Higgs Physics from the Theoretical Viewpoint

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Introduction

The Standard Model is ~35 years old and its essential goal

To describe electroweak interactions with a spontaneously broken $SU(2)\otimes U(1)$ gauge symmetry

has been spectacularly confirmed

- Renormalizability
- Discovery of Neutral Currents
- Discovery of W and Z bosons
- Precision test of W and Z properties

But ...

The agent of electroweak symmetry breaking remains elusive

Outline of the talk

I will primarily focus on the LHC. I will mention the possibilities at a linear collider, but I will concentrate on the possibilities for the near future.

My topics will be:

- Introduction
- Higgs Production and discovery
- Precision Measurements

What is the Higgs Boson?

In the minimal Standard Model, Electroweak symmetry breaking is accomplished by a single complex scalar doublet, resulting in the three massive gauge bosons $W^{\pm}$, Z, and a single Higgs Boson. The Standard Model Higgs is also responsible for giving mass to quarks and leptons.

In the Supersymmetric Standard Model, there must be at least two scalar doublets resulting in five Higgs scalars: h^0, H^0, A^0, $H^{\pm}$

Where is the Higgs?

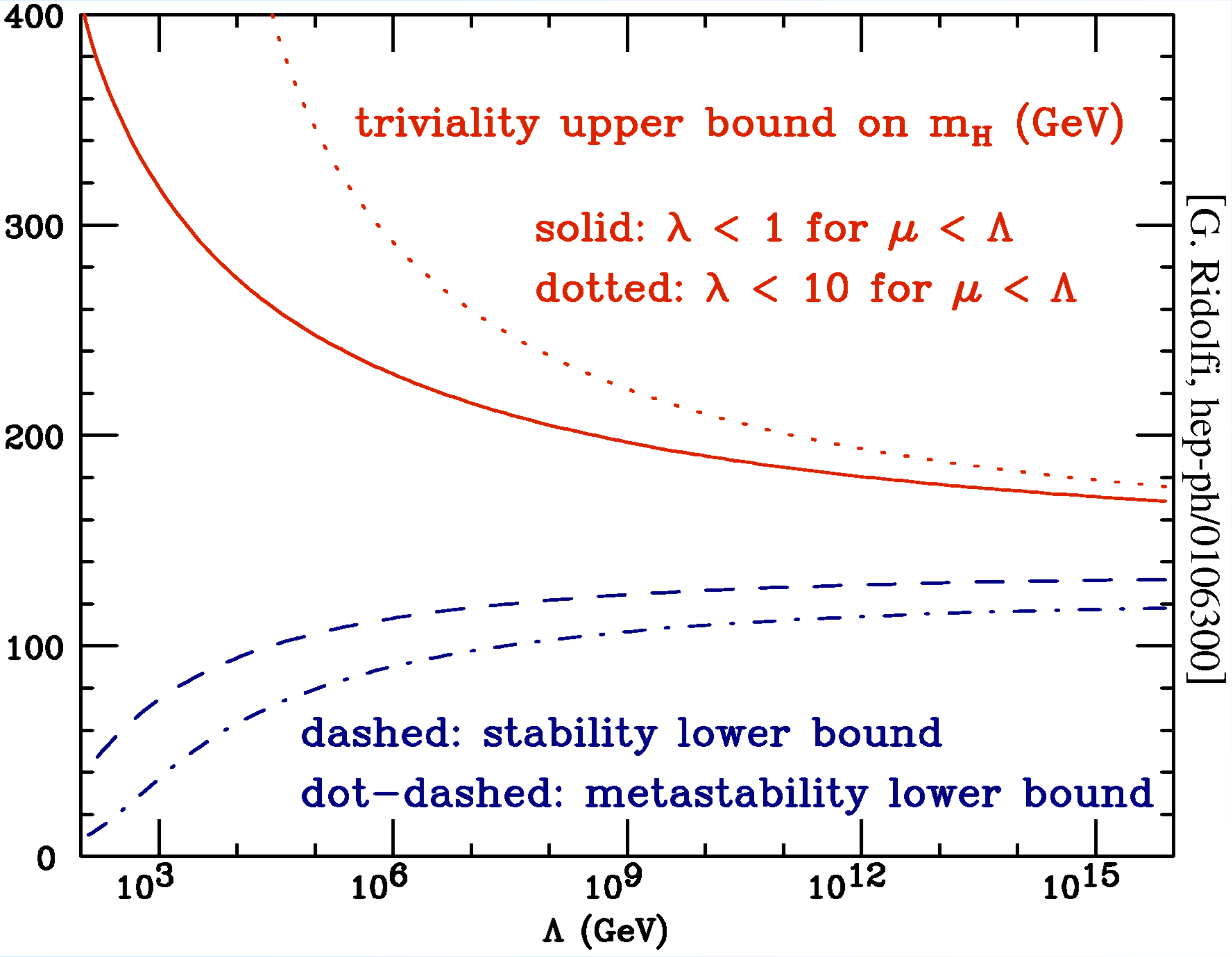
A priori, the mass of the Higgs boson is a free parameter. It can be constrained, however by:

- Theoretical prejudices
- Precision measurements
- Experimental search limits

Theoretical Prejudices

There are three primary considerations determining theoretical prejudices about the mass of the Higgs:

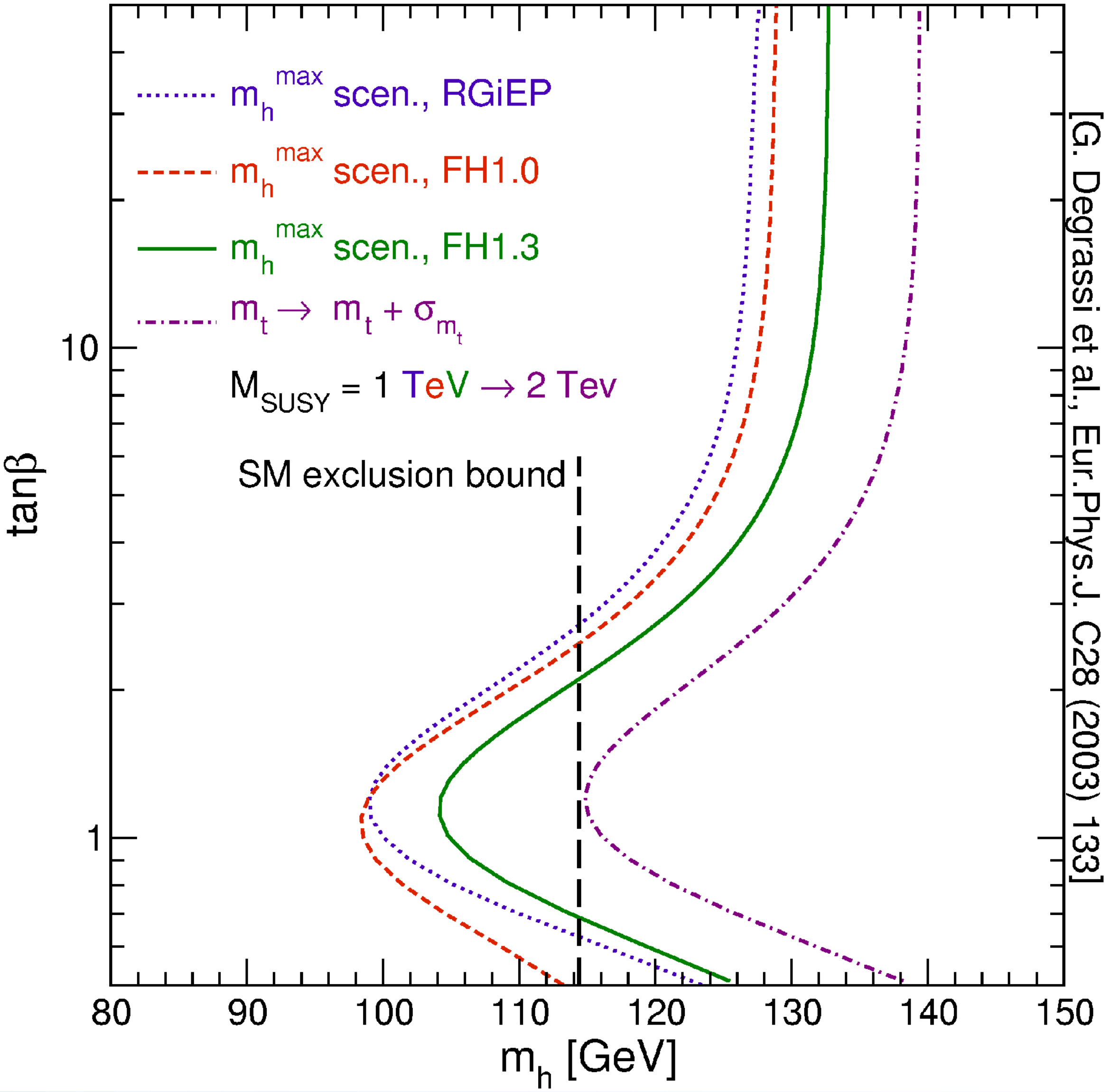
- Vacuum Stability
- Triviality
- Unitarity



[G. Ridolfi, hep-ph/0106300]

Supersymmetric Constraints

In SUSY models, there are further theoretical constraints so that $m_h \leq 135$ GeV.



[G. Degrassi et al., Eur.Phys.J. C28 (2003) 133]

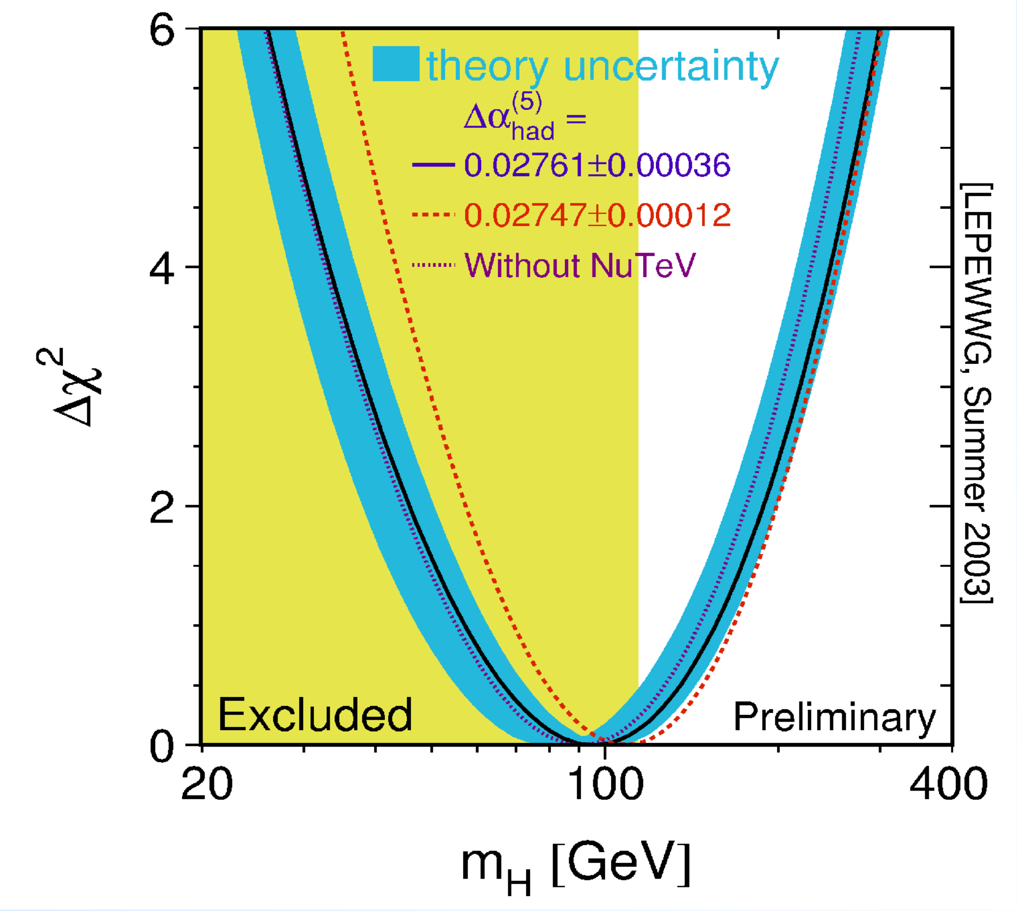
Direct Search / Precision Constraints

LEP Search: $M_H \geq 114.4$ GeV

Precision EW Fits: $M_H = 96^{+60}_{-38}$ GeV

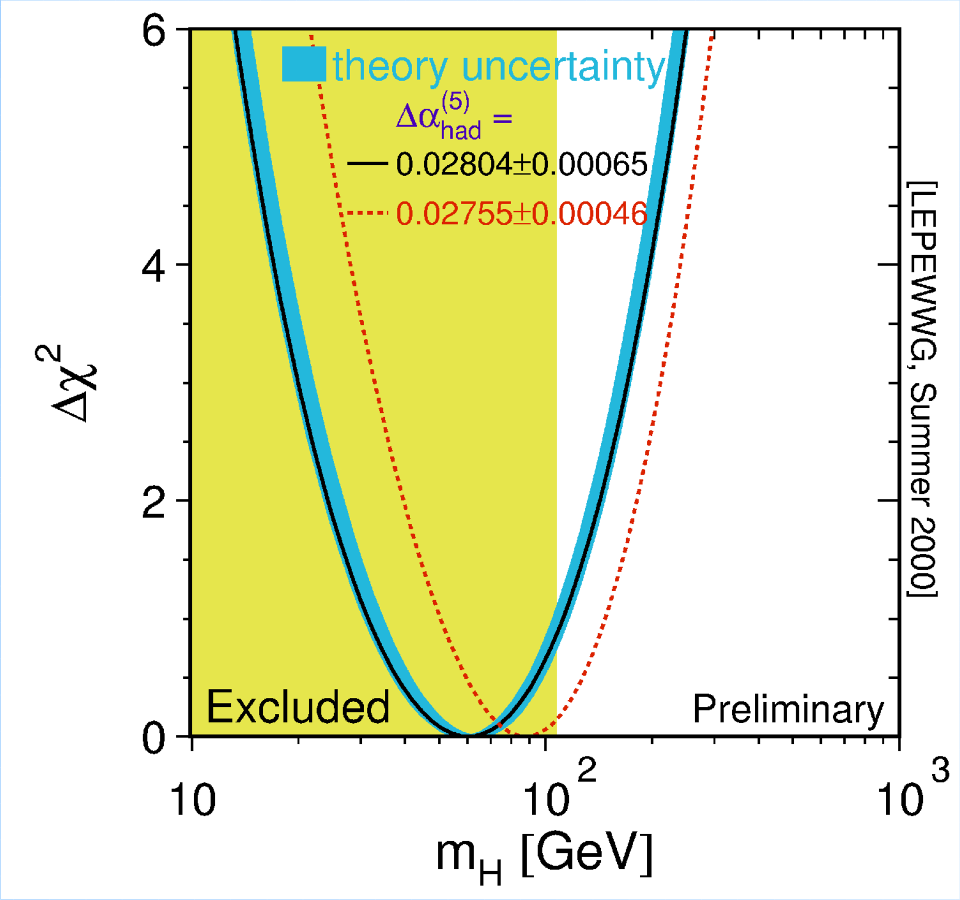
95% CL upper limit: $M_H < 219$ GeV

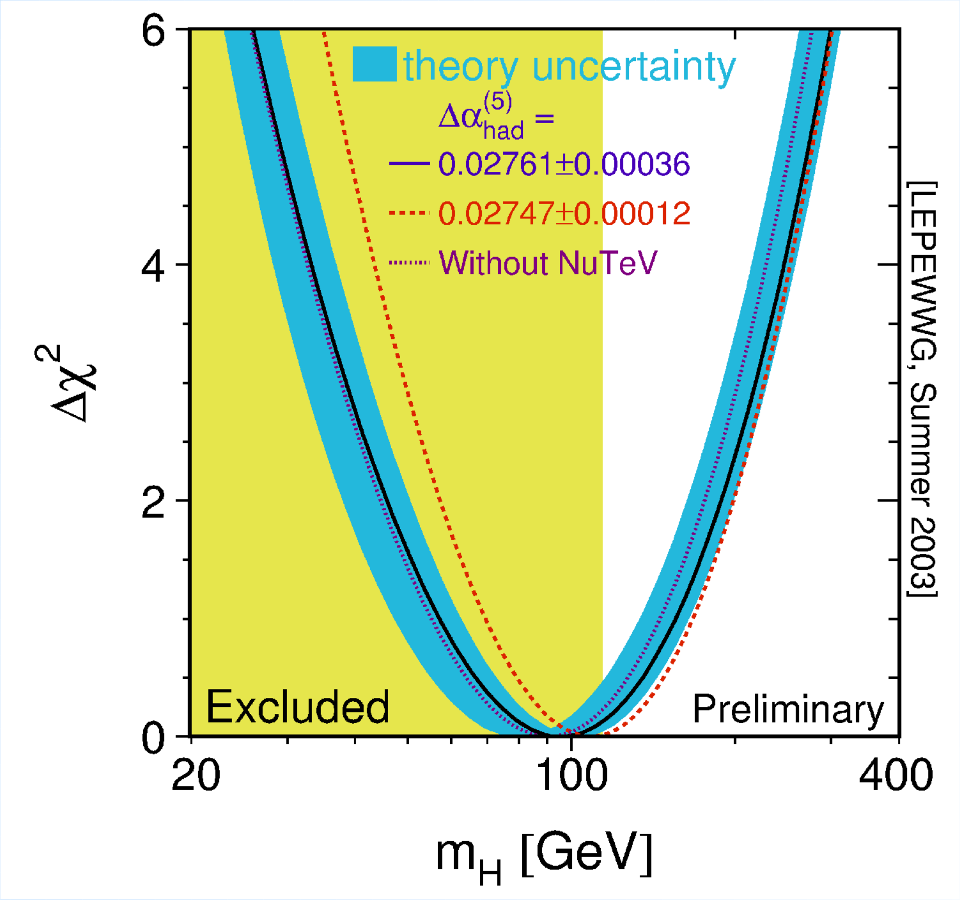
Precision Measurements from LEP, SLC, CDF, D0 and NuTeV



Shifting Blue Bands

Each year the blue band plot seems the same, but there have been shifts!



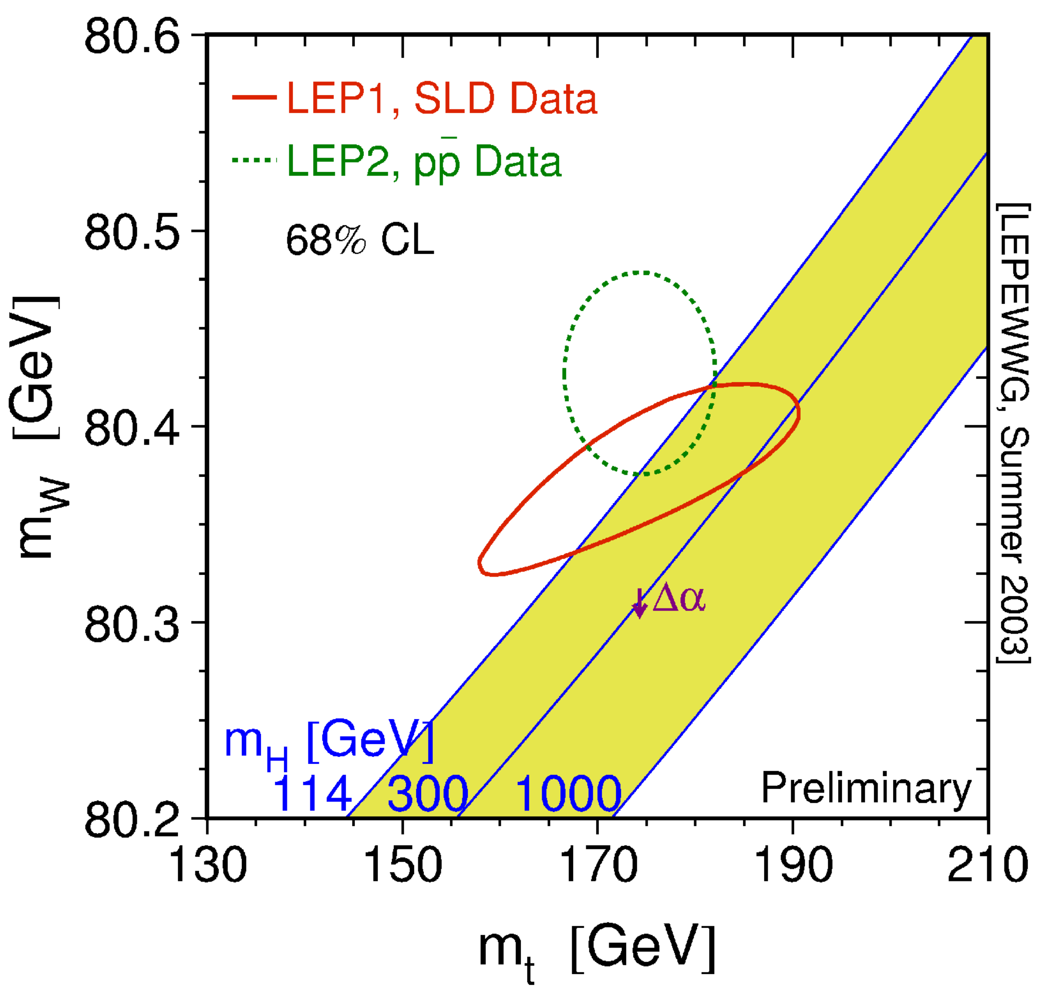


$m_{h,fit}$ = 60 GeV

$m_{h,fit}$ = 96 GeV

Some Parameters are More Equal than Others

Changes to m_W and m_t have a strong effect on the m_H fit.



