

# Novel Collider Signatures of Little Higgs Dark Matter Models

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## Littlest Higgs Model

- Littlest Higgs Model (hep-ph/0206021 Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Katz, and Nelson):

Consider a theory with a global  $G = SU(5)$  spontaneously broken down to  $H = SO(5)$  at a scale  $f \sim 1$  TeV. Thus, the 14 massless NGBs are described by  $G/H = SU(5)/SO(5)$  non-linear  $\sigma$  model.

$$\Sigma(x) = \exp(i\Pi/f)\Sigma_0 \exp(i\Pi^T/f) = \exp(2i\Pi/f)\Sigma_0$$

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Pi(x) = \sum_{a=1}^{14} \pi^a(x) X^a, \quad X^a \Sigma_0 - \Sigma_0 X^{aT} = 0$$

$$\Pi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\omega^0}{2} - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{20}} & -\frac{\omega^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{H^+}{\sqrt{2}} & -i\phi^{++} & -i\frac{\phi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{\omega^-}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\omega^0}{2} - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{20}} & \frac{H^0}{\sqrt{2}} & -i\frac{\phi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-i\phi^0 + \phi_P^0}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{H^-}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{H^{0*}}{\sqrt{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}\eta & \frac{H^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{H^0}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -i\phi^{--} & i\frac{\phi^-}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{H^-}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\omega^0}{2} - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{20}} & -\frac{\omega^-}{\sqrt{2}} \\ i\frac{\phi^-}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i\phi^0 + \phi_P^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{H^{0*}}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\omega^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\omega^0}{2} - \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{20}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $H$  is SM Higgs;  $\phi$  is triplet scalar.

## Littlest Higgs Model – (Continued)

- The global symmetry is broken by gauging an  $[SU(2) \times U(1)]^2$  subgroup of  $SU(5)$ .
- Gauge symmetry breaking
  - $\eta$  and  $\omega^{\pm,0}$  are absorbed by  $B_H$  and  $W_H^a$ .  $H$  and  $\phi$  remain physical.

$$[SU(2) \times U(1)]^2 \xrightarrow{\Sigma_0} SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1)$$

- At a scale  $v \sim 246$  GeV, EWSB is triggered by a radiatively induced Higgs potential. Similar mechanism used by Alvarez-Gaume, Polchinski, and Wise in SUSY.

$$SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1) \xrightarrow{\text{Coleman-Weinberg}} U_{em}(1)$$

- Collective symmetry breaking mechanism is a design to ensure quadratic divergences are cancelled at 1-loop level.
- Solve the little hierarchy problem up to one-loop between the two scales  $M_W$  and  $\Lambda = 4\pi f$ .
- $f$  is severely constrained by electroweak precision measurement.

## $T$ -Parity and Dark Matter

- (Cheng-Low)  $T$ -Parity acts an automorphism which exchanges the two gauge factors:

$$[SU(2) \times U(1)]_1 \xleftrightarrow{T\text{-Parity}} [SU(2) \times U(1)]_2$$

This implies

$$g_1 = g_2 \quad , \quad g'_1 = g'_2$$

and

$$\Pi(x) \xrightarrow{T\text{-Parity}} -\Omega \Pi(x) \Omega, \quad \Omega = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, 1, 1)$$

- Before EWSB, the gauge boson mass eigenstates have the simple form

$$W_{\pm} = \frac{W_1 \pm W_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad B_{\pm} = \frac{B_1 \pm B_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

where  $W_+$  and  $B_+$  are SM  $T$ -even gauge bosons, whereas,  $W_-$  and  $B_-$  are additional  $T$ -odd states. After EWSB by Coleman-Weinberg mechanism,  $W_+^3$  and  $B_+$  mix to produce the SM  $Z$  and  $\gamma$ .

- Typically,  $B_-$  is the lightest  $T$ -odd state (LTP) and plays the role of dark matter. In the literature,  $B_-$  is sometimes denoted as  $A_H$ , the heavy photon. Interesting mass range of  $A_H$  :

$$M_{A_H} \approx \frac{g' f}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.16 f$$

$$600 \text{ GeV} \leq f \leq 2 \text{ TeV} \longleftrightarrow 100 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{A_H} \leq 300 \text{ GeV}$$

