Search for supersymmetric neutral Higgs bosons using CMS Run I data

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- SUSY provides ways to address the hierarchy problem and other deficiencies of the Standard Model
- Multiple Higgs bosons predicted
 - MSSM: H[±], H, h, A
 - NMSSM: H[±], h₁, h₂, h₃, a₁, a₂
 - Is the observed 125-GeV Higgs actually one of several?
- Focus of this talk: recent Run I searches at CMS for neutral Higgs bosons

MSSM $\Phi \rightarrow \mu \mu$



- HIG-13-024
- $\Phi = h, H, \text{ or } A$
- Higgs coupling to down-type quarks and charged leptons enhanced at large tanβ
- Bump hunt in dimuon invariant mass spectrum (115-300 GeV range) for dominant production channels ggH and bbH
- 0 b-jet and ≥ 1 -bjet categories

10³

 $\mathbf{m}_{\mu^{*}\mu^{-}}$ (GeV)





Model-independent limits



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10²

10²

10

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m_A (GeV)

MSSM $\phi \rightarrow \tau \tau$





Light A-TT









- Light A excluded in MSSM but still permitted in some 2HDM scenarios
- m_A range: 25-80 GeV
- $b\overline{b}$ associated production; $e\tau_h$, $\mu\tau_h$, $e\mu$ channels
- Binned likelihood fit to eτ_h, μτ_h, eµ invariant mass spectra
- Model-independent limits
 - above: individual ττ decay mode channels
 - right: decay mode channels combined, overlaid with theory prediction (exclusion of light A→ττ in Type II 2HDM with negative Yukawa coupling)



Search for light bosons in 4µ final state





• HIG-13-010

- Clean final state
- 2D likelihood template for m_{1µµ} vs m_{2µµ}



- Limits interpreted in context of two supersymmetric scenarios
- NMSSM benchmark
 - h₁→a₁a₁→4µ (m_a: 0.25-3.55 GeV, m_H: 90-150 GeV)
- Dark SUSY benchmark
 - h→2n₁→2γ_D2n_D, each γ_D→2µ (γ_D mass 0.25-2.0 GeV, SMlike Higgs)
 - new, large area of $(m_{\gamma D}, \epsilon)$ parameter space constrained
- Weak model dependence allows interpretations in other contexts as well



Searches for massive neutral (pseudo)scalars: $H \rightarrow hh$ and $A \rightarrow Zh$



- HIG-13-025: (>3)-lepton final state or diphoton+(>1)-lepton final state
- $H \rightarrow hh$ and $A \rightarrow Zh$ signatures
- h decays to diboson, ditau, or diphoton final states
- Searches in multiple exclusive channels
 - 1-2 leptons + 2γ (lepton = e, μ , or τ_h)
 - 3+ leptons
 - Further classification based on on/off-Z lepton pairs, presence of $\tau_h,$ b-tagging, MET
- Expected backgrounds taken from MC and data control regions
- Limits set on $\sigma \cdot Br$ for $H \rightarrow hh$ and $A \rightarrow Zh$

$H \rightarrow hh$ final states

	$h \to WW^*$	$h \to ZZ^*$	$h \to \tau \tau$	$h \rightarrow bb$	$h \to \gamma \gamma$
$h \to WW^*$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	\checkmark
$h \rightarrow ZZ^*$	-	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$h \rightarrow \tau \tau$	-	-	\checkmark	X	\checkmark
$h \rightarrow bb$	-	-	-	X	Х
$h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	-	-	-	-	Х

 $A \rightarrow Zh$ final states

	$h \to WW^*$	$h \rightarrow ZZ^*$	$h \to \tau \tau$	$h \to \gamma \gamma$			
$Z \rightarrow ll$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark			
$ Z \rightarrow qq $	X	\checkmark	Х	Х			
$Z \rightarrow \nu \nu$	X	\checkmark	Х	Х			

gg→H→hh

gg→A→Zh







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- HIG-14-034: H→hh→bБтт, A→Zh→ℓℓтт
- $\ell = e, \mu$
- $\tau_{\mu}\tau_{h}$, $\tau_{e}\tau_{h}$, and $\tau_{h}\tau_{h}$ modes
- Four-body mass used as distribution for signal extraction
 - H→hh: four-body mass reconstructed from kinematic fit
 - A→Zh: four-body mass reconstructed from Z candidate and ditau mass
- No excess found; results interpreted in the context of MSSM low tanβ and 2HDM Type II scenarios





