



Discriminating between SUSY and Non-SUSY Higgs Sectors through the Ratio $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}/H \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}$

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- If new particles are found: **what are they?** (which model do they belong?)
 - ⇒ Check model predictions at the same level as SM
 - ⇒ **Provide specific observables** of the extensions of the SM

Possibility of probing (non-)SUSY nature of Higgs bosons
at the LHC through the observable

$$R = \frac{\text{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau})}$$

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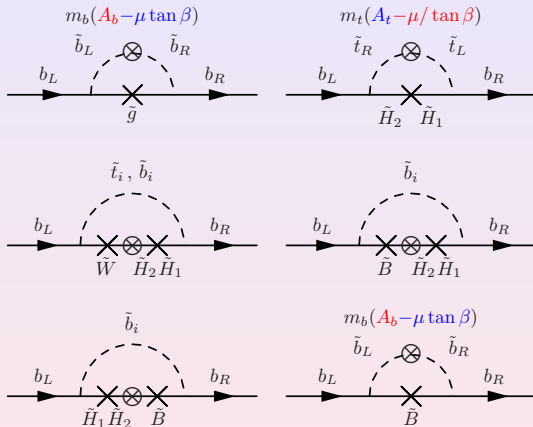
In the SM, after accounting for the leading QCD corrections:

$$R = \frac{BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{BR(H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)} = \frac{3m_b^2(M_H)}{m_\tau^2} \simeq 7.45(M_{h^0} = 125 \text{ GeV})$$

- Same leading expression in *any* Higgs model in which the Higgs sector follows the family structure of the SM
- Receives large SUSY corrections at large $\tan\beta$ due to Δm_b , Δm_τ
 - are non-decoupling (M_{SUSY})
 - **CAN NOT** be absorbed by a parameter redefinition
 - 2HDM **CAN NOT** give large corrections \Rightarrow allow to distinguish between SUSY and THDM
- Systematics on Higgs production cancel in the ratio
 - NLO corrections, Luminosity, ...
- The only surviving systematic effect results from the efficiency of τ^- and b -tagging

Leading corrections to the quark masses

Diagrams contributing to Δm_b : Leading $\tan\beta$ terms



The cross means a mass insertion, the cross with a circle coupling with H_1 (blue); H_2 (red).

τ -leptons have similar corrections: Δm_τ ($b \rightarrow \tau$, $\tilde{b} \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}$, $\tilde{t} \rightarrow \tilde{\nu}_\tau$)

Leading corrections to the quark masses

- Leading effects can be described through the finite threshold corrections to the bottom quark mass

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_b = \Delta_b \tan \beta \simeq \mu \tan \beta & \left\{ \frac{2\alpha_S}{3\pi} M_{\tilde{g}} I(M_{\tilde{b}_1}, M_{\tilde{b}_2}, M_{\tilde{g}}) + \frac{Y_t}{4\pi} A_t I(M_{\tilde{t}_1}, M_{\tilde{t}_2}, \mu) \right. \\ & + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left(-\frac{M_2}{s_W^2} \left([c_t^2 I(M_{\tilde{t}_1}, M_2, \mu) + s_t^2 I(M_{\tilde{t}_2}, M_2, \mu)] \right) \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{1}{2} [c_b^2 I(M_{\tilde{b}_1}, M_2, \mu) + s_b^2 I(M_{\tilde{b}_2}, M_2, \mu)] \right) \\ & - \frac{M_1}{3c_W^2} \left(\frac{1}{3} I(M_{\tilde{b}_1}, M_{\tilde{b}_2}, M_1) + \frac{1}{2} [c_b^2 I(M_{\tilde{b}_1}, M_1, \mu) + s_b^2 I(M_{\tilde{b}_2}, M_1, \mu)] \right. \\ & \left. \left. + [s_b^2 I(M_{\tilde{b}_1}, M_1, \mu) + c_b^2 I(M_{\tilde{b}_2}, M_1, \mu)] \right) \right) \left. \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$I(a, b, c) = \frac{a^2 b^2 \ln(a^2/b^2) + b^2 c^2 \ln(b^2/c^2) + c^2 a^2 \ln(c^2/a^2)}{(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)(a^2 - c^2)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\max(a^2, b^2, c^2)}$$

