 - \rightarrow Single & di-Higgs measurements combination to constrain $\kappa_{\lambda} \& \kappa_{2V}$ with looser SM assumptions
- I could unfortunately NOT cover all measurements from ATLAS & CMS in this presentation Many more interesting results out there!

Thanks for your attention!

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Higgs couplings measurements @ Run 2



ATLAS (<u>Nature 607, 52–59 (2022</u>)) & CMS (<u>Nature 607, 60–68 (2022</u>)) Publications for the 10th year of the discovery of the Higgs

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Higgs production mode measurements



 \rightarrow Good agreement with the SM predictions except for the very rare tH process

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ATLAS Higgs production & decay modes measurements

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 $\sigma \times B$ normalized to SM prediction

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CMS Higgs couplings measurements & HL-LHC projections

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Systematic Uncertainty	Contribution [MeV]
Muon momentum scale	± 28
Electron energy scale	± 19
Signal-process theory	± 14



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ATLAS Run 2 Higgs mass measurement with the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ decay

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Source	Impact $[MeV]$
Photon energy scale	83
$Z \to e^+ e^-$ calibration	59
$E_{\rm T}$ -dependent electron energy scale	44
$e^{\pm} \rightarrow \gamma \text{ extrapolation}$	30
Conversion modelling	24
Signal–background interference	26
Resolution	15
Background model	14
Selection of the diphoton production vertex	5
Signal model	1
Total	90



Photon energy scale impact [MeV]

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CMS partial Run 2 Higgs mass measurement with the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ decay

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Sou	rce	Contribution (GeV)
Elec	tron energy scale and resolution corrections	0.10
Resi	dual $p_{\rm T}$ dependence of the photon energy scal	.e 0.11
Mod	lelling of the material budget	0.03
Non	uniformity of the light collection	0.11
Tota	l systematic uncertainty	0.18
Stati	istical uncertainty	0.18
Tota	l uncertainty	0.26
CMS Sin	nulation Η→γγ	35.9 fb ⁻¹ (13 TeV)
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itagged 0	47.8 expected events	
ntagged 1	461.9 expected events	
tagged 2	704.2 expected events	
ntagged 3	594.0 expected events	
VBF 0	11.4 expected events	
VBF 1	10.6 expected events	
VBF 2	34.6 expected events	
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ATLAS combination of $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \& H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

for Higgs mass measurement



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Particles are understood to be *on the mass shell* (on-shell) if their mass is close to the nominal mass value, and *off-shell* if their mass takes a value far away from it. By the aforementioned property of the Breit–Wigner line shape, particles are generally more likely to be produced on-shell than off-shell when energy and momentum conservation allows it. Scattering amplitudes (A) for off-shell particle production, followed by a specific decay final state, may be modified further by interference with other processes, which is large and destructive in the case of the H boson. In this specific case, writing A = H + C, with H standing for the H boson contribution and C for other interfering contributions, we will use the term "off-shell production" as a shorthand for the $|H|^2$ term in $|A|^2$.

For broad resonances, the width can be obtained by directly measuring the Breit–Wigner line shape, e.g., as was done in the case of the Z boson, measured to have a mass of $m_Z = 91.188 \pm 0.002 \text{ GeV}$ and a width of $\Gamma_Z = 2.495 \pm 0.002 \text{ GeV}$ at the CERN Large Electron Positron collider [9]. The H boson is expected to live three orders of magnitude longer, with a theoretically predicted width of $\Gamma_H = 4.1 \text{ MeV}$ (0.0041 GeV) [10], and a deviation from the SM prediction would indicate the existence of new physics. This width is too small to be measured directly from the line shape because of the limited mass resolution of order 1 GeV achievable with the present LHC detectors. Another direct way of measuring the H boson width would be to measure its lifetime by means of its decay length and use the relationship $\Gamma_H = h/(2\pi\tau_H)$, but its lifetime is still too short ($\tau_H = 1.6 \times 10^{-22} \text{ s}$) to be detectable directly. The present experimental limit on this quantity is $\tau_H < 1.9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$ at 95% confidence level (CL) [11], nine orders of magnitude above the SM lifetime.

