

Higgs Decays into SM particles in the NMSSM

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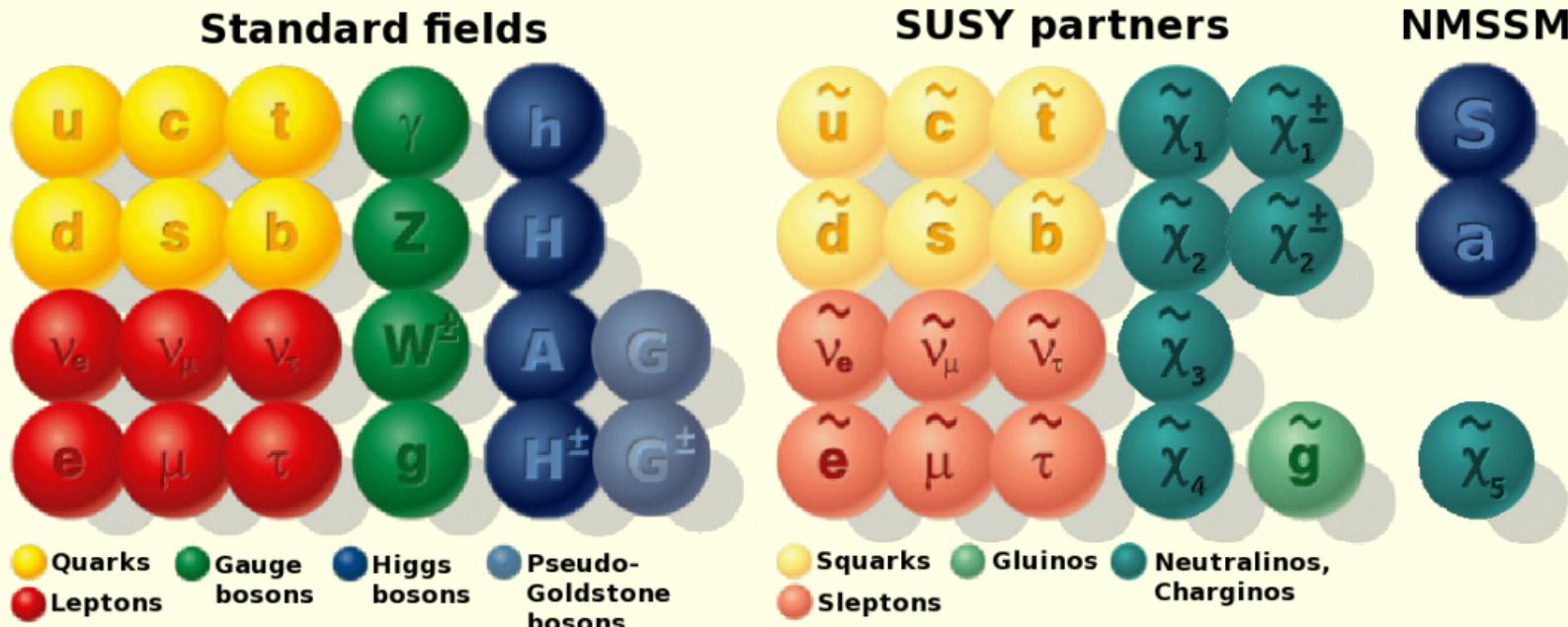
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Particle content of the NMSSM



supersymmetry \Rightarrow SUSY partners

no anomalies,
holomorphic superpotential \Rightarrow two Higgs doublets

nice to have \Rightarrow Higgs singlet



Higgs sector of the NMSSM at tree level

non-kinetic part of the Lagrangian involving only Higgs fields:

$$V_H^{\text{NMSSM}} = V_{\text{Higgs}}^{\text{NMSSM}} + V_{\text{breaking}}^{\text{NMSSM}} ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{Higgs}}^{\text{NMSSM}} = & \frac{1}{8} \left(g_Y^2 + g_w^2 \right) \left(|\mathcal{H}_2|^2 - |\mathcal{H}_1|^2 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} g_w^2 |\mathcal{H}_1^\dagger \mathcal{H}_2|^2 + |\lambda \mathcal{S}|^2 \left(|\mathcal{H}_1|^2 + |\mathcal{H}_2|^2 \right) \\ & + \left| \lambda \mathcal{H}_1 \cdot \mathcal{H}_2 + \kappa \mathcal{S}^2 \right|^2 , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{breaking}}^{\text{NMSSM}} = & \tilde{m}_1^2 |\mathcal{H}_1|^2 + \tilde{m}_2^2 |\mathcal{H}_2|^2 + (\lambda A_\lambda \mathcal{S} \mathcal{H}_1 \cdot \mathcal{H}_2 + \text{h. c.}) \\ & + \tilde{m}_S^2 |\mathcal{S}|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa \mathcal{S}^3 + \text{h. c.} \right) , \end{aligned}$$

minimization of potential relates bilinear and quartic terms \Rightarrow mass prediction

$$m_h^2 = \text{complicated} \lesssim m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta \text{ (assuming no mixing with singlet)}$$

additional term $\propto \lambda$ compared to MSSM



Higgs particles at higher order

- Higgs masses are poles of propagators,
- Higgs propagators corrected by self-energies $\hat{\Sigma}$:

$$\Delta(p^2) = i \left[p^2 \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{M}_{\text{tree}}^2 + \hat{\Sigma}(p^2) \right]$$

- $\hat{\Sigma}$ contains mixing between tree-level eigenstates,
- no unitary matrix exists to explain transition from tree-level to higher-order mass eigenstates
- but: special non-unitary matrix \mathbf{Z} can be constructed,
see [F. Domingo, P. Drechsel, SP, [arXiv:1706.00437](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.00437)]
in our case: 5×5 matrix for neutral Higgs bosons



Decays at higher order

decay amplitudes of external physical Higgs bosons composed of tree-level amplitudes evaluated at $p^2 = (M_{h_i}^{\text{phys}})^2$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{vert}}^{\text{1L}} \left[h_i^{\text{phys}} \rightarrow f\bar{f} \right] = h_i^{\text{phys}} - - - \text{(grey circle)} = \sum_j Z_{ij} \times h_j^{\text{tree}} - - - \text{(grey circle)}$$

\bar{f}
 f
 \bar{f}
 f

in addition: mixing with Goldstone and Z bosons (not included in our \mathbf{Z} matrix)

$$\mathcal{A}_{G,Z}^{\text{1L}} \left[h_j^{\text{tree}} \rightarrow f\bar{f} \right] = h_j^{\text{tree}} - - - \text{(grey circle)} - - - \text{(black dot)} \xrightarrow[G, Z]{} \bar{f} \quad f$$

\bar{f}
 f

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General framework

- similar procedure as for the MSSM [H. Rzehak, G. Weiglein, K. Williams, [arXiv:1103.1335](#)]
- Higgs masses and mixing at full one-loop order, see [F. Domingo, P. Drechsel, SP, [arXiv:1706.00437](#)],
additional MSSM-like two-loop contributions with **FeynHiggs**:

[S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, G. Weiglein, [arXiv:9812320](#), [arXiv:9812472](#)], [G. Degrassi, S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, P. Slavich, G. Weiglein, [arXiv:0212020](#)],
[M. Frank, T. Hahn, S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, H. Rzehak, G. Weiglein, [arXiv:0611326](#)], [H. Bahl, W. Hollik, [arXiv:1608.01880](#)],
[T. Hahn, S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, H. Rzehak, G. Weiglein, [arXiv:1312.4937](#)], [H. Bahl, S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, G. Weiglein, [arXiv:1706.00346](#)]

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$ [S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, H. Rzehak, and G. Weiglein, [arXiv:0705.0746](#)], $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ [W. Hollik, SP, [arXiv:1401.8275](#), [arXiv:1409.1687](#)]

