MSSM neutral Higgs bosons search with the ATLAS detector at LHC

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Outline

- Motivation
- Supersymmetric (SUSY) Higgs
- Signal production and properties
- Among all channels studied from ATLAS focus on :
  - $h/A/H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
  - $h/A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
  - $A/H \rightarrow \chi^0_{2,3,4}\,\chi^0_{2,3,4}$ and $A/H \rightarrow \chi^+_2\,\chi^-_{1,2}$
- Conclusions

New

New results from recent detailed simulation

Minimal Super Symmetric Model

The MSSM is the most investigated extension of SM provides:

- The unification of coupling constants
- SUSY provides a ColdDarkMatter candidate
- **Three neutral Higgs bosons: A, CP-odd, and CP-even H, h the lightest. Two charged H^+, and H^-.**
- **Large loop corrections depend on SUSY parameters**

Unconstrained MSSM has huge number (105) of parameters in addition SM ones, making any phenomenogical analysis very complicated

- A simplified version at some GUT scale: CMSSM/mSUGRA

  Most of phenomenogical analysis models are based on that.

MSSM parameters constrains

- M_{susy},sfermion mass at EW scale
- M_2, $SU(2)_L$ gaugino mass at EW scale
- μ, supersymmetric Higgs boson mass parameter.
- tan β, the ratio of the two Higgs fields doublets
- A_0, a universal trilinear higgs-squarks coupling at EW scale. It is assumed to be the same for up-type squarks and for down types quarks.
- m_A, mass of CP-odd Higgs boson.
- M_{gluino}, it affects loop corrections for stop and bottom

Phenomenology decribed at Born level by tan β ,m_A

➢ couplings: gMSSM = ξ · gSM
no coupling of A to W/Z
large tanβ: large BR(h,H,A→ττ,bb)

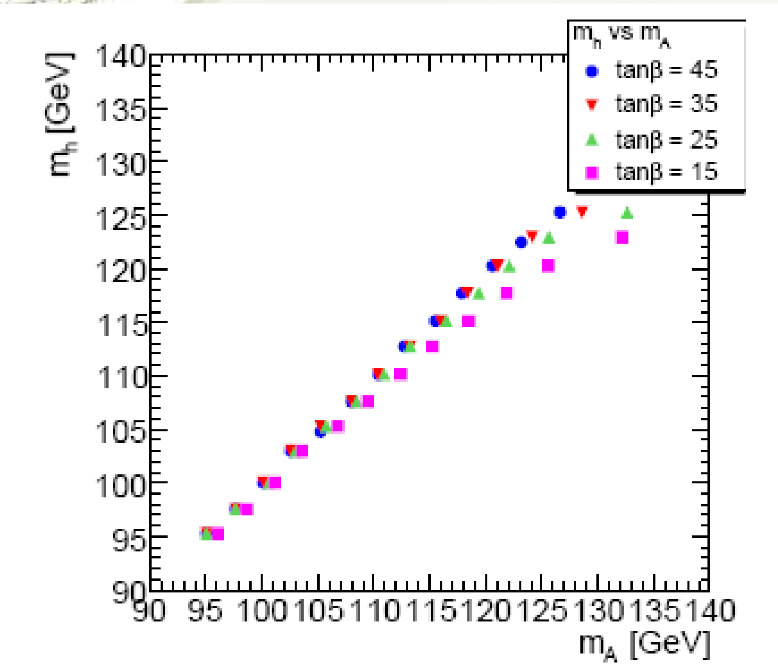
ξ	t	b/τ	W/Z
h	$\cos\alpha/\sin\beta$	$-\sin\alpha/\cos\beta$	$\sin(\alpha-\beta)$
H	$\sin\alpha/\sin\beta$	$\cos\alpha/\cos\beta$	$\cos(\alpha-\beta)$
A	$\cot\beta$	$\tan\beta$	-----

α: mixing angle between CP even Higgs bosons (calculable from tanβ and M_A)

Masses

- For M_A < 135 GeV (M_h^{max} scenario)
- The ligth MSSM Higgs is SM-like

$$M_A \approx M_h$$



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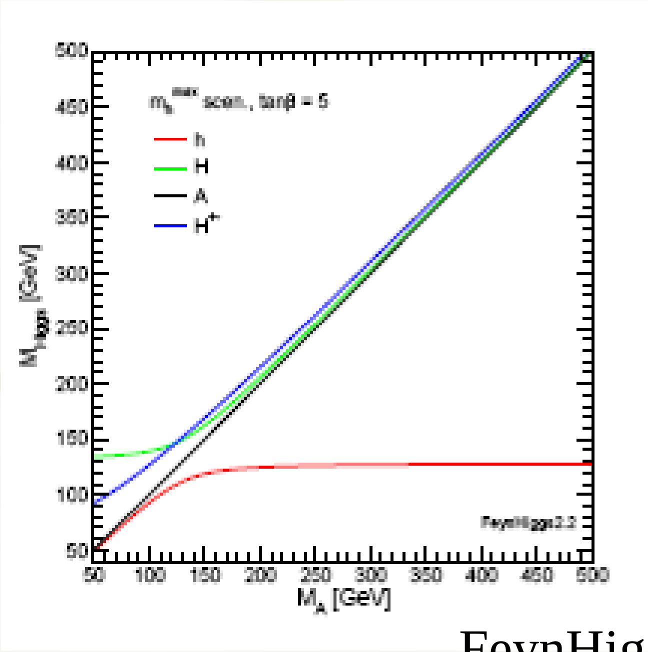
- For M_A> 150 GeV (decoupling limit)

The heavy MSSM Higgs:

$$M_A \approx M_H \approx M_{H}^{\pm}$$



FeynHiggs2.2

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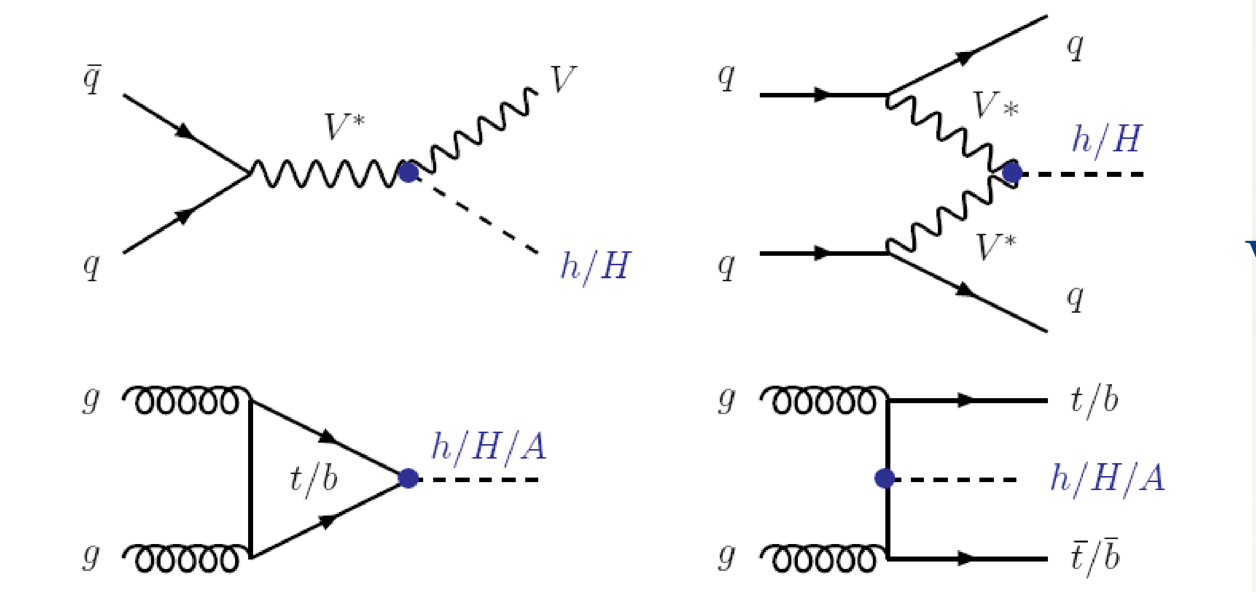
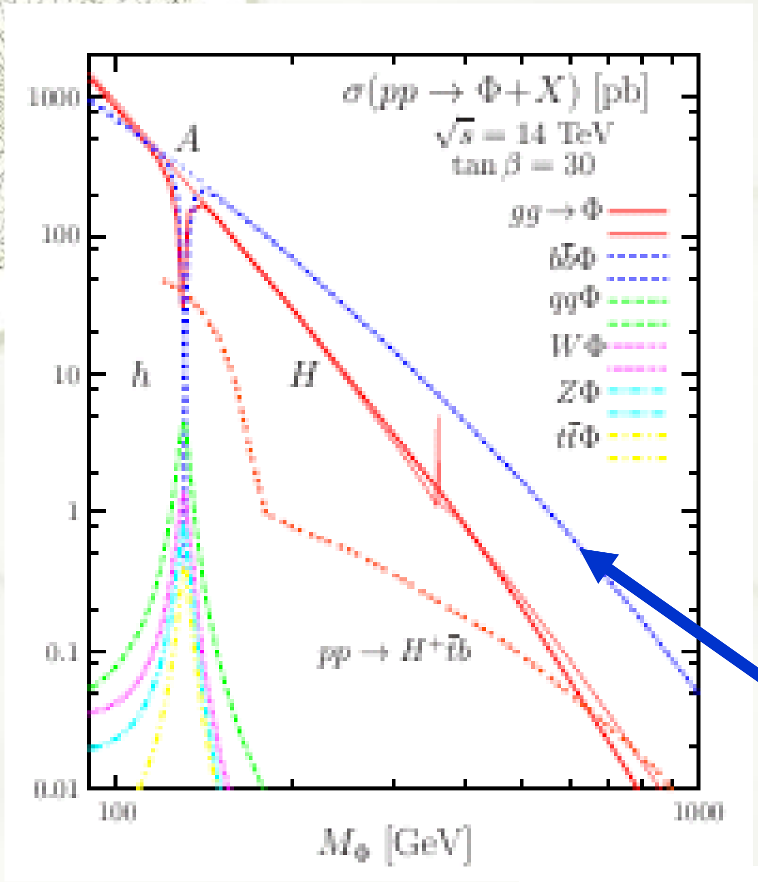
MSSM Higgs Production



V*=W/Z

- Main production mechanism ~SM
- For high and moderate tanβ the production with b quarks is enhanced
- For $m_A >> m_Z$ A/H behave very similar →decoupling region
- A, H, $H^{\pm}$ cross section ~$\tan\beta^2$

Production cross section



Φ=h,H,A

- At small $\tan\beta$ $gg \to h,H,A$ dominant
- Vector boson fusion process $pp \to qq \to qq+WW/ZZ \to qq+h/H$ important at $m_h \sim m_{hmax}$
- Higgsstrahlung neglegible
- At **high $\tan\beta$ associated b quarks production dominates**
  $pp \to bb \to h/H/A+ bb$

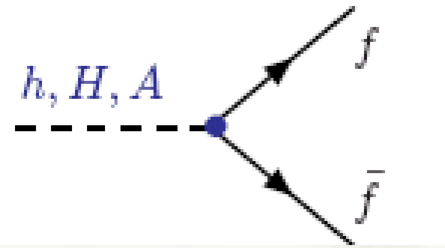
Abdelhak Djouadi arXiv:hep-ph/0503173v2 (2005)

