

# Theory Higgs Production

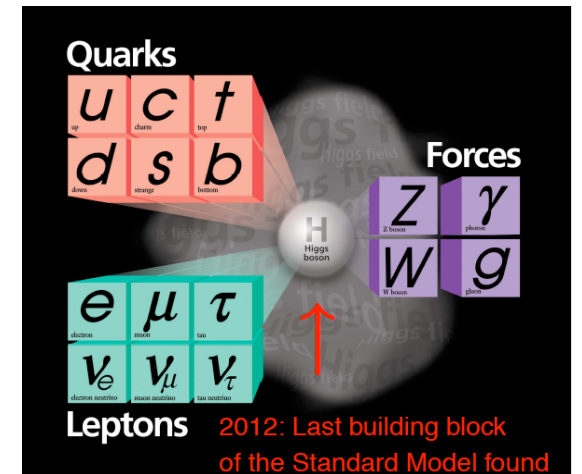
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Higgs Hunting 2016, August 31, LPNHE Paris

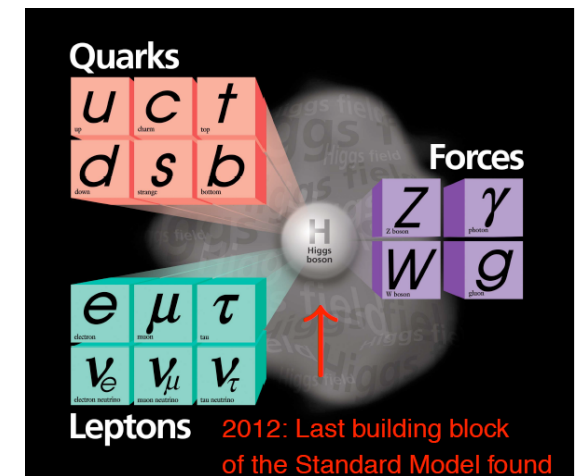
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# 2015

# theguardian

## Large Hadron Collider Restart: Live Blog

Easter morning excitement as the CERN accelerator team send beams around the LHC for the first time in many months - a major milestone on the way to even higher energy collisions!

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All collimators open  
Circulating beam 2

BBC



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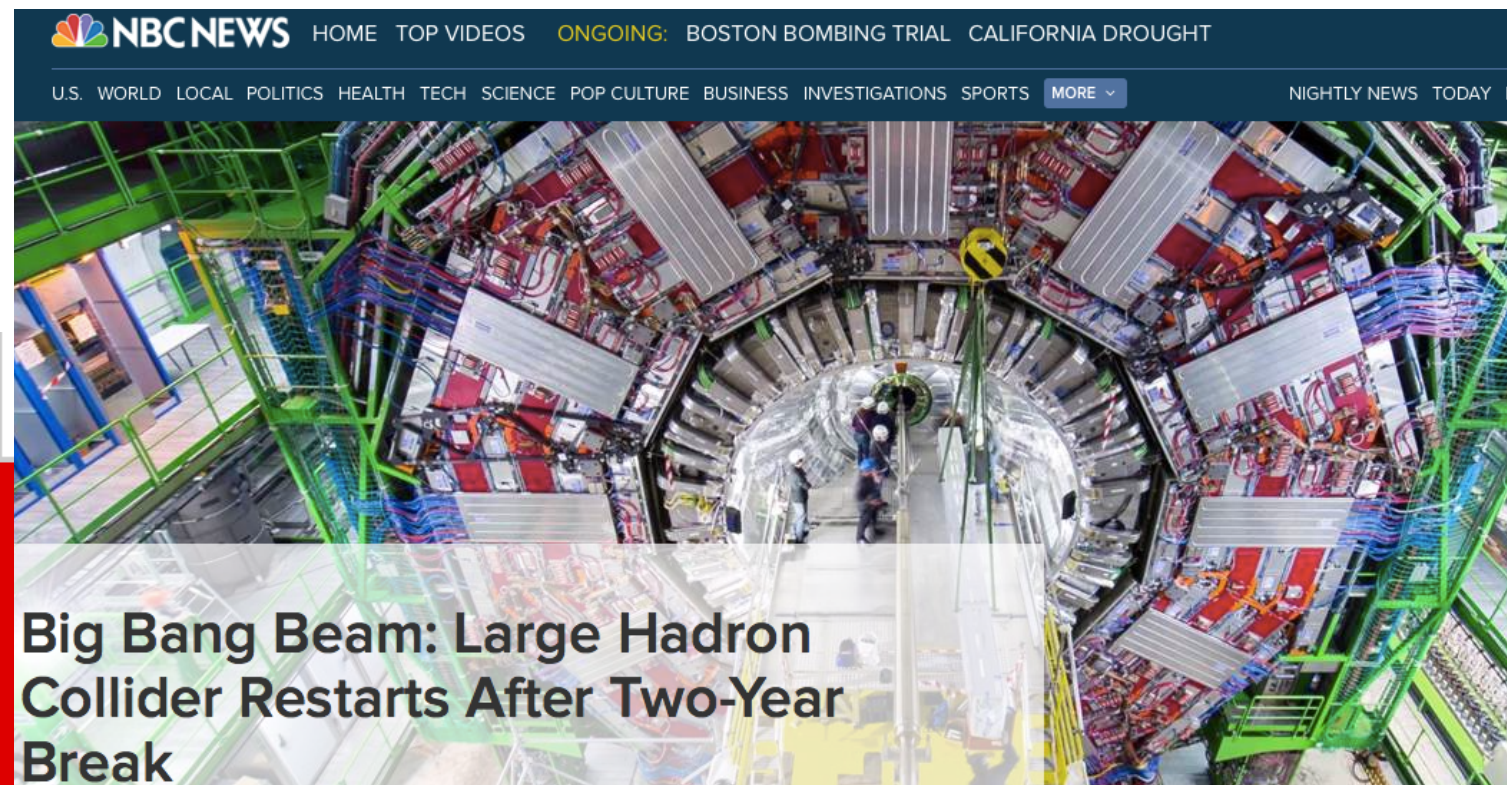
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## LHC restart: 'We want to break physics'



## Large Hadron Collider: World's biggest physics experiment restarts





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Direct searches:  
find new particles

Indirect searches:  
find deviations from  
the SM behavior



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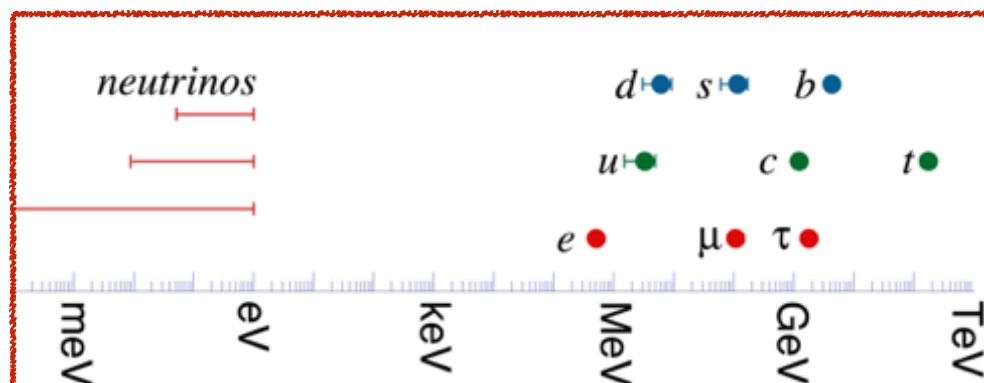
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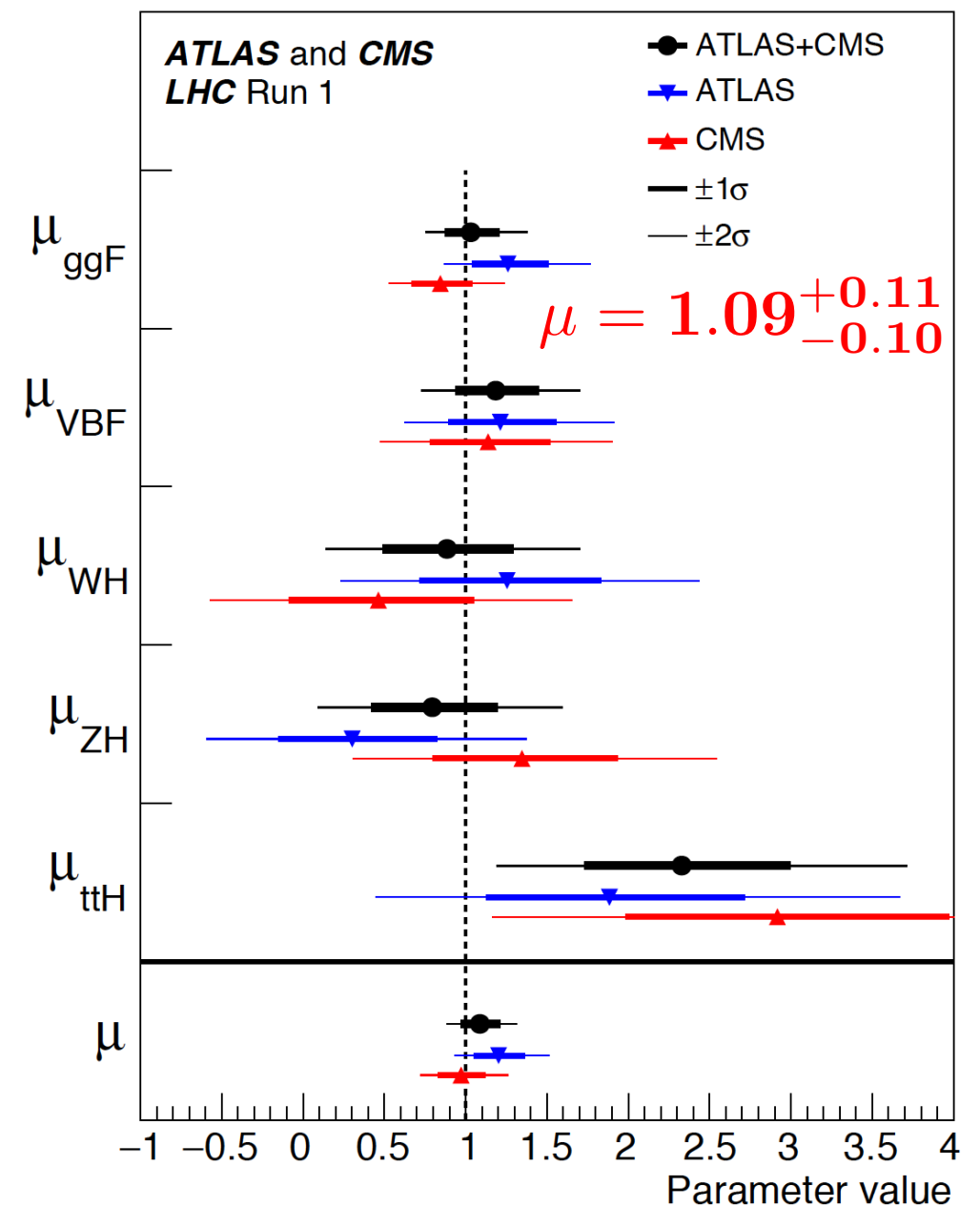
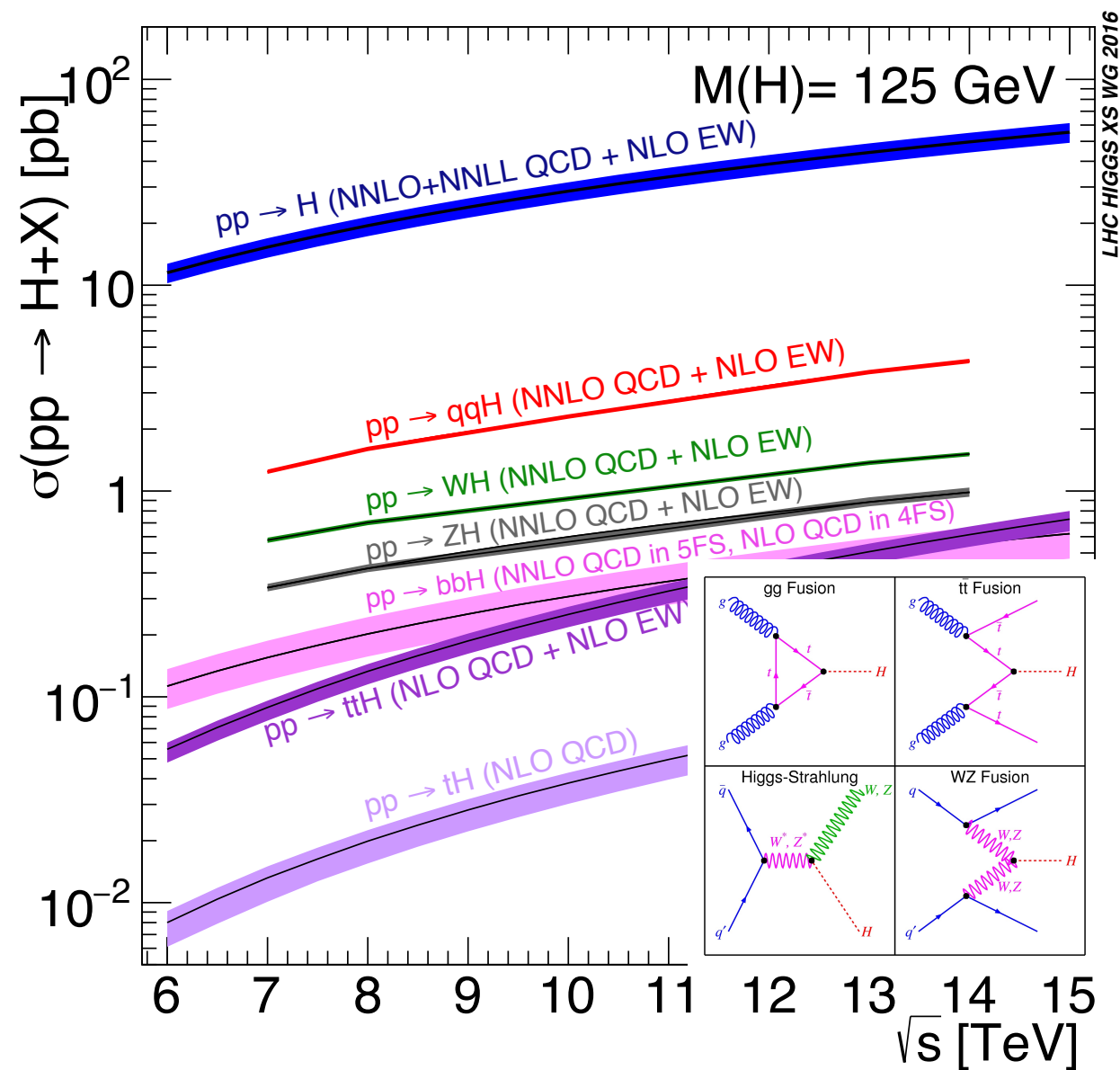
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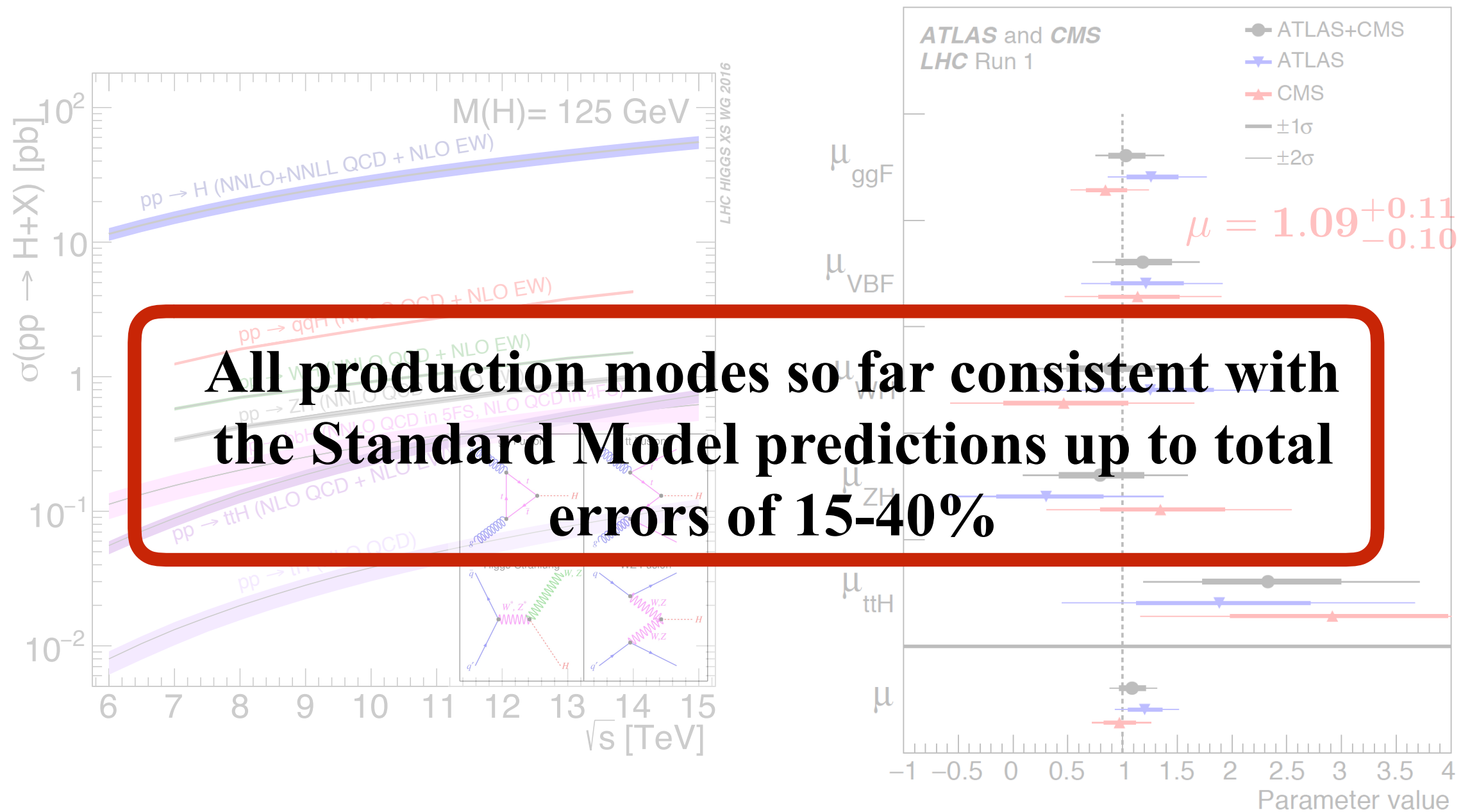


