Higgs(es) now and in the future

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About me

My route in the world and in physics



- Born in Aachen, DE
- Studied in Bonn, DE
 - Bachelor & Masters thesis in ATLAS, on τ -mass reconstruction and $ttH(\tau\tau)$ studies

• PhD in Amsterdam, NL

- 1 year at CERN
- Heavy Higgs search in ZZ(IIvv) with ATLAS

• Post-doc in Hamburg, DE

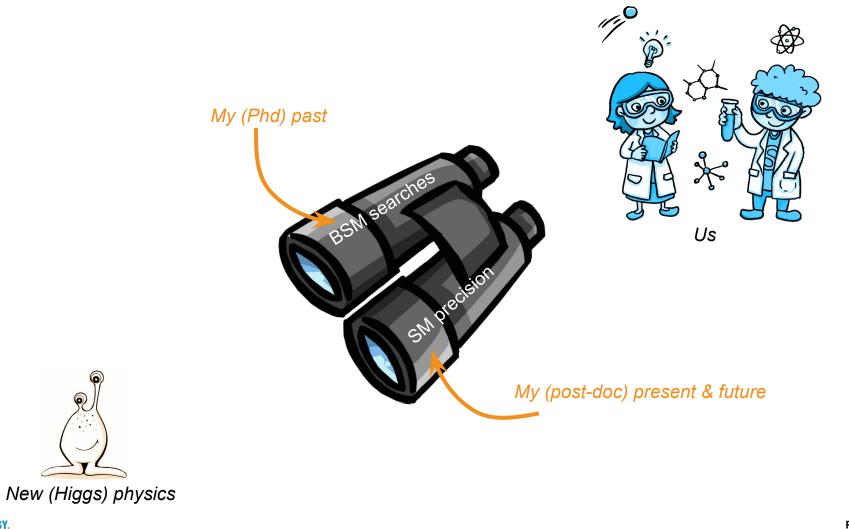
- QU cluster
- Higgs studies & prospects with ATLAS and FCC-hh







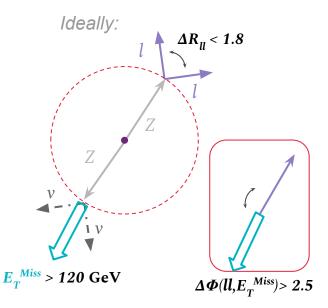
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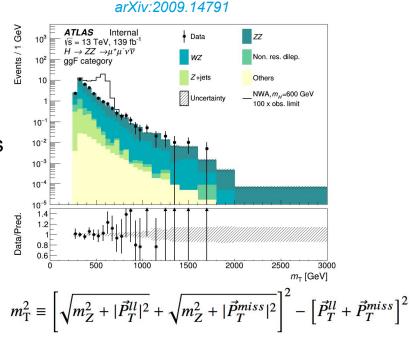


Past work

Heavy *H*→*ZZ*→*IIvv* analysis concepts

- Mass range: 300 GeV < m_H < 2 TeV
- Widths: NWA and LWA (1%, 5%, 10%, 15% of m_{μ})
- Major backgrounds: ZZ, WZ, Z+jets
- Cut-based analysis, exploit signal event kinematics



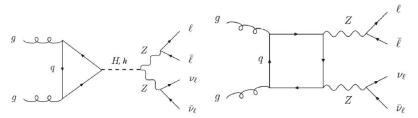


 No excess in ATLAS data!
 Set limits on heavy Higgs cross section in the various scenarios

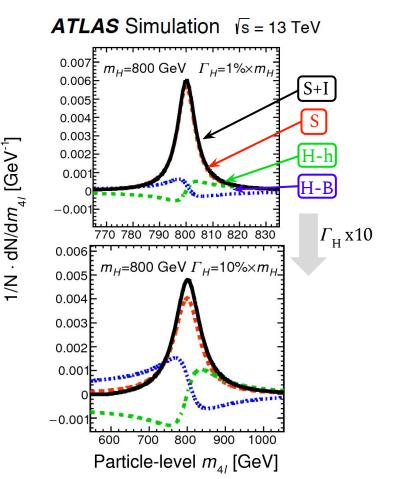
arXiv:2009.14791



Heavy *H*→*ZZ*→*llvv* interference modelling



- For LWA, interference effects become relevant, between ggF signal and:
 - 125 GeV Higgs in ggF: H-h
 - ggZZ background: H-B
- Impact on yields up to ~10%
- Both interferences modelled
 - H-h with analytic reweighting function
 - **H-B** from empirical function fit to simulation



