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## Status and plans of the MSSM subgroup

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# Outline

## Subgroup mission

- To be a common ground for discussion between experimentalists and theorists
- To clarify theoretical aspects important for experimental studies
- To provide benchmark scenarios to be used by experimental collaboration
- To discuss possible future developments on probing the MSSM Higgs sector at the LHC

# Task list

- Scenarios/ROOT files
- Experimental/phenomenological aspects
- A/H Higgs transverse momentum distribution
- Working group notes

Lines of activity

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# Public note on the ROOT files

LHCHWG-2021-001

## Benchmark Scenarios for MSSM Higgs-Boson Searches at the LHC

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### ROOT file note

- The public note on the ROOT files was accepted in its final version in January 2022 -- <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2791954/>
- Release of the ROOT files on Zenodo has started (title of the record "LHCHWG MSSM ROOT files")
- Versioning of the Zenodo record is used -- please cite the exact version that you use in your study
- Last update in September 2023 → fixed 14 TeV cross sections for the hMSSM

# Structure of the ROOT files

## File Content

- Six scenarios from [EB et al. EPJC 79 (2019) 7, 617] which covers different phenomenologies
- Three  $\mu < 0$  scenarios from [Bahl et al. EPJC 80 (2020) 10, 916]
- Two low  $\tan \beta$  scenarios from [Bahl et al. EPJC 79 (2019) 3, 279]
- hMSSM scenario from [Djouadi & Quevillon JHEP 10 (2013) 028, Maiani et al. PLB 724 (2013) 274-277, Djouadi et al. EPJC 73 (2013) 2650, Djouadi et al. JHEP 06 (2015) 168]
- Cross sections evaluated at three different energies: 8, 13, 14 TeV  $\rightarrow$  13.6 TeV work-in-progress

### Branching ratios

#### Neutral Higgs

$\langle\phi\rangle = h.H.A$   
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{bb}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{cc}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{g\text{angam}}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{gl\text{uglu}}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{mumu}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{SUSY}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{tautau}}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{tt}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{WW}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{Zg\text{am}}</math>  
 br\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{ZZ}</math>  
 br\_H\_AA  
 br\_H\_hh  
 br\_H\_WHp  
 br\_A\_Zh

#### Charged Higgs

$\langle\phi\rangle = h.H.A$   
*CP*-violating scenario  
 $\langle\phi\rangle = H1.H2.H3$   
 br\_Hp\_cb  
 br\_Hp\_cd  
 br\_Hp\_cs  
 br\_Hp\_mumu  
 br\_Hp\_tanu  
 br\_Hp\_tb  
 br\_Hp\_ts  
 br\_Hp\_td  
 br\_Hp\_ub  
 br\_Hp\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_W</math>  
 br\_Hp\_SUSY  
 br\_t\_Hpb

### Cross sections

#### Neutral Higgs

$\langle\phi\rangle = h.H.A$   
*CP* violating scenario  
 $\langle\phi\rangle = H1.H2.H3$   
 xs\_bb\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 xs\_bb\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{down}}</math>  
 xs\_bb\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{up}}</math>  
 xs\_gg\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 xs\_gg\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{pdfasdown}}</math>  
 xs\_gg\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{pdfasup}}</math>  
 xs\_gg\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{scaledown}}</math>  
 xs\_gg\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle\_{\text{scalesup}}</math>  
 xs\_vbf\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 xs\_hs\_Z<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 xs\_hs\_W<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 xs\_tth\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>

#### SM Higgs

xs\_bb\_HSM  
 xs\_gg\_HSM  
 xs\_vbf\_HSM  
 xs\_hs\_ZHSM  
 xs\_hs\_WHSM  
 xs\_tth\_HSM

#### Charged Higgs

xs\_pp\_Hp  
 xs\_pp\_down  
 xs\_pp\_up

### Other quantities

#### Masses

$\langle\phi\rangle = h.H.A.Hp$   
*CP*-violating scenario  
 $\langle\phi\rangle = H1.H2.H3.Hp$   
 m\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>