$$Y_t \equiv \frac{h_t^2}{4\pi} = \frac{g^2 m_t^2}{8\pi m_W^2 \sin^2 \beta}$$

Leading corrections to the quark masses

- Special Limit: All SUSY masses are equal to M_{SUSY} :

$$\Delta m_b \simeq \text{sign}(\mu) \tan \beta \left\{ \frac{\alpha_S}{3\pi} - \frac{\alpha}{16\pi s_W^2} \left(3 + \frac{11}{9} \frac{s_W^2}{c_W^2} \right) + \frac{Y_t}{8\pi} \frac{A_t}{M_{SUSY}} \right\},$$

$$\Delta m_\tau \simeq -\text{sign}(\mu) \tan \beta \frac{\alpha}{16\pi s_W^2} \left(3 - \frac{s_W^2}{c_W^2} \right).$$

- Δm_b and Δm_τ :
 - grow with $\tan \beta$
 - The corrections are independent of the SUSY scale
 - non-decoupling ($\Delta m_b \neq 0$ if $M_{SUSY} \rightarrow \infty$)

Large SUSY masses do not decouple from the Higgs sector!

One-loop Effective couplings

$$h^0 b\bar{b} : C_{hbb} = h_b \sin \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\Delta m_b}{\tan \beta \tan \alpha} \right)$$

$$H^0 b\bar{b} : C_{Hbb} = -h_b \cos \alpha \left(1 + \frac{\Delta m_b \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta} \right)$$

$$A^0 b\bar{b}/H^\pm t\bar{b} : C_{Abb/H^\pm tb} = -h_b \sin \beta \left(1 - \frac{\Delta m_b}{\tan \beta^2} \right)$$

- Large M_{A^0} limit: $M_{A^0} \gg M_Z \Rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta - \pi/2, \tan \alpha \rightarrow -1/\tan \beta$

Haber *et al.* PRD63 (2001) 055004, hep-ph/0007006 (one-loop analysis)

$$\Rightarrow C_{hbb} \rightarrow \frac{m_b}{v \cos \beta (1 + \Delta m_b)} \cos \beta (1 + \Delta m_b) = C_{hbb}^{SM}$$

\Rightarrow The light Higgs behaves as SM!

- BUT:** The heavy Higgs retain the non-decoupling effect!

$$C_{heavy} \rightarrow \frac{m_b}{v(1 + \Delta m_b)} \tan \beta \left(1 - \frac{\Delta m_b}{\tan \beta^2} \right)$$

Resummation and effective Lagrangian

J. Guasch, W. Hollik, S. P., PLB515 (2001) 367; J. Guasch, P. Häfliger, M. Spira, PRD68, 115001 (2003)

- Resum leading terms
- Matching conditions with the low energy effective theory
- Find effective couplings

$$h_b = \frac{m_b(Q)}{v_1} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{h_b^S}{h_b} \Delta m_b}, \quad \frac{h_b^S}{h_b} = \frac{1}{1 + \Delta_2}$$

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- We consider different SUSY scenarios:

$m_h^{\text{mod+}}$, $m_h^{\text{mod-}}$, light-stop, light-stau and pMSSM.

M. Carena et al., Eur.Phys.J. C **73** (2013) 9, 2552, arXiv:1302.7033 [hep-ph].

M.W. Cahill-Rowley et al., arXiv:1305.2419 [hep-ph].

