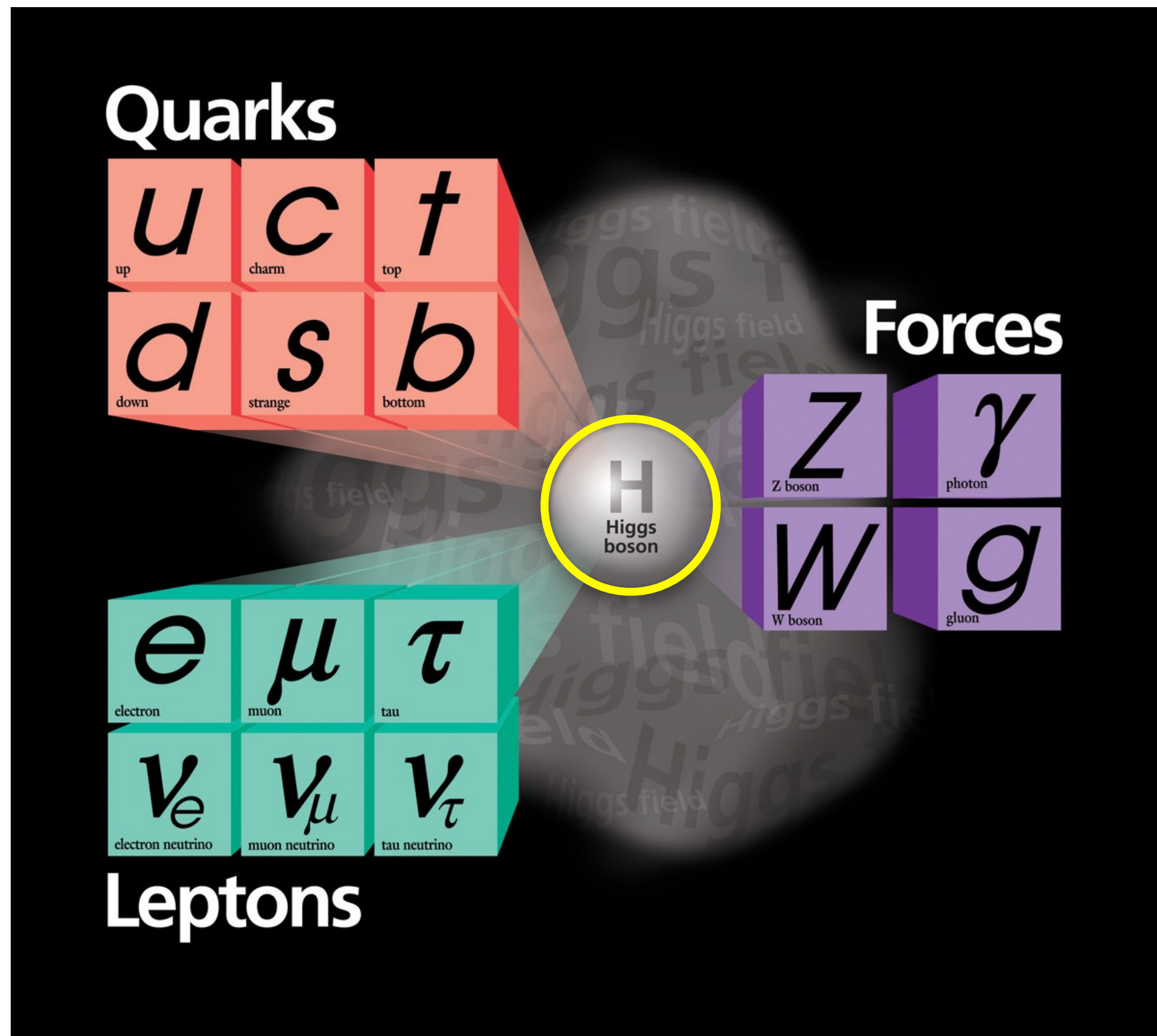


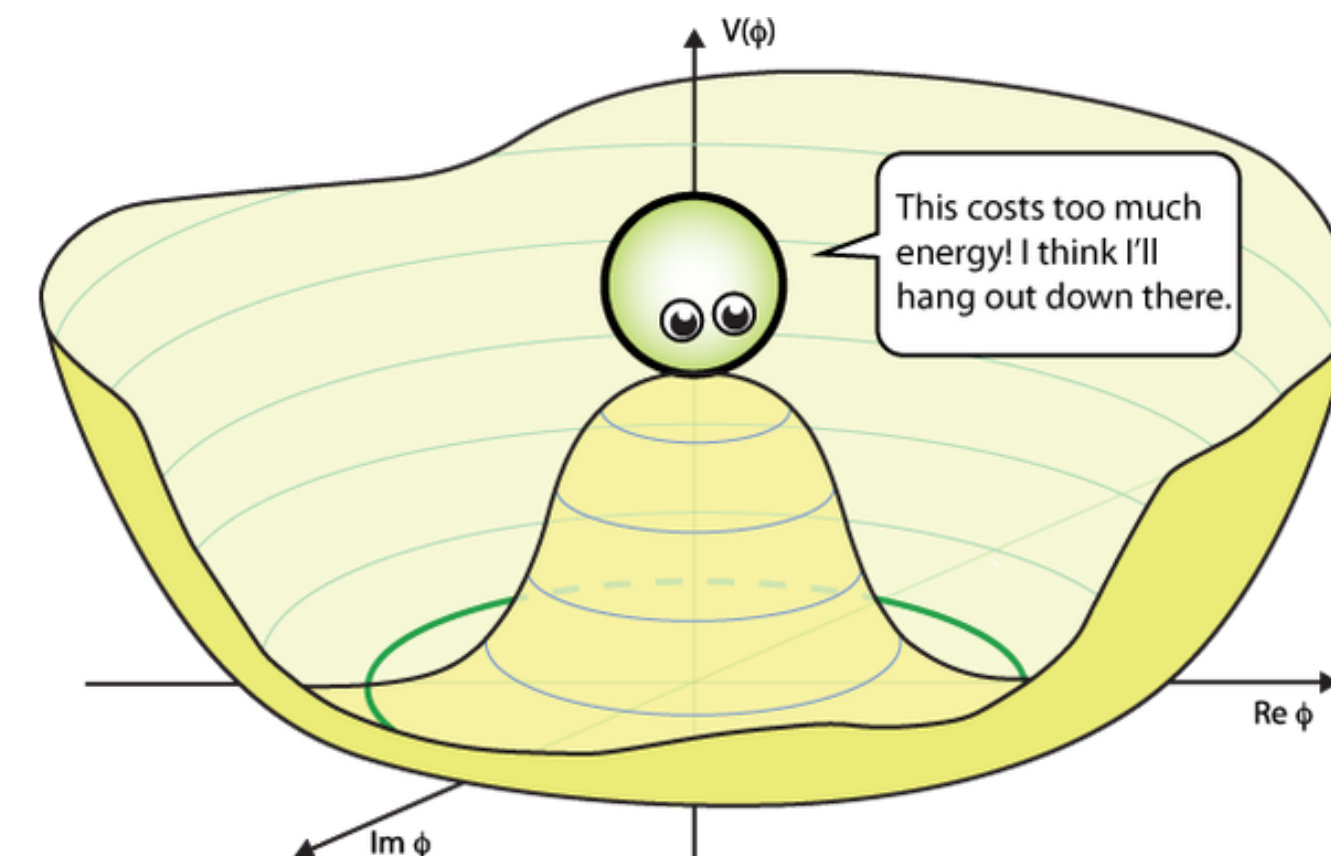
Higgs production and decay: theory

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The Higgs boson

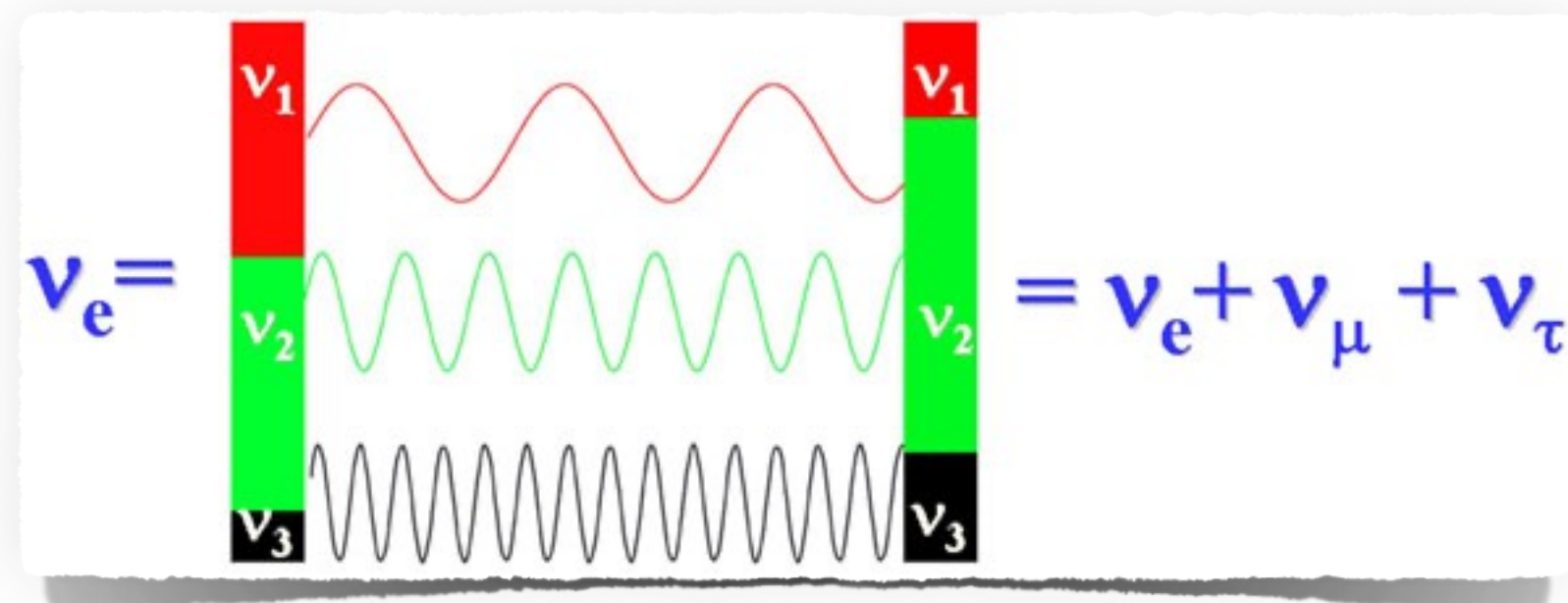
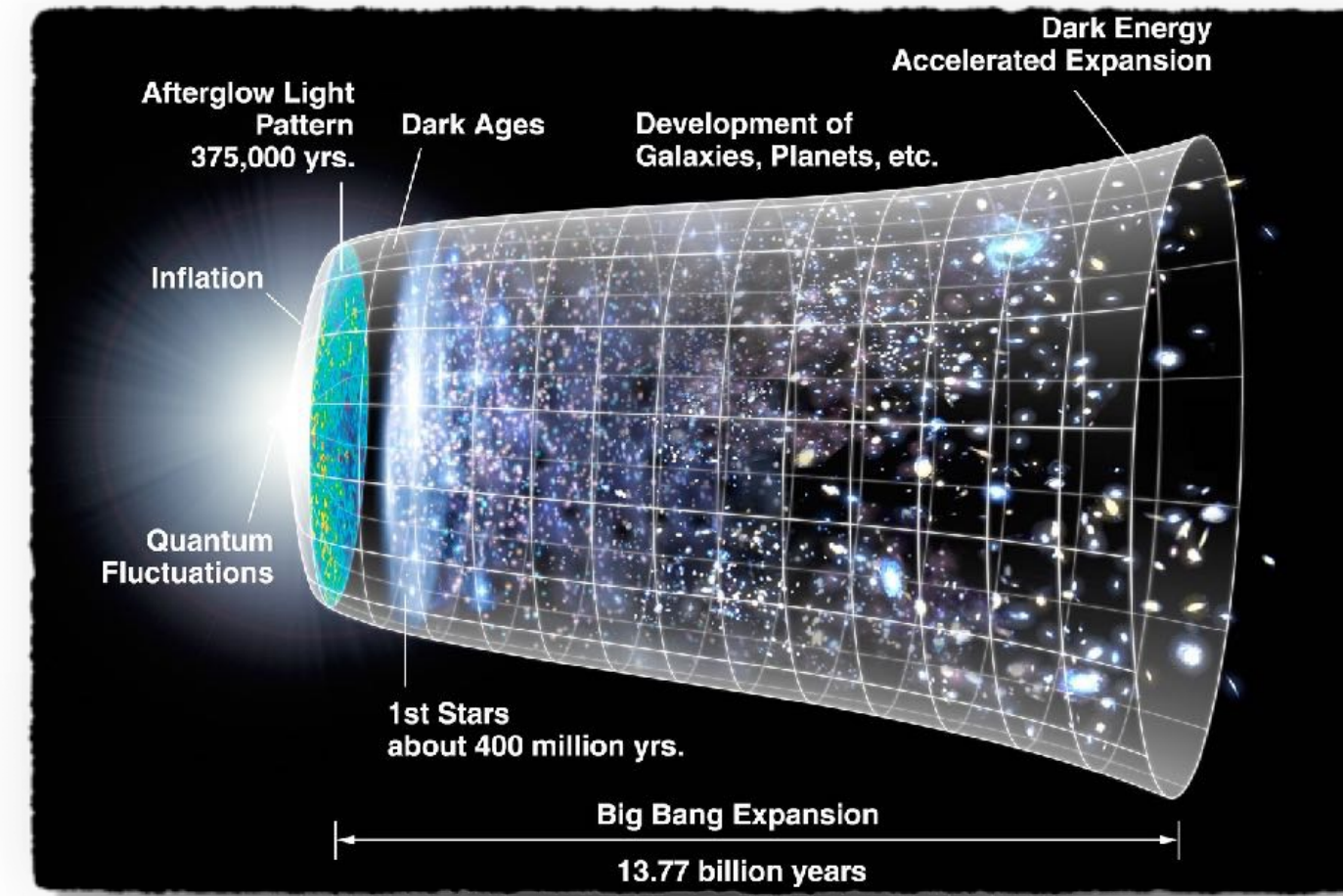


- Completes the standard model
- “Ghost” or “God” filling the vacuum of our universe
- Electroweak symmetry breaking → masses of weak gauge bosons
- Yukawa couplings → masses of fundamental matter particles

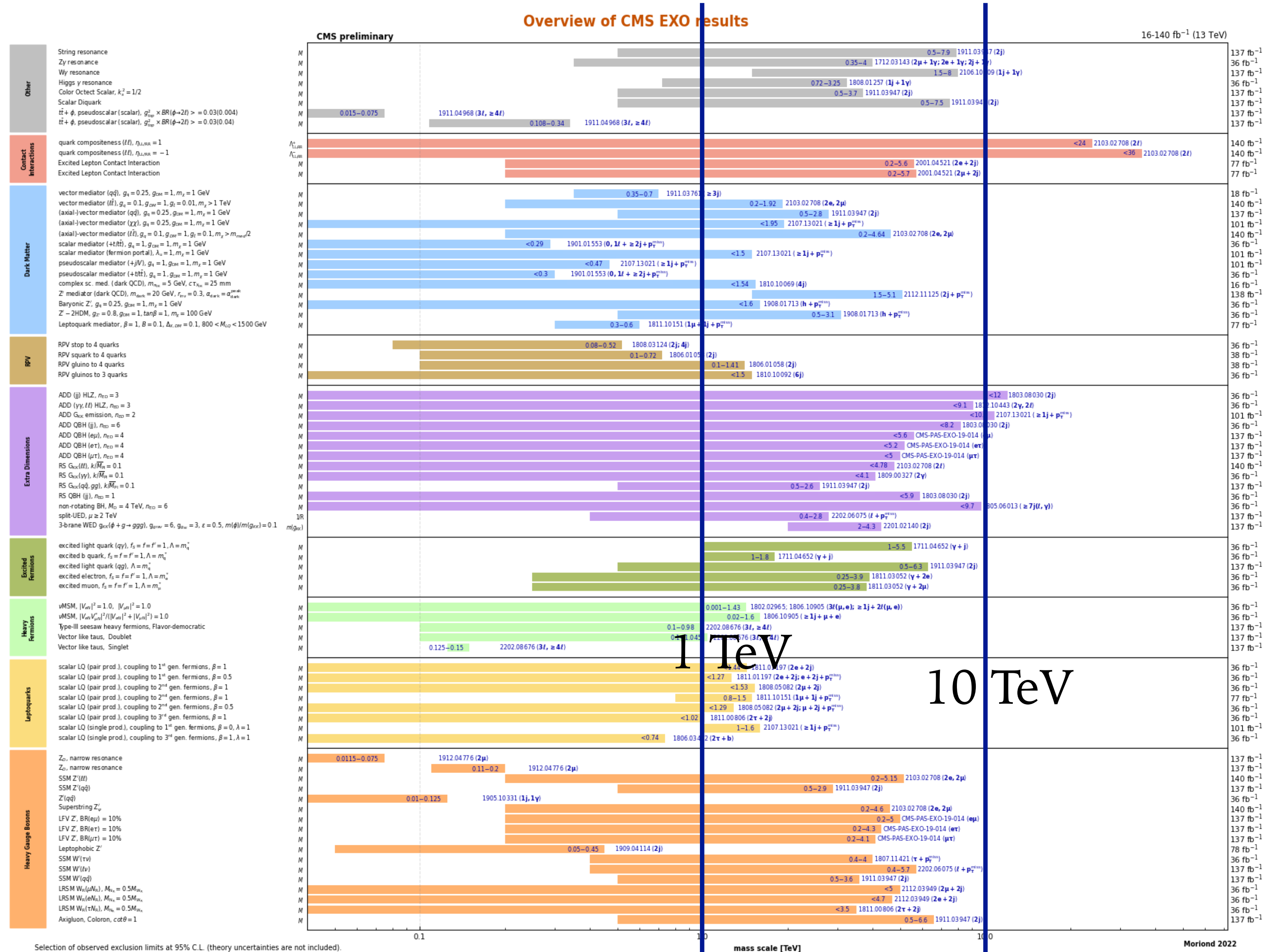


What's beyond the SM?

We know that there has to be something new at higher energies beyond the SM



What's beyond the SM?



Current LHC direct searches have pushed the scale of new physics very high

Supplementary information from precision measurements important!

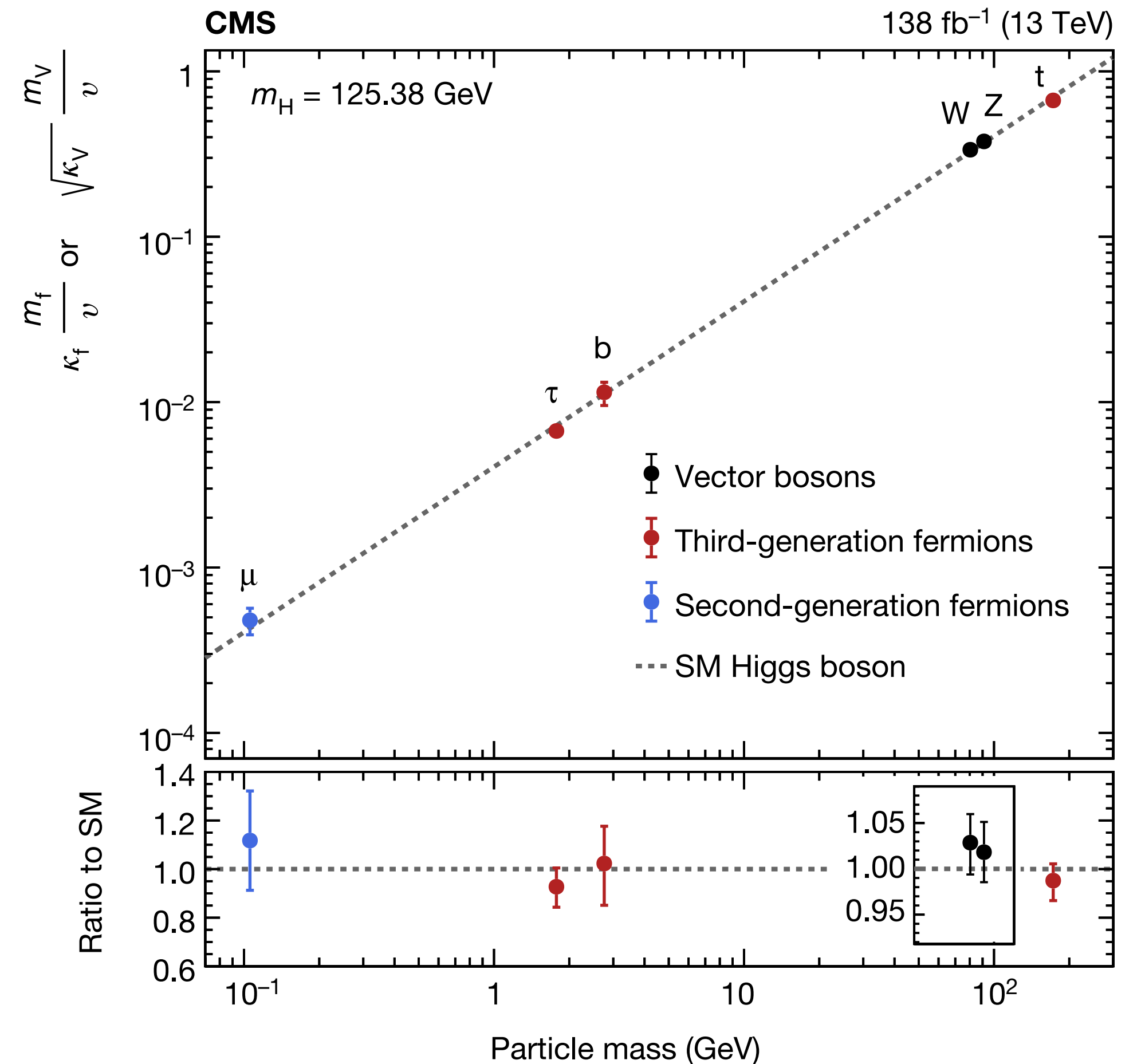
The need for precision!

Physics beyond the SM may reveal itself in various couplings of the Higgs boson

Typical deviations from the SM $\sim \left(\frac{v}{\Lambda}\right)^p$

Requires high-precision measurements!

Latest from CMS (July 4th)



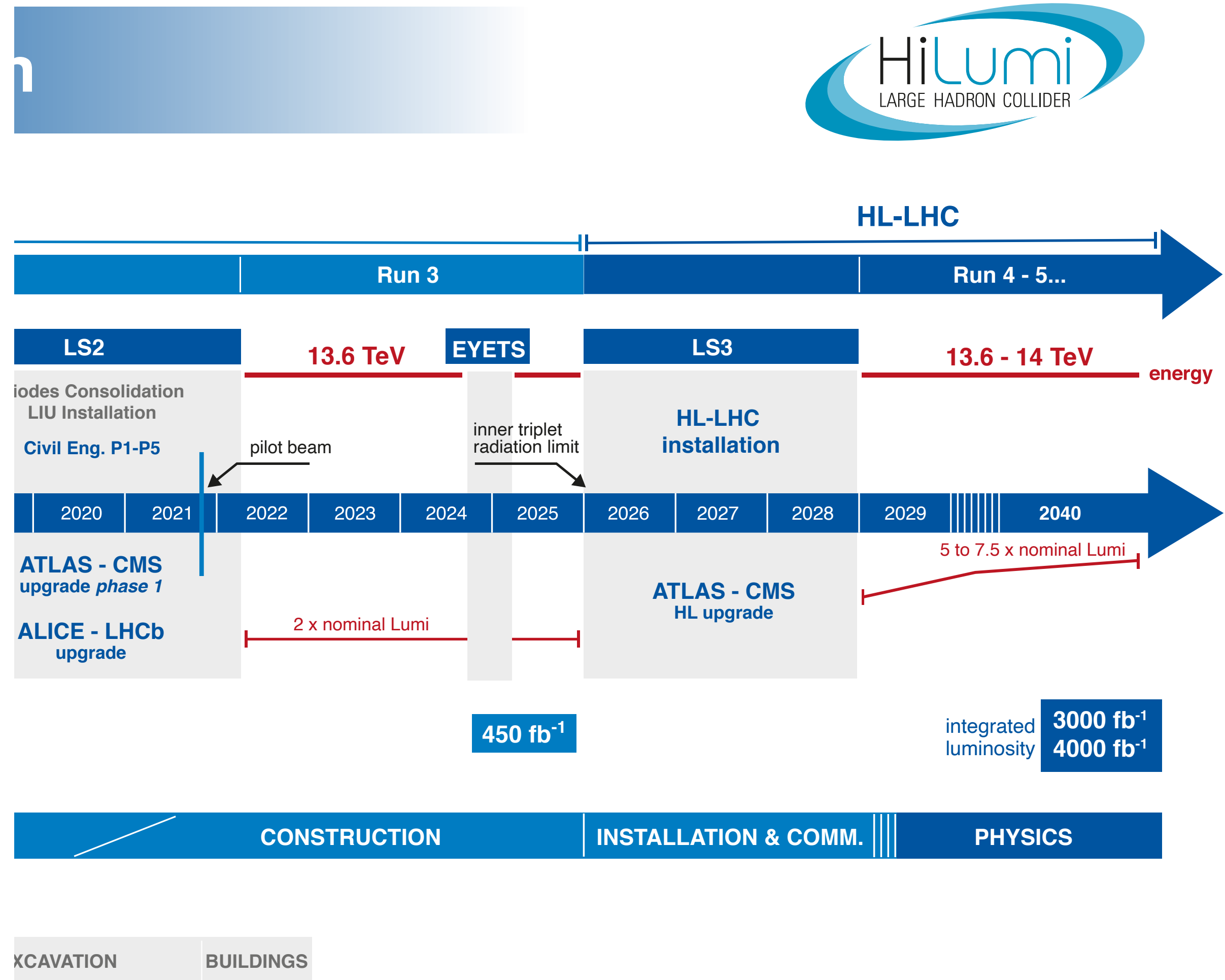
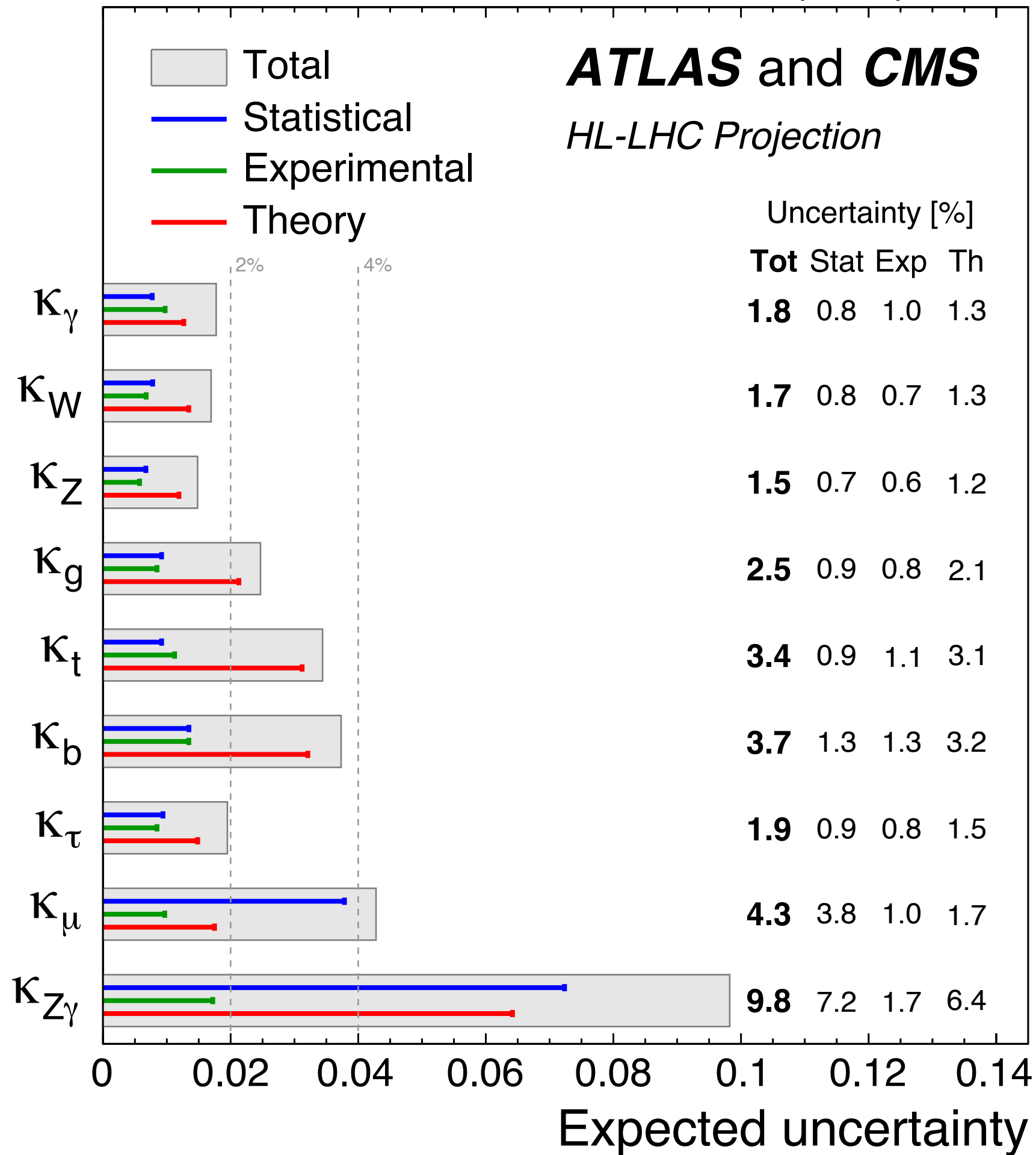
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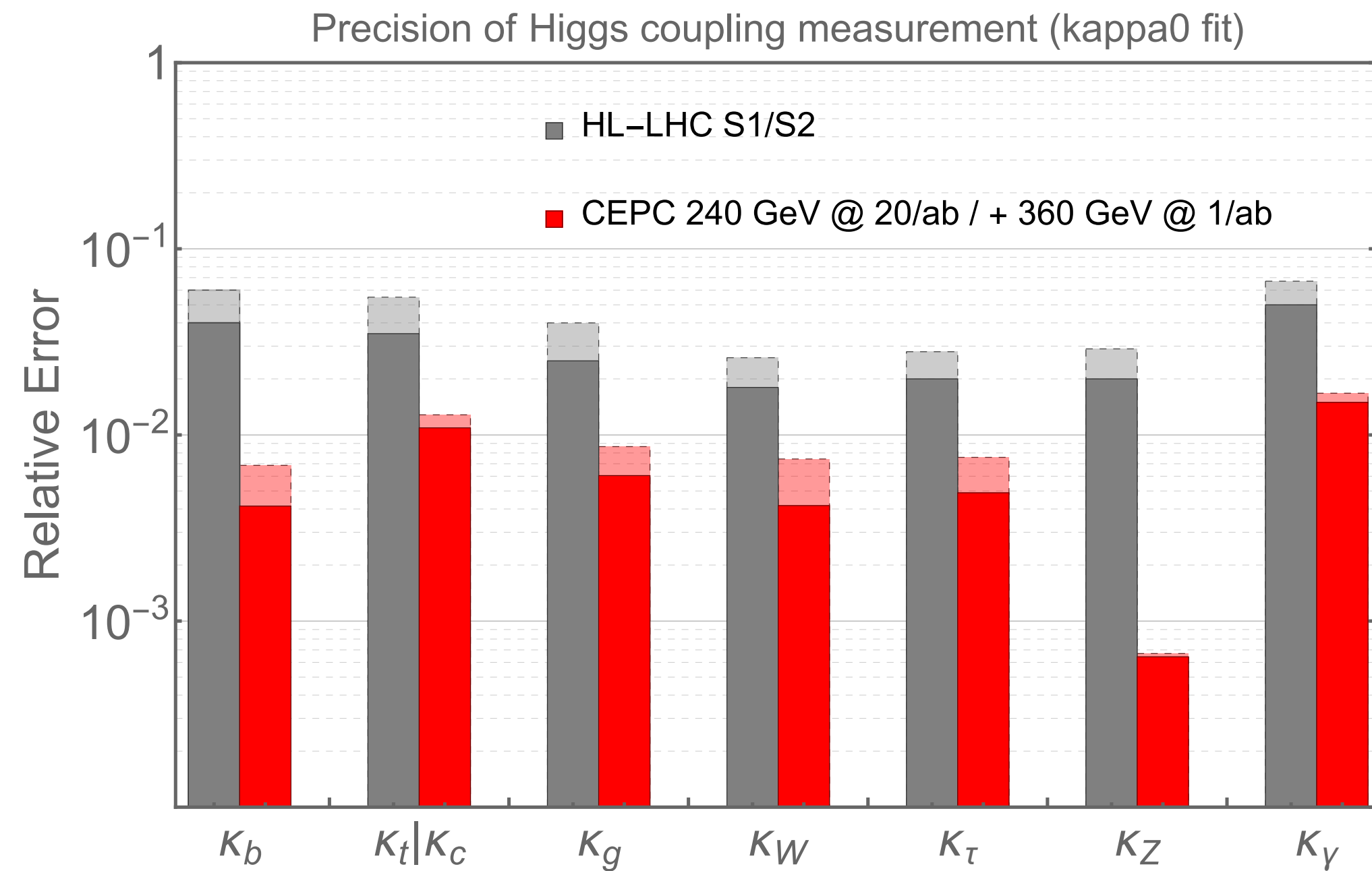
$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ per experiment



