

# Physics at the LHC

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# 1. Beyond the SM & SUSY

**The SM has many attractive theoretical/experimental features:**

- Based on gauge principle, unitary, perturbative, renormalisable . . .
- Once  $M_H$  fixed: everything is predictable with great accuracy.
- And has passed all experimental tests up to now.

**But the model has too many shortcomings:**

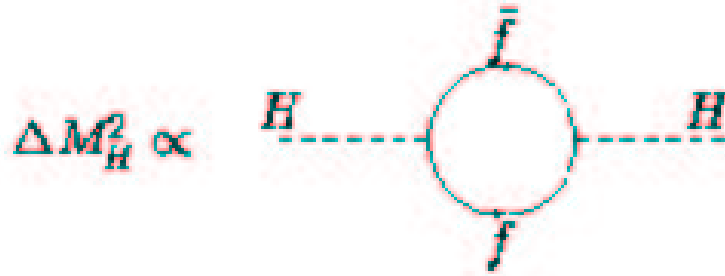
- Too many free parameters (19!) in the model, put by hand...
- No satisfactory explanation for  $\mu^2 < 0$  (put ad hoc).
- Does not include the fourth fundamental force, gravity, ..
- Does not say anything about the masses of the neutrinos.
- No real unification of the three gauge interactions.
- Does not explain the baryon asymmetry in the universe.
- There is no stable, weak, massive particle for dark matter.

**And above all that, there is the hierarchy or naturalness problem.**

# 1. BSM & SUSY: the hierarchy problem

## Radiative corrections to the Higgs boson mass in the SM

Let us first consider the fermion loop contribution to  $M_H^2$



Using a cut-off  $\Lambda$  (see exercises later) one obtains:

$$\Delta M_H^2 = N_f \frac{\lambda_f^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ -\Lambda^2 + 6m_f^2 \log \frac{\Lambda}{m_f} - 2m_f^2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^2)$$

We have thus a quadratic divergence,  $\Delta M_H^2 \sim \Lambda^2$ .

Divergence is independent of  $M_H$ , and does not disappear if  $M_H = 0$ :

The choice  $M_H = 0$  does not increase the symmetry of  $\mathcal{L}_{SM}$ .

If we fix the cut-off  $\Lambda$  to  $M_{GUT}$  or  $M_P$ :  $\Rightarrow M_H \sim 10^{14}$  to  $10^{17}$  GeV!

The Higgs boson mass prefers to be close to the very high scale:

**This is the hierarchy problem.**

# 1. BSM & SUSY: the hierarchy problem

But we want a light Higgs ( $M_H \lesssim 1$  TeV) for unitarity etc... reasons.

We need thus to make:  $M_H^2|^{Physical} = M_H^2|^{0} + \Delta M_H^2 + \text{countreterm}$

And adjust this counterterm with a precision of  $10^{-30}$  (30 digits)

**This fine-tuning would be very unnatural...**

In SM, besides fermion loops, there are also contributions to  $M_H$  from the massive gauge bosons and from the Higgs boson itself:

$$\Rightarrow \Delta M_H^2 \propto [3(M_W^2 + M_Z^2 + M_H^2)/4 - \sum m_f^2](\Lambda^2/M_W^2)$$

We can adjust the unknown  $M_H$  so that the quadratic divergence disappears (would be a prediction for Higgs mass,  $M_H \sim 200$  GeV).

However: does not work at two-loop level or at higher orders....

**Summary: the problem of the quadratic divergences to  $M_H$  is there.**

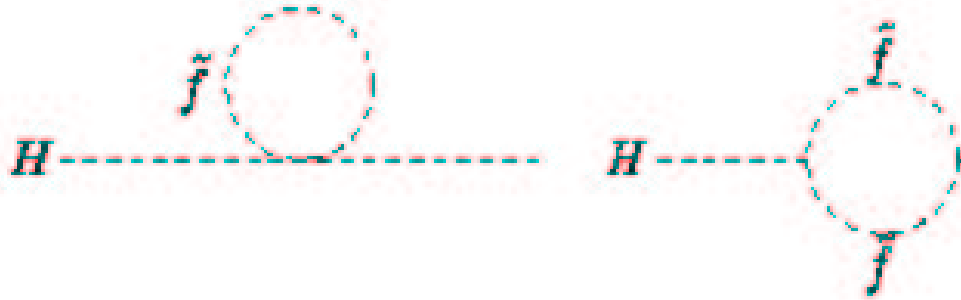
Photon and fermion masses protected by gauge and chiral symmetry,

**.... but here is no symmetry which protects  $M_H$  in the SM.**

# 1. BSM & SUSY: the hierarchy problem

Imagine now that you have additional scalar particles:

Add the contributions of scalar fermion partner loops to  $\Delta M_H^2$



- $\lambda_f^2 = -\lambda_S$ .
- $N_S = N_f$  (nb: 2 scalars).
- $m_1 = m_2 = m_S$ .
- Add f+S contributions.

$$\Delta M_H^2|_{\text{tot}} = \frac{\lambda_f^2 N_f}{4\pi^2} \left[ (m_f^2 - m_S^2) \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{m_S}\right) + 3m_f^2 \log\left(\frac{m_S}{m_f}\right) \right]$$

The quadratic divergences have disappeared in the sum!! (same job for W/Z/H). Logarithmic divergence still there, but contribution small.

No divergences at all if in addition  $m_S = m_f$  (exact SUSY)!

⇒ Symmetry fermions–scalars → no divergence in  $\Lambda^2$

“Supersymmetry” no divergences at all:  $M_H$  is protected!

Note that if  $M_S \gg 1$  TeV the fine tuning problem is back!!!

# 1. BSM & SUSY: SUSY

**SUSY: symmetry relating fermions  $s=\frac{1}{2}$  and bosons  $s=0,1$**

$$Q|\text{fermion}\rangle = |\text{boson}\rangle, \quad Q|\text{boson}\rangle = |\text{fermion}\rangle$$

**is the most attractive extension of SM also for other reasons**

- **Links internal and space–time symmetries: larger for S matrix..**
- **If SUSY is gauged  $\Rightarrow s = \frac{3}{2}, 2 \Rightarrow$  link with 4th force, gravity...**
- **Naturally present in Superstrings (theory of everything?).**
- **The spectrum of superparticles fixes unification of couplings and  $P$ .**
- **Possibility of unifying the fermion Yukawa couplings at  $M_{\text{GUT}}$ .**
- **SUSY SO(10): extra space for a Majorana neutrino, see–saw  $\rightarrow m_\nu$ .**
- **Heavy neutrinos trigger baryogenesis via leptogenesis.**
- **The LSP can have the right relic density and solve the DM problem.**
- **Radiative breaking of the EW symmetry:  $\mu^2 > 0$  at  $M_{\text{GUT}}, < 0$  at  $M_{\text{EW}}$**

# 1. BSM & SUSY: SUSY

... and all this at once ...

**But for this to work, we need to have  $M_{\text{SUSY}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$**

otherwise, back to the hierarchy, dark matter and unification problems ...

**Drawback: no satisfactory way to break SUSY yet  $\Rightarrow$  breaking by hand**

**The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM):**

- minimal gauge group  $G_{\text{MSSM}} = G_{\text{SM}}$ ,
- minimal particle content: 3 fermion families and 2 doublets of  $\Phi$ ,
- R-parity,  $R = (-1)^{(2s+L+3B)}$ , is conserved ( $\cancel{P}$  and dark matter OK),
- minimal set of terms (masses, couplings) breaking “softly” SUSY.

**Result: too many free parameters:**

- general case (CPV and mixing but  $R_p$  OK):  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  new parameters,
- imposing phenomenological constraints: still  $\mathcal{O}(20)$  free parameters,
- unified models,  $\mathcal{O}(5)$  parameters (mSUGRA:  $m_0, m_{\frac{1}{2}}, A_0, \tan \beta, \epsilon_\mu$ ).

## 2. The MSSM Higgs spectrum

In MSSM with two Higgs doublets  $\mathbf{H}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}_1^0 \\ \mathbf{H}_1^- \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{H}_2^+ \\ \mathbf{H}_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- To cancel the chiral anomalies introduced by the new  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}$  field.
- Give separately masses to d and u fermions in SUSY invariant way.

The terms contributing to scalar potential  $V_{\mathbf{H}}$  come from 3 sources:

D terms (scalar inter.), F terms (Superpotential) and soft-SUSY breaking

$$V_{\mathbf{H}} = \bar{m}_1^2 |\mathbf{H}_1|^2 + \bar{m}_2^2 |\mathbf{H}_2|^2 - \bar{m}_3^2 \epsilon_{ij} (\mathbf{H}_1^i \mathbf{H}_2^j + \text{h.c.}) \\ + \frac{g_2^2 + g_1^2}{8} (|\mathbf{H}_1|^2 - |\mathbf{H}_2|^2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} g_2^2 |\mathbf{H}_1^* \mathbf{H}_2|^2$$

$$\text{with } \bar{m}_1^2 = |\mu|^2 + m_1^2, \bar{m}_2^2 = |\mu|^2 + m_2^2, \bar{m}_3^2 = B\mu$$

- Develop in terms of components  $\mathbf{H}_1 = (\mathbf{H}_1^0, \mathbf{H}_1^-), \mathbf{H}_2 = (\mathbf{H}_2^+, \mathbf{H}_2^0)$
- Now require  $V_{\mathbf{H}}^{\min}$  breaks  $G_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{QED}}$  (neutral component).

$$\langle 0 | \text{Re}(\mathbf{H}_1^0) | 0 \rangle = \mathbf{v}_1, \quad \langle 0 | \text{Re}(\mathbf{H}_2^0) | 0 \rangle = \mathbf{v}_2, \quad \tan \beta = \mathbf{v}_2 / \mathbf{v}_1, \quad \mathbf{v}_1^2 + \mathbf{v}_2^2 = \mathbf{v}^2$$

The relevant part of the scalar potential is then simply given by:

$$V_{\mathbf{H}} = \bar{m}_1^2 |\mathbf{H}_1^0|^2 + \bar{m}_2^2 |\mathbf{H}_2^0|^2 + \bar{m}_3^2 (\mathbf{H}_1^0 \mathbf{H}_2^0 + \text{hc}) + \frac{M_Z^2}{4v^2} (|\mathbf{H}_1^0|^2 - |\mathbf{H}_2^0|^2)^2$$



## 2. The Higgs spectrum: scalar potential

Some remarks on this scalar potential:

$$V_H = \bar{m}_1^2 |H_1^0|^2 + \bar{m}_2^2 |H_2^0|^2 + \bar{m}_3^2 (H_1^0 H_2^0 + \text{hc}) + \frac{M_Z^2}{4v^2} (|H_1^0|^2 - |H_2^0|^2)^2$$

- Quartic couplings fixed in terms of the gauge couplings, only 3 free parameters:  $\bar{m}_1^2, \bar{m}_2^2, \bar{m}_3^2$  (6 para and a phase in a general 2HDM).

- $m_{1,2}^2 + |\mu|^2$  real, only  $B\mu$  can be complex. But any phase in  $B\mu$  can be absorbed in phases of  $H_1, H_2 \Rightarrow V_H$  (MSSM) conserves CP.

- If  $B\mu$  is zero, all other terms are positive and thus  $V_H = 0$  only if  $\langle H_1^0 \rangle = \langle H_2^0 \rangle = 0$ . To have SSB (without CCB), we need  $\bar{m}_{1,2,3} \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Connection of gauge symmetry breaking and SUSY breaking!!

More precisely: in SM, SSB takes place with ad hoc choice  $\mu^2 < 0$ .

In MSSM,  $m_{H_i}^2 > 0$  at  $M_{GUT}$  but  $t/\tilde{t}$  in RGE make  $m_{H_i}^2 < 0$  at  $M_Z$ : radiative breaking of the electroweak symmetry (i.e. through RC).

$\Rightarrow$  Symmetry breaking more natural and elegant than in SM.

## 2. The Higgs spectrum: Higgs masses

To obtain the physical Higgs fields and their masses from potential  $V_{\text{H}}$ , develop  $\mathbf{H}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{H}_1^0 \\ \text{H}_1^- \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \text{H}_2^+ \\ \text{H}_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$  into real (CP-even+charged H) and imaginary (CP-odd H+Goldstones) and diagonalize  $2 \times 2$  mass matrices

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \partial^2 V_{\text{H}} / \partial \mathbf{H}_i \partial \mathbf{H}_j \Big|_{\langle \text{Re}(\mathbf{H}_{1,2}^0) \rangle = v_{1,2}, \langle \text{Im}(\mathbf{H}_{1,2}^0) \rangle = 0, \langle \mathbf{H}_{1,2}^\pm \rangle = 0}$$

The obtained physical masses and mixing angle are (see exercise):

$$M_{\text{A}}^2 = -\bar{m}_3^2 (\tan \beta + \cot \beta) = -2\bar{m}_3^2 / \sin 2\beta$$

$$M_{\text{h,H}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_{\text{A}}^2 + M_{\text{Z}}^2 \mp \sqrt{(M_{\text{A}}^2 + M_{\text{Z}}^2)^2 - 4M_{\text{A}}^2 M_{\text{Z}}^2 \cos^2 2\beta} \right]$$

$$M_{\text{H}^\pm}^2 = M_{\text{A}}^2 + M_{\text{W}}^2$$

The mixing angle  $\alpha$  which rotates the CP-even fields ( $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \alpha \leq 0$ )

$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2\mathcal{M}_{12}}{\mathcal{M}_{11} - \mathcal{M}_{22}} = \frac{-(M_{\text{A}}^2 + M_{\text{Z}}^2) \sin 2\beta}{(M_{\text{Z}}^2 - M_{\text{A}}^2) \cos 2\beta} = \tan 2\beta \frac{M_{\text{A}}^2 + M_{\text{Z}}^2}{M_{\text{A}}^2 - M_{\text{Z}}^2}$$

While the mixing angle for the CP-odd and charged fields is simply  $\beta$ .

## 2. The Higgs spectrum: Higgs masses

We have an important constraint on the lightest MSSM h boson mass:

$$M_h \leq \min(M_A, M_Z) \cdot |\cos 2\beta| \leq M_Z$$

besides some other (also important) relations for H,A and  $H^\pm$ :

$$M_H > \max(M_A, M_Z) \text{ and } M_{H^\pm} > M_W$$

If we send  $M_A$  to infinity, we will have for Higgs masses and  $\alpha$ :

$$M_h \sim M_Z |\cos 2\beta|, \quad M_H \sim M_{H^\pm} \sim M_A, \quad \alpha \sim \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta$$

This is the decoupling regime: all Higgses are heavy except for h.

The h boson is lighter than  $M_Z$  and should have been seen at LEP2 (we have  $\sqrt{s}_{\text{LEP2}} \sim 200 \text{ GeV} > M_h + M_Z \sim 180 \text{ GeV}$ ).

So what happened in this case? Maybe the MSSM is already ruled out?

No! This relation holds only at first order (tree-level) and there are strong couplings involved, in particular the  $htt$  and  $h\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$  couplings.

**$\Rightarrow$  Calculation of radiative corrections to  $M_h$  necessary.**

## 2. The Higgs spectrum: Higgs masses

**Radiative corrections very important in the MSSM Higgs sector!**

A large activity for the RC calculation in the last 15 years.

