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Rare/BSM higgs recent highlights and Summary

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Introduction

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- Standard Model (SM) of particle physics is very successful in describing and predicting experimental results
 - discovery of Higgs in 2012: an important piece to complete SM

• Higgs is really unique and special

- the only particle that talks to everybody
- the only fundamental scalar particle
- the only particle that is condensed in the universe
- the source of all masses of elementary particles
- Motivates a detailed study of Higgs properties
 - Including rare decays and its couplings to different generations of fermions



Higgs portal to BSM

- Strong evidence that physics beyond SM (BSM) exist
 - Neutrino masses, matter–antimatter asymmetry, dark matter, gravity and hierarchy problem etc.
- Higgs boson plays a central role for probing BSM physics
 - Dark matter candidates from rare and exotic Higgs decays
 - Axion-Like Particles in Higgs exotic decays
 - Supersymmetry

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- Higgs just one of many scalar bosons, superpartners
- Composite Higgs
 - Higgs spins cancel among constituents
 - top partner, vector-like quarks etc.
- Extra dimension
 - Higgs spinning in extra dimensions
 - new forces from particles running in extra dimension, KK particles

This talk will present a few selected results on Higgs rare and exotic decays, extended Higgs sector, DM with higgs

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ATLAS $VH \rightarrow cc$

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- Based on a re-analysis of the $VH \rightarrow bb/cc$
 - V=Z/W, split into 0, 1 and 2 muons electrons taus
 - Split also between resolved and boosted cases
- Rapid progress in c-tagging techniques
 - Graph NNs, transformer networks
 - Major driver of sensitivity increases
- $\mu_{VH \to cc} < 11.5 @ 95\% \text{ CL} (10.6 \text{ exp.})$
 - Best limit to date
 - Factor 2.5 improvement over previous limit
- |*k_c*| < 4.2 @ 95% CL
 - Factor 2 improvement over previous result



$CMS VH \rightarrow cc$

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- CMS $VH \rightarrow cc$ Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 061801
 - Leptonic decays of W/Z boson \bigcirc
 - With both resolved and boosted jet analyses \bigcirc
 - Used GNN based c-tagging \bigcirc
- $\mu_{VH \to cc} < 14 @ 95\%$ CL (7.6 exp.) \bigcirc
 - Best sensitivity
- $|k_c| < 3.4 @ 95\%$ CL \bigcirc
 - Most stringent constraint to date

- Boosted $H \rightarrow cc \ (p_T^H > 300 \text{ GeV})$ \bigcirc
 - Boosted fat jets identified with DNN c-tagging
 - First observation of $Z \rightarrow cc$ in hadronic collisions

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$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ (ATLAS+CMS)

- Small branching ratio predicted by the SM with loop processes
 - $Br(H \rightarrow Z\gamma) = 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$

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Sensitive to BSM effects



- ATLAS and CMS results with full Run2 data
 - Events selected with two leptons and one photon
 - Optimized event categorization for 4 main production mode
 - Simultaneous fit to $m_{II\nu}$ spectra over all categories



ATLAS: Obs.(exp.) significance: 2.2 (1.2)σ

CMS: Obs.(exp.) significance: 2.7 (1.2)σ

Results dominant by statistical uncertainty

$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ (ATLAS+CMS)

• Statistical combination of ATLAS and CMS results



- Best fit signal strength at 2.2 \pm 0.7 times the SM prediction
- The observed (expected) $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ significance is 3.4 (1.6) σ
 - First evidence of the $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ decay

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$H \rightarrow meson + \gamma$ in CMS

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$H \rightarrow D^* \gamma$ in ATLAS

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- $H \to D^* \gamma$ measurement probes H_{uc} couplings
 - Forbidden at tree-level within the SM
 - Sensitive to BSM effects
- Signal is selected with di-tracks and isolated photon
- Major background is multi-jet and phton+jet events
 - Stimated by data-driven method

No excess observed

Channel	Mass range	Observed (Expected)	H signal	Z signal
	[GeV]	background	$\mathcal{B}=10^{-3}$	$\mathcal{B}=10^{-6}$
$H \to D^* \gamma$	116–126	$203 (214.8 \pm 5.5)$	25.4 ± 2.0	_
$Z \rightarrow D^0 \gamma$	86–96	$215 (206 \pm 14)$	_	10.3 ± 0.7
$Z \to K_s^0 \gamma$	86–96	$21 (19.5 \pm 2.0)$	_	4.2 ± 0.4

• First limits on $H \to D^* \gamma$ branching fractions at the LHC

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H(Z)

 \mathcal{M}

 \bar{q}_i

 q_i

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Summary of $H \rightarrow meson + \gamma$ in ATLAS

 Summary of the 95% confidence-level upper limits on Higgs boson branching fractions for decays to a meson and a photon.

