
Prospects for SUSY and Higgs Phenomenology at the LHC

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Introduction

The LHC is about to open up the new territory of TeV-scale physics

Many open questions:

- How does electroweak symmetry breaking work?
- How is the hierarchy of scales stabilised?
- What is dark matter? Can it be produced in the laboratory?
- Are there new sources of \mathcal{CP} -violation?
- ...

What to expect?

Information from electroweak precision physics

EW precision data:

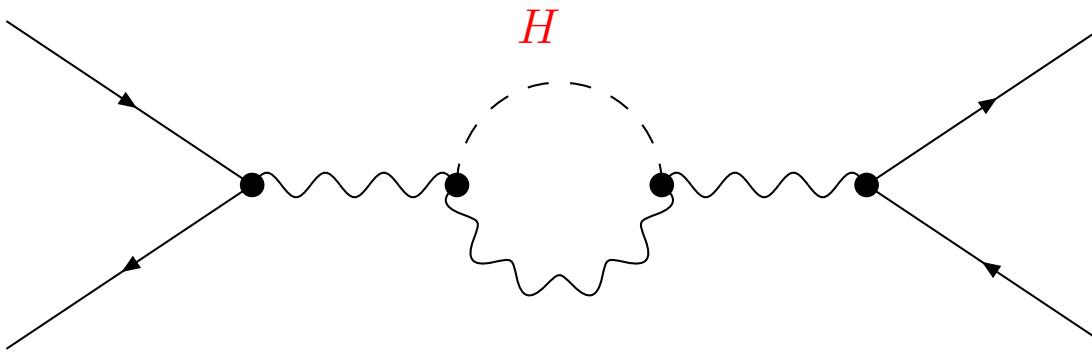
$M_Z, M_W, \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}, \dots$

Theory:

SM, MSSM, ...



Test of theory at quantum level: loop corrections



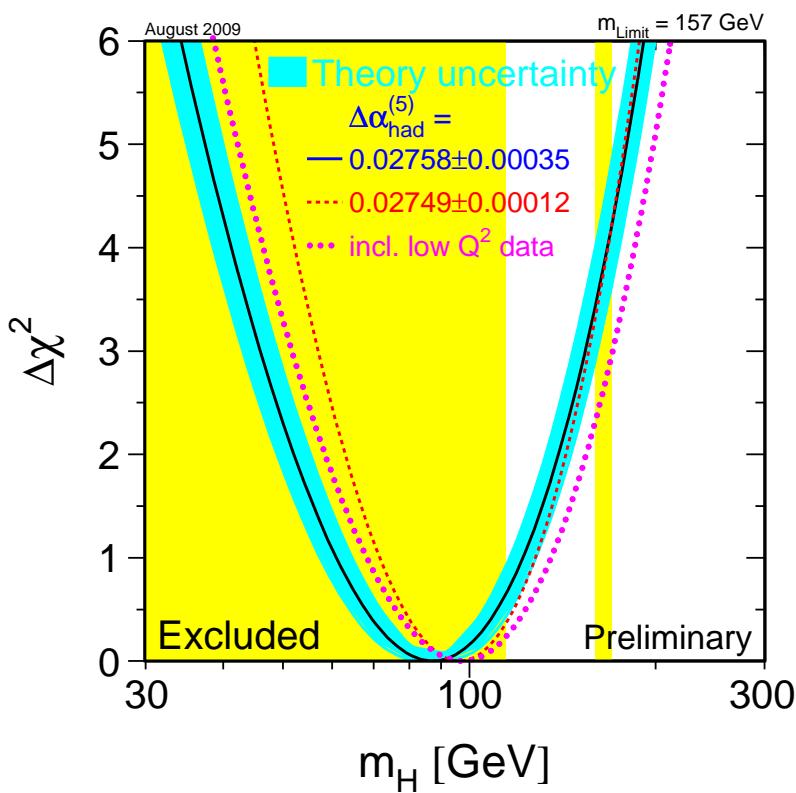
Sensitivity to effects from unknown parameters: $M_H, M_{\tilde{t}}, \dots$

Window to “new physics”

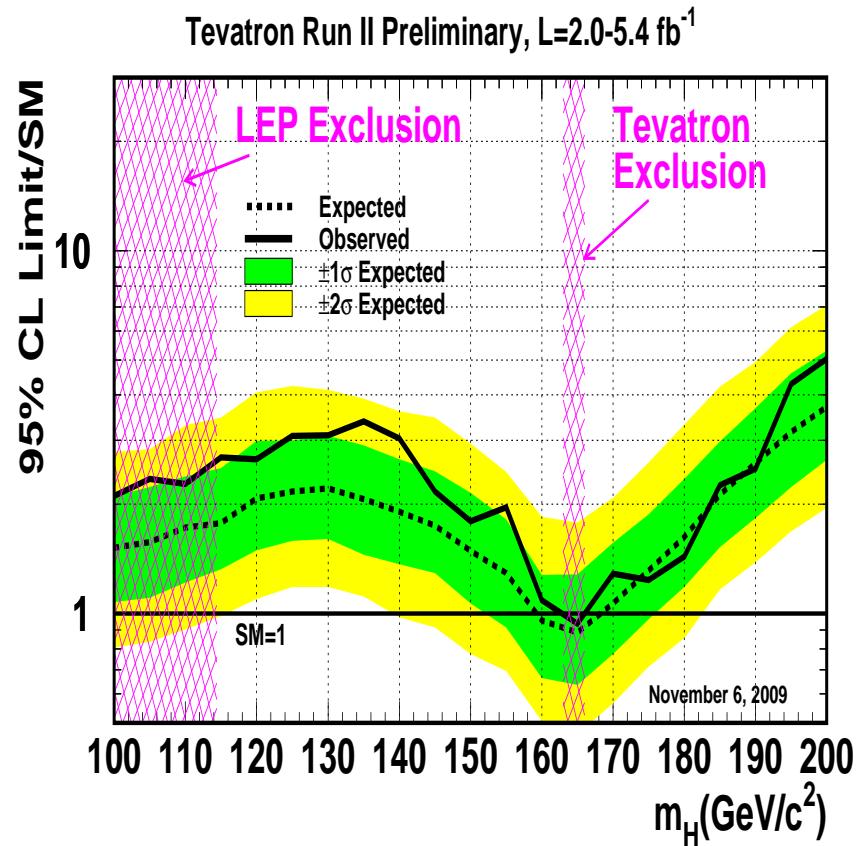
Constraints on the SM Higgs from electroweak precision data and direct searches

SM Higgs: ew. prec. data + direct search at LEP & Tevatron

[LEPEWWG '09]



[TEVNPH Working Group '09]



⇒ Preference for a light Higgs

The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)

Superpartners for Standard Model particles:

$$[u, d, c, s, t, b]_{L,R} \quad [e, \mu, \tau]_{L,R} \quad [\nu_{e,\mu,\tau}]_L \quad \text{Spin } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$[\tilde{u}, \tilde{d}, \tilde{c}, \tilde{s}, \tilde{t}, \tilde{b}]_{L,R} \quad [\tilde{e}, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\tau}]_{L,R} \quad [\tilde{\nu}_{e,\mu,\tau}]_L \quad \text{Spin } 0$$

$$g \quad \underbrace{W^\pm, H^\pm}_{\gamma, Z, H_1^0, H_2^0} \quad \text{Spin 1 / Spin 0}$$

$$\tilde{g} \quad \tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^\pm \quad \tilde{\chi}_{1,2,3,4}^0 \quad \text{Spin } \frac{1}{2}$$

Two Higgs doublets, physical states: h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm

General parametrisation of possible SUSY-breaking terms
⇒ free parameters, no prediction for SUSY mass scale

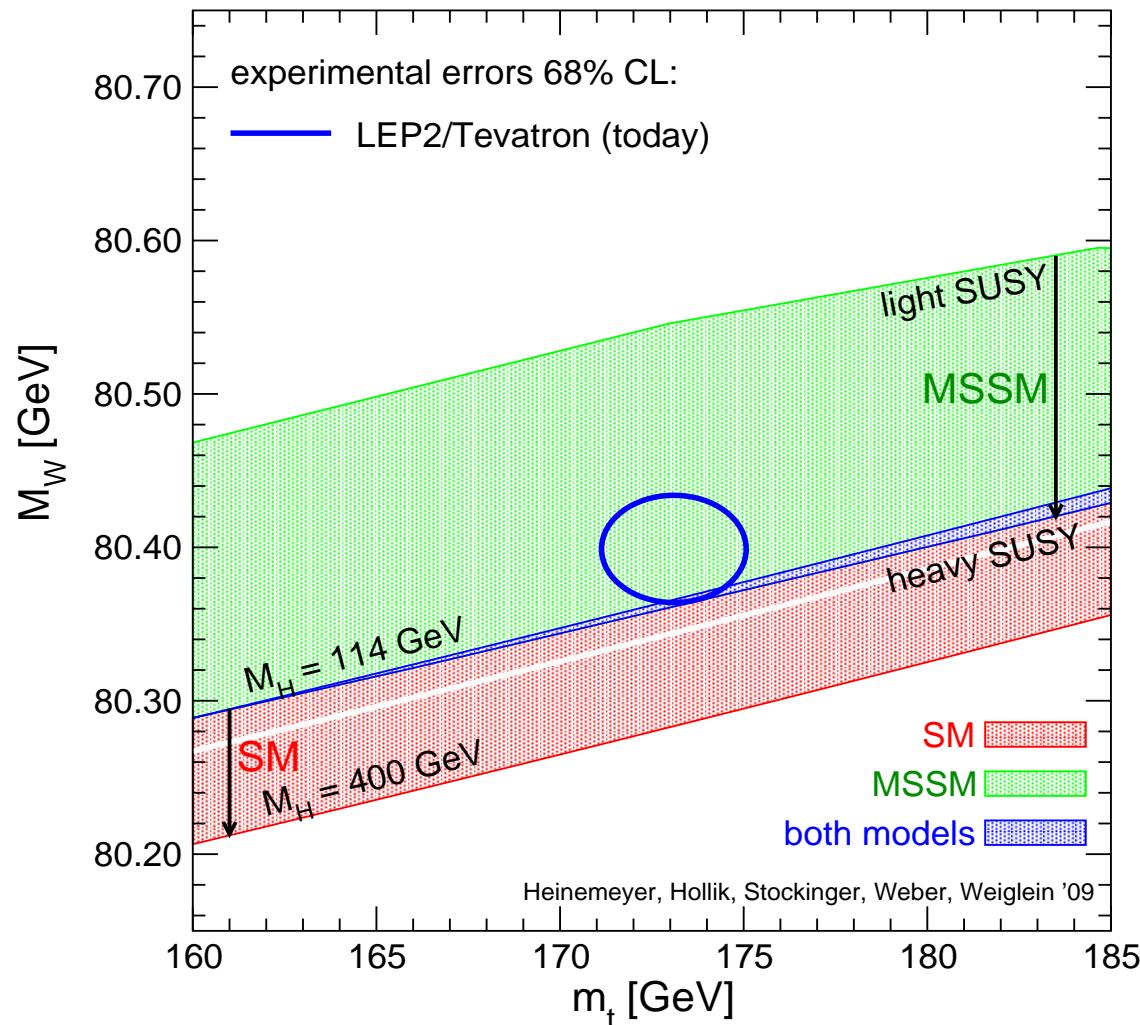
Hierarchy problem ⇒ expect observable effects at TeV scale

Most sensitive precision observables

- W-boson mass: M_W
- Effective weak mixing angle: $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$
- Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon: $(g - 2)_\mu$
- FCNC b decay: $\text{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$
- Cold dark matter (CDM) density: Ω_{CDM}
- ...

