

# Search for heavy Higgs bosons decaying to top quarks: status and prospects.

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# An extended Higgs Sector

The Standard Model (SM) is incomplete

- Dynamic behind the Quark Mass Hierarchy?
- CP Violation
- Dark Matter (DM) candidates and etc.

Two-Higgs-Doublet Models (2HDMs)

- An minimal SM Extension  
just an extra complex scalar doublet  $\Phi_2$  in  $SU(2)_L$
- Motivated by **MSSM** and **axion** models
- Our Benchmark model: **Type-II 2HDM**



# An extended Higgs Sector

Parameters	Higgs Bosons
$m_h, m_H$	CP-even: $h, H$
$m_A$	CP-odd: $A$
$m_{H^\pm}$	Charged: $H^\pm$
$\tan \beta: \langle \Phi_2 \rangle / \langle \Phi_1 \rangle$	
$\alpha: \text{mixing angle between } h \text{ and } H$	

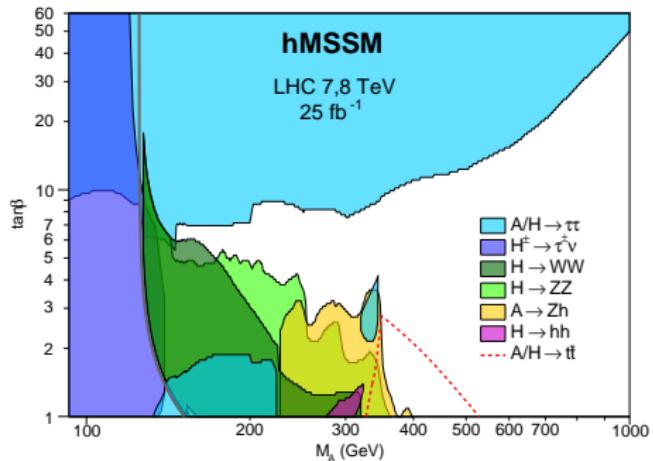
## Physical constraints

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- Softly broken  $\Phi_1 \leftrightarrow \Phi_2 \mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry
  - Alignment limit:  $\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$
  - $m_h = 125\text{GeV}$



# $t\bar{t}$ : Last Piece of the Puzzle

Cover the  $(m_{A/H}, \tan \beta)$  plane in a Type-II 2HDM-like model (e.g hMSSM)

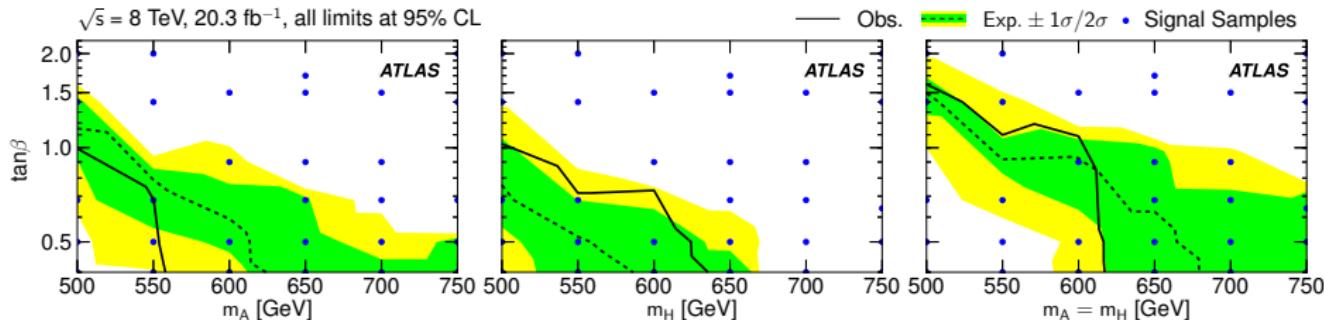


Djouadi, Maliani, Polosa, Quevillon, and Riquer [2015]

- Yukawa couplings is proportional to fermion masses
- The lower  $\tan \beta$  the higher coupling to up-type quarks
- Extraordinary sensitivity in  $t\bar{t}$  channels for  $m_{A/H} > 2m_t$  and  $\tan \beta < 10!$
- Not least then why last?
- Very challenging due to the **interference effects**

