

Charged Higgs Phenomenology in the NMSSM

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- Higgs-gauge bosons couplings in NMSSM and sum rules
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- $pp \rightarrow H^\pm h_1, pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1$ vs $pp \rightarrow W^\pm h_1$
- Conclusions

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NMSSM=MSSM + an extra singlet scalar field S

- The presence of S provides an elegant solution to the μ problem of the MSSM $\lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d \rightarrow \underbrace{\lambda v_s}_{\mu_{eff}} \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d$.
- Within the NMSSM, the fine-tune problem (little hierarchy) can be relieved [Dermisek and Gunion'05]
- To evade LEP II bound $m_H \gtrsim 114$ GeV: reduce $\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow \{b\bar{b}, \tau^+ \tau^-\})$ or ZZh coupling.

In NMSSM, the decay $h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1$ can dominate over $h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ in regions of parameters space. For $m_{A_1} \lesssim 2m_b$ and $h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 \rightarrow \{4\tau, 4j\}$, scenarios with $m_h \approx 82 - 100$ GeV are not ruled out by LEP. [Dermisek et al'05, U. Ellwanger et al'05]

NMSSM Superpotential

$$W = Y_u \hat{Q}_L \hat{H}_u \hat{U}^c - Y_d \hat{Q}_L \hat{H}_d \hat{D}^c - Y_l \hat{L}_L \hat{H}_d \hat{E}^c + \lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d + \frac{1}{3} \kappa \hat{S}^3$$

$$V_{\text{soft}} = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + m_S^2 |S|^2 + [\lambda A_\lambda S H_u H_d + \frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3]$$

Free parameters: λ , κ , A_λ , A_κ , $\tan \beta$ and $\mu_{eff} = \lambda v_s$

After electroweak symmetry breaking: 3 CP-even $h_{1,2,3}$, 2 CP-odd $A_{1,2}$ and a pair of charged Higgs H^\pm .

$$M_{H^\pm}^2 = \frac{2\mu_{eff}}{\sin 2\beta} (A_\lambda + \kappa v_s) + M_W^2 - \lambda^2 (v_u^2 + v_d^2) \quad , \quad \underbrace{M_{H^\pm}^2 = M_W^2 + M_A^2}_{MSSM}$$

In NMSSM, the indirect lower bound on H^\pm following from LEP limits on the neutral Higgs is $m_{H^\pm} \geq 120 \text{ GeV}$, $\tan \beta \geq 1.5$.

In MSSM $m_{H^\pm} \geq 150 \text{ GeV}$ for $\tan \beta \geq 6$ [Godbole, Roy'05]

After rotating $(\Im\Phi_u^0, \Im\Phi_d^0, \Im S)$ into $(A^{\text{MSSM}}, G^0, \Im S)$. Then one eliminate the G^0 Goldstone mode and the remaining 2×2 CP-odd mass matrix in $(A^{\text{MSSM}}, \Im S)$ basis:

$$\mathcal{M}_{P,11}^2 = \frac{\lambda v_s}{\sin \beta \cos \beta} (A_\lambda + \kappa v_s),$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{P,22}^2 = (2\lambda\kappa + \frac{\lambda A_\lambda}{2v_s}) \sin 2\beta (v_u^2 + v_d^2) - 3\kappa A_\kappa v_s,$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{P,12}^2 = \lambda \sqrt{v_u^2 + v_d^2} (A_\lambda - 2\kappa v_s).$$

$$A_1 = \cos \theta_A A + \sin \theta_A \Im(S), \quad A_2 = \cos \theta_A A - \sin \theta_A \Im(S)$$

with $m_{A_1} < m_{A_2}$.

$$h_i = S_{i1} \Re(\Phi_u^0) + S_{i2} \Re(\Phi_d^0) + S_{i3} \Re(S)$$

How to get light CP-odd in NMSSM

$$\text{Det}M_{\text{P}}^2 = -\frac{3\kappa\lambda v_s}{\sin 2\beta} \left(2\kappa v_s^2 A_\kappa + 2v_s A_\kappa A_\lambda - 3\lambda A_\lambda (v_u^2 + v_d^2) \sin 2\beta \right) \approx 0$$

1. $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ ($U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry)

$$m_{A_1}^2 = 3s\kappa(-A_\kappa \sin^2 \theta_A + \frac{6}{\sin 2\beta} \lambda s \cos^2 \theta_A) + O(\kappa^2)$$

2. $A_\lambda \rightarrow 0$ and $A_\kappa \rightarrow 0$ ($U(1)_R$ symmetry)

[Dobrescu and Matchev'2000]

$$m_{A_1}^2 = 3s(-\kappa A_\kappa \sin^2 \theta_A + \frac{3}{2 \sin 2\beta} \lambda A_\lambda \cos^2 \theta_A) + O(\kappa^2 A_\kappa^2, \lambda^2 A_\lambda^2)$$

3. $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, $v_s \rightarrow 0$ (small $\mu_{eff} = \lambda v_s$ ruled out by chargino bound)

