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# *NMSSM Higgs Boson Search at the High-Energy LHC*

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# The $\mathcal{NMSSM}$ Higgs Sector

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- **Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Extension of the SM: NMSSM**

Fayet; Kaul eal; Barbieri eal; Dine eal; Nilles eal; Frere eal; Derendinger eal; Ellis eal;  
Drees; Ellwanger eal; Savoy; Elliott eal; Gunion eal; Franke eal; Maniatis; Djouadi eal; Mahmoudi eal; ...

- **SUSY Higgs Sector:** at least 2 complex Higgs doublets, NMSSM: plus complex singlet field  $\rightsquigarrow$

- **Solution of the  $\mu$ -problem:**  $\mu$  must be of  $\mathcal{O}$ (EWSB scale)

Kim, Nilles

$\mu$  generated dynamically through the VEV of scalar component of an additional chiral superfield field  $\hat{S}$ :  $\mu = \lambda \langle S \rangle$  from:  $\lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d$

- **Enlarged Higgs and neutralino sector:** 2 complex Higgs doublets  $\hat{H}_u, \hat{H}_d$ , 1 complex singlet  $\hat{S}$

7 Higgs bosons:  $H_1, H_2, H_3, A_1, A_2, H^+, H^-$

5 neutralinos:  $\tilde{\chi}_i^0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 5$ )

- **Significant changes of Higgs boson phenomenology**

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# NMSSM Higgs Discovery at the LHC

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- **Present Status:**

Higgs signal at 125 GeV

No BSM Higgs discovered yet.      True?

- **Could be that we already discovered NMSSM Higgs bosons!**

Higgs signal at 125 GeV is built up by two degenerate Higgs bosons.

- **What about the MSSM?**

Two light MSSM CP-even Higgs bosons  $\iff$  light CP-odd  $A$ , relatively light  $H^\pm$

light  $M_{H^\pm}$  excluded

CMS-HIG-12-052, ATLAS-CONF-2012-011 and 2013-090

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## Investigation of $\mathcal{N}MSSM$ Discovery Prospects - Scan

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Mixing angle  $\tan \beta$  and NMSSM couplings  $\lambda, \kappa$ :

$$1 \leq \tan \beta \leq 30, \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 0.7, \quad -0.7 \leq \kappa \leq 0.7$$

with perturbativity requirement

$$\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2} \leq 0.7$$

Soft SUSY breaking trilinear NMSSM couplings and  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ :

$$-2 \text{ TeV} \leq A_\lambda \leq 2 \text{ TeV}, \quad -2 \text{ TeV} \leq A_\kappa \leq 2 \text{ TeV}, \quad -1 \text{ TeV} \leq \mu_{\text{eff}} \leq 1 \text{ TeV}$$

Remaining Parameters:

$$-2 \text{ TeV} \leq A_U, A_D, A_L \leq 2 \text{ TeV}$$

$$600 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\tilde{Q}_3} \leq 3 \text{ TeV}, \quad 600 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\tilde{\tau}_R} = M_{\tilde{L}_3} \leq 3 \text{ TeV}, \quad M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 3 \text{ TeV}$$

$$M_{\tilde{u}_R, \tilde{c}_R} = M_{\tilde{d}_R, \tilde{s}_R} = M_{\tilde{Q}_{1,2}} = M_{\tilde{e}_R, \tilde{\mu}_R} = M_{\tilde{L}_{1,2}} = 3 \text{ TeV}$$

$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq M_1 \leq 1 \text{ TeV}, \quad 200 \text{ GeV} \leq M_2 \leq 1 \text{ TeV}, \quad 1.3 \text{ TeV} \leq M_3 \leq 3 \text{ TeV}$$

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## NMSSM Scan

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- **Conditions on the parameter scan:**

- \* At least one CP-even Higgs boson  $H_i \equiv h$  with:  $124 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_h \lesssim 127 \text{ GeV}$
- \* Compatibility with  $\mu_{XX}^{\text{exp}}$  ( $X = b, \tau, \gamma, W, Z$ ):  $|\mu_{XX}^{\text{scan}}(h) - \mu_{XX}^{\text{exp}}| \leq 2 \times 1\sigma$
- \* Relic density  $\Omega_c h^2$  below PLANCK result  $(\Omega_c h^2)^{\text{NMSSM}} \leq 0.1187 \pm 0.0017$  [PLANCK]

Constraints from low-energy observables, from LEP, Tevatron and LHC searches [NMSSMTools]

- **Signal can be superposition of two Higgs boson rates close in mass:  $h$  and  $\Phi = H_i, A_j$**

$$\mu_{XX}(h) \equiv R_\sigma(h) R_{XX}^{BR}(h) + \sum_{\substack{\Phi \neq h \\ |M_\Phi - M_h| \leq \delta}} R_\sigma(\Phi) R_{XX}^{BR}(\Phi) F(M_h, M_\Phi, d_{XX})$$

$\delta$  : mass resolution in the respective  $XX$  final state

$F(M_h, M_\Phi, d_{XX})$ : Gaussian weighting function

$d_{XX}$ : experimental resolution of final state  $XX$

[NMSSMTools]

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## Experimental Signal Rates

