

# Heavy quark production by SUSY FCNC at the LHC

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With flavour mixing terms:

- giving up Alignment
  - \*  $\delta_{ij} = m_{ij}^2 / (\tilde{m}_i \tilde{m}_j)$   $i \neq j$
  - \*  $\delta_{ij}$  constrained (mass insertion approximation)

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{12} &\lesssim .1 \sqrt{m_{\tilde{u}} m_{\tilde{c}}} / 500 \text{ GeV} \\ \delta_{13} &\lesssim .098 \sqrt{m_{\tilde{u}} m_{\tilde{t}}} / 500 \text{ GeV} \\ \delta_{23} &\lesssim 8.2 m_{\tilde{c}} m_{\tilde{t}} / (500 \text{ GeV})^2\end{aligned}$$

F. Gabbiani et. al. **Nucl. Phys.** **B** 477, 321  
(1996)

- \*  $B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ : additional constraints

# Constraints & fine-tuning

- The Flavour-Changing terms are communicated from the up- to the down-sector by CKM

e.g. M.Misiak, S.Pokorski, J. Rosiek, Adv.Ser.Direct.High Energy Phys.15:795-828,1998, hep-ph/9703442

$$(M_{LL}^d)^2 = \underset{\text{CKM}}{\cancel{\times}} \times (M_{LL}^u)^2 \times \underset{\text{CKM}}{\cancel{\times}} \underset{\text{DIAG}}{(M_{LL}^d)^2} \underset{\text{1 } \tilde{M}^2}{\cancel{\times}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  top-charm FCNC are constrained by  $B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$

- $BR^{exp}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) = (3.3 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$

CLEO+ALEPH+BELLE+BABAR  $\rightarrow$  Particle Data Group

- $BR^{SM}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) = (3.29 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-4}$

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A. J. Buras, A. Kwiatkowski and N. Pott, Phys. Lett. B **414** (1997) 157 [Erratum-ibid. B **434** (1998) 459], hep-ph/9707482;

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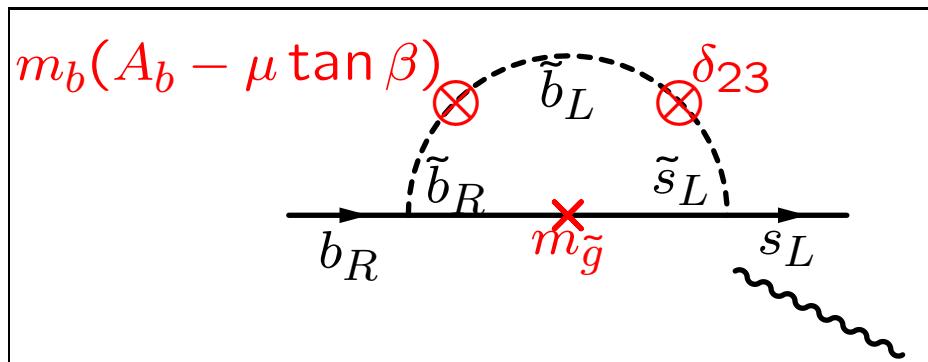
+ ...

$$B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$$

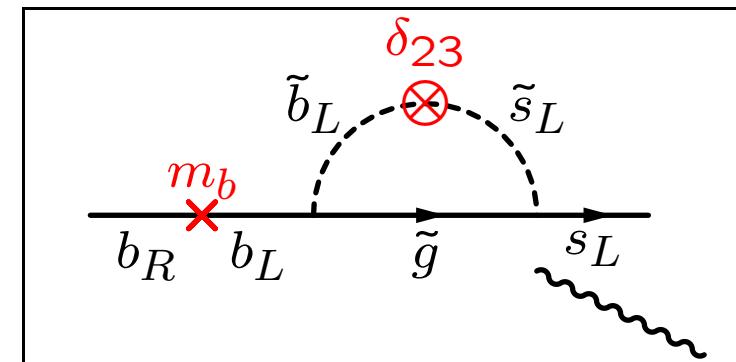
[True for Left-Left mixing only!]

- Relevant Wilson operator in the effective theory involves a chirality flip

$$O_7 = \frac{e}{16\pi^2} m_b (\bar{s}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} b_R) F_{\mu\nu}$$



Leading, Double insertion



Sub-Leading, Single insertion

- The Feynman Amplitude:

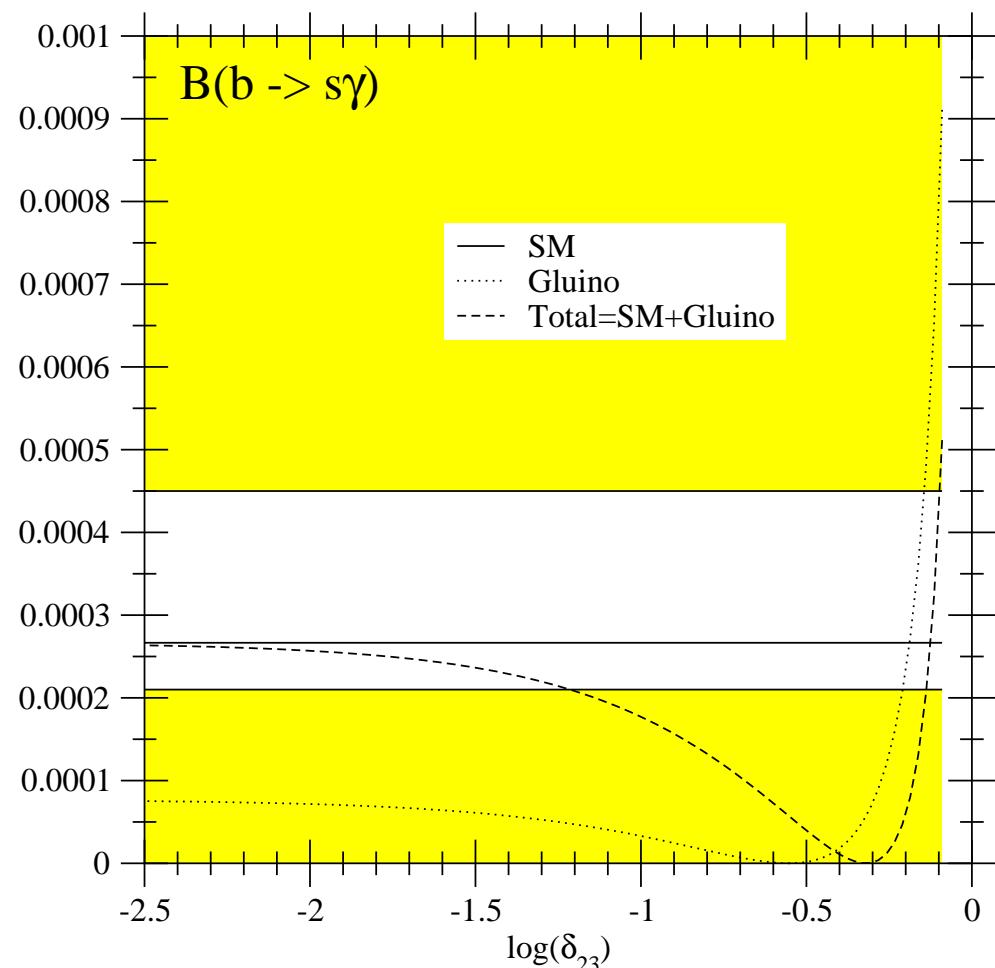
$$A^{SUSY-QCD}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) \sim \delta_{23} \frac{m_b(A_b - \mu \tan \beta)}{M_{SUSY}^2} \times \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{g}}}$$

- Different coupling structure in  $Hqq'$  ( $\sim \mu$ ) and  $bs\gamma$  ( $\sim A_b - \mu \tan \beta$ )

⇒ Possibility of small contribution to  $A(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  and large contribution to  $BR(H \rightarrow qq')$

## fine-tuning

- $A(b \rightarrow s\gamma) = A^{SM} + A^{SUSY-QCD} + \dots$
- $BR^{exp}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) \simeq BR^{SM}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$   
 $\Rightarrow A^{SUSY-QCD} \ll A^{SM}$ :  
Normal situation  
 $\Rightarrow A^{SUSY-QCD} \simeq -2A^{SM}$ :  
Fine-Tuning!!!!
- At  $3\sigma$ :  
 $BR^{exp}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) = (2.1 - 4.5) \times 10^{-4}$



