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# THE HIGGS BOSON

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# THE HIGGS BOSON AFTER DISCOVERY

- ▶ The Higgs mechanism in the Standard Model allowed us with very few assumptions to unify the electroweak force and generate fundamental mass.
- ▶ The SM Higgs mechanism may be the simplest one compatible with experiment - many more working theories have been proposed!
  - Which Higgs boson did we find?
  - Are there more?
  - Is the Higgs composite?
- ▶ We want to figure out if the Higgs boson we discovered really is the one predicted by the Standard Model and if all its consequences are realized in nature.



- ▶ The coupling and mass of the Higgs boson introduce the electroweak scale into our universe. Why does it take this value?

$$\lambda = \frac{m_h^2}{2v^2} = 0.13$$

- ▶ The hope to unify with gravity:

$$V_{\text{grav}} = -\frac{Gm_h^2}{r}$$

$$V_{\text{Higgs}} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{r} e^{-rm_h}$$

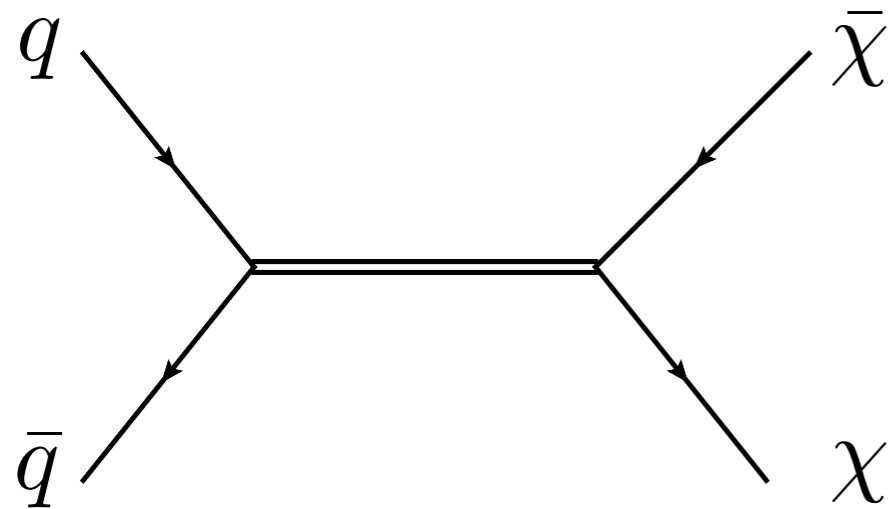
Why do the “couplings” differ so much?

**HIERARCHY PROBLEM**

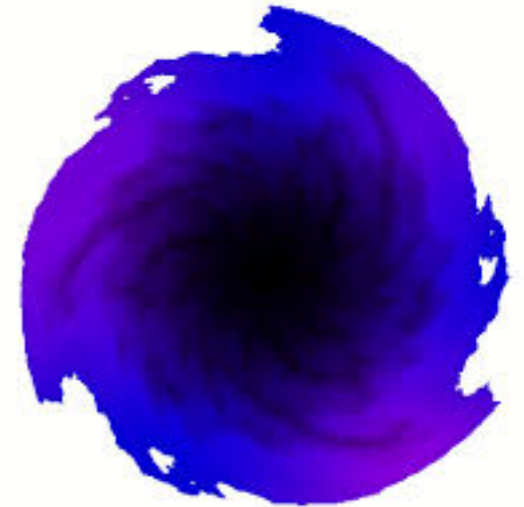
$$\frac{Gm_h^2}{\lambda^2} \sim 10^{-33}$$



- ▶ **Dark Matter!** We know it exists but we don't know what it is!  
The Higgs couples to particles with mass - maybe also dark matter?



HIGGS PORTAL



- ▶ CP violation is derived from Higgs boson Yukawa couplings.  
We don't have enough of it to explain why we have more matter than anti-matter in the universe.
- ▶ Quarks and leptons have very different masses - why?
- ▶ Could the Higgs be driving inflation in the early universe?

- ▶ We have some pretty foundational gaps in our understanding of the universe!

Neutrino masses, matter-anti-matter asymmetry, inflation, hierarchy of masses, gravity, dark matter, dark energy, ....

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i\bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + \text{h.c.} \\ & + \boxed{\chi_i Y_{ij} \chi_j \phi + \text{h.c.}} \\ & + \boxed{D_\mu \phi |^2 - V(\phi)} \end{aligned}$$

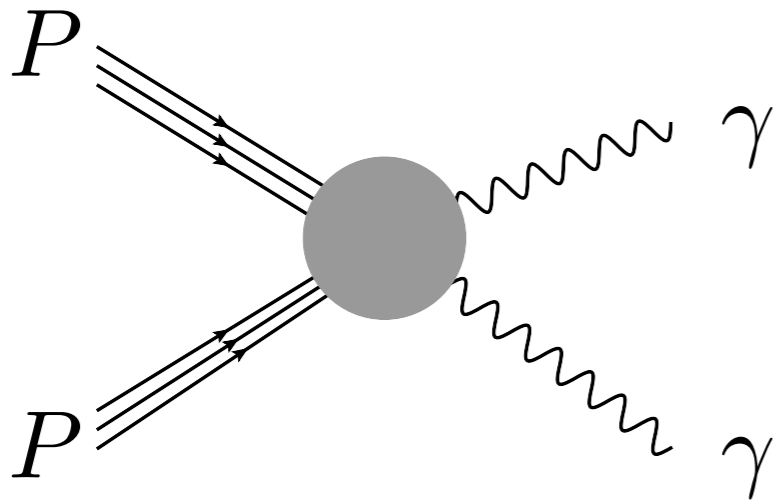
- ▶ With the LHC and the discovery of the Higgs we gained for the first time a window to study a huge part of the fundamental interactions in a controlled laboratory setting.
- ▶ Exploring this sector of interactions will get us closer to answers about the most pressing questions of physics of our time.







- ❖ We look for the low energy output of proton collisions: Photons, electrons, muons, mesons, baryons.

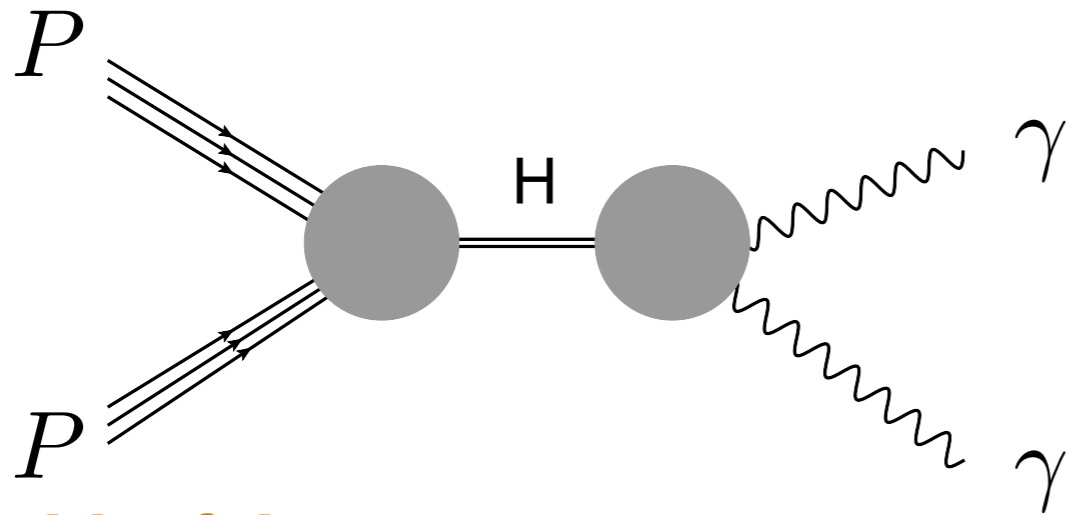


- ❖ The rates and distributions of the final states tell us what happened in the interaction at very short time scales.

$$\sigma_{P P \rightarrow \gamma \gamma}$$

is a function of couplings and masses and changes dependent on the property of the propagating degrees of freedom.

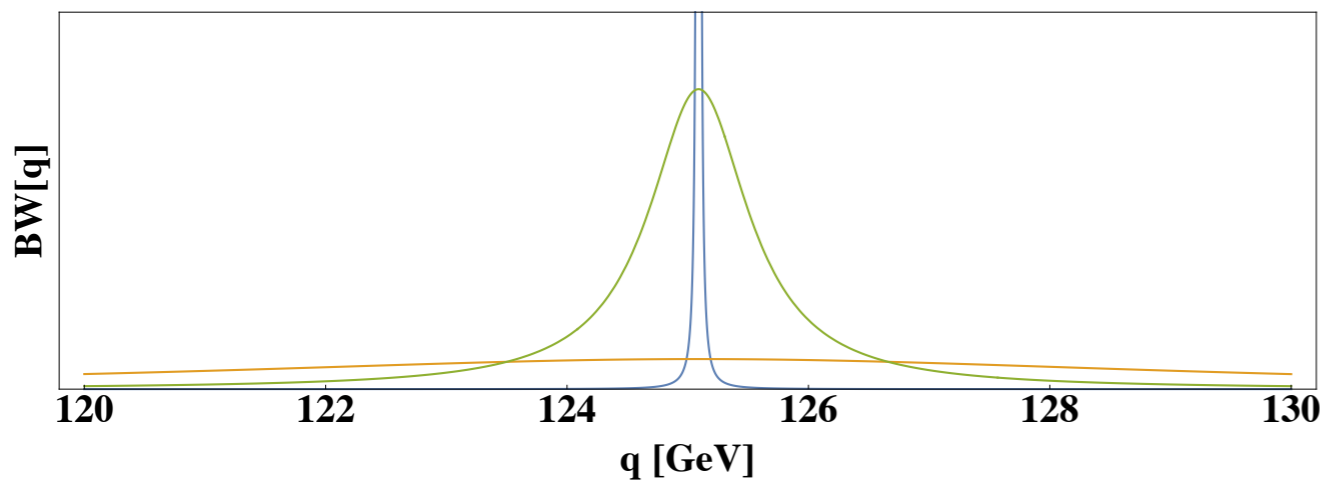
❖ In the SM we can factorize the production and decay process to very good approximation!



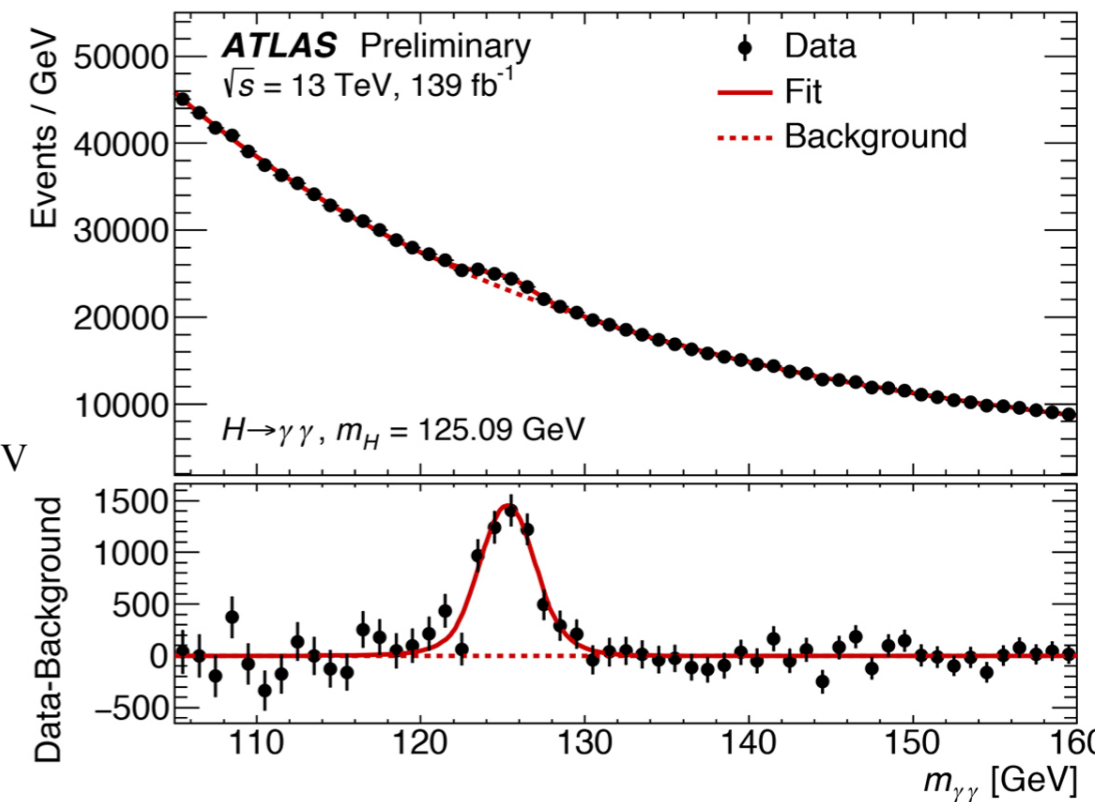
$$\sim \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_h^2)^2 + \Gamma_h^2 m_h^2}$$

❖ Width of the Higgs is very narrow!

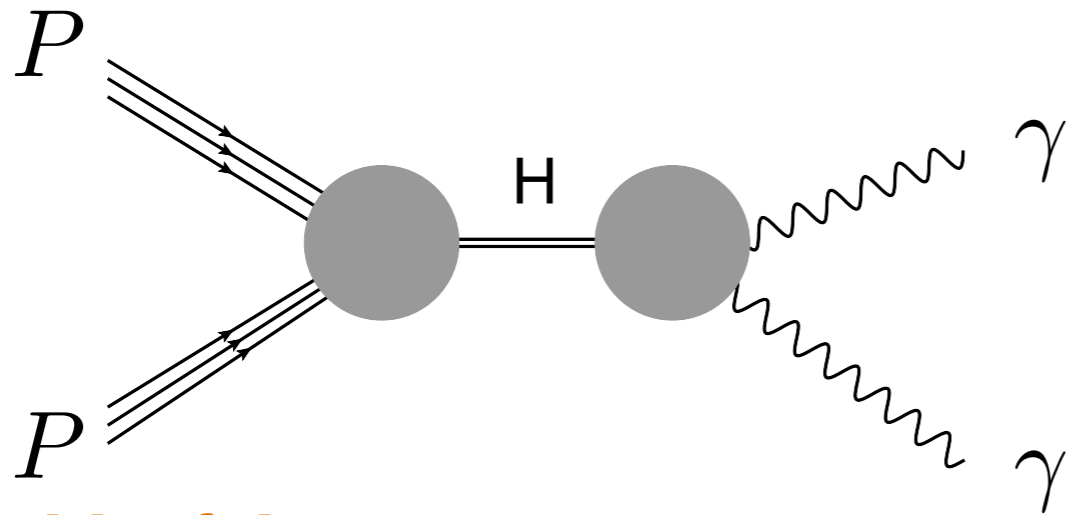
$$\Gamma \sim 4\text{MeV} \quad \tau \sim 10^{-22}\text{s}$$



—  $\Gamma = 0.004\text{ MeV}$   
 —  $\Gamma = 10\text{ GeV}$   
 —  $\Gamma = 1\text{ GeV}$



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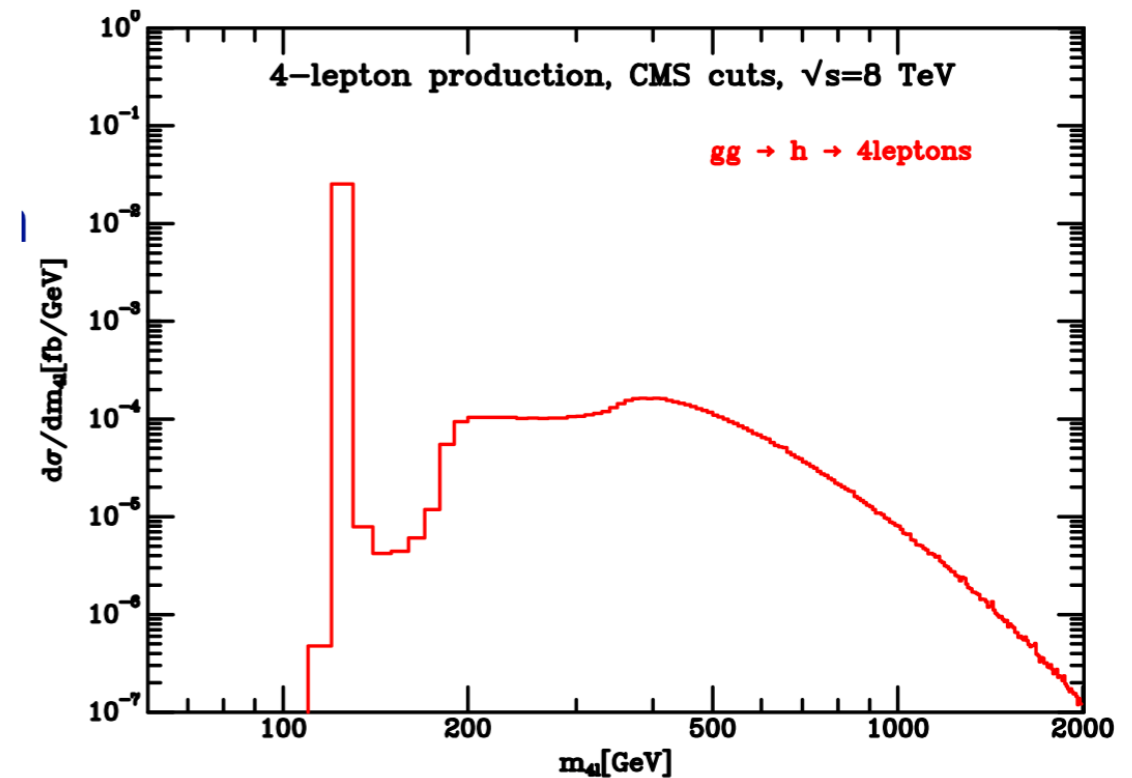
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How well does it work: Example  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4$  leptons

$\sim 15\%$  of the cross section off peak

$$\sim \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_h^2)^2 + \Gamma_h^2 m_h^2}$$

$$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR})(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \frac{\sigma_i \cdot \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_H}$$



## The lifetime of the Higgs

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\text{tot.}}}$$

- ▶ In the SM, we can compute it:

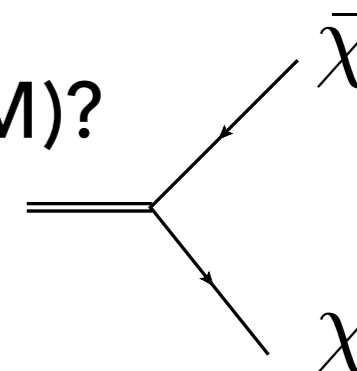
$$\Gamma_{\text{tot.}} = \Gamma_{h \rightarrow b\bar{b}} + \Gamma_{h \rightarrow WW} + \Gamma_{h \rightarrow gg} + \Gamma_{h \rightarrow ZZ} + \dots$$

- ▶ We find:  $\Gamma_{\text{tot.}} \sim 4\text{MeV}$        $\tau \sim 10^{-22}\text{s}$

- ▶ Experimentally this is very hard to measure!

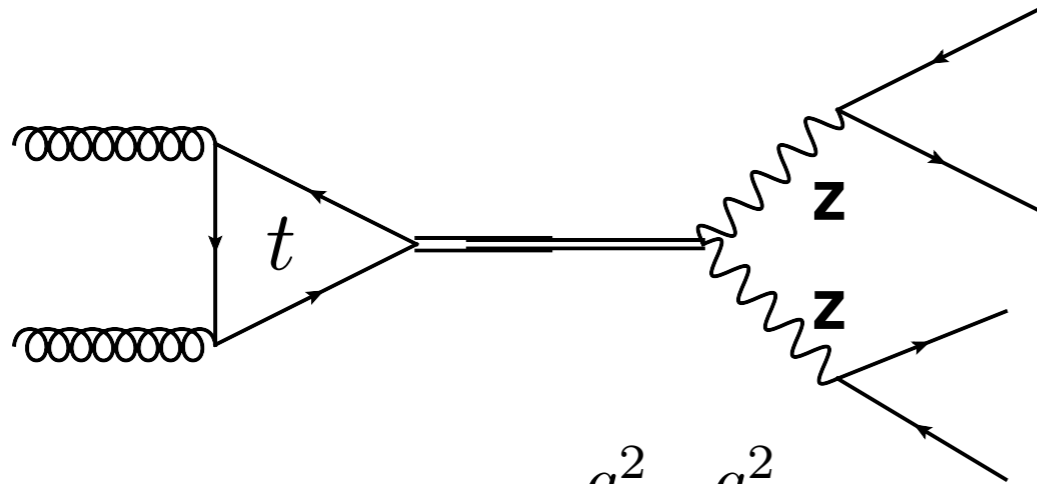
We would need to have an energy resolution on our photons and muons at the MeV scale while they have  $\sim 50\text{ GeV}$  of momentum!

- ▶ What if the Higgs is decaying to unknown things (DM)?



