

# The Theory of the Standard Model Higgs

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# RWTH Important Couplings

Tree-level couplings:

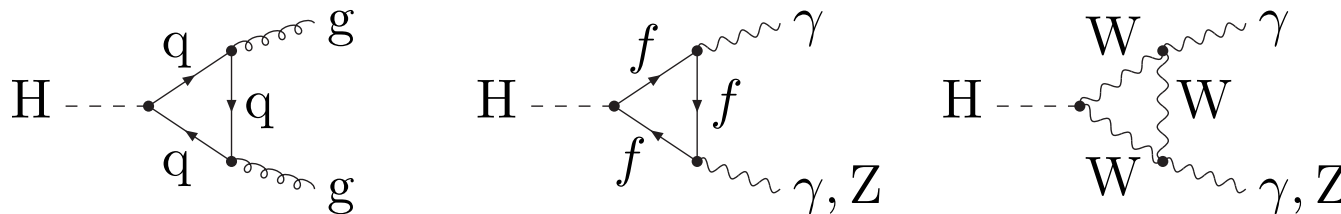
- to gauge bosons and fermions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 W, Z \\
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 \propto \frac{M_{W,Z}^2}{M_W}
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 \propto \frac{m_f}{M_W}$$

$\Rightarrow$  all **couplings** proportional to **mass**

**Loop-induced** couplings:

- to gluons and photons



from above:  $q = f =$  **top** most relevant in the SM  
and extremely **important at the LHC**

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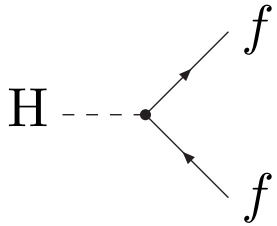
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- dedicated effort of theory and experiment:
  - LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group**
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/CrossSections>
  - Yellow reports: arXiv:1101.0593 and arXiv:1201.3084

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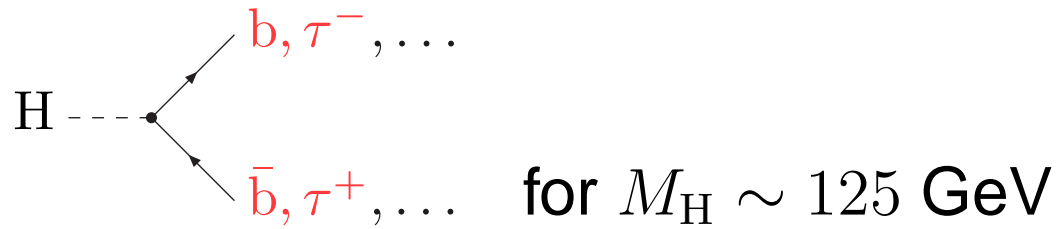
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⇒ decay into **heaviest** accessible fermion ( $M_H > 2m_f$ )

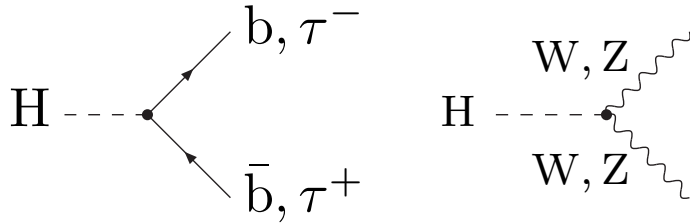
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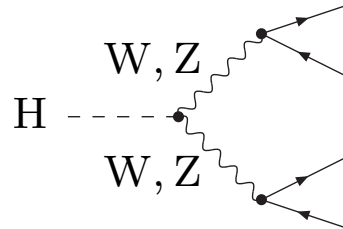
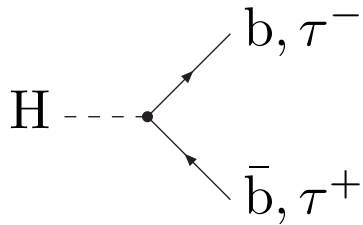


for  $M_H \sim 125$  GeV

at least one **Z, W off-shell**

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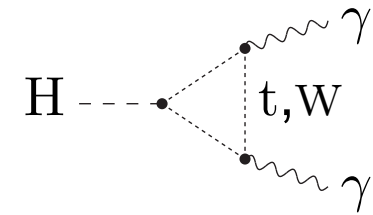
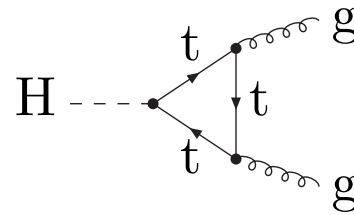
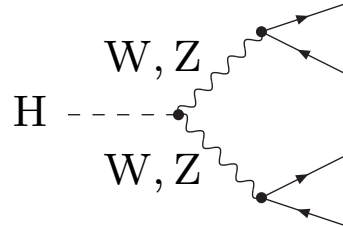
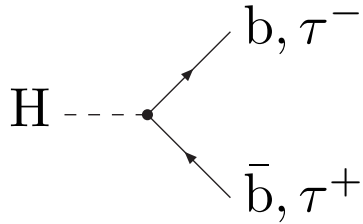
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decay into **4 fermions**

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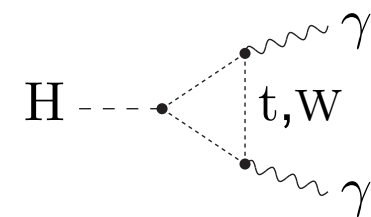
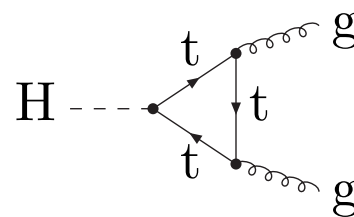
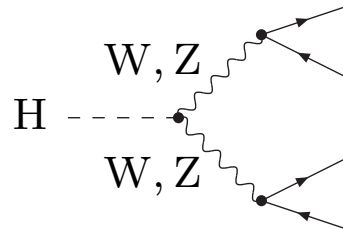
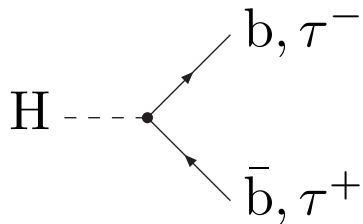
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loop-induced decays

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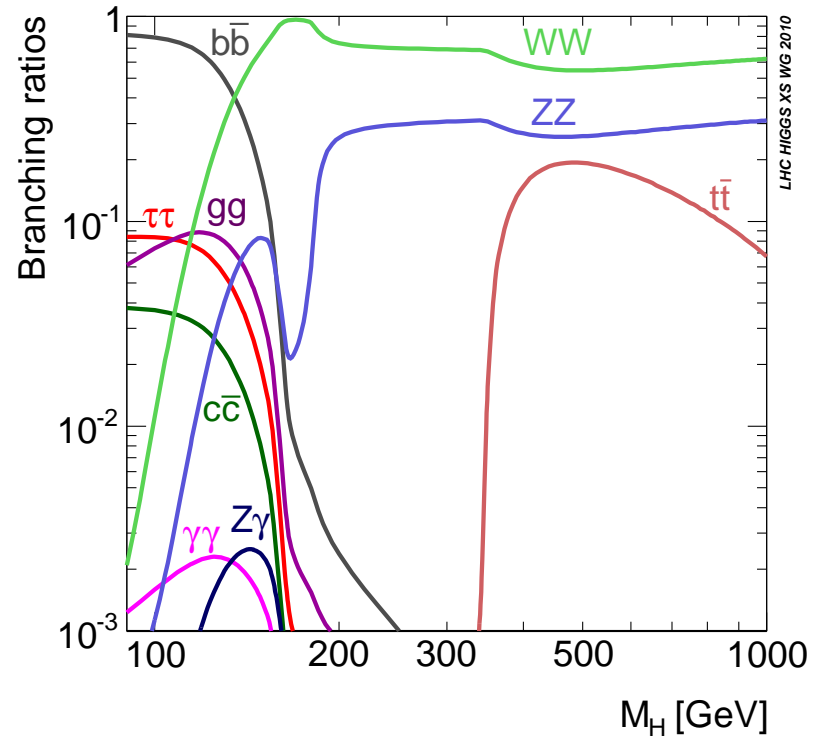
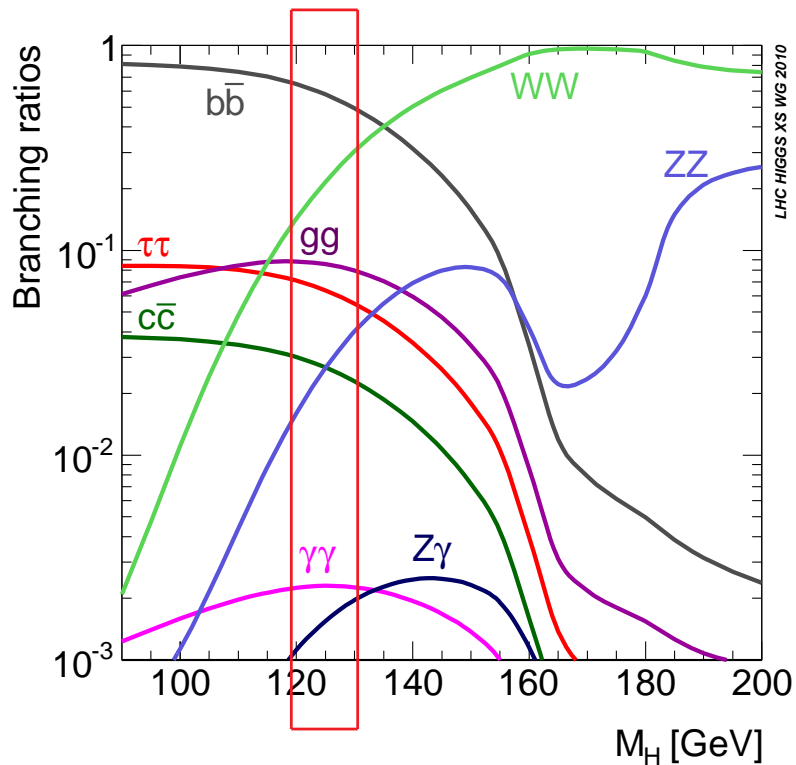
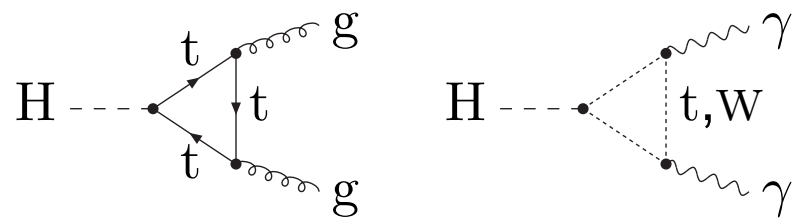
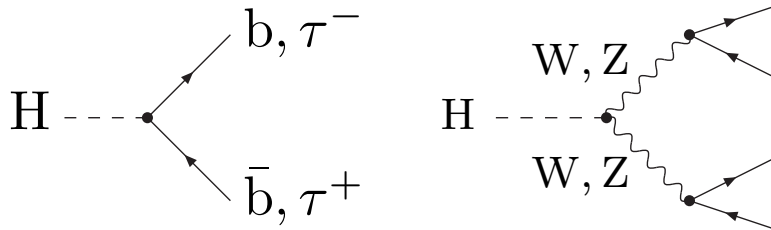


