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# Exotic SUSY Higgs at the LHC

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# Outline

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- Introduction
- $H^\pm$  search at LHC with  $H^\pm W^\mp$  production channel
  - CP-conserving MSSM: maximal mixing and resonant scenarios
  - CP-violating MSSM
- Impact of SUSY CP violation on  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  channel at LHC
- Light pseudoscalars in NMSSM:  $h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \tau^+ \tau^-$
- Outlook: Beyond Higgs at LHC

## Supersymmetry (SUSY)

- Symmetry fermions  $\leftrightarrow$  bosons
- “Standard” particles get superpartners with spin  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$
- Supersymmetry is broken  $\Rightarrow$  soft SUSY parameters
- Motivation: unification of gauge couplings, hierarchy problem

## Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)

- Minimal extension of Standard Model (SM)
- SM gauge group
- Minimal Higgs sector: 2 doublets
- Many of MSSM parameters can be **complex**  $\rightarrow$  CP violation
- Higgs sector could be extended  $\rightarrow$  NMSSM

- Complex parameters  $\leftrightarrow$  new sources of CP violation

- May help to explain baryon asymmetry of universe

- Constraints from electric dipole moments (EDMs) of e, n, Hg, Tl

[Ibrahim, Nath, '99; Barger, Falk, Han, Jiang, Li, Plehn, '01; Abel, Khalil, Lebedev, '01]

[Oshima, Nihei, Fujita, '05; Pospelov, Ritz, '05; Olive, Pospelov, Ritz, Santoso, '05]

[Abel, Lebedev, '05; Yaser Ayazi, Farzan, '06, '07]

- Global U(1) symmetries: some phases eliminated

E.g.  $M_2$  : real SU(2) gaugino mass parameter

- Physical phases remain for the parameters

$A_f$  : trilinear couplings of sfermions

$\mu$  : Higgs-higgsino mass parameter

$M_1$  : U(1) gaugino mass parameter

$M_3$  : SU(3) gaugino mass parameter (gluino mass)

- MSSM: 2 Higgs doublets
  - 5 physical Higgs particles at tree-level ( $h, H, A, H^\pm$ )
- $\tilde{t}$  and  $\tilde{b}$  loops  $\Rightarrow$  explicit CP violation in Higgs sector [Pilaftsis, '98]  
[Pilaftsis, Wagner, '99; Demir, '99, Carena, Ellis, Pilaftsis, Wagner, '00, '01; Choi, Drees, Lee, '00]
- CP-even ( $h, H$ ) and CP-odd ( $A$ ) neutral Higgs mix
  - 3 neutral mass eigenstates ( $H_1, H_2, H_3$ ), mixing matrix  $O$
- Impact on Higgs search [LEP Higgs Working Group, hep-ex/0602042]
  - MSSM Higgs search at LEP: no universal limit on  $m_{H_1}$
- Spectrum calculation (masses  $m_{H_i}$  and mixing matrix  $O$ )
  - CPsuperH [Carena, Ellis, Pilaftsis, Wagner '00; Ellis, Lee, Pilaftsis, '06]  
[Lee, Pilaftsis, Carena, Choi, Drees, Ellis, Wagner '03; Lee, Carena, Ellis, Pilaftsis, Wagner, '07]
  - FeynHiggs [Heinemeyer '01; Frank, Heinemeyer, Hollik, Weiglein '02]  
[Frank, Hahn, Heinemeyer, Hollik, Rzehak, Weiglein, '06; Heinemeyer, Hollik, Rzehak, Weiglein, '07]

### Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM)

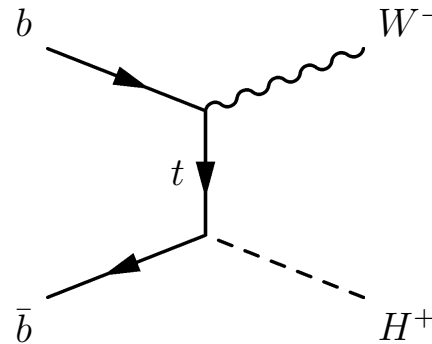
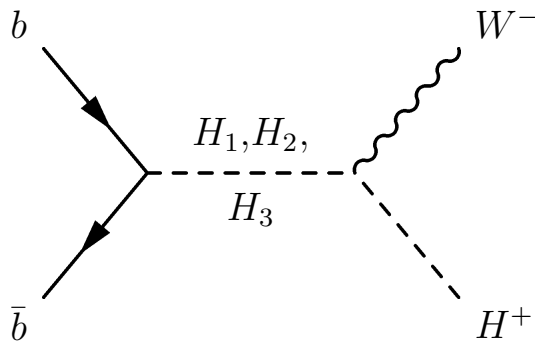
- “Simplest” extension of MSSM
- SM gauge group
- Additional **singlet/singlino superfield**  $\hat{S}$ 
  - extended Higgs sector: 2 doublets + 1 singlet  
and neutralino sector: 5 neutralinos
- Superpotential:  $\mu$  term replaced by  $W \supset \lambda \hat{H}_1 \hat{H}_2 \hat{S} + \frac{\kappa}{3} \hat{S}^3$
- Higgs potential:  $V \supset \lambda A_\lambda \hat{H}_1 \hat{H}_2 \hat{S} + \frac{\kappa}{3} A_\kappa \hat{S}^3$
- Solution of  $\mu$  problem:  $\mu \rightarrow \mu_{\text{eff}} = \lambda \langle S \rangle$
- Larger mass of lightest scalar Higgs possible  $\Rightarrow$  less fine-tuning

	“standard” particles	superpartners
	$e, \mu, \tau$	$\tilde{e}_{L,R}, \tilde{\mu}_{L,R}, \tilde{\tau}_{1,2}$ sleptons
	$\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$	$\tilde{\nu}_e, \tilde{\nu}_\mu, \tilde{\nu}_\tau$ sneutrinos
	$u, c, t$	$\tilde{u}_{L,R}, \tilde{c}_{L,R}, \tilde{t}_{1,2}$
	$d, s, b$	$\tilde{d}_{L,R}, \tilde{s}_{L,R}, \tilde{b}_{1,2}$ squarks
	$g$	$\tilde{g}$ gluino
	$H^\pm, W^\pm$	$\tilde{H}^\pm, \tilde{W}^\pm$ charginos $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^\pm$
MSSM	$\gamma, Z$ $h, H, A \xrightarrow{\text{CPV}} H_1, H_2, H_3$	$\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{Z}$ $\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2$ } neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_{1,\dots,4}^0$
NMSSM	$\gamma, Z$ $h_1, h_2, h_3, a_1, a_2$	$\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{Z}$ $\tilde{H}_1, \tilde{H}_2, \tilde{S}$ } neutralinos $\tilde{\chi}_{1,\dots,5}^0$

- Discovery of charged Higgs ( $H^\pm$ )  $\Rightarrow$  new physics
- Main search channels at LHC:  $gb \rightarrow H^- t$  and  $gg \rightarrow H^- t\bar{b}$
- $H^\pm W^\mp$  production: large cross section  
[Barrientos Bendezú, Kniehl, '98; Brein, '02; Asakawa, Brein, Kanemura '05]
- $H^\pm \rightarrow tb$  decay: large irreducible background from  $t\bar{t}$  production  
[Moretti, Odagiri, '98]
- Here:  $H^\pm W^\mp$  production and  $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau^\pm \nu$  decay  
[Eriksson, SH, Rathsman, EPJ C 53 (2008) 267, hep-ph/0612198]
  - Suppression of background by appropriate cuts
  - In MSSM with real and complex parameters
    - $\rightarrow$  Resonance enhancement possible  
[Akeroyd, Baek, '01; Mohn, Gollub, Assamagan, '05]
    - $\rightarrow$  Effects of CP violation, CP asymmetry  
[Akeroyd, Baek, '00]



- At hadron colliders:  $b\bar{b} \rightarrow H^\pm W^\mp$  and  $gg \rightarrow H^\pm W^\mp$
- Here: focus on  $m_{H^\pm} \sim m_t$  and large  $\tan\beta$  with large  $BR(H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu)$   
 $\rightarrow b\bar{b} \rightarrow H^\pm W^\mp$  dominates:



- Cross section calculation
  - Implemented as external process in PYTHIA [Sjöstrand et al.]
  - FEYNHIGGS: masses, mixing and  $BR$  of Higgs bosons

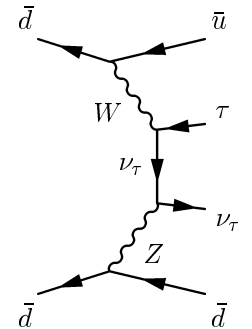
- Simulation of  $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + H^\mp \rightarrow jj + \tau\nu$
- Decays  $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu$  and  $W^\pm \rightarrow jj$  in PYTHIA with  $BR(H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu)$  from FEYNHIGGS
- Tau decay with TAUOLA  $\rightarrow$  spin effects [Golonka et al.]  
Focus on hadronic  $\tau$  decays
- Signature:  $2j + \tau_{\text{jet}} + \cancel{p}_\perp$
- $\cancel{p}_\perp$  from  $2\nu$ :  $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu \rightarrow \tau_{\text{jet}} + 2\nu$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  reconstruction of  $H^\pm$  invariant mass not possible
  - $\rightarrow$  analysis of transverse mass from  $p_{\perp\tau_{\text{jet}}}$  and  $\cancel{p}_\perp$ :

$$m_\perp = \sqrt{2p_{\perp\tau_{\text{jet}}} \cancel{p}_\perp [1 - \cos(\Delta\phi)]} \quad \Delta\phi: \text{angle between } p_{\perp\tau_{\text{jet}}} \text{ and } \cancel{p}_\perp$$