## The lifetime of the Higgs

- ▶ Use the large off-shell cross section in  $H \rightarrow 4l$ !



$$\sigma_{PP \rightarrow h \rightarrow 4\mu} \sim \frac{g_{hgg}^2 g_{hZZ}^2}{(q^2 - m_h^2)^2 - \Gamma_{\text{tot}}^2 m_h^2}$$

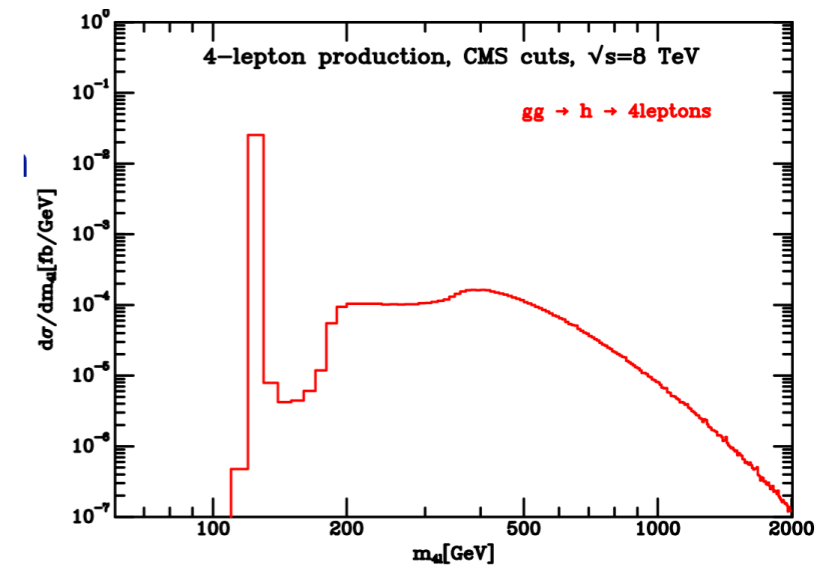
$$q^2 = m_h^2 \quad \frac{g_{hgg}^2 g_{hZZ}^2}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^2 m_h^2}$$

$$q^2 \gg m_h^2 \quad \frac{g_{hgg}^2 g_{hZZ}^2}{(q^2 - m_h^2)^2}$$

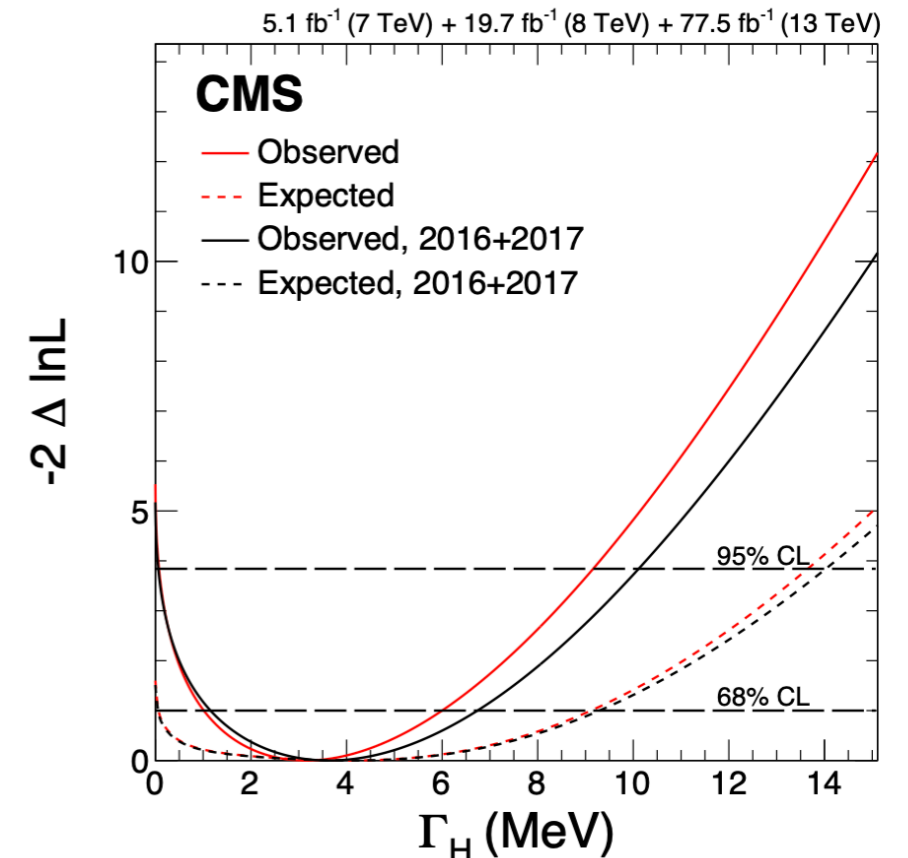
Ratio:

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^2 m_h^2}{(q^2 - m_h^2)^2}$$

[arXiv:1307.4935](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.4935)



$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{CMS}} = 3.2_{-2.2}^{+2.8} \text{ MeV}$$



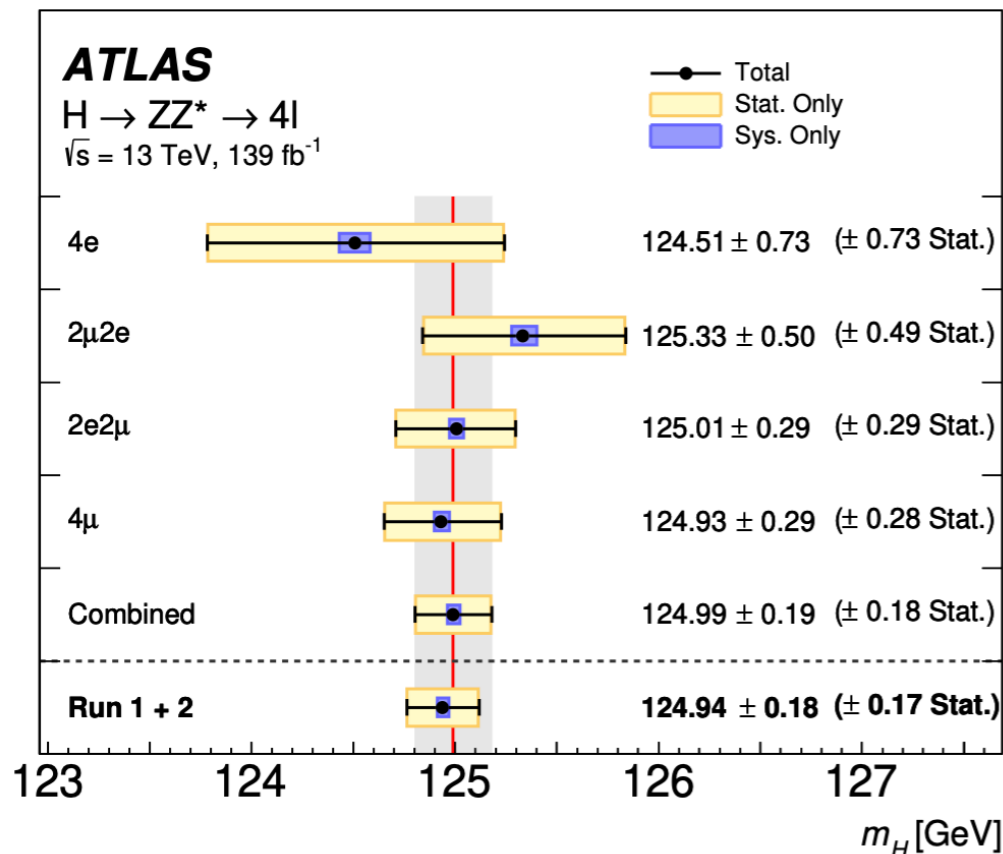
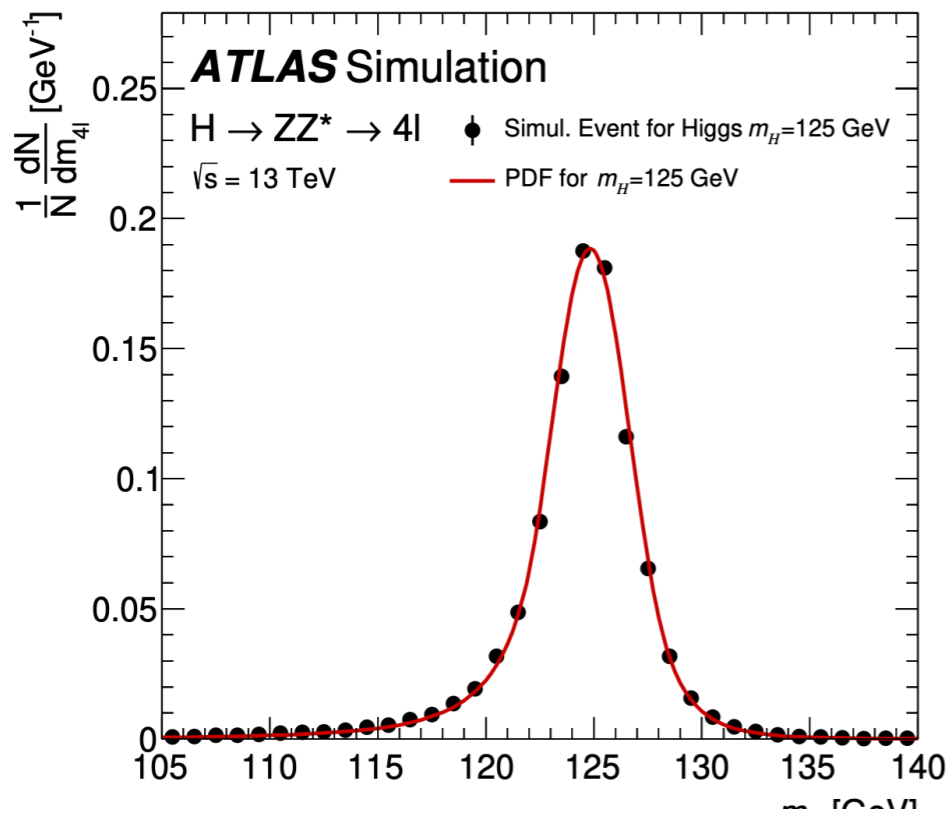
- ▶ Width of the peak due to experimental resolution.

- ▶ Extract mass from fit to peak in

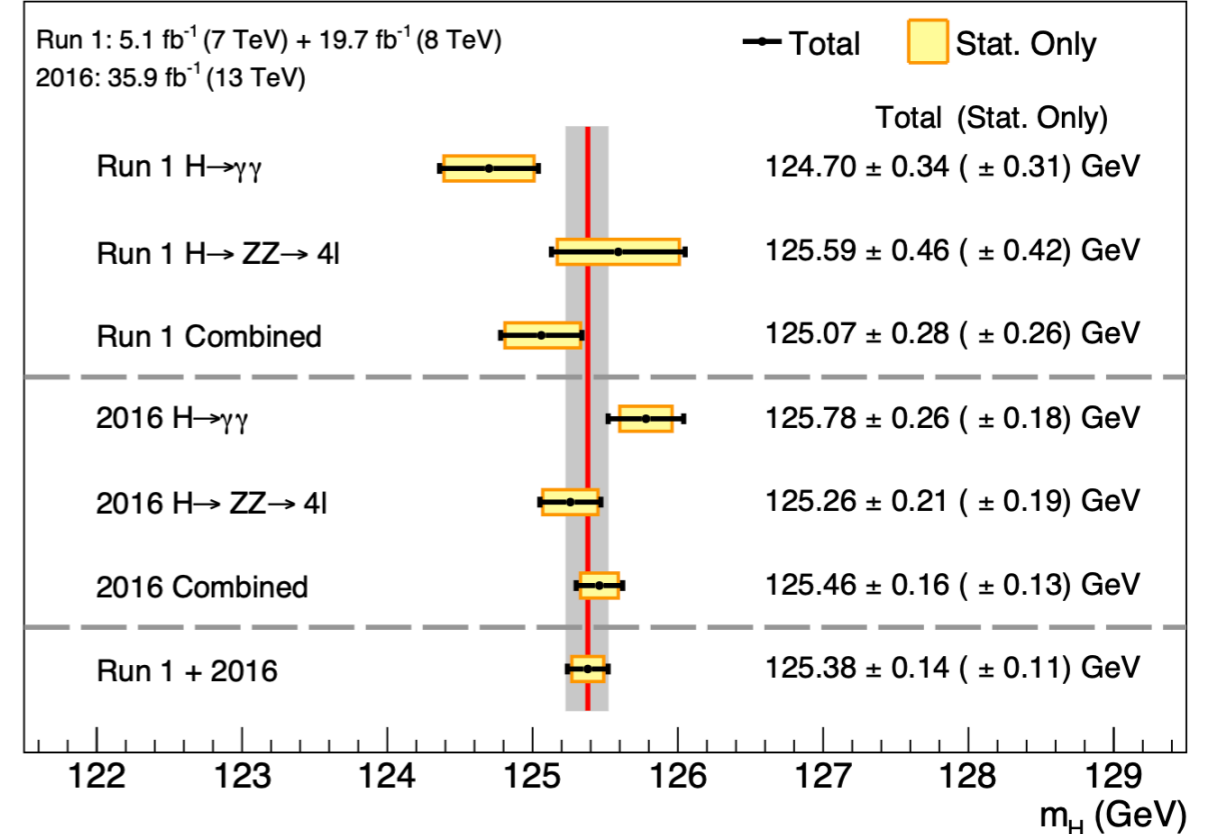


- ▶ A precision observable!

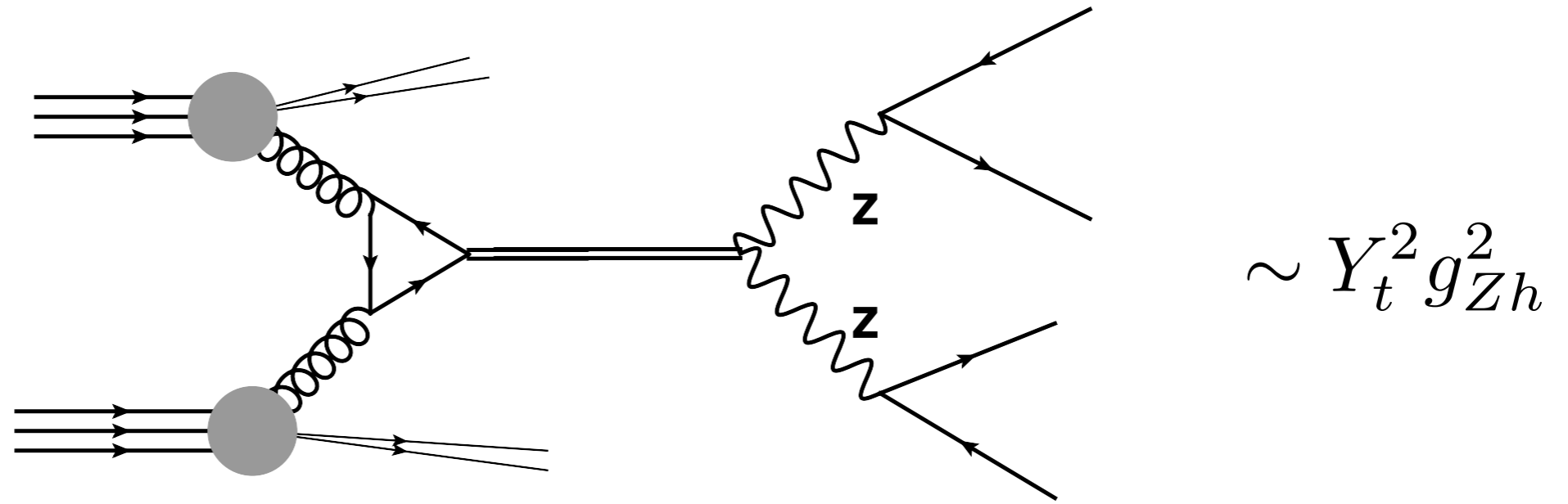
$$m_H = 124.94 \text{ GeV} \pm 0.15\%$$



## CMS

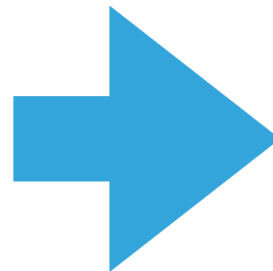


## We measure production times decay!



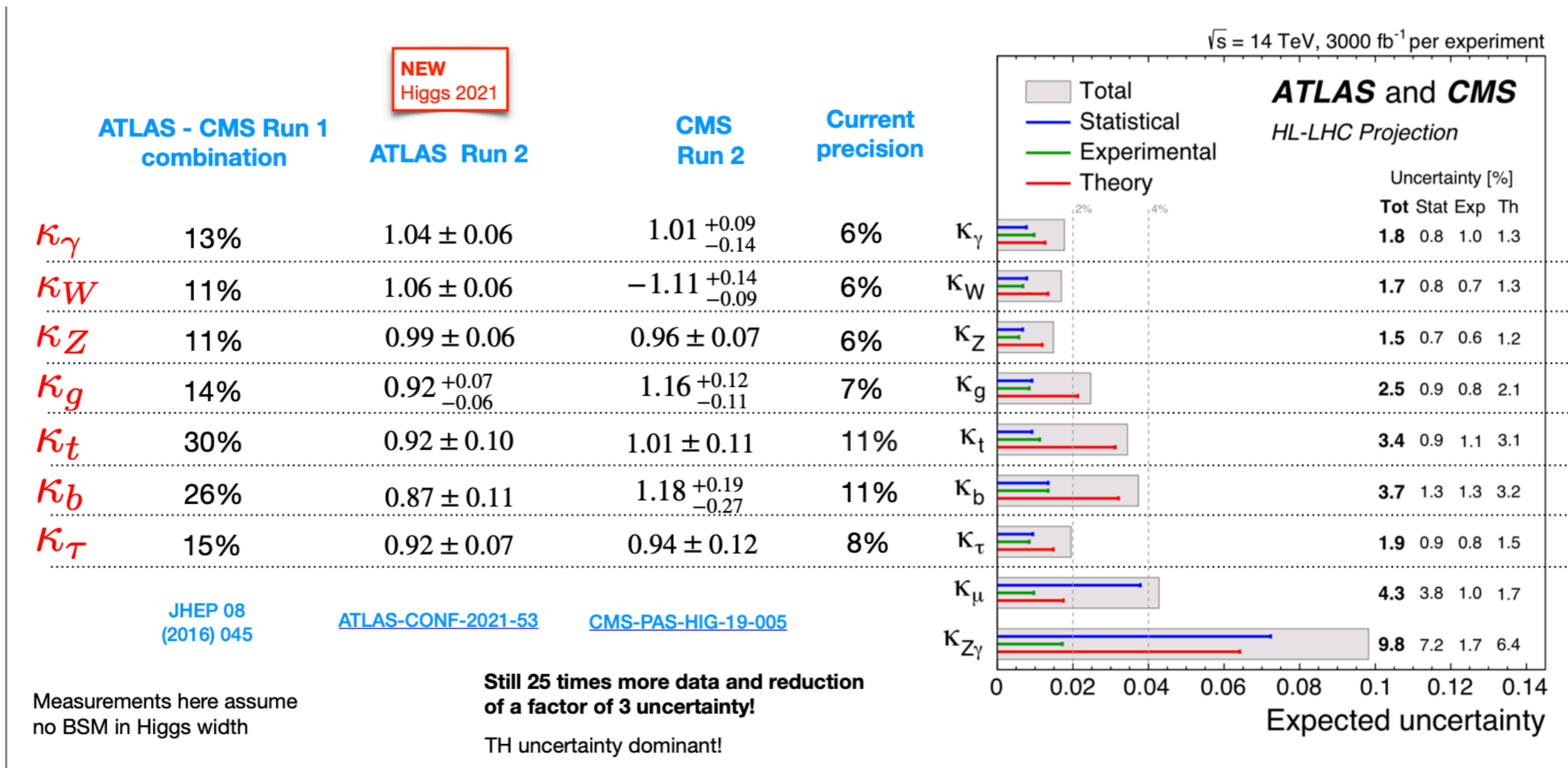
- ▶ For computations we can separate production and decay - not in observation.
- ▶ A single measurement will not allow us to determine specific coupling constants of the Higgs boson.
- ▶ Measure many different combinations!
- ▶ A convenient parametrization:

$$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR})(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \frac{\sigma_i \cdot \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_H}$$



