

# Light Scalars @ FASER



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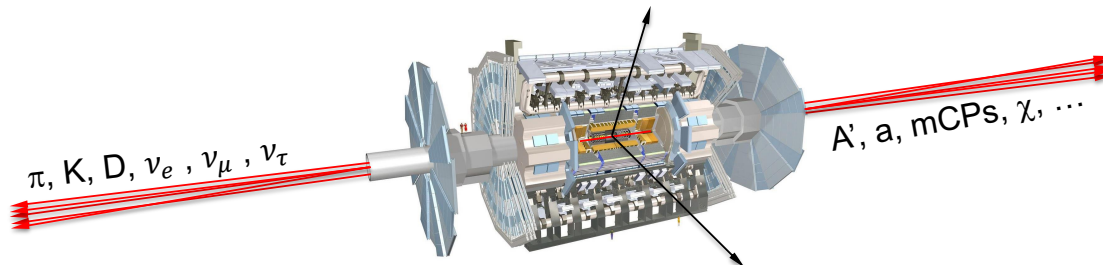
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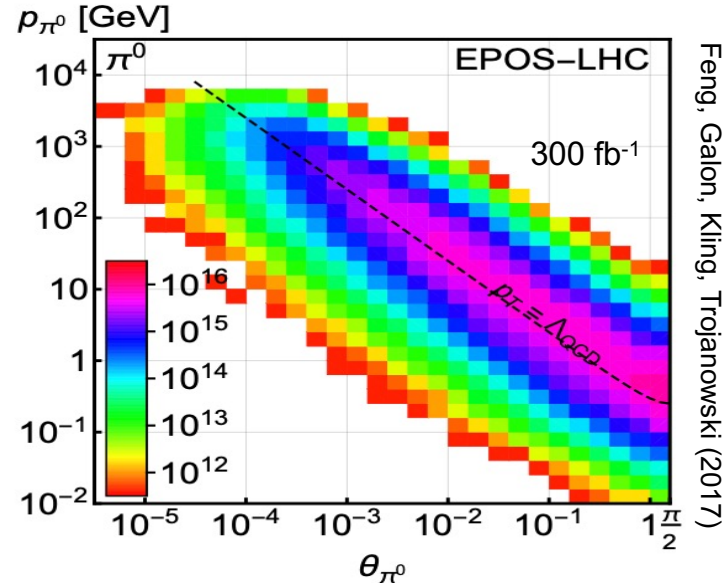
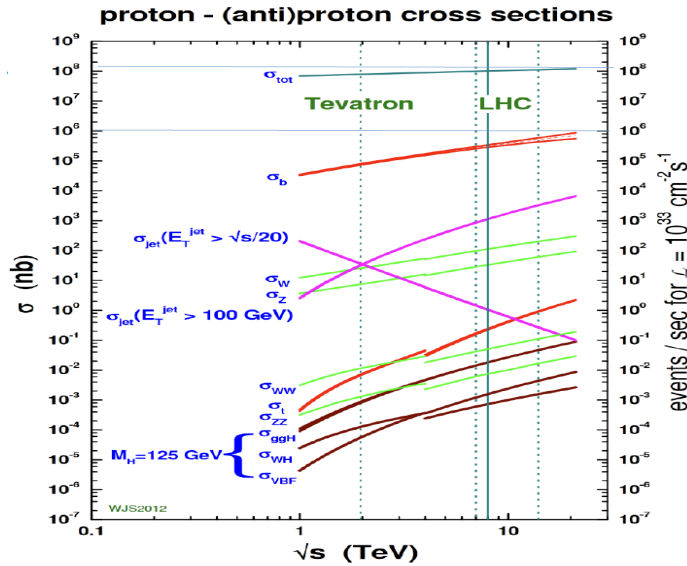
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# Motivation: FASER Searches

- Traditional resonance searches @ LHC main detector  
prompt decay, EW mass, O(1) couplings
- Long-lived particle (LLP) searches  
ATLAS main detector, MATHUSLA, CodexB, ANUBIS  
particle produced in the transverse region (heavy)
- Light LLP
  - predicted in many new physics scenarios: DM, hidden valley, dark photon, ALP, heavy neutral lepton
  - Current/proposed light LLP searches (low energy): Belle-II, HPS, SHiP, Spinqest/DarkQuest/...
  - Copiously produced in the forward region of colliders



# Motivation: Light LLP

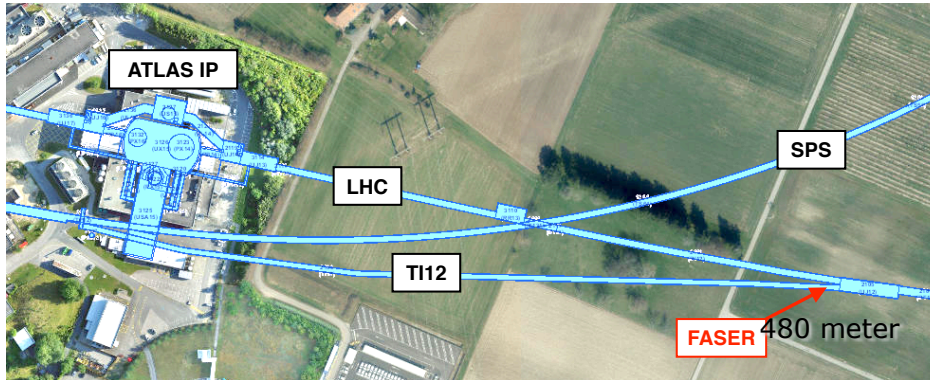


$N_{\pi^0} \approx 4.6 \times 10^{18}$ ,  $N_{\eta} \approx 5.0 \times 10^{17}$ ,  $N_D \approx 2.2 \times 10^{16}$ , and  $N_B \approx 1.4 \times 10^{15}$

LHC 150  $\text{fb}^{-1}$

- ⊙ light  $\rightarrow$  can be produced in the decay of light SM particles
- ⊙ weakly interacting  $\rightarrow$  need large numbers
- ⊙ consider  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim 100 \text{ mb}$ , typically wasted CS for BSM searches
- ⊙ low  $p_T \sim m$ , possible high  $p$ ,  $\theta \sim p_T/E < 1 \text{ mrad}$  ( $\eta > 7.6$ )

