Higgs Production at LHC

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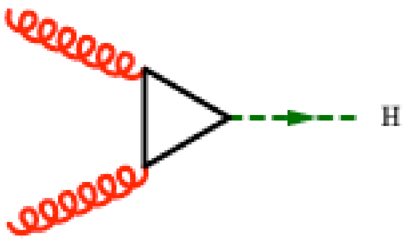
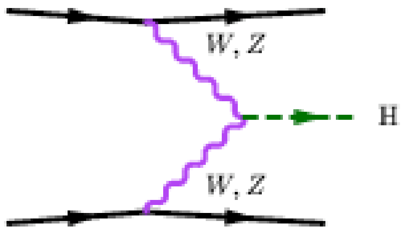
Higgs Production Modes at LHC

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

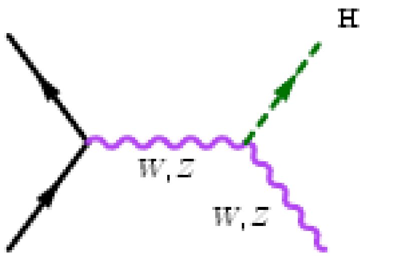
- gluon fusion $gg \to H$
  - largest rate for all M_H
  - proportional to the top Yukawa coupling y_t



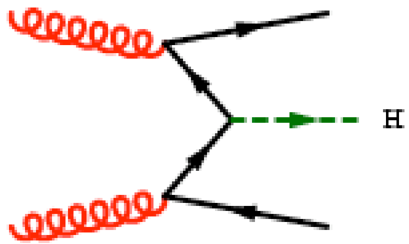
- weak-boson fusion (WBF) $qq \to qqH$
  - second largest rate (mostly $u\,d$ initial state)
  - proportional to the WWH coupling



- Higgs-strahlung $q\bar{q} \to W(Z)H$
  - third largest rate
  - same coupling as in WBF



- $t\bar{t}(b\bar{b})H$ 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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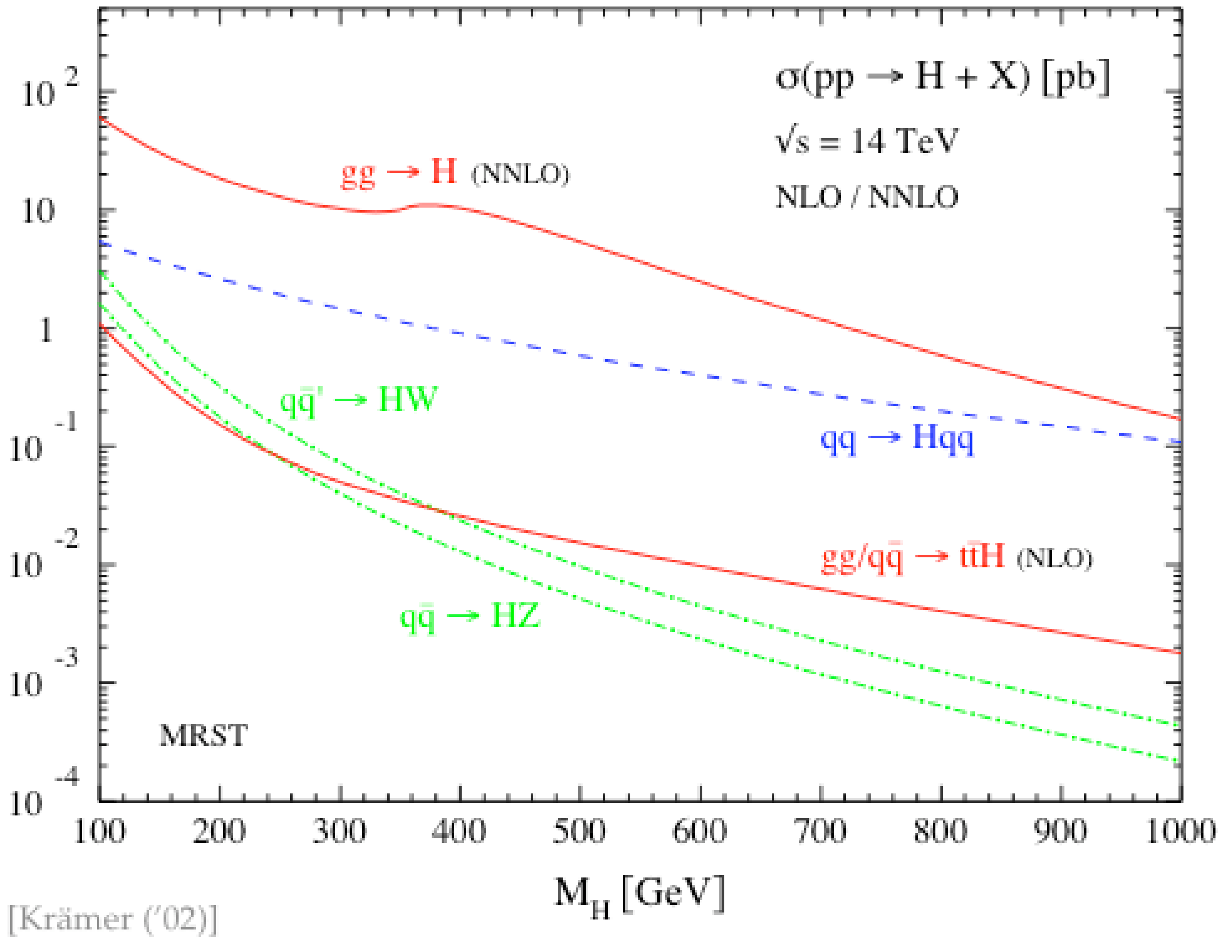
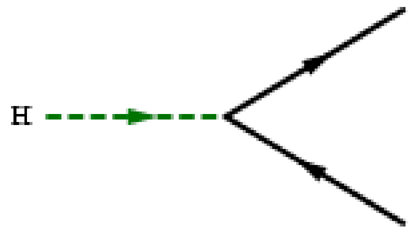
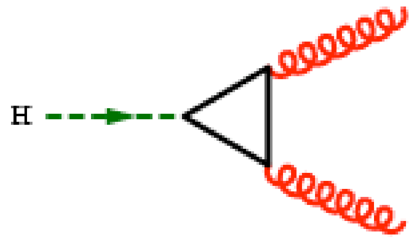


- in the intermediate Higgs mass range $M_H \sim 100 - 200\ \mathrm{GeV}$
  - gluon fusion cross section is $\sim 20 - 60\ \mathrm{pb}$
  - WBF cross section is $\sim 3 - 5\ \mathrm{pb}$
  - $WH, ZH, t\bar{t}H$ yield cross sections of $\sim 0.2 - 3\ \mathrm{pb}$

Higgs Decay Modes at LHC

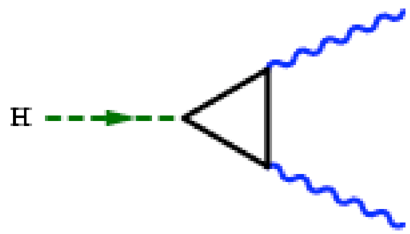


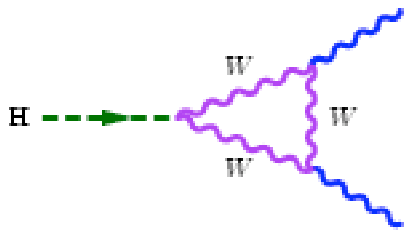
proportional to the Yukawa coupling squared, and thus to m_f^2