Prediction for M_W (parameter scan): SM vs. MSSM

Prediction for M_W in the **SM** and the **MSSM**:



[*S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, D. Stöckinger, A.M. Weber, G. W. '09*]

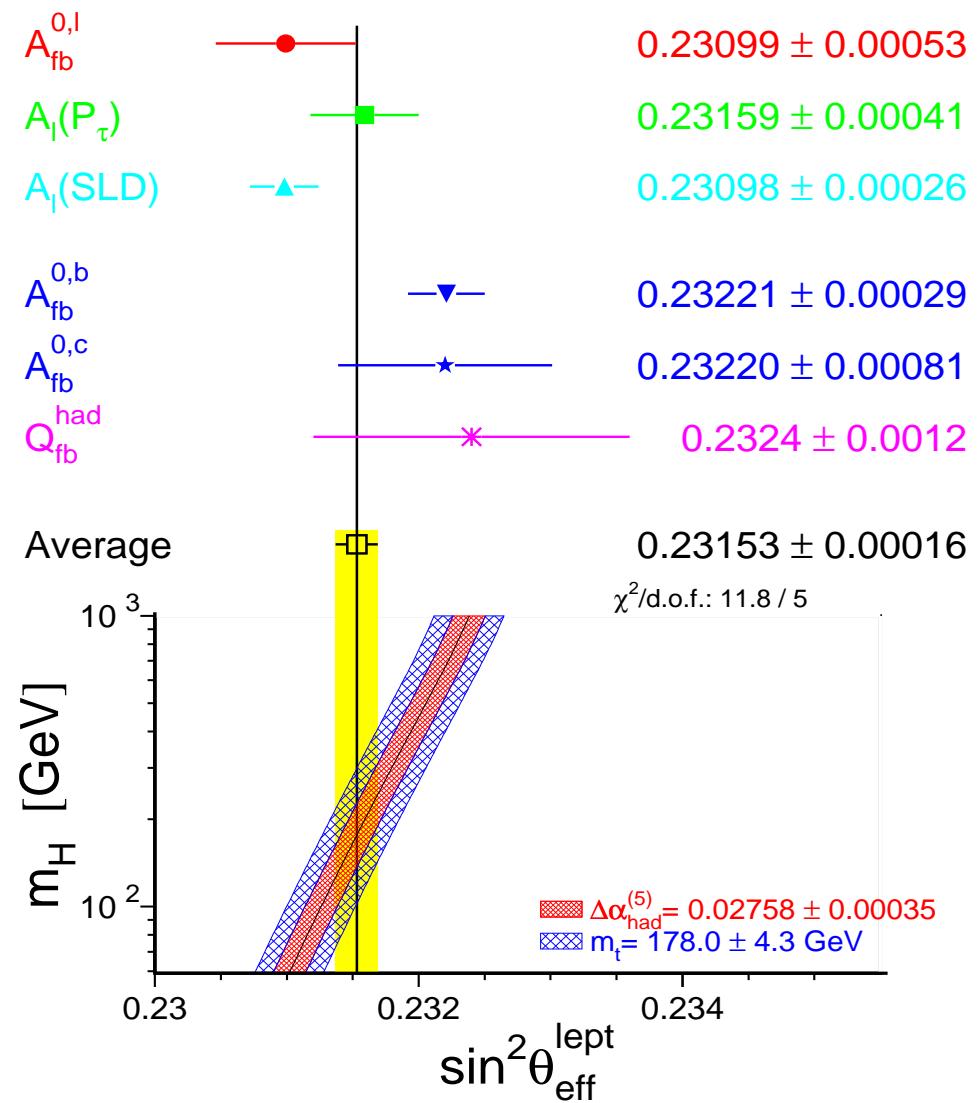
MSSM: SUSY parameters varied

SM: M_H varied

Tevatron result for m_t interpreted (perturb.) as pole mass

⇒ Slight preference for **MSSM** over **SM**

$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$: *an old (but still relevant) story*



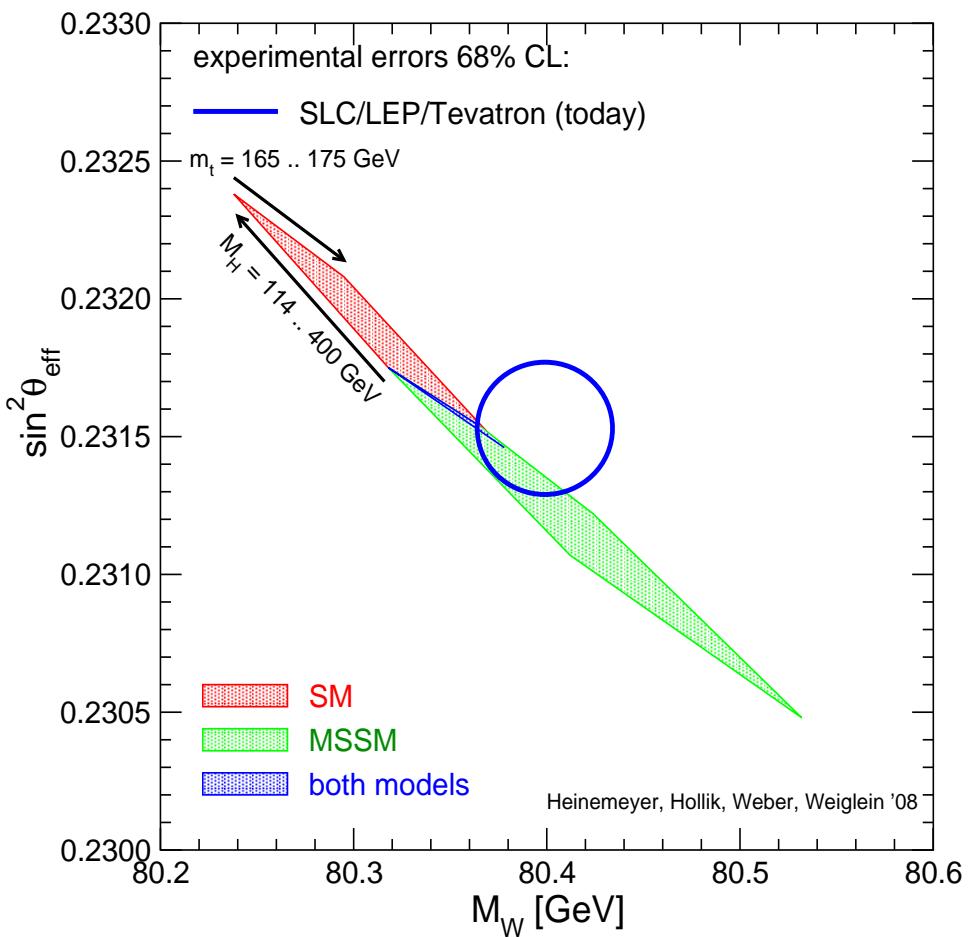
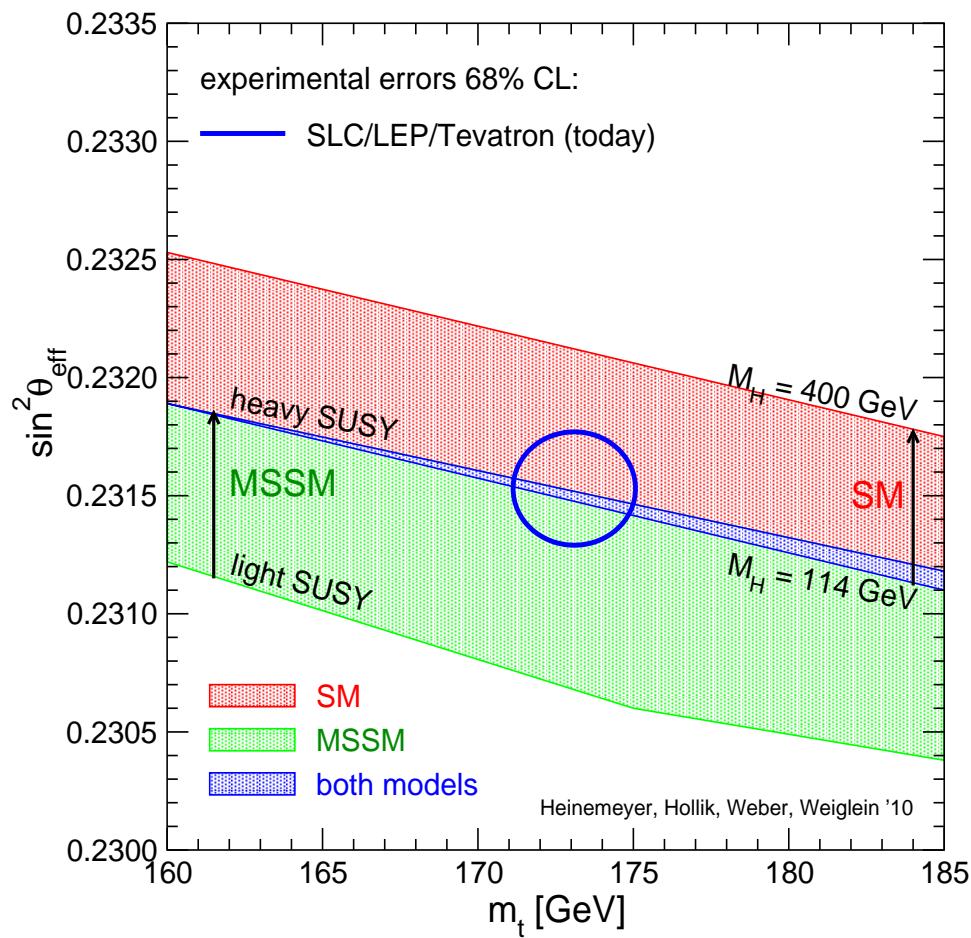
[LEPEWWG '05]

$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ has a high sensitivity to M_H and effects of new physics

But:
large discrepancy between A_{LR} (SLD) and A_{FB} (LEP),
has big impact on constraints on new physics

$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} = 0.23153 \pm 0.00016$: **central value, errors added in quadrature**

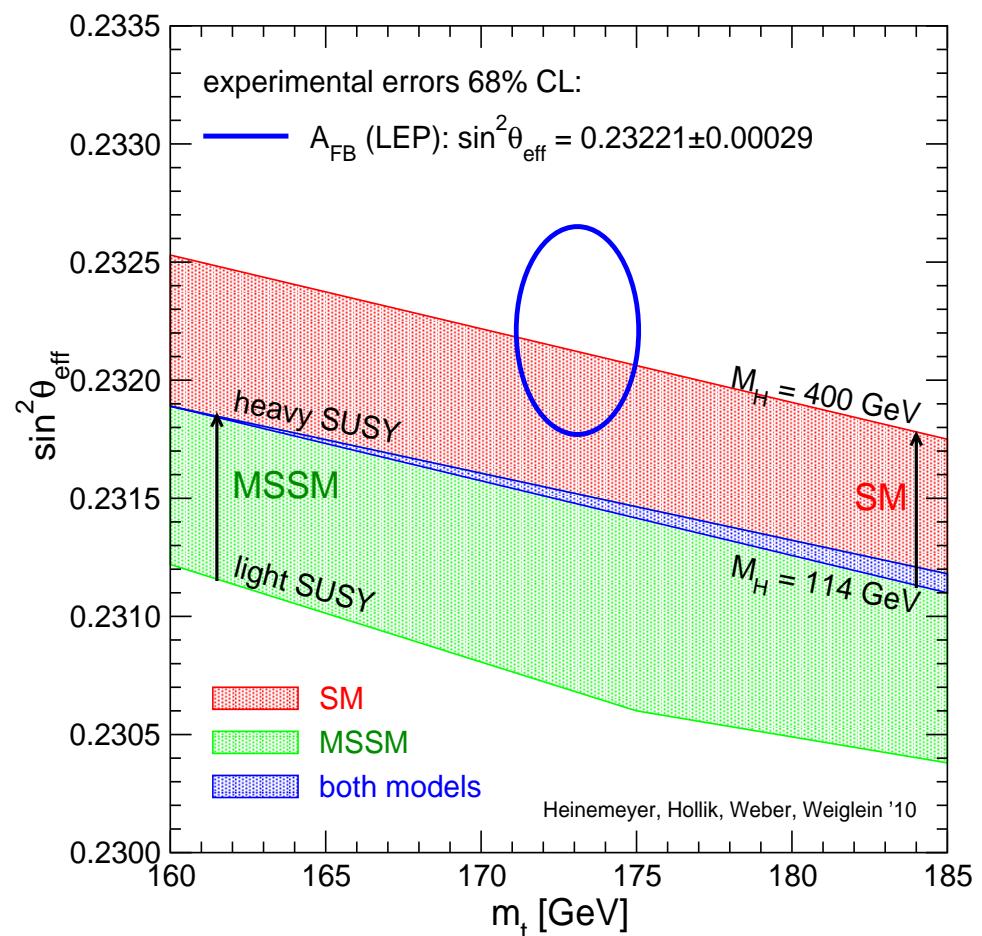
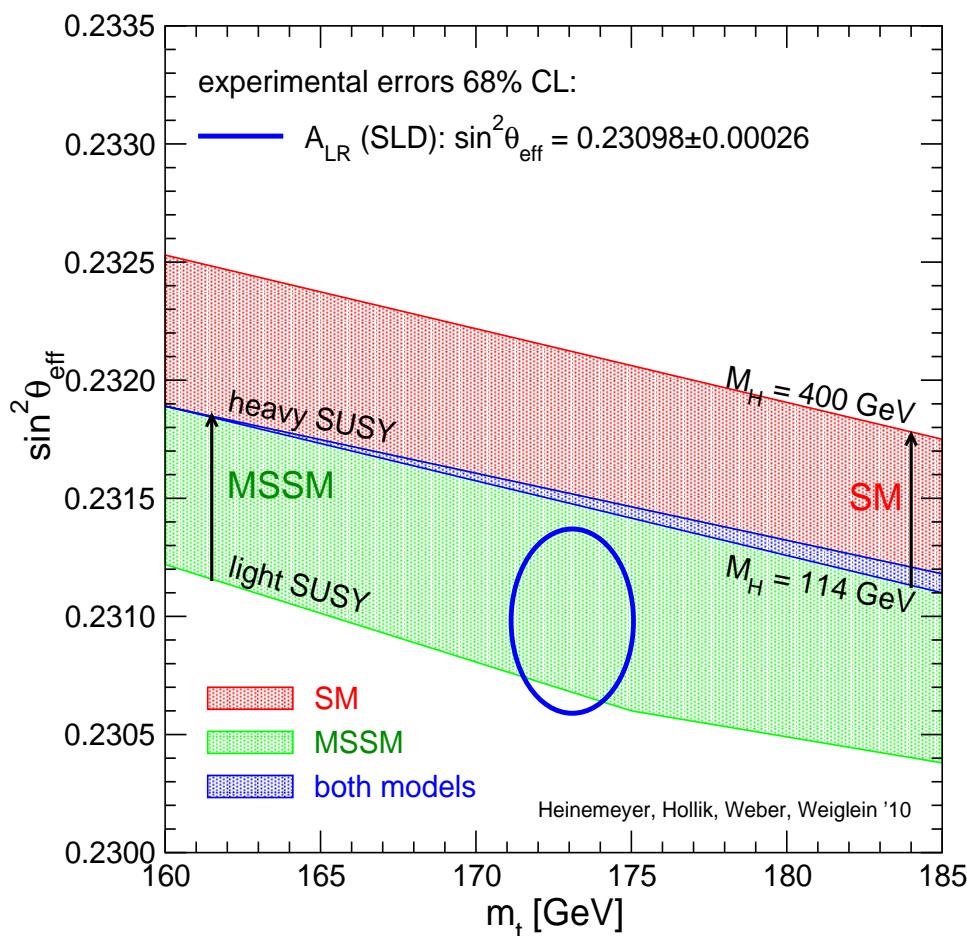
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⇒ Good agreement of indirect prediction with experimental result for both models

