Searches for Higgs Bosons at the DØ Experiment

- Standard Model & SUSY Higgs
 boson searches
- **X** New results since Moriond '07

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Collaboration

18 Countries 81 Institutions 645 Scientists



The DØ Detector







The Case for the Higgs



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X Many years of work have led to our current description of matter and its interactions: Standard Model

ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



- X Cast of characters includes
 - Matter particles (fermions): quarks and leptons
 - ★ Force carriers (bosons): photon, gluon, W^{\pm}/Z^{0}
- *X* Highly successful predictive model
 - But there's a problem!! No explanation for particle masses

The Case for the Higgs



- *×* Electroweak model is very powerful
 - **x** $SU(2)_{L} \times U(1)_{V}$ is well tested in collider experiments
 - * But it is not a symmetry of our vacuum otherwise quarks, leptons, and gauge bosons would all be massless
- × Higgs mechanism provides a natural solution
 - **×** Add one complex doublet of scalar fields in a Φ^4 potential
- Symmetric solution unstable, broken EW symmetry creates non-zero VEV
 - W[±]/Z⁰ longitudinal polarizations absorb three degrees of freedom, remaining one becomes neutral scalar (Higgs boson)
 - Ground state VEV parameterizes W/Z masses
 - **x** Higgs mass not predicted: $m_{_{H}} \propto \mu$ Θ



Cornering the Higgs





SM Higgs at the Tevatron



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Cross section (pb) 10 **Production** Gluon fusion dominates for hadron gg→H colliders Large backgrounds restrict useful X EP WH Higgs decay channels Excluded by Х Next largest is associated production of ZH W/Z + Higgs Leptonic decays of W/Z bosons X provide tag for trigger and analysis 100 120 140 160 180 200 Branching ratio ww Decay bb Low-mass Higgs (m_{μ} <135 GeV) prefers to decay to bottom-quark pairs 0.1 ZZ ττ gg Need efficient ID of bottom quarks to Х reduce backgrounds CC EP At high-mass (m_H>135 GeV), search for $H \rightarrow WW^*$ 10-2 Х chuded by decays Zγ γγ Off-shell W boson allows off-resonance production 10^{-3} 180 100 120 140 160 20 m., (GeV/c^2)

Standard Model Search



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Channels



<u>Gluon Fusion Production:</u> Maximum sensitivity at high mass, also useful at low mass



Standard Model Search



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Channels



*New since mid-March + 1fb⁻¹ combined limit

<u>Gluon Fusion Production:</u> Maximum sensitivity at high mass, non-negligible at low mass



Gluon Fusion Higgs Production



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Experimental Signature

- ***** Two high-pT leptons from W-boson decays (e or μ)
- \Rightarrow 3 final states: ee, e μ , $\mu\mu$
- Significant missing transverse energy from neutrinos
- X Highest sensitivity individual search channels!

Searching for $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$ (ICHEP)





- Select high-pT leptons (pT > 15/10 GeV, electrons & muons)
 - X Use Z-peak for normalization (ee/ $\mu\mu$), veto region after norm
- Require large missing transverse energy signature from neutrinos (MET > 20 GeV)
- Restrict sum of MET + lepton pT (scalar and vector)



Searching for $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$ (ICHEP)

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- Largest background is Standard Model W⁺W⁻ q production
 - ✗ Well-measured at both D∅ and CDF
- Scalar higgs (spin-0) provides natural discrimination due to spin correlation!
 - ***** Leptons prefer to be collinear: $\Delta \phi(l,l)$ excellent discriminant!





