

Higgs measurements at the HL-LHC with CMS

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Prospects for measurements of the properties of the standard model Higgs boson and searches for beyond the standard model Higgs bosons with the CMS experiment at the HL-LHC are presented. The studies are based on projections of existing analyses performed by CMS at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV.

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1. Introduction

In the five years since the discovery of the Higgs boson by the ATLAS and CMS collaborations in 2012 [1, 2, 3] the mass of the Higgs boson and its couplings to other particles have been established with remarkable precision using the data collected during Run-1 of the LHC [4, 5]. Before the start of the high luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) era, the LHC is expected to collect a total integrated luminosity of 300 fb^{-1} , with up to 3000 fb^{-1} expected to be collected by the end of the HL-LHC programme. These large datasets will allow for even more precise probing of the Higgs sector.

The CMS detector [6] needs to be upgraded to retain performance at the HL-LHC. At the HL-LHC, the instantaneous luminosity will increase in order for a large dataset to be able to be collected. This leads to an increase in the number of additional interactions per bunch crossing, pileup (PU), to more than 140 on average. Upgrades to the CMS detector planned to function in this environment include increased tracker coverage, increased muon system coverage, the replacement of the calorimeter endcaps with high granularity calorimeters, upgrades to the electronics and scintillators of the barrel calorimeters, and an upgraded trigger system than can cope with higher rates. More information can be found in Ref. [7].

In these proceedings the prospects for standard model (SM) Higgs boson measurements and searches for beyond the standard model (BSM) Higgs bosons with the CMS detector at the HL-LHC will be discussed. The results are based on projections of existing analyses.

2. Extrapolation strategy

The results presented in this document are based on extrapolations of analyses using up to 12.9 fb^{-1} of data collected by the CMS experiment during the 2015 and 2016 LHC running periods. Several scenarios for extrapolation are considered [8]. In scenario **S1** the systematic uncertainties are kept constant with integrated luminosity. Scenario **S1+** is as scenario S1. In addition the effects of high PU and upgrades to the CMS detector on the detector performance are taken into account. In scenario **S2** theoretical uncertainties are halved. Experimental systematic uncertainties are scaled down by the square root of the integrated luminosity, until a lower limit is reached. This lower limit is based on the expected achievable accuracy with the upgraded detector. Scenario **S2+** is as scenario S2. In addition the effects of high PU and upgrades to the CMS detector on the detector performance are taken into account. A **Stat. Only** scenario in which only statistical uncertainties are considered is also used.

The modelling of the effects of high PU and upgrades to the CMS detector in the S1+ and S2+ scenarios is analysis-dependent and will be described in the relevant sections below.

3. Standard model Higgs boson measurements at the HL-LHC

The projections of standard model Higgs boson measurements presented here comprise the projection of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow ZZ$ measurements. The original measurements were both based on a dataset corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 12.9 fb^{-1} collected by the CMS experiment

during the 2016 LHC running period. In addition, projections of searches for SM di-Higgs production are shown. These projections are based on a dataset corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 2.3–2.7 fb⁻¹ collected during the 2015 LHC running period.

Figure 1 shows projections of $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ measurements to 300 and 3000 fb⁻¹. For the projection to an integrated luminosity of 3000 fb⁻¹ the S1+ and S2+ extrapolation scenarios are used. The modifications to model the effects of high PU and upgrades to the CMS detector include a reduction of the vertex identification efficiency and the photon identification efficiency. In figure 1a the projection of the uncertainty on the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ signal strength measurement shows that at 3000 fb⁻¹ the precision will be limited by the experimental and theoretical uncertainties, which are much larger than the statistical uncertainty. For the projected uncertainty in the fiducial cross-section measurement shown in figure 1b the experimental uncertainties also limit the precision at 3000 fb⁻¹.

