

# The Higgs at the Tevatron: Predictions and Uncertainties

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# 1. The Higgs in the SM: EWSB

To generate particle masses in an  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  gauge invariant way:  
introduce a doublet of scalar fields  $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi^+ \\ \Phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\langle 0 | \Phi^0 | 0 \rangle \neq 0$

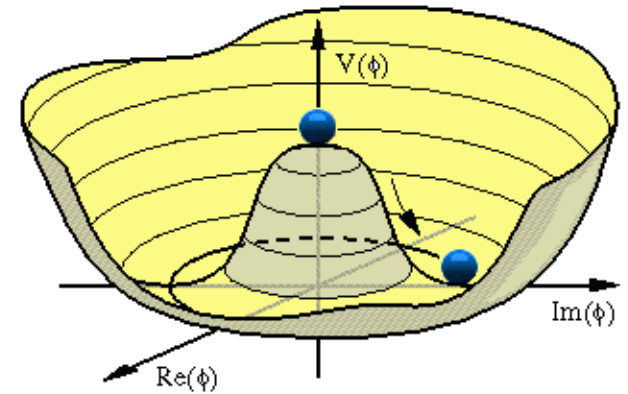
$$\mathcal{L}_S = D_\mu \Phi^\dagger D^\mu \Phi - \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

$$v = (-\mu^2 / \lambda)^{1/2} = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$\Rightarrow$  three d.o.f. for  $M_{W^\pm}$  and  $M_Z$

For fermion masses, use same  $\Phi$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -f_e (\bar{e}, \bar{\nu})_L \Phi e_R + \dots$$



**The residual degree corresponds to the spin-zero Higgs particle, H.**

- The Higgs boson:  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$  quantum numbers.
- Masses and self-couplings from  $V$  :  $M_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2$ ,  $g_{H^3} = 3 \frac{M_H^2}{v}$ , ...
- Higgs couplings  $\propto$  particle masses:  $g_{Hff} = \frac{m_f}{v}$ ,  $g_{HVV} = 2 \frac{M_V^2}{v}$

**Since  $v$  is known, the only free parameter in the SM is  $M_H$  (or  $\lambda$ ).**

# 1. The Higgs in the SM: constraints on $M_H$

- **Indirect constraints:**

H contributes to RC to W/Z masses:

Fit the EW precision measurements:

one obtains  $M_H = 87^{+35}_{-26}$  GeV, or

$$M_H \lesssim 157 \text{ GeV at 95\% CL}$$

- **Direct searches at LEP:**

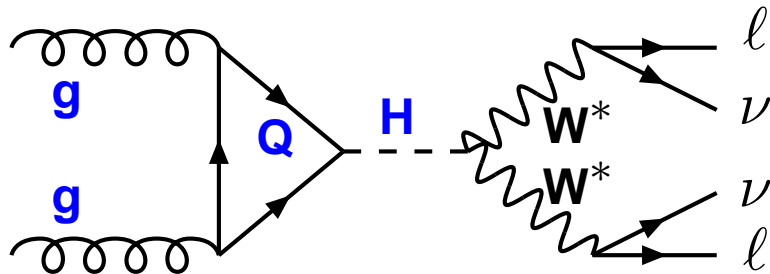
H looked for in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$

We have a limit at 95% CL:

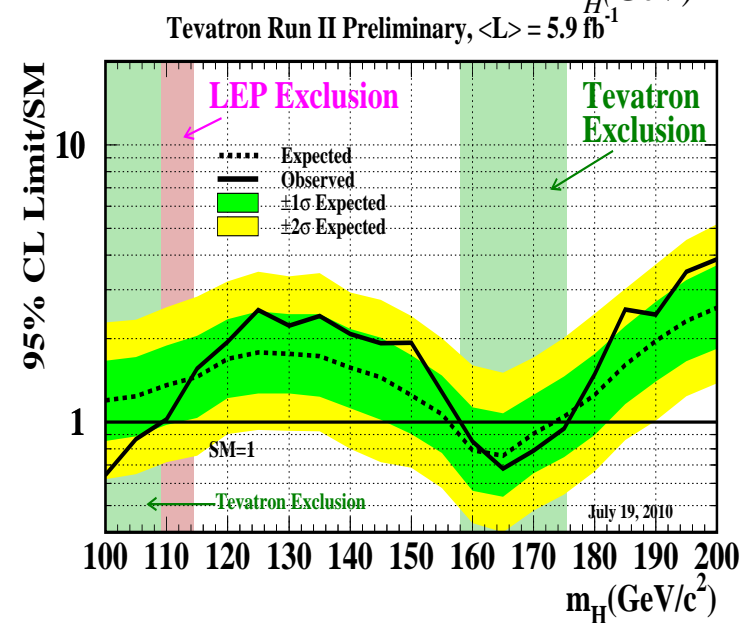
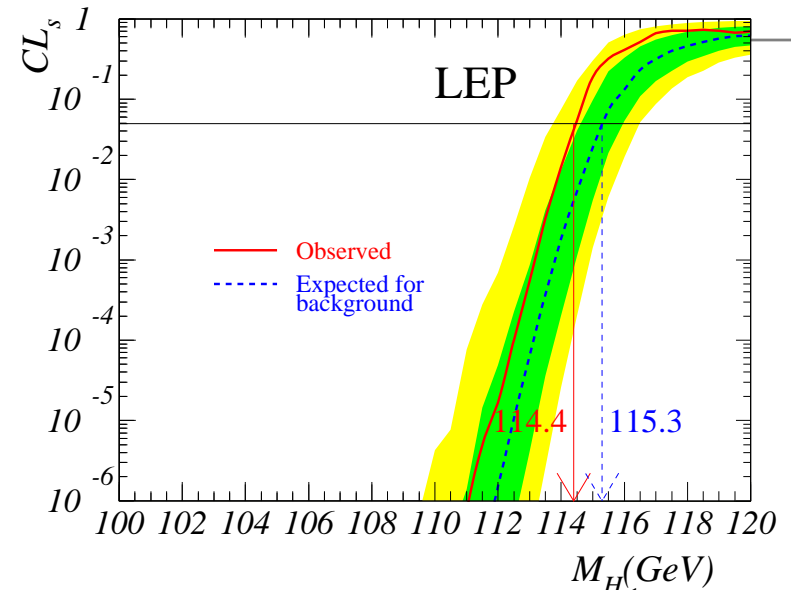
$$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$$

