# Higgs Searches at the Tevatron and LHC

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# **The Higgs Mechanism**

- In the Standard Model
  - Electroweak symmetry breaking occurs through introduction of a scalar field  $\phi \rightarrow$  masses of W and Z



- Higgs field permeates space with a finite vacuum expectation value = 246 GeV
- If  $\phi$  also couples to fermions  $\rightarrow$  generates fermion masses
- An appealing picture: is it correct?
  - One clear and testable prediction: there exists a neutral scalar particle which is an excitation of the Higgs field
  - All its properties (production and decay rates, couplings) are fixed except its own mass

Highest priority of worldwide high energy physics program: find it!



# **Searching for the Higgs**

- Over the last decade, the focus has been on experiments at the LEP e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collider at CERN
  - precision measurements of parameters of the W and Z bosons, combined with Fermilab's top quark mass measurements, set an upper limit of m<sub>H</sub> ~ 200 GeV
  - direct searches for Higgs production exclude  $m_H < 113 \text{ GeV}$
- Summer and Autumn 2000: Hints of a Higgs?
  - the LEP data may be giving some indication of a Higgs with mass 115 GeV (right at the limit of sensitivity)
  - despite these hints, CERN management decided to shut off LEP operations in order to expedite construction of the LHC

"The resolution of this puzzle is now left to Fermilab's Tevatron and the LHC." – Luciano Maiani





### **The Fermilab Tevatron Collider**



CDF





**CDF** installing silicon tracker, prior to detector roll-in





DØ detector installed in the Collision Hall, January 2001





### $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ candidates







### Jets



# Tracking







### Muons







### **Silicon Detectors and b-tagging**





# **Higgs at the Tevatron**

- The search for the mechanism of EWSB motivated the supercolliders (SSC and LHC)
- After the demise of the SSC, there was a resurgence of interest in what was possible with a "mere" 2 TeV
  - Ideas from within accelerator community ("TeV33")
  - Stange, Marciano and Willenbrock paper 1994
  - TeV2000 Workshop November 1994
  - Snowmass 1996
  - TeV33 committee report to Fermilab director
  - Run II Higgs and Supersymmetry Workshop, November 1998
- Consensus resulted from a convergence of
  - technical ideas about possible accelerator improvements
  - clear physics motivation for integrated luminosities, before LHC turn-on, much larger than the (then) approved 2fb<sup>-1</sup>

# **Higgs decay modes**

- The only unknown parameter of the SM Higgs sector is the mass
- For any given Higgs mass, the production cross section and decays are all calculable within the Standard Model





**One Higgs** 



# **Higgs Production at the Tevatron**

- Inclusive Higgs cross section is quite high: ~ 1pb
  - for masses below ~ 140 GeV,
    the dominant decay mode H  $\rightarrow$  bb
    is swamped by background
  - at higher masses, can use inclusive production plus WW decays
- The best bet below ~ 140 GeV appears to be associated production of H plus a W or Z
  - leptonic decays of W/Z help give the needed background rejection
  - cross section ~ 0.2 pb



Dominant decay mode



# $m_H \lesssim 140 \text{ GeV: } H \rightarrow \overline{b}b$

- WH  $\rightarrow \ \mbox{qq'}\ \ \mbox{bb}$  is the dominant decay mode but is overwhelmed by QCD background
- WH  $\rightarrow l^{\pm}\nu$  bb
- $ZH \rightarrow 1^+1^- bb$
- $ZH \rightarrow vv \ bb$

- backgrounds W bb, WZ, tt, single top
  - backgrounds Z bb, ZZ, tt
  - backgrounds QCD, Z bb, ZZ, tt
- powerful but requires relatively soft missing  $E_T$  trigger (~ 35 GeV)



<sup>2 × 15</sup>fb<sup>-1</sup> (2 experiments)









### Just for fun . . .

DØ W + 2 jet (Higgs!) candidate, October 2001



#### \* Jet $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{T}}$ corrections will be large

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# Example: m<sub>H</sub> = 115 GeV

