



New physics with **MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO**

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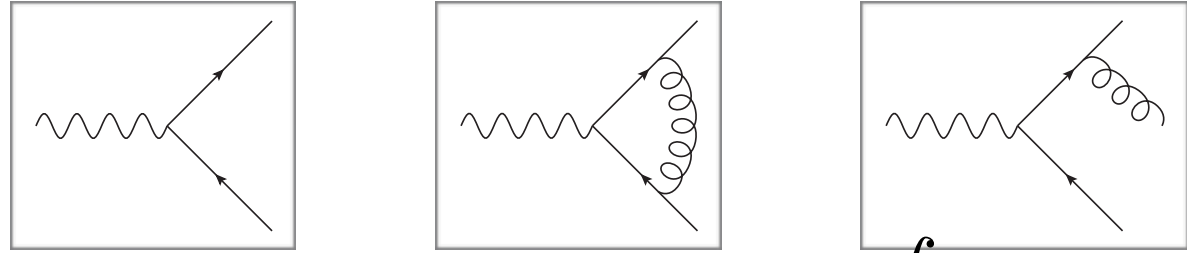
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Ask a computer to do the hard job
Automation!



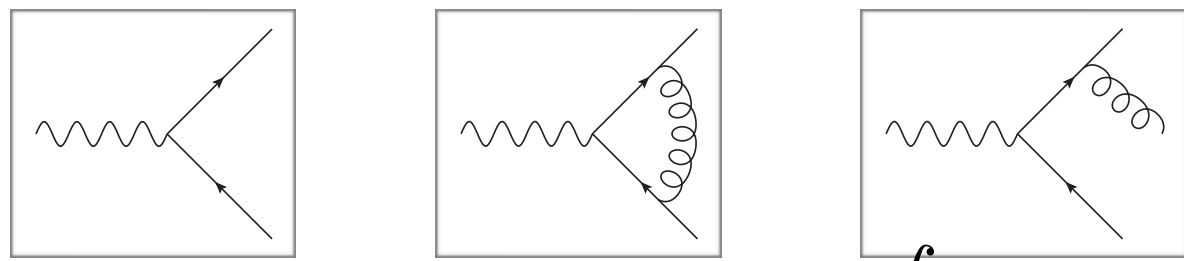
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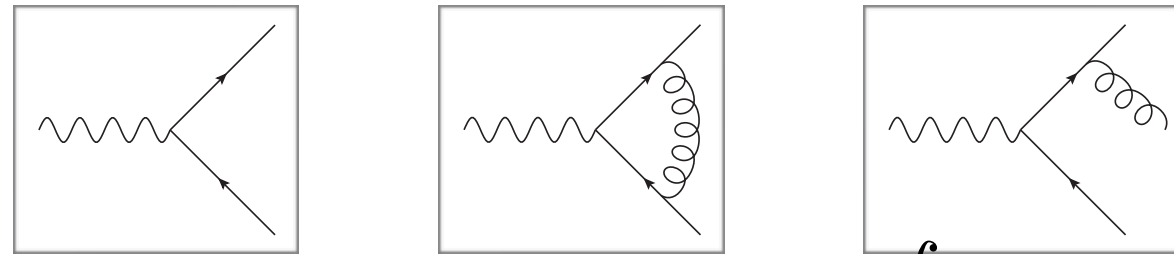
The equation is accompanied by three Feynman diagrams in boxes. The first diagram shows a wavy line (photon) splitting into two straight lines (fermions). The second diagram shows a wavy line splitting into a straight line and a loop of wavy lines. The third diagram shows a wavy line splitting into a straight line and a wavy line, with an additional wavy line attached to the straight line.

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- Warning! Real emission ME is divergent!
 - Divergences cancel with those from virtuals (in $D=4-2\epsilon$)
 - Need to cancel them before numerical integration (in $D=4$)

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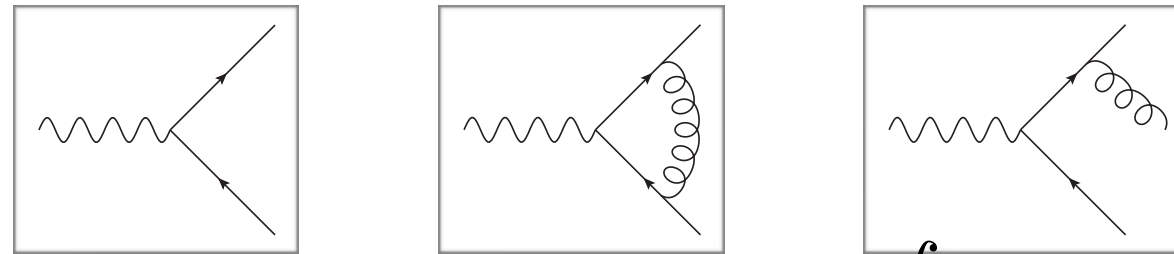


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How to do this in an efficient way?

The FKS subtraction

Frixione, Kunszt, Signer, arXiv:hep-ph/9512328

- Soft/collinear singularities arise in many PS regions
- Find parton pairs i, j that can give collinear singularities
- Split the phase space into regions with one collinear sing
 - Soft singularities are split into the collinear ones

$$|M|^2 = \sum_{ij} S_{ij} |M|^2 = \sum_{ij} |M|_{ij}^2 \quad \sum S_{ij} = 1$$

$$S_{ij} \rightarrow 1 \text{ if } k_i \cdot k_j \rightarrow 0 \quad S_{ij} \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } k_{m \neq i} \cdot k_{n \neq j} \rightarrow 0$$

- Integrate them independently
 - Parallelize integration
 - Choose ad-hoc phase space parameterization
- Advantages:
 - # of contributions $\sim n^2$
 - Exploit symmetries: 3 contributions for $X \ Y \ > \ ng$

Loop ME evaluation: MadLoop

Hirschi et al. arXiv:1103.0621

- Load the NLO UFO model
- Generate Feynman diagrams to evaluate the loop ME
- Add R_2/UV renormalisation counter terms
- Interface to CutTools or to TIR programs Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, arXiv:hep-ph/0609007 & arXiv:0711.3596
- Improved with the OpenLoops method Cascioli, Maierhofer, Pozzorini arXiv:1111.5206
- Check PS point stability (and switch to QP if needed)
- And much more (can be used as standalone or external OLP via the BLHA, handle loop-induced processes, ...)

Automatic UV/ R_2 counterterms: NLOCT

Degrande arXiv:1406.3030

- Start with your favourite Lagrangian
- Export tree-level Feynman rules with FeynRules
- Identify loop diagrams giving rise to UV divergences/ R_2 counterterms and compute them with FeynArts
- Extract UV/ R_2 counterterms
- NLO UFO model!

Automated for renormalizable models!

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automated NLO for colored scalar production

- Study stop and sgluon pair production at the LHC
- Use simplified models:

- **Stop**

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = D_\mu \sigma_3^\dagger D^\mu \sigma_3 - m_3^2 \sigma_3^\dagger \sigma_3 + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\chi} \not{\partial} \chi - \frac{1}{2} m_\chi \bar{\chi} \chi + \left[\sigma_3 \bar{t} (\tilde{g}_L P_L + \tilde{g}_R P_R) \chi + \text{h.c.} \right] \quad \text{Majorana singlet}$$

- **Sgluon**

$$\mathcal{L}_8 = \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \sigma_8 D^\mu \sigma_8 - \frac{1}{2} m_8^2 \sigma_8 \sigma_8 + \frac{\hat{g}_g}{\Lambda} \sigma_8 G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d} \left[\sigma_8 \bar{q} (\hat{g}_q^L P_L + \hat{g}_q^R P_R) q + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

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- Results:
 - Total rates (validated against Prospino and MadGolem)

m_3 [GeV]	8 TeV		13 TeV	
	σ^{LO} [pb]	σ^{NLO} [pb]	σ^{LO} [pb]	σ^{NLO} [pb]
100	$389.3^{+34.2\%}_{-23.9\%}$	$554.8^{+14.9\%+1.6\%}_{-13.5\%-1.6\%}$	$1066^{+29.1\%}_{-21.4\%}$	$1497^{+14.1\%+1.2\%}_{-12.1\%-1.2\%}$
250	$4.118^{+40.4\%}_{-27.2\%}$	$5.503^{+13.1\%+3.7\%}_{-13.7\%-3.7\%}$	$15.53^{+35.2\%}_{-24.8\%}$	$21.56^{+12.1\%+2.4\%}_{-12.3\%-2.4\%}$
500	$(6.594 \times 10^{-2})^{+45.5\%}_{-29.1\%}$	$(7.764 \times 10^{-2})^{+12.1\%+6.7\%}_{-14.1\%-6.7\%}$	$0.3890^{+39.6\%}_{-26.4\%}$	$0.5062^{+11.2\%+4.4\%}_{-12.8\%-4.4\%}$
750	$(3.504 \times 10^{-3})^{+48.8\%}_{-30.5\%}$	$(3.699 \times 10^{-3})^{+12.3\%+10.2\%}_{-14.6\%-10.2\%}$	$(3.306 \times 10^{-2})^{+41.8\%}_{-27.5\%}$	$(4.001 \times 10^{-2})^{+10.8\%+6.1\%}_{-12.9\%-6.1\%}$
1000	$(2.875 \times 10^{-4})^{+51.5\%}_{-31.5\%}$	$(2.775 \times 10^{-4})^{+13.1\%+15.5\%}_{-15.2\%-15.5\%}$	$(4.614 \times 10^{-3})^{+43.6\%}_{-28.3\%}$	$(5.219 \times 10^{-3})^{+10.9\%+7.9\%}_{-13.2\%-7.9\%}$

