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Introduction

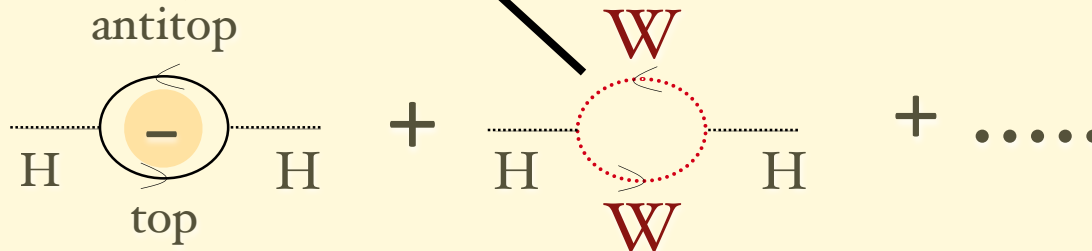
- In spite of the Higgs discovery, the origin of EW symmetry breaking remains a huge mystery
- The observation of the Higgs where the SM predicted it would be, its SM-like properties, and the lack, at the LHC, of BSM phenomena observed up to the TeV scale, make the naturalness issue as puzzling as ever

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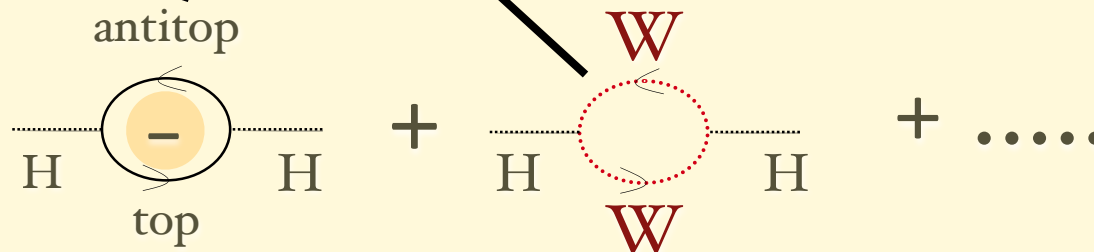


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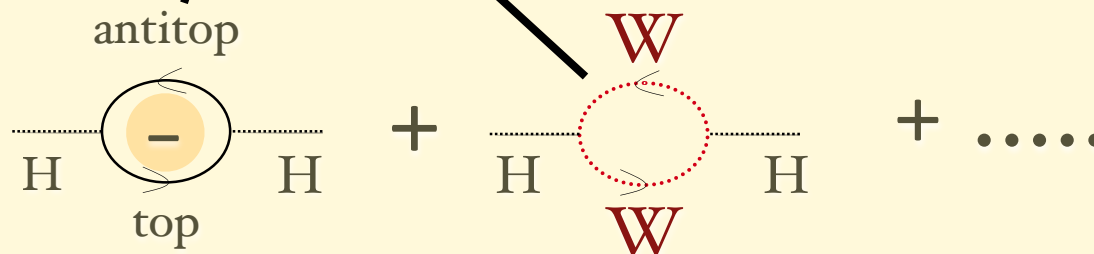
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Assuming Λ can extend up to the highest energy beyond which quantum gravity will enter the game, 10^{19} GeV, keeping m_H below 1 TeV requires a fine tuning among the different terms at a level of 10^{-34} :

$$\frac{m_H^2(\Lambda) - \Lambda^2}{\Lambda^2} \sim \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} = O(10^{-34}) \text{ if } \Lambda \sim M_{Planck}$$

extremely **unnatural** if it is to be an accident !!

We are therefore led to speculate the existence of **new phenomena at a scale of the order of the TeV**, to introduce new contributions to the Higgs self-energy equation, which cancel the quadratic growth with Λ in a natural **way**

More in general ...

Tie the Higgs mass to some symmetry which protects it against quadratic divergencies

Supersymmetry

H (scalar) ↔ fermion

$$\delta m_e = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{3\pi} m_e \log \frac{\Lambda}{m_e}$$

Gauge symmetry

H (scalar) ↔ 5th component of a gauge bosons in 5 dimensions or more

=> extra dimensional theories

Global symmetry

H → H + a ⇒ L(H)=L(∂H)

**=> Little Higgs theories, Technicolor
H=pseudo-goldstone boson**

- Lack of evidence for new physics from the LHC at the TeV scale raises an issue of **fine tuning**.
 - The higher the scale of the phenomena solving the hierarchy problem, the higher the degree of fine tuning required to keep the scale of weak interactions at 100 GeV.
 - The solutions to the naturalness problem are themselves becoming “unnatural”.

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- Naturalness is an ill guided principle \Rightarrow Anthropic principle

- I strongly disfavour the last option
 - that “naturalness” is a problem, is more than an aesthetic issue: to the extent that there are new phenomena between the weak scale and the Plank scale (e.g. the sectors related to nu masses, to CPV, DM, etc), the Higgs is coupled, directly or indirectly, to them, receiving quadratic corrections to its mass. Renormalization itself cannot absorb all these contributions coming from many different scales, unless there is some dynamics acting at all scales. But this would be BSM physics.
 - there could be “infinitely” many theories that are anthropically more likely than the SM. Even if finely tuned at the per mille level, a SUSY universe reduces the naturalness problem by many orders of magnitude. Anthropic reasoning could be appropriate to defend a finely-tuned SUSY or composite-Higgs model, but does not obviously apply to the SM.
- Of course accepting that anthropic selection applies to a “natural” but fine-tuned BSM universe, leaves open the possibility that the scale of new phenomena is well above the TeV

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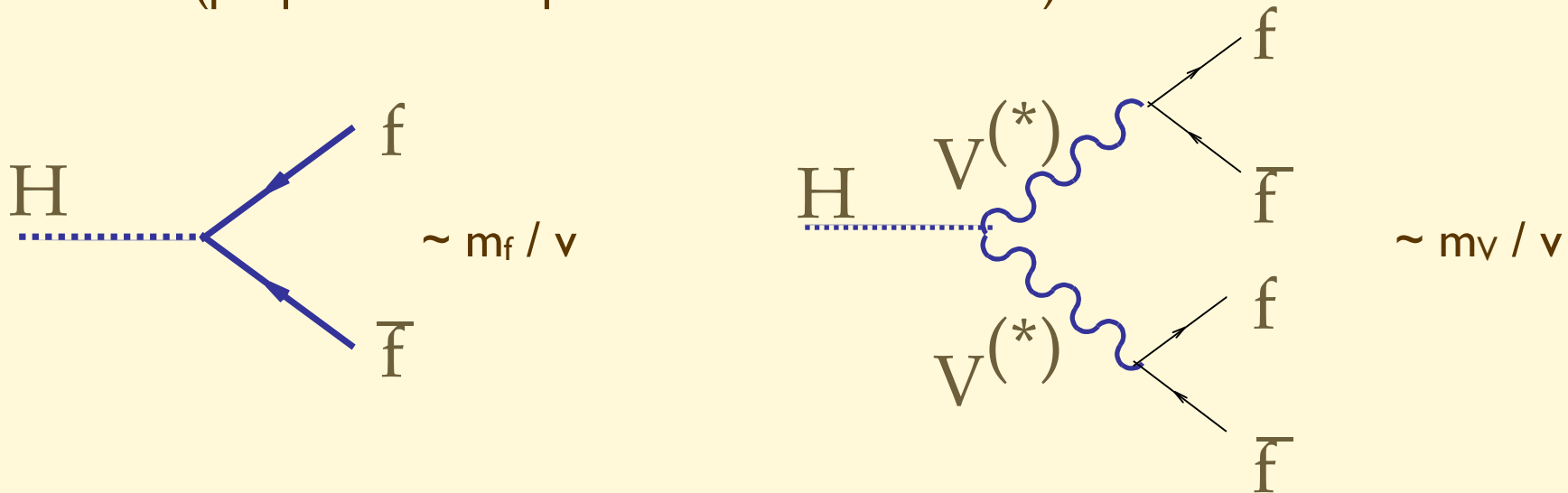
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- What is the need for precision measurements of the Higgs sector, what are the possible implications of these measurements, what do they probe, how do they bear on the naturalness problem ?

Higgs couplings

Tree level (proportional to particle's mass in the SM):



Modifications, possibly breaking the linear relation coupling-mass, are common in BSM models (although constrained, e.g., by EW precision tests, in addition today to direct BR measurements). For example:

SUSY:

$$\mathbf{hbb}, \mathbf{h\tau\tau}, \mathbf{h\mu\mu} \propto \tan\beta \quad \delta(\mathbf{hVV})/\mathbf{hVV} \propto m^2(h)/m^2(H)$$

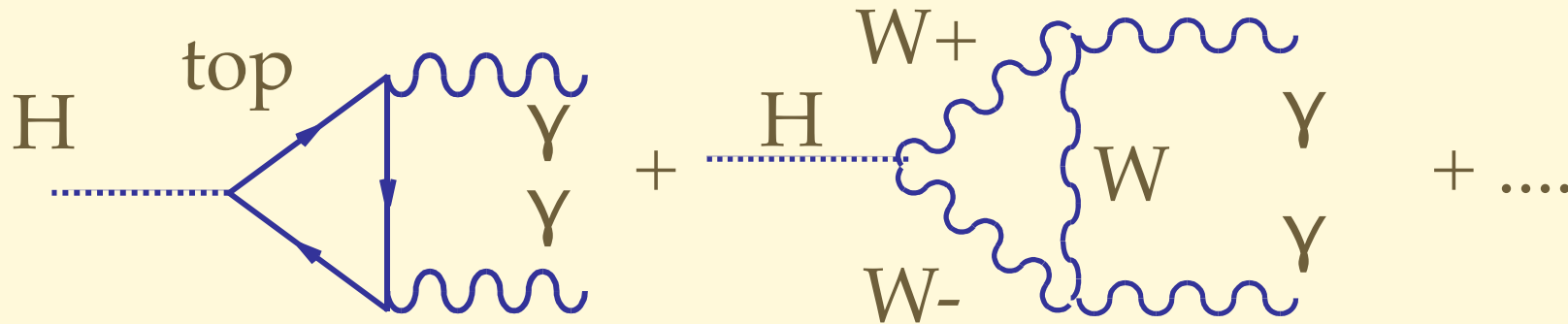
... more complex deviations in models with extended Higgs structures (e.g. NMSSM)

Composite Higgs models:

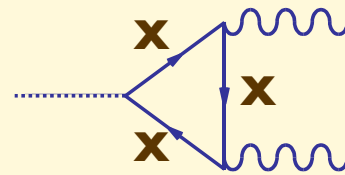
$\delta(\mathbf{hVV})/\mathbf{hVV} \propto \xi = v^2/f^2$, f being the “decay constant” of the strong interactions which the Higgs would be a pseudo goldstone boson of

Higgs couplings

Loop level (in the SM, proportional to mass of particles in the loop)



Modifications can arise both from modif's of the tree-level couplings, and from possible new states present in the loops.