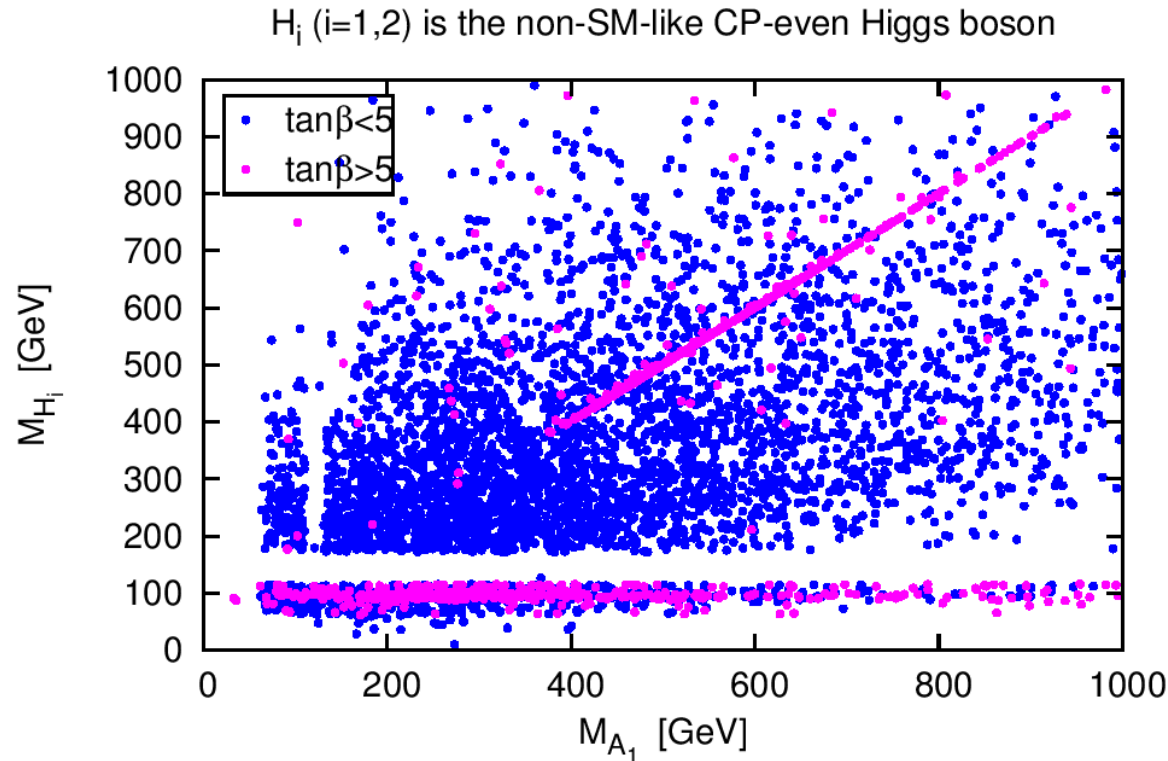
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Based on: ATLAS-CONF-2013-034; CMS-PAS-HIG-13-005; combination à la Espinosa,MMM,Grojean,Trott

channel	best fit value	$2 \times 1\sigma$ error
$VH \rightarrow Vbb$	0.97	$\pm 1.06$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	1.02	$\pm 0.7$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	1.14	$\pm 0.4$
$H \rightarrow WW$	0.78	$\pm 0.34$
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	1.11	$\pm 0.46$

# Mass Distributions

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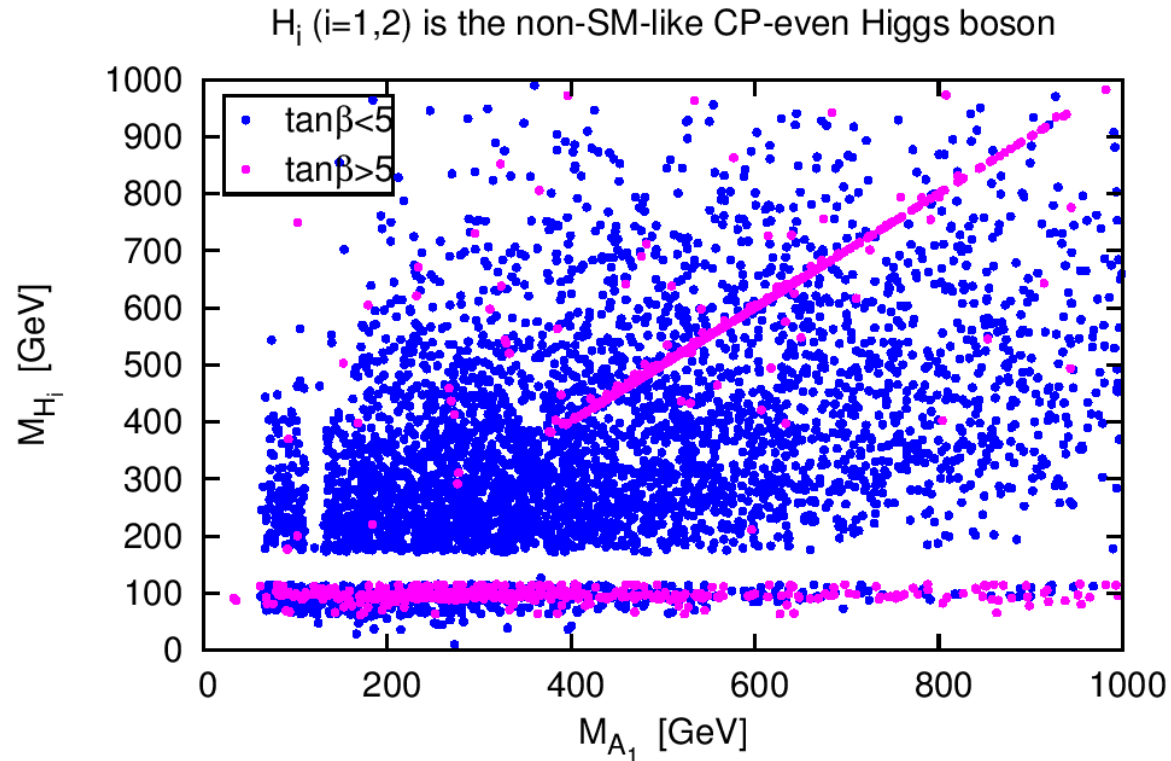
$M_{H_i} \lesssim 115$  GeV  $\rightsquigarrow H_1$  non-SM-like;  $M_{H_i} \gtrsim 180$  GeV  $\rightsquigarrow H_2$  non-SM-like

