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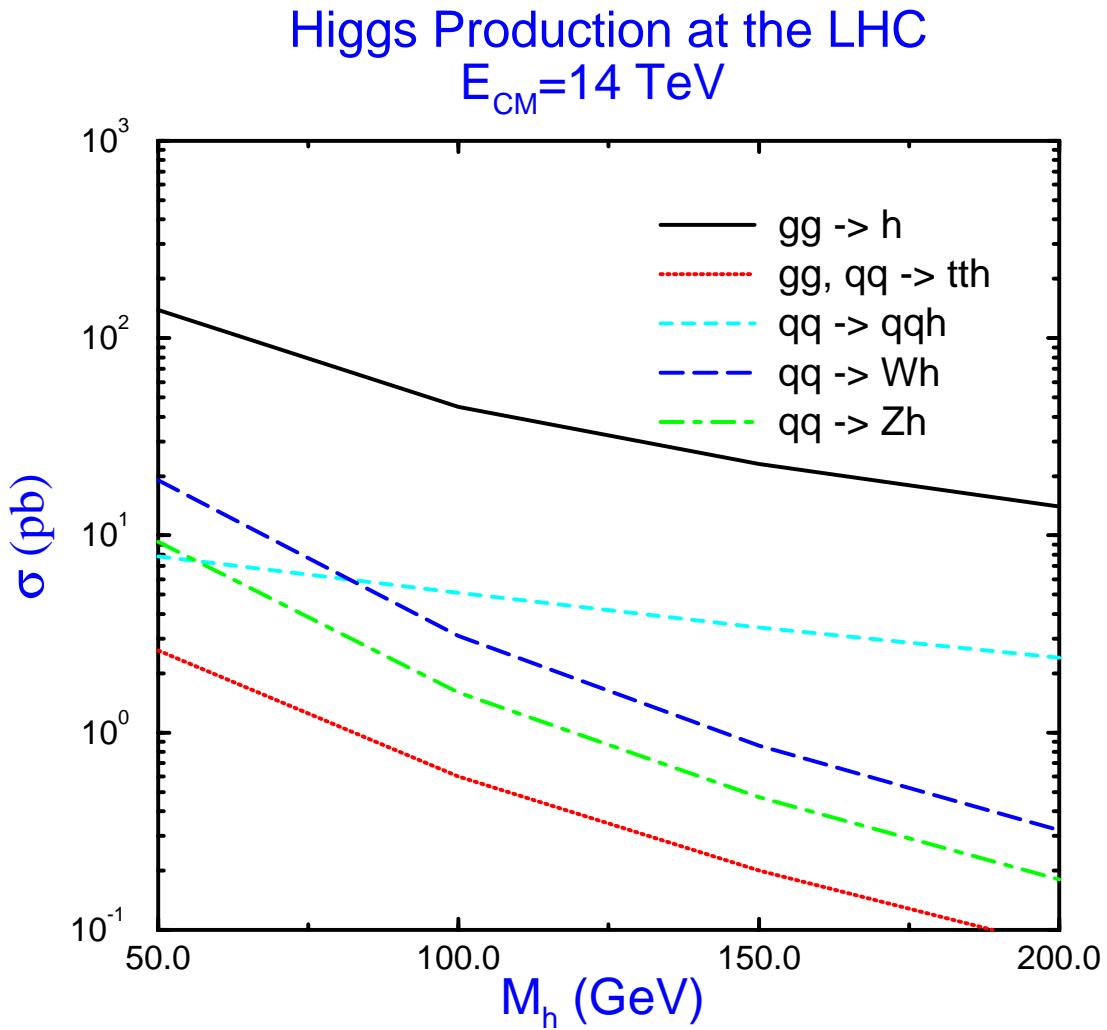
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## Higgs Boson Production Rates

- How well do we know production rates?
  - NLO, NNLO calculations
  - Dependence on scale,  $\alpha_s$ ,  $m_b$ ...
- How well do we need to know rates?
- What about SUSY?
  - How to scan parameter space
  - Large SUSY radiative corrections?
- Action items for Snowmass

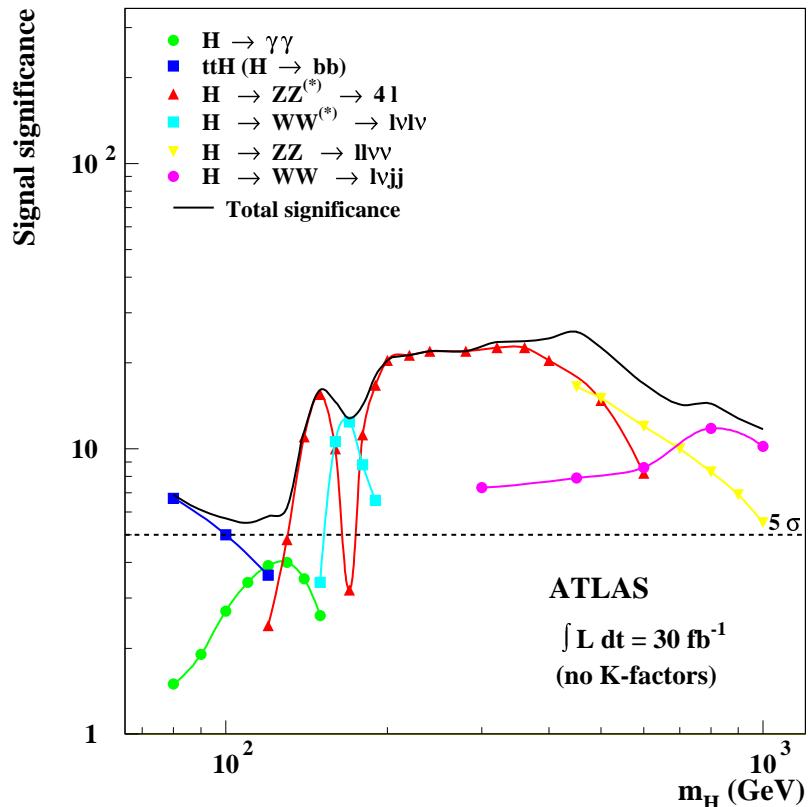
# Searches at LHC

- $gg \rightarrow h, VV \rightarrow h$  most important channels for extracting Higgs couplings