- vertex corrections at full one-loop order:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}[h_j^{\text{tree}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}] &= \mathcal{A}^{\text{tree}}[h_j^{\text{tree}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}] + \mathcal{A}_{\text{vert}}^{\text{1L}}[h_j^{\text{tree}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}] + \mathcal{A}_{G,Z}^{\text{1L}}[h_j^{\text{tree}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}], \\ \Gamma[h_i^{\text{phys}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}] &= \frac{1}{16 \pi M_{h_i}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4 m_f^2}{M_{h_i}^2}} \sum_{\text{pol., col.}} \left| \mathcal{A}[h_i^{\text{phys.}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}] \right|^2\end{aligned}$$

with help of **FeynArts** [J. Küblbeck, M. Böhm, and A. Denner, [CPC 60 \(1990\) 165–180](#)], [T. Hahn, [arXiv:0012260](#)],

FormCalc [T. Hahn and M. Pérez-Victoria, [arXiv:9807565](#)], **LoopTools** [T. Hahn and M. Pérez-Victoria, [arXiv:9807565](#)]

- general case of NMSSM with complex parameters implemented



Additional modifications

- $\overline{\text{MS}}$ quark masses with three-loop QCD at scale m_t [I. Hinchliffe, A. Manohar, [arXiv:0004186](#)]
- conversion of pole top mass with two-loop QCD and one-loop Yukawa
[D. Kunz, L. Mihaila, N. Zerf, [arXiv:1409.2297](#)]
- $\tan\beta$ -enhanced corrections to down-type Yukawa resummed in Δ_b
(see also: [J. Baglio, R. Gröber, M. Mühlleitner, D. Nhung, H. Rzehak, M. Spira, J. Streicher, K. Walz, [arXiv:1312.4788](#)])
- restore gauge identities by proper treatment of Higgs–Goldstone couplings
- keep terms of $\mathcal{O}(1L)^2$, i. e. partial two-loop order
- $h_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, gg$: zero at tree level \Rightarrow add higher-order QCD
[M. Spira, A. Djouadi, D. Graudenz, P. Zerwas, [arXiv:9504378](#)] [M. Mühlleitner, M. Spira, [arXiv:0612254](#)]
- $h_i \rightarrow q\bar{q}$: add contributions from $h_i \rightarrow g(g \rightarrow q\bar{q})$ [A. Djouadi, M. Spira, P. Zerwas, [arXiv:9511344](#)]
- $h_i \rightarrow WW, ZZ$: decays into off-shell bosons (four f final states) significant,
popular approach: tree-level rescaling of SM width from e. g. [Prophecy4f](#)
[A. Bredenstein, A. Denner, S. Dittmaier, and M. Weber, [arXiv:0604011](#), [arXiv:0607060](#), [arXiv:0611234](#)]

$$\mathcal{A}[h_i \rightarrow VV] = \mathcal{A}\left[H^{\text{SM}}(M_{h_i}) \rightarrow VV\right] \left| \frac{g_{h_i VV}^{\text{NMSSM}}}{g_{HVV}^{\text{SM}}} \right|^2$$

our approach: tree-level off-shell + one-loop on-shell



Existing tools/computations for Higgs decays in the NMSSM

- **NMHDECAY/NMSSMTools** [U. Ellwanger, J. Gunion and C. Hugonie, [arXiv:0406215](#)],
[U. Ellwanger and C. Hugonie, [arXiv:0508022](#)], [F. Domingo, [arXiv:1503.07087](#)]

based on **HDECAY** [A. Djouadi, J. Kalinowski, and M. Spira, [arXiv:9704448](#)],
[The Tools and Monte Carlo Working Group, [arXiv:1003.1643](#)]
- **NMSSMCALC** [J. Baglio, R. Gröber, M. Mühlleitner, D. Nhung, H. Rzezak, M. Spira, J. Streicher, K. Walz, [arXiv:1312.4788](#)]
based on HDECAY
- **SloopS** [G. Bélanger, V. Bizouard, G. Chalons [arXiv:1402.3522](#)],
[G. Bélanger, V. Bizouard, F. Boudjema, G. Chalons, [arXiv:1602.05495](#), [arXiv:1705.02209](#)]
not public
- **SARAH/SPheno** [M.Goodsell, S. Liebler and F. Staub, [arXiv:1703.09237](#)]
generic two-body decays
- **SoftSUSY** [B. Allanach and T. Cridge, [arXiv:1703.09717](#)]
leading order or leading QCD corrections