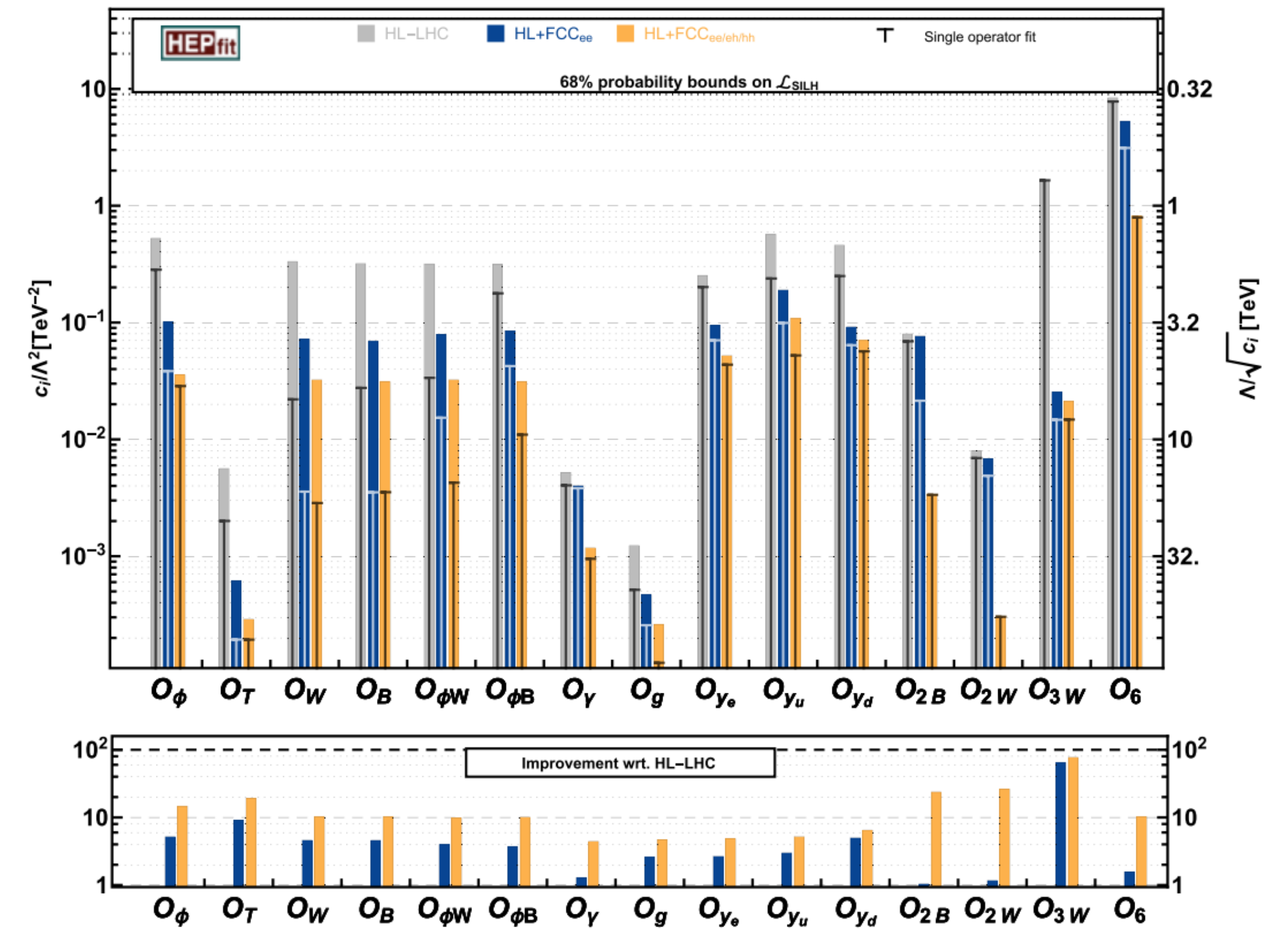
Much higher precision can be achieved at the HL-LHC

The future

Future Higgs factories can provide even better accuracies

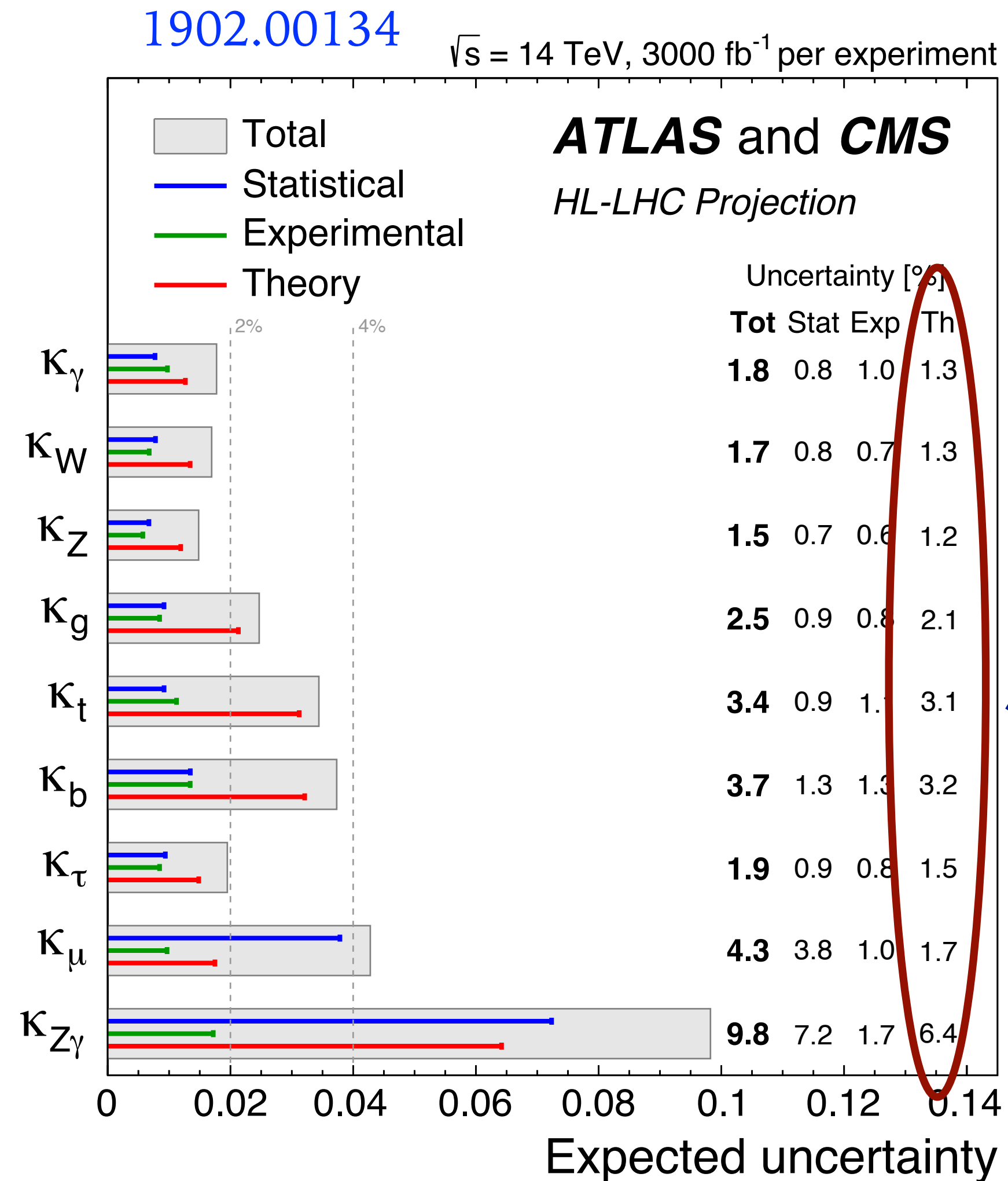


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The need for theoretical precision!



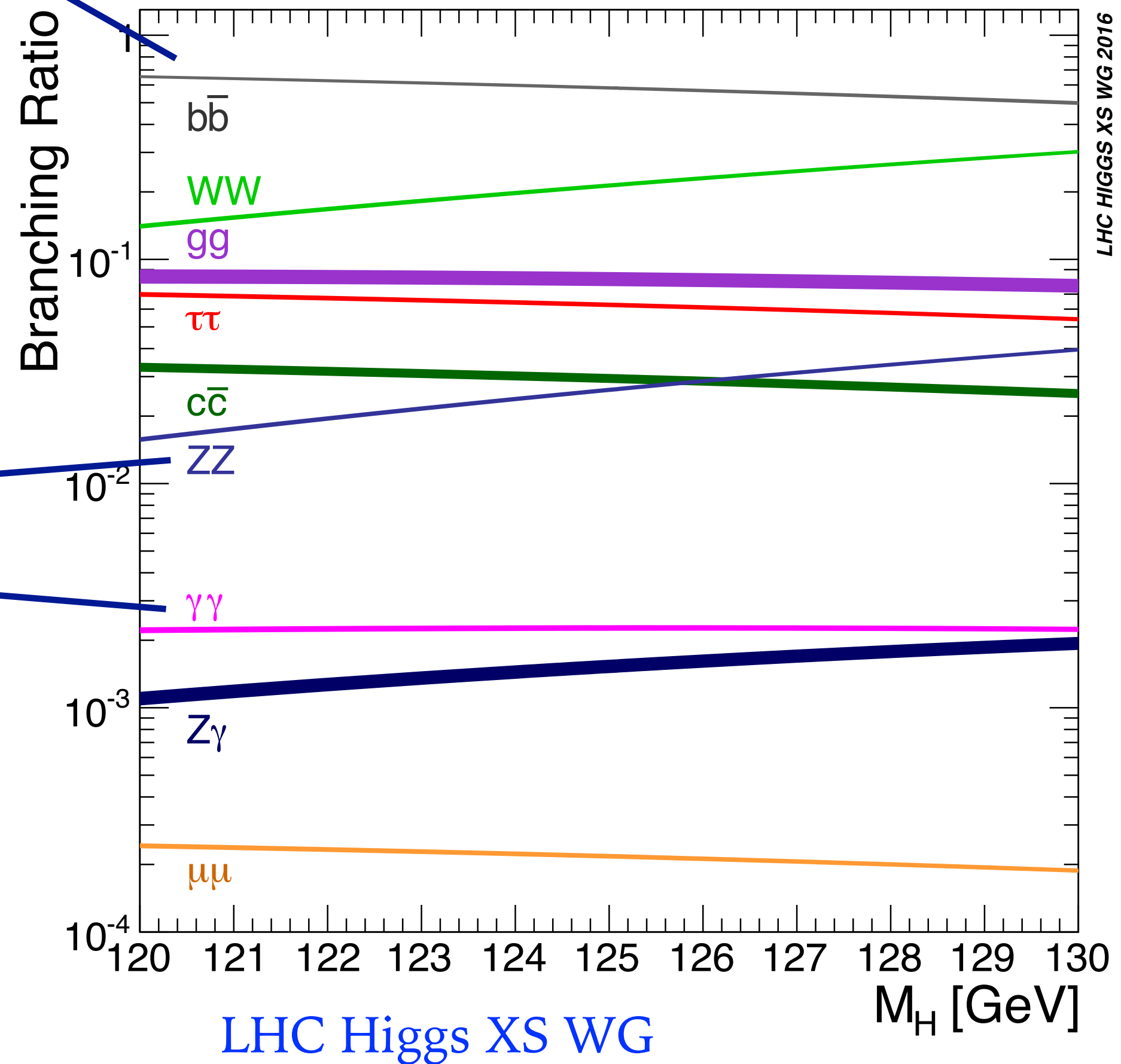
The upcoming experimental accuracies are demanding **much better** theoretical precision for various scattering processes

Estimated theoretical uncertainties that can be achieved during the HL-LHC run
(reduced by a factor of 2~3 w.r.t. current values)

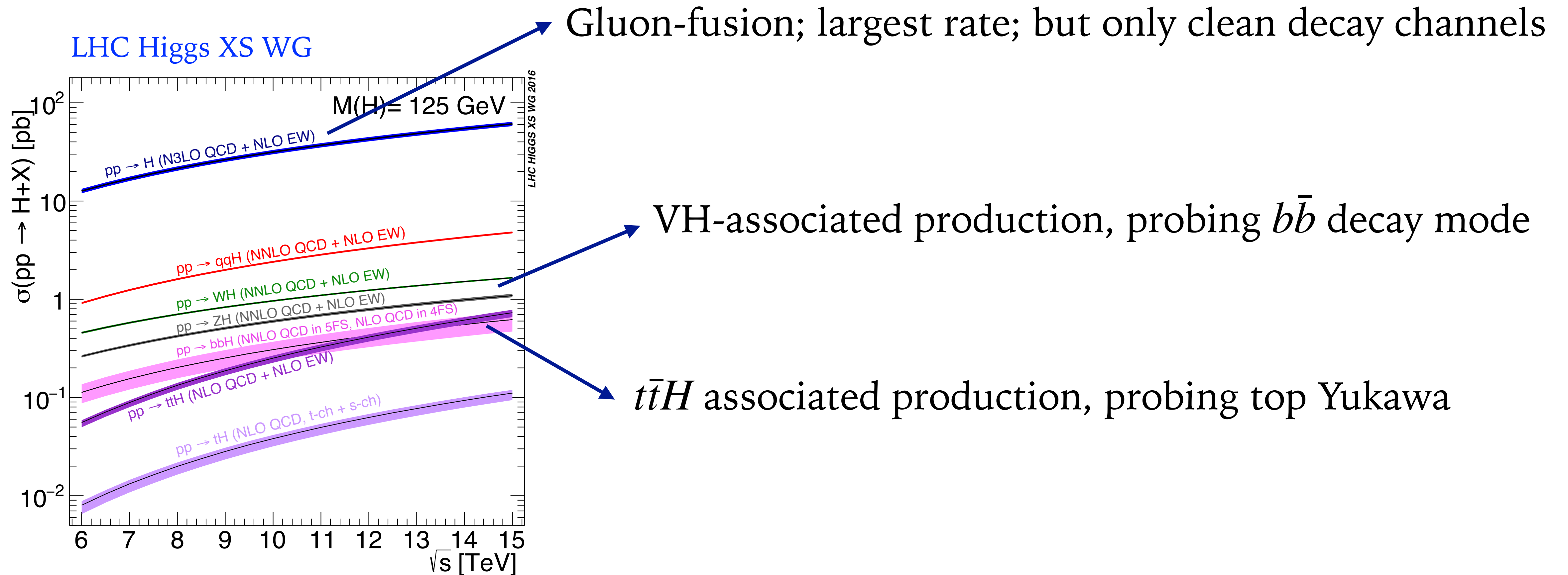
Decay of the Higgs boson

Most frequent; relevant for $Hb\bar{b}$; but not easy to detect

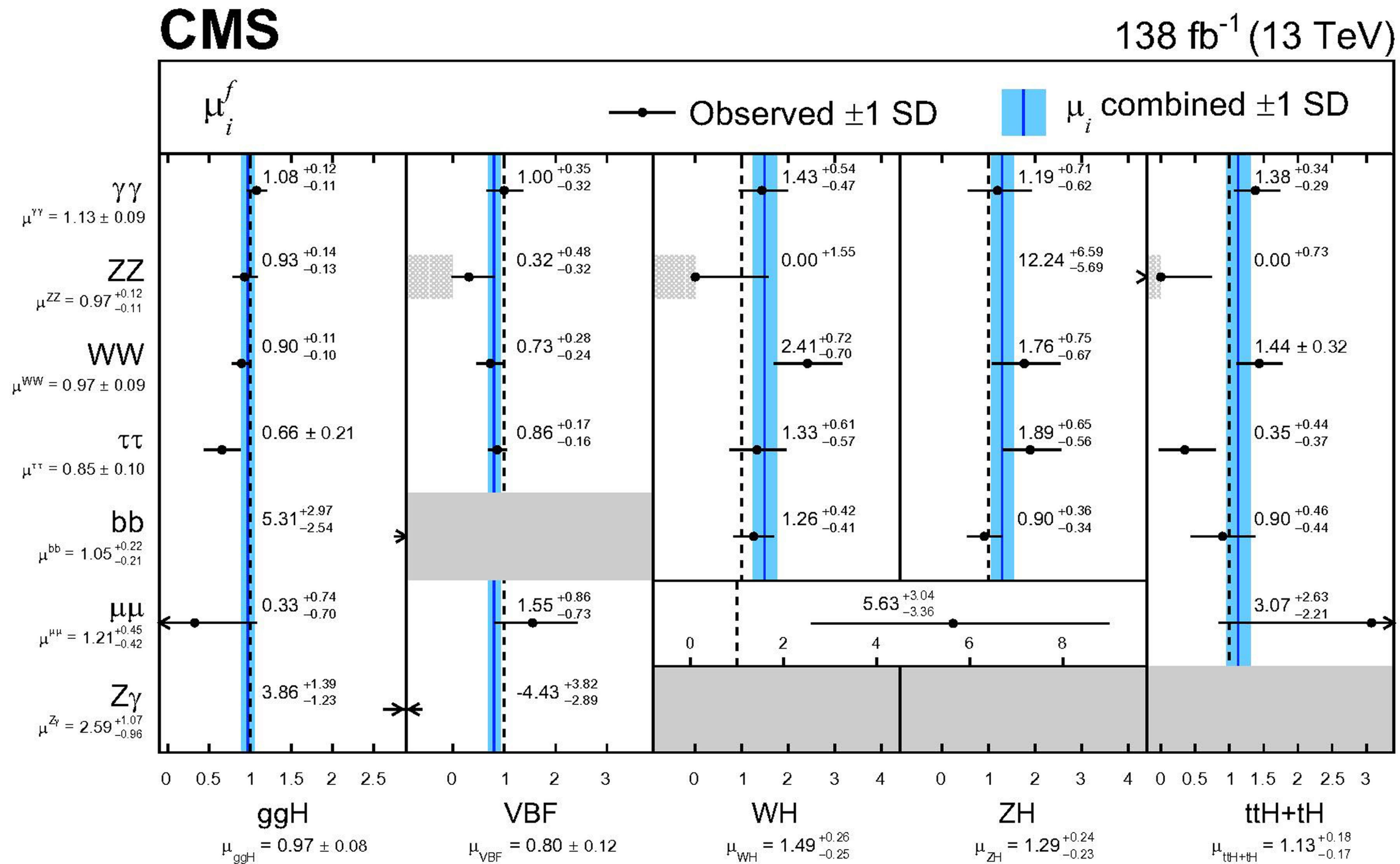
Rare but clean



Single Higgs production at the LHC

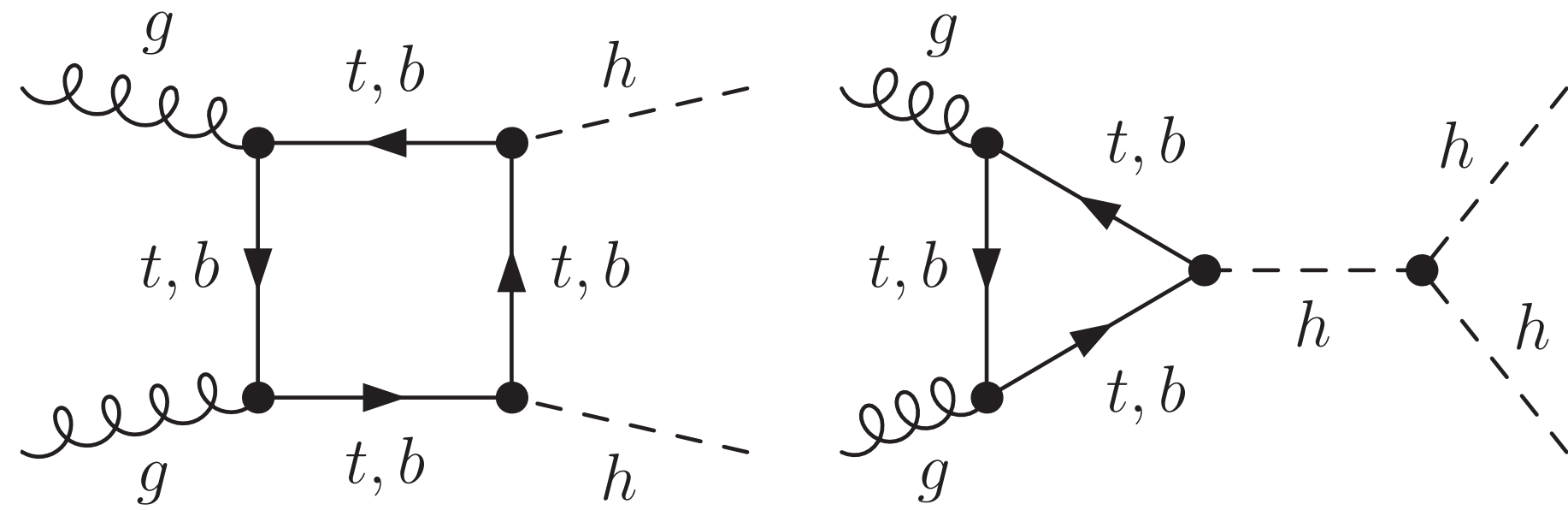


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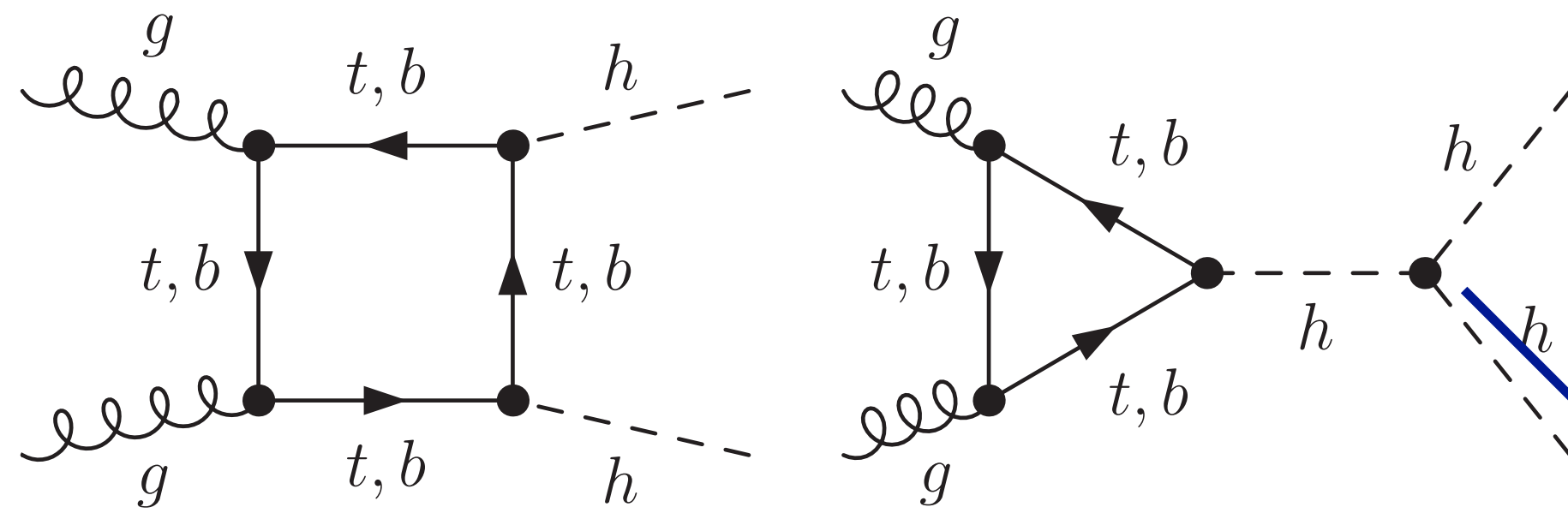
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Higgs bosons can also be produced in pairs



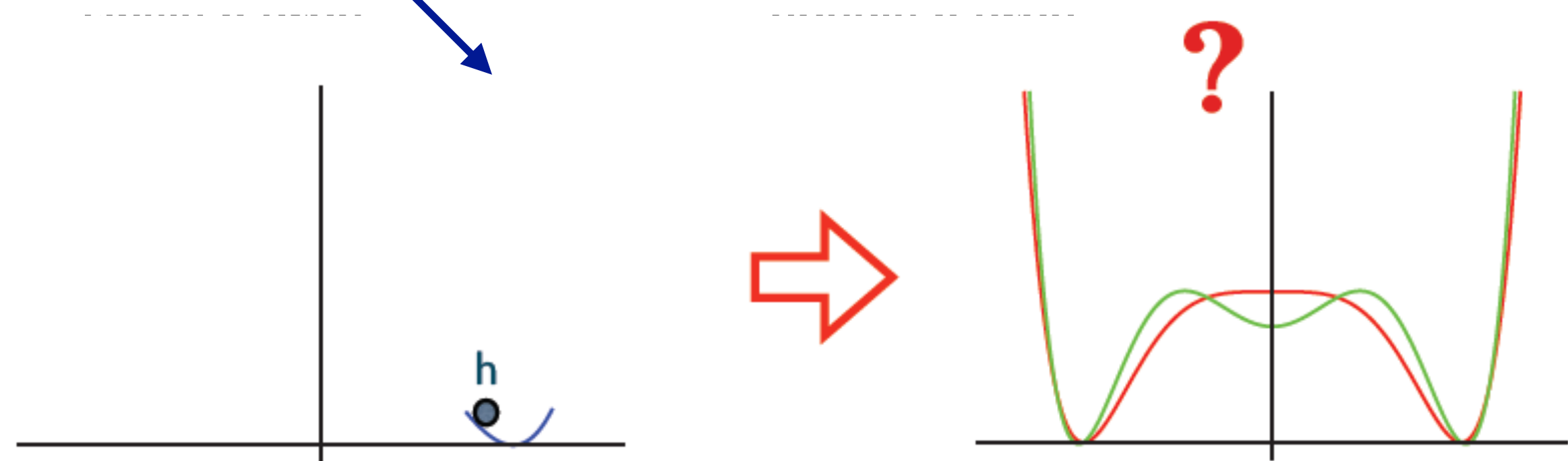
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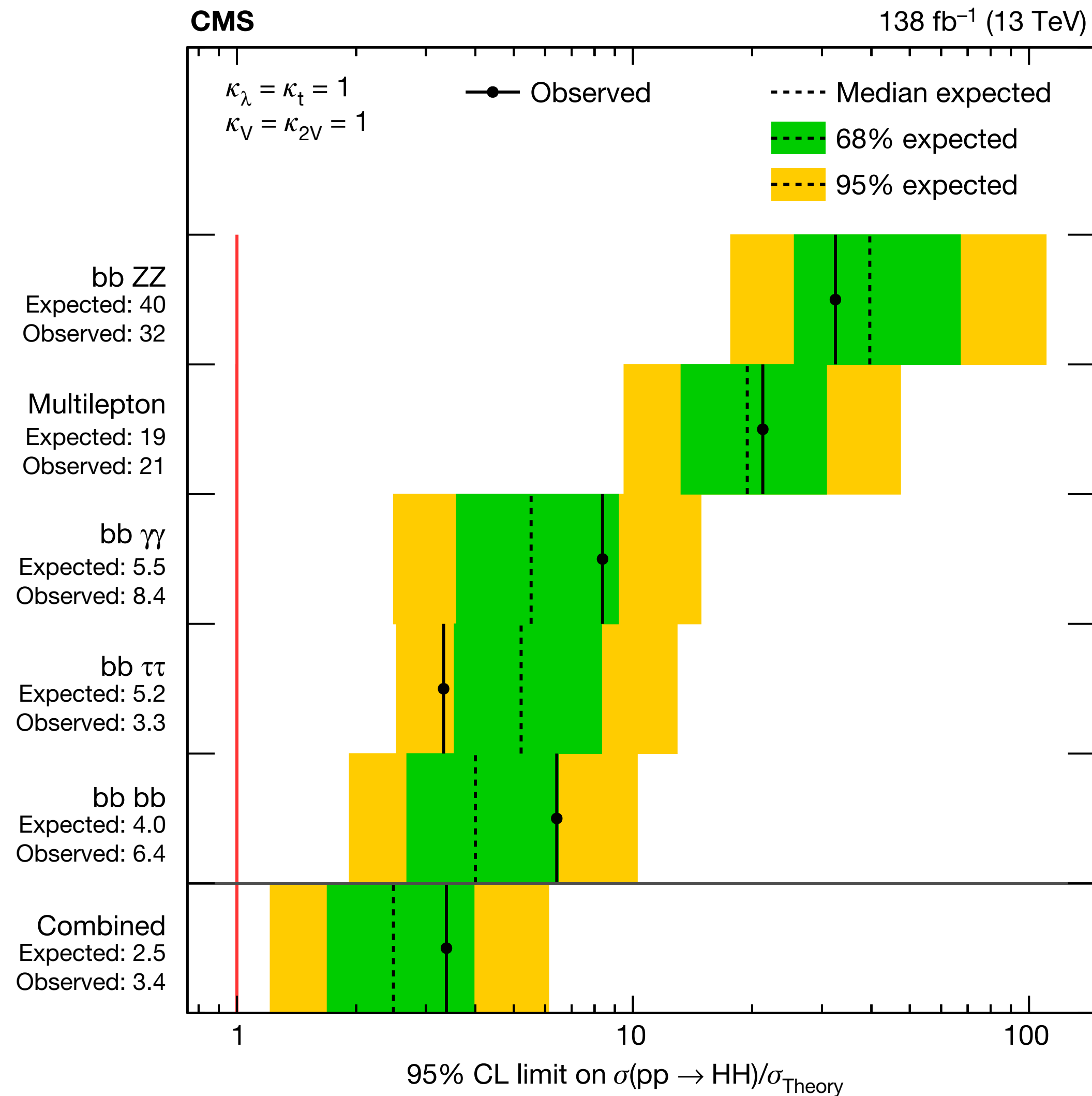


Probing the Higgs potential

$$V(h) = \frac{m_h^2}{2}h^2 + \lambda_3 h^3 + \dots$$



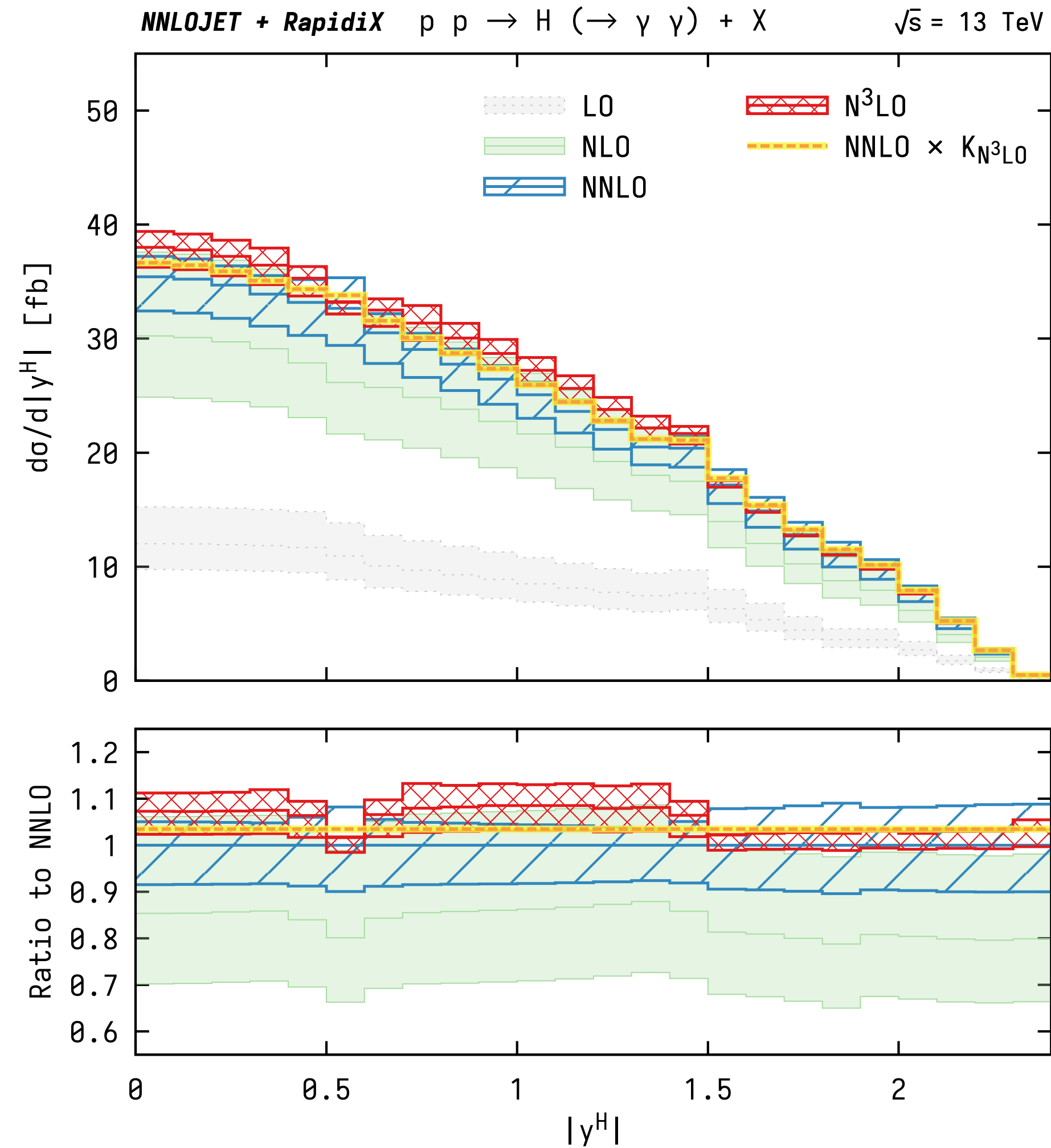
We are not there yet...