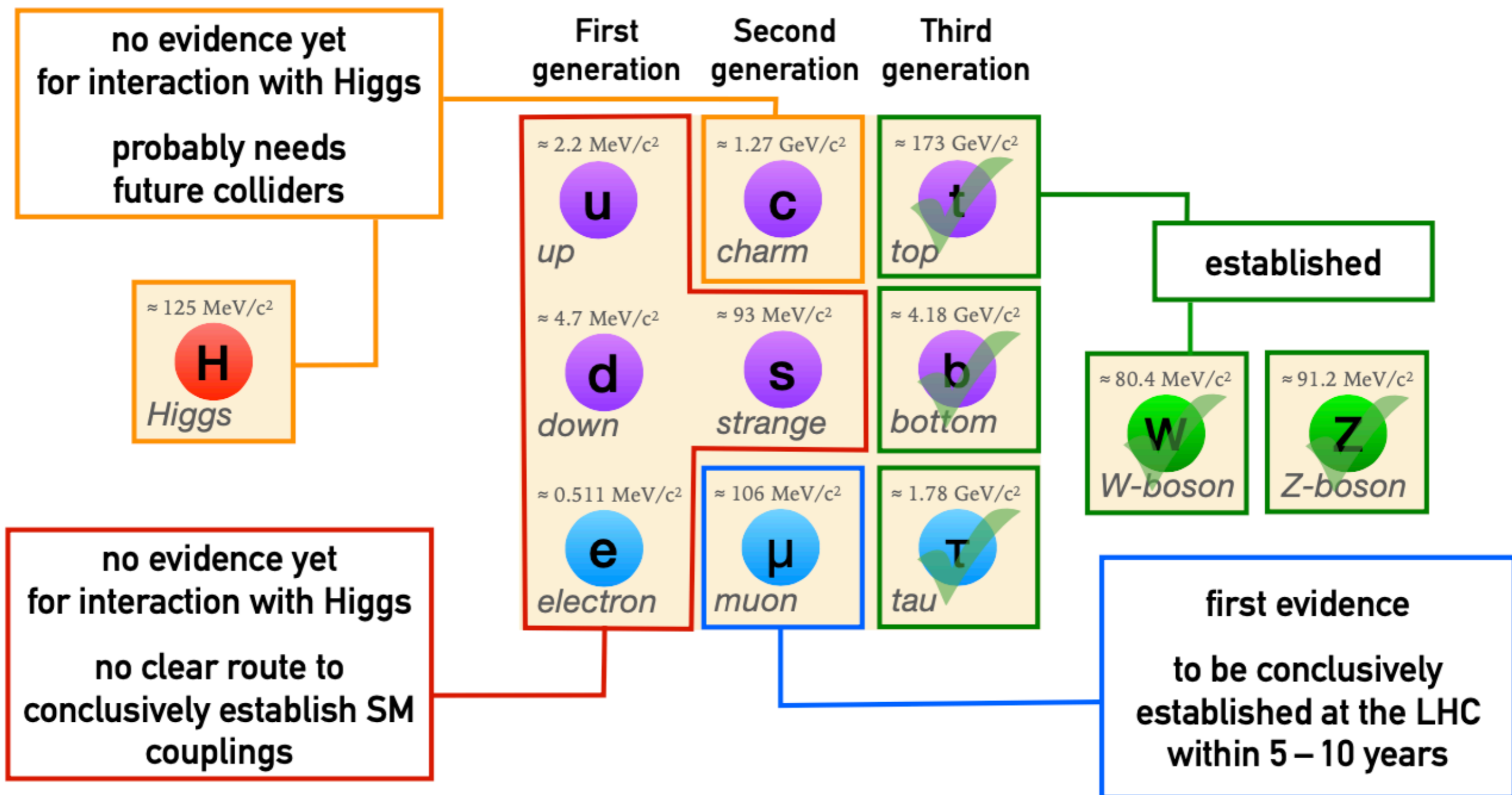
$$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR})(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \frac{\sigma_i^{SM} \kappa_i^2 \cdot \Gamma_f^{SM} \kappa_f^2}{\Gamma_H^{SM} \kappa_H^2}$$

## Kappa - Framework



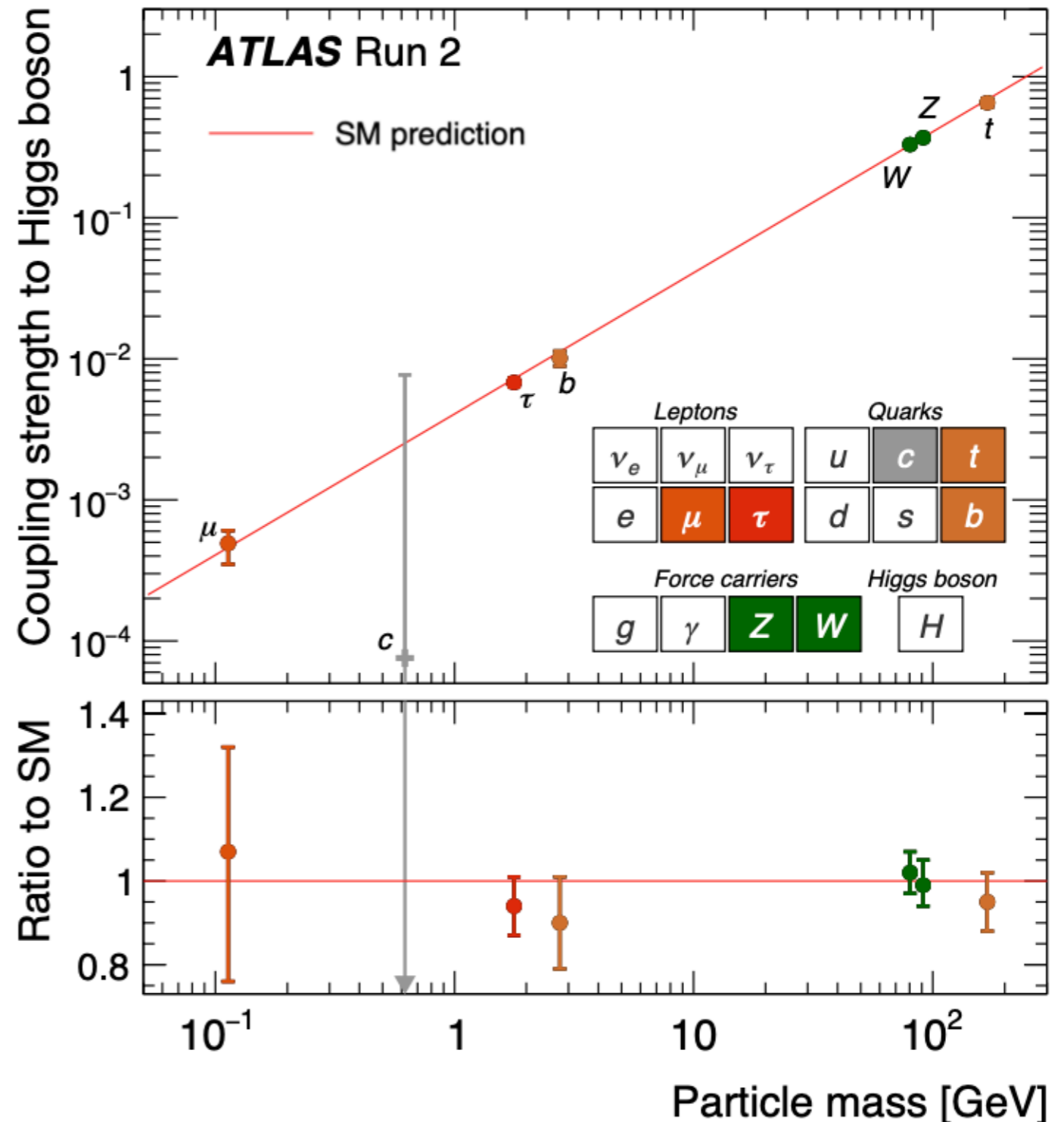


## Where we stand:



## Coupling $\sim$ Mass

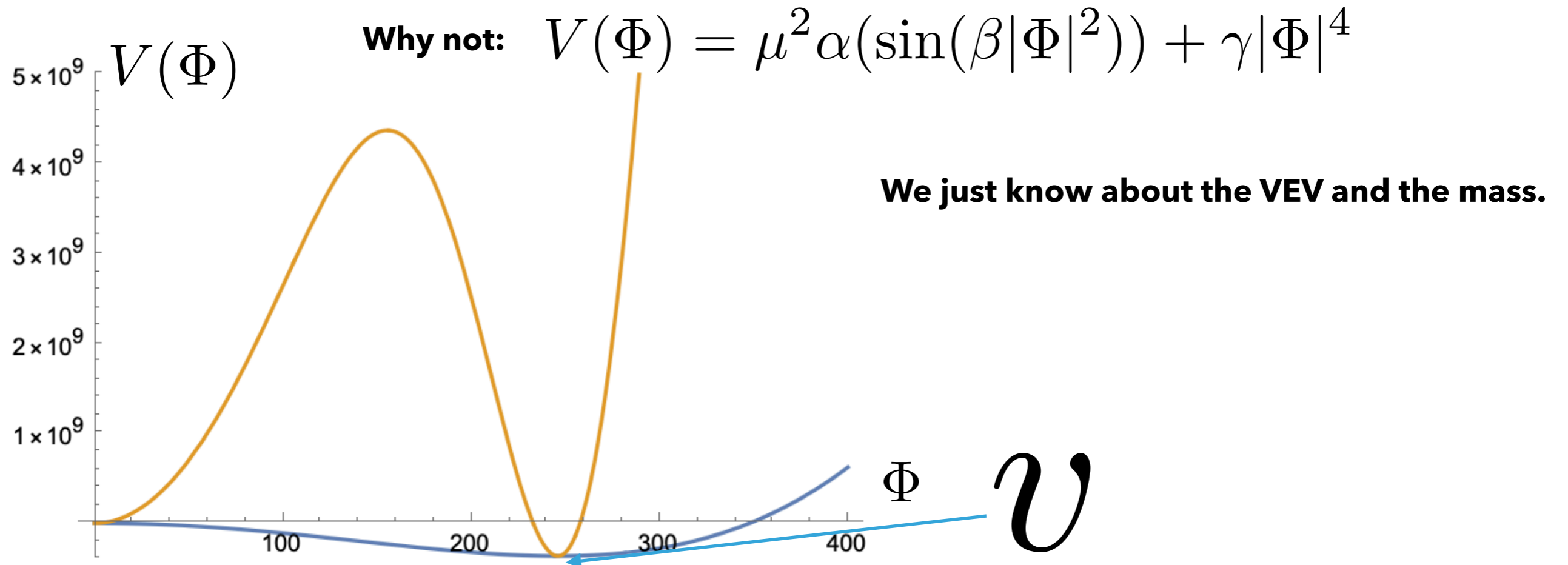
- ▶ Testing a key prediction of the SM: Coupling proportional to the mass!
- ▶ Experimentally true over 3 orders of magnitude.



## Measuring the potential of the Higgs

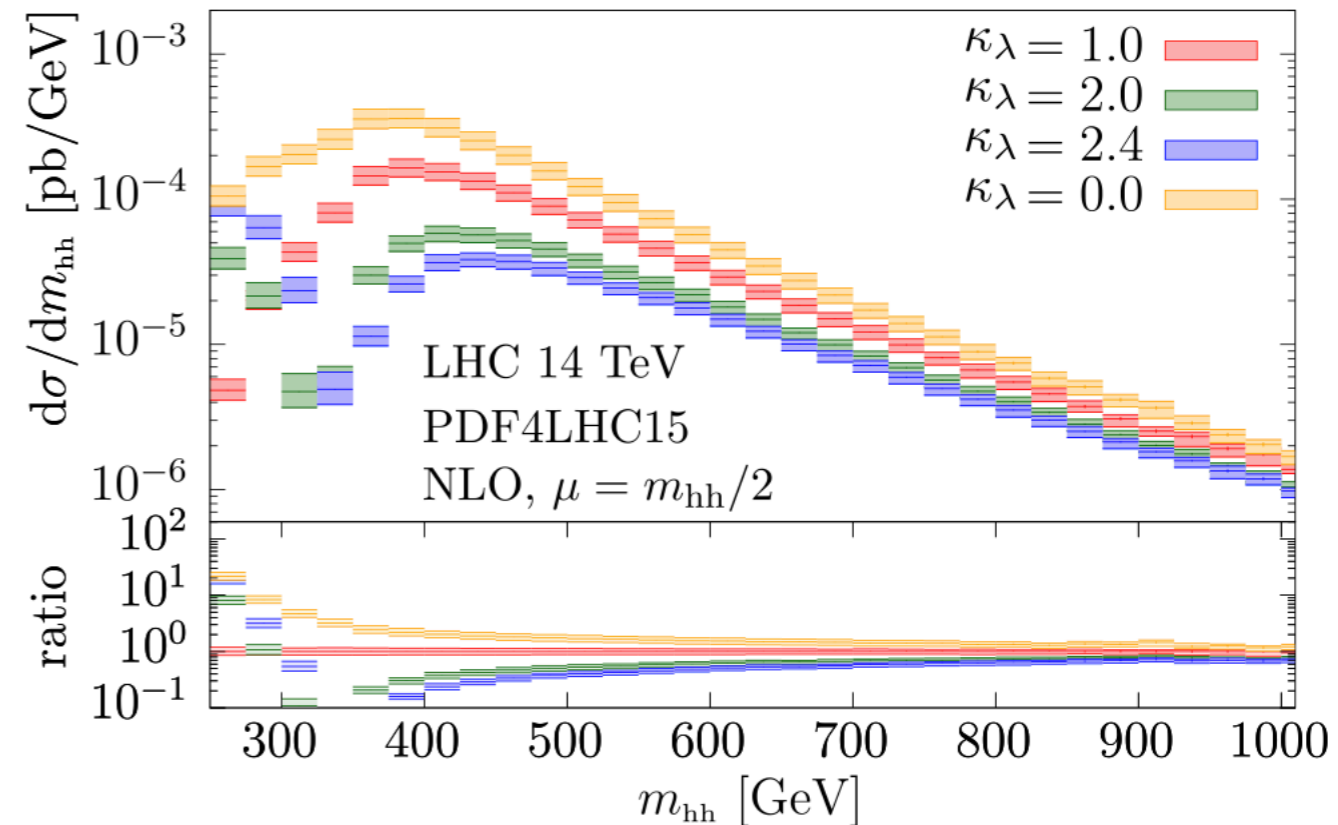
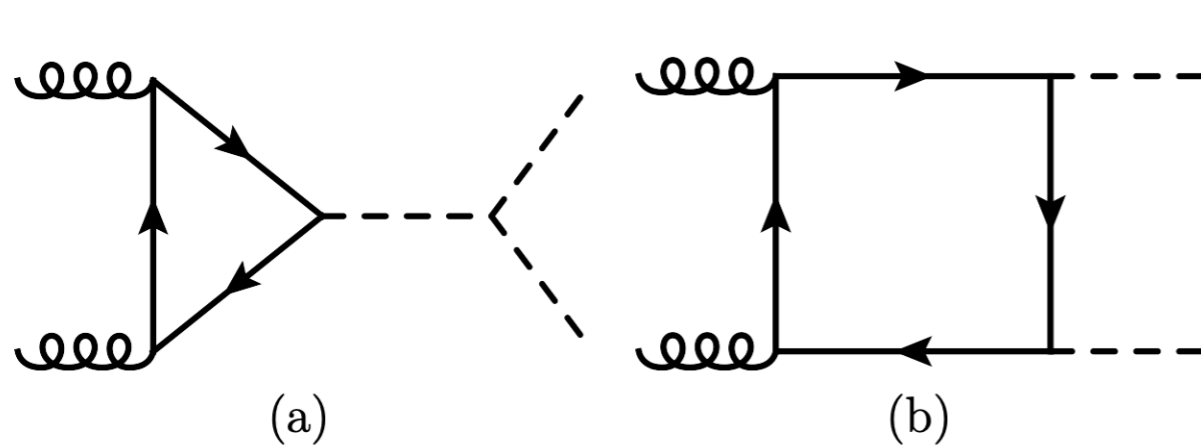
- ▶ In principle, we know the potential of the SM  $m_h = \sqrt{2\lambda}v = 125\text{GeV}$
- ▶ The potential in the SM is the simplest solution compatible with (gauge) symmetry.

$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2$$



## Measuring the potential of the Higgs

- ▶ Produce 2 Higgs bosons and measure the self coupling!



- ▶ Two contributions - Interfering destructively.
- ▶ Notoriously hard to compute and to measure!

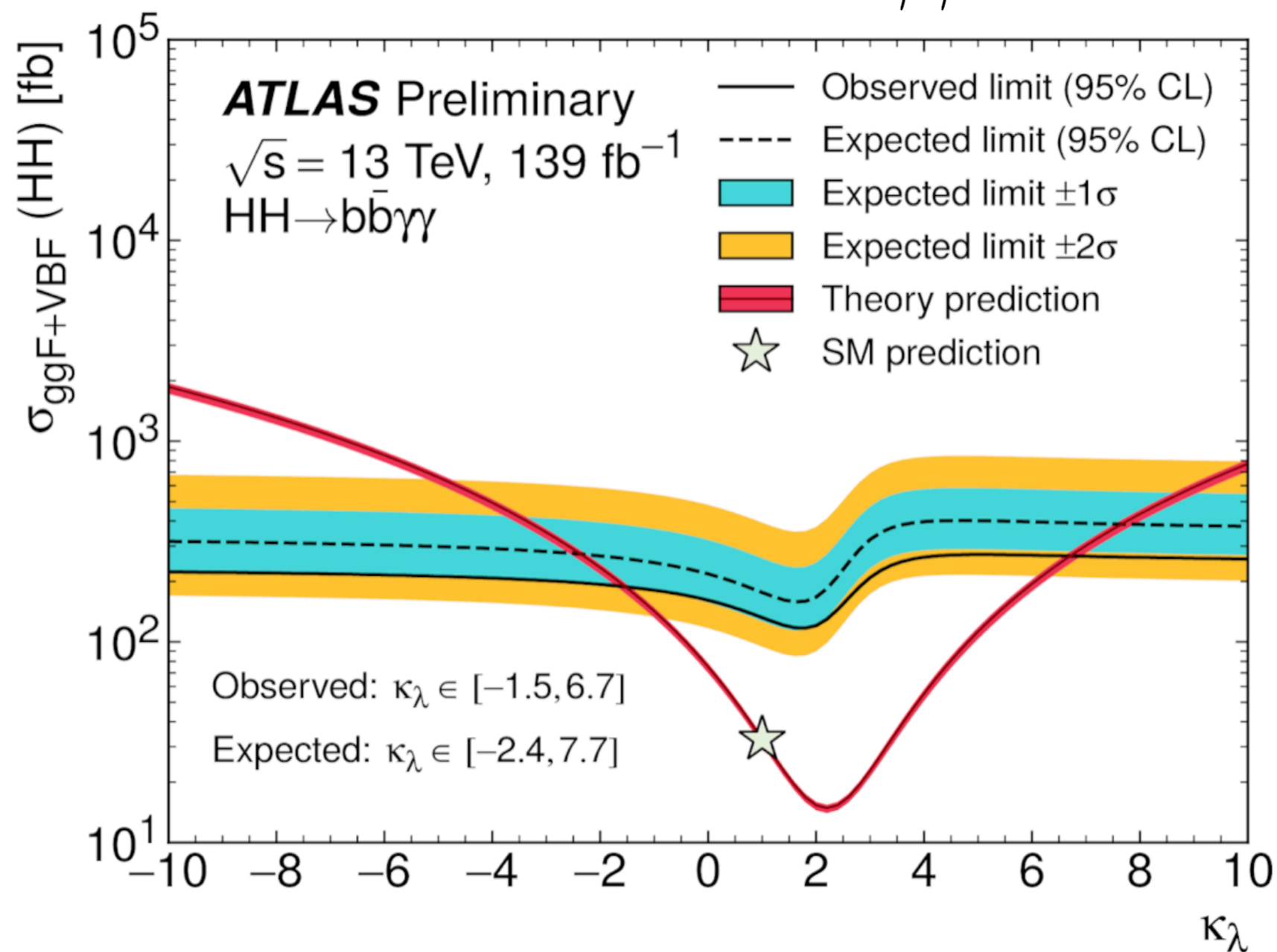
$$\sigma_{PP \rightarrow HH} = 27.84 \text{fb} \pm 12\% \quad \text{Compare:} \quad \sigma_{P \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 110 \text{fb}$$

- ▶ Look at bottom quark decays of the Higgs - harder to see but larger branching ratio.

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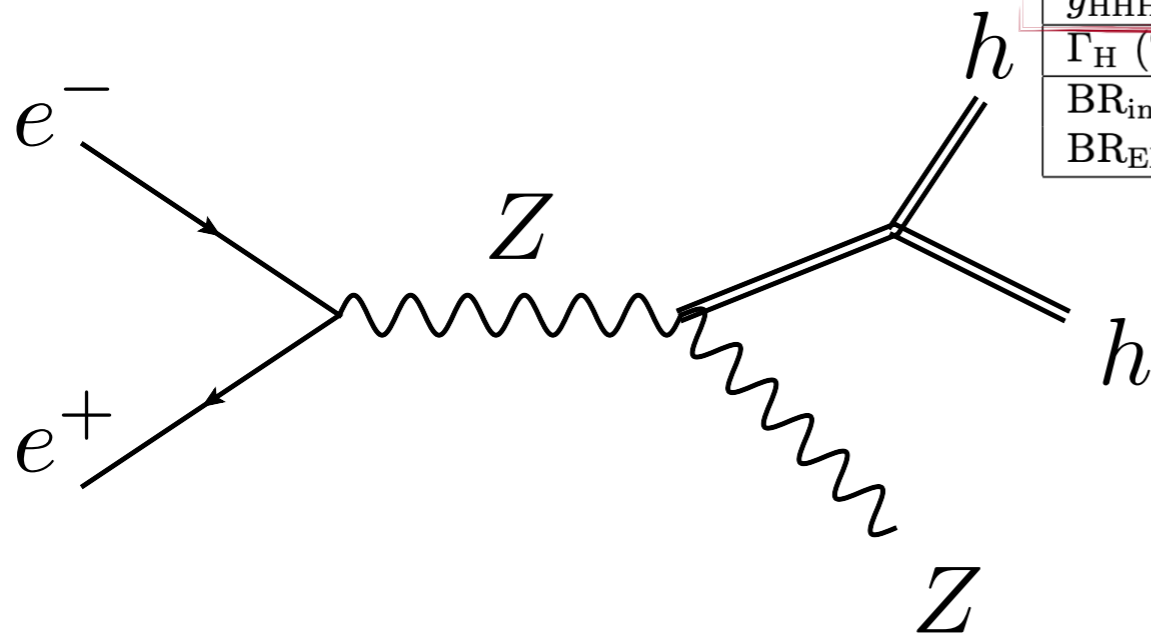
$$PP \rightarrow HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$$



## Measuring the potential of the Higgs

- ▶ Future colliders:
- ▶ Future machine colliding electrons and positrons.
- ▶ Measuring the Higgs potential is one of *the* motivations to build new machines!