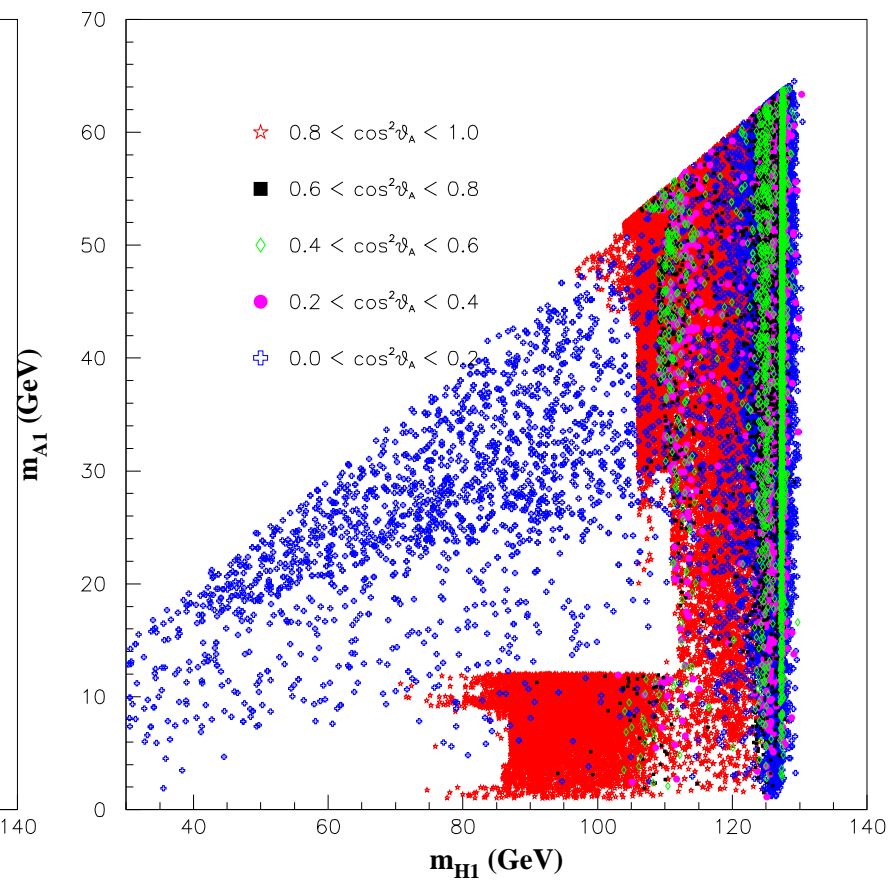
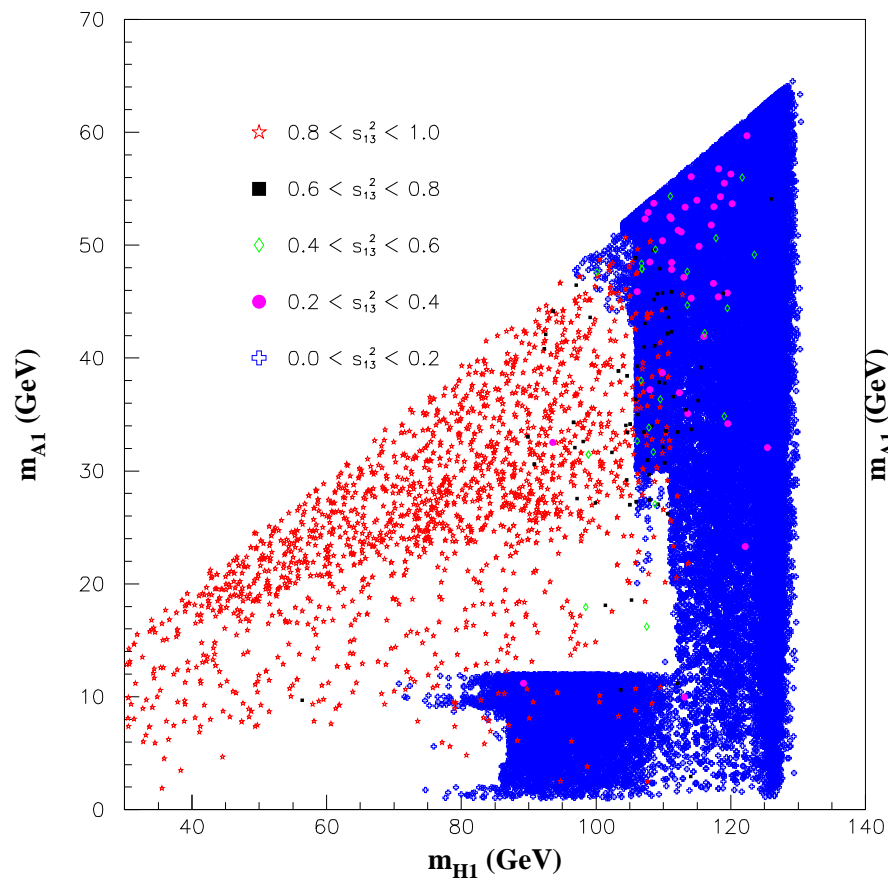
- Very light A_1 is natural in NMSSM due to small explicit breaking of Peccei-Quinn symmetry and also to $U(1)_R$ symmetry.
- A light A_1 can be:

i) singlet dominated: $\cos \theta_A \approx 0$

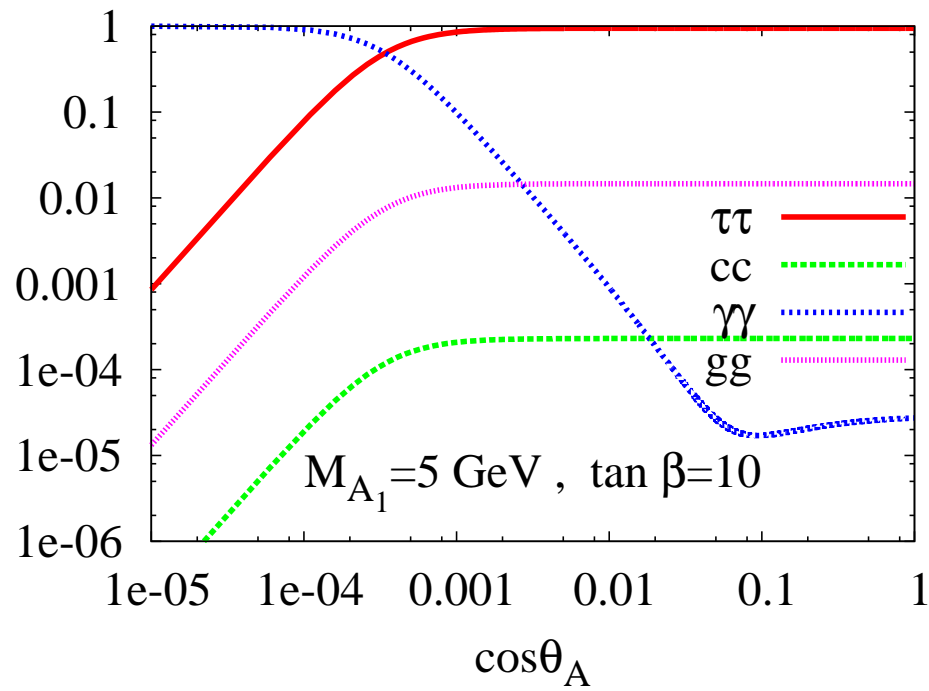
ii) doublet dominated: large doublet component $\cos \theta_A \approx 1$ leads to **large $W^\pm H^\mp A_1$ coupling**

[Drees,Guchait,Roy'98,99, Godbole,Roy'05]

$\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1) \gtrsim 50\%$: s_{13} is the singlet component of h_1



Light A_1 : Branching ratios



Higgs bosons - gauge bosons couplings in NMSSM

$$\mathcal{L} = gm_W g_{WW h_i} W^{+\mu} W_{\mu}^{-} h_i - g W_{\mu}^{+} (i g_{W^{+} H^{-} h_i} h_i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^{\mu} H^{-} + \cos \theta_A A_1 \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^{\mu} H^{-}) / 2$$

$$A_1 = \cos \theta_A A + \sin \theta_A \Im m(S), \quad g_{WW h_i} = \sin \beta S_{i1} + \cos \beta S_{i2},$$

$$g_{W^{+} H^{-} h_i} = \cos \beta S_{i1} - \sin \beta S_{i2}. \quad S \text{ is } 3 \times 3 \text{ orthogonal matrix.}$$

As in the MSSM one can easily derive the following sum rules:

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 g_{WW h_i}^2 = 1 \quad , \quad h_i = S_{i1} \Re e(\Phi_u^0) + S_{i2} \Re e(\Phi_d^0) + S_{i3} \Re e(S)$$

$$\underbrace{g_{WW h_i}^2 + g_{W^{+} H^{-} h_i}^2}_{MSSM} = 1 - S_{i3}^2 \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