- **New results from the Tevatron:**

Mainly:  $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$



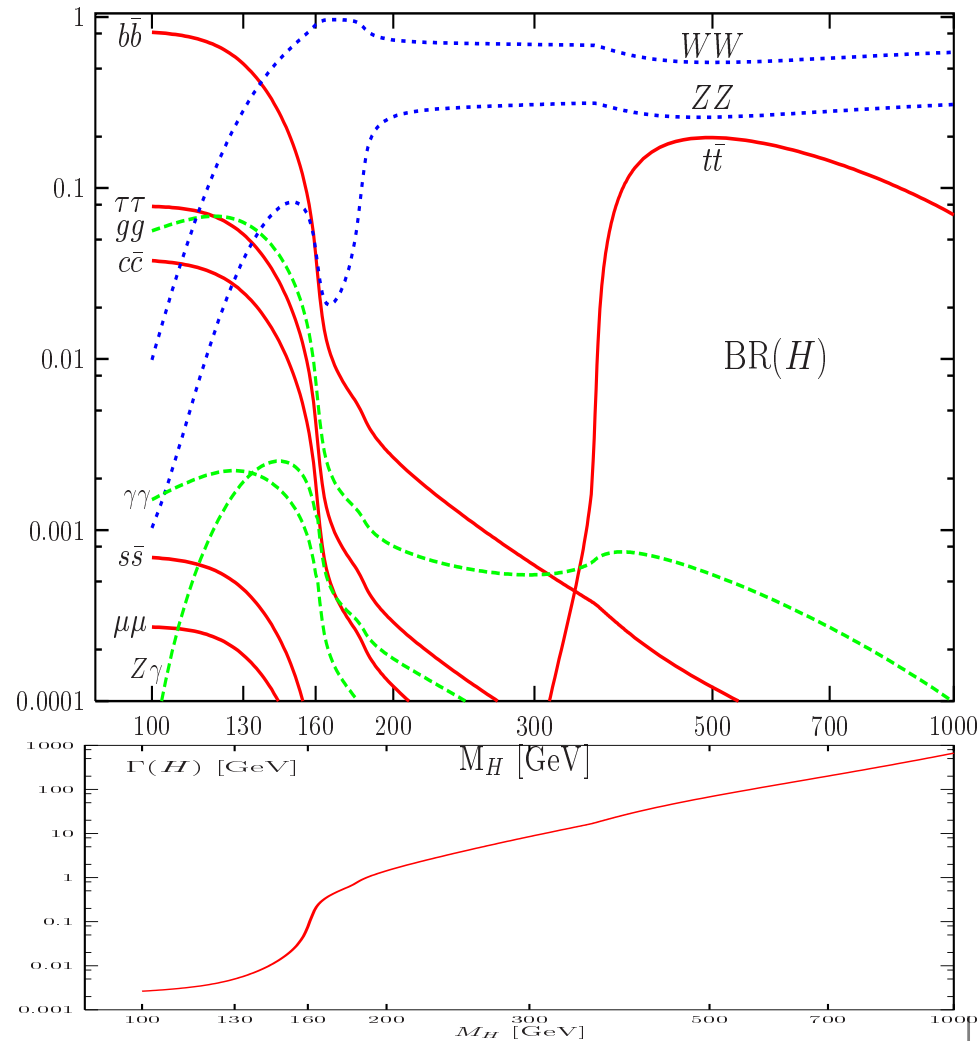
exclude  $M_H = 158 - 175$  GeV



## 2. Higgs decays: branching ratios

Branching ratios:  $BR(H \rightarrow X) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(H \rightarrow X)}{\Gamma(H \rightarrow \text{all})}$

- 'Low mass range',  $M_H \lesssim 130$  GeV:
  - $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  dominant, BR = 60–90%
  - $H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $c\bar{c}$ ,  $gg$  BR = a few %
  - $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z$ , BR = a few permille.
- 'High mass range',  $M_H \gtrsim 130$  GeV:
  - $H \rightarrow WW^*, ZZ^*$  up to  $\gtrsim 2M_W$
  - $H \rightarrow WW, ZZ$  above (BR  $\rightarrow \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$ )
  - $H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  for high  $M_H$ ; BR  $\lesssim 20\%$ .
- Total Higgs decay width:
  - $\mathcal{O}(\text{MeV})$  for  $M_H \sim 100$  GeV (small)
  - $\mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$  for  $M_H \sim 1$  TeV (obese).



HDECAY: AD, Kalinowski, Spira (95–10). Includes all relevant higher orders.

## 2. Higgs decays: theory uncertainties

However: there are theoretical uncertainties....

- Input quark masses in  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$

$$M_Q^{\text{pole}} \rightarrow \bar{m}_Q(\mu = M_H)$$

$$- \bar{m}_b(M_b) = 4.19_{-0.06}^{+0.018} \text{ GeV}$$

$$- \bar{m}_c(M_c) = 1.27_{-0.09}^{+0.07} \text{ GeV}$$

- Theory+experimental error on  $\alpha_s$  :

$$\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1171 \pm 0.0014 \text{ @NNLO}$$

- Scale error: measure of higher orders

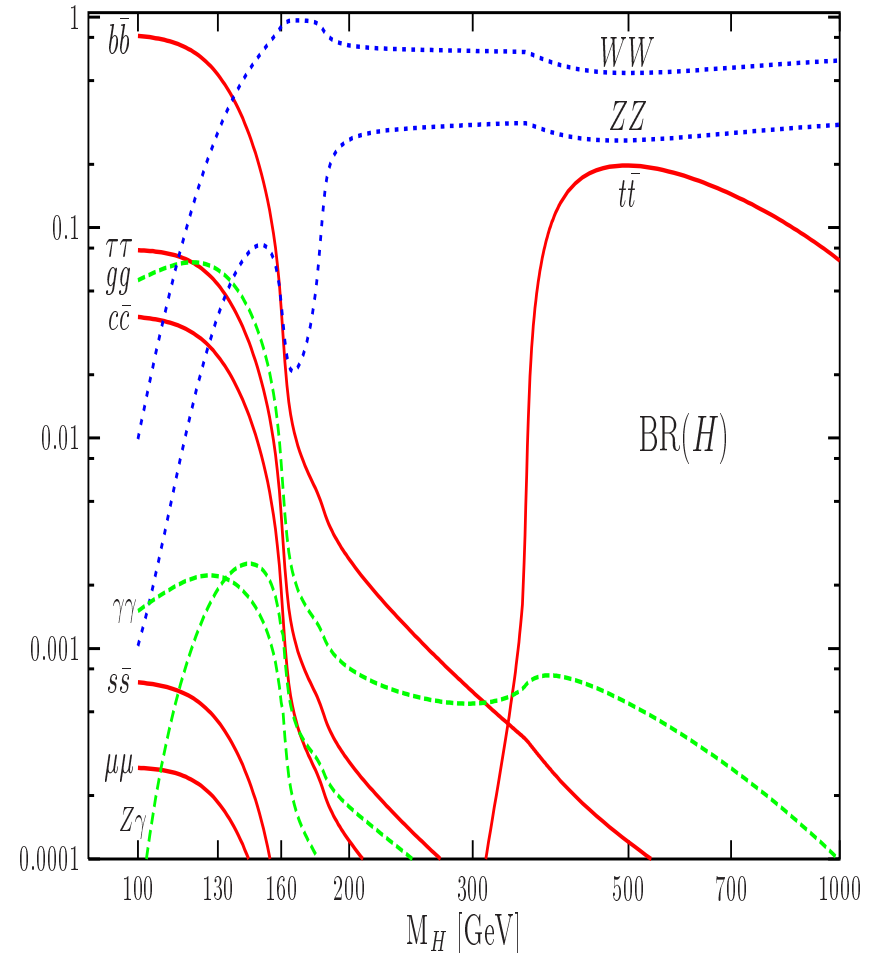
$$\frac{1}{2}M_H \leq \mu \leq 2M_H$$

- Scale and  $\alpha_s$  errors in  $H \rightarrow gg$

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow gg) \propto \alpha_s^2 + \text{large } \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

- No uncertainty on  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau, WW, ZZ$

(QCD effects appear at high orders).



