

# Accurate predictions for associated Higgs and top production

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# Outline:

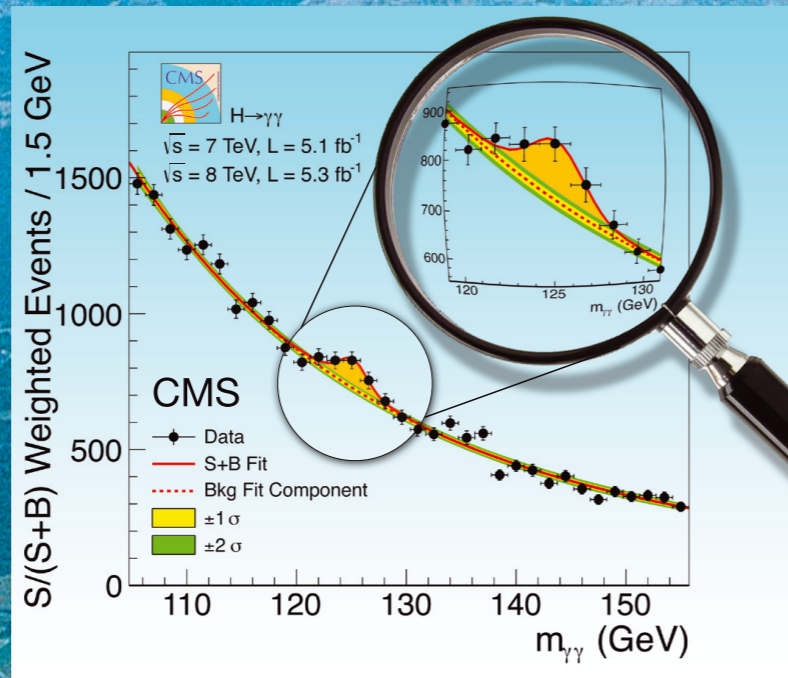
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  - NLO Electroweak corrections to  $t\bar{t}H$
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- ...and for the backgrounds
  - $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ : beyond QCD-only
  - Recent results for  $t\bar{t}VV$
- Can we go below the  $TH$  errors in the extraction of  $y_t$ ?

# Long long time ago (July 4th 2012)...



# First observations of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson at the LHC

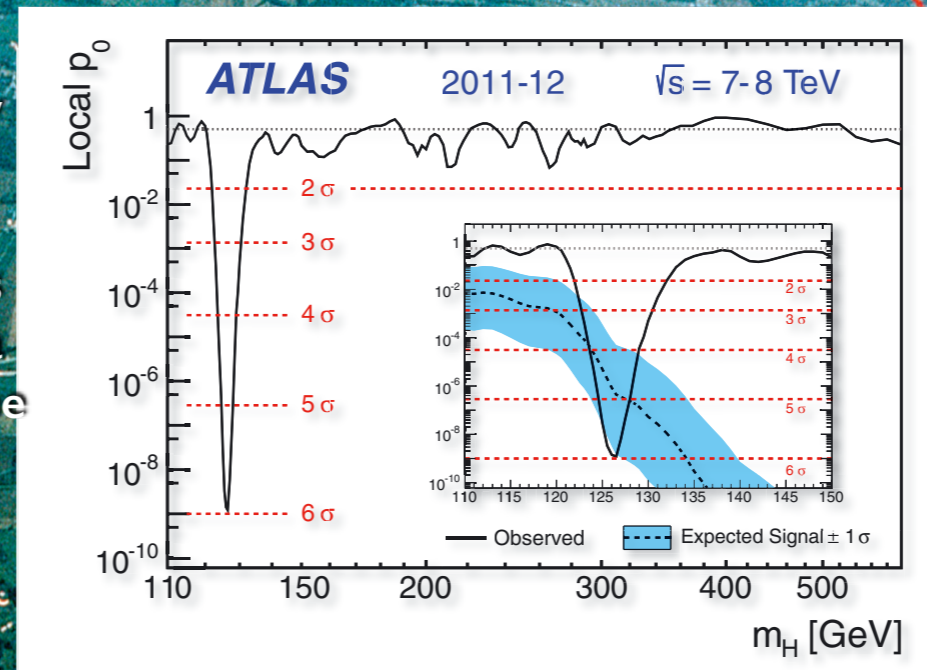
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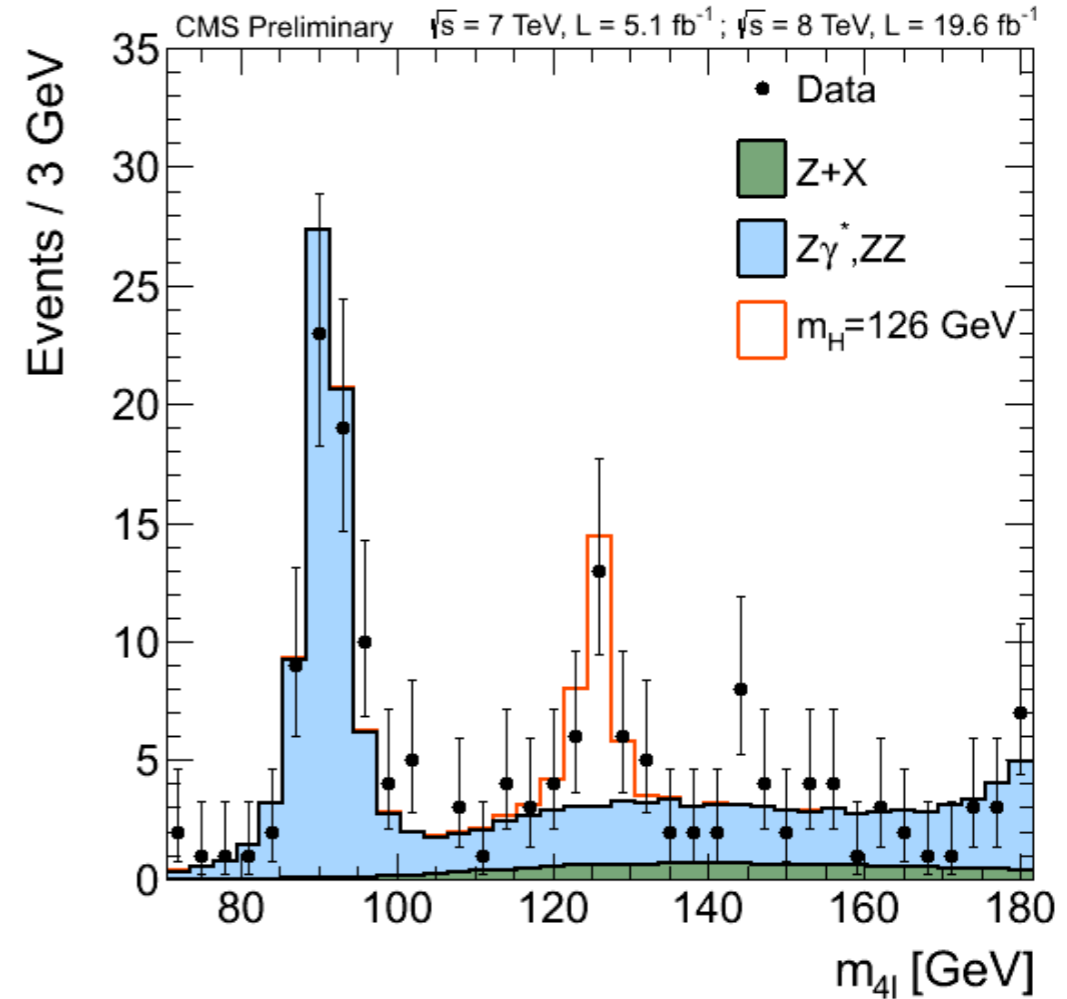
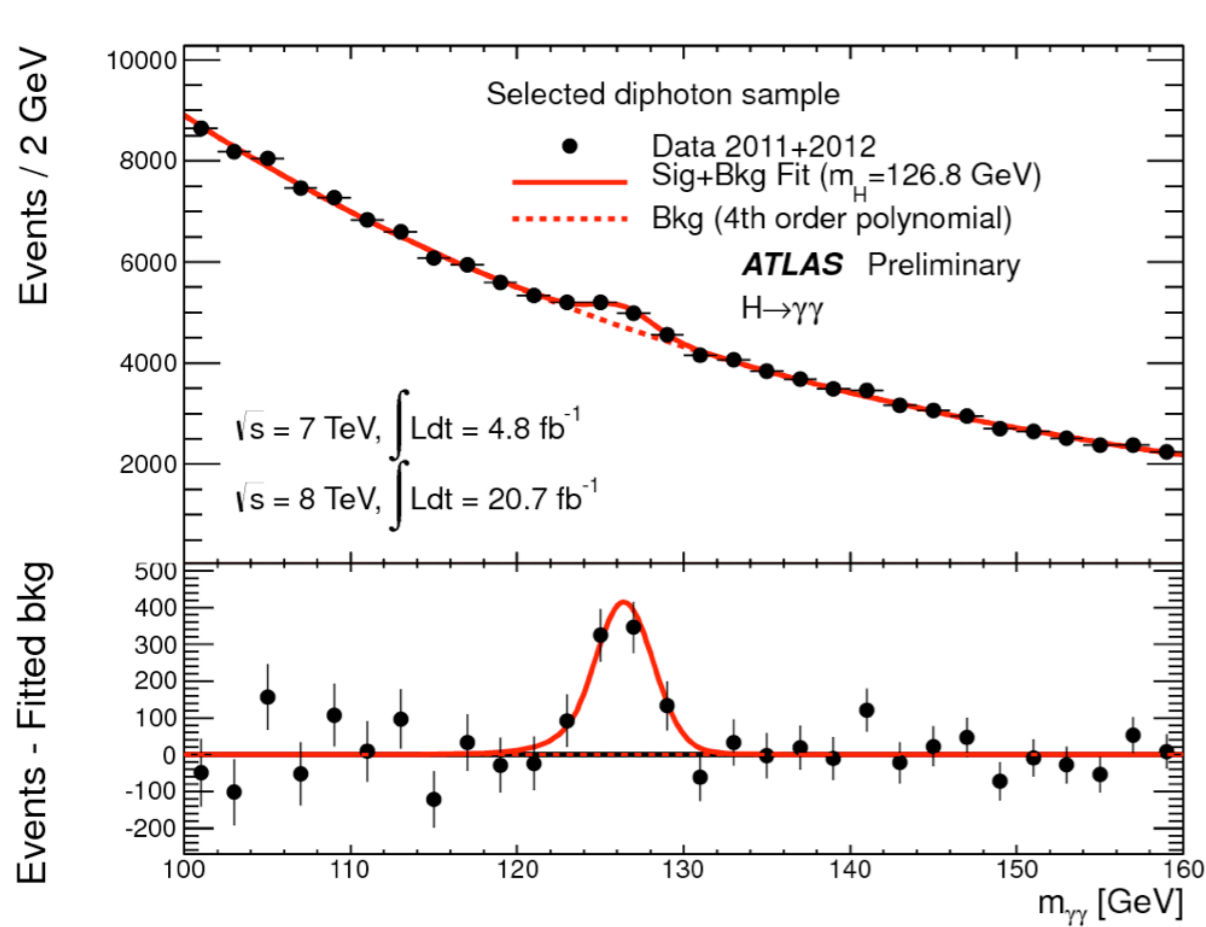
An excess of events is observed above the expected background, [...], at a mass near 125 GeV, signalling the production of a new particle. [...] The decay to two photons indicates that the new particle is a boson with spin different than one. The results presented here are consistent, within uncertainties, with expectations for the SM Higgs boson. The collection of further data will enable a more rigorous test...

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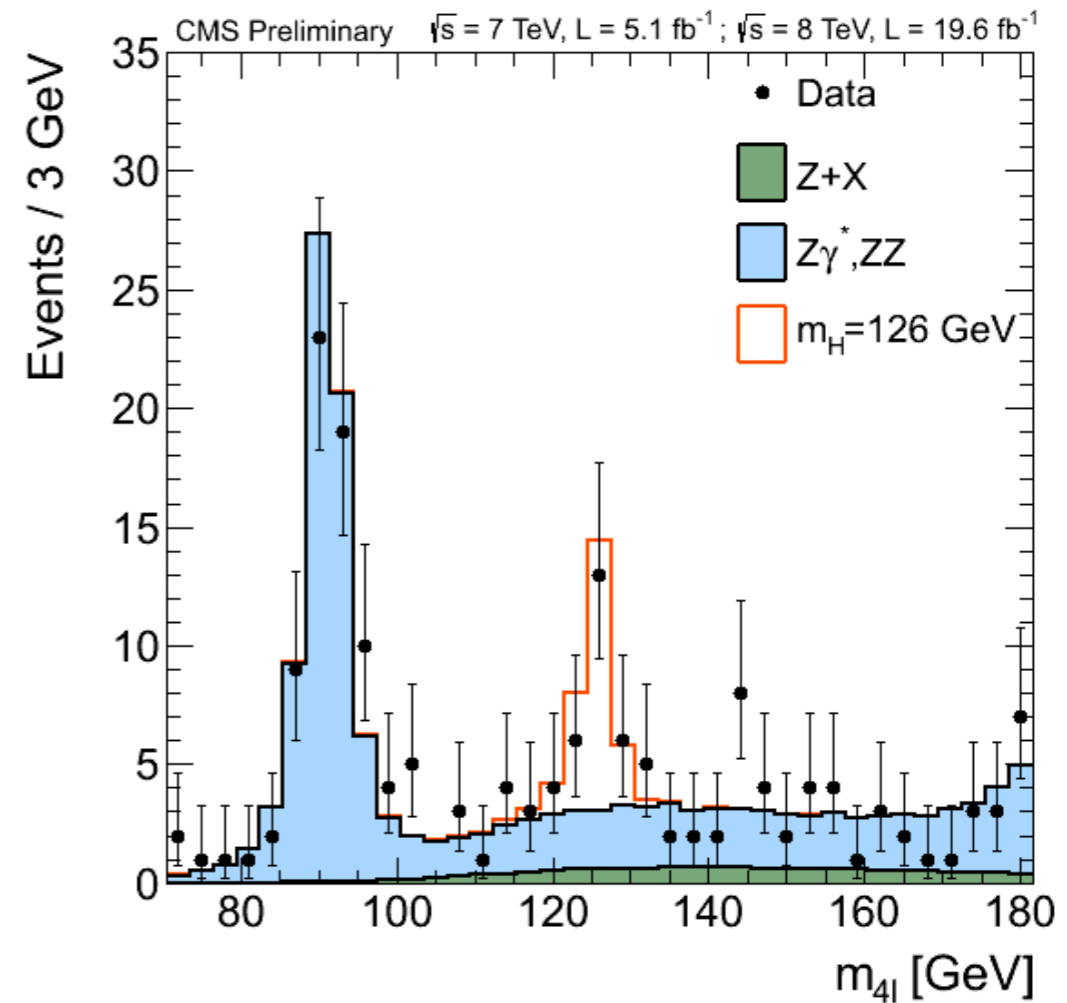
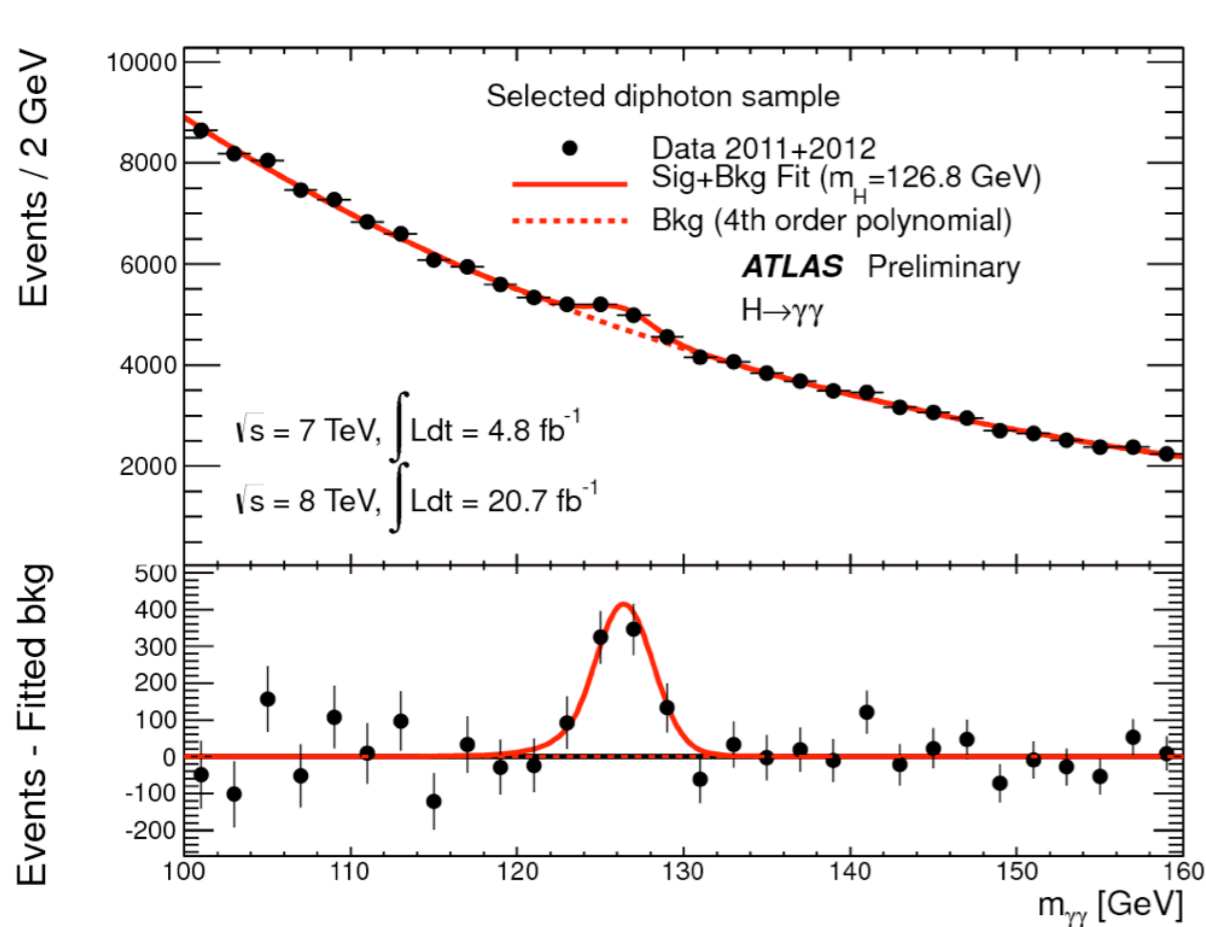
These results provide conclusive evidence for the discovery of a new particle with mass  $126.0 \pm \dots$  GeV. [...] The decay to pairs of vector bosons whose net electric charge is zero identifies the new particle as a neutral boson. The observation in the diphoton channel disfavours the spin-1 hypothesis. Although these results are compatible with the hypothesis that the new particle is the SM Higgs boson, more data are needed to assess its nature in detail.



