Prospects for Higgs Boson Searches at the LHC



- Introduction, Status of machine and detectors
- Updated results on SM Higgs Searches
- Measurement of Higgs Boson parameters
- MSSM Higgs bosons and more exotic scenarios

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The Higgs Boson



- "Revealing the physical mechanism that is responsible for the breaking of electroweak symmetry is one of the key problems in particle physics"
- "A new collider, such as the LHC must have the potential to detect this particle, should it exist."



What is new on LHC studies ?

- Many studies have meanwhile been performed using detailed GEANT simulations of the detectors
 - Physics Performance Technical Design Report from the CMS collaboration
 - ATLAS CSC (Computing System Challenge) notes in preparation, to be released towards the end of 2007

• New (N)NLO Monte Carlos (also for backgrounds)

- MCFM Monte Carlo, J. Campbell and K. Ellis, http://mcfm.fnal.gov
- MC@NLO Monte Carlo, S.Frixione and B. Webber, www.eb.phy.cam.ar.uk/theory/
- T. Figy, C. Oleari and D. Zeppenfeld, Phys. Rev. D68, 073005 (2003)
- E.L.Berger and J. Campbell, Phys. Rev. D70, 073011 (2004)
- C. Anastasiou, K. Melnikov and F. Petriello, hep-ph/0409088 and hep-ph/0501130

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New approaches to match parton showers and matrix elements

- ALPGEN Monte Carlo + MLM matching, M. Mangano et al.
- PYTHIA, adapted by S. Mrenna
- SHERPA Monte Carlo, F. Krauss et al., www.sherpa-mc.de

- ...

Tevatron data are extremely valuable for validation, work has started

More detailed, better understood reconstruction methods

(partially based on test beam results,...)

• Further studies of new Higgs boson scenarios (Various MSSM benchmark scenarios, CP-violating scenarios, Invisible Higgs boson decays,.....)



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ATLAS Installation



Qetoberry 220057

- Construction of the detector component nearly finished
- Installation in full swing
- Ready for first pp collisions end of 2007 or Spring 2008

Installation of the first (out of two) ATLAS Endcap Tracking Detector (completed on 29. May 2007)





Installation of the CMS Electromagnetic Barrel Calorimeter (completed on 22. May 2007)



Which physics the first year(s)?

Process	Events / sec	Events for 10 fb ⁻¹	Total stat. collected at previous machines by 2007		
$W \to e \ v$	15	10 ⁸	10 ⁴ (LEP) 10 ⁷ TeV		
$Z \rightarrow e e$	1.5	10 ⁷	10 ⁷ (LEP)		
tt	1	10 ⁷	10 ⁴ (Tevatron)		
bb	10 ⁶	10 ¹² -10 ¹³	10 ⁹ (BaBar/Belle)		
Higgs M _H = 130 GeV	0.02	10 ⁵	?		
Squarks, Gluinos M ~ 1 TeV	0.001	10 ⁴			

Expected event rates at production in ATLAS and CMS at L = 10^{33} cm⁻² s⁻¹



First goals (2008) (?)

Understand and calibrate the detector and trigger system

in situ using well-known physics samples

e.g. $- Z \rightarrow ee$, $\mu\mu$ tracker, calorimeter, muon chambers calibration and alignment



.....and in parallel.....



"This could be the discovery of the century. Depending, of course, on how far down it goes."

.... prepare the road for discovery

- Understand basic SM physics at $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$
- e.g. measure cross-sections for W, Z, tt, QCD jets, and events features $(P_T \text{ spectra etc.})$
 - tt and W/Z+ jets are omnipresent in searches for New Physics !

• Look for New Physics potentially accessible in first year (SUSY, Higgs, ...)

Note: if m_H < 120 GeV : a fast Higgs discovery may be crucial, competition with the Tevatron



Combination of several search channels and both experiments



95% CL Limit / SM value



 $\begin{array}{ll} WH \rightarrow \ell \; \nu \; bb \\ ZH \; \rightarrow \ell \; \ell \; bb \\ ZH \; \rightarrow \nu \nu \; bb \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{H} \to \mathsf{W} \mathsf{W} \to \ell_{\mathcal{V}} \ \ell_{\mathcal{V}} \\ \mathsf{W} \mathsf{H} \to \mathsf{W} \mathsf{W} \mathsf{W} \to \ell_{\mathcal{V}} \ \ell_{\mathcal{V}} \ + \ \dots \end{array}$