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Electron isolation and impact parameter selection	–	0.07%	1.1%	1.2%	0.5%
Electron trigger efficiency	–	0.21%	0.05%	0.21%	<0.2%
$ll + ee$ backgrounds	–	–	3.4%	3.4%	1.3%
Muon reconstruction and identification efficiencies	1.9%	1.1%	0.8%	–	1.5%
Muon trigger efficiency	0.6%	0.03%	0.6%	–	0.2%
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Profiled control regions	0.10	0.10	
Profiled signal regions	-	-	-
MC statistics	0.04	0.04	
Theoretical systematics	0.15	0.12	
Signal $H \rightarrow WW^* \mathcal{B}$	0.05	0.04	
Signal ggF cross section	0.09	0.07	
Signal ggF acceptance	0.05	0.04	
Signal VBF cross section	0.01	0.01	
Signal VBF acceptance	0.02	0.01	
Background $WW$	0.06	0.06	
Background top quark	0.03	0.03	
Background misid. factor	0.05	0.05	
Others	0.02	0.02	
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Bkg. $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$	0.02	0.02	
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PDF, $\alpha_s$ uncertainty						0%
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ background						0%

Uncertainty group	$\sigma_{\mu}^{\text{syst.}}$
Theory (yield)	0.09
Experimental (yield)	0.02
Luminosity	0.03
MC statistics	< 0.01
Theory (migrations)	0.03
Experimental (migrations)	0.02
Resolution	0.07
Mass scale	0.02
Background shape	0.02

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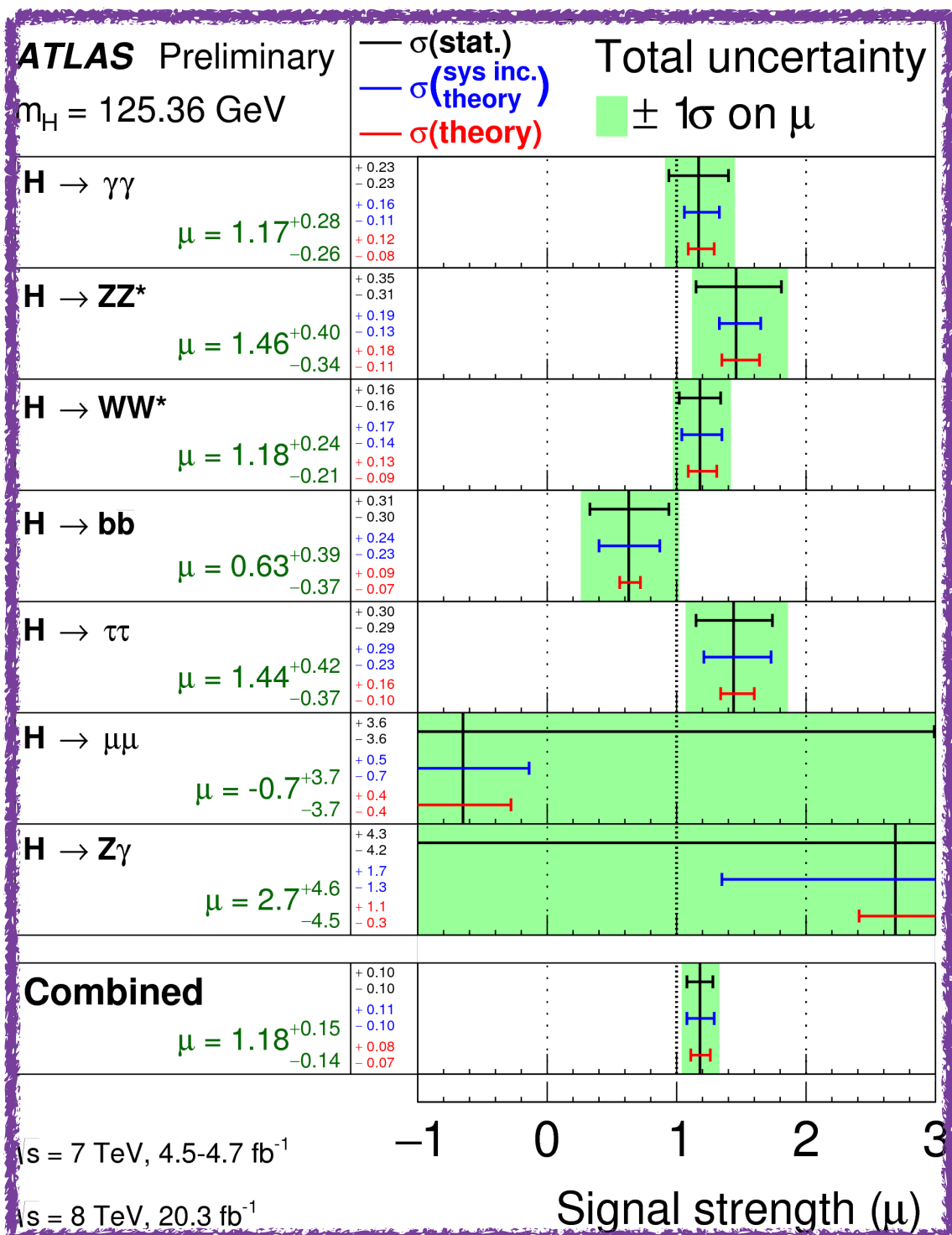
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**For all three Higgs ‘precision’ channels, theory uncertainty is the dominant source of systematic uncertainty !**



# LHC Run II Prospects



- The dominant component of the systematic error on the signal strength is theory ( $\sim 10\text{-}15\%$ ).
- The statistical error from LHC Run I is the largest ( $\sim 20\%$ ), this however will improve during LHC Run II.

## Run II prospects:

x2.5 increase in cross section

x15 increase in luminosity ( $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

$\sim 40$  times more events

**Stat. error in 3-4% range**

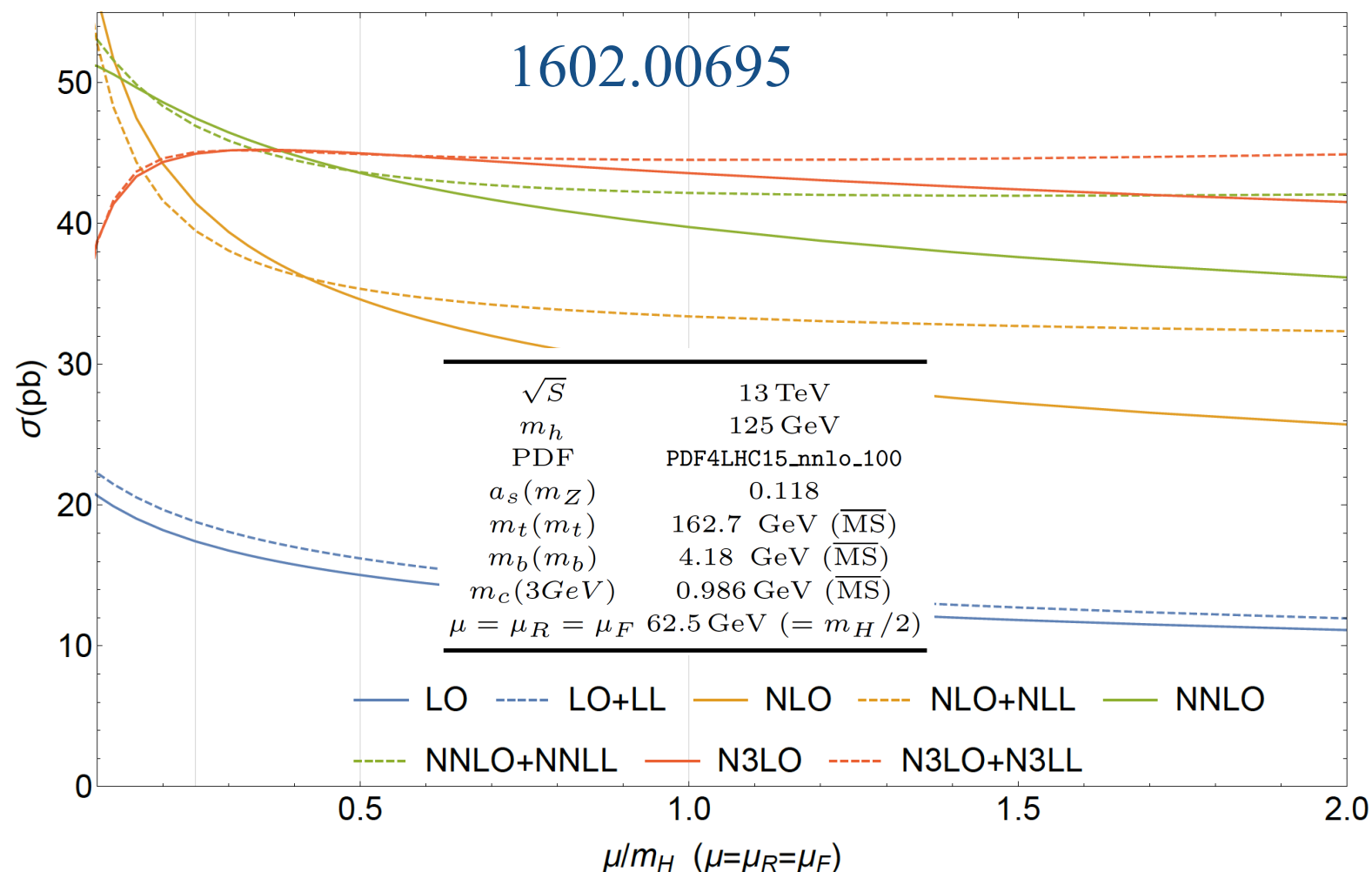
Theory error becoming a limiting factor in interpreting Run II data.

# **Inclusive Cross Sections**

# Higgs Production @ N<sup>3</sup>LO in Gluon Fusion

- Remarkable recent progress: the inclusive cross section for Higgs production in gluon fusion is now known at N<sup>3</sup>LO in QCD.

(Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Furlan, Gehrmann, Herzog, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger, 2016)



- Important input for Higgs couplings analysis
- Much smaller scale dependence at N<sup>3</sup>LO: **~1.9% vs 9% @ NNLO** for  $\mu \in [m_H/4, m_H]$
- Perturbative expansion stabilized at N<sup>3</sup>LO: **~+3%** shift from NNLO
- Impact of threshold resummation is invisible for  $\mu = m_H/2$

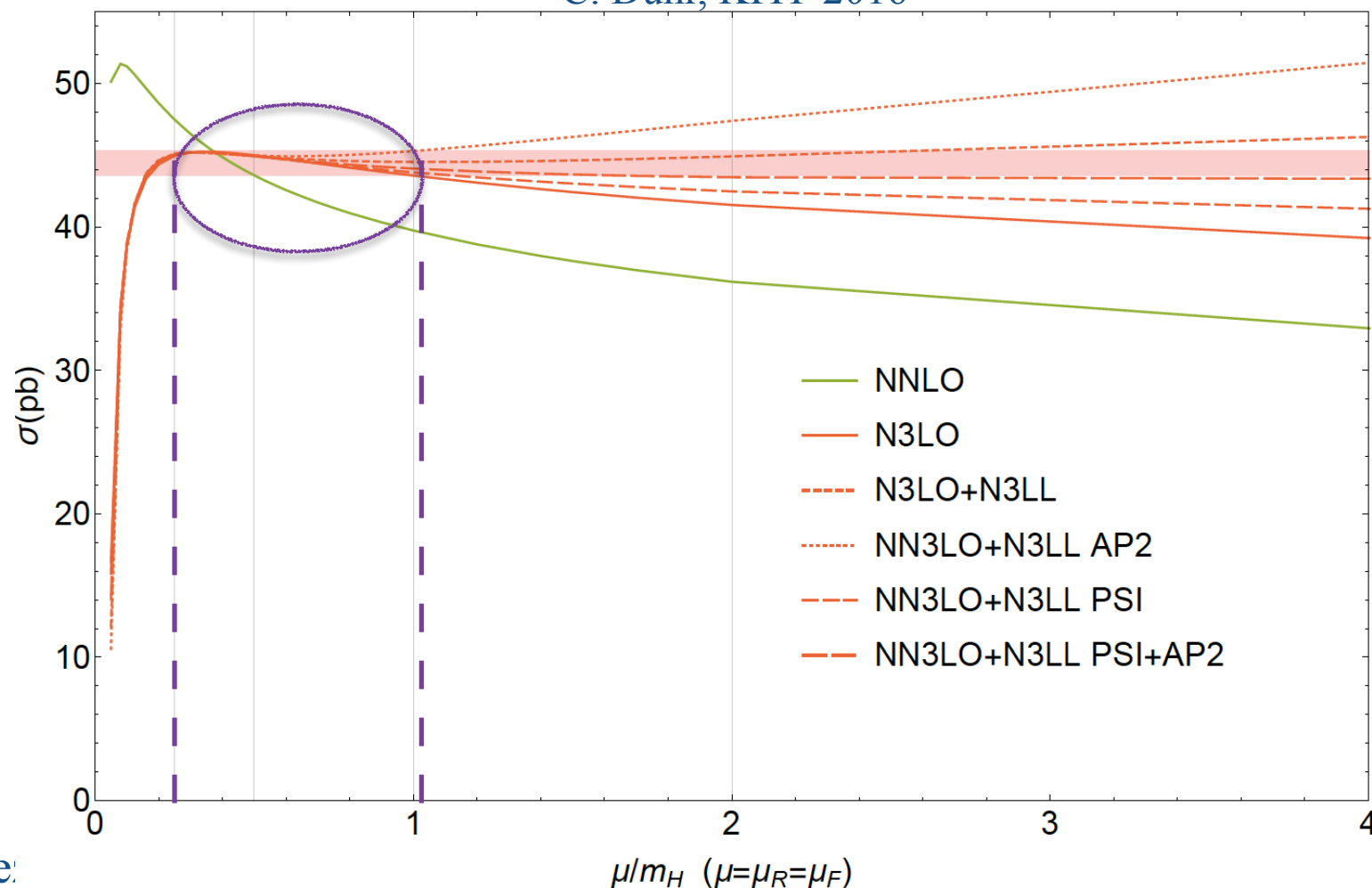
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- Should we worry about missing higher order corrections beyond N<sup>3</sup>LO? A possible way of estimating them is to look at the dominant soft-gluon contributions around the threshold, which are resumable to all orders.

C. Duhr, KITP 2016



- Different resummation schemes show that missing higher order corrections are included in the N<sup>3</sup>LO error band for  $\mu \in [m_H/4, m_H]$ .



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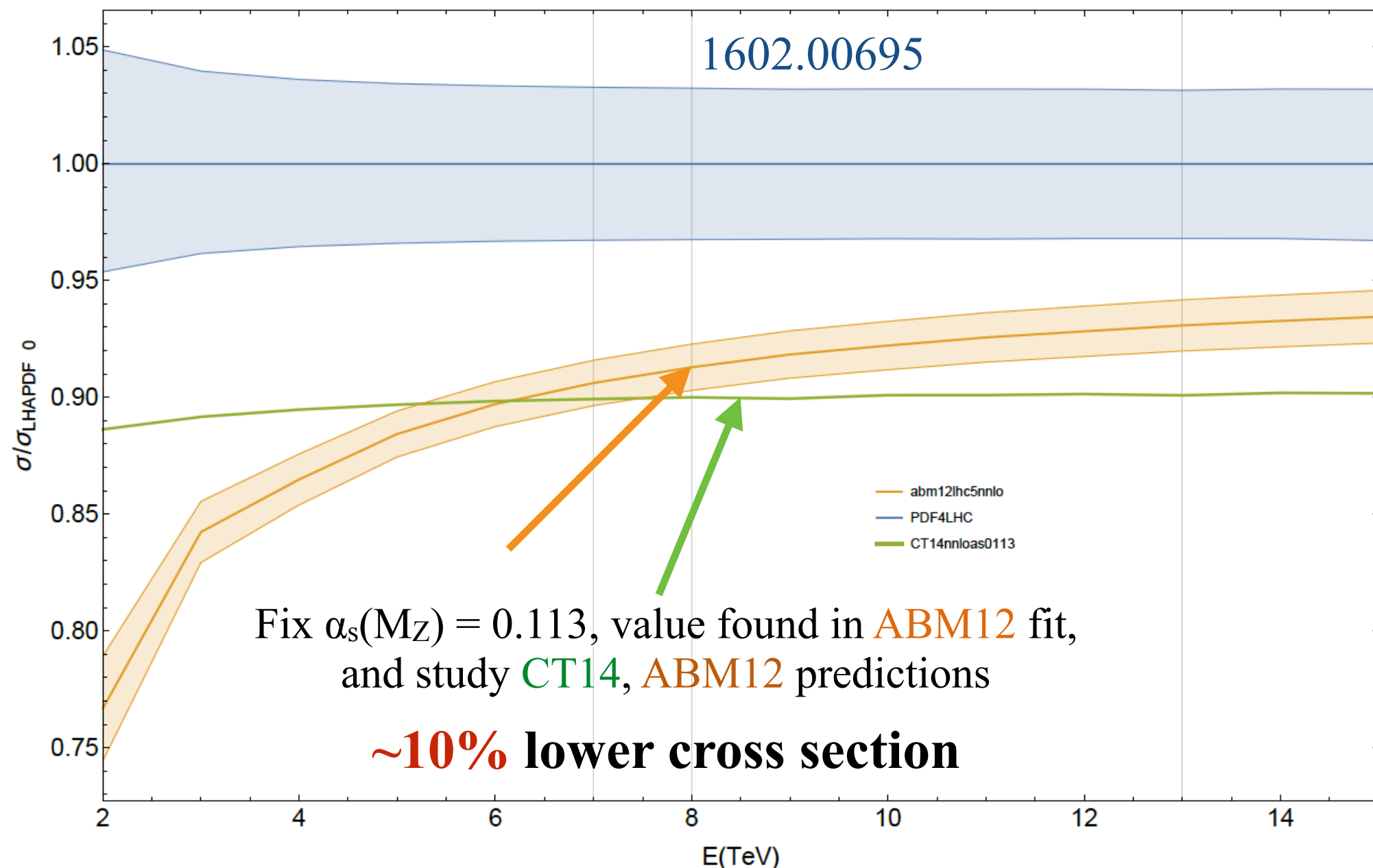
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- The result includes various effects besides N<sup>3</sup>LO QCD corrections in the heavy top mass limit, rescaled by  $\frac{\sigma_{\text{excat}}^{\text{LO}}}{\sigma_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{LO}}}$ , and accounts for various sources of uncertainties:

- $m_t$  and  $m_b$  mass effects are included exactly at NLO.
- NNLO top mass effects accounted for in the  $1/m_t$  limit (Harlander, Mantler, Marzani, Ozeren, 2009).
- Exact NLO EW corrections (Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati, 2008).
- Mixed QCD-EW effects in an EFT approach (Anastasiou, R.B., Petriello, 2008).
- The theory error accounts for an estimate of the missing N<sup>3</sup>LO PDFs and the truncation error associated with the calculation approach at N<sup>3</sup>LO.
- PDF and  $\alpha_s$  errors combined quadratically.

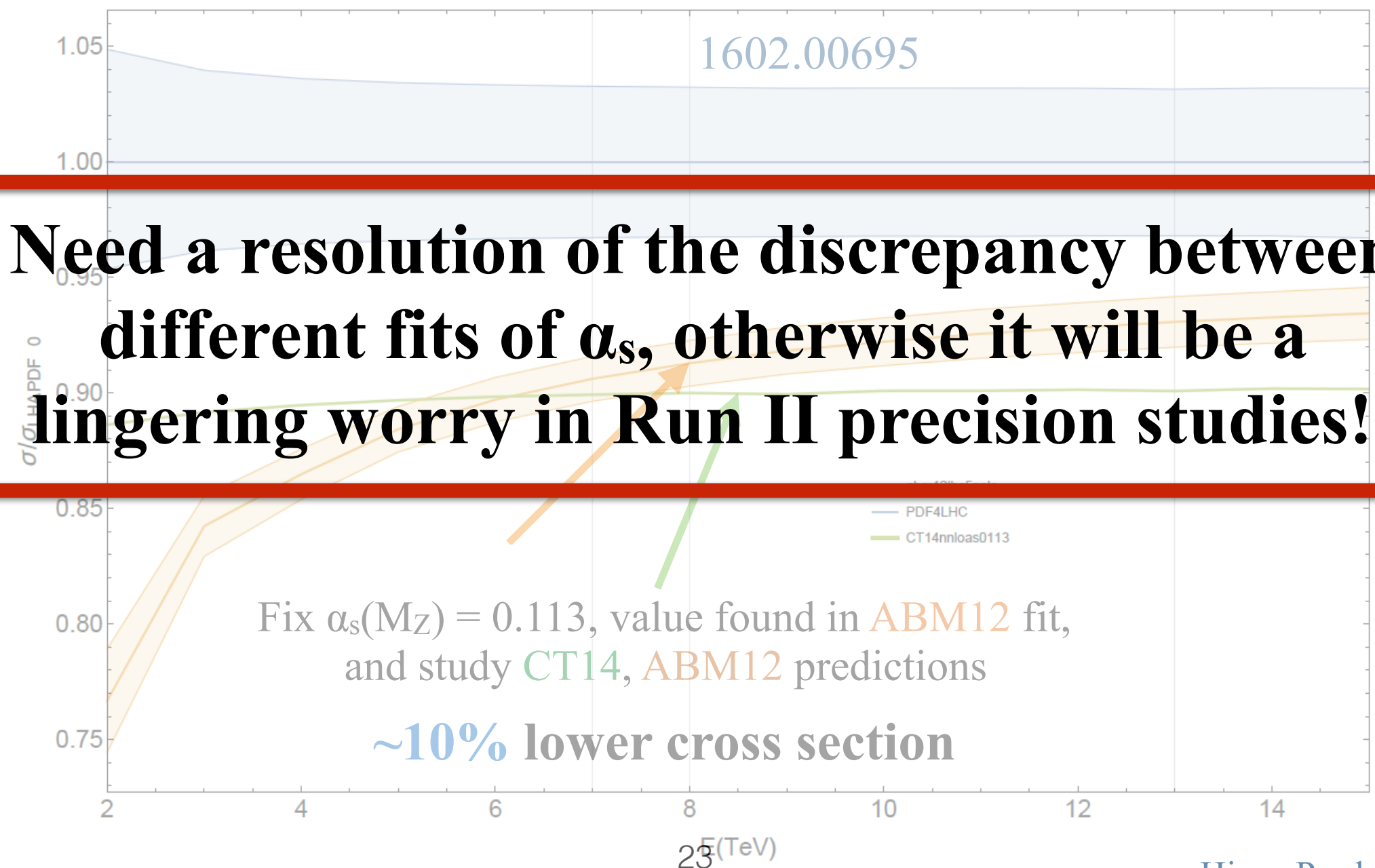
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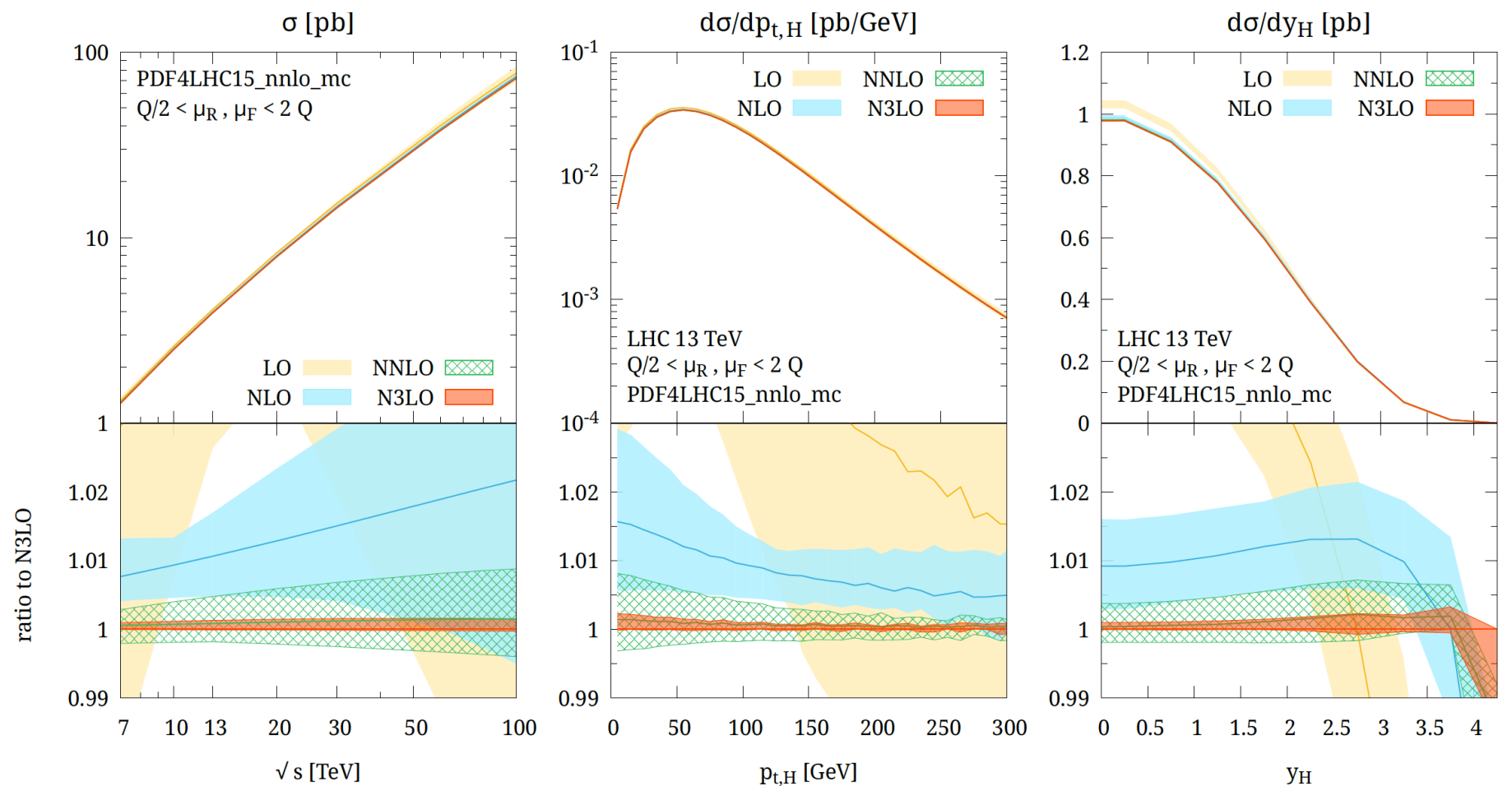
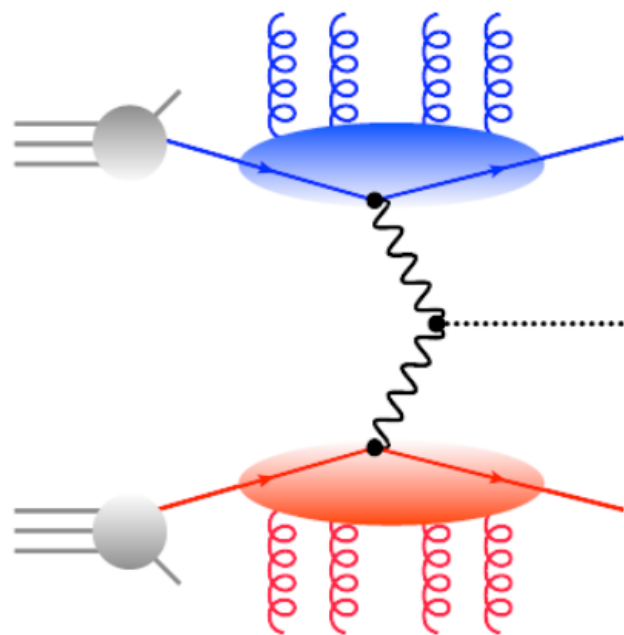
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# Inclusive Higgs Production in VBF

