

Higgs physics in di- τ final states with CMS

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36/fb @ 13 TeV highly sophisticated analysis leads to 4.9σ discovery.

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- Difficult to identify b quark initiated jets with high purity.
- b quark production in QCD quite common in hadron collider.
- Identify signal in presence of overwhelming background.
- Reduce event rate during data taking.



- Difficult to identify hadronic τ -decay with high purity (\rightarrow see next slides).
- Background that is most difficult to separate: $Z \rightarrow \tau \tau$ (\rightarrow well under control).
- Leptonic nature easier to identify/ tag.

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~90% of all di- τ final states contain at least one τ_h .



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What we want to know:

 $\begin{pmatrix} p_T & \eta & \phi \end{pmatrix}$ + particle type (m) from each particle that emerges the collision.







Hadronic τ -decay

- Start from anti- ${\rm k}_{\rm T}$ clustered jets of particle flow objects with opening parameter of 0.4.
- Require one or three high p_{T} charged hadrons (\rightarrow prongs).



• Apply ID criteria to increase purity.



τ_h -Identification

- MVA based τ_h -identification: energy deposits close to τ -candidate + impact parameter information on prongs.
- Discrimination against muons and electrons.



• Predefined working points used in analyses.







$\mathbf{SM}\,H \to \tau\tau\,\mathbf{analysis}$

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	0-jet	1-jet boost	2-jet VBF
$e au_h$	$m_{vis} vs$ $\tau_h decay$ mode	Ť	Ť
μau_h	$m_{vis} vs$ $\tau_h decay$ mode	$m_{ au au}$ vs	$m_{ au au}$ vs
$ au_h au_h$	$m_{\tau\tau}$ (1D)	$p_{\mathrm{T}}(au au)$	$m_{ m jj}$
$e\mu$	${ m m_{vis}}~{ m vs}$ $p_{ m T}(\mu)$	¥	¥

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Background estimation

DY: from simulation w/ corrections from data.



Observation





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Results

• Combined ML fit to all distributions in all event categories:



- Largest significance @ 125 GeV $4.9(4.7)\sigma$.
- + $5.9(5.9)\sigma$ when combined with the LHC run-1 result.

Results

• **Consistency** across production modes (left) and final states (right):



- Overall signal strength: $\mu = 1.09 \pm_{0.26}^{0.27}$
- Largest uncertainties equally shared b.t.w. template population, systematics, statistics $(\mathcal{O}(13\%))$, theory uncertainty $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$.

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Decay	$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$					
Channel	inclusive	inclusive	$gg \to H$	$qq \to H$	WH	ZH	$t\overline{t}H$
$\gamma\gamma$	1k	37k	32k	2,5k	1k	750	375
ZZ	50	2k	1,75k	140	60	40	10
WW	$5\mathrm{k}$	200k	175k	14k	6k	4k	1k
$b\overline{b}$	250k	$10000\mathrm{k}$	$8750\mathrm{k}$	700k	300k	200k	50k
au au	30k	$1000\mathrm{k}$	875k	70k	30k	20k	5k
$\mu\mu$	100	$3.7\mathrm{k}$	3.2k	250	100	70	30

based on $\sigma \cdot BR$ before reconstruction

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- Prime source to search for non-trivial extended Higgs sectors (→ e.g. in SUSY, see next slides)!



Standard particles

SUSY particles



$MSSM H \rightarrow \tau \tau \text{ analysis}^{(*)}$



(*) as proxi for a well motivated THDM extension of the SM

Higgs Bosons in the MSSM

• Any 2 Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM) predicts five Higgs bosons:



 α : angle between H and h in mass matrix

Mass of observed Higgs Boson and $\tan\beta$



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Special role of down-type fermions

	g_{VV}/g_{VV}^{SM}	g_{uu}/g_{uu}^{SM}	g_{dd}/g_{dd}^{SM}
A	_	$\gamma_5 \cot\beta$	$\gamma_5 aneta$
H	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$	$\sin lpha / \ \sin eta \ o \cot eta$	$\cos lpha / \cos eta ightarrow an eta$
h	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1$	$\cos lpha / \sin eta \ o \ 1$	$-\sinlpha/\coseta ightarrow 1$

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For $m_A \gg m_Z$: $\alpha \to \beta - \pi/2$ (coupling to down-type fermions enhanced by $\tan \beta$).



Production modes:

Decay channels:





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- Brand new CMS result discussed in the
 following (based on 36/fb @ 13TeV).
- What's special about this publication:
 - Maximally data driven background estimates.
 - Increased sensitivity due to more complex event categorization.
 - Differential signal modeling consistently @ NLO QCD accuracy.
 - Sophisticated statistical inference for signal.

Additional event information

• Increase sensitivity to signal by making use of further **signal specific event information** (e.g. enhanced presence of b quarks).



Signal region (SR) Control region













Control regions used for in situ determination of normalization and partially shapes of backgrounds in ML fit used for statistical inference of the signal.

Background modeling

- Background related to $jet \rightarrow \tau_h$ misidentification estimated from data using **fake factor** (FF) method.
- Background model cross checked by two alternative estimation methods (MC driven, embedded)



background process	misidentification	$e\mu$	$e au_h$	μau_h	$ au_h au_h$
$Z \to \tau \tau$		MC^\dagger	MC^{\dagger}	MC^\dagger	MC^\dagger
$Z \to \ell \ell$	$\begin{array}{c} \ell \to \tau_h \\ \text{jet} \to \tau_h \end{array}$	MC	MC FF	MC FF	MC FF
Diboson+single top	$ au/\ell o au_h \ ext{jet} o au_h$	MC	MC FF	MC FF	MC FF
$t\overline{t}$	$ au/\ell o au_h$ jet $ o au_h$	MC^{\dagger}	$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{MC}^{\dagger} \\ \mathrm{FF} \end{array}$	MC^{\dagger} FF	MC^{\dagger} FF
W + jets	$\mathrm{jet} \to \tau_h$	\mathbf{MC}	FF	FF	FF
QCD	$\mathrm{jet} \to \tau_h$	CR	FF	FF	FF

[†] Normalization from control region in data.