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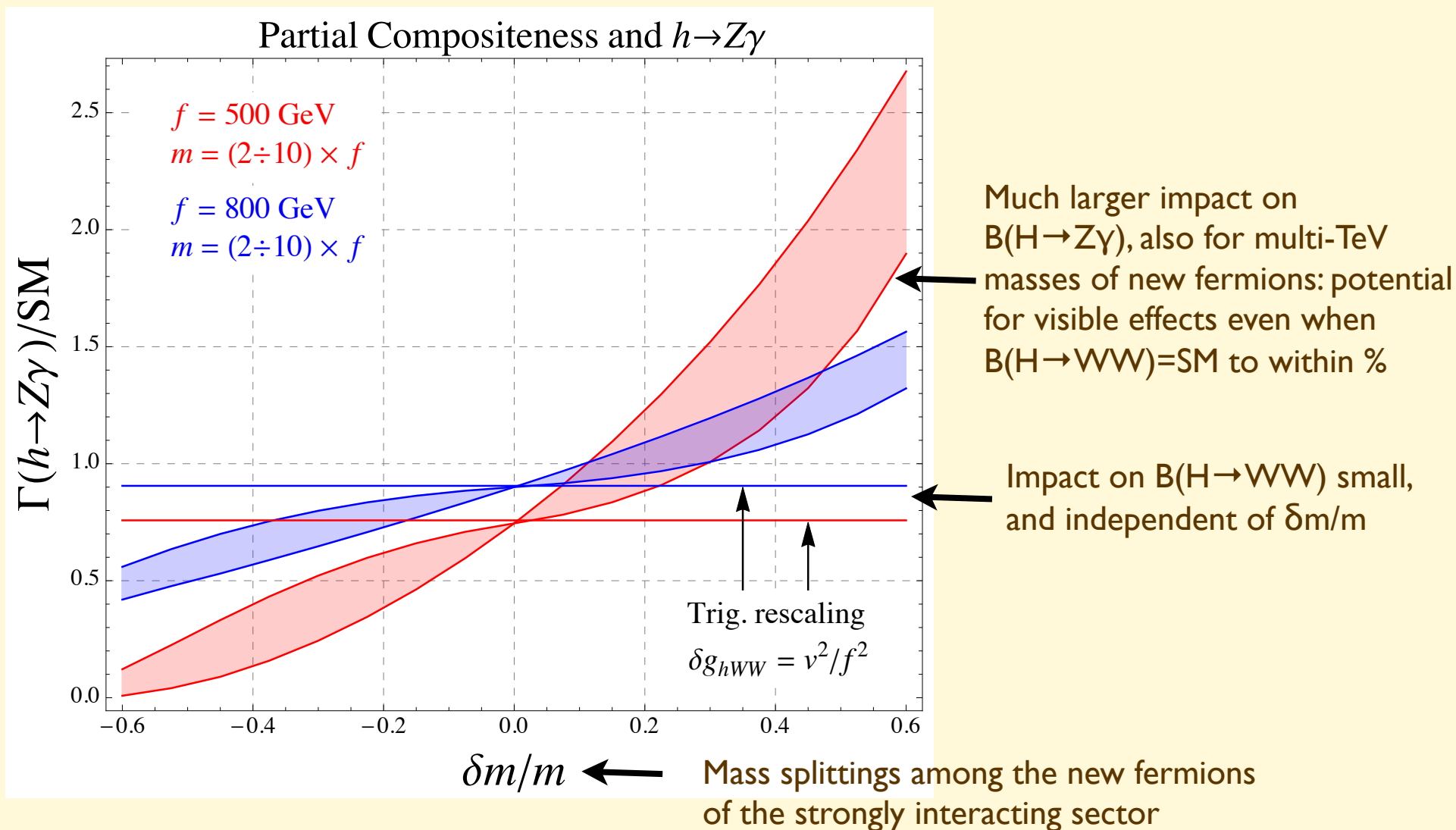
- Loop-induced couplings, which in the SM are fully determined by the tree-level ones, add important new information in the presence of BSM
- Cancellations of different contributions may take place. It is necessary to **resolve** what circulates in the loop, e.g. using different probes such as

$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ vs $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Precision measurements of super-rare decays like $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ are therefore very important, although beyond the reach of either the nominal LHC, or LC, programmes

Example

Preliminary result of study by Azatov, Contino, Di Iura, Galloway, to appear soon. Private communication from the authors.



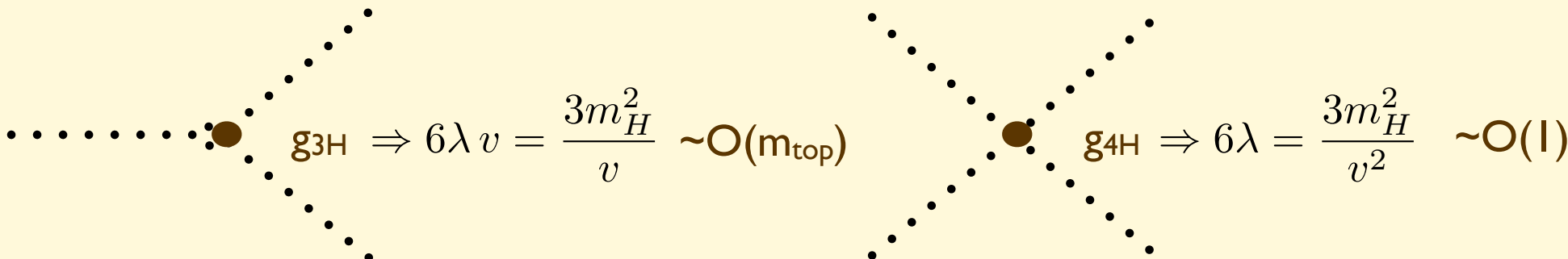
Higgs selfcouplings

The Higgs sector is defined in the SM by two parameters, μ and λ :

$$V_{SM}(H) = -\mu^2 |H|^2 + \lambda |H|^4$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{SM}(H)}{\partial H} \Big|_{H=v} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad m_H^2 = \frac{\partial^2 V_{SM}(H)}{\partial H \partial H^*} \Big|_{H=v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mu &= m_H \\ \lambda &= \frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} \end{aligned}$$

These relations uniquely determine the strength of Higgs selfcouplings in terms of m_H



$$g_{3H} \Rightarrow 6\lambda v = \frac{3m_H^2}{v} \sim \mathcal{O}(m_{\text{top}}) \qquad g_{4H} \Rightarrow 6\lambda = \frac{3m_H^2}{v^2} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Testing these relations is therefore an important test of the SM nature of the Higgs mechanism

Higgs selfcouplings

The values of g_{3H} and g_{4H} can differ from the SM in several classes of BSM scenarios. For example: [R.Gupta et al, arXiv:1305.6397](#)

- Non-minimal Higgs sectors, like 2HDM, NMSSM
- Dynamical Higgs models (Pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone-boson, like little Higgs, ...)

Requiring that the **direct** manifestations of these models not be visible^(*) at the LHC 14TeV/300fb-1 (nor to affect EW precision measurements), allows deviations of the Higgs selfcoupling from the SM value as large as $\sim 20\%$, which sets a possible target for future sensitivities:

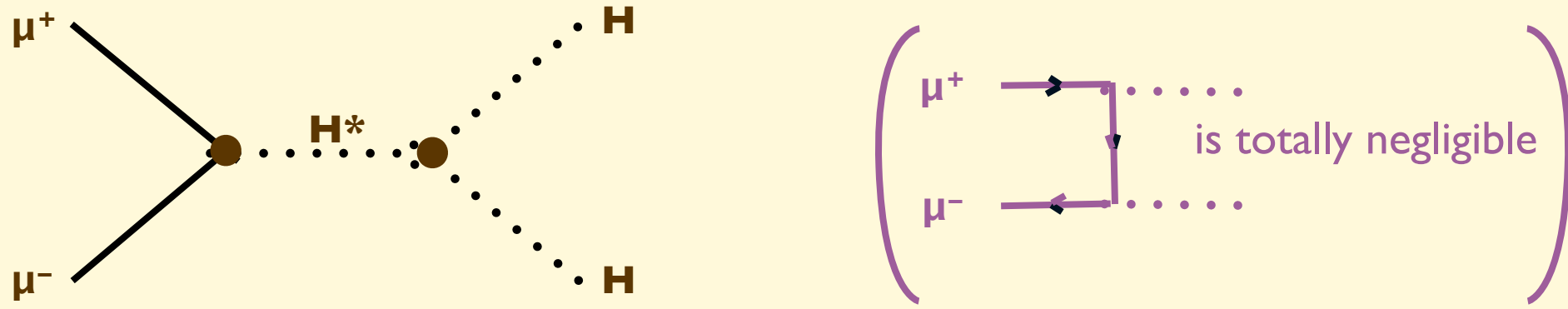
Model	$\Delta g_{hhh} / g_{hhh}^{SM}$
Mixed-in Singlet	-18%
Composite Higgs	tens of %
Minimal Supersymmetry	$-2\%^a$ $-15\%^b$
NMSSM	-25%