- Dominant irreducible background:  $pp \rightarrow W + 2 \text{ jets}$
- $WZ + 2 \text{ jets}$  and  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$  ( $\rightarrow$  potentially larger  $\cancel{p}_\perp$ ):  
less than 3% contribution to background after cuts
- Simulation of background with ALPGEN

[Mangano, Moretti, Piccinini, Pittau, Polosa, '02]

- Exact tree-level matrix elements for  $2j + \tau + \nu_\tau$  final state
- Includes  $W + 2 \text{ jets}$ ,  $W$  pair production  
and contributions where  $\tau$  and  $\nu$  not from (virtual)  $W \rightarrow$  e.g.  
 $\rightarrow$  Important for tail of invariant mass  $m_{\tau\nu} \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$



- Background distributions cross checked with MADGRAPH

[Murayama, Watanabe, Hagiwara, '91; Stelzer, Long, '94; Maltoni, Stelzer, '02]

[Alwall, Demin, de Visscher, Frederix, Herquet, Maltoni, Plehn, Rainwater, Stelzer, '07]

- Smearing of jet momenta  $\rightarrow$  first approximation of parton showering, hadronisation and detector effects

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Basic cuts	Additional cuts
$ \eta_{\tau_{\text{jet}}}  < 2.5$	$p_{\perp\tau_{\text{jet}}} > 50 \text{ GeV}, \not{p}_{\perp} > 50 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta_j  < 2.5$	$70 \text{ GeV} < m_{jj} < 90 \text{ GeV}$
$\Delta R_{jj} > 0.4$	$m_{\perp} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
$\Delta R_{\tau_{\text{jet}}j} > 0.5$	$p_{\perp hj} > 50 \text{ GeV}, p_{\perp sj} > 25 \text{ GeV}$
$p_{\perp jet} > 20 \text{ GeV}$	

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- **Basic cuts:** define signal region  $\leftrightarrow$  sensitive detector region
- **Additional cuts:** suppress background, QCD background, detector miss-identifications

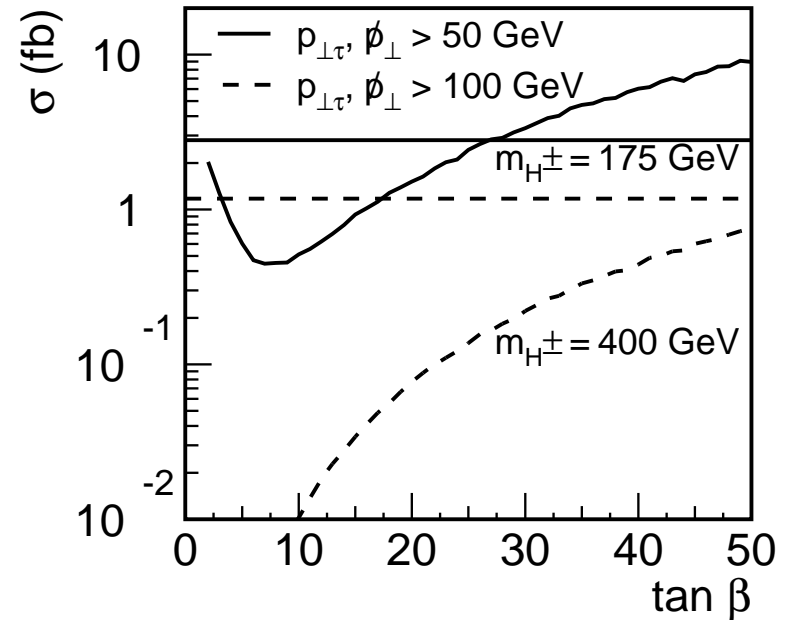
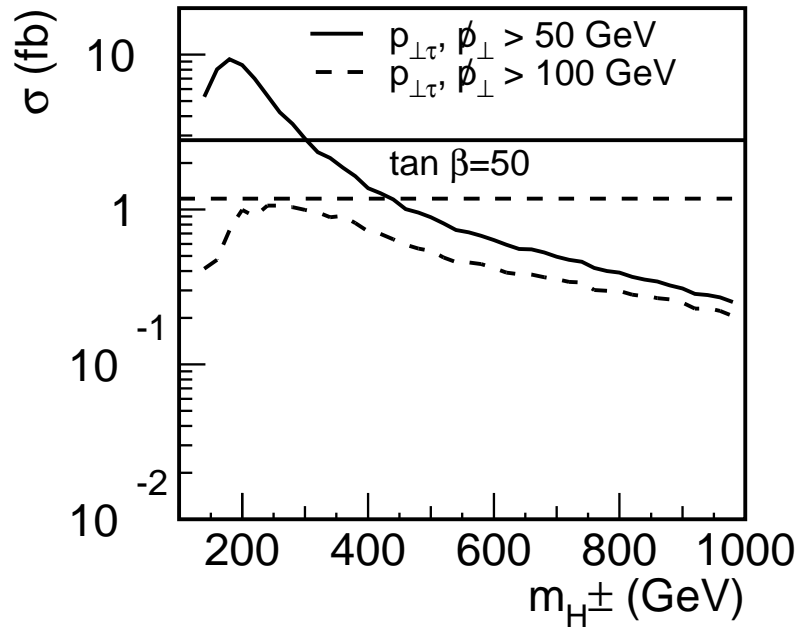
**Results** for maximal mixing scenario with  $m_{H^\pm} = 175$  GeV,  $\tan \beta = 50$   
 $\mu = 200$  GeV,  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1$  TeV,  $X_t = X_b = 2$  TeV,  $M_2 = 200$  GeV,  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 800$  GeV

Cut	Integrated cross-section (fb)		
	Background	Signal	$S/\sqrt{B}$
Basic cuts	560000	63	0.8
$p_{\perp\tau_{\text{jet}}} > 50$ GeV, $p_{\perp} > 50$ GeV	22000	25	1.6
$70$ GeV $< m_{jj} < 90$ GeV	1700	21	5
$m_{\perp} > 100$ GeV	77	15	16
$p_{\perp hj} > 50$ GeV, $p_{\perp sj} > 25$ GeV	28	9.3	17

For calculation of  $S/\sqrt{B}$ :  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 300$  fb $^{-1}$ ; 30%  $\tau$  detection efficiency

## Maximal mixing scenario

$\mu = 200$  GeV,  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1$  TeV,  $X_t = X_b = 2$  TeV,  $M_2 = 200$  GeV,  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 800$  GeV



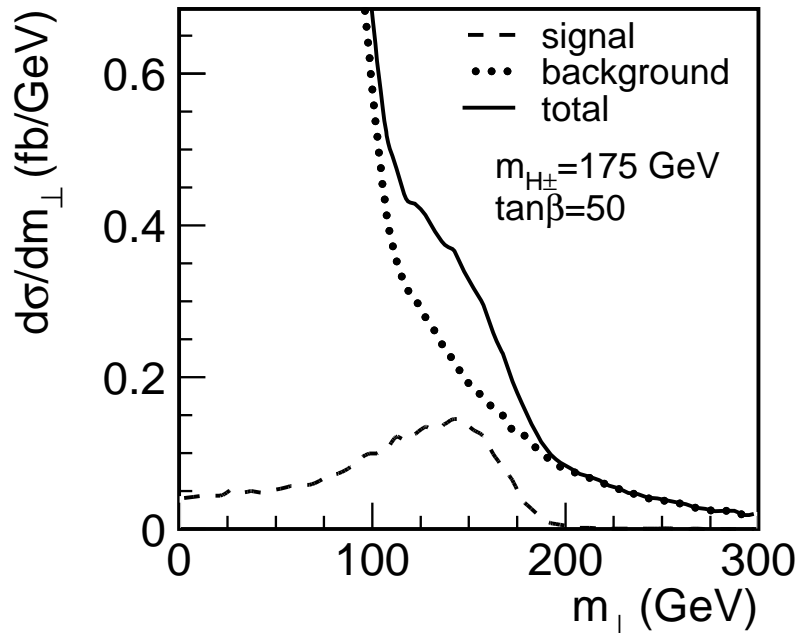
Horizontal lines  $\leftrightarrow S/\sqrt{B} = 5$

$\rightarrow$  Detectable signal:  $150 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_{H^\pm} \lesssim 300 \text{ GeV}$  if  $\tan \beta = 50$

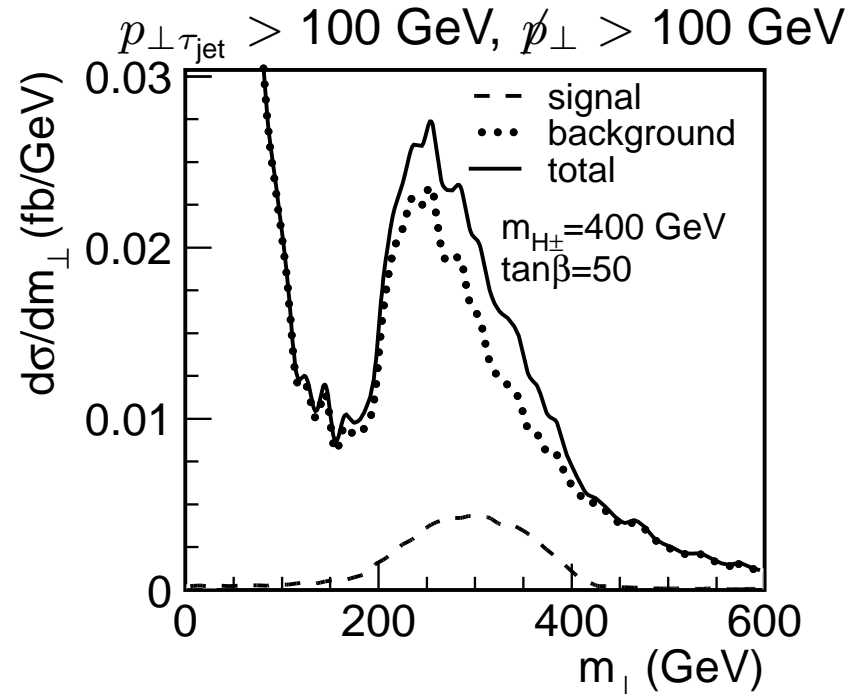
$\tan \beta \gtrsim 30$  if  $m_{H^\pm} = 175 \text{ GeV}$

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$$\rightarrow S/\sqrt{B} = 17$$



$$\rightarrow S/\sqrt{B} = 3$$

→ Fake peak in background!

