# HIGGS + 2 JET PRODUCTION AT THE LHC

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- LHC goals
- Vector boson fusion
- Measurement of Higgs couplings
- Hjj production via gluon fusion
- $H \rightarrow WW$  study
- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  study
- Probing CP properties
- Summary



Higgs Search = search for dynamics of  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  breaking

- Discover the Higgs boson
- Measure its couplings and probe mass generation for gauge bosons and fermions

Fermion masses arise from Yukawa couplings via

$$\Phi^{\dagger} \rightarrow (0, \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -\Gamma_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^{\prime i} \Phi d_R^{\prime j} - \Gamma_d^{ij*} \bar{d}_R^{\prime i} \Phi^{\dagger} Q_L^{\prime j} + \dots = -\Gamma_d^{ij} \frac{v+H}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_L^{\prime i} d_R^{\prime j} + \dots$$
$$= -\sum_f m_f \bar{f} f \left( 1 + \frac{H}{v} \right)$$

- Test SM prediction:  $\bar{f}fH$  Higgs coupling strength =  $m_f/v$
- Observation of  $Hf\bar{f}$  Yukawa coupling is no proof that v.e.v exists

#### Higgs coupling to gauge bosons

Kinetic energy term of Higgs doublet field:

$$(D^{\mu}\Phi)^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}\Phi) = \frac{1}{2}\partial^{\mu}H\partial_{\mu}H + \left[\left(\frac{gv}{2}\right)^{2}W^{\mu+}W^{-}_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\left(g^{2}+g'^{2}\right)v^{2}}{4}Z^{\mu}Z_{\mu}\right]\left(1+\frac{H}{v}\right)^{2}$$

- *W*, *Z* mass generation:  $m_W^2 = \left(\frac{gv}{2}\right)^2$ ,  $m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2)v^2}{4}$
- *WWH* and *ZZH* couplings are generated
- Higgs couples proportional to mass: coupling strength =  $2 m_V^2 / v \sim g^2 v$  within SM

Measurement of *WWH* and *ZZH* couplings is essential for identification of *H* as agent of symmetry breaking: Without a v.e.v. such a trilinear coupling is impossible at tree level



Verify tensor structure of *HVV* couplings. Loop induced couplings lead to  $HV_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu}$  effective coupling and different tensor structure:  $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow q_1 \cdot q_2 g_{\mu\nu} - q_{1\nu}q_{2\mu}$ 

#### Total cross sections at the LHC



## **Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)**



[Eboli, Hagiwara, Kauer, Plehn, Rainwater, D.Z....]

Most measurements can be performed at the LHC with statistical accuracies on the measured cross sections times decay branching ratios,  $\sigma \times$  BR, of order 10% (sometimes even better).

## **VBF** signature



#### Characteristics:

- energetic jets in the forward and backward directions ( $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$ )
- large rapidity separation and large invariant mass of the two tagging jets
- Higgs decay products between tagging jets
- Little gluon radiation in the central-rapidity region, due to colorless *W*/*Z* exchange (central jet veto: no extra jets between tagging jets)

#### **Example: Parton level analysis of** $H \rightarrow WW$

Near threshold: *W* and *W*<sup>\*</sup> almost at rest in Higgs rest frame  $\implies$  use  $m_{ll} \approx m_{\nu\nu}$  for improved transverse mass calculation:

$$E_{T,ll} = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_{T,ll}^2 + m_{ll}^2}$$
  

$$E_T = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + m_{\nu\nu}^2} \approx \sqrt{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + m_{ll}^2}$$
  

$$M_T = \sqrt{(\mathbf{E}_T + E_{T,ll})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_{T,ll} + \mathbf{p}_T)^2}$$

Observe Jacobian peak below  $M_T = m_H$ 



Transverse mass distribution for  $m_H = 115 \text{ GeV}$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp} \not p_T$ 

in collinear approximation, the decay lepton has the same direction as the  $\tau$ , i.e.  $p_{\ell,i}^{\mu} = x_i \cdot p_{\tau,i}^{\mu}$  $\Rightarrow$  the energy fractions  $x_1, x_2$  of the decay leptons can be reconstructed by solving the equation:

$$\vec{p}_T = \left(\frac{1}{x_1} - 1\right) \vec{p}_{1,T} + \left(\frac{1}{x_2} - 1\right) \vec{p}_{2,T}$$

the invariant tau pair mass is then given by

$$m_{\tau\tau}^2 = \frac{2p_{\ell,1} \cdot p_{\ell,2}}{x_1 x_2} = \frac{m_{\ell\ell}^2}{x_1 x_2}$$





