



Non-resonant HH searches: status and prospects

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Non-resonant HH production

• Two kind of HH production modes sensitive to BSM physics:

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Resonant HH production



• BSM physics effects parametrized by heavy resonance mass m_{X^*}



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Non-resonant HH production

• Two kind of HH production modes sensitive to BSM physics:



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Why is non-resonant HH interesting?

- κ_λ gives access to the shape of the Higgs potential via measurement of λ:
 - Many different potential shapes could have caused the same physics we see today!
 - **Differences** in the potential shape are **well motivated** by cosmology and BSM theories (more details in other talks).





Nambu-Goldstone Higgs

Coleman-Weinberg Higgs

Tadpole-Induced Higgs

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Other non-resonant production modes

Vector Boson Fusion, VHH



So... how do we measure these non-resonant HH processes?

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HH decays and final states

- For $\sigma_{ggF+VBF}^{SM} = 32.78$ fb, ATLAS and CMS provided with approximately **9k HH** events ($\mathscr{L}_{int}^{ATLAS+CMS} = 280$ fb⁻¹).
- Maximal sensitivity to these 9k HH events requires multiple analyses targeting different HH final states!







$HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$

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- Good portion HH BR (7.3%) with relatively clean environment and low background.
- <u>Selection</u>: **2 b-jets** (77% DL1r) + **2** τ leptons $(\tau_{had}\tau_{had} and \tau_{lep}\tau_{had}).$
- 9 categories: 3 split by τ decay mode+trigger, each split in 3 by HH production+kinematic.

Category	Triggers		
$bar{b} au_{ ext{had}} au_{ ext{had}}$	Single-tau + di-tau triggers	×	$\times 3$ categories:
$bar{b} au_{ ext{lep}} au_{ ext{had}}$ SLT	Single lepton trigger (SLT)	+	1 VBF and 2 ggF (high and low m_{HH})
$bar{b} au_{ ext{lep}} au_{ ext{had}}$ LTT	Lepton+tau trigger (LTT)	*	

- Final observation: simultaneous binned fit of BDT scores in all categories.
- Latest CMS observed (expected) results [PLB 842 (2023) 137531]:

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$$\mu_{SM}^{95\% CL} = 3.3 (5.2)$$

• $\kappa_{\lambda} \in [-1.7, 8.7] ([-2.9, 9.8])$



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$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

arXiv:2310.12301

- Very small BR (0.26%), but very clean signature (excellent acceptance and reconstruction resolution).
- <u>Selection:</u>
 - 2 photons (tight and isolated) + 2 b-jets (77% DL1r).
 - MVA outputs to separate backgrounds and signals.
- 7 Categories: split in $m^*_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}$ at 350 GeV, and BDT output score.

$$m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma}^* = m_{b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma} - m_{b\bar{b}} - m_{\gamma\gamma} + 250 \text{ GeV}$$

- Final observation: simultaneous likelihood fit of $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ in all 7 categories.
- Latest ATLAS observed (expected) results:
 - $\mu_{SM}^{95\%CL} = 4.0 (5.0)$ -12% from previous Run 2 ATLAS result

• $\mu_{SM}^{95/0CL} = 4.0 (5.0)$ ATLAS result • $\kappa_{\lambda} \in [-1.4, 6.9] \ (\kappa_{\lambda} \in [-2.8, 7.8])$

• $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.5, 2.7] ([-1.1, 3.3])$





$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

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$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ kinematic regimes

Resolved vs boosted

- Largest signal BR (33%), but large QCD multi-jet backgrounds.
- Higher statistics allow to target different kinematic regimes!



Explored by CMS



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Resolved $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

ATLAS (PRD 108 (2023) 052003) and CMS (PRL 129, 081802)

- A **similar approach** between ATLAS and CMS:
 - **4 b-jets** with QCD background estimated through **data-driven techniques** (more details in next talk by N. Hartmann and M. Roguljic).
- But with **some differences**:
 - 1. <u>B-jet pairing</u>: based on $\Delta R(b, b)$ at ATLAS and (m_{H1}, m_{H2}) mass-plane information at CMS.
 - 2. <u>Background estimation</u>: data-driven methods based on low-tag to high-tag corrections. ATLAS estimates with 2b events, while CMS with 3b (triggers).
 - 3. Final discriminant: m_{HH} (ATLAS) and DNN output (CMS)



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CMS Boosted $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ (1)

ggF production and κ_{λ} sensitivity

- Impressive sensitivity achieved thanks to state-of-the-art GNN $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ taggers (ParticleNet).
 - 2 large-radius jets R=0.8 with $p_T > 300$ GeV and multiple categories based on signal kinematics and ParticleNet scores.
- <u>Challenges</u>: control of trigger turn-on effects, accurate calibration of $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ taggers and large-radius jet masses.



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CMS Boosted $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ (2)

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VBF production and k_{2V}

- Boosted regime well suited to target variations of κ_{2V} in VBF production.
- Multiple categories split in kinematic selections and ParticleNet scores (LP,MP,HP)
- Observed (Expected) κ_{2V} ranges: [0.6,1.4] ([0.65,1.4])! Most sensitive measurement to k_{2V} !
 - $\kappa_{2V} = 0$ excluded with more than 6σ significance!