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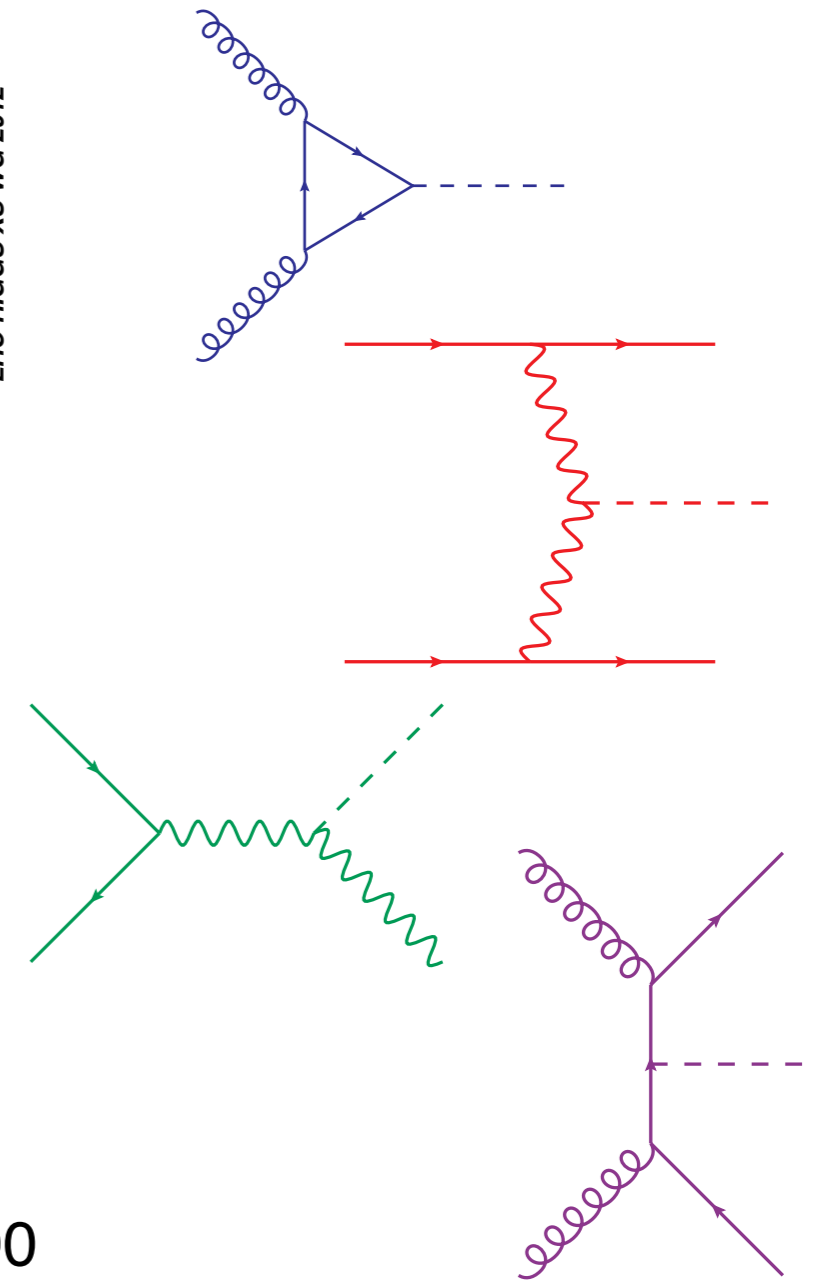
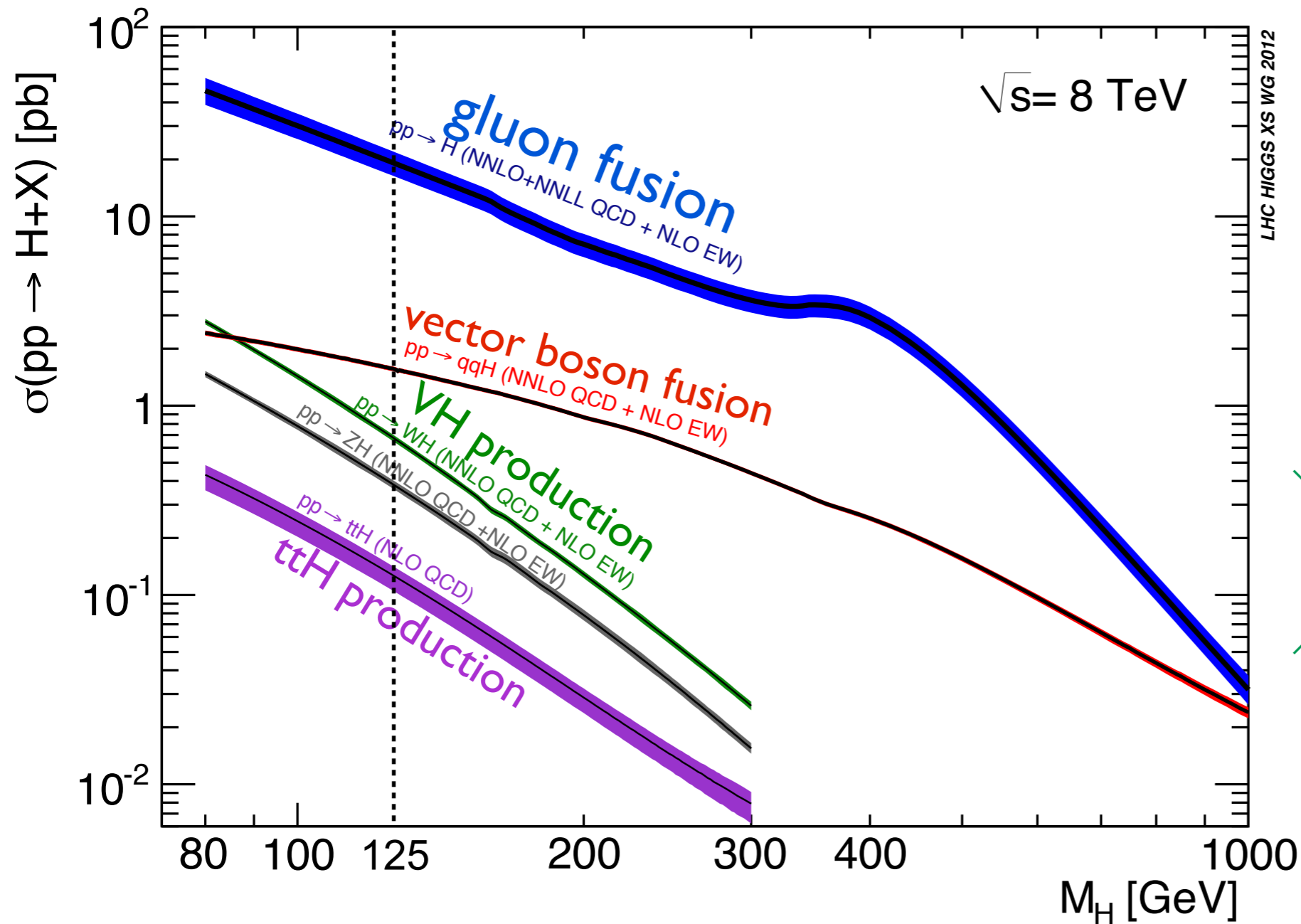
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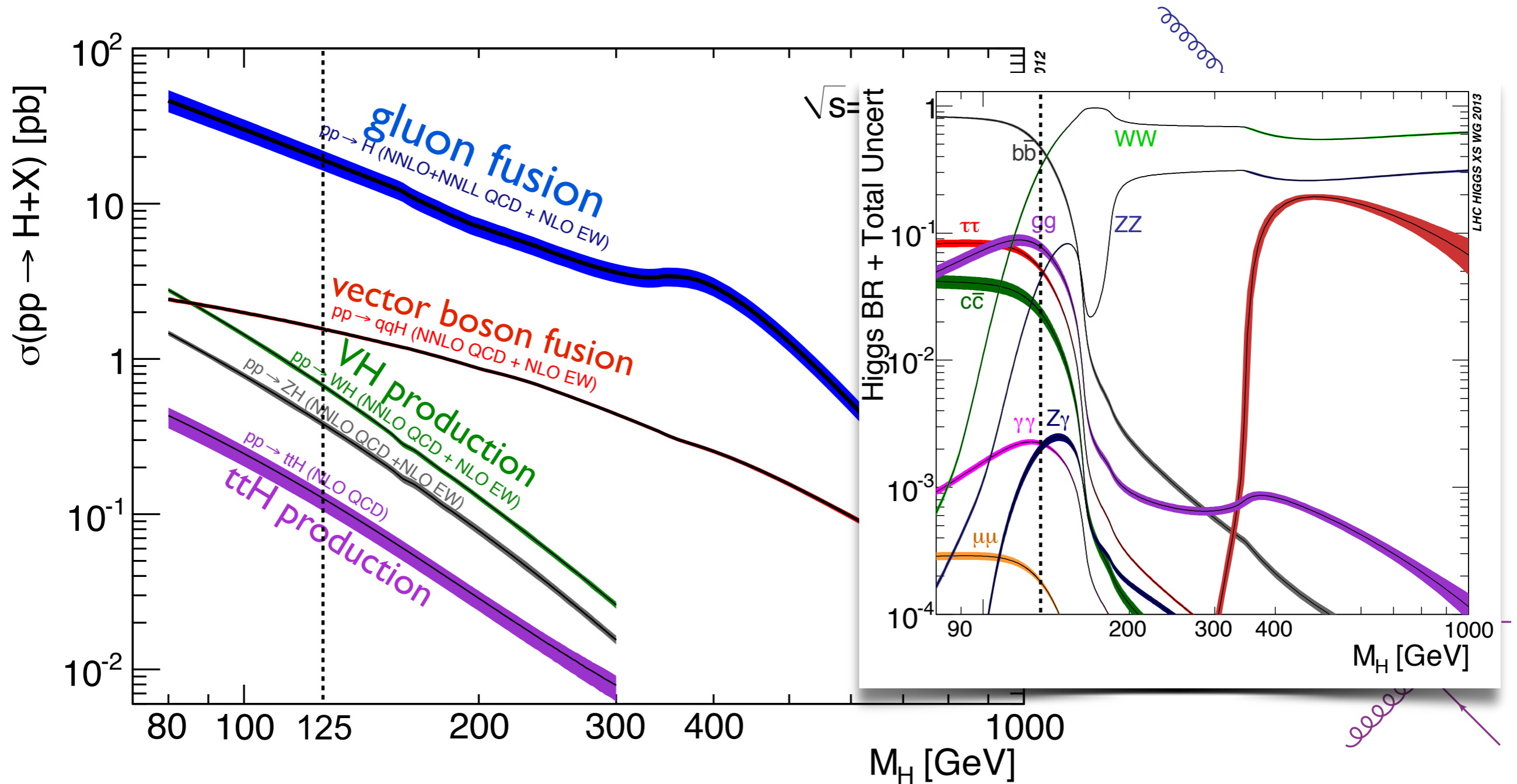


- **A:** So far, it looks like it is...

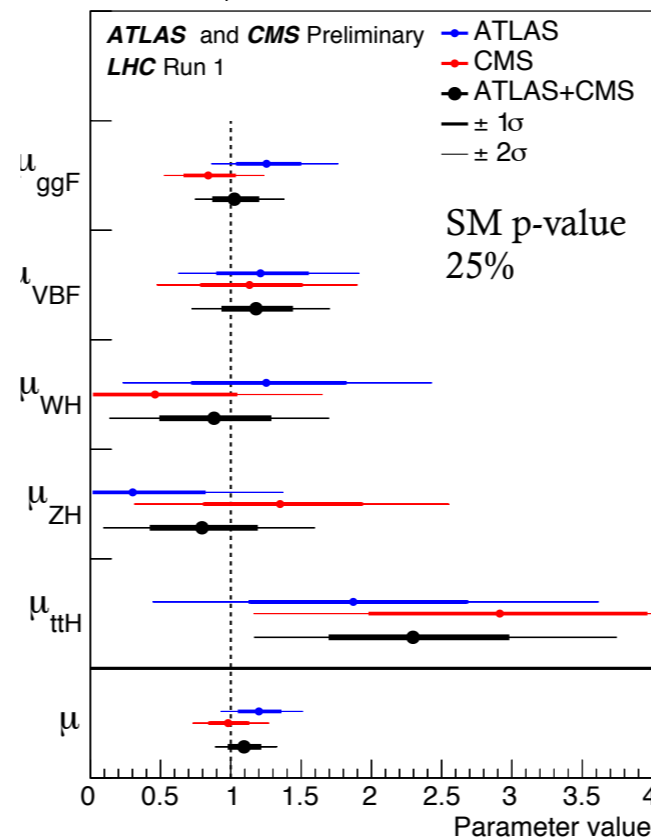
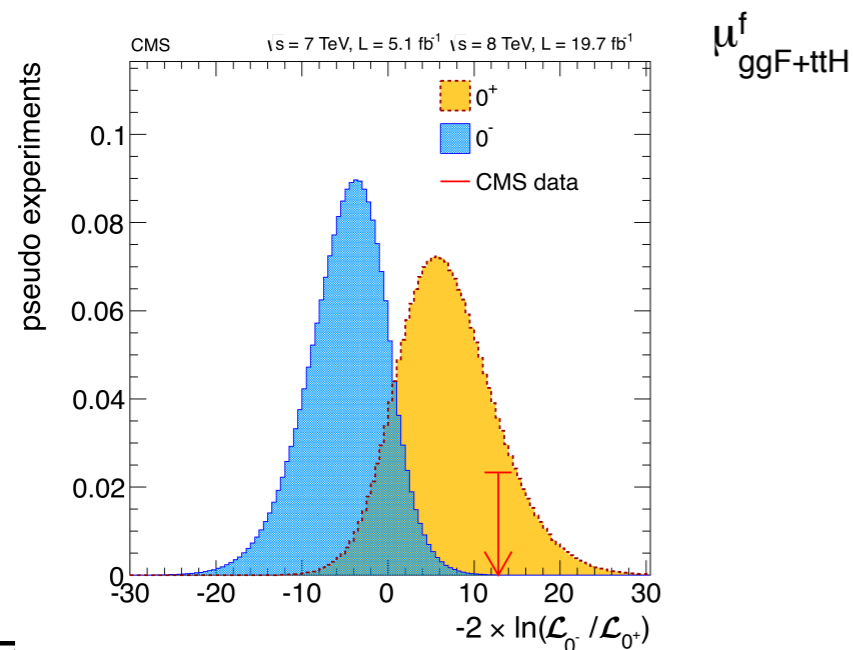
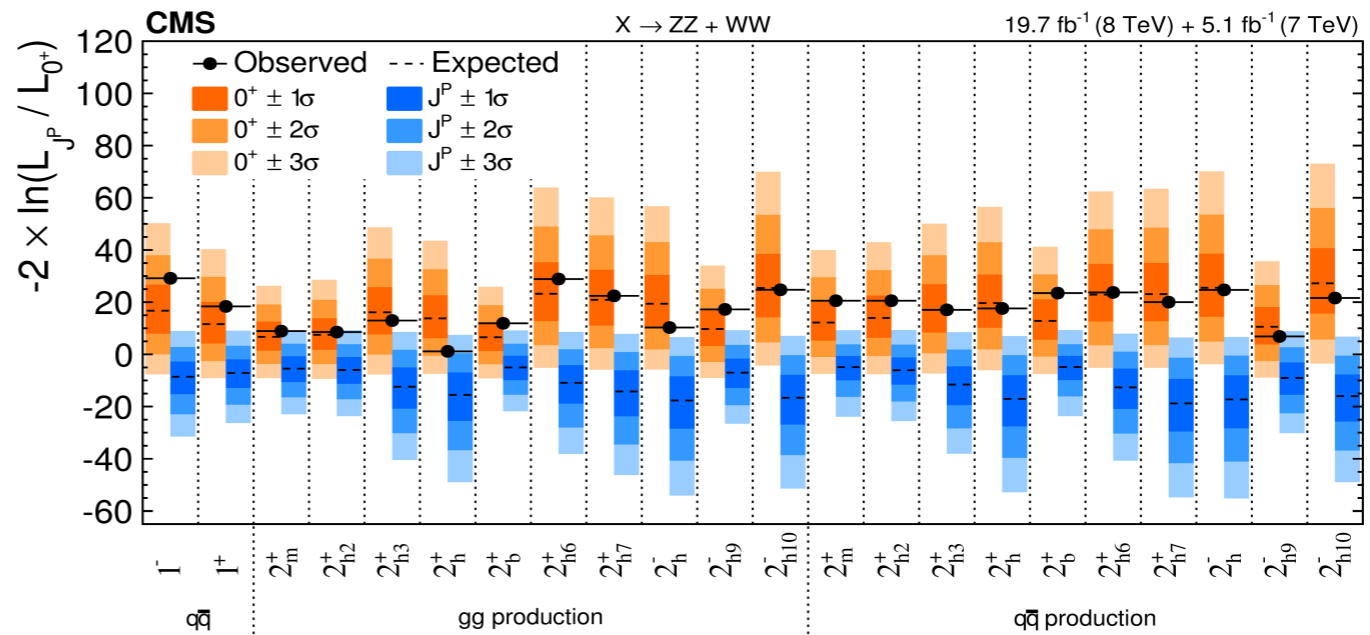
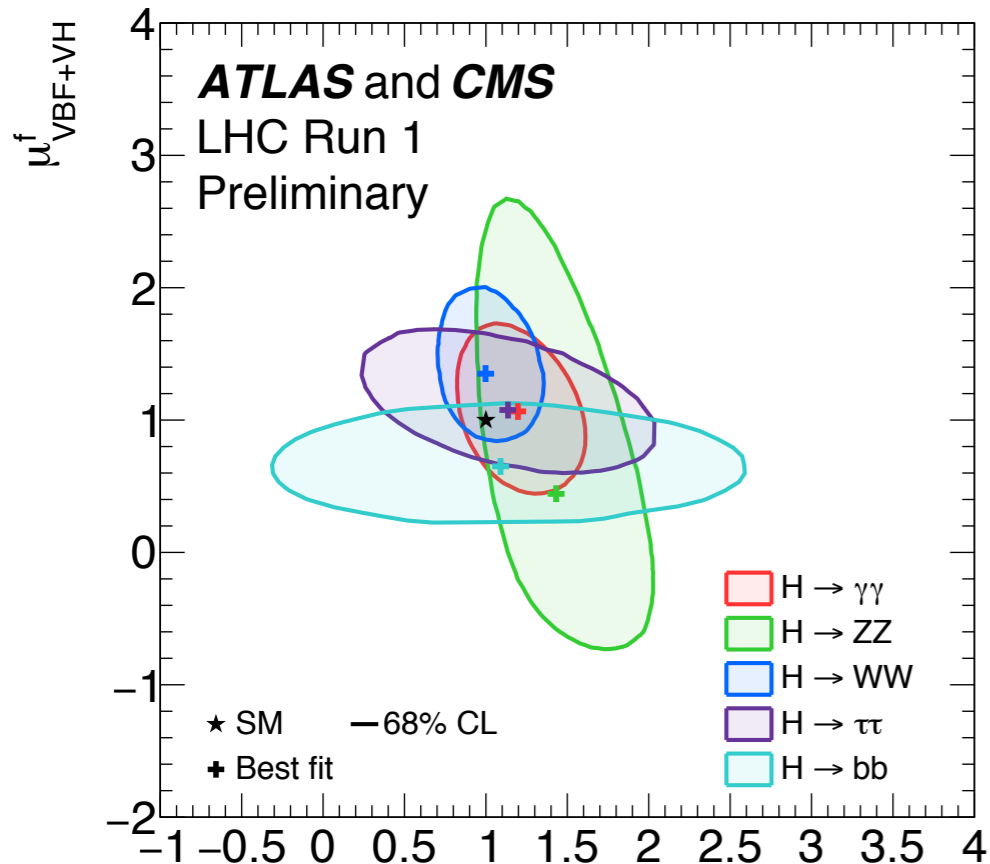
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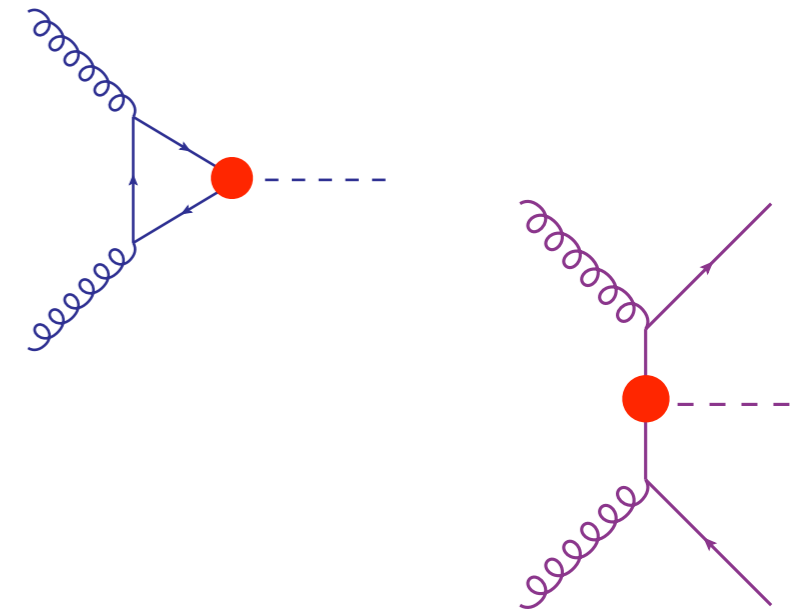