Gaps at  $115$  GeV  $\lesssim M_{H_i} \lesssim 180$  GeV and  $115$  GeV  $\lesssim M_{A_1} \lesssim 130$  GeV due to LHC Higgs data

Very few points for  $M_{H_i}, M_{A_1} \lesssim 62$  GeV  $\leftarrow$  SM-like Higgs decays into  $H_i, A_1 \rightsquigarrow$  reduced  $\mu$  values

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 $300$  GeV  $\lesssim M_{H_3}$ ,  $M_{A_2} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$



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## Discovery Prospects in the $\mathcal{N}$ atural $\mathcal{N}$ MSSM

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- What scenario could be constrained at 13 TeV?

- Investigate prospects for subspace: Natural NMSSM

$$0.6 \leq \lambda \leq 0.7, \quad -0.3 \leq \kappa \leq 0.3, \quad 1.5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 2.5, \quad 100 \text{ GeV} \leq |\mu_{\text{eff}}| \leq 185 \text{ GeV}$$

- Features of the NMSSM spectrum:

- \* SM-like Higgs boson:  $H_2 \equiv h$

- \*  $A_2, H_3$  doublet-like

- \*  $A_1, H_1$  singlet-like

- Convenient Notation

$$H_2 = h, \quad H_3 = H, \quad A_2 = A, \quad H_1 = H_s, \quad A_1 = A_s$$

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# Discovery Prospects in the Natural NMSSM

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- Tree-Level Mass Values

Nevezorov, Miller '04

$$M_H \approx M_A \approx M_{H^\pm} \approx \mu_{\text{eff}} \tan \beta$$

$$M_{A_s}^2 + 3M_{H_s}^2 \approx 12 \left( \frac{\kappa}{\lambda} \mu_{\text{eff}} \right)^2 + \Delta$$

$\sqrt{\Delta} \approx 137 \text{ GeV}$  ← loop corrections

- Loop-corrected Natural NMSSM Higgs Mass Values

$$230 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_H, M_A \lesssim 530 \text{ GeV}, 27 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_{H_s} \lesssim 117 \text{ GeV}, 29 \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_{A_s} \lesssim 300 \text{ GeV}$$

- Production Cross Sections for  $H$  and  $A$

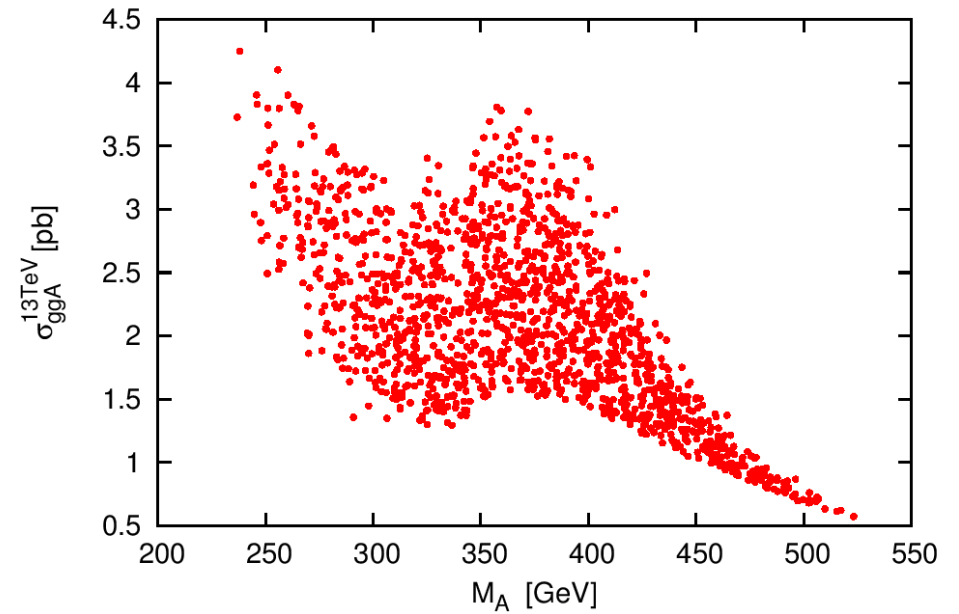
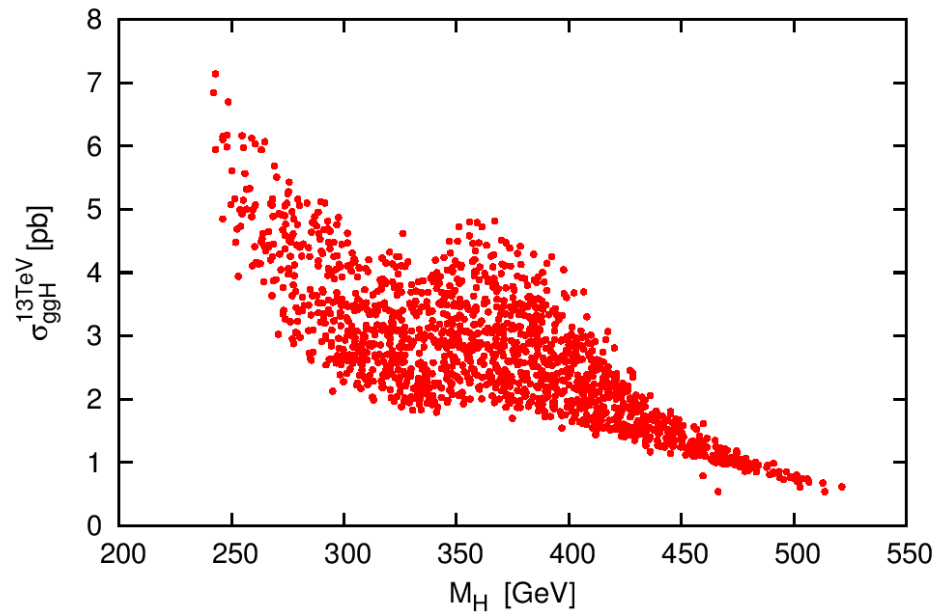
$$0.8 \text{ pb} \lesssim \sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \lesssim 7.5 \text{ pb}, \quad 0.6 \text{ pb} \lesssim \sigma(gg \rightarrow A) \lesssim 4.5 \text{ pb}$$