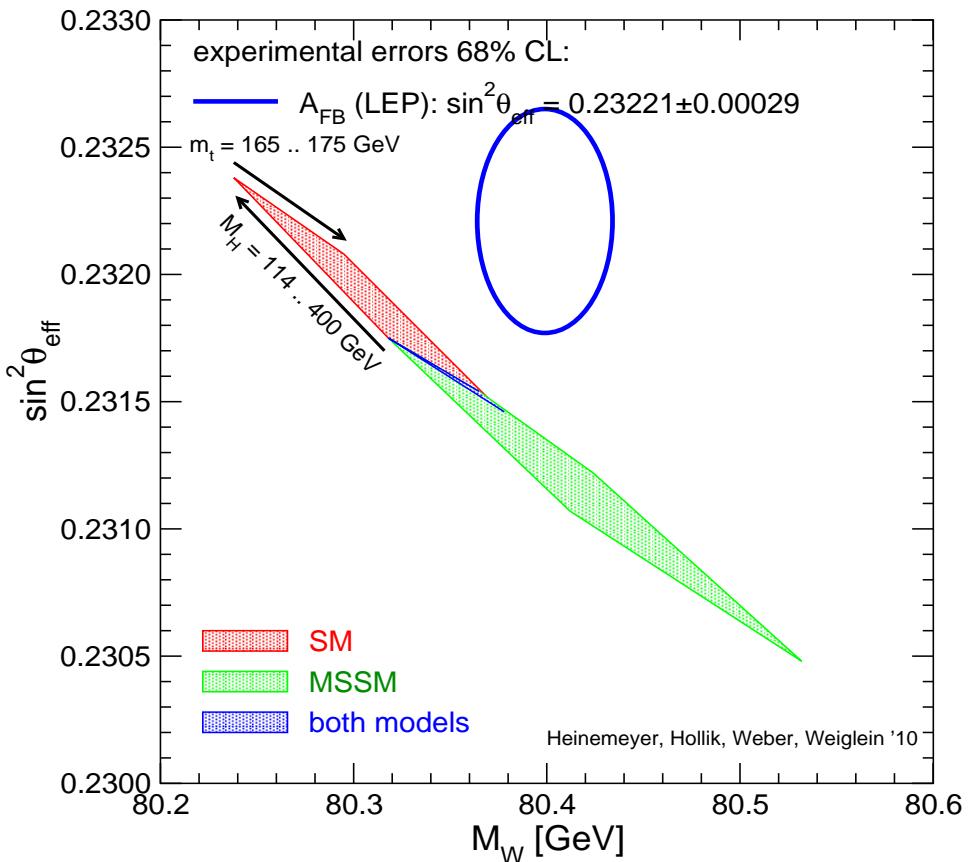
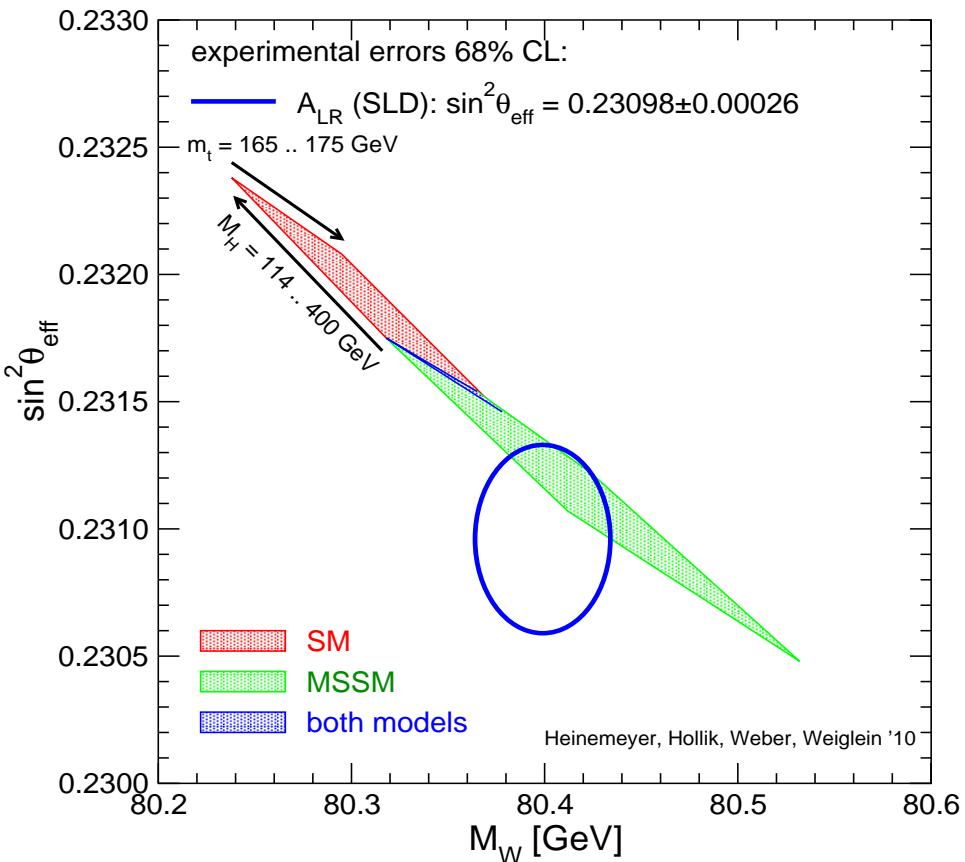
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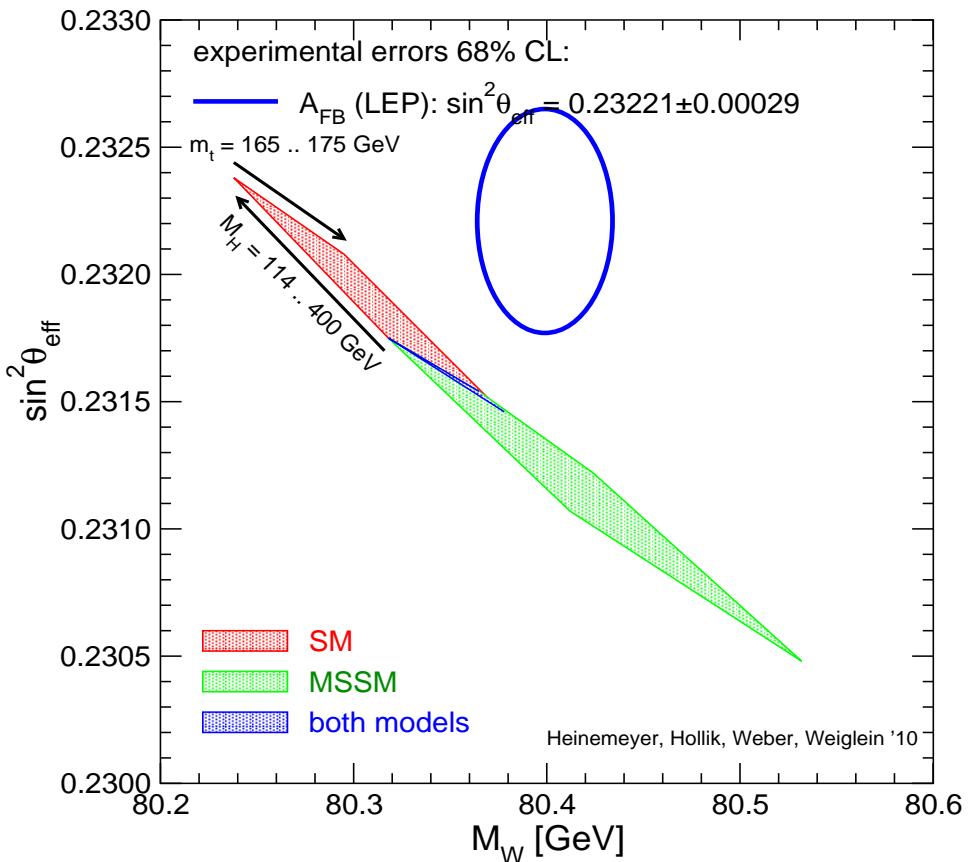
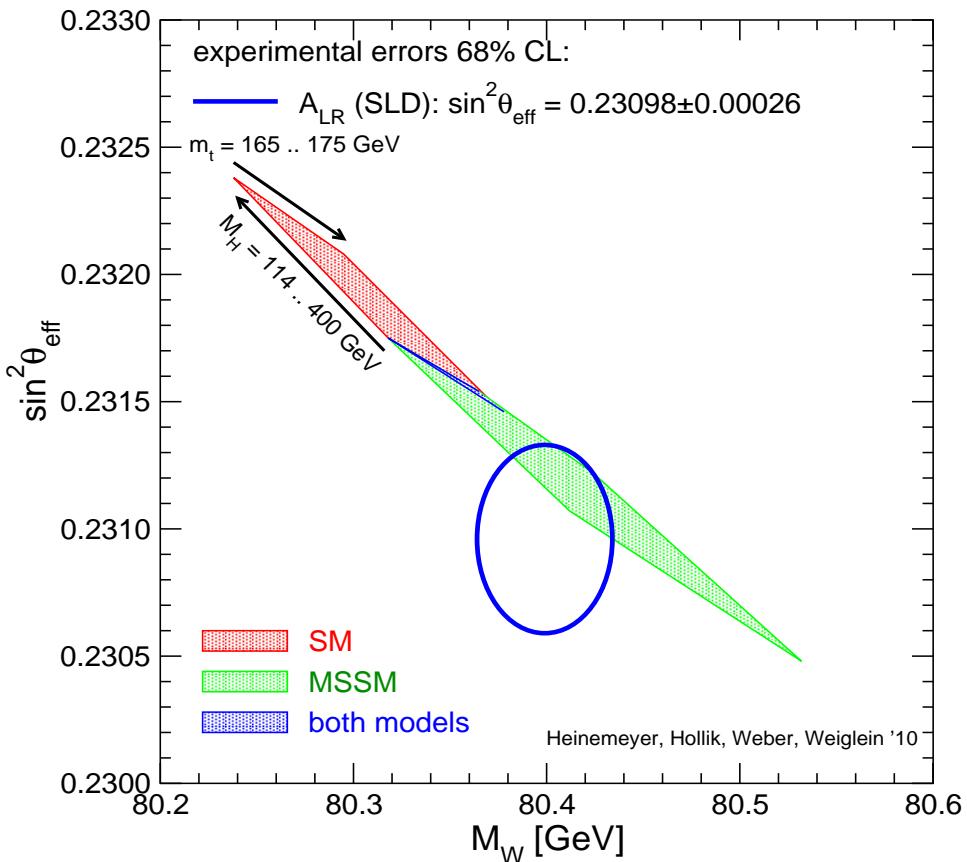
⇒ Large impact on indirect constraints