If $S_{i3}^2 \approx 0$ (h_i mainly doublet), MSSM sum rule is recovered

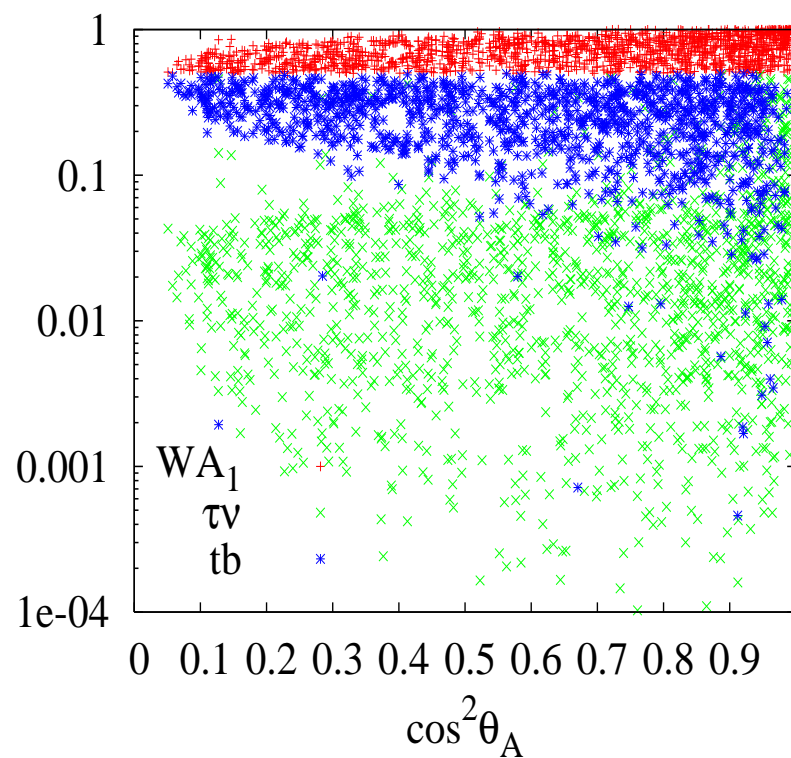
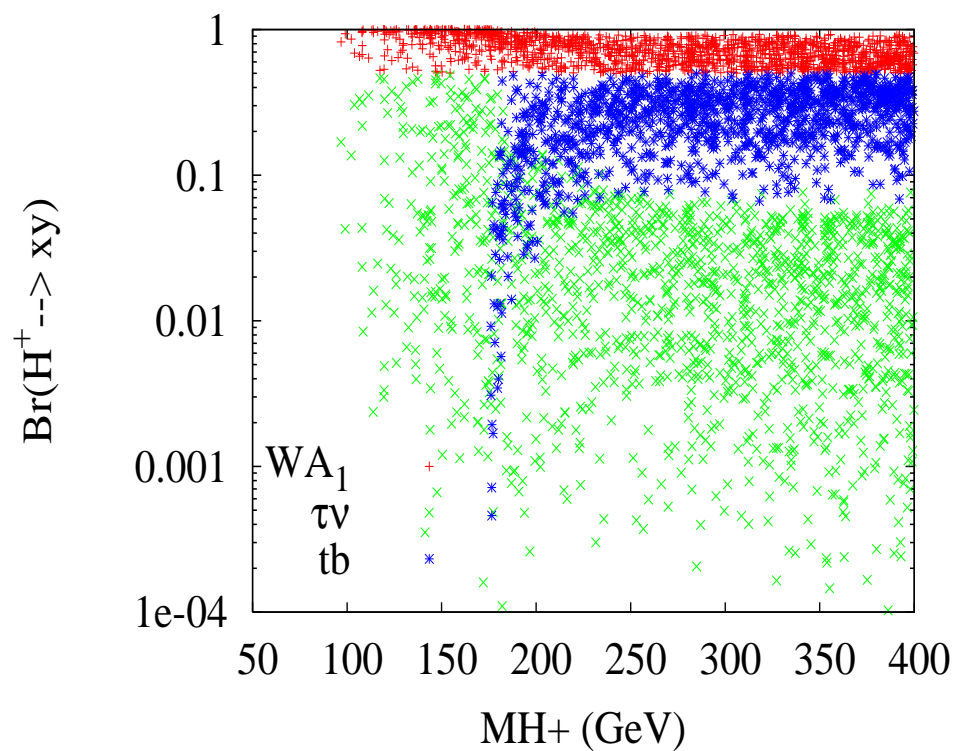
If $S_{i3}^2 \approx 1$ (h_i mainly singlet), $g_{WW h_i}^2 \approx g_{W^{+} H^{-} h_i}^2 \approx 0$: Difficult scenario for LHC

Charged Higgs decays in NMSSM

- H^\pm phenomenology in NMSSM and MSSM has many similarities: Because the **fermionic couplings are identical in the two models**.
- In MSSM, $H^\pm \rightarrow AW$ is open only for extreme choices of certain SUSY parameters [[Akeroyd et al'02](#), [D. Eriksson et al'06](#)]
- In MSSM $H^\pm \rightarrow hW$ can be open but the coupling $g_{W^+H^-h} \sim \cos^2(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$ when $M_{H^\pm} \gg m_h + m_W$.
In the best cases $\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow hW)$ can reach 10%
- In NMSSM, it's possible to have large mass splittings among the Higgs which permits $H^\pm \rightarrow A_1W$ and $H^\pm \rightarrow h_{1,2}W$ to proceed on-shell and dominate below and above top-bottom threshold.
- In NMSSM, $H^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ can dominate in some cases

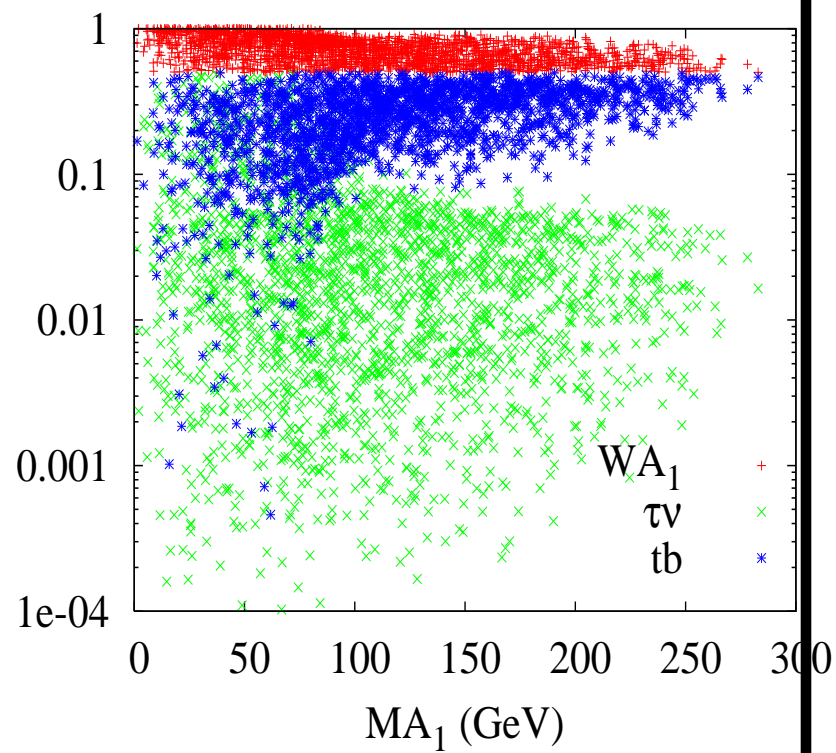
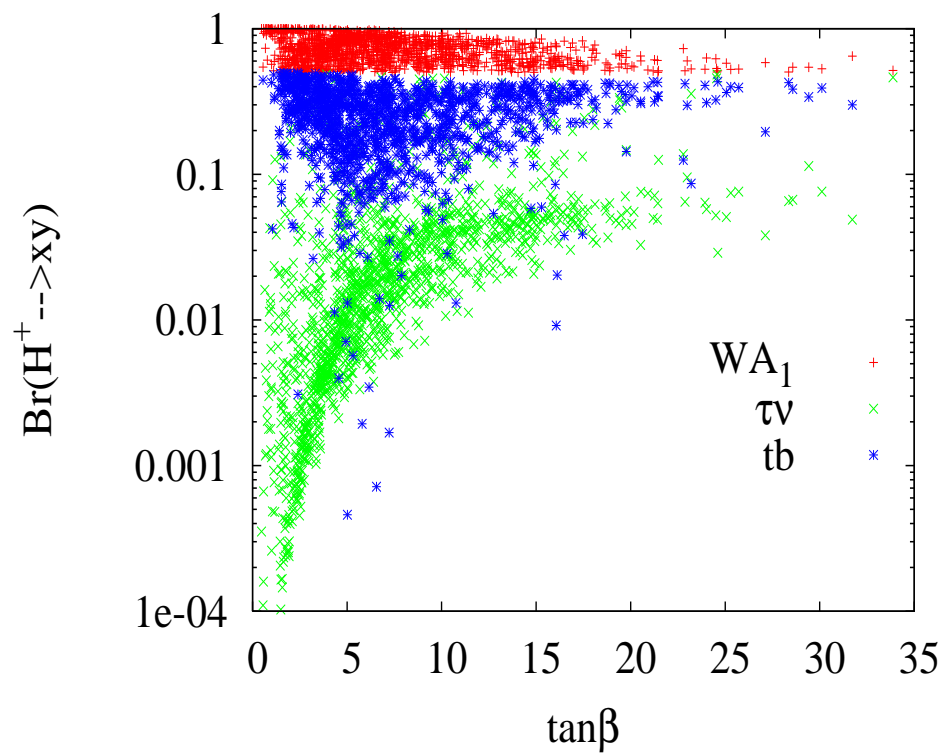
$$\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1) \gtrsim 50\%$$