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- calculate resulting **branching ratios**

(i.e. fraction of decays to a given final state)

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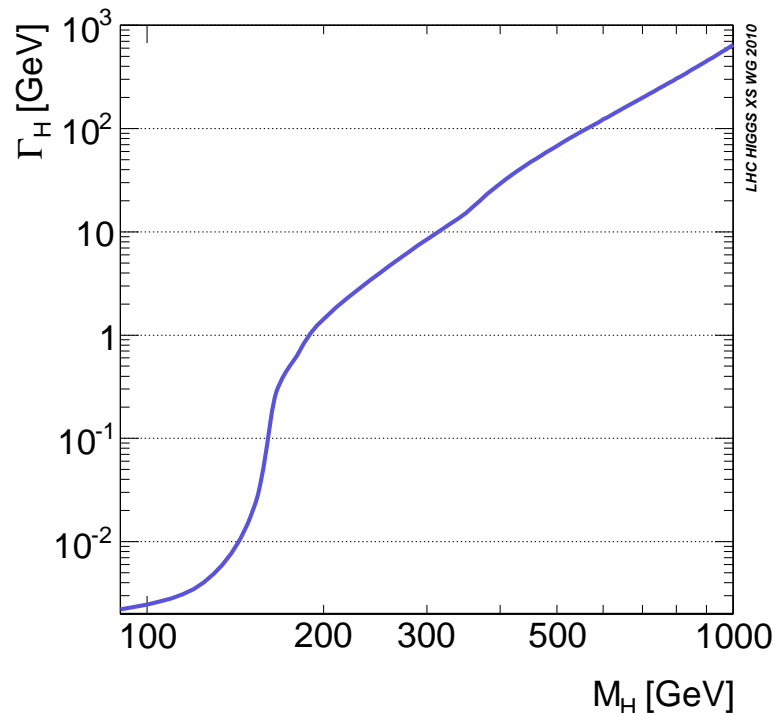


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- extremely narrow resonance:  $\Gamma_H = 4$  MeV at 125 GeV



- way below experimental resolution
- narrow width approximation applicable (up to a little twist)

# Predicting branching ratios

Calculate

- **partial widths** for each decay:  $\Gamma_i^H = \Gamma(H \rightarrow i)$

using available tools:

- **HDecay** for all decays but  $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ$  (all avail. corr.)  
Djouadi, Kalinowski, Mühlleitner, Spira
- **Prophecy4F** for  $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$  (NLO EW and QCD)  
Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, AM, Weber
- **total width**:  $\Gamma^H = \sum_i \Gamma_i^H$  (from all (relevant) decay modes)
- **branching ratio**:  $BR(H \rightarrow i) = \Gamma_i^H / \Gamma^H$ 
  - $\sum_i BR(H \rightarrow i) = 1$  induces correlations for BRs
  - uncertainties in any  $\Gamma_i^H$  affect all BRs

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**Partial widths** for 4f final states from Prophecy4f:

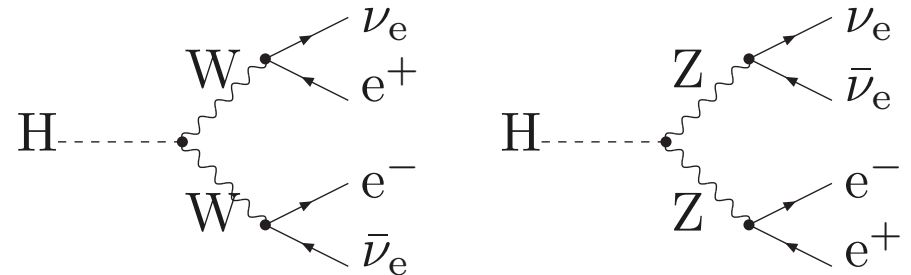
$$\Gamma_{4f}^{\text{Proph.}} = \Gamma_{H \rightarrow W^* W^* \rightarrow 4f} + \Gamma_{H \rightarrow Z^* Z^* \rightarrow 4f} + \Gamma_{WW/ZZ\text{-int.}}$$

$$\Gamma_{H \rightarrow W^* W^* \rightarrow 4f} = 9 \cdot \Gamma_{H \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu} + 12 \cdot \Gamma_{H \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ d \bar{u}} + 4 \cdot \Gamma_{H \rightarrow u \bar{d} s \bar{c}}$$

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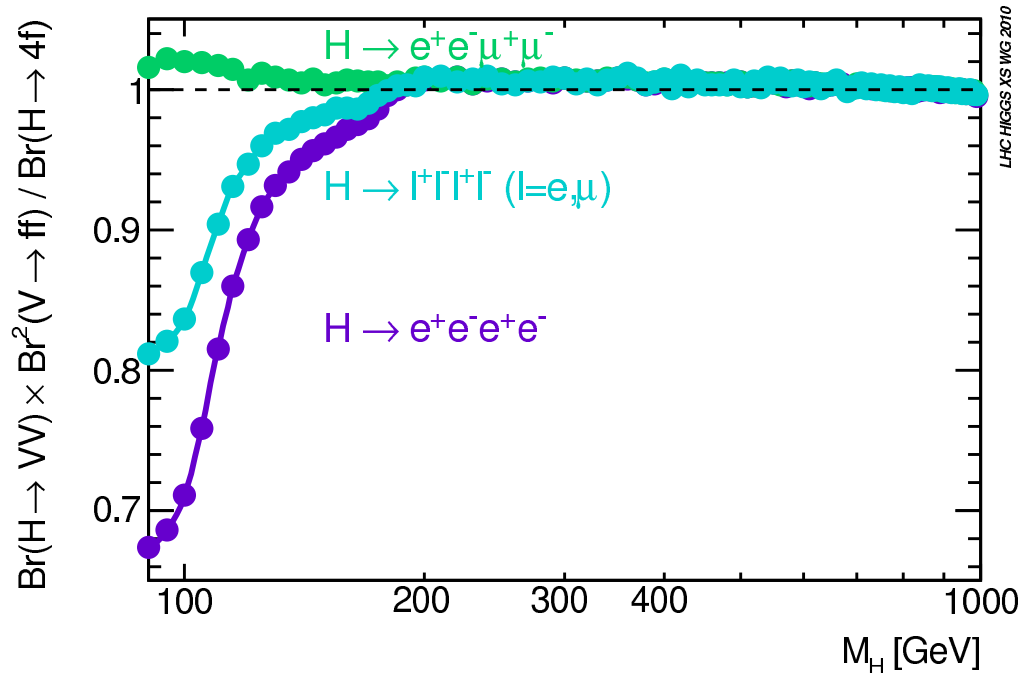
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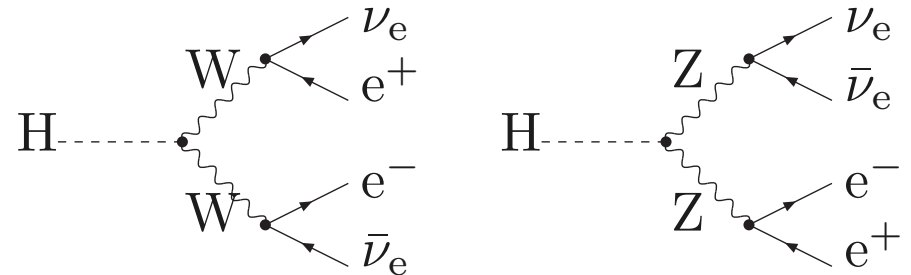


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partial width	QCD	electroweak (EW)	total
$H \rightarrow bb/cc$	$\sim 0.1\text{--}0.2\%$	$\sim 1\text{--}2\%$ for $M_H \lesssim 135 \text{ GeV}$	$\sim 1\text{--}2\%$
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$		$\sim 1\text{--}2\%$ for $M_H \lesssim 135 \text{ GeV}$	$\sim 1\text{--}2\%$
$H \rightarrow gg$	$\sim 10\%$	$\sim 1\%$	$\sim 10\%$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$< 1\%$	$< 1\%$	$\sim 1\%$
$H \rightarrow 4f$		$\sim 0.5\%$ for $M_H < 500 \text{ GeV}$	$\sim 0.5\%$

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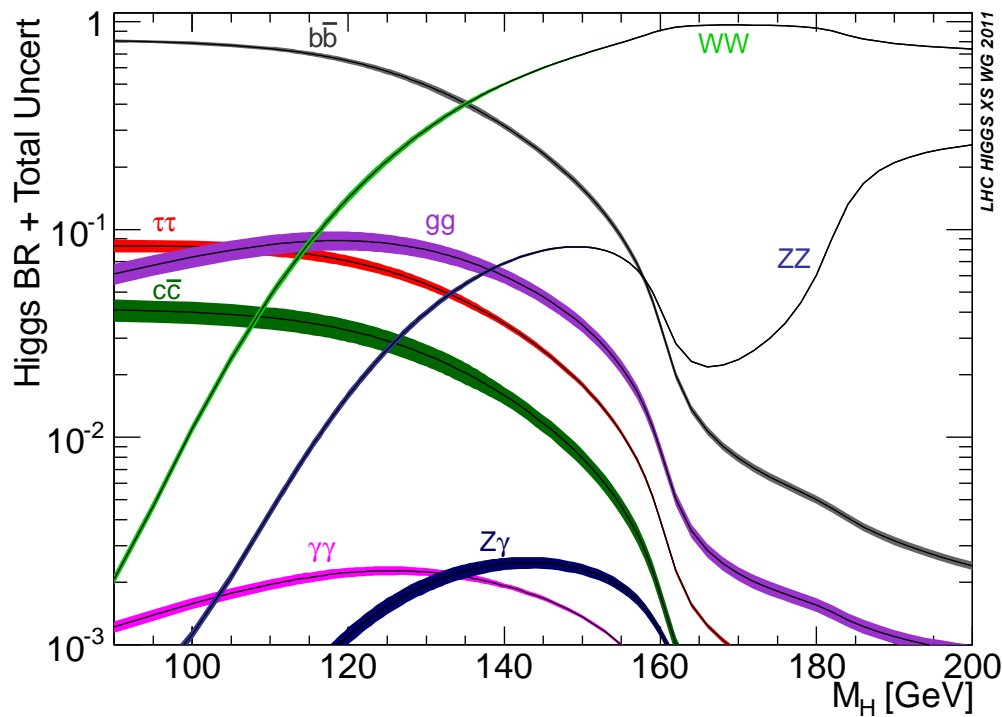
$$M_c = 1.42 \pm 0.03 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_b = 4.49 \pm 0.06 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.119 \pm 0.002$$

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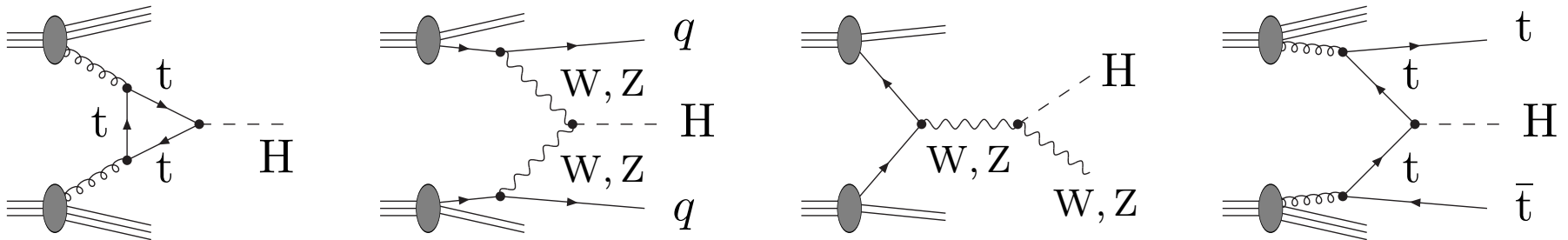