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CMS $H \rightarrow invisible$

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- Tiny branching fraction in SM ~0.1%
- Higgs portal model predicts larger values
 - The Higgs mediates interactions between SM and DM particles
- CMS results of the Higgs invisible decays
 - Explored ttH and VH modes with fully hadronic final states
- Run 1 + Run 2 combined upper limit on the branching fraction
 - 15 % at 95 % CL
- Interpreted to probe different DM models





$H \to Za \to ll\gamma\gamma$

- First search for axion like particles in $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\gamma\gamma$
 - The light boson as a mediator in axion models
 - solution to the strong CP violation problem
- Mass range of search: $1 < m_a < 30$ GeV.
 - Dominant background: SM Drell yan
 - Optimized event categories based on BDT scores
 - Designed new photon ID for closed-photons Phys. Lett. B 852 (2024) 138582
- Local (global) significance of 2.6 (1.3) σ @ m_a= 3 GeV





$H \to aa \to b \overline{b} \tau \overline{\tau}$

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- First search in ATLAS for decays of the Higgs boson into a pair of pseudoscalar particles decaying into $b\overline{b}\tau\tau$
- Novel ML algorithm to identify low mass merged "double b-quark" jets
 - Improves the sensitivity at low mass
- No significant excess above the SM background expectation is observed



Extended Higgs A in 2HDM

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- Search for $A \to Zh \ (h \to \tau \tau)$
- Dedicated mass estimator corrects for missing momentum from neutrinos while constraining h mass to 125GeV
 - Good mass resolution of 5-7%
- Also probes bbA production mode

No excess observed





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Extended Higgs H^{\pm} in 2HDM

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- Previous ATLAS $H^{\pm} \rightarrow cb$ analysis
 - Excess observed around 130GeV with global significance 2.5 $\,\sigma$
- Recent ATLAS $t \to H^{\pm}b$ search with $H^{\pm} \to cs$
 - Simultaneous tagging of b and c jets
 - No excess observed



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Extended Higgs H in 2HDM

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- Heavy higgs to dark matter with b-quarks and lepton pairs
 First time at the LHC
- Dark Matter candidate χ appearing as a large momentum imbalance in the CMS detector
- Sophisticated ML techniques use to distinguish signal and backgrounds



No excess observed



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Higgs+DM in 2HDM+a

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- 2HDM+a: extension of the Standard Model that includes two Higgs doublets and an additional pseudoscalar particle (a)
- Search for dark matter produced with a Higgs boson decaying to $\tau\tau$
- No excess observed
- Results interpreted within the framework of 2HDM+a and the baryonic-Z' models.
 - heavy pseudoscalar masses between 400 and 700 GeV are excluded for a light pseudoscalar mass of 100 GeV
 - Z' masses up to 1050 GeV are excluded for a dark matter mass of 1 GeV



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Summary plot with BSM Higgs in ATLAS and CMS

The interpretations of various searches for additional Higgs bosons beyond the Standard Model, as well as the Higgs boson coupling combination, in the hMSSM and the 2HDM



2HDM+Singlet searches in CMS

hMSSM exclusion in ATLAS

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Conclusion

- Rare and BSM Higgs studies are one of the most promising corners to look for new physics!
- Many new results delivered by ATLAS and CMS experiments
 - Improved constrains on the c-quark Yukawa couplings
 - Frist evidence of the $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ decay

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- New results with Higgs to meson+photon to probe light quark Higgs couplings
- New search channels in BSM Higgs
- Better constraints on BSM models
- No significant excess observed so far
- Greater sensitivity and new physics discovery potential in the future
 - More statistics coming in Run3
 - More advanced techniques in analysis (tagging, classification..)

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Two Higgs doublet model (2HDM): H^{\pm} , A, H, h

- Search for bosons of an extended Higgs sector in b quark final states
 - Exploring the invariant mass distribution of the two b-jects with the highest p_T



- Two different signatures explored to maximize sensitivity over a wide mass range
 CMS Preliminary 121.4-126.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)
 - Semi leptonic (SL)

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- Fully hadronic (FH)
- No clear excess observed

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