Searching for $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$ (ICHEP)









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Experimental Signature

- ✗ Leptonic decay of W/Z bosons provides "handle" for event
- **×** Higgs decay to two bottom-quarks helps reduce SM backgrounds



Selecting $W \rightarrow l \nu \& Z \rightarrow l l$



- Select events by utilizing vector-boson decay signatures
 - X Require one(two) high-pT leptons: pT > 20(15) GeV)
 - Neutrinos manifest as missing transverse energy
 - × <u>WH \rightarrow lvbb</u>: **MET > 20 GeV**, <u>ZH \rightarrow llbb</u>: **MET should be small**!!
 - Reconstruct vector boson mass
- ★ Use "OR'ing" of muon triggers: 100% efficiency & +15% in sensitivity











Selecting $Z \rightarrow \nu \nu + Jets$



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- ✗ For ZH→vvbb the search is more difficult: no charged leptons!
 - ✗ Rely on large MET (neutrinos!)
 - Backgrounds

<u>"Physics":</u> Z+jets, W+jets, top-pair, ZZ, WZ

<u>"Instrumental":</u> QCD multijets with mismeasured jets





× Background reduction:

- Trigger on large missing HT (vector sum of jet ET), select large MET:>50 GeV
- × Select two high-pT jets to define final state
 (pT>20 GeV, |η|<2.5)
- × Veto back-to-back jets: $\Delta \phi < 165^{\circ}$

Selecting Z→vv + Jets



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X Reduction of Instrumental background:

Define missing energy/momentum variables:
 <u>Missing ET (MET)</u>: calculated using calorimeter cells
 <u>Missing HT (MHT)</u>: calculated using jets
 <u>Missing Trk pT:</u> calculated using tracks



- Select events based on the assymetry in these variables
 - X Asym(MET,MHT) =
 (MET-MHT)/(MET+MHT) > -0.1
 - Expected shape for real physics
 bkgds obtained from MC
- Further restrict bkgds
 - × $\Delta \phi$ (MET,jets) > 0.15 rad
 - × $\Delta \phi$ (MET,MTrkPt) < $\pi/2$



B-Jet Tagging at DØ





Tagging B-Jets



- V Update b-Tagging optimization (as compared to Single-Top result)
 - X Use asymmetric TIGHT + LOOSE b-Tagging thresholds for double-tagged jet sample (gain ~40% in sensitivity)
 - ✗ For WH→lvbb, separate orthogonal 2 b-tag and 1 b-tag samples to salvage lost efficiency (gain ~15% in sensitivity)



Selecting H→bb Events





Searching for H→bb



- × Interesting consideration: ZH→ $\nu\nu$ bb channel has large cross efficiency from WH signal (lost/undetected lepton + hadronic W→ $\tau\nu$)
 - **×** Treat as separate WH channel for proper accounting:
 - **★** ZH signal \Rightarrow ZH limits, WH signal \Rightarrow WH limits
 - X Same background!! Sum signals for full combination of results

Expected/Observed Events in 1.0fb ⁻¹ mH=115 GeV, 70 <djmass<130 gev<="" th=""></djmass<130>						
<u>Channel</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Bkgd</u>	<u>Data</u>	<u>S/sqrt(B)</u>		
WH→lvbb, 2Tag	1.45	86.6	91	0.156		
WH→l∨bb, 1Tag	1.48	365.2	339	0.077		
ZH/WH→MET+bb	0.83/0.54	55.3	63	0.184		
ZH→llbb	0.37	19.8	17	0.083		

Advanced Analysis Techniques



- ★ WH/ZH system is very rich, don't need to rely on dijet mass alone
 - **×** Multivariate analyses isolate regions of signal density in N-dimensions
 - X Under development, but Matrix Element analysis approved
 - * Despite selection 30-40% less sensitive (optimized for single-top search & uses smaller dataset), ME analysis achieves similar final sensitivity
 - Use signal/bkgd production Matrix Elements (tree-level) to form likelihood discriminant: ~35% improvement in sensitivity! (in single b-tag channel, similar optimization point)



Advanced Analyses



- X Comparison of cut-based and ME analyses
 - **×** Despite optimization point, achieves similar sensitivity
 - **×** Steady progress in this channel



Setting Limits



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- In the absence of signal, we set limits on Standard Model Higgs boson production
 - ***** We calculate limits via the CLs prescription:

$$CL_{s} = \frac{CL_{s+b}}{CL_{b}}$$

✗ Using a Log-Likelihood Ratio test statistic:

$$Q(\vec{s}, \vec{b}, \vec{d}) = \prod_{i=0}^{N_{Chan}} \prod_{j=0}^{N_{bins}} \frac{(s+b)_{ij}^{d_{ij}} e^{(s+b)_{ij}}}{d_{ij}!} / \frac{b_{ij}^{d_{ij}} e^{b_{ij}}}{d_{ij}!}$$