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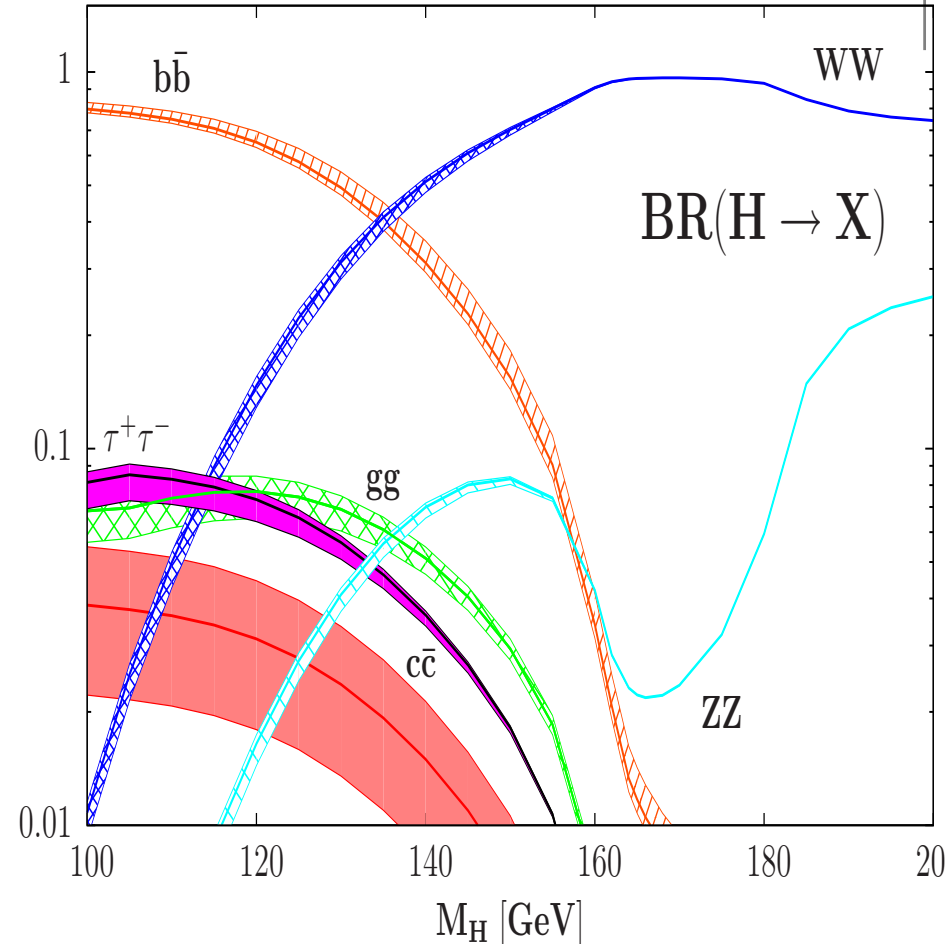
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**Include all items  $\Rightarrow$  large uncertainties!**

**esp. for  $M_h \approx 120\text{--}150$  GeV: 5–10% for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^*$**

# 3. The Higgs at the Tevatron

•  $M_H \gtrsim 140 \text{ GeV} : gg \rightarrow H$   
 (with  $H \rightarrow W^*W^* \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ )

LO<sup>a</sup> already at one loop

exact NLO<sup>b</sup> :  $K \approx 2$  (1.7)

EFT NLO<sup>c</sup>: good approx.

QCD: EFT NNLO<sup>d</sup>:  $K \approx 3$  (2)

EFT NNLL<sup>e</sup>:  $\approx +10\%$  (5%)

EFT NLO EW<sup>f</sup>:  $\approx \pm$  very small

exact NLO EW<sup>g</sup>:  $\approx \pm$  a few %

EFT NNLO QCD+EW<sup>h</sup>: a few %

<sup>a</sup>Georgi et al., Ellis et al, Wilczek

<sup>b</sup>Spira+AD+Graudenz+Zerwas (exact)

<sup>c</sup>AD, Spira, Zerwas; Dawson (EFT)

<sup>d</sup>Harlander+Kilgore, Anastasiou+Melnikov

Ravindran+Smith+van Neerven

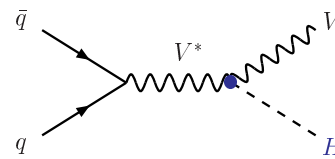
<sup>e</sup>Catani+de Florian+Grazzini+Nason

<sup>f</sup>AD,Gambino; Degrassi et al.

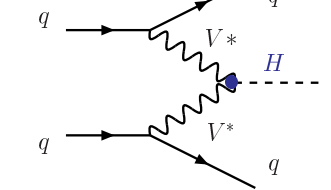
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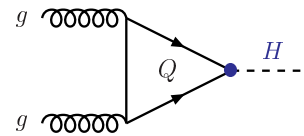
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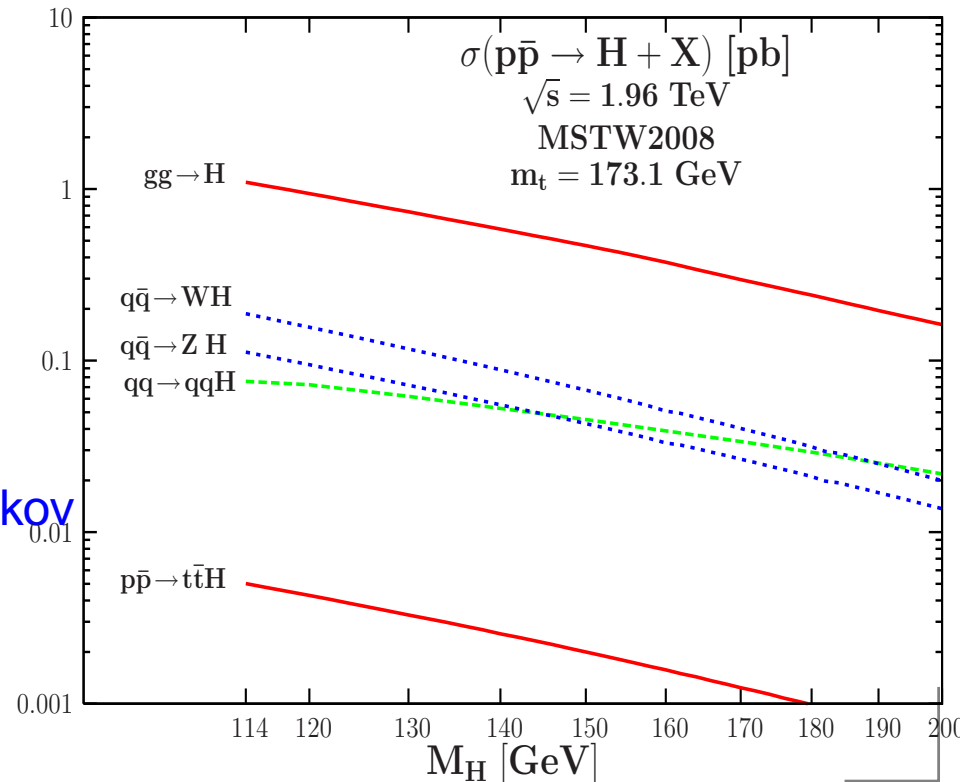
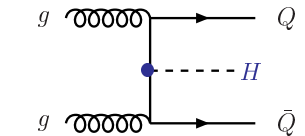
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# 3. Higgs at the Tevatron: production