- ~ 2 fb<sup>-1</sup>/expt (2003): exclude at 95% CL
- ~ 5 fb<sup>-1</sup>/expt (2004-5): evidence at  $3\sigma$  level
- ~ 15 fb<sup>-1</sup>/expt (2007): expect a 5σ signal
- Events in one experiment with 15 fb<sup>-1</sup>:

Every factor of two in luminosity yields a lot more physics

Mode	Signal	Background	S/√B
lvbb	92	450	4.3
vvbb	90	880	3.0
llbb	10	44	1.5

- If we do see something, we will want to test whether it is really a Higgs by measuring:
  - production cross section
  - Can we see H  $\rightarrow$  WW? (Branching Ratio  $\sim$  9% and rising w/ mass)
  - Can we see  $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$ ? (Branching Ratio ~ 8% and falling w/ mass)
  - Can we see  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ ? (not detectable for SM Higgs at the Tevatron)



# Associated production $\overline{t}t + Higgs$

- Cross section very low (few fb) but signal:background good
- Major background is tt + jets
- Signal at the few event level:





**Tests top quark Yukawa coupling** 



# $m_{H} \gtrsim 140 \text{ GeV}: H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$

•  $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow l^+l^- \nu\nu$ 

#### Backgrounds Drell-Yan, WW, WZ, ZZ, tt, tW, ττ Initial signal:background ratio ~ 10<sup>-2</sup>

- Angular cuts to separate signal from "irreducible" WW background



### **Tevatron Higgs mass reach**



No guarantee of success, but certainly a most enticing possibility



# **Indirect Constraints on Higgs Mass**



## **The Large Hadron Collider**





# **Higgs at LHC**



- Production cross section and luminosity both
  ~ 10 times higher at LHC than at Tevatron
  - Can use rarer decay modes of Higgs



### **"Precision Channels"**



• Both LHC detectors have invested heavily in precision EM calorimetry and muon systems in order to exploit these channels

### Associated production **ttH** at LHC

 $t\bar{t}H^0_{SM} \rightarrow l^{\pm}\nu q\bar{q}b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$  $m_{H^0} = 115 \ GeV/c^2$ 





### **Vector boson fusion channels**

- Use two forward jets to "tag" the VB fusion process
  - Improves the S/B for large Higgs masses



# **LHC Discovery Potential**



• Luminosity required for 5σ



The whole range of SM Higgs masses is covered



### **SM Higgs parameter determination at LHC**



#### ATLAS TDR

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# **Higgs coupling measurements**

- **Can measure various** ratios of Higgs couplings and branching fractions by comparing rates
- CMS estimates of uncertainties with 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>

Luminosity uncertainties largely cancel in ratios

Errors are dominated by statistics of the rarer process

 $\frac{\sigma \cdot B (WH \to \gamma \gamma)}{\sigma \cdot B (WH \to b\bar{b})} \longrightarrow \frac{BR (H \to \gamma \gamma)}{BR (H \to b\bar{b})}$ known to ~ 30% stat. limited only for:  $80 \le m_H \le 120$  GeV in different processes  $\frac{\sigma^* B (H \to \gamma \gamma)}{\sigma^* B (H \to ZZ^*)} \longrightarrow \frac{BR (H \to \gamma \gamma)}{BR (H \to ZZ^*)}$  known to ~ 15% stat. limited only for:  $125 \le m_H \le 155$  GeV  $\frac{\sigma^{\bullet}B (t\bar{t}H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma/b\bar{b})}{\sigma^{\bullet}B (WH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma/b\bar{b})} \longrightarrow \frac{g_{H tt}^{2}}{g_{H WW}^{2}}$ known to ~ 25% stat. limited only for: 80 < m<sub>H</sub> < 130 GeV  $\frac{\sigma \cdot B (H \to WW^{*}/W)}{\sigma \cdot B (H \to ZZ^{*}/Z)} \xrightarrow{g^{2}_{H WW}} \frac{g^{2}_{H WW}}{g^{2}_{H ZZ}}$  known to ~ 30% stat. (ZZ\*) limited

only for:  $160 \le m_H \le 180 \text{ GeV}$ 

### **Supersymmetric Higgs sector**

- Expanded Higgs sector: h, H, A, H<sup>±</sup>
- Properties depend on
  - At tree level, two free parameters (usually taken to be  $m_{A'}$  tan  $\beta$ )
  - Plus radiative corrections depending on sparticle masses and m<sub>t</sub>

