## Probing next-to-minimal-supersymmetric models with minimal fine tuning by searching for decays of the Y to a light CP-odd Higgs boson

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Completely natural electroweak symmetry breaking is easily achieved in supersymmetric models if there is a SM-like Higgs boson, h, with  $m_h \leq 100$  GeV. In the minimal supersymmetric model, such an hdecays mainly to  $b\bar{b}$  and is ruled out by LEP constraints. However, if the MSSM Higgs sector is expanded so that h decays mainly to still lighter Higgs bosons, e.g.  $h \rightarrow aa$ , with Br( $h \rightarrow aa$ ) > 0.7, and if  $m_a < 2m_b$ , then the LEP constraints are satisfied even if  $m_h \leq 100$  GeV. In this paper, we show that in the nextto-minimal supersymmetric model the above h and a properties (for the lightest *CP*-even and *CP*-odd Higgs bosons, respectively) imply a lower bound on Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a$ ) that dedicated runs at present (and future) B factories can explore.

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Low energy supersymmetry (SUSY) remains one of the most attractive solutions to the naturalness/hierarchy problem of the standard model (SM). However, the minimal supersymmetric model (MSSM), containing exactly two Higgs doublets, suffers from the " $\mu$  problem" and requires rather special parameter choices in order that the light Higgs mass is above LEP limits without electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) being "fine-tuned", i.e. highly sensitive to supersymmetry-breaking parameters chosen at the grand-unification scale. Both problems are easily solved by adding Higgs (super) fields to the MSSM. For generic soft-SUSY-breaking parameters well below the TeV scale, fine-tuning is absent [1] and a SM-like h is predicted with  $m_h \leq 100$  GeV. Such an h can avoid LEP limits on the tightly constrained  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z + b's$  channel if  $Br(h \rightarrow bb)$  is small by virtue of large  $Br(h \rightarrow aa)$ , where a is a new light (typically CP-odd) Higgs boson, and  $m_a < 2m_b$  so that  $a \rightarrow bb$  is forbidden [2]. The perfect place to search for such an a is in Upsilon decays,  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a$ . The simplest MSSM extension, the next-to-minimal supersymmetric model (NMSSM), naturally predicts that the lightest h and a,  $h_1$  and  $a_1$ , have all the right features [1– 5]. In this paper, we show that large  $Br(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$  implies, at fixed  $m_{a_1}$ , a lower bound on Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ ) (from now on,  $\Upsilon$  is the 1S resonance unless otherwise stated) that is typically within reach of present and future *B* factories.

In the NMSSM, a light  $a_1$  with substantial  $\operatorname{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$  is a very natural possibility for  $m_Z$ -scale soft parameters developed by renormalization group running starting from  $U(1)_R$  symmetric grand unified theory-scale soft parameters [5]. (See also [6,7] for discussions of the light  $a_1$  scenario.) The fine-tuning-preferred  $m_{h_1} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  (for  $\tan \beta \ge \text{few}$ ) gives perfect consistency with precision electroweak data and the reduced  $\operatorname{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \sim 0.09-0.15$  explains the  $\sim 2.3\sigma$  excess at LEP in the  $Zb\bar{b}$  channel at  $M_{b\bar{b}} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ . The motivation for this scenario is thus very strong.

Hadron collider probes of the NMSSM Higgs sector are problematical. The  $h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow 4\tau \ (2m_\tau < m_{a_1} < 2m_b)$ or 4 jets  $(m_{a_1} < 2m_{\tau})$  signal is a very difficult one at the Tevatron and very possibly at the LHC [8-11]. Higgs discovery or, at the very least, certification of a marginal LHC Higgs signal, will require a linear  $e^+e^-$  collider (ILC). Direct production and detection of the  $a_1$  may be impossible at both the LHC and ILC because it is rather singlet in nature. We show that by increasing sensitivity to Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ ) by one to 3 orders of magnitude (the exact requirement depends on  $m_{a_1}$  and  $\tan\beta$ ), there is a good chance of detecting the  $a_1$ . This constitutes a significant opportunity for current B factories and a major motivation for new super-B factories. Even if ILC  $h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1$  data is available, measurement of  $Br(Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$  and  $a_1$  decays would provide extremely valuable complementary information.

