Improved description of charged Higgs production at hadron colliders

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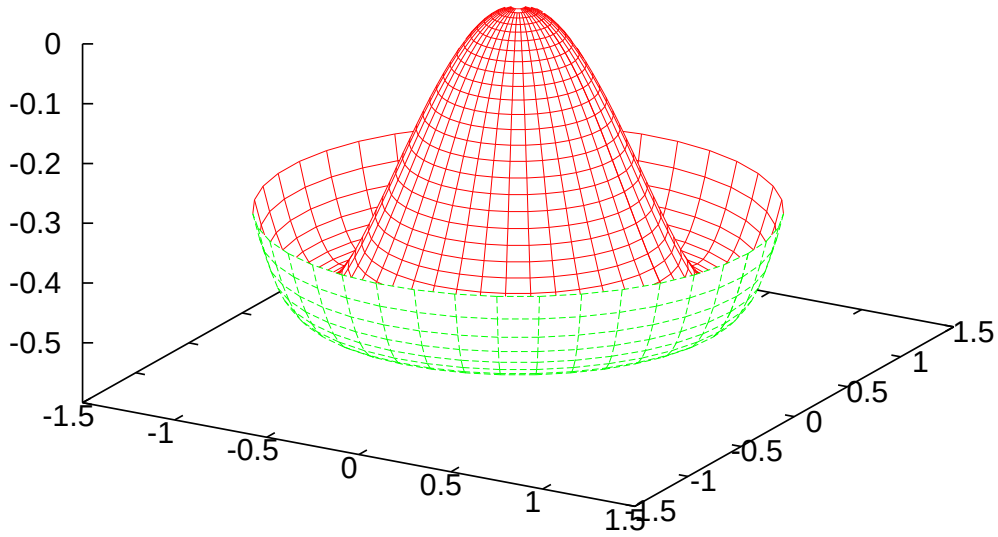
The Higgs mechanism in the Standard Model

• One of the Higgs doublet components gets a vacuum expectation value (vev) v

• Three of the four Higgs degrees of freedom are absorbed by the three massive vector fields

• Fermions get mass from Yukawa couplings



Supersymmetric extensions

- One Higgs doublet can't give mass to both up and down type fermions
- Anomalies don't cancel because of extra fermions (Higgsinos)

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Must have (at least) two Higgs doublets with opposite hypercharge

This is an example of a (type II) Two Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM)

Two Higgs Doublet Models

- 8 scalar degrees of freedom $\Longrightarrow$ 5 Higgs particles:

$$h,\ H^0,\ H^+,\ H^-,\ A \text{ (pseudoscalar)}$$

- Two parameters in MSSM (7 or more in general 2HDM):

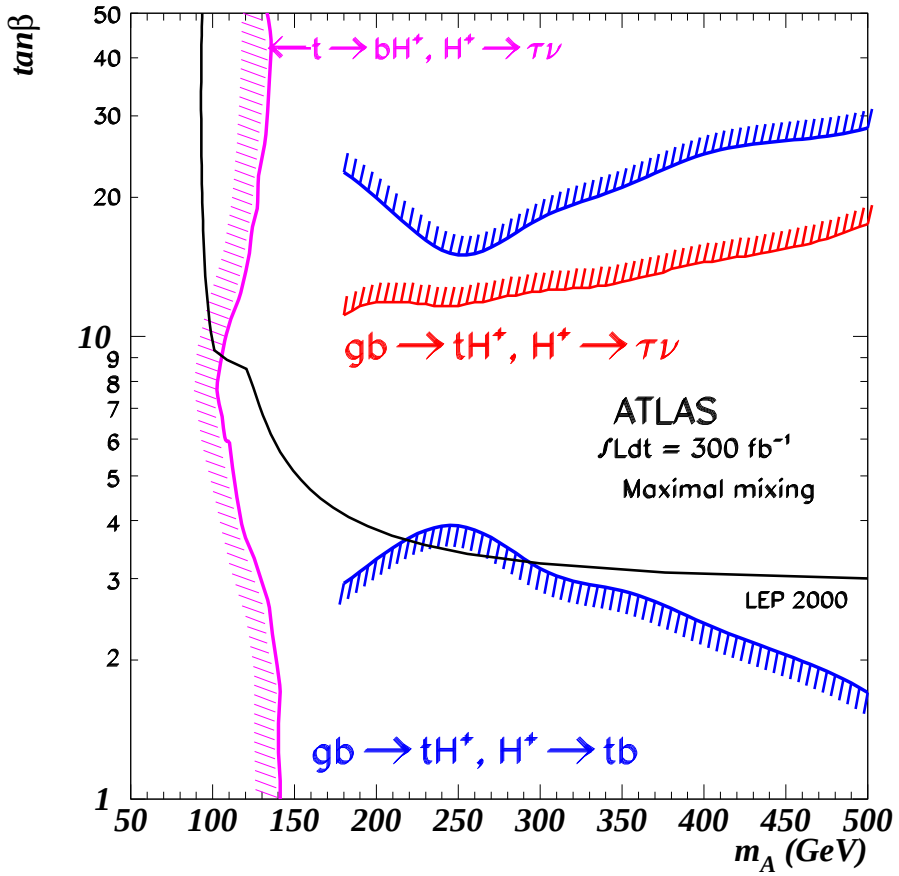
$\tan(\beta) = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$ Ratio of vev's for the doublets