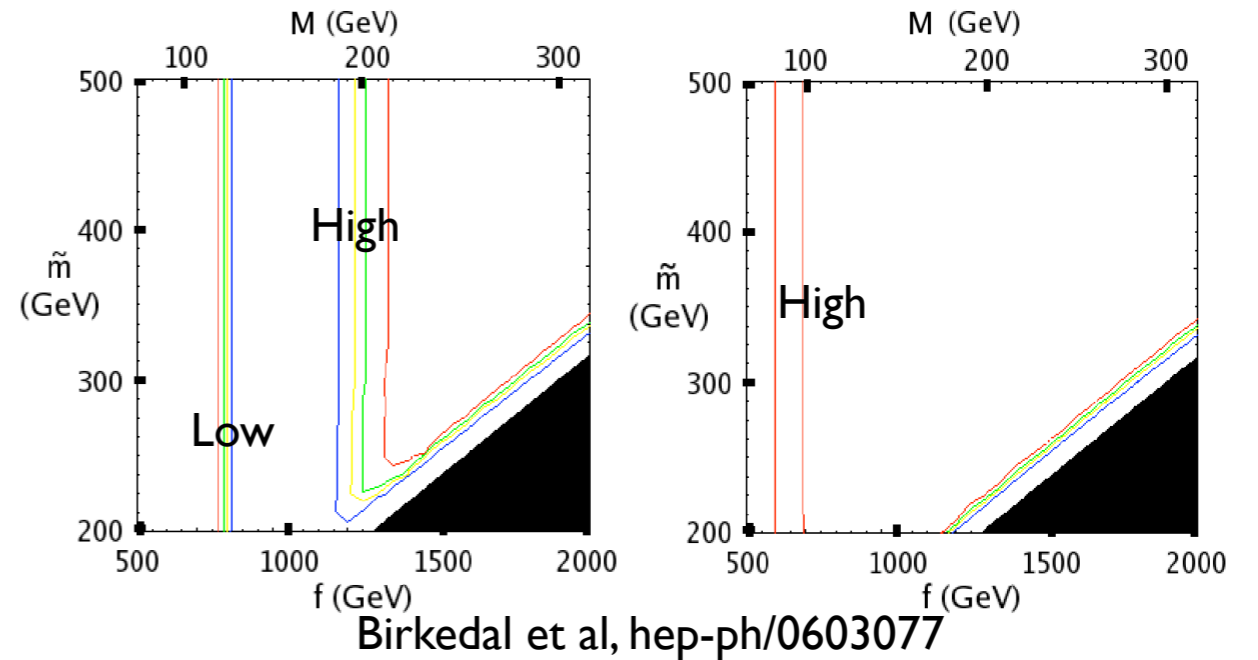


Figure 2: The contours of constant present abundance of the heavy photon LTP,  $\Omega_{LTP} h^2$ , in the  $M - \tilde{M}$  plane. The Higgs mass is taken to be 300 GeV (left panel) and 120 GeV (right panel). The red and green contours correspond to the upper and lower bounds from WMAP, Eq. (10), assuming that the LTP makes up all of dark matter. The yellow and blue lines correspond to the LTP contributing 50% and 70%, respectively, of the measured dark matter density. The shaded region corresponds to a charged and/or colored LTP.

- WMAP data:  $\Omega_{CDM} h^2 = 0.105 \pm 0.009$

- $\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim \langle \sigma v \rangle^{-1}$

- Pair annihilation of LTP ( $A_H + A_H$ ): For a given Higgs mass  $m_h$ , there are two solutions for the  $A_H$  mass to satisfy the WMAP data

$$M_{A_H} \approx \frac{m_h - 24 \text{ GeV}}{2.38} \quad (\text{Low})$$

$$M_{A_H} \approx \frac{m_h + 83 \text{ GeV}}{1.89} \quad (\text{High})$$

- Coannihilation region ( $A_H + Q_H$ ):

$$M_{Q_H} \approx M_{A_H} + 20 \text{ GeV}$$

roughly independent of the Higgs mass.

## Collider Signatures

- We are primarily interested in the coannihilation region deduced from the above relic density calculation in our work.
- Search for
  - Monojet events  $pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow A_H Q_H (\overline{Q}_H)$  followed by  $Q_H \longrightarrow q A_H$  and  $\overline{Q}_H \longrightarrow \bar{q} A_H$  plus missing energies
  - Dijet events  $pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow Q_H \overline{Q}_H$  followed by  $Q_H \longrightarrow q A_H$  and  $\overline{Q}_H \longrightarrow \bar{q} A_H$  plus missing energies
- Signatures are similar with SUSY with R-parity. But the  $p_T$  spectrum of the jet is expected to be harder in SUSY.
- Parton processes are
  - $qg \longrightarrow A_H Q_H$  and  $\bar{q}g \longrightarrow A_H \overline{Q}_H$
  - $gg \longrightarrow Q_H \overline{Q}_H$  and  $q\bar{q} \longrightarrow Q_H \overline{Q}_H$
- $A_H - Q_H - q$  vertex

$$\mathcal{L} = g_H \overline{Q}_H \gamma_\mu P_L q A_H^\mu + \text{H.c.} \quad \text{with } g_H = g' \tilde{Y}$$

In the coannihilation scenario,  $g_H$  constraints to be rather small by the WMAP data.