- We check that these scenarios are compatible with the present experimental value of the Higgs boson mass.
 - The Higgs boson mass is computed by using `FeynHiggs 2.11`.
S. Heinemeyer et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. **124** (2000) 76, hep-ph/9812320.
- The branching ratios of Higgs boson decays into $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau^+\tau^-$ have been also computed with `FeynHiggs 2.11` and we find a perfect agreement with our results.

MSSM scenarios: Numerical Analysis

- $\mu < 0$ $A_t > 0$ scenario [Guasch *et al.*, 2001]:
 $m_{\tilde{g}} = M_{\tilde{b}_1} = M_{\tilde{t}_1} = M_{\tilde{\tau}_1} = M_2 = |\mu| = A_b = A_\tau = |A_t| = 1.5$ TeV.

- Benchmark scenarios [Carena *et al.*, 2013]:

$$M_{\tilde{t}_L} = M_{\tilde{b}_L} = M_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\tilde{b}_R} = M_{\text{SUSY}}; M_1 = \frac{5}{3} \frac{s_W^2}{c_W^2} M_2;$$

$$M_{\tilde{q}_{1,2}} = 1500 \text{ GeV}, M_{\tilde{l}_{1,2}} = 500 \text{ GeV}; A_f = 0 \text{ (} f = c, s, d, u, \mu, e \text{)}.$$

| Parameter | $m_h^{\text{mod+}}$ | $m_h^{\text{mod-}}$ | light-stop | light-stau |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| M_{SUSY} | 1000 GeV | 1000 GeV | 500 GeV | 1000 GeV |
| μ | 200 GeV | 200 GeV | 350 GeV | 500 GeV |
| M_2 | 200 GeV | 200 GeV | 350 GeV | 200 GeV |
| X_t | $1.6 M_{\text{SUSY}}$ | $-1.9 M_{\text{SUSY}}$ | $2 M_{\text{SUSY}}$ | $1.6 M_{\text{SUSY}}$ |
| A_b | $= A_\tau = A_t$ | $= A_\tau = A_t$ | $= A_\tau = A_t$ | $= A_t, A_\tau = 0$ |
| $m_{\tilde{g}}$ | 1500 GeV | 1500 GeV | 1500 GeV | 1500 GeV |
| $M_{\tilde{l}_3}$ | 1000 GeV | 1000 GeV | 1000 GeV | 245 GeV |

- pMSSM 2392587 [Cahill-Rowley *et al.*, 2013]:

$$\mu = 3955 \text{ GeV}, M_2 = 1606 \text{ GeV}, M_3 = 313 \text{ GeV}, M_{\tilde{t}_L} = 2493 \text{ GeV}, M_{\tilde{t}_R} = 2154 \text{ GeV}, M_{\tilde{b}_R} = 2009 \text{ GeV}, A_b = 2067 \text{ GeV}, A_t = -3905 \text{ GeV}, M_{\tilde{\tau}_L} = 3167 \text{ GeV}, M_{\tilde{\tau}_R} = 2319 \text{ GeV}, A_\tau = 2223 \text{ GeV}.$$

ATLAS and CMS generic fits to Higgs coupling ratios

- **CMS:** $\lambda_{bZ}^{\text{CMS}} = 0.59_{-0.23}^{+0.22}$, $\lambda_{\tau Z}^{\text{CMS}} = 0.79_{-0.17}^{+0.19} \Rightarrow R^{\text{CMS}} = 0.56_{-0.52}^{+0.48}$.

[CMS Collaboration], Eur.Phys.J. C **75** (2015) 5, 212, arXiv:1412.8662 [hep-ex].

- **ATLAS:** $\lambda_{bZ}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 0.60 \pm 0.27$, $\lambda_{\tau Z}^{\text{ATLAS}} = 0.99_{-0.19}^{+0.23} \Rightarrow R^{\text{ATLAS}} = 0.37_{-0.37}^{+0.36}$.

[ATLAS Collaboration], ATLAS-CONF-2015-007.