# $t\bar{t}$ : Last Piece of the Puzzle

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$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$e^\pm/\mu^\pm + \text{jets}, N(\text{jets}) \geq 4, N(\text{b-jets}) \geq 1$

Three different mass hierarchies

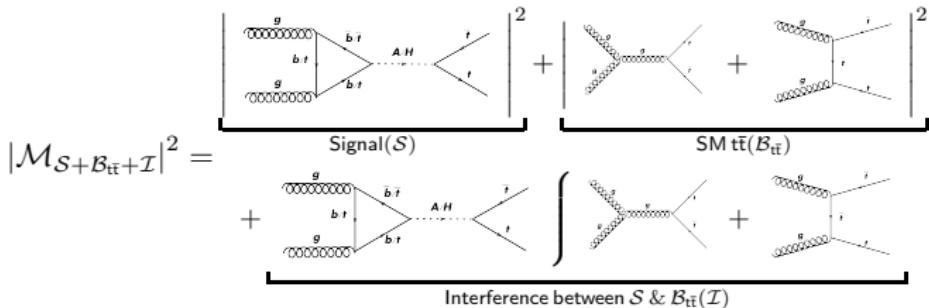
1.  $m_A \ll m_H$
2.  $m_A \gg m_H$
3.  $m_A = m_H$

Benchmark:  $\mu = 1$  limits for Generic Type-II 2HDM in the alignment limit

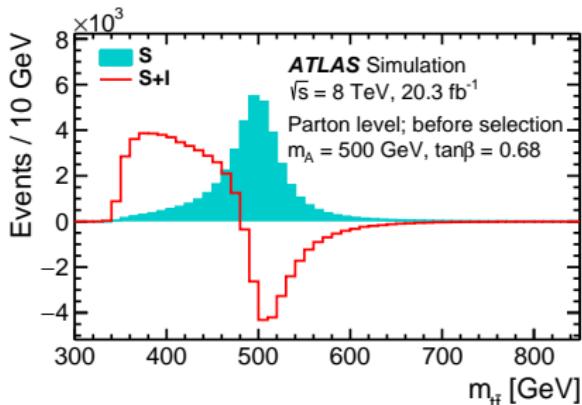
- No significant excesses or deficits
- Sensitivity & reliability enhanced by considering interference effects

# Interference: the challenge and the opportunity

ggF A/H-> $t\bar{t}$  strongly interferes with SM  $t\bar{t}$

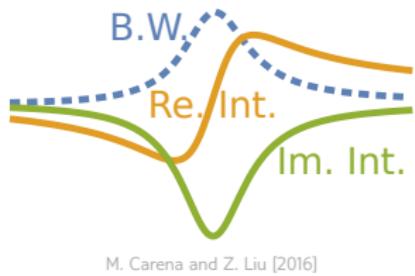


Signal-plus-interference  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  distribution



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A dip-peak structure



# Interference: the challenge and the opportunity

## 1. Signal

- MadGraph5\_aMCatNLO
- Leading order in QCD
- QCD scale corrections:

$$k_S = \sigma_S^{\text{SusHi}} / \sigma_S^{\text{MG5}}$$

## 2. QCD Background

- Powheg+Pythia6
- > Currently most reliable  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  shape

## 3. Signal-plus-interference

Need to efficiently produce huge amount of samples

- Event-by-event Reweighting at LO
  - just need a few signal samples as inputs
- Matrix Element Level Bkg. Removal
- Event Matching using PDF info.