# Higgs FCNC @ LHC

- SM values:

$$BR(H^{SM} \rightarrow b\bar{s}) \lesssim 10^{-7} \quad (m_H < 2M_W) \quad | \quad BR(H^{SM} \rightarrow t\bar{c}) \lesssim 10^{-13}$$

$$\lesssim 10^{-10} \quad (m_H > m_t)$$

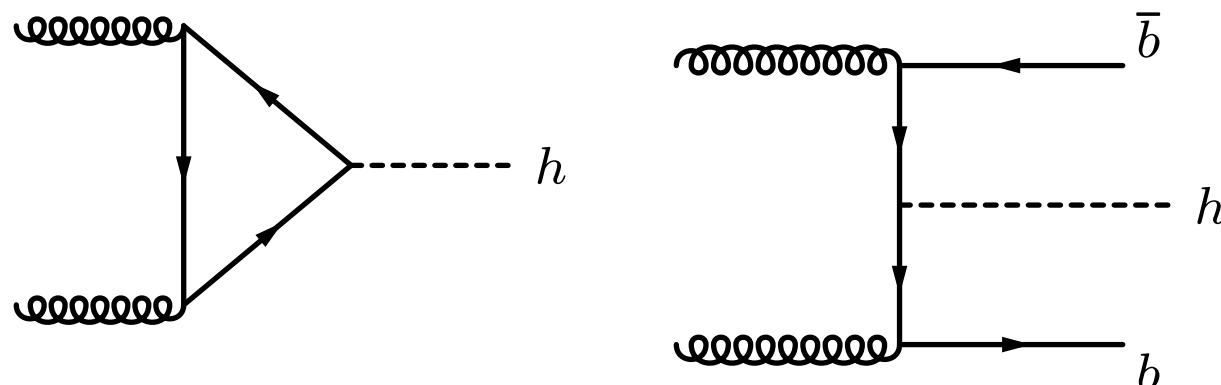
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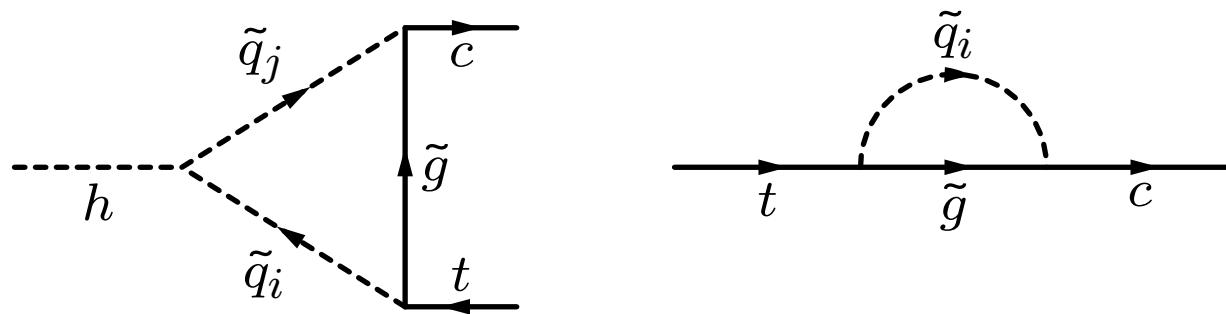
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow q q') &\equiv \sigma(pp \rightarrow hX) B(h \rightarrow q q') \\ &\equiv \sigma(pp \rightarrow hX) \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow q \bar{q}' + \bar{q} q')}{\sum_i \Gamma(h \rightarrow X_i)} \quad (q q' \equiv bs \text{ or } tc). \end{aligned}$$

- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow hX)$ : HIGLU and HQQ packages

M. Spira, hep-ph/9510347; <http://people.web.psi.ch/~spira/higlu/>, and <http://people.web.psi.ch/~spira/hqq/>



- $\Gamma(h \rightarrow X)$ 
  - Self-computed Leading Order 2- and 3-body decays
    - \* LO: Same QCD order in numerator and denominator
    - \* 3-body decays: necessary when  $\Gamma(h \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \rightarrow 0$  (small  $\alpha_{eff}$  scenario)
- $\Gamma(h \rightarrow q\bar{q}')$ : SUSY-QCD contributions
  - Don't assume alignment
  - Exact diagonalization of  $6 \times 6$  squark mass matrix
  - Assume mixing only in the  $LL$  sector



- One-loop prediction for  $M_{h^0}$ ,  $M_{H^0}$ ,  $\alpha$   
 A. Dabelstein, *Z. Phys.* **C67** (1995) 495, [hep-ph/9409375](#).

## Some works

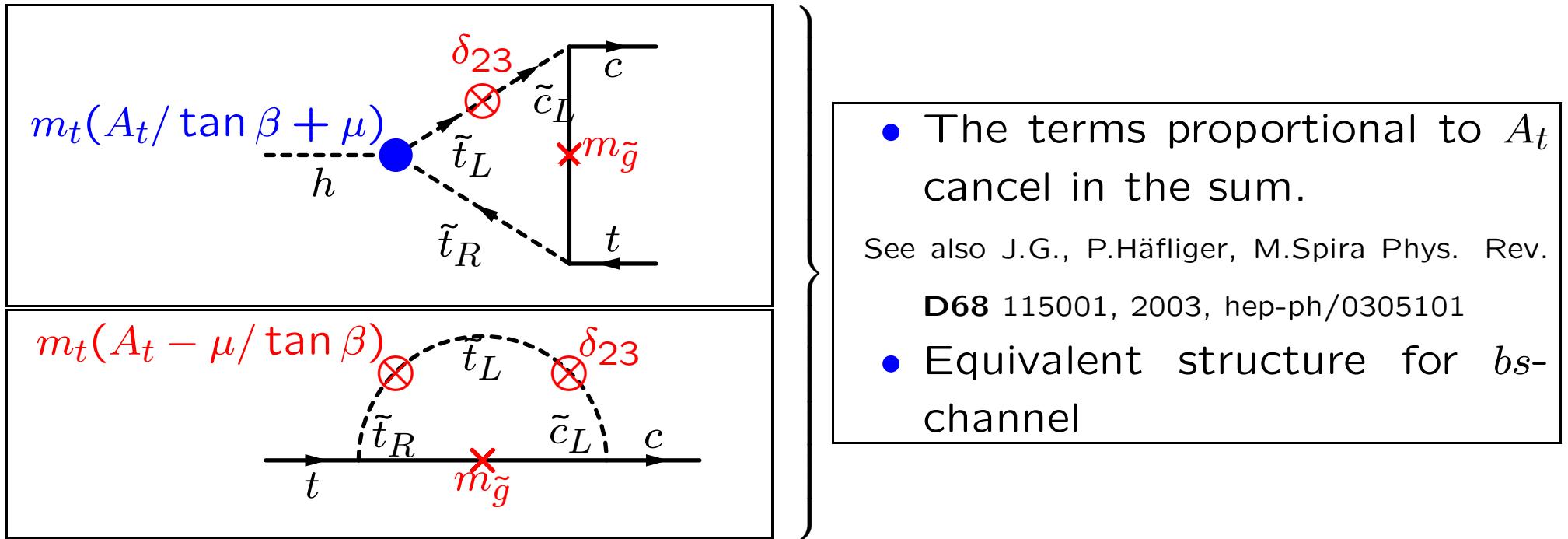
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# Leading contributions

- Diagrams with a chirality flip are enhanced by  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ : mass-insertion approximation



- We can write an effective Lagrangian:

$$G_{Hq\bar{q}'} \sim \delta_{23} \frac{m_{\tilde{g}} \mu}{M_{SUSY}^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \cos(\beta - \alpha_{\text{eff}}) & (h^0) \\ \sin(\beta - \alpha_{\text{eff}}) & (H^0) \\ 1 & (A^0) \end{array} \right. \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \beta - \pi/2} \left. \begin{array}{ll} M_{A^0} \gg M_Z & 0 \quad (h^0) \\ & 1 \quad (H^0) \\ & 1 \quad (A^0) \end{array} \right\}$$

small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$

- Large value of  $BR(h \rightarrow qq') = \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow qq')}{\Gamma(h \rightarrow X)}$

- $\Gamma(h \rightarrow qq')$  is large
  - $\Gamma(h \rightarrow X)$  is small:

- \* Lightest Higgs boson:  $\Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \sim \left(\frac{\sin \alpha_{\text{eff}}}{\cos \beta}\right)^2$

- \* in the small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  scenario:

M. Carena, S. Heinemeyer, C. E. M. Wagner, G. Weiglein, Eur. Phys. J. **C26**, 601–607 (2003),  
[hep-ph/0202167](#).

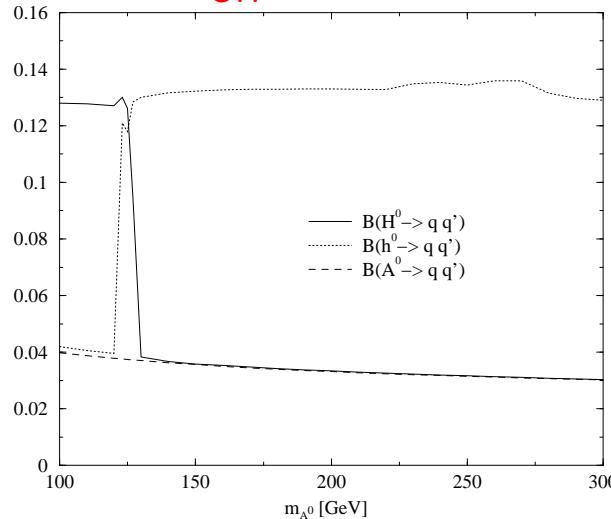
$\Rightarrow \Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow X) = \Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow c\bar{c} + gg + ZZ^* + W^\pm W^{\pm*})$ : strongly suppressed

## Numerical results $BR(h \rightarrow bs)$

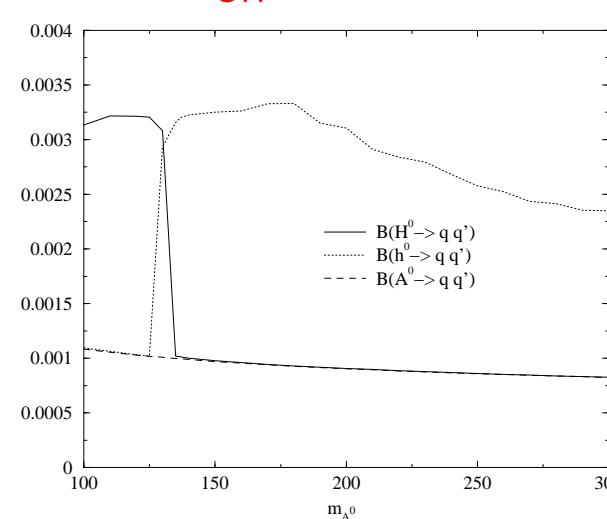
- Find the maximum  $BR(h \rightarrow bs)$ : MSSM parameter space scan