- $BR = (H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$   
PU from  $M_b, \alpha_s$ : 1% each  
TU: 1%, total uncertainty **3%**
- $BR(H \rightarrow WW, ZZ), BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma),$   
 $BR(H \rightarrow ll)$   
PU: 2.5%  
TU: 2–4%, total uncertainty **5–6%**  
(indirectly via  $\Gamma(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ )
- $BR(H \rightarrow c\bar{c})$ :  
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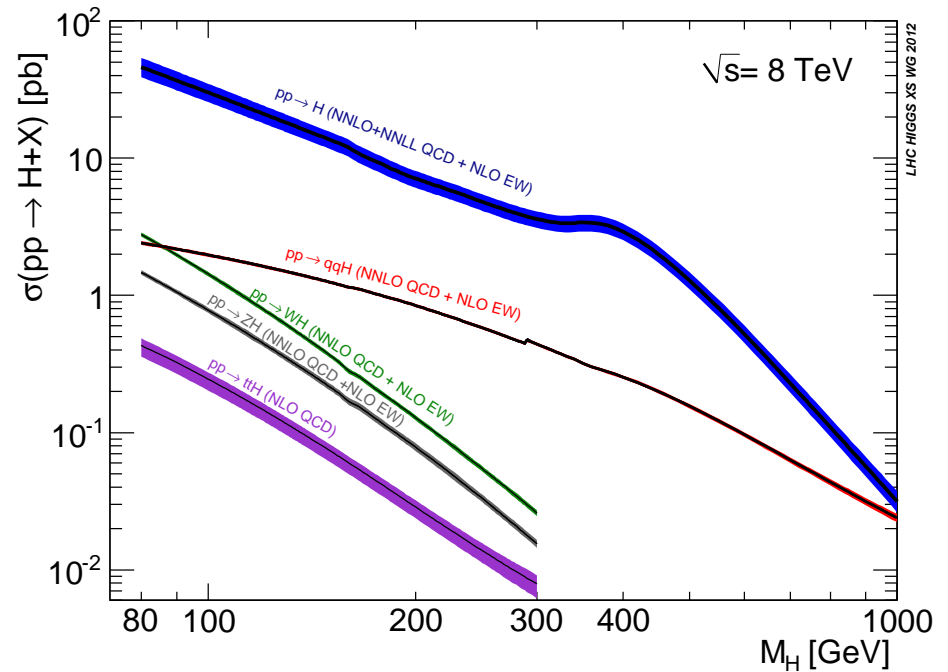
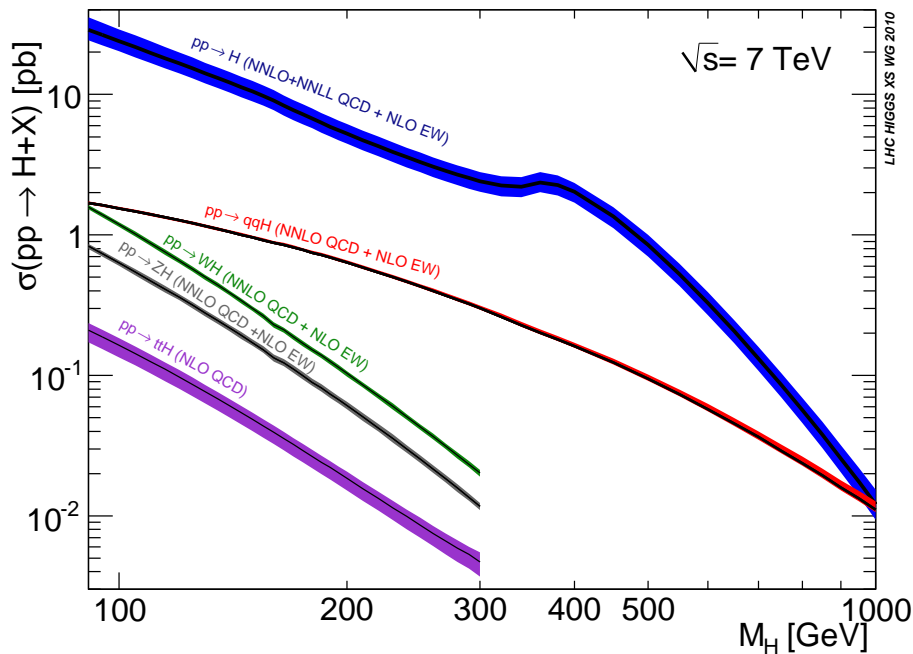
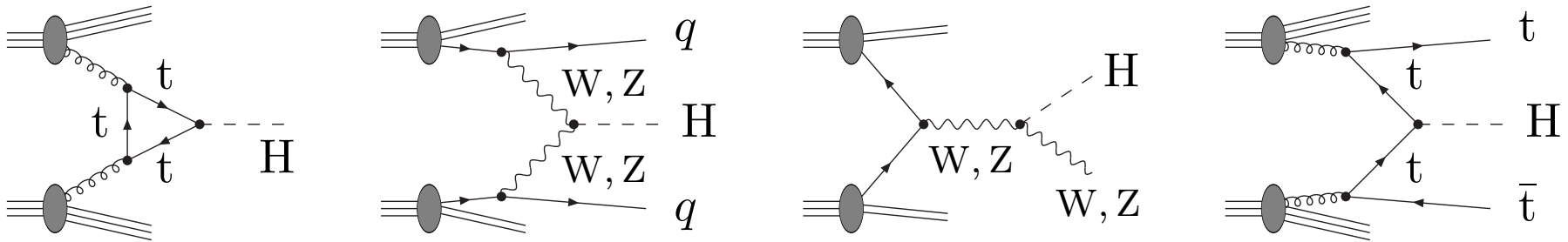
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- vector-boson fusion (VBF)
- Higgs strahlung (WH/ZH)
- associated production with a top-quark

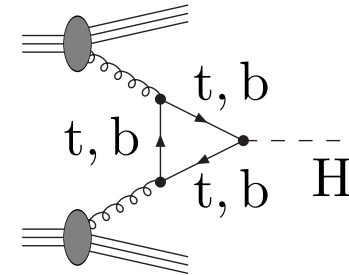
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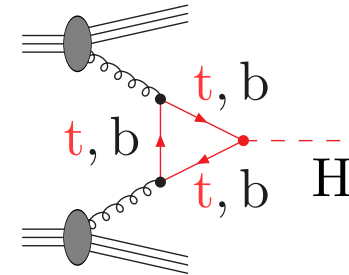
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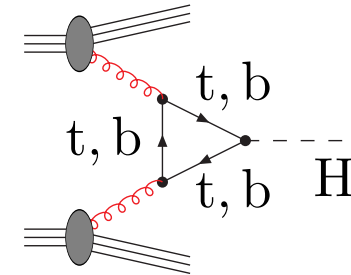
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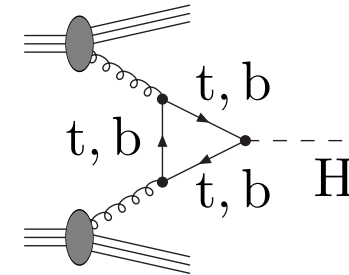
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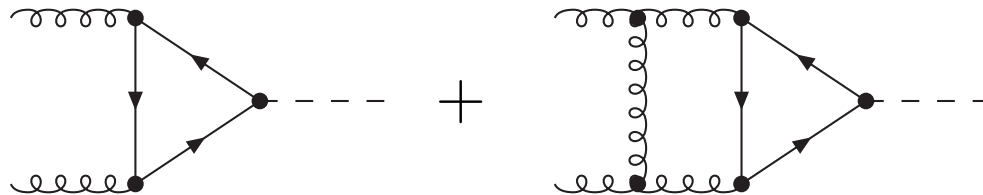
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  - $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons}$  (small  $V \rightarrow 2l$ )
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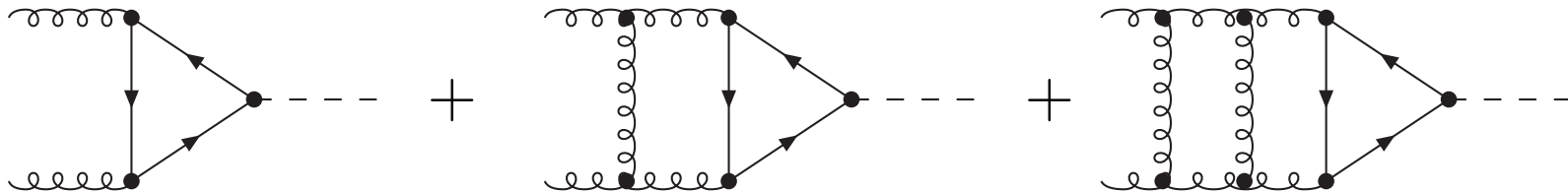


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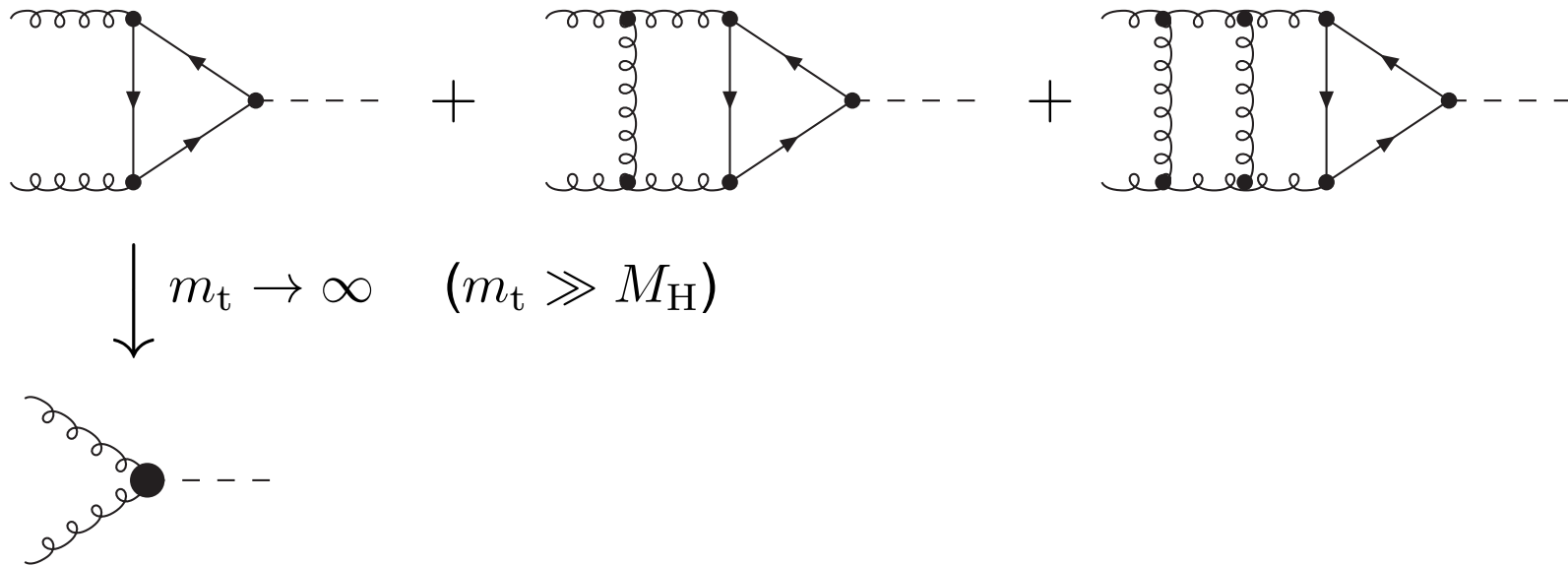