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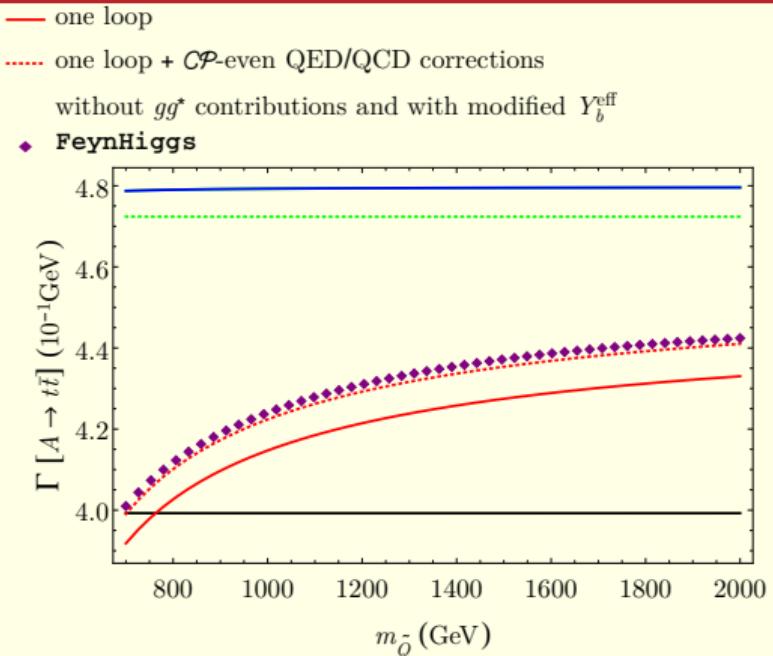
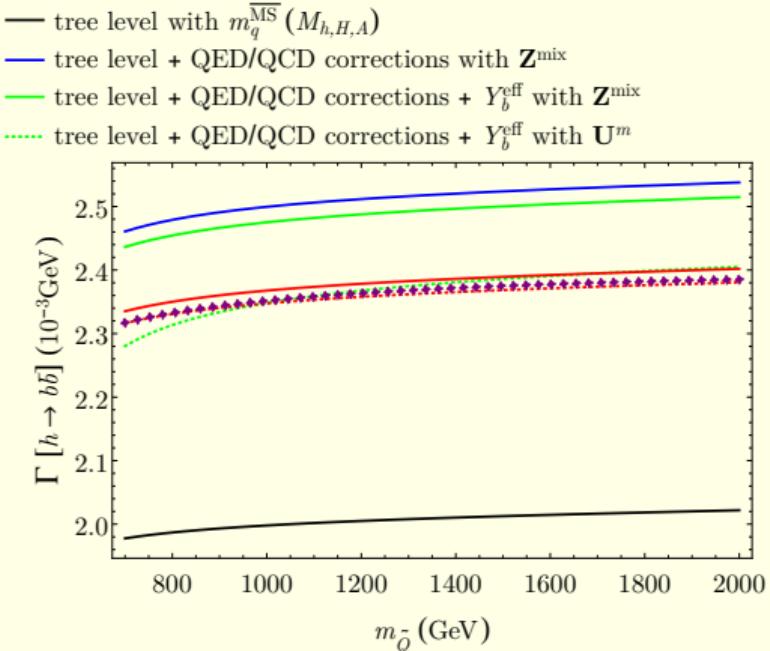
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Comparison with FeynHiggs in MSSM limit $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, $\kappa/\lambda = \text{const}$