**fine-tuning  
small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$**



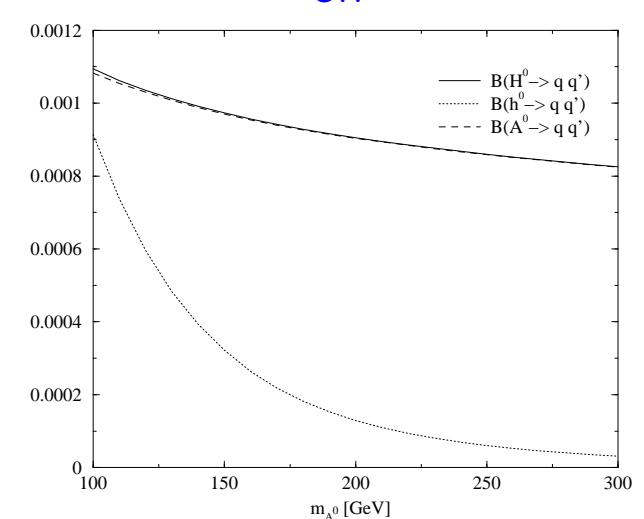
$$BR^{max}(h^0) \sim 13\%$$

**no fine-tuning  
small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$**



$$BR^{max}(h^0) \sim 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

**no fine-tuning  
no small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$**



$$BR(h^0) \sim 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \\ (M_{A^0} = 200 \text{ GeV})$$

- We will avoid the fine-tuning region from now on
- The maximum  $BR(h^0 \rightarrow bs)$  is obtained in the **small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$**  scenario

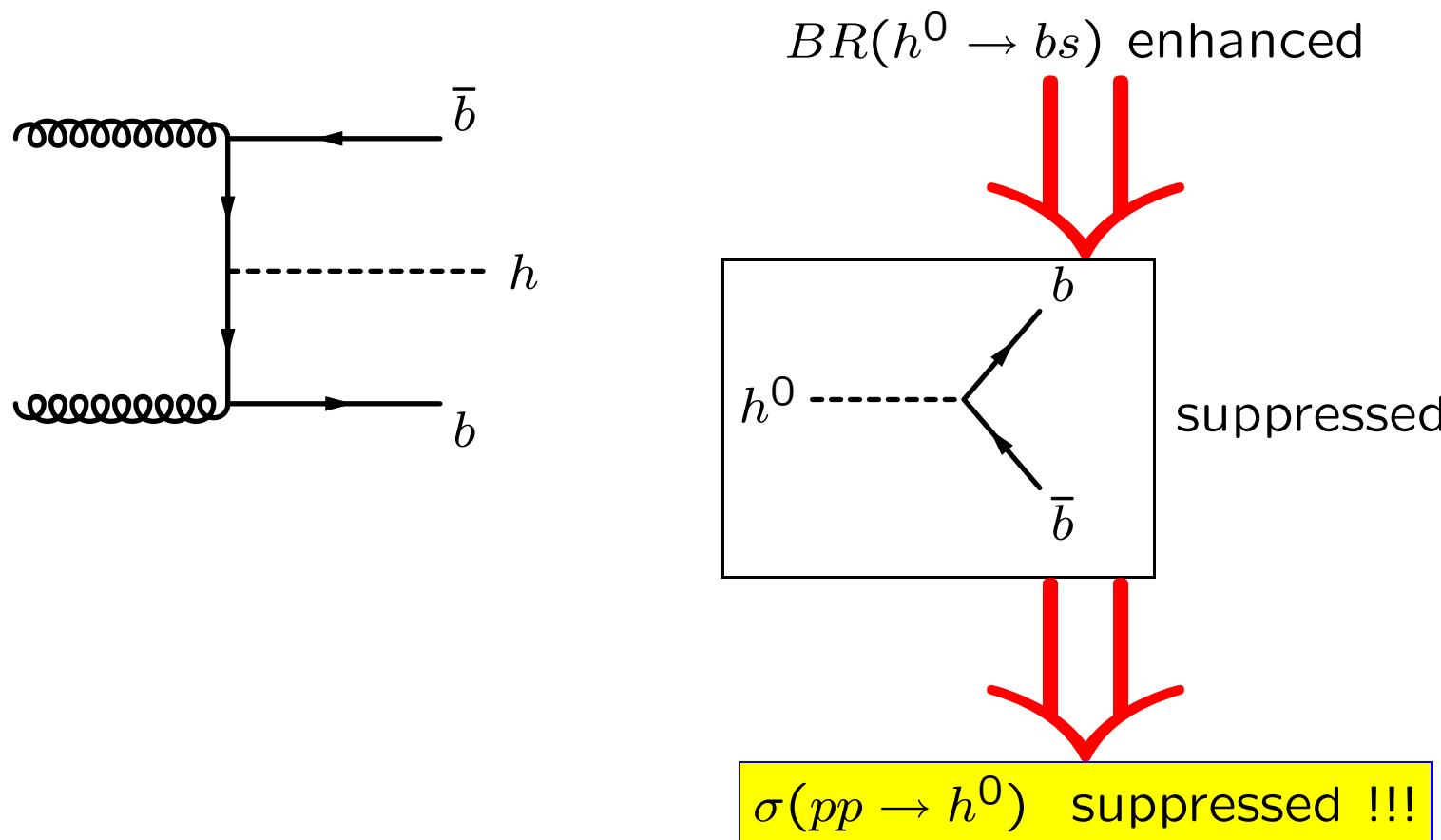
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Particle	$H^0$		$h^0$		$A^0$	
	$\Gamma(\text{GeV})$	$B(h \rightarrow bs)$	$\Gamma(\text{GeV})$	$B(h \rightarrow bs)$	$\Gamma(\text{GeV})$	$B(h \rightarrow bs)$
small- $\alpha_{eff}$ fine-tuning	11.0	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	11.3	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$
tree-Higgs fine-tuning	11.3	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.3 \times 10^{-3}$	11.3	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$
small- $\alpha_{eff}$ no-fine-tuning	11.2	$9.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$	11.3	$9.0 \times 10^{-4}$
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$\tan \beta = 5$	0.11	$2.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.11	$2.1 \times 10^{-3}$
$\tan \beta = 5$ tree Higgs	0.12	$1.9 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$	0.11	$2.1 \times 10^{-3}$
$\tan \beta = 5$ no-fine-tuning	0.15	$3.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	0.11	$5.1 \times 10^{-4}$

## Combination with production

- At large  $\tan \beta$  the main production channel for  $h^0$  is associated production:  
 $\sigma(pp -> h^0 b\bar{b})$

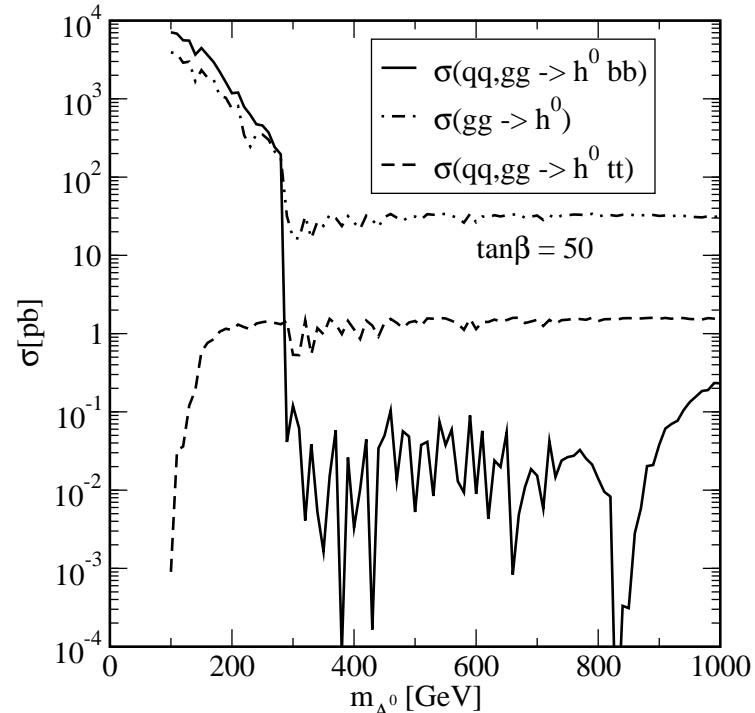
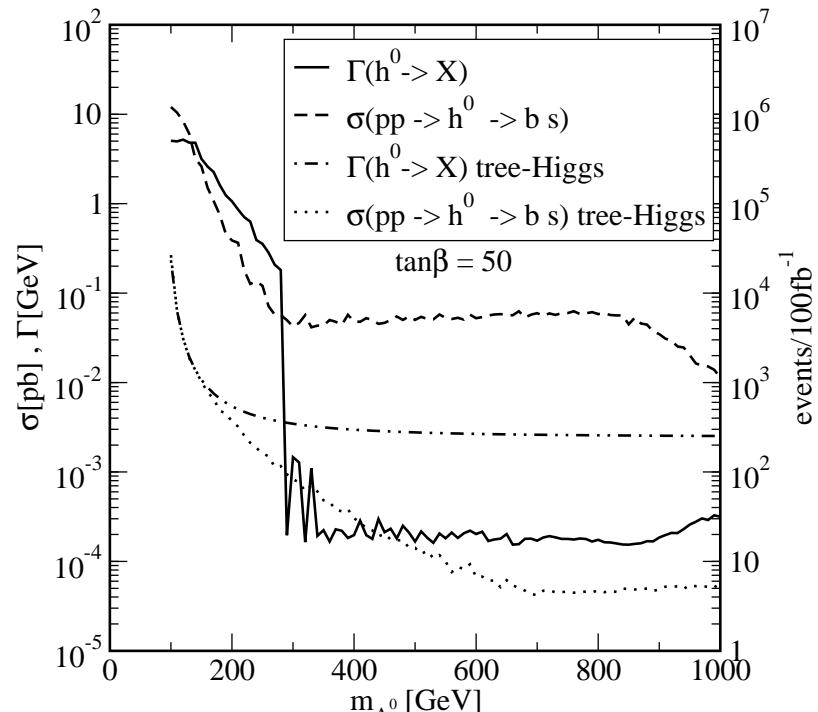


