Higgs physics at the LHC

P. Sphicas CERN/UoA Physics at LHC Vienna, July 2004

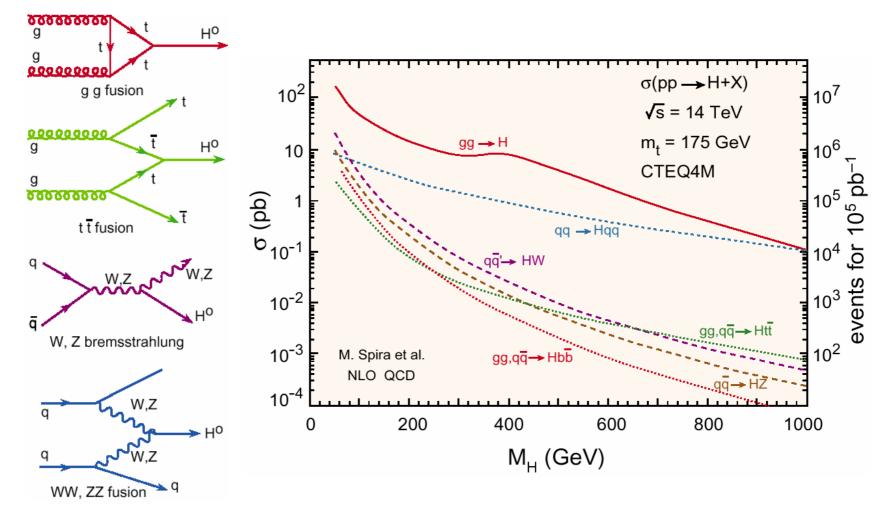
Outline

- Standard Model Higgs
 - Quick reminder
 - Update & properties
- MSSM Higgses
 - Decays to (SM) particles
 - Decays to (MSSM) sparticles
- Others
 - Higgses from extra-dimension physics
 - Diffractive Higgs (?)
- Summary

Standard Model Higgs

SM Higgs (I)

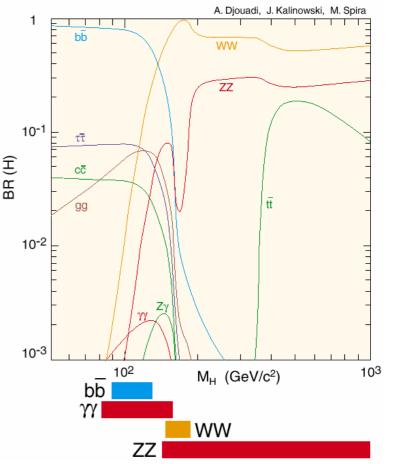
Production mechanisms & cross section



SM Higgs (II)

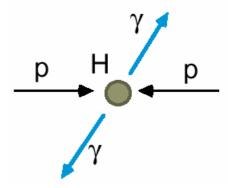
Decays & discovery channels

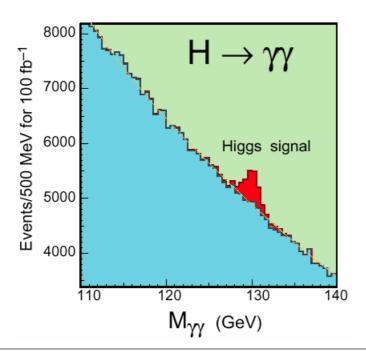
- Higgs couples to m²_f
 - Heaviest available fermion (b quark) always dominates
 - Until WW, ZZ thresholds open $\ \ \widehat{\pm}$
- Low mass: b quarks→ jets; resolution ~ 15%
 - Only chance is EM energy (use γγ decay mode)
- Intermediate mass: WW, ZZ*
 - Useful at M_H>125 GeV already
- Once M_H>2M_z, use this
 - W decays to jets or lepton+neutrino (E_T^{miss})

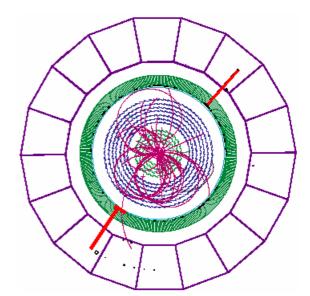


Low mass Higgs (M_H<140 GeV/c²)

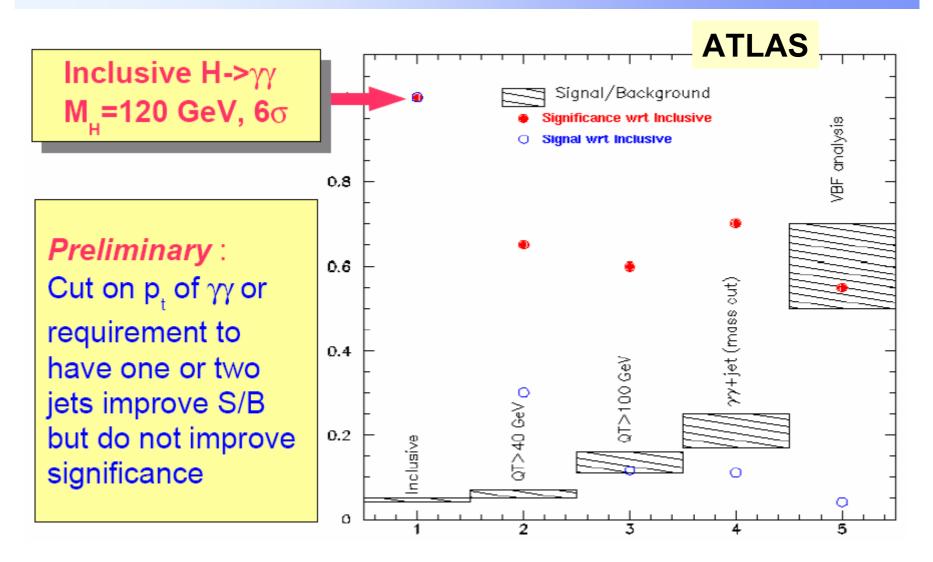
- $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$: decay is rare (B~10⁻³)
 - But with good resolution, one gets a mass peak
 - Motivation for LAr/PbWO₄ calorimeters
 - CMS example: at 100 GeV, σ≈1GeV
 - S/B ≈ 1:20







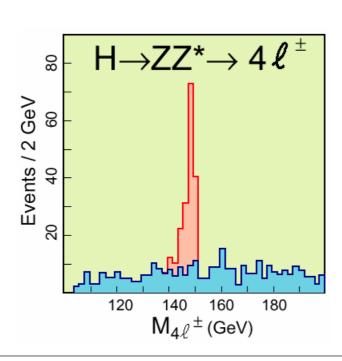
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ details

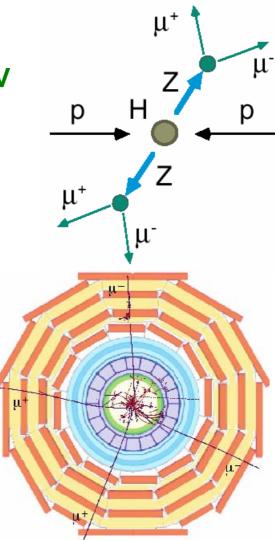


Intermediate mass Higgs: ZZ*

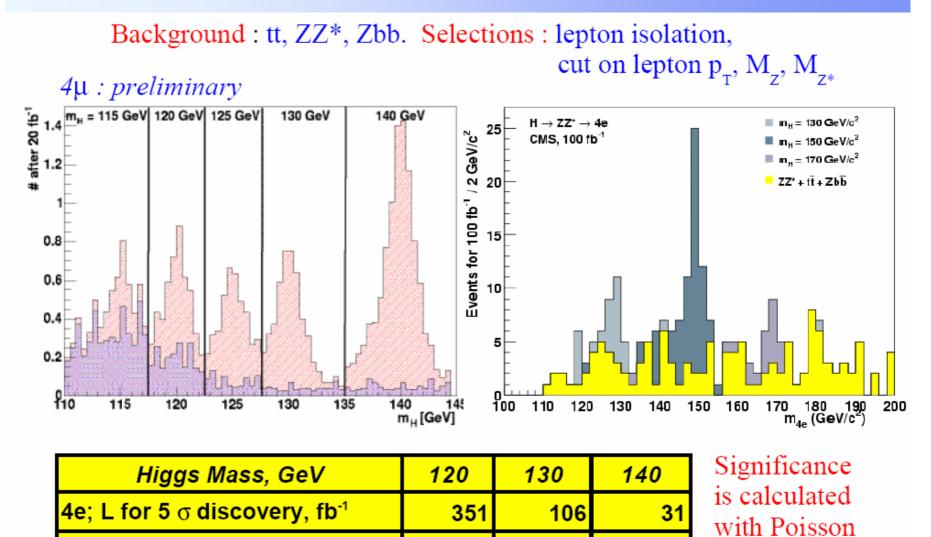


- Very clean
 - Resolution: better than 1 GeV (around 100 GeV mass)
- Valid for the mass range 130<M_H<500 GeV/c²