Resonant scenario with  $m_{H^\pm} = 175$  GeV,  $\tan\beta = 11$

$\mu = 3.3$  TeV,  $M_L = M_E = 500$  GeV,  $M_Q = M_U = 250$  GeV,  $M_D = 400$  GeV,  
 $A_t = A_b = 0$ ,  $M_2 = 500$  GeV,  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 500$  GeV

→ very large 1-loop corrections to CP-odd Higgs mass

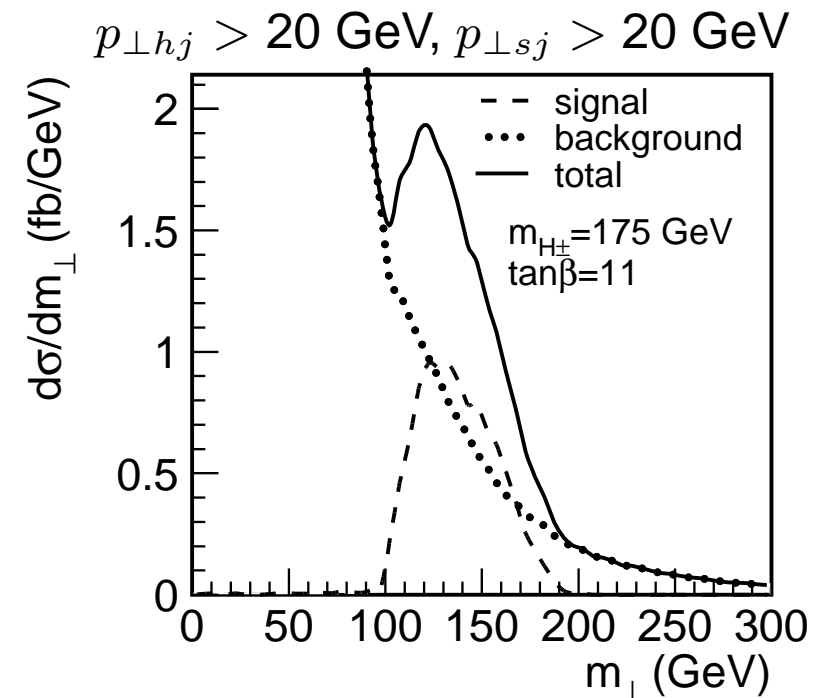
(2-loop effects much smaller → perturbative expansion under control)

⇒  $m_A > m_{H^\pm} + m_W$  possible

[Akeroyd, Baek, '02]

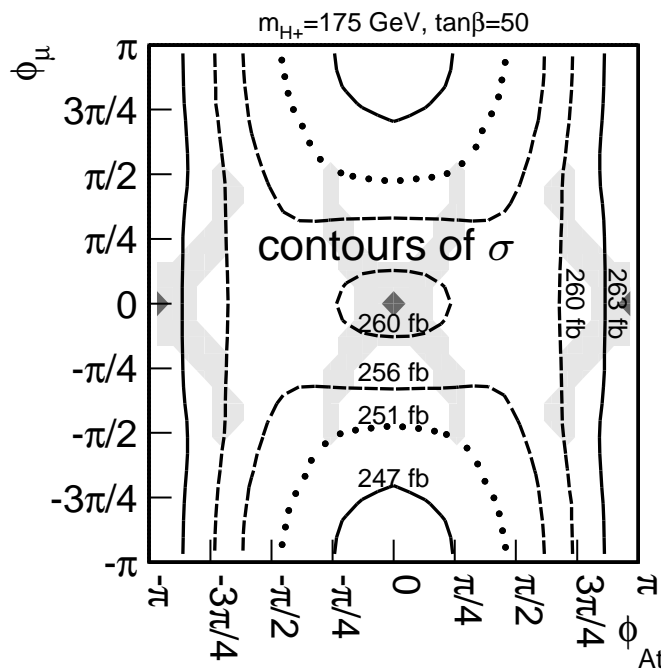
→ resonant  $s$ -channel production

$$S/\sqrt{B} = 56 \rightarrow$$





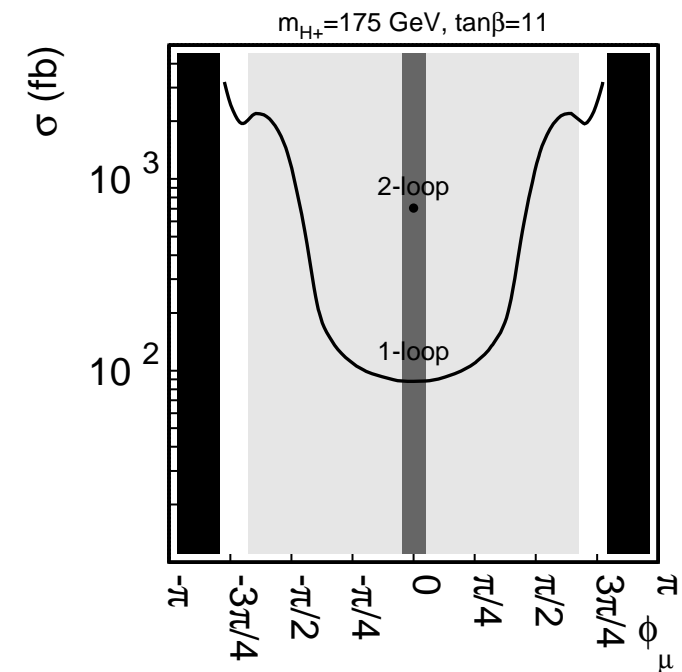
- Higgs sector analysed with FEYNHIGGS  
Cross checks with CPSUPERH
- Phases  $\phi_\mu$  and  $\phi_{A_t}$ : largest effects on Higgs sector
- Maximal mixing scenario  
( $m_{H^\pm} \sim m_{H_2^0} \sim m_{H_3^0}$ )



$\Rightarrow$  small ( $\sim 5\%$ ) phase effects on  $\sigma$

## Resonant scenario

$$m_{H_3^0} > m_{H^\pm} + m_W$$

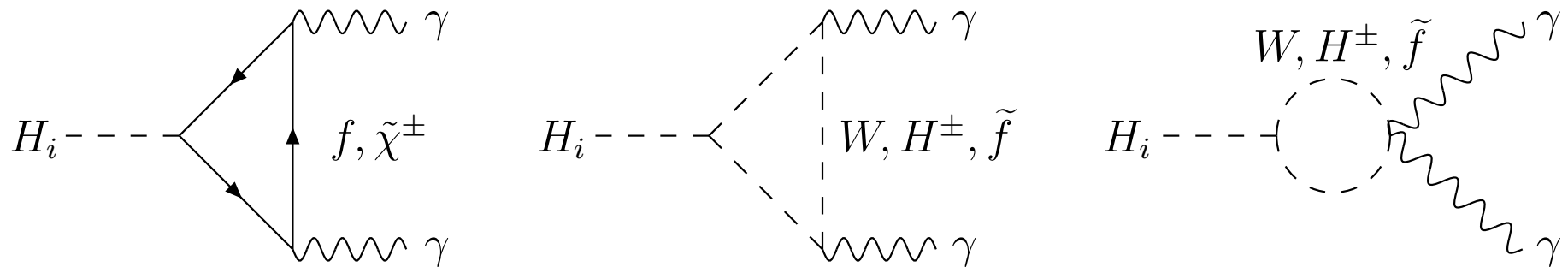


$\Rightarrow$  large phase effects possible

- $pp \rightarrow W^\pm + H^\mp \rightarrow jj + \tau\nu$  at parton level with smearing of momenta
- Signature:  $2j + \tau_{\text{jet}} + \cancel{p}_\perp$
- Dominant irreducible background:  $pp \rightarrow W + 2 \text{ jets}$
- Appropriate cuts on  $p_\perp, m_{jj}, m_\perp$
- Detectable signal at LHC in MSSM
  - maximal mixing scenario:  $150 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_{H^\pm} \lesssim 300 \text{ GeV}$  if  $\tan \beta = 50$
  - $\tan \beta \gtrsim 30$  if  $m_{H^\pm} = 175 \text{ GeV}$
  - resonant scenarios: also for smaller  $\tan \beta$
- CP-violating MSSM
  - Large phase effects possible in resonant scenarios
  - CP-odd rate asymmetry  $\lesssim 1\%$

