

# Does the Boson Decay to Fermions?



#### Search for $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ , bb @ CMS\*

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\*Including MSSM, but excluding ttH(bb) and VH( $\tau\tau$ )



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"As a layman, I think we have it. But as a scientist, I have to say, 'What do we have?'" – R. Heuer

# Does it couple to fermions?



In the context of the SM Higgs boson phenomenology, we already have strong **indirect** evidence for a coupling to the top quark via the loop in the dominant production mechanism.

#### Does it decay to fermions?



 $2.5\sigma$  (Global)  $2.9\sigma$  (bb)

Is the Tevatron seeing  $H \rightarrow bb$ ?

# Brief intro and update of LHC status and non-fermion results from CMS

# Higgs Production at the LHC



LHC in 2012, at record luminosity (7 x  $10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) and energy (8 TeV), is now producing SM Higgs bosons (M<sub>H</sub> = 125 GeV) at a rate ~750/hr



# What does a Higgs boson look like?

#### **a**Low mass

Narrow!  $\Gamma_H / M_H \sim 10^{-5}$ Observed width dominated by *detector resolution* 

#### **@High mass**

Higgs becomes a broad resonance dominated by *natural width* 

Theory input is critical



# Latest LHC + CMS Performance

#### Higher energy (4 TeV per beam) and higher luminosity (> 7e33)

CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp



- Phenomenal performance:
  - Record luminosity (> 5 e 33) obtained soon after startup in 2012
  - Sustained data collection rate of > 1.0 fb<sup>-1</sup> /wk
  - Total delivered/recorded @  $8 \text{ TeV} = 21.4 (20.7) \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [>93% CMS efficiency]

# Latest results for the SM Higgs:

Channel	m <sub>н</sub> range	data set	Data used	mн
	[GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]	[fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	CMS [fb-1]	resolution
1) H → γγ	110-150	5+5/fb	2011+12	1-2%
2) H $\rightarrow$ tau tau	110-145	5+12/fb	2011+12	15%
3) $H \rightarrow bb$	110-135	5+12/fb	2011+12	<del>10%</del> 8-9%
4) $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow IvIv$	110-600	5+12/fb	2011+12	20%
5) $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$	110-1000	5+12/fb	2011+12	1-2%

Updates from ZZ, WW,  $\tau\tau$ , and bb presented at HCP last week



# Parity of the new boson from ZZ\*



From angular analysis (MELA) of the four-lepton final state, can separate scalar from pseudoscalar:  $exp \sim 2\sigma$ 

Data consistency with  $0^+ = 0.5\sigma$ 

Data consistency with  $0^- = 2.4\sigma$ 

Current data favors SM hypothesis comparing against pseudoscalar alternative

# Update on $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2v$



Adding 1.7x more data increases the observed significance (a) 125 GeV from  $\sim 2\sigma$  to  $> 3\sigma$ 

The boson decays are certainly looking more and more SM every day, what about the fermions?



Situation in July (ICHEP): slight deficit in  $\tau\tau$ , slight excess in bb

## Search for $H\to\tau\tau$ @ CMS

## Overview

- Importance of  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ :
  - Only currently active probe of lepton coupling
  - Complementarity with H → bb in down-type fermion couplings
  - Largest  $\sigma$  x Br for SM mH < 130 GeV
  - Sensitivity to BSM models
- Broad-based search
  - Currently use all production channels except ttH (only discussing GGF and VBF here)



Decay Channel	Luminosity
HIG-12-043	
$\mu  au_{ m h}$	17 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$e \tau_h$	17 fb <sup>-1</sup>
eμ	17 fb <sup>-1</sup>
μμ	17 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$\mathbf{\tau}_{\mathbf{h}}\mathbf{\tau}_{\mathbf{h}}$	12 fb <sup>-1</sup> (2012)

# Search Strategy

- Dominant background:  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$
- Analysis strategy depends on tau decays
  - Hadronic decays dominant, but reco/ID challenging
  - Search in  $e/\mu$ , e/h,  $\mu/h$ ,  $\mu/\mu$ , [and h/h]
- Hadronic tau reconstruction
  - Identify 1-prong and 3-prong decays
- Mass reconstruction
  - Multiple neutrinos, dedicated MVA algorithm
  - Final signal estimate from  $m_{\tau\tau}$  shape
- Event categorization
  - Inclusive, VBF, [and VH production]
  - Boosted categories to improve mass resolution and bkg rejection

# Tau Reconstruction and ID



# Mass Reconstruction(I)

- Attempt to separate  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  from  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ 
  - Use kinematics of visible decay products (particle flow objects) and MET to build and event-by-event likelihood
- Inputs
  - 4-vectors of tau dtrs
  - MET
  - ME for  $\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu \nu$
  - Phase space for  $\tau \rightarrow \pi$
- $m_{\tau\tau}$  resolution ~15-20%