in order to propagate the weight to higher level simulation

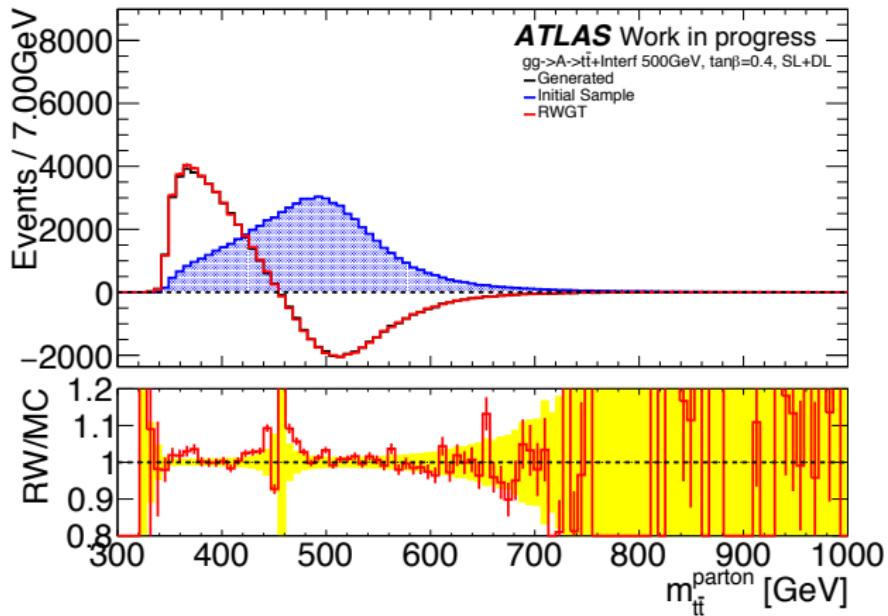
$$\mathcal{W}_{S+\mathcal{I}} = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{S+\mathcal{I}+\mathcal{B}}|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{B}}|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_S|^2} \times \mathcal{W}_S$$

- QCD scale corrections:

$$k_{\mathcal{I}} = \sqrt{k_S k_{\mathcal{B}}}, k_{\mathcal{B}} = \sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{NNLO+NNLL}} / \sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{MG5,LO}}$$



# Interference: the challenge and the opportunity



- Good agreement between generated & reweighted distribution
- Same approach can adapt to other models: [2HDM+a](#) for example



# A case study: 2HDM+a Dark Matter reinterpretation

Parameters	Particles
$m_h, m_H$	CP-even scalar: $h, H$
$m_a, m_A$	CP-odd scalar: $a, A$
$m_{H^\pm}$	Charged scalar: $H^\pm$
$m_\chi$	Dark Matter: $\chi$
$\tan \beta: \langle \Phi_2 \rangle / \langle \Phi_1 \rangle$	
$\alpha:$ mixing angle between $h$ and $H$	
$\theta:$ mixing angle between $a$ and $A$	

## Physical constraints

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Alignment limit:  $\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$

$m_h = 125$  GeV

$\langle \sigma v \rangle = 1$  pb

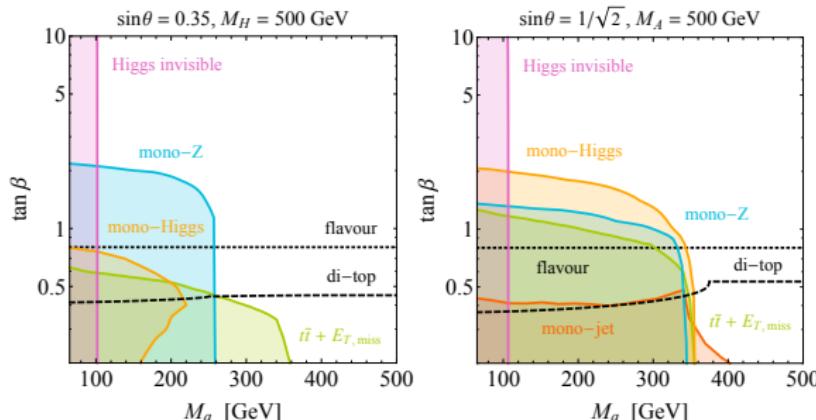
7 "fixed" + 4 "impactful" + 3 "non-impactful" parameters



# A case study: 2HDM+a Dark Matter reinterpretation

- One of DM Benchmark Model for LHC Run-2 Searches
- Rich LHC phenomenology  
Mono-V, Mono-h, Mono-jet,  $t\bar{t}/b\bar{b} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and etc.
- $t\bar{t}$  resonance channel helps to constraint the model  
*Here the di-top limit is computed by simply recasting our limit:*

$$\mu_{S+\mathcal{I}}^{2\text{HDM}+a} = \frac{\sigma_S^{2\text{HDM}+a}}{\sigma_S^{2\text{HDM}}} \mu_{S+\mathcal{I}}^{2\text{HDM}}$$



# Some concerns as to 2HDM+a

How robust can this limit rescaling be?

