# Entdeckung eines Higgs-artigen Teilchens am LHC





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The ATLAS and CMS Collaborations









### From the editorial:

The top Breakthrough of the Year – the discovery of the Higgs boson – was an unusually easy choice, representing both a triumph of the human intellect and the culmination of decades of work by many thousands of physicists and engineers



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Observation of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector at the LHC  $^{\rm th}$ 

#### ATLAS Collaboration\*

This paper is dedicated to the memory of our ATLAS colleagues who did not live to see the full impact and significance of their contributions to the experiment.



Observation of a new boson at a mass of 125 GeV with the CMS experiment at the LHC  $^{\diamond}$ 

#### CMS Collaboration\*

CERN, Switzerland

This paper is dedicated to the memory of our colleagues who worked on CMS but have since passed away. In recognition of their many contributions to the achievement of this observation.

Decay observed into particles with same spin and electric charge sum = 0  $\rightarrow$  a new neutral boson has been discovered

# The Standard Model of Particle Physics



- (i) Constituents of matter: quarks and leptons (spin-1/2 fermions)
- (ii) Four fundamental forces: described by quantum field theories (except gravitation)
   → massless spin-1 gauge bosons
- (iii) The Higgs field:

→ scalar field, spin-0 Higgs boson

# **The Brout-Englert-Higgs Mechanism**



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- $\rightarrow$  Omnipresent Higgs field: vacuum expectation value v  $\approx$  246 GeV
- $\rightarrow$  Higgs Boson (mass not predicted, except m<sub>H</sub> < ~1000 GeV)
- $\rightarrow$  Particles acquire mass through couplings to the Higgs field

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- Couplings proportional to mass
- Higgs boson decays preferentially into the heaviest accessible particles

The Higgs field solves two fundamental problems:

- (i) Masses of the vector bosons W and Z and fermions
- (ii) Divergences in the theory (scattering of W bosons) ("Ultraviolet regulator")



 $-iM(W^+W^- \rightarrow W^+W^-) \sim \frac{s}{M_W^2}$  for  $s \rightarrow \infty$  (no Higgs boson)

 $-iM(W^+W^- \rightarrow W^+W^-) \sim m_H^2$  for  $s \rightarrow \infty$ 

(with Higgs boson)



# The ATLAS experiment



**BMBF-Forschungsschwerpunkt ATLAS** 

HU Berlin, Bonn, DESY, Dortmund, Dresden Freiburg, Giessen, Göttingen, Heidelberg, Mainz, LMU München, MPI München, Siegen, Würzburg, Wuppertal

□ ~ 420 scientists (~200 students)



# The CMS experiment







# Data taking in 2011/2012





- Excellent LHC performance Peak luminosities > 7 10<sup>33</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (world record, 2012)
- Excellent performance of the experiments: Data recording efficiency ~93.5%
  - Working detector channels >99%
  - Speed of data analysis

# The Standard Model at the LHC



# **Higgs Boson Production**



\*) LHC Higgs cross-section working group Large theory effort

# **Higgs Boson Decays**



Important channels at hadron colliders:  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell_V \ell_V$  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-$ 

# **Discovery of a Higgs-like particle**



Expected number of decays in data:  $m_{H} = 125 \text{ GeV}$ 

- ~ 950 H  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $\sim \qquad 60 \text{ H} \rightarrow \text{ZZ} \rightarrow 4 \text{ l}$
- $\sim 9000 \text{ H} \rightarrow \text{WW} \rightarrow \ell_{\text{V}} \ell_{\text{V}}$

# Search for the H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay





- 2 photons (isolated) with large transverse momenta
- Mass of the Higgs boson can be reconstructed m<sub>yy</sub>

Both experiments have a good mass resolution ATLAS: ~1.7 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> for  $m_H$  ~120 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

- Challenges:
  - signal-to-background ratio
     (small, but smooth irreducible γγ background)



 reducible backgrounds from γj and jj (several orders of magnitude larger than irreducible one)





•  $p_0$  value for consistency of data with background-only: ~  $10^{-13}$  (7.4 $\sigma$ )

More details: "Eingeladener Vortrag" by Kerstin Tackmann (Thursday) (Hertha-Sponer Preisträgerin)



Mass:  $m_{H} = 126.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.7 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$ 

Signal strength:  $\mu := \sigma / \sigma_{SM} = 1.65 \pm 0.24 (stat)^{+0.17}_{-0.13} (syst)^{+0.18}_{-0.13} (theo)$ 



# Result of the CMS search for $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$





# Search for the H $\rightarrow$ ZZ<sup>(\*)</sup> $\rightarrow$ $l^+l^- l^+l^-$ decay





- The "golden mode" 4 leptons (isolated) with large transverse momenta
- Mass of the Higgs boson can be reconstructed m<sub>4l</sub>

Both experiments have a good mass resolution ATLAS: ~2.5 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> (4e) for  $m_H$  ~130 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> ~2.0 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> (4 $\mu$ ) for  $m_H$  ~130 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

Low signal rate, but also low background
 Mainly from ZZ continuum



In addition from tt and Zbb events:
tt → Wb Wb → ℓv cℓv ℓv cℓv
Z bb → ℓℓ cℓv cℓv



# 4l invariant mass spectra



- p<sub>0</sub>-values in both experiments
  - ~10<sup>-11</sup> (> 6 $\sigma$ )



Signal strengths: ATLAS:  $\mu = 1.7 \pm 0.5$ CMS:  $\mu = 0.91^{+0.30}_{-0.24}$ 







Updated mass values (full dataset, preliminary):