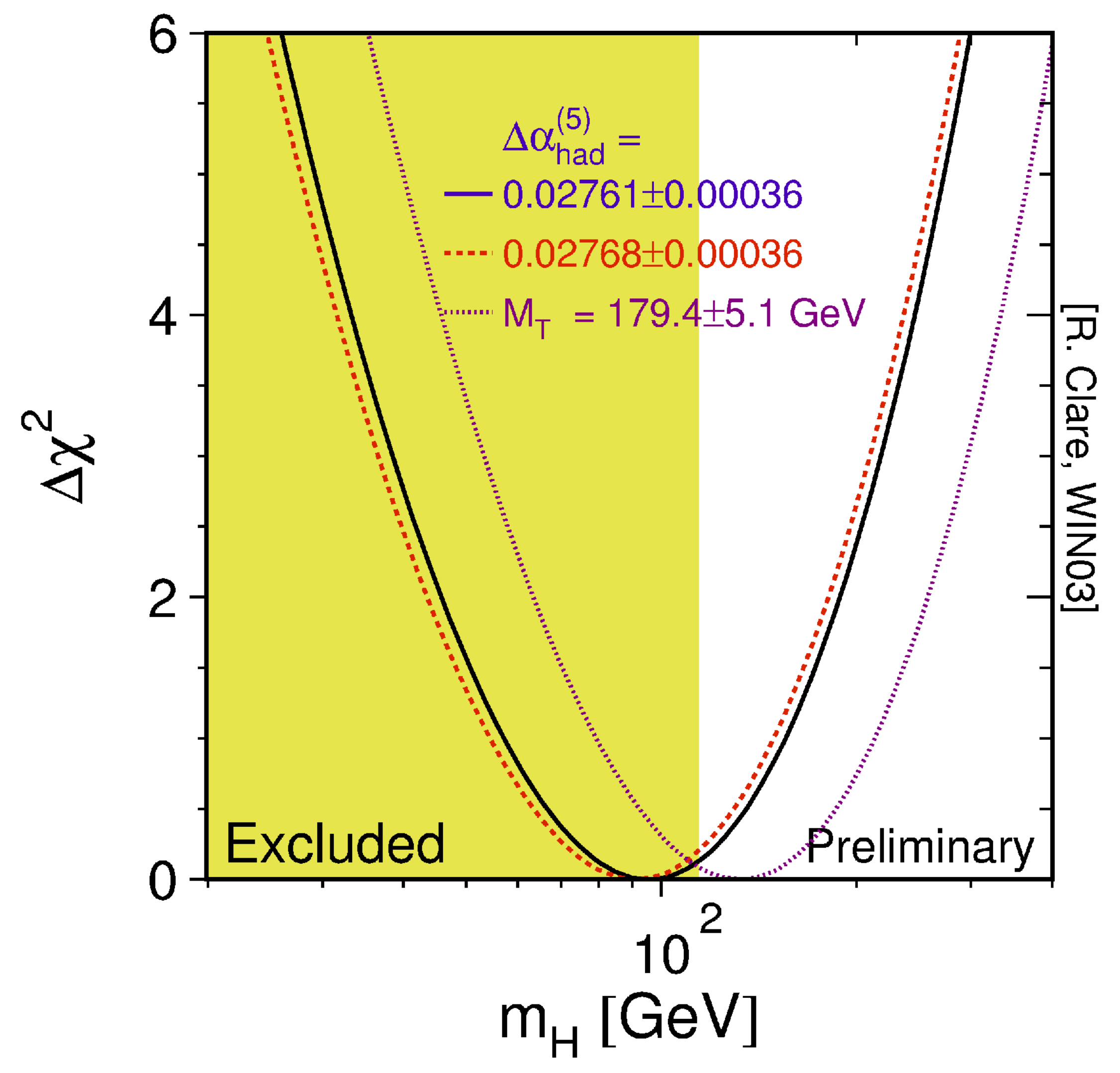
What if m_t moves?

The minimum is broad, and this fact is brought home by considering shifts in crucial parameters.

D. Wood reported that D0's new top mass from Run I data is $m_t = 180.3 \pm 5.1$ GeV.

$m_{h,fit} = 126$ GeV

< 283 GeV

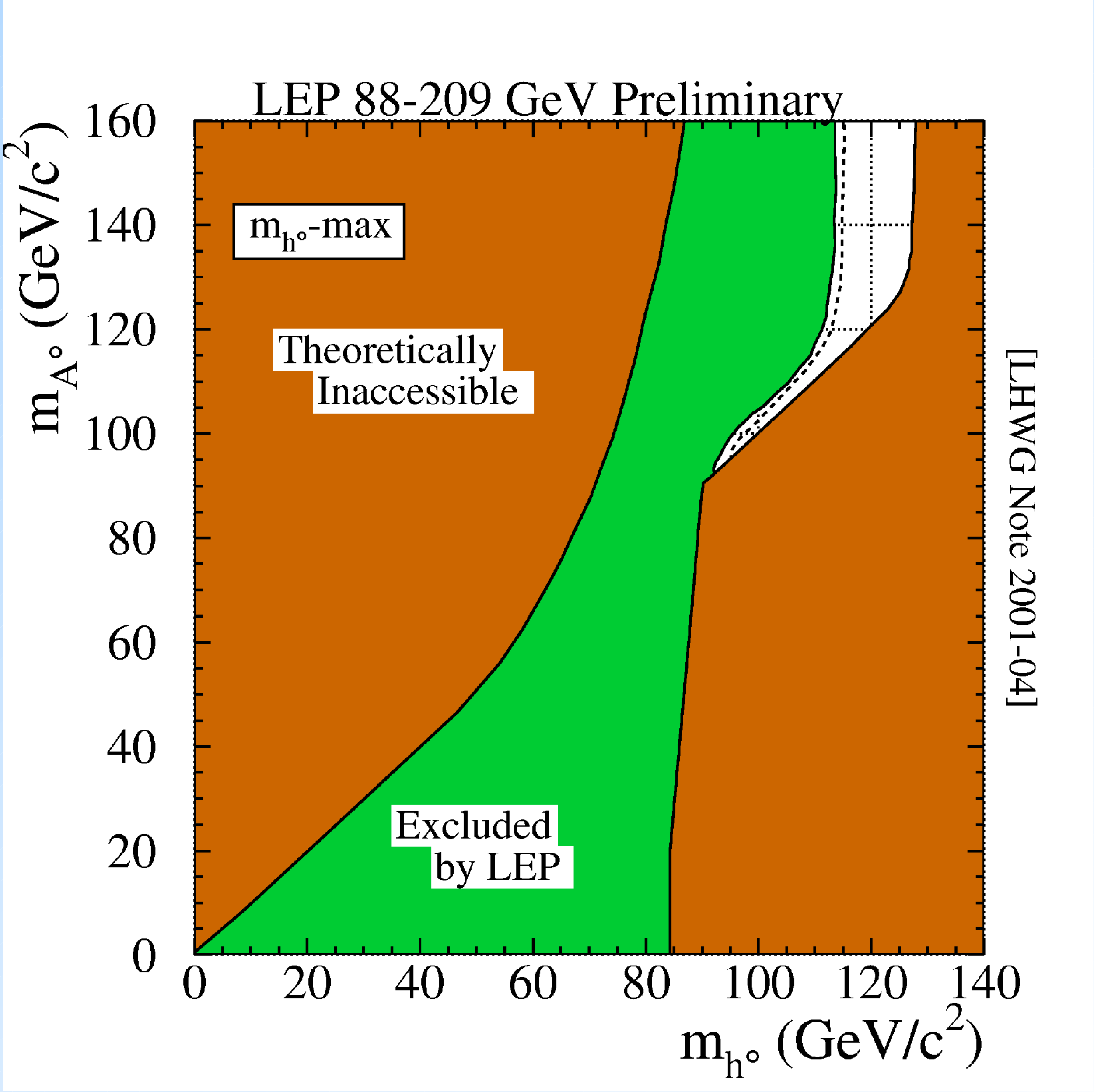


SUSY Higgs Limits

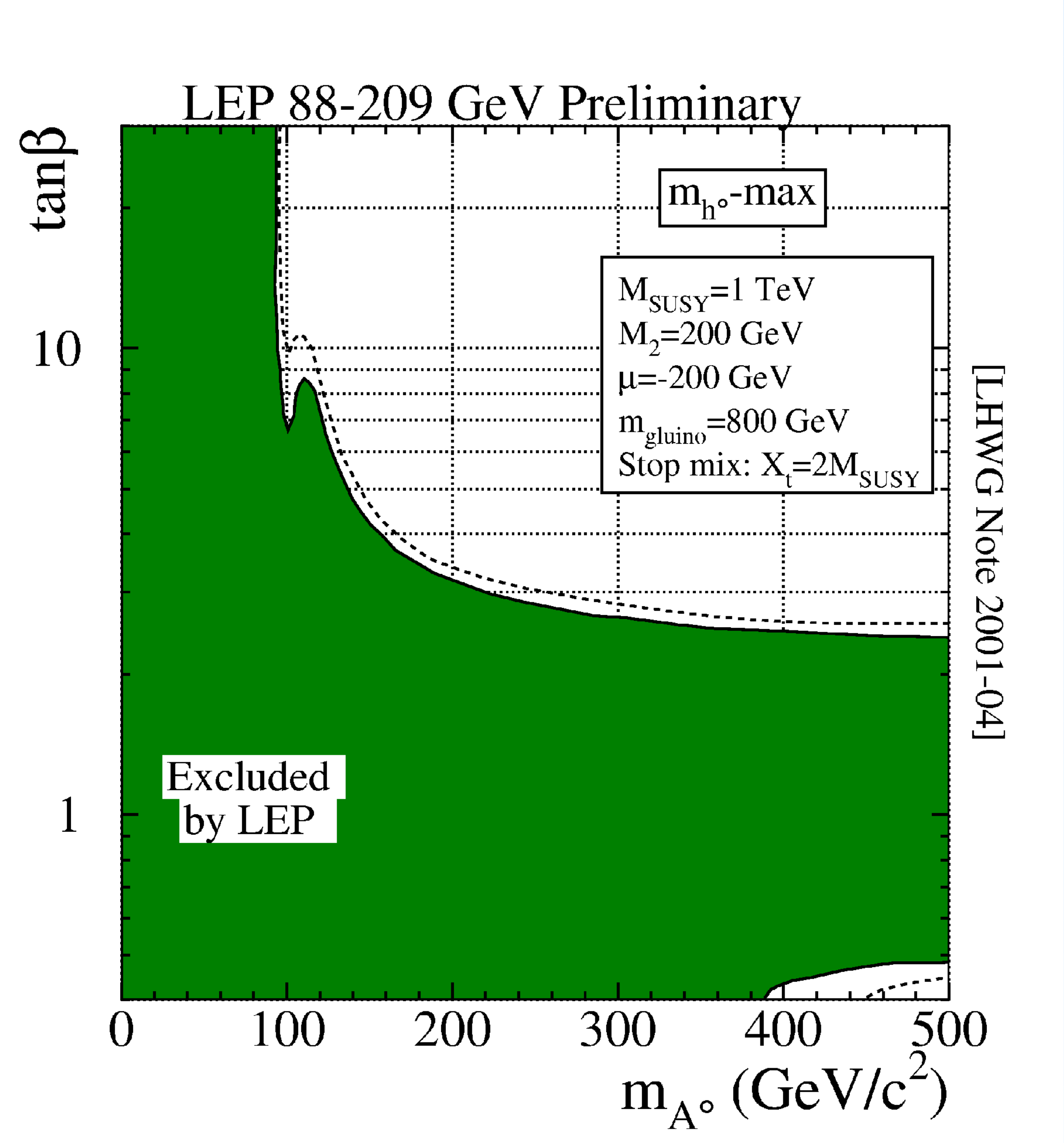
Any limit on SUSY is model dependent.

The most important parameters for the SUSY Higgs sector are m_A, and $\tan\beta$.

In the “m_h-max” scenario:

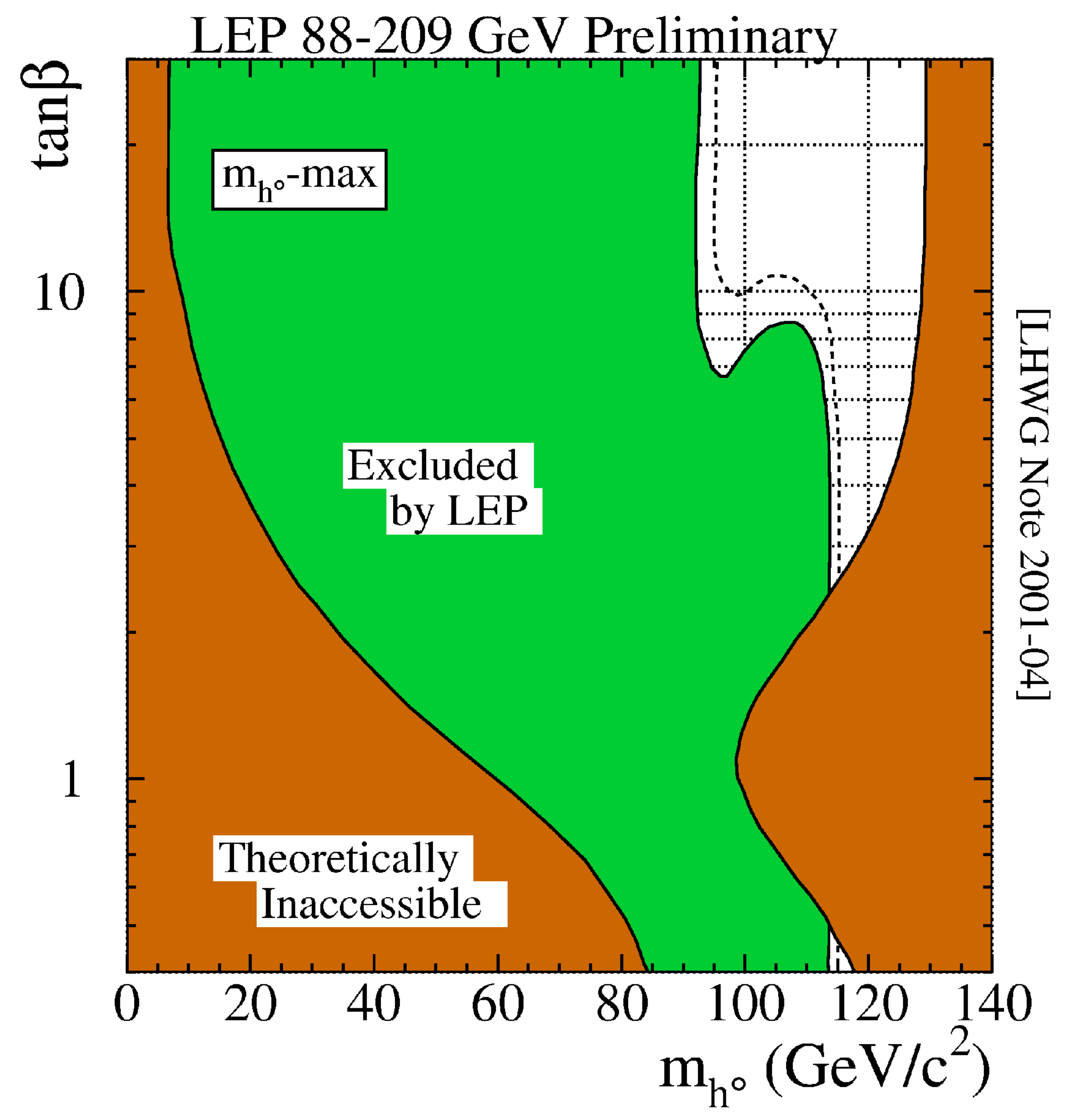


Limits on the Pseudoscalar



SUSY Higgs Limits

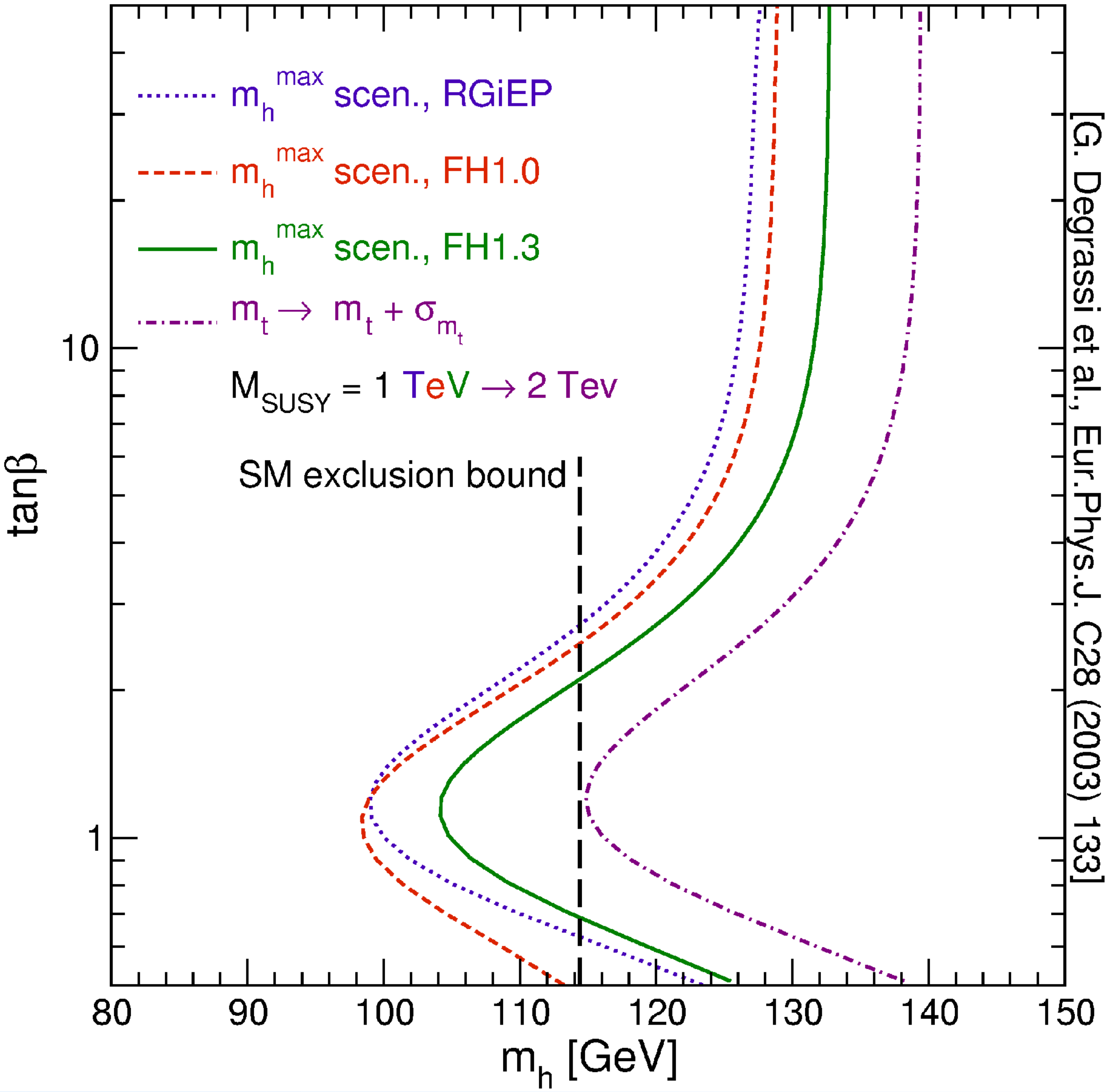
Note the tan β exclusion region.



Higher order corrections weaken the limits!

Two-loop corrections to the SUSY Higgs masses weaken the limit from above.

With a shift in the top mass to 179 GeV, the tan β exclusion would completely disappear!



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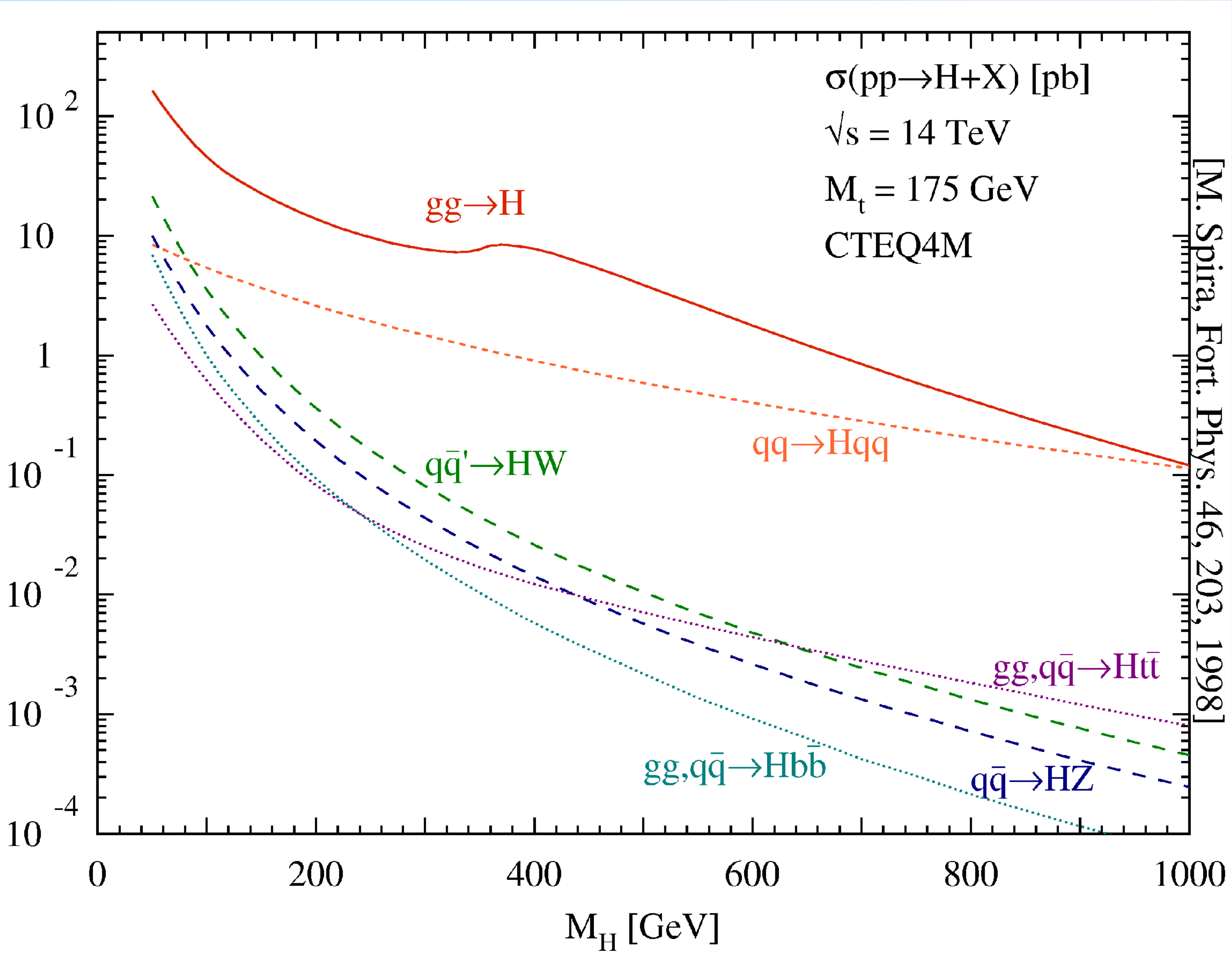
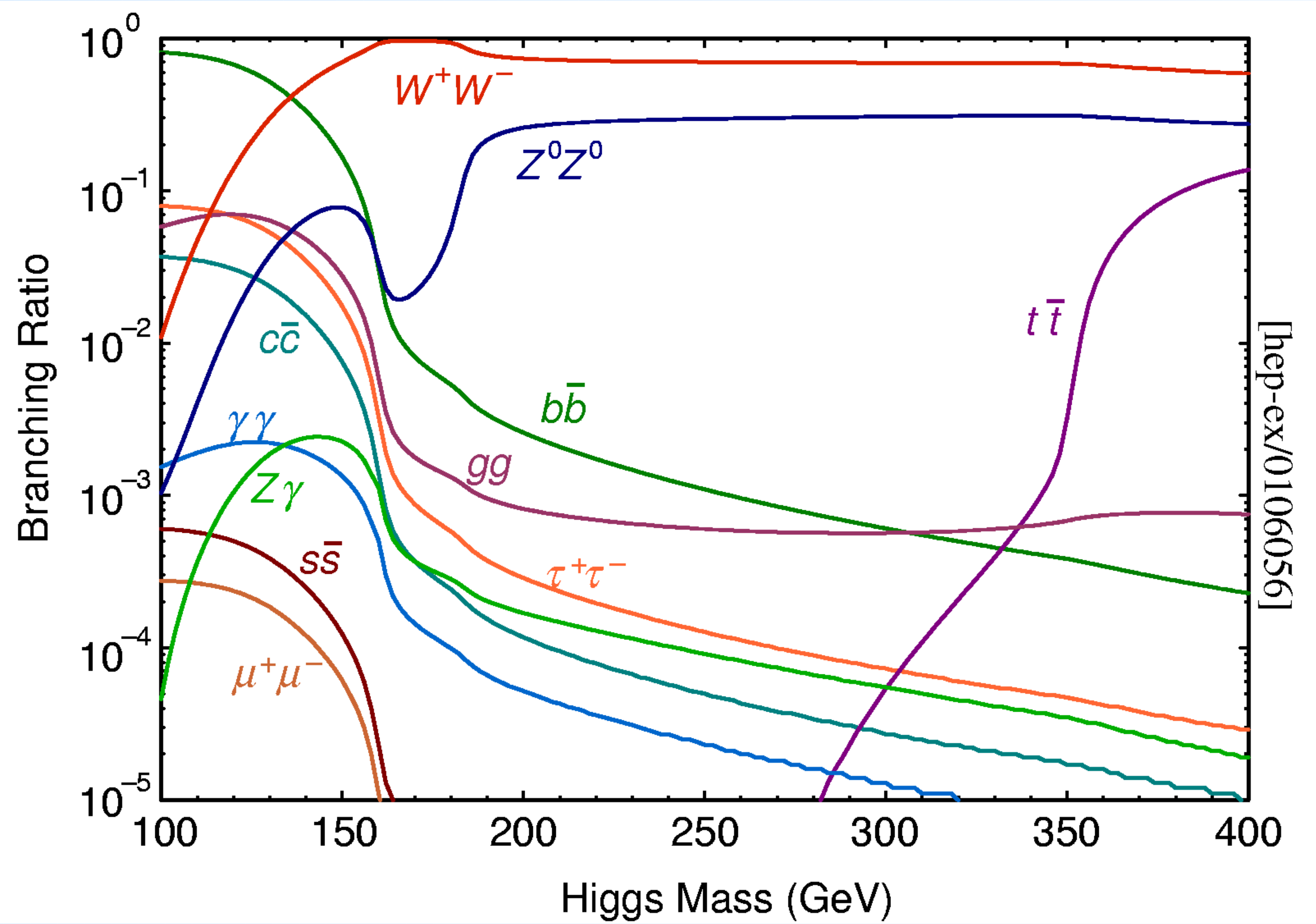
Higgs Production at the LHC

The most important channels are gluon fusion, WBF and $t\bar{t}H$.



