

# Effect of Scattering Amplitude Interference Terms On the Search for a Charged Higgs Boson

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- January 24th 2019: Adelaide reached  $46.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $116^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) (nearby town reached  $49^{\circ}\text{C}$  [ $120^{\circ}\text{F}$ ]!)

# Introduction

- Collider studies generally model Signal and Background separately.
- Define:  $I = (S + B) - S - B$
- This assumption that interference is small may not hold for some areas of parameter space.

Signal to background interference in  $pp \rightarrow tH^- \rightarrow tW^- b\bar{b}$  at the LHC Run-II

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Figure: arxiv:1712.05018

- Interference can be of same order as signal, and sometimes negative.
- Interference large when width-mass ratio large.
- We look at  $pp \rightarrow tbH^\pm \rightarrow tb\bar{t}\bar{b}$  in this study.

# Current Exclusion

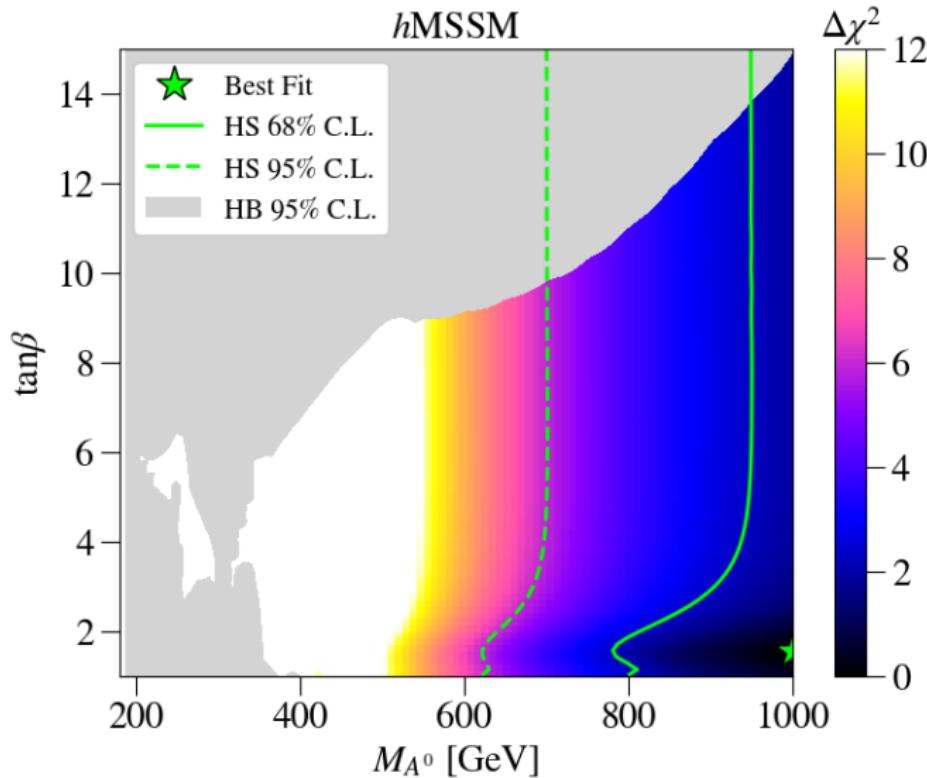


Figure:  $\chi^2$  fit sliced in the  $\tan\beta$  and  $M_{A^0}$  plane.

