# Higgs Boson Studies at an e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Linear Collider: Intermediate Mass and Heavy



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## NLC 2001

Baseline for NLC 2001: two linacs inclined at 20 mrad crossing angle, no bend angle at high-energy IP, can work at multi-TeV energies. Low-energy IP does have bend, max. energy well







- Lateral separation of 25 m, longitudinal separation of 440 m
  a.g., "I. " ar "SD" NI C detector at any
- e.g., "L" or "SD" NLC detector at one IR, "SD" or "P" NLC detector at other, push-pull at either possible (e.g., gg operation?)



#### **NLC Detectors**



#### TRACKING SYSTEM FOR SD DETECTOR



## **5-Layer CCD Vertex Detector**



# • *b* and *c*-quark tagging efficiency and purity similar for all detectors:





#### Momentum Resolution



• e<sup>±</sup> and photon backgrounds in vertex detector and TPC



## **Branching Ratios**



- For "SM-like" Higgs (for SM-only Higgs, much of intermediate/heavy mass region ruled out by precision measurements)
- Decays into weak bosons, fermion decays "rare" until top turns on



For couplings:

 $g_{hZZ}$   $g_{hWW}$ 

 Even for the intermediate mass range, the "nominal" ÷s = 500 GeV not necessarily the best place to be to take advantage of the tagging utility of hZ associated production:



- Strength of low-energy IR flexibility
- e.g., low end of range,  $M_{\rm h}$ =160 GeV, $\pm$ s = 350 GeV, 500 fb<sup>-1</sup>

$$\frac{D \text{ s } (HZ)}{\text{ s } (HZ)} \sim 5\% \qquad \qquad \frac{D \text{ s } (Hn\overline{n})}{\text{ s } (Hnn)} \sim 17\%$$



For couplings:

 $g_{hZZ}$   $g_{hWW}$   $g_{hbb}$   $g_{htt}$ 

- How far can one go measuring the "rare" decay into  $b\overline{b}$ ?
  - At low end of range,  $M_h$ =160 GeV,÷s = 350 GeV, 500 fb<sup>-1</sup>, stat. error on dBr(*bb*)/Br(*bb*) ~ 6.5%, but degrades rapidly...
- Numbers of events, tag associated Z<sup>0</sup> with leptons, assuming also tags from hadronic Z<sup>0</sup> decays with reasonable mass cuts





...but needs more full simulations

• dBr(WW)/Br(WW) 7% in mass range 150–200 GeV

 $e^+e^- \not\in ZH \not\in q\overline{q}WW^{(*)} \not\in q\overline{q}q\overline{q} \not\in n$  $M_{jet-jet} \sim M_z$ ,  $M_{recoil} \sim M_h$ , soft anti-b-tag



 dBr(ZZ)/Br(ZZ) : provides detector benchmark, distinguishing hadronic Z decays from hadronic W decays

e.g., if identify one of the two Z's (via leptons or *bb*) 40% of time, same luminosity,



•  $e^+e^- A = Hn\overline{n} A = t \overline{t} n\overline{n} A = 6$  jets + missing E

• 5s signal for range  $350 < M_h < 500 \text{ GeV}$ 



Couplings		$\frac{\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}}{500 \text{ fb}^{-1}}$				
				$\Rightarrow$		
m <sub>H</sub> (GeV)		120	140	160	200	<b>400–500</b> √s = 800 GeV
Δσ <sub>ZH</sub> / σ <sub>ZH</sub>		~6.5%	~6.5%	~6%	~7%	~10%
$\Delta \sigma_{Hvv} Br(b\overline{b}) / \sigma Br$		~3.5%	~6%	~17%	_	_
$\frac{\delta g_{hxx}}{g_{hxx}}$ (from Br's)	$t \overline{t}$	7–20%	_	_	_	~10%
	bb	~1.5%	~2%	~3.5%	~12.5%	-
	$c\overline{c}$	~20%	~22.5%	-	_	-
	$ au^+ au^-$	~4%	~5%	_	_	-
(e.g., HFITTER can be used for combining with cross section info)	WW*	~4.5%	~2%	~1.5%	~3.5%	~8.5%
	ΖΖ*	-	-	~8.5%	~4%	~10%
	<i>99</i>	~10%	~12.5%	_	_	-
	YY	~7%	~10%	_	_	_
	g <sub>hhh</sub>	~23%	_		_	_

## Higgs Total Width



 Over much of range of intermediate and heavy Higgs masses, SM Higgs width is measurable and distinguishable from heavier SUSY states

## **Total Width Determination**

Departures? fi New physics!

 $m_{H} \ge 115 \text{ GeV} \qquad G_{\text{tot}} = \frac{G(H \not\in WW^{*})}{Br(H \not\in WW^{*})} \leftarrow LC$ Where  $G(H \not\in WW^{*})$  from: •  $s(Hnn) \cdot Br(H \not\in b\bar{b}) \leftarrow LC$ increasing assumptions  $e \frac{s(HZ)}{s_{SM}(HZ)} \leftarrow \frac{LC}{s_{SM}(H \not\in ZZ^{*})}$ (coupling universality)  $e G_{M}(H \not\in WW^{*})$ 

 $G_{tot}$  to ~10% with 200 fb<sup>-1</sup> and 120 GeV Higgs, to a few percent for less than 150 GeV



 $G(H \not\in WW^*)$  from: •  $S(Hnn) \cdot Br(H \not\in WW) \leftarrow LC$ Check if observed Higgs boson gives all the mass to W, Z  Using only direct width measurement only, NLC "L" detector estimated jet-energy resolution



• Complementary to indirect width determination

## Heavy Higgs: SUSY States

Mass, *S* , Br's fi SUSY parameters

 $e^+e^- \not\in H^0 A^0 \not\in b \overline{b} b \overline{b}$ 

- $\div$ s = 800 GeV, 200 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- Close to mass degenerate,  $M_A \sim M_H = 300 \text{ GeV}$



fi Similar precisions as for SM-like case

#### Mass degeneracy, sample SUSY point, ~resolution of NLC "L" detector



 $e^+e^- \not\in H^0 A^0 \not\in b \overline{b} b \overline{b}$ 

#### • "ultimate" separation in gg?





•  $\div$ s = 800 GeV, 500 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- 8 jets, 4 of them b jets
- b-tagging, mass constraints



#### "Nastier stuff":

## Invisible Decays



- Handled with recoil mass in Higgstrahlung
  - fi compare no. events tagged with  $Z \not\in l^+l^$ with total no. observed Higgs decays into known states
  - fi number of events with no detector activity recoiling from  $Z \not\in l^+l^-$



 "Stealth" model, Higgs decays to light Higgs singlets coupling with strength vv to SM Higgs

fi can have large invisible width, no peak in recoil mass





fi more indications of where heavier states may lie

## **Conclusion / Summary**

Intermediate mass and heavy Higgs:

- fi So the PDG entry (see Klaus Desch's talk) may be somewhat shorter (fewer Br's)...
- But still powerful measurements, complementary, couplings to bosons and some fermions
  - If heavy, how is it able to contradict precision EW?
    - fi new physics? *More* PDG entries...!
  - If no intermediate mass Higgs (e.g. at <sub>÷</sub>s = 500 GeV)
    - fi Giga-Z measurements (no states)

and/or

light Higgs "profile"

fi indications of where heavy states may be.

#### Linear Collider results still essential!