

***Asking for a $high-p_T$ photon
in Higgs production at LHC***



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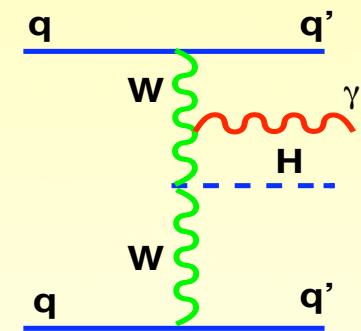
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focus on two processes :

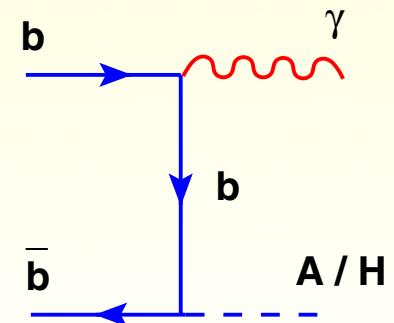
- ▶ $pp \rightarrow H (\rightarrow bb) 2j + \gamma$ (in the SM)

Gabrielli, Maltoni, B.M., M.Moretti,
Piccinini, Pittau, NPB 781 (2007) 64



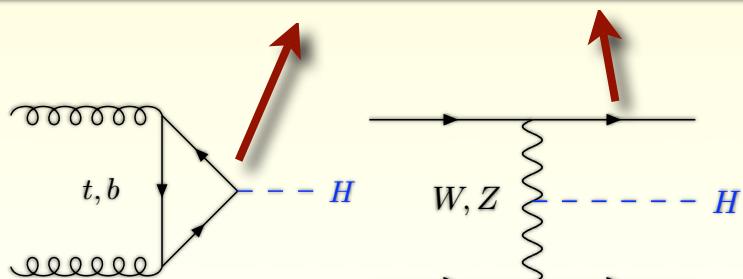
- ▶ $pp \rightarrow H / A (\rightarrow \tau\tau) + \gamma$ (in the MSSM)

Gabrielli, B.M., Rathsman,
PRD 77 (2008) 015007

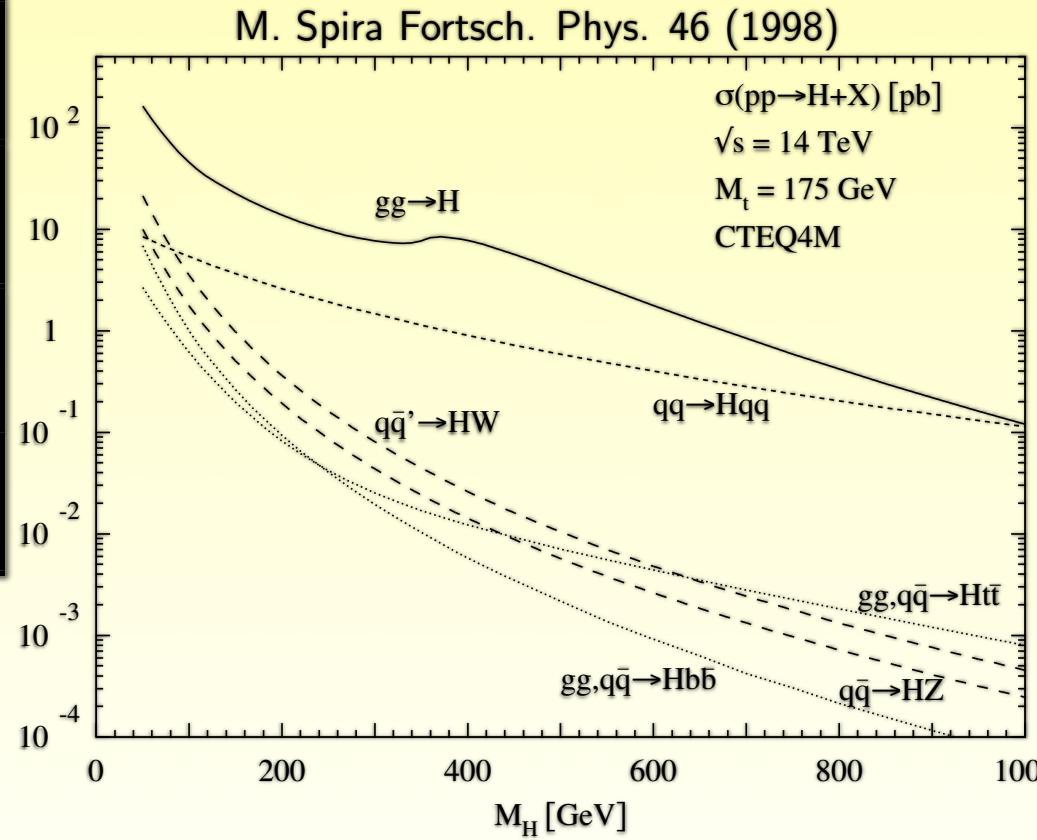


HIGGS TOTAL CROSS SECTIONS

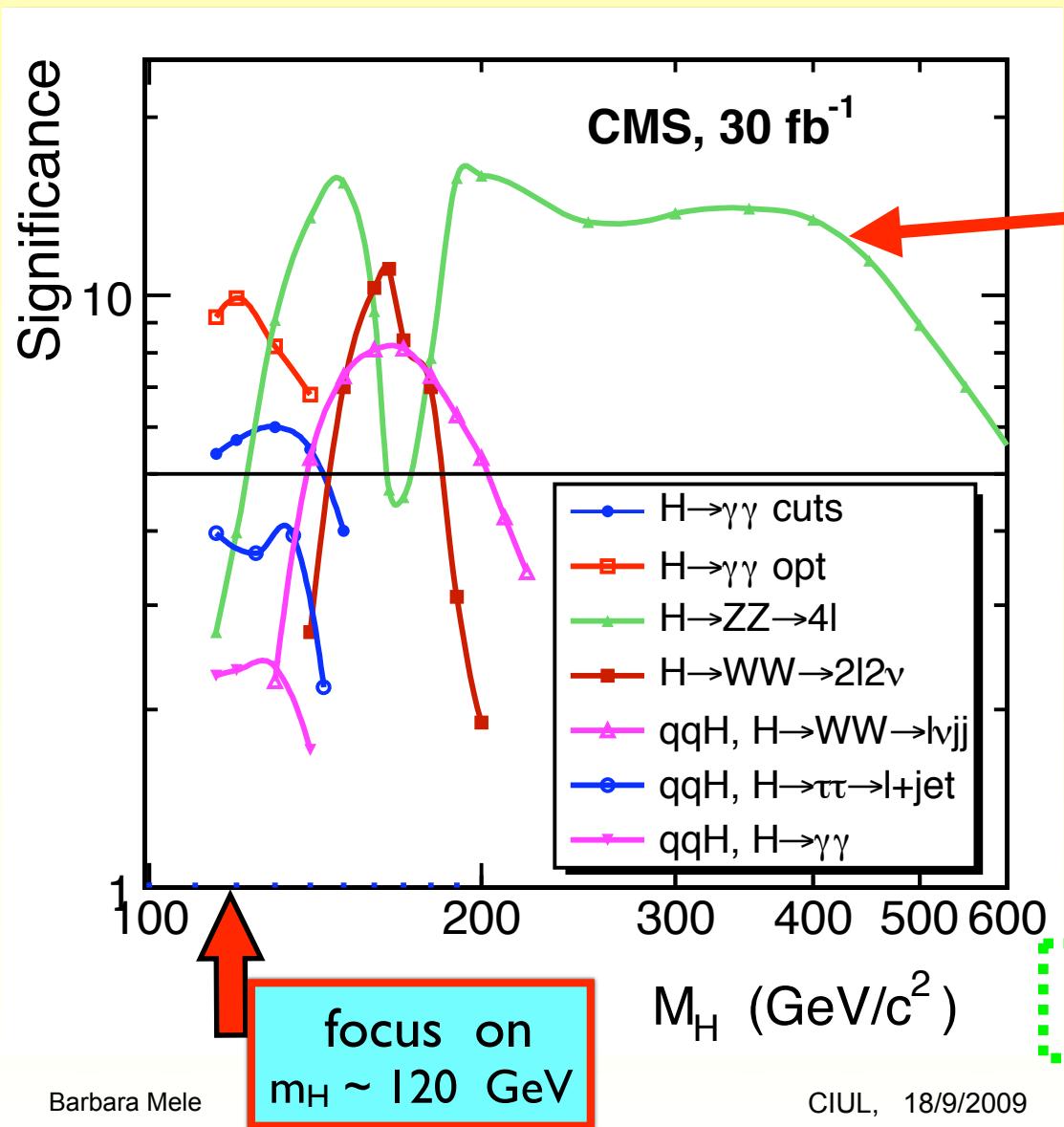
m_H (GeV)	σ_{gg} [pb]	σ_{VBF} [pb]
120	42	4.4
140	33	3.8
200	18	2.5
300	10	1.4



different final states !

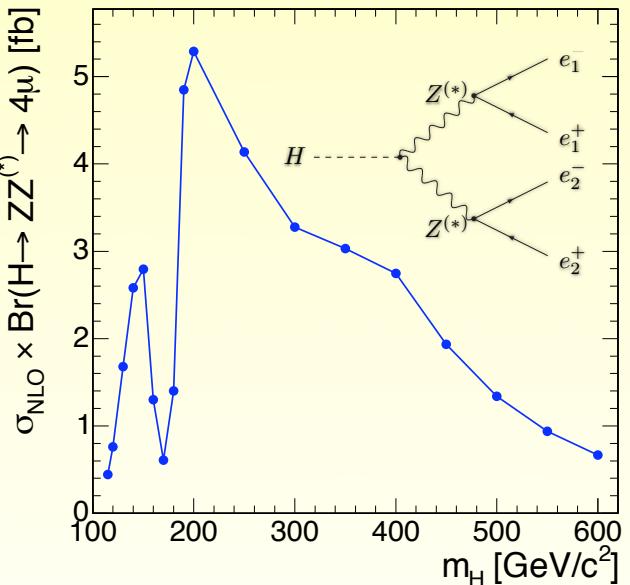


but interesting σ 's are of the order of few fb's
 (after BR's + cuts for enhancing signal/bckg)



GOLDEN CHANNEL !

$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$$



$\sigma \times \text{BR} (H \rightarrow 4\mu) < 6 \text{ fb}$

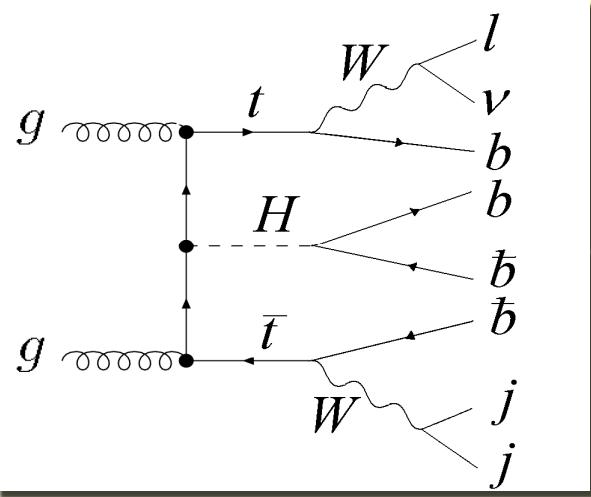
Hbb coupling dominant in light-H decay !

[$\text{BR}(\text{H} \rightarrow \text{bb}) \sim 70\% \text{ at } m_{\text{H}} \sim 120 \text{ GeV}$]

but QCD bb continuum tends to swamp
any EW bb resonance
at hadron colliders !

Can one constrain the Hbb coupling at all ?