- Dominant corrections are due to top (s)quark at one-loop level

$$\Delta M_h^2 = \frac{3g^2}{2\pi^2} \frac{m_t^4}{M_W^2} \log \frac{m_{\tilde{t}}^2}{m_t^2}$$

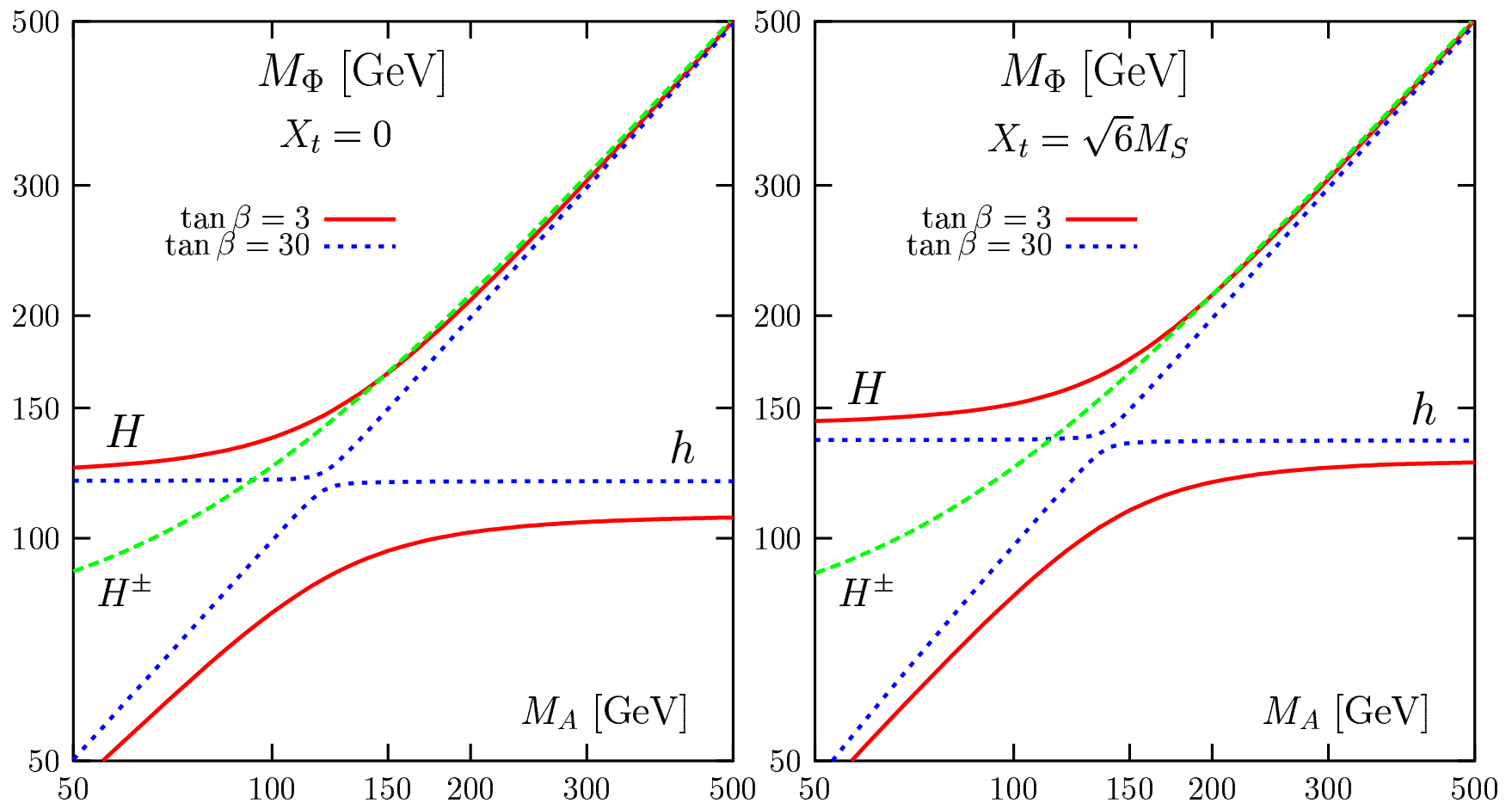
It depends on  $m_t^4$  and  $\log(m_{\tilde{t}}^2/m_t^2)$ , and is large:  $\frac{M_h^{\max} \rightarrow M_{Z+40}}{\text{GeV!}}$

This explains why the  $h$  boson has not been observed at LEP2.

- The full one-loop corrections have been calculated:
  - the parameters  $\mu$ ,  $A_t$  and  $A_b$  appear at the subleading level.
  - the  $h$  boson mass is maximal (minimal) for  $A_t \sim 2M_{\tilde{Q}}(0)$ .
- Approximate calculation for the dominant two-loop radiative corrections (in the effective potential approach; see SH again):
  - dominant QCD RC large but absorbed by  $m_t|_{\text{pole}} \rightarrow m_t|_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$ .
  - Yukawa corrections rather small in the limit  $M_h = 0$ .

## 2. The Higgs spectrum: Higgs masses

- Using full 1-loop and the 2-loop RC in effective potential approach:
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_S)$ : including squark mixing and gluino loops.
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ : including mixing and  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_b\alpha_S)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_\tau\alpha_S)$ .



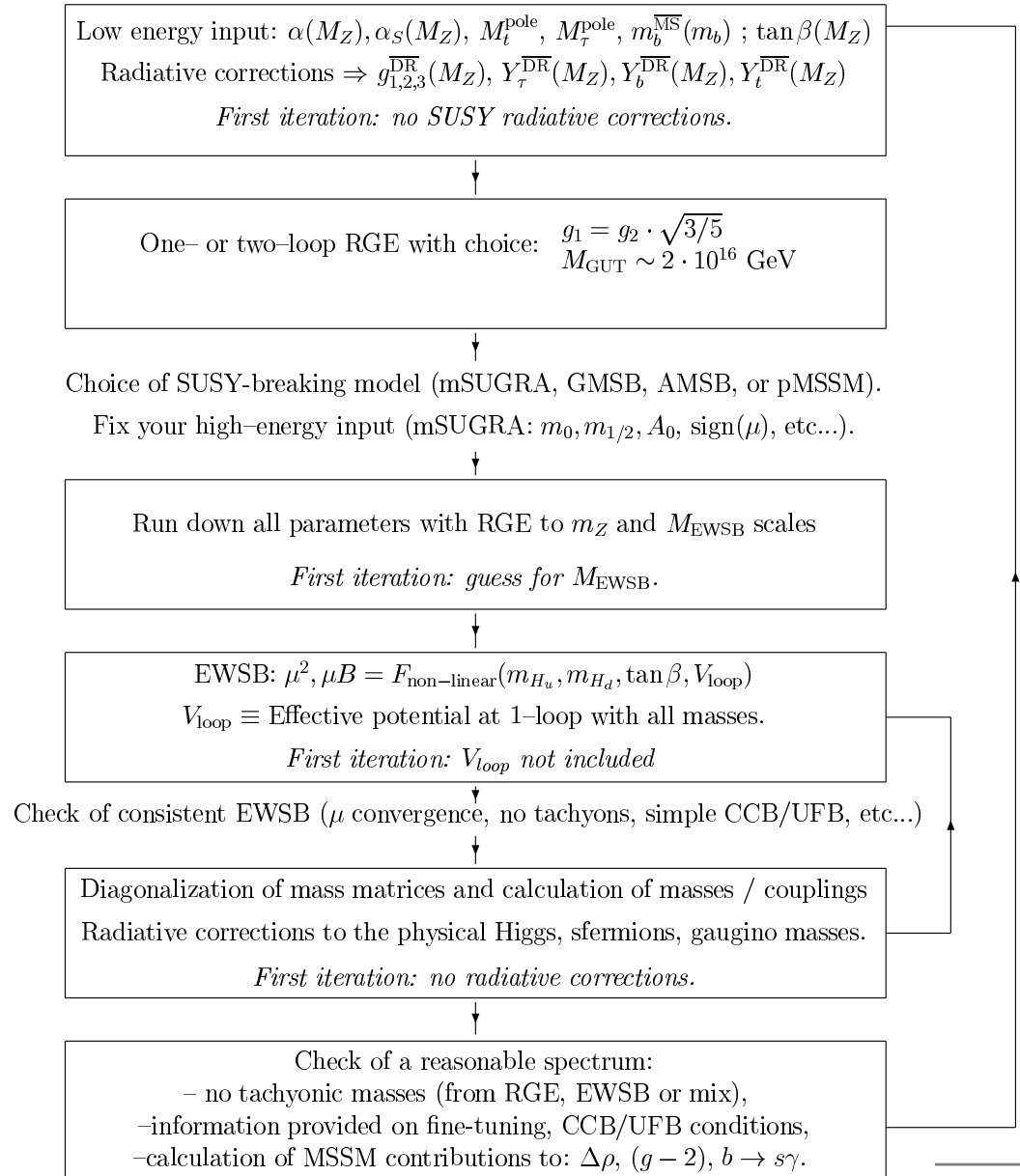
# 1. Spectrum and constraints

## Determination of spectrum:

- RGEs (two loops, numerics)
- EWSB and  $V_{\text{soft}}$  (iterations)
- Masses, couplings, RC

## Sophisticated RGE programs:

- example of SuSpect  
(Kneur, Moutaka, AD)
- other programs also exist:  
(Isajet, SoftSUSY, Spheno, ...)
- Viable parameter space:  
– choose inputs, param. scan  
– impose known constraints  
(Th, Experimental, DM, ...)



# 1. Spectrum and constraints: Theoretical constraints

## ● No RGE problems:

- Perturbative couplings/No Landau poles
- Non tachyonic sfermions (in particular for 3d generation)
- Consistent unification of gauge couplings

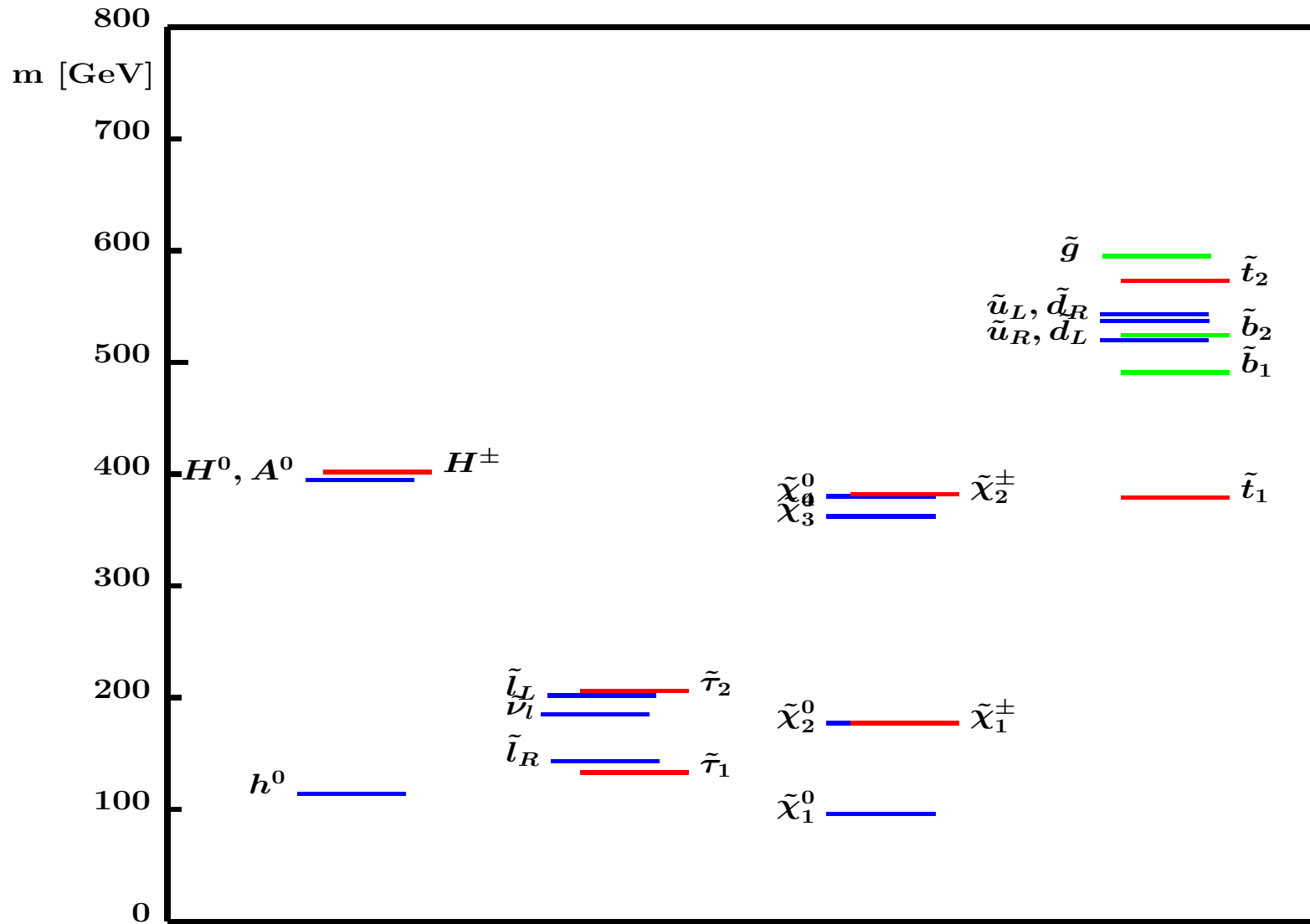
## ● Proper implementation of EWSB:

- Non tachyonic  $A$  boson or  $\mu$  parameter
- Convergent/stable value of  $\mu$  after several iterations
- Vacuum non CCB nor UFB

## ● Reasonable SUSY spectrum:

- Non tachyonic sfermions from mixing
- Higgs masses not NaN
- The LSP is the lightest neutralino  $\chi_1^0$

### 3. Spectrum and constraints: example of spectrum





# 1. Spectrum/constraints: direct exper. constraints

## Bounds from $\tilde{P}$ searches:

### ● Bounds from LEP/LEP II:

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} \gtrsim 104 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{f}} \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{f} = \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{b}_1, \tilde{l}^\pm, \tilde{\nu}$$

### ● Bounds from the Tevatron:

$$m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 300 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{q}_{1,2}} \gtrsim 260 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{q} = \tilde{u}, \tilde{d}, \tilde{s}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{b}$$

### ● Possible refinements:

– (almost) stable  $\chi_1^+$  at LEP II

– degenerate  $\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{\tau}_1$  with LSP

–  $\tilde{t}_1$  with large  $\Delta m$  at Tevatron

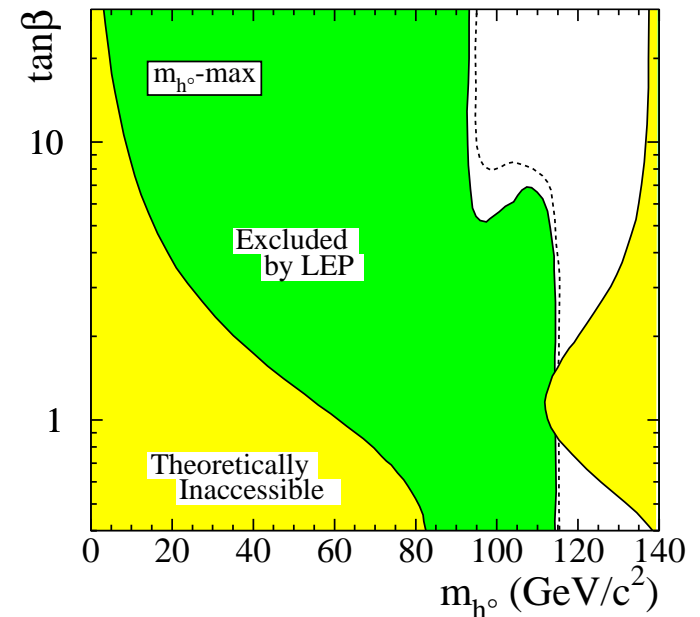
## Bounds from Higgs searches at LEP II:

$$M_A \gg M_Z \Rightarrow M_h > 114 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_A \sim M_Z \Rightarrow M_h, M_A \gtrsim 92 \text{ GeV}$$

– Slightly depend on  $m_t, H$  mixing, ...

