## Higgs Bosons and b Quarks

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## Plan:

- Lightning review of SM Higgs physics
  - Discussion of  $gg \rightarrow bbh vs bg \rightarrow bh$
  - Emphasize understanding of theoretical assumptions
- MSSM results for  $bg \rightarrow bh$ 
  - Status of current (Summer, 2007) limits
- Effects of squark/gluino loops on bg→bh
  - Why are these effects interesting?

## Precision measurements limit Higgs Mass



- LEP EWWG (July, 2007):
  - $M_t = 170.9 \pm 1.8 \text{ GeV}$
  - $M_{h} = 76^{+36}$ -24 GeV
  - M<sub>h</sub> < 144 GeV (one-sided 95% cl)
  - M<sub>h</sub> < 182 GeV (Precision measurements plus direct search limit)

Best fit in region excluded from direct searches

### Producing the Higgs at the Tevatron



NNLO or NLO rates

 $M_{h}/2 < \mu < M_{h}/4$ 



#### Limits understood from Branching Ratios



#### SM Production Mechanisms at LHC



## SM Higgs, CMS 2007



**Includes radiative corrections** 

Higgs + b's aren't discovery mode for SM Higgs

# $pp \rightarrow b\overline{b}h$

- Why is bbh interesting?
  - Direct measurement of b quark Yukawa coupling (enhanced in MSSM at large tan  $\beta$ )
  - Higgs discovery mode in SUSY models at large tan  $\beta$
  - Theoretical questions about b quark parton distribution functions (PDFs)
- Why do NLO corrections?
  - Improved theoretical reliability
  - Often find large numerical results



#### Which b mass?

- $\sigma(bbh) \approx (m_b/v)^2$
- Pole mass (from Υ decays): m<sub>b</sub>=4.62 GeV
- MS bar mass:

$$\overline{m}_{b}(\mu) = m_{b} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_{s}}{3\pi} \left( 4 + 3 \ln \left\{ \frac{\mu^{2}}{m_{b}^{2}} \right\} \right) \right]$$



Makes a big numerical difference which b mass you use

## Use MS Renormalization

• Compute the  $O(\alpha_s)$  corrections:

$$\Gamma_1(h \to b\bar{b}) = \frac{3M_h}{8\pi} \left(\frac{m_b}{v}\right)^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} \left[ \frac{9}{2} - 3\log\left(\frac{M_h^2}{m_b^2}\right) \right] \right\}$$

• Define the running b mass

$$\overline{m}_{b}(\mu) = m_{b} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_{s}}{3\pi} \left( 4 + 3 \ln \left\{ \frac{\mu^{2}}{m_{b}^{2}} \right\} \right) \right]$$

• Large logarithms absorbed to 2-loops

$$\Gamma(h \to b\overline{b}) = \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + 5.67 \frac{\alpha_s(M_h)}{\pi} + \left( 36 - 1.4n_{lf} \right) \frac{\alpha_s(M_h)^2}{\pi^2} \right\} \qquad \Gamma_0(h \to b\overline{b}) = \frac{3M_h}{8\pi} \left( \frac{\overline{m}_b(M_h)}{\nu} \right)^2$$



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## Scale and Scheme Dependence at NLO

•NLO calculations improve scale dependence

•Scale dependence enters in running of  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  and PDFs,  $g(\mu)$ , as well as  $\alpha_s{}^3\log(\mu)$  contributions

•Formally, scale dependence is  $O(\alpha_s{}^4)$  but may be numerically large



## What is the dominant process for Higgs + b Production?



Answer depends on whether you tag outgoing b's

≻ Is there double counting when including b initial state?

#### The b quark as a parton

Absorb collinear logs in b quark distributions

$$b(x,\mu) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_b^2}\right) \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{bg}\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) g(z,\mu)$$

- Altarelli-Parisi evolution of PDFs sums  $\alpha_s^{n} \ln^n(\mu^2/m_b^2)$ 

− b quark PDF  $\approx \alpha_{s} \ln(\mu^{2}/m_{b}^{2})$  relative to gluon PDF

## Two Schemes for PDFs:

- 4 flavor number scheme (also called fixed flavor number scheme)
  - No b quarks in initial state
  - Lowest order process involving Higgs and b's is  $gg \rightarrow b\overline{b}h$
- 5 flavor number scheme (also called variable flavor number scheme)
  - Define b quark PDFs (absorbs large logarithms)
  - Higgs produced with no  $p_T$  at lowest order (bb  $\rightarrow$ h)
  - Higgs  $p_{T}$  generated at higher orders in expansion