- Would kinematic distributions change a lot?
- Is it necessary to rerun anything?

Some Possible Sources causing scale & shape difference

## 1. Width Effects:

Extra A/H decay channels: e.g.  $\Gamma(H \rightarrow aZ)$  &  $\Gamma(A \rightarrow ah)$  &  $\Gamma(A \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi})$

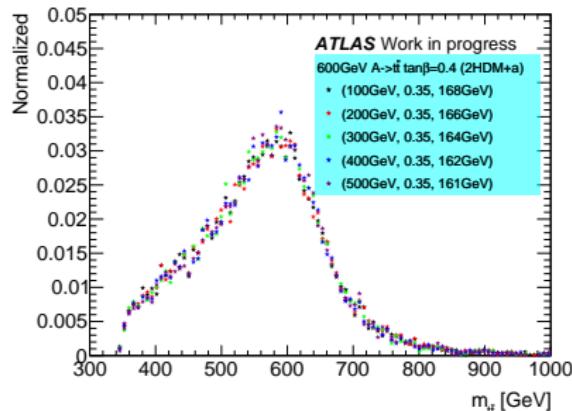
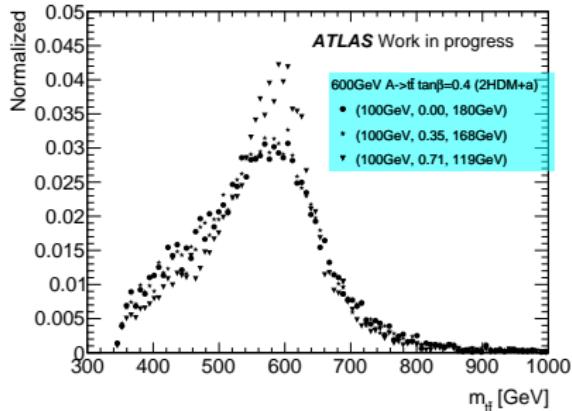
## 2. Interference Effects:

Extra interference terms:  $\mathcal{M}^*(gg \rightarrow A \rightarrow t\bar{t})\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow a \rightarrow t\bar{t}) + h.c.$



# Width Effects

$A \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  In the legend:  $(m_a, \sin(\theta), \Gamma(A/H \rightarrow X))$   
 Varies  $\sin \theta$       Varies  $m_a$



$$\frac{\Gamma(A \rightarrow t\bar{t}) \propto \cos^2 \theta}{\Gamma(A \rightarrow X) \quad \Gamma(A \rightarrow t\bar{t}) \quad \sigma(A \rightarrow t\bar{t})}$$


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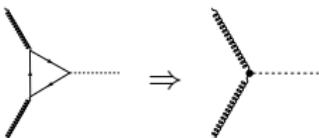
$\sin \theta$	$m_a$		~	~	→	~	~	→
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- $\sim 1/2$  normalized height difference at pole mass for both A/H when varying  $\sin \theta$  and  $m_a$

# MC Production for $t\bar{t}$ +Interf in 2HDM+a

1. Current model can't simulate interf.: FormFactors Approach

The only issue



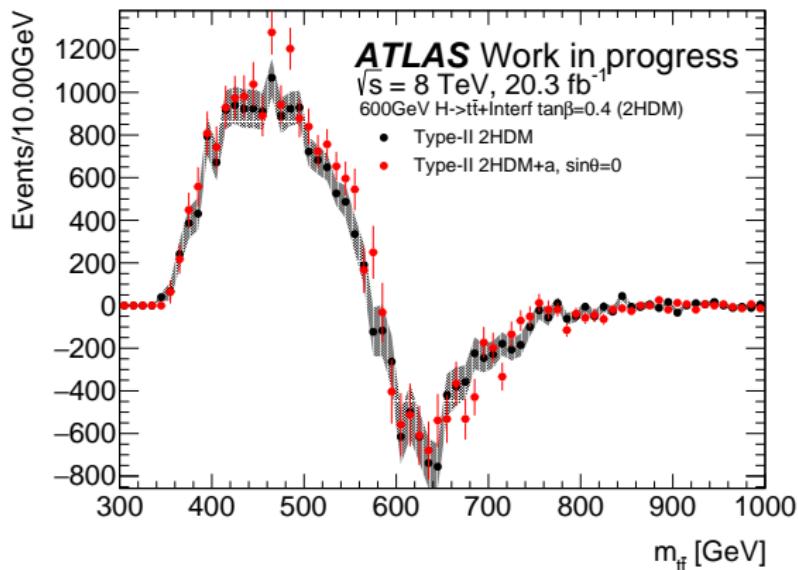
2. Reweighting from existing  $S^{2\text{HDM}}$  samples
3. Standard analysis and limit-setting procedure

