Exotic Higgs decays at the HL-LHC (with a focus on Higgs \rightarrow invisible)

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3 Other exotic decays (very brief)



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Introduction and motivation: Higgs discovery and the Nobel Prize

As you all know, **extraordinary success** of particle physics in recent years

\Rightarrow Discovery of "a" Higgs boson \Leftarrow

(by ATLAS and CMS, Phys.Lett. B716 (2012))

... leading to the Nobel Prize for Higgs/ Englert



\Rightarrow !! Particle physics is more exciting than ever !! \Leftarrow

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After Higgs discovery: Open questions

Higgs discovery in 2012 \Rightarrow last building block discovered

? Any remaining questions ?

- Why is the SM the way it is ??
 ⇒ search for underlying principles/ symmetries
- find explanations for observations not described by the SM
 - \Rightarrow e.g. dark matter, flavour structure, ...
- ad hoc approach: Test which other models still comply with experimental and theoretical precision

for all: Search for Physics beyond the SM (BSM)

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Current community efforts

Currently: many community efforts (\Rightarrow European Strategy report)

- FCC-xx, CLIC, HL-LHC, HE-LHC, ...
- focus here:

HL-LHC

$$\sqrt{s}\,=\,14\,{
m TeV},\,\int{\cal L}\,=\,3\,{
m ab}^{-1}$$

• WG twiki:

https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/HLHELHCWorkshop

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Role of Higgs couplings (I)

one way to search: direct searches

⇒ HL-LHC: can profit from enhanced statistics (cross sections identical to 14 TeV run)

other ways: indirect constraints

 \Rightarrow prominent example: Higgs couplings

study of Higgs couplings at HL-LHC combine direct searches with indirect constraints

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Role of Higgs couplings (II)

- direct Higgs channels: e.g. $H \rightarrow$ invisible, $H \rightarrow$ exotics, ...
- indirect constraints: modifications of SM decays, via
 - a) suppression of rates (through new decay channels)
 - b) modification of relative BRs (new physics contributions)
- b): especially for loop-induced processes

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Higgs to invisible and interpretation within portal models (in collaboration with T. Stefaniak)

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Other exotic decays

Higgs to invisible: general setup

Higgs decay to invisible:

• typical realization in models with dark matter candidates

$H \rightarrow \text{DM} \text{DM}$

• in the SM: $H \rightarrow \nu \nu \overline{\nu} \overline{\nu} \leq 0.1\%$

 \Rightarrow any (measurable) deviation: new physics \Leftarrow

- double effect:
 - \Rightarrow suppression of SM rates
 - ⇒ direct measurement

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Discussion in the literature

• Widely discussed in the literature

[e.g. Kanemura, Matsumoto, Nabeshima, Okada, Phys.Rev.D82 (2010); Djouadi, Lebedev, Mambrini, Quevillon, Phys. Lett. B709 (2012)]

• typically considered: portal coupling to scalar/ vector/ fermion DM candidates

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \qquad \lambda H^{\dagger} H S^{2}, \, \lambda H^{\dagger} H V_{\mu} V^{\mu}, \, \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda} H^{\dagger} H \overline{\chi} \chi$$

⇒ nice feature: can be related to dark matter direct detection (same coupling !!)

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General parametrization

one step back... [next couple of slides stolen from T. Stefaniak]

Coupling scale factor (κ) parametrization

For many BSM theories, the 125 ${\rm GeV}$ Higgs collider pheno can be parametrized in terms of κ scale factors, [LHC HXSWG: YR3, '13]

$$\frac{\Gamma(H \to XX)}{\Gamma(H \to XX)_{\rm SM}} = \kappa_X^2 \quad (X = W, Z, g, \gamma, b, \tau, \dots)$$
$$\frac{\sigma(gg \to H)}{\sigma(gg \to H)_{\rm SM}} = \kappa_g^2, \quad \frac{\sigma(qq \to VH)}{\sigma(qq \to VH)_{\rm SM}} = \kappa_V^2 \quad (V = W, Z), \text{ etc.}$$

and a rate for additional *new physics* (NP) Higgs decays, $BR(H \rightarrow NP)$.

Our strategy:

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Experimental input

Future HL-LHC limits from invisible Higgs searches

Official HL-LHC projections found in literature:

$$\begin{split} & \mu_{\mathsf{VBF}} \cdot \operatorname{BR}(H \to \operatorname{inv}) \leq 5.6\% \quad (\mathsf{CMS}, \mathsf{S2+ scenario}) \quad [\mathsf{CMS} \text{ PAS FTR-16-002}] \\ & \mu_{VH} \cdot \operatorname{BR}(H \to \operatorname{inv}) \leq 8.0\% \quad (\mathsf{ATLAS}, \text{ "realistic" scenario}) \\ & (\text{with} \quad \mu_i = \sigma_i / \sigma_{i,\mathrm{SM}}) & [\mathsf{ATL-PHYS-PUB-2013-014}] \end{split}$$

more studies are under way...(?)

Let's make a tentative assumption:

"ATLAS (CMS) performs equally well as CMS (ATLAS) in missing channel!"

