

# Higgs constraints on left-right supersymmetry

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# Outline

- Intro to left-right symmetry
- Properties of LRSUSY
- What does the 125 GeV Higgs imply on left-right supersymmetry?

# Basics of left-right symmetry

- Left-right symmetric models assume that parity is a symmetry of nature which is spontaneously broken in weak interactions
- The gauge group of left-right symmetric models is  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$
- Introduces right handed  $W^-$  and  $Z$ -bosons, experimental searches excluded these below  $\sim 2.5$  TeV
- Both left-handed and right-handed fermions are in doublets  $\Rightarrow$  right-handed neutrino always included
- Explicit R-parity violation is not possible

# Higgs content of left-right symmetric models

- Fermion mass generation requires Higgs fields which are doublets under both  $SU(2)_L$  and  $SU(2)_R$
- In LRSUSY two bidoublets are needed to get the correct mass pattern (and to avoid mixing between  $W_L$  and  $W_R$ )
- Parity breaking needs fields which are singlets under  $SU(2)_L$  but transform nontrivially under  $SU(2)_R$
- Our choice is to include right-handed triplets with  $B - L = \pm 2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  allow a mass term for right-handed neutrinos (other choices, see Babu, Patra 1412.8714)
- Usually also left-handed triplets are included to make the model fully left-right symmetric but this may lead to problems if even more fields are not included

# The superpotential of the model

## The superpotential

$$W = Y^u Q^T \tau_2 \Phi_{1\tau_2} Q^c + Y^d Q^T \tau_2 \Phi_{2\tau_2} Q^c + Y^\ell L^T \tau_2 \Phi_{2\tau_2} L^c \\ + Y^\nu L^T \tau_2 \Phi_{1\tau_2} L^c + i f L^c \tau_2 \Delta^c L^c + S[\lambda \text{Tr}(\Delta^c \bar{\Delta}^c) \\ + \lambda' \text{Tr}(\Phi_{1\tau_2} \Phi_{2\tau_2}) - M_R^2]$$

- $\Phi_{1,2}$  are bidoublets with  $B - L = 0$ ,  $\Delta^c$  and  $\bar{\Delta}^c$  are  $SU(2)_R$  triplets with  $B - L = \mp 2$ ,  $S$  is a singlet and  $\tau_2$  is the Pauli matrix
- One could add the gauge invariant terms  $W' = M_\Delta \text{Tr}(\Delta^c \bar{\Delta}^c) + \mu \text{Tr}(\Phi_{1\tau_2} \Phi_{2\tau_2}) + M_s S^2 + \lambda_s S^3$  to the superpotential, but without them there is an additional R-symmetry

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# VEV structure

We look for a stable minimum with the following VEV structure:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^+ & \phi_2^0 \\ \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^- \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_u/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Phi_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^+ & \chi_2^0 \\ \chi_1^0 & \chi_2^- \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v_d/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Delta^c &= \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{c-}/\sqrt{2} & \delta^{c0} \\ \delta^{c--} & -\delta^{c-}/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v_R/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \bar{\Delta}^c &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\delta}^{c+}/\sqrt{2} & \bar{\delta}^{c++} \\ \bar{\delta}^{c0} & -\bar{\delta}^{c+}/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \bar{v}_R/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

# The vacuum of LRSUSY is often unstable

- The determinant of the tree-level doubly charged Higgs mass matrix is negative: the scalar potential is unstable

## Several ways to make the potential stable:

- Spontaneous R-parity violation (sneutrino VEVs)
- Addition of triplets with  $B - L = 0$
- Radiative corrections (our choice)
- One doubly charged Higgs will be light, since the mass comes from radiative corrections only ([detailed study Basso et al 1503.08211](#))
- Experimental searches exclude a light doubly charged Higgs ( $< 400$  GeV) unless it decays to same sign taus

# The Higgs mass is easier to achieve in LRSUSY

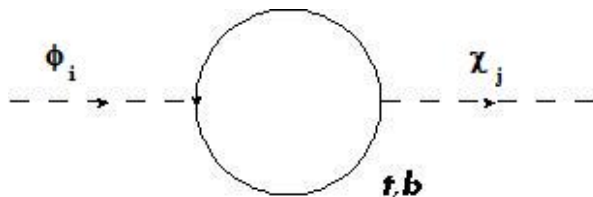
- The tree-level bound for the square of the lightest Higgs mass is  $m_Z^2 [(g_L^2 + g_R^2)/(g_L^2 + g_{SM}^{\prime 2})] |\cos 2\beta| \Rightarrow$  If  $g_R > g_{SM}'$  the bound is larger than in the MSSM, less fine-tuning
- The tree-level mass goes to zero with  $\tan \beta$  close to one: a lower limit for  $\tan \beta$ , dependent on  $g_R$  and  $M_{SUSY}$ .
- The lower bound on  $\tan \beta$  typically between 3...6