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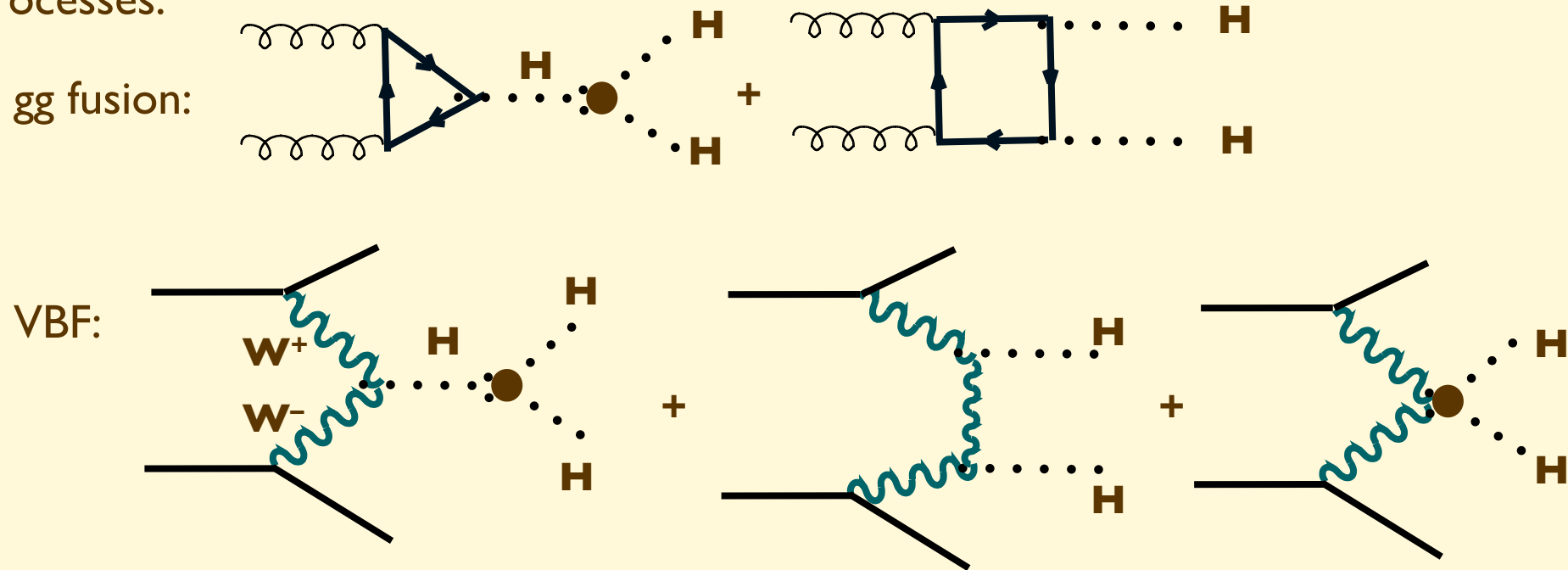
(*) of course having both direct evidence of new states and a deviation in HHH couplings is even better! 15

Higgs pair production

The only clean way to probe the triple H coupling is at a muon collider, at $\sqrt{S} > 2 m_H$:



For HH production in hadronic collisions, the HHH coupling is always mixed with other processes:



In the SM this causes accidental cancellations among diagrams, small rates, and typically suppressed sensitivity to the HHH coupling

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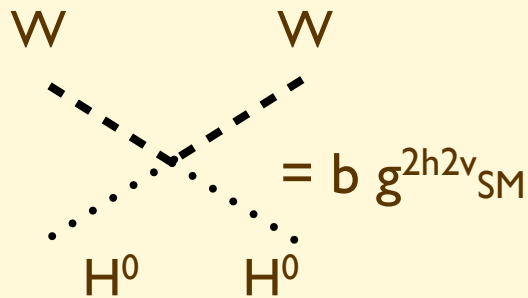
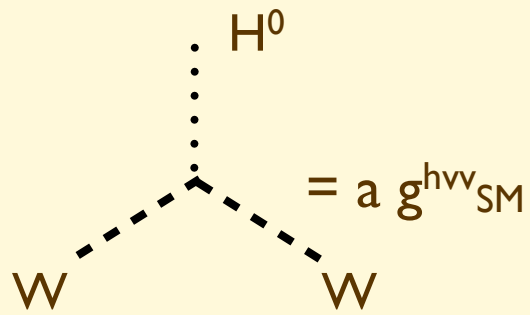
Beyond the SM, in addition to the Higgs selfcoupling, HH production tests the couplings of the Higgs to new physics, the unitarity of WW scattering, etc

H pairs allow to probe Higgs interactions in regions of Q^2 away from the Higgs pole.

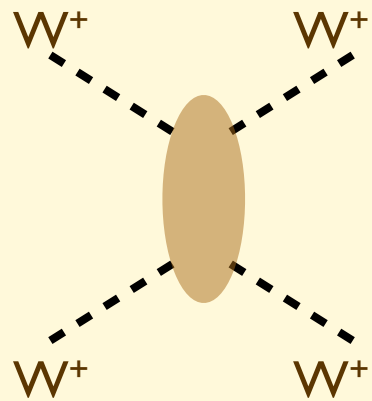
The dynamics of Higgs pair production therefore goes well beyond the mere determination of Higgs self-couplings, and is a powerful probe of the nature of EWWSB

Particularly true of strongly coupled, composite Higgs models, where the rate for double Higgs production in both gg and vector boson fusion is much enhanced relative to the SM.

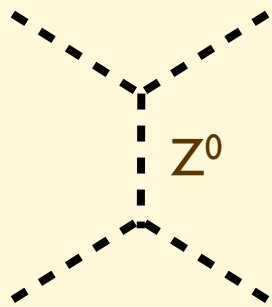
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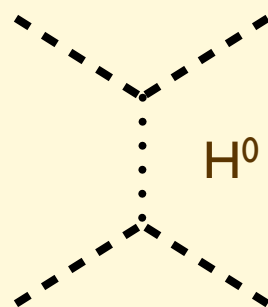
- $a=b=1$ in the SM
- In general, $a, b \neq 1$ and $a \neq b$



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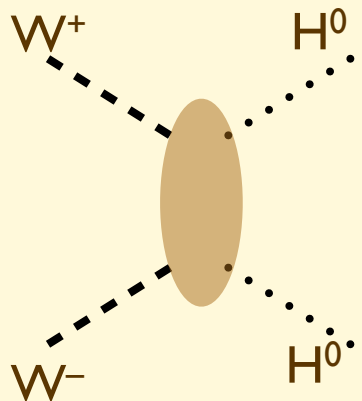
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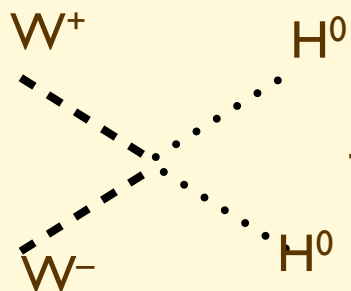
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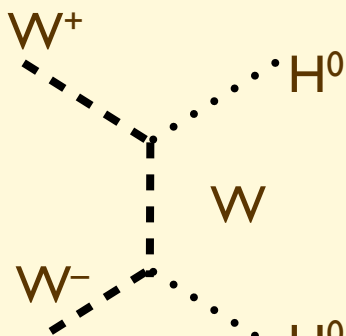
$\propto E^2/M_W^2 + \dots \quad \propto -a^2 E^2/M_W^2 + \dots$



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$\xrightarrow{E \rightarrow \infty}$

$(b-a^2) E^2 / M_W^2 + \dots$
 + threshold terms
 proportional to
 HHH coupling

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High-energy WW scattering

In more detail:

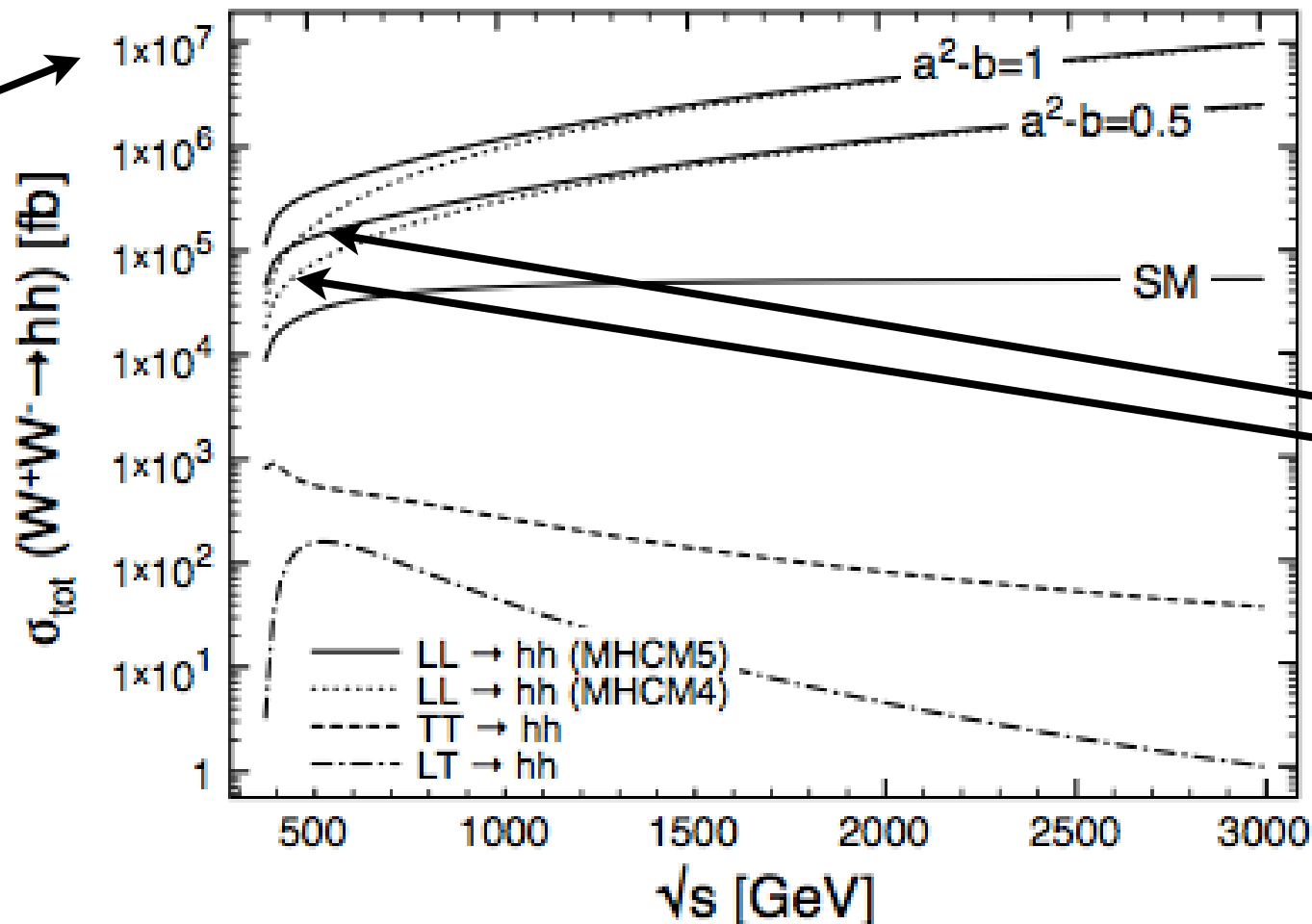
$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{LL \rightarrow LL}/dt}{d\sigma_{TT \rightarrow TT}/dt} \right|_{90^\circ} = \frac{(1 - a^2)^2}{2304} \frac{s^2}{M_W^4}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{LL \rightarrow hh}/dt}{d\sigma_{TT \rightarrow hh}/dt} = \frac{2s^2}{g^4 v^4} \frac{(b - a^2)^2}{(a^4 + (b - a^2)^2)}$$

Example: WW → HH

R.Contino et al, arXiv:1002.1011v2

partonic cross sections



different anomalous HHH couplings:

invariant mass spectrum of HH discriminates among BSM models

Example: WW scattering in

PNGB models based on $SO(5)/SO(4)$, where $a=\sqrt{(1-\xi)}$ and $b=1-2\xi$ with $\xi=(v/f)^2$:

R.Contino et al, arXiv:1002.1011v2

$$\frac{d\sigma(W_L W_L)/dt}{d\sigma(W_T W_T)/dt} \Big|_{90^\circ} = \left(\frac{\xi}{48} \frac{E_{CM}^2(WW)}{M_W^2} \right)^2 \sim 4\xi^2 \left(\frac{E_{CM}(WW)}{800 \text{ GeV}} \right)^4$$

and therefore it takes CM energies of the WW pair well above the TeV to have sensitivity in the range $\xi \ll 1$.