# FASER



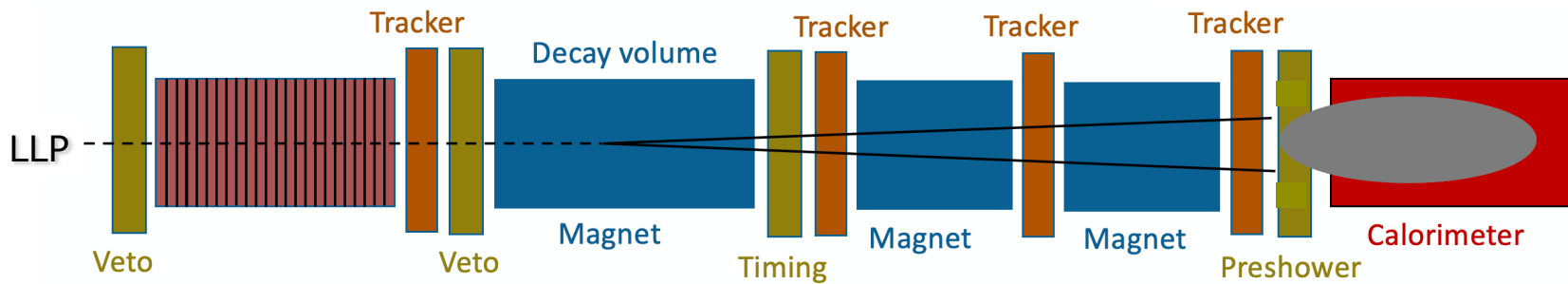
Run: 2021 - 2023

FASER :  $\Delta = 1.5$  m,  $R = 10$  cm,  $\mathcal{L} = 150$  fb $^{-1}$

Run: 2026 - 2035

FASER 2 :  $\Delta = 5$  m,  $R = 1$  m,  $\mathcal{L} = 3$  ab $^{-1}$

**10<sup>4</sup> increase in sensitivity**



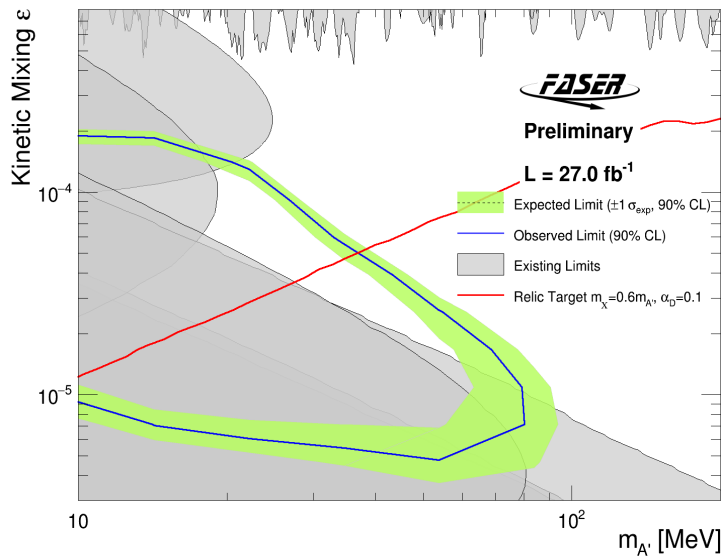
$pp \rightarrow \text{LLP} + X$ , LLP travels  $\sim 480$  m,  $\text{LLP} \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \pi^+\pi^-, \gamma\gamma, \dots$

$\theta \sim \text{mrad}$ ,  $\Delta d \sim 1$  mm for 1m long detector

need magnetic field to split the opposite charged tracks.

# FASER 1st Physics Result

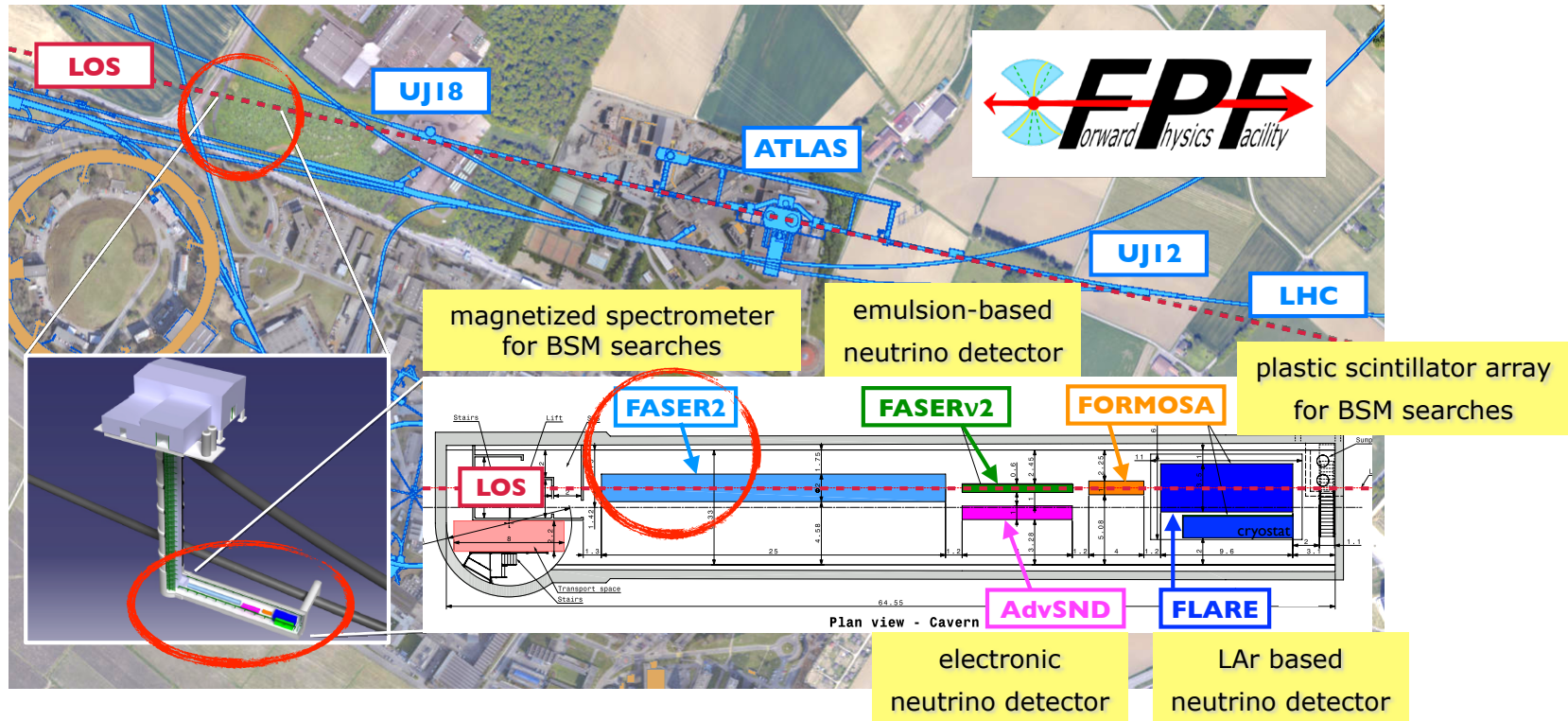
- **signature**: 2 oppositely charged tracks or 2 photons with TeV energy from a common vertex inside the detector and combined momentum points back to IP.
- **background**: negligible after veto (charged particle muon from IP)



