4. Search for the SM Higgs Boson

- i. Production and Decay
- ii. $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- iii. Associated production channels
- iv. $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4 \ell, H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4 \ell$
- v. M(H) ~ 1 TeV : H $\rightarrow \ell \ell \nu \nu$, $\ell \ell$ jet-jet
- vi. Measurement of Higgs properties vii. Other possibilities

Production of SM Higgs Boson



• $gg \rightarrow H$: K=1.6-1.9

• residual uncertainties on NLO cross-sections (PDF, NNLO, etc.) $\leq 20\%$ (except ttH) GIF - Annecy 2001

Decay Modes of the SM Higgs

- Decays & discovery channels
- Higgs couples to m_f^2
- Heaviest fermion (b quark) always dominates
- Until WW, ZZ thresholds open
- Low mass: b quarks \rightarrow jets; poor resolution ~ 15%
- Only chance is to use ECAL (use $\gamma\gamma$ decay mode)
- Once M_H>2M_Z, use ZZ mode
- W decays to jets or lepton+neutrino (missing E_T)



Search for SM Higgs Boson

Fully hadronic final states dominate but cannot be used due to large QCD bkg. ⇒look for final states with isolated leptons and photons despite smaller BR

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\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Region 1: Intermediate mass region ( LEP limit < m_H < 2 m_Z)} \\ m_H < 120 \ GeV: pp \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell_V \ bb \ or \ tt \ H \rightarrow \ell_V X \ bb \\ m_H < 150 \ GeV: \ H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \ Z\gamma \\ 130? < m_H < 2 \ m_Z : \ H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell_V \ \ell_V \\ 130? < m_H < 2 \ m_Z : \ H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell\ell \ \ell\ell \end{array}
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Region 2: High mass region (2 m_z < m_H < 700)
H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell
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Region 3: Very high mass region (700 < m_H < 1 TeV)</th>H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell vv, H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell \ell jet-jetforward jet taggingH \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell v jet-jetforward jet tagging
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Recently: qq \rightarrow qqH with H \rightarrow \tau\tau (mH~130 GeV), H \rightarrow WW etc.
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 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

Most promising channel in the range $m_H < 150 \text{ GeV}$



(σ .B ~ 50.10⁻³ pb @ m_H ~ 150 GeV) σ .B can be modified by heavy undiscovered fundamental fermions or bosons

Backgrounds are large (2pb/GeV), H natural width is small (~MeV) ⇒ excellent mass resolution required

 $\sigma_m/m = 0.5 [\sigma_{E_1}/E_1 O \sigma_{E_2}/E_2 O \cot(\theta/2)\Delta\theta]$ \Rightarrow energy resolution and precise vertex localisation

Typical Cuts

2 isolated photons – $p_T > 25$, 40 GeV with $|\eta| < 2.5$ No track or em cluster with $p_T > 2.5$ GeV in a cone size $\Delta R = 0.3$ around γs

Signal: ~ 1000's of events

$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: Backgrounds

Main Backgrounds Irreducible: qq annihilation and gg 'box'



Reducible: γ -jet and jet-jet



A need large γ -jet separation (essentially γ - π^0 separation) to reject jets faking photons

$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: Background Rejection



 $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: Signal in CMS



$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: Associated Production



complementary to $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ smaller S but better S/B needs $\approx 100 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{ confirm discovery,}$ measure ttH, WWH couplings $\gamma \gamma$ + jets : large theoretical uncertainties

m_H=120 GeV, 1 experiment, 100 fb⁻¹

H → bb in Associated Production I

Dominant decay for $m_H < 2 m_H$ is $H \rightarrow bb$ ($\sigma \sim 20 \text{ pb}$) Signal for Higgs produced *in isolation* impossible to extract no Level-1 trigger and QCD production of bb pairs is v large N_S/N_B < 10⁻⁵

Associated production: $pp \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell v bb$ or $tt H \rightarrow \ell v X bb$ ($\sigma \sim 1 pb$) a high p_T lepton from W or tt can provide the trigger

