

# Probing super light neutral Higgs boson at the LHC in CP violating MSSM Higgs sector

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# Plan

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- CP violating (~~C~~P) MSSM Higgs sector
- General feature of the phenomenology of the CP violating (~~C~~P) MSSM Higgs sector
- Study of ultra light Higgs boson ( $m_H \leq 60$  GeV) at LHC in **Four possible scenarios**
- Summary

# CP violation in Higgs sector

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- CP violation arises naturally in the three generation SM (Phase in the CKM matrix)
- The CP violation has been first measured in neutral  $K$ -meson decays. [J. H. Christenson, J. W. Cronin, V. L. Fitch, and R. Turlay, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **13**, 138 (1964)]
- CP non-conservation provides a key ingredient for cosmological baryogenesis
- It is possible to have CP violation in Multi-Higgs models
- MSSM contains an extended Higgs sector : may realize CP violation

# General frame work

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- Higgs potential of the MSSM is invariant under CP at the tree level
- Two CP-even neutral Higgs bosons :  $h^0, H^0$  ( $M_{H^0} > M_{h^0}$ )
- One CP-odd neutral Higgs boson :  $A^0$
- One charged Higgs boson :  $H^\pm$
- $M_A, \tan \beta, \mu$  and  $A_{t,b}$  control the MSSM Higgs spectrum
- The tree level CP invariance of the MSSM Higgs potential may be violated sizeably by loop effects involving soft CP-violating trilinear couplings  $A_{t,b}$  [ **A. Pilaftsis, PRD58,096010 (1998) and PLB435,88 (1998)** ]

# CP violation in MSSM

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- After radiative corrections to the tree level Higgs potential: CP violation induced through loop effects via 3 generation sfermion and gaugino mass parameters
- From the one loop effective potential Higgs boson mass matrix is calculated [J.Ellis et al'90, Y.Okada et al '90, E.Haber et al'90,..M.Carena et al'95...A.Demir'99, A.Pilaftsis et al'99... S.Y.Choi et al'99]

$$M_N^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_S^2 & M_{SP}^2 \\ M_{PS}^2 & M_P^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $M_S^2, M_P^2$  and  $M_{SP}^2$  denote the  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the scalar, pseudoscalar and scalar-pseudoscalar squared mass terms of the neutral Higgs bosons.

$$M_{PS}^2 \simeq \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{m_t^4}{v^2} \frac{|\mu||A_t|}{32\pi^2 M_S^2} \right) \sin \phi_{CP} \left( 1, \frac{|A_t|^2}{M_S^2}, \frac{|\mu|^2}{\tan \beta M_S^2}, \frac{|\mu||A_t|}{M_S^2} \right)$$

- $M_S$  is stop mass average,  $\phi_{CP} = \text{Arg}(A_{t,\mu})$

# CP violation in MSSM Higgs sector

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- In CP conserving MSSM:  $M_{SP} = 0$ : 2 CP-even  $h, H$  and one CP-odd  $A$ .
- $\text{Diag}(M_{H_1}^2, M_{H_2}^2, M_{H_3}^2) = O^T M_N^2 O$  , with  $M_{H_1} < M_{H_2} < M_{H_3}$
- After diagonalization the **Physical mass eigenstates are mixed states of CP**,  $H_{1,2,3}$  have undefined CP properties.
- To get **sizeable CP violation**, large  $|\mu|, |A_{t,b}|$  and large  $\sin \phi_{CP}$  are needed
- $m_A$  no longer a physical parameter, but the  $m_{H^\pm}$  can be used as a physical parameter
- Elements of matrix  $O$  are similar to  $\cos \alpha$  and  $\sin \alpha$  in the CP-conserving case. But 3<sup>rd</sup> row and column are zero in the non-diagonal elements in such a case
- Large  $m_{H^\pm}$  implies  $H_1 \rightarrow H_{sm}$

# The interaction between Higgs and gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_{H_i V V} = g m_W \sum_{i=1}^3 g_{H_i V V} \left[ H_i W_\mu^+ W^{-,\mu} + \frac{1}{2c_W^2} H_i Z_\mu Z^\mu \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{H_i H_j Z} = \frac{g}{2c_W} \sum_{j>i=1}^3 g_{H_i H_j Z} (H_i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu H_j) Z^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{H H^\mp W^\pm} = \frac{g}{2c_W} \sum_{i=1}^3 g_{H_i H^- W^+} (H_i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu H^-) W^{+,\mu}$$

$$g_{H_i V V} = O_{1i} \cos \beta + O_{2i} \sin \beta,$$

$$g_{H_i H_j Z} = O_{3i} (\cos \beta O_{2j} - \sin \beta O_{1j}) - (i \leftrightarrow j)$$

$$g_{H_i H^+ W^-} = O_{2i} \cos \beta - O_{1i} \sin \beta + i O_{3i}$$

$$g_{H_k V V} = \epsilon_{ijk} g_{H_i H_j Z}$$

- We have the following **Sum rules**:  $\sum_{i=1}^3 g_{H_i V V}^2 = 1,$

# Implications of CP violating phases on Higgs searches

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## The CPX Scenario

(Carena, Ellis, Pilaftsis & Wagner, PLB495(2000) 155)

- Designed to showcase the effects of CP violation in the MSSM Higgs sector

$$M_{\tilde{t}} = M_{\tilde{b}} = M_{\tilde{\tau}} = M_{\text{SUSY}}$$

$$\mu = 4M_{\text{SUSY}}, |A_{t,b,\tau}| = 2M_{\text{SUSY}}, |M_{\tilde{g}}| = 1\text{TeV}$$