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- Installed 2021
- Taking data 2022
- No signal observed



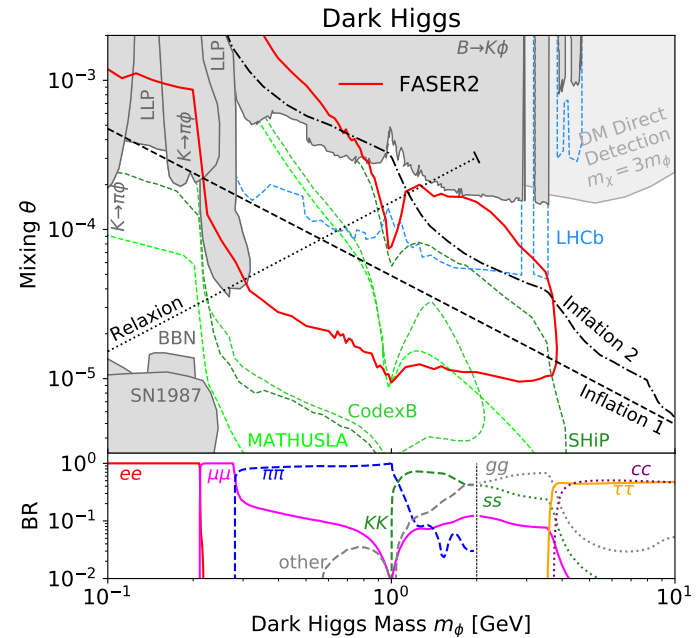
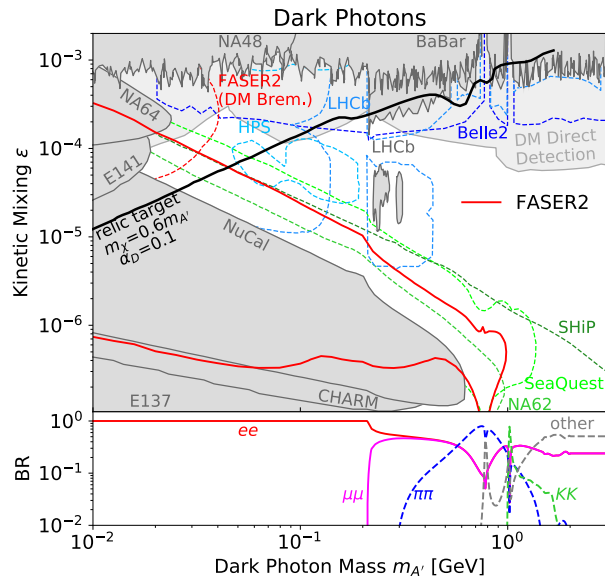
- 600 m west of ATLAS
- Cavern 65m x 9 m
- shield from ATLAS by 200m of rock
- disconnect from LHC tunnel
- vibration, safety studies: construct FPF without disrupt LHC operation
- Radiation studies: work in FPF while LHC is running

Run: 2026 - 2035

FASER 2 :  $\Delta = 5$  m,  $R = 1$  m,  $\mathcal{L} = 3$  ab<sup>-1</sup>

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# FASER Reach



- currently studied (simple) scenario: singlet S mix with SM H mixing angle  $\theta$
- all couplings SM structure, scaled with  $\sin\theta$

# Light Scalar LLP

Model-independent framework with the most general interactions for CP-even and CP-odd scalar under EFT/coupling modifier.

- developed general formalism for scalar production and decay
- more complicated comparing to the simplest scenario
- CP-odd A mix with light meson states
- developed a program to calculate scalar decay, can be used for other new physics models.
- case study of 2HDM.



# Outline

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- **Motivation**
- **Interaction/production/decay**
  - **CP-even**
  - **CP-odd (special feature due to mixing)**
- **Type-I 2HDM case study**
- **Results**
- **Conclusion**

# Light CP-even Scalar

## Effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \sum_f \xi_\phi^f \frac{m_f}{v} \phi \bar{f} f - \xi_\phi^W \frac{2m_W^2}{v} \phi W^{\mu+} W_\mu^- + \xi_\phi^Z \frac{m_Z^2}{v} \phi Z^\mu Z_\mu$$

$$+ \xi_{\phi\phi}^W \frac{g^2}{4} \phi\phi W^{\mu+} W_\mu^- + \xi_{\phi\phi}^Z \frac{g^2}{8 \cos^2 \theta_W} \phi\phi Z^\mu Z_\mu + \xi_\phi^g \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} \phi G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + \xi_\phi^\gamma \frac{\alpha_{ew}}{4\pi v} \phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

coupling modifier

loop generated

## Production

- Decay of hadrons, mesons, radiative bottomium decay
- h/Z/W decay: small in forward region

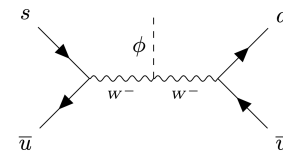
$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{\phi}{v} \sum \xi_\phi^{ij} m_{f_j} \bar{f}_i P_R f_j + h.c.$$

effective coupling for flavor changing quark interactions

# $\phi$ production

- Heavy B meson decay  $B \rightarrow X_s \phi$   $\xi_{\phi}^{bs}$

- Kaon decay  $K \rightarrow \pi \phi$   $\xi_{\phi}^{ds}$   $\xi_{\phi}^W$



- $\eta^{(\prime)}$  decay  $\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi \phi$   $g_{\phi \eta^{(\prime)} \pi}$