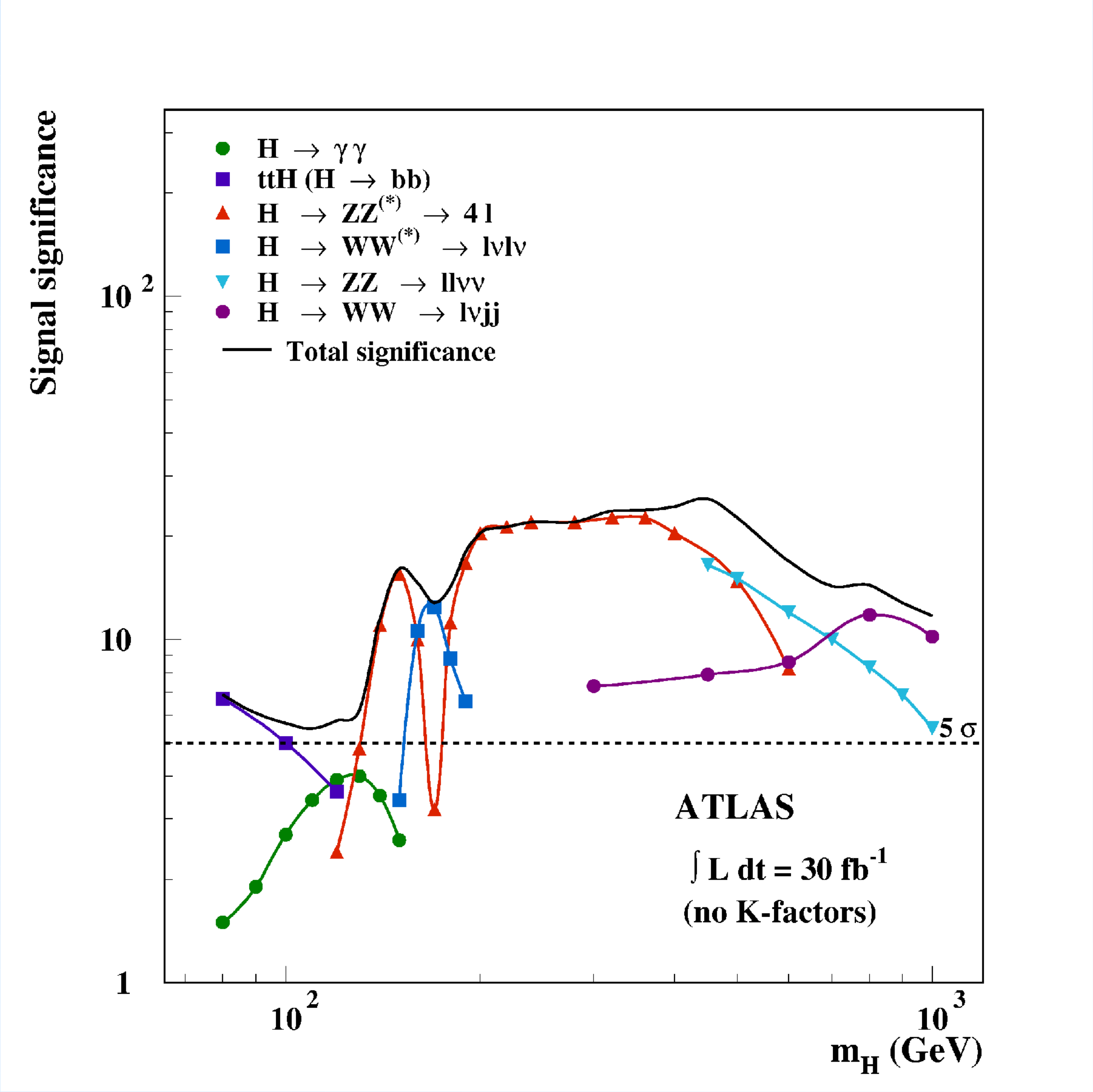
[M. Spira, Fort. Phys. 46, 203, 1998]

Higgs Branching Ratios



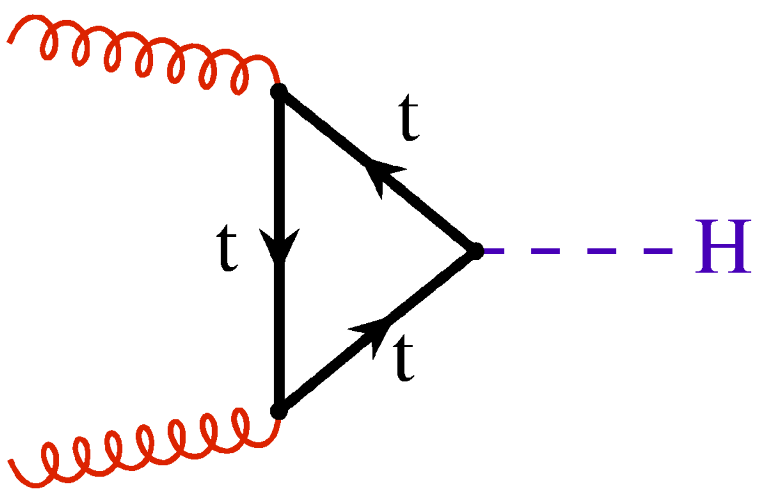
Higgs Discovery requires that you detect the decay products

Inclusive production with decay to $b\bar{b}$ is swamped by QCD production, so we must use rare decays or associated production below the W^+W^- threshold.



Gluon Fusion Dominates Higgs Production

The Higgs boson couples to mass and comes from an electroweak doublet. It seems curious that its production is dominated by gluons, the massless gauge bosons of QCD. The reason: top loops.



The problem for theorists, however, is top loops.

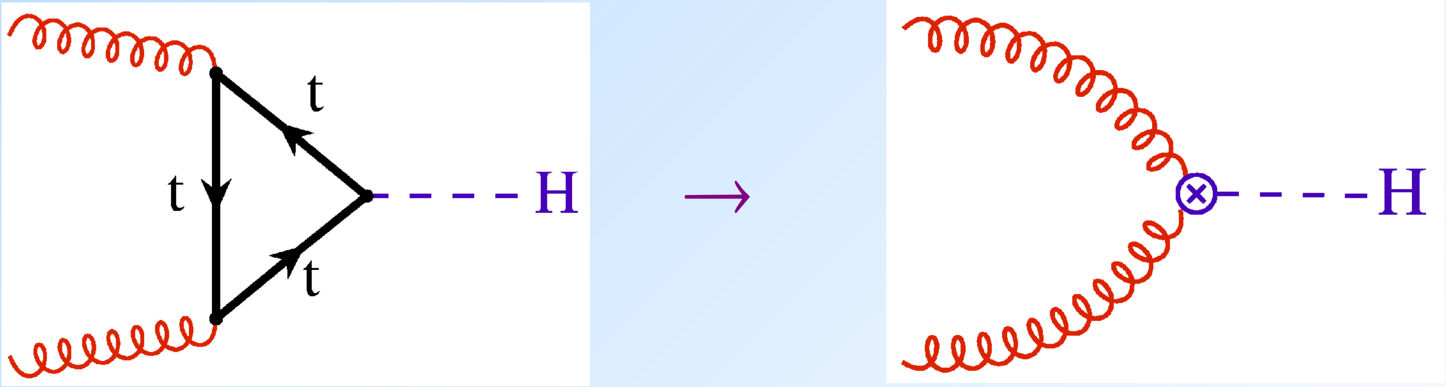
Effective Lagrangian

In the limit that the top quark is very heavy and all other quarks are massless, we can integrate out the top and formulate an effective Lagrangian coupling the Higgs to Gluons.

$$\mathscr{L} = C_1 \, H \, G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$$

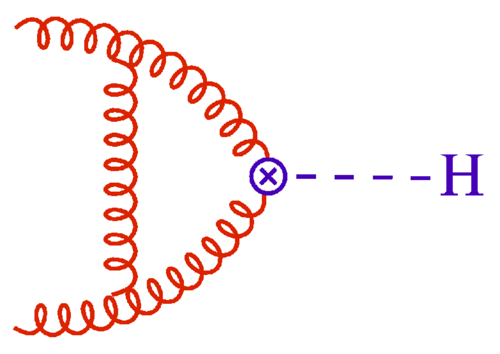
C_1 has been computed to order α_s^4 ! Chetyrkin, Kniehl, Steinhauser

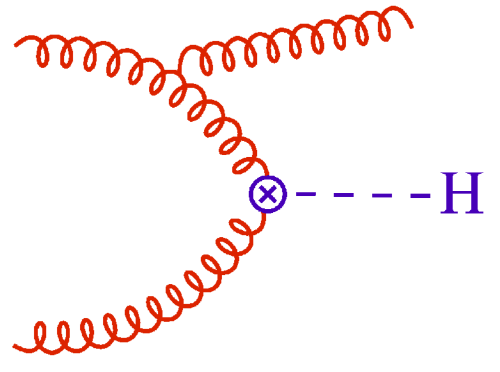
Using the effective Lagrangian greatly simplifies the calculation of radiative corrections.



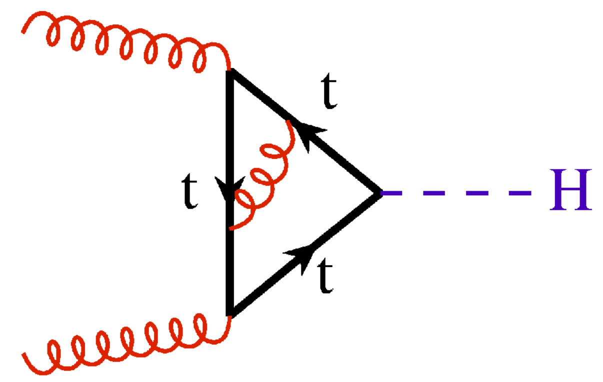
Higher Order Corrections

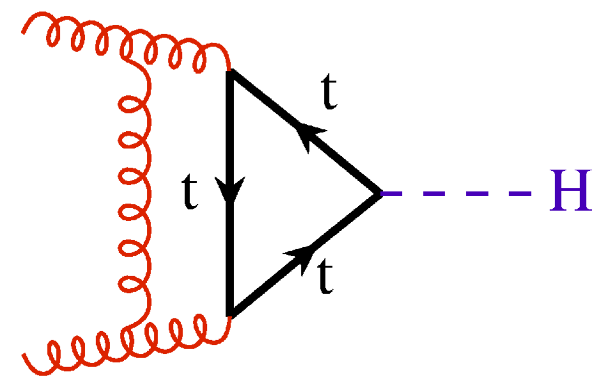
NLO Corrections have been computed in both the effective Lagrangian Dawson; Djouadi, Spira, Graudenz, Zerwas



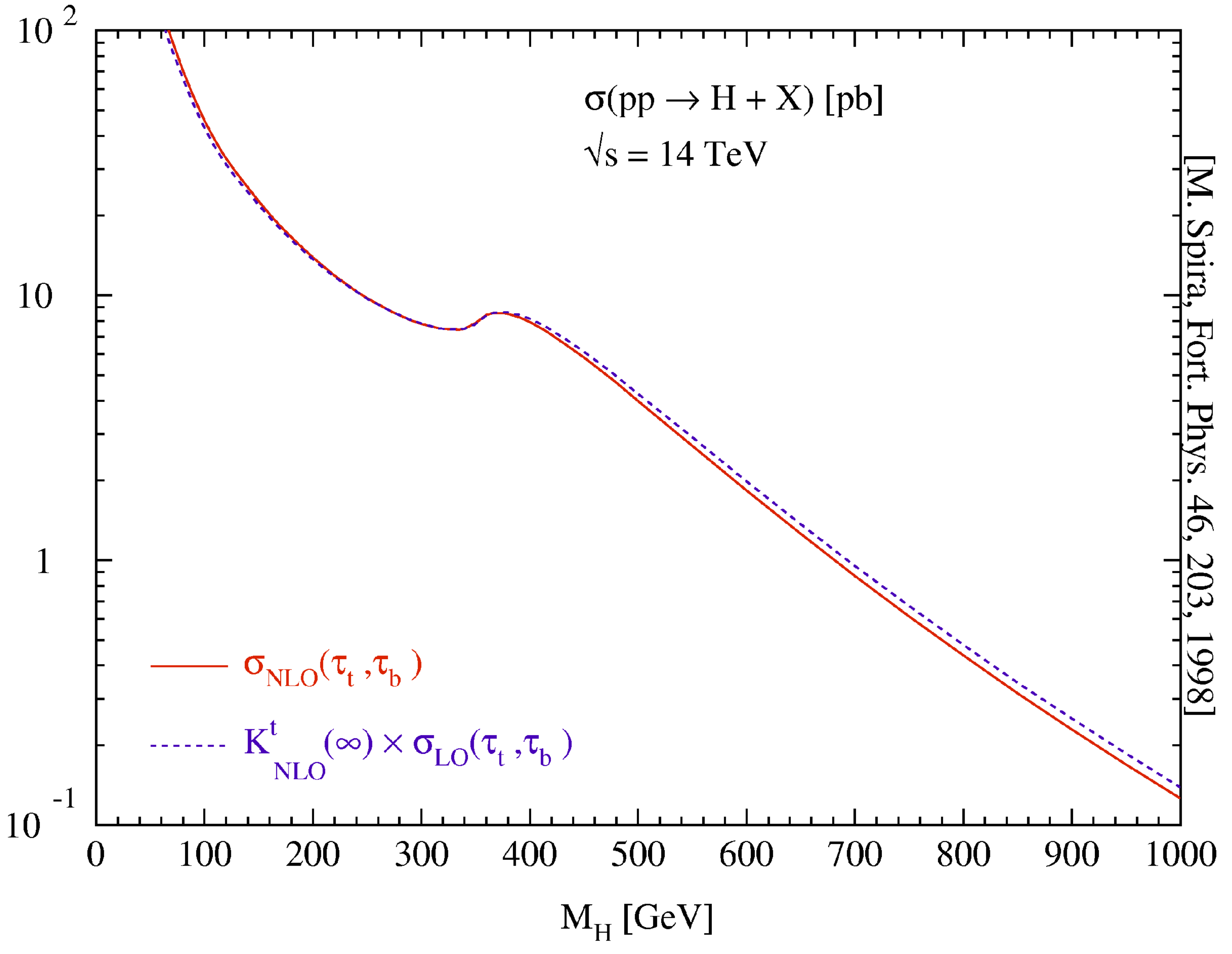


and in the full theory. Djouadi, Spira, Graudenz, Zerwas





They agree extremely well



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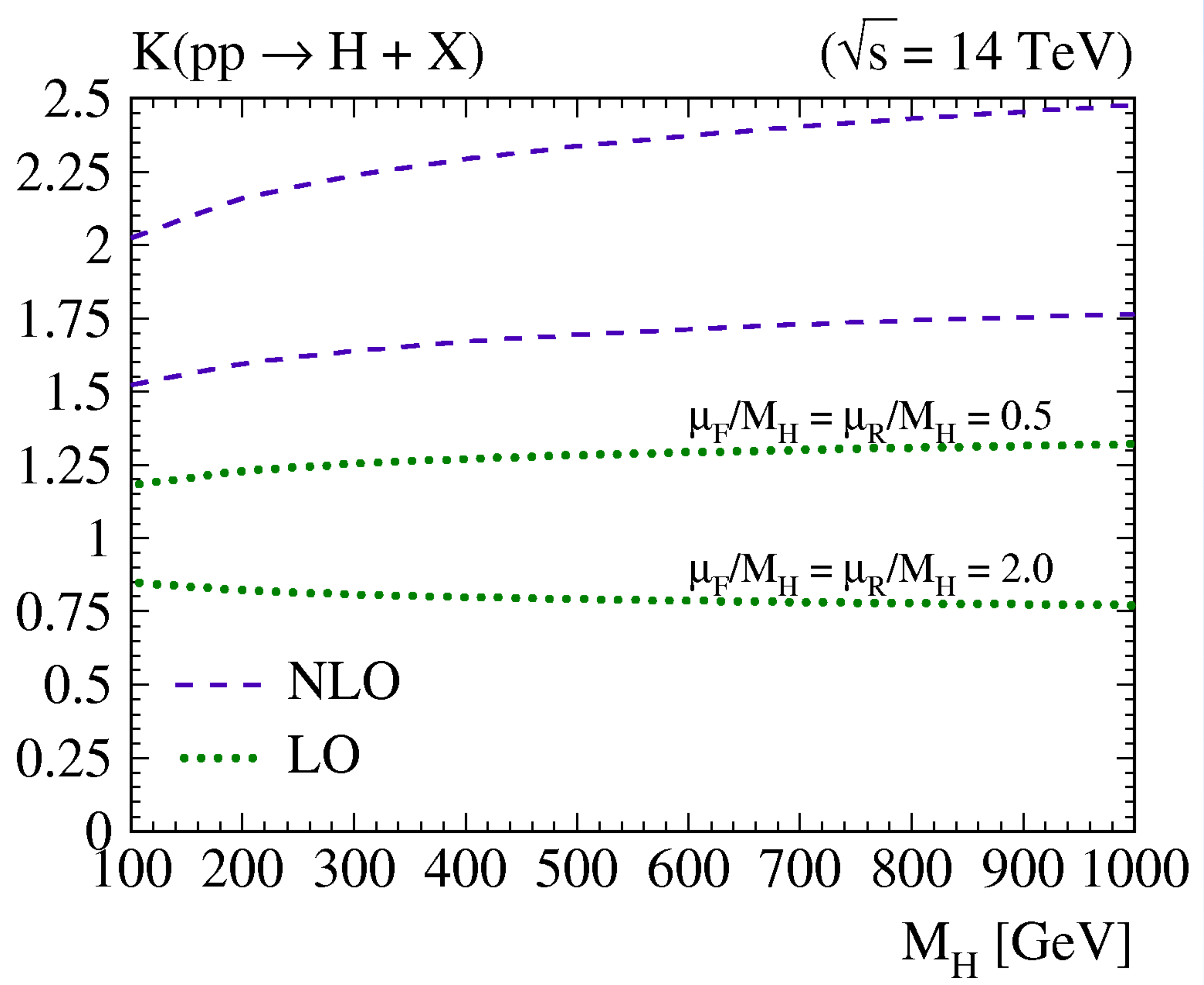
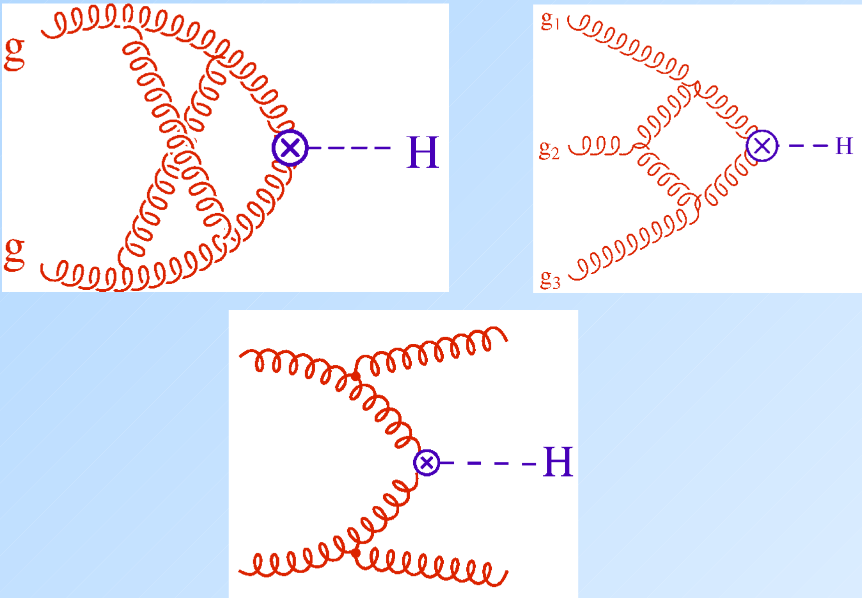
So why do we want NNLO?



Higgs Production at NNLO

In recent years, the Higgs production cross section has been computed to NNLO in the effective theory by three groups using very different methods.