So far,  
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...but lot of room  
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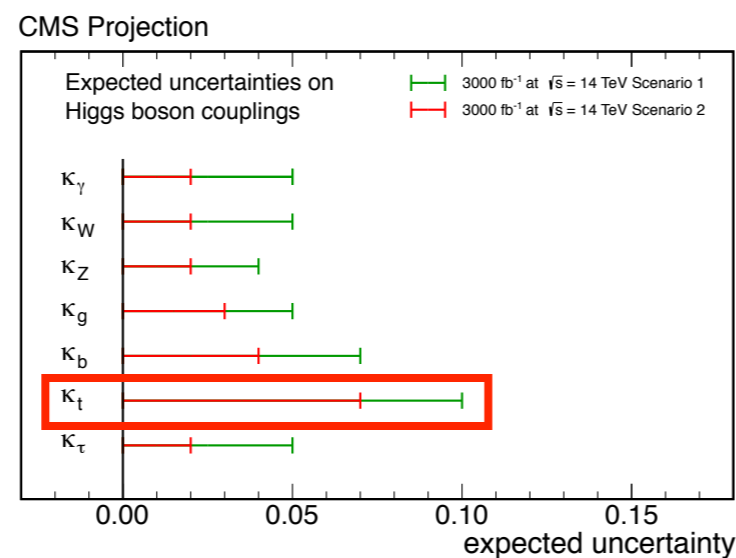
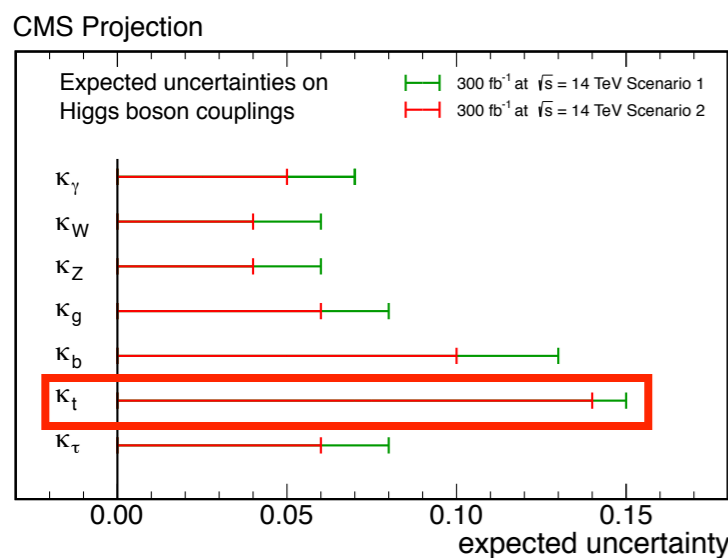
# Why $t\bar{t}H$ ?

- It is the “last” of the main Higgs production mechanisms still to be observed
- It is directly sensitive to the top Yukawa
- Expected precision on  $y_t$  at the HL-LHC: 7-10%
- Same order as TH errors (NLO)
- Many background processes, with large rate

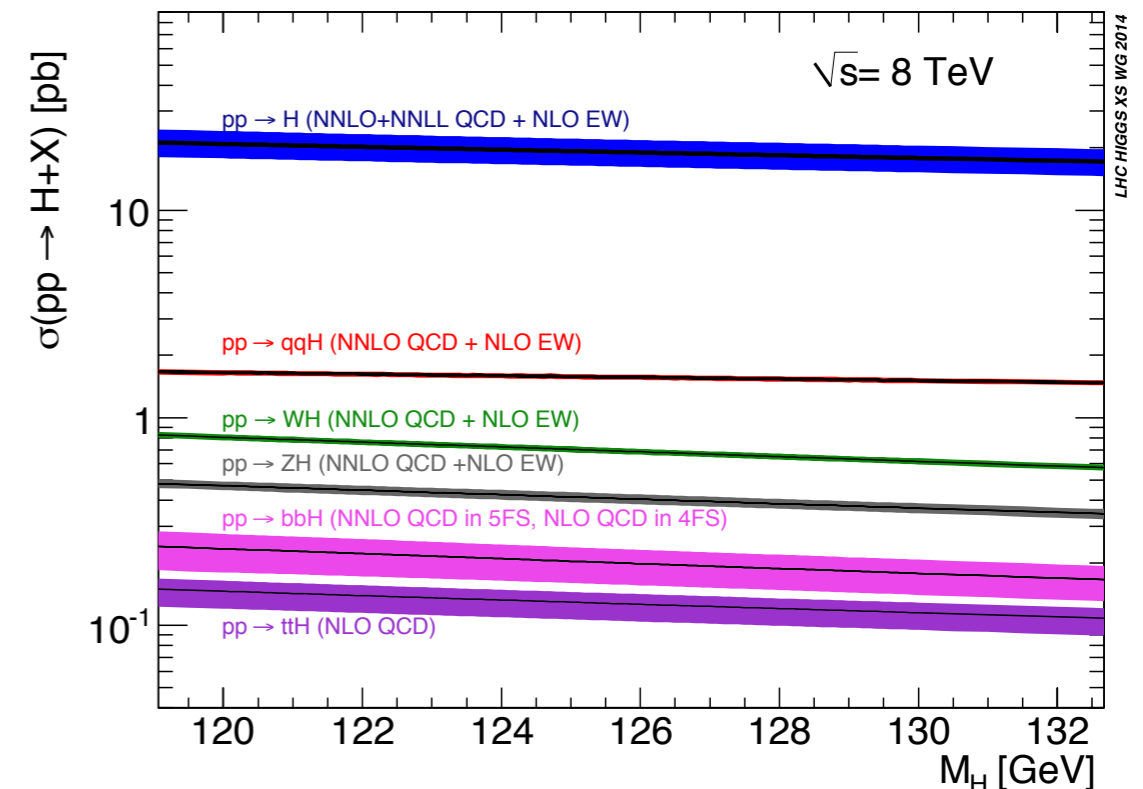


CMS-NOTE-3-002 arXiv:1307.7135

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/LHCHXSWG>



see also Peskin, arXiv:1312.4974,  
Moretti et al, arXiv:1510.08468



# Higher order predictions for signal and backgrounds

- $t\bar{t}H$ 
  - NLO QCD corrections (30% @ RunII)
    - Beenakker et al. hep-ph/0107081 & hep-ph/0211352
    - Dawson et al. hep-ph/0211438 & hep-ph/0305087
  - Matching to PS
    - aMC@NLO: Frederix et al. arXiv:1104.5613
    - Powhel: Garzelli et al. arXiv:1108.0387
    - 2015! Powheg Box: Hartanto et al. arXiv:1501.04498
  - NLO QCD corrections to  $b\bar{b}l^+l^-\nu\bar{\nu}H$ 
    - 2015! Denner et al. arXiv:1506.07448
  - Weak and Electro-Weak corrections (1.5% @ RunII)
    - 2015! Frixione et al. arXiv:1407.0823 & arXiv:1504.03446
    - Zhang et al. arXiv:1407.1110
  - Soft gluon resummation (2-6% @ RunII)
    - 2015! Kulesza et al. arXiv:1509.02780
    - Broggio et al. arXiv:1510.01914
- $tH$ 
  - NLO QCD corrections
    - (5FS) Farina et al. arXiv:1211.3737
    - (5FS) Campbell et al. arXiv:1302.3856
  - Matching to PS
    - 2015! (4FS and 5FS) Demartin et al. arXiv:1504.00611
- $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ 
  - NLO QCD corrections
    - Bredenstein et al. arXiv:0905.0110 & arXiv:1001.4006
    - Bevilacqua et al. arXiv:0907.4723
  - Matching to PS
    - Kardos et al. 1303.6201
    - Cascioli et al. 1309.5912
- $t\bar{t}V$ 
  - NLO QCD corrections
    - $t\bar{t}\gamma$  Melnikov et al. arXiv:1102.1967
    - $t\bar{t}W, t\bar{t}\gamma^*/Z, t\bar{t}\gamma$  Hirschi et al. arXiv:1103.0621
    - $t\bar{t}Z$  Lazopoulos et al. arXiv:0804.2220
    - $t\bar{t}Z$  Kardos et al. arXiv:1111.0610
    - $t\bar{t}W$  Campbell et al. arXiv:1204.5678
  - Matching to PS
    - $t\bar{t}Z$  Garzelli et al. arXiv:1111.1444
    - $t\bar{t}W, t\bar{t}Z$  Garzelli et al. arXiv:1208.2665
  - Electro-Weak corrections
    - 2015!  $t\bar{t}W, t\bar{t}Z$  (and  $t\bar{t}H$ ) Frixione et al. arXiv:1504.03446
- $t\bar{t}VV$ 
  - NLO QCD corrections + PS
    - $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$  Kardos et al. arXiv:1408.0278
    - 2015! all  $t\bar{t}VV$  Maltoni et al. arXiv:1507.05640
    - 2015!  $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$  van Deurzen et al. arXiv:1509.02077

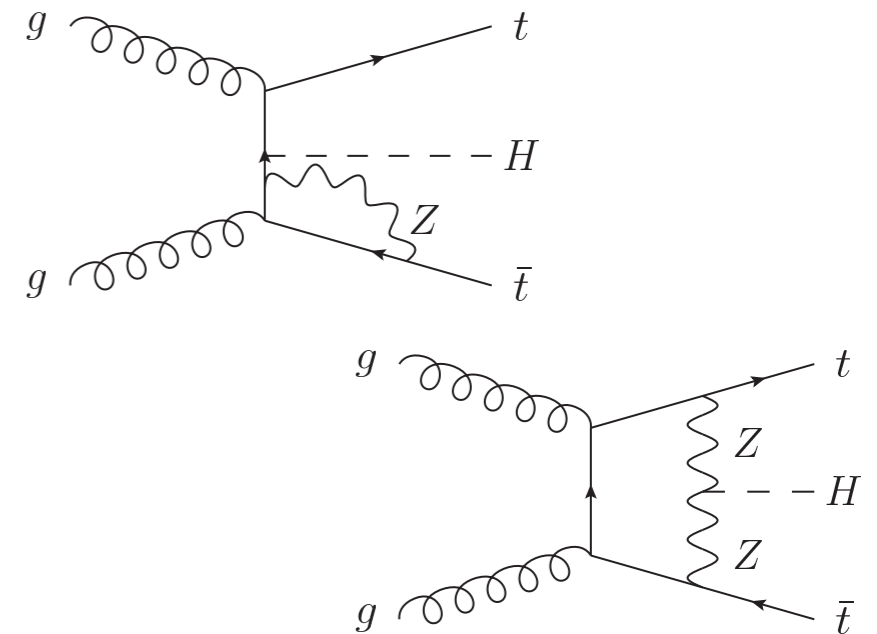




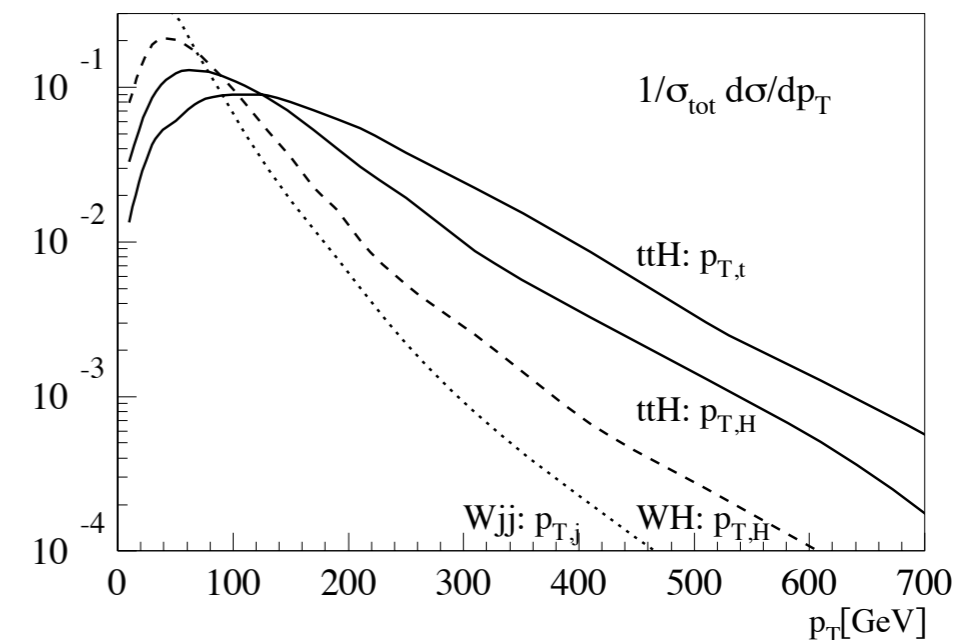
# Recent results for the signal

# Electro-weak corrections to $t\bar{t}H$ motivation

- $t\bar{t}H$  offers unique direct access to the  $y_t$  coupling
- (Electro-)weak corrections spoil the trivial  $y_t^2$  dependence of the cross-section: crucial for precise extraction of  $y_t$
- Boosted searches: EW corrections enhanced because of Sudakov logs ( $\log(p_T/m_W)$ )



Plehn, Salam, Spannowsky, arXiv:0910.5472



# Accurate predictions: how to?

- Expand the cross-section as a series in the couplings

$$d\sigma = d\sigma_0 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{LO} \quad \text{NLO} \quad \text{NNLO} \\ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \Delta_1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 \Delta_2 + \dots \\ \hline + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \Delta'_1 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 \Delta'_2 + \dots \end{array} \right]$$

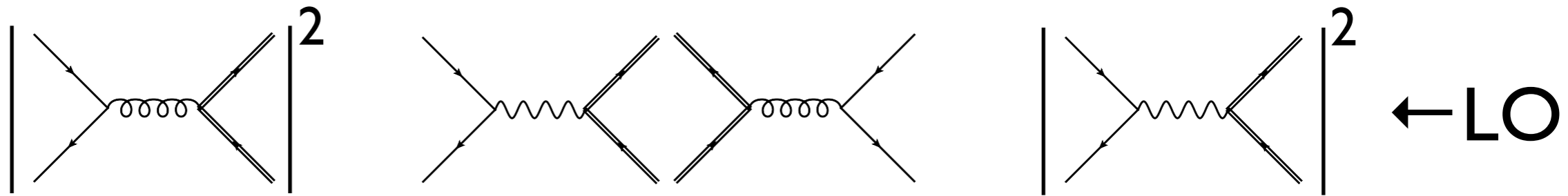
QCD  
EW

- Strong coupling dominates, but non-QCD effects must be accounted to achieve precision
- Roughly speaking: NLO EW  $\sim$  NNLO QCD



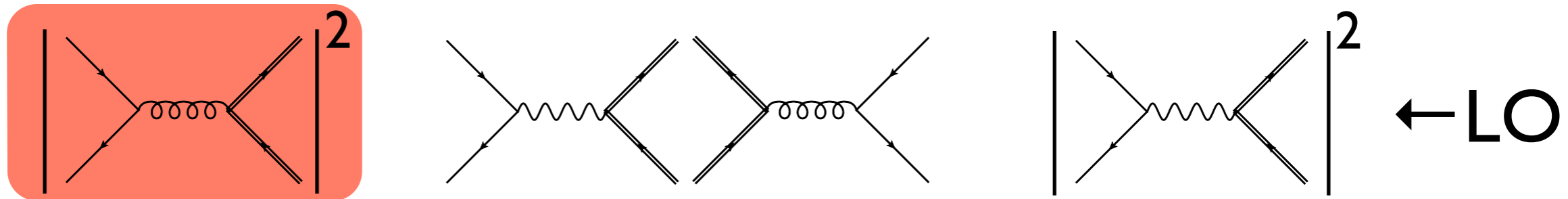
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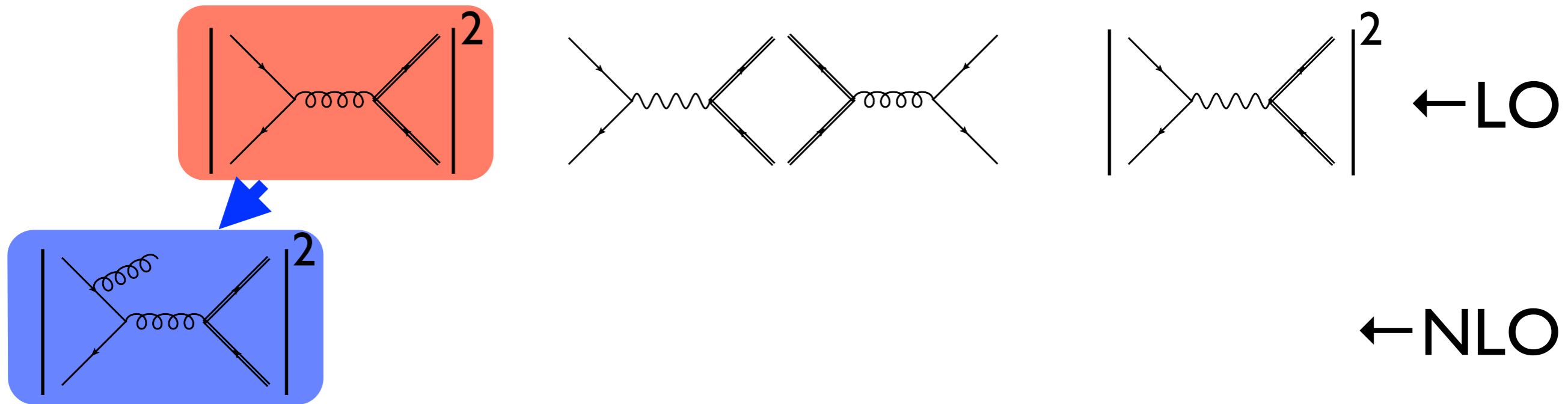
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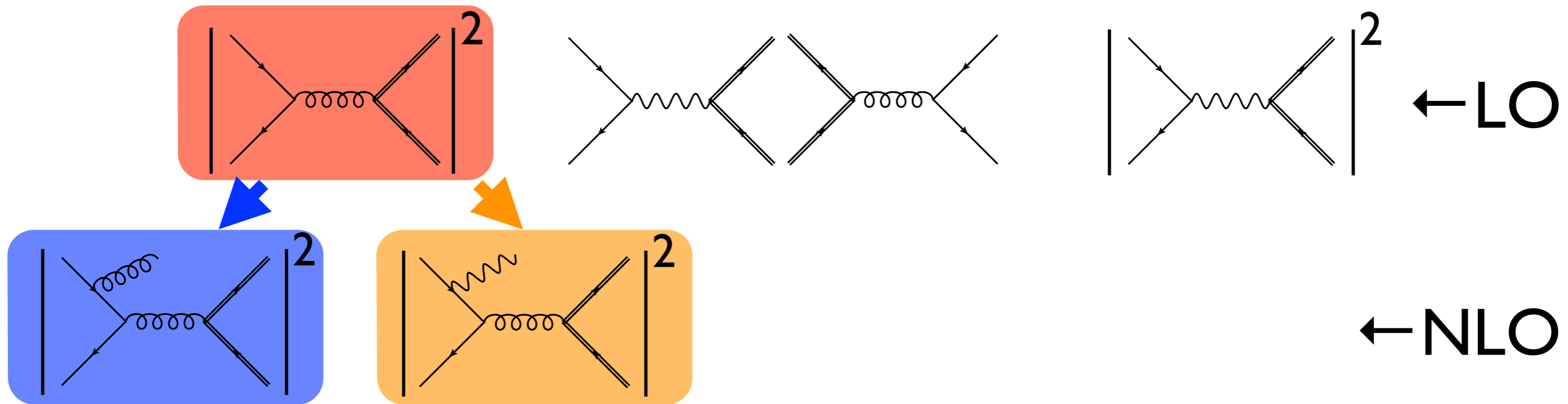
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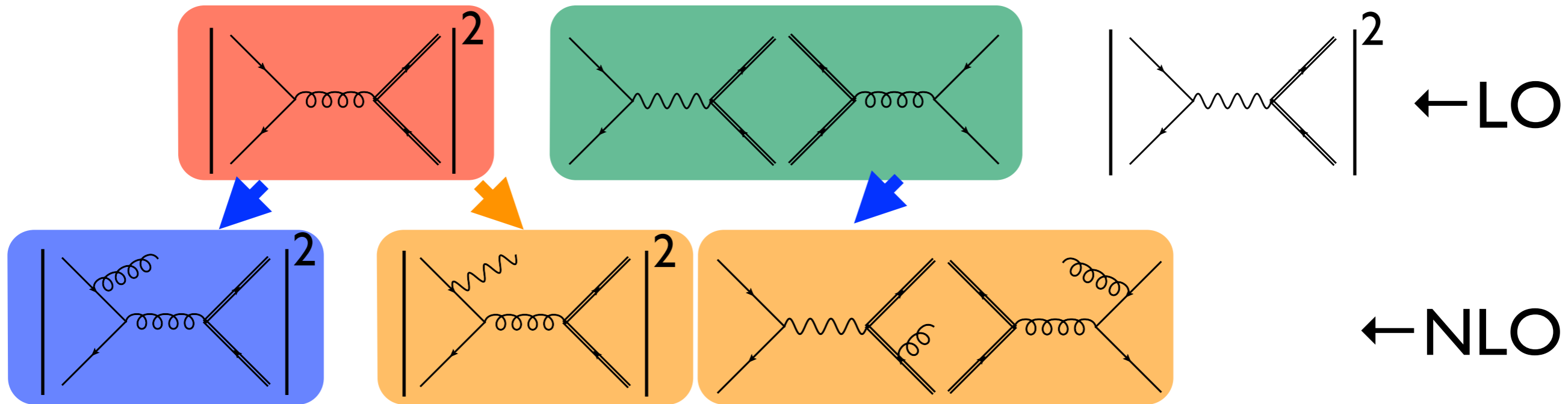
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# A bit more on Sudakov logs...