- The expected combined limits are still a factor of 7.5 (m_H =115 GeV/c²) and 4 (m_H =160 GeV/c²) away from the Standard Model expectation
- However, not all results included yet (CDF 1fb⁻¹ results at high mass and DØ 1fb⁻¹ result at low mass are missing)
- Many improvements have been made during the past year

Higgs Boson Production at the LHC



 $\begin{array}{ll} qq \rightarrow W/Z + H & cross \; sections \\ gg \rightarrow H \end{array}$

~10 x larger than at the Tevatron ~70-80 x larger than at the Tevatron

Decays of the Higgs Bosons

 Decay characteristics are known, as soon as the mass is known:

H
W⁺, Z, t, b, c,
$$\tau^+$$
,...., g, γ
W⁻, Z, t, b, c, τ^- ,..., g, γ





Useful Decays at Hadron Colliders:

<u>at high mass:</u> Lepton final states are essential (via $H \rightarrow WW$, ZZ)

at low mass:

Lepton and Photon final states (via $H \rightarrow WW^*$, ZZ* or $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

The dominant **bb decay mode** is only useable in the associated production mode (ttH, WH, ZH) (due to the huge background from jet production via QCD processes)

Higgs boson searches in the

gluon fusion



channel at the LHC

No accompanying particles (except high-P_T Higgs + jet production) \rightarrow Lepton or photon final states (the "classical" channels) $H \rightarrow Z Z^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell \ell \ell \ell$ $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell\ell \ell\ell$

- Main backgrounds: ZZ (irreducible), tt, Zbb (reducible)
- Main experimental tools for background suppression:
 - lepton isolation in the tracker and in the calorimeter
 - impact parameter

Updated CMS study:

- ZZ background: NLO K factor used
- background from side bands

(gg->ZZ is added as 20% of the LO qq->ZZ)



$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



 $\frac{\text{Main backgrounds:}}{\gamma\gamma \text{ irreducible background}}$



γ-jet and jet-jet (reducible)



 $\sigma_{\gamma j+jj} \sim 10^6 \sigma_{\gamma \gamma}$ with large uncertainties \rightarrow need $R_j > 10^3$ for $\varepsilon_{\gamma} \approx 80\%$ to get $\sigma_{\gamma j+jj} \ll \sigma_{\gamma \gamma}$

- Main exp. tools for background suppression:
 - photon isolation !
 - γ / jet separation (calorimeter + tracker)
 - note also converted photons need to be reconstructed (large material in LHC silicon trackers)

Material budget in tracking detectors



42.0 %

59.5 %

CMS Study: TDR (updated)

New elements of the analysis:

- more contributions to the $\gamma\gamma$ background



- Realistic detector material
- More realistic K factors (for signal and background)
- Reducible backgrounds (γj and jj) considered (unlike in CMS ECAL-TDR)
- Split signal sample acc. to resolution functions



Comparable results for ATLAS and CMS



$\underline{\mathsf{H}} \to \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W} \to \mathbf{\ell}_{\mathbf{V}} \, \mathbf{\ell}_{\mathbf{V}}$

• Large H \rightarrow WW BR for m_H ~ 160 GeV/c²

- However: neutrinos in final state, use transverse mass
 → no mass peak
- Large backgrounds: WW, Wt, tt
- <u>Two main discriminants</u>: (Dittmar & Dreiner, (1997))
 - (i) Lepton angular correlation



(ii) Jet veto: no jet activity $(P_T > 20 \text{ GeV/c}, |\eta| < 3.2)$ in central detector region



Problems:



(i) need precise knowledge of the backgrounds, incl. higher order corrections

- (ii) need to understand jet veto efficiencies
- → reliable Monte Carlo generators, e.g. MC@NLO, validation of ALPGEN/SHERPA at the Tevatron

more work on backgrounds.....

Main theoretical challenge: - shape of the WW background,

- contributions from higher orders, e.g., $gg \rightarrow WW$







T. Binoth, M. Cicciolini, N. Kauer. M. Krämer hep-ph/0503094



M. Dührssen, K. Jakobs, P. Marquardt, JJ. van der Bij, hep-ph/0504006

Discovery reach in $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell_V \ell_V$



<u>Tevatron:</u> Excluded σ x BR at 95% C.L. CMS Phys. TDR 2006



LHC:

luminosity needed for a 5σ discovery

Estimated background uncertainties:

- tt from data: $\pm 16\%$ at 5 fb⁻¹
- WW from data: $\pm 17\%$ at 5 fb⁻¹
- Wt from theory: $\pm 22\%$
- gg \rightarrow WW from theory: ± 30%

Discovery potential in gluon-fusion channels



Note: 95% C.L. exclusion limits will need much less luminosity $(0.2 - 2 \text{ fb}^{-1})$, but also need an understood and calibrated detector

Vector Boson Fusion qq H

Motivation: Increase discovery potential at low mass Improve measurement of Higgs boson parameters (couplings to bosons, fermions)

> Established by D. Zeppenfeld et al. (1997/98) Earlier studies: Kleiss & Stirling (1988); Dokshitzer, Khoze, Troyan, Sov.J. Nucl. Phys. 46 (1987) 712; Dokshitzer, Khoze, Sjöstrand, Phys.Lett., B274 (1992) 116.