# Combined analysis

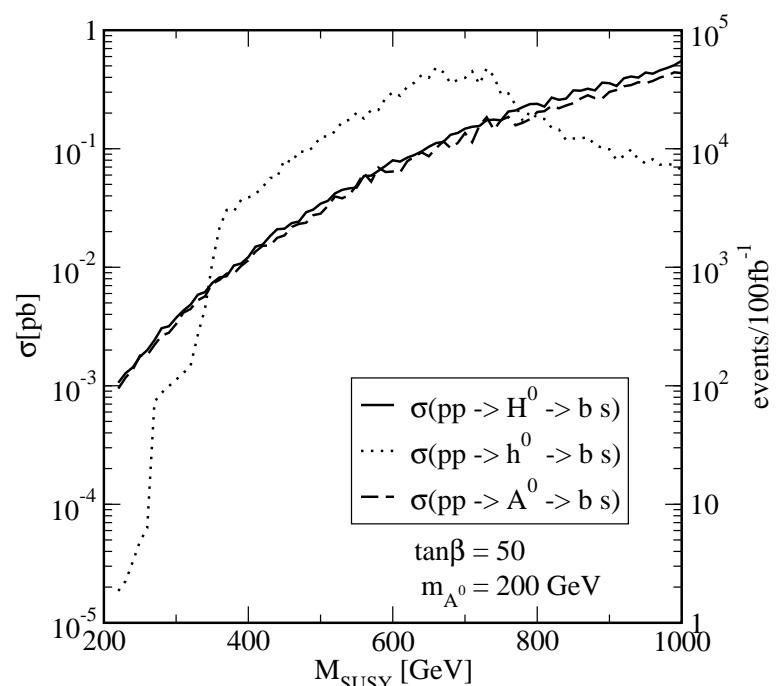
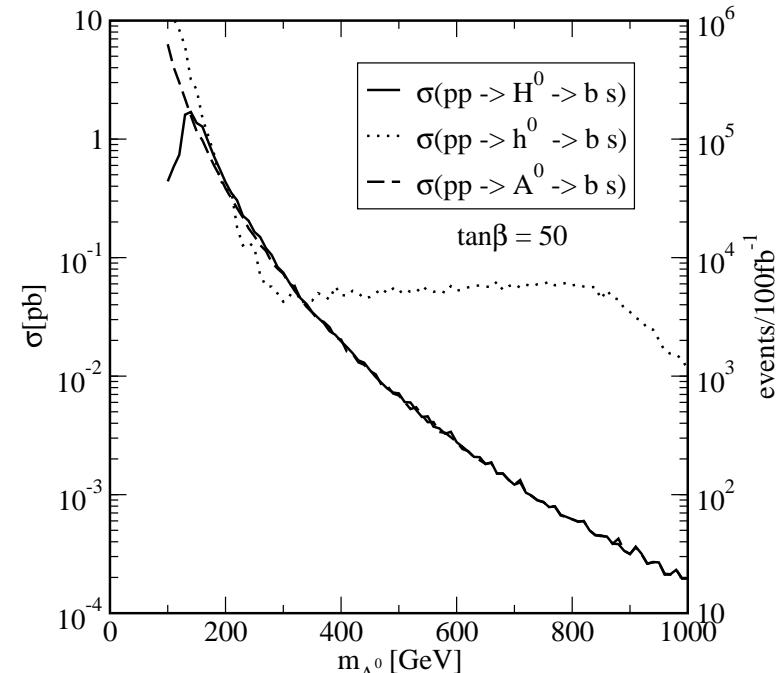
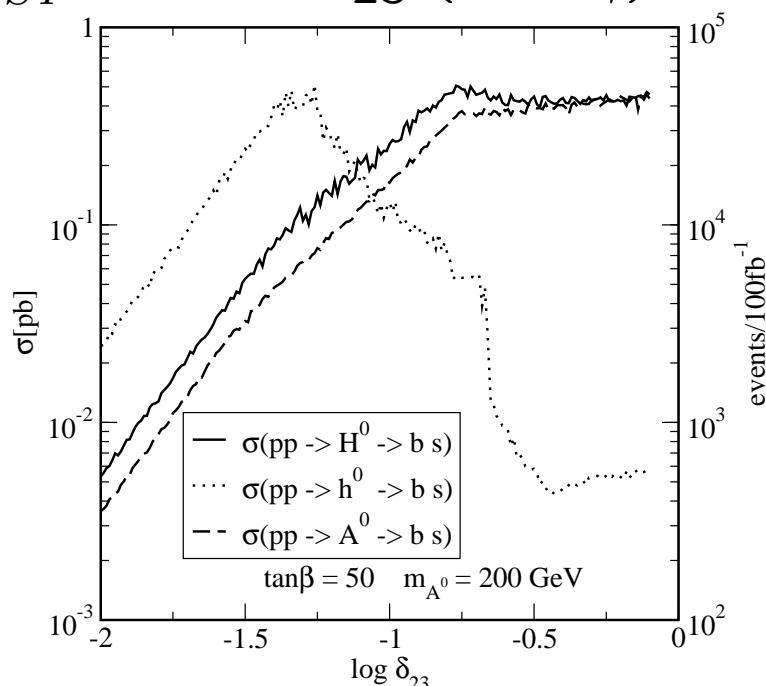
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow qq')$$

$$(\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow bs))$$

- Maximized production rates for  $h^0$
- $M_{A^0} < 300 \text{ GeV}$ : enhancement of  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h^0)$  dominates
- $M_{A^0} > 300 \text{ GeV}$ : suppression of  $\Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow X)$  dominates

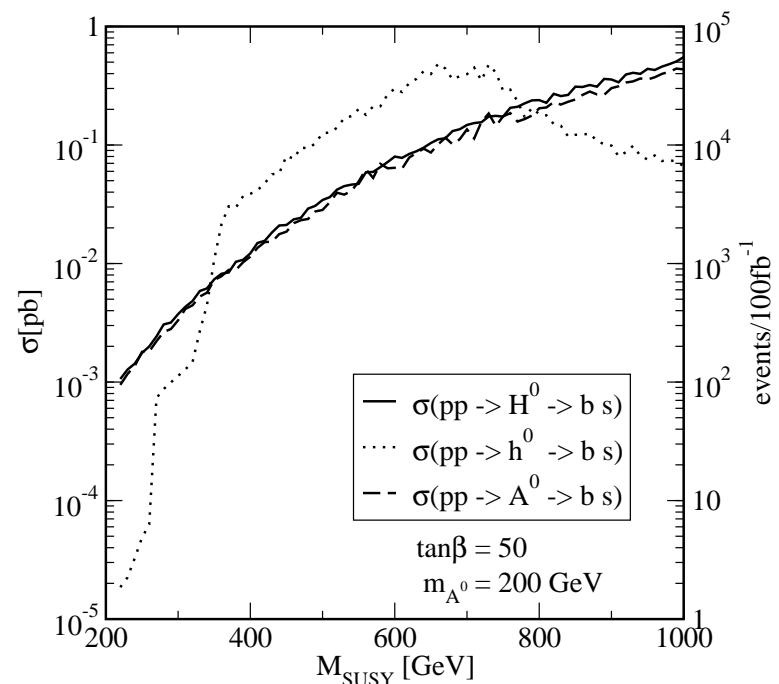
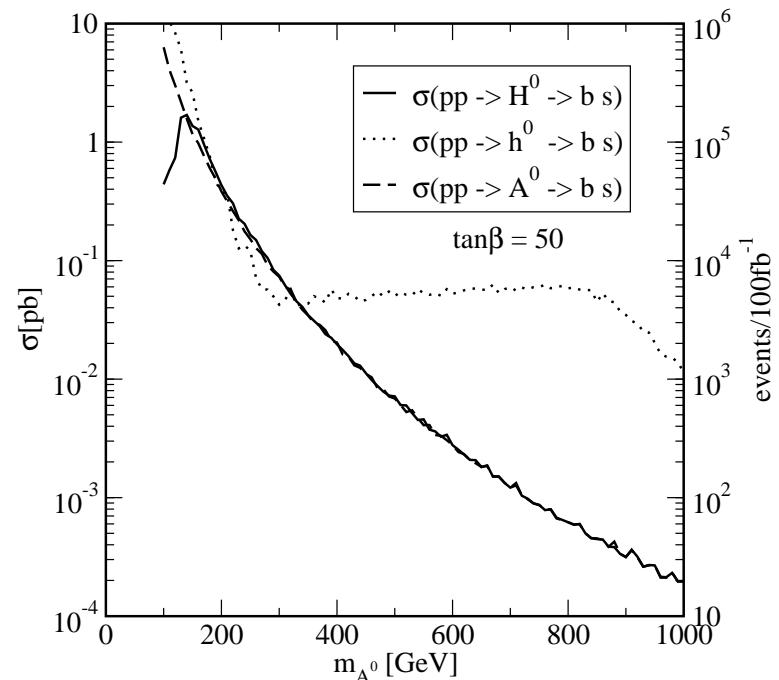
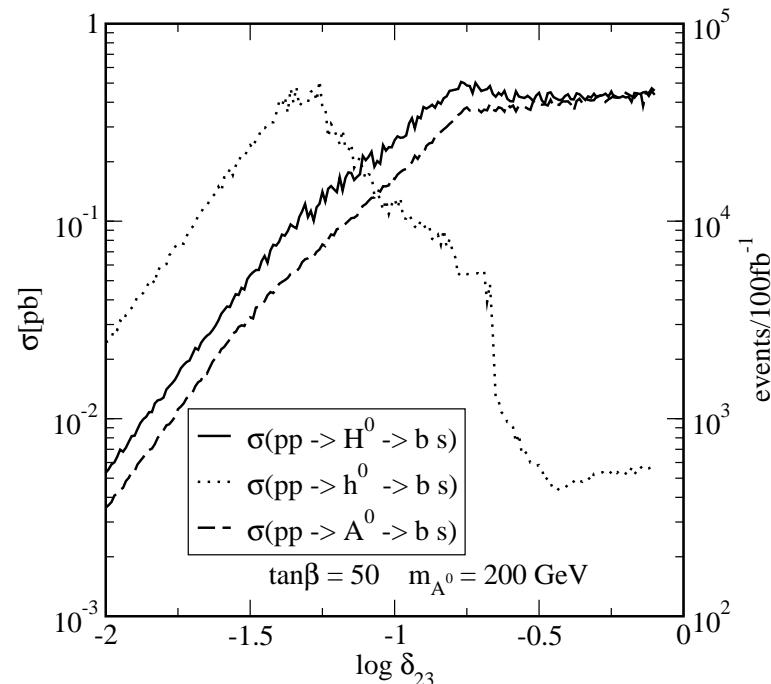


