# A Supersymmetric Explanation for the Excess of Higgs–Like Events at the LHC and at LEP

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## Here: interpret this in context of SUSY!

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   h, H: neutral, CP-even (m<sub>h</sub> < m<sub>H</sub>); A: neutral, CP-odd;
   H<sup>±</sup>: charged

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Result: Some evidence for excess events near  $m_{\phi} = 98$ GeV (~ 2.3 $\sigma$ ) and  $m_{\phi} = 115$  GeV (~ 1.7 $\sigma$ )




## In more detail



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• By itself implied that H should be discovered at LHC, with  $115 \text{ GeV} \le m_H \le 140 \text{ GeV}$ : prediction from 2005! MD, hep-ph/0502075

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To get approximately correct signal strengths, require:

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with

$$R_H^{XX} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(H \to gg)}{\Gamma(H_{\rm SM} \to gg)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(H \to XX)}{\Gamma(H_{\rm SM} \to XX)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(H_{\rm SM, tot})}{\Gamma(H_{\rm tot})}$$

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- All parameters varied directly at weak scale: pMSSM!

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Additional constraints: ATLAS  $t \to H^+b$  search; CMS  $A, H, h \to \tau^+\tau^-$  search

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 $|A_t| + |\mu| \ge 2 \text{ TeV}; m_{\tilde{t}_1} + m_{\tilde{t}_2} \ge 900 \text{ GeV}:$  needs some finetuning!

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## **Correlations between parameters**



Modest radiative corrections due to bounds on  $A_t/m_{\tilde{t}}, \mu/m_{\tilde{t}}$ .



Upper bound on  $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$  if  $m_A > 110 \text{ GeV}$ 



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 $\tilde{t}, \tilde{b}$  loops affect Higgs partial widths significantly only for  $m_{\tilde{q}} \leq 300 \text{ GeV}$  other than through Higgs mixing



Upper bound on ratio slowly decreases with increasing  $R_{H}^{VV}$ 



 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Requiring (e.g.)} \ R_{H}^{\tau\tau} < 3 \ \mbox{would further reduce upper bound} \\ \hline \mbox{on } R_{h}^{\tau\tau} \end{array}$ 



Imposing a lower bound on the ratio would further reduce upper bound on  $R_h^{ au au}$ 

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Can simultaneously increase importance of  $\gamma\gamma$  signal and reduce size of di-tau signal!

#### **Benchmark Points**

quantity	Α	В	С
aneta	8	7	6
$m_A, m_{H^{\pm}} \; [\text{GeV}]$	145, 163	144,  163	147,  165
$m_{\tilde{t}_1},  m_{\tilde{t}_2} \; [\text{GeV}]$	112, 3002	128,  3207	152, 3148
$\mu, A_t [\text{TeV}]$	4.73, -4.26	-5.00, 4.90	5.00, -5.01
$\Gamma(h, H \to VV^*)$ [SM]	0.056,  0.944	0.055,  0.945	0.077,  0.923
$\Gamma(h, H \to \tau^+ \tau^-)$ [SM]	64, 0.84	50,  0.45	37,  0.49
$\Gamma(h, H \to b\overline{b}) \text{ [SM]}$	40,  0.31	53,0.68	25,  0.21
$\Gamma(h, H \to gg) [SM]$	0.76,  0.31	0.47,0.44	0.29,  0.52
$\Gamma(h, H \to \gamma \gamma) \text{ [SM]}$	0.0093, 1.20	$0.021,\ 1.14$	0.048,  1.08

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- For some parts of parameter space, decisive test may need ILC; light h difficult to detect at LHC.