- EW corrections feature loops with heavy bosons (W/Z/H)
- These loops are finite, no need to include the corresponding real-emission
- However, when large scales are probed, they can feature large logs:  $\log(M/p_T)$
- In these regimes, EW corrections are large and negative
- Question: are these logs compensated when an extra heavy boson radiation (HBR) is included?
- Some studies exist, but the answer is very process dependent

Manohar et al, arXiv:1409.1918

# Electro-weak corrections to $t\bar{t}H/V$ : setup

Frixione, Hirschi, Pagani, Shao, MZ, arXiv:1407.0823 & 1504.03446

- $\alpha(m_Z)$ -scheme:  $\alpha(m_Z)$ ,  $m_Z$ ,  $m_W$  as input parameters
- $m_H=125$  GeV,  $m_t=173.3$  GeV
- NNPDF 2.3 QED PDFs (including photon PDF)
- Ren./Fac. scales set to

$$\mu = \frac{H_T}{2}$$

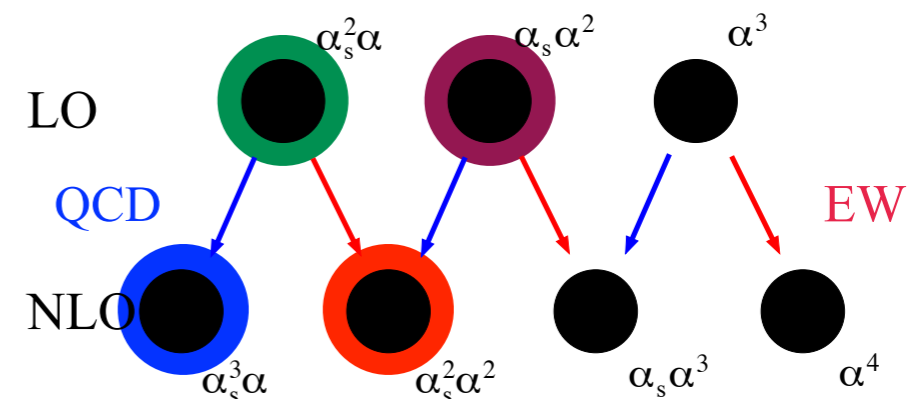
- QCD scale variations computed with

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu \leq \mu_R, \mu_F \leq 2\mu$$

- Both inclusive and boosted regime ( $p_T(t, \bar{t}, H) > 200$  GeV)
- Code generated within MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO
- The following terms are computed:

LO QCD, LO EW (only  $g\gamma$  and  $b\bar{b}$ )

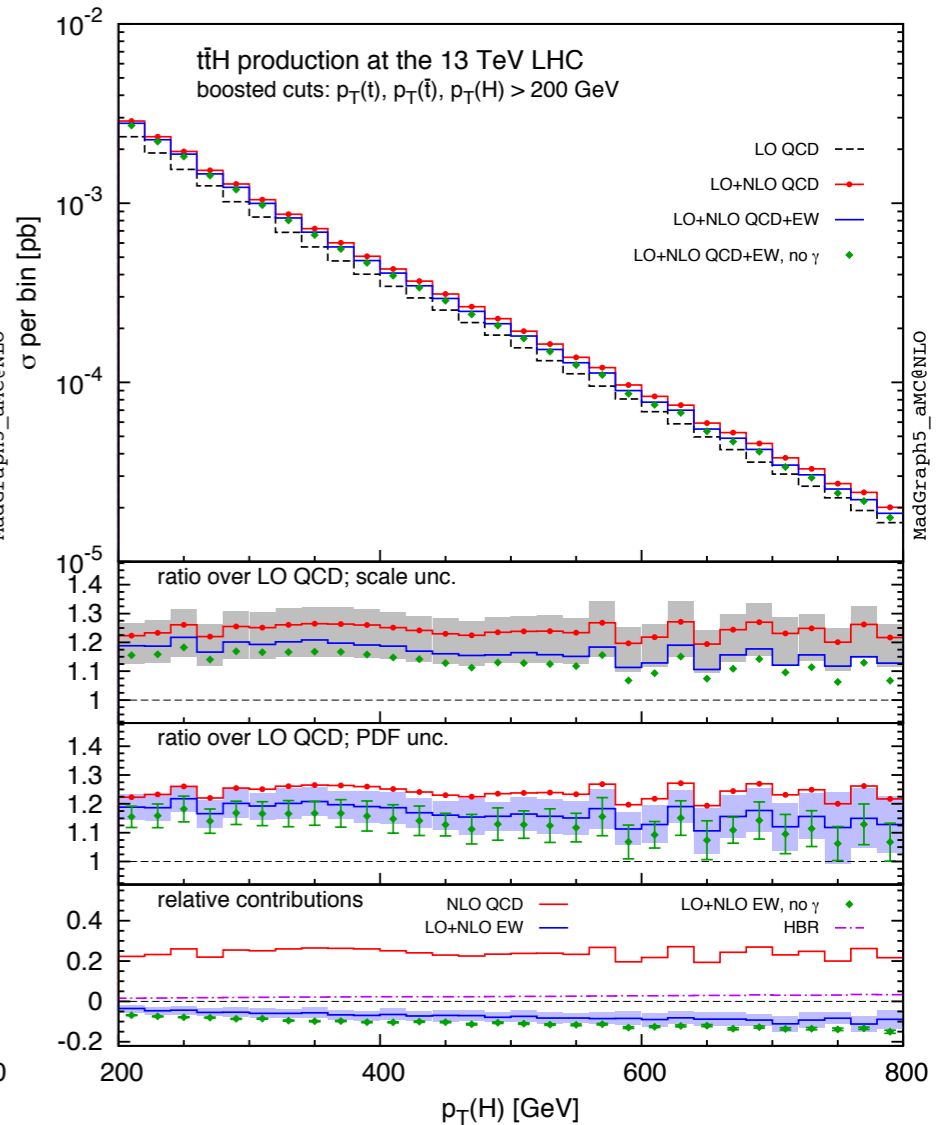
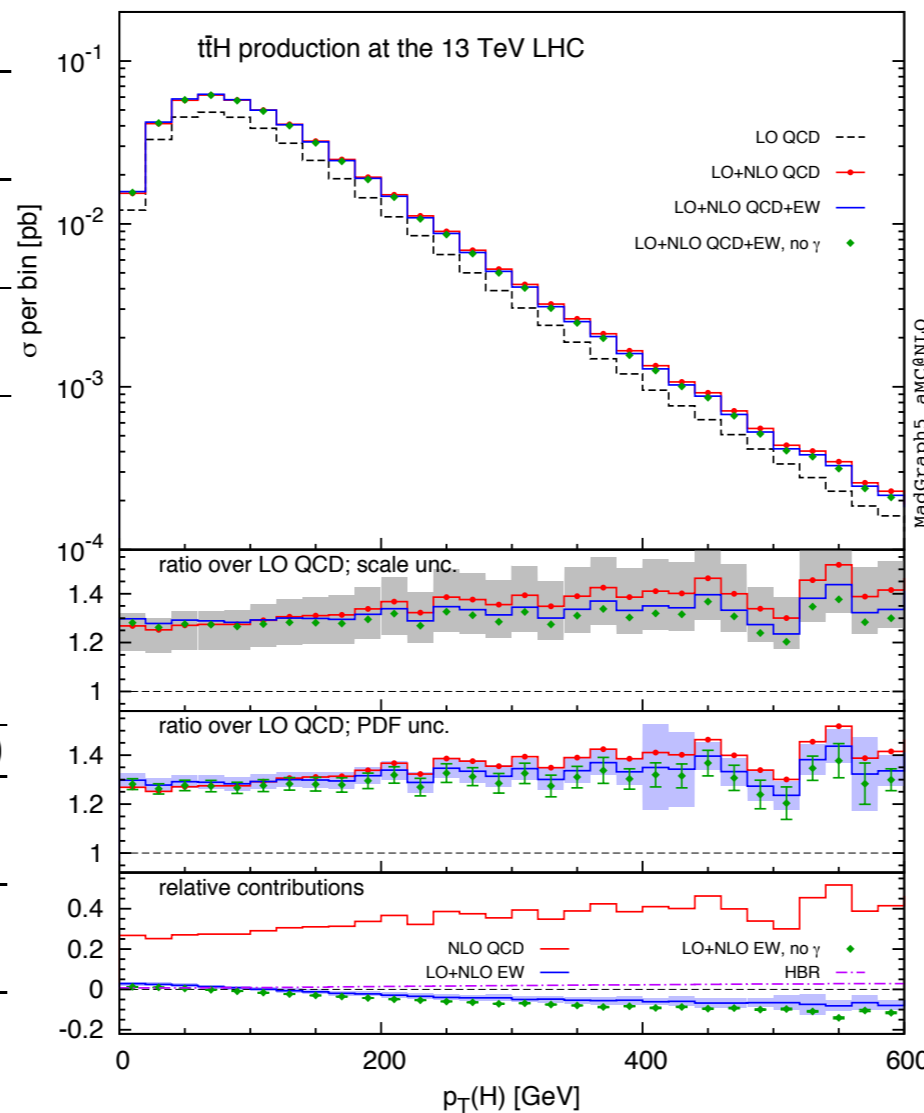
NLO QCD, NLO EW+HBR ( $t\bar{t}HV$ )



# Electro-weak corrections to $t\bar{t}H$ : results at 13 TeV

$t\bar{t}H : \sigma(\text{pb})$	13 TeV
LO QCD	$3.617 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $1.338 \cdot 10^{-2}$ )
NLO QCD	$1.073 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $3.230 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
LO EW	$4.437 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $3.758 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
LO EW no $\gamma$	$-1.390 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-2.452 \cdot 10^{-5}$ )
NLO EW	$-4.408 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-1.097 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-4.919 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-1.131 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
HBR	$3.216 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $2.496 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )

$t\bar{t}H : \delta(\%)$	13 TeV
NLO QCD	$29.7^{+6.8}_{-11.1} \pm 2.8$ ( $24.2^{+4.8}_{-10.6} \pm 4.5$ )
LO EW	$1.2 \pm 0.9$ ( $2.8 \pm 2.0$ )
LO EW no $\gamma$	$-0.4 \pm 0.0$ ( $-0.2 \pm 0.0$ )
NLO EW	$-1.2 \pm 0.1$ ( $-8.2 \pm 0.3$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-1.4 \pm 0.0$ ( $-8.5 \pm 0.2$ )
HBR	$0.89$ ( $1.87$ )



- Bottom line: EW corrections are small for total rate, but become important at large  $p_T$ ; only partial compensation of Sudakov logs by HBR

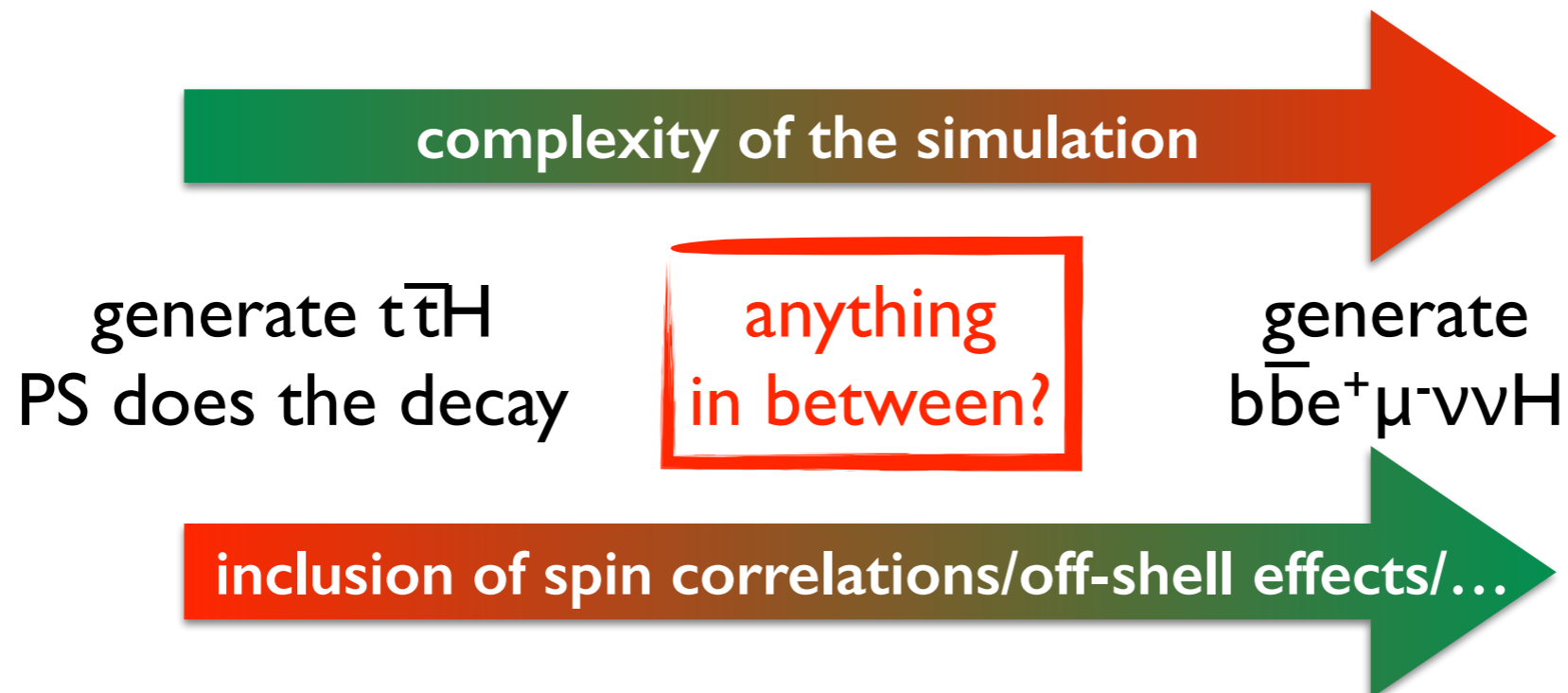
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$t\bar{t}Z : \sigma(\text{pb})$	13 TeV	$t\bar{t}W^+ : \sigma(\text{pb})$	13 TeV	$t\bar{t}W^- : \sigma(\text{pb})$	13 TeV
LO QCD	$5.282 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $1.955 \cdot 10^{-2}$ )	LO QCD	$2.496 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $7.749 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	LO QCD	$1.265 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $3.186 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
NLO QCD	$2.426 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $7.856 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	NLO QCD	$1.250 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $4.624 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	NLO QCD	$6.515 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $2.111 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
LO EW	$-2.172 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ( $4.039 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )	LO EW	0	LO EW	0
LO EW no $\gamma$	$-5.771 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-6.179 \cdot 10^{-5}$ )	LO EW no $\gamma$	0	LO EW no $\gamma$	0
NLO EW	$-2.017 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-2.172 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	NLO EW	$-1.931 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-1.490 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	NLO EW	$-8.502 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-5.838 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-2.158 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-2.252 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-1.988 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-1.546 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )	NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-8.912 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-6.094 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
HBR	$5.056 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $4.162 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )	HBR	$9.677 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $5.743 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )	HBR	$8.219 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $4.781 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
$t\bar{t}Z : \delta(\%)$	13 TeV	$t\bar{t}W^+ : \delta(\%)$	13 TeV	$t\bar{t}W^- : \delta(\%)$	13 TeV
NLO QCD	$45.9^{+13.2}_{-15.5} \pm 2.9$ ( $40.2^{+11.1}_{-15.0} \pm 4.7$ )	NLO QCD	$50.1^{+14.2}_{-13.5} \pm 2.4$ ( $59.7^{+18.9}_{-17.7} \pm 3.1$ )	NLO QCD	$51.5^{+14.8}_{-13.8} \pm 2.8$ ( $66.3^{+21.7}_{-19.6} \pm 3.9$ )
LO EW	$0.0 \pm 0.7$ ( $2.1 \pm 1.6$ )	LO EW	0	LO EW	0
LO EW no $\gamma$	$-1.1 \pm 0.0$ ( $-0.3 \pm 0.0$ )	LO EW no $\gamma$	0	LO EW no $\gamma$	0
NLO EW	$-3.8 \pm 0.2$ ( $-11.1 \pm 0.5$ )	NLO EW	$-7.7 \pm 0.2$ ( $-19.2 \pm 0.7$ )	NLO EW	$-6.7 \pm 0.2$ ( $-18.3 \pm 0.8$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-4.1 \pm 0.1$ ( $-11.5 \pm 0.3$ )	NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-8.0 \pm 0.2$ ( $-20.0 \pm 0.5$ )	NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-7.0 \pm 0.2$ ( $-19.1 \pm 0.6$ )
HBR	0.96 (2.13)	HBR	3.88 (7.41)	HBR	6.50 (15.01)

- $t\bar{t}Z$  behaves similarly to  $t\bar{t}H$
- $t\bar{t}W$  has much larger corrections, and larger rates for HBR  
However, this is mostly due to gg initiated processes