Branching ratio

- Decoupling region

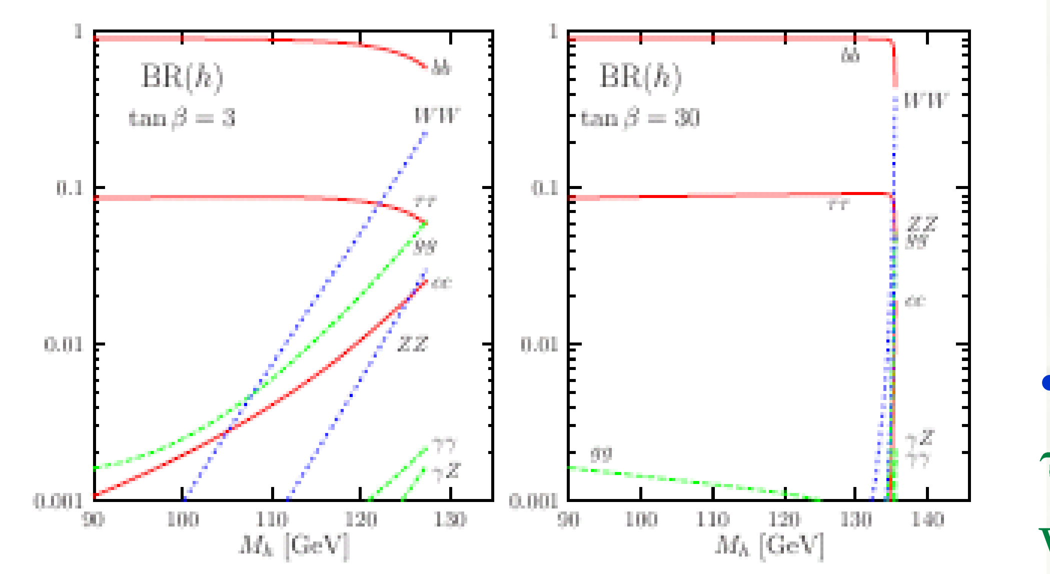
$M_A \geq 150$ GeV tanb ≈30

or $M_A \geq 400\text{-}500$ GeV tanβ=3



Production rate

$$\Gamma(h, H, A) \propto m_f^2$$



- Decay bb dominates,

ττ lower background

weaker sensitivy on

SUSY parameters

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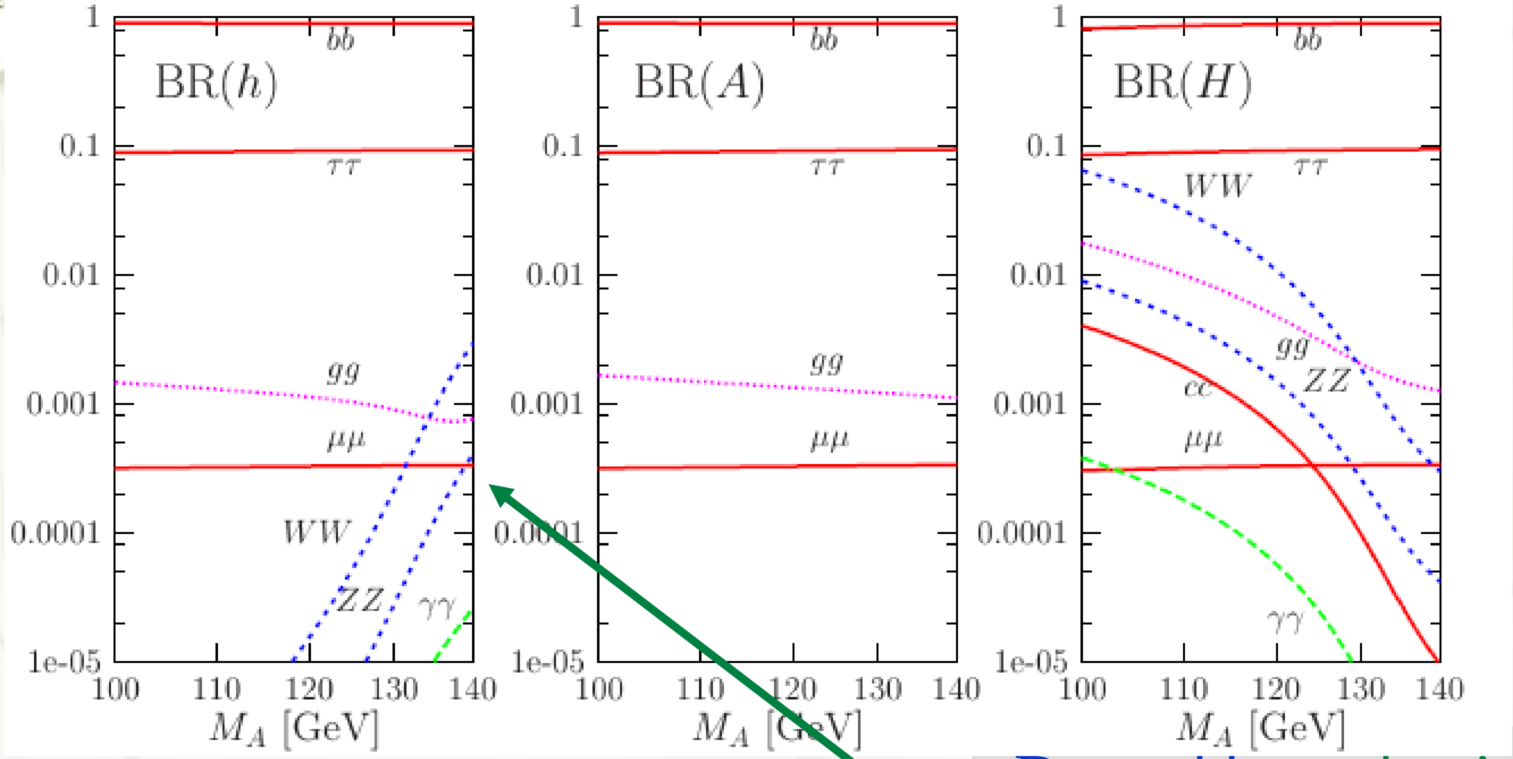
Branching ratio

•Intense coupling region tanb ≈30 M_A~ 120-140 GeV
Coupling to W,Z up quarks suppressed
Coupling down quark (b) and τ enhanced



•Decay bb, ττ dominates
•Decay μμ possible

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Benchmark scenarios

- **m_h^{max} scenario**

It allows the maximum value for $m_h(X_t = 2M_{SUSY})$.

It can be obtained conservative tanβ exclusion bounds

- **no-mixing scenario**

No mixing in scalar top sector ($X_t = 0$)

- small α_{eff} scenario

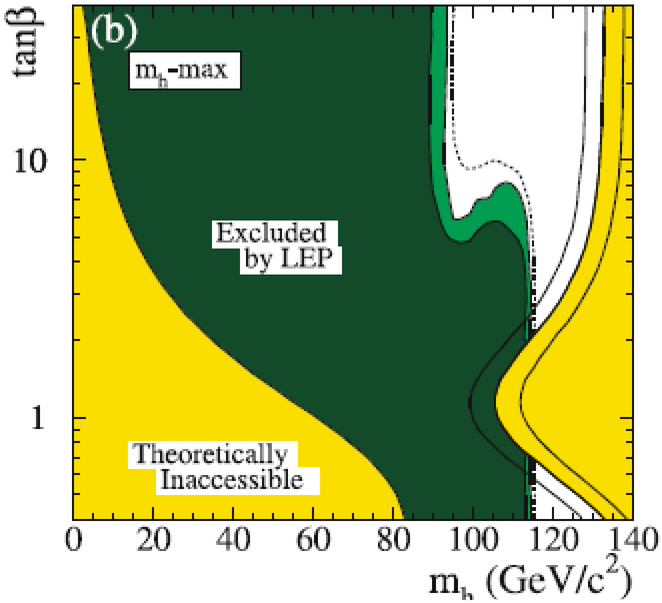
Hb coupling~ sin α_{eff}/ cos β can be zero: $\alpha_{eff} \to 0$:

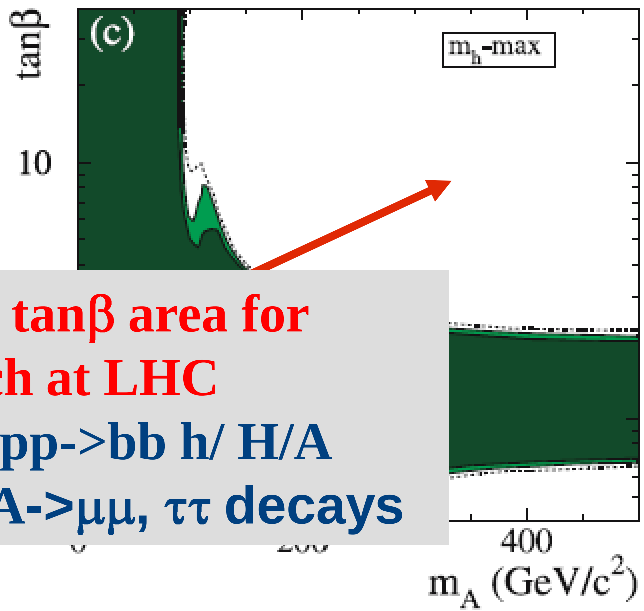
Main decay mode vanishes, important search channel vanishes

- gluophobic Higgs scenario

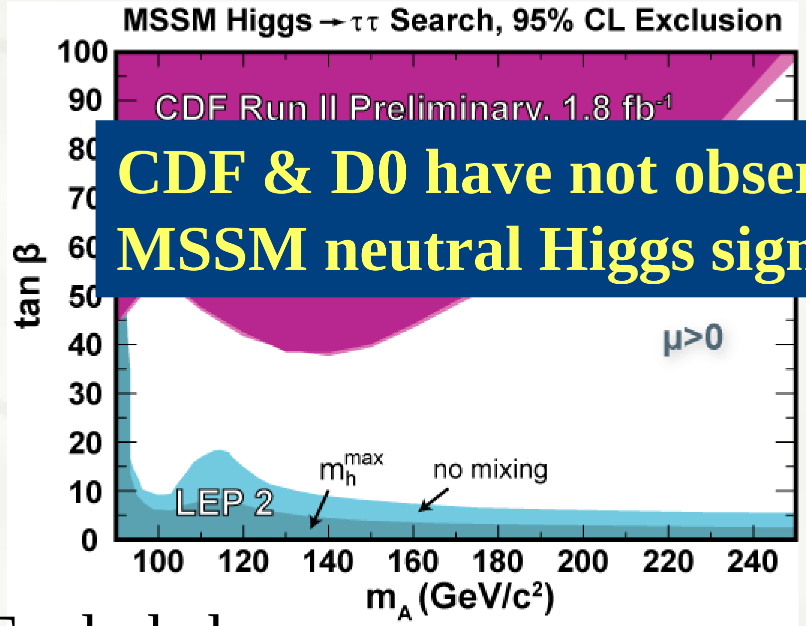
hgg coupling is small: main LHC production mode vanishes.