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$q\bar{q} \rightarrow HW \rightarrow b\bar{b}l\nu$

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow HZ \rightarrow b\bar{b}ll, b\bar{b}\nu\bar{\nu}$

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow HW \rightarrow lll\nu\nu\nu$

$LO^a : \equiv \sigma(V^*) \times BR(V^* \rightarrow VH)$

exact NLO QCD<sup>b</sup> :  $K \approx 1.4$

exact NNLO QCD<sup>c</sup> :  $K \approx 1.5$

exact NLO EW<sup>d</sup> :  $\approx -5\%$

In practice combine  $ggH+HZ/HW$

•  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow Hqq$ : bkg. too high.

•  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow Ht\bar{t}$  : rates too low.

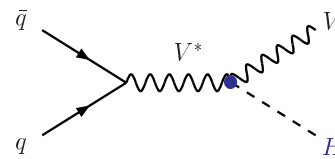
<sup>a</sup> Glashow, Nanopoulos, Yildiz

<sup>b</sup> Altarelli et al; Han, Willenbrock

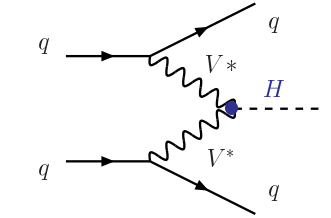
<sup>c</sup> Hamberg+van Neerven+Matsuura;  
Brein+AD+Harlander

<sup>d</sup> Ciccolini+Dittmaier+Krämer

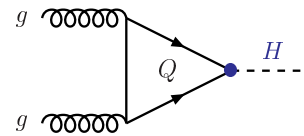
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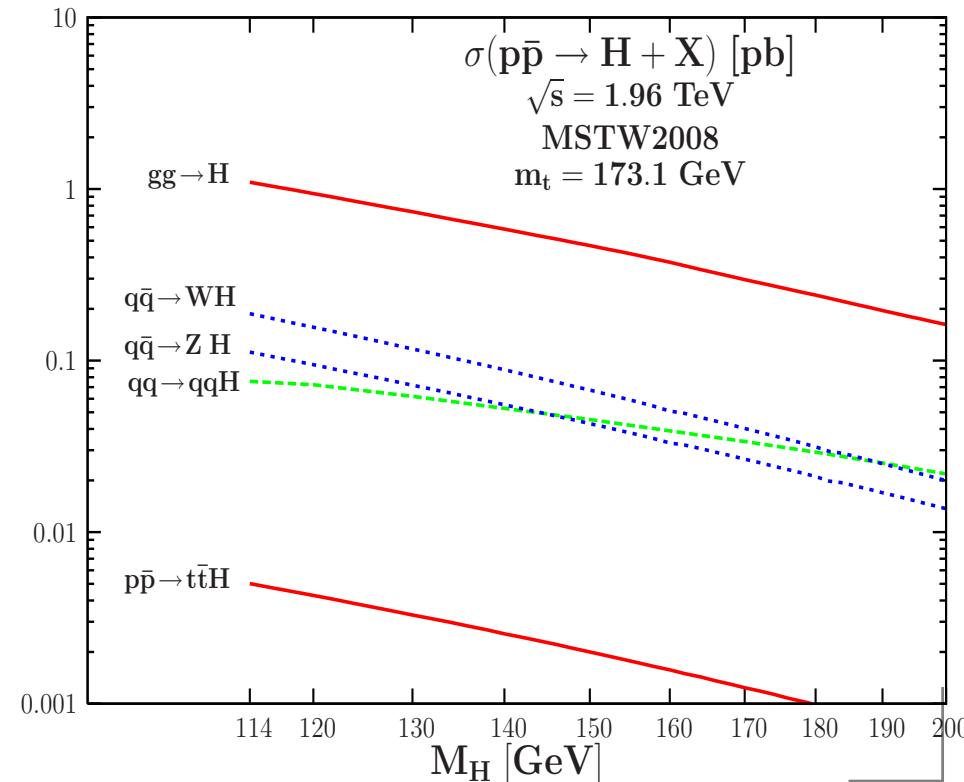
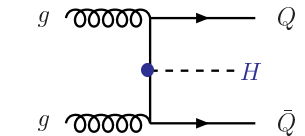
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### 3. Higgs at Tevatron: focus on $gg \rightarrow H$

- **The K factors are extraordinarily large:**

good: this is what makes the Tevatron sensitive to the SM Higgs!

bad: perturbation theory almost jeopardized as  $\sigma_{\text{LO}} \approx \sigma_{\text{NLO}} \approx \sigma_{\text{NNLO}}$ .

uggly: higher order (HO) corrections might be very important...

- **NNLL corrections known only for inclusive cross section  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ :**

- $\sigma_{\text{cuts}}$  used experimentally is known only at NNLO<sup>a</sup>: **stick to NNLO.**

- NNLL corrections mimicked by using central scale  $\mu_0 = \frac{1}{2}M_H$ .

- in fact, NNLO only in EFT approach (no b-loop); exact only at NLO<sup>b</sup>.

- K in  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{cuts}}$  different<sup>c</sup> by  $\approx 25\%$ :  $K_{\text{cuts}}^{\text{nnlo}} = 2.6$  vs  $K_{\text{tot}}^{\text{nnlo}} = 3.3$ .

- **Other remarks:**

- Starting point of calculation: **HIGLU (M. Spira)** based on Ref. [b].

- Recent update<sup>d</sup> for  $gg \rightarrow H$  (2009) but not for  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow HV$  (2004).

- Distributions not discussed, see Ref. [c]; no background neither.

