

# SM HH @ LHC: viable channels

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### Kinematics for gg -> HH

2->2 scattering process completely determined by 2 variables, e.g. S and T, E and scattering angle



- All SM and BSM effects covered by double-differential measurement of two variables
- Whether possible depends on signal rate and sensitivity in phase space (backgrounds)

## Higgs selfcoupling in HH+X



### Where is sensitivity located?

Measuring this small cross section in an inclusive search is very challenging at the HL-LHC: compromise between branching ratio and cleanliness of the signal



Several channels are currently under study by the collaborations

Decay	Issues	Expectation 3000 ifb	References	
$b \overline{b} \gamma \gamma$	<ul> <li>Signal small</li> <li>BKG large &amp; difficult to asses</li> <li>Simple reconst.</li> </ul>	$S/B \simeq 1/3$ $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 2.5$	[Baur, Plehn, Rainwater] [Yao 1308.6302] [Baglio et al. JHEP 1304]	
$b\overline{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	<ul> <li>tau rec tough</li> <li>largest bkg tt</li> <li>Boost+MT2 might help</li> </ul>	differ a lot $S/B \simeq 1/5$ $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 5$	[Dolan, Englert, MS] [Barr, Dolan, Englert, MS] [Baglio et al. JHEP 1304]	
$b\overline{b}W^+W^-$	<ul> <li>looks like tt</li> <li>Need semilep. W to rec. two H</li> <li>Boost + BDT proposed</li> </ul>	differ a lot best case: $S/B \simeq 1.5$ $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 8.2$	[Dolan, Englert, MS] [Baglio et al. JHEP 1304] [Papaefstathiou, Yang, Zurita 1209.1489]	
$b\overline{b}b\overline{b}$	<ul> <li>Trigger issue (high pT kill signal)</li> <li>4b background large difficult with MC</li> <li>Subjets might help</li> </ul>	$S/B \simeq 0.02$ $S/\sqrt{B} \le 2.0$	[Dolan, Englert, MS] [Ferreira de Lima, Papaefstathiou, MS] [Wardrope et al, 1410.2794]	
others	<ul> <li>Many taus/W not clear if 2 Higgs</li> <li>Zs, photons no rate</li> </ul>			

 $bb\gamma\gamma$ 

- Rate small for creative reconstruction ~ 300 events with 3 iab
- While side-band for photons clear, bump from bb very broad and background biased

Baur, Plehn, Rainwater (2003)W. Yao (2013)Baglio et al (2012)Barger, Everett, Jackson, Shaughnessy (2013)Azatov, Contino, Panico, Son (2015)For 3 iab: $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 3$  $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 6.46$  $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 2.3$  $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 2.1$ 

Difficulties: • Need to include hadronisation and parton shower

-> changes mass windows, # jets, fake rates

- Need to include reducible backgrounds
- Need exp. input on fake-rates and mass windows
- Need multi-jet merging for (ir)reducible backgrounds
- Reliable background simulation and fake rates true challenge for sensitivity estimate

- Estimates from experiments far worse than theory estimates
- Background estimates between both experiments quite different



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process	ATLAS		CMS		
SM HH→bbγγ	8.4±0.1		9.9		
bbyy	9.7 ± 1.5	γγ+jets	8.5		
ccyy, bbyj, bbjj, jjyy	24.1 ± 2.2	γ+jets, jets	7.4		
top background	$3.4 \pm 2.2$		1.1		
ttH(yy)	$6.1 \pm 0.5$		1.5		
Z(bb)H(yy)	$2.7 \pm 0.1$		3.3		
bbH(yy)	$1.2 \pm 0.1$		0.8		
Total background	47.1 ± 3.5	۲ _	22.6		
S/√B (barrel+endcap)	1.2	$\setminus$			
S/√B (split barrel and endcap)	1.3	$\searrow$			
	BKG quite different!				

### $bb\tau^+\tau^-$

[Dolan, Englert, MS (2012)]

[Baglio et al (2012)]

Inclusive rate 9000 events for 3 iab

[Barr, Dolan, Englert, MS (2013)]

- Rate can be used for advanced reconstruction (jet substructure, MT2)
- b and tau most complicated objects to reliably simulate