 $LLR = -2 \times LogQ$

d_{ii} refers to "data" for model being tested

 Distributions of simulated outcomes are populated via Poisson trial with mean values given by B-only or S+B hypotheses

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- **×** Systematics are folded in via Gaussian marginalization
- Correlations held amongst signals and backgrounds

Tools of the Trade



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- X To counteract the degrading effects of systematic uncertainties, we actually integrate over the Profile Likelihood distributions
 - **×** Obtained by fitting MC expectations to "data" for each outcome
 - Capitalizes on shape and statistics of data to constrain background fluctuations
- **×** Must define the best fit of our MC model to data

x Assume: $B_i \rightarrow B_i \prod_k (1 + \sigma_i^k \rho_k)$ \leftarrow Where ρ_k has a mean of 0 and width of 1

x Minimize Poisson estimator by varying S_{μ} values

$$\chi^{2} = 2 \sum_{i} (B_{i} - D_{i}) - D_{i} \ln \left(\frac{B_{i}}{D_{i}}\right) + \sum_{k} \rho_{k}^{2}$$

CLs in Pictures



- X Black dashed line: Observed
 LLR value (LLR_{obs})
- X Green: Bkgd-only hypothesis
 - x CL_b is region to right of LLR_{obs}
 - × Equals ~50% for goodbkgd/data agreement
- X Red: Signal+bkgd hypothesis
 - x CL_{s+b} is region to right of
 LLR_{obs}





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DØ Preliminary, L=1.0 fb¹

m_H (GeV/c²)

observation

X

Setting Limits





- Limits presented as ratios to the expected Standard Model cross section
 - ★ 95% CL exclusion when ratio=1.0
 - Facilitates flexible combination of channels, interpretation of model



Combined SM Limits











An Emerging Path...



- Though we're not quite there, we know we're missing pieces X
 - ★ Advanced analysis selections (NN,ME) provide factor of ~1.5-1.7 in equivalent luminosity
 - × Missing channels (WH \rightarrow WWW, single-tag for ZH)
 - New channels (taus, $H \rightarrow ZZ$, hadronic $H \rightarrow WW$) in the pipeline X
 - Many systematics currently statistics limited X

Ingredient	Equiv Lumi <u>Gain</u>	Xsec Factor <u>MH=115 GeV</u>	Xsec Factor MH=160 GeV	
Today with 1fb ⁻¹	-	5.9	4.2	
Lumi = 2 fb^{-1}	2	4.2	3.0	
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Multivariate Techniques	1.7	2.3	2.3	
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DZero only	→At nee	 →At 115 GeV At 160 GeV need ~4.5 fb⁻¹ need ~6 fb⁻¹ 		
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Two Experiments	2	1.1	1.2
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What if we succeed?



- **×** What does success mean?
 - * Exclusion? Observation?
- *×* Either way, the story does not end with the Standard Model Higgs search
- Exclusion would be great, but what do we learn?
- $\begin{array}{l} \star \quad 3 \text{-} \sigma \text{ evidence might not be} \\ \text{enough to measure properties} \end{array}$
 - **×** What does it **look** like?
 - **×** Does it *fit* the SM?



Higgs Bosons in the MSSM



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- Super-Symmetry (SUSY) provides a robust EWSB solution
 - X Introduces supersymmetric "partners" for all existing particles
 - Requires <u>two</u> doublets of complex scalar fields: Two Higgs-Doublet Model (2HDM)
 - <u>Fight degrees of freedom</u>: Three go to W[±]/Z⁰ polarization states: this leaves *five* Higgs bosons providing all particle masses: four scalars (h, H, H[±]) and one pseudoscalar (A)
 - **×** The minimal description of SUSY is referred to as MSSM
 - **×** Higgs sector described by to base parameters:

x tan β (ratio of VEV for h,H) & m_A

- **x** Prefers a light higgs: $m_h < 140 \text{ GeV}$
- ✗ But supersymmetric "sparticles" have not been observed
 - **×** New particle masses must be large
 - **×** This is OK, as it introduces a natural energy scale at $\sim 1-2$ TeV **36**

