

MSSM Higgs Bosons decaying in SUSY cascade with ATLAS

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- ✦ Motivation
- ✦ MSSM Higgs in SUSY cascade search limits at LHC
- ✦ Bench mark points
- ✦ Detection MSSM Higgs in ATLAS
- ✦ Analysis: first results on neutral & charged Higgs discovery potential
- ✦ Conclusions
- ✦ The results presented are preliminary.

SUSY & Higgs interplay

If SUSY kinematically accessible, then real production of sparticles.

- ★ **Higgs can decay directly to or come from decay of SUSY particles**
- ★ **Associated production modes: e.g, squark-squark-Higgs**
- ★ **SUSY particles suppress or enhance loop induced production or decays Higgs into sparticle decay modes can compete with SM modes:**

$$H/A \rightarrow \chi^0_2 \chi^0_2 \rightarrow 4 \ell^\pm X$$

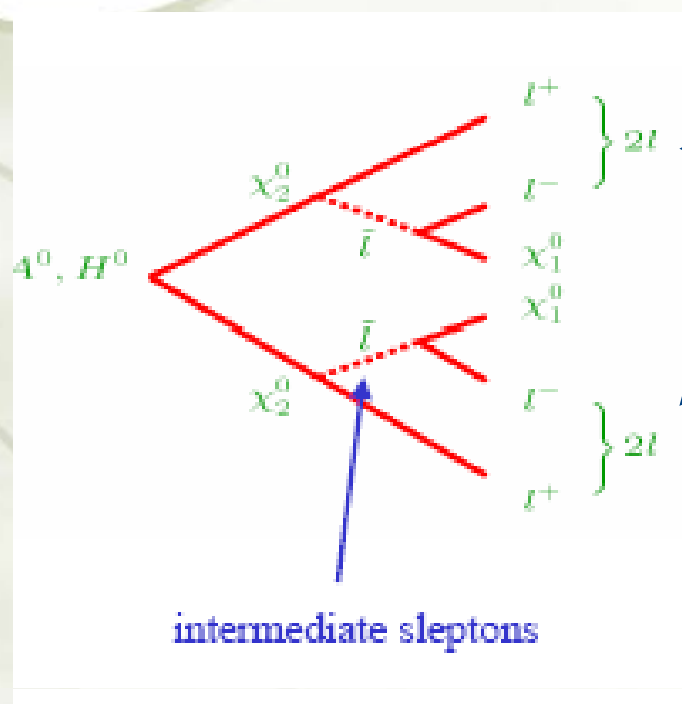
$$H^\pm \rightarrow \chi^0_2 \chi^\pm_1 \rightarrow 3 \ell^\pm X$$

Pioneering papers:

- [1] ATLAS Coll., ATLAS detector and Physics Performance, Vol.2 p766
- [2] F. Moortgat, S. Abdullin, D. Denegri”. hep-ph/0112046
- [3] M.Bisset, F. Moortgat and S. Moretti “**Eur.Phys.J.C30:419-434,2003.**
- [4] C. Hansen, N. Gollub, K. Assamagan, T. Ekelof **Eur.Phys.J.C44S2:1-9,2005.**
- [5] CMS Coll., CMS detector and Physics Performance, Vol.1

Signature

- Assume a classical production Mechanism
- Decays



4 isolated leptons (e,μ) + E_T^{miss}

powerful signature against the
SM + SUSY backgrounds at LHC

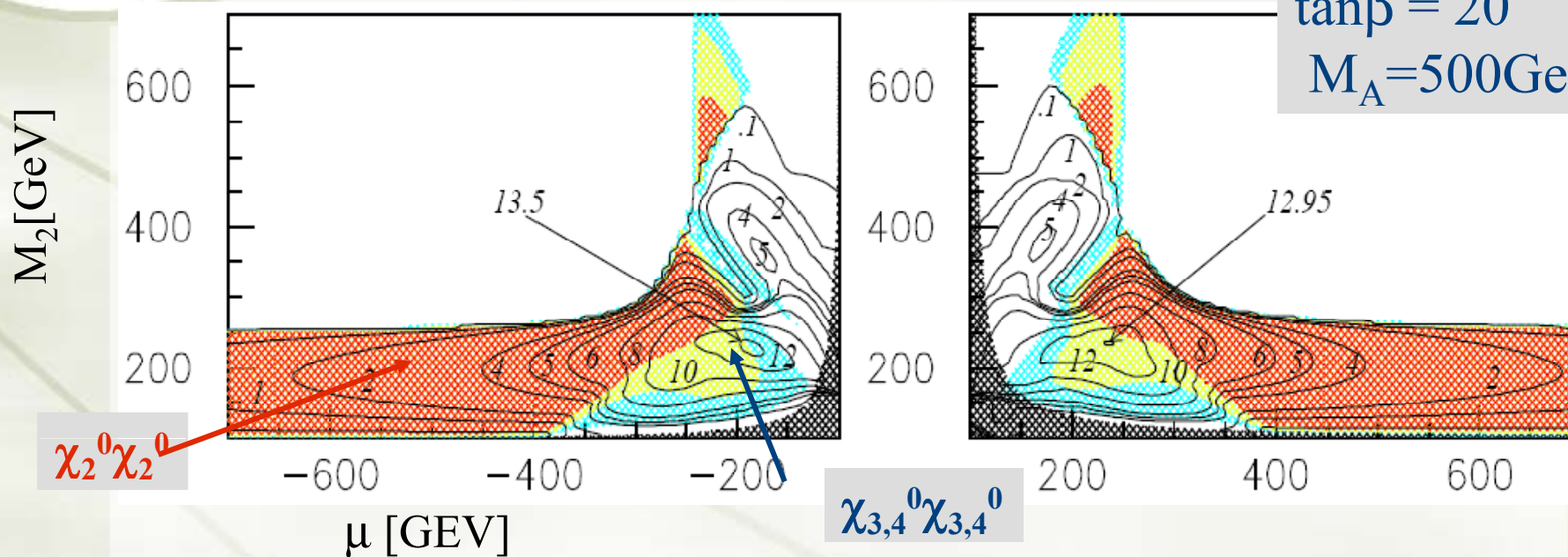
A/H susy decays

$$A, H \rightarrow \chi_{2,3,4}^0 \chi_{2,3,4}^0 \rightarrow 4 \ell^{\pm} + E_{\text{miss}}^{\text{T}}$$

$$A, H \rightarrow \chi_2^+ \chi_{1,2}^- \rightarrow 4 \ell^{\pm} + E_{\text{miss}}^{\text{T}} \quad \ell = e, \mu$$

$$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow H/A) \text{Br}(A, H \rightarrow 4 \ell^{\pm} + N)$$

$\tan\beta = 20$
 $M_A = 500 \text{ GeV}$



M. Bisset, N. Kersting, F. Moortgat, S. Moretti, arXiv:0709.10029 [hep-ph]

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Search in a LHC detector



★ Representative points studied:

★ **MSSM** representative Points

★ **MSugra** representative Points

Point A $M_0=125$ GeV $\tan\beta=20$
Point B $M_0=400$ GeV $\tan\beta=20$
 $M_{1/2}=165$ GeV $\text{sign}(\mu)=+1$ $A_0=0$

★ Discovery potential in a typical LCH detector investigated with this selections:

★ 4 leptons $|\eta^\ell| < 2.4$, $E_T^\ell > 7.4$ GeV

★ lepton Isolation

★ 2pairs of opposite sign

★ $|M_Z \pm 10$ GeV| veto

★ 20 GeV $< E_T^\ell < 80$ GeV

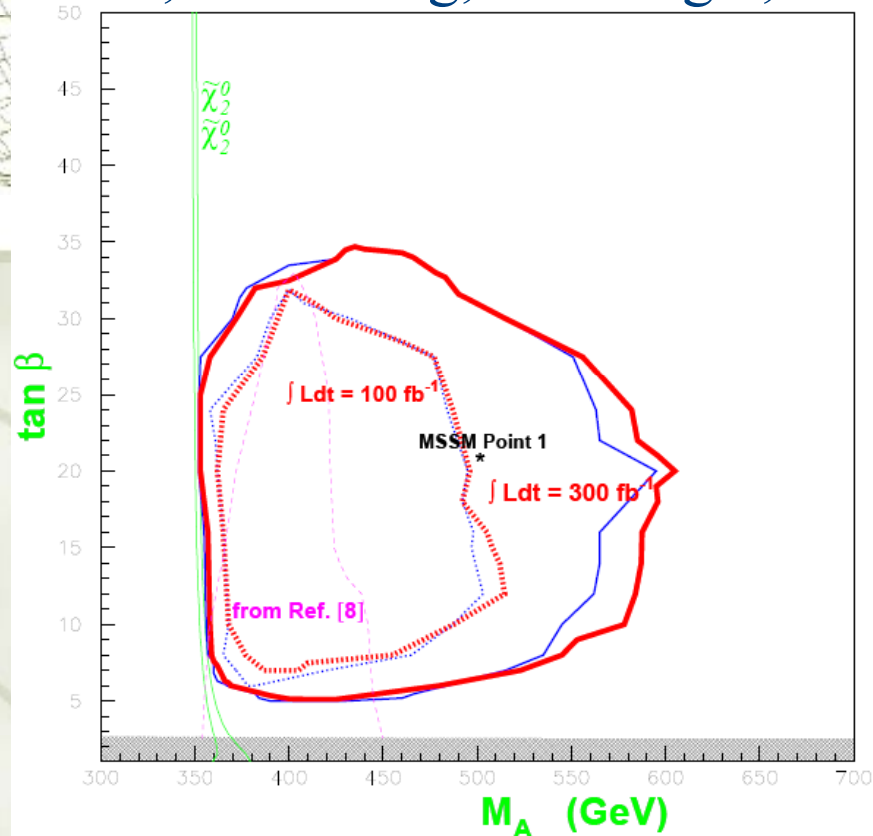
★ $E_T^{\text{jet}} < 50$ GeV

Reach for MSSM Higgs bosons in

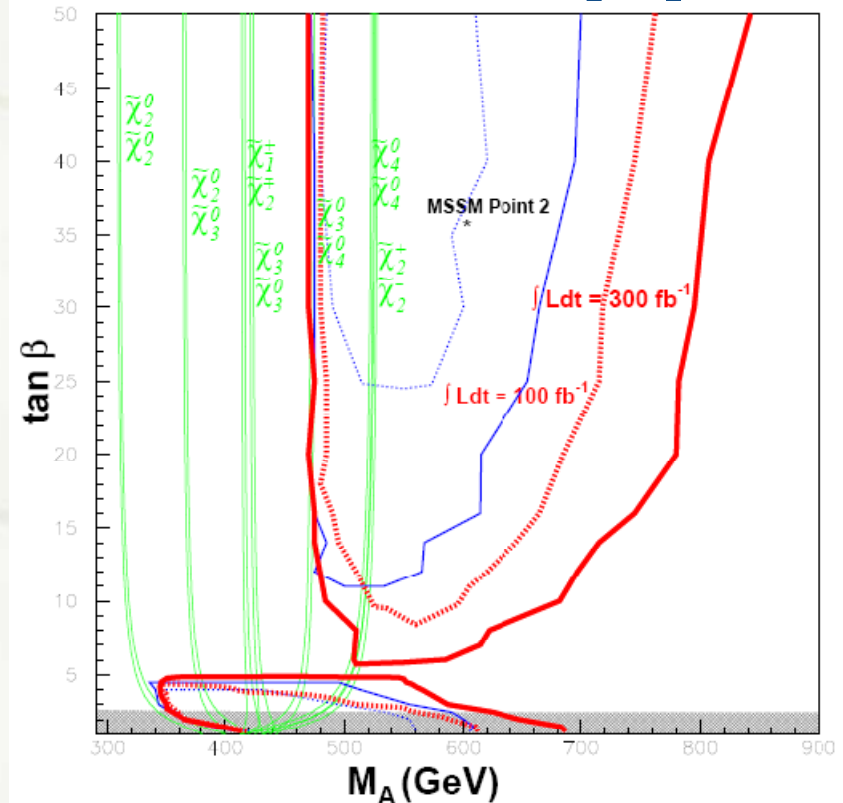
$\tilde{\chi}_{2,3,4}^0 \tilde{\chi}_{2,3,4}^0$ or $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^+ \tilde{\chi}_{2,3,4}^-$ pairs



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Point 1 $M_A = 500$ GeV $\tan\beta = 20$
 $M_1 = 90$ GeV $M_2 = 180$ GeV $\mu = -500$ GeV
 $M_{\tilde{l}} = M_{\tilde{\tau}} = 250$ GeV $m_g = M_q = 1000$ GeV



Point 2 $M_A = 600$ GeV $\tan\beta = 35$
 $M_1 = 100$ GeV $M_2 = 200$ GeV $\mu = -200$ GeV
 $M_{\tilde{l}} = 150$ GeV $M_{\tilde{\tau}} = 250$ GeV $m_g = 800$ GeV
 $M_q = 1000$ GeV

Choice of Bench mark points



To choose representative points in the search

$$A/H \rightarrow \chi_i^0 \chi_i^0 \rightarrow 4 \ell$$

The following characteristics

➤ “High” branching ratio in

$$\chi_2^0 \chi_2^0$$

$$\chi_{2,3,4}^0 \chi_{3,4}^0$$

$$\chi_1^+ \chi_2^-$$

➤ “High” branching ratio in

$$\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \chi_1^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$$

★ $m_{\text{top}} = 175 \text{ GeV}$

★ $m_b = 4.25 \text{ GeV}$

★ $\tan \beta = 10$

★ $m_A = 500 \text{ GeV}$

★ $M_{\text{squark}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$

★ $A_{\text{tau}} = 0$

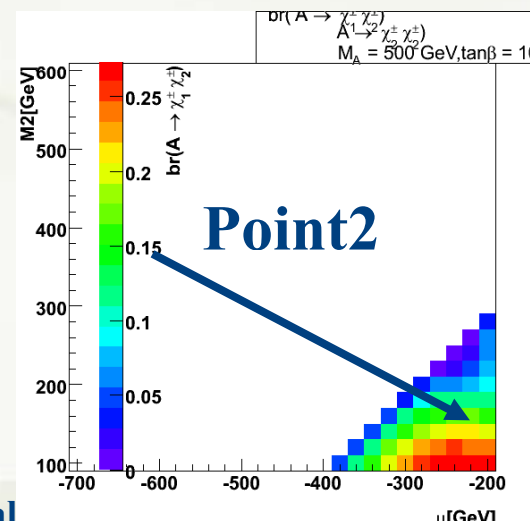
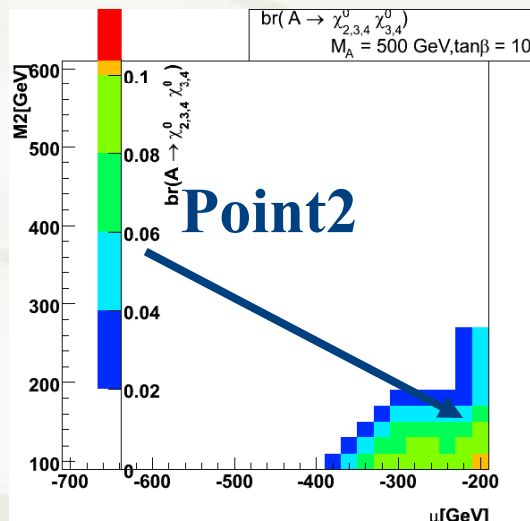
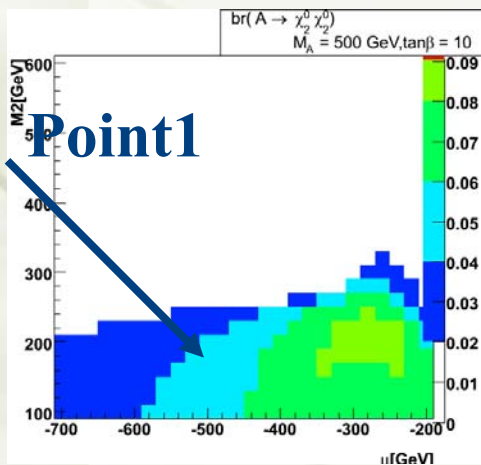
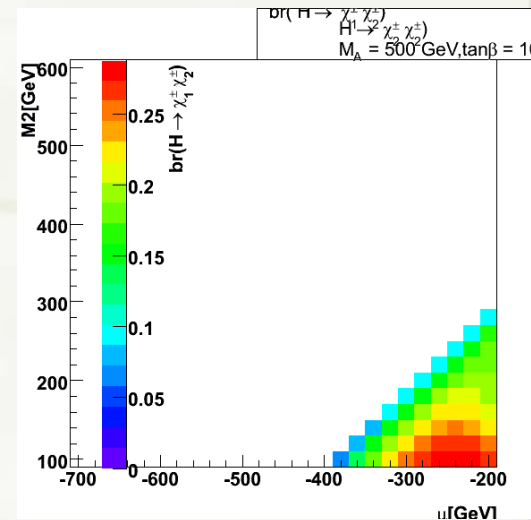
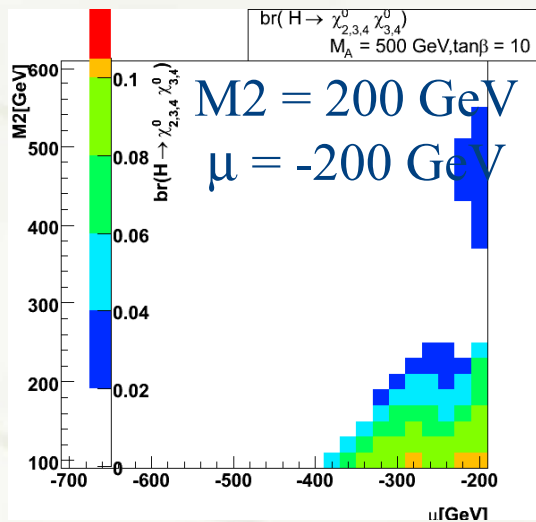
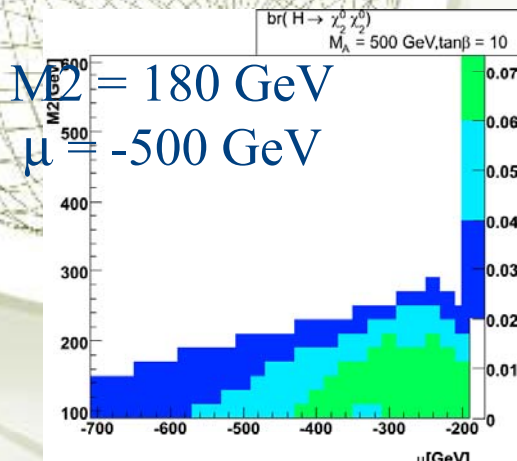
★ $A_\ell = 0$

★ $m_\ell = m_{\text{tsoft}} = 250 \text{ GeV}$

Branching ratio



$$\chi^0_{3,4} \chi^0_{2,3,4} \quad \chi^+_{1} \chi^-_{2}, \chi^+_{2} \chi^-_{2}$$



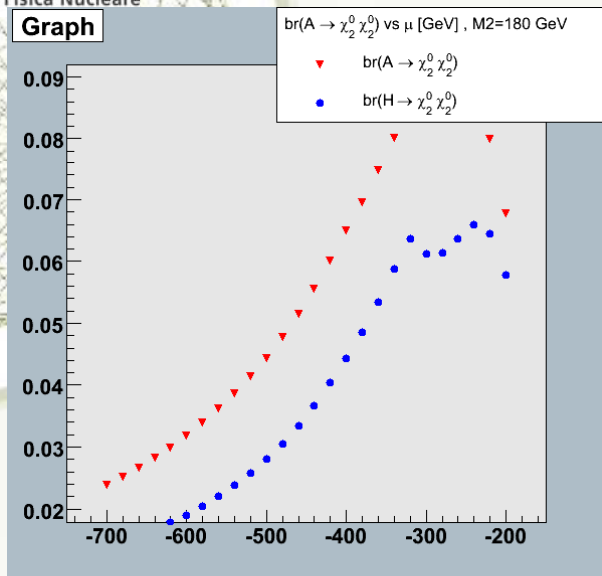
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$\mu < 0$

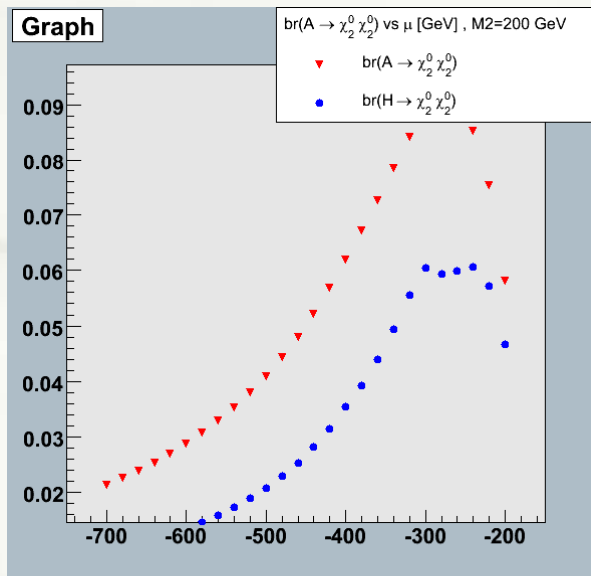
$\chi_2^0 \chi_2^0 \rightarrow \chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 4\ell$ negative μ



