# Study of the SM Higgs boson in the ZZ channel at CMS

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### Motivations

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- SM Higgs is expected to have non negligible ZZ coupling.
- Several final states combinations are available:
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4/$ , includes  $2/2\tau$  at high mass
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2/2q$
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2I2\nu$
- 2/2q and 2/2v: large BR/low purity. Well suited for high mass Higgs searches.
  - 4/ final state has low BR, but very clean signature and excellent resolution, golden channel for Higgs analysis. It allows high precision mass measurement and spin/parity study from the angular distribution of decay products.



### Motivations

### $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$ : The golden channel

- Very clean signal: search for a narrow peak in the 4/ invariant mass spectra
- Locally flat and small background
  - Reducible: Z+jets; Z+tt; WZ
  - Irreducible: ZZ\*
- Sensitivity with current statistics  $(5.1+19.8 fb^{-1})$ : 110 <  $m_H$  < 1000 GeV
- Small number of expected events, high efficiency required!
  - 2.8  $ev/fb^{-1}$  expected at 125GeV
- high S/B ( $\sim 2)$
- Event properties from lepton angular distribution and masses
- Events are categorized based on jet

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### Kinematics



- Two pairs of OS/SF leptons.  $Z_1$  closest to the Z mass,  $Z_2$  the remaining with highest  $p_t$
- $p_T^\mu > 5 {
  m GeV/c}, \ p_T^e > 7 {
  m GeV/c}$
- $40 < m_{Z_1} < 120 {
  m GeV}$  $12 < m_{Z_2} < 120 {
  m GeV}$
- One lepton with  $p_t > 20 \text{ GeV/c}$ , another with  $p_t > 10 \text{ GeV/c}$ .

•  $m_{4l} > 100$  GeV, any  $m_{l^+l^-} > 4$  GeV Overall efficiency: 31%, 42%, 59% (4e,2e2 $\mu$ ,4 $\mu$ )



Event selection and categorization

### Background and Systematic uncertainties

### Reducible

- Zbb, Ztt, Z+jets, WZ+jets
- Estimated in Z<sub>1</sub>+X and Z<sub>1</sub> + *I*<sub>rec</sub> control regions involving 1/2 fake leptons
- "fake rate" = tight/loose estimated using loose selection on leptons
- $\bullet\,$  syst + stat uncertainties  $\sim 50\%$

### Irreducible

- Calculated from MC, including  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation (POWHEG) and gluon fusion (GG2ZZ)
- Phenomenological model for the shape for  $qq \rightarrow ZZ (gg \rightarrow ZZ)$







## Mass distribution



• Z peak at about 91 GeV/c nicely reproduced by the MC

- A clear excess is visible in the 4/ invariant mass spectra at ~ 126 GeV/c, indicating the presence of a new particle
  - $121.5 < m_{4/} < 130.5$ : Expected (H126): 18.6 ev; Z+X bkg: 2.0 ev;



ZZ bkg: 7.4; Observed 25

### MELA

5 angles and 2 masses fully describe the H $\rightarrow$ ZZ $\rightarrow$  4/ decay Matrix Element Likelyhood Analysis: build a discriminant (KD) based on signal/bkg probabilities for SM and for the alternative hypotheses



- Use angles and masses to discriminate
  - between signal/background hypothesis
  - between spin/parity hypothesis

$$\mathcal{K} D = rac{P_{0^+}^{ ext{kin}}}{P_{0^+}^{ ext{kin}} + P_{ ext{bkg}}^{ ext{kin}}} = \left(1 + rac{P_{ ext{bkg}}^{ ext{kin}}(m_1, m_2, \Omega | m_{4l})}{P_{0^+}^{ ext{kin}}(m_1, m_2, \Omega | m_{4l})}
ight)^{-1}$$



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### KD vs mass



Distribution of the KD discriminant for background and signal as a function of the 4l mass, overlapped to the observed data (black points). A clustering of the events at high KD values is visible in the Higgs peak region



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### Event categorization

To increase sensitivity to VVH and ffH couplings  $(\mu_V - \mu_F)$  events are splitted in two exclusive categories:

- Untagged: less than 2 jets
- Dijet: At least 2 jets with  $p_t > 30 \text{ GeV/c}$



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### Results Searches

### Local p-value

0/1 Jets:  $P(m_{4l}, KD, p_T) = P(p_T/m_{4l}|m_{4l}) \times P(K_D|m_{4l}) \times Pm_{4l}$ Dijet:  $P(m_{4l}, KD, p_T) = P(V_D | m_{4l}) \times P(K_D | m_{4l}) \times Pm_{4l}$ 



Results Searches

### $\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$



Results are nicely compatible with SM expectations



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### Results Searches

### Mass measurement

- Mass measurement is performed with a 3D fit using
  - *m*<sub>4/</sub>, per-event mass error, KD
- $\bullet\,$  Scale and resolution calibrated and validated using  $Z/J/\Psi \to {\it II}$  and  $Z \to 4{\it I}$  event
  - 0.1-0.3% uncertainty on the 4l mass scale
  - 20% uncertainty on the 4I mass resolution



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### Spin-parity: models

- KDs used to discriminate between different spin-parity hyp.
- Based on 2D PDF from for pairs of kinematic discriminants  $(D_{bkg}, D_{JP})$
- 6 models tested so far:  $D_{0^-}, D_{0^+_h}, D_{1^-}, D_{1^+}, D_{2^+_m}^{ggh}, D_{2^+_m}^{qq}$



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### Spin-parity: characterization

$J^P$ model	$J^P$ production	expect ( $\mu$ =1)	obs. 0 <sup>+</sup>	obs. J <sup>P</sup>	CLs
0-	gg  ightarrow X	$2.6\sigma$ (2.8 $\sigma$ )	<b>0.5</b> σ	<b>3.3</b> σ	0.16%
$0_{h}^{+}$	gg  ightarrow X	$1.7\sigma (1.8\sigma)$	$0.0\sigma$	$1.7\sigma$	8.1%
2 <sup>+</sup> <sub>m</sub>	gg  ightarrow X	$1.8\sigma (1.9\sigma)$	$0.8\sigma$	$2.7\sigma$	1.5%
2 <sup>+</sup> <sub>m</sub>	$qar{q}  o X$	$1.7\sigma (1.9\sigma)$	$1.8\sigma$	$4.0\sigma$	<0.1%
1-	$qar{q}  o X$	2.8 $\sigma$ (3.1 $\sigma$ )	$1.4\sigma$	$>$ 4.0 $\sigma$	<0.1%
1+	$qar{q}  o X$	2.3 $\sigma$ (2.6 $\sigma$ )	$1.7\sigma$	$>$ 4.0 $\sigma$	<0.1%



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### 2/2q

- 2 leptons + 2 jets
- Powerful channel for the search of heavy Higgs
- Events classified from the probability of the jets to come from q
- Angles to discriminate signal from bkg



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### $2l2\nu$

- 2 leptons + missing energy
- Sensitive to Higgs  $m_H > 200$  GeV (6× larger BR than 4I)
- Optimised separately for VBF/gluon-fusion production
- BSM reinterpretation of the results (→backup)



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### Limits on SM Higgs boson



- Obs (exp) exclusion ranges:
- $ZZ \rightarrow 4I + ZZ \rightarrow 2I2\tau$ : 130 - 827(113.5 - 778)
- $ZZ \rightarrow 2/2\nu$ : 248 - 930(254 - 898)
- ZZ → 2/2q: 290 - 600(266 - 600)
- combined: 200 - 1000(200 - 950)

The combination of all ZZ channels completed the search for SM-like Higgs in the 200-1000 GeV region



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### Conclusions

- The  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$  analysis at CMS has been presented
- The new resonance discovered at 126 GeV is clearly visible and the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$  decay channel allows to study the properties of the resonance (mass, spin, parity) with high precision.
- $\bullet\,$  The discovered Higgs boson is compatible within uncertainties with a SM Higgs with mass  $\sim 126 GeV$ 
  - $m_H = 125.8 \pm 0.5(stat.) \pm 0.2(syst.) \text{ GeV}$