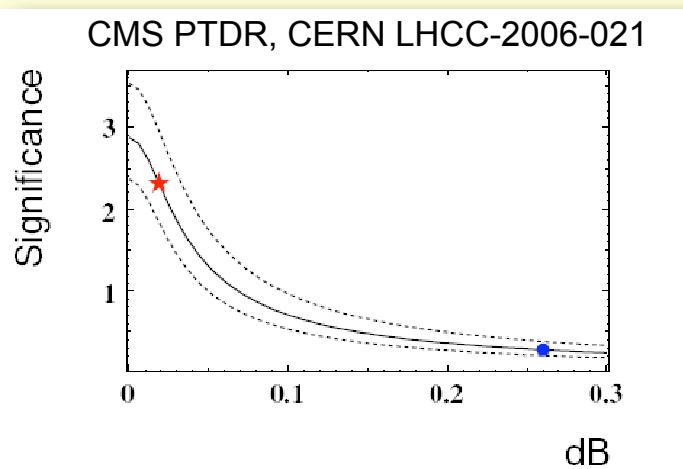
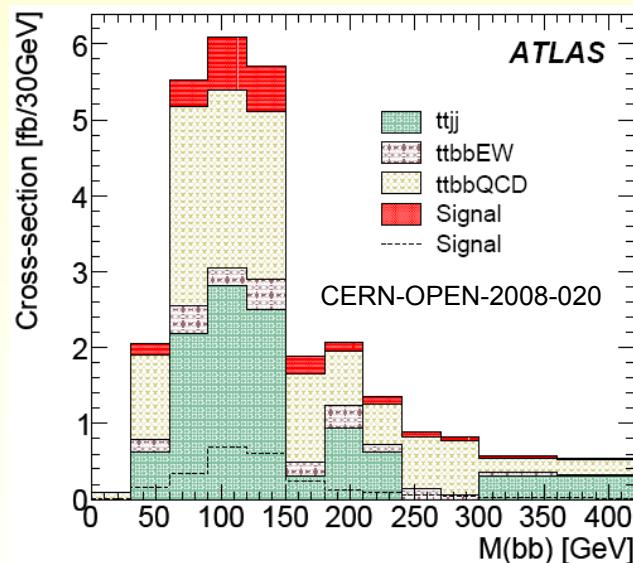
Constraining Hbb coupling for light H



most studied channel :

$pp \rightarrow ttH \rightarrow ttbb$

after including detector simulation,
initial "optimistic" expectations vanished !



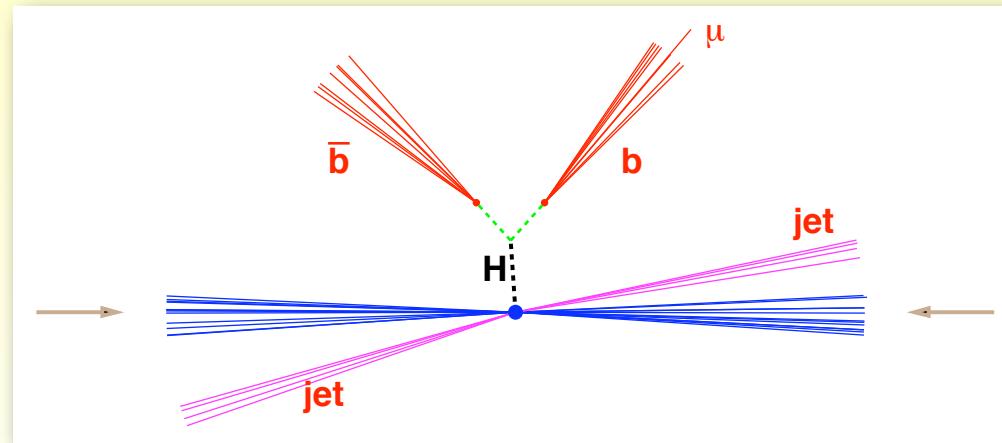
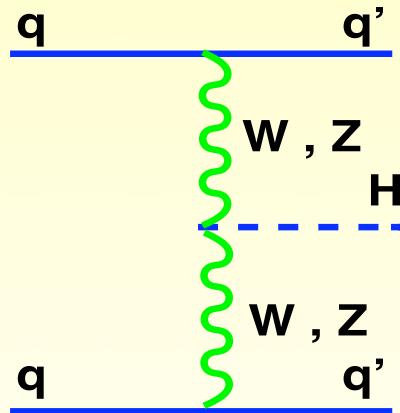
Also, an expected
k~1.8 factor on
bckgd at NLO***
makes everything
even worse !

(***Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, Pozzorini, 2008)

Alternatives :

$pp \rightarrow H (\rightarrow bb) + 2j$ (VBF fusion)

- light Jets with large invariant mass $p_T(j) \approx 40 \text{ GeV}$
- widely separated in rapidity (forward/backward)
- Higgs decay products lying at intermediate rapidity



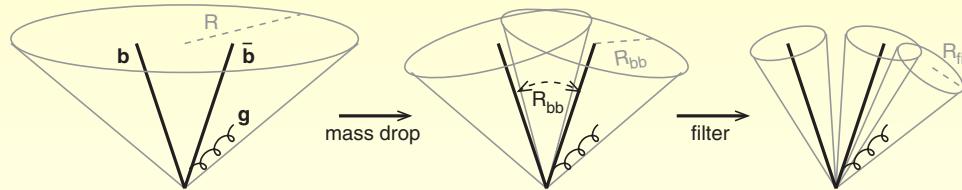
potential difficult to assess (4-jet final state...???)

Mangano, Moretti, Piccinini,
Pittau, Polosa (2003)

new strategy for $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ $W,Z \rightarrow b\ell\bar{\ell}$

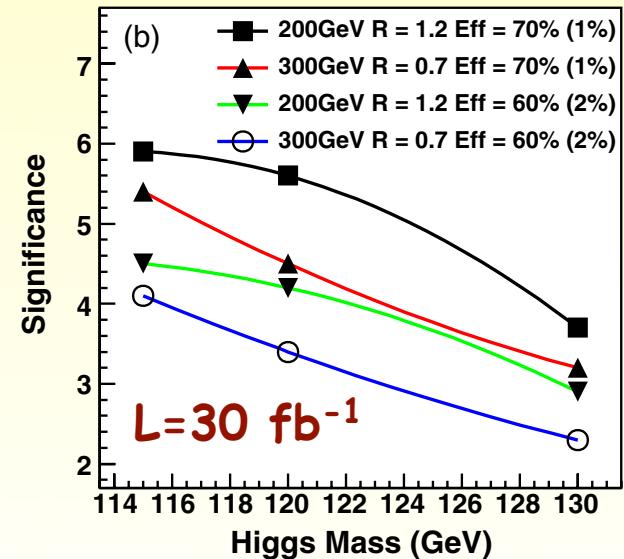
- * increase (tiny) S/B for $pp \rightarrow HW(Z) \rightarrow b\bar{b}\ell\bar{\ell}$
 by looking to events with **very high- p_T** H and $W(Z)$ ($p_T > 200, 300$ GeV)
 → S/B improves (but σ drops ...)!

challenge : high- p_T $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ quite collimated → may give a single jet
 → using a (QCD-motivated) subjet analysis could help !



Jet definition	σ_S/fb	σ_B/fb	$S/\sqrt{B \cdot \text{fb}}$
CA, $R = 1.2$, MD-F	0.57	0.51	0.80
K_\perp , $R = 1.0$, y_{cut}	0.19	0.74	0.22
SISCONE, $R = 0.8$	0.49	1.33	0.42

TABLE I. Cross section for signal and the $Z +$ jets background in the leptonic Z channel for $200 < p_{T_Z}/\text{GeV} < 600$ and $110 < m_J/\text{GeV} < 125$, with perfect b -tagging; shown for our jet definition, and other standard ones at near optimal R values.



to be validated by complete detector simulation !

presently

**measurement of g_{Hbb}
challenging at LHC !**

**LHC potential not yet
really established !**

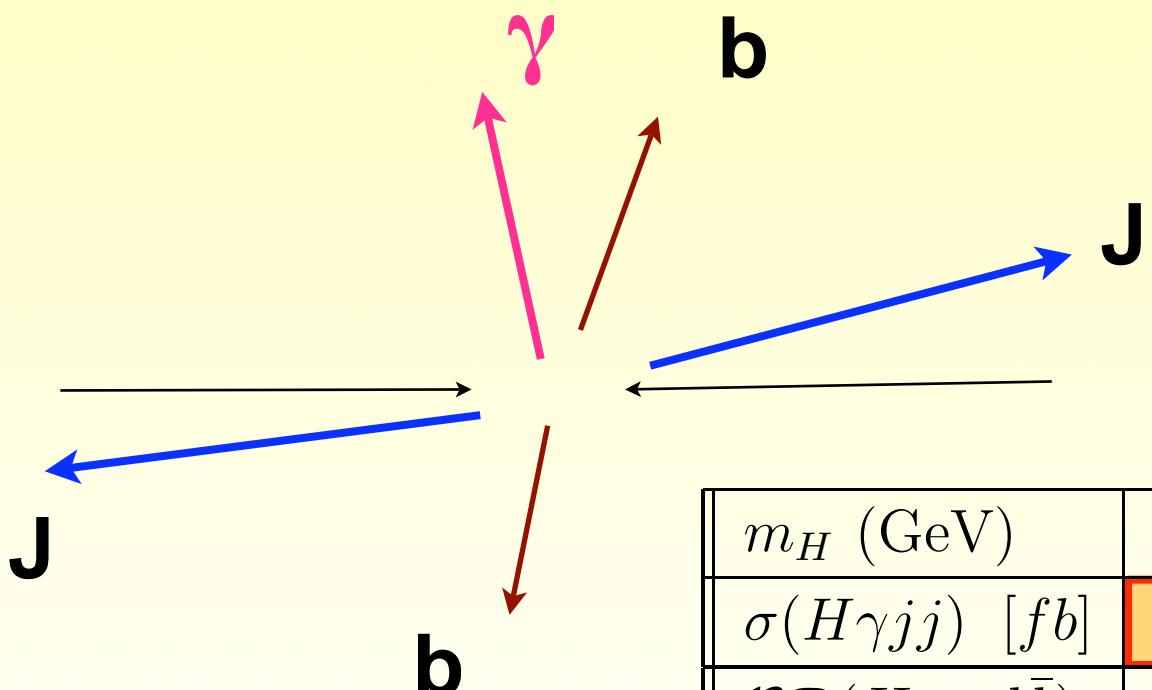
New Channel :

(Gabrielli, Maltoni,
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Piccinini, Pittau, 2007)



require a further central photon from VBF

$$pp \rightarrow H (\rightarrow bb) + 2j + \gamma$$

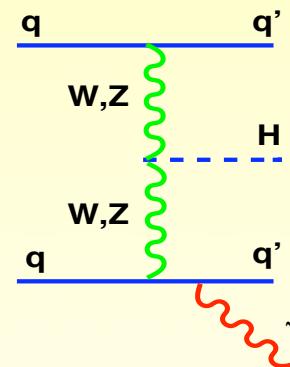
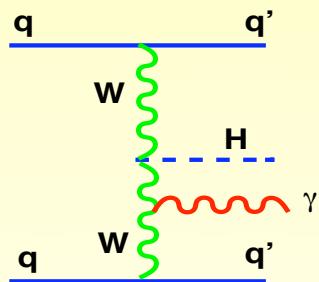
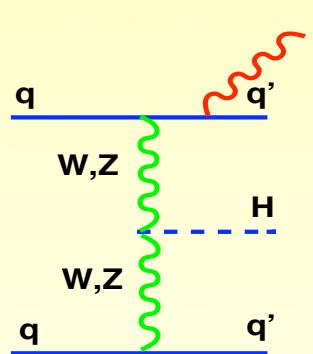
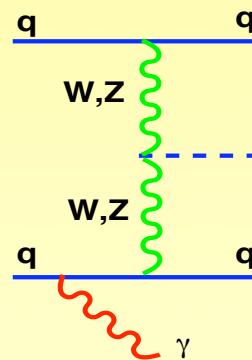
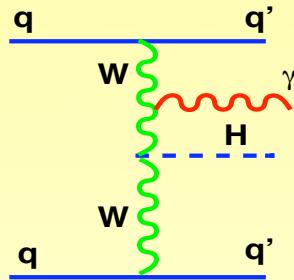
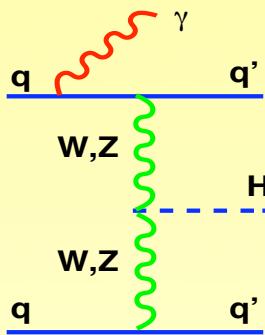


increases
triggering
efficiency !

m_H (GeV)	110	120	130	140
$\sigma(H\gamma jj)$ [fb]	67.4	64.0	60.4	56.1
$\mathcal{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$	0.770	0.678	0.525	0.341