## Caveats

- off-shell region are expected to be a little problematic  
Since their phase space is broader than the input samples due to the total width increase

# Validation of FormFactors Approach

600 GeV  $H$   $m_{H \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^{S+\mathcal{I}}$

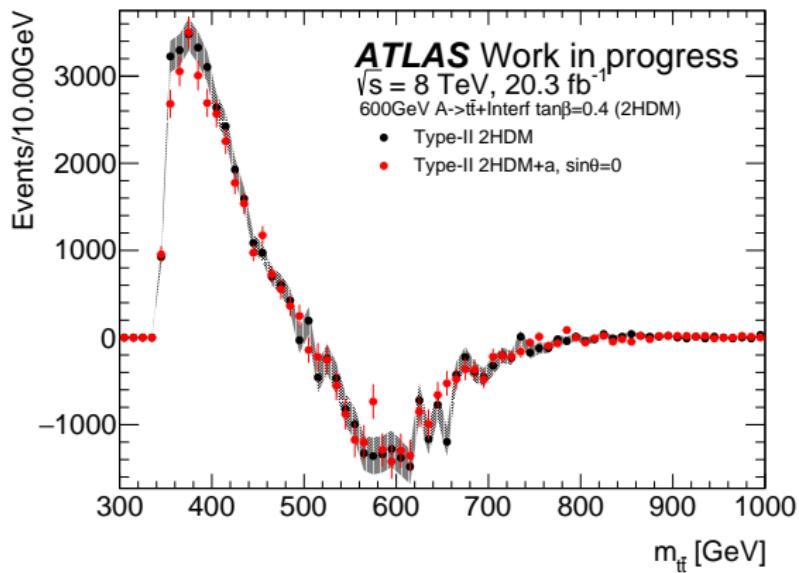


- FormFactors Approach also works fine for 2HDM+a
- 2HDM+a fully agrees with 2HDM at decoupling limit of  $a$ :  
 $\sin\theta = 0$  as expected