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# Production Cross Sections for $H, A$

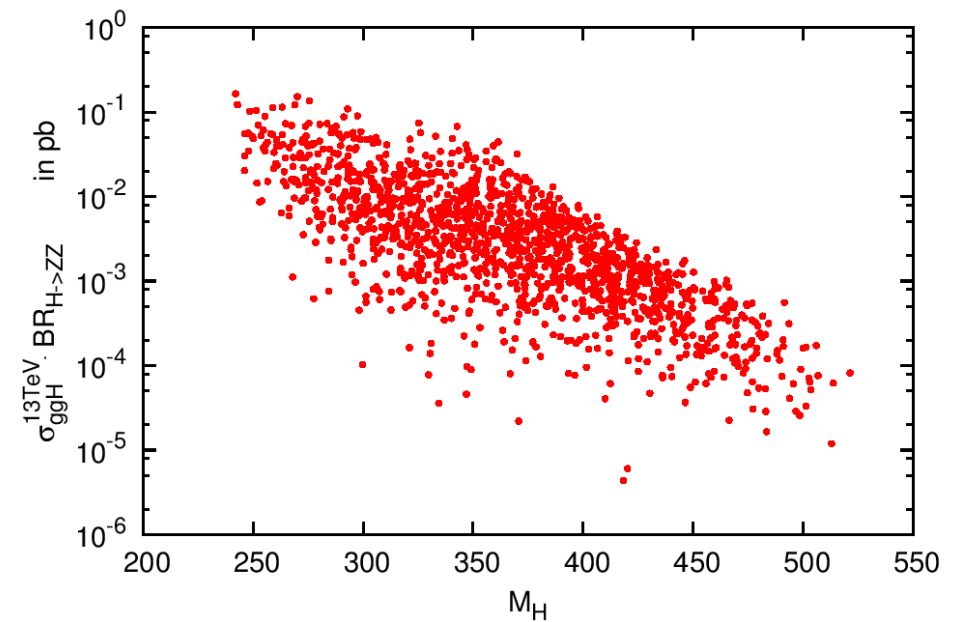
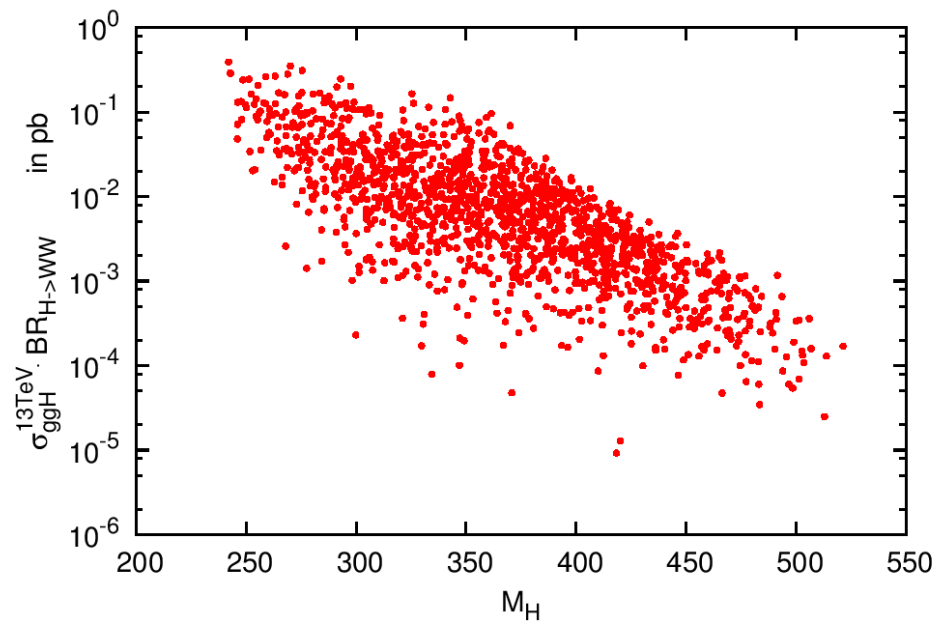