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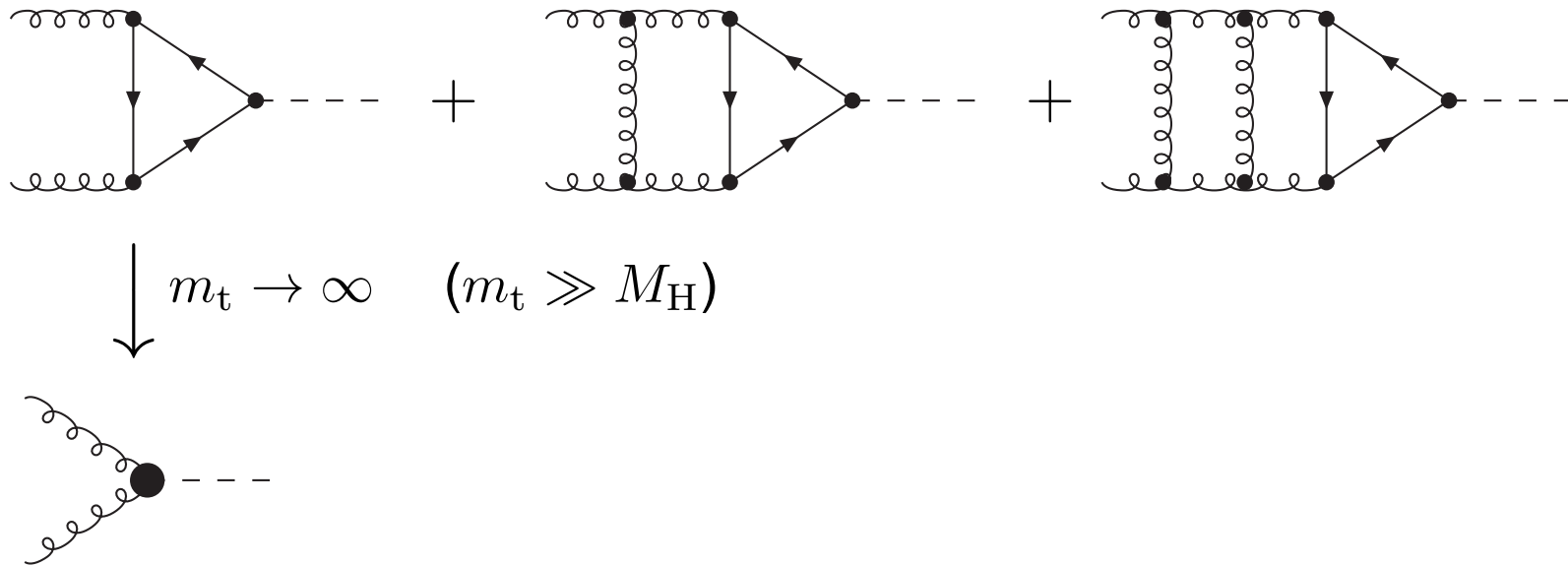
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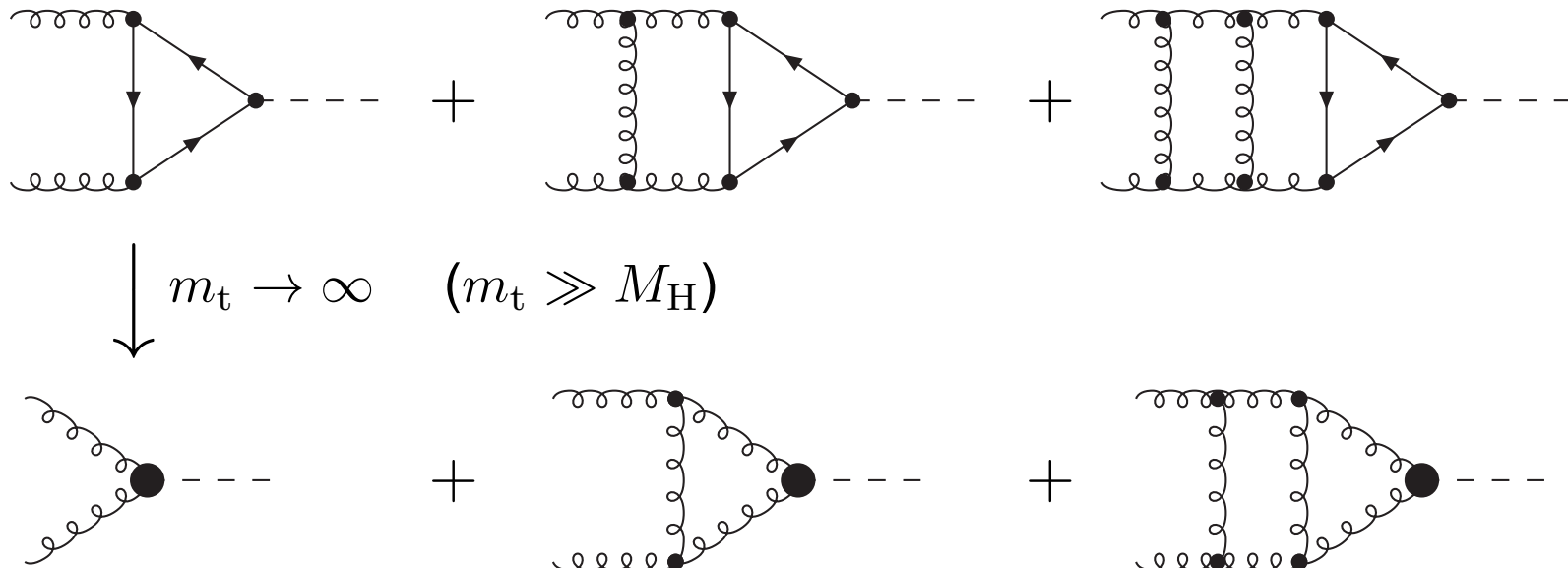
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(including higher order corrections)

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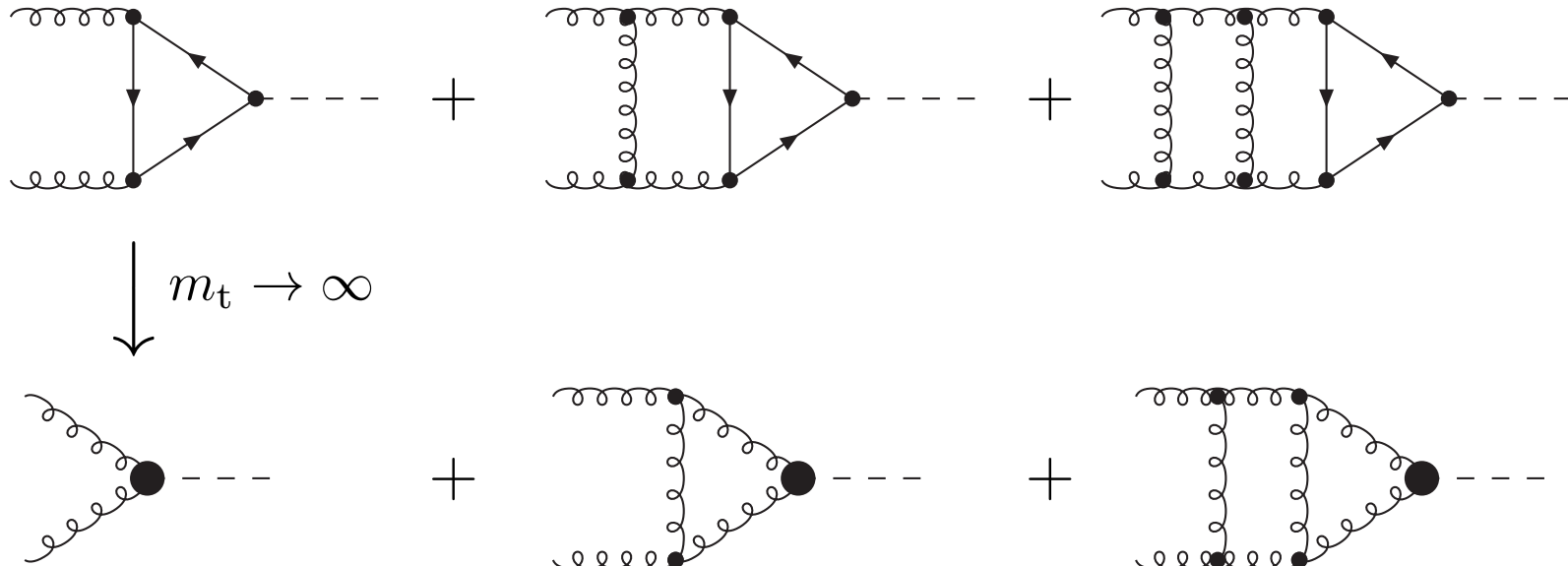
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## Higher-order QCD corrections:

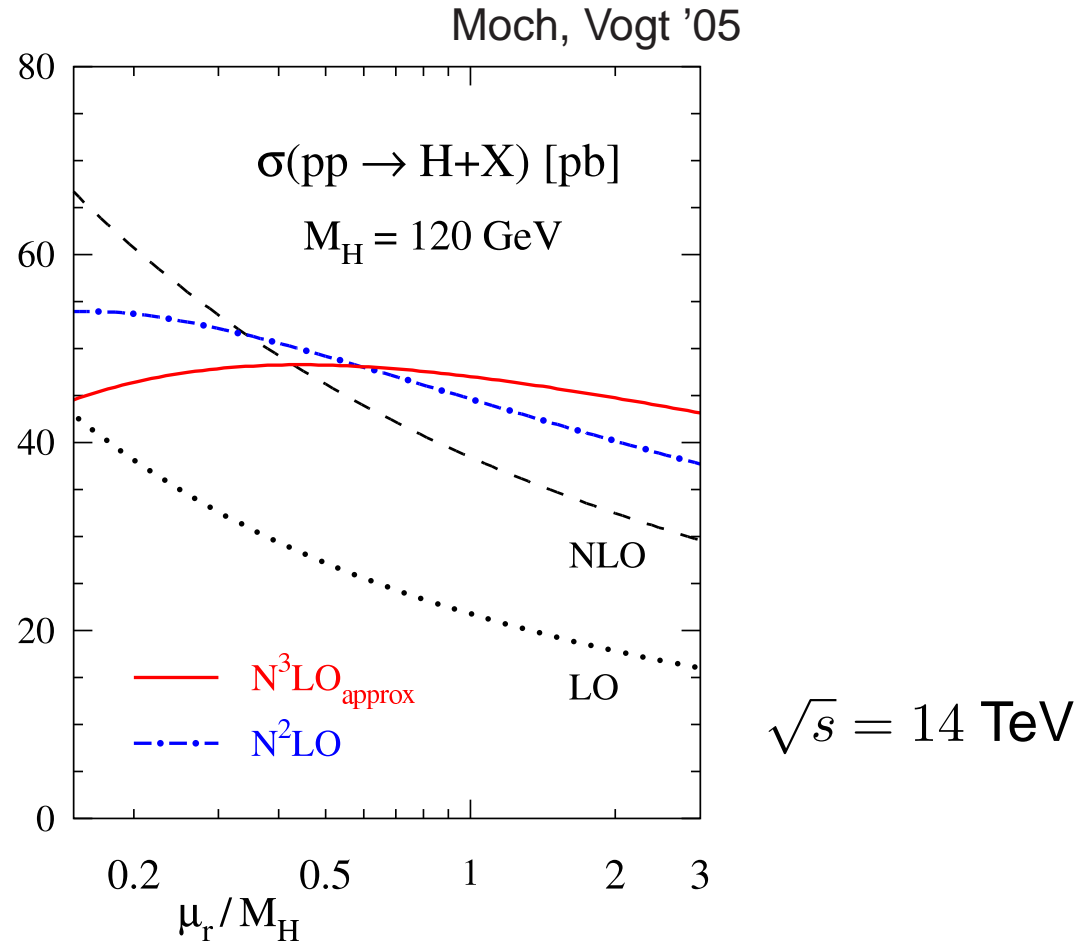
- full NLO
- NNLO  
(as expansion for  $M_t \rightarrow \infty$ )  
(matched with  $\hat{s} \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}} \sim 2.0$$