ATLAS Study L-1 Trigger: muon (electron) with $p_T > 6$ (20) GeV with $|\eta| < 2.5$

 $\epsilon_{b} \sim 60\%$ for rejection of 100 against light quarks (~ obtained in CDF)



H → bb in Associated Production II

ttH channel more powerful

Typical Cuts

Jets retained if $p_T > 15 (30)GeV lo(hi)L$ No isolated lepton with $p_T > 6 GeV$ 4 tagged b-jets Reconstruct both top quarks

Signal (100 fb⁻¹) 62 evts for m_{H} = 120 GeV

Background

tt *jj* is the most important ~ 250 evts in a bin of width 30 GeV

S/N ~ 0.2 – depends critically on $\epsilon_{\rm b}$ and background rejection

2nd observation of H in this mass range



$H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \ell^- \nu$

Important around m_H~170 GeV Where BR($H \rightarrow ZZ$) reduced

Large rate : $\sigma \times BR \approx 700 \text{ fb}$ BR (H \rightarrow WW^(*)) > 70% Counting channel (no mass peak) ⇒ precise knowledge of bkg needed

Main Backgrounds

- WW^(*) (irreducible) $\sigma \approx 5 \text{ pb}$
- WZ $\rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \ell$, ZZ $\rightarrow \ell \ell \nu \nu$ $\sigma \approx 1 \text{ pb}$ σ ≈ 120 pb
- Wt, Wbb $\rightarrow 2\ell + X$

Typical Cuts

2 isolated opp sign leptons (e, μ) $p_T > 20$, 10 GeV, 10 < m $_{\ell\ell}$ < 80 GeV with $\Delta \phi_{\ell\ell}$ < 1 and $\Delta \eta_{\ell\ell}$ < 1.5 (rejects WZ, ZZ) no jets $p_T > 15$ GeV in $|\eta| < 3$ (rejects tt,Wt,Wbb) E_{T}^{miss} > 40 GeV, m_{T} ($\ell\ell E_{T}^{miss}$) between m_{H} -30 GeV and m_{H}



$\textbf{H} \rightarrow \textbf{WW}^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu \ell^- \nu$

1 experiment, 30 fb⁻¹

| m _H (GeV) | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 | 190 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| S | 340 | 580 | 460 | 400 | 180 |
| S/B | 0.35 | 0.77 | 0.95 | 0.74 | 0.55 |
| $S/\sqrt{B^{(*)}}$ | 5.8 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 11.2 | 7.4 |
| S/√B ^(*) 100 fb ⁻¹ | 6.6 | 14.5 | 17.6 | 13.8 | 9.9 |

(*) 5% background systematics included

Conclusions:

- 5σ discovery at low L for $150 \leq m_{H} \leq 200 \; GeV$
- -complementary to $H\to 4\ell$

larger rate, better sensitivity for

 $160 \leq m_{H} < 180$ GeV, but no mass peak

- crucial : background knowledge

Count excess of events in signal region Signal and background have similar shapes \rightarrow very tight mass window to optimise S/ \sqrt{B}



$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$: Introduction

 $\sigma \; x \; BR \approx \; 3 \; fb$

Main backgrounds:

ZZ*, Z γ * continuum (irreducible) Zbb $\rightarrow 4\ell + X$, tt $\rightarrow 4\ell + X$ (2 ℓ from b-decays)



 $120 \le m_{\rm H} \le 2 m_{\rm Z}$



Typical CutsFour isol leptons $p_T > 20, 20, 7, 7 \text{ GeV}$ $m(\ell_1\ell_2)$ compatible with m_Z (rejects $t\bar{t}$) $m(\ell_3\ell_4) > 15-60 \text{ GeV}$ lepton isolation and
impact parameter $\rightarrow t\bar{t} + Zb\bar{b} < 10\% ZZ^*$

ATLAS full simulation

Largest normalised impact parameter of the four muons in the transverse plane $\sigma (d_0) \sim 20 \ \mu m$