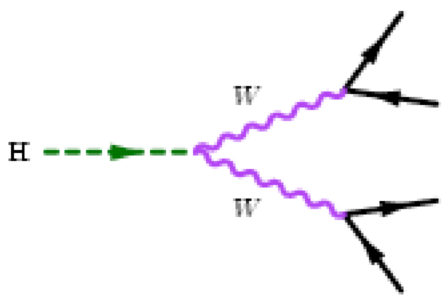
proportional to m_f^4/m_H^4

but dominated by top quark Yukawa coupling





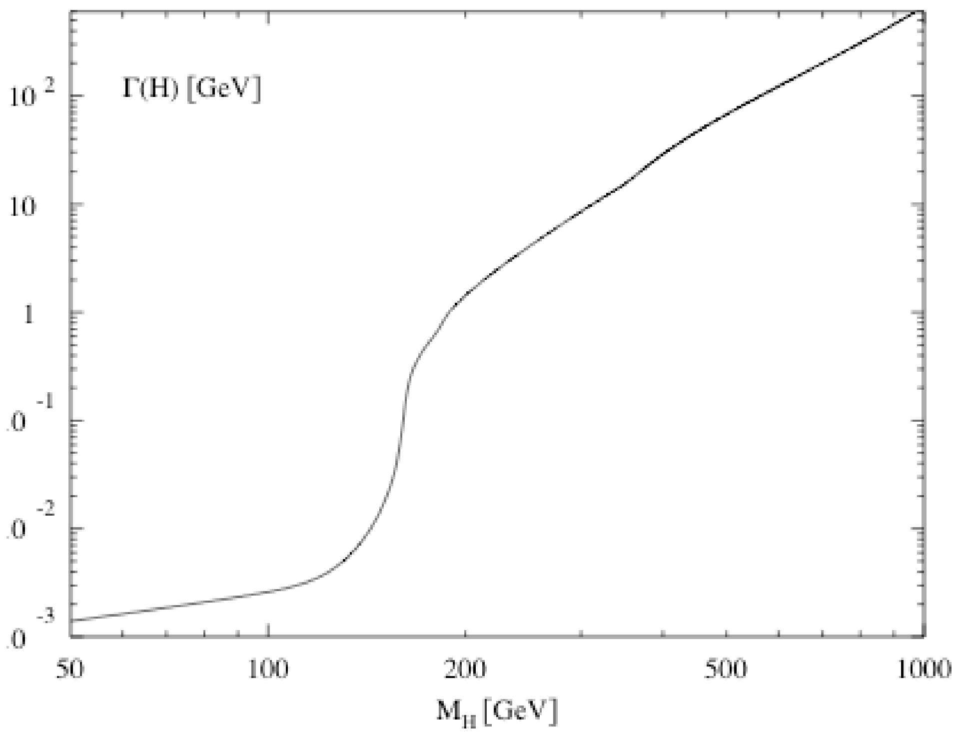
dominated by EW coupling

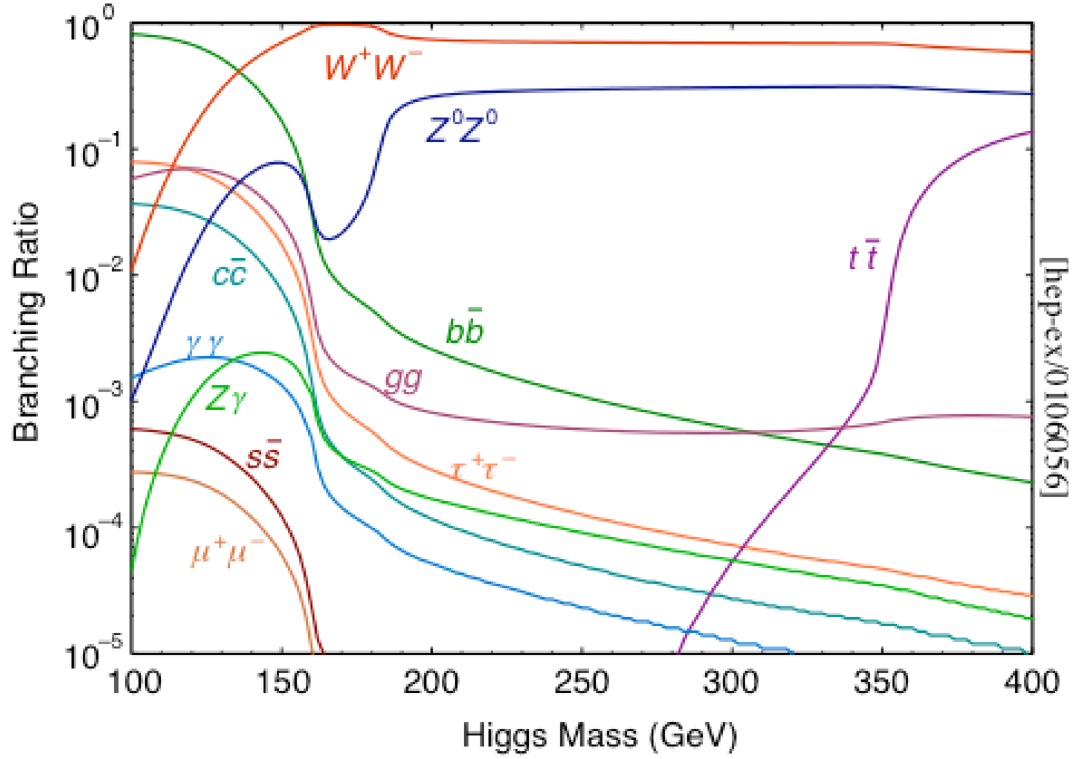


proportional to α_W

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

HIGGS DECAY AT LHC

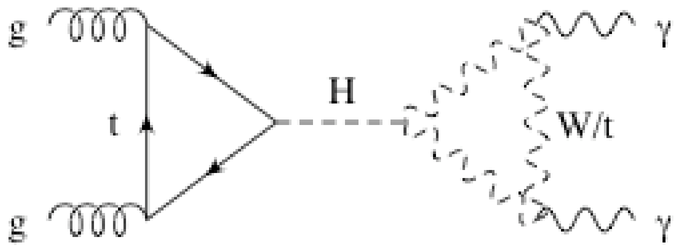


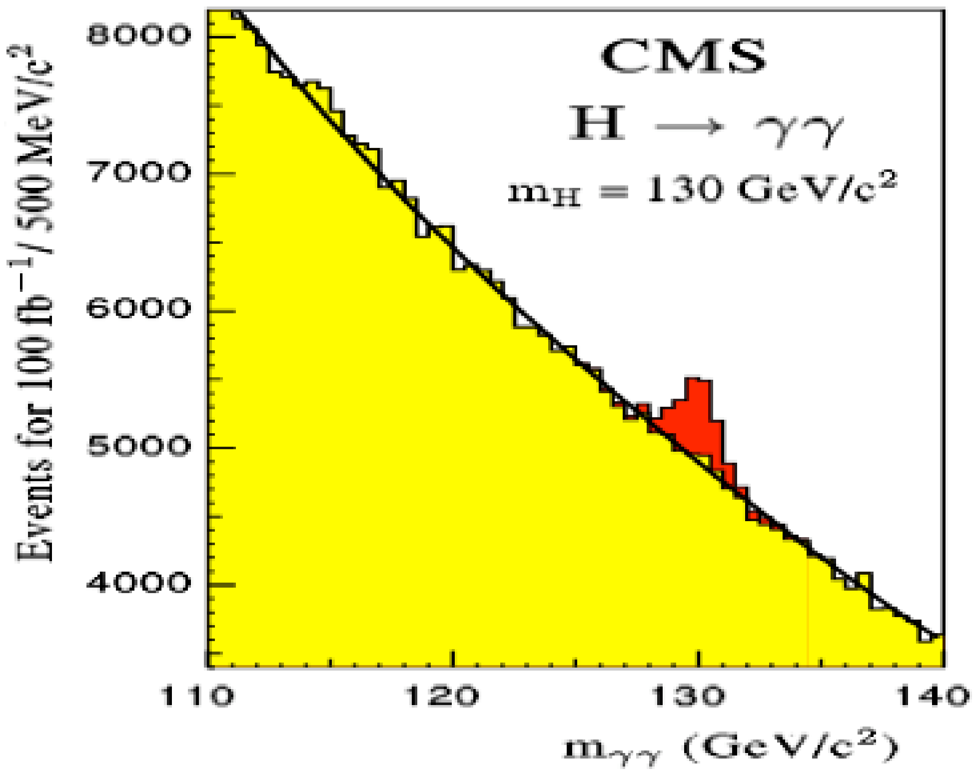


total width

branching fractions

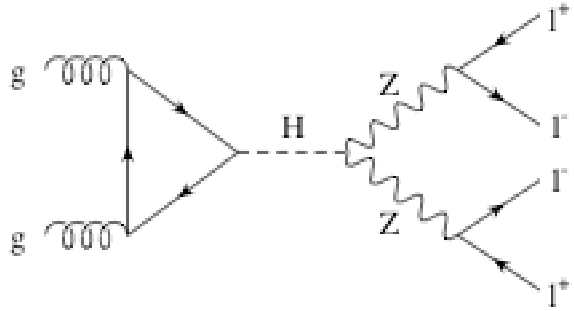
INCLUSIVE SEARCHES: $H \to \gamma\gamma$

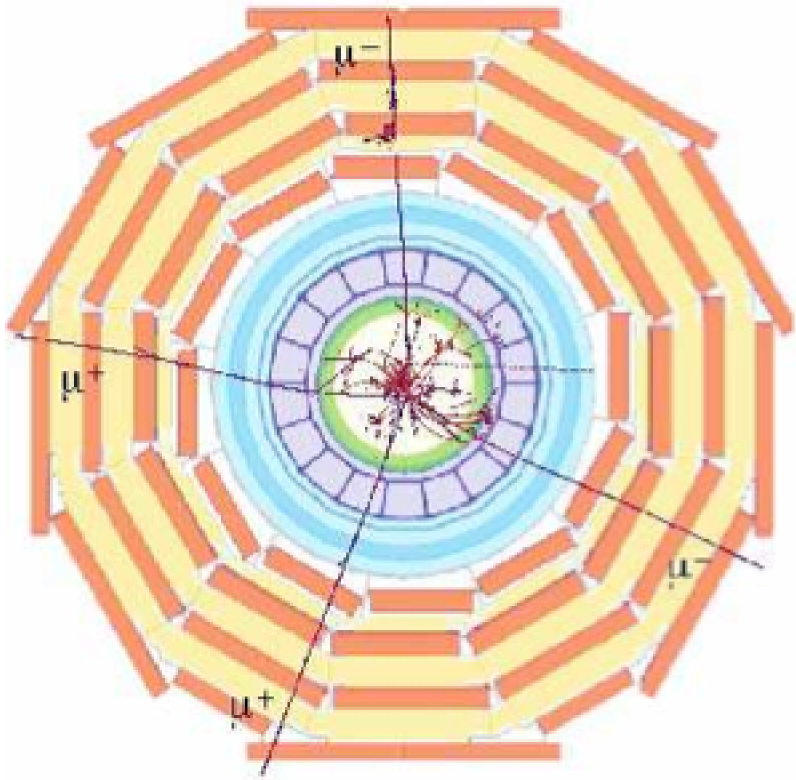




- Small BR: $\approx 10^{-3}$
- Large backgrounds from $pp \to \gamma\gamma$
- CMS and ATLAS have very good photon-energy resolution: $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$
- Search for a narrow $\gamma\gamma$ invariant mass peak, with $m_H < 150$ GeV
- Background is smooth: extrapolate it into the signal region from the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

INCLUSIVE SEARCHES: $H \to ZZ \to l^+l^-l^+l^-$

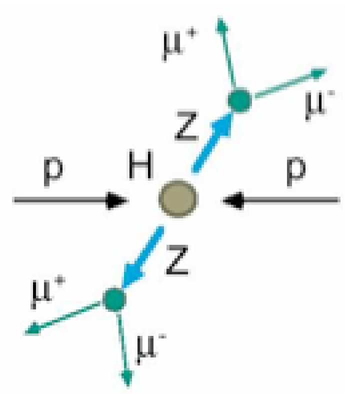


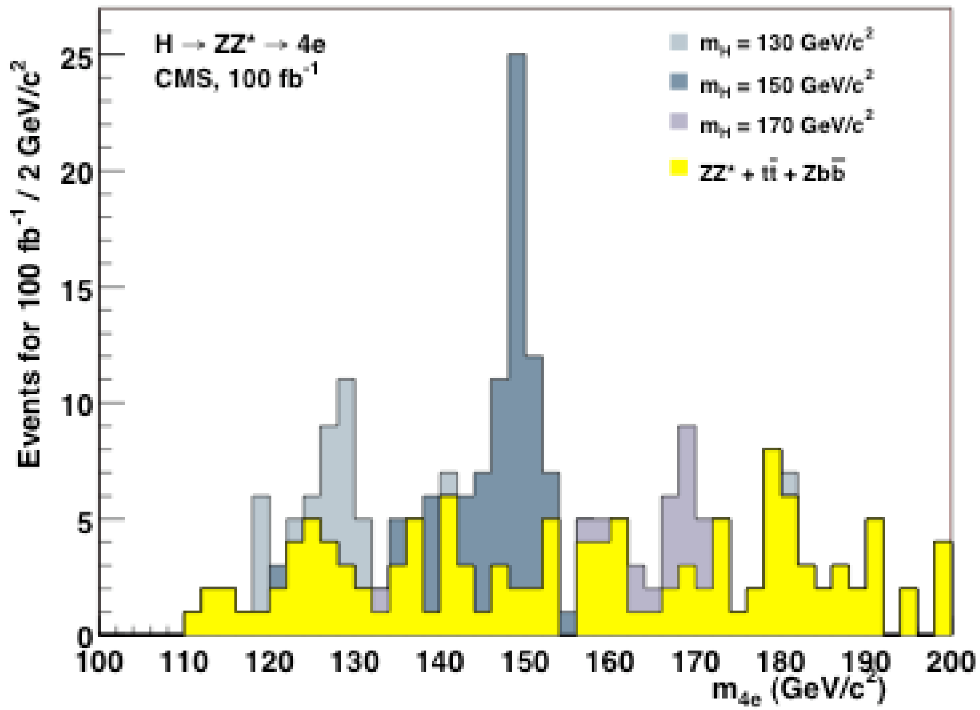


- Gold-plated mode: cleanest mode for $2m_Z < m_H < 600$ GeV
- Smooth, irreducible background from $pp \to ZZ$
- Small BR: $\mathrm{BR}(H \to ZZ)$ is a few % at threshold

INCLUSIVE SEARCHES: $H \to ZZ \to l^+l^-l^+l^-$

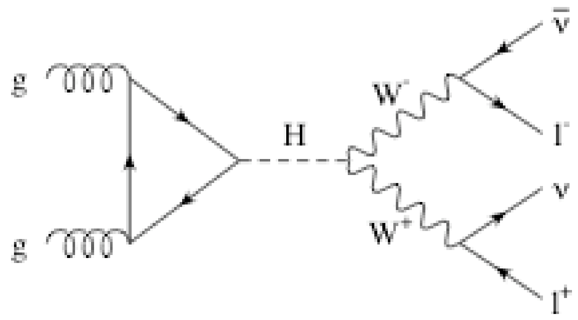
- Fully reconstructed invariant mass of the leptons



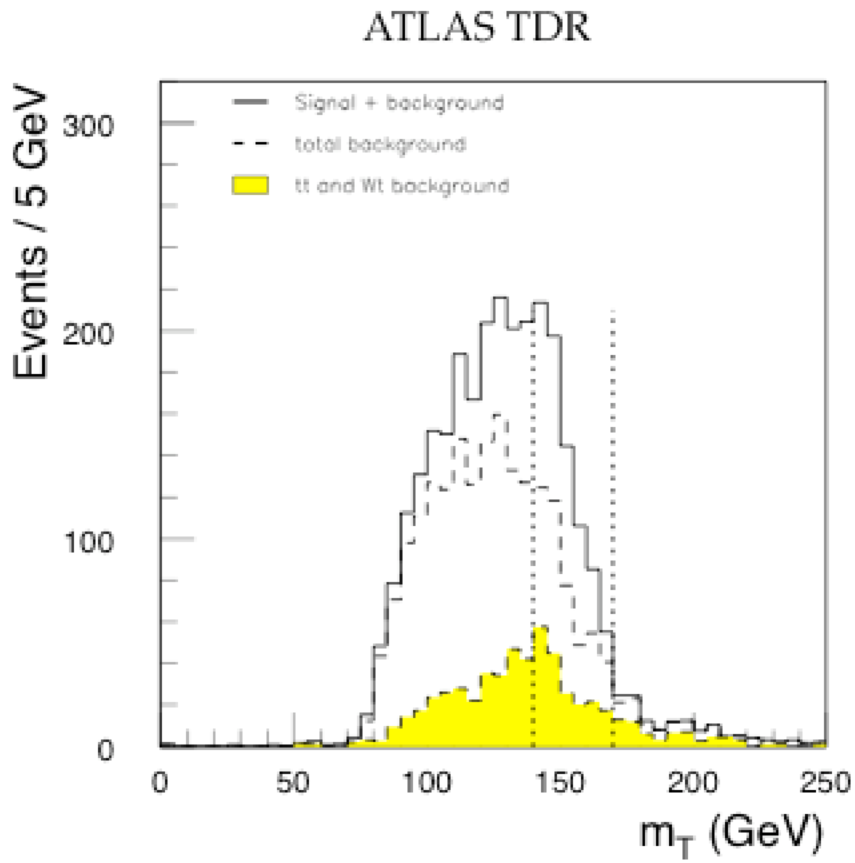


- Silver-plated mode $H \to ZZ \to l^+l^-\nu\bar{\nu}$ useful for $m_H \approx 0.8 - 1$ TeV

