

Higgs news

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Higgs@LHC — what's new?

David's suggestion — some stuff I am thinking about

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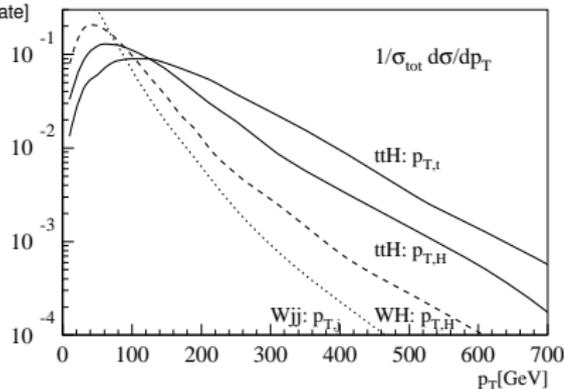
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 \Rightarrow non-trivial challenge to jet algorithms

	σ_S/fb	σ_B/fb	$S/\sqrt{B_{30}}$
C/A, $R = 1.2$, MD-F	0.57	0.51	4.4
k_\perp , $R = 1.0$, y_{cut}	0.19	0.74	1.2
SISCone, $R = 0.8$	0.49	1.33	2.3

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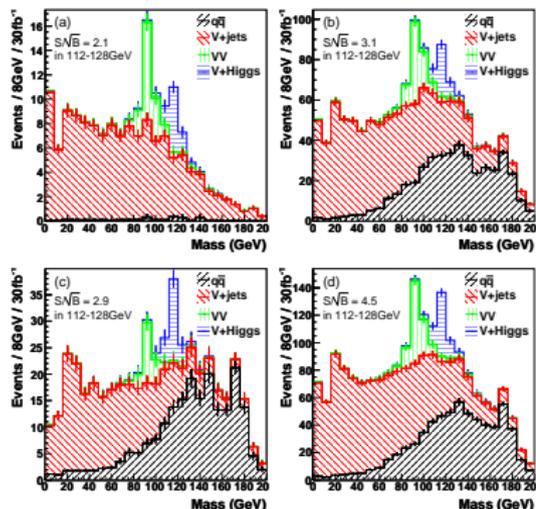
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VH production

- combined channels $V \rightarrow \ell\ell, \nu\nu, \ell\nu$
- NLO rates [bbV notorious, not from data alone]
- Z peak as sanity check
- confirmed to 20% [Piquadio]
- subjet b tag excellent [70%/1%]
- charm rejection challenging
- $m_H \pm 8$ GeV tough
- improvements possible [Soper, Spannowsky]

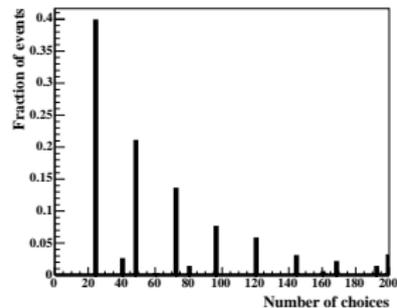
⇒ crucial for Higgs sector studies



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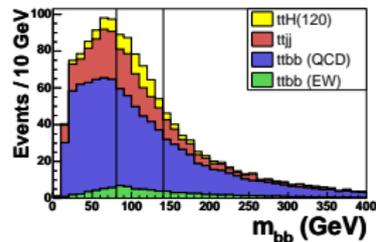
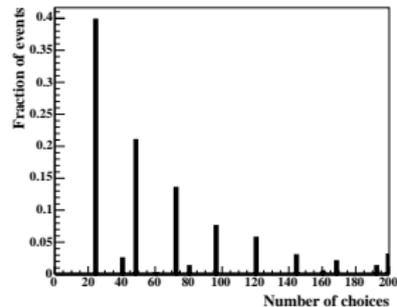
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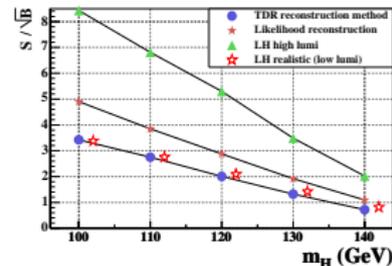
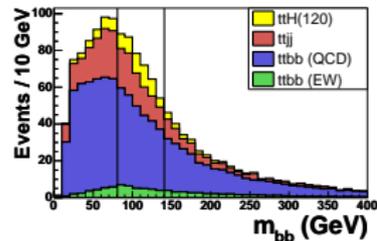
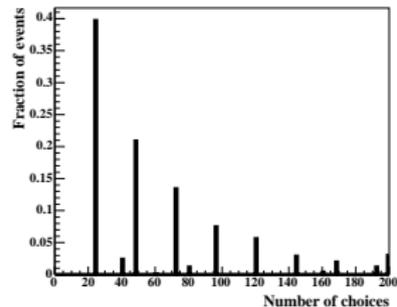
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- side bin in continuum $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$