$WA_1, \tau\nu, tb$



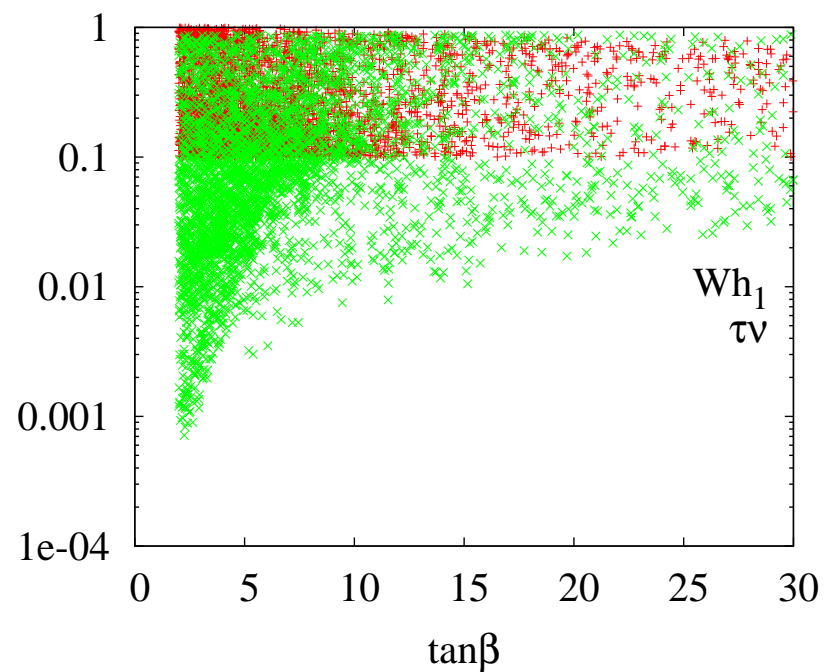
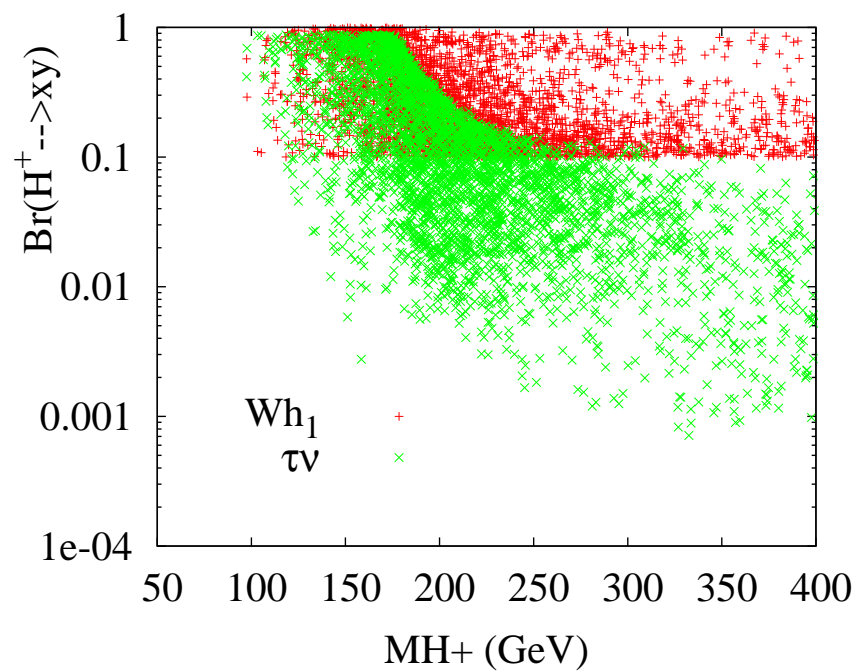
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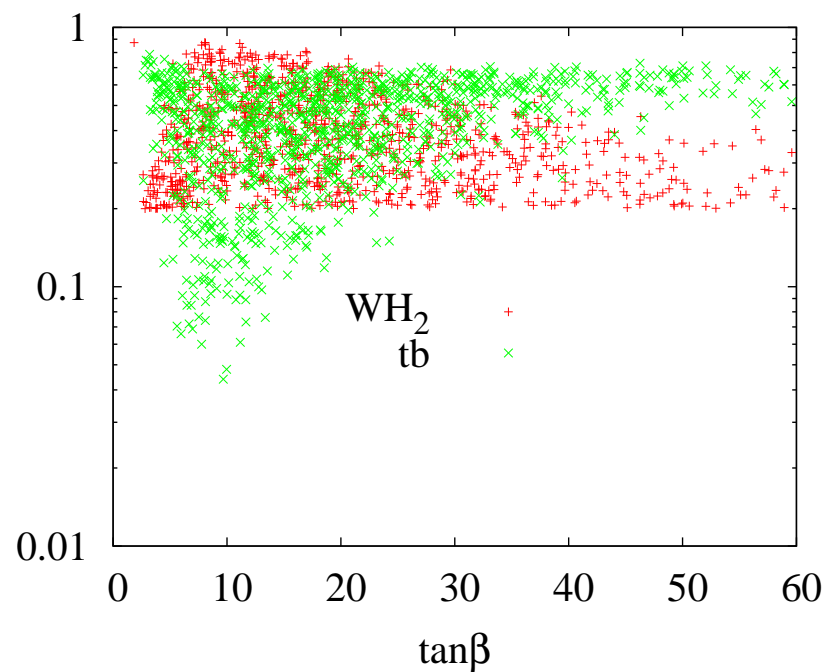
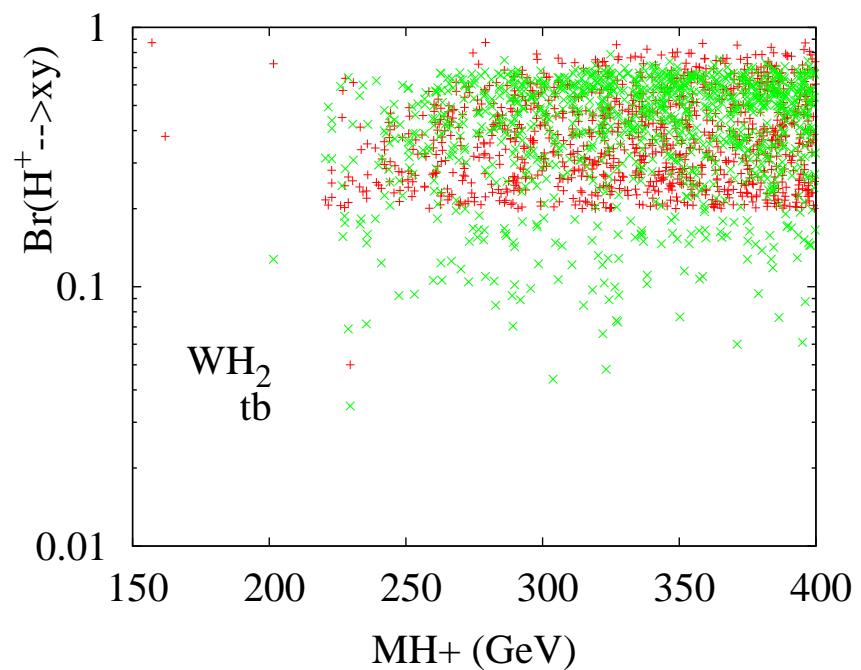
$$\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm h_1) \gtrsim 10\%$$