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<sup>a</sup>Catani+Grazzini (HNNLO), Anastasiou+Melnikov+Petriello (FEHIP)

<sup>b</sup>Spira+AD+Graudenz+Zerwas (exact NLO)

<sup>c</sup>Anastasiou, Dissertori, Grazzini, Stöckli, Webber (2009)

<sup>d</sup>de Florian+Grazzini; Anastasiou+Boughezal+Petriello

# 3. Higgs at Tevatron: higher orders and scale variation

Higher orders (HO) guessed by varying  $\mu_R, \mu_F$  around central scale  $\mu_0 = \frac{1}{2}M_H$ :

$$\mu_0/\kappa \leq \mu_R, \mu_F \leq \kappa\mu_0$$

(only a guess, not a true measure!)

In general, when small HO,  $\kappa = 2$  enough (this is the case for  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow HV$  e.g.).

Here:  $K_{HO} \approx 3$  and PTh almost ruined.

HO beyond NNLO might be still large:

$\Rightarrow$  guess scale domain from  $\sigma_{NLO}$

For  $\sigma_{NLO}$  band to catch  $\sigma_{NNLO}$  value

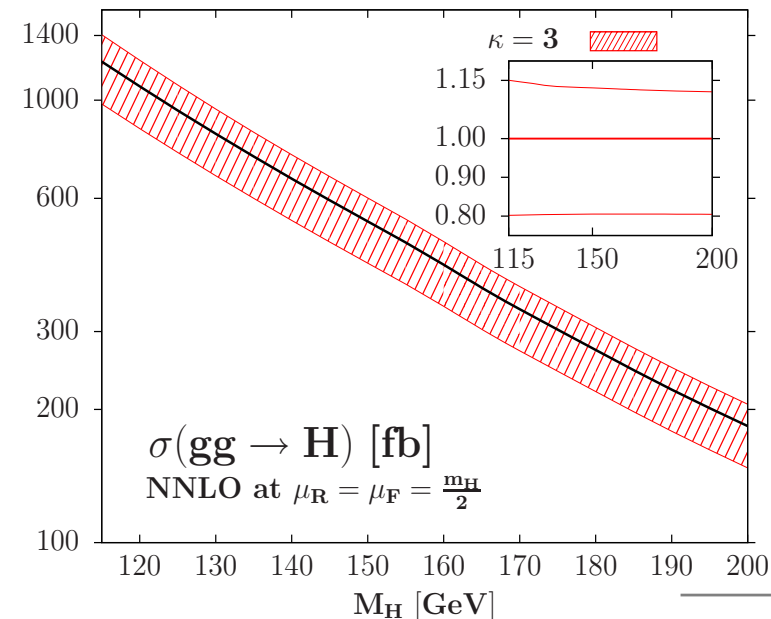
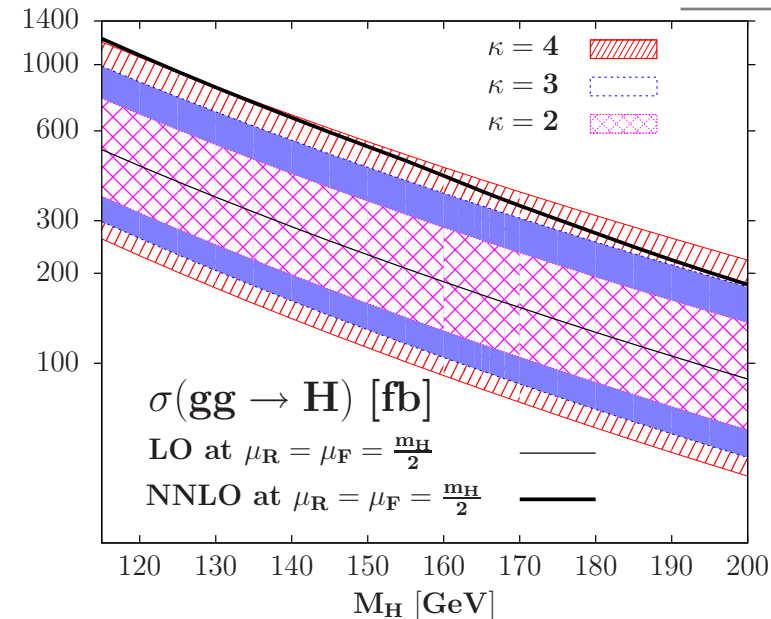
$\Rightarrow$  one needs at least  $\kappa = 3$

Apply variation with  $\kappa = 3$  for  $\sigma_{NNLO}$

$\approx 20\%$  scale uncertainty on  $\sigma_{NNLO}$

(compared to  $\approx 10\%$  for  $\sigma_{NNLO} + \kappa = 2$ )

compensates for 30% diff.  $K_{cuts}$  vs  $K_{tot}$ .



### 3. Higgs at Tevatron: PDFs and $\alpha_s$

PDF uncertainties estimated using the 2x20 MSTW PDF sets including errors.

⇒ 5–10% PDF error (idem for CTEQ)

However, also other sets: HERA, ABKM, JR, which are also at NNLO, so let us try:

⇒ very large differences!!

(# is also a measure of the PDF error...)

Pb:  $\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2), \dots, \sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$

and  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1171 \pm 0.0034$  (90%CL)

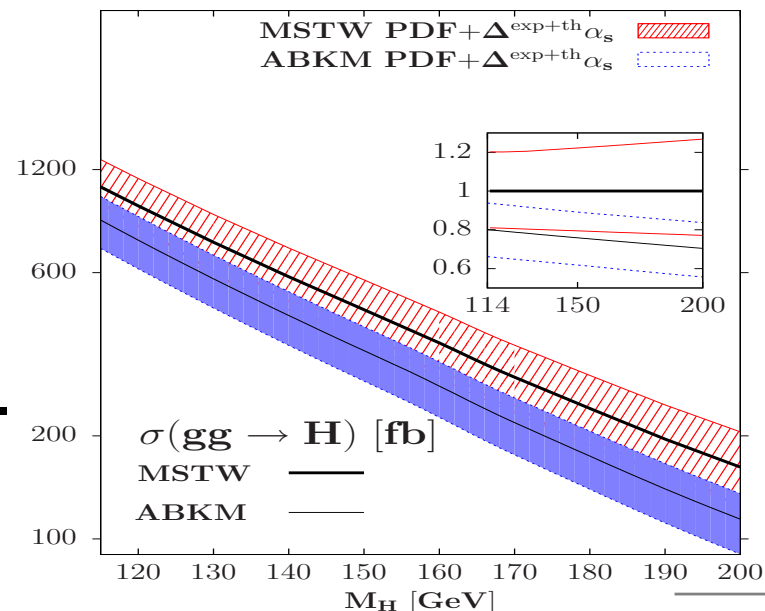
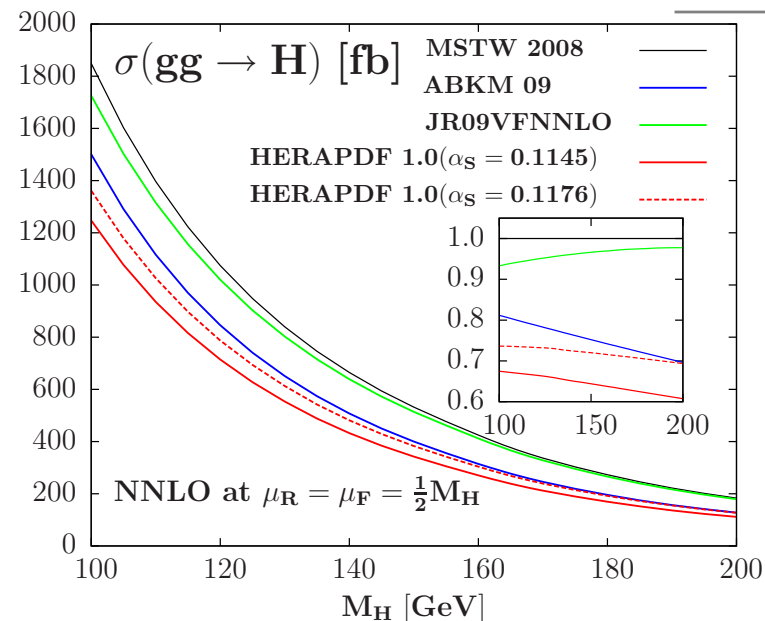
MSTW has new set up with  $\Delta^{\text{exp}} \alpha_s$  in.

