



pMSSM scan for future colliders (& more)

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Intro to pMSSM

- Most SUSY searches are optimized in terms of simplified models (2-3 free parameters)
- However, the full MSSM contains 120 free parameters
- The pMSSM goes **beyond simplified models**, but uses motivated assumptions to reduce the total number of parameters to a more tenable **19 parameters**:

$\tan \beta$: the ratio of the vev of the two-Higgs doublet fields.

M_A : the mass of the pseudoscalar Higgs boson

μ : the Higgs-higgsino mass parameter

M_1, M_2, M_3 : the bino, wino and gluino mass parameters.

$m_{\tilde{q}}, m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R}, m_{\tilde{l}}, m_{\tilde{e}_R}$: first/second generation sfermion masses

$m_{\tilde{Q}}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}, m_{\tilde{b}_R}, m_{\tilde{L}}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_R}$: third generation sfermion masses

A_t, A_b, A_τ : third generation trilinear couplings.

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Goal of Snowmass pMSSM scan

- Explore future sensitivity in a framework that goes beyond simplified SUSY models
- Understand the physics potential of different future experiments in the context of the pMSSM
 - How will SUSY sensitivity from various collider scenarios overlap/complement each other?
 - What interesting pMSSM models have limited coverage, and how can we expand this coverage?
- Complementarity across Snowmass Frontiers: input from dark matter, rare frontier, etc.

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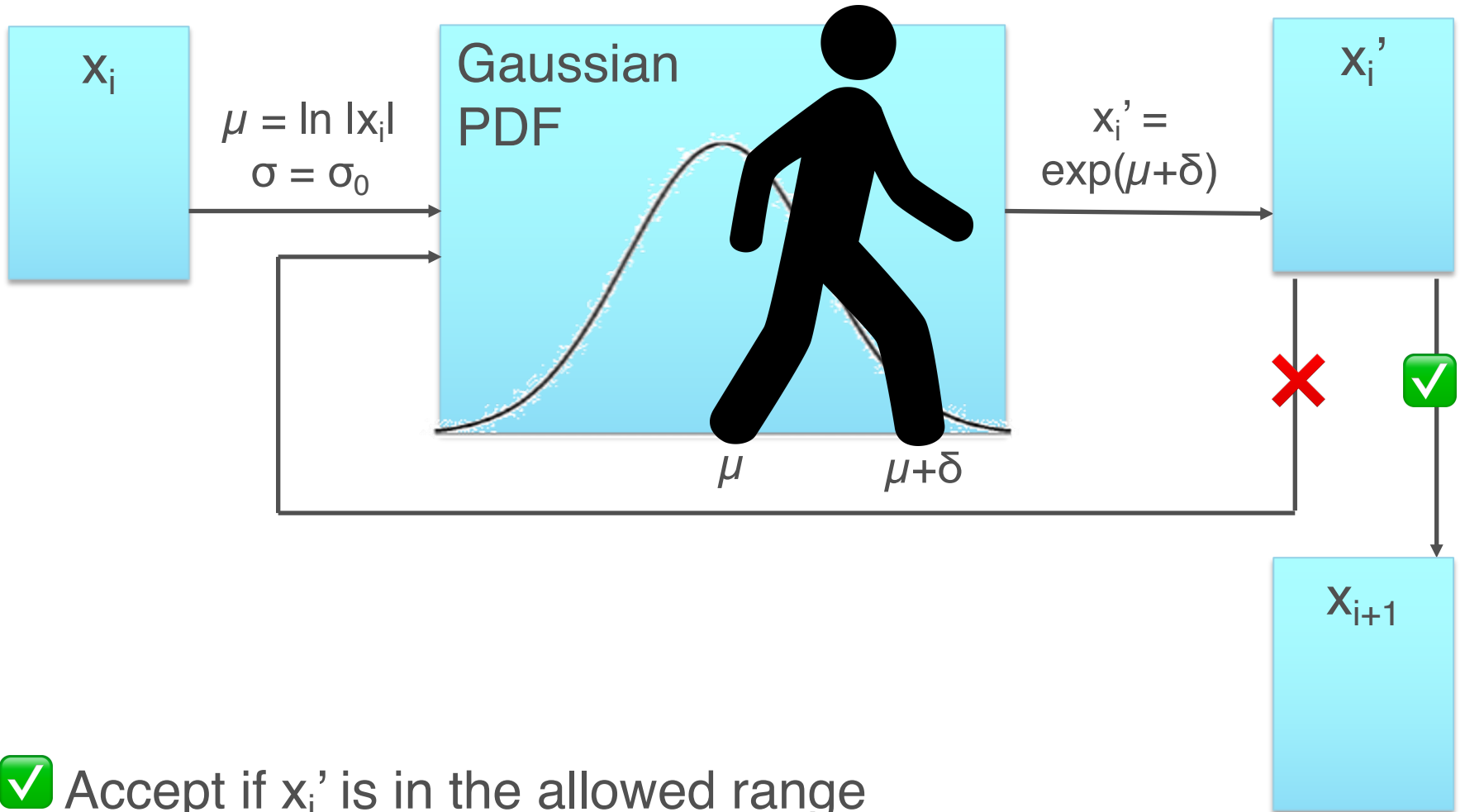
Sampling 19D pMSSM space

