

# Constraints and prospects for charged Higgs bosons

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# The MSSM Higgs sector



- MSSM Higgs sector special case of 2HDM (II) → No tree-level FCNC  
Two complex SU(2) doublets  $H_1, H_2$

$$V(H_1, H_2) = (m_{H_1}^2 + |\mu|^2) |H_1|^2 + (m_{H_2}^2 + |\mu|^2) |H_2|^2 - B\mu \left( \epsilon_{ij} H_1^i H_2^j + \text{h.c.} \right) + \frac{1}{2} g^2 |H_1^{i*} H_2^i|^2 + \frac{1}{8} (g^2 + g'^2) (|H_1|^2 - |H_2|^2)^2$$

- EWSB → Five physical Higgs states:  $h, H, A, H^+, H^-$
- Potential fixed from SUSY in terms of Gauge couplings =>  
Only two free parameters in the Higgs sector at tree-level, usually

$$\tan \beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1} \quad m_A$$

- Tree-level mass relations for the other Higgs masses, for example

$$m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_A^2 + m_W^2$$

- Yukawa sector potentially richer than in the SM. This is where most constraints on MSSM Higgs sector come from. Charged Higgs  $H^+, H^-$  known to give strict constraints on MSSM parameters.

- The full MSSM has 124 parameters → Can study only limited models  
Universality assumptions  
Minimal flavor violation (MFV)
- Constrained MSSM (CMSSM, “mSUGRA”) and models with Non-Universal Higgs Masses (NUHM) assume SUSY breaking mediated by gravity.
- CMSSM: unified boundary conditions at high “GUT” scale:  
  
Universal scalar (incl. Higgs) masses:  $m_0$   
Universal gaugino masses:  $m_{1/2}$   
Universal trilinear couplings:  $A_0$   
Sign of Higgsino mass parameter:  $\text{sign}(\mu)$
- In the NUHM model the universality of scalar masses are relaxed for the Higgs doublets. → Two new mass parameters
- These GUT-scale parameters can be traded for the two parameters  $m_A$  and  $\mu$  at the EW scale

# Parameter Scan



- To identify the allowed regions for the charged Higgs we scan over the NUHM parameter space.
- Theoretical constraints, such as radiative breaking of the EW symmetry, restricts the useful ranges for the input parameters
- Physical mass spectrum at EW scale through RGE running (SOFTSUSY)  
→ All masses and couplings determined by the six input parameters

Parameter	min	max
$m_0$	50	2000
$m_{1/2}$	50	2000
$A_0$	-2000	2000
$\mu$	-2000	2000
$m_A$	5	600
$\tan \beta$	1	60

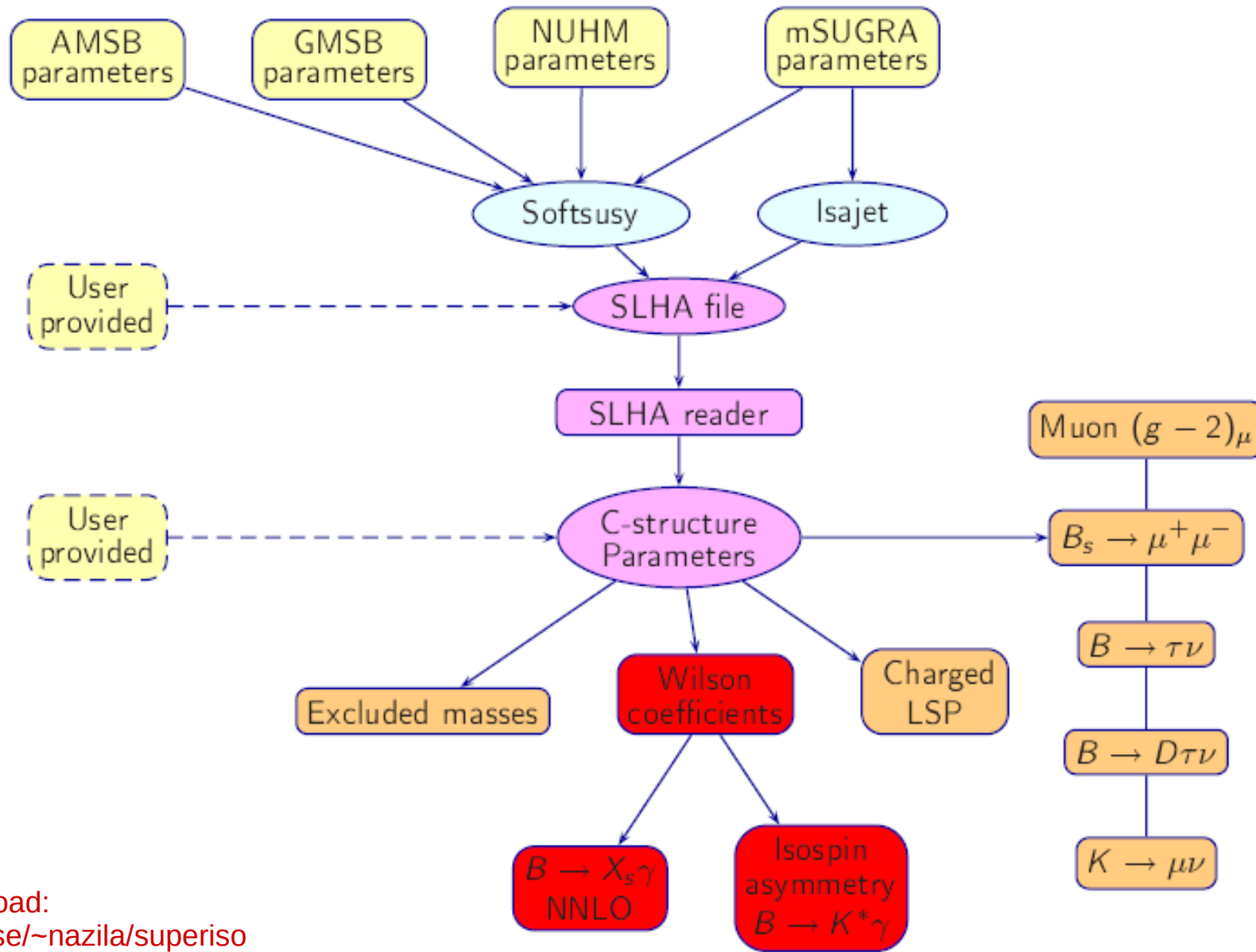
- With R-parity conservation, all effects of SUSY on low-energy observables occur through loops
- Several types of observables constraining the parameters for charged Higgs bosons can be identified:

Direct search limits

Flavor data constraints

Anomalous magnetic moment of muon  
*Restricts  $\mu > 0$*

Cosmological constraints on dark matter  
*No exclusion power specifically for  $H^+$*



Code download:  
[www.isv.uu.se/~nazila/superiso](http://www.isv.uu.se/~nazila/superiso)