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- Spin correlations are a quantum mechanical effect that stems from the fact that the top quark is an unstable particle, with  $\text{spin} \neq 0$
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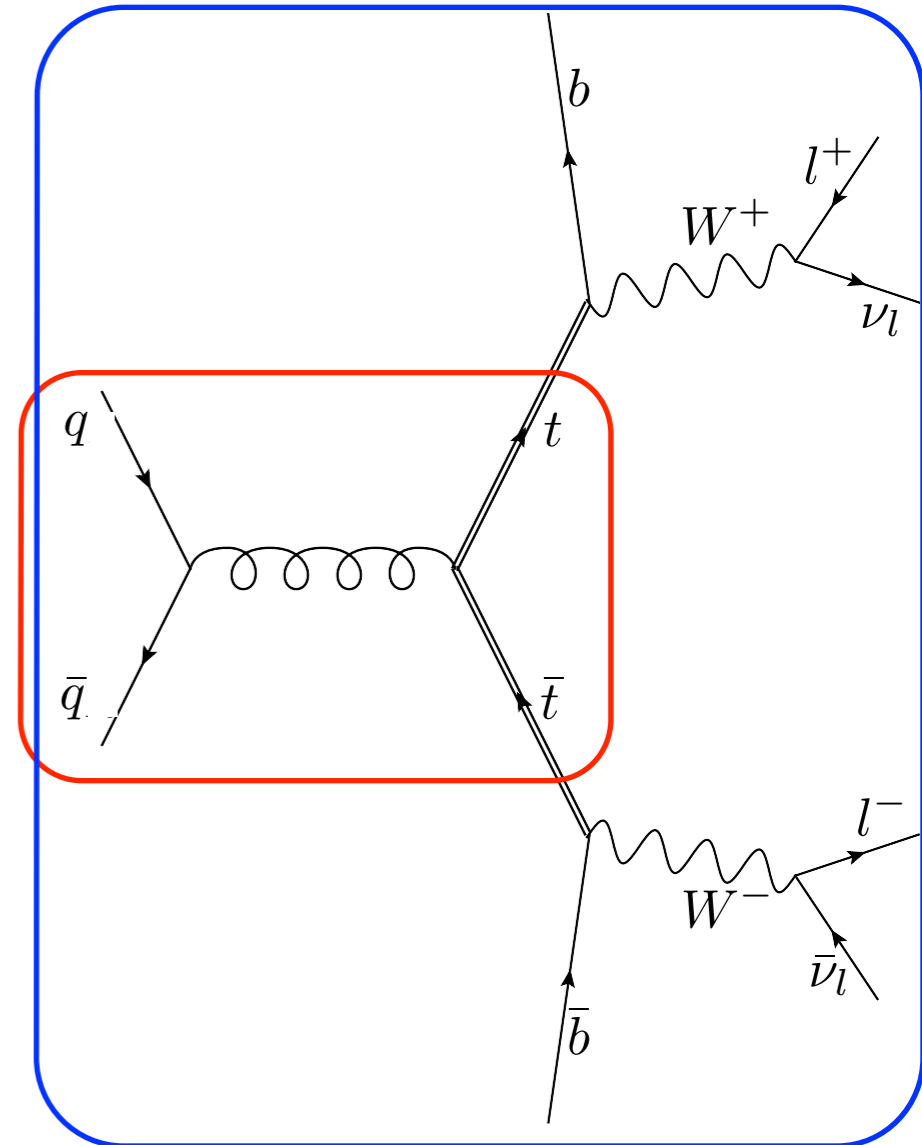
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**inclusion of spin correlations/off-shell effects/...**

# Including spin correlations at NLO

Frixione, Leanen, Motylinski, Webber, arXiv:hep-ph/0702198

- Generate events (to be showered) for the production process  $M_P$
- Before showering, produce a decayed event file starting from the undecayed events
- Exploit the fact that  $|M_{P+D}^2|/|M_P^2|$  is bounded from above
- The generation of unweighted decayed events is possible: generate many kinematics configurations until  $|M_{P+D}|^2 / |M_P|^2 > \text{Rand}() \max(|M_{P+D}|^2 / |M_P|^2)$
- In NLO computations use only tree-level matrix elements (with  $n$  or  $n+1$  particles)
- Loop effects on spin correlation assumed to be negligible
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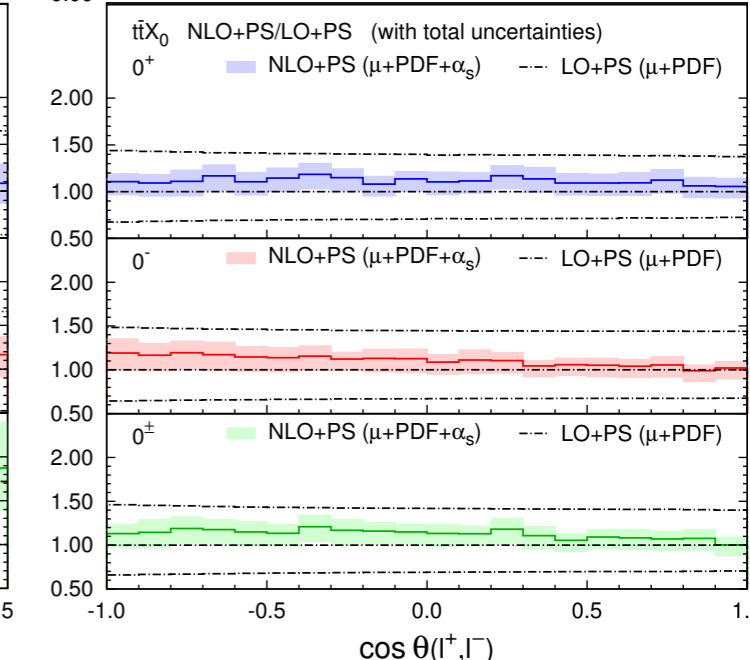
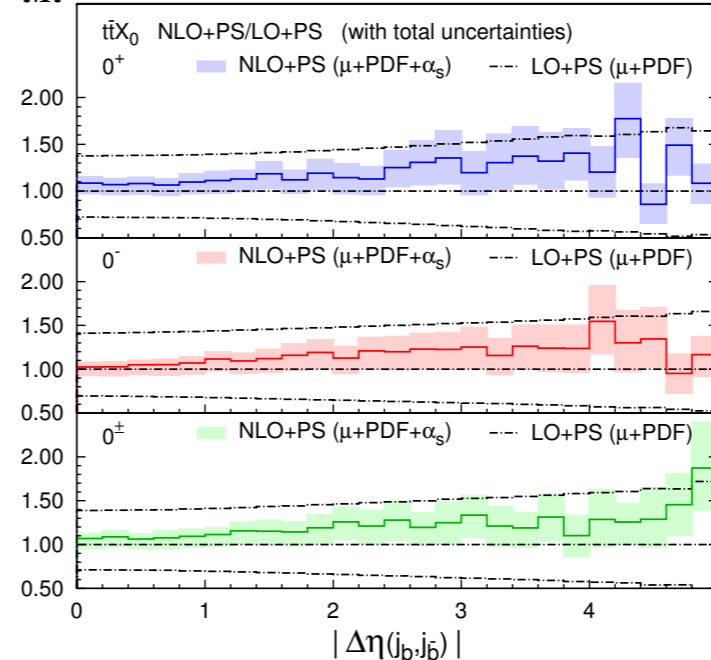
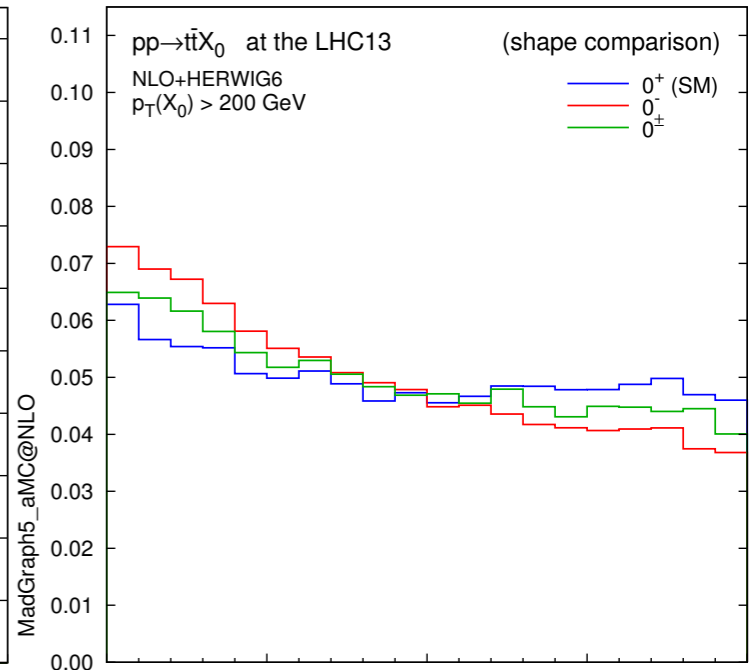
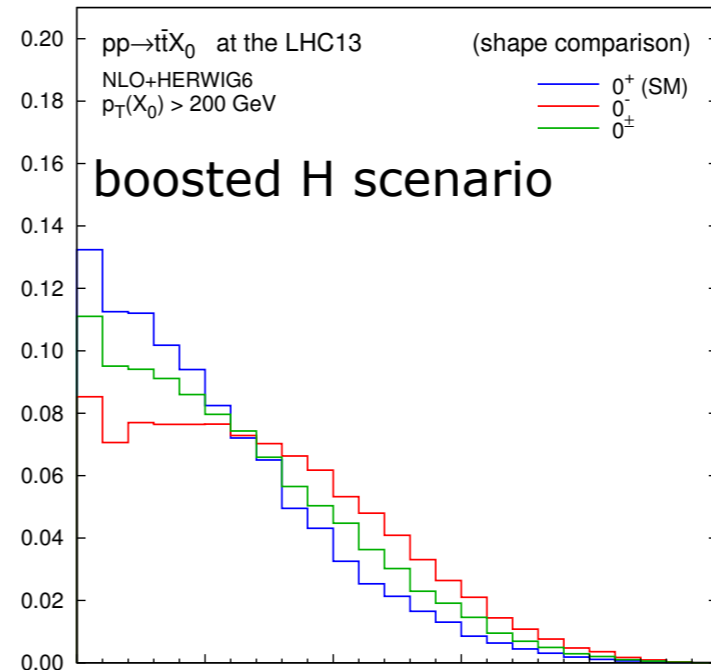
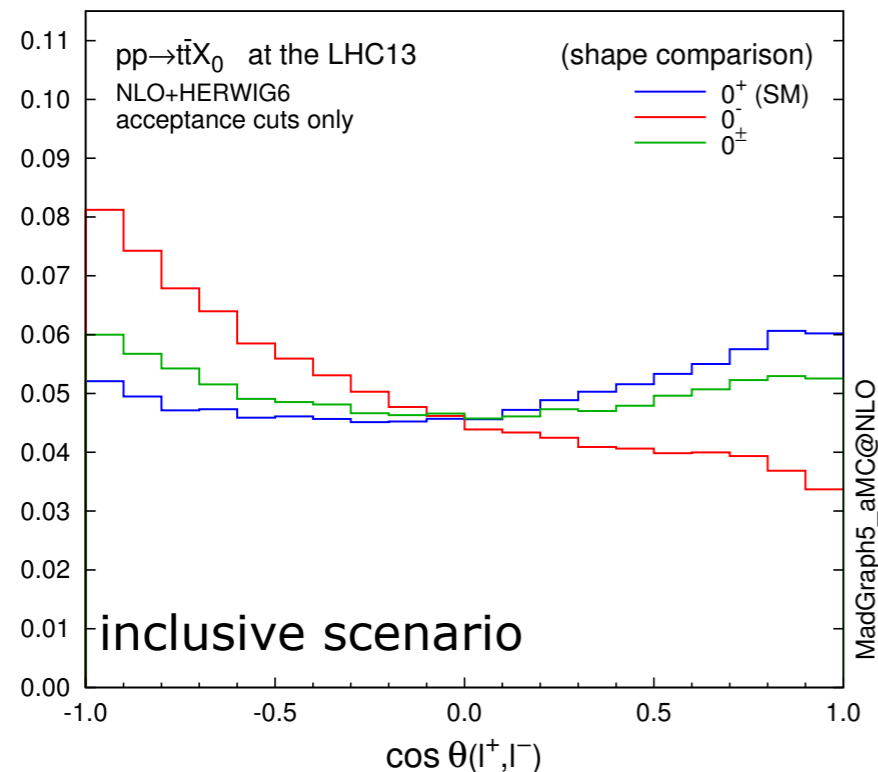
# Spin correlation in $t\bar{t}H$ : H CP determination

Demartin, Maltoni, Mawatari, Page, MZ, arXiv:1407.5089

- Include CP violating  $t\bar{t}H$  interaction in an effective theory approach, at NLO+PS

$$\mathcal{L}_0^t = -\bar{\psi}_t (c_\alpha \kappa_{Htt} g_{Htt} + i s_\alpha \kappa_{Att} g_{Att} \gamma_5) \psi_t X_0$$

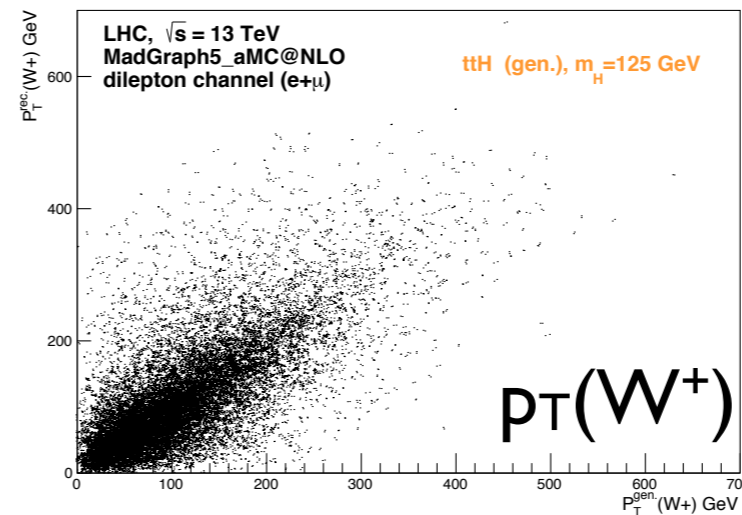
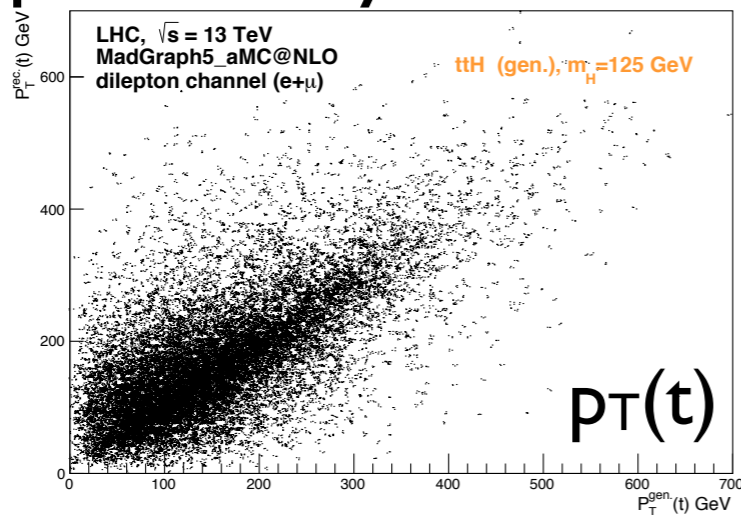
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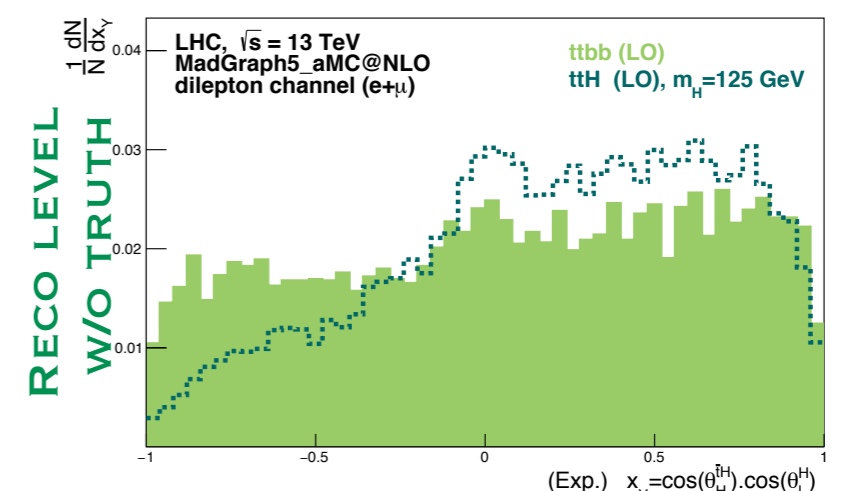
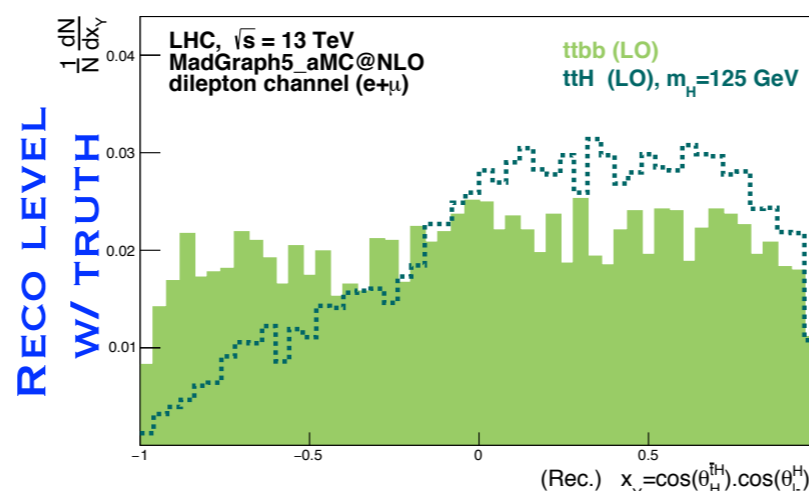
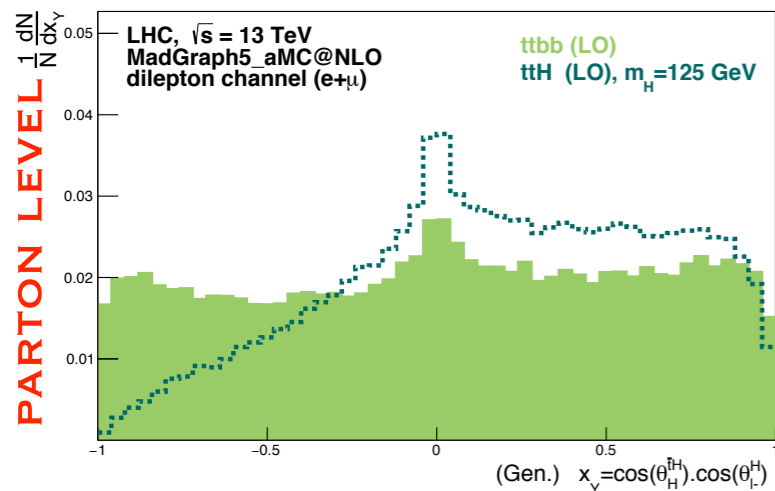
# Spin correlation in $t\bar{t}H$ : Improve S/B discrimination

Amor dos Santos et al. arXiv:1503.07787

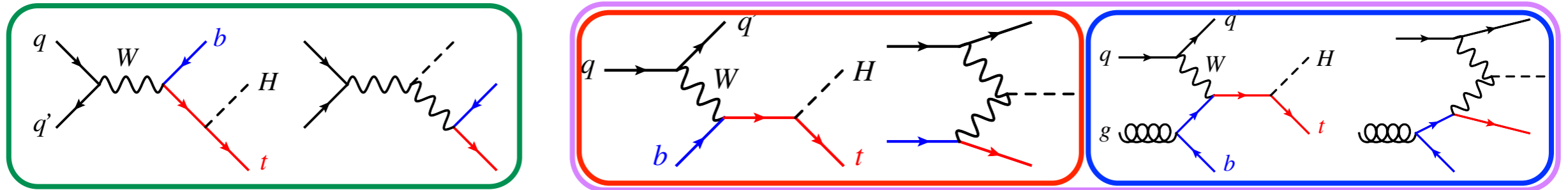
- Use information from spin correlations to separate S and B ( $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ )
- Check robustness of variables against PS / detector simulation
- Dilepton decays allow for good reconstruction of top/W



- Product of cosines can be used for S/B discrimination



# What can be learnt from tH?



- tH: rather rare process ( $\sigma_{\text{NLO}} < 100 \text{ fb}$  at RunII)
- **t-channel** dominant production mode, **s-channel** much suppressed ( $\sigma_{\text{NLO}} < 3 \text{ fb}$ )
- Can be described either in the **4FS** ( $m_b > 0$ ) or in the **5FS** ( $m_b = 0$ )
- Two schemes are equivalent if all order were known. However, at a given order, each one has advantages and drawbacks

- ✓ Simpler process; computing HO is easier
- ✓ b-PDF resums  $\log(m_b/Q)$  at all orders
- ✗ b-quark observables enter at higher orders
- ✗ Matching to PS requires some care (gluon splitting, momentum reshuffling, ...)