- Calculated first at NNLO in QCD in the structure function approach. Small correction  $\sim 1\%$  and uncertainty  $\sim 1-2\%$  (Bolzoni, Maltoni, Moch, Zaro, 2011)
- Now also known at N<sup>3</sup>LO in QCD. Correction tiny,  $0.1-0.2\%$  and the uncertainty is lower than  $0.2\%$  (Dreyer, Karlsberg, 2016)
- Can help perform accurate Higgs couplings measurements.

(Dreyer, Karlsberg, 2016)





# **Exclusive Higgs Cross Section**

# Why go exclusive?

- Kinematic distributions are used to extract or constrain particles properties such as their couplings.
- How different can the differential distributions be from the inclusive case? take VBF as an example:

13TeV, anti-KT, R=0.4, NNPDF

	$\sigma^{(\text{no cuts})}$ [pb]	$\sigma^{(\text{VBF cuts})}$ [pb]
LO	4.032 <sup>+0.057</sup> <sub>-0.069</sub>	0.957 <sup>+0.066</sup> <sub>-0.059</sub>
NLO	3.929 <sup>+0.024</sup> <sub>-0.023</sub>	0.876 <sup>+0.008</sup> <sub>-0.018</sub>
NNLO	3.888 <sup>+0.016</sup> <sub>-0.012</sub>	0.826 <sup>+0.013</sup> <sub>-0.014</sub>

~ -1%
~ -5%

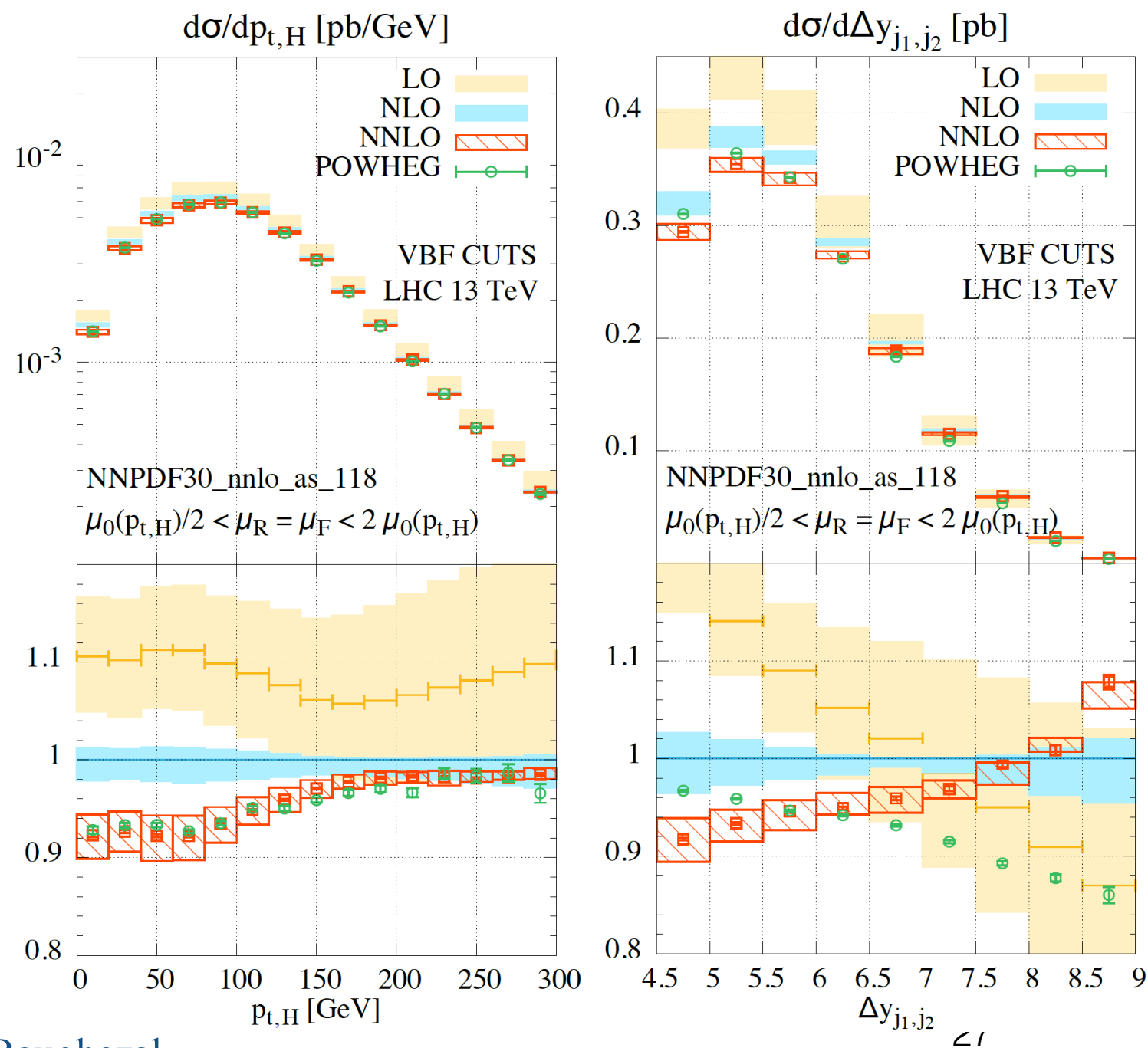
Cacciari, Dreyer, Karlberg, Salam, Zanderighi 2015

- The NNLO corrections for the cross section with VBF cuts are 5 times larger than the inclusive case, and large enough to influence precision studies.

# Differential VBF@NNLO

- Can now study kinematic observables with realistic cuts

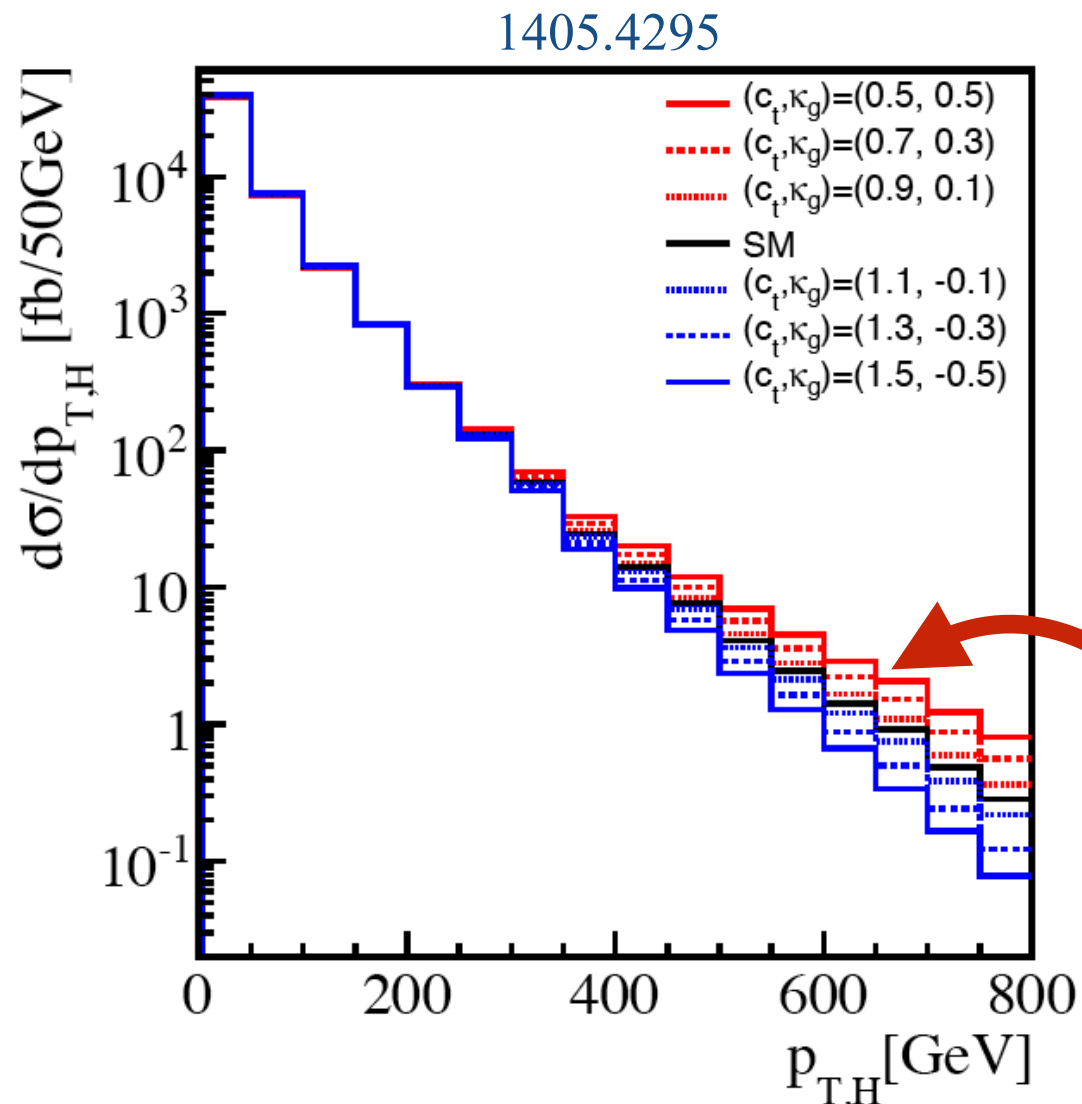
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- Non trivial Kinematic dependence of the K-factors.
- NNLO Corrections can be as large as 10% for some distributions.
- NLO+parton shower agrees well with NNLO for  $P_{TH}$  but not for  $\Delta y_{j1,j2}$ .
- Recently NNLO QCD and NLO EW corrections were merged within the HXSWG activities.

# The Higgs $P_T$ spectrum

- The Higgs transverse momentum is an important observable that probes Higgs properties. It can be used to disentangle the ggH and its possible BSM contributions from ttH couplings for example:



$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -c_t \frac{m_t}{v} t\bar{t}H + k_g \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi} \frac{h}{v} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{QCD}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(c_t, \kappa_g)}{\sigma_{SM}} \approx (c_t + \kappa_g)^2$$

Inclusive production cannot distinguish BSM scenarios from SM one!