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



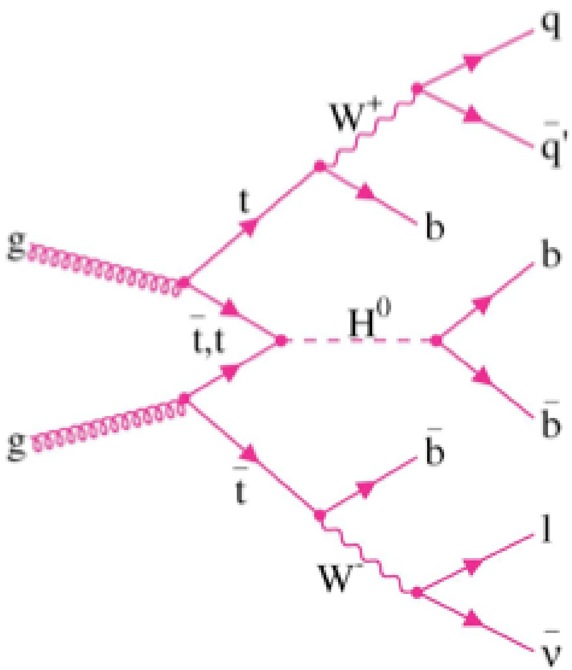
- Exploit l^+l^- angular correlations
- Signal and background have similar shapes: must know background normalisation well

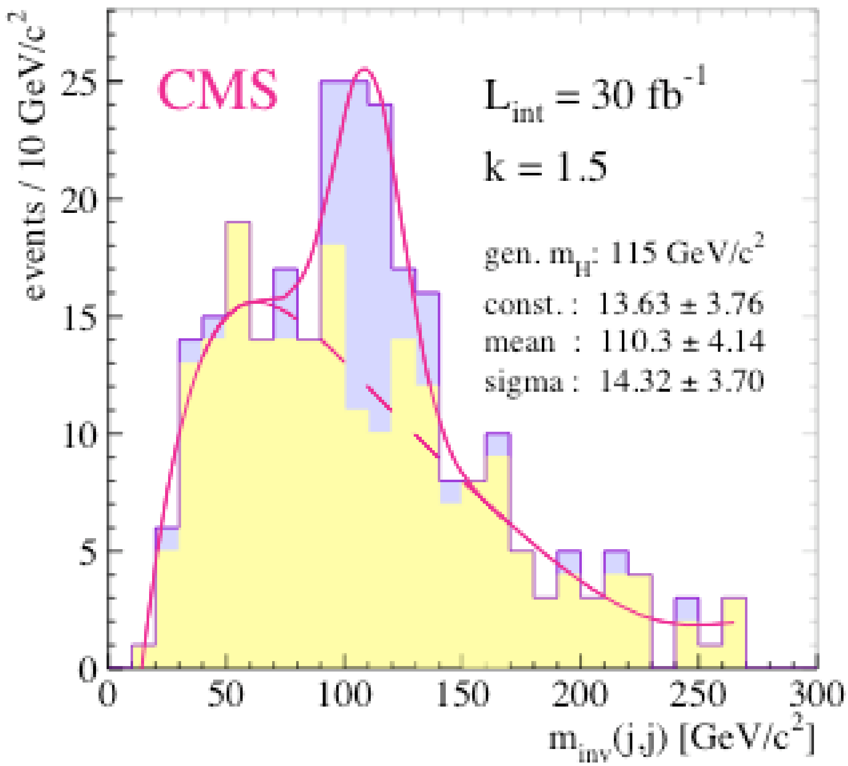


$m_H = 170$ GeV

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

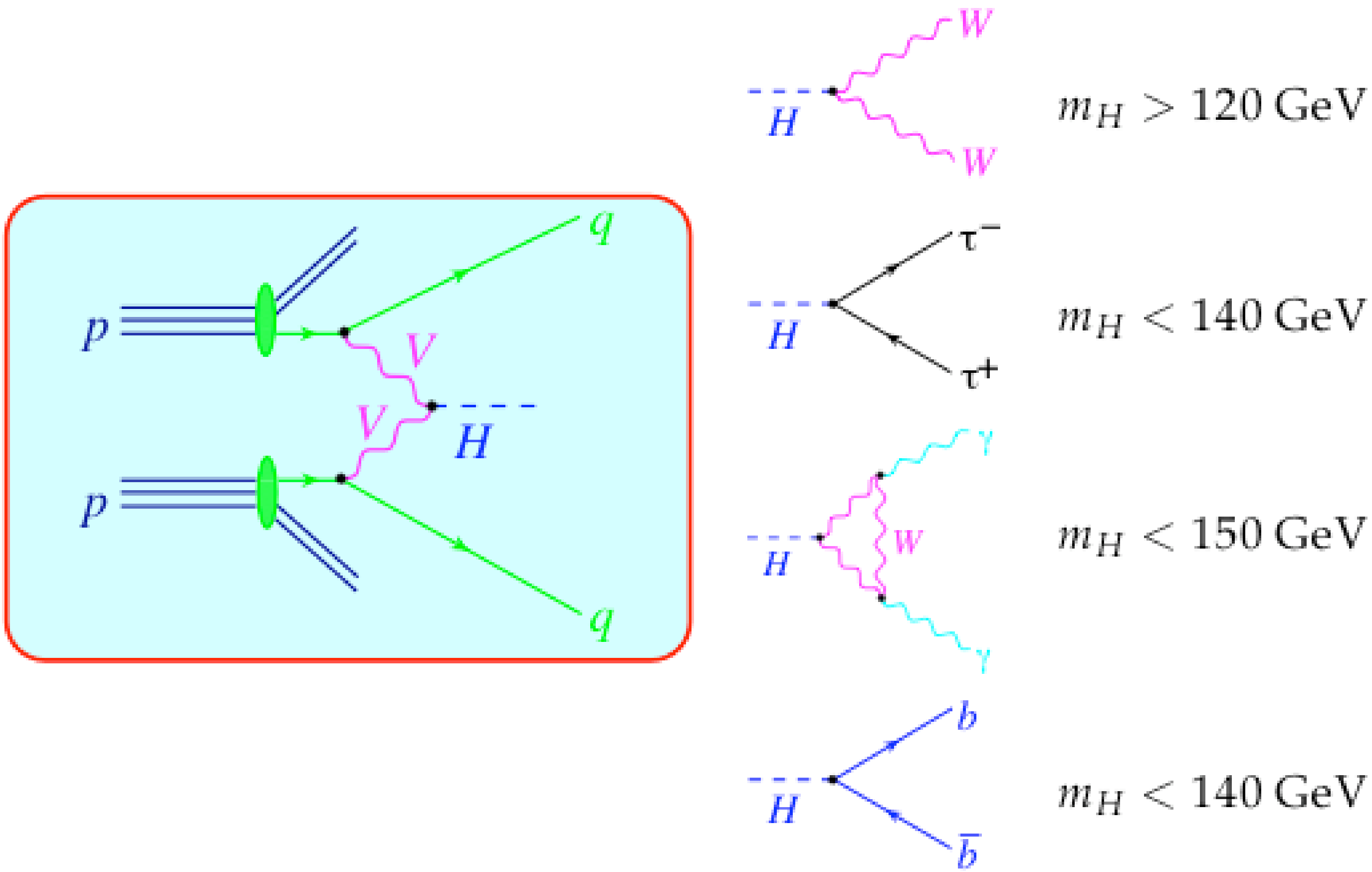
ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION: $Ht\bar{t} \to t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$





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

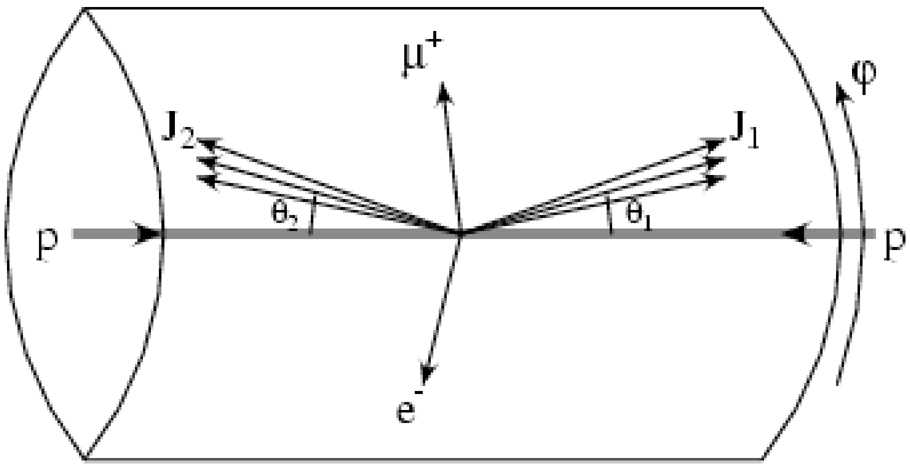
Weak Boson Fusion: $qq \longrightarrow qqH$



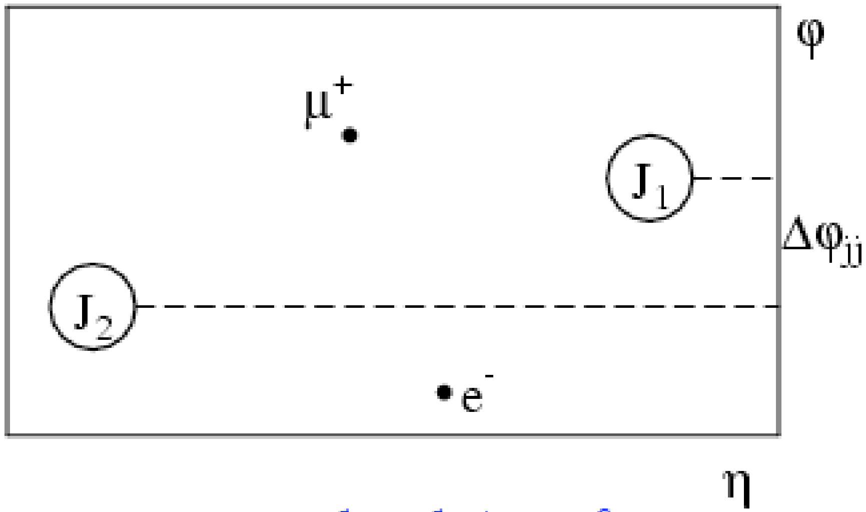
- WBF can be measured with good statistical accuracy:
  $\sigma \times \mathrm{BR} \approx \mathcal{O}(10\%)$