- semileptonic decay of mesons  $X \rightarrow \phi e \nu$   $\xi_{\phi}^W$

- radiative bottomium decay  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma \phi$   $\xi_{\phi}^b$

- double scalar production  $B \rightarrow X_s \phi \phi$   $K \rightarrow \pi \phi \phi$

# $\phi$ Decay

## Decay into pair of photons, leptons, multiple hadrons/pair of quarks

- Decay into diphotons

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{G_F \alpha_{\text{ew}}^2 m_\phi^3}{32\sqrt{2}\pi^3} |\xi_\phi^\gamma|^2$$

- Decay into dileptons

$$\Gamma_{\ell+\ell^-} = \frac{G_F m_\phi m_\ell^2 \beta_\ell^3}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} |\xi_\phi^\ell|^2$$

**$m_\phi < 2 \text{ GeV}$ : dispersive analyses**

- Hadronic decay into pions and kaons

$$\begin{matrix} \xi_\phi^u & \xi_\phi^d & \xi_\phi^s & \xi_\phi^g \\ \hline \xi_\phi & \xi_\phi & \xi_\phi & \xi_\phi \end{matrix}$$

- Further hadronic decay  $\phi \rightarrow 4\pi, \eta\eta, KK\pi\pi, \rho\rho \dots$

**$m_\phi > 2 \text{ GeV}$ : perturbative spectator model**

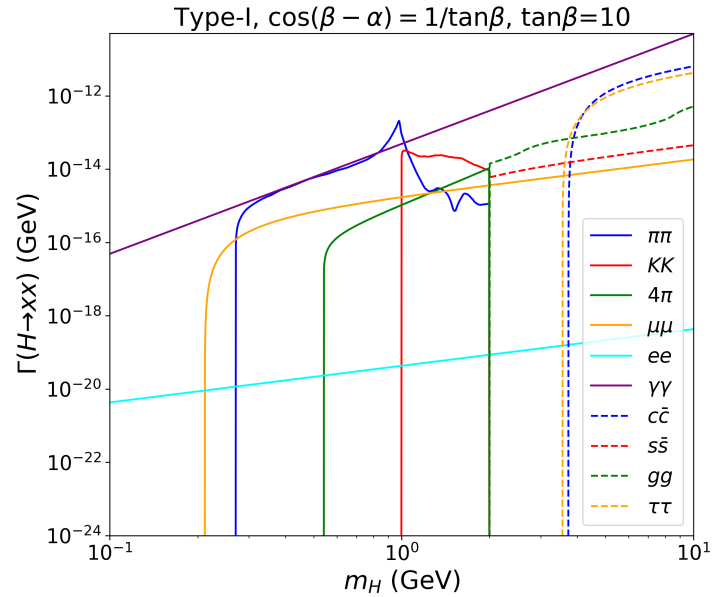
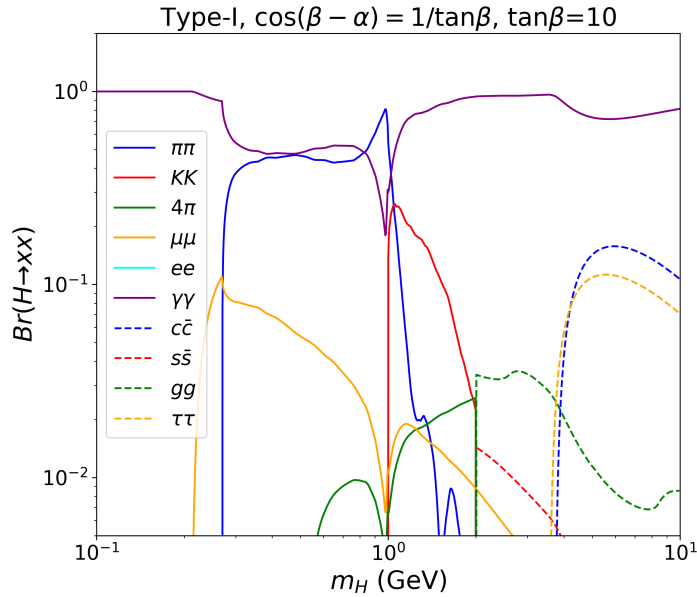
- Decays into quarks

$$\Gamma_{\ell+\ell^-} : \Gamma_{s\bar{s}} : \Gamma_{c\bar{c}} : \Gamma_{b\bar{b}} = |\xi_\phi^\ell|^2 m_\ell^2 \beta_\ell^3 : 3|\xi_\phi^s|^2 m_s^2 \beta_K^3 : 3|\xi_\phi^c|^2 m_c^2 \beta_D^3 : 3|\xi_\phi^b|^2 m_b^2 \beta_B^3$$

- Decays into gluons

$$\Gamma_{gg} = \frac{G_F \alpha_s^2 m_\phi^3}{36\sqrt{2}\pi^3} |\xi_\phi^g|^2$$

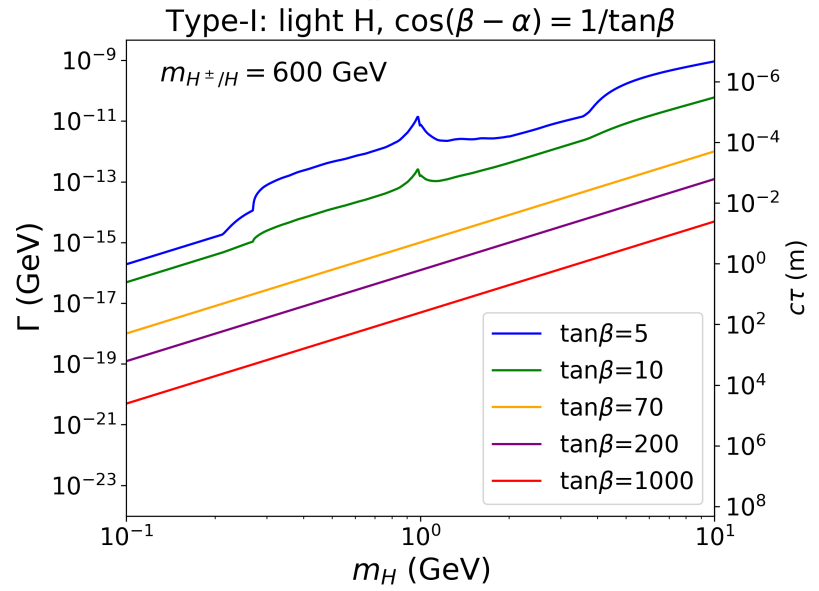
# Light CP-even Scalar



$$\xi_A^f = 1/\tan\beta,$$

$$\xi_H^V = c_{\beta-\alpha} \approx 1/\tan\beta,$$

$$\xi_H^f = c_{\beta-\alpha}(1 - s_{\beta-\alpha}) \approx 1/(2\tan^3\beta).$$



# Light CP-odd Scalar

## Effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{2}m_A^2 A^2 + \sum_{f=u,d,e} \xi_A^f \frac{im_f}{v} \bar{f}\gamma_5 f A + \xi_{AA}^W \frac{g^2}{4} AA W^{\mu+} W_\mu^- + \xi_{AA}^Z \frac{g^2}{8 \cos^2 \theta_W} AA Z^\mu Z_\mu$$