M_A One of the masses, usually the pseudoscalar

- Finding a charged Higgs would be a clear signal of physics beyond the Standard Model!

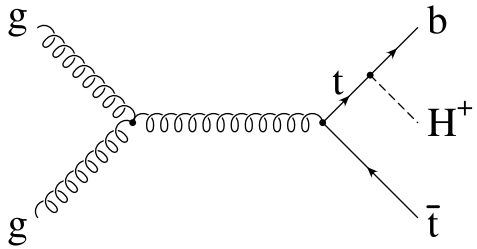
Our goal

Need accurate description of Higgs production in event generators to devise search strategies/ suppress SM background.

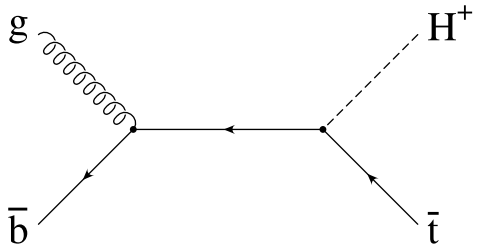


Production channels for charged Higgs in MC generators

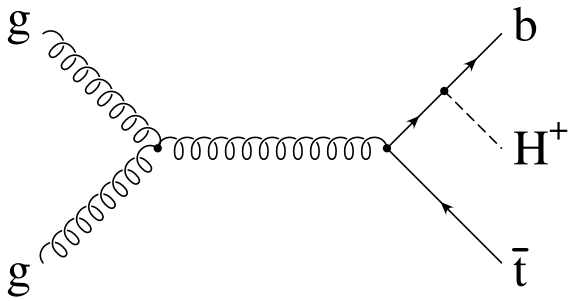
- $gg(q\bar{q}) \to t\bar{t} \to bH^+\bar{t}$ $(m_{H^+} \leq m_t - m_b)$:

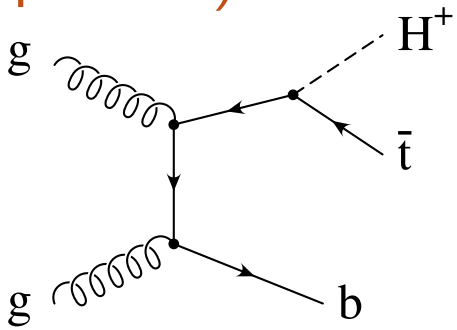


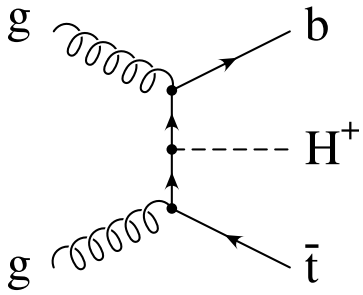
- $g\bar{b} \to \bar{t}H^+$ $(2 \to 2$ process):



