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**Bottomonium spectroscopy**  
**with mixing of**  
 **$\eta_b$  states**  
**&**  
***a light CP-odd Higgs boson***

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# Next-to-Minimal-Supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM)

## Higgs sector

*Things should be as simple as possible, but not simpler*

A. Einstein

$$\hat{H}_u = \begin{pmatrix} H_u^+ \\ H_u^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{H}_d = \begin{pmatrix} H_d^+ \\ H_d^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{S}$$

↑  
New gauge-singlet superfield

$$W = \lambda S H_u H_d + \frac{1}{3} \kappa S^3 + \dots$$

$$V_{soft} = \lambda A_\lambda S H_u H_d + \frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3 + h.c. + \dots$$

Six “free” parameters vs three in the MSSM :

$$\kappa \quad \lambda \quad A_\kappa \quad A_\lambda \quad \mu \quad \tan \beta$$

$$B_{eff} = A_\lambda + \kappa s$$

### Physical Higgs bosons: (seven)

2 neutral CP-odd Higgs bosons ( $A_{1,2}$ )

3 neutral CP-even Higgs bosons ( $H_{1,2,3}$ )

2 charged Higgs bosons ( $H^\pm$ )

PQ symmetry or  $U(1)_R$  slightly broken



**light pseudoscalar Higgs**

Non-singlet component

Singlet component

$$A_1 = \cos \theta_A A_{MSSM} + \sin \theta_A A_s$$

$$\tan \beta = v_u / v_d$$



$$A_1 \text{ coupling to down type fermions} \propto X_d = \cos \theta_A \tan \beta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_\lambda &= -200 \text{ GeV} \\
 A_\kappa &= -15 \text{ GeV} \\
 \mu &= 150 \text{ GeV} \\
 \tan \beta &= 40
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_\lambda &\sim -K \mu / \lambda \\
 K - (4/3) \lambda &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$0.1 \leq |\cos \theta_A| \leq 0.5$$

$$X_d = \cos \theta_A \tan \beta$$

At large  $\tan \beta$ :  $\sin 2\beta \approx \frac{2}{\tan \beta}$

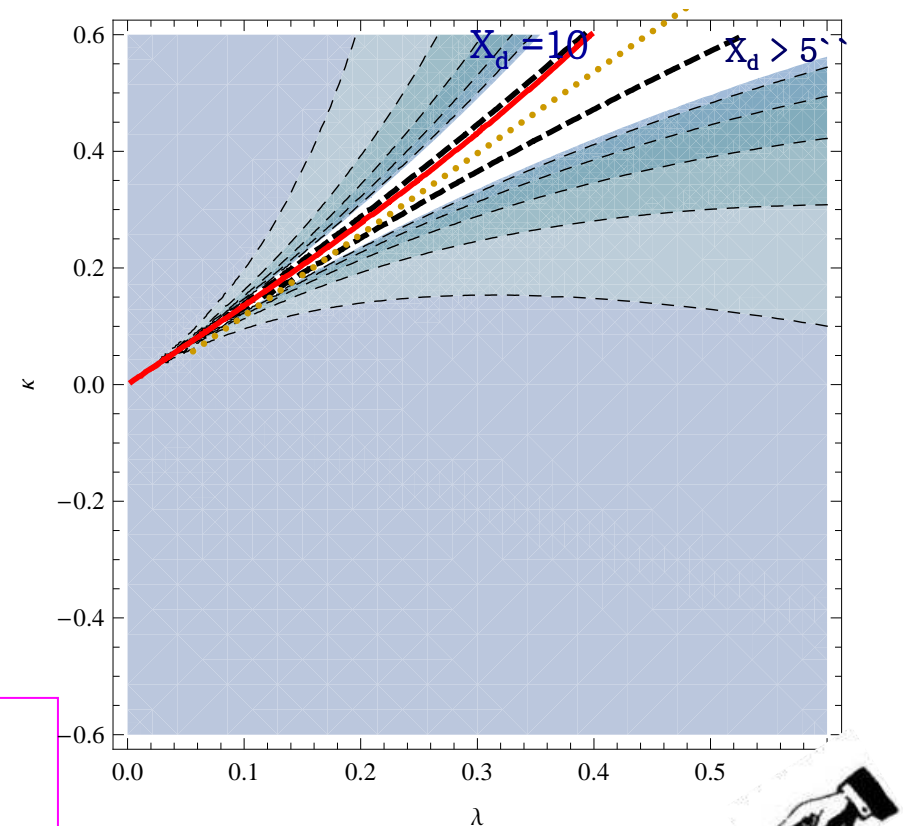
$$\cos \theta_A \cong - \frac{\lambda v (A_\lambda - 2\kappa s) \sin 2\beta}{2\lambda s (A_\lambda + \kappa s) + 3\kappa A_\kappa s \sin 2\beta}$$

$$(\lambda A_\lambda + \kappa \mu) \rightarrow 0$$

$$m_{A_1}^2 \cong 3s \left( \frac{3\lambda A_\lambda \cos^2 \theta_A}{3\sin 2\beta} - 2\kappa A_\kappa \sin^2 \theta_A \right)$$

$$\tan \beta \sim 1 / [A_\lambda + K \mu / \lambda]$$

Ananthanarayan & Pandita, hep-ph/9601372



The same region of the parameter space of the NMSSM yields simultaneously:

**$A_1$  mass near 10 GeV**

**Large  $X_d$**

$$M_A^2 = \frac{2\mu B_{eff}}{\sin 2\beta} = \frac{A_\lambda + \kappa s}{\sin 2\beta} \Rightarrow \text{Moderate!}$$

# *The Proposal*

*Since 2002*

- 1) Test of Lepton Universality\* in  $\Upsilon(1S,2S,3S)$  decays to taus at (below) the few percent level @ a (Super) B factory

Mod. Phys. Lett. A17, 2265-2276 (2002)

*More recently*

- 2) Possible distorsion of bottomonium spectroscopy due to mixing of  $\eta_b$  states and a light CP-odd Higgs

Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 111802 (2009)



*It is hard to find a black cat in a dark room, especially if there is no cat*

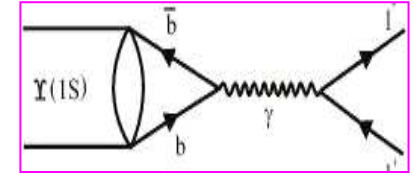
Confucius

\* Lepton universality: Gauge bosons couple to all lepton species with equal strength in the SM

# *Test of Lepton Universality*

(update)

# Leptonic width of $\Upsilon$ resonances



Lowest Feynman diagram

- $\Gamma_{ll}$  (as presented in the PDG tables) is an ***inclusive*** quantity:

$\Upsilon \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  is accompanied by an infinite number of soft photons

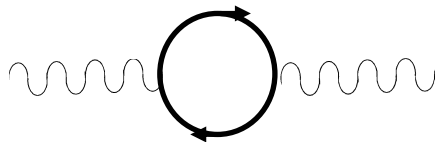
The test of lepton universality can be seen as complementary to searches for a (monochromatic) photon in the  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma \tau \tau$  channel

- To order  $\alpha^3$ :  $\Gamma_{ll} = \Gamma_{ll}^0 [1 + \delta_{\text{vac}} + \delta_{\text{vertex}}] \sim \Gamma_{ll}^0 [1 + \delta_{\text{vac}}]$

$$3\alpha/4\pi \sim 0.17\%$$

$$7.6\%$$

$$\delta_{\text{vac}} = \delta_{ee} + \delta_{\mu\mu} + \delta_{\tau\tau} + \delta_{\text{quarks}}$$



**Warning!**

Contribution potentially dangerous for testing lepton universality if **final-state radiation is not properly taken into account in the MC to obtain the detection efficiency** in the analysis of experimental data

Albert et al. Nucl. Phys. B 166 (1980) 460

- Divergencies/singularities free at any order: Bloch and Nordsieck theorem & Kinoshita-Sirlin-Lee-Nauenberg theorem

## Present status of Lepton Universality (PDG)

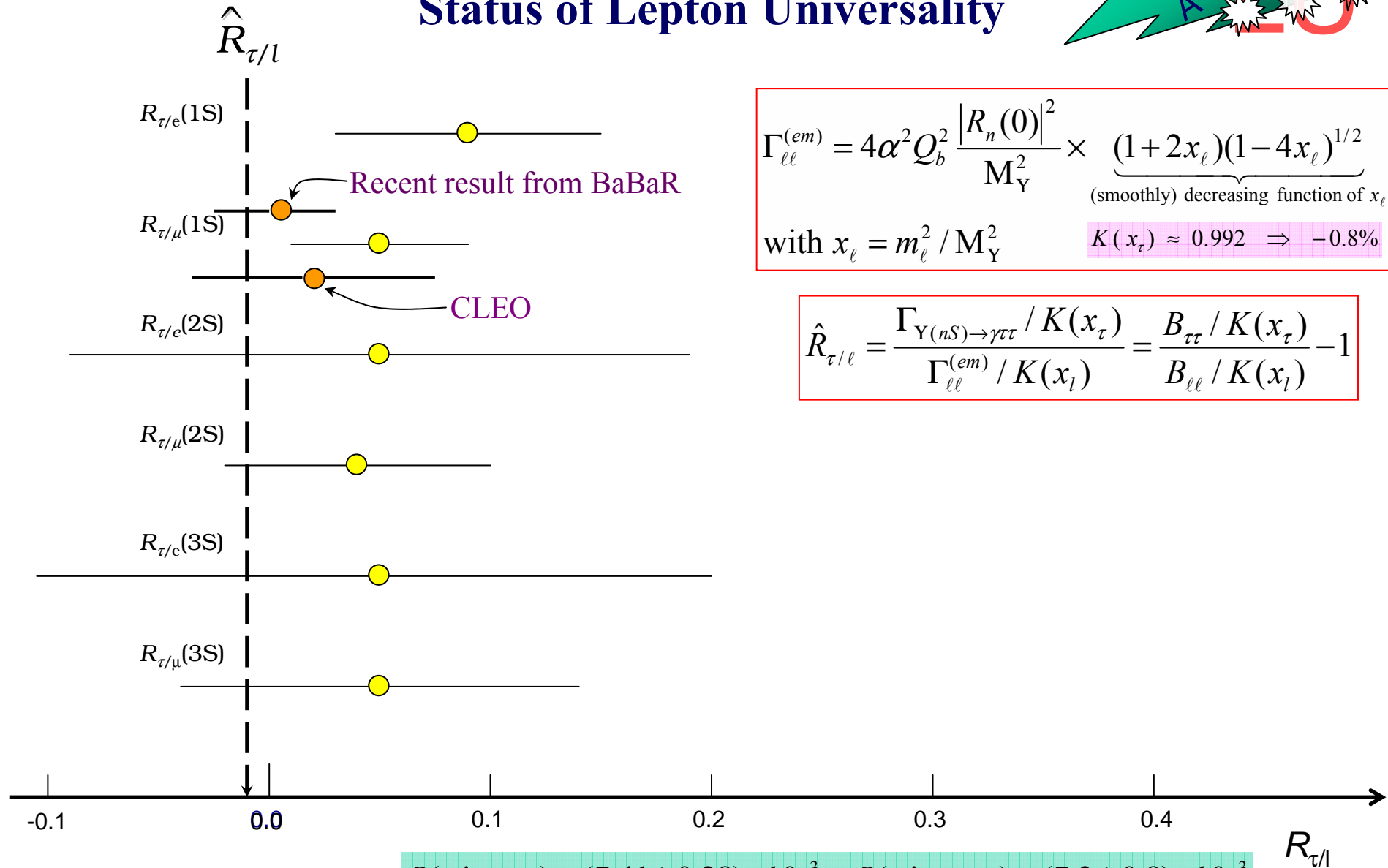
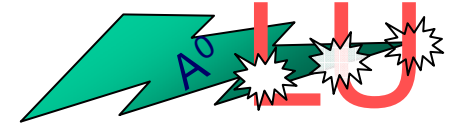
$$\text{BF } [Y \rightarrow e^+ e^-] = \text{BF } [Y \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-] = \text{BF } [Y \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-]$$

Channel	$BF [e^+ e^-]$	$BF [\mu^+ \mu^-]$	$BF [\tau^+ \tau^-]$	$R_{\tau/e}$	$R_{\tau/\mu}$
$\Upsilon(1S)$	$2.38 \pm 0.11 \%$	$2.48 \pm 0.05 \%$	$2.60 \pm 0.10 \%$	$0.09 \pm 0.06$	$0.05 \pm 0.04$
$\Upsilon(2S)$	$1.91 \pm 0.16 \%$	$1.93 \pm 0.17 \%$	$2.00 \pm 0.21 \%$	$0.05 \pm 0.14$	$0.04 \pm 0.06$
$\Upsilon(3S)$	$2.18 \pm 0.21 \%$	$2.18 \pm 0.21 \%$	$2.29 \pm 0.30 \%$	$0.05 \pm 0.16$	$0.05 \pm 0.09$

$$R_{\tau/\ell} = \frac{\Gamma_{Y(nS) \rightarrow \gamma_s \tau \tau}}{\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{(em)}} = \frac{B_{\tau\tau} - B_{\ell\ell}}{B_{\ell\ell}} = \frac{B_{\tau\tau}}{B_{\ell\ell}} - 1$$