In pp collisions at 14 TeV, with 300 fb^{-1} , the statistics drops once $M(WW) \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$, and one is sensitive to values $\xi \gtrsim 0.5$ (cfr $\xi \gtrsim 0.3$ w. 1000 fb^{-1} at CLIC 3TeV)

Since the reach in ξ scales like $\sim 1/E^2$, the sensitivity will improve to $O(0.05)$ at $\sim 50 \text{ TeV}$, and to $O(0.01)$ at $\sim 100 \text{ TeV}$.

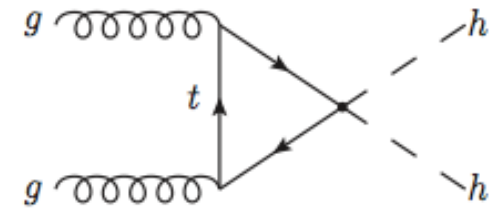
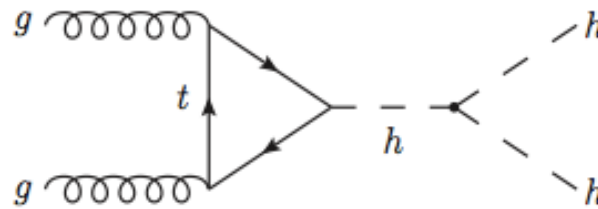
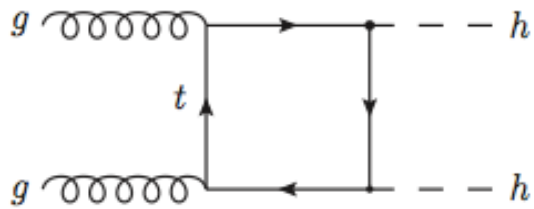
This is the reason why the SSC was designed for 40 TeV: it's the energy at which one can start doing quantitative checks of the proper behaviour of high-energy WW scattering

The need to perform this measurement remains today as strong as it ever was, as is the need to attain energies in the range of at least 30-40 TeV for compelling results.

Higgs pair production in gg fusion

A typical feature of composite Higgs models is the appearance of a $ttHH$ effective coupling, which contributes to $gg \rightarrow HH$

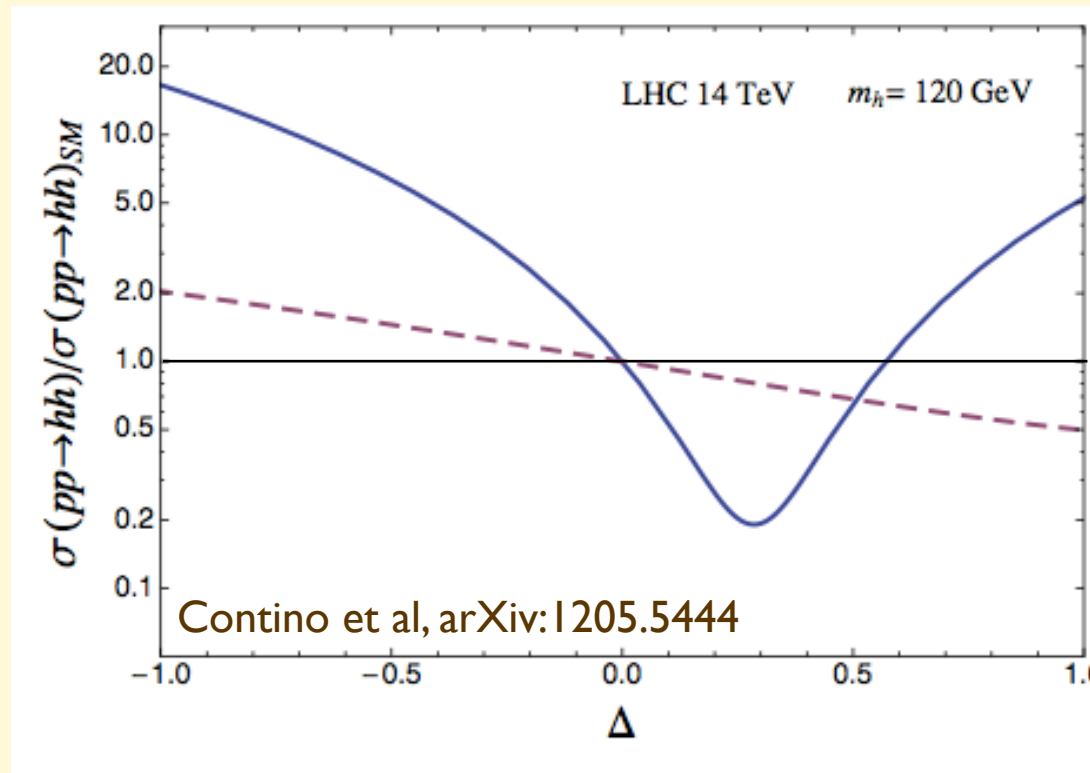
Grober and Muhlleitner, arXiv:1012.1562



$$A \sim \frac{m_t^2}{v^2}$$

$$A \sim g_{3H} \frac{m_t^2}{v^2} \frac{m_H^2}{\hat{s}} \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{m_t^2} \right)$$

$$A \sim g_{ttHH} \frac{m_t^2}{v^2} \log^2 \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{m_t^2} \right)$$



$$g_{ttHH} = \Delta (y_{\text{top}} / v)$$

$$g_{3H} = g_{3H}^{\text{SM}}$$

$$g_{ttHH} = 0$$

$$g_{3H} = (1 + \Delta) g_{3H}^{\text{SM}}$$

Higgs rates at high energy

NLO rates

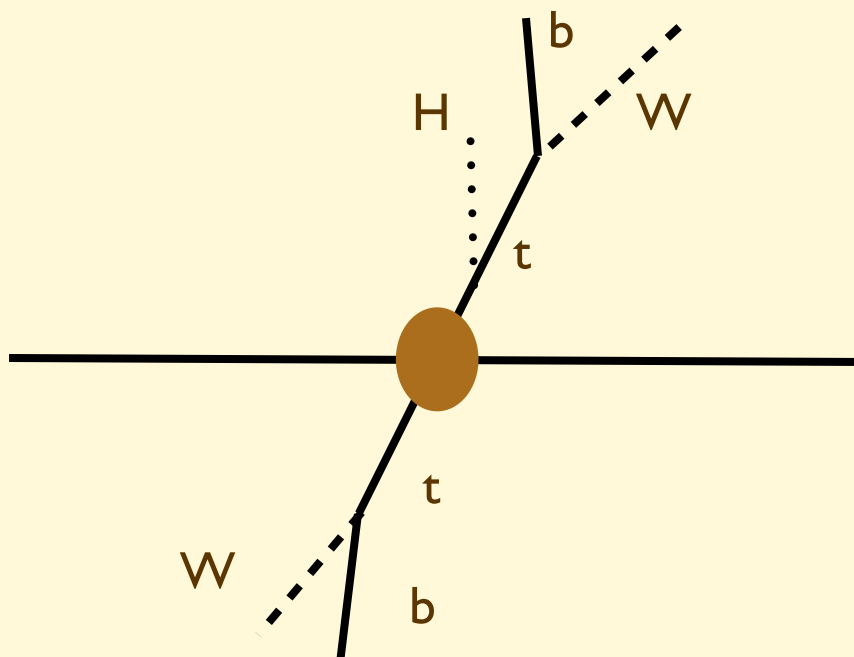
$$\mathbf{R(E)} = \sigma(E \text{ TeV})/\sigma(14 \text{ TeV})$$

	$\sigma(14 \text{ TeV})$	R(33)	R(40)	R(60)	R(80)	R(100)
ggH	50.4 pb	3.5	4.6	7.8	11.2	14.7
VBF	4.40 pb	3.8	5.2	9.3	13.6	18.6
WH	1.63 pb	2.9	3.6	5.7	7.7	9.7
ZH	0.90 pb	3.3	4.2	6.8	9.6	12.5
ttH	0.62 pb	7.3	11	24	41	61
HH	33.8 fb	6.1	8.8	18	29	42

In several cases, the gains in terms of “useful” rate are much bigger.

E.g. when we are interested in the large-invariant mass behaviour of the final states.

Example: ttH at large pt(top)



- Reduced backgrounds
 - Reduced combinatorics
- ⇒ more reliable measurement of y_{top}

pp → ttH	14 TeV	33 TeV (33/14)	60 TeV (60/14)	100 TeV (100/14)
σ_{TOT}	0.4 pb	2.8 pb (x 7)	9.7 pb (x 24)	25 pb (x 60)
$\sigma(p_{\text{T}}^{\text{top}} > 0.5 \text{ TeV})$	1.6 fb	26 fb (x 16)	120 fb (x 75)	400 fb (x 250)

(LO rates)

Remarks

- No realistic and complete studies are available, as yet, of
 - the performance in the measurement of Higgs couplings, self-couplings and other properties, by possible LHC detectors at the ultimate luminosities and at energies higher than 14 TeV
 - the various scenarios outlined above
 - the overall requirements on the theory side to match the possible experimental accuracies and optimize the discovery potential
- While effective lagrangians provide a useful tool to assess the “low-energy” impact of SM modifications, and e.g. compare different colliders, this approach cannot evaluate the interplay between the measurement of deviations from SM Higgs properties, and direct observation of new states responsible for these deviations. This is crucial to compare experiments at “low-energy” (ILC, CLIC) with the LHC and future hadron colliders.