- Allows the following parameters to vary:

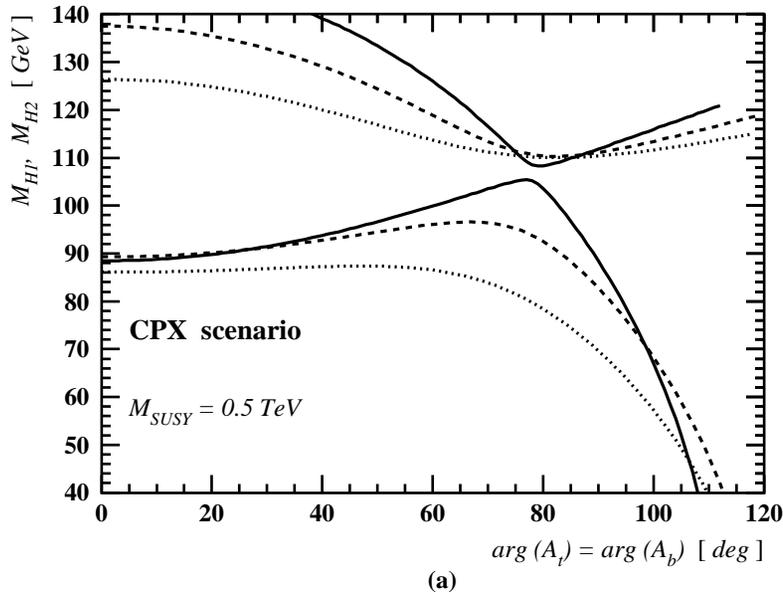
$$\tan \beta, M_{H^\pm}, M_{\text{SUSY}}$$

$$\Phi_{A_t}, \Phi_{A_b}, \Phi_{A_\tau}, \Phi_{\tilde{g}}, \Phi_\mu$$

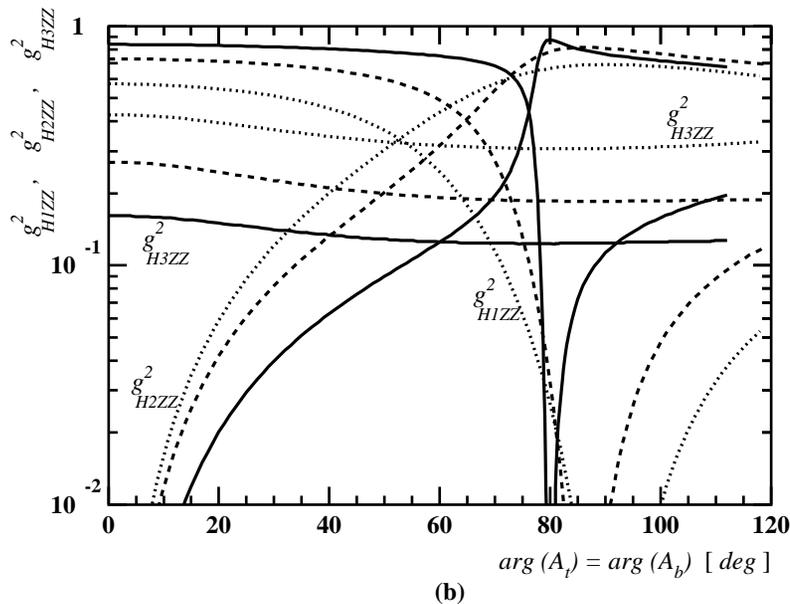
- The spectrum is generated by **CPSUPERH** code

[J. S. Lee et al, Comput.Phys.Commun. 156,283(2004), hep-ph/0307377]

# Implications of CP violating phases on Higgs searches



- (a)  $M_{H_1}, M_{H_2}$  and (b)  $g_{H_iZZ}^2$  as functions of  $\text{Arg}(A_t)$ , in the CPX scenario for  $M_{SUSY} = 1 \text{ TeV}$  and for the following choices of  $(M_{H^\pm}, \tan \beta)$ : (160 GeV, 4) (solid lines), (150 GeV, 5) (dashed lines) and (140 GeV, 6) (dotted lines)



# Implications of CP violating phases on Higgs searches

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- In **CPC MSSM**, we have access only **two neutral Higgses**  $h, H$  in **Higgsstrahlung** / **WW fusion process**
- In **CPV MSSM**, the three neutral Higgs mass eigenstates  $H_i$  ( $i=1,2,3$ ) do not have well defined CP quantum numbers.
- Each of them can be produced in the Higgs-Strahlung process: ( $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH_i$ ) and/or in the **WW fusion** ( $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_i\nu_e\bar{\nu}_e$ )
- Also in pair ( $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_iH_j (i \neq j)$ )
- The relative rates depend of the choice of the parameters describing the CP-odd/even mixing. [A.Akeroyd & A. Arhrib, PRD64,095018 (2001)]

# Higgs production in CP violating MSSM

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- We studied  $WH_i$  and  $ZH_i$ , ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) pair production at Tevatron ( $p\bar{p}$ ) Run II and LHC ( $pp$ ) Collider.

