# Higgs Properties with the CMS detector

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### Birth, life and death of the Higgs boson

And some extra details about the way this boson behaves.

In this talk Run1 and Run2 results:

- NOT covering its birth: the production modes
  - See F. Fabozzi's talk
- Covering its diet: mass and width
- Covering how it looks like in a mirror (P) and how it spins (J)
- Covering its death: the branching ratios (couplings)

### Birth(s)



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### Charge, Charge conjugation, Spin, Parity

- Charge  $q_H: H \to \gamma\gamma, ZZ, W^+W^-, b\overline{b}$ , etc.  $q_H = 0$  hypothesis seems to be slightly(!) favoured. Easy.
- Charge conjugation  $C_H$ : The C is multiplicative. We observed  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ , assuming C conservation,  $C_H = even$ . That was easy too.
- Spin and Parity: that's complicated. The short answer is that:  $J^P = 0^+$

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Use  $H \rightarrow ZZ, Z\gamma^*, \gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow 4\ell, H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  final states to test the *HVV* interactions.

- For  $H \to \cdots \to 4\ell$ . The final state is described by 5 angles  $\vec{\Omega} \equiv (\theta^*, \Phi_1, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Phi)$  and 3 invariant masses  $m_1^{\ell\ell}, m_2^{\ell\ell}, m^{4\ell}$ . Discriminant implemented in a ME approach.
- For  $H \to WW \to \ell \nu \ell \nu$  two observables:  $m_{\ell \ell}$  and  $m_T$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  the only variable is  $\cos \theta^*$  (in the Collins-Soper frame)

Extended likelihood maximized to:

- Measure the values of anomalous couplings under for J = 0, 1, 2 hypotheses
- Distinguish an alternative J = 1 or 2hypothesis w.r.t. the J = 0 SM Higgs
  - With the test statistic  $q = -2 \ln(\mathcal{L}_{I^P}/\mathcal{L}_{0^+})$







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 $-2\ln(\mathcal{L}_{0^{-}}/\mathcal{L}_{0^{+}})$ 

# Diet - Γ<sub>H</sub>

- In the SM, the Higgs boson width is very precisely predicted once the Higgs boson mass is known. For  $m_H = 125.1 \text{ GeV}$ , the Higgs boson has a very narrow width of  $\Gamma_H = 4.2 \text{ MeV}$ .
  - Dominated by the fermionic decays partial width (~75%), the vector boson modes are suppressed (~25%).
- Direct constraints on the  $\Gamma_H$  are much larger, O(1 GeV), than the expected natural width.
- Indirect constraints can be derived from:
  - The mass shift in the diphoton channel, where the effect of the interference between the main signal  $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and the continuum irreducible background  $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  is responsible for a non negligible mass shift ( $\Delta m_H \sim 35 MeV \rightarrow \text{HL-LHC business}$ ).
  - Simultaneous on-shell and off-shell measurements in the VV channels.
    - $\sigma_{gg \to H \to VV}^{on-peak} \propto \frac{g_{ggH}^2 g_{HVV}^2}{\Gamma_H}$ , while  $\sigma_{gg \to H \to VV}^{off-peak} \propto g_{ggH}^2 g_{HVV}^2$

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#### CMS PAS HIG-14-032 CMS PAS HIG-14-002 (5+20 fb<sup>-1</sup>) @ $\sqrt{s}$ =7+8 GeV $\Gamma_{\rm H}$ with $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$ , ZZ

### Indirect constraint

- Assumptions:
  - The Higgs boson off- and on-shell production mechanisms are the same as in the SM and the ratio of couplings for offand on-shell production are the SM ones.
  - There are no beyond-SM particles contributing.
  - Contributions from anomalous couplings are not considered.
- In the gluon fusion production mode:  $\sigma^{off-peak}/\sigma^{on-peak} \sim 0.1$
- Final states:
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell, H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu, H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\mu 2\nu$ 
    - $H \rightarrow WW$  uses also VBF production
  - Discriminators built with a ME approach (ZZ) or BDT (WW)