The golden channel



P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

4 μ ; L for 5 σ discovery, fb⁻¹

Physics at LHC Vienna, July 13, 2004

152

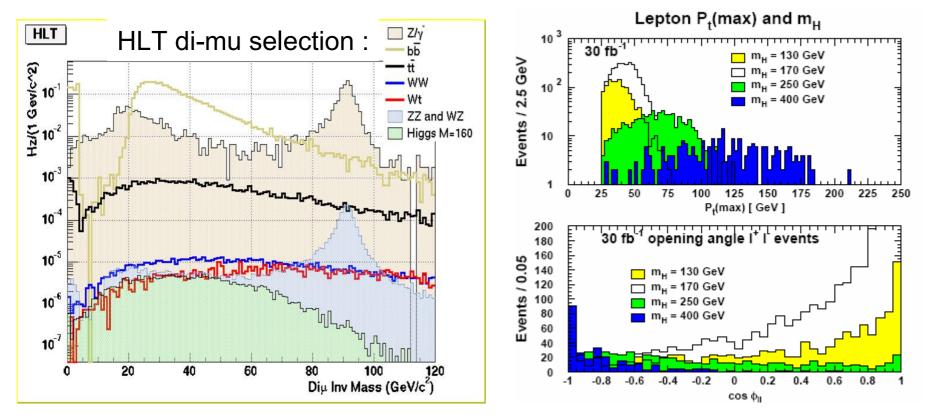
35

15

probability.

Interm. mass Higgs: H→WW→ℓℓ'X (I)

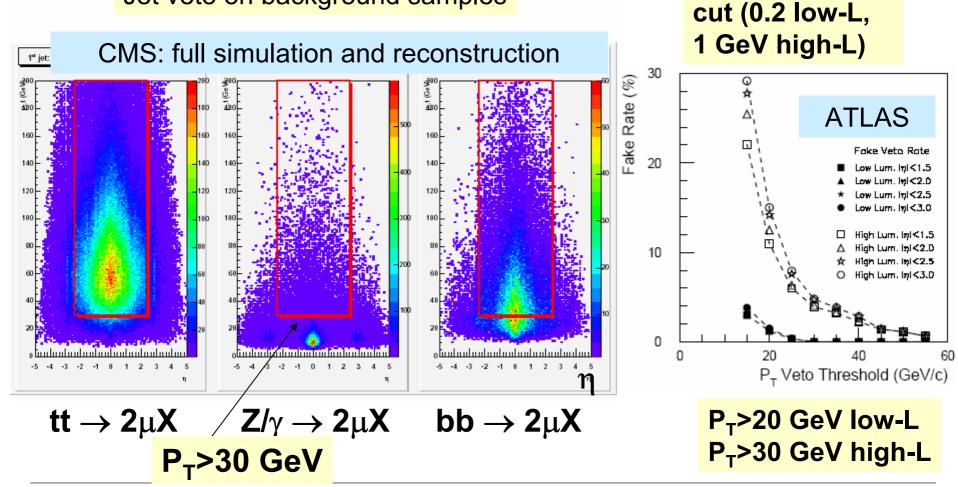
- H→WW: isolated leptons (good), missE_T (good), but a dangerous background from top decays
 - WW spin correlation \rightarrow lepton correlations, use collinearity & P_T(max) requirement



$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \ell' X (II)$

Top quarks and (central) jet veto

Jet veto on background samples

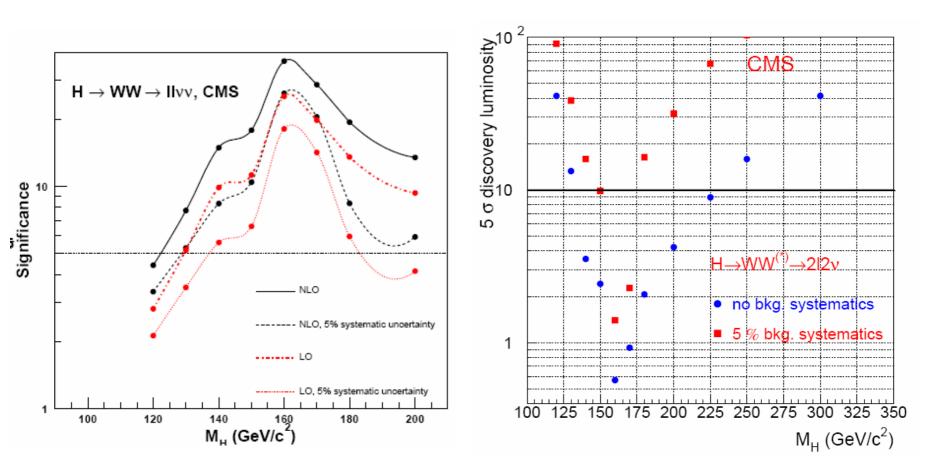


P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC Physics at LHC Vienna, July 13, 2004 Fake vetos:

reduce by calo

$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \ell' X (III)$

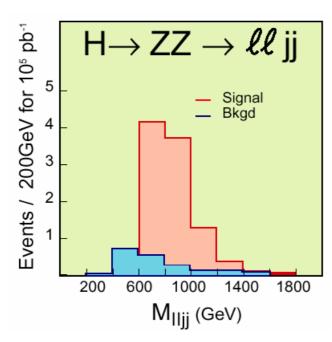
Reach

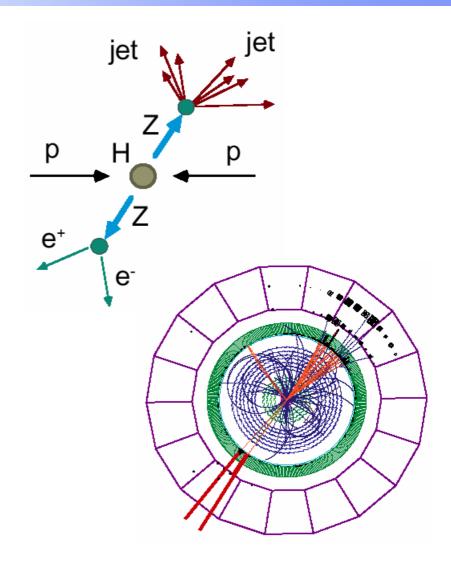


(Very) High mass Higgs

• $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ jet jet

- Need higher Branching fraction (also vv for the highest masses ~ 800 GeV/c²)
- At the limit of statistics

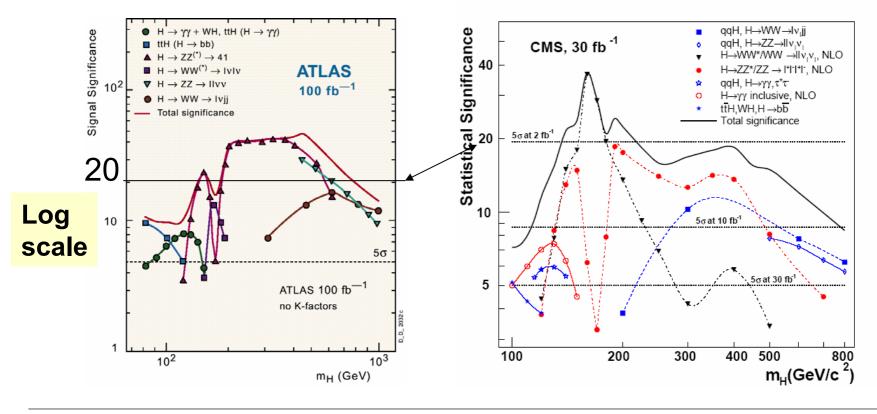




Higgs discovery prospects @ LHC

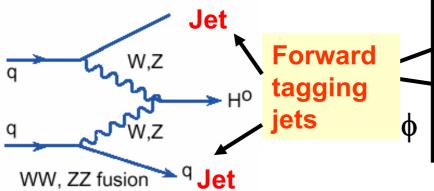
The LHC can probe the entire set of "allowed" Higgs mass values;

 in most cases a few months at 2x10³³cm⁻²s⁻¹ are adequate for a 5σ observation



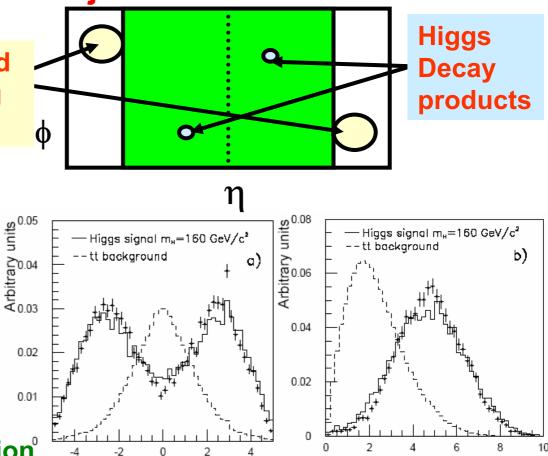
New Higgs channels: VBF-based

Cross section varies from 10%(low-mass) to total (high-mass): advantage: forward jets