Weak Boson Fusion

A WBF event



Lego plot

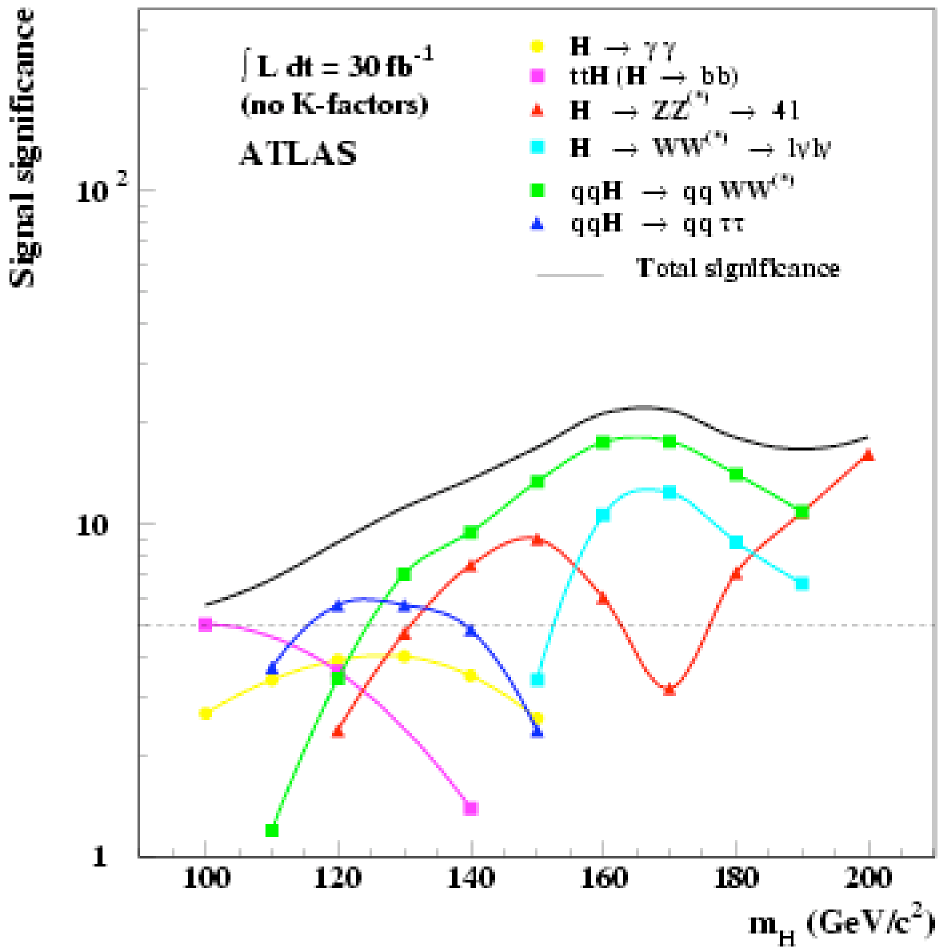


$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta}$$

- 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

Campbell, Ellis; Figy, Oleari, Zeppenfeld 2003

Signal significance and (stat + syst) error



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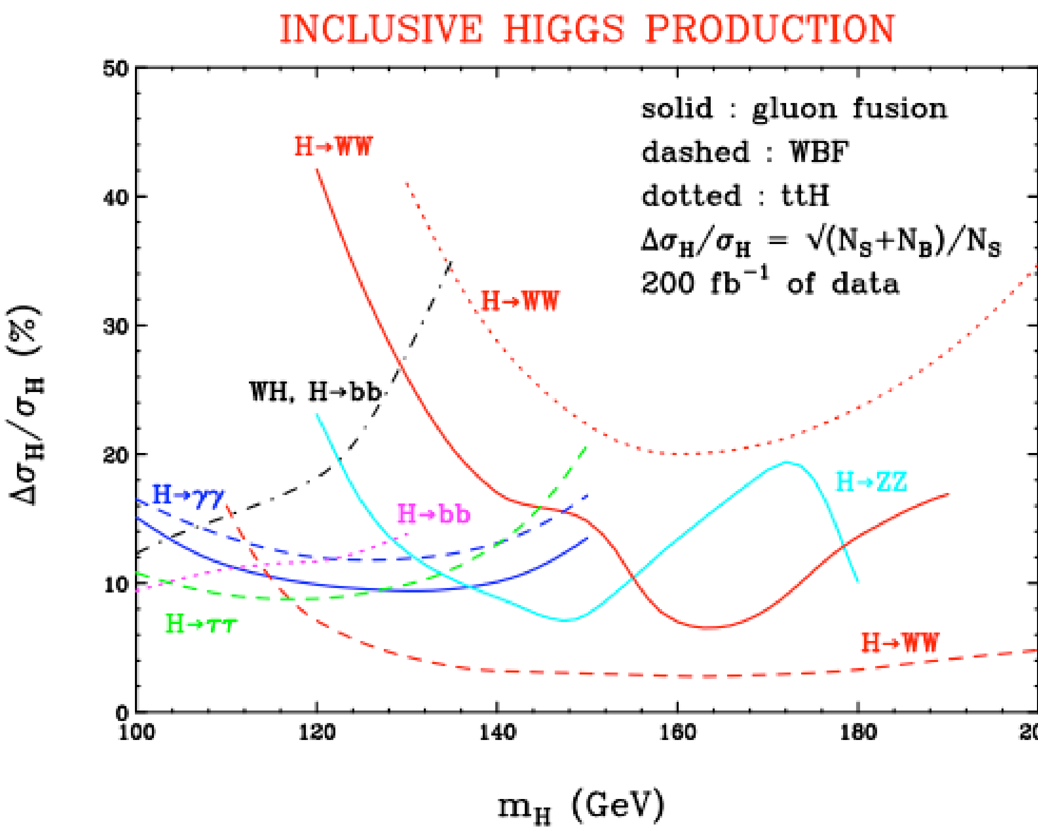

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Statistical significance: $\dfrac{N_S}{\sqrt{N_S + N_B}}$

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

Duehrssen et al.'s analysis hep-ph/0406323

- use narrow-width approx for Γ (fine for $m_H < 200$ GeV)
- production rate with H decaying to final state xx is

$$\sigma(H) \times \mathrm{BR}(H \to xx) = \frac{\sigma(H)^{\mathrm{SM}}}{\Gamma_p^{\mathrm{SM}}} \frac{\Gamma_p \Gamma_x}{\Gamma}$$

branching ratio for the decay is $\mathrm{BR}(H \to xx) = \frac{\Gamma_x}{\Gamma}$

observed rate determines $\frac{\Gamma_p \Gamma_x}{\Gamma}$

- WBF and gluon-fusion rates yield measurements of combinations of partial widths

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

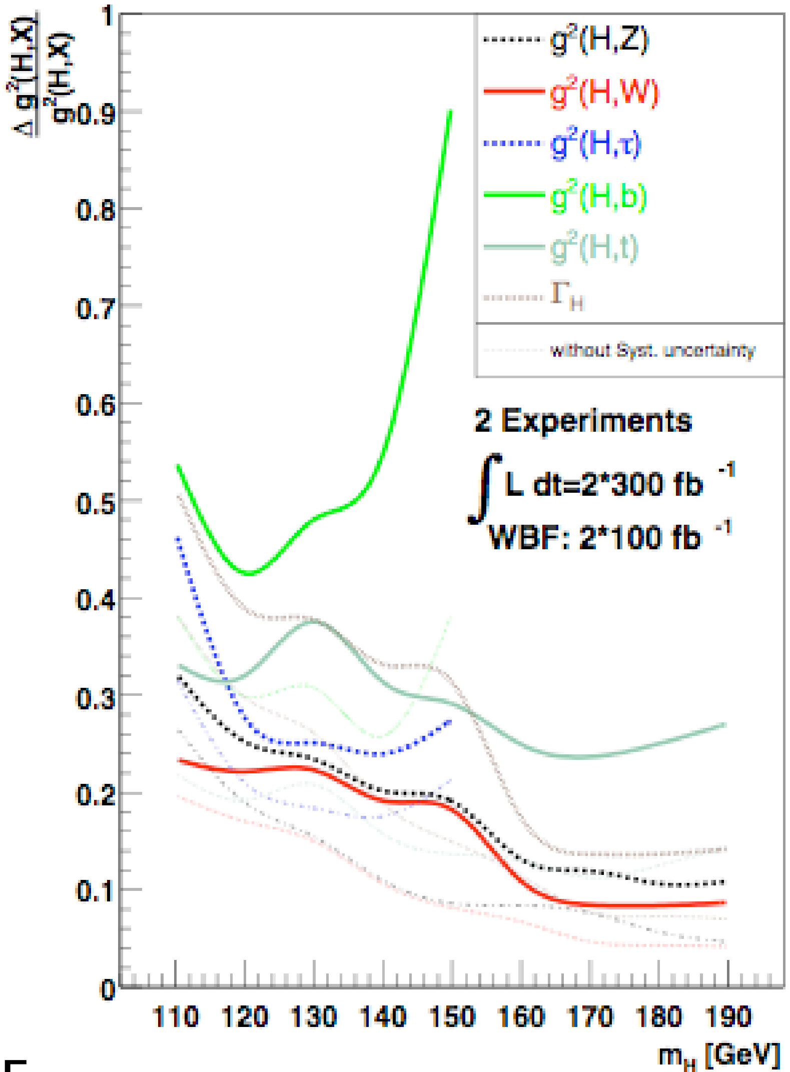
$$\frac{\Gamma_W \Gamma_\tau}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from} \quad qq \to qqH,\ H \to \tau\tau$$

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

$$\frac{\Gamma_g \Gamma_\gamma}{\Gamma} \quad \text{from} \quad gg \to H \to \gamma\gamma$$

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

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



- Note that Γ can be estimated:
  direct observation of *H* yields lower bound on Γ
  assume $\Gamma_V \leq \Gamma_V^{SM}$ $\quad V = W, Z$
  (true in any model with arbitrary # of Higgs doublets ⇒ true in MSSM)
  combine $\Gamma_V \leq \Gamma_V^{SM}$ with measure of Γ_V^2/Γ from $H \to VV$
  obtain upper bound on Γ

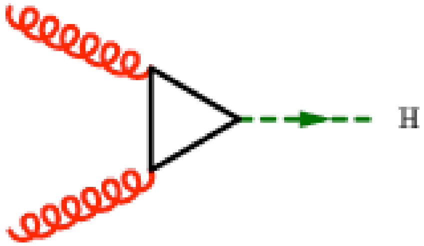
Higgs Couplings and Quantum Numbers

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

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



- energy scales: $\hat{s} = M_{\mathrm{H}}^2$ and M_t^2

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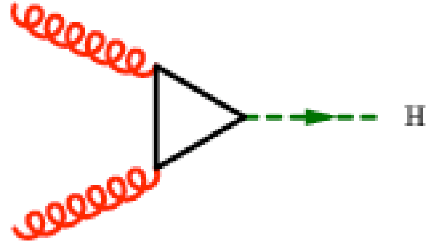
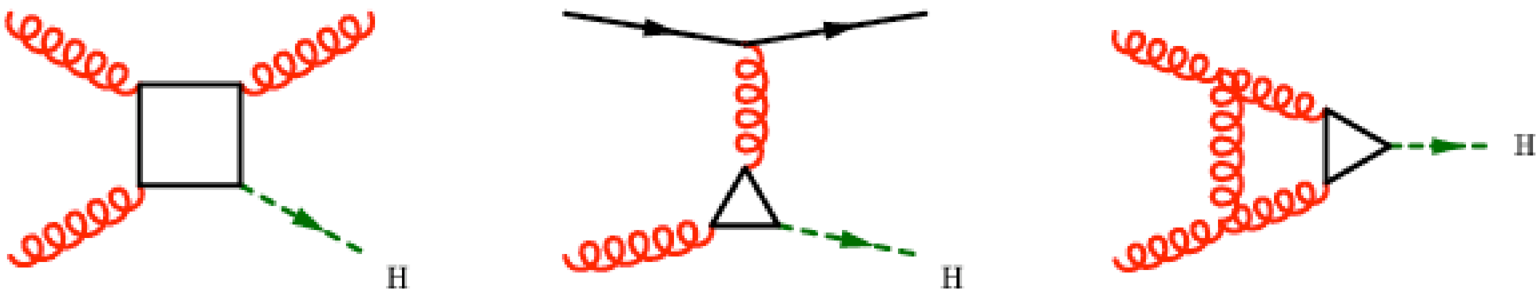