- soft-gluon resummation  
to NNLL: 6–9%  
leading soft contribution to  
NNNLO in limit  $M_t \rightarrow \infty$

Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas '93  
 Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas '95  
 Harlander, Kilgore '01,'02  
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 Anastasiou, Melnikov '02  
 Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven '03, '04  
 Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello '04  
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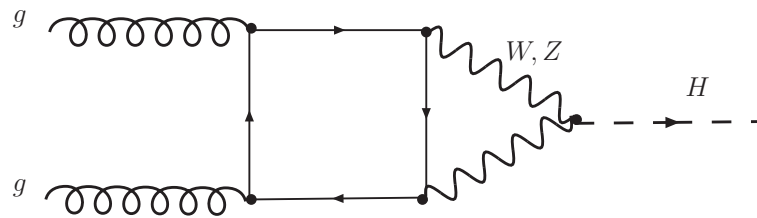
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residual scale uncertainty:  $\sim 5-10\%$

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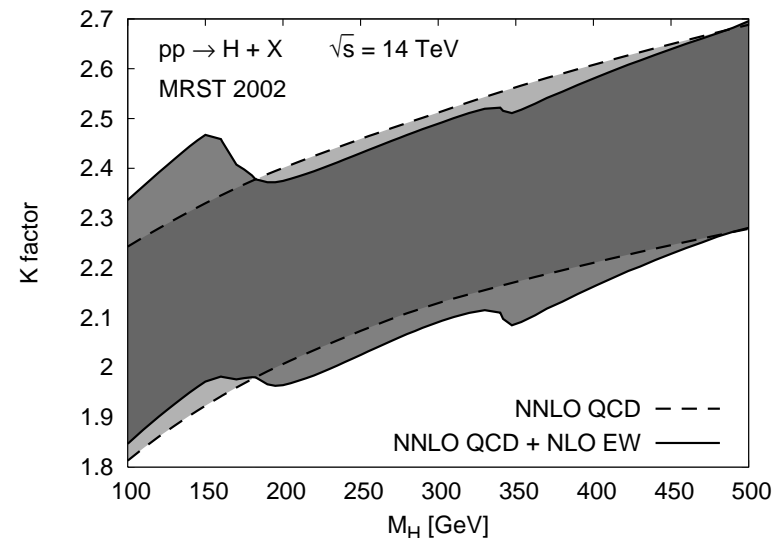
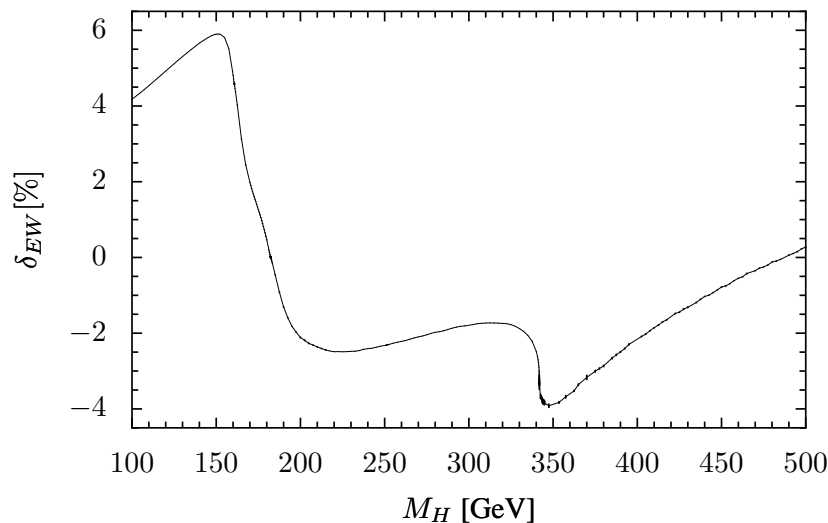


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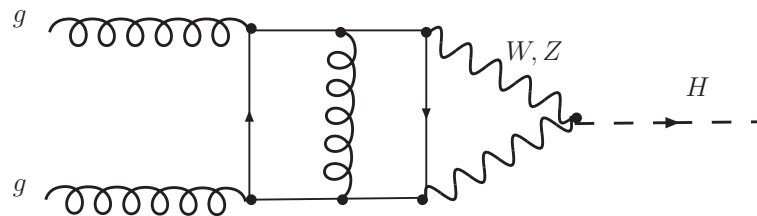
- non-trivial threshold behaviour inside loops (WW,ZZ, $t\bar{t}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  **complex-mass** scheme at two loops
- **+5%** correction for  $M_H = 125$  GeV



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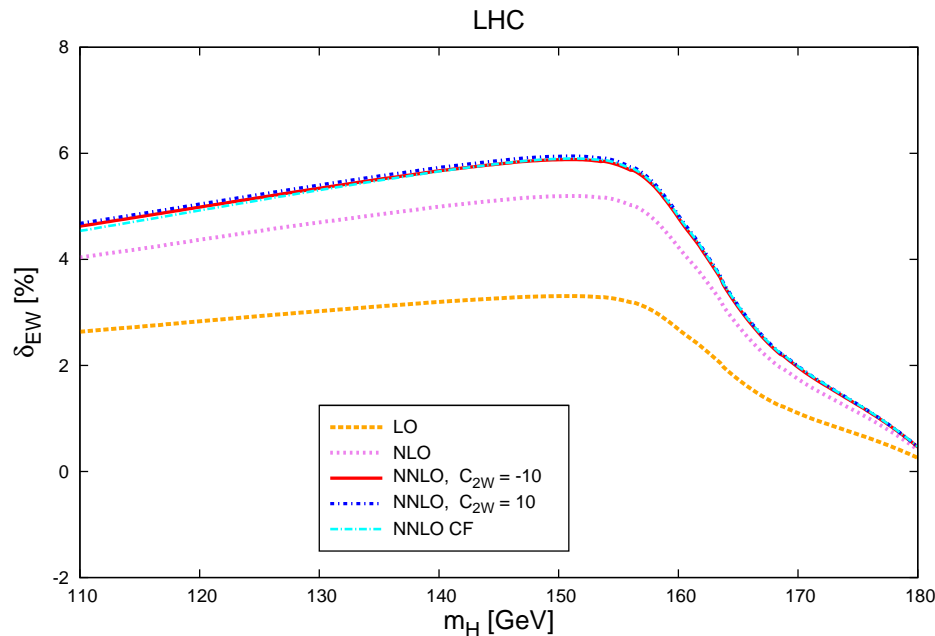
⇒ **effective theory** approach  
(corrections to Wilson coefficient  
in effective ggH coupling)

⇒ same philosophy like for QCD corrections

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$\sim 5\%$  correction at  $M_H = 125$  GeV

supports **factorization**  
of EW and QCD corrections

# Gluon Fusion

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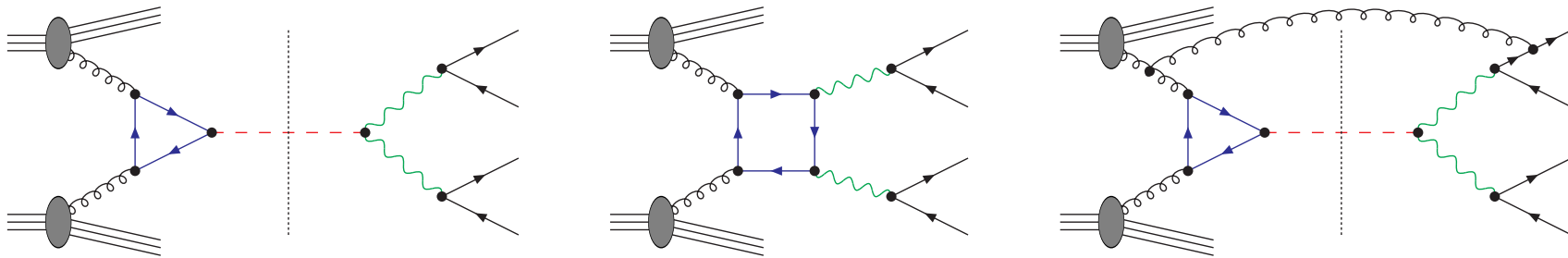
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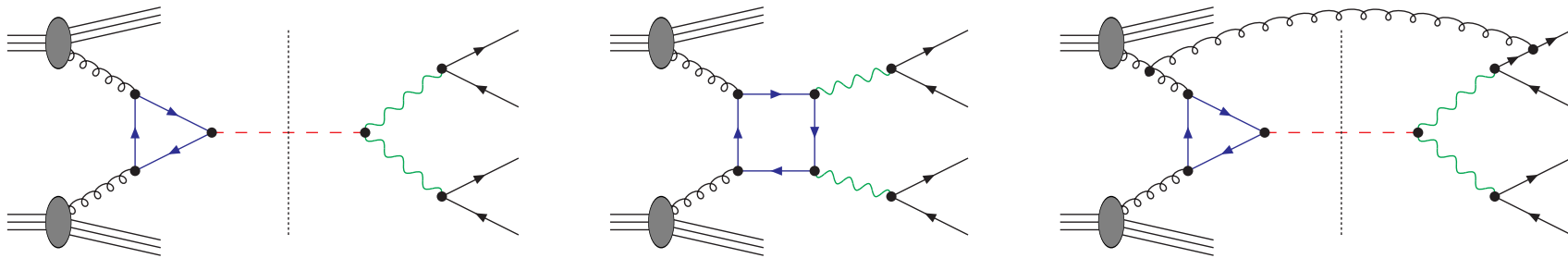
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Kauer, Passarino '12