Distinctive Signature of:

- two high P_T forward tag jets
- little jet activity in the central region
 ⇒ central jet Veto





\Rightarrow Experimental Issues:

- Forward jet reconstruction
- Jets from pile-up in the central / forward region
- Preliminary ATLAS studies (CSC update)CMS studies in TDR (full simulation)



Efficiency of forward jet reconstruction

Fraction of events with jet in central region



- Looks feasible at low luminosity, higher tag jet P_T - thresholds needed at high luminosity (PYTHIA result, might be too optimistic)

Two search channels at the LHC:

 $qq H \rightarrow qq W W^*$ qq H \rightarrow qq $\tau \tau$ \rightarrow qq $\ell_{\rm V}$ $\ell_{\rm V}$ \rightarrow qq l v v l v v \rightarrow qq $l \nu \nu h \nu$ $M_T = \sqrt{(E_T^{ll} + E_T^{\nu\nu})^2 - (\vec{p}_T^{e\mu} + \vec{p}_T^{miss})^2}$ do/dM_T(fb/10 GeV/c²) ²² ²² ² Higgs signal m = 160 GeV/c* evts / 5 GeV 8 TT background a) Wi background m_H=120 GeV-7 bockamund 6 Zjj 5 **ATLAS** tt, WW EW 4 3 **ATLAS** 2 0.25 1 0 0 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 100 150 ٥ 50 250 $m_{\tau\tau}^{}$ (GeV) M_{τ} (GeV/c²)

Selection criteria:

- Lepton P_T cuts and tag jet requirements ($\Delta \eta$, P_T)
- Require large mass of tag jet system
- Jet veto (important)
- Lepton angular and mass cuts

How reliable are these signals ?

(i) background shape (the experimental approach)

Cuts can be relaxed, to get background shape from the data:



- Similar approach (extract background from data) possible for the $Z\to\tau\tau$ background in $~qq~H\to qq~\tau\tau$

(ii) Results from the first full simulation analysis of $qqH \rightarrow qq \tau\tau \rightarrow qq \ell \nu \nu had \nu$



Signal and background numbers, signal significance

M _H [GeV]	115	125	135	145
Production σ [fb]	4.65×10^{3}	4.30×10^{3}	3.98×10^{3}	3.70×10^{3}
$\sigma \times BR(H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow lj)$ [fb]	157.3	112.9	82.38	45.37
$ m N_S$ at 30 fb $^{-1}$	10.5	7.8	7.9	3.6
$ m N_B$ at 30 fb $^{-1}$	3.7	2.2	1.8	1.4
Significance at 30 fb ⁻¹ ($\sigma_{\rm B}$ = 7.8%)	3.97	3.67	3.94	2.18
Significance at 60 fb ⁻¹ ($\sigma_{\rm B} = 5.9\%$)	5.67	5.26	5.64	3.19

LHC discovery potential for 30 fb⁻¹



• Full mass range can already be covered after a few years at low luminosity

• Several channels available over a large range of masses Vector boson fusion channels play an important role at low mass !

Important changes w.r.t. previous studies:

- $\textbf{H} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma\,$ sensitivity of ATLAS and CMS comparable
- ttH → tt bb disappeared in CMS study (more realistic background estimates, under study in ATLAS)

How much can the

associated production modes ttH, WH with $H \rightarrow bb$





(combinatorial background) and from QCD processes



ASPEN 2004 σ x BR \approx 300 fb Complex final state: $H \rightarrow bb$, $t \rightarrow bjj$, $t \rightarrow b\ell v$

- Main backgrounds:
 - combinatorial from signal (4b in final state)
 - Wjjjjjj, WWbbjj, etc.
 - ttjj (dominant, non-resonant)
- b-tagging performance is crucial ATLAS results for 2D-b-tag from full simulation $(\epsilon_{b} = 60\% R_{i} (uds) \sim 100 at low L)$
- Shape of background must be known; 60% (from ttbb)
- LHC experiments need a better understanding of signal and backgrounds (K factors for backgrounds)



S = 38 events B = 52 events S/B ~ 0.73

S/ $\sqrt{B} = 3.5$ for K = 1.0

$t\bar{t} H \rightarrow t\bar{t} b\bar{b}$

CMS 2006: COMPHEP and ALPGEN matrix element calculations used

 → larger backgrounds,
 uncertainties on backgrounds, exp. normalization seems difficult.....