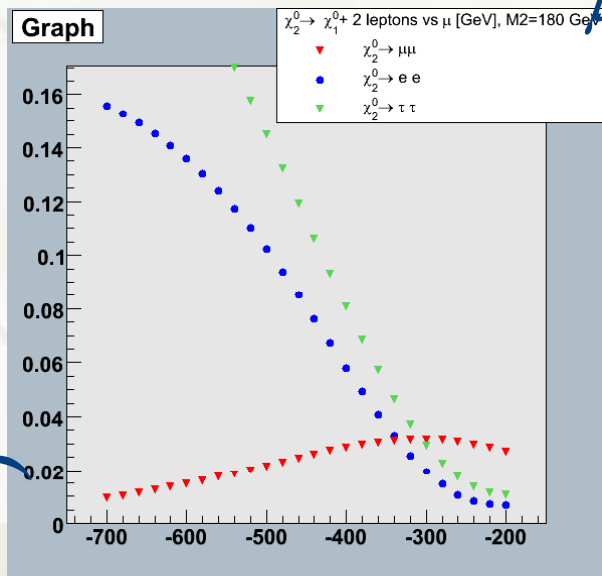
$Br(A/H \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_2^0)$



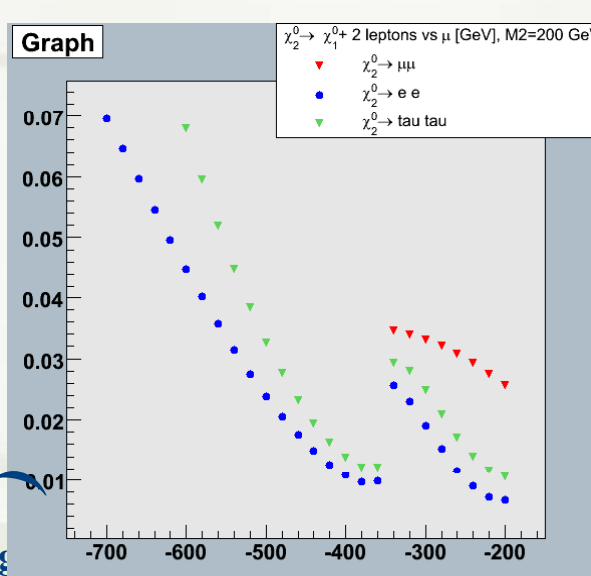
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$Br(\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \chi_1^0 2\ell)$



$Br(\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \chi_1^0 2\ell)$



Charged Hig

μ

μ

➤ **Signal**

$$H \rightarrow 4 \ell$$

$$A \rightarrow 4 \ell$$

➤ **Standard Model Background**

• $bbZ \rightarrow 4 \ell$

• $tt \rightarrow 4 \ell$

• $ZZ \rightarrow 4 \ell$

➤ **MSSM Background**

$$\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}$$

$$\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\nu}$$

$$\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$$

$$tH^- + c.c.$$

$$\rightarrow 4 \ell$$

Reference points: (same BKMM)

1) **MSSM Point 1** $M_A=500$ GeV $\tan\beta=20$

2) **MSSM Point 2** $M_A=600$ GeV $\tan\beta=35$

3) **MSUGRA Point A** $\tan\beta=20$

4) **MSUGRA Point B** $\tan\beta=20$

MSSM particle masses



	Point 1 [GeV]	Point 2 [GeV]	Point A [GeV]	Point B [GeV]
M_A	500.0	600.0	257.4	439.5
M_H	503.4	603.9	259.1	442.5
$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	89.7	93.9	61.1	62.3
$\tilde{\chi}_2^0$	176.3	155.5	109.4	111.9
$\tilde{\chi}_3^0$	507.0	211.9	235.9	241.9
$\tilde{\chi}_4^0$	511.0	262.6	259.8	265.4
$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$	176.3	153.1	108.7	111.6
$\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm$	514.0	263.6	260.2	265.9

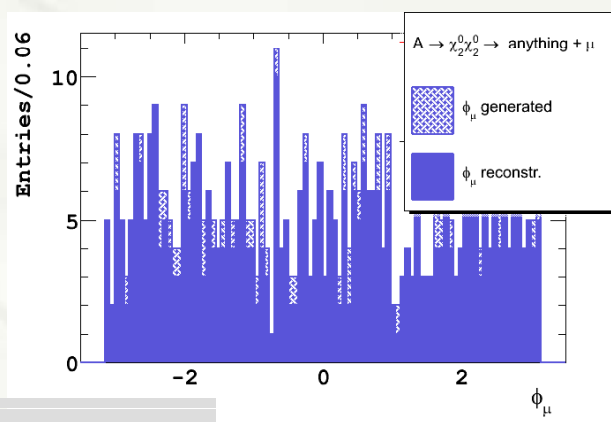
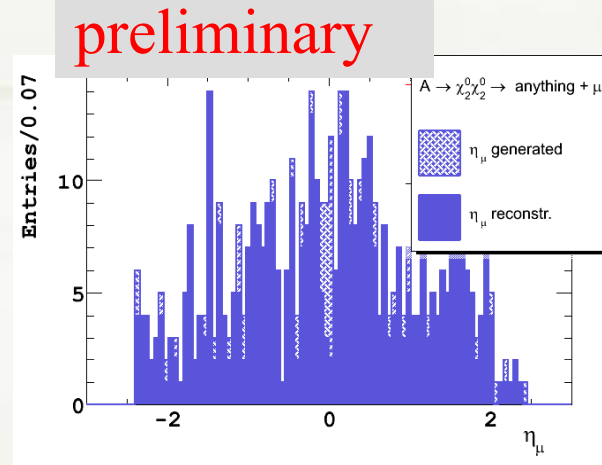
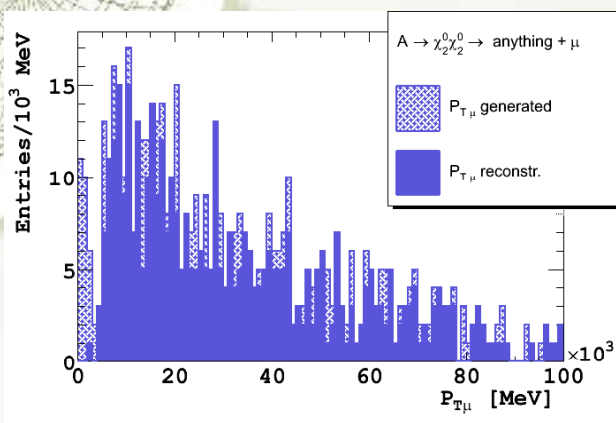
Simulation & reconstruction in *ATLAS detector*



- ★ **ATLAS detector response has been full simulated** taking into account the effects of energy loss, multiple scattering and showering in the detector through ATHENA interface.
- ★ **SM background cross section, as signal are considered at LO approximation**
- **Study at $L_{\text{int}}=300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ scenario ($\rightarrow L_{\text{int}}=100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)**
- **The statistics used corresponds to AT LEAST this luminosity. In some delicate points the statistics is increased up a factor 2, with exception tt background.**

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Muons



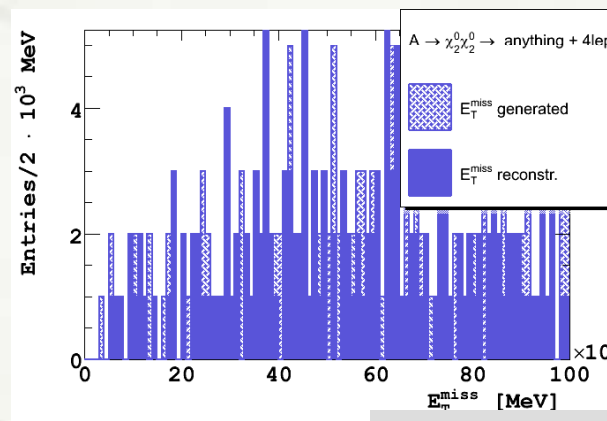
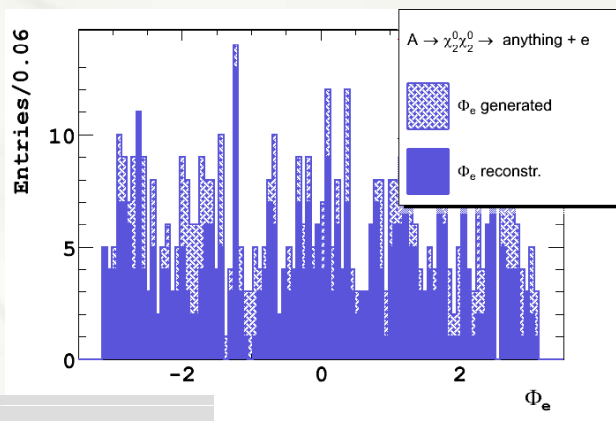
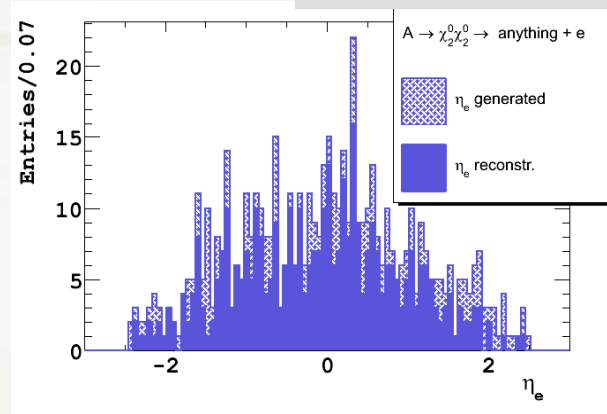
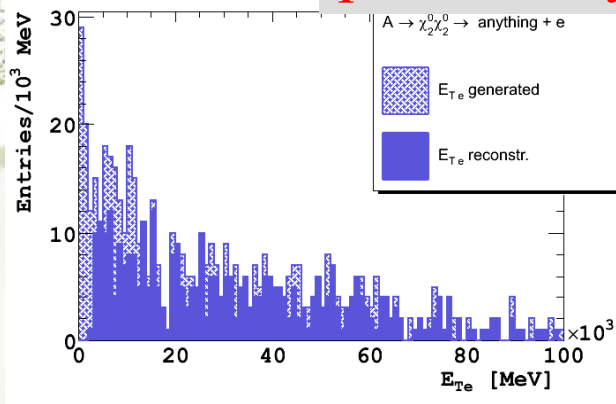
➤ For A Sample μ in events
 $A/H \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_2^0 \rightarrow \mu \dots\dots$