Higgs Bosons in the MSSM





- **×** In MSSM, coupling to down-type quarks enhanced as $\tan\beta$
 - \Rightarrow cross-section is enhanced as $\tan^2\beta$



Higgs Bosons in the MSSM





- For large $\tan\beta$, H/h and A (collectively called ϕ) are nearly mass degenerate
 - **×** Br(ϕ →bb) ~90% and Br(ϕ → $\tau\tau$) ~10% almost independent of tan β



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Fermiophobic Higgs Bosons

- For certain 2HDM, coupling of light Higgs to fermions is suppressed
 - × *Fermiophobic Higgs:* decays 100% $h_{_{F}}$ →γγ if light enough
- **x** Look for associated $h_F H^{\pm}$ production, with $h_F H^{\pm} W^{\pm}$ coupling
 - Decay constraint defines 3(4) y final state



$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow h_F H^{\pm} \rightarrow h_F h_F W^{\pm} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma \gamma (\gamma) + X$$

- ***** Experimentally, look for 3γ +X to maximize acceptance
 - × Select 3 γ with $E_T > 30$, 20, 15 GeV and $p_T(3\gamma)>25$ GeV
- X Main background: direct triple photon production
 - ✗ Estimate from MC, corrected by ratio of two photon data/MC

Fermiophobic Higgs Bosons



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- × Upper limit on *associated* production of h_F^{F} , $\sigma(h_F^{H^{\pm}}) < 25.3$ fb at 95% CL
- Interpret in terms of 2HDM parameter space
 - **x** Depends strongly on $m_{H\pm}$, weakly on $\tan\beta$

Expected events 1.1 ± 0.2 Observed0Acceptance 0.16 ± 0.03



Associated SUSY-Higgs Production



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Experimental Signature

- Higgs decays to two high-pT
 b-quark jets
- One or two extra associatedb-quarks define final state
- Search for peak in dijet invariant mass spectrum

$\phi \rightarrow bb + b[b]$ Search



- × Select at least three b-tagged jets with p_T > 40, 25, 15 GeV
 - Invariant mass of two leading jets peaks at Higgs mass
- Backgrounds estimated from data
 - Shape taken from double-tagged dijet mass spectrum
 - **×** Rate normalized outside signal window for each point in m_A and tanβ plane
- ★ Reasonable agreement between data and predicted background: proceed to set upper limits on MSSM $\phi \rightarrow$ bb production
 - Preliminary analysis being optimized to maximize sensitivity



Di-Tau SUSY-Higgs Decays



Experimental Signature

- **×** Higgs decays to two tau leptons
- Further decays of tau leptons defines final states

Tau Identification at DØ



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- X Neural network-based ID
- **×** 3 NNs for 3 distinct τ types:



Performance for p_{T}>15 GeV

Agreement with $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ decays





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$\phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ Search

- $x \phi \rightarrow \tau^{+} \tau^{-} \rightarrow \mu \nu + \tau_{h}$
- × Largest bkgds: $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$, QCD-jet fakes
 - × NN>0.9, Δ**R**(μ,τ)>0.5
 - x M_{w}^{vis} < 20 GeV to remove W bkgd

$$M_W^{vis} = \sqrt{2 E_\mu M E_T \frac{p^\mu}{p_T^\mu} (1 - \cos(\Delta \phi))}$$





 Mass-dependent NN optimization for signal/bkgd separation (M^{vis}, mu, tau kinematic variables)

$\phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ Search





- ✗ Similar analysis at CDF
 - X Combines e+h, μ+h, e+μ
 tau decays
 - x Best fit: $m_{\phi} = 160$ GeV, tan $\beta \sim 50$