Higgs boson pair production is extremely difficult to detect

We'll need HL-LHC...

Single Higgs from gluon-fusion

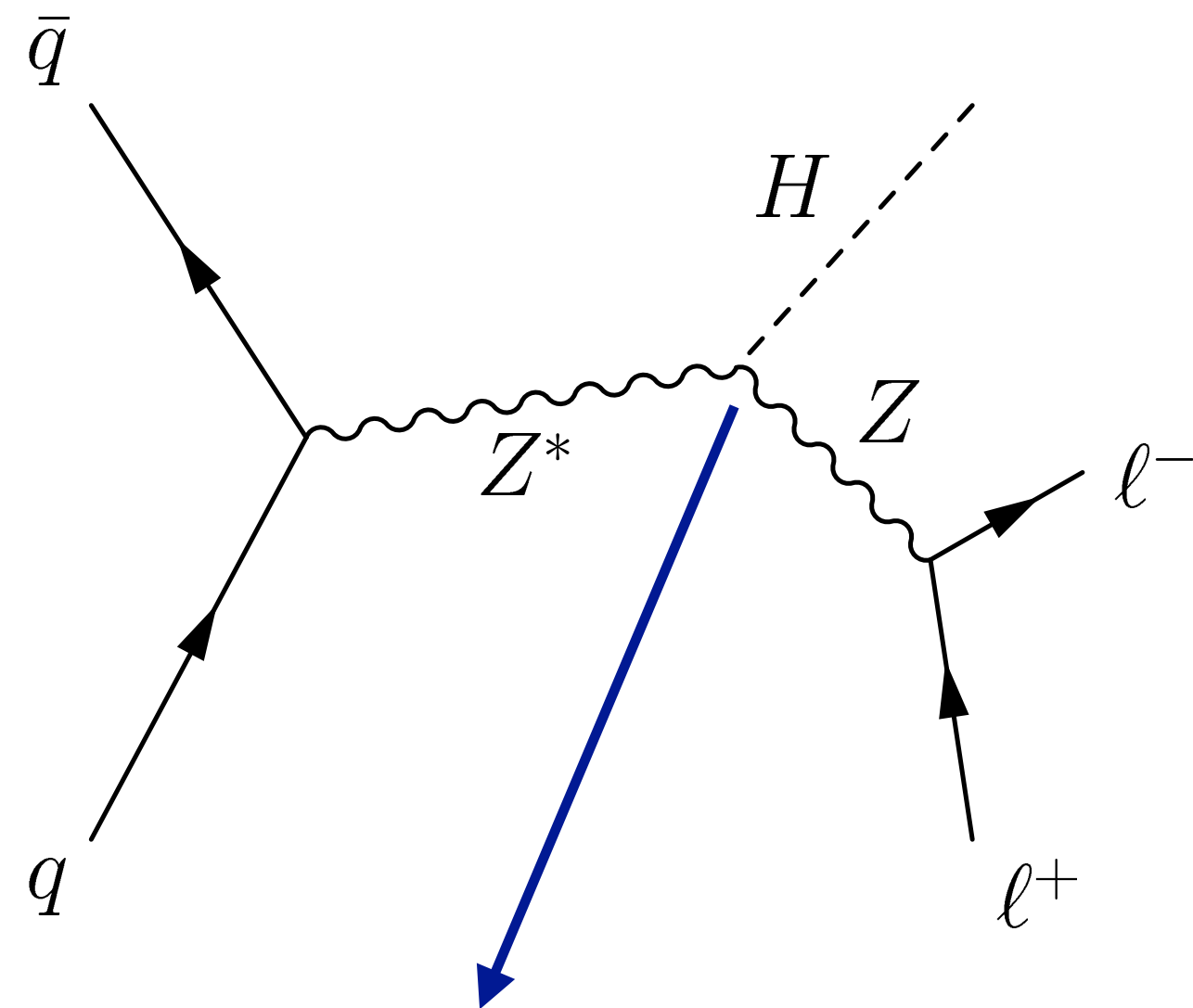


Fully differential cross sections at N³LO

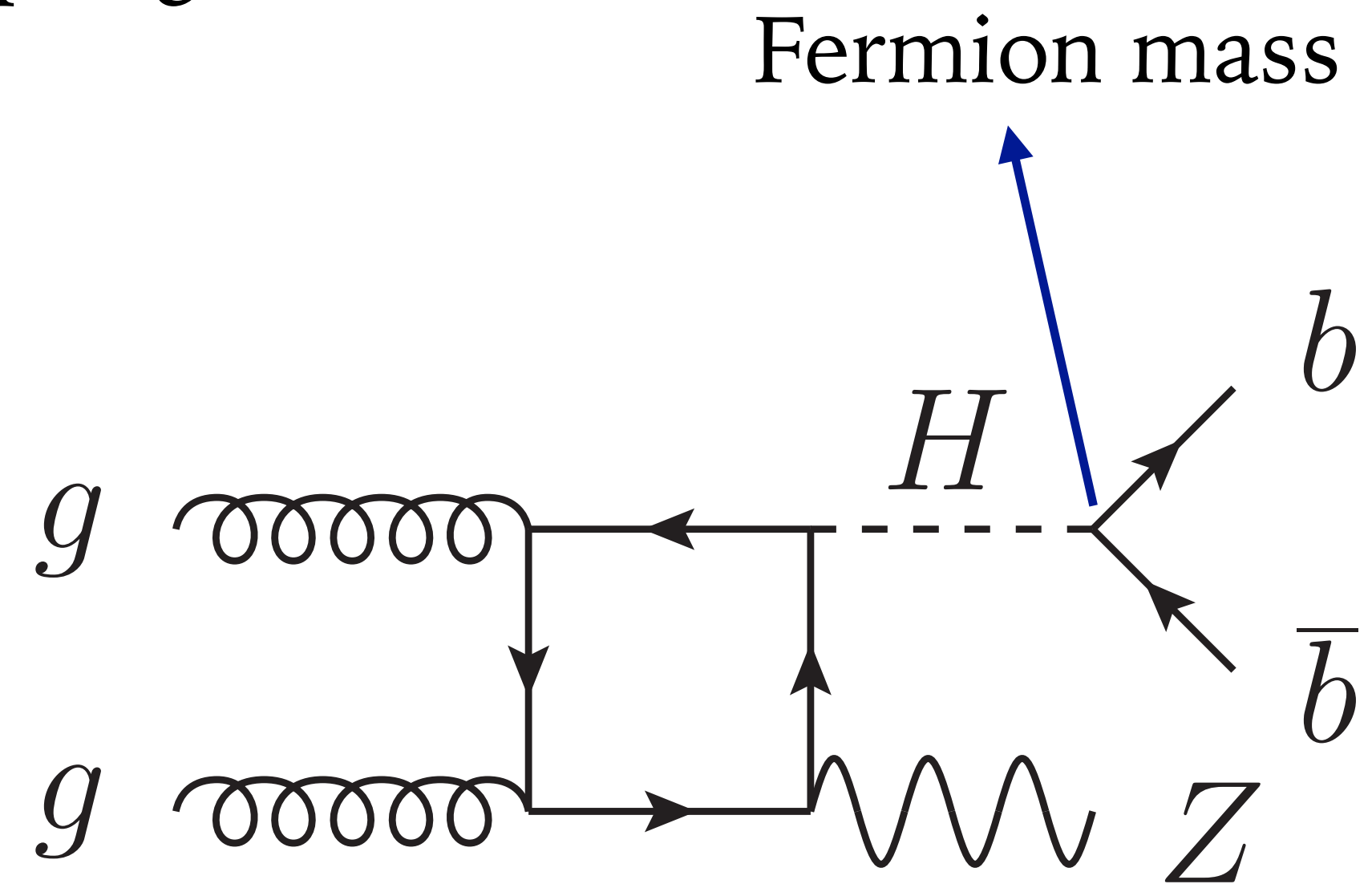
Chen et al.: 2102.07607

VH associated production (Higgs-strahlung)

Important for measuring gauge and Yukawa couplings



Electroweak symmetry breaking



Gluon-fusion channel unique for ZH-production

Formally higher order, but enhanced by gluon luminosity at the LHC

Theoretical uncertainties for ZH-production

Theoretical uncertainties dominated by missing higher order corrections

Table 10: Cross-section for the process $pp \rightarrow ZH$. The predictions for the $gg \rightarrow ZH$ channel are computed at LO, rescaled by the NLO K -factor in the $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ limit, and supplemented by the NLL_{soft} resummation. The photon contribution is omitted. Results are given for a Higgs boson mass $m_H = 125.09$ GeV.

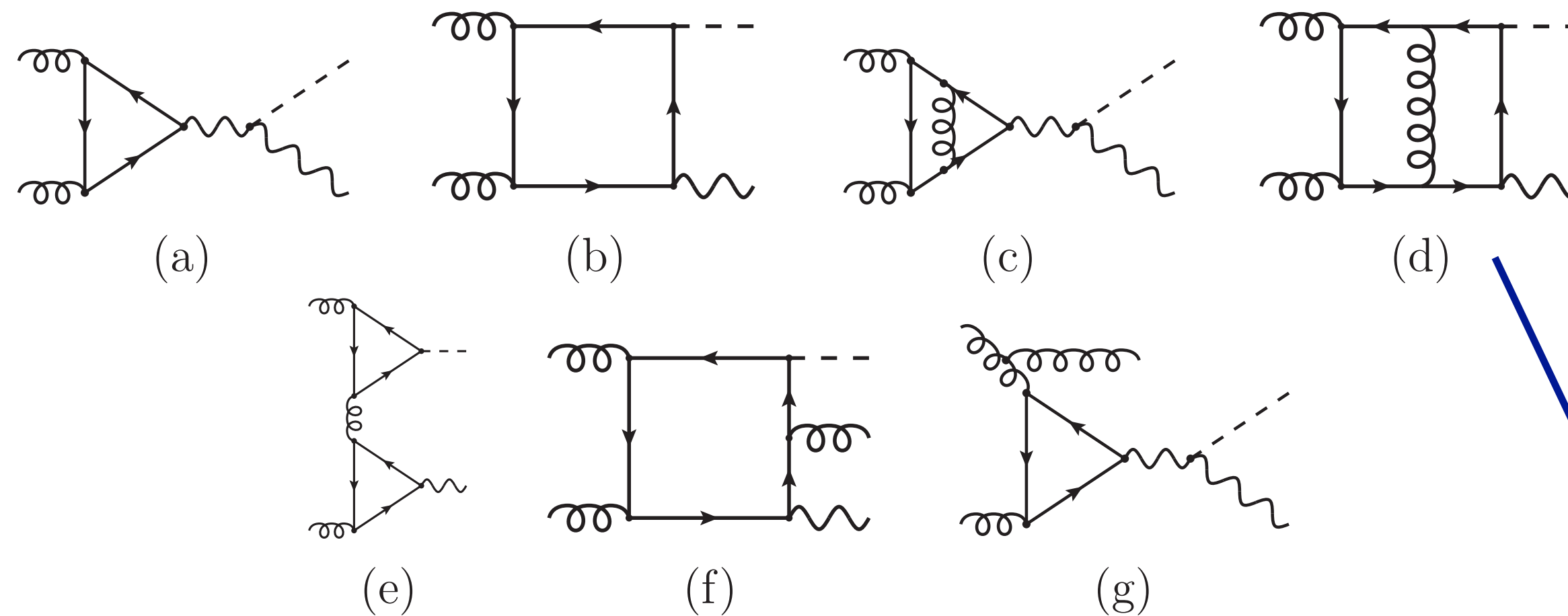
\sqrt{s} [TeV]	$\sigma_{\text{NNLO QCD} \otimes \text{NLO EW}}$ [pb]	Δ_{scale} [%]	$\Delta_{\text{PDF} \oplus \alpha_s}$ [%]
1902.00134	0.880	+3.50 -2.68	1.65
	0.981	+3.61 -2.94	1.90
	2.463	+5.42 -4.00	2.24

Mainly come from $gg \rightarrow ZH$

gg → ZH

Loop induced

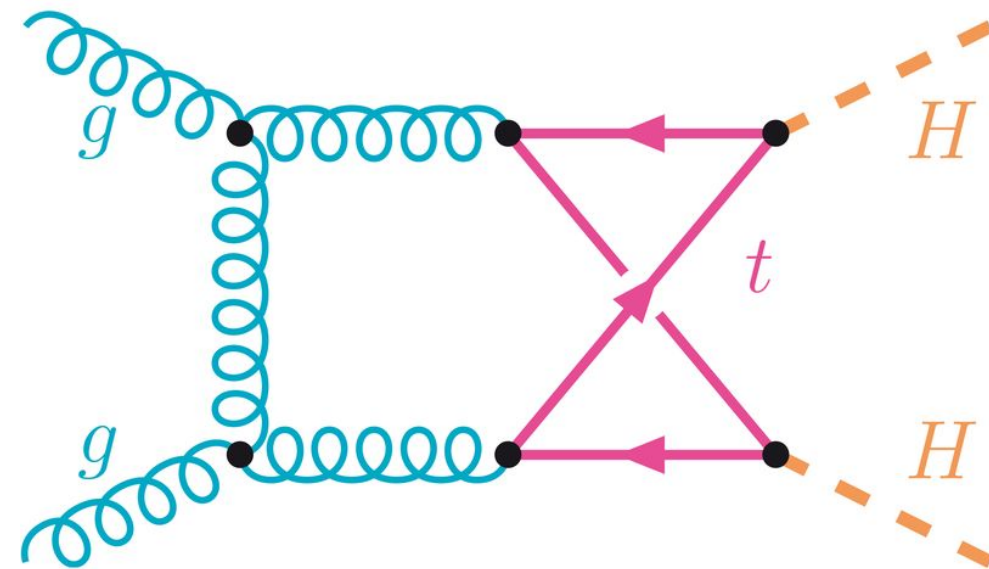
LO → formally start at α_s^2



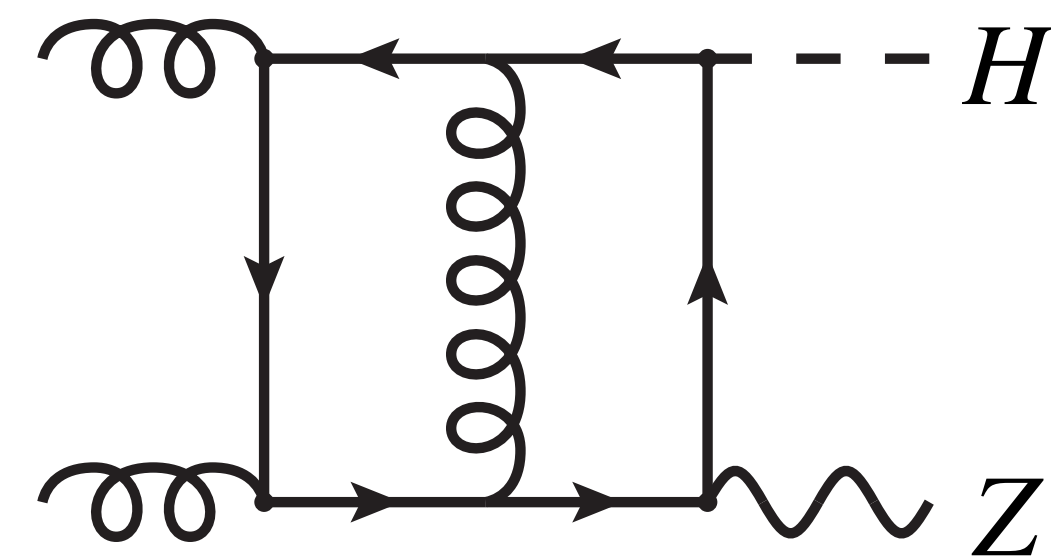
NLO difficult: two-loop four-point amplitude with 5 physical scales

Heavy top EFT not good for distributions...

Approximations with small-mass expansion



4 scales: s, t, m_t, m_H



5 scales: s, t, m_t, m_H, m_Z

Difficult to solve: integral reduction? master integrals?

An approximation: $m_H^2, m_Z^2 \ll |s|, |t|, m_t^2$

Valid for rather generic physical kinematics

Small-mass expansion

Xu, LLY: 1810.12002

Wang, Wang, Xu, Xu, LLY: 2010.15649

For HH:
$$F_{HH}(s, t_1, m_t^2, m_H^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (m_H^2)^n F_{HH}^{(n)}(s, t_1, m_t^2)$$

Same master integrals!

We know how to solve...

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A slight complication: polarization sum of the Z boson
$$-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{m_Z^2}$$

Consistent power-counting required

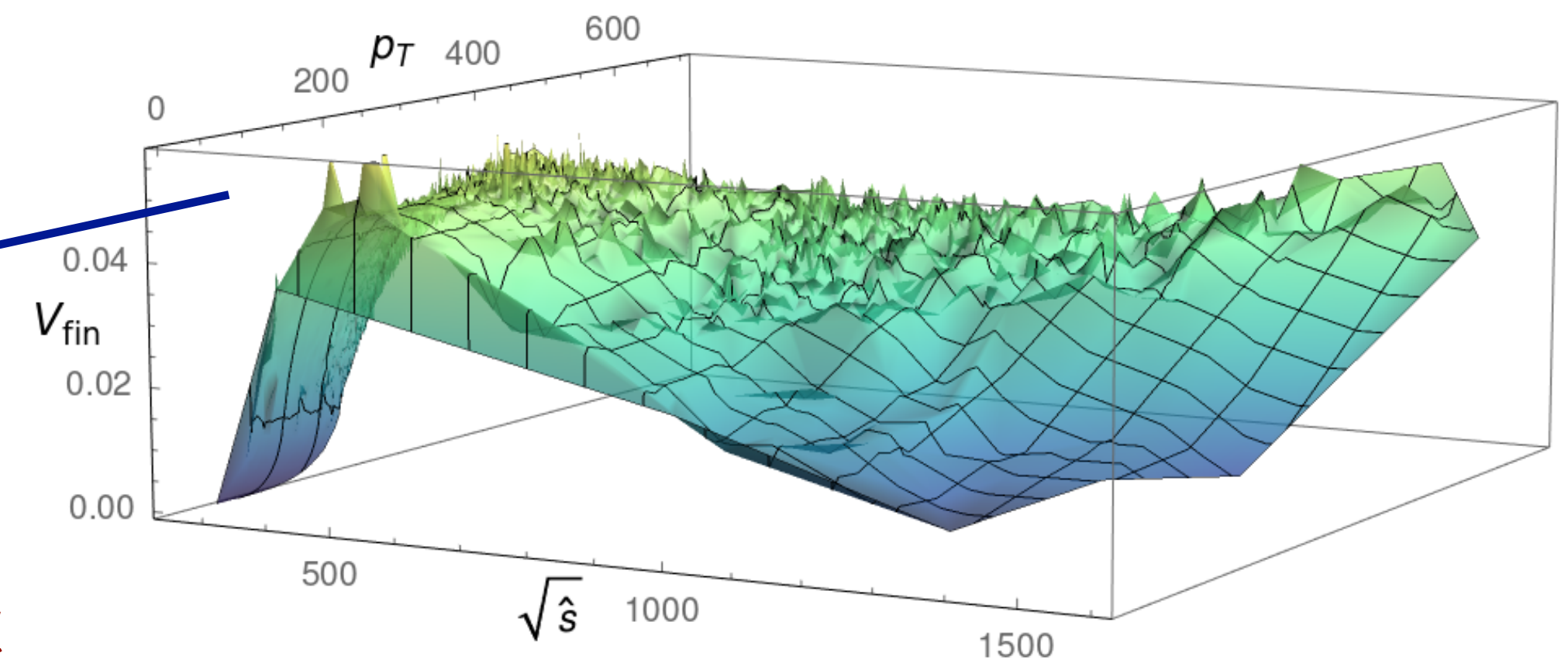
Numeric results for $gg \rightarrow HH$

UV and IR finite part of the two-loop amplitude

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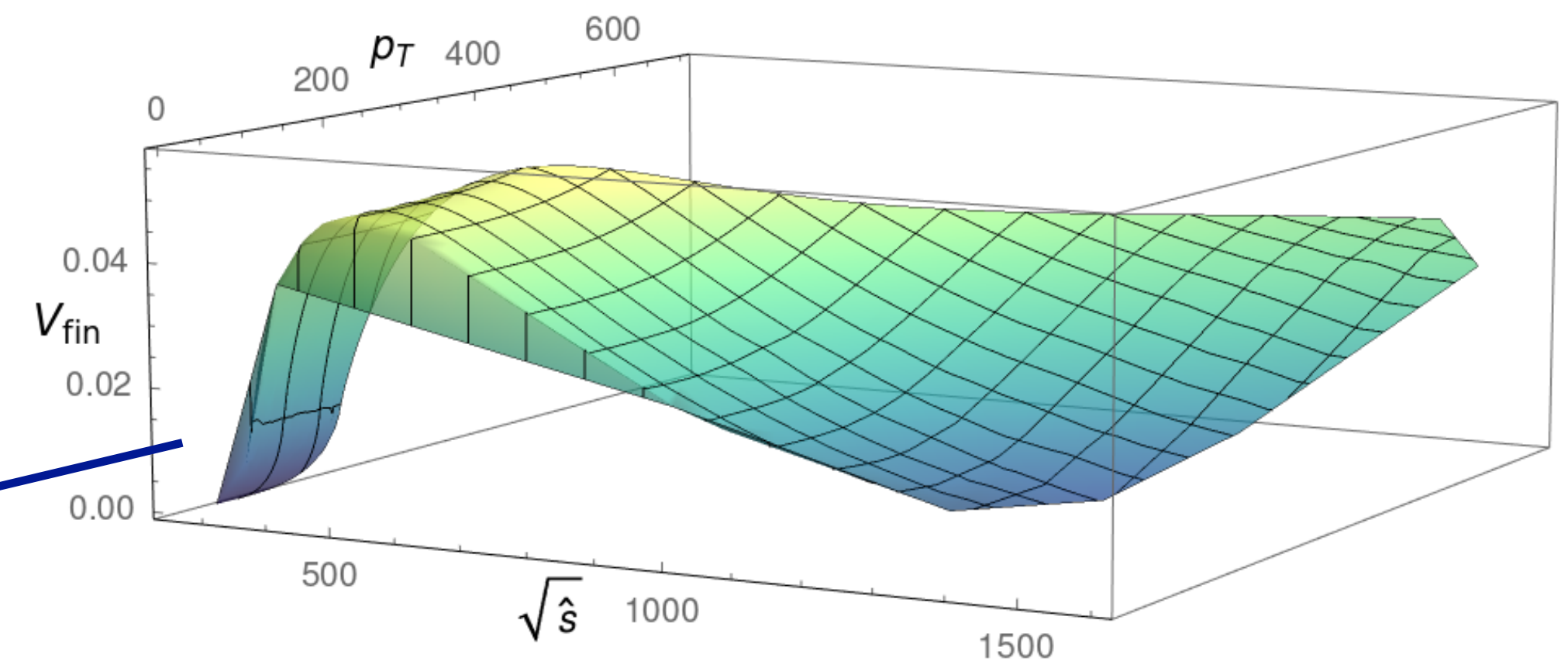
Interpolated from hhgrid (sector decomposition)