• 
$$\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{\rm SM} = 0.91^{+0.30}_{-0.24}$$

- Alternative spin-parity hypotheses are disfavoured by the data
- High mass searches, performed jointly with other final states channels show no evidence of other SM-like resonances up to 1 TeV

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Summary and conclusions

### 2/2*ν*: BSM



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Summary and conclusions

### Limits on SM Higgs boson (4I)



- 2D limit on SM Higgs
- Observed exclusion: 130-827
- Expected exclusion: 113.5-778



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### Signal model

- Low mass region ( $m_H < 400 \text{GeV}$ ):
  - double Crystall Ball⊗Breit-Wigner
  - 6 parameters of DCB obtained from MC fit for each available  $m_H$
  - Interpolation of the parameters for intermediate  $m_H$  values
  - Systematics: 0.4%; 20%; 5% (mean, σ, tail)
- High mass region:
  - Modified Breit-Wigner with free  $\Gamma \otimes DCB$
  - $\bullet\,$  Narrow width approx. breaks down  $\rightarrow\,$  Complex Pole Scheme
  - Higgs samples reweighted to match CPS lineshape predictions (computed by Higgs CS working group)
  - Corrections introduced to account for  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  and  $gg \rightarrow ZZ$  interference effects
    - Interference constructive below the peak, destructive above
    - Small effect on total CS
    - Bias on invariant mass distribution
  - Interference at LO, signal at NNLO. Alternative lineshapes to set uncertainties due to missing orders
  - 5% systematic uncertainty from high mass corrections





### Spin-parity statistical analysis

• 
$$D_{J^P} = \frac{P_{SM}}{c' \times P_{SM} + P_{J^P}} = \left[1 + \frac{c' \times P_{J^P}^{ang}}{P_{SM}^{ang}}\right]^{-1}$$
  
•  $D_{bkg} = \frac{P_{SM}}{c \times P_{SM} + P_{bkg}} = \left[1 + \frac{c \times P_{bkg}^{ang} \times P_{bkg}^{mass}}{P_{SM}^{ang} \times P_{sig}^{mass}}\right]^{-1}$ 

- c, c' tuned to adjust relative normalization of probabilities
- Event yields corrected in each channel for lepton interference and scaled to account detector effects  $N_{\text{norm}}^{J^{P}}(k) = N_{\text{exp}}^{J^{P}}(k) \frac{\sum N_{\text{exp}}^{SN}(i)}{\sum N_{\text{exp}}^{J^{P}}(i)}$
- Build 2D templates  $(D_{J^P}, D_{bkg})$  and likelihood L for 0<sup>+</sup> and  $J^P$
- Toys to generate the distribution of  $q = -2 \ln \frac{L_{J^P}}{L_{n+1}}$  for 0<sup>+</sup> and J<sup>P</sup>



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# Significance





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### f<sub>a3</sub> parameter

Higgs decay amplitude:  $A(H \rightarrow ZZ) = v^{-1} \epsilon_1^* \epsilon_2^* \left( a_1 g_{\mu\nu} m_Z^2 + a_2 q_\mu q_\nu + a_3 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_1^\alpha q_2^\beta \right) = A_1 + A_2 + A_3$  $0^+$  dominated by  $A_1$ ,  $0^-$  by  $A_3$  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV. L = 5.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>:  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV. L = 19.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> CMS Preliminary ⊐. 45 • Fraction of CP-odd 40 2.5 contributions: 35  $f_{a3} = |A_3|^2 / (|A_1|^2 + |A_3|^2)$ 2 30 Interference is negligible 25 • The shape of  $D_{0-}$ 1.5 discriminant depends on the 20 value of  $f_{a3}$ . We can use it 15 to measure  $f_{a3}$ 10 0.5 • We could set a limit on CP violating contributions to 0 02 04 06 08 HZZ coupling f<sub>a3</sub>  $f_{a3} = 0.00^{+0.23}_{-0.00}$ 



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