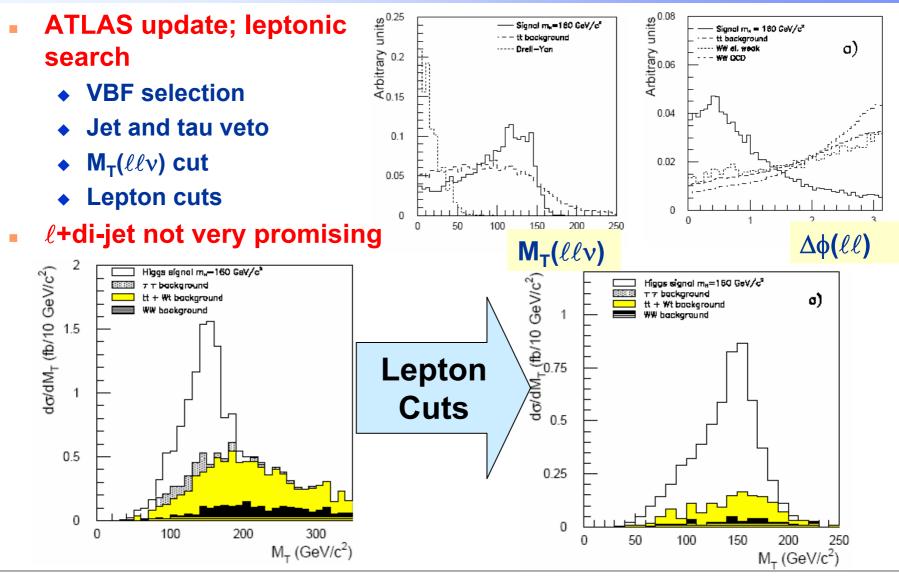
- Rainwater&Zepenfeld
- σ(M_H=120-140)~4 pb
- compare to tt bkg:
 - FWD jets
 - Large η difference
 - "Quiet" central region



η

Δn

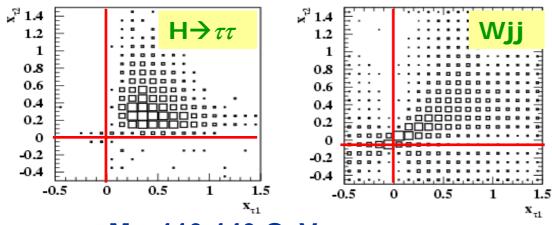
VBF: H→WW*



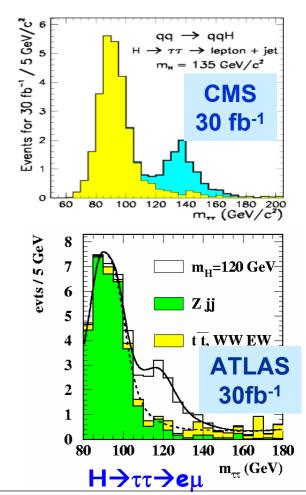
P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

VBF: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

- Tau reconstruction: assume lepton gives tau direction
 - Get $x_{\tau} = p(\tau \text{ decay products})/p(\tau)$ from E_{T}^{miss}

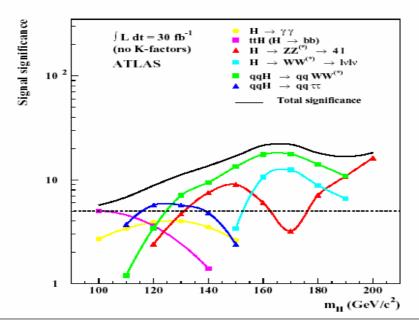


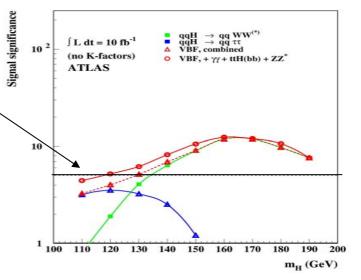
- ♦ M_H=110-140 GeV
 - Use $\tau\tau \rightarrow \ell \ell'$ and $\tau\tau \rightarrow \ell$ +jet
- background estimate: ~10%
 - for M_H>125 GeV from side bands
 - for $M_{H^{<}}125 \text{ GeV}$ from $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ peak
- Significance > 5 for 30 fb⁻¹



VBF: increased reach

- VBF: increased discovery reach for low-mass H
 - 10fb⁻¹: actual discovery mode
 Mainly WW*, ττ also helps
 - Bonus: several channels observable
 - Higgs-couplings determination

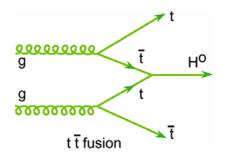




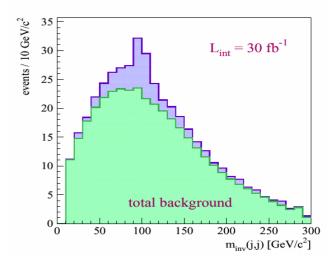
Other channels: $H \rightarrow bb$ (I)

Low mass Higgs; useful for coupling measurement

- $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ in t $\overline{t} H$ production
 - σ.Br=300 fb
 - Backgrounds:
 - →Wjjjj, Wjjbb
 - →tŤjj
 - → Signal (combinatorics)
 - Tagging the t quarks helps a lot
 - → Trigger: t \rightarrow b(e/µ) ν
 - → Reconstruct both t quarks
 - In mass region
 90GeV<M(bb)<130GeV, S/B =0.3



 $t\bar{t}H^0$: S + B (100 GeV)

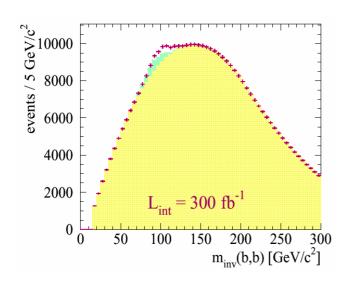


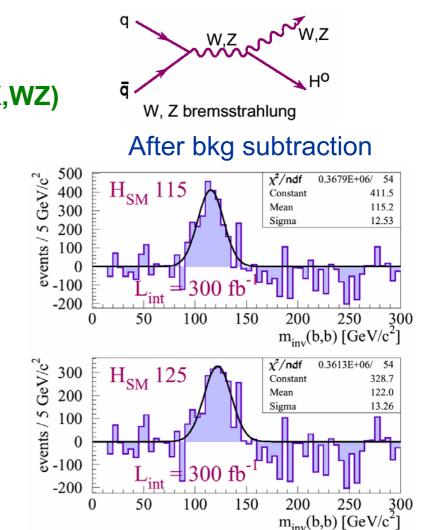
Other channels: $H \rightarrow bb$ (II)

• $H \rightarrow b\overline{b}$ in WH production

- Big background subtraction
 - Mainly: Wjj, t t (smaller: tX,WZ)
 - Example (below) at 105:

 → in mass region
 88GeV<M(bb)<121GeV,
 S/B =0.03

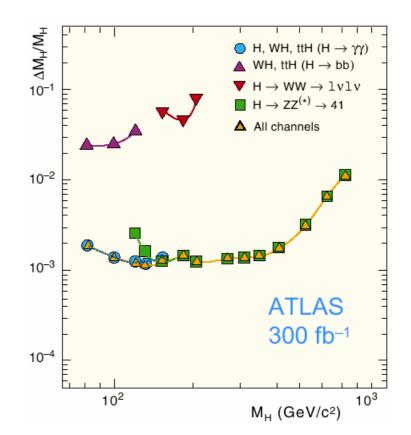




SM Higgs properties (I): mass

Mass measurement

- Limited by absolute energy scale
 - leptons & photons: 0.1% (with Z calibration)
 - Jets: 1%
- Resolutions:
 - For γγ & 4ℓ ≈ 1.5 GeV/c²
 - For bb ≈ 15 GeV/c²
- At large masses: decreasing precision due to large Γ_H
- ◆ CMS ≈ ATLAS