- We will perform a **grand scan** that aims to cover the OR of accessible ranges of many collider scenarios, up to 100 TeV pp collider
- This is a HUGE parameter space. Use a **Markov chain Monte Carlo** to step through the space in a smart way
 - Use **logarithmic stepping** to populate low values of mass parameters more densely than high values
 - **Likelihood** for accepting/rejecting a point is based on existing experimental results

Parameter ranges

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Stepping
$\tan \beta$	1	60	Log
M_A	100 GeV	25 TeV	Log
$ \mu $	80 GeV	25 TeV	Log
$ M_1 $	1 GeV	25 TeV	Log
$ M_2 $	70 GeV	25 TeV	Log
M_3	200 GeV	50 TeV	Log
$m_{L123\sim}, m_{e123\sim}$	90 GeV	25 TeV	Log
$m_{Q12\sim}, m_{u12\sim}, m_{d12\sim}$	200 GeV	50 TeV	Log
$m_{Q3\sim}, m_{u3\sim}, m_{d3\sim}$	100 GeV	50 TeV	Log
$ A_b , A_\tau $	1 GeV	7 TeV	Log
$ A_t $	1 GeV	$3\sqrt{(m_{Q3\sim}m_{u3\sim})}$	Log

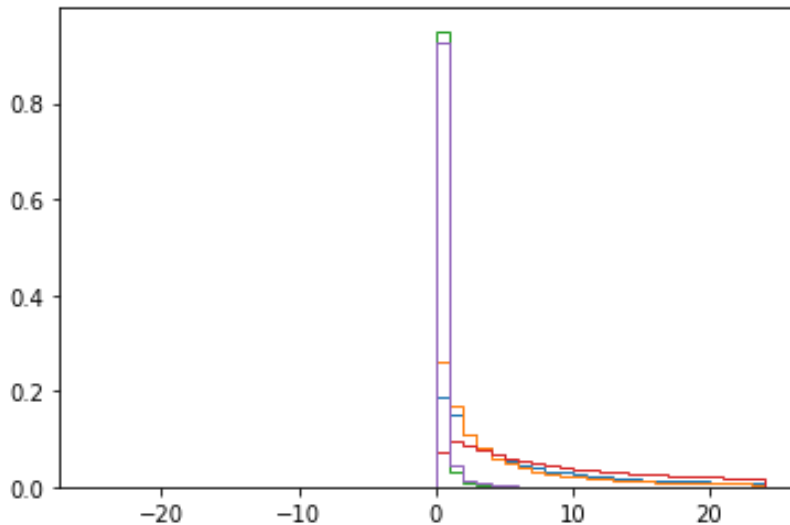
McMC: logarithmic stepping



✓ Accept if x_i' is in the allowed range and $L(x_i')$ satisfies criteria

Logarithmic stepping: a simple MCMC test

- Use a 1D parameter space with $0 < x < 25$
- Use a flat likelihood for simplicity
- Run MCMC with 1,000,000 iterations
- Do this 5 times with random starting points
 - 5.1, 3.2, 14.1, 15.7, 0.1



