

# Higgs Production at LHC

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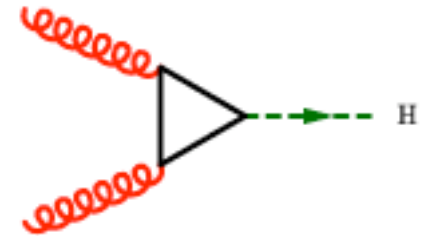
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# HIGGS PRODUCTION MODES AT LHC

In proton collisions at **14 TeV**, and for  $M_H > 100$  GeV the **Higgs** is produced mostly via

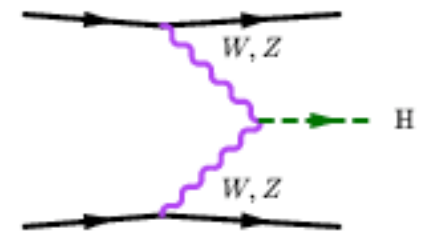
## gluon fusion $gg \rightarrow H$

- largest rate for all  $M_H$
- proportional to the top Yukawa coupling  $y_t$



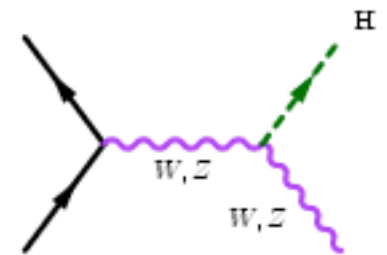
## weak-boson fusion (VBF) $qq \rightarrow qqH$

- second largest rate (mostly  $u d$  initial state)
- proportional to the  $VVH$  coupling



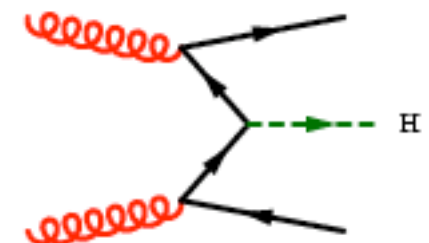
## Higgs-strahlung $q\bar{q} \rightarrow W(Z)H$

- third largest rate
- same coupling as in VBF

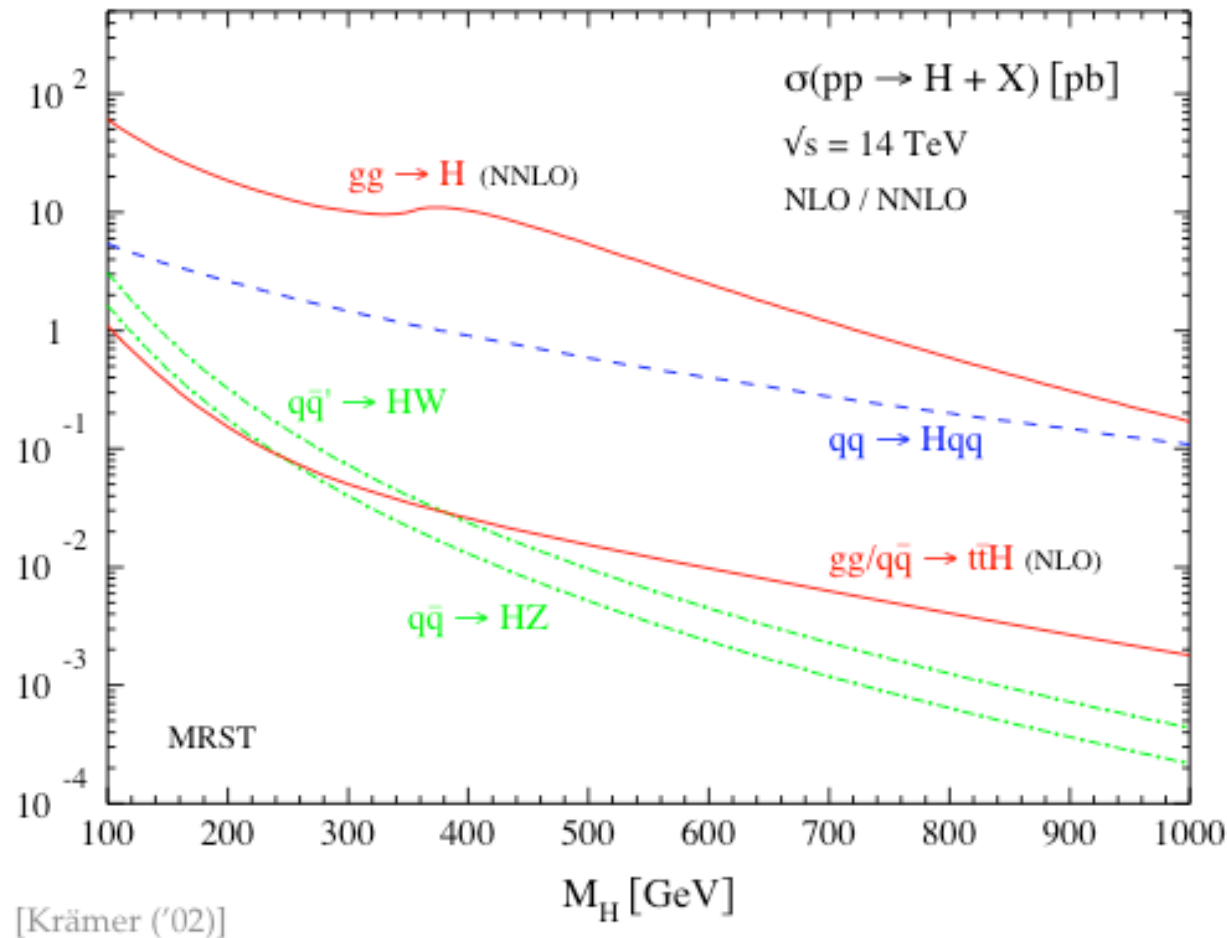


## $t\bar{t}(b\bar{b})H$ associated production

- same initial state as in gluon fusion, but higher  $x$  range
- proportional to the heavy-quark Yukawa coupling  $y_Q$

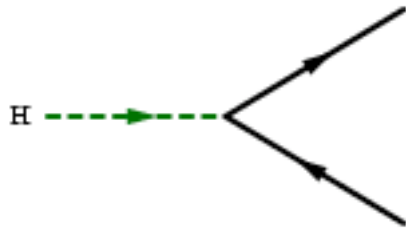


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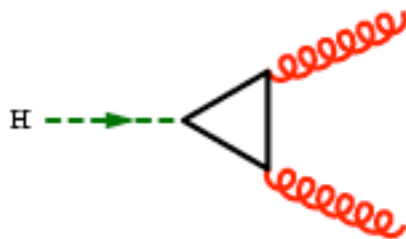


- in the intermediate Higgs mass range  $M_H \sim 100 - 200$  GeV
- gluon fusion cross section is  $\sim 20 - 60$  pb
- VBF cross section is  $\sim 3 - 5$  pb
- $WH, ZH, t\bar{t}H$  yield cross sections of  $\sim 0.2 - 3$  pb

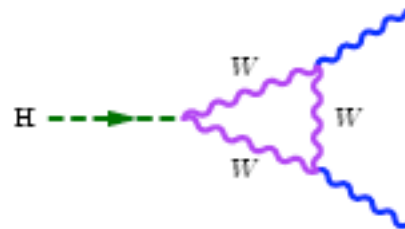
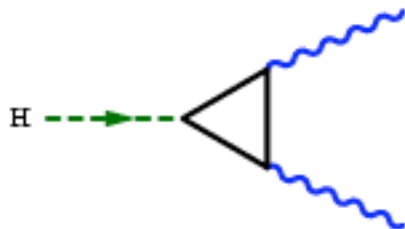
# HIGGS DECAY MODES AT LHC



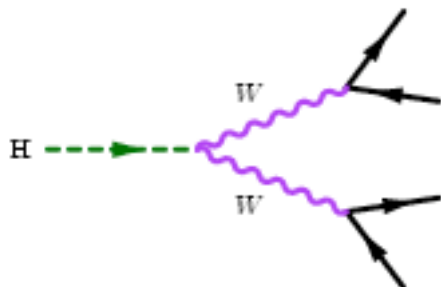
proportional to the Yukawa coupling squared,  
and thus to  $m_f^2$



proportional to  $m_f^4/m_H^4$   
but dominated by top quark Yukawa coupling



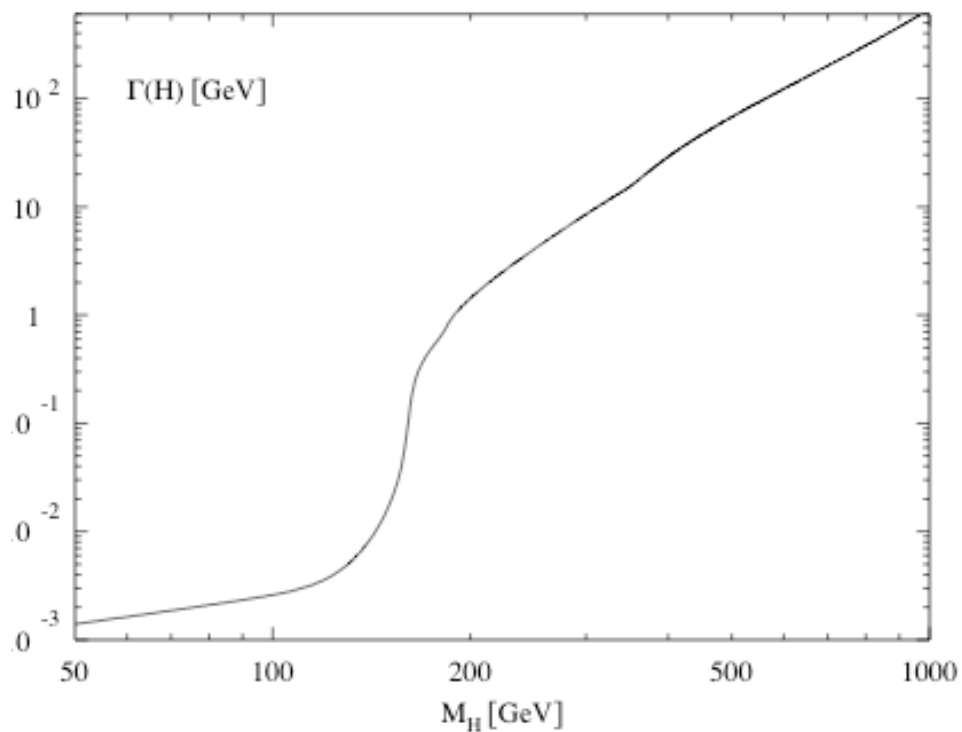
dominated by EW coupling



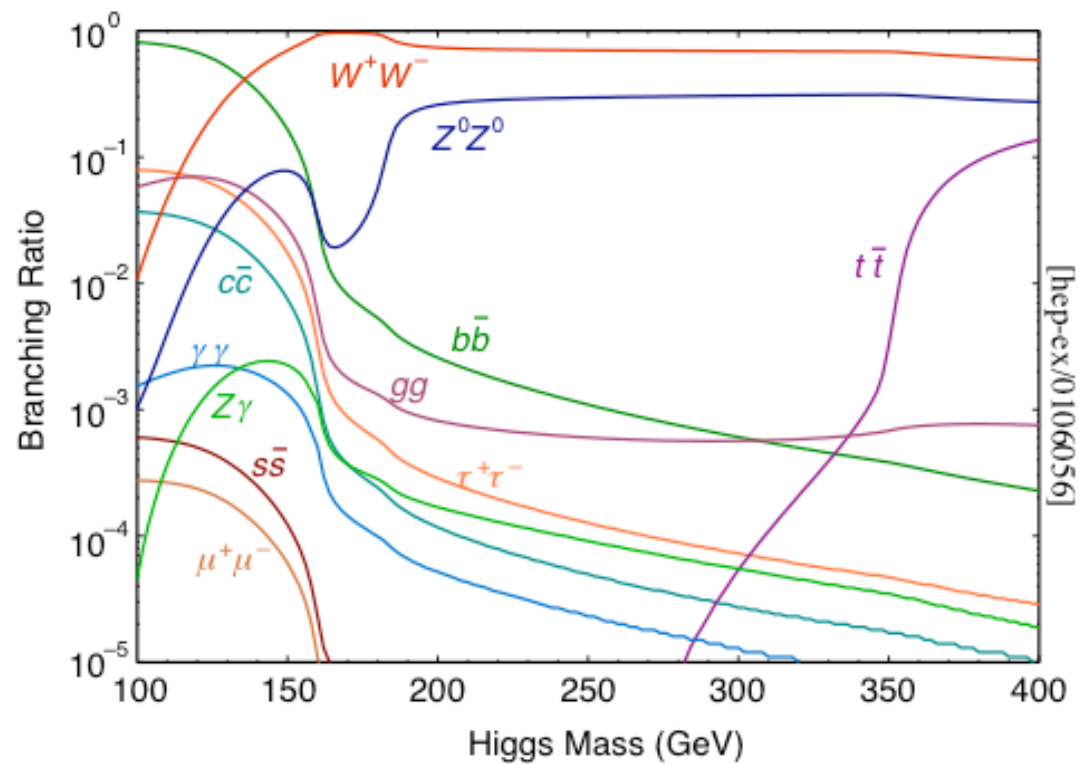
proportional to  $\alpha_W$

Decay width into  $W^*W^*$  plays a significant role

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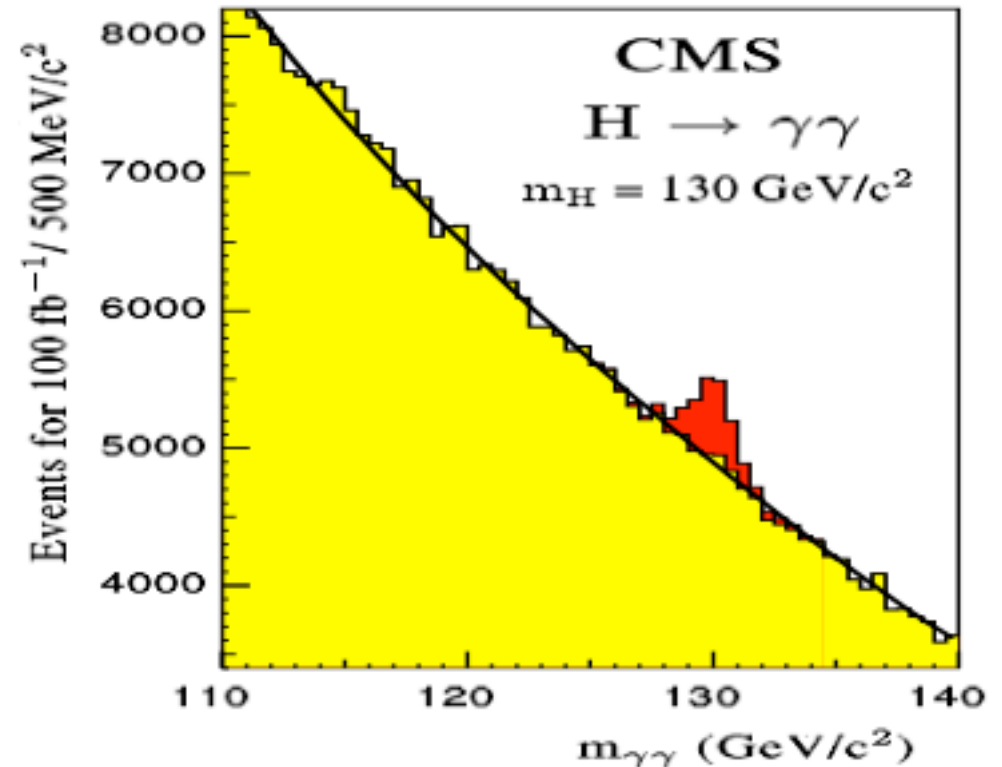
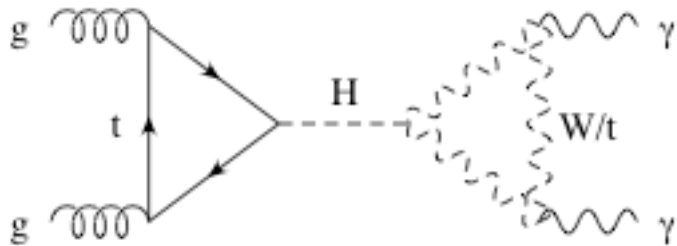