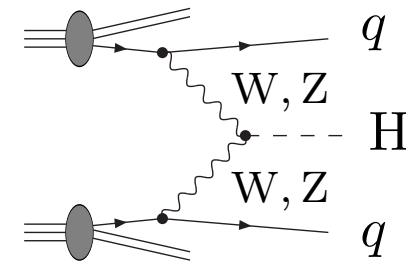
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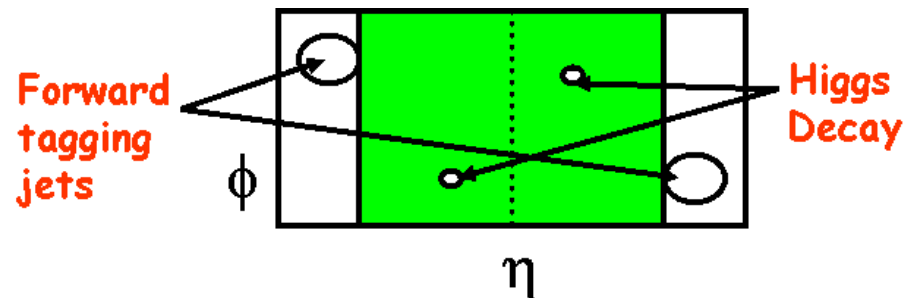


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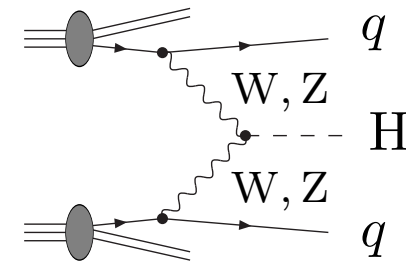
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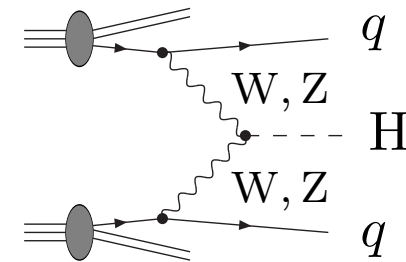
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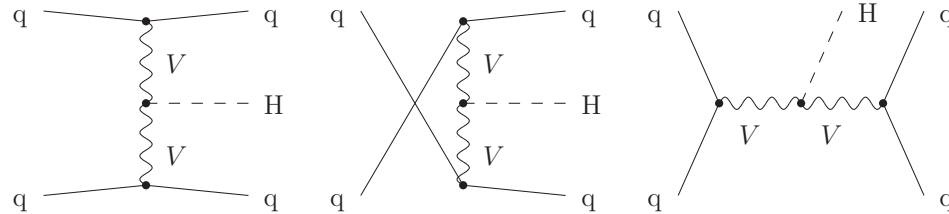
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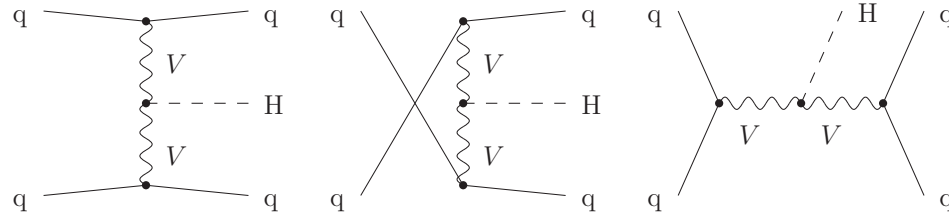


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**Higher-order** corrections:

- QCD corrections small ( $\Leftrightarrow$  DIS<sup>2</sup> like process)
- EW of the same size (5–10%)
- assume factorized corrections:  $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{NNLO}}(1 + \delta_{\text{EW}})$
- PDF +  $\alpha_s$  error dominant:  $\pm 3\%$  ( $M_H = 125$  GeV)

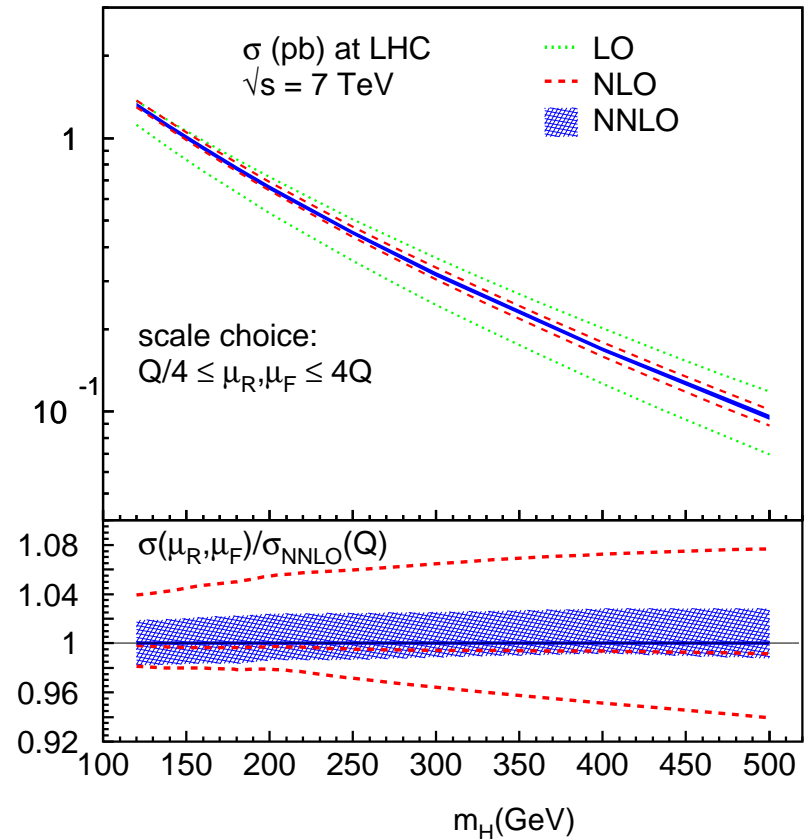
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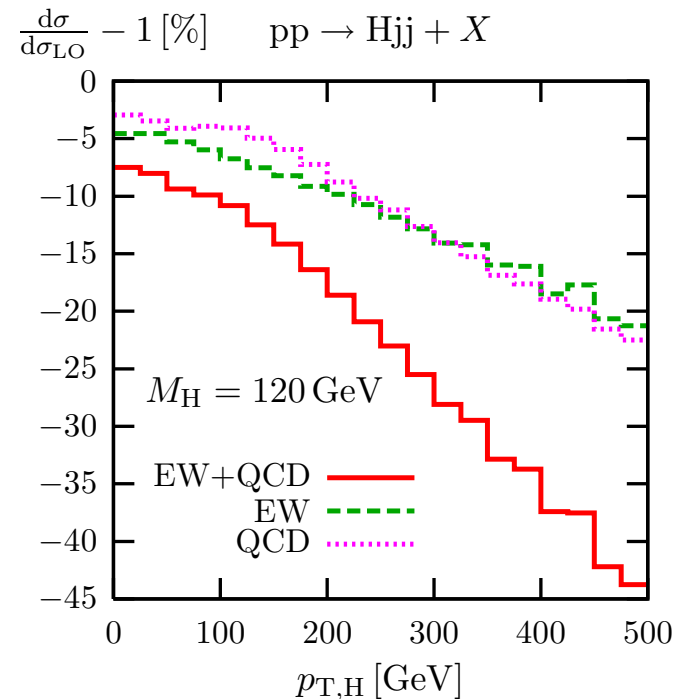
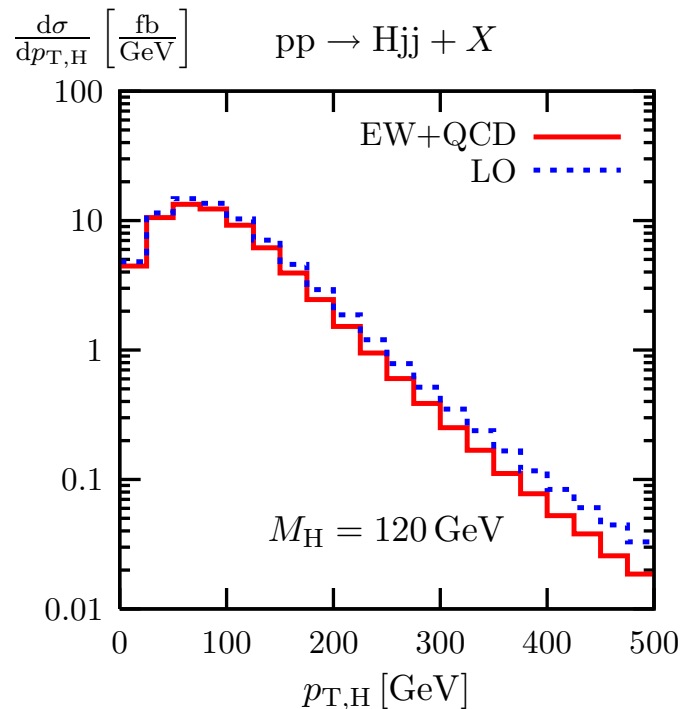
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Transverse momentum of Higgs boson: (with VBF cuts)



Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier '07 (Hawk)

- corrections distort shapes of distributions
- EW corrections  $-20\%$  at  $p_{T,H} = 500 \text{ GeV}$   
from electroweak Sudakov logarithms

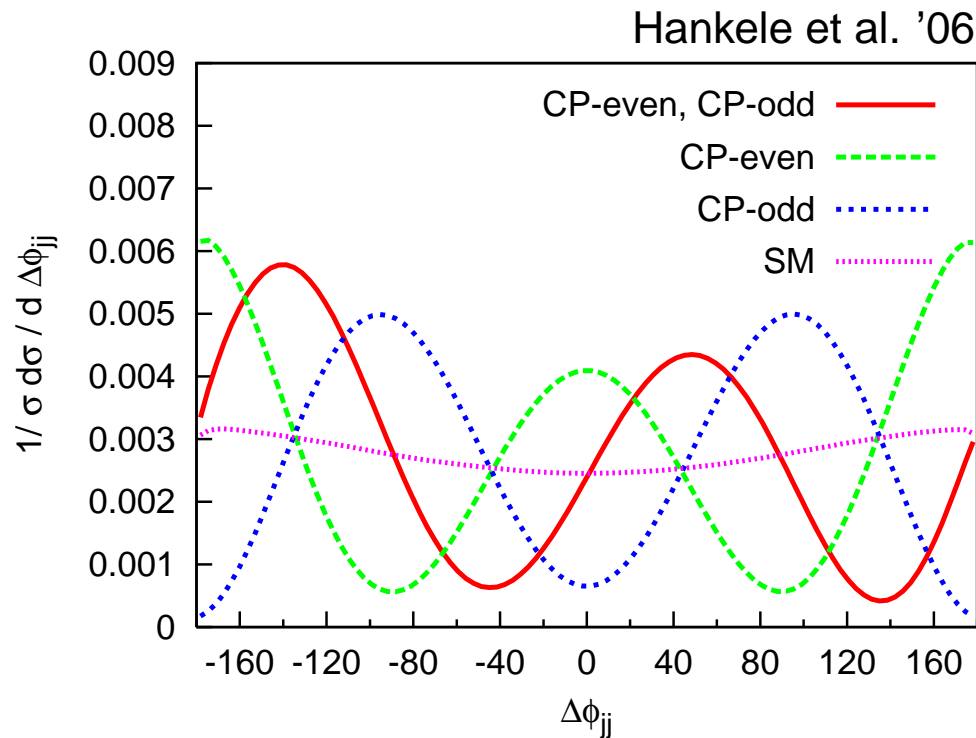
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Higgs couplings from  $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$  in VBF