[Arhrib, Ghosh & Kong, PLB'2002]

- Our parameters are fixed as:

**Set A:**

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{M}_Q &= \widetilde{M}_t = \widetilde{M}_b = 1\text{TeV}, |\mu| = 4\text{TeV}, \\ |A_t| &= |A_b| = 2\text{TeV}, \text{Arg}(A_t) = \text{Arg}(A_b), \\ \tan\beta &= 6\end{aligned}$$

**Set B:**

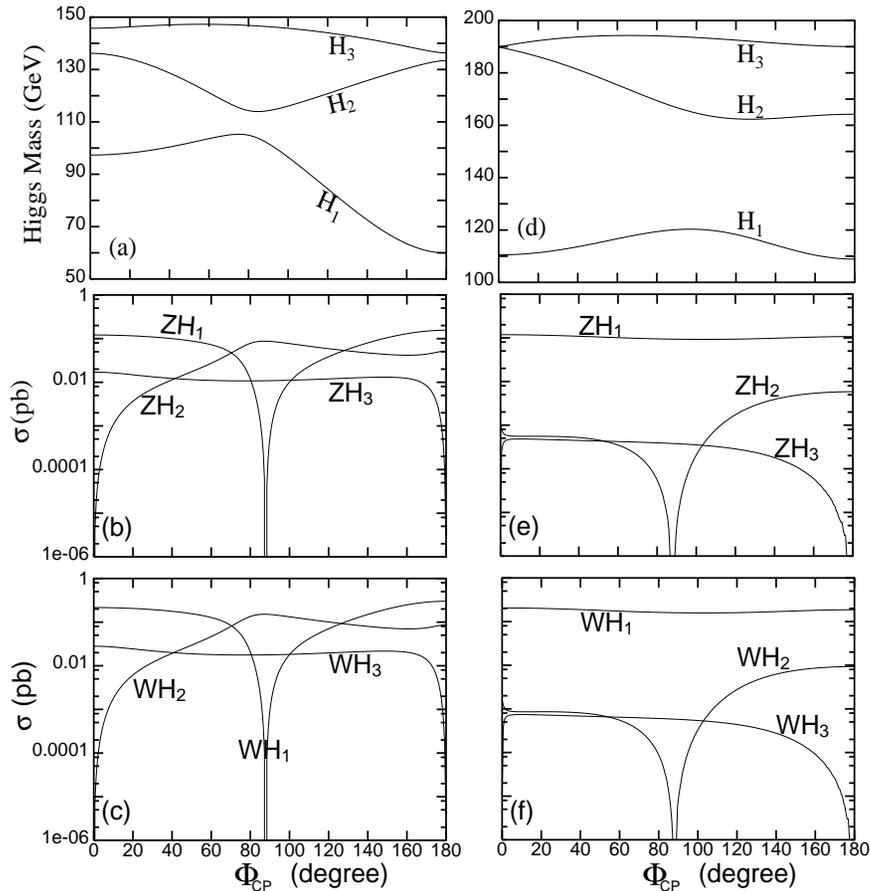
$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{M}_Q &= \widetilde{M}_t = \widetilde{M}_b = 0.5\text{TeV}, |\mu| = 2\text{TeV}, \\ |A_t| &= |A_b| = 2\text{TeV}, \text{Arg}(A_t) = \text{Arg}(A_b), \\ \tan\beta &= 15\end{aligned}$$

- Interested in  $M_{H^\pm} \lesssim 300$  GeV

$M_{H^\pm} > 300$  is the decoupling scenario and  $H_1$  is SM like

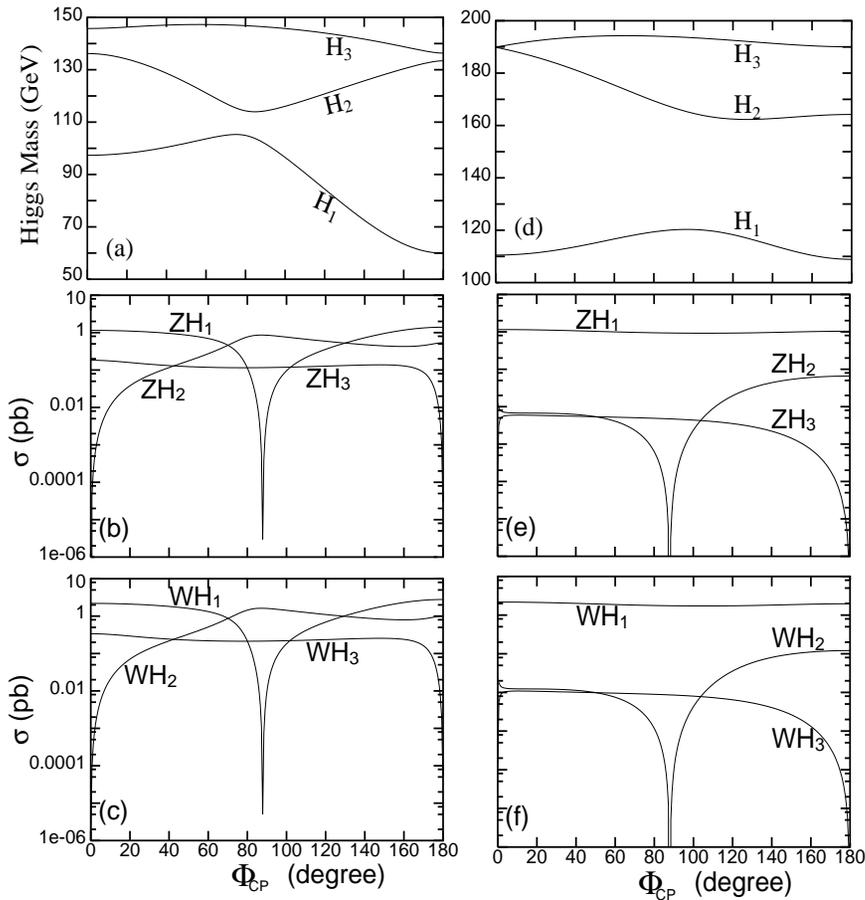
$$VVH_1 = 1, VVH_2 = VVH_3 = 0$$

# Higgs production in CP violating MSSM



- Tevatron Run II energy.  $M_{H^\pm} = 150$  (left panel) and 200 GeV (right panel). Other MSSM parameters correspond to set *A*.