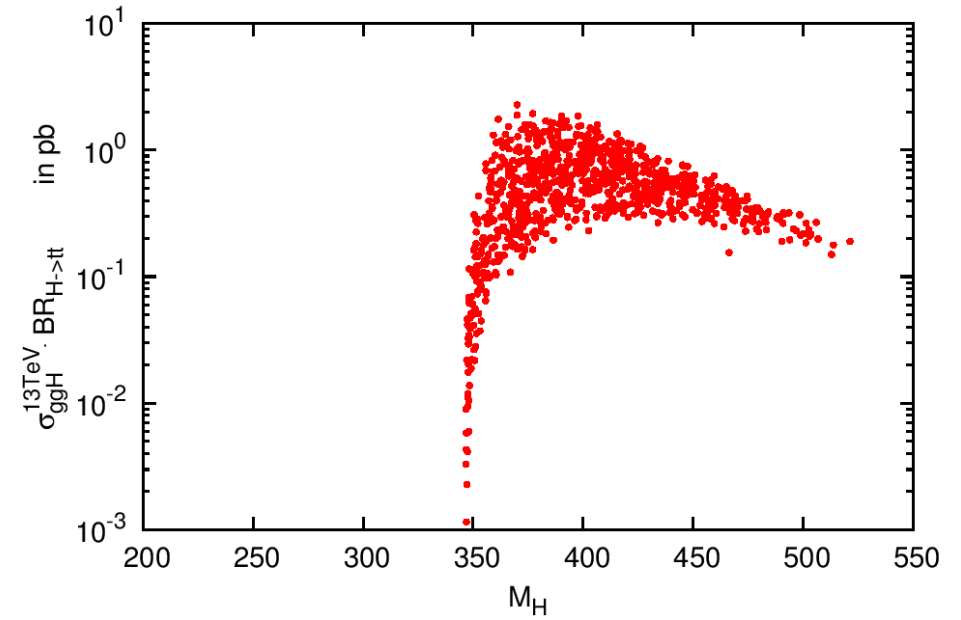
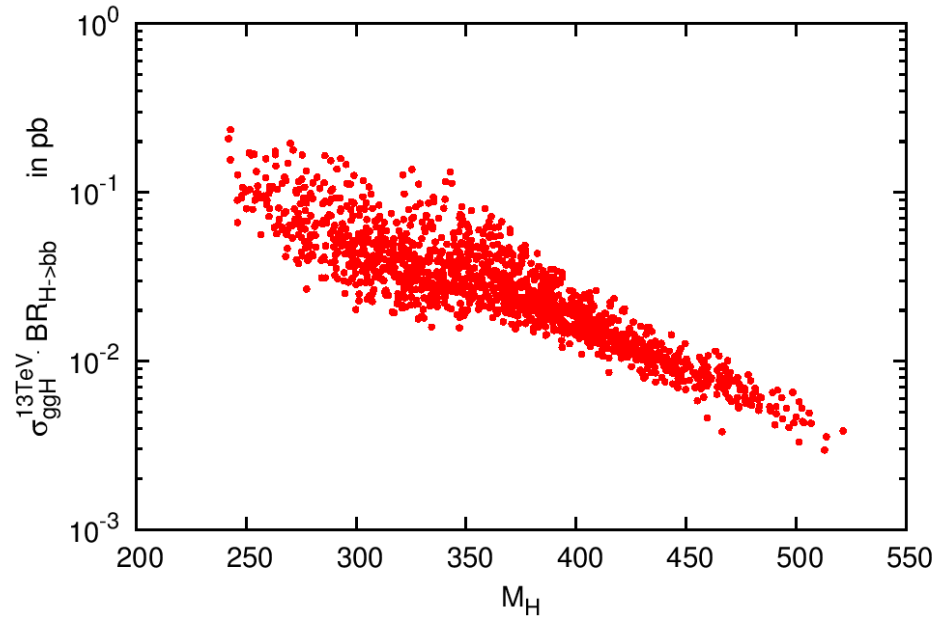
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# Signal Rates for $H$