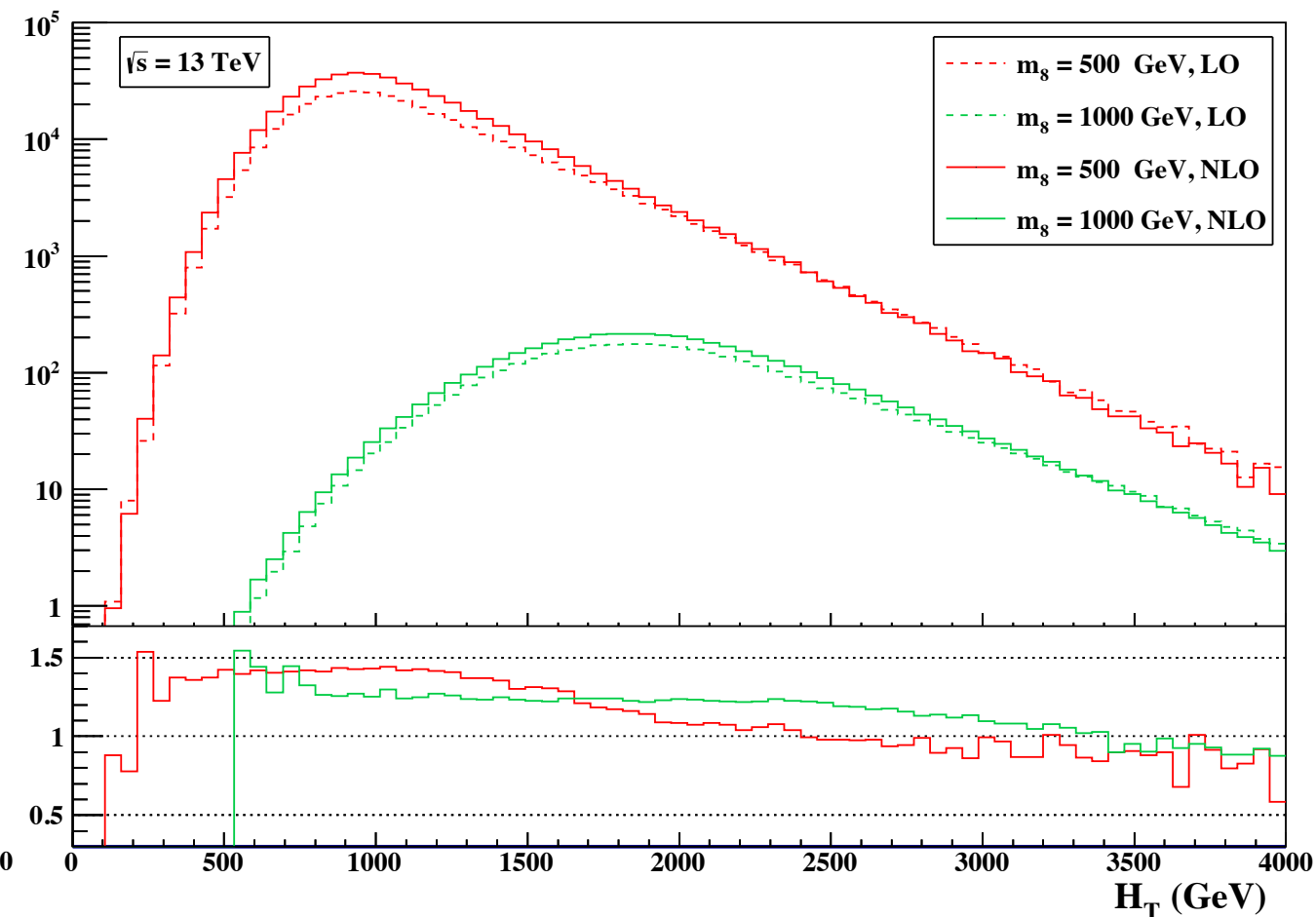
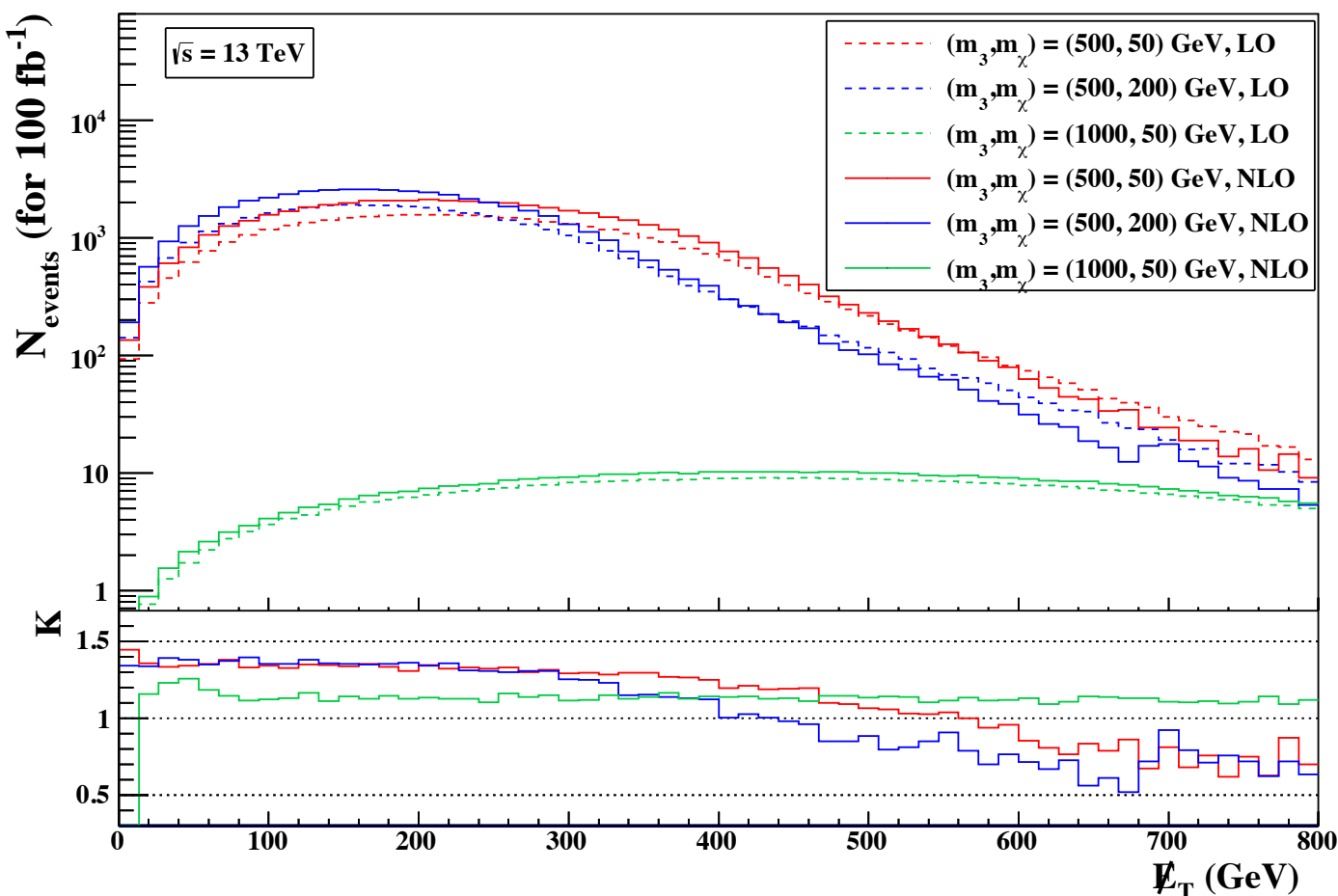
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500	$0.5878^{+47.6\%}_{-30.0\%}$	$0.7431^{+15.8\%+7.6\%}_{-16.2\%-7.6\%}$	$3.619^{+40.8\%}_{-27.0\%}$	$4.977^{+13.3\%+4.7\%}_{-14.1\%-4.7\%}$
750	$(2.977 \times 10^{-2})^{+52.0\%}_{-31.9\%}$	$(3.353 \times 10^{-2})^{+17.2\%+12.1\%}_{-17.3\%-12.1\%}$	$0.2951^{+43.6\%}_{-28.4\%}$	$0.3817^{+14.0\%+6.9\%}_{-14.8\%-6.9\%}$
1000	$(2.328 \times 10^{-3})^{+55.9\%}_{-33.4\%}$	$(2.398 \times 10^{-3})^{+19.0\%+19.1\%}_{-18.4\%-19.1\%}$	$(3.983 \times 10^{-2})^{+46.1\%}_{-29.5\%}$	$(4.822 \times 10^{-2})^{+15.1\%+9.3\%}_{-15.6\%-9.3\%}$