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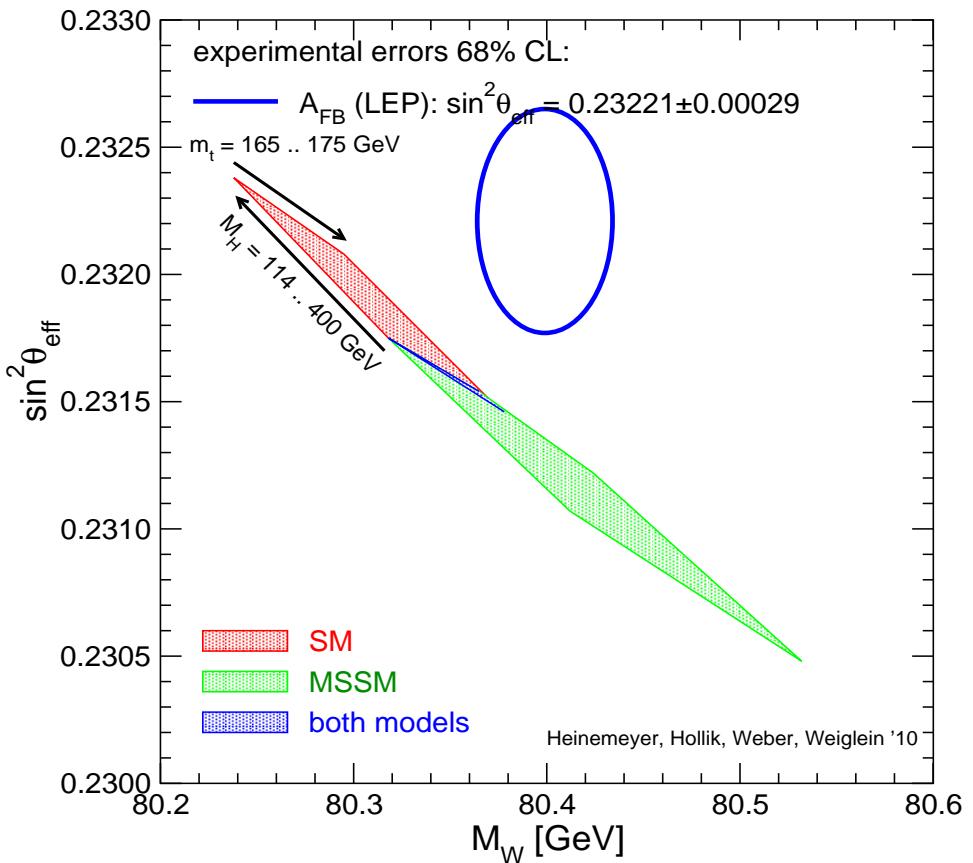
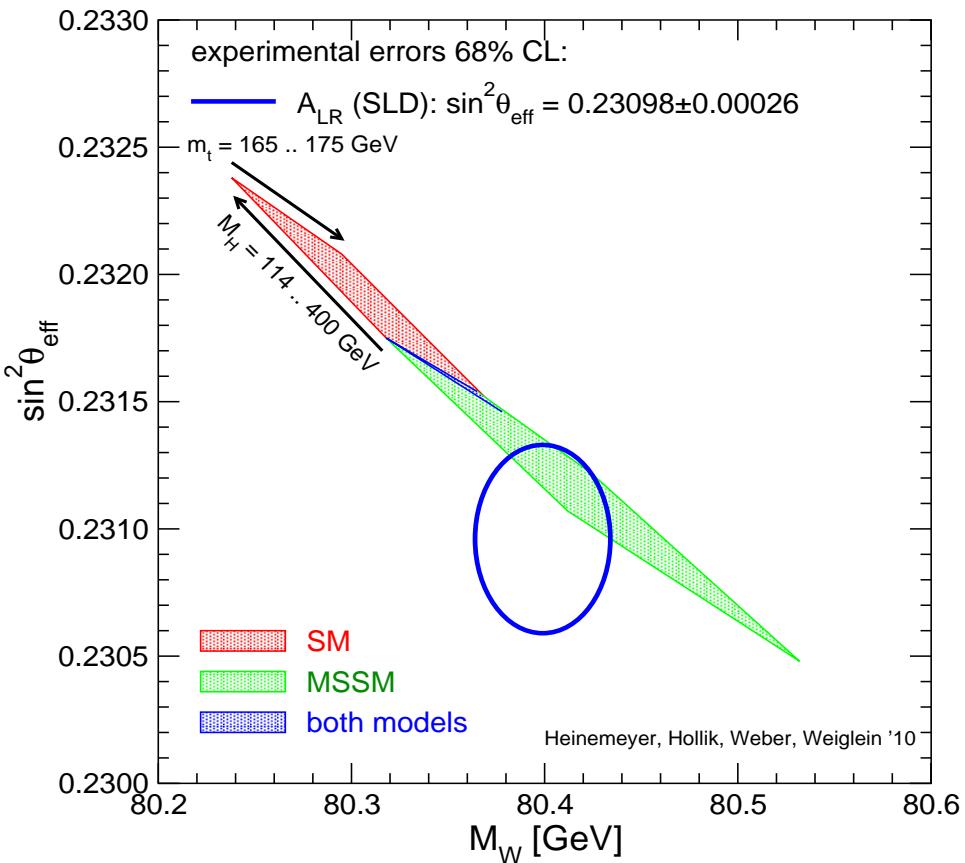
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⇒ An e^+e^- Z factory may be needed to resolve the issue!

SUSY breaking

Simplest ansatz: the Constrained MSSM (CMSSM)

Assume universality at high energy scale (M_{GUT} , M_{Pl} , ...) renormalisation group running down to weak scale require correct value of M_Z

⇒ CMSSM characterised by

$$m_0^2, m_{1/2}, A_0, \tan \beta, \text{ sign } \mu$$

CMSSM is in agreement with all experimental constraints:
Electroweak precision observables (EWPO) + flavour physics
+ cold dark matter density + ...

The Non-Universal Higgs Model (NUHM)

Universality of soft SUSY-breaking contributions to the Higgs scalar masses is less motivated than universality between squarks and sleptons

⇒ NUHM:

two additional parameters (can be traded for M_A and μ after imposing the electroweak vacuum conditions)

Simplest realisation:

$$m_{H_1}^2 = m_{H_2}^2 \equiv m_H^2$$

Common soft SUSY-breaking contribution to Higgs scalar masses squared: “**NUHM1**”

Global CMSSM and NUHM1 fits using indirect experimental and cosmological constraints

Global χ^2 fit in the CMSSM ($m_{1/2}$, m_0 , A_0 (GUT scale), $\tan \beta$, $\text{sign}(\mu)$ (weak scale)) and the NUHM1 (m_H^2 as add. param.)

Fit includes ([MasterCode](#), Markov-chain Monte Carlo sampling):
[O. Buchmueller, R. Cavanaugh, A. De Roeck, J. Ellis, H. Flächer, S. Heinemeyer, G. Isidori, K. Olive, P. Paradisi, F. Ronga, G. W. '08]

- All observables used in the SM fit of the LEPEWWG
- + Cold dark matter (CDM) density (WMAP, ...),
 $\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2 = 0.1099 \pm 0.0062$
- + $(g - 2)_\mu$
- + BPO: $\text{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$, $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$, $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow \tau\nu)$, ...
- + Kaon decay data: $\text{BR}(K \rightarrow \mu\nu)$, ...

Method: predictions



- *MasterCode*: Consistent set of predictions
 - RGE running and spectrum calculators:
SoftSUSY
 - SUSY observables:
Higgs sector: *FeynHiggs* (soon: *HiggsBounds*)
Electroweak physics: *FeynHiggs*, *FeynWZ*
Flavour physics: *SuFla*, *SuperIso*
CDM: *MicrOMEGAs*, *DarkSUSY*
 - Interface: SLHA
- ⇒ State-of-the art predictions, well tested,
modular structure

Method: statistics and parameter space sampling

- Frequentist statistical method: global χ^2 likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 = & \sum_i^N \frac{(C_i - P_i)^2}{\sigma(C_i)^2 + \sigma(P_i)^2} + \chi^2(M_h) + \chi^2(\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)) \\ & + \chi^2(\text{SUSY search limits}) + \sum_i^M \frac{(f_{\text{SM}_i}^{\text{obs}} - f_{\text{SM}_i}^{\text{fit}})^2}{\sigma(f_{\text{SM}_i})^2}\end{aligned}$$

Fit parameters: **SUSY parameters** $m_{1/2}$, m_0 , A_0 , $\tan \beta$, m_H^2
+ **SM parameters** $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$, m_t , M_Z (**simultaneous fit**)
 $\Rightarrow \chi^2$ distribution is quantitative measure of goodness-of-fit

- Markov-chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampling
 \Rightarrow Thorough sampling of multi-dim. parameter space
25 million points

SUSY fits

Various approaches in the literature:

Fittino, SFITTER, GFITTER, SuperBayeS, ...

- Frequentist method / Bayesian method with different priors
- Different predictions for precision observables
- Different ways to sample the parameter space
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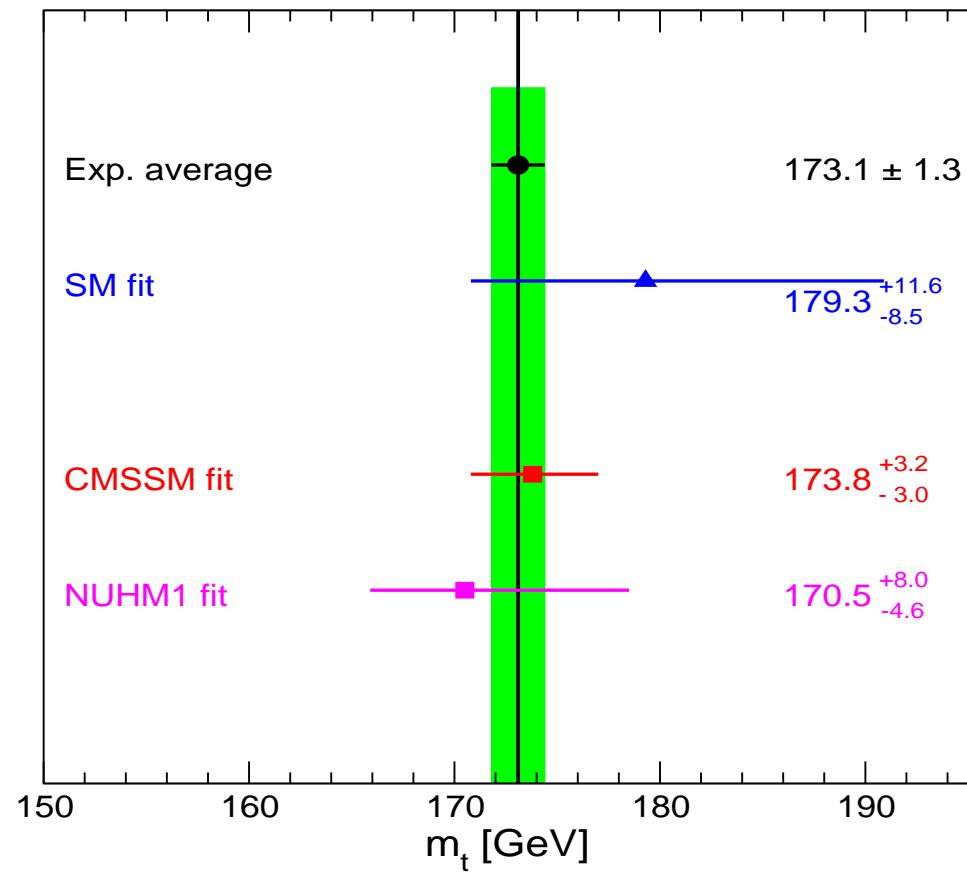
⇒ SUSY / BSM Fit Workshop

DESY, Hamburg, July 26–28, 2010

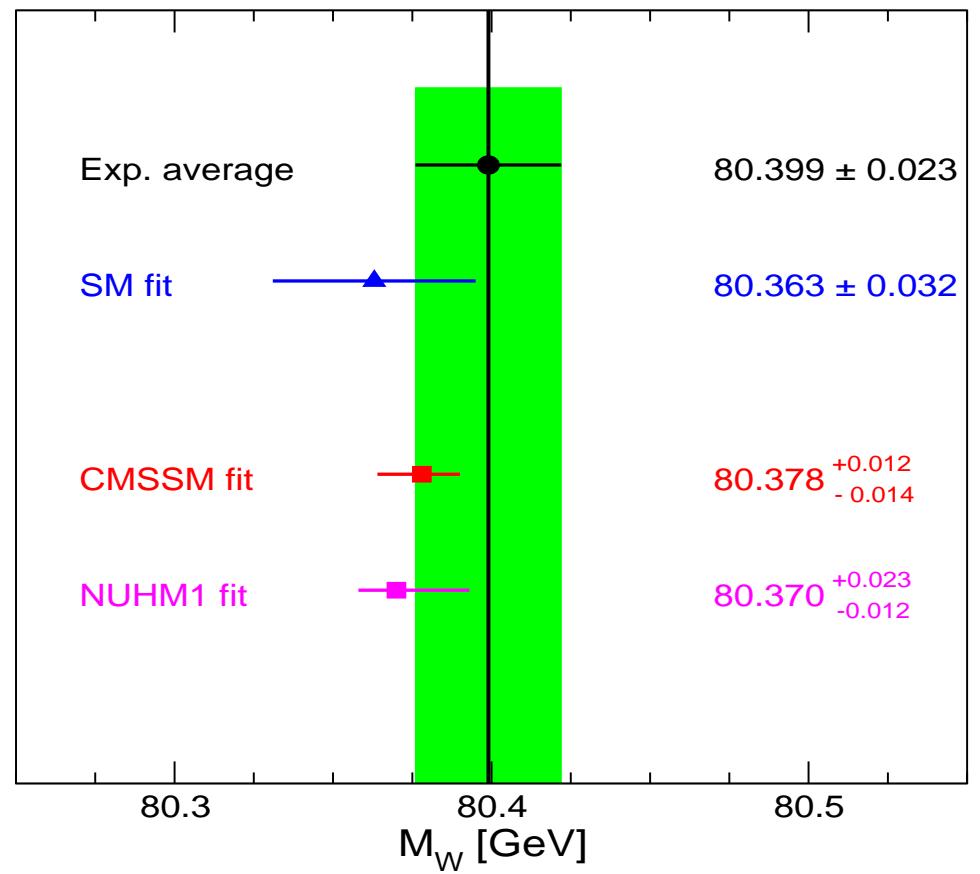
Indirect predictions for M_W and m_t in the SM, the CMSSM and the NUHM1 vs. experimental results