(NLO results)

- NLO results exist for all signals
- $K$  factors not included in analysis

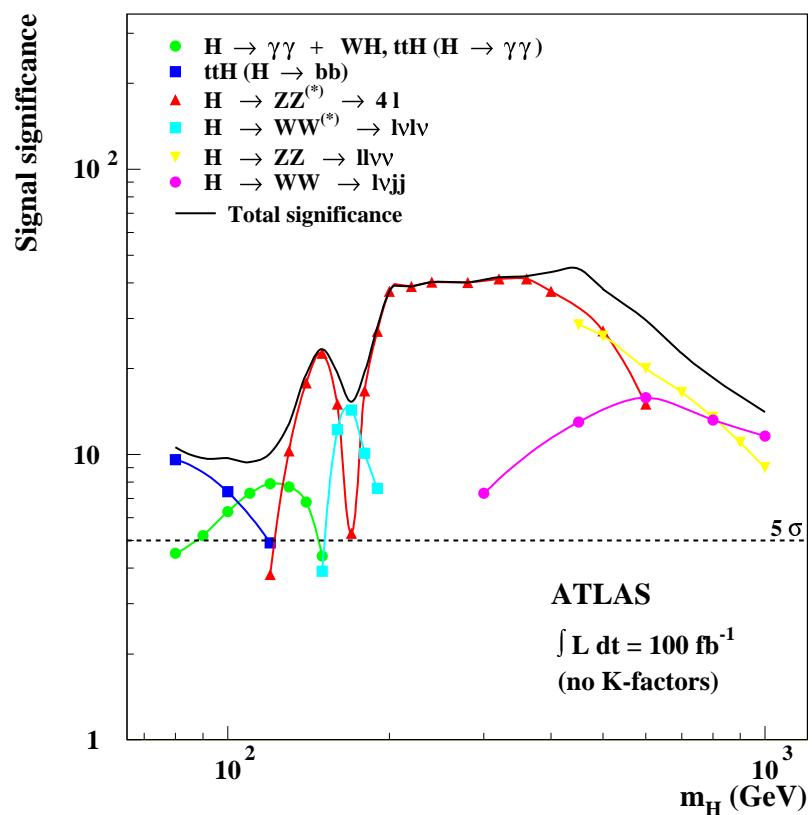


[ATLAS TDR]

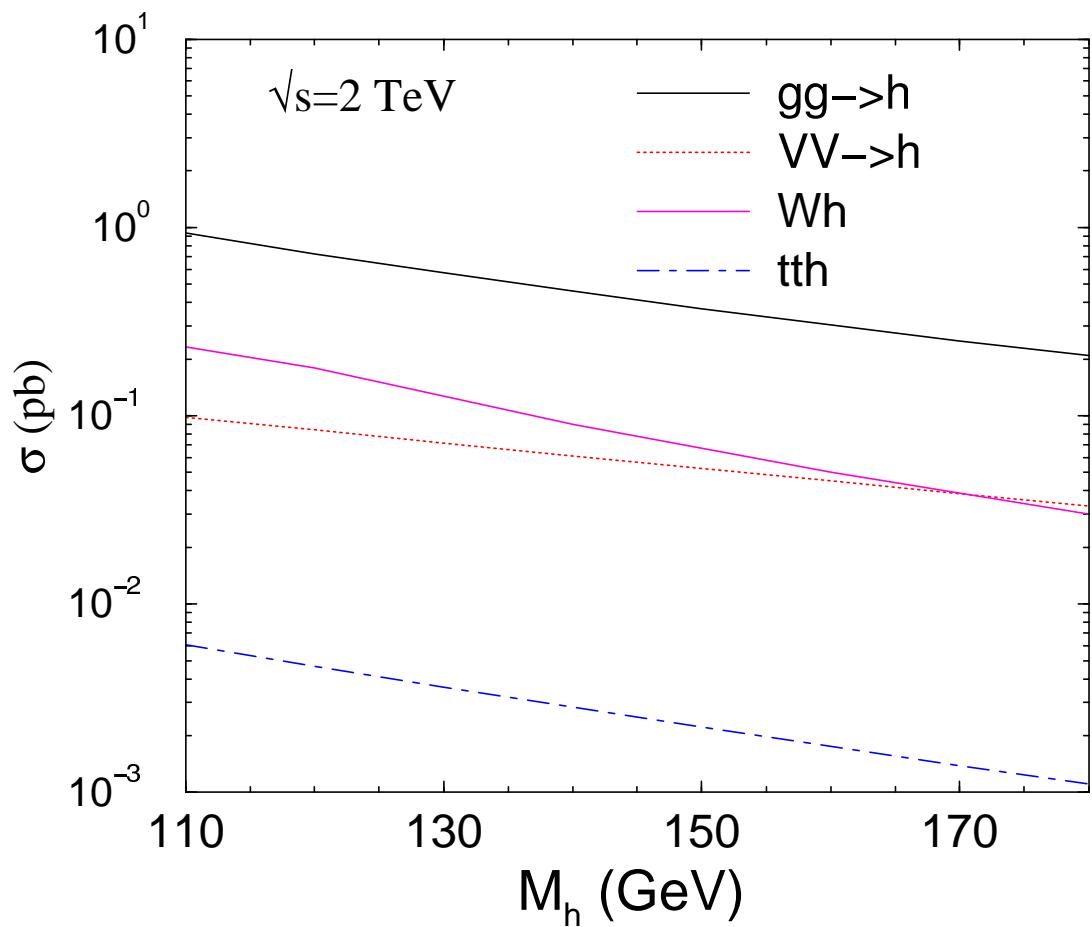
Action item for Snowmass:

- Understand which backgrounds need NLO corrections

- With higher luminosity, Higgs observable in several channels in most mass regions



# Tevatron Rates:



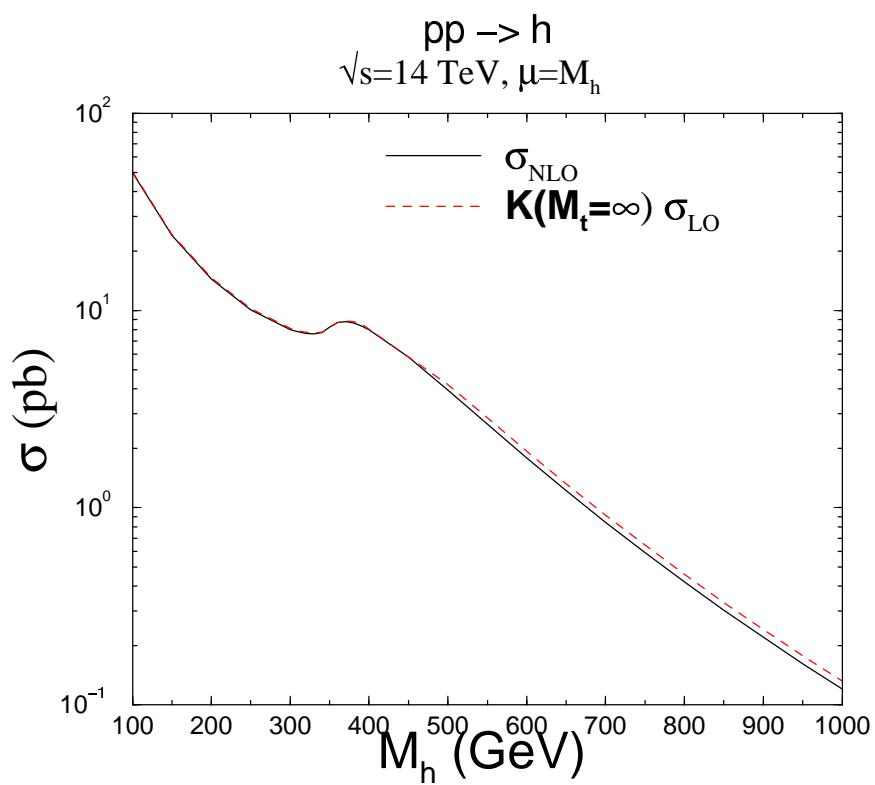
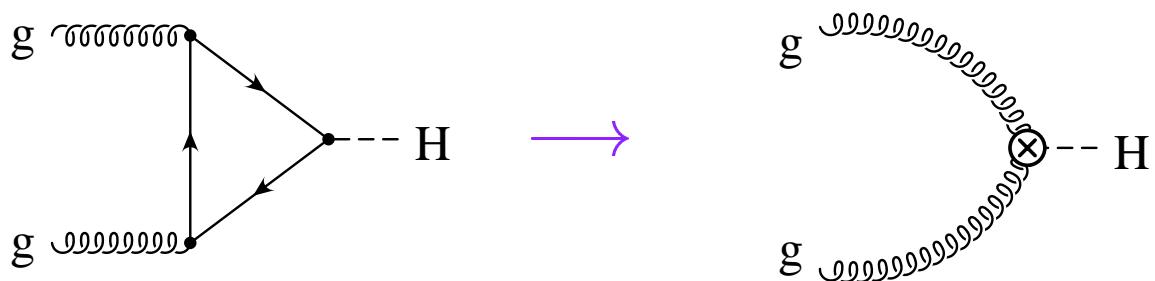
(NLO)

- NLO corrections to  $gg \rightarrow h$  well known

[Dawson, NPB359 (1991) 283

Djouadi, Spira, Zerwas, PLB264 (1991) 440]

- $M_t \rightarrow \infty$  limit excellent approximation



# Progress in NNLO calculations for $gg \rightarrow h$

- NLO results suggest  $M_t \rightarrow \infty$  limit good approximation
- Virtual corrections: 3 loops  $\rightarrow$  2 loops for  $M_t \rightarrow \infty$

[Harlander, PLB492 (2000) 74]

- Soft terms included at NNLO
- [Harlander, Kilgore, hep-ph/0102241;

Catani, Florian, Grazzini, hep-ph/0102227]

- Leading contributions as  $z = \frac{M_h^2}{\hat{s}} \rightarrow 1$ :

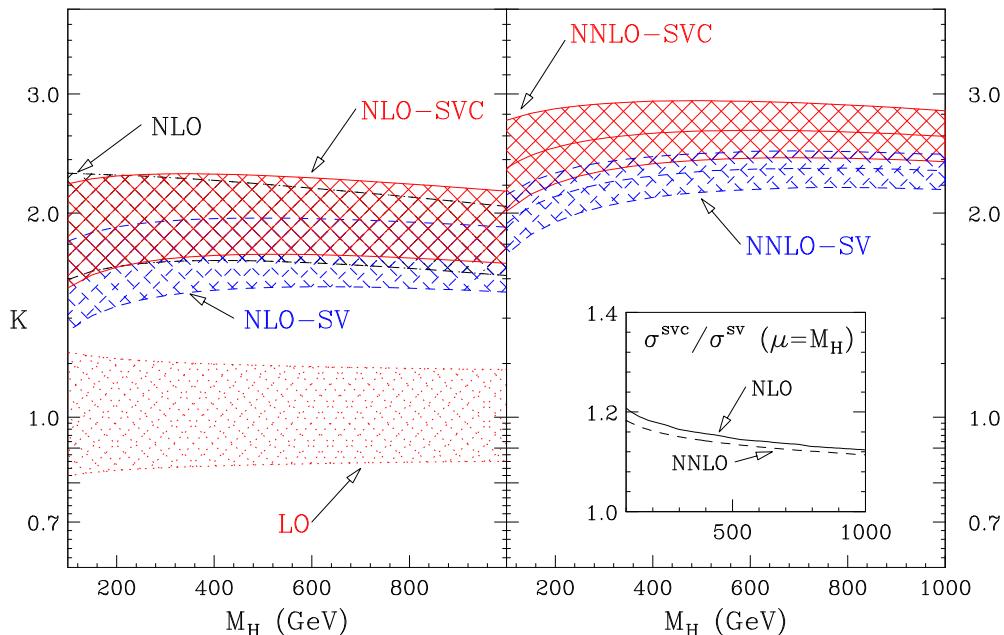
$$\delta(1-z), \left( \frac{\log^i(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+$$