Not enough: also  $\Delta^{\text{th}} \alpha_s \approx 0.003$  (NLO)

Include all:  $\text{PDF} + \Delta^{\text{exp}} \alpha_s \oplus \text{PDF} + \Delta^{\text{th}} \alpha_s$

MSTW/ABKM now consistent (not HERA!).

But total PDF error is now  $\gtrsim 15\%$ !  
(compared with  $\approx 5\%$  for PDF alone)



# 3. Higgs at Tevatron: EFT approach at NNLO

To simplify (hard!) NNLO calculation

EFT approach where  $M_{\text{loop}} \gg M_H$

Good for t-loop (see R. Harlander)

Not good for b-loop ( $\approx 10\%$  at LO)

Estimate error from NLO (known exactly)

$$\Delta_b^{\text{NNLO}} : \frac{\sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{NLO}} - \sigma_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{NLO}}}{\sigma_{\text{exact}}^{\text{NLO}}} \times \frac{K_{\text{NLO}}}{K_{\text{NNLO}}}$$

In addition:  $m_b^{\text{pole}}$  or  $m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(m_b)$ ?

Uncertainty of a few percent...

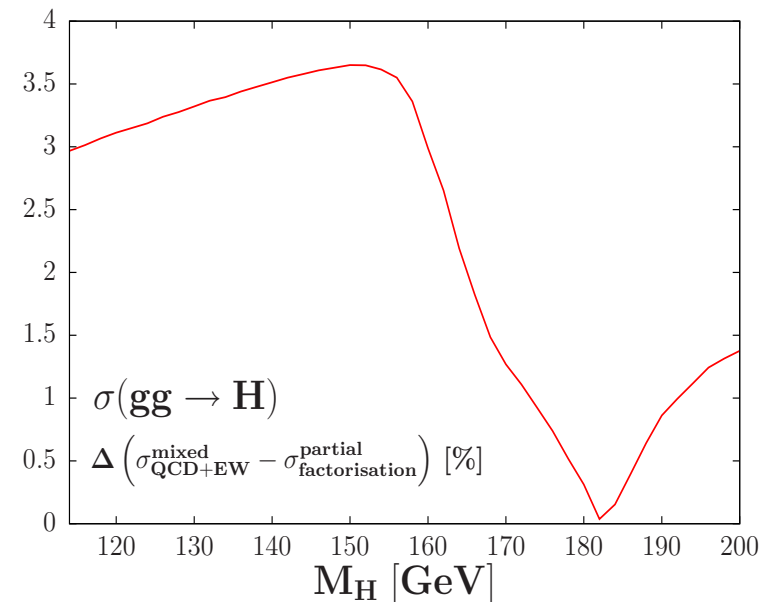
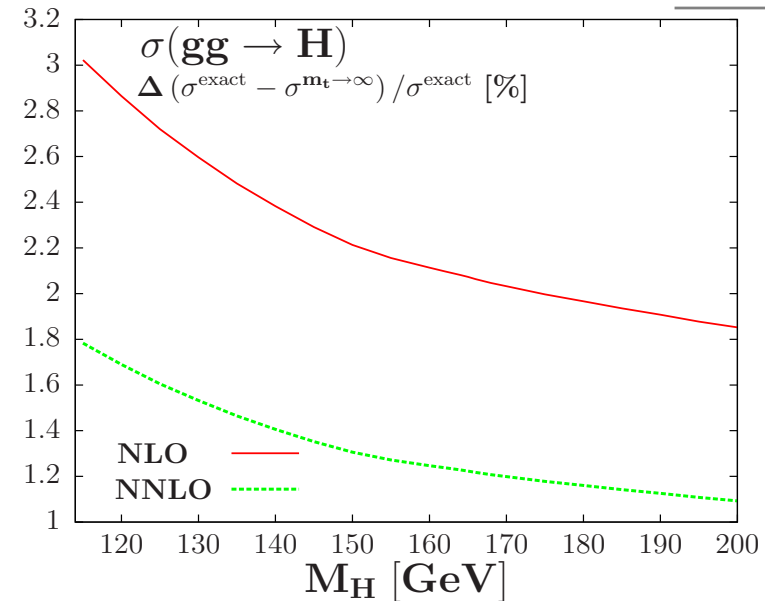
Mixed EW+QCD RadCor at NNLO:

EFT approach with  $M_{W/Z} \gg M_H$

Contrib.  $\equiv$  to EW NLO in # schemes

$$\Delta_{\text{EW}}^{\text{NNLO}} : \frac{\sigma_{\text{complete factor.}}^{\text{NLO-EW}} - \sigma_{\text{partial factor.}}^{\text{NLO-EW}}}{\sigma_{\text{complete factor.}}^{\text{NLO-EW}}}$$

Uncertainty of a few percent ( $\lesssim 3.5\%$ )



# 3. Higgs at Tevatron: combination

Next very important issue: how to combine these theoretical errors?

– add scale and PDF not in quadrature!

(no stat ground; both have flat prior!)

Reasonable way: calculate  $\max_{\min} \sigma(\mu_{F/R})$  and apply on them PDF +  $\Delta^{\text{ex+th}} \alpha_s$  errors

In  $gg \rightarrow H$  :  $\approx \pm 40\%$  total uncertainty

much larger than assumed by CDF/D0

In  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow HV$  :  $\approx \pm 10\%$  uncertainty

smaller than  $gg \rightarrow H$  but x2 CDF/D0 error.