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Top-Quark Mass [GeV]



W boson Mass [GeV]

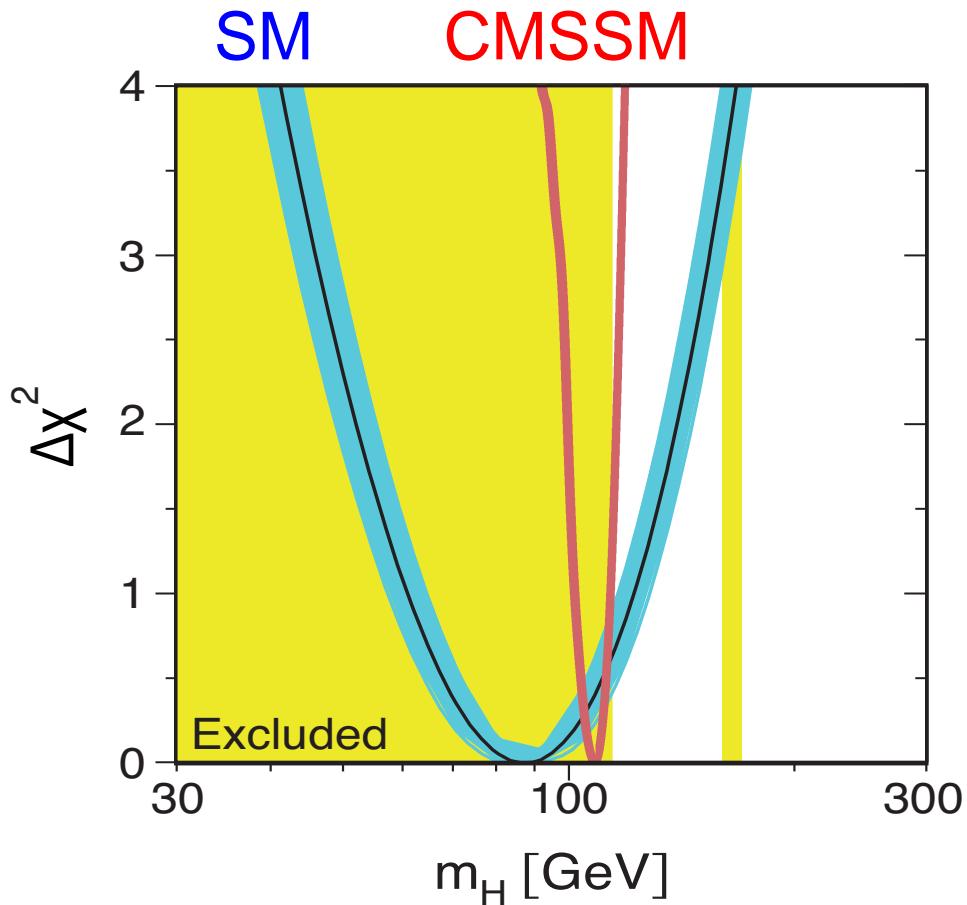


⇒ Remarkable agreement in the CMSSM and the NUHM1

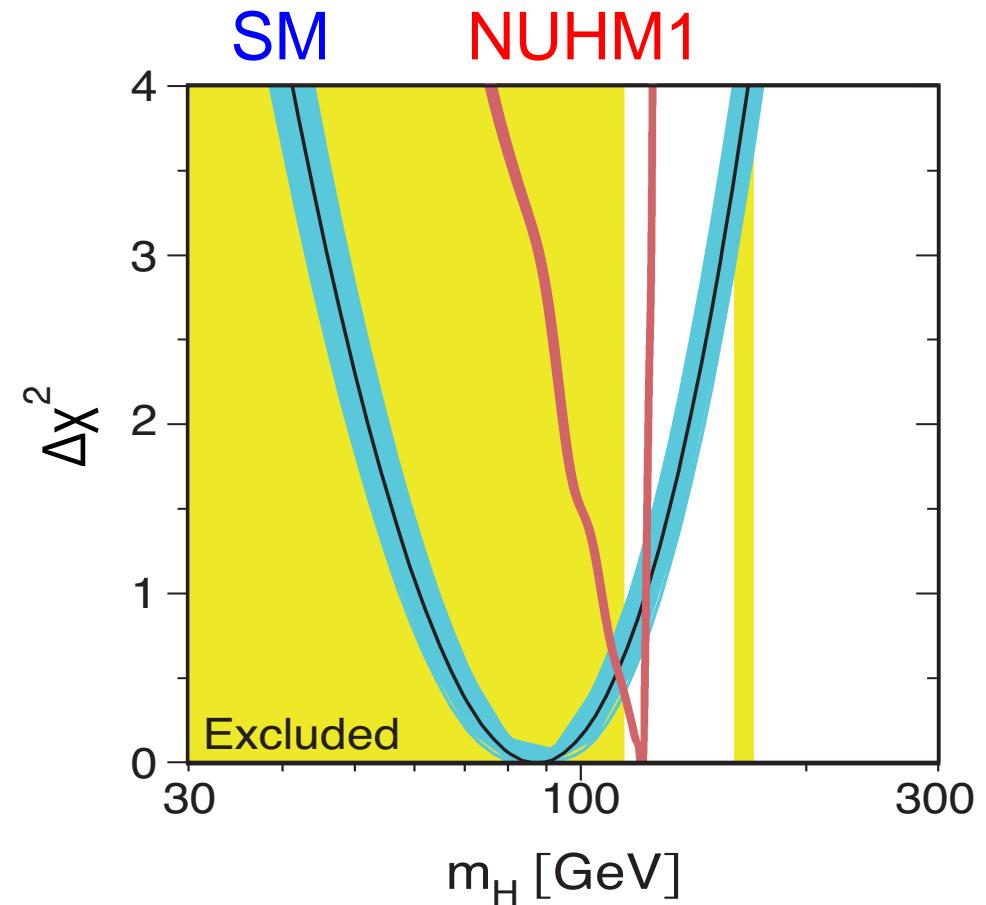
Indirect prediction for the Higgs mass in the SM and the CMSSM / NUHM1 from precision data



χ^2 fit for M_h , without imposing direct search limit



$$M_h^{\text{CMSSM}} = 108 \pm 6 \text{ GeV}$$



$$M_h^{\text{NUHM1}} = 121^{+2}_{-14} \text{ GeV}$$

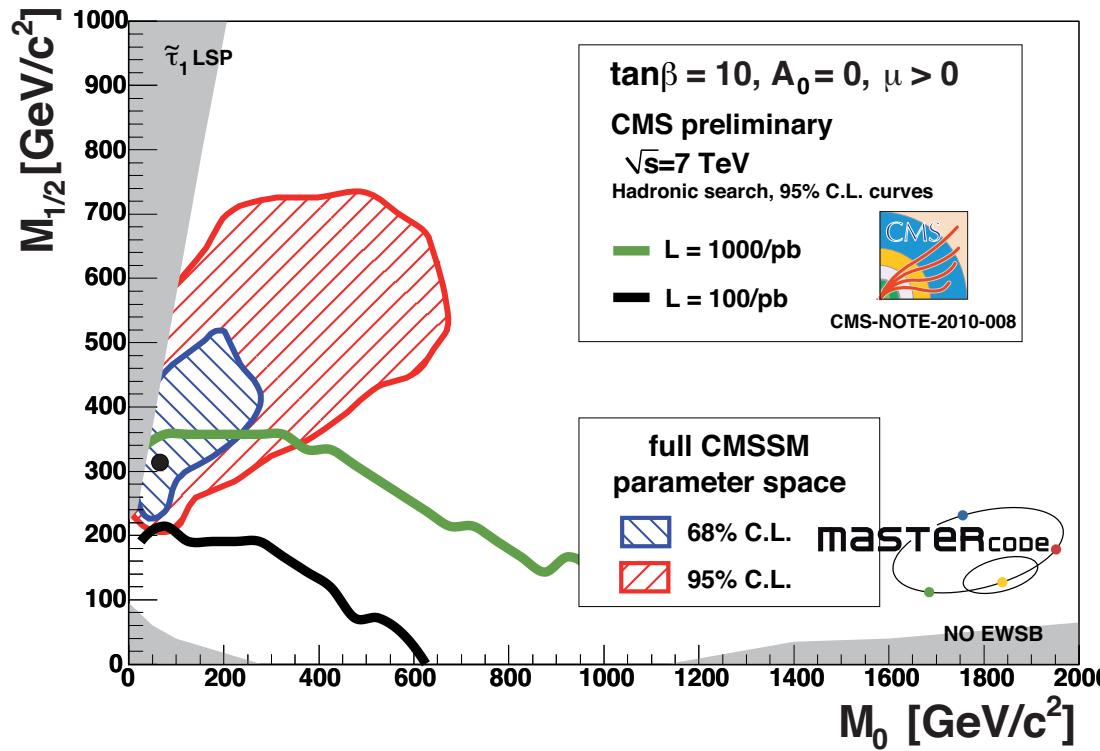
⇒ Accurate indirect prediction; Higgs “just around the corner”?

Predictions for the SUSY scale from precision data: CMSSM

Comparison: preferred region in the $m_0 - m_{1/2}$ plane vs. CMS

95% C.L. reach (\rightarrow F. Ronga's talk, Thu.) for $0.1, 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 7 TeV

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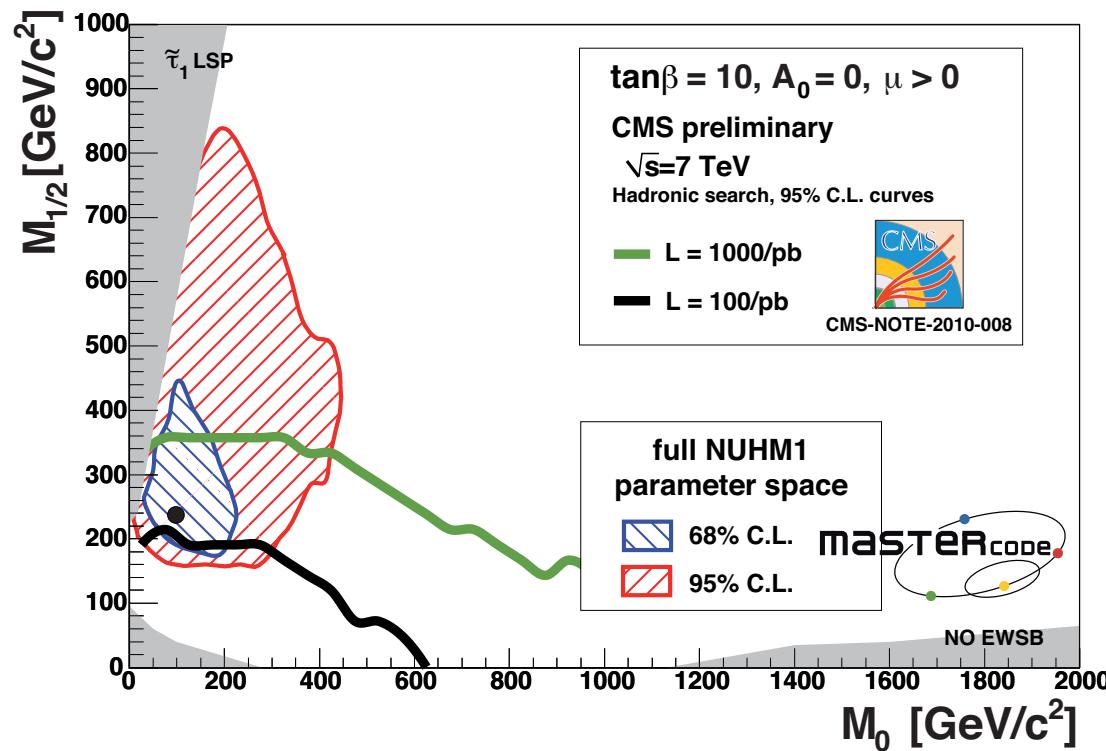


\Rightarrow Good prospects for early discovery! Get hint in first run?