Signal significance as function of the background uncertainty:



....rare decay modes visible at high luminosity



 $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ Sig = 3.5 σ (incl. syst)





ttH + WH + ZH $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ + P_T^{miss} (ATLAS fast simulation, prel.)

For 100 fb⁻¹: expect **20.9 signal events (mass peak) 5.4 background (flat)**

Not discovery channels, but will contribute to Higgs parameter determination



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-can the LHC measure its parameters ?-



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Measurement of Higgs Boson Couplings

Global likelihood-fit (at each possible Higgs boson mass) Input: measured rates, separated for the various production modes

Output: Higgs boson couplings, normalized to the WW-coupling



Relative couplings can be measured with a precision of 10-20% (for 300 fb⁻¹)

M. Dührssen, ATL-PHYS-2003-030; M. Dührssen et al., Phys. Rev. D70 (2004) 113009.



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The Higgs Sector

in the MSSM







 $m_h^{} < 135 \text{ GeV}$ $m_A^{} \approx m_H^{} \approx m_{H^{\pm}}^{}$ at large $m_A^{}$

A, H, H \pm cross-section ~ tan² β

- best sensitivity from A/H $\rightarrow \tau\tau,\, H\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu$

- A/H $\rightarrow \mu\mu$ experimentally easier

* Validated by CMS TDR full simulation studies *

LHC discovery potential for SUSY Higgs bosons



What can be done in the large m_A wedge region ??

- Higher luminosity ? SLHC
- Additional SUSY decay modes

MSSM discovery potential for Super-LHC

ATLAS + CMS, 2 x 3000 fb⁻¹



- Situation can be improved, in particular for $m_A < \sim 400 \text{ GeV}$
- But: SLHC cannot promise a complete observation of the heavy part of the MSSM Higgs spectrum

..... although the observation of sparticles will clearly indicate that additional Higgs bosons should exist.

Higgs decays via SUSY particles

If SUSY exists : search for $H/A \rightarrow \chi^0_2 \chi^0_2 \rightarrow \ell \ell \chi^0_1 \ell \ell \chi^0_1$



CMS: special choice in MSSM (no scan) $M_1 = 60 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ $M_2 = 110 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ $\mu = -500 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ $gb \rightarrow tH^+, H^{\pm} \rightarrow \chi_{2,3}^0 \chi_{1,2}^{\pm} \rightarrow 3\ell + E_T^{miss}$



ATLAS: special choice in MSSM (no scan)

- $\begin{array}{rcl} M_1 &=& 60 \; {\rm GeV/c^2} \\ M_2 &=& 210 \; {\rm GeV/c^2} \\ \mu &=& 135 \; {\rm GeV/c^2} \\ m({\rm s}{\mathcal{-}\ell_R}) &=& 110 \; {\rm GeV/c^2} \\ m({\rm s}{\mathcal{-}\tau_R}) &=& 210 \; {\rm GeV/c^2} \end{array}$
- Exclusions depend on MSSM parameters (slepton masses, m)
- More systematic studies are needed (initiated by A. Djouadi et al.)

Updated MSSM scan for different benchmark scenarios

• Benchmark scenarios as defined by M.Carena et al. (h mainly affected)



MHMAX scenario $(M_{SUSY}=1 \text{ TeV})$ maximal theoretically allowed region for m_h

Nomixing scenario $(M_{SUSY}=2TeV)$ (1TeV almost excl. by LEP) small $m_h \rightarrow$ difficult for LHC

Gluophobic scenario ($M_{SUSY} = 350 \text{ GeV}$) coupling to gluons suppressed (cancellation of top + stop loops) small rate for g g \rightarrow H, H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and Z \rightarrow 4 {

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Higgs search at the LHC in CPX scenarios

- CP conservation at Born level, but CP violation via complex A_t, A_b, M....



