

# HXSWG3 Meeting 2017: NMSSM

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## Outline:

Theory: Recent Developments  
Phenomenology of the Higgs Sector

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## Improvements of NMSSM Higgs Mass Calculations:

- Comparison of various codes: F. Staub et al., Comput.Phys.Commun. 202 (2016) 113-130
- Improvements of FeynHiggs: P. Drechsel et al., Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) 1, 42
- EFT (effective SM) approach for heavy SUSY spectrum: P. Athron et al., JHEP 1701 (2017) 079 and F. Staub, W. Porod, Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77:338
- Analysis of On-Shell Calculations (NMSSM CALC/FeynHiggs), P. Drechsel et al., Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.6, 366
- NMSSM in SloopS, G. Belanger et al., Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) no.11, 115031
- “Goldstone Boson Catastrophe”: Treatment of Cases with Infrared Divergencies, J. Braathen et al., arXiv:1706.05372

Ongoing work, it seems hard to improve the theoretical precision below  $\Delta(M_{Higgs}) \sim 3$  GeV for all possible SUSY spectra, under discussion

## Further Theoretical Aspects (recent $\geq 2016$ ):

- Vacuum Stability: M. Krauss et al., Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.5, 331; J. Beuria et al., arXiv:1705.08208 and JHEP 1704 (2017) 024
- Naturalness in the NMSSM after LHC run I: J. Cao et al., JHEP 1608 (2016) 037
- $\Delta F = 2$  Flavour changing processes, J. Kumar et al., JHEP 1610 (2016) 134
- Alignment limit in the NMSSM Higgs sector, M. Carena et al., Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) no.3, 035013
- Complex NMSSM:
  - NMSSMCalc (M. Mühlleitner et al.), incl. test of EDMs
  - Combining SARAH/SPheno (F. Staub/W. Porod)
  - Comparison among codes (M. Goodsell, F. Staub, arXiv:1604.05335)
  - NMSSMTools (F. Domingo), incl. pheno-constraints from Higgs- K- and B-physics
  - FeynHiggs (F. Domingo et al., arXiv:1706.00437)

# Phenomenology of the Higgs Sector

Field Content:

- $H_{125}$ , mostly SM-like;
- $H/A$ , mostly MSSM-like;
- $H_S/A_S$ , mostly singlet-like, may be very light

See the list of benchmark points for NMSSM specific Higgs (Higgs-to-Higgs) decays on the web page

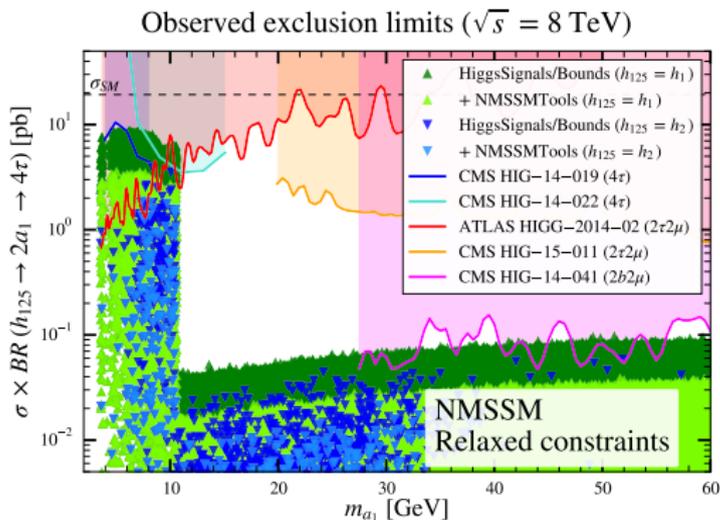
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## NMSSM specific phenomena:

- Exotic decays of  $H_{125}$
- Direct production of light NMSSM specific Higgs states  $H_S/A_S$
- Cascade decays into NMSSM specific Higgs states  $H_S/A_S$

$$H_{125} \rightarrow A_S A_S \rightarrow \dots :$$

Many possible final states, many recent and ongoing searches by ATLAS/CMS  
 Compilation by R. Aggleton et al., JHEP 1702 (2017) 035:



Light green/blue points: viable in the NMSSM after LEP/LHC constraints

## Updated Summaries of Run I Searches for $H_{125} \rightarrow AA \rightarrow \dots$ :

ATLAS Collaboration, “Search for Higgs bosons decaying to  $aa$  in the  $\mu\mu\tau\tau$  final state in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV with the ATLAS experiment,” Phys. Rev. D **92** (2015) no.5, 052002, arXiv:1505.01609

CMS Collaboration, “Search for light bosons in decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV,” arXiv:1701.02032

## The First Run II Results from Searches for $H_{125} \rightarrow AA \rightarrow \dots$ :

CMS-HIG-16-035, “A search for beyond Standard Model light bosons decaying into muon pairs”, including searches for NMSSM-specific  $H_{BSM} \rightarrow AA \rightarrow \dots$

ATLAS-CONF-2017-042, “Search for Higgs boson decays to Beyond-the-Standard-Model light bosons in four-lepton events with the ATLAS detector at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV”

→ These searches for  $H_S/A_S$  have only scratched the NMSSM parameter space, but many more are ongoing!

## Recent theoretical studies:

- Exploit  $A_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : M. Guchiat et al., Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.3, 035036 and arXiv:1705.06275
- Branching ratios of a very light  $A_S$  with  $M_{A_S} \lesssim 1$  GeV: F. Domingo, JHEP 1703 (2017) 052
- Investigating light NMSSM pseudoscalar states with boosted ditau tagging: E. Conte et al., JHEP 1605 (2016) 100

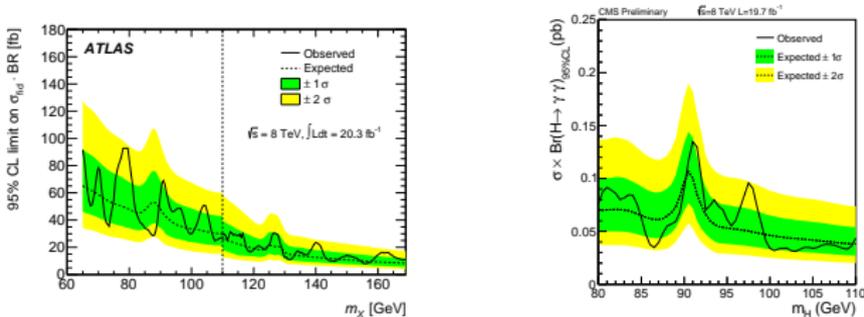
## Direct Production of NMSSM specific Higgs Bosons:

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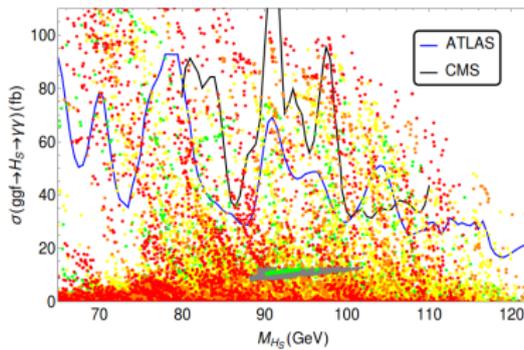
- Diphoton signal of  $H_S$ : J. Cao et al., Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.11, 116001
- Comparison of signal rates into  $ZZ$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ : NMSSM, CxSM, N2HDM, C2HDM; M. Mühlleitner et al., arXiv:1703.07750
- Differential cross section for neutral Higgs-boson production, S. Liebler et al., arXiv:1608.02949
- $bbA_S$  production: N.-E. Bomark et al., JHEP 1502 (2015) 044, prospects somewhat (too?) pessimistic

Searches at Run I:

# ATLAS/CMS searches for $ggF \rightarrow H_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at 8 TeV:



Do the ATLAS/CMS searches touch possible values for  $\sigma(ggF \rightarrow H_S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  within the LEP/LHC-allowed NMSSM parameter space? (M. Rodríguez, U.E.):



YES, but far from exclusion...