$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}WW$

arXiv:2310.11286 (ATLAS)

CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005 (CMS)

CMS $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}W^+W^-$

CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005

- $HH \rightarrow bbW^+W^-$ has the second largest HH BR (25%).
- Two channels to target leptonic W decays: single lepton and di-lepton.
 - 18 categories (resolved and boosted) to enhance sensitivity to both ggF and VBF HH productions.
- Final discriminants: DNN scores (1 for ggF, 1 for VBF)





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ATLAS $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}l^+l^-\nu\nu$

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- Targeted signals: $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b} + WW/ZZ/\tau\tau \rightarrow b\bar{b} + l^+l^- + neutrinos$
- Selection:
 - 2 b-jets (77% DL1r) + 2 leptons
 (e/μ)
 - **DNNs** to separate HH signals from backgrounds
- **2 categories:** 1 for ggF and 1 for VBF $\frac{3}{8}$
- <u>Final observation:</u> **simultaneous likelihood fit of DNN score** in 2 categories.
- Observed (expected) results:
 - $\mu_{SM}^{95\% CL} = 9.7 (16.2)$
 - $\kappa_{2V} \in [-0.17, 2.4] ([-0.51, 2.7]).$





Combinations



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Combined results (1)

SM signal strength upper limits

- Maximal sensitivity obtained through **statistical combinations**:
 - Very comparable sensitivities between 2 experiments (ATLAS dominated by $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$, CMS by $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$).
 - A lot of improvement thanks to improved reconstruction/ID techniques (e.g. DL1r, ParticleNet) and analysis techniques (more categories, extensive use of Machine Learning).



Combined results (2)

Self-coupling constraints (κ_{λ})

- Constraint of κ_{λ} also largely improved with respect to partial Run 2 results!
 - Very similar expected 95% CL constraints between the 2 experiments.
 - Indirect single-Higgs measurements now also included in the constraint.
 - Rapidly approaching the exclusion of $\kappa_{\lambda} = 0!$



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The future

The immediate future: Run 3

- <u>Run 3 will provide us:</u> more **luminosity** (~ 400 fb⁻¹ for Run 2+3 per experiment), more energy (+10% HH at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV) and better detector performance.
 - Some examples: better triggers and improved flavour tagging (e.g. GN2 in ATLAS)
 - With all these improvements, Run 3 should bring us **very close to SM HH** ($\mu_{SM}^{95\% CL} \sim 1.0$)!
 - If something is very BSM-like in the Higgs potential, we might start to see it in Run



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The distant future: HL-LHC

- ATLAS expects a statistical evidence (3.4 σ) for SM HH ($\kappa_{\lambda} = 1$) with 3000 fb⁻¹ assuming same Run 2 detector performance and reduction of systematics.
 - 5σ should be well within reach of a combined ATLAS and CMS HL-LHC result!
 - ATLAS expects to constraint κ_{λ} to [0.5,1.6] at 68% CL with 3000 fb⁻¹. Combination with CMS could bring us close to [0.65,1.3]?



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Summary and outlook

- Summarised recent status non-resonant HH searches.
- No significant excess above the SM (for now), and exclusion limits have been set to:
 - Obs (exp) $\mu_{HH}^{95\% CL}$: 2.4 (2.9) at ATLAS and 3.4 (2.5) at CMS
 - Obs(exp) κ_λ ranges: [-0.4,6.3] ([-1.9,7.6]) at ATLAS and [-1.2,7.5]([-2.0,7.7]) at CMS
 - <u>Obs(exp)</u> κ_{2V} ranges: [0.1,2.0] ([0.0,2.1]) at ATLAS and [0.62,1.4] ([0.66,1.37]) at CMS (boosted $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$)
- Large improvements not only due to increased luminosity in Run 2, but also constantly improved analysis and reconstruction techniques (e.g. DL1d, ParticleNet, etc.).
- The future will be exciting:
 - Important BSM deviations from the SM Higgs potential could start to be detected with Run 2+3 datasets!
 - At HL-LHC, 5σ discovery well accessible combining ATLAS and CMS, and combined κ_{λ} precision could be in the ~30-35% range (50% expected for ATLAS-only).