Old manual: Comput. Phys. Commun. 178 (2008) 745  
 New manual: arXiv:0808.3144

# Constraints from direct searches

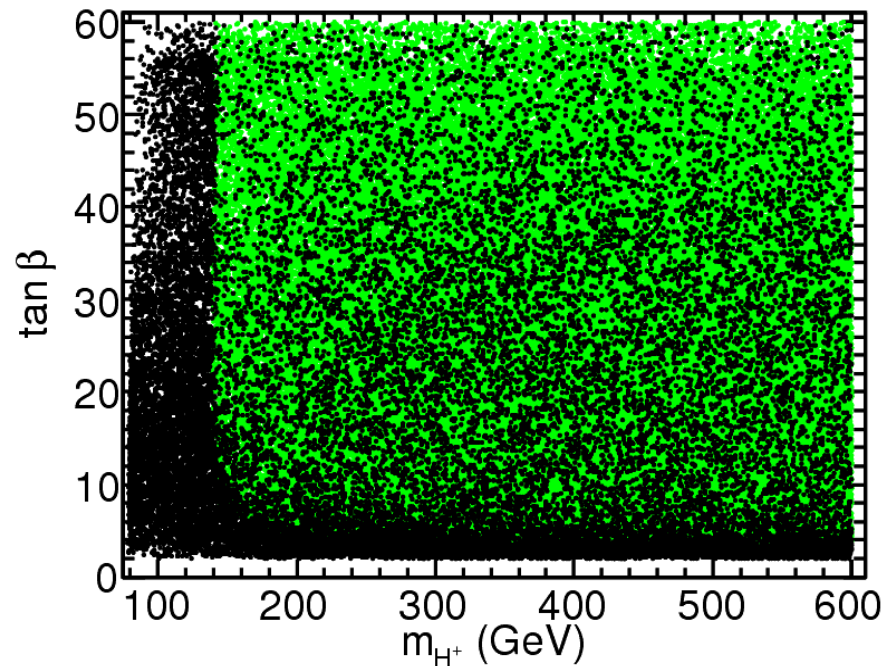
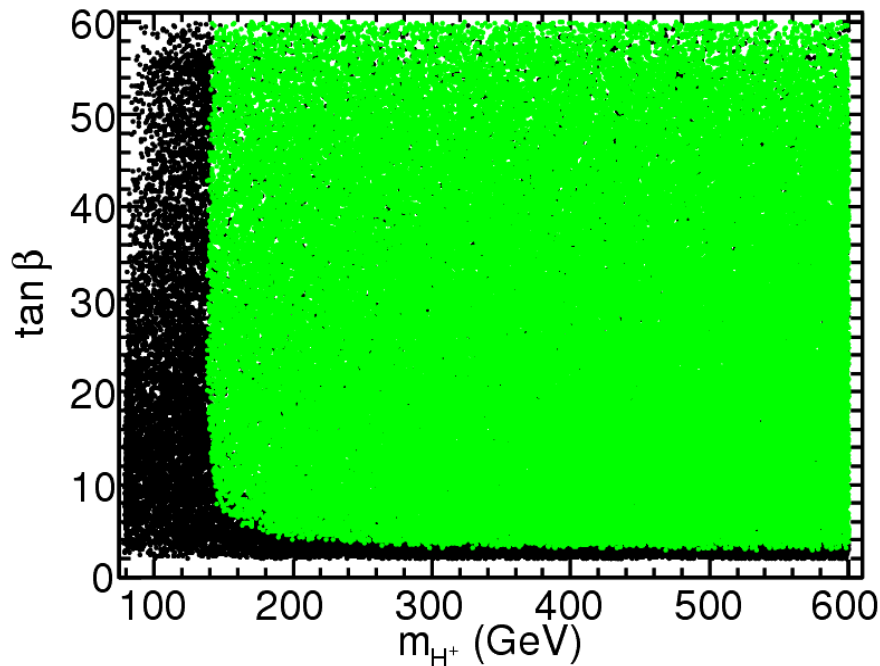


- Constraints at 95% C.L. from LEP searches for Higgs bosons and sparticles

Particle	$H^+$	$h$	$\chi_1^0$	$\chi_1^+$	$\tilde{e}_R$	$\tilde{\mu}_R$	$\tilde{\tau}_1$	$\tilde{\nu}$	$\tilde{b}_1$	$\tilde{t}_1$	$\tilde{g}$
Mass limit (GeV)	79.3	111	46	94	73	94	81.9	94	89	95.7	308

[PDG2008]

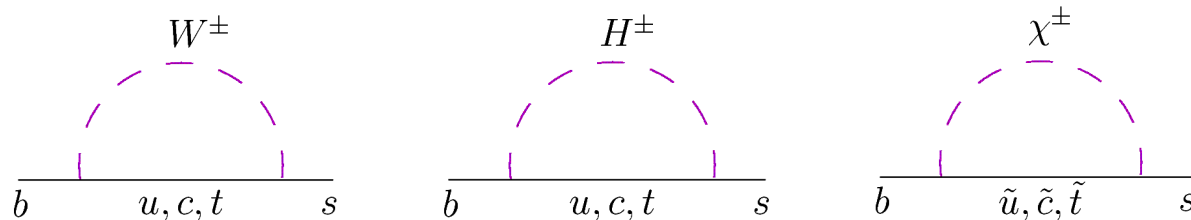
- Lightest Higgs mass limit gives sharp edge
  - $\sim m_{H^+} > 135 \text{ GeV}$  for  $m_h > 111 \text{ GeV}$  SM-like light Higgs
  - $\sim m_{H^+} > 123 \text{ GeV}$  for  $m_h > 93 \text{ GeV}$   $m_h$ -max



# $b \rightarrow s \gamma$



- Rare transition mediated by W loop in SM

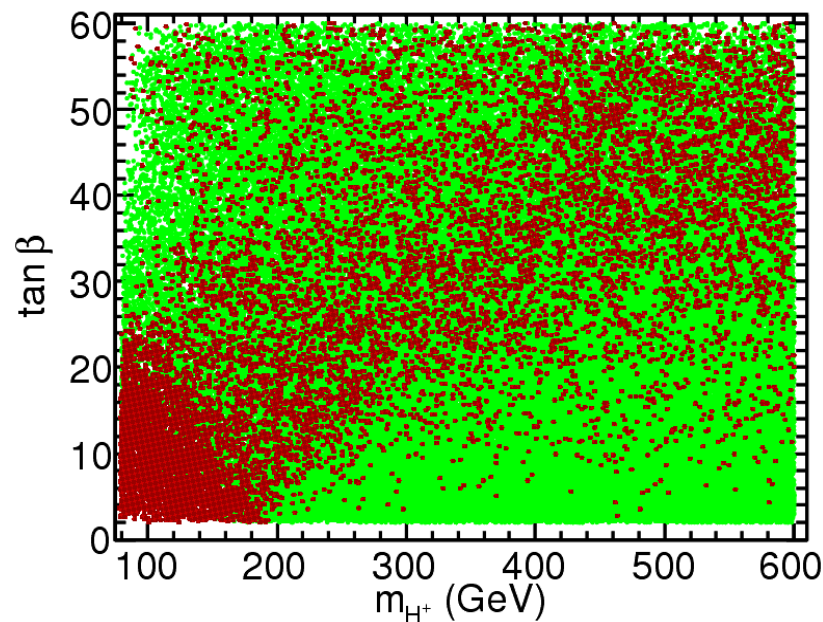
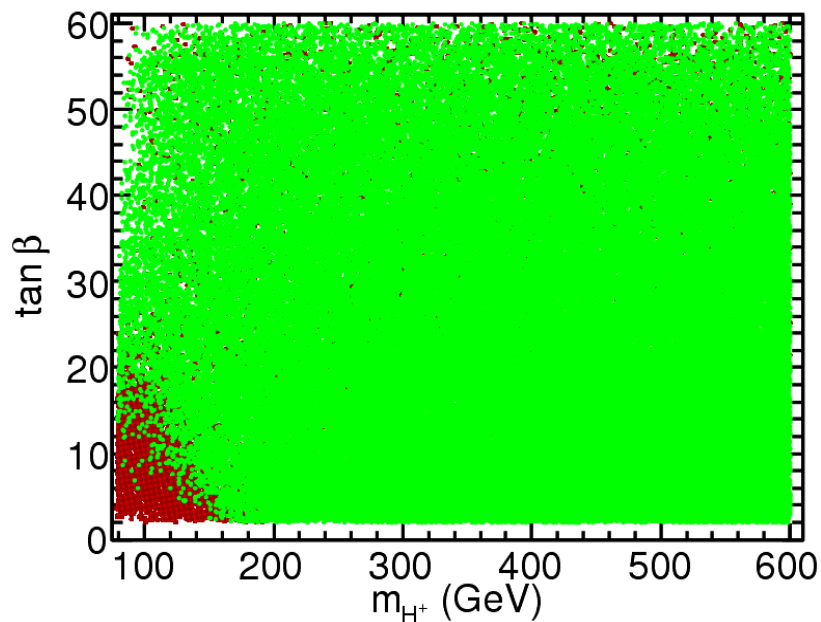


- MSSM contributions mainly from  $H^+$  (constructive) and  $\chi^+$  (const. or dest.)

$$\text{BR}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma)_{\text{exp}} = (3.52 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{[HFAG]}$$

$$\text{BR}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma)_{\text{SM}}^{\text{NNLO}} = (3.15 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{[Misiak \& Steihauser 07]}$$

$$2.15 \times 10^{-4} \leq \text{BR}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma) \leq 4.89 \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{95\% CL}$$





# $B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$



- Tree-level decay, helicity suppressed in SM. Also  $H^\pm$  at tree-level.
- SUSY effects enter through  $\tan \beta$ -enhanced SUSY-QCD corrections  $\epsilon_0$ .