# $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in CP-violating MSSM

- $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : important search channel at LHC for  $m_H \lesssim 150$  GeV
- Decay at 1-loop via  $f, W, H^\pm, \tilde{f}, \tilde{\chi}^\pm$  loops in MSSM



- CP violation enters via phase dependence of
  - Masses  $m_{H_i} \rightarrow$  small
  - Mixing matrix  $O \leftrightarrow H_i$  couplings (also to SM particles)
  - $\tilde{f}, \tilde{\chi}^\pm$  sector (masses, couplings to  $H_i$ )

# $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

## Production and decay in CPV MSSM

- Production  $gg \rightarrow H_i$  at LHC

[Choi, Lee, '99; Dedes, Moretti, '99]

→ factor 2–5 enhancement/reduction of  $\sigma$  with  $\varphi_\mu$  and  $\varphi_{A_t}$

- $gg \rightarrow H_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  at LHC in CPV MSSM

[Choi, Hagiwara, Lee, '01]

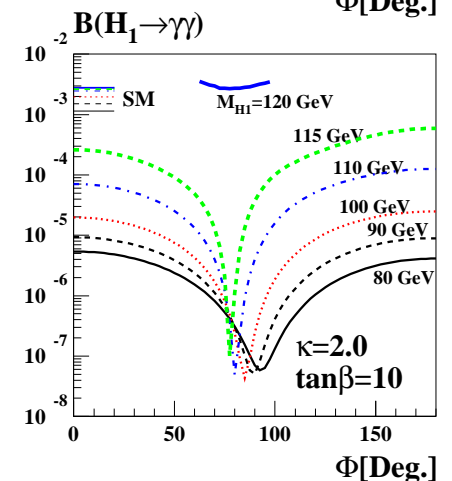
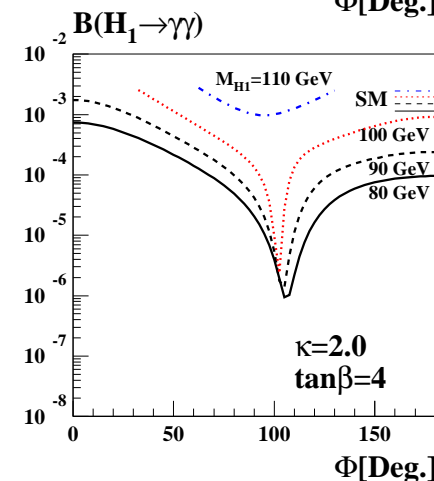
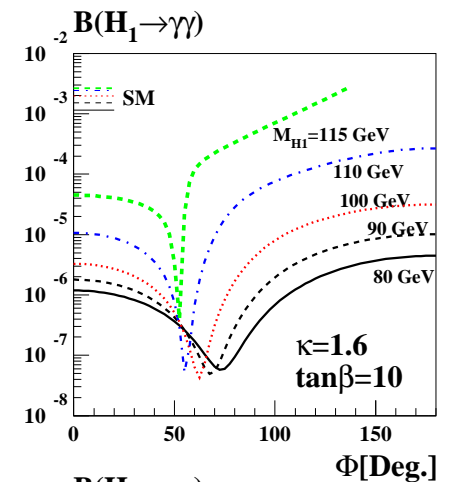
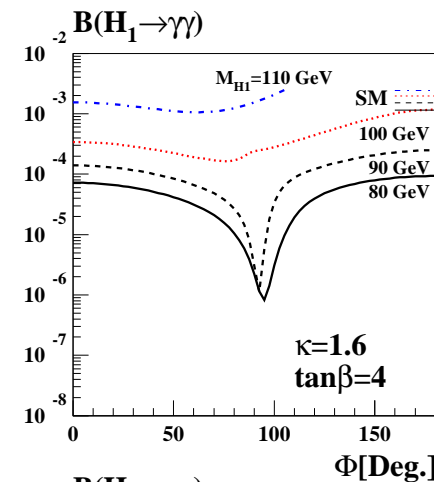
- Heavy sparticles ( $\tilde{f}, \tilde{\chi}^\pm$ )  
↔ CPV in  $H_i$  couplings
- $\mathcal{O}(10^2-10^3)$  suppression of  $\text{BR}(H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  possible  
⇒ suppression of  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$

for

$$M_{\tilde{Q}, \tilde{U}, \tilde{D}} = m_{\tilde{g}} = M_{\text{SUSY}} = 0.5 \text{ TeV},$$

$$|A_t| = |A_b| = \kappa M_{\text{SUSY}}, \quad |\mu| = 2|A_t|,$$

$$\Phi = \text{Arg}(A_t \mu) = \text{Arg}(A_b \mu)$$



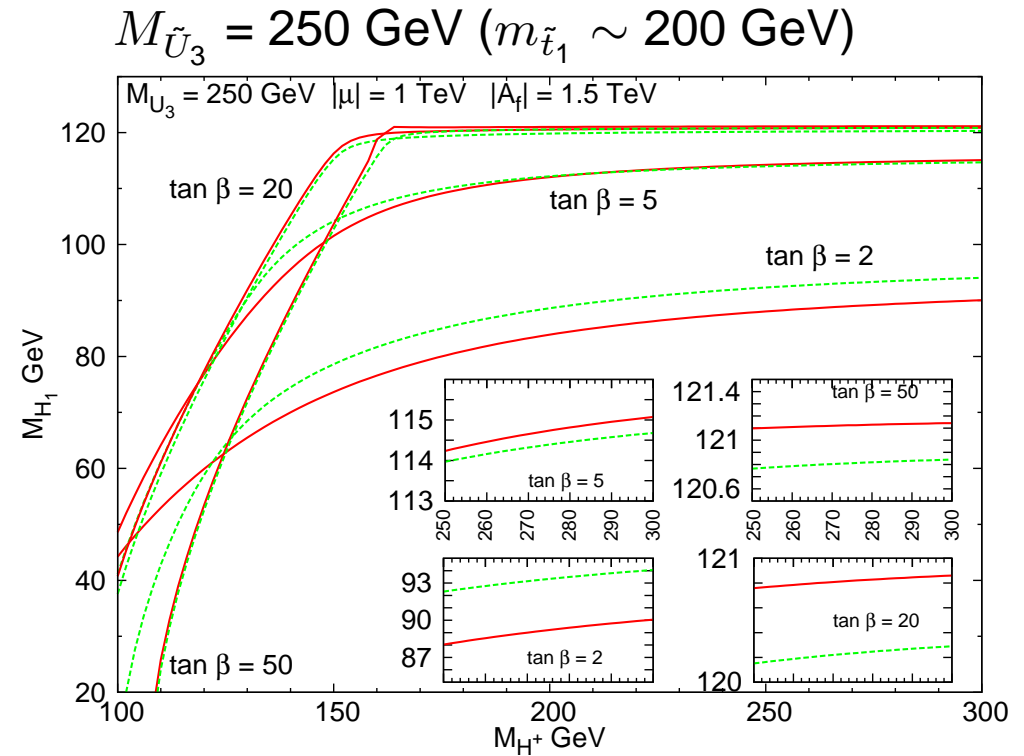
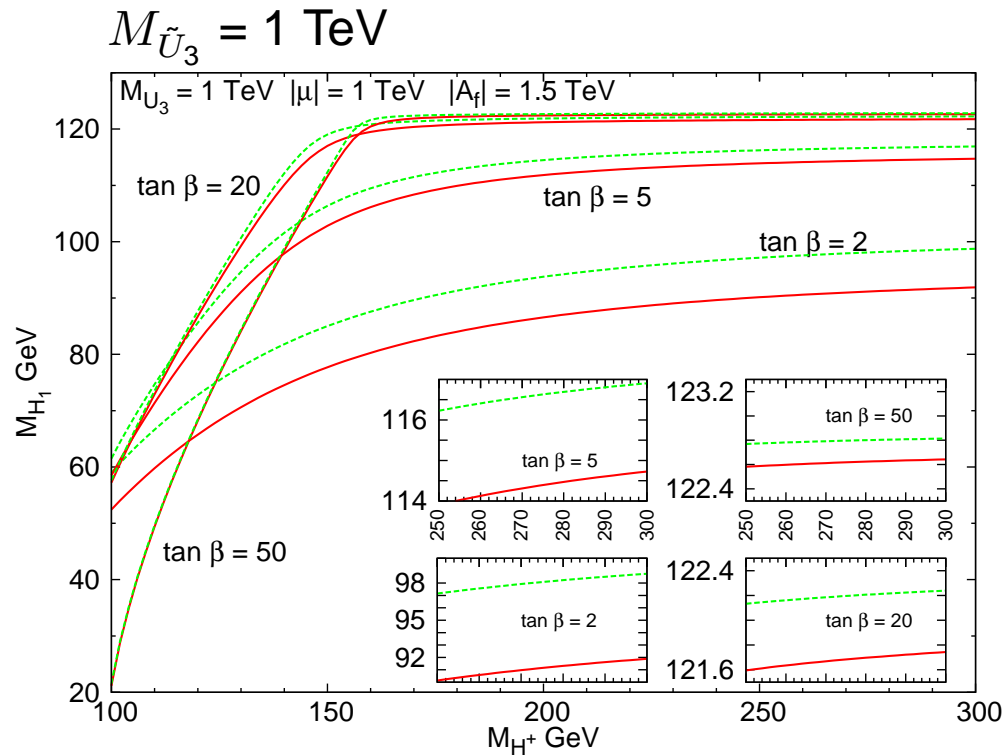
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  - Investigate possible effects of light sparticles
  - Calculation of  $m_{H_i}$ ,  $O$ ,  $\Gamma(H_i)$ ,  $\text{BR}(H_i)$  with CP<sub>SUPERH</sub>
  - Detailed discussion of  $A_f$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\tan\beta$  dependence
  - Leading contributions to  $(h, H)$ - $A$  mixing  $\propto \text{Im}(\mu A_f)$ 
    - $\varphi_{\text{eff}} = \varphi_\mu + \varphi_{A_f}$
    - Choosing  $A_f$  real, analysing  $\varphi_{\text{eff}} = \varphi_\mu$  effects in the following
  - First step: analysis of  $\text{BR}(H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$
- Scan over MSSM parameters [Moretti, Munir, Poulose, '07]
  - in average  $\sim 50\%$  deviation between CPV and CPC case possible for parameter points with  $m_{H_1}$  in bins of size 4 GeV