80

80

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 $\sigma_{M} = 11$  to 12 GeV



\*background estimate: ~10%
for M<sub>H</sub>>125 GeV from side bands

for  $M_H > 125$  GeV from normalisation of  $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$  peak

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ON  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow e\mu 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 

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## **Higgs discovery potential**



#### Statistical and systematic errors at LHC



Assumed errors in fits to couplings:

- QCD/PDF uncertainties
  - $\pm 5\%$  for VBF
  - $\pm 20\%$  for gluon fusion
- luminosity/acceptance uncertainties

- ±5%

#### Measuring Higgs couplings at LHC

LHC rates for partonic process  $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow xx$  given by  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \cdot BR(H \rightarrow xx)$ 

$$\sigma(H) \times BR(H \rightarrow xx) = \frac{\sigma(H)^{SM}}{\Gamma_p^{SM}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_p \Gamma_x}{\Gamma},$$

Measure products  $\Gamma_p \Gamma_x / \Gamma$  for combination of processes ( $\Gamma_p = \Gamma(H \rightarrow pp)$ ) Problem: rescaling fit results by common factor *f* 

$$\Gamma_i \rightarrow f \cdot \Gamma_i$$
,  $\Gamma \rightarrow f^2 \Gamma = \sum_{obs} f \Gamma_i + \Gamma_{rest}$ 

leaves observable rate invariant  $\implies$  no model independent results at LHC Loose bounds on scaling factor:

$$f^{2}\Gamma > \sum_{obs.} f\Gamma_{x} \implies f > \sum_{obs.} \frac{\Gamma_{x}}{\Gamma} = \sum_{obs.} BR(H \rightarrow xx) (= \mathcal{O}(1))$$

Total width below experimental resolution of Higgs mass peak ( $\Delta m = 1...20$  GeV)

$$f^2 \Gamma < \Delta m \implies f < \sqrt{\frac{\Delta m}{\Gamma}} < \mathcal{O}(10 - 40)$$

## Fit LHC data within constrained models



With 200 fb<sup>-1</sup> measure partial width with 10–30% errors, couplings with 5–15% errors

## Distinguishing the MSSM Higgs sector from the SM

Alternative: compare data to predictions of specific models Example:  $m_H^{max}$  scenario of LEP analyses

Consider modest  $m_A$ :

- decoupling almost complete for hWW and  $h\gamma\gamma$  (effective) vertices
- enhanced *hbb* and  $h\tau\tau$  couplings compared to SM increases total width of *h*
- $\approx$  SM rates for  $h \rightarrow \tau \tau$  in VBF
- suppressed  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  and  $h \rightarrow WW$  rates in VBF

 $3\sigma$ -effects or more at small  $m_A$ 



## How to distinguish VBF and gluon fusion?



**Double real corrections** to  $gg \rightarrow H$  can "fake" VBF

 $\implies$  we need to investigate the phenomenology of these two processes and understand the differences that can be exploited to distinguish between gluon fusion and VBF

- $\implies$  derive cuts to be applied to enhance VBF with respect to gluon fusion. Measure *HWW* and *HZZ* coupling
- $\implies$  derive cuts to be applied to enhance gluon fusion with respect to VBF. Measure effective *Hgg* coupling or *Htt* coupling

## **Diagrams for gg fusion with finite** *m*<sub>t</sub> **effects**



plus crossed processes. In total 61 independent diagrams. [DelDuca, Kilgore, Oleari, Schmidt, DZ (2001)]

## **Applied cuts for LHC predictions**

The cross section diverges in collinear and soft regions

• INCLUSIVE cuts to define H + 2 jets

$$p_{Tj} > 20 \text{ GeV} \qquad |\eta_j| < 5 \qquad R_{jj} = \sqrt{(\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2})^2 + (\phi_{j_1} - \phi_{j_2})^2} > 0.6$$

• VBF cuts to enhance VBF over gluon fusion In addition to the previous ones, we impose

$$|\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2}| > 4.2$$
  $\eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0$   $m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV}$ 

- the two tagging jets must be well separated in rapidity
- they must reside in opposite detector hemispheres
- they must possess a large dijet invariant mass.