Preferred region in the m_0 – $m_{1/2}$ plane of the NUHM1 vs. early LHC search reach

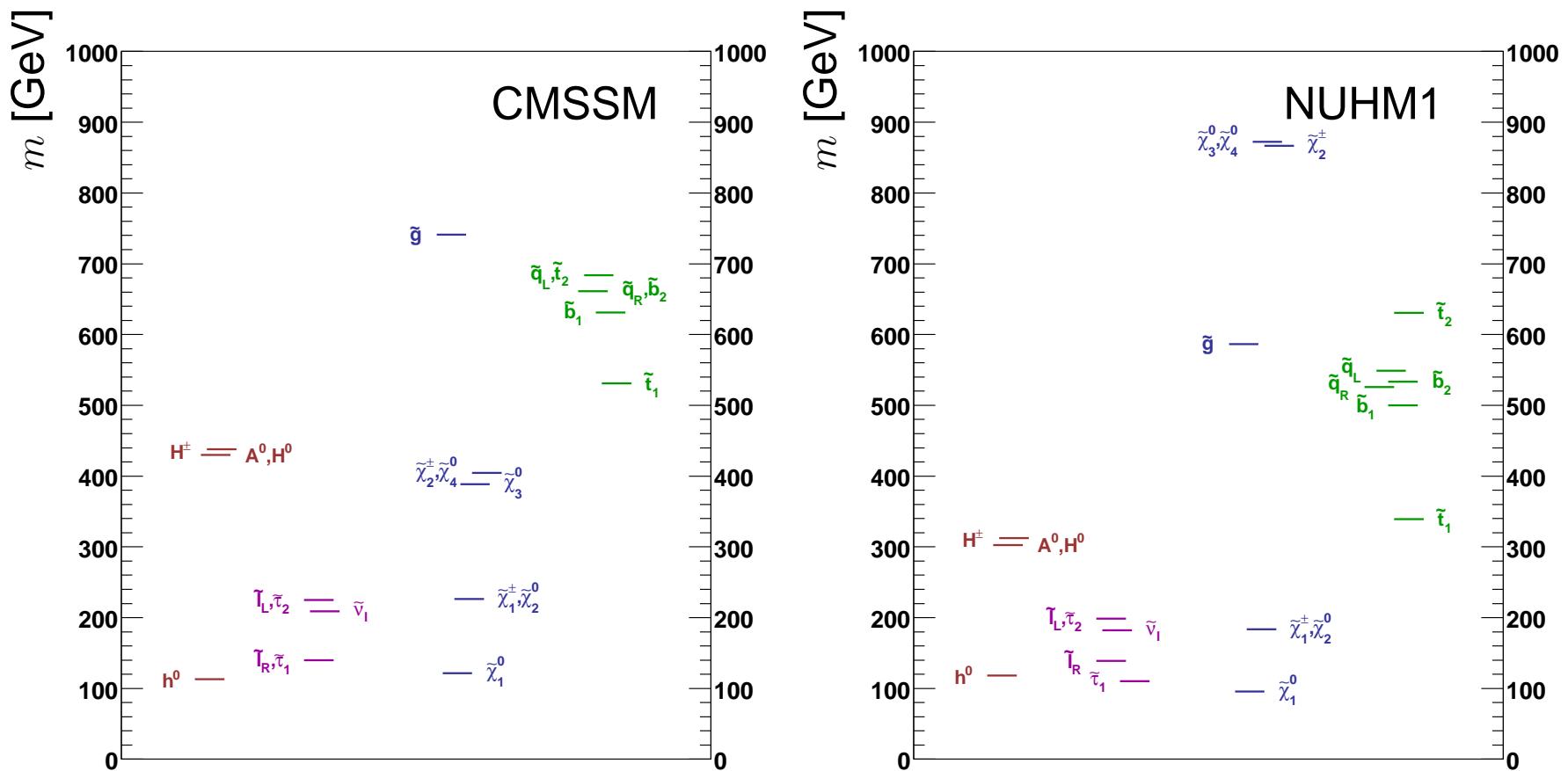
68% and 95% C.L. contours from the fit vs. CMS sensitivities
for 0.1, 1 fb^{-1} at 7 TeV

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⇒ Similar as for CMSSM; larger coverage of 68% C.L. region

Spectra of the best-fit points in the CMSSM and the NUHM1



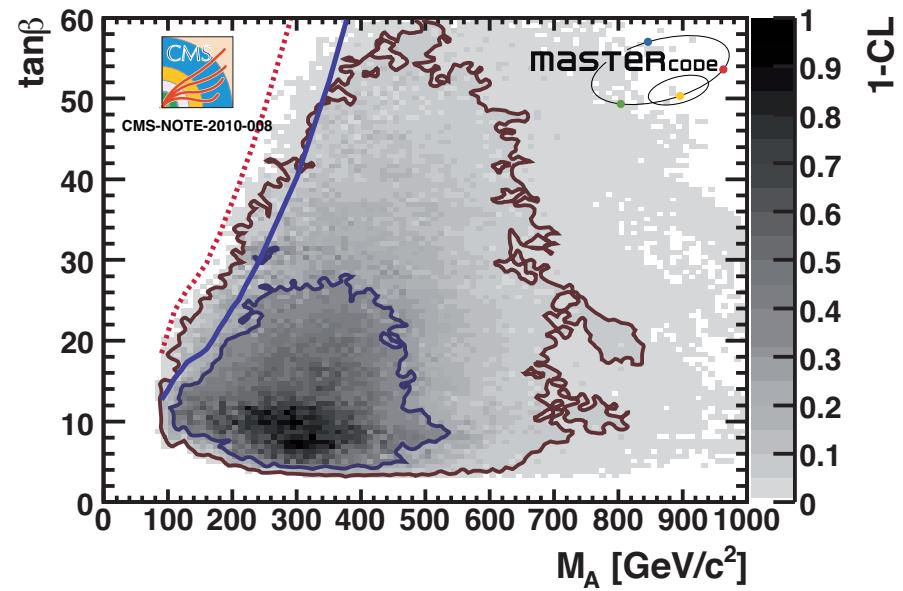
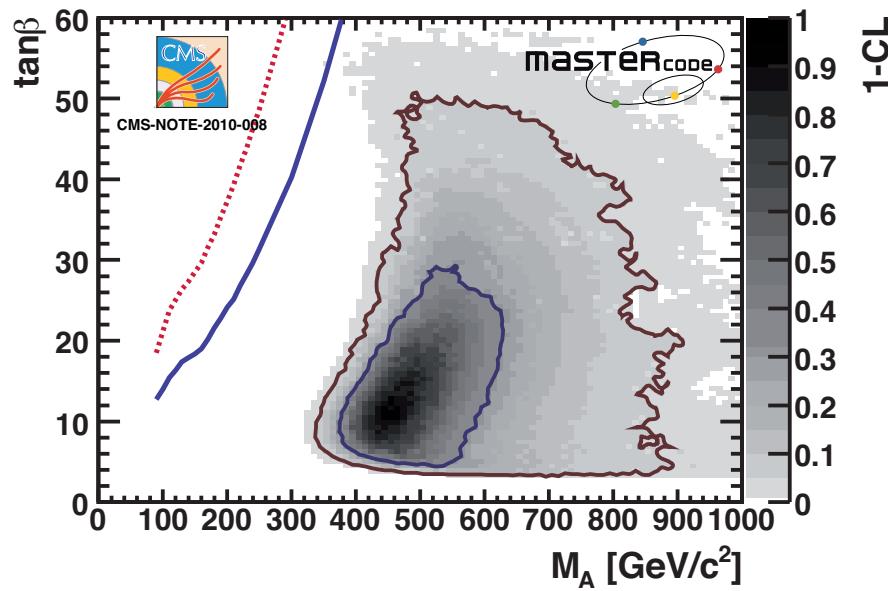
⇒ Similar spectra, close to SPS1a benchmark point

Similar fit probabilities for the two models

Good prospects for LHC and ILC

Prospects for SUSY Higgs searches with early LHC data

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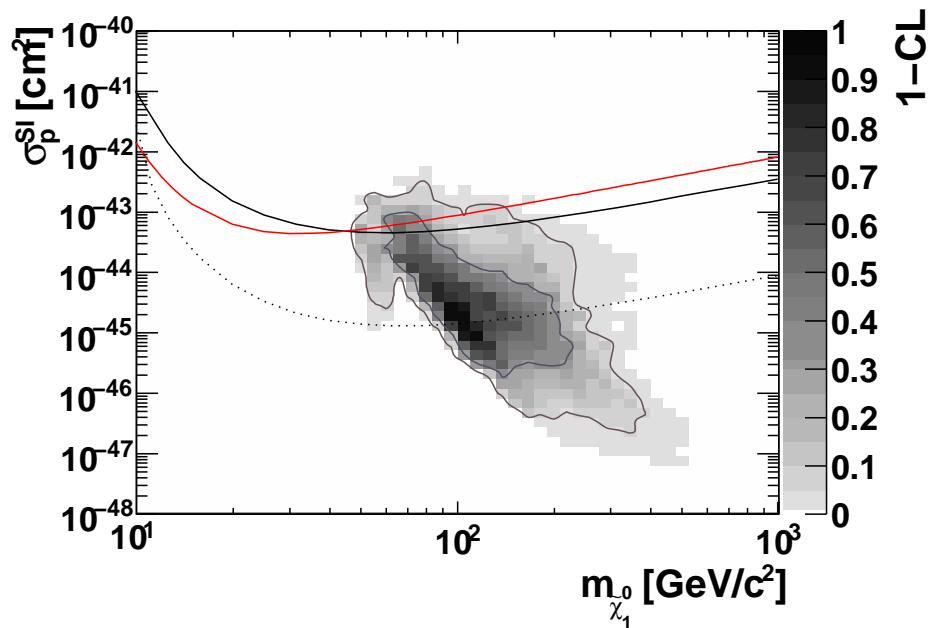
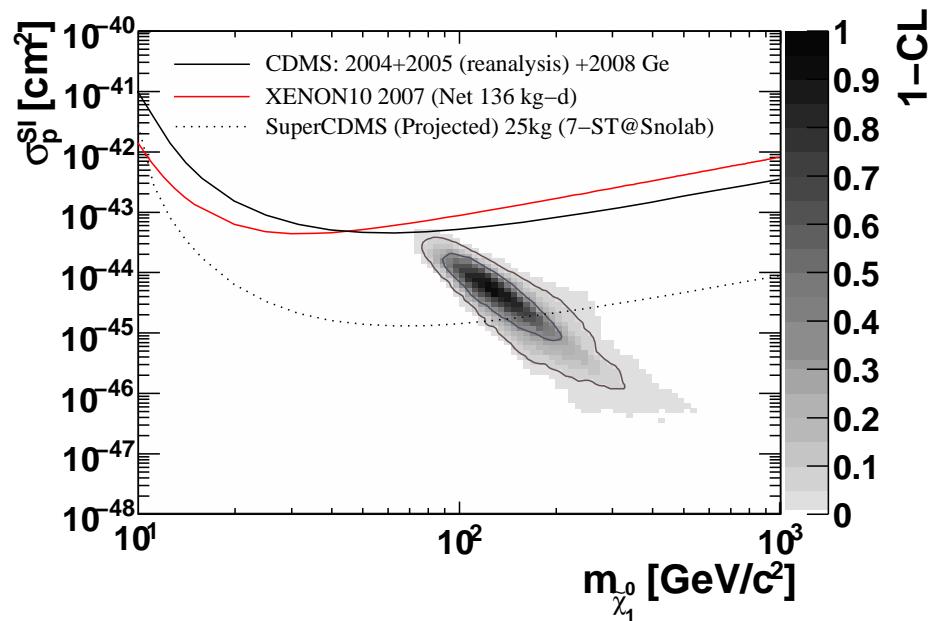


⇒ Chance to discover the heavy MSSM Higgses H, A
before a light SM-like Higgs h is found

But: not much hope in the CMSSM and NUHM1 with the
first 1 fb^{-1} at 7 TeV

Preferred regions for the spin-independent dark matter cross sections vs. present limit and future sensitivity

[O. Buchmueller, R. Cavanaugh, A. De Roeck, J. Ellis, H. Flächer, S. Heinemeyer, G. Isidori, K. Olive, F. Ronga, G. W. '09]



⇒ Projected sensitivity of the *SuperCDMS* (and *Xenon 100*) direct detection experiments will probe a sizable part of the preferred region

Beyond CMSSM, NUHM1, . . . ?

What about non-minimal models, sources for \mathcal{CP} -violation?

A hint from D0?