☛ energy scales: $\hat{s} = M_H^2$ and M_t^2

NLO CORRECTIONS

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

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

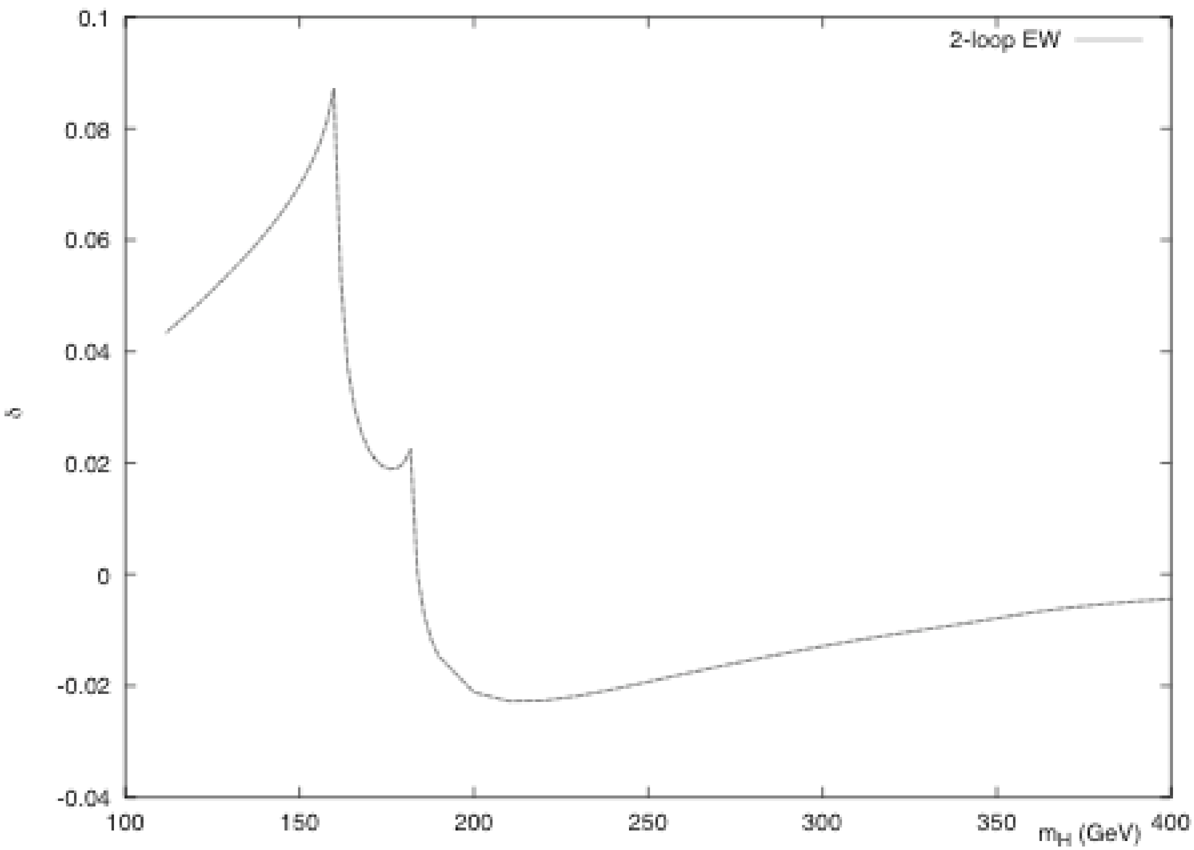


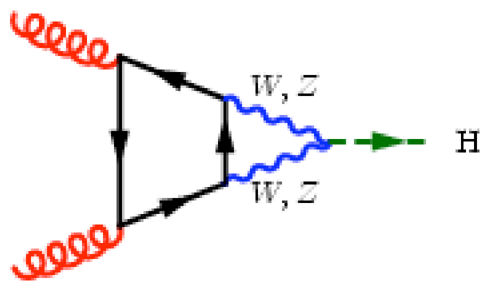
Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas, '93-'95

☛ large K factor: $\sigma^{\rm NLO} = K^{\rm NLO}\, \sigma^{\rm LO}$ $\qquad \mathcal{O}(40 - 100\%)$

EW CORRECTIONS

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





Aglietti Bonciani Degrassi Vicini 04
(light fermion loop)

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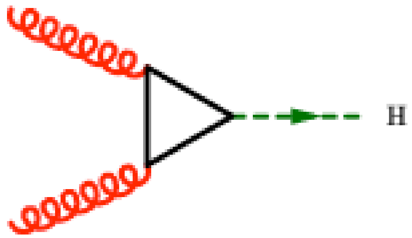
- Relative corrections to production and decay through gluon fusion (with light fermion loop)
- For $115\,\mathrm{GeV} \leq M_H \leq 2M_W$ the total electroweak corrections are 5 to 8 % of leading order

THE LARGE TOP-MASS LIMIT



$M_H \ll 2M_t$

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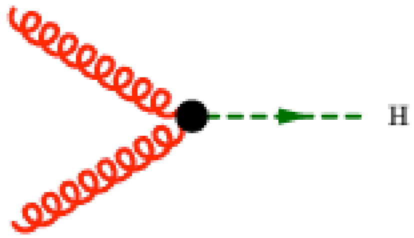

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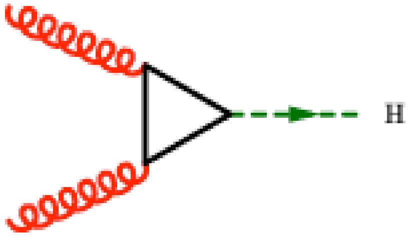

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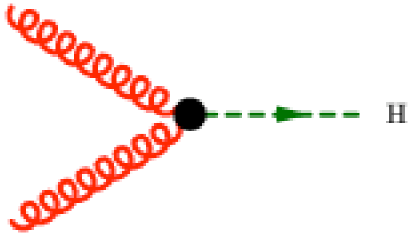
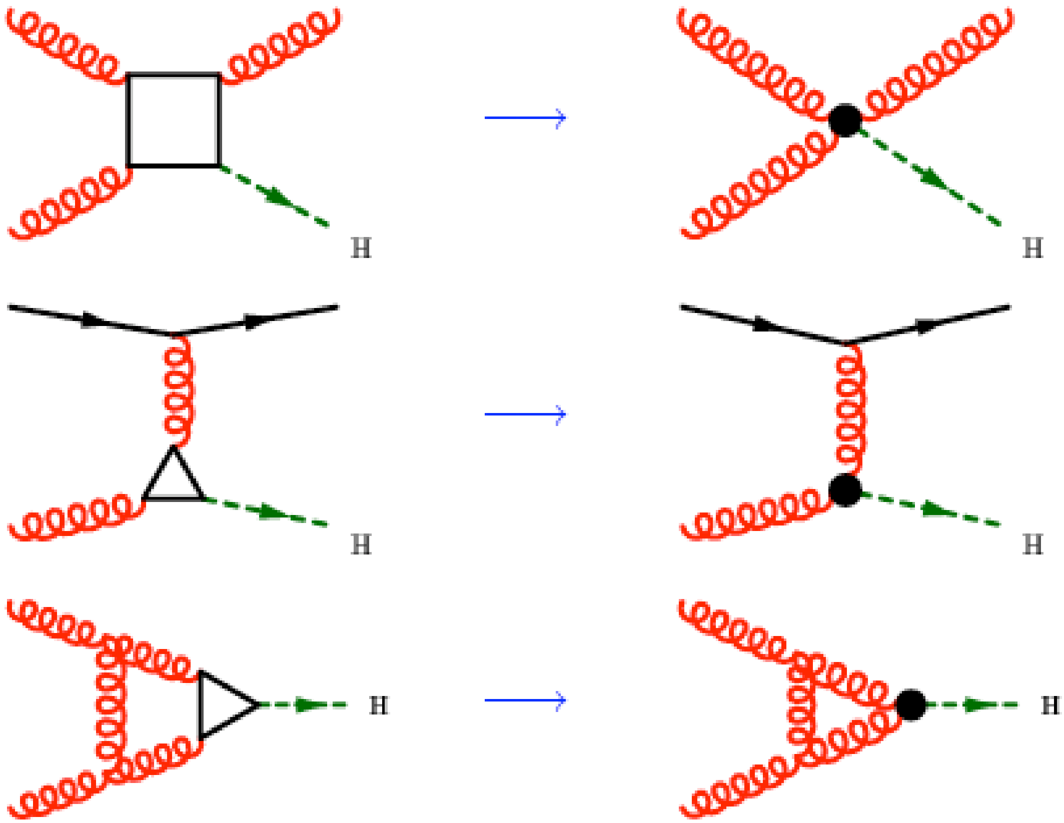


NLO corrections



K factor in the large M_t limit

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

NLO rate in the large M_t limit

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

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

$gg \to H$ in the large M_t limit

NNLO corrections

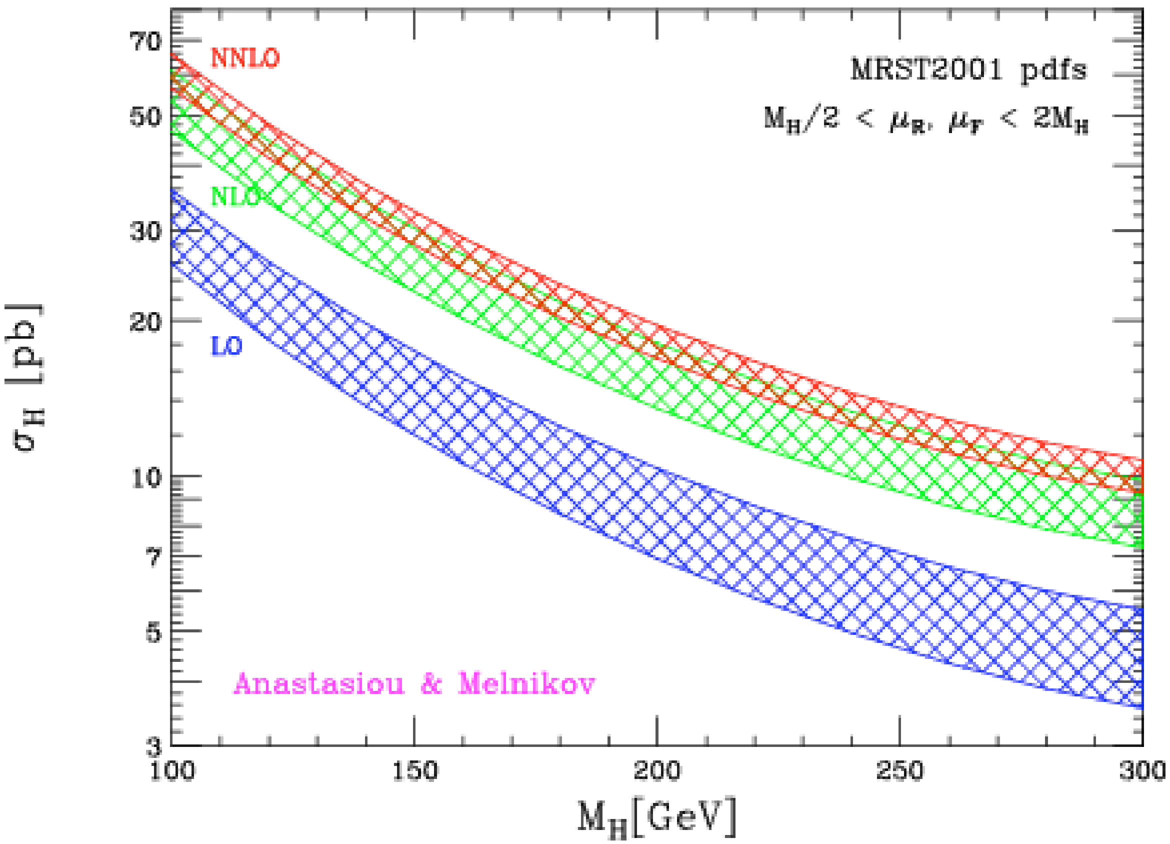
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^4)$

2-loop $gg \to H$

1-loop $gg \to gH \quad qg \to qH \quad + \quad \text{crossings}$

tree $gg \to ggH \quad qg \to qgH \quad qQ \to qQH \quad + \quad \text{crossings}$

