Probing the nature of electroweak symmetry breaking with Higgs boson pair-production at ATLAS



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Why HH?

Ellis, arXiv:1312.5672



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Markkanen et al, 2018 [Front. Astron. Space Sci., 18 December 2018]

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- \rightarrow incompatible with observed universe!



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Same/different flavour event categories







Anomalous enhancement of Higgs trilinear coupling: κ_{λ} \Rightarrow unique sensitivity in HH channels

Coupling limits



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Cross-section limits



Total SM HH cross-section dominated by ggF + VBF







Cross-section limits











- Heavy particle coupling (decaying) to HH

Other results: $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau/bb\gamma\gamma$ vs HEFT [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-021] Resonant searches with additional BSM scalar (X SH) [O. Lundberg, tomorrow]

Enhancement of HH production could originate from a resonance

• E.g. scalar particle (extended H sector, Higgs portal to dark sector)



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Wrapping up

- Active ATLAS programme in DiHiggs searches
 - Key to deeper understanding of ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking
- Latest searches have exclusion sensitivity at O(1 x σ_{SM})
 - Advances in reconstruction, trigger, analysis strategy necessary
- Potential for major gains with a large Run 3 dataset keep pushing!







Backups



HH in translation

- 喜: Joy (xǐ)
- 双喜临门: Double joy arrives at the door (shūang xī lín mén)
 - Two happy events in coincidence •
- 双希: Double(di-) Higgs (shūang xī)

• 希: Hope (xī), also used as an abbreviation for the Higgs boson (希格斯玻色子)







Anomalous enhancement of HH to VV coupling: κ_{2V} \Rightarrow unique sensitivity in VBF HH



0.8⊨



-1 -0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1

ggH vs. VBF HH categorization BDT score

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bbττ BDT – ggF vs VBF

Single lepton trigger

Lepton + τ_{had} trigger





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$bb\tau\tau$ kinematic variables

Table 2: Input variables for the categorisation BDTs in each of the three SRs. The superscripts *a* and *c* specify the selection of jets that are taken into account for the calculation in addition to the two τ -lepton candidates and \vec{p}_T^{miss} . For variables with a *c*, only the four-momenta of central jets, i.e. jets with $|\eta| < 2.5$, are included, while an *a* indicates that all available jets are included.

Variable	$ au_{ m had} au_{ m had}$	$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m had}~ m SLT$	$ au_{ m lep} au_{ m had}\ m LTT$
$m_{jj}^{ m VBF}$	1	✓	✓
$\Delta \eta_{jj}^{ m VBF}$	1	✓	✓
VBF $\eta_0 \times \eta_1$	✓	✓	
$\Delta \phi_{jj}^{ m VBF}$	✓		
$\Delta R_{jj}^{ m VBF}$		✓	✓
$\Delta R_{\tau\tau}$	✓		
m_{HH}	✓		
f_2^a	1		
C^{a}		✓	✓
$m^a_{ m Eff}$		✓	✓
f_0^c		✓	
f_0^a			✓
h_3^a			✓

$bb\ell\ell + E_T^{miss}$ uncertainties

	Uncertainty in region	Z+HF-CR (VBF)	Z+HF-CR (ggF)	Wt-CR (VBF)	Wt-CR (ggF)	tī-CR (VBF)	tī-CR (ggF)
	Total Standard Model expectation	7320	88600	900	4940	39600	404000
	Total statistical $(\sqrt{N_{exp}})$	±90	±300	±30	±70	±200	± 600
	Total Standard Model systematic	+130 -150	± 900	+31 -35	+90 -100	+800 -1100	+9000 -10000
5	Background normalization	+180 -230	+1200 -1600	±60	+180 -220	+400 -1300	+3500 -13000
	Background theory	+150 -50	+1300 -500	+50 -40	+170 -110	+1200 -310	+12000 -3300
	Experimental	+180 -170	+1200 -1100	± 28	±110	+130 -120	+400 -500
	Fake extraction	±1.9	±16	± 2.1	±9	±21	± 180
	Signal normalization	+0.05 -0.06	+0.32 -0.35	± 0.0016	± 0.008	± 0.005	+0.034 -0.04
	Signal theory	+0.004 -0.014	+0.024 -0.08	± 0.00013	± 0.0006	± 0.0004	+0.0026 -0.009
	Template statistics	± 0	± 0	+15 -15	± 0	± 0	± 0