Exclusion Limit from LEP And Tevatron





High tanβ area for search at LHC
with pp->bb h/ H/A
h/H/A->μμ, ττ decays



CDF & D0 have not observed a MSSM neutral Higgs signal yet

Excluded:
(m_h^{max} scenario)
m_h>92.8 GeV
m_A>93.4 GeV

tanβ 0.7 2.0
Excluded

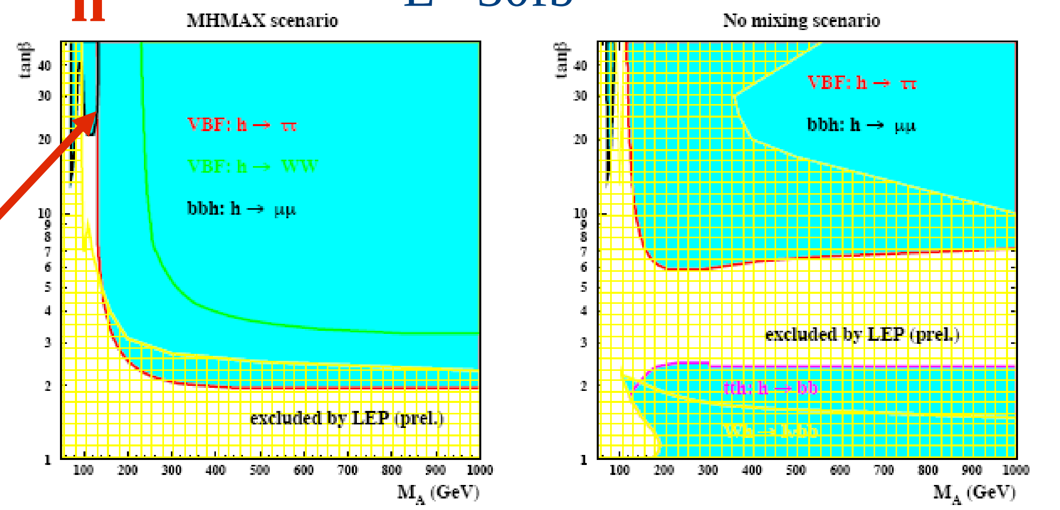
S. Lowette ICHEP 2008

Light higgs boson

- VBF dominates at low luminosity
- Large space covered by several channel
- **Region around m_h~ 95GeV difficult**
- **h→μμ channel at low masses**

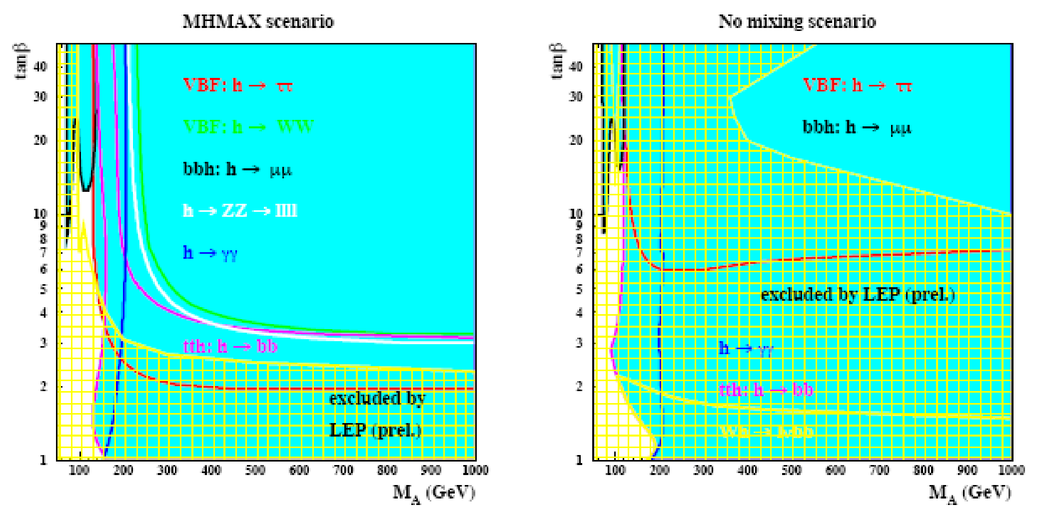
h

L =30fb^{-1}



h/A/H

L =300fb^{-1} **NOT UPDATED**



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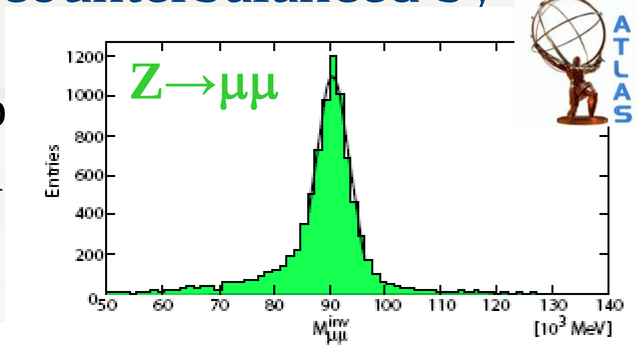
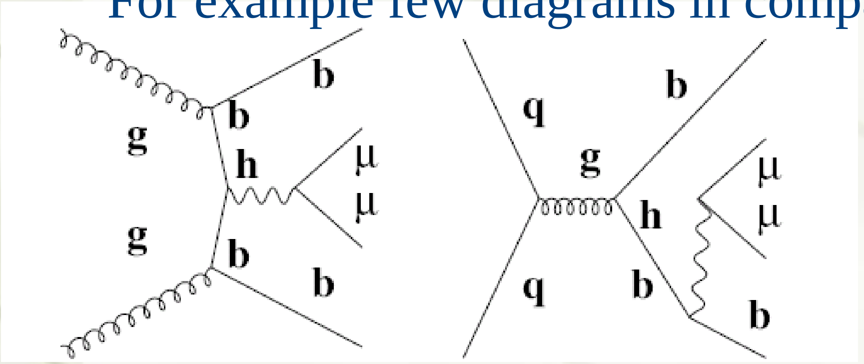
bb h/A→bbμμ

- **Associated h/A/H production with b-jets → large σ**
- The adavange of ττ channel due to the mass is counterbalanced by difficulty of identify τ decays (smaller detector acceptance, ν in final state)
- Excellent μ resolution of detectors

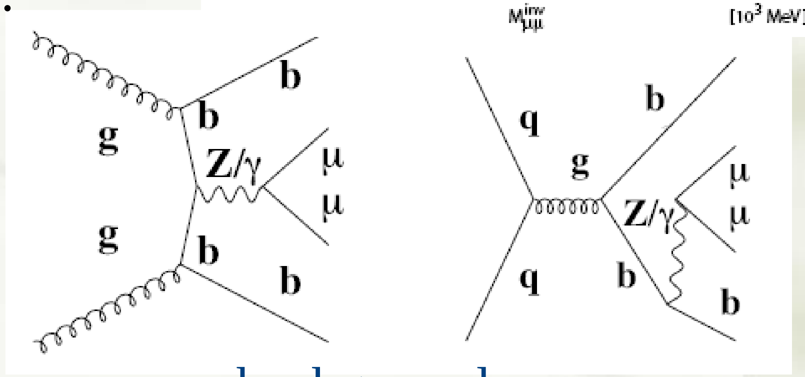
Productio h→μμ an →ττ



For example few diagrams in comparison:



signal



background

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See also: ATL-PHYS-PUB-2006-030, ATL-PHYS-PUB-2002-021, ATL-PHYS-PUB-2002-013 ATL-PHYS-PUB-2000-001

Background evaluation

- **bbZ→bbμμ** large cross section (σ≈ 22.8 pb) large theoretical uncertainties (≈ 25%)

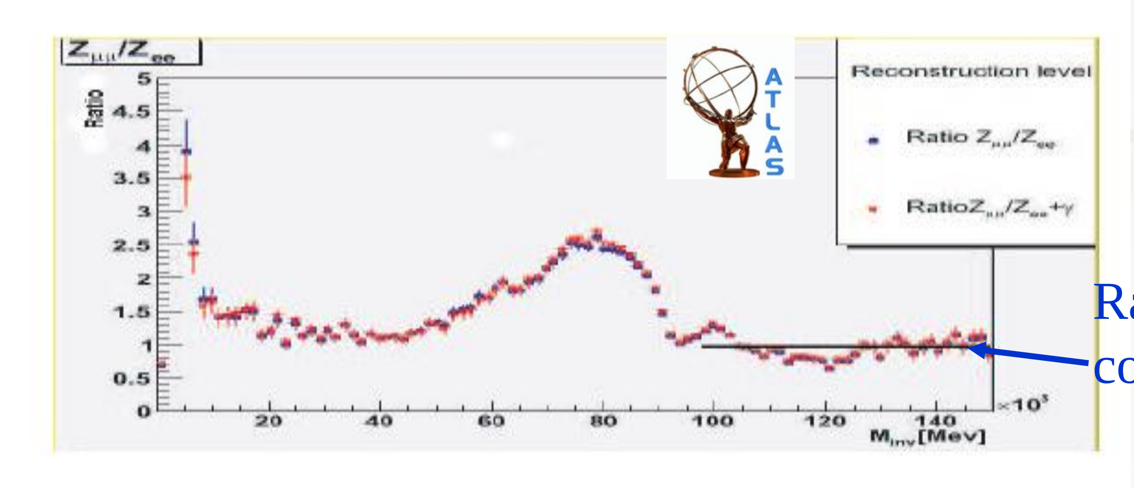
Proposed **data driven method** based on bbZ→bbee

- Rate of signal suppresed by $\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_e}\right)^2$

Background same rate:

same production diagram, and lepton universality

different inner bremsstrahlung and detector reconstruction



Ratio stable & without large corrections factor

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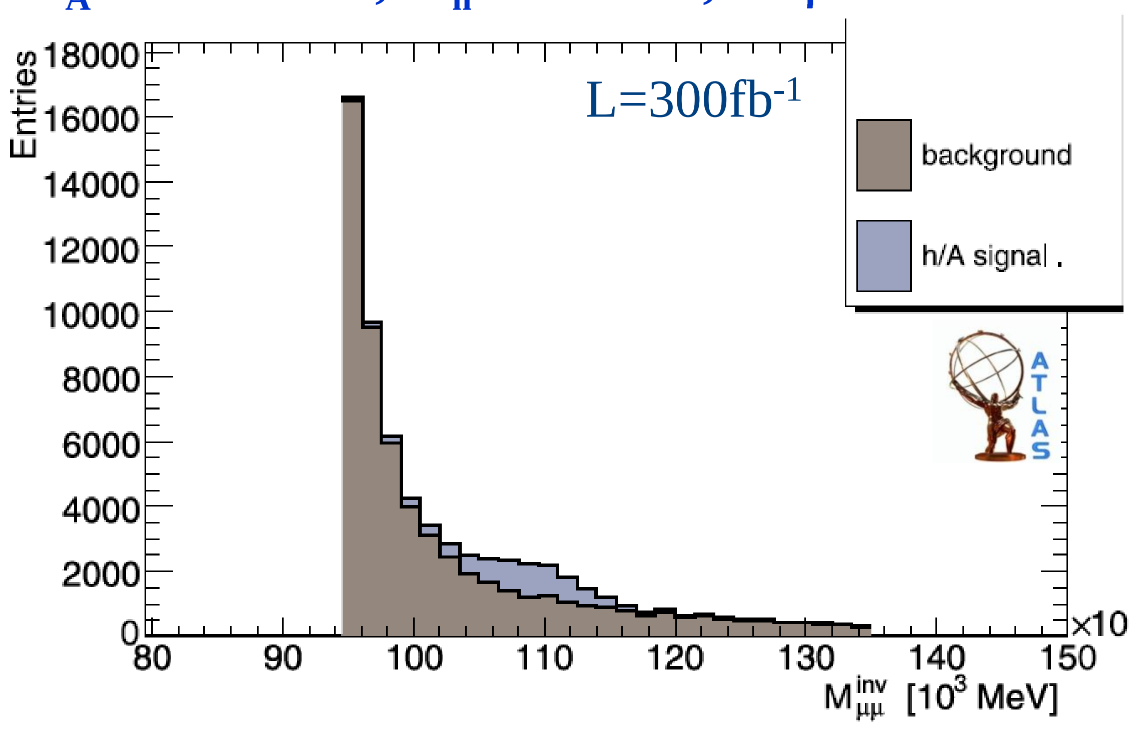
$bb \rightarrow bbh/A\mu\mu$ low mass region

M_A=110.31 GeV, M_h= 110 GeV, tanβ=45



LO order cross section

Atlas : tanβ 15-50

m_A 95-130 GeV

- 2 μ p_T>20GeV
- 2 jets p_T>10GeV
- 1 b-jet (p_T>15GeV)
- $M_{\mu\mu}$
- μ-isolation,no hadronic activity