Collider	HL-LHC	ILC <sub>250</sub>	CLIC <sub>380</sub>	CEPC <sub>240</sub>	FCC-ee <sub>240→365</sub>
Lumi (ab <sup>-1</sup> )	3	2	1	5.6	5 + 0.2 + 1.5
Years		11.5 <sup>5</sup>	8	7	3 + 1 + 4
$g_{HZZ}$ (%)	1.5 / 3.6	0.29 / 0.47	0.44 / 0.66	0.18 / 0.52	<b>0.17 / 0.26</b>
$g_{HWW}$ (%)	1.7 / 3.2	1.1 / 0.48	0.75 / 0.65	0.95 / 0.51	<b>0.41 / 0.27</b>
$g_{Hbb}$ (%)	3.7 / 5.1	1.2 / 0.83	1.2 / 1.0	0.92 / 0.67	<b>0.64 / 0.56</b>
$g_{Hcc}$ (%)	SM / SM	2.0 / 1.8	4.1 / 4.0	2.0 / 1.9	<b>1.3 / 1.3</b>
$g_{Hgg}$ (%)	2.5 / 2.2	1.4 / 1.1	1.5 / 1.3	1.1 / 0.79	<b>0.89 / 0.82</b>
$g_{H\tau\tau}$ (%)	1.9 / 3.5	1.1 / 0.85	1.4 / 1.3	1.0 / 0.70	<b>0.66 / 0.57</b>
$g_{H\mu\mu}$ (%)	4.3 / 5.5	4.2 / 4.1	4.4 / 4.3	3.9 / 3.8	<b>3.9 / 3.8</b>
$g_{H\gamma\gamma}$ (%)	1.8 / 3.7	1.3 / 1.3	1.5 / 1.4	1.2 / 1.2	<b>1.2 / 1.2</b>
$g_{HZ\gamma}$ (%)	11. / 11.	11. / 10.	11. / 9.8	6.3 / 6.3	<b>10. / 9.4</b>
$g_{Htt}$ (%)	3.4 / 2.9	2.7 / 2.6	2.7 / 2.7	2.6 / 2.6	<b>2.6 / 2.6</b>
$g_{HHH}$ (%)	50. / 52.	28. / 49.	45. / 50.	17. / 49.	<b>19. / 34.</b>
$\Gamma_H$ (%)	SM	2.4	2.6	1.9	<b>1.2</b>
BR <sub>inv</sub> (%)	1.9	0.26	0.63	0.27	<b>0.19</b>
BR <sub>EXO</sub> (%)	SM (0.0)	1.8	2.7	1.1	<b>1.0</b>

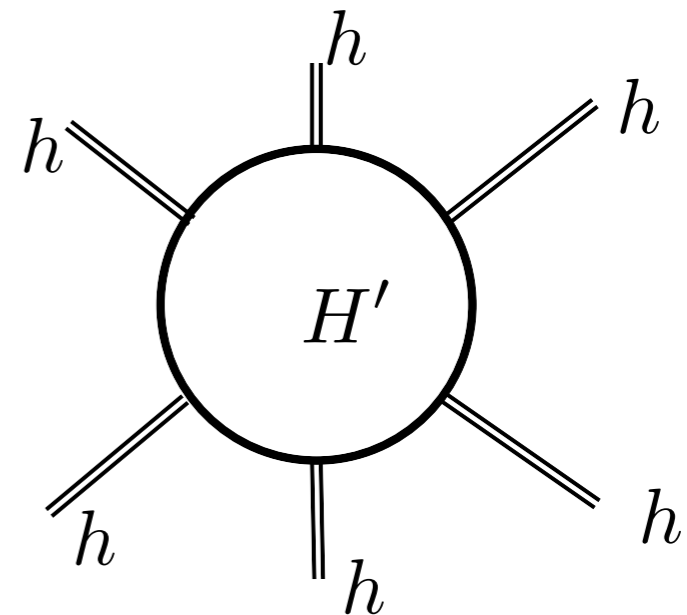


- ▶ Measurement of the trilinear Higgs coupling to 20-30%
- ▶ Impressive potential for other Higgs couplings!

## Parametrizing what we don't know

- ▶ Consider a very heavy scalar particle coupling to the Higgs Boson.

$$m_{H'} \gg v$$



$$m_{H'}^6 \int d^4k \prod_i^6 \frac{1}{(k + p_i)^2 - m_{H'}^2} \sim m_{H'}^6 \int d^4k \frac{1}{((k)^2 - m_{H'}^2)^6} + \mathcal{O}(p_i) = \frac{i}{320\pi^2 m_{H'}^2}$$

- ▶ Very heavy mass shrinks interactions to a point.
- ▶ Generates effective coupling of 6 Higgs bosons!

$$\mathcal{L}_{H'} \simeq \frac{i}{320\pi^2 m_{H'}^2} h^6 \in \frac{\lambda_6}{\Lambda^2} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^3$$

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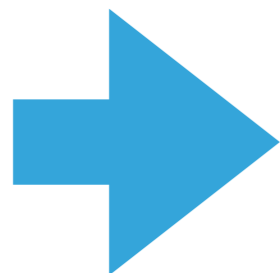
- ▶ We know the mass dimension of our familiar fields.

$$[\Phi] = 1$$

- ▶ Write down every product of fields of dimension higher than 4.

$$\sum_i \frac{g_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i(\{A, Z, W, h, g, e^-, u, d, \dots\})$$

- ▶ Make sure that the resulting Lagrangian is gauge invariant under all SM symmetries. (This relates some of the newly introduced couplings.)
- ▶ Make sure there are no redundancies (equations of motion).



Dim=6 SMEFT

Dimension 6 Standard Model  
Effective Field Theory



## Parametrizing what we don't know

- ▶ Assuming we see only our known SM fields directly, SMEFT provides a way of parametrizing low energy effective implications of physics at a high mass scale.
- ▶ The framework is well defined from a QFT point of view.
- ▶ We can calculate! We see for any observable what the implications are.

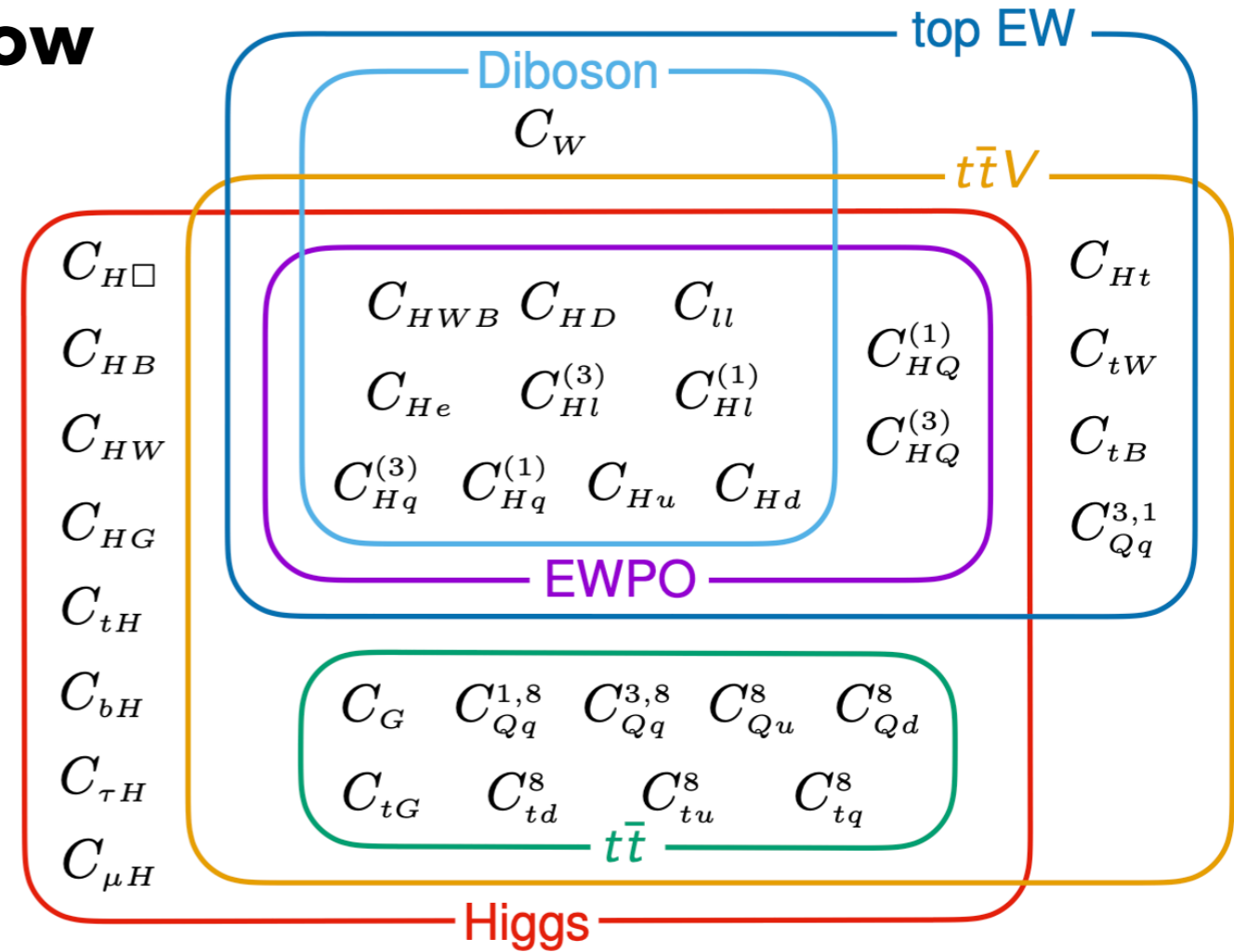
▶ Many operators!  
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▶ 59 if we choose only flavor diagonal operators.

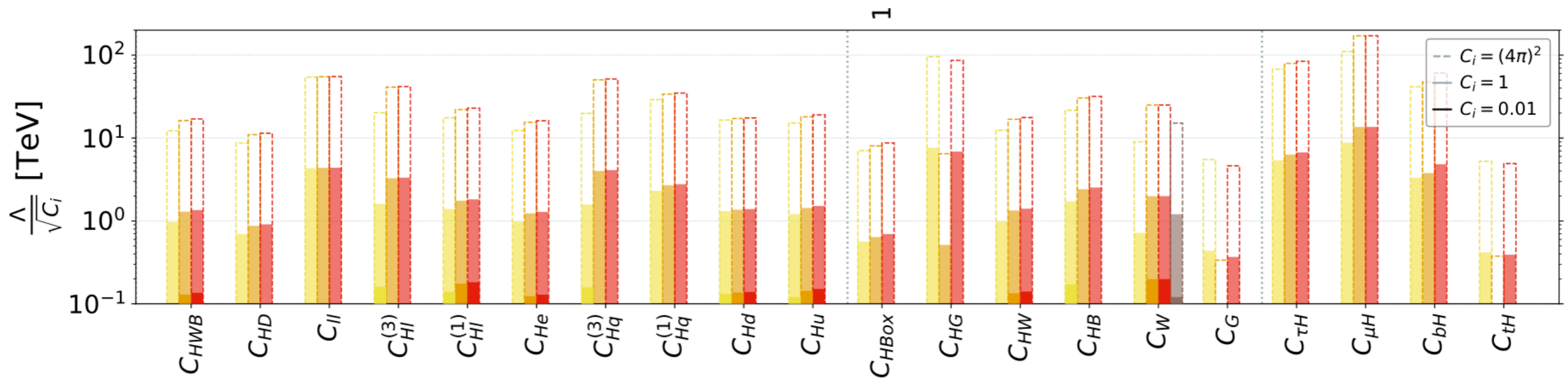
$X^3$		$\varphi^6$ and $\varphi^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 \varphi^3$	
$Q_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_\varphi$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^3$	$Q_{e\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{l}_p e_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi\Box}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)\Box(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)$	$Q_{u\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{\varphi})$
$Q_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$Q_{\varphi D}$	$(\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)$	$Q_{d\varphi}$	$(\varphi^\dagger \varphi)(\bar{q}_p d_r \varphi)$
$Q_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 \varphi^2$		$\psi^2 X \varphi$		$\psi^2 \varphi^2 D$	
$Q_{\varphi G}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I \varphi W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(1)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{G}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$Q_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi l}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{uB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{\varphi} B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi q}^{(3)}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I \varphi)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$Q_{\varphi \tilde{B}}$	$\varphi^\dagger \varphi \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dG}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \varphi G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$Q_{\varphi u}$	$(\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
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$Q_{\varphi \tilde{W}B}$	$\varphi^\dagger \tau^I \varphi \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \varphi B_{\mu\nu}$	$Q_{\varphi ud}$	$i(\tilde{\varphi}^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$

## Parametrizing what we don't know

- ▶ Include in global fit of many observables to see if there are deviations for some operators.
- ▶ A daunting task!
- ▶ We can also pick subsets of observables - this limits at lowest orders the number of operators involved.



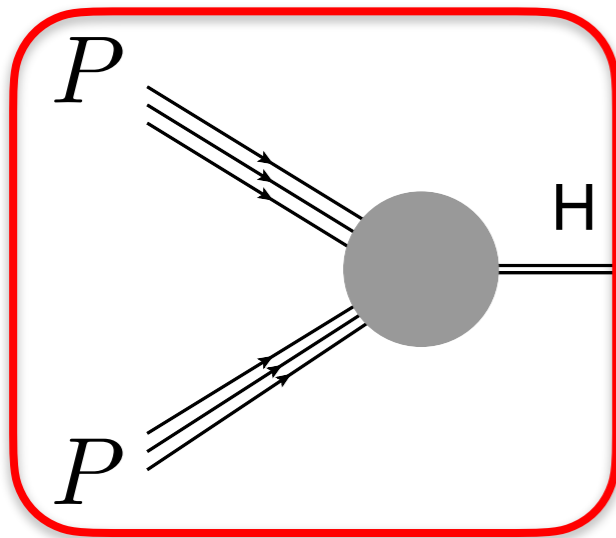
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# PRECISION QFT FOR HIGGGS BOSON PHYSICS

## ❖ Production Cross Section of Higgs Bosons

Production



- ❖ **How many Higgs Bosons do we produce at the LHC?**
- ❖ **Important for the extraction of coupling constants.**
- ❖ **Consistency check of SM**

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{\text{obs.}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}$$

$$\mu = 1.06 \pm 0.07 = 1.06 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{exp.})^{+0.05}_{-0.04}(\text{sig. th.}) \pm 0.02(\text{bkg. th.})$$

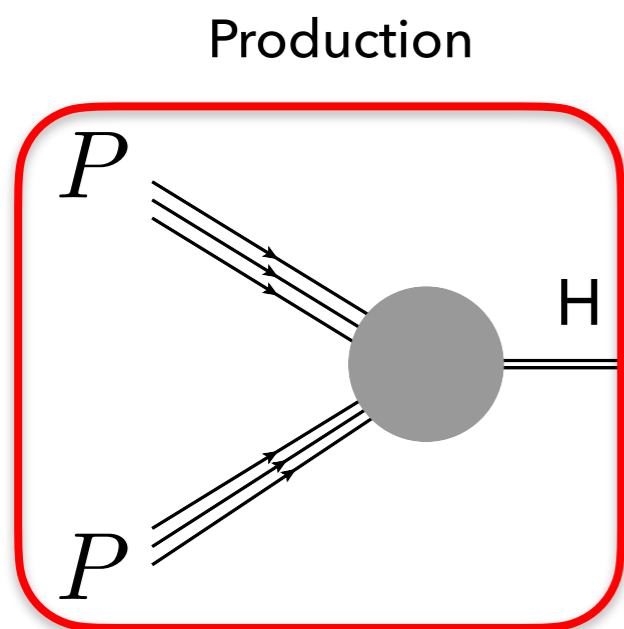
ATLAS

$$\mu = 1.02^{+0.07}_{-0.06} = 1.02 \pm 0.04(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{exp.}) \pm 0.04(\text{sig.+bkg. th.})$$

CMS

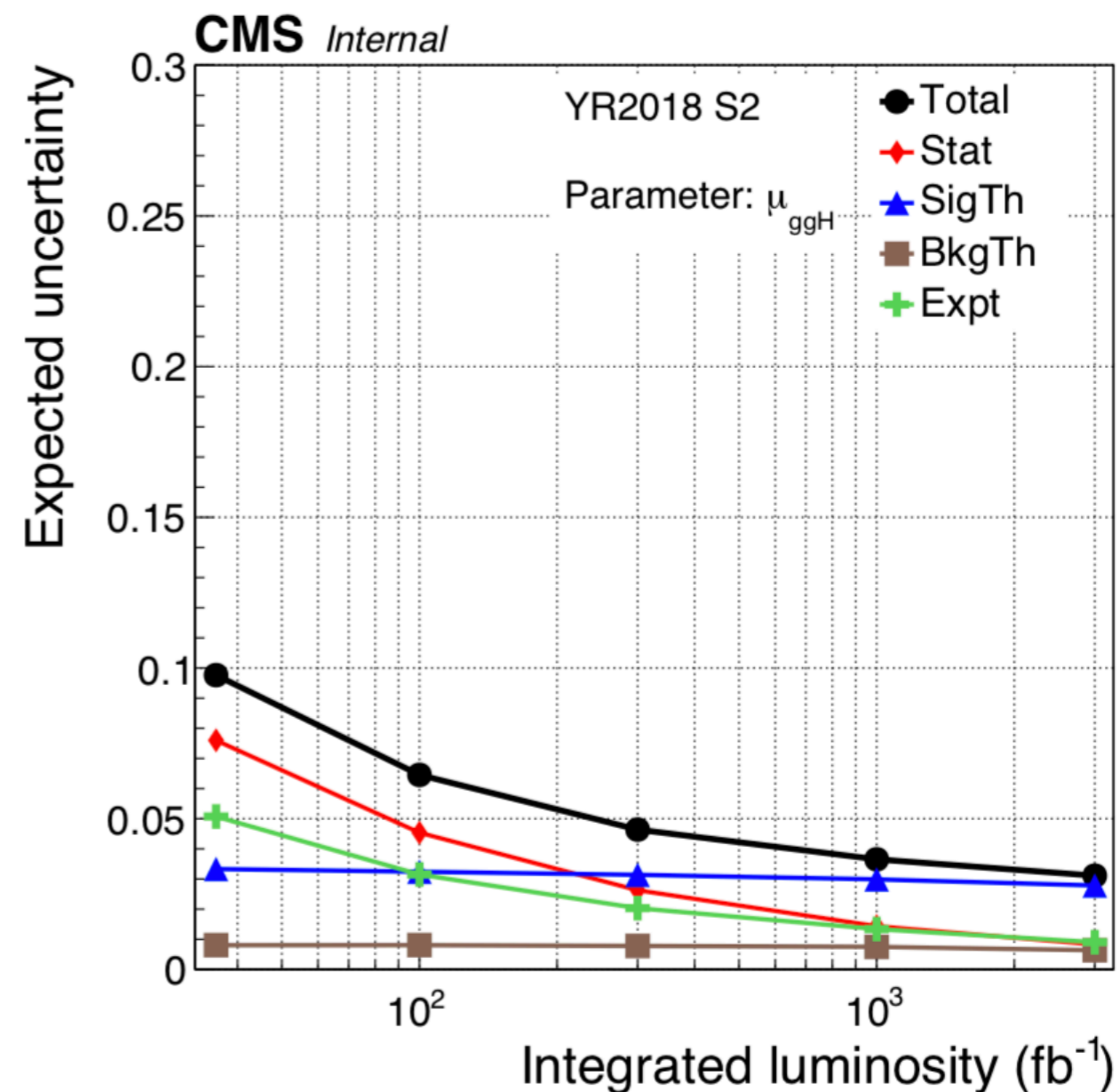
**Agreement with measurements today at the level of ~ 7 %.**

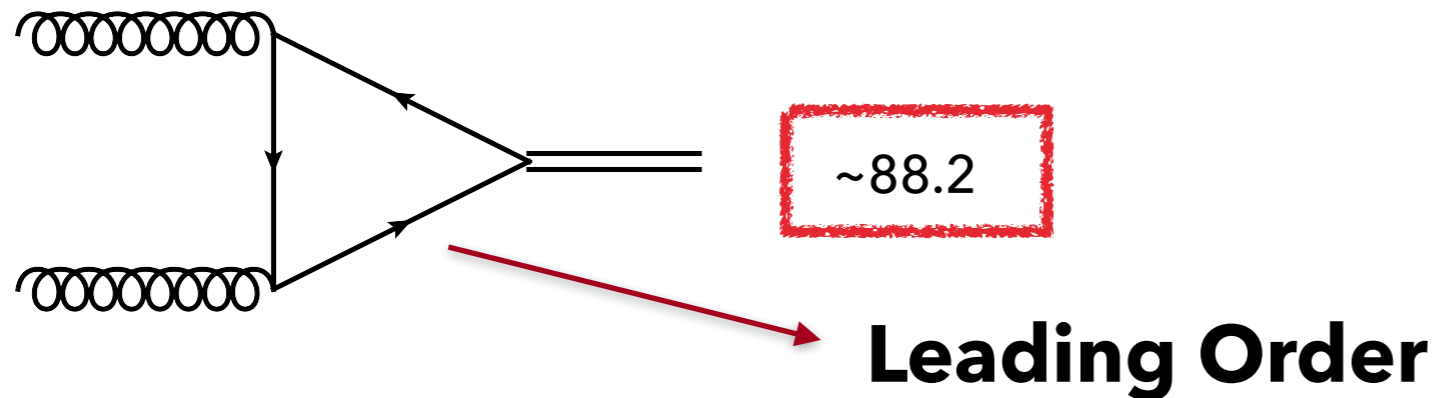
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$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_{\text{obs.}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}$$

- ▶ How will precision on Higgs observables develop over the next decade?
- ▶ Reaching precision targets of percent level phenomenology is a huge challenge!