total width



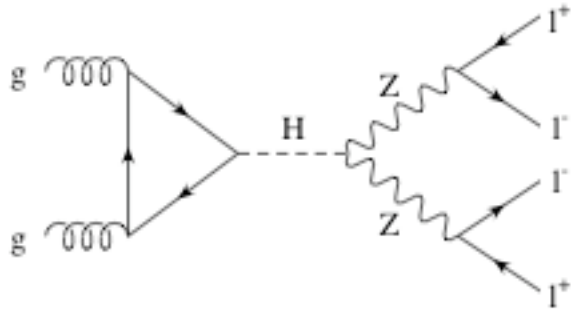
branching fractions

# INCLUSIVE SEARCHES: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

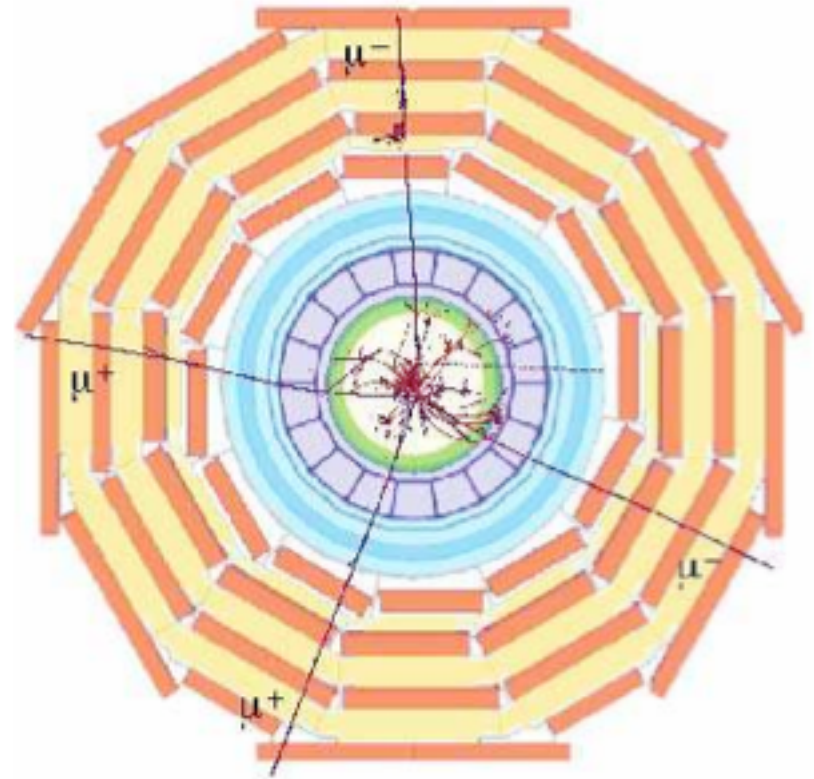


- Small BR:  $\approx 10^{-3}$
- Large **backgrounds** from  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- CMS and ATLAS have very good **photon-energy** resolution:  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$
- Search for a narrow  $\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass peak, with  $m_H < 150 \text{ GeV}$
- Background** is smooth: extrapolate it into the **signal** region from the **sidebands**

# INCLUSIVE SEARCHES: $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^-l^+l^-$



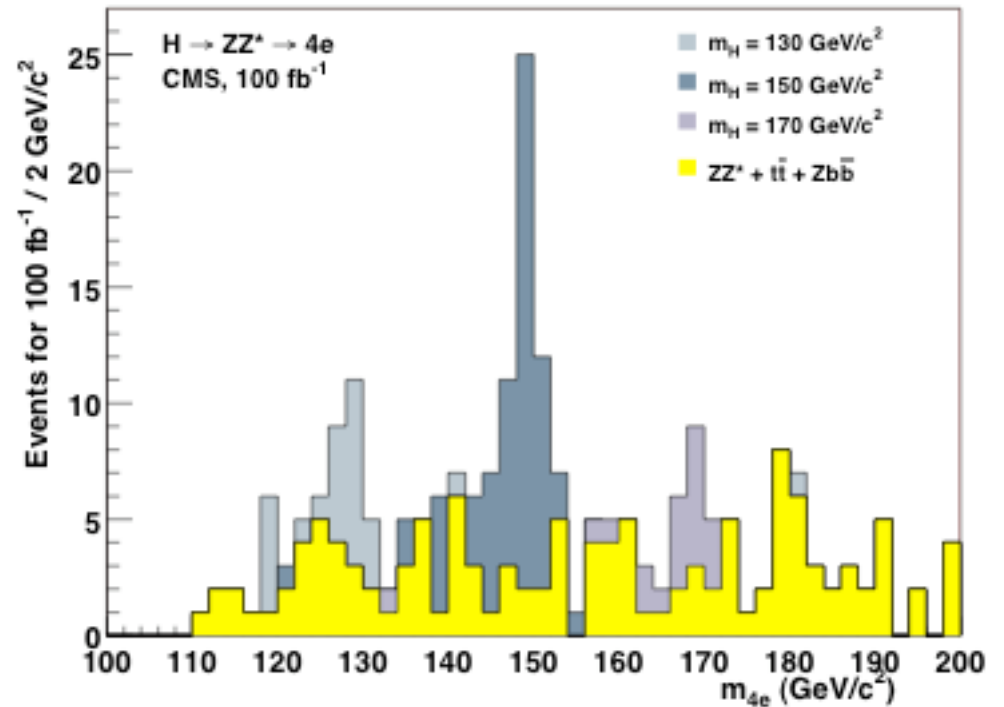
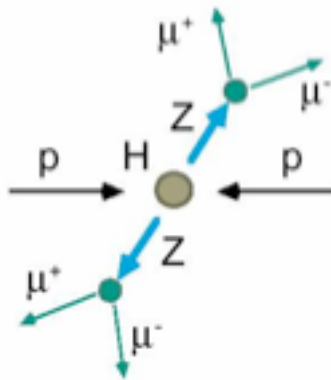
- **Gold-plated** mode: cleanest mode for  $2m_Z < m_H < 600 \text{ GeV}$
- Smooth, irreducible background from  $pp \rightarrow ZZ$
- Small BR:  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow ZZ)$  is a few % at threshold



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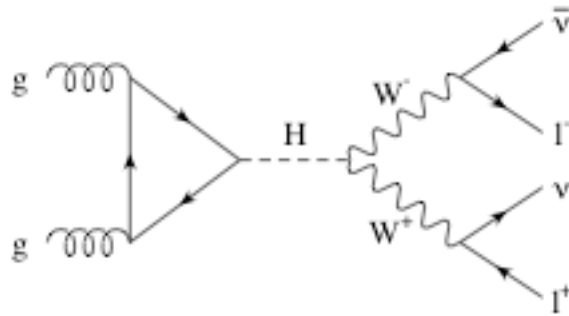
Fully reconstructed invariant mass of the leptons



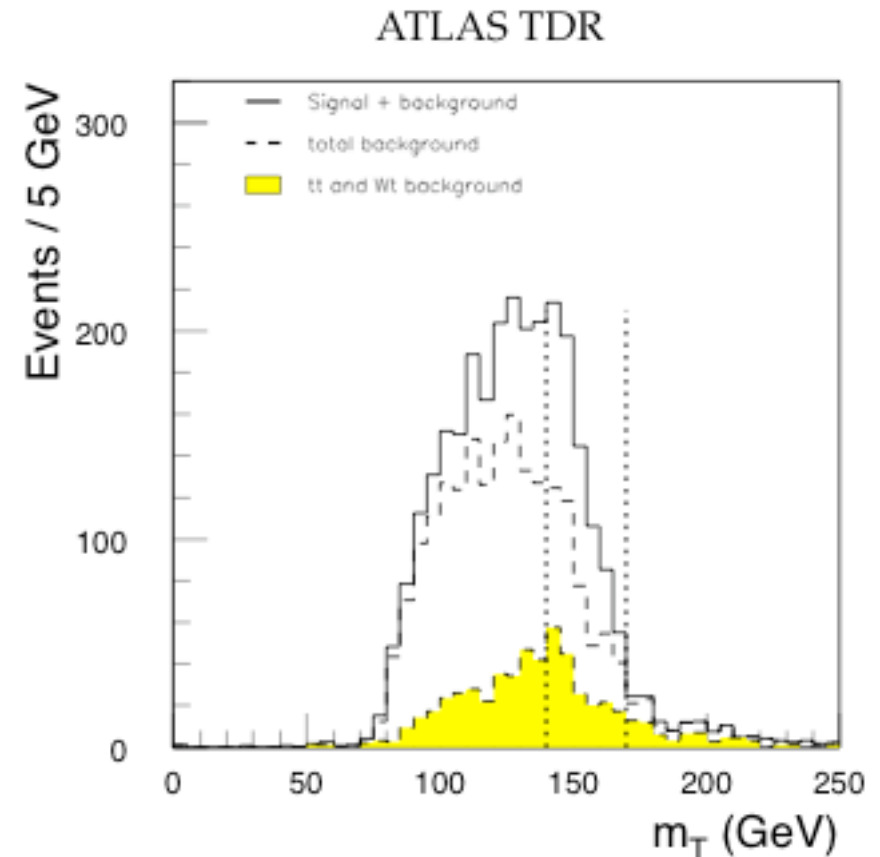
Silver-plated mode  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow l^+l^- \nu \bar{\nu}$   
useful for  $m_H \approx 0.8 - 1 \text{ TeV}$



# INCLUSIVE SEARCHES: $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow l^+ \nu l^- \bar{\nu}$



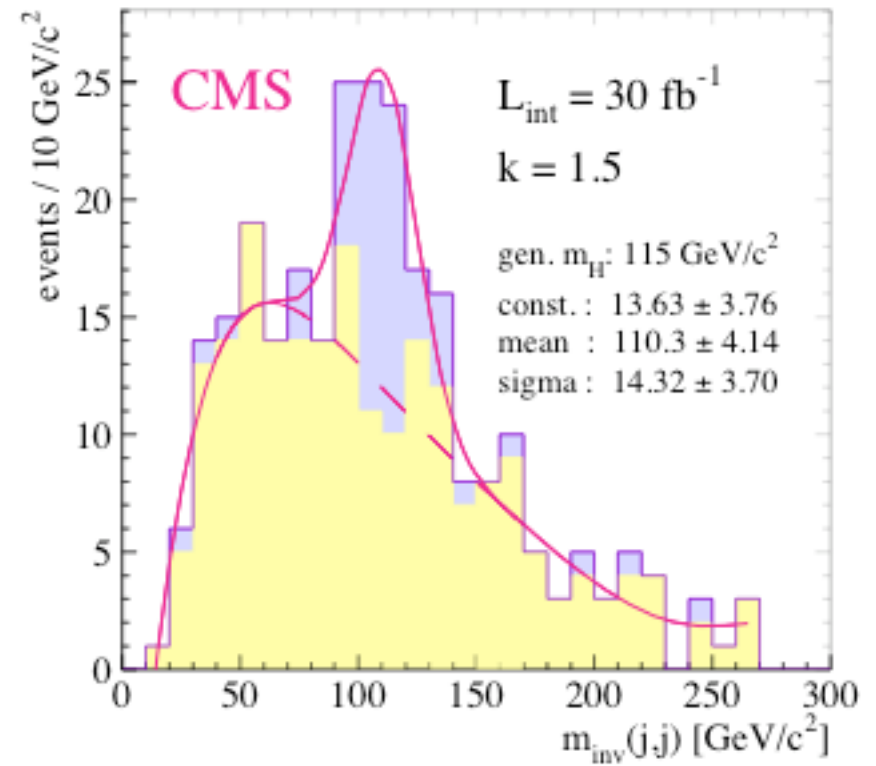
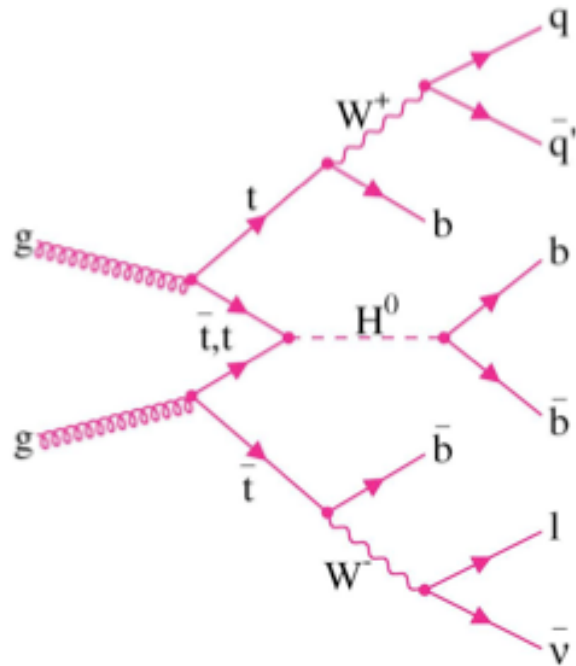
- Exploit  $l^+ l^-$  angular correlations
- Signal and background have similar shapes: must know background normalisation well



$$m_H = 170 \text{ GeV}$$

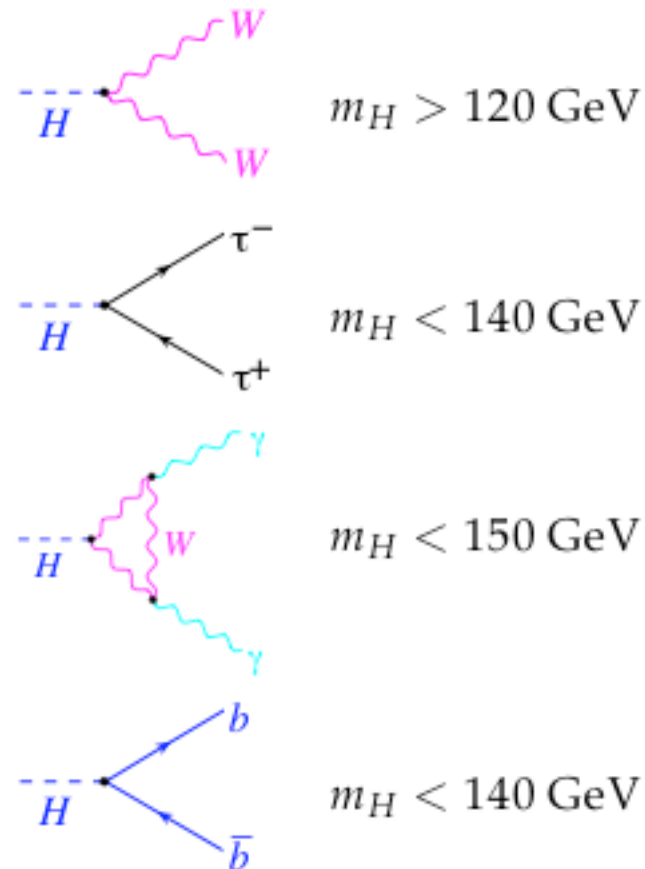
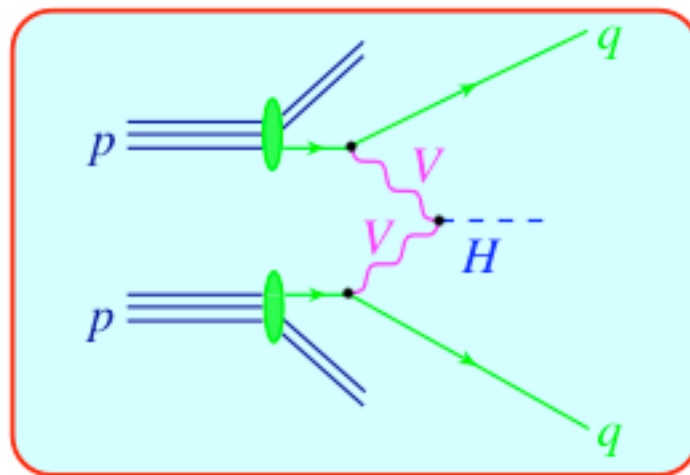
integrated luminosity:  $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION: $Ht\bar{t} \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$



