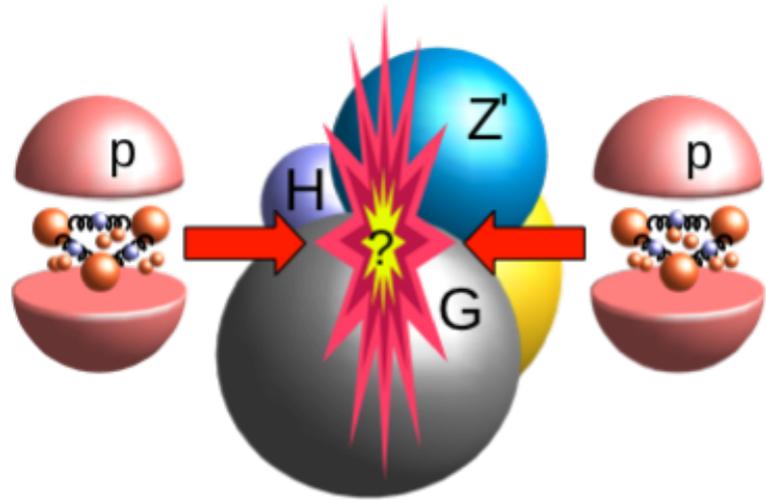
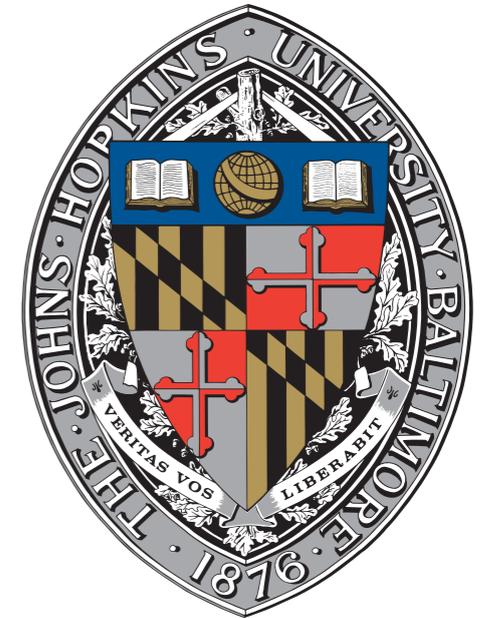


Interference and finite width effects in di-boson resonance searches with the **JHUGen** framework



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LHC Higgs Working Group WG3 (BSM)

JHUGen framework (for BSM and EFT)

JHUGen — generator

MELA — Matrix Element library

JHUGenLexicon — basis translation ...

MC Generator based on the papers:

"Spin Determination of Single-Produced Resonances at Hadron Colliders"

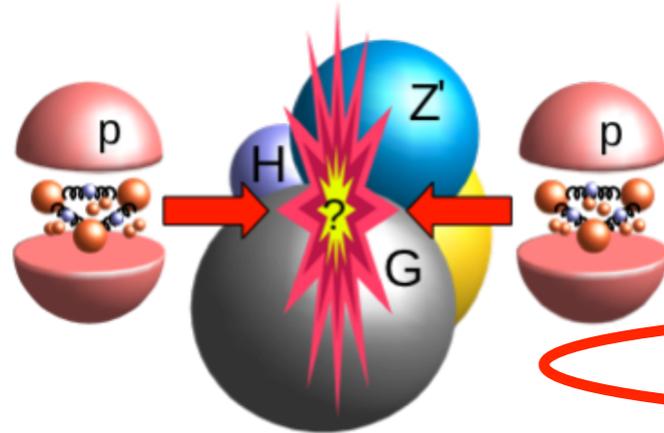
Yanyan Gao, Andrei V. Gritsan, Zijin Guo, Kirill Melnikov, Markus Schulze, and Nhan V. Tran
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1001.3396>

"On the Spin and Parity of a Single-Produced Resonance at the LHC"

Sara Bolognesi, Yanyan Gao, Andrei V. Gritsan, Kirill Melnikov, Markus Schulze, Nhan V. Tran, and Andrew Whitbeck
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1208.4018>

"Constraining anomalous HVV interactions at proton and lepton colliders"

Ian Anderson, Sara Bolognesi, Fabrizio Caola, Yanyan Gao, Andrei V. Gritsan, Christopher B. Martin, Kirill Melnikov, Markus Schulze, Nhan V. Tran, Andrew Whitbeck, and Yaofu Zhou
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1309.4819>



"Constraining anomalous Higgs boson couplings to the heavy flavor fermions using matrix element techniques"

Andrei V. Gritsan, Raoul Rontsch, Markus Schulze, and Meng Xiao
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1606.03107>

"New features in the JHU generator framework: constraining Higgs boson properties from on-shell and off-shell production"

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<https://spin.pha.jhu.edu>

Theory + Experiment collaboration

"Probing the CP structure of the top quark Yukawa coupling: Loop sensitivity vs. on-shell sensitivity"

Till Martini, Ren-Qi Pan, Markus Schulze, and Meng Xiao
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.04277>

"Constraining anomalous Higgs boson couplings to virtual photons"

Jeffrey Davis, Andrei V. Gritsan, Lucas S. Mandacaru Guerra, Savvas Kyriacou, Jeffrey Roskes, and Markus Schulze
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.13363>

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Interference and finite width effects

- Conveners set the goal for this meeting:
 - Interference and finite width effects in BSM searches
 - Recasts of LHC searches on extra scalars
 - Overlooked signatures
- Focus on the tools for the first topic:
 - BSM $X(m_X)$
 - any (unknown) mass m_X , width Γ_X , or rate (cross-section)
 - spin-zero X , but any couplings of dim-4 (SM-like) or higher
 - singly-produced in gluon fusion or EW
 - focus on di-boson final state $X \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4f$
 - interference with both “resonant” (H^*) and “non-resonant” SM
 - production and decay correlated in interference

Interference and finite width effects

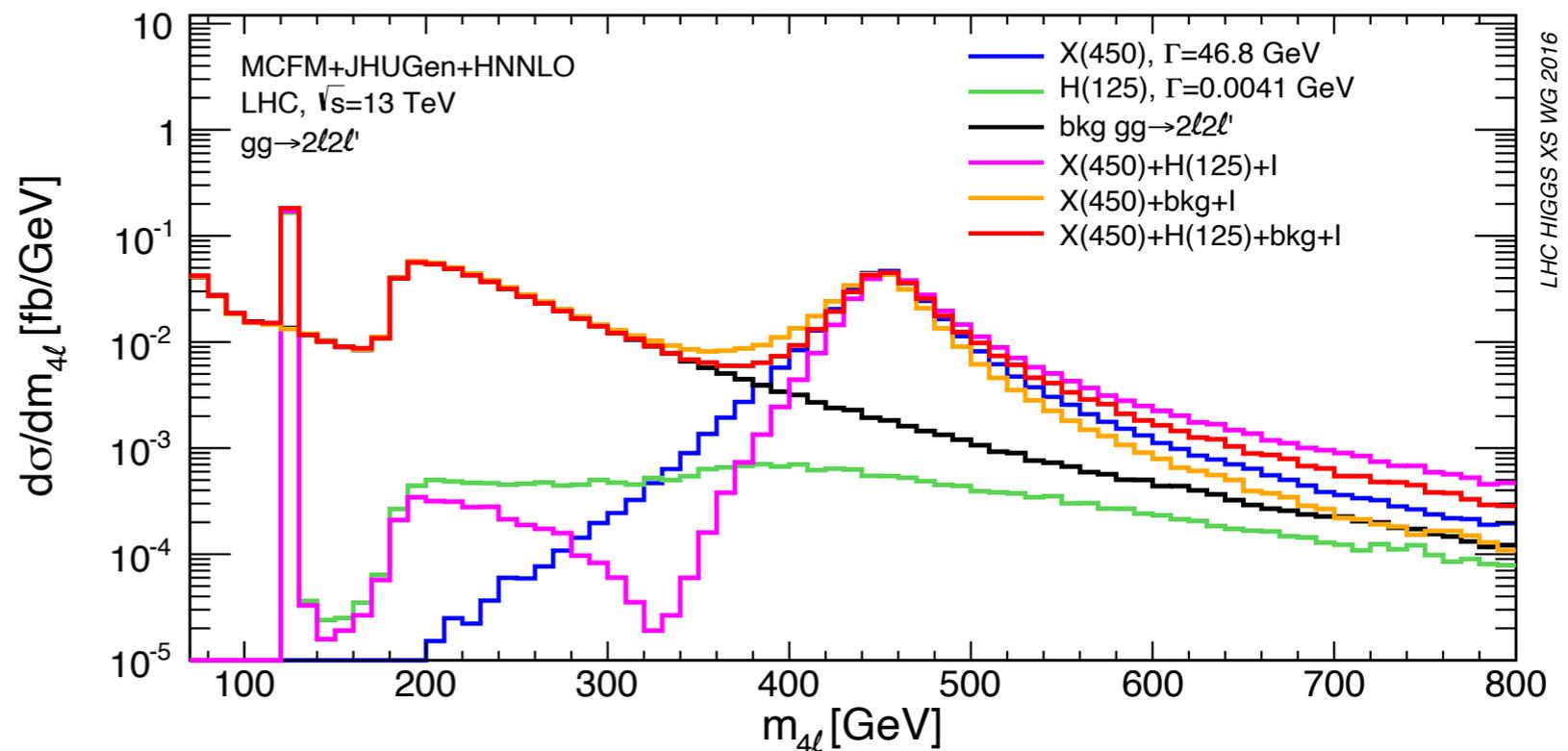
Plot from YR4 (2016)

with **JHUGen+MCFM**

example $X(450)$:

LO in QCD

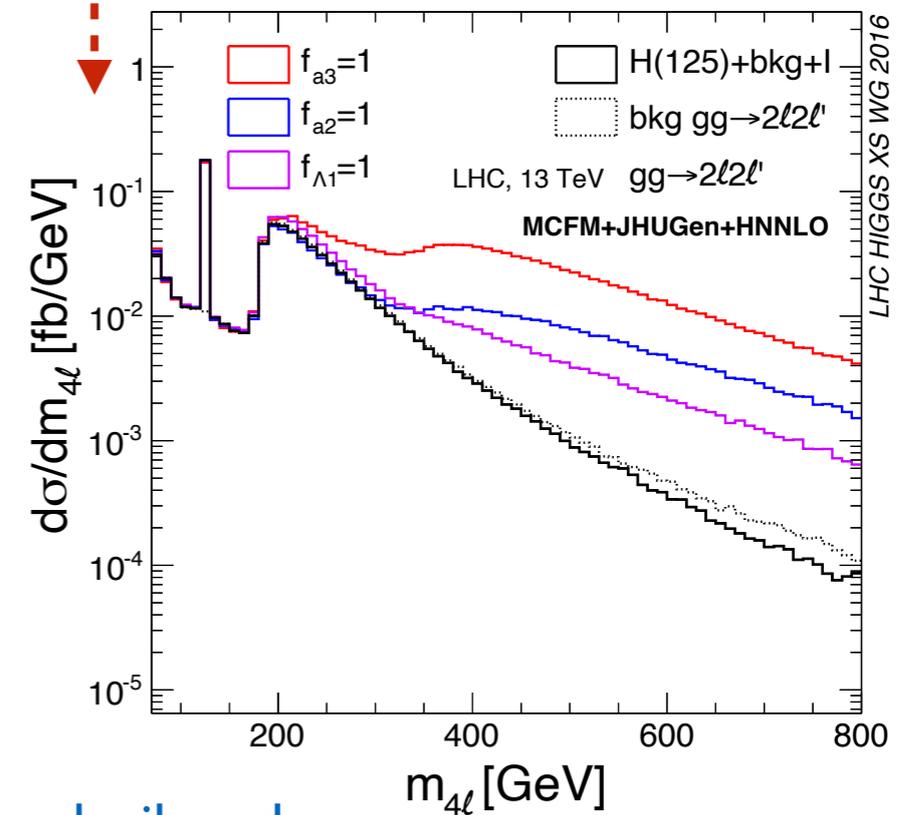
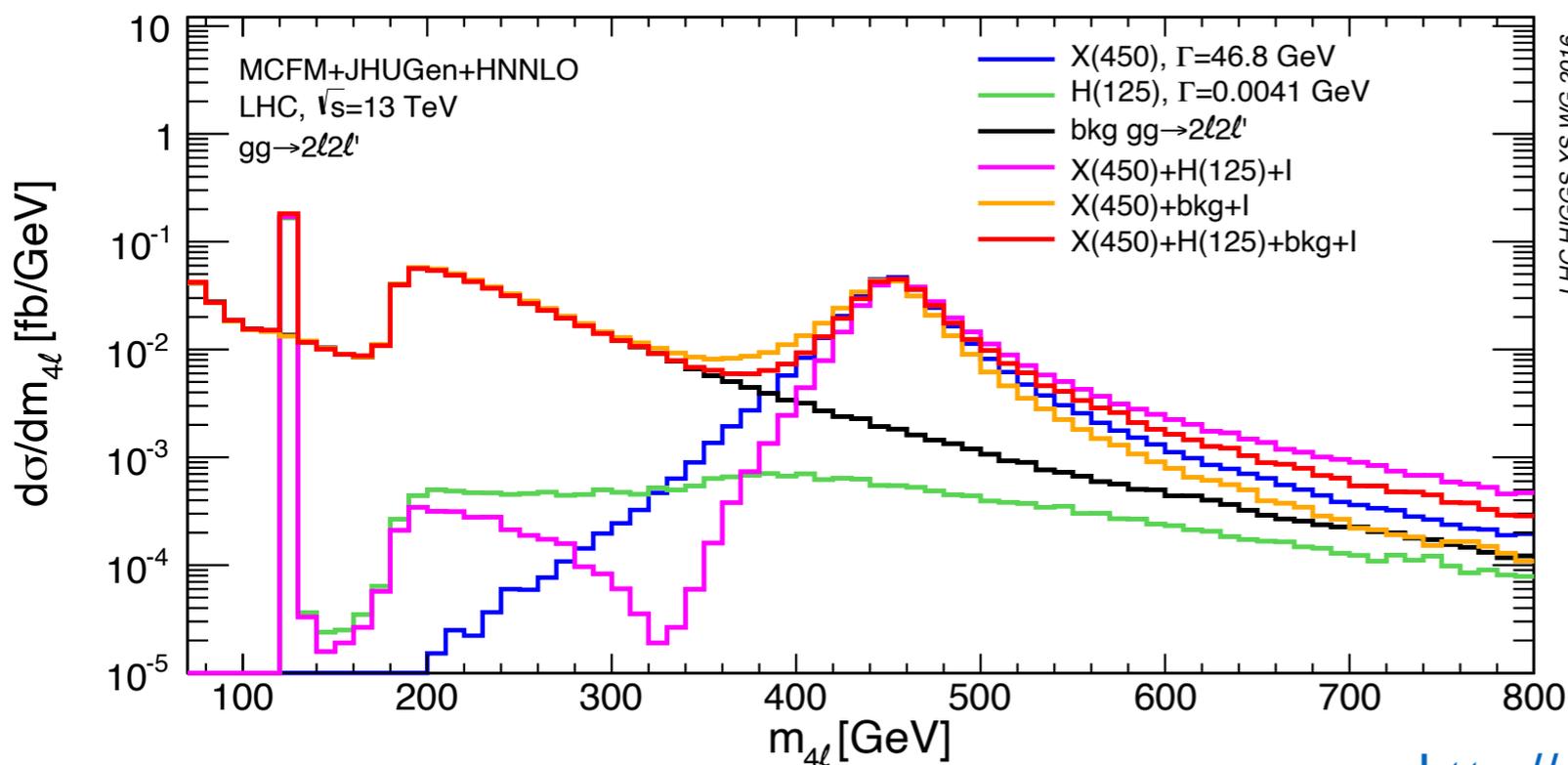
+ k factor (m_{VV})



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JHUGen + MCFM

- Coherent framework to treat four effects in di-boson “continuum”
- Tools **JHUGen**+**MCFM** and **MELA** (1) new resonance(s) X
 $H^* + X + \text{continuum} + \text{interference}$ (2) width Γ_H modification
include re-weighting and discriminants (3) anomalous couplings
cover both gg and EW (VBF, VH) X/HVV, X/Hgg, X/Htt
integrated with **POWHEG**, **MINLO**... (4) anomalous VBS/gg
- Plots from YR4 (2016):



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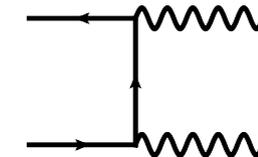
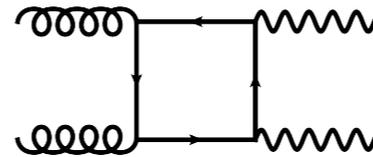
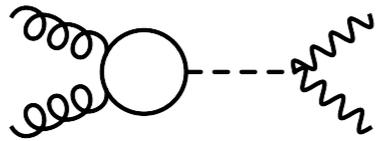
Consider X/HVV and X/Hgg couplings for $J=0$

(a) Signal

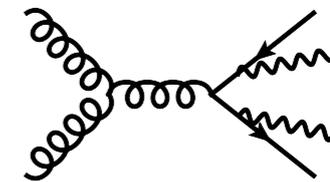
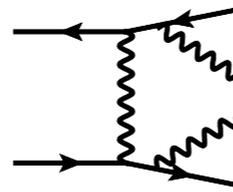
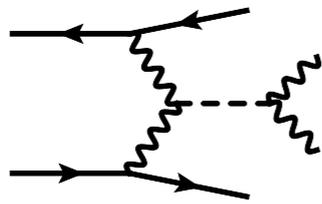
(b) Interfering background

(c) Non-interfering background

Gluon fusion



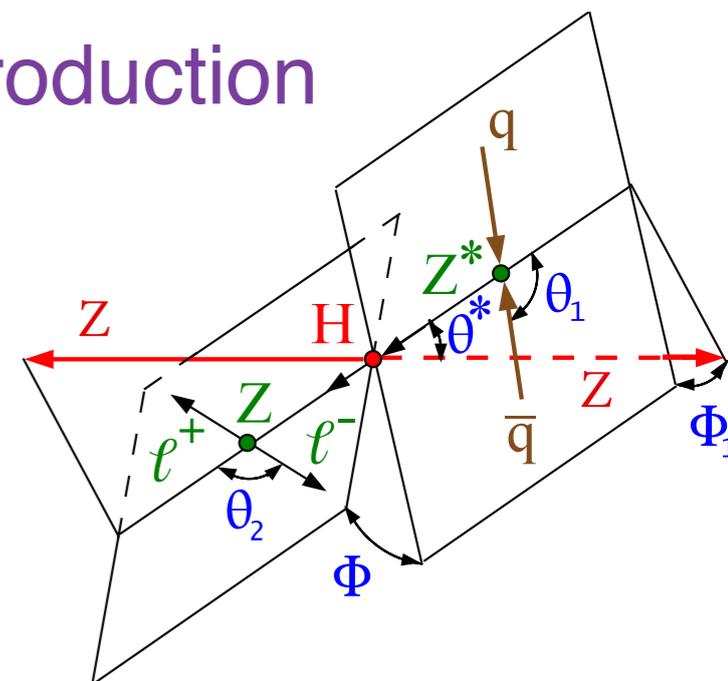
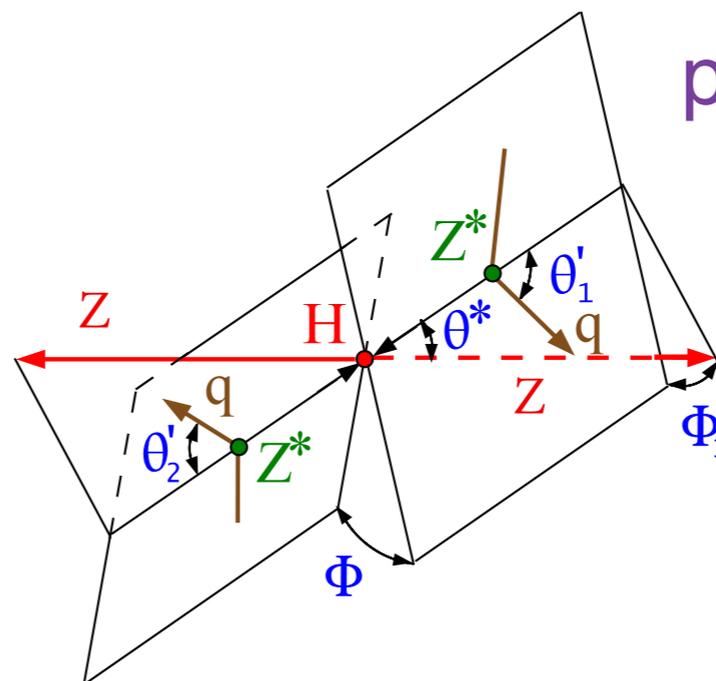
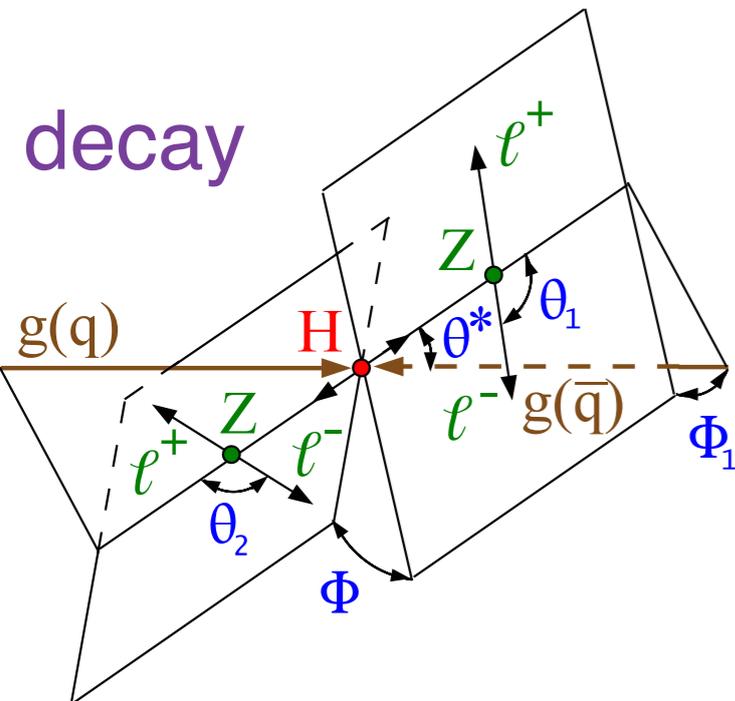
Vector boson fusion



