



# ATLAS BSM Higgs

## Lessons from Run-1 and Wishlist for Run-2

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**ATLAS has a very rich BSM Higgs boson search program.**

In this talk we highlight the issues where we would like feedback from the theorists.

**Topics covered in this talk:** Charged Higgs, bbA production,  $H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  Interference study, and more

Neutral Heavy Higgs to Fermions	$H/A \rightarrow (b)\tau\tau$ (LL, LH, HH)
	$H/A \rightarrow (b)\mu\mu$
	$H/A \rightarrow (b)bb$
	$H/A \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

Neutral Heavy Higgs to Bosons	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
	$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
	$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$
	$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llqq$
	$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu qq$
	$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$	

Neutral Heavy Higgs to Bosons, including light Higgs	$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$
	$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow 4b$
	$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$
	$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow VV \gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4j \gamma\gamma$
	$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow WW \gamma\gamma \rightarrow l\nu qq \gamma\gamma$
	$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow ll\tau\tau$ (LL, LH, HH)
	$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow (ll/\nu\nu)bb$

Heavy and light Charged Higgs	$H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu + \text{jets}$
	$H^\pm \rightarrow tb$ (resolved)
	$H^\pm \rightarrow tb$ s-chan (had, L+j)
	$H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu + \text{lep}(s)$
	$H^\pm \rightarrow \mu\nu$
	$H^\pm \rightarrow cs$
	$H^\pm \rightarrow cb$
	- AW
	$H^\pm \rightarrow Wh$ (WH, WA)
	$H^\pm \rightarrow W\gamma$
	$H^\pm \rightarrow tb$ (boosted)
	$H^\pm \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow tb$ (lνqq, qqll)
$H^\pm$	

LFV / FCNC / rare decays	$H \rightarrow \tau\mu, \tau e$
	$H \rightarrow e\mu$
	$H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma, Y\gamma$
	$H \rightarrow ZJ/\psi, ZY$
	$H \rightarrow \phi\gamma$
	$t \rightarrow cH$ (various)

Exotics decays with MET, Dark-sector Inspired	mono H ( $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{MET}$ )
	mono H ( $\rightarrow bb + \text{MET}$ )
	mono H ( $\rightarrow 4l + \text{MET}$ )
	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \text{dark}$
	$ZH \rightarrow (ll) \text{INV}$
	VBF $H \rightarrow \text{INV}$
	$VH \rightarrow (jj) \text{INV}$
$t\bar{t}H \rightarrow \text{INV}$ (various)	
ggF $H \rightarrow \text{INV}$ (monojet).	

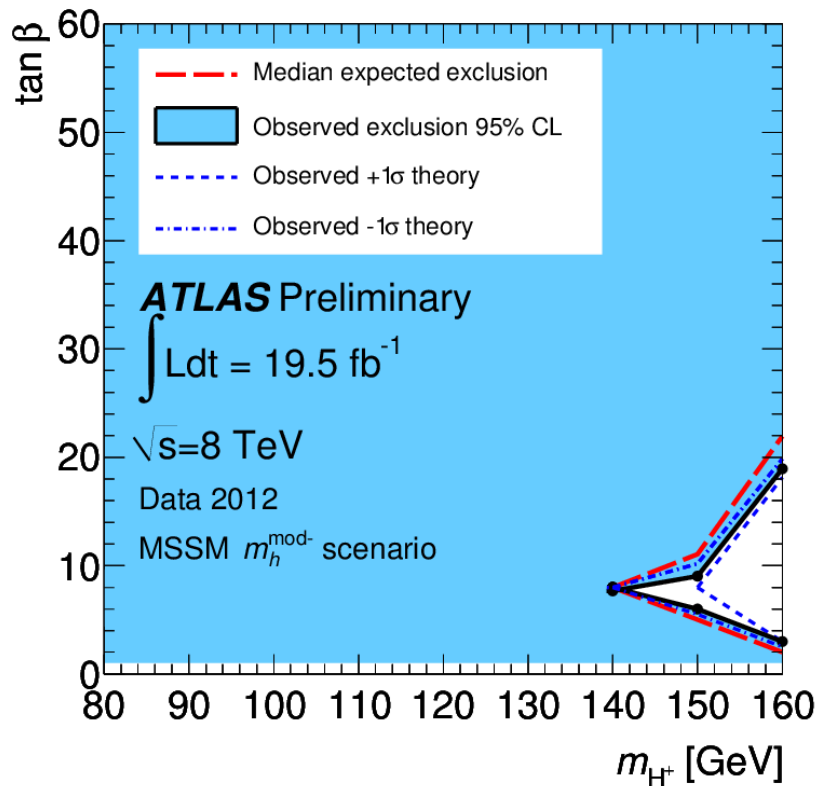
Exotics decays with no MET, Dark-sector / NMSSM Inspired	$H \rightarrow Z \text{dark} Z(\text{dark}) \rightarrow 4l$
	$h \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$
	$h \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\mu\mu$
	$a \rightarrow \mu\mu$
	$h \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow 4\gamma$ (multiphoton)
	$h \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$
	$h \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$
$(bb)a \rightarrow (bb)\tau\tau \rightarrow (bb)e\mu$	
$h \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow 4\tau$	
$H^\pm \rightarrow aW$	

# **Charged Higgs Bosons**

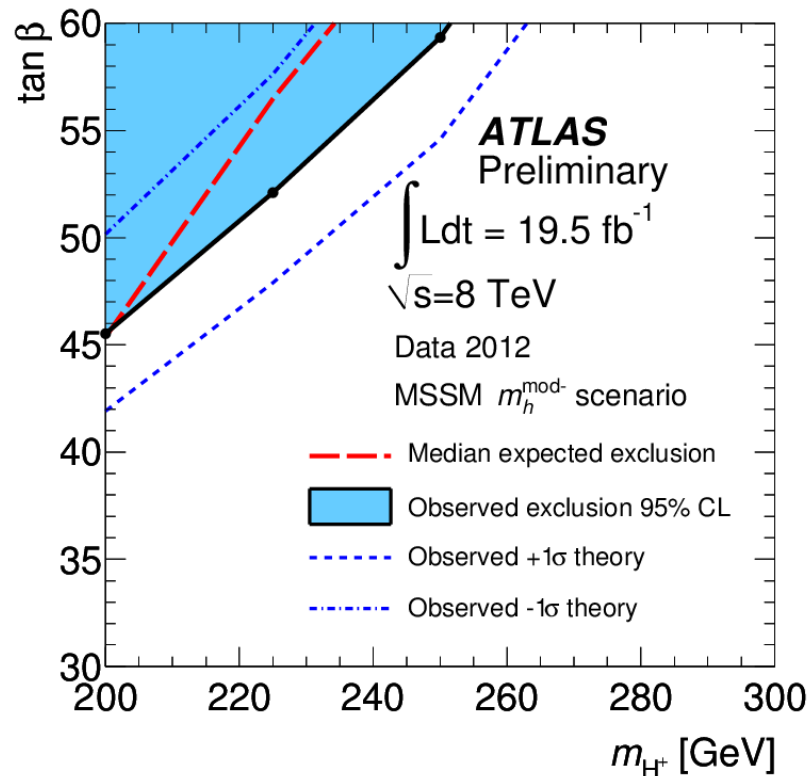
ATLAS has a strong  $H^+$  program

Our most prominent channel:  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$  („ $\tau$  + jets“), one of the high-priority channels in Run-II

Most recent  $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$  exclusions in the  $m_h^{\text{mod-}}$  scenario:



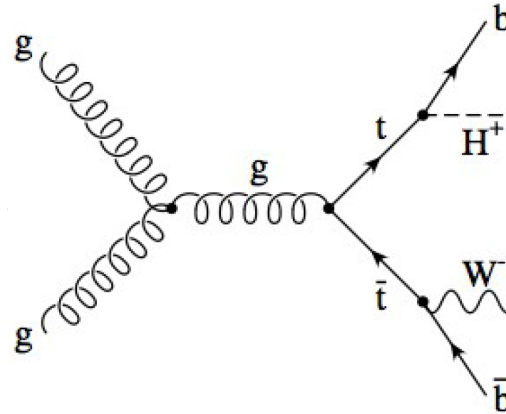
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The intermediate region has not been studied in Run-I.

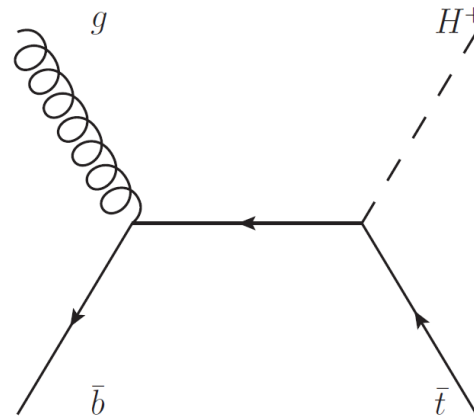
**We wish to close this gap in Run-II.** We need a MC generator for the signal that can handle this.

Low mass  $m_{H^+} < m_{\text{top}}$ :  $pp \rightarrow tt \rightarrow bWbH^+$



See also [talk](#) by M. Flechl of the WG3

High mass  $m_{H^+} > m_{\text{top}}$ :  $pp \rightarrow tH^+ + X$



Intermediate mass region: 160-200 GeV:

- Contributions from both processes, comparable size
- Interference effects, processes cannot simply be added up
- We need a coherent cross section calculation with not too large uncertainties,
- We also need MC generator which models the signal in this region.  
First studies with MG LO are ongoing, we'd like to have NLO MC generator

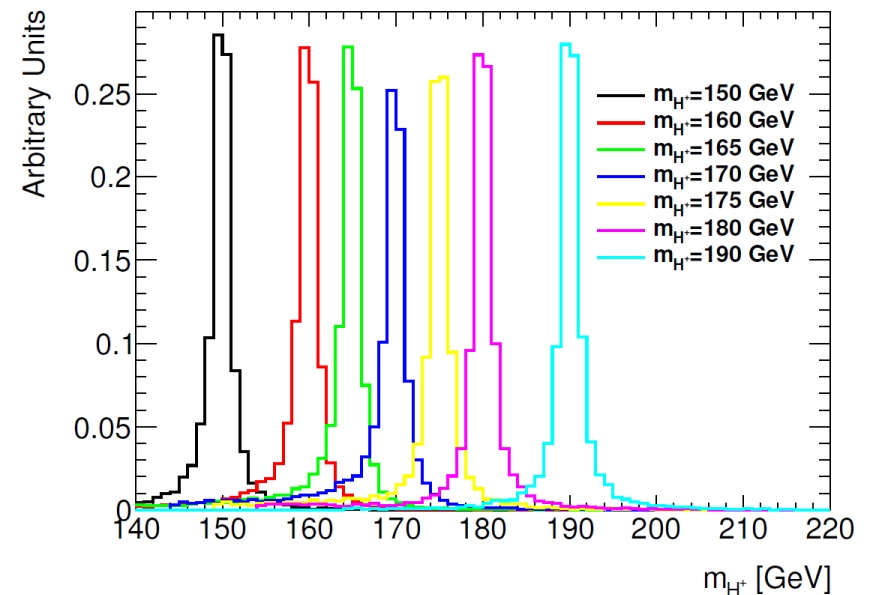
A very first look at MadGraph5 LO v2.2.0 H<sup>+</sup> in the intermediate mass region:

We generated events (process  $pp \rightarrow WbH^+b$ ) for H<sup>+</sup> masses between 150-190 GeV to bridge the difficult region (160-180 GeV).

Generator details:

	H <sup>+</sup> $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
ME gen.	MadGraph5_aMC@NLO v2.2.0
PS/UE	Pythia8 v8.175
Ren/Fac. scale	$m_Z$
ME & PS/UE PDF	CTEQ6L1
Tune	AU

Reconstructed H<sup>+</sup> mass (H<sup>+</sup> →  $\tau\nu$ )

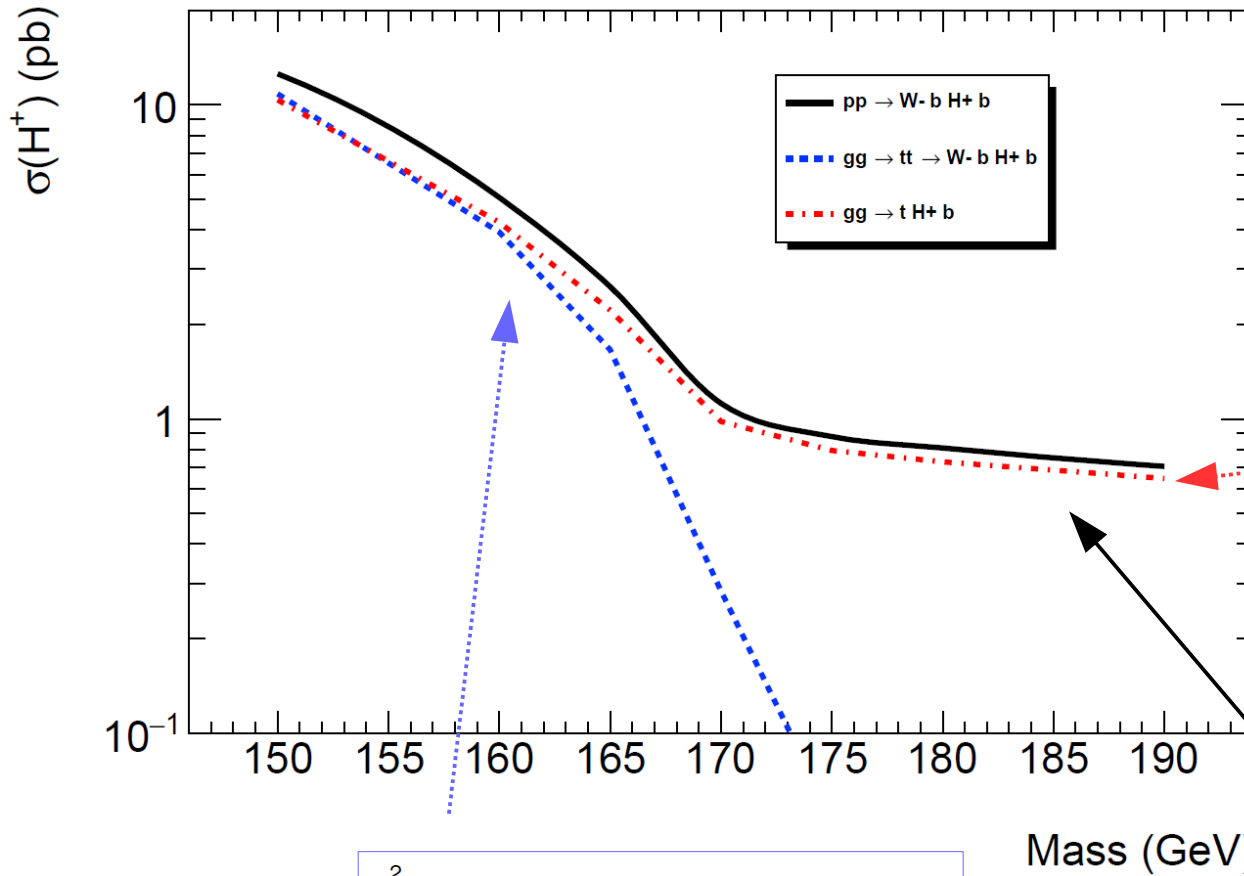


No simulation or smearing applied

**Wishlist:**

We are looking forward to the NLO implementation. We want to use the NLO signal model for our Run-2 studies.