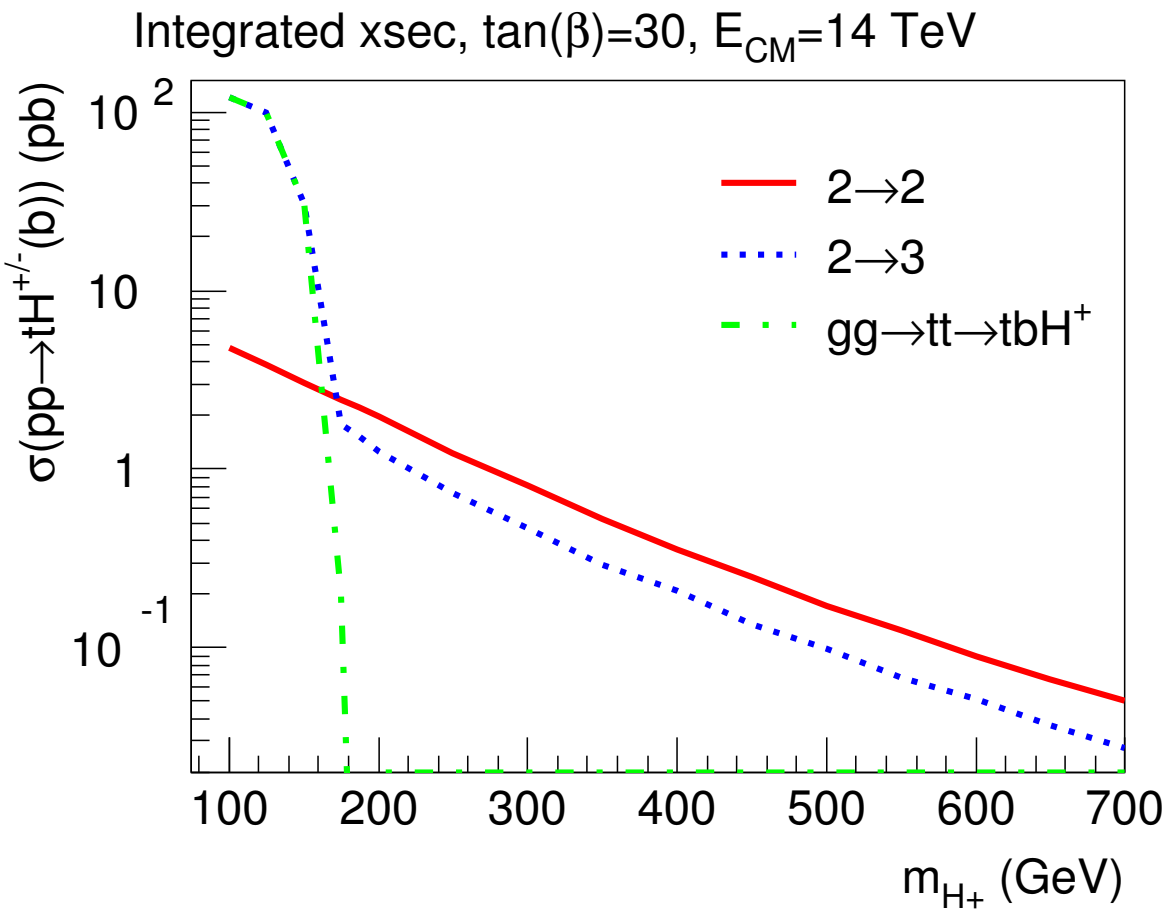
- $gg(q\bar{q}) \to \bar{t}bH^+$ $(2 \to 3$ process):