$(\Delta R_{\gamma j} > 0.4, p_T^\gamma \geq 20 \text{ GeV}, \text{ and } m_{jj} > 100 \text{ GeV})$

$qq \rightarrow qq H + \gamma$

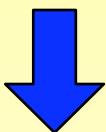


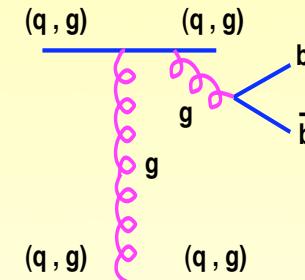
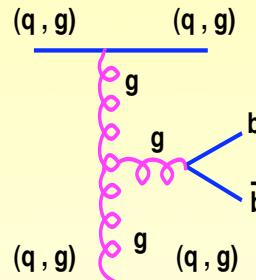
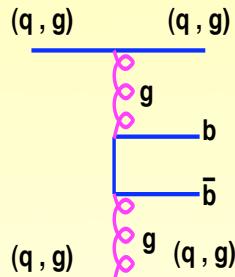
from naive QED scaling :

$$(S/\sqrt{B})|_{H\gamma jj} \sim \sqrt{\alpha} (S/\sqrt{B})|_{Hjj} \lesssim 1/10 (S/\sqrt{B})|_{Hjj}$$

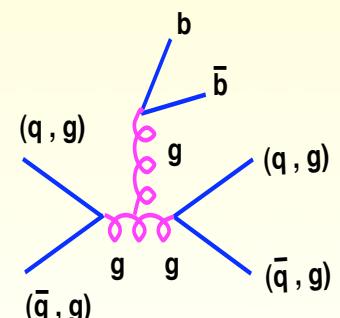
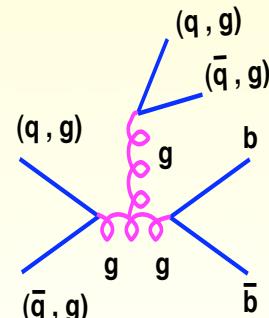
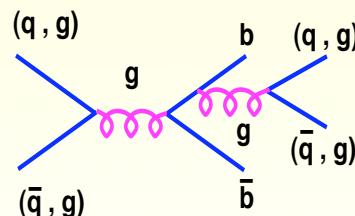
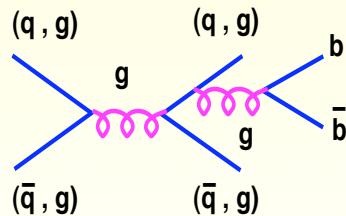
Actual S/\sqrt{B} much better than this !!!!

IRREDUCIBLE BCKGD

add a photon to  (gluons are idle !)



t,u-channel (most relevant !)

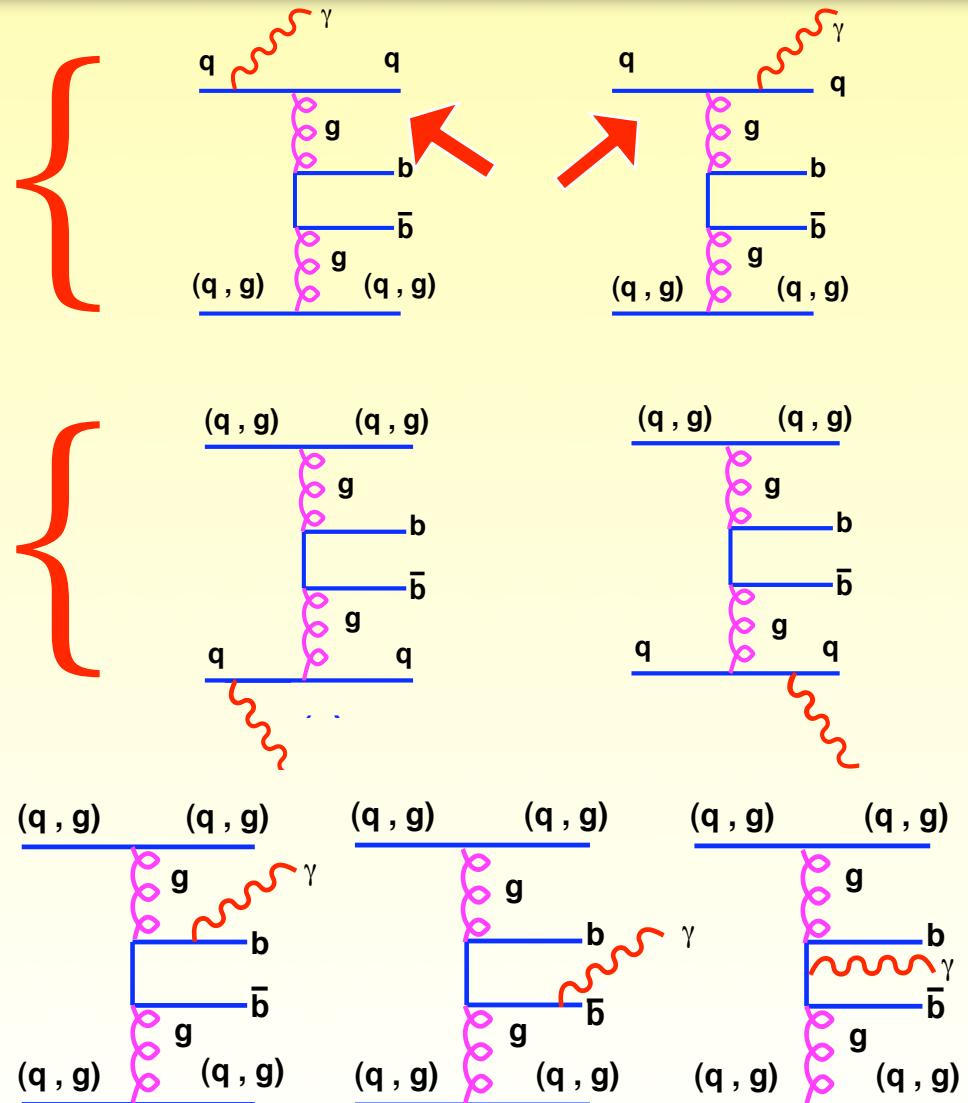


s-channel (suppressed at $M_{jj} \sim 1\text{TeV}$)

Also, destructive interf.s in central γ emissions off q_{in} and q_{fin} in a t-channel gluon diagram

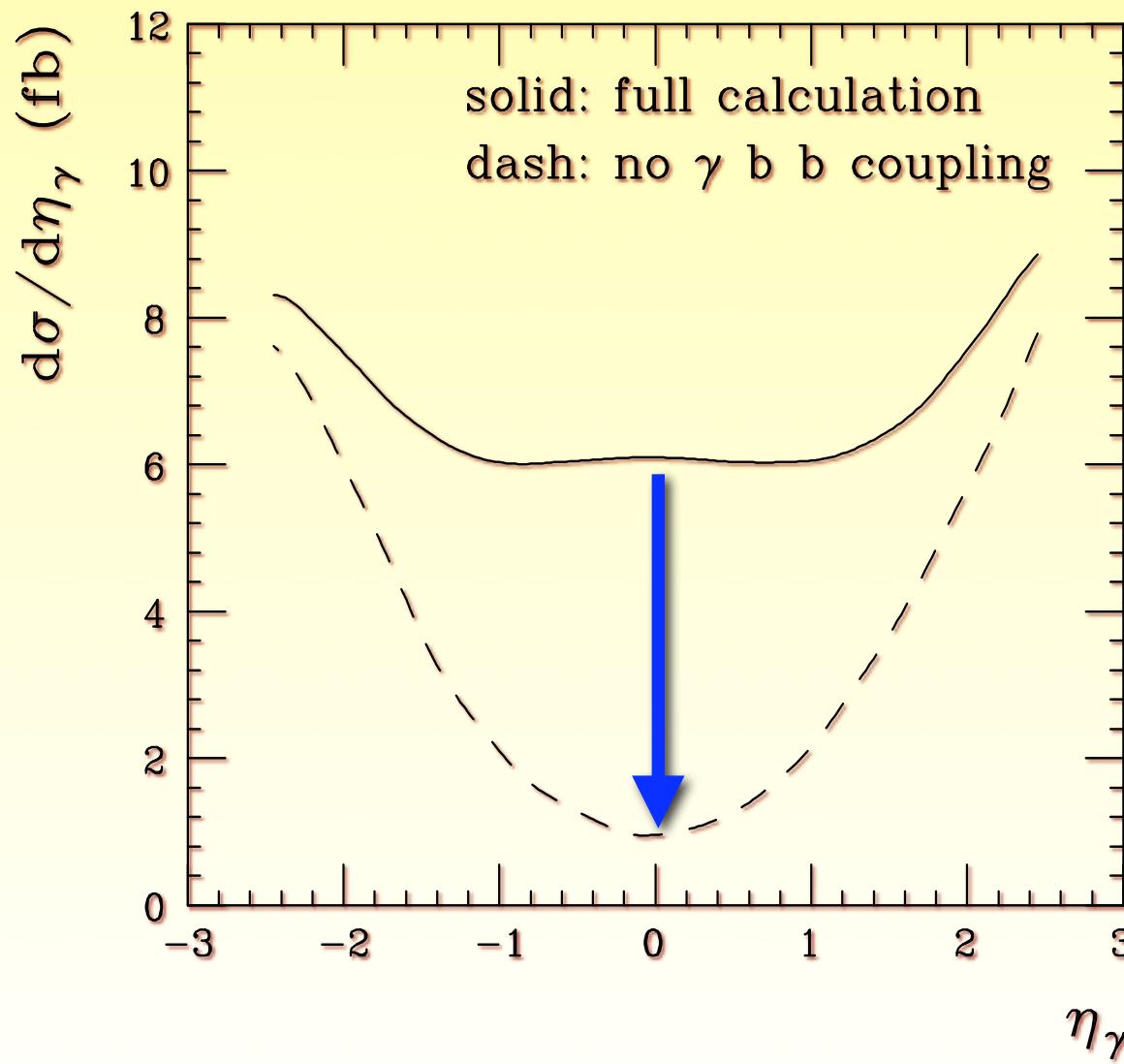
("coherence" effect)

→ bckg suppressed by requiring a central photon by $O(1/10)$ compared to naive QED scaling!



dominant contribut.
(suppressed by b-quark
electric charge)

switching off the γ bb coupling in irred. bckg



photon
rapidity
distr.s

(optimized cuts)

what about signal ?

W charged current spoils
destructive interference
at large angle !

