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SPECIAL TOPICS IN EXPERIMENTAL PARTICLE PHYSICS

Lecture 2: A new boson named Higgs

SOME USEFUL PREAMBLES

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EXPERIMENTAL JARGONS

- Unfortunately there are plenty of "jargons" used in this slides and it is hard to avoid them. Here are just some of the examples:
 - ➡ Jet, MET (=missing energy)
 - ➡ Trigger
 - p-value, expected / observed limit
 - ➡ pile-up
 - b-tagging
 - MC-driven, data-driven
 - MVA (multivariate analysis), BDT (boosted decision tree)
 If you do not understand any of them when they show up in the lecture, please stop me and we can alway discuss them. Or they can be further discussion items as well!

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THE LARGE HADRON COLLIDER

Lake Geneva

Geneva airport

CERN main campus

2011 run at 7 TeV cm energy, 6.1 fb⁻¹ delivered to CMS;
2012 run at 8 TeV cm energy, 23.3 fb⁻¹ delivered.

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ATLAS

THE ATLAS DETECTOR



THE CMS DETECTOR

SILICON TRACKER Pixels (100 x 150 μm²) ~1m² ~66M channels Microstrips (80-180μm) ~200m² ~9.6M channels

CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL) ~76k scintillating PbWO₄ crystals

MUON CHAMBERS

Barrel: 250 Drift Tube & 480 Resistive Plate Chambers

Endcaps: 473 Cathode Strip & 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER Silicon strips ~16m² ~137k channels

STEEL RETURN YOKE ~13000 tonnes

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID Niobium-titanium coil carrying ~18000 A

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL) Brass + plastic scintillator ~7k channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER Steel + quartz fibres ~2k channels

PARTICLE DETECTION



TRIGGER



Which photo

Which photo you want to keep?

Trigger is an important piece toward the final physics analysis. It is the first level of selection of events right after the data taking. At CMS:

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- Fast hardware trigger (L1)
- Software trigger with full tracking & vertex reconstruction (HLT).



PARTICLE HUNTING IN A NUTSHELL



The Higgs boson should be short lived, quickly decay into some other particles. (e.g. photons)





The detector can measure the decay products. The Higgs mass can be "reconstructed" using the measured energy and momentum of the particles.

Collecting the measured mass from many events, the Higgs mass bump should be visible.

PARTICLE HUNTING IN A NUTSHELL



The Higgs boson should produce a peak on the mass spectrum



Background (e.g. two random photons) should generate a "flatter" distribution.



One always need to work hard for reducing the background events.

MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

The **multivariate analysis** studies the correlations between variables and find the optimal way to classification of the events.



HOW TO READ THE LIMIT PLOT?

A typical limit plot



σ/σsm vs. M(H) = Limit on relative cross sections to the SM versus the given Higgs mass



The "expected" limit curve and its uncertainties $(\pm 1\sigma, \pm 2\sigma \text{ bands})$



The "observed" limit curve

HOW TO READ THE LIMIT PLOT?



Comment #1

Any region above the "observed limit" curve is excluded. The " $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 1$ " is excluded between m₁ and m₂, indicates SM Higgs with M(H) \in [m1,m2] is excluded.



Comment #2

If the "observed limit" is above the "expected limit", one can interpret such behavior as an "excess". But one cannot read the significance (# of σ) from such an exclusion plot.

EXCESS BENCHMARKING

The strength of an excess is given by the "p-value", defined by the likelihood that the observed data is actually the fluctuation from a null hypothesis. (lower p-value = stronger excess; higher p-value = weaker excess.)



ELEMENTARY PARTICLES

Only 17 in total, so far...



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COMPOSITE PARTICLES

Many of them!



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3-quarks = A baryon, e.g. proton, neutron, ...

quark + anti-quark = A meson, e.g. kaon, pion, ...



There could be more possible combinations, such as 4-quark/5quark states, molecules, etc. But not really confirmed yet.



No matter what, the PDG review is always your good friend...

HIGGS BOSON





the theoretical particle of the Higgs mechanism, which physicists believe will reveal how all matter in the universe gets its mass. Many scientists hope that the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland, which collides particles at 99.99% the speed of light, will detect the elusive Higgs Boson

\$10.49 PLUS SHIPPING

LIGHT HEAVY

Wool felt, fleece with gravel fill for maximum mass, MADE IN CHINA.

PARTICLEZOO

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS FOR THE HIGGS BOSON

THE HIGGS MECHANISM

- The **Higgs mechanism** was proposed in 1964 by Peter Higgs et al.
- Particles that have mass (e.g. weak force carriers and fermions) move through the Higgs field, interacting with the Higgs bosons.
 Heavier particles interact more with the Higgs field taking on more mass, while massless particles (e.g. photons) have no direct interactions with the Higgs boson.
- After 50 years, (amazingly) it is still the major objective at the LHC!

Massive particles =Massless particles =strong direct connections with Higgsconnection with 2nd order loops

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AN ANALOGY FOR HIGGS

Einstein enters the cocktail party causing a disturbance in the field.