$$- \xi_A^g \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi v} AG_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} - \xi_A^\gamma \frac{\alpha_{ew}}{4\pi v} AF_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \text{loop generated} \quad (\xi)$$

## Mixing effects

$$A \approx O_{A\pi^0} \pi^0 + O_{A\eta} \eta + O_{A\eta'} \eta' + O_{AA} A_{\text{CP-odd}}$$

typically small except in the resonant region  $m_A \sim m_i$

## Production

- **production via meson mixing**  $\sigma_A \approx |O_{A\pi^0}|^2 \sigma_{\pi^0} + |O_{A\eta}|^2 \sigma_\eta + |O_{A\eta'}|^2 \sigma_{\eta'}$
- **B meson and kaon decay**  $K \rightarrow \pi A \quad B \rightarrow X_s A \quad \mathcal{L}_{eff} = -i \frac{A}{v} \sum \xi_A^{ij} m_{f_j} \bar{f}_i P_R f_j + h.c.$
- **radiative bottomium and charmonium decay**  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma A \quad J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma A \quad \xi_A^b$
- **double pseudoscalar production**  $B \rightarrow X_s AA \quad K \rightarrow \pi AA$

# A Decay

## Decay into pair of photons, leptons, multiple hadrons/pair of quarks

- Decay into diphotons

$$\Gamma(A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{\alpha_{\text{ew}}^2 m_A^3}{64\pi^3} \left| O_{AA} C_A^\gamma + O_{A\pi^0} C_{\pi^0}^\gamma + O_{A\eta} C_\eta^\gamma + O_{A\eta'} C_{\eta'}^\gamma \right|^2.$$

- Decay into dileptons

$$\Gamma(A \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-) = \frac{G_F m_A m_\ell^2 \beta_\ell}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} |\xi_A^\ell|^2$$

**$m_A < 1.3 \text{ GeV}$ : chiral perturbation theory**

- Hadronic decay into tri-mesons

$$\Gamma(A \rightarrow \Pi_i \Pi_j \Pi_k) = \frac{1}{256 S_{ijk} \pi^3 m_A} \int_{(m_j+m_k)^2}^{(m_A-m_i)^2} ds |\mathcal{M}_A^{ijk}|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{2(m_j^2 + m_k^2)}{s} + \frac{(m_j^2 - m_k^2)^2}{s^2}} \times \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{s - m_i^2}{m_A^2}\right)^2 - \frac{4s}{m_A^2}}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_A^{ijk} \propto O_{AA} \mathcal{A}_A^{ijk} + \sum_l O_{Al} \mathcal{A}^{ijkl}$$

- radiative hadronic decay

$$A \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$$

# A Decay

**1.3 GeV < m<sub>A</sub> < 3 GeV:**

**spectator model partonic dynamics with hadronic kinematics**

- **hadronic decay**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{spect.}} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} A_1 (\mathcal{Y}_u^A \bar{u} \gamma_5 u + \mathcal{Y}_d^A \bar{d} \gamma_5 d + \mathcal{Y}_s^A \bar{s} \gamma_5 s)$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_u^A \approx \frac{\sqrt{2} B}{\sqrt{3} v f_\pi^2} m_u \xi_A^u$$

**m<sub>A</sub> > 3 GeV: spectator model at parton level**

- **Decays into quarks**

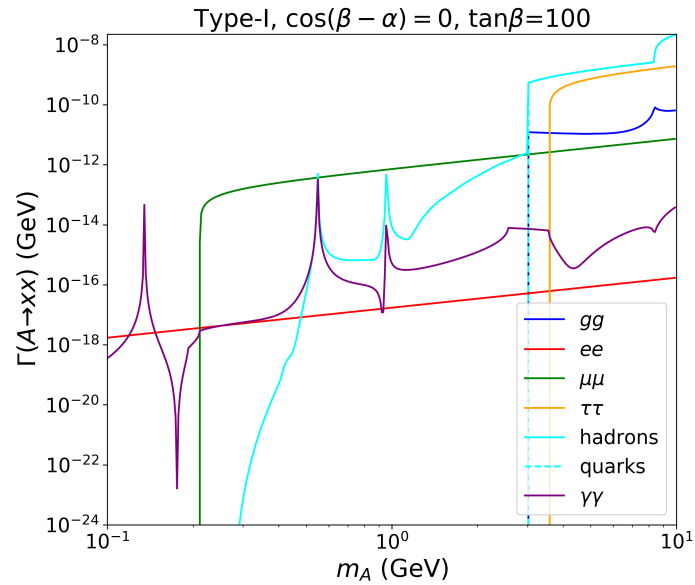
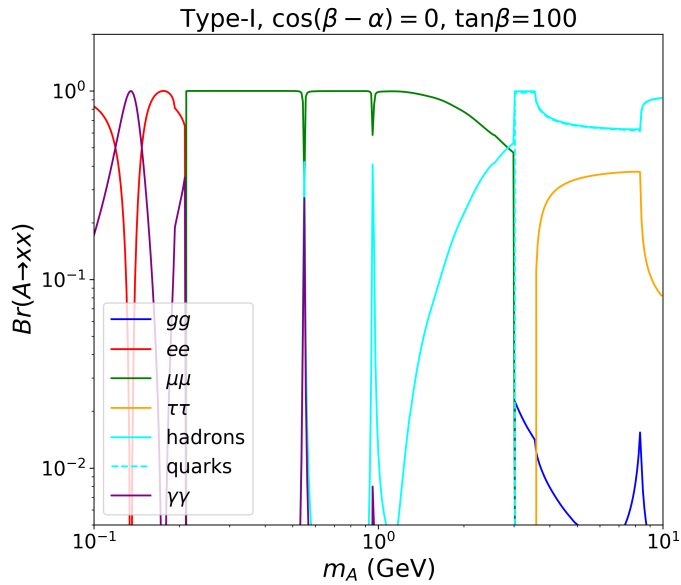
$$\Gamma_{\bar{\ell}\ell} : \Gamma_{\bar{s}s} : \Gamma_{\bar{c}c} : \Gamma_{\bar{b}b} = (\xi_A^\ell)^2 m_\ell^2 \beta_\ell : 3(\xi_A^s)^2 m_s^2 \beta_s : 3(\xi_A^c)^2 m_c^2 \beta_c : 3(\xi_A^b)^2 m_b^2 \beta_b.$$