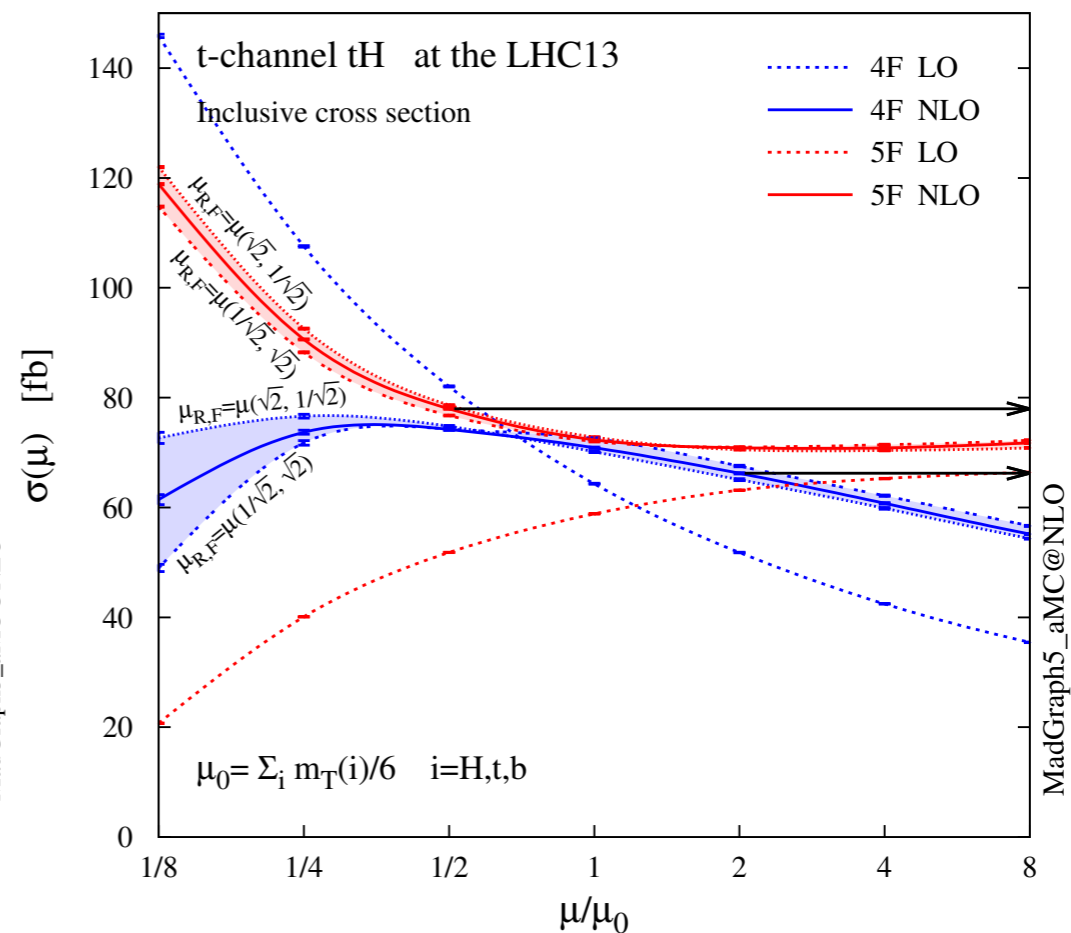
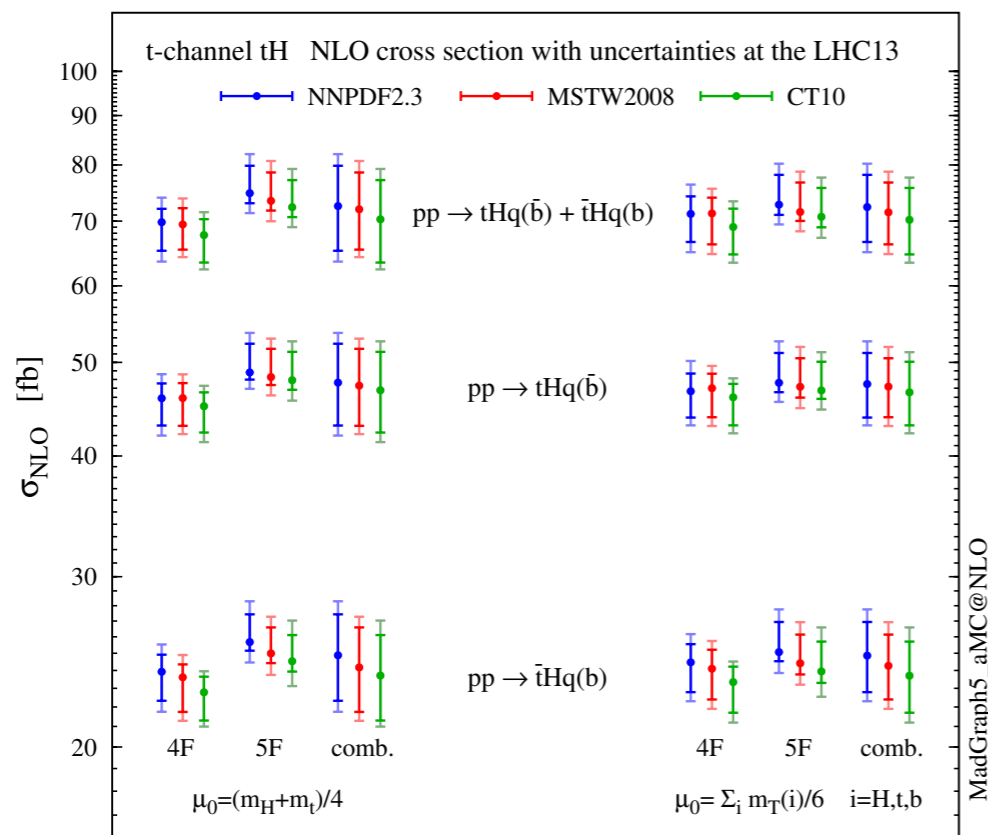
- ✗ Higher multiplicity process; computing HO more involved
- ✗ Cross section can be affected by large  $\log(m_b/Q)$
- ✓ Accounts for b-mass effects
- ✓ Straightforward to match to PS

- NLO corrections (and wise scale choice) improve agreement between two schemes

# Accurate predictions for tH

Demartin, Maltoni, Mawatari, MZ, arXiv:1504.00611

- NLO corrections, scale choice (processes with b quarks prefer low scales) and accounting for all sources of uncertainties bring close the two predictions for the total cross section...

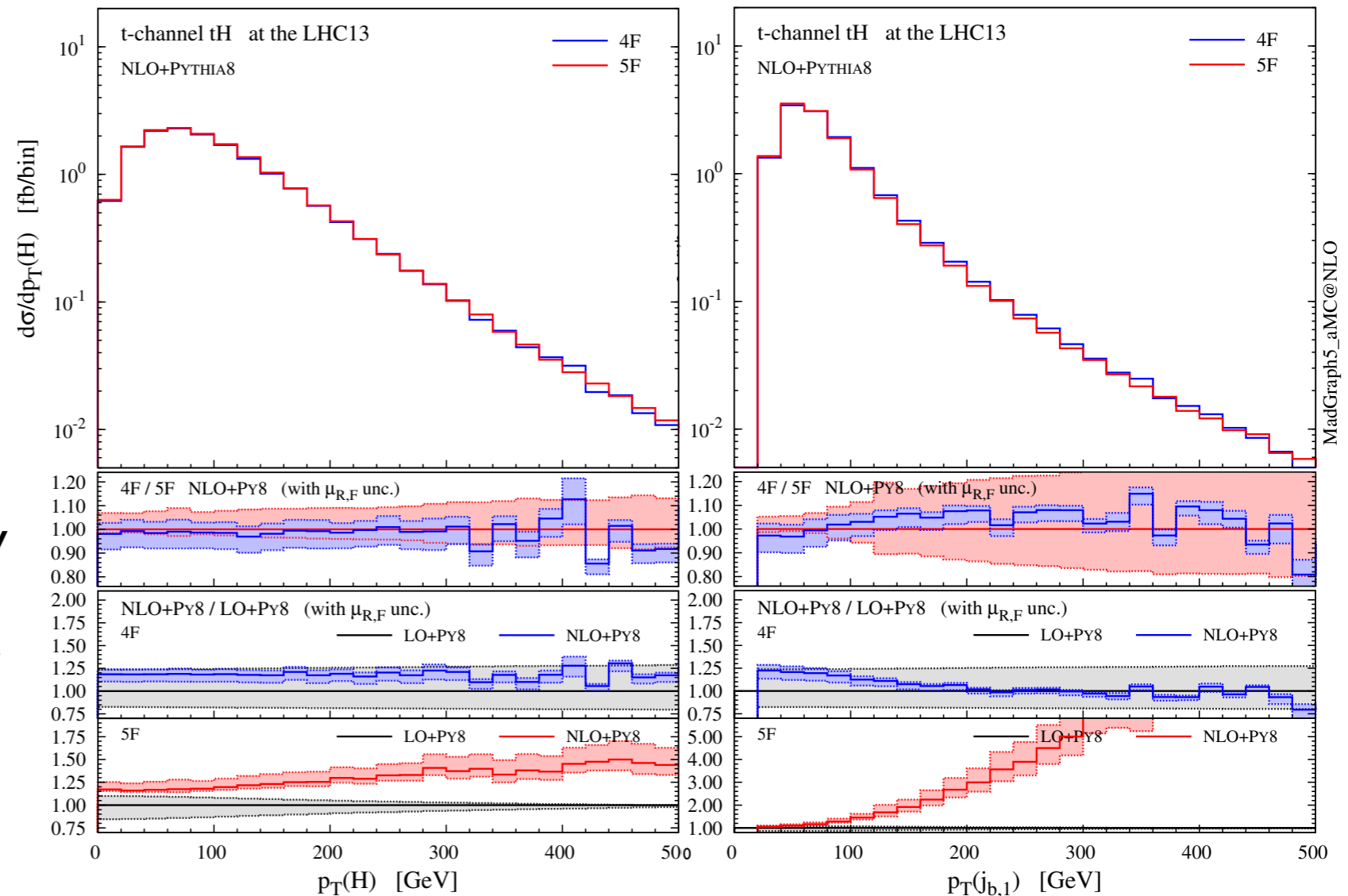


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- ... and for differential distribution as well

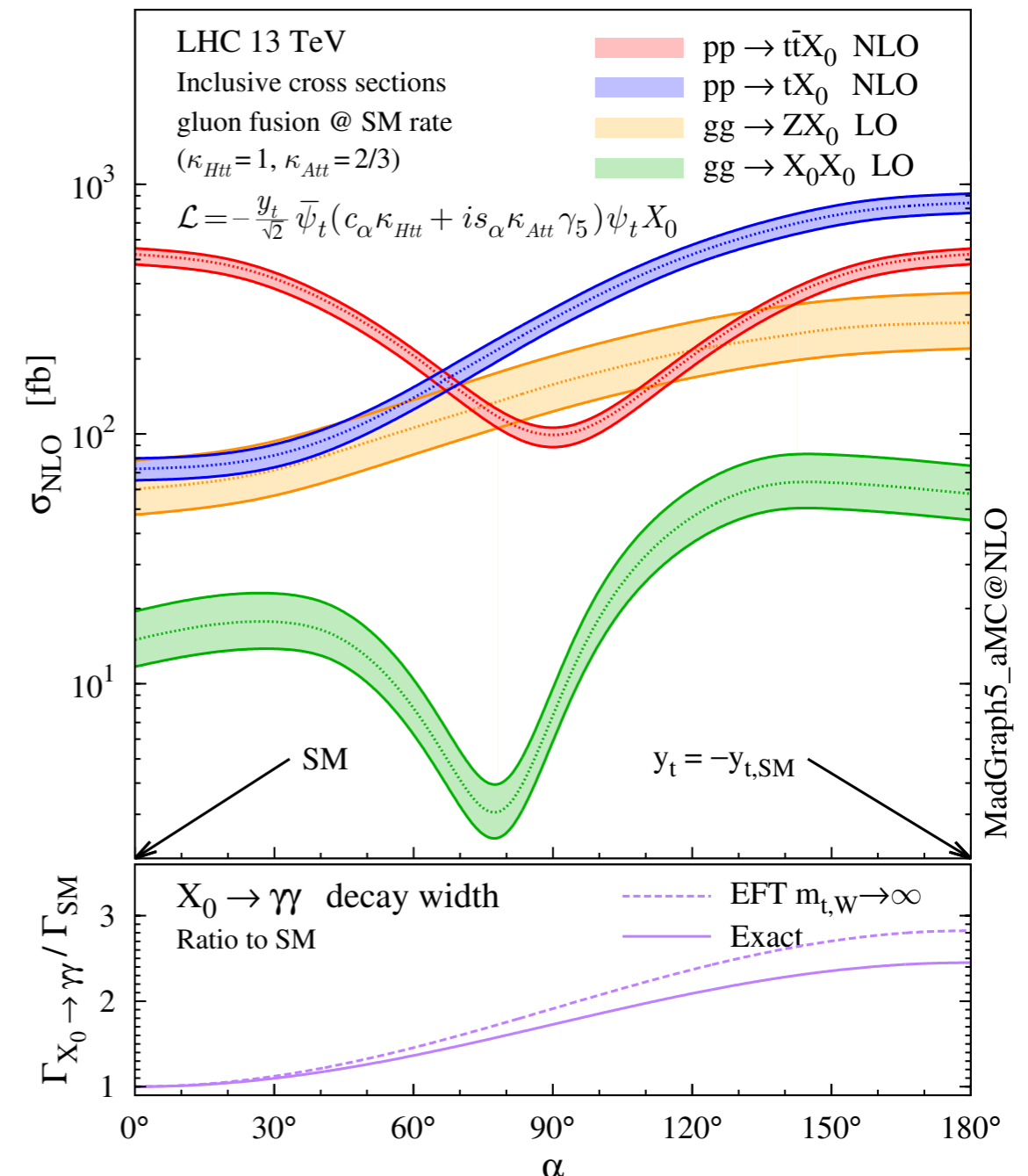
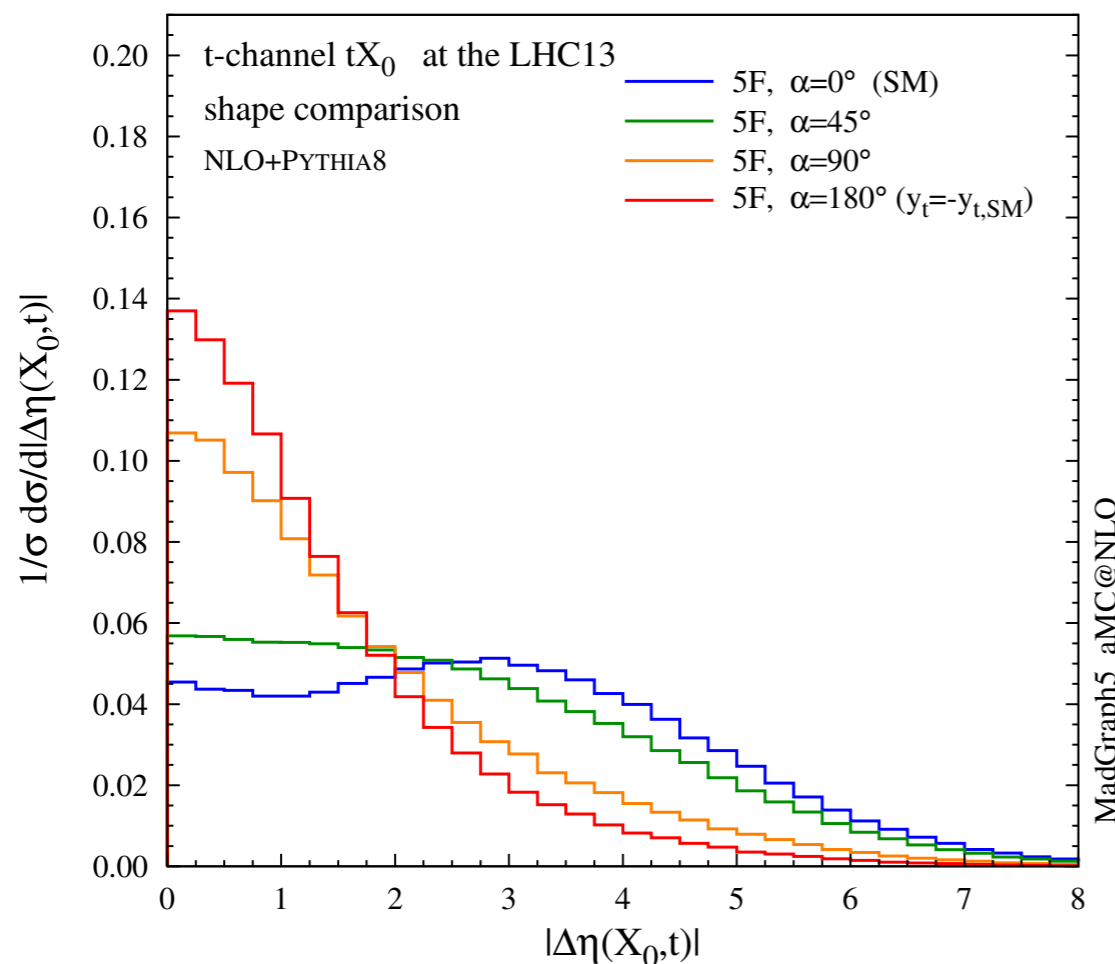
- NLO predictions in the two schemes agree remarkably well even for observables which are sensitive to the b-quark kinematics, e.g.  $p_{T}(j_{b,1})$
- Note that the K-factors for the two schemes can be very different
- 4FS to be preferred for fully differential studies



MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO

# What can be learnt from tH?

- It is not just a QCD exercise...
- In the SM, diagrams where the Higgs couple with the W and with the top interfere destructively
- tH is one of the few processes (with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   $gg \rightarrow HZ$  and  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ) sensitive to the sign of  $y_t$
- A flipped sign gives a factor  $\sim 10$  enhancement



