

Radiative Higgs Decay to a Fermion Pair

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Introduction

- * Higgs for the next 20 years!
- Since the Higgs discovery, only handful decay channels observed:

 $h \to \gamma \gamma, ZZ^*, WW^*, \tau \tau, (b\overline{b})$

- * A huge amount of data at future HL-LHC: $3 \text{ ab}^{-1} \rightarrow 10^8 \text{ Higg's}$
- * Search for rare decays.



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LHC Search for $\ell^+\ell^-\gamma$

- * BRs of $\ell^+\ell^-\gamma$ are comparable to $\mu^+\mu^-$.
- * Very promising considering the ATLAS/CMS projections of 7 σ for $h \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ at HL-LHC.





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 $\tau^+ \tau^- \gamma$

- * The dominant production mechanisms for the current LHC observation of $h \to \tau^+ \tau^-$ are VBF & boosted Higgs.
- * With an additional photon to trigger on, we can consider the leading production mechanism gluon fusion.

 $\sigma(WW, ZZ \to h \to \tau^+ \tau^-) = (4.2 \text{ pb}) \times (6.3\%) \approx 260 \text{ fb};$ $\sigma(gg \to h \to \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma) = (49 \text{ pb}) \times (0.1\%) \approx 50 \text{ fb}.$

- * Completely different decay mechanism, QED dominated.
- * Sensitive to the tau magnetic dipole moment [arXiv:1610.01601].

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$$gg \to h \to c\bar{c}\gamma$$

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Total

/GeV10

10⁻²

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OED

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✤ B/S ~ 10⁵.

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Comparison

Method	κ_c upper limit projection	
	at HL-LHC (3 ab^{-1})	
$h \to c \bar{c} \gamma$ (this work)	6.3	
$h \to c\bar{c} + \text{fit}$	2.5	
h + c production	2.6	
Higgs kinematics	4.2 Perez et al. Brivio et al.	1505.06689 . 1507.02916
$h \to J/\psi\gamma$	50 Bishara et a	al. 1606.09253

Projected sensitivities for probing the $hc\bar{c}$ Yukawa coupling $\kappa_c = y_c^{\text{BSM}}/y_c^{\text{SM}}$ at the HL-LHC with various methods.

Summary

- Higgs radiative decay to a fermion pair is not necessarily suppressed by the Yukawa coupling.
- * The observability of $h \to \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$, $e^+ e^- \gamma$ at LHC is comparable to $h \to \mu^+ \mu^-$.
- * With charm-tagging, $h\to c\bar c\gamma$ can be used to constrain the charm-quark Yukawa coupling.



Running Masses

Most significant corrections are from mass running (mf to mh)

Fermion	$\bar{m}_f(m_f)$	$\delta \bar{m}_f^{ m QCD}$	$\delta \bar{m}_f^{ m QED}$	$\bar{m}_f(m_h)$	$\Gamma^0_{h o f ar{f}}$
	[GeV]	[GeV]	[MeV]	[GeV]	$[\mathrm{keV}]$
b	4.18	-1.39	-5.72	2.78	1900
С	1.27	-0.657	-9.33	0.604	89.7
au	1.78	-	-27.2	1.75	251
μ	0.106	-	-4.05	0.102	0.852
e	0.511×10^{-3}	-	-2.20×10^{-2}	0.489×10^{-3}	1.96×10^{-5}

h

 $- \rightarrow$

 $\sim Q_f^2 \times \mathcal{O}(1\%)$

Decay Widths

	Inclusive of	corrections	Exclusive decay		
Decay	$\delta \Gamma \ (y_f^2 \alpha)$	$\delta \Gamma (y_t^2 \alpha^3, \alpha^4)$	$\Gamma(f\bar{f}\gamma) \;[{\rm keV}]$	$BR(f\bar{f}\gamma) \ [10^{-4}]$	
Channels	[keV]	$[\mathrm{keV}]$	$E_{\gamma}^{\rm cut} = 5/15 {\rm ~GeV}$	$E_{\gamma}^{\rm cut} = 5/15 {\rm ~GeV}$	
$h \rightarrow b\overline{b}$	-25.3	0.99	9.45/5.44	23/13	
$h \to c \bar{c}$	-1.17	0.91	2.48/1.73	6.1/4.2	
$h \to \tau^+ \tau^-$	-1.37	0.31	10.4/5.63	25/14	
$h \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	-4.72×10^{-2}	0.41	0.436/0.420	1.1/1.0	
$h \to e^+ e^-$	-1.29×10^{-6}	0.60	0.589/0.588	1.4/1.4	

 $\delta\Gamma_{\rm EW} = \Gamma^0 \left(\frac{2\delta m_f^{\rm QED}}{\bar{m}_f} + Q_f^2 \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{\pi} \frac{17}{4} + \Delta_{\rm weak} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \right) \xrightarrow{E_{\gamma}}{5 \text{ or } 15 \text{ GeV}} \text{ and } \Delta R_{\gamma f}, \ \Delta R_{\gamma \bar{f}} > 0.4$



Charm Tagging

- * c-jets are very similar to b-jets.
- c-tag efficiency is correlated with b-/light-jet rejection.
- We choose 3 working points:

Operating Point	ϵ_c	ϵ_b	ϵ_l
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III	45%	50%	10%



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Events Selection

Selection cuts:

 $p_{Tc} > 40(20) \text{ GeV} \qquad |\eta| < 2.5$ $p_{T\gamma} > 20 \text{ GeV} \qquad \Delta R > 0.4$ 100 < $m_{cc\gamma} < 150 \text{ GeV}$

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Upper Bound

* If BSM significantly modifies the charm-Yukawa coupling by $y_c^{\rm BSM} = \kappa_c y_c^{\rm SM}$

The statistical significance

$$\sigma_{\rm SD} = \frac{N_{\rm S}^{\rm BSM}}{\sqrt{N_{\rm B}}} \simeq \frac{\kappa_c^2 N_{\rm S}^{\rm QED} + N_{\rm S}^{\rm EW+\gamma}}{\sqrt{N_{\rm B}}} \simeq \frac{\kappa_c^2 N_{\rm S}^{\rm QED}}{\sqrt{N_{\rm B}}}$$

2σ-bound on the charm-Yukawa coupling:

 $\kappa_c < 12.5 \ (7.0), \ 11.1 \ (6.3), \ 11.2 \ (6.3)$

for operating points I, II, III with a luminosity of 300 (3000) fb⁻¹.