Electrons & E_T^{miss}

➤ For A Sample in events

$A/H \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_2^0 \rightarrow e \dots$ **preliminary**

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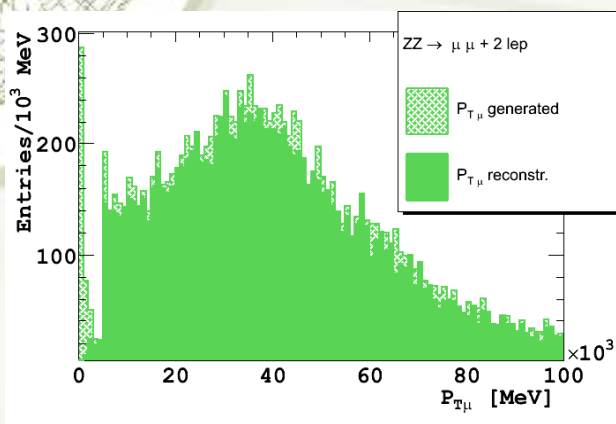


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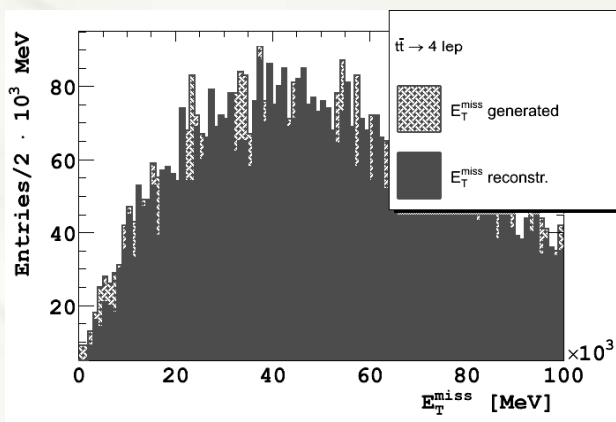
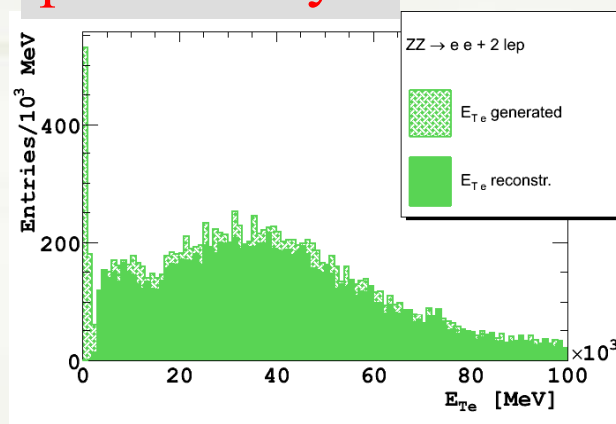
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ZZ and tt sample

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➤ **Generation Event Filter:** $4 \ell \rightarrow$ and $|\eta| < 2.7, p_T^\ell > 5\text{GeV}$

➤ **Preselection cuts:**

- Trigger one: 1 electron isolated $E > 22 \text{ GeV}$ or a μ isolated $> 20 \text{ GeV}$ (1 μ 20i or 1e22i)
- $p_T^\ell > 5\text{GeV}$
- Isolation $\Sigma p_T < 6 \text{ GeV}$ in cone $\Delta R = 0.2$
- Medium electron definition considered

reconstruction

➤ **Selection**

- **Lepton pair charge and flavour constrains $\ell_1^- \ell_1^+ \ell_2^- \ell_2^+$**

Selection 2 part

Selection cuts:

- Impact significance parameter for $\mu > 4$ and $e > 6$

tt

- $p_T^{\ell 1} > 8 \text{ GeV}$

- $35 \text{ GeV} < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 130 \text{ GeV}$

- Z veto : $|M_{\text{inv}}(\ell^+ \ell^-) - M_Z| > 6 \text{ GeV}$

Zbb, ZZ

\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}

- 1st high energy lepton $p_T^{\ell 1}$, 2nd high energy lepton $p_T^{\ell 2}$

- $25 \text{ GeV} < p_T^{\ell 1} < 110 \text{ GeV}$

- $p_T^{\ell 1} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ and $p_T^{\ell 2} > 60 \text{ GeV}$

- $p_T^{\ell 2} > 60 \text{ GeV}$ (only Set2 & SetA)

$\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\nu}$
 $\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$

- $P_T^{\text{Min}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$

- $N_{\text{jet}} \leq 5$ $P_T^{\text{jet}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ (with 1 track)

\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}
 $\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$

- $\text{Minv}(\ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^-) < 125 \text{ GeV}$ (SetA)

$\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\nu}$
 $\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$

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Reference Point 1 Sample



SIGNAL
Back
SM
MSSM

Particle	σ_e [pb]	BR _{4lep}	N _{ev} (300 fb ⁻¹)	Sample Used ($\chi^0\chi^0$)	N _{sel} (300 fb ⁻¹)
A	1.18	0.0051	1800	2250 (226)	30
H	1.16	0.0049	1700	2500 (164)	14
Zbb	60.5	0.00942	171000	44500	2
tt	500	0.00728	1092000	570555	82
ZZ	0.21	0.219*	13500	115700	10
\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}	1.49	0.034	15000	17000	1
$\tilde{l}, \tilde{\nu}$	0.15	0.15	1100	1500	44
$\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$	2.97	0.019	1700	2500	7
$tH^- + c.c.$	0.136	0.0078	315	500	0



Set1: Cross Section & Br A, H

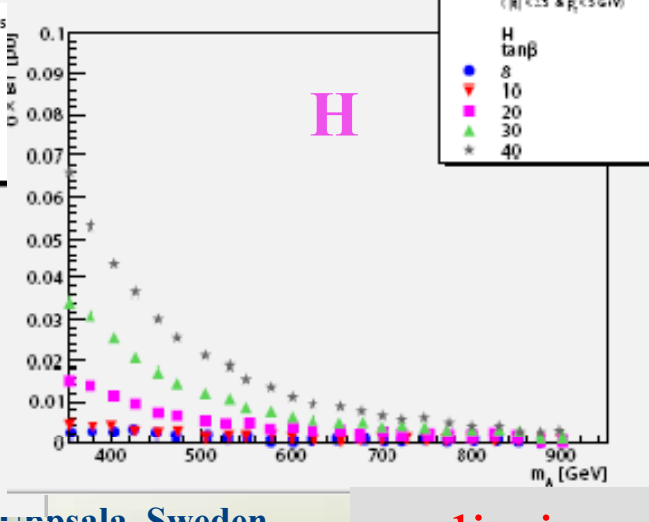
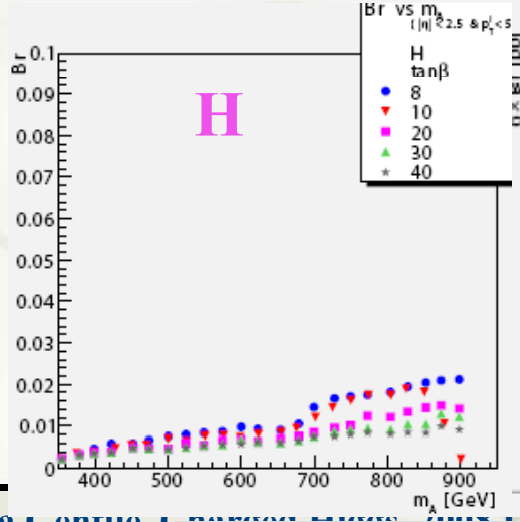
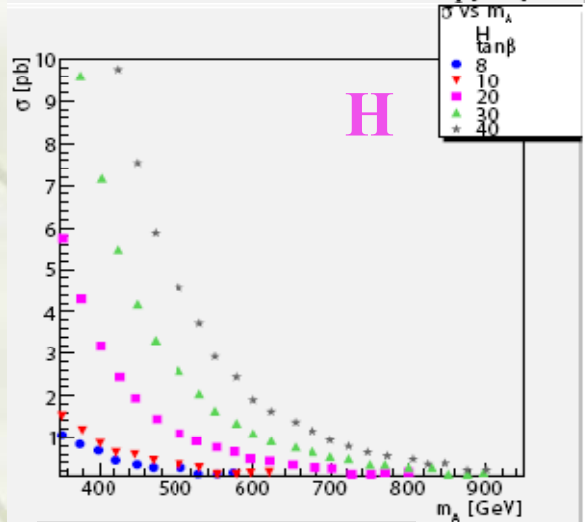
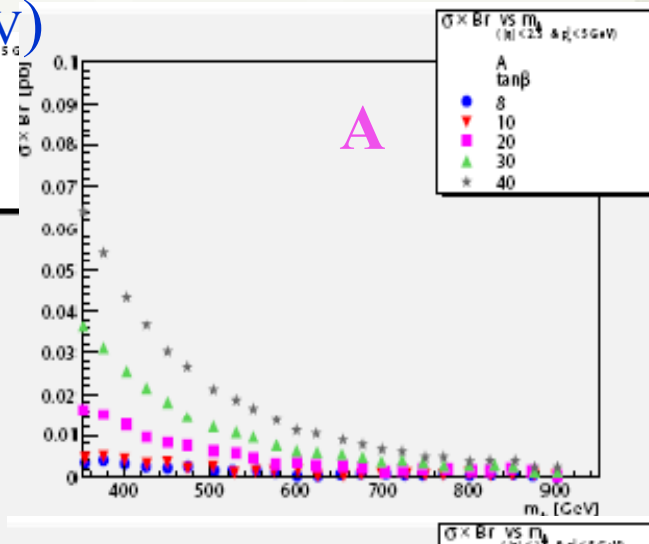
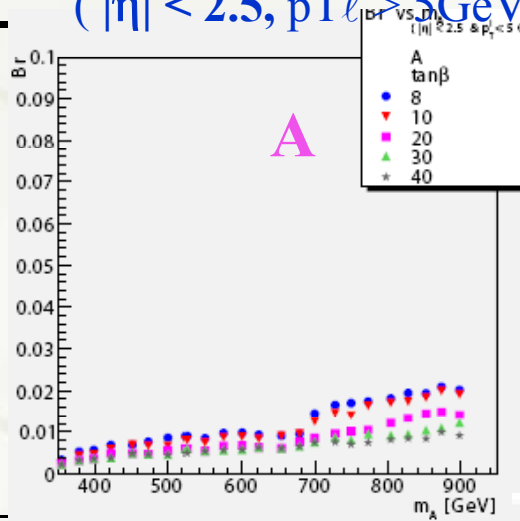
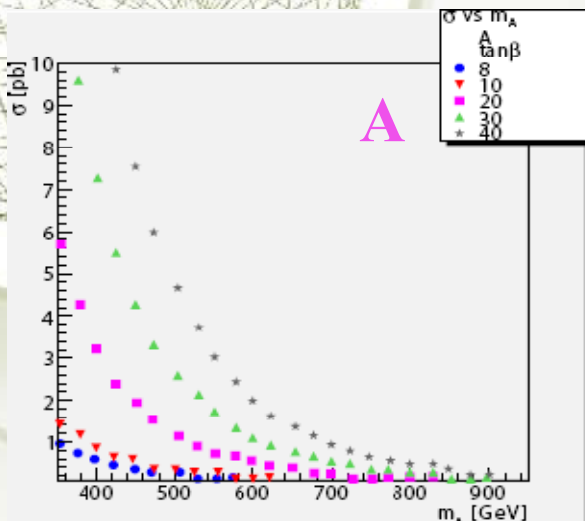