Full detector simulation

Corresponding to L=300fb^{-1}

•Background $bbZ \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$

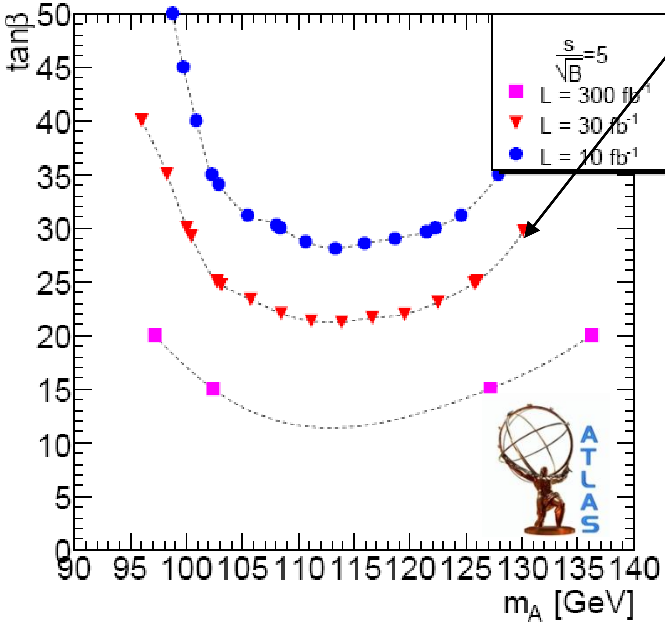
$tt \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$

$ZZ \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$

•good muon momentum resolution makes Higgs mass peak stand out on a falling background

Discovery contours

5 σ at L =30 fb^{-1}



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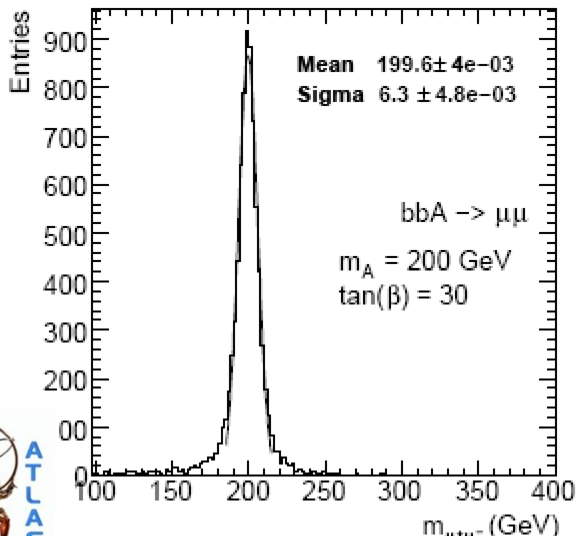
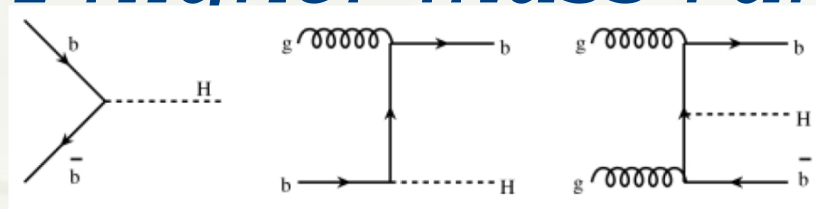
- In the region **M_A< 135GeV** neutral MSSM Higgs production is dominated by h/A
- In the region **M_A> 135GeV** the production is dominated by H/A

/H higher mass range





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- using NLO σ
- Z+udcs background

tanβ= 30

(GeV)	A boson mass (GeV) 110	130	150	200	300	400
Natural width	2.16	2.48	2.80	3.60	5.61	8.46
Reconstructed σ	2.59 ± 0.02	3.83 ± 0.03	4.11 ± 0.04	6.29 ± 0.05	10.2 ± 0.2	15.0 ± 0.3
Reconstructed mass	109.818 ± 0.006	129.738 ± 0.005	149.796 ± 0.006	199.589 ± 0.005	298.82 ± 0.04	399.37 ± 0.04

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Generators:
- h/A/H SHERPA
- tt MC@NLO
- ZZ PYTHIA
- bbZ AcerMC/PYTHIA

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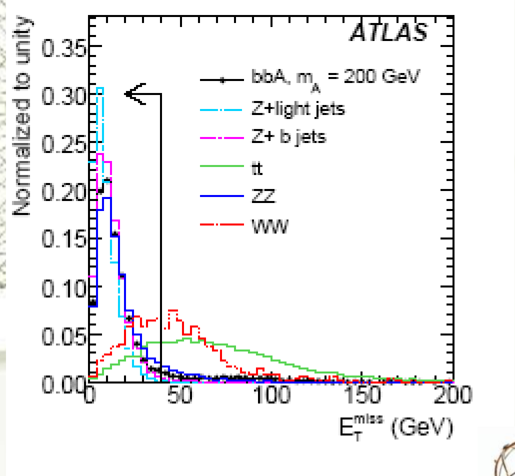
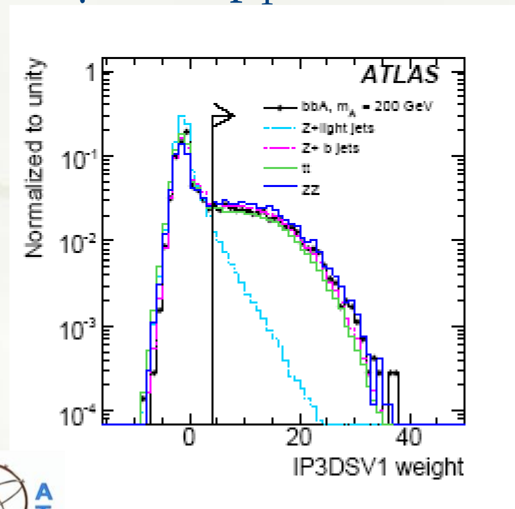
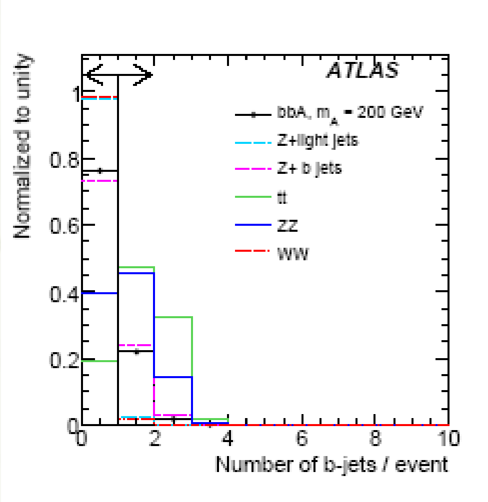
- Preselection :Trigger One μ with p_T >20 GeV and 2, p_T^{μ}> 20 GeV



E^T_{miss} < 40 GeV



b-tag weight >4



a) O-b-jet b)≥ 1 b-jet

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b)≥ 1 b-jet

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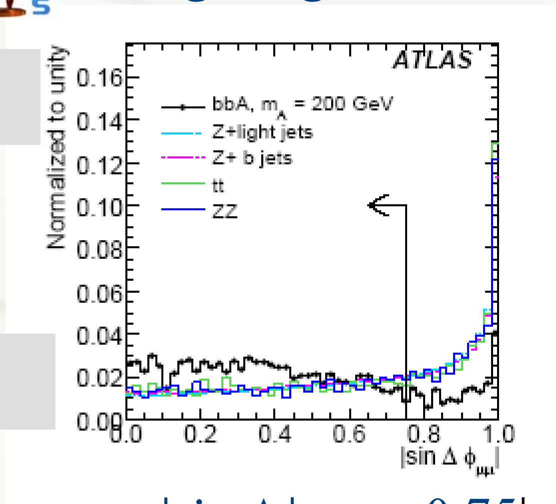
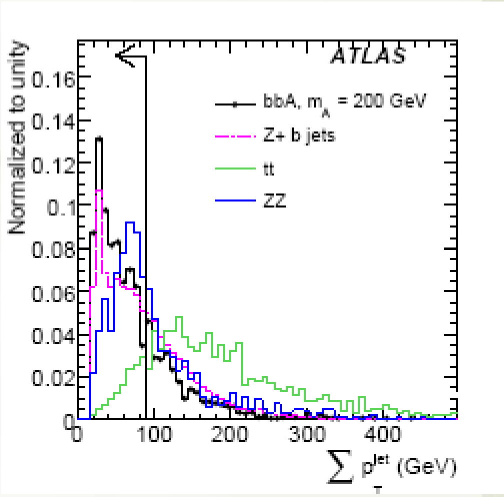


$|\sin \Delta\phi\ \mu\mu <0.75|$



$\Sigma\ P_T^{jet}$ < 90GeV

High mass analysis

- Analysis divided in two independent branches:
- A) events with **0 reconstructed b-jets in final state**
- B) events with **at least one reconstructed b-jet in the final state**.
- **Final discovery A)+B)**
- Signal events considered in $\Delta m = m_A \pm 2\sigma_{\mu\mu}$
- Background sideband estimation from data

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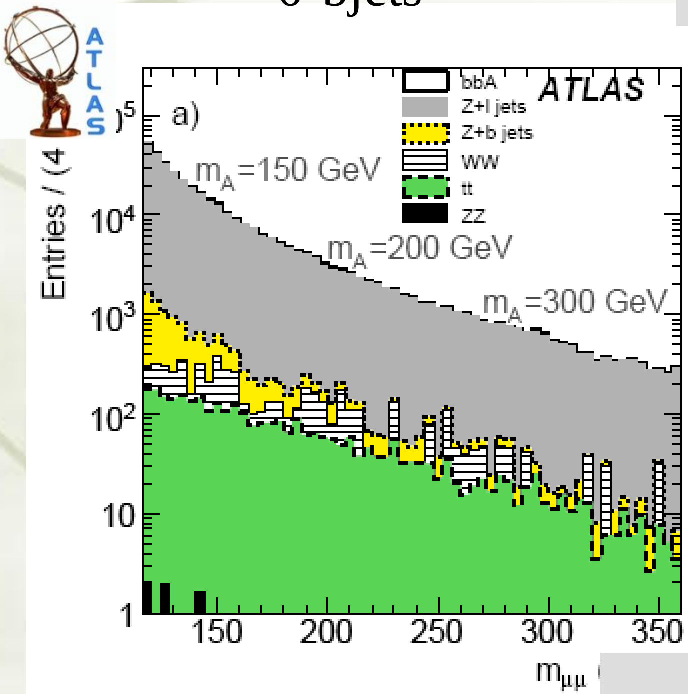
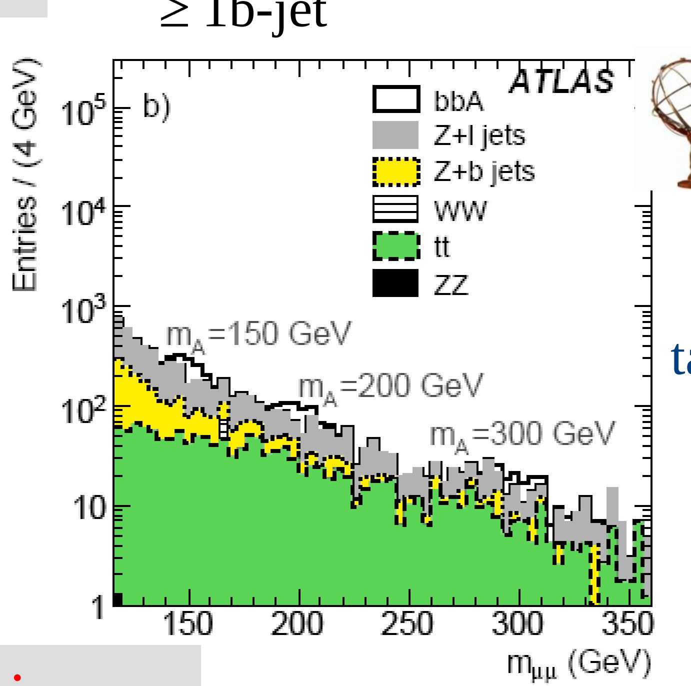
0-bjets

A+H

≥ 1b-jet





$\tan\beta=30$ $L=30fb^{-1}$

Z+jets dominating

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ttbar Z+jets dominating

Discovery Potential

- Signal cross section uncertainties 17%
- Systematic experimental uncertainties based on detector expected performances:

e.g. muon efficiency, muon PT scale, muon resolution, Jet energy scale, Jet energy resolution, btag efficiency, b-tagging fake rate.