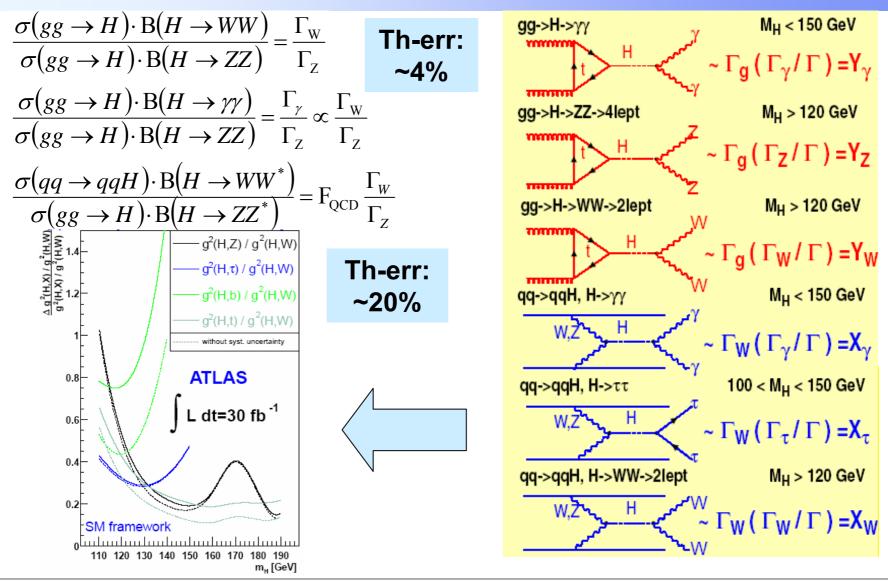


SM Higgs properties (II): BRs

- Biggest uncertainty (5-10%): Luminosity
 - Relative couplings statistically limited
 - Small overlap regions

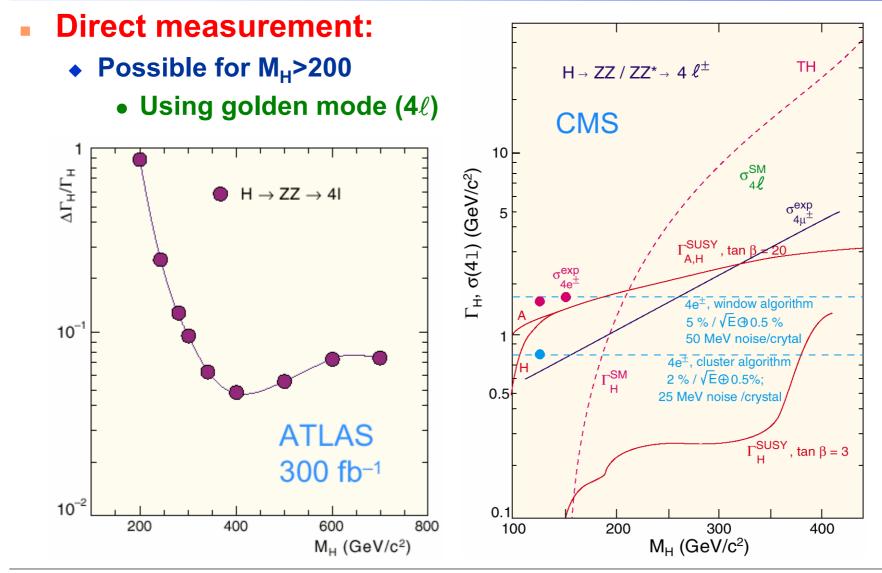
			$\square = ttH (H \rightarrow bb)$ $\blacksquare H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 1v1v$
Measure	Error	M _H range	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & &$
$\frac{B(H \to \gamma \gamma)}{B(H \to b\bar{b})}$	30%	80–120	ATLAS 300 fb-1
$\frac{B(H \to \gamma \gamma)}{B(H \to ZZ^*)}$	15%	125–155	
$\frac{\sigma(t\bar{t}H)}{\sigma(WH)}$	25%	80–130	
$\frac{B(H \to WW^{(*)})}{B(H \to ZZ^{(*)})}$	30%	160–180	Open symbols : $\Delta \mathcal{L} / \mathcal{L} = 10\%$ Closed symbols : $\Delta \mathcal{L} / \mathcal{L} = 5\%$ 10^2 $M_{\rm H} ({\rm GeV/c^2})$ 10^3

Higgs properties (II): couplings



P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

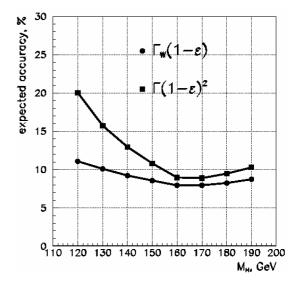
SM Higgs properties (III): width



P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

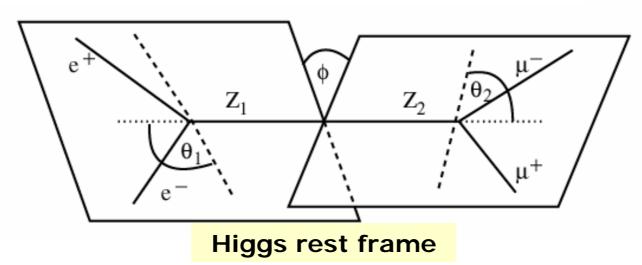
SM Higgs properties (III); width for M_H<2M_Z

- Basic idea: use qq→qqH production (two forward jets+veto on central jets)
 - Can measure the following: $X_j = \Gamma_W \Gamma_j / \Gamma$ from $qq \rightarrow qqH \rightarrow qqjj$
 - Here: j = γ, τ, W(W*); precision~10-30%
 - One can also measure $Y_j = \Gamma_g \Gamma_j / \Gamma$ from $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow jj$
 - Here: j = γ, W(W*), Z(Z*); precision~10-30%
 - Clearly, ratios of X_j and Y_j (~10-20%) \rightarrow couplings
 - But also interesting, if Γ_W is known:
 - $\Gamma = (\Gamma_W)^2 / X_W$
 - Need to measure $H \rightarrow WW^*$
 - $\varepsilon = 1 (B_b + B_{\tau} + B_W + B_Z + B_g + B_{\gamma}) << 1$
 - $(1-\varepsilon)\Gamma_W = X_\tau (1+y) + X_W (1+z) + X_\gamma + X_g$
 - $z = \Gamma_W / \Gamma_Z$; $y = \Gamma_b / \Gamma_\tau = 3 \eta_{QCD} (m_b / m_\tau)^2$



SM Higgs properties (IV): J^{CP}

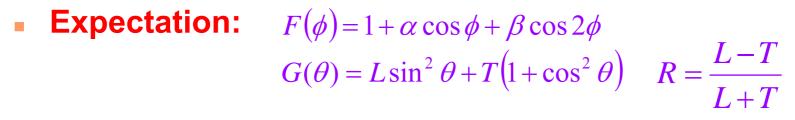
- Spin-1 assignment excluded if $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ or $gg \rightarrow H$ seen
- Higgs decay products correlations
 - In analogy with "textbook" $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow eeee$ case

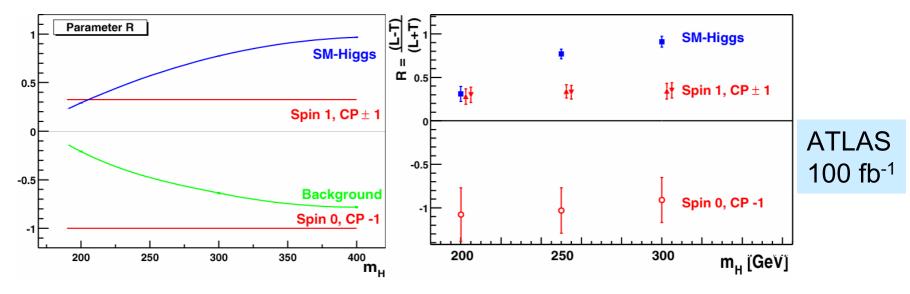


- Two observables:
 - Angle between decay planes in Higgs rest-frame
 - Angle between leptons and Z-momentum the Z rest-frame (Gottfried-Jackson angle).

