

# Precise Predictions for Higgs Production in Neutralino Decays

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# CP-violating MSSM

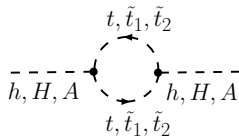
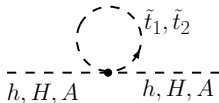
- New source of CP-violating complex phases:  $A_f, \mu, M_{1,2,3}$

Higgs sector at tree-level:

- Higgs sector is CP-conserving:  
 $h^0, H^0$  (CP-even),  $A^0$  (CP-odd),  $H^+, H^-$

Beyond tree-level: Loop corrections can be large

- Complex parameters  $\phi_{A_{t,b,\tau}}, \phi_\mu, \phi_{M_{1,2,3}}$  enter via loops
- Mixing between  $h, H, A \rightarrow h_1, h_2, h_3$

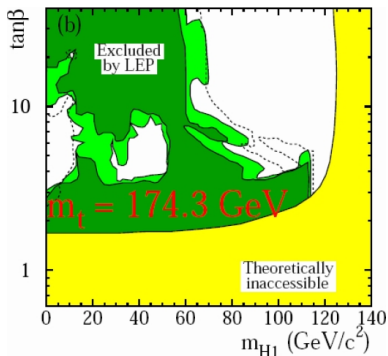


- Higgs sector is CP-violating at 1-loop level
- CP-violating mixing  $\propto \text{Im}(A_t \mu) / M_{\text{SUSY}}^2$

## CPX Scenario at LEP

Extreme CP violating scenario with large h-H-A mixing.

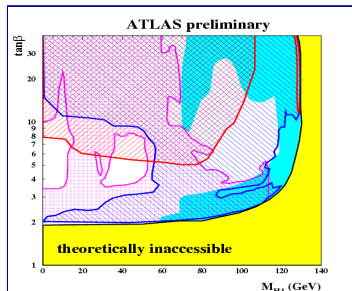
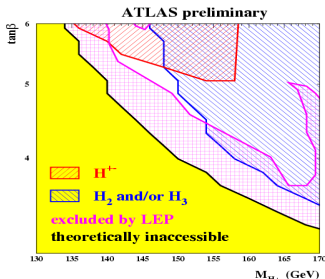
$\mu$	$M_{\text{SUSY}}$	$ M_3 $	$ A_{t,b,\tau} $	$\phi_{M_3}$	$\phi_{A_{t,b,\tau}}$	[M. Carena et al. '00]
2000	500	1000	900 GeV	$\pi/2$	$\pi/2$	



- $h_1$  mostly CP-odd  $A^0$
- LEP:  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow Zh, hA$
- Suppression of  $ZZh_1$  coupling
- $h_2$  may be within LEP reach
- $h_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_1$ : difficult final state
- **Light Higgs not excluded!**
- CPX hole at  $t_\beta \approx 7$ ,  $M_{h_1} \approx 40\text{GeV}$
- Genuine vertex corrections to  $h_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_1$  very important

[LEP Higgs Working Group '06]

# CPX scenario at LHC



[M. Schumacher, ATLAS '07]

- CPX holes not covered by conventional channels at LHC
- Need to consider other production methods
- Perhaps involve SUSY particles themselves

See eg.  $H^+ \rightarrow W^+ h_1$  Ghosh, Godbole and Roy [hep-ph/0412193]  
 and  $\tilde{t} \tilde{t} h_1$  Bandyopadhyay, Datta et al. [0710.3016]

# Higgs in SUSY cascade decays

- SUSY cascade decays: **another source** of **light Higgs**

*[Datta and Djouadi et al. hep-ph/0303095]*

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}\tilde{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^0, \tilde{\chi}_i^+ + X \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_j^0, \tilde{\chi}_j^+ + X + h, H, A, H^\pm$$

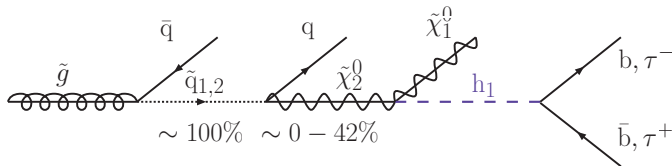
- May complement Higgs searches in conventional channels
- Also a probe to determine parameters of EWSB
- Recent interest in SUSY cascade Higgs production:
  - MSSM with non-universal gaugino masses  
*[Banyopadhyay et al. 0806.2367, Huitu et al. 0808.3094]*
  - NMSSM with light Higgs *[Djouadi '08, Cheung and Hou 0809.1122]*
  - Experimental analyses of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h$  *[CMS TDR '07]*