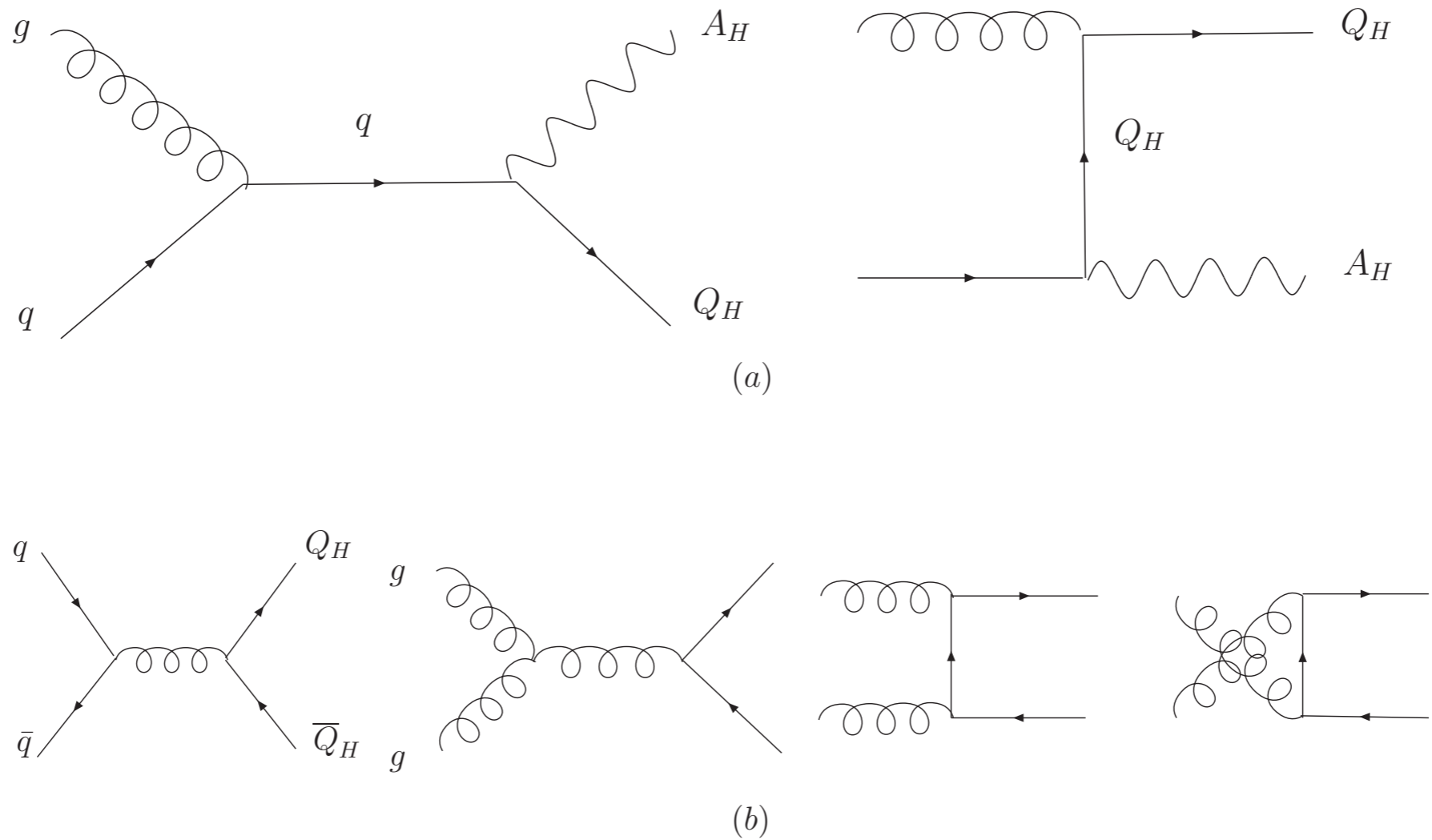


FIG. 1: Feynman diagrams for (a) production and coannihilation of  $A_H Q_H$  and (b) production and coannihilation of  $Q_H \bar{Q}_H$ . Production reads from left to right, whereas coannihilation reads from right to left.



Contour plot of  $\sigma v = 0.95 \pm 0.08$  pb in the  $(\Delta m / (\text{GeV}), g_H)$  plane