Н

SM Higgs properties (IV): J^{CP}

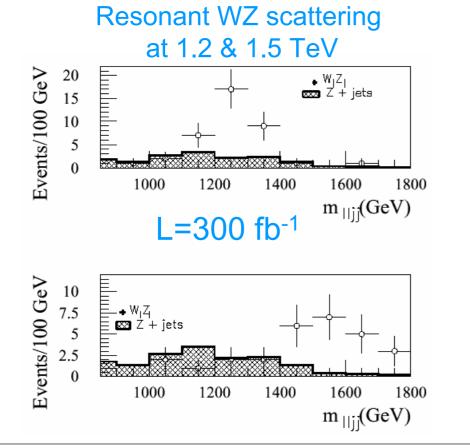




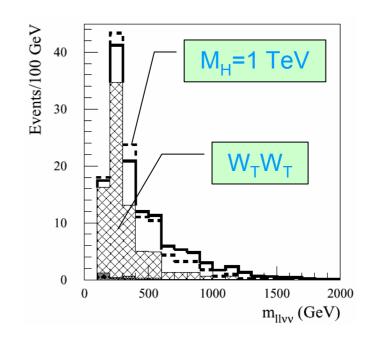
- M_H>250 GeV: distinguish between S=0,1 and CP even.odd
- M_H<250 GeV: only see difference between SM-Higgs and S=0, CP=-1
- α,β less powerful

The no Higgs case: V_LV_L scattering

- Biggest background is Standard Model VV scattering
 - Analyses are difficult and limited by statistics this is really the limit of the LHC



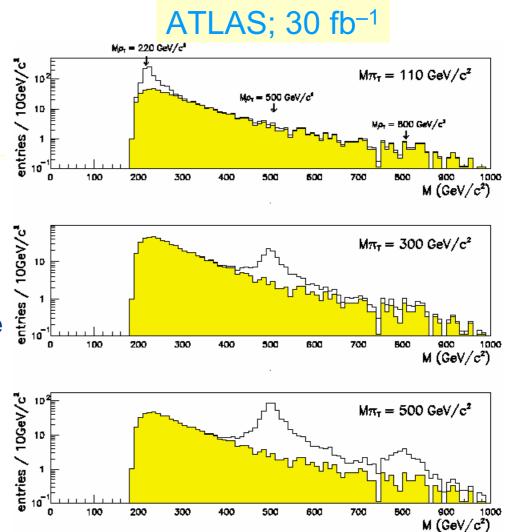
Non-resonant W⁺W⁺ scattering



Technicolor

Technicolor; many possibilities

- Example: ρ_T[±]→W[±]Z⁰
 →ℓ[±]νℓ⁺ℓ[−] (cleanest channel...)
- Many other signals (bb,
- tt resonances, etc...)
- Wide range of observability
- The "TeV" range can be seen over most of the parameter space



MSSM Higgses

MSSM Higgs(es)

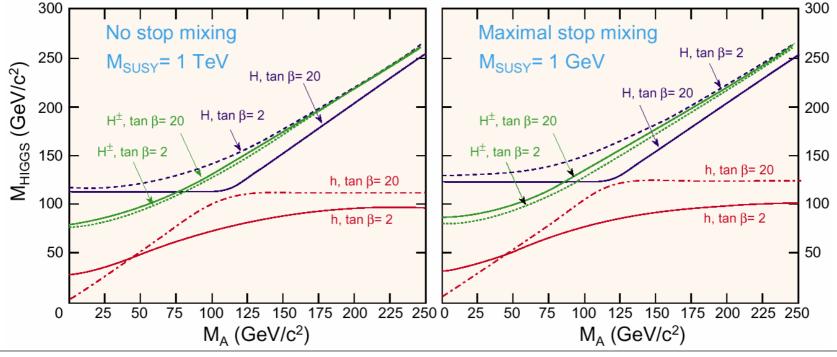
- Complex analysis; 5 Higgses (Φ=H[±];H⁰,h⁰,A⁰)
 - At tree level, all masses & couplings depend on only two parameters; tradition says take M_A & tanβ
 - Modifications to tree-level mainly from top loops
 - Important ones; e.g. at tree-level, $M_h < M_z \cos\beta$, $M_A < M_H$; $M_w < M_{H^+}$; radiative corrections push this to 135 GeV.
 - Important branch 1: SUSY particle masses

 (a) M>1 TeV (i.e. no Φ decays to them); well-studied
 (b) M<1 TeV (i.e. allows Φ decays); "on-going"
 - Important branch 2: stop mixing; value of tanβ
 - (a) Maximal–No mixing
 - (b) Low (1.5) and high (\approx 30) values of tan β

MSSM Higgses: masses

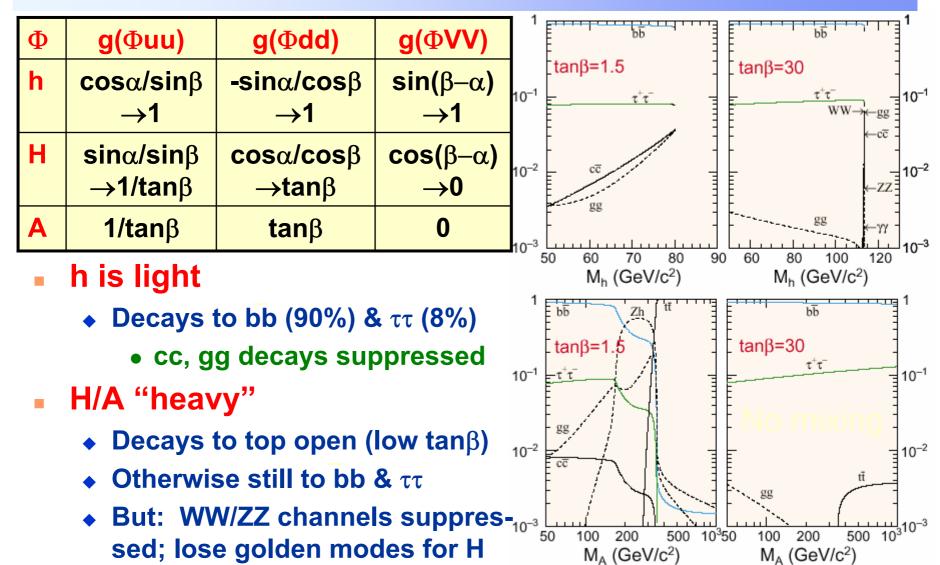
- Mass spectra for M_{SUSY}>1TeV
 - Radiative corrections introduce more parameters
 - Incomplete top-stop loop cancellation most important
 - $\rightarrow \sim M_{top}^4 \log(M_{stop}/M_{top})$, stop mixing
 - The good news: M_h<135 GeV/c²

Two-loop / RGE-improved radiative corrections included

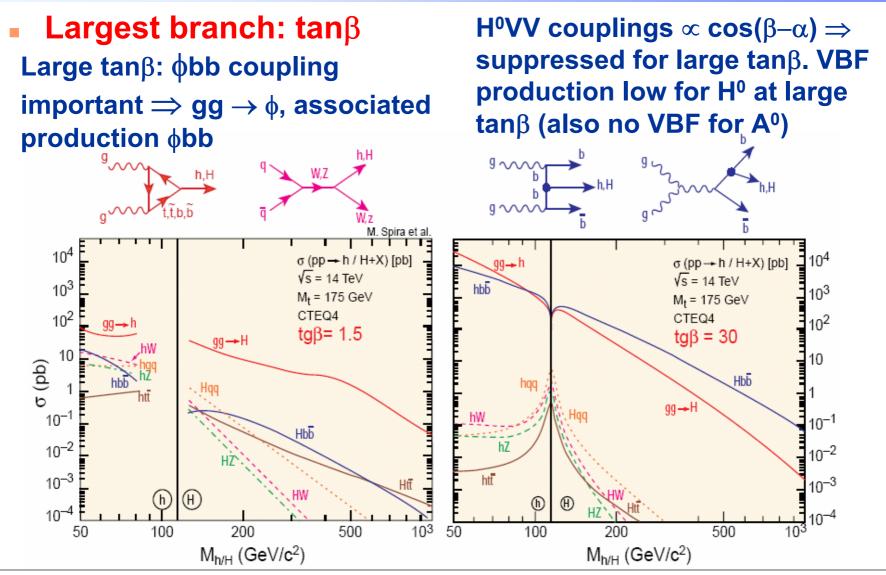


P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

MSSM Higgs: decays



Production of MSSM Higgses: h, H



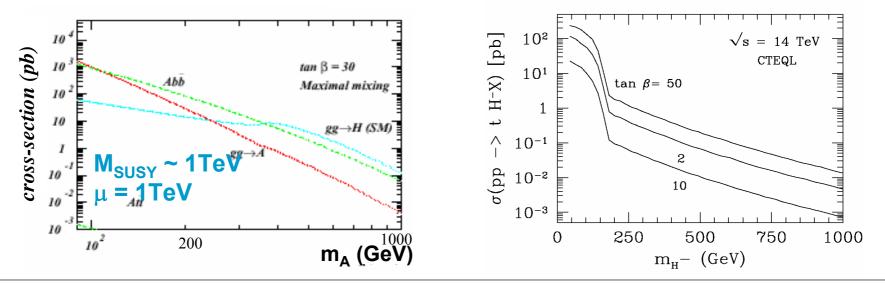
P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

Production of MSSM Higgses : A⁰,H[±]

- A⁰ production:
 - A⁰ does not couple to W/Z (tree level) no VBF prodn
 - Large tanb: A⁰bb coupling very important.
 - Affects both gg →A⁰, and associated production A⁰bb

Case 1: M_{H+} < M_t - M_b

- $t \rightarrow bH^+$ competes with SM
- t→Wb produced in tt production followed by t decay
- Case 2: M_{H+} > M_t
 - gg, qq \rightarrow tbH⁻, gb \rightarrow tH[±]
 - Radiation off 3rd-generation quark