Lepton Universality in  
Upsilon decays implies  $\langle R_{\tau/\ell} \rangle = 0$   
(actually -0.08)

# Status of Lepton Universality



$$\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{(em)} = 4\alpha^2 Q_b^2 \frac{|R_n(0)|^2}{M_Y^2} \times \underbrace{(1+2x_\ell)(1-4x_\ell)^{1/2}}_{\text{(smoothly) decreasing function of } x_\ell}$$

with  $x_\ell = m_\ell^2 / M_Y^2$

$K(x_\tau) \approx 0.992 \Rightarrow -0.8\%$

$$\hat{R}_{\tau/\ell} = \frac{\Gamma_{Y(nS) \rightarrow \gamma\tau\tau} / K(x_\tau)}{\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{(em)} / K(x_l)} = \frac{B_{\tau\tau} / K(x_\tau)}{B_{\ell\ell} / K(x_l)} - 1$$

For charmonium

$$B(\psi' \rightarrow ee) = (7.41 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-3} \approx B(\psi' \rightarrow \mu\mu) = (7.3 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3} \\ > B(\psi' \rightarrow \tau\tau) = (2.8 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$$



# Why should LU be useful to search for a light CP-odd Higgs?

- **Direct observation of monochromatic photons from radiative decays** of Upsilon resonances may not be that easy especially for

$$m_{A_1} \in [ 9.4, 10.5 ] \text{ GeV}$$

*As suggested by J. Gunion  
also historically employed in  
the search for a light Higgs*

- The peak in the photon energy spectrum could be **broader than expected**

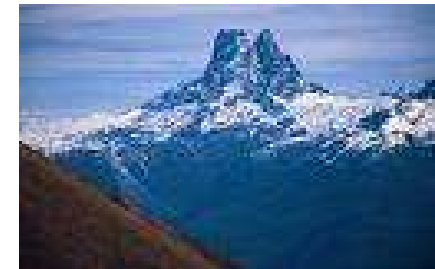
because **two (or more)** peaks resulting from both  $A_1$  and  $\eta_b$  channels  
**might not be easily disentangled**

*Naive approach*

$$\Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \gamma A_1 ( \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- ) \quad n, n' = 1, 2, 3$$

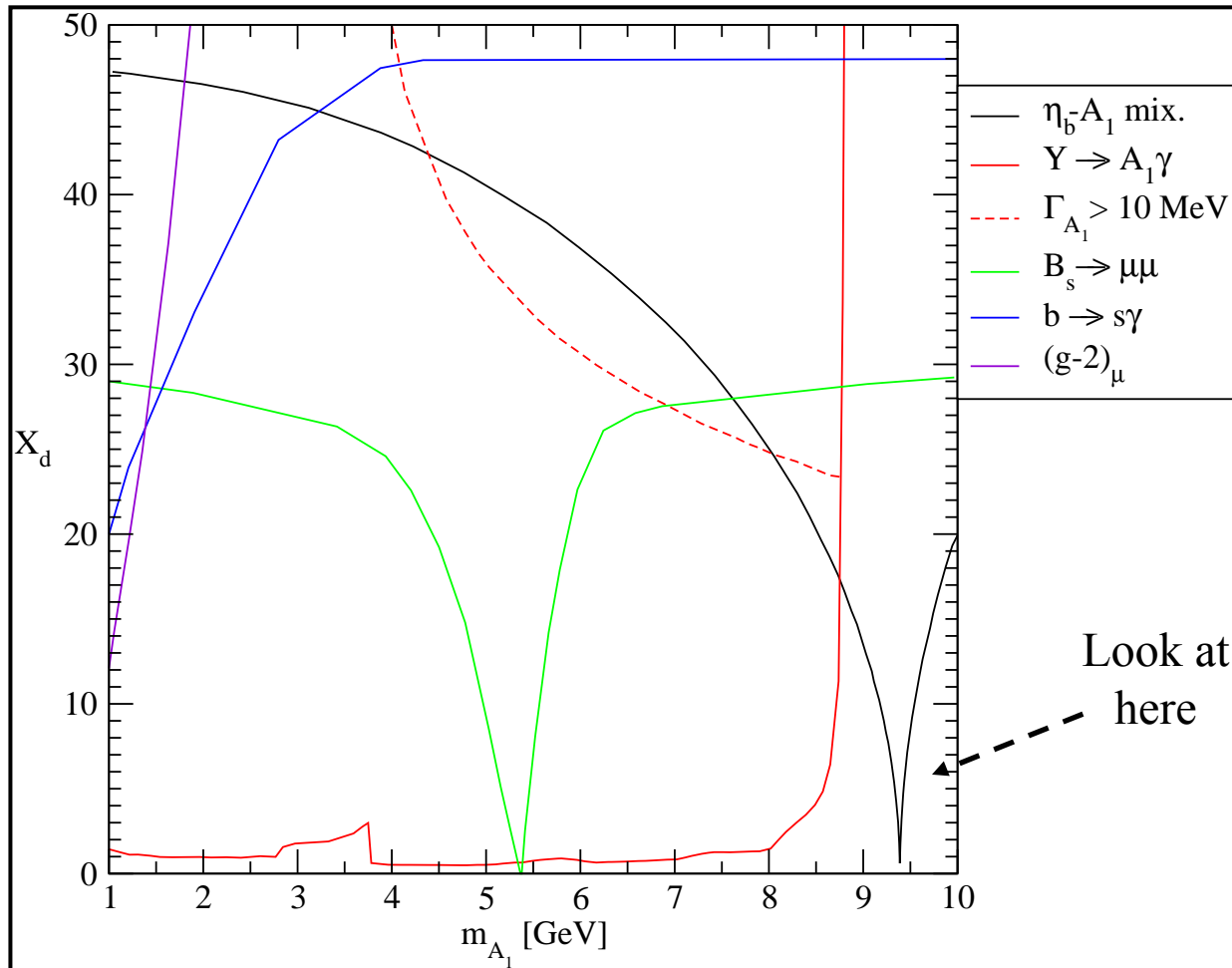
$$\Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \gamma \eta_b (n'S) [ \rightarrow A_1^* \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- ]$$

Cerro dos picos - Argentina



$A_1$ - $\eta_b$  mixing yields additional difficulties for exp detection as we shall see! 9

# Upper bounds for all parameters scanned in the NMSSM



$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$  puts limits  
about the  $B_s$  mass

