

Properties of the Higgs boson

Measurements of the mass, width and coupling CP structure of the Higgs-boson with the ATLAS detector

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04 July 2022: CERN celebrated its **10th anniversary** of the Higgs boson discovery announcement.



From J. Ellis et. al. 1976 [paper] on the phenomenological profile of the Higgs boson:

small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for the Higgs boson, but we do feel that people performing experiments vulnerable to the Higgs boson should know how it may turn up.

<u>Today: Overview of current Higgs property measurements:</u>



- Mass of the Higgs boson
- Width of the Higgs



Spin and Charge-Parity (CP) state of the Higgs

HIGGS boson

years

discovery





MASS



m_H







Does the Higgs behave as expected by the SM?

<u>Why measure the Higgs mass?</u>

Not predicted by the theory!

 m_H have been determined.

 $\mathscr{L} \subset V(\phi) = V_0$

How to measure the mass:

Precision: $H \to ZZ^* \to 4\ell$ and $H \to \gamma\gamma$, ℓ = electron Despite low BR for each, profit from clean detector sign Precision greatly impacted by both statistics and experimental systematics. -> Require extremely good calibration of γ energy scale, γ energy resolution, e energy scale, μ momentum scale, etc.

- Higgs couplings to SM particles are completely defined by the mass.

- Shape of the Higgs potential fully known in the theory, once the vev and

$$+\frac{1}{2}m_{H}^{2}H^{2}+\lambda\nu H^{3}+\frac{1}{4}\lambda H^{4}$$

$$(e) \text{ or muon } (\mu)$$
nature.











Latest $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ mass measurement:



$$m_H^{\gamma\gamma} = 124.93 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.40 \text{ (sys)} \text{ GeV}$$





Measurement of the Higgs Boson mass has come a long way since the 2012 Higgs discovery!

- \checkmark More statistics (30x)
- ✓ Better understanding of the dominant backgrounds.
- ✓ Significant reduction in systematic uncertainties.
- \checkmark Improved analysis techniques.









Latest $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ mass result:

In this channel: larger dataset + improved experimental techniques + more precise lepton calibration. Improvements since 36 fb⁻¹ analysis:

 \Rightarrow Factor 2 reduction in statistical uncertainty

 $\Rightarrow \sim 20\%$ reduction on systematic uncertainty relative to previous Run 2 publication





Size of leading systematics:

Systematic Uncertainty	Contribution [N
Muon momentum scale	±28
Electron energy scale	±19
Signal-process theory	±14

Analysis improvements:

1. New deep neural network (DNN) for S/B discrimination





Latest $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ mass result:

Simultaneous fit for all decay channels.



arXiv:2207.0032

Strongly stat
error limited ~ 88% improvement
compared to
$$m_H^{H \to ZZ}$$

 $\rightarrow ZZ^* \to 4\ell$ full Run 2 dataset (139 fb⁻¹):
 $m_H^{ZZ} = 124.99 \pm 0.18$ (stat) ± 0.04 (sys) GeV

 $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ combination of Run 1 and Run 2 datasets:

 $m_H^{ZZ} = 124.94 \pm 0.17 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.03 \text{ (sys)} \text{ GeV}$

This *m_H* result is one of **the most precise** measurements of the LHC scientific program!













Contains information about the interactions of the Higgs with all other fundamental particles. Since width value depends on Higgs couplings to SM particles-> very important to measure it precisely! If theory \neq measurement \Rightarrow new particles that also couple to the Higgs? New physics?

The SM predicts the total Higgs width to be:

Direct measurement:

Technique: Scan over invariant mass profile of the Higgs decay products, in peak on-shell region.

Feasibility: Possible for other particles with larger width - the Z boson ($\Gamma_Z^{SM} = 2.09 \text{ GeV}$).

Limitation: Restricted by *experimental resolution* $\Gamma_H < 1 - 2 \text{ GeV}.$







Across m_H invariant mass distribution can define two regions of interest.

On-shell: region close to Higgs resonant peak, defined by $s \sim m_H^2$ **Off-shell:** region far from peak of distribution, defined as $s >> m_H^2$

> Interference occurs between processes with the same initial and final state particles. Interference impacts both the total cross-section, and the invariant mass line-shape.