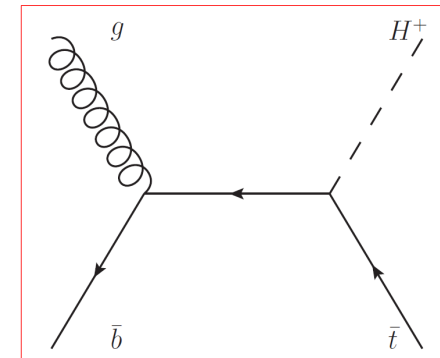
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Example diagrams

High mass:

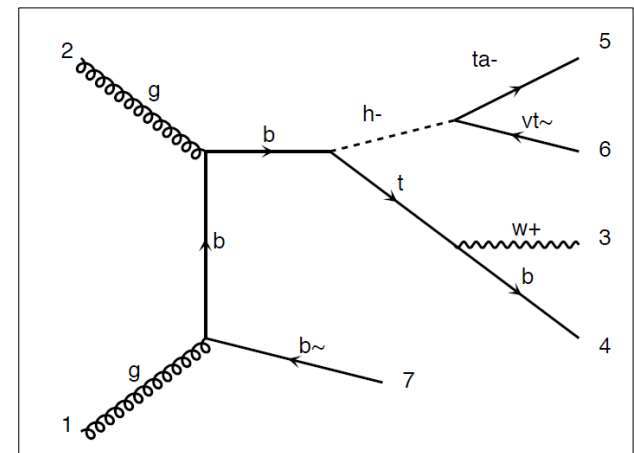
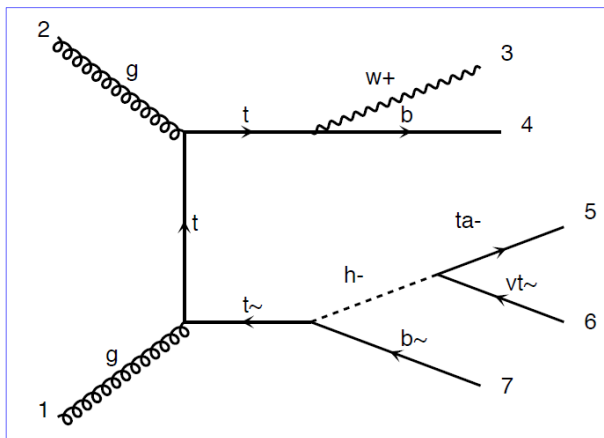
$$gb \rightarrow H^+ t$$



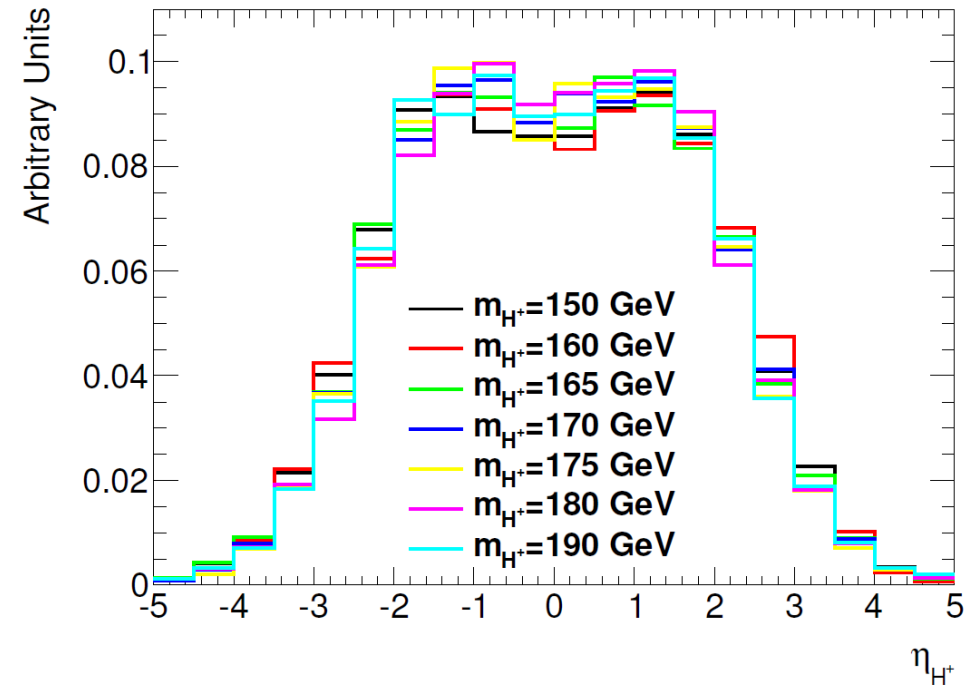
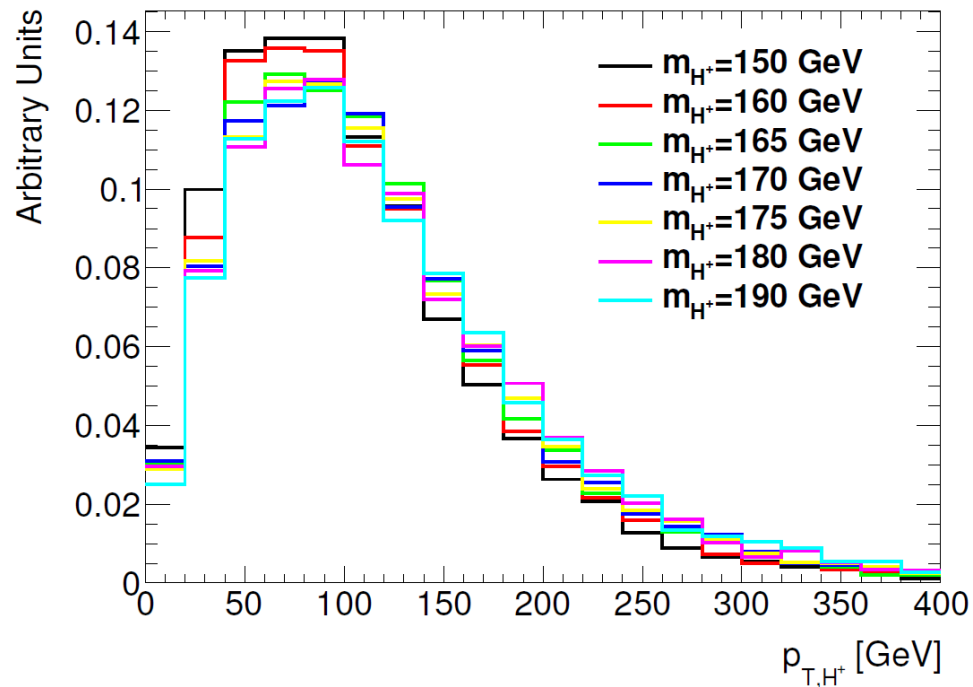
pp → WbH<sup>+</sup>b, gauge invariant over the whole mass range

low mass:

$$tt \rightarrow WbH^+b$$



A very first look at MG LO H<sup>+</sup> in the intermediate mass region:  
Kinematics of pp → WbH<sup>+</sup>b



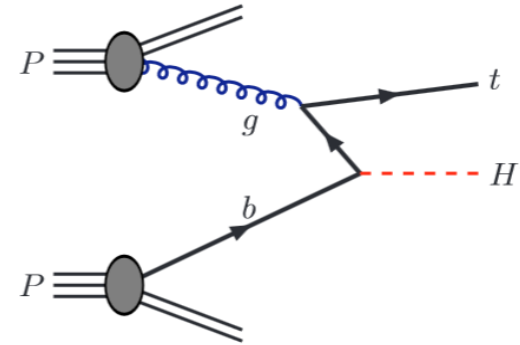
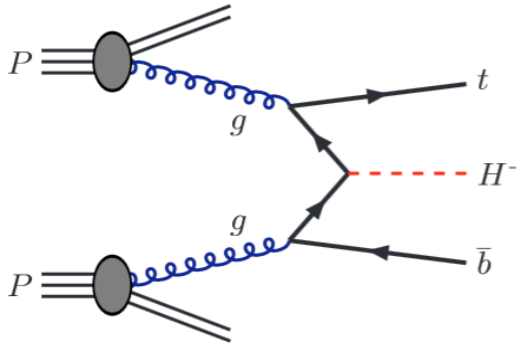
We need to study the particle kinematics and event characteristics and how they change throughout the transition region, to find an optimal event selection.



There are two schemes to calculate the charged Higgs cross section:

the 4-flavour scheme  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{b}H^+$

and the 5-flavour scheme  $gb \rightarrow t\bar{b}H^+$



- + exact  $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  splitting & mass effects
- no summation of  $\ln(M_H/M_b)$  terms

- + summation of  $\ln(M_H/M_b)$  terms
- LL approx. to  $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  splitting

## The 4- and 5-flavour schemes

- are both theoretically consistent & well-defined
- represent different ways of ordering perturbation theory
- should agree at sufficiently high order
- do not match exactly at finite order

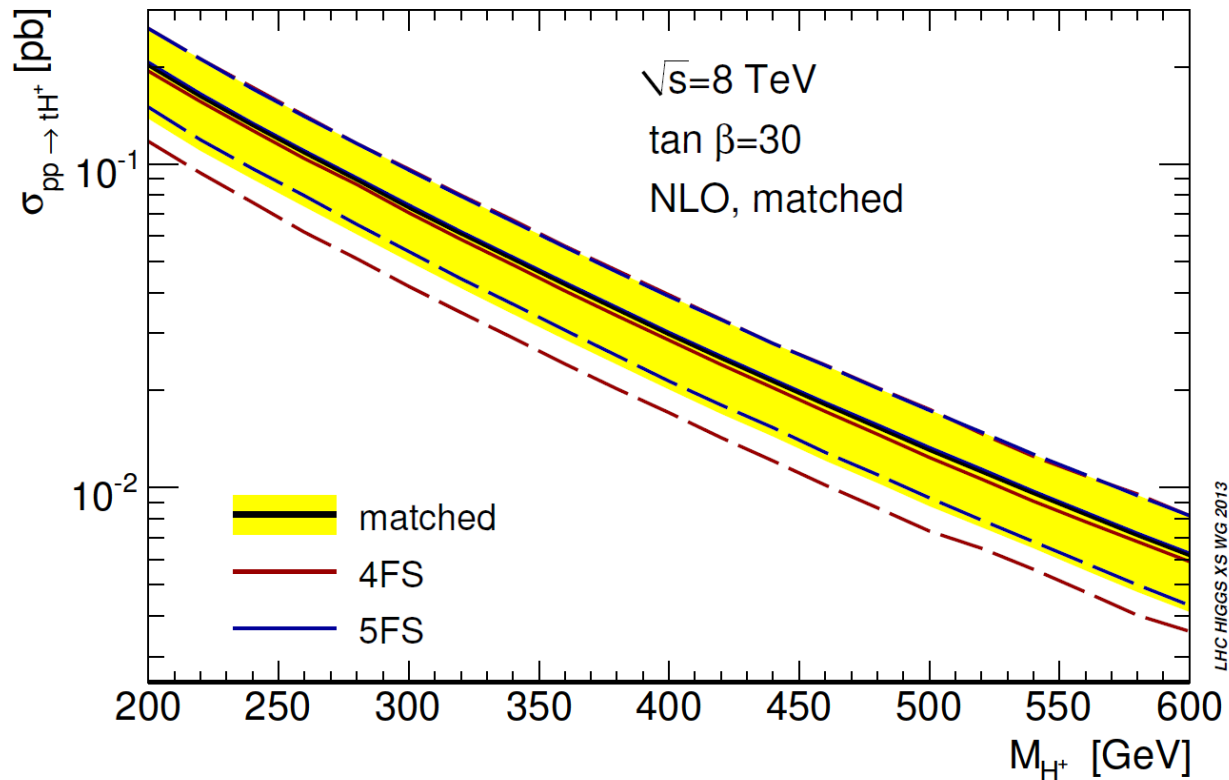
Completely valid in the asymptotics limits:

$$m_H/m_b \rightarrow 1 \quad : \quad 4\text{FS}$$

$$m_H/m_b \rightarrow \infty \quad : \quad 5\text{FS}$$

**Santander matching:**

$$\sigma^{\text{matched}} = \frac{\sigma^{4\text{FS}} + w \sigma^{5\text{FS}}}{1 + w} \quad w = \ln \frac{m_H}{m_b} - 2$$



Santander matching agrees well for inclusive cross sections, but what about exclusive events?

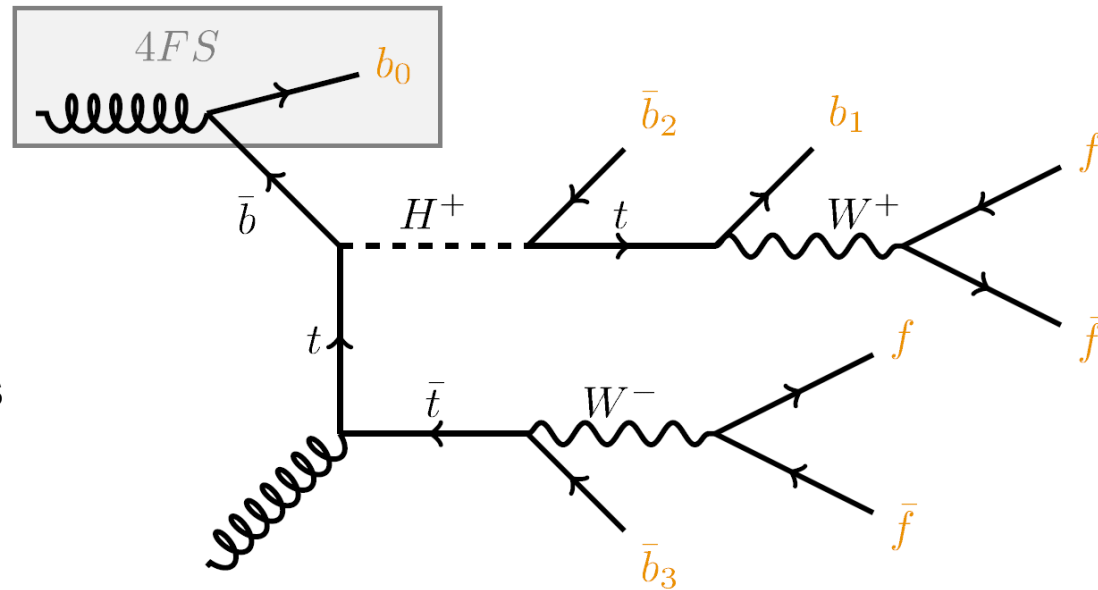
## Our wish for Run-II:

We need the cross sections and uncertainties at 13 TeV for H<sup>+</sup> masses well above 600 GeV, and for all sorts of models/benchmarks.

The two FS have huge impact on the signal acceptance, especially in final states with many b-jets:

**4FS H<sup>+</sup> → tb:**

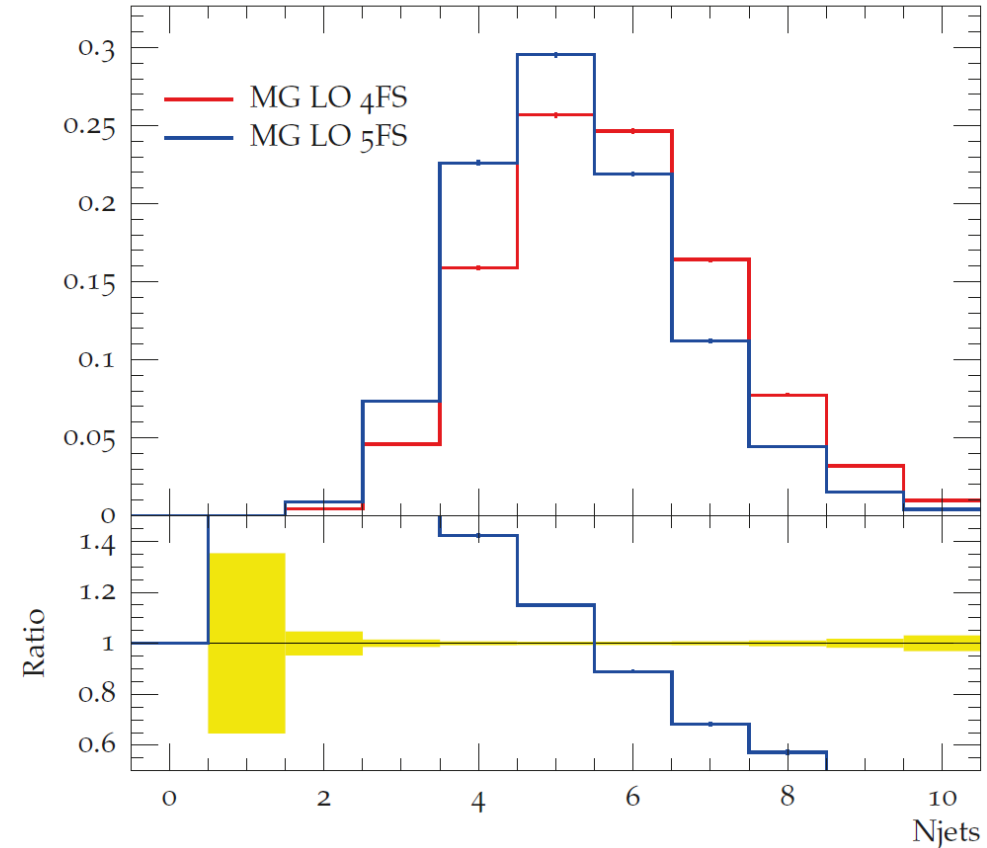
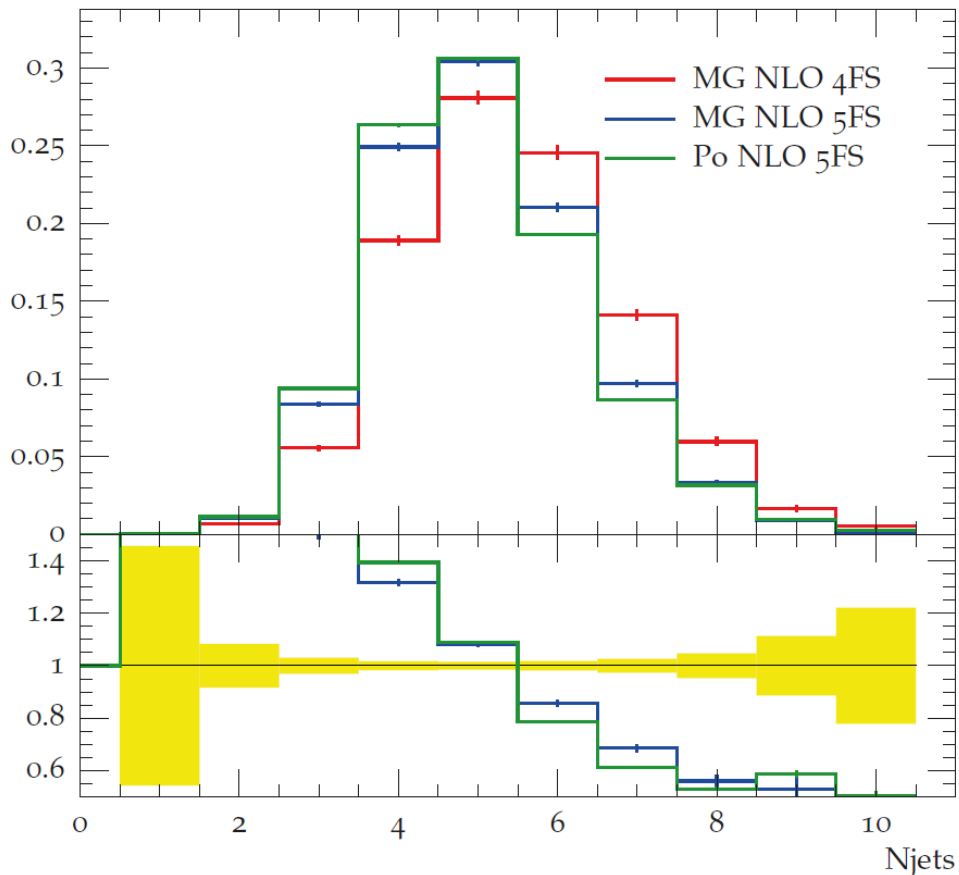
In principle the 4FS gives one more bjet.