As compared to the three independent parameters needed in the MSSM context (often chosen as  $\mu$ , tan $\beta$ , and  $M_A$ ), the Higgs sector of the NMSSM is described by the six parameters

$$\lambda$$
,  $\kappa$ ,  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$ ,  $\tan\beta$ ,  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ , (1)

where  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = \lambda \langle S \rangle \equiv \lambda s$  is the effective  $\mu$  term generated from the  $\lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d$  part of the superpotential,  $\lambda A_\lambda S H_u H_d$  is the associated soft-SUSY-breaking scalar potential component, and  $\kappa$  and  $\kappa A_\kappa$  appear in the  $\frac{1}{3}\kappa \hat{S}^3$  and  $\frac{1}{3}\kappa A_\kappa S^3$ terms in the superpotential and associated soft-supersymmetry-breaking potential. In addition, values must be input for the soft SUSY-breaking masses that contribute to the radiative corrections in the Higgs sector and to the Higgs decay widths. Our computations for branching ratios and so forth employ NMHDECAY [12]. An important ingredient for the results of this paper is the nonsinglet fraction of the  $a_1$  defined by  $\cos\theta_A$  in

$$a_1 = \cos\theta_A A_{\text{MSSM}} + \sin\theta_A A_S, \qquad (2)$$

where  $A_S$  is the *CP*-odd Higgs boson contained in the unmixed *S* complex scalar field. The coupling of  $a_1$  to  $\tau^+ \tau^-$  and  $b\bar{b}$  is then  $\propto \tan\beta \cos\theta_A$ ;  $\cos\theta_A$  itself has some  $\tan\beta$  dependence with the net result that  $\tan\beta \cos\theta_A$  increases modestly with increasing  $\tan\beta$ .

In [1,3,4], we scanned over the NMSSM parameter space holding tan $\beta$  and the gaugino masses  $M_{1,2,3}(m_Z)$ fixed, searching for choices that minimized a numerical measure, F, of EWSB fine-tuning, i.e. of how precisely the grand unified theory-scale soft-SUSY-breaking parameters must be chosen to obtain the observed value of  $m_Z$  after renormalization group evolution. For F < 15, fine-tuning is no worse than 7%, and we regard this as equivalent to absence of significant fine-tuning. For the sample values of  $\tan\beta = 10$  and  $M_{1,2,3} = 100$ , 200, 300 GeV (F only depends significantly on  $M_3$ ), to achieve the lowest F values (F  $\sim$  5–6), the  $h_1$  must be fairly SM-like and  $m_{h_1} \sim$ 100 GeV is required; this is only consistent with LEP constraints for scenarios in which  $Br(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$  is large and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ .<sup>1</sup> Crucially, requiring both large Br( $h_1 \rightarrow$  $a_1a_1$ ) and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$  implies a lower bound on  $|\cos\theta_A|$ , e.g.  $|\cos\theta_A| \gtrsim 0.04$  at  $\tan\beta = 10$  [5] (independent of the *EWSB F value*).<sup>2</sup> And, it is this lower bound on  $|\cos\theta_A|$ that leads to a lower bound on  $Br(\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$ .