LHC cross sections below calculated with CTEQ6L1 pdfs and fixed  $\alpha_s = 0.12$ Expect factor  $\approx 1.5$  to 2 scale uncertainty due to  $\sigma \sim \alpha_s^4$ 

#### **Total cross section with cuts as function of** *m*<sub>*H*</sub>



Large top mass limit ok for total cross section provided  $m_H \lesssim m_t$ 

#### **Distributions and** $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ **limit**



Transverse momentum: Large top mass limit ok provided  $p_{T,j} \lesssim m_t$ Dijet invariant mass: Large top mass limit ok throughout

## New calculation: pseudoscalar Higgs production

 $pp \rightarrow AjjX$  including top and bottom loops + interference [Michael Kubocz, diploma thesis]



#### New elements in the calculation

- AQQ vertices given by  $-\frac{m_b}{v}\gamma_5 \tan\beta$  and  $-\frac{m_t}{v}\gamma_5 \frac{1}{\tan\beta}$
- Interference of top and bottom loops
- Can simulate CP violation in the Higgs sector:  $a + ib\gamma_5$  coupling to top and bottom



#### **Gluon Fusion as a signal channel**

Heavy quark loop induces effective *Hgg* vertex:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{CP} - \mathbf{even}: & i\frac{m_Q}{v} \to \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} H \ G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu,a} \\ \mathbf{CP} - \mathbf{odd}: & -\frac{m_Q}{v} \gamma_5 \to \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi v} A \ G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,a} = \frac{\alpha_s}{16\pi v} A \ G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Azimuthal angle between tagging jets probes difference

- Use gluon fusion induced  $\Phi_{jj}$  signal to probe structure of Hgg vertex
- Measure size of coupling (requires NLO corrections for precision)
- Find **cuts** to enhance gluon fusion over VBF and other backgrounds

 $\implies$  Study by Gunnar Klämke in  $m_Q \rightarrow \infty$  limit (hep-ph/0703202)

### Gluon fusion signal and backgrounds

Signal channel (LO):

- $pp \rightarrow Hjj$  in gluon fusion with  $H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow l^+l^- \nu \bar{\nu}$ ,  $(l = e, \mu)$
- $m_H = 160 \,\mathrm{GeV}$

dominant backgrounds:

- $W^+W^-$ -production via VBF (including Higgs-channel):  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-jj$
- top-pair production:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}, t\bar{t}j, t\bar{t}jj$  (N. Kauer)
- QCD induced  $W^+W^-$ -production:  $pp \rightarrow W^+W^-jj$

applied inclusive cuts (minimal cuts):

• 2 tagging-jets

 $p_{Tj} > 30 \,\text{GeV}, \qquad |\eta_j| < 4.5$ 

• 2 identified leptons

 $p_{Tl} > 10 \, {
m GeV}, \qquad |\eta_l| < 2.5$ 

• separation of jets and leptons

 $\Delta \eta_{jj} > 1.0$ ,  $R_{jl} > 0.7$ 

process	σ [fb]
$\text{GF } pp \to H + jj$	115.2
$VBF \ pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	75.2
$pp  ightarrow tar{t}$	6832
$pp  ightarrow tar{t}+j$	9518
$pp  ightarrow tar{t} + jj$	1676
$QCD \ pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	363

## **Characteristic distributions**

Separation of VBF *Hjj* signal from QCD background is much easier than separation of gluon fusion *Hjj* signal



#### Selection continued

- b-tagging for reduction of top-backgrounds. (CMS Note 06/014)
  - ( $\eta$ ,  $p_T$ ) dependent tagging-efficiencies (60% 75%) with 10% mistagging probability
- <u>selection cuts:</u>

 $p_{Tl} > 30 \,\text{GeV}, \qquad M_{ll} < 75 \,\text{GeV}, \qquad M_{ll} < 0.44 \cdot M_T^{WW}, \qquad R_{ll} < 1.1,$ 