	$H^+, \sqrt{s}=8 \text{ TeV}$		
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PS/UE gen.	PYTHIA8 v8.175	PYTHIA8 v8.175	PYTHIA8 v8.175
Ren./Fac. scale	$(m_t + m_H)/3$	$(m_t + m_H)/3$	$(m_t + m_H)/2$
ME & PS/UE PDF	CTEQ6L1	CTEQ6L1	CT10
Tune	AU2	AU2	AU2
$m_H$	200/400/600 GeV	400 GeV	400 GeV

Comparison of MG5\_aMC@NLO for 4FS and 5FS, and overlaid with PowhegPythia 5FS:

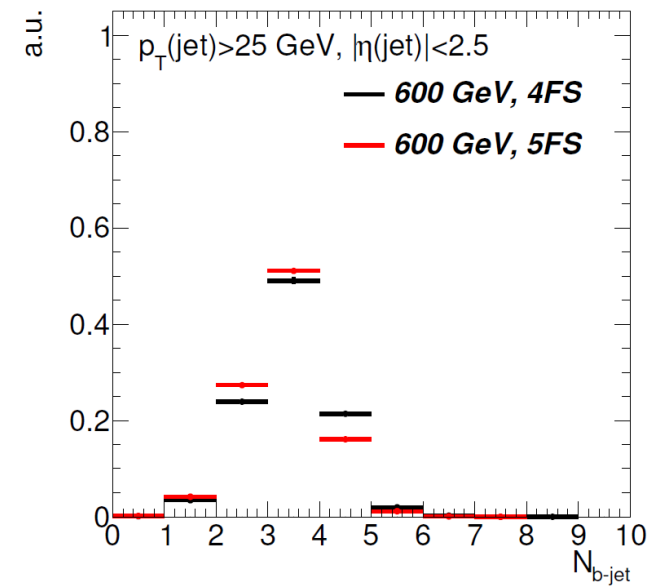
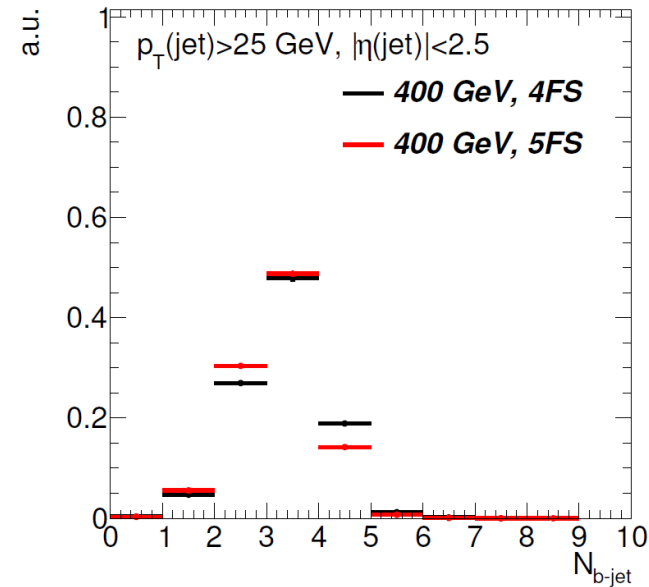
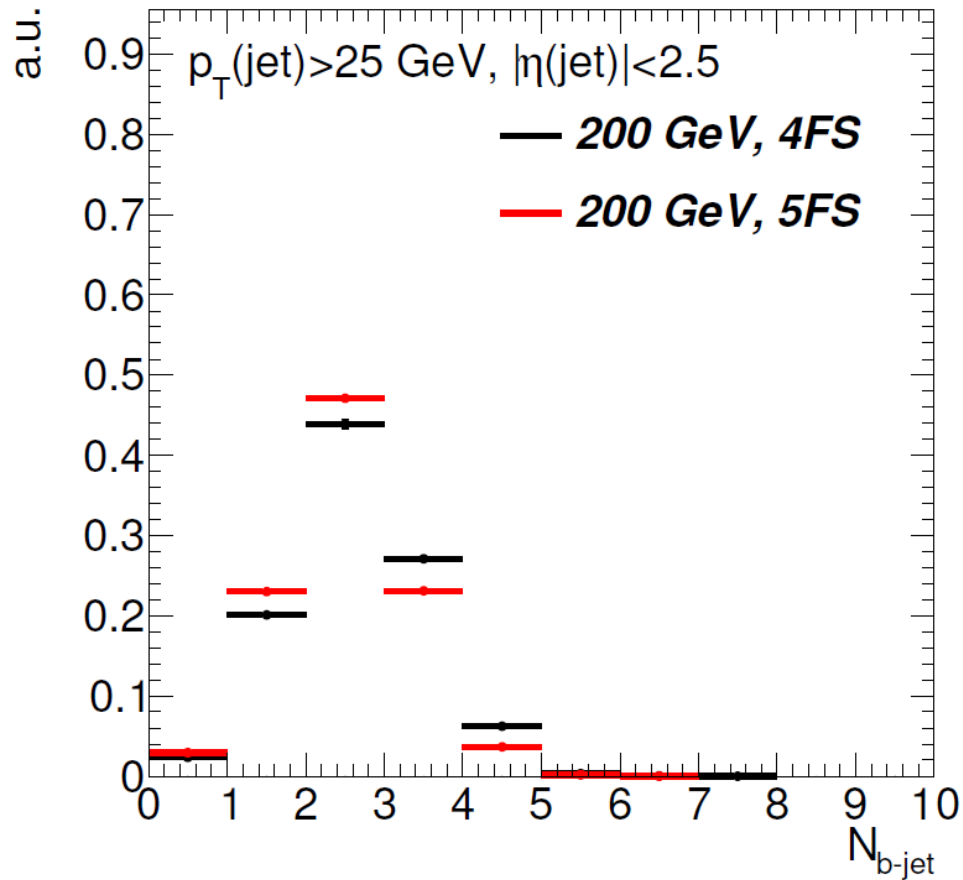
MG5 LO samples:



All samples showered with Pythia8.

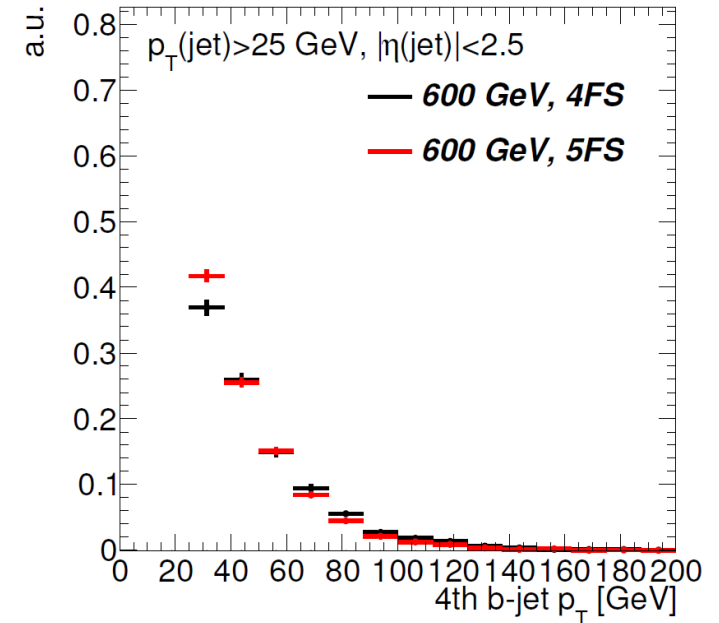
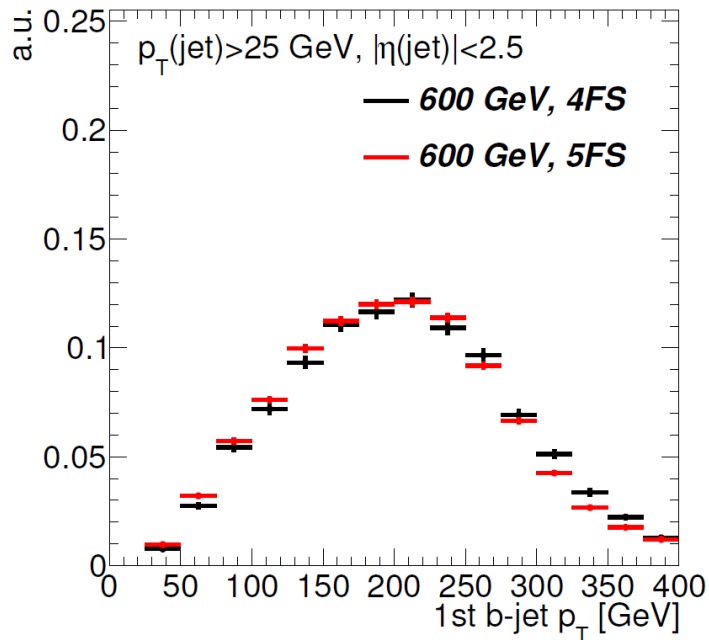
We are puzzled to find about the same differences with NLO as with LO samples.  
 → Will be discussed in talk by Maria Ubiali later today.

b-jet multiplicity for 200, 400 and 600 GeV H<sup>+</sup> mass, tH<sup>+</sup> → tb MG5\_aMC@NLO:



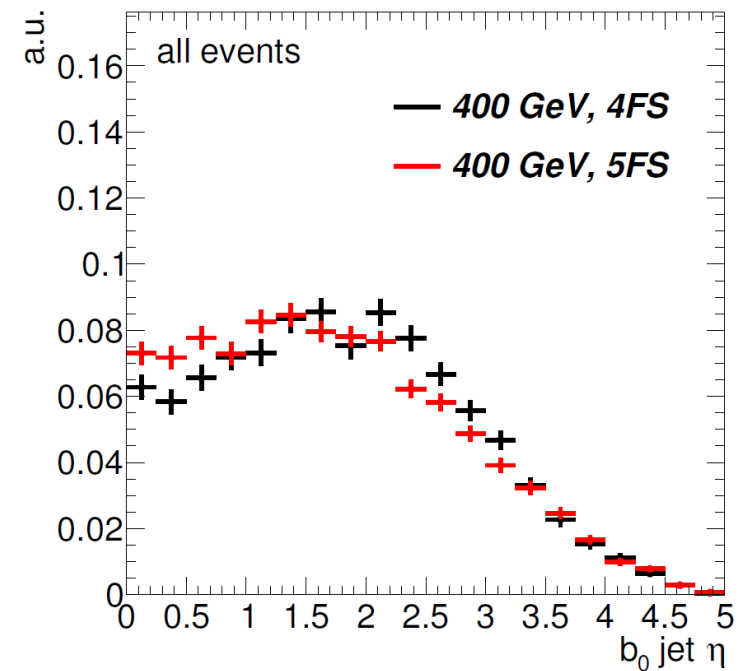
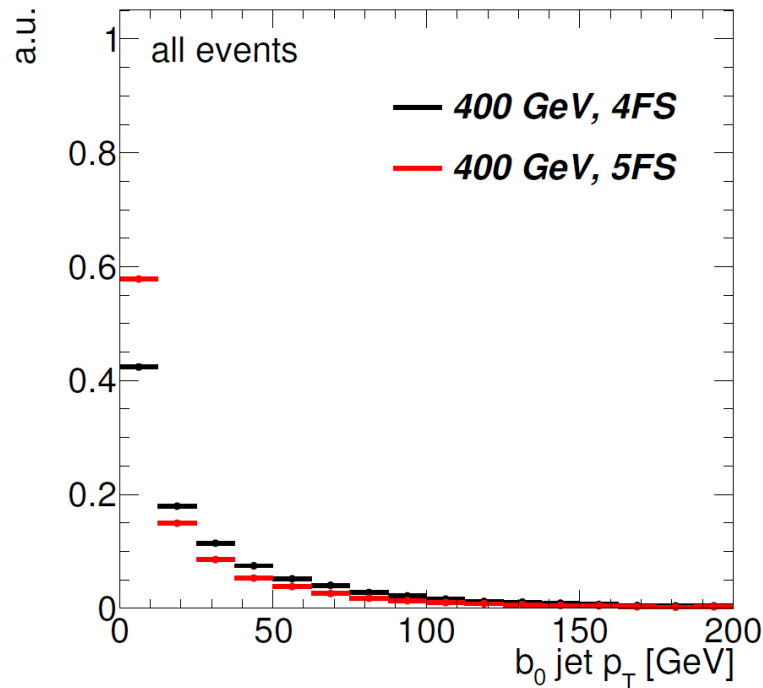
p<sub>T</sub> of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> b-jet for m<sub>H<sup>+</sup></sub>=600 GeV:

→ 4FS has more and harder b-jets.



p<sub>T</sub> and η of bjets that don't come from the H<sup>+</sup> or top decay:

→ Large differences



Number of signal events of  $tH^+ \rightarrow tb$  in jet and b-tag categories (on truth level),  
 And relative differences between 4FS and 5FS. Numbers in arbitrary units,  
 Samples are MG5\_aMC@NLO.

Events in the 6jet-inclusive signal region:

Sample	2b	3b	4b	3b+4b
4 FS 200 GeV	0.798	1.071	0.400	1.471
5 FS 200 GeV	0.585	0.796	0.260	1.056
rel. difference	-27%	-26%	-35%	-28%
4 FS 400 GeV	0.622	1.927	1.057	2.984
5 FS 400 GeV	0.581	1.714	0.803	2.518
rel. difference	-7%	-11%	-24%	-16%
4 FS 600 GeV	0.643	2.088	1.268	3.356
5 FS 600 GeV	0.638	2.000	0.935	2.931
rel. difference	-1%	-4%	-26%	-13%

← Huge differences,  
mass dependent,

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Differences increase with b-jet multiplicity

In Run-I, we use 5FS Powheg+Pythia8 samples to model our signal, and we use an inclusive signal region:  $\geq 5$  jets,  $\geq 3$  btags.