Heinrich et al. 7 GPGPU hours per phase space point

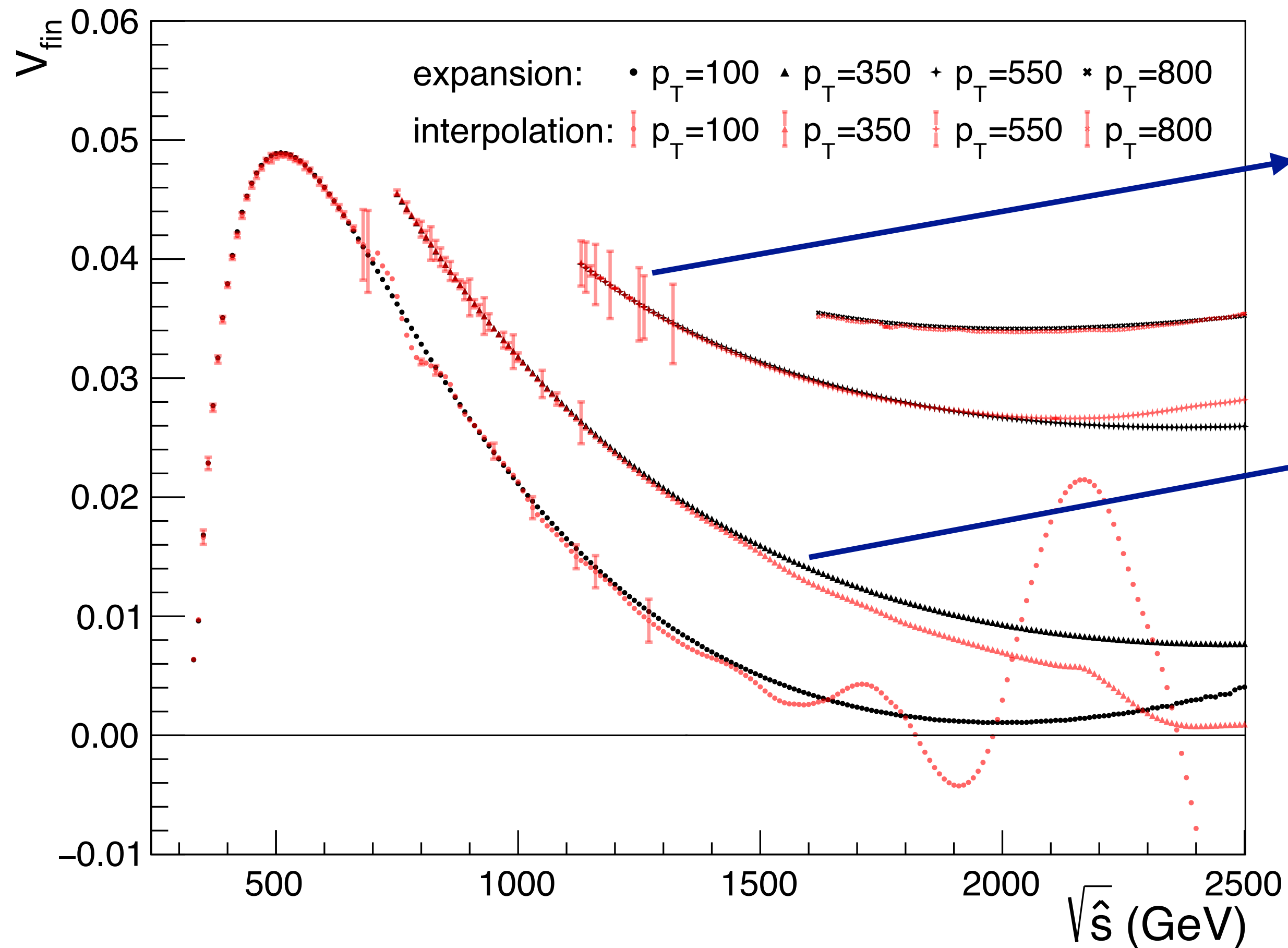


Small-mass expansion

10 CPU seconds per phase space point



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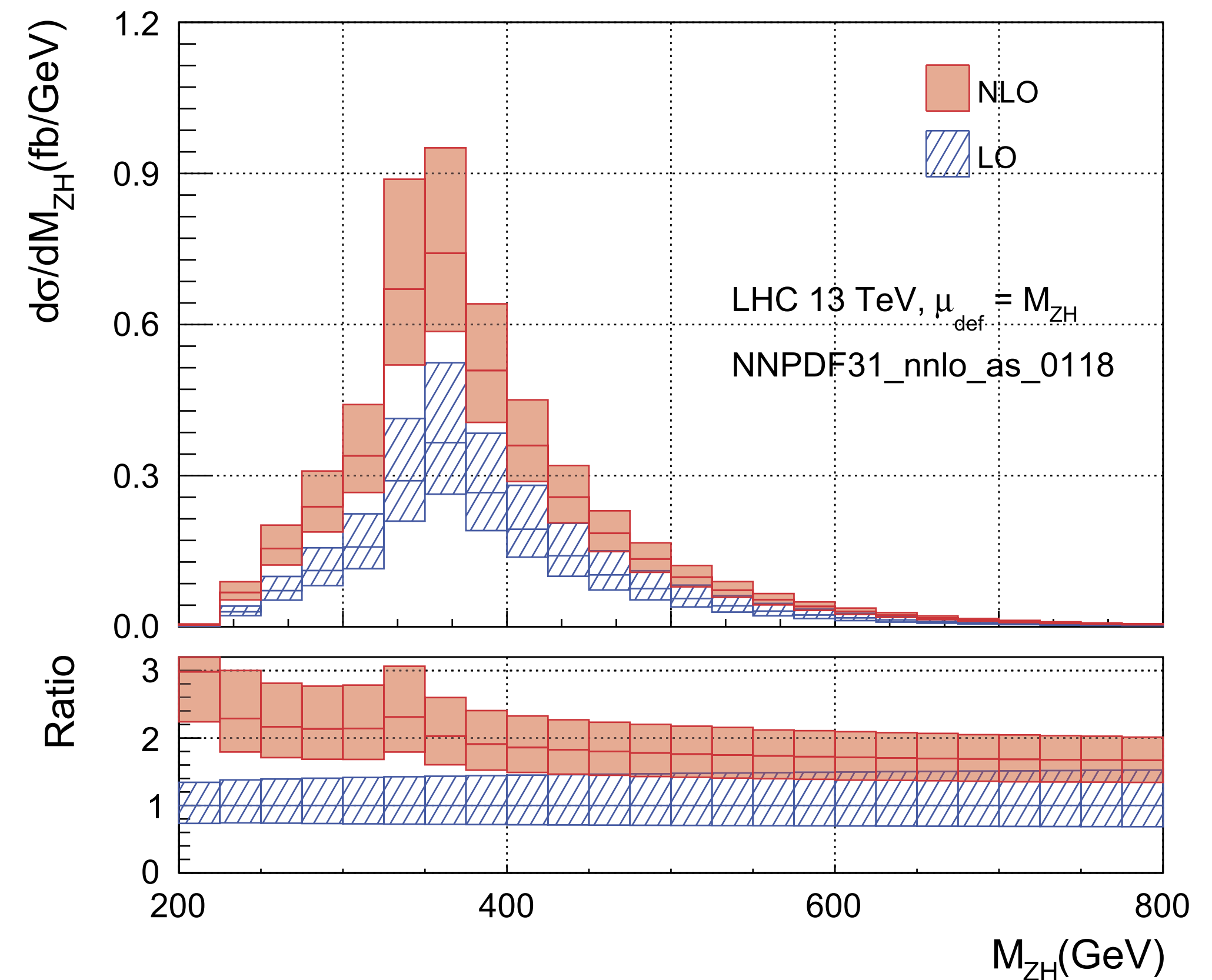
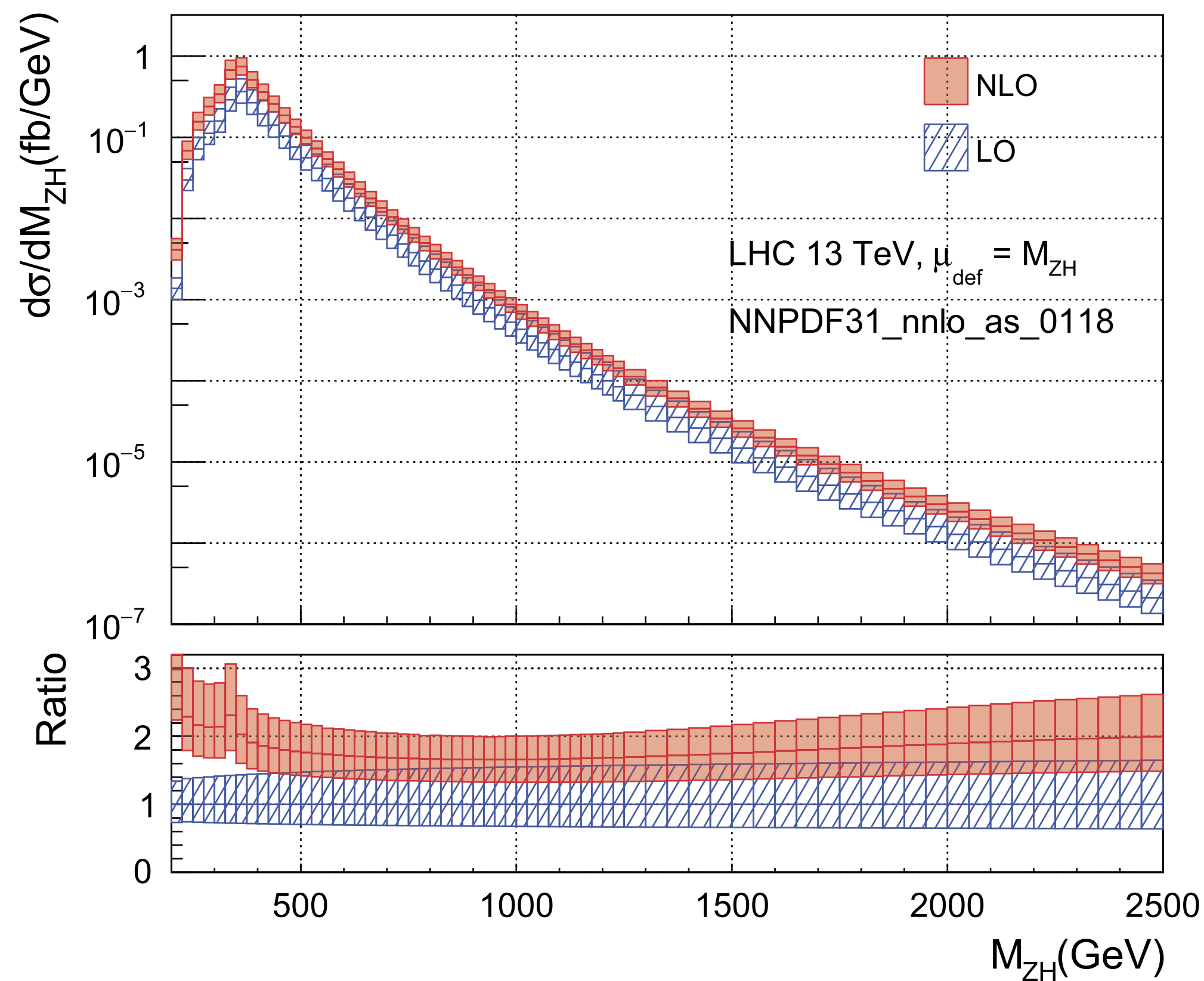
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Wang, Xu, Xu, LLY: 2107.08206

NLO predictions for both total and differential cross sections including top quark mass dependence (first time ever)

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow ZH} = 882.9^{+3.5\%}_{-2.5\%} \text{ fb}$$



Non-trivial kinematic dependence: not an overall K-factor

What about NNLO?

Top-quark pair associated production

Probing the top-quark Yukawa coupling

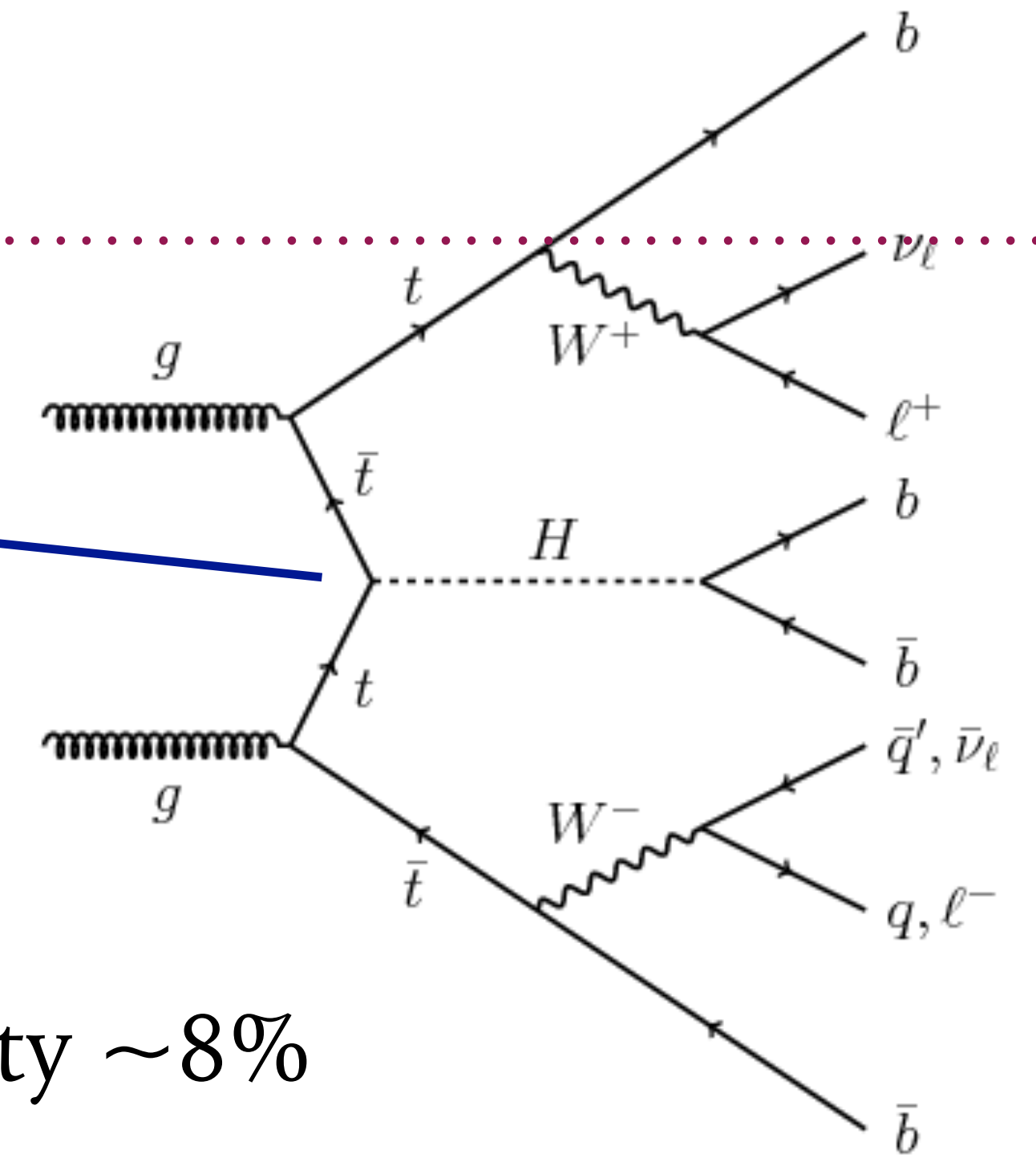
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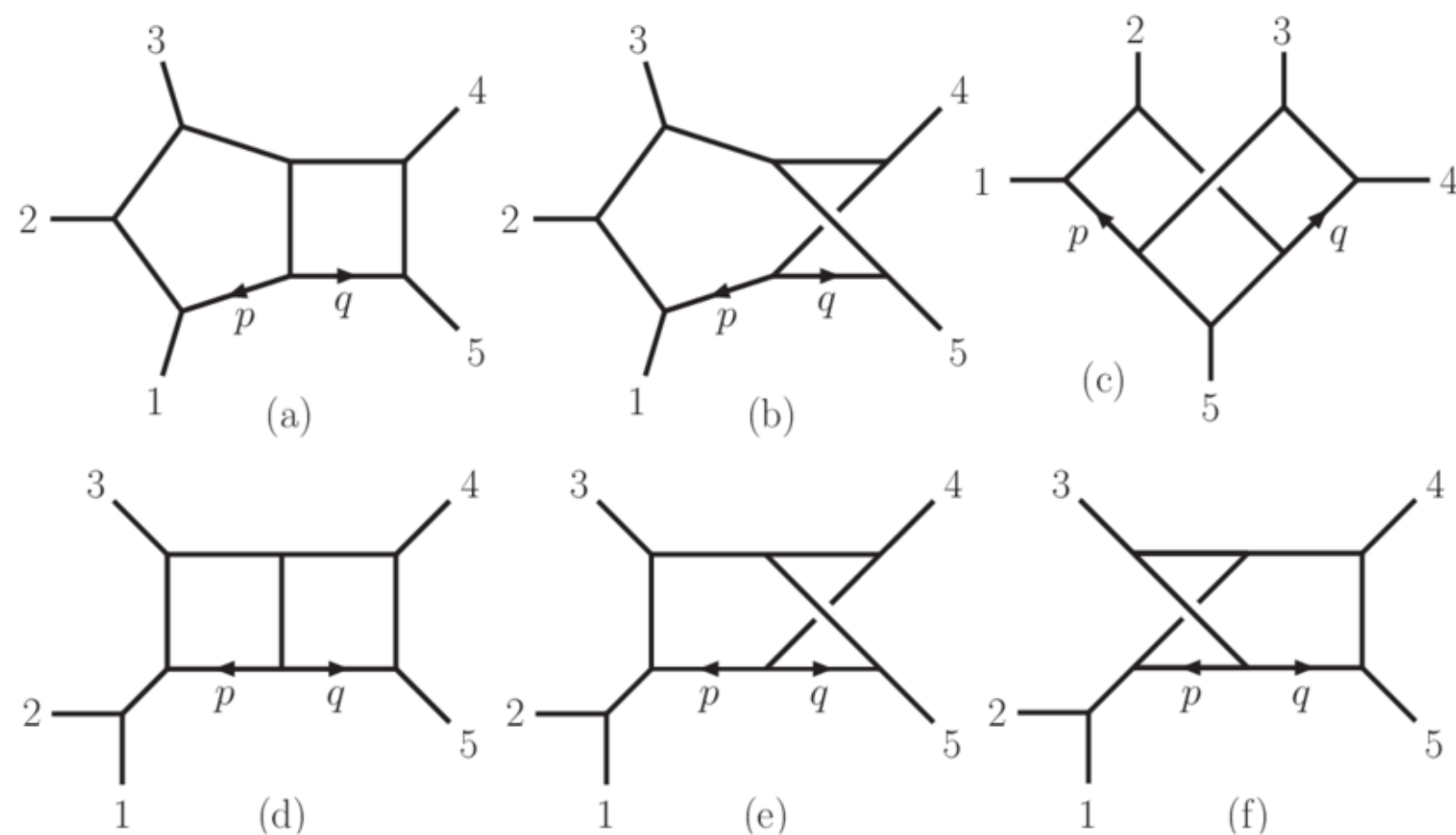
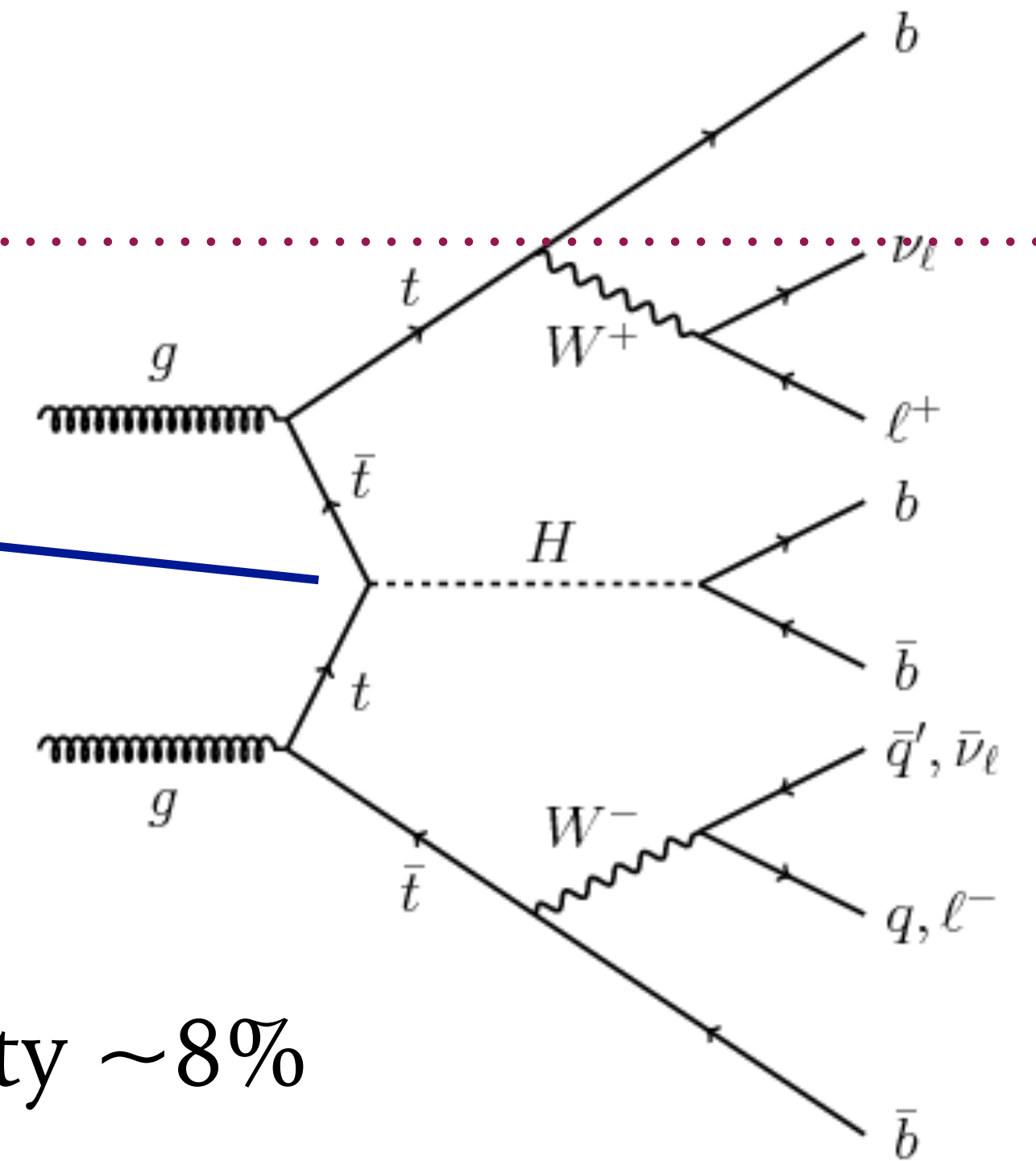
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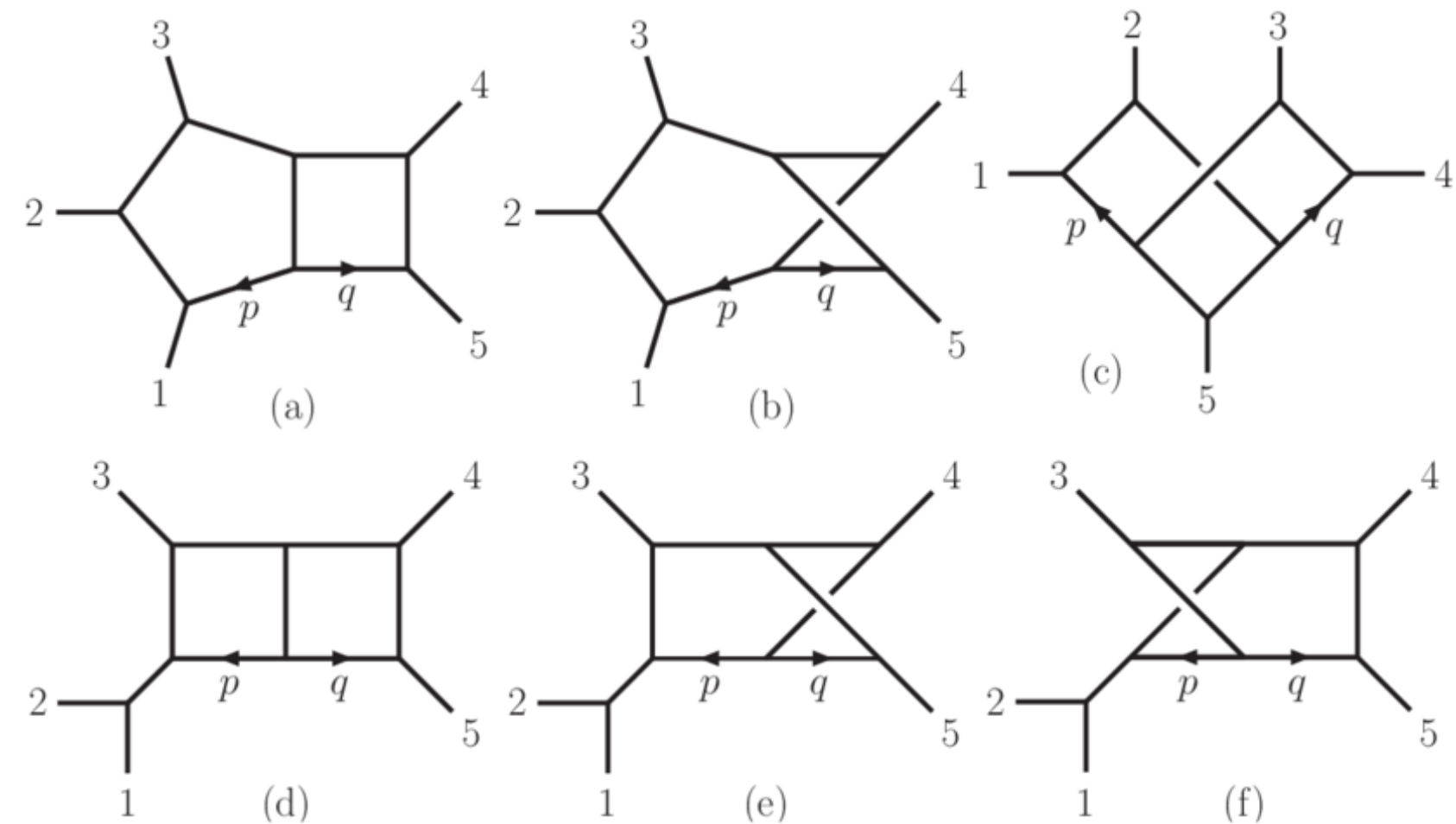
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NNLO QCD extremely difficult
(two-loop integrals with 7 physical scales)

Two-loop IR divergences for tH



The full two-loop amplitude is too difficult...

But it is possible to compute the IR divergent part of the amplitude!

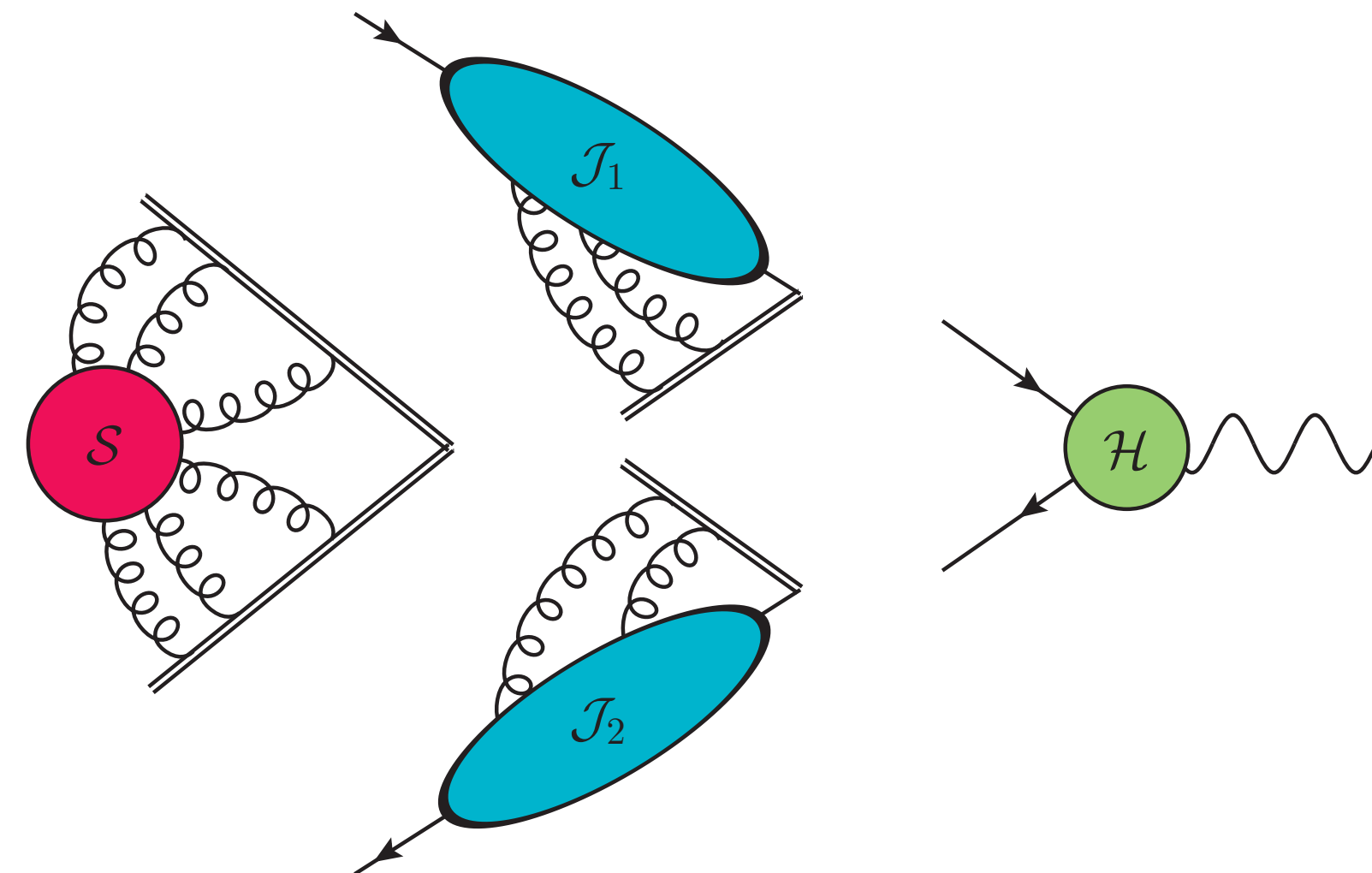
- Needs to be exactly cancelled against real corrections
- Provide an independent check for future (most likely numeric) calculations of the full amplitude

The universal structure of two-loop IR divergences

The IR divergences of any two-loop amplitude in gauge theories can be determined given the corresponding one-loop amplitudes (up to order ϵ^1 in DREG) and a universal anomalous dimension matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma(\{\underline{p}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \mu) = & \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j}{2} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij}} + \sum_i \gamma^i(\alpha_s) \\
 & - \sum_{(I,J)} \frac{\mathbf{T}_I \cdot \mathbf{T}_J}{2} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\beta_{IJ}, \alpha_s) + \sum_I \gamma^I(\alpha_s) + \sum_{I,j} \mathbf{T}_I \cdot \mathbf{T}_j \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{m_I \mu}{-s_{Ij}} \\
 & + \sum_{(I,J,K)} i f^{abc} \mathbf{T}_I^a \mathbf{T}_J^b \mathbf{T}_K^c F_1(\beta_{IJ}, \beta_{JK}, \beta_{KI}) \\
 & + \sum_{(I,J)} \sum_k i f^{abc} \mathbf{T}_I^a \mathbf{T}_J^b \mathbf{T}_k^c f_2\left(\beta_{IJ}, \ln \frac{-\sigma_{Jk} v_J \cdot p_k}{-\sigma_{Ik} v_I \cdot p_k}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3).
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

A fact from soft-collinear factorization



Ferrogia, Neubert, Pecjak, LLY: 0907.4791, 0908.3676

Figure from 2112.07099

One-loop integrals to higher orders in ϵ

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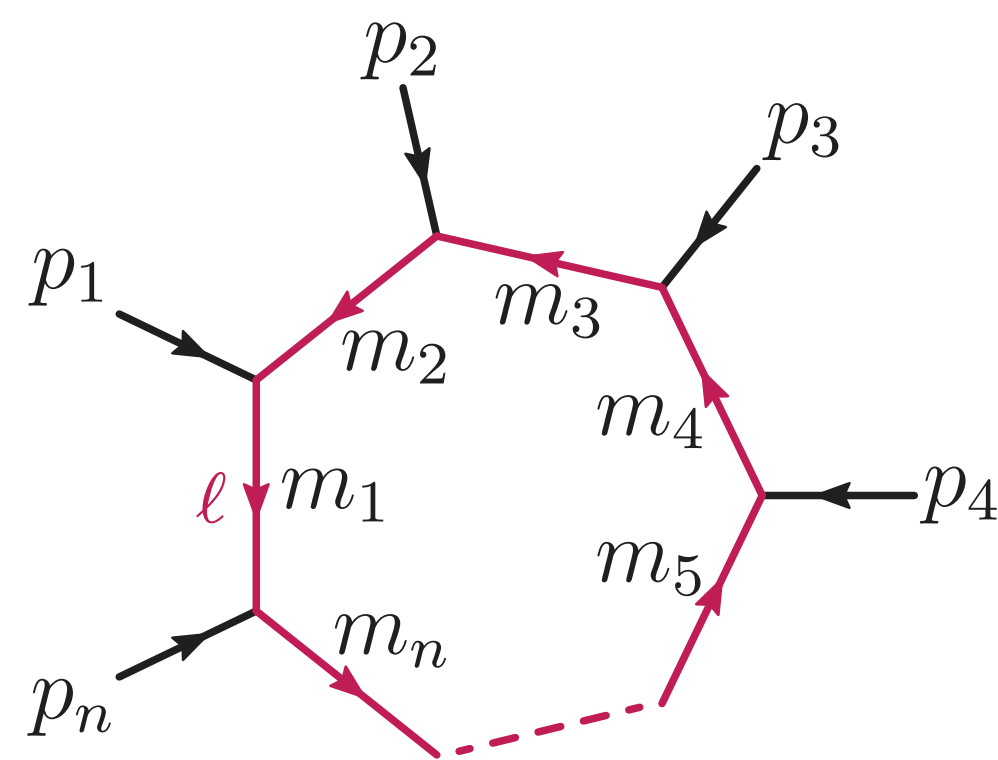
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Fortunately, it is known that all one-loop integral families admit canonical bases