- **Decays into gluons**

$$\Gamma(A \rightarrow gg) = \frac{G_F \alpha_s^2 m_A^3}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^3} |\xi_A^g|^2$$



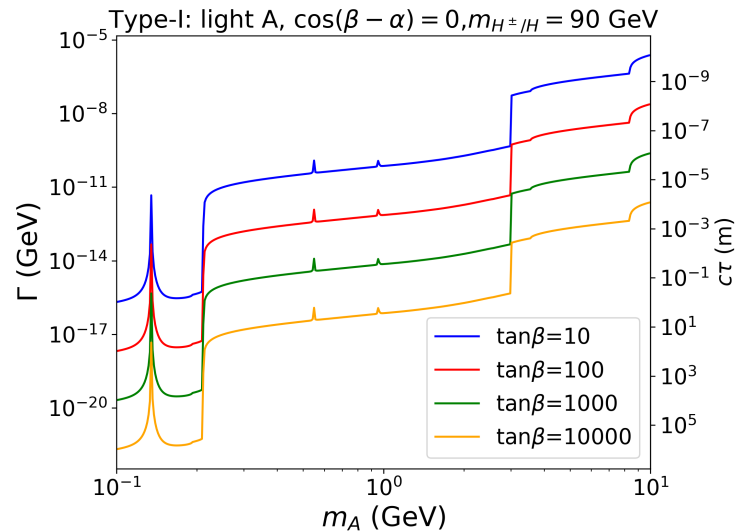
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# 2HDM

## ◎ Two Higgs Doublet Model (CP-conserving)

$$\Phi_i = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_i^+ \\ (v_i + \phi_i^0 + iG_i)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_u^2 + v_d^2 = v^2 = (246\text{GeV})^2$$
$$\tan \beta = v_u/v_d$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H^0 \\ h^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 \\ \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} A &= -G_1 \sin \beta + G_2 \cos \beta \\ H^\pm &= -\phi_1^\pm \sin \beta + \phi_2^\pm \cos \beta \end{aligned}$$

after EWSB, 5 physical Higgses

CP-even Higgses:  $h^0, H^0$ , CP-odd Higgs:  $A^0$ , Charged Higgses:  $H^\pm$

## ◎ parameters (CP-conserving, flavor limit, $Z_2$ symmetry)

$$v, \tan \beta, \alpha, m_h, m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}$$

soft  $Z_2$  breaking:  $m_{12}^2$

# Types of 2HDM

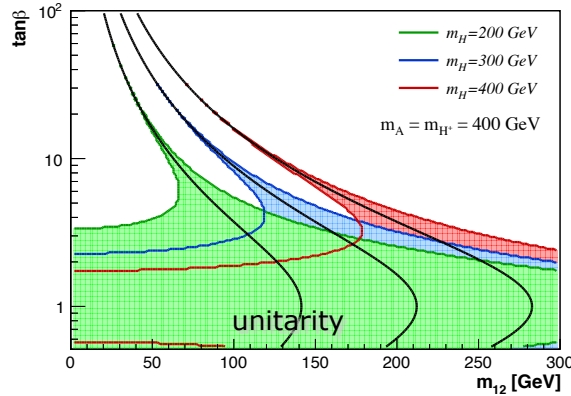
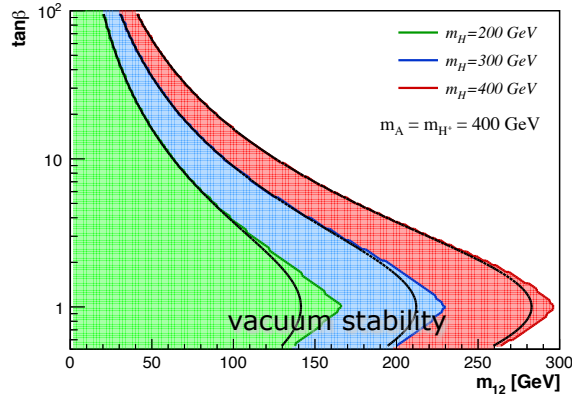
- Type I:  $\phi_1$ , quarks and leptons  
all fermion couplings suppressed at large  $\tan\beta \Rightarrow$  LLP
- Type II, L, F:  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  couples to at least one type of quarks or leptons.  
unsuppressed couplings of scalars to at least one type of fermions for the entire region of  $\tan\beta$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  difficult to realize very weakly coupled long-lived scalars

Alignment limit

$h^0$  125 GeV,  $\cos(\beta-\alpha) \sim 0$ ,  $H^0$  non-SM like

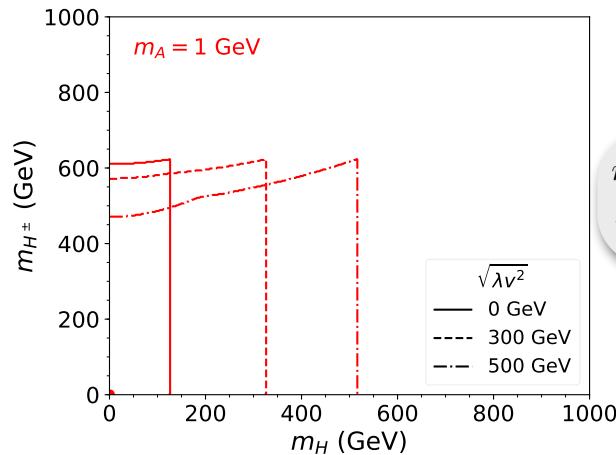
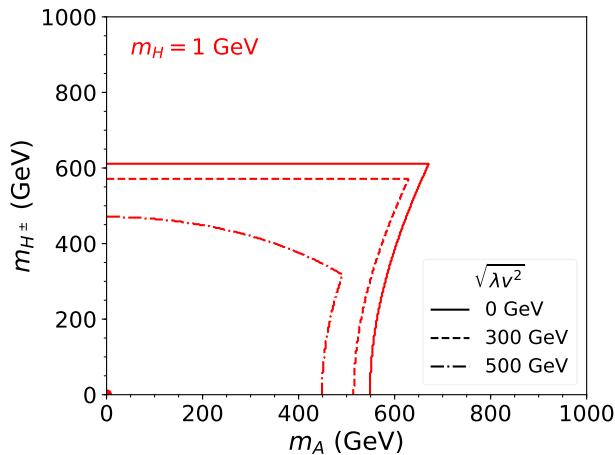
# Constraints