**Important to calculate  $p_{T,H}$  precisely!**

Schlaffer, Spannowsky, Takeuchi, Weiler, Wymant



# Higgs+jet @ NNLO in QCD

- An accurate understanding of this cross section helps improve the signal significance when jet binning is used.
- Need improvement on two fronts:

$O(\alpha_s^2)$  correction in the  $m_t \rightarrow \infty$  limit



Three independent NNLO results are now available for this process



R.B., Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze, 2015

R.B., Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello, 2015

Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Jacquier, 2016

$O(\alpha_s)$  corrections to  $1/m_t$  suppressed operators



Approximate results incorporating finite  $m_t$  effects show that deviations from  $m_t \rightarrow \infty$  start at  $p_{TH} > 150\text{GeV}$

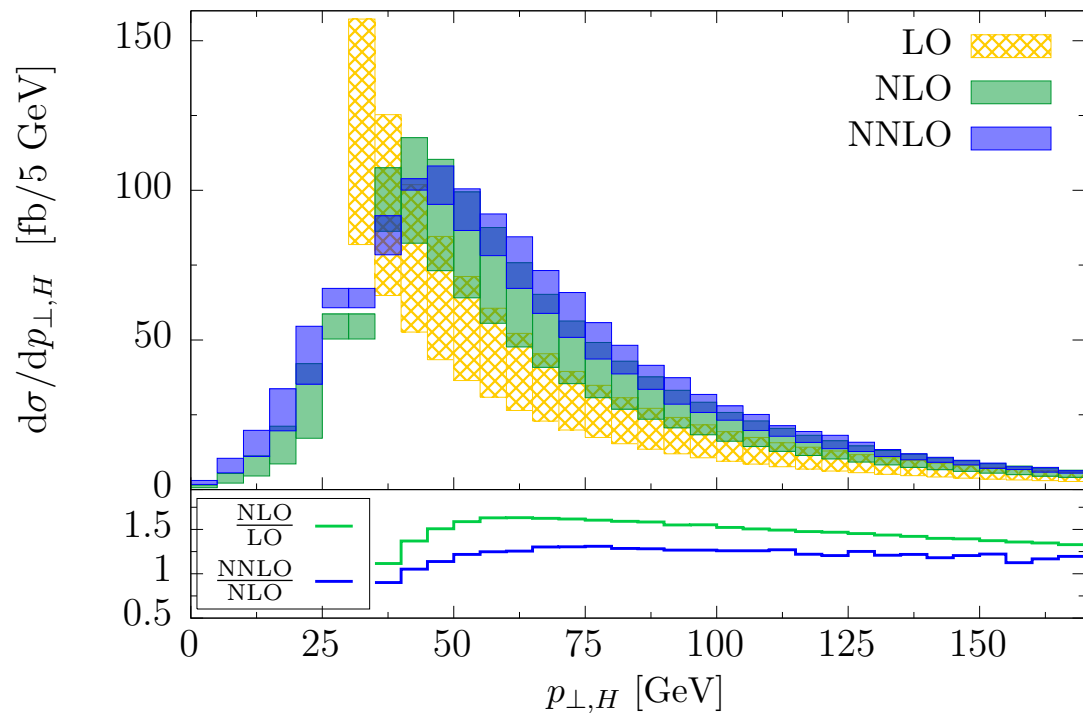


Harlander, Neumann, Ozeren, 2012

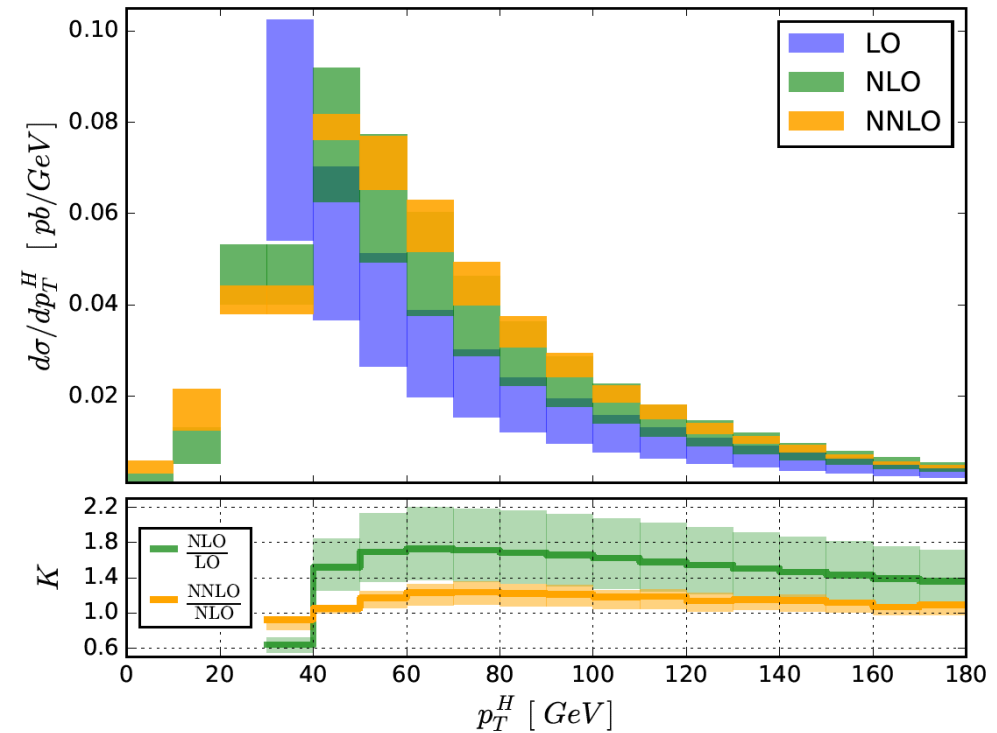
Dawson, Lewis, Zeng, 2014

- H+j@NLO with exact  $m_t$  dependence still missing

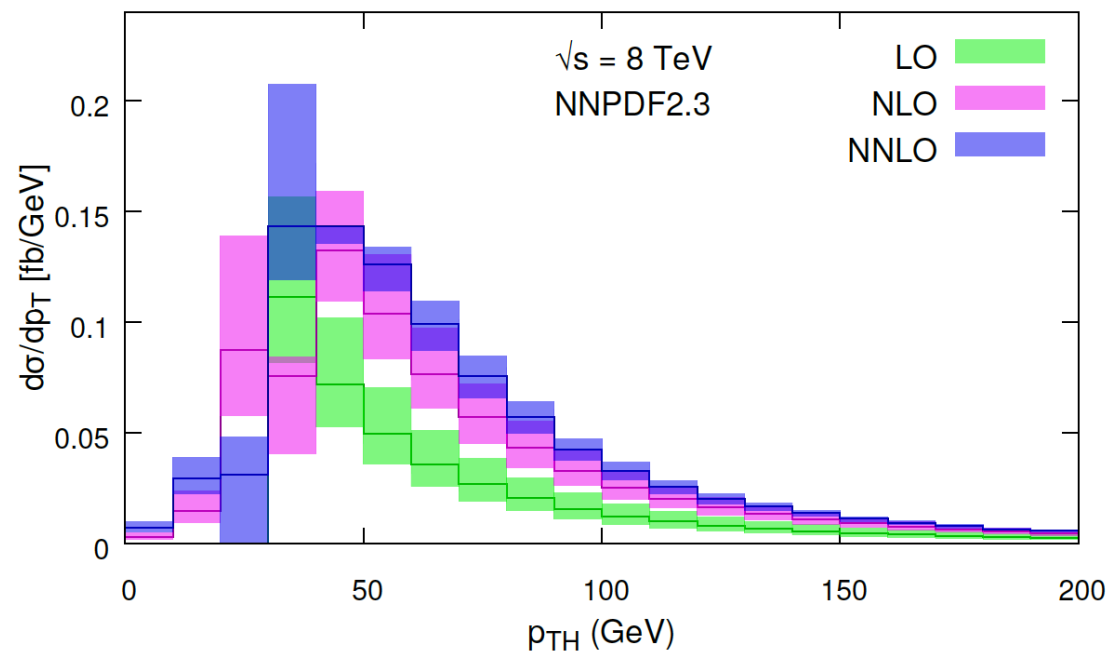
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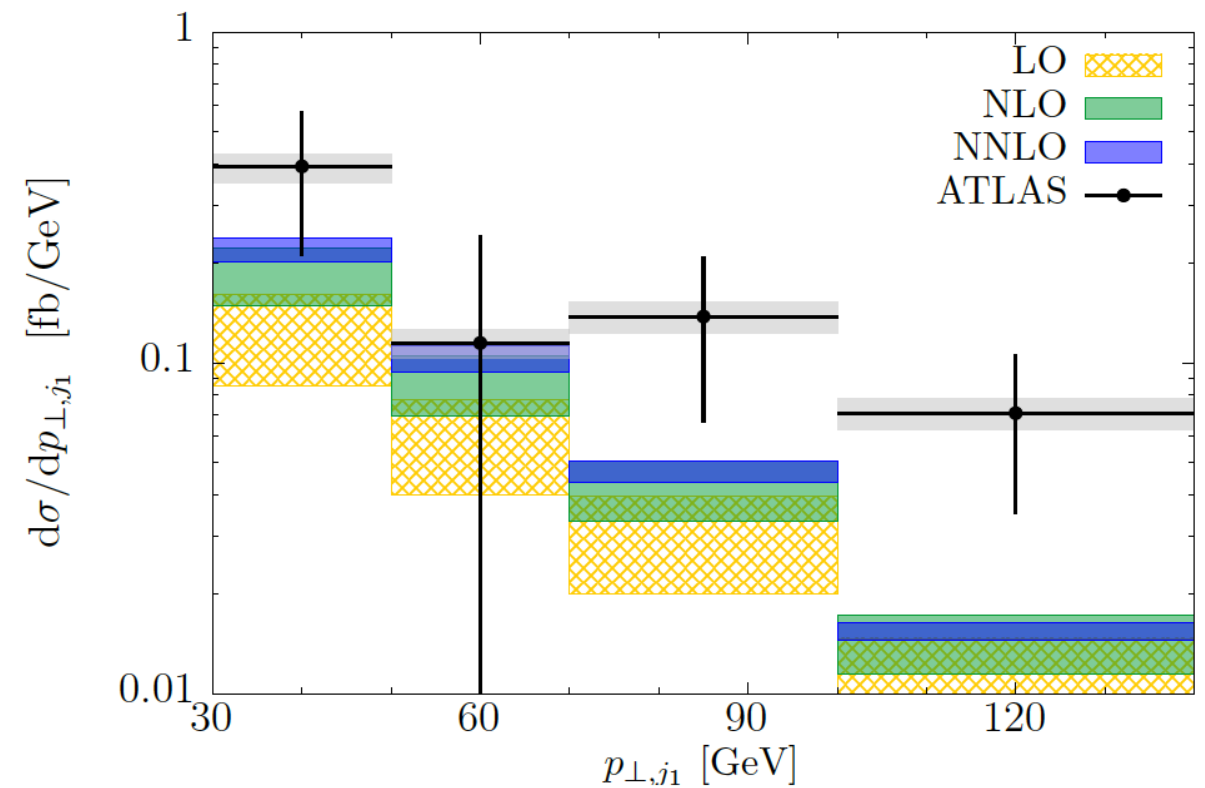
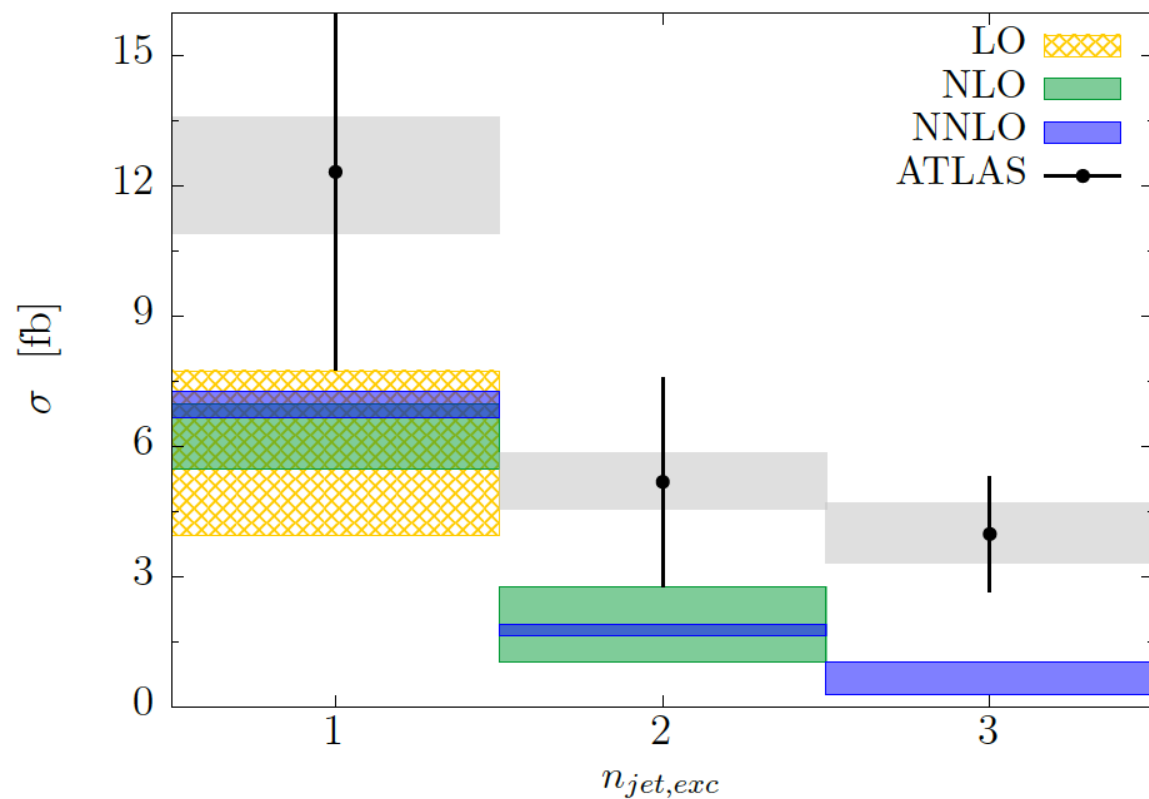
- Good perturbative behavior and smaller uncertainties for all differential distributions ( $p_{TH}$ ,  $p_{Tj}$ ,  $Y_j$ )
- Corrections in fiducial  $\sigma$  are roughly 20% for  $\mu = m_H$  and 4% for  $\mu = m_H/2$ .