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250

300

350

m₄ (GeV)

3.0

2.5

2.0

1.5

1.0

Searches for massive neutral (pseudo)scalars: $H(A) \rightarrow ZA(H)$



- H(A)→ZA(H)→ℓℓbb and
 H(A)→ZA(H)→ℓℓтт (HIG-15-001)
- In alignment limit, large H/A mass splitting (>100 GeV) could provide explanation for baryogenesis
- $m_{H/A}$ and $m_{A/H}$ varied within [200, 1000] GeV and [15, 900] GeV respectively; $\ell = e,\mu$; $\cos(\beta \cdot \alpha) =$ 0.01; $\tan\beta = 1.5$
- $\ell\ell b\overline{b}$ final state: counting experiment in $(M_{b\overline{b}}, M_{\ell\ell b\overline{b}})$ for more model-independence
- *ll*ττ final state: shape-based search in based on m_{ττ} shape, for more sensitivity to model
 - counting experiment also performed as cross-check
- Two mild excesses in *ll*bb search at (M_{bb}, M_{*ll*bb}) = (93, 286) GeV and (575, 662) GeV become 1.5σ and 1.9σ after accounting for LEE
- No excesses observed in *ll*ττ







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$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow bb$

Events

10²

10

Data/Bkg 1.7 17 8.0 8.0

0.6

70 60 50

40

30

20

10

0.8 🗄

250

→ IIbb) [fb]

h

↑

 $5 \times B(A)$

0

CMS

- HIG-14-011
- m_A range 225-600 GeV
- tanβ varied between 0.1 to 100, $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$ between ± 1
- Selection of Z and h candidates; bump hunt in m_{eebb} spectrum
- For signal-to-background discrimination, separate BDTs trained for m_A regions 225-275, 300-350, and 400-600 GeV
- 2D fit to BDT vs meeb reveals no significant deviation from SM expectations
- Model independent and dependent limits were set
- Mild local excesses shown to be not significant after look-elsewhere effect is accounted for





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300

400 500 600 700

MSSM $\phi \rightarrow bb$

dN/dM₁₂ 1/GeV

Data/Bkg

- HIG-14-017
- Search for $\Phi \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ ($\Phi = h$, H, or A) in mass range $m_{\phi} = [100, 900]$ GeV
- Dijet trigger with online b-tagging
- Offline selection applies p_T cuts and tight b-tag to leading 3 jets
- M₁₂: invariant mass of leading two jets
- X₁₂₃: event b-tagging estimator calculated from secondary vertex mass sum info of the three leading jets
- 2D distribution in (M₁₂, X₁₂₃) fitted to bkg-only and sig+bkg templates with binned likelihood technique
- No excesses observed; limits calculated for $\sigma \cdot Br$ (bottom left plot)
- Interpretations: mh^{max} (bottom right), mh^{mod+}, mh^{mod-}, light stop, light stau





800 900

m, [GeV]

100



±2σ expected Observed

m₄ [GeV]

150 200 250 300 350 400 450 50

NMSSM $h_1 \rightarrow bb$

- HIG-14-030
- Mass range $m_{h1} = [30, 100]$ GeV
- Cut on $H_T > 750$ GeV
- Bump hunt in $m_{b\overline{b}}$ spectrum; expected background modelled with combination of MC and data-driven methods
- Background-only template fit to $m_{b\overline{b}}$ distribution shows good agreement between data and SM prediction
- Limits set on $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h_1 + X) \cdot Br(h_1 \rightarrow b\overline{b})$ in NMSSM P4 scenario
 - Bottom left: h₁ signal only
 - Bottom right: h1 and non h_1 decays to $b\overline{b}$ considered as signal