[J. Qian Planck 2010]

A_{sl}^b Final Result

$$A_{sl}^b = [-0.957 \pm 0.251 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.146 \text{ (syst)}] \%$$

$$A_{sl}^b(SM) = [-0.023^{+0.005}_{-0.006}] \%$$

The result is validated by many consistency and closure tests

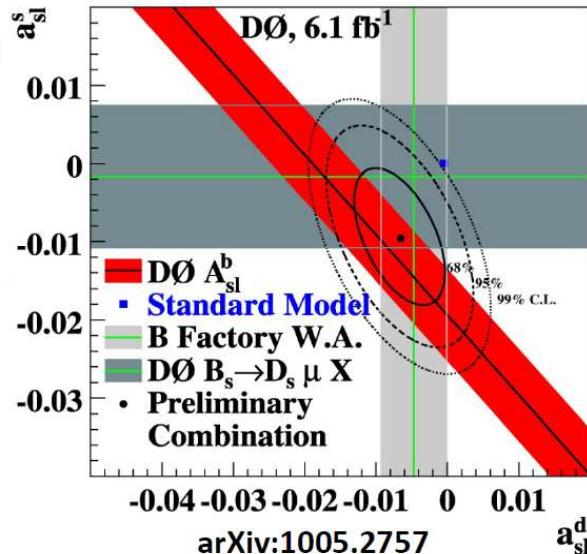
Both B_d^0 and B_s^0 are produced at the Tevatron

$$A_{sl}^b = 0.506 a_{sl}^d + 0.494 a_{sl}^s$$

$$\left(a_{sl}^b \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \mu^+ X) - \Gamma(B \rightarrow \mu^- X)}{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow \mu^+ X) + \Gamma(B \rightarrow \mu^- X)} \right)$$

based on their relative production fractions

The result differs from the SM
by 3.2σ . Time will tell...



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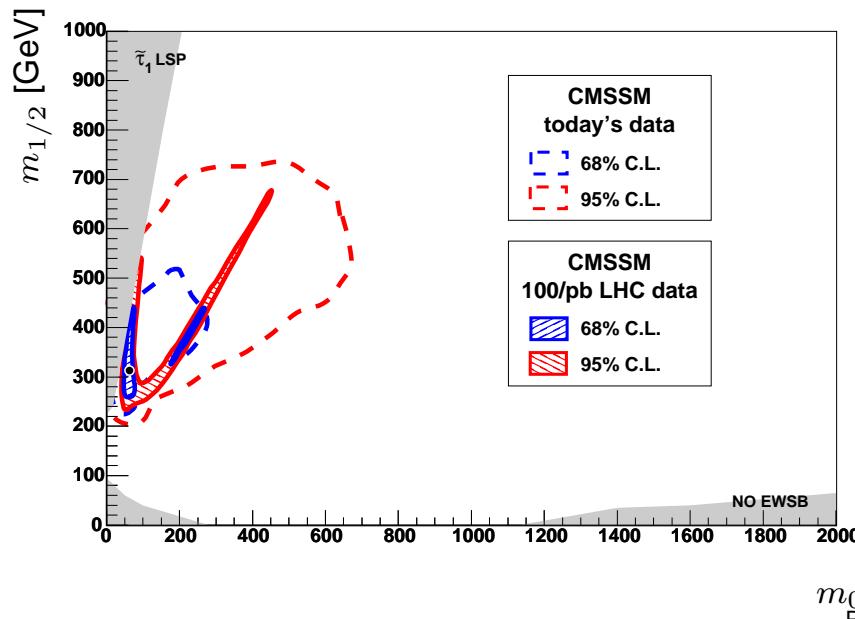
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The situation will improve with input from the LHC

Example: CMSSM fit with additional information from measuring the opposite-sign dilepton edge in $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ ($\ell = e, \mu$) with 1 fb^{-1} : [O. Buchmueller, R. Cavanaugh, A. De Roeck, J. Ellis, H. Flächer, S. Heinemeyer, G. Isidori, K. Olive, P. Paradisi, F. Ronga, G. W. '08]



⇒ Big improvement in determination of m_0 , $m_{1/2}$ in the CMSSM

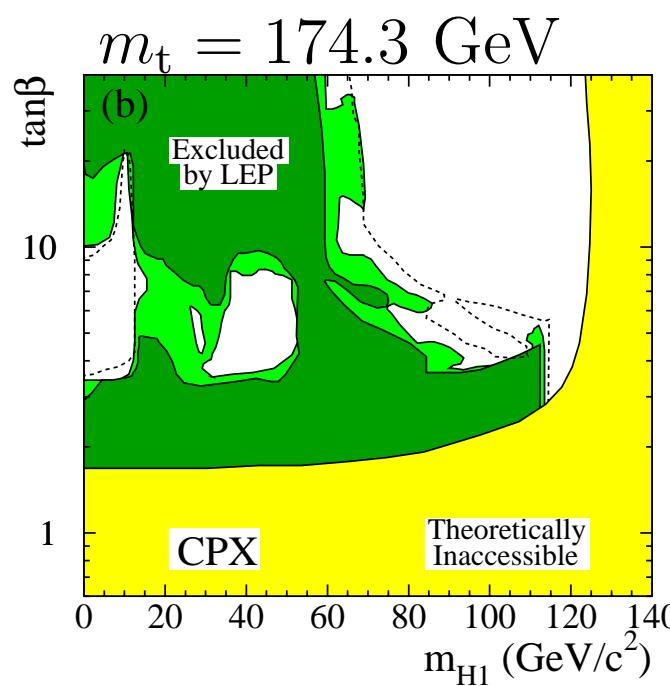
MSSM with complex parameters: a very light SUSY Higgs?

MSSM with \mathcal{CP} -violating phases (CPX scenario):

Light Higgs, h_1 : strongly suppressed $h_1 VV$ couplings

Second-lightest Higgs, h_2 , possibly within LEP reach (with reduced VVh_2 coupling), h_3 beyond LEP reach

Large $\text{BR}(h_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_1) \Rightarrow$ difficult final state

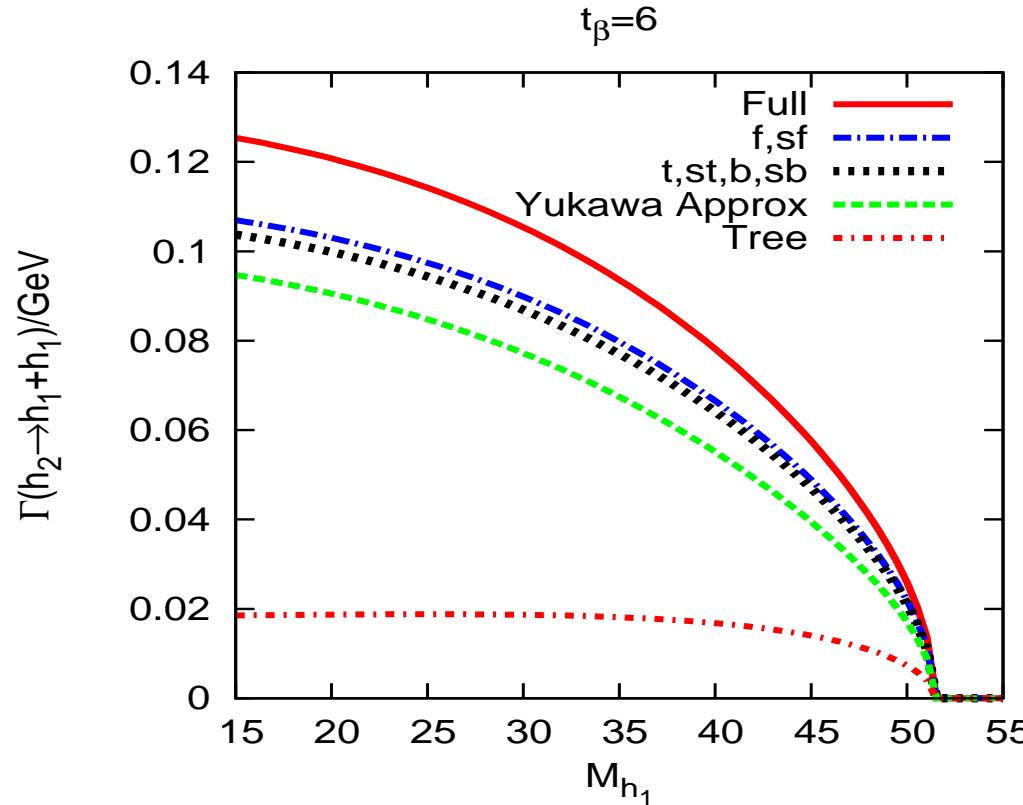


[LEP Higgs WG '06]

⇒ Light SUSY Higgs not ruled out!

Impact of higher-order corrections on prediction for $\Gamma(h_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_1)$

Complete 1-loop result for $(h_2 h_1 h_1)$ vertex contribution in the MSSM with complex parameters [K. Williams, G. W. '07]
+ 2-loop propagator corrections; CPX benchmark scenario
[S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, H. Rzehak, G. W. '07]

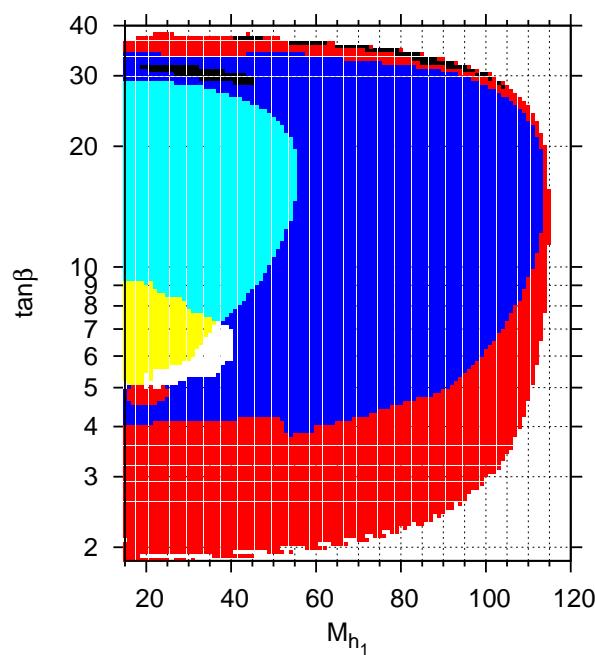


⇒ Huge effect from corrections to genuine $(h_2 h_1 h_1)$ vertex

Analysis of LEP coverage with improved theoretical prediction

HiggsBounds [P. Bechtle, O. Brein, S. Heinemeyer, G. W., K. Williams '08]

Use cross section limits (expected and observed) from LEP and the Tevatron; determine for every parameter point the search channel with the highest statistical sensitivity for setting an exclusion; comparison of prediction for this channel with observed limit yields 95% C.L. exclusion contour



Channels:

(■) = $(h_1 Z) \rightarrow (b\bar{b}Z)$

(■) = $(h_2 Z) \rightarrow (b\bar{b}Z)$

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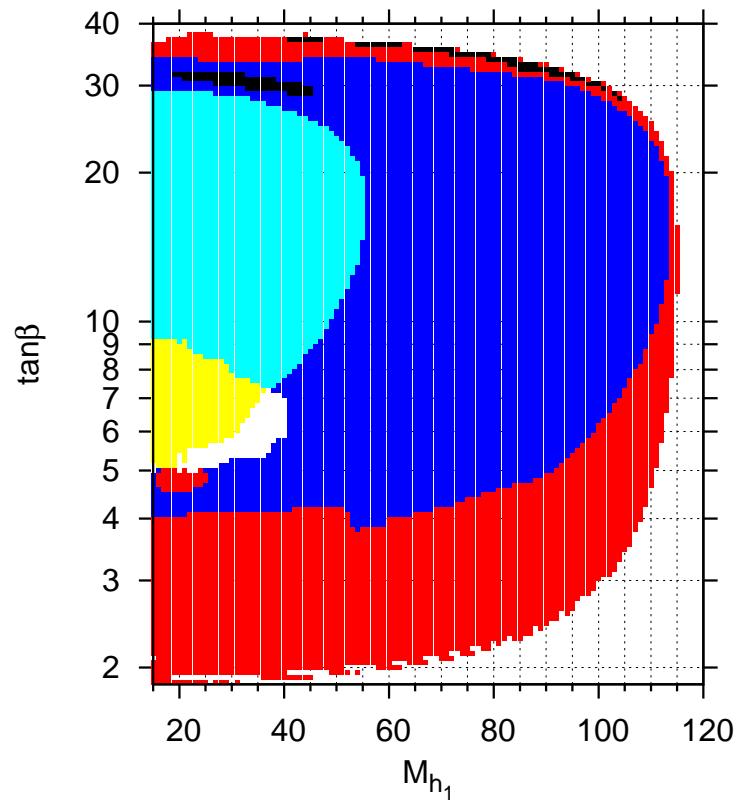
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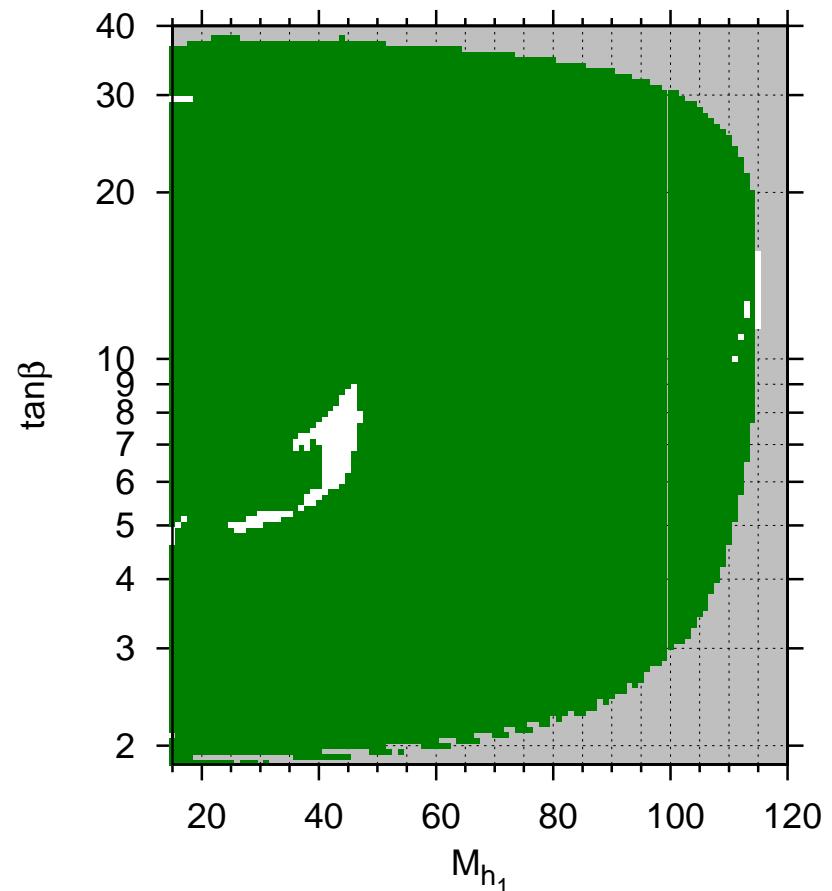
Impact on exclusion bounds from the LEP Higgs searches, CPX scenario, $m_t = 170.9$ GeV

