

#### **An effective scanning method of the NMSSM parameter space**

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## **Parameters MSSM vs. NMSSM**



**NMSSM has one additional Higgs singlet**

**→ additional terms in superpotential lead to more free parameters and lead to modifications in the Higgs and neutralino sector**





**large parameter space (7D in semi-constrained NMSSM)**

**parameters are highly correlated, so random scan of parameter space very inefficient without correlation matrix, which tells how to step through the parameter space in a correlated way**



**How to solve?**

**we do not know the 7x7 correlation**  $\frac{1}{3}$ <br>matrix **matrix**



**Idea: if there is a one-to-one relationship between Higgs masses and parameters, could we scan less correlated Higgs masses, which additionally have well known constraints from 125 GeV Higgs boson with SM-like couplings?**



#### **Analyzing the NMSSM parameter space using novel scanning technique**



**Scanning strategy for accepted points:** 

- ➢ **select 4 Higgs masses (left box)**
- ➢ **fit these masses with the 7 free NMSSM parameters (right box) using the constraints above (middle box)**
- ➢ **apply LHC and LEP Higgs mass limits**
- $\triangleright$  Repeat the fit in a grid of all Higgs mass combinations of  $M_{A1}$ ,  $M_{H1}$ ,  $M_{H3}$  to **obtain a scan over all accepted NMSSM parameters in the 7D parameter space.**

\* We allow also the possibility  $M_{H1} = 125$  GeV and SM-like

#### **How to cover the 7D NMSSM parameter space by scanning the 3D Higgs parameter space?**





**7 free NMSSM parameters can be determined from fitting the selected Higgs masses on the 3D grid with constraints (same problem as extracting parameters from a completely and perfectly measured set of Higgs masses determining uniquely the corresponding parameters) → no random scan** 

**,-plane as an example for output from deterministic scan of 3D mass space:**



 $\chi^2$  Function  $\chi^2_{tot} = \chi^2_{H_S} + \chi^2_{H_{SM}} + \chi^2_{\mu_{SM}} + \chi^2_{H_3} + \chi^2_{A_1} +$  $\chi^2_{LEP} + \chi^2_{LHC}$ 

$$
\sum_{H_S} \frac{(m_{H_1} - m_{grid,H_1})^2}{\sigma_{H_1}^2}
$$

- $m_{grid, H_{\texttt{1}}}$  : Chosen point in the 3D mass space
- $m_{H_1}$ : singlet-like Higgs boson,  $\sigma_{H_1}$  set to 1‰  $m_{H_1}$  GeV

$$
\gamma_{H_{SM}}^2 = \frac{\left(m_{H_2} - m_{obs}\right)^2}{\sigma_{SM}^2}
$$

125.2 GeV Higgs boson with  $\sigma_{SM}$  set to 1‰  $m_{H_2}$  GeV

$$
\sqrt{\chi_{H_3/A_1}^2} = \frac{(m_{H_3/A_1} - m_{grid, H_3/A_1})^2}{\sigma_{H_3/A_1}^2} \text{ as } \chi_{H_S}^2
$$

- $\chi^2_{LEP}$ : includes the LEP constraints on the couplings of a light Higgs boson below 115 GeV and the limit on the chargino mass
- $\chi^2_{LHC}$ : includes the LHC constraints as implemented in NMSSMTools

$$
\Delta \chi_{H_{SM}}^2 = \sum_i (\mu_{H_2}^i - \mu_{obs})^2 / \sigma_{\mu}^2
$$

125.2 GeV with SM couplings,  $\mu_{H_2}^i$ : reduced cross section of  $H_2$  to particle  $i = \tau, b, W/$ Z,  $\gamma$  for ggf/ttH and VBF/VH production.  $\mu_{obs}$  equals 1 with  $\sigma_{\mu}$  set to 5‰

#### **Some more examples of correlation of NMSSM parameters**



- Correlation for selected NMSSM parameters tan β, λ and  $\mu_{eff}$
- The error bars correspond to the error determined by the Minuit fit for each mass combination



Only best points after a  $\chi^2$  cut plotted. **Distribution depends on cut value (or equally: assumed error values for chosen Higgs masses)**



**1D**  $\chi^2$  distribution examples of  $\tan\beta$  ,  $\mu_{eff}$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\kappa$ . For larger allowed **errors the minimum around the best fit points gets flatter (dotted lines).** 



## **Fix-point solutions for the trilinear couplings**



**For different Higgs mass combination, the low scale values vary, but the running from a large allowed range at the GUT scale towards a fix-point solution (meaning independent of GUT scale value) at the SUSY scale remains.**



 $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$  enter only in the stop corrections  $\Delta \tilde{t}$ , so different stop masses **lead to small shifts in the Higgs masses which can be compensated by small shifts in the optimal values of the NMSSM parameters** 

The dominant contribution to the total  $\Delta \chi^2$  function is coming from the **signal strength constraint. This contribution is less sensitive if the masses of the SUSY particles are getting heavier.**



#### **Present results from novel scanning technique**



**For light singlet-like Higgs bosons the values for XSxBR are compatible to the SM Higgs boson but studies of efficiencies and backgrounds needed.** 

#### **Outlook:**

**Many more detailed studies possible, e.g. possible signal strength deviations from SM predictions (see next talk)**





**Additional promising channels in the NMSSM for heavy Higgs H3 boson like A1Z and H1H2 in contrast to MSSM**



#### **Summary**

- **Novel scanning technique avoiding random scan of strongly correlated 7 NMSSM parameters**
- Instead: scanning 7 Higgs mass space, which becomes only 3D in **decoupling limit in which all heavy masses are identical and the known 125 GeV Higgs mass.**
- **3D Higgs mass space can be scanned by probing all mass combinations on a grid, so no random scan. This guarantees complete coverage.**
- **Using the novel scanning technique we determined the allowed range of the BR x XSs for light and heavy Higgs bosons and provided benchmark points and discovery channels which allow a detailed simulation and studies of the background and efficiencies**