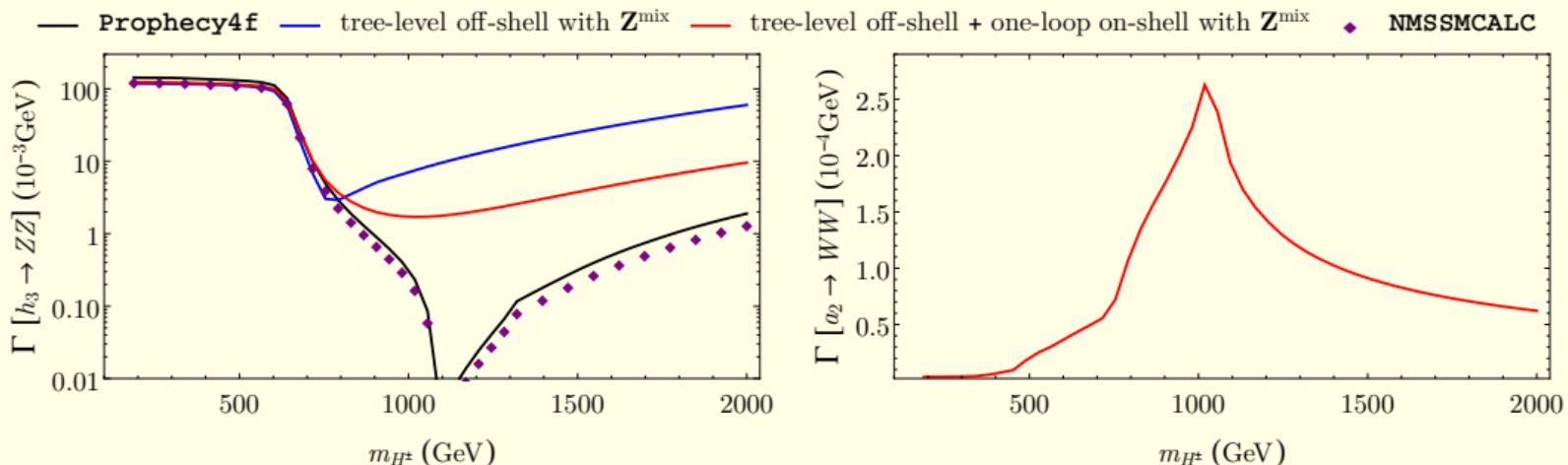


$$m_{\tilde{Q}} = 0.7 + 1.3 \cdot x, A_t = 1.4 + 1.6 \cdot x, x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow M_h \in [124, 126.5] \text{ GeV}, M_A \sim 997 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 10^{-5}, \kappa = 10^{-5}, t_\beta = 10, \mu_{\text{eff}} = 250 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm} = 1 \text{ TeV}, A_\kappa = -100 \text{ GeV}, \\ A_b &= A_t, 2M_1 = M_2 = M_3/5 = 500 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{f}} = 1.5 \text{ TeV} \end{aligned}$$



Comparison with NMSSMCALC, real parameters



$$m_{H^\pm} = 0.15 + 1.85 \cdot x \text{ TeV}, x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} M_{h_3} &\sim \max \{650 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm}\}, \\ M_{a_2} &\sim \max \{350 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = 0.3, \kappa = 0.4, t_\beta = 10, \mu_{\text{eff}} = 250 \text{ GeV}, A_\kappa = -100 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_{\tilde{Q}} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}, A_t = 3 \text{ TeV}, A_b = A_t, 2M_1 = M_2 = M_3/5 = 500 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{f}} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$$