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$: Resolution



$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$: Signal - Intermediate m_H

1 experiment, 30 fb⁻¹ ~90% of bkg comes from ZZ* = 10⁵ pb⁻¹ m_н (GeV) 180 120 150 170 130 80 $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4$ CMS S 4 11 27 8 20 Events / 2 GeV for L_{int} = ,5 00 \pm 3 σ_{7} cut, 10⁵ pb⁻¹ S/B 9 2.7 6.7 2.7 4.4 tracker isol., all leptons: S/√B 30 fb⁻¹ $(R = 0.2; p_T > 2.5 \text{ GeV})$ 15.5 11.2 2.4 4.8 3.2 $(IP/\sigma)_{max} < 3$ (Poisson) bkdg: $t\bar{t} + Zb\bar{b} + ZZ^*$ S/√B 100 fb⁻¹ 10.3 22.6 5.3 16.7 3.8 (Poisson) 100 120 140 160 180 200 M (4I[±]) GeV

Conclusions

- 5 σ discovery at low L for 130 < m_H \leq 180 GeV 1 expt (except 160–170 GeV)
- require excellent *l* reconstruction and identification efficiency and resolution down to $p_{T} \sim 5$ GeV (low-rate signal)

Note : -- $m_H > 2 m_Z$: gold-plated $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ (background free) -- $m_{\rm H} \approx 160 \text{ GeV}$: dip due to H \rightarrow WW opening

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$: Signal - High m_H

20 fb⁻¹

100 fb⁻¹



$m_H \sim 1 \text{ TeV} : H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell \nu \nu$

As m_H increases further, Γ_H increases and σ falls \Rightarrow turn to higher BR modes

ATLAS : 100 fb⁻¹ Signal: Jacobian peak in E_{τ}^{miss} in 160 p_T(I⁺I[−]) > 250 GeV events with Z + large E_{T}^{miss} 140 – – – ZZ continuum - · - · · Z + jets **Typical Cuts** 100 fb⁻ 120 ···· <N> = 40 MB events 2 isol ℓ : p_T^{ℓ} >20 GeV, $p_T(Z)$ >60 Ge total background 100 $E_{\tau}^{miss} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ Events / 10 GeV / 1 tagging jet $E^{i} > 1$ TeV, in $|\eta| > 2.5$ 80 M_u = 700 GeV 60 Backgrounds: irreducible – ZZ, signal + background reducible -Z + jets40 20 Z+jets: parton level simulation 0 250 50 100 150 200 300 350 500

Forward jets can be used

E_Tmiss (GeV)

$m_{H} \sim 1 \text{ TeV} : H \rightarrow \ell \ell \text{ jj, } \ell \nu \text{ jj}$

Larger statistics if use decay modes $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell v$ +jets and $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell$ +jets BUT need to reduce enormous W+jets and Z+jets background

Consider WW final state (ZZ similar)

Find jets in $\Delta R=0.2$ with $E_T>50$ GeV, reconstruct $W \rightarrow jj$ $E_T(jj) > 150$ GeV, $m_W-2\sigma < m_{jj} < m_W+2\sigma$ $p_T(\ell) > 50$ GeV, $E_T^{miss} > 50$ GeV $p_T(W) > 200$ GeV Backgrounds from W+jets and tt→WbWb roughly equal but still large

Use forward tagging jets from $qq \rightarrow Hqq$ $E_T^{tag} > 15 \text{ GeV}, E > 600 \text{ GeV}$ with $2 < |\eta| < 5$ $E_T^{cell} > 3 \text{ GeV}$ Low L : no additional jets with $E_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 2$

Fake tag prob. from MinBias Single jet - 4.6%, double jet - 0.07%



$m_H \sim 1 \text{ TeV} : H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell \ell jj,$

Typical Cuts 2 isol ℓ : $p_T^{\ell} > 50 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T(Z) > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $M_{\ell\ell} = m_Z - 10 \text{ GeV}$ I.e. 2 central jets $E_T^{-j} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 3$ 2 tagging jets $E^j > 400 \text{ GeV}$, $E_T^{-j} > 20 \text{ GeV}$





