

Cascade Decay of a Heavy Higgs at LHC

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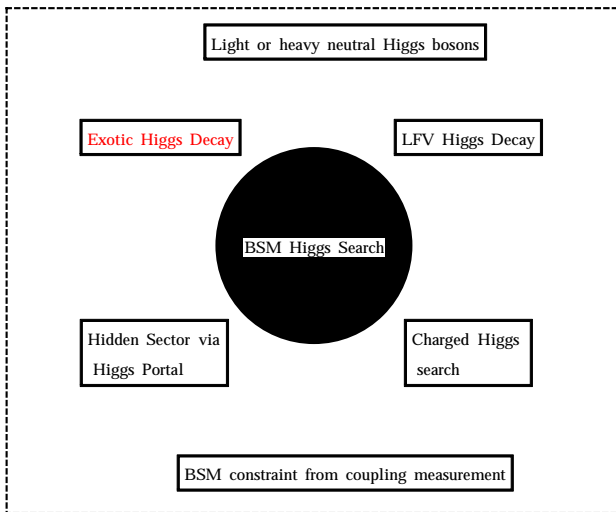
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- Keeping this point in mind, the multi-Higgs models receive lot of attention among particle physics community.
- So it is worthy to revisit some of these multi-Higgs models because **the observation of additional scalar will be a clear indication of new physics.**

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- But the decay of type i.e. **Exotic \rightarrow Exotic \rightarrow SM** [Ref:1604.03108] is not explored much.
- Our main aim is to explore whether a heavy Higgs is hidden inside the double new physics couplings suppression.

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- In specific models like CP -conserving 2HDM, this could be $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow AZ \rightarrow hZZ$. Here H and A are the scalar and pseudoscalar bosons arising in the model.

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- The last scenario, BP4 is a similar to BP2, but with reduced mass splitting.

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- SM backgrounds corresponding to a selected final state will be determined.
- A cut and count analysis will be performed on detector level events.
- In the end, we will interpret these results in the context of our favourite models.

SM Backgrounds: 4l+2b

Background	Cross section \times BR (fb)
$ZZb\bar{b}$	0.14
$t\bar{t}Z$	1.19
$WWZb\bar{b}$	1.16

Table: Cross section of the background SM processes at 14 TeV LHC.

Methodology

- The signal and background processes are generated through MADGRAPH5 with inbuilt parton level cuts.
- The showering and hadronisation is done through PYTHIA6 which is interfaced in MADGRAPH5.
- The events generated are then analysed with the help of MADANALYSIS5 using the inbuilt interface with DELPHES.

BP1 : Distributions

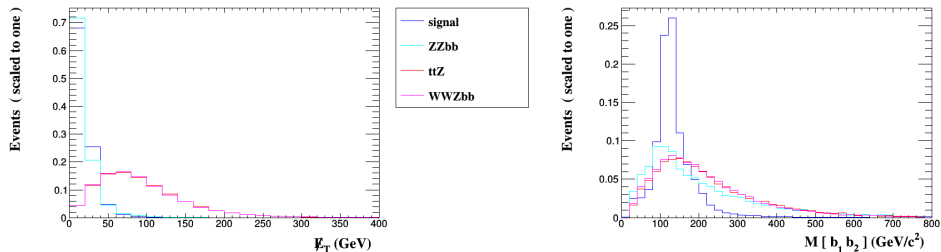


Figure: Normalised missing transverse energy (E_T and $M_{b_1 b_2}$ distributions for the signal and selected backgrounds in the case of BP1 with $m_H = 400$ GeV, $m_A = 250$ GeV with final state $2b\ 2\ell^+ 2\ell^-$.