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My personal HL-LHC estimation



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ATLAS legacy $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ (1)

Detailed event selection





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ATLAS legacy $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ (2)

Data/background distributions



ATLAS legacy $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ (3)

Data/background distributions





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ATLAS legacy $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ (4)

VBF BDT



ATLAS legacy $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ (5)

 κ_{λ} and κ_{2V} likelihood scans







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ATLAS legacy $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ (6)

EFTs





ATLAS vs CMS $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$

Data/background distributions in most sensitive ggF categories





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ATLAS H+HH combination (1)

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Final state	Obs. 95% CL	Exp. 95% CL	Obs. value $^{+1\sigma}_{-1\sigma}$
$HH \rightarrow b \bar{b} \gamma \gamma$	$-0.8 < \kappa_{2V} < 3.0$	$-1.6 < \kappa_{2V} < 3.7$	$\kappa_{2V} = 1.1^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$
$HH \to b \bar{b} \tau^+ \tau^-$	$-0.6 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.7$	$-0.5 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.7$	$\kappa_{2V} = 1.5^{+0.7}_{-1.7}$
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	$0.0 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.1$	$0.0 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.1$	$\kappa_{2V} = 1.0^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$
HH combination	$0.1 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.0$	$0.0 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.1$	$\kappa_{2V} = 1.1^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$



ATLAS H+HH combination (2)

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H+HH combination (ATLAS vs CMS)





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ATLAS resolved $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

Additional material





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ATLAS resolved $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

Likelihood vs cross-section



With Poisson pdf, no signal hypothesis should give more stringent limit (i.e. cross-section scan more stringent than likelihood scan)



ATLAS $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}l^+l^-\nu\nu$ (1)

arXiv:2310.11286



Figure 3: Definition of signal and control regions for same lepton flavour (a) and different lepton flavour (b) events. The greyed-out region is excluded as it makes a negligible contribution to the final results. The $m_{b\ell}$ discriminant variable [54] is used to further separate the top CR into separate $t\bar{t}$ and Wt control regions.

Table 2: Cutflow for event selection using SM $gg/qq \rightarrow HH$ signal samples in various decay channels. For both ggF and VBF signal samples, the SM *HH* cross-section, σ , and branching ratio, \mathcal{B} , are assumed when computing event yields for a luminosity of $\mathcal{L} = 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$. Efficiencies are different for $bbZZ(\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu)$ compared to $bbZZ(\rightarrow 2\ell 2q)$ since the initial number of events considers $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ while the former does not.

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ggr and v Br event selection cut	ggF	VBF	ggF	VBF	ggF	VBF	ggF	VBF
Initial number of events $(\mathcal{L} \times \sigma \times \mathcal{B})$	70	3.9	39	2.2	3.8	0.21	18	1.0
$N_{\text{leptons}} = 2$, opposite sign, pass trigger requirement	22	0.99	8.3	0.35	1.3	0.057	3.6	0.17
$N_{b-\text{jets}} = 2$	9.8	0.39	3.7	0.14	0.57	0.022	1.6	0.067

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$\operatorname{ATLAS} HH \to b\bar{b}l^+l^-\nu\nu (2)$



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ATLAS $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}l^+l^-\nu\nu$ (3)

DNN variables

Table 4: Input features used for the DNN in the ggF category. Indices 0 and 1 refer to p_{T} -leading and p_{T} -sub-leading objects respectively.

Input feature	Description
same flavour	unity if final state leptons are <i>ee</i> or $\mu\mu$, zero otherwise
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{b}$	transverse momenta of the leptons, <i>b</i> -tagged jets
$m_{\ell\ell}, p_{\rm T}^{\ell\ell}$	invariant mass and the transverse momentum of the di-lepton system
$m_{bb}, p_{\rm T}^{bb}$	invariant mass and the transverse momentum of the <i>b</i> -tagged jet pair system
m_{T2}^{bb}	stransverse mass of the two <i>b</i> -tagged jets [125, 126]
$\Delta \tilde{R}_{\ell\ell}, \Delta R_{bb}$	ΔR between the two leptons and two <i>b</i> -tagged jets
$m_{b\ell}$	$\min\{\max(m_{b_0\ell_0}, m_{b_1\ell_1}), \max(m_{b_0\ell_1}, m_{b_1\ell_0})\} [54]$
$\min \Delta R_{b\ell}$	minimum ΔR of all <i>b</i> -tagged jet and lepton combinations
$m_{bb\ell\ell}$	invariant mass of the $bb\ell\ell$ system
$E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ -sig	missing transverse energy and its significance [127]
$m_{\rm T}(\ell_0, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$	transverse mass of the $p_{\rm T}$ -leading lepton with respect to $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$
$\min m_{\mathrm{T},\ell}$	minimum value of $m_{\rm T}(\ell_0, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$ and $m_{\rm T}(\ell_1, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$
$H_{\mathrm{T2}}^{\mathrm{R}}$	measure for boostedness ⁶ of the two Higgs bosons



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Categories	Sub-Categories		
HH(GGF)	Resolved 1b	Resolved 2b	Boosted
HH(VBF)	Resolved 1b	Resolved 2b	Boosted
Top + Higgs	Resolved		Boosted
WJets + Other	Inclusive		

Table 1: The summary of the categories of events according to the DNN based multiclassification and $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ topology for the single lepton channel.

Categories	Sub-Categories			
HH(GGF)	Resolved 1b	Resolved 2b	Boosted	
HH(VBF)	Resolved 1b	Resolved 2b	Boosted	
Top + Other	Resolved		Boosted	
DY + Multi-boson	Inclusive			

Table 2: The summary of the categories of events according to the DNN based multiclassification and $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ topology for the dilepton channel.



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CMS $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}W^+W^-(2)$

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