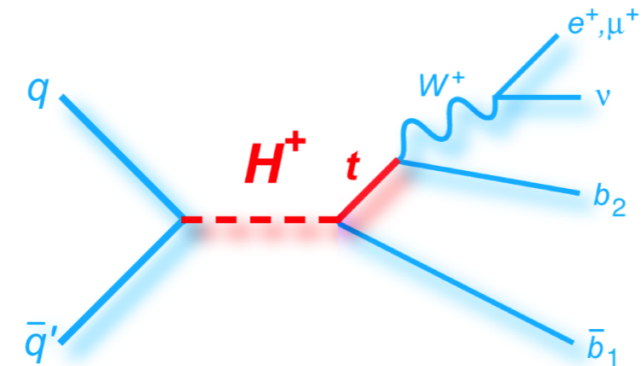
## Our wishes for Run-2:

- We want to switch to 4FS nominal signal samples at NLO
- In particular for the H<sup>+</sup> → tb search:  
We want to separate our signal regions into various jet and bjet multiplicity categories
- We would also like to assess the difference to the 5FS prediction, and the uncertainty on this difference
- We need to know how to deal with this difference between 4/5 FS (eg. should we treat it like an uncertainty in the statistical analysis), this recipe should be written down in a citable document



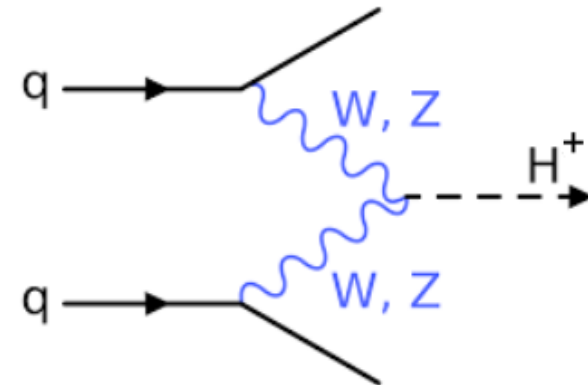
## s-channel H<sup>+</sup> → tb

- Currently studied in the mass range 0.4-3 TeV
- Identical to W' → tb search except the signal model
- Experimentally nice: Less complicated final state than tH<sup>+</sup> → tb



## VBF H<sup>+</sup> → WZ

- Searched for with ATLAS in the WZ fusion production mode (imposing dedicated VBF cuts), in mass range 200 -1000 GeV
- Predicted at loop level in multi-scalar doublet models, but can appear at tree level in scalar triplet models (eg. Littlest Higgs), or fermiophobic models.

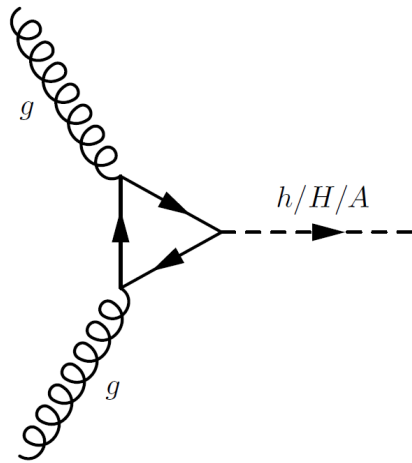


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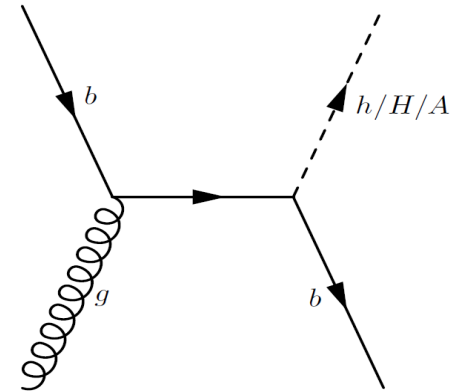
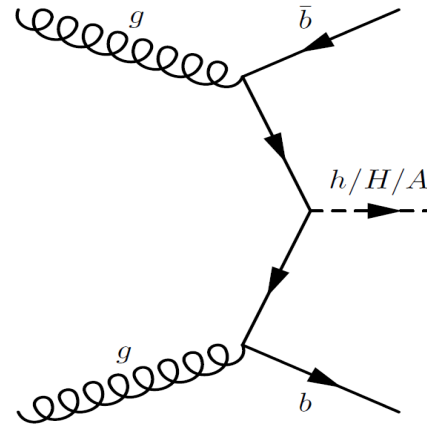
We would like to have benchmark models for these new channels (cross sections and BR)

# **b-associated Higgs Production**

Gluon fusion:



b-associated production:



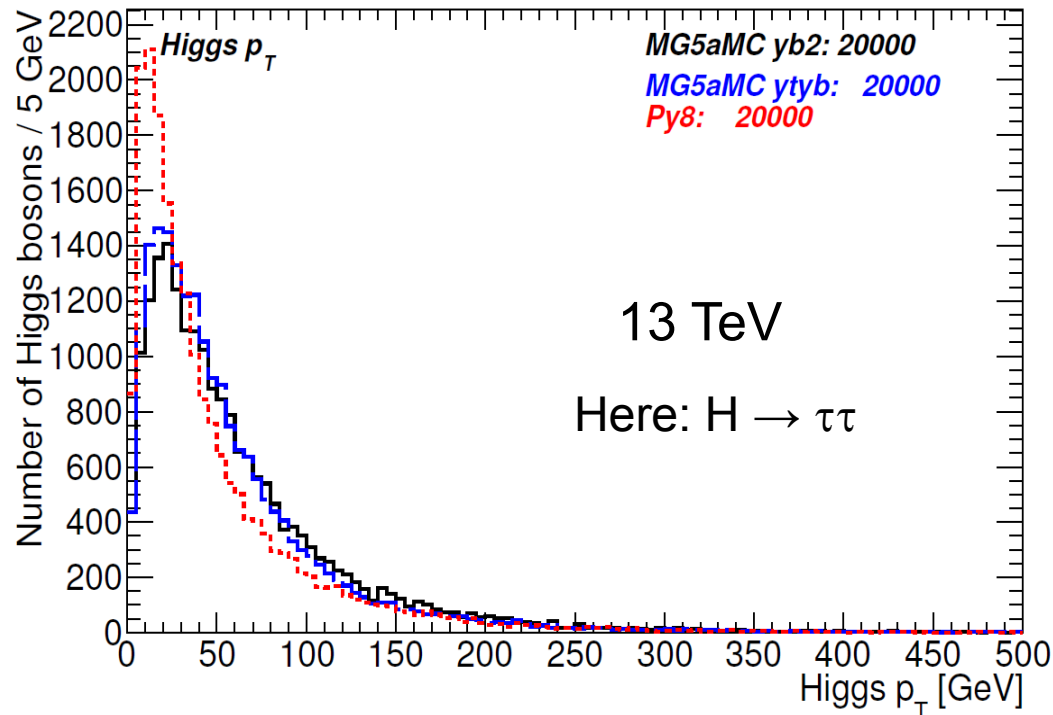
- negligible in the SM, but enhanced with  $\tan\beta$  in the MSSM, therefore dominating at high  $\tan\beta$
- experimentally nice: a b-tag can reduce backgrounds, one can define categories in b-jet multiplicity and increase sensitivity
- can be used to distinguish models in case of a signal

Very relevant for searches for  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$ , or  $H/A \rightarrow VV$

- Comparison of **Pythia8** (LO) to **MG5 NLO in the 4FS**, hadronized with Herwig++.
- MG5 calculation either with terms proportional to  $y_b^2$  or  $y_t^*y_b$

$$\sigma = \left( \alpha_S^2 y_b^2 \Delta_b^{(0)} + \alpha_S^3 y_b^2 \Delta_b^{(1)} \right) + \alpha_S^3 y_b y_t \Delta_b^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^4) = \sigma(y_b^2) + \sigma(y_b \cdot y_t) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^4)$$

As expected, the Higgs boson  $p_T$  of Pythia8 is softer than that of MG5, expected since Pythia8 is LO.

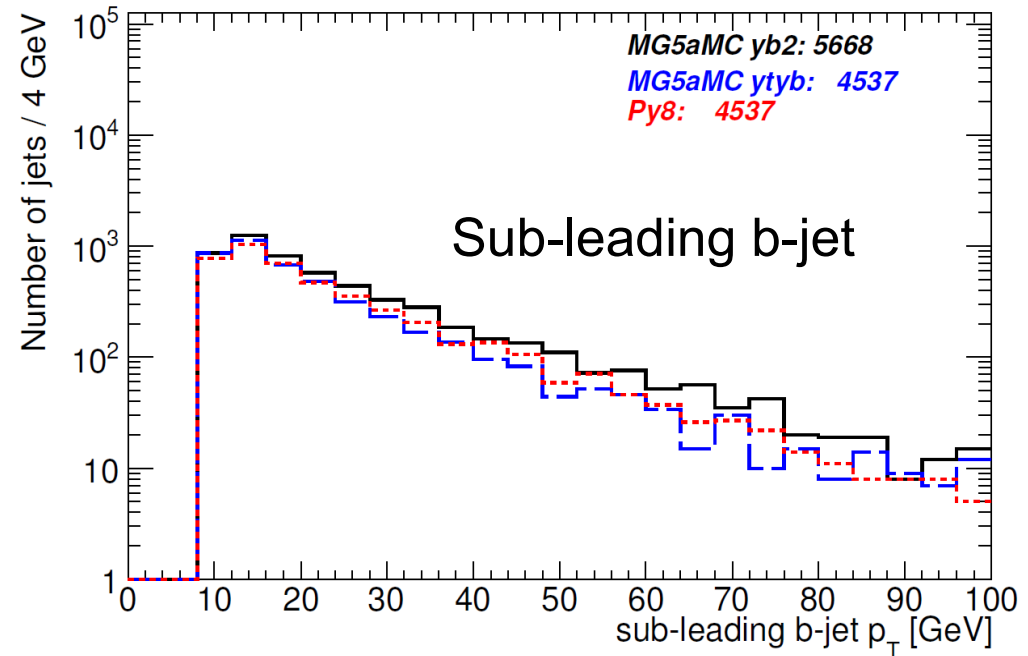
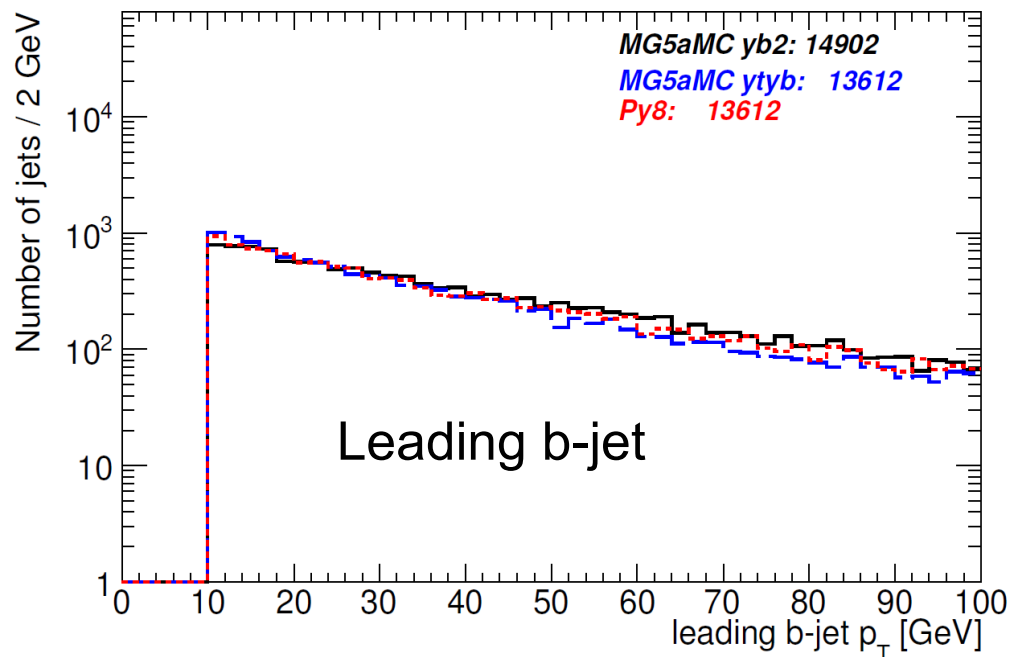
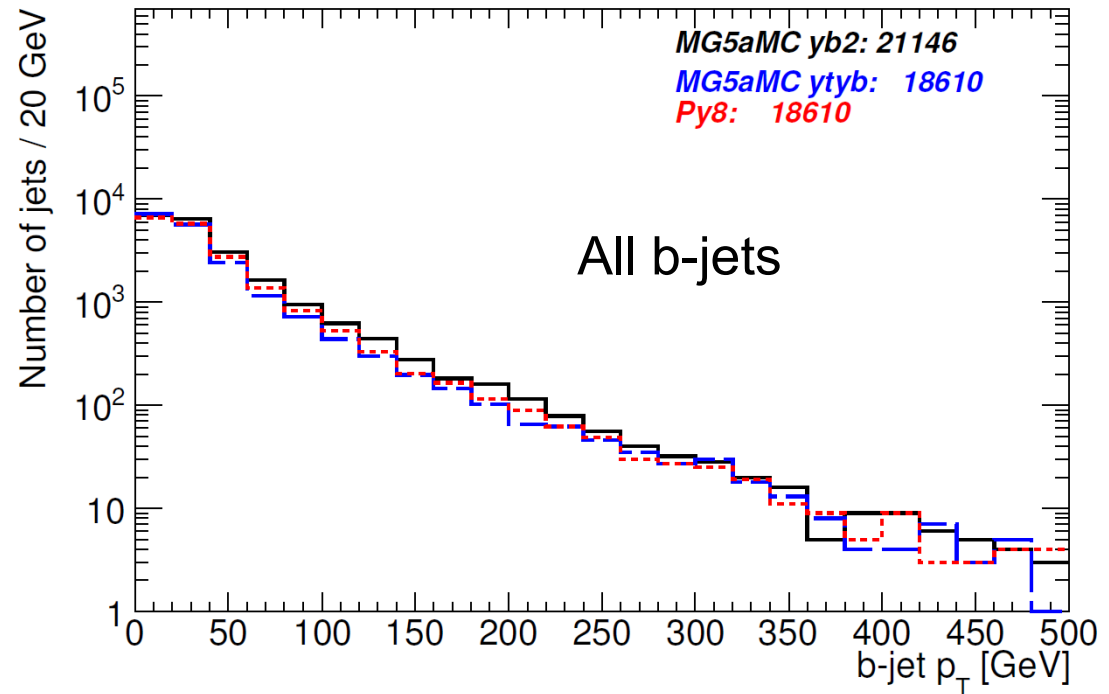


Generator details:

	$bbH, \sqrt{s}=13 \text{ TeV}$	
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PS/UE gen.	HERWIG++ v2.7.0a	PYTHIA8 v8.175
Ren./Fac. scale	$H_T/4$	<i>default</i>
ME & PS/UE PDF	CT10	CTEQ6L1
Tune	UE-EE-4	AU2
$m_H$	500 GeV	500 GeV

We study the bjets that come from the b-associated production vertex for the same samples as before.

For each sample 20k events generated, no extra normalization applied here.



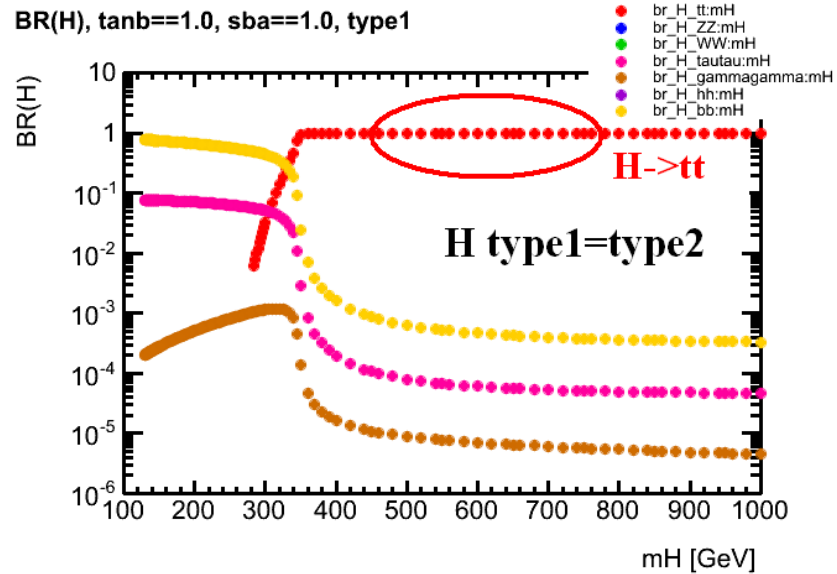
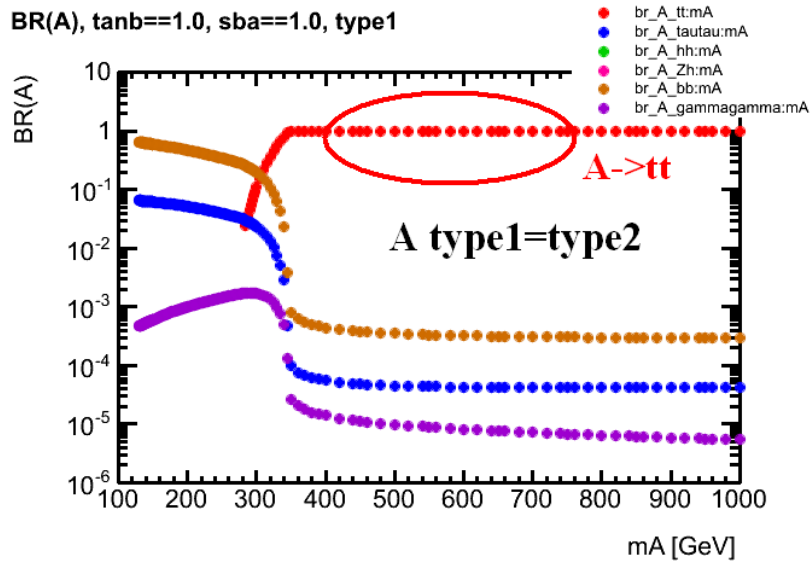
The distributions we studied look fine with MG5\_aMC@NLO.