Log stepping, fixed width gaussian

Gives the qualitative behavior we want

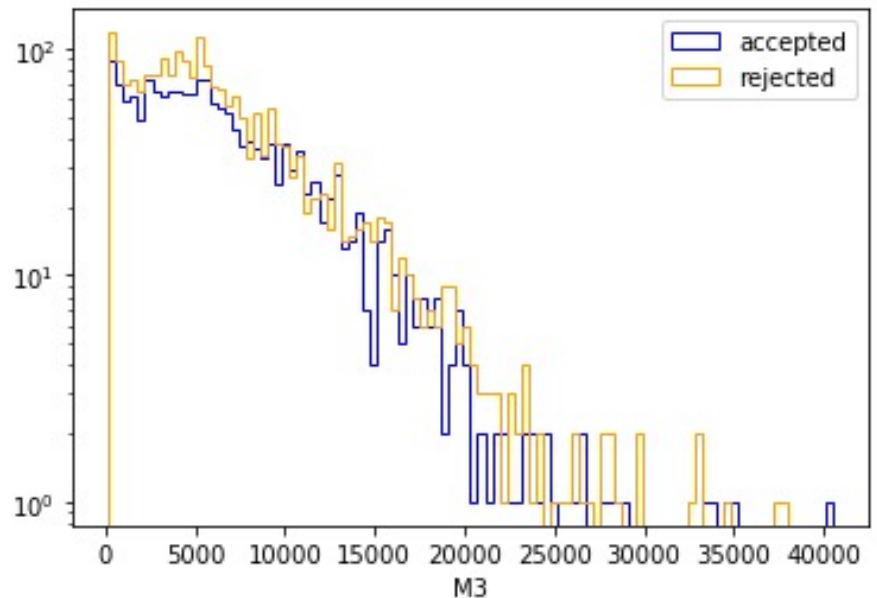
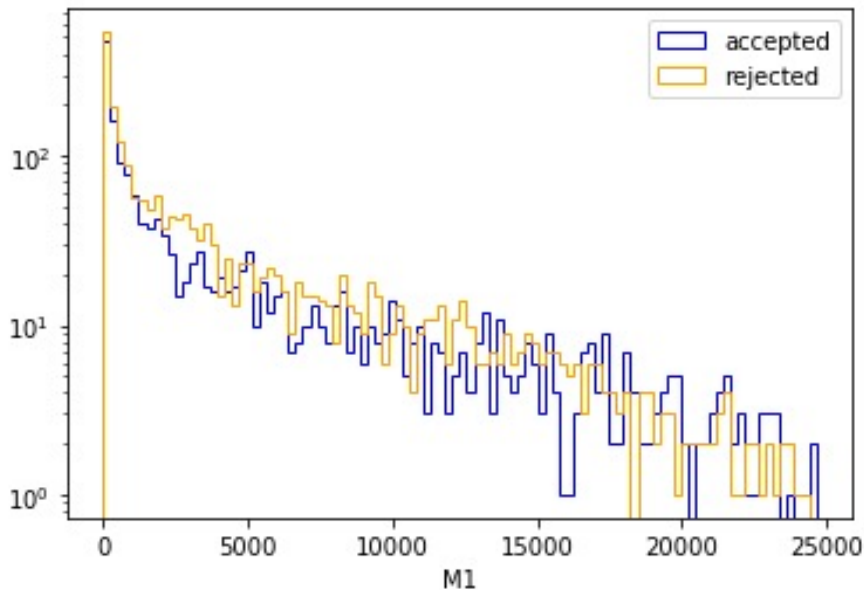
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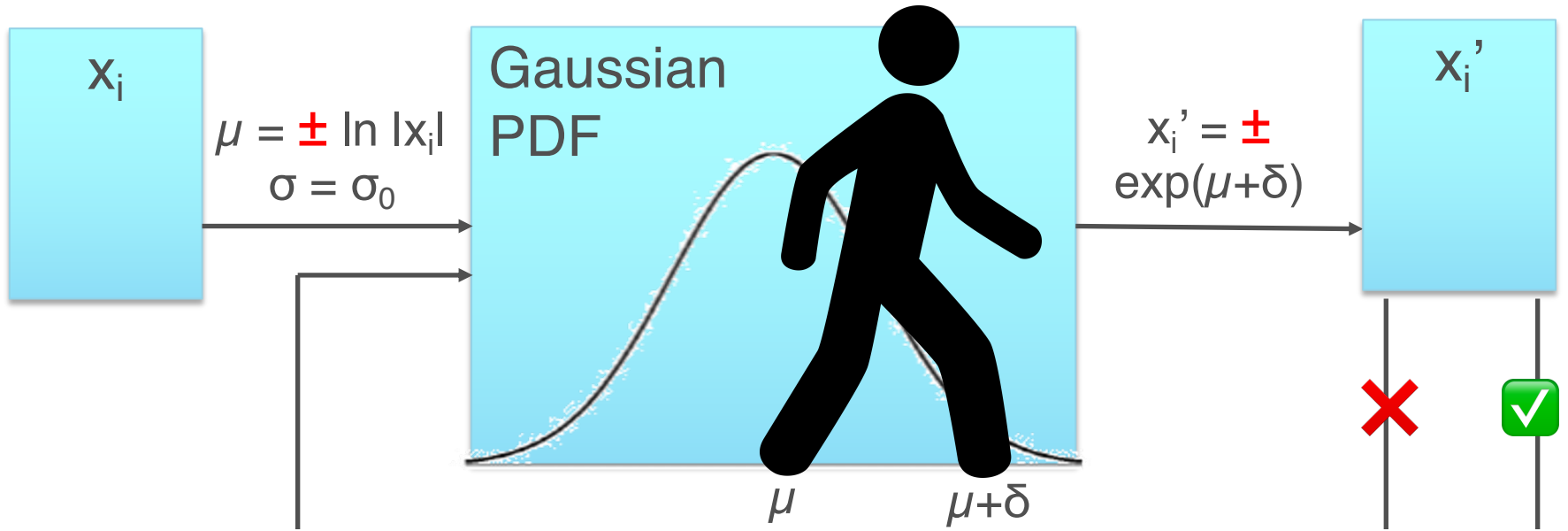
- Log stepping achieves the desired effect: lower masses are explored with finer granularity than higher masses
- Width σ_0 determines the fraction of high mass points
 - Currently $\sigma_0 = 1-10\%$ of the allowed parameter range
- Optimization study of σ_0 ongoing
 - e.g. are there enough points where strong SUSY is decoupled