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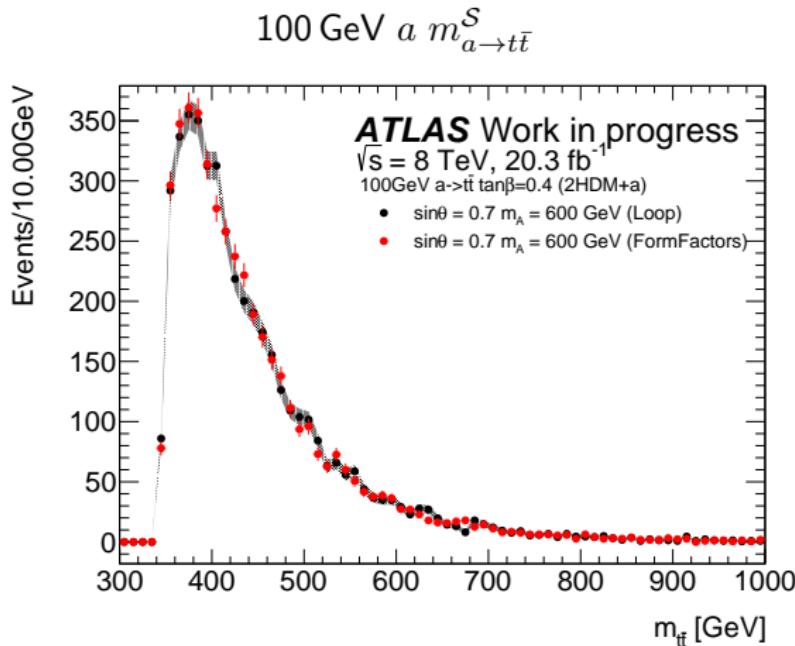
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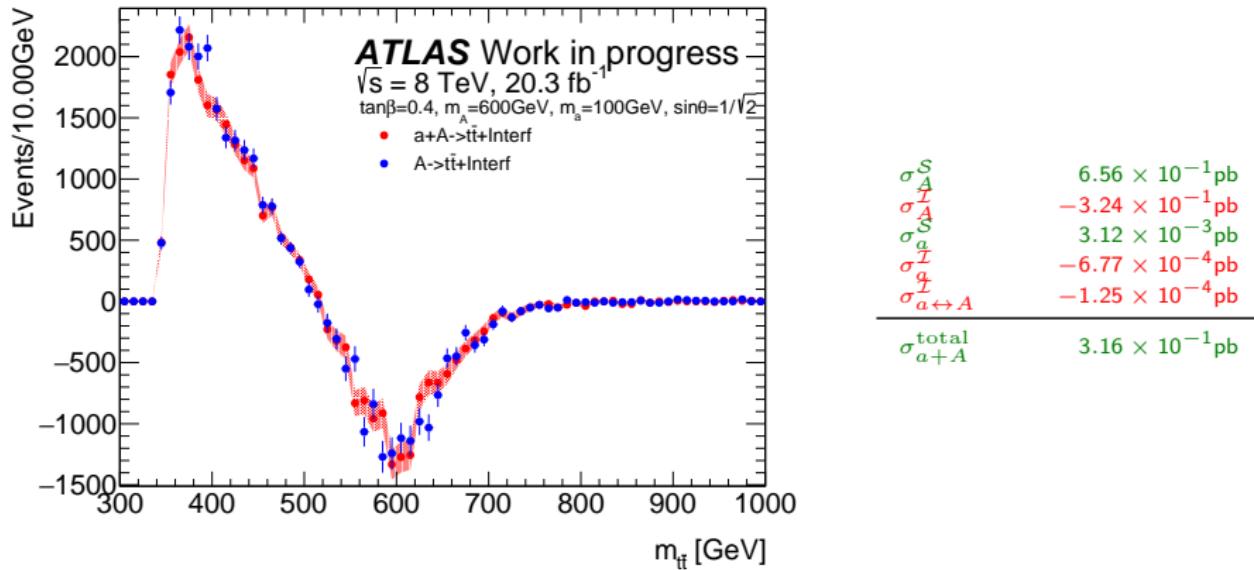
# Validation of FormFactors Approach



- Due to the lack of understanding of how  $m_{a \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^{S+\mathcal{I}}$  would look, only  $m_{a \rightarrow t\bar{t}}^S$  shape is validated against the original model.
- Good Agreement as expected



# Signal-plus-interference $m_{t\bar{t}}$ distribution in the 2HDM+a



- Very little contribution from  $a \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
- Still in contact with the phenomenologists to ensure that the shape is correct



# Conclusions

- This FormFactors+Reweighting Approach is employed for signal MC production in 8 TeV search for  $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  in a type-II 2HDM.
- The same techniques developed for 2HDM can be easily transferred to 2HDM+a.
- Future look:
  1. New version of the 2HDM+a UFO which allows everyone to run interference samples is planned.
    - > Already in touch with the authors of the 2HDM+a UFO
  2. Run-2 studies are in progress
  3. NLO signal shape

# Outline

## > Backup



# Event Selection

## Resolved semi-leptonic top pair: $\ell$ +jets

- $N(\ell^\pm) = 1$ ,  $\tau$ -veto  
 $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$   
Tight, mini-isolated
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $m_T(W) + E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$
- $N(\text{jets}) \geq 4$   
anti- $k_t$  R=0.4 jets  
 $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- $N(\text{b-jets}) \geq 1$   
MV1@70%