- Search channel for  $m_H = 120 - 130 \text{ GeV}$
- Measure  $h_t^2 \text{BR}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  with  $h_t = Ht\bar{t}$  Yukawa coupling
- must know background normalisation well

# WEAK BOSON FUSION: $qq \rightarrow qqH$

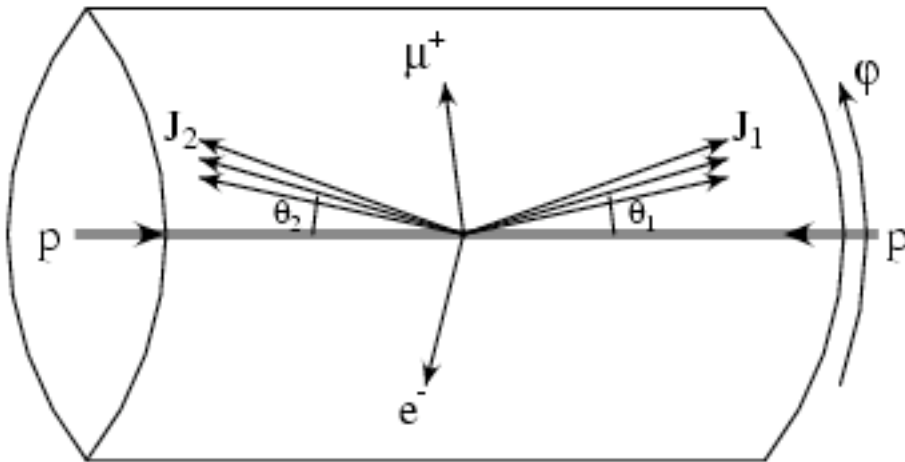


WBF can be measured with good statistical accuracy:

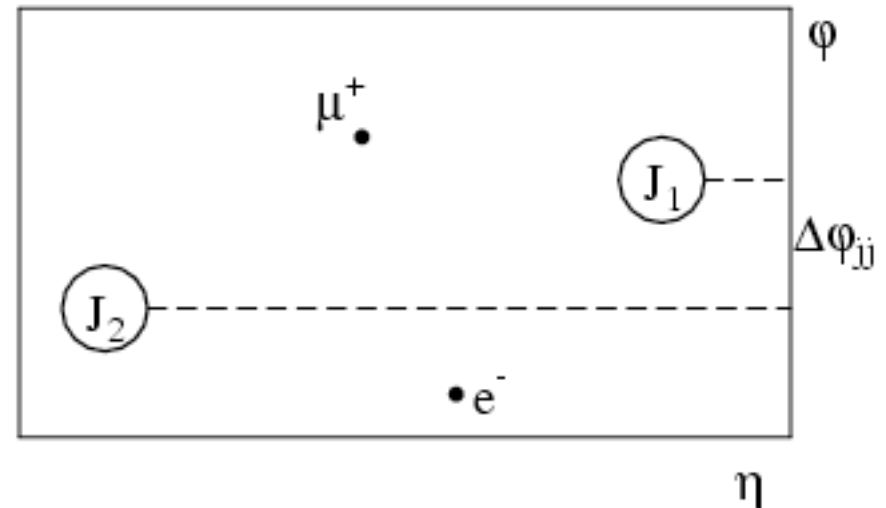
$$\sigma \times \text{BR} \approx \mathcal{O}(10\%)$$

# WEAK BOSON FUSION

A WBF event



Lego plot

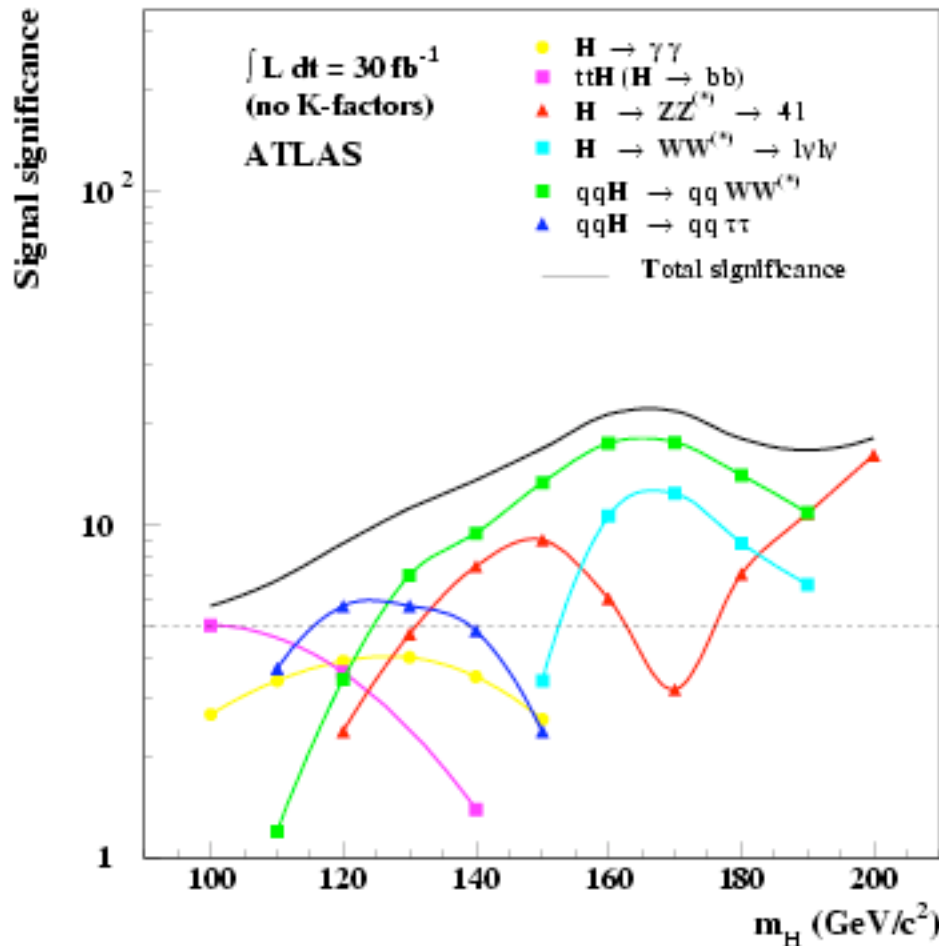


$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}$$

## WBF features

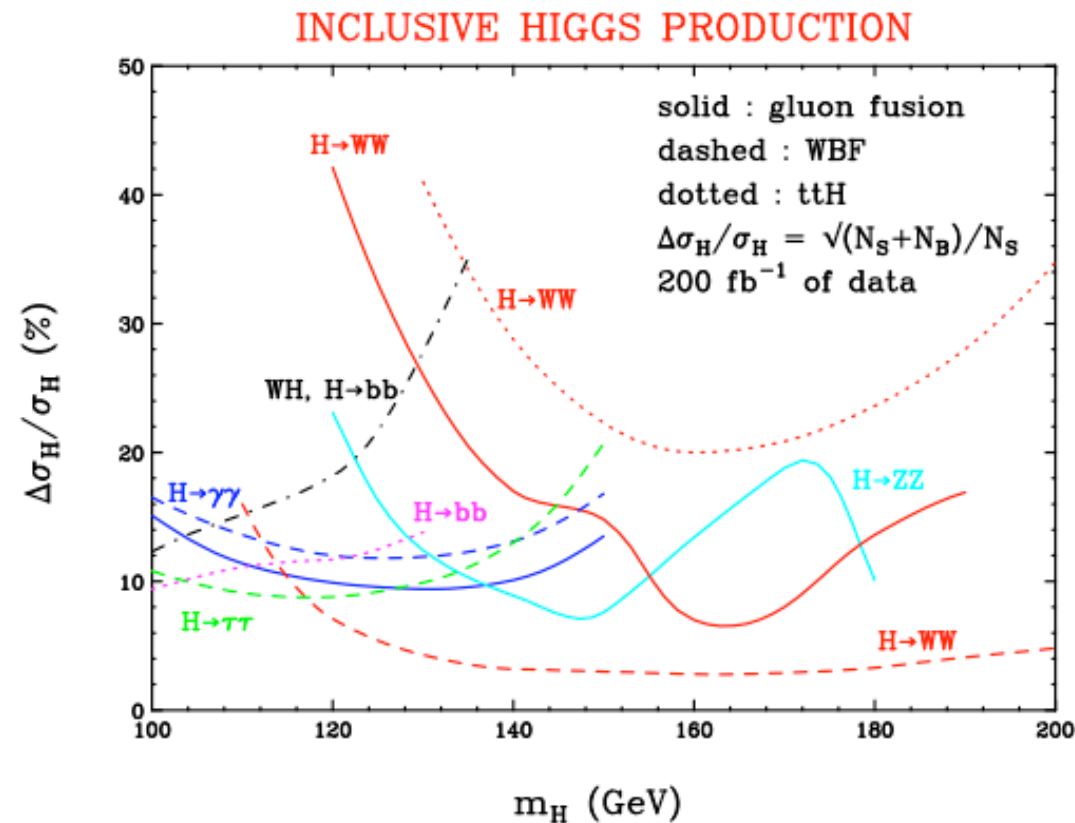
- energetic jets in the forward and backward directions
- Higgs decay products between the tagging jets
- sparse gluon radiation in the central-rapidity region, due to colourless  $W/Z$  exchange
- NLO corrections increase the WBF production rate by about 10%, and thus are small and under control

# SIGNAL SIGNIFICANCE AND (STAT + SYST) ERROR



hep-ph/0402254

Statistical significance: 
$$\frac{N_S}{\sqrt{N_S + N_B}}$$



hep-ph/0203187

QCD/p.d.f. uncertainties:

$\mathcal{O}(5\%)$  for WBF

$\mathcal{O}(20\%)$  for gluon fusion

luminosity uncertainties:  $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$

# HIGGS COUPLINGS AND QUANTUM NUMBERS

The properties of the Higgs-like resonance are its

- couplings: gauge, Yukawa, self-couplings
- quantum numbers: charge, colour, spin, CP

assuming  $W/Z$ -universality, VBF and gluon-fusion rates yield measurements of combinations of partial widths

$$X_\gamma = \frac{\Gamma_W \Gamma_\gamma}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from } qq \rightarrow qqH, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$X_\tau = \frac{\Gamma_W \Gamma_\tau}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from } qq \rightarrow qqH, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

$$X_W = \frac{\Gamma_W^2}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from } qq \rightarrow qqH, H \rightarrow WW^*$$

$$Y_\gamma = \frac{\Gamma_g \Gamma_\gamma}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from } gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

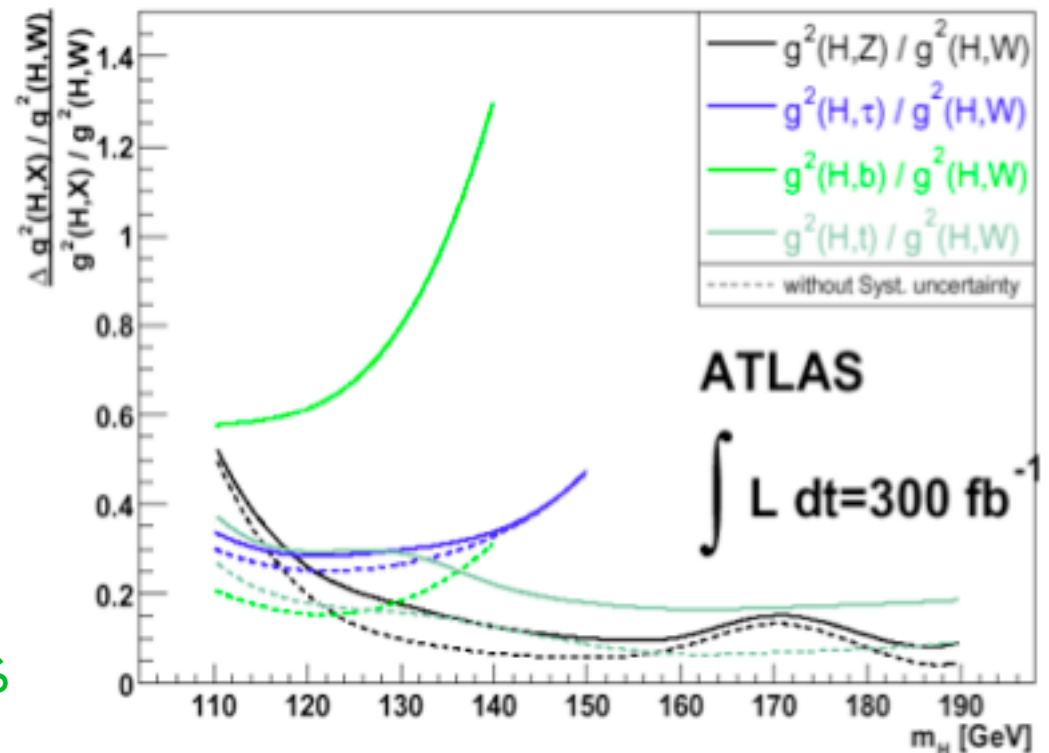
$$Y_Z = \frac{\Gamma_g \Gamma_Z}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from } gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^*$$

$$Y_W = \frac{\Gamma_g \Gamma_W}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from } gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW^*$$

# HIGGS COUPLINGS AND QUANTUM NUMBERS

Ratios of  $Y/X$  cancel uncertainties on initial state luminosities and p.d.f.'s, and allow for the determination of the ratio of the Yukawa/gauge coupling