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$Br_{4\ell}$

$\sigma \times Br_{4\ell}$

($|\eta| < 2.5, p_{T\ell} > 5\text{GeV}$)

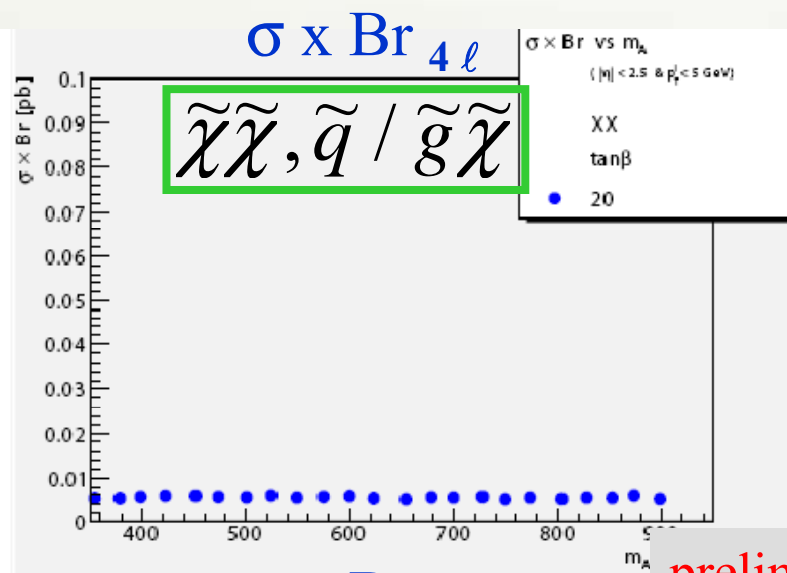
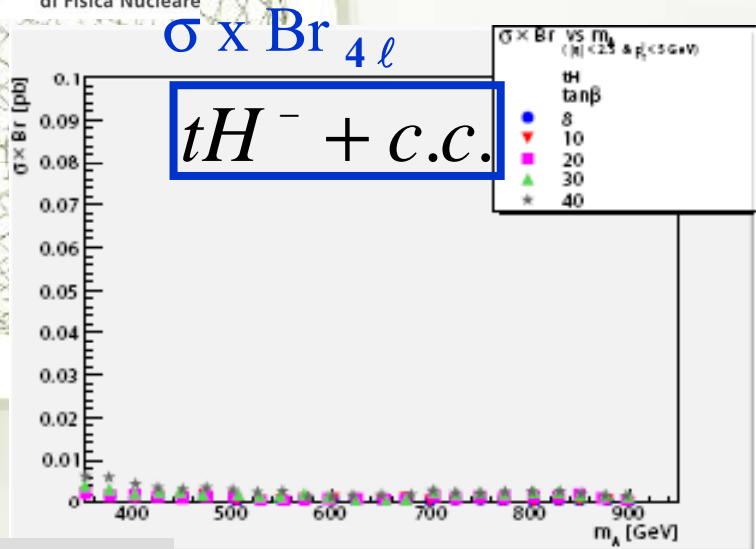


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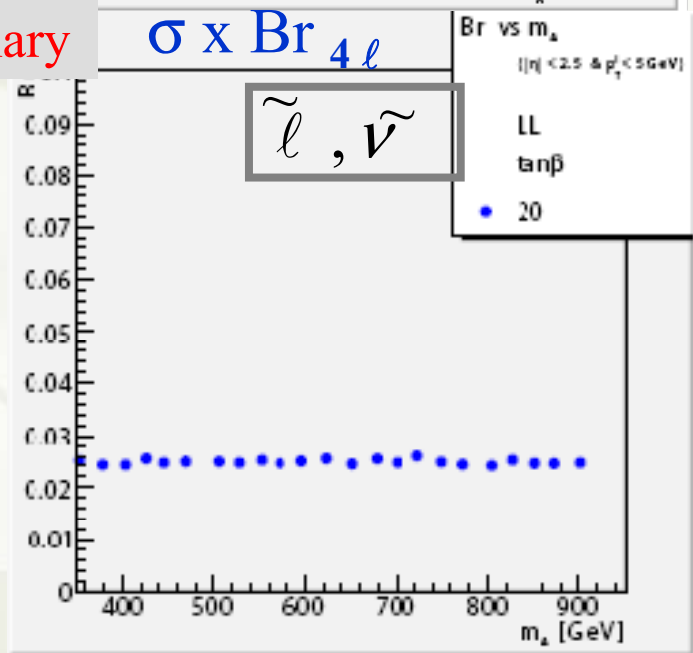
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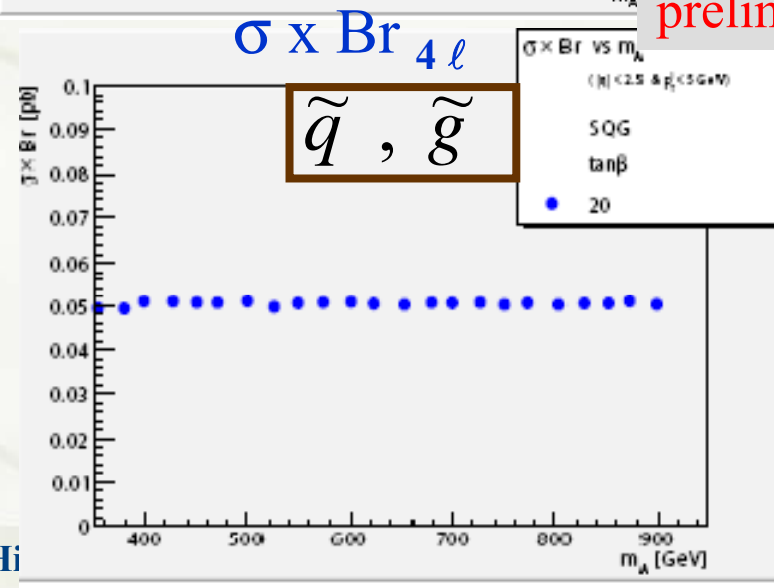
Background effective cross section



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Set 1-MSSM Background

\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}
 $\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\nu}$
 $\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$
 $tH^- + c.c.$

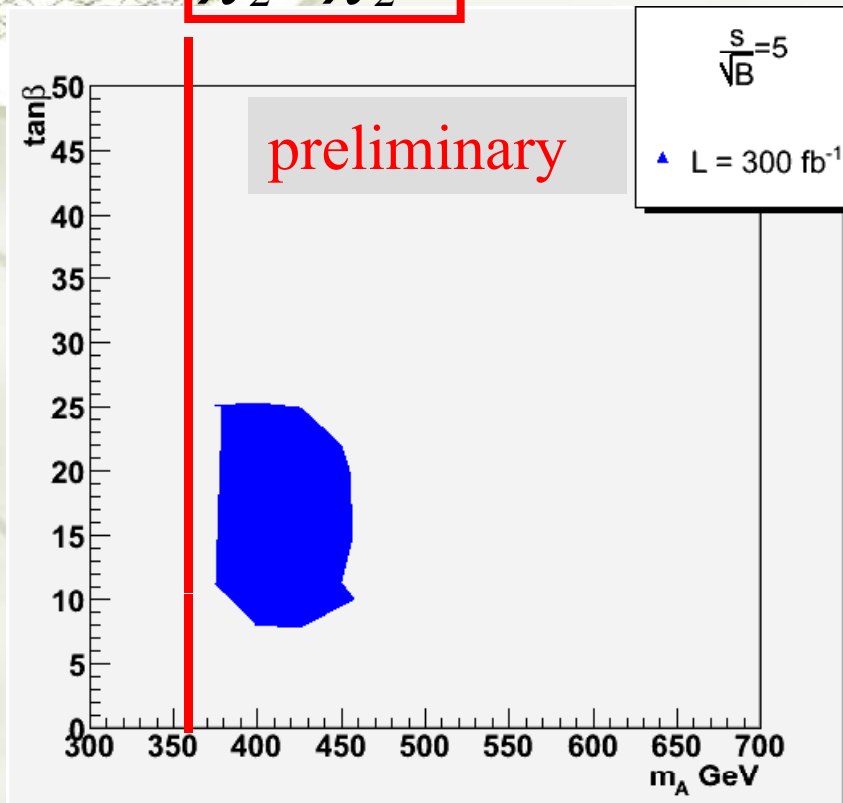
} ■ $\sigma \times Br_{4\ell}$ not depending from M_A , as expected. The events processed at each $\tan\beta$ at $M_A = 500$ GeV are used.