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- Results:
 - Distribution at NLO (+Pythia8)

Stop pair

Sgluon pair



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- As easy as:

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./bin/mg5_aMC
```

```
> import model stop_ttmet_ufo
```

```
> generate p p > t1 t1~ [QCD]
```

```
> output
```

```
> launch
```

- Models available on the FeynRules website

- <https://feynrules.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/NLOModels>

Higgs Characterisation

- Aim: establish a framework to determine Higgs quantum numbers and couplings
- Build an EFT up to $\text{dim}=6$, keep operators compatible with SM gauge symmetries
- Study various Higgs production channels at NLO+PS accuracy

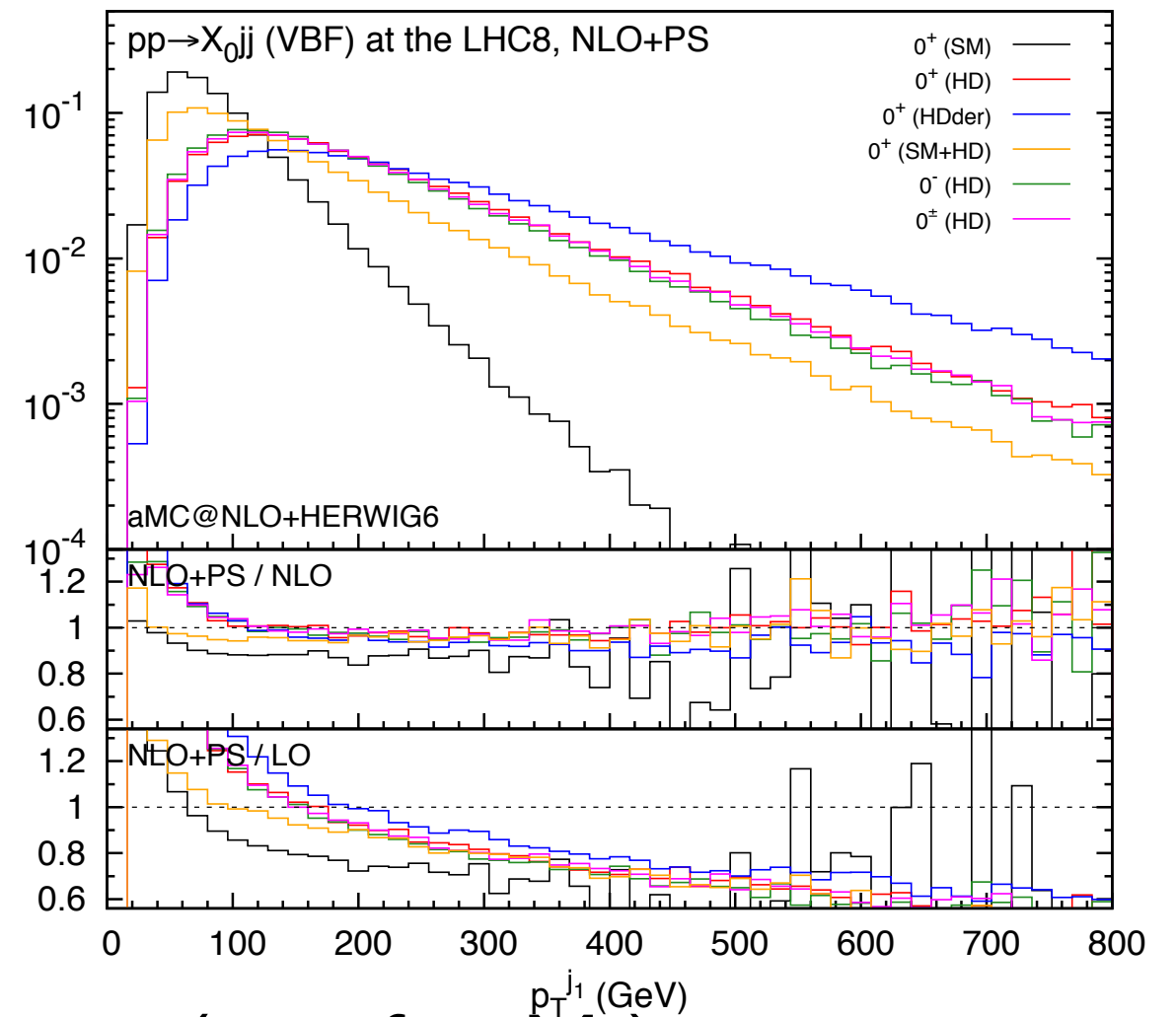
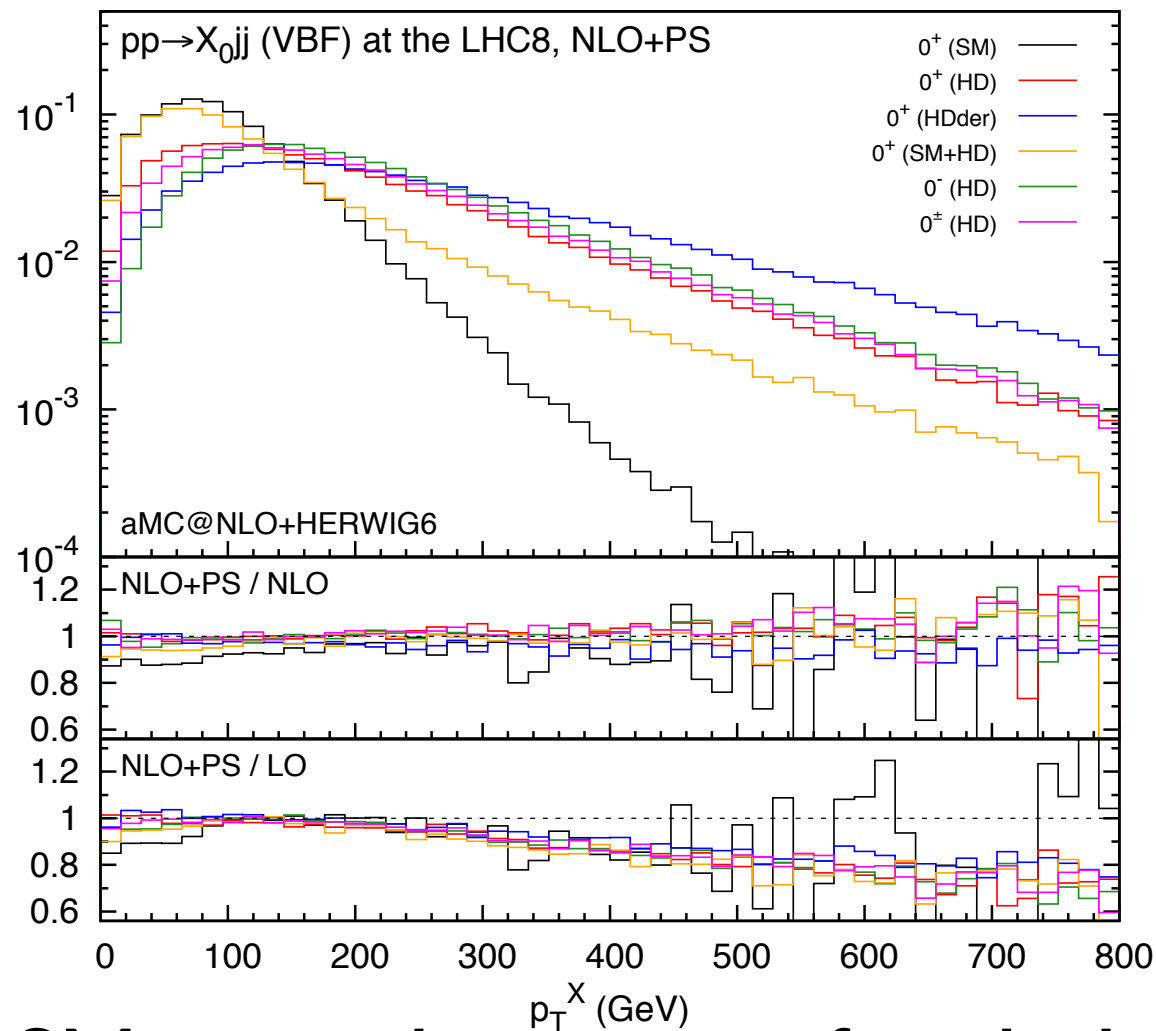