- At NLO, soft terms underestimate exact result by  $\sim 15 - 20\%$

- Sub-leading collinear terms from resummation calculation:

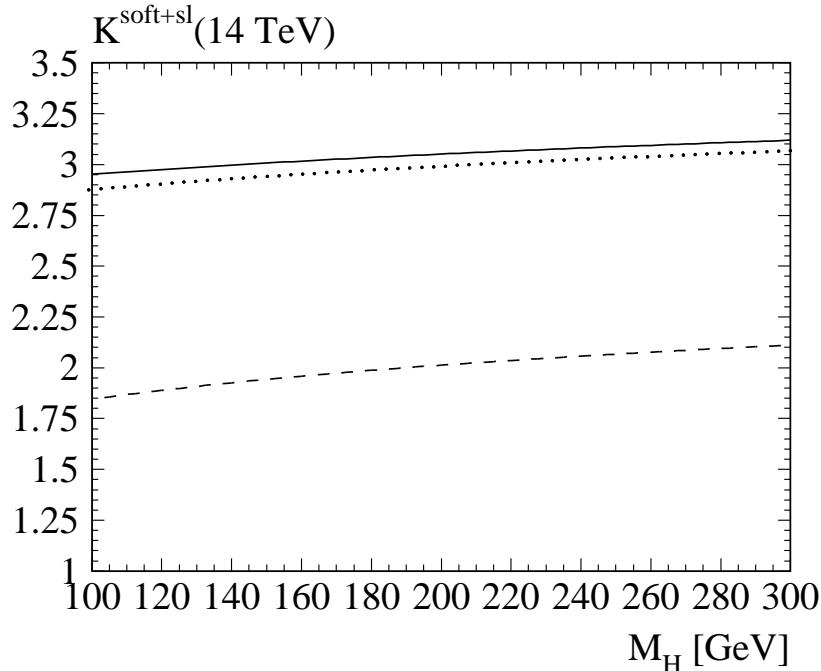
$$\log^3(1-z), \log^2(1-z), \log(1-z)$$

[Kramer, Laenen, Spira, NPB511 (1998) 523]



[Catani *etal*]

- Includes only  $\log^3(1-z)$  term, uses MRST NNLO pdfs
- Bands correspond to  $\frac{M_h}{2} < \mu < 2M_h$
- NNLO corrections are large

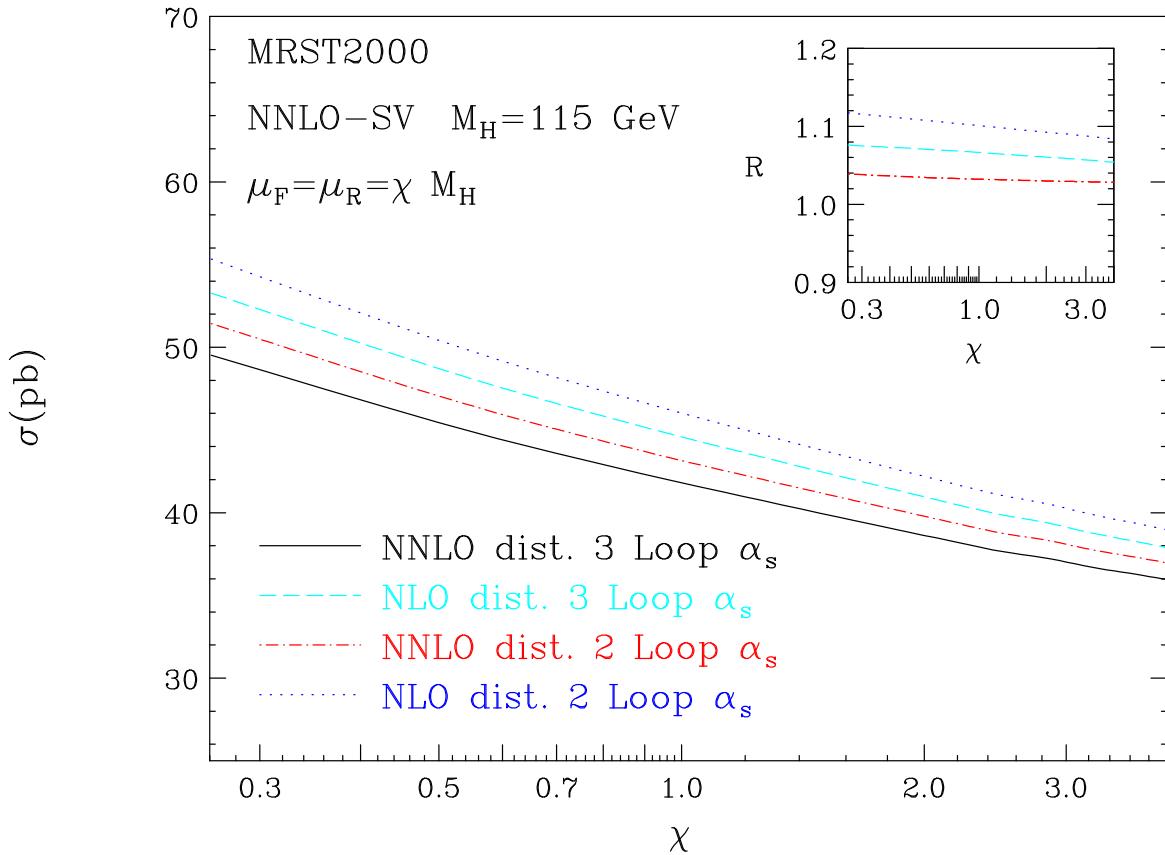


[Harlander and Kilgore]