- Analytical Neutrino Reconstruction

smaller  $|p_z|$  working point

- Kinematic  $\chi^2$   $t\bar{t}$  Reconstruction

$$\log_{10} \chi^2 \leq 0.9$$

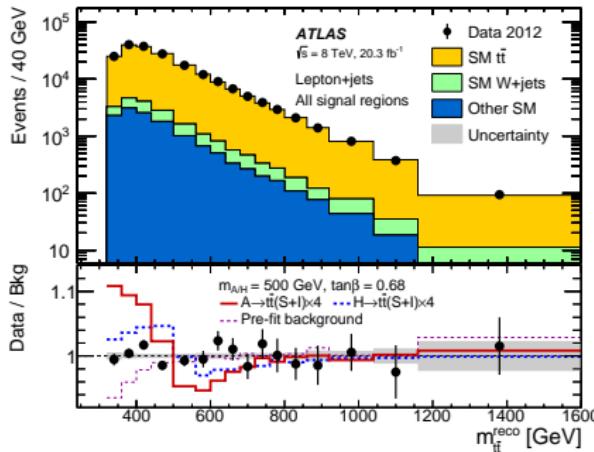
$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2 = & \left| \frac{m_{jj} - m_W}{\sigma_W} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{m_{jjb} - m_{jj}}{\sigma_{th-W}} \right|^2 \\ & + \left| \frac{m_{j\ell\nu} - m_{tl}}{\sigma_{t\ell}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{(p_{T,jjb} - p_{T,j\ell\nu}) - (p_{T,th} - p_{T,diff})}{\sigma_{diffpT}} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Six mutually exclusive signal regions

- Fit to data individually
- > Combined fit to data in all regions are adopted in the end for better sensitivity

Flavours	$t_{\text{had.}}/t_{\text{lep.}}$ is b-labelled or not
e+jets	✓ ✗      ✗ ✓      ✓ ✓
$\mu$ +jets	✓ ✗      ✗ ✓      ✓ ✓

# Perform a fit



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Parameterised in terms of signal strength  $\mu$

$$\mu \cdot \mathcal{S} + \sqrt{\mu} \cdot \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\mu} \cdot (\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{I}) + (\mu - \sqrt{\mu}) \cdot \mathcal{S} + \mathcal{B}$$

Profit likelihood fit to  $m_{t\bar{t}}$

- Hunts for the peak-dip structure
- Uncertainties taken into account as nuisance parameters

Consider only bins with  $m_{t\bar{t}} > 320 \text{ GeV}$

- To reduce threshold effects

Experimental resolution

- At most 8% (decreases with  $m_{A/H}$  and  $\tan\beta$ )

# Dominant Systematic Uncertainties

For  $m_{A/H} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\tan \beta = 0.68$

Systematic uncertainties [%]	Total bkg.	$\mathcal{S}$	$\mathcal{S} + \mathcal{T}$
Luminosity	1.7	1.9	1.9
PDF	2.5	2.1	12.3
$t\bar{t}$ initial-/final-state radiation	3.2	—	—
$t\bar{t}$ parton shower + fragmentation	4.9	—	—
$t\bar{t}$ normalization	5.7	—	—
$t\bar{t}$ generator	0.5	—	—
$t\bar{t}$ top quark mass	0.5	2.2	12.5
Jet energy scale	6.4	4.9	9.3
Jet energy resolution	1.3	1.6	1.7
$b$ -tagging $b$ -jet efficiency	1.5	1.3	1.1
$b$ -tagging $c$ -jet efficiency	0.2	0.2	0.8
Electron efficiency	0.3	0.4	0.7
Muon efficiency	0.9	1.0	1.0
Signal MC scales	—	7.3	7.3
Reweighting	—	—	5.0
MC statistical uncertainty	0.5	2.4	11.2
Total uncertainty	11.2	10.1	24.7

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- **$\pm 1 \text{ GeV}$  top mass**

has a large impact to signal shape for low  $m_{A/H}$  and low  $\tan \beta$  but decrease rapidly.