The value of $\Gamma_{\rm H}$ can be extracted with much better precision through a combined measurement of on-shell and off-shell H boson production. In the decay of an H boson with $m_{\rm H} \approx 125 \,\text{GeV}$

to a pair of massive gauge bosons V (V = W or Z, with masses around 80.4 or 91.2 GeV, respectively), we have $m_V < m_H < 2m_V$. Therefore, when the H boson is produced on-shell (with the VV invariant mass $m_{VV} \sim m_H$), one of the V bosons must be off-shell to satisfy four-momentum conservation. Once the H boson is produced off-shell with large enough invariant mass $m_{VV} > 2m_V$ (off-shell H boson production region), the V bosons themselves are produced on-shell. Since the Breit–Wigner mass distribution of either the H or V boson maximizes at their respective nominal masses, the rate of off-shell H boson production above the V boson pair production threshold is enhanced with respect to what one would expect from the Breit–Wigner line shape of the H boson alone.

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Higgs width measurement additional information

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Figure 1: Feynman diagrams for important contributions to ZZ production. Diagrams can be distinguished as those involving the H boson (top), and those that give rise to continuum ZZ production (bottom). The interaction displayed at tree level in each diagram is meant to progress from left to right. Each straight, curvy, or curly line refers to the different set of particles denoted. Straight, solid lines with no arrows indicate the line could refer to either a particle or an antiparticle, whereas those with forward (backward) arrows refer to a particle (an antiparticle).



It is important to distinguish between two types of H boson production modes: the gluon fusion gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ process, where the H boson is produced via its couplings to fermions, and the EW processes, which involve HVV (i.e., HWW or HZZ) couplings. The top row of Fig. 1 shows the Feynman diagrams for the most dominant contributions to the gg (top left) process, and the EW processes of vector boson fusion (VBF, top center) and VH (top right). A more complete set of diagrams for the EW process are shown in Extended Data Figs. 1 and 2 Because different H boson couplings are involved in the gg and EW processes, we extract two off-shell signal strength parameters $\mu_{\rm F}^{\rm off-shell}$ for the gg mode and $\mu_{\rm V}^{\rm off-shell}$ for the EW mode. We also consider an overall off-shell signal strength parameter $\mu_{\rm V}^{\rm off-shell}$ with different assumptions on the ratio $R_{\rm VF}^{\rm off-shell} = \mu_{\rm V}^{\rm off-shell}$.

A major challenge arises from the fact that there are other sources of ZZ pairs in the SM (continuum ZZ production), see for example the bottom row of Fig. []. These contributions, particularly those from $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$, are typically much larger than the contribution from off-shell $H \rightarrow ZZ$. In addition, some of the amplitudes from continuum ZZ processes interfere with the H boson amplitudes because they share the same initial and final states. For example, the amplitudes in the first column of Fig. [], or those in the second column, interfere with each other; the amplitude shown in the lower right panel (shown more generically in Extended Data Fig. []) does not interfere with any of the other diagrams as we omit the negligible contribution of $q\bar{q} \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ$ that would interfere with it.

The interference between the H boson and continuum ZZ amplitudes is destructive [16-21]. This destructive interference plays a key role in the SM as it is one of the contributions that unitarizes the scattering of massive gauge bosons, keeping the computation of the cross section for ZZ production in proton-proton (pp) collisions finite [16-19]. Figure 2 displays the interplay

between the H boson production modes and the interfering continuum amplitudes, illustrating the growing importance of their destructive interference as m_{ZZ} grows in the two final states included in the analysis, $ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$ and $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$. In the parametrization of the total cross section, contributions from this type of interference between the H boson and continuum ZZ amplitudes scale with $\sqrt{\mu_{c}^{\text{off-shell}}}$ and $\sqrt{\mu_{c}^{\text{off-shell}}}$ for the gg and EW modes, respectively.