Aside from EWSB fine-tuning, there is a question of whether fine-tuning is needed to achieve large  $Br(h_1 \rightarrow$  $a_1a_1$ ) and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$  when F < 15. This was discussed in [5]. The level of such fine-tuning is determined mostly by whether  $A_{\lambda}$  and  $A_{\kappa}$  need to be fine-tuned. (For given s and  $\tan\beta$ , Br $(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$  and  $m_{a_1}$  depend significantly only on  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $A_{\lambda}$ , and  $A_{\kappa}$ ; all other SUSY parameters have only a tiny influence.) Since specific soft-SUSY-breaking scenarios can evade the issue of tuning  $A_{\kappa}$  and  $A_{\lambda}$  altogether, in this study we do not impose a limit on the measures of  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  fine-tuning discussed in [5]. However, it is worth noting that we find that  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  fine-tuning can easily be avoided if  $m_{a_1} \gtrsim 2m_{\tau}$  and  $\cos\theta_A$  is small and negative, e.g. near  $\cos\theta_A \sim -0.1$  if  $\tan\beta = 10$ . In some models, the simplest measures of  $A_{\lambda}, A_{\kappa}$  fine-tuning are much larger away from the preferred  $\cos\theta_A$  region and/or at substantially lower  $m_{a_1}$  values.

We now turn to  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ . We have computed the branching ratio for this decay based on Eqs. (3.54), (3.58), and (3.60) of [13] (which gives all appropriate references). Equation (3.54) gives the result based on the nonrelativistic quarkonium model; Eqs. (3.58) and (3.60) give the procedures for including QCD corrections and relativistic corrections, respectively. Both cause significant



FIG. 1 (color online). Br( $Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ ) for NMSSM scenarios with various ranges for  $m_{a_1}$ : dark grey (blue) =  $m_{a_1} < 2m_{\tau}$ ; medium grey (red) =  $2m_{\tau} < m_{a_1} < 7.5$  GeV; light grey (green) = 7.5 GeV <  $m_{a_1} < 8.8$  GeV; and black = 8.8 GeV <  $m_{a_1} <$ 9.2 GeV. The plots are for tan $\beta$  = 10 and  $M_{1,2,3}(m_Z)$  = 100, 200, 300 GeV. The left plot shows the  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  scan described in the text, holding  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(m_Z)$  = 150 GeV fixed, allowing any value of the EWSB fine-tuning measure, *F*. The right plot additionally scans over  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  and shows only points with low fine-tuning, F < 15.

suppression with respect to the nonrelativistic quarkonium result. In addition, there are bound state corrections. These give a modest enhancement, rising from a small percentage at small  $m_{a_1}$  to about 20% at  $m_{a_1} = 9.2$  GeV (see the references in [13]).<sup>3</sup> For  $m_{a_1} \in [m_{\eta_b} - 2\Gamma_{\eta_b}, m_{\eta_b} + 2\Gamma_{\eta_b}]$ , where  $m_{\eta_b} \sim M_{\Upsilon} - 50$  MeV and  $\Gamma_{\eta_b} \sim 50$  MeV, the  $a_1$  mixes significantly with the  $\eta_b$ , giving rise to a huge enhancement of  $Br(\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$ . We have chosen not to plot results for  $m_{a_1} > 9.2$  GeV since we think that the old theoretical results in this region require further refinement. In Fig. 1, we present results for  $Br(Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$  that are consistent with existing experimental limits<sup>4</sup> in two cases: (a) using a scan over  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  values holding  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(m_Z) =$ 150 GeV and  $M_{1,2,3}(m_Z) = 100, 200, 300$  GeV fixed (in this scan, identical to that described in Ref. [5],  $\lambda$  and  $\kappa$  are also scanned over and all other SUSY-breaking parameters are fixed at 300 GeV—results are insensitive to this choice and, therefore, representative of the whole parameter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We should note that the precise location of the minimum in *F* shifts slightly as  $\tan\beta$  is varied. For example, at  $\tan\beta = 3$  ( $\tan\beta = 50$ ) the minimum is at roughly 92 GeV (102 GeV). However, for these cases the minimum value of *F* is only very modestly higher at  $m_{h_1} \sim 100$  GeV, the LEP excess location.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Also, as one approaches the  $U(1)_R$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$ ,  $A_{\lambda} \rightarrow 0$  symmetry limit, large Br $(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$  is not possible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>In contrast, for a scalar Higgs, bound state corrections give a very large suppression at higher Higgs masses near  $M_{\Upsilon}$ .