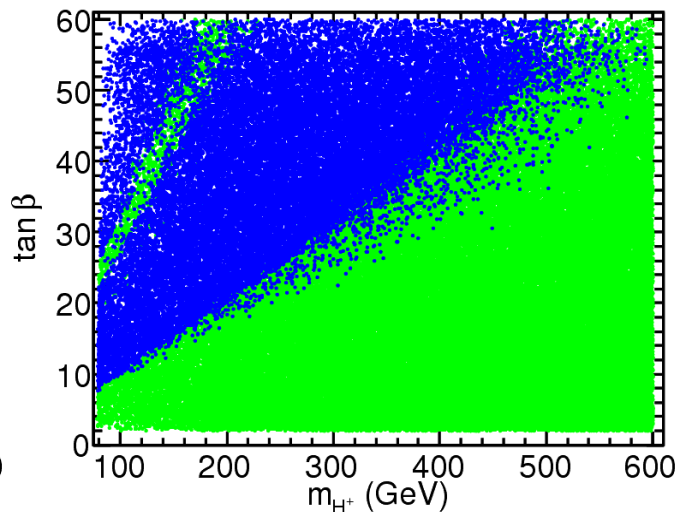
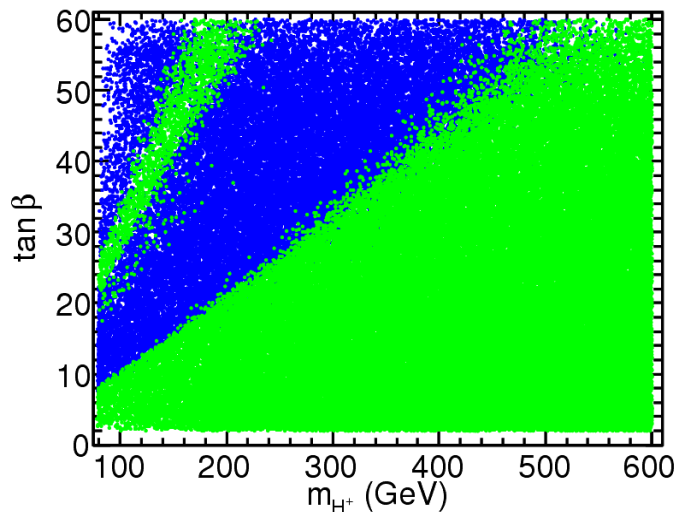
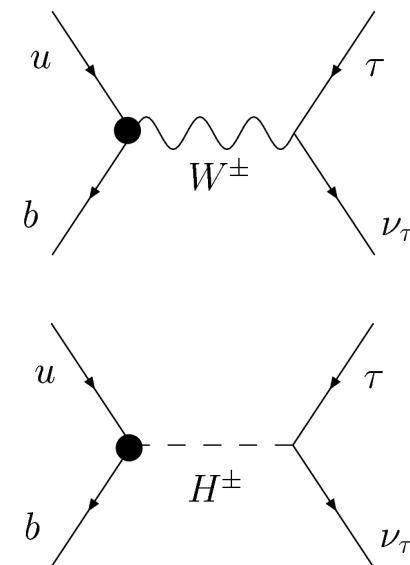
$$\text{BR}_{\text{MSSM}} = \frac{G_F^2 f_B^2 |V_{ub}|^2}{8\pi\Gamma_B} m_B m_\tau^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2}\right)^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{m_B^2}{m_{H^\pm}^2}\right) \frac{\tan^2 \beta}{1 + \epsilon_0 \tan \beta}\right]^2$$

- Large parametric uncertainties from  $V_{ub}$

$$R_{\tau\nu_\tau}^{\text{exp}} \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B_u \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau)_{\text{exp}}}{\text{BR}(B_u \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau)_{\text{SM}}} = 1.28 \pm 0.38 \quad [\text{HFAG}]$$

$$0.53 < R_{\tau\nu_\tau}^{\text{MSSM}} < 2.03$$

- Similar constraints, but weaker, from  $B \rightarrow D \tau \nu_\tau$   
 $K \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$



- Strong exclusion, but shifted if changing  $V_{ub}$

$$|V_{ub}^{\text{comb}}| = (3.95 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-3}$$

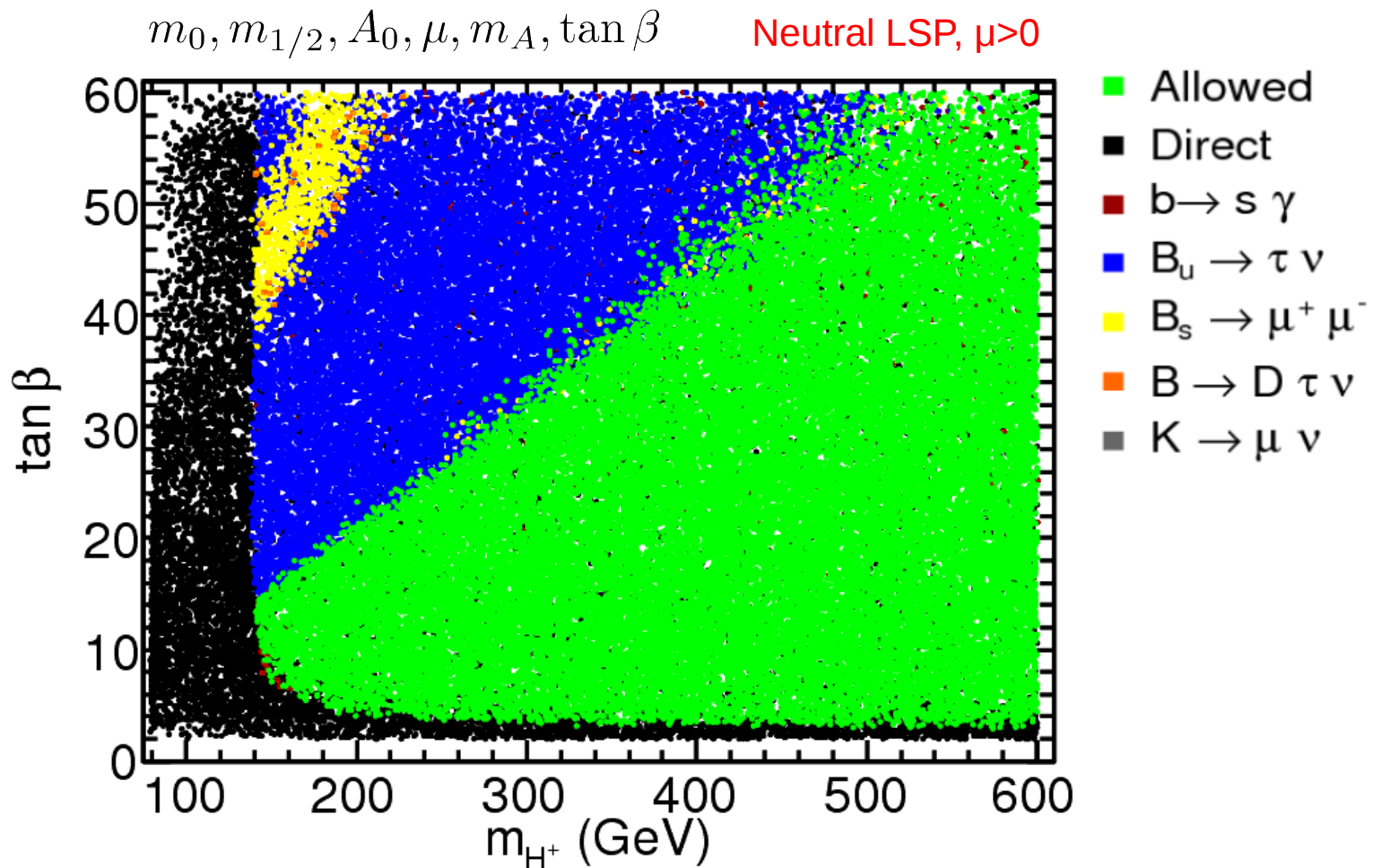
[PDG2008]