Based on detector expected performance 10-20%

Large systematic uncertainties demand for data-driven method background estimation

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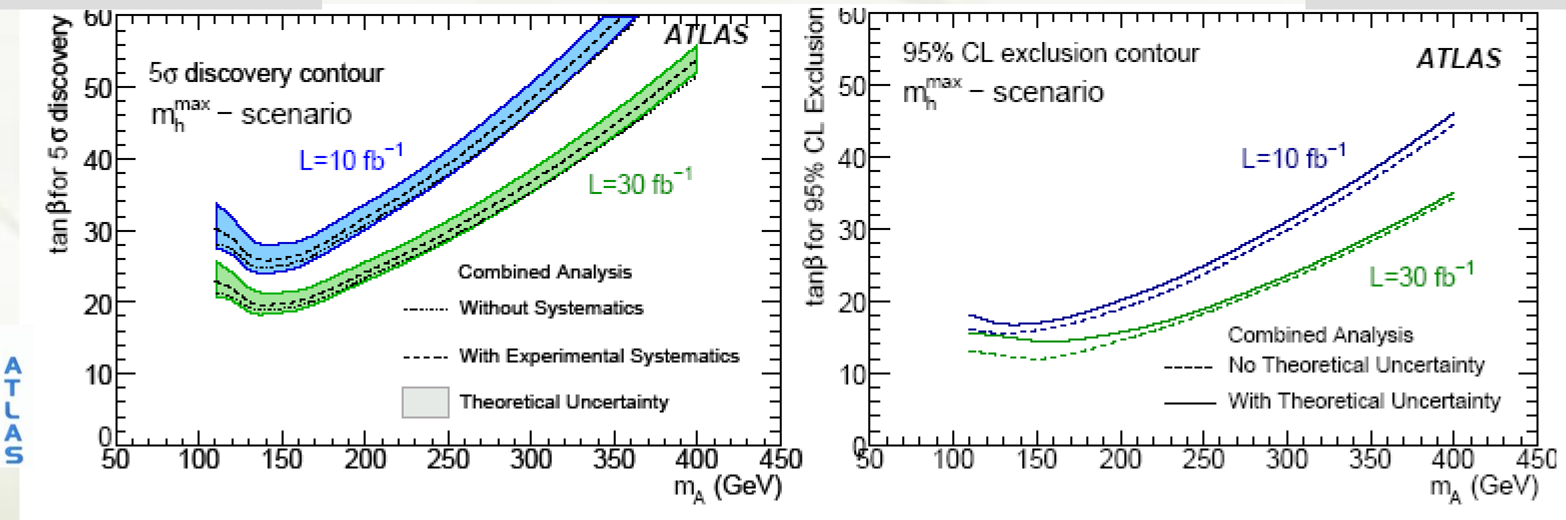
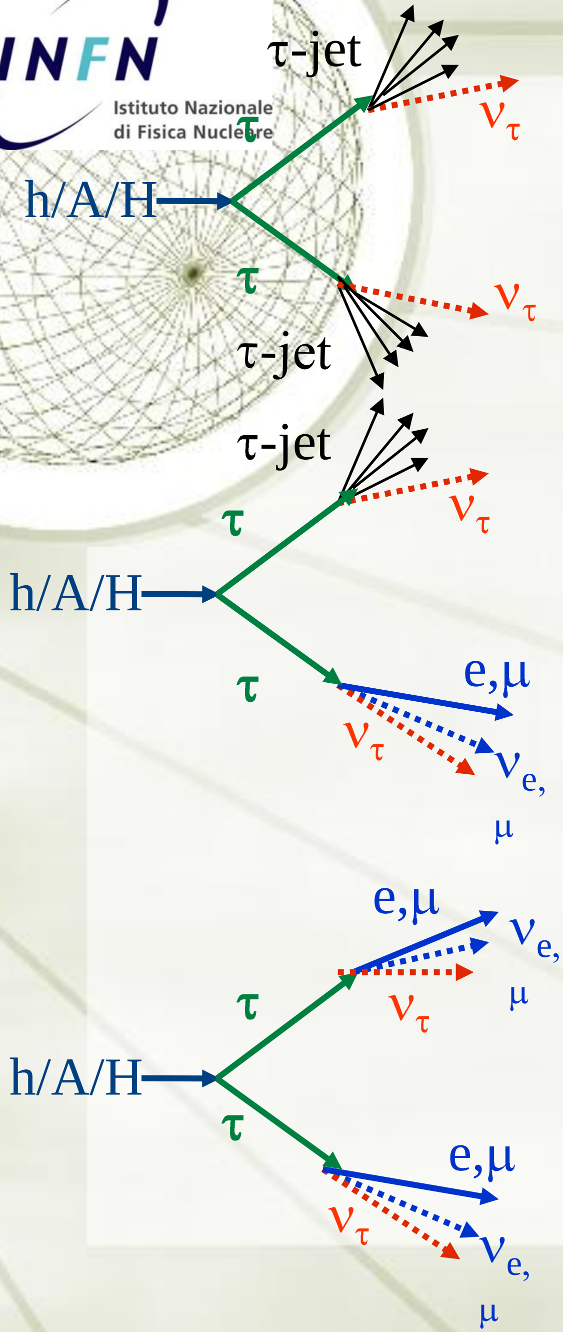


bb H/A →bb ττ

➢High rate but difficult from background

> ➢ bb H/A →bb ττ covers large tanβ region



➢**Hadron/leptonic: bbH→bbττ→e/μ+jet +E_T^{miss}**
Higher rate of full leptonic channel
(lepton Br(τ→ ℓ $\nu_\tau \nu_\ell$) ~0.17)

- easier detection of full hadronic channel
- good coverage of MSSM parameter space.

➢**Full leptonic: bbH→bbττ→eμ+E_T^{miss}**
Lower rate than full hadronic or hadronic/lepton Br(τ→ ℓ $\nu_\tau \nu_\ell$) ~0.17
clean signal and easy to trigger

•Discussion on full leptonic channel **New**

See also ATL-PHYS-2003-009

$bb\ H/A \rightarrow bb\ \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ \ell$

- Higgs mass reconstruction using **collinear approximation**
- Approximation method requires **excellent missing E_T resolution**
- Main background:Z+jet,ttbar,Zbb

Analysis:

- Trigger Single or dilepton
- At least one b-tagged jet
- Njet <3 cut tt background
- Dilepton-mass and missing energy cut to veto Z →ee and Z →μμ
- E_T^{Miss}
- $\Delta\Phi_{\ell\ell}$
- **Z →ττ estimated from data**
- Asymmetric mass window cut

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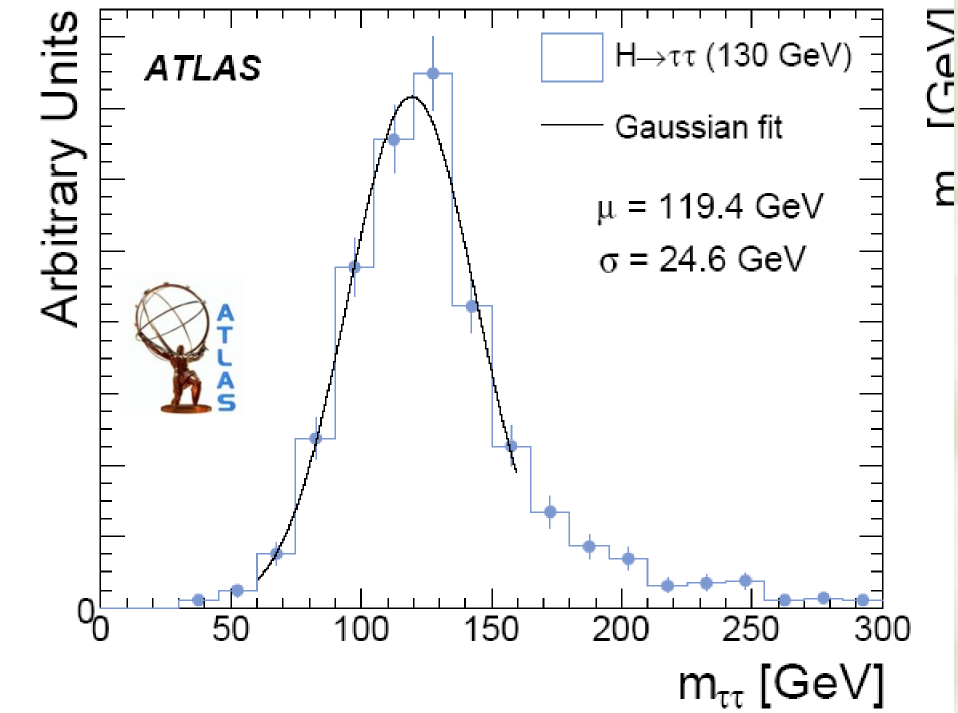

$x = p_{T,\ell} / p_{T,\tau}$

$0 < x < 1$

$$m_{\tau\tau} = \frac{m_{\ell\ell}}{\sqrt{x_1 \cdot x_2}}$$

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$bb\ H/A \rightarrow bb\ \tau\tau \rightarrow \ell\ \ell$

- **RESULTS**
- Low M_A Range : $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ dominant background
- High M_A range: tt background dominant
- **Dominat Systematic Uncertainties**
- Jet Energy scale/resolution
- b-tag efficiencies

L= 30 fb^{-1}

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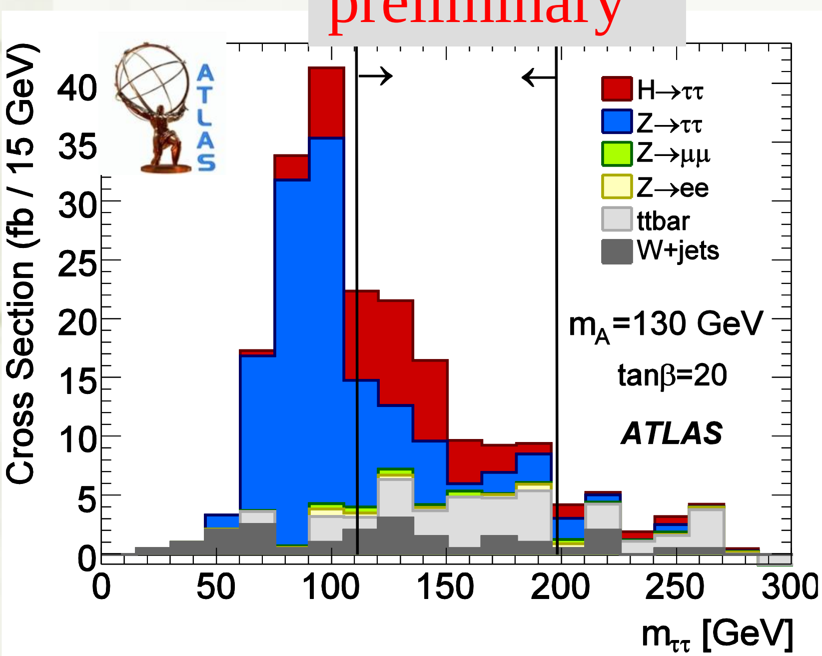