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Indirect measurement techniques:

1. Interferometry (in on-shell region) 2. Off-shell method



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Indirect determination of the Higgs width:

Off-shell region: [Phys. Rev. D 90, 053003],

[arXiv:1307.4935v3], [Phys. Rev. D 89, 053011]:

Combine on-shell and off-shell information.

- Particularly interesting in HVV (V = W or Z) decays strongly enhanced at high energies => far from resonant
 mH peak.
- Off-shell Higgs production enhanced at \sim 350 GeV because of top-quark loops in ggF.
- ~15% of Higgs cross-section is for masses > $2 \times m_Z$ due
- to increased phase space of on-shell Z production.

Cross-section given the Higgs propagator:

$$\sigma \sim \frac{g_{\text{prod}}^2 \times g_{\text{decay}}^2}{(s - m_H^2)^2 + m_H^2 \Gamma_H^2}$$

On-shell limit: $s \sim m_H^2$
 $\sigma_{\text{on-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{\text{prod}}^2 \times g_{\text{decay}}^2}{\Gamma_H}$
Off-shell limit $s \gg m_H^2$:
 $\sigma_{\text{off-shell}} \sim g_{\text{prod}}^2 \times g_{\text{decay}}^2$







Indirect determination of the Higgs width:



Interference effects = sizeable and destructive.

Determination of Higgs width, Γ_H :

take ratio between off-shell and on-shell event yields:



WARNING: Method relies on the couplings cancellation.

- **–** Assumes: on-shell and off-shell couplings are the same, despite very different energies.
- Theoretical model dependance not present in on-shell only methods.
- Several BSM effects could de-correlate on- and off-shell couplings, e.g. additional Higgs states [PhysRevD.92.075038].











Measurements of the Higgs width from off-shell production:

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Indirect determination of the Higgs width:

Interferometry - on-shell region: [Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 111802], [Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 181801], [Phys. Rev. D 86, 073016] 1. Apparent shift in mass distribution (due to antisymmetric shape effects)

- 2. Overall reduction in the total yield $\mathcal{O}(2\%)$.





With the HL-LHC dataset, and subsequent theoretical improvements, expect bounds on the order of $\Gamma_H \sim \mathcal{O}(10) \times \Gamma_H^{SM}$ [CERN-LPCC-2018-04].



CP+SPIN





The SM predicts the Higgs to be spin 0 (only SM particle), and have positive parity (CP even): $J^{CP} = 0^{++}$

Measuring the spin:

Run I: Evidence for spin 0 nature of the Higgs. Spin 1 and 2 hypotheses excluded at > 99.9% CL using $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, $H \rightarrow WW^*, H \rightarrow ZZ^*.$

Higgs purely CP-even? Possibility of CP-violation in Higgs sector?

Presence of a CP-odd (pseudo-scalar) admixture has not yet been excluded.

Measured CP-odd contribution = new physics

 \Rightarrow contribute to the observed baryon asymmetry of the universe.





Probing CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling:

CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa coupling studied directly using Higgs Boson production in association with top quarks, e.g. top quark pair, $t\bar{t}H$ or single top tH processes.



Any other α value \rightarrow new source of CP violation in SM!

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Latest ATLAS results, using 139 fb⁻¹ collected at 13 TeV consider $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ and $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$.









Measured rates:

 $\sigma_{t\bar{t}H} \times B_{\gamma\gamma} = 1.64^{+0.38}_{-0.36} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.17}_{-0.14} \text{ (sys) fb}$ Assuming a CP-even coupling and constraining all non- $t\bar{t}H$ Higgs processes to SM predictions.

Measured rate for $t\bar{t}H$: $1.43^{+0.33}_{-0.31}$ (stat) $^{+0.21}_{-0.15}$ (sys) × SM_{expectation}

Pure CP-odd coupling excluded at 3.9σ \rightarrow *Severely* constrained!

Limit set on CP mixing angle:

 $|\alpha| > 43^{\circ}$ excluded @ 95% CL

All measurements are consistent with SM expectations.

Probing CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$:

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Probing CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa in $H \rightarrow bb$:

Channel: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ produced in association with top quarks ($t\bar{t}H$ or tH). Target final states where ≥ 1 top decays semi-leptonically to e or μ .

Analysis optimised for $t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})$, not the tH signal -> small yield, due to destructive interference.

Higgs pT sensitive to CP -> exploited by considering boosted region (tH enhanced).