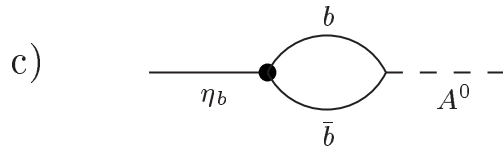
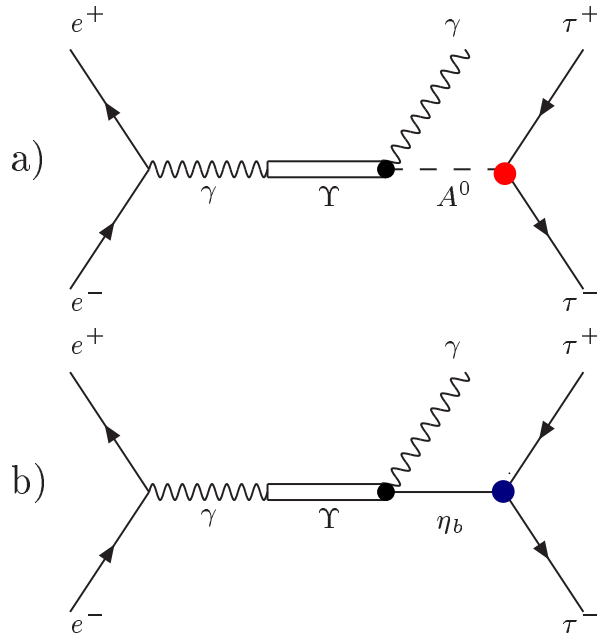
CLEO, BaBar searches for  
 $Y \rightarrow \gamma A_1$   
puts stringent limits  
for  $m_{A_1} < 9 \text{ GeV}$

BaBar discovery  
of  $\eta_b(1S)$   
puts limits about 9.4 GeV

# Mixing of a pseudoscalar Higgs $A_1$ and a $\eta_b$ resonance

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma \tau^+ \tau^-$$

hep-ph/0702190



$$\delta m^2 \approx \left( \frac{3m_{\eta_b}^3}{4\pi v^2} \right)^{1/2} |R_{\eta_b}(0)| \times X_d$$

$$\mathbf{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_{A_{10}}^2 & -im_{A_{10}} \Gamma_{A_{10}} & \delta m^2 \\ \delta m^2 & m_{\eta_{b0}}^2 & -im_{\eta_{b0}} \Gamma_{\eta_{b0}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$A_{10}, \eta_{b0}$   
unmixed states

$A_1, \eta_b$   
mixed (physical)  
states

$$A_1 = \cos \alpha A_{10} + \sin \alpha \eta_{b0}$$

$$\eta_b = \cos \alpha \eta_{b0} - \sin \alpha A_{10}$$

$$g_{A^0 \tau \tau} = \cos \alpha g_{A_{10}^0 \tau \tau} + \sin \alpha g_{\eta_{b0}^0 \tau \tau}$$

$$g_{\eta_b \tau \tau} = \cos \alpha g_{\eta_{b0}^0 \tau \tau} - \sin \alpha g_{A_{10}^0 \tau \tau}$$

The  $\eta_b$  decays to leptons because of its mixing with the CP-odd Higgs

$$\Gamma_{A^0} = |\cos \alpha|^2 \Gamma_{A_{10}^0} + |\sin \alpha|^2 \Gamma_{\eta_{b0}}$$

$$\Gamma_{\eta_b} = |\cos \alpha|^2 \Gamma_{\eta_{b0}} + |\sin \alpha|^2 \Gamma_{A_{10}^0}$$

$$\sin 2\alpha \approx \delta m^2$$

# Resonant and non-resonant decays without mixing

$$R_{\tau/\ell} = \frac{\Gamma_{Y(nS) \rightarrow \gamma_s \tau \tau}}{\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{(em)}} = \frac{B_{\tau\tau} - B_{\ell\ell}}{B_{\ell\ell}} = \frac{B_{\tau\tau}}{B_{\ell\ell}} - 1$$

QCD+binding energy effects  
small for a pseudoscalar  $A^0$   
Polchinski, Sharpe and Barnes  
Pantaleone, Peskin and Tye  
Nason

Leading-order Wilczek formula  
with binding-state, QCD + relativistic corrections:  $F = \frac{1}{2}$

quite uncertain  
especially  $\sim 9$  GeV

- Non-resonant decay

$$R_{\tau/\ell}^{non-res} = \frac{G_F m_b^2 X_d^2}{\sqrt{2} \pi \alpha} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{A^0}^2}{m_Y^2} \right) \cdot F$$

- Resonant decay

$$R_{\tau/\ell}^{res} = \frac{B[Y \rightarrow \gamma \eta_b]}{B[Y \rightarrow l^+ l^-]}$$

Wavefunction  
overlap

M1 transition probability

$$B(Y \rightarrow \gamma_s \eta_b) = \frac{\Gamma_{Y \rightarrow \gamma \eta_b}^{M1}}{\Gamma_Y} \cong \frac{1}{\Gamma_Y} \times \frac{4\alpha I^2 Q_b^2 k^3}{3m_b^2}$$

Naïve view!

## Resonant and non-resonant decays with $\eta_b(nS) - A_1$ mixing

The “Higgs” is to be **produced** through the  **$A_1$ - components of the mixed states** no matter which production mechanism is considered.

In turn, the **decay** of physical pseudoscalar states into taus should also take place via their  **$A_1$ - components**.

$$R_{\tau/\ell} = R_{\tau/\ell}^{A_1} + R_{\tau/\ell}^{\eta_b}$$

$$R_{\tau/\ell} = \frac{B[Y(nS) \rightarrow \gamma A_1]}{B[Y(nS) \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-]} \times B[A_1 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-] + \frac{B[Y(nS) \rightarrow \gamma \eta_b(kS)]}{B[Y(nS) \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-]} \times B[\eta_b(kS) \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-]$$