Events / 50 GeV

Typical Cuts

1 isol ℓ : $p_T^{\ell} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 2.5$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ I.e. 2 central jets $E_T^{j} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ in $|\eta| < 3$ 2 tagging jets $E^j > 400 \text{ GeV}$, $E_T^{j} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T^W > 100 \text{ GeV}$ in ℓv and jj modes

 $\frac{\text{ATLAS}}{\text{m}_{\text{H}} = 1\text{TeV}, \quad 30\text{fb}^{-1}}$

| Process | Central | Jet | Double |
|-----------------|---------|------|--------|
| | cuts | veto | tag |
| $H \to WW$ | 222 | 143 | 73 |
| $t\overline{t}$ | 38300 | 2800 | 85 |
| W + jets | 15700 | 6900 | 62 |



 $m_{\rm H} = 800 \text{ GeV}, 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Summary: Search for SM Higgs

т_н < 180 GeV Signal significance $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma + WH, ttH(H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ many complementary channels $ttH(H \rightarrow bb)$ ATLAS $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 41$ $(gg, bb, 2\ell, 3\ell, 4\ell, etc.)$ $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow lyly$ 10² $WH \rightarrow WWW^{(*)}$ $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow IIvv$ m_н > 180 GeV $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow lyij$ Total significance discovery is straightforward with gold-plated $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ (S/B > 5). Complemented by 10 $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu jj, H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow$ $\ell\ell\nu\nu$, $\ell\ell$ jj (forward jet tag) 5σ > 1 channel observable over most $\int L dt = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of range \rightarrow robustness, (no K-factors) measurement of couplings 1 2 3 10 10

Summary: Search for SM Higgs



Measurement of Higgs Properties: Mass

Mass

Favoured mass of SM Higgs 113.5 < mH < 212 GeV

In this range m_H can be measured to 0.1% using $\gamma\gamma$ and 4ℓ channels

Energy scale can be calibrated to 0.1% using $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



Measurement of Higgs Properties: Cross-sections

10% of σ in intermediate mass region comes from WW fusion Identified by requiring forward tagging jets and no additional central jets

q→ v²W q→ v²W q→

Errors Statistical: 5 - 20% $\gamma\gamma$ and 4ℓ well understood Modes involving fwd jets more difficult to estimate

Corrected σ compared with perturbative QCD calculations Known to NLO for all and NNLO for gg \rightarrow H processes



Measurement of Couplings and BR



Use various Higgs production and decay modes In ratios luminosity uncertainty largely cancels Assuming 300 fb-1

$$\frac{\sigma.B(t\bar{t}H + WH \to \gamma\gamma)}{\sigma.B(t\bar{t}H + WH \to b\bar{b})} \Rightarrow \frac{BR(H \to \gamma\gamma)}{BR(H \to b\bar{b})}$$

$$\frac{\sigma . B(H \to \gamma \gamma)}{\sigma . B(H \to ZZ^{*})} \Rightarrow \frac{BR(H \to \gamma \gamma)}{BR(H \to ZZ^{*})}$$

$$\frac{\sigma.B(t\bar{t}H \to \gamma\gamma/b\bar{b})}{\sigma.B(WH \to \gamma\gamma/b\bar{b})} \Rightarrow \frac{g_{Ht\bar{t}}^{2}}{g_{HWW}^{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sigma.B(H \to WW^*/W)}{\sigma.B(H \to ZZ^*/Z)} \Rightarrow \frac{g_{HWW}^2}{g_{HZZ}^2}$$