per 1 fb ⁻¹	signal	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}$ +jets
events after acceptance	24.1	6.9	191	4160
events with one top tag	10.2	2.9	70.4	1457
events with $m_{bb} = 110 - 130$ GeV	2.9	0.44	12.6	116
corresponding to subset pairings	3.2	0.47	13.8	121
subset pairings two b tags	1.0	0.08	2.3	1.4
including a third b tag	0.48	0.03	1.09	0.06

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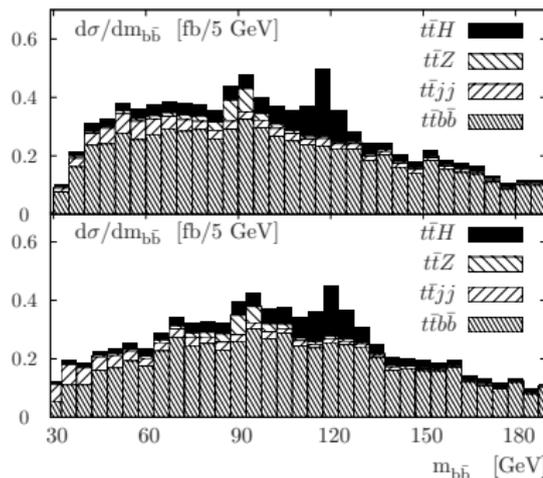
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m_H	S	S/B	S/\sqrt{B}
115	57	1/2.1	5.2 (5.7)
120	48	1/2.4	4.5 (5.1)
130	29	1/3.6	2.9 (3.0)



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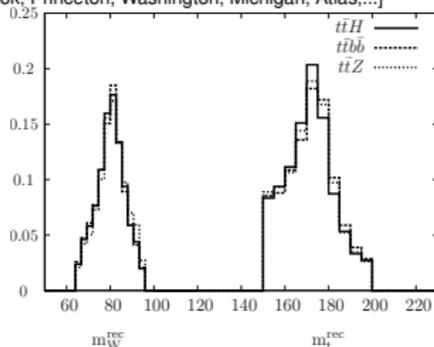
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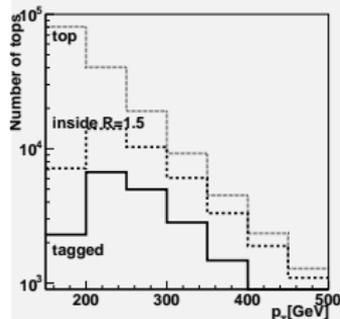
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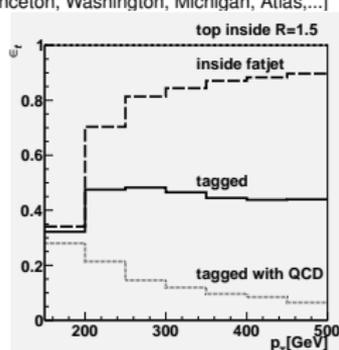
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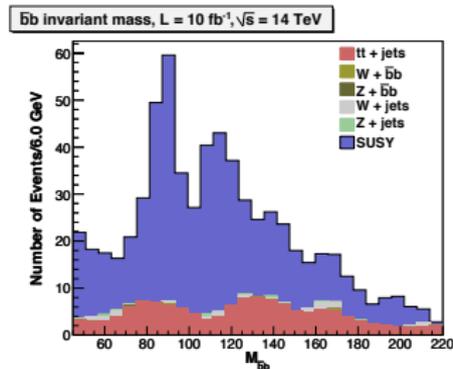


Higgs in SUSY cascades

Higgs in cascade decays [Kribs, Martin, Roy, Spannowsky]

- idea: find Higgs in cascade decays [Cambridge]
- BSM sample after missing energy or hard γ cut
- Higgs tag over the remaining event
- side bin analysis in m_{bb}
- more to follow...

