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General overview

• General Goal: give a short summary of the most recent results obtained with 2016 data in the context of

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Main focus of this talk

Describe tools and recipes used for the signal modelling Describe the explored experimental signatures and possible extensions

Current and missing interpretations of the already published searches





BSM scalar/pseudo-scalar resonances









MSSM free parameters: m_A and $tan(\beta) = v_u/v_d$ lacksquare

Production modes: in MSSM scenario coupling to b-quarks enhanced by $tan(\beta)$









MSSM H $\rightarrow \tau\tau$: overview



Search in a nutshell

- $H\tau\tau$ is the **golden channel** to constrain the high $tan(\beta)$ parameter space
- τ -decay modes: $\tau_h \tau_h$, $e \tau_h$, $\mu \tau_h$, $e \mu$
- **b-quark jet tagging** used to define a bbA/bbH enriched sample
- m_T is used to separate prompt from fake τ_h backgrounds





Gluon fusion signal

- **Gluon-fusion** events generated via PYTHIA LO
- **p**_T^H **distribution** re-weighted to NLO via POWHEG

For the MSSM interpretation, assuming only top and b-quark in loop





b-dominated

top-dominated

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B-associated production (bbH)

Generated with NLO precision via aMC@NLO

Limits in narrow width approximation

• When $gg\phi$ limits are set, $bb\phi$ contribution allowed to float freely and viceversa







For the MSSM interpretation,



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- **Signal benchmark:** analysis designed to target 2HDM type-II and flipped scenarios
- $A/H \rightarrow bb$ promising channel in these 2HDM scenarios where d-type quarks are exclusively coupled to one doublet
- Limitations: huge background from QCD multijet production at the LHC compared to A/H $\rightarrow \tau \tau$ search









bbH, $H \rightarrow bb$: overview



Analysis overview

- Because of trigger limitations: two high p_T central jets and $\Delta \eta_{ii} < 1.6$
- At least 3 b-tagged jets
- Presence of h₁₂₅ not considered because not relevant for m(H/A) > 300 GeV
- Signal extracted by fitting the invariant mass distribution of the two leading jets





bbH, H→bb : results

- Analytical model of the background tested in a control region where only 2 bjets are required
- Analytical model chosen independently for three overlapping sub-ranges
- Bias on the fitted signal strength studied on toy experiments comparing the nominal fit model vs alternative truth functions



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model independent limit







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bbH, H→bb : results



Weaker constraints compared to MSSM $H(\tau\tau)$





Complementarity with $A \rightarrow Zh$ searches for high tan(β) and small cos(β -a)



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2HDM interpretation









- In addition to fermionic decay modes $A \rightarrow (\tau \tau, bb)$, it may decay with a large BR to a Z-boson and a Higgs boson when kinematically allowed $m_A > m_Z + m_h$
- **Region of interested:** m_A [200,350] GeV and small $tan(\beta)$ complementarity with fermionic final states

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• **Production modes:** ggA or bbA

Best compromise between decay branching fraction and background contamination is represented by final states where $h \rightarrow bb$ and $Z \rightarrow$ *leptons or neutrinos*

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$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow Z(\nu\nu, \ell \ell)h(bb)$: overview







$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow Z(vv, \ell \ell)h(bb)$: results

• Main backgrounds: estimated from dedicated control regions

e.g. the five helicity dependent angles



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$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow Z(\nu\nu, \ell \ell)h(bb): 2HDM$

- Cross sections and branching fractions computed via 2HDMC and SusHi
- **Parameters:** $m_H = m_{H\pm} = m_A$ and $m_{12}^2 = m_A^2 \tan(\beta) / (1 + \tan(\beta)^2)$, $\lambda_{6,7} = 0$ to ensure CP-conservation
- B(h→bb) goes to zero in the regions where $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ (± $\pi/2$) in the Type-II (Type-I) scenarios lacksquare

- **Excluded regions in 2HDM Type-I**: for mA < 350 GeV: $tan(\beta) < 7$ and $cos(\beta-\alpha) > 0.01$
- **Excluded regions in 2HDM Type-II**: for mA < 350 GeV: all tan(β) for lcos(β - α)l > 0.5

Basic assumptions of this search

- Search for an heavy scalar partner (X) of the Higgs boson
- Branching fractions are assumed to be SM-like \rightarrow dominant in ZZ when $m_X > 2^* m_Z$
- Mass unknown: searches are covering $m_X = [0.2,3]$ TeV
- Model independent approach: for a given m_X , Γ_X and production mechanisms are assumed to be unknown
- **Production modes:** ggX, qqX (VBF), qqVX or ggZX are minor
- **Interference:** when Γ_X is not small there is a sizeable interference with ggZZ or qqZZ production
- Signal events simulated via JHUGen at NLO-QCD
- **MELA package** interfaced to JHUGen and MCFM used to \bullet model the interference contribution