- $h^0$ :
    - $M_{A^0} > 300 \text{ GeV}$ : small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$
    - Dominant contributions are not the leading ones ( $\cos(\beta - \alpha_{\text{eff}}) \rightarrow 0$ )
    - Maximum attained for small  $\delta_{23}$ ,  $M_{\text{SUSY}} \sim 700 \text{ GeV}$
- ⇒ parameters for which small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$  is possible
- ⇒ Larger  $\delta_{23} \Rightarrow$  smaller  $\mu$  ( $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ )
- ⇒ Small  $M_{\text{SUSY}} \Rightarrow$  small  $\delta_{23}$  ( $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ )



- $H^0/A^0$

- Decrease with  $M_{A^0}$  due to x-section
- Dominant contributions are the **leading** ones
- Maximum at large  $M_{SUSY}$   
⇒ Large  $M_{SUSY} \implies$  small  $B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  ⇒ larger  $\delta_{23}$  allowed
- Large  $\delta_{23} \Rightarrow \mu$  has to decrease to obtain acceptable  $B(b \rightarrow s\gamma) \Rightarrow BR(H^0/A^0 \rightarrow bs)$  can not grow.

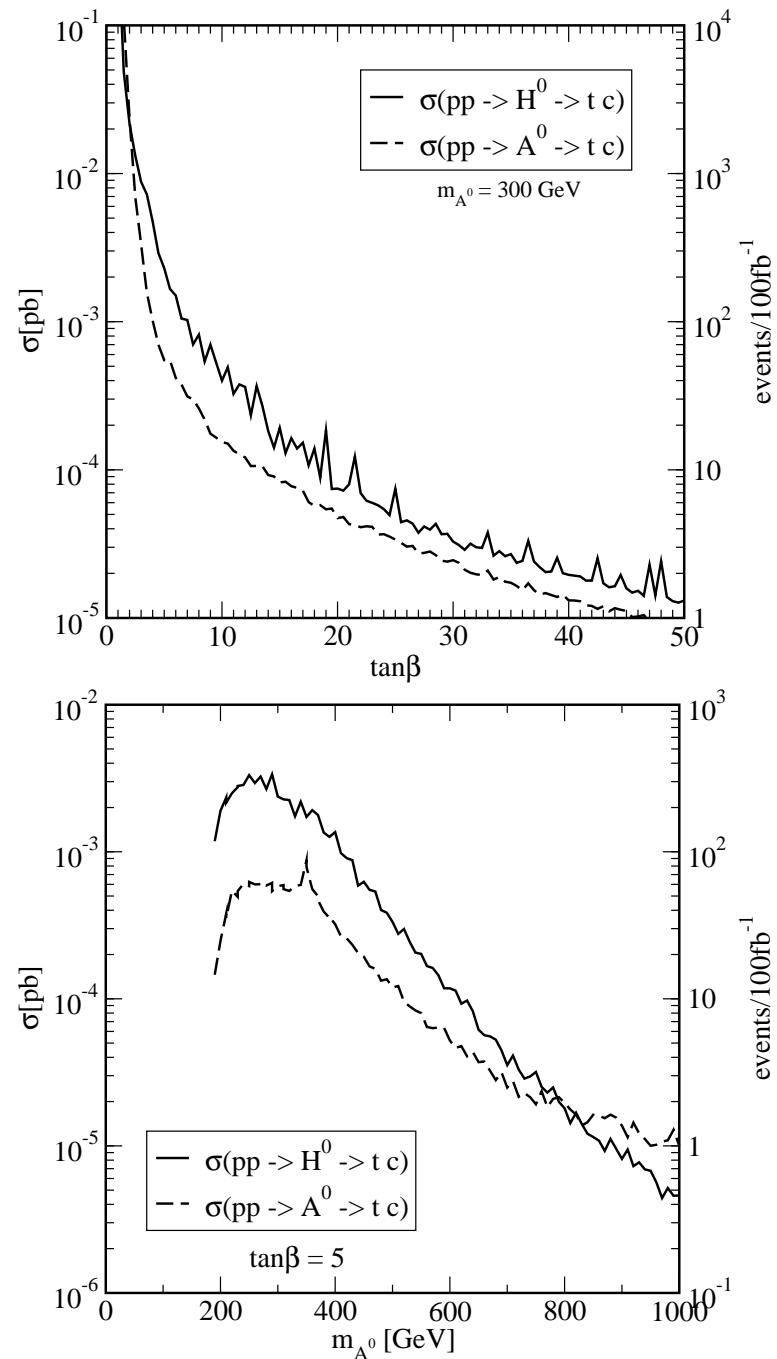


Maximum rates  $M_{A^0} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tan \beta = 50$

$h$	$H^0$	$h^0$	$A^0$
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow b s)$	0.45 pb	0.34 pb	0.37 pb
events/100 fb $^{-1}$	$4.5 \times 10^4$	$3.4 \times 10^4$	$3.7 \times 10^4$
$B(h \rightarrow bs)$	$9.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.9 \times 10^{-4}$
$\Gamma(h \rightarrow X)$	10.9 GeV	1.00 GeV	11.3 GeV
$\delta_{23}$	$10^{-0.62}$	$10^{-1.32}$	$10^{-0.44}$
$m_{\tilde{q}}$	990 GeV	670 GeV	990 GeV
$A_b$	-2750 GeV	-1960 GeV	-2860 GeV
$\mu$	-720 GeV	-990 GeV	-460 GeV
$B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$	$4.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.47 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.39 \times 10^{-4}$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow tc)$$

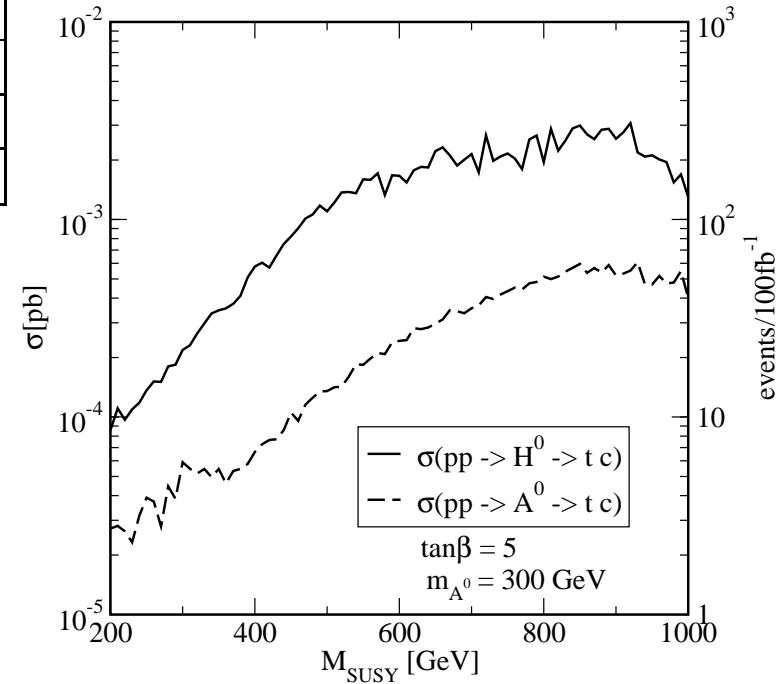
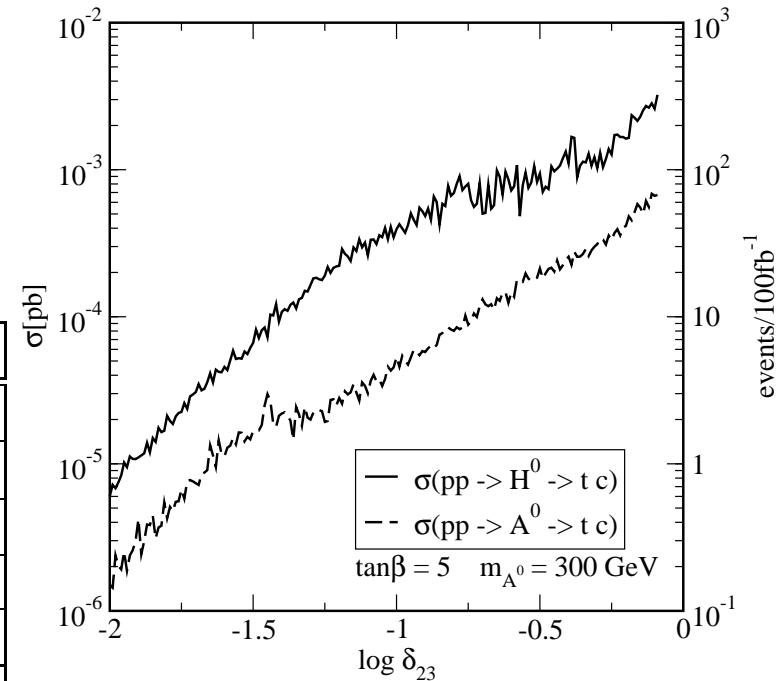
- Only  $H^0/A^0$  possible
- Large at small  $\tan\beta$ :  
⇒ no equivalent of **small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$**
- differences at small  $M_{A^0}$ :
  - Near threshold for  $H^0 \rightarrow \tilde{q}_1 \tilde{q}_1$
  - not possible for  $A^0$