-	Uncertainty in region	ggF-SR 7	ggF-SR 6	ggF-SR 5	ggF-SR 4	ggF-SR 3	ggF-SR 2
-	Total Standard Model expectation	550	363	209	123	60	39
-	Total statistical $(\sqrt{N_{exp}})$	±23	±19	±14	±11	± 8	±6
	Total Standard Model systematic	+28 -29	+19 -18	+13 -14	+10 -12	±6	± 5
-	Background normalization	+6 -11	+5 -8	+3.5	+2.6 -3.2	+1.5 -1.8	+1.1 -1.3
5	Background theory	+40 -35	+32 -27	±21	+19 -20	±11	±7
2	Experimental	+40 -33	+27 -19	+13 -17	±9	+5 -6	± 4
	Fake extraction	±0.7	±0.5	± 0.4	±0.29	±0.11	±0.11
	Signal normalization	+5 -6	±6	± 6	±7	± 6	± 6
	Signal theory	+0.4 -1.3	+0.4 -1.5	+0.5 -1.5	$^{+0.5}_{-1.8}$	+0.5 -1.5	$^{+0.4}_{-1.5}$
	Template statistics	±11	±10	± 8	±5	+4 -4	+4 -3.5

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±1.8
± 0.29
+7 -8
$^{+0.6}_{-1.9}$
+2.3 -2.1

Dominated in all regions by background & experimental systematics

	Uncertainty in region	VBF-SR 5	VBF-SR 4	VBF-SR 3	VBF-SR 2	VI
-	Total Standard Model expectation	3430	920	123	8.8	
	Total statistical $(\sqrt{N_{exp}})$	±60	±30	±11	±3.0	
	Total Standard Model systematic	±120	+40 -50	+11 -13	±1.7	
(Background normalization	+40 -100	+11 -26	+2.3 -3.3	+0.20 -0.24	
<	Background theory	+230 -170	+90 -80	+18 -15	+0.9 -1.0	
(Experimental	+170 -190	+70 -80	+16 -18	±1.4	
	Fake extraction	± 2.4	±0.7	± 0.08	± 0.04	
	Signal normalization	+3.1 -3.4	+2.9 -3.2	+1.8 -1.9	+0.6 -0.7	
	Signal theory	± 0.07	±0.06	± 0.04	± 0.014	Ŧ
	Template statistics	± 0	±10	±5	+1.5 -1.3	

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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 b-tagged jet pair syste
m_{T2}^{bb}	stransverse mass of the two <i>b</i> -tagged jets
$\Delta \tilde{R}_{\ell\ell}, \Delta R_{bb}$	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})\}\$
$\min \Delta R_{b\ell}$	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
$m_{\rm T}(\ell_0, E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$	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 ¹ of the two Higgs bosons

Input feature

$\begin{array}{c} \eta_{\ell_{0}}, \eta_{\ell_{1}}, \phi_{\ell_{0}}, \phi_{\ell_{1}}, p_{T}^{\ell_{0}}, p_{T}^{\ell_{1}} \\ \eta_{b_{0}}, \eta_{b_{1}}, \phi_{b_{0}}, \phi_{b_{1}}, p_{T}^{b_{0}}, p_{T}^{b_{1}} \\ \eta_{j_{0}}, \eta_{j_{1}}, \phi_{j_{0}}, \phi_{j_{1}}, p_{T}^{j_{0}}, p_{T}^{j_{1}} \\ E_{T}^{\text{miss}}, \phi^{E_{T}^{\text{miss}}}, E_{T}^{\text{miss}} \text{-sig} \\ p_{T}^{bb}, \Delta R_{bb}, \Delta \phi_{bb}, m_{bb} \\ p_{T}^{\ell\ell}, \Delta R_{\ell\ell}, \Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}, m_{\ell\ell}, \phi_{\text{centrality}}^{\ell\ell} \\ p_{D}^{bb\ell\ell} \end{array}$ $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{bb\ell\ell}, m_{bb\ell\ell}$ T, $m_{bb\ell\ell+E_T^{miss}}$, $m_{bb\ell\ell+E_T^{miss}}$ $m_{\ell\ell+E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}}$, $\Delta \phi_{E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}},\ell\ell}$ $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{tot}}$ $m_{\rm tot}$ $m_t^{\rm KLF}$ $\min \Delta R_{\ell_0 j}, \min \Delta R_{\ell_1 j}$ $\sum m_{\ell j}$ $\max p_{\mathrm{T}}^{jj}, \max m_{jj}$ $\max \Delta \eta_{ii}, \max \Delta \phi_{ii}$ $\min \Delta R_{b\ell}$ $N_{\text{forward jets}}, N_j$ m_{T2}^{bb} $m_{\rm coll}$ $m_{\rm MMC}$

