# SUSY decays to Higgs bosons and their implications Federico von der Pahlen

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## SUSY decays to Higgs bosons and their implications

- Introduction: EWkino searches at the LHC
  - $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^0$  production
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- Higgs effects
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  - Projection to LHC13/14
  - CP-violating couplings
- Summary

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- Direct  $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}/\tilde{\chi}^{0}$  production: LHC sensitive to lower masses
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  - if  $m_{\tilde{\ell}} > m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}} \Rightarrow \text{most } WZ/Wh + E_t^{\text{miss}}$ , 3 body decays
  - $|M_2| > |\mu| > |M_1| WZ/Wh + E_t^{
    m miss}$ , 3 body decays,
  - $|M_2|$  ,  $|M_1|$  >  $|\mu|$  : compressed spectra

- Interpretation of bounds
  - specific models (CMSSM, GMSB, etc.): Bounds on  $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}/\tilde{\chi}^{0}$  reflect searches for colored particles interpretation of results with more general assumptions difficult/impossible
  - Simplified Model Spectra (SMS) analysis: Derive bounds on maximal production cross sections × BR as function of particle spectra Allows interpretation of exclusion bounds in different models

However, assume  $100\%~{\rm BR}$  to WZ or WH

# EWino searches @LHC: (ATLAS, WZ, $3\ell + E_t^{\text{miss}}$ )

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Assume:

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- heavier sleptons

Exclusion limits for:

- gaugino-like  $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_2^0$
- bino-like  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- $\mathsf{BR}(\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \to W^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 1$
- $\mathsf{BR}(\tilde{\chi}^0_2 \rightarrow Z \tilde{\chi}^0_1) = 1$



Simplified Model Spectra analysis: interpret carefully

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  - including  $(\tilde{\chi}^0_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0_1 h_1)$

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 $[\mu \gg M_2 > M_1]$ 

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#### **Simple expressions for decay widths** [for $\mu \gg M_2, M_1$ , $\tan \beta \gg 1$ ]

$$\begin{split} C^L_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1 \tilde{\chi}^0_2 Z} &\approx \frac{e}{2} \frac{M_Z^2}{\mu^2} \exp\left(\frac{i\varphi_{M_1}}{2}\right) ,\\ C^L_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1 \tilde{\chi}^0_2 h_1} &\approx \frac{e}{2} \frac{M_Z}{\mu} \left(\frac{M_1 + M_2}{\mu} + \frac{4}{\tan\beta}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-i\varphi_{M_1}}{2}\right) , \end{split}$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{tree}}_{\tilde{\chi}^0_2 \to \tilde{\chi}^0_1 Z} \approx \frac{K(Z)}{\mu^2 / M_Z^2} \left( m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_2}^2 + m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1}^2 - 2M_Z^2 + \frac{(m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1}^2)^2}{M_Z^2} + 6\cos(\varphi_{M_1}) m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_2} m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1} \right) \ ,$$

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0} \to \tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0} h_{1}}^{\text{tree}} \approx K(h_{1}) \left| \frac{M_{1} + M_{2}}{\mu} + \frac{4}{\tan \beta} \right|^{2} \left( m_{\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}}^{2} + m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}}^{2} - m_{h_{1}}^{2} + 2\cos(\varphi_{M_{1}}) m_{\tilde{\chi}_{2}^{0}} m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} \right) ,$$

with  $K(X) \propto \beta^*(\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0, X)$ 

- Higgs-neutralino  $C^L_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1 \tilde{\chi}^0_2 h_1}$ : depends on relative phases &  $\tan \beta$
- $\varphi_{M_1} = \pi \Rightarrow$  p-wave suppr.  $\rightarrow$  thresh. dependence on relat. CP

## Effect of including the Higgs channel (ATLAS limits)

 $pp \to \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \to W \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  BR=1,  $M_1>0$ ,  $M_1<0$ 