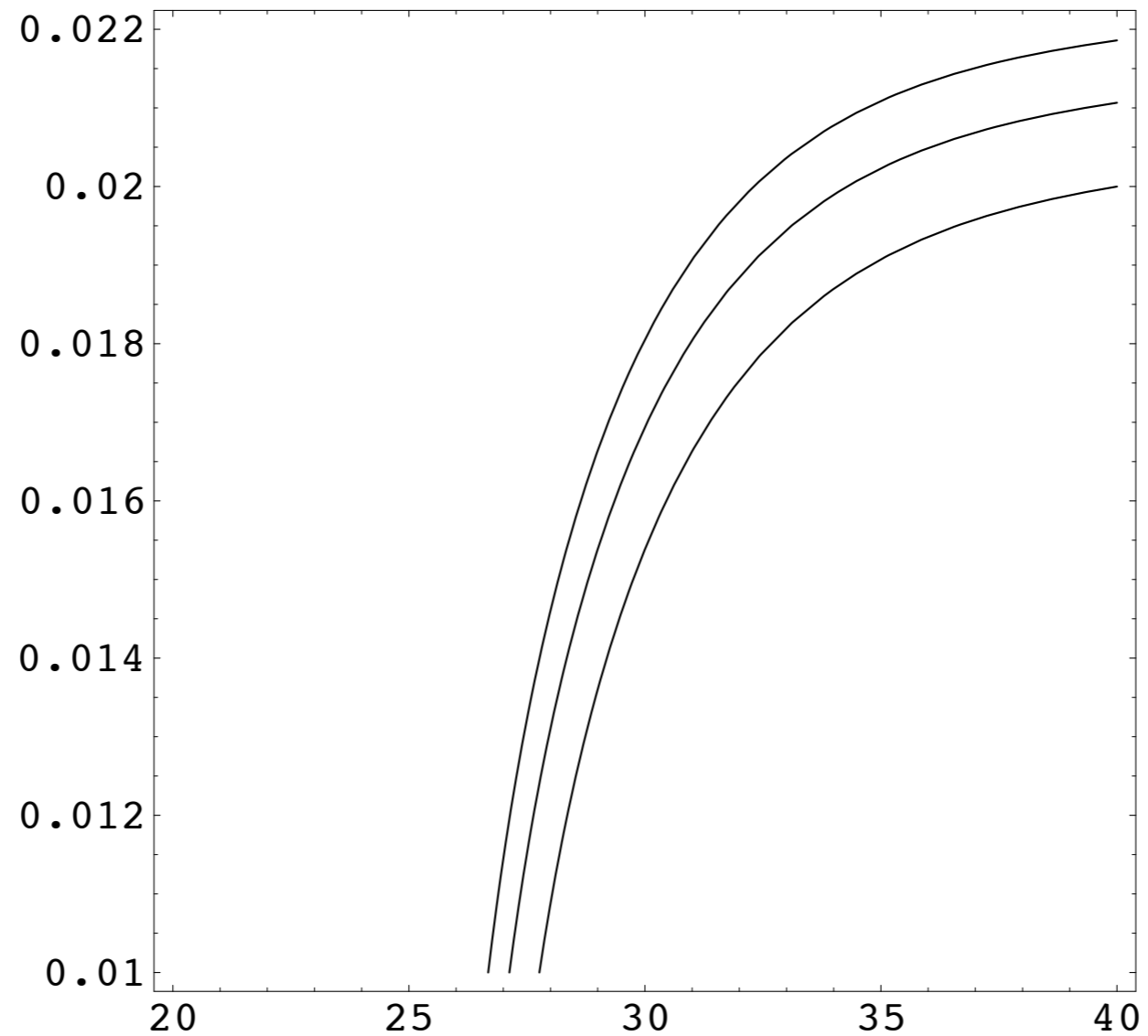
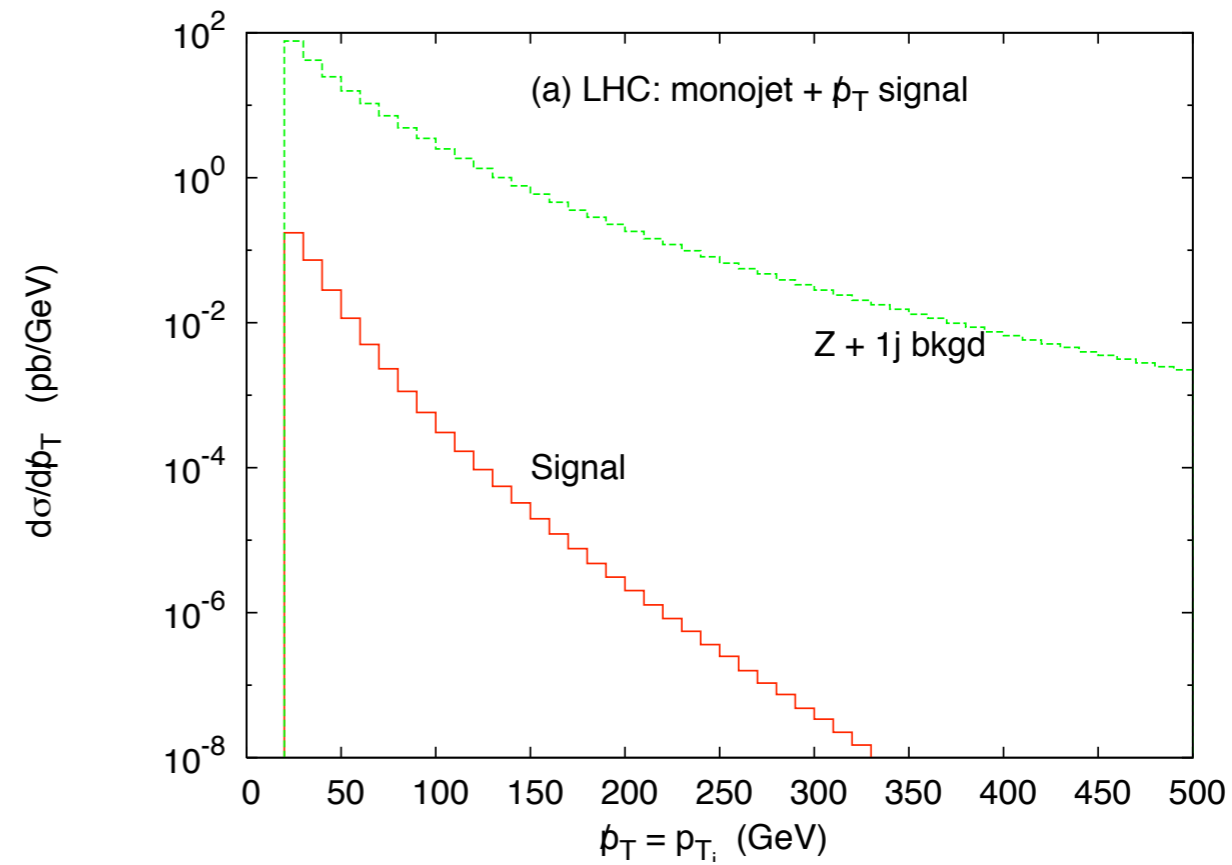