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

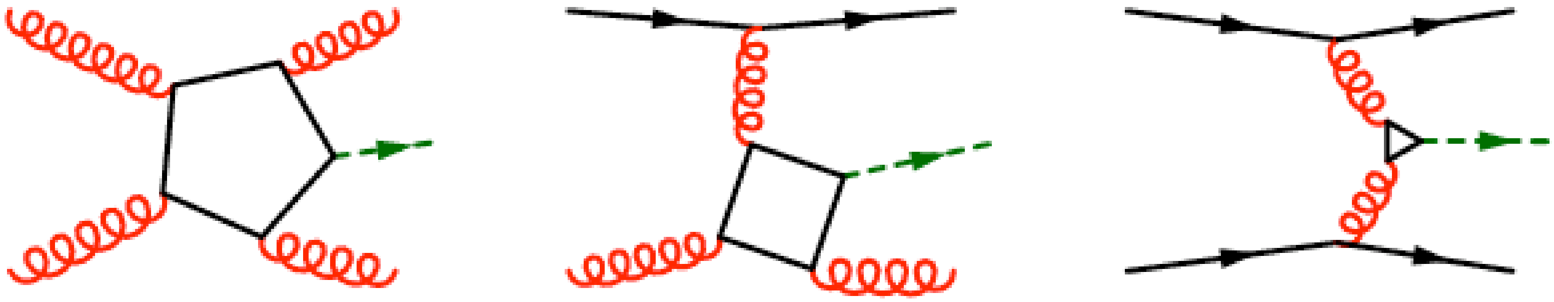
The band contours are

lower $\mu_R = 2M_H \quad \mu_F = M_H/2$

upper $\mu_R = M_H/2 \quad \mu_F = 2M_H$

Higgs + 2 Jets via Gluon Fusion

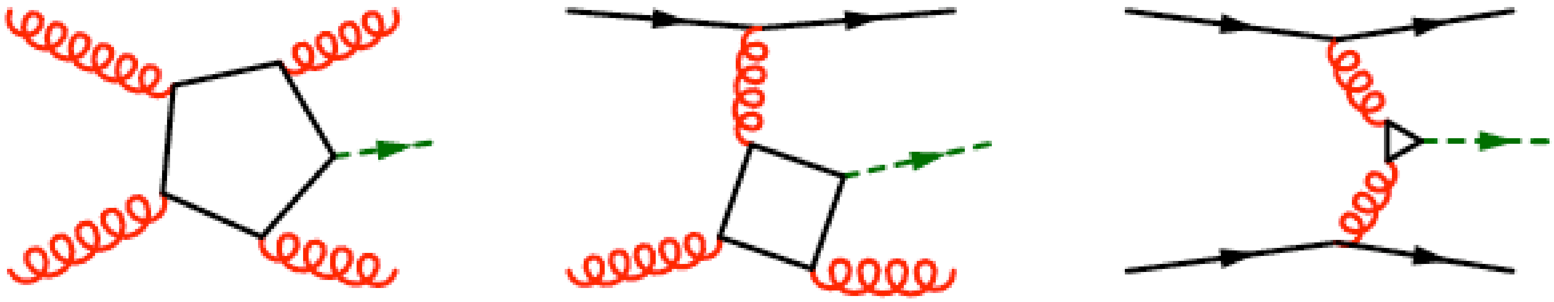
Leading Order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$



- tree $gg \to ggH \quad qg \to qgH \quad qQ \to qQH \quad +$ crossings
- energy scales: $\hat{s}\,, s_{j_1\mathrm{H}}, s_{j_2\mathrm{H}}, s_{j_1j_2}, M_{\mathrm{H}}^2, M_t^2$, with $\hat{s} = s_{j_1j_2} + s_{j_1\mathrm{H}} + s_{j_2\mathrm{H}} - M_{\mathrm{H}}^2$

HIGGS + 2 JETS VIA GLUON FUSION

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



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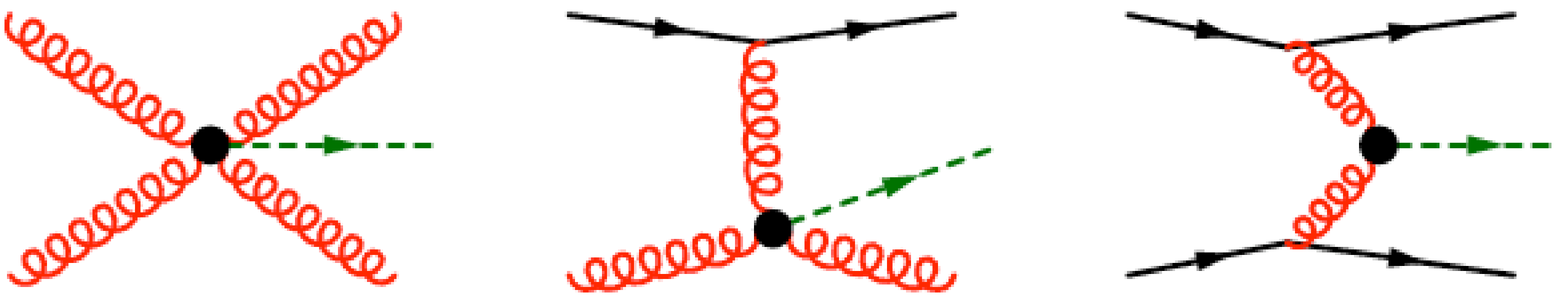
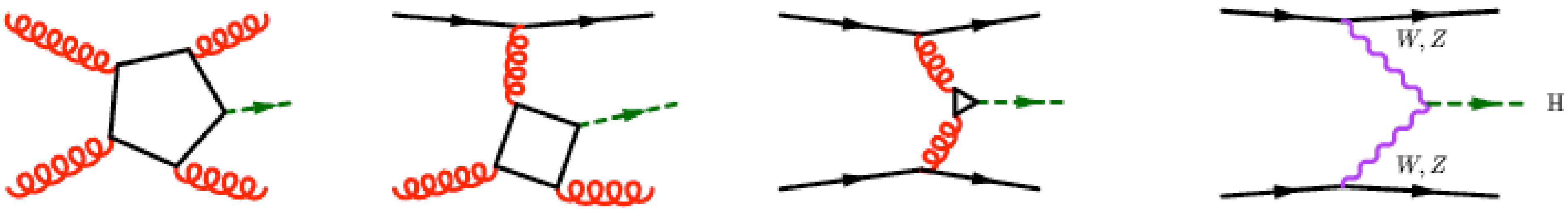
LARGE M_t LIMIT

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

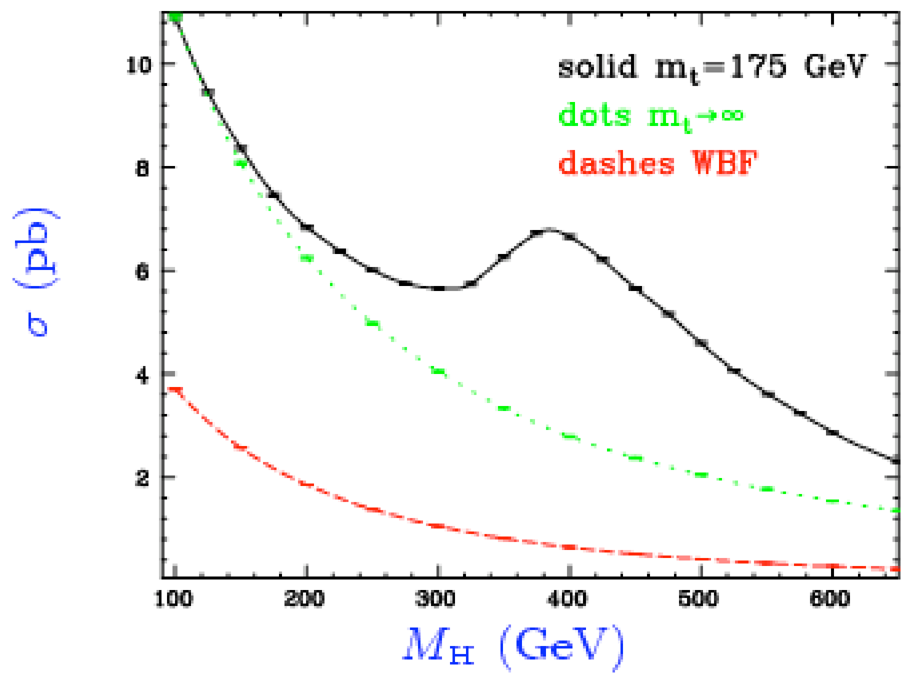
is valid even when $s_{j_1 j_2}, s_{j_1 \mathrm{H}}, s_{j_2 \mathrm{H}} \gg M_t^2$

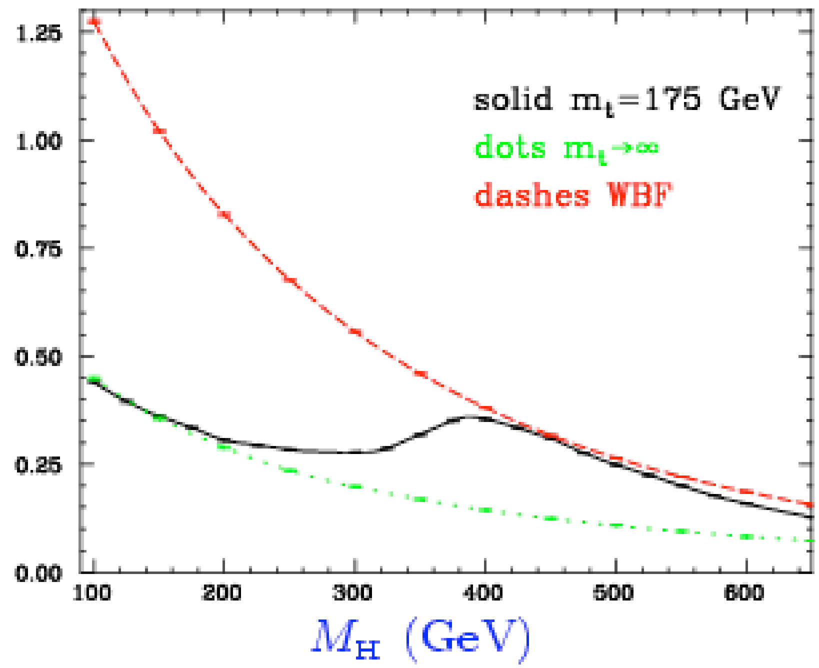


$H+$ 2 JETS RATE as a function of M_H



$\mu_F = \sqrt{p_{j_1\perp} p_{j_2\perp}}\,, \mu_R = M_Z$ Kilgore, Oleari, Schmidt, Zeppenfeld, VDD hep-ph/0105129





inclusive cuts: $\begin{cases} p_{j\perp} > 20 \text{ GeV} \\ |\eta_j| < 5 \\ R_{jj} > 0.6 \end{cases}$

WBF cuts: incl. + $\begin{cases} |\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2}| > 4.2 \\ \eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0 \\ \sqrt{s_{j_1 j_2}} > 600 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$

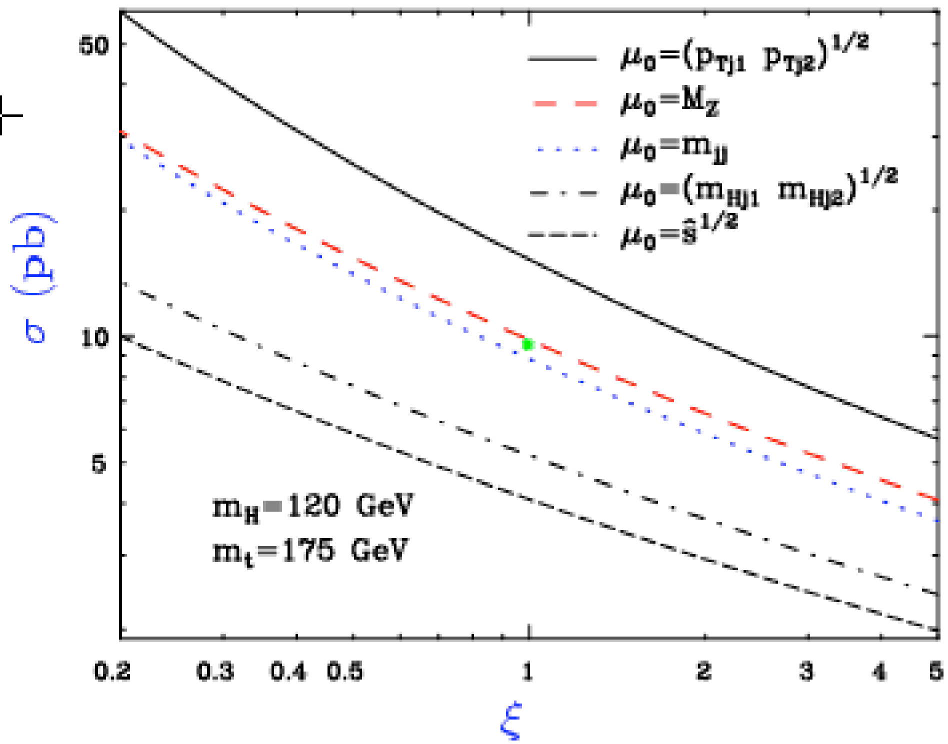
☛ WBF cuts enhance WBF wrt gluon fusion by a factor 10