Challenges for theory

Recent assessments of Higgs measurement potential, at HL-LHC

CMS submission to Strategy Group,

<https://indico.cern.ch/contributionDisplay.py?contribId=177&confId=175067>

Coupling	Uncertainty (%)			
	300 fb ⁻¹		3000 fb ⁻¹	
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
κ_γ	6.5	5.1	5.4	1.5
κ_V	5.7	2.7	4.5	1.0
κ_g	11	5.7	7.5	2.7
κ_b	15	6.9	11	2.7
κ_t	14	8.7	8.0	3.9
κ_T	8.5	5.1	5.4	2.0

Plus $H\mu\mu$ coupling to better than 5% at 3000fb⁻¹

Scenario 1: same systematics as 2012 (TH and EXP)

Scenario 2: half the TH syst, and scale with 1/sqrt(L) the EXP syst

Note: assume no invisible Higgs decay contributing to the Higgs width

Note: results of scenario 2 @ 3000/fb are overall as powerful as LC@500GeV !!

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- More in general, the search of “well-hidden” BSM processes will have to rely more and more on direct comparisons with precise SM calculations

Examples of recent progress, future needs, challenges and opportunities

Example: precision Higgs physics

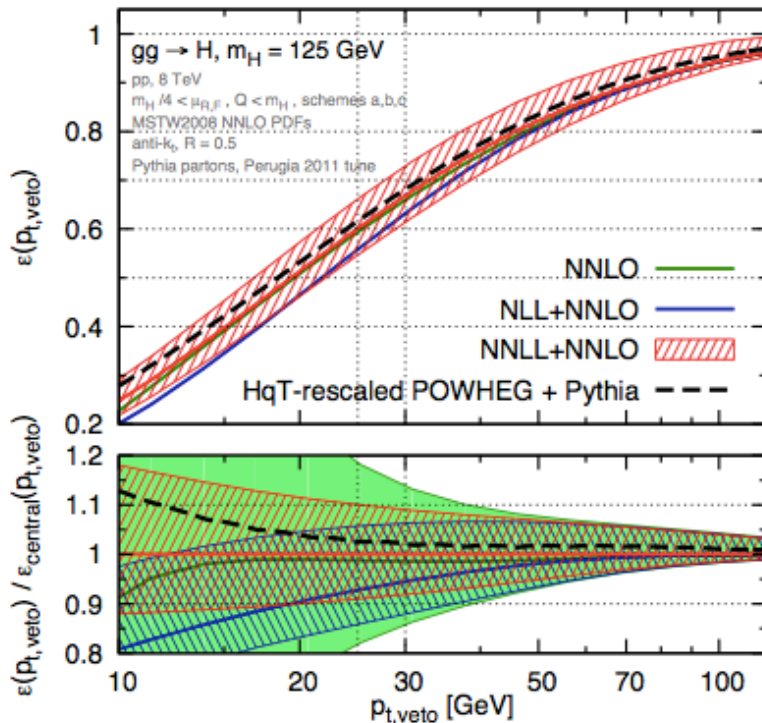
Theoretical uncertainties on production rates (Higgs XS WG, arXiv:1101.0593)

14 TeV	$\delta(\text{pert. theory})$	$\delta(\text{PDF, } \alpha_s)$
$gg \rightarrow H$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 7\%$
VBF ($WW \rightarrow H$)	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 2\%$
$qq \rightarrow WH$	$\pm 0.5\%$	$\pm 4\%$
$(qq, gg) \rightarrow ZH$	$\pm 2\%$	$\pm 4\%$
$(qq, gg) \rightarrow ttH$	$\pm 8\%$	$\pm 9\%$

Improve with higher-loop calculations:
 $gg \rightarrow H$ @ NNNLO
 ttH @ NNLO

Improve with dedicated QCD measurements, and appropriate calculations

Theoretical uncertainties on modeling of selection cuts.



Ex. jet veto efficiency, required to reduce bg's to $H \rightarrow WW^*$

Banfi, Monni, Salam,
 Zanderighi, arXiv:1206.4998

Ongoing theoretical progress for $\sigma(gg \rightarrow H)$

- First steps towards the cross section at NNNLO: triple soft limits, $O(\epsilon)$ expansion of NNLO,

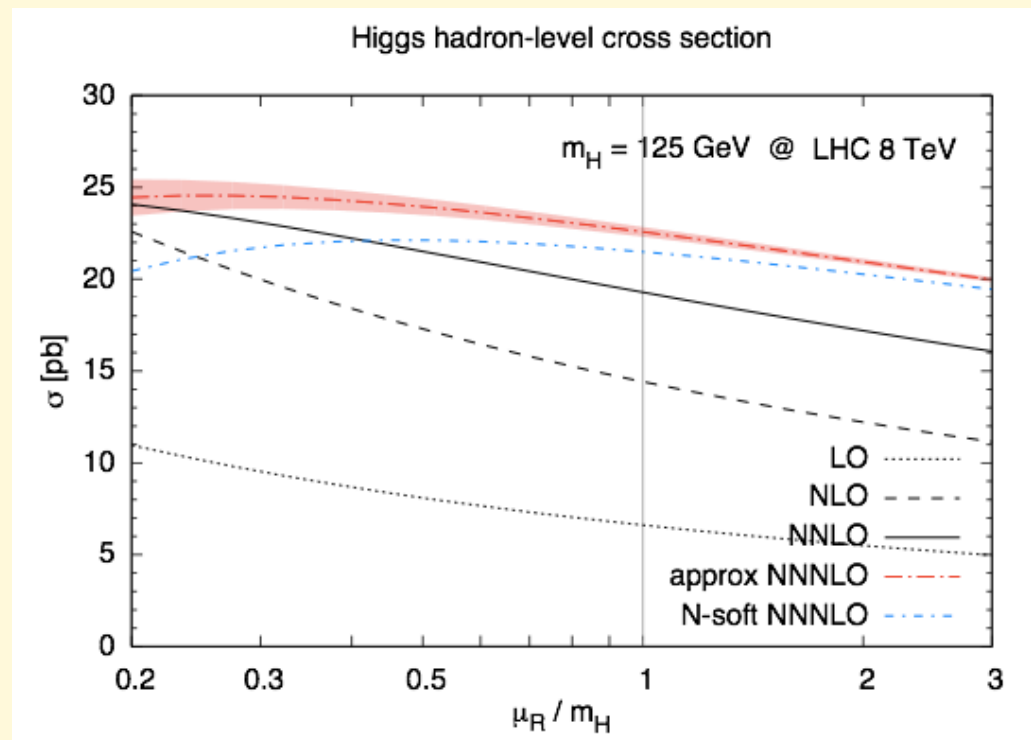
Anastasiou, Buehler, Duhr, Herzog, arXiv:1208.3130

Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger, arXiv:1302.4379

Hoschele, Hoff, Pak, Steinhauser, Ueda, arXiv:1211.6559

- Approximate NNNLO from structure of leading large-x and small-x singularities

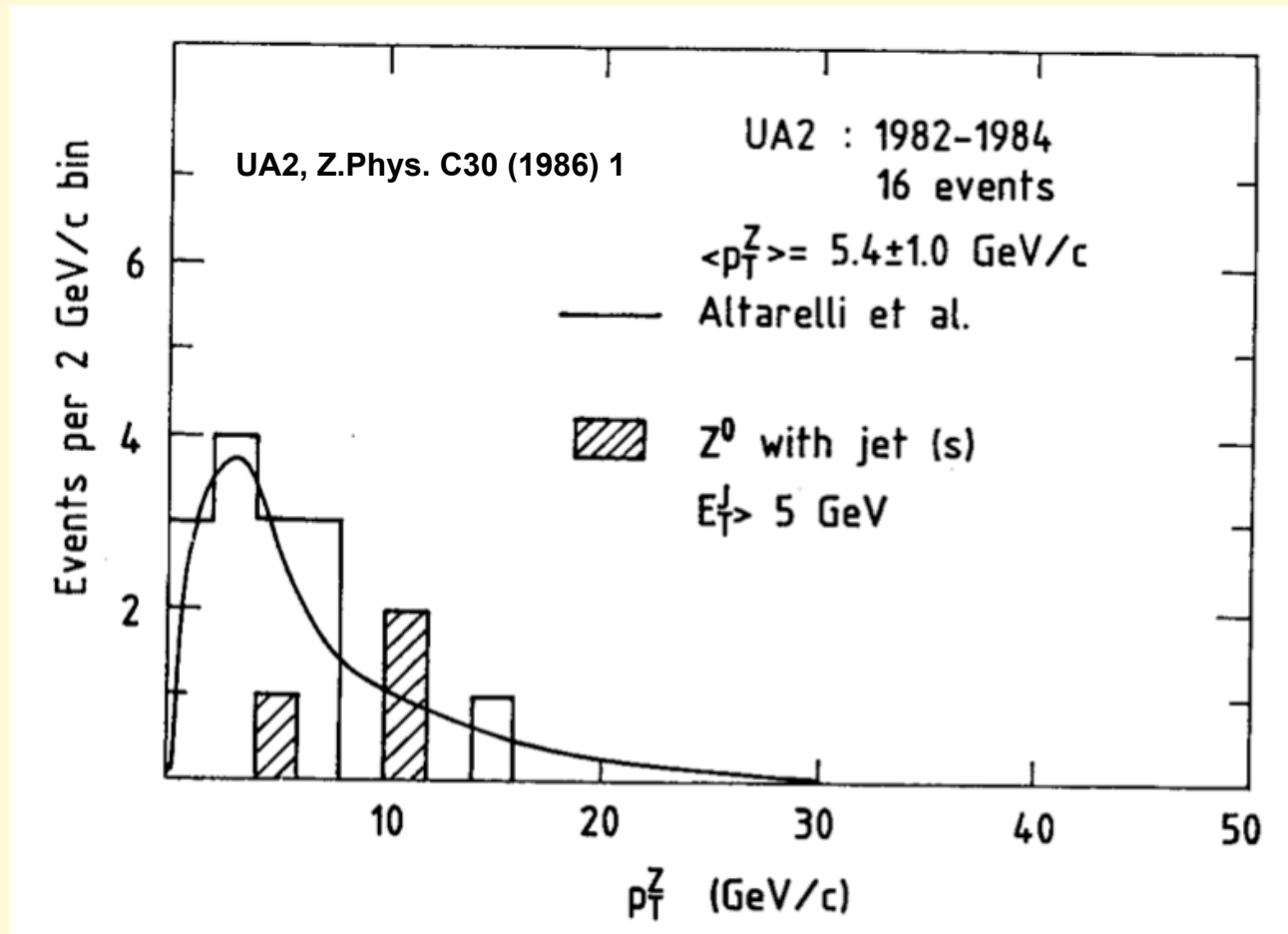
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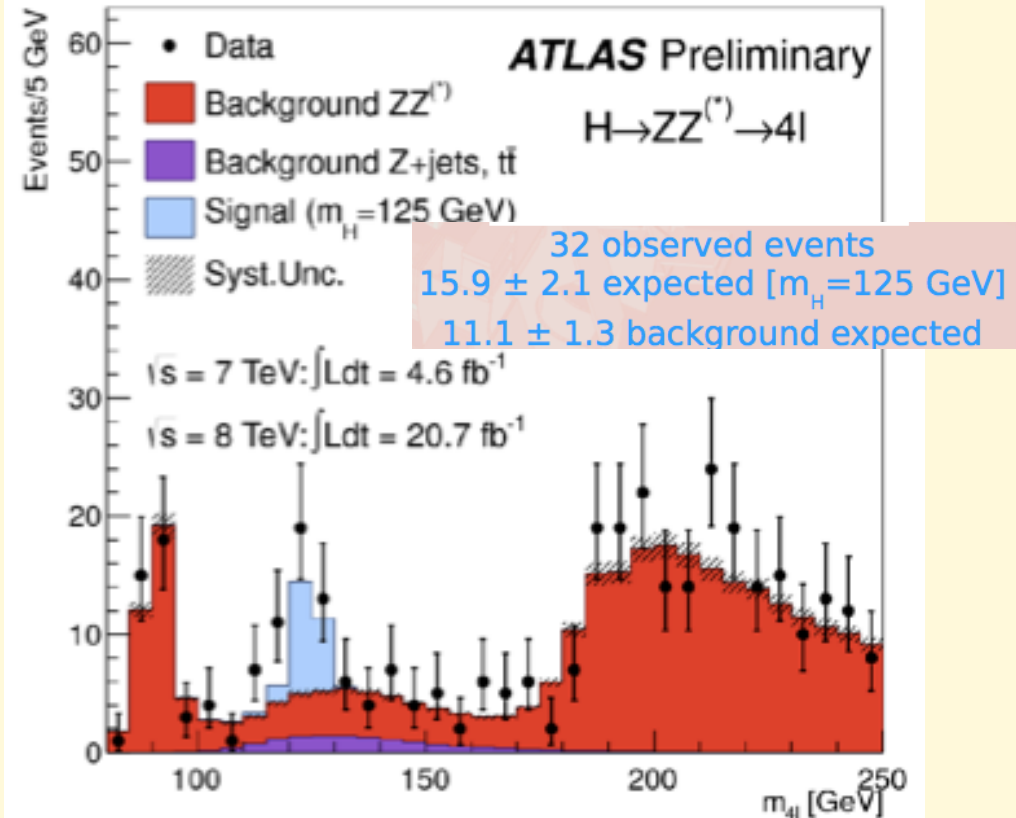
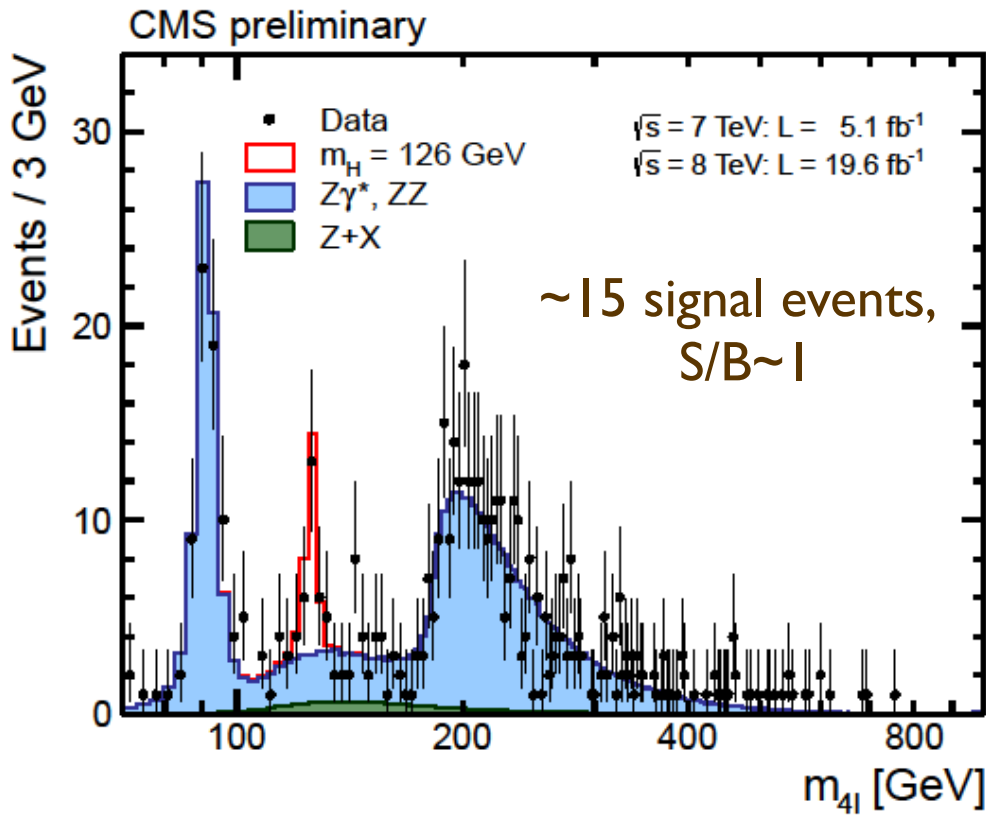


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To put it in perspective, the study of W/Z production properties started like this, from a score of events:



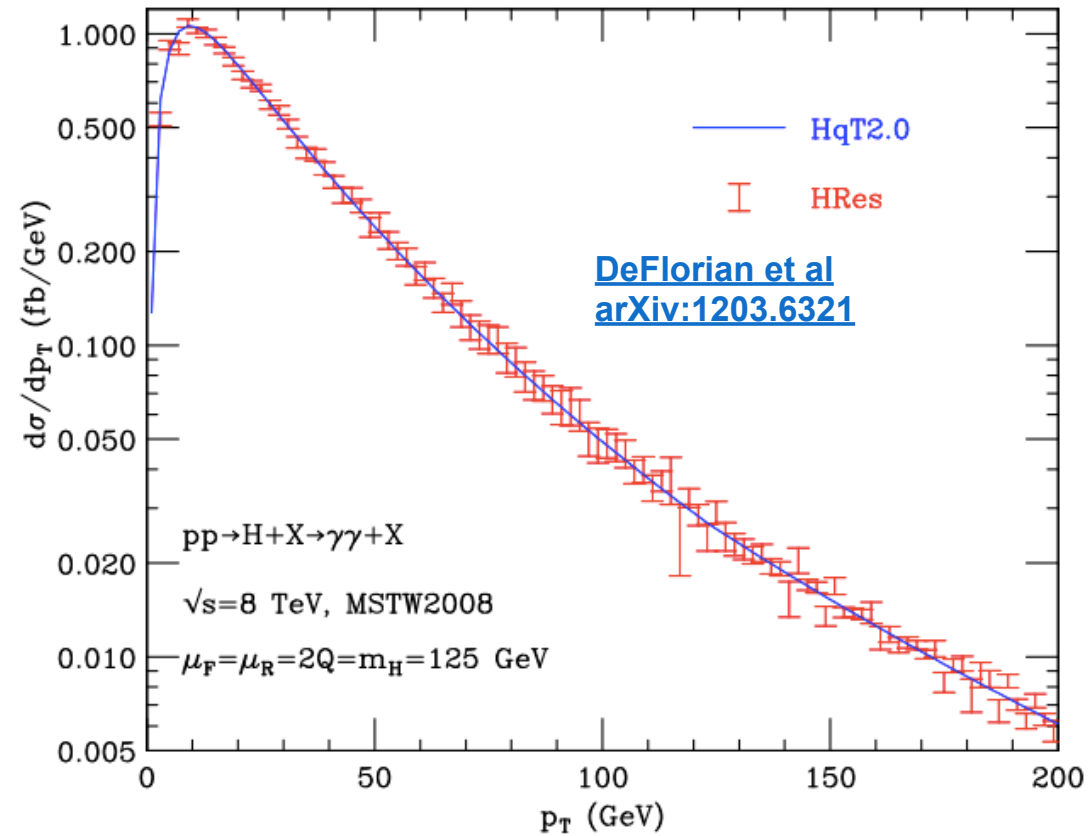
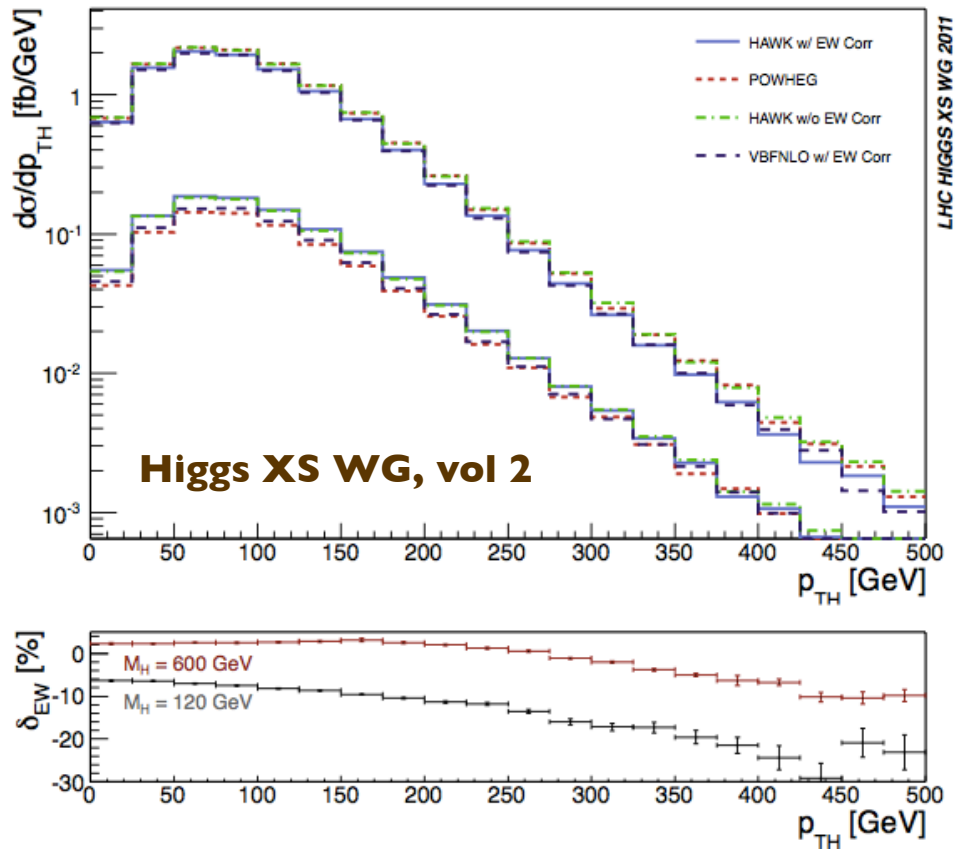


There is enough to start plotting $p_t(H)$, N_{jet} distribution in H production, etc.