- Exact analytic agreement between groups
- Includes  $\log^i(1 - z)$ ,  $i=1,2,3$  terms, uses NLO pdfs
- $\sim 25\%$  difference with Catani *etal*

Only partial NNLO pdfs exist

[MRST, Eur. Phys. J. C18 (2000)117]



8% difference between NNLO/NLO pdfs

## Conclusions on gluon fusion:

- Need complete NNLO pdfs (8% difference between NNLO/NLO pdfs)
- Inclusion of subleading  $\log^2(1 - z)$ ,  $\log(1 - z)$  terms 20% difference
- Need complete NNLO calculation!
- Best estimate: still have  $\sim 35\%$  uncertainty from scale dependence, unknown NNLO terms, pdfs,  $\alpha_s$

## Action item for Snowmass:

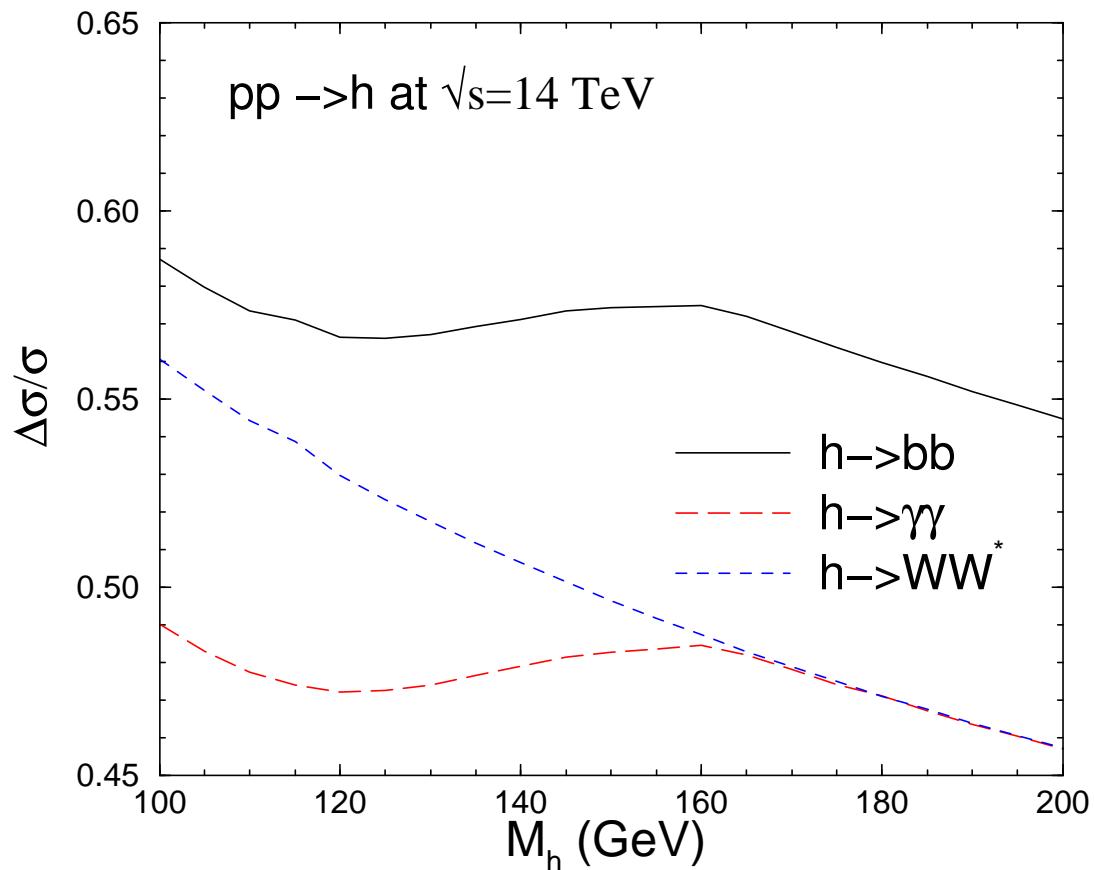
- Quantify uncertainty on  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow h)$
- Feed into precision measurements group