Babu, He, Ma PRD 36 (1987), 878; Huitu, Pandita, Puolamäki  
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# The coupling to bottoms can be strongly enhanced

- There is a neutral bidoublet field, which couples to bottom quarks via the top Yukawa coupling
- At tree-level these do not mix with the SM-like Higgs components but at loop-level there is mixing
- Mixing proportional to  $y_t y_b \Rightarrow$  large at large values of  $\tan \beta \Rightarrow$  constraining the Higgs-bottom coupling will constrain  $\tan \beta$  from above

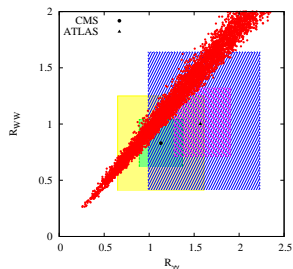
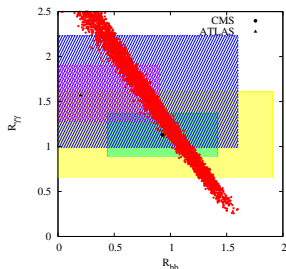


# Numerical scan

- We did a random scan over all relevant parameters
- Three benchmark scenarios: only  $H^{\pm\pm}$  light, additionally light charginos, light staus
- Requirements for the spectrum:  $m_{H^{\pm\pm}} > 200$  GeV,  $m_h \in [122, 128]$  GeV,  $m_A > 300$  GeV
- Production computed in gluon fusion by a modification of HIGLU
- Spectrum and decays to  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $Z\gamma$  by our own codes, other decay modes with modified version of HDECAY

# The $hb\bar{b}$ coupling dictates (anti)correlations of Higgs BRs

All signal strengths anticorrelated with  $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ , all other signal strengths correlated



# The doubly charged Higgs has a limited effect on

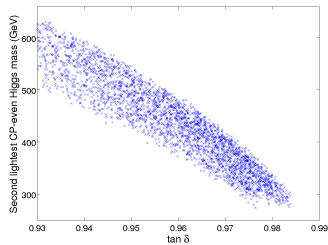
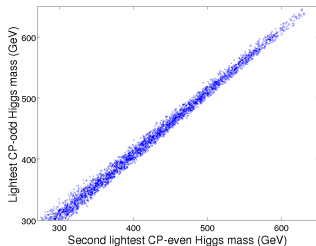
$$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

- The coupling between the SM-like Higgs and the doubly charged Higgses is reduced at large (or even moderate)  $\tan \beta$
- Since the 125 GeV Higgs needs at least a moderate value of  $\tan \beta$ , the effect is never too large
- The singly charged Higgs and charginos, if light, have a larger impact
- None of these are comparable to the effect of  $\Gamma(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  to the total width

# Bounds on the other MSSM-like states

- The second CP-even Higgs, lightest CP-odd Higgs and lightest charged Higgs have a mass roughly proportional to  $\sqrt{|v_R^2 - \bar{v}_R^2|}$ , where  $v_R$  and  $\bar{v}_R$  are the triplet VEVs
- A similar term with both signs is also in the diagonal of the doubly charged Higgs mass matrix  $\Rightarrow$  must be bounded or radiative corrections cannot overcome it
- Hence the MSSM-like states are usually lighter than  $\sim 700$  GeV
- CP-odd state also constrained at large  $\tan \beta$  by  $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ , charged Higgs by  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ , essentially these need to be above 300 GeV
- The three states are nearly degenerate

# MSSM-like Higgs masses



$$\tan \delta = \bar{\nu}_R / \nu_R$$

# Conclusions

We studied a minimal supersymmetric left-right symmetric model.

- The minimal field content for the LRSUSY model has a light doubly charged Higgs which constrains the parameter space significantly
- There is a loop-generated coupling  $\propto y_t$  between a part of the SM-like Higgs and b-quarks, this mixing is large at large  $\tan \beta$
- Bounds on the SM-like Higgs mass and its coupling to b-quarks give lower and upper bounds for  $\tan \beta$
- The other MSSM-like Higgs states are nearly degenerate with sub-TeV masses