– Include a  $\Delta^{\text{th}} M_h \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$  error.



(Excluded boundary to be fitted)

Note: include  $1.7\sigma$  Higgs signal??

# 1. Spectrum/constraints: indirect exper. constraints

- **High precision electroweak measurements:** agree with SM  
Large  $(\tilde{t}, \tilde{b})$  mass splitting might generate large contributions:  
$$\Delta^{\text{SUSY}} \rho = \Pi_{ZZ}(0)/M_Z^2 - \Pi_{WW}(0)/M_W^2 \lesssim 2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$$
**(loose constraints from direct SUSY contributions to  $Zb\bar{b}$  vertex)**
- **The  $(g - 2)_\mu$  constraint:**  $2.5\sigma$  away from SM (only  $e^+e^-$  data)  
Might be accounted for by  $\tilde{\mu}-\chi^0$  and  $\tilde{\nu}_\mu-\chi^\pm$  loop contributions  
$$1.06 \cdot 10^{-9} \leq \frac{1}{2}g_\mu^{\text{SUSY}} \leq 4.36 \cdot 10^{-9}$$
**(OK with SM if+  $\tau$  data:  $-5.7 \cdot 10^{-10} \leq \frac{1}{2}g_\mu^{\text{SUSY}} \leq 4.7 \cdot 10^{-9}$ )**
- **The  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  constraint:** experimental value agrees with SM  
Strong constraints on the  $t-H^\pm$  and  $\tilde{t}-\chi^\pm$  loop contributions  
$$2.65 \cdot 10^{-4} \leq B(b \rightarrow s\gamma) \leq 4.45 \cdot 10^{-4}$$
**(might be alleviated with a small amount of flavor violation)**
- **The  $b \rightarrow s\ell^+\ell^-$  constraint:** not very stringent in mSUGRA yet

# 1. Spectrum and constraints: the dark matter constraint

- **WMAP measurement of temperature anisotropies in CMB, ...**  
 $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \simeq 0.113 \pm 0.009 \Rightarrow 0.09 \leq \Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \leq 0.14$  at 99% CL
- **In the MSSM, LSP neutralino  $\chi_1^0$  is best candidate for CDM**
  - electrically neutral and (often maybe too) weakly interacting
  - stable if R-parity is conserved
  - massive:  $m_{\chi_1^0} \gtrsim 50$  GeV in constrained models (mSUGRA)
- **Calculation of  $\Omega_{\chi_1^0} h^2 \propto \langle v\sigma(\chi\chi \rightarrow \text{SM part.}) \rangle^{-1}$  complicated:**
  - **Many final states** ( $\Phi = h, H, A, H^\pm; f = \ell, q; V = W, Z, \gamma$ )  
 $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}, VV, \Phi_i \Phi_j, \Phi_i V$  etc....
  - **Several channels are present; for example in  $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ :**  
 $t$ -channel  $\tilde{f}$ ,  $s$ -channel  $Z$  and  $s$ -channel  $A, h, H$  exchanges
  - **Co-annihilation processes with NLSP taken into account:**  
 $\chi_1^0 + \tilde{P} \rightarrow X + Y$  and  $\tilde{P} + \tilde{P}^{(*)} \rightarrow X + Y$  if  $m_{\tilde{P}} \sim m_\chi$

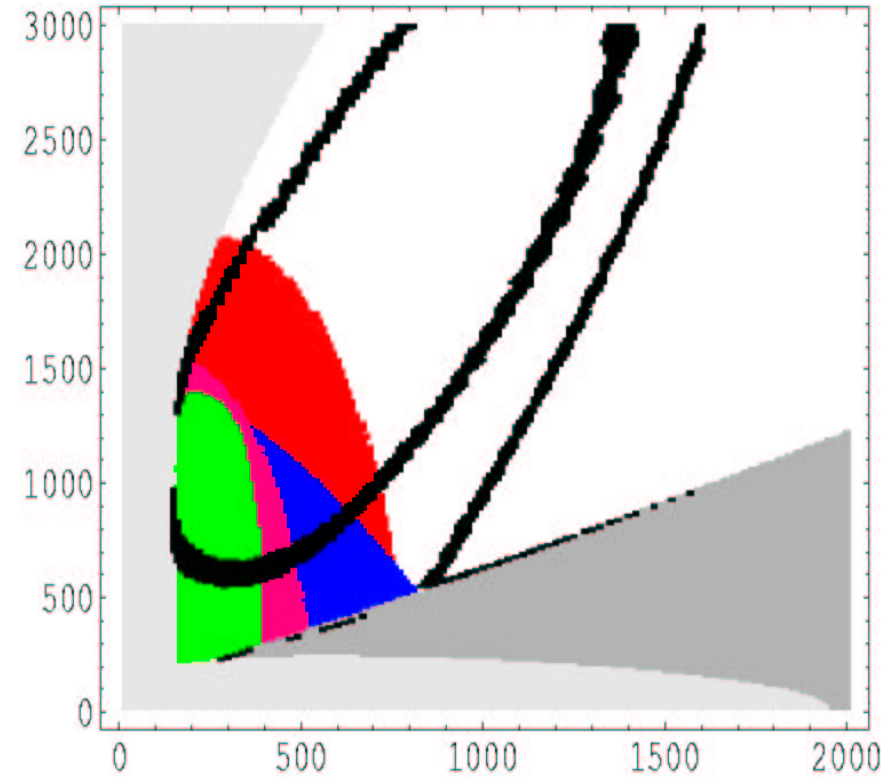
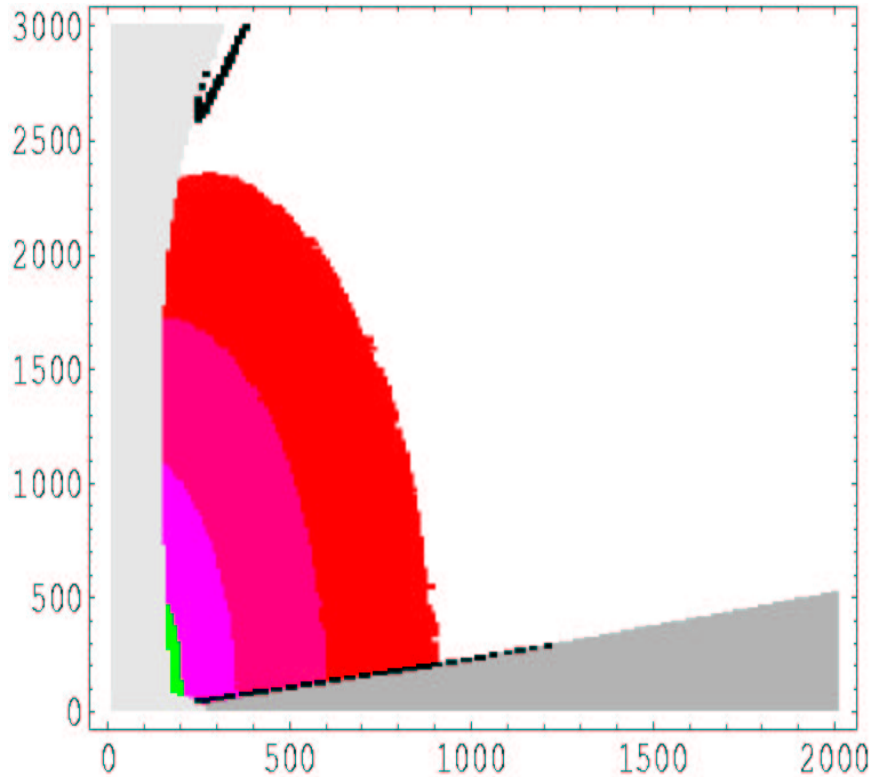
# 1. Spectrum and constraints: an example of a scan

An  $(m_{1/2}, m_0)$  scan with  $A = 0, \mu > 0, m_t = 172.5$  GeV:

$m_0$

$\tan \beta = 10$

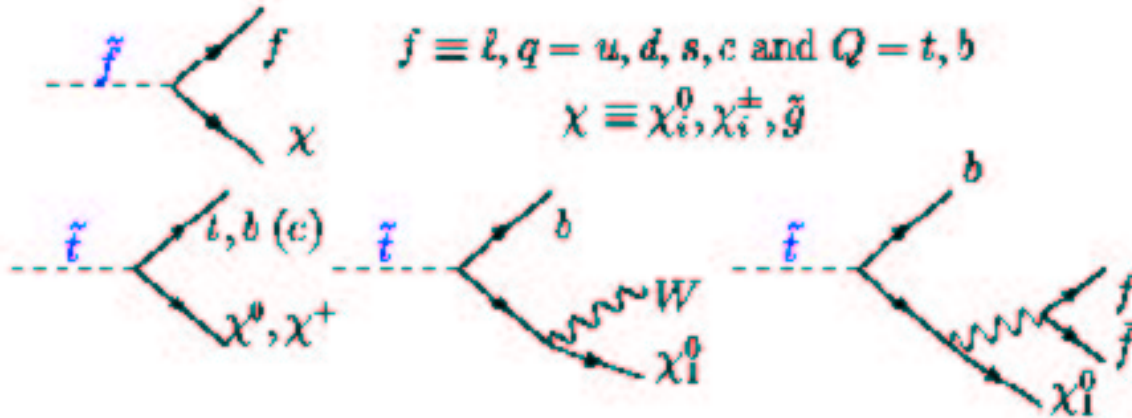
$\tan \beta = 50$



Generically, four (known) regions with the required amount of DM:  $m_{1/2}$   
bulk region (excluded), focus point, co-annihilation,  $A/h$  pole regions

## 2. Decays of the Higgs and SUSY particles

### Squarks and Sleptons



### Charginos and neutralinos



### Gluinos

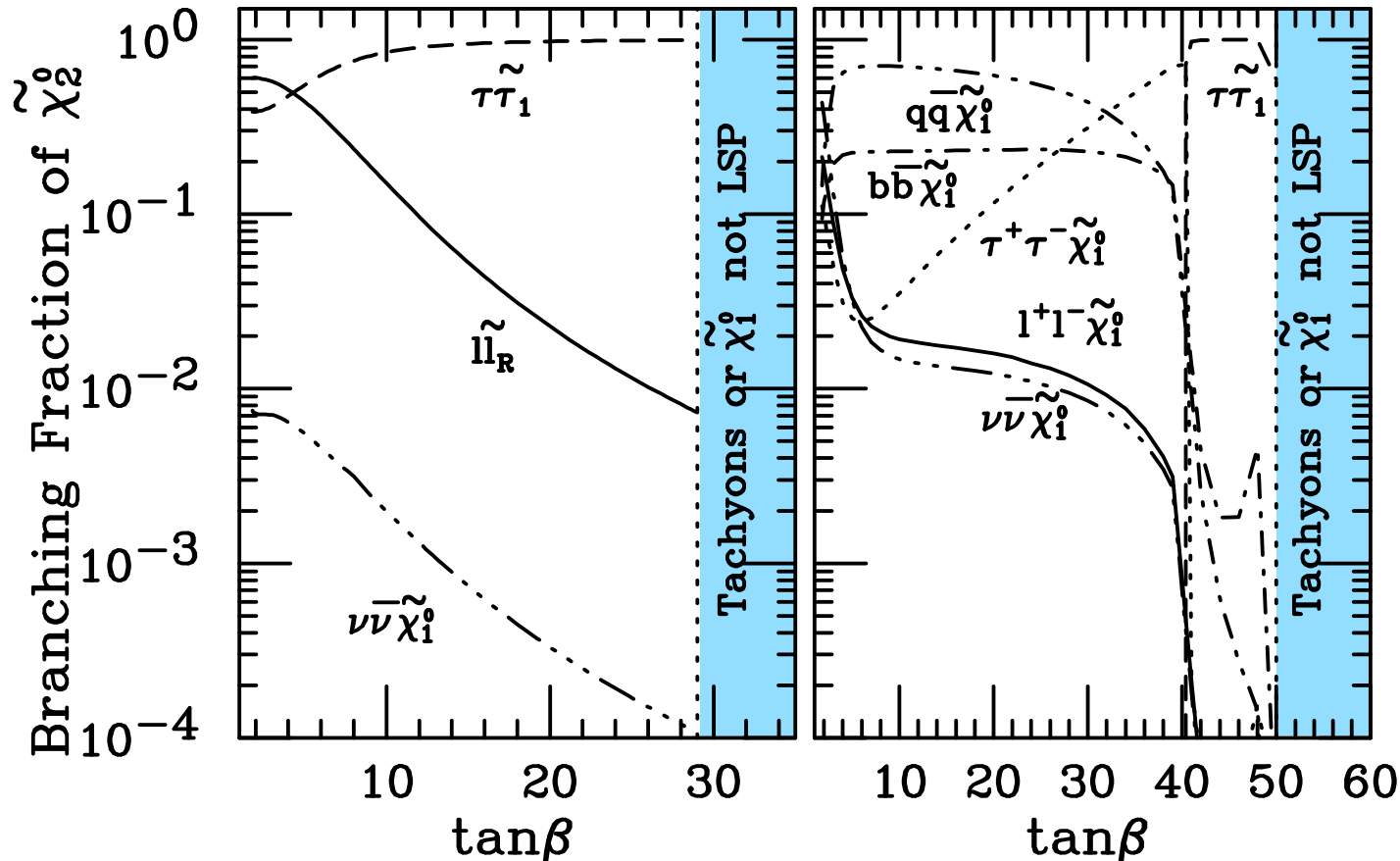


## 2. Decays: possible decays of sparticles

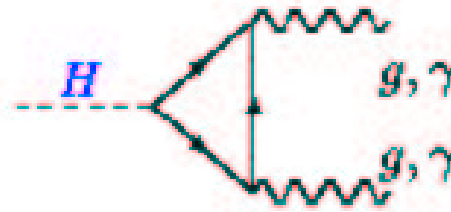
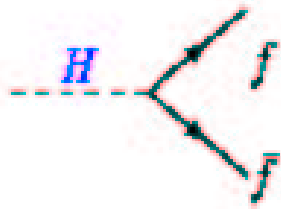
- Possibility of cascade decays:  $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q + \chi_2^0 \rightarrow q + \chi_1^0 f \bar{f}$ .
- Signature in usual MSSM:  $\cancel{E}_T$  from escaping  $\chi_1^0$  LSPs.
- In GMSB, signature is due to NLSP  $(\chi_1^0, \tilde{\tau}_1) \rightarrow \tilde{G} + (\gamma, \tau)$ .

