# LHC results on Higgs boson physics

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### The Higgs boson in the Standard Model

- The Standard Model of particle physics
  - Matter is made of fermions (quarks and leptons)
  - Electromagnetic, Weak and Strong interactions are described by gauge theories => Predicts massless
    intermediate vector bosons (like the photon)
  - W,Z bosons are very massive (~80-90 GeV). *How to preserve the "good" features of gauge symmetry ?*
  - Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking => *Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism for gauge theories.*



- Applying this mechanism to the Standard Model predicts one massive scalar boson: The Higgs boson
- Understanding electroweak symmetry breaking and studying the Higgs boson properties (if it exists) was a key goal of the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC)
- In the Standard Model, fermion masses are also generated by this mechanism though Yukawa interactions between the Higgs fields and the fermions

#### Some properties of the Higgs boson

- Coupling proportional to particle mass
- Short lifetime  $(10^{-7} \text{ fs for a mass of } \sim 125 \text{ GeV})$
- Scalar particle
- Its mass is not protected by any fundamental symmetry
  - If new physics at scale  $\Lambda$  ~Planck mass, difficult to keep m(H) ~100 GeV

Radiative corrections to Higgs boson mass:  

$$h \longrightarrow +loops$$
 with W,Z,h  
 $\delta m_h^2 \sim - m_{top}^2/(4\pi^2 v^2) \Lambda^2$ 

- Except if new physics at mass ~ 1 TeV
- For instance supersymmetry
  - Contributions from new particles cancel Standard Model contributions

#### How to produce Higgs boson: The LHC accelerator at CERN



8.3 T dipoles to bend proton trajectories

NbTi @ T=1.9K

Integrated luminosity: 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV in 2011 20 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 8 TeV in 2012

Higgs boson results are obtained thanks to the very good LHC performance

# Main processes in high energy pp collisions



=> Online selection critical to record ~ 1 kHz event rate to disk for offline analysis

# Higgs boson production at the LHC



## Higgs boson decay



Main decay modes: To heaviest particles kinematically allowed Important exception:  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  (via loop with W or top quarks)

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#### Strategy to search for the Higgs boson and to study oit

Combine production mode \* decay mode to get a final state which can be separated from background

	gg fusion	VBF	VH	ttH
Н→үү				
H→ZZ*→4I				
H <b>→</b> ₩₩* <b>→</b> 2l2v				
Η→ττ				
H→bb				
H→μμ				
H→Zγ				
$(I = e \text{ or } \mu)$				-

### Which detectors to observe the Higgs boson?

#### The CMS detector

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### The ATLAS detector during installation in 2005

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# Standard Model processes are measured and well understood

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#### One example analysis: Higgs boson decay to two photons

First step: Identify two high energy photons

Need to reject photons coming from decay of hadrons (like  $\pi^0$ ), otherwise overwhelmed by background processes

Exploits fine granularity of the electromagnetic calorimeter to achieve this goal

Example in ATLAS: very fine segmentation of first calorimeter layer

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Example pp collisions with two high energy photon candidates

# Second step: Measure invariant mass of the two photons

 $M^2 = 2 E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \theta)$ 

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#### M(γγ) (2011 data)

 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  gives a peak at M(H) => a very good resolution is needed to achieve a good sensitivity

**Résolution on M ~1%** 

#### Discovery of a new boson in July 2012

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#### CERN seminar July 4th, 2012

2013 Nobel price for physics to Englert et Higgs

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This is the beginning of the studies of this new boson

# Characterizing the boson

#### Mass measurement

- Not predicted in the Standard Model (but can be constrained through precision measurements)
- Once the mass is determined, all properties of the Higgs boson are predicted in the Standard Model
- Lifetime measurement (of decay width)
  - Difficult to measure experimentally in the Standard Model (but new idea emerged recently)
- Measurement of spin and parity
  - Should be 0<sup>+</sup> for the boson linked to the BEH mechanism=> The alternative hypothesis have been strongly rejected by the analysis of the LHC data

#### • Measurement of the coupling between the boson and other particles

- Sensitive to deviations from the Standard Model
- Higgs decay width in the Standard Model is not that large => could be quite sensitive to new physics contributions

### Mass measurement

Use the two channels with the best mass reconstruction resolution

 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4I (I=e \text{ or } \mu)$ 

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The analysis exploit the data as much as possible using categories with different S/B, different mass resolutions, etc..