Harlander, WK;
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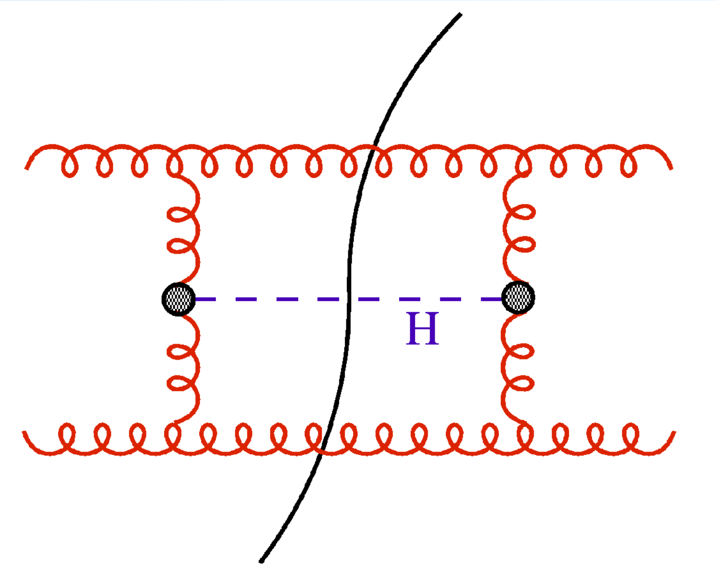

Anastasiou & Melnikov

All groups agree exactly

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\begin{aligned}
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& - (144x - 72x^2 + 72x^3)\ln^3(1-x) - (297 - 381x + 348x^2 - 330x^3)\ln^2(1-x) - \frac{9}{2}\,\frac{(31 - 30x + 93x^2 - 94x^3 + 31x^4)}{1-x}\ln^2(1-x)\ln(x) \\
& + \left[\frac{(2027 - 2735x + 2182x^2 - 2583x^3)}{4} + (180x - 90x^2 + 90x^3)\zeta_2\right]\ln(1-x) + 3\,\frac{(88 - 211x + 312x^2 - 365x^3 + 187x^4)}{1-x}\ln(1-x)\ln(x) \\
& + 9\,\frac{(7 + 3x + 19x^2 - 3x^3 - 19x^4 + 9x^5)}{1-x^2}\ln(1-x)\ln^2(x) + 36\,\frac{(1 - 6x - 13x^2 - 6x^3 + x^4)}{1+x}\ln(1-x)\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x) \\
& - 18\,\frac{(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 2x^3 + x^4)}{1+x}\ln(1-x)\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x^2) - \frac{9}{2}\,\frac{(24 - 38x + 8x^2 + 54x^3 - 19x^4 + 9x^5)}{1-x^2}\mathrm{Li}_3(1-x) \\
& - \frac{9}{2}\,\frac{(27 + 35x + 75x^2 - 29x^3 - 78x^4 + 6x^5)}{1-x^2}\mathrm{Li}_3\left(-\frac{(1-x)}{x}\right) + \frac{9}{8}\,\frac{(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 24x^3 + 16x^4)}{1+x}\mathrm{Li}_3(1-x^2) \\
& - \frac{9}{8}\,\frac{(1 + 2x + 3x^2 - 8x^3 - 8x^4)}{1+x}\mathrm{Li}_3\left(-\frac{(1-x^2)}{x^2}\right) - \frac{9}{2}\,\frac{(7 + 14x + 21x^2 + 8x^3 + 4x^4)}{1+x}\left[\mathrm{Li}_3\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) - \mathrm{Li}_3\left(-\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)\right] \\
& - \frac{3}{4}\,\frac{(317 - 398x - 87x^2 + 300x^3 - 121x^4)}{1-x}\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x) + \frac{9}{2}\,\frac{(11 + 31x + 59x^2 - 25x^3 - 65x^4 + 11x^5)}{1-x^2}\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x)\ln(x) \\
& + \frac{(42 + 36x - 63x^2 - 33x^3)}{4}\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x^2) + \frac{9}{4}\,\frac{(5 + 10x + 15x^2 - 2x^4)}{1+x}\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x^2)\ln(x) + \frac{3}{4}\,\frac{(21 + 23x + 41x^2 - 37x^3 - 44x^4 + 4x^5)}{1-x^2}\ln^3(x) \\
& - \frac{3}{8}\,\frac{(154 - 365x + 675x^2 - 827x^3 + 374x^4)}{1-x}\ln^2(x) - \frac{1}{8}\,\frac{(2213 - 5599x + 6603x^2 - 7003x^3 + 4342x^4)}{1-x}\ln(x) \\
& + 9\,\frac{(9 - 2x + 27x^2 - 34x^3 + 9x^4)}{1-x}\zeta_2\ln(x) - \frac{(16309 - 20611x + 23819x^2 - 22749x^3)}{48} + \frac{3}{4}(319 - 277x + 233x^2 - 363x^3)\zeta_2 - \frac{351}{2}\,(2x - x^2 + x^3)\zeta_3 \\
& + n_f\left\{\left[-\frac{689}{72} + l_{Ht} - \frac{5}{3}\,\zeta_2 + \frac{5}{6}\,\zeta_3\right]\delta(1-x) + \left[\frac{14}{9} - 2\,\zeta_2\right]\mathscr{D}_0(x) - \frac{10}{3}\,\mathscr{D}_1(x) + 2\,\mathscr{D}_2(x) - \frac{2}{9}(8 - 12x + 3x^2 - 17x^3)\,\zeta_2\right. \\
& + \frac{2}{9}(8 - 12x + 3x^2 - 17x^3)\ln^2(1-x) + \frac{8}{3}(x + x^2)\ln^2(1-x)\ln(x) - \frac{(922 - 294x + 249x^2 - 1570x^3)}{108}\ln(1-x) \\
& - \frac{2}{9}\,\frac{(17 + 7x + 21x^2 - 61x^3 + 25x^4)}{1-x}\ln(1-x)\ln(x) - \frac{8}{3}(x + x^2)\ln^2(x)\ln(1-x) + \frac{16}{3}(x + x^2)\ln(1-x)\,\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x) \\
& - \frac{(2 + 14x + 17x^2)}{6}\mathrm{Li}_3(1-x) - \frac{(2 - 34x - 31x^2)}{12}\mathrm{Li}_3\left(-\frac{(1-x)}{x}\right). + \frac{1}{36}\,\frac{(68 - 302x + 21x^2 + 227x^3 + 4x^4)}{1-x}\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x) \\
& + \frac{(2 - 50x - 47x^2)}{12}\mathrm{Li}_2(1-x)\ln(x) + \frac{(2 + 6x + 9x^2)}{72}\ln^3(x) + \frac{1}{72}\,\frac{(68 + 100x + 69x^2 - 351x^3 + 132x^4)}{1-x}\ln^2(x) \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{216}\,\frac{(1282 - 382x + 117x^2 - 3041x^3 + 2384x^4)}{1-x}\ln(x) - \frac{8}{3}(x + x^2)\zeta_2\ln(x) + \frac{(12707 - 606x + 1641x^2 - 17774x^3)}{1296}\right\}
\end{aligned}
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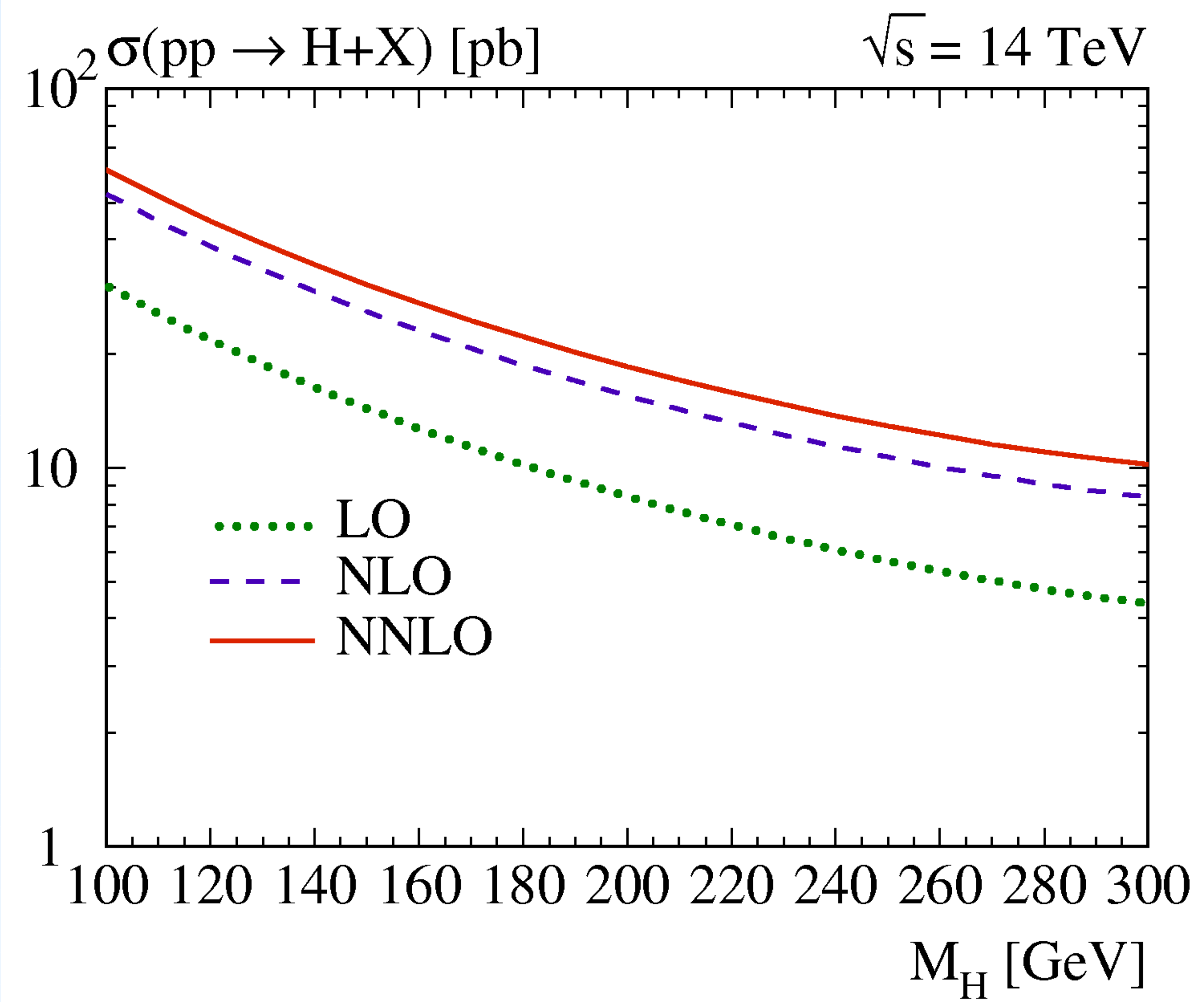
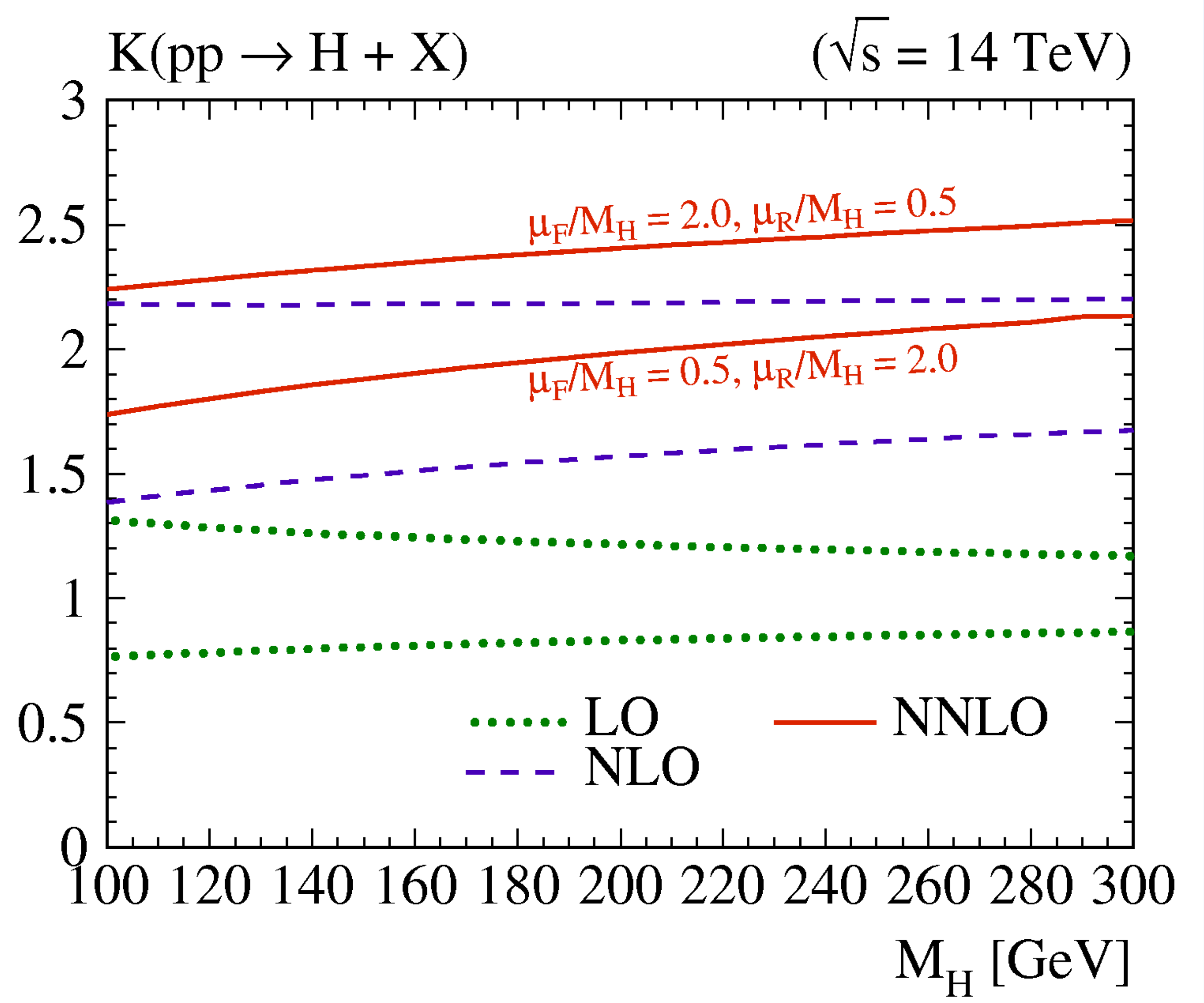
Higgs Cross Section at NNLO

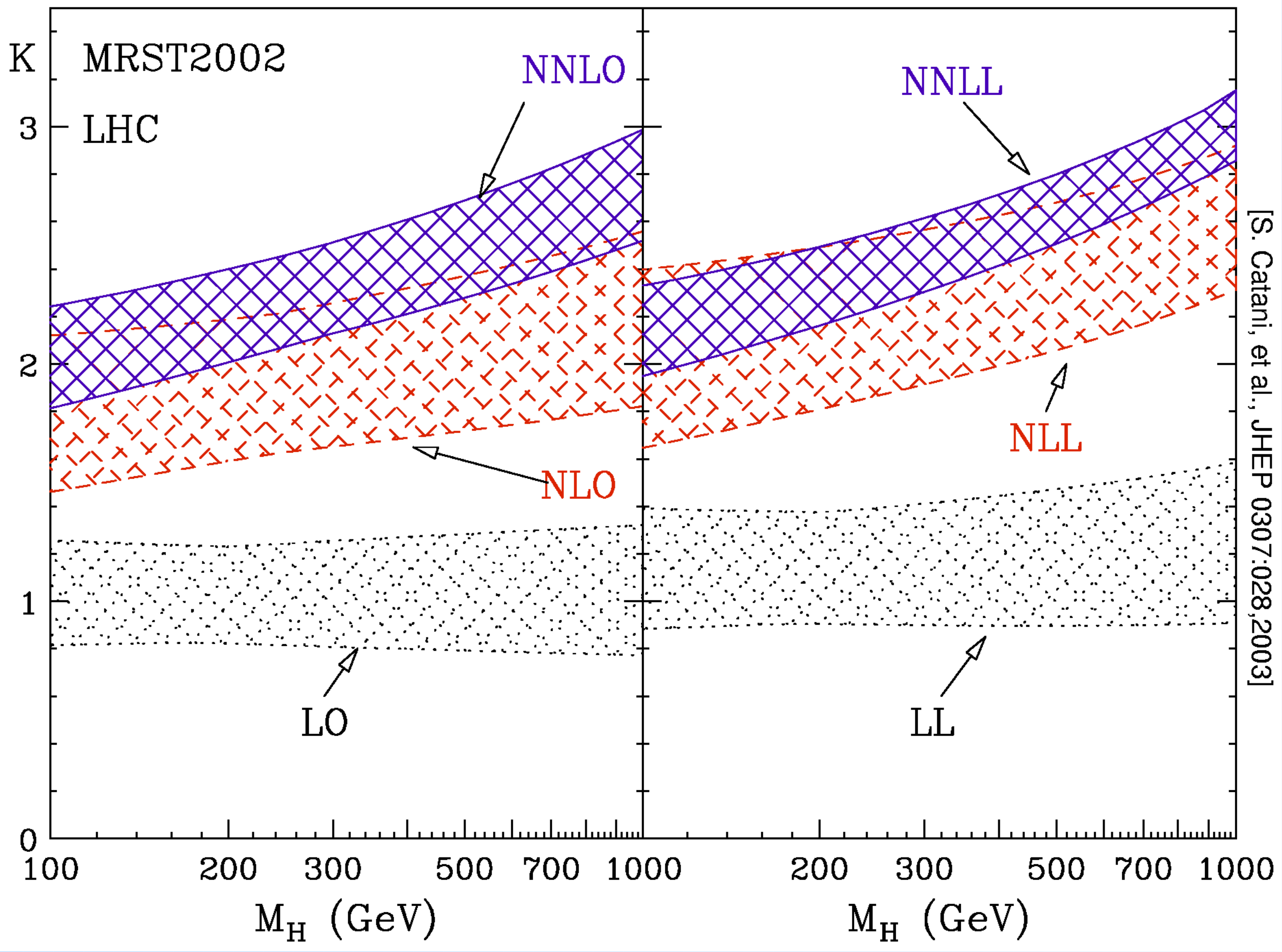


Scale Dependence is still large



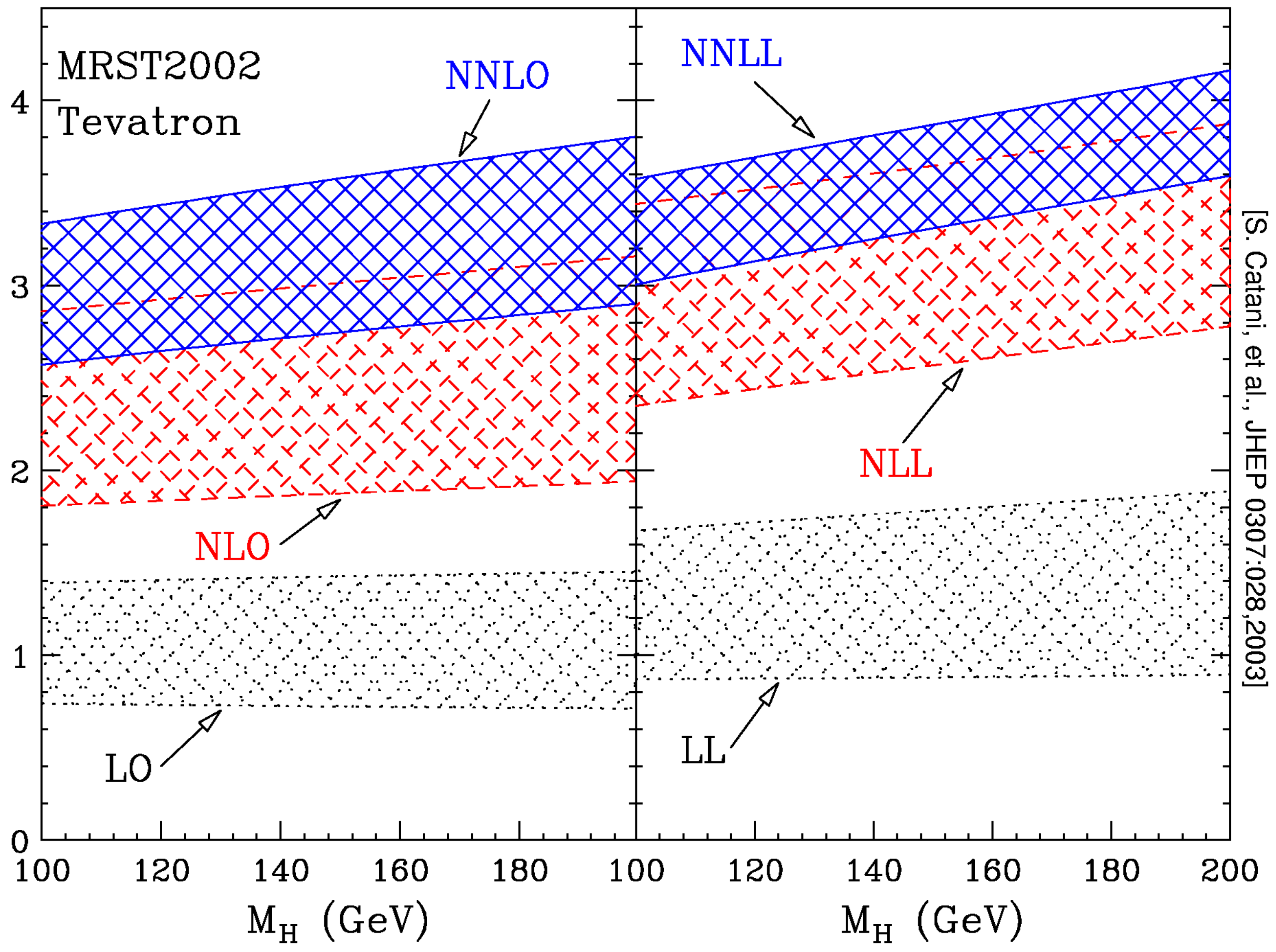
Threshold resummation at the LHC

Catani, de Florian, Grazzini, Nason



[S. Catani, et al., JHEP 0307:028,2003]

Threshold Resummation at the Tevatron



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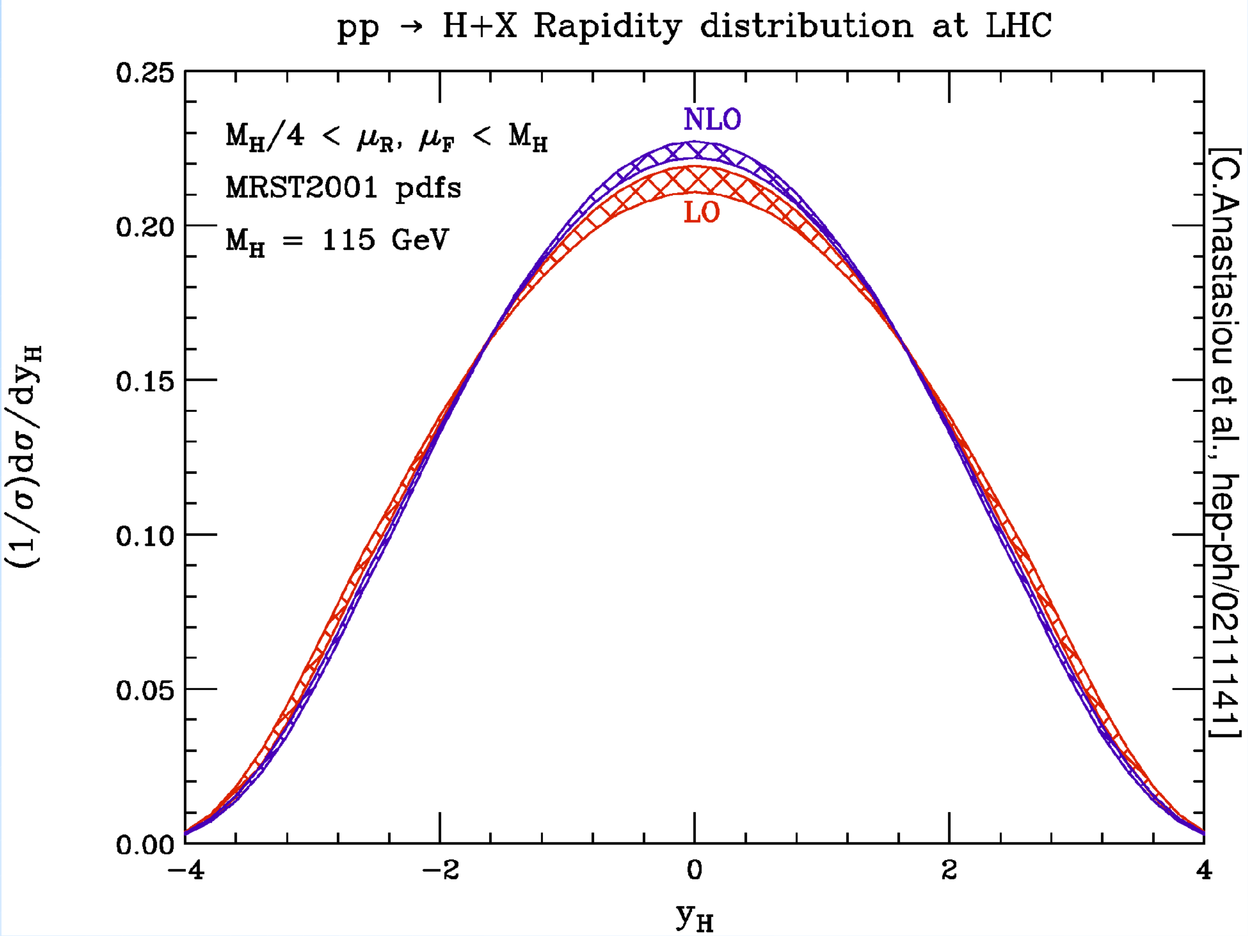
Higgs Distributions at NNLO

Using the cutting method, NNLO distributions can be computed.
Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello

NNLO distributions for Drell-Yan exist, only NLO for Higgs so far.