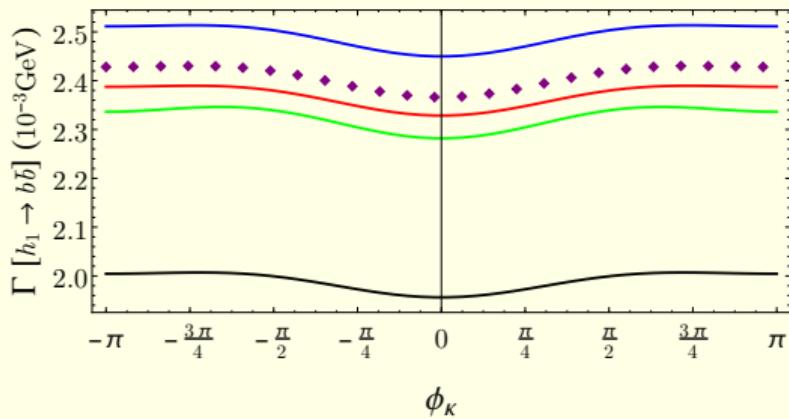
large loop corrections for large $M_{h_i} \Rightarrow$ might be visible despite small BR



Comparison with NMSSMCALC, complex parameters

$h_i \rightarrow b\bar{b}$:

- tree level with $m_q^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_{h_i})$
- tree level + QED/QCD corrections with \mathbf{Z}^{mix}
- tree level + QED/QCD corrections + Y_b^{eff} with \mathbf{U}^m
- one loop



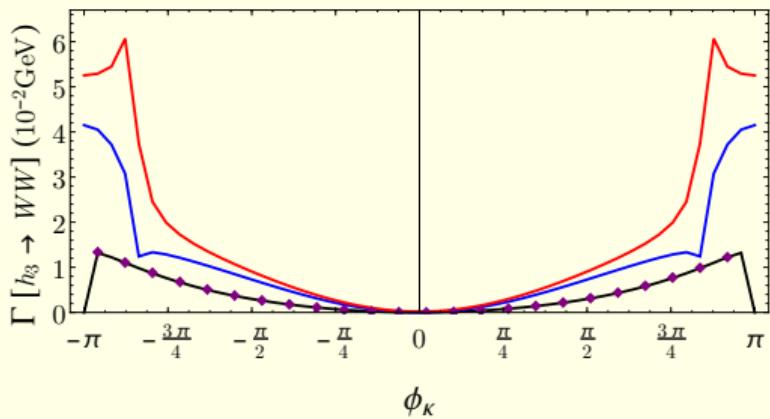
$$\phi_\kappa = \pi(2 \cdot x - 1), x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow M_{h_1} \sim 124.5 \text{ GeV}, M_{h_3} \sim 993 \text{ GeV}$$

$\lambda = 0.2, |\kappa| = 0.6, t_\beta = 25, \mu_{\text{eff}} = 200 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm} = 1 \text{ TeV}, A_\kappa = -750 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{Q}} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}, A_t = -2.5 \text{ TeV}, A_b = A_t, 2M_1 = M_2 = M_3/5 = 500 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{f}} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

$h_i \rightarrow WW$:

- Prophecy4f**
- tree-level off-shell with \mathbf{X}
- tree-level off-shell + one-loop on-shell with \mathbf{Z}^{mix}

♦ NMSSMCALC





Light-Higgs signals

motivation:

- at LEP: [ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL, LEP Working Group for Higgs Boson Searches, [arXiv:0306033](#)]
2.3 σ local excess in $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$,
signal strength $\sim 10\%$ with respect to SM,
consistent with Higgs of ~ 98 GeV
- more recently at CMS: [CMS, [CDS CMS-PAS-HIG-17-013](#)]
3 σ local excess in Run II (2 σ in Run I) in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at ~ 96 GeV,
signal strength $60\% \pm 20\%$ with respect to SM

ideal candidate: light CP -even singlet-dominated Higgs in the NMSSM,
see e. g.