Importance of the H^+ production processes



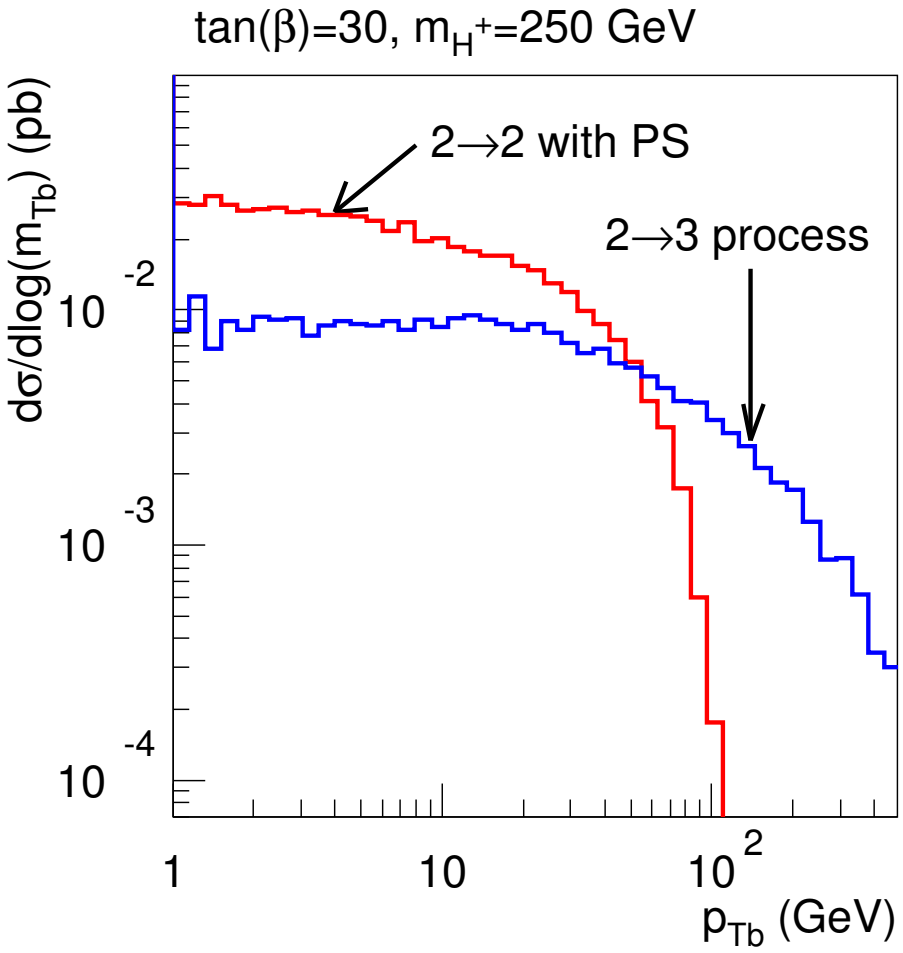
Importance of the H^+ production processes (cont.)

$2 \to 2$:

The b-density resums collinear logs $\left(\alpha_s \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{m_b^2}\right)^n$

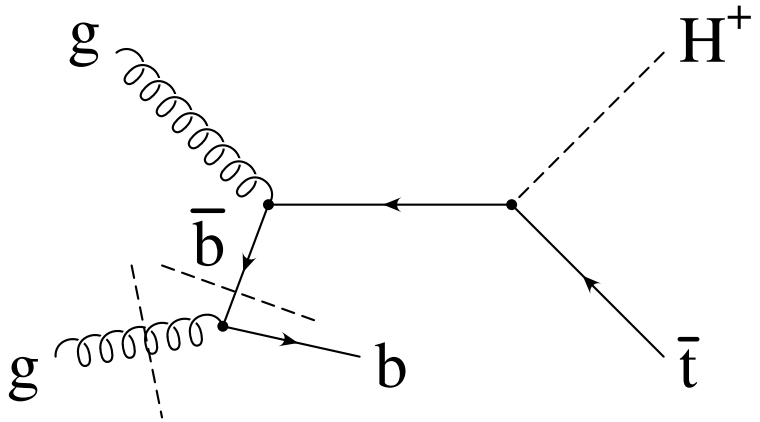
$2 \to 3$:

Gives a better discription of large $p_\perp$ cross-section



Matching the $2 \to 2$ and $2 \to 3$ processes

Overlap when the b of the $2 \to 3$ process is collinear with the beam



$\Longrightarrow$ Must subtract collinear double counting term

Matching the $2 \to 2$ and $2 \to 3$ processes (cont)