	$\xi = 0$	$\xi = 1$	$\xi = 2$	$b\bar{b} au au$	$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ [ELW]	$b\bar{b}W^+W^-$	ratio to $\xi = 1$
cross section before cuts	59.48	28.34	13.36	67.48	8.73	873000	$3.2\cdot10^{-5}$
reconstructed Higgs from $\tau s$	4.05	1.94	0.91	2.51	1.10	1507.99	$1.9\cdot 10^{-3}$
fatjet cuts	2.27	1.09	0.65	1.29	0.84	223.21	$4.8\cdot10^{-3}$
kinematic Higgs reconstruction $(m_{b\bar{b}})$	0.41	0.26	0.15	0.104	0.047	9.50	$2.3\cdot10^{-2}$
Higgs with double $b$ -tag	0.148	0.095	0.053	0.028	0.020	0.15	0.48

For 3 jab:

 $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 11.70$   $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 9.37$   $S/\sqrt{B} \simeq 5.94 - 2.71$ 

- Some studies tau efficiency/fake over optimistic
- Need better simulation of tau decays
- Need detailed sensitivity study of hadronic, semilep, leptonic taus
- Need hadronic backgrounds for hadronic tau decays
- Need JES uncertainties for subjets

 $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ 

- Here, major background ttbar -> MT2 can change that
- Handles to suppress backaround: leptons, b-jets and MET



- MT2 distribution discriminates between HH and ttbar
- Without jet substructure we find S/B  $\sim 1/5$

Exclusion at 95% CL:  $\lambda > \lambda_{95\% \ CL}^{3000/fb} \simeq 3.0 \times \lambda_{SM}$ 



 $\overline{b}bW^+W^-$ 

### $hh \rightarrow b\bar{b}W^+W^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}\ell\nu jj$

- Fully reconstructable final state
- Triggering easy due to lepton
- But looks like ttbar...
- Resolved analysis considered hopeless, but how about boosting?

Process	$\sigma_{ m initial}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{\rm basic}$ (fb)
$hh  ightarrow bar{b}\ell u jj$	2.34	0.134
$t\bar{t}  ightarrow b\bar{b}\ell\nu jj$	$240 \times 10^3$	15.5
$W(\rightarrow \ell \nu) b \bar{b} + jets$	$2.17  imes 10^3$	0.97
$W(\rightarrow \ell \nu) + jets$	$2.636  imes 10^6$	$\mathcal{O}(0.01)$
$h(\rightarrow \ell \nu j j)$ +jets	36.11	O(0.0001)
$h( ightarrow \ell  u jj)bar{b}$	6.22	$\mathcal{O}(0.001)$
$h(\rightarrow b\bar{b}) + WW(\rightarrow \ell\nu jj)$	0.0252	-

For SM coupling  $\forall S/\sqrt{S+B} \sim 2.4 \quad 3.1\sigma$ with S=9 and B=6 after 600 ifb



#### Search for $HH \rightarrow bb^-WW \rightarrow bb^-l\nu l\nu$

#### **Event preselection:**

- 2 b-jets Medium WP, pT > 30 GeV
   2 leptons, muons: pT > 20 GeV, electrons: pT > 25 GeV
- MET >20GeV Clean up cuts (*mjj*, *mll*, Δ*Rjj*, Δ*Rll*, Δφ*jj*,*ll*)

#### Analysis Optimization:

- Neural network discriminant from kinematic variables
- \* Variables: *Mll*, *Mjj*,  $\Delta Rll$ ,  $\Delta Rjj$ ,  $\Delta Rjl$ , *MET*,  $\Delta \varphi ll$ , *jj*, *pjj*, and *MT*

#### **Analysis Setup:**

- Phase II scenario Assuming 3000/fb
- Based on Delphes reconstruction
- Considering only the main background: t<sup>-</sup>t
- The rest of the SM processes are negligible



Very large uncertainties in fit Huge systematic uncertainties



### CMS feasibility study for ECFA

### $\overline{b}b\overline{b}b$

- Difficult to trigger (requires large pT cuts or fat jet)
- Huge QCD backgrounds
- Can try to use jet substructure techniques to overcome large backgrounds
- Maybe sideband possible?
- After reconstruction and 3000 ifb:
- S/B ~ 1/20



[Baur, Plehn, Rainwater]

[Dolan, Englert, MS]

[Papaefstathiou, Ferreira, MS]

[Wardrope, Jansen, Konstantinidis, Cooper, Falla, Norjoharudeen]

sample	$\sigma_{ m initial}~({ m fb})$
$hh, h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (SM)	10.7
QCD $(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})$	$151.1 \times 10^{3}$
$Zb\bar{b},Z  ightarrow b\bar{b}$	$8.8 \times 10^{3}$
$hZ, \ h \to b \bar{b}, \ Z \to b \bar{b}$	70.0
$hW, h \rightarrow b\bar{b}, W \rightarrow c\bar{b}(\bar{c}b)$	96.4