We are considering to use MG5\_aMC@NLO for the production of our bbA/H signal samples in Run-2.

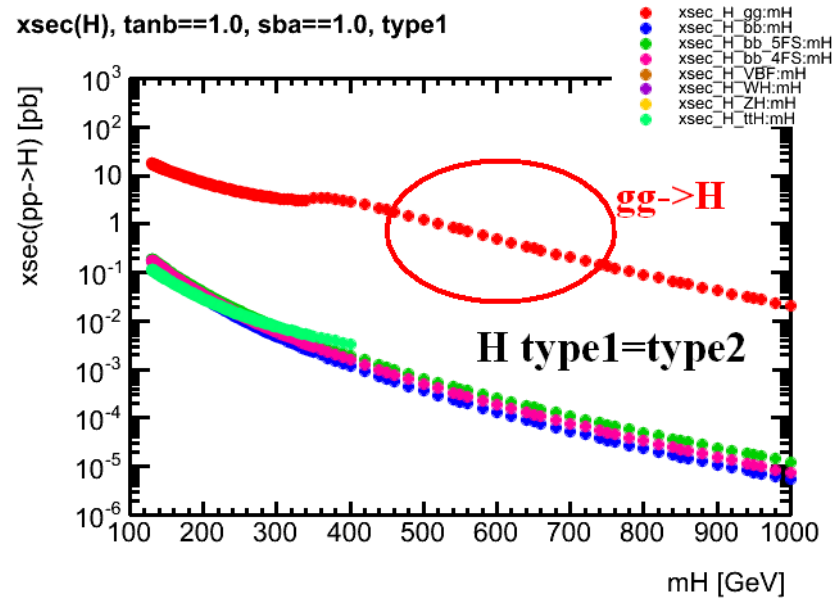
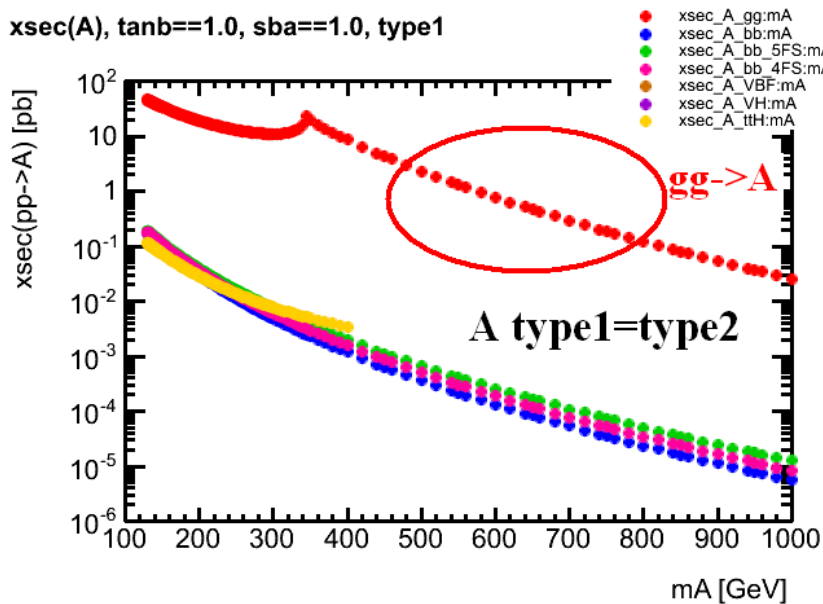
We thank Marius Wiesemann from the MG5\_aMC@NLO team for his continuous and patient support.

**Interference of  
gg  $\rightarrow$  H  $\rightarrow$  tt with gg  $\rightarrow$  tt**

Dominant decay for  $m_H > 2 * m_{top}$  (350 GeV)

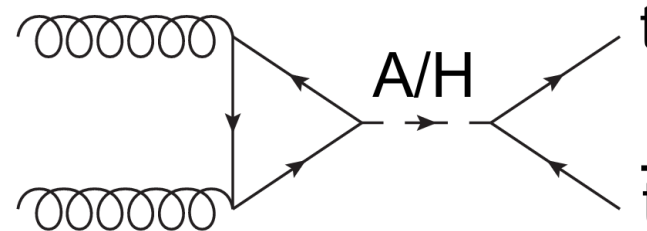
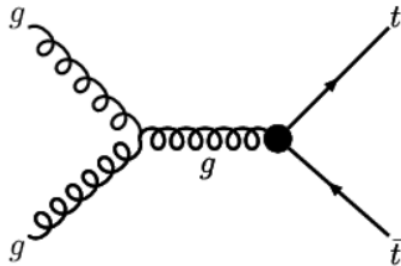


Production via gluon fusion dominant over the entire mass range:





## Study of interference of $gg \rightarrow tt$ with $gg \rightarrow A/H \rightarrow tt$



Three samples are produced with MG5 at LO:

- Signal  $gg \rightarrow A/H \rightarrow tt$
- Background  $gg \rightarrow tt$
- „All“ (Signal + background + interference)

	$A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}, gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}, \sqrt{s}=8 \text{ TeV}$
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ME PDF	CTEQ6L1
Ren./Fac. scale	$m_Z$
PS/UE gen.	none

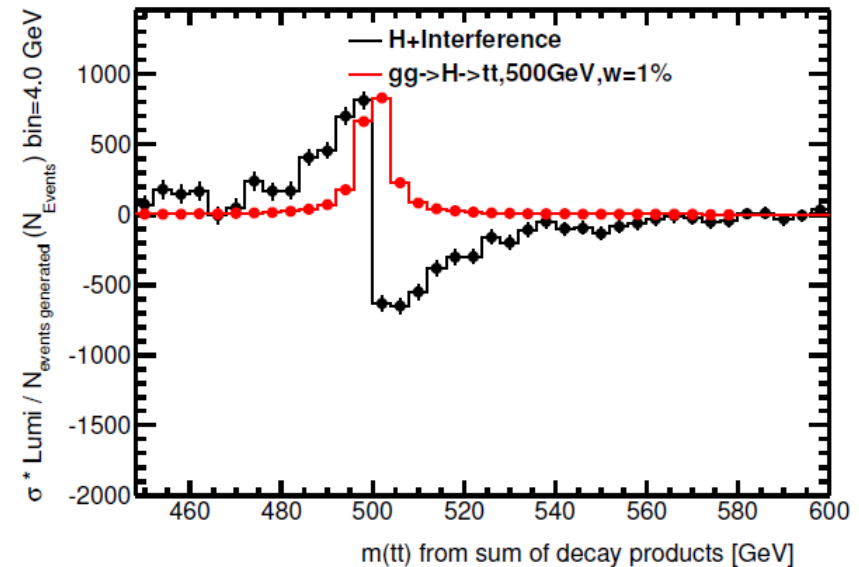
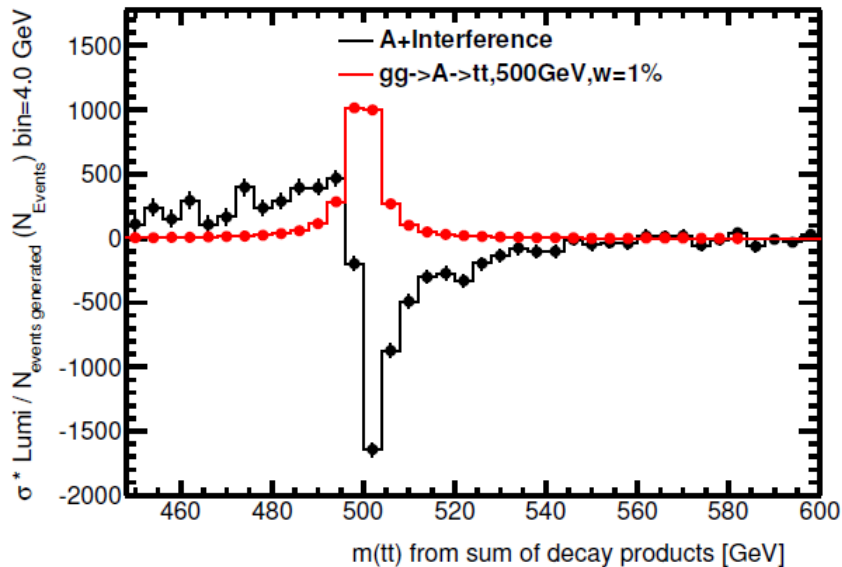
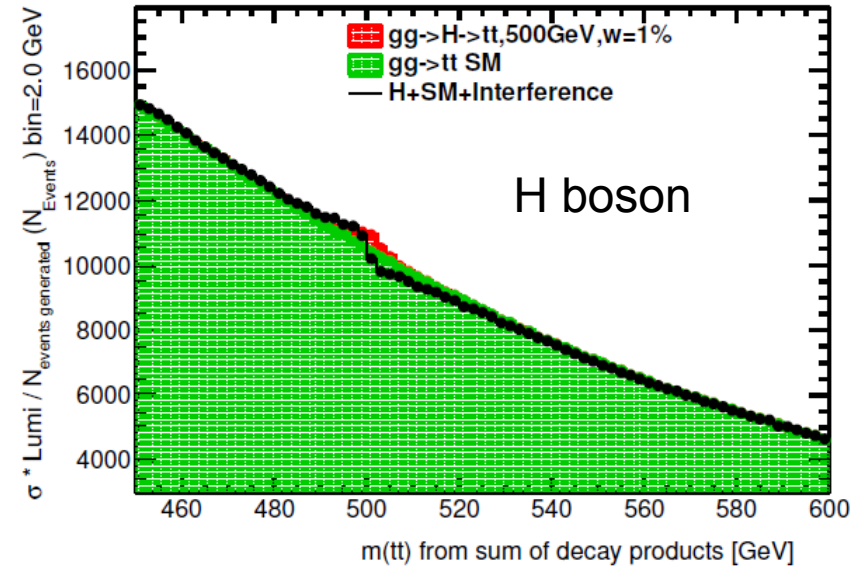
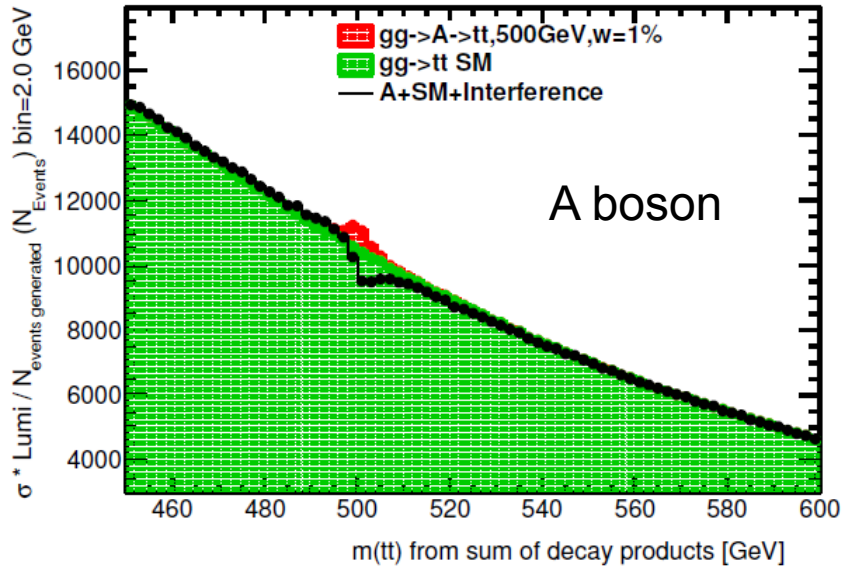
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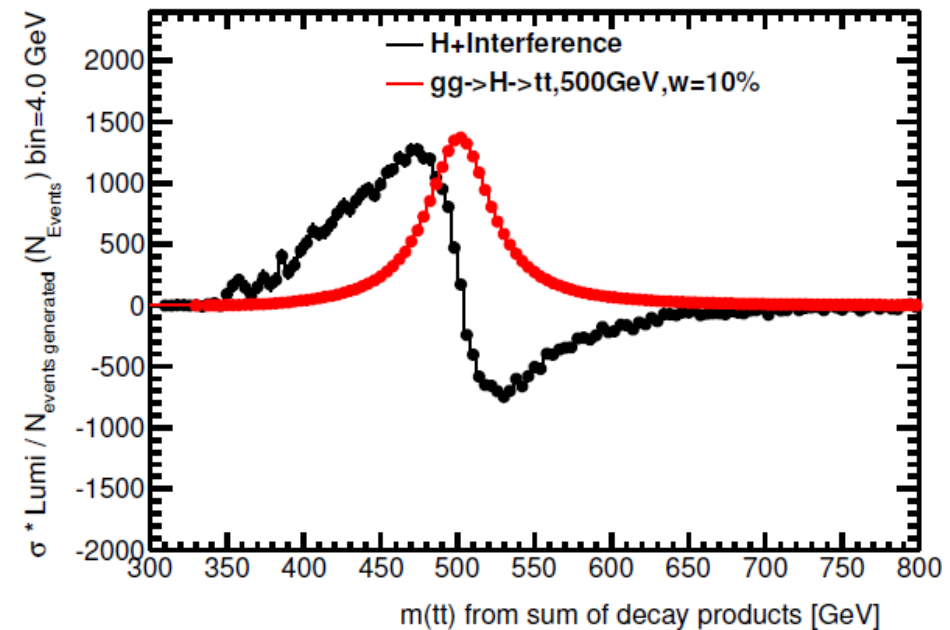
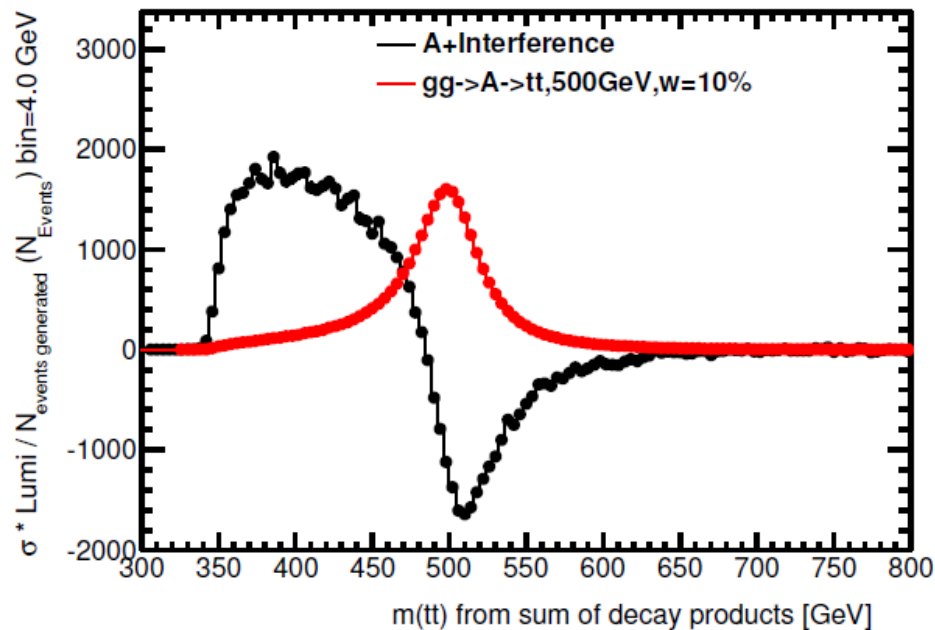
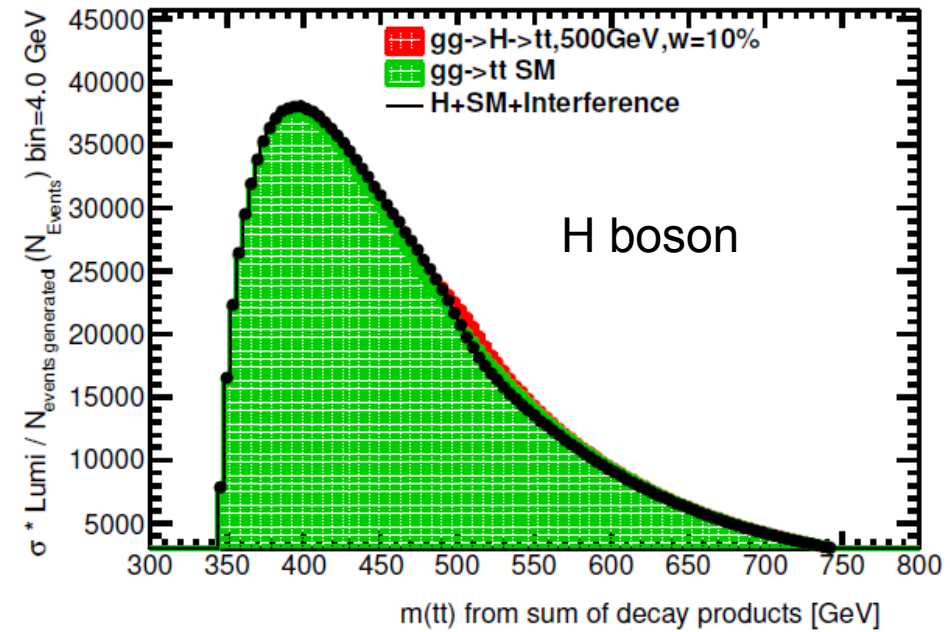
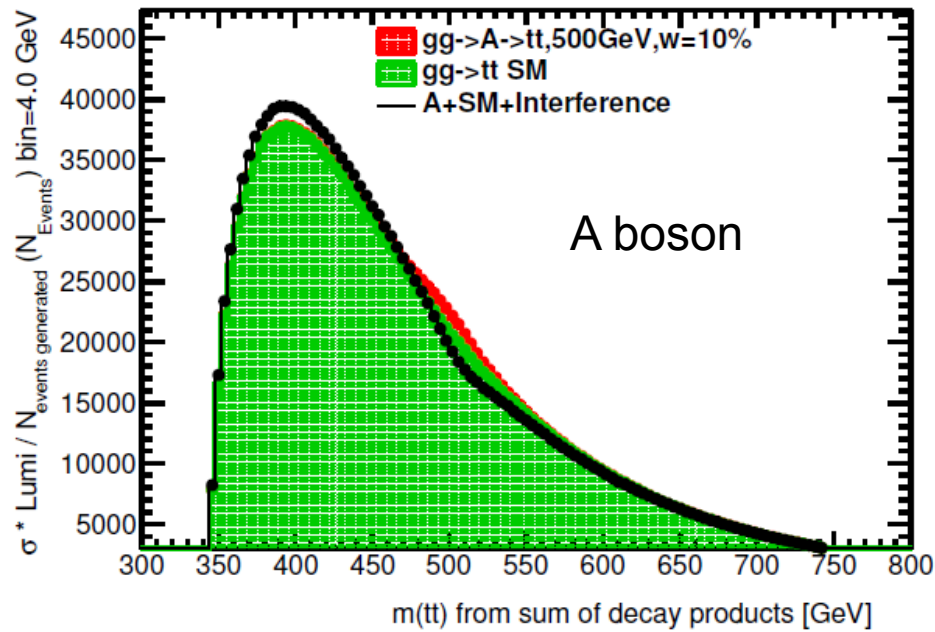
LO Cross sections  
from Madgraph (MG)