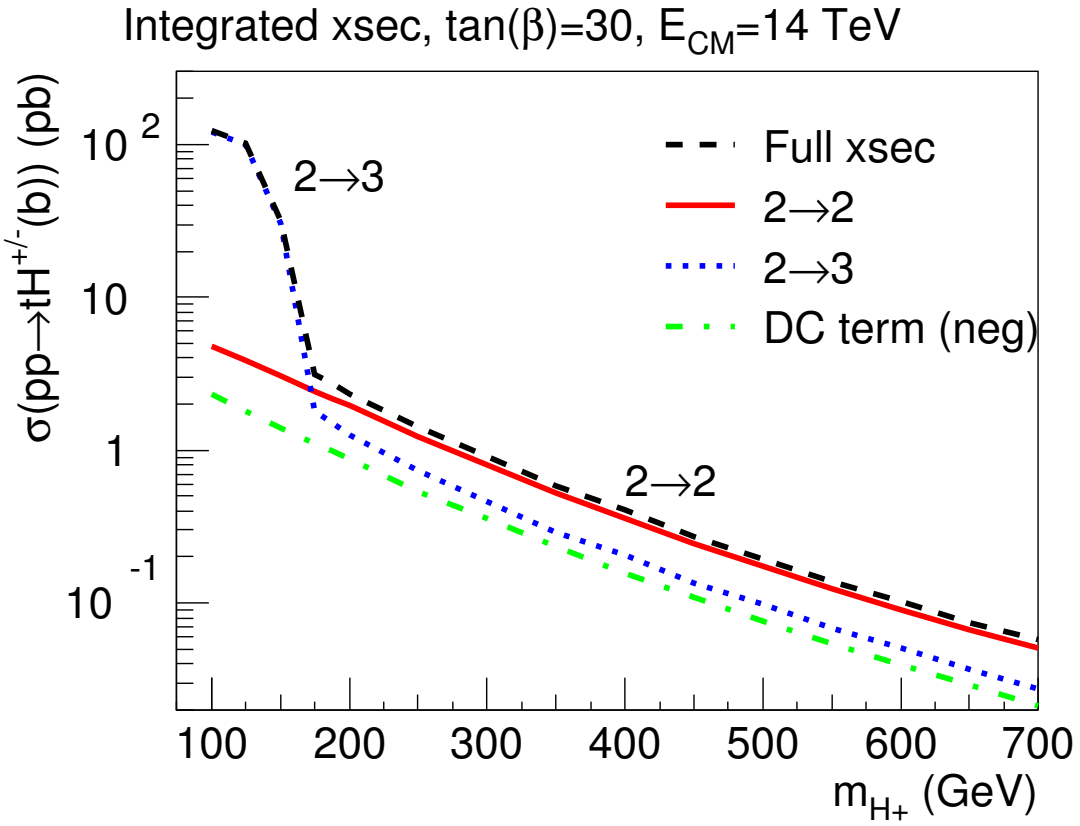
Using Monte Carlo (PYTHIA with external process):
Choose events from DC distribution and add with negative weight

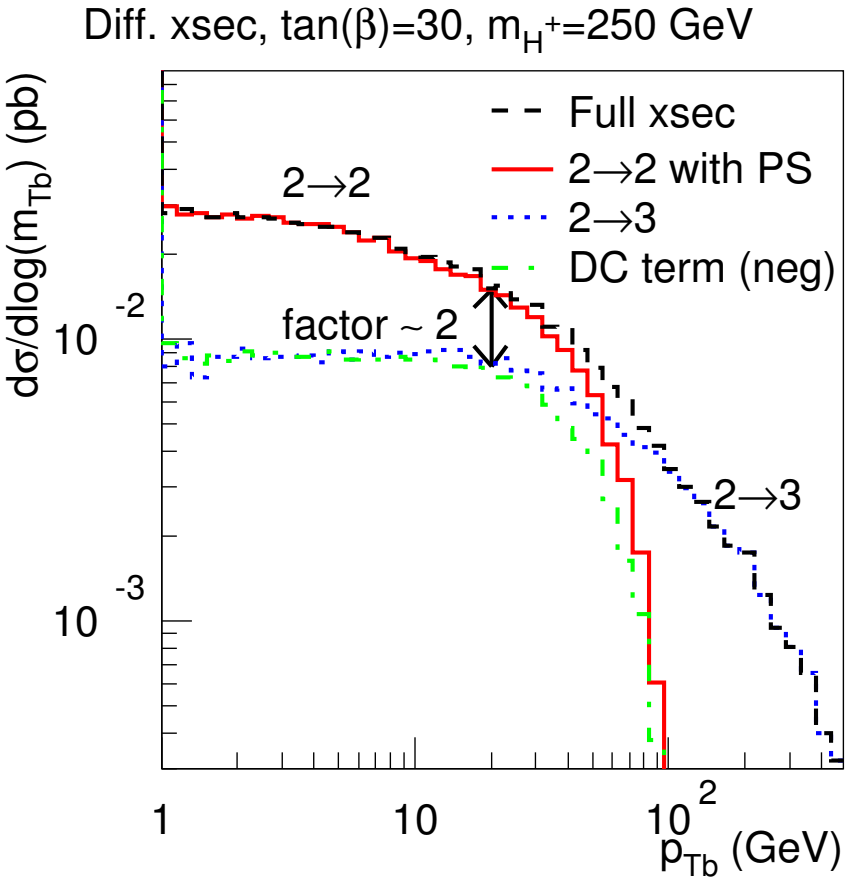
$$\sigma = \sigma_{2\to 2} + \sigma_{2\to 3} - \sigma_{\rm DC}$$