More jets can keep m inv small and pT,H large

need to work a little harder

Eff. theory breaks down quickly





## Higgs selfcoupling in HHjj+X



[Contino et al. JHEP 1005] [Baglio et al. JHEP 1304] [Dolan, Englert, Greiner, MS]

- Want to study VVHH Directly related to long. gauge boson scattering  $V_L V_L \rightarrow hh$
- In SM fixed:  $g_{WWhh} = e^2/(2s_w^2)$   $g_{ZZhh} = e^2/(2c_w^2 s_w^2)$
- However in BSM models, e.g. composite (strongly coupled light) Higgs models, can be strongly modified
- Higher-dim operators momentum dependent -> enhanced in high-pT region

## Higgs selfcoupling in HHjj+X



- For kinematic distributions full loop recommended in gluon fusion
- Analysis in  $\ \bar{b}b\tau^+\tau^-$
- Very bad S/B, but expected to improve easily...

		Signal with $\xi \times \lambda$			Background		S/B
		$\xi = 0$	$\xi = 1$	$\xi = 2$	$tar{t}jj$	Other BG	ratio to $\xi = 1$
	tau selection cuts	0.212	0.091	0.100	3101.0	57.06	$0.026 \times 10^{-3}$
	Higgs rec. from taus	0.212	0.091	0.100	683.5	31.92	$0.115 \times 10^{-3}$
	Higgs rec. from $b$ jets		0.016	0.017	7.444	0.303	$1.82 \times 10^{-3}$
2 tag jets		0.024	0.010	0.012	5.284	0.236	$1.65 \times 10^{-3}$
	incl. GF after cuts/re-weighting	0.181	0.099	0.067	5.284	0.236	1/61.76
WBF only			Signal with $\zeta > \zeta = 0$	$\langle \{g_{WWhh}, g_{ZZh} \}$	$h$ }	Background	RC

	Signar with S ~ (gw whith gz zhin)			Davidio		
	$\zeta = 0$	$\zeta = 1$	$\zeta=2$	$t\bar{t}jj$	Other BG	
tau selection cuts	1.353	0.091	0.841	3101.0	57.06	
Higgs rec. from taus	1.352	0.091	0.840	683.5	31.92	
Higgs rec. from $b$ jets	0.321	0.016	0.207	7.444	0.303	
2 tag jets/re-weighting	0.184	0.010	0.126	5.284	0.236	
incl. GF after cuts/re-weighting	0.273	0.099	0.214	5.284	0.236	

So far very rudimentary analysis:

**GF+WBF** 

## Higgs selfcoupling in ttHH



## Higgs selfcoupling in ttHH

[Englert, Krauss, MS, Thompson]

[Liu, Zhang]

	signal		backgrounds					
	$\xi = 1$	$\xi = 4$	$t\bar{t}b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}hb\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}hZ$	$t\bar{t}Zb\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}ZZ$	Wbbbb
trigger	0.10	0.23	4.75	1.38	0.64	1.37	$1.36 \times 10^{-2}$	1.33
jet cuts	$7.40 \times 10^{-2}$	0.17	1.44	0.76	0.40	0.65	$8.74 \times 10^{-3}$	$ 7.46 \times 10^{-2} $
5 b tags	$1.23 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.46 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.19 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.43 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.35 \times 10^{-4}$
$2 \times h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$7.33 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.71 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.41 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.28 \times 10^{-4}$	$<1 \times 10^{-4}$
lep./had. $t$	$5.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.50 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.29 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.42 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.69 \times 10^{-4}$	$<1 \times 10^{-4}$
lep. $t$ only	$2.33 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.29 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.36 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.90 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-4}$	$<1 \times 10^{-4}$
had. $t$ only	$2.71 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.93 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.47 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.20 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.44 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-4}$	$ <1\times10^{-4} $
6 b tags	$2.21 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.80 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.57 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.86 \times 10^{-4}$	$<1 \times 10^{-4}$
$   2 \times h \rightarrow b\bar{b} $	$1.81 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.94 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.47 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.60 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.28 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.11 \times 10^{-4}$	$ <1\times10^{-4} $

- Signal rate too small for inventive reconstruction
- Though Backgrounds for 5+ b-tags already small
- 13-22 signal event with 3000 ifb

 $\lambda \lesssim 2.51 \ \lambda_{\rm SM}$  at 95% CLs.





## Summary



 Separation of signal and background most limiting factor to measure Higgs selfcoupling at LHC



Still reconstruction more important than normalisation of S



- Need FINALLY input from experimentalists
- Exploiting boosted topologies in leptonic or hadronic decays can help to increase sensitivity
- However, sensitivity in individual channels expected to be low Combination of many channels necessary