# Higgs+jet @ NNLO in QCD

- Including the decay of Higgs to photons:

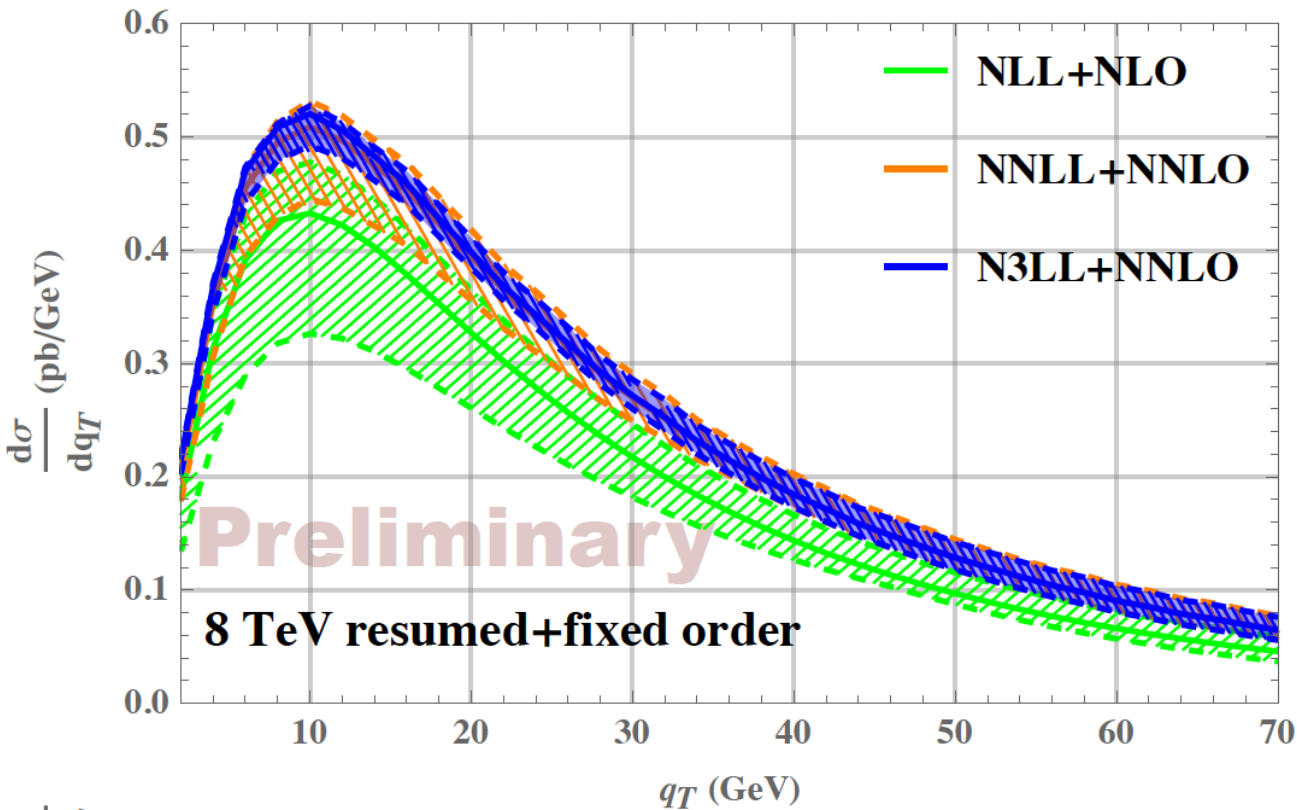
Caola, Melnikov, Schulze 2015; Chen, Cruz-Martinez, Gehrmann, Glover, Jacquier, 2016

Initial indications show harder  $p_{Tj}$  spectrum and more jets than predicted by theory, although data uncertainties are large. Awaiting more precise Run II data!

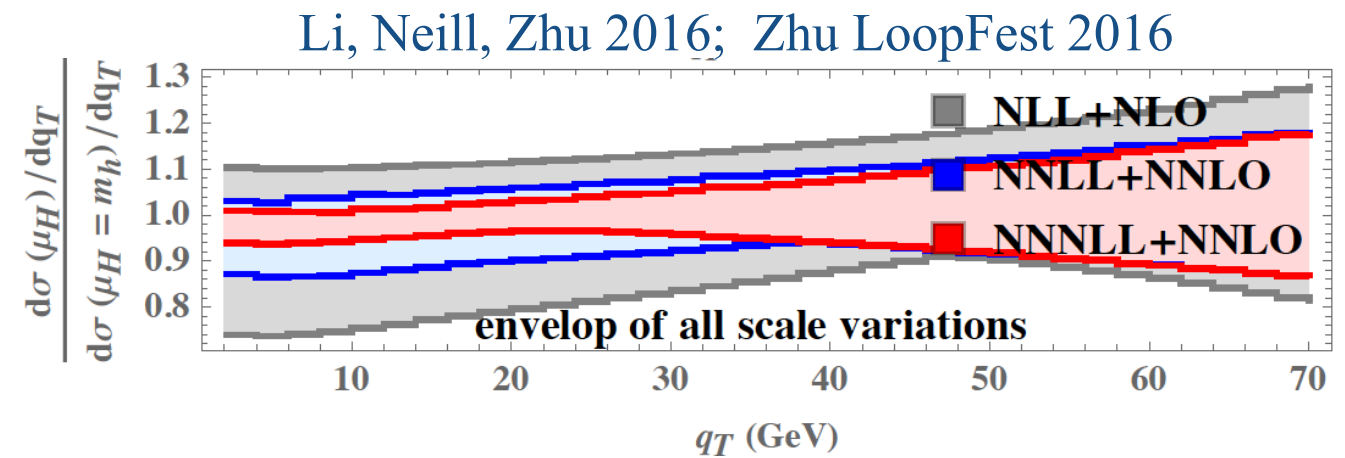


Caola, Melnikov, Schulze, 2015

# The Higgs $P_T$ resummation



- New calculation of  $N^3LL$  anomalous dimension needed for Higgs low  $p_T$  resummation



$$\ln \sigma(b) \sim - \int_{1/b^2}^{m_H^2} \frac{d\bar{\mu}^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{m_H^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \right) A[\alpha_s(\bar{\mu})] + B[\alpha_s(\bar{\mu})] \right]$$

LL  
 $A_1$

NLL  
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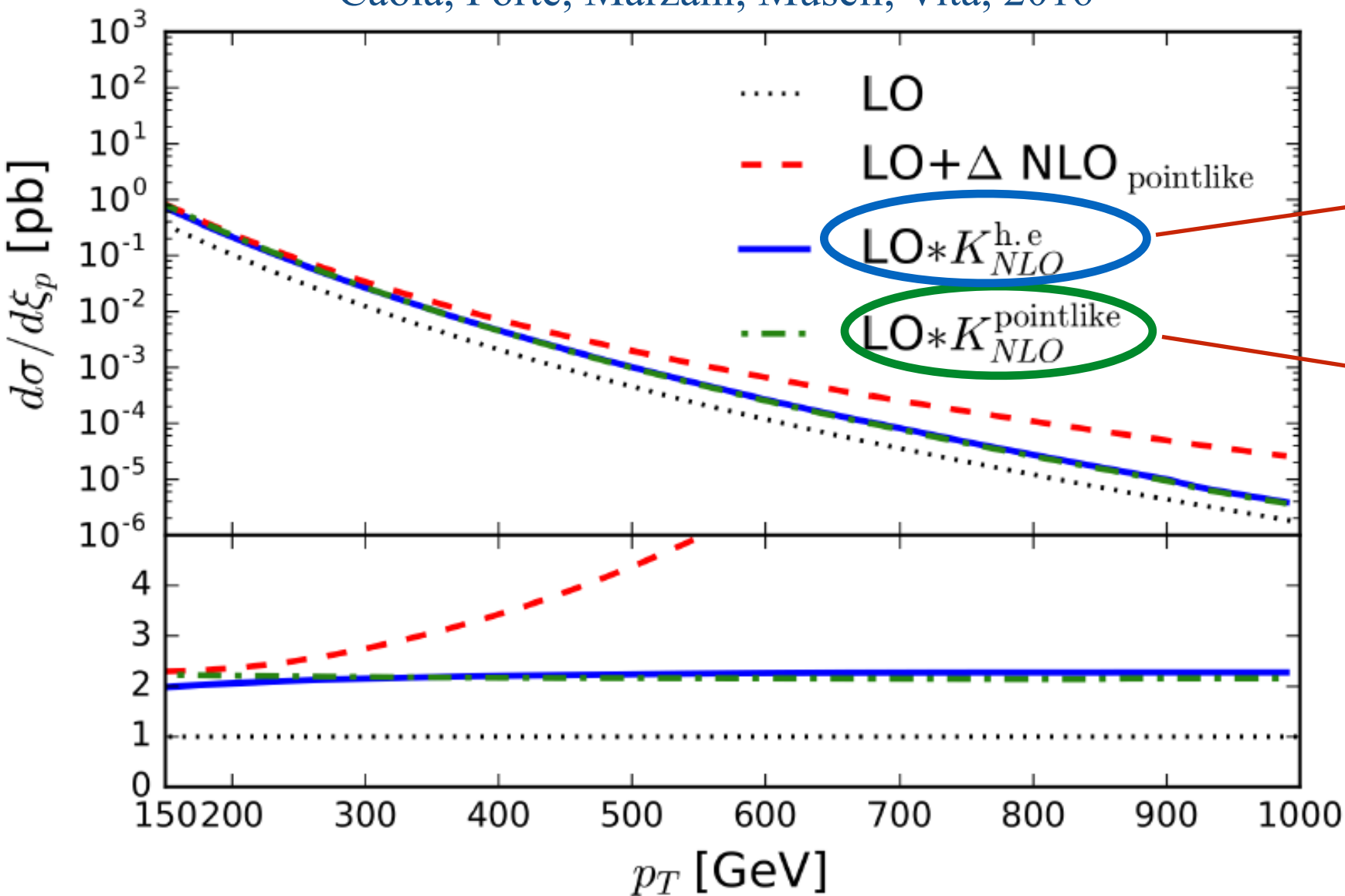
**New**

What was known before



# Finite Mass effects for Higgs $P_T$

Caola, Forte, Marzani, Museli, Vita, 2016



Uses high-energy limit:  
exact LO × high-energy  
K-factor

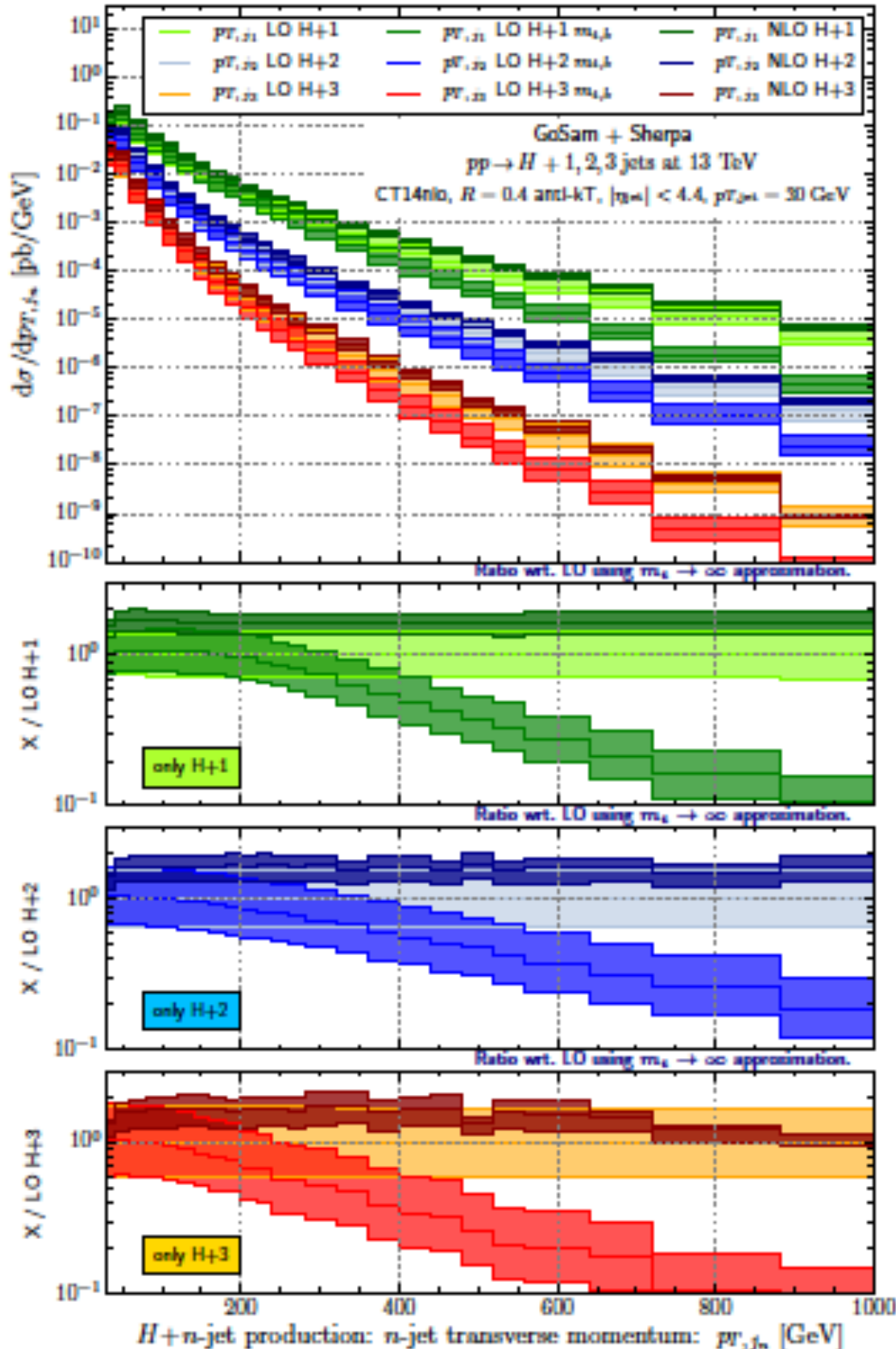
Usual way of accounting  
for finite mass effects:  
exact LO × EFT K-factor

High-energy K-factor  
calculated using BFKL  
approach

- Interesting agreement between two different approaches to model high- $P_T$  Higgs production. Would be nice to confirm with an exact NLO calculation.