# Backgrounds



Non-Z backgrounds: EWK (W+jet), obtained from data control regions, ttbar normalized to CMS measurement and checked in control regions

# Event Categorization: GGF and VBF



# Data/MC: Njet and BDT( $\mu\mu$ )



# Expected Sensitivity (17/fb)

By category

By channel



# **Example Distributions: VBF**



# Example Distributions: 0-jet, 1-jet



#### Most Important Systematic Uncertainties

Experimental Uncertainties		Propagation into Limit Calculation			
Uncertainty	Uncert.	0-Jet	Boost	VBF	
Electron ID & Trigger (*)	±2%	±2%	±2%	$\pm 2\%$	
Muon ID & Trigger (*)	±2%	±2%	±2%	$\pm 2\%$	
Tau ID & Trigger (*)	±7%	±7%	±7%	±7%	
JES (Norm.) (*)	$\pm 2.5 - 5\%$	$\mp 1\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 10\%$	
b-Tag Efficiency (*)	$\pm 10\%$	$\mp 1\%$	∓2%	<b>∓2%</b>	
Mis-Tagging (*)	$\pm 30\%$	$\mp 1\%$	<b>1</b> %	<b>1%</b>	
Norm. $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$	$\pm 3\%$	$\pm 3\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 13\%$	
Norm. $t\overline{t}$ (*)	$\pm 10 - 30\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 12\%$	$\pm 30\%$	
Norm EWK	$\pm 30\%$	$\pm 30\%$	$\pm 15 - 30\%$	$\pm 30 - 100\%$	
Norm Fakes	$\pm 10 - 30\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 30\%$	
Lumi (Signal & EWK)	$\pm 2.2(5)\%$	$\pm 2.2(5)\%$	$\pm 2.2(5)\%$	$\pm 2.2(5)\%$	
Norm. $W + jets$	$\pm 10 - 30\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 10 - 30\%$	$\pm 30\%$	
Norm. <i>Z</i> : <i>l</i> fakes $\tau_h$	$\pm 20-100\%$	$\pm 20 - 30\%$	$\pm 20 - 100\%$	$\pm 30\%$	
Norm. Z: jet fakes $\tau_h$	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 20\%$	$\pm 30\%$	

- + shape uncertainties on  $\tau/e$  energy scale.
- + theory uncertainties (O(5-10%)).

R. Wolf (@HCP)



# Signal Strength



# Search for $H \rightarrow bb @ CMS$



#### Inclusive $H \rightarrow bb$ ?

Overwhelmed by QCD production of bottom-quark jets (B/S  $\sim 10^9$ )

Need to find another haystack! Boosted VH, H→bb

#### Analysis strategy

- Five separate channels:  $Z(\ell \ell), Z(\nu \nu), W(\ell \nu); \ell = e, \mu$
- Triggers (8 TeV):
  - Incl  $\mu$  (24-40 GeV), iso elec (27 GeV), double elec (17/8 GeV)
  - MET (80 GeV) + 2 jets (60/25 GeV) + ( $\Delta \phi$  or MHT)
- Jet reco and b-tagging:
  - Two AK5 jets, b-tagged (discriminator input to BDT)
    - No need for substructure techniques (at least at 8 TeV)
  - Jet energy regression for improved M(jj) resolution
- Boost and topology discriminants
  - pT(V), pT(H) optimized separately for each channel
  - Topology:  $\Delta \phi(V,H)$ ,  $\Delta R(jj)$ ,  $\Delta \eta(jj)$ ,  $N_{jet}$ , color flow
- Shape analysis on BDT output
  - Analysis performed in two bins of pT(V)

 $Z(\nu\bar{\nu})H(b\bar{b})$  candidate



PD: /MET/Run2011B Run: 177183 Lumi: 183 Event: 305295270

- M(jj) = 120.0 GeV
- p<sub>T</sub>(jj) = 248.4 GeV
- Jets:
  - p<sub>T</sub> = 209.5 GeV,
     CSV = 0.889
  - p<sub>T</sub> = 46.2 GeV,
     CSV = 0.957
- MET:
  - 243.2 GeV

# B-tagging: Performance and Validation



# **B-jet Energy Regression**



# **Backgrounds and Control Regions**

#### Dominant backgrounds

• V+bb, V+udscg, ttbar, single top, VV

#### Control regions

- Enhance particular backgrounds
- As close as possible to the signal region
- "V+heavy", "V+light", "Top"

#### • Extrapolation to signal region

- Scale factors obtained from control regions
- Shape analysis floats the scale factors



# Dijet Invariant Mass: all channels



Already from non-optimized Mjj plot: a clear VV(+VH) peak above SM backgrounds

# BDT discriminant

Combine kinematic, topoligical, b-tagging, and color flow variables into BDT, separately for high and low pT bins