- Maximum at maximal  $\delta_{23}$
- Maximum at maximal  $M_{SUSY}$
- One physical squark is always light

$M_{A^0} = 300 \text{ GeV}, \tan \beta = 5$

$h$	$H^0$	$A^0$
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow tc)$	$2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ pb}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ pb}$
events/100 fb $^{-1}$	240	58
$B(h \rightarrow tc)$	$1.9 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.7 \times 10^{-4}$
$\Gamma(h \rightarrow X)$	0.41 GeV	0.39 GeV
$\delta_{23}$	$10^{-0.10}$	$10^{-0.13}$
$m_{\tilde{q}}$	880 GeV	850 GeV
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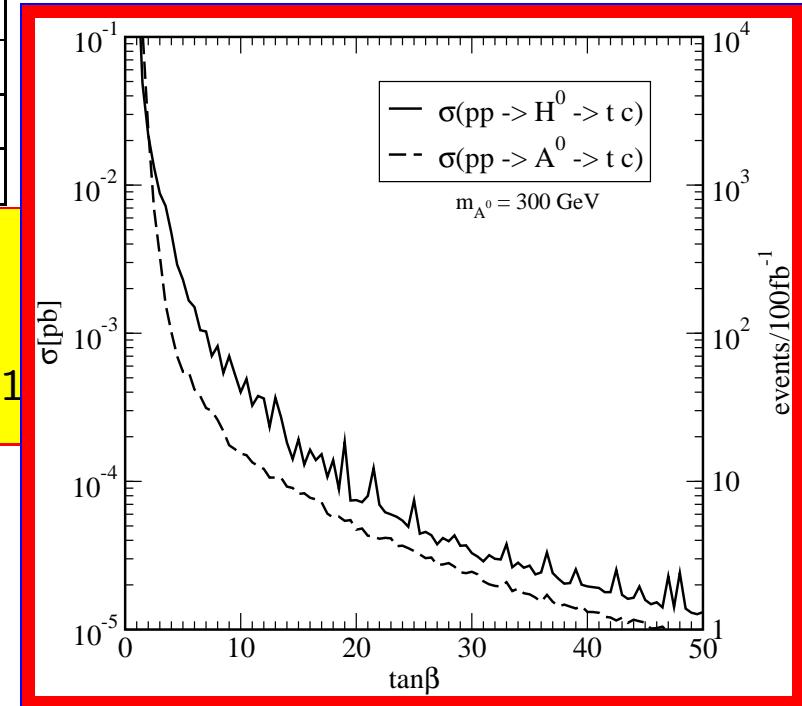
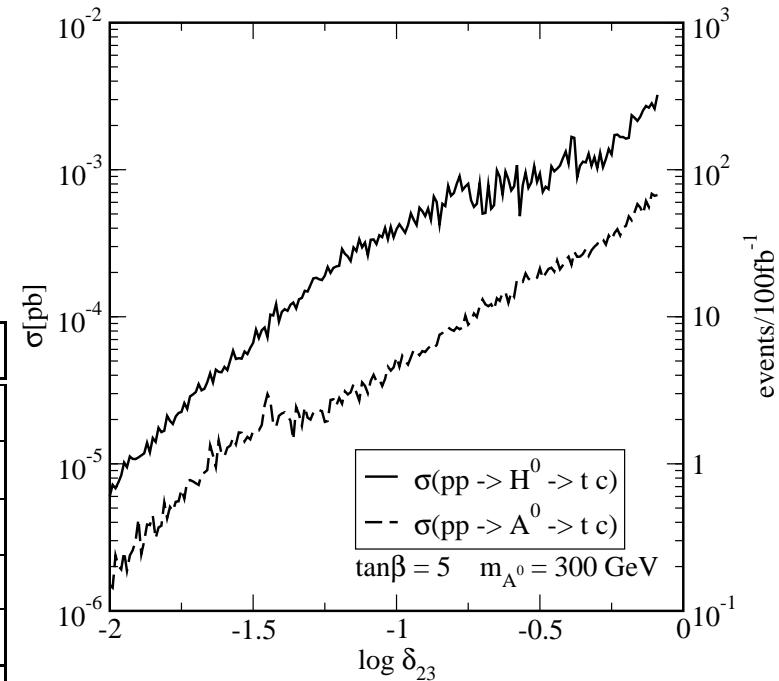


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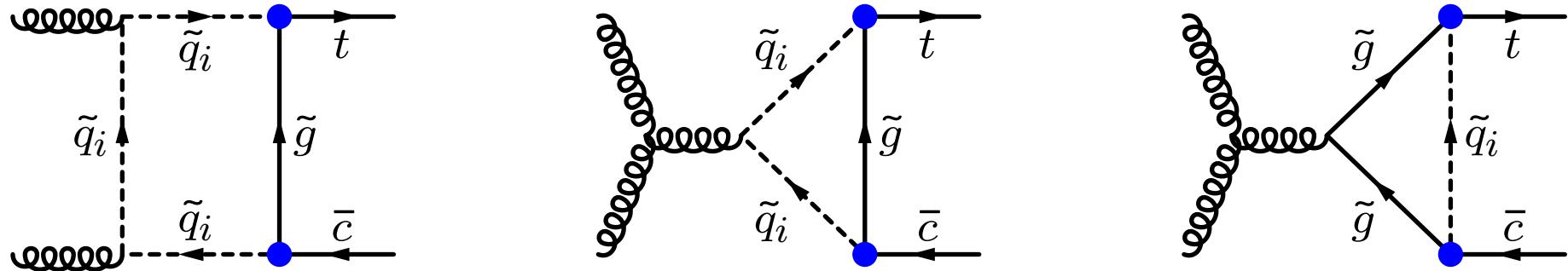
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- $\tan \beta = 4 \implies \sim 500 \text{ events/100 fb}^{-1}$
- $\tan \beta = 3 \implies \sim 900 \text{ events/100 fb}^{-1}$
- $\tan \beta = 2 \implies \sim 2000 \text{ events/100 fb}^{-1}$



# Direct FCNC production @ LHC

$pp[gg] \rightarrow tc$



- Previous computation

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- No complete parameter analysis
- Main effects from Left-Right mixing

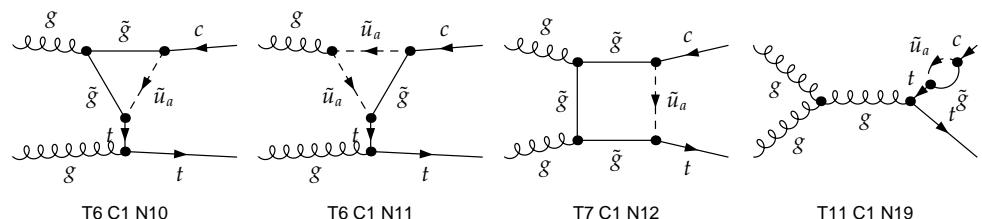
- Computation: FeynArts, FormCalc, LoopTools

T. Hahn, *et al.*, <http://www.feynarts.de>

- Leading terms from Left-Left sector: similar structure to  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$

$$A(gg \rightarrow t\bar{c}) \sim \delta_{23} \frac{m_t(A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)}{M_{SUSY}^2} \times \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{g}}}$$

# Feynman Diagrams

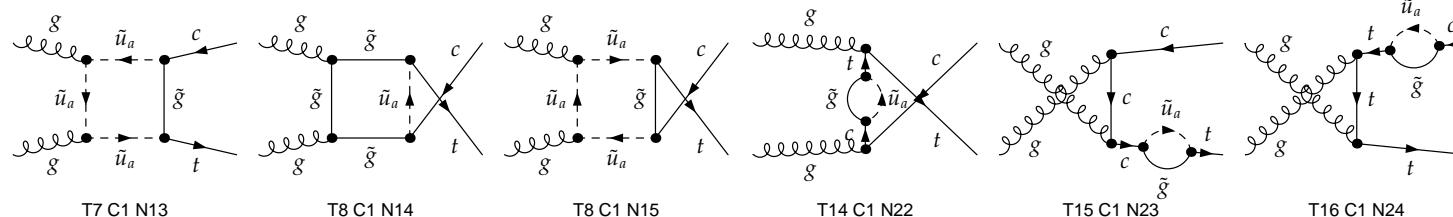


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N12

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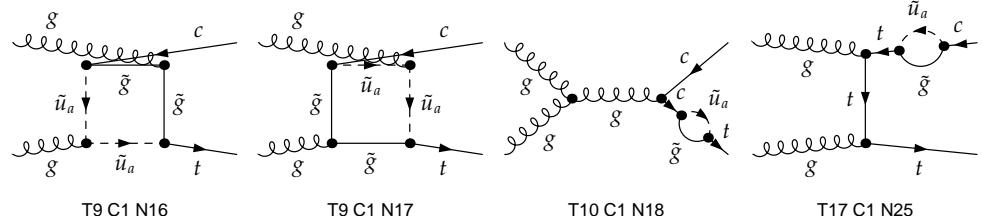