# Combined constraints in NUHM models



- Large exclusion by flavor constraints.  
Low charged Higgs mass allowed only for intermediate  $\tan \beta$ .

$$m_{H^+} \gtrsim 135 \text{ GeV}$$



# LHC discovery prospects

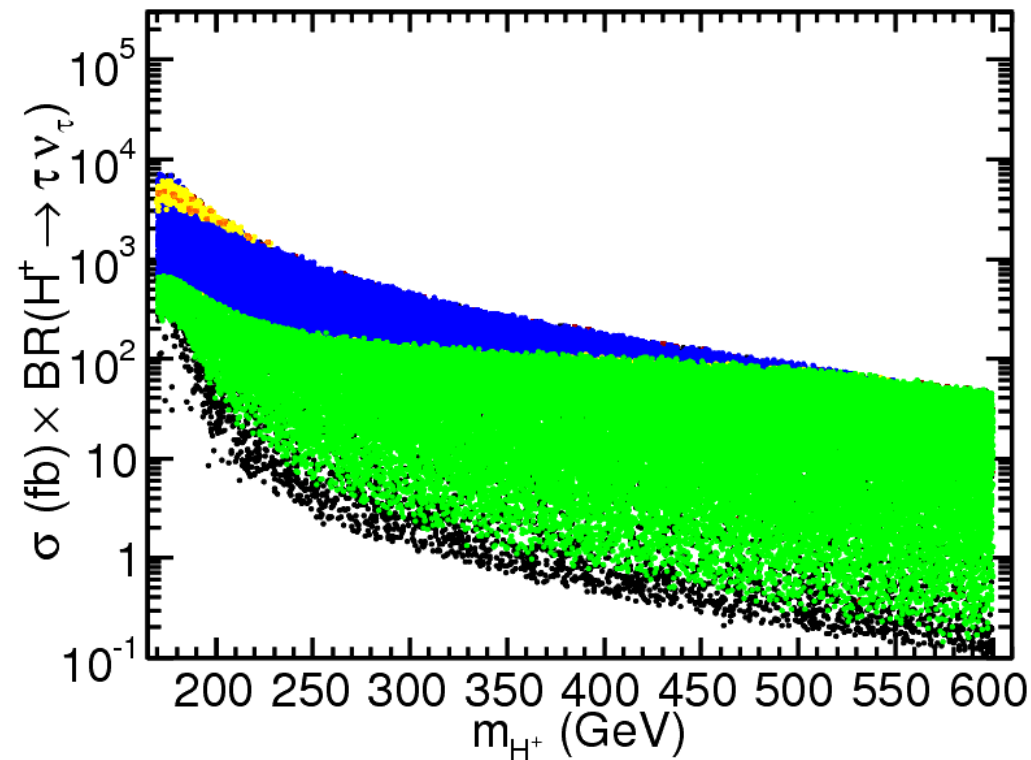
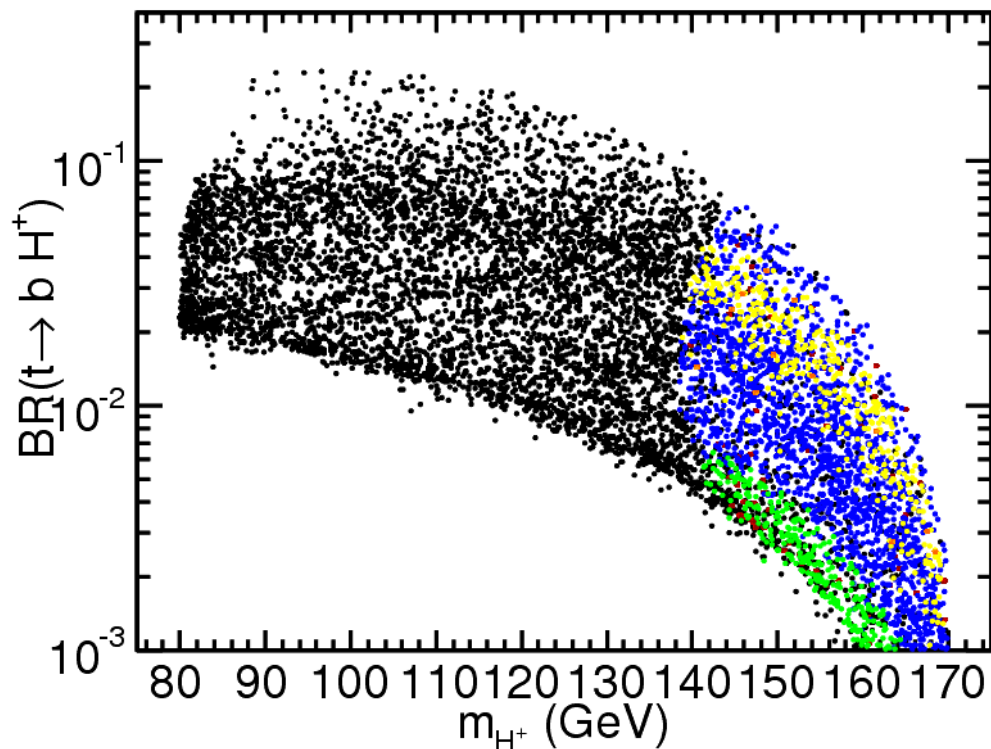


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- Main discovery channel is  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau$ , both for light and heavy  $H^+$
- Determine cross section (BR) for each point in NUHM scan  
 Parametrization of NLO cross section + HDECAY (FeynHiggs)  
 tan  $\beta$ -enhanced corrections to  $m_b$  included consistently
- Points which have highest cross-section (BR) are also those for which the indirect constraints are most efficient

Neutral LSP,  $\mu > 0$

- Allowed
- Direct
- $b \rightarrow s \gamma$
- $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$
- $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- $B \rightarrow D \tau \nu$
- $K \rightarrow \mu \nu$



# Comparison to experimental reach



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- Tevatron results with  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  from this summer starting to probe interesting NUHM region