## **Backup**





#### **Is there a unique solution for the SM Higgs mass?**

$$
M_H^2 \approx M_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \Delta_{\tilde{t}} + \lambda^2 \nu^2 \sin^2 2\beta - \frac{\lambda^2}{\kappa^2} (\lambda - \kappa \sin 2\beta)^2
$$
  
CMSSM-like (small  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , large tan $\beta$ ) NMSSM specific (large  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , small

**Region II**

NMSSM specific (large  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , small tan $\beta$ ) **Region I** 



#### **Is the 125 GeV SM-like? → couplings/signal strengths**

**Almost in the whole**  $\lambda - \kappa$ **plane 125 GeV Higgs mass fulfilled (green region)**

**Higgs mass**  $(H_1)$  **too light. Stop mass corrections not enough to reach 125 GeV similar to MSSM. Can be compensated by larger**  value of  $m_0/m_{1/2}$ 

## **Couplings and reduced XSs/signal strengths**

Reduced XS proportional to Higgs couplings which include the Higgs mixing elements  $S_{ij}$  and the Yukawa couplings



 $\chi^2$  includes 8 signal strengths  $\mu = \frac{\sigma \times BR}{\sigma \times BR}$  $\sigma_{SM}{\times}BR_{SM}$ 





#### **Are deviations of reduced couplings from SM really 0?**



**Signal strengths of observed Higgs equal SM in Region I.** 

**In Region II small deviations preferred.**

**In intermediate regions larger deviations, only allowed if errors are enlarged.**

**Allowed range of signal strengths/couplings allows determination of BRs and BR x XSs for all Higgs bosons.**

#### **Are larger deviations from SM allowed?**





## **Couplings of singlet like Higgs to fermions and allowed range for Higgs mixing elements**



 $S_{11}$  ( $\sim$ H<sub>1</sub>bb) large and positive in Region I

 $S_{11}$  (~ $H_1 bb$ ) almost zero due to zero crossing in Region II  $\rightarrow tan\beta$ enhancement small compared to small  $S_{11}$ values





SM Higgs mixing elements and heavy Higgs boson fixed by SM Higgs couplings constraint  $\rightarrow$  allowed range of singlet Higgs mixing matrix elements

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## **BRs for light (singlet-like) Higgs boson**



Large coupling to down-type fermions  $\rightarrow$  dominant decay into b quarks as in the SM.



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CMSSM-like region BRs different from SM due to zero crossing of  $S_{11}$ leading to broad allowed bands for BRs for all channels.

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Region II: XS has large allowed range because of zero crossing of  $S_{11}$ .



### **Discovery potential for final states @14TeV**

- $\tau$ : in both Regions
- $|\gamma\gamma|$  in both Regions
- $Z\gamma$ : for  $m_{H1} > 95$  GeV
- $WW/ZZ$ : for  $m_{H1} > 80/90$  GeV, small because of phase space
- Double Higgs Production
- $A_1A_1/\tilde{\chi}^0_1\tilde{\chi}^0_1$  : XS x BR compatible to SM decay  $\mathrm{H}\to\gamma\gamma$

For more details see backup slides and *PLB782 (2018) 69-76*.

Other final states are small and  $A_1A_1/\,\tilde{\chi}^0_1\,\,\tilde{\chi}^0_1$  are only possible in a restricted parameter space where  $m_{A1/\widetilde X_1^0} < 0.5 m_{H1}$ 

NOTE:  $A_1$  and  $\tilde{\chi}^0_1$  masses are correlated, so both signatures happen in the same region of parameter space (see backup slides)

## **Upper bound for NMSSM double Higgs production BRs (if kinematically accessible)**





See backup slides for corresponding BR plots Dominant  $A_1$  decay modes in bb,  $\tau\tau$  and MET see backup slides

## **Reduction of the 6D Higgs mass space**



- $H_3$ , $H^\pm$  and  $A_2$  are considerd to be degenerate in mass
- One observed 125 GeV Higgs with SM couplings

#### **→ 3 undetermined free Higgs masses in the NSSM (3D)**

- Provide 3D grid for unknown  $m_{H1}$ - $m_{H3}$   $m_{A1}$  masses
- For each mass combination MINUIT\* is used to determine corresponding NMSSM parameters

Efficient sampling of the parameter space and determination of the couplings



\* F. James and M. Roos, Comput.Phys.Commun. 10 (1975) 343-367

## **Efficient sampling of Parameter Space - Example**

- Dividing the axis of the 3D space into X~100 bin require a total of X^3 Minuit fits, which is quite feasible instead of random sampling in the 6D parameters of the Higgs parameters
- E.g. efficient sampling of parameter space allows to find points in parameter space which will elude the future searches for dark matter at the Darwin experiment

**Scenario** I (large  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , small tan  $\beta$ )

**Scenario II** (small  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , large tan  $\beta$ )



#### **Light Higgs production cross section**





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No  $tan\beta$  enhancement for bbH XS and large spread  $\rightarrow$  Coupling not only proportional to  $tan\beta$  but also Higgs mixing matrix elements  $S_{11}$  and  $S_{12}$ 



# BRs x XS for light Higgs Boson

## (in comparison with 125 GeV Higgs Boson)





 $Zy$ : in both Regions the mass range above 95 GeV is accessible



**ZZ**: for mass range above the maximal ratio is 1 ‰ because of phase space