Higgs at Finite Q_T

Signal identification as well as the signal to background ratio can be improved by looking at Higgs production at finite Q_T. In the effective theory, this has been computed to NLO.

de Florian, Grazzini, Kunszt; Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven; Glosser, Schmidt

The background process $\gamma\gamma$ + jet has also been computed to NLO

Del Duca, Maltoni, Nagy, Trócsányi

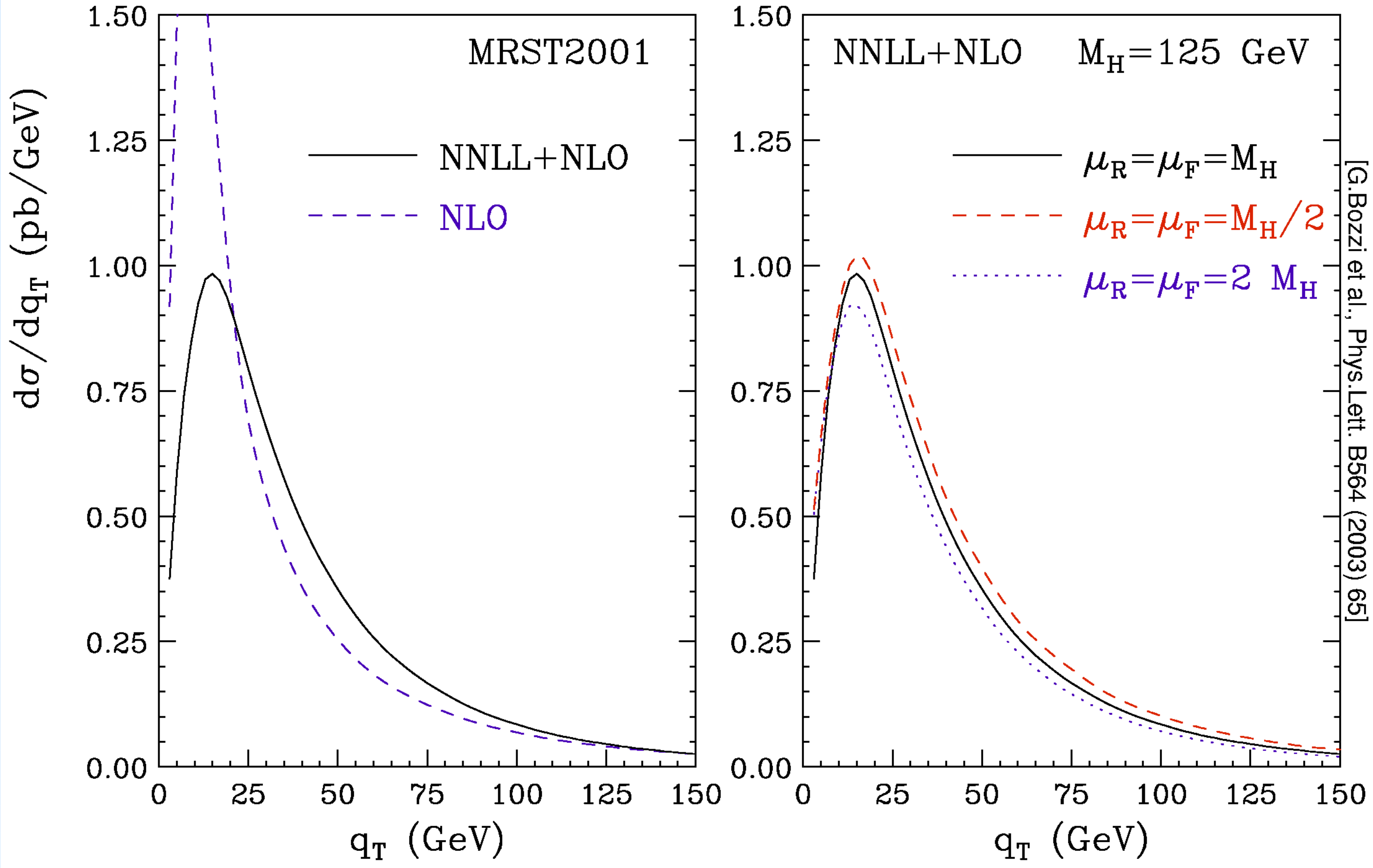
The Higgs Q_T can be resummed alone

Balázs, Yuan; Berger, Qiu; Bozzi, Catani, de Florian, Grazzini

or in conjunction with threshold resummation

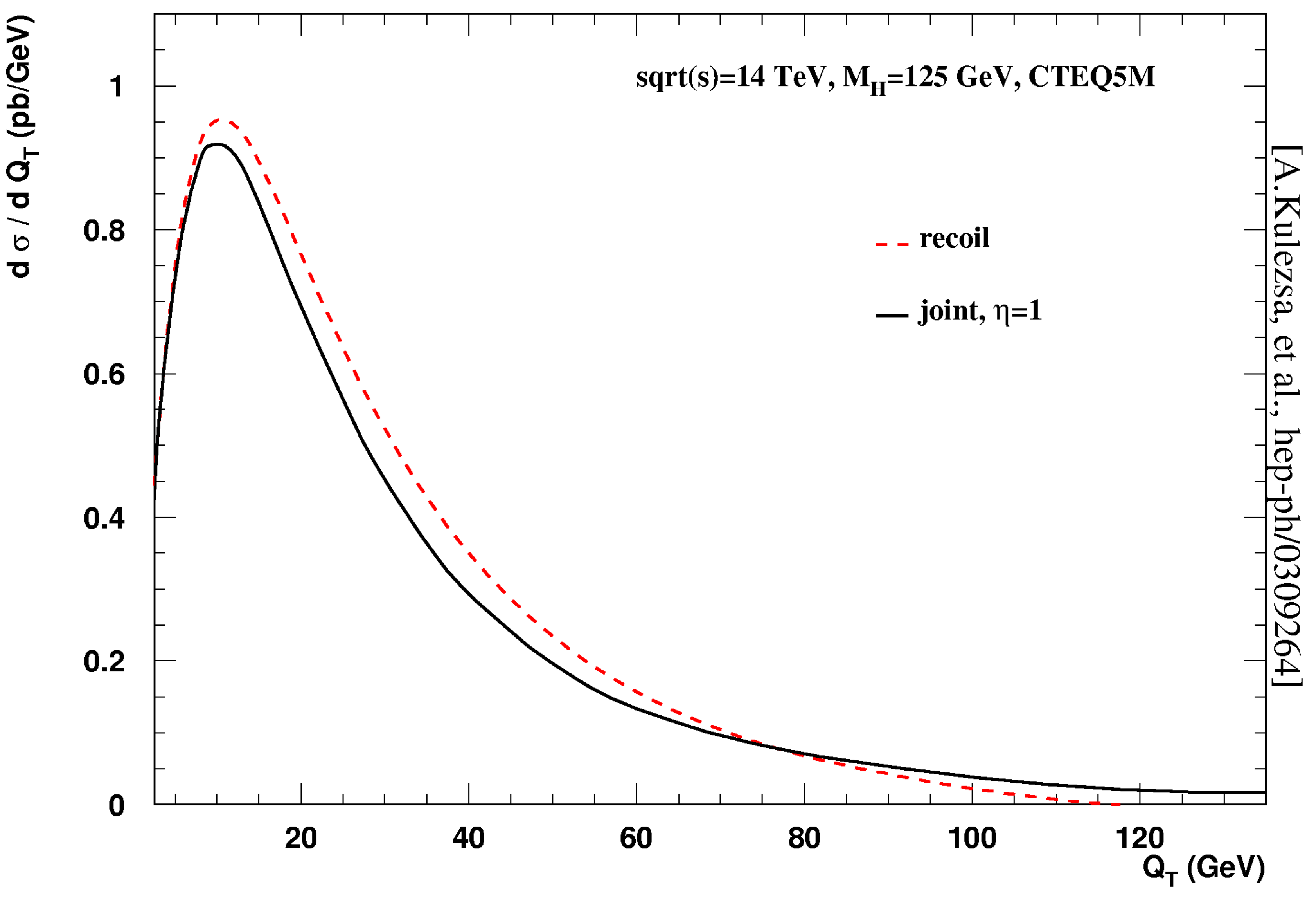
Kulesza, Sterman, Vogelsang

Q_T Resummation



[G.Bozzi et al., Phys.Lett. B564 (2003) 65]

Joint Threshold and Q_T Resummation



[A.Kulezsa, et al., hep-ph/0309264]

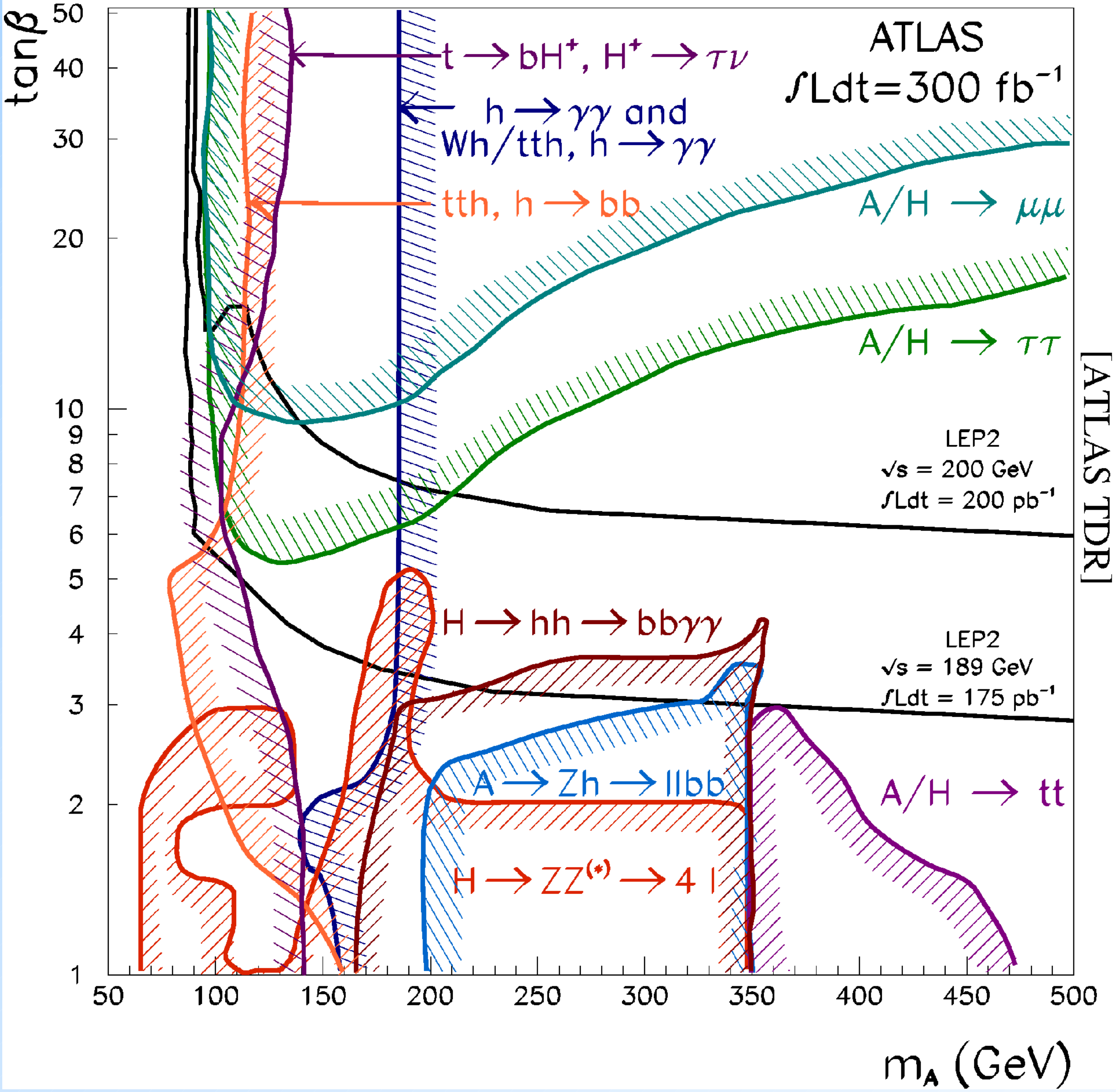
Supersymmetric Higgs Boson Production

In the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) there are two Higgs doublets, with vacuum expectation values v_u, v_d. After symmetry breaking, there are 5 physical Higgs Scalars:

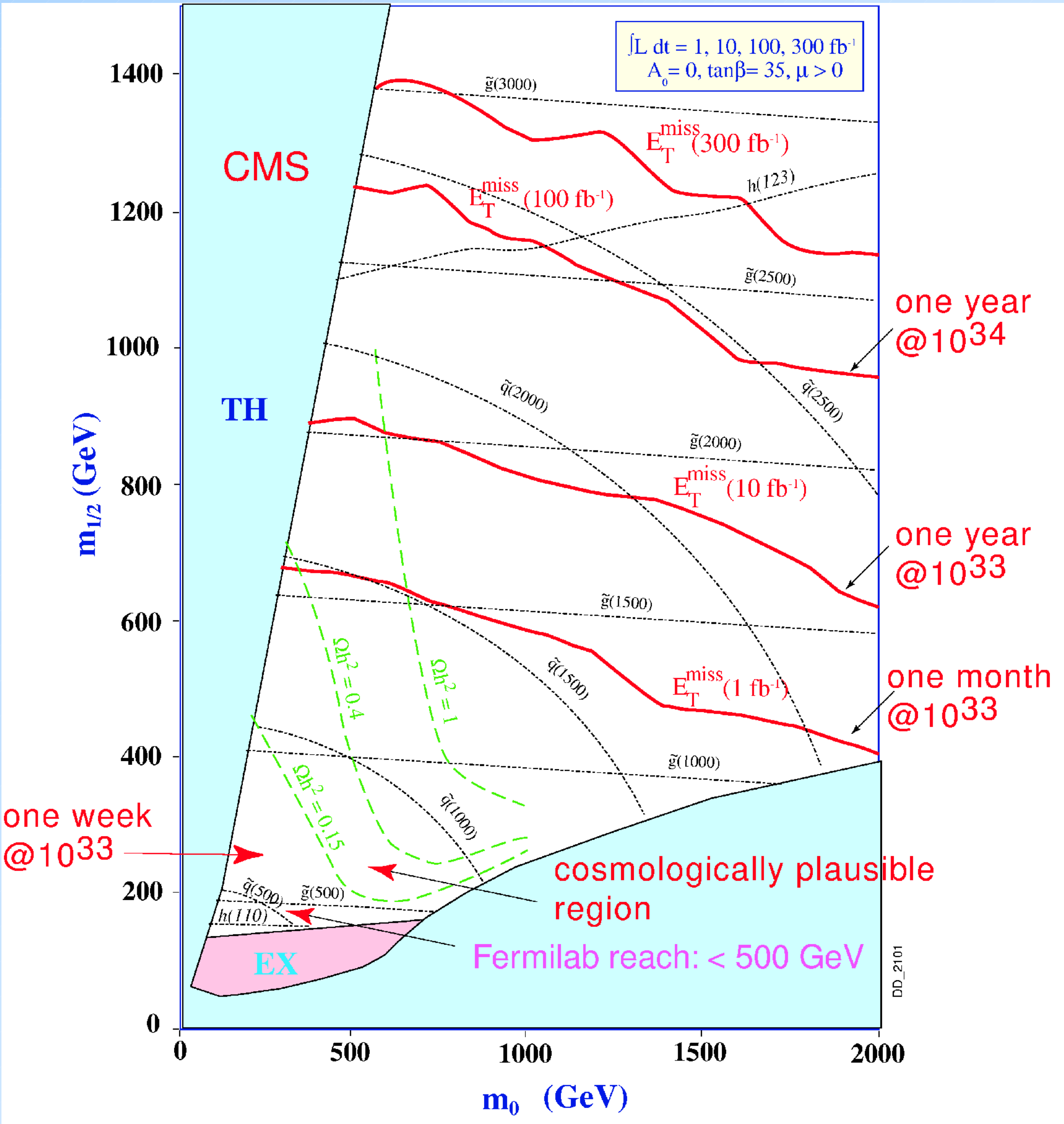
$$h^0,\ H^0,\ A^0,\ H^\pm$$

In the "decoupling" limit, the light neutral scalar, h^0, has properties almost identical to the Standard Model Higgs. The heavy scalar, H^0, and the pseudoscalar, A^0, have very different interactions.

Finding SUSY Higgs 'at LHC



We will likely see super-partners first



one year @10^{34}

one year @10^{33}

one month @10^{33}

one week @10^{33}

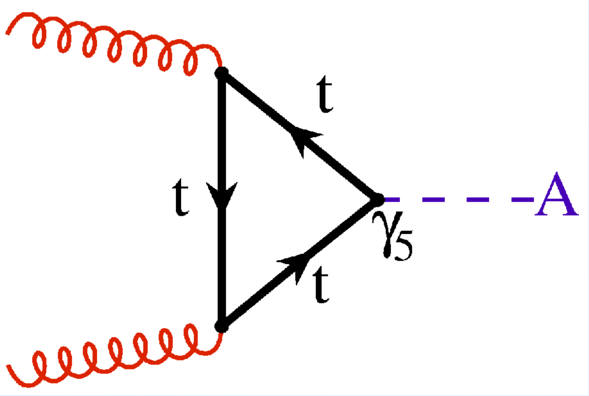
cosmologically plausible region

Fermilab reach: < 500 GeV

Pseudoscalar Production

Gluon fusion is also very important to pseudoscalar production and can also be described by an effective Lagrangian in which the top quark is integrated out. This effective Lagrangian coupling the pseudoscalar to gluons is:

$$\mathscr{L} = C_1 A\, \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} G^{a\,\alpha\beta}\, G^{a\,\mu\nu} + \ldots$$



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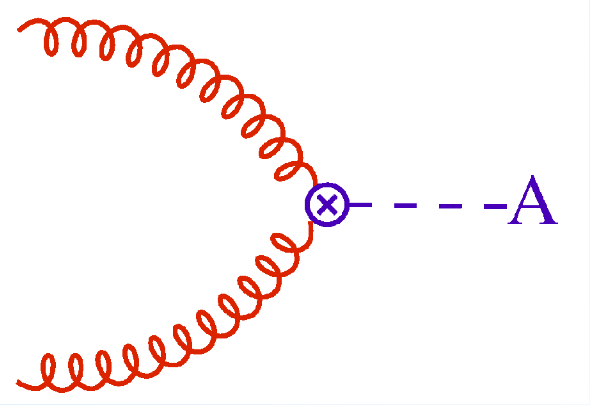


SUSY Higgs Production

SUSY Higgs production has also been computed using massive fermions to NLO.