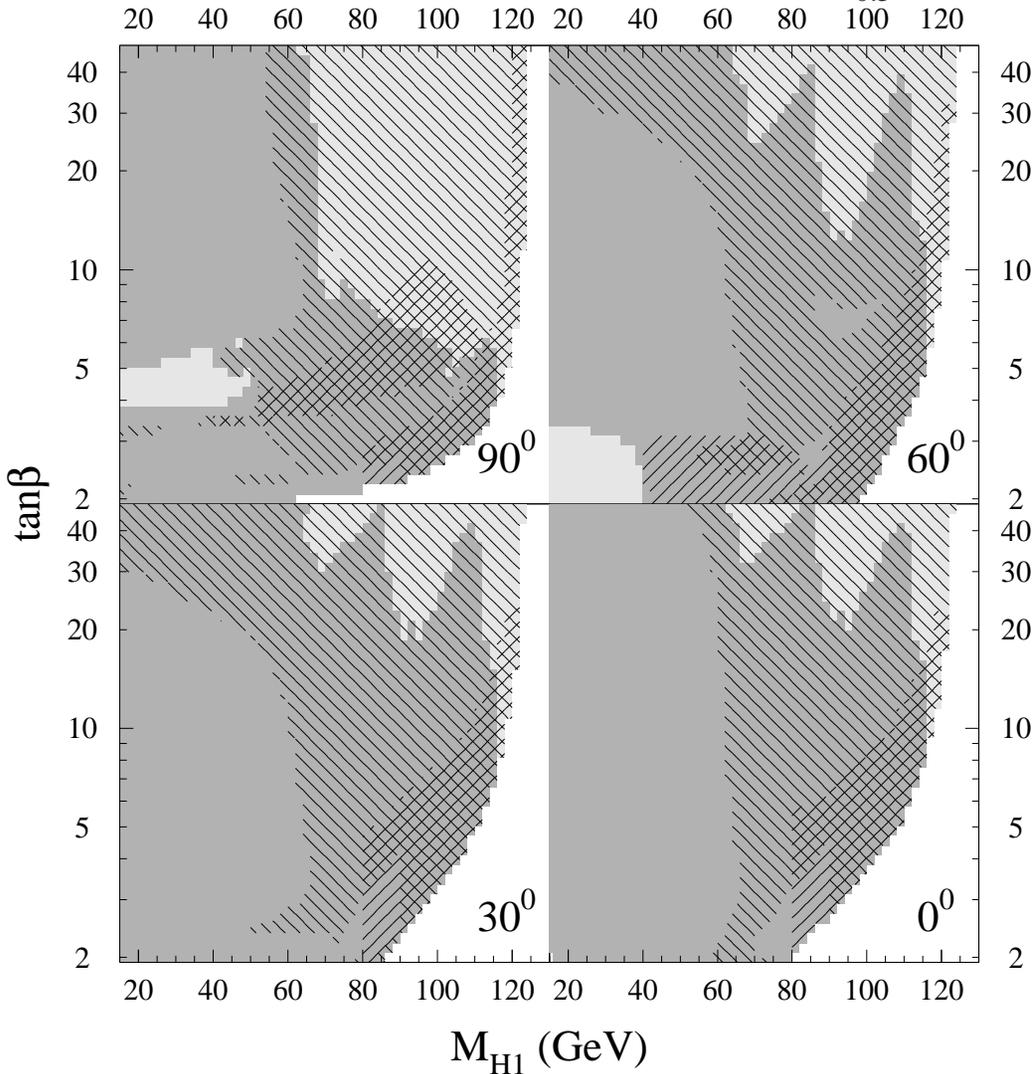
# Higgs production in CP violating MSSM



- LHC energy.  $M_{H^\pm} = 150$  (left panel) and 200 GeV (right panel). Other MSSM parameters correspond to set A.

# Higgs search in CP violating MSSM Higgs sector

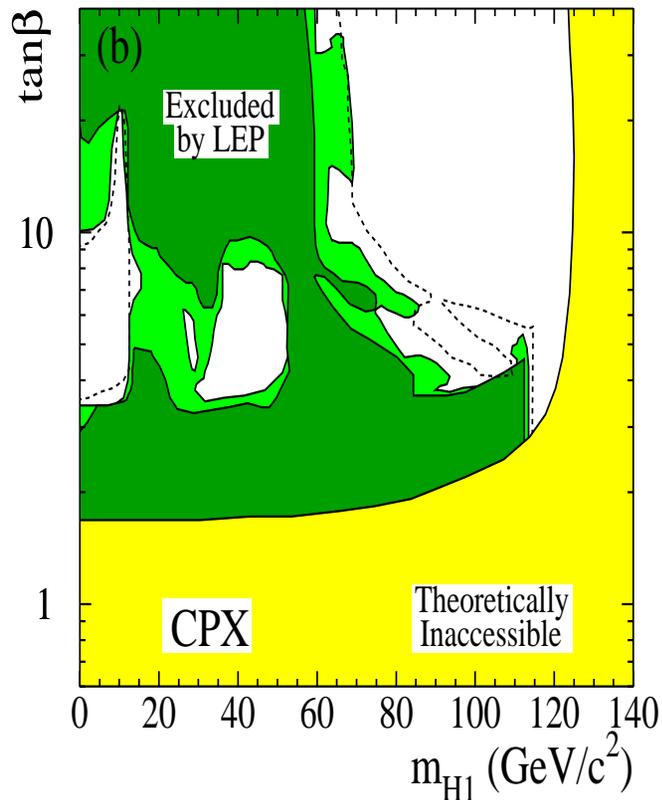
LEP(95)/TeV(3 $\sigma$ )/LHC(5 $\sigma$ ) for CPX<sub>0.5</sub>