■ tH events studied at each point $(\tan\beta, M_A)$

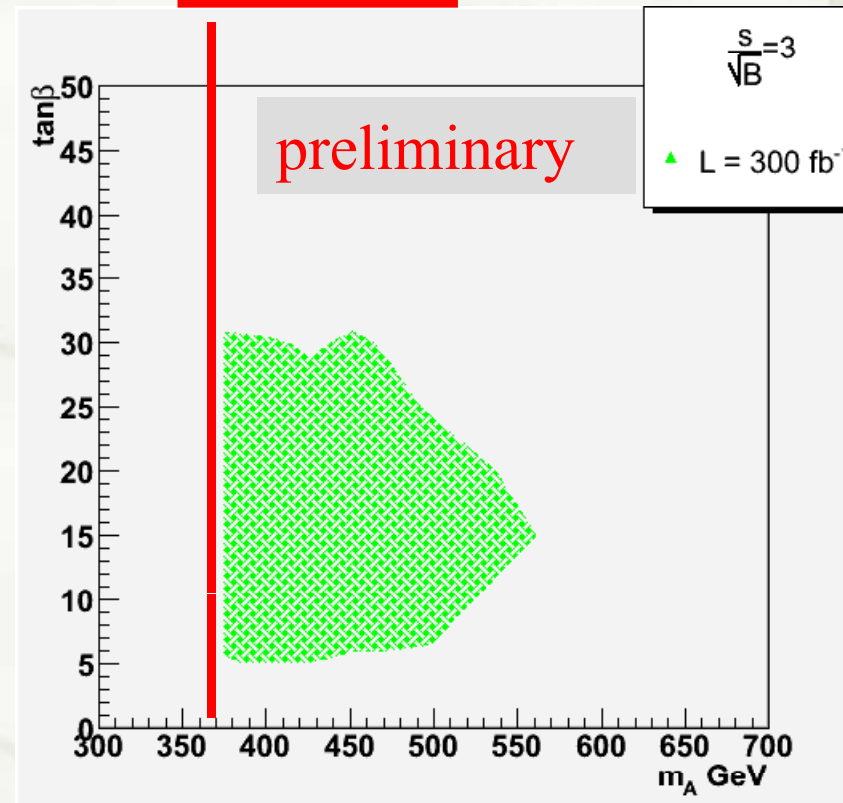
Explored region:

- $\tan\beta$ 5, 8 and 10-40 step 5
- M_A 375-900 GeV step 25 GeV

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0$$

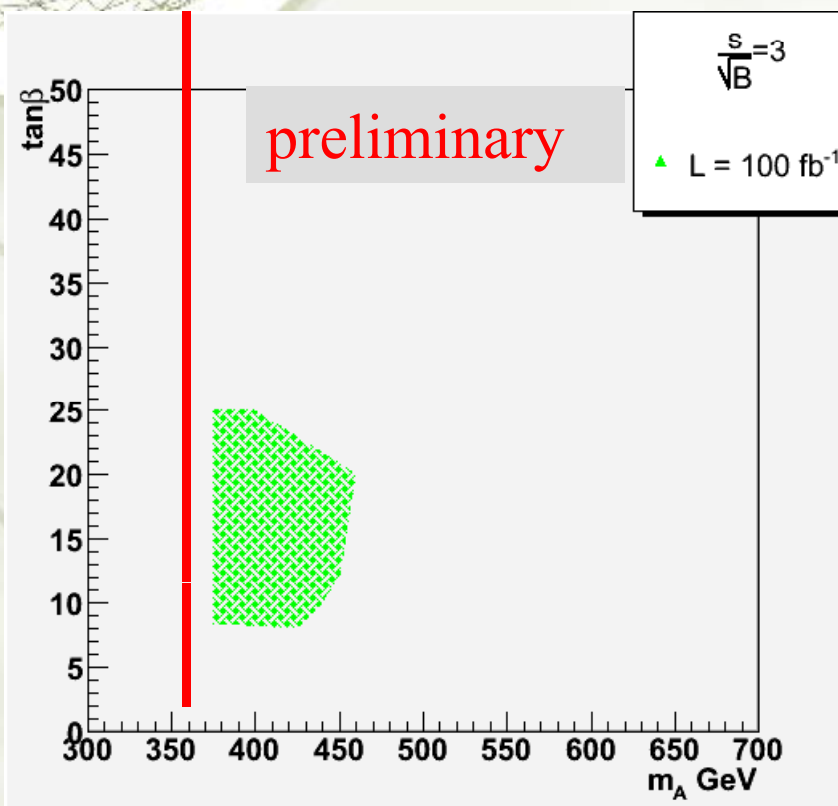


$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0$$



Set 1 Discovery plots at $L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0$$



- ✦ The discovery region for $A/H \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow 4 \ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ can be accessible only after $L=300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$.
- ✦ No clear discovery possibility at lower luminosity
- ✦ The background are mainly **ZZ and slepton pair and tt pair.**

Set 2 : Cross Section & Br A, H

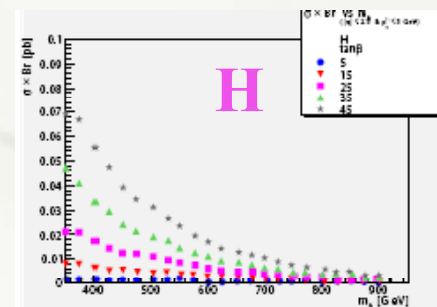
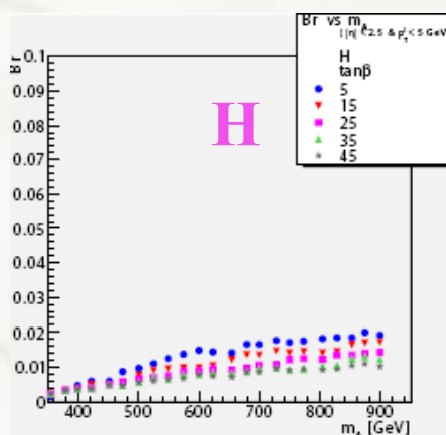
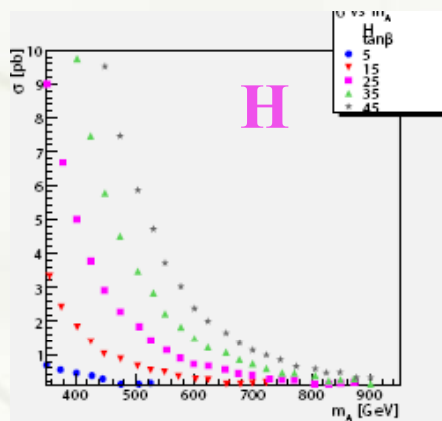
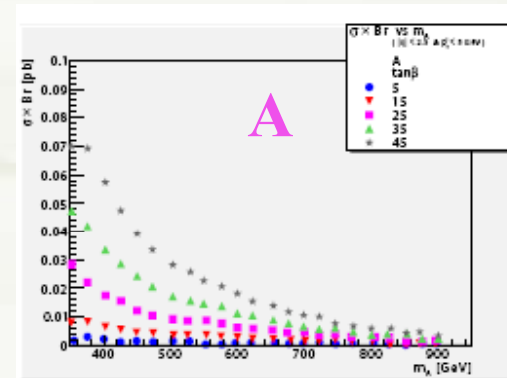
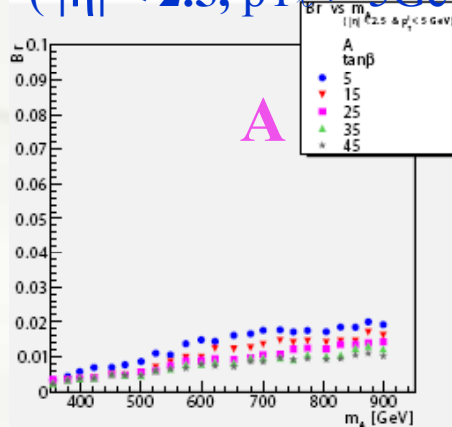
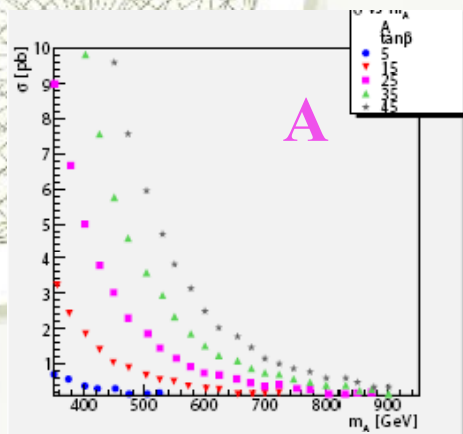


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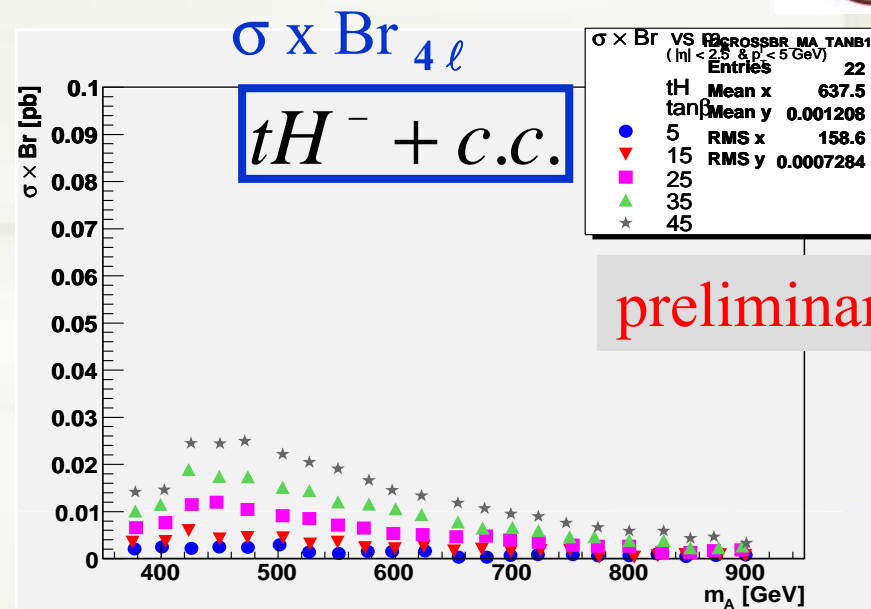
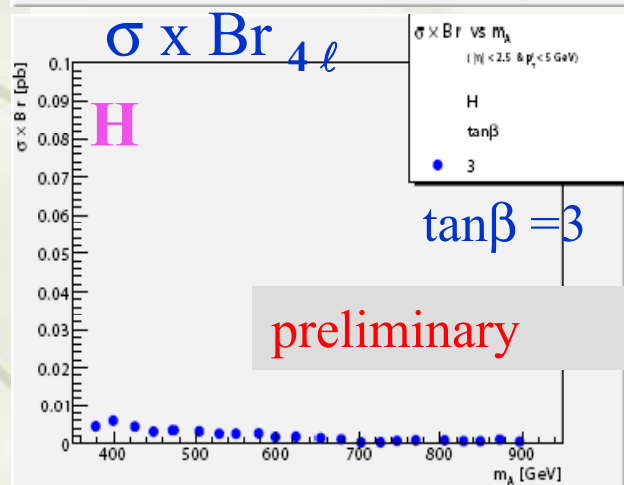
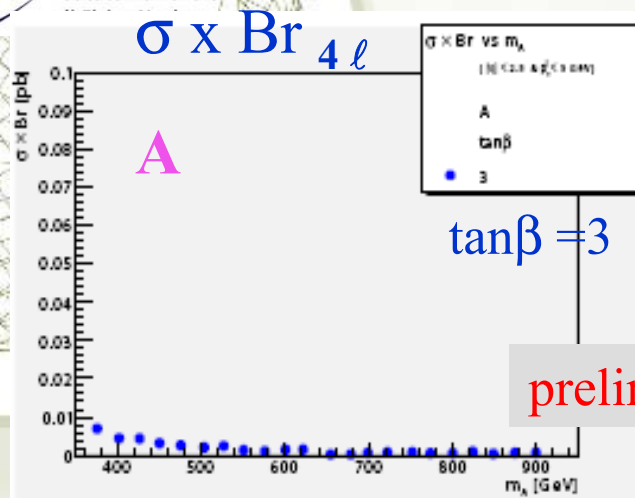
$\sigma \times Br_{4\ell}$