$$\sigma_{\rm DC} = \int dx_1 dx_2 \left[g(x_1) b'(x_2) \frac{d\sigma_{2\to 2}}{dx_1 dx_2}(x_1, x_2) + x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2 \right]$$

$$b'(x, \mu^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{\pi} \int \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2 + m_b^2} \int P_{gb}(z)\; g(x/z, \mu^2)\; dz$$

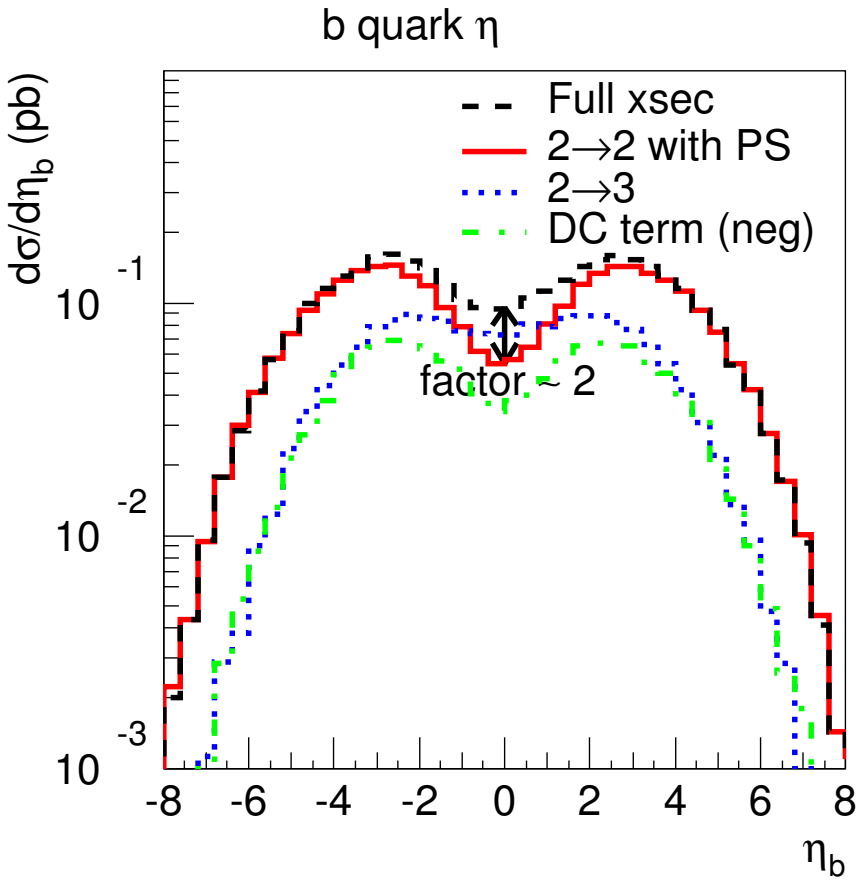
Results from matching of processes

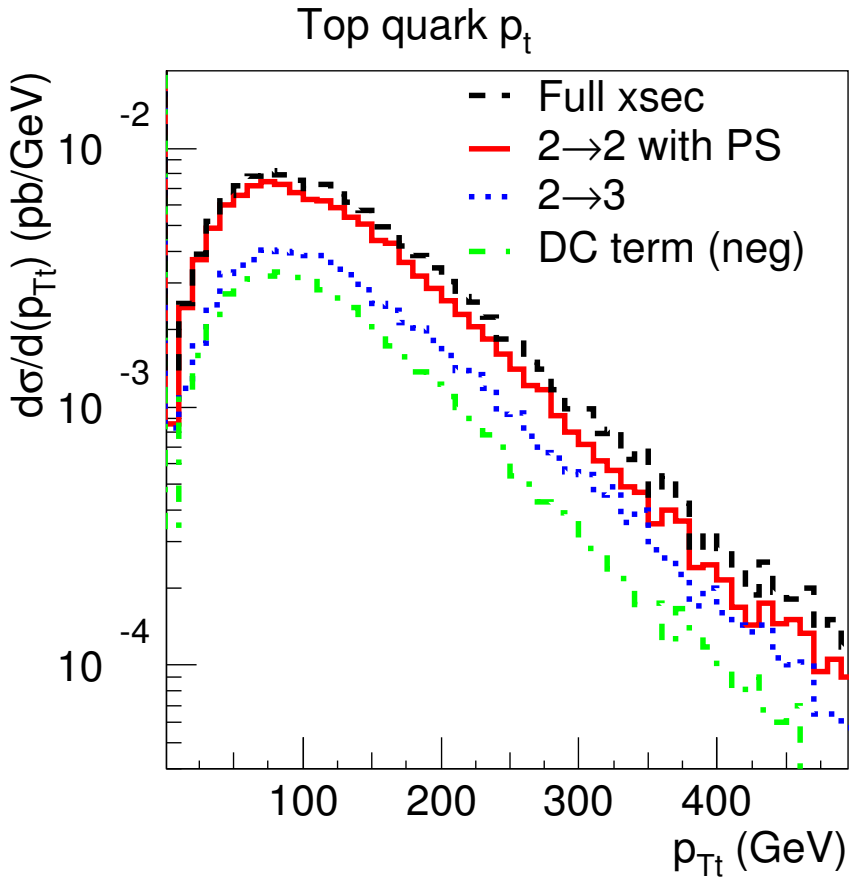




Smooth interpolation between $2 \to 2$ and $2 \to 3$ processes

More results from matching of processes





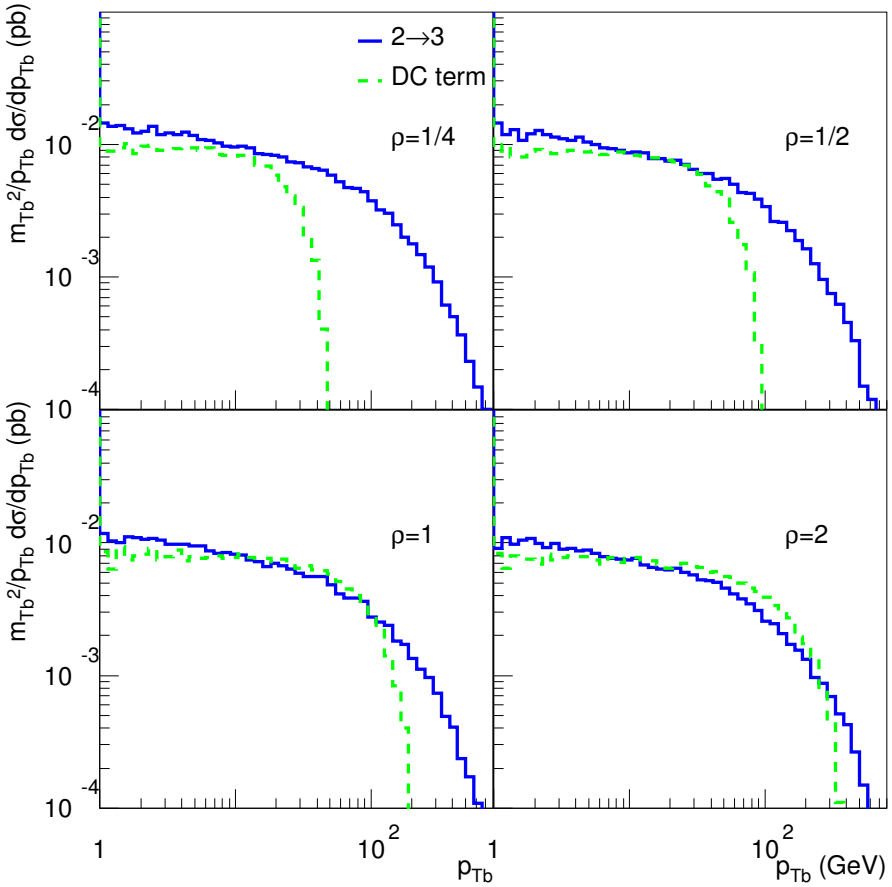
$\sim 20\%$ Effect even if b-quark not tagged!