#### Results for the mass measurement

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### One implication of the mass measurement

In the Standard Model  $M_W = f(M_Z, M_{top}, M_H)$  via radiative corrections to the W and Z bosons propagators =>  $M_W$  et  $M_{top}$  can be predicted from precision measurements done at LEP

and elsewhere, especially if the Higgs mass is known

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Good consistency => a spectacular success for the Standard Model

# Study of the Higgs boson couplings

- Measure as much (production channel)\*(decay mode) as possible
  - Some ratio measurements also allow one to reduce systematic uncertainties
- Assume only one boson with M ~125 GeV and spin 0
- Same Lagrangian structure as in the Standard Model
- Define multiplicative coupling modifiers к
  - κ=1 for the Standard Model
  - Investigate different assumptions for the κ's: one per particle, or a smaller set of κ, and also different assumptions on particles running in loops
  - Not yet sensitive to Higgs coupling to itself (HH pair production)
- Can also allow "exotic" Higgs boson decays
  - Complementary of direct searches H→(invisible particles) (Dark Matter particles for instance), where no excess is observed (yet)

Look for signal in each five main decay channels for ~almost all production modes

Refined analysis (multivariate techniques) to maximize sensitivity

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#### Separation by production mode: Candidate $H(\rightarrow \tau \tau)$ produced by vector boson fusion

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Difficulty: Correctly accounts the crosscontamination between different production modes

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- Good consistency
- ttH production not yet established, but some hint of an excess
- To look closely with the run 2 data
- Uncertainty are mainly limited by data statistical uncertainties

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#### Fit with one coupling modifier per Standard Model particle

(no new decay mode, no new particle in loops)

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# Other Higgs bosons ?

#### A richer scalar sector is possible

Main example: Supersymmetric theories predict 2 electroweak scalar doublets => 5 spin 0 particles after electroweak symmetry breaking: h,H,A,H<sup>±</sup>

h = lightest scalar, could have properties very close to h(MS)

H,A,H<sup>±</sup> typically heavier Look for instance for H,A $\rightarrow \tau \tau$ 

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Complementarity between direct searches and precision measurements of h(125) properties in the context of some minimal supersymmetric model

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## Prospects

- Analysis of run 1 (2010-2012) LHC data is ~ final
  - A preliminary combination of ATLAS and CMS results was released few weeks ago
- Futur at the LHC
  - With runs 2 and 3 (until ~ 2022) => O(10) more data at higher collision energy
  - With the HL-LHC program => O(100) more data
    - Significant improvement in accuracy of signal yield measurements (between ~ 1% and 10%)
    - Precise measurement of ttH process
    - Also can observe rare decays (like  $H \rightarrow \mu \mu$ ) and starts to explore HH production
  - Also search for heavier particles in scalar sector and other sectors (-> See H.Okawa's talk for di-boson resonance searches at high mass)
- The I25 GeV Higgs boson can be also accessed at future e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> colliders
  - Would like O(1%) accuracy on coupling measurements to probe many realistic beyond the Standard Model theories

# Conclusions

- The discovery of "a" Higgs boson has been the main result of the first LHC run
  - But should not shadow the many other interesting and important physics results
- This discovery confirms the Standard Model mechanism for generating masses to elementary particles
  - Several alternative theories are excluded
- But this scalar particle opens many unanswered questions
  - It is the first elementary particle with spin 0
  - Mass stability ?
  - Portal toward physics beyond the Standard Model ?
  - Links with other scalar fields and cosmology ?
  - Precision measurement of the properties open a new field of exploration complementary to direct searches at higher masses
  - With run I LHC data, Higgs boson coupling have been probed with ~ 15-40 % accuracy
  - A much better accuracy will be achieved in the future, this is only the beginning of Higgs boson measurements

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# Lifetime / Decay width

Г(MS) ~4 MeV (lifetime ~ 1.6 10<sup>-7</sup> fs, ст ~50 fm)

Direct measurement of width through width of M<sub>H</sub>(measured) => Limit O(GeV) (experimental resolution on M)

Can exclude very long lifetime by checking that Higgs boson decays at the position where it is produced => lifetime  $c\tau < 57 \ \mu m$ i.e  $\Gamma > 3.6 \ 10^{-9} \ MeV$ 

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#### "Off-shell" events

A new idea to constrain the width (with some caveat)

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 $q \sim M_H \sigma \sim 1/\Gamma_H *(couplings)$  $q >> M_H \sigma \sim (couplings)$ 

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Interférence with "backgroun

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# Spin /CP

 $H \rightarrow ZZ^*$  is the ideal decay channel to measure these properties

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=> combine all the informations for best sensitivity

# Results for spin/CP

The O+ hypothesis is always favored compared to alternative hypothesis

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Calibration of e and muon energy measurement: Use  $Z \rightarrow ee$  ou  $\mu\mu$ M(Z) known to ~2.10<sup>-5</sup> thanks to LEP (former e+e- collider at CERN)

Candle to adjust energy scale

Then check stability and extrapolation  $e \rightarrow \gamma$ 

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### Another implication of the mass measurement

In the SM, the Higgs potential has radiative corrections depending on  $M_{top}$ 

=> The potential can be unstable at high values of the field

=> Vacuum instability or "metastability) (If the tunneling time is > the age of the universe))

The M<sub>H</sub> value is close to this limit. Is it an accident ?  $\lambda(M_{Planck}) \sim 0$  ?

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