- M. Carena et al. [NPB659,145 (2003)] looked for several channels for Higgs boson  $H_i$  searches at hadron colliders
- 45° line: Tevatron:  $W/Z H_i (\rightarrow b\bar{b})$ .
- 135° line: LHC:  $gg \rightarrow H_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (100 fb<sup>-1</sup>),  
 $t\bar{t} H_i (\rightarrow b\bar{b})$  (100 fb<sup>-1</sup>),  
 $WW/ZZ H_i (\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$  (100 fb<sup>-1</sup>).
- dark grey  $\rightarrow$  LEP exclusion.
- Gaps at  $M_{H_1} \leq 50$  GeV for 90° and 60°

## LEP-2 exclusion

- Exclusions, at 95%CL(light-green) and the 99.7%CL(dark-green)



- Two main channels LEP studied : (a)  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_1Z(H_2Z)$  and (b)  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H_1H_2$
- For low  $M_{H_1}$ , LEP looked at  $e^+e^-H_1H_2 \rightarrow H_1(H_1H_1) \rightarrow 6b$  jets, and  $6\tau$  leptons

[Eur.Phys.J.C47, 547 (2006)]

## Light Higgs window : Scenario I

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- LEP can not exclude the light Higgs mass in these two regions of parameter space:
- $\Phi_{\text{CP}} = 90^\circ$ ,  $\tan \beta \sim 4 - 5$ ,  
 $M_{H^\pm} \sim 125 - 140$  **GeV**,  $M_{H_1} \lesssim 60$  **GeV**
- $\Phi_{\text{CP}} = 60^\circ$ ,  $\tan \beta \sim 2 - 3$ ,  
 $M_{H^\pm} \sim 105 - 130$  GeV,  $M_{H_1} \lesssim 40$  **GeV**
- Suppressed  $H_1 ZZ$  coupling and also the  $H_1 t\bar{t}$ .
- Tevatron also can not probe this because of suppressed  $W/ZH_1$  coupling.
- No hope at the LHC through  $t\bar{t}H_1$  and  $W/ZH_1$ .

[with D. P. Roy and R. M. Godbole, PLB628,131(2005)]

## Light Higgs window : Scenario I

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- $H_1ZZ$  coupling is suppressed,  $H^+W^-H_1$  coupling remains large
- Large  $H^\pm WH_1$  coupling  $\Rightarrow$  large Br ( $H^\pm \rightarrow H_1W^\pm$ )
- Small  $\tan\beta$ , light  $H^\pm$ , ( $M_{H^+} < M_t$ )  $\Rightarrow H^\pm$  can be produced in the top decay.

$\tan\beta$	3.6	5
$\text{Br}(H^+ \rightarrow H_1W^+)(\%)$	$> 90(87.45)$	$> 90(46.57)$
$\text{Br}(t \rightarrow bH^+)(\%)$	$\sim 0.7$	$1.0 - 1.3$
$M_{H^+} \text{ (GeV)}$	$< 148.5 (149.9)$	$< 126.2(134)$
$M_{H_1} \text{ (GeV)}$	$< 60.62 (63.56)$	$< 29.78(53.49)$

The BR ( $H^\pm \rightarrow H_1W$ )  $> 0.47$  over the entire kinematic region in the light  $H_1$  window still allowed by LEP. BR ( $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau$ ) is suppressed by over an order of magnitude.

# Light Higgs window : Scenario I

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$$\begin{array}{rcccl}
 pp \rightarrow t & & + & \bar{t} & + & X \\
 \quad \quad \quad \lrcorner & & & \quad \quad \quad \lrcorner & & \\
 & b H^+ & & \bar{b} W & & \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \lrcorner & & \quad \quad \quad \lrcorner & & \\
 & & W & H_1 & & q\bar{q}(\ell\nu) \\
 & & \quad \quad \quad \lrcorner & \quad \quad \quad \lrcorner & & \\
 & & & \ell\nu(q\bar{q}) & & b\bar{b}
 \end{array}$$

- **Process allows a probe of a light  $H^\pm$  and light neutral Higgs.**
- **Use  $t\bar{t}$  production with:**  
 $t \rightarrow bH^+ \rightarrow bH_1W \rightarrow bb\bar{b}W$  and  $\bar{t} \rightarrow \bar{b}W$ , with one  $W$  decaying leptonically the other hadronically.
- **Look for  $WWbbbb$  events**, demand 3 or more tagged **b's**.
- **The mass of the  $b\bar{b}$  pair** with the smallest value will cluster around  $M_{H_1}$  and  $b\bar{b}W$  around  $M_{H^+}$