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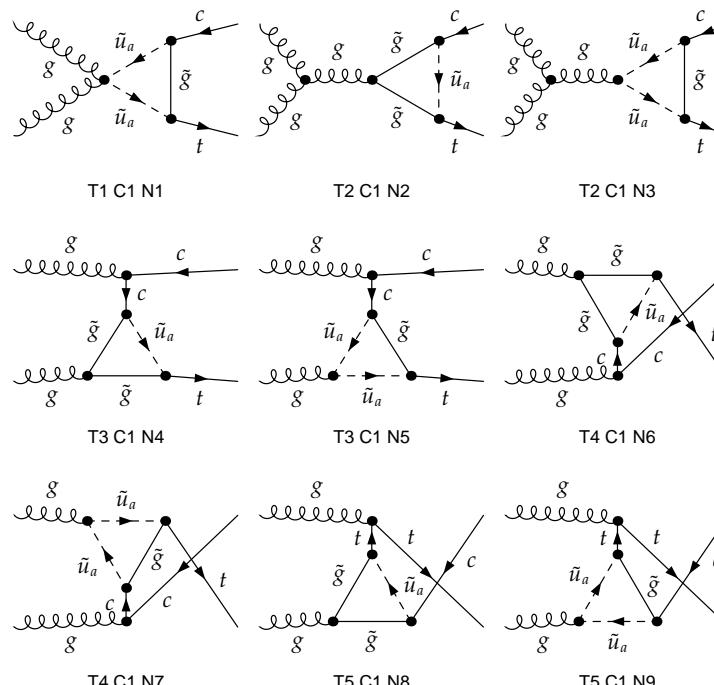


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T17 C1 N25



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T2 C1 N2

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## Comparison with Higgs FCNC

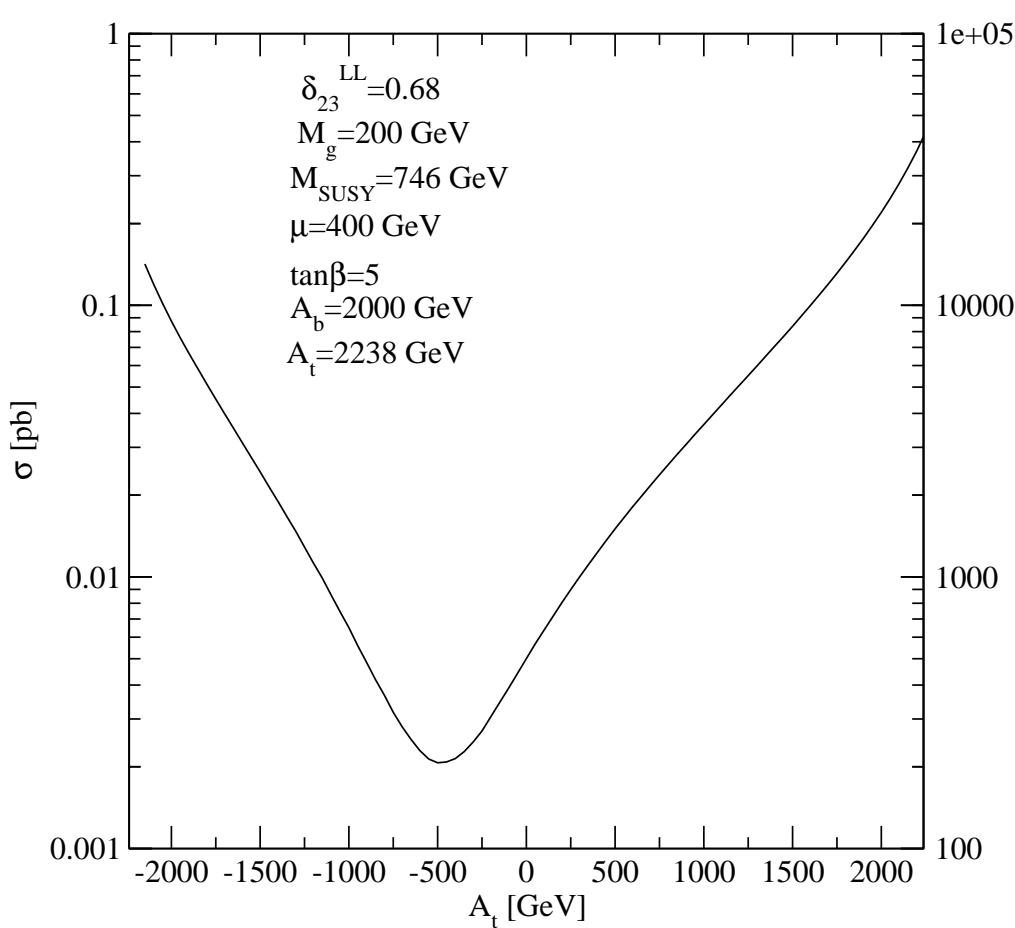
- Take parameters of maximum  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow t\bar{c})$ : Large  $M_{SUSY}$  and  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ 
  - $M_{SUSY} \simeq m_{\tilde{g}} \simeq 880 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\mu \simeq -700 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\delta_{23} \simeq 10^{-0.1} \simeq 0.79$ 
$$\sigma(pp[gg] \rightarrow t\bar{c}) \simeq 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ pb}$$
- ⇒ Same order of magnitude as Higgs-mediated FCNC

## Maximum rates

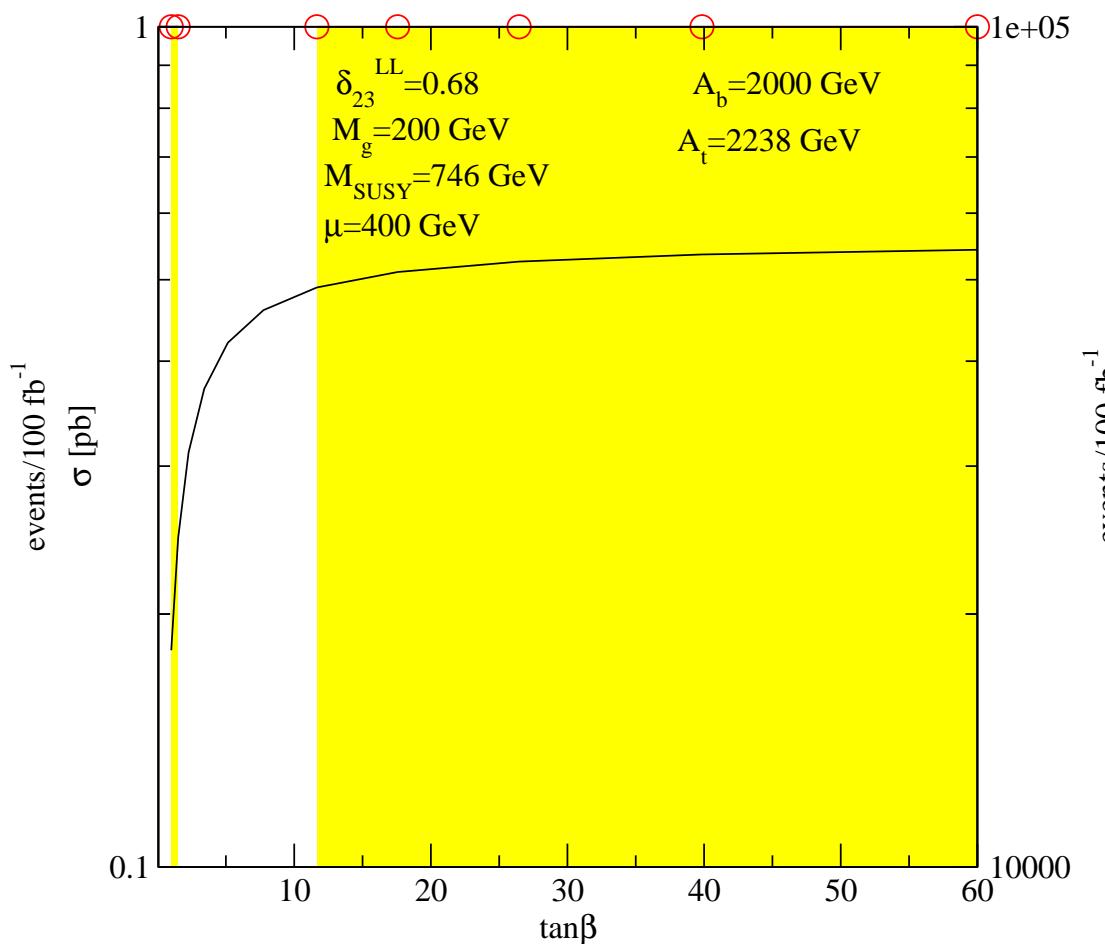
$$A(gg \rightarrow t\bar{c}) \sim \delta_{23} \frac{m_t(A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)}{M_{SUSY}^2} \times \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{g}}}$$