# NMSSM specific Higgs Bosons $H_S/A_S$ via Cascade Decays (mostly from MSSM-like $H/A$ )

Similar to searches for resonant  $H_{125}$  pair production or  $H_{125} + X$  production, but with  $H_{125}$  replaced by  $H_S/A_S$ !

Recent theoretical studies:

- $H \rightarrow H_S +$  neutralinos (mono-Higgs): S. Baum et al., arXiv:1703.07800
- Review of Higgs Branching Ratios: C. Beskidt et al., Phys.Lett. B759 (2016) 141
- $H \rightarrow H_S + H_{125}$ : R. Costa et al., JHEP 1606 (2016) 034: “Smoking gun”  
M. Rodríguez, U.E. to appear:  
 $\rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}/b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-/b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$  incl. background studies
- $H/A \rightarrow Z + A_S/H_S$ : N.-E. Bomark et al., JHEP 1502 (2015) 044

CMS search for  $H/A \rightarrow Z(\ell\ell) + A_{(S)}/H_{(S)}(b\bar{b})$ :

Phys. Lett. B759, 369 (2016), could be interpreted in the NMSSM

Missing are more searches for Higgs pair or Higgs + X production with  $M_{Higgs} \neq 125$  GeV

## Dark Matter: Singlino-like LSP

- Easily compatible with constraints from direct detection experiments
- Good relic density via resonant s-channel annihilation via a light singlet-like pseudoscalar (or the SM Higgs/Z if  $M_{LSP}$  is close enough to  $M_{Resonance}/2$ )
- Impact on sparticle decay cascades! (See below)

## Possible Consequences for the NMSSM Higgs Sector:

- A light singlet-like pseudoscalar is favoured (for a light singlet-like LSP)
- Sparticle decays can be important sources for SM- or NMSSM-Higgs pair production (+ jets +  $E_T^{miss}$ )

## NMSSM specific Higgs Bosons from Sparticle Decays

A singlino-like LSP can complicate sparticle decay cascades considerably:  
No sparticle wants to decay into a singlino-like LSP unless it is the only possible decay mode

The last decay in a decay chain  $NLSP \rightarrow LSP + X$  can lead to a very small energy of the LSP if

a)  $M_{LSP}$  is small (a few GeV),

b)  $M_{NLSP} \sim M_X + M_{LSP}$

→ most energy goes into X, little energy goes into the LSP → missing  $E_T^{miss}$

→ alleviation of lower limits on squark, gluino, stop... masses

X could be  $H_{125}$ ,  $H_S$  or  $A_S$  which are pair produced

A corresponding CMS thesis is under way

## Conclusions and Outlook

The precision of Higgs mass calculations in the NMSSM is at the level of the MSSM ( $\pm 3$  GeV); a higher precision remains an issue!

The rich NMSSM Higgs sector is hardly explored/tested

Feasible:

- Exotic  $H_{125}$  decays into  $(A_S + A_S)/(H_S + H_S) \rightarrow (b\bar{b}, \tau^+\tau^-, \mu^+\mu^-)^2$  for various  $M_{b\bar{b}, \tau^+\tau^-, \mu^+\mu^-}$  (done anyhow, no BMpoints needed)
- Search for direct  $H_S/A_S$  production in ggF (in ass. with  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ ?)
- Higgs-to-Higgs cascade decays: Many possibilities!  
Largest production cross sections typically for MSSM-like states  $H/A \rightarrow \dots$   
Some BMpoints are available, more or BMplanes would be desirable  
Searches for Higgs pair or Higgs + X production with  $M_{Higgs} \neq 125$  GeV would be desirable

Sparticle decay chains into singlino LSP + X =  $H_{125}$ ,  $H_S$ ,  $A_S$ :

Possibly with “missing  $E_T^{miss}$ ”,

Hardly explored/tested, more BMpoints/planes would be welcome