[R. Dermisek, J. Gunion, [arXiv:0709.2269](#)],

[U. Ellwanger, [arXiv:1012.1201](#)],

[G. Bélanger, U. Ellwanger, J. Gunion, Y. Jiang, S. Kraml, J. Schwarz, [arXiv:1210.1976](#)]



Light singlet, branching ratios

$h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$: — tree level with $m_q^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_{h_1})$

— tree level + QED/QCD corrections with \mathbf{Z}^{mix}

— tree level + QED/QCD corrections + Y_b^{eff} with \mathbf{U}^m

— one loop

$h_1 \rightarrow ZZ$: — tree level

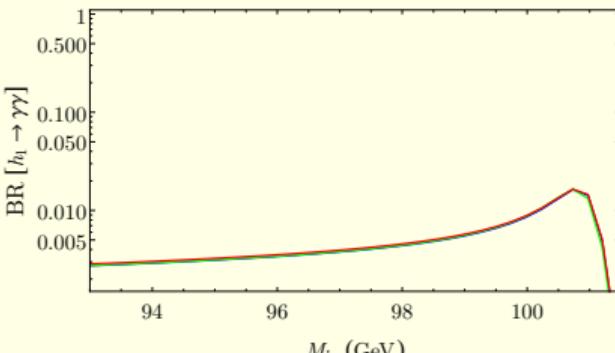
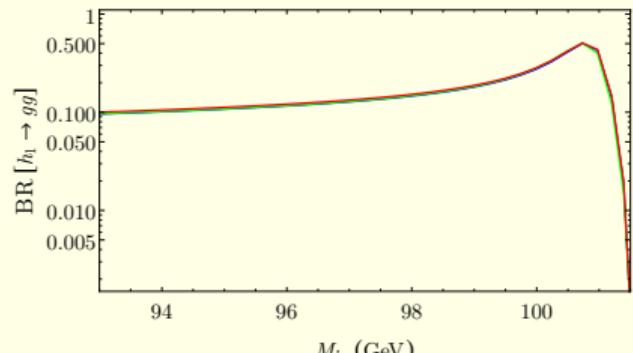
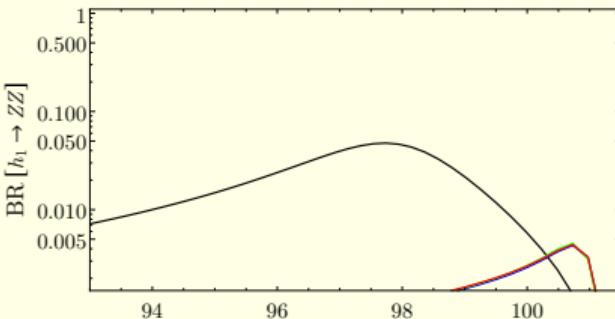
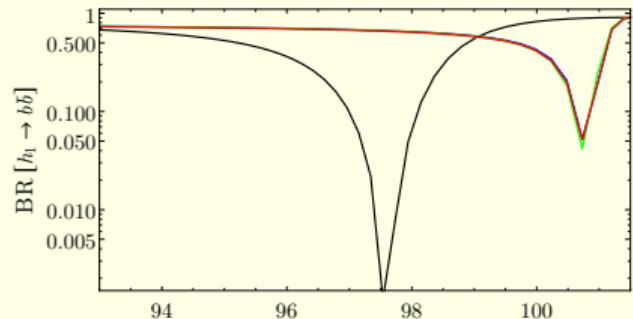
— **Prophecy4f** with \mathbf{U}^m with