- sensitivity to non-standard couplings

Hankele, Klämke, Zeppenfeld, Figy '06

Ruwiedel, Schumacher, Wermes '07



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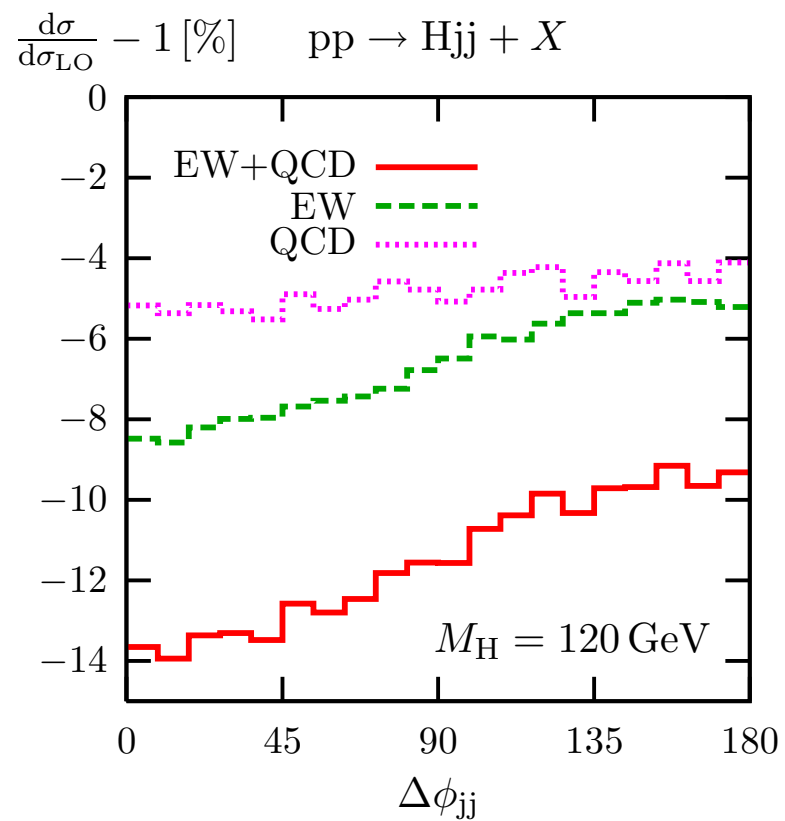
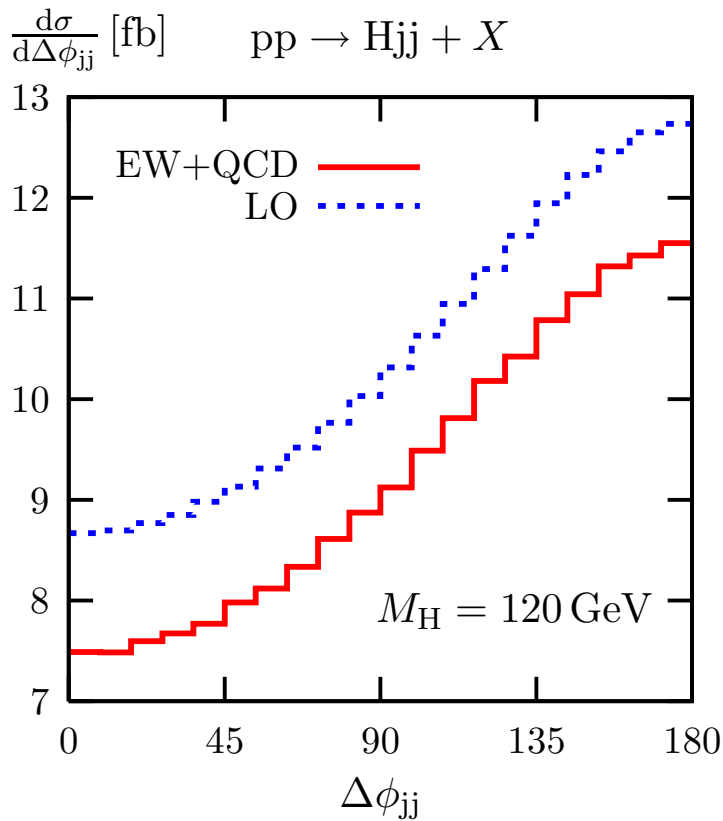
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## Corrections to $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ (with VBF cuts)

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EW corrections distort distribution by  $\sim 4\%$



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$$pp \rightarrow W/Z + H$$

- $\sigma$  a bit smaller than VBF

- $\sim 1.1$  pb at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV ( $M_H = 125$  GeV)

- main channel at the Tevatron

- leptonic  $W/Z$  decay allows for **additional tag**

$\Rightarrow$  punished by **small** leptonic  $W/Z$  **BRs**

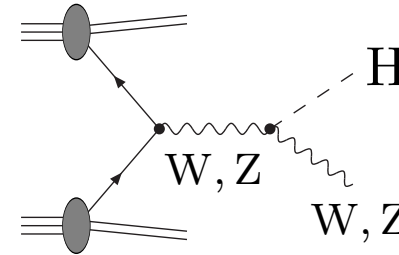
- for a 125 GeV Higgs  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  should be accessible

$\Rightarrow$  modern **jet-techniques**

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$\Rightarrow$  **boosted Higgs**: use high  $p_T$  Higgs bosons only

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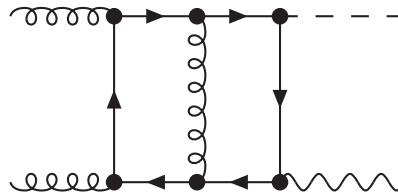
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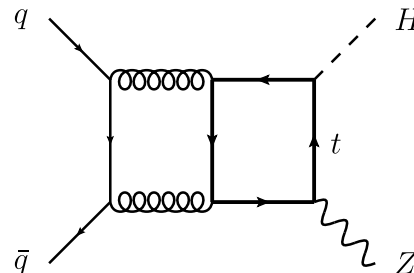
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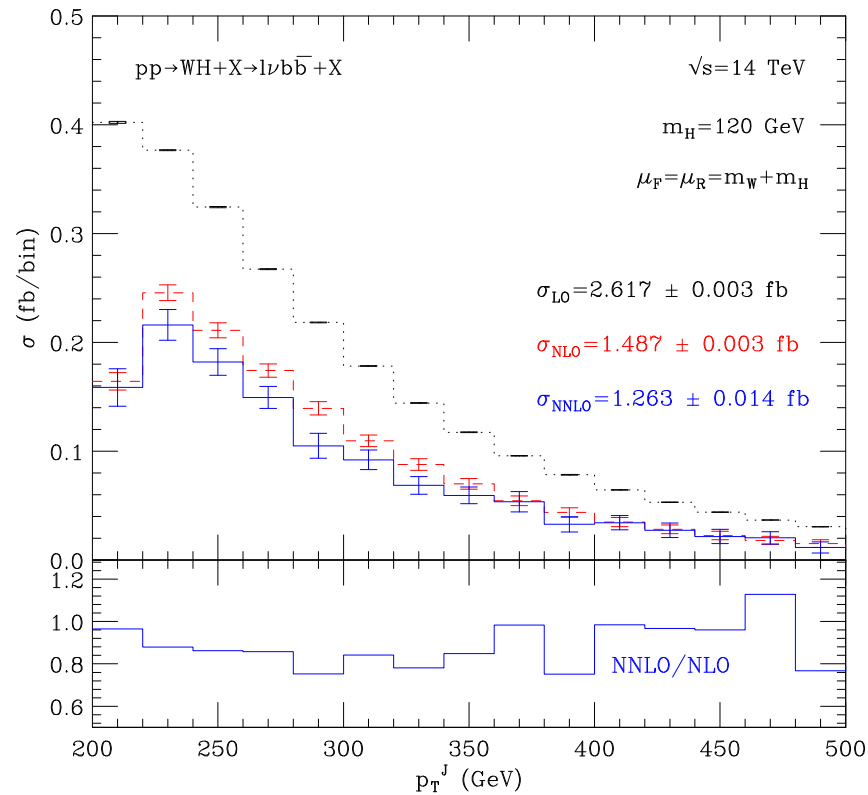
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Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Mück '11

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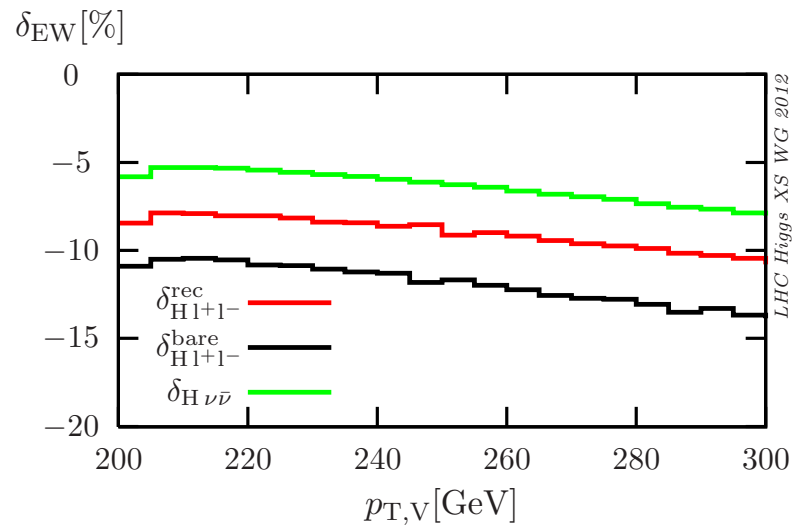
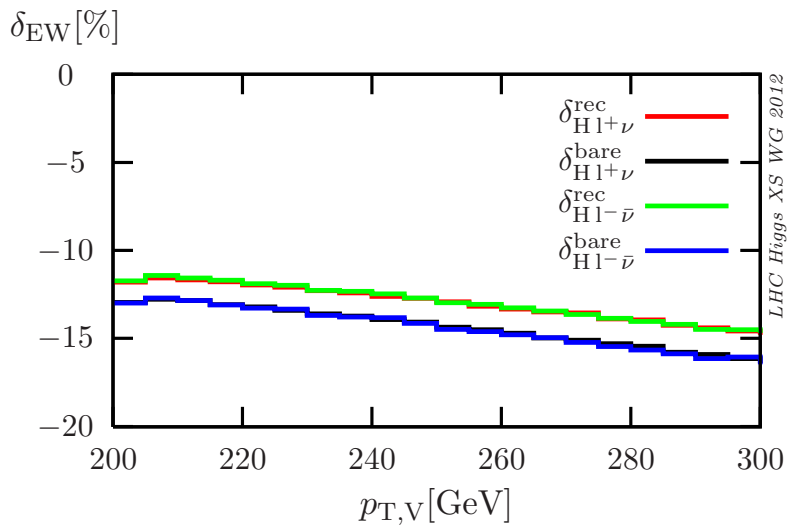
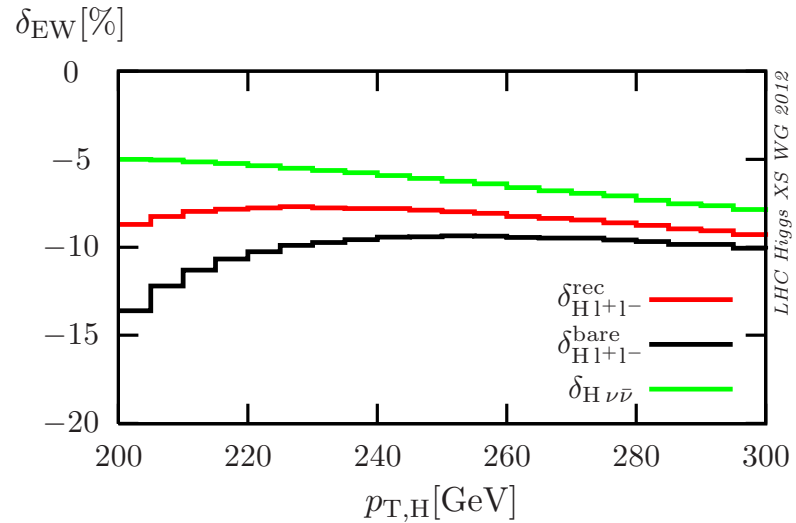
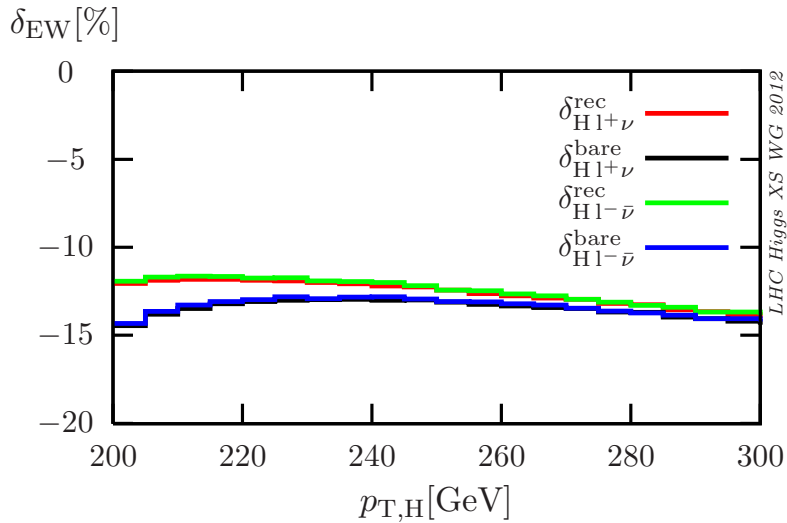
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Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano [arXiv:1107.1164]