$p_T(H): qq \rightarrow qq H$ vs $gg \rightarrow H$

$qq \rightarrow qq H$

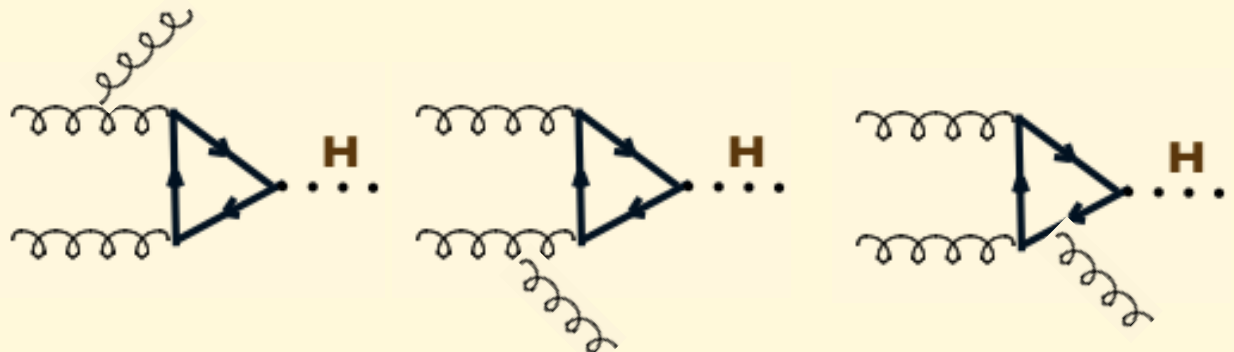
$gg \rightarrow H$



- $p_T(\text{peak}) \sim 60 \text{ GeV}$
- Large size of EW corrections

- $p_T(\text{peak}) \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$

$gg \rightarrow H$ at $p_T > m_{\text{top}}$ resolves the inside of the production triangle, an alternative probe to its components



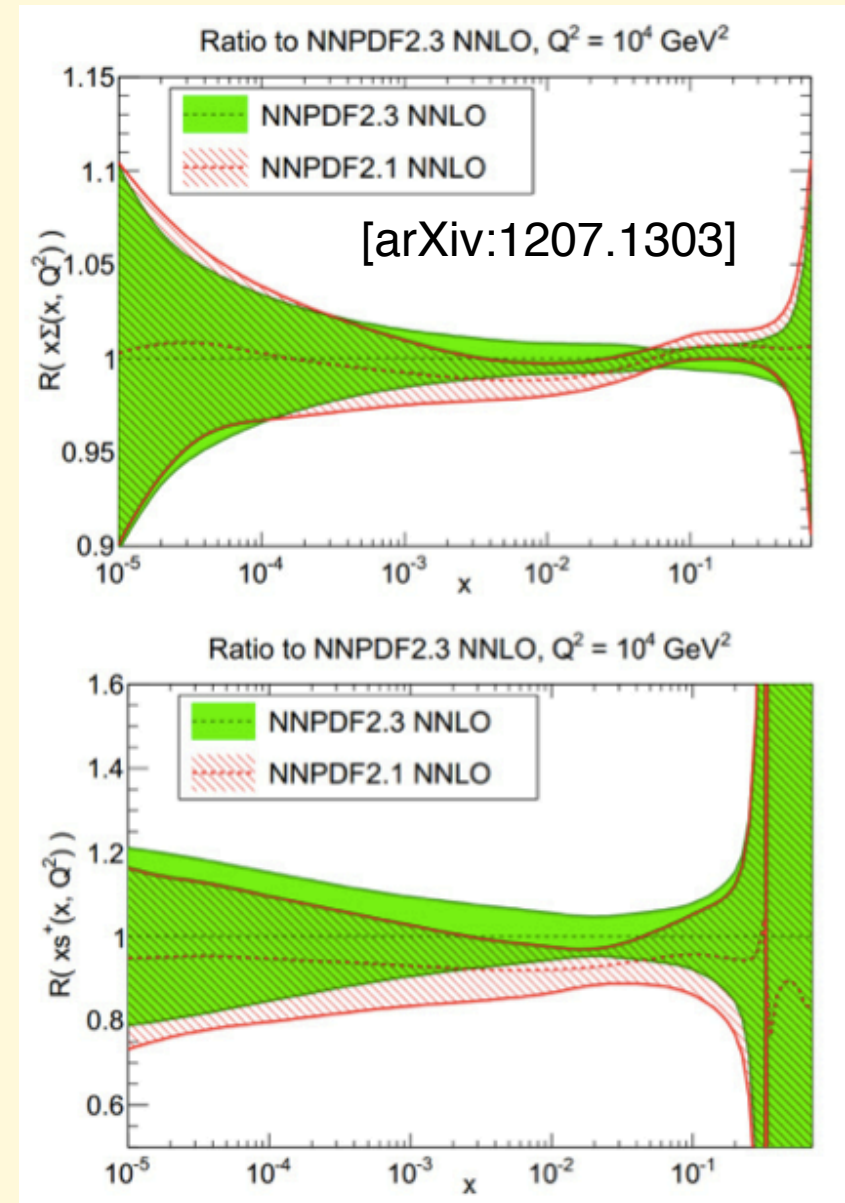
PDF progress

NNPDF2.3: First publicly available PDF set that includes LHC data in the fit.
Global fit, includes all relevant LHC data that were available with full covariance matrix

- ATLAS Inclusive Jets, 36pb^{-1}
- ATLAS W/Z lepton rapidity distributions, 36pb^{-1}
- CMS W lepton asymmetry, 840pb^{-1}
- LHCb W rapidity distributions, 36pb^{-1}

Impact of LHC data:

- Moderate effect from LHC data, generally less than half a sigma in central values.
- Largest impact is for Singlet and strange distributions.
- Expect more substantial improvements with 2011 and 2012 data.



Further progress from more data, and more accurate (NNLO) theory for a variety of processes probing different flavours and ranges of x and Q .

Recent progress in NNLO

- **Two long-awaited milestone calculations in progress, delivering first results:**

- **Jet production.** Completed so far:

- gg initial state: A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, E. W. N. Glover, J. Pires, [arXiv:1301.7310](#)

- **H+jet**, Boughezal, Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze, [arXiv:1302.6216](#)

- **$\sigma(\mathbf{tt})$** (Czakon, Mitov et al): full results available for total cross section, at NNLO+NNLL

Baernreuther, Czakon, Mitov [arXiv:1204.5201](#)
Czakon, Mitov [arXiv:1207.0236](#)
Czakon, Mitov [arXiv:1210.6832](#)
Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov [arXiv:1303.6254](#)

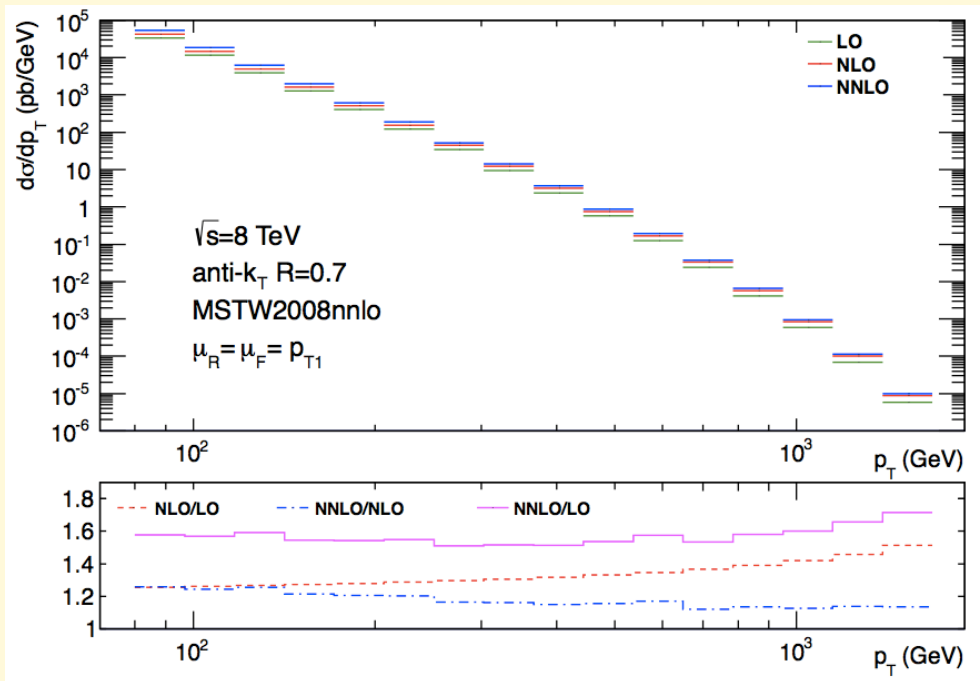
- implemented in a numerical code

Top++: Czakon, Mitov [arXiv:1112.5675](#)

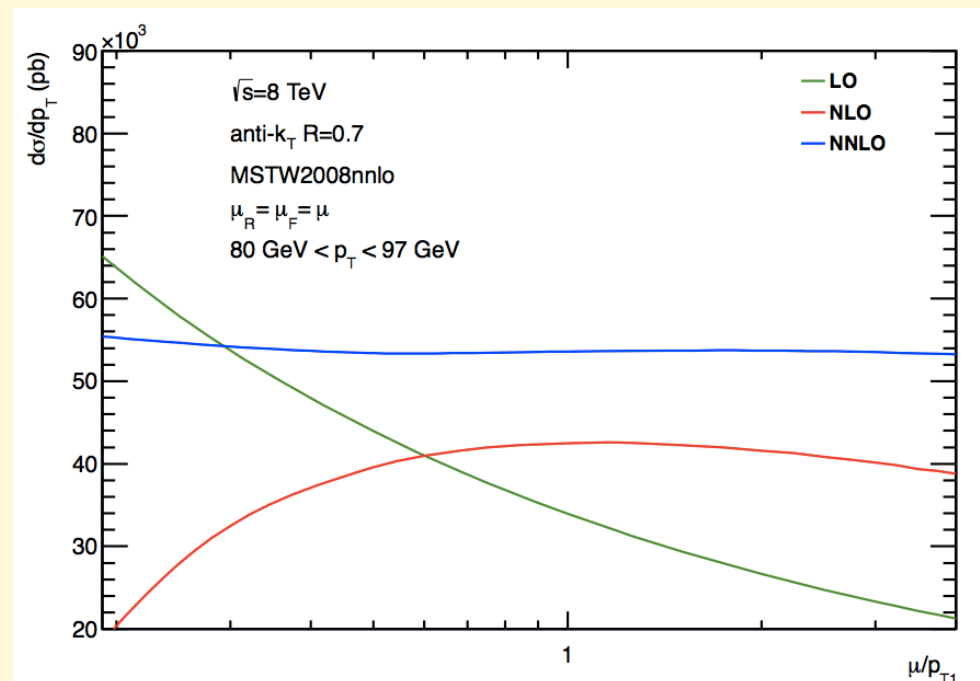
- first NNLO result for production of coloured final state in hadron collisions, first direct probe of gluon PDF known to NNLO

Inclusive jet cross section at NNLO

“Second order QCD corrections to jet production at hadron colliders: the all-gluon contribution”, A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, E.W.N. Glover, J. Pires, arXiv:1301.7310



NNLO/NLO ~ 1.2



NNLO scale systematics ~ few % ...
 - does this survive if $\mu_F \neq \mu_R$?