Zeppenfeld et al. hep-ph/0002036

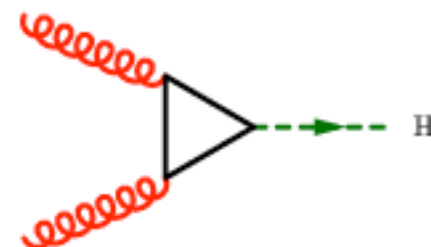


The gauge coupling has also CP properties and a tensor structure. Info on that can be obtained by analysing the final-state topology of Higgs + 2 jet events (more on this later)

# HIGGS PRODUCTION VIA GLUON FUSION

## LEADING ORDER

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \quad gg \rightarrow H$$

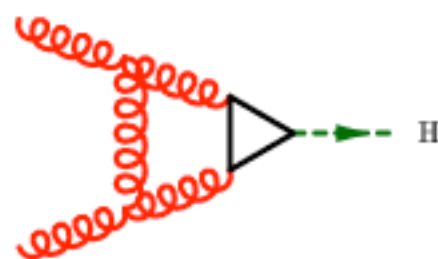
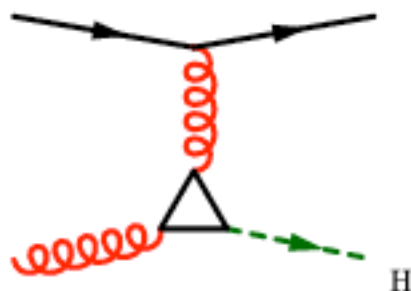
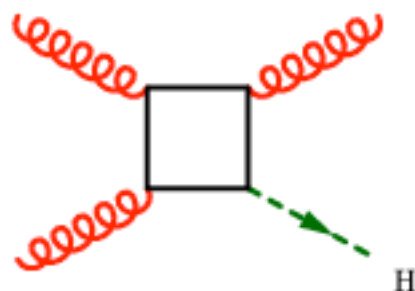


energy scales:  $\hat{s} = M_H^2$  and  $M_t^2$

## NLO CORRECTIONS

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

- 2-loop  $gg \rightarrow H$
- 1-loop  $gg \rightarrow gH$   $qg \rightarrow qH$  + crossings



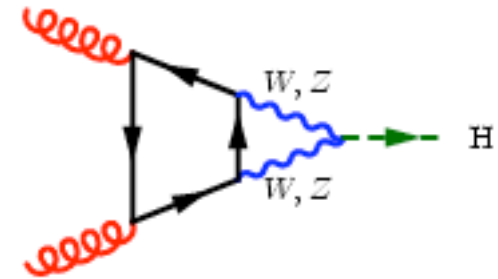
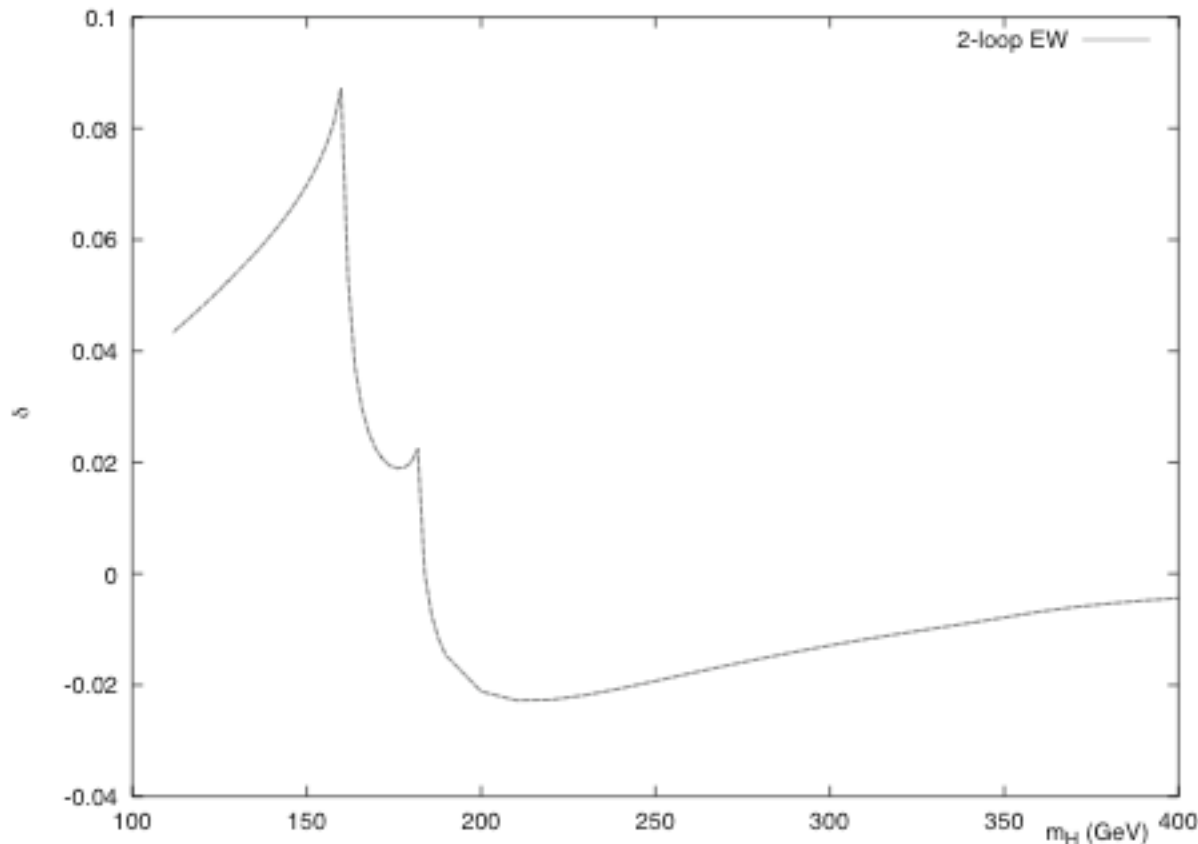
Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas, '93-'95

large  $K$  factor:  $\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = K^{\text{NLO}} \sigma^{\text{LO}} \quad \mathcal{O}(40 - 100\%)$



# EW CORRECTIONS

a QCD loop + an EW loop  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2 \alpha_W^2)$

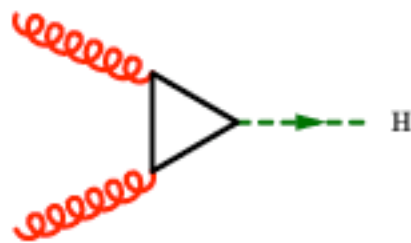


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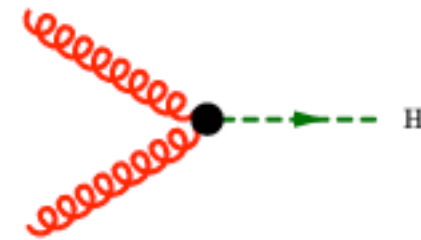
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- Relative corrections to production and decay through gluon fusion (with light fermion loop)
- For  $115 \text{ GeV} \leq M_H \leq 2M_W$  the total electroweak corrections are 5 to 8 % of leading order

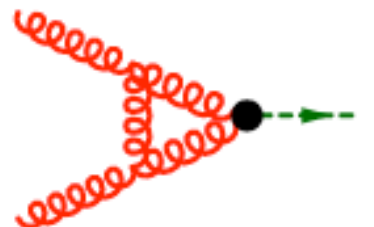
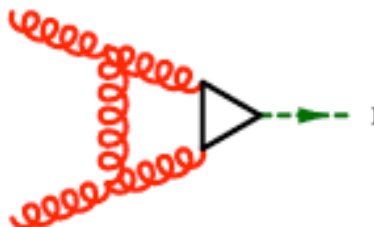
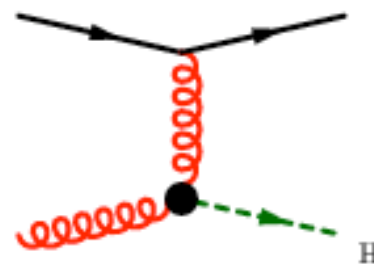
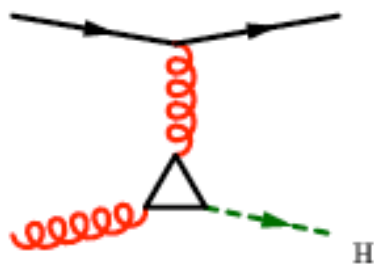
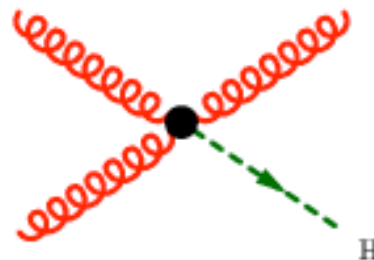
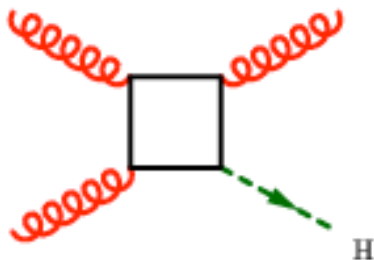
# THE LARGE TOP-MASS LIMIT



$$M_H \ll 2M_t$$



## NLO CORRECTIONS



$K$  factor in the large  $M_t$  limit

$$K_\infty = \lim_{M_t \rightarrow \infty} K$$

NLO rate in the large  $M_t$  limit

$$\sigma_\infty^{\text{NLO}} = K_\infty^{\text{NLO}} \sigma^{\text{LO}}$$

$\sigma_\infty^{\text{NLO}}$  is within 10% of  $\sigma^{\text{NLO}}$   
for  $M_H \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$

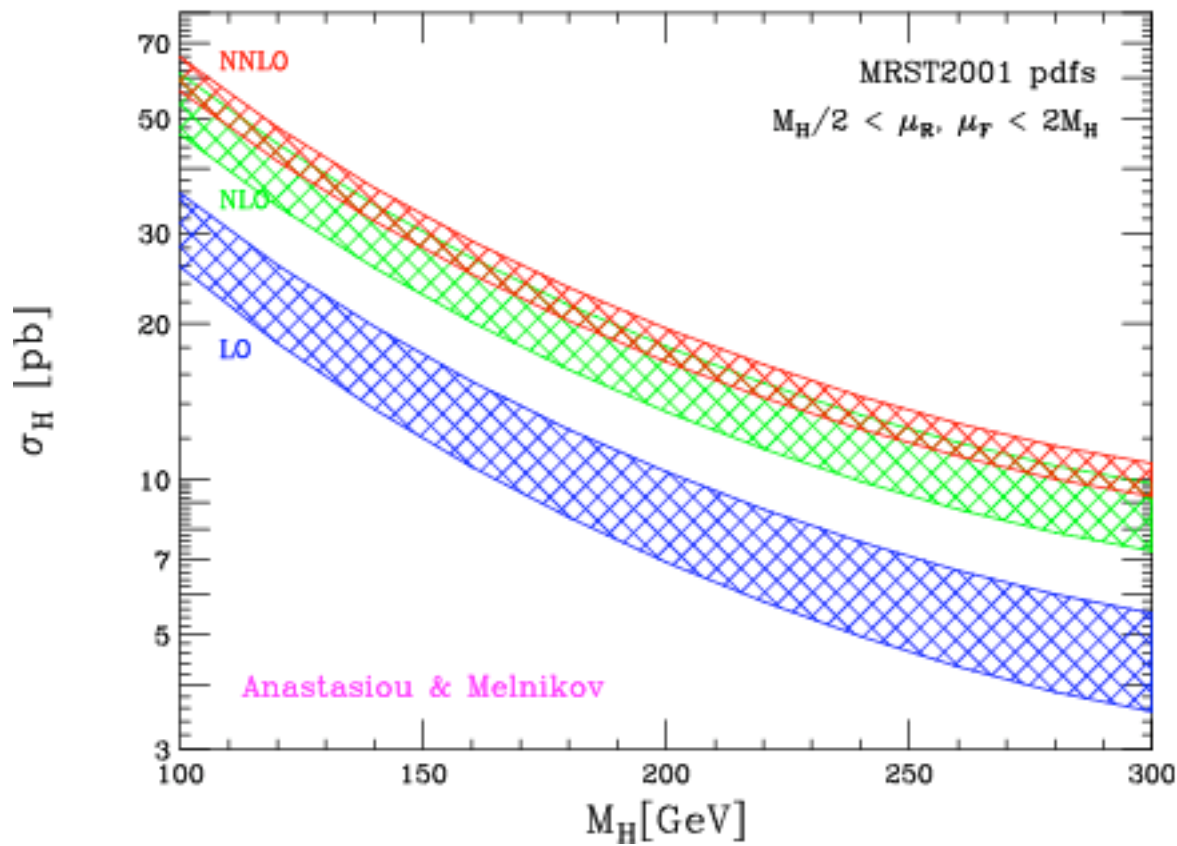
# $gg \rightarrow H$ IN THE LARGE $M_t$ LIMIT

## NNLO CORRECTIONS

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$$

2-loop  $gg \rightarrow H$   
 1-loop  $gg \rightarrow gH$   $qg \rightarrow qH$  + crossings  
 tree  $gg \rightarrow ggH$   $qg \rightarrow qgH$   $qQ \rightarrow qQH$  + crossings

R. Harlander hep-ph/0007289



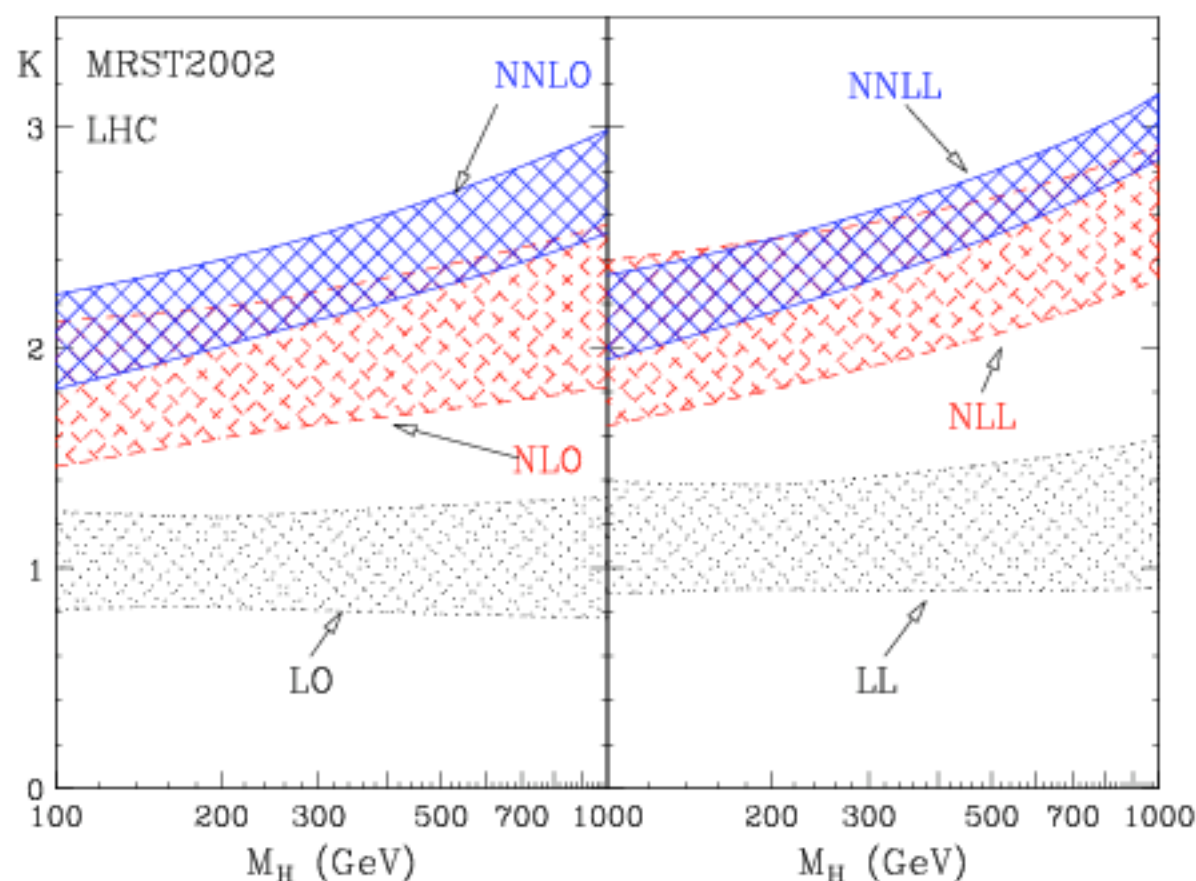
total cross section for  
 inclusive **Higgs** production  
 at **LHC**