Higgs Characterisation: the effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_0^V = \left\{ c_\alpha \kappa_{\text{SM}} \left[\frac{1}{2} g_{HZZ} Z_\mu Z^\mu + g_{HWW} W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} \right] \right\} \text{SM} \quad \mathcal{L}_0^t = -\bar{\psi}_t \left(c_\alpha \kappa_{Htt} g_{Htt} + i s_\alpha \kappa_{Att} g_{Att} \gamma_5 \right) \psi_t X_0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{4} \left[c_\alpha \kappa_{H\gamma\gamma} g_{H\gamma\gamma} A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + s_\alpha \kappa_{A\gamma\gamma} g_{A\gamma\gamma} A_{\mu\nu} \tilde{A}^{\mu\nu} \right] \quad \text{0}^- \\
 & -\frac{1}{2} \left[c_\alpha \kappa_{HZ\gamma} g_{HZ\gamma} Z_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + s_\alpha \kappa_{AZ\gamma} g_{AZ\gamma} Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{A}^{\mu\nu} \right] \\
 & -\frac{1}{4} \left[c_\alpha \kappa_{Hgg} g_{Hgg} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} + s_\alpha \kappa_{Agg} g_{Agg} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} \right] \\
 & -\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[c_\alpha \kappa_{HZZ} Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + s_\alpha \kappa_{AZZ} Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} \right] \\
 & -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[c_\alpha \kappa_{HWW} W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} + s_\alpha \kappa_{AWW} W_{\mu\nu}^+ \tilde{W}^{-\mu\nu} \right] \\
 & -\frac{1}{\Lambda} c_\alpha \left[\kappa_{H\partial\gamma} A_\nu \partial_\mu A^{\mu\nu} + \kappa_{H\partial Z} Z_\nu \partial_\mu Z^{\mu\nu} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + (\kappa_{H\partial W} W_\nu^+ \partial_\mu W^{-\mu\nu} + h.c.) \right] \left. \right\} X_0