- **Correlation between MC scales**

is disentangled assuming that they are anticorrelated in  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  distribution

- **Reweighting uncertainty**

for covering the difference between reweighted and generated distributions

	Type I	Type II
$\xi_h^u$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) + \cos(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) + \cos(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$
$\xi_h^d$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) + \cos(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) - \cos(\beta - \alpha) * \tan\beta$
$\xi_h^l$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) + \cos(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) - \cos(\beta - \alpha) * \tan\beta$
$\xi_H^u$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \sin(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \sin(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$
$\xi_H^d$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \sin(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) + \sin(\beta - \alpha) * \tan\beta$
$\xi_H^l$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \sin(\beta - \alpha)/\tan\beta$	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) + \sin(\beta - \alpha) * \tan\beta$
$\xi_A^u$	$1/\tan\beta$	$1/\tan\beta$
$\xi_A^d$	$-1/\tan\beta$	$\tan\beta$
$\xi_A^l$	$-1/\tan\beta$	$\tan\beta$

## gg->Scalar Vertices

$$H(p)g^{a,\mu}(p_1)g^{b,\nu}(p_2) : \frac{ig_s^2}{12\pi^2 v} (c_t A_S(\tau_t) + c_b A_S(\tau_b)) (p_1^\mu p_2^\nu - p_1 \cdot p_2 g^{\mu\nu}) \delta^{ab}$$
$$A(p)g^{a,\mu}(p_1)g^{b,\nu}(p_2) : \frac{ig_s^2}{8\pi^2 v} \left( c_t \frac{f(\tau_t)}{\tau_t} + c_b \frac{f(\tau_b)}{\tau_b} \right) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{1,\rho} p_{2,\sigma} \delta^{ab}$$

, where  $c_f$  is the reduced coupling.  $\tau_f = \frac{p^2}{4m_f^2}$  and  $\beta = (1 - \tau^{-1})^{1/2}$  is the velocity of the top quark and top antiquark in the center-of-momentum frame.

$$A_S(\tau) = \frac{3}{2\tau^2} (\tau + (\tau - 1)f(\tau))$$

$$f(\tau) = \begin{cases} \arcsin(\sqrt{\tau})^2, & \tau \leq 1 \\ -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \log \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}}{1-\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}} \right) - i\pi \right]^2, & \tau > 1 \end{cases}$$



# Matrix Element

$$\frac{d\sigma}{ds} = \frac{\alpha_s^2 G_F^2 c_t^2 m_t^2 s^2}{1536\pi^3} \beta^3 \left| \frac{\sum_f c_f A_S(\tau_f)}{s - m_H^2 + im_H \Gamma_H(s)} \right|^2 \text{S}$$

$$- \frac{\alpha_s^2 G_F c_t m_t^2}{66\pi\sqrt{2}} \beta^2 \log \left( \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \right) \text{Re} \left[ \frac{\sum_f c_f A_S(\tau_f)}{s - m_H^2 + im_H \Gamma_H(s)} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{d\sigma_{QCD}}{ds} \text{B}$$

**Scalar**

**Pseudo-scalar**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{ds} = \frac{3\alpha_s^2 c_t^2 G_F^2 m^2 s^2}{2048\pi^3} \beta \left| \frac{\sum_f c_f f(\tau_f)/\tau_f}{s - m_A^2 + im_A \Gamma_A(s)} \right|^2 \text{S}$$

$$- \frac{\alpha_s^2 c_t G_F m^2}{64\pi\sqrt{2}} \log \left( \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \right) \text{Re} \left[ \frac{\sum_f c_f f(\tau_f)/\tau_f}{s - m_A^2 + im_A \Gamma_A(s)} \right]$$

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# Catastrophic Cancellation

1.  $gg \rightarrow A \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{Interf}$

$m(A) 500 \text{ GeV}, \tan\beta 0.40$

1M events, parton tops, after selections

— MG5+Pythia6	Signal+Interf	500GeV, $\tan\beta=0.4$ , SL+DL
— MG5+Pythia6	Signal+Interf	750GeV, $\tan\beta=0.4$ , SL+DL
— Reweighted from Signal+Interf		750GeV, $\tan\beta=0.4$ , SL+DL
— Reweighting from Signal+Interf	$ w_{\text{new}}/w_{\text{old}}  \leq 100$	750GeV, $\tan\beta=0.4$ , SL+DL