Bourjaily, Gardi, McLeod, Vergu: 1912.11067

Chen, Jiang, Xu, LLY: 2008.03045

Chen, Jiang, Ma, Xu, LLY: 2202.08127



ϵ -form differential equations:

$$d\vec{f}(\mathbf{z}, \epsilon) = \epsilon dA(\mathbf{z}) \vec{f}(\mathbf{z}, \epsilon)$$

$$\vec{f}(\mathbf{z}, \epsilon) = \sum_n \epsilon^n \vec{f}^{(n)}(\mathbf{z})$$

Generic result of the one-loop alphabet

Chen, Ma, LLY: 2201.12998

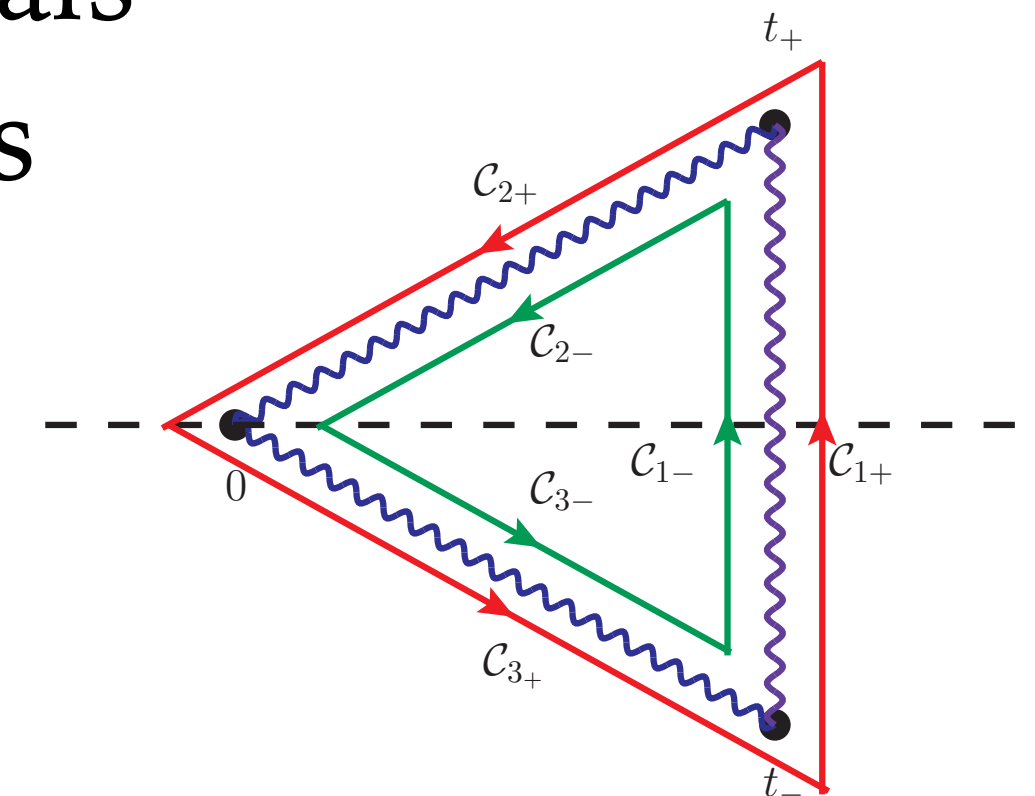
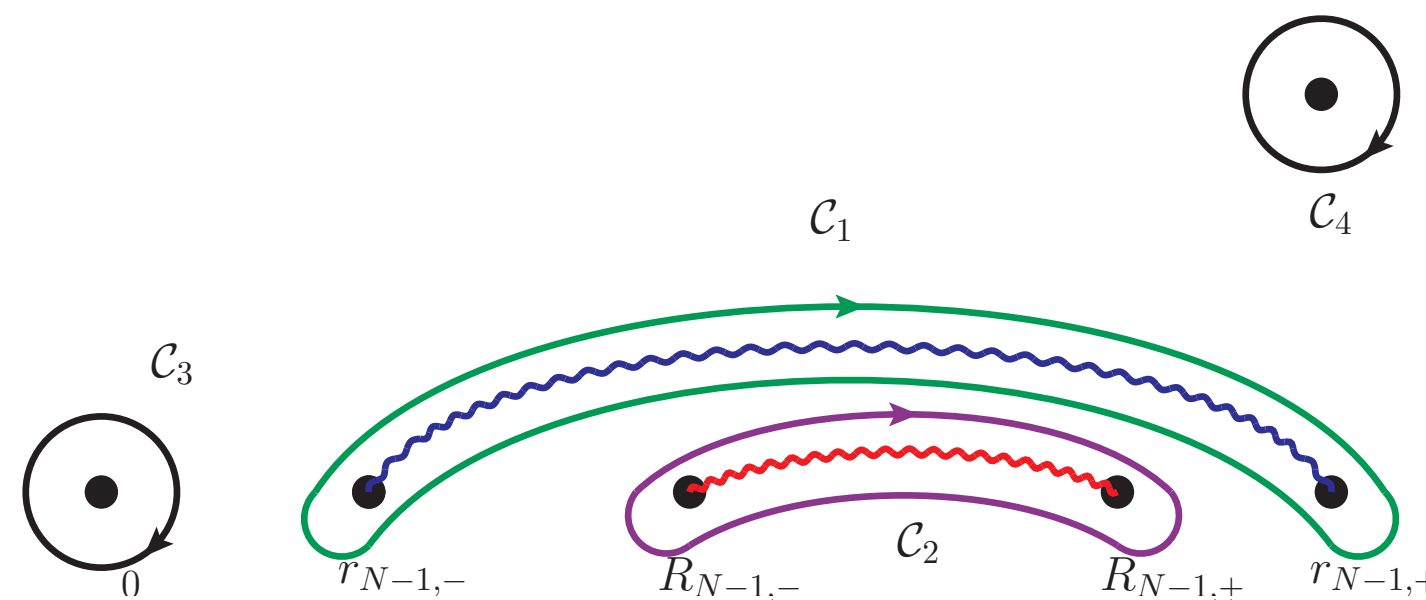
Abreu et al.: 1704.07931

Solutions consist of iterated integrals

$$\vec{f}^{(n)}(\mathbf{z}) \supset \int_{z_0}^z d \log(\alpha_n(\mathbf{z}_n)) \cdots \int_{z_0}^{z_3} d \log(\alpha_2(\mathbf{z}_2)) \int_{z_0}^{z_2} d \log(\alpha_1(\mathbf{z}_1))$$

Lots of information about the solutions is contained in the “alphabet”

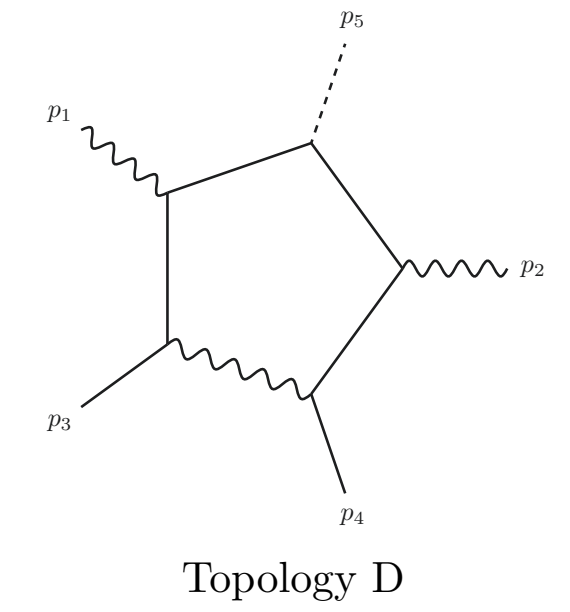
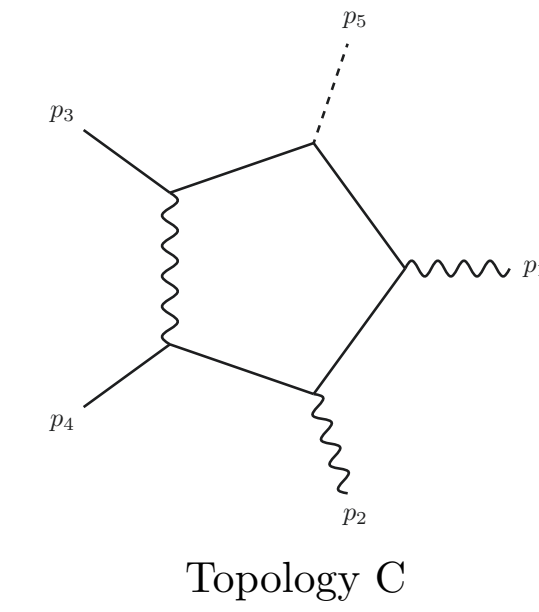
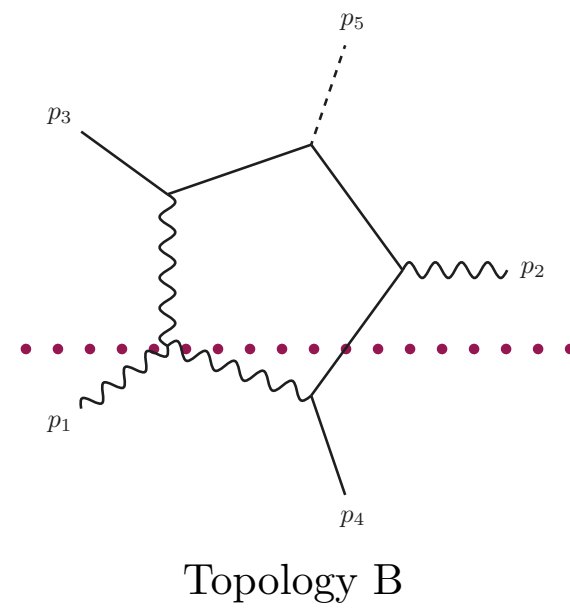
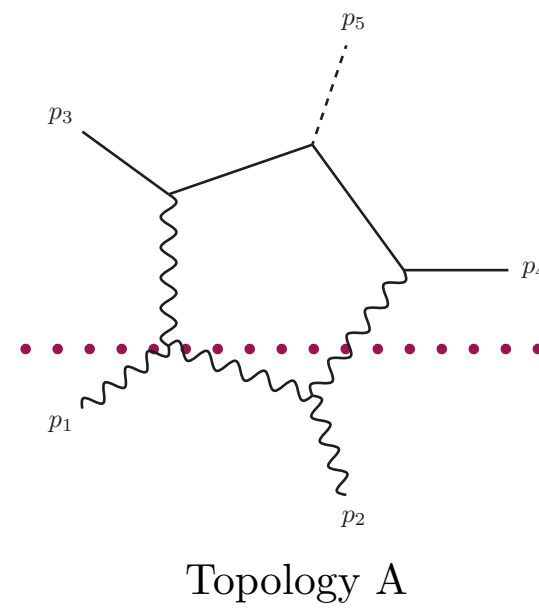
We managed to obtain generic result of the alphabet using cut integrals in the Baikov representation and cleverly-chosen integration contours



Applied to the tH case

4 topologies, 6 independent dimensionless kinematic variables

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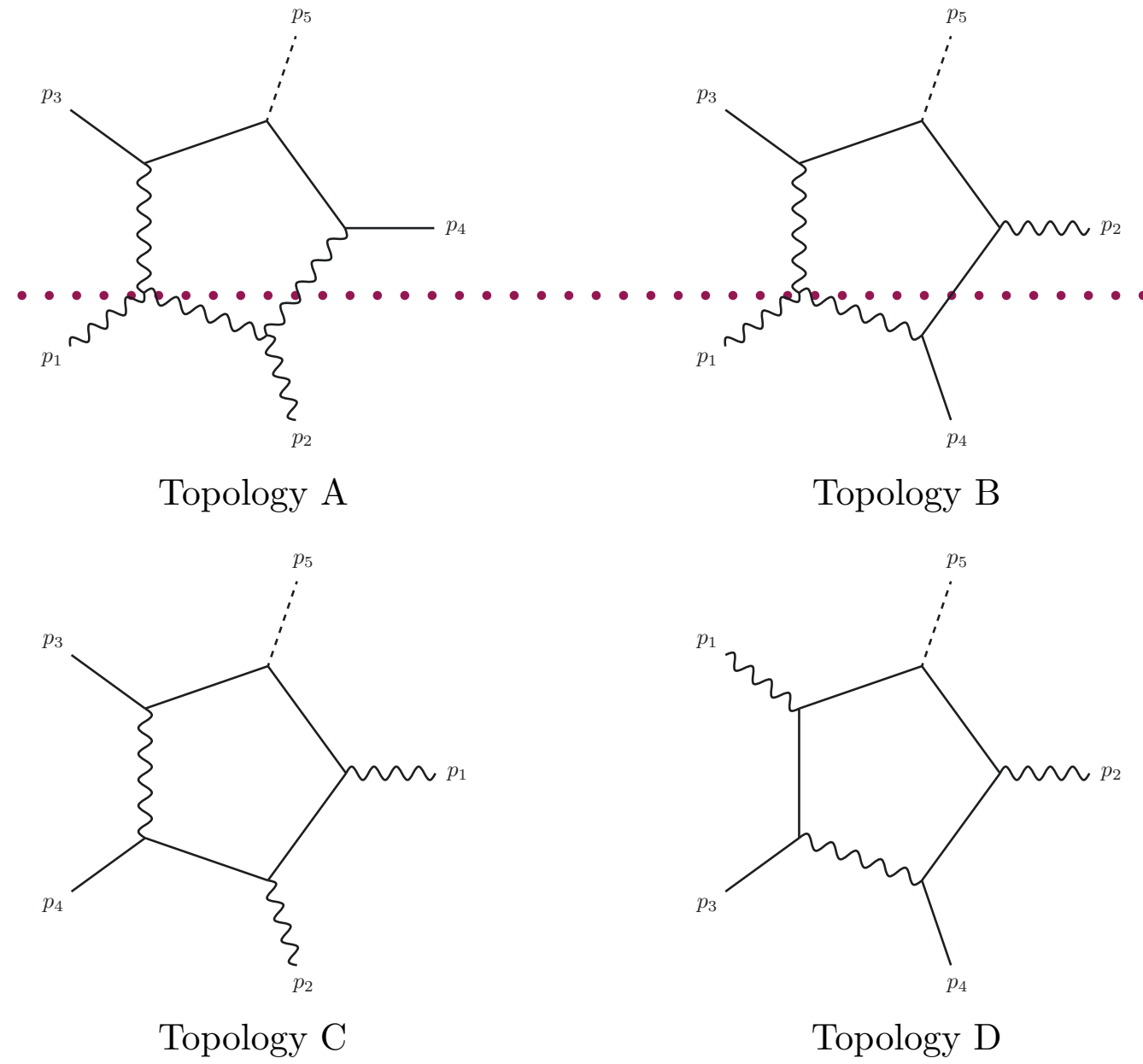
The letters are sometimes rather complicated!

e.g.:

$$\frac{C_5 - \sqrt{-\mathcal{K}_5 \mathcal{K}_3}}{C_5 + \sqrt{-\mathcal{K}_5 \mathcal{K}_3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_5 &= G(-p_3, p_1 + p_2, -p_4; -p_3, p_1 + p_2, -p_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(x_{45} x_{12} x_h - x_{12}^2 x_h - 2x_{13} x_{12} x_h + x_{12} x_h - x_{13} x_{12}^2 + x_{24} x_{12}^2 + 2x_{13} x_{12} \right. \\ &\quad + x_{12} - 2x_{24} x_{12} + x_{13} x_{35} x_{12} + x_{13} x_{45} x_{12} - 2x_{24} x_{45} x_{12} + x_{35} x_{45} x_{12} \\ &\quad + x_{24} x_{45}^2 - x_{35} x_{45}^2 - x_{13} x_{45} - 2x_{24} x_{45} + x_{13} x_{35} x_{45} + x_{13} - x_{13} x_{35} \\ &\quad \left. + x_{35} x_{45} + x_{45} + x_{24} - 2x_{45} x_{12} - 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_3 = G(-p_3, p_1 + p_2) = -\frac{1}{4} \left(x_{12}^2 + x_{45}^2 - 2x_{45} x_{12} - 2x_{12} - 2x_{45} + 1 \right),$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_5 &= G(-p_3, p_1, p_2, -p_4) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left(x_{12}^2 x_h^2 - 2x_{13} x_{12}^2 x_h - 2x_{24} x_{12}^2 x_h + 2x_{13} x_{12} x_h - 4x_{13} x_{24} x_{12} x_h + 2x_{24} x_{12} x_h \right. \\ &\quad + 2x_{12} x_{35} x_{13} x_h - 2x_{12} x_h + 2x_{12} x_{24} x_{45} x_h - 2x_{12} x_{35} x_{45} x_h + x_{12}^2 x_{13}^2 + x_{12}^2 x_{24}^2 \\ &\quad - 2x_{13} x_{24} x_{12}^2 - 2x_{13}^2 x_{12} - 2x_{24}^2 x_{12} + 2x_{13} x_{12} + 4x_{13} x_{24} x_{12} - 2x_{13}^2 x_{35} x_{12} \\ &\quad - 2x_{12} x_{45} x_{24}^2 + 2x_{12} x_{13} x_{35} x_{24} - 4x_{12} x_{45} x_{24} + 2x_{12} x_{13} x_{45} x_{24} - 4x_{12} x_{13} x_{35} \\ &\quad + x_{35}^2 x_{13}^2 + x_{13}^2 + 2x_{12} x_{35} x_{45} x_{13} - 2x_{13} + x_{24}^2 x_{45}^2 + x_{35}^2 x_{45}^2 + 2x_{12} x_{24} x_{35} x_{45} \\ &\quad - 2x_{35} x_{13}^2 + 2x_{24} x_{13} - 2x_{24} x_{35} x_{13} + 2x_{35} x_{13} - 2x_{24} x_{35} x_{45}^2 - 2x_{24} - 2x_{24}^2 x_{45} \\ &\quad - 2x_{13} x_{45} x_{35}^2 + 2x_{13} x_{45} x_{35} + 2x_{13} x_{24} x_{45} x_{35} - 2x_{13} x_{24} x_{45} + 2x_{24} x_{45} \\ &\quad \left. + 2x_{24} x_{35} x_{45} - 2x_{35} x_{45} + 2x_{24} x_{12} + x_{24}^2 + 1 \right), \end{aligned}$$

Easily obtained using our method

Results for the two-loop IR poles

Chen, Ma, Wang, LLY, Ye: 2202.02913

The square amplitudes can be decomposed into color coefficients

$$2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{M}_q^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}_q^{(2)} \rangle = 2(N^2 - 1) \left(N^2 A^q + B^q + \frac{1}{N^2} C^q + N n_l D_l^q + N n_h D_h^q \right. \\ \left. + \frac{n_l}{N} E_l^q + \frac{n_h}{N} E_h^q + n_l^2 F_l^q + n_l n_h F_{lh}^q + n_h^2 F_h^q \right),$$

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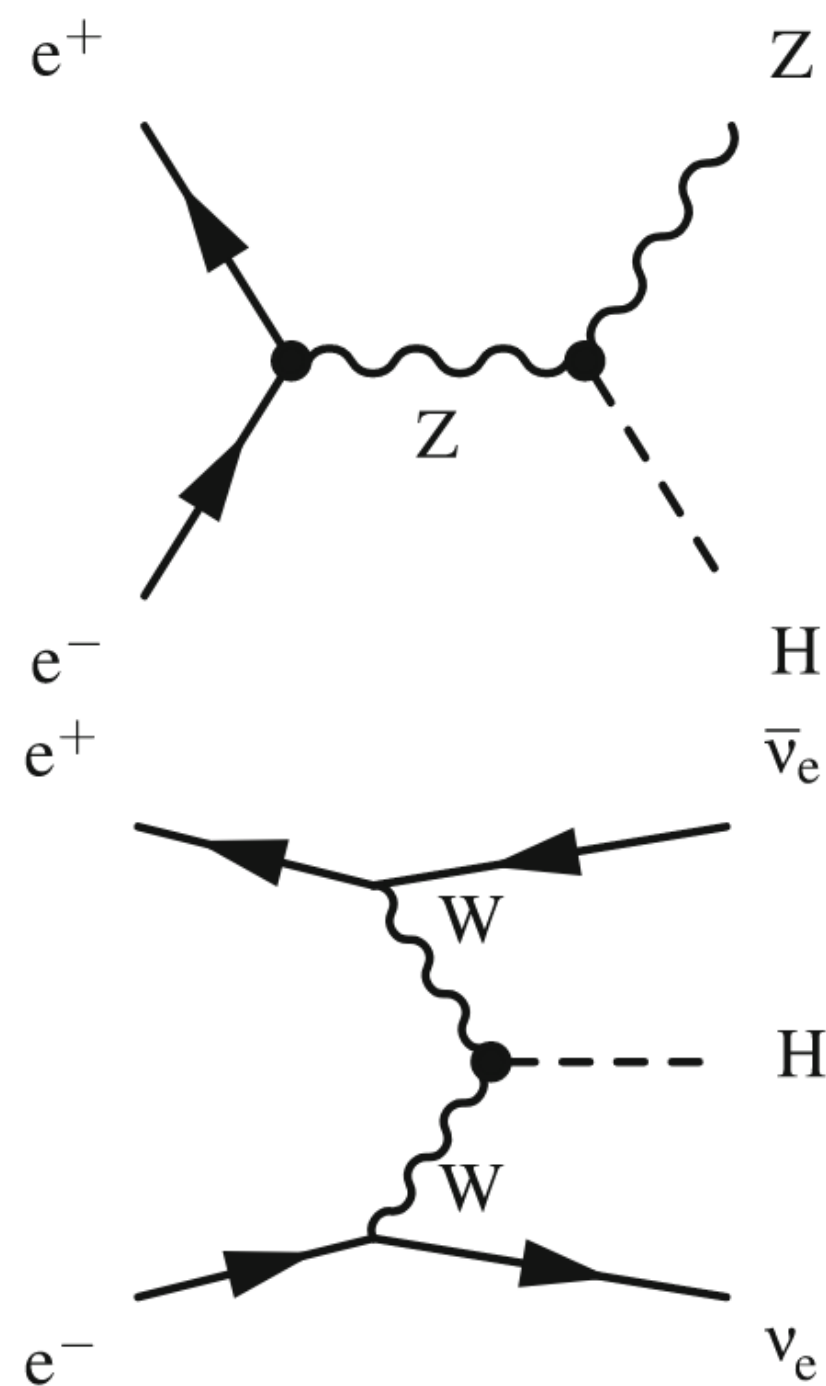
Results at a sample phase-space point

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A^g	17.37022326	6.277797530	-162.1830217	559.8062598
B^g	-32.49510001	-34.75486260	-624.1343773	3901.332369
C^g		-9.463444735	-54.41556200	-497.5350517
D^g			143.6321997	-578.4857199
E_l^g		-20.26526047	46.54471184	-10.69967085
E_h^g			-24.23013938	79.68650479
F_l^g		37.91095001	-74.94866603	71.66904977
F_h^g			43.70151160	-132.3384924
G_l^g			4.731722368	85.25318119
G_h^g				6.363526190
H_l^g			3.860049613	-10.52987601
H_{lh}^g				8.076713126
H_h^g				
I_l^g			-7.221133335	19.49234494
I_{lh}^g				-14.56717053
I_h^g				
A^q	2.390051823	15.03938540	0.597121534	-34.95784899
B^q	-4.780103646	-22.69017086	49.54607207	106.0851578
C^q	2.390051823	7.650785464	-186.5751188	-21.39439443
D_l^q		-2.390051823	0.308675876	-6.605875838
D_h^q			6.244349191	4.860387981
E_l^q		2.390051823	1.610219156	77.52356965
E_h^q			-6.244349191	19.76269918
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Higgs production at e^+e^- colliders

Higgs-strahlung (ZH)



W-fusion (WWH)

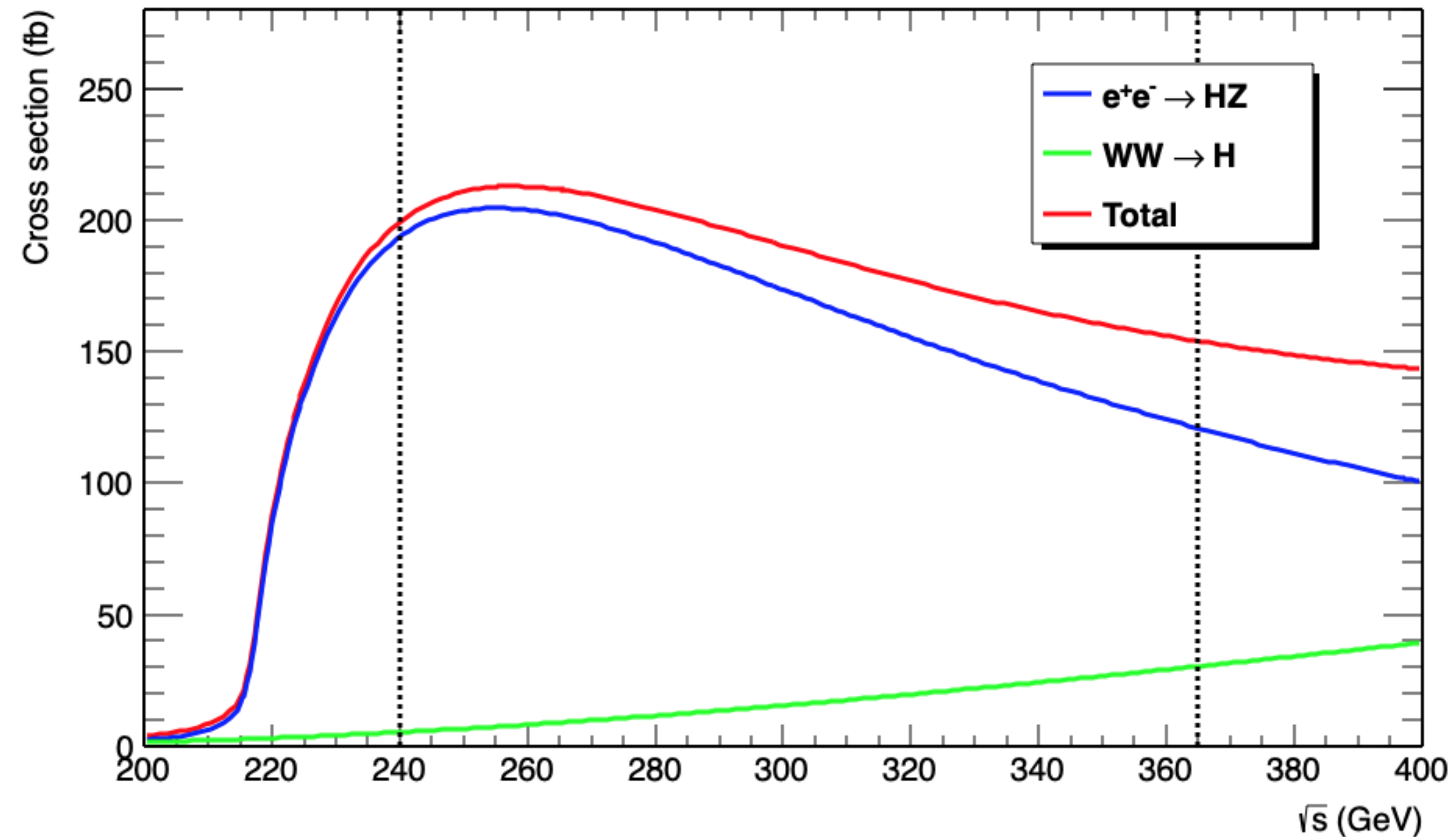


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NLO EW + QED radiations built in Monte Carlo event generators

QED ISR and FSR effects

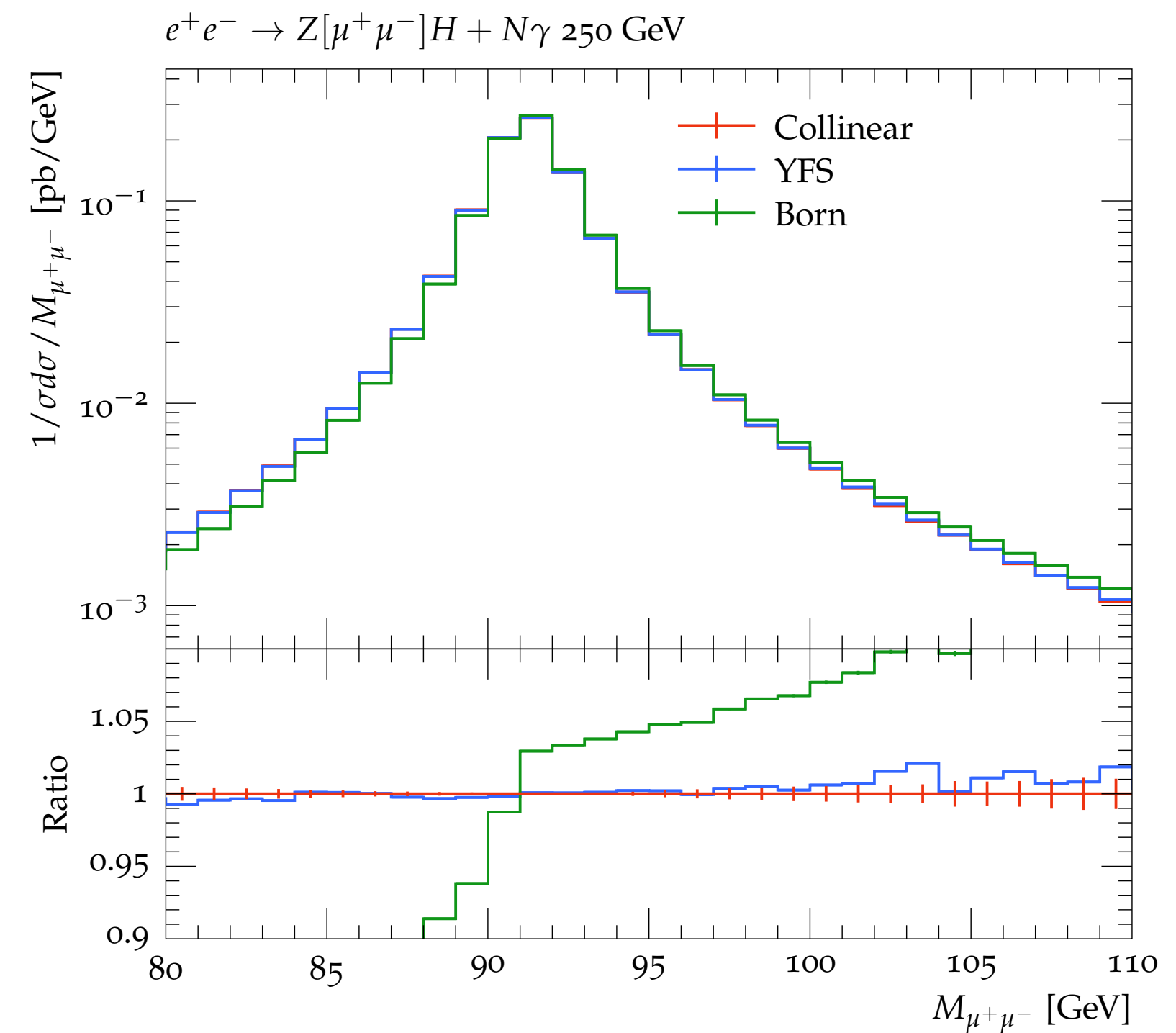
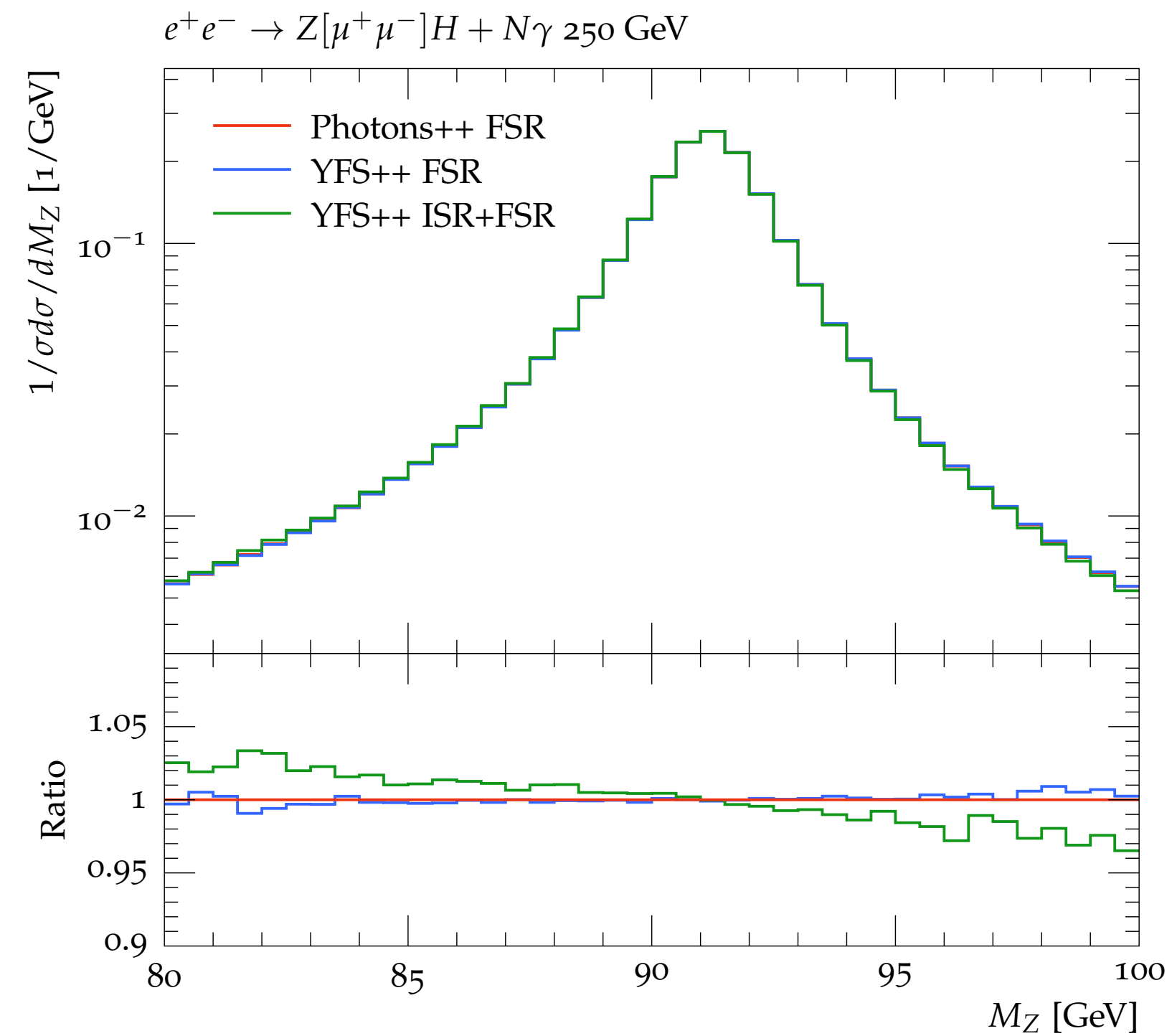
Critically re-examined very recently

Blümlein, Schönwald: 2202.08476

Krauss, Price, Schönherr: 2203.10948

Frixione et al.: 2203.12557

and many more references therein



Figures from 2203.10948

Mixed QCD–EW corrections to ZH

Gong, Li, Xu, LLY, Zhao: 1609.03955

the $\alpha(m_Z)$ scheme.