**Example of final state decay in mSUGRA:  $\chi_2^0$**

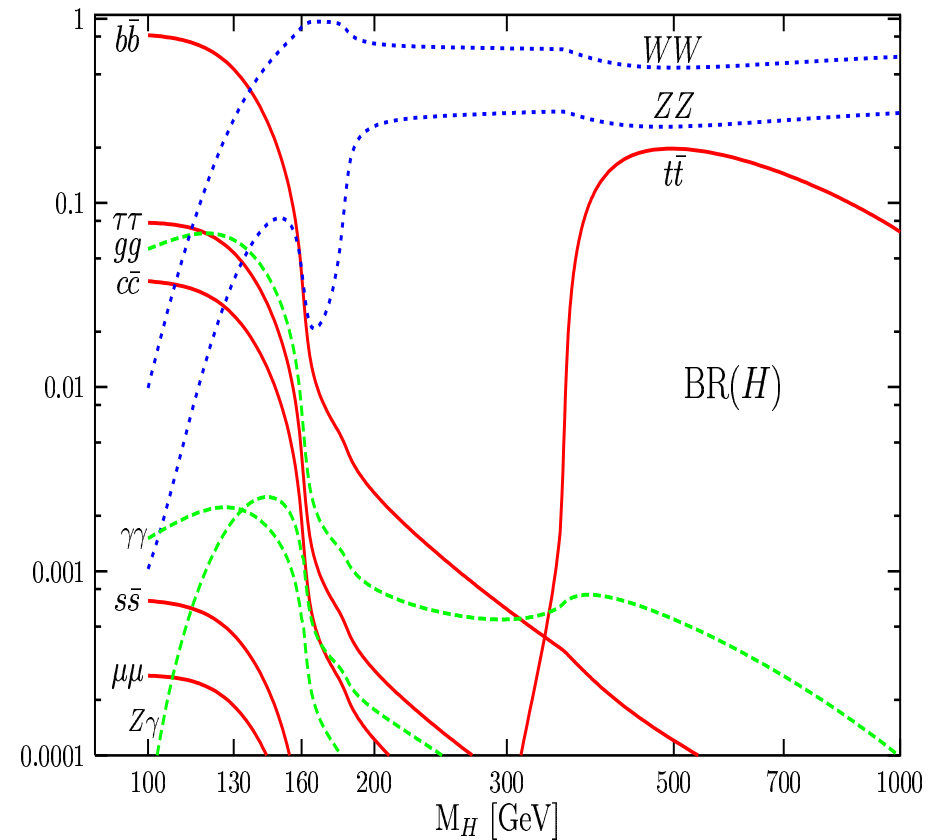
(a)  $\mu > 0, m_0 = 100$  GeV (b)  $\mu > 0, m_0 = 200$  GeV



## 2. Decays: SM Higgs particle



- “Low mass” range,  $M_H \lesssim 130$  GeV:
  - $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  dominant, BR = 60–90%
  - $H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-, c\bar{c}, gg$  BR = a few %
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z$ , BR = a few permille.
- “High mass” range,  $M_H \gtrsim 130$  GeV:
  - $H \rightarrow WW^*, ZZ^*$  (BR  $\rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$ ),
  - $H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  for high  $M_H$ ; BR  $\lesssim 20\%$ .
- Total width: a few MeV to 100 GeV  
for  $M_H = 100$  to 700 GeV.



## 2. Decays: SUSY Higgs couplings

Higgs decays (and cross sections) strongly depend on couplings

Couplings in terms of  $\mathbf{H}_{\text{SM}}$  and their values in decoupling limit:

$\Phi$	$g_{\Phi\bar{u}u}$	$g_{\Phi\bar{d}d}$	$g_{\Phi VV}$
$h$	$\frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta} \rightarrow 1$	$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} \rightarrow 1$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1$
$H$	$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} \rightarrow 1/\tan \beta$	$\frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} \rightarrow \tan \beta$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$
$A$	$1/\tan \beta$	$\tan \beta$	0

- The couplings of  $H^\pm$  have the same intensity as those of  $A$ .
- Couplings of  $h, H$  to  $VV$  are suppressed; no  $AVV$  couplings (CP)
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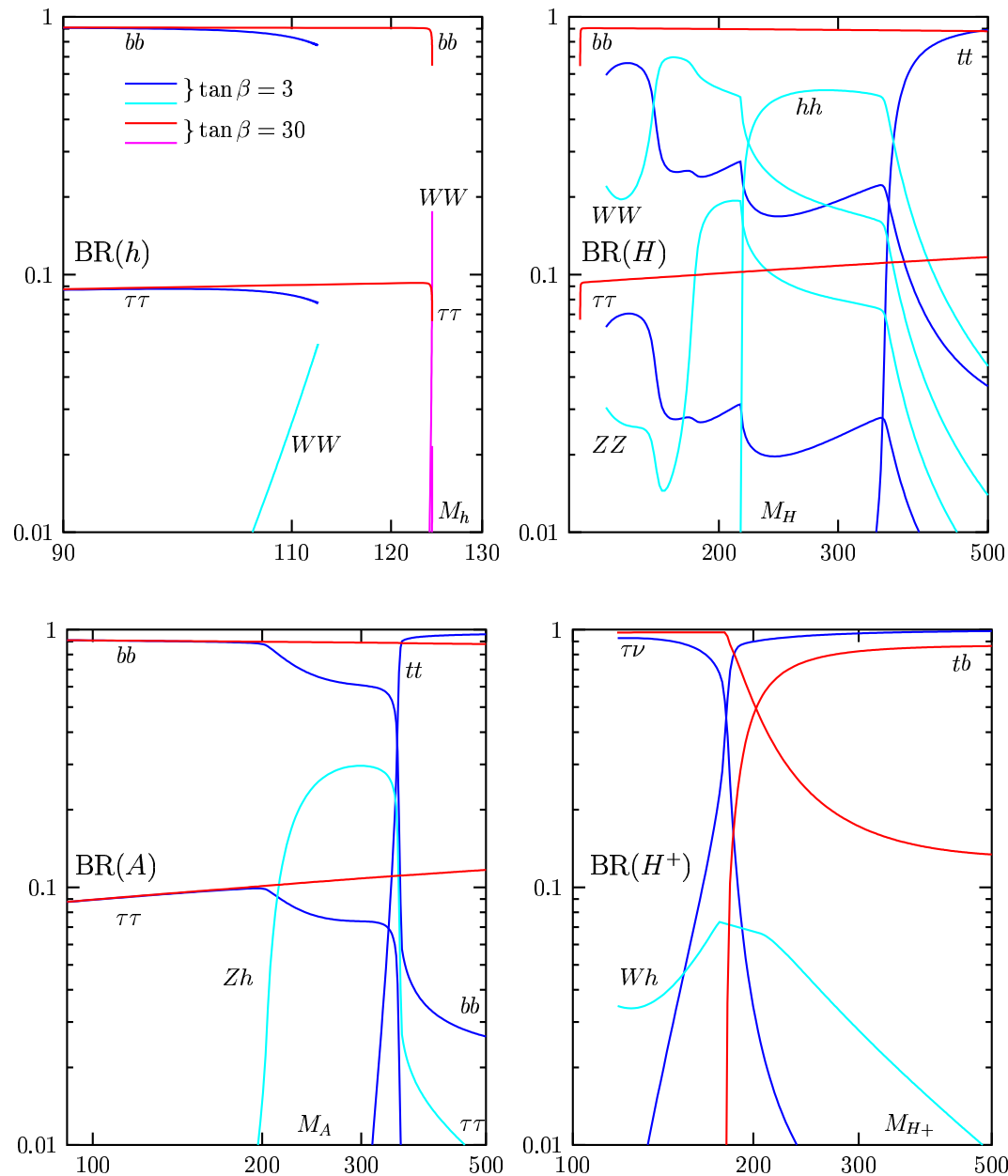
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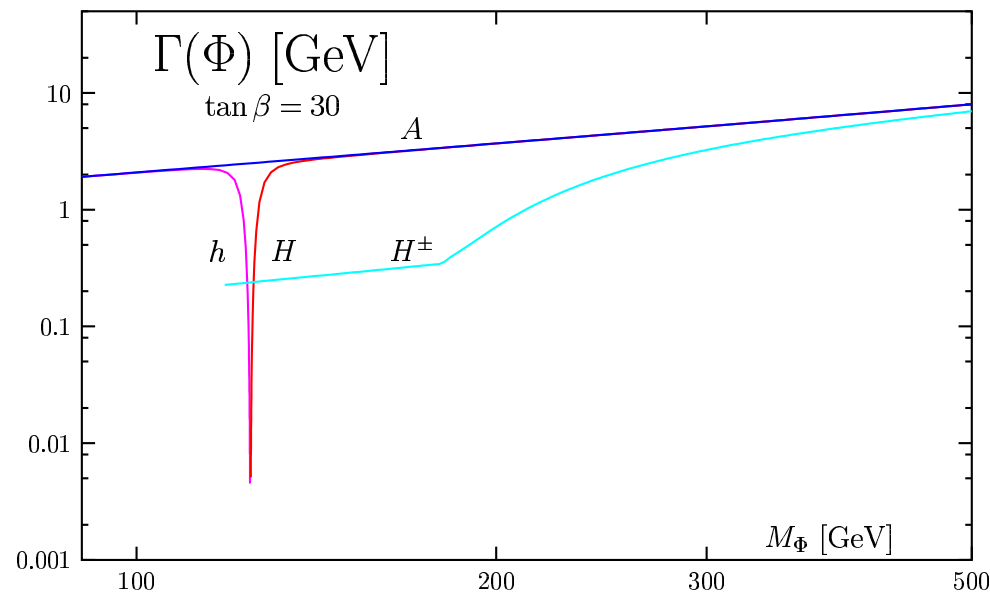
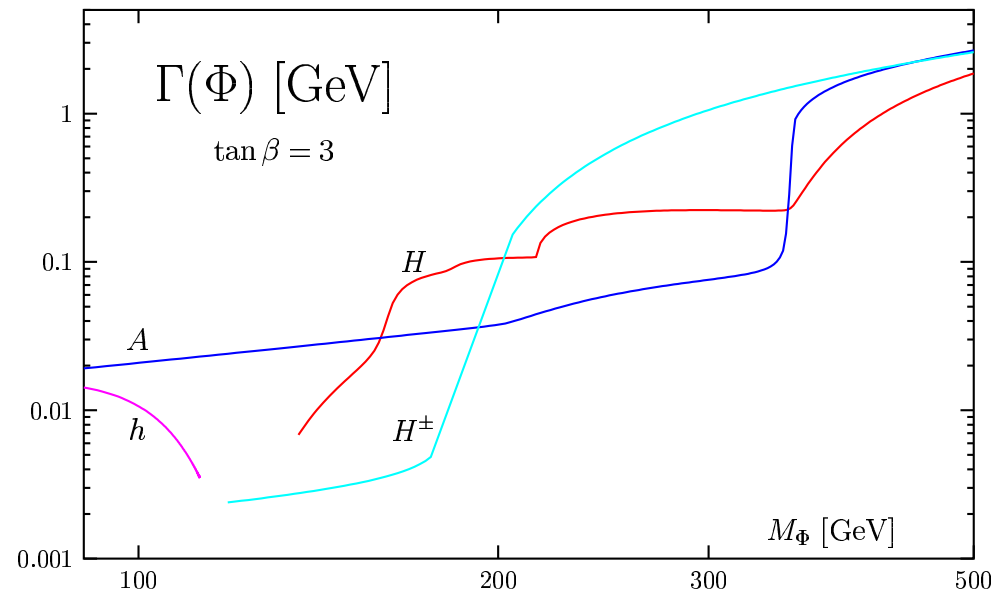
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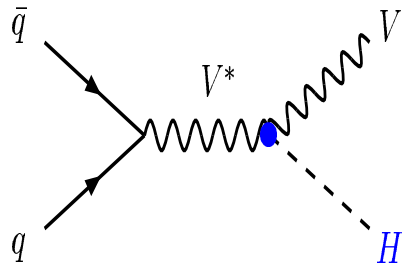


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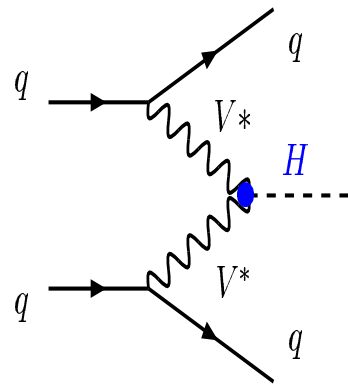
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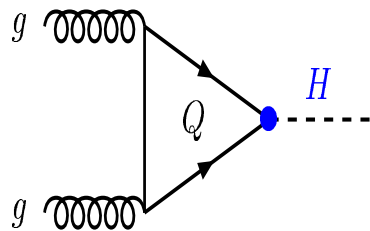
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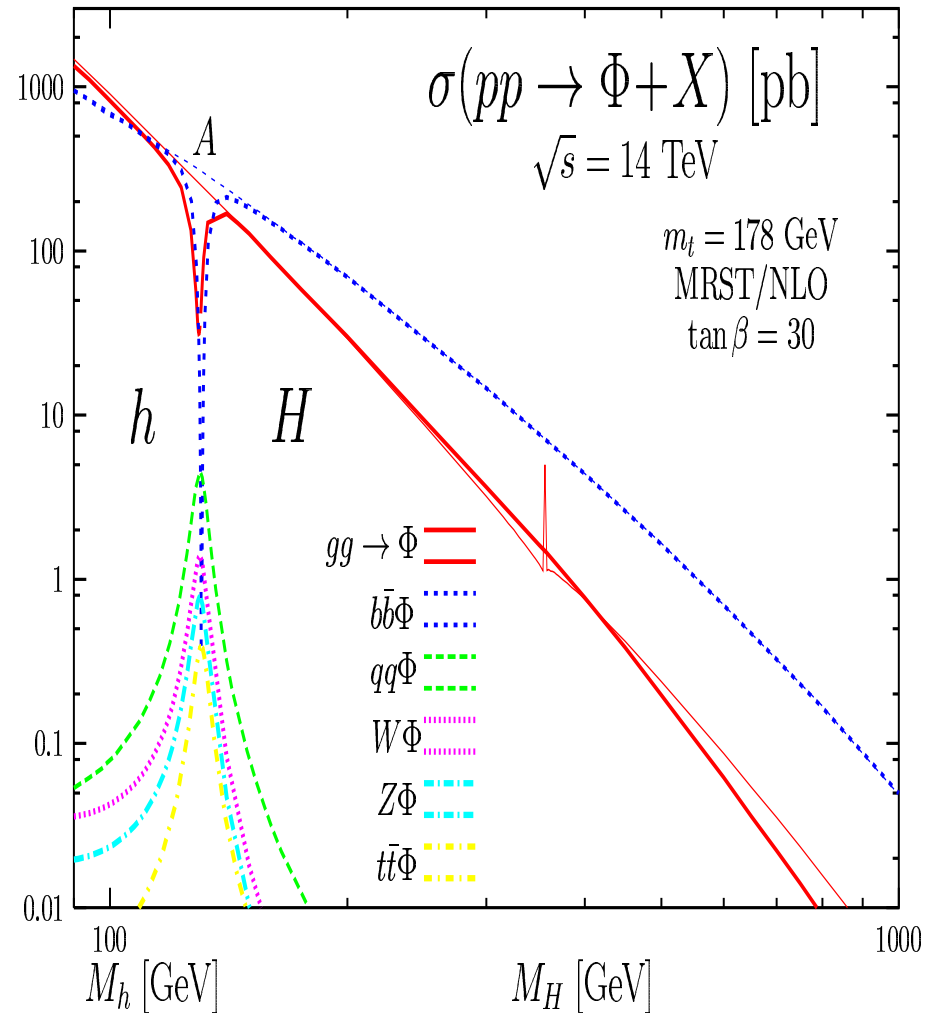
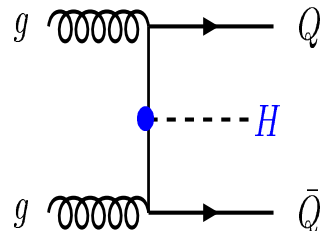
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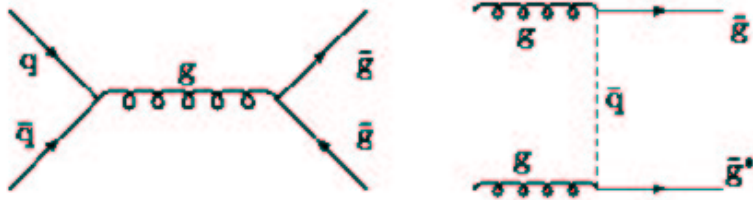