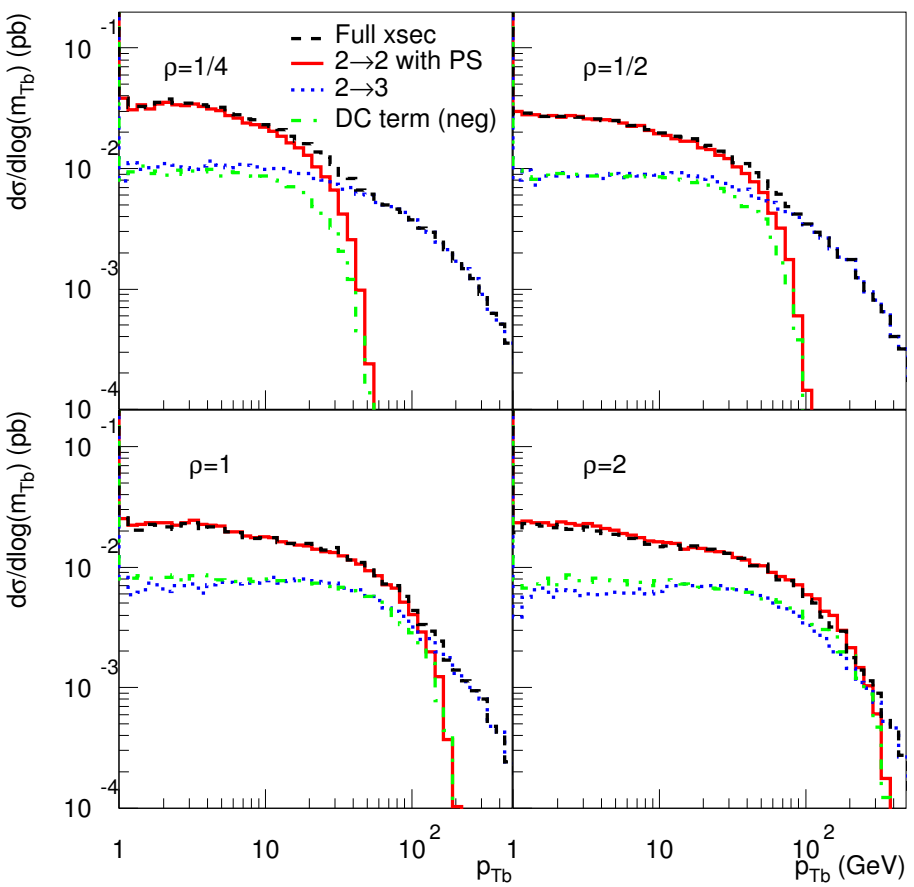
Conclusions

- Discovery of a charged scalar particle would be a clear signal of new physics
- Need Monte Carlos to device search strategies and reduce background
- Event generation need both $gb \to tH^+$ and $gg \to tbH^+$
- These two processes must be properly matched, which we do by Monte Carlo-simulation

Choice of factorization scale

$\mu_F = \rho \frac{m_{H^+} + m_t}{2}$ - scale where the parton densities are evaluated





More factorization scale effects