- ✦ **How do we make our predictions precise: Perturbation Theory!**  
**Expand in couplings:**

$$\alpha_S \sim 0.118$$

$$\alpha_{\text{em.}} \sim 0.0073$$

Rule of thumb:  $\alpha_{\text{em.}} \sim \alpha_S^2$

- ✦ **How precise do we want to be?**

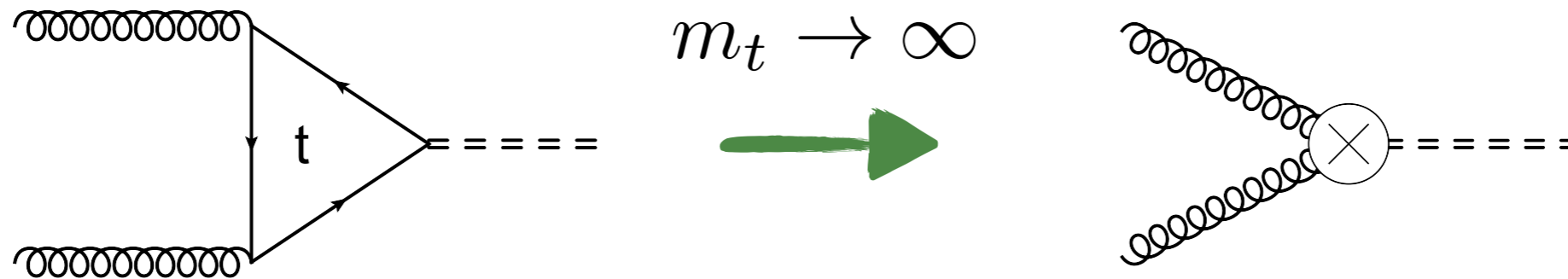
$$\hat{\sigma} = \overset{\text{LO}}{\hat{\sigma}^{(0)}} + \alpha_S^1 \overset{\text{NLO}}{\hat{\sigma}^{(1)}} + \alpha_S^2 \overset{\text{NNLO}}{\hat{\sigma}^{(2)}} + \alpha_S^3 \overset{\text{N3LO}}{\hat{\sigma}^{(3)}} + \dots$$

## Leading Order - Loop Induced

- ▶ Adding quantum corrections is **hard!**

Exploit hierarchy of masses

$$m_t \gg m_H$$

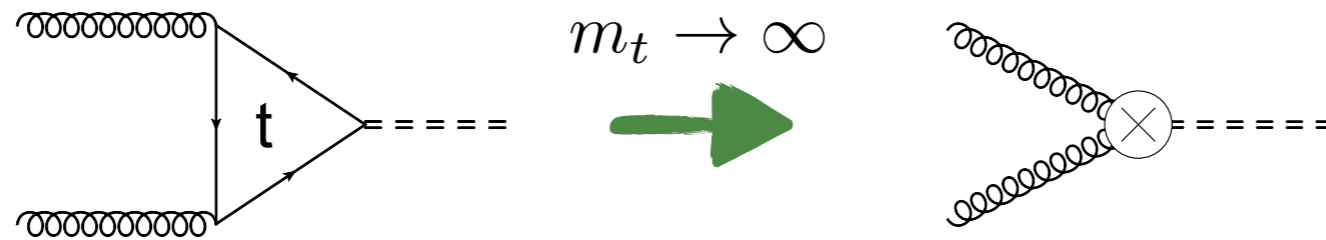


- ▶ Two ways to think about it:

1. Create an EFT by integrating out the top quark

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} \sim \frac{h}{v} C_t G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

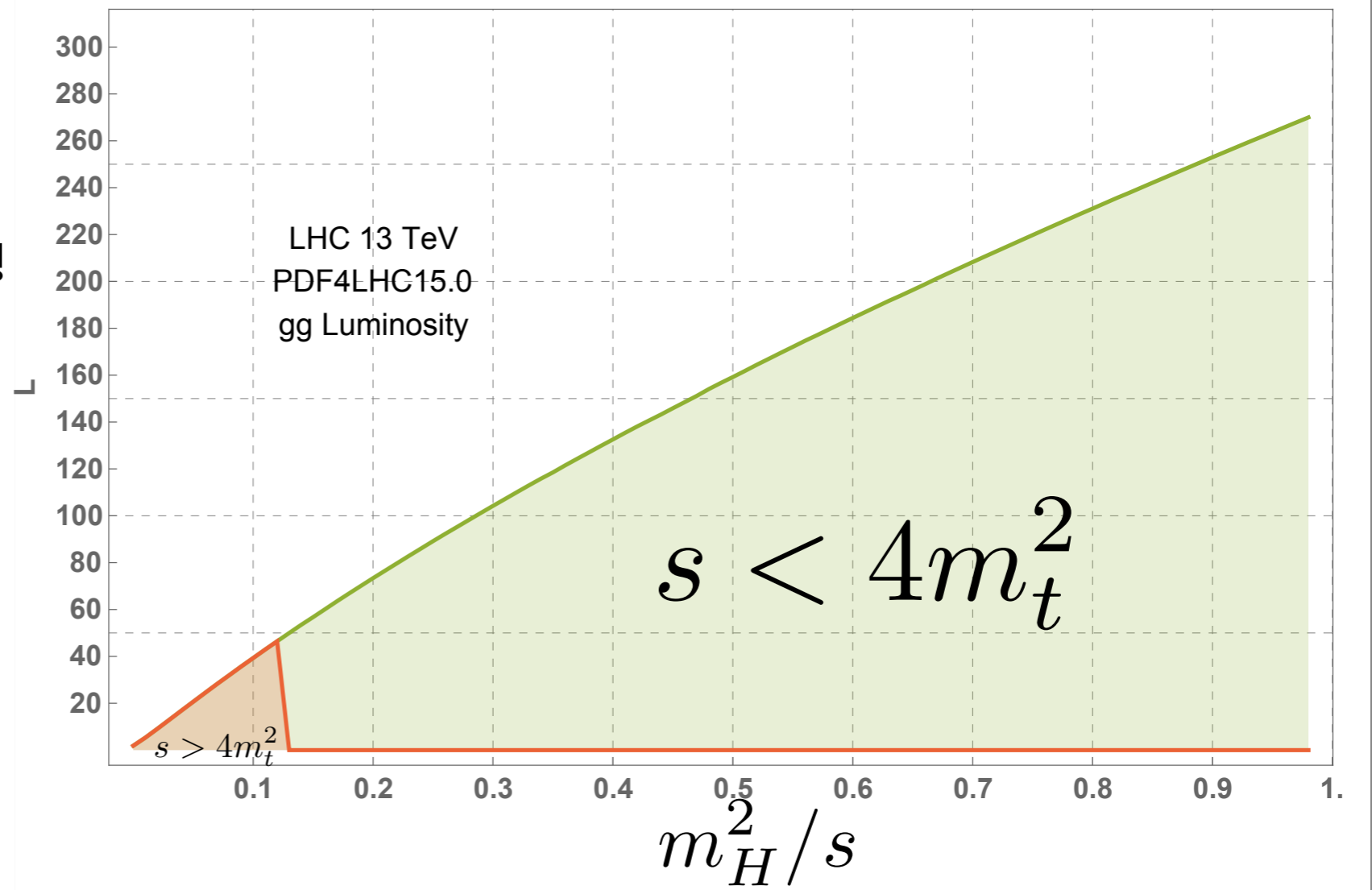
2. Expand in powers of  $\frac{m_h^2}{4m_t^2} \sim 0.13$



## How well does it work?

How often is the available energy in a scattering process  $\sqrt{s}$  too small to produce a top quark pair?

- ▶ Quite good approximation!
- ▶ **We know the UV theory!**
- ▶ We can correct for it by including top quark mass dependence to some degree!





## ❖ **What precision is required for phenomenology?**

Very precise.

Experimental uncertainty now: 7 % and in the future: 2.5 %

## ❖ **How close to the experimental outcome should the prediction be?**

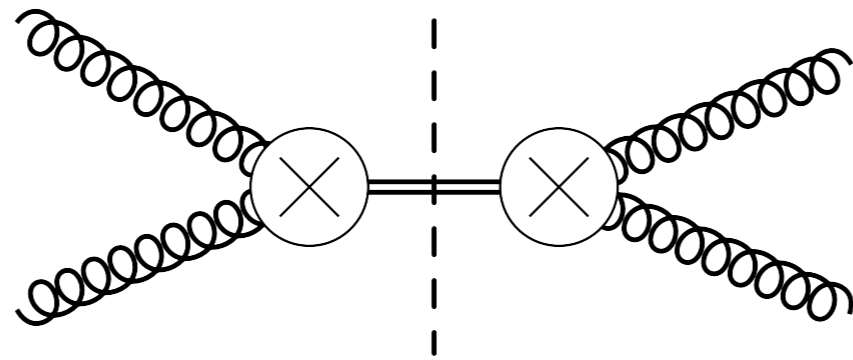
Idealized observable. Inclusive cross section - no cuts on final state products. In the end we predict a number.

## ❖ **What methods are suitable for the problem at hand?**

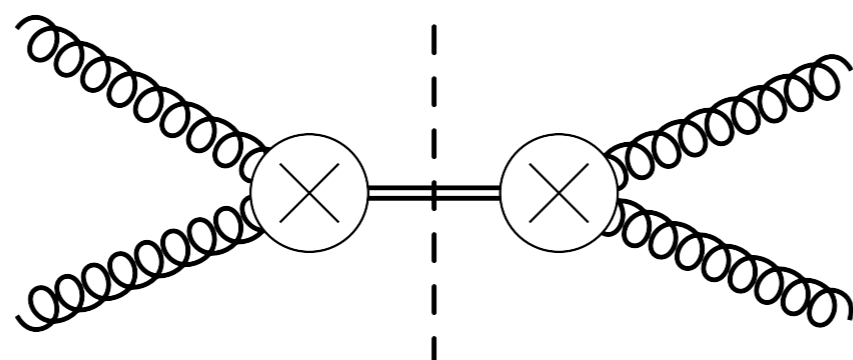
- **Automated Numerical Calculation:** Low to medium precision, easy to use. NLO corrections fully automatic, nothing at NNLO automatic.
- **Tailored Numerical Calculation:** Medium to high precision, suitable for intricate observables, mostly slow evaluation time.
- **Analytic calculations:** Tailored for certain observables, fast evaluation, applicable to problem with few parameters.

$$\sigma^{(0)}$$

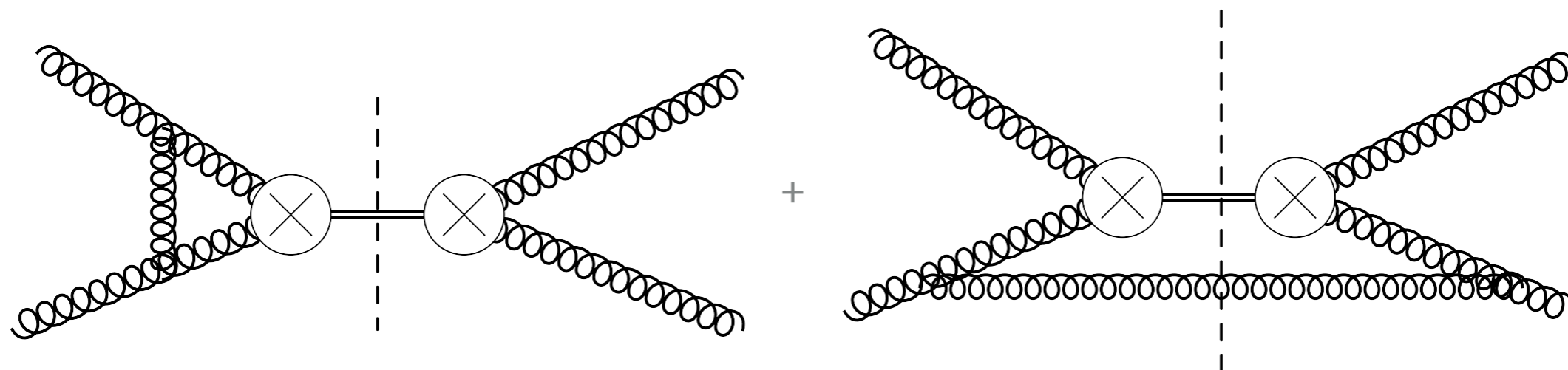
LO



1 Diagram

$\sigma^{(0)}$ **LO**

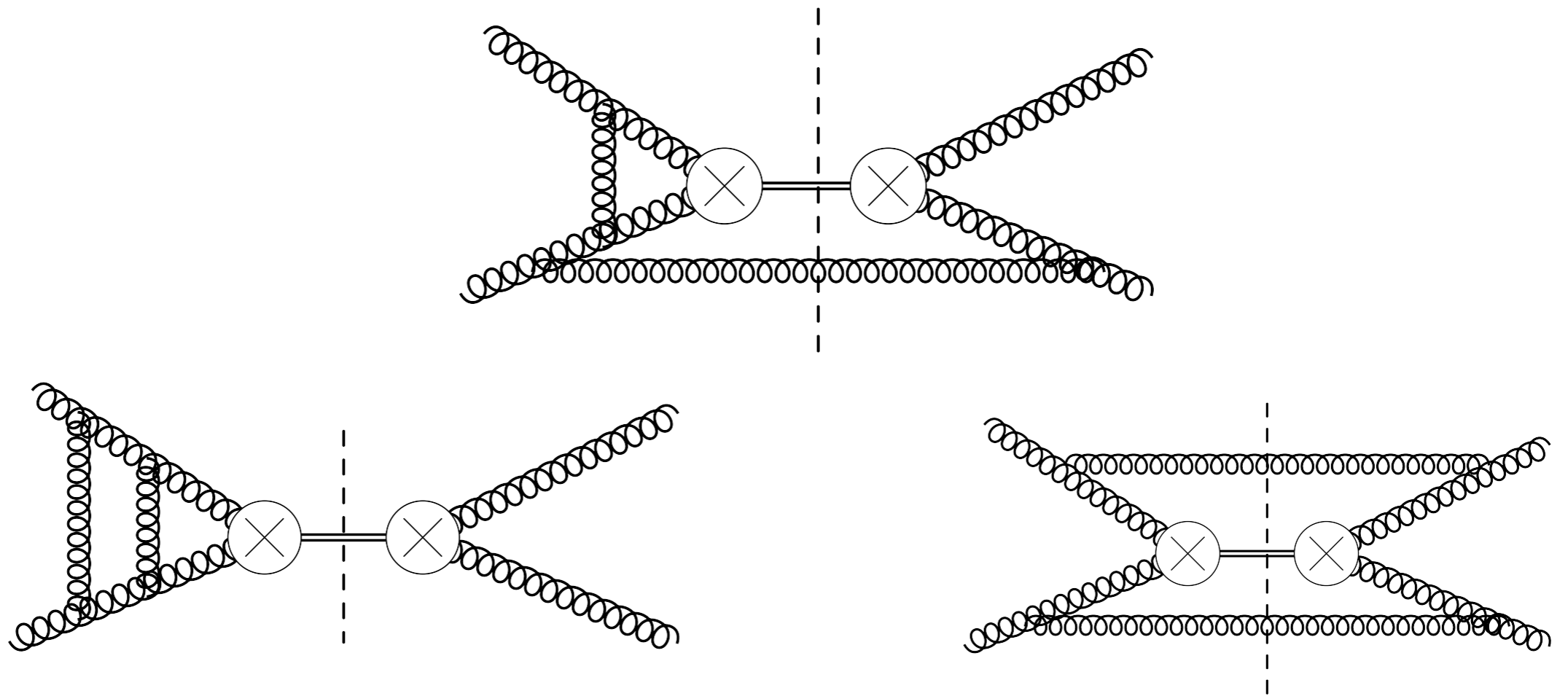
1 Diagram

 $+\alpha_S^1 \sigma^{(1)}$ **NLO**

~10 Diagrams

$$+\alpha_s^2 \sigma^{(2)}$$

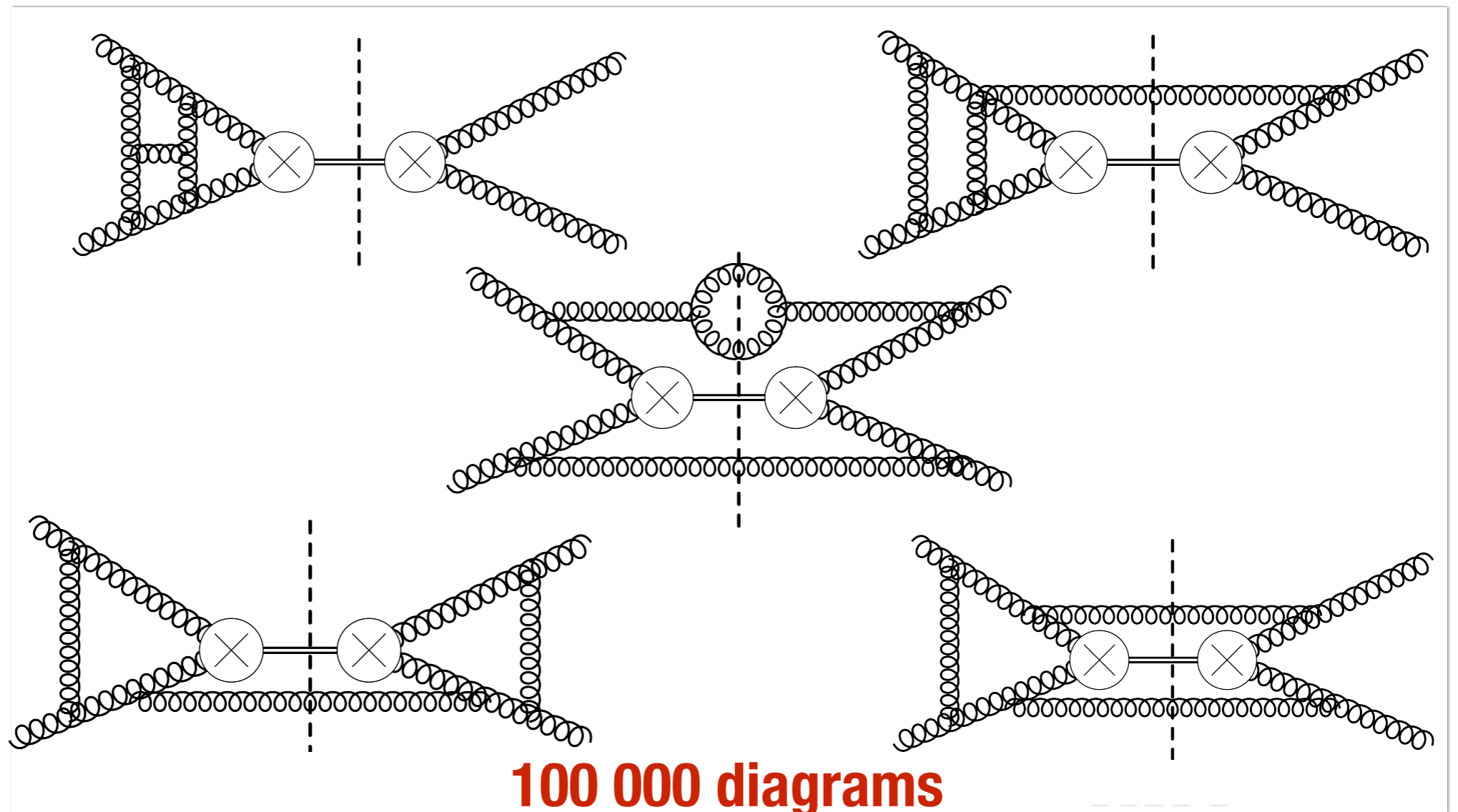
## NNLO



~1000 Diagrams

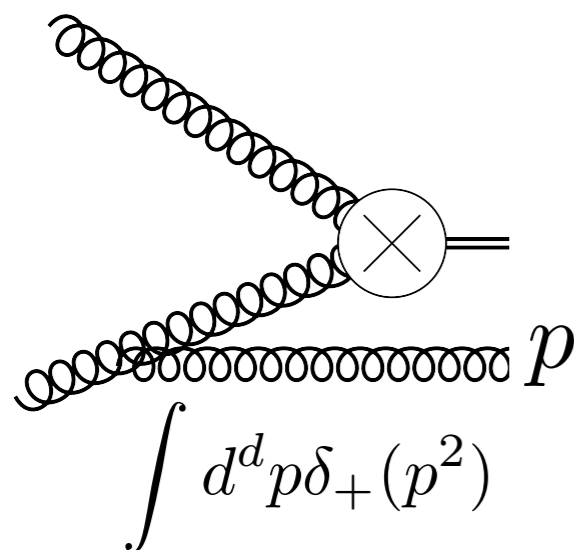
$$+\alpha_S^3 \sigma^{(3)}$$

**N3LO**



Feynman diagrams lead to Feynman integrals

Order	Integrals
0	1
1	~100
2	~50000
3	517531178



- Integrand: scalar products of virtual and real particle momenta.
- We are interested only in the Higgs: Integrate over all other momenta in the cross section!
- Individual diagrams are UV and IR divergent: Analytic computation in dimensional regularization.
 
$$d = 4 - 2\epsilon$$
- There is a plethora of tools, techniques and research on how to compute scattering cross sections!