- CP eigenstates h, A, H mix to mass eigenstates H₁, H₂, H₃



- Effect maximized in a defined CPX benchmark scenario (M. Carena et al., Phys.Lett. B 495 155 (2000)) arg(A_t) = arg(A_b) = arg(M_{aluino}) = 90°
- No lower mass limit for H₁
 from LEP !
 (decoupling from the Z)

details depend on m_{top} and on theory model (FeynHiggs vs. CPHiggs)



 $m_{top} = 174.3 \text{ GeV/c}^2$



MSSM discovery potential for a CPX benchmark point



- Large fraction of the parameter range can be covered, however, small hole at (intermediate tanβ, low m_{H+}) corresponding to low m_{H4}
- More studies needed, e.g. investigate lower H₁ masses, additional decay channels:

 $tt \rightarrow Wb H^+b \rightarrow \ell_V b WH_1 b, H_1 \rightarrow bb$



All three channels have been studied:

key signature: excess of events above SM backgrounds with large P_T^{miss} (> 100 GeV/c)



Problems / ongoing work:

- ttH and ZH channels have low rates
- difficult trigger situation for qqH
- backgrounds need to be precisely known (partially normalization using ref. channels possible)
- non SM scenarios are being studied at present first example: SUSY scenario



Higgs in a 5-dim. Randall-Sundrum Model



Where do we go from here ?

- Data taking is only ~1 year away !
- Need to get ready for first data
 - → Commissioning, alignment, calibration activities; Development of computing tools,... reconstruction software, data challenges, GRID, e.g. ATLAS CSC studies
 Development of analysis tools, e.g. Tau tagging b tagging;
 Development / improvement of methods to extract background from data;
 - → Get familiar with new, improved Monte Carlo Generators (e.g. MC@NLO, SHERPA,)

Test and validate them at the Tevatron (nice synergy between LHC and Tevatron activities)

Changing Prospects for Higgs and SUSY ?

- 1985: No Lose theorem LHC will discover a Higgs boson and/or a Supersymmetric World
- 1995: Maybe SUSY will not be realized in its minimal version (maybe there is NMSSM, no h with m_h below 130 GeV)

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.... but we believe in SUSY (see e.g. J. Ellis, hep-ph 9503426)
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negligible in this range. Similar sensitivity is to be expected in the CMS experiment [14]. Thus essentially all the parameter space of the MSSM allowed by naturalness arguments will be covered. If the LHC does not discover supersymmetry, we theorists will have to eat our collective hat.

2006: No discoveries at LEP-II and Tevatron (so far), Standard Model still rules ! Maybe SUSY is not realized as a *Low Energy SUSY*

"The SUSY train is already a bit late....." (G. Altarelli)

New models: extra space time dimensions, including **Dark Higgs** scenarios ! (e.g. J.van der Bij et al., Higgs boson coupled to a higher dimensional singlet scalar, hep-ph/0605008)

in the range $s^{1/2} > 100 \,\text{GeV}$. The data show a slight preference for a fivedimensional over a six-dimensional field. This Higgs boson cannot be seen at the LHC, but can be studied at the ILC.

Conclusions

- The LHC experiments are well set up to explore the existence of a Standard Model or MSSM Higgs bosons and are well prepared for unexpected scenarios
- The full Standard Model mass range and the full MSSM parameter space can be covered (CP-conserving models)

in addition: important parameter measurements (mass, spin, ratio of couplings) can be performed, vector boson fusion channels are important;

more difficult: invisible Higgs boson decays measurement of Higgs boson self coupling

Hopefully LHC data will soon give guidance to theory and to future experiments

(ii) jet veto

 Comparison between explicit matrix element calculations and shower Monte Carlos for W + jj production



Measurement of the Higgs boson mass



Dominated by ZZ \rightarrow 4ℓ and $\gamma\gamma$ resonances !

well identified, measured with a good resolution

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What do we need from theory ?

- Friendly cooperation
- NLO calculations, reliable Monte Carlo event generators Urgent exp. wish list for MC@NLO: tt (spin correlations) Zbb, ttbb,.... bb H/A W/Z + jet (if possible) VBF H signal production
- Cooperation in validation of matrix element + parton shower matching (started already, Tevatron data)

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- More validation and tuning of Monte Carlo generators
 <u>important examples:</u>
 - underlying event in PYTHIA, MC@NLO, SHERPA,... (comparison with Tevatron data, studies a la R. Field)
 - parton shower parameters



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MSSM discovery potential for various benchmark scenarios



- Full parameter range can be covered with modest luminosity, 30 fb⁻¹, for all benchmark scenarios !
- Only one Higgs boson, h, in some regions (moderate tanβ – large m_A wedge)

valid if CP is conserved !!

Different in CP violating scenarios