We impose the limits of Fig. 3 of [14], Fig. 4 of [15], and Fig. 7b of [16]. The first two limit Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma X$ ), where X is any visible state. The first provides the only strong constraint on the  $m_{a_1} < 2m_{\tau}$  region. The third gives limits on Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma X$ )Br( $X \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ ) that eliminate  $2m_{\tau} < m_{a_1} < 8.8$  GeV points with too high Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ ) (for  $m_{a_1} > 2m_{\tau}$ , Br( $a_1 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ ) ~ 0.9). Since the inclusive photon spectrum from  $\Upsilon$  decays falls as  $E_{\gamma}$  increases, the strongest constraints are obtained for small  $m_{a_1}$ .

space); (b) for the F < 15 points found in the NMSSM parameter scan described earlier. In both cases, all points plotted pass all NMHDECAY constraints — all points have  $m_{h_1} \sim 100$  GeV, but avoid LEP constraints by virtue of  $Br(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1) > 0.7$  and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ . For both plots, we divide results into four  $m_{a_1}$  regions:  $m_{a_1} < 2m_{\tau}$ ,  $2m_{\tau} <$ 7.5 GeV  $< m_{a_1} < 8.8$  GeV,  $m_{a_1} < 7.5$  GeV, and 8.8 GeV  $< m_{a_1} <$  9.2 GeV. Figure 1 makes clear that  $Br(Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$  is mainly controlled by the nonsinglet fraction of the  $a_1$  and by  $m_{a_1}$ . The only difference between the (a) and (b) plots is that F < 15 restricts the range of  $\cos\theta_A$ to smaller magnitudes [implying smaller  $Br(Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$ ] and narrows the  $m_{a_1}$  bands. As seen in the figure, the  $\cos \theta_A \sim -0.1, \ m_{a_1} > 2 m_{ au}$  scenarios (which are those that can have no  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  tuning [5]) have Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ )  $\leq$ few  $\times 10^{-5}$ . For general  $\cos\theta_A$  and  $m_{a_1}$ , values of Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow$  $\gamma a_1$ ) up to  $\sim 10^{-3}$  (5 × 10<sup>-3</sup>) are possible for F < 15points (in the general  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  scan). In Fig. 1, points with  $Br(\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1) \gtrsim few \times 10^{-4}$  (depending on  $m_{a_1}$ ) are not present, having been eliminated by 90% C.L. limits from existing experiments. The surviving points with  $m_{a_1} <$ 9.2 GeV can be mostly probed if future running, upgrades, and facilities are designed so that  $Br(\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1) \sim 10^{-7}$ can be probed. As stated earlier, predictions at higher  $m_{a_1}$ are rather uncertain, but obviously  $Br(Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1) \rightarrow 0$  for  $m_{a_1} \rightarrow M_Y$ . To access higher  $m_{a_1}$  (but  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ ),  $\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \gamma a_1$  and  $\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \gamma a_1$  can be employed; computation of the branching ratios requires careful attention to  $a_1 - \eta_b$  mixing, which can lead to even larger branching ratios than for the Y if  $m_{a_1} \sim m_{\eta_b}$ .

Results from the  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  scan with  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 150$  GeV and  $M_{1,2,3} = 100, 200, 300$  GeV are given in the cases of



FIG. 2 (color online). We plot  $Br(Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$  as a function of  $\cos\theta_A$  for the  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  scan allowing any value for fine-tuning F, taking  $M_{1,2,3}(m_Z) = 100$ , 200, 300 GeV,  $\mu_{eff}(m_Z) = 150$  GeV with  $\tan\beta = 3$  (left) and  $\tan\beta = 50$  (right). The point notation is as in Fig. 1.