\sqrt{s} (GeV)	σ_{LO} (fb)	σ_{NLO} (fb)	σ_{NNLO} (fb)
240	252.0	228.6	231.5
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300	190.0	170.7	172.9
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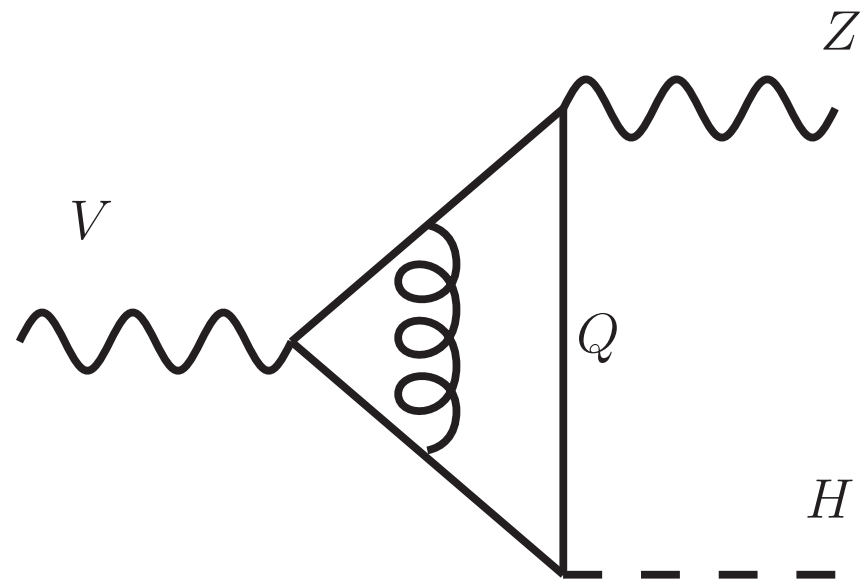
Corrections at the level of $\sim 1\%$: non-negligible compared to the $\sim 0.3\%$ experimental accuracy

Sun, Feng, Jia, Sang: 1609.03995

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	$\alpha(M_Z)$	252.03 ± 0.60	$228.36^{+0.82}_{-0.81}$	$231.28^{+0.80+0.12}_{-0.79-0.25}$
	G_μ	239.64 ± 0.06	$232.46^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$233.29^{+0.07+0.03}_{-0.06-0.07}$

Residue dependence on renormalization schemes

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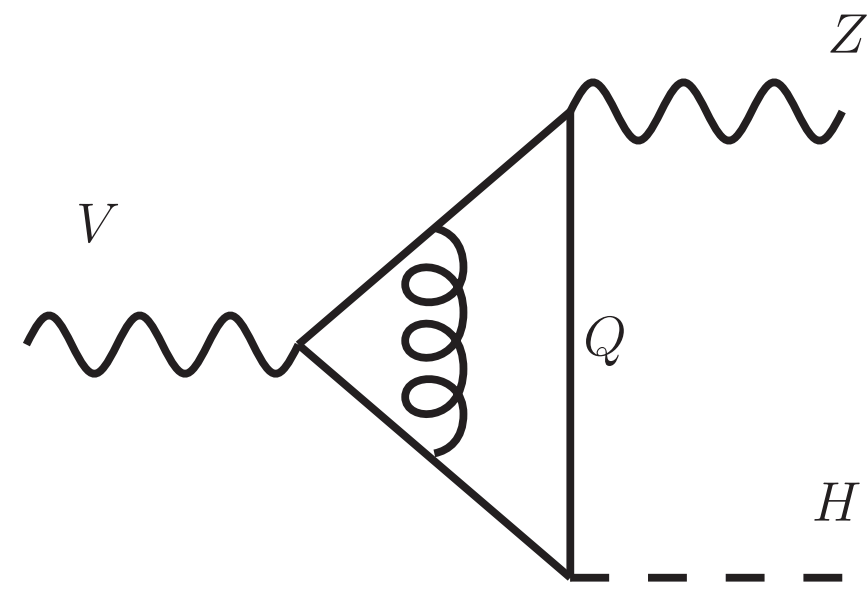
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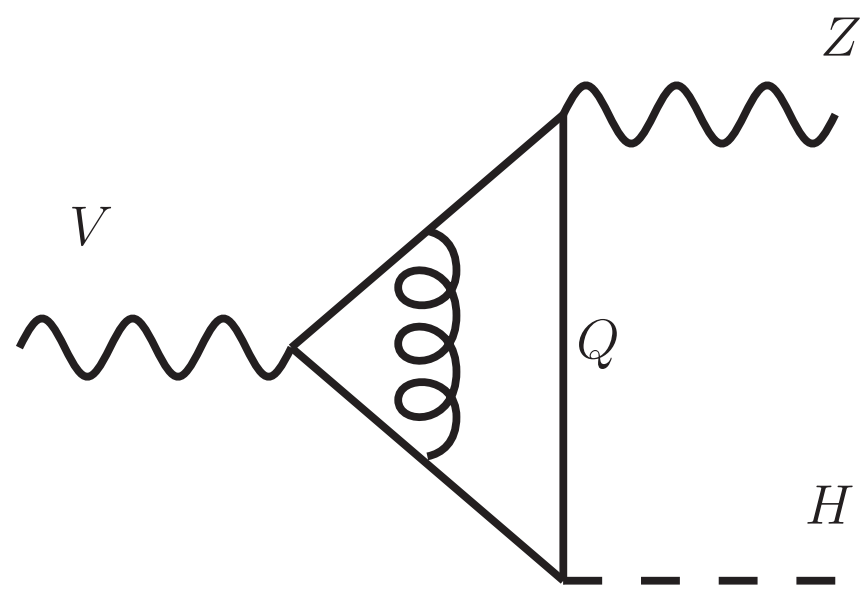
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	$\mathcal{O}(m_t^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(m_t^0)$	$\mathcal{O}(m_t^{-2})$	$\mathcal{O}(m_t^{-4})$
240	81.8%	16.2%	1.4%	0.4%
250	81.7%	16.1%	1.5%	0.5%
300	80.0%	15.2%	2.1%	1.1%
350	69.7%	12.6%	2.7%	2.1%
500	137%	18.6%	17.3%	31.1%

Good approximation for low energies: analytic expressions easy to implement in Monte-Carlo

Not valid for high energies...

A new calculation for the HZV two-loop diagrams

Wang, Xu, LLY: 1905.11463



Constructed a canonical basis of master integrals

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{f}(x, y, z; \epsilon) &= \epsilon dA(x, y, z) \vec{f}(x, y, z; \epsilon) \\ &= \epsilon \sum_i A_i d \log(\alpha_i) \vec{f}(x, y, z; \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Alphabet contains 4 kinds of square roots

$$\sqrt{x(x+1)} \quad \sqrt{y(y+1)} \quad \sqrt{z(z+1)} \quad \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz - 2zx}$$

Solutions up to weight-3 written in terms of GPLs

Weight-4 parts expressed as one-fold integrals (not ideal, but usable)

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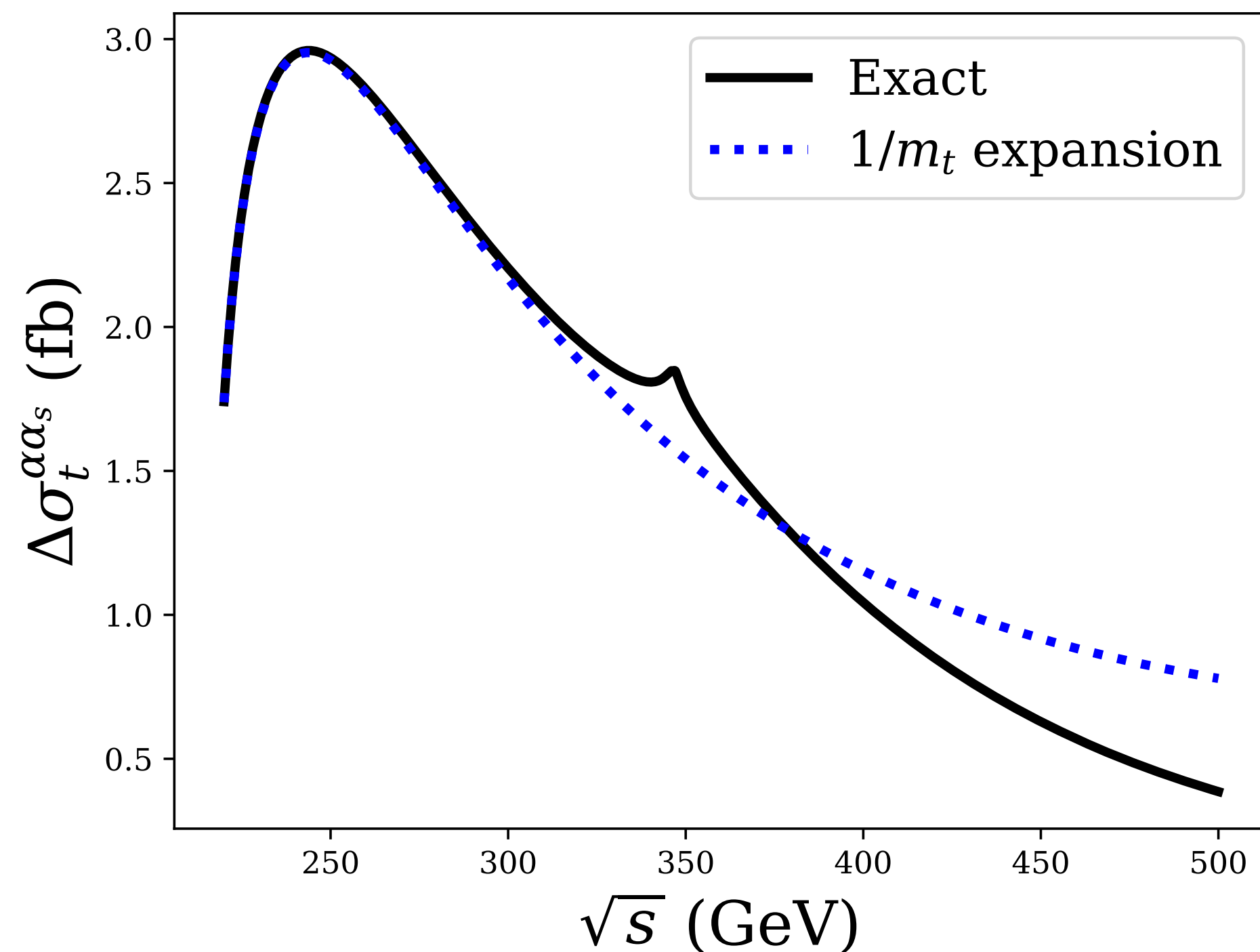
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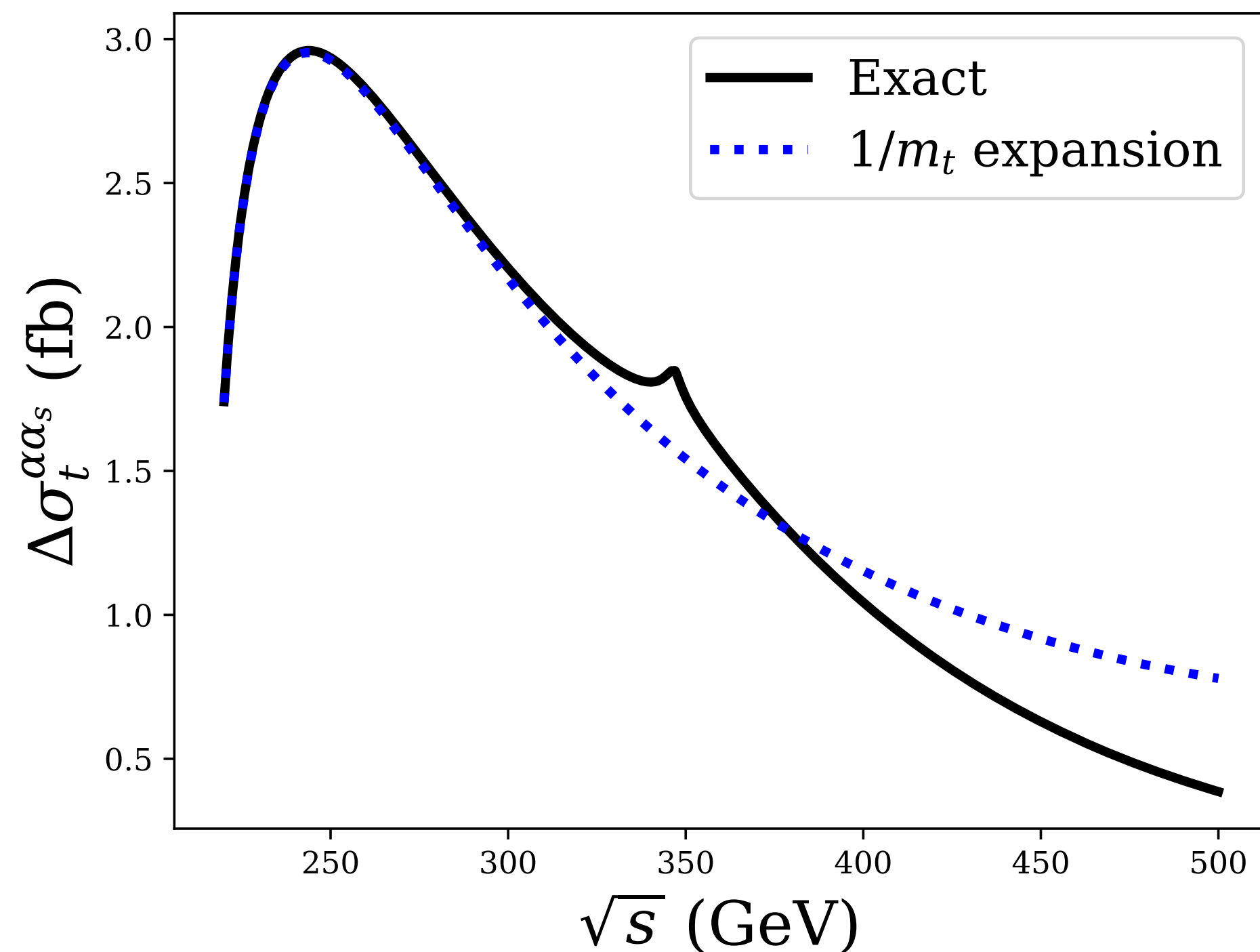


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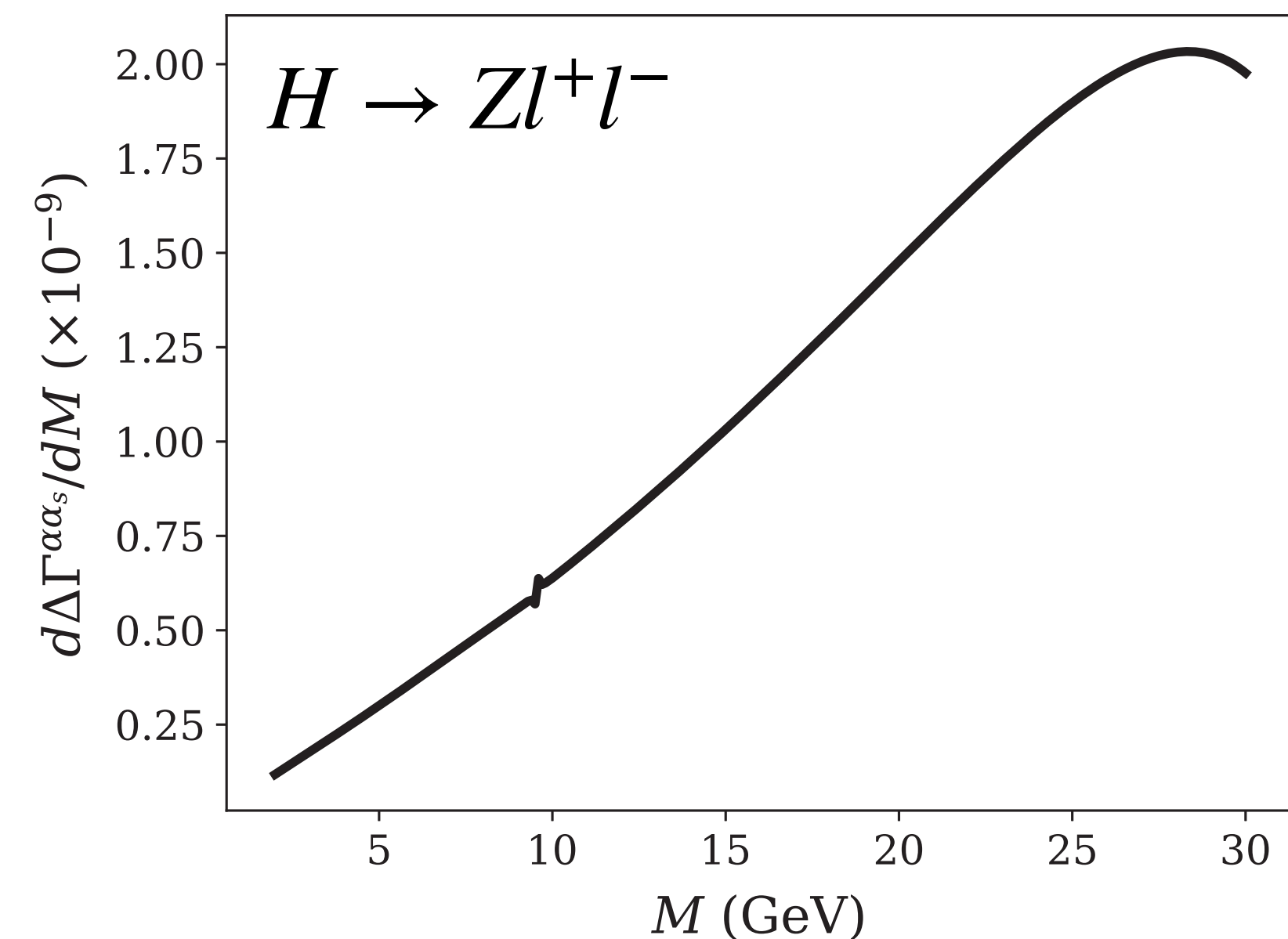
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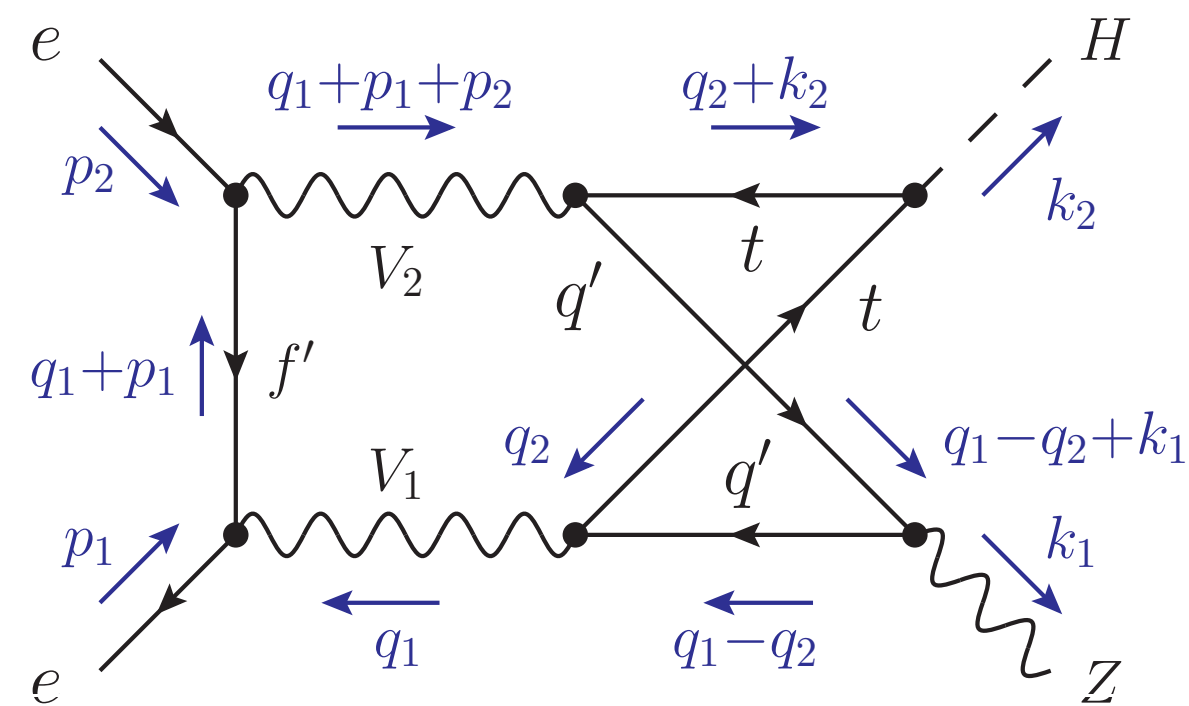
Bottom contribution to the M_{ll} distribution

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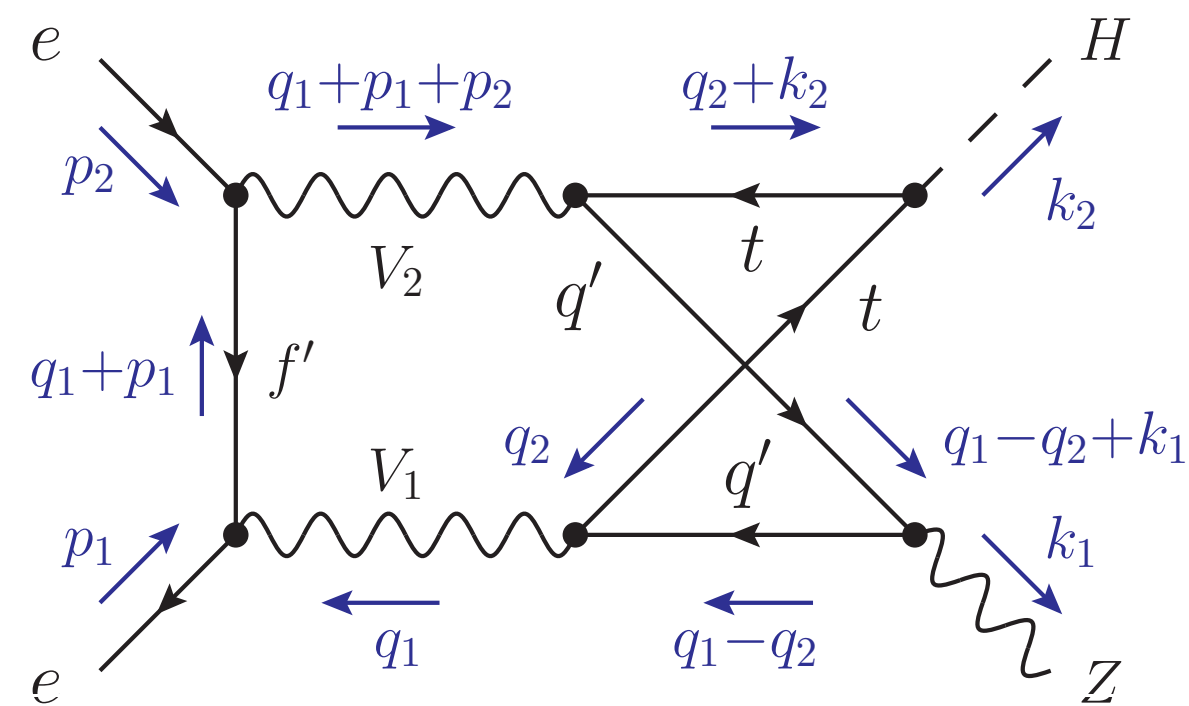


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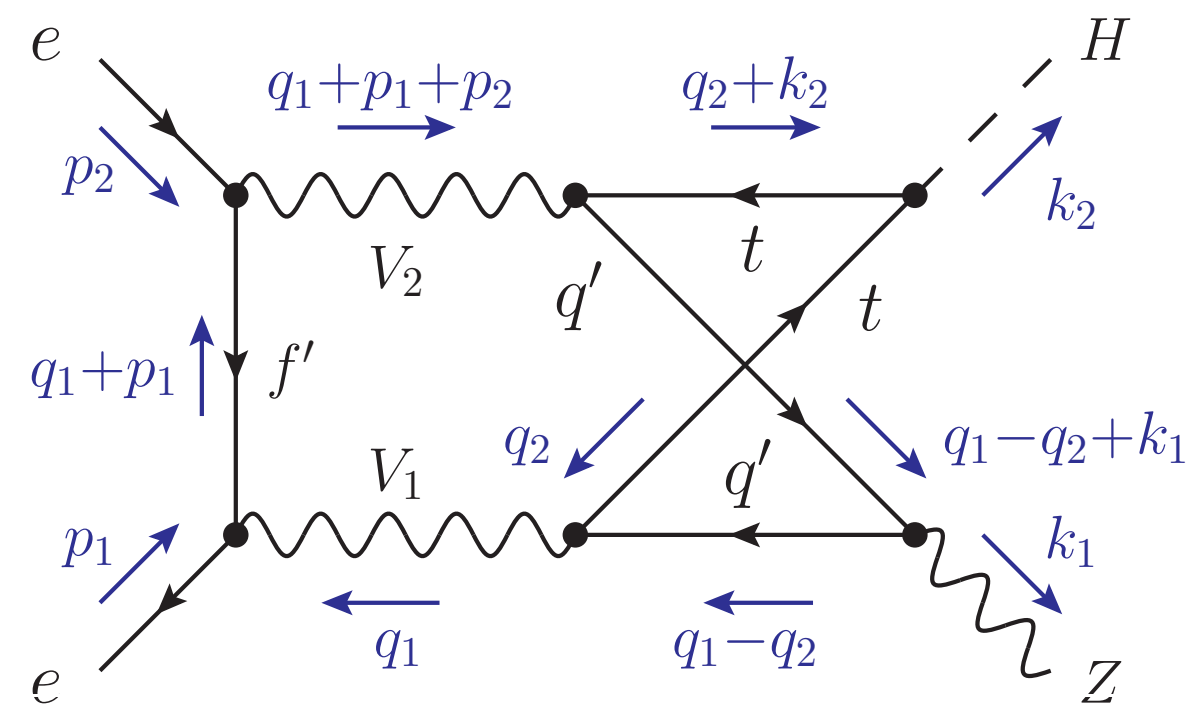
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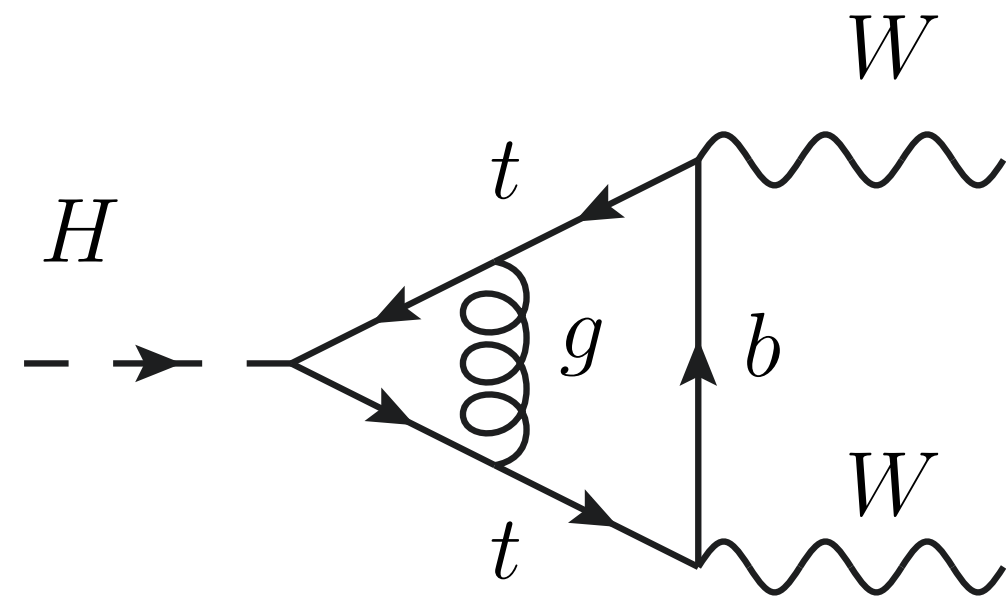
→ Vague thought: asymptotic expansion in the limit $m_{\text{everything}}^2 \ll s, m_t^2$?

Mixed QCD-EW corrections to WWH

Di Vita, Mastrolia, Primo, Schubert: 1702.07331

Ma, Wang, Xu, LLY, Zhou: 2105.06316

Wang, LLY, Zhou: 2112.04122



The two-loop amplitude can be written in a fully-analytic form (involving a lot of weight-4 GPLs)

$$H \rightarrow Wl\nu$$

$\alpha(m_Z)$	LO	NLO EW	NNLO QCD-EW
Γ (10^{-5} GeV)	4.597	4.474	4.518

G_μ	LO	NLO EW	NNLO QCD-EW
Γ (10^{-5} GeV)	4.374	4.524	4.531

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}H$$

\sqrt{s} (GeV)	σ_{LO} (fb)	$\delta\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}$ (fb)
250	7.88	0.010
350	30.6	0.040
500	74.8	0.101

Rather small corrections

Note: did not consider mixing with $Z(\rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) + H$

In the future: two-loop EW? Perhaps only some approximations...