Measurement of Higgs Properties: BR

BR cannot be measured directly at the LHC But possible to infer ratios of couplings from measured rates

| Measure | Error | M _H range |
|---|-------|----------------------|
| $\frac{B(H \to \gamma \gamma)}{B(H \to b\overline{b})}$ | 30% | 80–120 |
| $\frac{B(H\to\gamma\gamma)}{B(H\to ZZ^*)}$ | 15% | 125–155 |
| $\frac{\sigma(t\bar{t}H)}{\sigma(WH)}$ | 25% | 80–130 |
| $\frac{B(H \to WW^{(*)})}{B(H \to ZZ^{(*)})}$ | 30% | 160–180 |



5. Search for the Supersymmetric Higgs Boson

- i. Production and Decay
- ii. SM-like decays
- iii. H/A $\rightarrow \tau \tau$
- iv. H/A $\rightarrow \mu\mu$

v.
$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$

- vi. Charged Higgs
- vii. Other signatures

SUSY Higgs: Particle Content

Complex analysis; 5 Higgs' (H[±];H⁰,h⁰,A⁰)

- At tree level, all masses & couplings depend on only two parameters; tradition says take $M_A \& \tan\beta$
- Modifications to tree-level mainly from top loops

Important ones; e.g. at tree-level, $M_h < M_Z \cos\beta$; radiative corrections push this to 150 GeV.

Important branch 1: SUSY particle masses

(a) M>1 TeV (i.e. no decays of the Higgs' to them); well-studied

(b) M<1 TeV (i.e. allows decays of the Higgs' to them); "new"

• Important branch 2: stop mixing; value of $tan\beta$

(a) Maximal–No mixing

(b) Low (1.5) and high (\approx 30) values of tan β

SUSY Higgs Channels Studied

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H, h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, bb (H\rightarrowbb in WH, t t<sup>-</sup>H)
h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma in WH, t t h \rightarrow \ell \gamma \gamma
h, H \rightarrow ZZ^*, ZZ \rightarrow 4 {
h, H, A \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow (e/\mu)^+ + h^- + E_{\tau}^{miss}
                                     \rightarrow e^+ + \mu^- + E_{T}^{miss}
                                                                                                         inclusively and in bbH<sub>SUSY</sub>
                                       \rightarrow h<sup>+</sup> + h<sup>-</sup> + E<sub>T</sub><sup>miss</sup>
H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu from t t
H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu and H^+ \rightarrow t b for M_H > M_{top}
A \rightarrow Zh with h \rightarrow b\bar{b}; A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma
H, A \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0_2 \tilde{\chi}^0_2 \tilde{\chi}^0_i \tilde{\chi}^0_i \tilde{\chi}^+_i \tilde{\chi}^-_i
H^+ \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^+_2 \tilde{\chi}^0_2
qq \rightarrowqqH with H \rightarrow \! \tau^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \! \tau^{\scriptscriptstyle -}
                                                                                                       using OO code (tough...)
H \rightarrow \tau \tau, in WH, t TH
                                                                                                       work started; tough...
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Searches for SUSY Higgs

Large variety of channels:

^{e.g.}
$$-h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$
, $t\bar{t}h \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$, $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$ also in SM
 $-A/H \rightarrow \mu \mu$, $\tau \tau$, $t\bar{t}$, $H^{\pm} \rightarrow \tau \nu$, cs, tb
 $-H \rightarrow hh$, $A \rightarrow Zh$ typical of MSSM

$$- A/H \rightarrow \chi^0_{2} \chi^0_{2}$$
$$- \chi^0_{2} \rightarrow h \chi^0_{1}$$

if SUSY particles accessible

Note :



SUSY Higgs: Mass Spectra

Mass spectra for M_{SUSY}>1TeV



SUSY Higgs: Production



SUSY Higgs: Decay Modes

1 bb bb $b\overline{b}$ (tg β =30) BR(h) BR(A) $tg\beta = 30$ $tg\beta = 30$ BR(H) $\tau^{+}\tau^{-}$ $tg\beta=1.5$ -1 $\tau^{+}\tau^{-}$ -1 10 10 WW--gg $\tau^+\tau^-(tg\beta=30)$ -1 -cc 10 -2 -2 10 10 bb -ZZ 79 tī gg gg gg ÷γγ -2 -3 -3 10 10 10 200 500 100 200 300 500 1000 50 100 1000 100 60 80 120 M_H [GeV] M_A [GeV] M_h [GeV]