$$A(HV_1V_2) = \frac{1}{v} \left\{ M_{V_1}^2 \left(g_1^{VV} + \frac{\kappa_1^{VV} q_1^2 + \kappa_2^{VV} q_2^2}{(\Lambda_1^{VV})^2} + \frac{\kappa_3^{VV} (q_1 + q_2)^2}{(\Lambda_Q^{VV})^2} + \frac{2q_1 \cdot q_2}{M_{V_1}^2} g_2^{VV} \right) (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) - 2g_2^{VV} (\varepsilon_1 \cdot q_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot q_1) - 2g_4^{VV} \varepsilon_{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 q_1 q_2} \right\},$$

decay

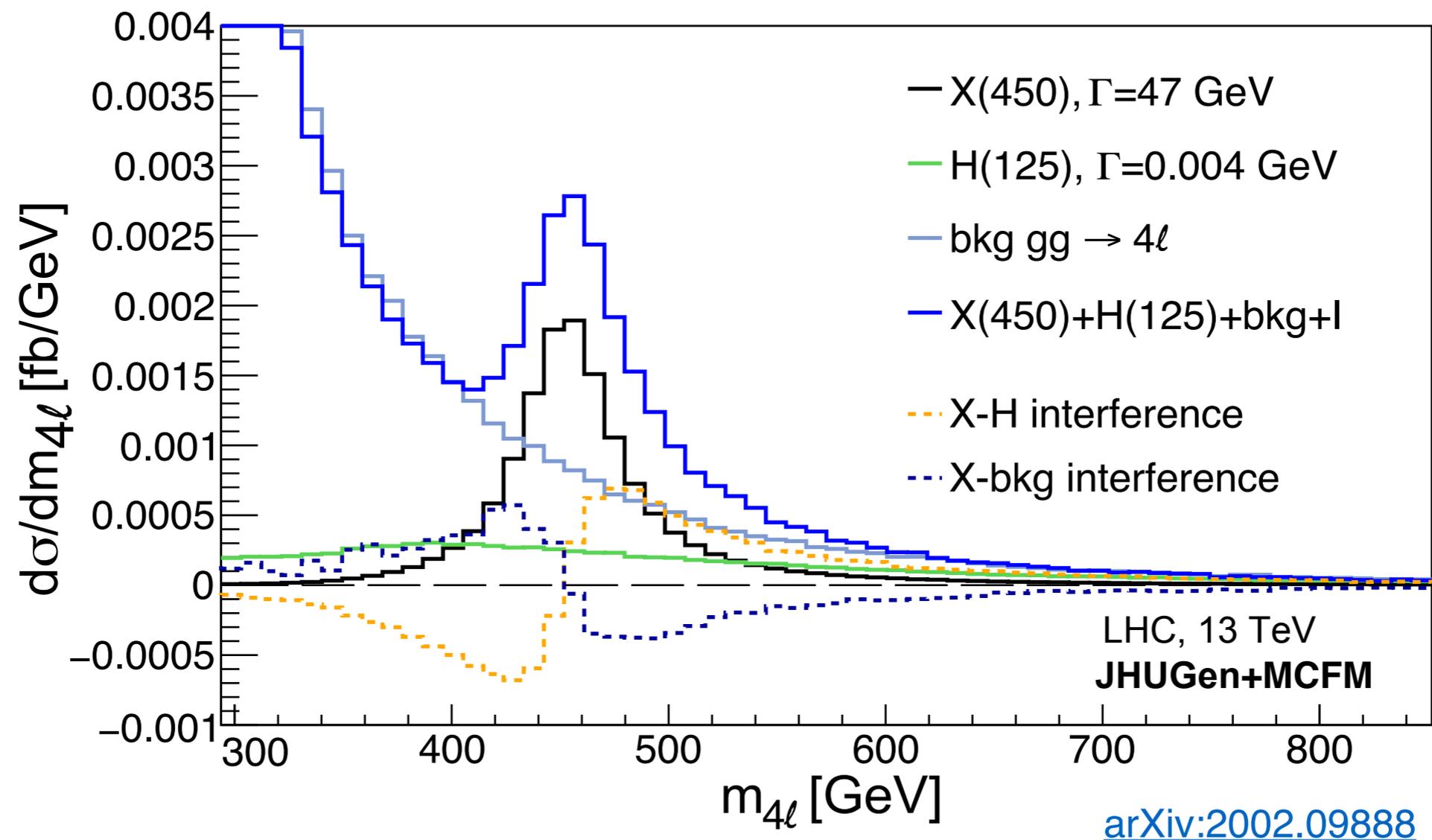
production



Examples

- $gg \rightarrow (X/H^*) \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$

SM-like scalar couplings (tree-level)