Variable

 $p_{Tj}$ : transverse momentum of each Higgs daughter

m(jj): dijet invariant mass

 $p_{\rm T}(jj)$ : dijet transverse momentum

 $p_{\rm T}({\rm V})$ : vector boson transverse momentum (or pfMET)

CSV<sub>max</sub>: value of CSV for the b-tagged jet with largest CSV value

 $\text{CSV}_{min}$ : value of CSV for the b-tagged jet with second largest CSV value

 $\Delta \phi(V, H)$ : azimuthal angle between V (or  $E_T^{miss}$ ) and dijet

 $|\Delta \eta(jj)|$ ; difference in  $\eta$  between Higgs daughters

 $\Delta R(j1, j2)$ ; distance in  $\eta$ - $\phi$  between Higgs daughters (not for  $Z(\ell \ell)H$ )

 $N_{\rm aj}$ : number of additional jets ( $p_{\rm T}$  > 30 GeV,  $|\eta|$  < 4.5)

 $\Delta \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jet})$ : azimuthal angle between  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and the closest jet (only for  $Z(\nu\nu)H$ )  $\Delta \theta_{\text{null}}$ : color pull angle [62] (not for  $Z(\ell\ell)H$ )

Shapes validated in background control regions, simulation (with shape uncertainties) used for final fit

# Example BDT shapes in signal region



# All shape comparisons look good, data consistent with background-only hypothesis

# Systematic Uncertainties

Source	Range
Luminosity	2.2-4.4%
Lepton efficiency and trigger (per lepton)	3%
$Z(\nu\nu)H$ triggers	3%
Jet energy scale	2-3%
Jet energy resolution	3-6%
Missing transverse energy	3%
b-tagging	3-15%
Signal cross section (scale and PDF)	4%
Signal cross section ( <i>p</i> <sub>T</sub> boost, EWK/QCD)	5-10% / 10%
Signal Monte Carlo statistics	1-5%
Backgrounds (data estimate)	$\approx 10\%$
Single-top (simulation estimate)	15-30%
Dibosons (simulation estimate)	30%

# Results: 7 + 8 TeV (17/fb)



# Updated CMS Combination

# Signal Strength and Couplings



# One step beyond: Search for MSSM Higgs decaying to ττ and bb

# MSSM Higgs

- Two Higgs doublets
  - Five Higgs particles
    - Three neutral (h, H, A)
    - Two charged (H<sup>±</sup>)
  - Two free parameters
    - Mass
    - $tan\beta$  ratio of vevs for up and down
- Searches @ CMS
  - Neutral:  $\tau\tau$  and bb
  - Charged: look in top decays



# Search for MSSM $\phi(h, H, A) \rightarrow \tau \tau$

Even Categories:

Events are split into two categories based on the presence (or not) of b-tagged jets

Enhances associated prod.

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b

h, H, A

 $\overline{h}$ 



**Events in b-tag category** 

400

400

500

m<sub>TT</sub> [GeV]

500

# Results: MSSM $\phi(h, H, A) \rightarrow \tau \tau$



#### Search for MSSM $\phi(h, H, A) \rightarrow bb$ h $\mathbf{g}$ Only b-jets (and radiation) in the final state, trigger is one of $\mathrm{h},\mathrm{H},\mathrm{A}$ the most challenging at LHC g 00000

Two complementary approaches:

- <u>All-hadronic</u> trigger requiring up to three jets and at least two b-tagged jets (three offline)
- <u>Semileptonic</u> trigger requiring up to three jets, two b-tagged jets (three offline), and one muon from b-hadron decay
- Essentially independent samples (2-3% overlap)

# **Results: All-hadronic analysis**



Background shapes obtained from double-tag sample give excellent agreement when applied to triple-tag sample.

Signal fits scan in mass from 90 to 350 GeV, no significant signal is observed at any mass.



# **Results: Semileptonic analysis**



# Limits on MSSM $\phi(h, H, A) \rightarrow bb$



No evidence for CDF  $2\sigma$  excess at low mass

# Conclusions

- The new particle @ "125 GeV" is observed to decay to all gauge bosons, mostly in the right proportion ( $\gamma\gamma$  a little hot)
- Angular distribution in ZZ disfavors pseudoscalar hypothesis
- New results from CMS not yet conclusive, but moving to SM
  - $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  observed significance = 1.5  $\sigma$
  - H  $\rightarrow$  bb observed significance (VH) = 2.2  $\sigma$
- New CMS combination shows signal strength and couplings consistent with the SM expectation
- No sign of (any of) the MSSM Higgs bosons

If it is not "Weinberg's Higgs boson" it certainly is a good actor! Much more data is needed to be certain.