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- Dramatic reductiion in sensitivity for  $m_{ ilde{\chi}_2^0} m_{ ilde{\chi}_1^0} > m_{h_1}$
- Effect stronger for small  $\tan\beta$  and  $M_1 > 0$



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- $\Rightarrow Wh \text{ excludes}$ higher  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$



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- only  $\mu = -\tan\beta(M_1 + M_2)/4 \to BR(h_1)=0$
- higgsino prod.XS significantly weaker: we find no exclusion

#### **EWino searches: Projections for LHC@13TeV**

 $pp \to \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \to W \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  Naive projection  $(L_{int} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 



Rescale exclusion for LHC8 by factor:  $R_{13/8} = \sqrt{R_{\rm bkg}} \frac{L_{\rm LHC8}}{L_{\rm LHC13}}$ ,  $R_{\rm bkg} = \frac{\sigma_{WZ}(13 \text{TeV})}{\sigma_{WZ}(8 \text{TeV})} \frac{L_{\rm LHC13}}{L_{\rm LHC8}} \Rightarrow R_{13/8} \approx \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{21}{200}} \sim 35\%$ ,

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 ATLAS & CMS projections @14TeV 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>: 95%CL exclusion up to 800 GeV very optimistic.

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 $pp \to \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \to W \tilde{\chi}_1^0 h \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \quad (L_{int} = 300/3000 \text{ fb}^{-1})$ 



• WZ and  $Wh + E_t^{\text{miss}}$  searches complementary, ideally, realistic limits require a combination

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## Constraining the phase of $M_1$



- For larger  $\tan\beta$  complementarity of EDM limits on  $\phi_{M_1}$
- Outlook:  $\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_j^0 h_k$  couplings  $\rightarrow$  determine relative CP-phases

# Summary

- Electroweakino searches @ LHC: no realistic bounds & discovery reach projections
- Neutralino decays to Higgs bosons potentially most sensitive channel
- use SUSY Higgs interactions to constrain CP-phases
- similar issues for  $\tilde{t}_2 \to \tilde{t}_1 h/Z$  (relevant for light  $\tilde{t}_1$ ),  $\tilde{b}_2(\tilde{\tau}_2) \to \tilde{b}_1(\tilde{\tau}_1)h/Z$  (relevant for large  $\tan \beta$ )  $\tilde{\chi}_2^{\pm} \to \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}h/Z$  (heavy gauginos)

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#### **EWino searches: ATLAS exclusion limits**

 $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow W \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  low- $\mu$  scenario  $(M_1 < \mu \ll M_2)$ 

 $\sigma_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_2^0} \times BR_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z}$ [fb]





- Complementarity of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_3^0$  decays (opposite CP behaviour)
- higgsino-Z couplings unsuppressed: larger BR to  $Z\tilde{\chi}^0_1$

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#### RH stau-coannihilation scenario

Neutralino decay BR  $ilde{\chi}^0_2 
ightarrow \{Z, h_1\} ilde{\chi}^0_1, \quad ilde{ au}_1 au$ 



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## **Scenarios**

Scenario	$arphi_{M_1}$	$\mu$	aneta	$M_{\rm SUSY}$	$M_{ ilde{ au}_R}$
$S_{ m ATLAS}$	0	1000	6	2000	$M_{\rm SUSY}$
$S_{ m ATLAS}^{\varphi_{M_1}}$	$0\ldots\pi$	1000	6	2000	$M_{\rm SUSY}$
$S_{ m ATLAS}^{ aneta}$	0	1000	620	2000	$M_{\rm SUSY}$
$S^{\mathrm{DM}}$	$0\ldots\pi$	1000	6,20	2000	$ M_1 $
$S_{\text{low}-\mu}$	0	$100 \dots 400$	6	2000	$M_{\rm SUSY}$

 $|M_1| = 0 \dots 200$  GeV,  $M_2 = 100 \dots 400(500)$  GeV,  $M_3 = 1.5$  TeV  $S^{\rm DM}$ : stau-coannihilation region,  $\tilde{\tau}_1 \simeq \tilde{\tau}_R$