Spira, Djouadi, Graudenz, Zerwas

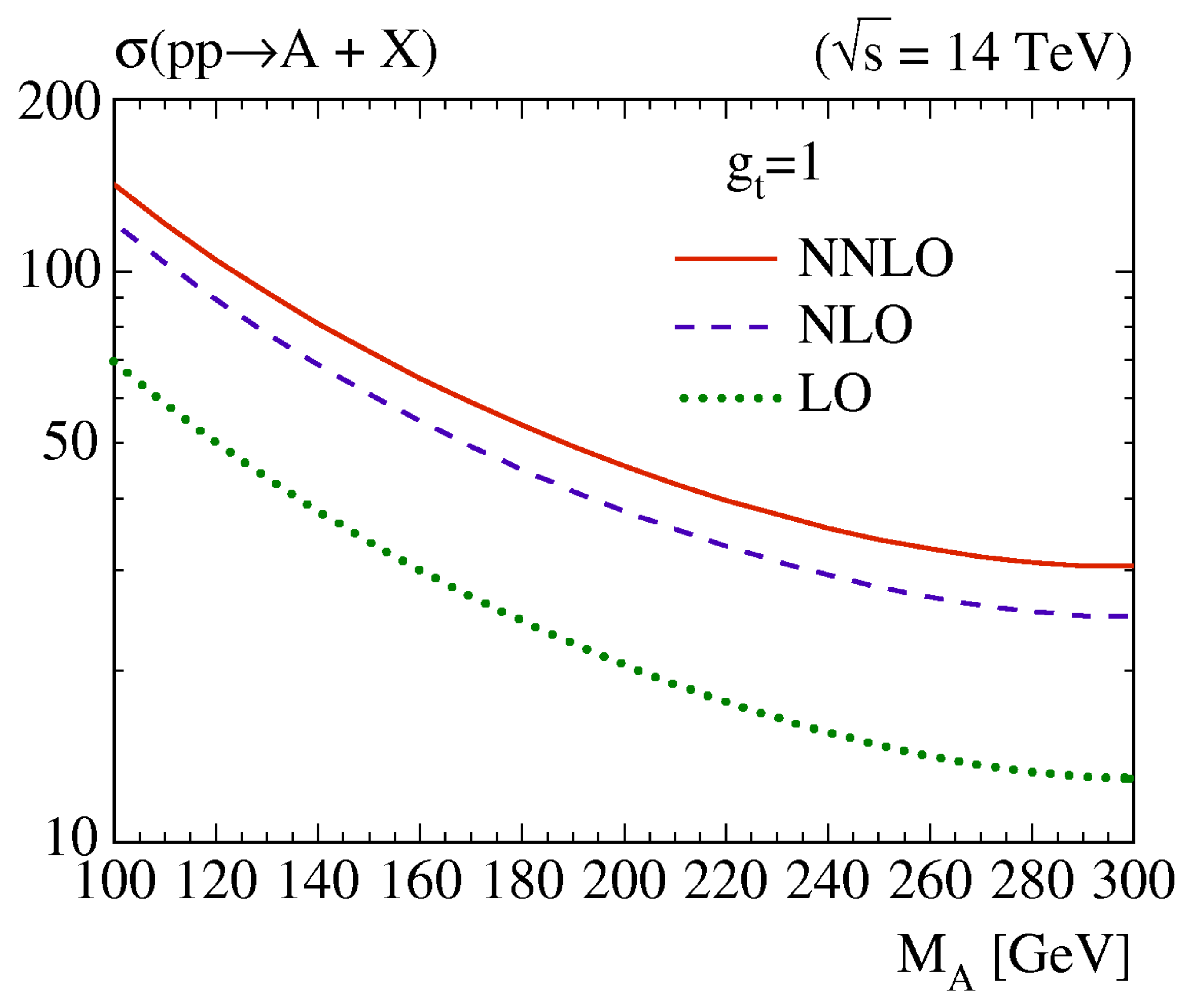
NNLO Pseudoscalar production is computed in the same way as scalar production. But the effective Lagrangians are only valid for top quark loops! The same three groups again obtained exact analytic agreement.

Harlander, WK; Anastasiou, Melnikov; Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven

For scalar Higgs production in SUSY, you can also add squark/gluino effects.

Harlander, Steinhauser; Dawson, Djouadi, Spira

Pseudoscalar Production in Gluon Fusion



H/A Couplings

For the pseudoscalar (and for H^0 in the decoupling limit) the couplings to "up-type" fermions are suppressed by tan $\beta \equiv v_u/v_d$ while those to "down-type" fermions are enhanced by tan β. This presents a problem for gluon fusion calculations:

For tan β significantly larger than 1, b-quark interactions are important. But ... one cannot formulate an effective Lagrangian by integrating out the b-quark to produce ~100 GeV Higgs bosons! An NNLO calculation would require massive 3-loop diagrams.

A new production mode at large tan β

The importance of b-quark couplings at large tan β suggests a new inclusive production mechanism:

$$b\bar{b}\to H$$

Since b-quark distributions are generated by gluon splitting the true parent process is

$$gg\to b\bar{b}H$$

The b-quark distribution resums large logs associated with the gluon splitting, but is fully consistent only if calculated to high enough order to include the parent process.

In this case, one must compute to NNLO.

$b\bar{b} \to H/A$ at NNLO

We ignore the b-quark mass in our calculation, except where it enters into the Yukawa couplings. Other b-quark mass effects are suppressed by factors of m_b^2/M_H^2.

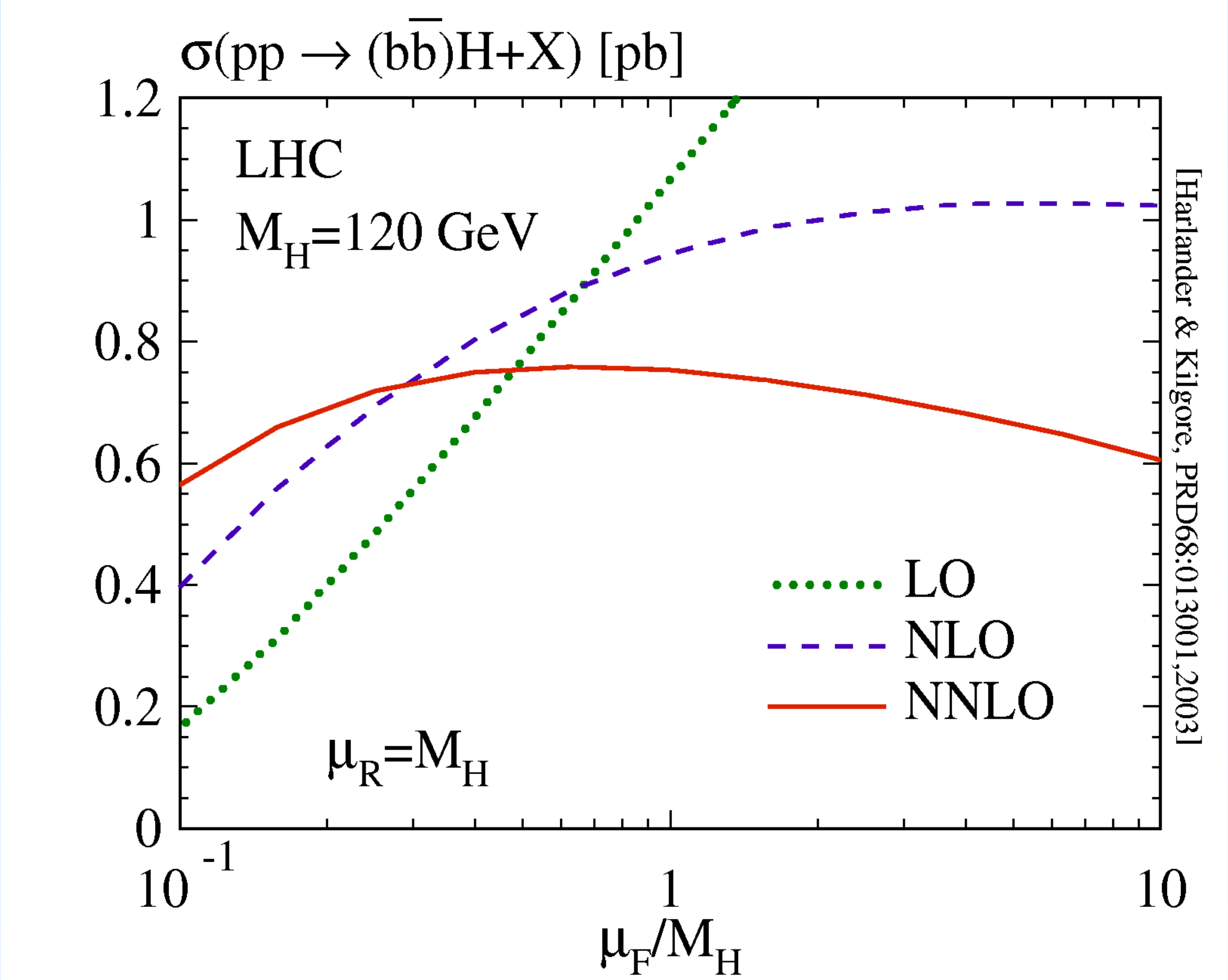
In the $m_b \to 0$ limit, the partonic cross sections for $b\bar{b} \to H$ are identically equal to those for $b\bar{b} \to A$.

$b\bar{b} \to H/A$ can dominate at large tan β because

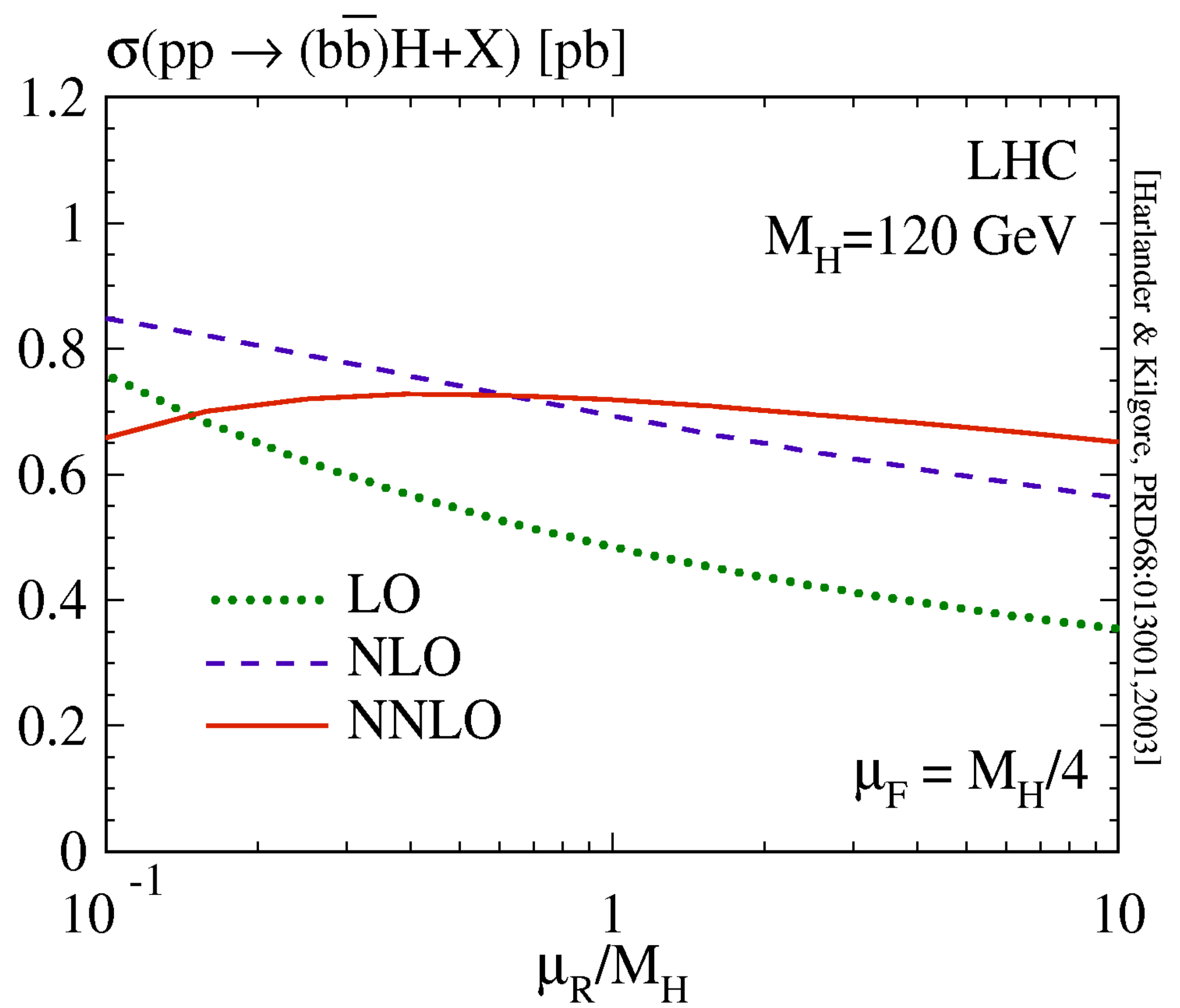
$\sigma_{bb} \sim m_b^2/M_H^2 \tan^2\beta$ while

$\sigma_{gg} \sim A \cot^2\beta + B\, m_b^2/M_H^2 + C\, m_b^4/M_H^4 \tan^2\beta$

Factorization Scale Dependence of $b\bar{b} \to H/A$ at LHC



Renormalization Scale Dependence of $b\bar{b}\rightarrow H/A$ at LHC

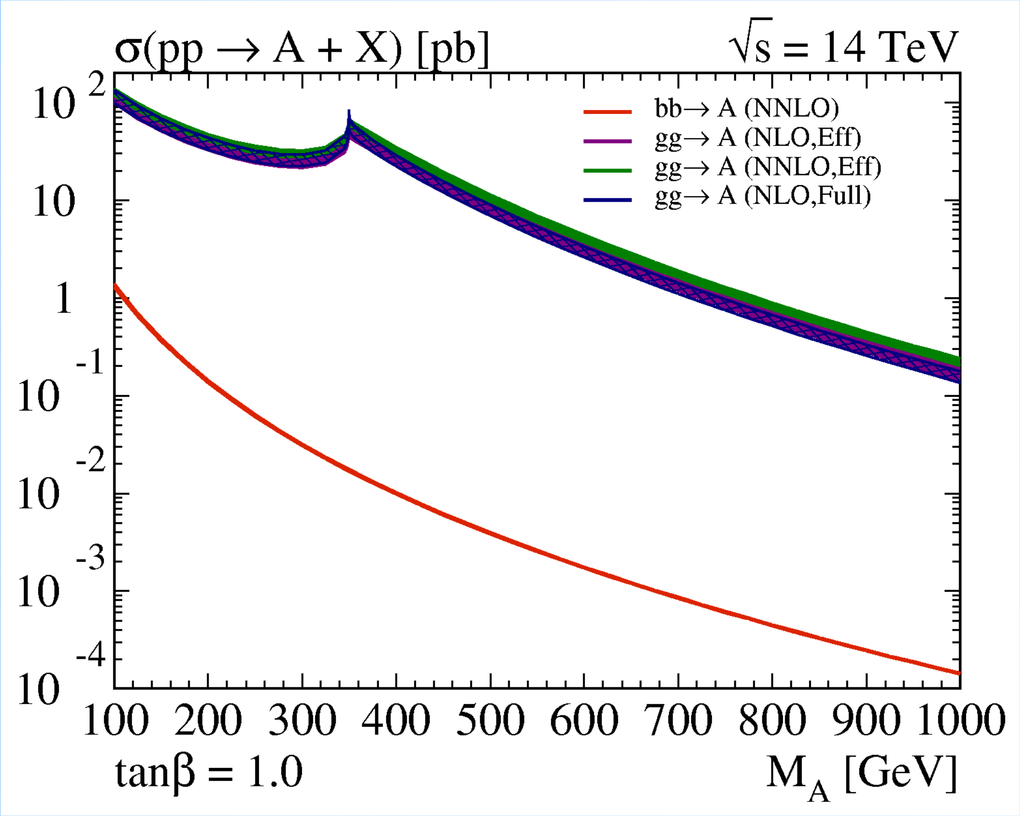


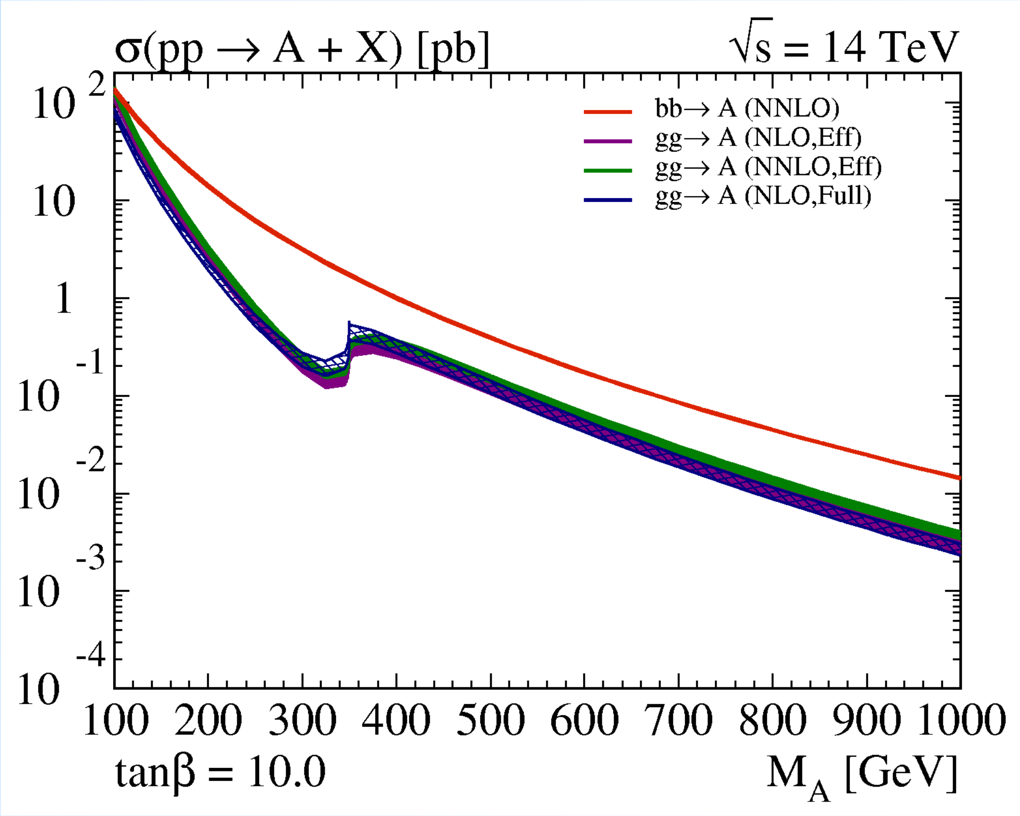
[Harlander & Kilgore, PRD68:013001,2003]

$b\bar{b}\rightarrow A$ versus $gg\rightarrow A$

At small tan β, b quark fusion is tiny.

At large tan β, it dominates.

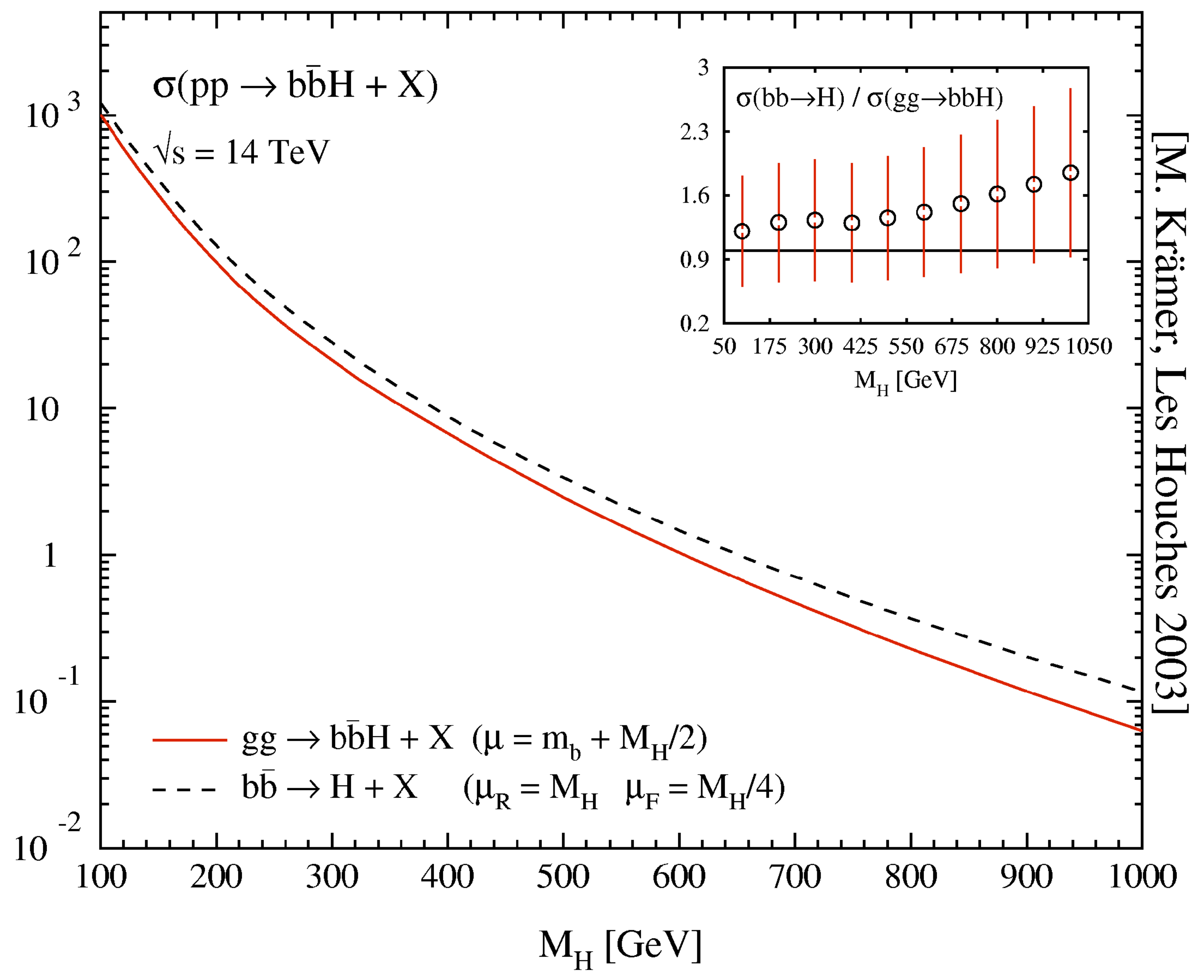




Compare $b\bar{b}\rightarrow H$(NNLO) to $gg\rightarrow b\bar{b}H$(NLO)

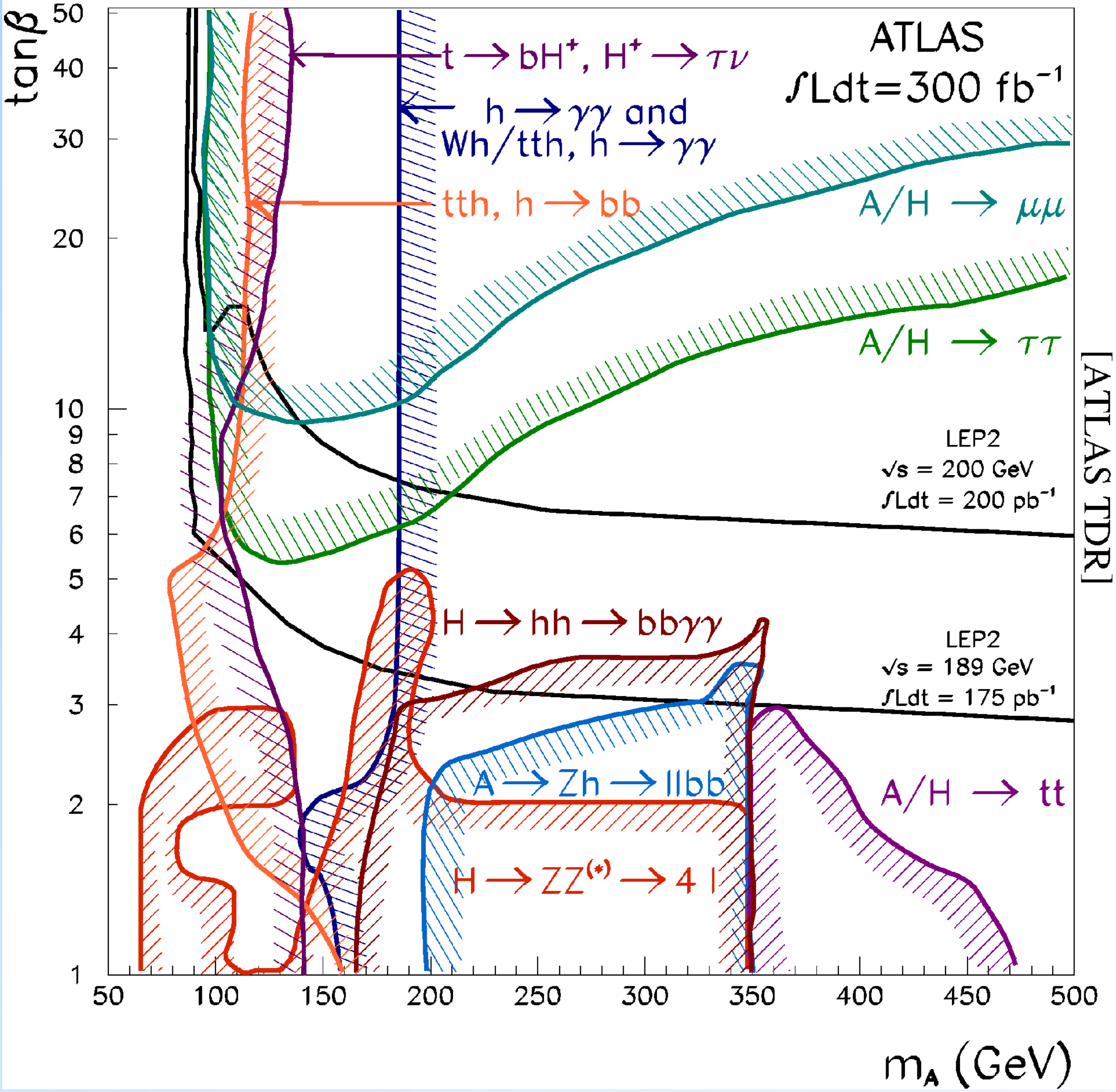
Dittmaier, Krämer, Spira; Dawson, Jackson, Reina, Wackeroth

The good behavior of $b\bar{b}\rightarrow H$ and the favorable comparison to $gg\rightarrow b\bar{b}H$ largely settles the controversy over b parton distributions.