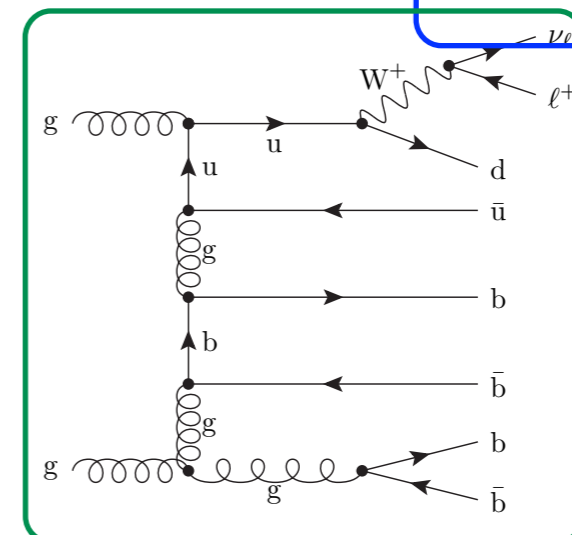
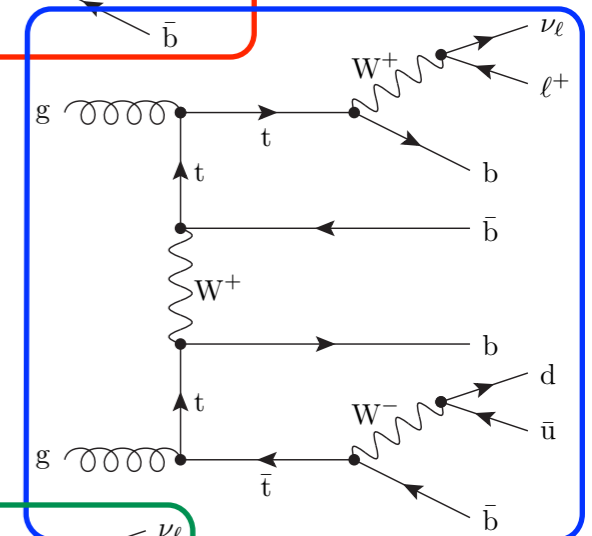
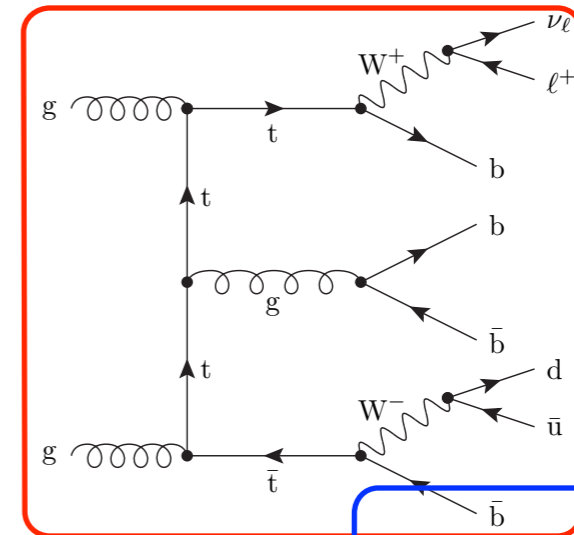
plot from Demartin, Mawatari, Vryonidou, MZ,  
arXiv:1505.07081



# Recent results for the backgrounds

# $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ : going beyond the pure-QCD contribution

- $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  is usually studied with stable tops and including **only contributions of QCD origin** (LO at  $\alpha_s^4$ )
- Are we missing anything?
  - What is the effect of **non-pure-QCD diagrams** (and of interferences between different orders)?
  - Are **non-resonant contributions** important?





# $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ beyond QCD-only: Setup and results

Denner, Feger, Scharf, arXiv:1412.5290

- Simulation done at LO
- Semi-leptonic top decay
- Standard cuts on final state leptons, missing- $E_T$  and (b-)jets
- **Non-QCD** effects are large (60% of QCD-only) for  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$
- **Interference** between orders:  
-6% for gg, -5% on sect (rather flat on most of the distributions)
- **Non-resonant effects**: +3% on gg-qq (with similar interferences), +8% on xsect due to new partonic channels

**Bottom line: non-QCD effects may be important**  
(how large are they in the  $t\bar{t}H$  signal region?)

$t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  provides a reasonable approximation to the full process

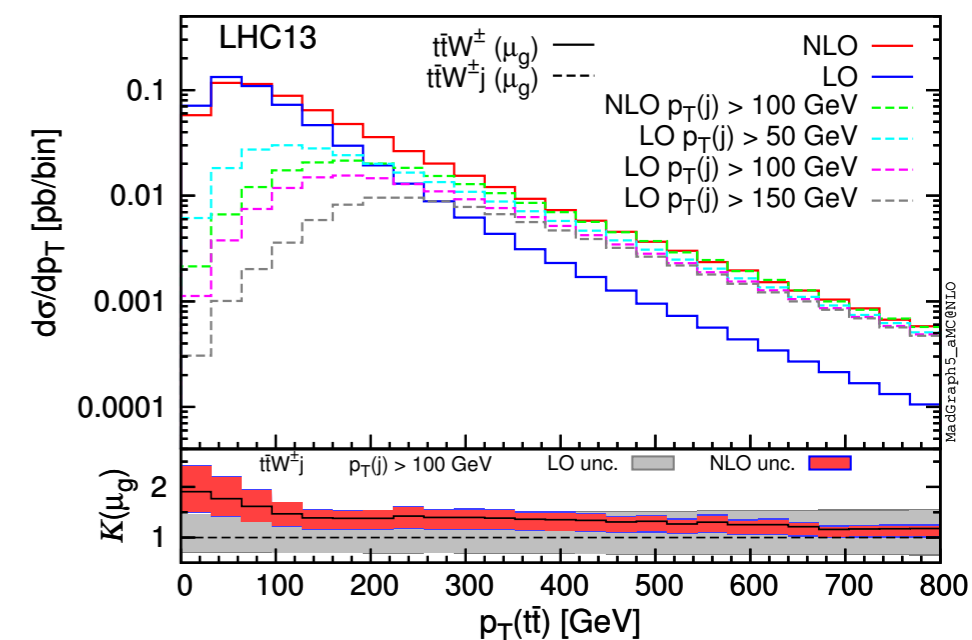
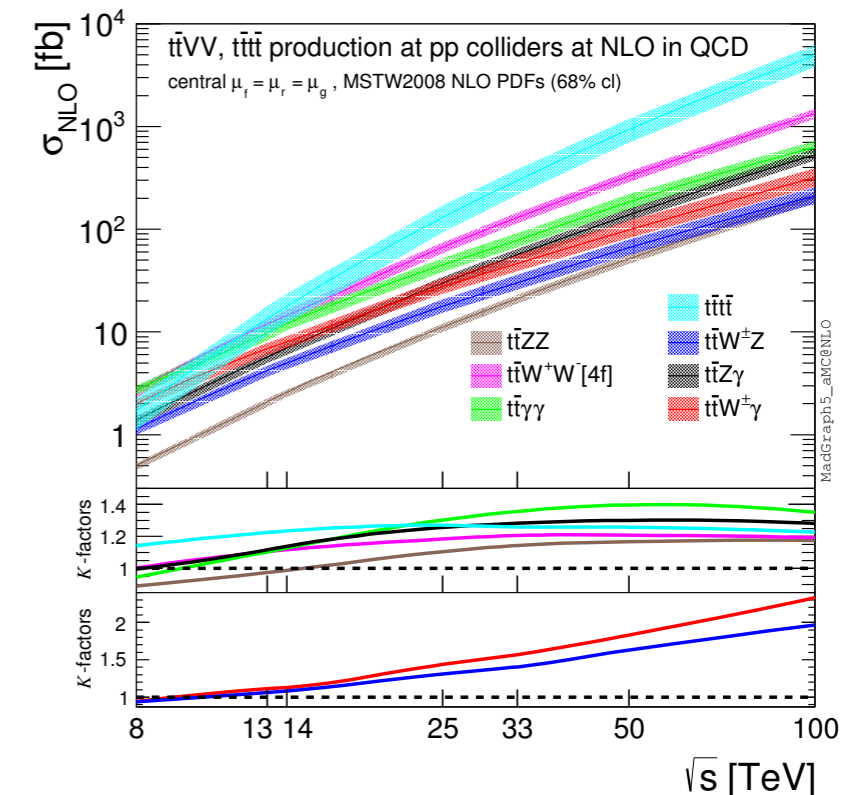
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	$\mathcal{O}((\alpha^4)^2)$	$\mathcal{O}((\alpha_s\alpha^3)^2)$	$\mathcal{O}((\alpha_s^2\alpha^2)^2)$	Sum	Total
$q\bar{q}$	0.018134(6)	2.4932(9)	0.9199(2)	3.4312(9)	3.4366(6)
gg	–	7.818(4)	16.650(9)	24.47(1)	23.010(7)
$\Sigma$	0.018134(6)	10.311(4)	17.570(9)	27.90(1)	26.446(7)

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$gq$	–	0.231(4)	0.370(2)	0.365(1)	0.966(4)	0.944(9)
$g\bar{q}$	–	0.0421(6)	0.0679(3)	0.0608(2)	0.1708(7)	0.167(1)
$qq^{(l)}$	0.001471(2)	0.0575(5)	0.1106(2)	0.07871(9)	0.2483(6)	0.2478(8)
$q\bar{q}$	0.01973(3)	2.531(6)	0.957(1)	0.00333(1)	3.511(6)	3.538(4)
gg	–	8.01(2)	17.19(6)	0.00756(2)	25.21(6)	23.71(6)
$\Sigma$	0.02120(3)	10.87(2)	18.69(6)	0.516(2)	30.10(6)	28.60(6)

# Recent results for $t\bar{t}VV$

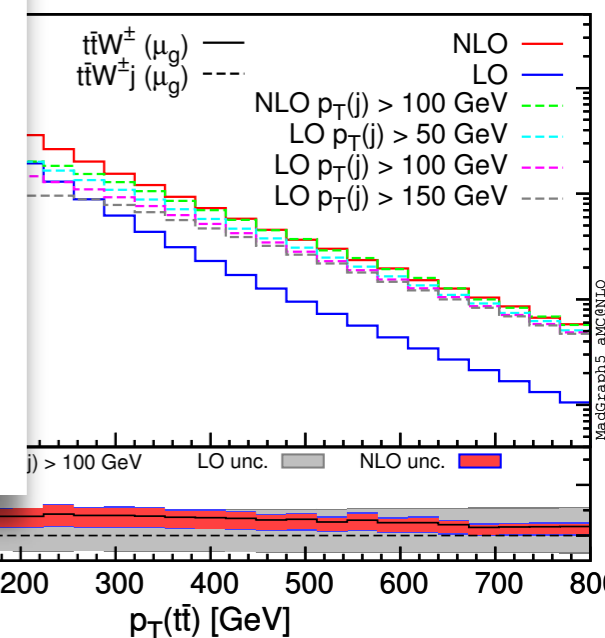
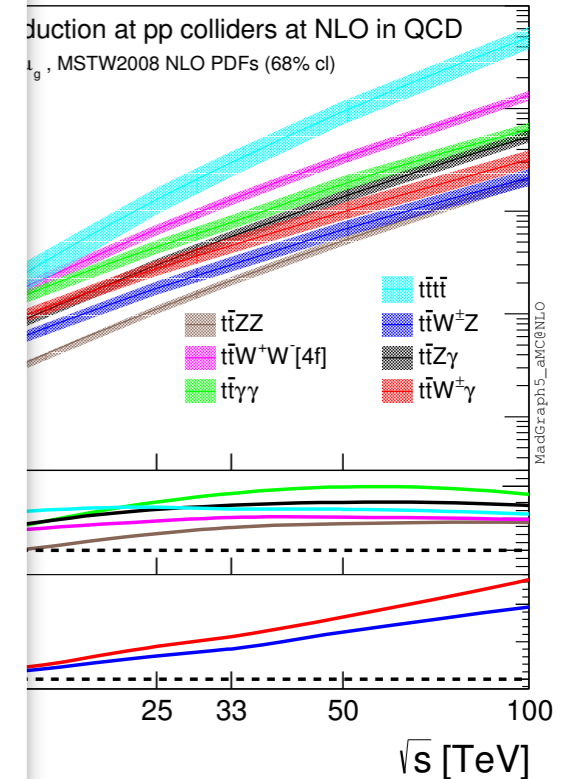
Maltoni, Tsinikos, Pagani, arXiv:1507.05640

- All  $t\bar{t}+1,2V$  processes studied at NLO +PS accuracy
- NLO corrections essential for realistic phenomenology
  - K-factor  $\sim 2$  @ 100TeV for  $q\bar{q}$  initiated processes @LO
  - Huge K factors in  $p_T(t\bar{t})$  for  $t\bar{t}V$  due to recoil against hard jets; further corrections ( $t\bar{t}Vj$  @NLO) found to be small
- Detailed study in the context of  $t\bar{t}H$  searches



- All  $t\bar{t}+1,2$  +PS accurate
- NLO corrections phenomenologically small
- Huge  $K$ -factor for recoil against  $t\bar{t}$  corrections
- Detailed searches

13 TeV $\sigma$ [fb]		SR1	SR2	SR3
$t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow WW^*)$ $K = 1.10$	NLO+PS	$1.54^{+5.1\%}_{-9.0\%} +2.2\%_{-2.6\%} \pm 0.02$	$1.47^{+5.2\%}_{-9.0\%} +2.0\%_{-2.4\%} \pm 0.02$	$0.095^{+7.4\%}_{-9.7\%} +2.0\%_{-2.4\%} \pm 0.002$
	LO+PS	$1.401^{+35.6\%}_{-24.4\%} +2.1\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.008$	$1.355^{+35.2\%}_{-24.1\%} +2.0\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.008$	$0.0855^{+34.9\%}_{-24.0\%} +2.0\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.0007$
	$K^{PS}$	$1.10 \pm 0.02$	$1.09 \pm 0.02$	$1.11 \pm 0.02$
$t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow ZZ^*)$ $K = 1.10$	NLO+PS	$0.0437^{+5.5\%}_{-9.2\%} +2.3\%_{-2.8\%} \pm 0.0004$	$0.119^{+6.3\%}_{-9.6\%} +2.1\%_{-2.5\%} \pm 0.002$	$0.0170^{+5.0\%}_{-8.5\%} +2.0\%_{-2.4\%} \pm 0.0003$
	LO+PS	$0.0404^{+36.1\%}_{-24.6\%} +2.2\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.0002$	$0.1092^{+35.3\%}_{-24.2\%} +2.0\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.0008$	$0.0152^{+34.7\%}_{-23.9\%} +1.9\%_{-2.1\%} \pm 0.0001$
	$K^{PS}$	$1.08 \pm 0.01$	$1.09 \pm 0.02$	$1.12 \pm 0.02$
$t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-)$ $K = 1.10$	NLO+PS	$0.563^{+4.6\%}_{-8.8\%} +2.2\%_{-2.7\%} \pm 0.007$	$0.669^{+6.0\%}_{-9.4\%} +2.1\%_{-2.6\%} \pm 0.008$	$0.0494^{+7.1\%}_{-9.9\%} +2.1\%_{-2.5\%} \pm 0.0007$
	LO+PS	$0.513^{+35.9\%}_{-24.5\%} +2.2\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.003$	$0.611^{+35.4\%}_{-24.2\%} +2.1\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.003$	$0.0438^{+35.1\%}_{-24.1\%} +2.0\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.0003$
	$K^{PS}$	$1.10 \pm 0.02$	$1.10 \pm 0.01$	$1.13 \pm 0.02$
$t\bar{t}W^\pm$ $K = 1.22$	NLO+PS	$5.77^{+15.1\%}_{-12.7\%} +1.6\%_{-1.2\%} \pm 0.07$	$2.44^{+13.1\%}_{-11.6\%} +1.7\%_{-1.4\%} \pm 0.01$	-
	LO+PS	$4.57^{+27.7\%}_{-20.2\%} +1.8\%_{-1.9\%} \pm 0.03$	$1.989^{+27.5\%}_{-20.0\%} +1.8\%_{-1.9\%} \pm 0.007$	-
	$K^{PS}$	$1.26 \pm 0.02$	$1.23 \pm 0.01$	-
$t\bar{t}Z/\gamma^*$ $K = 1.23$	NLO+PS	$1.61^{+7.7\%}_{-10.5\%} +2.0\%_{-2.5\%} \pm 0.02$	$2.70^{+9.0\%}_{-11.2\%} +2.0\%_{-2.5\%} \pm 0.03$	$0.280^{+9.8\%}_{-11.0\%} +1.9\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.003$
	LO+PS	$1.422^{+36.8\%}_{-24.9\%} +2.2\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.008$	$2.21^{+36.4\%}_{-24.7\%} +2.1\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.01$	$0.221^{+35.8\%}_{-24.4\%} +2.0\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.001$
	$K^{PS}$	$1.13 \pm 0.02$	$1.23 \pm 0.01$	$1.27 \pm 0.01$
$t\bar{t}W^+W^-$ $K = 1.10$	NLO+PS	$0.288^{+8.0\%}_{-11.1\%} +2.3\%_{-2.6\%} \pm 0.003$	$0.201^{+7.4\%}_{-10.7\%} +2.1\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.003$	$0.0116^{+6.9\%}_{-10.2\%} +2.2\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.0002$
	LO+PS	$0.260^{+38.4\%}_{-25.5\%} +2.3\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.001$	$0.181^{+38.0\%}_{-25.3\%} +2.2\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.001$	$0.01073^{+37.7\%}_{-25.1\%} +2.2\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.00008$
	$K^{PS}$	$1.11 \pm 0.01$	$1.11 \pm 0.01$	$1.08 \pm 0.02$
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ $K = 1.22$	NLO+PS	$0.340^{+27.5\%}_{-25.8\%} +5.5\%_{-6.4\%} \pm 0.004$	$0.211^{+27.4\%}_{-25.6\%} +5.2\%_{-6.1\%} \pm 0.003$	$0.0110^{+27.0\%}_{-25.5\%} +5.0\%_{-5.9\%} \pm 0.0002$
	LO+PS	$0.271^{+80.9\%}_{-41.5\%} +4.6\%_{-4.6\%} \pm 0.001$	$0.166^{+80.3\%}_{-41.4\%} +4.4\%_{-4.4\%} \pm 0.001$	$0.00871^{+79.8\%}_{-41.2\%} +4.2\%_{-4.2\%} \pm 0.00007$
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13 TeV $\sigma$ [ab]		SR1	SR2	SR3
$t\bar{t}ZZ$ $K = 0.99$	NLO+PS	$9.60^{+3.5\%}_{-8.4\%} +1.8\%_{-1.8\%} \pm 0.06$	$5.02^{+3.7\%}_{-8.3\%} +1.8\%_{-1.7\%} \pm 0.04$	$0.249^{+7.2\%}_{-9.6\%} +1.9\%_{-1.8\%} \pm 0.009$
	LO+PS	$9.71^{+36.3\%}_{-24.5\%} +1.9\%_{-1.9\%} \pm 0.02$	$5.08^{+35.9\%}_{-24.3\%} +1.9\%_{-1.9\%} \pm 0.02$	$0.250^{+35.5\%}_{-24.2\%} +1.9\%_{-1.9\%} \pm 0.004$
	$K^{PS}$	$0.99 \pm 0.01$	$0.99 \pm 0.01$	$1.00 \pm 0.04$
$t\bar{t}W^\pm Z$ $K = 1.06$	NLO+PS	$62.0^{+9.0\%}_{-10.2\%} +2.2\%_{-1.6\%} \pm 0.7$	$27.9^{+9.2\%}_{-10.3\%} +2.3\%_{-1.7\%} \pm 0.5$	$0.91^{+7.2\%}_{-9.2\%} +2.4\%_{-1.7\%} \pm 0.02$
	LO+PS	$60.2^{+32.2\%}_{-22.6\%} +2.4\%_{-2.3\%} \pm 0.3$	$26.4^{+32.0\%}_{-22.5\%} +2.4\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.2$	$0.893^{+31.9\%}_{-22.4\%} +2.4\%_{-2.2\%} \pm 0.009$
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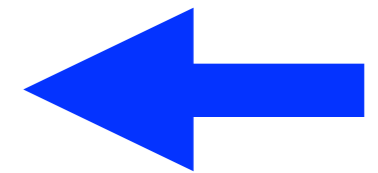
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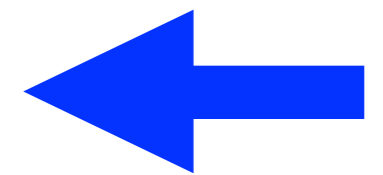
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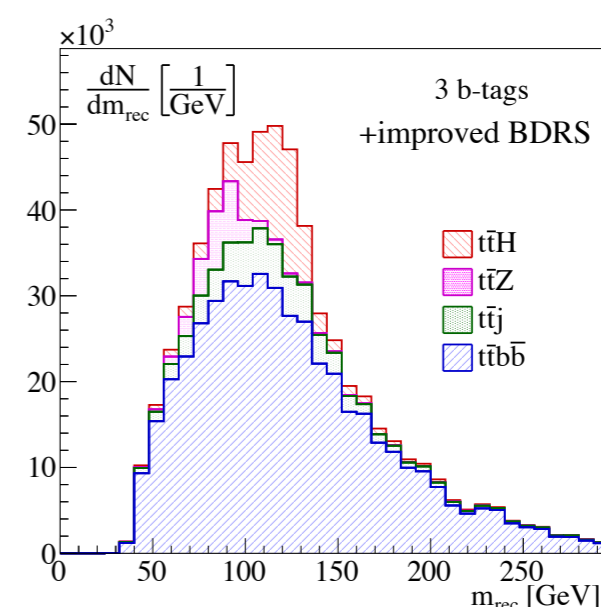
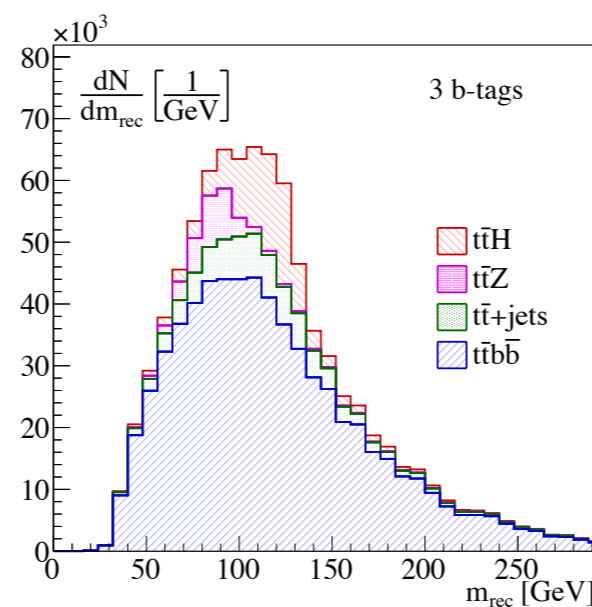
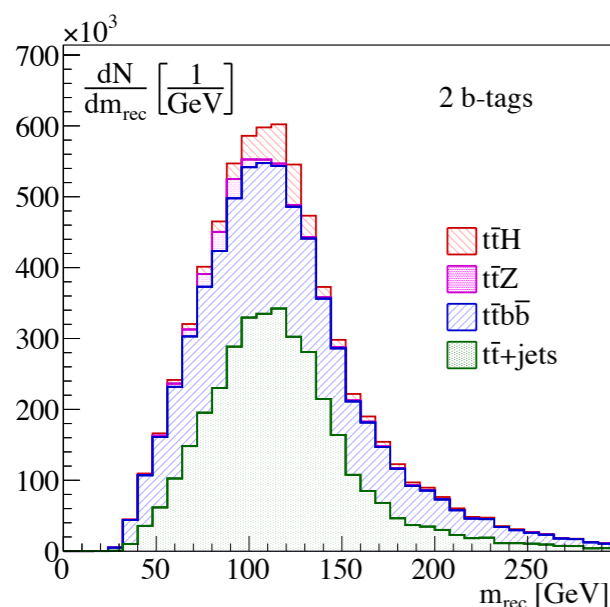
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**With  $20\text{ab}^{-1}$ , the ratio  $N_H/N_Z$  can be measured at 1% (stat. unc.)**