# $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

# Numerical results

$m_{H_1}$  as function of  $m_{H^\pm}$

for  $M_{(\tilde{Q}_3, \tilde{D}_3, \tilde{L}_3, \tilde{E}_3)} = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $|\mu| = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $A_f = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\varphi_\mu = 0$ ,  $\varphi_\mu = 90^\circ$



→ deviations  $\Delta m_{H_1}(\varphi_\mu)$  within experimental uncertainty

# $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

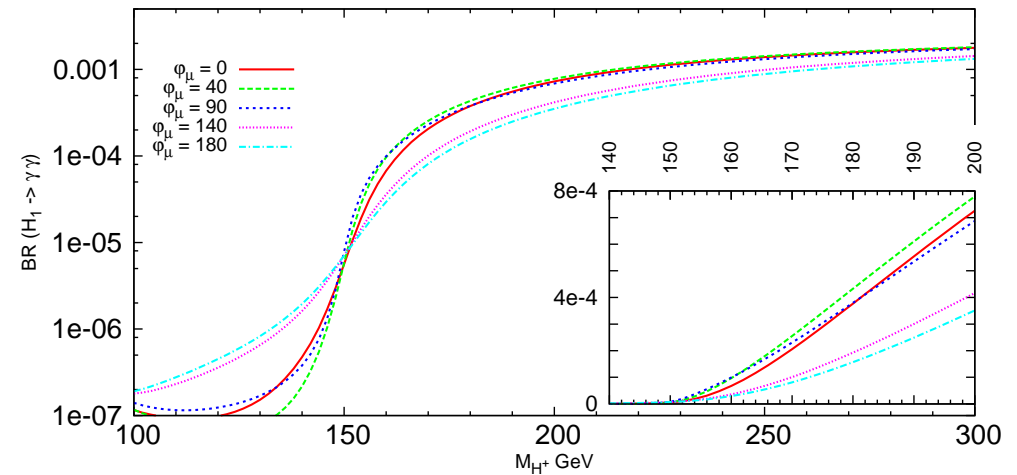
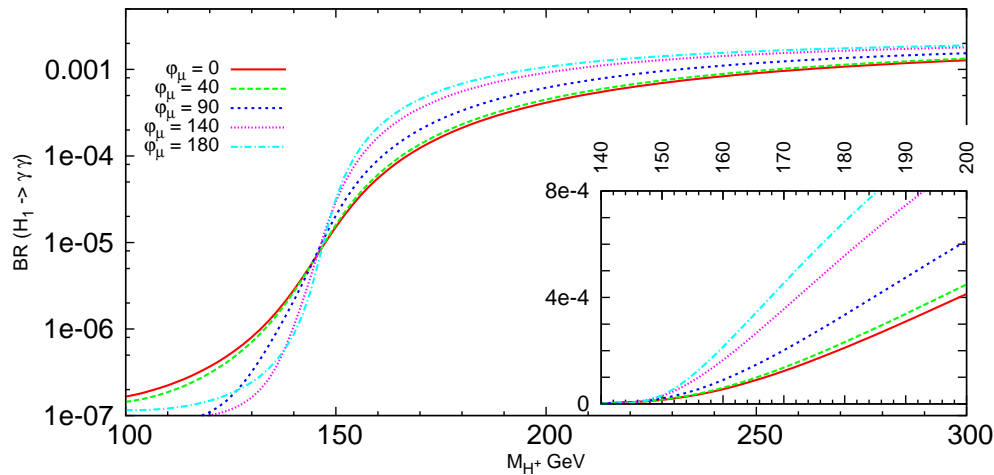
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BR( $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) as function of  $m_{H^\pm}$

for  $M_{(\tilde{Q}_3, \tilde{D}_3, \tilde{L}_3, \tilde{E}_3)} = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $|\mu| = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $A_f = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\tan\beta = 20$

$M_{H_1}$ GeV	57.2	86.8	117.0	120.4	121.2	121.6	$\phi_\mu=0^\circ$	121.7
	57.3	87.0	117.5	120.6	121.4	121.7	$\phi_\mu=40^\circ$	121.9
	57.6	87.7	119.0	121.4	121.9	122.1	$\phi_\mu=90^\circ$	122.2
	57.8	87.8	120.6	122.1	122.3	122.5	$\phi_\mu=140^\circ$	122.6
	57.8	87.8	121.0	122.3	122.5	122.6	$\phi_\mu=180^\circ$	122.7

$M_{H_1}$ GeV	40.7	77.4	116.3	120.2	120.5	120.8	$\phi_\mu=0^\circ$	120.9
	40.1	77.2	117.1	120.1	120.4	120.7	$\phi_\mu=40^\circ$	120.8
	37.6	75.8	115.2	119.2	119.8	120.2	$\phi_\mu=90^\circ$	120.3
	34.3	73.6	110.6	117.3	118.7	119.3	$\phi_\mu=140^\circ$	119.5
	33.1	72.8	109.2	116.5	118.3	119.0	$\phi_\mu=180^\circ$	119.3



→  $M_{\tilde{U}_3} = 1 \text{ TeV}$  (no light sparticles)

→ CP effects from  $H_1$  couplings to  $W, t, b$  in loops

→  $M_{\tilde{U}_3} = 250 \text{ GeV}$  ( $m_{\tilde{t}_1} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ )

→ additional effects from **light  $\tilde{t}_1$**

# $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

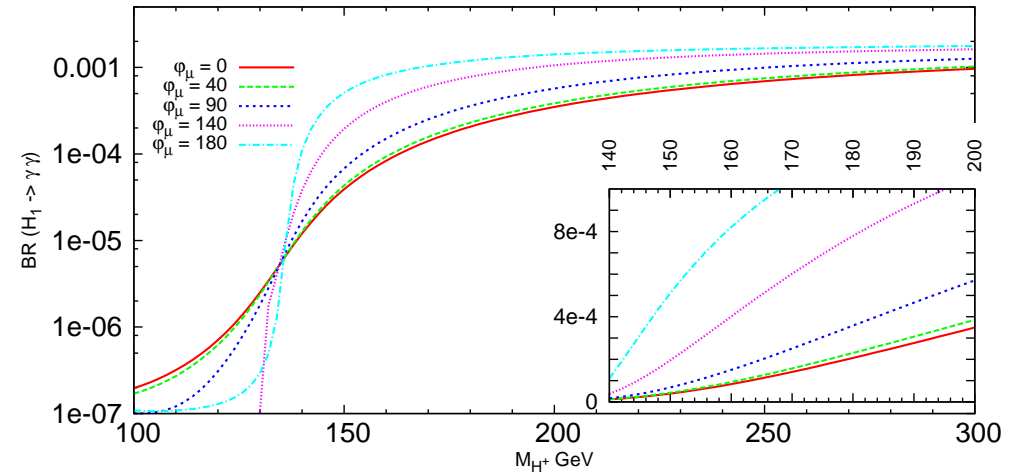
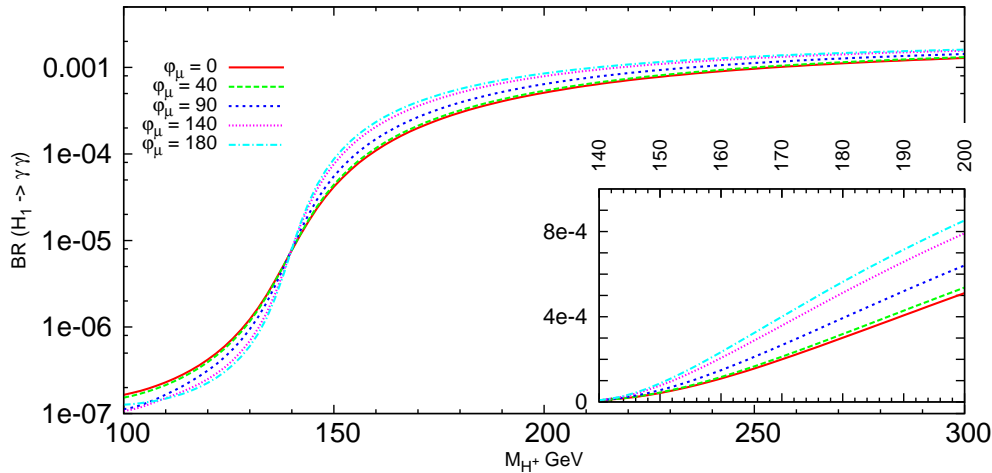
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$BR(H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  as function of  $m_{H^\pm}$

for  $M_{(\tilde{Q}_3, \tilde{D}_3, \tilde{L}_3, \tilde{E}_3)} = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $|\mu| = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $A_f = 0.5 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\tan\beta = 20$