McMC: impact of Gaussian's width

- In a 4000 point scan with $\sigma_0 = 5\%$ of the parameter range:
 - Mass parameters are explored up to 25 TeV (see M1), but not well up to 50 TeV (see M3)
 - $\tan\beta$, $A\mu$, A_b , A_t are explored out to their limits



McMC: logarithmic stepping

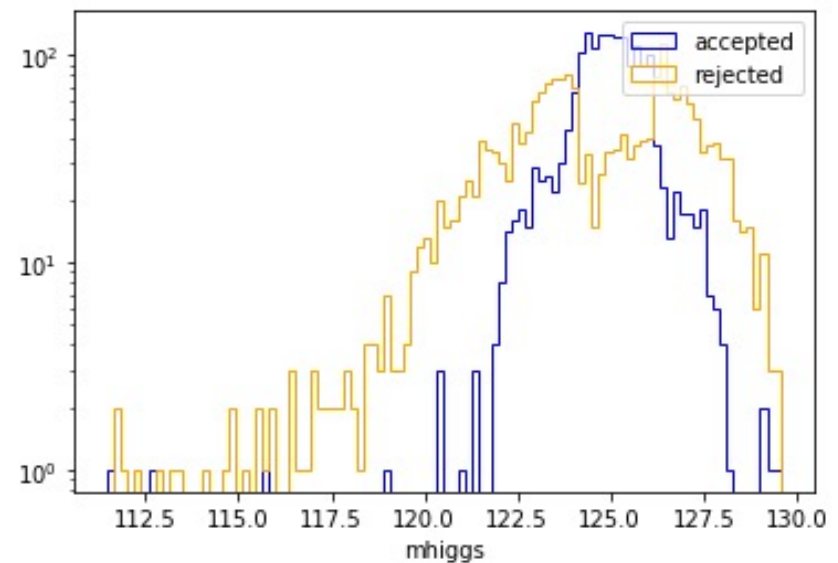
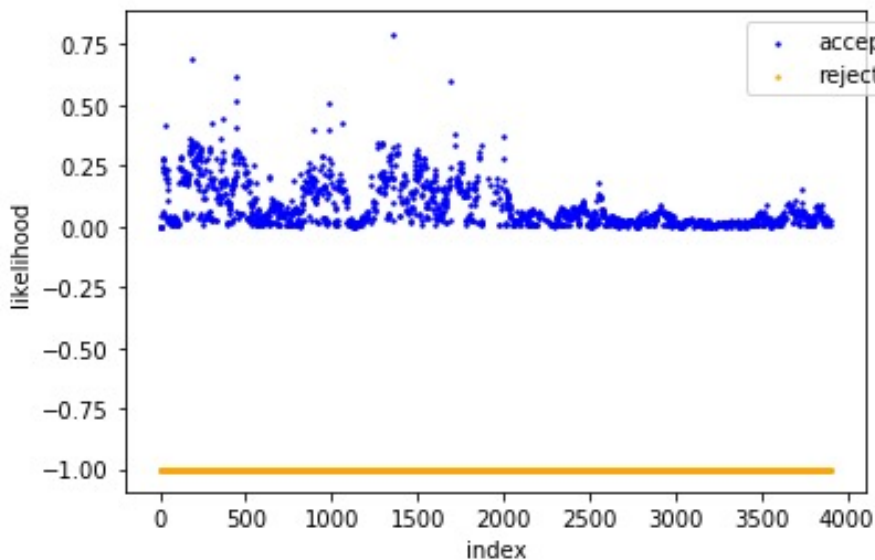