Harlander Kilgore 02  
 Anastasiou Melnikov 02  
 Ravindran Smith van Neerven 03

The band contours are  
 lower  $\mu_R = 2M_H$   $\mu_F = M_H/2$   
 upper  $\mu_R = M_H/2$   $\mu_F = 2M_H$

# NNLO CORRECTIONS + NNLL RESUMMATION

- Threshold resummation of soft gluon radiation

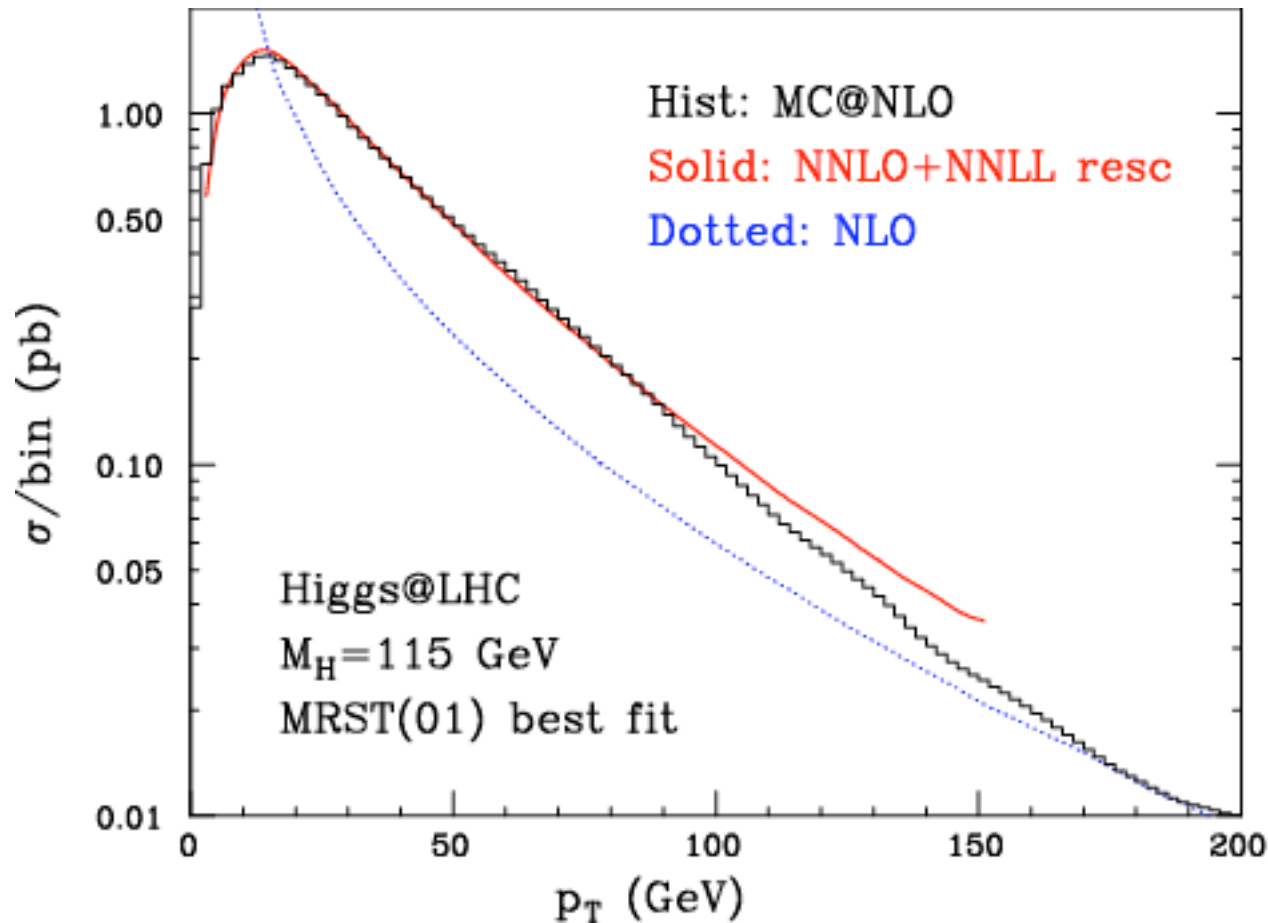


Catani, de Florian  
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hep-ph/0306211

- $K$  factor is computed wrt to  $\sigma^{\text{LO}}$  at  $\mu_R = \mu_F = M_H$   
band contours have  $\mu_{R(F)} = \chi_{R(F)} M_H$  and  $1/2 \leq \chi_{R(F)} \leq 2$  but  $1/2 \leq \chi_R/\chi_F \leq 2$
- NNLL increases NNLO by about 6%
- scale uncertainty at NNLL of about 8% (at NNLO of about 10%)

# NNLO + NNLL VERSUS MC@NLO

## Higgs $p_T$ distribution

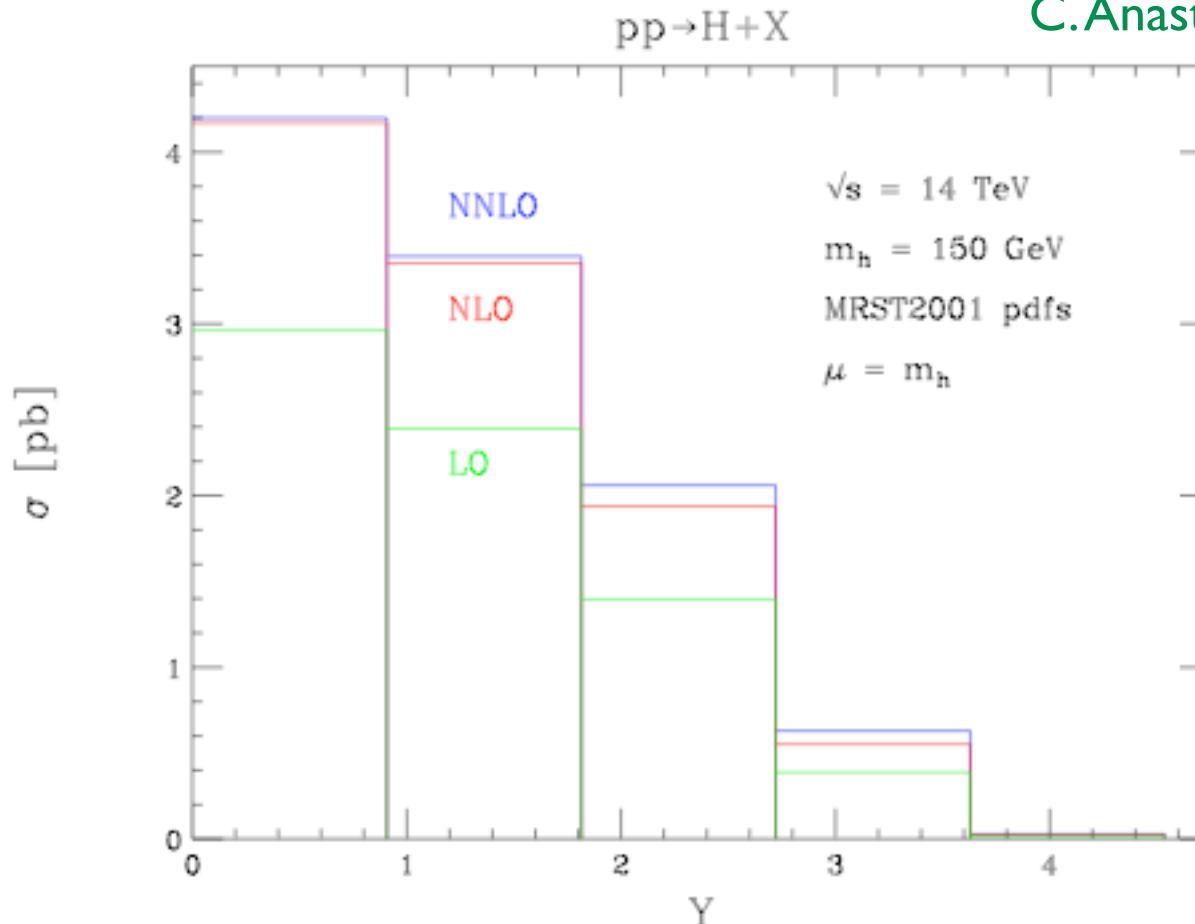


difference at large  $p_T$  is due to different default  $\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F$  scale  
 $\mu^2 = M_H^2$  for NNLO + NNLL,  $\mu^2 = M_H^2 + p_T^2$  for MC@NLO

# NNLO CORRECTIONS

a fully differential cross section:  
bin-integrated rapidity distribution, with a jet veto

C. Anastasiou K. Melnikov F. Petriello 2004



jet veto: require

$$R = 0.4$$

$$|\mathbf{p}_T^j| < p_T^{\text{veto}} = 40 \text{ GeV}$$

for 2 partons

$$R_{12}^2 = (\eta_1 - \eta_2)^2 + (\phi_1 - \phi_2)^2$$

if  $R_{12} > R$

$$|\mathbf{p}_T^1|, |\mathbf{p}_T^2| < p_T^{\text{veto}}$$

if  $R_{12} < R$

$$|\mathbf{p}_T^1 + \mathbf{p}_T^2| < p_T^{\text{veto}}$$

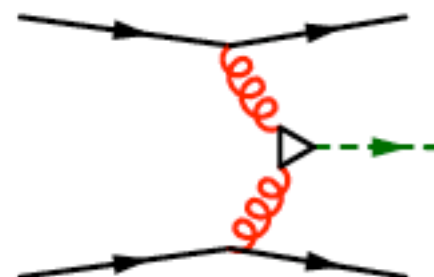
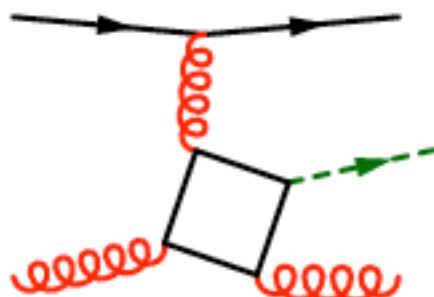
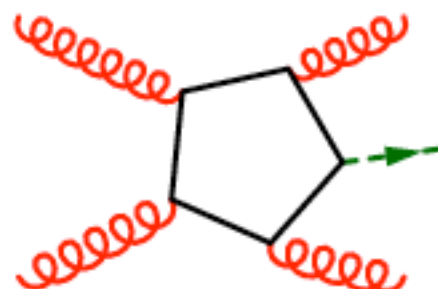
$M_H = 150 \text{ GeV}$  (jet veto relevant in the  $H \rightarrow W^+ W^-$  decay channel)

K factor is much smaller for the vetoed x-sect than for the inclusive one:  
average  $|\mathbf{p}_T^j|$  increases from NLO to NNLO: less x-sect passes the veto

# HIGGS + 2 JETS VIA GLUON FUSION

## LEADING ORDER

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$



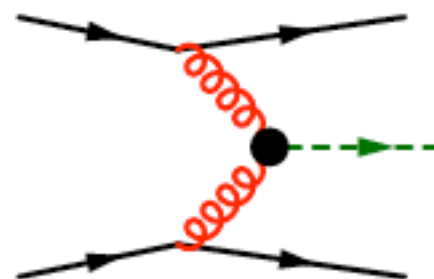
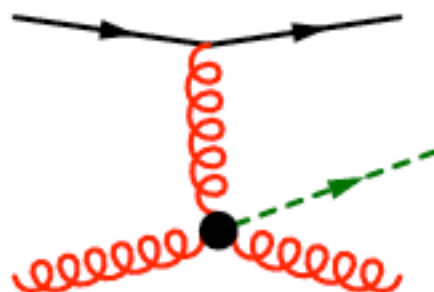
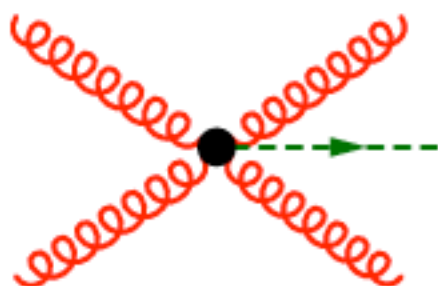
tree  $gg \rightarrow ggH$   $qg \rightarrow qgH$   $qQ \rightarrow qQH$  + crossings

energy scales:  $\hat{s}, s_{j_1H}, s_{j_2H}, s_{j_1j_2}, M_H^2, M_t^2$ , with  $\hat{s} = s_{j_1j_2} + s_{j_1H} + s_{j_2H} - M_H^2$