CP sensitive observable: b4 exploits enhanced *t* production close to beam pipe and in opposite directions, for CP-odd

> α = 90°, CP-odd



Values of α and κ_{t} determined simultaneously using a binned profile likelihood fit.

Pure CP-odd coupling excluded at 1.2 σ Best fit values: CP-mixing angle, $\alpha = 11^{\circ+55^{\circ}}_{-77^{\circ}}$ Coupling strength $\kappa_t = 0.83^{+0.30}_{-0.46}$

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Defining a CP sensitive observable in $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$:

Higgs decays to au lepton pairs allow for direct probe of the CP properties of the Higgs to au Yukawa coupling. CP-mixing angle, ϕ_{τ} information encoded in correlations between transverse spin components of τ leptons.

CP sensitive observable: acoplanarity angle, φ_{CP}^* between the decay planes.

 \Rightarrow Constructed based on visible decay products, where method is different for each decay channel.



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ATLAS measurement using 139 fb⁻¹ of data, collected at 13 TeV.

Observed value of ϕ_{τ} is: 9 ± 16°

Total uncertainty dominated by **statistical** uncertainties. Leading systematic uncertainties:

- jets (4.3° impact)
- theory uncertainties on $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ (1.5°)

Uncertainties on the τ decay reconstruction < 1° on ϕ_{τ} .





Pure CP-odd hypothesis is excluded at $3.4\sigma!$

Compatible with the SM expectation within the measurement uncertainties.







CP-odd component in *HVV* decays described by adding dim-6 operators to the SM Lagrangian, using an effective field theory (EFT) approach:

$$|\mathcal{M}|^{2} = |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^{2} + \tilde{d} \cdot 2Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^{*}\mathcal{M})$$

Test CP invariance of the *HVV* coupling - Optimal Observable (*OO*) method: $OO = 2 \cdot Re(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \cdot \mathcal{M}_{CP-odd}) / |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2$



HVV

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{CP-odd}} + \tilde{d}^2 \cdot |\mathcal{M}_{\text{CP-odd}}|^2$

Wilson coefficients multiplying CP-odd operators describe CP-odd couplings.

- 1. HISZ [Phys. Rev. D 48, 2182]: constrain d
- 2. Warsaw [arXiv:1008.4884v3]: constrain $C_{H\tilde{W}}$

All CP-even operator coefficients \Rightarrow zero

	68% (exp.)	95% (exp.)	68% (obs.)	95% (obs.)
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$c_{H\tilde{W}}$ (inter. only)	[-0.48, 0.48]	[-0.94, 0.94]	[-0.16, 0.64]	[-0.53, 1.02]
$c_{H\tilde{W}}$ (inter.+quad.)	[-0.48, 0.48]	[-0.95, 0.95]	[-0.15, 0.67]	[-0.55, 1.07]

Results all compatible with SM!





Successful and interesting 10 years of Higgs properties measurements.



Combined Run I+II Higgs mass measurement in 1. $H \to ZZ^* \to 4\ell$ with precision of **0.14%** !



Higgs width has been constrained to: $\Gamma_{H} < 14.4 \; {\rm MeV} \; @ \; 95\% \; {\rm CL}$



Pure CP odd Higgs excluded at 3.9 σ (3.4 σ) with $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ $(H \rightarrow \tau \tau)$ decays. **CP mixing not yet ruled out.**

13.6 TeV collisions started in July 2022. Early Run3 analyses have begun.

Run3 + the HL-LHC will bring very interesting new results.



Full set of public ATLAS results: https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HiggsPublicResults

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EXTRA MATERIAL



ME-based discriminant used in the 4l channel is defined as per XXXX:



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Observable of interest in $2\ell 2\nu$ channel: transverse mass of the ZZ system, m_T^{ZZ} : $m_{\mathrm{T}}^{ZZ} \equiv \sqrt{\left[\sqrt{m_Z^2 + \left(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell\ell}
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ight|^2,$ Events / 50 GeV ATLAS • Data $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1} \cdots \text{gg+VBF} \rightarrow (\text{H}^* \rightarrow) ZZ(\mu_{\text{off-shell}} = 5)$ H^{*} → ZZ → 2e2v gg+VBF \rightarrow (H^{*} \rightarrow)ZZ(SM) **50** ΖZ 40 WZ Other backgrounds Uncertainty 30 20 10 SM .5 Events / 0.5 600 800 1000 1200 1400 400 m_T^{ZZ} [GeV]





Spin is a property of the particle, where as Charge-Parity (CP) of the couplings.