(Naive) combination of VBF and VH channels from ATLAS and CMS: $\Rightarrow \quad \mu_{\text{VBF},\text{VH}} \cdot \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \text{inv}) \lesssim 3.5\% \quad (\text{ATLAS} \oplus \text{CMS})$

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Simple fit: results

Result of combination: $BR_{inv} \leq 3.5\%$

HL-LHC prospects: κ parametrization



\implies can be interpreted in many models $!! \Leftarrow$

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Higgs couplings in portal models

- remember: relation between BRinv and direct detection
- \Rightarrow can translate limits





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future

Higgs portal: a more concrete model

- \Rightarrow study a more concrete model to investigate complementarity
- \Rightarrow here: Higgs singlet:

2 scalar states h, H with mixing angle α

with singlet coupling to scalar dark matter candidate X

important parameters

 $\underbrace{M_h, \cos \alpha, v_s}_{M_X, \lambda_{SXX}}, \underbrace{M_X, \lambda_{SXX}}_{M_X, \lambda_{SXX}}$ as in "standard" singlet new

 M_i new masses, λ new couplings, v_s singlet vev

(e.g. Englert, Plehn, Zerwas², Phys.Lett. B703 (2011))

(Singlet: e.g. TR, T. Stefaniak, Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015), Eur.Phys.J. C76 (2016))

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Concrete model: results





(b) enhanced
 (b) suppressed
 ⇒ for certain regions, LEP direct searches always strongest constraints

 \Rightarrow for (b): direct limit better than fit

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Higgs to invisible: summary

• simple fit in κ framework:

large improvement wrt current status \checkmark

- dominance of fit or direct measurement depends on parameter point
- "simple" portal models:

interesting complementarity to direct detection experiments

- \Rightarrow for low DM masses, important probe !!
- \Rightarrow in general, improve by an order of magnitude
 - for concrete model: depends a lot in parameter space !
- \Rightarrow large regions can be tested at HL-LHC

? Is this a physics case ?

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Other exotic decays

(more a discussion)

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Other exotic decays (excerpts)

- \Rightarrow (nearly) complete list: **D. Curtin ea, Phys.Rev. D90 (2014)**
 - nice examples:

$$H_{125} \to SM(SM) \not \in_{\mathcal{T}} \tag{1}$$

(example: Inert Doublet Model)

- \Rightarrow can be largely constrained by $H \rightarrow$ invisible
 - would need searches/ search improvements for (1)
- ⇒ searches often in specific models ! others might escape detection

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http://exotichiggs.physics.sunysb.edu

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Theories Producing Exotic Higgs	
Decays	
Here we summarize the phenomenology of exotic higgs decays generated by some well-motivated models, both simplified and more complete. This list is not	
meant to be exhaustive — for many decay channels we mention additional models which motivate that signature.	
For more details, please refer to Section 1.3 of our Survey of Exotic Higgs	
Decays, aniv:1312.4492	
Standard Model plus a Singlet Scalar	
Two-Higgs-Doublets Plus a Singlet	
Standard Model plus a Singlet Fermion	
Standard Model plus Two Singlet Fermions	
Standard Model plus a Singlet Vector	
MSSM	
NMSSM with exotic Higgs decay to scalars	
NMSSM with exotic Higgs decays to fermions	
Little Higgs	
Hidden Valleys	
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possible final states

• $\ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^- (+ \not\!\! E_T)$

realized e.g. in models with dark gauge bosons Z_D , hidden valleys, additional scalars, SUSY, IDM, ...

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singlet, NMSSM, ...

• $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-, b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

extra scalars, NMSSM, little Higgs models

• ...

(long list of final state signatures)

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What about EFT setup ?

(slides from C. Murphy, HE/HL LHC meeting, June '18)



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Another example: dark photons [M.Heikinheimo, WG3 HL-LH meeting, 05/18]

Dark Photons

- Dark photons appear in several beyond the Standard Model physics scenarios, where a new U(1) gauge group is added to the SM.
- Massive dark photons can be dark matter candidates, while massless dark photons can appear in models of self-interacting dark matter. (Cusp-vs-core, missing satellites...)
- Unbroken U(1) results in a massless dark photon. Motivated e.g. in a model for radiative origin of the SM Yukawa couplings. Gabrielli and Raidal: [arXiv:1310.1090 [hep-ph]]

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Coupling to the SM

Couplings to the Higgs can be generated via messenger particles charged under $U(1)' \times U(1)$.



Similar diagrams will also contribute to the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ$ decay widths. Effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm DP_{H}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \Big(\frac{C_{\gamma\bar{\gamma}}}{v} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \bar{\gamma}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{H} + \frac{C_{Z\bar{\gamma}}}{v} Z^{\mu\nu} \bar{\gamma}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{H} + \frac{C_{\bar{\gamma}\bar{\gamma}}}{v} \bar{\gamma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{\gamma}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{H} \Big)$$

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Searching for dark photons via Higgs production at the HL-LHC

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$H\gamma\bar{\gamma}$ Search; reach

Based on the two event selection criteria discussed above (the event selection adapted from the CMS analysis [1507.00359], and the jet veto), we estimate the reach for the $H \to \gamma \bar{\gamma}$ branching ratio (in %) in the HL-LHC and HE-LHC:

int. luminosity	3 ab ⁻¹ @14 TeV		15 ab ⁻¹	027 TeV
significance	2σ	5σ	2σ	5σ
CMS inspired	0.012	0.030	0.0052	0.013
jet veto in $ \eta^j < 4.5$	0.020	0.051	0.021	0.053

These are our initial attempts to estimate the reach: A full detector simulation is required to better understand the QCD background.



Discussion

- ⇒ did not cover: long lived particles (might also be interesting...)
 - in EFT: advantages of HL (and HE) LHC clear !
 - dark photon [very (!) optimistic cuts]: strong limits seem possible

 \implies in general: not enough studies [that I saw] \Longleftarrow

- (maybe) missing priority list \Rightarrow needed ?
- also not seen: clear case for exotic decays at HL-LHC (lepton colliders better in many cases)
- so far not covered (as far as I know) in YREP (maybe in single models)

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Constraining BSM through SM

- another way: determine $H_{125}^{3,(4)}$ couplings
- Status:

HH analyses: HL-LHC

Two alternative approaches to sensitivity prediction of HH @ HL-LHC:



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It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts.

Sherlock Holmes, A scandal in Bohemia (A. C. Doyle)

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