# Di-Higgs at the **WHC: A Window on Our Universe and New Matter**



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- We need to:
	- Take advantage of that (I, for one, think we're doing at great job here).
	- **Establish** and **develop** connections. Where do we start ?



#### **The Standard Model of Particle Physics**



- Six flavours of **quark**.
- Six (**leptons + neutrinos**).

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- Four **gauge bosons**.
- **The Higgs Boson** … a fundamental (?) scalar (?)

# **The Higgs: Why do we care ?**

# **1) It has a mass of ~125 GeV**



• Higgs boson **discovered** during Run 1 of the LHC.



# **2) It connects the SM to BSM**

• Higgs mass explained by popular beyond Standard Model (BSM) theories like Supersymmetry … **SPECIAL !**



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# **3) It's a scalar**



• The only experimentally verified **scalar** … **SPECIAL !**



# **4) It connects to cosmology**



- Can construct models connecting the **Higgs potential to inflation**.
- If **Higgs-like scalar = inflaton** => could drive the early expansion of the universe.



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# **4) It connects to cosmology**



• The **mass of the Higgs** is intimately related to the **stability of our universe**.



- We need a detailed understanding the **electroweak symmetry breaking in the early universe**.
- Again, this comes from understanding the **global shape of the Higgs potential**.

# Let's talk about the **Higgs potential …**



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v=\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}}=246\,\text{GeV}
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\lambda=\frac{m_h^2}{2v^2}\approx 0.13
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 $V(\phi)$ 

**Cosmological implications !** 

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• Q: How can one probe the **global** shape of the **Higgs potential** ?

Higgs mass *HH* production *HHH* production Perturb minimum, *v*, by amount *h* Test the SM predictions: **Cosmological implications ! A: Investigating multi-Higgs couplings. We need to measure di-Higgs production.**



- • Can measure *HH* production at the LHC, hence **constrain the selfcoupling**.
- Start with the highest cross-section production process, **gluon-gluon fusion (***gg***F)**.

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Destructive interference => **small cross-section for** *HH* **production !**



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# **How might New Physics Manifest in** *HH* **Production ?**

# **Searching for New Matter: Resonant**



 • One can use *HH* to search for new matter which modifies the Higgs selfcoupling and **enhances the** *HH* **cross-section =>** *σHH* **/***σHH***SM > 1**.



• Different models and different *X*-masses allow for **different sizes of enhancement** to the cross-section.

# **Searching for New Matter: Non-Resonant**



- Generic **non-resonant enhancement** is possibly in many BSM models, such as composite Higgs and Little Higgs scenarios.
- Can get significant enhancements to the self-coupling.



- Look for **enhanced** *κ***λ** or **activation of new vertices**.
- Also motivates an **EFT approach** to Higgs physics.

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# **Looking for** *HH* **at ATLAS**

# **The ATLAS Experiment @ CERN**





## **A Slice of ATLAS**





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### *B***-jet Identification**





- **Large branching fraction of** *H* **→** *bb* makes *b*-tagging essential in di-Higgs searches.
- **Exploit the relatively long lifetime of** *B***hadrons** => *b*-decay displaced from the interaction point.
- Displacement identified using **tracking** and **secondary vertices**.
- Build multivariate discriminants from this low-level information to "tag" *b*-jets.

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- We rely on tracking at the HLT for *b*-tagging, which is **very CPU intensive**. **This will get worse with more luminosity**. We need to be smarter with tracking in future.
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# $HH \rightarrow bby \gamma$  @ 36 fb-1





• Small branching fraction, but **very clean background and clean trigger on the** *.* 



- Require 2 *b*-tagged jets and two  $\gamma$ :
	- **Non-resonant**:  $m_{bb}$  and  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  reconstructed around the Higgs mass.
	- **Resonant**: reconstruct the full  $m_{bb\gamma\gamma}$  system and scan for resonances.

## *bbyy* **Regions**



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## **bbyy** channel

Establish **0-tag regions** (with loose and tight jet  $p_T$  requirements) where the  $\gamma$ +jet background is estimated from data and data/MC corrections to  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  are extracted and applied to the **1- and 2-tag signal regions**.



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## **bb**yy channel



Example search regions in both the resonant and non-resonant channels.

- **Results are statistically limited at 36 fb-1**. Full run 2 analysis in progress.
- Use **non-resonant search** to set an upper limit on *HH* production from *gg*F, and the **resonant** to set an upper limit on the cross-section for e.g heavy scalar production.

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#### **Resolved Analysis:**

- 4 btagged anti-kt 0.4 jets
- "h-candidates" pairs

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#### **Boosted Analysis:**

- $-2$  anti-kt R=1.0 jets
- $-$  4 anti-kt R=0.2 trk-jets
- btagging on trk-jets



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## *HH* **Combinations**





- bb $\tau$ , bb $\gamma$ , bbbb provide the most sensitive limits on the cross-section of non-resonant *HH* production.
- **Combine** *bb* $\tau$ **,** *bb* $\gamma\gamma$ **,** *bbbb* **in a 2015+2016 limit of -5.0 <**  $\kappa$ **<sub>A</sub> < 12.0.**

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**Future Prospects**

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- Prospects for discovery at (or even before ?) the HL-LHC are promising, but we **need bright ideas and innovation**.
- I think we live in very exciting times for *HH* prospects. **Come join the fun !**

**Thank you !**

**Backup**

#### **Varying κλ**



 $|A(\kappa_t,\kappa_\lambda)|^2 = a(\kappa_t,\kappa_\lambda)|A(1,0)|^2 + b(\kappa_t,\kappa_\lambda)|A(1,1)|^2 + c(\kappa_t,\kappa_\lambda)|A(1,2)|^2$ 

Any  $(\kappa_t, \kappa_\lambda)$  combination at LO can be obtained from a **linear combination** of some 3 ( $\kappa_t \neq 0, \kappa_\lambda$ ) samples!

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#### *mHH* **for Different κλ**



- Get different interference effects across  $m_{HH}$ , particularly for  $\kappa_A$  = 2.
- $m_{HH}$  and  $p_T$ <sup> $HH$ </sup> can be dramatically modified.

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#### **NLO EW enhancements on κλ**



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#### **Non-resonant and Resonant Regions**







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# *bbyy* **Systematic Uncertainties**





#### **bbyy Yields**





#### *bbbb* **channel**



#### **Resolved Boosted**



#### $HH \rightarrow bbt\tau$



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#### **Acceptance x Efficiency**



- Different *κλ* obtained using a reweighing of the ggF cross-section.
- Cross-section varies based on the **interference between the dominant triangle and box diagrams**.

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### **Inputs to the** *H***+***HH* **Global Fit**





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