# Parameter Space

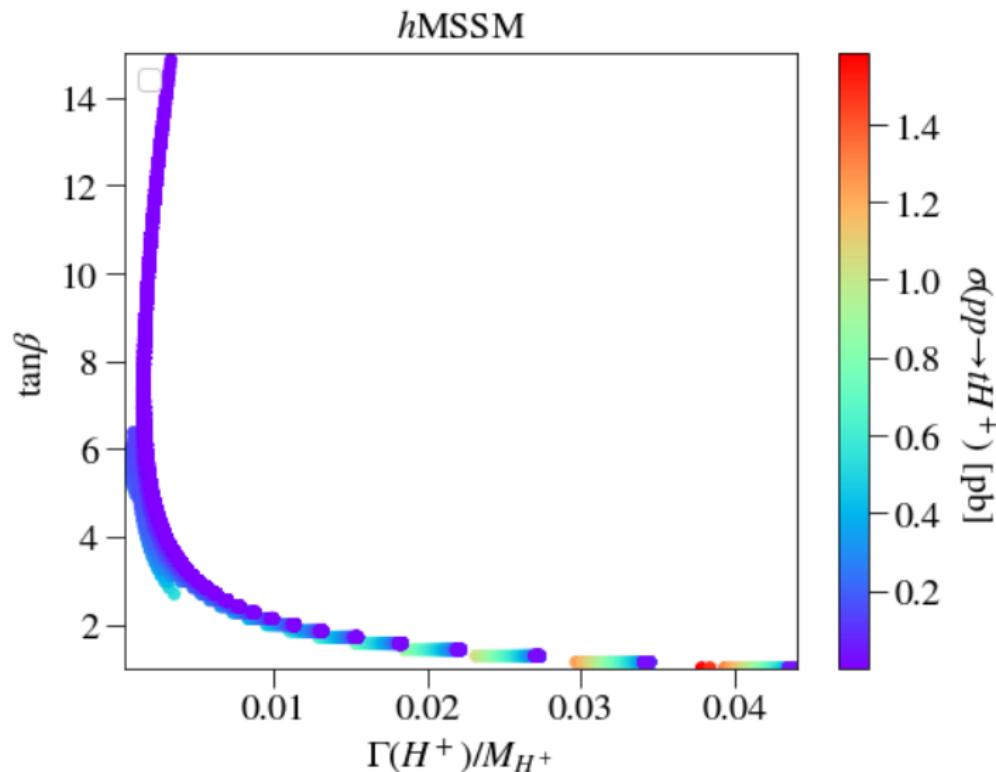


Figure: Cross section as a function of  $\tan\beta$  and  $H^\pm$  width-mass ratio.

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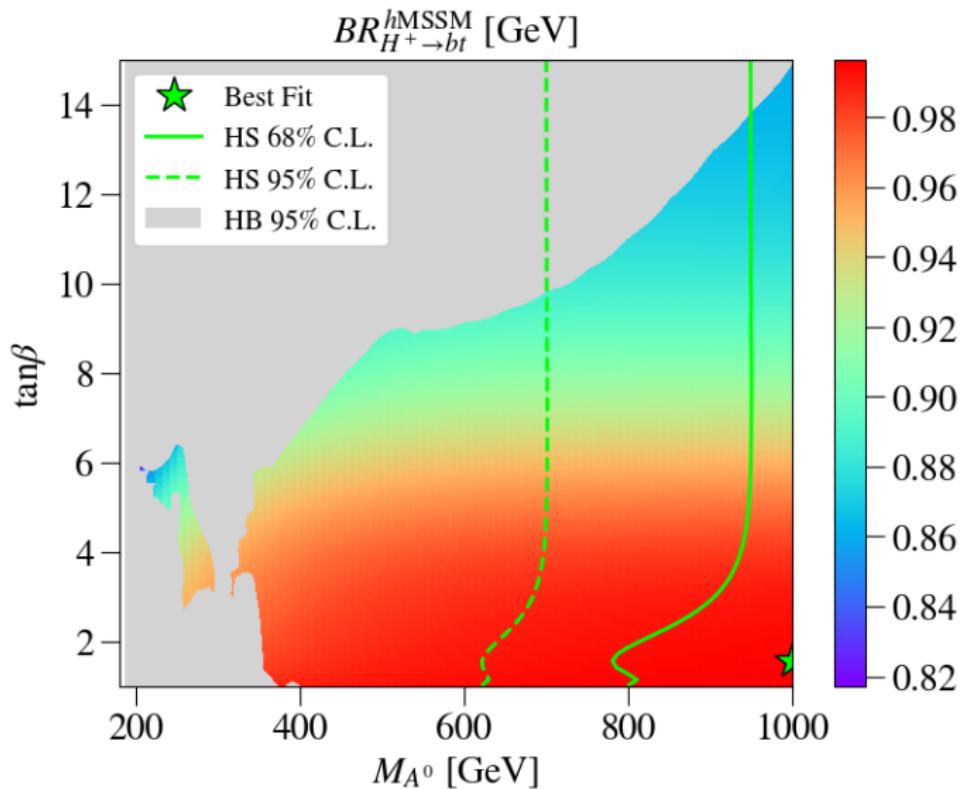