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## Alternative Production Channels

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- **Small direct production rates:**  $\rightsquigarrow$  alternative production channels

- **Higgs-to-Higgs Decays:**

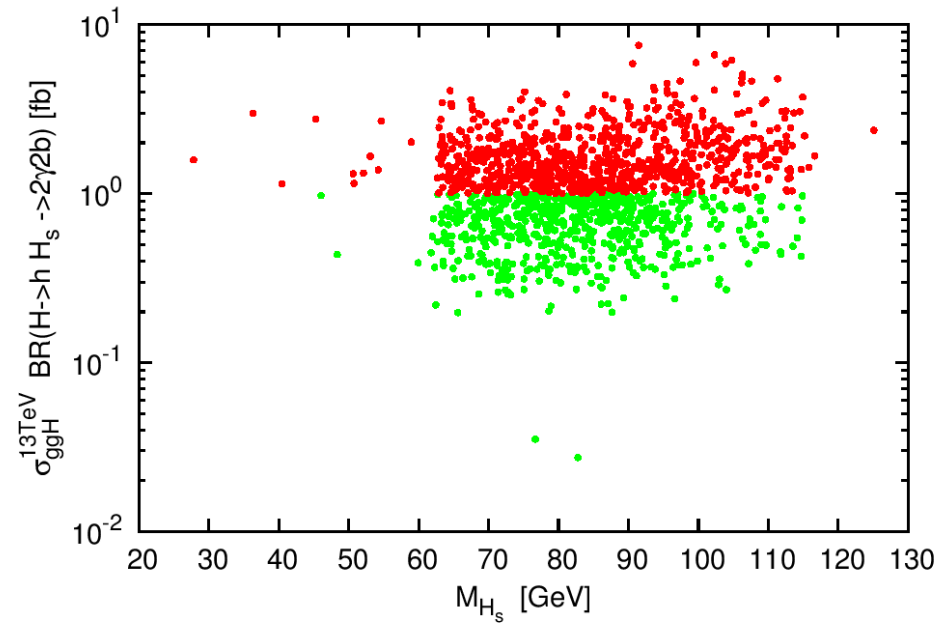
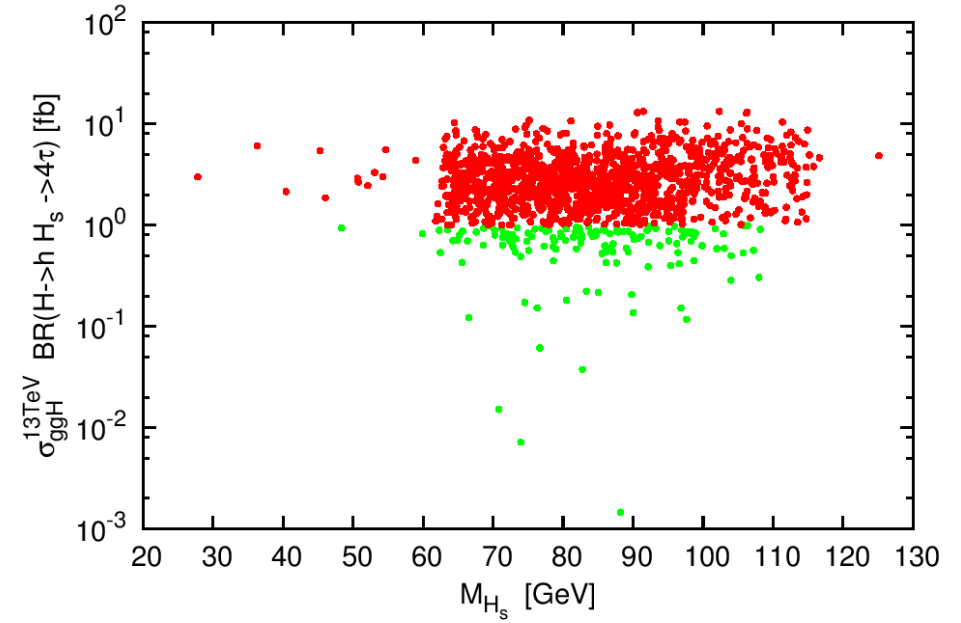
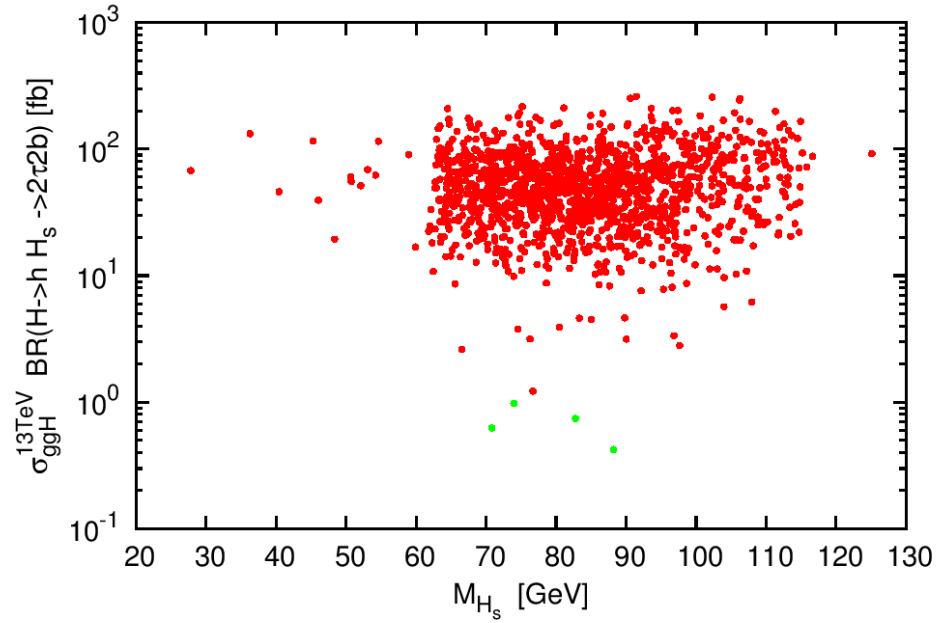
$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow \phi_i) \times BR(\phi_i \rightarrow \phi_j \phi_k) \times BR(\phi_j \rightarrow XX) \times BR(\phi_k \rightarrow YY)$$

- **Higgs-to-Higgs+Gauge-Boson Decays:**

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \times BR(H \rightarrow ZA_s), \quad \sigma(gg \rightarrow A) \times BR(A \rightarrow ZH_s)$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H)BR(H \rightarrow hH_s \rightarrow (XX)(YY))$$

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## Discovery Prospects in the Natural NMSSM

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- Heavy Higgs bosons  $H$  and  $A$

With masses  $\lesssim 530$  GeV light enough to be discovered directly

- Singlet-like Higgs bosons  $H_s$  and  $A_s$

cross sections large enough for direct discovery

or: if  $\sigma_{\text{prod}}$  too small  $\rightsquigarrow$  discovery via Higgs-to-Higgs or Higgs-to-Gauge&Higgs decays

(also from decays of SUSY particles might be alternative; not discussed here)

$$H \rightarrow H_s H_s, H \rightarrow h H_s, A \rightarrow H_s A_s, A \rightarrow h A_s, \dots$$

$$H \rightarrow Z A_s, A \rightarrow Z H_s$$

LHC13: Natural NMSSM Scenario confirmed or strongly constrained

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## Benchmarks for Higgs-to-Higgs Decays