Fig. 2 [SM calculations of ZZ invariant mass in the gg and EW processes. Distributions for the 2*d*²*i* invariant mass (m_{sr}) from the g \rightarrow 2*d*²*u* process (left) and for the 4*d* invariant mass (m_{sr}) from the EW ZZ(\rightarrow 4*d*) + qq processes (right). These processes involve the H boson (|H²) and interfering continuum ([CP) contributions to the scattering amplitude, as shown in black and gold, respectively. The dashed green curve represents their direct sum without interference (|H|² + |C|²), and the solid magenta curve represents the sum with interference included (|H + C|²). Note that the interference is destructive, and its importance grows as the mass increases. The integrated luminosity is taken to be 1 fb⁻¹, so these distributions are equivalent to the differential cross-section spectra da/dm_{2/24} (left) and da/dm₄ (right). The distributions are shown after requiring that all charged leptons satisfy $p_1 > 7$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4$, and that the invariant mass of any charged lepton pair with the same flavour and opposite charge is greater than 4 GeV. Here, p_1 denotes the magnitude of the momentum of these leptons transverse to the pp collision axis, and *y* denotes their pseudorapidity, defined as $-\ln[\tan(\theta/2)]$ using the angle θ between the momentum vector and the collision axis. Calculations for the gg \rightarrow 4*d* and EW ZZ(\rightarrow 2*d*²*u*) + qq processes exhibit similar qualitative properties. The details of the Monte Carlo programs used for these calculations are provided in the Methods.

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<u>1 Ilys. Dott. D 040 (2025) 150225</u>	Systematic Uncertainty Fixed	$\mu_{\text{off-shell}}$ value at which $-2 \ln \lambda(\mu_{\text{off-shell}}) = 4$
	Parton shower uncertainty for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ (normalisation)	2.26
	Parton shower uncertainty for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ (shape)	2.29
	NLO EW uncertainty for $qq \rightarrow ZZ$	2.27
	NLO QCD uncertainty for $gg \rightarrow ZZ$	2.29
	Parton shower uncertainty for $qq \rightarrow ZZ$ (shape)	2.29
	Jet energy scale and resolution uncertainty	2.26
	None	2.30

To maximize the signal sensitivity, a multi-class dense NN is employed in the SRs to enhance events with a Higgs boson candidate. The NN, implemented using Keras [77] with TensorFlow [78] as the backend, is designed to differentiate among the three event classes: the off-shell Higgs boson signal (S), the interfering background (B), and the non-interfering (NI) background. The interfering backgrounds to the ggF and EW signals are the $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ and EW $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ + 2j$ processes, respectively. The non-interfering background is the $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ process in both production modes.

The outputs of the NN use a normalized exponential function so that they can be interpreted as probabilities of an event belonging to a particular class (P_S , P_B and P_{NI}) and their ratio is used to define the final observable:

$$D_{\rm NN} = \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{\rm S}}{P_{\rm B} + P_{\rm NI}} \right).$$

As the analysis attempts to constrain both the ggF- and EW-induced off-shell signals independently, two separate NNs are trained, one in the ggF SR and the other in the EW SR. The observable from the first NN (O_{NN}^{ggF}) is then used as the discriminating variable in both the ggF and mixed SRs, while that of the second NN (O_{NN}^{EW}) is used in the EW SR.

The first NN is trained to discriminate among the ggF-induced signal, the $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ background, and the $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ process. The features used by this NN include the kinematic information of the four leptons

The second NN is used to separate the EW-induced off-shell signal process from the non-Higgs boson EW $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZjj$ background and the QCD-induced $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZjj$ process. In addition to the variables



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Due to the quadratic parameterisation of the yield as a function of the parameter of interest, the distribution of the test statistic $-2 \ln \lambda$ is slightly different from the asymptotic χ^2 distribution predicted by Wilks' theorem [87]. Therefore confidence intervals on $\mu_{\text{off-shell}}$ are built based on the Neyman construction [88] using

CMS Higgs width measurement

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Figure 5: Observed data and pre-fit distributions of events in the off-shell region, in the Untagged (left column), VBF-tagged (middle column), and VH-tagged (right column) categories. The top row shows $m_{4\ell}$ where a requirement on \mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{kin} , $\mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{VBF+dec}$ or $\mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{VH+dec} > 0.6$ is applied in order to enhance signal over background contributions. The middle row shows \mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{kin} (left), $\mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{VBF+dec}$ (middle), $\mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{VH+dec}$ (right). The requirement $m_{4\ell} > 340 \text{ GeV}$ is applied in order to enhance signal over background contributions. The bottom row shows \mathcal{D}_{bsi} with both of the $m_{4\ell}$ and \mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{kin} requirements enhancing the signal contribution.