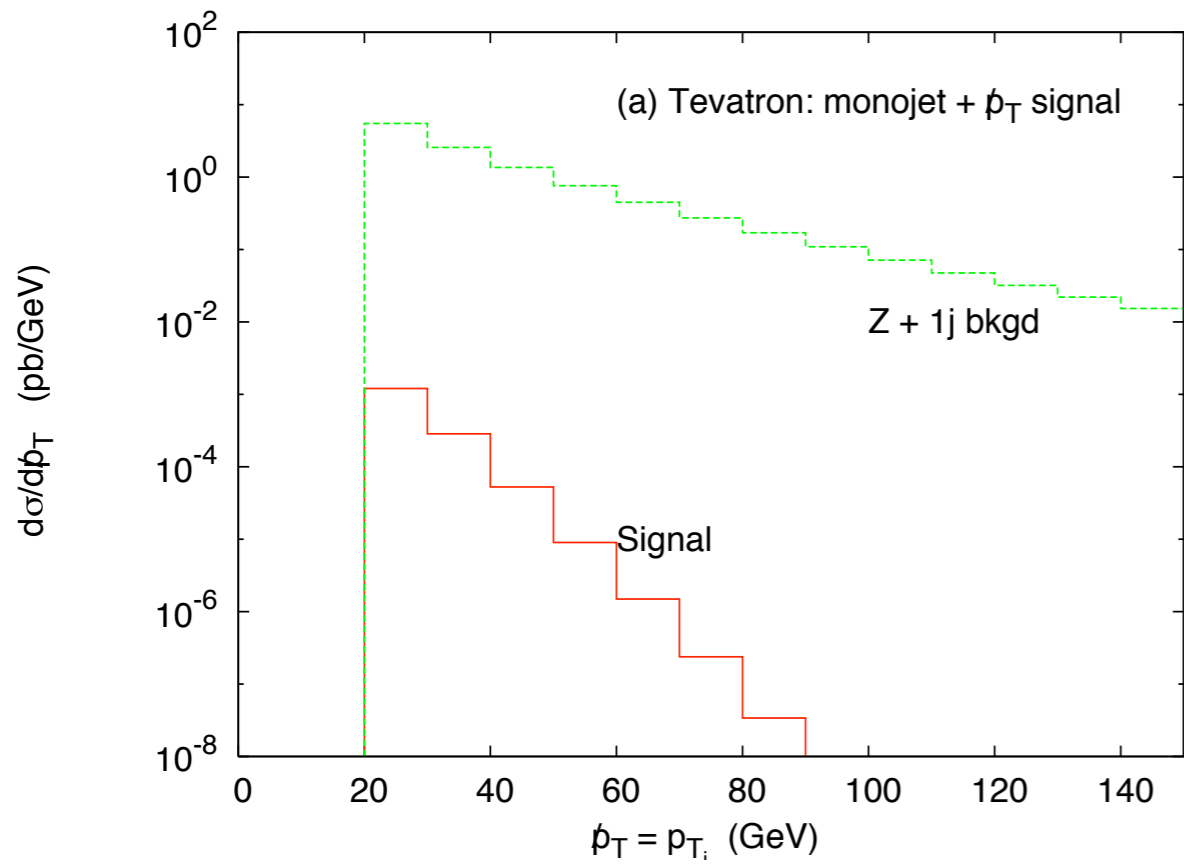