Description

 $\eta, \phi, p_{\rm T}$ of the $p_{\rm T}$ -(sub)leading lepton η , ϕ , $p_{\rm T}$ of the $p_{\rm T}$ -(sub)leading *b*-tagged jet ϕ , η , $p_{\rm T}$ of the $p_{\rm T}$ -(sub)leading non *b*-tagged jet missing transverse energy, its ϕ and significance $p_{\rm T}, \Delta R, \Delta \phi$ and invariant mass of di-*b*-jet system $p_{\rm T}, \Delta R, \Delta \phi, p_{\rm T}$ and centrality¹ of di-leptons system $p_{\rm T}$ and invariant mass of the $bb\ell\ell$ system $p_{\rm T}$ and invariant mass of $bb\ell\ell + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ system invariant mass of di-lepton + $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ system $p_{\rm T}$ of and $\Delta \phi$ between $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ and di-lepton system $p_{\rm T}$ of $bb\ell\ell + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} + p_{\rm T}$ -leading and -sub-leading jet invariant mass of $bb\ell\ell + E_T^{\text{miss}} + p_T$ -leading and -sub-leading jet Kalman fitter top-quark mass minimum ΔR between p_{T} -(sub)leading ℓ -*j* couples sum of the invariant masses of all ℓ +jet combinations maximum $p_{\rm T}$ and invariant mass of any two non *b*-tagged jets maximum $\Delta \eta$ and $\Delta \phi$ between any two non *b*-tagged jets minimum ΔR of all *b*-tagged jet and lepton combinations number of forward jets, number of non *b*-tagged jets stransverse mass of the two *b*-tagged jets collinear mass (reconstruction of $m_{\tau\tau}$) value of the MMC algorithm (reconstruction of $m_{\tau\tau}$)

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	Warsaw operators	$\frac{\text{ATLAS}}{\text{STXS}}$ c_i/Λ^2	<u>Alasfar &</u> <u>Gruber '19</u> <i>c_i</i>	$\frac{\text{SMEFiT '21}}{c_i/\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{SMEFT@NLO}{c_i/\Lambda^2}$
SMEFT Relevant ggF HH operators	$egin{array}{c} Q_{arphi} & \ Q_{arphi G} & \ Q_{u arphi} & \ Q_{u arphi} & \ Q_{arphi \Box} & \ Q_{arphi \Box} & \ Q_{arphi \Box} & \ Q_{arphi D} & \ \end{array}$	C_{HG} C_{tH} C_{tG} $C_{H,\Box}$	c_H/Λ^2 c_{HG}/Λ^2 - $c_{H,kin}$ c_{HD}/Λ^2	C_{6} $C_{\Phi G}$ $C_{t\Phi}$ C_{tG} C_{H}	cpG ctG cdp cpDC

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SMEFT	$ \rightarrow HEF $	F translation
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	S	MEFT
HEFT	SILH	Warsaw
c_{hhh}	$1 + \bar{c}_6 - \frac{3}{2}\bar{c}_H$	$1 - 2 \frac{v^4}{m_h^2} C_H + 3 c_{H,k}$
c_t	$1 - rac{ar{c}_H}{2} - ar{c}_u$	$1 + c_{H,kin} - C_{uH} rac{v^3}{\sqrt{2}t}$
c_{tt}	$-\left(\frac{3}{2}\bar{c}_u + \frac{\bar{c}_H}{2}\right)$	$-C_{uH}\frac{3v^3}{2\sqrt{2}m_t} + c_{H,k}$
c_{ggh}	$rac{128\pi^2}{g_2^2}ar{c}_g$	$rac{8\pi}{lpha_s}v^2C_{HG}$
c_{gghh}	$rac{64\pi^2}{g_2^2}ar{c}_g$	$rac{4\pi}{lpha_s}v^2C_{HG}$

Where $C_{H,kin} = (C_{H,\Box} - \frac{1}{4}C_{HD})$ arXiv:1008.4884 arXiv:1008.4884

From L. Pereira Sanchez45

Higgs Effective Field Theory [arXiv:1212.3305, arXiv:1312.5624]

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HH $\rightarrow bb\tau\tau/bb\gamma\gamma$ vs HEFT

Constrain HH to gluon/top couplings via ggF cross-section

Limits set also on m_{HH} shape benchmarks arXiv: 1908.08923

Benchmark model	c_{hhh}	c_{tth}	c_{ggh}	c_{gghh}	c_{tthh}
SM	1	1	0	0	0
BM 1	3.94	0.94	1/2	1/3	-1/3
BM 2	6.84	0.61	0.0	-1/3	1/3
BM 3	2.21	1.05	1/2	1/2	-1/3
BM 4	2.79	0.61	-1/2	1/6	1/3
BM 5	3.95	1.17	1/6	-1/2	-1/3
BM 6	5.68	0.83	-1/2	1/3	1/3
BM 7	-0.10	0.94	1/6	-1/6	1

bbττ/bbγγ vs HEFT

HEFT benchmarks via arXiv: 1908.08923

MHH shapes representative of Wilson coeff variations

See e.g. <u>CMS JHEP 03 (2021) 257</u> for SMEFT benchmarks

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