$Wh_1, \tau\nu$

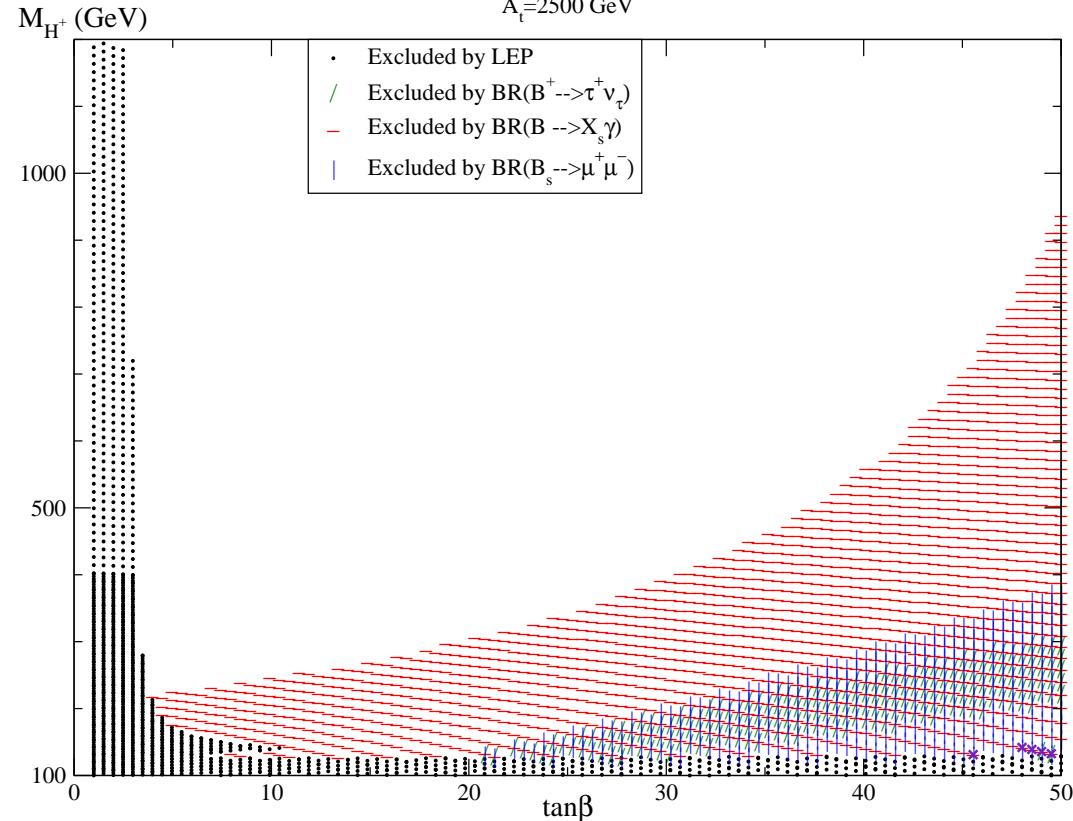


$$\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm h_2) \gtrsim 20\%$$

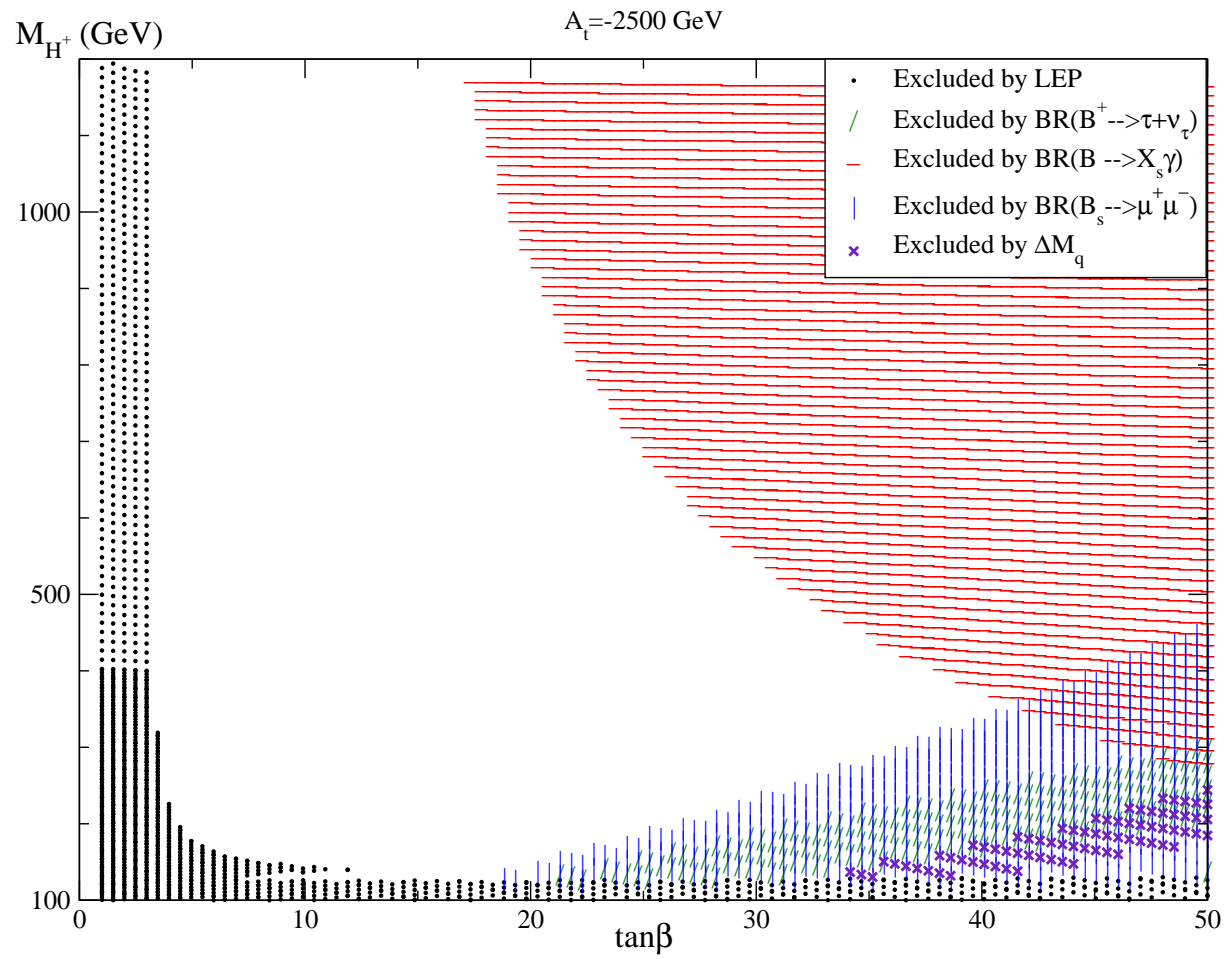
Wh_1, tb



Light charged Higgs and B physics constraints [F. Domingo and U.Ellwanger'07], $M_2, M_3, \mu_{eff} = 300, 900, 300$ GeV and $\lambda, \kappa \leq 0.1$
 $A_t = 2500$ GeV



Light H^\pm in the NMSSM is compatible with $b \rightarrow s\gamma$, ΔM_q ,
 $B^\pm \rightarrow \tau^\pm \nu$, $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ even without invoking extra sources of
flavour violation from gluinos.