Figure:  $\text{Br}(H^\pm \rightarrow tb)$  as a function of  $\tan\beta$  and  $M_{A^0}$ .

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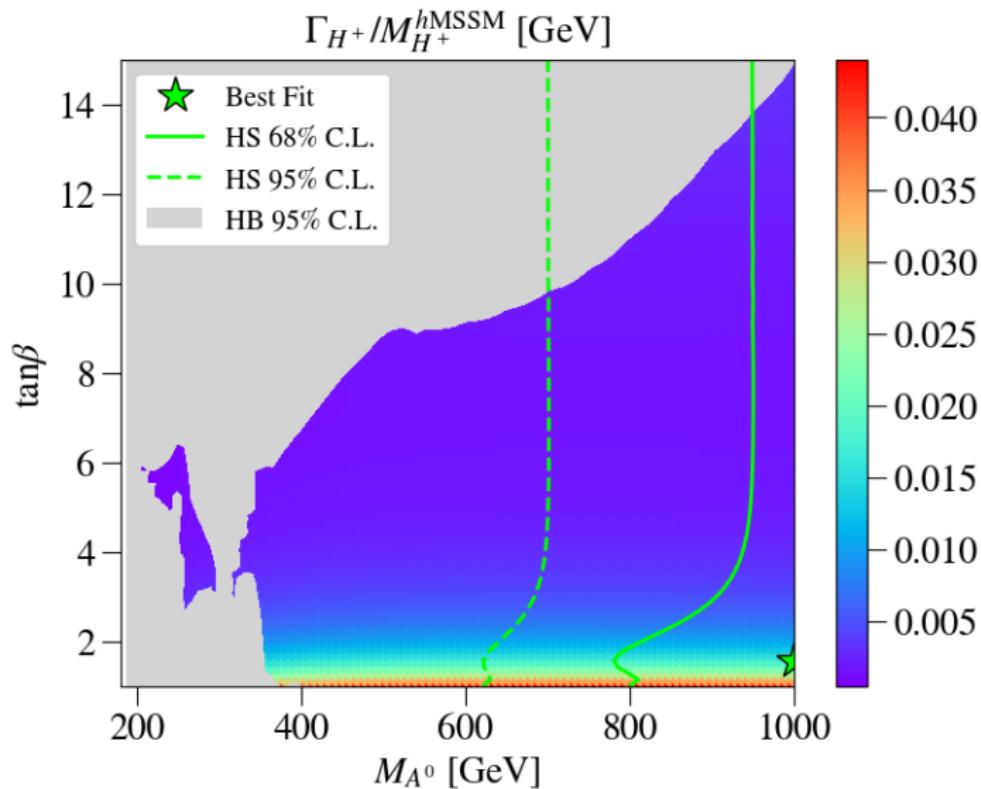


Figure:  $H^\pm$  mass-width ratio as a function of  $\tan\beta$  and  $M_{A^0}$ .