 \end{aligned}$$

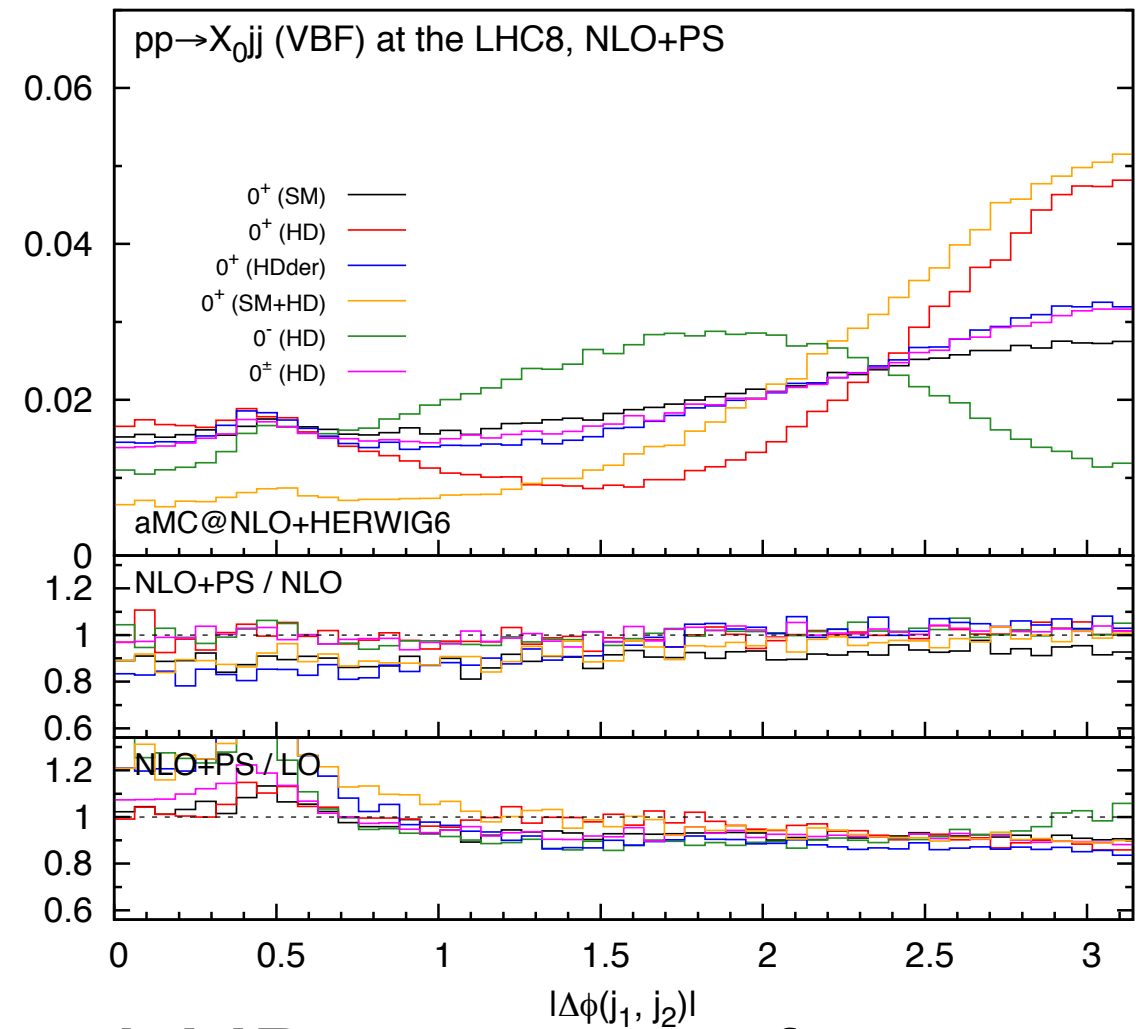
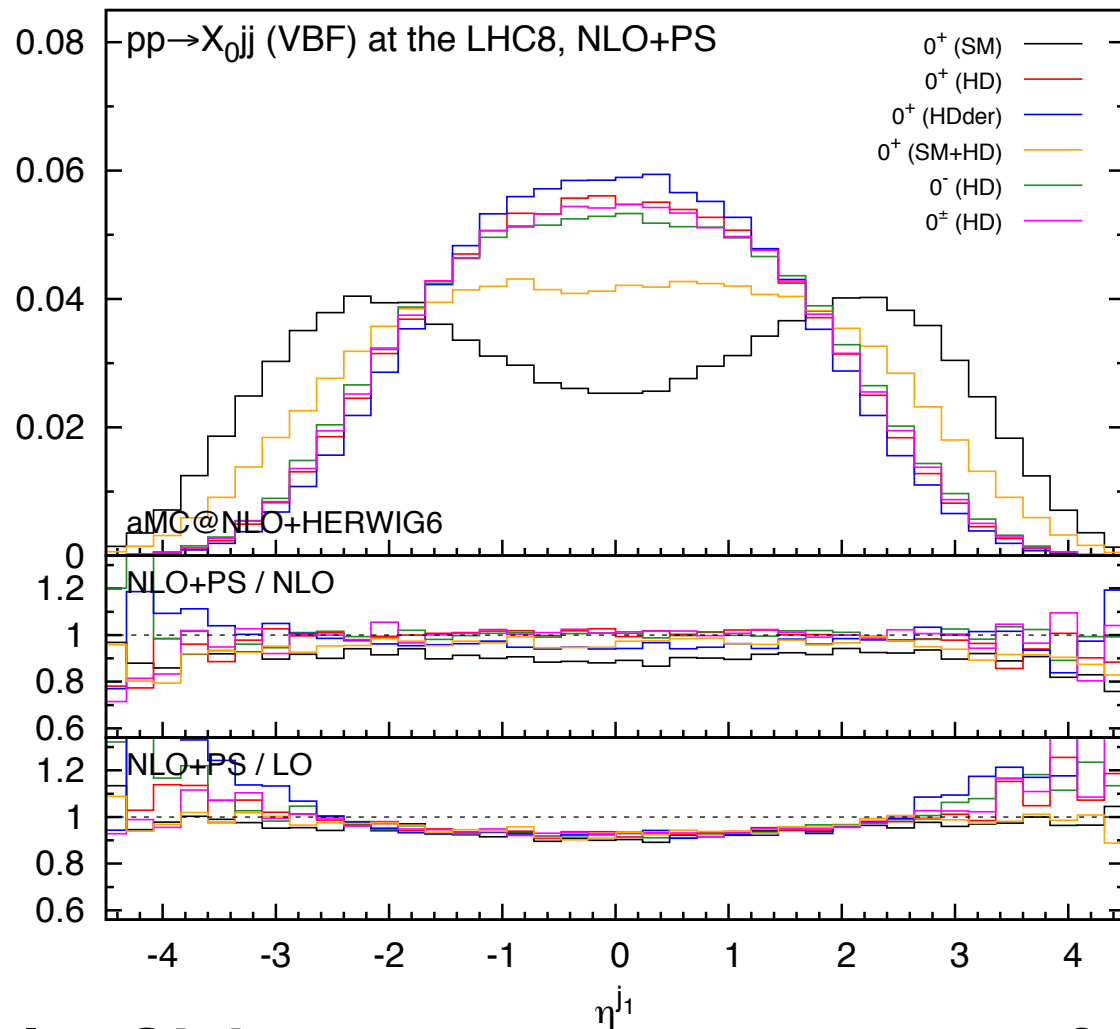
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- SM case shows a softer behaviour (not for M_{jj})
- NLO and PS effects are important (in particular for jet-related observables)

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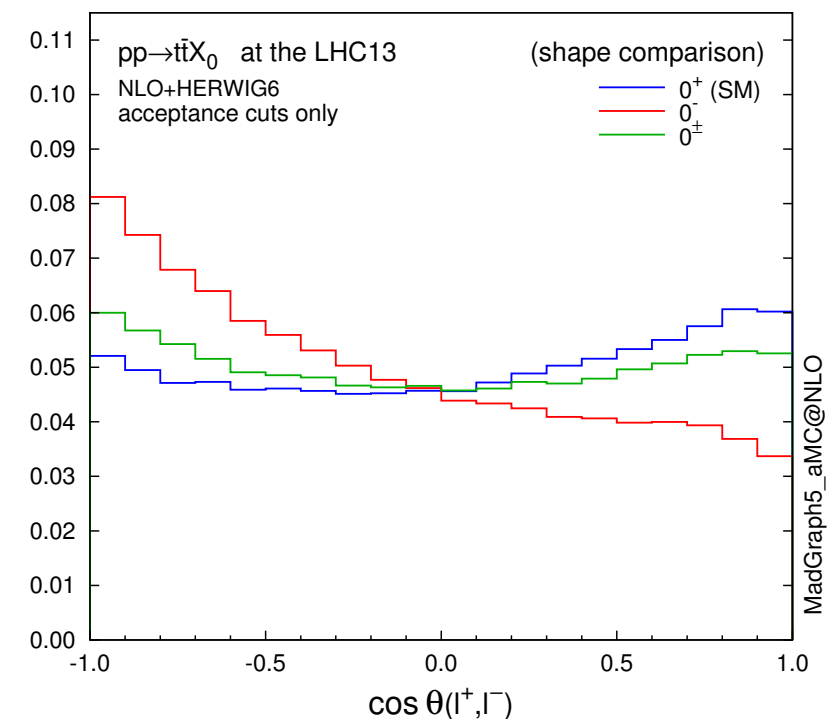
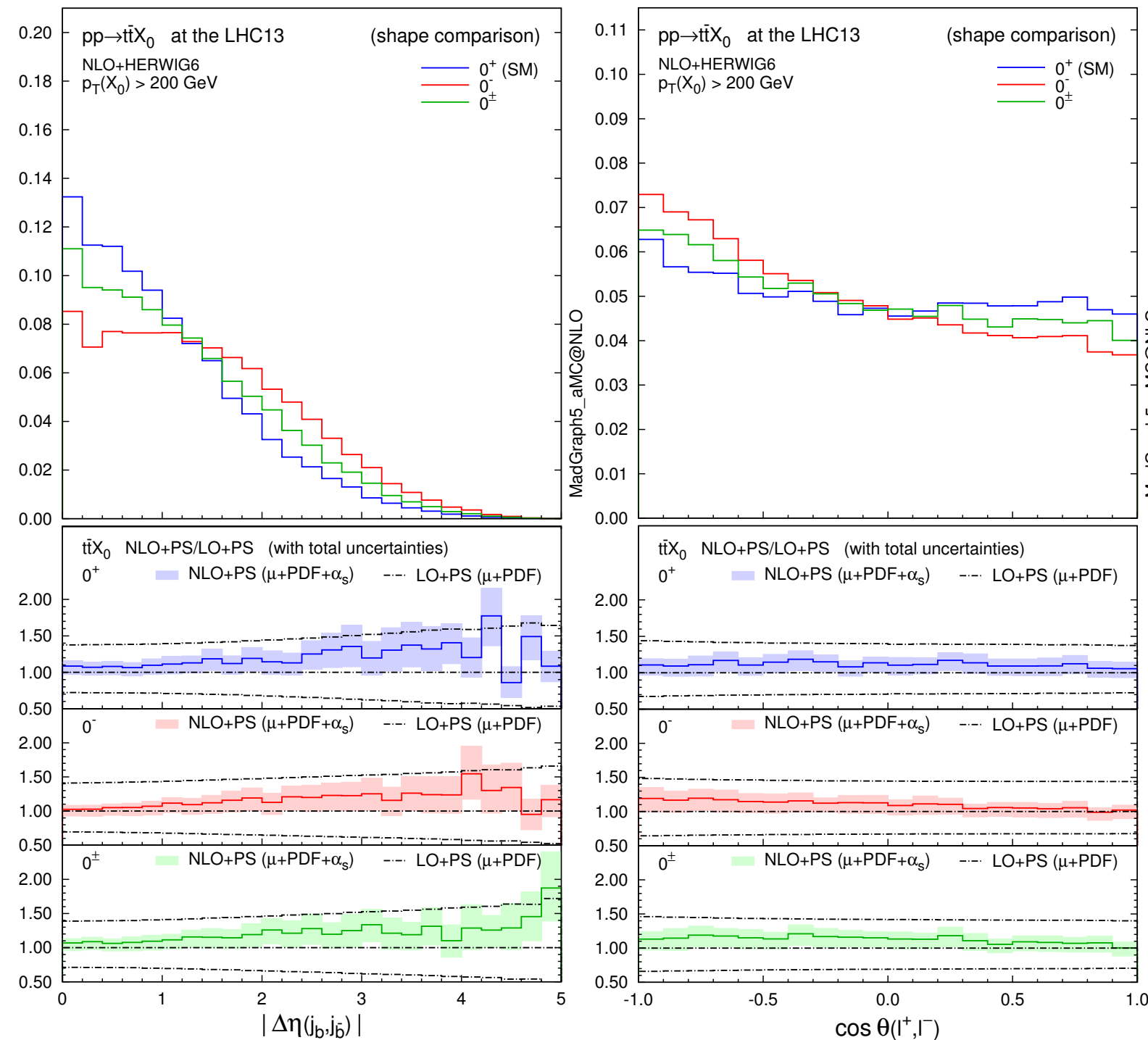


- In SM case jets are more forward: HD scenarios feature a different signature
- Jet correlations ($\Delta\phi$) are sensitive to the HVV structure

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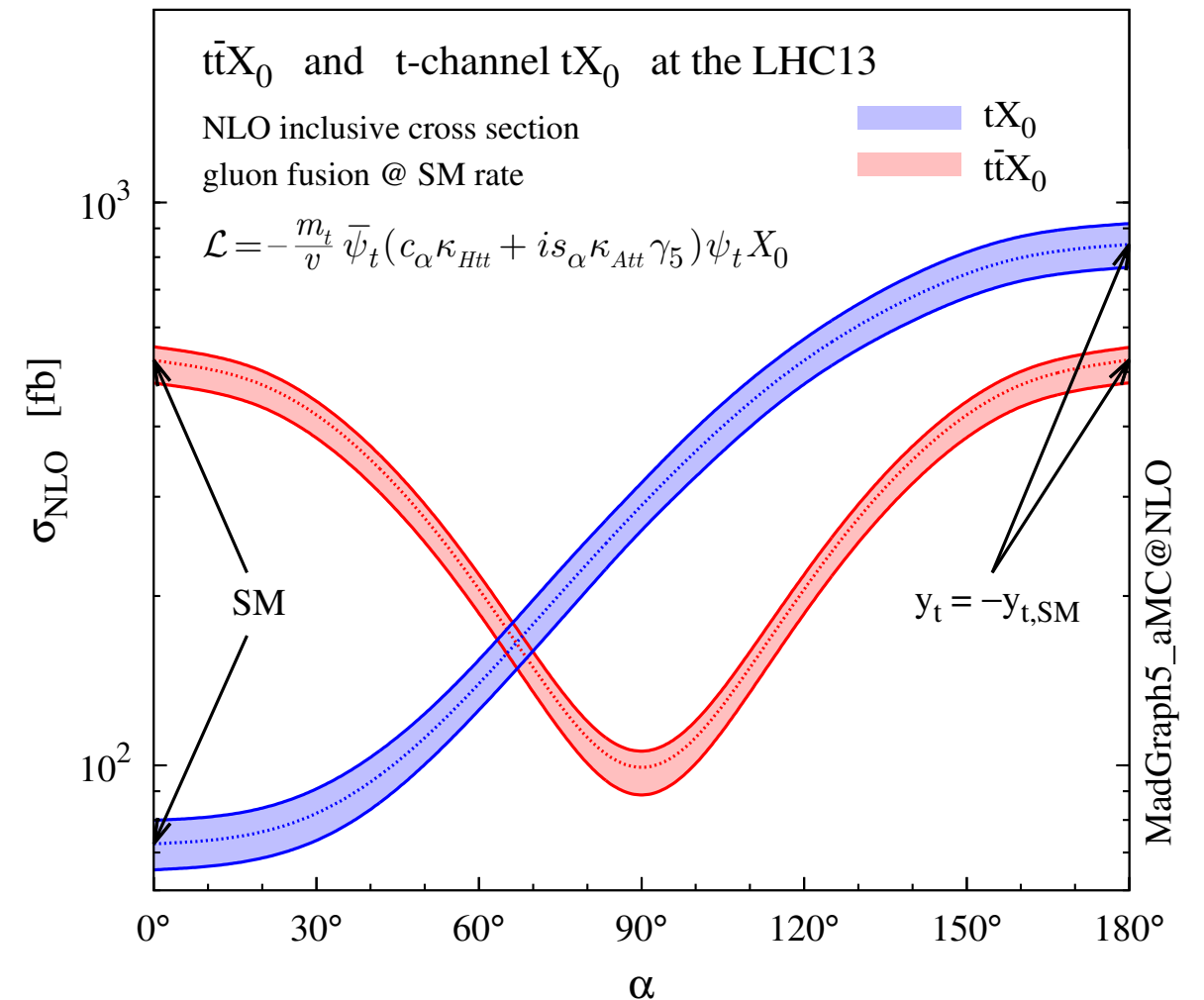
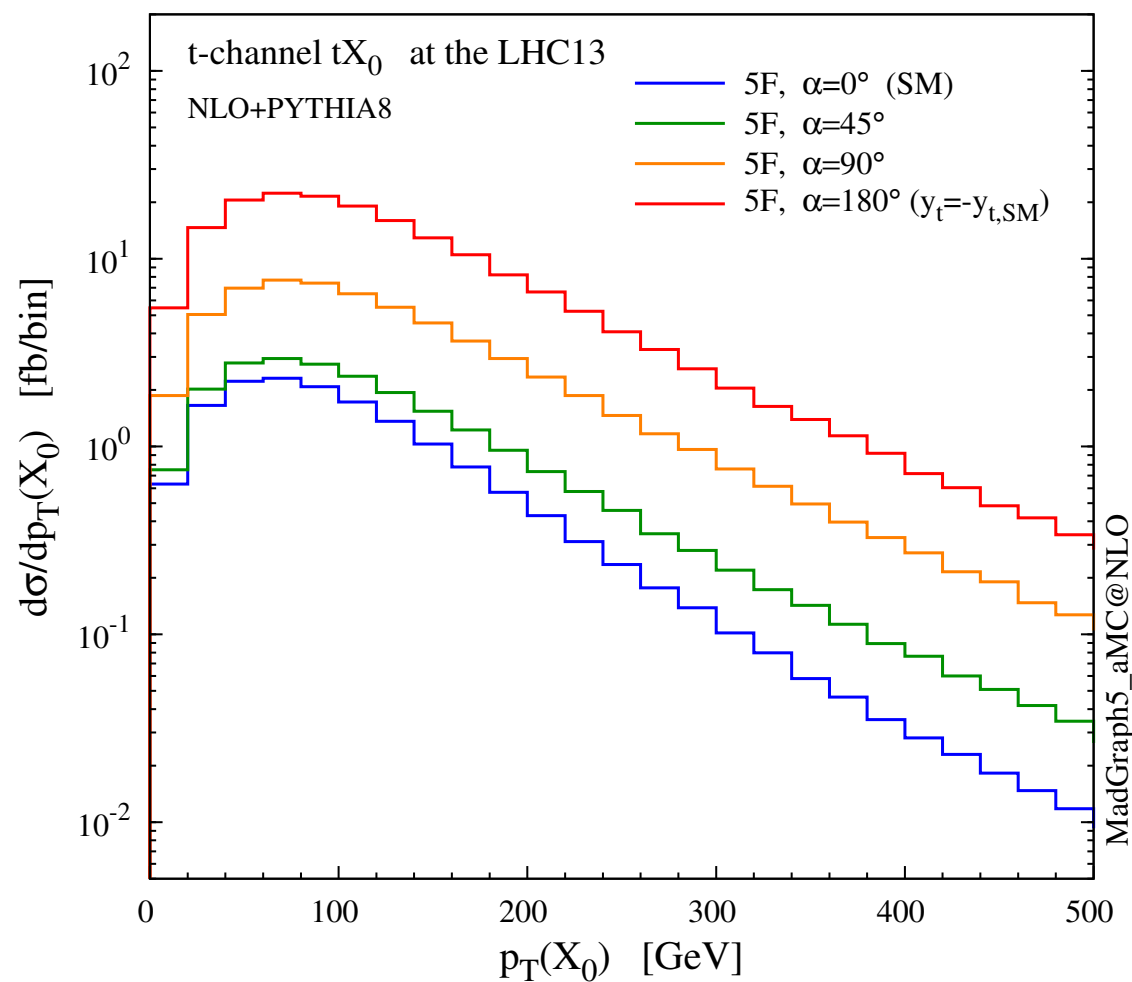