Production mechanisms: $pp \rightarrow h_1 H^\pm$ and $pp \rightarrow A_1 H^\pm$ vs $pp \rightarrow Wh_1$

- $gb \rightarrow tH^+$, $gg \rightarrow tbH^+$ [Kidonakis talk]
- $t\bar{t} \rightarrow tH^+b \rightarrow tbWh$: [S. Moretti'2000 (MSSM), Ghosh, Moretti'05(Complex MSSM)]
- The strength of $H^\pm A_1 W$ can have an application to $pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1$ [S. Kanemura et al'02, Q.H. Cao et al'02, A. Belyaev et al'06 (MSSM), A. Akeroyd'03, D. Ghosh et al'05 (Complex MSSM)]
- If $\text{Br}(H^\mp \rightarrow W^\pm A_1)$ is large then, $pp \rightarrow A_1 H^\pm$ leads to WA_1A_1 .
- If $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1)$ is large then, $pp \rightarrow Wh_1$ leads to same final state WA_1A_1 as $pp \rightarrow A_1 H^\pm \rightarrow WA_1A_1$
[$pp \rightarrow Vh_1 \rightarrow VA_1A_1 \rightarrow V4b$: K. Cheung et al'07, M. Carena et al'07]
- Is it possible to have simultaneously
 $\text{Br}(H^\mp \rightarrow W^\pm A_1) \gtrsim 0.5$ and $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1) \gtrsim 0.5$?
- If yes, is $pp \rightarrow A_1 H^\pm$ comparable to $pp \rightarrow Wh_1$?