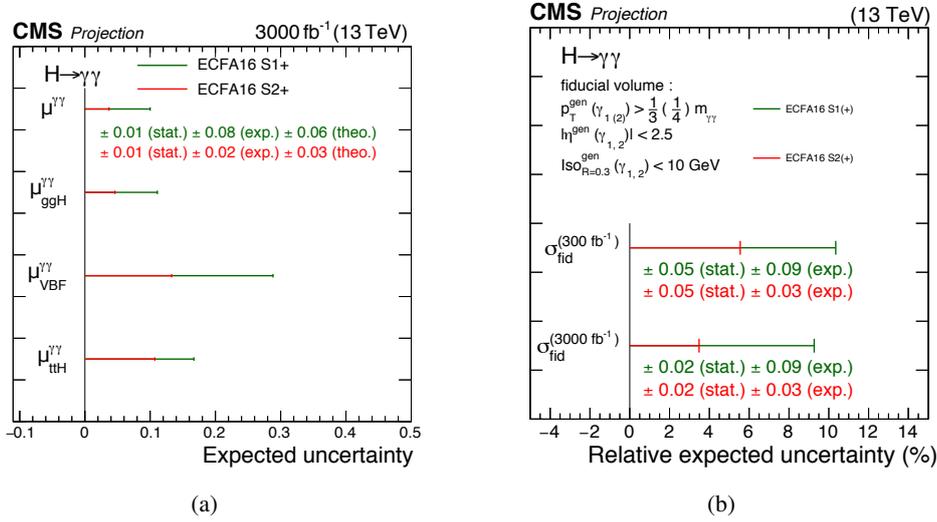


Figure 1: Projected relative uncertainties on (a) the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ signal strength projected to 3000 fb⁻¹ and (b) the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ fiducial cross section at 300 fb⁻¹ and 3000 fb⁻¹ [8].

Figure 2 shows projections of $H \rightarrow ZZ$ measurements to 3000 fb⁻¹ [8]. Extrapolation scenarios S1+ and S2+ are used, with the modifications to model the effects of high PU and upgrades to the detector now including effects on the lepton identification efficiency and misidentification rates. Figure 2a shows the projected uncertainties in the signal strength measurement. The uncertainty breakdown again shows that the experimental and theoretical uncertainties dominate over the statistical uncertainties. The projection of the differential fiducial cross-section in figure 2b shows a relative uncertainty of 4-10% varying with scenario and Higgs boson transverse momentum bin.

Projections of searches for non-resonant di-Higgs boson production in several final states were also made. Table 1 shows the expected upper limit on the di-Higgs boson cross-section with respect to the di-Higgs boson production cross-section in the SM at 3000 fb⁻¹.

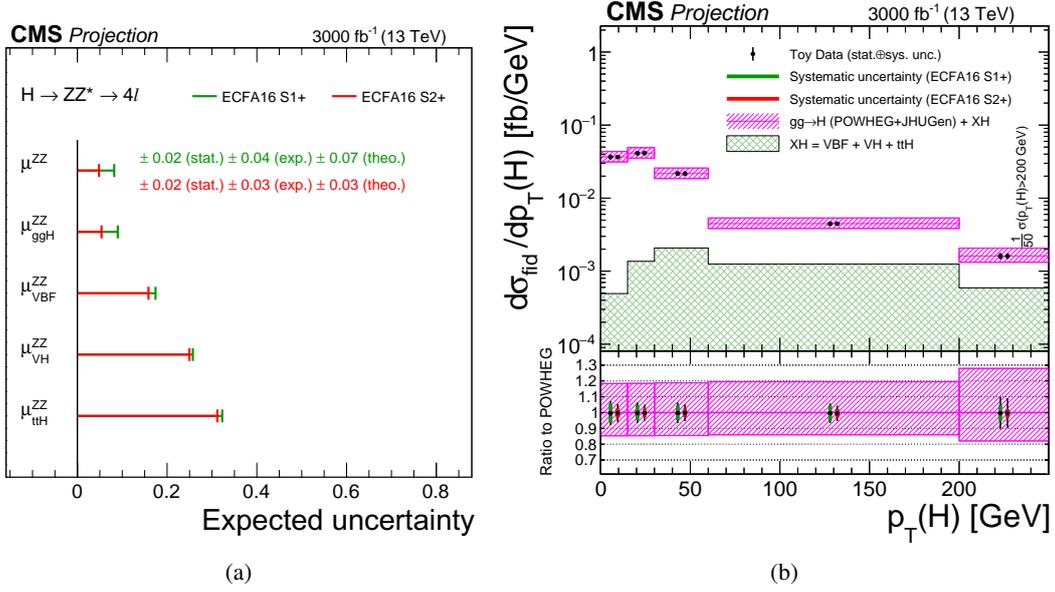


Figure 2: Projected relative uncertainties on (a) the $H \rightarrow ZZ$ signal strength projected to 3000 fb^{-1} and (b) the $H \rightarrow ZZ$ differential fiducial cross section at 3000 fb^{-1} [8].

Table 1: Expected upper limits on di-Higgs signal strength at 3000 fb^{-1} . Adapted from [8].

Channel	Expected upper limit		
	S2	S2+	Stat. Only
$gg \rightarrow HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$	-	1.44	1.37
$gg \rightarrow HH \rightarrow \tau\tau bb$	5.2	-	3.9
$gg \rightarrow HH \rightarrow VV bb$	4.8	-	4.6
$gg \rightarrow HH \rightarrow bbbb$	7.0	-	2.9

4. Searches for BSM Higgs bosons at the HL-LHC

Three projections of searches for BSM Higgs bosons are presented here. All of these are based on analyses performed on a dataset corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 2.3 fb^{-1} collected during 2015.