p_T distributions:BP2

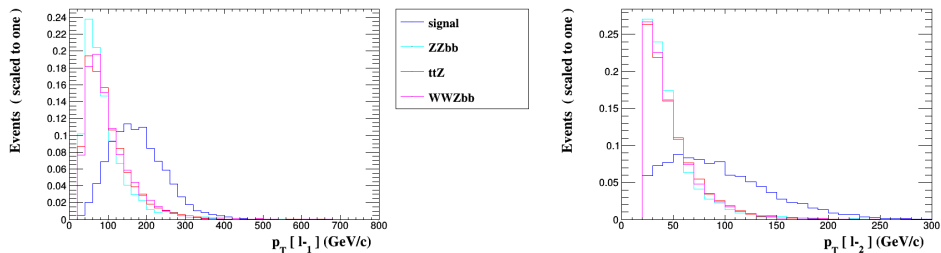


Figure: p_T distributions of lepton after applying $N(l^+)=2, N(l^-)=2, N(b)=2$ for BP2.

Cut Flow Table: $4l+2b:N(b)=2$

Selection Criterias	No. of Events (Lum. = 1000 fb ⁻¹)									
	Signal				Total Backgd	Efficiency				
	BP1	BP2	BP3	BP4		BP1	BP2	BP3	BP4	Backgd
Pre-Selection	5000	5000	5000	5000	13636					
$N(\ell^+) = N(\ell^-) = 2$	1993	2723	1979	2373	1992	0.39	0.54	0.39	0.47	0.14
$N(b) = 2$	206	490	260	340	231	0.10	0.18	0.13	0.14	0.12
$\cancel{E}_T < 50$	203	415	220	321	66	0.98	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.29
$90 < M_{bb} < 150$	160	344	174	257	16	0.79	0.82	0.79	0.80	0.24
$p_T(\ell_1) > 75 \text{ GeV}, p_T(\ell_2) > 50$	NA	200	59	37	2	NA	0.58	0.34	0.14	0.12

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$N(b) = 1$	884	1310	910	1115	818	0.44	0.48	0.45	0.47	0.41
$\cancel{E}_T < 50$	871	1122	782	1060	242	0.98	0.85	0.85	0.95	0.29
$p_T(\ell_1) > 75 \text{ GeV}, p_T(\ell_2) > 50$	NA	650	296	163	20	NA	0.57	0.37	0.15	0.08

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Case 1: $N(b) = 2$

BPs	Significance		
	100 fb ⁻¹	1000 fb ⁻¹	3000 fb ⁻¹
BP1	7.2	22.9	39.6
BP2	10.1	37.1	65.6
BP3	4.9	17.1	29.8
BP4	3.6	12.4	21.7

Case 2: $N(b) = 1$

BPs	Significance		
	100 fb ⁻¹	1000 fb ⁻¹	3000 fb ⁻¹
BP1	12.9	40.7	70.5
BP2	18.2	58.3	101.0
BP3	10.6	33.9	58.8
BP4	6.9	22.0	38.1

Table: Signal Significance with assumed systematic uncertainty of 10% for the background.

Formula Used for signal significance:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{2} \times \left((S + B) \ln \left[\frac{(S + B) (B + x^2)}{B^2 + (S + B) x^2} \right] - \frac{B^2}{x^2} \ln \left[1 + \frac{x^2 S}{B (B + x^2)} \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (1)$$

Significance Vs. Systematics

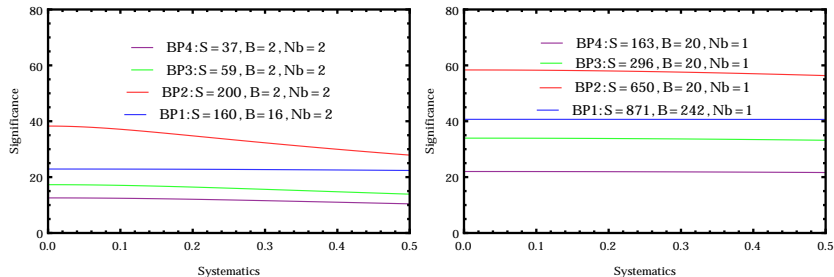


Figure: Significance plotted against the systematic uncertainty for the two cases of (i) $N(b) = 2$ and (ii) $N(b) = 1$. Luminosity of 1000 fb^{-1} is considered.