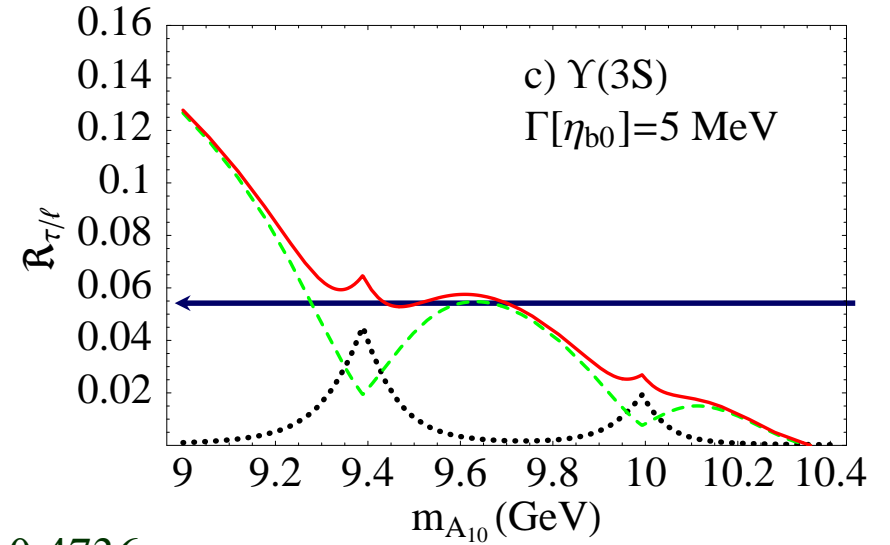
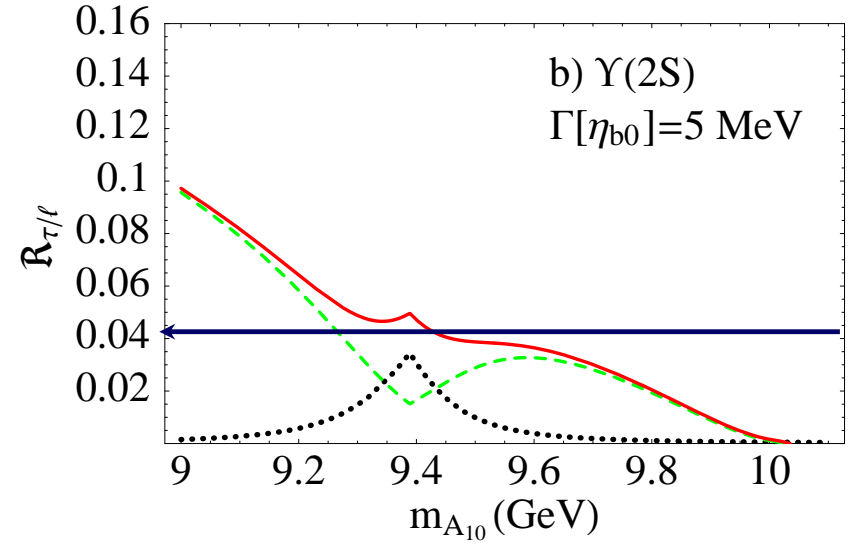
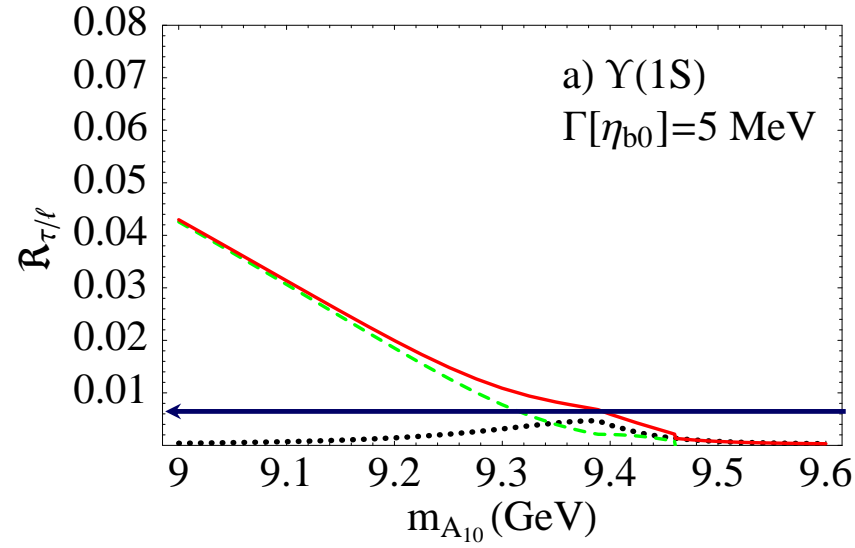
$$B[A_1 \rightarrow \tau\tau] = B[A_{10} \rightarrow \tau\tau] \times \frac{\cos^2 \alpha \Gamma_{A_{10}}}{\cos^2 \alpha \Gamma_{A_{10}} + \sin^2 \alpha \Gamma_{\eta_{b0}}}$$

$$B[\eta_b(nS) \rightarrow \tau\tau] = B[A_{10} \rightarrow \tau\tau] \times \frac{\sin^2 \alpha \Gamma_{A_{10}}}{\cos^2 \alpha \Gamma_{A_{10}} + \sin^2 \alpha \Gamma_{\eta_{b0}}}$$

**Mixing effect in the decay**

# Expected LU breaking

$$R_{\tau/\ell}^{non-res} + R_{\tau/\ell}^{res} = R_{\tau/\ell}$$



$$X_d = 12, \Gamma_{\eta_{b0}} = 5 \text{ MeV}$$

Green line: non-resonant decay  
Black line: resonant decay  
Red line: sum

arXiv: 0810.4736

# Spectroscopic consequences for the bottomonium family

*Mixing*

$\eta_b$  resonance

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$A^0$  Higgs boson

*Petit bourgeois*



*Enfant terrible*

## General mixing matrix

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\eta_b^0(1S)}^2 & 0 & 0 & \delta m_1^2 \\ 0 & m_{\eta_b^0(2S)}^2 & 0 & \delta m_2^2 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\eta_b^0(3S)}^2 & \delta m_3^2 \\ \delta m_1^2 & \delta m_2^2 & \delta m_3^2 & m_A^2 \end{pmatrix} .$$

$$\delta m_1^2 \simeq (0.14 \pm 10\%) \text{ GeV}^2 \times X_d ,$$

$$\delta m_2^2 \simeq (0.11 \pm 10\%) \text{ GeV}^2 \times X_d ,$$

$$\delta m_3^2 \simeq (0.10 \pm 10\%) \text{ GeV}^2 \times X_d .$$

Non-relativistic  
calculation

Physical states = (mass) eigenstates of the above matrix

$$\eta_i = P_{i,1} \eta_b^0(1S) + P_{i,2} \eta_b^0(2S) + P_{i,3} \eta_b^0(3S) + P_{i,4} A .$$

$i=1,2,3,4$

*What we should understand as a Higgs boson is to some extent a matter of convention; it seems natural to call “Higgs” the state with the largest  $P_{i,4}$*



## “Requirement” on $X_d$ from the $\eta_b(1S)$ mass measurement

Hyperfine splitting  $M_{Y(1S)} - M_{\eta_b(1S)} = 69.9 \pm 3.1$  MeV (BABAR)

Hyperfine splitting  $M_{Y(1S)} - M_{\eta_b(1S)} = 42 \pm 13$  MeV (pQCD)