# Process and Key Parameters

- Model: hMSSM
- Key Parameters:
  - $\tan \beta = 1.01$
  - $M_{H^\pm} \approx M_A \approx M_H \approx 635 \text{ GeV}$
  - $\Gamma_{H^\pm} \approx \Gamma_A \approx \Gamma_H \approx 27 \text{ GeV}$
- Process:  $pp \rightarrow tbH^\pm \rightarrow tb\bar{t}\bar{b}$

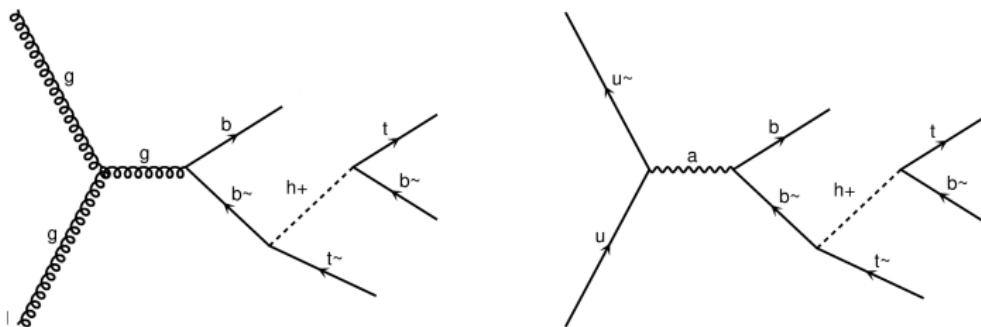


Figure: Examples of Production Diagrams for  $tbtb$ .

# Monte Carlo

- MadGraph5 used to generate 1,000,000 parton level events.
- PYTHIA8 used on 500,000 of these events for fragmentation/hadronization.
- Delphes used on (the same) 500,000 events for detector effects.

# Event Reconstruction

- The following vetoes are applied:
  - $N_\ell = 1, N_j \geq 5, N_b \geq 3$
- Longitudinal momentum of missing energy solved using:

$$p_\nu^z = \frac{1}{2p_{\ell T}^2} \left( A_W p_\ell^z \pm E_\ell \sqrt{A_W^2 \pm 4p_{\ell T}^2 E_{\nu T}^2} \right)$$

where,  $A_W = M_{W^\pm} + 2p_{\ell T} \cdot E_{\nu T}$

- Reconstruction performed via simultaneous minimization of:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\text{had}}^2 = & \frac{(M_{\ell\nu} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2} + \frac{(M_{jj} - M_W)^2}{\Gamma_W^2} + \frac{(M_{\ell\nu j} - M_T)^2}{\Gamma_T^2} \\ & + \frac{(M_{jjj} - M_T)^2}{\Gamma_T^2} + \frac{(M_{jjjj} - M_{H^\pm})^2}{\Gamma_{H^\pm}^2} \end{aligned}$$

- and the equivalent term for a leptonically decaying  $H^\pm$ .