Scale dependence

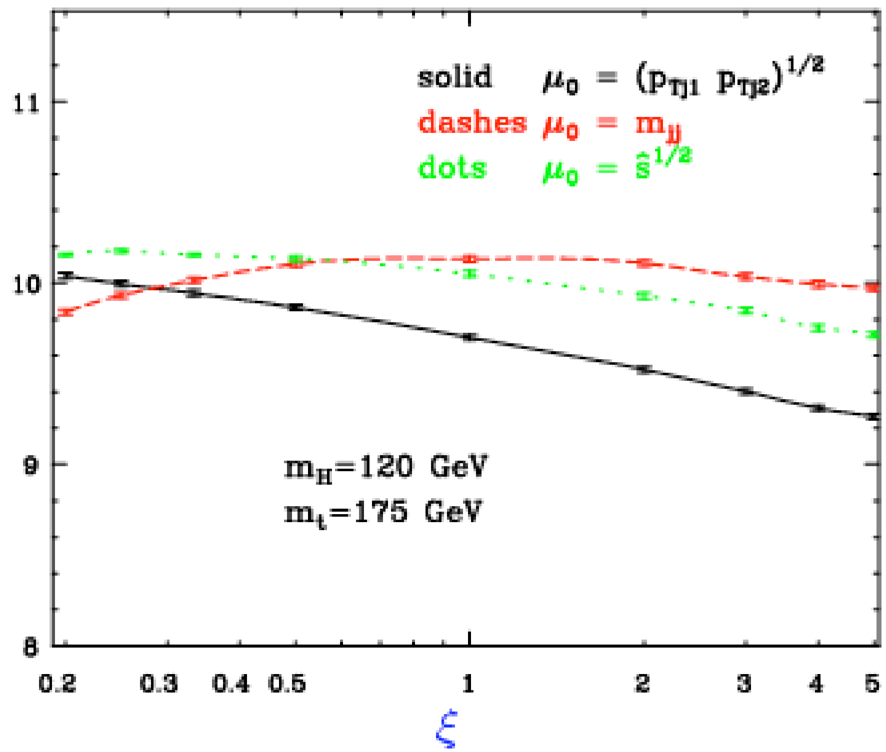
renormalisation μ_R & factorisation μ_F scales

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

$\mu_R = \xi\mu_0,\ \mu_F = \sqrt{p_{j_1\perp}p_{j_2\perp}}$



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

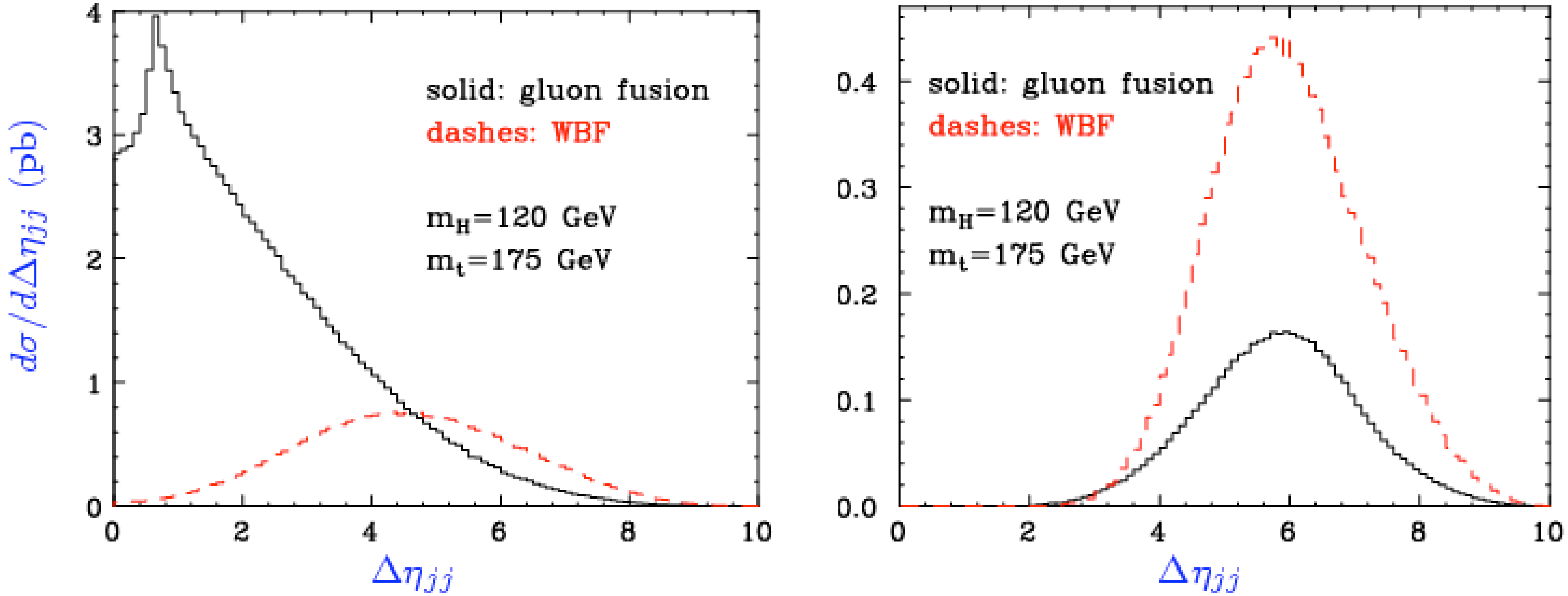


- strong μ_R dependence: the calculation is LO and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$
  - a natural scale for α_s ?

    high energy limit suggests $\alpha_s^4 \to \alpha_s(p_{j_1\perp})\alpha_s(p_{j_1\perp})\alpha_s^2(M_H)$
    - σ varies by a factor 2.5 for $\mu_0/2 < \mu_R < 2\mu_0$
- mild μ_F dependence: $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ over the $\mu_0/5 < \mu_R < 5\mu_0$ range

Rapidity distributions

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



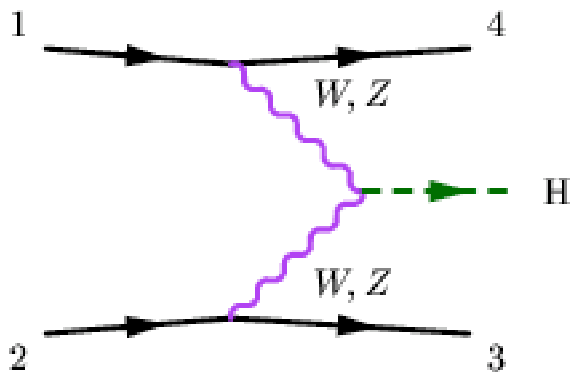
inclusive cuts: $\begin{cases} p_{j\perp} > 20 \text{ GeV} \\ |\eta_j| < 5 \\ R_{jj} > 0.6 \end{cases}$ WBF cuts: incl. + $\begin{cases} \eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0 \\ \sqrt{s_{j_1 j_2}} > 600 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$

☛ WBF events spontaneously have a large $\Delta\eta_{jj}$

☛ dip in gluon fusion at low $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ is unphysical: $R_{jj} = \sqrt{\Delta\eta_{jj} + \Delta\phi_{jj}} > 0.6$

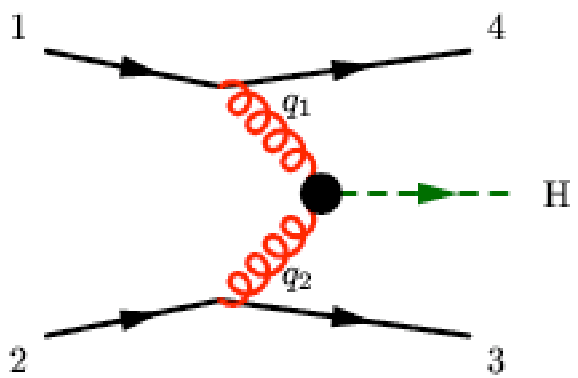
Azimuthal angle correlations

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



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

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



gluon fusion in the large M_t limit

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

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

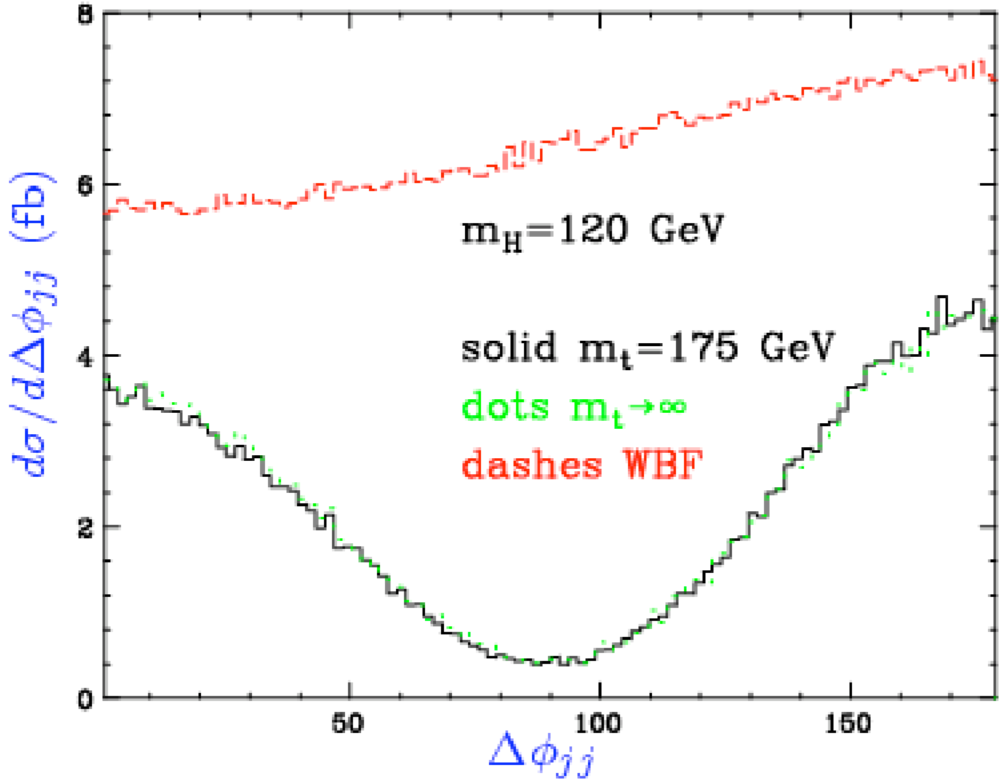
$J^\mu \equiv$ quark-gluon current

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

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

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

Azimuthal angle distribution



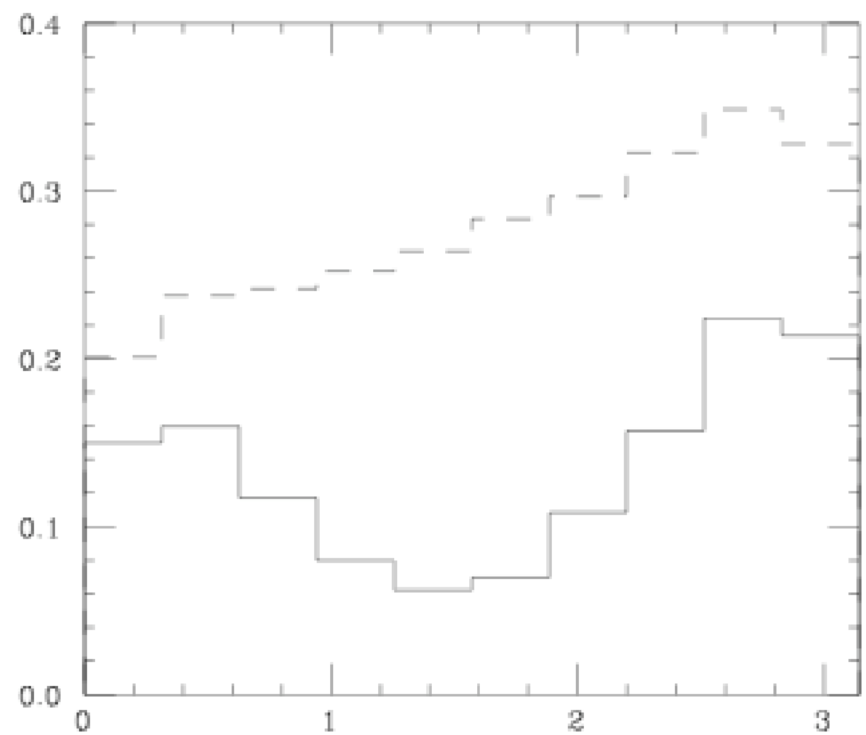
WBF cuts: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_{j\perp} > 20 \text{ GeV} \\ |\eta_j| < 5 \\ R_{jj} > 0.6 \end{array} \right. + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0 \\ |\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2}| > 4.2 \\ m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right.$