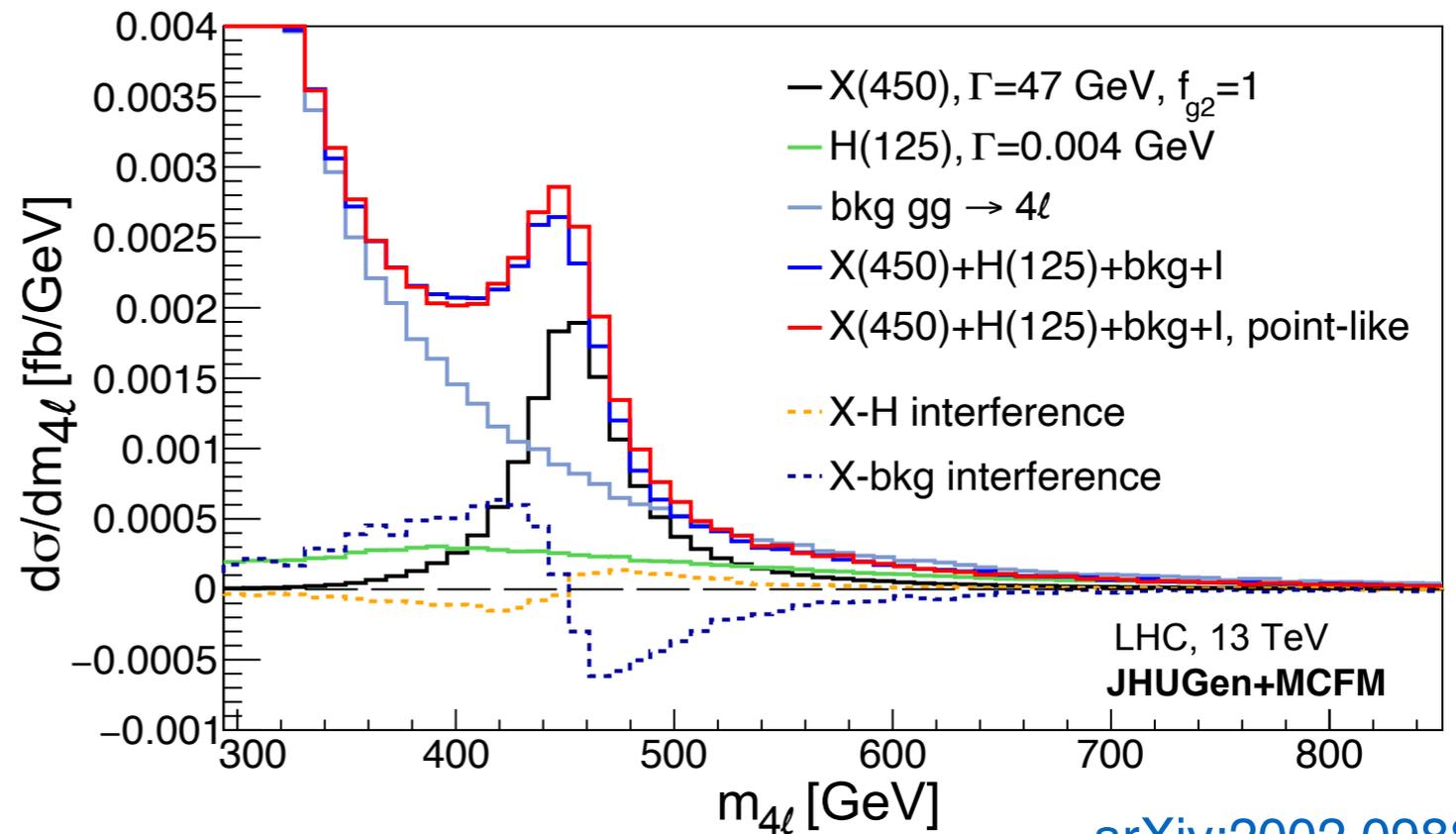


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dim-6 scalar couplings

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(b) point-like coupling

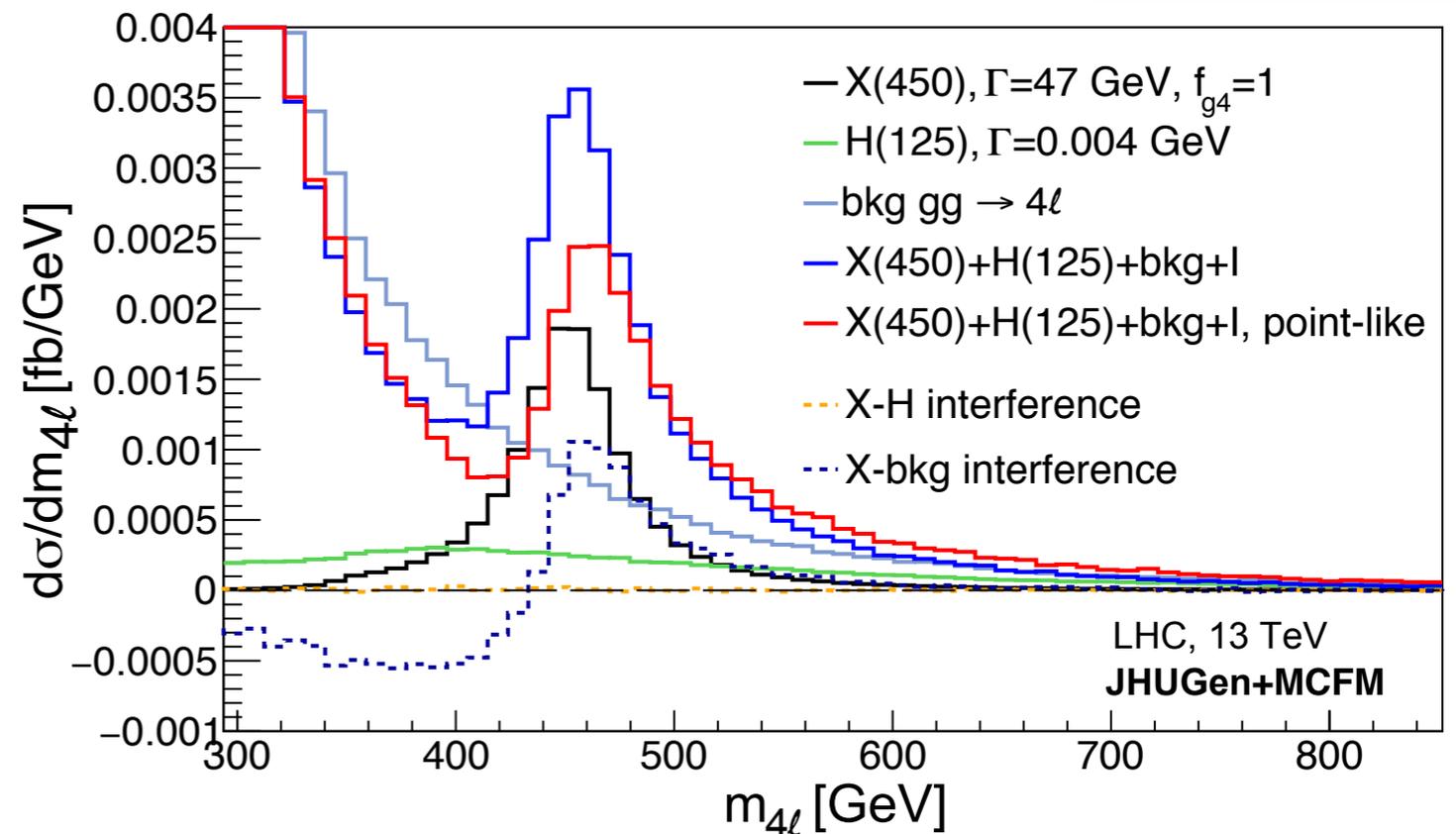


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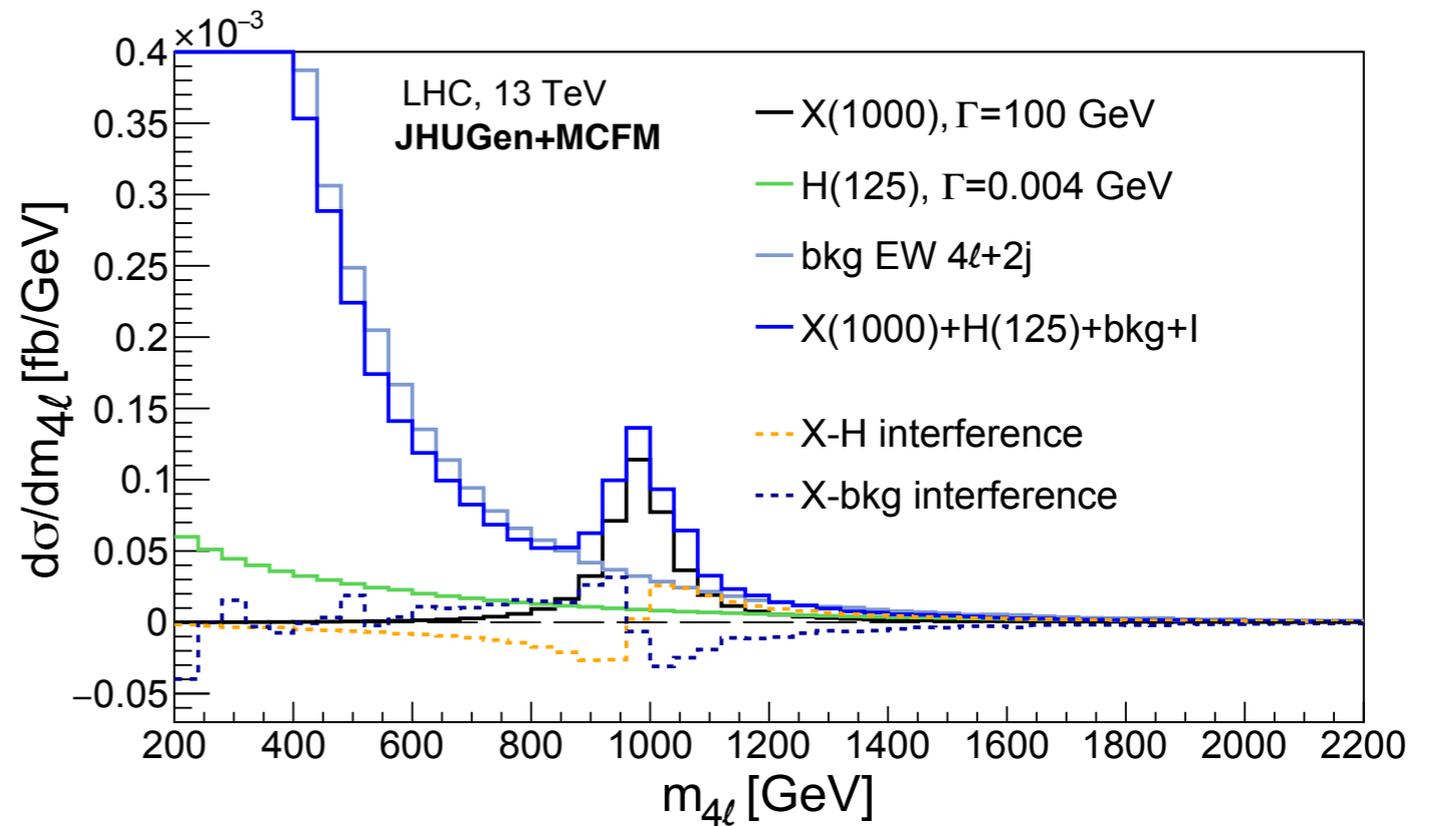
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Examples: EW $qq \rightarrow qq (ZZ/Z\gamma^*/\gamma^*\gamma^* \rightarrow 4\ell)$