P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

Higgs channels considered

- Channels currently being investigated:
 - H, $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, $b\overline{b}$ (H $\rightarrow b\overline{b}$ in WH, t \overline{t} H)
 - $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ in WH, t $\overline{t} h \rightarrow \ell \gamma \gamma$
 - h, H \rightarrow ZZ*, ZZ \rightarrow 4 ℓ
 - h, H, A $\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow (e/\mu)^+ + h^- + E_T^{miss}$

$$\rightarrow e^+ + \mu^- + E_T^{miss}$$

 $\rightarrow b^+ + b^- + F_miss$

(very) important and hopeful

├inclusively and in bH_{SUSY}

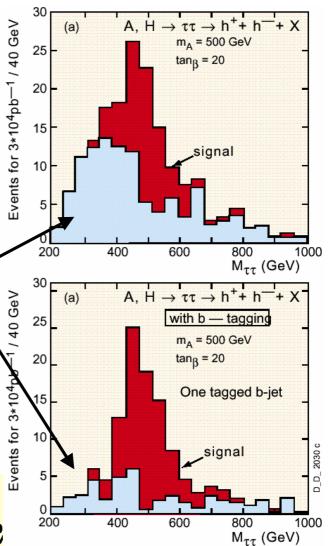
promising

- $H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$ from t \overline{t}
- $H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$ and $H^+ \rightarrow t \overline{b}$ for $M_H > M_{top}$
- $A \rightarrow Zh$ with $h \rightarrow b\overline{b}$; $A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- **H**, **A** $\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^{0}_{2} \tilde{\chi}^{0}_{2}, \tilde{\chi}^{0}_{i} \tilde{\chi}^{0}_{j}, \tilde{\chi}^{+}_{i} \tilde{\chi}^{-}_{j}$
- $\mathbf{H}^+ \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^+_2 \tilde{\chi}^0_2$
- qq \rightarrow qqH with H $\rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$
- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$, in WH, t $\overline{t} H$

H,A $\rightarrow \tau \tau$; the gen-3 lepton at the LHC

Best reach for large tanβ

- All channels: $\tau \tau \rightarrow \ell + \ell$, $\ell + jet$, jet + jet
- All-hadronic channel: main reason for hadronic tau-trigger
 - Backgrounds: QCD (fake τ);
 Z/γ*→ττ; tt; W+jet, W →τν
 - tau-id: a tau-jet (1- and 3-prong) plus lifetime info
 - b-tagging: essential to reduce bkg
 - potential bkg from SUSY decays $(\tau, \chi^2_0, \chi_1^{\pm})$ negligible
- Decay offers measurement of tanβ, albeit with external input needed
 QCD rejection ~ 10⁶
 - Mass resolution ~ 15%

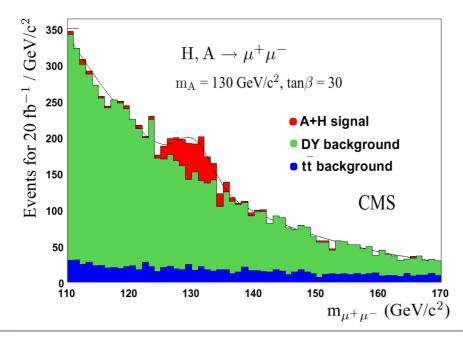


P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

H,А→µµ

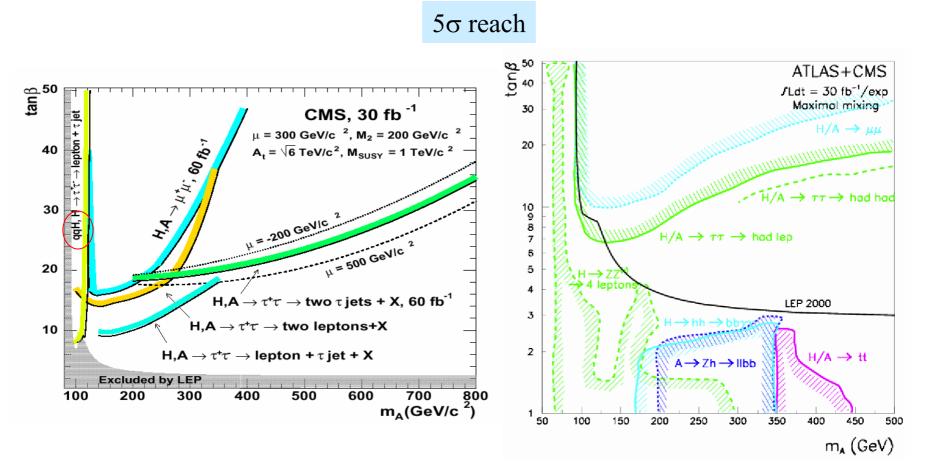
Enhanced bb(H/A) production at high tanβ: also this channel possible

- Smaller rate (than tau channel) but far better resolution
- Backgrounds:
 - Z, $\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu\mu$; reject using b-tagging
 - t t \rightarrow Wb, W $\rightarrow \mu \nu \,$ reject using central jet veto



Cannot resolve A and H peaks. $\Delta m \sim 1\%$ Example shown: $|m_{\rm H} - m_{\rm A}| \sim 2 {\rm GeV}$

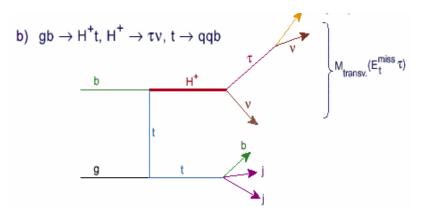
H, A reach via μ,τ decays

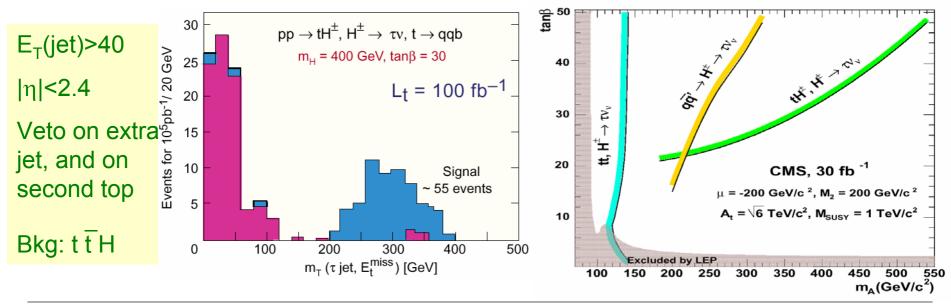


H⁺ detection

Associated top-H⁺ production:

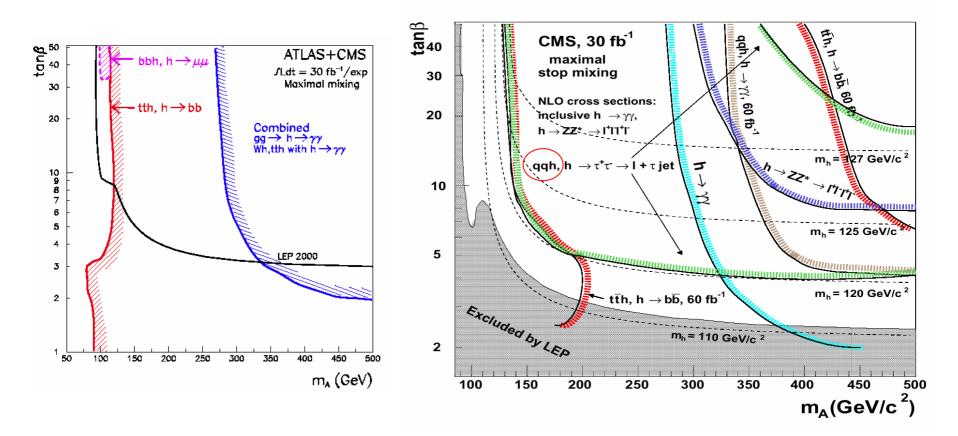
- Use all-hadronic decays of the top (leave one "neutrino")
- H decay looks like W decay → Jacobian peak for τ-E_T^{miss}