Table 1: Summary of the three production categories in the off-shell $m_{4\ell}$ region. All discriminants are calculated with the JHUGEN signal and MCFM background matrix elements. The VH interference discriminant in the VH-tagged category is defined as the simple average of the ones corresponding to the ZH and WH processes.

Category	VBF-tagged	VH-tagged	Untagged
Selection	$\mathcal{D}_{2jet}^{VBF} > 0.5$	$\mathcal{D}_{2jet}^{ZH} \text{ or } \mathcal{D}_{2jet}^{WH} > 0.5$	Rest of events
Observables	$m_{4\ell}, \mathcal{D}_{ m bkg}^{ m VBF+dec}, \mathcal{D}_{ m bsi}^{ m VBF+dec}$	$m_{4\ell}, \mathcal{D}_{ m bkg}^{ m VH+dec}, \mathcal{D}_{ m bsi}^{ m VH+dec}$	$m_{4\ell}, \mathcal{D}_{\rm bkg}^{\rm kin}, \mathcal{D}_{\rm bsi}^{\rm gg, dec}$

 The VBF-2jet category requires exactly four leptons. In addition, there must be either two or three jets of which at most one is b-tagged, or at least four jets and no b-tagged jets. Finally, D^{VBF}_{2jet} > 0.5 for the VBF production is required.

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- The Untagged category consists of the remaining events.

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VH, $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ resolved and boosted topology (Jet radius values used by ATLAS)





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ATLAS $VH \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ Run 2 analysis



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CMS VH, $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ Run 2 analysis



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ATLAS *VH*, $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ Run 2 analysis



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CMS, *VH*, $H \rightarrow c\overline{c}$ Run 2 analysis

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Uncertainty source	Δμ/
Statistical	
Background normalizations	
Experimental	
Sizes of the simulated samples	
c jet identification efficiencies	
Jet energy scale and resolution	
Simulation modeling	
Integrated luminosity	
Lepton identification efficiencies	
Theory	
Backgrounds	
Signal	
-	



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Final state	Obs. 95% CL	Exp. 95% CL	Obs. value $^{+1}\sigma_{-1\sigma}$
$HH \rightarrow b \bar{b} \gamma \gamma$	$-1.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.5$	$-3.2 < \kappa_{\lambda} < 8.1$	$\kappa_{\lambda} = 2.8^{+2.0}_{-2.2}$
$HH \to b \bar{b} \tau^+ \tau^-$	$-2.7 < \kappa_\lambda < 9.5$	$-3.1 < \kappa_\lambda < 10.2$	$\kappa_{\lambda} = 1.5^{+5.9}_{-2.5}$
$HH \rightarrow b \bar{b} b \bar{b}$	$-3.3 < \kappa_\lambda < 11.4$	$-5.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 11.6$	$\kappa_{\lambda} = 6.2^{+3.0}_{-5.2}$
HH combination	$-0.6 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6$	$-2.1 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.8$	$\kappa_{\lambda} = 3.1^{+1.9}_{-2.0}$
Final state	Obs. 95% CL	Exp. 95% CL	Obs. value $^{+1\sigma}_{-1\sigma}$
Final state $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	Obs. 95% CL $-0.8 < \kappa_{2V} < 3.0$	Exp. 95% CL $-1.6 < \kappa_{2V} < 3.7$	Obs. value $^{+1\sigma}_{-1\sigma}$ $\kappa_{2V} = 1.1^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$
Final state $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^{+}\tau^{-}$	Obs. 95% CL $-0.8 < \kappa_{2V} < 3.0$ $-0.6 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.7$	Exp. 95% CL $-1.6 < \kappa_{2V} < 3.7$ $-0.5 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.7$	Obs. value ^{+1σ} _{-1σ} $\kappa_{2V} = 1.1^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$ $\kappa_{2V} = 1.5^{+0.7}_{-1.7}$
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SM cross-section measurements for the Run 1, 2 and 3 of ATLAS 49

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Brout-Englert-Higgs (BEH) mechanism