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Heavy Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

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• HIG-14-006

- Model-independent search for $X \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ (X = Higgslike particles, such as in 2HDM, or even spin-2 boson) in mass range m_X = [150,850] GeV
- m_{YY} spectrum binned in 4 categories based on diphoton η and R₉ to optimize search sensitivity
- Fit bkg templates to $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectrum to search for excesses
- Limits shown below:
 - Left: Higgs-like X (scenario: Γ_x ~10% of m_x)
 - Right: spin-2 resonance interpretation







R₉: energy sum of 3x3 ECAL crystals centered on most energetic crystal in supercluster, divided by energy of supercluster

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Light Higgs

- HIG-14-037
- γ)_{95%CL}(pb) Model-independent search for $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ in n m_H = [80,110] GeV
- To optimize search sensitivity, m_{yy} spect **b** in 4 categories based on score of BDT us $\hat{\circ}$ rejecting non-prompt photons
- Simultaneous likelihood fit of signal and in all categories to $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectrum
- Limits set on σ · Br; no significant excess



√s=8 TeV I =19 7fb⁻¹

CMS Preliminary

0.25

0.2

0.15

0.1

0.05

Χn







H→semi-invisible





- HIG-14-025
- $ggH/ZH \rightarrow gravitinos$, neutralinos with radiation of γ
- Signal models considered:
 - low-scale SUSY breaking: $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, m(\chi_1^0): 1-120 \text{ GeV}$
 - m_H:125-400 GeV, m(χ₁⁰) = m_H -30 GeV
- Photon m_T distribution: data vs expectation and signal
- No excess observed
- Various model-dependent limits
 - example: ggH and ZH channel limits on $\sigma \cdot$ Br vs m_{H}



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σ B (fb)

10³

10²

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• HIG-14-031

- SU(4) chiral symmetry breaking: composite scalar h (SM-like properties) and heavier pseudoscalar A
- First search for this decay mode
- m_A range: 200-500 GeV
- unbinned max likelihood fit to $m_{\ell\ell\gamma}$ spectrum ($\ell = e, \mu$)
- Interpretations in different signal width models: broad (Γ_A = SM Γ_H) and narrow (Γ_A restricted to 1% of m_A)

Fit to $ee\gamma$ and $\mu\mu\gamma$ mass spectra







19.7 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)

16



19.7 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)



Conclusions

- CMS has searched for supersymmetric neutral Higgses in Run I data
 - many different channels and strategies
 - no excesses observed yet
- Others still under way
 - coming soon: NMSSM analysis with boosted di-tau ID
- Looking forward to what Run II will bring...







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- MSSM benchmark scenario m_h^{max}: parameters chosen so that m_h is maximized (~135 GeV; see arXiv:1302.7033 for detailed discussion)
- m_h^{mod+}: starting from m_h^{max}, modified so that m_h is compatible with discovered 125-GeV resonance and stop mixing parameter agrees best with (g-2)_µ measurement
- m_h^{mod-} : similar to m_h^{mod+} , except that stop mixing parameter is modified to agree best with measured rate of $b \rightarrow s\gamma$





- A→Zh→ℓℓbb (HIG-14-011)
- Example limits in $(\tan\beta, \cos(\beta - \alpha))$ plane for $m_A = 300 \text{ GeV}$



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Searches for massive neutral (pseudo)scalars

900

800

700

600

500

400

300

200

100

tan β

10⁻

- $H(A) \rightarrow ZA(H) \rightarrow \ell$ *ℓ***bb** and $H(A) \rightarrow ZA(H) \rightarrow \ell$ етт (HIG-15-001)
- Counting experiment results shown above for *ll*TT
- Below: other exclusion limits for *eebb* (left) and *ll*TT(right)





Searches for massive neutral (pseudo)scalars

- HIG-14-034: $H \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\overline{b}\tau\tau$, $A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow \ell\ell\tau\tau$
 - tanβ vs cos(β-α) limits