# Event Reconstruction

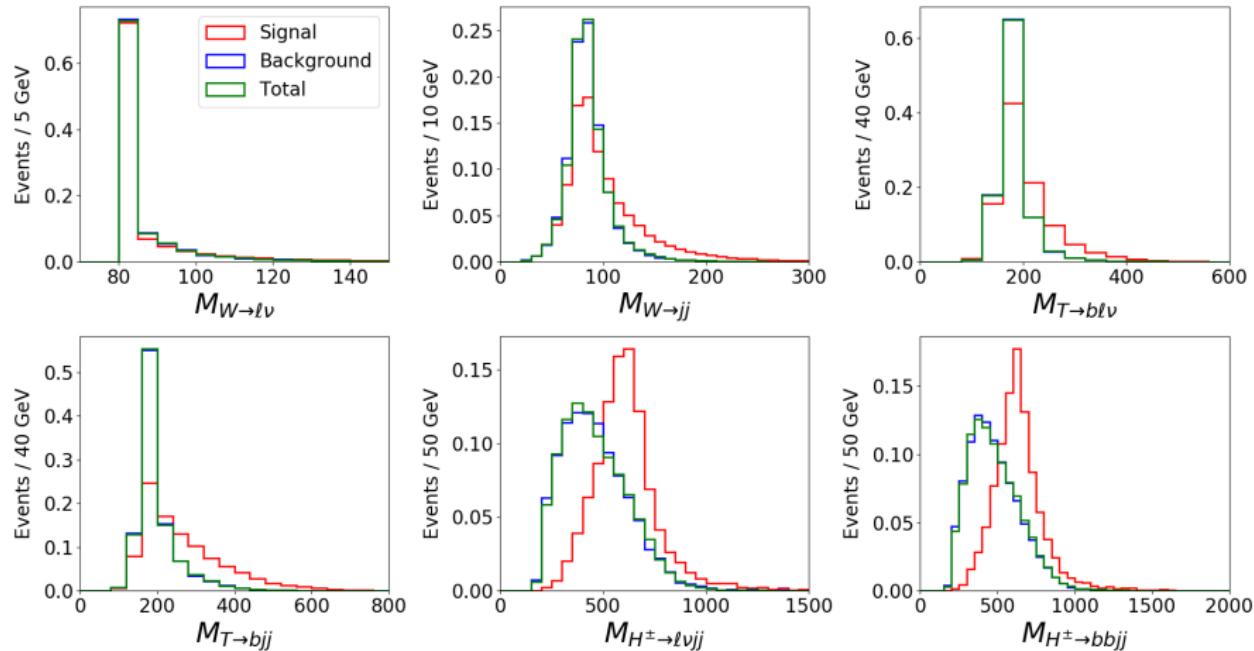


Figure: Invariant Mass distributions for reconstructed particles.

# Parton Level Results

- The full 1,000,000 events used to achieve required statistics.

Model		S	B	S+B	I
<b>hMSSM</b>	$\sigma$	0.032402	13.092	13.143	0.019
	$\Delta\sigma$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	0.004	0.004	0.008
<b><math>m_h^{125}</math></b>	$\sigma$	0.088502	13.103	13.20	0.009
	$\Delta\sigma$	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$	0.004	0.004	0.008
<b><math>m_h^{\text{mod}+}</math></b>	$\sigma$	0.016802	13.177	13.197	0.003
	$\Delta\sigma$	$5.8 \times 10^{-6}$	0.004	0.004	0.008

Table: Parton level results for three MSSM benchmarks.

# Detector Level Results

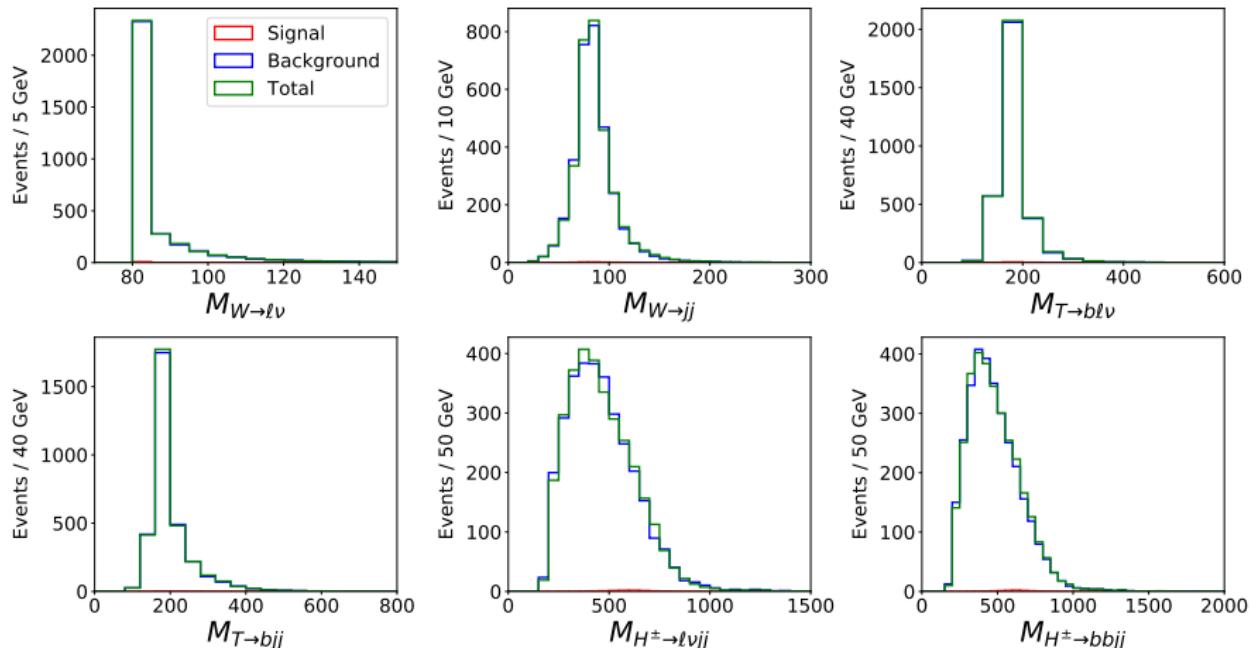
Cut	S	B	S+B	I
No cuts:	0.0324	13.0920	13.1430	0.0186
$N_\ell = 1$ :	0.0045	1.8634	1.8798	0.0186
$N_J \geq 5$ :	0.0037	1.0576	1.0662	0.0049
$N_{BJ} \geq 2$ :	0.0022	0.5143	0.5142	-0.0023
$\cancel{E} > 20$ :	0.0021	0.4763	0.4754	-0.0030
$\cancel{E} + m_T^W > 60$ :	0.0020	0.4637	0.4634	-0.0023