various definitions of the full width

$h_1 \rightarrow gg/\gamma\gamma$: — one loop with \mathbf{U}^0

— one loop with \mathbf{U}^m

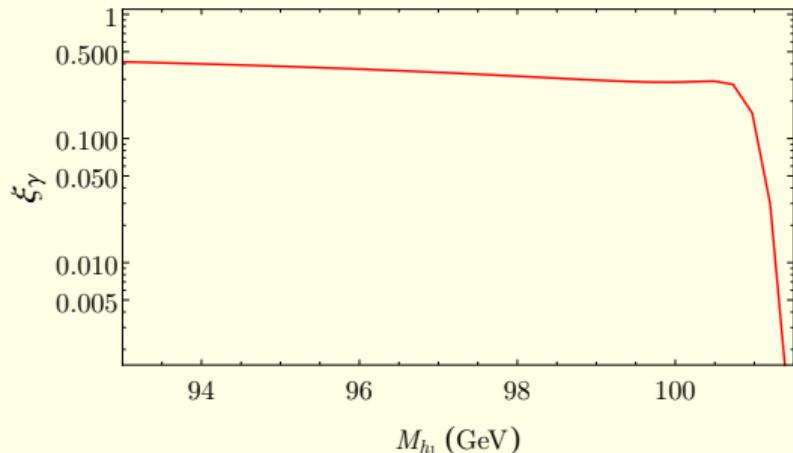
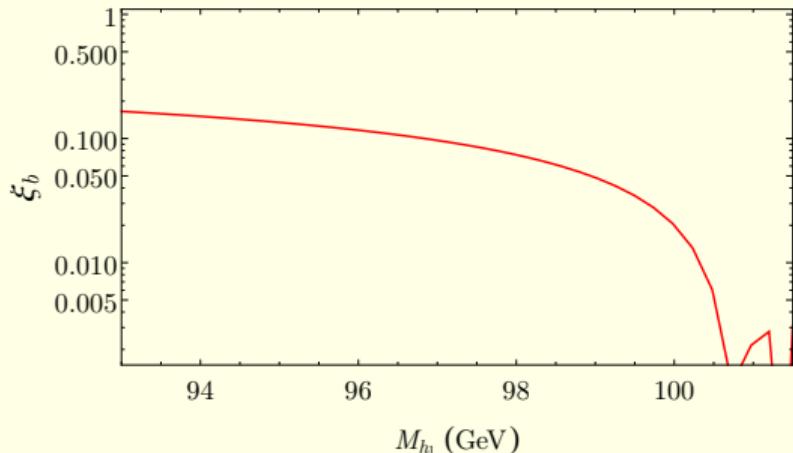
— one loop with \mathbf{X}



$$\lambda = 0.6, \kappa = 0.035, t_\beta = 2, \mu_{\text{eff}} \sim 400 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm} = 1 \text{ TeV}, A_\kappa = -325 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{Q}} = 1 \text{ TeV}, A_t = 0$$



Light singlet, signals



$$\xi_b \equiv \frac{\Gamma[h_1 \rightarrow ZZ] \cdot \text{BR}[h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}]}{\Gamma[H_{\text{SM}}(M_{h_1}) \rightarrow ZZ] \cdot \text{BR}[H_{\text{SM}}(M_{h_1}) \rightarrow b\bar{b}]} \sim \frac{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow Z(h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b})]}{\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow Z(H_{\text{SM}}(M_{h_1}) \rightarrow b\bar{b})]}$$

$$\xi_\gamma \equiv \frac{\Gamma[h_1 \rightarrow gg] \cdot \text{BR}[h_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma]}{\Gamma[H_{\text{SM}}(M_{h_1}) \rightarrow gg] \cdot \text{BR}[H_{\text{SM}}(M_{h_1}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma]} \sim \frac{\sigma[gg \rightarrow h_1 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma]}{\sigma[gg \rightarrow H_{\text{SM}}(M_{h_1}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma]}$$

total width from $h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}, \tau^+\tau^-, c\bar{c}, WW, ZZ, gg, \gamma\gamma$



Conclusions and outlook

- Higgs decays into SM particles at full one-loop order
- Higgs mixing taken into account consistently
- partial higher-order contributions, further refinements
- more reliable prediction for decays into gauge bosons
- completely consistent with FeynHiggs in MSSM limit
- very good agreement with NMSSMCALC where expected
- use case: light singlet,
explanation of LEP and CMS excesses possible (even simultaneously)
- implementation in upcoming extension of FeynHiggs
- for heavy Higgs bosons: Sudakov logarithms can become relevant
- uncertainty estimate for different decay channels