$M_{H_1}$ GeV	59.6	88.3	112.7	114.1	114.5	114.7	$\phi_\mu=0$	114.7
	59.7	88.4	112.9	114.2	114.5	114.7	$\phi_\mu=40^\circ$	114.8
	59.9	88.8	113.6	114.5	114.8	115.0	$\phi_\mu=90^\circ$	115.0
	60.1	89.1	114.2	114.9	115.1	115.2	$\phi_\mu=140^\circ$	115.2
	60.0	89.1	114.4	115.0	115.2	115.2	$\phi_\mu=180^\circ$	115.3

$M_{H_1}$ GeV	59.0	87.0	106.7	108.1	108.7	109.0	$\phi_\mu=0$	109.1
	59.1	87.3	107.1	108.4	108.9	109.2	$\phi_\mu=40^\circ$	109.3
	59.6	88.5	108.5	109.3	109.6	109.8	$\phi_\mu=90^\circ$	109.9
	59.8	89.2	110.0	110.2	110.3	110.4	$\phi_\mu=140^\circ$	110.4
	59.8	89.2	110.4	110.5	110.5	110.5	$\phi_\mu=180^\circ$	110.6



→  $M_{\tilde{U}_3} = 1 \text{ TeV}$  (no light sparticles)

→  $M_{\tilde{U}_3} = 250 \text{ GeV}$  ( $m_{\tilde{t}_1} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ )

→ strong  $A_f$  dependence



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**BR( $H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) in CP-violating MSSM**

- Impact of light sparticles
  - light stops ( $\tilde{t}_1$ ): possibly large effect
  - other light sparticles ( $\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{\tau}_1, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ ): small effect
- Strong  $A_f$  dependence
- Smaller  $|\mu| = 500 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \varphi_\mu$  dependence decreases
- Smaller  $\tan\beta = 5 \rightarrow$  sensitivity to  $\varphi_\mu$  considerably reduced
- **Conclusion:** Strong phase dependence of  $\text{BR}(H_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$   
Increase or decrease depends on SUSY scenario
- **Outlook:** Analysis of full production and decay process at LHC  
Work in progress . . .

# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

## NMSSM Higgs sector

[e.g. Elliott, King, White, '93; Franke, Fraas, '95]

[Ellwanger, Hugonie, '99; Miller, Nevzorov, Zerwas, '03; Barger, Langacker, Lee, Shaughnessy, '06]

- 2 doublets + 1 singlet

⇒ 3 scalars  $h_1, h_2, h_3$ , 2 pseudoscalars  $a_1, a_2$  and 2 charged Higgs  $H^\pm$

→  $(3 \times 3)$ ,  $(2 \times 2)$  mass matrices for neutral Higgs

- 6 parameters (tree-level):  $\lambda, \kappa, A_\lambda, A_\kappa, \tan \beta, \mu_{\text{eff}} = \lambda \langle S \rangle$

$$\text{where } \tan \beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1}, v_{1,2} \equiv \langle H_{1,2} \rangle$$

- $h_1$  mass bound

- Tree-level:  $m_{h_1}^2 < m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 (v_1^2 + v_2^2) \sin^2 2\beta$

- Including loop corrections:  $m_{h_1} \lesssim 140 \text{ GeV}$

- Spectrum calculator: NMSSMTools: NMHDECAY, NMSPEC

[Ellwanger, Gunion, Hugonie, '04; Ellwanger, Hugonie, '05, '06; Domingo, Ellwanger, '07]

# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

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## Difficult NMSSM scenario for LHC

[Ellwanger, Gunion, Hugonie, Moretti '03, '04; Miller, Moretti '04; Gunion, Szleper, '04]

[Ellwanger, Gunion, Hugonie, '05; Moretti, Munir, '06; Moretti, Munir, Poulou, '06]

[Chang, Fox, Weiner, '06; Arhrib, Cheung, Hou, Song, '06; Cheung, Song, Yan, '07]

[Carena, Han, Huang, Wagner, '07; Forshaw, Gunion, Hodgkinson, Papaefstathiou, Pilkington, '07]

- Singlet-like  $a_1$  and/or  $h_1$  can be light in large region of parameter space
- Large  $BR(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$  or  $BR(h_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_1)$
- Very light  $a_1$  ( $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ ) possible  $\rightarrow a_1 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  [Dermisek, Gunion, '06, '07]
- Usual search channels for Higgs at LHC may fail

# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

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**Here** [Belyaev, SH, Lehti, Moretti, Nikitenko, Shepherd-Themistocleous, in preparation]

- Scenarios with  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b \rightarrow BR(a_1 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) \sim 1$
- $h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow 4\tau$  mode at LHC for
  - Vector boson fusion:  $pp \rightarrow h_1 jj$
  - Higgs-strahlung:  $pp \rightarrow h_1 V$
- Analysis of signature  $4\tau \rightarrow 2\mu + 2j$
- Work in progress ...

# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

## NMSSM parameter space with $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ and large $BR(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$

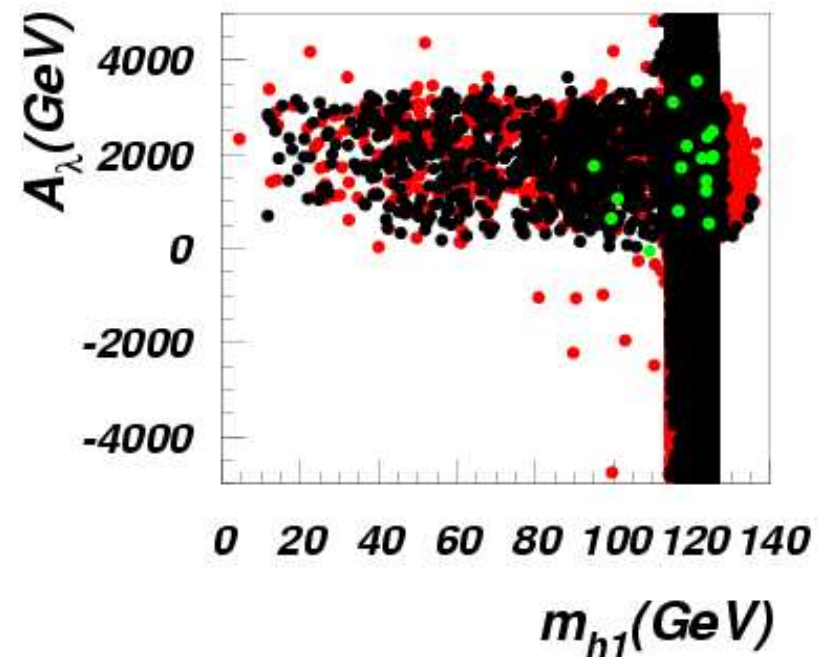
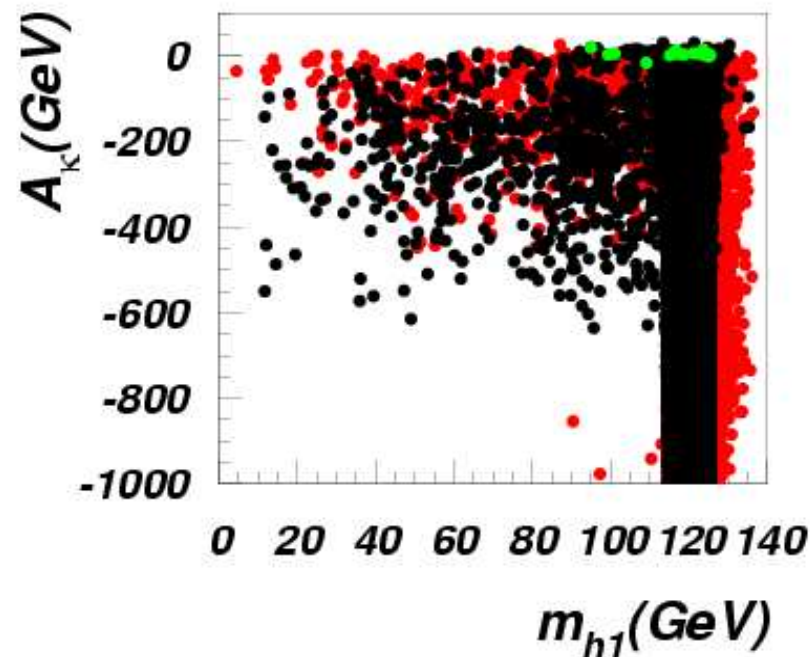
### ● Wide scan with NMHDECAY

$$M_1/M_2/M_3 = 150/300/1000 \text{ GeV}, \quad A_t = A_b = A_\tau = 2.5 \text{ TeV}, \quad M_{fL} = M_{fR} = 1 \text{ TeV}$$

$$10^{-5} < \lambda, \kappa < 0.7, \quad 1.5 < \tan \beta < 50$$

$$-1000 \text{ GeV} < A_\kappa < 100 \text{ GeV}, \quad -5 \text{ TeV} < A_\lambda < 5 \text{ TeV}, \quad 100 \text{ GeV} < \mu_{\text{eff}} < 1000 \text{ GeV}$$