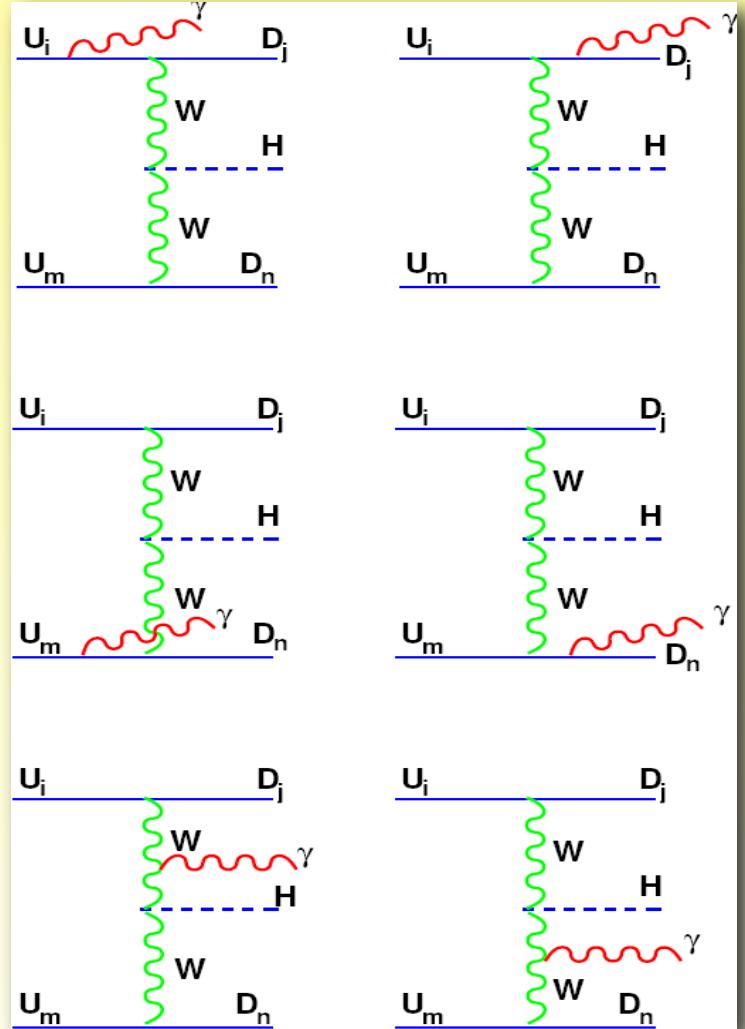
$$(WW \rightarrow H) \quad \frac{\sigma^{(C)}(H\gamma jj)}{\sigma^{(C)}(H jj)} = 0.013$$

but Z neutral current
follows BCKG pattern !!!

$$(ZZ \rightarrow H) \quad \frac{\sigma^{(N)}(H\gamma jj)}{\sigma^{(N)}(H jj)} = 0.0016$$

$p_T^\gamma \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$
 $|\eta_\gamma| \lesssim 2.5$
 $\Delta R_{j\gamma} \geq 0.7$

central photon singles out WW over ZZ fusion !!!



basic cuts :

$$p_T^j \geq 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^b \geq 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad \Delta R_{ik} \geq 0.7,$$

$$|\eta_\gamma| \leq 2.5, \quad |\eta_b| \leq 2.5, \quad |\eta_j| \leq 5,$$

$$m_{jj} > 400 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_H(1 - 10\%) \leq m_{b\bar{b}} \leq m_H(1 + 10\%),$$

$$\begin{cases} 1) \ p_T^\gamma \geq 20 \text{ GeV}, \\ 2) \ p_T^\gamma \geq 30 \text{ GeV}, \end{cases}$$

then, look at distrib's :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{jj}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^{j1}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^{b1}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dm_{\gamma H}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{|\Delta\eta_{jj}|},$$

→ add optimized cuts :

$$m_{jj} \geq 800 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{j1} \geq 60 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{b1} \geq 60 \text{ GeV},$$

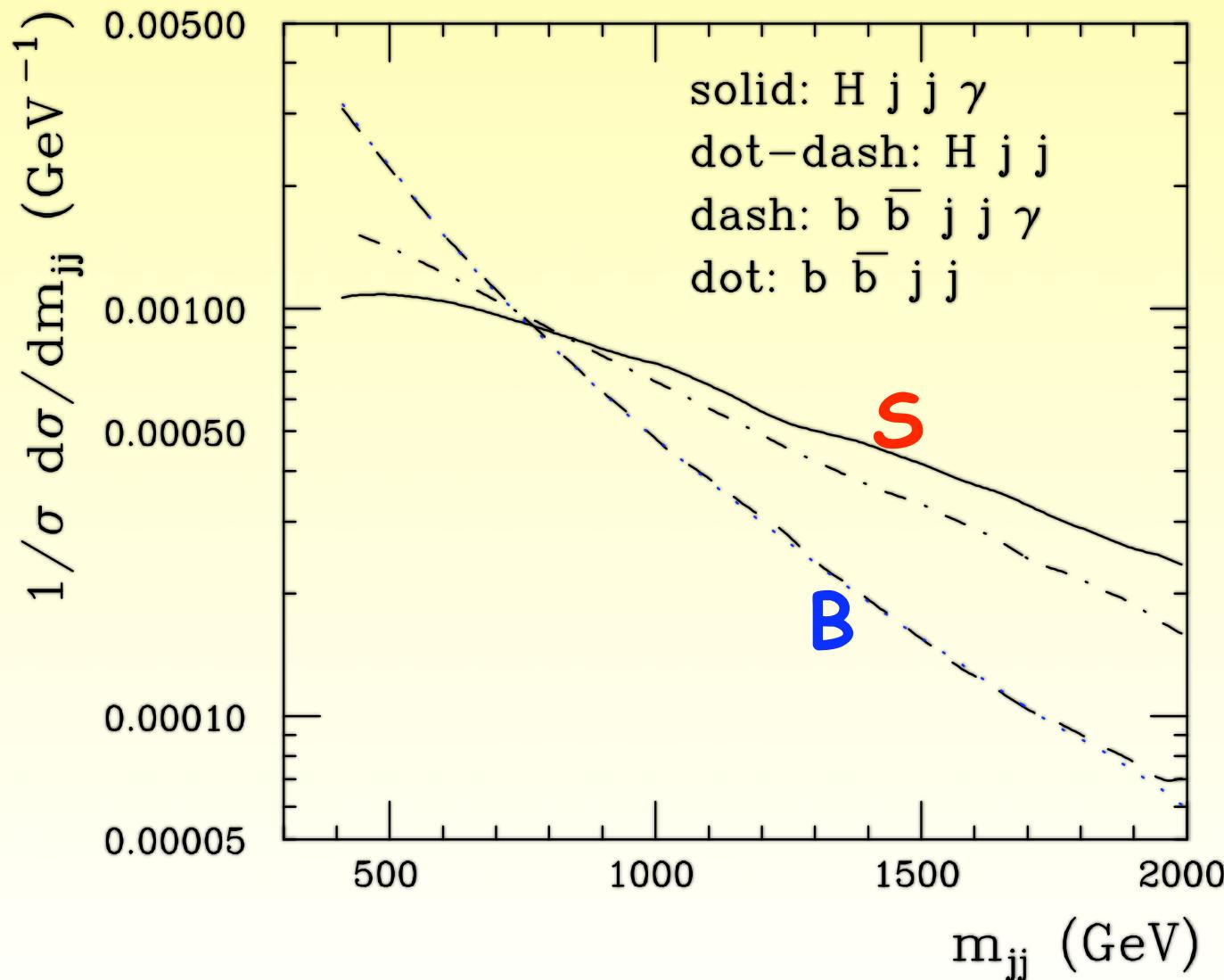
$$|\Delta\eta_{jj}| > 4, \quad m_{\gamma H} \geq 160 \text{ GeV}, \quad \Delta R_{\gamma b/\gamma j} \geq 1.2.$$

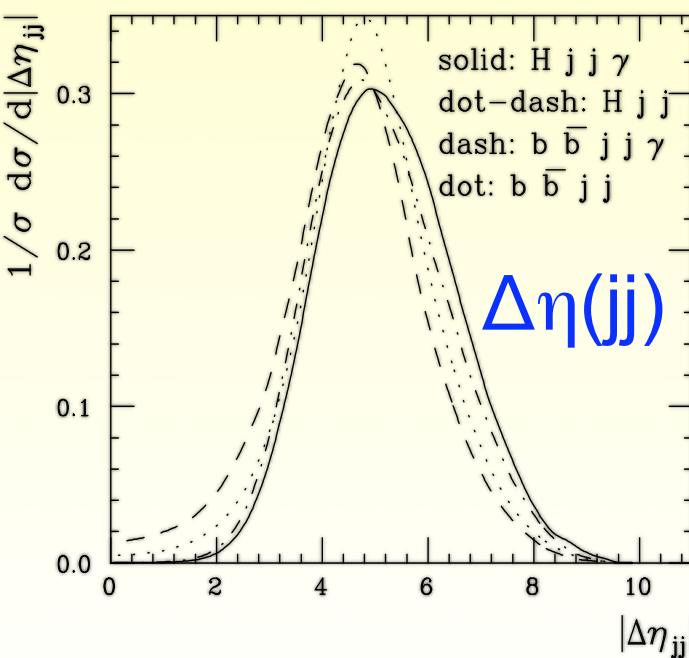
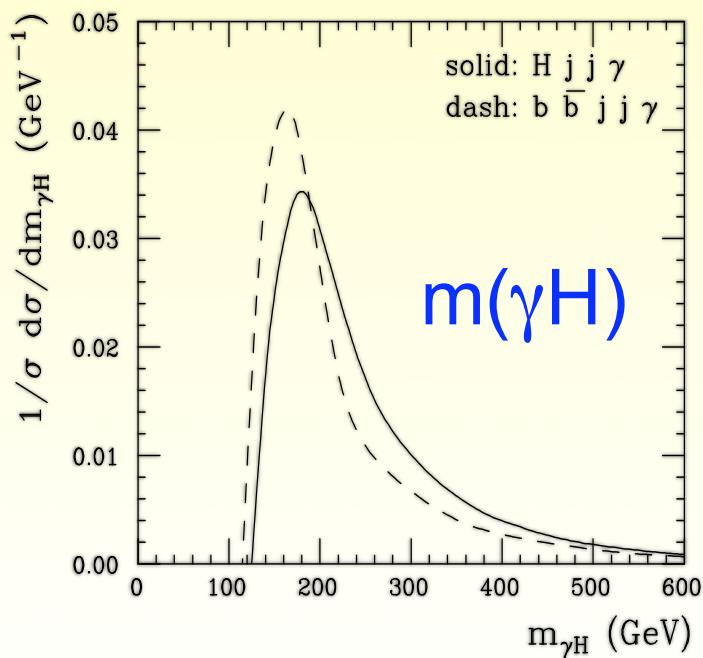
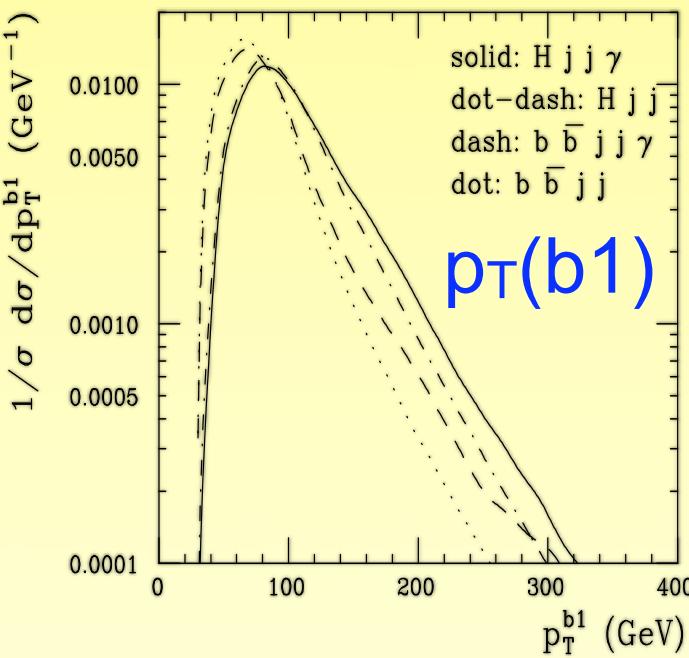
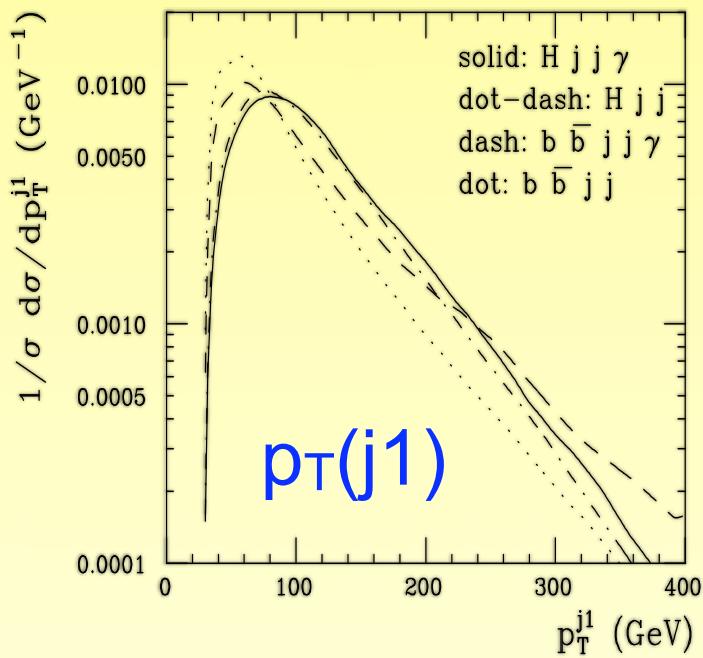
well isolated photon



EVENT SELECTION

m_{jj} distribution critical to enhance S/B (even more than in plain VBF !!!)