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm EW} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\rm Higgs} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm Yukawa}}_{\rm Higgs \ mechanism \ terms}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = (D^{\mu}\phi)^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}\phi) - V(\phi) \quad (\phi = 2\text{D complex scalar field})$$
$$V(\phi) = \mu^{2} |\phi|^{2} + \lambda |\phi|^{4} \qquad (V(\phi) = \text{Higgs potential})$$

• Spontaneous symmetry breaking for $\mu^2 < 0 \& \lambda > 0$



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Fermion Yukawa coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{EW}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{QCD}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Higgs}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{Yukawa}}}_{\mathbf{Yukawa}}$$

Higgs mechanism terms

The BEH mechanism does not explain the mass of fermions \rightarrow Need for another mechanism

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -y_f (\bar{\psi}_L \phi \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \phi^{\dagger} \psi_L)$ y_f = Yukawa coupling for the fermion f

After spontaneous symmetry breaking & expansion around the ground state:

$$m_f = -\frac{y_f v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f$$

$$-i\frac{m_f}{v}$$

$$H$$

Higgs production and decay modes



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Single Higgs production cross sections

Particle Data Group, Status of Higgs Boson Physics (2023) Cross-sections in pb

\sqrt{s} (TeV)	Produ	action cros	ss section	(in pb) for	$m_H = 125$	$5{ m GeV}$
<u>ka</u>	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	$t ar{t} H$	total
1.96	$0.95^{+17\%}_{-17\%}$	$0.065^{+8\%}_{-7\%}$	$0.13^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$	$0.079^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$	$0.004^{+10\%}_{-10\%}$	$1.23^{+15\%}_{-15\%}$
7	$16.9^{+5.5\%}_{-7.6\%}$	$1.24^{+2.2\%}_{-2.2\%}$	$0.58^{+2.2\%}_{-2.3\%}$	$0.34^{+3.1\%}_{-3.0\%}$	$0.09^{+5.6\%}_{-10.2\%}$	$19.1^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$
8	$21.4^{+5.4\%}_{-7.6\%}$	$1.60^{+2.1\%}_{-2.1\%}$	$0.70^{+2.1\%}_{-2.2\%}$	$0.42^{+3.4\%}_{-2.9\%}$	$0.13^{+5.9\%}_{-10.1\%}$	$24.2^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$
13	$48.6^{+5.6\%}_{-7.4\%}$	$3.78^{+2.1\%}_{-2.1\%}$	$1.37^{+2.0\%}_{-2.0\%}$	$0.88^{+4.1\%}_{-3.5\%}$	$0.50^{+6.8\%}_{-9.9\%}$	$55.1^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$
13.6	$52.2^{+5.6\%}_{-7.4\%}$	$4.1^{+2.1\%}_{-1.5\%}$	$1.46^{+1.8\%}_{-1.9\%}$	$0.95^{+4.0\%}_{-3.6\%}$	$0.57^{+6.9\%}_{-9.9\%}$	$59.2^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$
14	$54.7^{+5.6\%}_{-7.4\%}$	$4.28^{+2.1\%}_{-2.1\%}$	$1.51^{+1.8\%}_{-1.9\%}$	$0.99^{+4.1\%}_{-3.7\%}$	$0.61^{+6.9\%}_{-9.8\%}$	$62.1^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$

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Di-Higgs production cross sections