# Finite Mass effects for Higgs Production

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- Also important to have finite mass effects for other kinematic distributions for Higgs production with multiple jets

Greiner, Hoeche, Luisoni, Schoenherr, Winter 2016

- New understanding of bottom-quark Higgs effects on Higgs  $p_T$

Melnikov, Penin 2016

Hadronic cross section (abelian terms only)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+j}}{dp_{\perp}^2} = \frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow H+j}^{(0)}}{dp_{\perp}^2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3m_b^2}{m_H^2} L^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{12} (1 - \tau^3 + \tau^4) \right] + \frac{x^2}{48} \left( \frac{4}{15} - \tau^3 + 2\tau^4 - \frac{7\tau^5}{5} + \frac{2\tau^6}{5} \right) + \mathcal{O}(x^3) \right\} + \mathcal{O}(m_b^4)$$

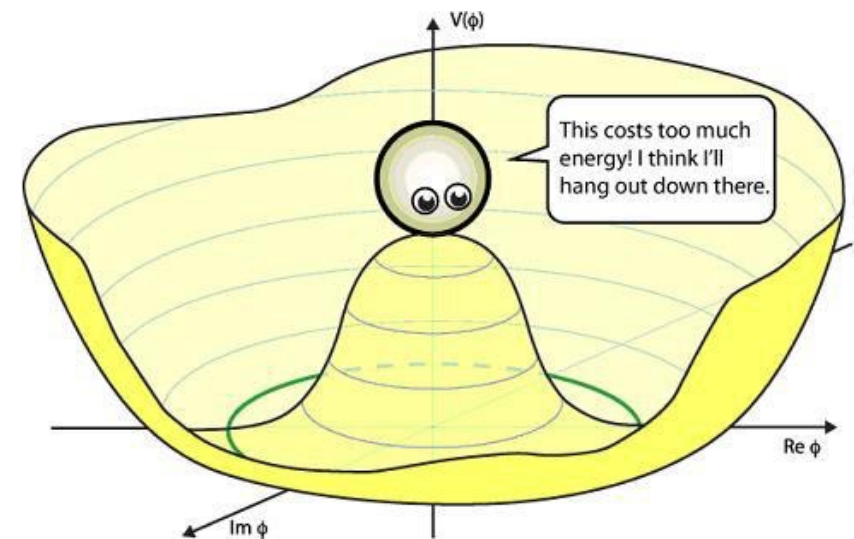
$$\tau = \ln(m_b^2/p_{\perp}^2)/L, \quad \zeta = \ln(u/t)/L, \quad x = \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{2\pi} L^2$$

$$L = \ln(m_b^2/s), \quad 0 < \tau, |\zeta| < 1, \quad x \sim 1$$

# Di-Higgs Production

- The Higgs that we know so far is consistent with the SM in its couplings to the observed modes (within 15-40% uncertainty), its mass is known to 0.2% precision, and its spin and parity have good experimental handles.  
**What about the Higgs self coupling?**

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_3 v H^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} H^4$$



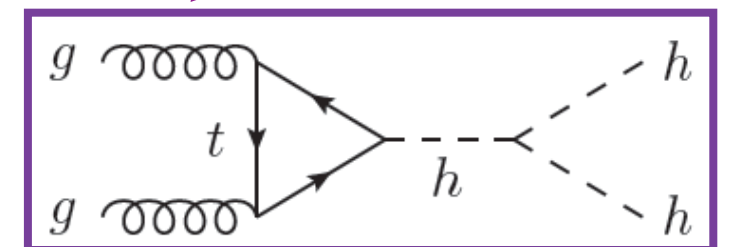
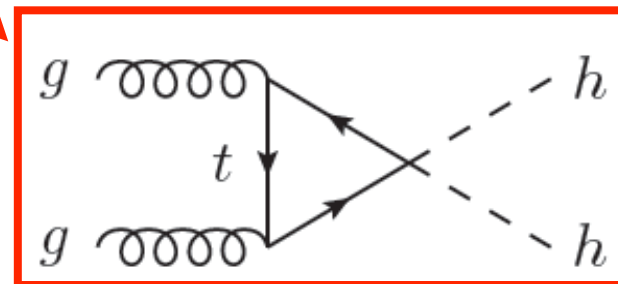
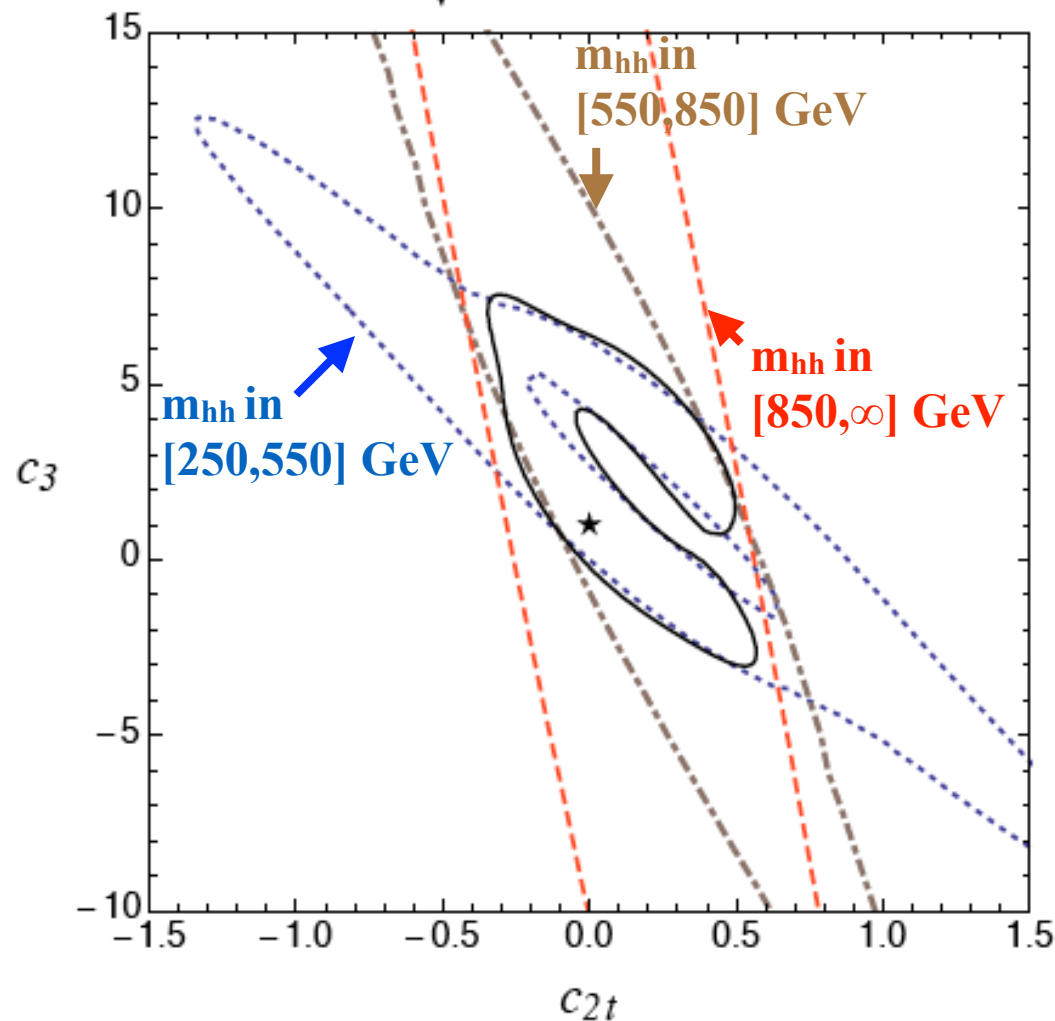
- In the SM the Higgs potential is completely predicted in terms of  $m_H$ . Not necessarily true in BSM theories. Need to measure triple and quartic Higgs couplings to check.
- A measurement of di-Higgs production would give a handle on  $\lambda_3$ , any deviation from the SM value could indicate new physics effects.

# Di-Higgs Production

- An example of a detailed EFT analysis of HH production from 1502.00539:

$$\mathcal{L}_{non-linear} \supset -m_t \bar{t}t \left( c_t \frac{h}{v} + c_{2t} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) - c_3 \frac{m_h^2}{2v} h^3 + \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi^2} \left( c_g \frac{h}{v} + c_{2g} \frac{h^2}{2v^2} \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$$

LHC  $\sqrt{s}=14\text{TeV}$   $L=3\text{ab}^{-1}$



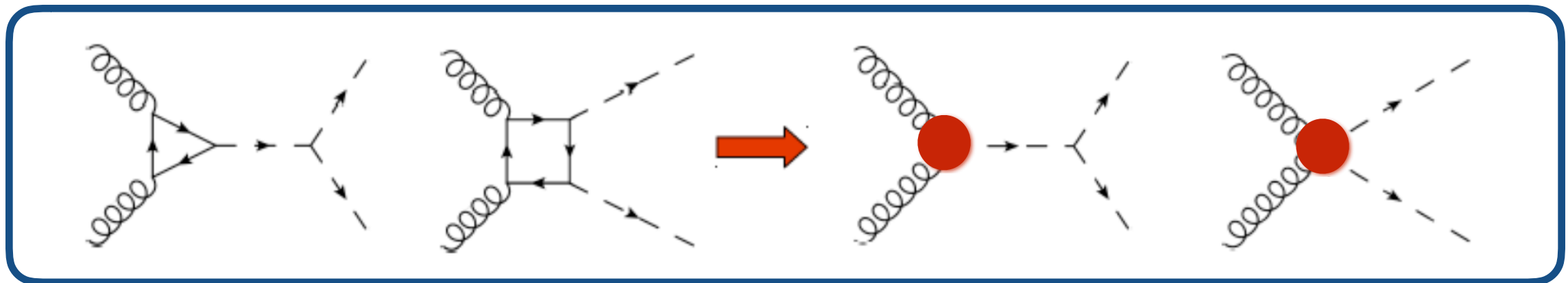
- Critical to use  $m_{hh}$  to break degeneracies between couplings. First higher-order QCD corrections were in heavy- $m_t$  approximation

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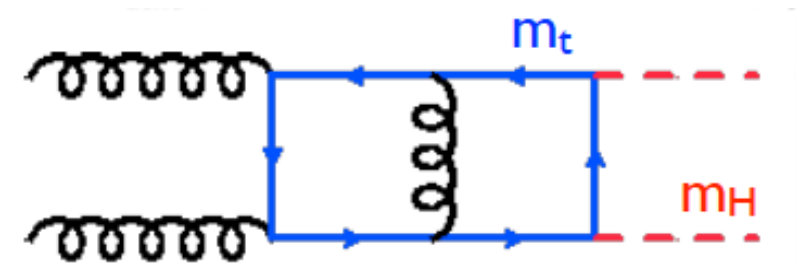
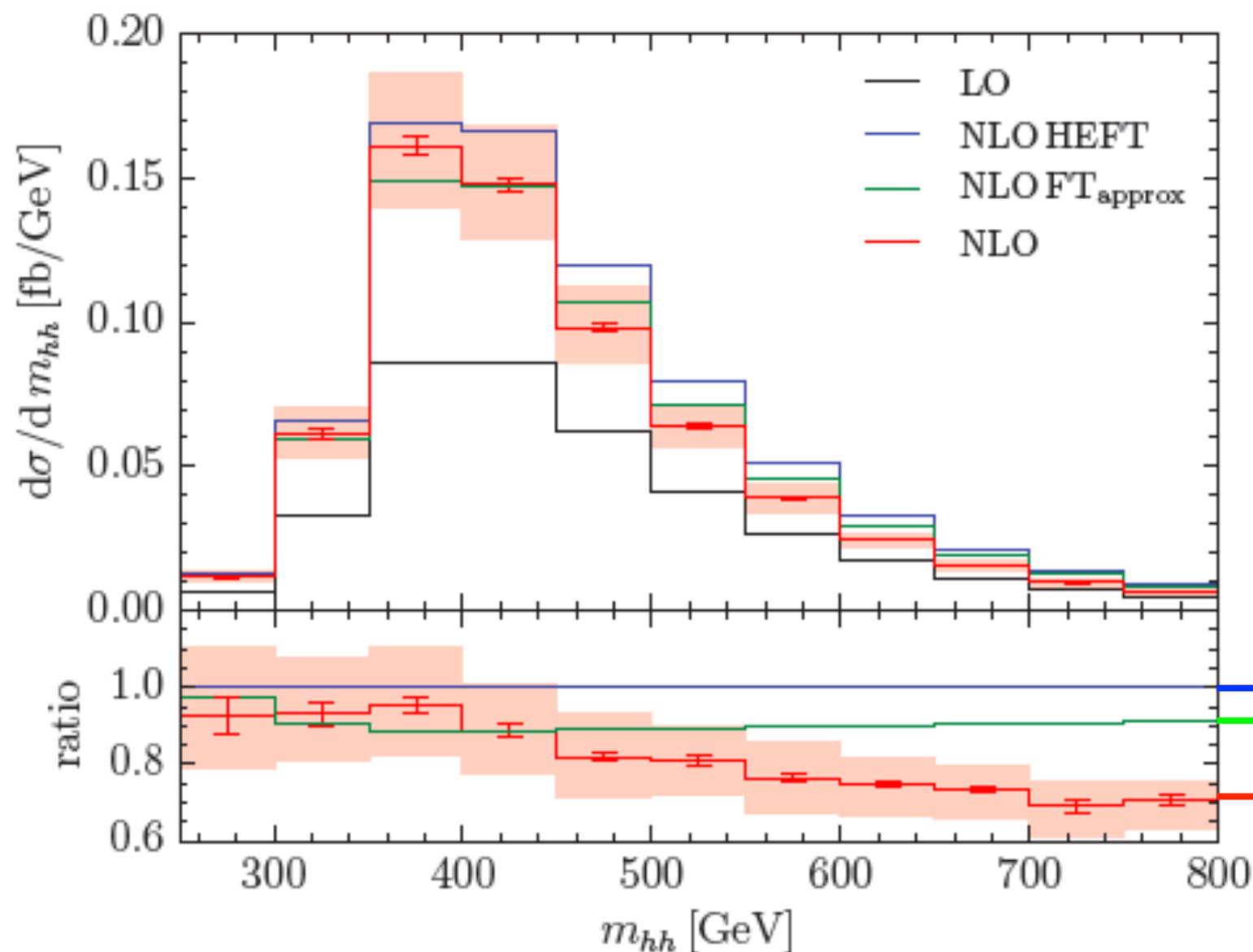
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**Question:** How reliable are these approximations, especially in the era of precision Higgs studies?

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# Di-Higgs Production @ NLO with full $m_t$ dependence

- **Large corrections not captured by heavy- $m_t$  approximation!**  
In particular, a strong dependence of the NLO corrections on  $m_{hh}$  is missed in the approximation approach

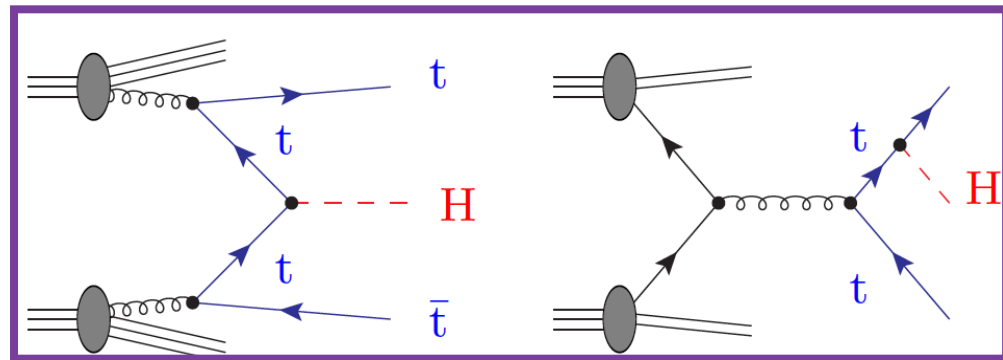


The full higher-order corrections are essential for the interpretation of this measurement!

Heavy- $m_t$  approximation  
Exact  $m_t$  in real radiation only  
Exact NLO result

# ttH Production

- Allows a probe of the ttH coupling directly at tree level.