**Don't forget the error on the Higgs BR's!**

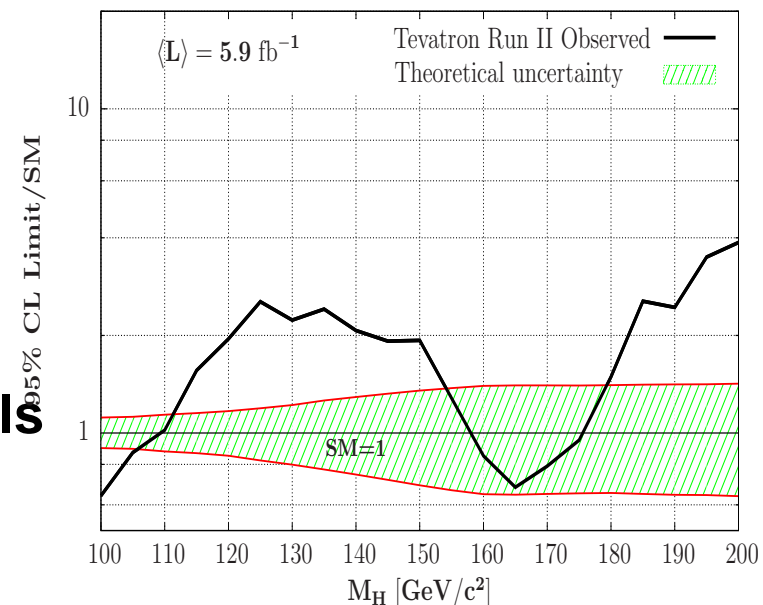
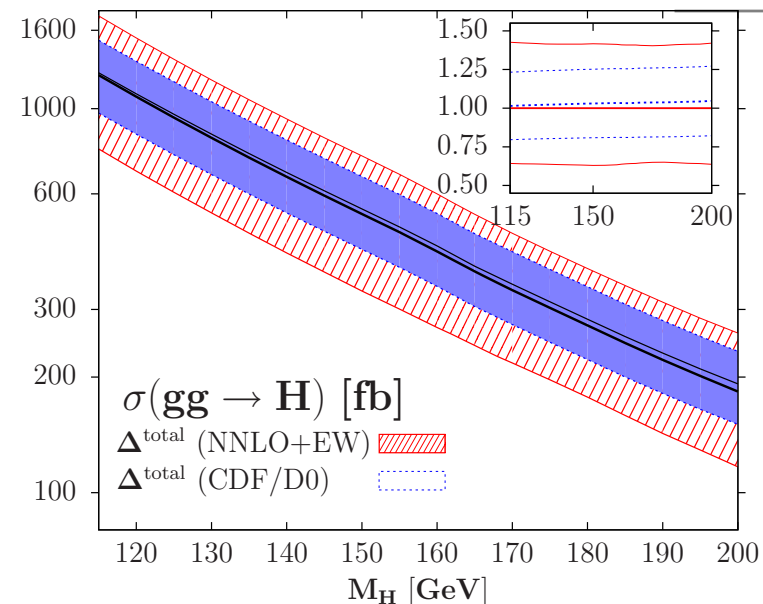
(to be added to those on  $\sigma$ )

Combination of all channels:

– assume same acceptance for all channels

– CDF/D0 theory error has no effect ....

**No Higgs mass is excluded with errors?**



# 4. The Higgs at the $\ell$ HC

$\ell$ HC:  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\int \mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Same production as at Tevatron:

– rates  $\approx 10$  times higher

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( $\approx 200$  of Higgs signal events)

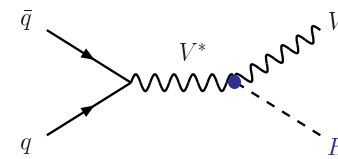
– Hqq, Htt hopeless

– to much bckg from Wbb, Zbb (?)

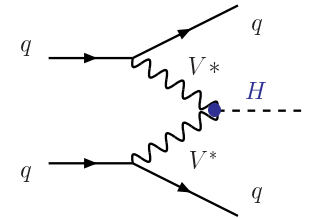
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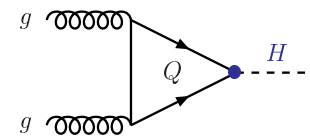
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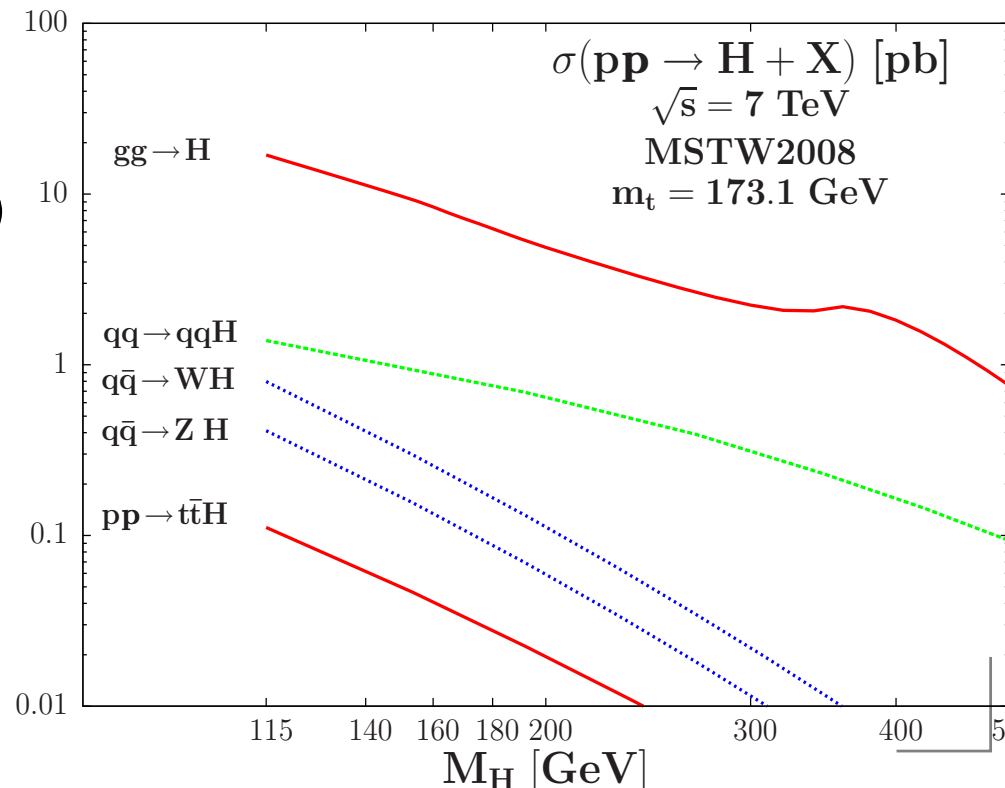
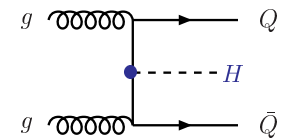
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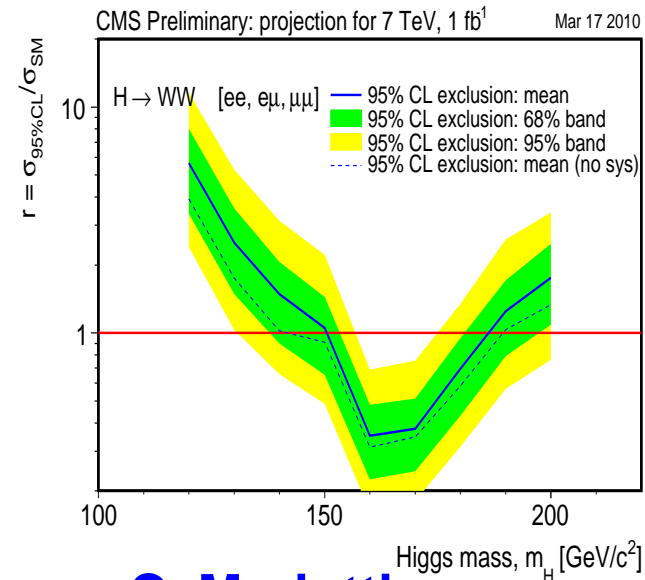
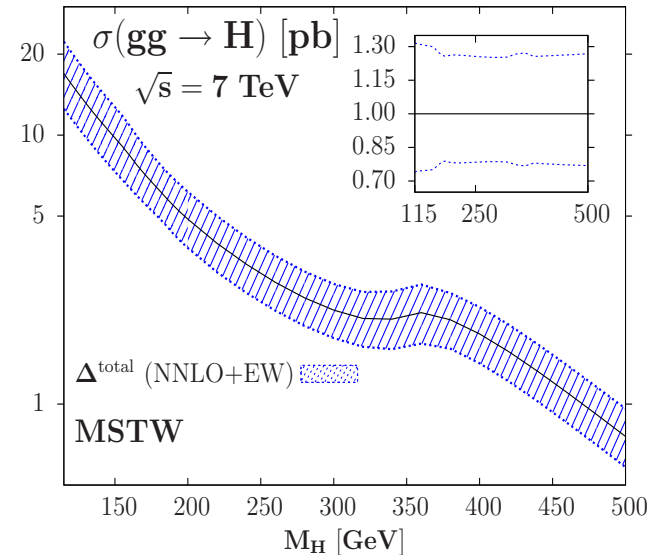
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Combined uncertainty  $\approx \pm 30\%$