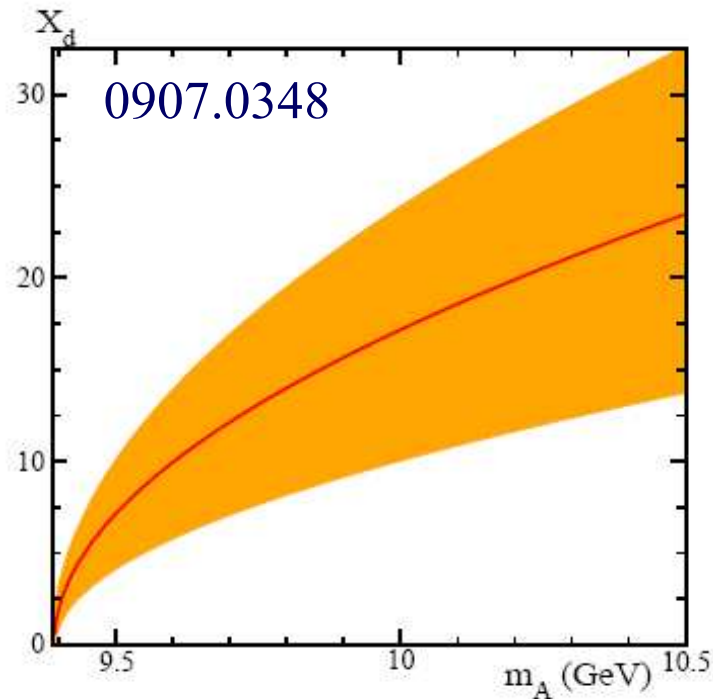


FIG. 1:  $X_d$  as a function of  $m_A$  (in GeV) such that one eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{M}^2$  coincides with the BABAR result (1).

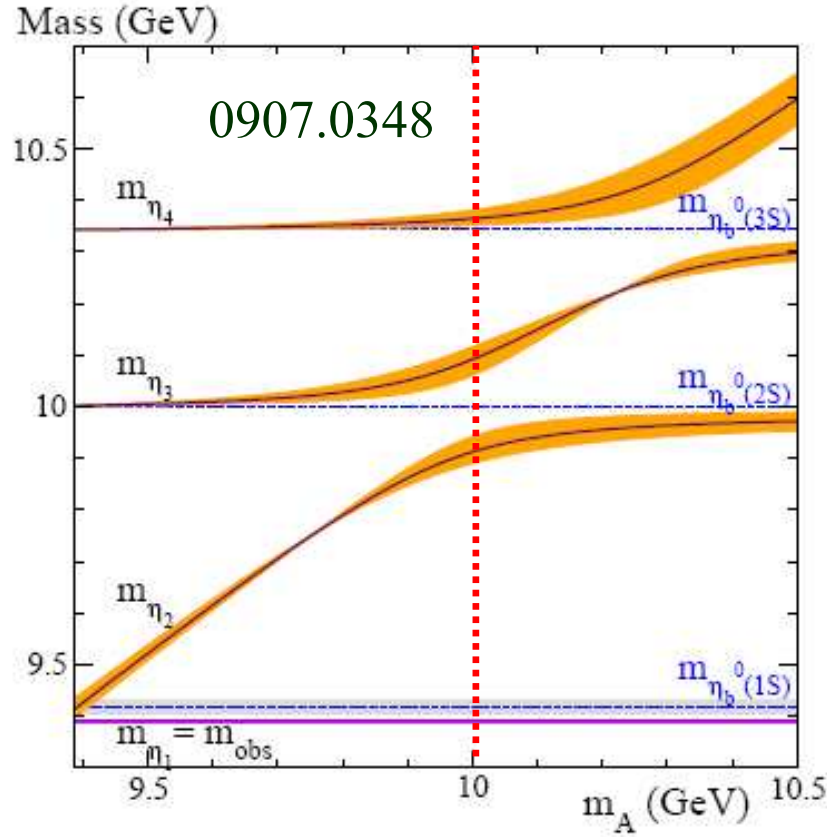
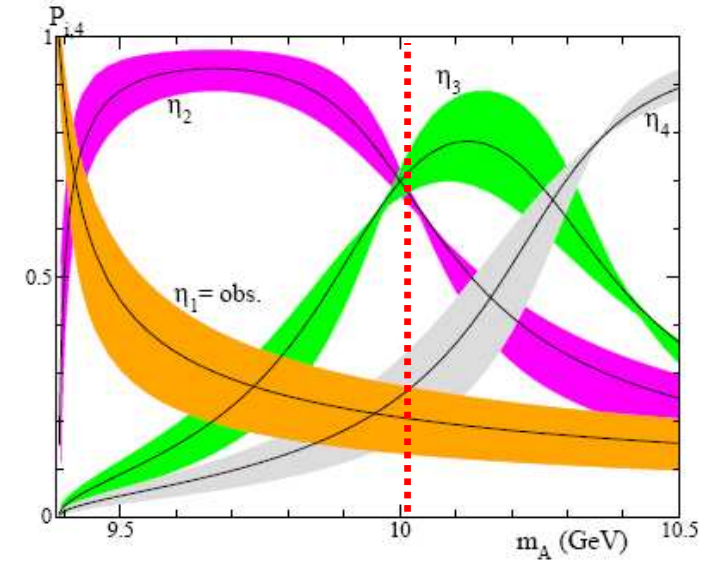


FIG. 2: The masses of all eigenstates as function of  $m_A$ .

*Possible scenarios:  
deeply entangled with  
search strategies*



G. 3: The  $A$ -components  $|P_{i,4}|$  for all 4 eigenstates as functions of  $m_A$ .

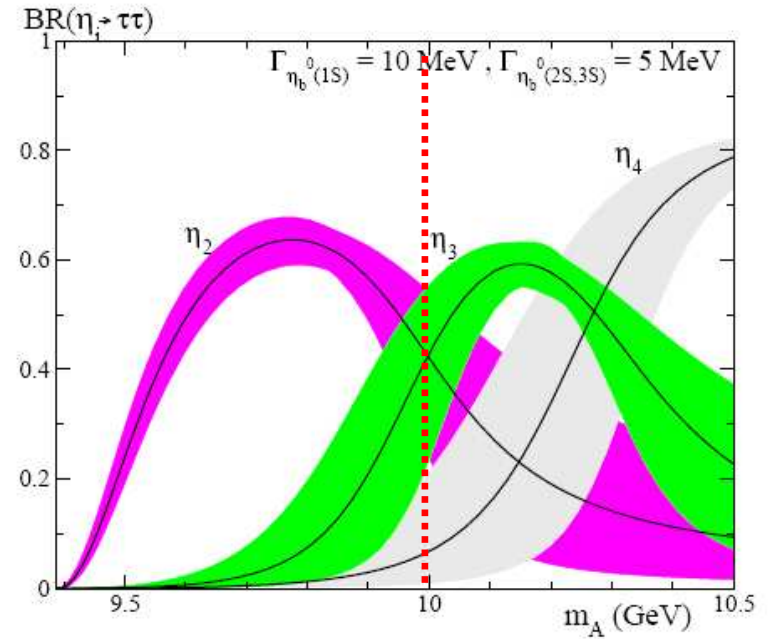


FIG. 4: The branching ratios into  $\tau^+ \tau^-$  for the eigenstates  $\eta_2$ ,  $\eta_3$  and  $\eta_4$  as functions of  $m_A$ .