Fake factor (FF) method

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Signal modeling

Test MSSM vs SM hypothesis: allows for well defined statistical problem, even when reaching sensitivity to the 125 GeV Higgs boson.

- $p_T(A, H, h)$ @ NLO QCD + PS \rightarrow multiscale problem.
- Plus: b contribution varies as a function of $\tan \beta$.



- Typical scan to determine exclusion contours in specific models.
- Determine CLs in each point in parameter space to obtain limit at significance level α .

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Signal modeling





- Taking into account all $\tan \beta$ enhanced SUSY corrections and non-trivial $\tan \alpha$ dependency for H/h.
- Worked out with E. Bagnaschi and S. Liebler in frame of LHCHXSWG-3.



Powheg NLO (2HDM)

Observation

Shown are the most sensitive categories with an MSSM $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ hypothesis w/ $m_A = 700 \text{ GeV}$ and $\tan \beta = 20$ fitted to the data.



Model independent limits

• Narrow width approximation, two parameters of interest, $\mu_{gg\phi}$ and $\mu_{bb\phi}$.



- No deviation beyond 2σ found.
- Cross checks discussed e.g. in Ph.D. thesis from Rene Caspart and master thesis from Janek Bechtel.

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Model dependent exclusion contours

• Exclusion contours in **predefined benchmark models**:



• In general parameter space is explored down to $\tan\beta\gtrsim 6$ for $m_A\lesssim 250~{\rm GeV}$ and up to $m_A\leq 1600~{\rm GeV}$.

Summary

- Di- τ is one of the most interesting final states in the Higgs physics program of the LHC.
 - Best access to Higgs boson couplings to fermions.
 - Large event yields still reasonably well accessible (e.g. for studies of specific production modes).
 - Most interesting final state to **search for extensions** of the SM Higgs sector.
- CMS had a very successful year 2017 with two major publications on SM and MSSM Higgs physics in the di- τ final state on the full dataset of 2016.
- We are well prepared to analyze the full LHC run-2 dataset from 2019 on. Looking forward to these analyses.



$$\tau_1^{\text{vis}} = \mu, \, e, \, \tau_h \qquad \tau_2^{\text{vis}} = \mu, \, \tau_h$$

$$m_{\rm T}^{\rm tot} = \sqrt{m_{\rm T}^2(E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}, \tau_1^{\rm vis}) + m_{\rm T}^2(E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}, \tau_2^{\rm vis}) + m_{\rm T}^2(\tau_1^{\rm vis}, \tau_2^{\rm vis})},$$

$$m_{\rm T}(1,2) = \sqrt{2p_{\rm T}(1)p_{\rm T}(2)(1-\cos\Delta\phi(1,2))},$$



Reconstruction of $m_{\tau\tau}$

• Likelihood approach:

 $\mathcal{L} = \bullet \overbrace{\overline{\theta_2}}^{0} \bullet$ ×



- ME for leptonic τ decay or phase space kinematics of 2-body decay of τ_h .
- Estimate of expected E_T resolution on event by event basis.
- Inputs: visible decay products, x-, ycomponent of E_T .
- Free parameters: φ , θ^* , ($m_{\nu\nu}$) per τ .



• Find minimum of \mathcal{L} for given $m_{\tau\tau}$ and scan over all possible values of $m_{\tau\tau}$ to find global minimum.

2D likelihood scans

• Coupling to fermions and vector bosons:



• These plots include $H \rightarrow WW$ as signal process; κ_V driven by VBF & $e\mu$.

Higgs: CP properties (from $H \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ **)**

• Obtain *P* from an angular momentum analysis of the QM system:

Orbital momentum: $P(Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi)) = (-1)^l \cdot Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi)$

Intrinsic parity of fermions:

$$P(f) = (+1) \cdot f$$
 $P(\bar{f}) = (-1) \cdot f$

• Obtain *C* from $P \times (\pm 1)$ for permutations of objects (\neg spin statistics):

$$\begin{array}{l} |1,\pm1\rangle = & |1/2,\pm1/2\rangle \otimes |1/2,\pm1/2\rangle \\ |1, \ 0\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left(|1/2,+1/2\rangle \otimes |1/2,-1/2\rangle + (|1/2,-1/2\rangle \otimes |1/2,+1/2\rangle) \right\} \\ (+1) \text{ under permutations.} \\ |0, \ 0\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left(|1/2,+1/2\rangle \otimes |1/2,-1/2\rangle - (|1/2,-1/2\rangle \otimes |1/2,+1/2\rangle) \right) \\ (-1) \text{ under permutations.} \end{array}$$

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Transverse spin polarization in the di- τ system



Embedding cross check



2D NLL picked up by theory

• First application to new models (using HiggsBounds): arXiv:1507.06706





 $\sigma(gg\phi) \cdot B(\phi \rightarrow \tau \tau)$ [pb]



3D database: $1.25 \cdot 10^6 \Delta NLL$ points for 31 masses between $m_{\phi} = 90 \dots 1000$ GeV.

arXiv:1408.3316