A search for a heavy resonance X decaying into two 125 GeV Higgs bosons, both decaying to a pair of b -quarks, was projected to an integrated luminosity of 3000 fb^{-1} . Such a decay could give access to BSM physics in models with warped extra dimensions [13, 14, 15] or supersymmetry. Table 2 shows the projected expected upper limits on the cross-section times branching ratio of this process. These limits are two orders of magnitude better than those of the reference analysis before projection [9].

A search for a heavy resonance decaying to a pair of tau leptons, performed in the context of the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) [10, 11], was projected to 300 and 3000 fb^{-1} .

Table 2: Expected upper limits on cross-section times branching ratio of $X \rightarrow HH \rightarrow 4b$ at 3000 fb^{-1} . Adapted from [8].

M_X (TeV)	Expected upper limit	
	S2	Stat. Only
0.3	46	41
0.7	7.3	3.4
1.0	4.4	2.4

The projection, interpreted in the $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ MSSM benchmark scenario [12], is shown in figure 3a. The projections are shown alongside the expected results from the reference analysis. The excluded region is significantly larger for the projections. Comparing the different extrapolation scenarios used shows that the projections under S2 and the Stat. Only scenario do not differ in the high mass region. This means the analysis remains statistically limited in this region, even with an integrated luminosity of 3000 fb^{-1} .

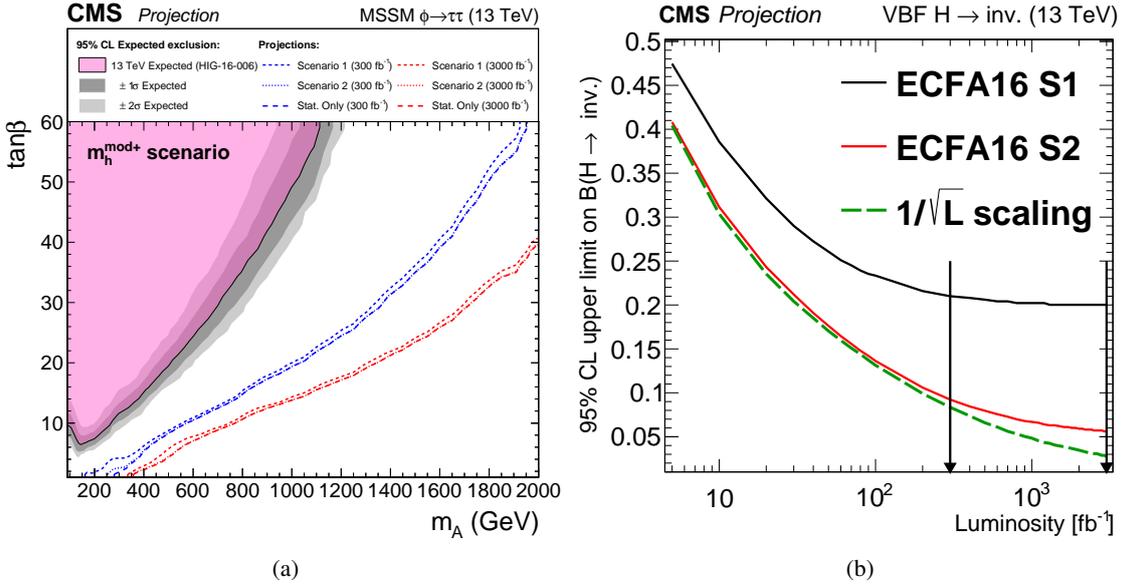


Figure 3: Projections of searches for BSM Higgs physics. (a) Projection to 300 and 3000 fb^{-1} of the search for a heavy Higgs boson decaying to a pair of tau leptons in the context of the MSSM, interpreted in the $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ scenario. (b) Projected upper limit on the branching ratio of the 125 GeV Higgs boson decaying invisibly as a function of integrated luminosity. Both figures from Ref. [8].

A search for invisibly decaying 125 GeV Higgs bosons produced via vector boson fusion was projected to various integrated luminosities. The results are shown in figure 3b. In addition to scenarios S1 and S2, an additional extrapolation scenario was employed. The results for this scenario are indicated by the green line. This scenario is similar to S2, with the exception that no lower bounds are used when scaling the experimental systematic uncertainties down by the square

root of the integrated luminosity. The results show that with unchanged systematic uncertainties the search becomes systematically limited at 300 fb^{-1} . With reduced systematic uncertainties an upper limit on the $H \rightarrow$ invisible branching ratio of 5% is achievable at 3000 fb^{-1} .

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