#### **Multiple Higgses**





### **Supersymmetric Higgs Masses**



 $\frac{From LEP:}{m_h > 91 \text{ GeV}, m_A > 92 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^{\pm}} > 79 \text{ GeV}, \tan\beta > 2.4}$ 



### **MSSM Higgs Decays**



- Very rich structure!
  - For most of allowed mass range h behaves very much like H<sub>SM</sub>
  - WW and ZZ modes suppressed compared to SM
  - **bb** and  $\tau\tau$  modes enhanced

### **MSSM Higgs Decays**



- $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{\overline{b}b}$  and  $\tau \tau$
- $H^{\pm} \rightarrow \tau v$  and  $\overline{t}b$

# **SUSY Higgs Production at the Tevatron**





# **SUSY Higgs reach at the Tevatron**



Exclusion and discovery for maximal stop mixing, sparticle masses = 1 TeV

Most challenging scenario: suppressed couplings to bb

Enhances  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  ?

Luminosity per experiment, CDF + DØ combined



### **SUSY Higgs production at the LHC**



- Cross sections at the 10 pb level and  $\uparrow$  as tan  $\beta \uparrow$
- (H/A) bb especially enhanced at large tan  $\beta$
- VB fusion suppressed

# **SUSY Higgs discovery channels**

- The best SM channel (H  $\rightarrow$  ZZ<sup>(\*)</sup> $\rightarrow$  41) is suppressed
- Good bets:
  - $\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
  - $h \rightarrow \overline{b}b$
  - $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$
  - $\quad \mathbf{H}^{\pm} \to \tau \nu$
- In certain regions of parameter space:
  - $H/A \rightarrow \mu\mu$
  - $H \rightarrow hh$
  - $A \rightarrow Zh$
  - $H^{\pm} \rightarrow tb$
- SUSY masses permitting
  - $H/A \rightarrow$  neutralino pairs
  - h production in SUSY cascades  $\chi^0_2 \rightarrow \chi^0_1 h$



# h discovery modes





# $\textbf{H/A} \rightarrow \tau\tau$

$$H/A \rightarrow \tau \tau \rightarrow 2\tau$$
-jets + X

 $p_T^{jet} > 60 \text{ GeV}, p_T^h > 40 \text{ GeV},$ 

 $\Delta \phi(jj) < 175^{\circ}, E_T^{miss} > 40 \text{ GeV}$ 

 $\mathbf{H}/\mathbf{A} \to \tau \tau \to \ell \tau \operatorname{-jet} + X$ 

 $p_T^{jet} > 40 \text{ GeV}, \ p_T^{\ell} > 15 \text{ GeV}, \ \Delta \phi(j\ell) < 175^{\circ}, \ E_T^{miss} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ 



• b-tagging associated jets is a powerful way to pull out the signal

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 $\mathbf{H}/\mathbf{A} \to \tau \tau \to 2\ell + X$ 

 $p_T^{\ell} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ , cut on imp. param.,  $\Delta \phi(e\mu) < 175^{\circ}$ , 1 jet  $p_T^{jet} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ 

### $H^{\pm} \rightarrow \tau \nu$

- For lower masses, search in top decays (t  $\rightarrow \tau$  rate enhanced)
- For higher masses, associated production with top:
  - $pp \rightarrow tH^{\pm} \rightarrow t\tau \nu$ 
    - Signal is a peak in transverse mass of  $\tau$  jet and  $E_T^{miss}$
    - tt background suppressed by jet veto and cut on mass of  $\tau$ ,  $E_t^{miss}$  and jet (=  $m_t$  for  $t \rightarrow bW^{\pm} \rightarrow b\tau_V$ )