- **Combined** (R. Barlow, physics/0406120.):

$$\lambda_{bZ} = 0.59 \pm 0.17, \lambda_{\tau Z} = 0.89_{-0.13}^{+0.14} \Rightarrow R^{\text{Combined}} = R^{\text{exp}} / R^{\text{SM}} = 0.45_{-0.30}^{+0.29}$$

⇒ The one-standard deviation (68% C.L.) favored bands are:

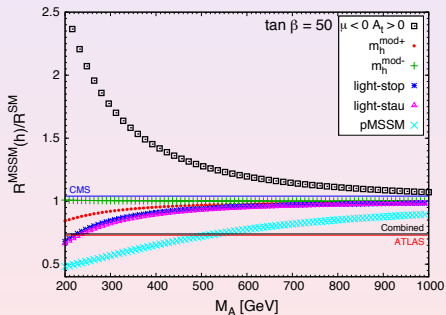
$$0.04 < R^{\text{CMS}} < 1.04, \quad 0 < R^{\text{ATLAS}} < 0.73, \quad 0.15 < R^{\text{Combined}} < 0.74.$$

- The CMS result includes the SM value ($R = 1$) in its favored region.
- The ATLAS and combined results disfavor the SM (at 68% C.L.).
- SUSY can provide the necessary corrections to bring the predicted theoretical value of R inside the ATLAS favored band.

Corrections for the lightest CP-even Higgs boson, h^0

$$\frac{R^{\text{MSSM}}(h)}{R^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{(1 + \Delta m_\tau)^2 (-\cot \alpha \Delta m_b + \tan \beta)^2}{(1 + \Delta m_b)^2 (-\cot \alpha \Delta m_\tau + \tan \beta)^2}$$

Deviation of $R^{\text{MSSM}}(h)$ with respect to the SM value

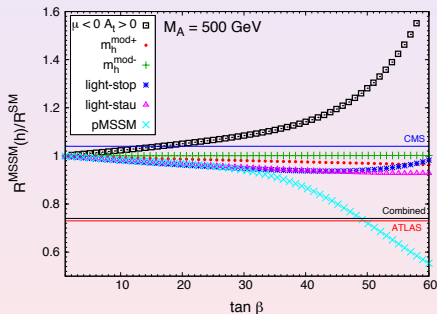


The horizontal lines show the one-standard deviation experimental upper limit.

- Decoupling behavior with M_A in all scenarios.
- $\mu < 0, A_t > 0$: largest deviations but excluded by ATLAS, CMS, and Combined, and also disfavored by $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$.
- $m_h^{\text{mod}-}$: allowed by CMS, indistinguishable from SM.
- $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$: allowed by CMS, deviations around 20% (disfavored by ATLAS).
- light-stop, light-stau: larger deviations up to 40% for small M_A , also allowed by ATLAS.
- pMSSM: 50% deviations, allowed by data if $M_A \lesssim 500$ GeV.

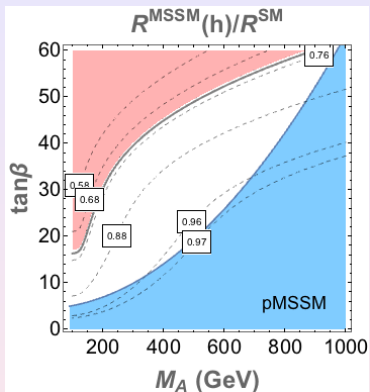
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- Predictions allowed by CMS.
- No significant deviations in $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$, $m_h^{\text{mod}-}$, light-stop, and light-stau scenarios, up to 10%.
- pMSSM: predictions allowed by CMS for any value of $\tan \beta$, and by ATLAS and the combined analysis if $\tan \beta \gtrsim 50$ (up to 50%).

Potential discrimination I



- The black curve shows the upper (one-standard deviation) limit from ATLAS [combined].
- The favored region is shown in red.
- The blue area is the 95% C.L. allowed regions by the negative searches by ATLAS and CMS for neutral MSSM Higgs bosons decaying to a pair of τ leptons.