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- Spin correlations of the top decay products kept with MadSpin
Artoisenet, Frederix, Mattelaer, Rietkerk, arXiv:1212.3460
- Requiring a boosted Higgs reduces CP sensitivity for angular correlations
- NLO effects of $\sim 20\%$, not flat



Higgs Characterisation: tH

- Sensitive to the sign of y_t
- To appear soon...



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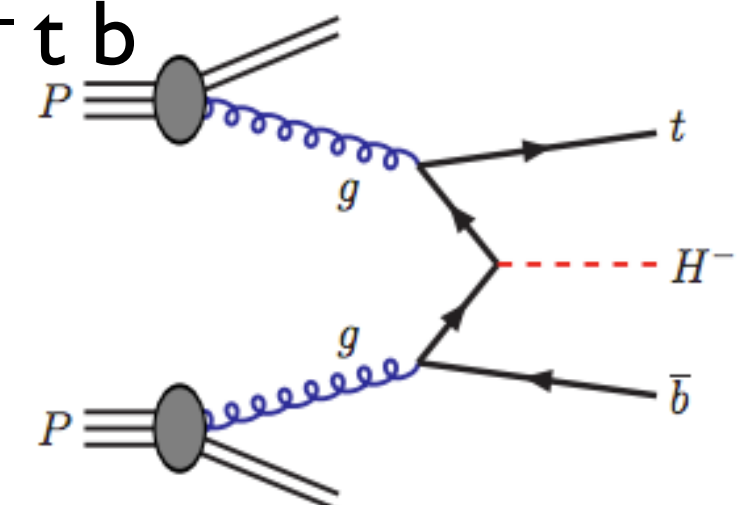
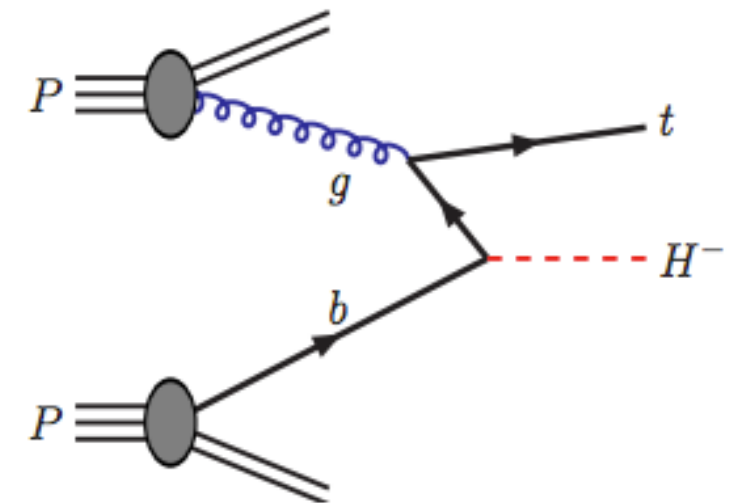
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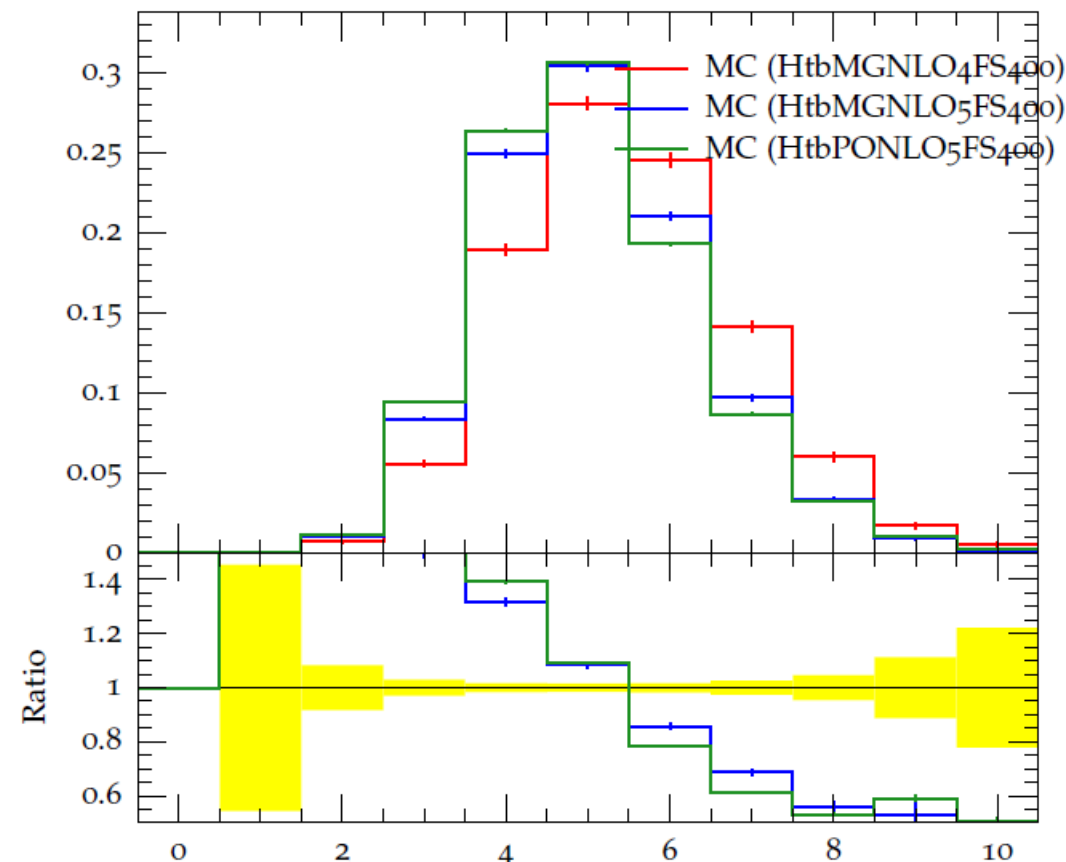
Charged Higgs production in the 2HDM (type II)

- Study the charged Higgs production in the 2HDM, for a heavy ($m_H > 200$ GeV) Higgs boson $pp \rightarrow H^- t + X$
- Two possible schemes:
 - 5F (include b in proton, $m_b = 0$): $gb \rightarrow H^- t$
 - Simpler process (lesser multiplicity)