Channels (*HiggsBounds*)

(\square) : $(h_2 Z) \rightarrow (h_1 h_1 Z) \rightarrow (b\bar{b} b\bar{b} Z)$



Excluded region from LEP,
95% C.L. [K. Williams, G. W. '07]



- ⇒ Confirmation of the “hole” in the LEP coverage
- ⇒ Very light Higgs boson is not excluded

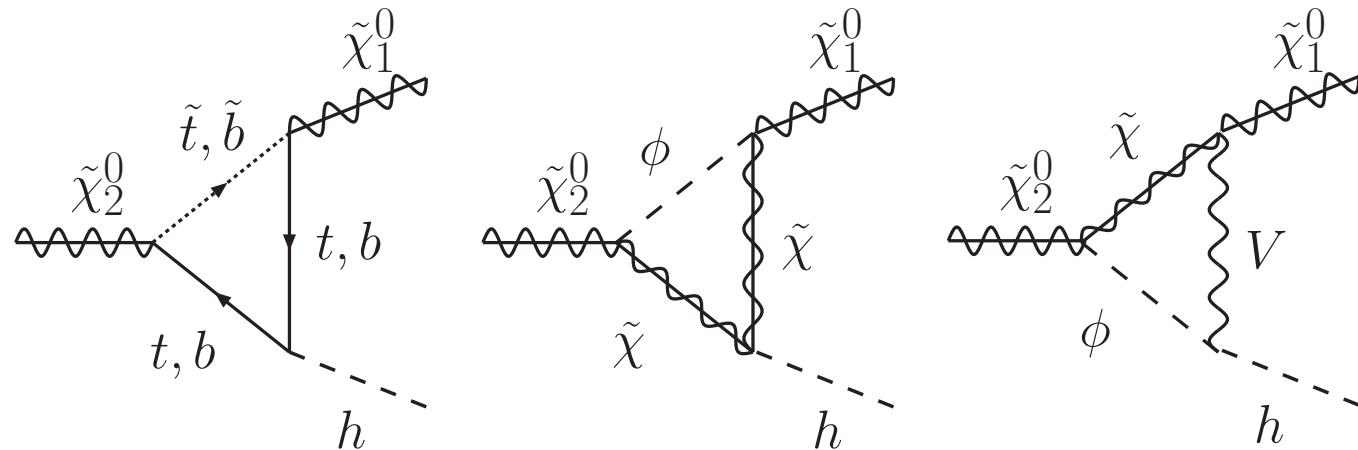
Higgs production in SUSY cascade decays

SUSY cascade decays could be a promising Higgs source

E.g. \mathcal{CP} -violating scenario: very light Higgs, $M_{h_1} \approx 40
not excluded by LEP, difficult to cover with standard search
channels at the LHC$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h$ can dominate over $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 l\bar{l}$

[A. Fowler, G. W. '09]



\Rightarrow CPX scenario: 13% of the gluinos decay into h_1

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- Prospects for Higgs searches in non-minimal SUSY models:

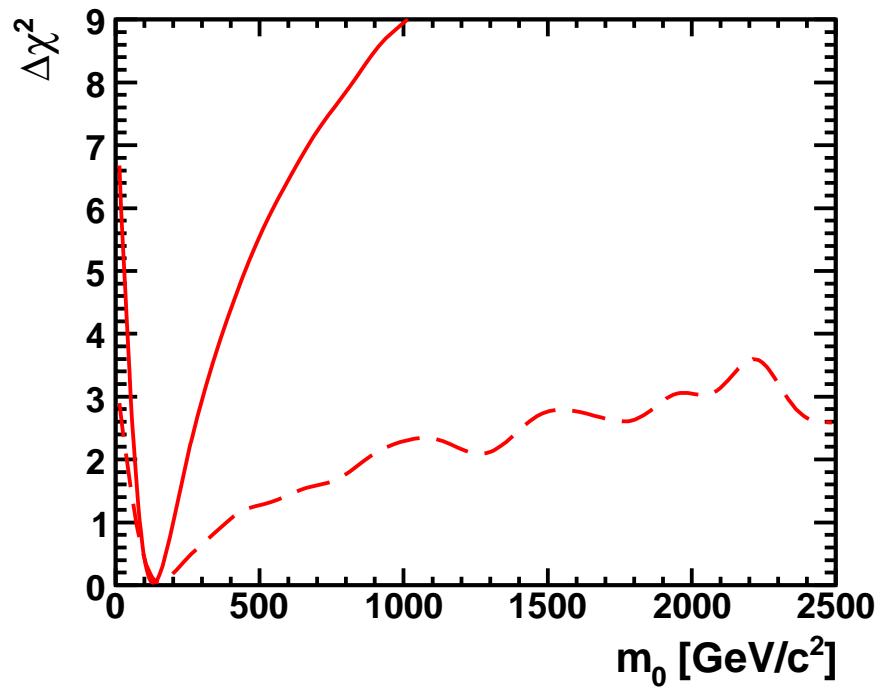
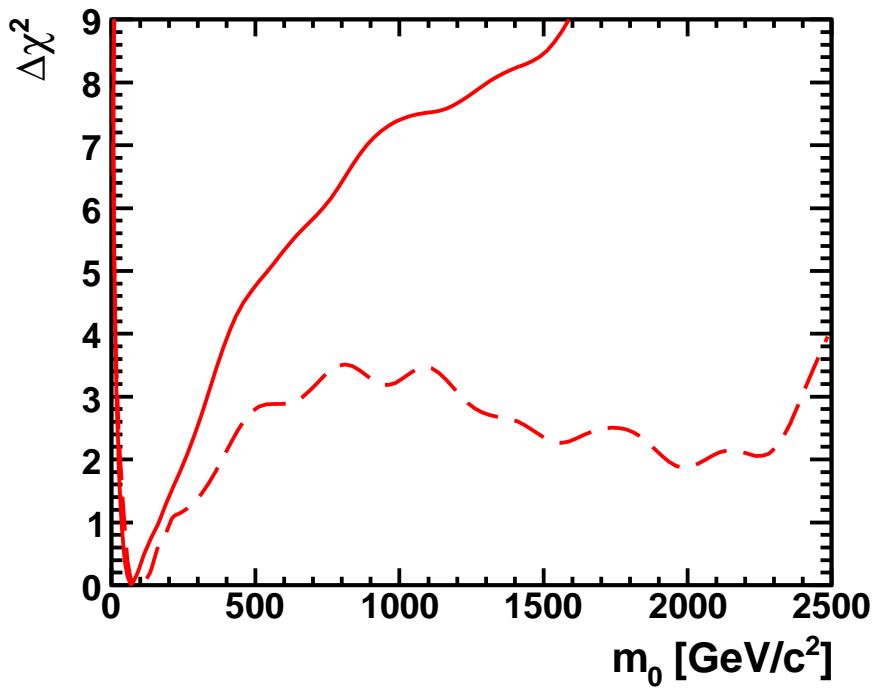
Chance to discover the heavy MSSM Higgses before a light SM-like Higgs (Tevatron has also search potential)

A very light MSSM Higgs boson is not excluded

Could be produced at LHC in SUSY cascade decays

$\Delta\chi^2$ for CMSSM and NUHM1 with (solid) and without (dashed) $(g_\mu - 2)$ constraint

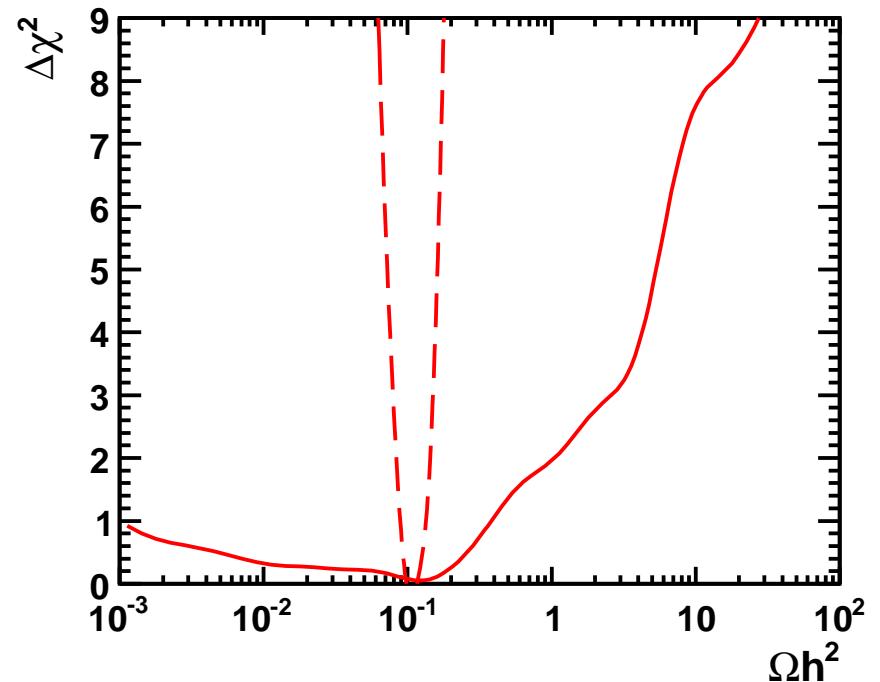
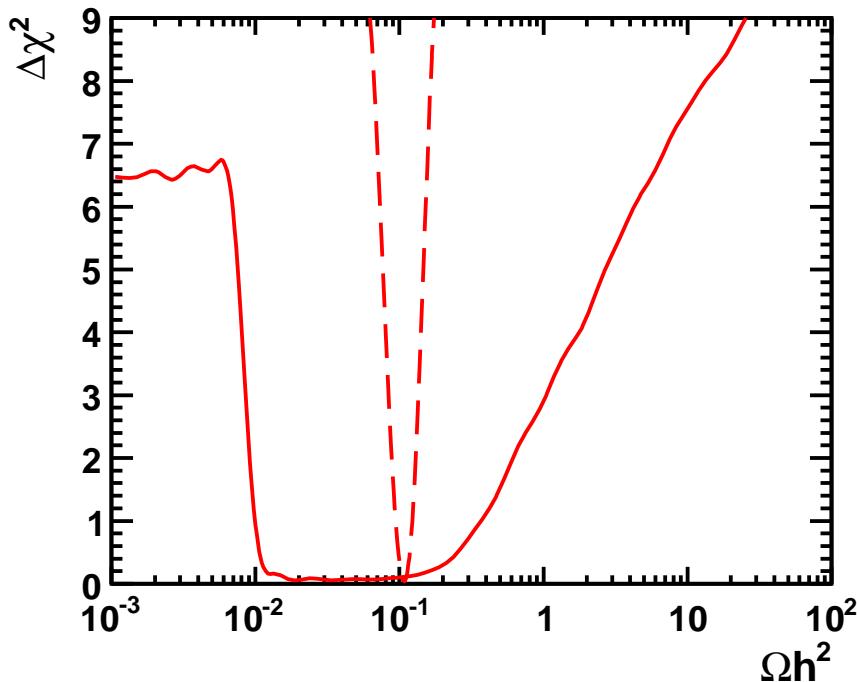
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⇒ Slight Preference for light SUSY scale even if $(g_\mu - 2)$ is excluded from the fit

χ^2 functions for the relic density in the CMSSM and NUHM1 without (solid) and with (dashed) the Ω_{CDM} constraint

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⇒ Indirect CDM prediction is in agreement with the measured value of the CDM relic density