ATLAS Collaboration, arXiv:1409.6064 [hep-ex]; CMS Collaboration, arXiv:1408.3316 [hep-ex].

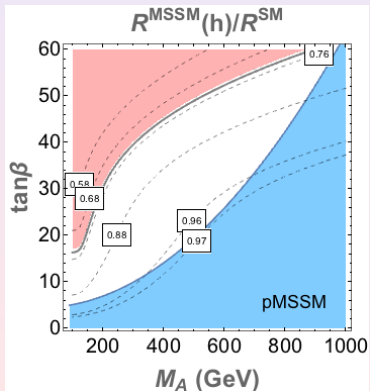
- The favored region is much larger than in the other scenarios, allowing large values of M_A with large $\tan \beta$.
- The favored region fall completely inside the excluded region for the CMS and ATLAS direct searches for Higgs bosons decaying into τ -lepton pairs.

Potential discrimination II - Future prospects

Expected accuracies for the measurements of the Higgs boson couplings

C. Englert et al. J. Phys. G **41** (2014) 113001, [arXiv:1403.7191 [hep-ph]]

| Observable | LHC | HL-LHC | LC | HL-LHC+LC |
|-----------------|--------|--------|------|-----------|
| $Hb\bar{b}$ | 10-13% | 4-7% | 0.6% | 0.6% |
| $H\tau^+\tau^-$ | 6-8% | 2-5% | 1.3% | 1.2% |
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- The sensitivity regions are the ones above and to the left of the corresponding curve.
- Unfortunately the sensitivity regions lie mainly outside the shaded blue areas and are excluded by the ATLAS and CMS direct searches.
- HL-LHC only sensitive to SUSY nature of h for large values of M_A and $\tan\beta$ (allowed by direct search for Higgs boson decaying into τ -lepton pairs).
- LC can probe SUSY nature of h for any value of M_A and $\tan\beta$.
- able to observe deviations with respect the SM predictions at a future LC.

Results for Heavy Higgses: H^0 and A^0

For H^0 and A^0

Deviation of $R^{\text{MSSM}}(H/A)$ with respect to the SM value

$$\frac{R^{\text{MSSM}}(h)}{R^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{(1 + \Delta m_\tau)^2 (-\cot \alpha \Delta m_b + \tan \beta)^2}{(1 + \Delta m_b)^2 (-\cot \alpha \Delta m_\tau + \tan \beta)^2},$$

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$$\frac{R^{\text{MSSM}}(A)}{R^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{(1 + \Delta m_\tau)^2 (\tan \beta^2 - \Delta m_b)^2}{(1 + \Delta m_b)^2 (\tan \beta^2 - \Delta m_\tau)^2}.$$

- Normalized $R^{\text{MSSM}}(\phi)/R^{\text{SM}}$ dependent only on $\tan \beta$, $\tan \alpha$, Δm_b and Δm_τ , encoding all the genuine SUSY corrections.
- Δm_b and Δm_τ independent of the SUSY mass scale M_{SUSY} , only depend on $\tan \beta$ and the ratio A_t/M_{SUSY} .

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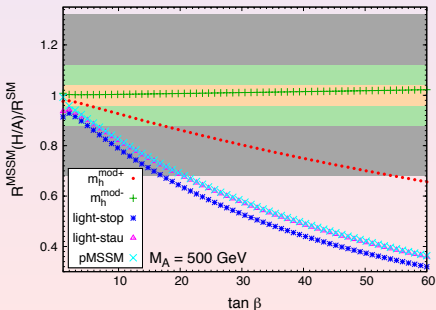
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We could be sensitive to SUSY for...