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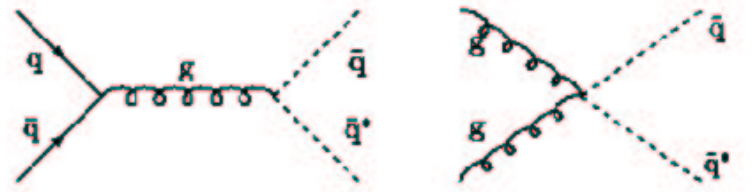


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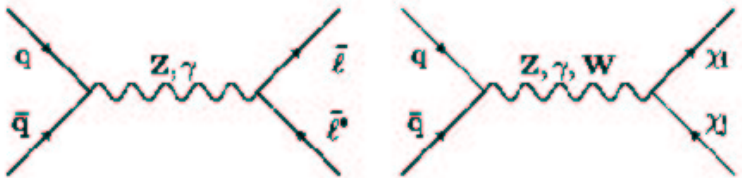
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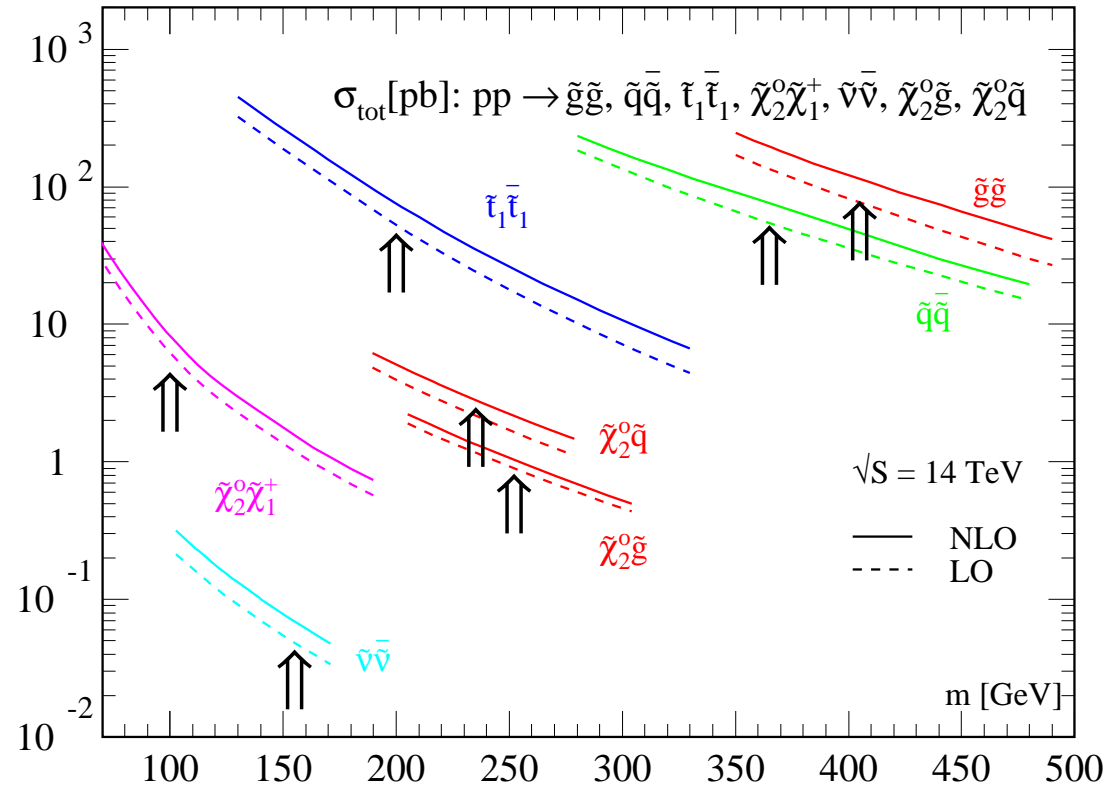
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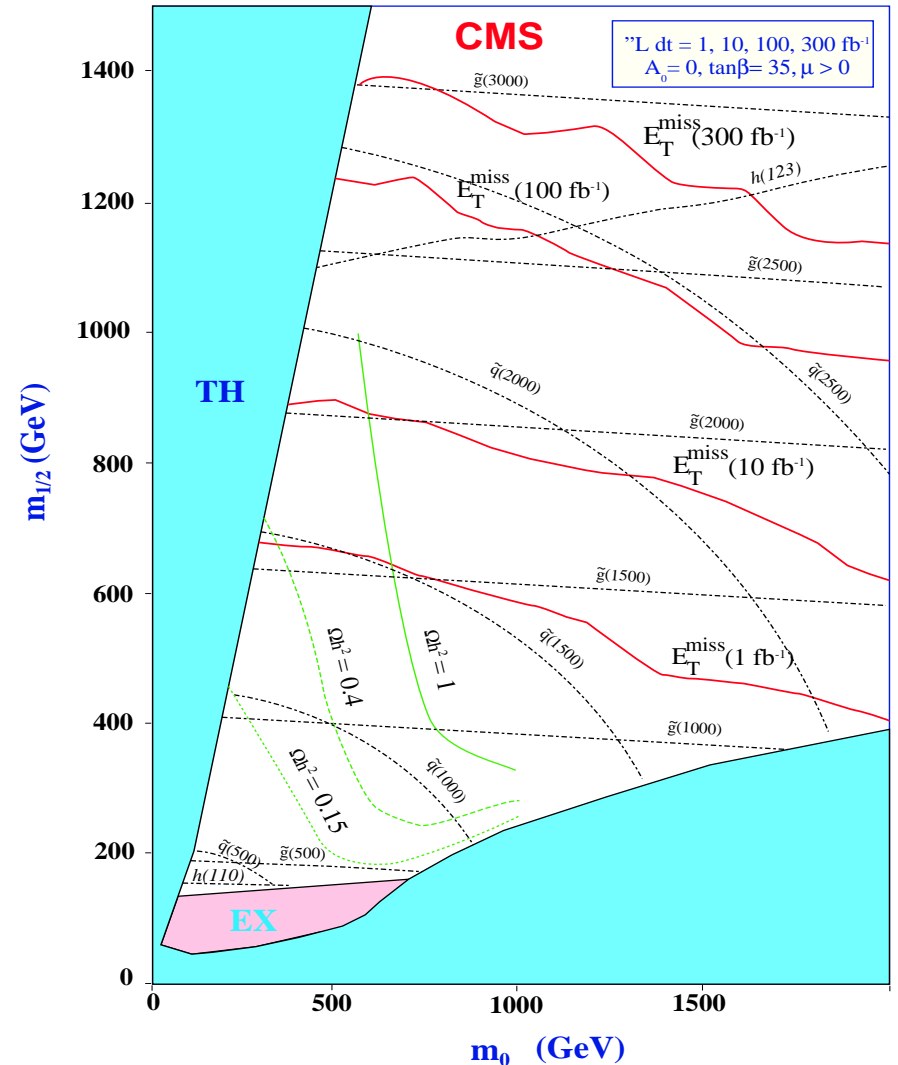
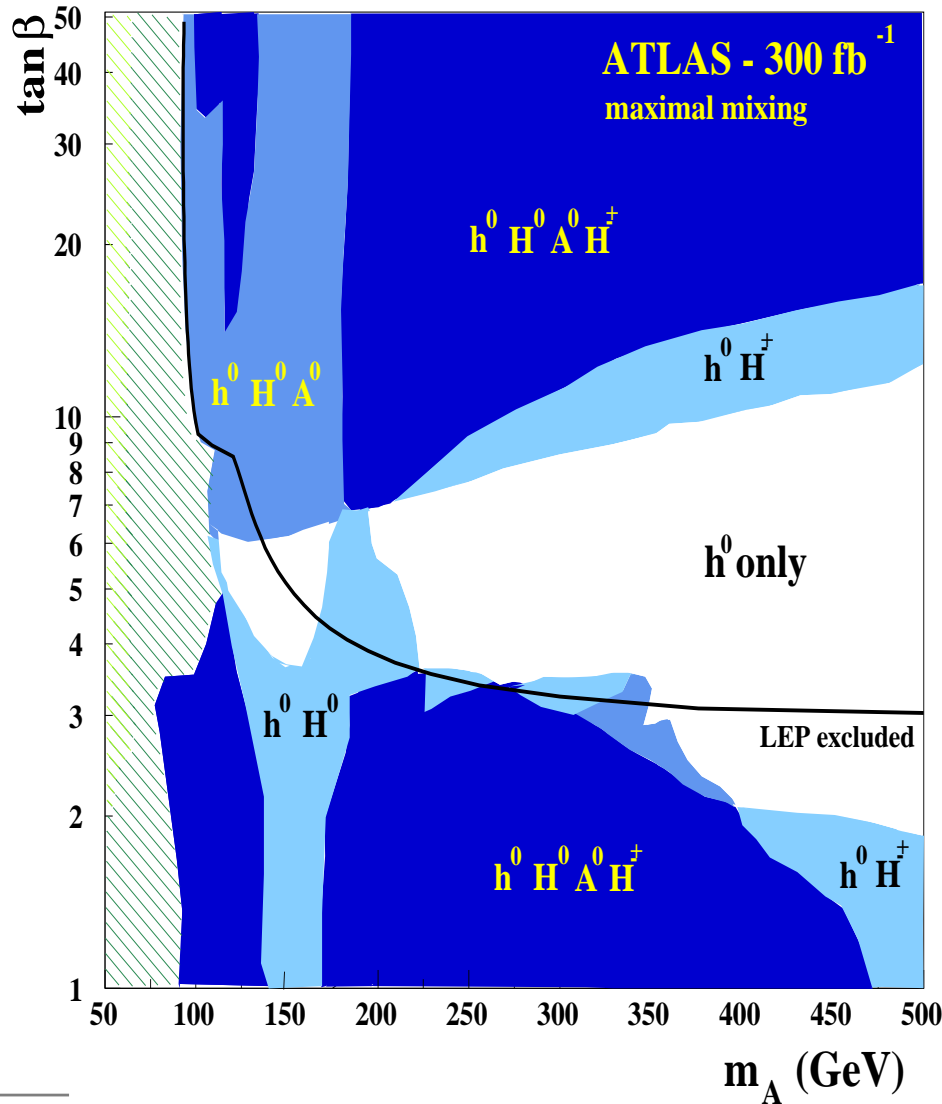
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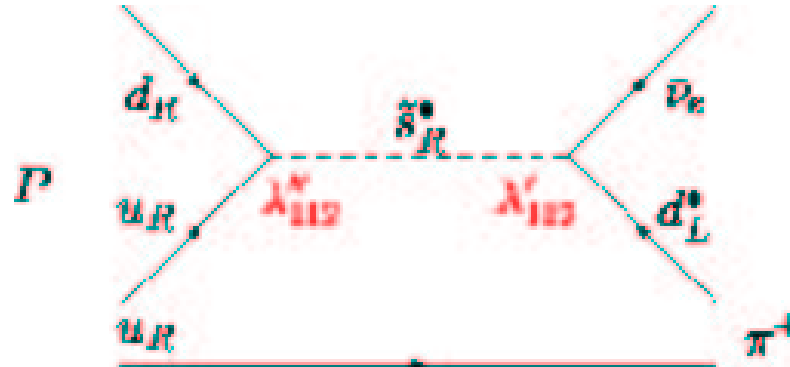
Great discoveries are expected soon!

The CMS  $\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}$  mass reach in  $E_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{jets}$  inclusive channels for various integrated luminosities



## 4. Extensions of MSSM: Rp violation

To avoid fast P decay, we do not need both L and B conservation



In most general W, include  $\Delta L=1$  or  $\Delta B=1$  interactions:

$$W_{\Delta L=1} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{e}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{d}_k + \mu'_i L_i H_u$$

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P decay modes and experimental limits on  $\beta$  and  $\tau$  imply  $\lambda''_{ijk} \ll 1$ .

- However, at least 45 new parameters in the general case.
- no stable LSP and thus no SUSY DM candidate...
- But, rich phenomenology (e.g. s channel sfermion production)
- enters in neutrino phenomenology and addresses small  $\nu$  masses

## 4. Extensions of the MSSM: CP violation

One can allow for some CP-violating parameters, in particular:

- Complex  $M_1, M_2, M_3$  (some phases rotated away) and  $\mu$
- Complex trilinear  $A_f$  couplings, in particular  $A_t$ .

The MSSM Higgs sector stays CP-conserving at the tree-level but complex parameters enter at the one-loop level through  $\mu$  and  $A_t$ .

- CP violation is needed for (direct) baryogenesis in MSSM
- However, many new parameters will enter in the general case
- Complicates the determination of spectrum but less fine-tuning!
- Strongly constrained by data ( $n_{\text{edm}}$ ) and needs cancelations
- No sign yet of any additional CP in B-factories etc...

One can also allow for flavor non-diagonal interactions, however:

- Parameters strongly constrained from FCNC, K, B physics...
- Only adds complications/parameters (no theory motivation)...



## 4. Extensions of the MSSM: NMSSM

**The  $\mu$  problem:**  $\mu$  enters EWSB and the determination of  $M_Z$ .

It must be of order SUSY-breaking parameters such as  $M_{H_1}, M_{H_2}$ .