Followers cluster and surround Einstein as this group of people forms a "massive object".

THE HIGGS BOSON

- The Standard Model, which is based on the Lagrangian, must be symmetric under gauge transformations.
 - However, explicit mass terms for the gauge bosons are forbidden by gauge invariance. But the W/Z bosons are known to be massive!
 The way out is provided by Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking (SSB).
 The Lagrangian is still invariant but the gauge symmetry is broken by the vacuum.
 - In the simplest way, the SSB can be achieved by introducing **one complex scalar doublet**. This gives 4 degrees of freedom:

→ 3 give the masses to W⁺, W⁻, Z⁰ bosons.

➡ 1 left for the Higgs boson.

In some of SM extensions may contain more Higgs doublets. (= more Higgs bosons!)

KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIGGS MASS



Higgs mass is NOT predicted in the SM.But if we assume the SM is 100%correct and no other contributions,the Higgs mass can be constrained byexisting measurements of top, W masses:

M(Higgs) = 92^{+34}_{-26} GeV, or < 161 GeV

On the other hand, if this constrained value is different from observed Higgs, then it can be a hint of NP!

= regions excluded by LEP and Tevatron

LEP DIRECT SEARCHES



TEVATRON EXCLUSION

(2011, before Higgs discovery)

Tevatron search is limited by the background level and integrated luminosity. Need to combine many analyses into a single limit plot.



TEVATRON RESULTS (Final)

160

95% C.L. Limit/SM

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100

120

140

"in the mass range between 115 and 140 GeV/c², consistent with the mass of the Higgs boson observed at the LHC. The local significance at $m_H=125$ GeV/c² is **3.0** σ , and the median expected significance at that mass is 1.9 σ "



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200

180

m_H (GeV/c²)

HIGGS PRODUCTIONS AT LHC





DECAY OF THE HIGGS BOSON



- Higgs boson likes to decay to the heaviest kinematically allowed pair of particles.
- WW* and ZZ* decays do not drop out immediately if M(H)<2M(W) or 2M(Z)</p>
- gg, γγ, Zγ are only possible with loops of top and W.

DECAY OF THE HIGGS BOSON



- Five promising decay channels exploited:
 - Fermions: $H \rightarrow bb$, $\tau \tau$
 - Bosons: $H \rightarrow ZZ$, WW, $\gamma\gamma$

(and further divided into many production and sub-decay channels.)

- Rich in signatures at low mass region.
- H→bb and ττ channels are very challenging due to the huge background.

THE CHALLENGE

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Events produced per year per experiment dijet ~500,000,000,000 W~500,000,000 Z~150,000,000 top ~800,000 WW ~200,000 ZZ ~35,000

Higgs ~50,000

It's not too far from finding a needle in a haystack...

THE CHALLENGE

The detectors record more than one interaction in a single snapshot. Number of interactions per crossing is high for higher luminosity. One has to pick up the right event from the right interaction. This is price to pay.



An event with 78 reconstructed vertices; Luminosity goes high, but pile-up also goes very high!

ALL HIGGS EVENTS IN LHC RUN-I



STATE OF EXPERIMENTAL AFFAIRS



Establish the 125 GeV Higgs boson in main decay channels

Main focus today...

- $H\rightarrow WW$, ZZ, $\gamma\gamma$, $\tau\tau$, bb

Precision measurements of the properties:

- mass/width/spin-parity
- production & decay rates
- Look for difficult or rare processes, e.g. Zγ, ttH, etc.

Searches associated with Higgs sector:

- More Higgs bosons? (extended Higgs sector, such as MSSM)
- Exotic decays? (e.g. invisible decay, flavor violating decays, etc.)
- New process with Higgs in the final state? (e.g. $X \rightarrow HH$, $t \rightarrow cH$)

So far all observations are consistent with the SM...

THE "BIG FIVE" CHANNELS

Undeniable observation (>5σ)

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, \tau \tau, bb$
- **Very strong evidence (>3\sigma)**
 - $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow 2l2v$
 - **-** Η→ττ

Some evidence

- H→bb





CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2011-Jun-25 06 34 20 9/8785 GMT(08:34:20 CEST) Built/Event: 1676757626658967

> 4e candidate m_{41} = 125.7 GeV/c² m_{Z1} = 92.3 GeV/c² m_{Z2} = 27.2 GeV/c²

$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41:$
SIGNAL & BACKGROUND

Event selection strategy:

- 4 leptons (as low p_T as possible).
- split events into 4e, 4μ, 2e2μ channels, which have different mass resolutions and S/B rates.

Background sources:

- direct ZZ production (dominant) a well calculated EWK process, modeling with MC.
- reducible with "fake" leptons, model with data–driven method.

Other analysis features:

- Small event yield: ~20 events.
- high S/B ratio, better than 2:1 (best among the all!)
- Excellent mass resolution: ~1–2%



KINEMATIC DISCRIMINANT

"MELA" (matrix element likelihood analysis)

- Use the full kinematic information given by the ZZ^(*) events (full decay angles).
- Discriminating between different "Higgs" hypotheses (spin, CP state, etc.)