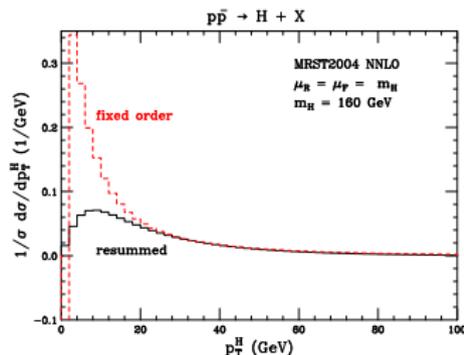
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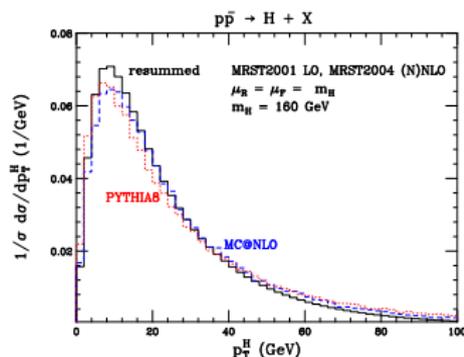
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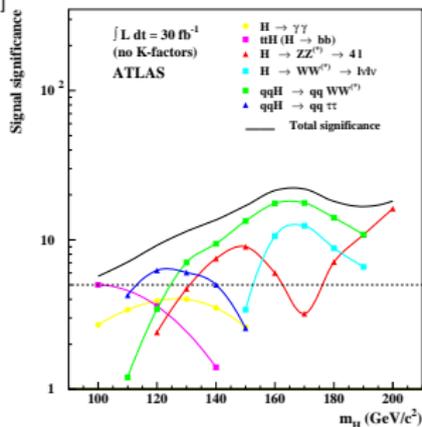
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- adding stat'l significance at high p_T
 - pull degrading from theory error
 - dangerously small individual S/B
- advanced analyses finally getting me scared... [Kirill?]

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Total width and g_{bbH}

- degeneracy $\sigma BR \propto (g_p^2/\sqrt{\Gamma_H}) (g_a^2/\sqrt{\Gamma_H}) \equiv C > 0$
- bad scaling

$$C = \lim_{g^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{g^4}{\Gamma_H} = \lim_{g^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{g^4}{g^2(\Gamma_{\text{vis}}/g^2) + \Gamma_x} = 0$$

means constraint: $\sum \Gamma_i(g^2) < \Gamma_H \rightarrow \Gamma_H|_{\min}$
- $WW \rightarrow WW$ unitarity: $g_{WWH} \lesssim g_{WWH}^{\text{SM}} \rightarrow \Gamma_H|_{\max}$
- for now $\Gamma_H = \sum_{\text{obs}} \Gamma_j$, so $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ crucial

Errors

Sources of uncertainty

- statistical error: Poisson
- systematic error: Gaussian, if measured
- theory error: not Gaussian
- LHC rate 10% off: no problem
- LHC rate 30% off: no problem
- LHC rate 300% off: Standard Model wrong
means theory likelihood flat centrally and zero far away
- profile likelihood construction: RFit [CKMFitter]

$$-2 \log \mathcal{L} = \chi^2 = \vec{\chi}_d^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \vec{\chi}_d$$

$$\chi_{d,i} = \begin{cases} 0 & |d_i - \bar{d}_i| < \sigma_i^{(\text{theo})} \\ \frac{|d_i - \bar{d}_i| - \sigma_i^{(\text{theo})}}{\sigma_i^{(\text{exp})}} & |d_i - \bar{d}_i| > \sigma_i^{(\text{theo})} \end{cases}$$

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- measuring ratios [Zeppenfeld,...; Low, Lykken]
- useless if statistics dominated
- theory errors — same initial states
- systematic errors — same final states

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luminosity measurement	5 %
detector efficiency	2 %
lepton reconstruction efficiency	2 %
photon reconstruction efficiency	2 %
WBF tag-jets / jet-veto efficiency	5 %
b -tagging efficiency	3 %
τ -tagging efficiency (hadronic decay)	3 %
lepton isolation efficiency ($H \rightarrow 4\ell$)	3 %