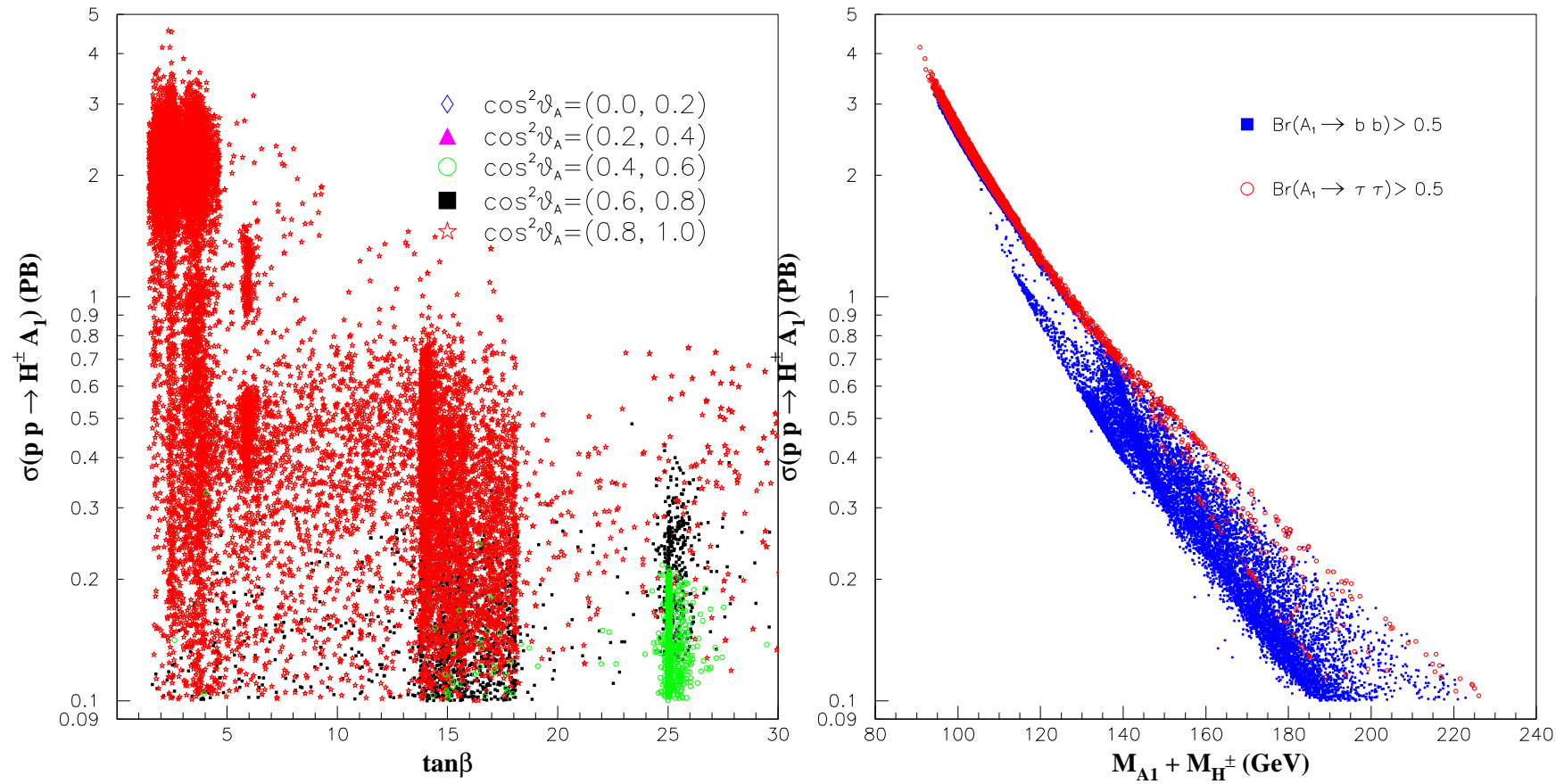
We use the NMSSM Tools

<http://www.th.u-psud.fr/NMHDECAY/nmssmtools.html>

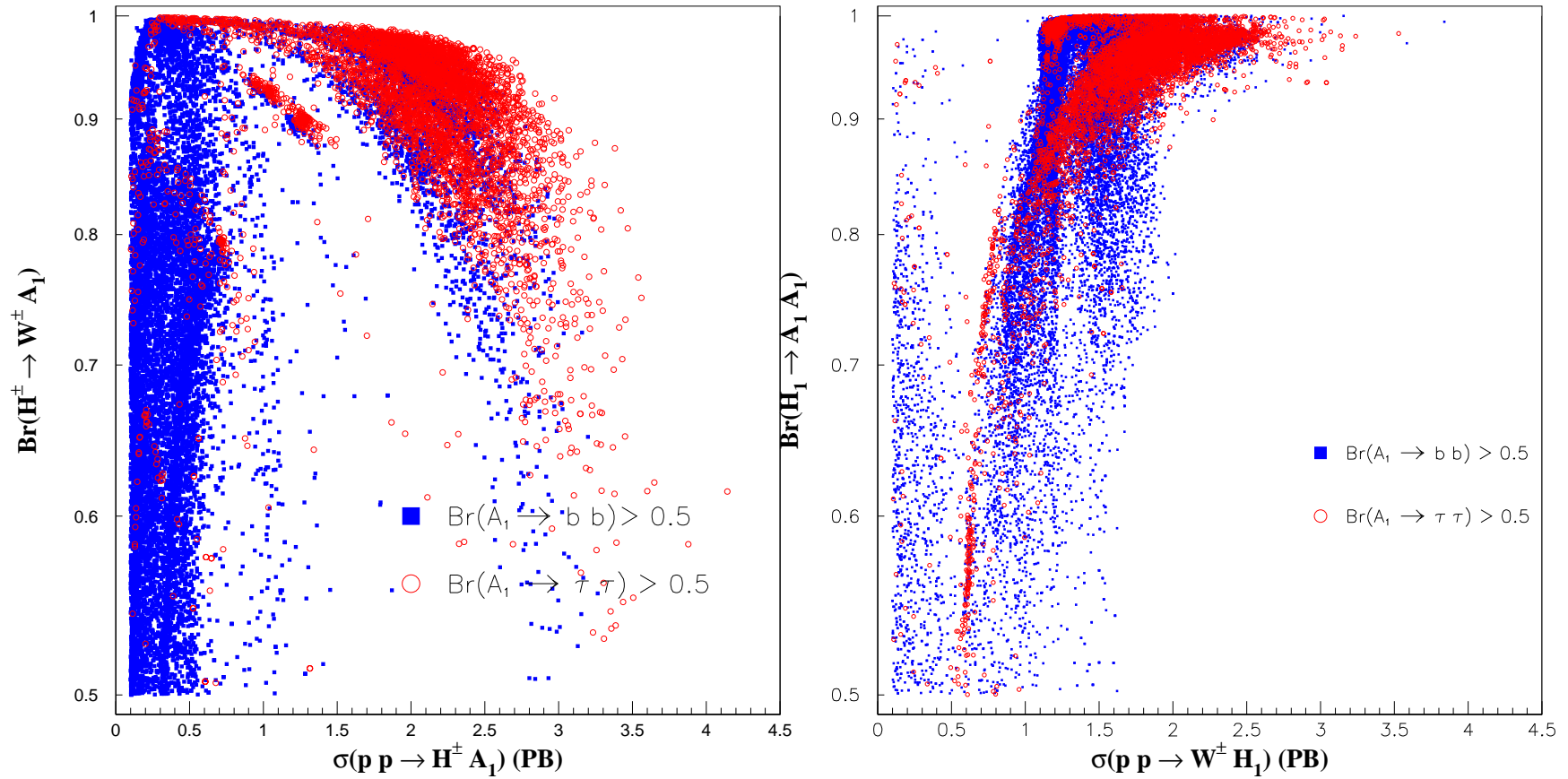
$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= [0, 1], \quad \kappa = [-1, 1], \quad \tan \beta = [0.2, 60], \quad \mu = [-1, 1]\text{TeV}, \\ A_\lambda &= [-1.0, 1.0]\text{TeV}, \quad A_\kappa = [-1.0, 1.0]\text{TeV}, \\ M_{SUSY} &= [0.2, 3]\text{TeV}, \quad M_1 = [0.07, 3]\text{TeV}.\end{aligned}$$

- We take into account the experimental constraints on the MSSM spectrum: $M_{H^\pm} \geq 80$ GeV, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_1} \gtrsim 100$ GeV.
- We also apply the full set of LEP constraints obtained from searches for neutral Higgs bosons decaying to final states like $Z2b, Z4b, 6b, 6\tau, Z2b2\tau, Z4\tau, 2b2\tau$.
- We suppose that the threshold of observability at LHC is 0.1 pb: only cross sections $\gtrsim 0.1$ pb are shown.

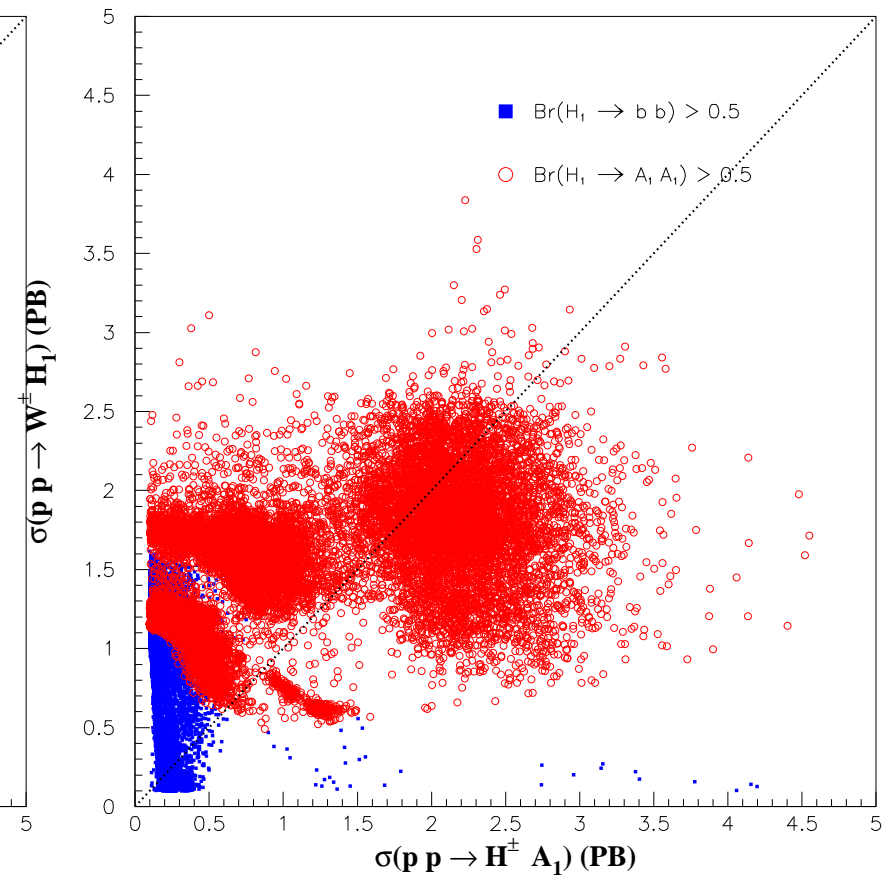
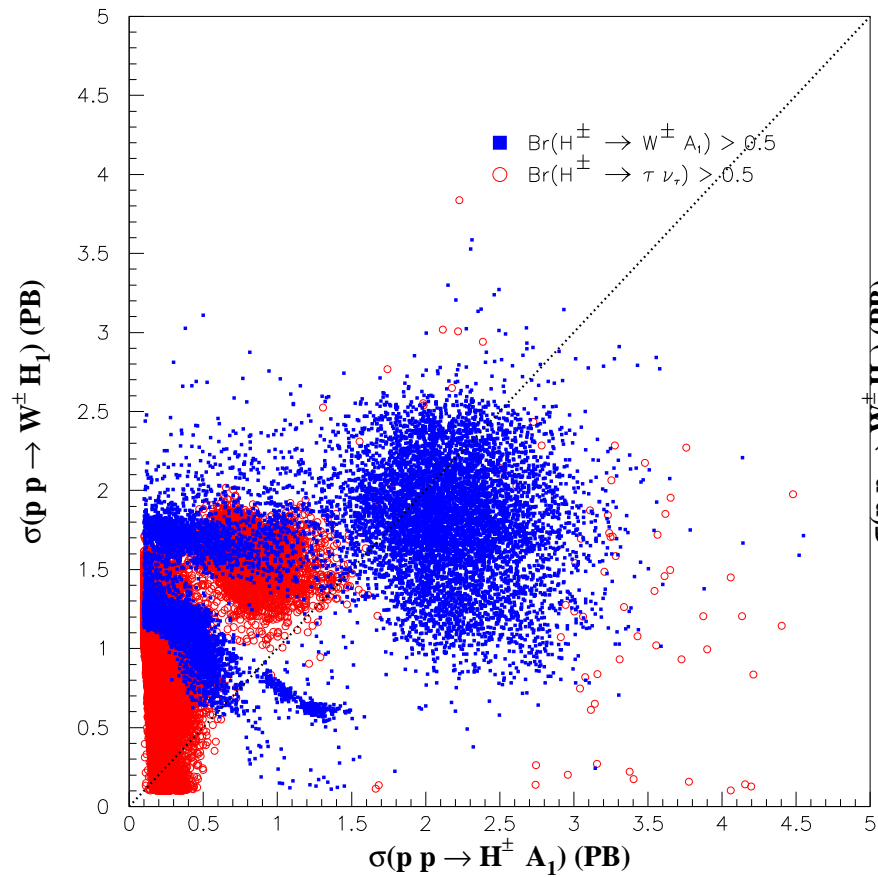
Large $pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1$ needs: $\tan \beta \lesssim 15$, large doublet component for A_1 and $M_{H^\pm} + M_{A_1} \lesssim 200$ GeV