# CPX Cascades

CPX with  $M_2 = 200$  GeV,  $\tan \beta = 5.5$ :

Masses in GeV:

$M_{\tilde{\chi}_{3,4}^-, \tilde{\chi}_2^+}$	$M_{\tilde{g}}$	$M_{\tilde{u}, \tilde{d}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{s}}$	$M_{\tilde{t}_{1,2}}$	$M_{\tilde{b}_{1,2}}$	$M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^-, \tilde{\chi}_1^+}$	$M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$
$\simeq 2000$	1000	$\simeq 500$	332,667	471,531	198.5	95.1



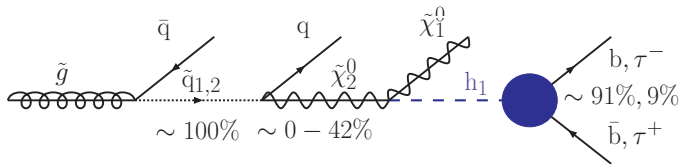
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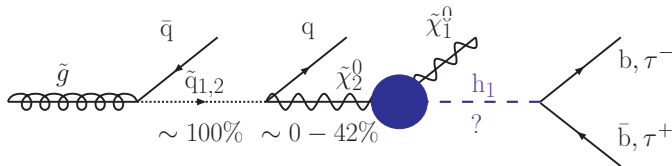


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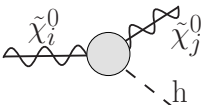
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$\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_j^0 h_k$  vertex: Why study?

- Higgs propagator corrections already known to be large
- Vertex corrections to  $\Gamma(h_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_1)$  were  $\mathcal{O}(400\%)$  for CPX  
[Williams et al. arXiv:0710.5320]
- Large  $\mu$  &  $A_t$  may also enhance neutralino contributions

Already available:

- 1-loop (s)fermion corrections to  $h, H, A \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_j^0$  in rMSSM
- 1-loop effective Lagrangian for  $h_k \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_j^0$  in cMSSM  
[Eberl et al. hep-ph/0111303, Ren-You et al. hep-ph/0201132, Ibrahim 0803.4134]
- 2-loop Higgs propagator corrections in FeynHiggs at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha_t)$  in cMSSM (we use same Higgs renormalisation)

## Renormalisation in the Neutralino/Chargino Sector

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} M_2 & \sqrt{2}M_W \sin \beta \\ \sqrt{2}M_W \cos \beta & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -M_Z c_\beta s_W & M_Z s_\beta s_W \\ 0 & M_2 & M_Z c_\beta c_W & -M_Z s_\beta c_W \\ -M_Z c_\beta s_W & M_Z c_\beta c_W & 0 & -\mu \\ M_Z s_\beta s_W & -M_Z s_\beta c_W & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

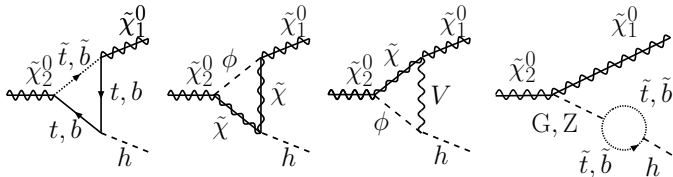
- 3 independent parameters:  $M_1, M_2, \mu$
- 6 masses: we fix masses of  $\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^\pm$  on-shell
- Other 3 masses receive corrections
- We allow CPV phases of  $A_{t,b,\tau}$  and  $M_3$  to vary
- Renormalisation of CPV phases of  $M_1, M_2, \mu$  in progress

# Loop Corrections

Step 1: **Improved Born Approximation** using 2-loop masses and Z-factors from FeynHiggs2.6.5

$$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \sim Z_{hh} \text{---} h + Z_{hH} \text{---} H + Z_{hA} \text{---} A \sim \text{---} h, H, A \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} h$$

Step 2a: **Full 1-loop vertex correction** using own counterterms and FeynArts/FormCalc/LoopTools