# Light Higgs window : Scenario I

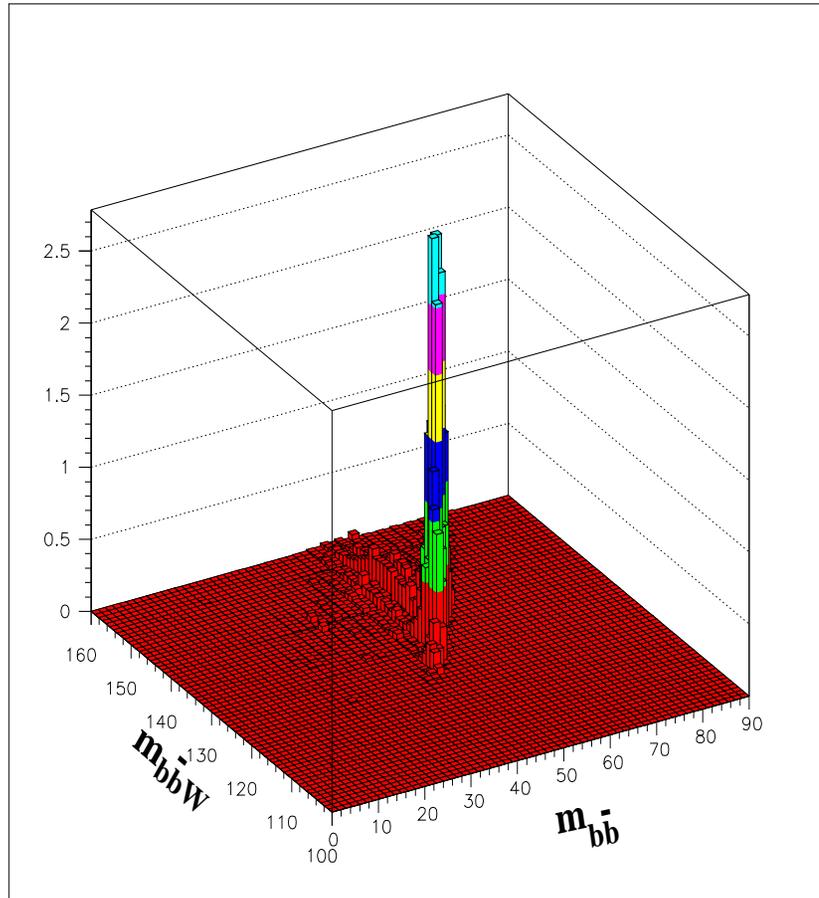
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As a basic selection criteria we require

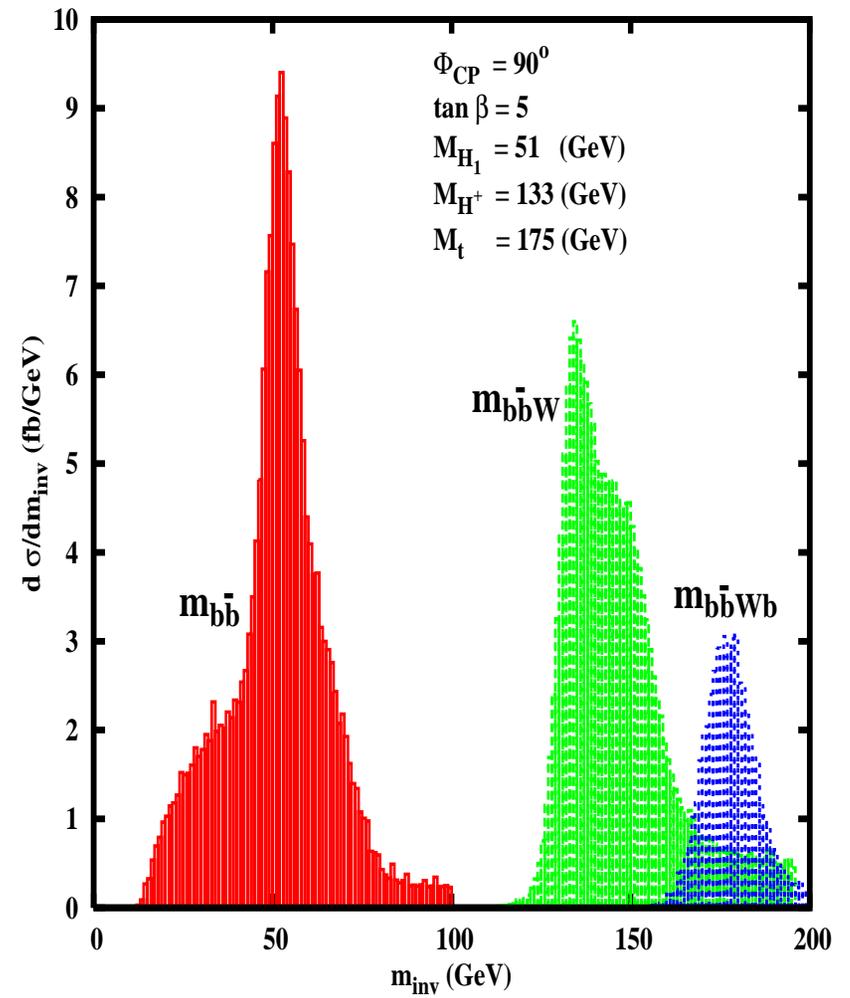
- $|\eta_{j,\ell}| < 2.5$  :
- $p_{T_{\text{jets}}}^i (i = 1, 2, 3) > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $p_T$  of all the other jets, lepton  $> 20 \text{ GeV}$ ,
- $\Delta R_{jj,\ell j} > 0.4$
- Three or more tagged  $b$ -jets in the final state,  $\epsilon_b = 0.5$ .
- Signal cross-section varies between **20-150 fb** for the range of **light Higgs mass 20-50 GeV**
- The main SM background  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}) \sim 0.5 \text{ fb}$  after all cuts
- With  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data one expects upto  $\sim 4500$  **events after all cuts**