## Results

process	σ [fb]	events/ $30  \text{fb}^{-1}$
$GF pp \to H + jj$	31.5	944
$VBF pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	16.5	495
$pp  ightarrow tar{t}$	23.3	699
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$	51.1	1533
$pp  ightarrow tar{t} + jj$	11.2	336
QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	11.4	342
Σ backgrounds	113.5	3405

# $\Rightarrow$ S/ $\sqrt{B} \approx$ 16.2 for 30 fb<sup>-1</sup>

## **Higgs + 2 Jets in Gluon Fusion**, $H \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \nu \bar{\nu}$

- this channel has not been studied so far
- interesting for SM Higgs ( $\approx 120 \text{ GeV}$ ) and SUSY scenario with large tan  $\beta$  ( $m_H \approx m_A \gtrsim 150 \text{ GeV}$ )
- x-section times branching ratio of  $\approx 50$  fb looks promising (SM)
- has potential for study of Higgs CP-properties



- Study of signal and SM backgrounds for  $m_H = 120$  GeV case (simple cut based analysis)
- same for one MSSM scenario  $m_A = 200$  GeV, tan  $\beta = 50$ Questions:
- How many signal and background events are there after cuts (what's the statistical significance)
- What are the prospects of CP-measurements via jet-jet azimuthal angle correlation



## finite detector resolution

The detector has a finite resolution. The measured jet energy and missing transverse energy have large uncertainties. Parameterization (from CMS NOTE 2006/035, CMS NOTE 2006/036):

Jets :

$$\frac{\Delta E_j}{E_j} = \left(\frac{a}{E_{Tj}} \oplus \frac{b}{\sqrt{E_{Tj}}} \oplus c\right)$$

	а	b	С
$\eta_j < 1.4$	5.6	1.25	0.033
$1.4 < \eta_j < 3$	4.8	0.89	0.043
$\eta_j > 3$	3.8	0	0.085

Leptons :

$$\frac{\Delta E_{\ell}}{E_{\ell}} = 2\%$$

Missing  $p_T$ :

## SM Higgs with 120 GeV mass

inclusive cuts

 $p_{T,jets} > 30\,{
m GeV}\,, \quad p_{T,\ell} > 10\,{
m GeV}\,, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5\,, \quad |\eta_\ell| < 2.5\,, \quad \Delta\eta_{jj} > 1.0\,, \quad \Delta R_{j\ell} > 0.7\,,$ 

cross sections for inclusive cuts for signal and background

process	σ [fb]	events / $600  \text{fb}^{-1}$
$GF pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	11.283	6770
$\text{GF } pp \to A + jj \to \tau \tau jj$	25.00	15002
$VBF pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	5.527	3316
QCD $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	1652.8	991700
$VBF \ pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau\tau jj$	15.70	9418
$pp  ightarrow tar{t}$	6490	3893900
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + j$	<b>9268</b>	5560890
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + jj$	<b>1629</b>	977263
QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	334.2	200540
VBF $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	24.78	14871

### Distributions



#### selection cuts

a b-veto was applied to reduce the top backgrounds.

 $R_{\ell\ell} < 2.4$ ,  $p_T > 30 \,\text{GeV}$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell} < 80 \,\text{GeV}$ ,  $110 \,\text{GeV} < m_{\tau\tau} < 135 \,\text{GeV}$ ,  $0 < x_i < 1$ 

process	σ [fb]	events / $600  \text{fb}^{-1}$
$\text{GF } pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	4.927	2956
GF $pp \rightarrow A + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	11.43	6860
$\text{VBF } pp \rightarrow H + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	2.523	1514
QCD $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	27.62	16573
VBF $pp \rightarrow Z + jj \rightarrow \tau \tau jj$	0.475	285
$pp  ightarrow tar{t}$	3.86	2316
$pp  ightarrow tar{t} + j$	8.84	5306
$pp  ightarrow tar{t} + jj$	3.8	2283
QCD $pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	1.48	887
$VBF \ pp \rightarrow W^+W^- + jj$	0.147	88
$\Sigma$ backgrounds	48.84	29300

for cp-even higgs:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 17$  ( 600 fb<sup>-1</sup>) this corresponds to:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 5$  ( 50 fb<sup>-1</sup>) for cp-odd higgs:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 40$  (  $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) this corresponds to:  $S/\sqrt{B} \approx 5$  (  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