### **Combined coverage**



### **Determination of parameters**

- First question: do we have a SM H or a SUSY h?
  - Note: often this will be moot at the LHC because squarks and gluons will have been observed before any Higgs – but there is always the possibility of more complicated Higgs sectors
- Second question: where are we in SUSY parameter space (or 2HDM space?)
  - Use masses, widths and branching ratios
  - If more than one Higgs is observed, more straightforward
  - Example of tan  $\beta$  determination from ATLAS TDR:



### **SUSY decay modes**

• If we are lucky, beautiful signals may be observable - e.g.  $(H/A) \rightarrow \chi^0_2 \chi^0_2 \rightarrow 41$ 



-  $h \rightarrow \overline{b}b$  in cascade decays from squark and gluon production



## **Complementarity of the Tevatron and LHC**

- The Physics goals of the Tevatron and the LHC are not very different, but the discovery reach of the LHC is hugely greater
  - SM Higgs:
    - Tevatron < 180 GeV LHC < 1 TeV
  - SUSY (squark/gluino masses)
    - Tevatron < 400-500 GeV LHC < 2 TeV
- For Standard Model physics, systematics may dominate:
  - Top mass precision
    - Tevatron ~ 2 GeV LHC ~ 1 GeV?
  - m<sub>w</sub> precision
    - Tevatron ~ 20 MeV?

LHC ~ 20 MeV?

Despite its limited reach, the Tevatron is interesting because both Higgs and SUSY "ought to be" light and within reach — and because of the timing

If the Tevatron and LHC are in a race, it is a relay race

### Where is SUSY?

#### **Direct searches at LEP and the Tevatron all negative so far**

 Typical minimal supergravity-inspired SUSY models are already excluded at the 95% level
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(e.g. Strumia, hep-ph/9904247)



• Either we should expect to see something soon, or we (HEP) are on the wrong track . . .



## **Tevatron plans for 2002**

- Only ~ 20pb<sup>-1</sup> delivered so far, which CDF and DØ have used to commission their detectors
- 2002 will be the year that serious physics running starts
- Laboratory plan for luminosity:





### Run 2B

- Planning has started on the additional detector enhancements that will be needed to meet the goal of accumulating 15 fb<sup>-1</sup> by end 2007
  - major components are two new silicon detectors to replace the present CDF and DØ devices which can not survive the radiation dose
  - Technical design reports submitted to the laboratory Oct 2001
  - goal: installed and running by early 2005



### **LHC construction**





# Underground construction at the ATLAS cavern

Magnet String Test (dipole procurement now approved)



### **LHC detector construction**





#### **ATLAS tile calorimeter**

# CMS hadron calorimeter

CMS 4T solenoid inside muon iron



# **LHC cost problems**

- LHC cost review (9/01) concluded there is a 850M CHF cost overrun at CERN (machine cost plus significant extra costs for detectors, computing, etc.)
- Discussions in council
- Five internal task forces established
- Austerity measures already being taken:
  - Cost cutting, reduction of scientific activity in 2002 (reduce accelerator operating time by 25%)
  - allow 33.5 MCHF to be reallocated to the LHC this year
- External review committee established, will examine:
  - LHC accelerator, experimental areas and CERN's share of detector construction
  - CERN's scientific program not directly related to the LHC
  - For the longer term, a series of internal Task Forces has been set up to examine CERN's functioning, thereby allowing for a meaningful analysis of savings.
- CERN's commitment to the LHC is not in any way in doubt, but the impact of all this on the start date for physics is not yet clear

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### **Conclusions**

- In the current run at the Tevatron (2001–200x)
  - We will discover the Higgs, if we are fortunate and clever
  - If not, we will exclude a very interesting region
    - including exclusion of much of SUSY space
- at the LHC (200x—)
  - We will discover the Higgs, pretty much no matter what
  - We will measure it more precisely, in more decay modes
  - We will explore more SUSY Higgs states
    - and we will learn lots about SUSY from other searches
- For as long as I have done high energy physics, we have known that we needed something like a Higgs, and it has been the highest priority of the field to explore this question experimentally
- That is about to change dramatically: the next few years will see the Higgs become a discovery or set of discoveries to be understood
  - and, we hope, the first window on to a new domain of physics at the EW scale

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