FIG. 2: The contour plot of coannihilation cross section  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}v$  in the plane of  $(\Delta m, g_H)$ . We take  $M_{A_H} = 200$  GeV. The WMAP implied result of  $0.95 \pm 0.08$  pb for this quantity is shown.

## Collider Signatures (Continued)

- Major SM monojet backgrounds:
  - $pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow Z + 1j$  production followed by invisible decay of  $Z$ . This is irreducible in hadronic environment.
  - $pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow W + 1j \longrightarrow l\nu + 1j$  with unidentified charged lepton.
- Major SM dijet backgrounds:
  - $pp(\bar{p}) \longrightarrow Z + 2j \longrightarrow \nu\bar{\nu} + 2j$ .



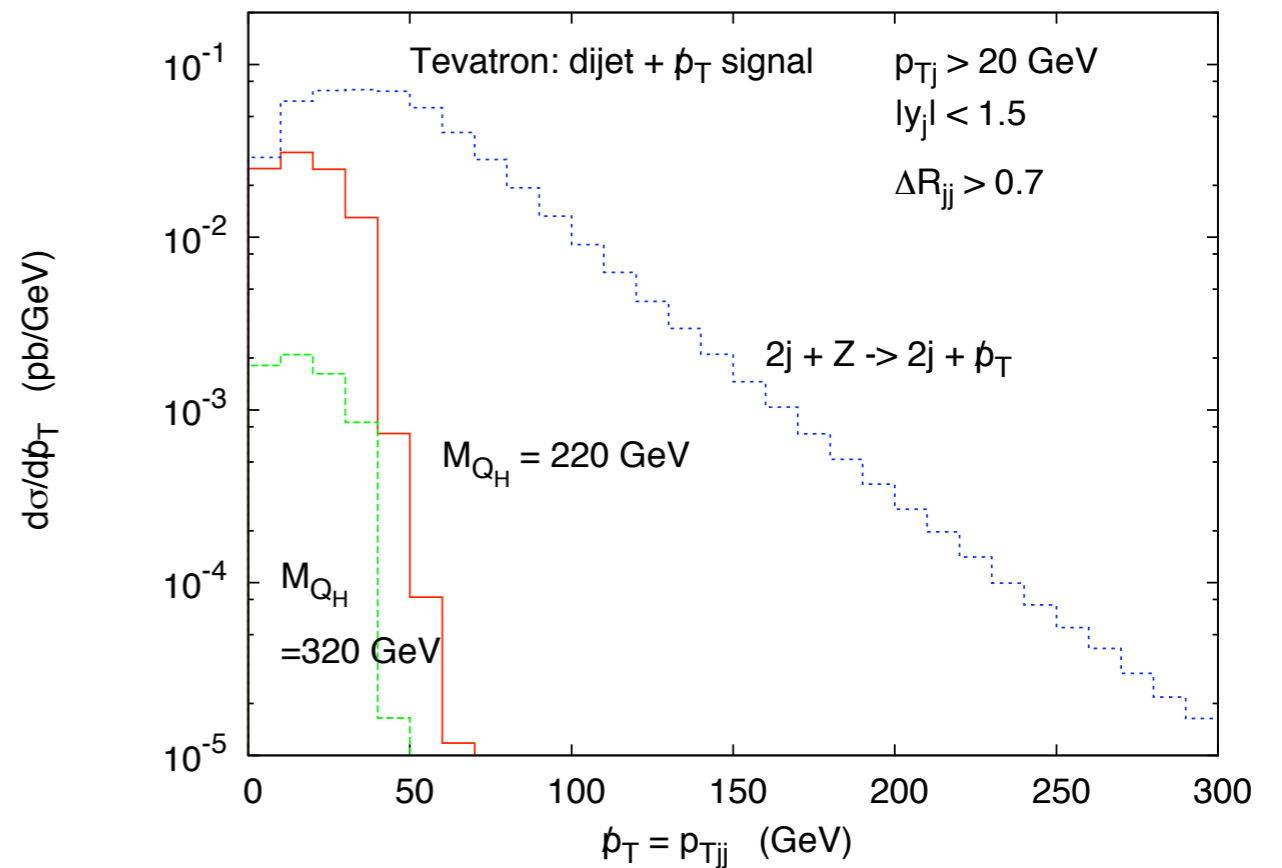
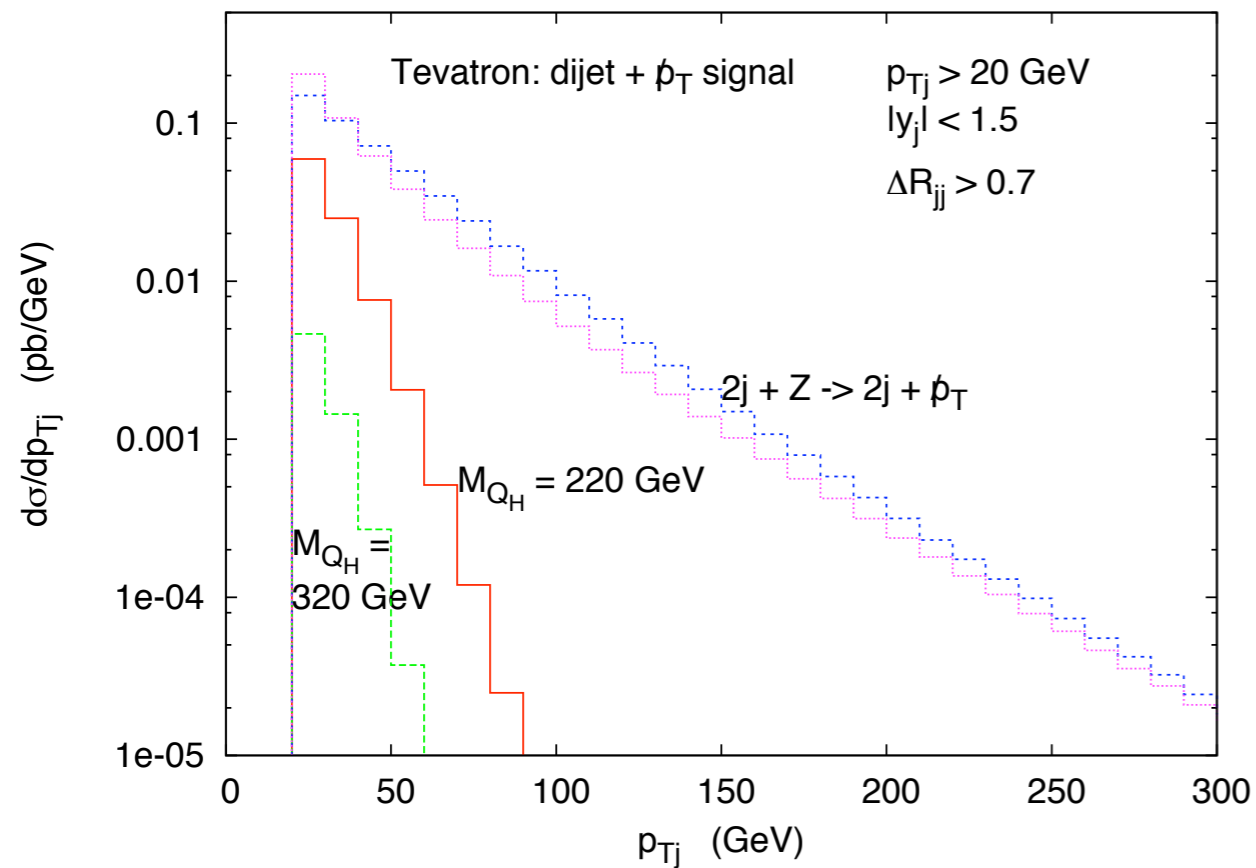


FIG. 4: The differential cross section versus (a) the transverse momentum of the jets and (b) the missing transverse momentum for the dijet +  $\cancel{p}_T$  signal and the  $Z + 2j \rightarrow 2j + \cancel{p}_T$  background at the Tevatron. We have used 2 sets of  $(M_{Q_H}, M_{A_H}) = (220, 200)$  and  $(320, 300)$  GeV.