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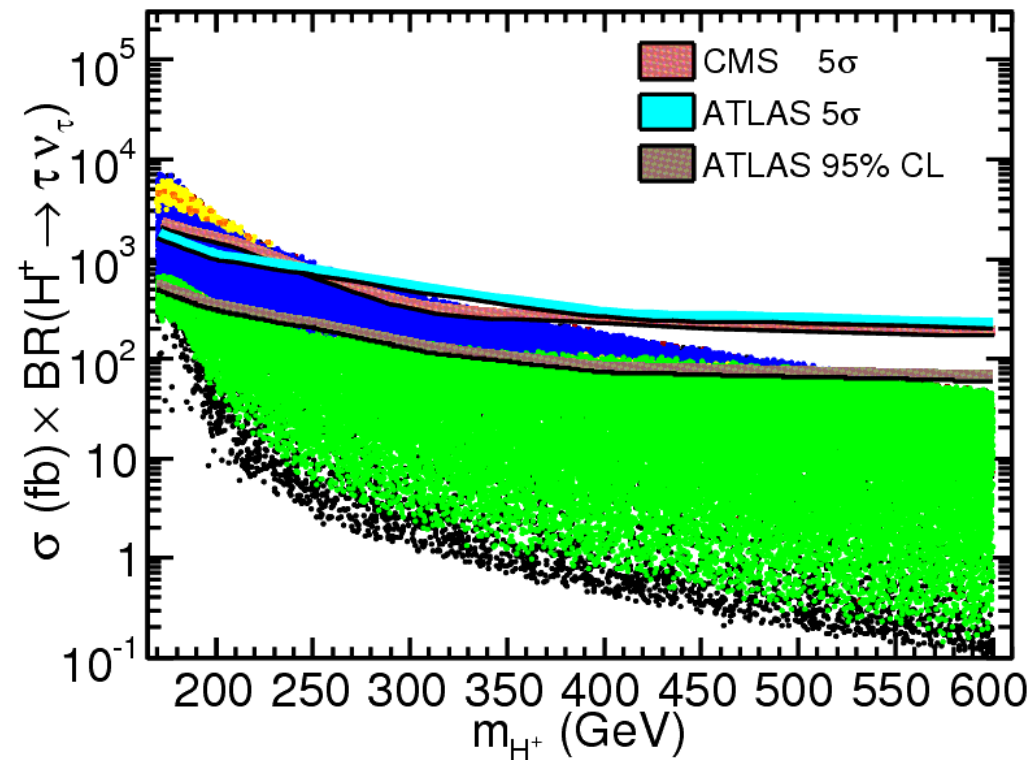
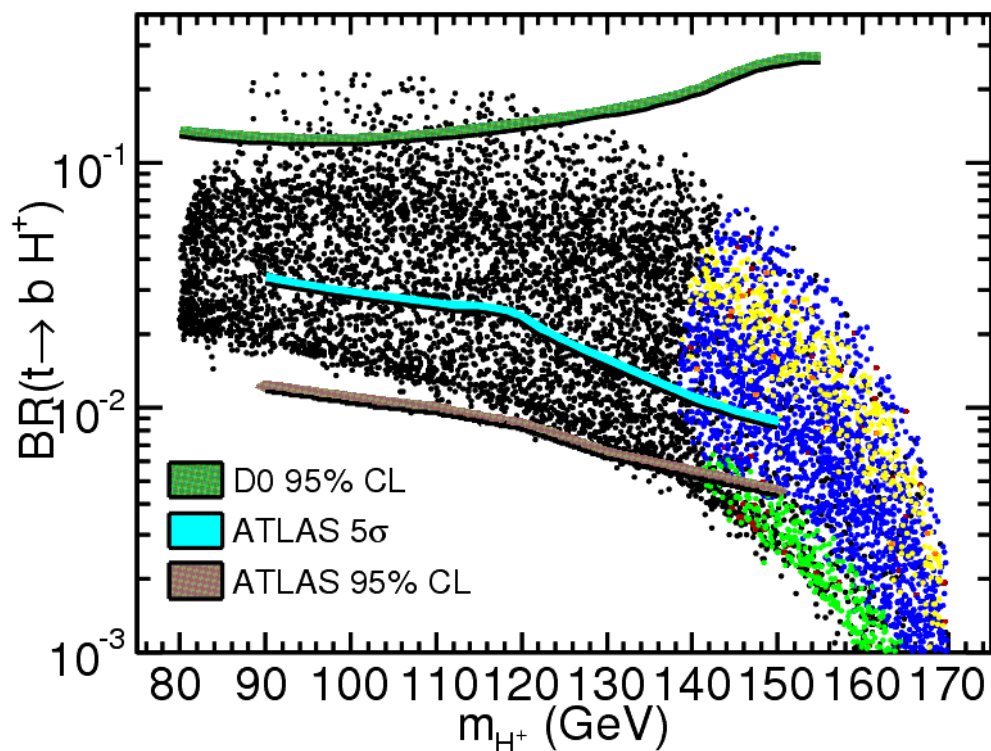
- Reach for CMS and ATLAS with  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

CMS-NOTE-2006-100, 2006-056  
CERN-OPEN-2008-020

- LHC experiments will probe most of the NUHM parameter space for low  $m_{H^+}$ .

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# Model-dependent comparison

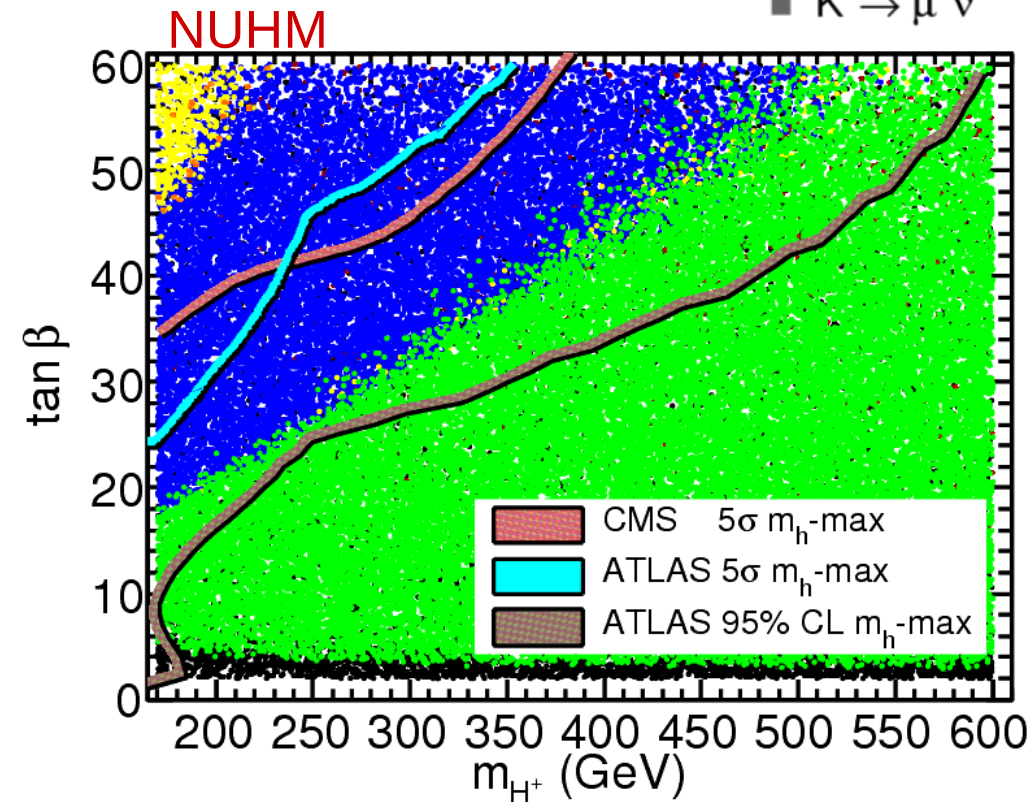
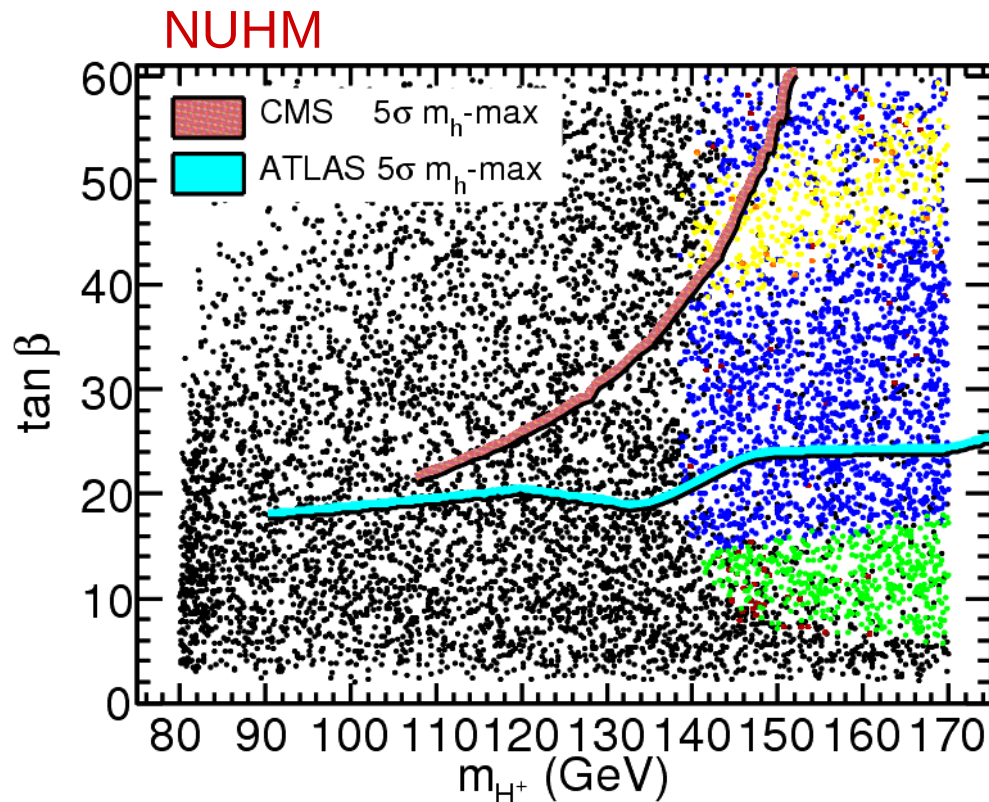


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- Experimental results interpreted in  $m_h$ -max scenario
- NUHM model points with constraints superimposed

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# Summary and Conclusions

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- We have studied constraints on charged Higgs bosons in MSSM models with non-universal Higgs masses using the SuperIso tool.
- B-physics observables yield powerful constraints, but uncertainties both from theory and experiment are still quite large.
- The region where indirect searches obtain the highest exclusion power is where the largest cross sections are expected for  $H^+$  production at the LHC.
- Finding a charged Higgs early at the LHC points to non-minimal models.