Example: Feynman integrals are related to each other!

$$c_1 I_1 + c_2 I_2 + \dots = 0$$

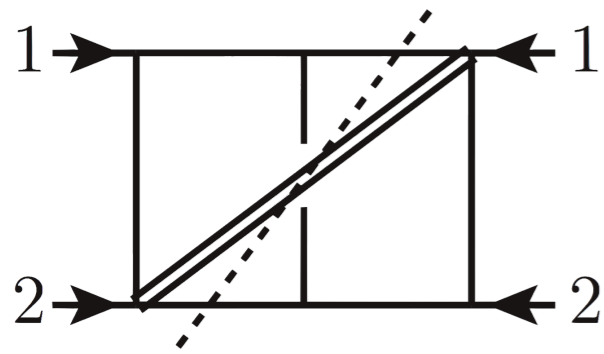
Order	Integrals	After Relations
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<b>1</b>	<b>~100</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>~50000</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>517531178</b>	<b>1027</b>

- Large reduction in complexity!
- High degree of automatization and efficient computational tools required!
- Still need to compute the remaining integrals!

## Integration-By-Part

$$0 = \int d^d k \frac{\partial}{\partial k^\mu} \left[ k^\mu \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2} \dots \right]$$

## Example: Computing Integrals



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{6\epsilon \Gamma(6-6\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)^4 \Gamma(1-6\epsilon)} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{dz_2 dz_3 dz_4}{(2\pi i)^3} \Gamma(-z_2) \Gamma(-z_3) \Gamma(-z_4) \\
 &\times \Gamma(z_3+1) \Gamma(z_2-2\epsilon) \Gamma(-z_2-z_4) \Gamma(z_2+z_4+1) \Gamma(-\epsilon-z_3) \Gamma(z_3-\epsilon) \\
 &\times \frac{\Gamma(-2\epsilon+z_2-z_3) \Gamma(-\epsilon-z_4) \Gamma(z_4-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-2\epsilon+z_2+1) \Gamma(-2\epsilon-z_3-z_4)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Analytic computation helps shed light on mathematical aspects of QFT: We can study the functions that appear, analytic properties, features that re-occur at different orders ...
- For example: Multiple Poly Logarithms  
Special class of functions spanning an array of scattering amplitudes and cross sections and ubiquitous in QFT and String Theory. Definition:

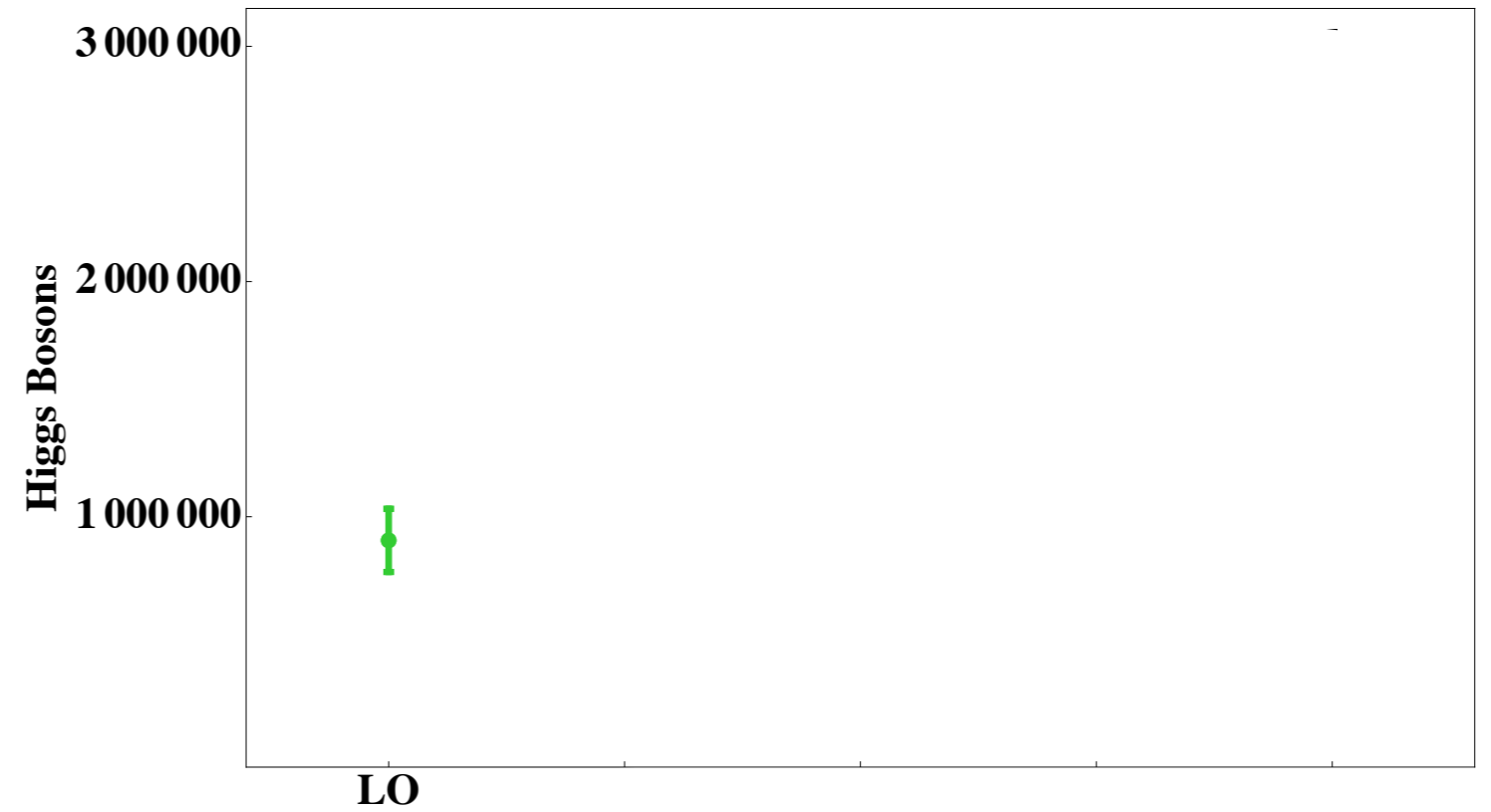
$$G(a_n, \dots, a_1; x) = \int_0^x dt \frac{1}{t - a_n} G(a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1; t)$$



@ 13 TeV in 2018

$$\sigma = \sigma^{(0)}$$

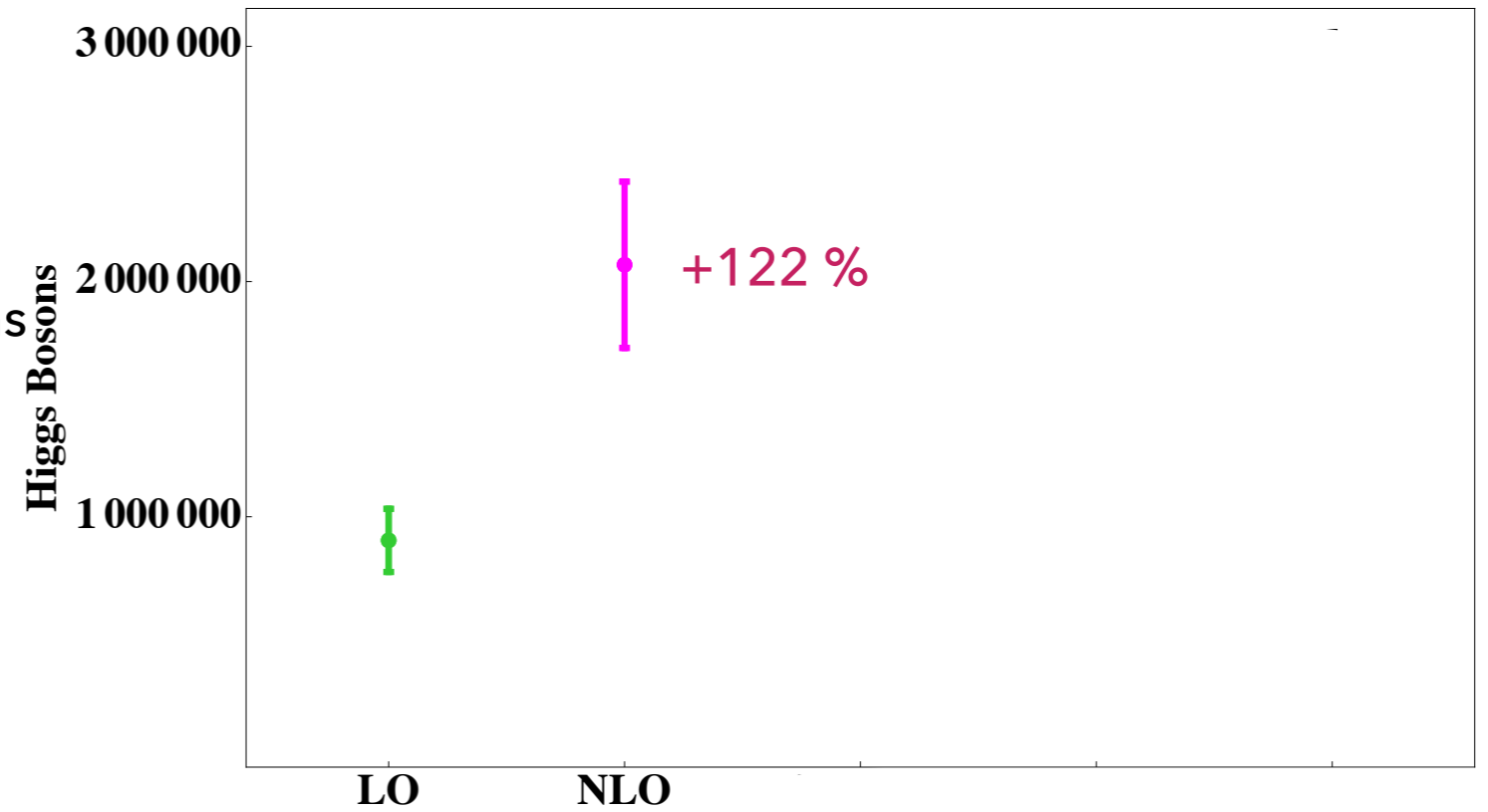
900 000 Higgs Bosons



@ 13 TeV in 2018

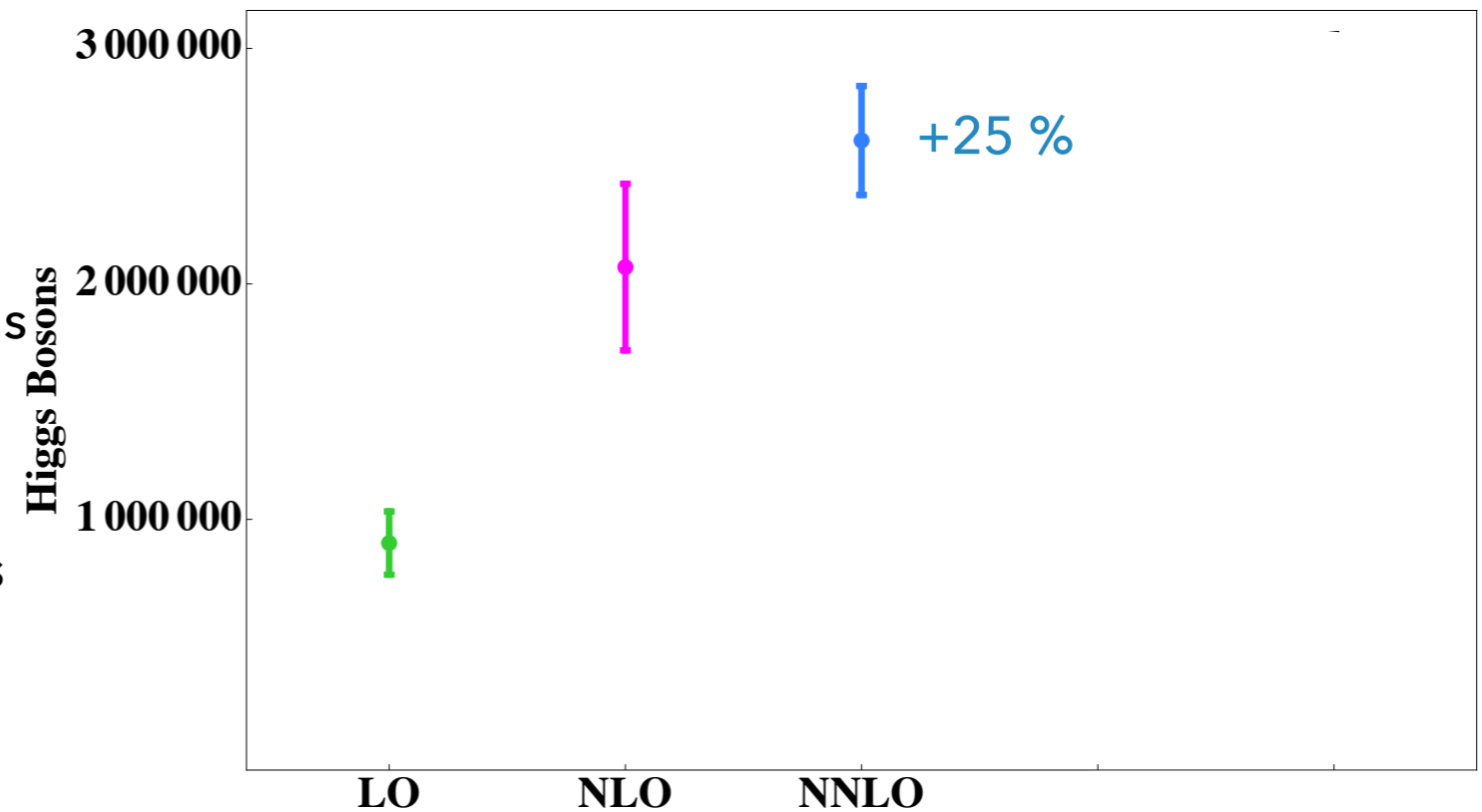
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$$+ \alpha_S^1 \sigma^{(1)} \quad +1\,100\,000 \text{ Higgs Bosons}$$



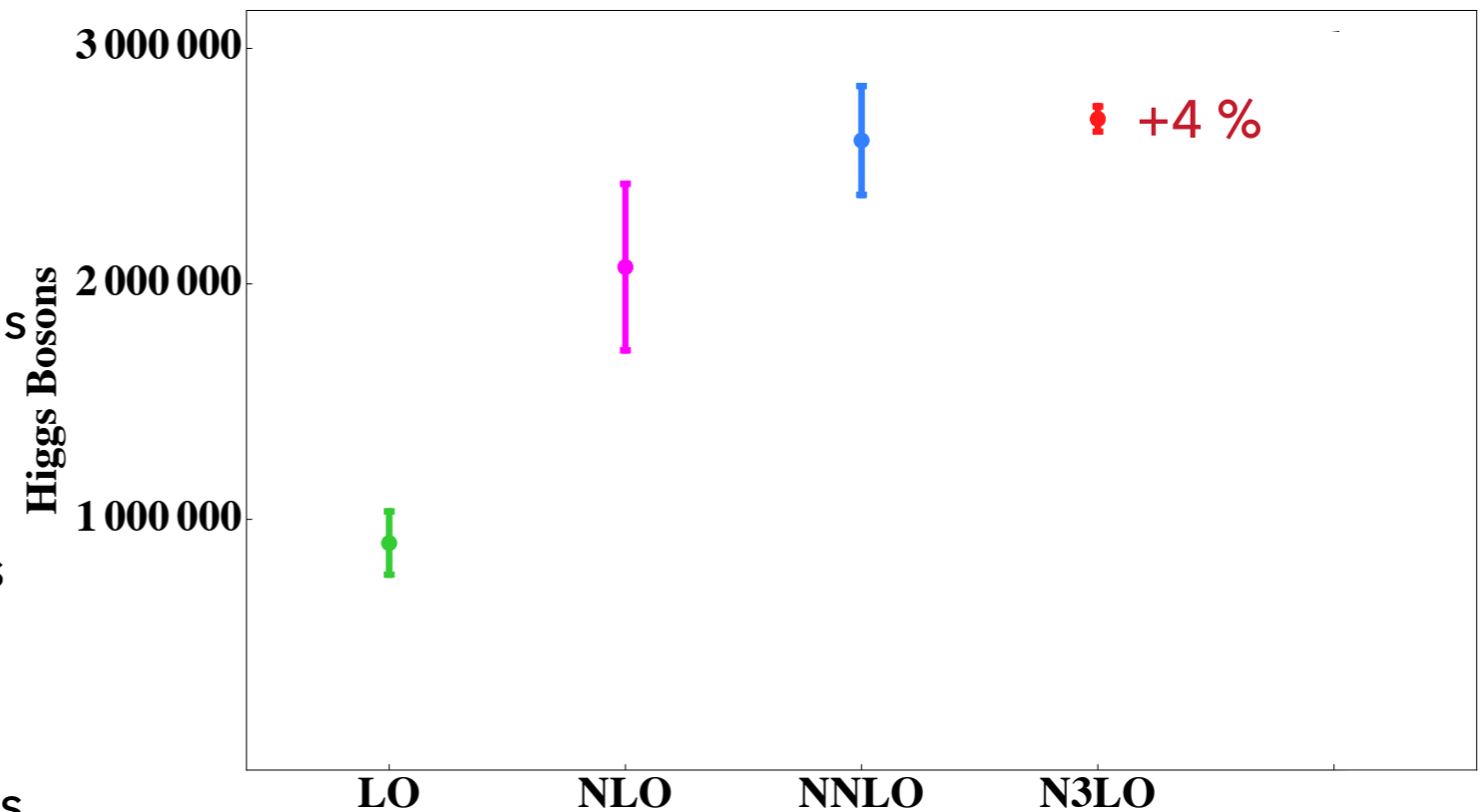
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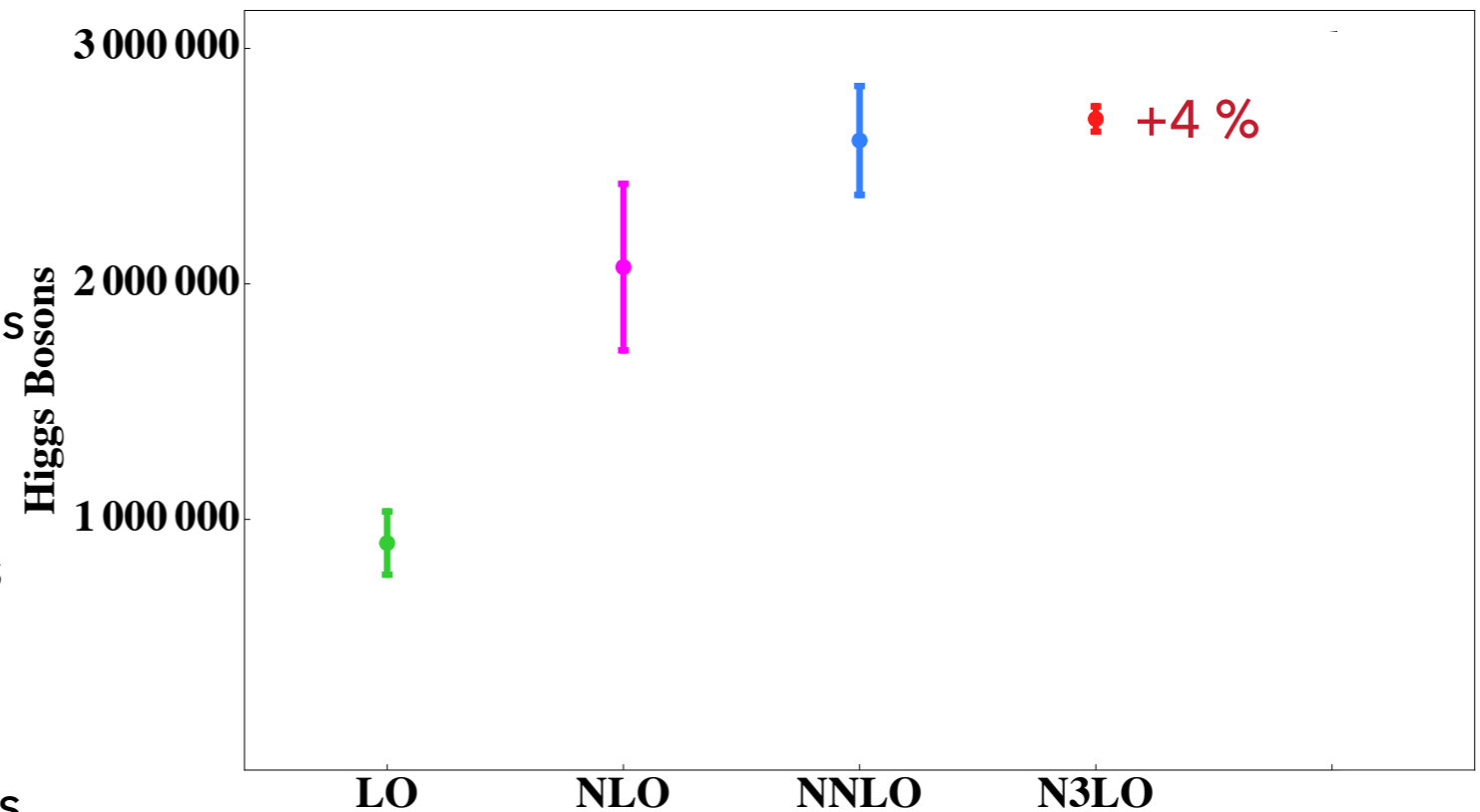
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## N3LO Corrections:

- ✿ Reduce perturbative uncertainty from 9 % -> **2.5 %**.
- ✿ Stabilize the perturbative expansion.