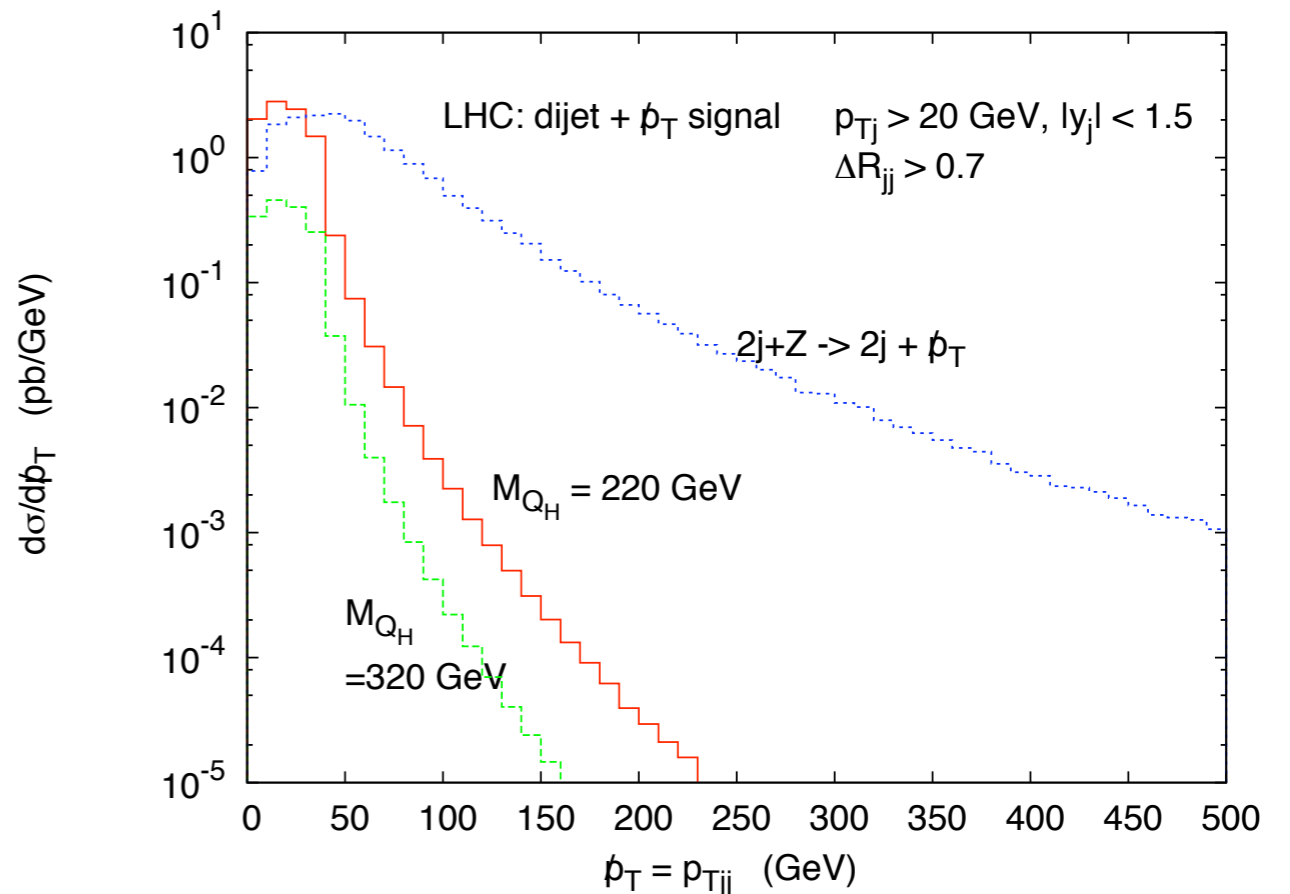
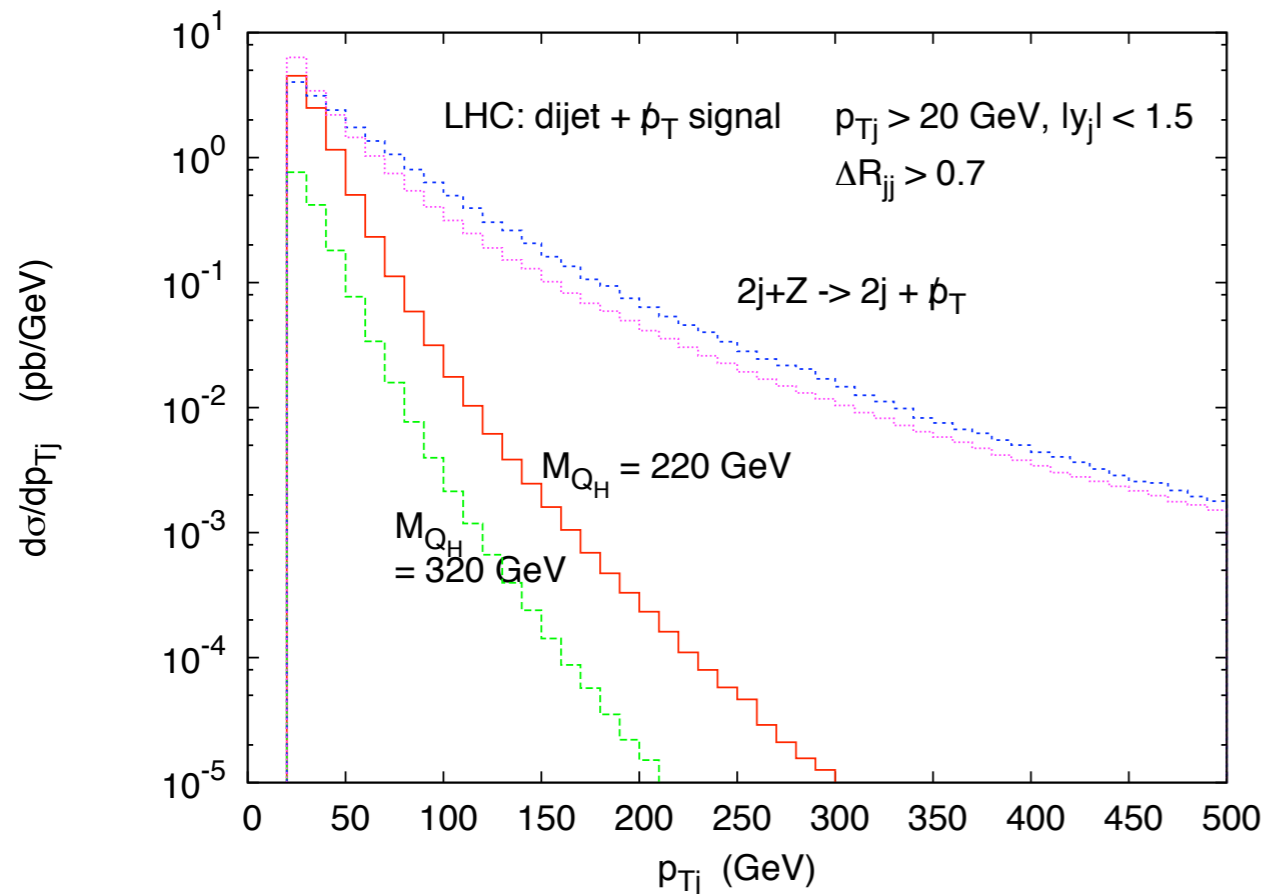