$\sigma(gg \rightarrow tt) = 92.18 \text{ pb}$   
(from MadGraph)

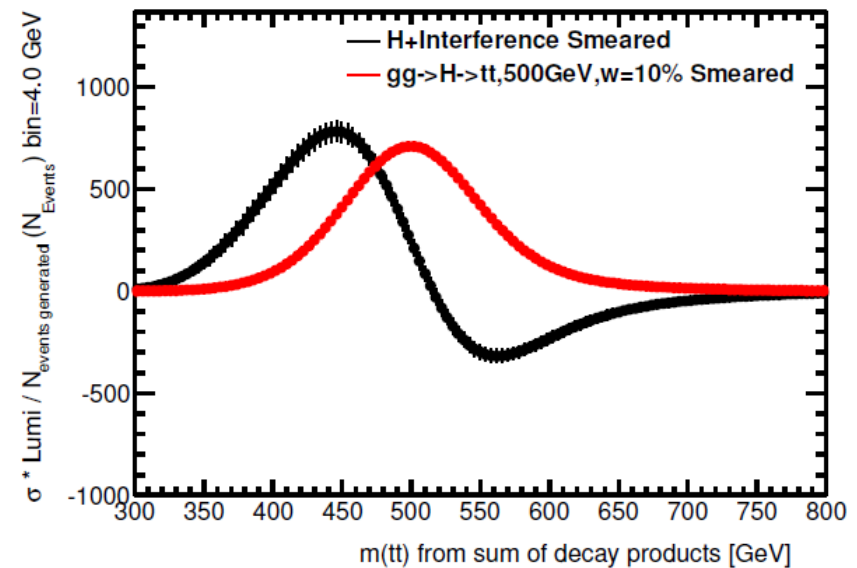
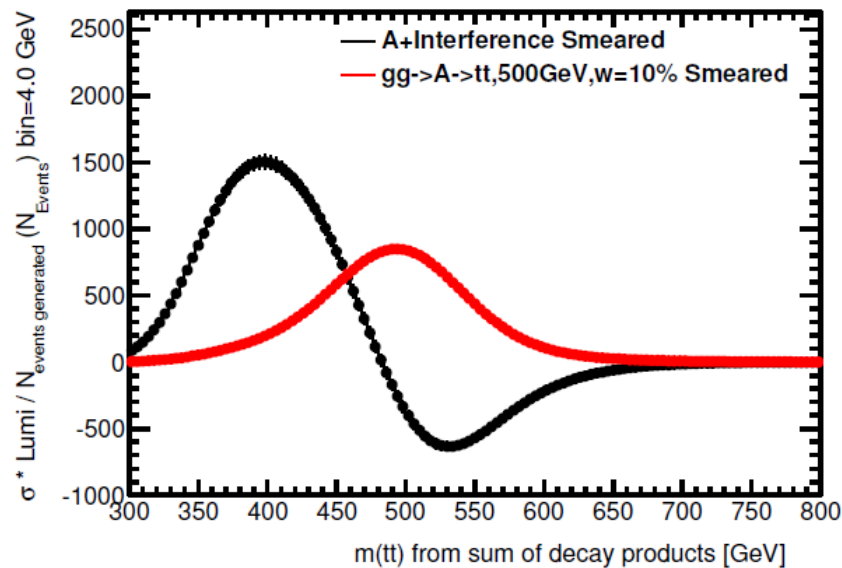
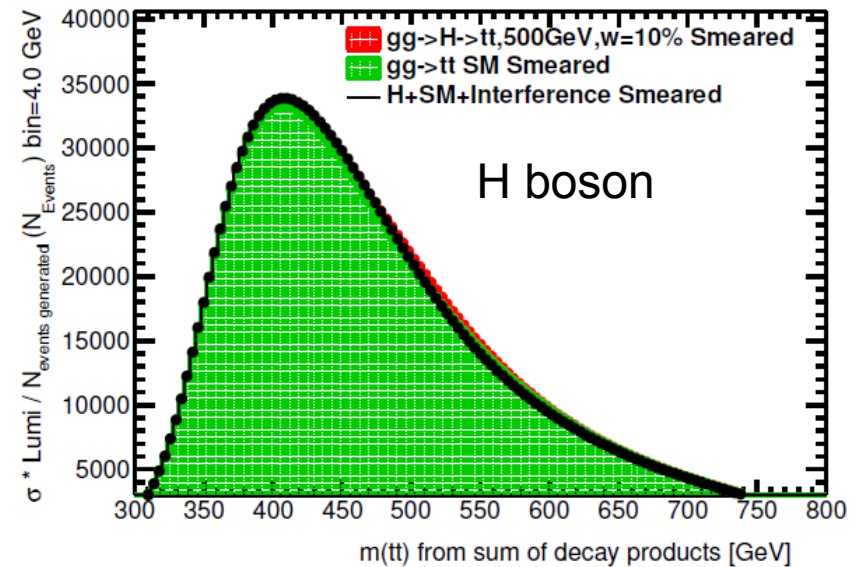
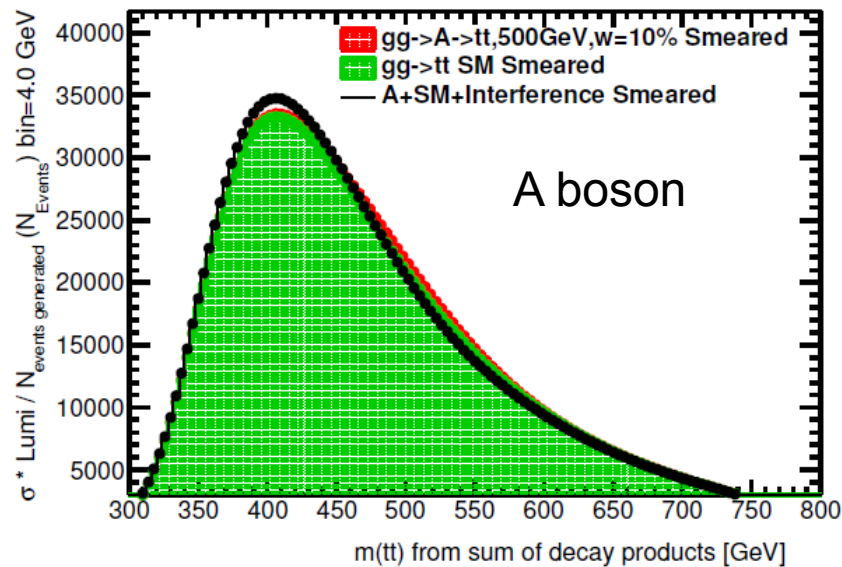
Mass	Width	$\tan \beta$ A	MG $\sigma_{ggA}$ [fb]	$\tan \beta$ H	MG $\sigma_{ggH}$ [fb]
400 GeV	5%	0.8	2964	0.5	2686
400 GeV	10%	0.58	4672	0.37	3273
500 GeV	1%	2.0	159	1.7	116
500 GeV	5%	0.9	795	0.73	593
500 GeV	10%	0.65	1422	0.51	1148
600 GeV	1%	2.1	51	1.9	39
600 GeV	5%	0.9	288	0.82	198
600 GeV	10%	0.67	484	0.6	339

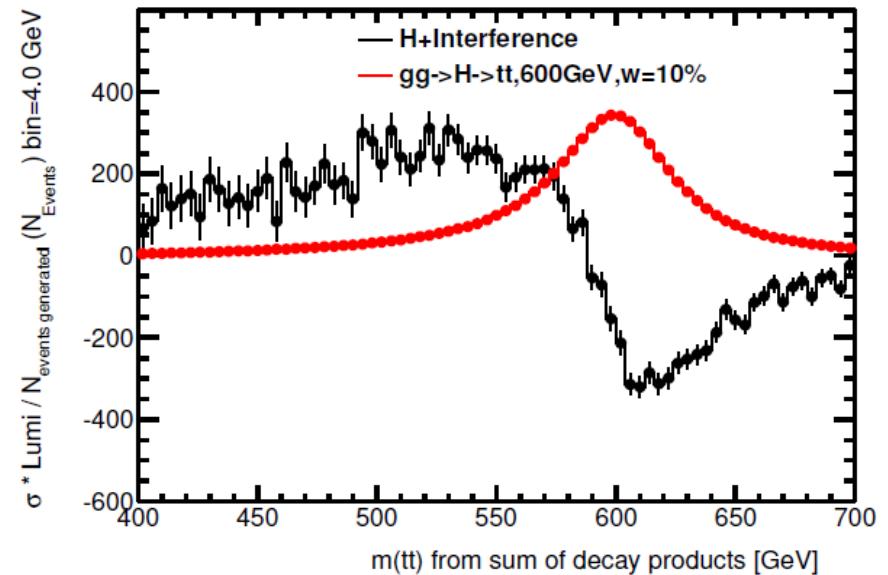
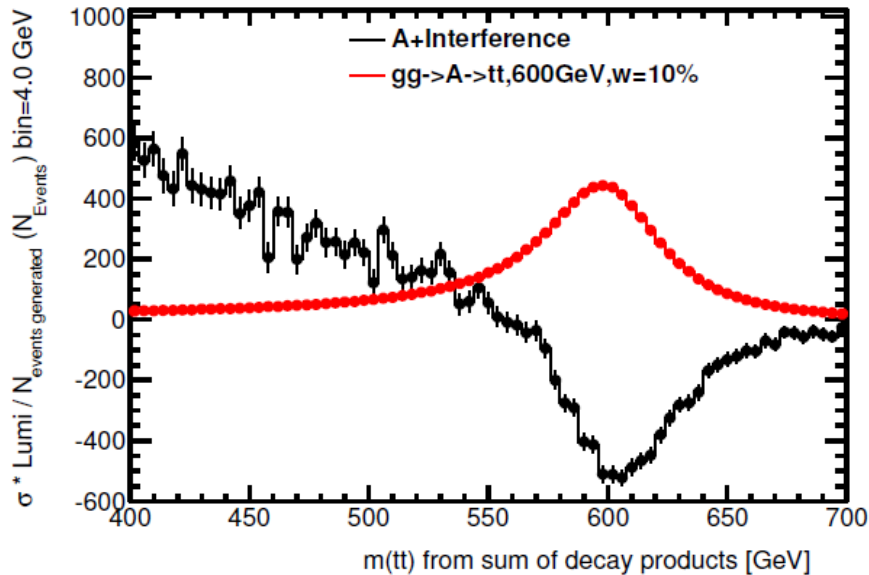
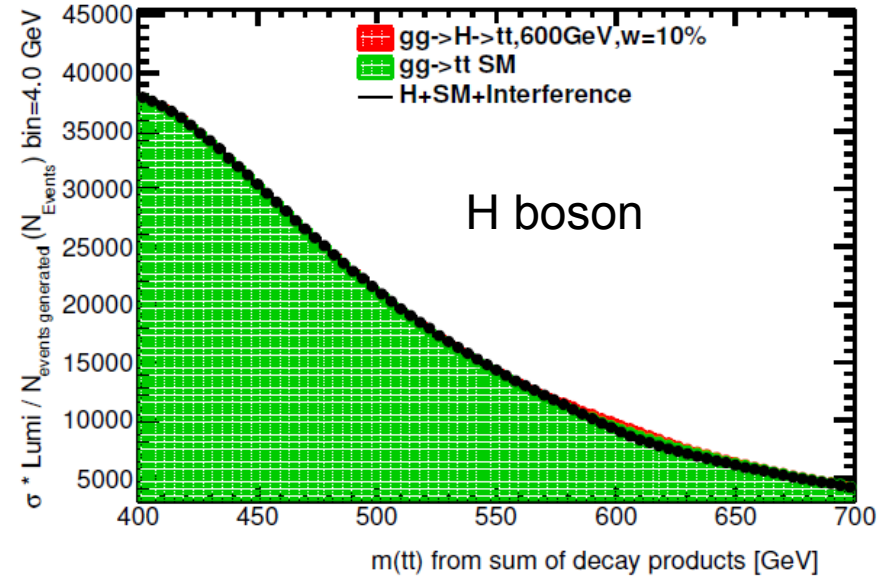
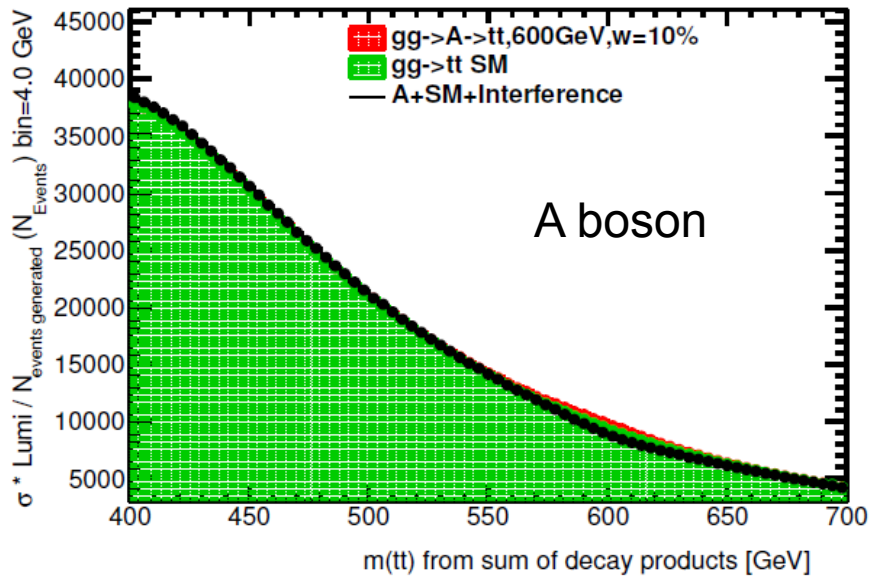
The impact of the interference is checked on truth level, after reconstructing the  $tt$  mass from the decay products.