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 $\tan \beta = 3$  and  $\tan \beta = 50$  in Fig. 2. Note that almost all  $\tan \beta = 3$  points that pass NMHDECAY and LEP constraints are consistent with existing limits on Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ ). To probe the full set of  $m_{a_1} < 9.2$  GeV points shown, sensitivity to Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ )  $\leq$  few  $\times 10^{-8}$  is needed. Conversely, for  $\tan \beta = 50$  a lot of the scan points consistent with NMHDECAY and LEP constraints are already absent because of existing limits and one need only probe down to Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ )  $\sim 10^{-6}$  to cover the  $m_{a_1} < 9.2$  GeV points.

We note that the points with small negative  $\cos\theta_A$  (e.g.  $\cos\theta_A \sim -0.1$  for  $\tan\beta = 10$ ) that are most likely to escape  $A_{\lambda}, A_{\kappa}$  tuning issues are well below the existing limits from [14–16] for all  $m_{a_1}$  values for all three  $\tan\beta$  choices.<sup>5</sup> However, none of the above analyses [14–16] have been repeated with the larger data sets available from CLEO-III, *BABAR*, or Belle. Presumably, much stronger constraints than those we included can be obtained. Or perhaps a  $\gamma a_1$  signal will be found.

We expect that the best way to search for the NMSSM light  $a_1$  is to use its exclusive decay modes, as this reduces backgrounds, especially those important when the photon is soft. For  $m_{a_1} > 3.6$  GeV and  $\tan \beta \ge 1$ , the dominant decay mode is  $a_1 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ . For example, Ref. [19] has proposed looking for nonuniversality in  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma \tau^+ \tau^-$  vs  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$ ,  $\gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$  decays. This would fit nicely with the low-*F* scenarios. For  $m_{a_1} < 2m_{\tau}$ ,  $2m_c$  the decay mode  $a_1 \rightarrow gg$  is generally in the range 20%–30%, giving a contribution to  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma gg$  at the  $10^{-4}$ – $10^{-6}$  level; the  $s\bar{s}$  mode is typically larger.

In the  $\gamma \tau^+ \tau^-$  final state, the direct  $\gamma \tau^+ \tau^-$  production cross section is 61 pb. Using signal = background as the criterion, this becomes the limiting factor for branching ratios below the  $4 \times 10^{-5}$  level when running on the Y(1S), and below the  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  level when running on the Y(3S). To improve upon the latter, one can select a sample of known Y(1S) events by looking for dipion transitions from the higher resonances. The dipion transition gives a strong kinematic constraint on the mass difference between the two Y's. When running on the Y(3S), the effective cross section in Y(3S)  $\rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- Y(1S)$  is 179 pb [20].<sup>6</sup> To limit Br( $Y \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ )  $\leq 10^{-6}$ , 5.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>/ $\epsilon$ would need to be collected on the Y(3S), where  $\epsilon$  is the experimental efficiency for isolating the relevant events.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>For a *CP*-odd *a* that decays into noninteracting states, there are further constraints available from Crystal Ball and CLEO [17]; these only apply to the scenarios considered here if  $M_1$  is reduced to a very small value (as possible without affecting EWSB fine-tuning) so that  $a_1 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0$  decays are significant. For example, at tan $\beta = 10$ , our low fine-tuning scenarios with  $M_1$  decreased to 3 GeV can yield  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \leq 2$  GeV and Br $(a_1 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0) \in [0.15, 0.35]$ . (Generic scenarios with substantial Br $(\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$ Br $(a_1 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0)$  were considered in [18].)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>This can also be done on the  $\Upsilon(2S)$  but the pions are softer, implying much lower efficiency. On the  $\Upsilon(4S)$  this transition has a very small branching ratio  $\leq 10^{-4}$ .

This analysis can also be done on the  $\Upsilon(4S)$ , where the  $\Upsilon(3S)$  is produced via initial state radiation. The effective  $\gamma_{\rm ISR}\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \gamma_{\rm ISR}\pi^+\pi^-\Upsilon(1S)$  cross section is 0.78 fb. To limit Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ )  $\leq 10^{-6}$ , 1.3 ab<sup>-1</sup>/ $\epsilon$  would need to be collected. These integrated luminosities needed to probe Br( $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$ )  $\sim 10^{-6}$  would appear to be within reach at existing facilities and would allow discovery of the  $a_1$  for many of the favored NMSSM scenarios.