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handyG: newer implementation using double-precision or quad-precision numbers, aimed for usage in Monte-Carlo [Naterop, Signer, Ulrich: 1909.01656](#)

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We have encountered such situations in the calculation of $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}H$: in general handyG can evaluate a weight-4 GPL in far less than a second, but sometimes it takes several seconds

$$\text{e.g.: } G(1.0025, 0.989, 0.45, 0.89 + 0.24i; 1)$$

The problem becomes much worse at higher weights: at three-loops one needs weight-6

A re-implementation of the algorithm: hybrid analytic/numeric

The reduction to convergent GPLs are (mostly) done in a Mathematica package (to be released)

```
<< reduceGPL`
map[{1, 0, 1, 1}, 3]
{a, 0, b, b}
There is no any artificial divergence!
{a, 0, b, c}
There is artificial divergence when c=x!
We need to rescale indices and argument of GPLs!
complex<double> G4_a0bc_b(complex<double> a, complex<double> b, complex<double> c, int sa, int sb, int sc, double x) {
a=a/x;
b=b/x;
c=c/x;
x=1.;
if(b==c) {
const vector<complex<double>> sy = {G({a, b}, {sa, sb}, x), G({a}, {sa}, x), G({0, a/b, 1}, 1), G({b}, {sb}, x)};
complex<double> res= sy[1]+sy[2] - sy[2]+sy[3] + sy[0]+G({0, 1}, 1) - sy[1]+G({0, 0, 1}, 1) + sy[3]+G({0, a/b, x/b}, 1) + G({0, a/b,
0, 1}, 1) - G({0, a/b, x/b, 1}, 1) + G({0, a/b}, 1)*(-sy[0] + G({0, b}, {1, sb}, x)) + G({a, 0, 0, b}, {sa, 1, 1, sb}, x);
return res;
}
else {
const vector<complex<double>> sy = {Log(b, sb), G({a}, {sa}, x), G({c/b}, 1), G({a,
c}, {sa, sc}, x), G({0, a}, {1, sa}, x), G({0, a/b, c/b}, 1), G({0, c/b, a/b}, 1), G({c/b, 0, a/b}, 1)};
complex<double> res= sy[0]*(sy[2]+sy[4] - sy[5] - sy[6] - sy[7]) + sy[3]+G({0, c/b}, 1) + 2.*G({0, 0, a/b, c/b}, 1) + 2.*G({0, 0, c/b, a/b},
1) + G({0, a/b, 0, c/b}, 1) + G({0, a/b, c/b, x/b}, 1) + 2.*G({0, c/b, 0, a/b}, 1) + G({0, c/b, a/b, x/b}, 1) + 2.*G({c/b, 0, 0,
a/b}, 1) + G({c/b, 0, a/b, x/b}, 1) + G({0, a/b}, 1)*(-sy[3] + G({0, c}, {1, sc}, x)) + sy[2]*(G({0, 0, a}, {1, 1, sa}, x) - G({a,
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sb) + (sy[1]+sy[2]*pow(sy[0], 2.))/2. + sy[1]*(-sy[6] - sy[7] - G({0, 0, c/b}, 1) + sy[2]*(-G({0, 0}, {1, 1}, x) - 2.*Zeta(2)));
if(c!=x) res += (-sy[5] + G({0, a/b, x/b}, 1))*G({c}, {sc}, x);
return res;
}
}
```

Generate numeric codes automatically



The FastGPL library (up to weight-4 well-tested, up to weight-6 implemented)

Aiming at fast evaluations using double-precision numbers

Comparison of speed

Wang, LLY, Zhou: 2112.04122

	t_f (s)	t_h (s)	t_h/t_f
$G(1.0025, 0.989, 0.45, 0.89 + 0.24i; 1)$	0.006	2.2	~ 400
$G(0.998, 1.0545 + 0.127i, 0.91 + 0.25i, -0.226; 1)$	0.004	1.5	~ 400
$G(-1.04, -0.97, 0.25, -0.84 + 0.45i; 1)$	0.004	1.1	~ 300

Table 2: Average evaluation times of several GPLs which require many iterations.

	$0aBC$	$0abC$	$0abc$	$00aB$	$00ab$
t_f (ms)	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.08	0.05
t_h (ms)	3.1	5.8	4.5	1.3	0.80
t_h/t_f	~ 14	~ 23	~ 23	~ 17	~ 16

	$ABCD$	$abCD$	$abcD$	$abcd$
t_f (ms)	0.22	0.47	0.50	0.42
t_h (ms)	1.7	7.4	11.0	9.1
t_h/t_f	~ 7.5	~ 16	~ 22	~ 22

Table 3: Average evaluation times of a few categories of weight-4 GPLs.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}H$$

\sqrt{s} (GeV)	σ_{LO} (fb)	$\delta\sigma_{NNLO}$ (fb)	t_f (h)	t_h (h)	t_h/t_f
250	7.88	0.010	0.45	8.60	~ 19
350	30.6	0.040	0.51	9.02	~ 18
500	74.8	0.101	0.52	9.24	~ 18

10000 sample phase-space points

several thousand GPLs per point

FastGPL is faster in general, and is much faster for special cases

Preliminary tests show that the speed-boost is much larger at weight-6

Higgs decay

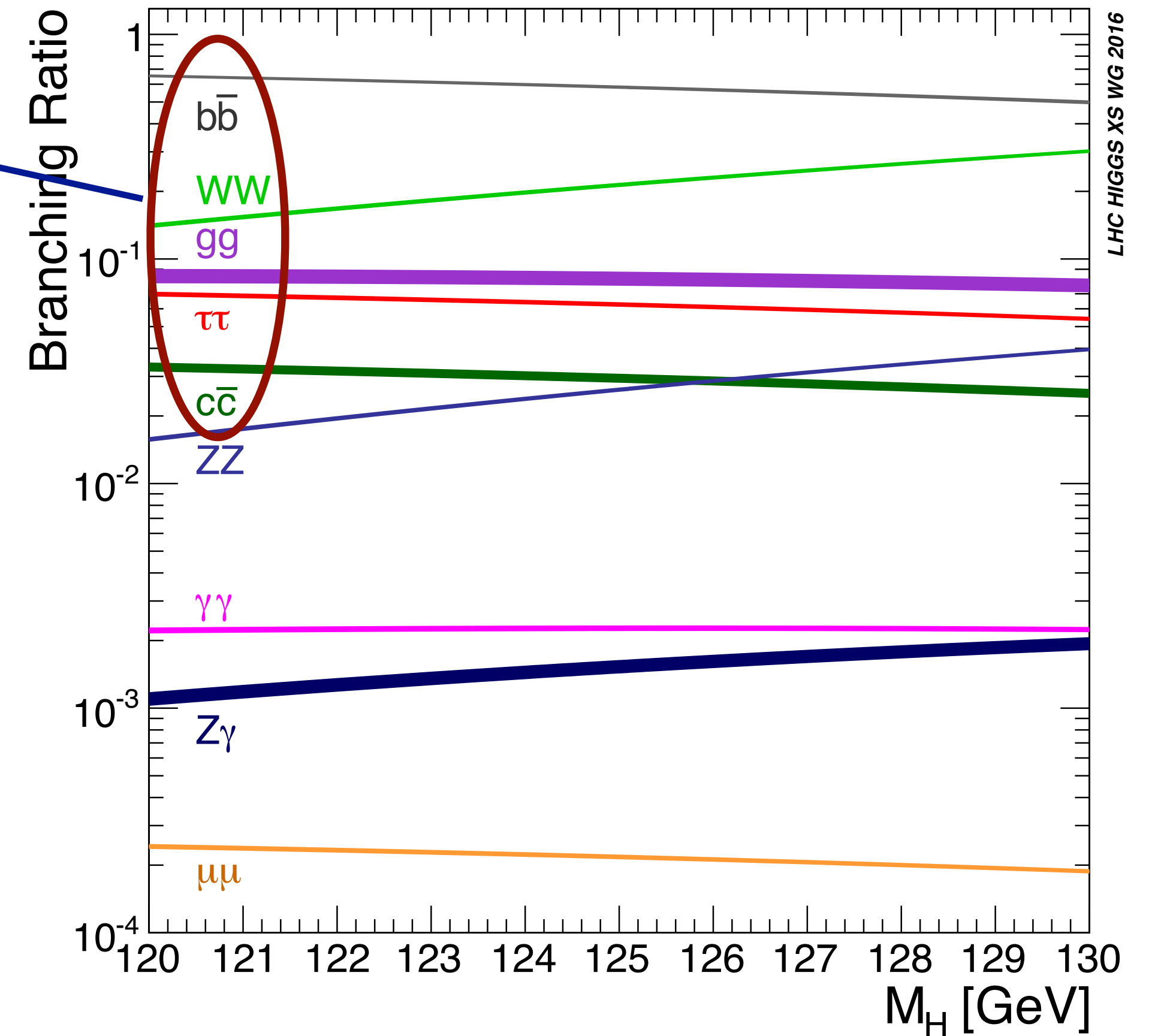
Weakness of the LHC

The hadronic channels

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ Important for HZZ and $Hb\bar{b}$ couplings

$H \rightarrow gg$ Probes new particles running in the loop

$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ Unique window to charm Yukawa



Partial widths

Freitas (2021) and references therein

➤ $H \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

➤ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ in the limit of massless quarks

➤ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ and partial $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

➤ $H \rightarrow gg$

Herzog et al.: 1707.01044

➤ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ with infinite m_t $\Gamma_{\text{N}^4\text{LO}}(H \rightarrow gg) = \Gamma_0 \left(1.844 \pm 0.011_{\text{series}} \pm 0.045_{\alpha_s(M_Z), 1\%} \right)$

➤ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ with $1/m_t$ expansion

➤ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ three-loop form factor with full m_t dependence (hence also bottom loop)

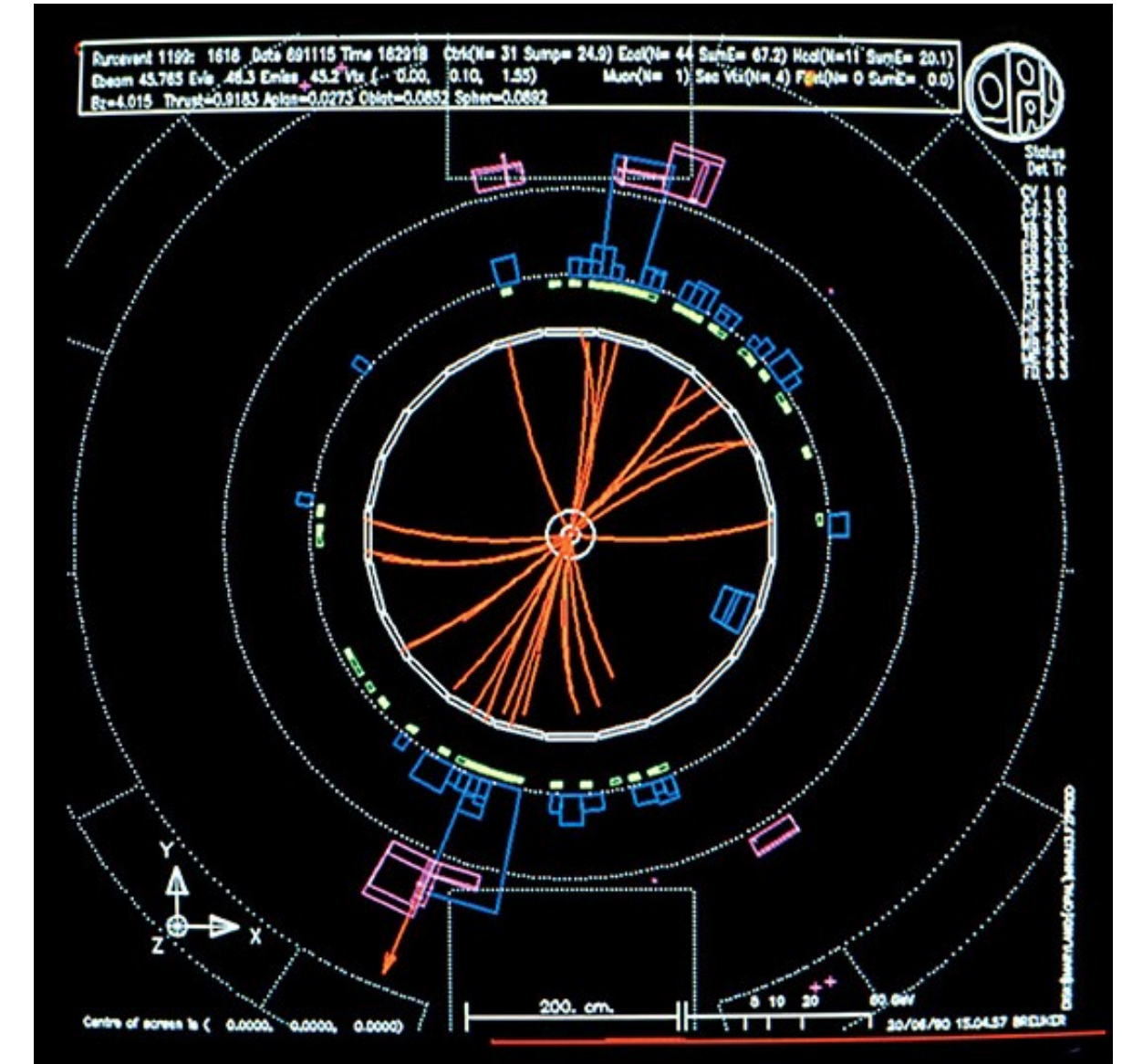
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➤ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ EW corrections

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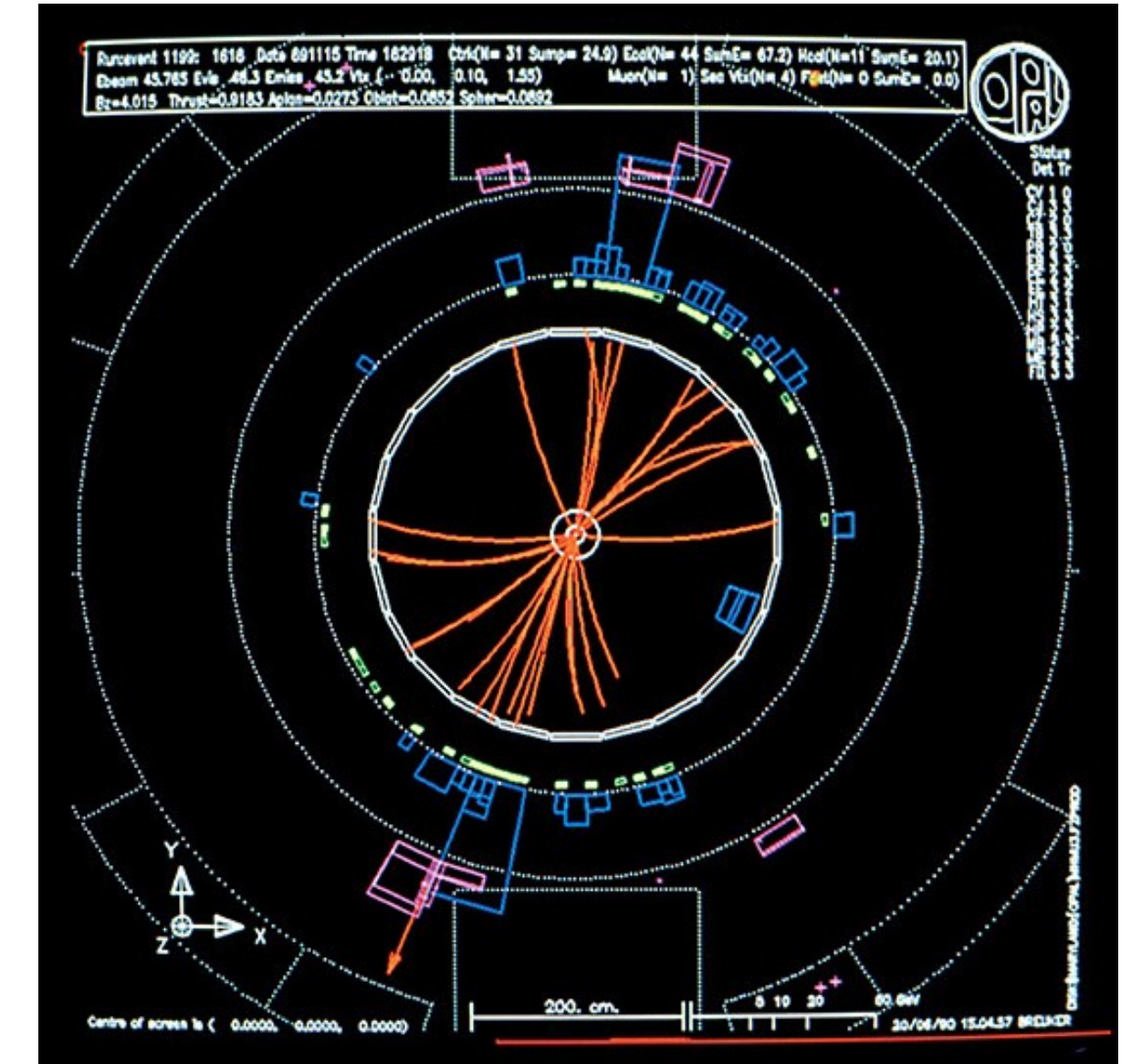
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I'll focus on one particular variable: thrust

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$$\tau = 1 - T$$

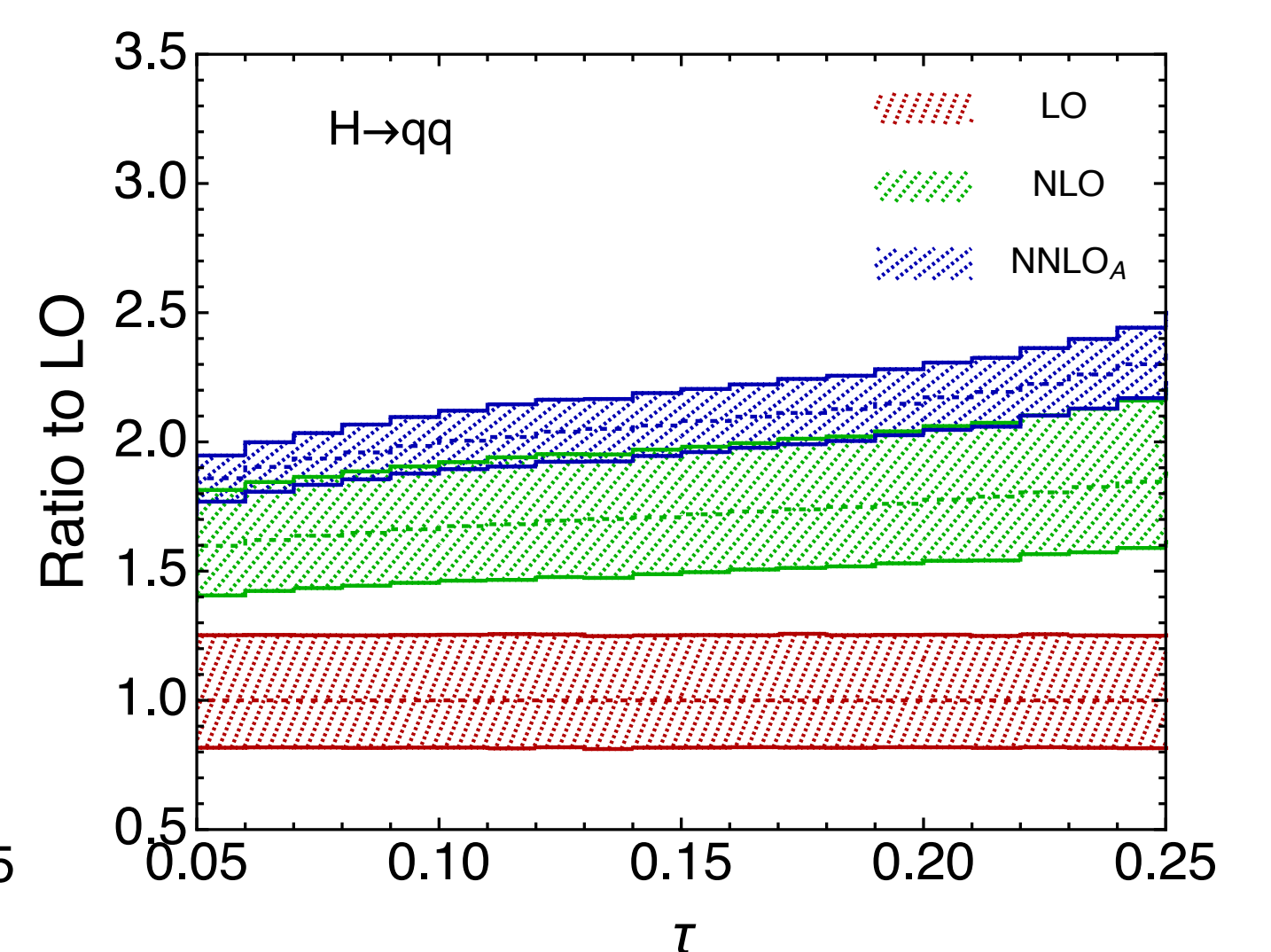
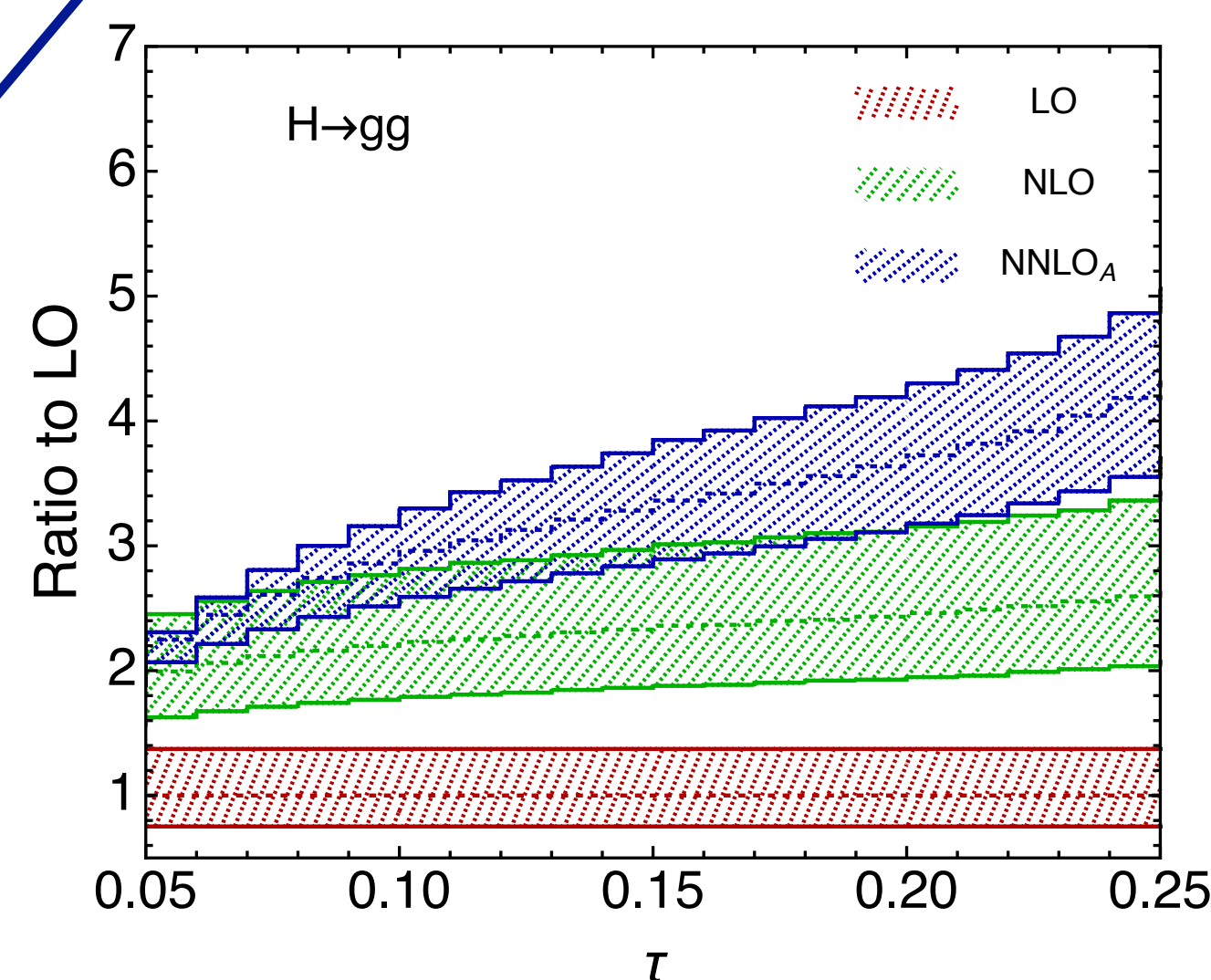
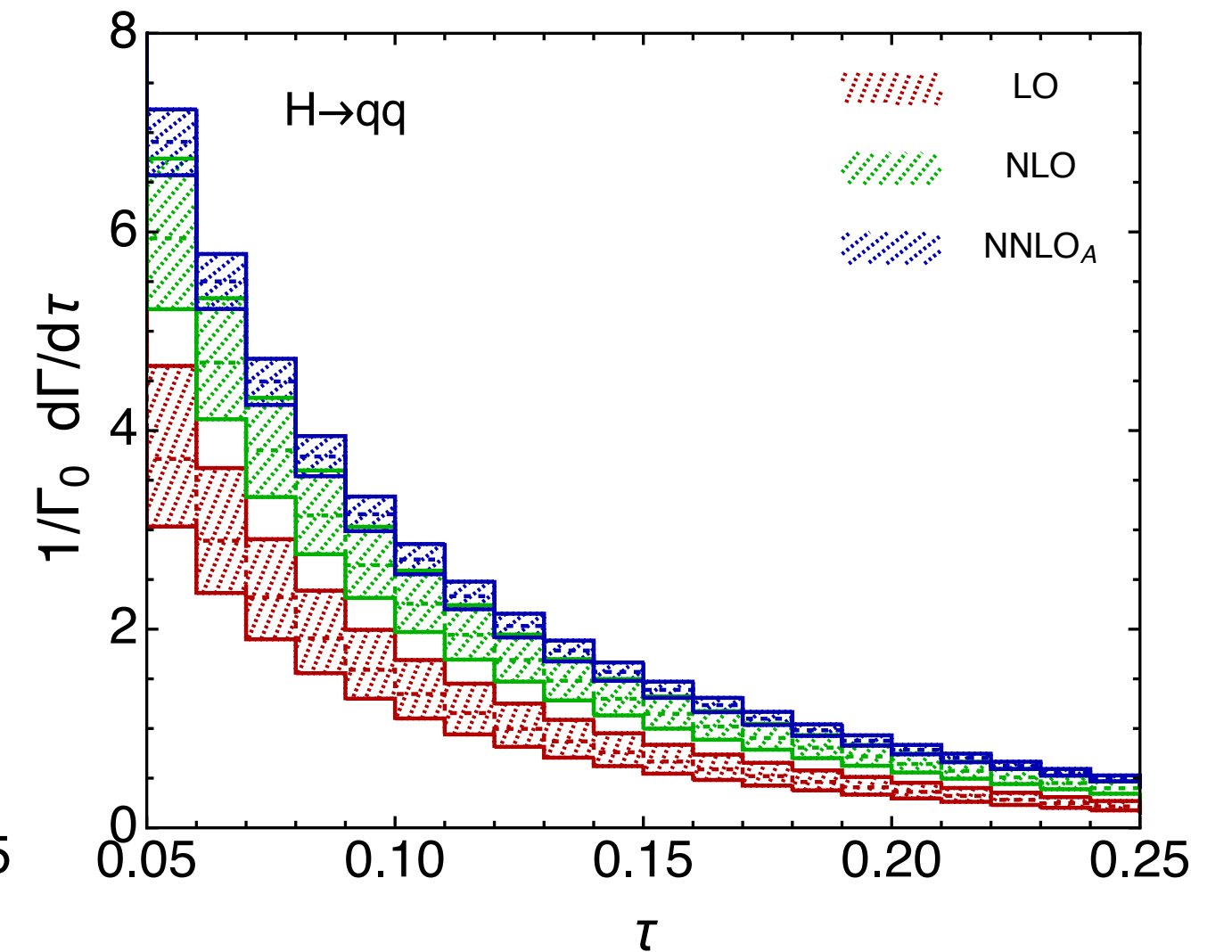
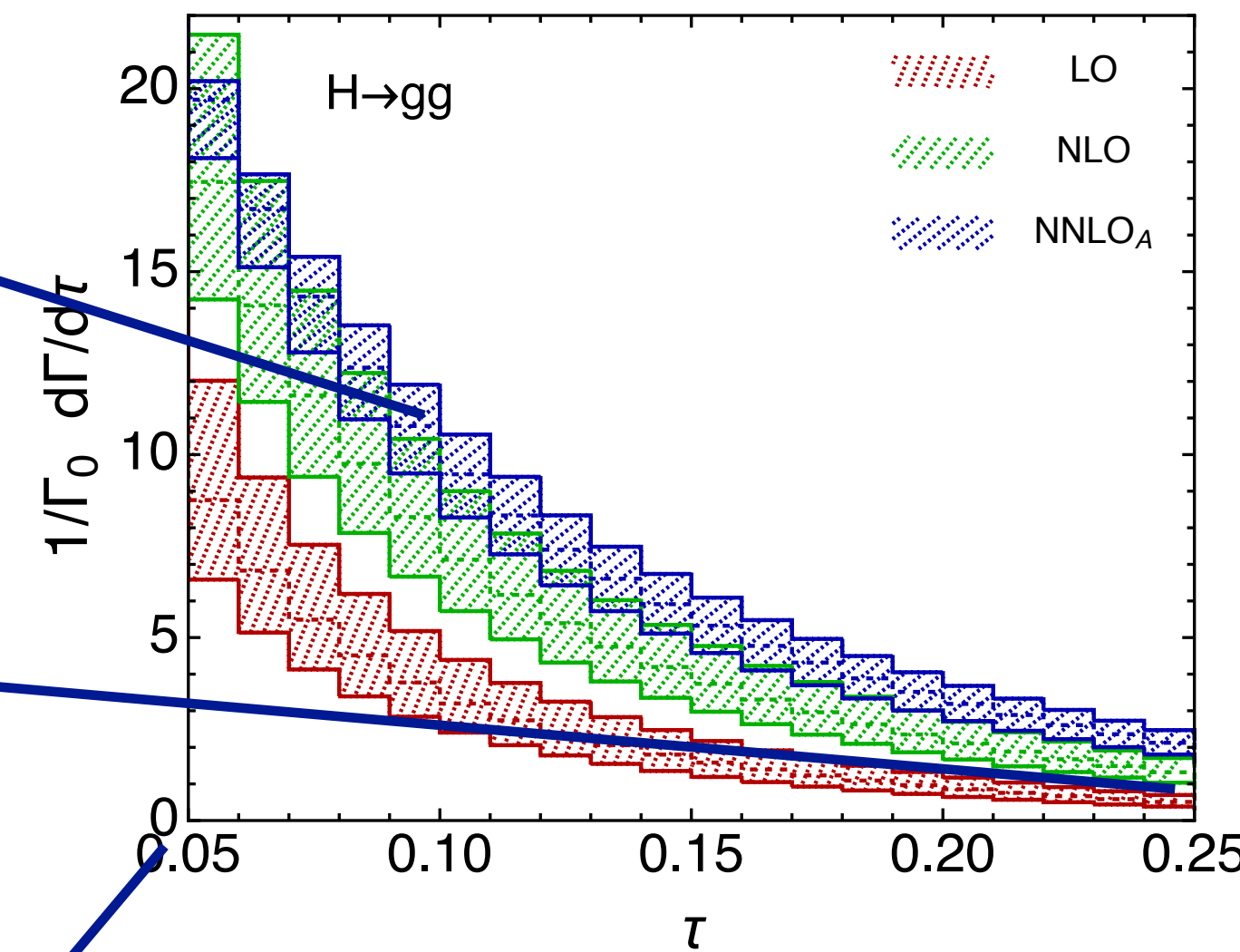
Fixed-order predictions for thrust distribution

Gao, Gong, Ju, LLY: 1901.02253

Large corrections, especially in the gluon channel; N³LO needed?