 - No b mass effects
 - Worse description of b-related observables
 - Resum $\log(m_b/Q)$
 - 4F (keep $m_b \neq 0$, no b in proton): $q\bar{q}/gg \rightarrow H^- t b$
 - b mass effects included in the matrix-element
 - Can be spoiled by large $\log(m_b/Q)$
 - Better description of b-related observables



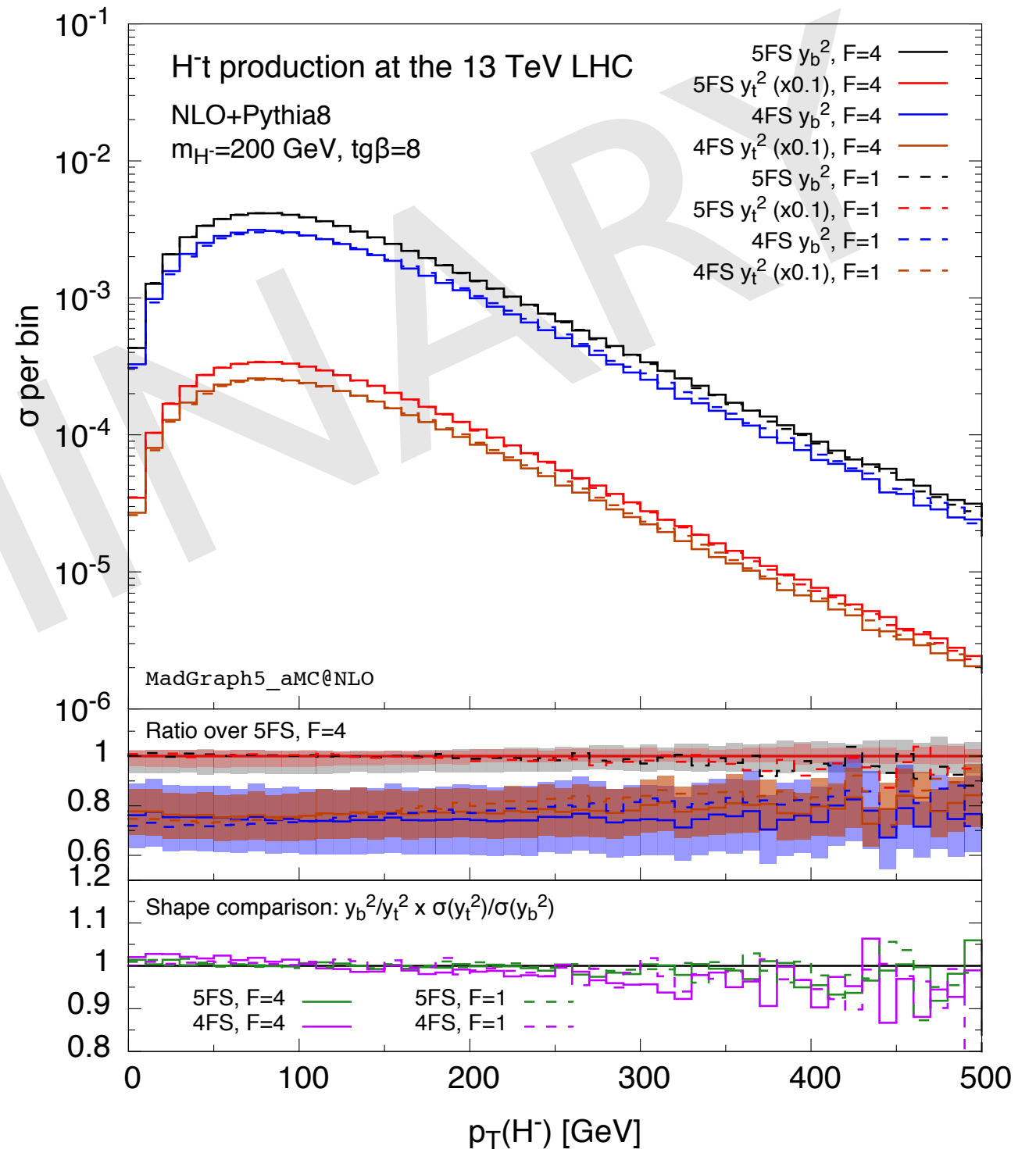
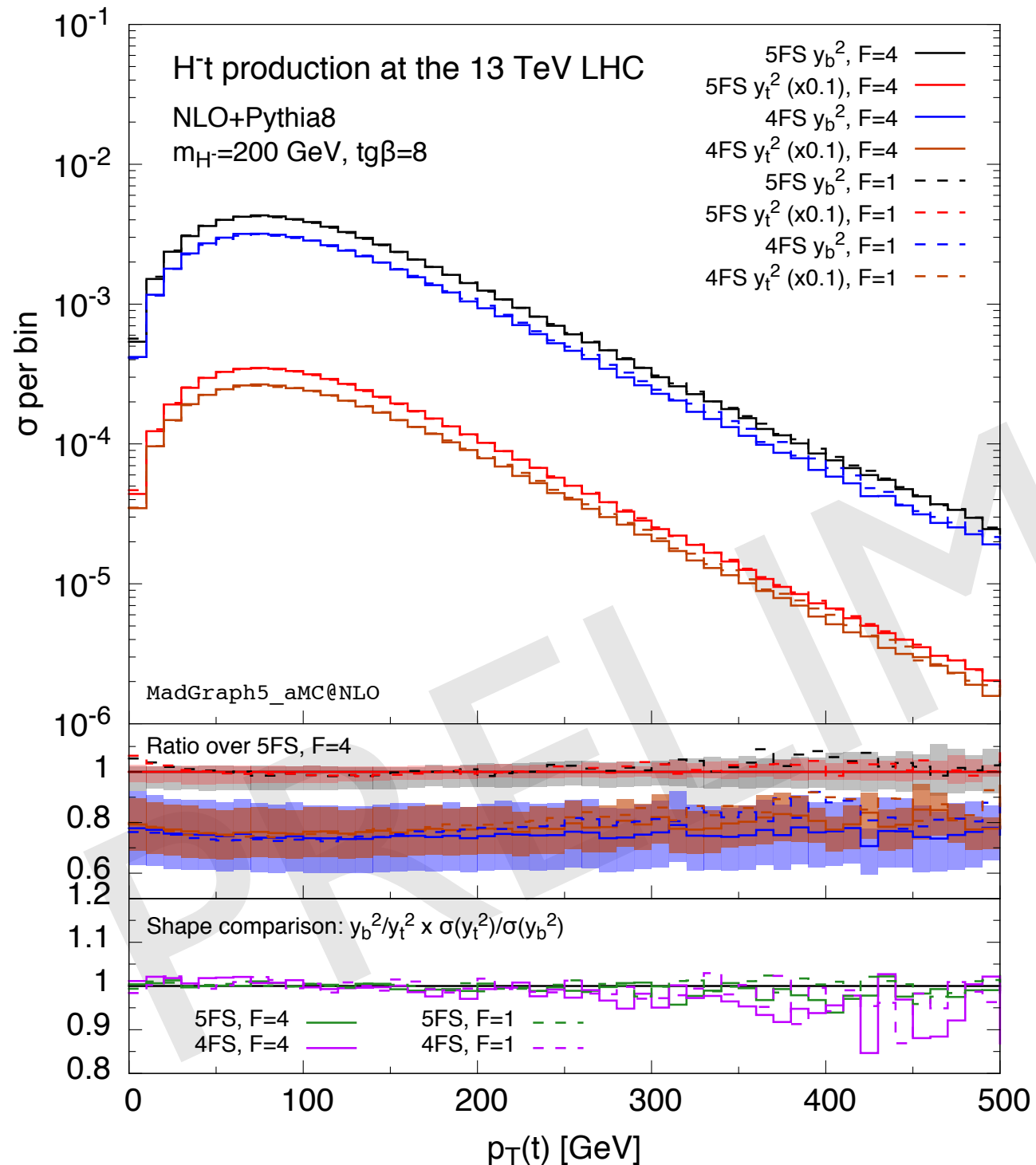
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- Large discrepancies observed by ATLAS among the two schemes

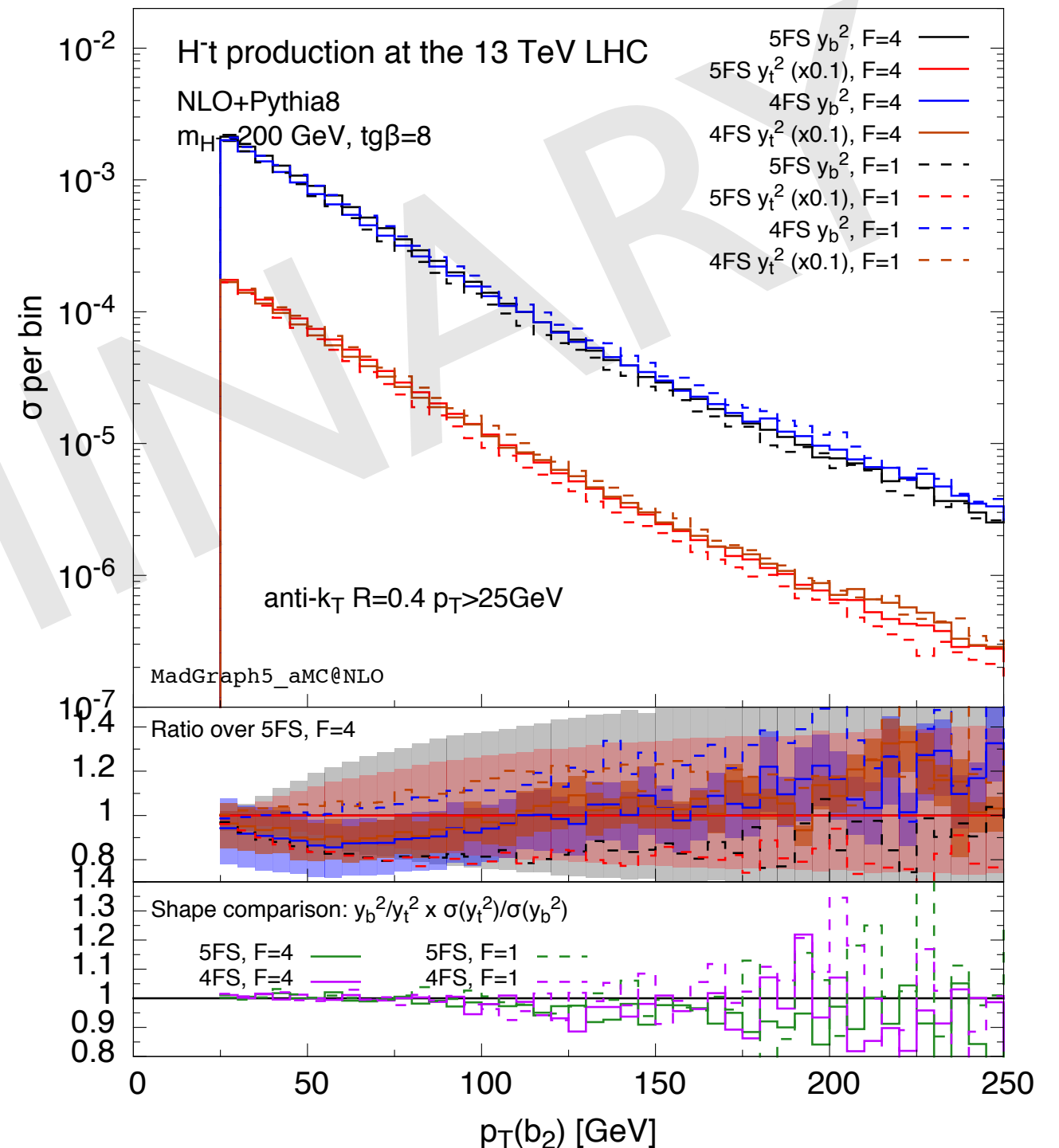
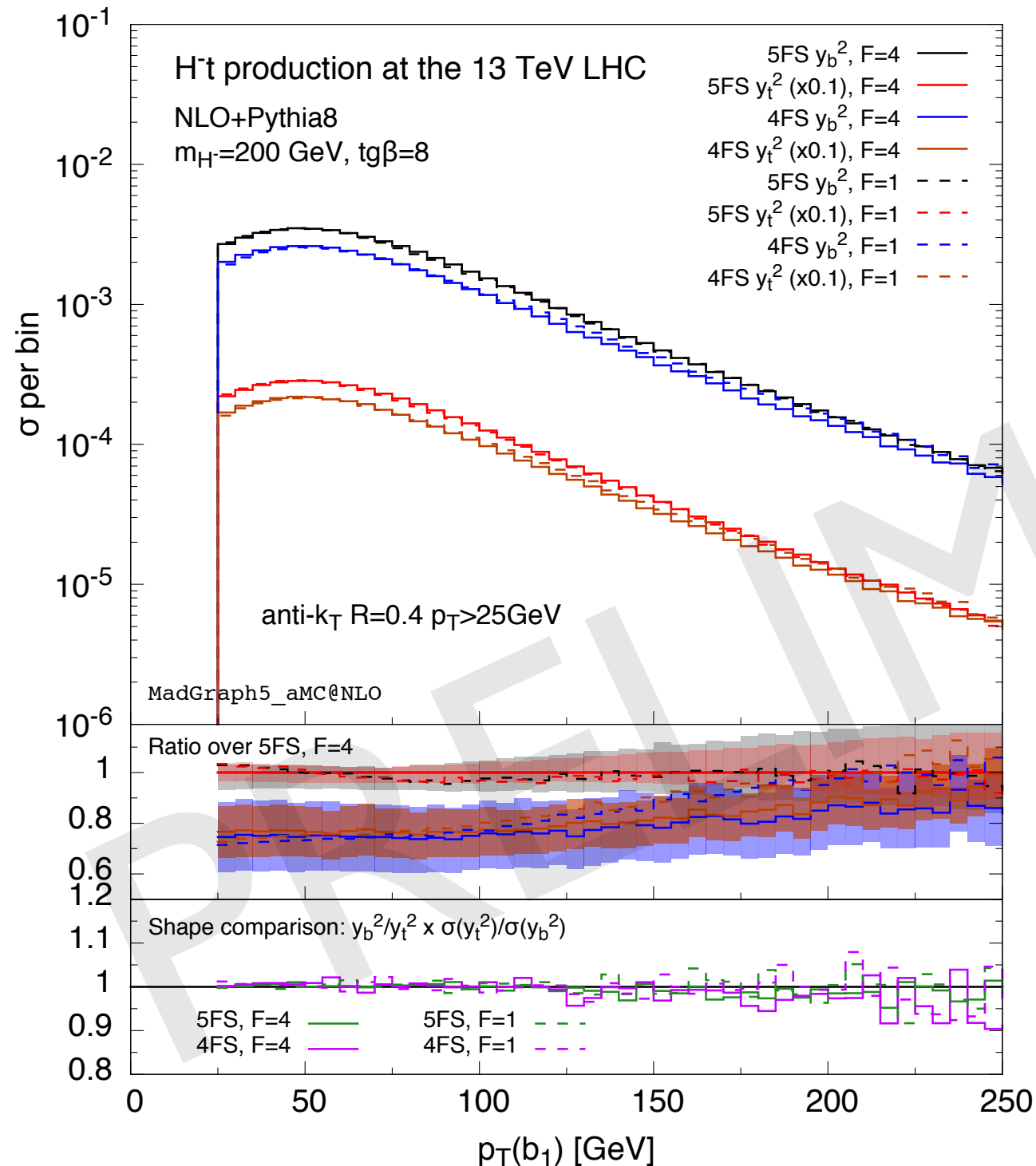


- Discrepancies reduced by
 - Using $\overline{\text{MS}}$ bottom Yukawa: resum $\log(m_H/m_b)$
 - $\mu_{F/R}$ choice: $H_T/6$ in 5F and $H_T/3$ in 4F
 - Choose a reduced shower scale (factor F in the plots)

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