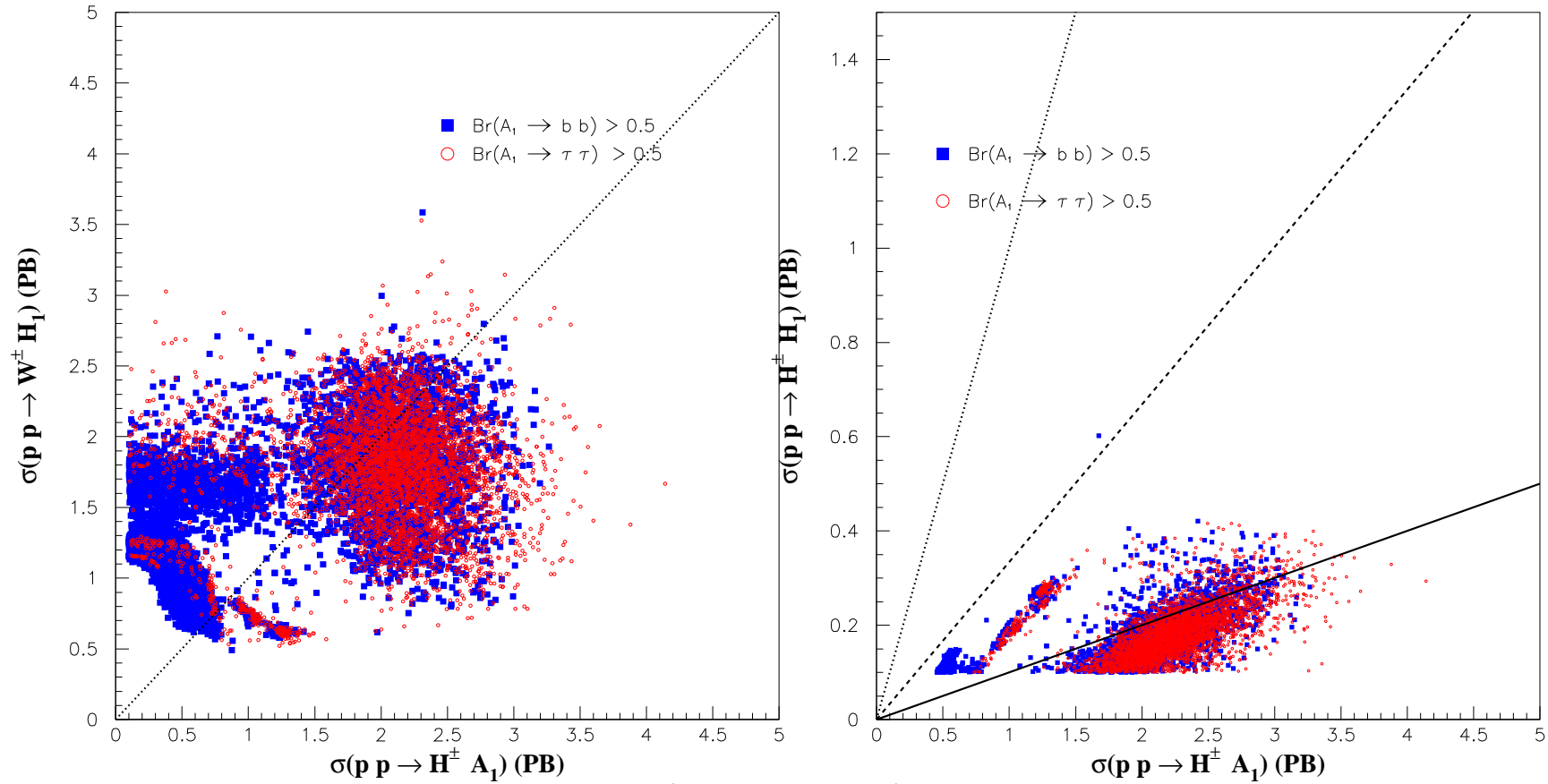
Large $pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1$ (resp large $pp \rightarrow W^\pm h_1$) with large $Br(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1) \gtrsim 90\%$ (resp large $Br(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1) \gtrsim 90\%$) is possible with $Br(A_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \gtrsim 50\%$ or $Br(A_1 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) \gtrsim 50\%$



(Left) $\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1) \gtrsim 0.5$, (Right) $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1) \gtrsim 0.5$



$\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1)$ and $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1) \gtrsim 50\%$



It is possible to have $pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1 \rightarrow W^\pm A_1 A_1 \rightarrow \{W4b, W4\tau\}$ and $pp \rightarrow W^\pm h_1 \rightarrow W^\pm A_1 A_1 \rightarrow \{W4b, W4\tau\}$ with sizeable cross sections.

Conclusions

- In the NMSSM, $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1, W^\pm h_1$ dominate over $\tau^\pm \nu$ and tb channels both below and above the top-bottom threshold.
- $pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1$ with $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1$ can be used to search for light charged Higgs with small to moderate $\tan \beta$.
- $pp \rightarrow H^\pm A_1$ with $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A_1$ and $pp \rightarrow W^\pm h_1$ with $h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1$ leads to same signal $W A_1 A_1 \rightarrow \{W4b, W4\tau\}$ which can be distinguished at the LHC by applying appropriate reconstruction methods.
- The interference term for $W4b$ and $W4\tau$ might not be negligible and should be taken into account in any simulation study.

Light A_1 production

- If A_1 is pure Singlet: difficult to produce in conventional channels
- $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1)$ can be large, A_1 can be produced in h_1 decay
 $pp \rightarrow h_1 \rightarrow A_1 A_1 \rightarrow 4\gamma, 4\tau$. Photons are difficult to resolve
- $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^+ \tilde{\chi}_j^- A_1$: A_1 radiated off the charginos legs
- A_1 pure Singlet ($\cos \theta_A \approx 0$): $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^- A_1 \propto \lambda \sin \theta_A U_{12}^* V_{12}^*$