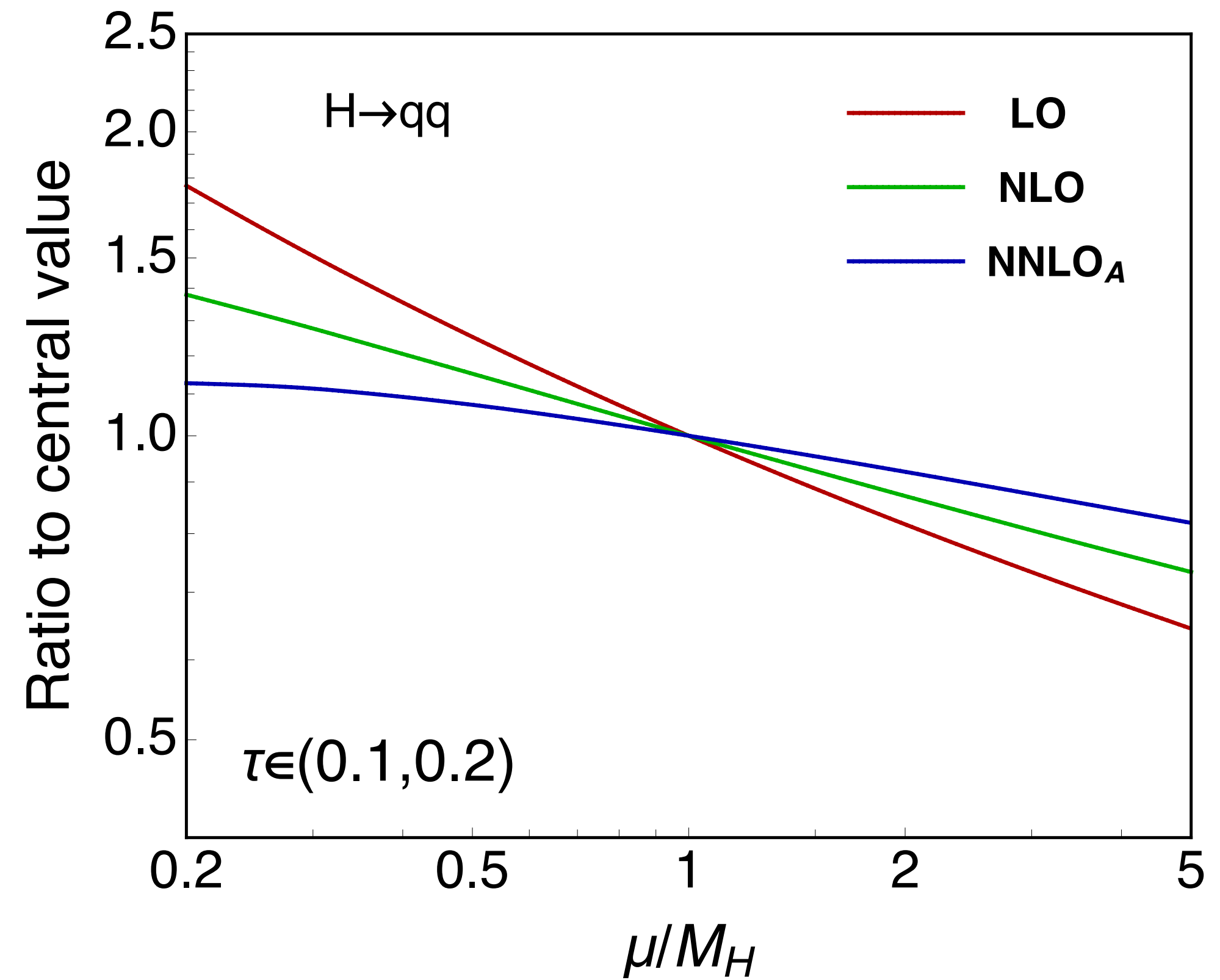
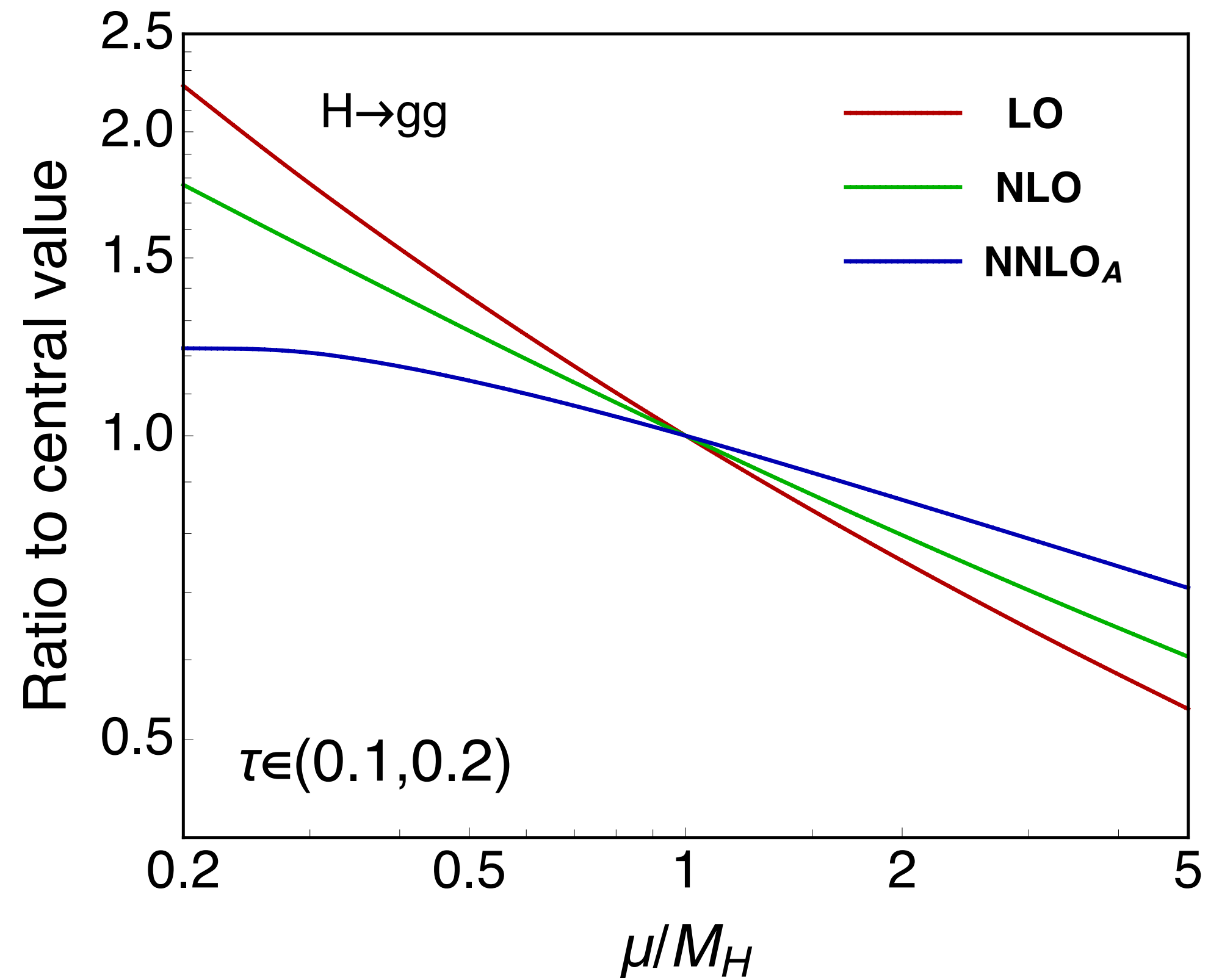
Soft-collinear approximation not valid for larger τ ; a full NNLO calculation required!

Parton shower and/or resummation needed for smaller τ



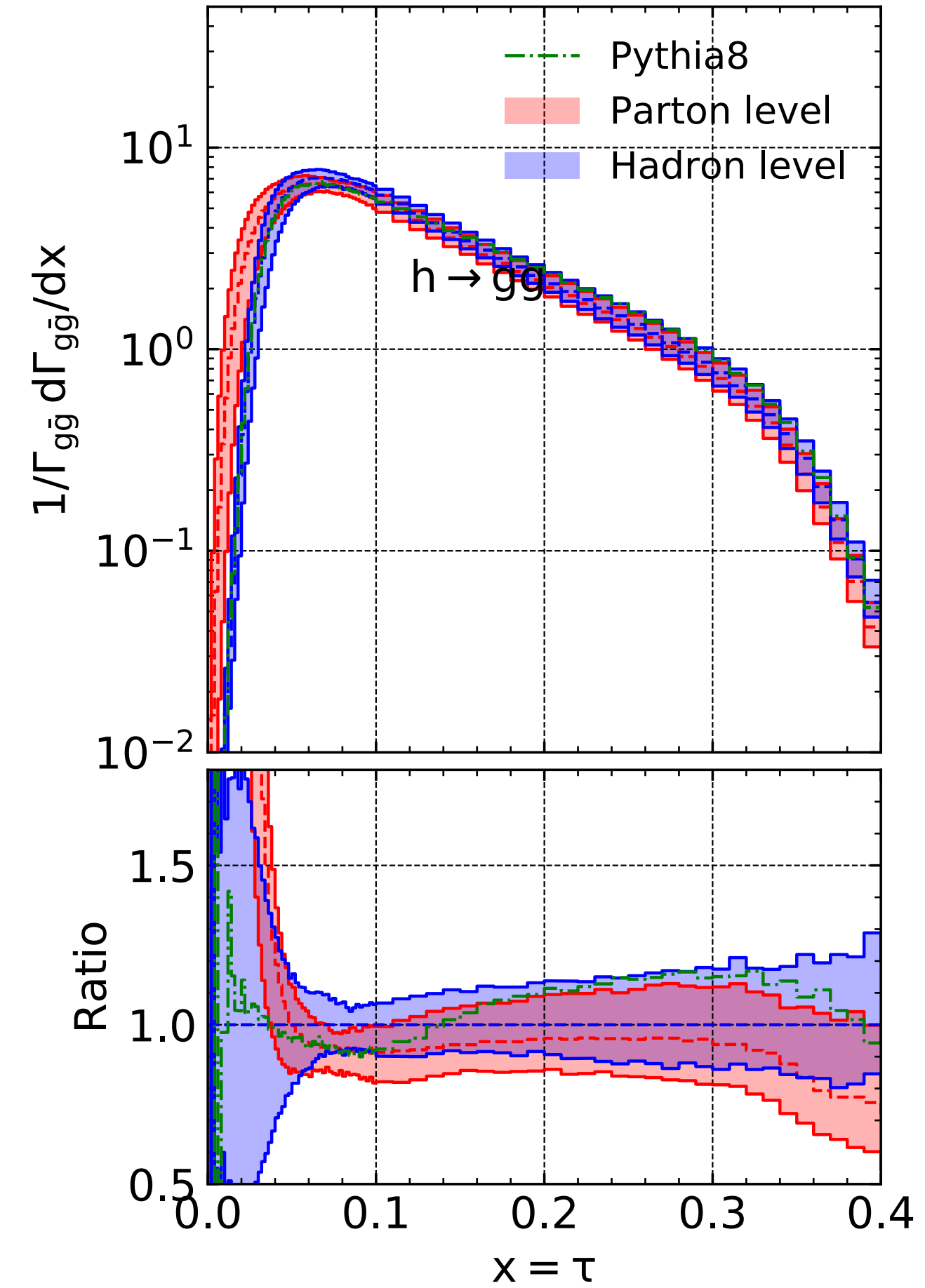
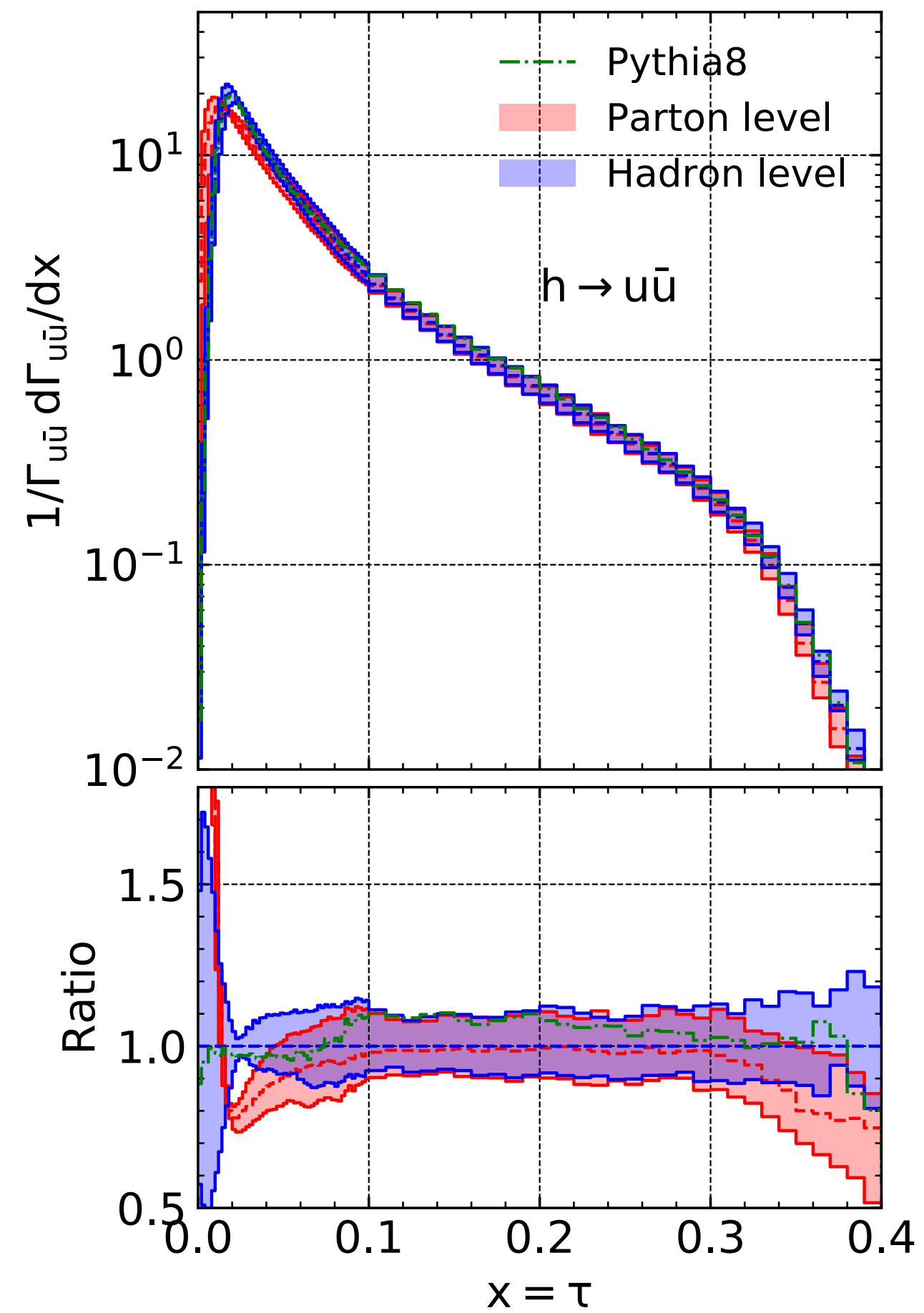
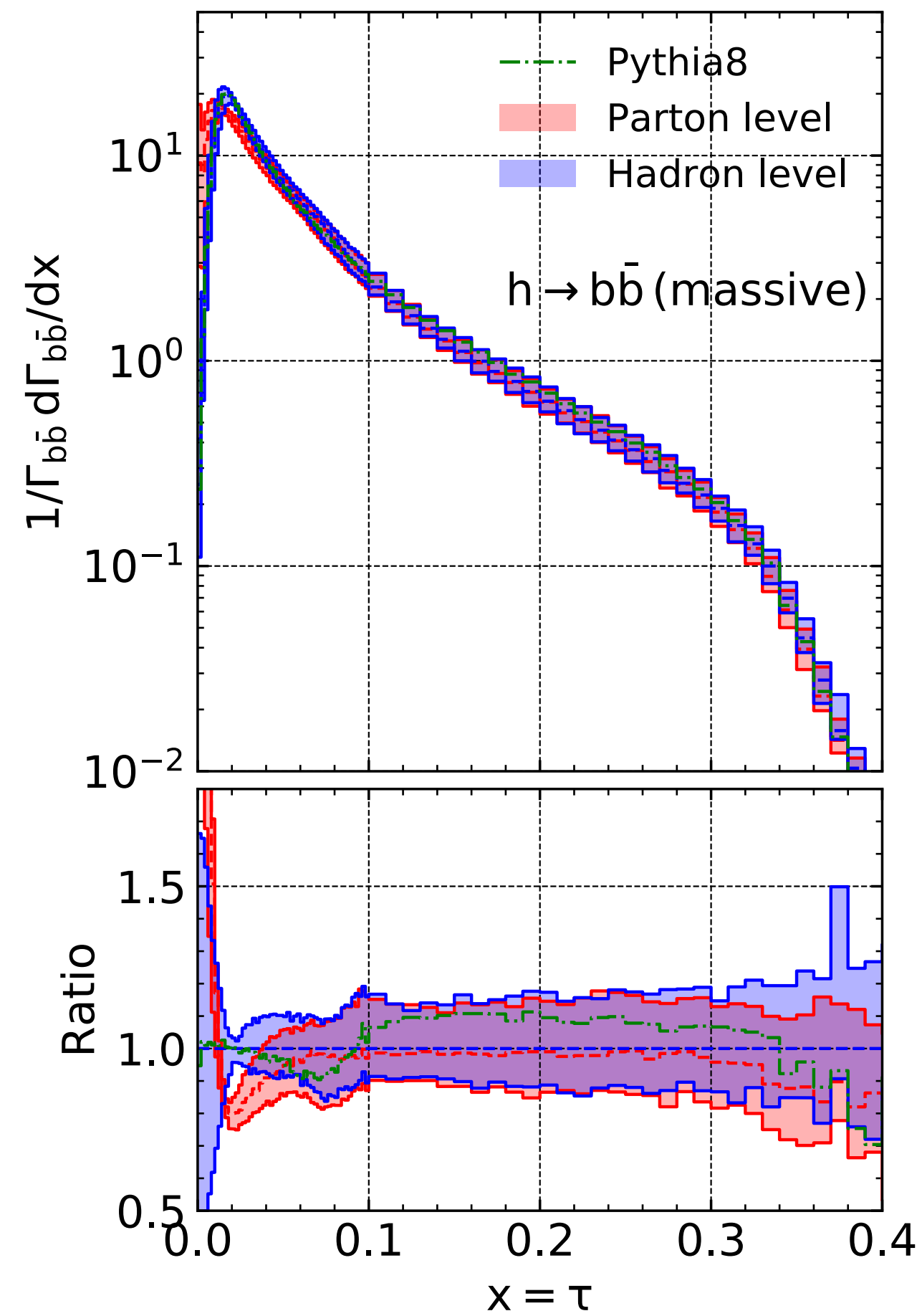
Scale dependence

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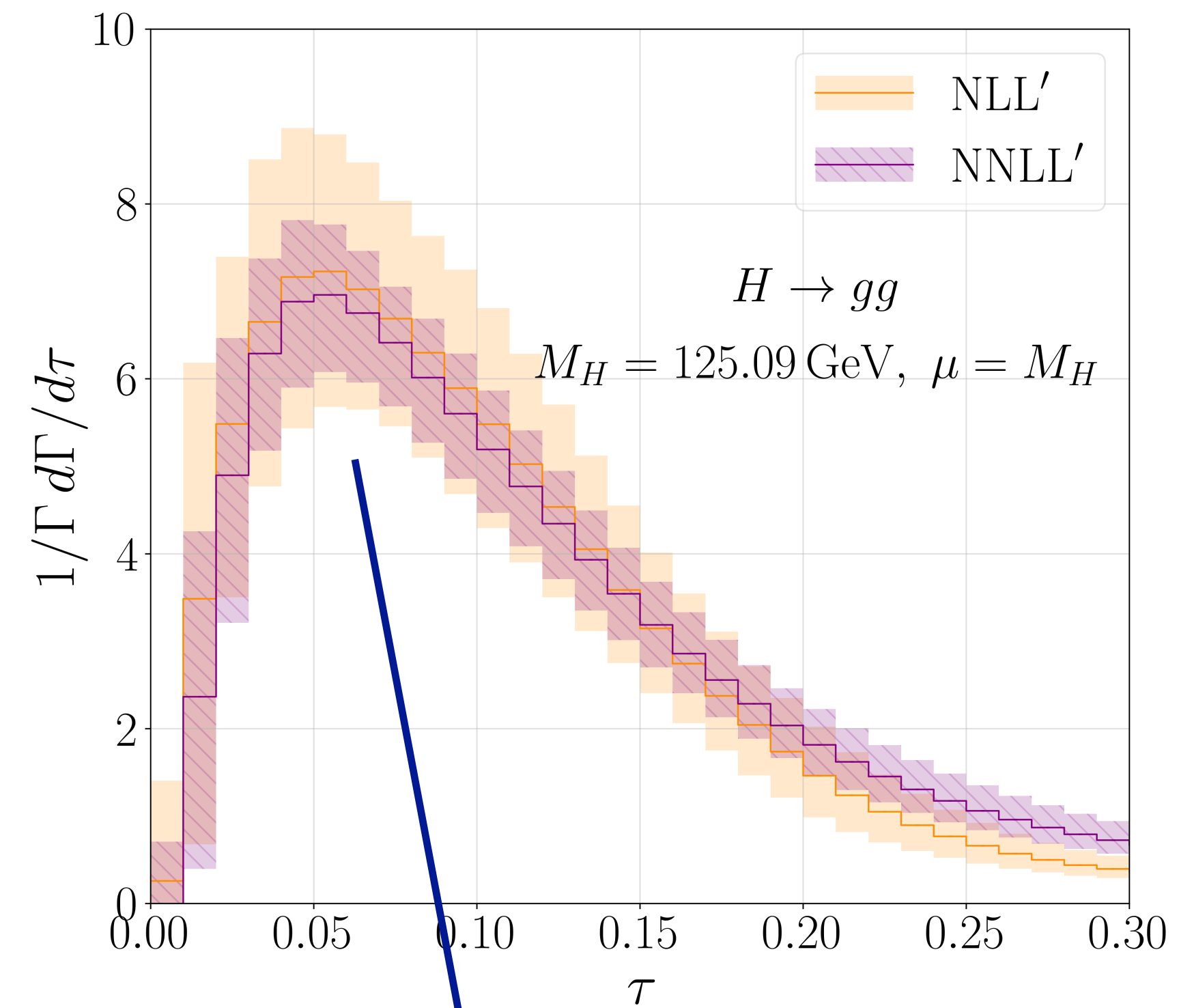
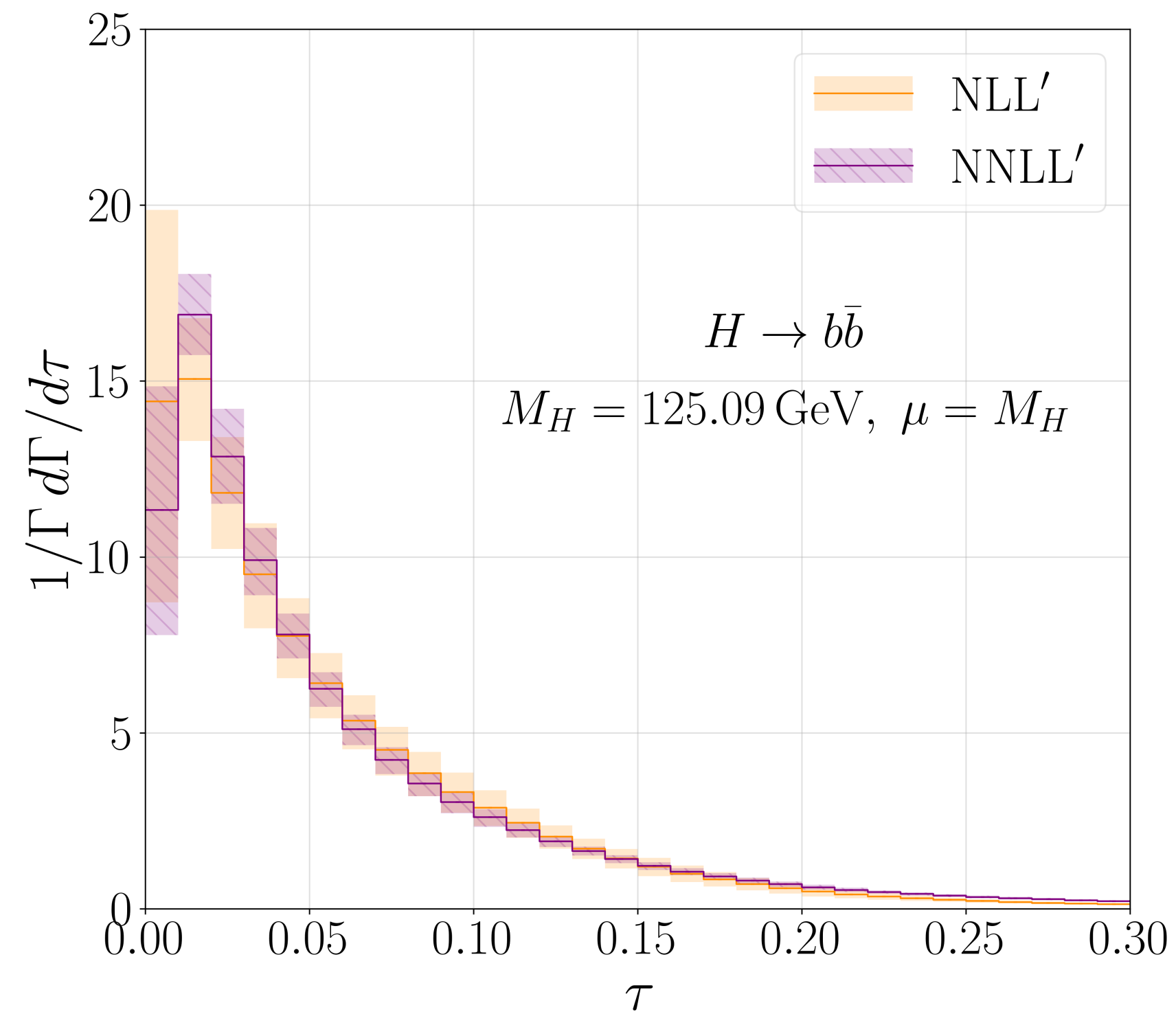
Matched with parton shower

Hu, Sun, Shen, Gao: 2101.08916



Resummed predictions

Alioli et al.: 2009.13533



Large uncertainties in the gluon channel; N³LL or N³LL' needed?

Towards N³LL' thrust resummation

	hard, jet, soft functions	hard, jet, soft anomalous dimensions	cuspid anomalous dimension, beta function
NNLL'	2-loop	2-loop	3-loop
N ³ LL	2-loop	3-loop	4-loop
N ³ LL'	3-loop	3-loop	4-loop

available

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available except the non-logarithmic term of the 3-loop soft function

The 3-loop soft function

The non-logarithmic term of the 3-loop soft function for quarks was extracted from the numeric result of EERAD3

$$c_3^S = 2s_3 + 691 = -19988 \pm 1440 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 4000 \text{ (syst.)}$$

Brüser, Liu, Stahlhofen: 1804.09722

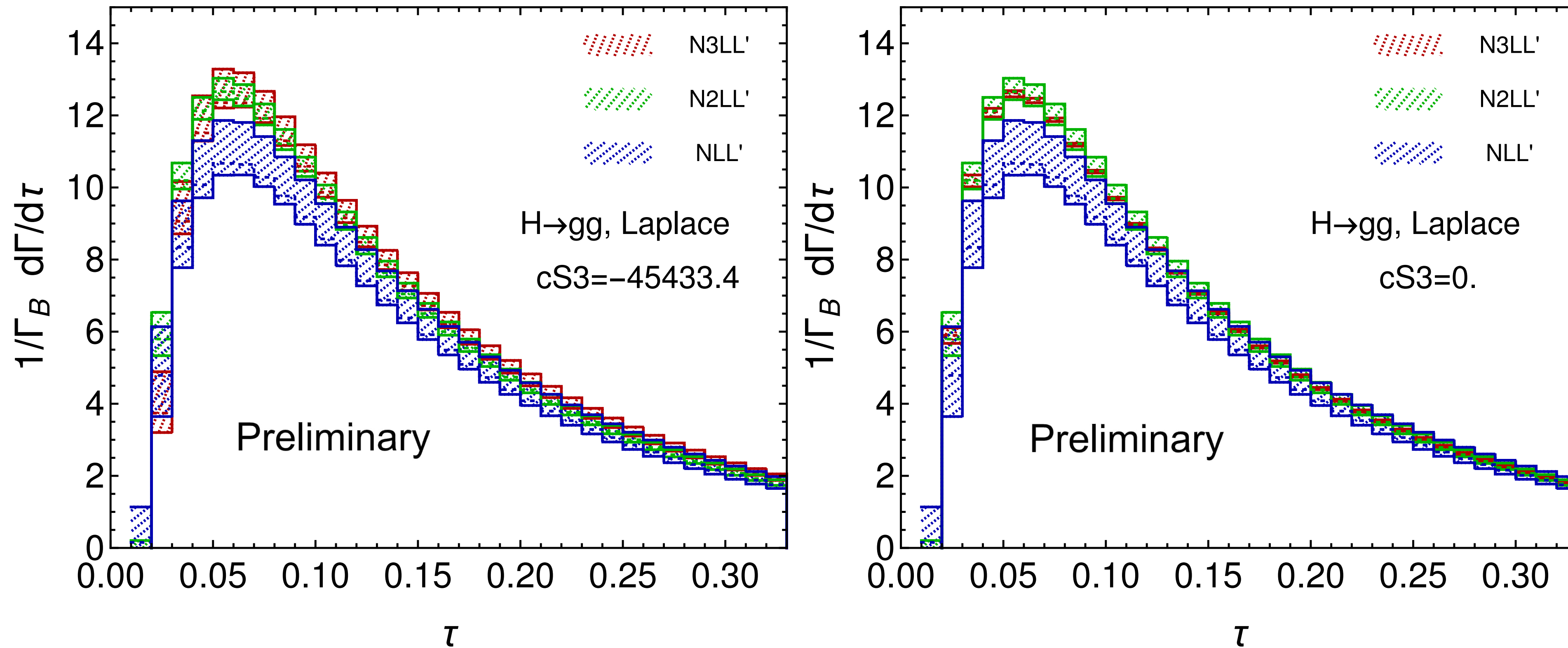
With a Casimir scaling, the corresponding term for gluons

$$c_3^S \sim -45000 \pm 10000$$

A rather large constant term, one might worry about convergence!

Especially it multiplies $\alpha_s(\mu_s)$ at the low scale $\mu_s \sim \tau m_H$

Towards N³LL' thrust resummation



Preliminary result shows that the non-logarithmic term of the 3-loop soft function has a large impact!

We want to know its precise value! A part of the result: [Chen, Feng, Jia, Liu: 2206.12323](#)

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Thank you!