irreducible bckgr Ω 's (optimized cuts) $p_T^\gamma \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$

sub-processes	σ_i (pb)	σ_i/σ	σ_i^γ (fb)	$\sigma_i^\gamma/\sigma^\gamma$
$gq \rightarrow b\bar{b} gq (\gamma)$	57.2(1)	55.3 %	17.3(1)	51.6 %
$gg \rightarrow b\bar{b} gg (\gamma)$	25.2(1)	24.4 %	3.93(3)	11.7 %
$qq' \rightarrow b\bar{b} qq' (\gamma)$	7.76(3)	7.5 %	4.04(2)	12.1 %
$qq \rightarrow b\bar{b} qq (\gamma)$	6.52(2)	6.3 %	4.49(3)	13.4 %
$q\bar{q}' \rightarrow b\bar{b} q\bar{q}' (\gamma)$	4.60(2)	4.4 %	2.28(2)	6.8 %
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow b\bar{b} q\bar{q} (\gamma)$	2.13(2)	2.1 %	1.21(2)	3.6 %
$gg \rightarrow b\bar{b} q\bar{q} (\gamma)$	0.0332(7)	0.03 %	0.124(3)	0.37 %
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow b\bar{b} gg (\gamma)$	0.0137(2)	0.01 %	0.094(2)	0.28 %
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow b\bar{b} q'\bar{q}' (\gamma)$	0.000080(3)	0.00007 %	0.00080(8)	0.002 %

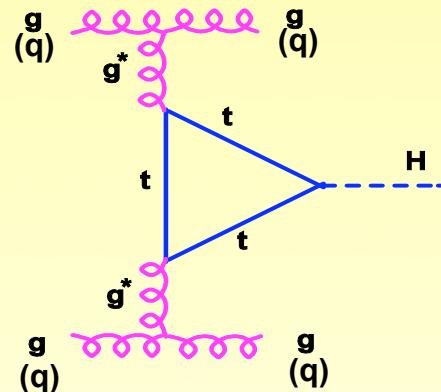
($m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$)

bckg(γ) / bckg $\sim 33 \text{ fb} / 103 \text{ pb} \sim 1/3000$
cf. signal(γ) / signal $\sim 1/100$

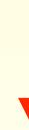
note : conservative choice of QCD scales in the bckg evaluation !

requirement of a central photon also suppresses contamination from $g^*g^* \rightarrow H jj \gamma$
 (induced by top loop)

("bckg" to Higgs from VBF)



$\sigma(H \gamma jj)_{g^*g^* \rightarrow H} \sim 8 \times 10^{-4} \sigma(H jj)_{g^*g^* \rightarrow H}$



$\sigma(H \gamma jj)_{g^*g^* \rightarrow H} \sim 0.21 \text{ fb}$ negligible !

(basic cuts, $p_T \gamma > 20 \text{ GeV}$)

σ 's : $pp \rightarrow H \gamma jj$ vs irrid. bckgr

PDF : CTEQ5L

(ALPGEN + MADEVENT)

	$p_T^{\gamma, cut}$	$m_H = 120$ GeV	$m_H = 130$ GeV	$m_H = 140$ GeV
$\sigma[H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})\gamma jj]$	20 GeV	3.59(7) fb	2.92(4) fb	1.98(3) fb
	30 GeV	2.62(3) fb	2.10(2) fb	1.50(3) fb
$\sigma[b\bar{b}\gamma jj]$	20 GeV	33.5(1) fb	37.8(2) fb	40.2(1) fb
	30 GeV	25.7(1) fb	27.7(1) fb	28.9(2) fb
$\sigma[H(\rightarrow b\bar{b})jj]$		320(1) fb	254.8(6) fb	167.7(3) fb
$\sigma[b\bar{b}jj]$		103.4(2) pb	102.0(2) pb	98.4(2) pb

for $m_H=120$ GeV :

$S/B(\gamma) \sim 1/10 \sim 30 S/B_0$!

$\epsilon_b = 60\%$ (b tagging eff.)
 $\epsilon_{b\bar{b}} \simeq 70\%$
 (finite m_{bb} resolution)

cf. $S/B(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 1/20$

$L=100$ fb^{-1}	$p_T^{\gamma, cut}$	$m_H = 120$ GeV	$m_H = 130$ GeV	$m_H = 140$ GeV
$S/\sqrt{B} _{H\gamma jj}$	20 GeV	2.6	2.0	1.3
$S/\sqrt{B} _{H\gamma jj}$	30 GeV	2.2	1.7	1.2
$S/\sqrt{B} _{Hjj}$		3.5	2.8	1.9

N_{events} for red. vs irred. bckgs (m_H=120 GeV)

$$\epsilon_b = 60\%$$

$$\epsilon_{b\bar{b}} \simeq 70\%$$

L=100 fb⁻¹

	$p_T^\gamma \geq 20$ GeV	$p_T^\gamma \geq 30$ GeV
(signal)	pp $\rightarrow \gamma H(\rightarrow b\bar{b}) + 2j$	90
(irred.)	pp $\rightarrow \gamma b\bar{b} + 2j$	1206
(red.)	pp $\rightarrow \gamma + 4j$	23
	pp $\rightarrow b\bar{b} + 3j$	440
	pp $\rightarrow 5j$	14
	S/\sqrt{B}	2.2
		1.8

$\epsilon_{\text{fake}} = 1\%$

$\epsilon_{\gamma j} = 1/5000$

eff for mistagging
light-jet as a b-jet

γj rejection factor ↗

(CMS can do better than this !)

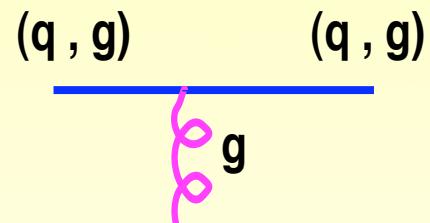
irred. bckg is
dominant !

Parton shower effects and central-jet veto help S/B

- no color exchanged in the signal between up and down fermionic lines



- on the contrary, in bckg t-channel virtual gluons



- higher-order QCD radiation much more relevant for bckg than for signal !

- in bckg, m_{jj} and $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ for light tagging jets expected to decrease with respect to partonic configurations

ALPGEN + HERWIG

jet cone as in **GETJET** $p_T^j > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $|\eta_j| < 5$ $R = 0.7$

- identification of light tagging jets not uniquely defined, due to extra QCD radiation

2 different algorithms for jets :

a₁-highest and second highest p_T with

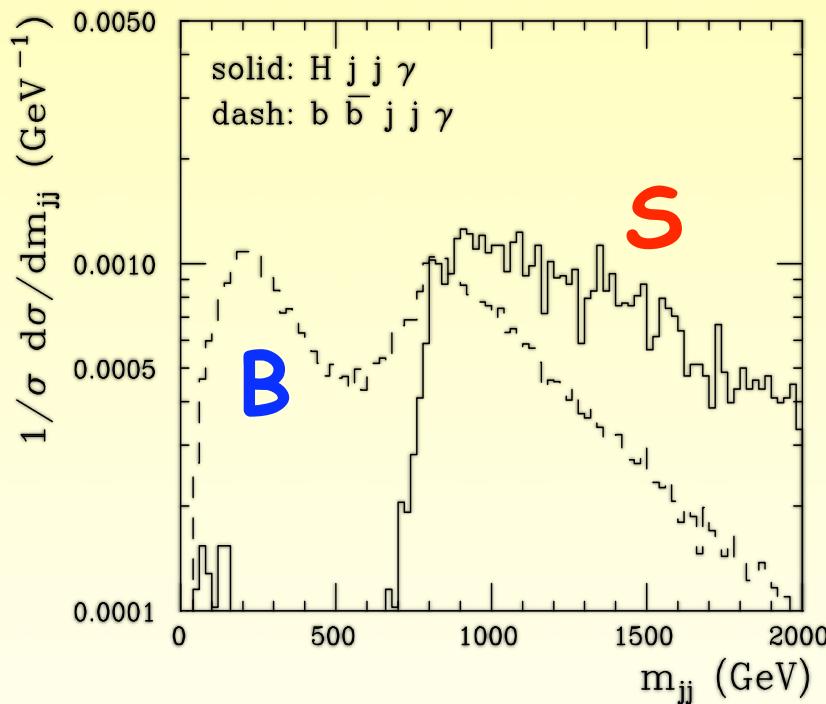
$p_T(j_1) > 60 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T(j_2) > 30 \text{ GeV}$

a₂-pair of jets with highest invariant

mass, $p_T(j_1) > 60 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T(j_2) > 30 \text{ GeV}$

distributions after parton shower

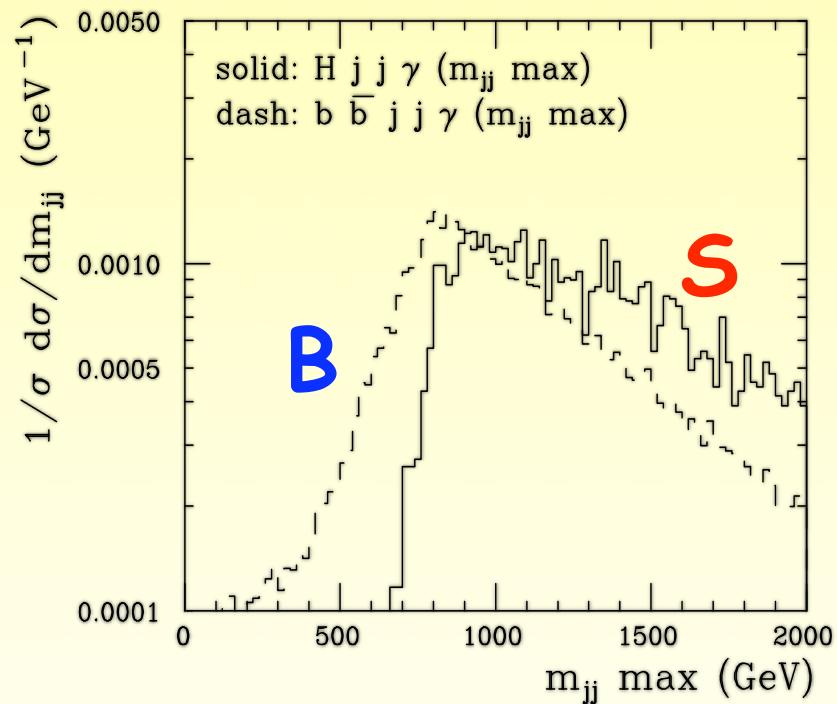
(j_1, j_2) invariant mass distribution



a1

$m(j_1, j_2)$
 $j_1 = \text{highest } p_T$
 $j_2 = \text{second highest } p_T$

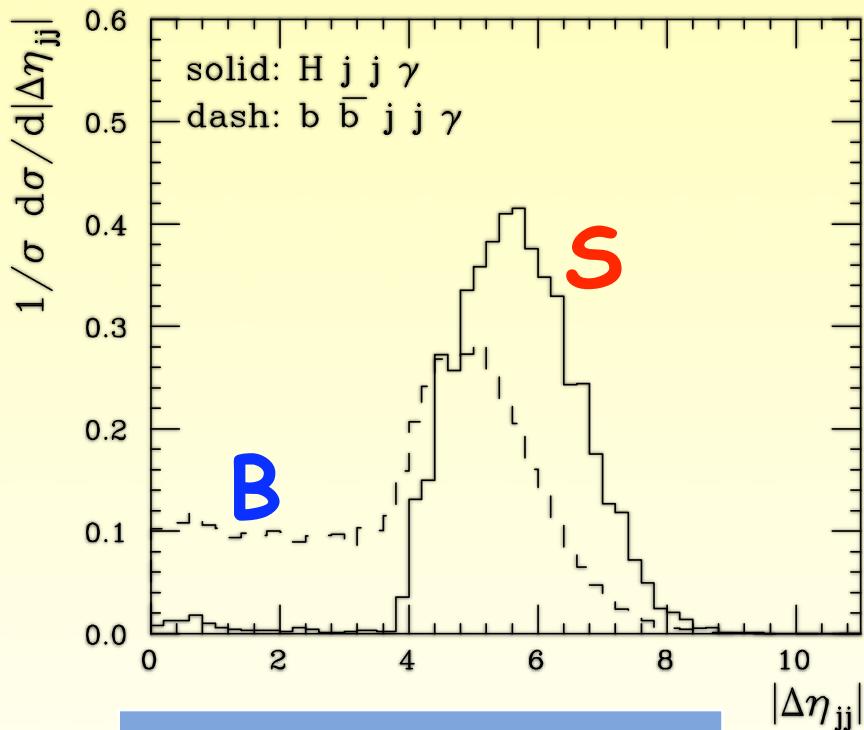
$p_{T1} > 60 \text{ GeV}, p_{T2} > 30 \text{ GeV}$