Significance Vs. Signal Events

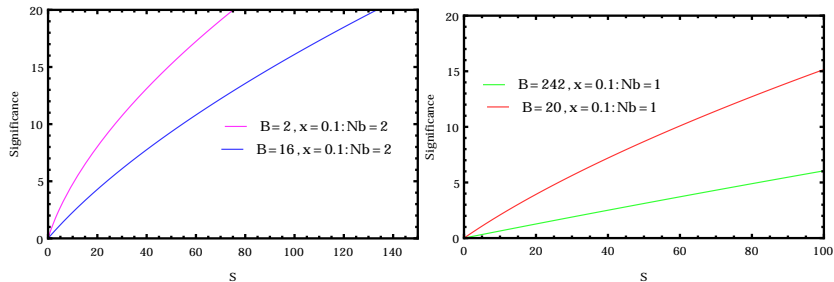


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5 σ Cross section Reach:

	Cross section(in fb) reach for 5 σ significance	
	2b4 ℓ	1b4 ℓ
BP1	0.78	0.49
BP2	0.25	0.19
BP3	0.85	0.42
BP4	1.35	0.77

Table: 5 σ Cross section reach for BPs assuming systematic uncertainty of 10% at 1000 fb⁻¹ luminosity.

Model Implications

- We now turn to the issue of understanding the realizability of the quoted cross-sections in model dependent way.
- As an operating example, we choose the Type II 2HDM.
- Unlike the SM, the 2HDM has two Higgs fields (ϕ_1, ϕ_2) developing vacuum expectation values (vev) to break $SU(2) \times U(1)$ down to $U(1)_{\text{em}}$.

For details about 2HDM, see some of the Planery Talks(Example: Talks by Haber,Osland etc.).

Process and Relevant Couplings:

- The process we are considering, specifically, is $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow AZ \rightarrow hZZ \rightarrow 2b + 4\ell$.
- A cascade decay of this sort is suppressed by two new physics couplings, viz., g_{HAZ} and g_{AhZ} - these are given by:

$$g_{HAZ} = \frac{g \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{2 \cos \theta_w} (p_A - p_H)_\mu \quad (2)$$

$$g_{AhZ} = \frac{g \cos(\beta - \alpha)}{2 \cos \theta_w} (p_h - p_A)_\mu, \quad (3)$$

Prod. Cross-section

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) = \sigma_{\text{SM}} \times \frac{\left| \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} \right) F_{1/2}^h(\tau_t) + \left(\frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} \right) F_{1/2}^h(\tau_b) \right|^2}{|F_{1/2}^h(\tau_t) + F_{1/2}^h(\tau_b)|^2}, \quad (4)$$

where $\tau_f = 4m_f^2/m_H^2$ and the loop factor $F_{1/2}^h = -2\tau [1 + (1 - \tau)f(\tau)]$ with

$$f(\tau) = \begin{cases} [\sin^{-1}(1/\sqrt{\tau})]^2 & \tau \geq 1, \\ -\frac{1}{4} [\ln(\eta_+/\eta_-) - i\pi]^2 & \tau < 1, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

with $\eta_{\pm} \equiv 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \tau}$.

Prod. Cross Section of H and Br Plot of $H \rightarrow AZ$

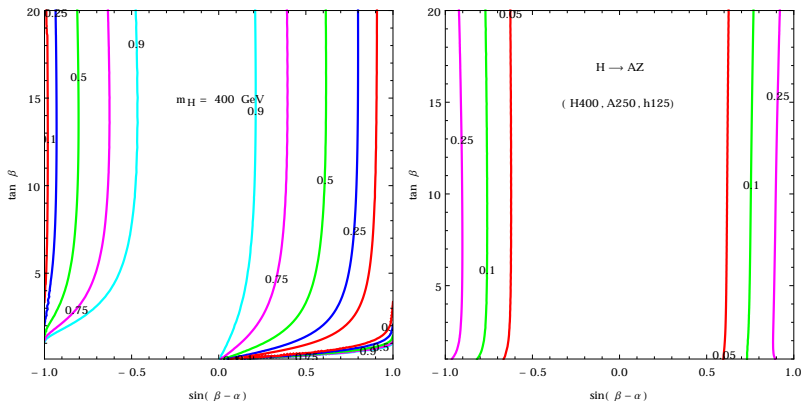


Figure: Normalized Prod. Cross section of H and Branching ratios for the decay $H \rightarrow AZ$ for BP1.