# *An analogy: the Nile delta*



A “naïve” explorer moving across the delta:  
*The Nile river does not exist!*

## *Conclusions / Outlook*

The search for the  $\eta_b(2S)$  state(s) by BaBar/Belle is *crucial*  
to rule out/discover a light CP-odd Higgs  
in the range  $2m_\tau < m_{A_1} < 2m_B$   
(Relevant for NP searches at Tevatron/LHC  
since light and heavier sectors are entangled)



The  $\eta_b(2S)$ -like state mass measurement might  
yield a hyperfine splitting  $Y(2S) - \eta_b(2S)$   
in (quite) disagreement with SM expectations

Test of lepton universality in  $Y(2S)$  decays  
should be another hint of NP  
LU breaking expectedly larger than for the  $Y(1S)$

Related topics: **light dark matter**, muon anomalous  $g-2$



*Thank you very much!*

# Back-up

# Light neutral Higgs scenarios

Susy scale  $\sim O(100) \text{ GeV} - O(1) \text{ TeV}$   
sets the expected Higgs mass

Well-known example:

The photon is massless while  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$  &  $Z^0$   
are quite heavy!

**Gauge symmetry** explains such a mass difference

Protective symmetry?

**Light Higgs !**

A possible (and promising) scenario in the NMSSM

$$m_{A_1} < m_{H_1} < m_{A_2} \approx m_{H_1} \approx m_{H_2} \approx m_{H^+} = m_{H^-}$$

$\sim 10 \text{ GeV}$        $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  SM-like       $\sim 300/400 \text{ GeV}$  almost degenerate



**L & H**

Light and heavy Higgs  
bosons can live together!



# Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM)

A new singlet superfield is added to the Higgs sector:  $\hat{H}_u = \begin{pmatrix} H_u^+ \\ H_u^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{H}_d = \begin{pmatrix} H_d^+ \\ H_d^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{S}$   
 In general more extra SM singlets can be added: [hep-ph/0405244](#)

The  $\mu$ -problem of the MSSM would be solved by introducing in the superpotential the term

$$W_{Higgs} = \lambda \hat{S} (\hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d) + \frac{\kappa}{3} \hat{S}^3 \Rightarrow V_{soft} = \lambda A_\lambda S (H_u \circ H_d) + \frac{\kappa}{3} A_\kappa S^3 + h.c.$$

Spontaneous breaking of the PQ symmetry      Breaks explicitly the PQ symmetry

where  $\mu = \lambda x$ ,  $x = \langle S \rangle = \mu / \lambda$  If  $\kappa = 0 \rightarrow U(1)$  Peccei-Quinn symmetry

Spontaneous breaking  $\rightarrow$  NGB (massless), an “axion” (+QCD anomaly) ruled out experimentally

If the PQ symmetry is not exact but explicitly broken  $\rightarrow$  provides a mass to the (pseudo) NGB leading to a **light CP-odd scalar** for small  $\kappa$

If  $\lambda$  and  $\kappa$  zero  $\rightarrow U(1)_R$  symmetry; if  $U(1)_R$  slightly broken  $\rightarrow$  a **light pseudoscalar Higgs boson** too

## Higgs sector in the NMSSM: (seven)

- 2 neutral CP-odd Higgs bosons ( $A_{1,2}$ )
- 3 neutral CP-even Higgs bosons ( $H_{1,2,3}$ )
- 2 charged Higgs bosons ( $H^\pm$ )

The  $A_1$  would be the lightest Higgs:

$$M_{A_1}^2 \cong -3 \left( \frac{\kappa}{\lambda} \right) A_\kappa \mu$$

Favored decay mode:  $H_{1,2} \rightarrow A_1 A_1$   
 hard to detect at the LHC [\[hep-ph/0406215\]](#)

$$A_1 = \cos \theta_A A_{MSMS} + \sin \theta_A A_s$$

Coupling of  $A_1$  to down type fermions:

$$\propto \frac{m_f^2 v}{x} \delta, \Rightarrow \cos \theta_A \tan \beta \quad [\text{hep-ph/0404220}]$$

$$\cos^2 \theta_A \cong \frac{v^2}{x^2 \tan^2 \beta} \delta^2, \quad \delta = \frac{A_\lambda - 2\kappa x}{A_\lambda + \kappa x}$$

## (Hidden) systematic errors?

There could be hidden systematic errors in the extraction of the muonic and tauonic branching fractions from experimental data, e.g. use is made of lepton universality as an intermediate step

$$B_{ee} = B_{\mu\mu} = B_{\tau\tau}$$

Defining:  $\hat{B}_{\mu\mu} = \Gamma_{\mu\mu} / \Gamma_{\text{had}}$

hep-ex/9409004  
hep-ex/0409027

$$B_{\mu\mu} = \Gamma_{\mu\mu} / \Gamma_Y = \frac{\tilde{B}_{\mu\mu}}{1 + 3\tilde{B}_{\mu\mu}} \Rightarrow B_{\mu\mu} = \frac{\tilde{B}_{\mu\mu}}{1 + \tilde{B}_{ee} + \tilde{B}_{\mu\mu} + \tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}}$$

★ The muonic branching fraction would be **overestimated** if  $\tilde{B}_{\mu\mu} \leq \tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}$

$$B_{ee} = B_{\mu\mu} = B_{\tau\tau}$$

Defining:  $\hat{B}_{\tau\tau} = \Gamma_{\tau\tau} / \Gamma_{\text{had}}$

$$B_{\tau\tau} = \Gamma_{\tau\tau} / \Gamma_Y = \frac{\tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}}{1 + 3\tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}} \Rightarrow B_{\tau\tau} = \frac{\tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}}{1 + \tilde{B}_{ee} + \tilde{B}_{\mu\mu} + \tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}}$$

★ The tauonic branching fraction would be **underestimated** if  $\tilde{B}_{\mu\mu} \leq \tilde{B}_{\tau\tau}$

★ Besides phase space disfavors the tauonic decay mode by  $\sim 1\%$  (Van-Royen Weisskopf formula)

In the opposite direction !