No mixing, $M_s = 1 \text{TeV}$

Search for the h

m_△ > 100 GeV: - h mass close to max value (~ 130 GeV) tan *B* ATLAS+CMS - h behaves as SM Higgs $fLdt = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{exp}$ Maximal mixing 30 tth, $h \rightarrow bb$ m_₄ < 100 GeV: 20 Combined - h mass decreases bbh, h $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ $gg \rightarrow h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ Wh,tth with $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ - BR (h $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$) and tth prodn suppressed 10 9 - large $tan\beta$: bbh production enhanced 8 7 bbh \rightarrow bb $\mu\mu$ channel observable 6 5 4 LEP 2000 3 - different production mechanisms : 2 $gg \rightarrow h$ (loops), Wh, tth - different decays : $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ (loops), $h \rightarrow bb$ ¹ 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 450 500 m₄ (GeV)

A/H $\rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu h^{\mp} \nu$

In MSSM, at large tan β , H/A $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ rates strongly enhanced over SM

All final states accessible Cuts (e.g. CMS) $\ell\ell$, ℓ -had, had-had 1 isolated lepton with p_T > 15-40 GeV $A/H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu h^{\mp} \nu$ 1 tau jet candidate, $E_{T}>40$ GeV No jet with $E_T > 25$ GeV in $|\eta| < 2.4$ **Backgrounds** $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$, W+ jets (dominant), $t\bar{t}$, bb CMS m_н=500 GeV 10 $\sigma_m \sim 14\%$ $\tan\beta=25$ 100 Events / 30 GeV / 30 fb **ATLAS** 8 m(A)=150 GeV Events/bin/30 fb⁻¹ 0 0 08 σ_m~12% Background 6 m(A)=300 GeV 20 2 m(A)=450 GeV 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 0 0 200 400 600 800 M_{TT} (GeV) M_{ττ}(GeV) GIF - Annecy 2001

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$A/H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow h^+ \nu h^- \nu$

Provides best reach for large m_A. **Signature**: two stiff opposite-sign isolated tracks and missing transverse energy.



Typical Cuts E_T^i >60 GeV, p_T^h >40 GeV $\Delta \phi_{ii}$ <175°, E_T^{miss} >40 GeV

Background: Main challenge: reject QCD jet background (already at L1 trigger !).

Feasible for $m_A > 300$ GeV: hadrons have high p_T , E_T^{miss} is large, etc..

 $R_{QCD} \sim 10^{10} \rightarrow QCD$ background << 10% (tt + Z/ $\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau \tau$)

B-tagging improves S/B, $\sigma_{M} \sim 10\%$

For $m_A < 300 \text{ GeV}$: More study (trigger, background). Additional tools: calorimeter isolation, impact parameter

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$H/A \rightarrow \mu\mu$



Search for the A and H

Large tan β bbH,bbA strongly enhanced e.g. σ (MSSM) / σ (SM) \approx 5000 tan β =30, m =300 GeV

 $H/A \rightarrow \tau \tau$, $\mu \mu$ observable and cover large part of parameter space

Small tanβ

large number of channel \rightarrow measurement of many couplings including Hhh, AZh $m_{A} > 200$ GeV: A and H are ~ degenerate



Search for H⁺

 $m_{H^+} < m_t - m_b$ LEP: M_{H+} <78.6 GeV Production via $gg \rightarrow tt$ then (t \rightarrow b H⁺⁾ and (H⁺ $\rightarrow \tau \nu$) Signature – violation of lepton universality in semi-leptonic top decays $R = \frac{BR(t \to \tau^+ v_\tau b)}{BR(t \to \mu^+ v_\mu b)} = 1 + \Delta R$ Branching ratio where $\Delta R = \frac{BR(t \to H^+b) \bullet BR(t \to \tau^+ v_{\tau})}{BR(t \to W^+b) \bullet BR(W \to \mu^+ v_{\mu})}$ $m_{H^+} > m_t$ g 000000 $gb \rightarrow H^{\pm} t \rightarrow tb t$ H[±] $gb \rightarrow H^{\pm} t \rightarrow \tau \nu t$ b Due to τ polarisation π from $\tau \rightarrow \pi v$ is harder

from τ produced in H⁺ decay than in W decay



Search for H⁺ (m_H<m_t)