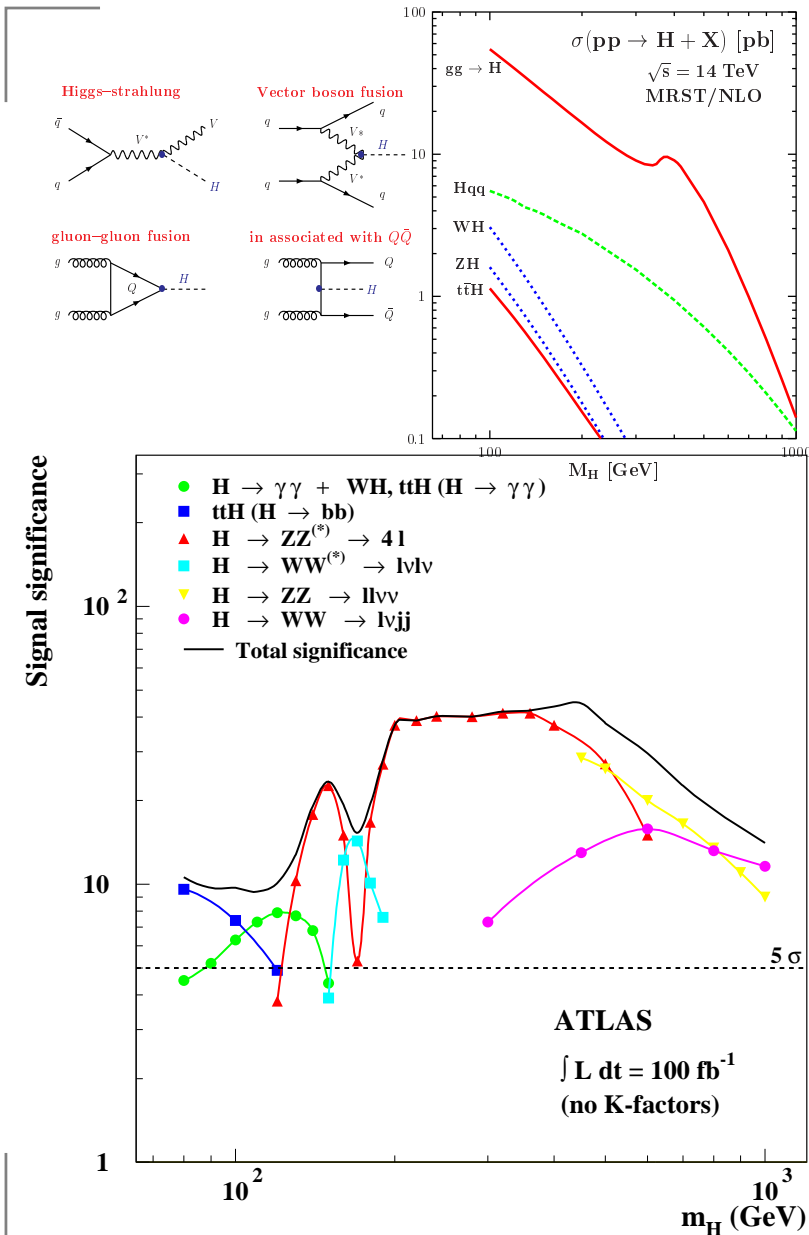
excludes  $M_H \approx 150 - 190 \text{ GeV}$

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# 4. The Higgs at the (full) LHC



**LHC:**  $\sqrt{s} = 7 + 7 = 14$  TeV  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{s}_{\text{eff}} \sim \sqrt{s}/3 \sim 5$  TeV  
 $\mathcal{L} \sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  first years and  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  later

**gluon-gluon fusion:**

$gg \rightarrow \tau\tau, b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}$  hopeless

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (below  $M_H \approx 150$  GeV)

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  (130–500 GeV)

$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  (130–200 GeV)

$H \rightarrow ZZ, WW \rightarrow jj + l$  (above 500 GeV)

**Vector boson fusion:**

$S/B \sim 1$  after standard VBF cuts

$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \tau\tau, \gamma\gamma, ZZ^*, WW^*$

**Association with top pairs:**

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  bonus,  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  hopeless?

**Association with W,Z:**

jet substructure; measurements?

**Only question: when?**



# 5. Conclusion

**The LHC will tell.**