dim-4 scalar couplings

SM-like

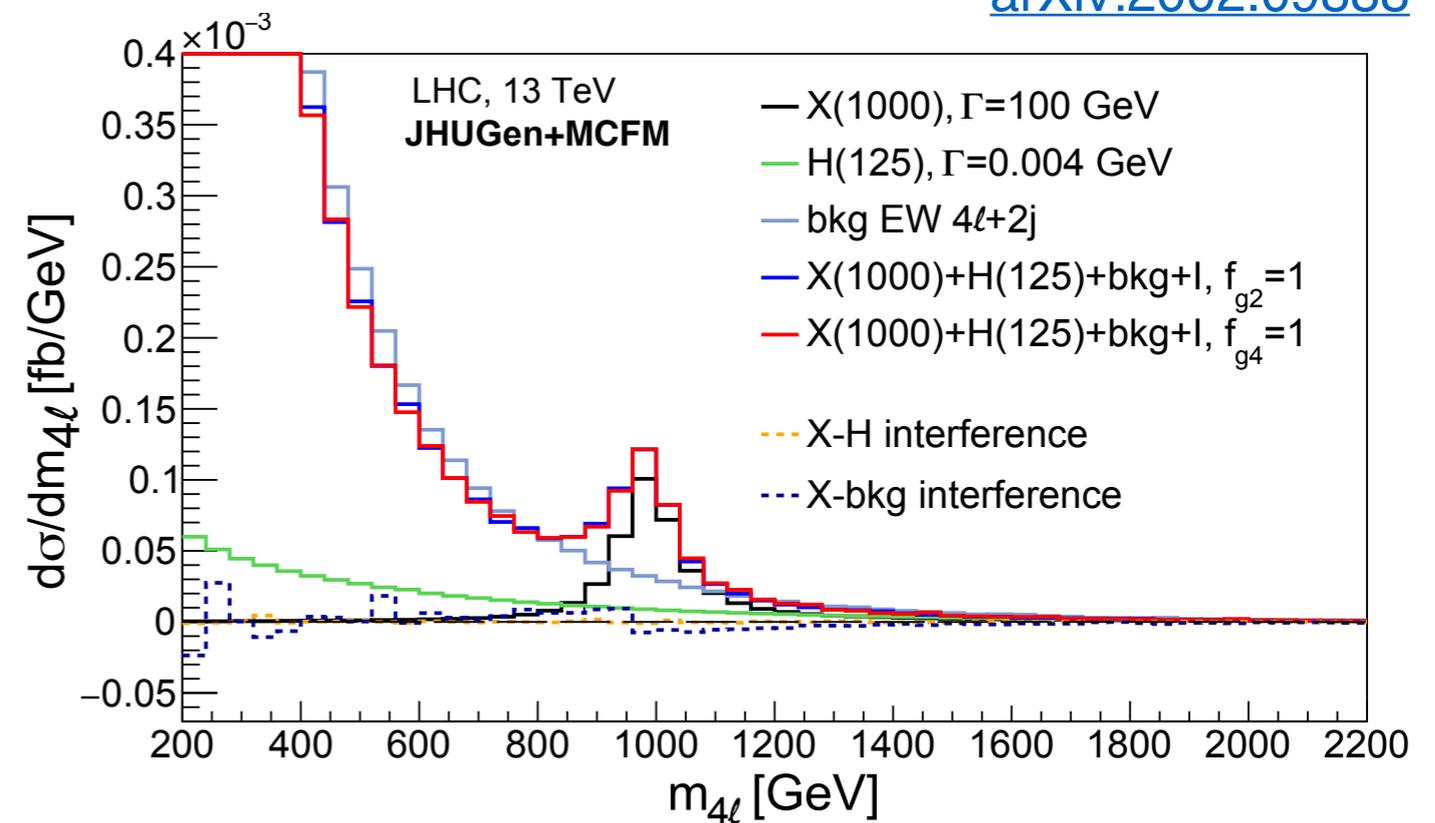


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dim-6 couplings
(in production and decay)

(a) scalar

(b) pseudo-scalar



Incorporating NLO in QCD effects

- Signal + Background + Interf. at LO in QCD: **JHUGen**+**MCFM**
(only very recently NLO tools developed, but not for BSM yet...)
- For SM signal only: use **POWHEG** at NLO in QCD
 - additional corrections needed:
only “stable” resonance is produced (in LHE)
 - (1) line shape needs special care
 - (2) need kinematics & phase space of $X/H \rightarrow ZZ/WW \rightarrow 4f$
 - **POWHEG** (production) + **JHUGen** (decay) fixes this
 - weights in LHE or off-line re-weighting with **MELA**
 - standard for BSM simulation $X/H \rightarrow ZZ/WW \rightarrow 4f$ on CMS

POWHEG + JHUGen

- Simplified picture for illustration:

$$\mathcal{P}(gg \rightarrow X \rightarrow V_1 V_2 \rightarrow 4f) =$$

$$\text{PDF} \times |A_{\text{prod}} \times X \text{ propagator}|^2$$

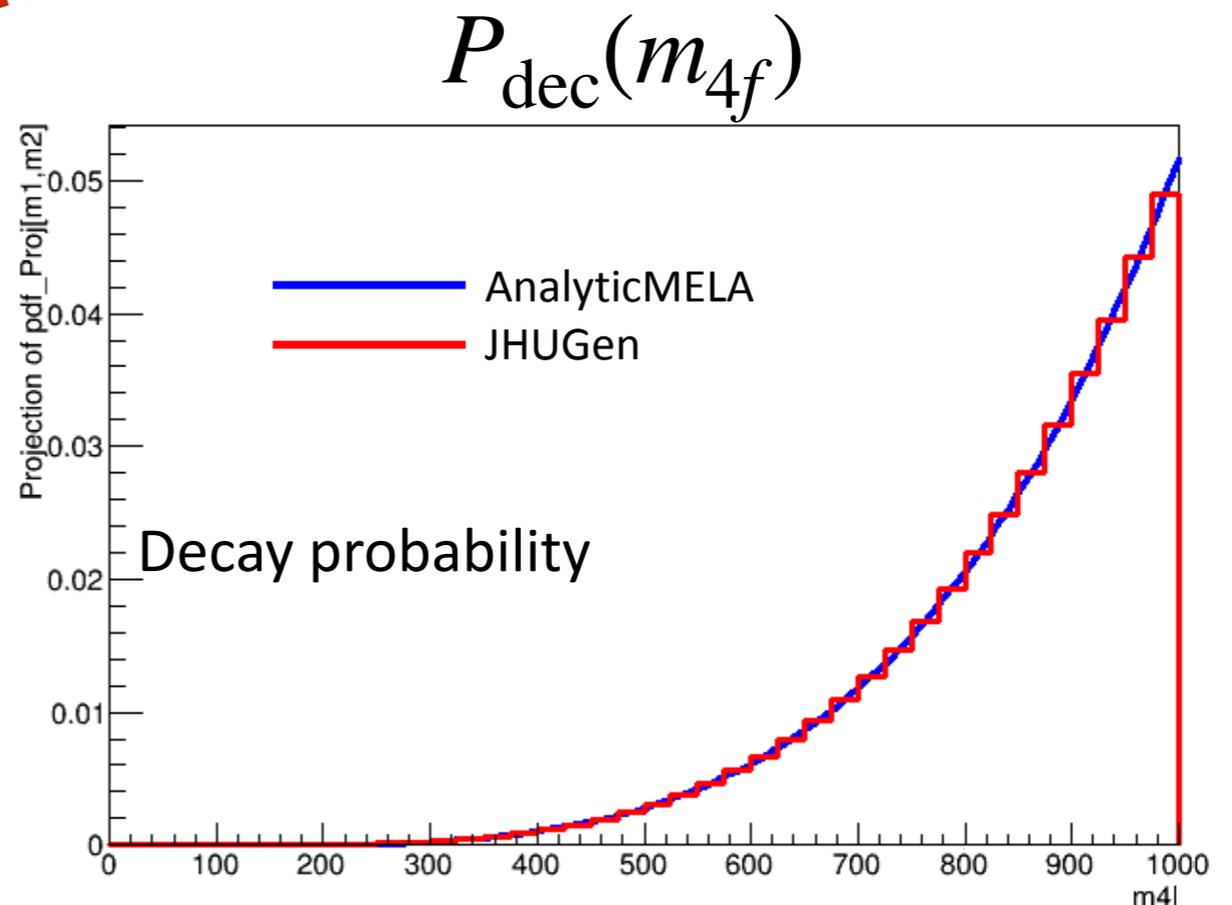
$$\times |A_{X \rightarrow V_1 V_2 \rightarrow 4f} \times V_1 \text{ propagator} \times V_2 \text{ propagator}|^2 \times (X \rightarrow 4f \text{ phasespace})$$