As a refinement, the reconstructed  $tt$  mass is optionally smeared according to the detector resolution: 8% of  $m_{tt}$  for  $m_{tt} < 400$  GeV to 6.5% of  $m_{tt}$  for  $m_{tt} > 1000$  GeV

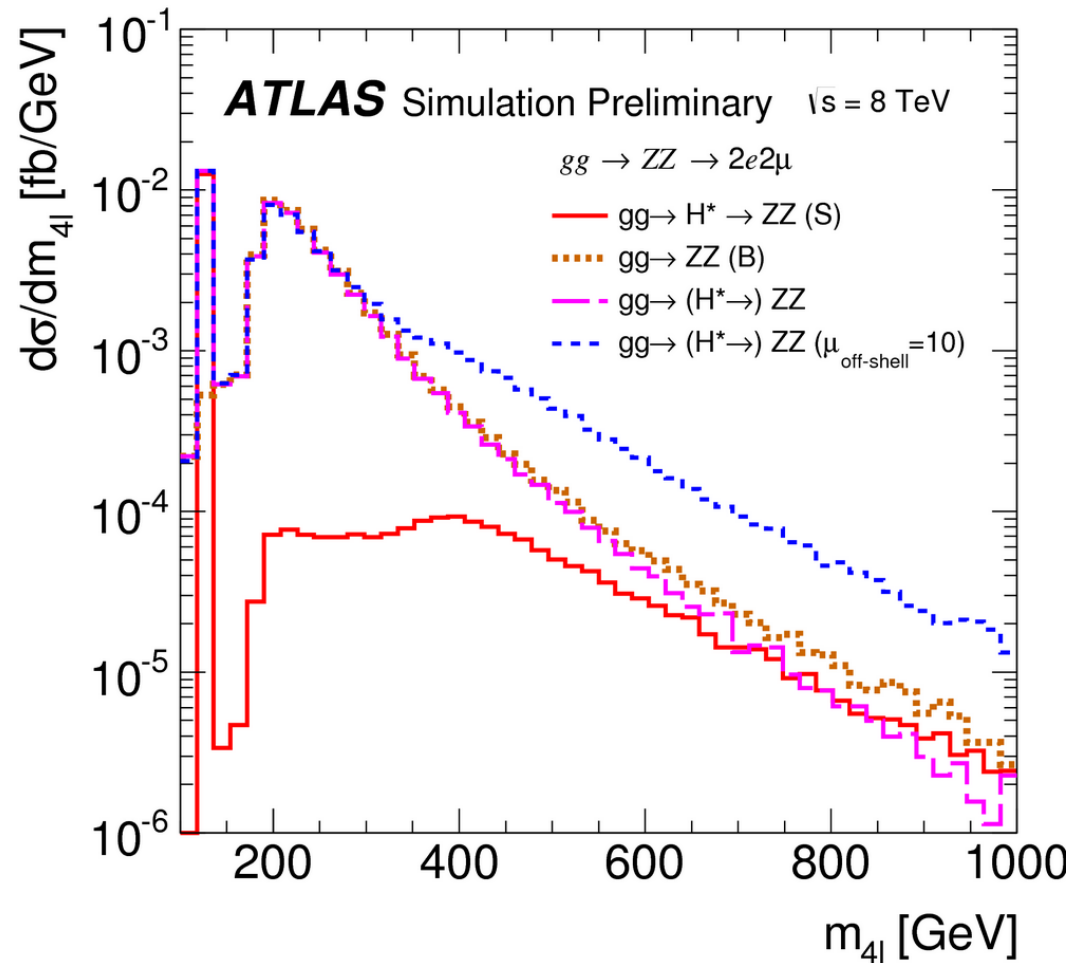




→ These effects are non-negligible. They have to be taken into account in the search. One could even modify the search and look for dips instead of bumps.

**Interference of**  
**gg → H → VV with gg → VV**  
**and**  
**h → VV with H → VV**

The SM Higgs boson has a non-negligible off-shell component:



→ Relevant implications for BSM Higgs searches:

The heavy BSM H can interfere with the background just as the h does now.

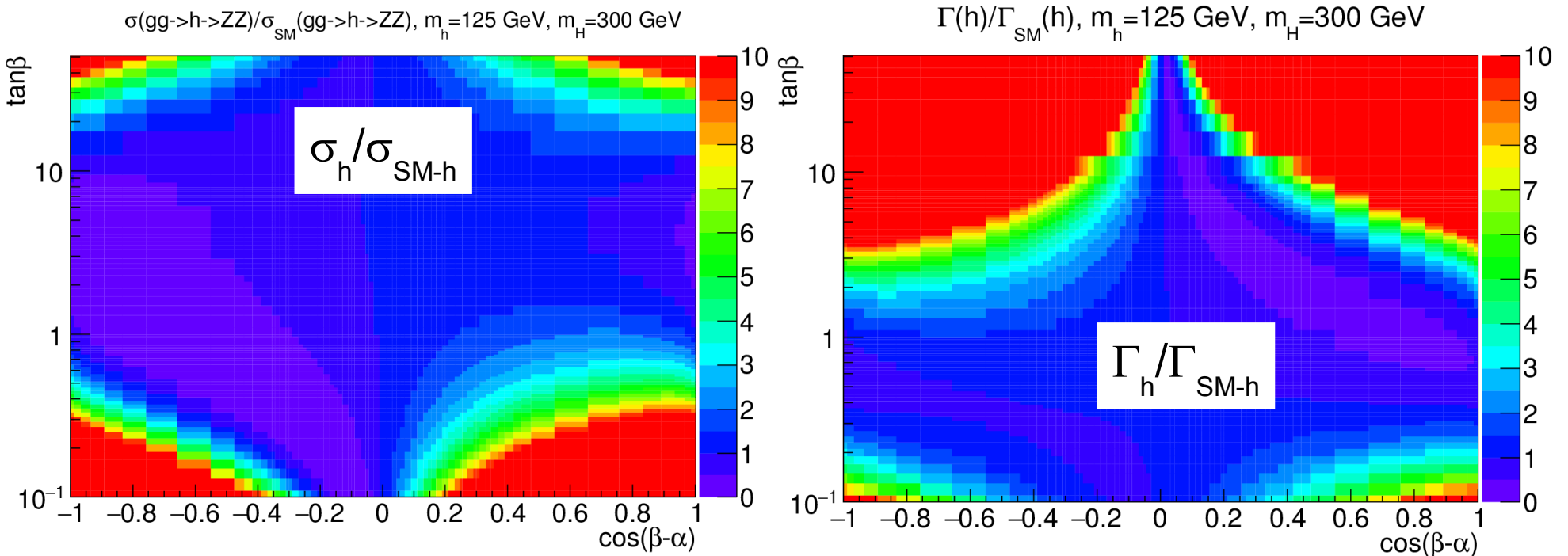
The h can interfere with heavy Higgs at high masses.

Offshell component of h becomes a background for heavy H searches, especially if  $\mu_{\text{offshell}}$  is large.

ATLAS prelim:  $\mu_{\text{offshell}} < 6.7$  (obs..)

The cross section and width of the light h in the 2HDM depend on the model parameters, such as the mass of the heavy H or A, or the  $\tan\beta$ .

## 2HDM Type-II

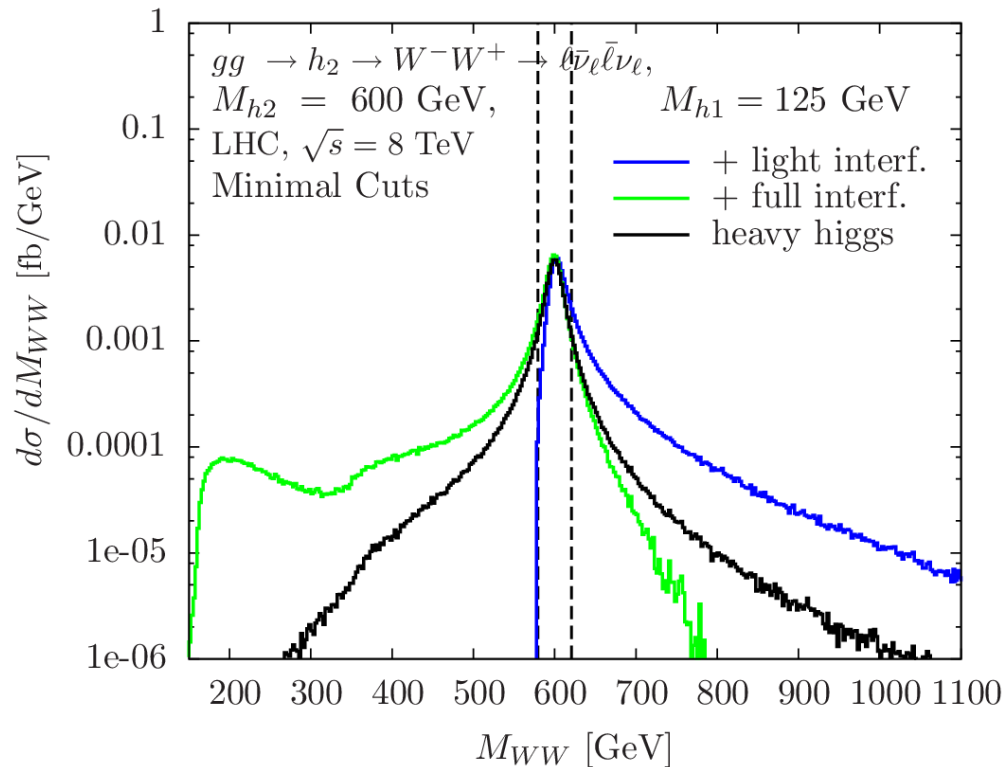


- Need to consider interference effects in our searches and interpretations.  
We started only recently to do so.
- Width of the Higgs boson is another degree of freedom which we need to consider

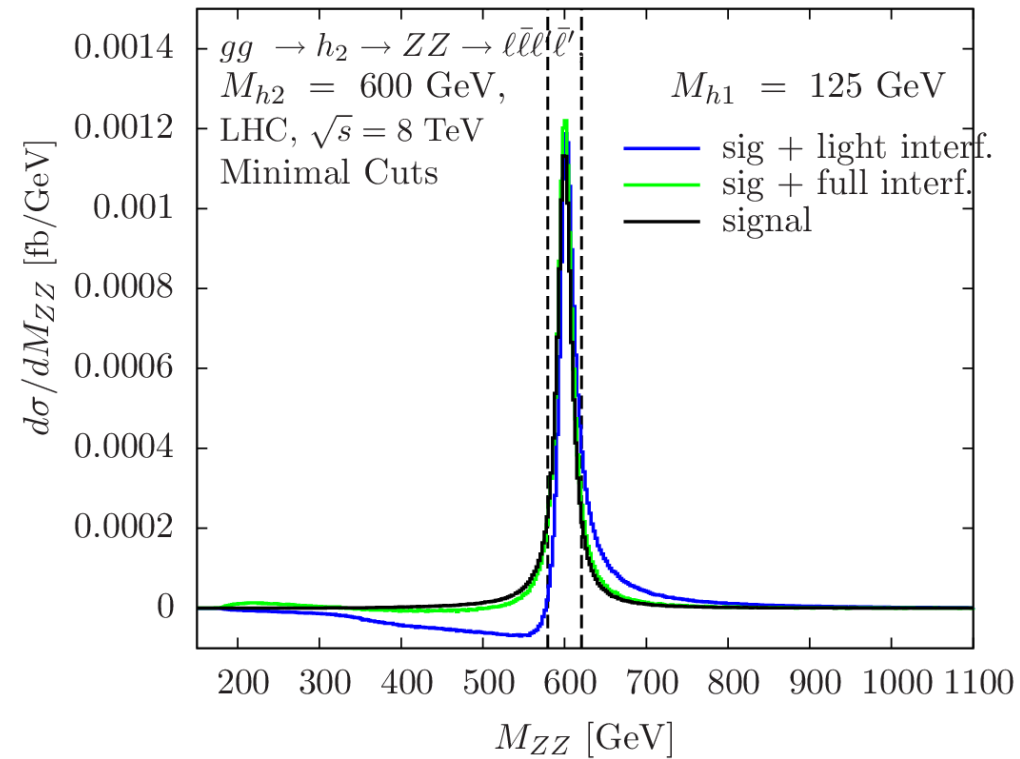


MC: gg2VV

$H \rightarrow WW$ ,  $m_H = 600$  GeV,  $m_h = 125$  GeV:



$H \rightarrow ZZ$ ,  $m_H = 600$  GeV,  $m_h = 125$  GeV:



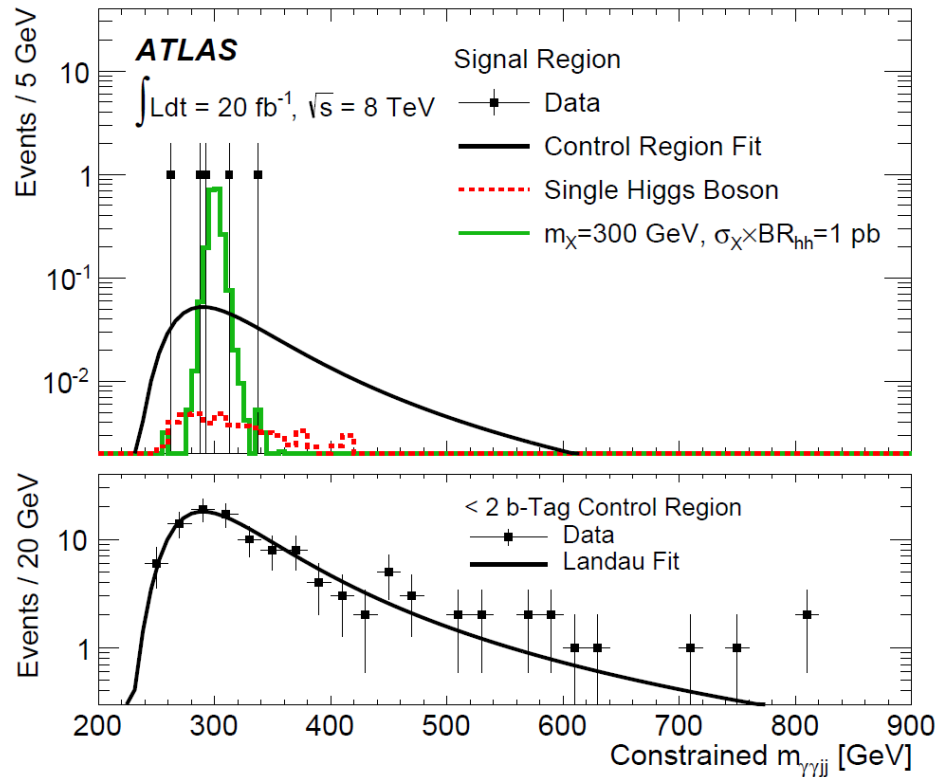
The mass lineshape of the heavy Higgs boson changes when taking into account interference with the **light h** and the **continuum background**.

→ For further details please see the talk by Nikolas on Thursday ([LINK](#))

**Other BSM Higgs Channels  
&  
More items on our Wishlist**

Will become very relevant for high-lumi LHC. But we do search for HH already now (eg.  $HH \rightarrow bbbb$ ,  $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$ ,  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$ ), because the HH cross section could be enhanced.

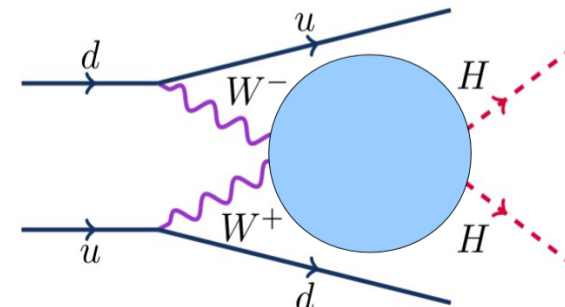
HH  $\rightarrow$   $bb\gamma\gamma$ :  
(Paper)



Wish:

We would like to have VBF MC event generators for HH and  $t\bar{t}HH$  final states

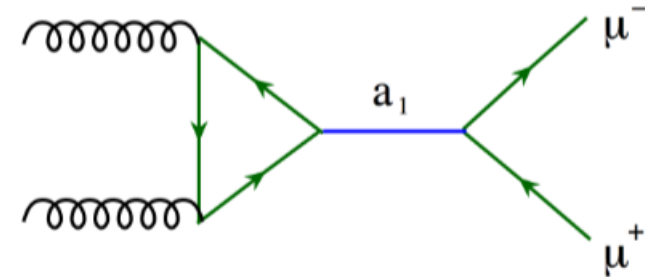
→ Searches for such new signatures could already be tried in Run-II.



Channels being looked at in ATLAS:

- $(bb)a \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4l$
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$
- $t \rightarrow bH^+ \rightarrow ba_1W, a_1 \rightarrow 2\mu$
- $a_1 \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2b2\mu$
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$

Example:



Signal MC samples usually generated with MG5, Powheg + Pythia, or Pythia standalone.