 $m_{H}(\gamma\gamma) = 126.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.7 \text{ (syst) GeV}$  $m_{H}(4\ell) = 124.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \text{ (syst) GeV}$ 

 $m_{H} (4\ell) = 125.8 \pm 0.5 (stat) \pm 0.2 (syst) GeV$ 

# Couplings to quarks and leptons ?



Search for  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  and  $H \rightarrow$  bb decays

# Why is the search in these decay modes so challenging?

• The  $\tau$  lepton is the heaviest lepton

 $m_{\tau} = 1.78 \text{ GeV} / c^2$ , lifetime 2.9  $10^{-13} \text{ s}$ 

Decays into hadrons  $\tau \rightarrow$  hadrons  $\nu_{\tau}$  (65%)  $\tau \rightarrow e\nu_{e}\nu_{\tau}, \ \mu\nu_{\mu}\nu_{\tau}$  (35%)



 Challenge: distinguish hadronic τ decays from hadronic jet activity

Neutrinos in the final state, poor mass resolution





- $-H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu \qquad \ell \nu \nu \\ -H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu \qquad had \nu \\ -H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow had \nu \qquad had \nu$
- Data set: 13 17 fb<sup>-1</sup>

Signal strength (all sub-channels): ATLAS:  $\mu = 0.7 \pm 0.7$ CMS:  $\mu = 0.7 \pm 0.5$ 

More details: "Eingeladener Vortrag" by Stanley Lai (Thursday)



- Small excess is showing up around 125 GeV
- However, the significance is still low !

# Results on $H \rightarrow bb$ from ATLAS





 Signal strength:

 ATLAS:
  $\mu = -0.4 \pm 1.0$  

 CMS:
  $\mu = 1.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$ 

# Is the new particle the Higgs Boson ?

• Production rates ?

Couplings to bosons and fermions

• Spin, J<sup>P</sup> quantum number

More details: "Eingeladener Vortrag" by Johannes Elmsheuser (Thursday) "Hauptvortrag" by Thomas Müller (Friday)





- Data are consistent with the hypothesis of a Standard Model Higgs boson !
- Experimental uncertainties are still too large to get excited about "high" γγ and "low" fermionic (ττ and bb) signal strengths !

### Test of coupling strengths

### updates expected very soon











= scale factor for Z coupling strength К7



- $\kappa_V$  = common scale factor for all fermion couplings (t, b,  $\tau$ , ....)

 $\kappa_{V}$  = common scale factor for W,Z couplings

# Spin and CP



Wolfgang Pauli und Niels Bohr bei der wissenschaftlichen Untersuchung der Kreiselbewegung (1952, anlässlich der Eröffnung des Instituts für Theoretische Physik in Lund / Schweden)



- If Standard Model Higgs boson: J<sup>P</sup> = 0<sup>+</sup>
  - → strategy is to falsify other hypotheses (0<sup>-</sup>, 1<sup>-</sup>, 1<sup>+</sup>, 2<sup>-</sup>, 2<sup>+</sup>)

Spin 1: dis-favoured by observed  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays, Landau-Yang theorem

Spin 2: consider graviton-like tensor, equivalent to a Kaluza-Klein graviton

 Angular distributions of final state particles show sensitivity to spin

# Spin studies using $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ events



# Decay angle in the Higgs boson rest frame (Collins-Soper frame)



Events / 0.05 (SM) pd Background-subt 80  $qq, J^P = 2_m^+ pdf$ Background uncertainty 60 40 20 C -20  $L dt = 13 \text{ fb}^{-1}, \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ **ATLAS** Preliminary 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 0 lcosθ\*l  $\cos \theta^*$  distribution in signal region, after background subtraction

Likelihood hypothesis test of spin-0 versus spin 2:

Data favour spin 0,

exclude  $J^P = 2^+_m$  w.r.t  $J^P = 0^+$  with ATLAS:  $1.4\sigma$  (p value = 0.12)

# Spin studies using $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4I$ events

- Sensitive variables:
  - Masses of the two Z bosons
  - Production angle  $\theta^*$
  - Four decay angles  $\Phi_1$ ,  $\Phi$ ,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$







Updated with full dataset<br/>Likelihood hypothesis test ofImage: mew<br/>Likelihood hypothesis test of $J^P = 0^+$  vs.  $J^P = 0^-$ ATLAS:  $2.8\sigma$  (2.7 exp)<br/>CMS:  $3.3\sigma$  (2.6 exp) $J^P = 0^+$  vs.  $J^P = 2^+_m$ ATLAS:  $1.2\sigma$  (1.5 exp)<br/>CMS:  $2.7\sigma$  (1.8 exp)

Data favour  $J^{P} = 0^{+}$  w.r.t. other  $J^{P}$  configurations (including  $0^{-}$ ,  $1^{-}$ ,  $1^{+}$ ,  $2^{+}$ )

# Conclusions

- With the operation of the LHC at high energies, particle physics has entered a new era
- Performance of the LHC and the experiments is superb
- A milestone discovery made in July 2012

Strong evidence that the new particle is the long-sought Higgs boson

- Clear signals in bosonic decays
- Evidence for fermionic decays is building up, but still weak....
- Tensions in some signal/coupling strength (?)
- First evidence for spin 0

- Exciting times ahead of us:
  - Study of the Higgs-like boson itself
  - Search for Physics Beyond the Standard Model





Prof. Peter Higgs (Univ. Edinburgh) und Dr. Fabiola Gianotti (CERN, previous spokesperson of the ATLAS-Collaboration)

4<sup>th</sup> July 2012