- Theoretical constraints: unitarity, perturbativity, vacuum stability



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1604.01406

$$\lambda v^2 \equiv m_H^2 - \frac{m_{12}^2}{\sin\beta \cos\beta} \approx 0$$



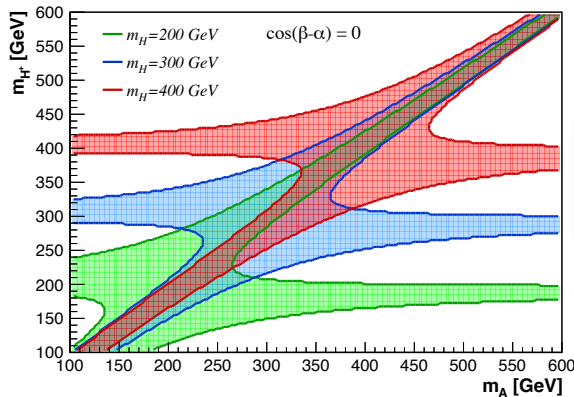
$$m_H \sim 0 : m_{A/H^\pm} \lesssim 600 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_A \sim 0 : m_{H^\pm} \lesssim 600 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_H \lesssim m_h$$

# Constraints

- EW precision constraints:

$$m_{H^\pm} \sim m_H \text{ or } m_A$$

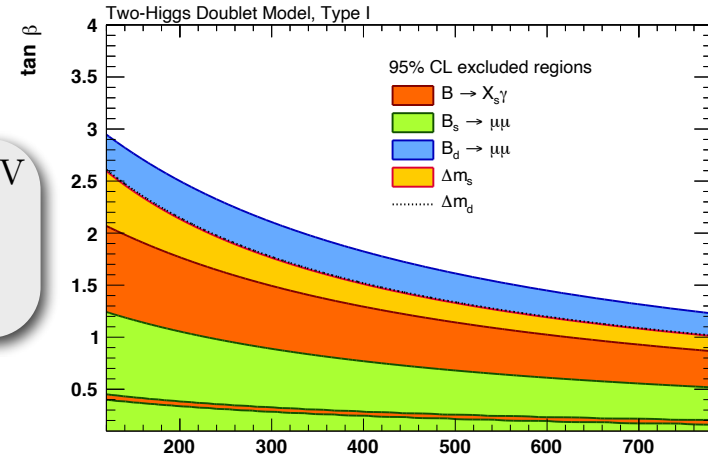


$$m_H \sim 0 : m_A \sim m_{H^\pm} \lesssim 600 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_A \sim 0 : m_{H^\pm} \sim m_H \lesssim m_h,$$

$$\lambda v^2 \approx 0 \quad |\cos(\beta - \alpha)| \sim 0.$$

- Flavor constraints



Haller, Hoecher, Kogler, Monig, Peiffer, Stelzer, 1803.01853

- Invisible Higgs decay

$$\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 0.24$$

$$\text{Br}(h \rightarrow HH/AA) \approx \frac{1}{\Gamma_h^{\text{SM}}} \frac{g_{hHH}^2/h_{AA}^2}{8\pi m_h^2} \left(1 - \frac{4m_{H/A}^2}{m_h^2}\right)^{1/2} \simeq 4700 \cdot \left(\frac{g_{hHH}/h_{AA}}{v}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Light } H : \cos(\beta - \alpha) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\text{Light } A : \cos(\beta - \alpha) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \beta} \frac{2m_H^2 - m_h^2}{m_H^2 - m_h^2}$$

exp bound satisfied for

$$c_{\beta-\alpha} < 0.25 \quad \tan \beta > 4$$

# Benchmarks

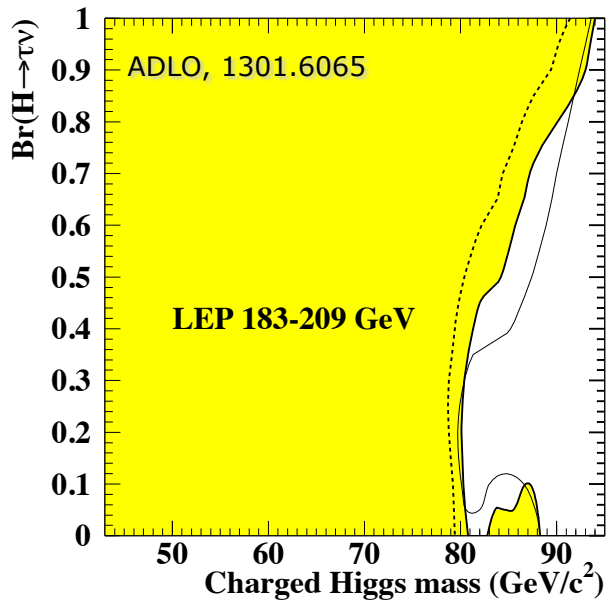
## Two benchmark scenarios

Light  $H$  :  $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = \frac{1}{\tan \beta}$ ,  $m_A = m_{H^\pm} = 600$  GeV,  $\lambda v^2 = 0$