Ref. PRD 81, 075022 (2010)





$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41 RESULTS$



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CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN Data recorded: 2012-May-13 20:08:14.621490 GMT Run/Event: 194108 / 564224000

$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma:$
SIGNAL & BACKGROUND

Event selection strategy:

- 2 high-p_T photons, the vertex is determined from recoiling charged particles. The invariant mass is the key observable.
- Split events into exclusive categories: dijet/MET/e/μ tagged
- Untagged events are further sorted into number of classes based on the quality of photons.

Background sources:

- 70% from prompt $\gamma\gamma$, 30% from jet+ γ , ...
- Data-driven from $M(\gamma \gamma)$ sidebands.

Other analysis features:

- fairly high event yield: ~470 events.
- high background with a S/B ratio of 1:20.
- Good mass resolution: ~1-2%

$M(\gamma\gamma)$ DIST.



$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma RESULTS$



$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow 1vlv$



$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l\nu l\nu:$ SIGNAL & BACKGROUND

Signal signature:

- 2 leptons from 2 W's (one on-shell, one off-shell)
- Missing energy from the 2 neutrinos.
- Discriminating observables: M_T, M(ll)
- split events into exclusive categories: untagged with 0/1 jet, VBF dijet tag, VH dijet, WH 3l3v tag, ZH tag.
- Background sources:
 - WW, top, Drell-Yan, W+jets, Wγ, determined from data
 - ZW, ZZ, small contribution, modeled with MC

Other analysis features:

- large event yield: ~270 events.
- not too good S/B ratio of only ~1:10.
- poor mass resolution: ~20%





$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l_V l_V RESULTS$



$H \rightarrow \tau \tau$



H→ττ: THE SIGNATURE



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Η→ττ:

SIGNAL & BACKGROUND

Signal signature:

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160

8 TeV

180

 $m_{\tau\tau}^{\rm MMC}$ [GeV]

 SM H(125 GeV)→ττ - Data - background

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125)→ ττ (μ=1)

- Selecting di-tau candidates ($e\tau_h$, $\mu\tau_h$, $e\mu$, ee, $\mu\mu$, $\tau_h\tau_h$) + MET [τ_h = hadronic tau decays]
- key observable is the di-tau mass (with MET included).
- Event categorizing: VBF-tag, 1-jet tag

Background sources:

- $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$, $Z \rightarrow ee$, top pair, W-jets, QCD multijets, estimated with data-driven method.
- · di-boson, estimated with MC

Other analysis features:

- Event yield: ~400 events.
 - Very poor S/B ratio ~1:50.
- poor mass resolution: ~10% ($\tau_h \tau_h$), ~15% ($\tau_h l$), ~20% (ll)

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$H \rightarrow \tau \tau RESULTS$



H→bb



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN Data recorded: Mon Jun 27 02:59:42 2011 CEST Run/Event: 167807 / 149404739 Lumi section: 134 Orbit/Crossing: 35103256 / 2259



H→bb: SIGNAL & BACKGROUND

Signal signature:

- The background from QCD multijet process is very large, so only targeting VH productions.
- Selecting two b-tagged jets + W or Z, splitting into Z(vv), Z(ll),
 W(lv) categories.
- Key observables: BDT with many observables included (CMS), or di-bjet mass (ATLAS).

Background sources:

- W+bb, Z+bb, top pair, V+jets, single-top, estimated from data control regions
- di-boson, estimated with MC.
- Other analysis features:
 - Small signal yield: ~60 events.
 - Poor S/B ratio ~1:20, Ok mass resolution: ~10%

$H \rightarrow \tau \tau RESULTS$

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A narrow resonance is seen with high significance in the best two channels: 41 and $\gamma\gamma$. Results are consistent with single particle.

Combined mass measurements:

BIG-5 COMBINED

SPIN-PARITY TESTS

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$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41$

- The four lepton system contains the full information.
- Use the lepton momenta to compute ma elements or train MVA for distinguishing different hypothesis.

$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l_V l_V$

dilepton angle is sensitive to spin of the decaying boson.

Η→γγ

- J=1 forbidden (Landau-Yang theorem)
- Decay helicity angle is the only variable sensitive to J^P information at the leadin

SPIN-PARITY TESTS

- Data are compatible with 0⁺ in all tests, better than ±1.5σ for any other spin-parity hypotheses.
- Data is incompatible with 0⁻, 1[±], nine J=2 models at the level of 3σ or higher.

SUMMARY

- A new boson is reliably observed in ZZ^(*), γγ, WW^(*), ττ, with evidence for bb as well.
- The measured mass is 125 GeV.
- The overall signal strength and the spin-parity are consistent with the standard model Higgs (sign...)
- Topics which are not covered today:
 - Couplings are consistent with SM as well.
 - Higgs rare decay: $Z\gamma$ and $\mu\mu$, still below the sensitivity.
 - Higgs rare production: ttH, just about to show up in data.
 - No other new bosons, whether it's neutral, charged, or even doubly-charged, observed (yet).

BACKUP SLIDES