done by **POWHEG** in LHE

done by **JHUGen**
in LHE → LHE

$P_{\text{dec}}(m_{4f})$ by **JHUGen**

checked with **Analytic MELA**



POWHEG + JHUGen

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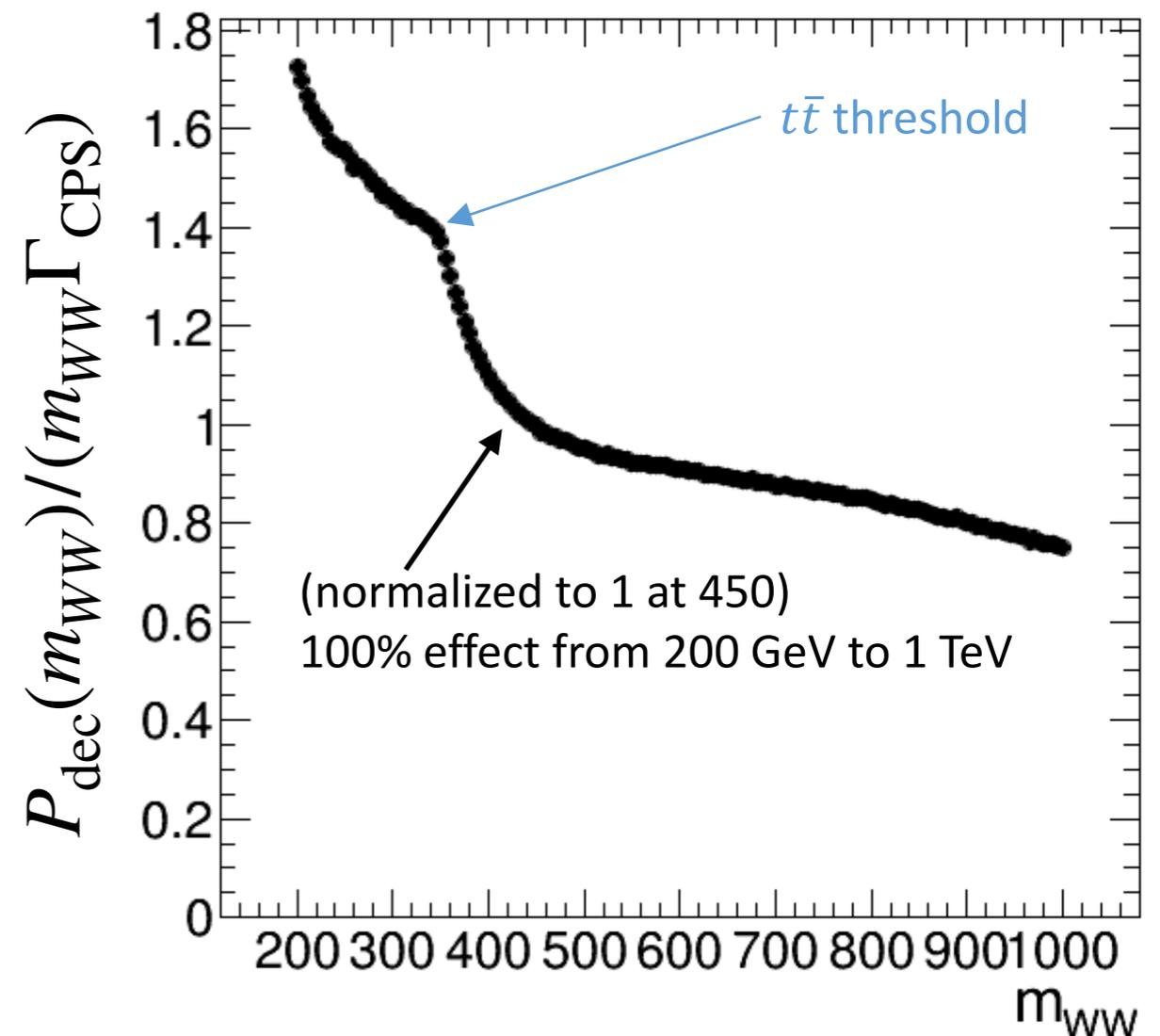
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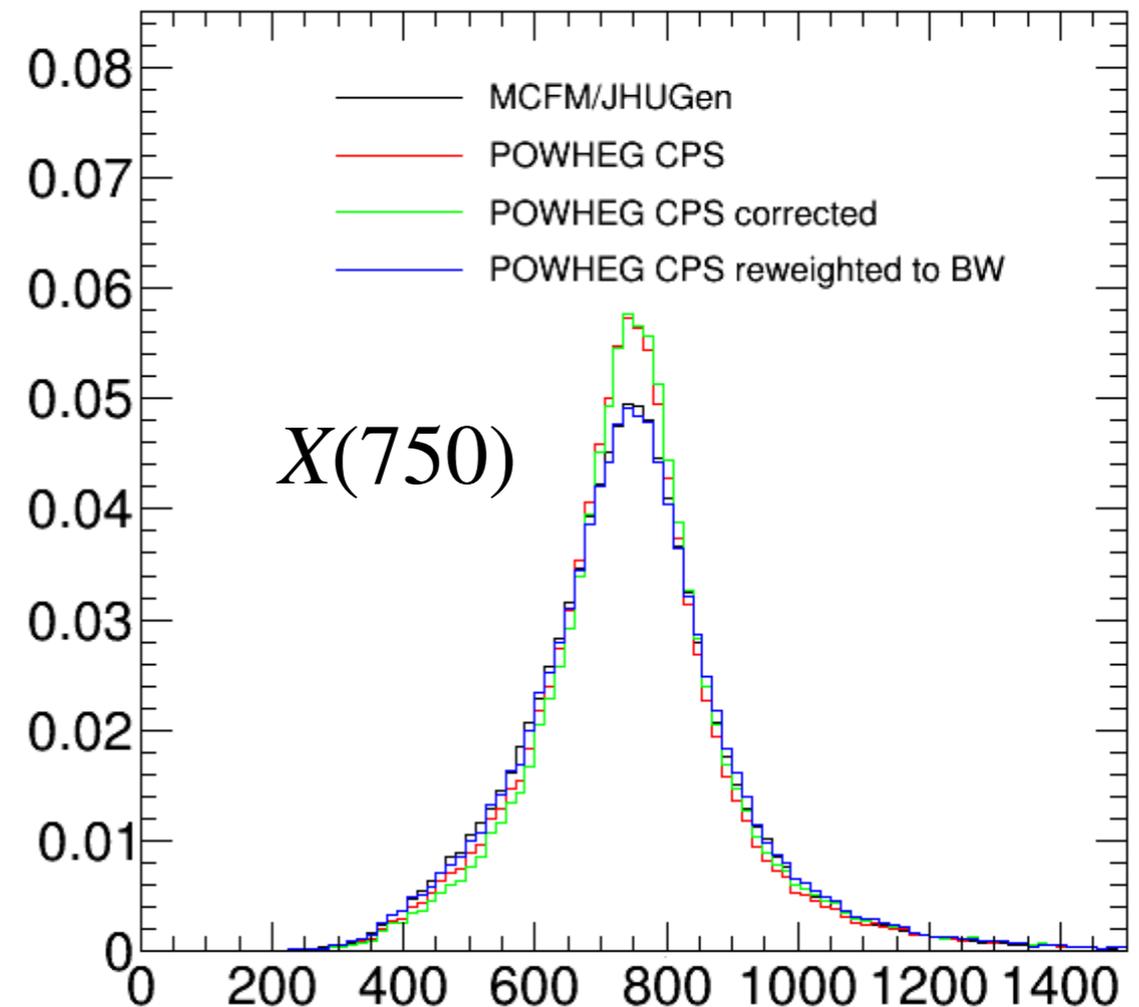
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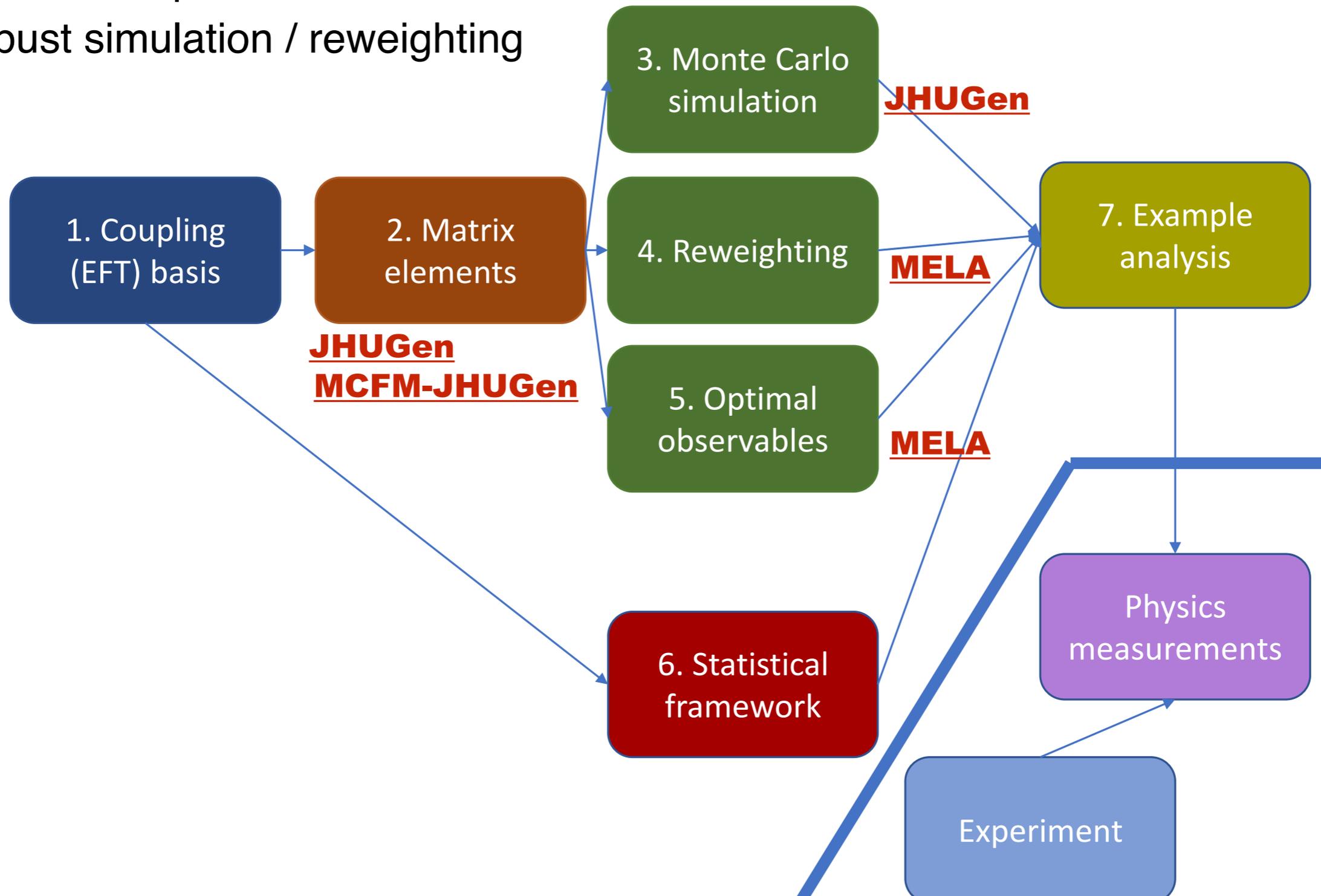


JHUGen framework (for BSM / EFT)

- Support: detector-level studies
optimal observables
robust simulation / reweighting

see talks:

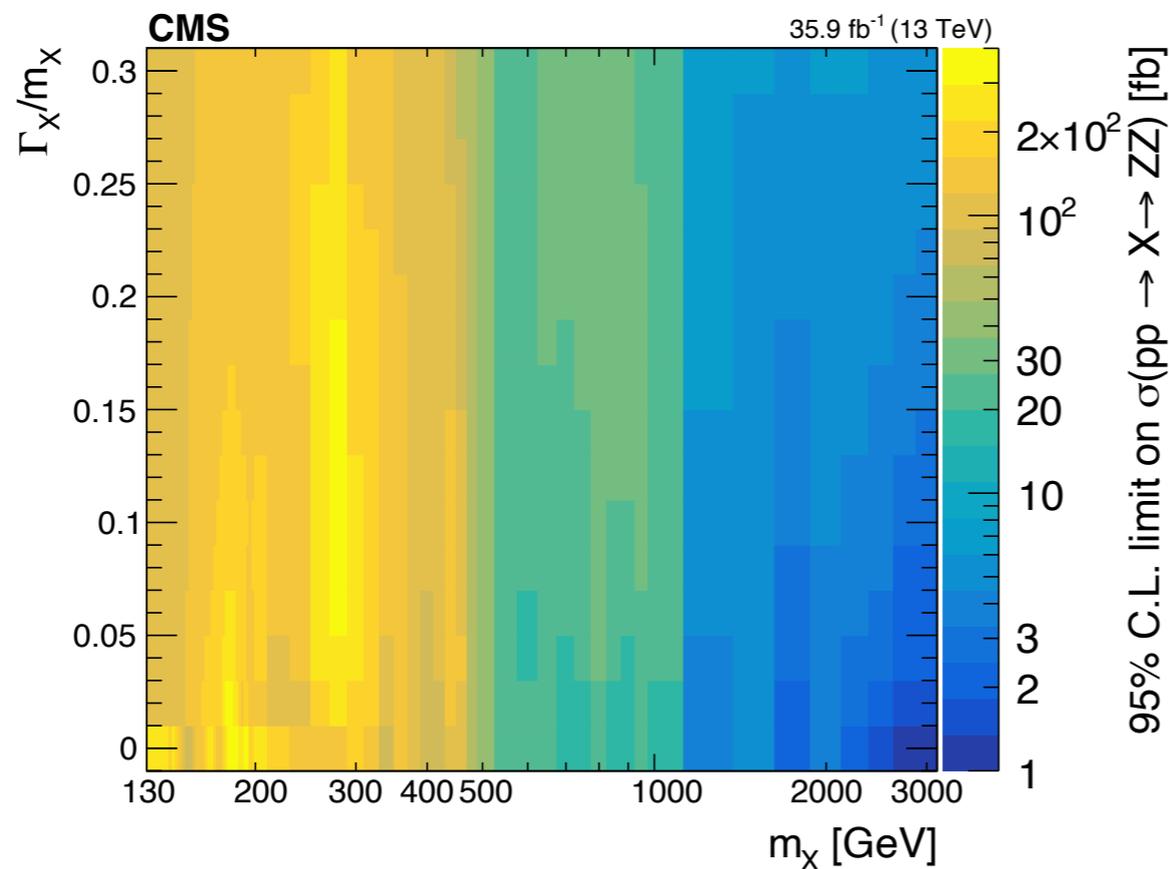
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Application to LHC data: $X \rightarrow ZZ$