# Light Higgs window : Scenario I

(a)



(b)



## Light Higgs window : Scenario II

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- Use the same fact that  $W^\pm H^\mp H_1$  coupling is enhanced
- We look at  $pp \rightarrow H^\pm + H_1 \rightarrow (H_1 W^\pm) + (b\bar{b}) \rightarrow (b\bar{b})(\ell\nu) + (b\bar{b})$
- Signal will be  $4b + \ell^\pm$  with missing energy
- Important feature : Two pairs of  $b$ -jets reconstruct at light Higgs mass
- The signal cross-section is not large (production process is a weak interaction)
- **After all cuts  $\sigma_{\text{signal}}$  can reach up to 1.6 fb for  $M_{H_1} \sim 45$  GeV**

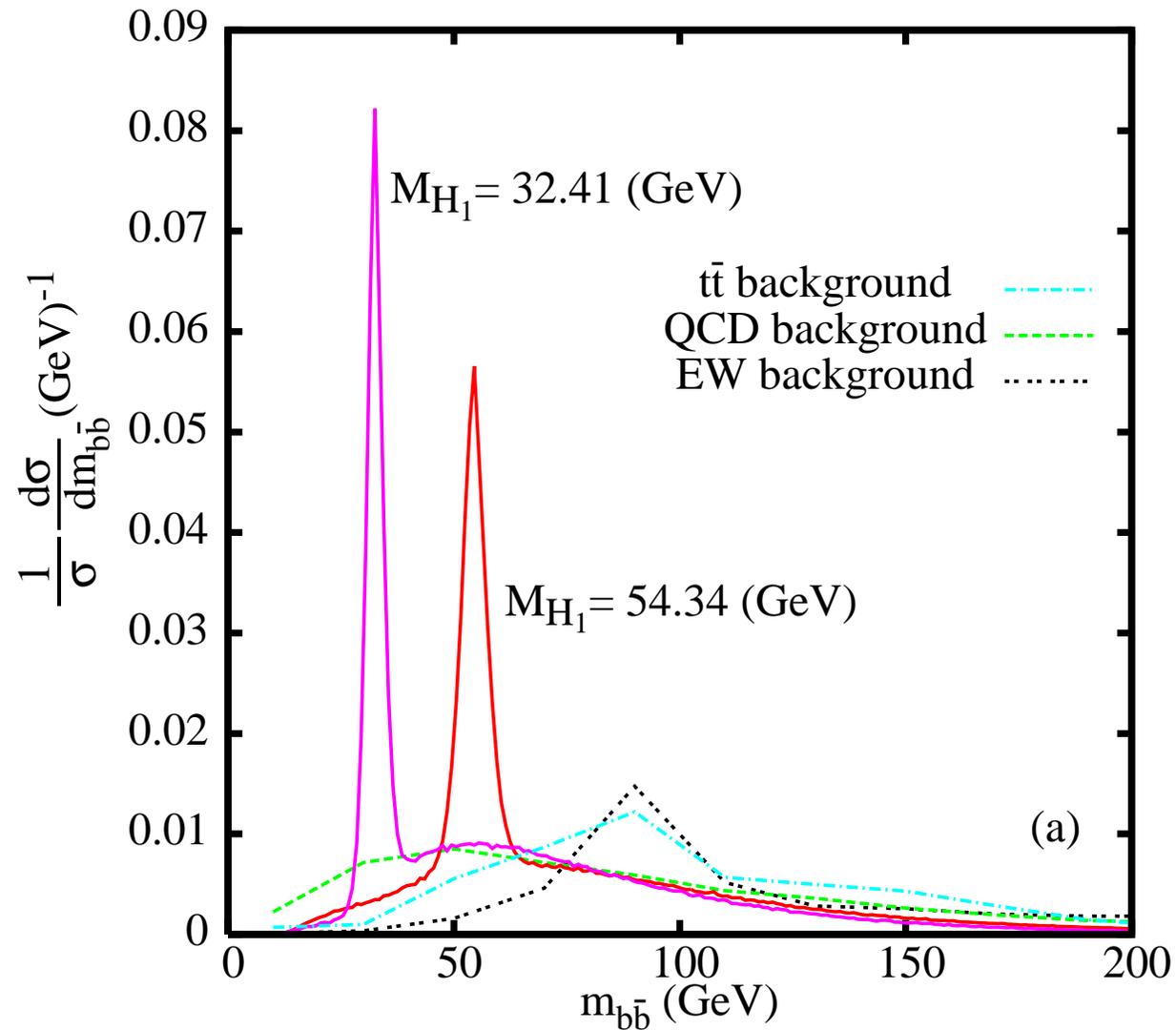
[with S. Moretti, EPJC42,341 (2005)]