Cut	S	B	S+B	I
$N_{BJ} \geq 3$ :	0.0009	0.1651	0.1670	0.0011
$\cancel{E} > 20$ :	0.0008	0.1530	0.1539	0.0000
$\cancel{E} + m_T^W > 60$ :	0.0008	0.1491	0.1502	0.0003

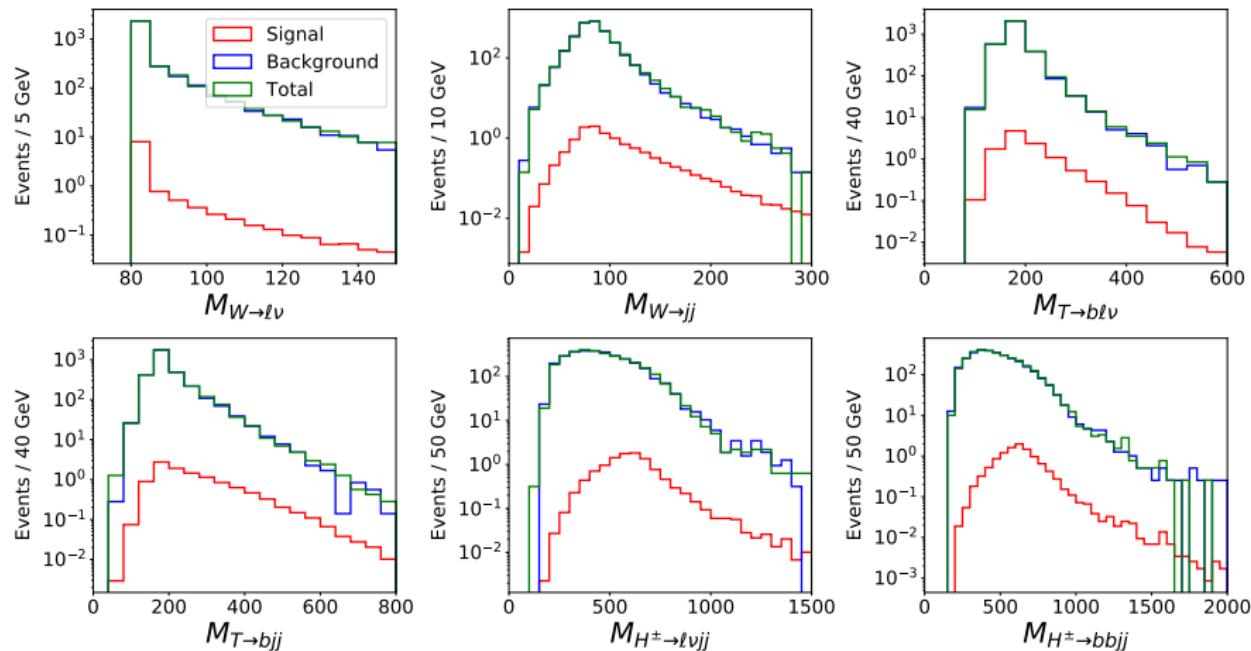
Table: Cut flow results presented in cross sections for the hMSSM benchmark.