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- Higgs-to-Higgs Decays

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow \phi_i) \times BR(\phi_i \rightarrow \phi_j \phi_k) \times BR(\phi_j \rightarrow XX) \times BR(\phi_k \rightarrow YY)$$

- ▷ Interesting for heavier  $\phi_i$  discovery if  $\sigma_{\text{prod}}$  large enough and BR into lighter Higgs pairs dominates
- ▷ For lighter  $\phi_j, \phi_k$  interesting production if direct prod strongly suppressed due to singlet nature

- Benchmarks for Higgs-to-Higgs Decays

- A)  $H_2 = h, H_1 = H_s, \tan \beta$  small, light spectrum  $\lesssim 350$  GeV
- B)  $H_1 = h, H_2 = H_s, \tan \beta$  small
- C)  $H_1 = h, H_3 = H_s, \tan \beta$  large
- D)  $H_2 = h$  decays into lighter Higgs pairs



## Benchmark $H_1 = h$ and $\tan \beta$ small

B.1 (Point ID Poi2a)	Scenario		
$M_h, M_{H_s}, M_H$	124.6 GeV	181.7 GeV	322.6 GeV
$M_{A_s}, M_A$	72.5 GeV	311.7 GeV	
$ S_{H_2 h_s} ^2,  P_{A_1 a_s} ^2$	0.90	1	
$\mu_{\tau\tau}, \mu_{bb}$	1.54	1.01	
$\mu_{ZZ}, \mu_{WW}, \mu_{\gamma\gamma}$	0.93	0.93	1.54
$\tan \beta, \lambda, \kappa$	1.9	0.628	0.354
$A_\lambda, A_\kappa, \mu_{\text{eff}}$	251.2 GeV	53.8 GeV	158.9 GeV
$M_1, M_2, M_3$	890 GeV	576 GeV	1919 GeV
$A_t, A_b, A_\tau$	1555 GeV	-1006 GeV	-840 GeV
$M_{Q_3} = M_{t_R}, M_{L_3} = M_{\tau_R}$ , other SSB parameters	1075 GeV	540 GeV	3 TeV

$$\text{BR}(A_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.84, \quad \text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow A_s A_s) = 0.97, \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow h H_s) = 0.51$$

$$\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s) = 0.21, \quad \text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s) = 0.012$$

## Benchmark $H_1 = h$ and $\tan \beta$ small

B.1 (Point ID Poi2a)	Decay Rates
$\sigma(ggA_s)$	0.08 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s)$	525.56 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s \rightarrow A_s + A_s A_s \rightarrow 6\gamma)$	301.58 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s \rightarrow A_s + A_s A_s \rightarrow bb + 4\gamma)$	157.64 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s \rightarrow A_s + A_s A_s \rightarrow 4b + \gamma\gamma)$	27.47 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s \rightarrow A_s + A_s A_s \rightarrow \tau\tau + 4\gamma)$	14.99 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s \rightarrow A_s + A_s A_s \rightarrow \tau\tau + bb + \gamma\gamma)$	5.22 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow H_s A_s \rightarrow A_s + A_s A_s \rightarrow 4\tau + \gamma\gamma)$	0.25 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s)$	29.96 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + b\bar{b})$	16.25 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \tau\tau)$	1.70 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s \rightarrow b\bar{b} + b\bar{b})$	2.83 fb

accessible:

$\lambda_{H_s A_s A_s}$

$\lambda_{H H_s h}$

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## Benchmark $H_2 = h$ and $h \rightarrow H_s H_s$ ( $\tan \beta$ small)

D.1 (Point ID 5416)	Scenario		
$M_{H_s}, M_h, M_H$	9.6 GeV	124.2 GeV	793.4 GeV
$M_{A_s}, M_A$	273.2 GeV	792.2 GeV	
$ S_{H_1 h_s} ^2,  P_{A_1 A_s} ^2$	0.98	0.99	
$\mu_{\tau\tau}, \mu_{bb}$	0.90	0.89	
$\mu_{ZZ}, \mu_{WW}, \mu_{\gamma\gamma}$	0.92	0.92	0.92
$\tan \beta, \lambda, \kappa$	3.37	0.64	0.20
$A_\lambda, A_\kappa, \mu_{\text{eff}}$	-709.0 GeV	297.3 GeV	-222.4 GeV
$A_t, A_b, A_\tau$	-1075.3 GeV	-1973.1 GeV	-143.7 GeV
$M_1, M_2, M_3$	307.7 GeV	789.8 GeV	2933.1 GeV
$M_{Q_3} = M_{t_R}, M_{b_R}$	2931.3 GeV	3 TeV	
$M_{L_3} = M_{\tau_R}, M_{\text{SUSY}}$	2930.8 GeV	3 TeV	

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow H_s H_s) = 0.1, \quad \text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow \tau\tau) = 0.9 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow h H_s) = 0.21$$

$\lambda_{h H_s H_s}, \lambda_{H H_s h}$  accessible,  $\lambda_{A A_s h}$  more difficult