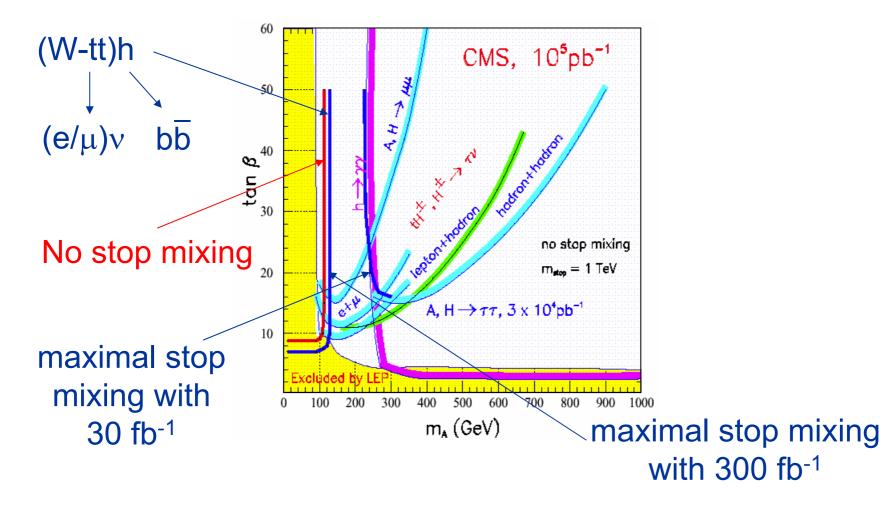
h⁰ reach

- Search for in SM-like channels.
 - VBF channels very useful, e.g. qqh, $h \rightarrow \tau \tau$



SUSY reach on tanβ-M_A plane

• Adding $b\overline{b}$ on the τ modes can "close" the plane



SUSY decays

Squarks & gluinos produced together with high σ

- Gauginos produced in their decays; examples:
 - $\tilde{q}_L \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^{\ 0} q_L$ (SUGRA P5)
 - $\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{g} q \rightarrow \chi_2^{\ o} \tilde{q} \overline{q}$ (GMSB G1a)
- Two "generic" options with $\tilde{\chi}^{o}$:

(1) $\tilde{\chi}_2^{0} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^{0} h$ (~ dominates if allowed)

(2) $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \ell^+ \ell^- \text{ or } \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}^+ \ell^-$

Charginos more difficult

→ Decay has v or light q jet

- Options:
 - Isolated (multi)-leptons
 - Look for higgs (to bb)
- The "other" branch: exploit MSSM Higgs boson production in cascades of SUSY particles

Other case: SUSY particles accessible

If SUSY kinematically accessible

- Higgses can decay directly to or come from decays of SUSY particles
- Light SUSY particles suppress or enhance loop-induced production or decays
- Sparticle decay modes can compete with SM modes

H/A
$$\rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_2^0 \rightarrow 4\ell^{\pm} X$$

H[±] $\rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_1^{\pm} \rightarrow 3\ell^{\pm} X$
 $h^0 \rightarrow \chi_1^0 \chi_1^0$ (Invisible !)

Further source of Higges from cascade decays of heavy SUSY particles

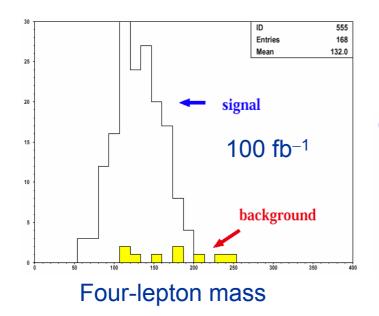
$$\chi_2^0, \chi_1^{\pm} \rightarrow \chi_1^0 + \Phi$$
 (small/little cascade)

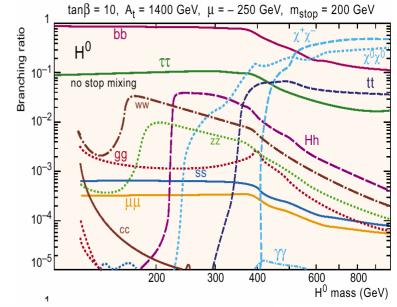
$$\chi^0_{3,4}, \chi^{\pm}_2 \rightarrow \chi^0_{1,2}, \chi^{\pm}_1 + \Phi$$
 (big cascade)

If SUSY charg(neutral)inos < 1 TeV (I)

■ Decays H⁰→ $\tilde{\chi}^{0}{}_{2}\tilde{\chi}^{0}{}_{2}$, $\tilde{\chi}^{+}{}_{i}\tilde{\chi}^{-}{}_{j}$ become important

- Recall that $\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} \ell^{+} \ell^{-}$ has spectacular edge on the dilepton mass distribution
- Example: χ˜⁰₂χ˜⁰₂. Four (!) leptons
 (isolated); plus two edges





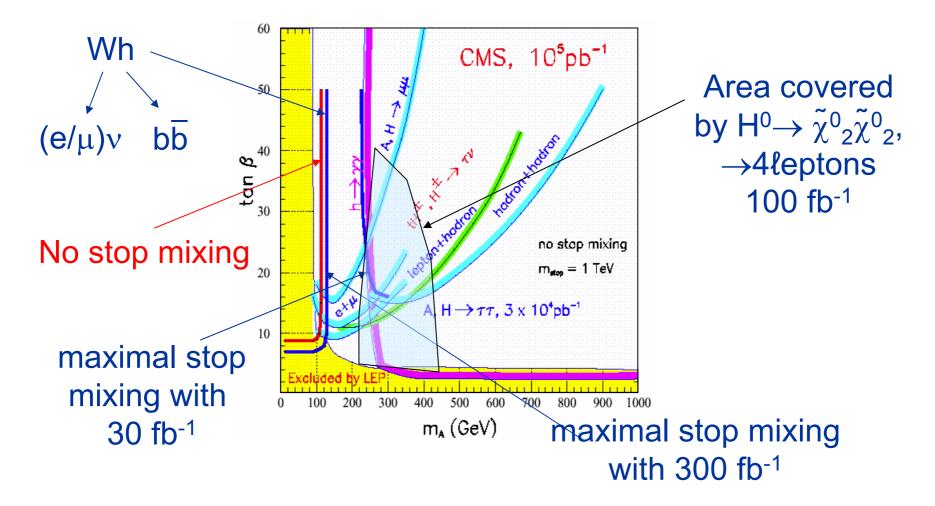
Central point in MSSM parameter space :

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M}_{A,H} &= 350 \; \mathrm{GeV} \quad \tan \beta = 5 \\ \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{I}} &= 250 \; \mathrm{GeV} \quad \mu = -500 \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} &= 60 \; \mathrm{GeV} \quad \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}} &= 110 \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{q}} &= \mathbf{M}_{\widetilde{g}} &= 1 \; \mathrm{TeV} \end{split}$$

P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

If SUSY charg(neutral)inos < 1 TeV (II)

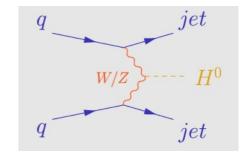
Helps fill up the "hole"



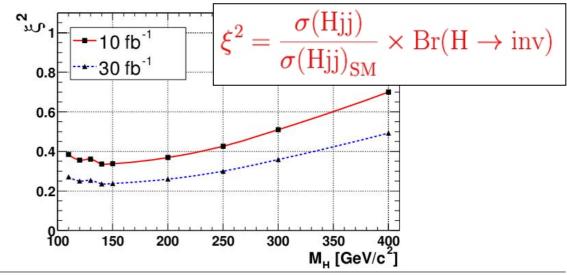
Invisible Higgs...

- $H \rightarrow LSP$ decays possible.
 - Use production channels like VBF (Hqq), WH, ZH, ttH
 - VBF signal: forward and backward jets
 + large missing pt in central region.
 - Requires dedicated jets+E_T^{miss} trigger

Backgrounds:

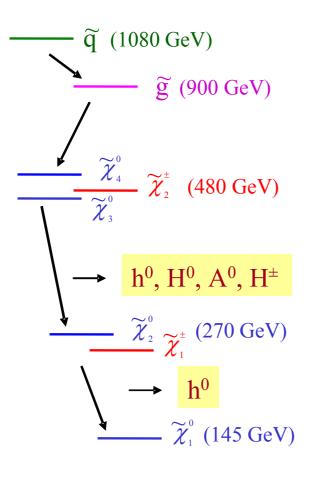


- Z jet jet, Z →vv; W jet jet, W →ℓv (miss ℓ), QCD jets + escaping particles
- Selection:
 - F & B jets
 - Missing E_T
 - Central jet veto
 - Lepton veto



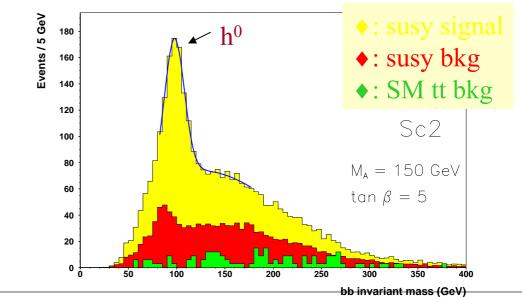
Cascade scenarios (I)