## Uncertainties on $gg \rightarrow h$

$$\frac{M_h}{2} < \mu < 2M_h$$

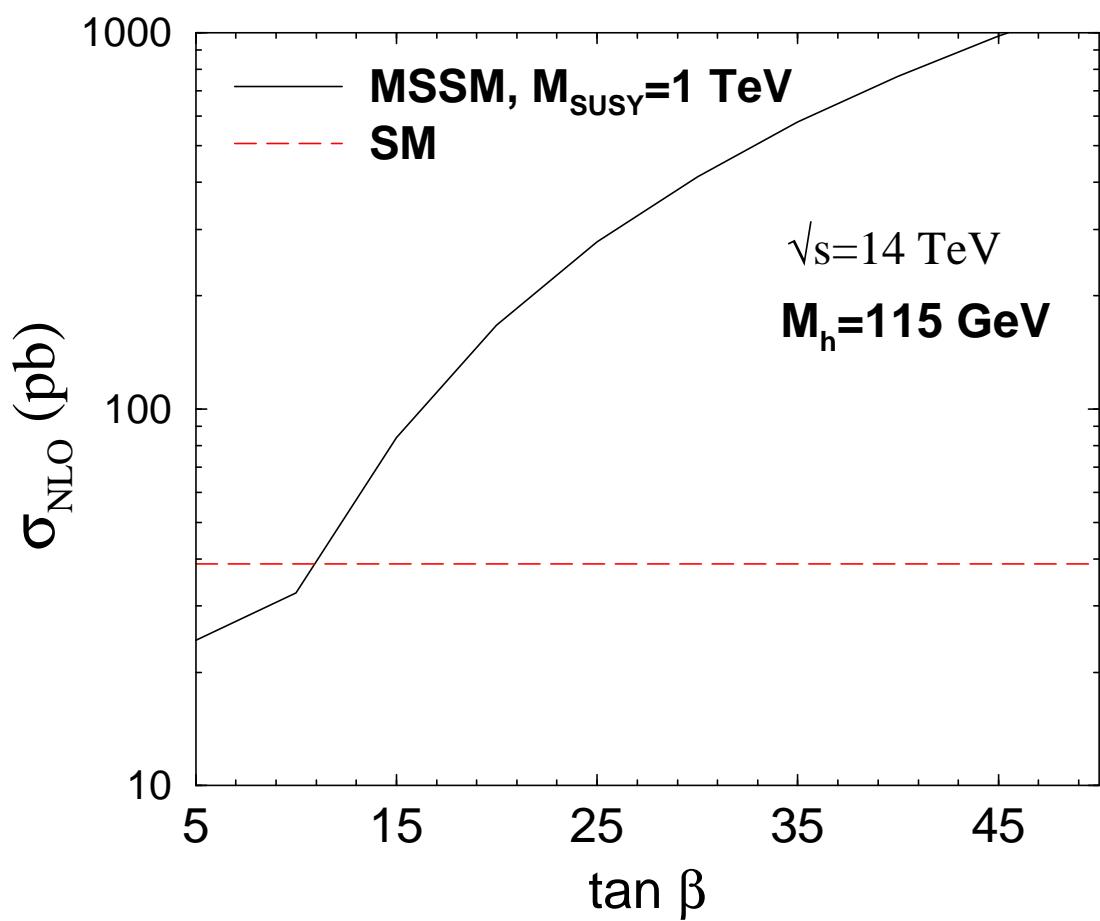
$$.115 < \alpha_s(M_Z) < .123$$

$$4.5 \text{ GeV} < m_b(m_b) < 5.0 \text{ GeV}$$

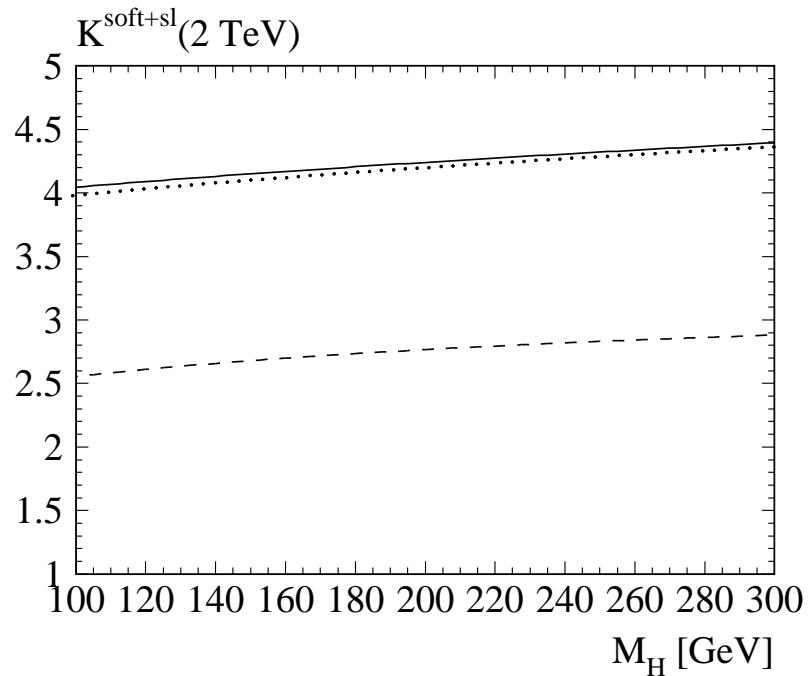


(NLO results)

- $gg \rightarrow h$  rate sensitive to SUSY parameters



- NNLO corrections to  $gg \rightarrow h$  give huge effect at Tevatron:

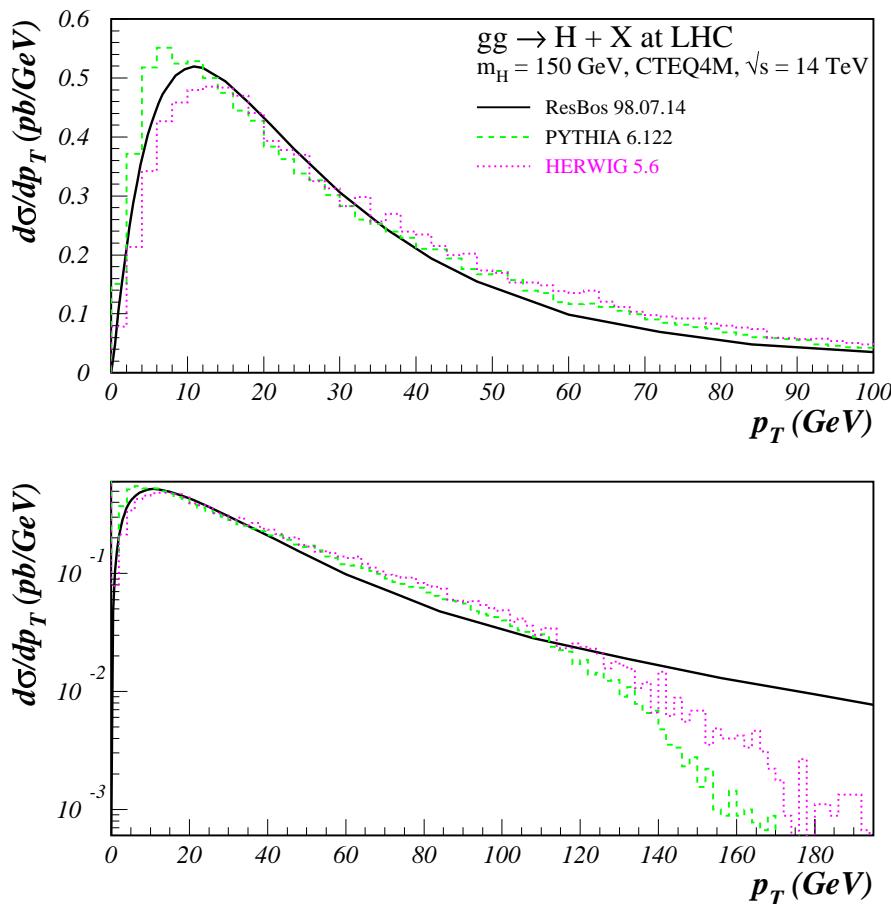


[Harlander and Kilgore]