FIG. 5: The differential cross section versus (a) the transverse momentum of the jets and (b) the missing transverse momentum for the dijet +  $\cancel{p}_T$  signal and the  $Z + 2j \rightarrow 2j + \cancel{p}_T$  background at the LHC. We have used 2 sets of  $(M_{Q_H}, M_{A_H}) = (220, 200)$  and  $(320, 300)$  GeV.

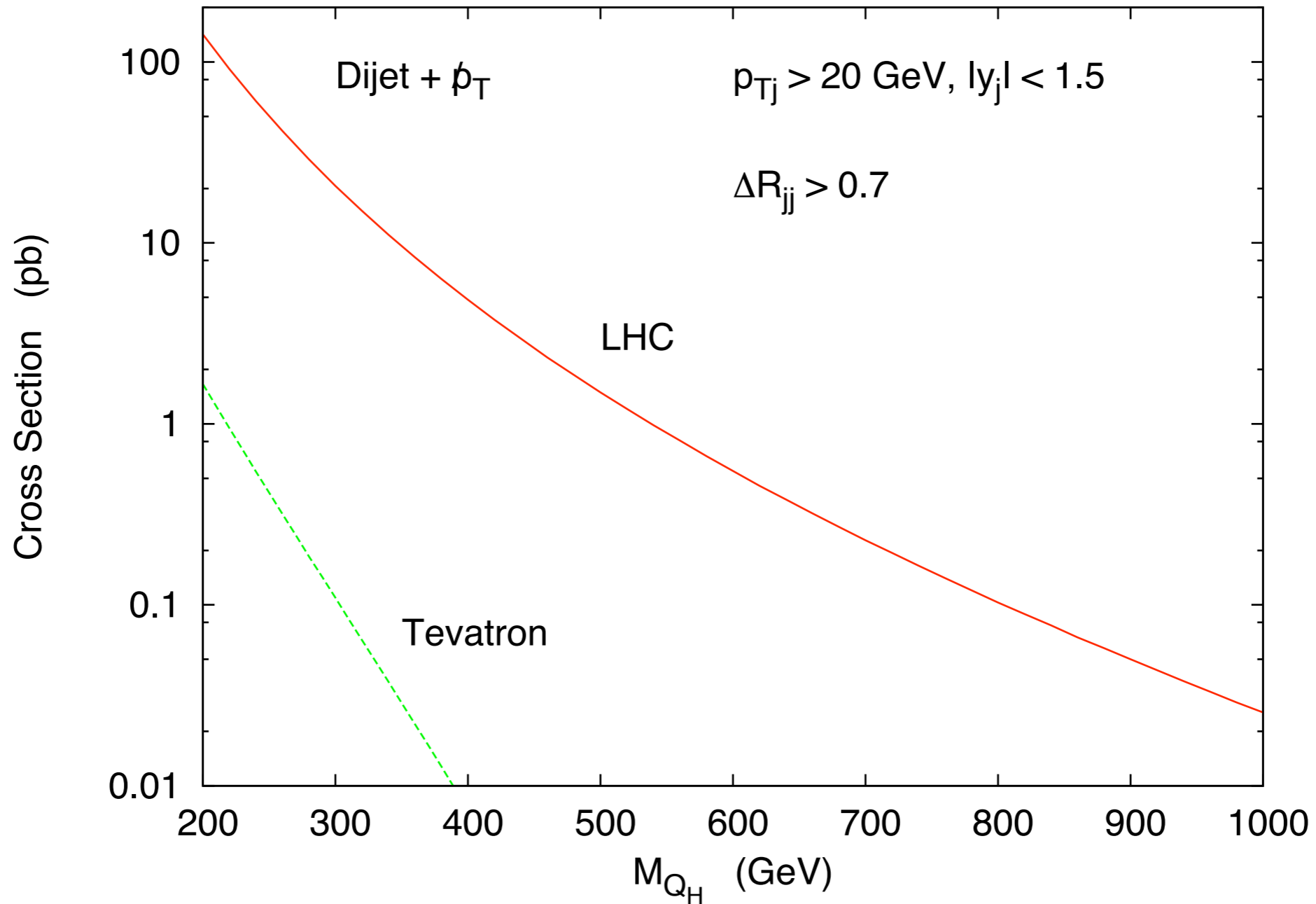


FIG. 3: Production rate for the dijet plus missing energy signal with the acceptance cuts defined in Eq. (18) at the Tevatron and at the LHC.

## Summary

- The heavy photon  $A_H$  in the Little Higgs models with  $T$ -Parity is an interesting alternative dark matter candidate.
- We have studied the production rates for  $A_H Q_H$  and  $Q_H \overline{Q}_H$  at hadronic colliders that can lead to monojet and dijet events plus missing energies.
- Although the monojet plus missing energy events are very clean, the SM background is several order of magnitudes larger than the signals.
- However, dijet plus missing energy events in the littlest Higgs model with  $T$ -parity have a softer  $p_T$  spectrum compared with minimal SUSY and are potential measurable at the LHC.