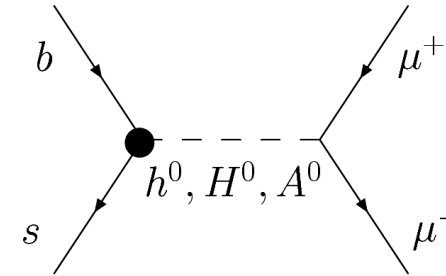
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# $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



- Rare FCNC mediated by neutral Higgs bosons
- Decay not observed, only upper limit:

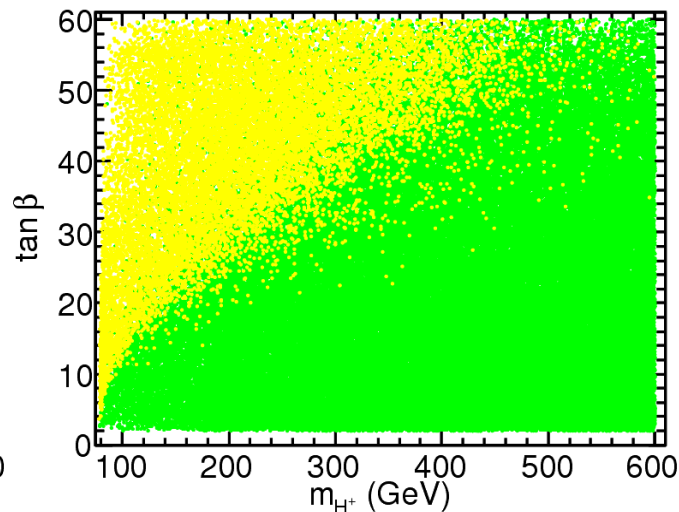
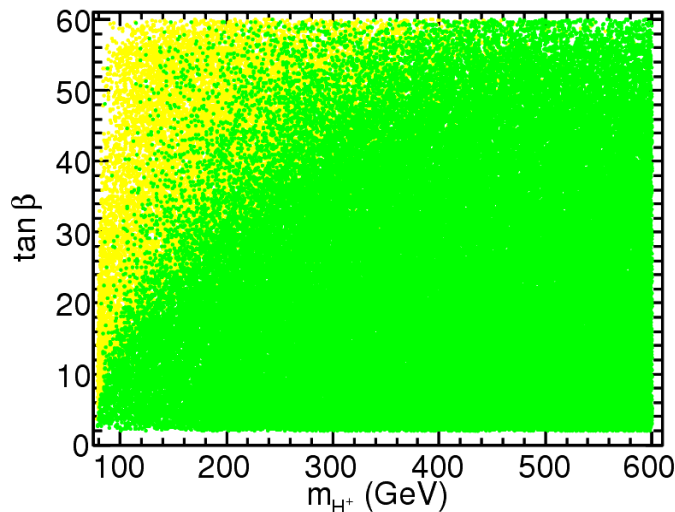
$$\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 5.8 \times 10^{-8} \quad [\text{CDF}]$$



- SM prediction:  $\text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}} = (3.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-9}$ ,

- MSSM contribution at high  $\tan \beta$  proportional to  $\frac{m_\mu^2 m_B^2}{m_A^4} \tan^6 \beta$

- Charged Higgs constraints from  $m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_A^2 + m_W^2$





# $B \rightarrow D \tau \nu_\tau$



- Another tree-level process. Proportional to  $V_{cb}$  instead of  $V_{ub}$ .

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu)}{dw} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{cb}|^2 m_B^5}{192\pi^3} \rho_V(w) \times \left[ 1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_B^2} \left| 1 - t(w) \frac{m_b}{(m_b - m_c)m_{H^\pm}^2} \frac{\tan^2 \beta}{1 + \epsilon_0 \tan \beta} \right|^2 \rho_S(w) \right]$$

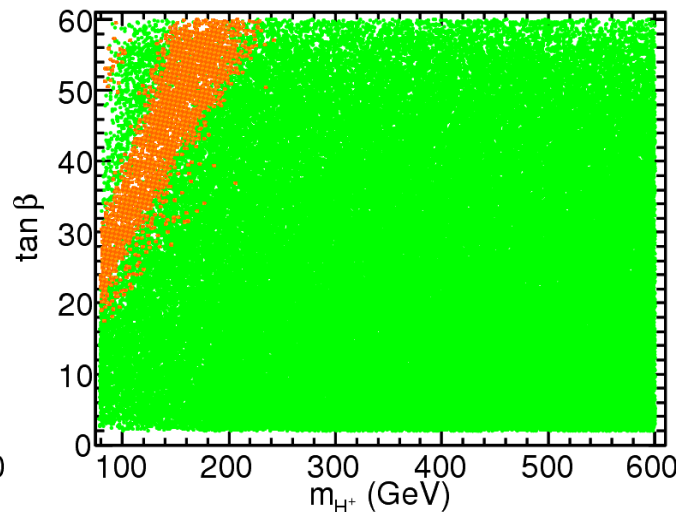
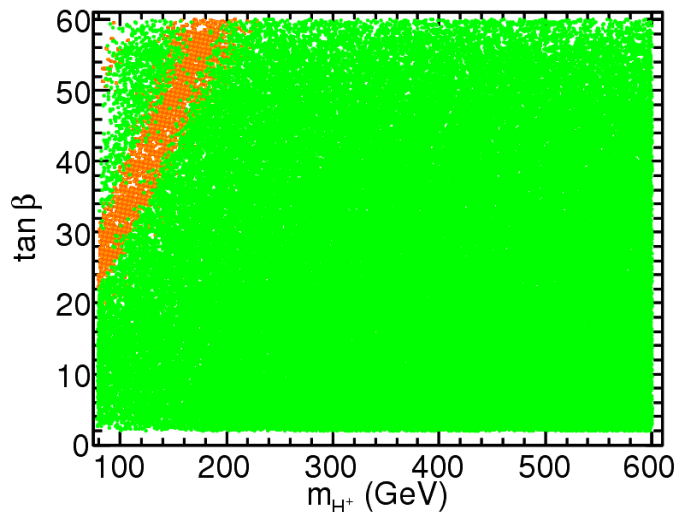
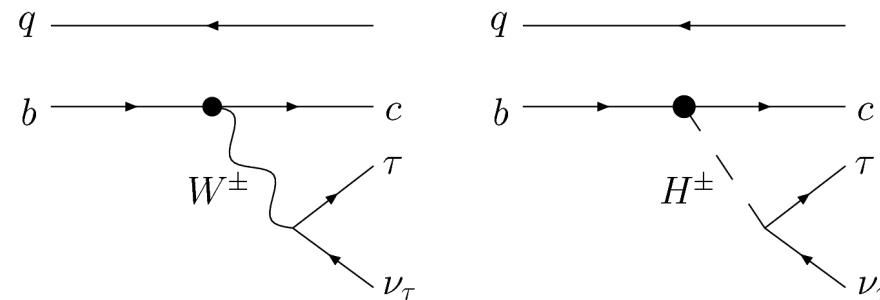
$$w = v_B \cdot v_D$$

- Uncertainties from form factors  $\rho_V$  and  $\rho_S$ .

$$\xi_{D\ell\nu} \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu_\tau)}{\text{BR}(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu_e)}$$

$$\xi_{D\ell\nu}^{\text{exp}} = (41.6 \pm 11.7 \pm 5.2) \times 10^{-2} \quad [\text{BaBar}]$$

$$15.1 \times 10^{-2} < \xi_{D\ell\nu} < 68.1 \times 10^{-2}$$



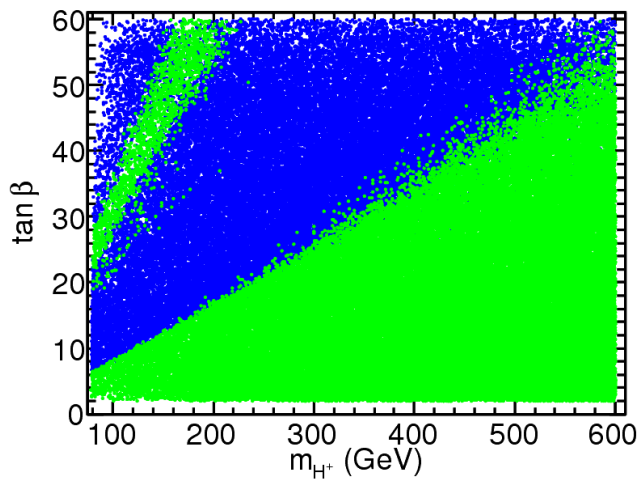
- Exclusion complementary to  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$