MVA discriminant

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# $\Gamma_{\rm H}$ with $H \rightarrow W^+W^-, ZZ$

- Observed (expected) limits from  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ :  $\Gamma_H \leq 4.2$  (8.5)  $\times \Gamma_H^{SM}$  @ 95%CL
- Observed (expected) limits from  $H \rightarrow WW$ :  $\Gamma_H \leq 6.2 (16) \times \Gamma_H^{SM} @ 95\% CL$
- The combination of the two analyses provide:

 $\Gamma_H \leq 3.1 \ (6.2) \times \Gamma_H^{SM} @ 95\% CL \leftrightarrow \Gamma_H \leq 13 \ (26) MeV$ 



### Death(s)

The decay modes are not truly independent from the production modes

• Branching ratios driven by the couplings and by kinematics LHC Higgs Cross Section





# Couplings. The grand view

- In the LHC Run 1 dataset the predicted numbers of SM Higgs bosons produced per experiment are approximately 500000, 40000, 20000 and 3000 in the:
  - gluon fusion, vector boson fusion, the associated VH (WH+ZH) and ttH production modes.
- The Higgs are expected to decay through five main decay channels:
  - $\gamma\gamma$ , ZZ, WW,  $\tau^+\tau^-$  and  $b\overline{b}$ .
- To probe the production and decay modes individually it is necessary to combine the analysis channels together.
  - The total cross section is hard to measure for the production modes separately. As a consequence, neither the absolute branching fractions nor the total natural width of the Higgs boson can be directly measured.

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# Couplings. The grand view

Of the 25 possible combinations of production and decay modes in the main channels, the fit to ATLAS and CMS data allows the measurement of 20.



# Couplings with H ightarrow au au

The Higgs boson is responsible for the mass generation mechanism for fermions, so it should be coupled to them.

- The decay channel  $\tau\tau$  is the most promising because of its large BR (6.3%) and smaller background (w.r.t.  $b\overline{b}$ )
- Four exclusive  $\tau$ -pair final states with the largest BRs.
  - $\mu \tau_h$ ,  $e \tau_h$ ,  $\tau_h \tau_h$ ,  $e \mu$
- Three mutually exclusive categories per final state
  - 0-jet to constrain backgrounds (for *ggH*)
  - 2-jets for VBF
  - boosted (1 or more jets) for ggH + jets, captures VBF w/ escaping jet, VH with  $V \rightarrow jj$



# Couplings with H ightarrow au au

- Largest irreducible background: Drell–Yan production of  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau \tau, \ell \ell$ 
  - MC predicted, calibrated on data
- Background from W + jets production contributes to the  $e\tau_h$  and  $\mu\tau_h$  channels when  $W \rightarrow \ell \nu$  and a jet is misidentified as a  $\tau_h$ .
- The  $t\bar{t}$  production is one of the main backgrounds in the  $e\mu$  channel.
  - W + jets and  $t\bar{t}$  are modelled by simulation, yield is taken from data
- QCD multijet important in the  $\ell \tau_h$  and  $\tau_h \tau_h$ 
  - Predicted from SS and low-Iso regions



# Couplings with $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

• The  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  signal is estimated using a global maximum likelihood fit on two-dimensional distributions in all channels, together with control regions for the  $t\bar{t}$ , QCD multijet, and W + jets backgrounds.



# Couplings with H ightarrow au au

The signal yield is parameterized by the signal strength modifier  $\mu$  (a free parameter in the fit) to the SM production  $\sigma^{prod} * BR(H \rightarrow \tau \tau)$ .