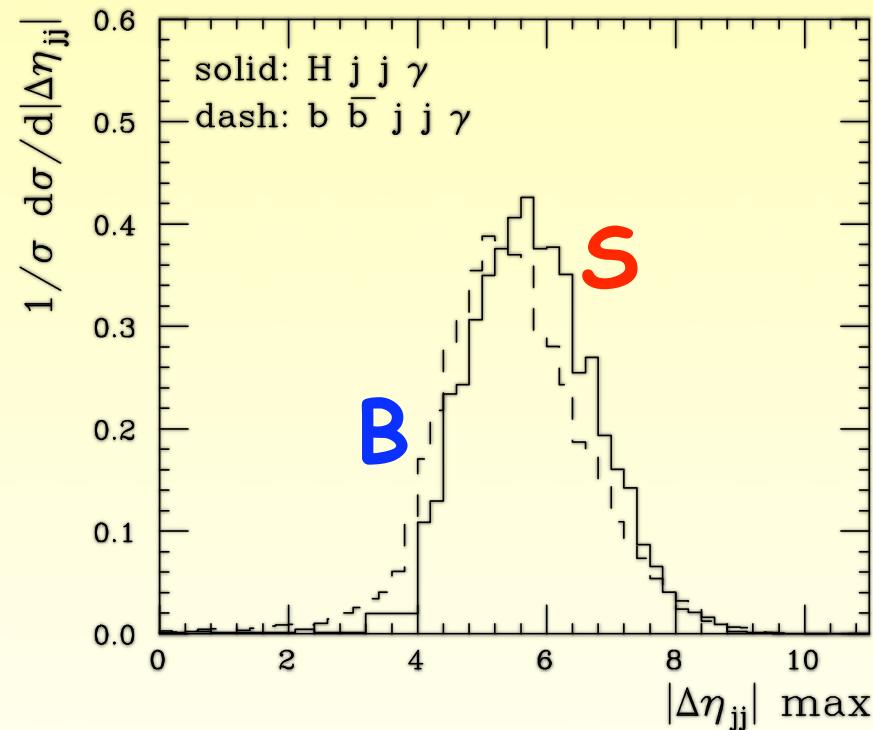
a2

$\max[m(j_1, j_2)]$ among
all jets

(j_1, j_2) rapidity difference distribution

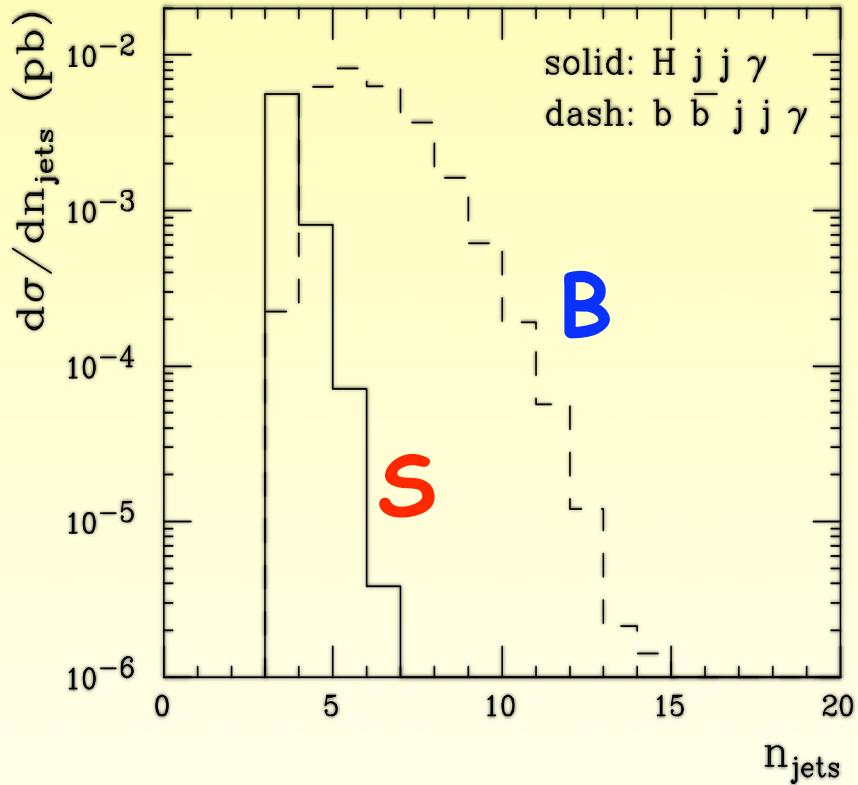


$\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)$
 $j_1 = \text{highest } p_T$
 $j_2 = \text{second highest } p_T$

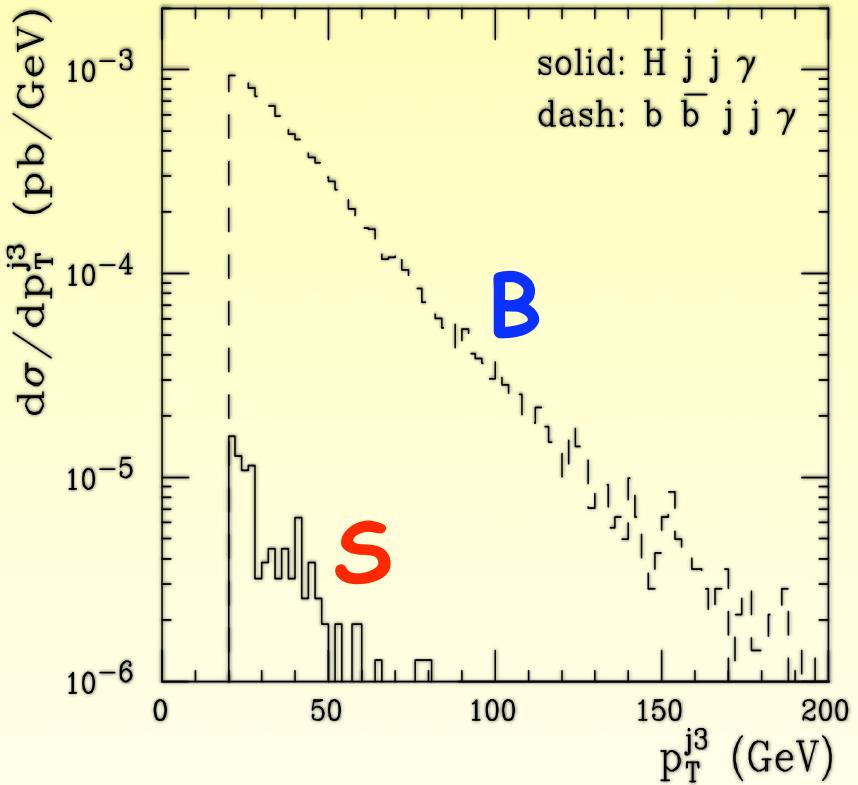


$\max[\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)]$ among
all jets

jet multiplicity distribution



p_T distribution of the third highest p_T jet



COMBINING ALL :

\Rightarrow bckg drops by a factor ~ 4
 (signal almost unaffected !)

\Rightarrow { factor ~ 2 gain in S/\sqrt{B} !
 $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 5$ ($m_H=120$ GeV) !

what if $\gamma \rightarrow W$? $pp \rightarrow HW jj$

Rainwater (2001)

Ballestrero, Bevilacqua, Maina "BBM" (2008)

$v l = e, \mu$

could also help in constraining bbH coupling

cross section smaller than for $pp \rightarrow H \gamma 2j$

for optimized event selection (and $p_T(\gamma) > 20$ GeV)

(with photon constraints applied to charged lepton)

for $m_H=120$ GeV, we get :

$$\sigma(H \gamma jj) \sim 4.4 \times \sigma(HWjj)$$

$v l = e, \mu$

"BBM" obtains $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 1.8$ at parton level ($S/B \sim 1/25$)

($L=100$ fb^{-1} , $m_H= 120$ GeV)

summary on $pp \rightarrow H (\rightarrow bb) 2j + \gamma$

- measurement of g_{Hbb} not yet established at LHC
- $pp \rightarrow H jj + \gamma$ offers
 - a) trigger on γ
 - b) improved S/B
- $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 2.5$ at parton level $\rightarrow S/\sqrt{B} \sim 5$ expected after central-jet veto , ($L=100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$)
- could provide a new independent test of Hbb and HWW couplings (sensitivity to HZZ drops) !
- if problems with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, could even have a crucial role in light Higgs searches !
- $pp \rightarrow H jj + \gamma$ deserves complete detector effect simulation . . . (now ongoing in both ATLAS and CMS)

focus on two processes :

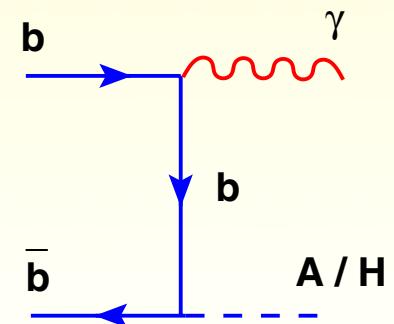
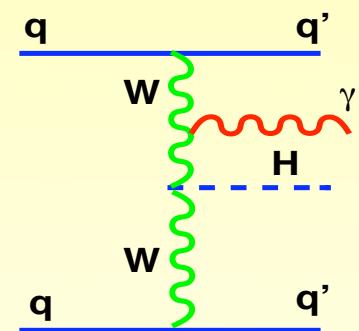
- ▶ $pp \rightarrow H (\rightarrow bb) 2j + \gamma$ (in the SM)

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- ▶ $pp \rightarrow H / A (\rightarrow \tau\tau) + \gamma$ (in the MSSM)