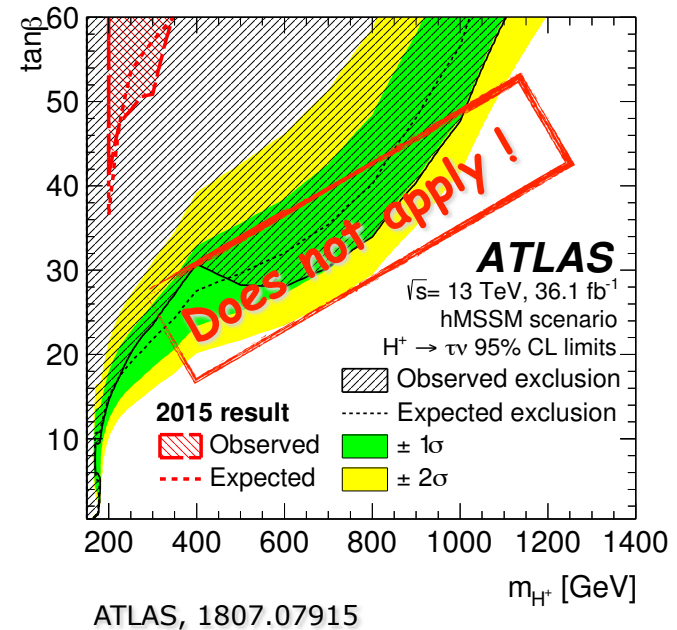
Light  $A$  :  $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0$ ,  $m_H = m_{H^\pm} = 90$  GeV,  $\lambda v^2 = 0$ ,

**LEP  $H^\pm$  search:**

**$m_{H^\pm} > 85$  GeV viable**



**LHC  $H^\pm$  search**



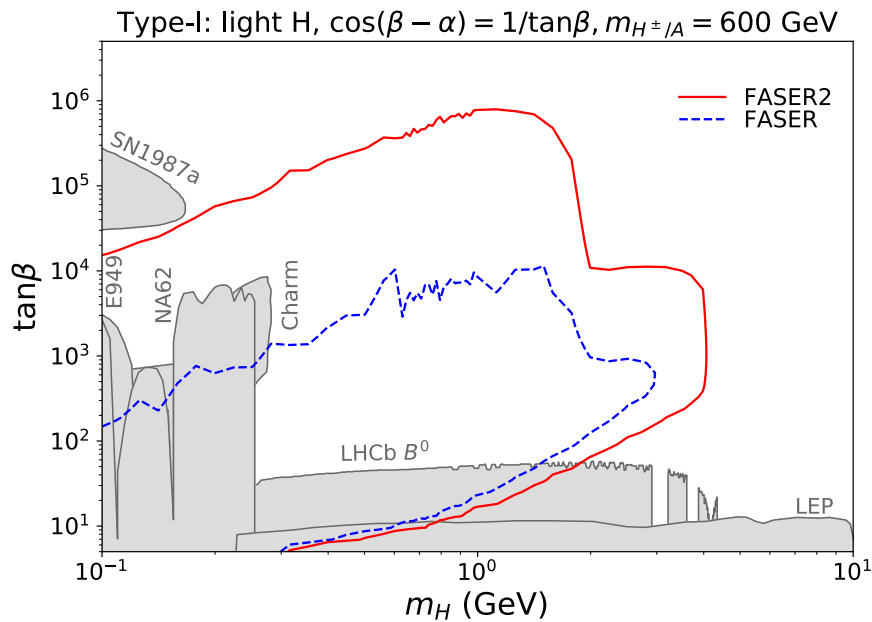
# Constraints

## Other light scalar searches

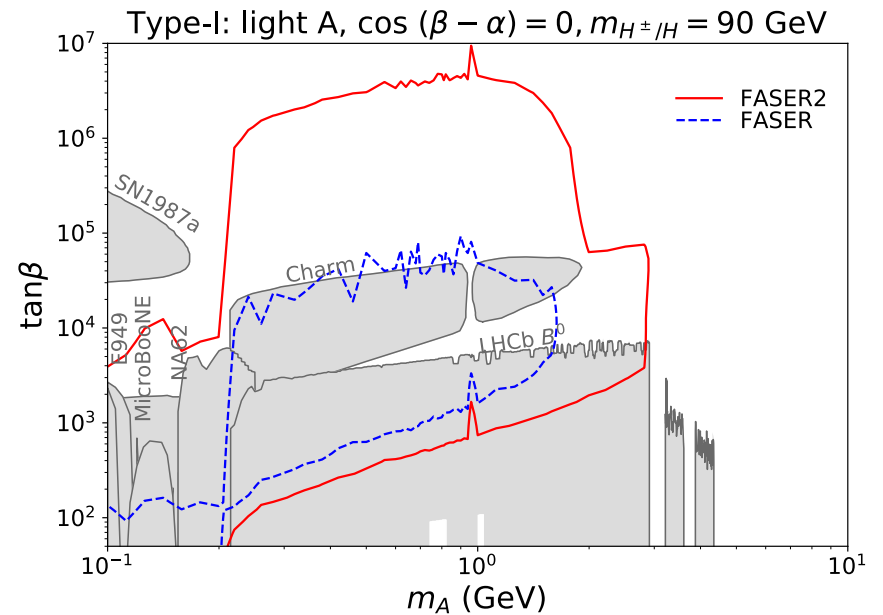
- **CHARM bounds: light ALP** CHARM, PLB 157 (1985) 458
- **Supernova**  $NN \rightarrow NNS(A)$  Turner, PRL 60 (1988) 1797
- **B meson decays: LHCb**  $B \rightarrow K^* \phi$  LHCb, 1508.04094, 1612.07818
- **kaon decays: NA62, MicroBooNE, E949**  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$  NA62, 2103.15389  
MicroBooNE, 2106.00568
- **D meson decays: LHCb** PDG, LHCb, 2011.00217  
BNL-E949, 0903.0030
- **LEP:**  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^* \phi$  Winkler, 1809.01876  
Clarke, Foot, and Volkas, 1310.8042

# Light Scalar

CP-even



CP-odd



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# Conclusion

- light LLP appear in many new physics scenario
- light particle copiously produced in the forward region of LHC
- FASER/FASER2: new experiments to detect light LLP
- light CP-even and CP-odd scalar
  - ➔ model-independent framework, coupling modified in EFT
  - ➔ scalar production and decay (hadronic)
  - ➔ general program to calculate decay
- 2HDM case study: large  $\tan\beta$  region of Type-I 2HDM
  - ➔ decay length:  $10^{-8}$  to  $10^5$  m, probe very large  $\tan\beta$
  - ➔ FASER2 vs. FASER: more Lum, larger detector.
- Complementary to LHC prompt search, LLP search in transverse region, and fixed target exp at low energies