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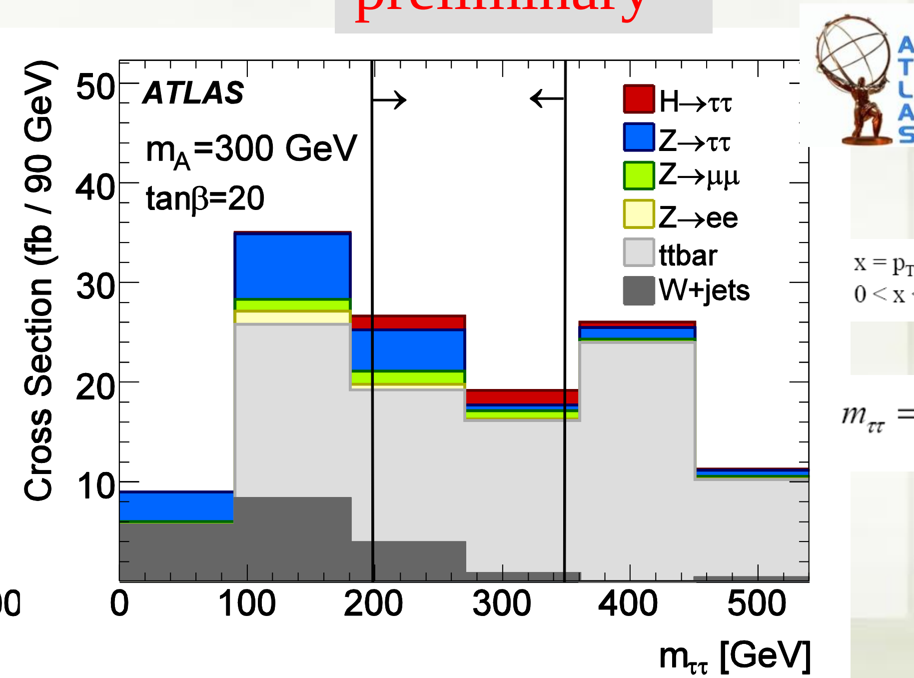

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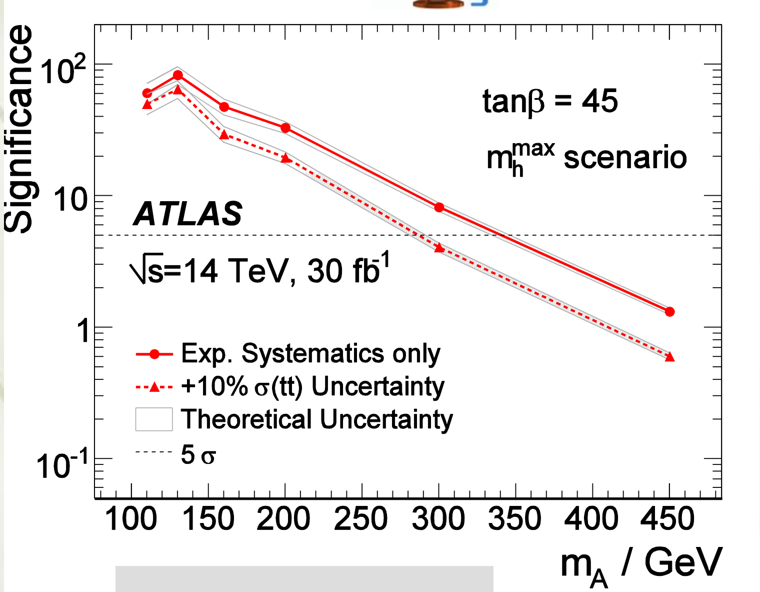
bb H/A → bb ττ → ℓ ℓ

- **Discovery of Higgs boson in the m_h^{max} scenario is possible** for m_A = 150 GeV and tanβ > 20 , for m_A=275 GeV tanβ >35 and m_A > 300 GeV for tanβ > 45 with integrated L= $30fb^{-1}$.



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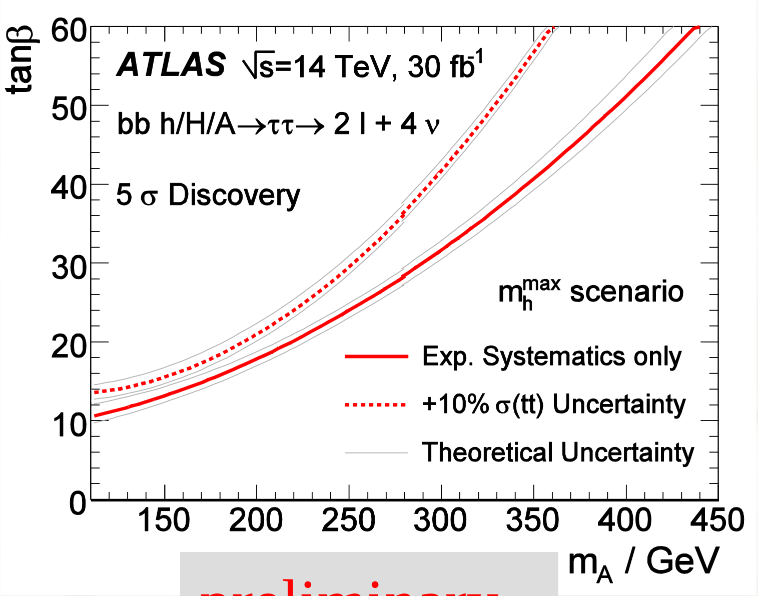

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SUSY & Higgs interplay

If SUSY kinematically accessible, then real production of sparticles.

- **Higgs can decay directly to or come from decay of SUSY particles**
- Associated production modes: e.g, squark-squark-Higgs
- SUSY particles suppress or enhance loop induced production or decays Higgs into sparticle decay modes can compete with SM modes:

$H/A \rightarrow \chi^0_2 \chi^0_2 \rightarrow 4\ \ell^\pm X$

$H^\pm \rightarrow \chi^0_2 \chi^\pm_1 \rightarrow 3\ \ell^\pm X$

Pioneering papers:

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[3] M.Bisset, F. Moortgat and S. Moretti "**Eur.Phys.J.C30:419-434,2003.**

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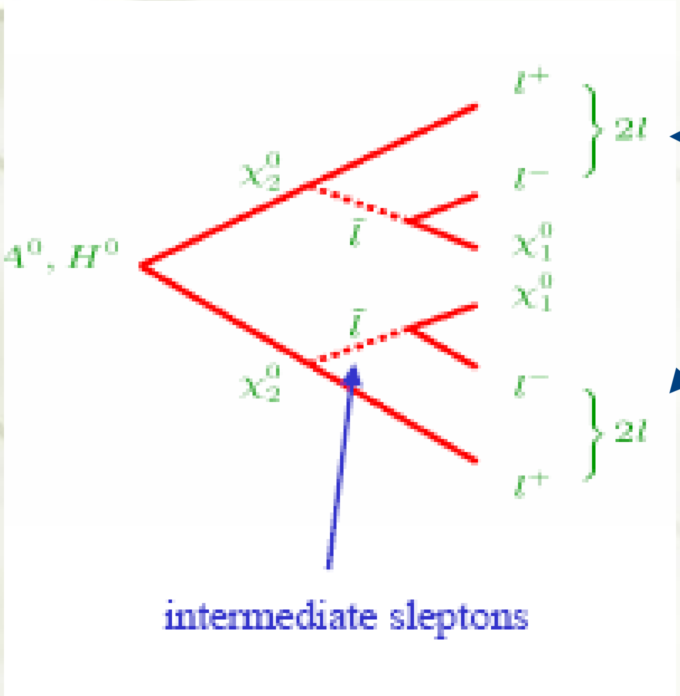
Signature

- **Assume a classical production Mechanism**
  - **Decays**



4 isolated leptons (e,μ)+ E_T^{miss}

powerful signature against the SM + SUSY backgrounds at LHC

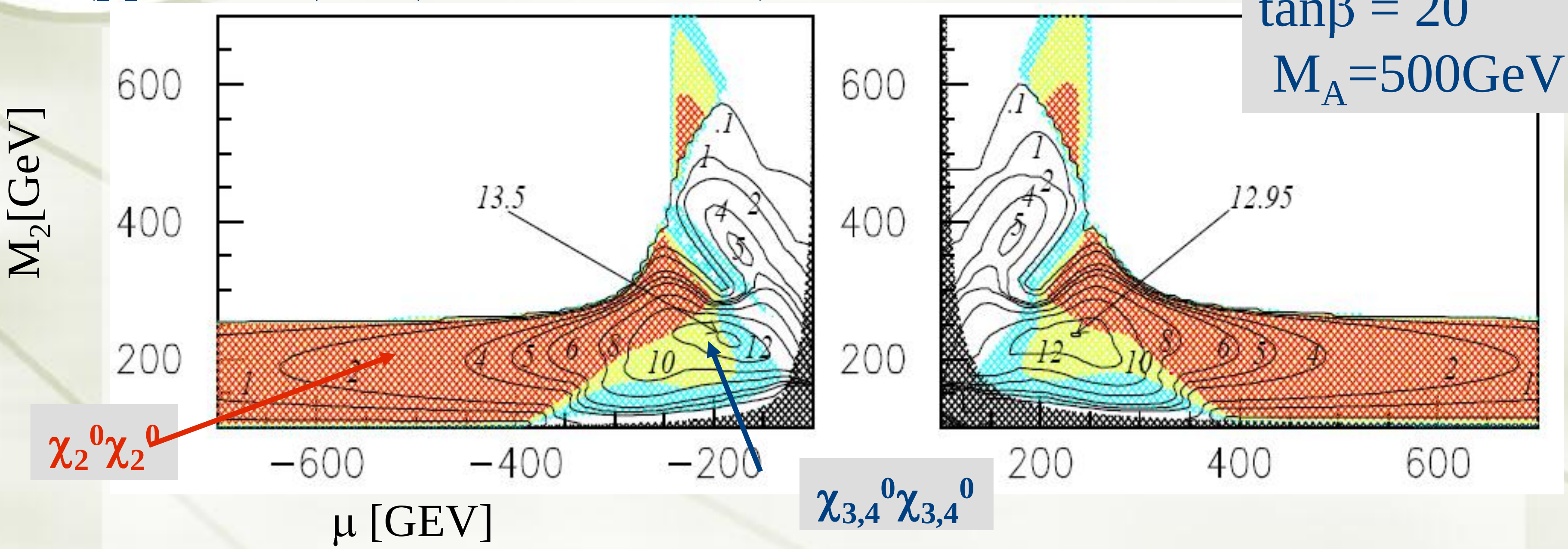
A/H susy decays

$A,H \rightarrow \chi^0_{2,3,4}\, \chi^0_{2,3,4} \rightarrow 4\, \ell^{\pm} + E^{miss}_T$

$\ell = e\mu$

$A,H \rightarrow \chi^+_2\, \chi^-_{1,2} \rightarrow 4\, \ell^{\pm} + E^{miss}_T$

$\sigma(pp \rightarrow H/A)\, Br(A,H \rightarrow 4\, \ell^{\pm} + N)$



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Choice of Bench mark points

To choose **representative points** **in the search**

$A/H \rightarrow \chi_i^0 \chi_i^0 \rightarrow 4\ \ell$

The following characteristics

- "High" branching ratio in
  $\chi^0_2\chi^0_2$
  $\chi^0_{2,3,4}\chi^0_{3,4}$
  $\chi_1^+\chi_2^-$
- "High" branching ratio in
  $\chi^0_2 \rightarrow \chi^0_1\, \ell^+\, \ell^-$