## LARGE $M_t$ LIMIT

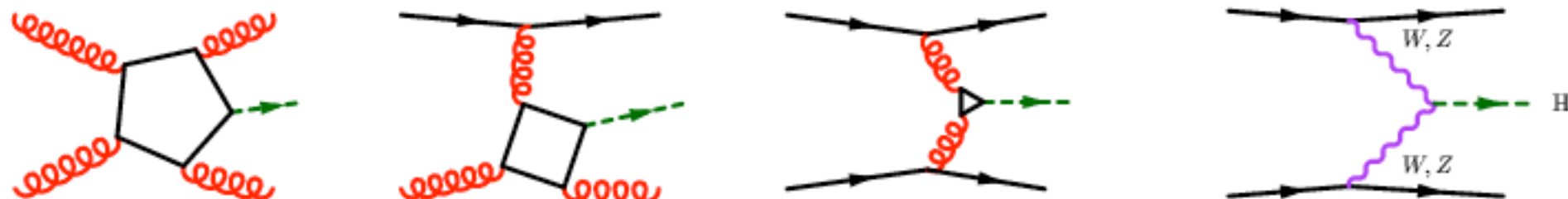
is accurate if  $M_H \ll 2M_t$  and  $p_{j_1\perp}, p_{j_2\perp}, p_{H\perp} \ll M_t$

is valid even when  $s_{j_1j_2}, s_{j_1H}, s_{j_2H} \gg M_t^2$



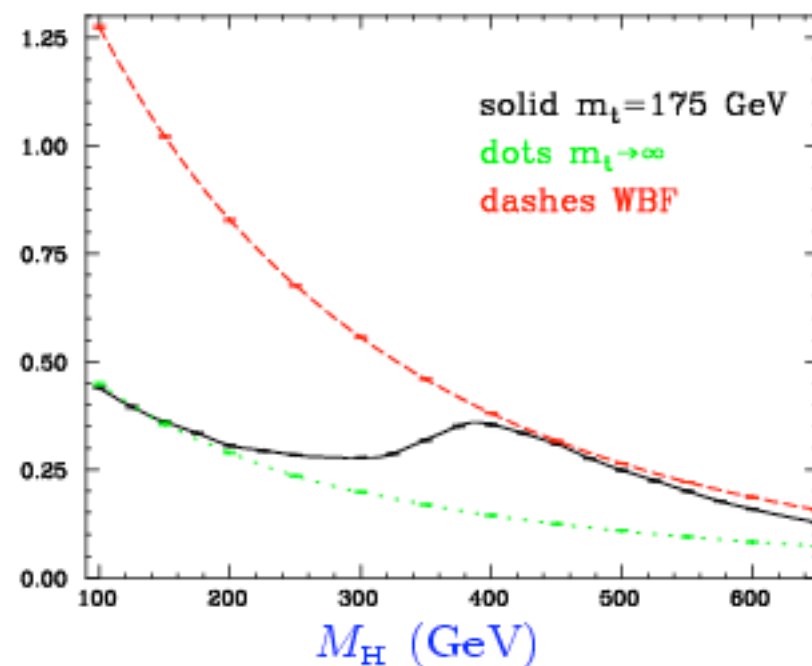
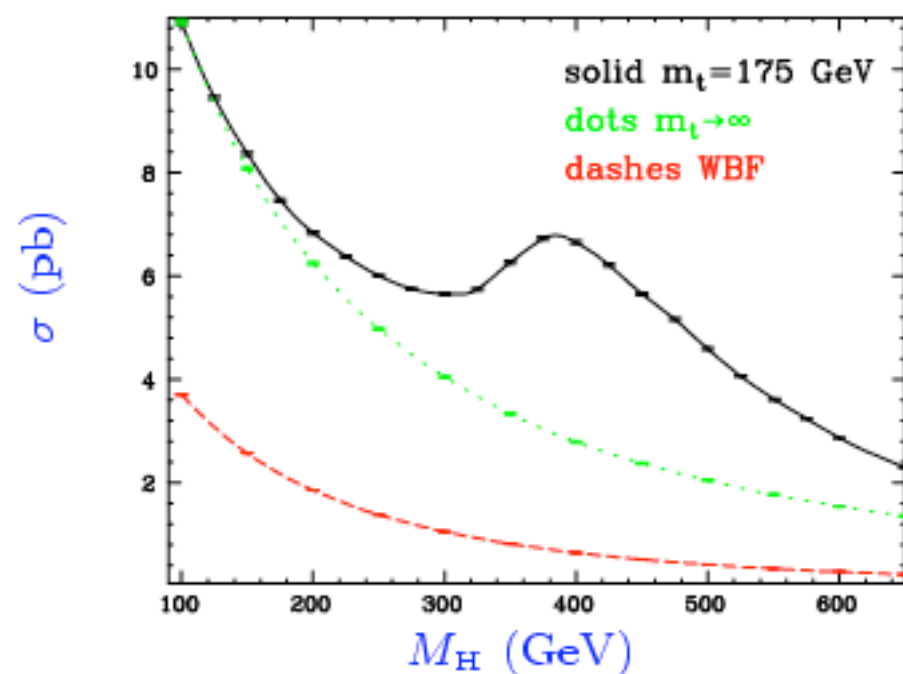


# $H + 2 \text{ JETS RATE}$ as a function of $M_H$



$$\mu_F = \sqrt{p_{j1\perp} p_{j2\perp}}, \mu_R = M_Z$$

Kilgore, Oleari, Schmidt, Zeppenfeld, VDD hep-ph/0105129



inclusive cuts:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_{j\perp} > 20 \text{ GeV} \\ |\eta_j| < 5 \\ R_{jj} > 0.6 \end{array} \right.$

WBF cuts: incl. +  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2}| > 4.2 \\ \eta_{j1} \cdot \eta_{j2} < 0 \\ \sqrt{s_{j1j2}} > 600 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right.$

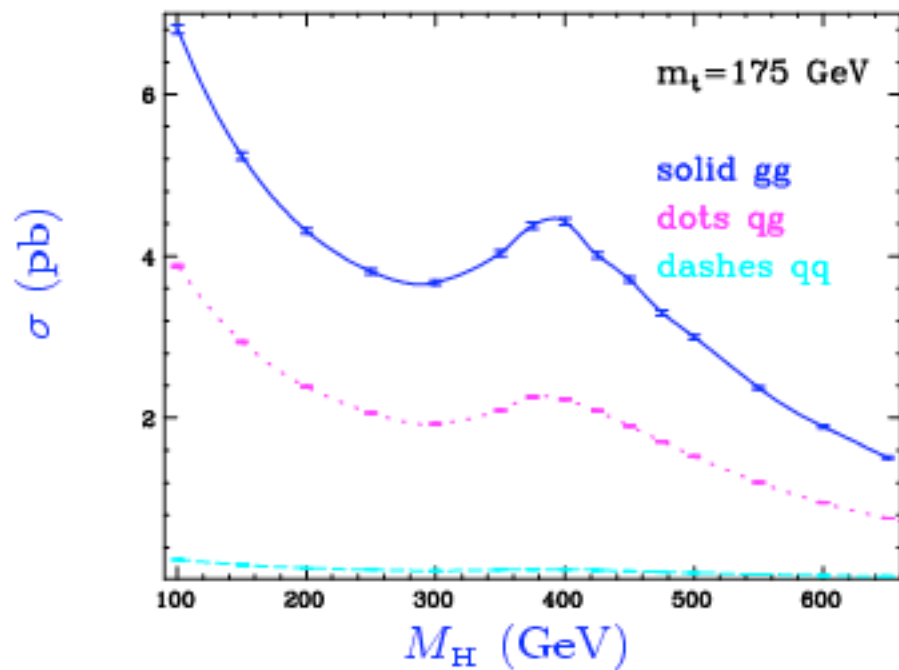
☛ WBF cuts enhance WBF wrt gluon fusion by a factor 10



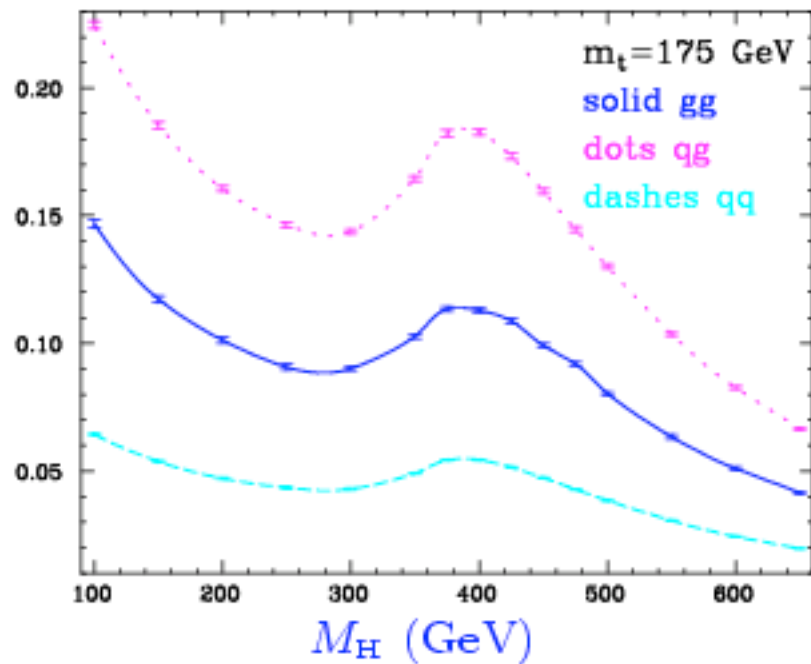
# $H + 2 \text{ JETS VIA GLUON FUSION}$

by sub-process

$$\mu_F = \sqrt{p_{j1\perp} p_{j2\perp}}, \mu_R = M_Z$$



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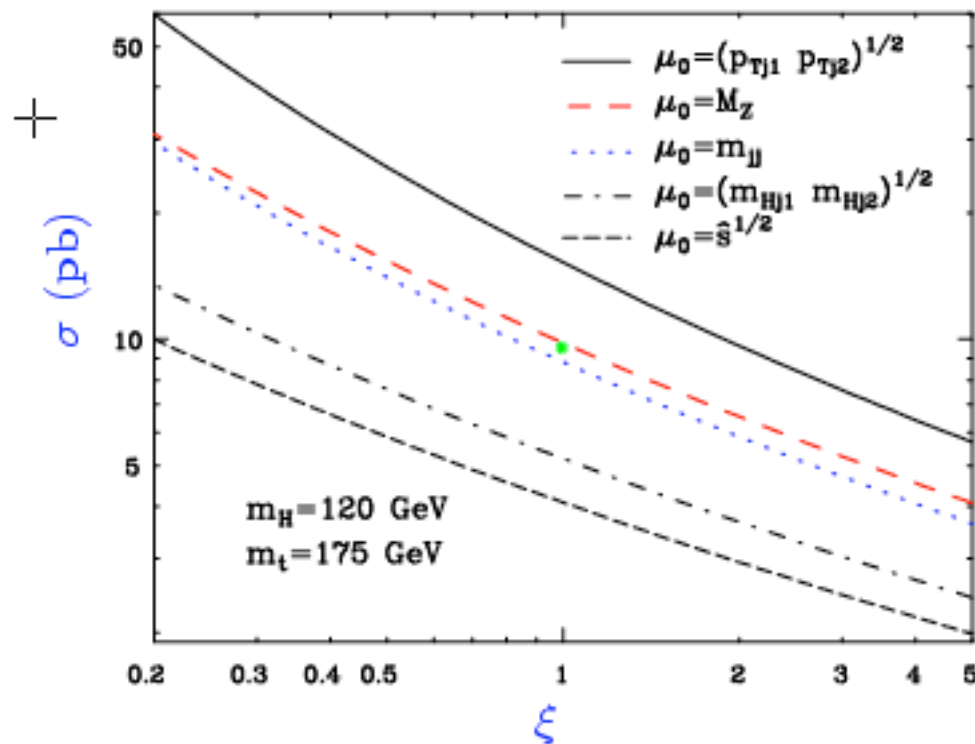
☛ WBF cuts enhance  $qg$  wrt  $gg$ , and make  $qq$  non-negligible

# SCALE DEPENDENCE

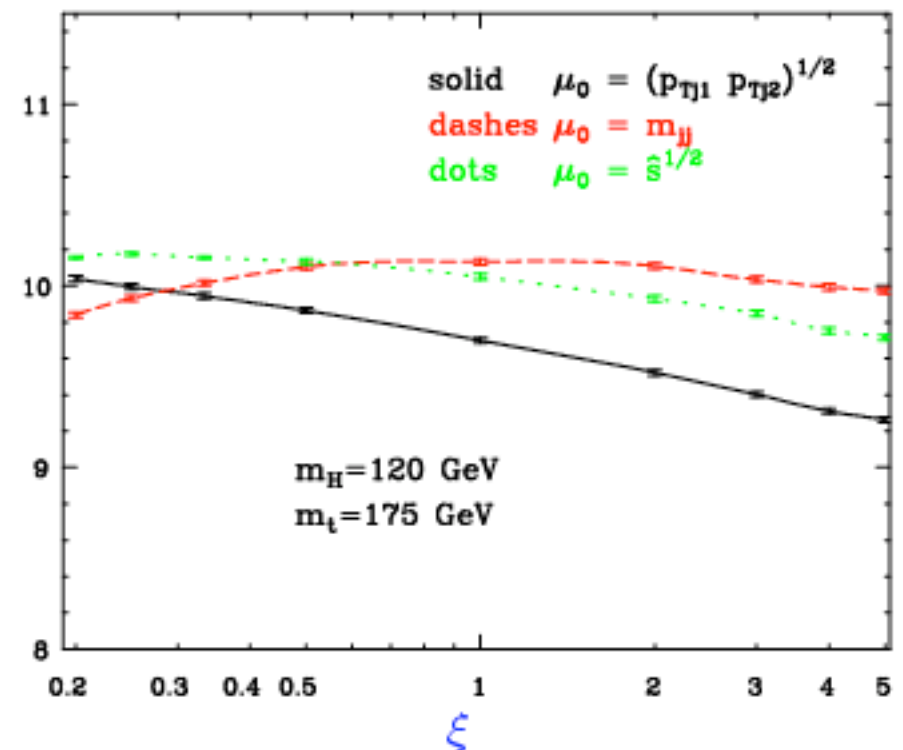
renormalisation  $\mu_R$  & factorisation  $\mu_F$  scales

Kilgore, Oleari, Schmidt, Zeppenfeld, VDD hep-ph/0108030

$$\mu_R = \xi \mu_0, \mu_F = \sqrt{p_{j1\perp} p_{j2\perp}}$$



$$\mu_F = \xi \mu_0, \mu_R = M_Z$$



☞ strong  $\mu_R$  dependence: the calculation is LO and  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$

☞ a natural scale for  $\alpha_s$  ?