- Large rates  $\Rightarrow$  Large  $\delta_{23}$  and Large  $(A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)$ 
    - $\Rightarrow$  high sensitivity to  $A_t$
    - $\Rightarrow$  Left-Left flavour mixing  $\oplus$  Left-Right stop mixing  $\Rightarrow$  similar to Left-Right flavour mixing
    - $\Rightarrow$  Similar analysis of  $B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$
  - Analytical approximation to maximization:
    - Find the maximum value of:  $\delta_{23} \times (A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)$
    - Physical mass constraints: upper limit on:  $\delta_{23}^2 + (A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)^2$
    - Non-colour breaking vauca: additional constraints on  $A_t$
    - Low value of  $M_{SUSY}$
    - Similar analytical expressions to find the constraints from  $B(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$
- $\Rightarrow \tan\beta = 5, \mu = 400 \text{ GeV}, A_t = 2238 \text{ GeV}, A_b = 2000 \text{ GeV},$
- $\Rightarrow \delta_{23} = 0.68, M_{SUSY} = 750 \text{ GeV}, \text{ low } m_{\tilde{g}}$

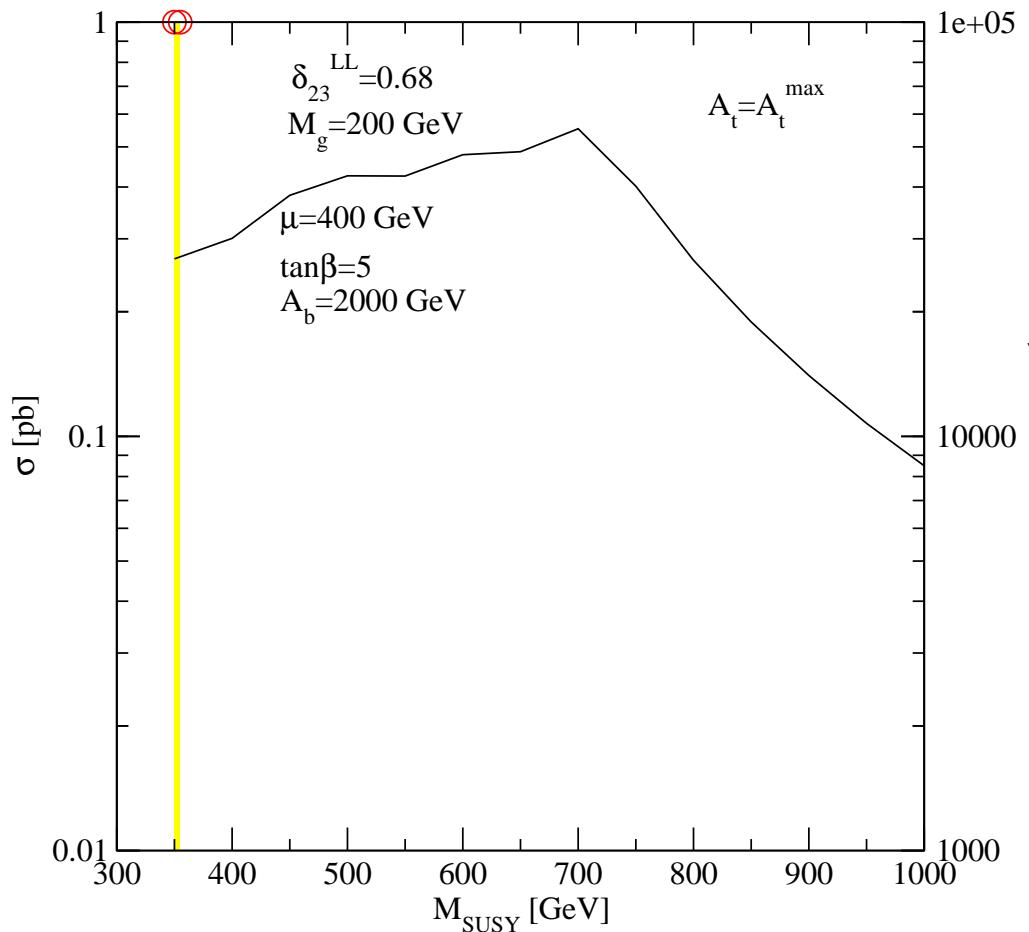
$\sigma( pp[gg] \rightarrow t \bar{c} )$



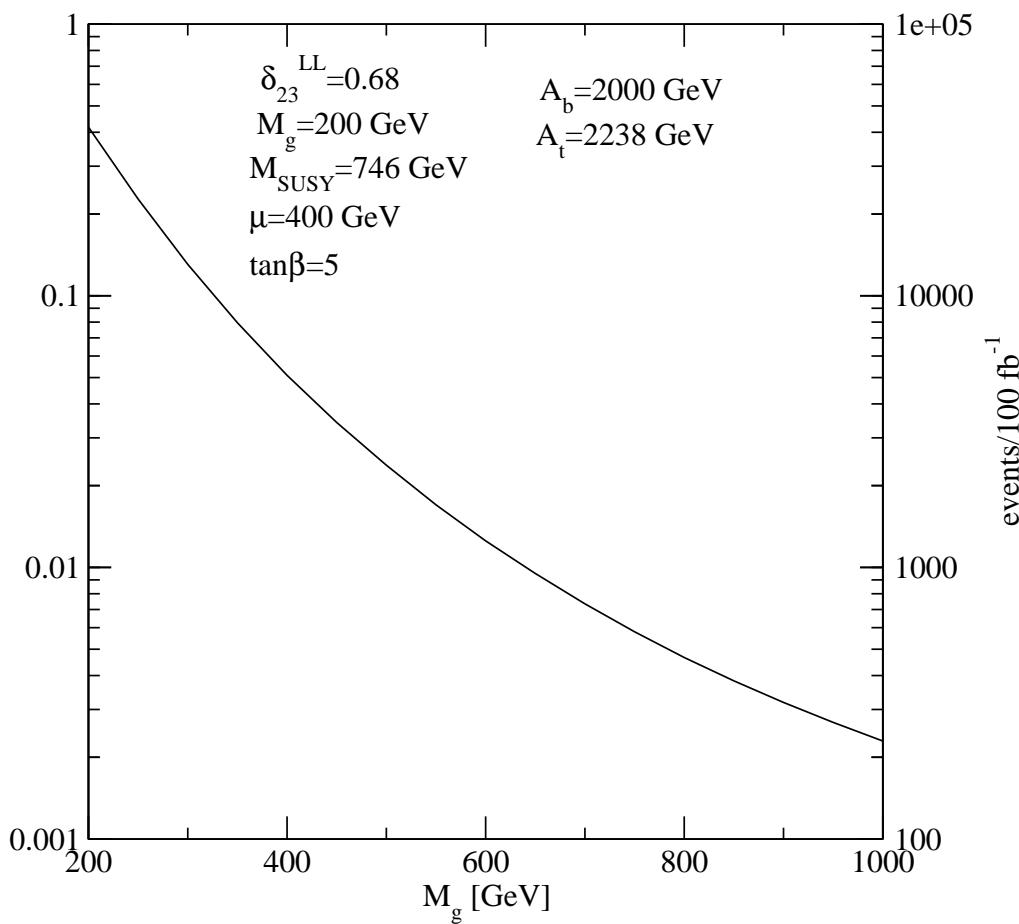
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- ⇒ Cross-sections  $\sim 0.5$  pb possible
- ⇒  $\sim 100,000$  events/ $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for  $t\bar{c}$  processes
- ⇒ Only with Left-Left intergenerational mixing

# Conclusions

## Higgs Mediated

- $h - b - s$  and  $h - t - c$  FCNC couplings are enhanced in the general MSSM
- restrictions from  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ :
  - Allow extremely large couplings in fine-tuned regions
  - in non-fine-tuned regions: still 4–10 orders of magnitude larger than SM
- $h - q - q'$  are large at large  $M_{SUSY}$ :
  - Leading contributions to  $h - q - q'$  do not depend on the average SUSY mass scale
  - at low  $M_{SUSY}$  the FCNC couplings are restricted by  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$

- $h \rightarrow bs$ :
  - Maximum of  $BR(h^0 \rightarrow bs)$  obtained in small  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$

	SM	small $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	tree-Higgs
$BR(h^0 \rightarrow bs)$	$\lesssim 10^{-7}$	$3 \times 10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$

  - Production at LHC: negative correlations between production and decay
    - \*  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow bs) \lesssim 0.5 \text{ pb} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} 5 \times 10^4 \text{ events}/100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
    - \* light quarks: difficult to see at LHC
- $H^0/A^0 \rightarrow tc$ :
  - production at LHC: decreases fast with mass
  - increases fast at low  $\tan \beta$ :

$\tan \beta$	5	4	3	2
$\sigma(pp \rightarrow H^0 \rightarrow tc)$	3 fb	5 fb	9 fb	20 fb
events/ $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	300	500	900	2000

  - Several thousand events could be produced
  - Possibility of tagging on single top

## Direct process

- Parameters for maximum Higgs-mediated rates
  - ⇒ Similar rates for direct process
  - ⇒ But direct process can give much larger rates
- Reproduce previous results
- Left-Left flavour mixing gives large rates
- Analytical approximation to maximization
  - Maximal possible value of  $\delta_{23} \times (A_t - \mu/\tan\beta)$
- Low sensitivity to  $\tan\beta$
- $\sigma(pp[gg] \rightarrow t\bar{c}) \sim 0.5 \text{ pb} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} 10^5 \text{ events}/100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [ $m_{\tilde{g}} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ ]
  - 2–3 orders of magnitude larger than Higgs-mediated

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