• The corresponding best-fit value for the signal strength  $\mu$  is  $\hat{\mu} = 1.06^{+0.11}_{-0.09}(th.)^{+0.12}_{-0.12}(bbb.)^{+0.13}_{-0.12}(syst.)^{+0.15}_{-0.15}(stat.) = 1.06 \pm 0.25$ 



Couplings with  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ 

- The signal excess in data is evaluated using a profile-likelihood ratio test statistics and corresponds to an observed significance of  $4.9\sigma$  ( $4.7\sigma$  expected).
- A likelihood scan is also performed (for  $m_H = 125 \ GeV$ ) in the  $(k_V, k_f)$  parameter space,
  - k<sub>V</sub> and k<sub>f</sub> quantify, respectively, the ratio between the measured and the SM value for the couplings of the scalar boson to vector bosons and fermions.
  - For this scan, scalar boson decays to pairs of W bosons are considered as part of the signal.

### • Consistent with the SM expectation



### CMS PAS HIG-16-041 (36 fb<sup>-1</sup>) Couplings with $H \to ZZ \to \ell \ell \ell \ell$

- The  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  decay channel ( $\ell = e, \mu$ ) has a large signal-to-background ratio due to the complete reconstruction of the final state decay products and excellent lepton momentum resolution.
- This makes it one of the most important channels for studies of the Higgs boson's properties.
- Five production modes considered:
  - $ggH, VBF, WH, ZH, t\bar{t}H$
  - Events classified in 7 exclusive categories:
    - $VBF 2jet, VBF 1jet, VH_{leptonic}, VH_{hadronic}, VH_{MET}, t\bar{t}H, ggH$
- Final states with at least 4 leptons. 3 categories: 4e,  $4\mu$  and  $2e2\mu$ 
  - And possibly FSR photons

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- The irreducible backgrounds: via  $gg \rightarrow ZZ$  or  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ 
  - Estimated using simulation.
- The reducible backgrounds: arise mainly from  $Z + jets, t\bar{t} + jets, Z\gamma + jets, WW + jets$  and WZ + jets (collectively called Z + X)
  - Estimated from (OS and SS) control regions.
- Signal(s) and backgrounds fit with 2D templates in the 21 categories
  - The 2 variables are  $m_{4\ell}$  and a background discriminator  $\mathcal{D}^{kin}_{bkg}$  built from the  $gg/q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$  matrix elements
- The resulting signal strength modifier is:  $\mu = 1.05^{+0.15}_{-0.14}(stat.)^{+0.11}_{-0.09}(syst.) = 1.05^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$



### CMS PAS HIG-16-041 (36 fb<sup>-1</sup>) $\Gamma_{\rm H}$ with $H \to ZZ \to \ell \ell \ell \ell$

- The direct measurement of the width  $\Gamma_{\rm H}$  is performed using on-shell Higgs boson production, in the range  $105 < m_{4\ell} < 140~GeV$ .
- The  $4\ell$  experimental invariant mass resolution is of the order of 1 GeV
  - Versus an expected SM width  $\Gamma_{\!H} = 4.2 \times 10^{-3} \ GeV$  (for  $m_{\!H} = 125 \ GeV$ )
- An unbinned maximum likelihood fit to the  $m_{4\ell}$ distribution is performed with the strengths  $\mu_{VBF,VH}$ and  $\mu_{ggH,t\bar{t}H}$  unconstrained in the fit.
  - Main  $\Gamma_H$  uncertainty:  $m_{4\ell}$  resolution.  $\Gamma_H = 0.00^{+0.41}_{-0.00} GeV$ ,  $\Gamma_H < 1.10 GeV$  @95%CL





 $m_H$  with  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell$ 

- The mass measurement is performed via 1D scans vs.  $m_H$  on the 1D  $\mathcal{L}(m_{4\ell})$ , 2D  $\mathcal{L}(m_{4\ell}, \mathcal{D}_{mass})$  and 3D  $\mathcal{L}(m_{4\ell}, \mathcal{D}_{mass}, \mathcal{D}_{bkg}^{kin})$  likelihoods.
  - While profiling the signal strength  $\mu$  along with all other nuisance parameters
- The mass value with the lower total uncertainty is obtained from the 3D likelihood  $m_H = 125.26 \pm 0.20(stat.) \pm 0.08(sys.) GeV$ 
  - The observed unc. is  $\sim 0.05 \ GeV$  better than the predicted one
  - The systematic uncertainty is dominated by the uncertainty in the lepton momentum scale.
  - The Run1 ATLAS+CMS combination was:  $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24(\pm 0.21 \pm 0.11) \ GeV$