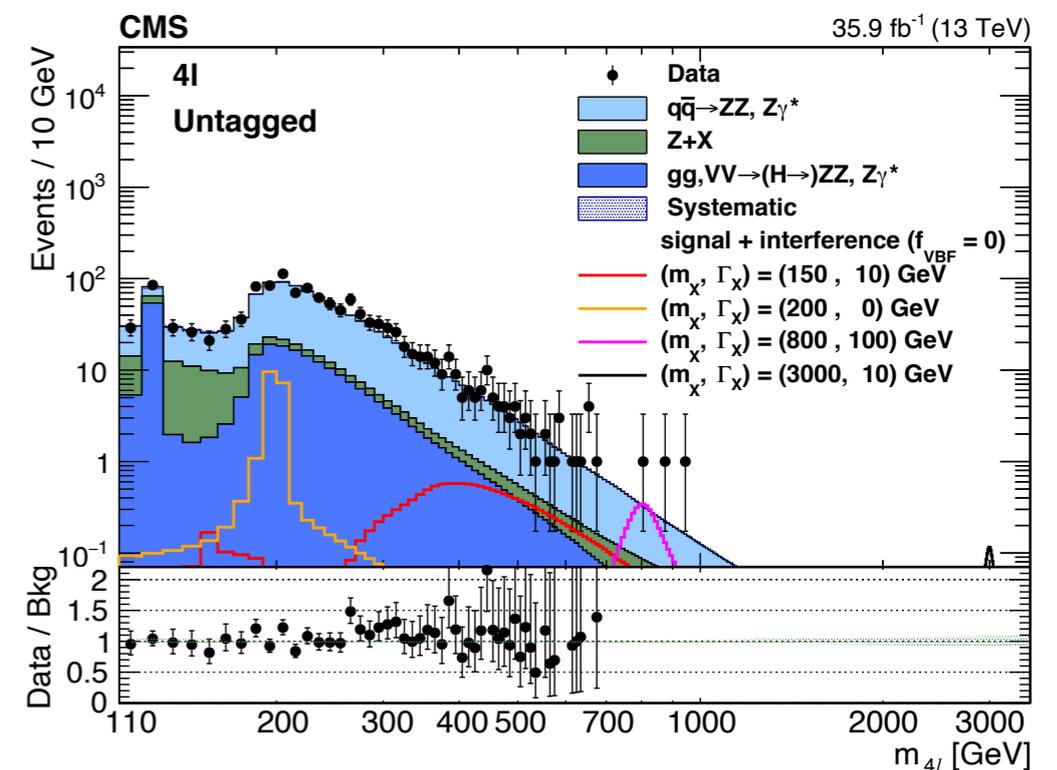
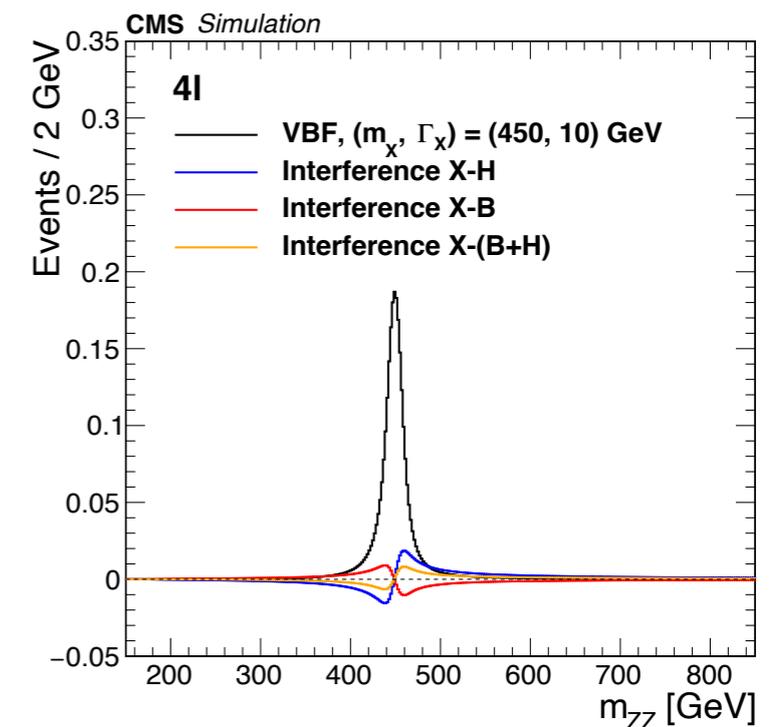
- $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell / 2\ell 2q / 2\ell 2\nu$

CMS: [arXiv:1804.01939](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.01939)



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(ggH or EW)
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SM-like coupling
(but can vary)

simulation (prod+dec):
POWHEG+JHUGen
MELA weights
analytic parameterization



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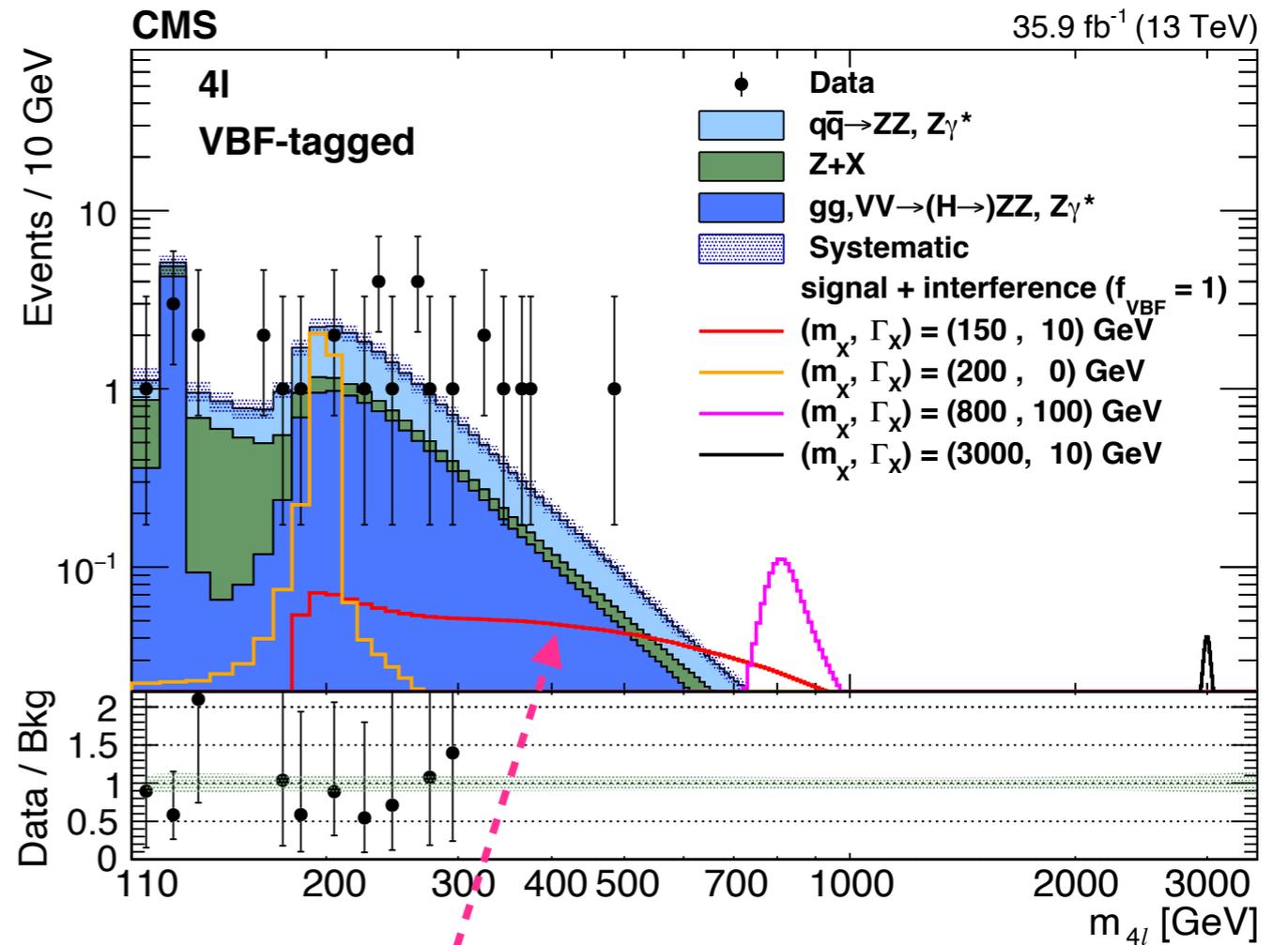
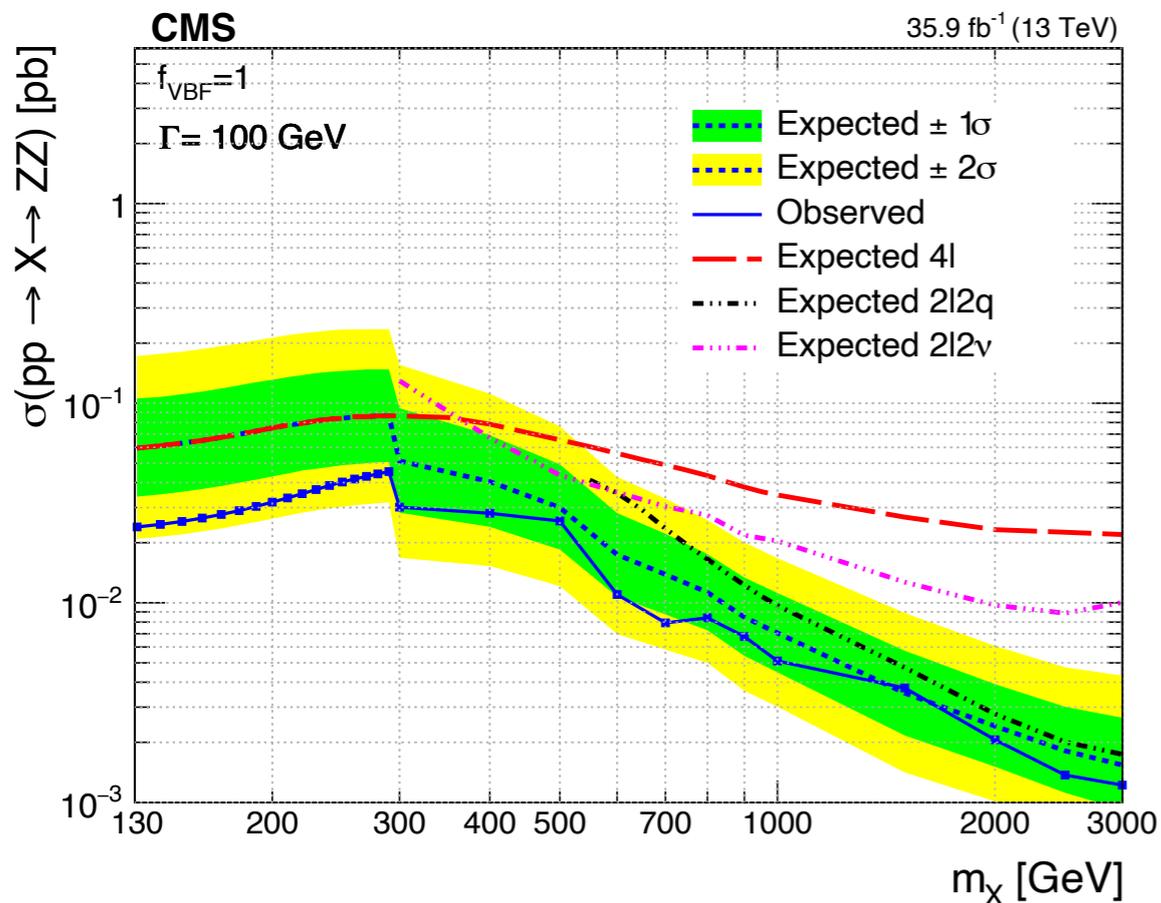
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with focus on VBF:

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CMS limits:



interesting off-shell $X(150)$ effect

Application to LHC data: $X \rightarrow WW$

- $X \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu 2q / 2\ell 2\nu$

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simulation (prod+dec):

POWHEG+JHUGen

MELA weights

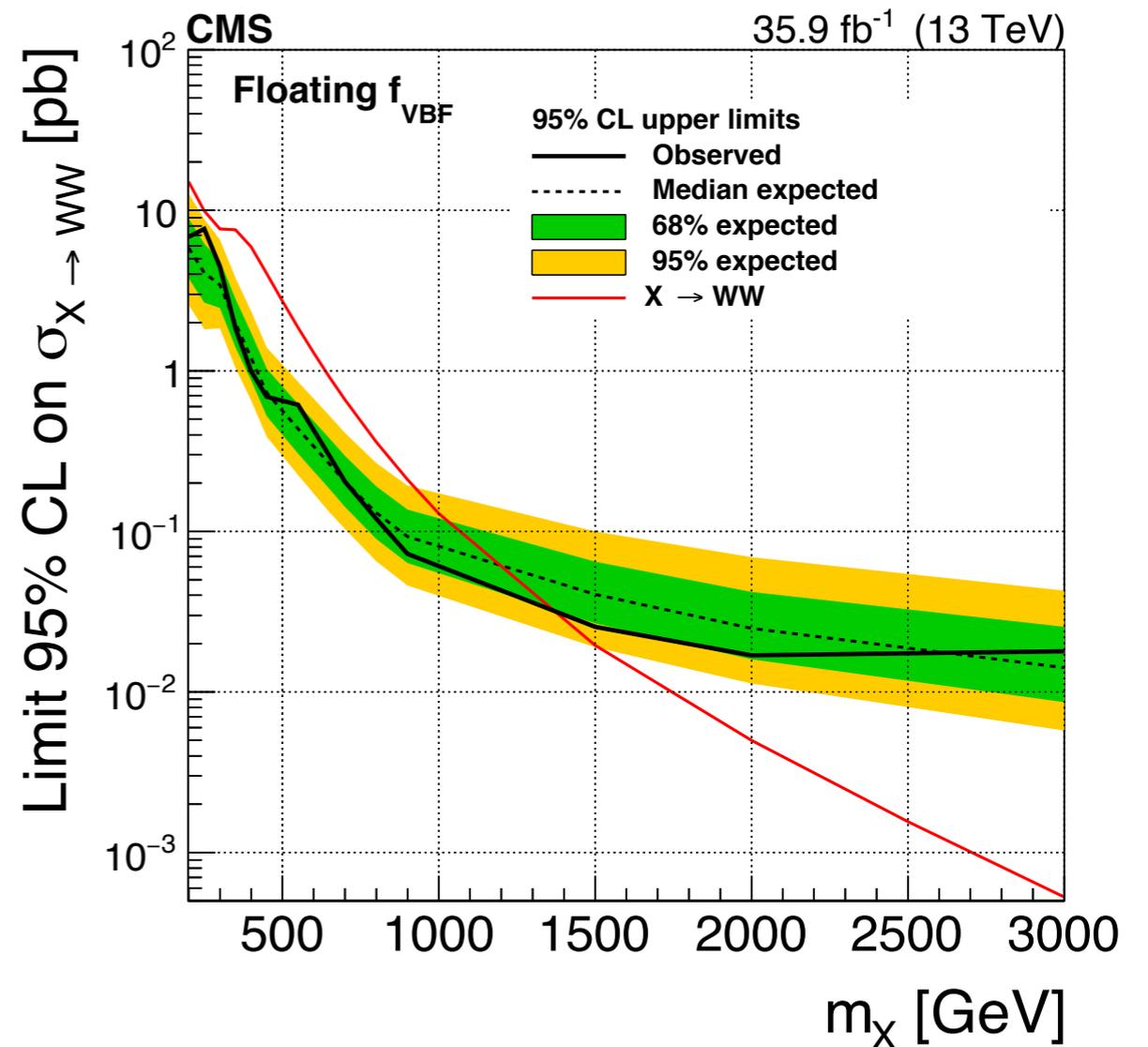
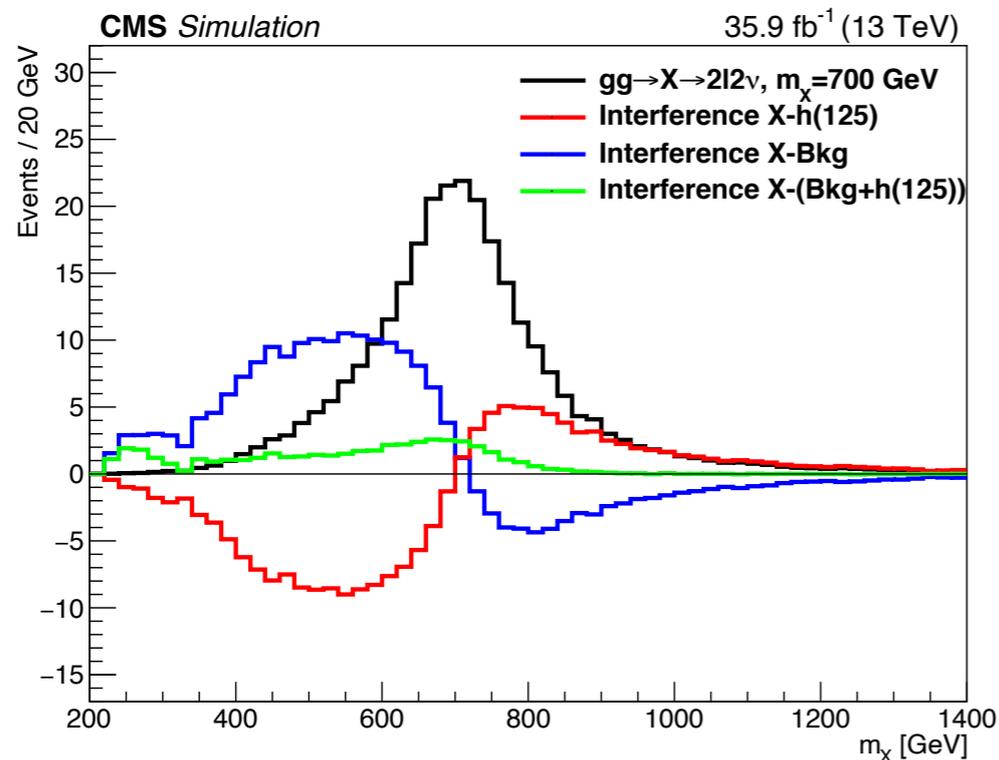
any mass

“SM width” as an approximation of the 2HDM
($\Gamma_X = m_X/2$ above 1 TeV)

any production (ggH or EW, float f_{VBF})

full interference

SM-like coupling



Summary

- Interference and finite width effects
 - important to model properly when width is large
- Illustrated with $X \rightarrow ZZ/WW \rightarrow 4f$
- Technical implementations and examples:
 - interference with **JHUGen** + **MCFM** (signal+background)
 - large width with **POWHEG** + **JHUGen** (prod+decay)
 - matrix elements with **MELA** for weights and observables
- Application to LHC data with $X \rightarrow ZZ/WW \rightarrow 4f$

BACKUP

JHUGen Physics (BSM and EFT)

- Framework for studies of BSM resonances / EFT of the Higgs
 - name attached by our ATLAS colleagues in 2012, so we learned to live with it...
- Available processes:

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