Comment on “New constraints of a light CP-odd Higgs boson and related NMSSM  
Ideal Higgs Scenarios” by Dermisek and Gunion (arXiv:1002.1971 [hep-ph])

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In two recent papers [1, 2] Dermisek and Gunion provide new constraints on a light CP-odd Higgs boson in the framework of the “ideal” NMSSM (and related scenarios) based on experimental data from LEP, CLEO, BaBar and CDF experiments. In this brief comment we argue that special care is still needed inside a narrow mass window where mixing of a pseudoscalar Higgs-like particle with  $\eta_b$  resonances below  $B\bar{B}$  can occur. We also stress that observables testing lepton universality and a possible distortion of the bottomonium mass spectrum can provide an alternative analysis at (Super) B-factories in the search of such an elusive light pseudoscalar Higgs-like object.

Recent measurements by BaBar [3], CLEO [4], ALEPH [5] and CDF [6] have allowed the authors of [1, 2] to provide new and stringent constraints on a light CP-odd Higgs boson (denoted here as  $A$ ) coupling to down-type fermions in the framework of the NMSSM (or similar models). However, a caveat is in order inside a narrow mass window where  $A - \eta_b$  mixing should occur [7, 8], ultimately resulting in a negative influence on the experimental detection of a new state typically expected to show up as a single peak in the invariant mass spectrum, because:

- i) The total width of the physical (mixed) CP-odd Higgs state could substantially increase since the  $\eta_b$  resonance(s) would have total width(s) of  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  MeV, not negligible compared to experimental resolution as usually assumed in the experimental searches. Actually, since we are dealing with mixed states, what should be understood as pseudoscalar Higgs state is, to some extent, a matter of convention. It seems natural to call “Higgs” the mass eigenstate with the largest  $A$ -component ( $P_{i,4}$ ) of all four possible mixed states ( $\eta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ).

$$\eta_i = P_{i,1} \eta_b^0(1S) + P_{i,2} \eta_b^0(2S) + P_{i,3} \eta_b^0(3S) + P_{i,4} A$$

where  $\eta_b^0(nS)$  and  $A$  denote the unmixed states;  $P_{i,4}$  varies as a function of  $m_A$  as can be seen from the middle plot of Fig.1. The resulting mass spectrum is shown in the left-hand plot of Fig.1 (see [9] for more details).

- ii) Production and decay into leptons of a CP-odd Higgs would be channeled through distinct physical particles with different masses. Therefore, a multi-peak scenario would show up instead of a single narrow peak, whenever a significant mixing occurs, in either the photon-energy spectrum (from radiative Upsilon decays at B factories), or the dimuon mass spectrum (at hadron colliders).

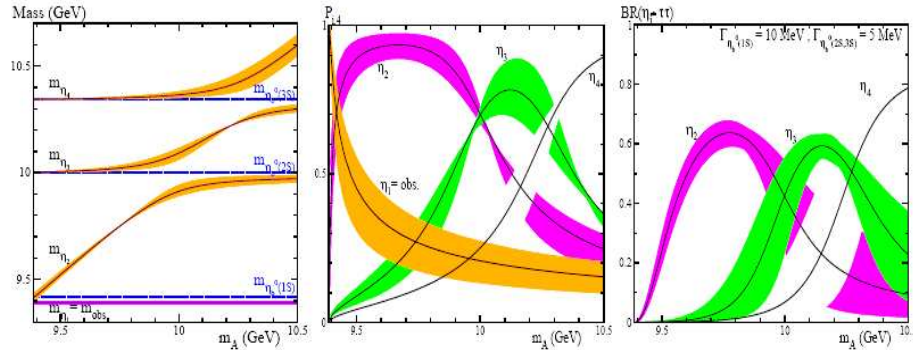
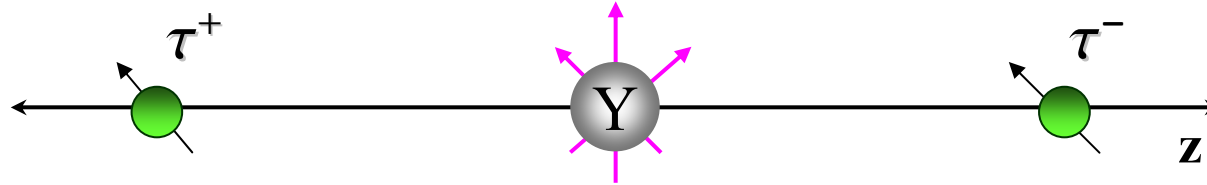


FIG. 1: *Left*: Masses of the physical (mixed) pseudoscalar states ( $\eta_{1,2,3,4}$ ) below  $B\bar{B}$  threshold as function of the unmixed  $A$  mass obtained in [9] by requiring that the difference between the perturbative QCD expectation and the measured  $\eta_b(1S)$  mass [10, 11] is entirely ascribed to the  $A - \eta_b(1S)$  mixing. *Middle*: The  $A$ -component  $P_{i,4}$  of all 4 eigenstates versus  $m_A$ . *Right*: Tauonic branching ratios of  $\eta_{2,3,4}$  eigenstates versus  $m_A$ ;  $BR(\eta_1 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) < 8\%$  [3] is not shown in the plot. Solid (dashed) lines stand for the (un)mixed states and colored fringes indicate theoretical uncertainties [9].

$$\eta_i = P_{i,1} \eta_b(1S) + P_{i,2} \eta_b(2S) + P_{i,3} \eta_b(3S) + P_{i,4} A$$

The “Higgs” is to be **produced** through the  **$A_1$ - components** of the mixed states no matter which production mechanism is considered. In turn, the **decay** of physical pseudoscalar states into taus should also take place via their  **$A_1$ - components**.

## Leptonic decay mode: $Y(nS) \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ vs $Y(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



- For transverse polarization of  $Y(nS)$ , the helicity of leptons gives no difference
- For longitudinal polarization of  $Y(nS)$ , **lepton helicity favours the tauonic mode**  
(as e.g. in  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$  versus  $\pi \rightarrow e \nu_e$ )
- **Phase space favours the muonic decay mode**

$$\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{(em)} = 4\alpha^2 Q_b^2 \frac{|R_n(0)|^2}{M_Y^2} \times \underbrace{(1+2x_\ell)(1-4x_\ell)^{1/2}}_{\text{(smoothly) decreasing function of } x_\ell}$$

with  $x_\ell = m_\ell^2 / M_Y^2$   $K(x_\ell) \approx (1-6x_\ell)$

For  $Y(1S)$ :

$$K(x_\tau) \approx 0.992 \Rightarrow -0.8\%$$