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**Search for  $h \rightarrow aa$  decays in the NMSSM in the  $\mu\mu\tau\tau$  channel using 20.3 /fb of pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV using the ATLAS detector**  
BENJAMIN KAPLAN, ANDREW HAAS, New York Univ NYU, ATLAS COLLABORATION — We present a search for the exotic decay of the SM-like Higgs boson ( $h$ ), or the production of a second CP-even Higgs boson ( $H$ ) decaying to a pair of neutral pseudoscalar Higgs bosons ( $a$ ), in the next-to-minimal supersymmetric standard model (NMSSM), in events with two muons from the decay of one  $a$  boson, with the ATLAS detector in 20.3 /fb of  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV pp collisions. Events are further required to have an additional muon or an electron, with nearby tracks, consistent with decay of the second  $a$  boson to two taus. An upper limit on the production rate of  $h \rightarrow aa$ , relative to the SM production, is set as a function  $m_a$  in the range 3.7 to 50 GeV. An upper limit is also placed on the production rate of  $H \rightarrow aa$  for  $m_a = 5$  GeV and  $m_H$  ranging from 100 to 500 GeV.

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