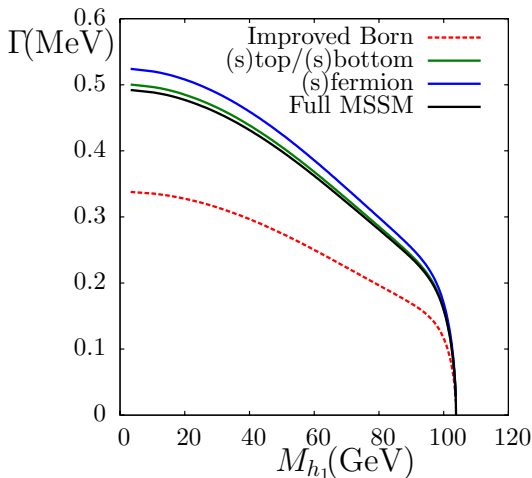
Step 2b: **Combine** to obtain most precise  $\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_j^0 h_k)$

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

$$\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1)$$

CPX:  $\tan \beta = 5.5$ ,  $M_2 = 200$  GeV

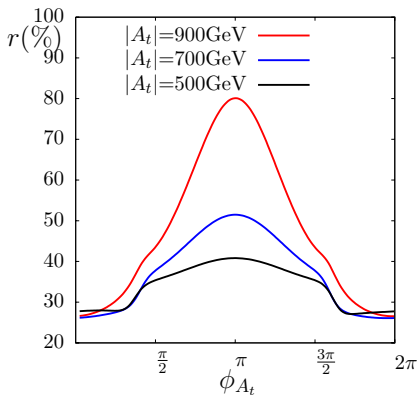
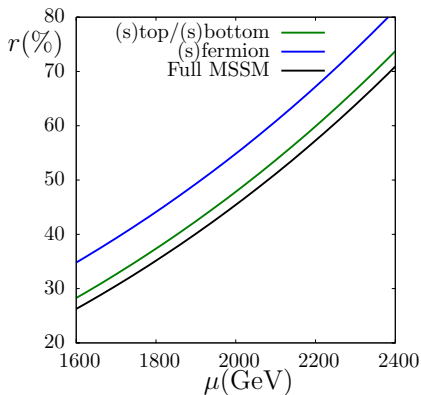
- Improved Born:  $Z_{ij}^{(2)} \Gamma_j^{tree}$
- Full result:  $Z_{ij}^{(2)} \Gamma_j^{(1)}$
- $t, \tilde{t}, b, \tilde{b}$  dominant
- $r = \frac{\Gamma^{loop} - \Gamma^{improved\ born}}{\Gamma^{improved\ born}}$
- Genuine vertex corrections  $r \sim \mathcal{O}(50\%)$  in (extreme) CPX scenario



[A.F, G.Weiglein, in preparation '09]

# Variation with $\mu$ and $Arg(A_t)$

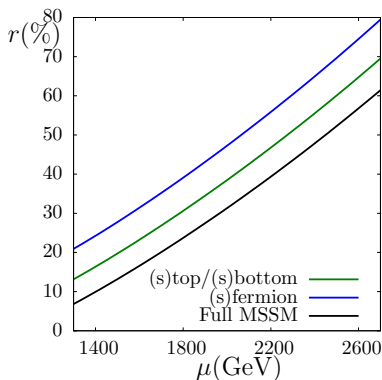
$\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1)$ : CPX with  $M_{h_1} = 40, M_2 = 200$  GeV,  $\tan \beta = 5.5$



- Large  $\mu$  in CPX scenario enhances vertex corrections
- Correction largest for  $\phi_{A_t} = \pi$ , where  $h_1$  is mostly  $h^0$  (experimentally excluded at 40 GeV)

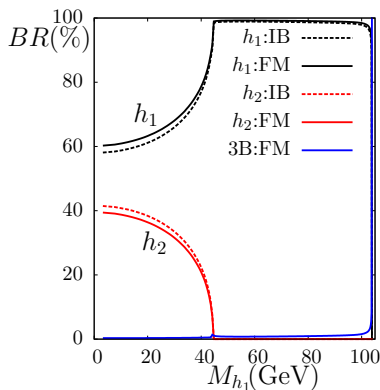
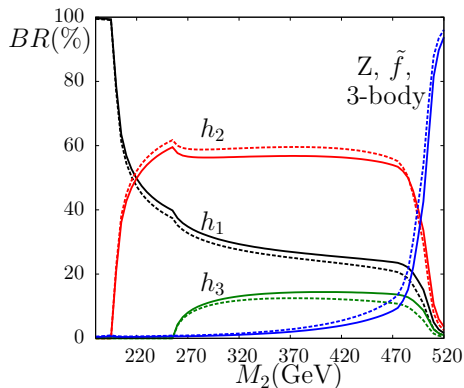
# CP-conserving case: Small $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$ scenario