**Much** more than QCD corrections

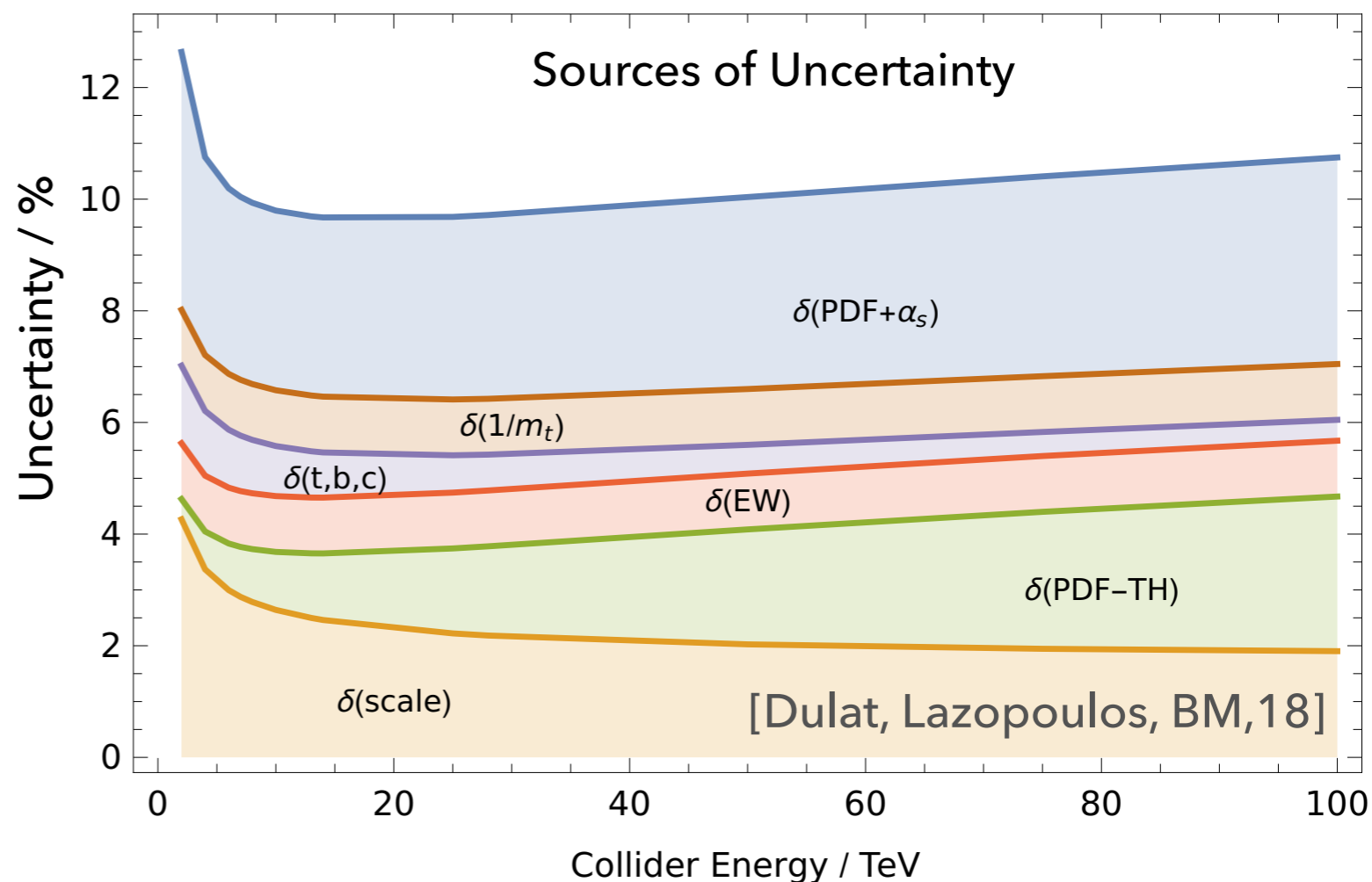
- ▶ Electro-weak corrections.
- ▶ Neglected quark mass effects.
- ▶ Coupling to bottom, charm quarks.

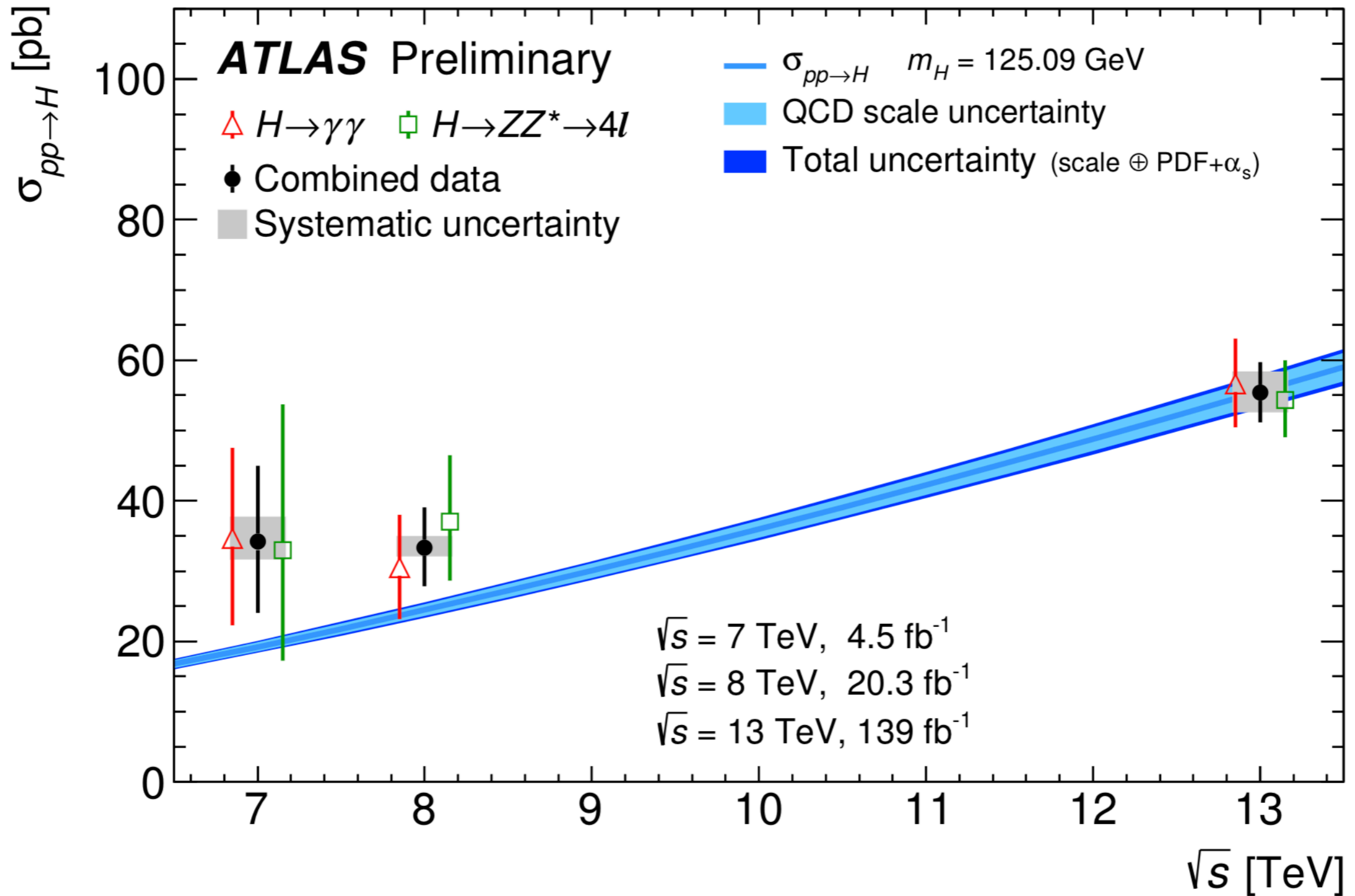
▶ Estimate uncertainties.

Truncation of perturbative series

PDF,  $\alpha_S$

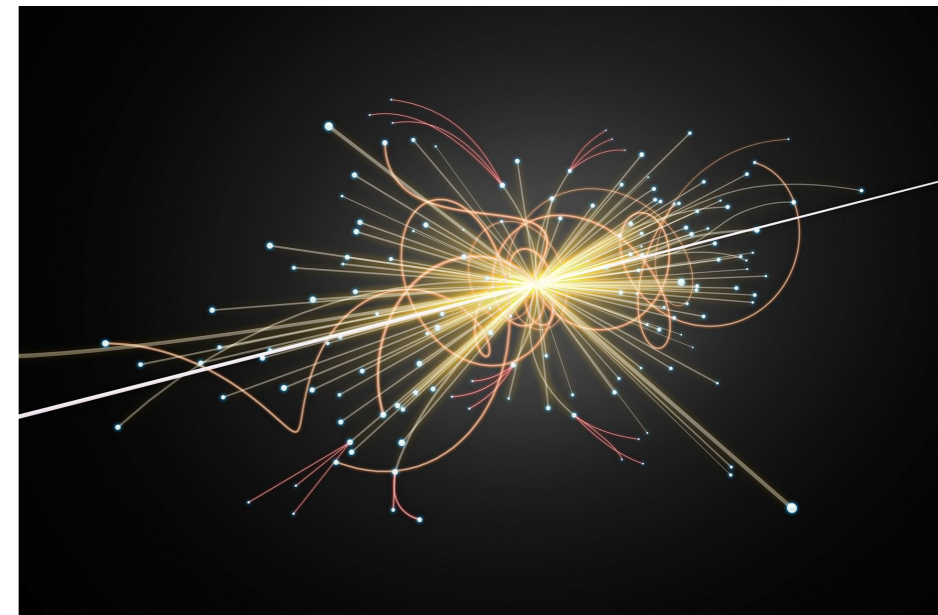
▶ ...





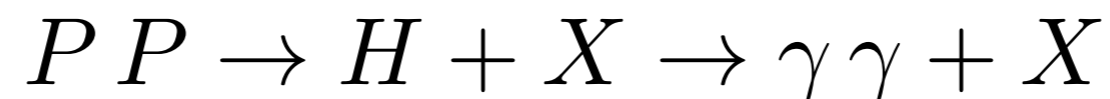
# FULLY DIFFERENTIAL PREDICTIONS TO PRODUCE A HIGGS BOSON

- ❖ **Predict distributions as measurable by the LHC**
- ❖ **Experimental statistics requires precision.**
- ❖ **High degree of flexibility to compute many different observables is required.**



Example:

Cross section predictions for the fiducial di-photon cross section via gluon fusion.



Realistic selection cuts of final state products in the detector:

$$p_T^{\gamma 1} > 0.35 \times m_{\gamma\gamma}, \quad p_T^{\gamma 2} > 0.25 \times m_{\gamma\gamma},$$
$$|\eta^\gamma| < 2.37 \text{ excluding } 1.37 < |\eta^\gamma| < 1.52,$$

Ability to compute a large range of observables:

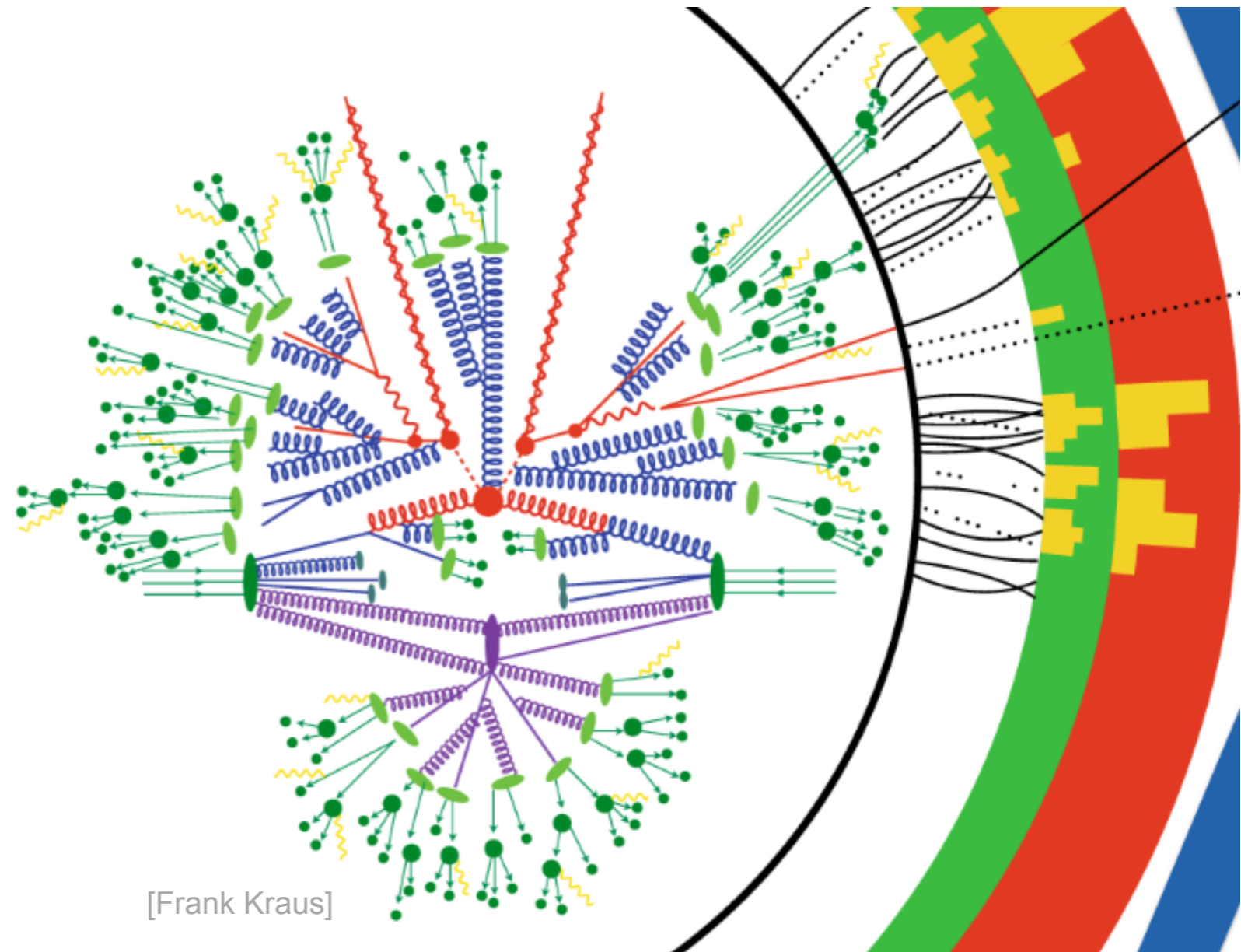
$$Y_H \quad p_\perp^\gamma \quad Y_\gamma \quad \cos \theta_\gamma \quad \Delta Y_\gamma \quad \text{Jets} \quad \dots$$



# FULLY DIFFERENTIAL PREDICTIONS TO PRODUCE A HIGGS BOSON

## NLO

- ❖ Scattering Events are complex!
- ❖ Calculations involving one loop corrections (QCD or EWK) have been automated to a very large degree: **NLO Revolution**
- ❖ Fully automatic generation of NLO events including parton showers hadronization are easily accessible through public tools.
- ❖ The challenge: How to move this enormous success to higher precision and higher orders?



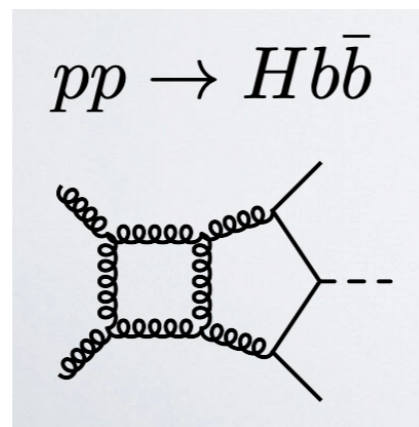
# FULLY DIFFERENTIAL PREDICTIONS TO PRODUCE A HIGGS BOSON

## NNLO Typical strategy:

### Loop Integrals: Analytic Computation

- High degree of analytic complexity. (Similar to the case of inclusive cross section)
- Currently used in physical predictions: 2-loop amplitudes for 2  $\rightarrow$  3 scattering massless.
- State of the art in amplitude computations: 5 particle amplitudes at 2 loops.

For example [2107.14733]



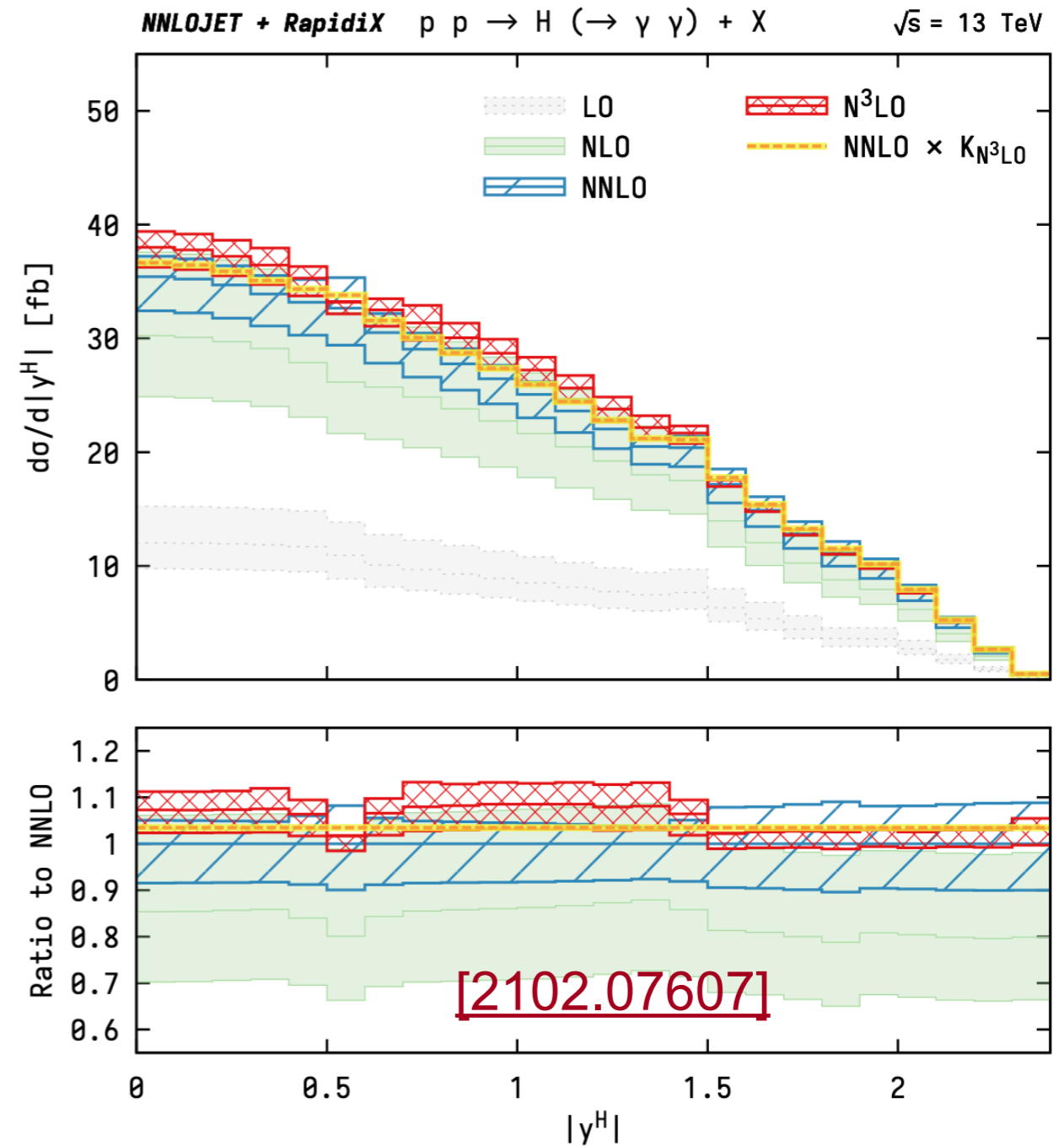
### Final state phase space integrals: Numeric Computation

- Numerical integration over final state phase space requires regularization of infrared divergences.
- Fairly intricate and make high precision computations numerically expensive:  $10^5$  CPU hours / per prediction not uncommon.
- State of the art: Algorithms to operate for any cross section at the LHC at NNLO, color singlet production at N3LO.