Typical Cuts

1 isol ℓp_T > 20 GeV in $|\eta|$ <2.5 (trigger) 1 τ -jet E_T^{j} >40 GeV $|\eta|$ <2.5 1 isol hard track p_T^{h} > 30 GeV pointing to τ -jet (ΔR <0.1) ge. 3 jets with p_T >20 in $|\eta|$ <2.5 with ge. 2 b-jets

ATLAS: 30 fb⁻¹, tanβ**=5**

| m _{H+} (GeV) | 110 | 130 | 150 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| σ.BR(pb) | 23 | 13 | 5 |
| Signal | 3050 | 1550 | 380 |
| Bkg. | 7020 | 7170 | 9120 |
| Signif. | 13.1 | 6.6 | 1.3 |



3000 W $\rightarrow \tau v$ 4000 fake τ from W \rightarrow jj Syst error on bkg 3%

Search for H⁺ (m_H>m_t)



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Search for H⁺



H Decays to Sparticles



If M_{charg(neutra)linos} < 1 TeV

Adding bb on the τ modes can "close" the plane



Summary: SUSY Higgs'

Plane fully covered (no holes) at low L (30 fb⁻¹). Main channels : $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, b \overline{b}, A/H \rightarrow \mu \mu, \tau \tau, H^{\pm} \rightarrow \tau v$

Two or more Higgs can be observed over most of parameter space ⇒ can disentangle SM / MSSM

LHC will observe h, A, H, H $^{\pm}$ for $m_A < 400 \text{ GeV}$

Uncertainties : $\Delta m_A \approx \pm 30$ GeV (e.g. from $\Delta m_h \sim 3$ GeV), $\Delta tan\beta \approx \pm 0.7$

Impact of mixing on couplings studied for minimal mixing

but not for all possible mixing (evolving theory predictions)



Minimal Mixing



Minimal mixing (m_h < 115.5 GeV) NB: log scale

Caveat: coverage depends strongly on exact upper bound on m_h

Maximal Mixing



Maximal mixing (m_h < 130 GeV) NB: linear scale

Caveat: possible suppression of e.g. bbH coupling could affect significantly H observation at LHC

How Many Higgs Discoverable ?



SUSY Higgs Boson: Mass



300 fb⁻¹

| MSSM Higgs | <u>Δm/m (%)</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| h, A, H $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ | 0.1–0.4 |
| $H \rightarrow 4 \ell$ | 0.1–0.4 |
| $H/A \rightarrow \mu\mu$ | 0.1-1.5 |
| $h \rightarrow bb$ | 1–2 |
| $H \rightarrow hh \rightarrow bb \gamma\gamma$ | 1-2 |
| $A \to Zh \to bb \; \ell\ell$ | 1-2 |
| $H/A \rightarrow \tau \tau$ | 1-10 |

Present theoretical error $\Delta m_h \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$

Caveat: possible suppression of e.g. bbH coupling could affect significantly H observation at LHC

Physics Reach ?

Conclusions

Higgs is still missing

Symmetry Breaking in the SM (and beyond!) still not understood

LHC and ATLAS/CMS designed to find it

Numerous challenges, mostly "solved"

Physics at the LHC will be extremely rich

SM Higgs (if there) in the pocket

Now turning to measurements of couplings, etc.

Supersymmetry (if there) ditto

Can perform numerous accurate measurements

Large com energy: new thresholds

Compositeness, new bosons, large extra dimensions within reach LHC++?

Just need to build machine/experiments.