Past work Heavy *H*→*ZZ*→*IIvv* results

ATLAS Preliminary

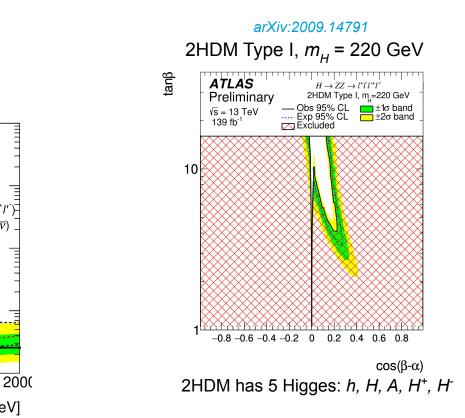
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

NWA, ggF production

500

 $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+ l^- l^{++} l^+ l^- v \overline{v}$

10



Combine with $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$ analysis to maximize sensitivity

1500

Observed CL_s limit

Expected CL_limit

----- Expected CL limit (I+I'I'+I') Expected CL_{s} limit $(I^{+}I^{-}v\overline{v})$

Expected $\pm 1 \sigma$

Expected $\pm 2 \sigma$

No heavy Higgs anywhere ...

1000

NWA ggF limits

2HDM contours exclude much phase space for $m_{\mu} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$

m_н [GeV]

95% CL limits on $\sigma_{
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m BR}(H o ZZ)$ [pb]

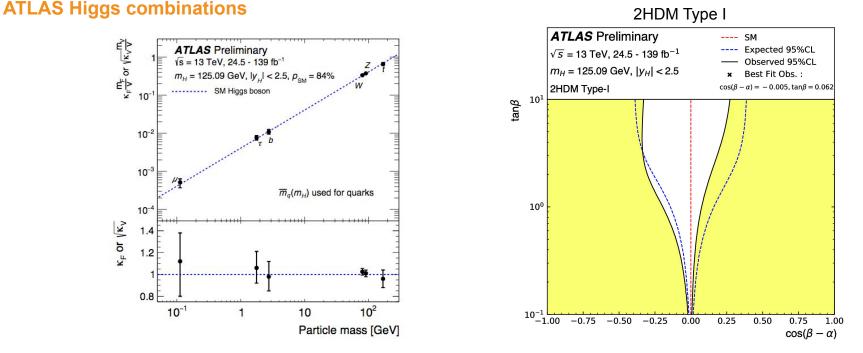
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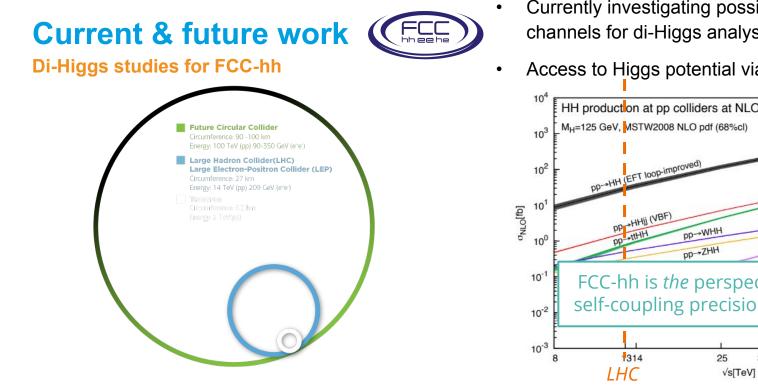
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Current & future work

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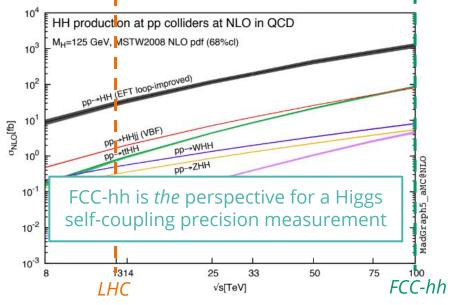


Joined DESY ATLAS team working on Higgs combinations: Improve precision by combining results from the different measurement channels
 Find small deviations from SM, constrain BSM parameter space!



- pp-collisions at 100 TeV, collect 30 ab⁻¹ of data
- "Far" in the future (after FCC-ee) but need to continue working on the foundations now
 - Physics potential established in CDR Ο
 - .. but more details to be filled in! 0

- Currently investigating possibility of neutrino channels for di-Higgs analyses
- Access to Higgs potential via self-coupling



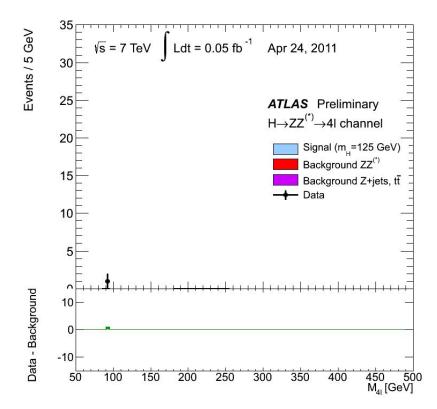
Involve neutrinos for missing detail: What about E_{τ}^{Miss} in such high pile-up conditions? Avg. interactions/bunch cross.



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My favourite plot

About Higgs physics



My favourite plot

Warming stripes