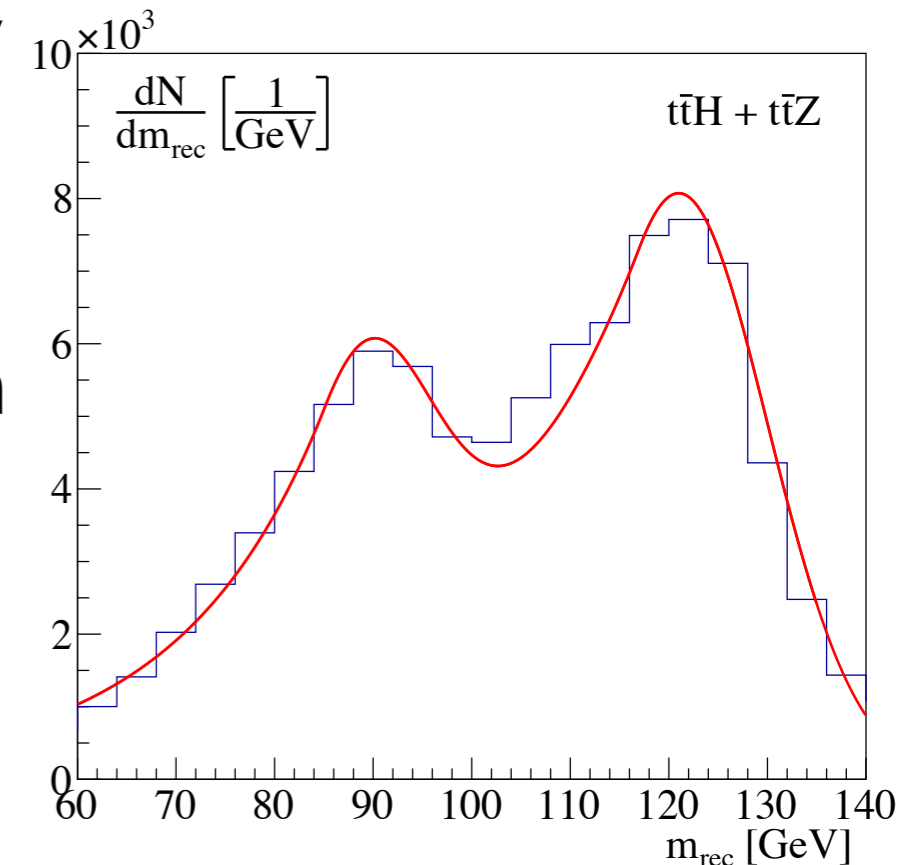
# Background processes and selection cuts

- Leading backgrounds to be simulated are  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$
- Simulated semileptonic top decay, Higgs and Z decay to  $b\bar{b}$
- Require:
  - One isolated lepton,  $|y_\ell| < 2.5$ ,  $p_T(\ell) > 15\text{GeV}$
  - Two fat jets (C/A,  $R=1.8$ ,  $p_T > 200\text{GeV}$ )
    - One HepTopTagged jet
    - One BDRS Higgs Tagged jet, with 2 b-tags inside
    - An extra b-tag in the “rest” of the event (to suppress  $t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$ )



# Signal extraction

- Subtract the background by interpolating the two sidebands regions  $m_{bb} \in [0, 60]$  GeV U  $[160, 300]$  GeV
- In the signal region ( $m_{bb} \in [104, 136]$  GeV) one expects 44700 signal events, with S/B  $\sim 0.33$  (at  $20\text{ab}^{-1}$ )
- Assuming perfect background subtraction the stat. error on signal is  $N_s = 0.013N_s$
- $N_H/N_Z = 2.80 \pm 0.03$ , with systematic and theoretical uncertainties cancelling in the ratio



# Conclusions:

- $t\bar{t}H$  (and  $tH$ ) are crucial processes to study the top/Higgs sector
  - Sensitive to top Yukawa (and its sign) and to Higgs CP properties
- Need for precise predictions both for total cross section and fully differential studies
  - NLO+PS available for signal and all main backgrounds
  - $t\bar{t}H$  @ NLO+NLL recently computed
  - NLO EW corrections available for  $t\bar{t}H/Z/W$
  - $tH$  NLO+PS predictions available in the 4FS  $\rightarrow$  better description at fully differential level
  - Non-QCD effects can be important for  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  simulation
- Spin correlations have to be included in simulations for Higgs CP studies and to enhance S/B discrimination
- The FCC can help for a precise determination of  $y_t$ 
  - First studies have just appeared





# Backup slides

# Recent results for $t\bar{t}V$ and $t\bar{t}VV$

Frixione, Hirschi, Pagani, Shao, MZ, arXiv:1504.03446

- NLO Electroweak corrections recently computed for  $t\bar{t}Z/W$  (and  $t\bar{t}H$ )

$t\bar{t}Z : \sigma(\text{pb})$	13 TeV
LO QCD	$5.282 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $1.955 \cdot 10^{-2}$ )
NLO QCD	$2.426 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $7.856 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
LO EW	$-2.172 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ( $4.039 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
LO EW no $\gamma$	$-5.771 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $-6.179 \cdot 10^{-5}$ )
NLO EW	$-2.017 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-2.172 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-2.158 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-2.252 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
HBR	$5.056 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $4.162 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
$t\bar{t}Z : \delta(\%)$	13 TeV
NLO QCD	$45.9^{+13.2}_{-15.5} \pm 2.9$ ( $40.2^{+11.1}_{-15.0} \pm 4.7$ )
LO EW	$0.0 \pm 0.7$ ( $2.1 \pm 1.6$ )
LO EW no $\gamma$	$-1.1 \pm 0.0$ ( $-0.3 \pm 0.0$ )
NLO EW	$-3.8 \pm 0.2$ ( $-11.1 \pm 0.5$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-4.1 \pm 0.1$ ( $-11.5 \pm 0.3$ )
HBR	0.96 (2.13)

$t\bar{t}W^+ : \sigma(\text{pb})$	13 TeV
LO QCD	$2.496 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $7.749 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
NLO QCD	$1.250 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ( $4.624 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
LO EW	0
LO EW no $\gamma$	0
NLO EW	$-1.931 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-1.490 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-1.988 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ( $-1.546 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )
HBR	$9.677 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ( $5.743 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
$t\bar{t}W^+ : \delta(\%)$	13 TeV
NLO QCD	$50.1^{+14.2}_{-13.5} \pm 2.4$ ( $59.7^{+18.9}_{-17.7} \pm 3.1$ )
LO EW	0
LO EW no $\gamma$	0
NLO EW	$-7.7 \pm 0.2$ ( $-19.2 \pm 0.7$ )
NLO EW no $\gamma$	$-8.0 \pm 0.2$ ( $-20.0 \pm 0.5$ )
HBR	3.88 (7.41)

- $t\bar{t}Z$ : corrections are slightly larger than  $t\bar{t}H$ , with similar overall behaviour
- $t\bar{t}W$  receives sizeable EW corrections even in the un-boosted regime

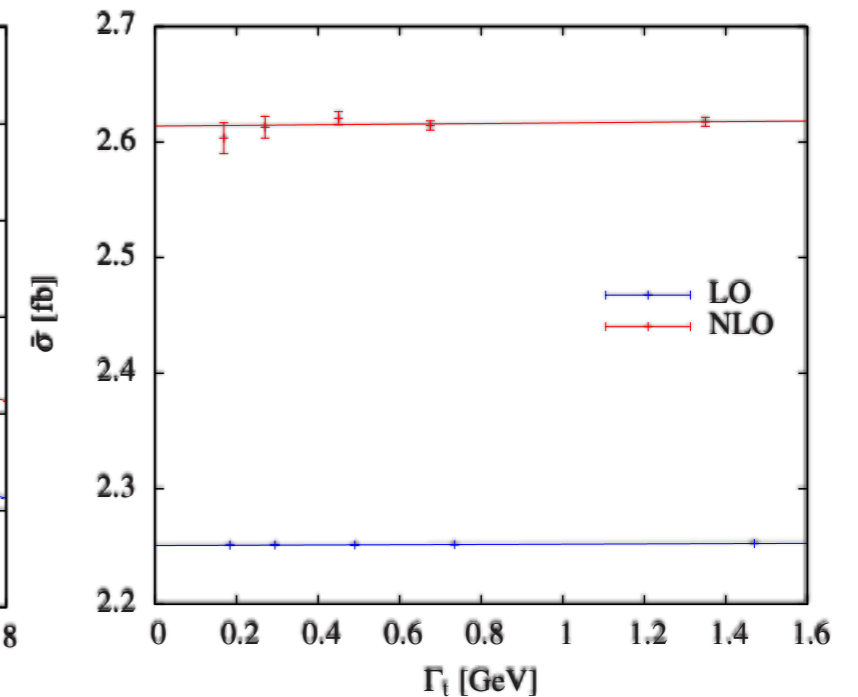
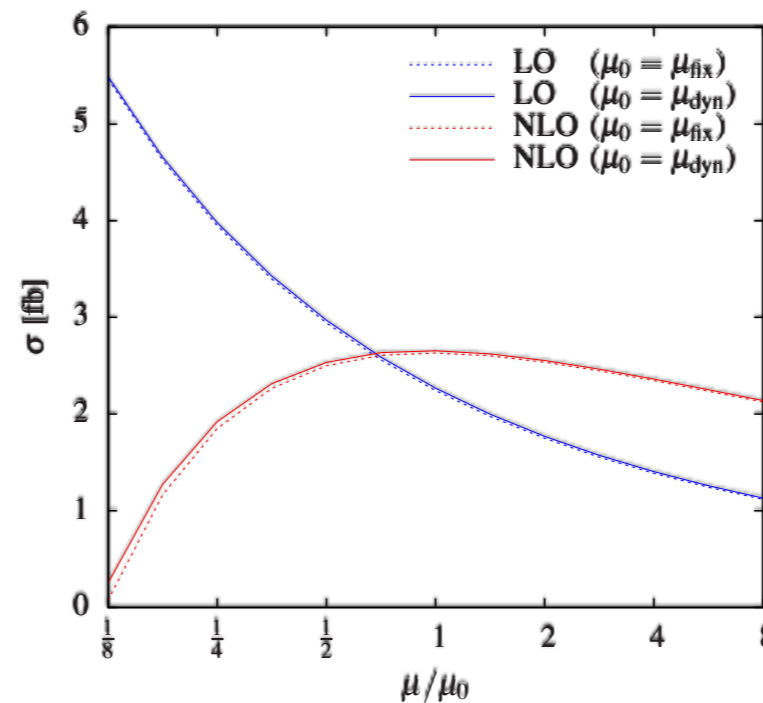
# NLO QCD corrections to $b\bar{b}e^+\mu^-v\nu H$

Denner, Feger, arXiv:1506.07448

- All simulations of  $t\bar{t}H$  done either with stable tops or including decays in the NWA
- First computation that consistently includes off-shell and non-resonant effects (unified description of  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $tWH$ , ...)
- All matrix elements computed with RECOLA (up to 7-points loops) in the complex-mass scheme
- Two b-jets (anti- $k_T$ ,  $R=0.4$ ) and two leptons required with
  - $p_{T,b} > 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_b| < 2.5$
  - $p_{T,l} > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_l| < 2.5$
  - $p_{T,\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - $\Delta R_{bb} > 0.4$
- Compare results with fixed or dynamical scales
  - $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_t + \frac{1}{2}M_H = 236 \text{ GeV}$
  - $\mu_R = \mu_F = (m_{t,T}m_{\bar{t},T}m_{H,T})^{1/3}$

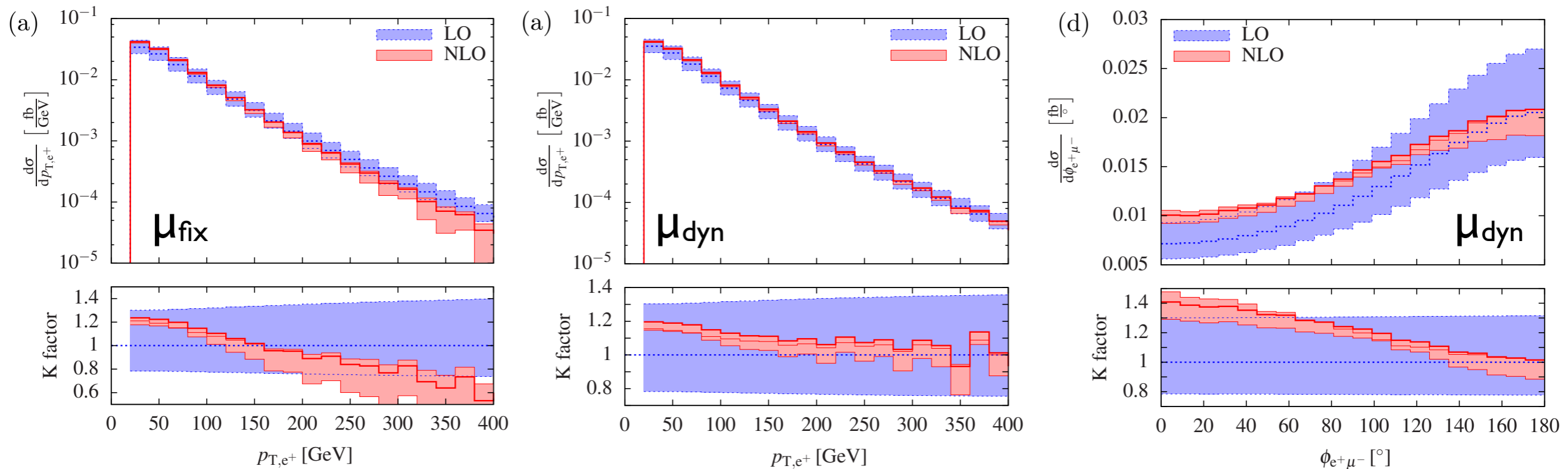
# NLO QCD corrections to $b\bar{b}e^+\mu^- \nu\nu H$ : Results

$\mu_0$	ch.	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$ [fb]	$K$
$\mu_{\text{dyn}}$	gg	1.5938(1) <sup>+33.8%</sup> <sub>-23.6%</sub>	2.026(3) <sup>-16.1%</sup> <sub>+0.9%</sub>	1.271(2)
	$q\bar{q}$	0.67520(5) <sup>+24.1%</sup> <sub>-18.1%</sub>	0.495(2) <sup>-39.5%</sup> <sub>+17.2%</sub>	0.733(2)
	$g\bar{q}$		0.1347(7) <sup>+298%</sup> <sub>-152%</sub>	
	pp	2.2690(1) <sup>+30.9%</sup> <sub>-22.0%</sub>	2.656(3) <sup>-4.6%</sup> <sub>-3.8%</sub>	1.171(1)
$\mu_{\text{fix}}$	gg	1.5713(1) <sup>+34.0%</sup> <sub>-23.7%</sub>	2.010(3) <sup>-16.5%</sup> <sub>+1.0%</sub>	1.279(2)
	$q\bar{q}$	0.67235(5) <sup>+24.3%</sup> <sub>-18.2%</sub>	0.496(2) <sup>-39.3%</sup> <sub>+17.0%</sub>	0.738(2)
	$g\bar{q}$		0.1260(7) <sup>+312%</sup> <sub>-159%</sub>	
	pp	2.2436(1) <sup>+31.1%</sup> <sub>-22.1%</sub>	2.632(3) <sup>-5.1%</sup> <sub>-3.7%</sub>	1.173(1)



- Small (<1%) effect of scale choice on total cross section
- Important reduction of scale uncertainties at NLO
- K-factor similar to  $t\bar{t}H$  with same scale settings
- Finite width effects of the order of  $\Gamma_t/m_t$

# NLO QCD corrections to $b\bar{b}e^+\mu^-v\nu H$ : differential distributions



- The dynamic-scale choice yields a flatter K-factor for many observables
- Still, K-factors are far from flat for most observables (in particular those related to correlations between decay products of the two tops)