Are there other modes that would allow direct  $a_1$  detection? Reference [21] advocates  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^- a_1$  with  $a_1 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ . This works if the  $a_1$  is very singlet, in which case  $\operatorname{Br}(a_1 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$  can be large. However, see [5] and earlier discussion, a minimum value of  $|\cos\theta_A|$  (e.g.  $|\cos\theta_A| > 0.04$  if  $\tan\beta = 10$ ) is required in order that  $\operatorname{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1) > 0.7$  and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ . For the general  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  scans with  $\operatorname{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1) > 0.7$  and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$  imposed,  $\operatorname{Br}(a_1 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma) < 4 \times 10^{-4}$  with values near few  $\times 10^{-5}$  being very common. It is conceivable that a super-*B* factory could detect a signal for  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$ .

Flavor changing decays based on  $b \rightarrow sa_1$  or  $s \rightarrow da_1$ , in particular  $B \rightarrow X_s a_1$ , have been examined in [7]. All penguin diagrams containing SM particles give contributions to the  $b \rightarrow sa_1$  amplitude that are suppressed by  $\cos\theta_A/\tan\beta$  or  $\cos\theta_A/\tan^3\beta$  (since up-type quarks couple to the  $A_{\text{MSSM}}$  with a factor of  $1/\tan\beta$ ). Reference [7] identifies two diagrams involving loops containing uptype squarks and charginos that give  $b \rightarrow sa_1$  amplitudes that are proportional to  $\cos\theta_A \tan\beta$ . However, the sum of these diagrams vanishes in the super GIM limit (e.g. equal up-type squark masses), yielding a tiny  $B \rightarrow X_s a_1$  transition rate. Away from this limit, results are highly modeldependent. In contrast, the predictions for  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$  depend essentially only on  $\cos\theta_A \tan\beta$  and  $m_{a_1}$ , both of which are fairly constrained by the need to escape LEP limits for  $m_{h_1} < 110$  GeV.

If  $m_{a_1} < 2m_c$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a_1$  decay will be possible. However,  $Br(J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma a_1)$  is  $\sim 10^{-9}$  ( $\sim 10^{-7}$ ) for the

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smallest (largest)  $|\cos\theta_A|$  values in the standard  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  scan for  $\tan\beta = 10$ , increasing modestly as  $\tan\beta$  increases.

Before concluding, we note that a light, not-too-singlet  $a_1$  could allow consistency with the observed amount of dark matter if the  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  is largely *b*-ino and  $2m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \sim m_{a_1}$ . This is explored in [18]. We report here that this can be coincident with the F < 15 scenarios (as well as the small negative  $\cos\theta_A$ ,  $m_{a_1} > 2m_{\tau}$  scenarios that are the most likely to have small  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $A_{\kappa}$  fine-tuning). Reducing  $M_1$  from the nominal 100 GeV employed here to  $\frac{1}{2}m_{a_1}$  has no effect on either type of fine-tuning.

In summary, aside from discovering the  $a_1$  in  $h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1$ decays at the LHC or maybe not until the ILC, it seems that the most promising near-term possibility for testing the NMSSM scenarios for which EWSB fine-tuning is absent, or more generally any scenario with large Br $(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$ and  $m_{a_1} < 2m_b$ , is to employ the  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \gamma a_1$  decay at either existing *B* factories or future factories. From a more model-independent point of view, there are many generalizations of the NMSSM with many largely singlet light Higgs bosons, some of which might not even be observable in decays of heavier Higgs bosons. These might only be discoverable in  $\Upsilon$  decays (in particular, not at an ILC) and might play a role in dark-matter annihilation. We might never unravel the full theory without *B* factory data.

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