(large negative correction due to strict jet veto)

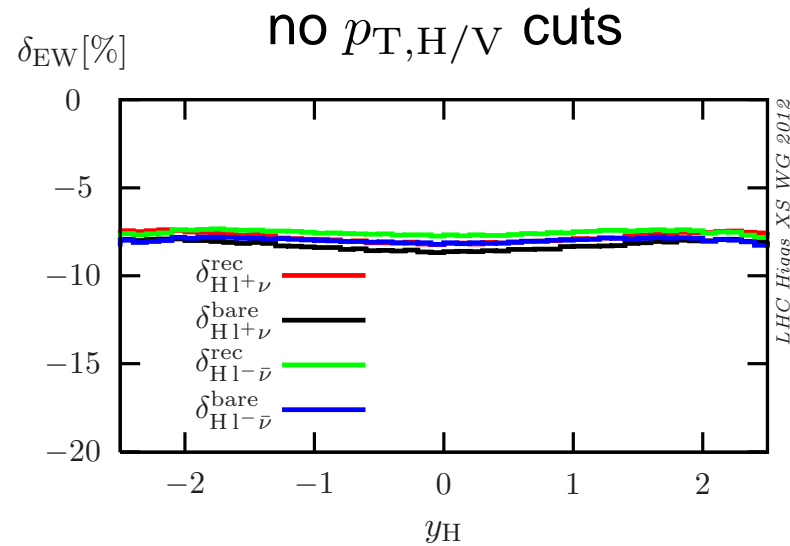
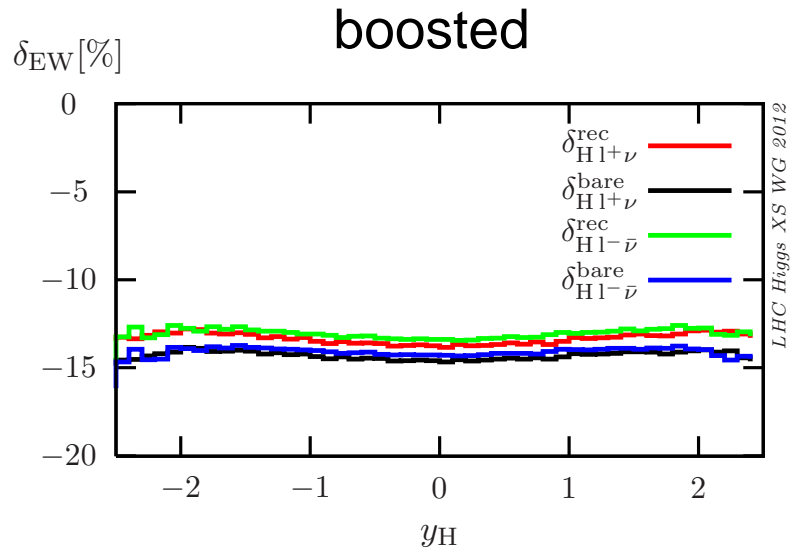
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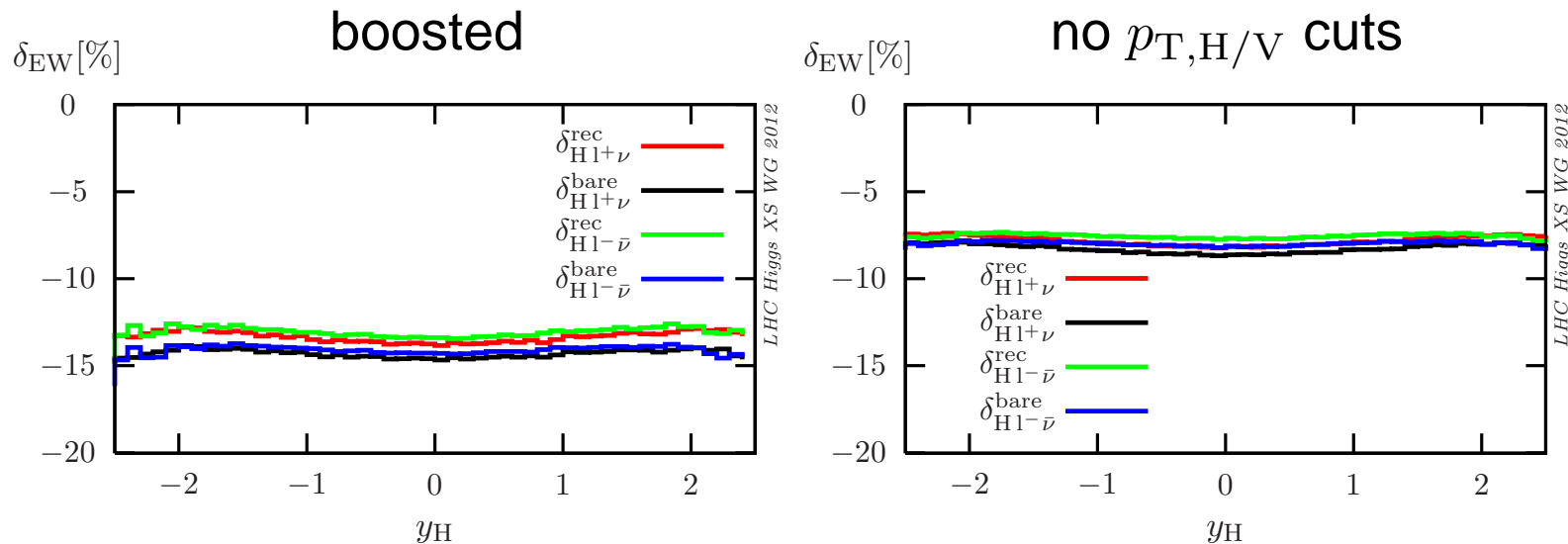


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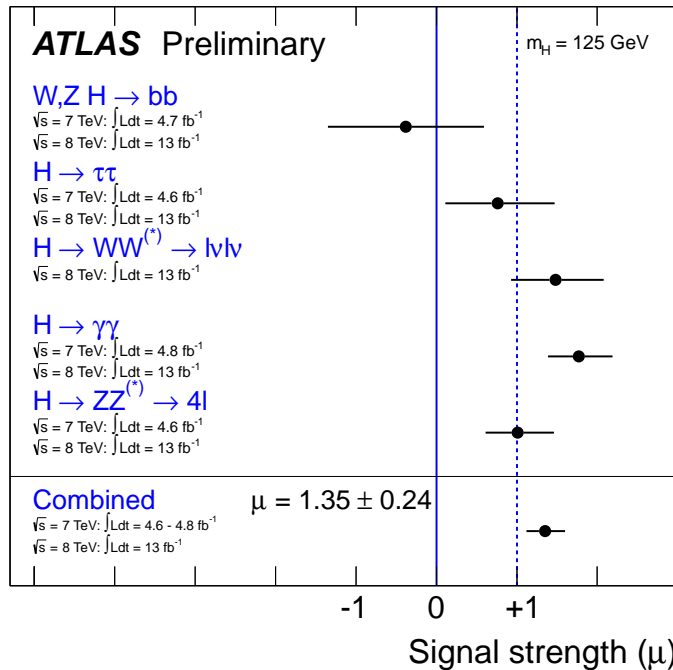
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- enormous **theoretical efforts** have been invested
- **good** control on **SM predictions** for
  - production cross-sections
  - branching ratios
- focus now on
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  - Higgs **properties**
  - SM  $\Leftrightarrow$  alternative models
- all **data so far** looks **consistent with the SM** ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ?)

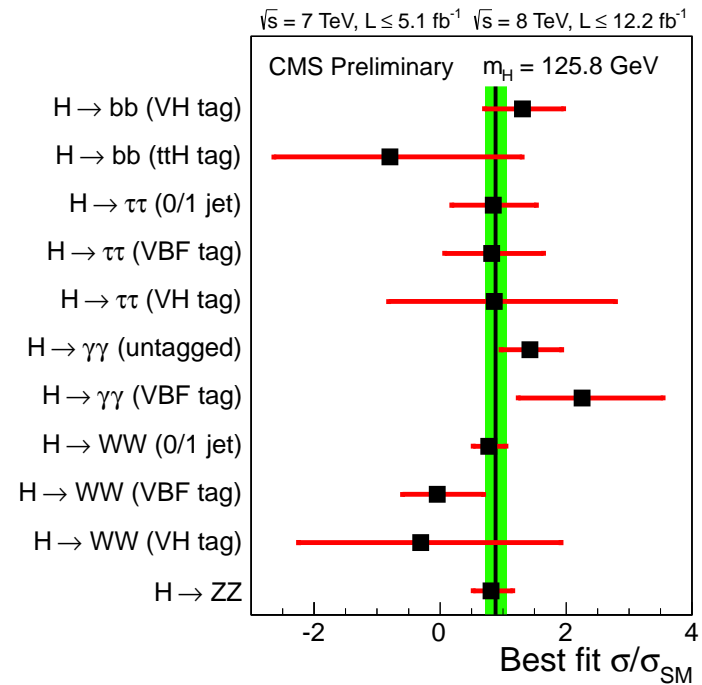
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working on the most important question...

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