σ (gluon fusion)	13 %
σ (weak boson fusion)	7 %
σ (VH -associated)	7 %
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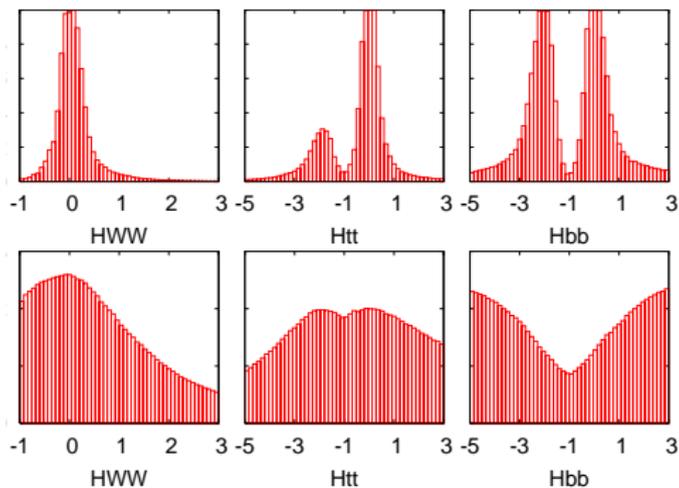
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coupling	without eff. couplings			including eff. couplings		
	σ_{symm}	σ_{neg}	σ_{pos}	σ_{symm}	σ_{neg}	σ_{pos}
δ_{WWH}	± 0.23	$- 0.21$	$+ 0.26$	± 0.24	$- 0.21$	$+ 0.27$
δ_{ZZH}	± 0.50	$- 0.74$	$+ 0.30$	± 0.44	$- 0.65$	$+ 0.24$
$\delta_{\bar{t}tH}$	± 0.41	$- 0.37$	$+ 0.45$	± 0.53	$- 0.65$	$+ 0.43$
$\delta_{b\bar{b}H}$	± 0.45	$- 0.33$	$+ 0.56$	± 0.44	$- 0.30$	$+ 0.59$
$\delta_{\tau\bar{\tau}H}$	± 0.33	$- 0.21$	$+ 0.46$	± 0.31	$- 0.19$	$+ 0.46$
$\delta_{\gamma\gamma H}$	—	—	—	± 0.31	$- 0.30$	$+ 0.33$
δ_{ggH}	—	—	—	± 0.61	$- 0.59$	$+ 0.62$
m_H	± 0.26	$- 0.26$	$+ 0.26$	± 0.25	$- 0.26$	$+ 0.25$
m_b	± 0.071	$- 0.071$	$+ 0.071$	± 0.071	$- 0.071$	$+ 0.072$
m_t	± 1.00	$- 1.03$	$+ 0.98$	± 0.99	$- 1.00$	$+ 0.98$

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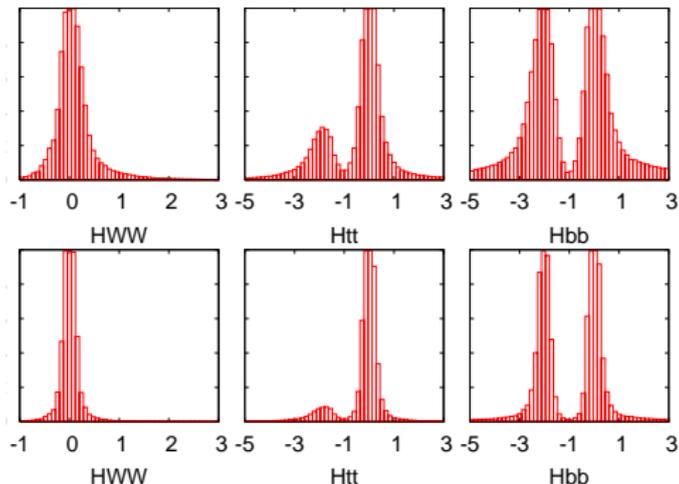