 $\sim 10^{-10} (\alpha_{\rm s} \ln(M_{\rm h}^2/m_{\rm b}^2))^2 \approx .4$ 



 $\alpha_{\rm s}^2 \approx .01$ 



## Re-ordering of Perturbation Theory

- 0 b tag process in 5FNS:
  - LO:  $b\overline{b} \rightarrow h = O(\alpha_s^2 \Lambda_b^2)$
  - NLO: Virtual+real corrections  $O(\alpha_s^3 \Lambda_b^2)$
  - NLO: bg  $\rightarrow$  bh  $O(\alpha_s^2 \Lambda_b)$ , correction of  $O(1/\Lambda_b)$  to tree level
  - NNLO: gg  $\rightarrow \overline{bbh} O(\alpha_s^2)$ , correction of  $O(1/\Lambda_b^2)$  to tree level
- 1 b tag process in 5FNS:
  - LO process is bg $\rightarrow$ bh: Tree level,  $O(\alpha_s^2 \Lambda_b)$
  - NLO includes new subprocess:  $gg \rightarrow b\overline{b}h$ , O(1/  $\Lambda_b$ ) correction to LO

 $\Lambda_b = log(M_h^2/m_b^2)$ 

#### Inclusive Cross Section for $b\overline{b} \rightarrow h$ : 0 b tags



Campbell et al, hep-ph/0405302

Harlander & Kilgore, hep-ph/0304035

#### What if only 1 b is tagged?



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#### What about distributions? Compare 4 and 5 Flavor Number PDF Schemes

Higgs plus single b at LHC:



## Good Theoretical Understanding of Uncertainties



#### Higgs in the MSSM

 $\succ$  MSSM has 2 Higgs doublets: H<sub>d</sub> and H<sub>u</sub>

Physical CP-Even Higgs bosons

$$\begin{pmatrix} h^{0} \\ H^{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\alpha} & -s_{\alpha} \\ s_{\alpha} & c_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_{u}^{0} \\ h_{d}^{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

>Pseudoscalar, A<sup>0</sup>, and two charged Higgs, H<sup>±</sup>

## Higgs Couplings very different in MSSM



## Large tan β Changes Relative Importance of Production Modes



 $\tan\beta \ge 7$ , bb production mode dominates

Kilgore

## Production of SUSY Higgs Bosons

- > For large tan  $\beta$ , dominant production mechanism is with b's
- > bbh can be 10x's SM Higgs rate in SUSY for large tan  $\beta$



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 $pp, p\overline{p} \rightarrow bbH$ 

#### **Enhancement in MSSM**

Note log scale!



Can observe heavy MSSM scalar Higgs boson

#### Single b tag



MSSM with  $M_h=M_H=120$  GeV, tan  $\beta=40$ 

## Single b tag

#### NLO



MSSM with  $M_h=M_H=120$  GeV, tan  $\beta=40$ 

### Higgs Decays also affected at large tan $\beta$

• SM: Higgs branching rates to bb and  $\tau^+\tau^-$  turn off as rate to W<sup>+</sup>W<sup>-</sup> turns on (M<sub>h</sub> > 160 GeV)



•MSSM: At large tan  $\beta$ , rates to bb and  $\tau^+\tau^-$  stay large



#### MSSM limits from bg $\rightarrow$ bh (1 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

LP, 2007



30 fb<sup>-1</sup> CMS expects to get to tan  $\beta \sim 15$  through bh;  $h \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau$ ,  $h \rightarrow bb$ 

## A Reliable Prediction

- We have  $bg \rightarrow bh$  at QCD NLO
  - PDF/scale/scheme uncertainties  $\sim 10-20\%$
- Are squark/gluino contributions relevant?
  - Important for  $bb \rightarrow H$ , A at LHC
  - For some parameters as large as -50% effects
  - Squark/gluino effects almost completely described by Improved Born Approximation



Dittmaier et al, hep-ph/0611353

#### Need SQCD for Reliable Predictions



## Squark/gluino loops important for large tan β and small M<sub>SUSY</sub>



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 $gb \rightarrow b\phi$ 



### Can $gb \rightarrow b\phi$ +jet be useful?





#### More soon.....

## Conclusions

- In the MSSM Higgs and b quarks go together at large tan  $\beta$
- Higgs production with b's is dominant mechanism for tan  $\beta > 7$
- Theoretical understanding of b PDFs: compatible answers in 4FNS and 5FNS for PDFs
- SUSY QCD corrections can be the same size as QCD corrections