#### Couplings

$\langle\phi\rangle = h.H.A$   
 lam3\_HHH only for  $M_H^{25}$   
 rescale\_gt\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 rescale\_gb\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 rescale\_delta  
 rescale\_im\_delta  
 lam3\_hhh (lam3\_HHH)  
 lam3\_HSM  
 lam3\_HSM.tree  
 alpha

#### Couplings

*CP*-violating scenario  
 $\langle i \rangle, \langle j \rangle = 1, 2, 3$   
 rescale\_delta  
 rescale\_im\_delta  
 lam3\_H1H1H1  
 lam3\_HSM  
 lam3\_HSM.tree  
 Hmix\_<math>\langle i \rangle \langle j \rangle</math>  
 alpha\_tree

#### Total widths

$\langle\phi\rangle = h.H.A.Hp$   
*CP*-violating scenario  
 $\langle\phi\rangle = H1.H2.H3.Hp$   
 width\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 width\_HSM  
 width\_t

#### Interference factors

*CP*-violating scenario  
 $\langle\phi\rangle = H1.H2.H3$   
 int\_bb\_tautau\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>  
 int\_gg\_tautau\_<math>\langle\phi\rangle</math>

# Theory setup

## Overview

- Branching ratios are obtained by combining state-of-the-art predictions from **FeynHiggs** and **HDECAY**, aside from the EFT and CPV scenarios, for which only **FeynHiggs** is used, and the **hMSSM** for which only **HDECAY** is used
- Gluon fusion production cross-sections are computed using the code **SusHi**
- Bottom-associated production cross-sections are computed by rescaling the matched predictions provided by the bbH working group
- Cross sections for the other production processes (VBF, WH, ZH and ttH) are computed by rescaling the grids provided the LHCHWG
- Charged Higgs cross sections are interpolated from LHCHWG grids as well

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{\phi}^{\text{FH}} &= \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow W^{(*)} W^{(*)}}^{\text{FH/P4f}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow Z^{(*)} Z^{(*)}}^{\text{FH/P4f}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow b \bar{b}}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow t \bar{t}}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow c \bar{c}}^{\text{HD}} \\ &+ \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow g g}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow Z \gamma}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \text{Higgs}}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \text{SUSY}}^{\text{FH}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{H^{\pm}}^{\text{FH}} &= \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow \tau \nu_{\tau}}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu \nu_{\mu}}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow h W}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow H W}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow A W}^{\text{FH}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow t b}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow t s}^{\text{HD}} \\ &+ \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow t d}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow c b}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow c s}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow c d}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow u b}^{\text{HD}} + \Gamma_{H^{\pm} \rightarrow \text{SUSY}}^{\text{FH}}\end{aligned}$$

# Cross sections at 13.6 TeV/PDF4LHC21 -- open issues

- For gluon fusion no problem, since we use the code **SuSHi** that we run autonomously
- New cross sections are/should be run with **PDF4LHC21** -- consistency would require to rerun also the cross sections at 8 and 13 TeV with the same PDFs

- For  $bb\phi$  we rescale the cross sections provided by  $bbH$  subgroup by the author of [1508.03288, 1605.01733].
- We are currently in contact with F. Tackmann (DESY) and M. Bonvini (INFN Rome 1) to provide grids at 13.6 TeV

bbH

- *Joined forces with the Extended Higgs Sector subgroup → See my talk on Wednesday*

Charged Higgs

- For  $tt\phi$  we rescale the cross sections provided by  $ttH$  subgroup, as they are included in **FeynHiggs**
- In contact with M. Zaro ( $ttH$  convener)

ttH

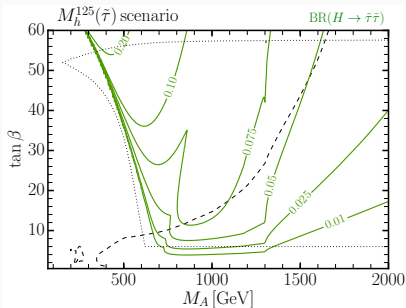
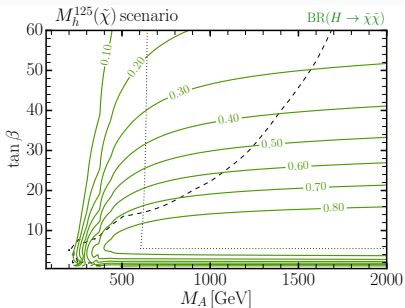
- For  $v\phi$  we rescale the cross sections provided by  $VH$  subgroup, as they are included in **FeynHiggs**
- In contact with G. Ferrera ( $VH$  convener)