**Wish:**

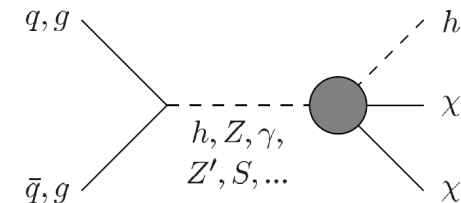
We'd like a dedicated NLO generator for the NMSSM.

For example Madgraph5\_aMC@NLO with fully implemented NLO would be nice. Please also include the  $a_1 \rightarrow \mu\mu$  channel.

- **BSM Higgs boson production:**
  - b-associated production
  - Charged Higgs production in different flavor schemes
  - Recipes to evaluate uncertainties
  - Production rates and relative fractions depend on the model
- **Interference and width effects:**
  - light Higgs boson with BSM Heavy Higgs bosons
  - Higgs bosons with continuum background
- **MC generators at NLO:**

For all sort of signals (eg. NMSSM channels, VBF HH,  $H^+$  in intermediate region, ...)
- **Input for model-dependent interpretations:**
  - Preferably we like „official numbers“ from the LHC XS WG that allow comparisons with other experiments
  - Please give us cross sections and BR in a dense grids of the parameters
  - We need cross sections and BR for new searches, rare decay modes and for high masses
  - The more models, the better! Eg. we are looking forward getting „low  $\tan\beta$ “ benchmarks.
- **EFT validity**

Relevant for dark matter („Higgs+MET“) searches for example



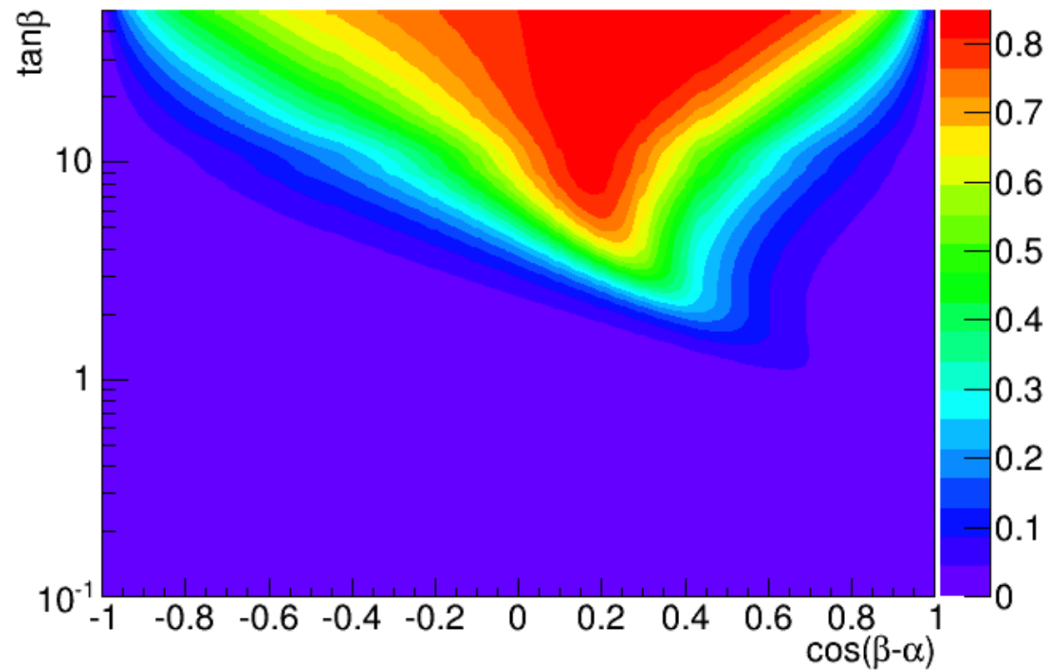
**Next year will be the year of the BSM Higgs searches, we look forward to the 13 TeV data!**

Backup

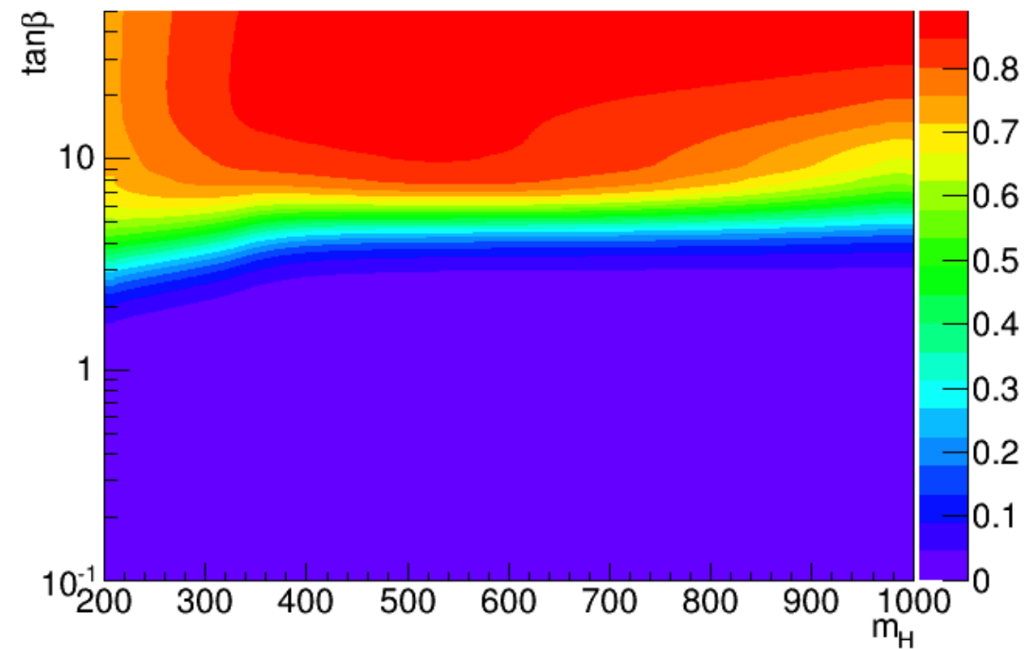
b-associated production becomes relevant for large  $\tan\beta$

Needs to be taken into account in the model-dependent interpretations

$\sigma_{bb}/(\sigma_{ggF}+\sigma_{bb}+\sigma_{VBF})$  for Type 2  $m_H=300$

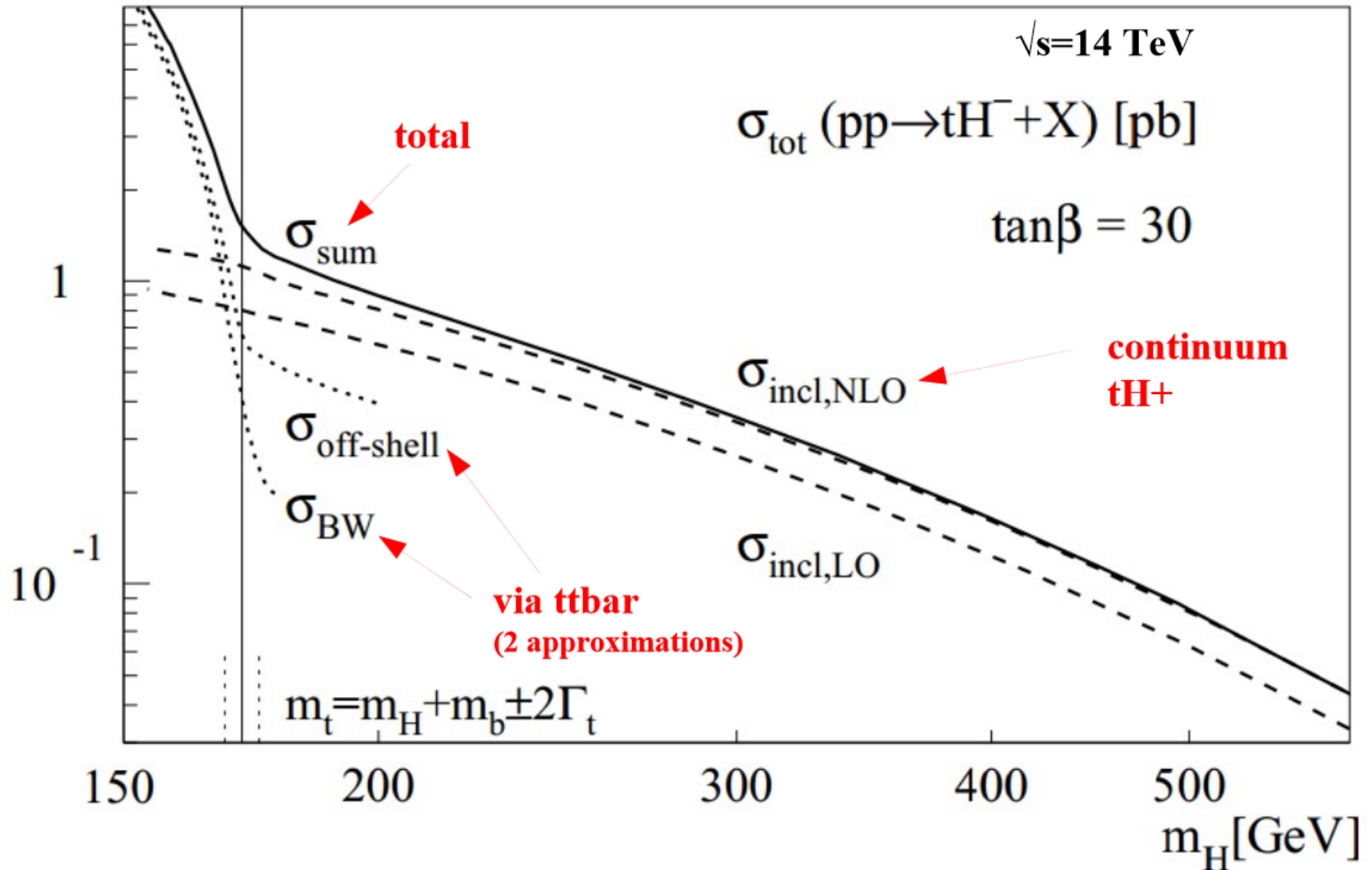


$\sigma_{bb}/(\sigma_{ggF}+\sigma_{bb}+\sigma_{VBF})$  for Type 2  $\cos(\beta-\alpha) = +0.1$

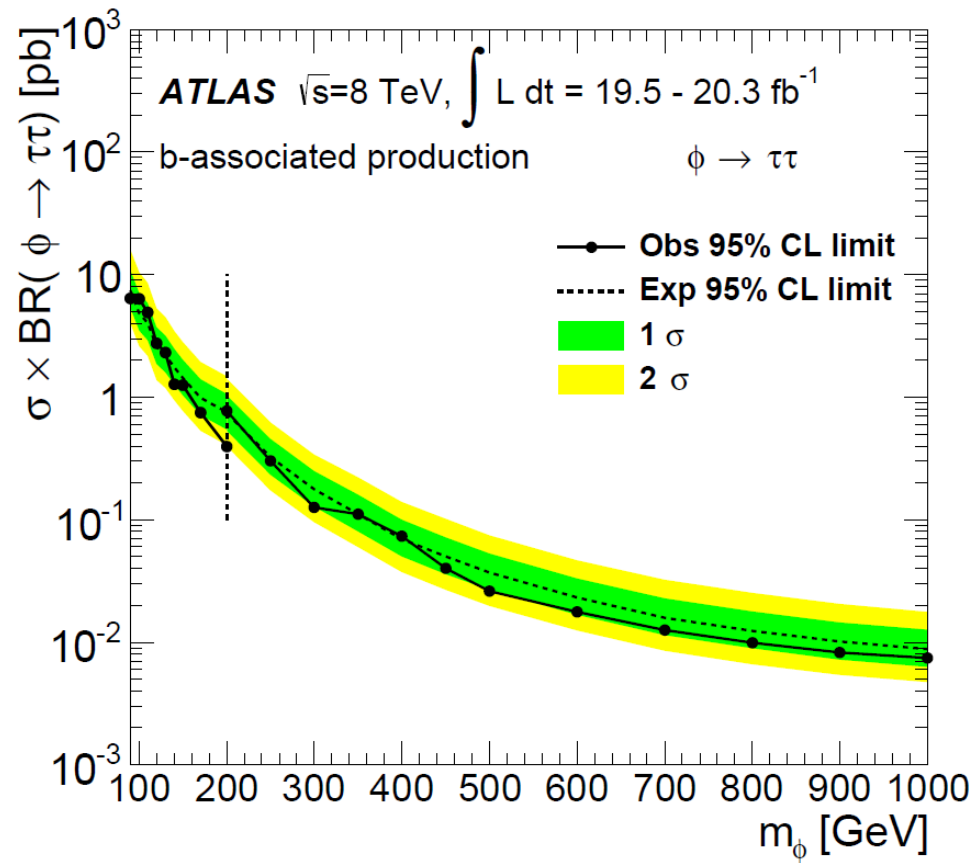
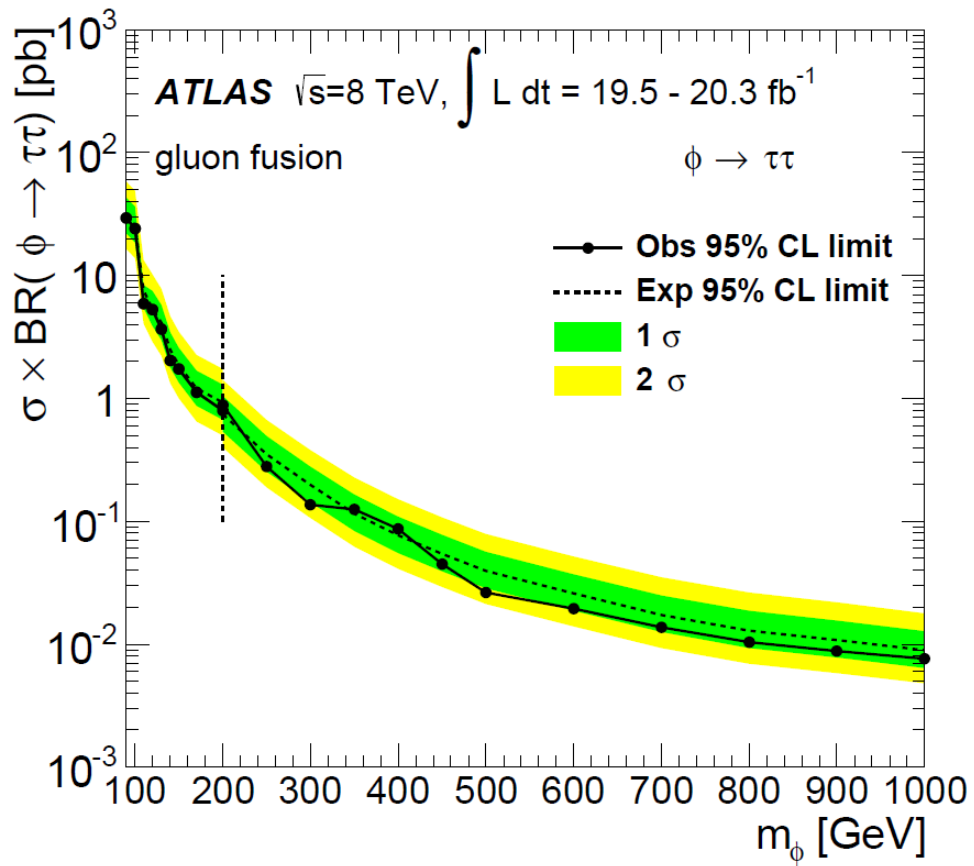


# H<sup>+</sup> Production cross section:

**Berger/Han/Jiang/Plehn (2005)**







5j exclusive

Sample	2b	3b	4b	3b+4b
4 FS 200 GeV	0.53	0.32	0.03	0.35
5 FS 200 GeV	0.62	0.38	0.04	0.42
rel. difference	16%	20%	21%	20%
4 FS 400 GeV	0.25	0.36	0.04	0.40
5 FS 400 GeV	0.34	0.54	0.07	0.61
rel. difference	37%	53%	48%	53%
4 FS 600 GeV	0.21	0.33	0.03	0.37
5 FS 600 GeV	0.30	0.49	0.05	0.55
rel. difference	41%	48%	67%	50%

5j inclusive

Sample	2b	3b	4b	3b+4b
4 FS 200 GeV	1.33	1.39	0.43	1.82
5 FS 200 GeV	1.20	1.18	0.30	1.48
rel. difference	-10%	-15%	-31%	-19%
4 FS 400 GeV	0.87	2.28	1.10	3.38
5 FS 400 GeV	0.92	2.26	0.87	3.13
rel. difference	6%	-1%	-21%	-8%
4 FS 600 GeV	0.85	2.42	1.23	3.72
5 FS 600 GeV	0.93	2.49	0.99	3.48
rel. difference	9%	3%	-24%	-7%