# Uncertainties in $B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$ from $V_{ub}$

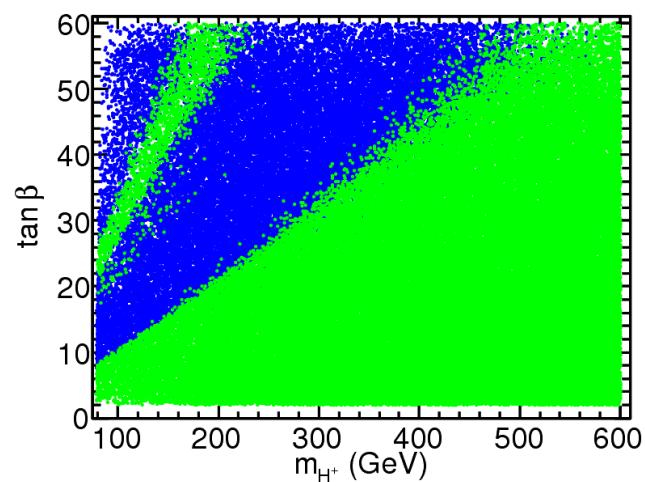


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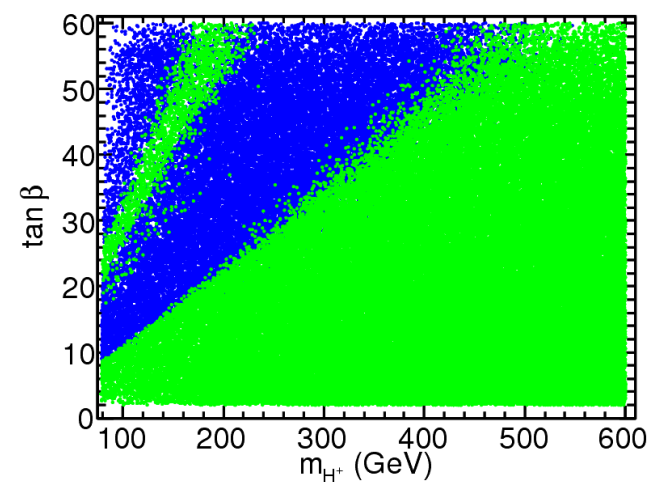
$$|V_{ub}^{\text{excl}}| = (3.5 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$



$$|V_{ub}^{\text{comb}}| = (3.95 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-3}$$



$$|V_{ub}^{\text{incl}}| = (4.12 \pm 0.43) \times 10^{-3}$$



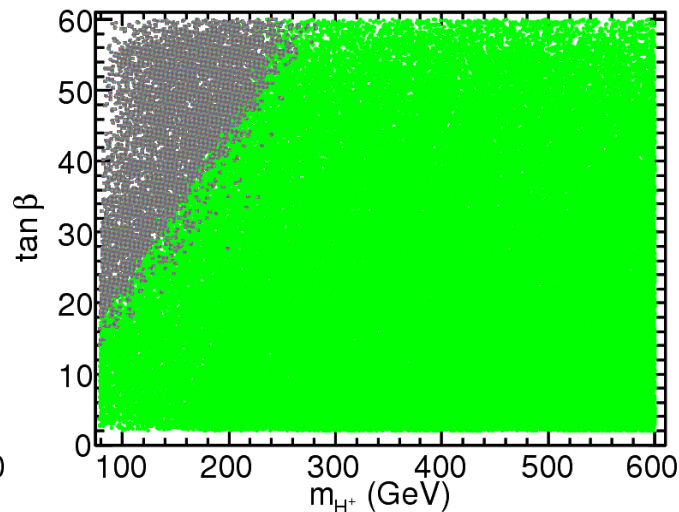
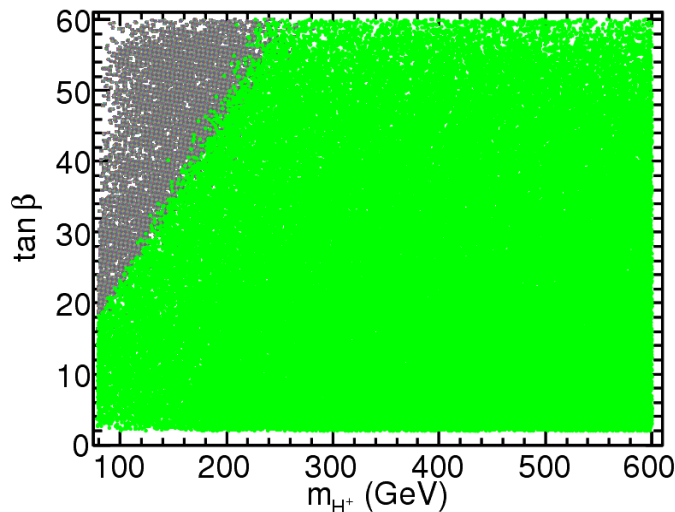
- Similar to  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$ . Also mediated by  $H^+$  at tree-level.

$$R_{\ell 23} \equiv \left| \frac{V_{us}(K\ell 2)}{V_{us}(K\ell 3)} \times \frac{V_{us}(0^+ \rightarrow 0^+)}{V_{ud}(\pi\ell 2)} \right| = \left| 1 - \frac{m_{K^+}^2}{M_{H^+}^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_d}{m_s} \right) \frac{\tan^2 \beta}{1 + \epsilon_0 \tan \beta} \right|$$

[FlaviaNet Kaon WG, arXiv:0801.1817]

$$R_{\ell 23} = 1.004 \pm 0.007$$

- Large** parametric uncertainty in this quantity from  $f_K/f_\pi$  obtained using lattice QCD  
Using value with larger error removes constraint.