$\Gamma(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1)$ : Small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  scenario



- $M_{H^\pm} = 220 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tan \beta = 10$
- $\mu = 2 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $X_t = -1.1 \text{ TeV}$
- Large vertex corrections also found in CP-conserving scenarios with large  $\mu$  and  $A_t$

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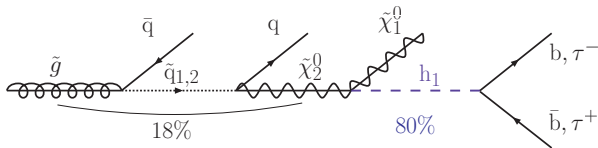
CPX scenario:  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  Branching Ratio

- Improved Born approx. works well for this branching ratio
- $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ ,  $h_3$  have similar  $\mathcal{O}(50\%)$  vertex corrections which cancel to  $\mathcal{O}(3\%)$  for BRs



# CPX Cascades

Eg. CPX hole with  $\tan \beta = 5.5$ ,  $M_2 = 200$ ,  $M_{h_1} = 40$  GeV:



Rough estimate:

- Produce  $\tilde{g}$  ( $\sigma_{\tilde{g} \sim 1\text{TeV}} \sim 1\text{pb}$ )  $\rightarrow$  14% cascade decay to  $h_1$
- Or produce  $\tilde{q}$  ( $\sigma_{\tilde{q} \sim 500\text{GeV}} \sim 50\text{pb}$ )  $\rightarrow$  up to 42% decay to  $h_1$

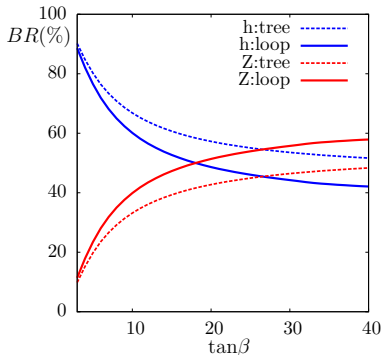
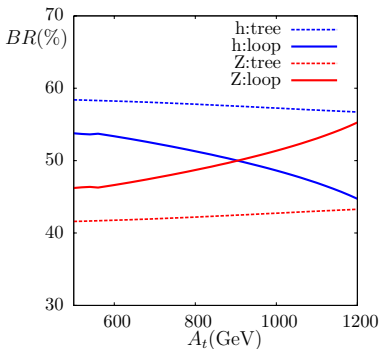
Can one dig such a signal out of SM/SUSY backgrounds?

c.f. [CMS TDR '07] Reconstruction of mass of 115 GeV Higgs boson (mSUGRA) in similar cascade by requiring multiple hard jets, 2 b-tagged jets and missing transverse energy.

Light  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  scenario

$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \approx 0$  (not phenomen. excluded) [see Dreiner et al. 0901.3485]

$M_2 = 400, \mu = 600, M_{\text{SUSY}} = 500 \text{ GeV}, (A_f = 1 \text{ TeV}, \tan \beta = 20)$



- Large vertex corrections for both  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z$  can have  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  effect if BRs are of similar magnitude.

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# Summary

- Complete 1-loop result for  $\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_j^0 h_k$  was presented, supplemented by 2-loop propagator-type corrections: the most precise prediction for this process in both real and complex MSSM with non-zero  $\Phi_{A_t}$ .
- Genuine vertex corrections seen to be as large as 50%.
- These results have particular relevance to CP-violating scenarios, where  $h_1$  may be as light as 30 – 40 GeV.
- Such a light  $h_1$  may be significantly produced via  $\tilde{\chi}^0$  decay.
- Outlook:
  - Results will be provided as a public tool so that experimental studies can be carried out.
  - Effect of additional CP-violating phases will be studied.