

The decay  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*$  in the inverted hierarchy and the production for  $A^0$  at the LHC in normal hierarchy in 2HDM.

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# Motivation

Investigating the decay  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^{(*)}$  in 2HDM Type I in the inverted hierarchy scenario ( $m_{H^0} = 125 \text{ GeV} > m_{h^0}$ ), arXiv:2301.00728 (to appear in J.Phys.G).

## Why?

- No experimental results by ATLAS and CMS in this scenario.
- Has not been studied by Monte Carlo Simulation.
- Promising for new physics.

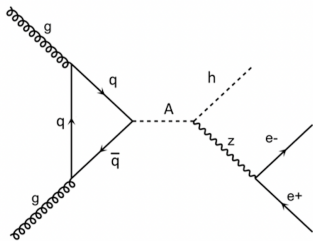


Figure: Feynman diagram for the process  $gg \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow h^0 l^+ l^-$ .

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# Two Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM)

- Two-Higgs-doublet model (2HDM)

- 1 A simple extension of the SM
- 2 Contains 4 more scalars CP-even ( $H^0$ ), CP-odd ( $A^0$ ) and charged Higgs bosons ( $H^\pm$ )
- 3 Leads to some interesting properties, such as Flavour Changing Neutral Currents (FCNCs)
  - Avoided if all fermions with the same quantum number interact with no more than one Higgs doublet.
  - Produce 4 types: type I, type II, type X and type Y.

Types	$y_{A^0}^d$	$y_{A^0}^u$	$y_{A^0}^l$
I	$-\cot\beta$	$\cot\beta$	$-\cot\beta$
II	$\tan\beta$	$\cot\beta$	$\tan\beta$
X	$-\cot\beta$	$\cot\beta$	$\tan\beta$
Y	$\tan\beta$	$\cot\beta$	$-\cot\beta$

- Inverted hierarchy

- ① The SM Higgs boson is measured to be CP-even, so either  $h^0$  or  $H^0$  can be interpreted as the observed 125 GeV boson ( $m_{H^0} > m_{h^0}$ ).
- ② Normal hierarchy:  $\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $H_{SM}^0 \equiv h^0$ .
- ③ Inverted hierarchy:  $\sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $H_{SM}^0 \equiv H^0$ .

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# Searches for $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z$ at the LHC

- The ATLAS and CMS investigated the decay channel  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z$  on the Normal Hierarchy (NH) scenario ( $m_{h^0} = 125 \text{ GeV}$ ) and an on-shell Z boson, arXiv:1712.06518, arXiv:1903.00941 and arXiv:1910.11634.
- These searches primarily explore the region of parameter space where  $m_{A^0} > 225 \text{ GeV}$ .
- In this study, we investigate the decay process  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^{(*)}$  in the scenario of inverted hierarchy and it includes the possibility of an off-shell Z boson ( $130 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{h^0} + m_{A^0} \leq 400 \text{ GeV}$ ).

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# Results

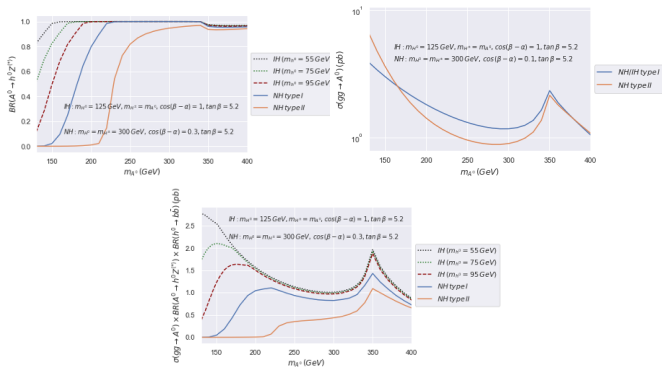
- 1 Determining suitable regions: The parameter space must respect all theoretical and experimental constraints.
  - 2HDMC.
  - HiggsBounds and HiggsSignal.
  - SuperIso.
- 2 Calculating the signal cross section in IH Type I.

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow A^0) \times BR(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*) \times BR(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}). \quad (1)$$

- 3 Comparing the magnitude with the corresponding cross section in the NH scenario. arXiv:1903.00941.

Components	$\sigma(gg \rightarrow A^0)$	$BR(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*) = \frac{\Gamma(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^{(*)})}{\Gamma_{A^0}^{total}}$	$BR(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = \frac{\Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{\Gamma_{h^0}^{total}}$
Parameters	$m_{A^0}$ and $\tan\beta$	$m_{A^0}, m_{h^0}$ and $\cos^2(\beta - \alpha)$	$m_{h^0}, \tan\beta$ and $\cos^2(\beta - \alpha)$

Table: The components and the parameters they depend on.



**Figure:** The  $BR(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*)$ ,  $(gg \rightarrow A^0)$  and the  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow A^0) \times BR(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*) \times BR(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  as functions of  $m_{A^0}$  for NH with Type I and Type II and for IH with Type I.

The results demonstrate that:

- 1 the decay  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z$  in IH has very little suppression from the coupling  $A^0 h^0 Z$ , in contrast to the case of NH.
- 2 the cross section for signal events in the Two Higgs Doublet Model (Type I) can be as high as a few pb in IH for the experimentally unexplored region of  $m_{A^0} < 225$  GeV. These cross sections are significantly higher than those in NH.

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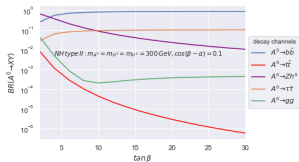
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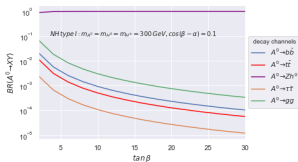
- A search for  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*$  in the 2HDM type I inverted hierarchy has not been done experimentally.
- In inverted hierarchy, there can be significantly larger cross sections for  $A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*$  events than in the normal hierarchy case.

Thanks for listening

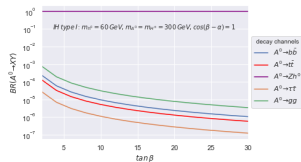
$$\Gamma(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z^*) = \frac{m_{A^0}^3 \cos^2(\beta - \alpha) \lambda^{3/2}}{v^2} \left( \frac{m_{h^0}^2}{m_{A^0}^2}, \frac{m_Z^2}{m_{A^0}^2} \right) \quad (2)$$



(a) The BRs of  $A^0$  in the 2HDM (Type II) as a function of  $\tan\beta$  in the NH.

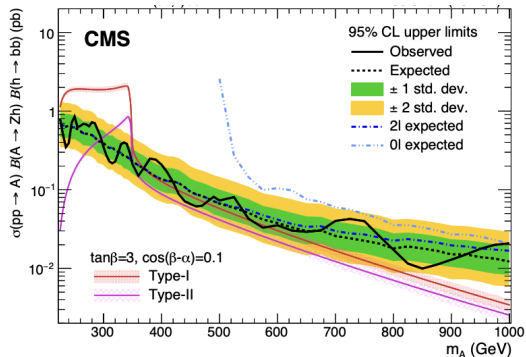


(b) The BRs of  $A^0$  in the 2HDM (Type I) as a function of  $\tan\beta$  in the NH.



(c) The BRs of  $A^0$  in the 2HDM (Type I) as a function of  $\tan\beta$  in the IH.

Figure: The BRs of  $A^0$  in the 2HDMs as functions of  $\tan\beta$ .



**Figure:** Observed and expected upper limits on  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow A^0)B(A^0 \rightarrow h^0 Z)B(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ , arXiv:1903.00941.