J. Keller, ICHEP 2016

Cross section (fb) @NLO	$t\bar{t}H$	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}$ (NNLO)
8 TeV	133	232	206	2,53E+05
13 TeV	507	566	760	8,32E+05
<b>13 TeV / 8TeV</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>



- LHC Run II offers a large increase in the ttH cross section, but backgrounds increase at a comparative rate in the signal region.
- How well are we doing in modeling the signal and backgrounds?

# ttH Production

- Large modeling uncertainty for the ttbb mode

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**Theory errors for the signal and background are larger than many other uncertainties affecting the signal strength!**

# ttH Production: Current Status

- NLO corrections to the signal  $pp \rightarrow ttH$  with on shell final-state particles
  - QCD corrections with on shell final-state particles [Beenakker et al '01,'02](#); [Dawson et al '01-'03](#)
  - Parton-shower matching [Frederix et al '11](#); [Garzelli et al '11](#)
  - EW corrections with on shell final-state particles [Frixione et al '14, '15](#) (stable top/Higgs); [Zhang et al '14](#) (NWA)
  - QCD corrections with off shell tops [Denner et al '15](#)
- NLO corrections to the dominant background process  $pp \rightarrow ttbb$ 
  - QCD corrections [Bredenstein et al '08-'10](#); [Bevilacqua et al '09](#)
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  - QCD corrections for massive bottom quarks and parton-shower matching [Cascioli et al '13](#)
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- NLO corrections to the ttj background
  - QCD corrections [Bevilacqua et al '10](#)
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# ttH( $\rightarrow$ bb) in the Boosted Region

- Matching the fixed order NLO result to a parton shower for ttbb showed a significant difference in the cross section compared to pure NLO in the Higgs-signal region.

Cascioli, Maierhoefer, Moretti, Pozzorini, Siegert, 2013

	<i>ttb</i>	<i>ttbb</i>	<i>ttbb</i> ( $m_{bb} > 100$ )
$\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ [fb]	$2644^{+71\%+14\%}_{-38\%-11\%}$	$463.3^{+66\%+15\%}_{-36\%-12\%}$	$123.4^{+63\%+17\%}_{-35\%-13\%}$
$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$ [fb]	$3296^{+34\%+5.6\%}_{-25\%-4.2\%}$	$560^{+29\%+5.4\%}_{-24\%-4.8\%}$	$141.8^{+26\%+6.5\%}_{-22\%-4.6\%}$
$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}/\sigma_{\text{LO}}$	1.25	1.21	1.15
$\sigma_{\text{MC@NLO}}$ [fb]	$3313^{+32\%+3.9\%}_{-25\%-2.9\%}$	$600^{+24\%+2.0\%}_{-22\%-2.1\%}$	$181^{+20\%+8.1\%}_{-20\%-6.0\%}$
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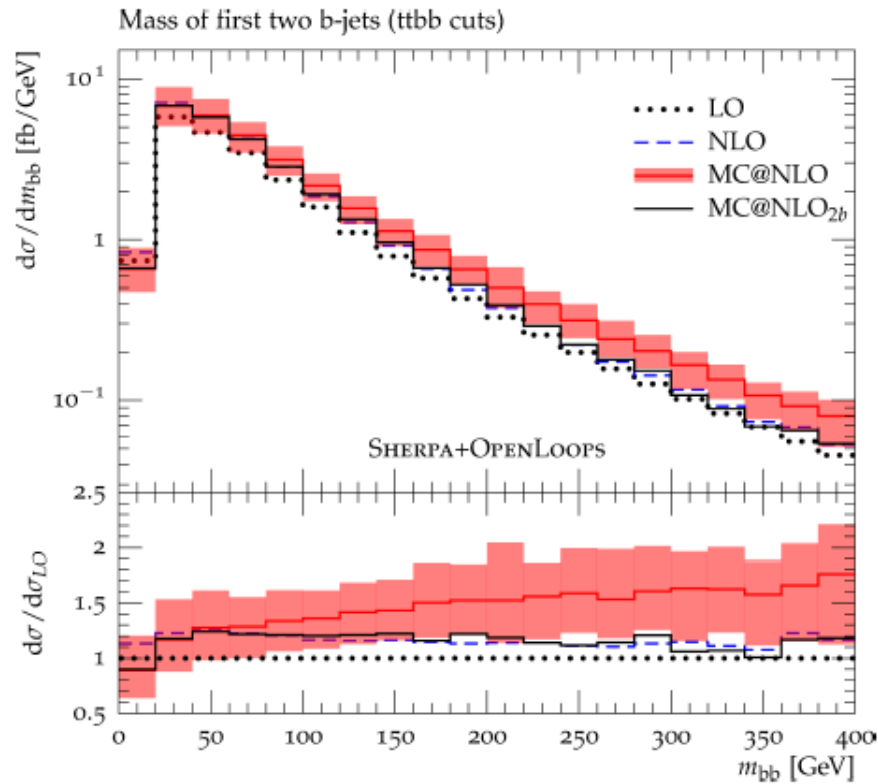
MSTW2008 NLO(LO) 4F PDFs

**$\sigma_{\text{MC@NLO}}/\sigma_{\text{NLO}} \sim 30\%$  for  $m_{bb} > 100\text{GeV}$ !**

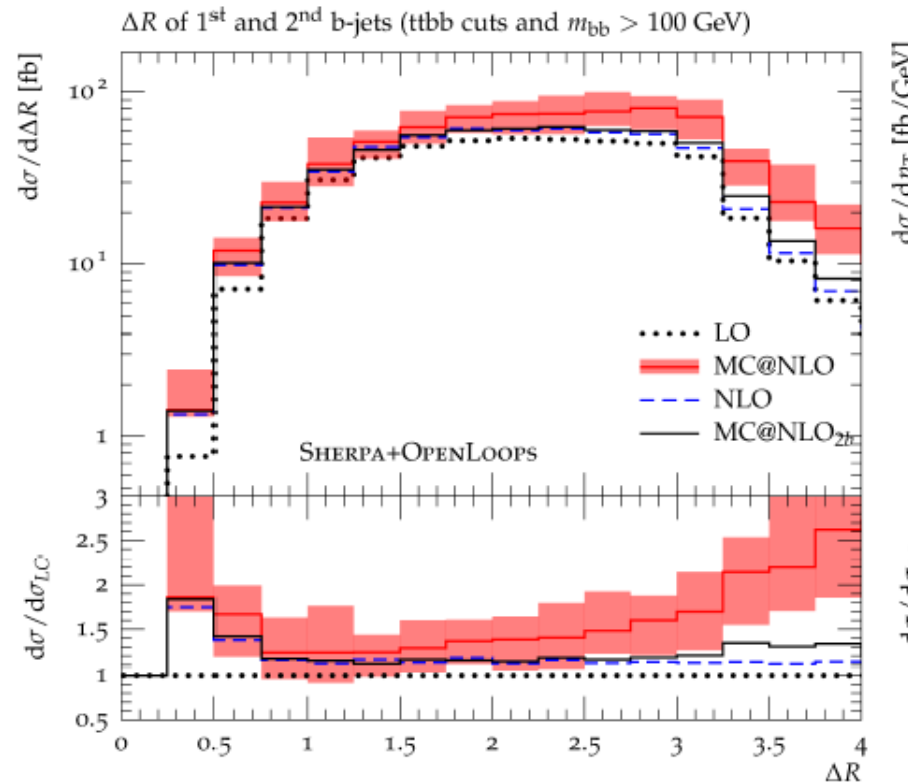
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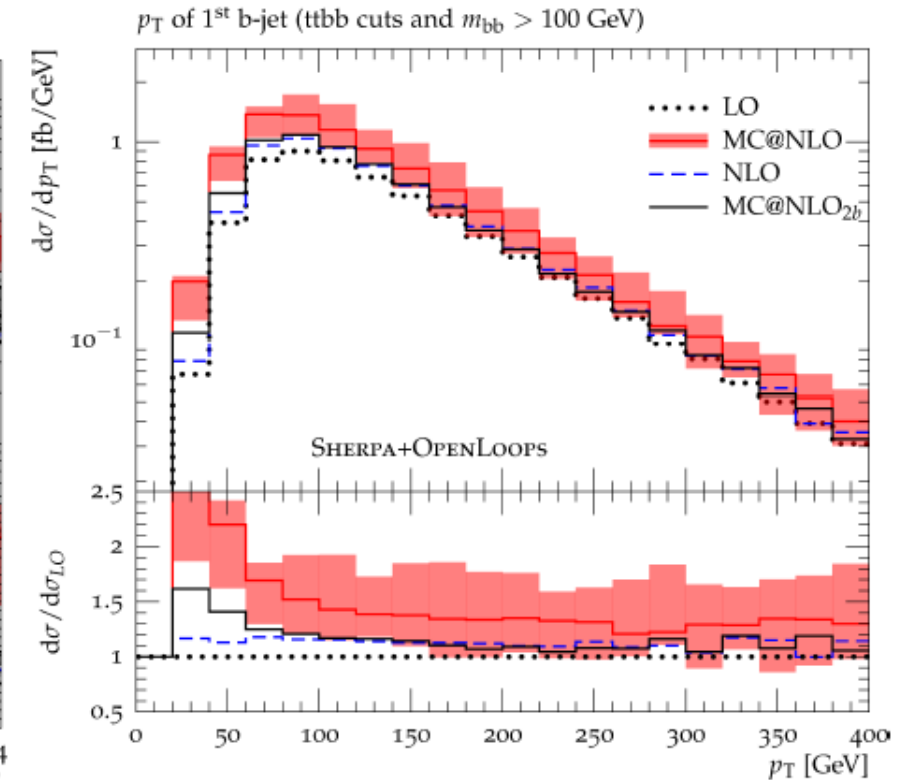
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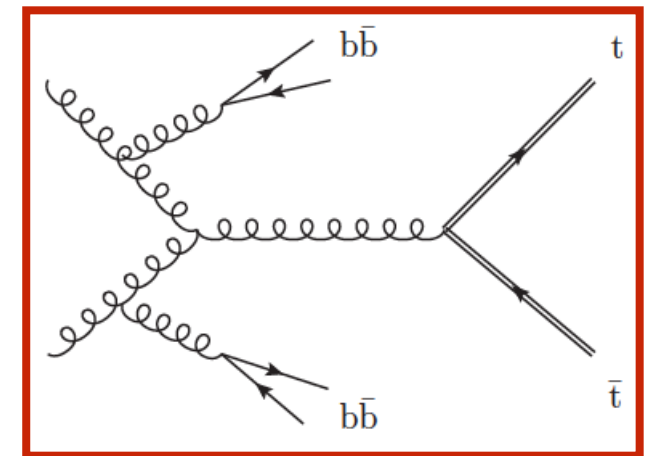
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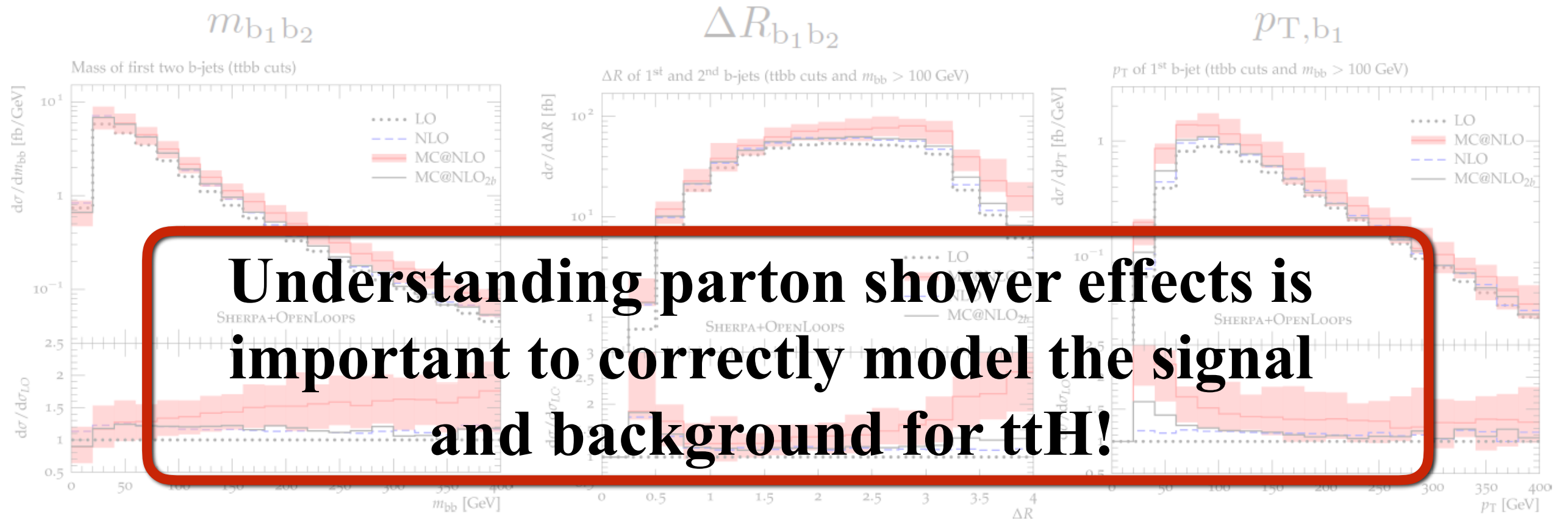


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- Important new effect beyond NLO that affects the prediction

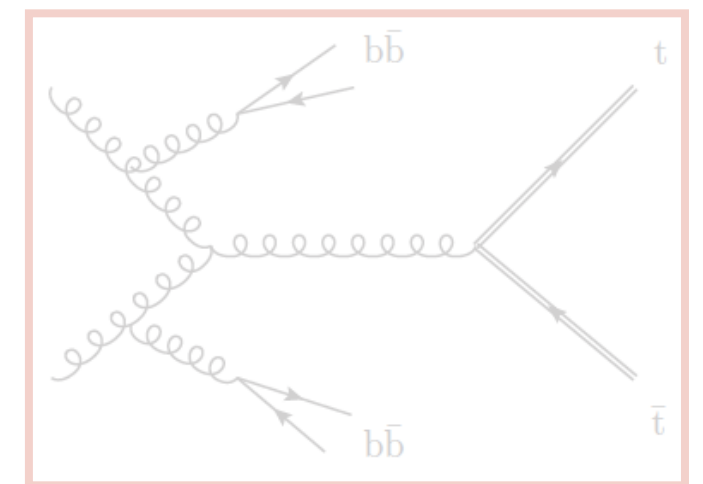


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# Summary

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- Nima Arkani Hamed, Pheno conference 2016