 $m_H$  with  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 

- The  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay channel provides a clean final state with a precisely reconstructed mass peak.
- Ideal for the precise characterization of the Higgs boson properties, e.g.  $m_H$ .
- The dominant backgrounds to  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  consist:
  - The irreducible prompt diphoton production
  - The reducible backgrounds from  $\gamma + jet$  and jet + jet events.
    - A BDT is trained using simulated  $\gamma + jet$  events to discriminate signal from non-prompt photons.
- The determination of the primary vertex from which the two photons originate impacts the diphoton invariant mass resolution.
  - If  $z_0(\gamma\gamma)$  is known to better than about 1 cm, the invariant mass resolution is dominated by the photon energy resolution.

$$m_H$$
 with  $H o \gamma \gamma$ 

- Events are classified targeting different production mechanisms and according to their mass resolution and predicted signal-to-background ratio.
  - Several event categories for: ttH, VH, VBF, ggH production modes
- One simultaneous fit is performed to the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ distributions of all categories, with a single overall signal strength  $\mu$  and a single overall  $m_H$  free to vary. The best fit values are:

 $\hat{\mu} = 1.16^{+0.11}_{-0.10}(stat.)^{+0.09}_{-0.08}(syst.)^{+0.06}_{-0.05}(theo.)$ 

 $m_H = 125.4 \pm 0.15(stat.) \pm 0.2 \div 0.3(\sim syst.)$ 



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### CMS PAS HIG-16-038 (12.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>) Couplings to fermions with $t\bar{t}H$ (and $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )

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- The measurement of the associated production  $t\bar{t}H$  is a direct probe of the top-Higgs coupling.
- The  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  probes the bottom-Higgs coupling and has the largest branching fraction (0.58 ± 0.02) for a 125 *GeV* Higgs.
- BDT and MEM techniques are used to improve the signal-tobackground separation. The information of both techniques are used to derive a single discriminant.
  - The BDTs utilize information related to object kinematics, event shape, and the jet-btag discriminant.
  - The MEM discriminant is constructed as ratio of the probability density values of the signal and background hypothesis

### CMS PAS HIG-16-038 (12.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>) Couplings to fermions with $t\bar{t}H$

• The signal strength modifier  $\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{SM}$  of the t $\bar{t}H$  production is determined in a simultaneous binned maximum-likelihood fit to the data across all analysis categories. The best-fit value:

 $\mu = -0.19^{+0.45}_{-0.44}(stat.)^{+0.66}_{-0.68}(syst.) = -0.19^{+0.80}_{-0.81}$ 

- This is  $1.5\sigma$  from the SM expectation.
- The value obtained for  $\mu$  is both compatible with the SM expectation and no signal: an upper limit at 95% CL is calculated. The observed (expected) UL:  $\mu < 1.5 (1.7) @95\% CL$



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# ttH couplings. The Run 2 summary

- The tterm production mode has a small cross section (0.5  $pb \cong \sigma_{gg \to H}/100$ ) but provides pure(er) final states.
- Run 1 showed a  $2\sigma$  excess w.r.t. SM expectations
- We have now 4 analysis with the full Run 2 dataset available.
- Still no conclusive results, but the good news is that we are already testing  $k_t$  in all the main H decay modes.



Signal strength relative to SM prediction

### Conclusions

- CMS has analysed 36 fb<sup>-1</sup> of pp collisions @  $\sqrt{s} = 13 TeV$ , measuring Higgs properties like signal strengths, mass, width.
- For now, the BSM landscape looks very much like this

### Conclusions