Four lepton channel

- $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$, 4e, $2\mu 2e$ where events further split in VBF and ggH categories
- The separation between signal and background is maximised via the m₄₁ and a kinematic discriminant built using the kinematic information of the fully reconstructed ZZ decay system

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2-lepton + 2-neutrino channel

- $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\mu 2\nu, 2e2\nu$ where events need to contain a Z-candidate with $p_T > 55$ GeV and $p_T^{miss} > 125$ GeV
- Signal extracted by fitting the m_T distribution
- **Categories:** VBF-tag, 1-jet and 0-jet events \bullet

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High mass $X \rightarrow ZZ$ resonances

2-lepton + 2-jets channel

- $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2\mu 2q, 2e2q$ where events need to contain a Z-candidate with $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Events are split into a *resolved* and a *merged* category depending on the p_T of the hadronic Z-candidate.
- m_{ZZ} > 500 GeV therefore no access to low mass resonances
- Events further split in: VBF, b-tagged and ggH categories

High mass $X \rightarrow ZZ$: signal model

Sensitivity

- In the range m_X in [130,500] GeV, the most sensitive is the $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4I$
- In the range m_X [500,700] GeV, the $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2I2v$ channel dominates
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Both ggX and VBF production considered

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Summary on neutral resonances

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Are the current searches fully covering the interesting phase space?

Are there missing signatures which might be particularly interesting?

Are we doing proper interpretations of our results ?

Exotic decays of h₁₂₅

Exotic decays of h₁₂₅ interesting for many reasons

- Higgs width is narrow and not well known experimentally
- Small deviation can be justified/induce relatively large BR to non SM particles
- In 2HDM+S models, h → aa decays are allowed

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$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2b2\tau$ search

Search in a nutshell

- All Higgs production modes are considered: ggH, VBF, VH
- Categories: μe , $e\tau_h$ and $\mu\tau_h$ + at least one b-tagged jet
- **Backgrounds:** $Z(\tau\tau)$ and ttbar processes
- **Challenging:** particles produced in the decay are typically very soft
- Events in each category are further divided by exploiting the discrimination power of: m_T , $m(\tau \tau b)$

Search for signal in the visible m(ττ)

Allowed region according to direct measurement of the Higgs couplings

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Why looking at this final state signature ??

• Branching ratio of $B(a \rightarrow xx) \sim m_x^2$

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- This implies $B(a \rightarrow \mu \mu)$ to be 10³ times smaller than $B(a \rightarrow bb)$
- This channel provides complementary results in the high $tan(\beta)$ region
- The background contamination is expected to be much smaller than the one in the $2\tau 2b$ final state

$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\tau 2\mu$ search

Search in a nutshell

- Presence of many leptons allows to use low p_T triggers
- Categories: $\mu\mu\mu e$, $\mu\mu e\tau_h$ and $\mu\mu\mu\tau_h$ and $\mu\mu\tau_h\tau_h$
- In three lepton final states, the softest muon typically comes from a τ -decay
- **Background suppression:** visible invariant mass smaller than 110-120 GeV

Signal extracted by fitting the m_{µµ} spectrum

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- CLs bands largely asymmetric due to very limited statistics in the SR

$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\tau 2\mu$ results

Most sensitive region, for which BR < 3%, is $tan(\beta) > 3$

$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\tau 2b$

Comparing the sensitivity of the two searches, in view of a possible combination, the $2\beta 2\tau$ channel can help in improving the result for tan(β) [1.0,1.5]

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$2\tau 2b vs 2\tau 2\mu$

$h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\mu$ search

NMSSM scenario

- **Signal generation:** via PYTHIA at LO, only gluon-fusion production
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- Results from the less sensitive channels, i.e. ggH and ggZH can also be re-interpreted in the context of simplified DM models
- Not easy to re-interpret VBF and ZH results in the context of theories/models predicting a DM particle

we need coupling with vector-bosons without spoiling EWK symmetry breaking

Are there possible models (i2HDM ...etc) that can predict these signatures with a dark-matter candidate ?

Summary on exotic Higgs decays

• General Goal: give a short summary of the most recent results obtained with 2016 data in the context of

Are dark-SUSY scenarios potentially interesting?

For H_{inv} searches what else more than a Higgs-portal interpretation ?

Are there interesting 2HDM scenarios providing DM candidates ?

What about having a discussion with LHC DMWG which is working on a 2HDM+a model?

Would be interesting to combine $h \rightarrow aa$ searches under a specific model ?

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in WED models predicting a spin-0 / spin-2 resonance

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Fixing a given final state, two independent searches: BSM resonances or dedicated to di-higgs non resonant production

Summary on di-higgs resonances

Direct constraints from h125

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- Higgs boson is assumed to be the lightest CP-even state of the extended Higgs sector

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	2HDM				
	type I	type II	Type III	Type IV	
κ_V	$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha)$	$rac{s_d + s_u \tan eta}{\sqrt{1 + an^2 eta}}$
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Large constraint power but direct searches are still useful to improve bounds in certain region of the 2HDM / MSSM phase space

Summary on h₁₂₅ coupling constraints