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- tH background not anymore negligible
- LL background negligible

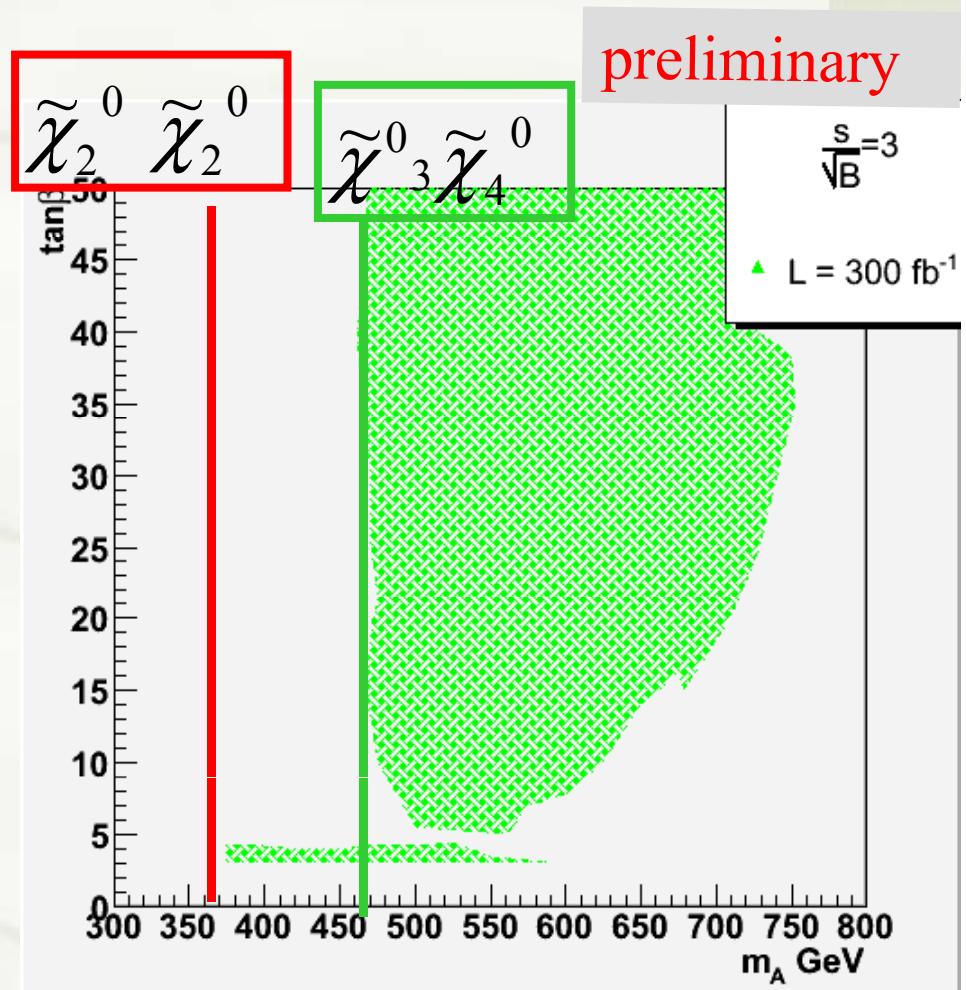
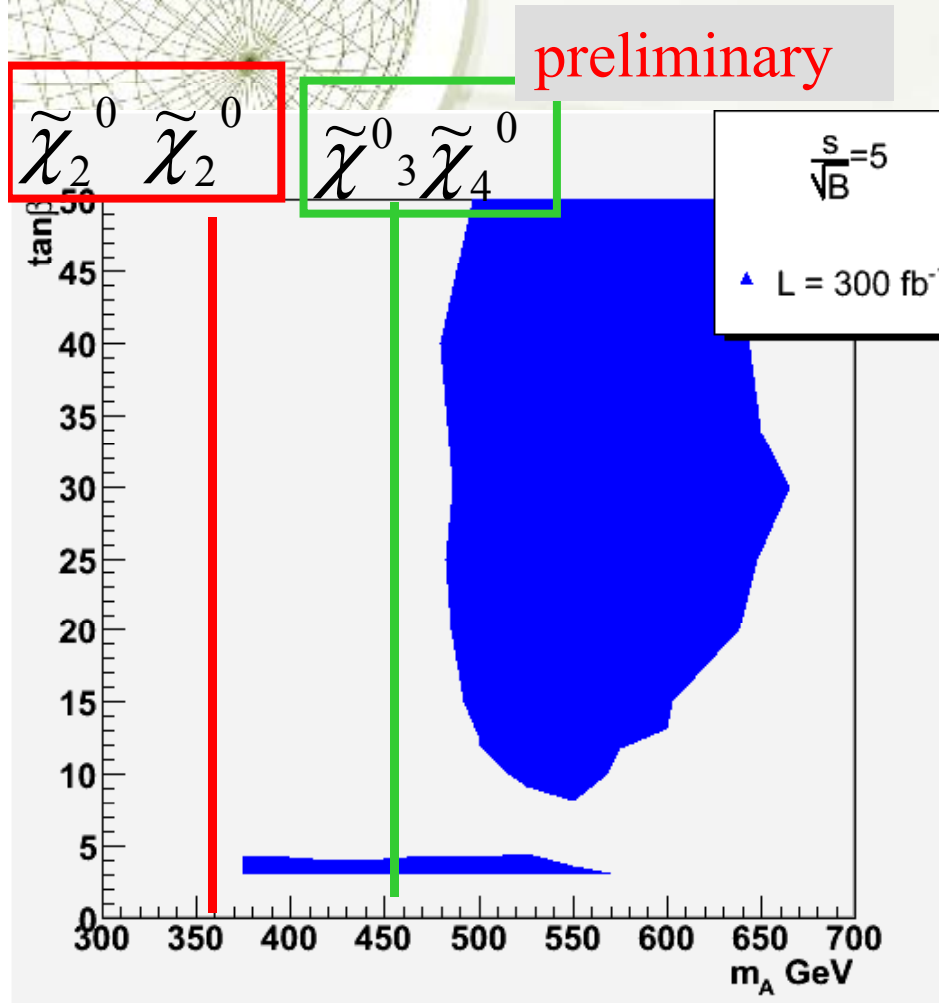
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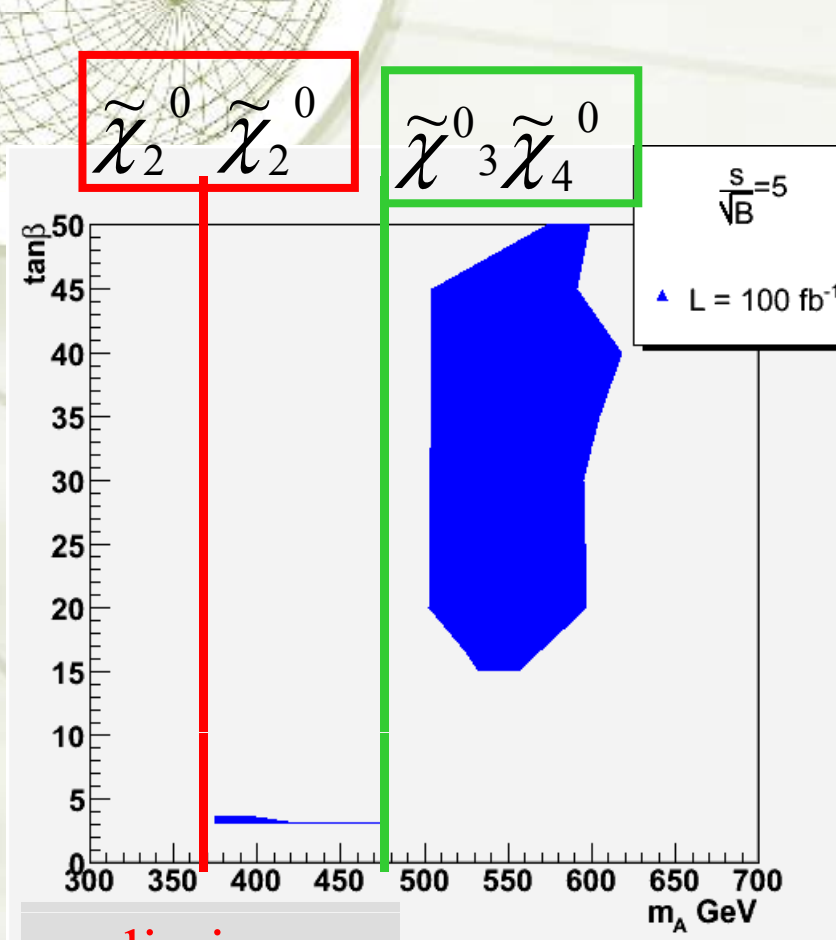
• low $\tan\beta$ region
Signal dominated