<b>D.1 (Point ID 5416)</b>	<b>Signal Rates</b>
$\sigma(ggh)$	44.28 pb
$\sigma(ggh)\text{BR}(h \rightarrow H_s H_s)$	4.22 pb
$\sigma(ggh)\text{BR}(h \rightarrow H_s H_s \rightarrow \tau\tau + \tau\tau)$	3.58 pb
$\sigma(ggh)\text{BR}(h \rightarrow H_s H_s \rightarrow \tau\tau + \mu\mu)$	31.64 fb
$\sigma(ggH)$	38.72 fb
$\sigma(ggH)\text{BR}(H \rightarrow t\bar{t})$	9.80 fb
$\sigma(ggH)\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$	5.73 fb
$\sigma(ggH)\text{BR}(H \rightarrow h H_s)$	8.08 fb
$\sigma(ggH)\text{BR}(H \rightarrow h H_s \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \tau\tau)$	4.26 fb
$\sigma(ggH)\text{BR}(H \rightarrow h H_s \rightarrow \tau\tau + \tau\tau)$	0.45 fb
$\sigma(ggA)$	41.26 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow t\bar{t})$	11.24 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$	5.94 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s)$	4.95 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s \rightarrow b\bar{b} + b\bar{b})$	1.15 fb
$\sigma(ggA)\text{BR}(A \rightarrow h A_s \rightarrow b\bar{b} + \tau\tau)$	0.26 fb
$\sigma(ggH_s)$	439.80 pb
$\sigma(ggH_s)\text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	1.79 pb
$\sigma(ggH_s)\text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow \tau\tau)$	405.09 pb
$\sigma(ggH_s)\text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow c\bar{c})$	5.17 pb
$\sigma(ggH_s)\text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow s\bar{s})$	7.24 pb
$\sigma(ggH_s)\text{BR}(H_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	7.95 fb

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# NMSSMCALC

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- **Comparison of Branching Ratios and Decay Widths with: NMSSMCALC**

Baglio,Gröber,MMM,Nhung,Rzehak,Spira,Streicher,Walz [arXiv:1312.4788]

- **NMSSMCALC:** Fortran package for the calculation **in the real & complex NMSSM** of the

- ★ loop-corrected NMSSM Higgs boson masses at one-loop

- ★ **masses and self-couplings at two-loop: implementation about to be finished**

- ★ NMSSM Higgs boson decay widths and branching ratios

- **Input and output files** feature the SUSY Les Houches Accord (SLHA) Skands eal; Allanach eal

- **Decay Widths:** extension of HDECAY to the NMSSM

Djouadi,Kalinowski,MM,Spira

- ★ include dominant higher order QCD corrections

- ★ down-type leptons: HO SUSY-EW, down-type quarks: SUSY-QCD, bottoms: SUSY-QCD&EW

- ★ off-shell decays into  $VV$  ( $V = Z, W$ ),  $V$ +Higgs, Higgs pair,  $t\bar{t}$ ;  $H^+ \rightarrow t\bar{b}$

- ★ real NMSSM: SUSY-QCD to decays into stop, sbottom pairs

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<http://www.itp.kit.edu/~maggie/NMSSMCALC>

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## NMSSMCALC

### Calculator of One-Loop Higgs Mass Corrections and of Higgs Decay Widths in the CP-conserving and the CP-violating NMSSM

The program package NMSSMCALC calculates the one-loop corrected Higgs boson masses and the Higgs decay widths and branching ratios within the CP-conserving and the CP-violating NMSSM. The decay calculator is based on an extension of the program HDECAY 6.10 now.

**Released by:** Julien Baglio, Ramona Gröber, Margarete Mühlleitner, Dao Thi Nhung, Heidi Rzehak, Michael Spira, Juraj Streicher and Kathrin Walz

**Program:** NMSSMCALC version 1.02

**When you use this program, please cite the following references:**

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[T. Graf, R. Gröber, M. Mühlleitner, H. Rzehak, K. Walz, in JHEP 1210 \(2012\) 122](#)

HDECAY: [A. Djouadi, J. Kalinowski, M. Spira, Comput.Phys.Commun. 108 \(1998\) 56](#)

An update of HDECAY: [A. Djouadi, J. Kalinowski, Margarete Mühlleitner, M. Spira, in arXiv:1003.1643](#)

#### **Informations on the Program:**

- Short explanations on the program are given [here](#).
- To be advised about future updates or important modifications, send an E-mail to [nmssmcalc@itp.kit.edu](mailto:nmssmcalc@itp.kit.edu).

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## Conclusions

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- **NMSSM Higgs sector compatible w/ LHC data**

- ★ SM-like Higgs can be  $H_1$  or  $H_2$ ; degenerate Higgs signal at 126 GeV possible
- ★ Higgs bosons below 100 GeV not excluded

- **Natural NMSSM**

- ★ May be tested or excluded at LHC13

- **Benchmark Scenarios**

- ★ cross sections in Higgs-to-Higgs decays can be large
- ★  $\rightsquigarrow$  discovery channels and/or trilinear Higgs coupling measurements
- ★ exotic multi-photon, multi-fermion final states,  $\cancel{E}_T$  final states possible

Be prepared for (exotic) signals in low- & high-mass regions in order not to miss BSM Higgs sectors

*Thank You For Your Attention!*





# Singlet-/Doublet Character of the $\mathcal{N}MSSM$ Higgs Bosons

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$\tan \beta < 5$	$H_{i=1}$ SM-like	$H_{i=2}$ SM-like
$H_{j=1,2 \neq i}$	singlet	singlet- up to almost doublet
$H_3$	doublet	doublet
$A_1$	mostly singlet (few doublet)	mostly singlet (few doublet)
$A_2$	mostly doublet (few singlet)	mostly doublet (few singlet)
$\tan \beta \geq 5$	$H_{i=1}$ SM-like	$H_{i=2}$ SM-like
$H_{j=1,2 \neq i}$	mostly doublet	singlet- up to almost doublet
$H_3$	singlet (few doublet)	doublet
$A_1$	doublet or singlet (for small $M_{A_1}$ )	doublet or singlet (for small $M_{A_1}$ )
$A_2$	singlet or doublet	singlet or doublet