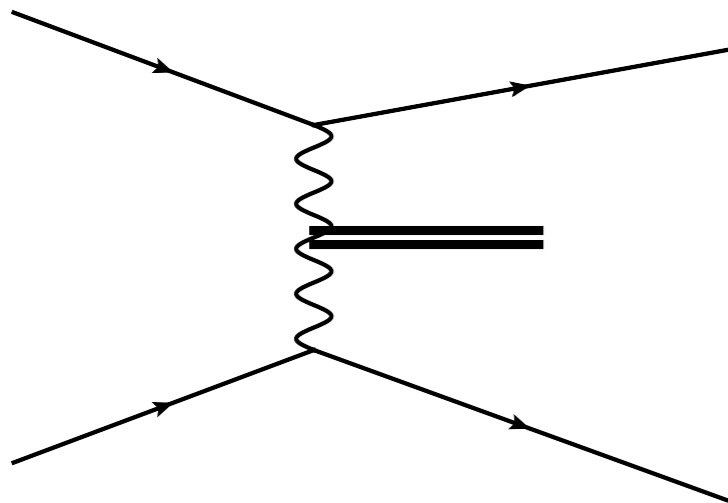
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$$P P \rightarrow H + X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$$

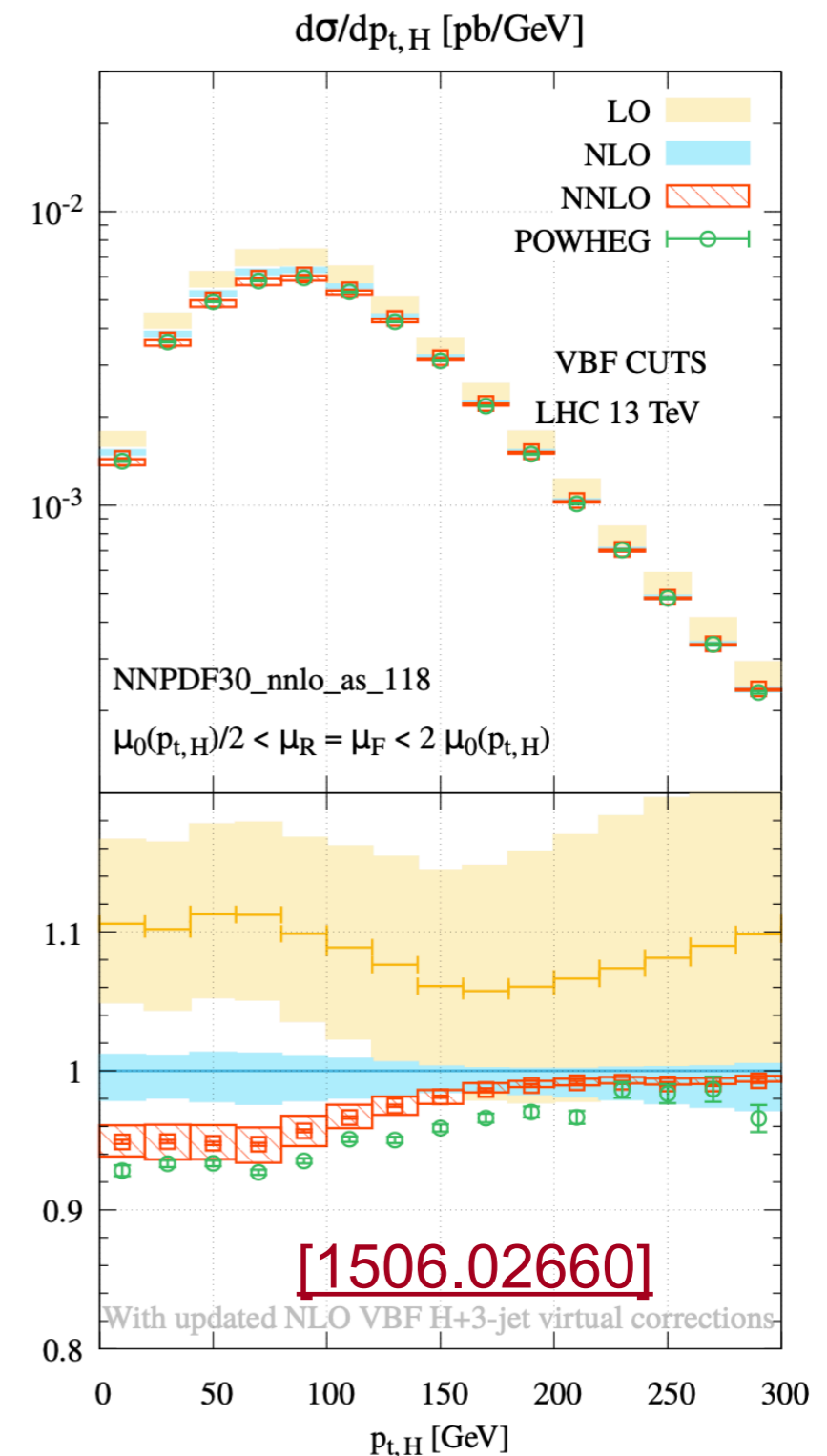
- ❖ Prediction for the rapidity distribution in gluon fusion at N3LO in QCD including cuts on final state photons as imposed by the ATLAS collaboration.
- ❖ Enables direct comparison of precise theory and experiment.
- ❖ Can study the perturbative progression in fiducial volume.
- ❖ Optimize particle cuts.



# FULLY DIFFERENTIAL PREDICTIONS TO PRODUCE A HIGGS BOSON



- ❖ Vector boson fusion Higgs production at NNLO.
- ❖ Realistic selection cuts on jets produced alongside the Higgs.
- ❖ Nice example of new ideas being produced for the prediction of differential cross sections: [1506.02660]



# FULLY DIFFERENTIAL PREDICTIONS TO PRODUCE A HIGGS BOSON

- ✿ Once scattering amplitudes and algorithms for subtraction of IR singularities became available more widespread automatization could begin!
- ✿ Public tools for the computation for fully differential NNLO cross sections:

## Matrix

- $pp \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* (\rightarrow l+l)$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow W (\rightarrow lv)$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow H$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow W\gamma \rightarrow lv\gamma$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow l+l-\gamma$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow ZZ/WW \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$  ✓
- $pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow lvll$  ✓

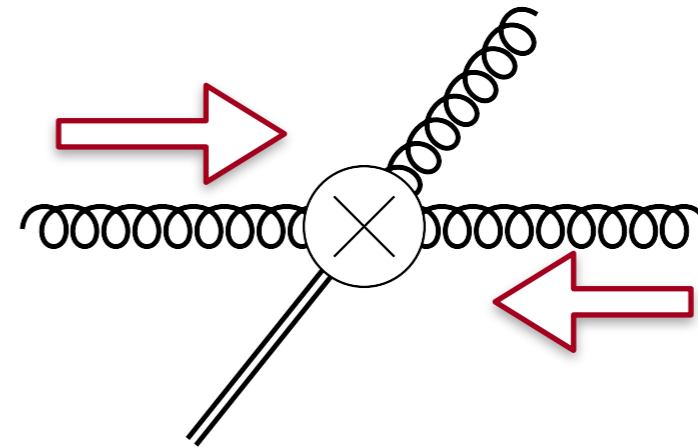
## MC2FM

Process	nproc	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} \pm \delta\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{MC}}$	$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} \pm \delta\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{MC}} \pm \delta\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{PC}}$
$W^+$	1	$4.220 \pm 0.002$ nb	$4.19 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.043$ nb
$W^-$	6	$3.315 \pm 0.001$ nb	$3.23 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.033$ nb
$Z$	31	$885.2 \pm 0.3$ pb	$878 \pm 3 \pm 9$ pb
$H$	112	$1.395 \pm 0.001$ pb	$1.865 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.019$ pb
$\gamma\gamma$	285	$27.94 \pm 0.01$ pb	$43.60 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.44$ pb
$W^+H$	91	$2.208 \pm 0.002$ fb	$2.268 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.023$ fb
$W^-H$	96	$1.494 \pm 0.001$ fb	$1.519 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.015$ fb
$ZH$	110	$0.7535 \pm 0.0004$ fb	$0.846 \pm 0.001 \pm 0.0085$ fb
$Z\gamma$	300	$959 \pm 8$ fb	$1268 \pm 22$ fb

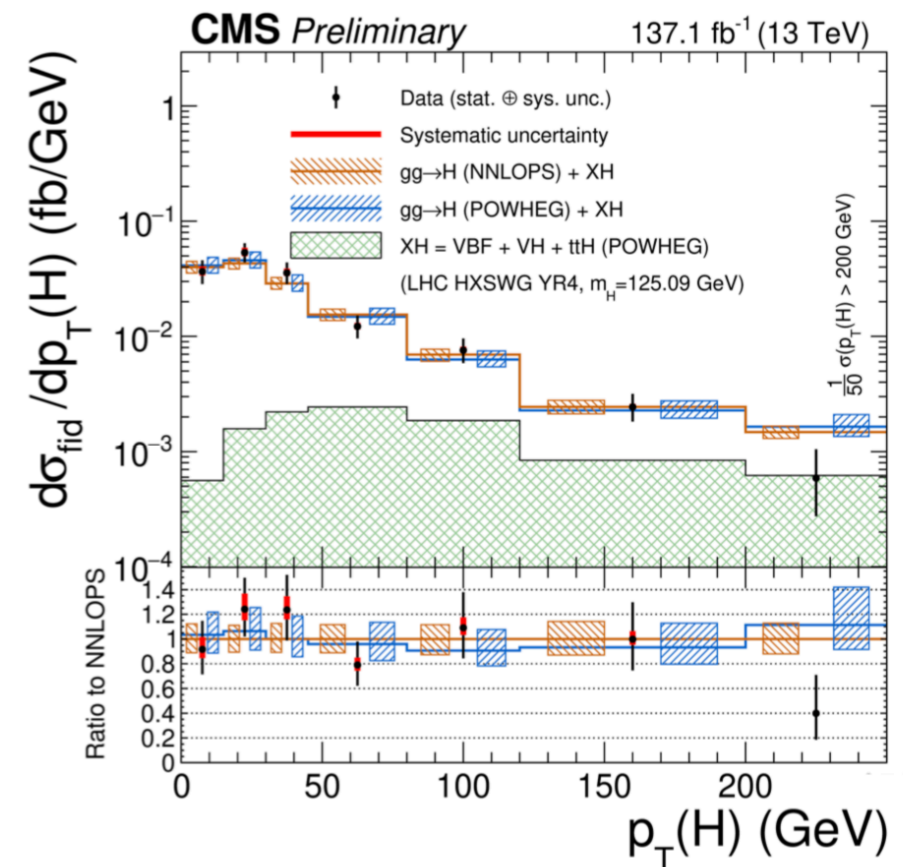
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$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}}$$

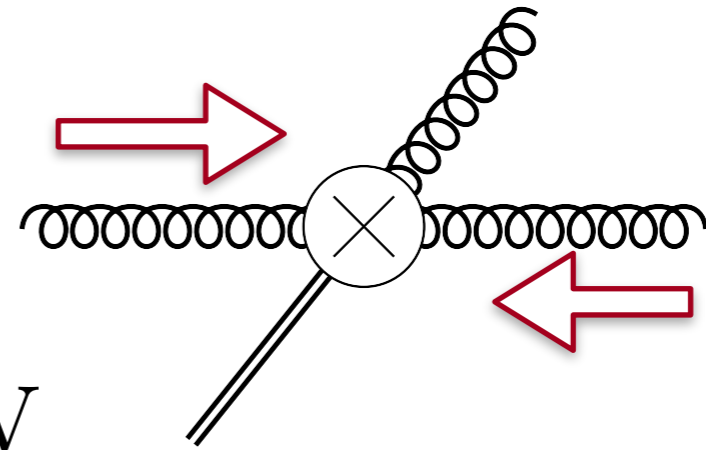


- ❖ One of the precision observables in Higgs Boson phenomenology.
- ❖ Higgs recoils against hadronic jets.
- ❖ How to predict depends on the kinematic regime!



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}}$$

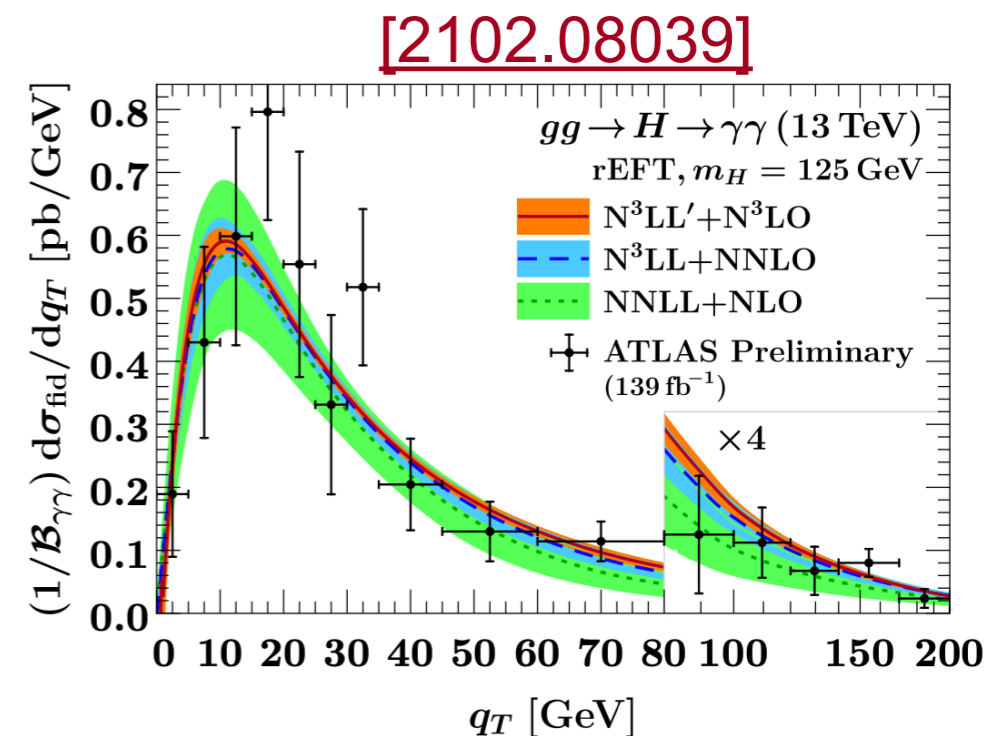
$$p_{\perp} < \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$$



- At low transverse momenta, fixed order perturbation theory breaks down:  
**Resummation!**

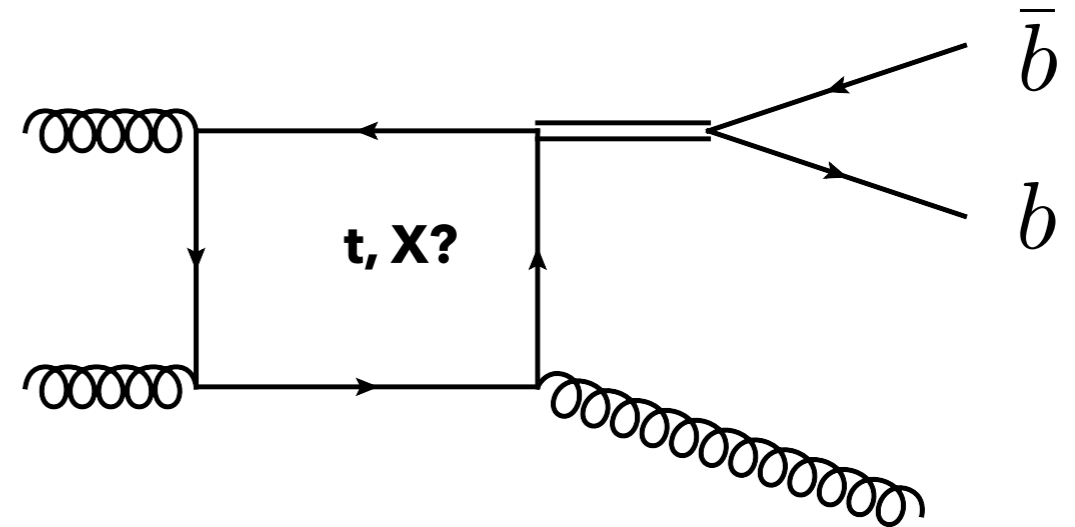
$$\sigma^{(n)} \sim \alpha_S^n \log^{(2n-1)}(p_{\perp}^2) \sigma^{\text{LL}} + \dots$$

- Low  $p_T$  contains largest bit of cross section.
- Resummed cross sections at very high precision:  
N3LO + N3LL'



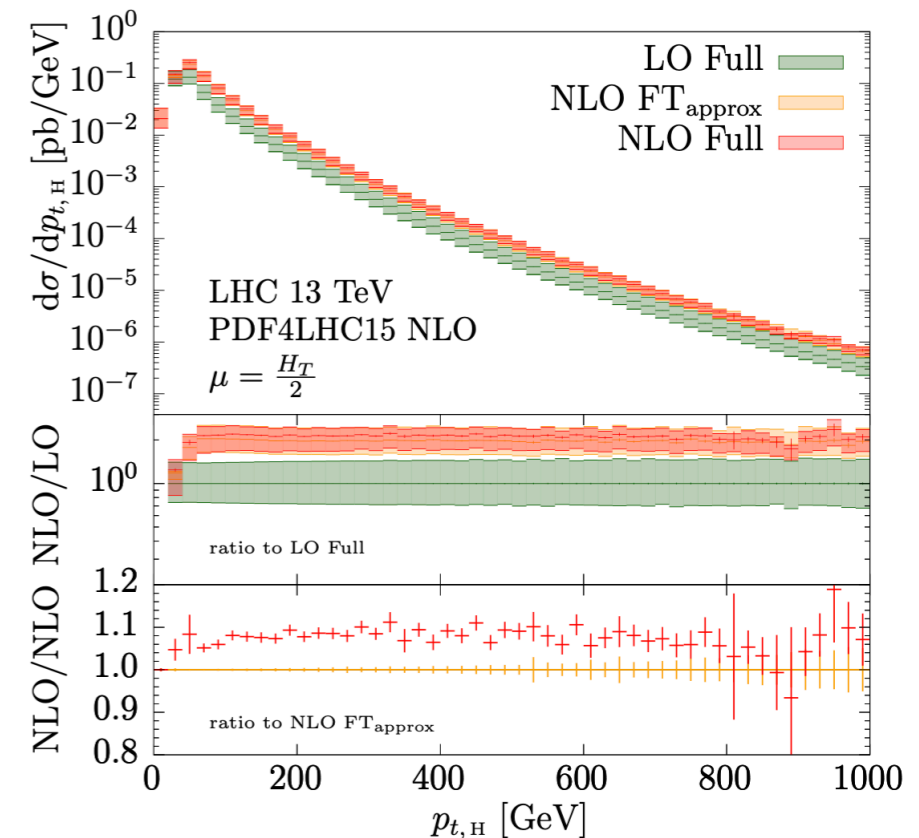
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{\perp}}$$

$$p_{\perp} > 200\text{GeV}$$



- ❖ Heavy top quark effective theory is not adequate if  $p_T$  becomes large!
- ❖ Very interesting observable:  
Resolve inner workings of the top quark loop.
- ❖ Currently:  
NLO corrections are available for large  $p_T$
- ❖ Very complicated computation using fully numerical techniques for two loop amplitudes!

[\[1802.00349\]](#)





- ▶ The Higgs Boson is very exciting and we are able to explore it!
- ▶ Thanks to the organizers of the Fermilab-CERN school!

THANK YOU!

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