VH

# A/H to SUSY states

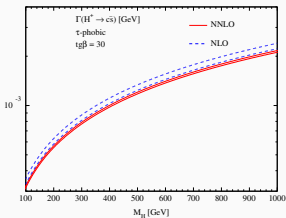
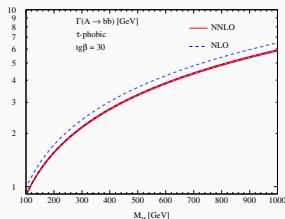
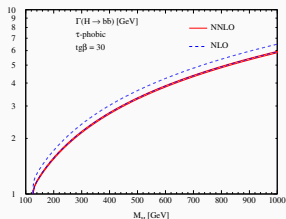
- Some of the scenarios are characterized by large branching ratios to SUSY states.
- A separate set of ROOT files is planned to be released with the different channels saved separately (in the current ROOT files all the BRs to SUSY are summed in a single histogram).
- Discussions in progress to see whether there is interest from the experimental community in probing these decay channels. Feedback welcome.

New ROOT files





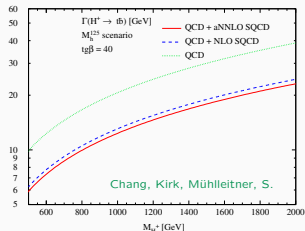
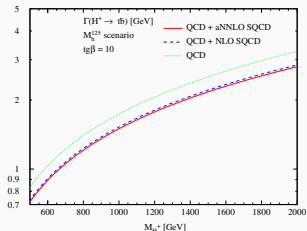
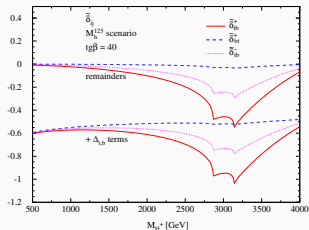
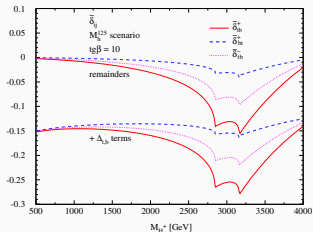
# New developments on the theory side: neutral Higgs



Ghezzi, Glaus, Müller, Schmidt, S.

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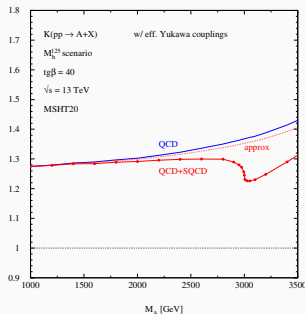
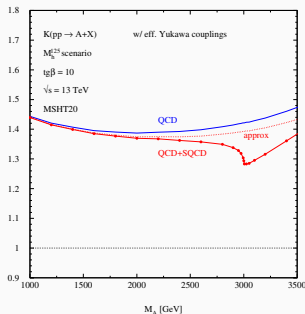
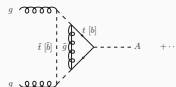
# New developments on the theory side: charged Higgs



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# New developments on the theory side: ggA

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow A) = \sigma_{LO}(\tilde{g}_t^A, \tilde{g}_b^A) [1 + \delta_{QCD} + \delta_{SQCD}]$$



Bagnaschi, Fritz, Liebler, Mühlleitner, Nguyen, S.

- $gg \rightarrow A$  complete SUSY-QCD calculation
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# Summary and outlook

- Ongoing work on the scenarios
- ROOT files upgrade to support LHC 13.6 TeV analyses
- Possible interactions with other working groups

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