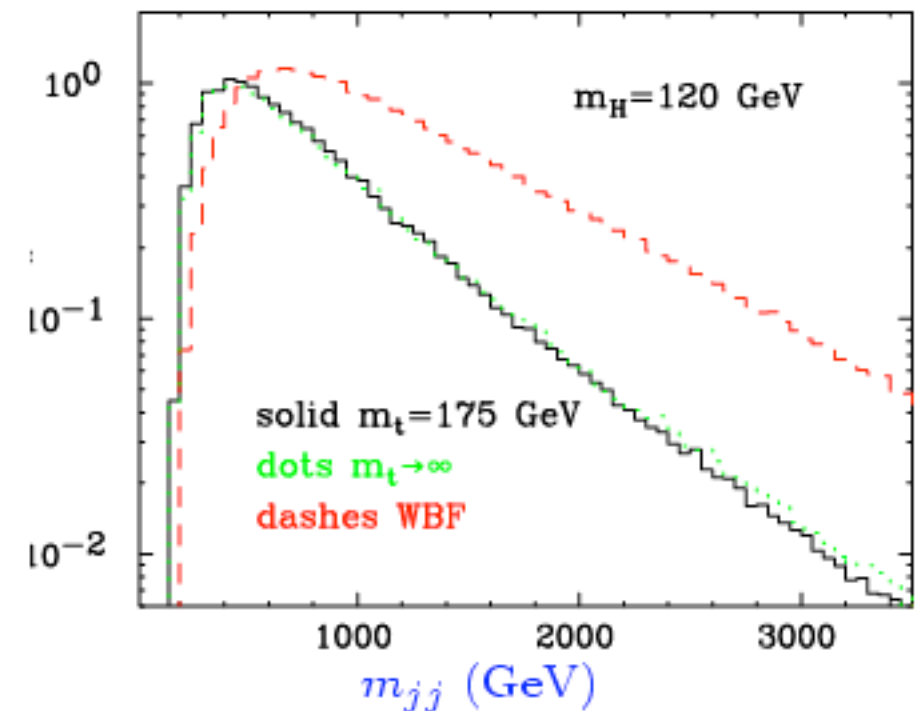
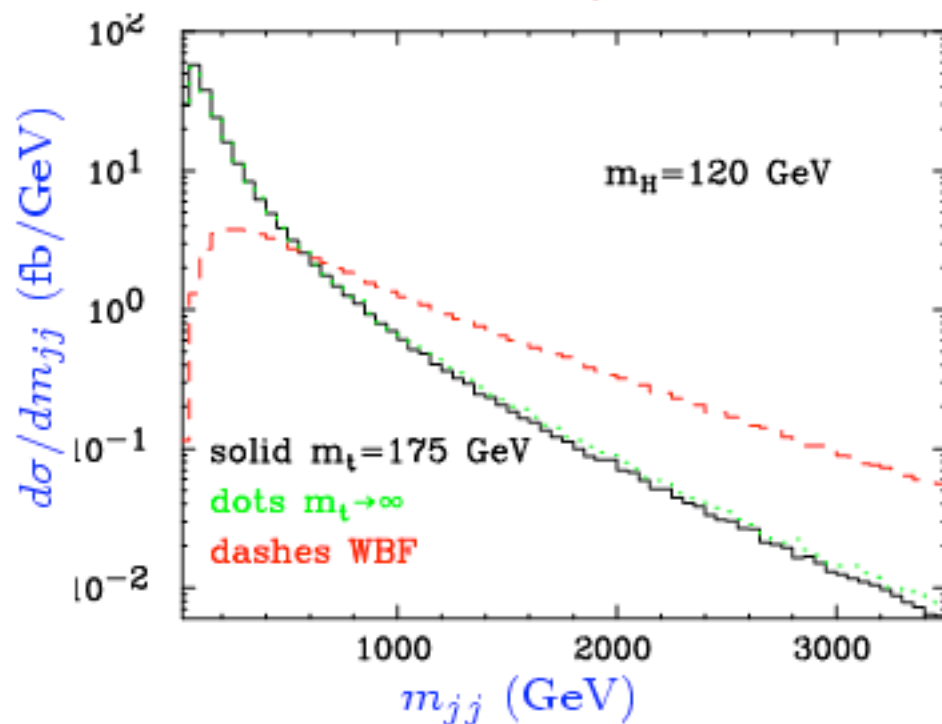
high energy limit suggests  $\alpha_s^4 \rightarrow \alpha_s(p_{j1\perp}) \alpha_s(p_{j1\perp}) \alpha_s^2(M_H)$

☛  $\sigma$  varies by a factor 2.5 for  $\mu_0/2 < \mu_R < 2\mu_0$

☞ mild  $\mu_F$  dependence:  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  over the  $\mu_0/5 < \mu_R < 5\mu_0$  range

# DIJET MASS DISTRIBUTIONS

$\sqrt{s_{jj}} \equiv m_{jj}$ : dijet invariant mass



inclusive cuts:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_{j\perp} > 20^+ \text{ GeV} \\ |\eta_j| < 5 \\ R_{jj} > 0.6 \end{array} \right.$

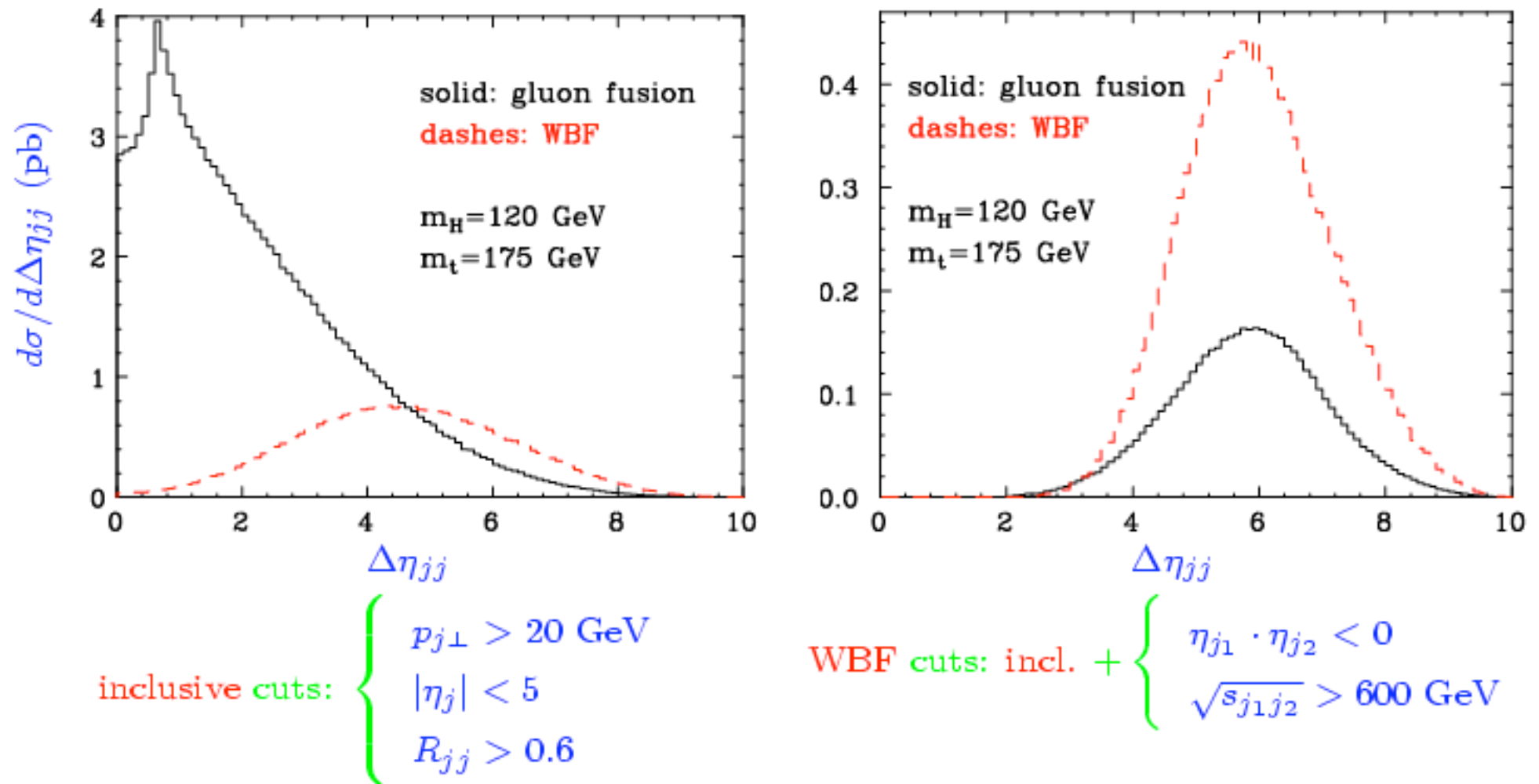
WBF cuts: incl. +  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \eta_{j1} \cdot \eta_{j2} < 0 \\ |\eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2}| > 4.2 \end{array} \right.$

- high dijet mass region ( $m_{jj} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$ ) is dominated by WBF
- large dijet masses do not invalidate the large  $M_t$  limit (as long as  $p_{j1\perp}, p_{j2\perp} \ll M_t$ )

# RAPIDITY DISTRIBUTIONS

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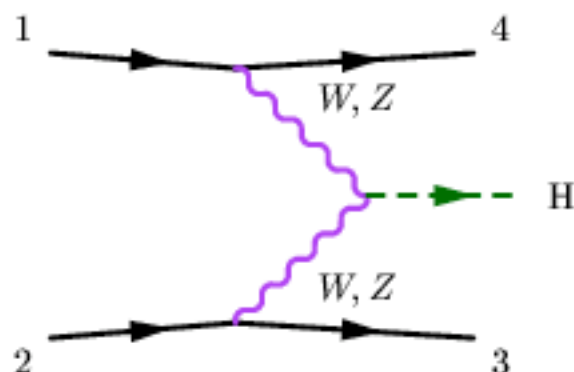
$\Delta\eta_{jj}$ : rapidity difference between the two jets



- WBF events spontaneously have a large  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$
- dip in gluon fusion at low  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$  is unphysical:  $R_{jj} = \sqrt{\Delta\eta_{jj} + \Delta\phi_{jj}} > 0.6$

# AZIMUTHAL ANGLE CORRELATIONS

$\Delta\phi_{jj} \equiv$  the azimuthal angle between the two jets



$$\mathcal{A}_{WBF} \sim \frac{1}{2p_1 \cdot p_4 - M_W^2} \frac{1}{2p_2 \cdot p_3 - M_W^2} \hat{s} m_{jj}^2$$

→ a flat  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  distribution

gluon fusion in the large  $M_t$  limit

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{4} A H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} \quad A = \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi v}$$

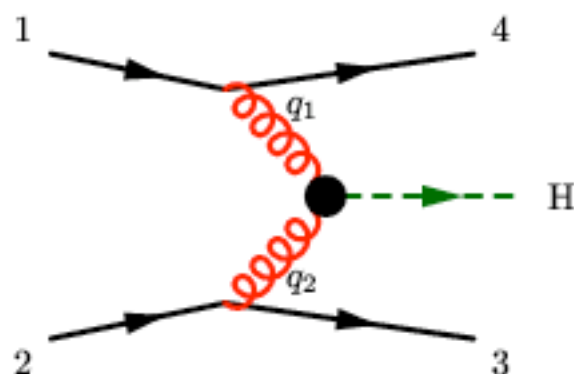
$$\mathcal{A}_{gluon} \sim J_1^\mu (q_1^\nu q_2^\mu - g^{\mu\nu} q_1 \cdot q_2) J_2^\nu$$

$J^\mu \equiv$  quark-gluon current

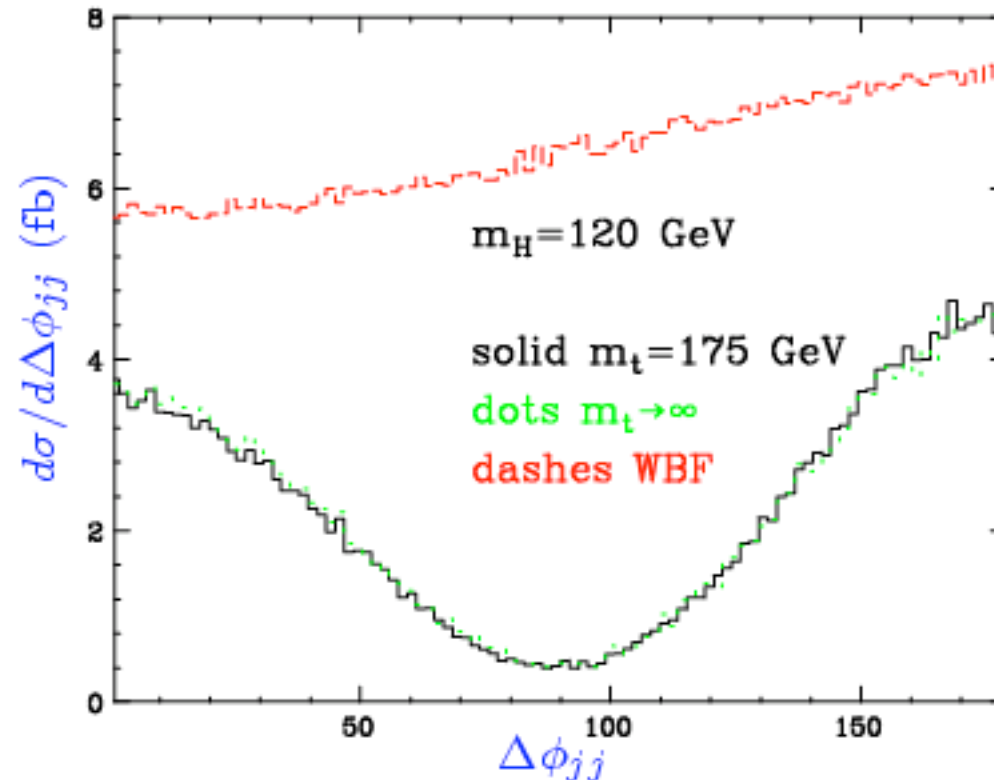
for  $|p_i^z| \gg |p_i^{x,y}|$   $i = 3, 4$ : forward jets

$$\mathcal{A}_{gluon} \sim (J_1^0 J_2^0 - J_1^3 J_2^3) p_{3\perp} \cdot p_{4\perp}$$

→ zero at  $\Delta\phi_{jj} = \frac{\pi}{2}$



# AZIMUTHAL ANGLE DISTRIBUTION



$$\text{WBF cuts: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_{j\perp} > 20 \text{ GeV} \\ |\eta_j| < 5 \\ R_{jj} > 0.6 \end{array} \right. + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \eta_{j1} \cdot \eta_{j2} < 0 \\ |\eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2}| > 4.2 \\ m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right.$$

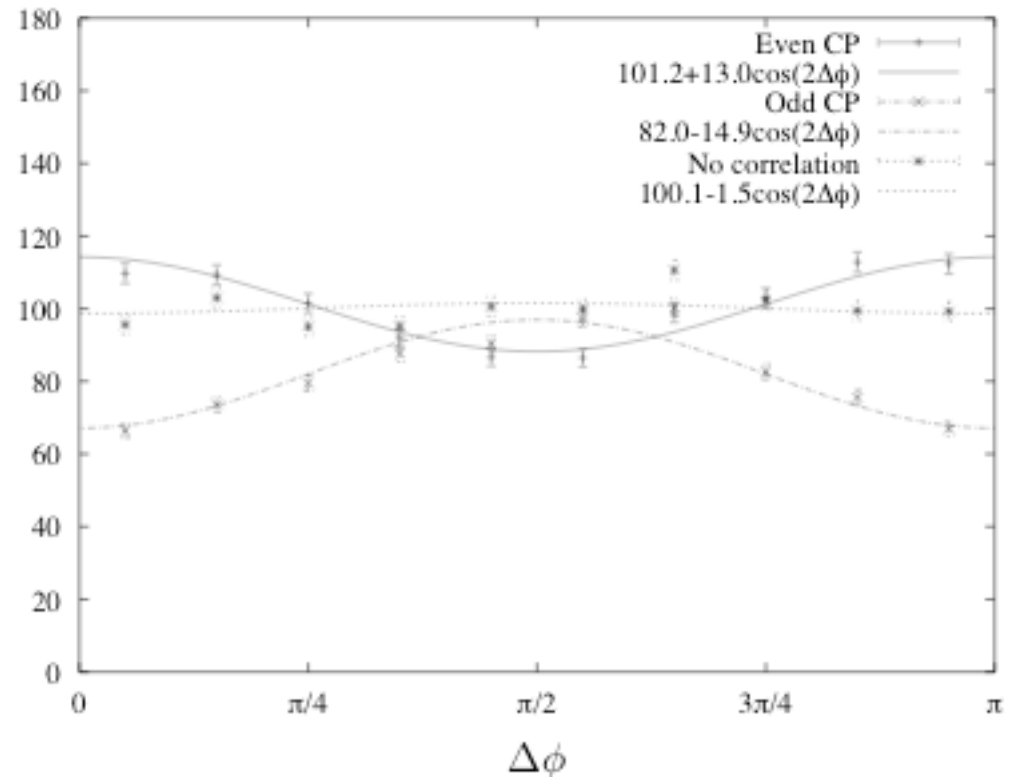
- the azimuthal angle distribution discriminates between WBF and gluon fusion
- note that the large  $M_t$  limit curve approximates very well the exact curve