#### **Tensor structure of the** *HVV* **coupling**

Most general *HVV* vertex  $T^{\mu\nu}(q_1, q_2)$ 



$$T^{\mu\nu} = a_1 g^{\mu\nu} + a_2 (q_1 \cdot q_2 g^{\mu\nu} - q_1^{\nu} q_2^{\mu}) + a_3 \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma}$$

The  $a_i = a_i(q_1, q_2)$  are scalar form factors

Physical interpretation of terms:

**SM Higgs** 
$$\mathcal{L}_I \sim H V_\mu V^\mu \longrightarrow a_1$$

loop induced couplings for neutral scalar

**CP even** 
$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \sim HV_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow a_2$$

**CP odd** 
$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \sim HV_{\mu\nu}\tilde{V}^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow a_3$$

Must distinguish  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$  experimentally

Tell-tale signal for non-SM coupling is azimuthal angle between tagging jets



Dip structure at 90° (CP even) or  $0/180^{\circ}$  (CP odd) only depends on tensor structure of HVV vertex. Very little dependence on form factor, LO vs. NLO, Higgs mass etc.



Define azimuthal angle between jet momenta  $j_+$  and  $j_-$  via

$$\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}b^{\mu}_{+}j^{\nu}_{+}b^{\rho}_{-}j^{\sigma}_{-} = 2p_{T,+}p_{T,-}\sin(\phi_{+}-\phi_{-}) = 2p_{T,+}p_{T,-}\sin\Delta\phi_{jj}$$

- $\Delta \phi_{ii}$  is a parity odd observable
- $\Delta \phi_{jj}$  is invariant under interchange of beam directions  $(b_+, j_+) \leftrightarrow (b_-, j_-)$

Work with Vera Hankele, Gunnar Klämke and Terrance Figy: hep-ph/0609075

## Signals for CP violation in the Higgs Sector



Position of minimum of  $\Delta \phi_{jj}$  distribution measures relative size of CP-even and CP-odd couplings. For

 $a_1 = 0,$   $a_2 = d \sin \alpha,$   $a_3 = d \cos \alpha,$ 

 $\implies$  Minimum at  $-\alpha$  and  $\pi - \alpha$ 

### $\Delta \Phi_{jj}$ -Distribution in gluon fusion: WW case

Fit to  $\Phi_{jj}$ -distribution with function  $f(\Delta \Phi) = N(1 + A\cos[2(\Delta \Phi - \Delta \Phi_{max})] - B\cos(\Delta \Phi))$ 



fit of the background only :  $A = 0.069 \pm 0.044$  and  $\Delta \Phi_{max} = 64 \pm 25$ (mean values of 10 independent fits of data for  $L = 30 f b^{-1}$  each)

## $\Delta \Phi_{jj}$ -Distribution: CP violating case



CP-mixture: equal CP-even and CP-odd contributions  $A = 0.153 \pm 0.037$  $\Delta \Phi_{max} = 45.6 \pm 7.3$ 

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## $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ case: $\Delta \Phi_{jj}$ -distribution with backgrounds

Fit to  $\Phi_{jj}$ -distribution with function  $f(\Delta \Phi) = N(1 + A\cos[2(\Delta \Phi)] - B\cos(\Delta \Phi))$ 



#### **Summary**

- Higgs + 2 Jet events at the LHC provide very useful information on Higgs couplings
- Order 200 fb<sup>-1</sup> of LHC data allow to probe Higgs couplings at the 10% level
- Beside VBF, gluon fusion is a second copious source of  $\Phi j j$  events at the LHC
- Full one-loop calculations are available for quark-loop induced *Hjj* and *Ajj* production, including CP-even CP-odd interference and finite quark mass effects
- For  $m_H = 160$  GeV and dominant decay  $H \rightarrow WW$  the gluon fusion induced signal at the LHC is visible above backgrounds.  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  is somewhat more challenging
- CP-violation in the Higgs sector is observable via the shape of the azimuthal angle distribution  $d\sigma/d\Delta\phi_{jj}$