## Light Higgs window : Scenario II

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- **Following SM backgrounds were generated using MADGRAPH :**
- **We used same set of basic cuts as in Scenario I**
- (a)  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow b\bar{b}jj\ell\nu) \lesssim 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ fb}$
- (b)  $\sigma(q\bar{q}' \rightarrow ZZW^\pm \rightarrow b\bar{b}jj\ell\nu) \lesssim 4.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ fb};$
- (c)  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}jj\ell\nu) \lesssim 2.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ fb}$
- **We have assumed the  $b$ -tagging efficiency  $\epsilon_b = 0.5$  (for each  $b$ -jet) and the appropriate light-quark rejection factors ( $R_{u,d,s} = 1/50$  and  $R_c = 1/25$ ).**

# Light Higgs window : Scenario II



## Light Higgs window : Scenario III

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- Use  $\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*h_1$  coupling
- $\sigma(\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*h_1)$  is large in CPV scenario, due to large value of  $A_t$ . Large  $A_t \implies$  lighter stop. In addition, both  $h_2$  and  $h_3$  also couple favorably to the  $t\bar{t}$  pair can add modestly to the signal
- **Typical masses (GeV)** :  $m_{h_i} = (48.9, 103.3, 135.7)$ ;  $m_{\tilde{t}_i} = (322, 664)$ ;  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0} = (99.6, 198.4)$ ;  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} = 198.4$ ;  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1000$
- **Cross-sections(fb)**:  $\sigma_{\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*h_1} = 440$ ;  $\sigma_{\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*h_2} = 6$ ;  $\sigma_{\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*h_3} = 4$ ;  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}h_1} = 8$ ;  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}h_2} = 198$ ;  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}h_3} = 135$ ;  $\sigma_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}} = 134$
- **Typical Branching fractions**:  $\text{Br}(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^+) = 0.81$ ;  $\text{Br}(\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0.19$ ;  $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = 0.91$ ;  $\text{Br}(h_2 \rightarrow h_1h_1) = 0.71$ ;  $\text{Br}(h_3 \rightarrow h_1h_1) = 0.82$ ;  $\text{Br}(\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}_1^*) = 0.16$

[P. Bandyopadhyay, PRD78, 015017 (2008)]

## Light Higgs window : Scenario III

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- They looked at  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_1^* h_1$  and  $pp \rightarrow t \bar{t} h_{2,3}$
- $h_1$  and both top (stop) dominantly decay to  $b$  quarks
- For the signal, the associate  $W$ s (or  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ ) produced in the decay of  $t$  (or  $\tilde{t}_1$ ) are required to decay leptonically
- These decay lead to  $4b + 2\ell + \text{missing } p_T$  final state
- Low  $m_{h_1}$  give rise to softer  $b$ -jet ( less than 40 GeV)
- This forced them to look for 3 tagged  $b + 2\ell +$  other untagged jets + missing  $p_T$
- Backgrounds: Two sources : CPC MSSM, & SM
- CPC MSSM :  $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}h$
- SM :  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}, t\bar{t}Z, t\bar{t}b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}h$

# Light Higgs window : Scenario III

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- **Decisive cuts:**

1. **Missing  $p_T \geq 110$  GeV**
2.  **$p_T^{jet} \leq 300$  GeV**
3.  **$N_j \leq 5$**

- **Cut (1) remove mainly SM  $t\bar{t}h$**

- **Cut (2) & (3) remove ther CPC ( $pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ ) and rest of the SM backgrounds**

- **Assuming  $\mathcal{L} = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , they expect  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 7$**

## Light Higgs window : Scenario IV

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- **Look for  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1$**
- **$\text{Br}(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1) \sim 0.79$  and  $\text{Br}(\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 q\bar{q}) \sim 0.17$  in the region where a light Higgs is unexcluded by the present data**
- **Consider the SUSY cascade decay chain starting with a gluino:**
- **$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 q\bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1 q\bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 q\bar{q} b\bar{b} (\tau^+ \tau^-)$**
- **$\sigma_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}} \approx 8.5$  pb for  $M_{\tilde{g}} = 500$  GeV**
- **Around 13% gluinos produced in this scenario will decay into  $h_1$**
- **More detailed analysis (even parton level) is required to establish their claims**

[A.C. Fowler and G. Weiglein, arXiv:0909.5165]

# Summary

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- **CP violation in the MSSM Higgs sector can be generated at loop level leading to very interesting phenomenology in the MSSM Higgs sector**
- **LEP-2 still allows very light Higgs in the CP violating MSSM Higgs sector, due to strong suppression of the  $H_1ZZ$  coupling**
- **No hope from Tevatron and LHC either through conventional channel:  $H_1W^\pm W^\mp$  and  $H_1t\bar{t}$  couplings are suppressed in the same parameter space**
- **At LHC the light Higgs window scenario may be closed through:**
  - $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow (bW^+)(\bar{b}H^-) \rightarrow (b\ell\nu)(bH_1W^-) \rightarrow (b\ell\nu)(bb\bar{b})(jj)$
  - $pp \rightarrow H^\pm H_1 \rightarrow (H_1W^\pm) + (b\bar{b}) \rightarrow (b\bar{b}\ell\nu) + (b\bar{b})$
- **Other possible channels:**
  - $pp \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1^*h_1$ , **followed by 3 tagged  $b + 2\ell +$  other untagged jets + missing  $p_T$**
  - **Look for  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 + h_1$  decay**

# Summary

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–  $\sigma_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}}$  is large.  $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0 q \bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h_1 q \bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 q \bar{q} b \bar{b} (\tau^+ \tau^-)$

- So far no dedicated analysis using  $B$  decays
- Question : Can  $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-, X_s \gamma, \tau \nu_\tau$  close this light Higgs window ?