# Caveat

Including **parton showers** and **hadronisation** through **HERWIG**, Odagiri finds much less correlation between the jets, but the plot has been obtained by generating also the jets through the showers

$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta\phi}$  /fb

Odagiri hep-ph/0212215



A better analysis would require the generation of the basic final-state topology (i.e. **Higgs + 2 jets**) through the exact matrix elements, and the additional radiation through **showers** and **hadronisation**

ALPGEN Collab & VDD, in progress

# WWH COUPLING

- the azimuthal angle  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  between the jets can be used as a tool to investigate the tensor structure of the WWH coupling

Plehn, Rainwater, Zeppenfeld [hep-ph/0105325](#)

- take a gauge-invariant effective Lagrangian with dim. 6 operators (CP even and CP odd) describing an anomalous WWH coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_6 = \frac{g^2}{2\Lambda_{e,6}^2} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g^2}{2\Lambda_{o,6}^2} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \tilde{V}_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$$

- expand  $\Phi$  about the vev (get dim. 5 (D5) operators)

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{e,5}} H W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{o,5}} H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda_5} = \frac{g^2 v}{\Lambda_6^2}$$

- CP odd D5 operator:  $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$  tensor in the coupling

➡ zero at  $\Delta\phi_{jj} = 0, \pi$

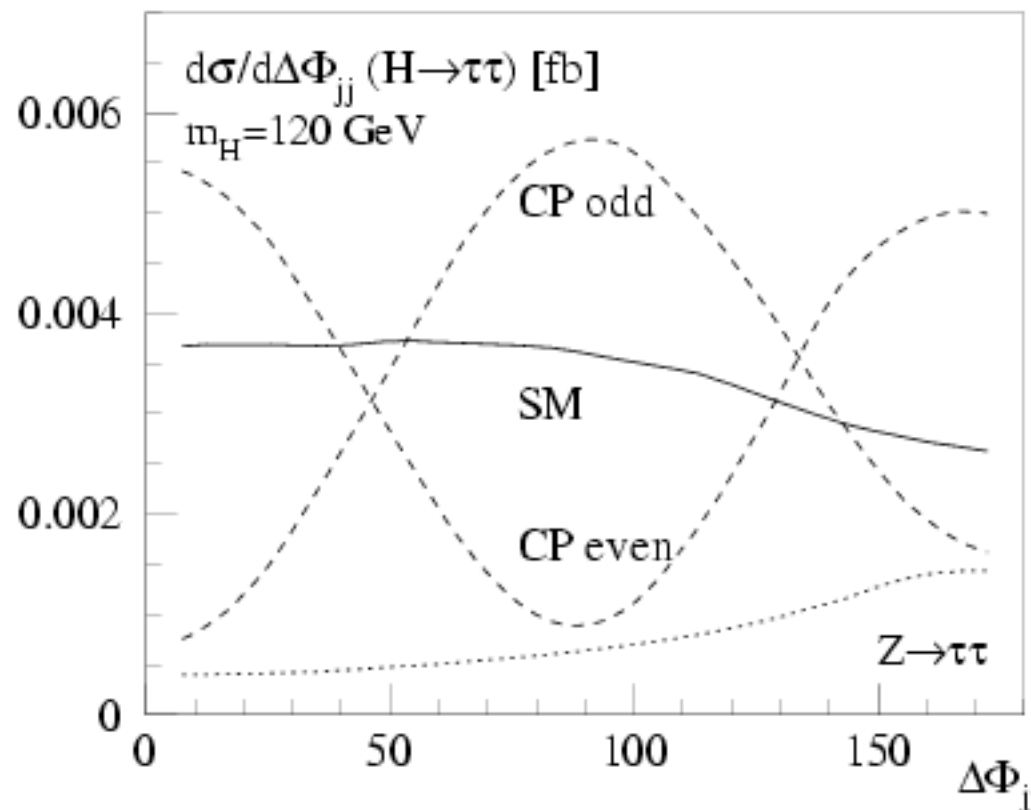
- CP even D5 operator is like the effective  $ggH$  coupling

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP even}} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{e,5}} J_1^\mu (q_1^\nu q_2^\mu - g^{\mu\nu} q_1 \cdot q_2) J_2^\nu \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{zero at } \Delta\phi_{jj} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



## AZIMUTHAL ANGLE DISTRIBUTION FOR WWH COUPLINGS

- assume a Higgs-like scalar signal is found at LHC at the SM rate (for D5 operators:  $\Lambda_5 \sim 500 \text{ GeV}$ )



WBF cuts:

$$p_{j\perp} > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta_j| < 5$$

$$R_{jj} > 0.6$$

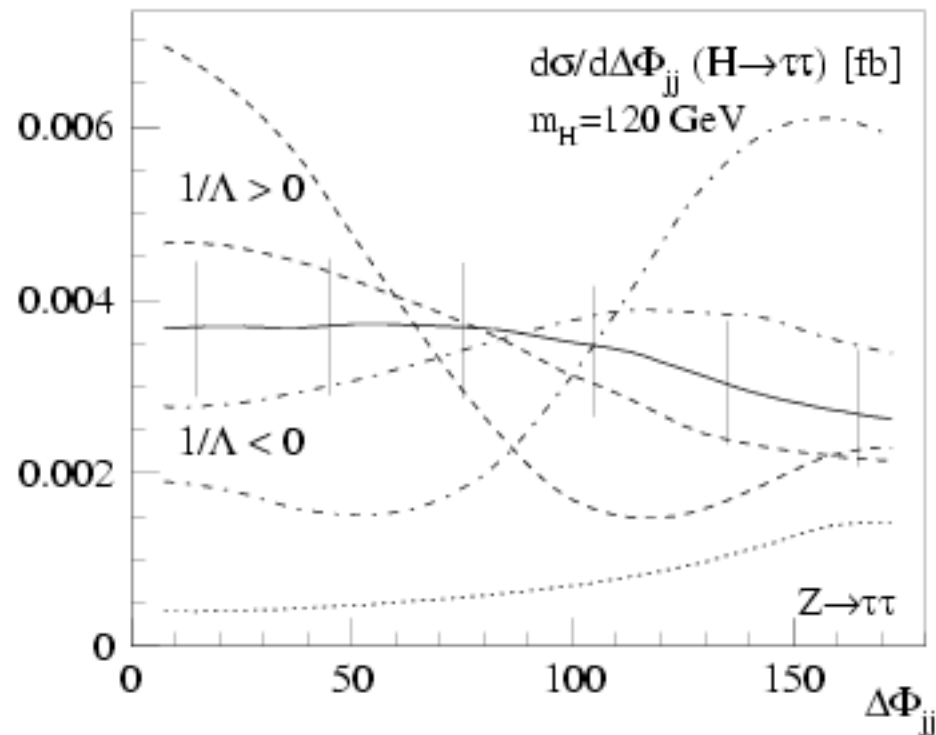
$$\eta_{j1} \cdot \eta_{j2} < 0$$

$$|\eta_{j1} - \eta_{j2}| > 4.2$$

- the  $\Delta\phi_{jj}$  distribution
  - discriminates between different WWH couplings
  - is independent of the particular decay channel and the Higgs mass range

## INTERFERENCE EFFECTS IN THE $\Delta\phi_{jj}$ DISTRIBUTION

- assume a **Higgs** candidate is found at **LHC** with a predominantly **SM**  $g^{\mu\nu}$  coupling. How sensitive are experiments to any **D5 terms** ?
- no **interference** between **SM** and **CP odd D5 operator**

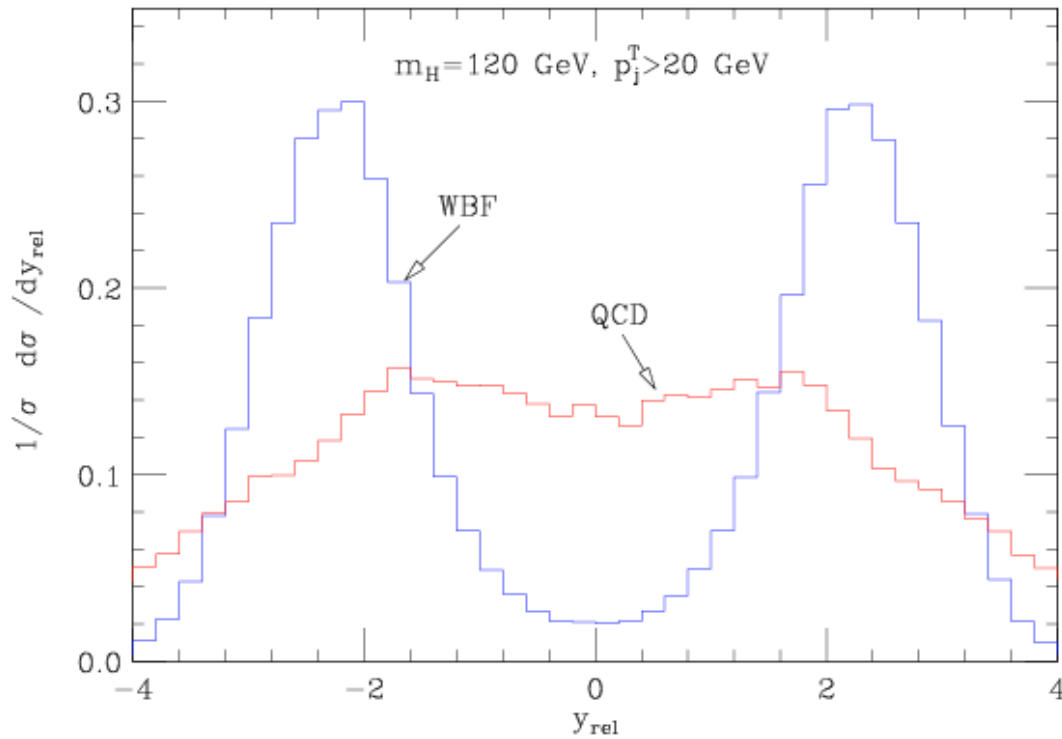


$\Delta\phi_{jj}$  distribution for the **SM** and **interference** with a **CP even D5 coupling**. The two curves for each sign of the operator correspond to values  $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} = 0.04, 1.0$ . Error bars correspond to an integrated luminosity of  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment, distributed over 6 bins, and are **statistical** only

- **interference** between **SM** and **CP even D5 operator**:  $|\mathcal{A}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{e},5}|^2$ 
  - ☛ all terms, but  $|\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}}|^2$ , have an approximate zero at  $\Delta\phi_{jj} = \pi/2$
  - ☛ **systematic** uncertainty induced by  $H + 2 \text{ jet}$  rate from **gluon** fusion
    - ☛  $HG_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$  is a **CP even D5 operator**

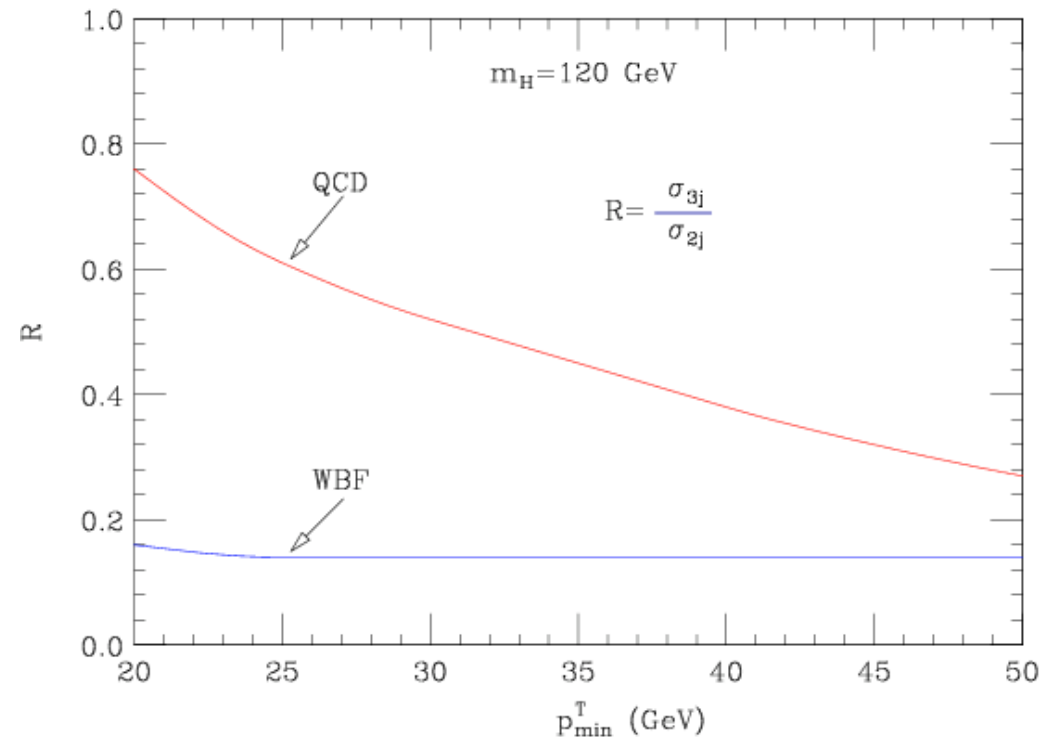
# THE CENTRAL JET VETO

- In **WBF** no **colour** is exchanged in the  $t$  channel
- The central-jet veto is based on the different radiation pattern expected for **WBF** versus its major backgrounds, i.e.  $t\bar{t}$  production and **WW + 2 jet** production  
Barger, Phillips & Zeppenfeld hep-ph/9412276
- The central-jet veto can also be used to distinguish between **Higgs** production via gluon fusion and via **WBF**



Distribution in **rapidity** of the **third jet** wrt to the rapidity average of the tagging jets

Ratio of **Higgs + 3 jet** to **Higgs + 2 jet** production as a function of  $p_{\text{min}}^T$



## CONCLUSIONS

- In **Higgs + 2 jets**, the azimuthal angle correlation between the two jets can be used as a tool to distinguish between **VBF** and **gluon** fusion, and to investigate the tensor structure of the **VWH** coupling
- **Higgs + 2 jets** via gluon fusion is known at leading order, including the top mass dependence
  - it has a strong renormalisation scale dependence
  - the large  $M_t$  limit is accurate if  $M_H \ll 2M_t$  and  $p_T \ll M_t$ , and is valid even when the dijet, or jet-Higgs, invariant masses are much larger than  $M_t$
- **Higgs + 2 jets** via **VBF** is known at **NLO**, which increases the **VBF** production rate by about 10 %
- Large-rapidity (**VBF**) cuts can be used to deplete **gluon** fusion wrt **VBF**
- A central-jet veto can be used to further deplete **gluon** fusion wrt **VBF**; a study of the veto can be performed through **Higgs + 3 jets**, which has been computed at leading order in the large  $M_t$  limit