 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ analysis: sensitive observable, $|cos\theta^*| = polar$ angular distribution of the photons in the resonance rest frame, defined by:

$$\left|\cos\theta^{*}\right| = \frac{|\sinh(\Delta\eta^{\gamma\gamma})|}{\sqrt{1 + (p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\gamma\gamma}/m_{\gamma\gamma})^{2}}} \frac{2p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\gamma1}p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\gamma2}}{m_{\gamma\gamma}^{2}},$$

Spin information can be extracted from the distribution of the absolute value of the cosine of the polar angle $heta^*$ of the photons with respect to the z-axis of the Collins–Soper frame [ref].

Distributions show are background subtracted. In this analysis, only J=0 and J=2 hypothesis were considered. Normalised to fitted number of signal events.







Probing CP properties of the top-Higgs Yukawa in $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$:

- tH is sensitive to the sign of the top Yukawa coupling, as opposed to $t\overline{t}H$
- Sensitivity comes from interference between possible diagrams.
- Use process to directly exclude κ_t in ATLAS.



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Defining a CP sensitive observable:

 $\phi_{ au}$ information encoded in correlations between transverse spin components of au leptons (passed down to audecay products as consequence of parity violation in weak interactions).

Define **CP sensitive observable: acoplanarity angle,** φ_{CP}^* between the decay planes.

 \Rightarrow Constructed based on visible decay products, where method is different for each decay channel.



Figure 1: Illustration of the τ lepton decay planes for constructing the φ_{CP}^* observable in (a) $H \to \tau^+ \tau^- \to \pi^+ \pi^- + 2\nu$ decay using the impact parameter method, (b) $H \to \tau^+ \tau^- \to \pi^+ \pi^0 \nu \pi^- \pi^0 \nu$ using the ρ -decay plane method, and (c) $H \to \tau^+ \tau^- \to \pi^+ \pi^0 \nu \pi^- \nu$ using the combined impact parameter and ρ -decay plane method. The decay planes are spanned by the spatial momentum vector of the charged decay particle of the τ lepton (π^{\pm}) and either its impact parameter $\mathbf{n}^{*\pm}$ or the spatial momentum vector of the neutral decay particle of the τ lepton (π^0).

Impact parameter method:

$$\varphi^* = \arccos(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\perp}^{*+} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\perp}^{*-}) \quad \text{and} \quad O_{CP}^* = \hat{\mathbf{q}}^{*-} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\perp}^{*+} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\perp}^{*-}),$$
$$\varphi_{CP}^* = \begin{cases} \varphi^* & \text{if } O_{CP}^* \ge 0\\ 360^\circ - \varphi^* & \text{if } O_{CP}^* < 0, \end{cases}$$

 ρ -decay plane method:

 $\varphi^* = \arccos(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{\perp}^{*0+} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{\perp}^{*0-}) \text{ and } O_{CP}^* = \hat{\mathbf{q}}^{*-} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{\perp}^{*0+} \times \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{\perp}^{*0-}),$

$$\varphi^{*\prime} = \begin{cases} \varphi^{*} & \text{if } \mathcal{O}_{CP}^{*} \ge 0 \\ 360^{\circ} - \varphi^{*} & \text{if } \mathcal{O}_{CP}^{*} < 0. \end{cases} \qquad \varphi_{CP}^{*} = \begin{cases} \varphi^{*\prime} & \text{if } y_{+}^{\rho} y_{-}^{\rho} \ge 0 \\ \varphi^{*\prime} + 180^{\circ} & \text{if } y_{+}^{\rho} y_{-}^{\rho} < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$v_{\pm}^{\rho} = \frac{E_{\pi^{\pm}} - E_{\pi^{0}}}{E_{\pi^{\pm}} + E_{\pi^{0}}}$$

Combined IP and ρ method:

$$\varphi_{CP}^* = \begin{cases} \varphi^{*\prime} & \text{if } y^{\rho} \ge 0\\ \varphi^{*\prime} + 180^{\circ} & \text{if } y^{\rho} < 0, \end{cases}$$







Studying CP properties of HVV couplings in VBF $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$:

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Results are compatible with the SM



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