But  $\mu$  is a SUSY preserving parameter, comes from  $W \propto \mu \hat{H}_1 \hat{H}_2$ ,

and, a priori, no reason for having  $\mu \propto M_Z, M_{\text{SUSY}} \ll M_{\text{GUT}} \dots$

Solution:  $\mu$  is related to a vev of an additional field  $S$  with  $\langle S \rangle = s$

**NMSSM:** introduce a gauge singlet superfield  $\hat{S}$  into superpotential

$$W = W_{\text{MSSM}} + \lambda \hat{H}_1 \hat{H}_2 \hat{S} + \frac{1}{3} \kappa \hat{S}^3$$

**Extended spectrum in NMSSM compared to MSSM:**

- one additional neutralino state:  $\Rightarrow \chi_{1,\dots,5}^0$
  - two additional Higgs particles  $\Rightarrow H_1, H_2, H_3, A_1, A_2, H^+, H^-$
- $\Rightarrow$  less constrained and fine tuned model, richer phenomenology...

**Ex:** upper bound on h mass is  $M_h^{\text{NMSSM}} = M_h^{\text{MSSM}} + 20\text{--}40 \text{ GeV}$ .

**LEP searches bounds are not valid and h lighter than 100 GeV.**

# 3. Higgs Decays

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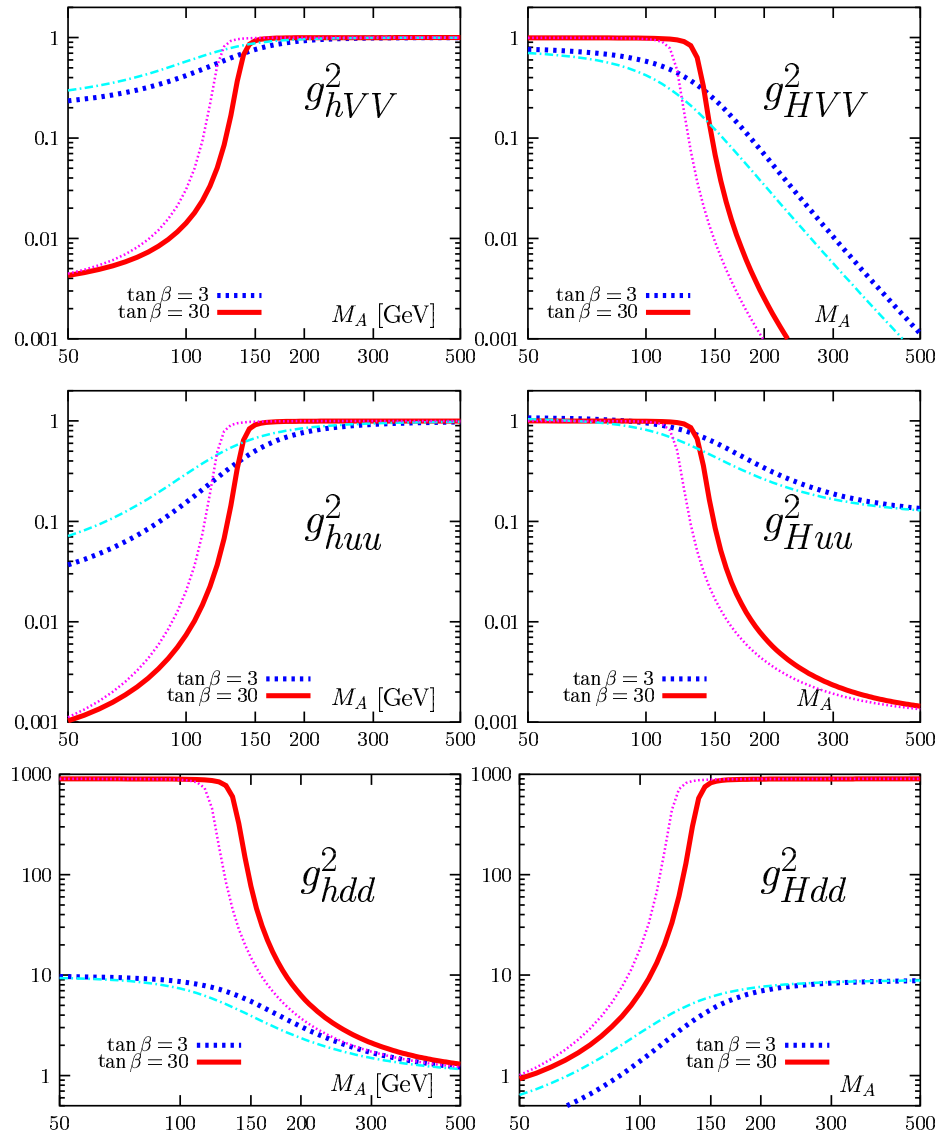
**Couplings in terms of  $\mathbf{H}_{\text{SM}}$  and their values in decoupling limit:**

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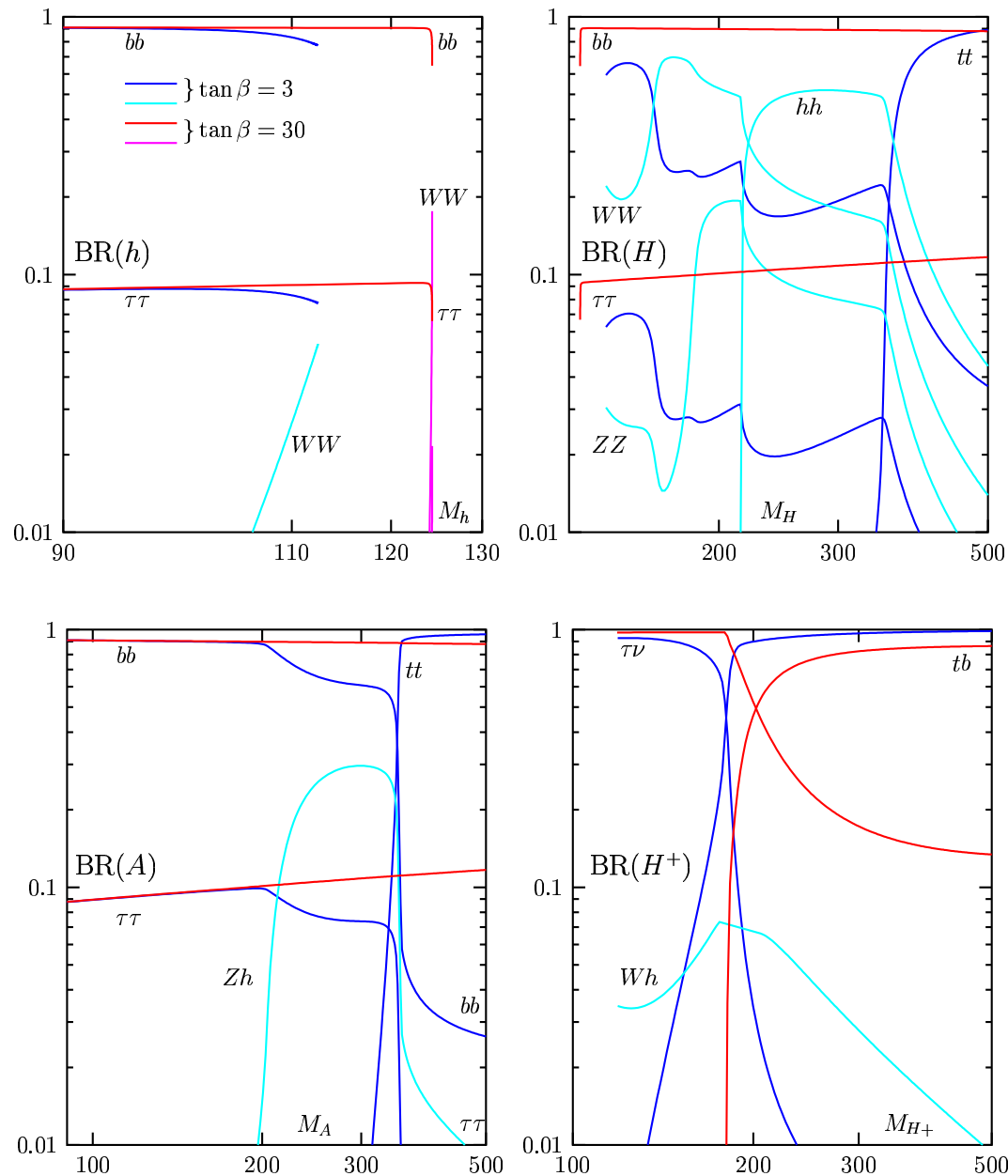
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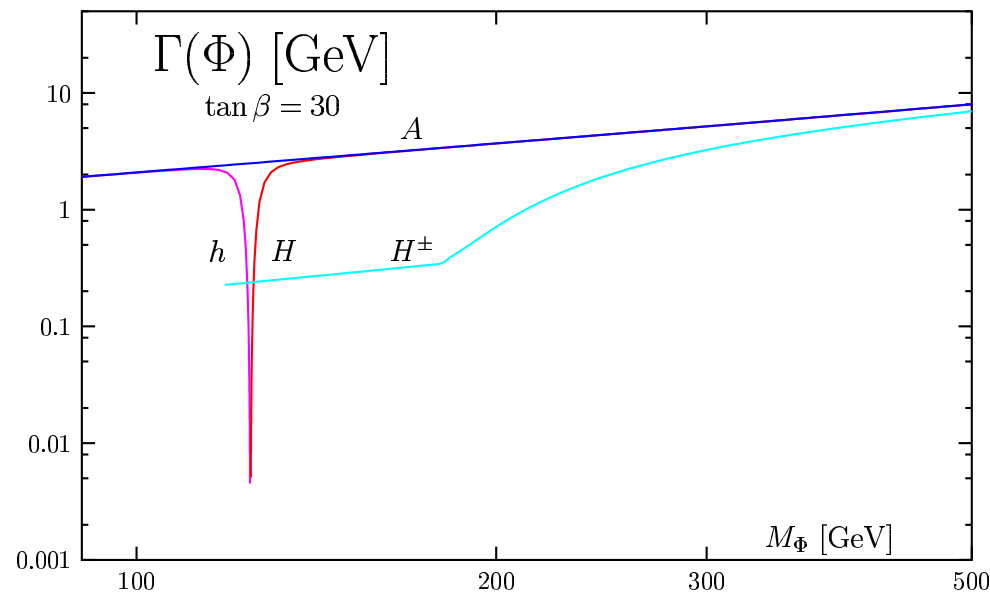
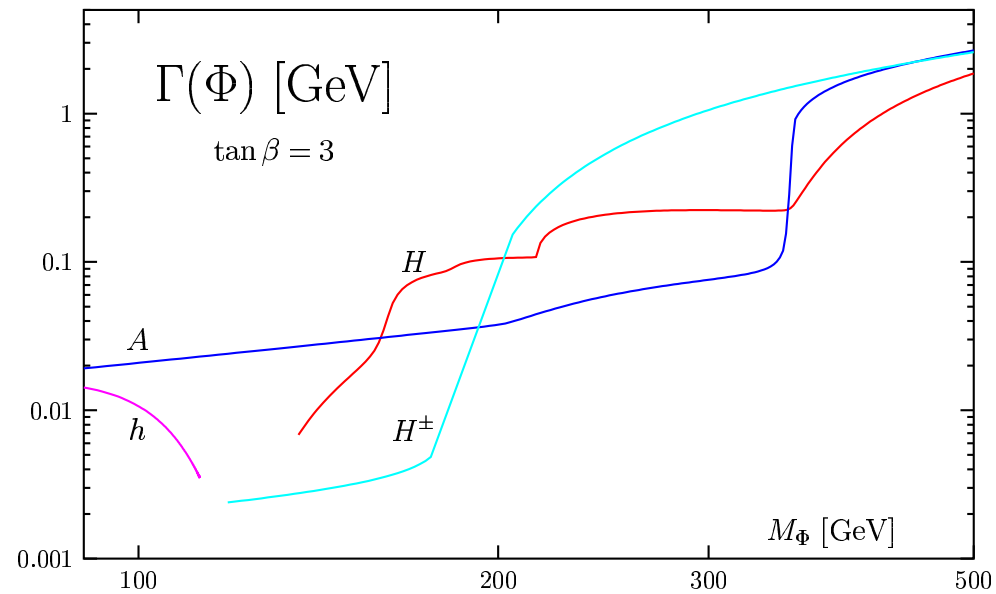
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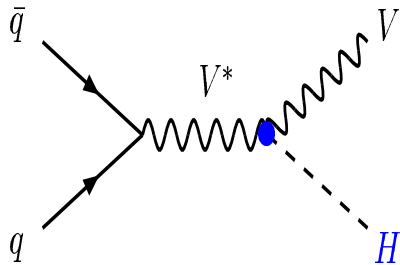


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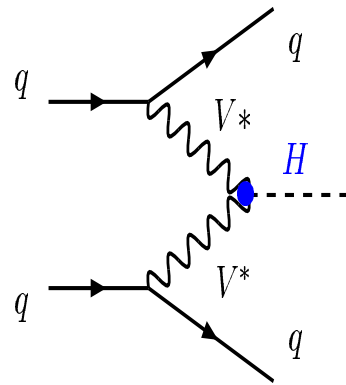
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[assuming heavy sparticles]