# Interference Shape



**Figure:** Invariant Mass distributions for reconstructed particles normalized to cross section.

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**Figure:** Invariant Mass distributions for reconstructed particles normalized to cross section with log y-axis.

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- Is interference an overall normalization factor? Or are there shape differences?

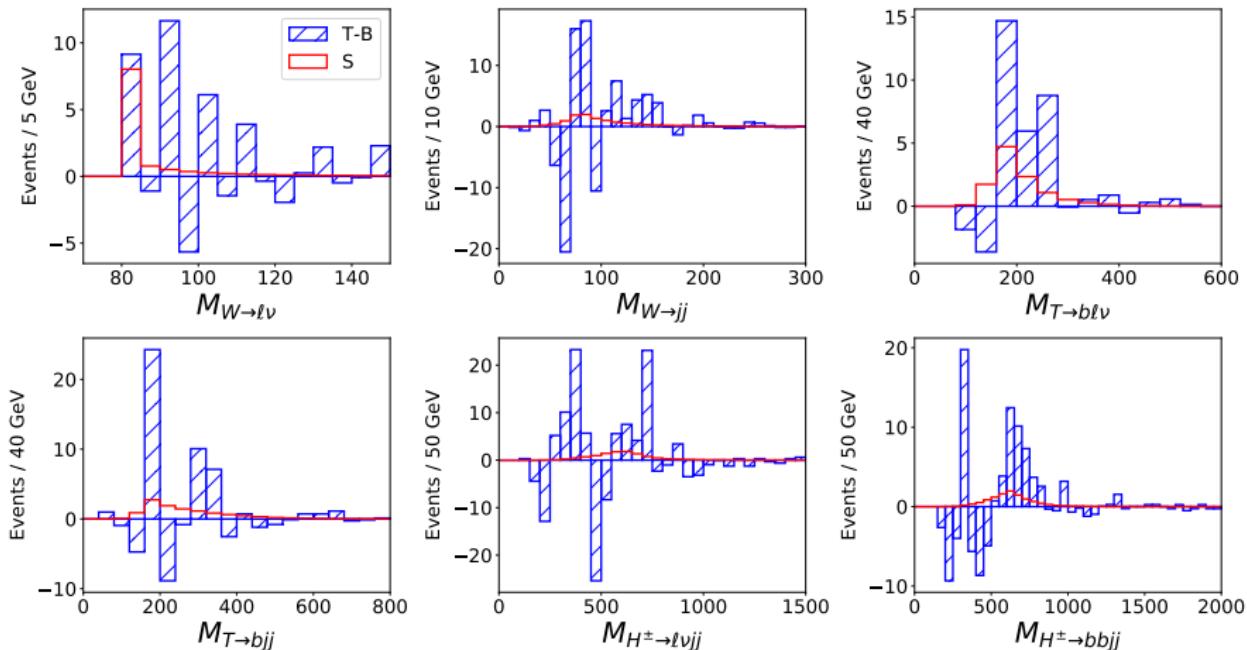


Figure: Signal vs Total - Background.

# Summary and Conclusion

- Interference effects non-negligible in some high width-mass ratio scenarios.
- To account for this we must model Signal, Background and Signal+Background separately.
- hMSSM presents significant interference in reasonable circumstance.
- Parton and Detector level results of inclusive cross section presented.
- Preliminary results on detector level interference shapes presented.
- How does one design a machine learning framework that includes interference effects?
- How does interference effect the machine learning discriminant?

# Thank You