- 32%: $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ for $\tan \beta \gtrsim 55$, rest of scenarios for $\tan \beta \gtrsim 20$.
- 12%: $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ for $\tan \beta \gtrsim 20$, rest of scenarios for $\tan \beta \gtrsim 5$.
- 4%: guaranteed for any of these 4 scenarios with $\tan \beta \gtrsim 5$.

⇒ A moderate level of precision would be necessary.

CONCLUSIONS

$$R = BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})/BR(H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$$

- One could distinguish between MSSM and SM (2HDM) in some scenarios with moderate accuracy
- Update of the analysis of $R = BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})/BR(H \rightarrow \tau\bar{\tau})$ to look for a strong evidence for SUSY nature of Higgs bosons.
- MSSM scenarios with m_h compatible with $m_{HSM} \simeq 125$ GeV.
- Taken into account constraints by LHC data on $Hb\bar{b}$ and $H\tau\bar{\tau}$ couplings and the expected accuracy for these couplings at the HL-LHC and the future LC.

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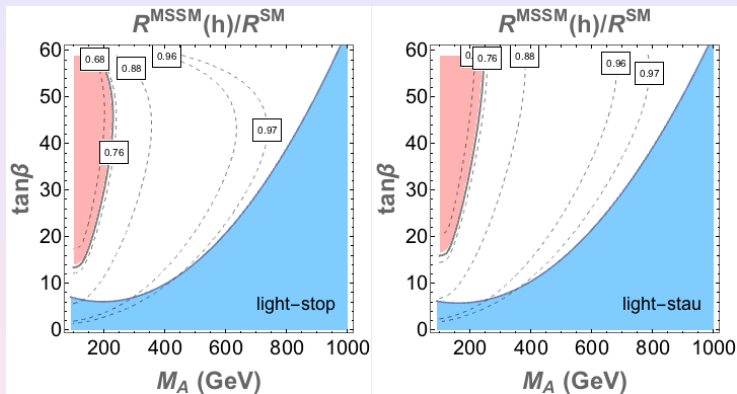
Results for $R = BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})/BR(H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$

- The SM prediction for R agrees with current CMS data, but using ATLAS data we obtain a (one-standard deviation) upper limit below the SM prediction.
- SUSY contributions can provide a prediction that agrees with the experiment at the one-standard deviation level.
- Current accuracy already allows to exclude portions of the parameter space, showing the potential of the observable R to discriminate among different models of new physics.
- To be sensitive to SUSY nature of h , a 3 – 4% measurement required, to be performed at a future LC.
- For the heavy higgses, a moderate level of accuracy would be sufficient to discern the SUSY nature of H/A .

THANKS !!!!!

BACKUP

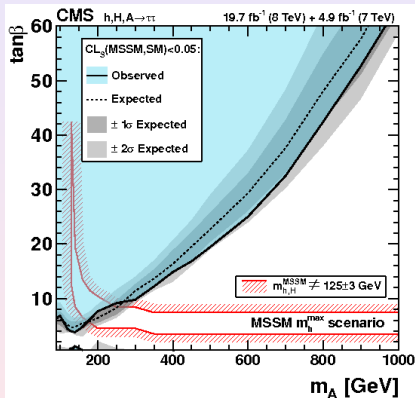
Potential discrimination with $R^{\text{MSSM}}(h)$



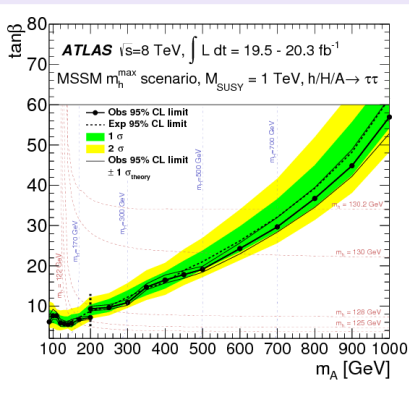
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Searches for neutral MSSM Higgs bosons decaying to $\tau\bar{\tau}$

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[CMS, 2014]



[ATLAS, 2014]