[M. Krämer, Les Houches 2003]

Finding SUSY Higgs 'at LHC

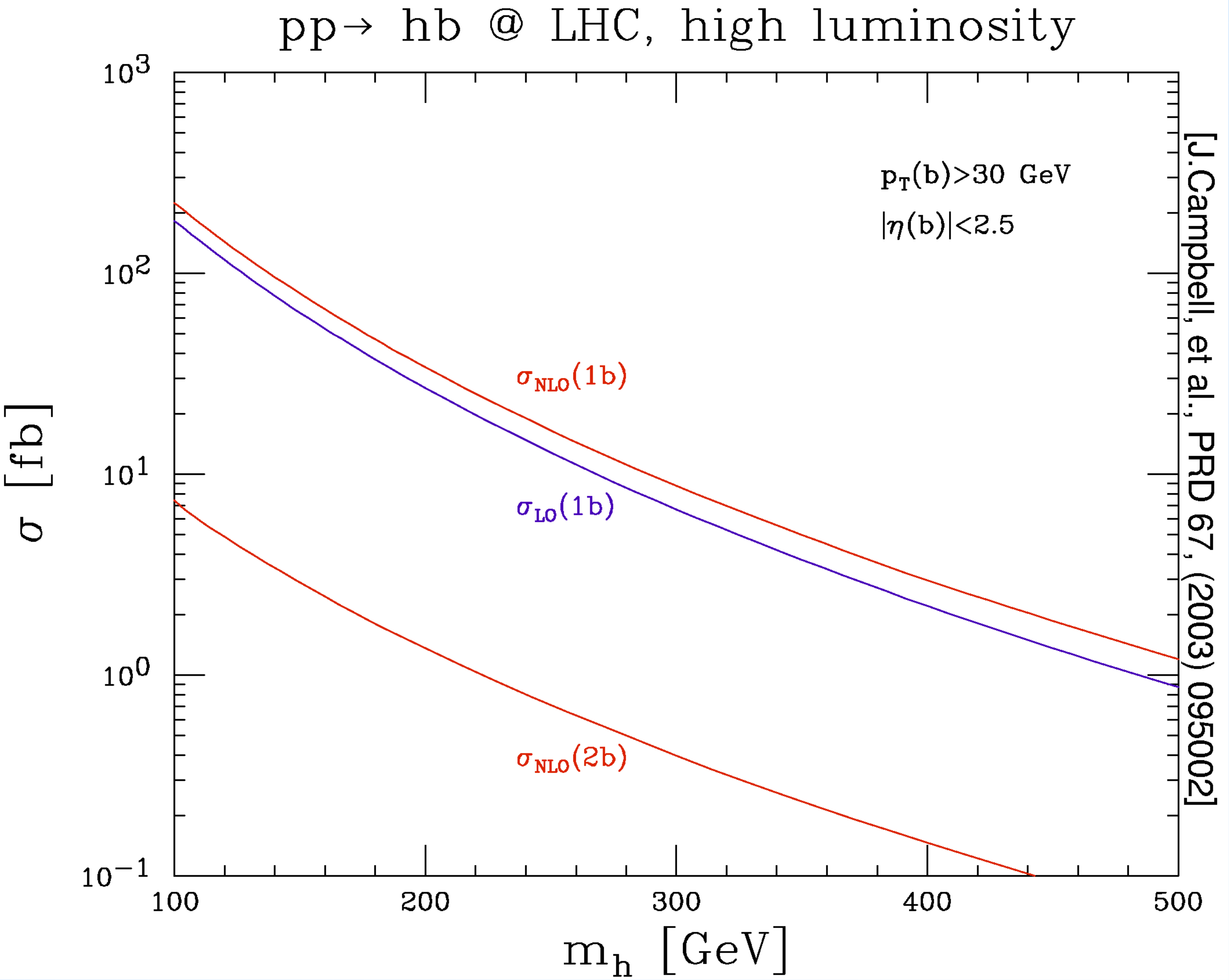


[ATLAS TDR]

Higgs + b quark Production

Campbell, Ellis, Maltoni, Willenbrock

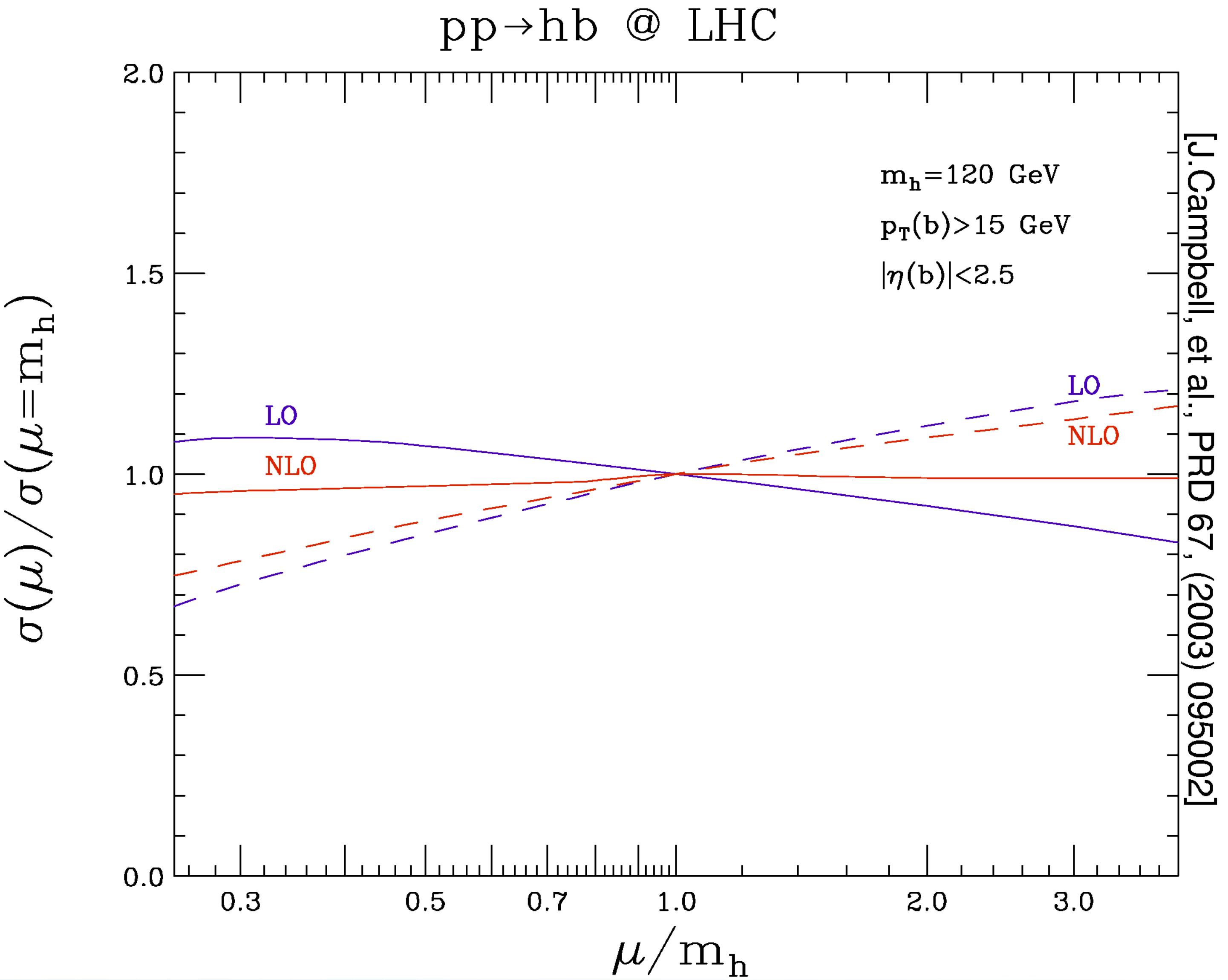
A more promising channel may be H+b production. The extra b tag and the Higgs transverse momentum greatly improve detection efficiency.



[J.Campbell, et al., PRD 67, (2003) 095002]

H + b Scale Dependence

With only one b quark in the initial state, NLO is sufficient to obtain a reliable result.

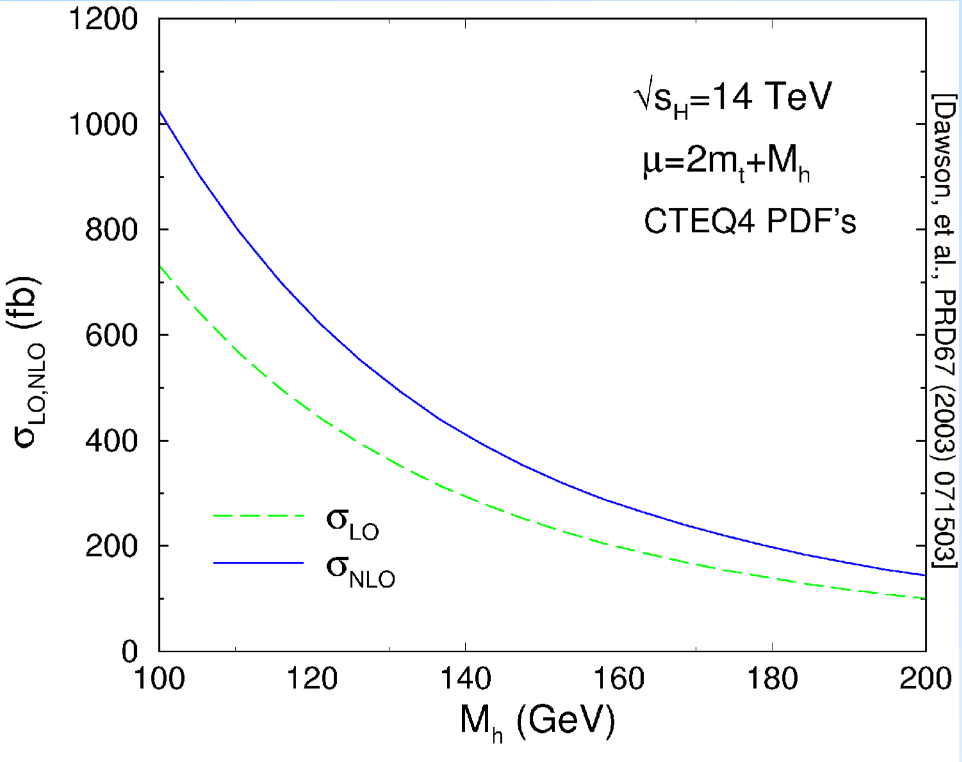


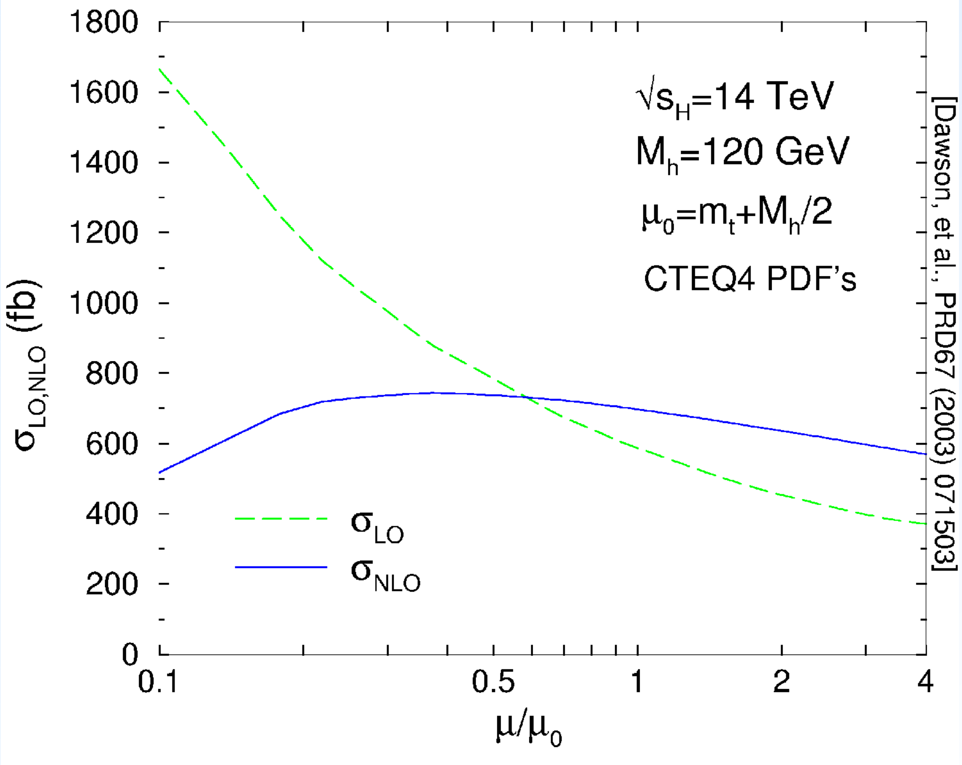
[J.Campbell, et al., PRD 67, (2003) 095002]

$t\bar{t}H$ production at NLO

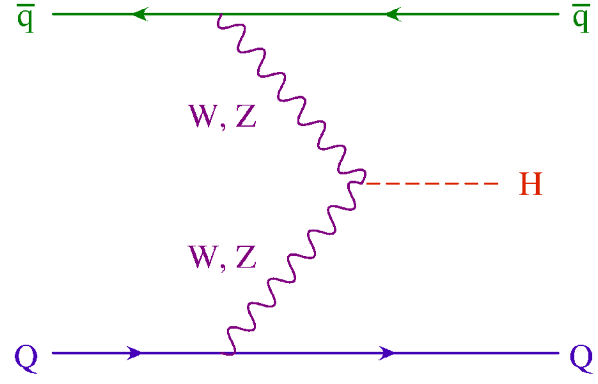
This process serves as a discovery mode for a light Higgs and gives information on the top Yukawa coupling.

Beenakker, Dittmaier, Krämer, Plümper, Spira, Zerwas;
Dawson, Jackson,Orr, Reina, Wackeroth





Weak Boson Fusion



NLO corrections have been known for some time.

Han, Willenbrock

Recently implemented in multi-purpose Monte-Carlo calculation.

Figy, Oleari, Zeppenfeld

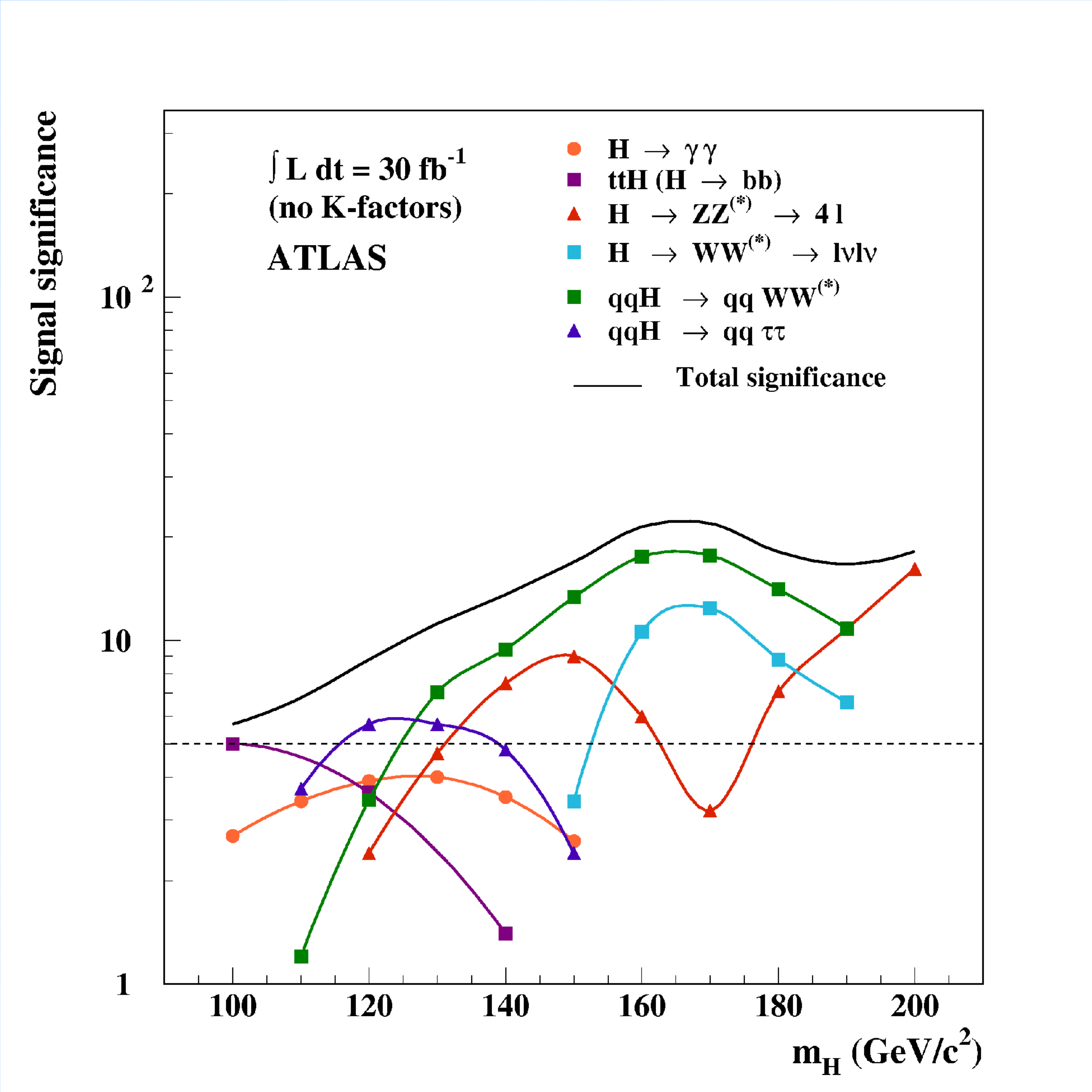
Offers discovery potential in the intermediate mass range and gives a good handle on measuring couplings.

Hagiwara, Kauer, Plehn, Rainwater, Zeppenfeld

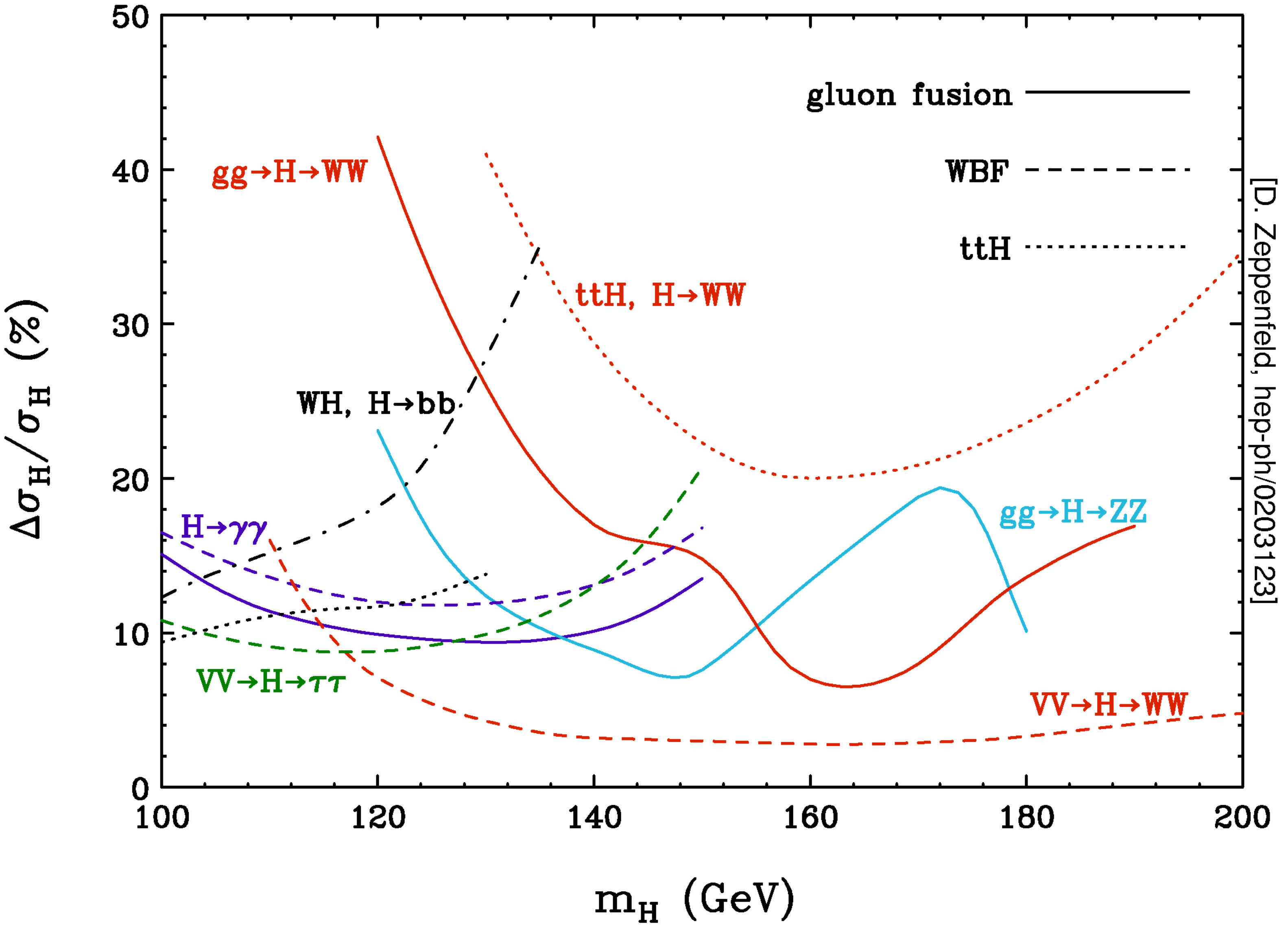
gg→H+2j background computed in full theory.