Br Plots: $A \rightarrow hZ$

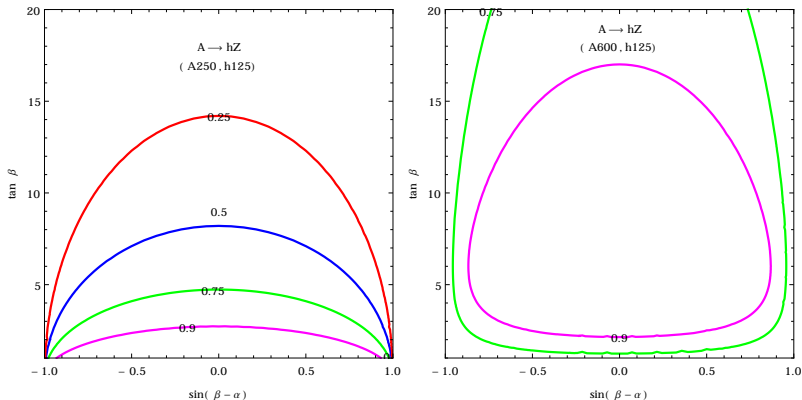


Figure: Branching ratios for the decay $A \rightarrow hZ$ for the benchmark points considered in this study.

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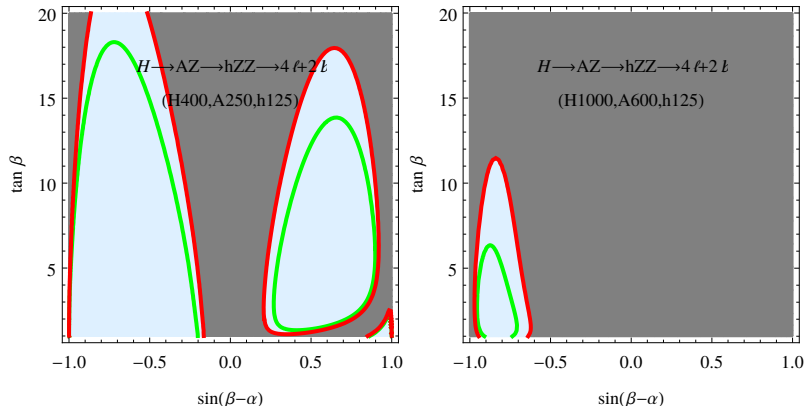


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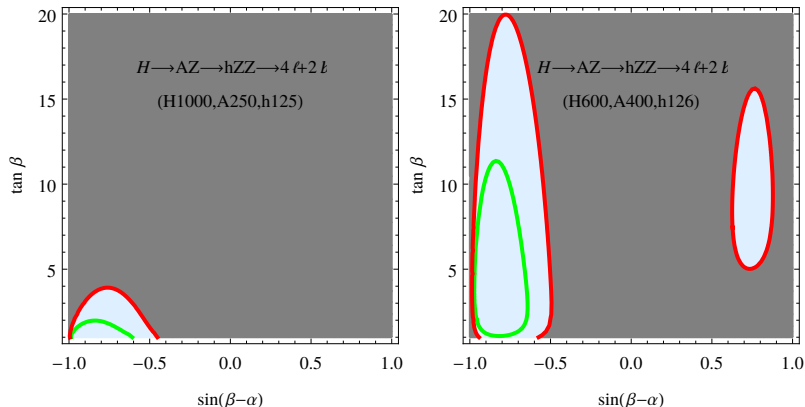


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- BP1 understandably has the largest reach.
- BP4 offers another possibility but with $\sin(\beta - \alpha)$ range more restricted.
- The reach in BP2 and BP3, owing both to the large m_{H_2} and boosted b jets is limited.

Thank You!