- m_{top}= 175 GeV
- m_b= 4.25 GeV
- tan β= 10
- m_A= 500 GeV
- M_{squark}= 1 TeV
- A_{tau}= 0
- A_ℓ= 0

MSSM representative Points

MSugra representative Points

Point A M_0=125 GeV tanβ=20
Point B M_0=400 GeV tanβ=20
$M_{½}$=165GeV sign(μ)=+1 A_0=0

Point 1 M_A=500 GeV tanβ=20
M_1=90GeV M_2=180 GeV μ=-500GeV
M_ℓ=M_τ= 250GeV m_g=M_q=1000GeV

Point 2 M_A=600 GeV tanβ=35
M_1=100GeV M_2=200 GeV μ=-200GeV
M_ℓ=150GeV M_τ= 250GeV m_g=800GeV
M_q=1000GeV

Sample of events

➢ Signal

$H \rightarrow 4\ell$

$A \rightarrow 4\ell$

➢ Standard Mode Background

- bbZ $\rightarrow 4\ell$
- tt $\rightarrow 4\ell$
- ZZ $\rightarrow 4\ell$

➢ MSSM Background

- $\left.\begin{array}{l}\tilde{q},\tilde{g}\\ \tilde{\ell},\tilde{\nu}\\ \tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi},\tilde{q}/\tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}\\ tH^{-}+c.c.\end{array}\right\} \rightarrow 4\ell$

Main selections:

- ℓ Isolation
- charge and flavour constrains $\ell_1^-\ell_1^+\ell_2^+\ell_2^+$
- Impact significance
- 35 GeV < E_T^{miss} < 130 GeV
- Z veto : $|M_{inv}(\ell^+\ell^-) - M_Z|$
- 1st high energy lepton $p_T^{\ell 1}$, 2nd high energy lepton $p_T^{\ell 2}$
- P_T^{JetMin} > 20 GeV

  $N_{jet} \leq 5$ P_T^{jet} >20 GeV (with 1 track)

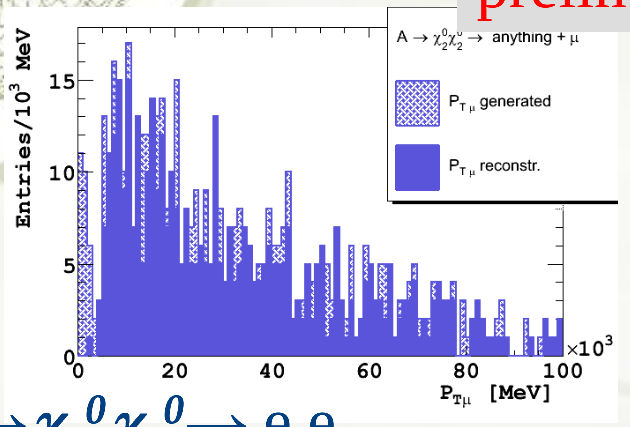
Reference points: (same BKMM)

1) **MSSM Point 1** M_A=500 GeV tanβ=20
2) **MSSM Point 2** M_A=600 GeV tanβ=35
3) **MSUGRA Point A** tanβ=20
4) **MSUGRA Point B** tanβ=20

Detector Performances

preliminary

$A \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \chi_2^0 \rightarrow \mu\ \mu$



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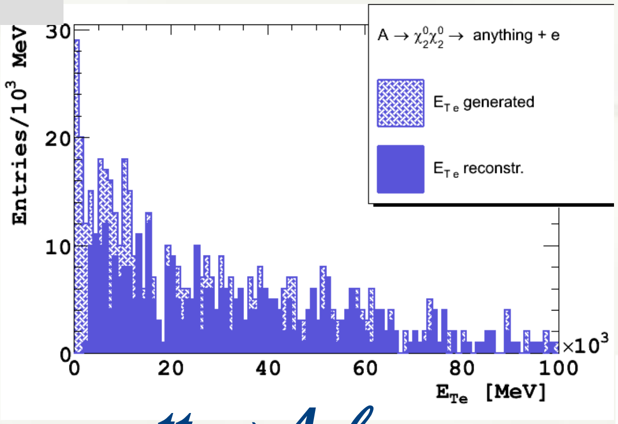

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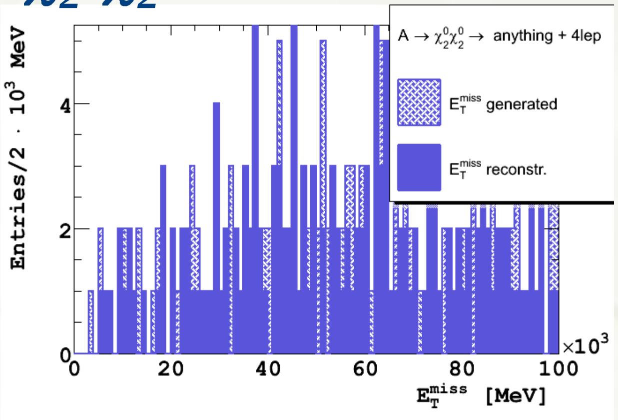
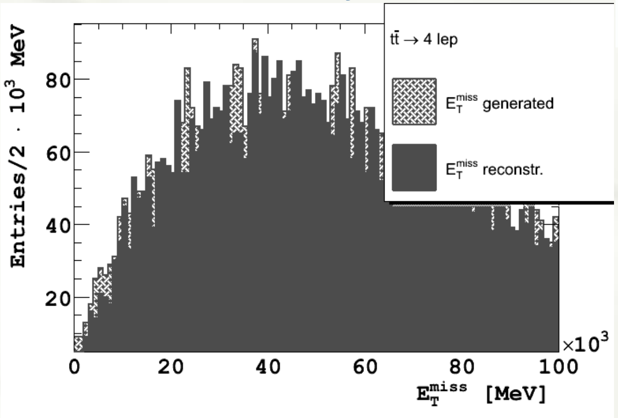
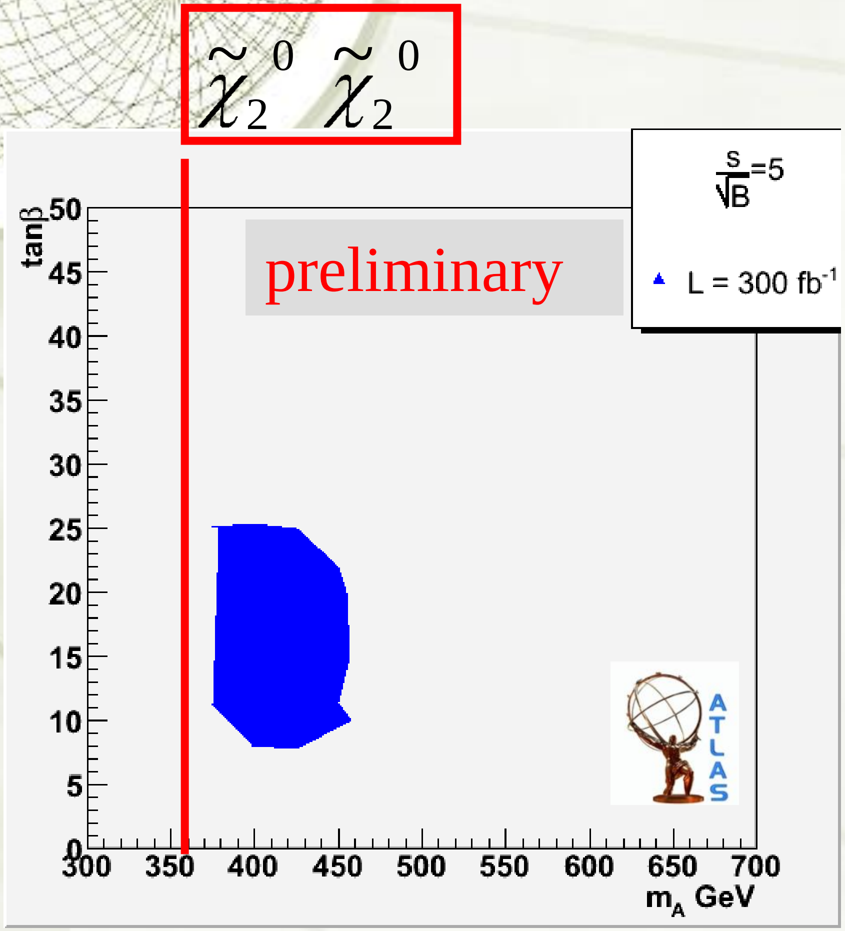
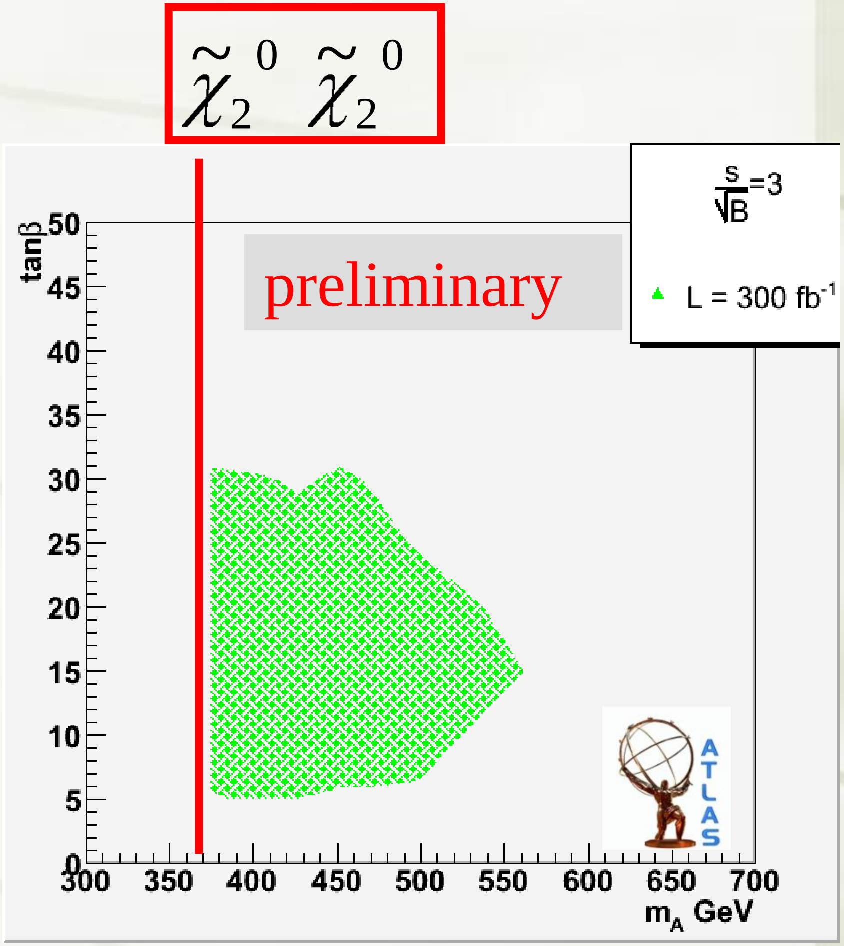