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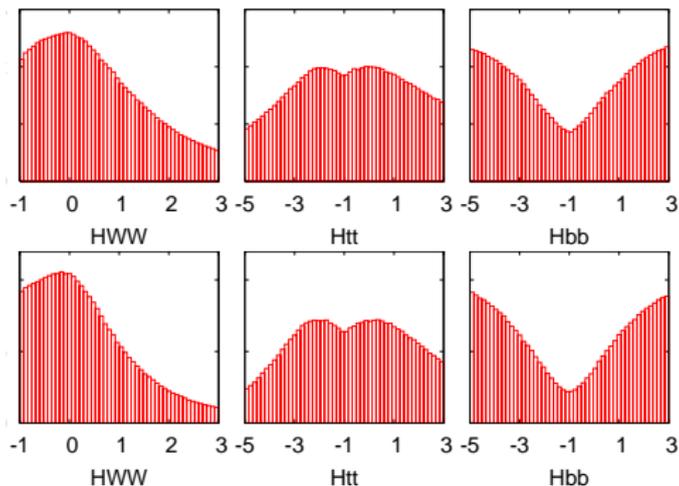
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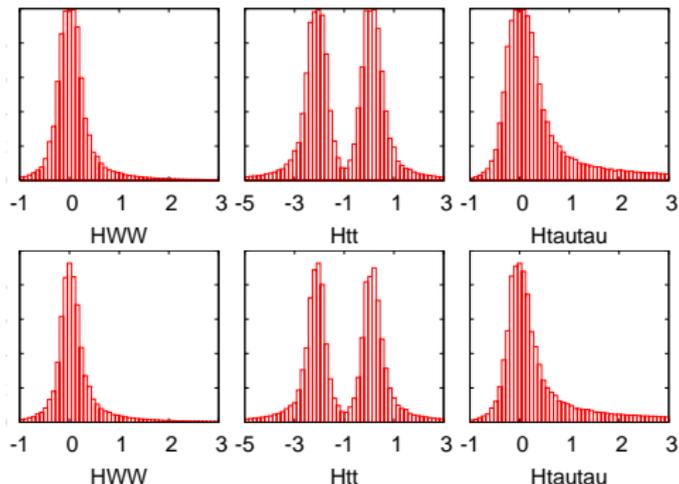
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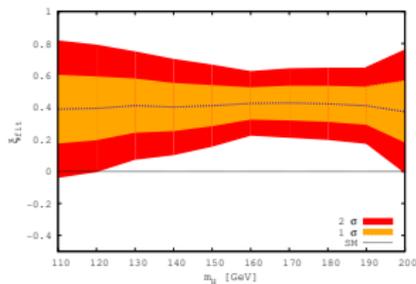
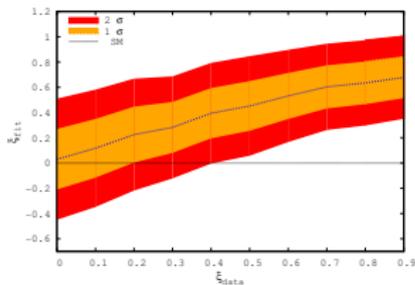
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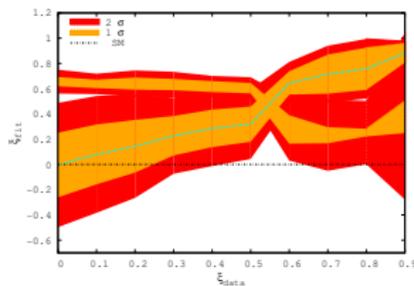
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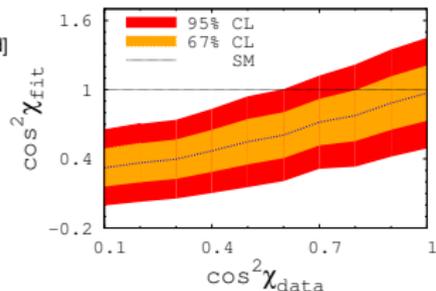
Higgs portal

- universal scaling $\sqrt{1-\xi} \equiv \cos\chi$

- invisible Higgs decay measurable [Eboli & Zeppenfeld]
two-parameter fit, project out Γ_{hid}

- challenge to 30 fb⁻¹

- to appear soon...



Outlook

Trying to understand Higgs@LHC

- Higgs still an exciting field
- decay to bottoms observable
- analysis techniques and backgrounds?
- parameter analysis the goal; what question to ask?
- unfortunately, 30 fb^{-1} still needed in SM

Higgs news

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