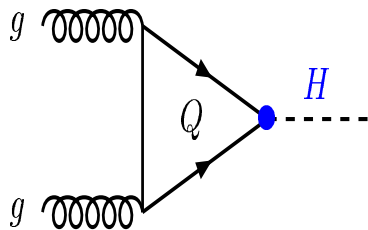
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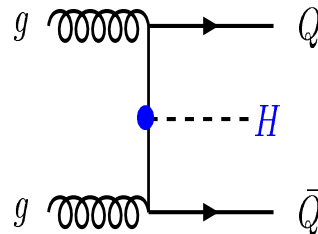
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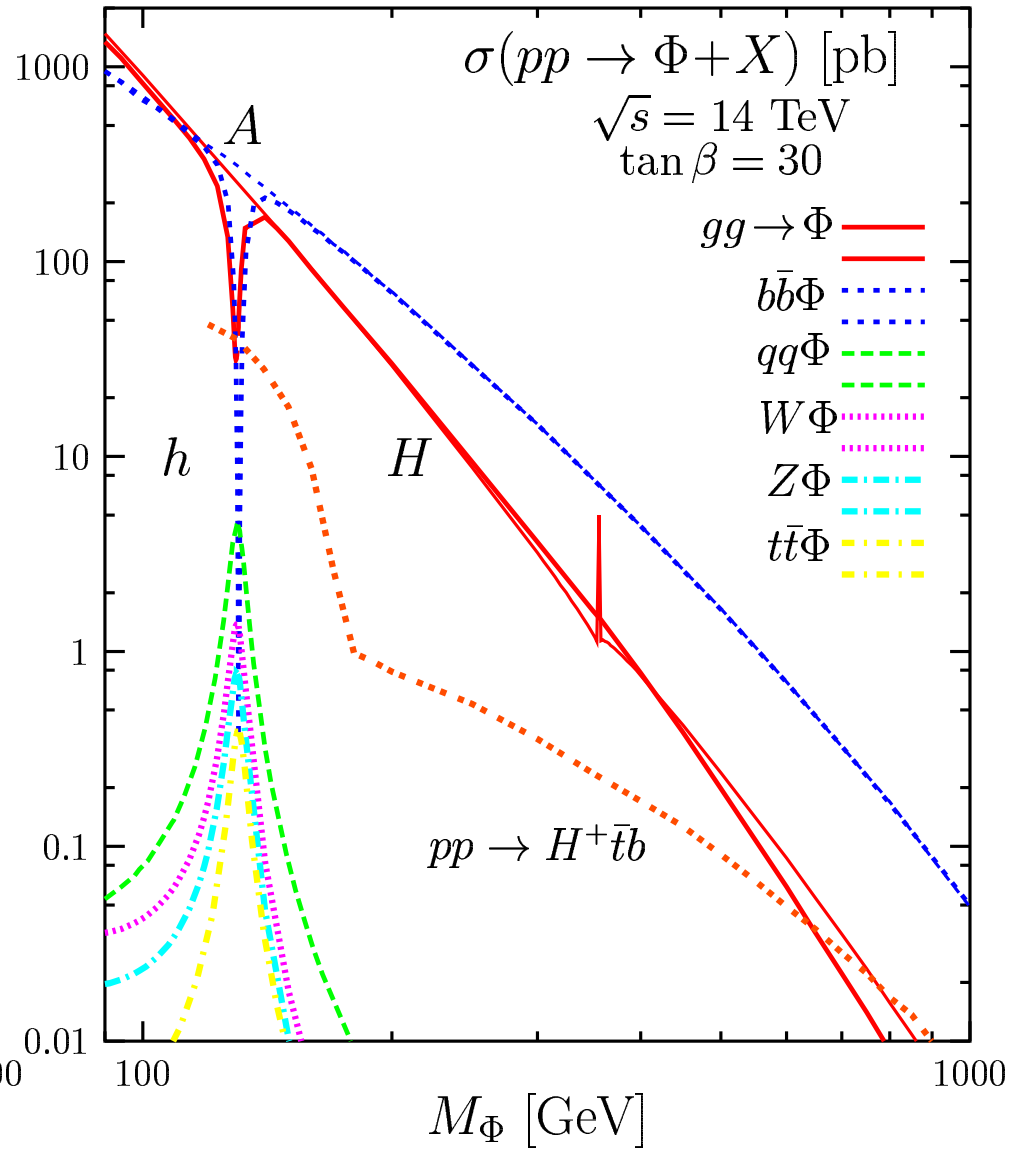
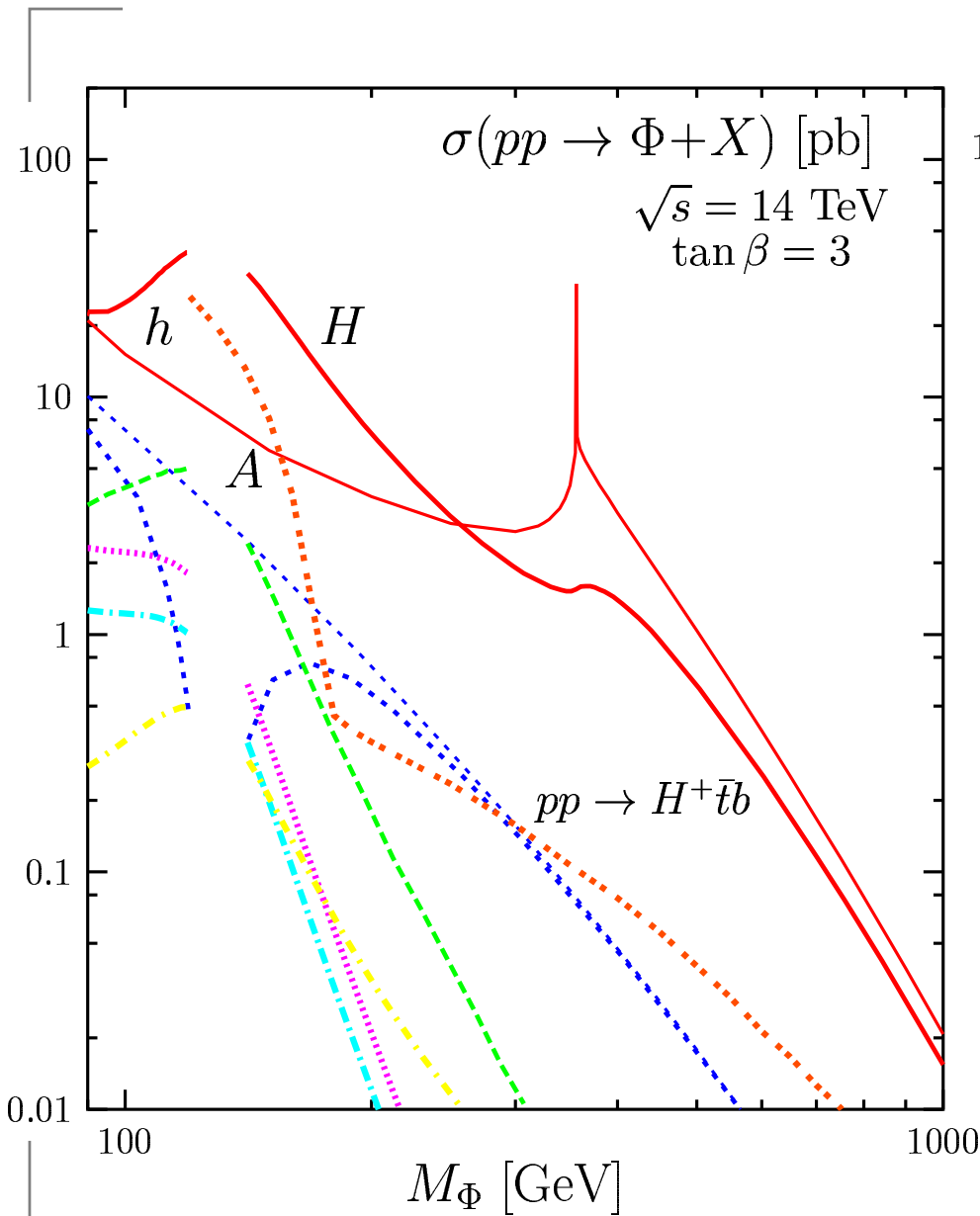
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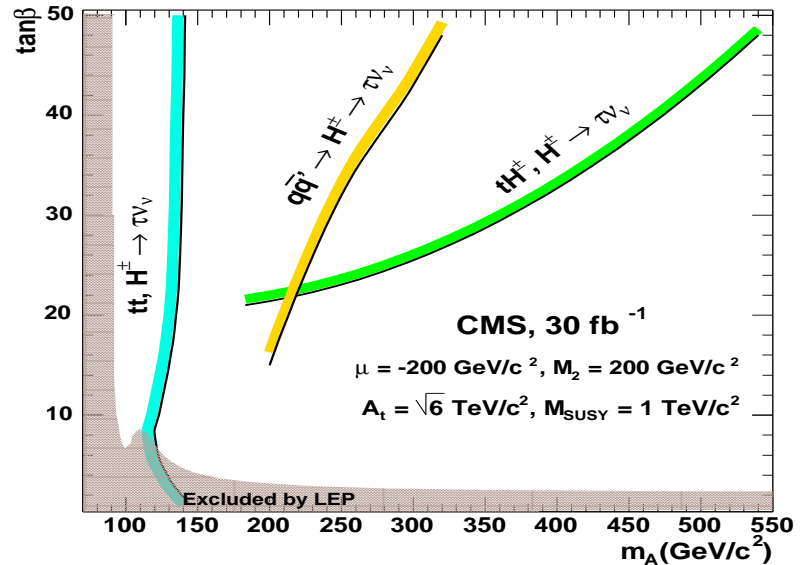
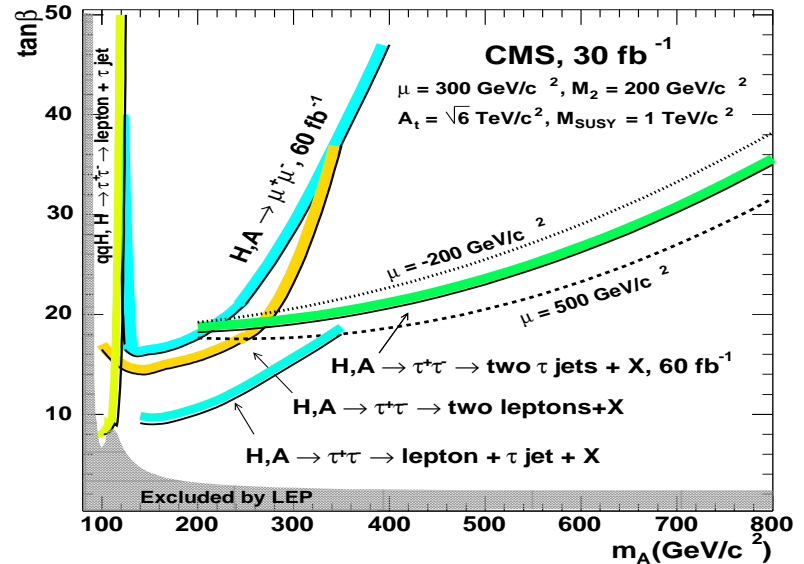
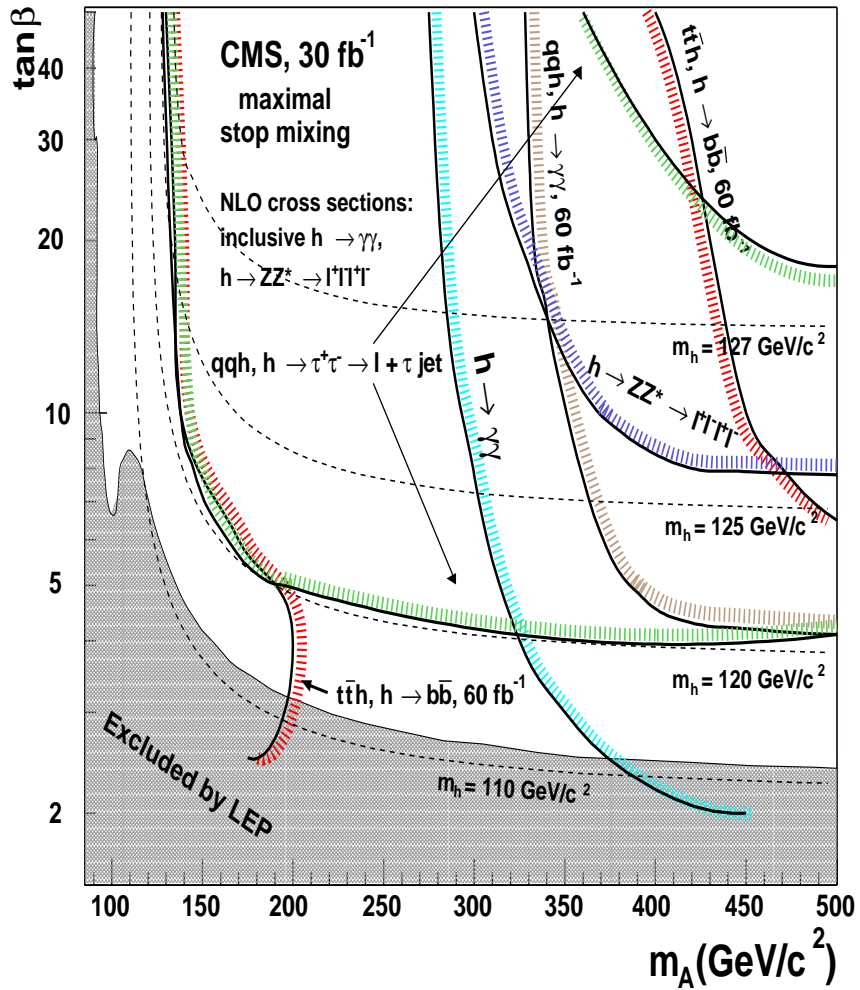
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  - additional mechanism:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow A+h/H$
- For  $gg \rightarrow \Phi$  and  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}\Phi$ 
  - include the contr. of b-quarks
  - dominant contr. at high  $\tan\beta$ !
- For pseudoscalar  $A$  boson:
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- For charged Higgs boson:
  - $M_H \lesssim m_t$ :  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  with  $t \rightarrow H^+ b$
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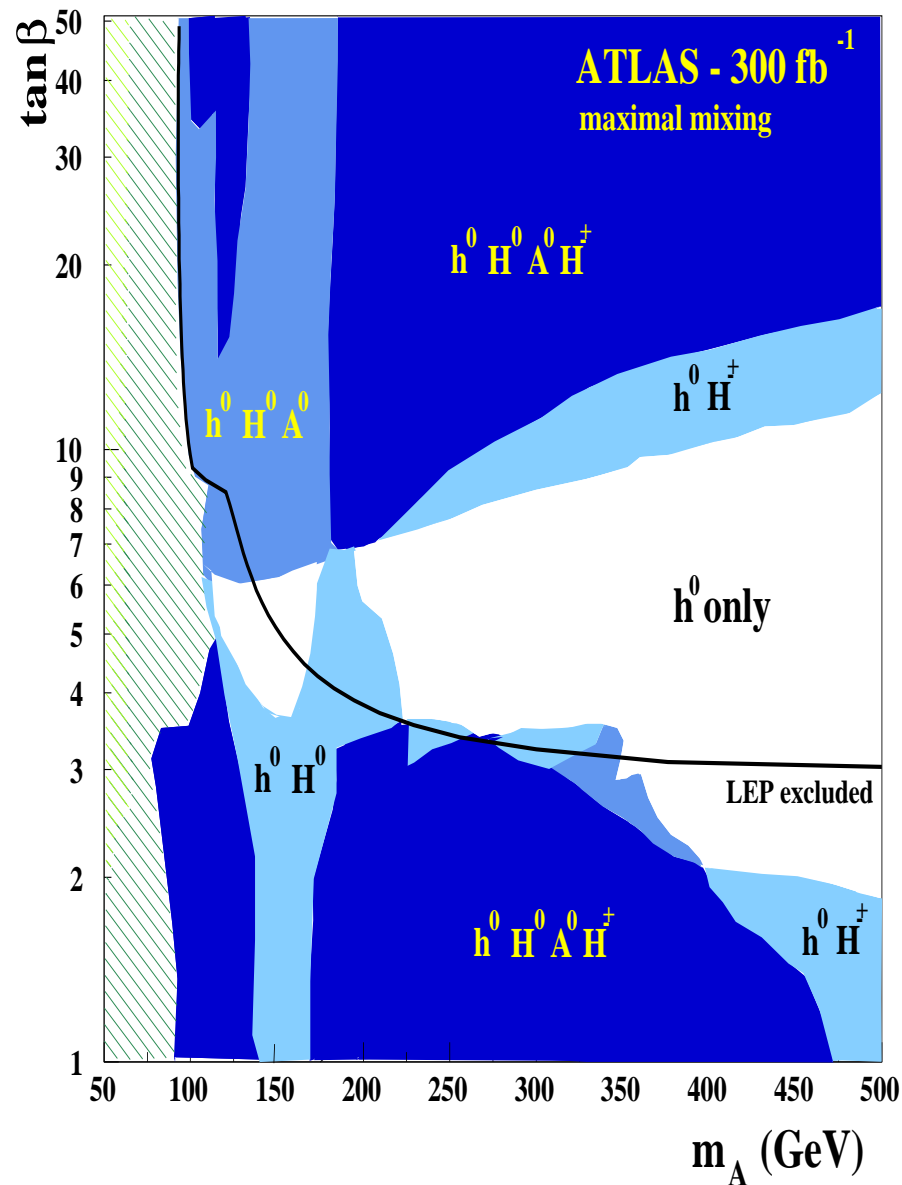
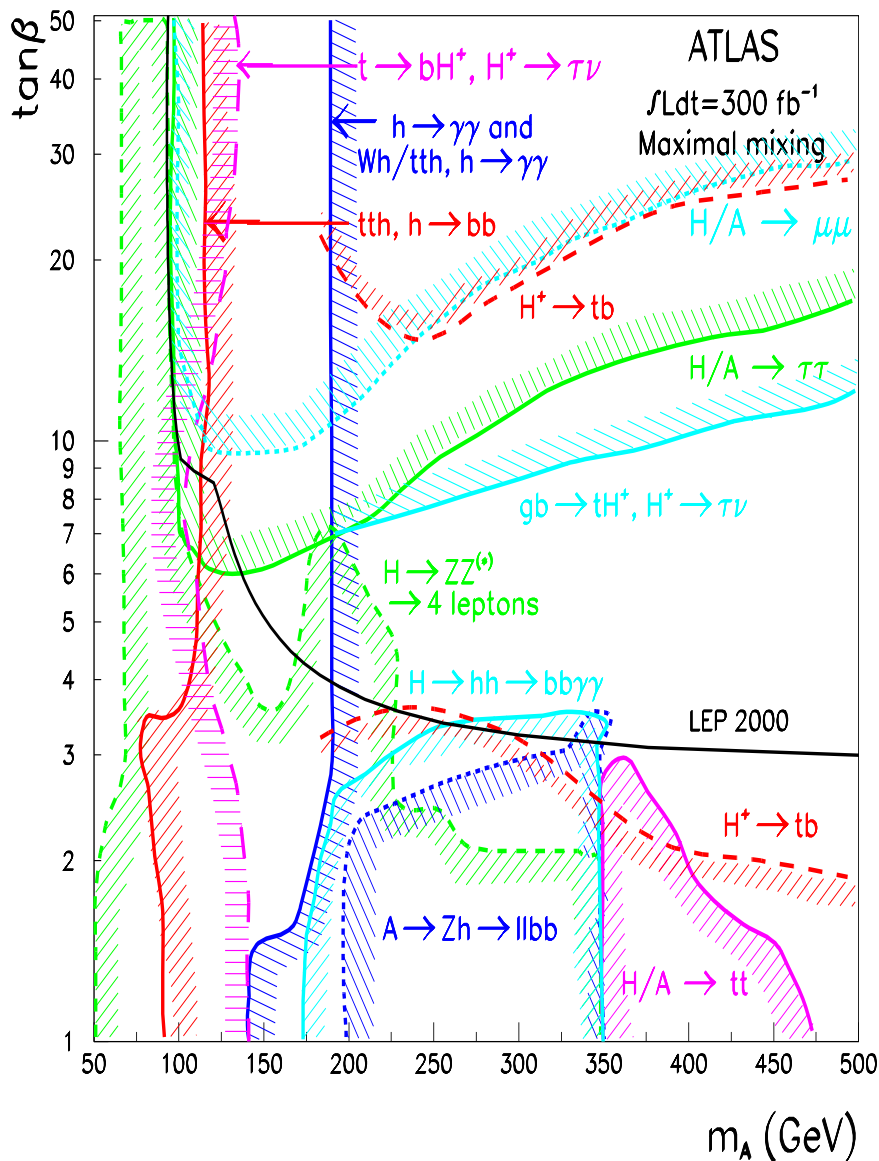