$tt \rightarrow 4\ \ell$



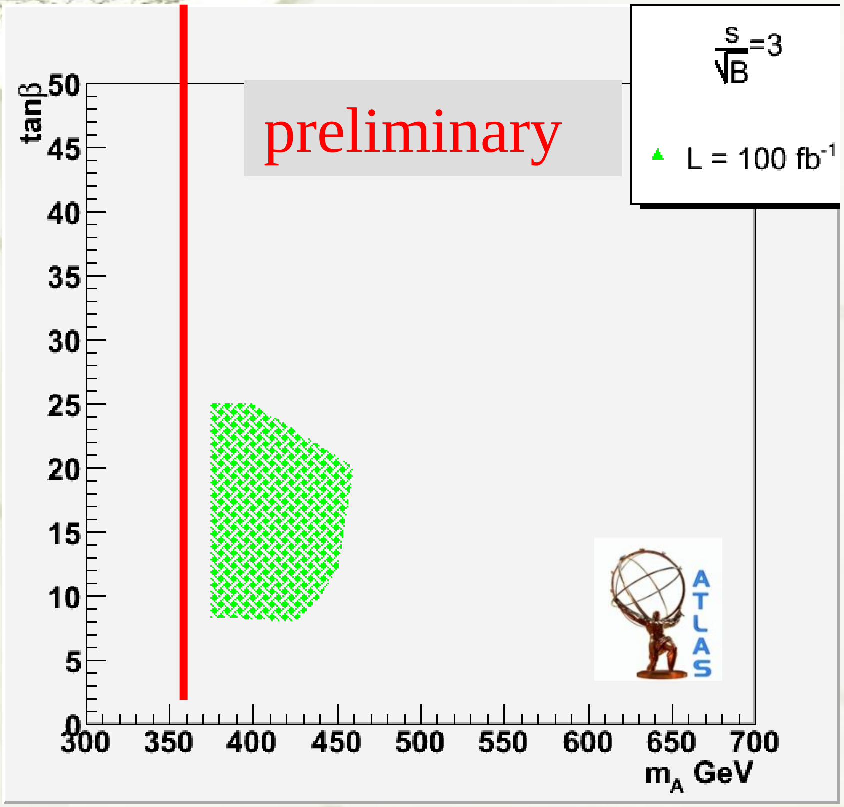
Set 1 Discovery plots at L = 300 fb^{-1}





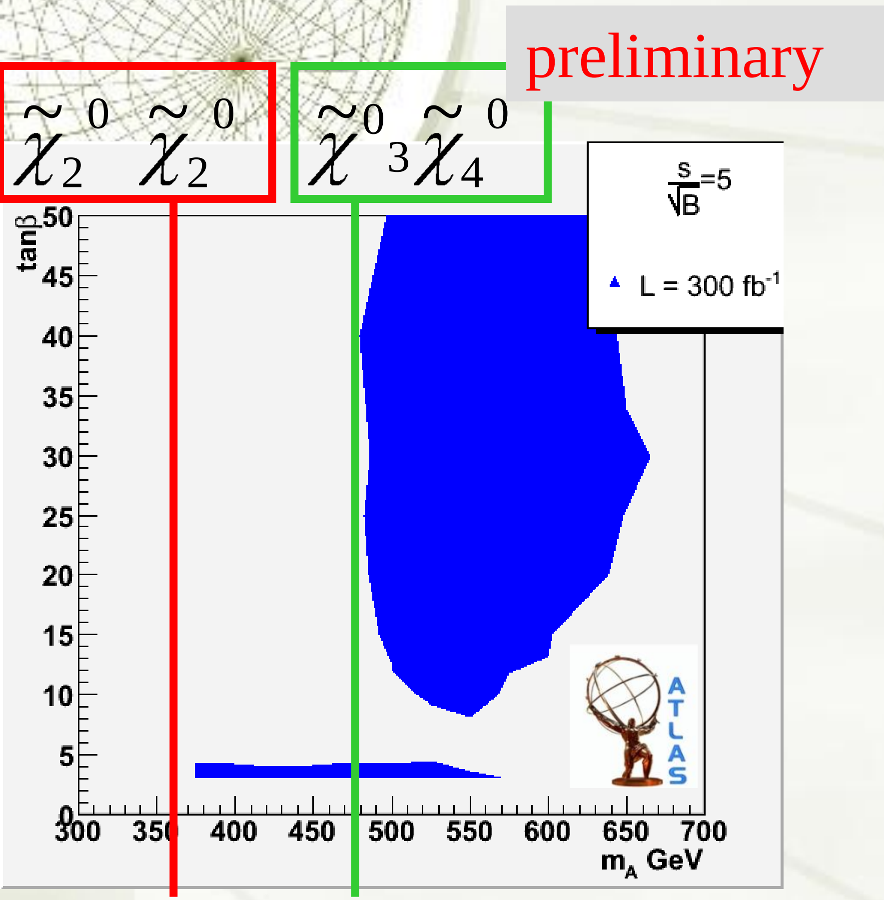
Set 1 Discovery plots at L = 100 fb^{-1}

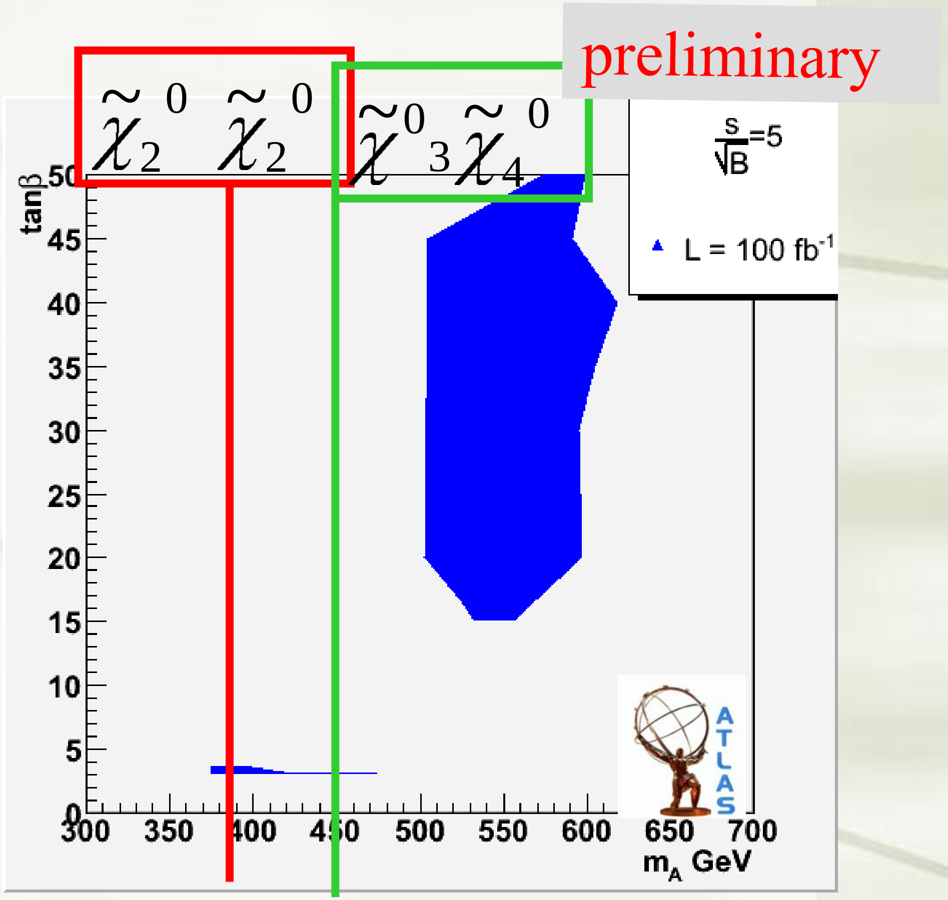
$\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \; \tilde{\chi}_2^0$



- The discovery region for **A/H→$\chi_2^0\chi_2^0$→4 ℓ + E_T^{miss}** can be accessible only after L=300fb^{-1}.
- No clear discovery possibilty at lower luminosity
- The background are mainly **ZZ and slepton pair** and **tt pair.**

Set2 Discovery plots at L = 300 fb^{-1}



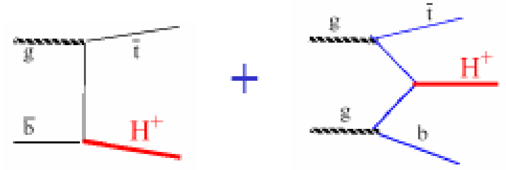


- **Discovery accessible also with L=100fb-1.**

The remaing background are mainly **ZZ** and **tt pair, direct χ χ, tH$^{\pm}$ production is not neglegible**

Charged Higgs involvement

Analogue production mechanism for $H^\pm$



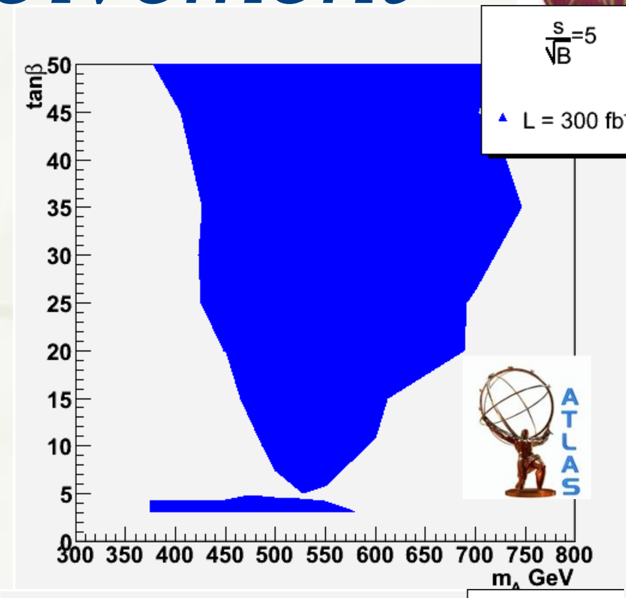
Analogue decay mode:

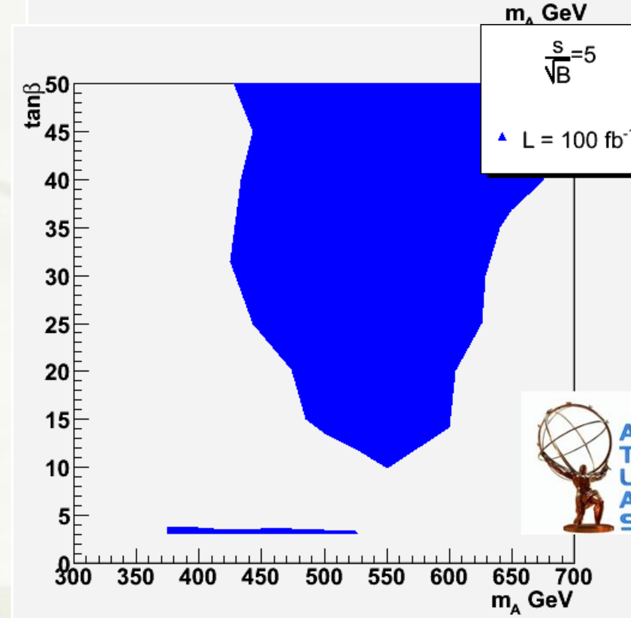
$$H^\pm \to \chi_{2,3}^0 \chi_{1,2}^\pm \to 3l + E_T^{miss}$$

Final state: Only 3 lepton

+another lepton from a top decay

- The **range of discovery is enlarged**, extending the search to all MSSM Higgs(H/A/H±) respect to neutral H/A, a discovery can be reached also with L=100fb $^{-1}$





Conclusions

- Atlas is preparing for first collision data.
- The search for MSSM Higgs can full exploit the design of ATLAS experiment: excellent tracking , EM calorimeter , μ-spectrometer resolution,Missing energy reconstruction and b and τ tagging capabilities.
- Discovery potential of MSSM Higgs boson has been estimated by ATLAS .
- A early discovery of a neutral MSSM boson in some

  channels (e.g.bb h/A→μμ, ττ) looks possible with integrated luminosity =10 fb^{-1} , i.e. after only 1-2 year of data taking.
- First data has the possibilty to exclude/or confirm the entire MSSM
- Others decay channel (as $\chi_{2,3,4}^0$ $\chi_{2,3,4}^0$) can be explored later for unexplored region of parameter plane and first results can be achieved with L =100 fb^{-1}.