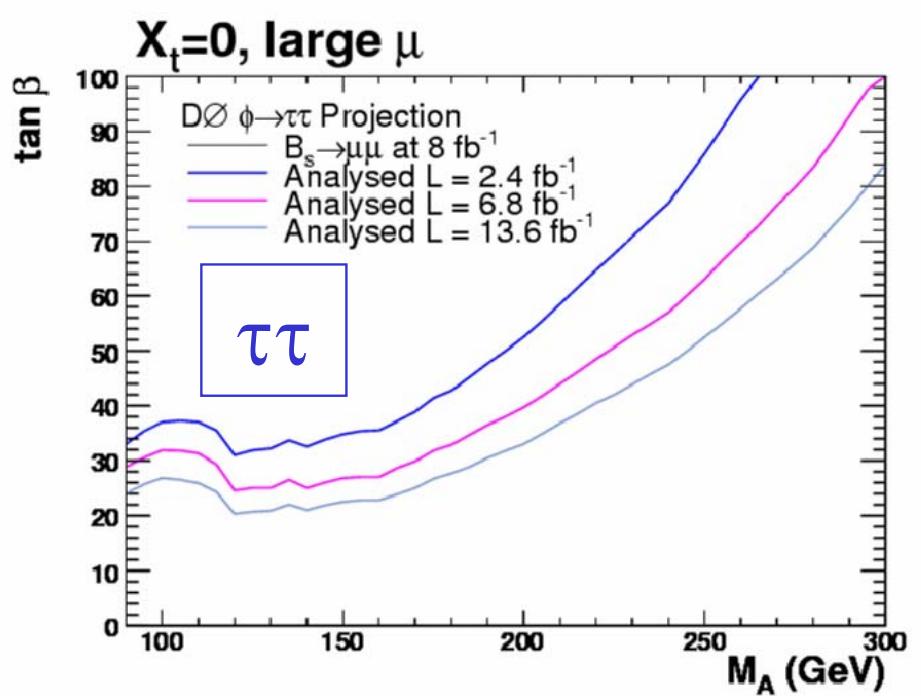
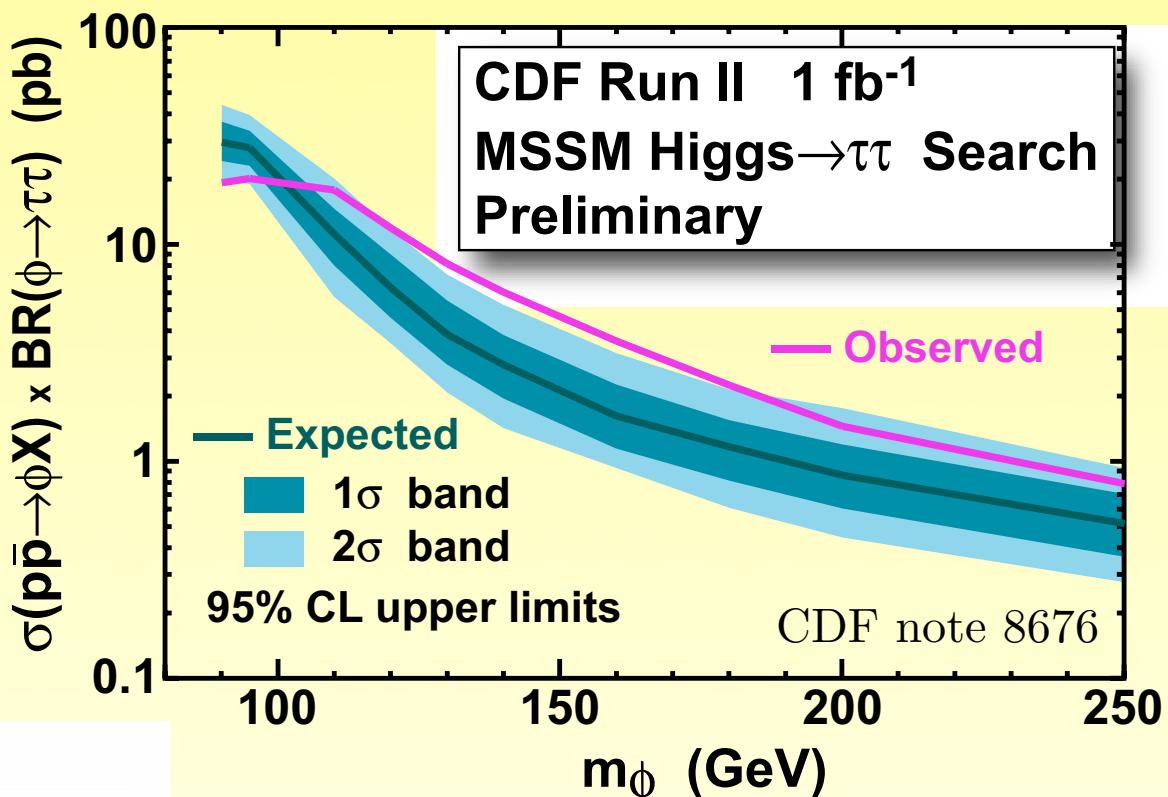
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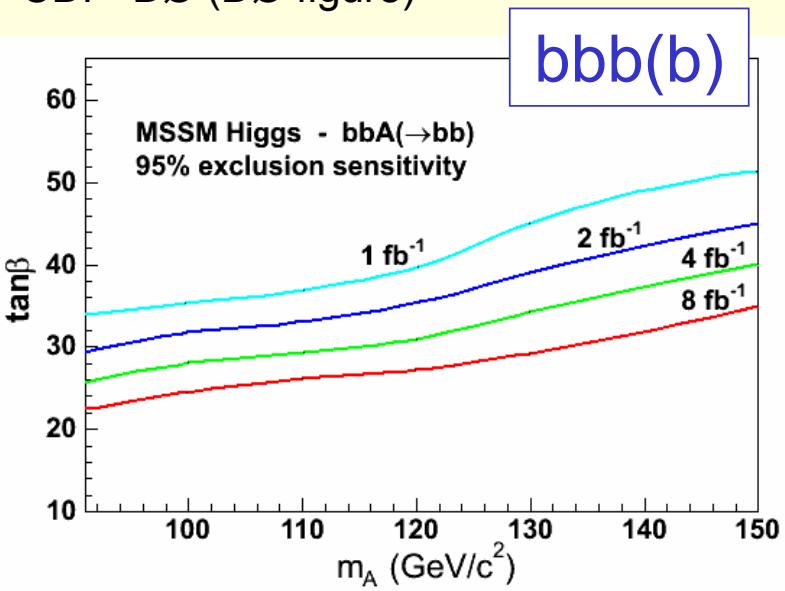
Search for a MSSM Higgs at TeVatron

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$$

$$\phi = \{h, H, A\}$$



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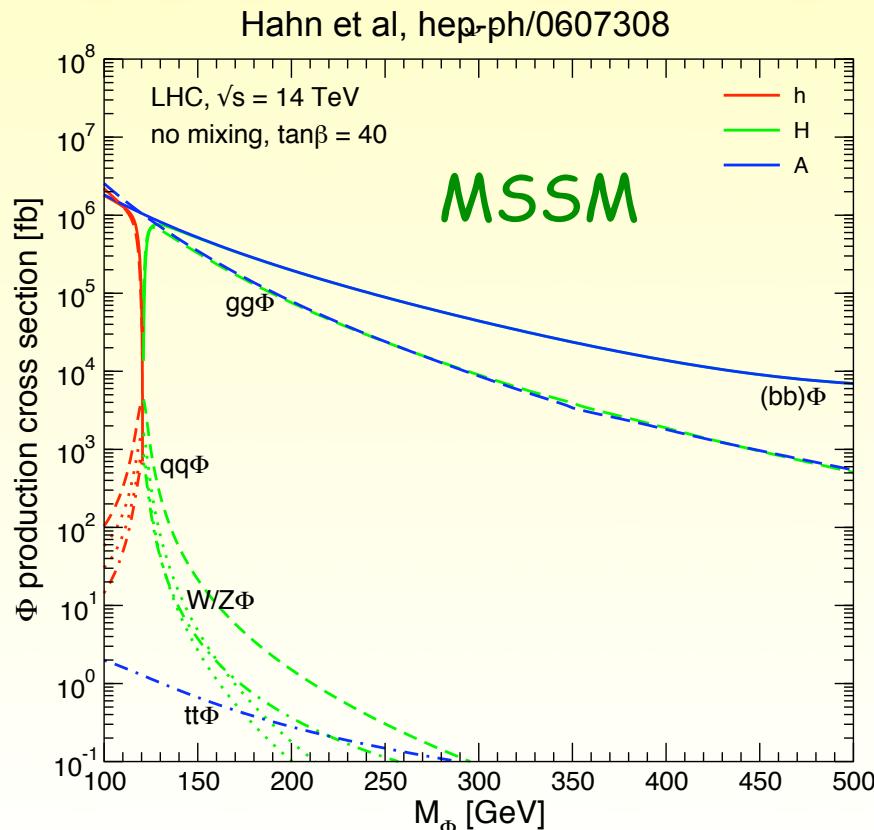
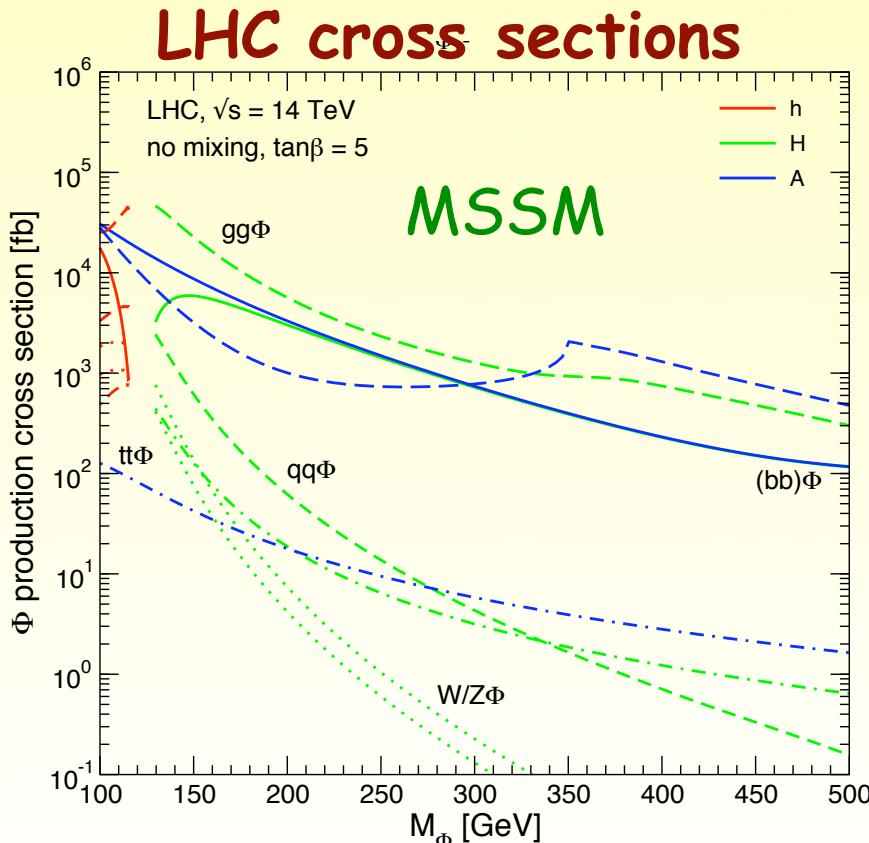


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at large $\tan\beta = v_2/v_1$ enhanced couplings
to down quarks and leptons !

in MSSM $\sigma(b\bar{b} \rightarrow A/H) \approx \sigma(gg \rightarrow A/H)$ (at moderate $\tan\beta$, too)

[in SM $\sigma(b\bar{b} \rightarrow A/H) \ll \sigma(gg \rightarrow A/H)$]



$b\bar{b} \rightarrow A/H$ sensitive to $y_{bbA/H}$ coupling and
to b-quark parton densities

in b-quark parton density presently derived
perturbatively by $g(x)$!

[no direct measurement of $b(x)$]

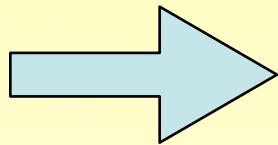
$\Rightarrow \Delta g(x)$ propagates to $\Delta b(x)$

in SM one plans to determine $b(x)$ studying $bg \rightarrow bZ/b\gamma$

$b\bar{b} \rightarrow h$ would be more sensitive to $b(x)$,
but swamped by $gg \rightarrow h$

in MSSM $\sigma(b\bar{b} \rightarrow A/H) \approx \sigma(gg \rightarrow A/H)$

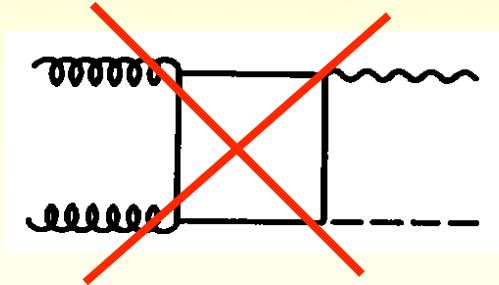
but how to disentangle bb from gg ?



ask for a high p_T photon !