→ Points satisfying theoretical, LEP and B physics bounds:

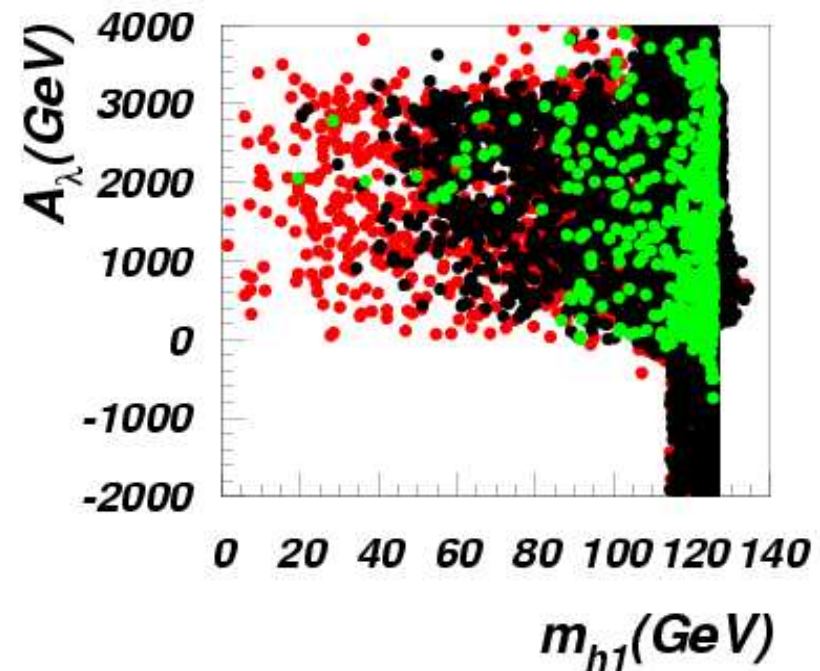
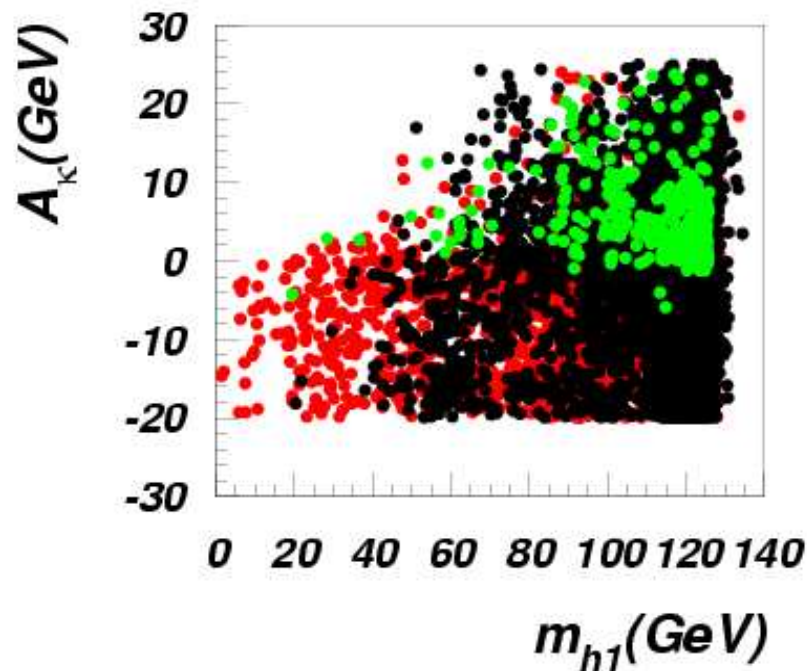


red:  $\Omega h^2 > 0.11$ , black:  $\Omega h^2 < 0.11$ ,  $m_{a_1} > 10$  GeV, green:  $\Omega h^2 < 0.11$ ,  $m_{a_1} < 10$  GeV

# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

- Narrowed scan

$$-20 \text{ GeV} < A_\kappa < 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad -2 \text{ TeV} < A_\lambda < 4 \text{ TeV}, \quad 100 \text{ GeV} < \mu_{\text{eff}} < 300 \text{ GeV}$$

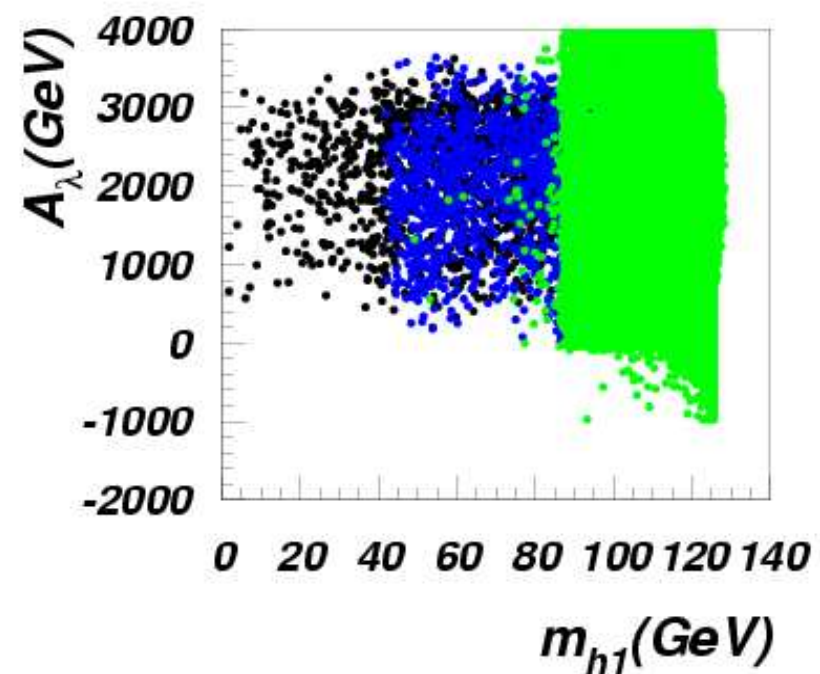
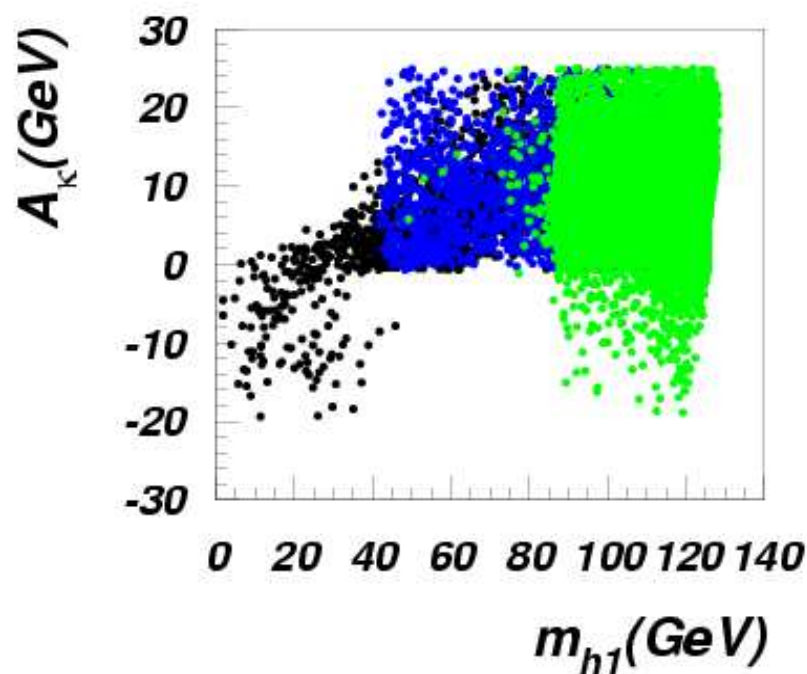


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# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

● Effective coupling  $R_{ZZh} = \left( \frac{g_{ZZh_1}^{NMSSM}}{g_{ZZH}^{SM}} \right)^2$

→ Points with  $m_{a_1} < 10$  GeV satisfying all constraints:

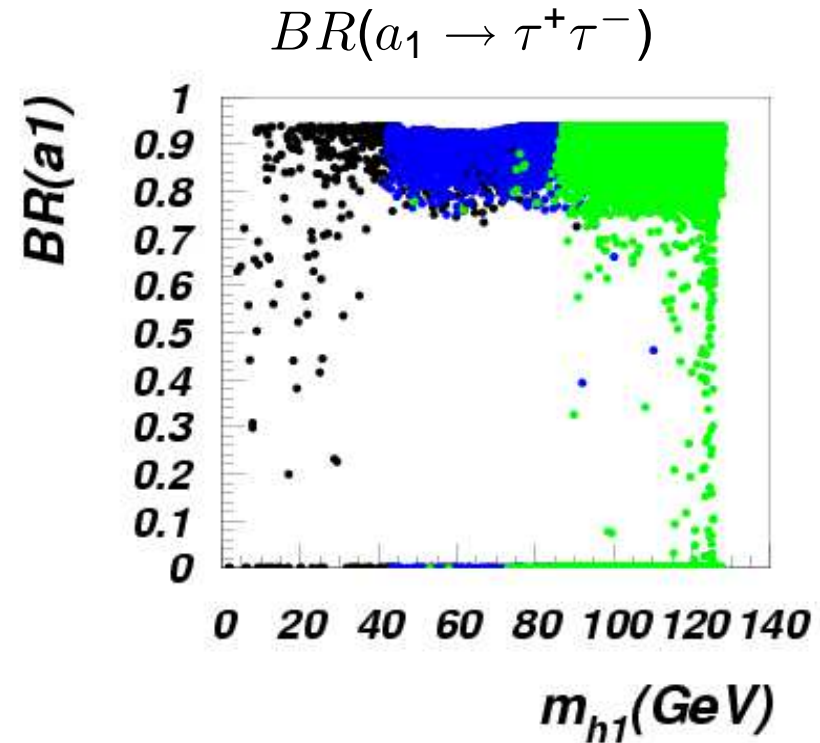
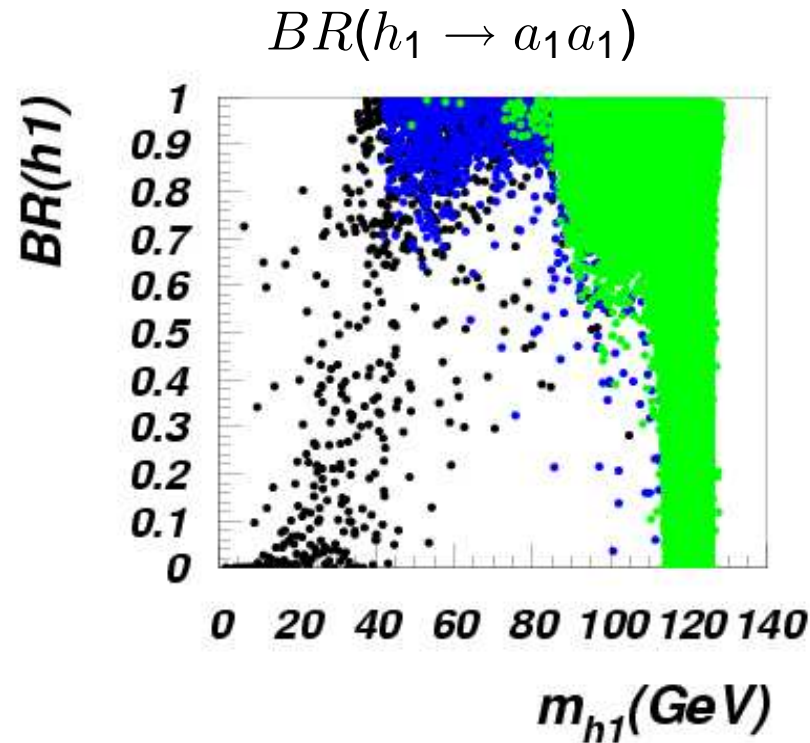


black:  $R_{ZZh} < 0.1$ ,  $0.1 < R_{ZZh} < 0.5$ ,  $R_{ZZh} > 0.5$



# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

- Branching ratios of  $h_1$  and  $a_1$

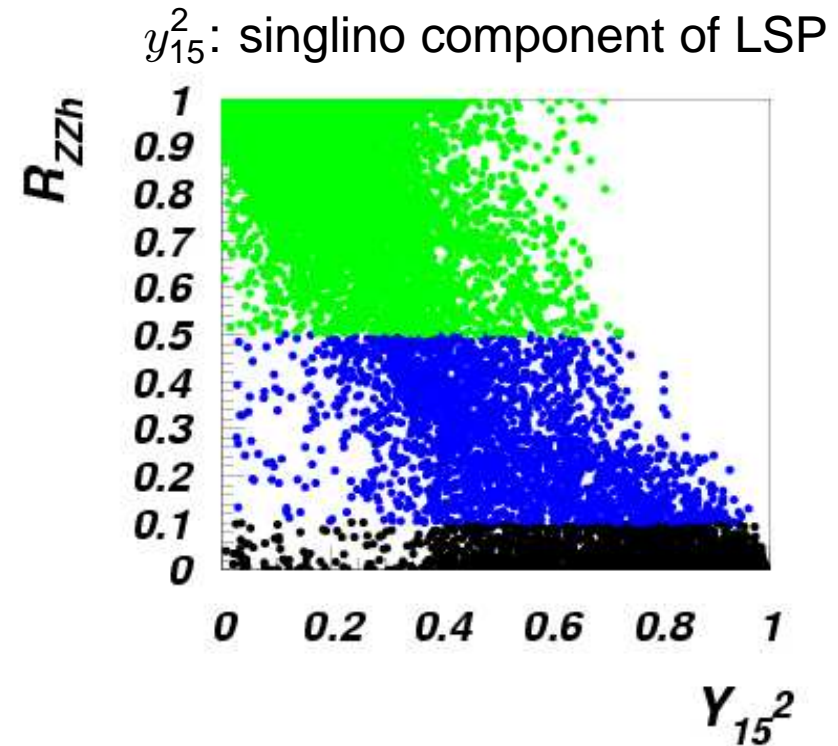
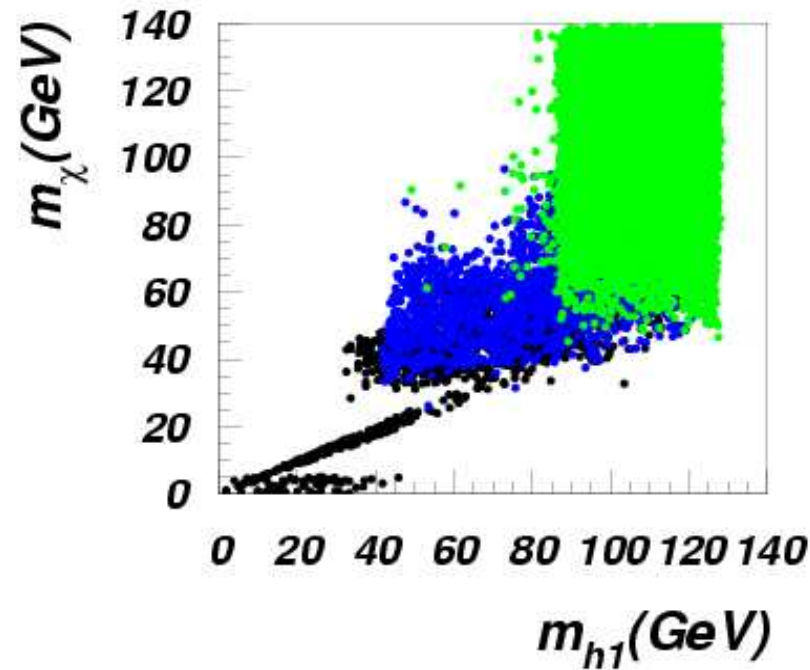


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# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

- Correlations with LSP character



black:  $R_{ZZh} < 0.1$ ,  $0.1 < R_{ZZh} < 0.5$ ,  $R_{ZZh} > 0.5$

# Light NMSSM pseudoscalars at LHC

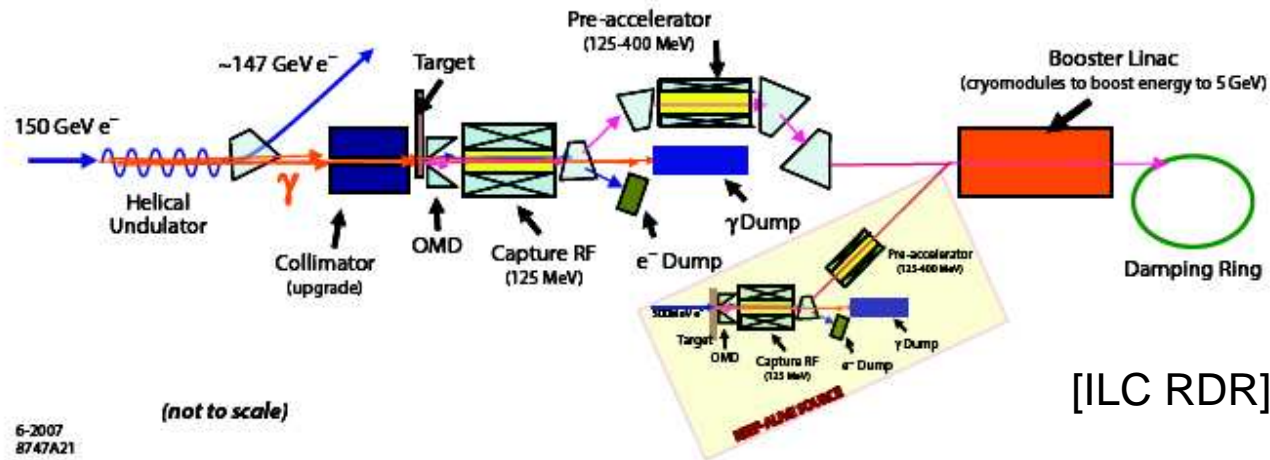
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## Outlook

- Work in progress . . .
- Combine with efficiencies from experimental collaborators
- Identify NMSSM parameter regions which can be covered
- Final aim: “no-lose” or even “more-to-gain” theorem for NMSSM

## Accelerator Physics

- Collaboration with heLiCal group at Cockcroft Institute
- Positron source of  $e^+e^-$  linear collider



- Systematic study of multi-particle processes in target
- Optimisation of yield
- Optimisation of undulator parameters
- Aspects of positron polarisation