Little + big cascades



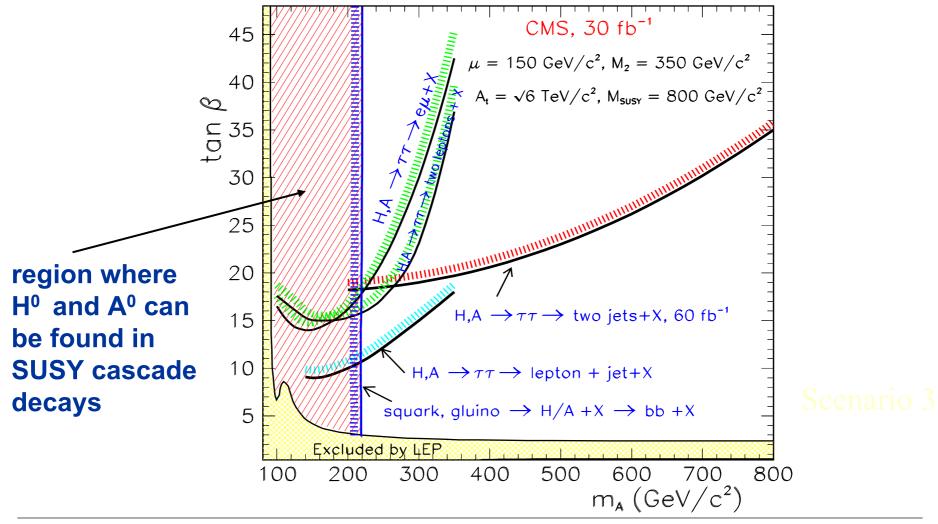
 $\tilde{g} \to q q^{(')} \chi_3^0, \chi_4^0, \chi_2^{\pm} \to \chi_1^0, \chi_2^0, \chi_1^{\pm} A, H$

- ♦ At least 5 jets; One jet with E_T >300 GeV
- ♦ E_T^{miss} > 150 GeV
- Effective mass $E_T^{total} = \sum E_T + E_T^{miss} > 1.2 \text{TeV}$
- At least two *b*-tagged jets, with 45 GeV <
 E_T < 120 GeV

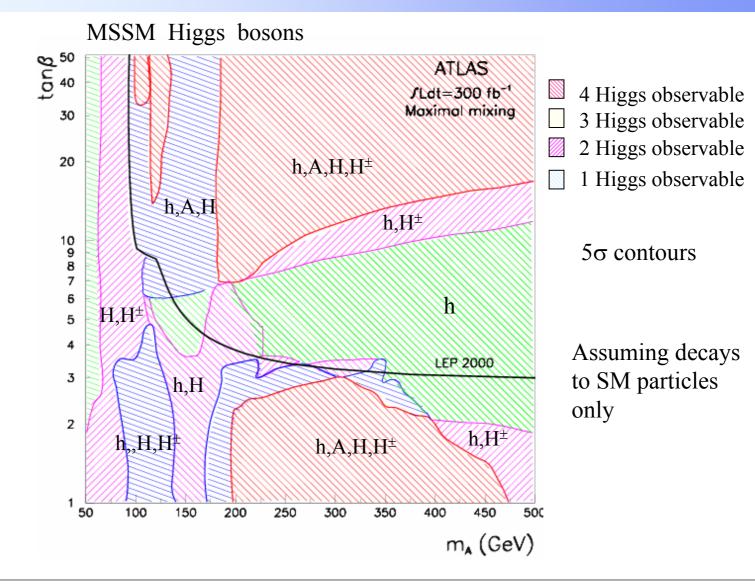


Discovery reach at 30fb⁻¹

Recall: h⁰ can be found in the entire plane



Observability of MSSM Higgses



P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

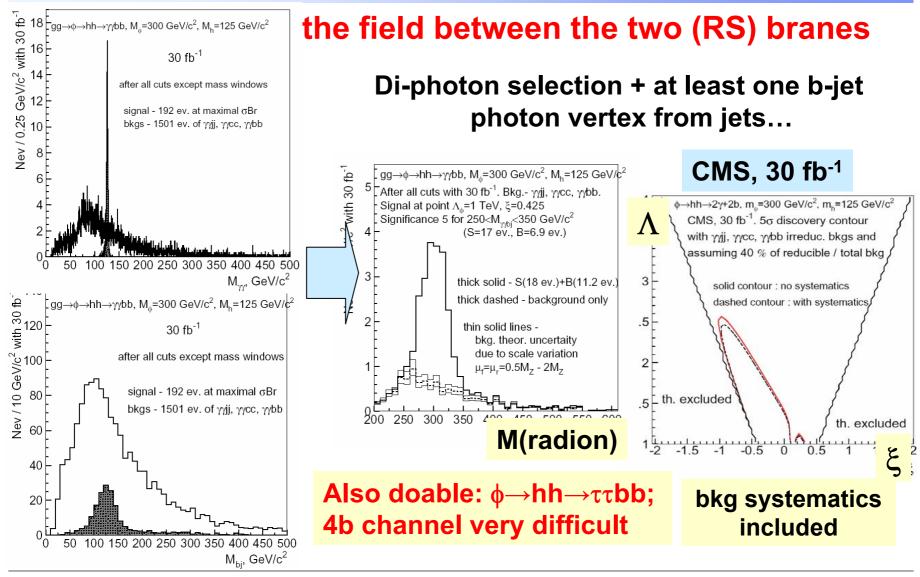
MSSM: Higgs summary

• At least one ϕ will be found in the entire M_A-tan β plane

- latter (almost) entirely covered by the various signatures
- Full exploration requires 100 fb⁻¹ (design luminosity)
- Difficult region: 3<tanβ<10 and 120<M_A<220; will need:</p>
 - > 100 fb⁻¹ and/or h→bb decays
 - Further improvements on τ identification?
- Intermediate tanβ region: difficult to disentangle SM and MSSM Higgses (only h is detectable)
- Potential caveats (not favored)
 - Sterile (or "invisible") Higgs
 - Excess visible, but it'll tough to "prove" what it is...

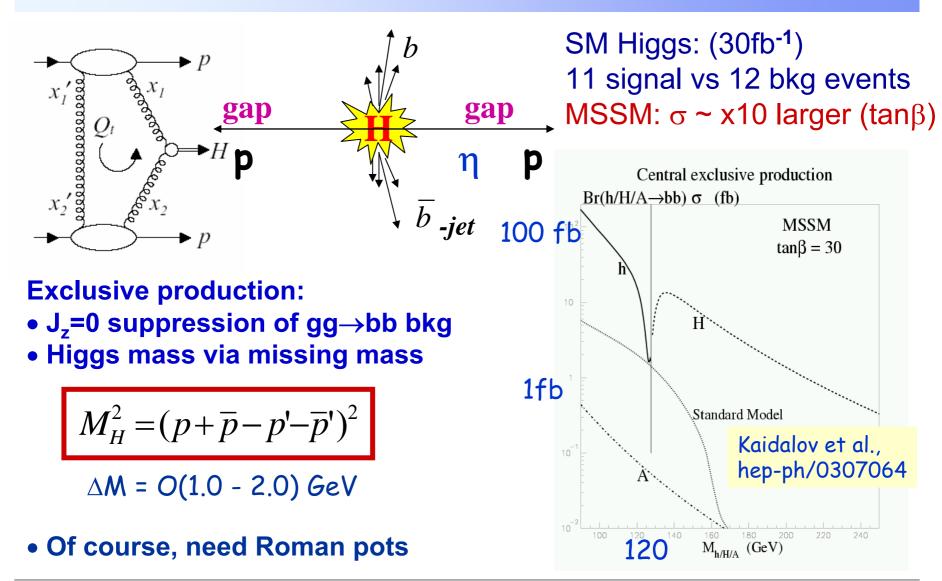


Radions... $\phi \rightarrow hh \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$



P. Sphicas Higgs physics at the LHC

Diffractive Higgs production



Other Higgs stories

- CP-violating scenario
 - Physical states mixture of CP eigenstates
 - Couplings depend on phases of complex parameters (e.g. X_t)
 - Huge effect on all previously shown plots/results
- Benchmark scenarios "at the edge"
 - X-phobic scenarios (gluo-phobic, fermio-phobic, etc)
 - But in general Y-friendly scenario helps
 - small- α_{eff} scenario
- Higgs self-coupling
 - At the limit with LHC++

Summary

Detectors designed for Higgs

- No surprise that they can cover full spectrum of Standard-Model Higgs masses within ~1 year of start of physics collisions
- Higgs properties should be largely measureable
- SUSY extensions: light, SM-like h is always accessible
- Depending on parameters, all five SUSY Higgses can be observed
 - Beware of CP violation; Higgses with phobias; etc.
- If fundamental scalar is actually not adopted by nature: strong excess is observable (albeit with low-statistics to make elphatic comments) at full luminosity
- Higgs engineering progress:
 - Vector boson fusion is very useful
 - Multi-body decays can be useful

We need data