$\phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ Search



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 $m_{h}^{max}, \mu < 0$ No-mixing, $\mu < 0$ DØ preliminary1.0fb⁻¹ 95% CL X <u>cn_</u>100∎ പ100 tan tan ∞ limits, interpreted in: $\mathbf{X} \ \sigma \times \operatorname{Br}(\phi \to \tau \tau)$ **×** MSSM parameter space DØ Preliminary, 1.0 fb⁻¹ DØ Preliminary, 1.0 fb⁻¹ DØ φ→τ_ατ, 1.01b⁻¹ 95% limit $\sigma * Br(\phi \rightarrow \tau \tau)$ (pb) 85% limit $\sigma * Br(\phi \rightarrow \tau \tau)$ $D \oslash \phi \rightarrow \tau_{\odot}^{\mu} \tau$, 1.0 to ⁻¹ expected CDF φ-+ττ, 1.0fb⁻¹ DØ Preliminary, 1.0 fb⁻¹ CDF φ→ττ, 1.0fb⁻¹ expected LEP **Observed Limit** Expected Limit M_A (GeV) Expected Limit, $\pm 1\sigma$ M₄ (GeV) $m_{h}^{max}, \mu > 0$ No-mixing, $\mu > 0$ CDF 1.0 fb⁻¹ Expected Limit ն 100 100 100 100 tan ³⁰¹ DØ Preliminary, 1.0 fb⁻¹ $D \oslash \phi \rightarrow \tau_{\mu}^{\mu} \tau, 1.0 \text{ tb}^{-1}$ $D \oslash \phi \rightarrow \tau_{\mu}^{\mu} \tau, 1.0 \text{ tb}^{-1}$ expected DØ Preliminary, 1.0 to⁻¹ CDF φ→ττ, 1.0fb⁻¹ CDF φ→ττ, 1.0fb⁻¹ expected LEP o Higgs Mass (GeV) M_A (GeV) M_A (GeV)

Summary of Results



	CDF limit (1fb ⁻¹)	D0 limit (1fb ⁻¹)	
Analysis	factor above SM	factor above SM	
	observed (expected)	observed (expected)	
Z/WH→мет+bb @ 115			
Technique: M _{jj}	16 (15)	14 (9.6)	
WH→l∨bb @ 115			
Technique: M _{jj}	26 (17)	11 (8.8)	
Technique: ME	-	12 (9.5)	
ZH→llbb @ 115			
Technique: M _{jj}	-	23 (22)	
Technique: NN2D	16 (16)	-	
$\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W} \rightarrow \mathbf{l} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{l} \mathbf{v} @ 160$			
Technique: $\Delta \phi$ (1,1)	9.2 (6.0)	3.7 (4.2)	
Technique: ME	3.4 (4.8)	_	
Φ→ττ @ 160			
μ<0, no mixing	$\tan\beta < 69$ (47)	$\tan\beta < 44$ (54)	

Conclusions



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Higgs physics in Run II of the Tevatron looks promising: *very exciting time to be working here!!*

Great collaboration and FNAL support 45 40 40 40 40 53 40 35 40 35 DØ Preliminary, 1.0 fb⁻¹ allows us to push the boundaries of our **Observed Limit** knowledge: $\geq 3\sigma$ Higgs is reachable if Expected Limit Higgs is light or near 160 GeV Expected Limit, $\pm 1\sigma$ _imit / σ(pp→WH/ZH/H)×BR(H→bb/W⁺W] DØ Preliminary, L=1.0 fb¹ 30 * CDF 1.0 fb⁻¹ Expected Limit 6 **35% limit** 50 Observed Limit We won't stop **MSSM Higgs** Expected Limit here!! means SUSY!! 10 15 10 120 160 100 140 180 200 100 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 110 Higgs Mass (GeV) m_{H} (GeV/c²)

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Backup Slides

Di-Jet Mass Resolution



- ✗ SHWG/HSG quoted at 10% dijet mass resolution
 - ★ <u>Bad news:</u> We're currently at 17-18%
 - ✗ <u>Good news:</u> Don't need 10% to get expected factor in lumi
- Several techniques available: energy-flow algorithms, constrained fitting of jets+MET system, ISR/FSR jet recovery



Multivariate Analyses



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- * Many mature techniques (ready for final vetting)
 - X Matrix Element, Neural Networks

× Observe 35-50% improvement in limit

- × Not limited to H→bb or low mass!!
 - \pmb{x} Very large improvement possible for $m_{_{\rm H}} \sim 135$ GeV, where

top-pair/single-top begin to dominate