- $gg \rightarrow h \rightarrow WW^*$  important near  $WW$  threshold at Tevatron

# Higgs $p_T$ distributions at LHC

- MCs need  $qg \rightarrow qh$ ,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gh$ ,  $gg \rightarrow gh$   
to get high  $p_T$  spectrum right



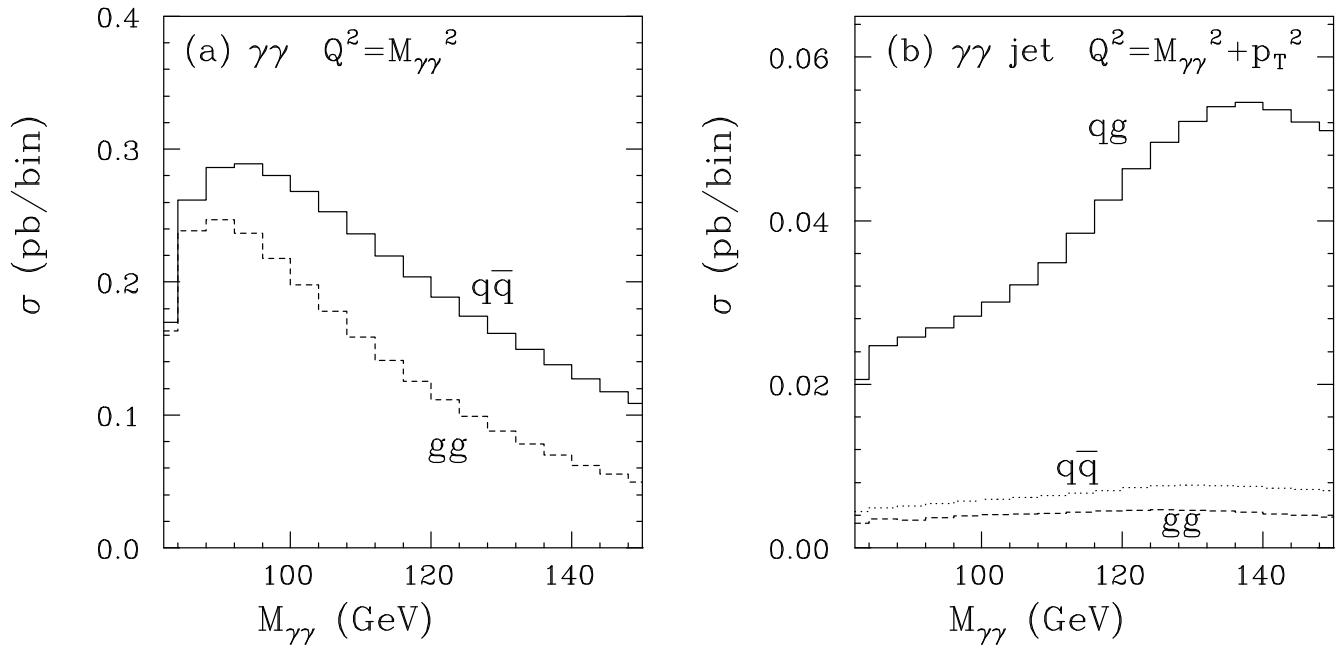
[Les Houches study, hep-ph/0005114;  
Balazs, Huston, Puljak, PRD63 (2001)  
014021]

## Higgs + jet production:

- Try to improve signal/background of  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  by looking at  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  plus jet production

$$S/B \sim 1/2$$

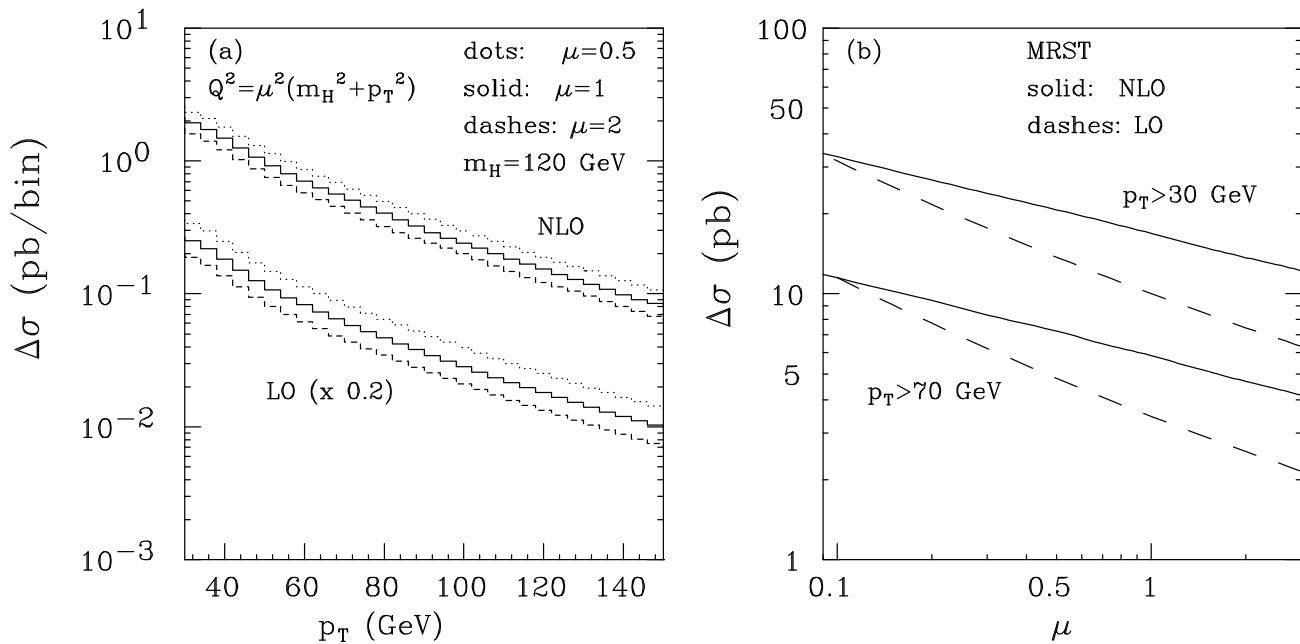
- Roughly 100 events with  $\mathcal{L} = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Can get  $K$  factor for signal using large  $M_t$  expansion;  $K \sim 1.6$
- Need NLO calculation of background!
- Dominant contribution to  $\gamma\gamma$  jet from  $qg$  initial state, so higher order corrections to background under better control than inclusive process