$$A \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_2^0$$

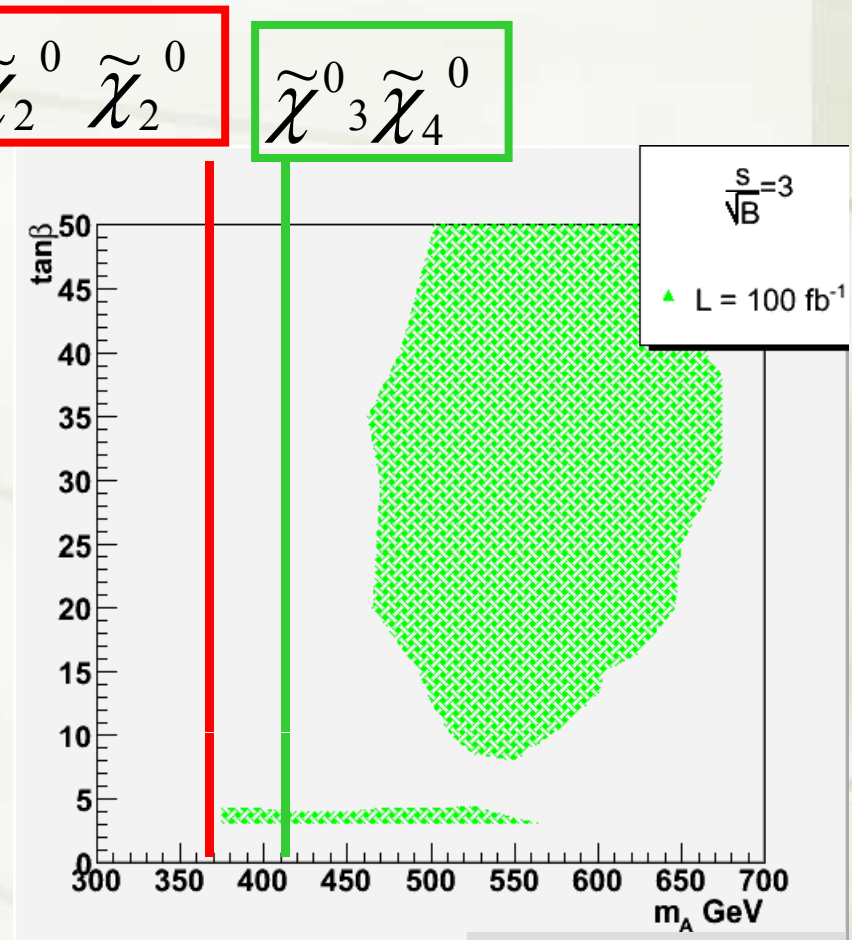
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Set2 Discovery plots at $L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



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Conclusion of Set2



★ The detection region of

$$A/H \rightarrow \chi_{2,3,4}^0 \chi_{2,3,4}^0 \rightarrow 4 \ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

and

$$A, H \rightarrow \chi_{2,2}^+ \chi_{1,2}^- \rightarrow 4 \ell^{\pm\pm} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

is accessible also with $L=100\text{fb}^{-1}$.

★ The remaining background are mainly **ZZ** and **tt pair**,
direct $\chi \chi$, tH^\pm production is not negligible.

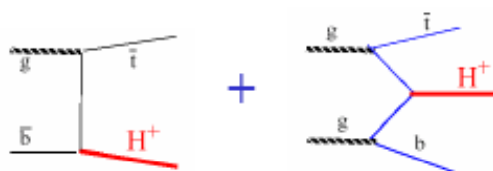
★ Preliminary study also on MSUGRA has been performed, SetA,
In this scenario the copious background is tt pair $\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\nu}, \tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi}, \tilde{q} / \tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}$

★ The point at $M_A = 257 \text{ GeV}$ and $\tan \beta = 20$

has been studied. The significance achieved is after $L = 300\text{fb}^{-1}$ is
 $\geq 5 \sigma$.

Charged Higgs involvement

Analogue production mechanism for H^\pm



Analogue decay mode:

$$H^\pm \rightarrow \chi_{2,3}^0 \chi_{1,2}^\pm \rightarrow 3l + E_T^{miss}$$

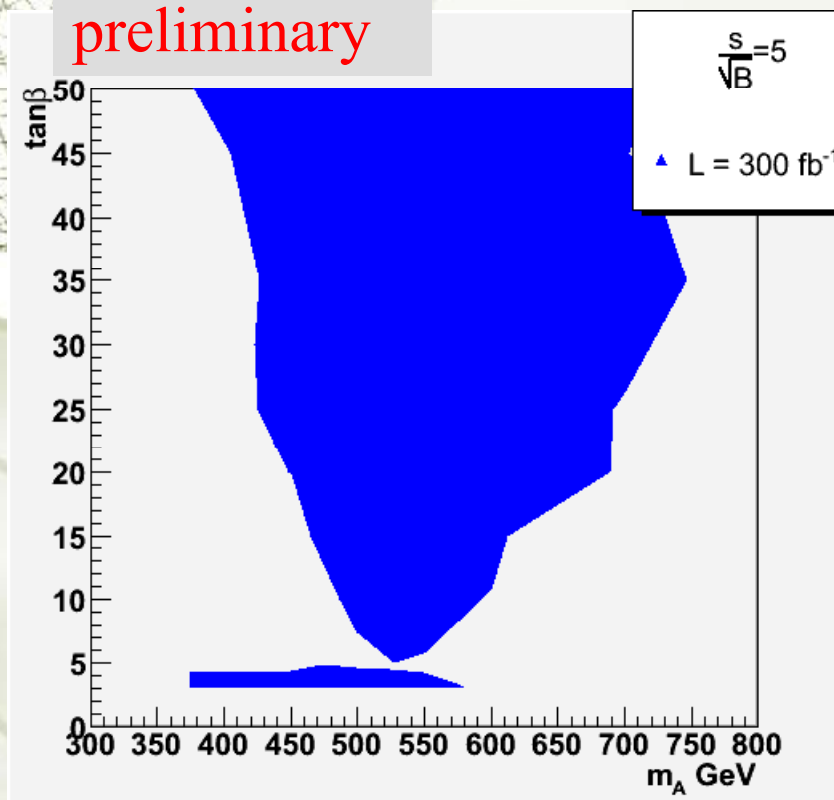
Final state: Only 3 lepton + another lepton from a top decay

Is not the best final state for a dedicated H^\pm search.....

Simonetta Gentile, Charged Higgs, 2008, Uppsala, Sweden.

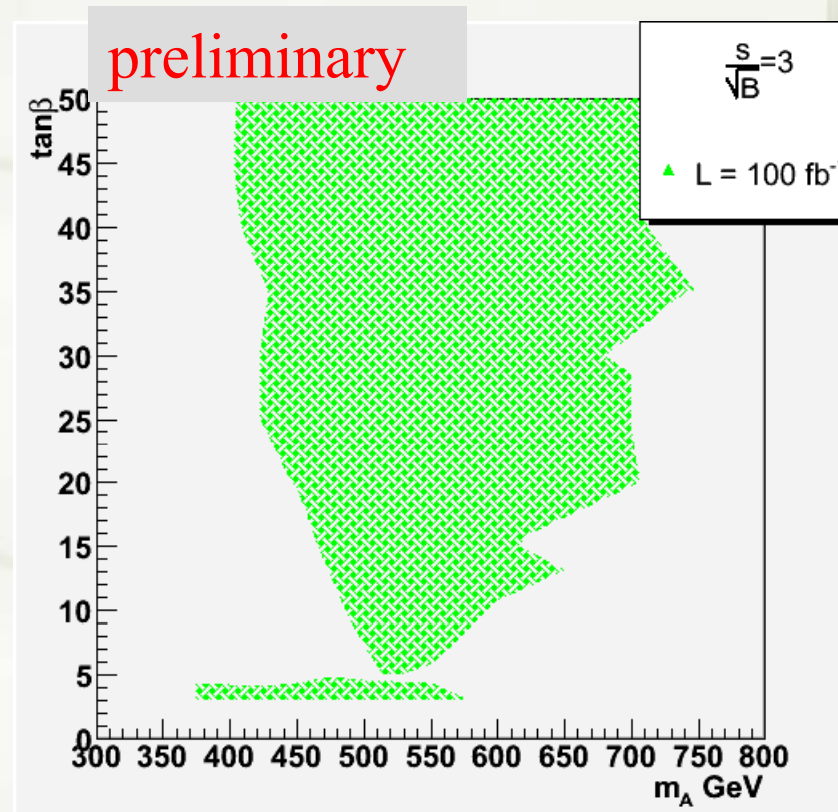
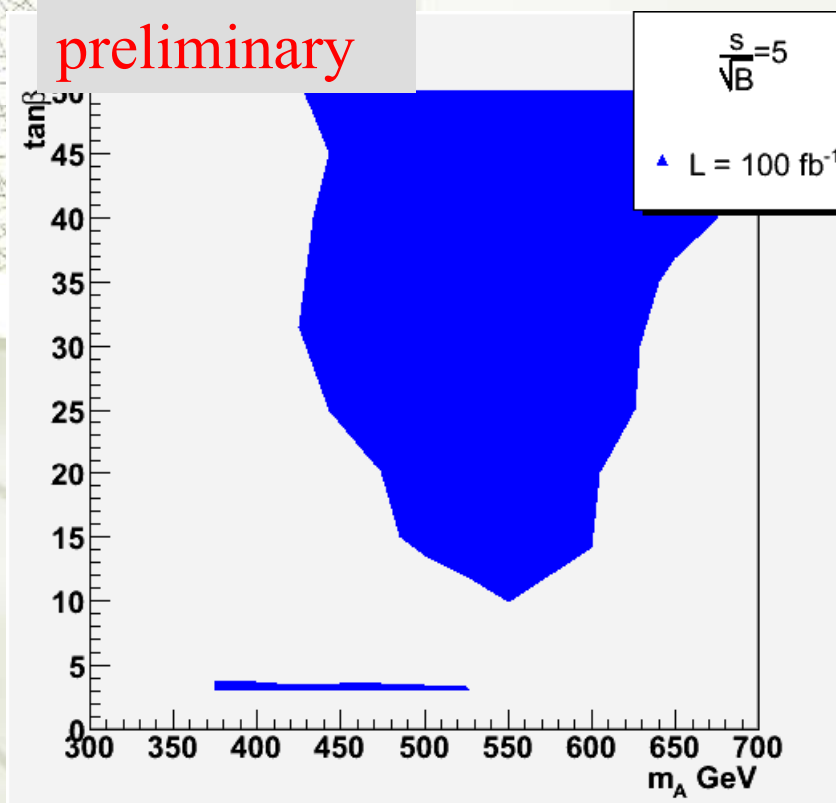
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- ★ Discover potential study in MSSM neutral Higgs boson, $A/H \rightarrow 4 \ell + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ in ATLAS has provided the first results.
- ★ A scan in $(M_A, \tan\beta)$ plane with the the points dominated by $\chi_2^0 \chi_2^0$ decays (Set1) and $\chi_{2,3}^0 \chi_{2,3,4}^0$ decays (Set2) has been performed using full simulation of ATLAS detector
- ★ With Set1 parameters the possibility of discovery of neutral MSSM Higgs are after $L=300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$,
- ★ With Set 2 the perspective are more encouraging even with $L=100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- ★ The inclusion of charged Higgs decay extends the possibility of discovery a MSSM Higgs even with $L=100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$.
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