Del Duca, Kilgore, Oleari, Schmidt, Zeppenfeld

Discovery through Weak Boson Fusion

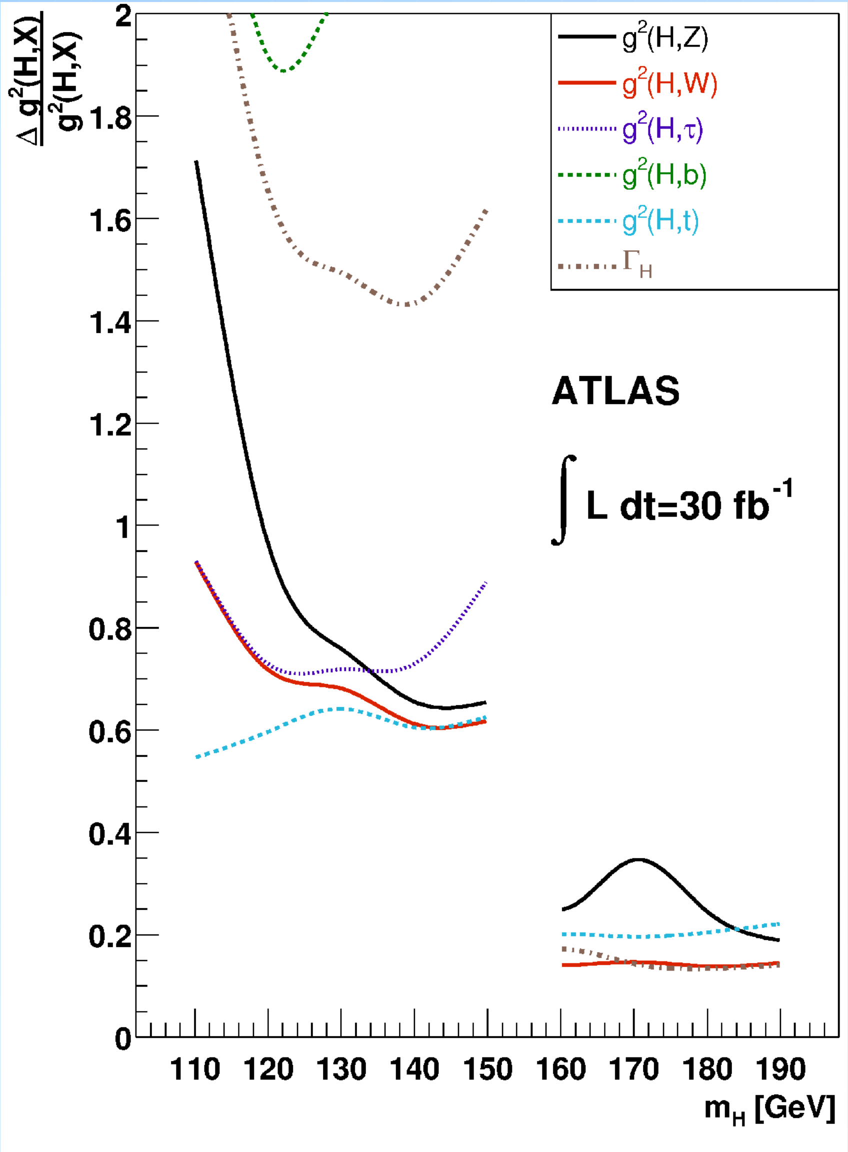


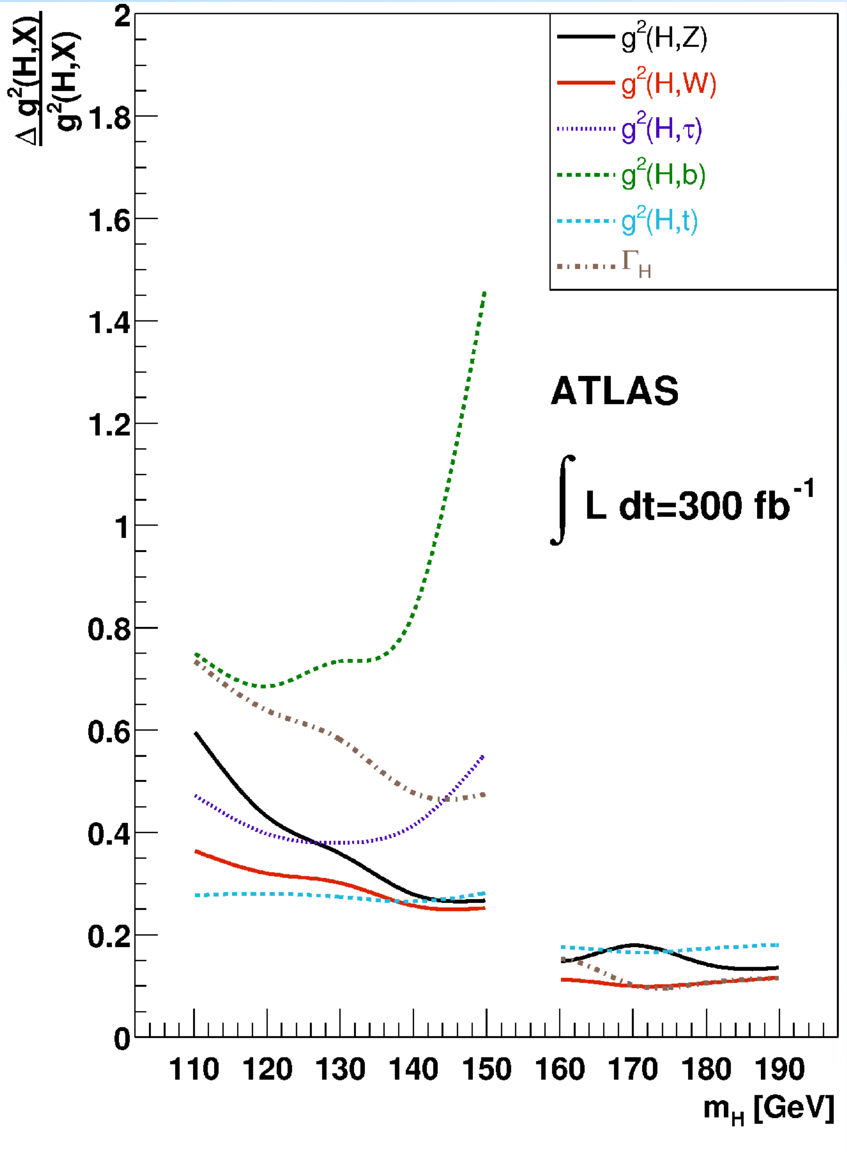
Expected precision in $\sigma \cdot BR$



[D. Zeppenfeld, hep-ph/0203123]

Expected Precision of Absolute couplings





LHC Summary

We are well positioned to discover the Higgs at the LHC. Some signals will take years of running to develop, but we know how to attack the problem.

We will be able to measure couplings and branching ratios with reasonable precision, but hadronic uncertainties in both detection and in the production cross section will limit precision.

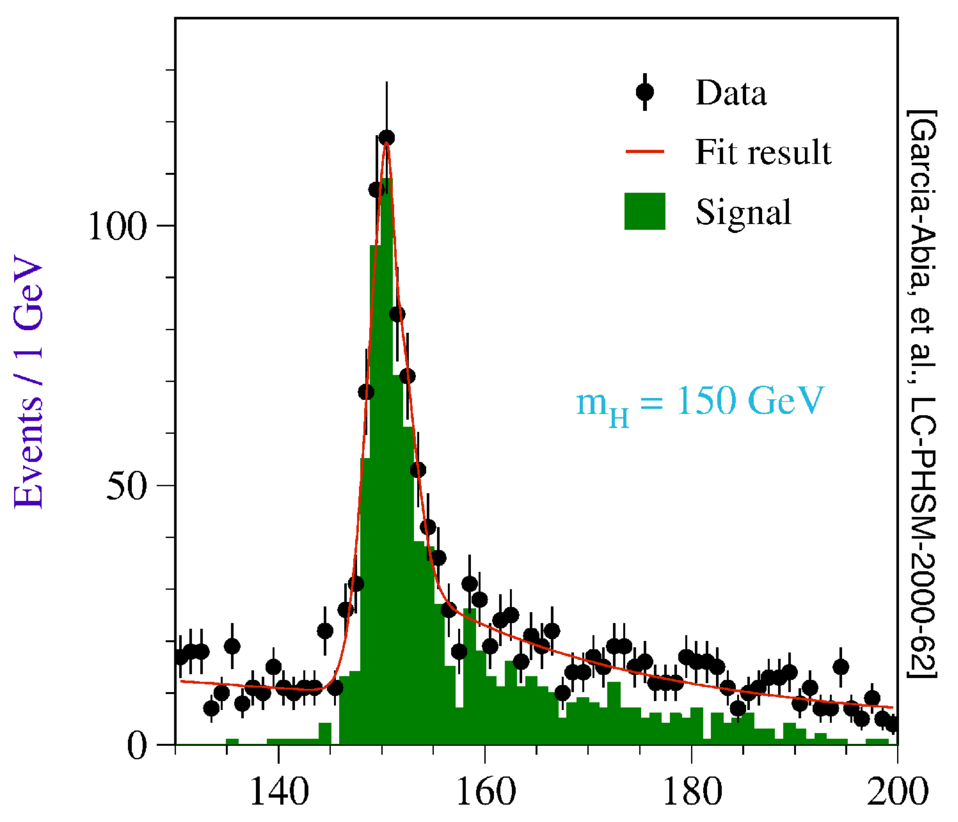
Higgs Bosons at a Linear Collider:

We want to measure all we can at the LHC, but we should remember the importance of the Linear Collider to the program of Higgs studies.

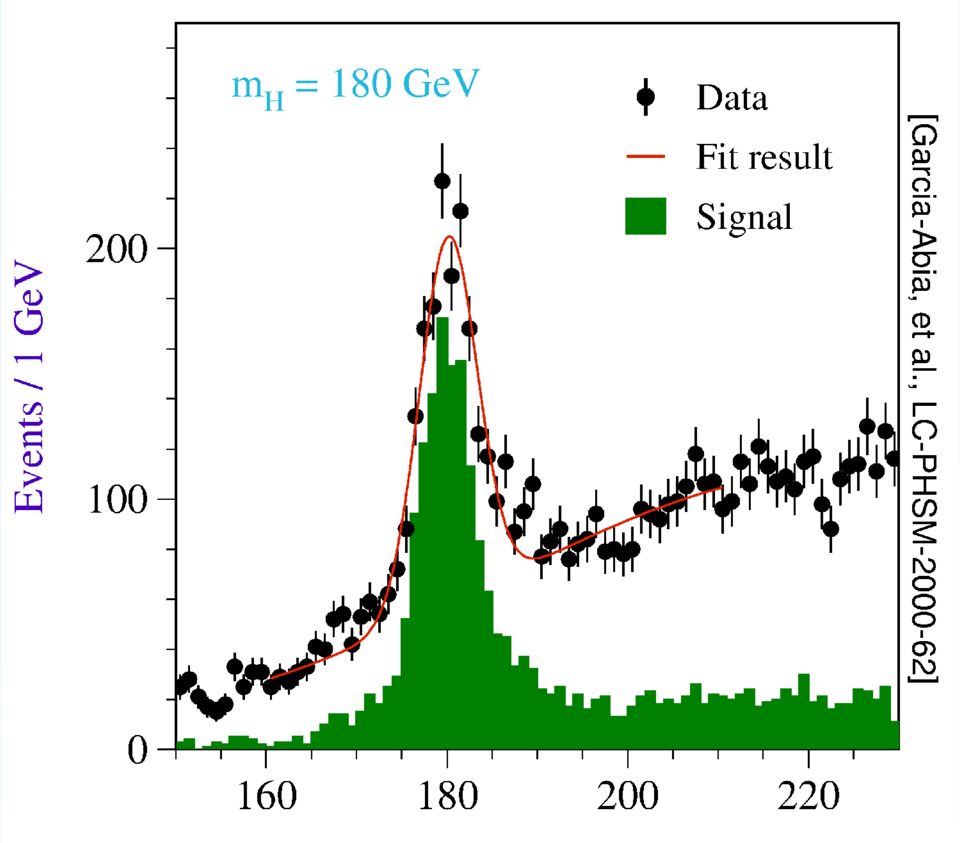
The Linear Collider will be able to measure Higgs properties with phenomenal precision and will allow us to fully understand those components of the symmetry breaking sector that are within its kinematic reach.

Higgs Discovery at a Linear Collider

The linear collider would be a good discovery machine within its kinematic reach.



[Garcia-Abia, et al., LC-PHSM-2000-62]



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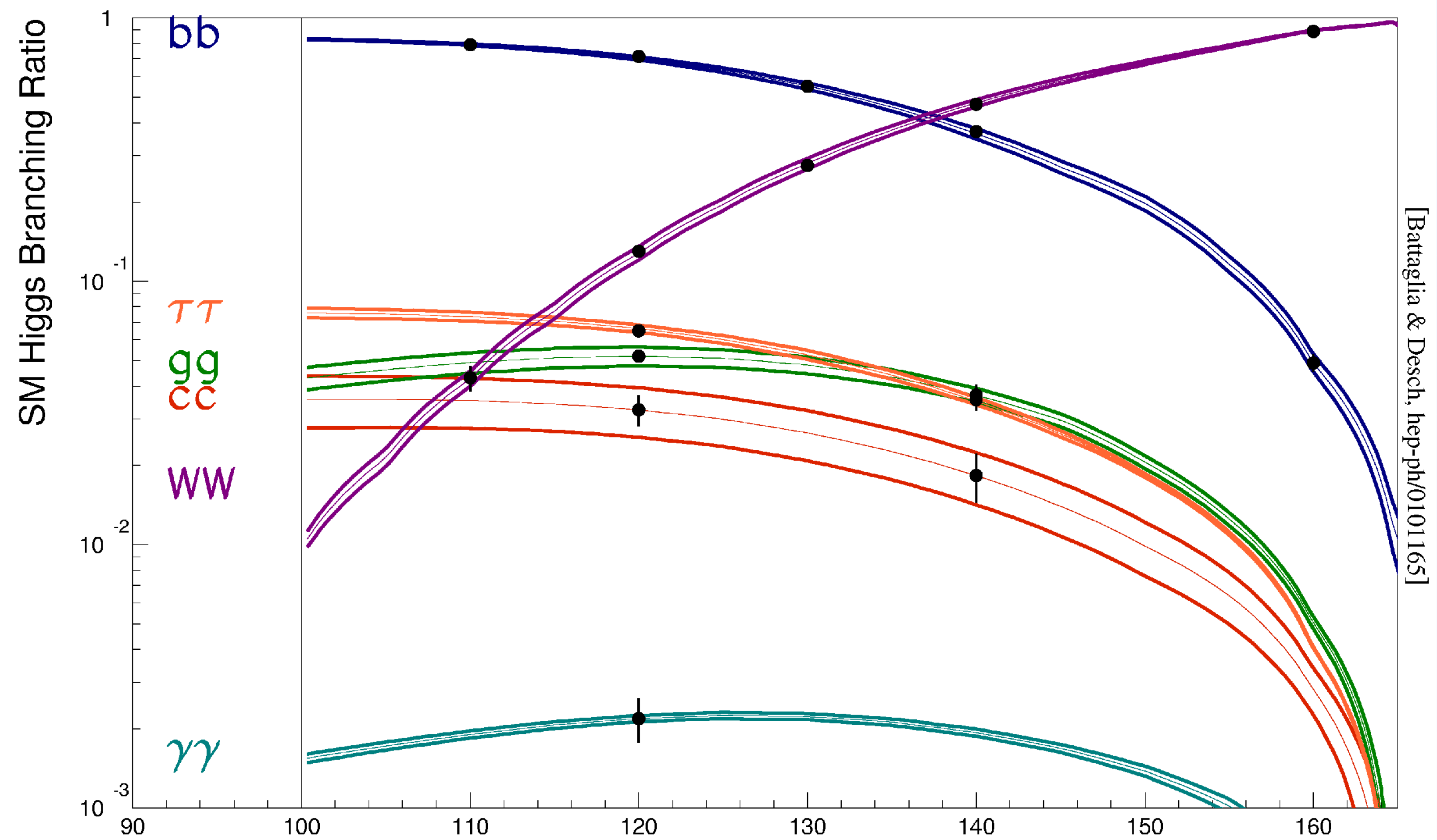
Higgs Couplings at Linear Collider

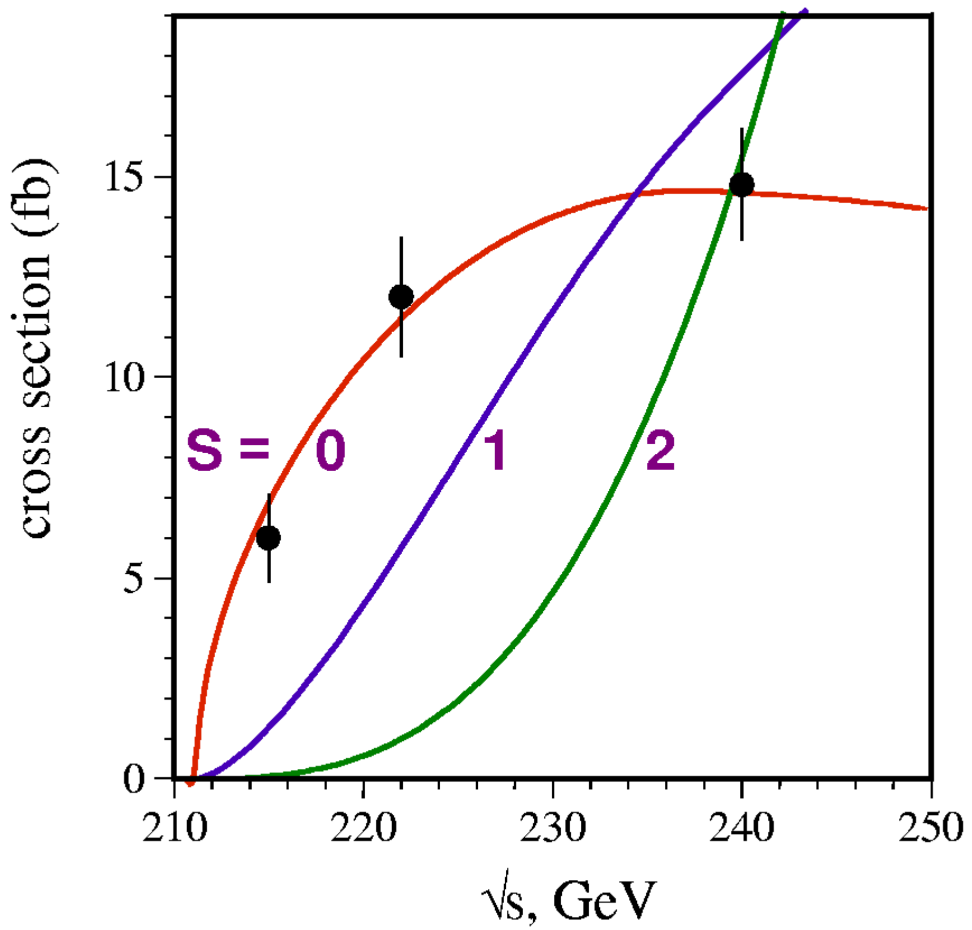
If the Higgs mass is below ~160 GeV, many branching ratios can be precisely measured.

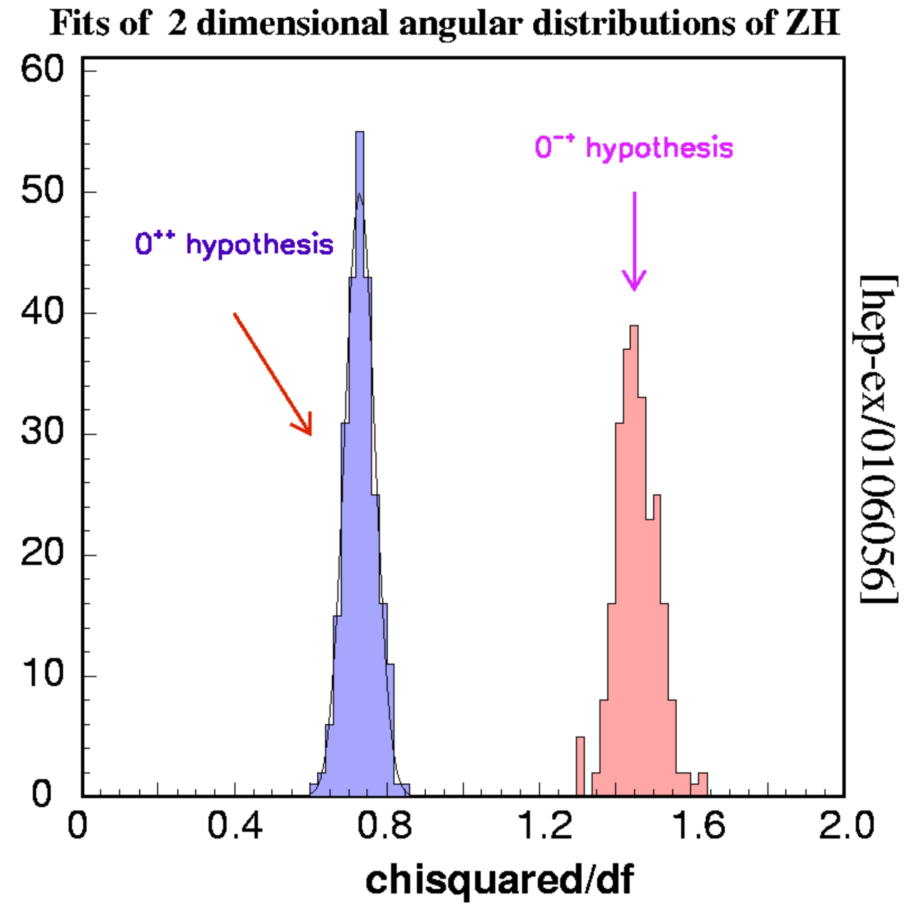


[Battaglia & Desch, hep-ph/0101165]

Spin and CP at Linear Collider

The spin and CP quantum numbers can also be definitively measured at the linear collider




Fits of 2 dimensional angular distributions of ZH

[hep-ex/0106056]

Summary

There has been great progress in Higgs physics in the last few years.

- Inclusive production is known to NNLO.
- Some distributions at NNLO are coming.
- b quark distributions established as consistent.
- Associated production processes known to NLO.
- Backgrounds also known to NLO.

What is still needed?

- Full H + jet at NLO

  double boxes with masses?

- NNLO Monte Carlo Calculations

  With such simple kinematics, do we need to wait for a general purpose algorithm?

- Greater understanding of Forward Jet tagging and jet vetoes for WBF

  Are these signals robust enough?

- Signal Recognition

  Can energy flow algorithms identify color singlets more effectively than traditional jet algorithms?