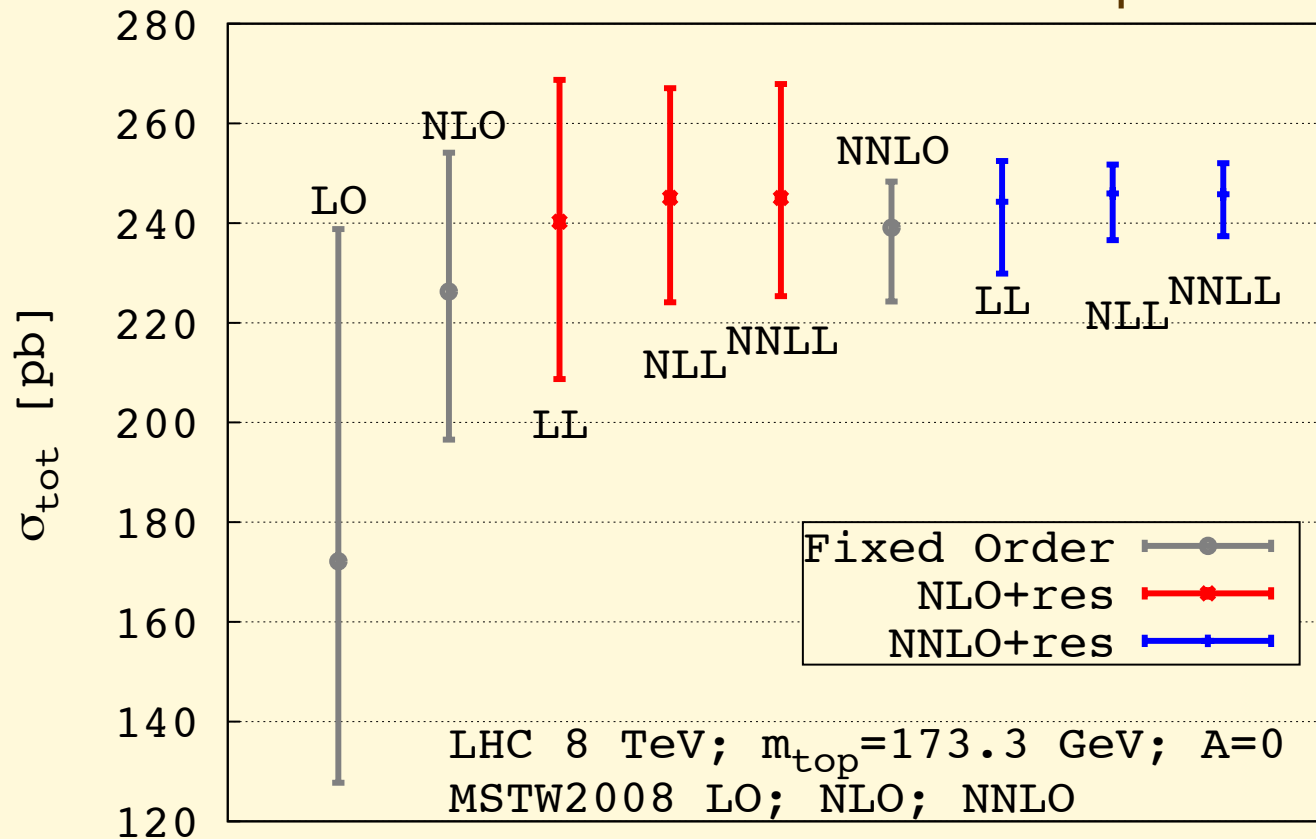
Notice that NNLO outside the NLO scale-variation band

At this level of precision, there are other things one should start considering. E.g. non-perturbative systematics and EW corrections

Inclusive tt cross section at NNLO

Scale variation

plot courtesy of A.Mitov

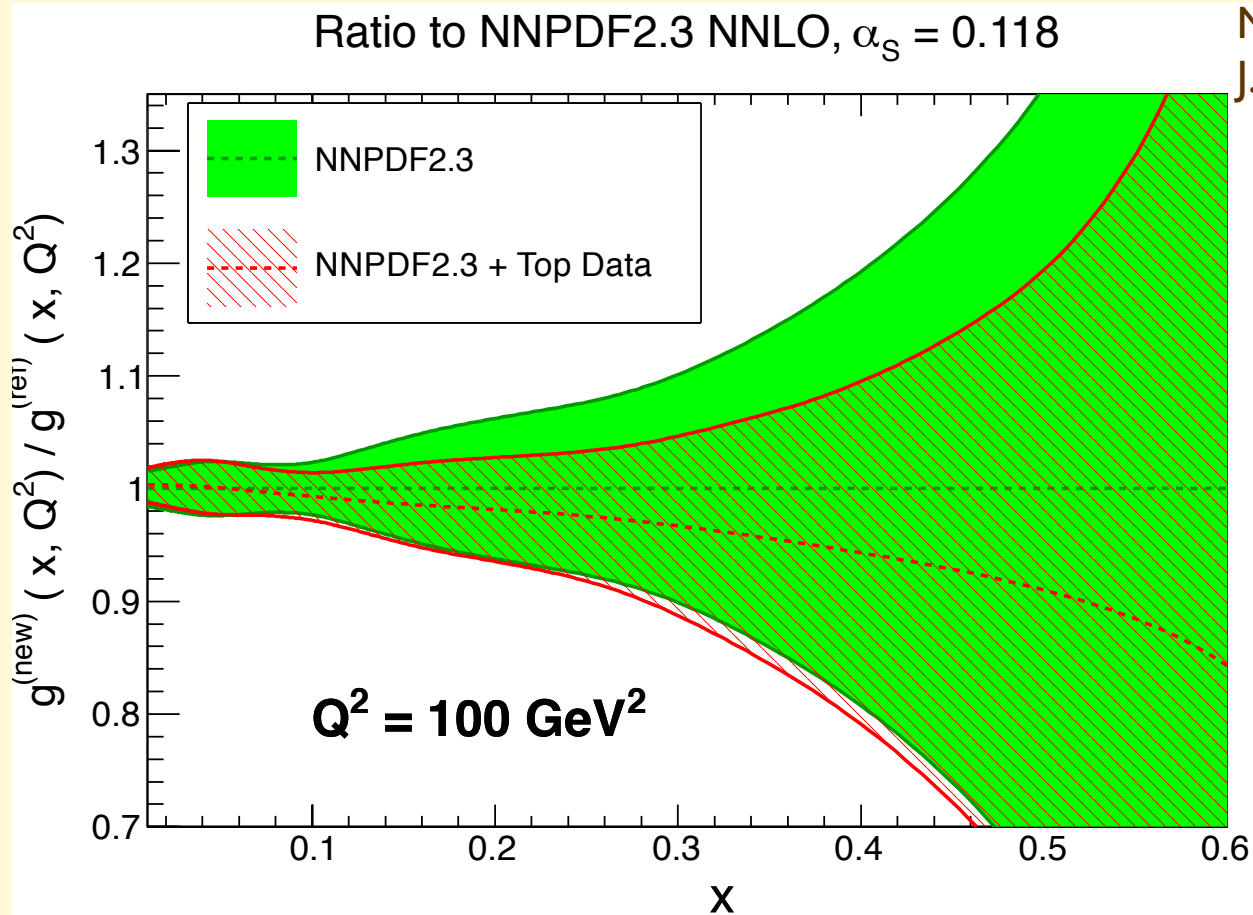


TH and parametric uncertainties are all of similar size:

- **Scale:** Independent μ_R , μ_F variation, \Rightarrow 3%
 $0.5 \mu_0 < \mu_{R,F} < 2 \mu_0$ at $\mu_0 = m_{\text{top}}$,
 with $0.5 < \mu_R / \mu_F < 2$
- **PDF** (at 68%CL) \Rightarrow 2-3%
- $\Delta\alpha_s = \pm 0.0007$ \Rightarrow 1.5%
- $\Delta m_{\text{top}} = \pm 1$ GeV \Rightarrow 3%

Constraining the gluon PDF with LHC $\sigma(t\bar{t})$

M. Czakon, MLM, A. Mitov,
J. Rojo, arXiv:1303.7215



Collider	Ref	Ref+TeV	Ref +TeV+LHC7	Ref+TeV+LHC7+8
Tevatron	7.26 ± 0.12	-	-	-
LHC 7 TeV	172.5 ± 5.2	172.7 ± 5.1	-	-
LHC 8 TeV	247.8 ± 6.6	248.0 ± 6.5	245.0 ± 4.6	-
LHC 14 TeV	976.5 ± 16.4	976.2 ± 16.3	969.8 ± 12.0	969.6 ± 11.6

x-range relevant for $gg \rightarrow H$ is smaller. Direct probe: $d\sigma/dp_T(Z)$, to be calculated at NNLO

Other important measurements and calculations, ancillary to precision studies and searches

- NLO \rightarrow NNLO
- EW boson interactions at high energy (WW scattering, triple/quadruple gauge boson couplings)
- EW radiative corrections to hard processes at the highest Q^2
 - jet cross sections, W/Z +jets, top production, Higgs production
- Exploration of extreme kinematical regions (large- x , co-existence of different mass scales and large Sudakov effects,), to control theory predictions for highest Q^2 exotic BSM processes, improve accuracy of PDFs at large x ,
- Ever more precise measurements of $m(W)$ and $m(\text{top})$
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