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

Azimuthal angle distribution

- ALPGEN: H + 2 jets at parton level + showers & hadronisation by HERWIG

ALPGEN Coll. Zeppenfeld VDD in progress



dash: VBF
solid: gluon fusion

Azimuthal angle asymmetry

$$A_\phi(\text{ggh}+2\text{j})\ (\text{parton level}) = 0.474(3)$$

$$A_\phi(\text{wbf}+2\text{j})\ (\text{parton level}) = 0.017(1)$$

$$A_\phi(\text{ggh}+2\text{j})\ (\text{shower level}) = 0.343(3)$$

$$A_\phi(\text{wbf}+2\text{j})\ (\text{shower level}) = 0.011(1)$$

$$A_\phi = \frac{\sigma(\Delta\phi < \pi/4) - \sigma(\pi/4 < \Delta\phi < 3\pi/4) + \sigma(\Delta\phi > 3\pi/4)}{\sigma(\Delta\phi < \pi/4) + \sigma(\pi/4 < \Delta\phi < 3\pi/4) + \sigma(\Delta\phi > 3\pi/4)}$$

$\Delta\Phi$ is the azimuthal angle between the tagging jets

The Central Jet Veto

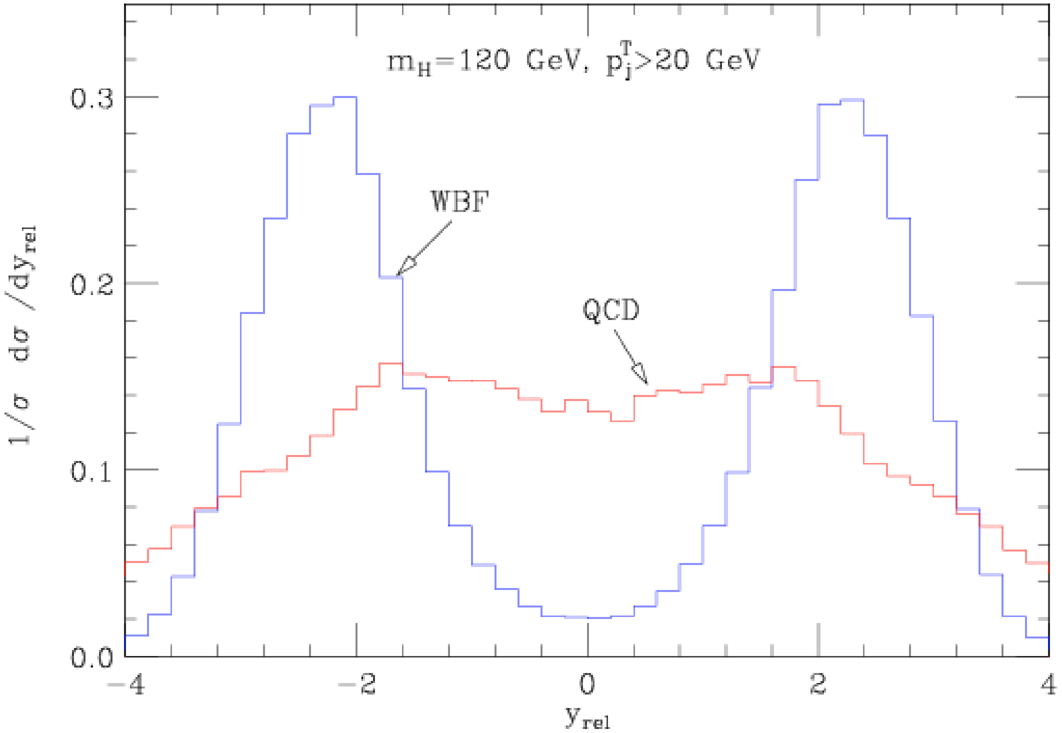
- In WBF no colour is exchanged in the t channel

- 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

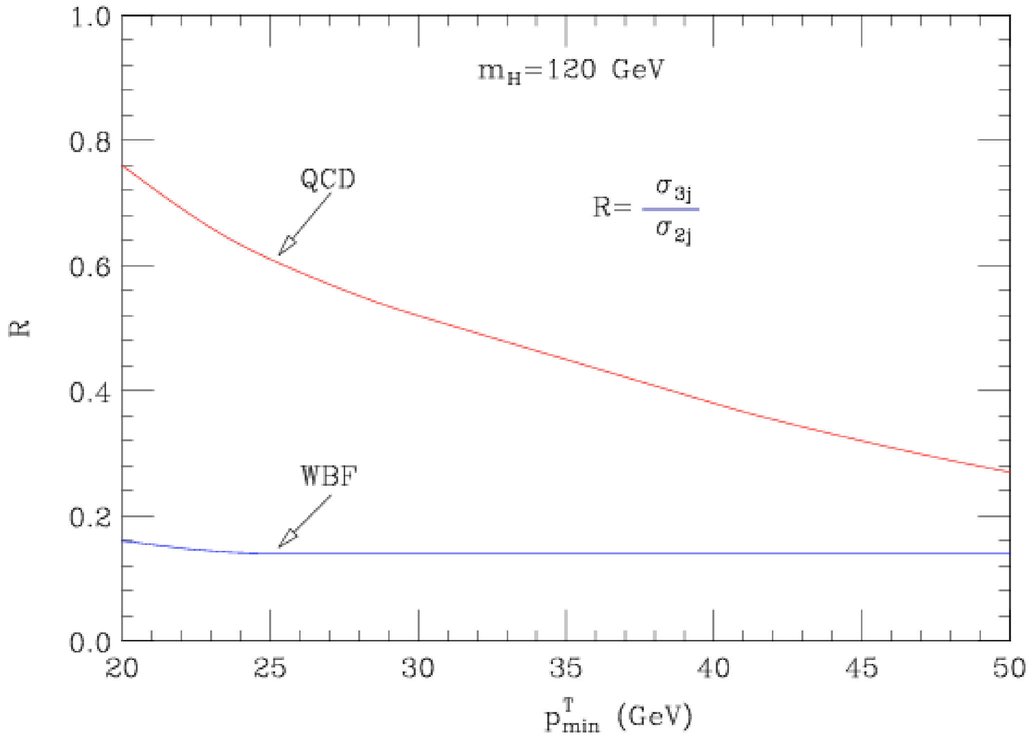
- The central-jet veto can also be used to distinguish between Higgs production via gluon fusion and via WBF

Frizzo, Maltoni, VDD hep-ph/0404013



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^T_{min}



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

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

- expand Φ about the vev (get dim. 5 (D5) operators)

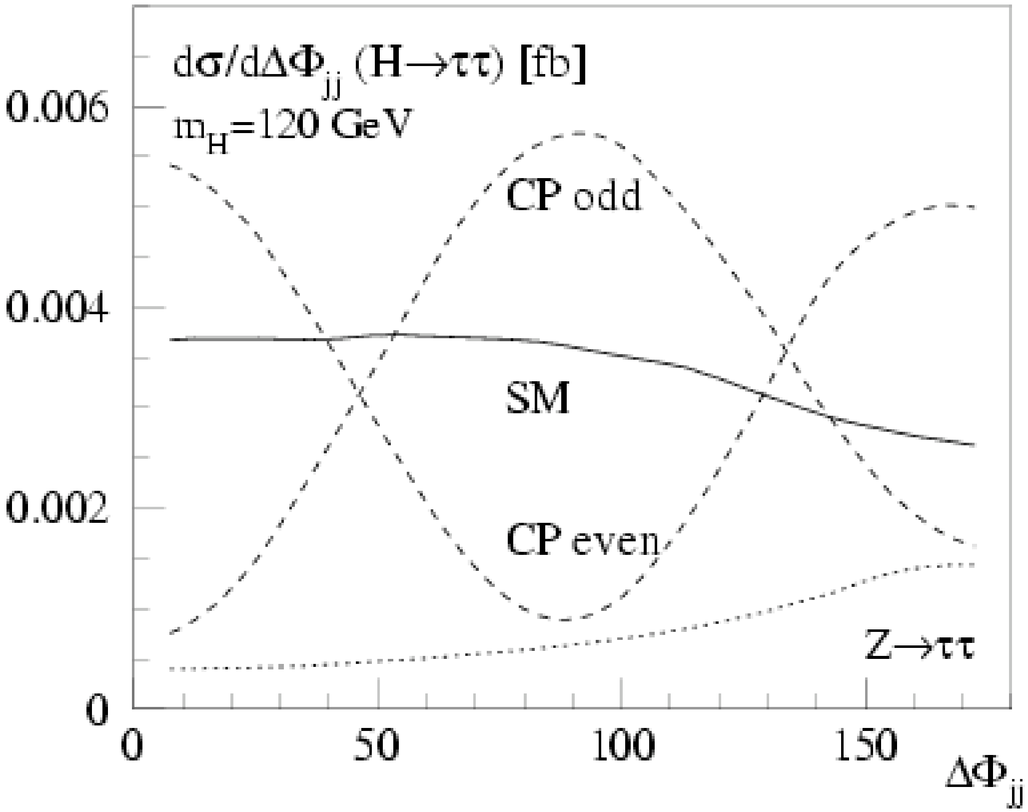
$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{e,5}} H\, W^+_{\mu\nu} W^{-\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{o,5}} H\, \widetilde{W}^+_{\mu\nu} W^{-\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda_5} = \frac{g^2 v}{\Lambda^2_6}$$

- 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

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

Azimuthal angle distribution for WWH couplings

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



WBF cuts:

$p_{j\perp} > 20$ GeV

$|\eta_j| < 5$

$R_{jj} > 0.6$

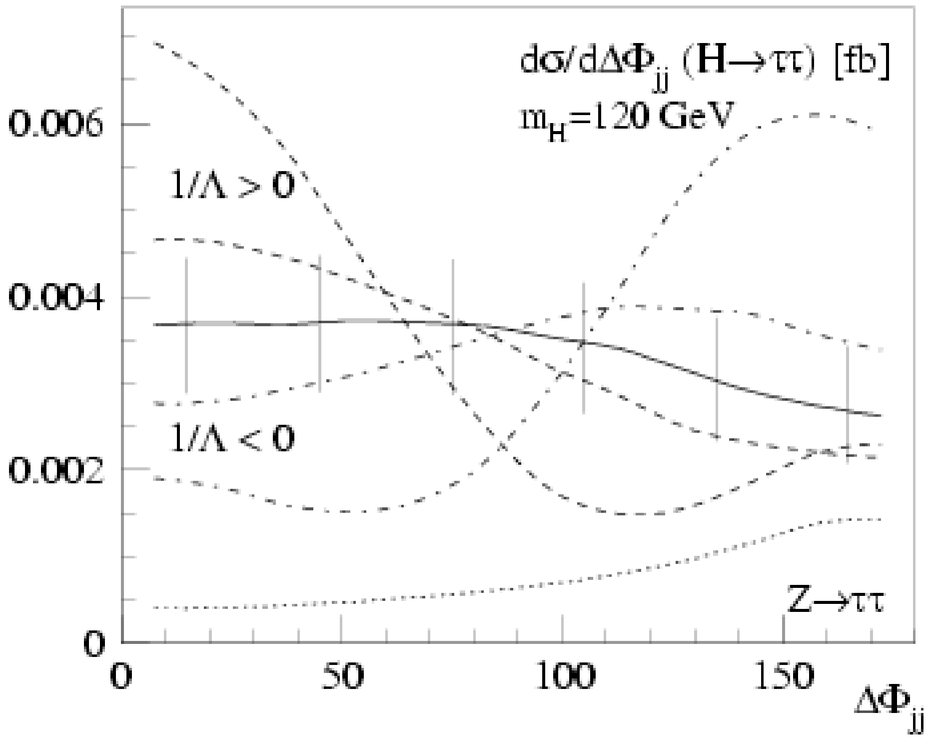
$\eta_{j_1} \cdot \eta_{j_2} < 0$

$|\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2}| > 4.2$

- 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 $\sigma/\sigma_{\rm SM} = 0.04, 1.0$. Error bars correspond to an integrated luminosity of 100 fb^{-1} per experiment, distributed over 6 bins, and are statistical only

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

CONCLUSIONS

- In Higgs + 2 jets, the azimuthal angle correlation between the two jets can be used as a tool to distinguish between WBF and gluon fusion, and to investigate the tensor structure of the WWH 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 WBF is known at NLO, which increases the WBF production rate by about $10\,\%$
- Large-rapidity (WBF) cuts can be used to deplete gluon fusion wrt WBF
- A central-jet veto can be used to further deplete gluon fusion wrt WBF; 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