- Drawback: log stepping cannot cross zero
 - Some pMSSM parameters can have \pm values
- Solution: keep sign convention of initial point
 - When multiple scans are launched in parallel, different initial conditions will be chosen at random, including signs

McMC likelihood

- Construct a likelihood for the pMSSM point based on its agreement with existing measurements
 - The McMC prefers to take steps to new points with higher likelihood (better agreement with measurements)

Example 4000 point scan:



McMC likelihood

- Contributions from **SPheno** and m_W (**FeynHiggs**): Gaussian with mean/width = experimental value/uncertainty
- Contributions from **Superiso**, **HiggsSignals**, and **HiggsBounds**: χ^2 is calculated directly by the program

Superiso 4.0	SPheno 4.0.4	FeynHiggs 2.18.0	Higgs Signals 2.6.0	Higgs Bounds 5.9.1
$\Delta_0(B \rightarrow K\gamma)$	$BR(B^+ \rightarrow TV)$	m_W	LHC Higgs meas.	LHC Heavy H($\tau\tau$)
$BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$	$BR(D_s \rightarrow TV)$			
$BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	$BR(D_s \rightarrow \mu\nu)$	m_H, H properties		
$BR(B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	$\Delta(\rho)$			
$BR(b \rightarrow s\mu\mu)$	α_s			
$BR(b \rightarrow see)$	m_{top}			
$BR(B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma)$	m_{bottom}			

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Narrowing the focus

- We can't simulate events for every pMSSM point. Will need to decide what regions to focus on
- Could decide to **not simulate inaccessible points**
 - With small cross sections / low yield at fixed luminosity
 - Based on truth-based likelihood, as ATLAS does
- Could **focus the scan by over-sampling**, i.e. simulating a high density of points in interesting regions:
 - Near the measured value of $g-2$
 - With DM relic density consistent with observations
 - Satisfying naturalness criteria

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Sample generation

- Signal samples can be generated by feeding SLHA files into Pythia, then Pythia events through Delphes
 - Workflow is being developed
- SM backgrounds to be provided for the colliders and center of mass energies listed below ([link to slides](#))

Machine	Energy							
CEPC	mz	2m _w	240					GeV
FCC-ee	mz	2m _w	240	2m _t				
ILC	250	350		500	1000			
CLIC			380			1500	3000	
HL-LHC/FCC-hh	14	75	100	150				TeV
LHeC/FCC-eh	1.3	3.5						
μμ	3	10	14	30				

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Conclusions

- The technical implementation of a pMSSM grand scan using Markov chain Monte Carlo is in place
 - Likelihood based on existing measurements steers the scan away from excluded regions
 - Logarithmic stepping ensures the whole phase space is explored, while populating low parameter values with high density
- What subset of signal points to generate? Brainstorm is ongoing, already have a few possibilities
- Workflow for signal MC generation is under development

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Welcoming input

- We hope this pMSSM scan can be very widely useful for Snowmass studies
 - pMSSM points and generated signal events will be made available to everyone
- More groups using the scan points for studies = more complete comparison as the final product
 - Let us know if you want a particular collider setup for generated events, etc.
 - Want to extend beyond just EF (dark matter, rare, etc.)
- Feel free to exercise the scan code. Details and instructions can be found on [this twiki](#)