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Cross-sections in fb

 $ggF \sim 90$ % & VBF $\sim 5\%$ for the total di-Higgs production cross-section

\sqrt{s}	13 TeV	14 TeV	27 TeV	100 TeV
ggF HH	$31.05^{+2.2\%}_{-5.0\%}\pm3.0\%$	$36.69^{+2.1\%}_{-4.9\%}\pm3.0\%$	$139.9^{+1.3\%}_{-3.9\%}\pm2.5\%$	$1224^{+0.9\%}_{-3.2\%}\pm2.4\%$
VBF HH	$1.73^{+0.03\%}_{-0.04\%}\pm2.1\%$	$2.05^{+0.03\%}_{-0.04\%}\pm2.1\%$	$8.40^{+0.11\%}_{-0.04\%}\pm2.1\%$	$82.8^{+0.13\%}_{-0.04\%}\pm2.1\%$
ZHH	$0.363^{+3.4\%}_{-2.7\%}\pm1.9\%$	$0.415^{+3.5\%}_{-2.7\%}\pm1.8\%$	$1.23^{+4.1\%}_{-3.3\%}\pm1.5\%$	$8.23^{+5.9\%}_{-4.6\%}\pm1.7\%$
W^+HH	$0.329^{+0.32\%}_{-0.41\%}\pm2.2\%$	$0.369^{+0.33\%}_{-0.39\%}\pm2.1\%$	$0.941^{+0.52\%}_{-0.53\%}\pm1.8\%$	$4.70^{+0.90\%}_{-0.96\%}\pm1.8\%$
W^-HH	$0.173^{+1.2\%}_{-1.3\%}\pm2.8\%$	$0.198^{+1.2\%}_{-1.3\%}\pm 2.7\%$	$0.568^{+1.9\%}_{-2.0\%}\pm2.1\%$	$3.30^{+3.5\%}_{-4.3\%}\pm1.9\%$
tīHH	$0.775^{+1.5\%}_{-4.3\%}\pm3.2\%$	$0.949^{+1.7\%}_{-4.5\%}\pm3.1\%$	$5.24^{+2.9\%}_{-6.4\%}\pm2.5\%$	$82.1^{+7.9\%}_{-7.4\%}\pm1.6\%$
tjHH	$0.0289^{+5.5\%}_{-3.6\%}\pm4.7\%$	$0.0367^{+4.2\%}_{-1.8\%}\pm4.6\%$	$0.254^{+3.8\%}_{-2.8\%}\pm3.6\%$	$4.44^{+2.2\%}_{-2.8\%}\pm2.4\%$

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Di-Higgs production cross sections



Leading order Feynman diagrams of the 2 main di-Higgs production modes: ggF & VBF



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Di-Higgs production modes all leading order Feynman diagrams

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Branching fractions of the di-Higgs decays

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Leading order ggF HH mass distribution



Di-Higgs invariant mass and transverse momenta distribution

w.r.t. κ_{λ} for $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV

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Simplified template cross-section (STXS) Stage 1.2 scheme

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Effective field interpretations & Wilson coefficients

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{D \ge 5} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{W}_D} \frac{c_i^{(D)}}{\Lambda^{D-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(D)},$$

- $\succ D ≥ 5$ is the dimension of the EFT operators,
- > $\mathcal{O}_i^{(D)}$ operators expressed in the Warsaw basis,
- > $c_i^{(D)}$ are the Wilson coefficients associated to the operators and \mathcal{W}_D is the ensemble of allowed type of operators for a given dimension.

$$\sigma^{i}_{\rm SMEFT} = \sigma^{i}_{\rm SM} + \sigma^{i}_{\rm int} + \sigma^{i}_{\rm BSM}$$

- > $\sigma_{\rm SM}^i$ is the cross-section computed with the SM predictions for the initial state *i*,
- $\succ \sigma^i_{\rm int}$ accounts for potential interferences between the SM and the hypothetical BSM processes,
- $\succ \sigma^i_{\rm BSM}$ is exclusively related to the hypothetical BSM processes.

The possible cross-section deviations from the SM predictions can then be re-expressed thanks to the Wilson coefficients:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm SMEFT}^i}{\sigma_{\rm SM}^i} = 1 + \sum_j A_j^{\sigma_i} c_j + \sum_{j,k} B_{jk}^{\sigma_i} c_j c_k,$$

 $A_j^{\sigma_i}$ and $B_{j,k}^{\sigma_i}$ respectively referred to as the linear and the quadratic terms (associated to the initial state *i*) which are computed from the SMEFT operators and which define σ_{int}^i and σ_{BSM}^i :

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{int}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^i} := \sum_j A_j^{\sigma_i} c_j, \qquad \frac{\sigma_{\text{BSM}}^i}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}^i} := \sum_{j,k} B_{jk}^{\sigma_i} c_j c_k,$$

those linear and quadratic terms being respectively of the order of $1/\Lambda^2$ and $1/\Lambda^4$.

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Higgs mass measurement

vs direct measurement of top and W mass measurements

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