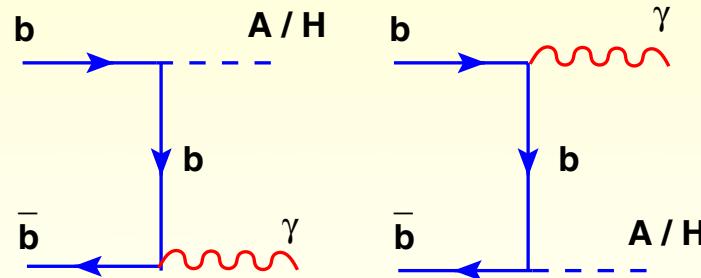
$$\phi = \{h, H, A\}$$

$gg \rightarrow \phi\gamma$



by C-parity

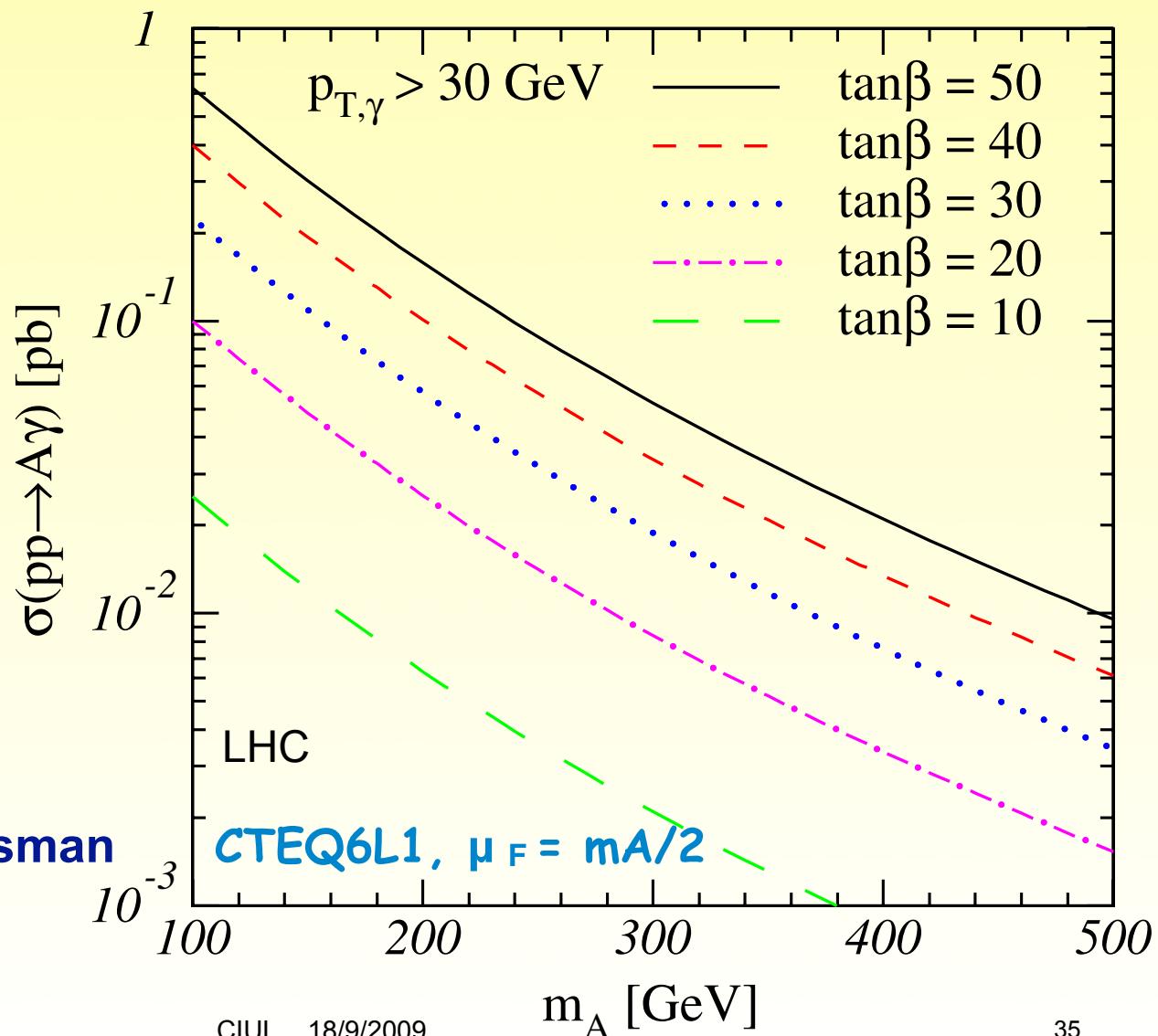
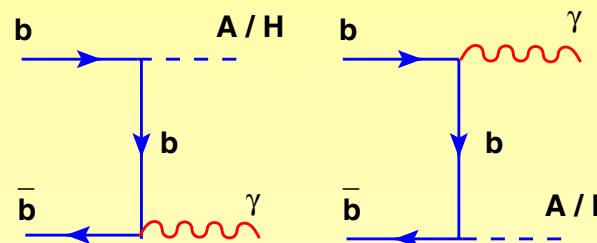
$b\bar{b} \rightarrow \phi\gamma$



only contribution to $pp \rightarrow \phi\gamma$

σ suppressed
by α_{em} and
 $Q_b^2 = 1/9$,
but still quite
large at large
 $\tan\beta$!

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we consider : $b\bar{b} \rightarrow \phi\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$

$\text{BR}(A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau) \simeq 10\%$ for large $\tan\beta$, almost insensitive to m_H

- irreducible BCKGs have EW origin (manageable !)
- tau-tau signature extensively studied in SM and MSSM
(can help in Higgs discovery)

Note: the complete tau-tau invariant mass can be fully reconstructed,
provided the two taus are neither back-to-back nor collinear in lab frame
(due to undetected neutrinos)

a large- p_T photon naturally satisfies the above condition !

- Large SUSY radiative corrections on b-Yukawa factorizes, residual dependence is small
- in MSSM, $m_A \sim m_H$ (at large $\tan\beta$)
 - gives a factor 2 of enhancement in the x-section
- assumed tau-pair efficiency = 0.2
 - comes from
 - $\tau \rightarrow \ell \nu_\tau \nu_\ell$ (35%) ID efficiency = 90%
 - $\tau \rightarrow h\nu$ (50%) ID efficiency = 25%
 - double hadronic decays contribute with 0.016 to 0.2

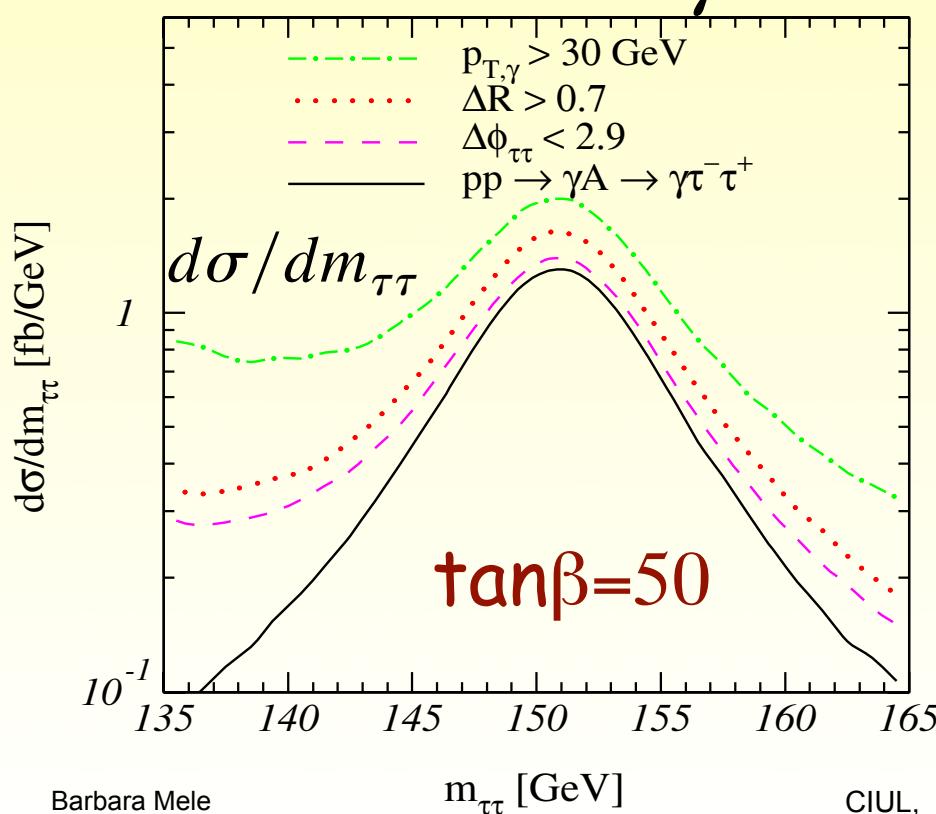
$$b\bar{b} \rightarrow \phi \gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$$

main irred. bckgs :

$$pp \rightarrow Z^*/\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$$

$$gg, \; bb \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \tau^*\tau \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$$

$$b\bar{b} \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$$

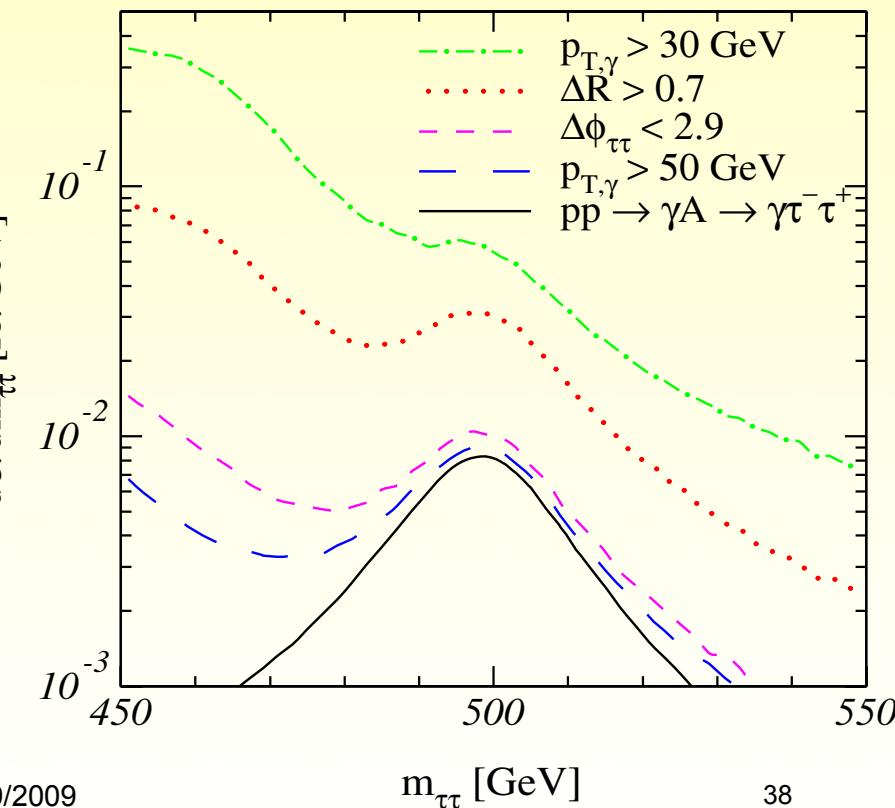


$$(\sigma_A + \sigma_H \approx 2 \sigma_A)$$

$$0.9m_A < m_{\tau\tau} < 1.1m_A$$

$$p_T^{\tau^\pm} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_\gamma| < 2.5, \quad |\eta_{\tau^\pm}| < 2.5$$

$$\Delta R_{\gamma\tau^\pm} > 0.7, \quad \Delta R_{\tau\tau} > 0.7, \quad \Delta\phi_{\tau\tau} < 2.9$$



$$pp \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \gamma \quad (\sigma_A + \sigma_H \approx 2 \sigma_A)$$

$$n(S) \Rightarrow b\bar{b} \rightarrow \phi\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma$$

$n(B) \Rightarrow$ irred. bckgs

$\tan\beta$	20	30	40	50				
m_A	σ_S (fb)	\mathcal{S}						
150	5.58	7.3	12.5	13	22.1	19	34.5	24
200	3.00	5.3	6.81	9.5	12.3	14	19.9	18
300	0.727	2.4	1.67	4.5	3.08	6.7	5.03	9.1
500	0.0981	0.72	0.238	1.5	0.456	2.4	0.768	3.4

$$\epsilon_{\tau\tau} \simeq 0.2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = n(S)/\sqrt{n(S) + n(B)} \gtrsim 5$$

for $m_A \lesssim 300 \text{ GeV}$ and $\tan\beta \gtrsim 30$

comments on $pp \rightarrow H/A (\rightarrow \tau\tau) + \gamma$

- cross section varies by 20% within LHAPDF;
actual uncertainty on $b(x)$ could well be larger
than that (see Thorne arXiv:0711.2986)
- Hbb coupling ($\tan\beta$) can be determined via
complementary processes ($gg \rightarrow b\bar{b}H/A$) ;
then $b\bar{b} \rightarrow \phi\gamma$ cleaner probe of $b(x)$ densities
- needs inclusion of QCD corrections
(Carloni Calame, Gabrielli, BM, Piccinini, in progress)
- needs full exp simulation to assess its actual potential