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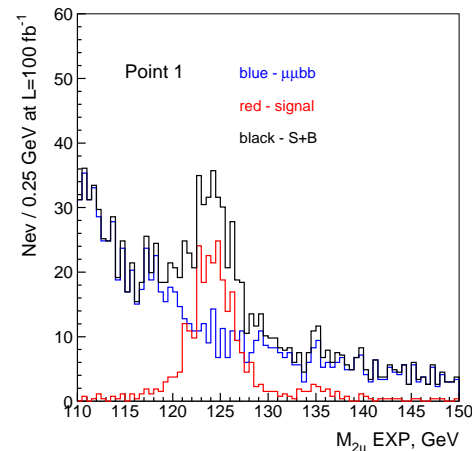
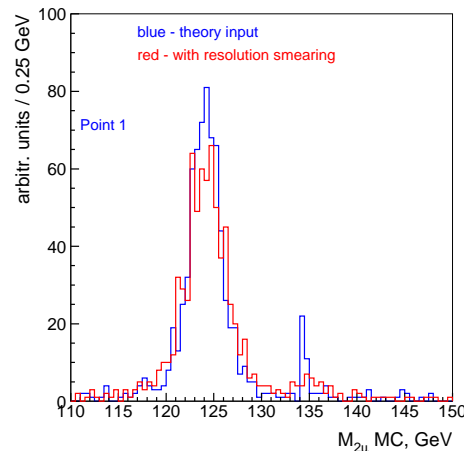
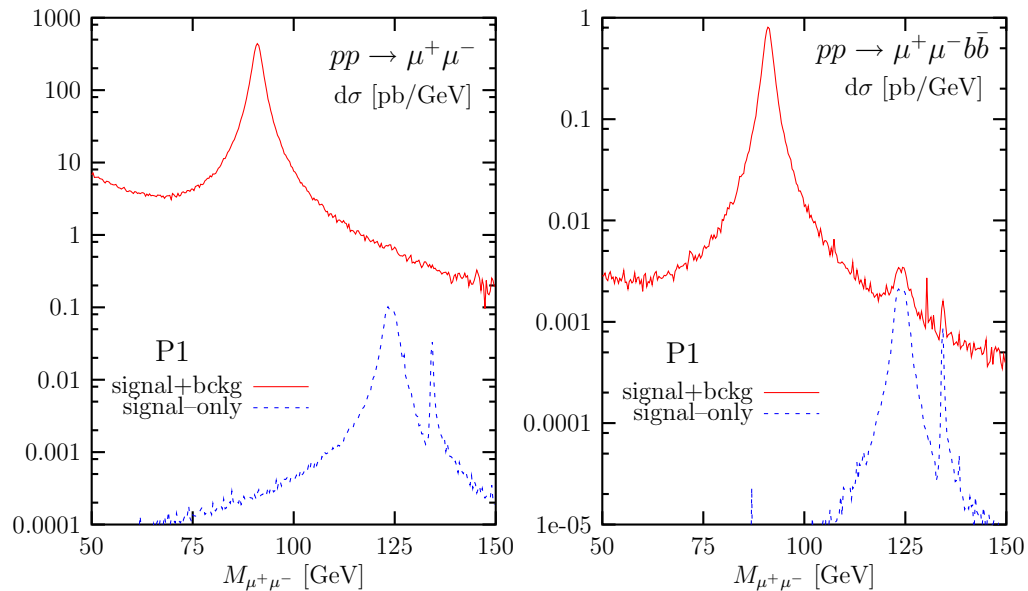
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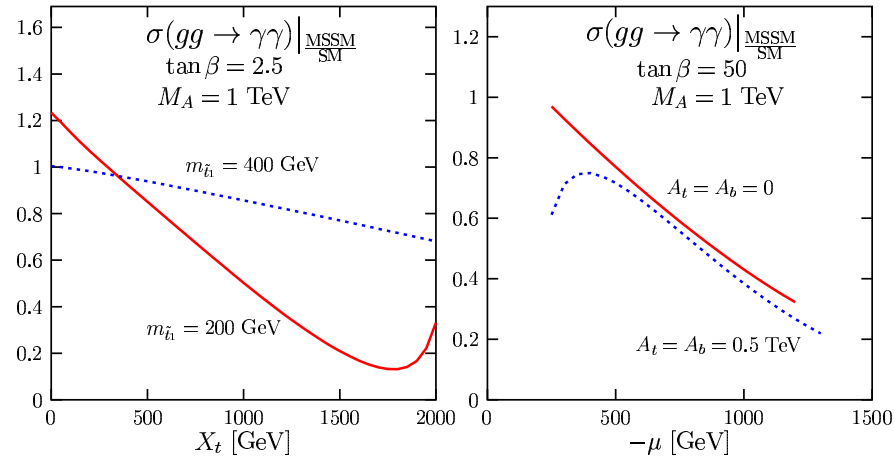
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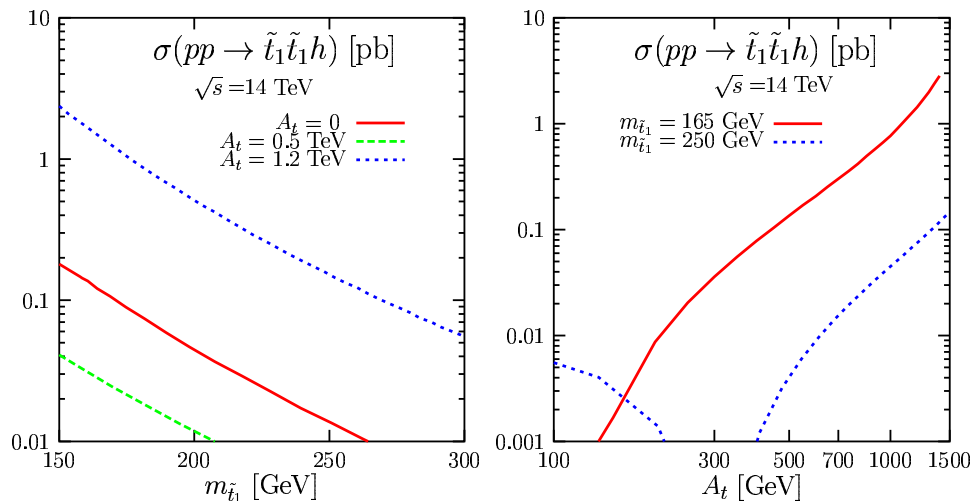


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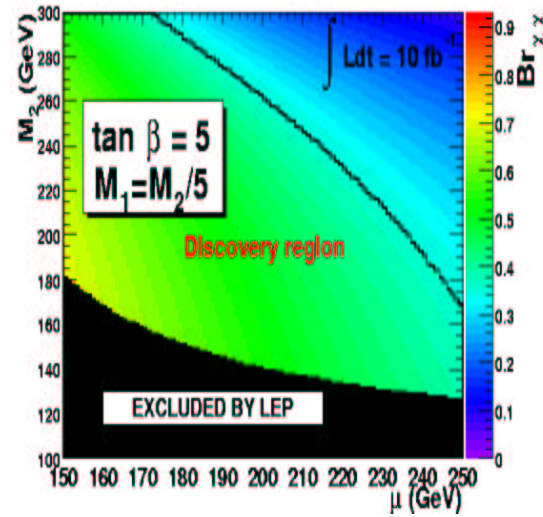
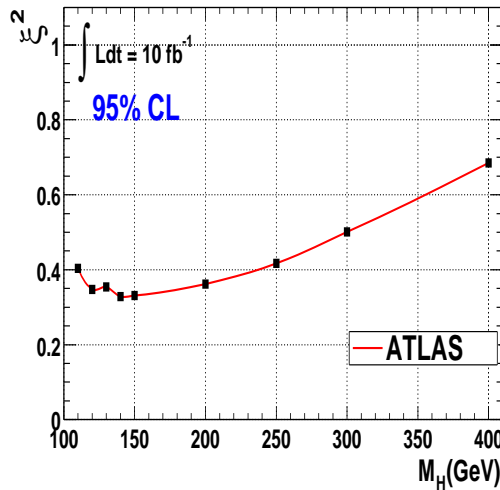
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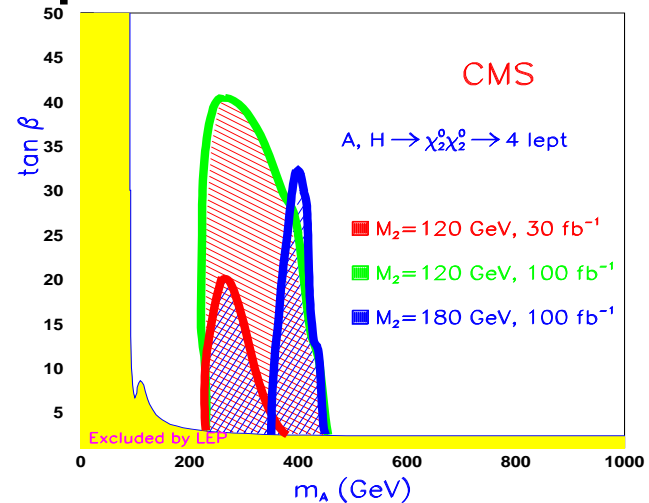
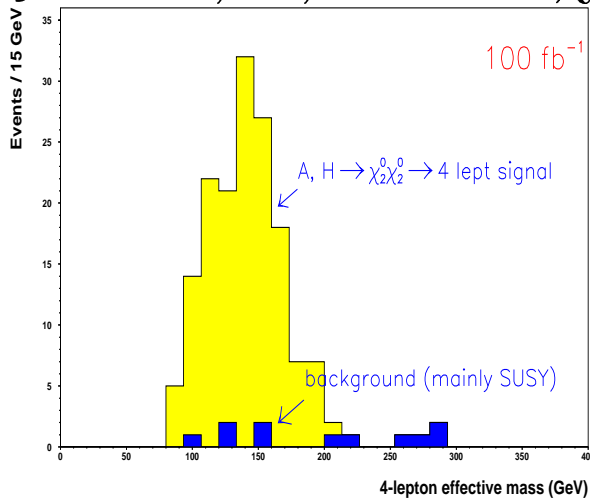


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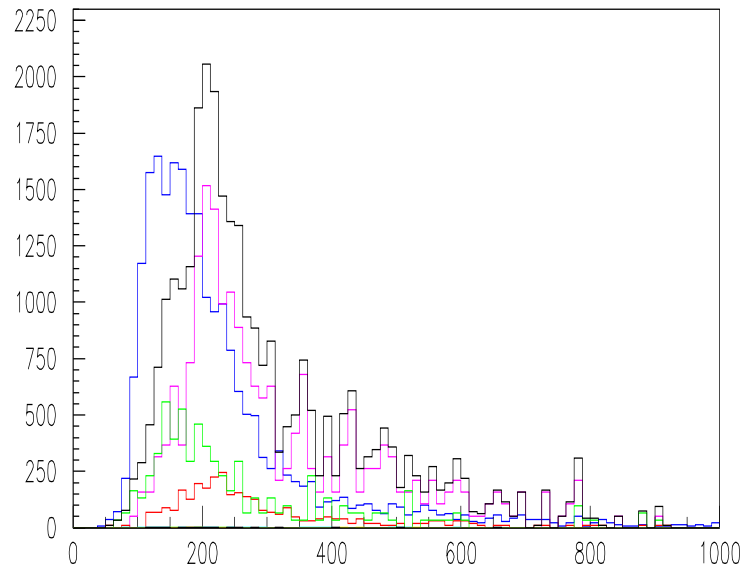
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—  $t \bar{t},$  —  $\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+ e^-, \mu \mu,$  —  $Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-,$

— **total background.**



# Conclusion?

**The LHC will tell!**