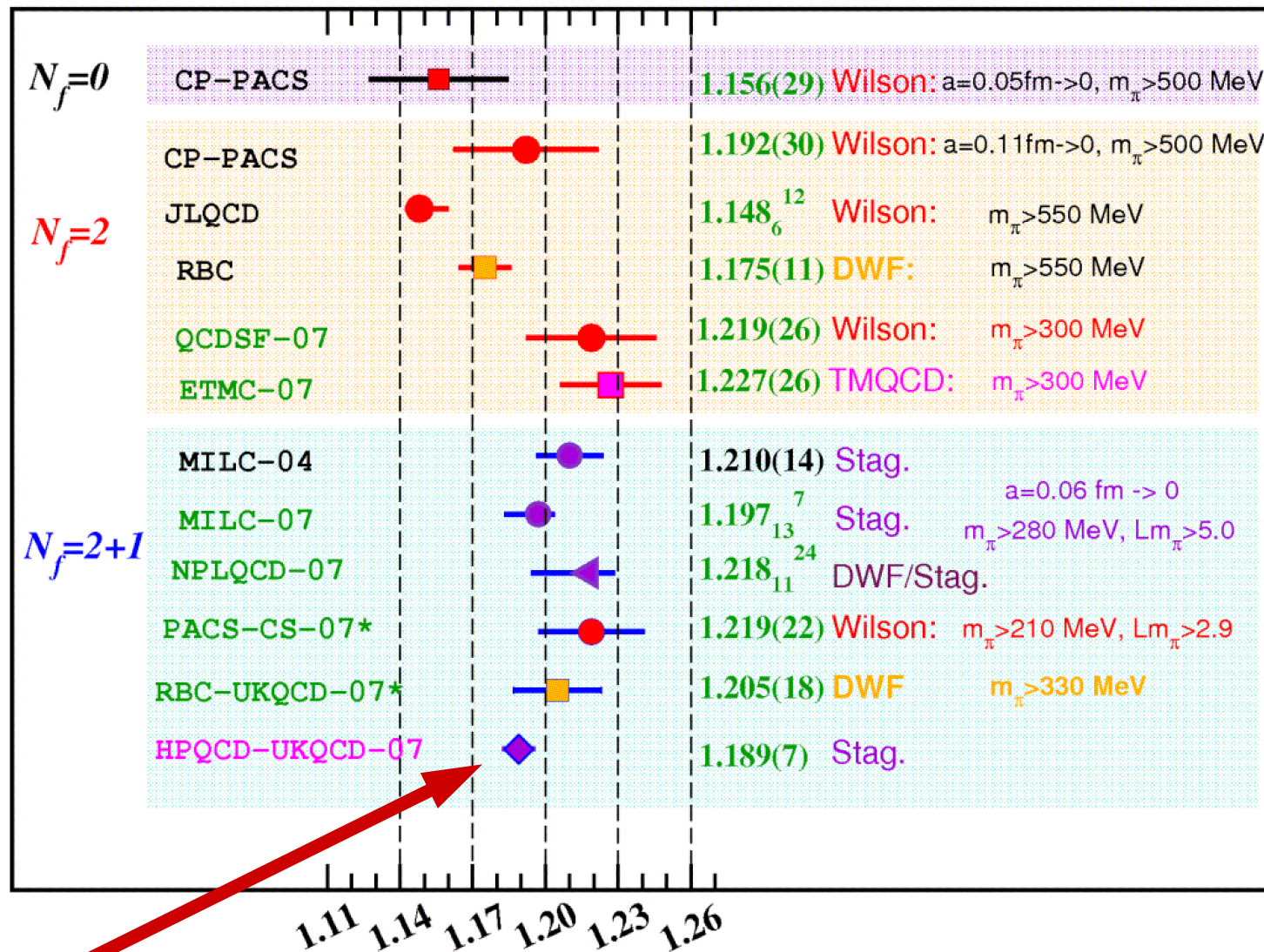


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# Lattice uncertainties in $K \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$

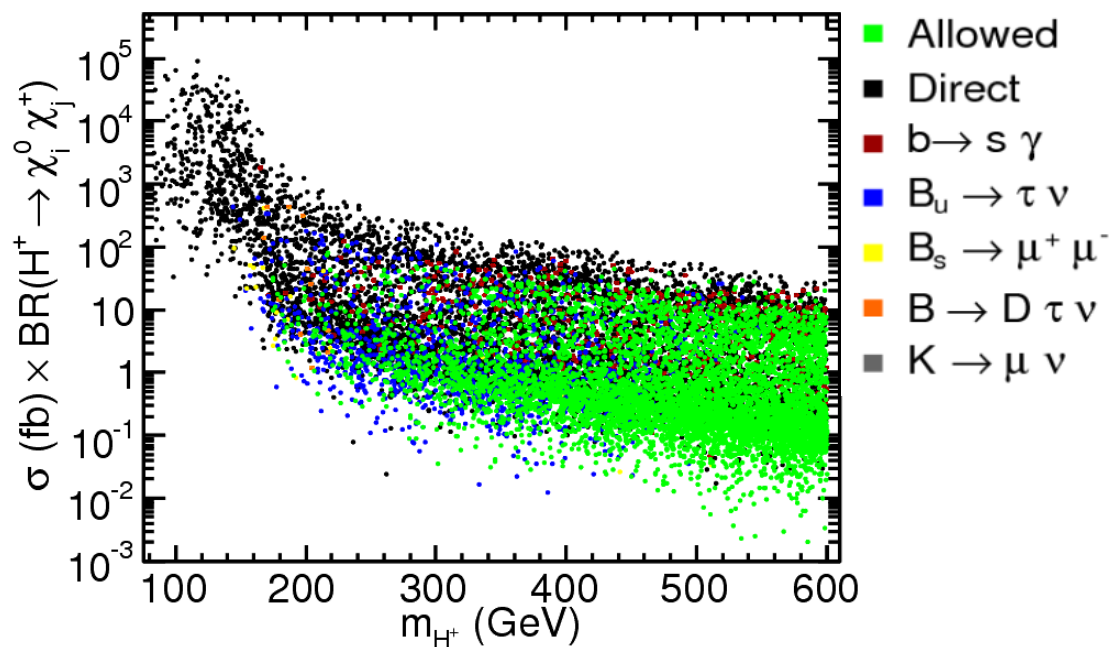
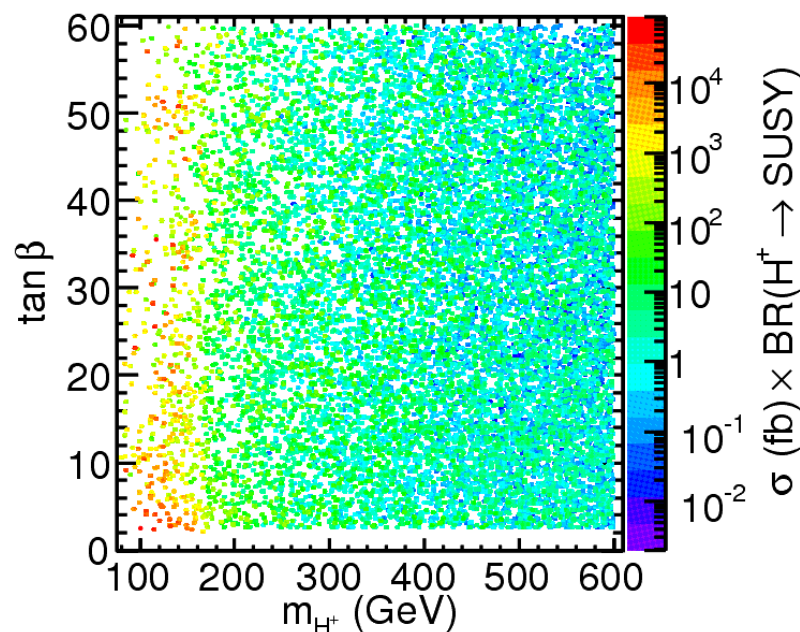
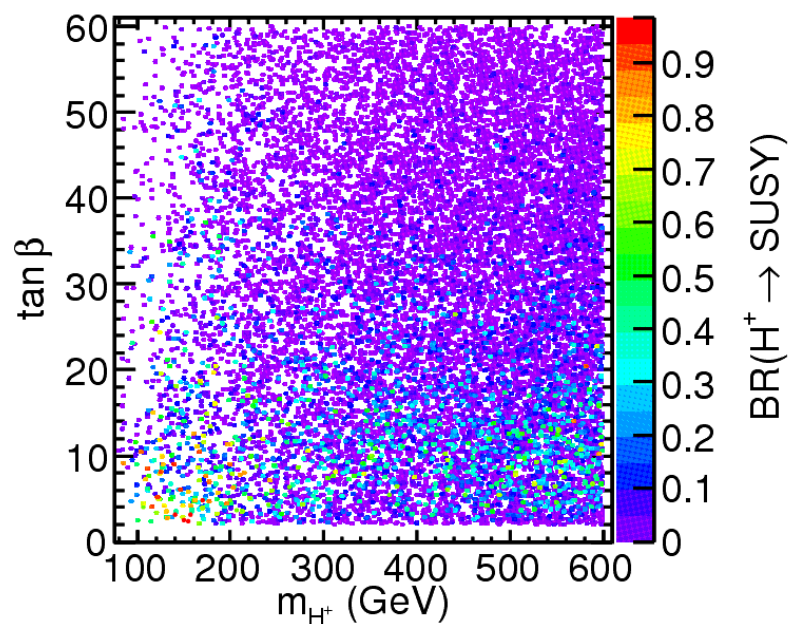


$$f_K/f_\pi$$



[FlaviaNet Kaon WG, arXiv:0801.1817]

# Charged Higgs decays to sparticles



- Points with highest  $\sigma \times BR$  to SUSY already excluded by direct constraints

# NUHM model dependence



- Green: NUHM points which are “ $5\sigma$  detectable” by ATLAS
- Red: NUHM points which are **not**  $5\sigma$  detectable due to  $\varepsilon_b$  corrections
- Blue: NUHM points which are  $5\sigma$  detectable thanks to  $\varepsilon_b$  corrections