[deFlorian, Grazzini, Kunszt, PRL 82 (1999)

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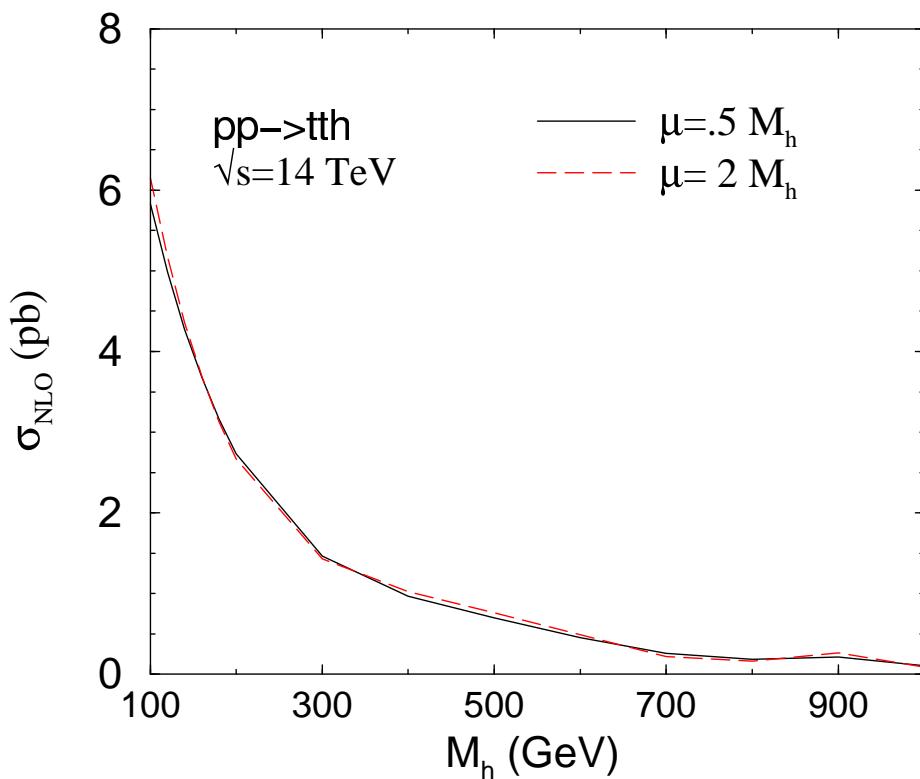
# $\gamma\gamma$ jet to NLO:



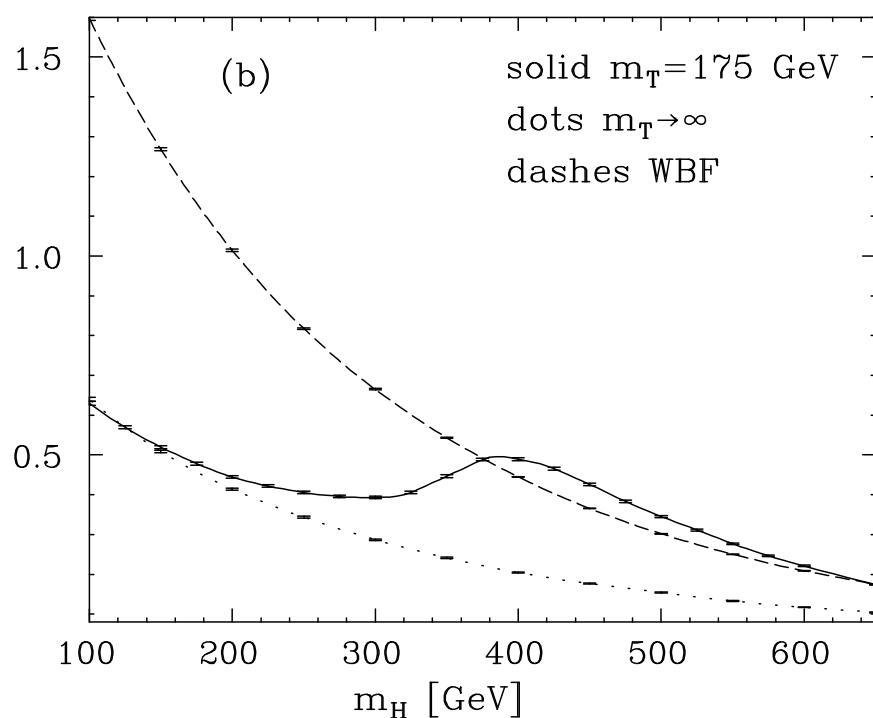
# Vector Boson Fusion

$$pp \rightarrow qq'h$$

- $WWh, ZZh$  useful for measuring  $h$  couplings
- Relatively insensitive to gluon pdfs,  $\alpha_s$ , scale
- Theoretical uncertainty  $\sim 1 - 2\%$



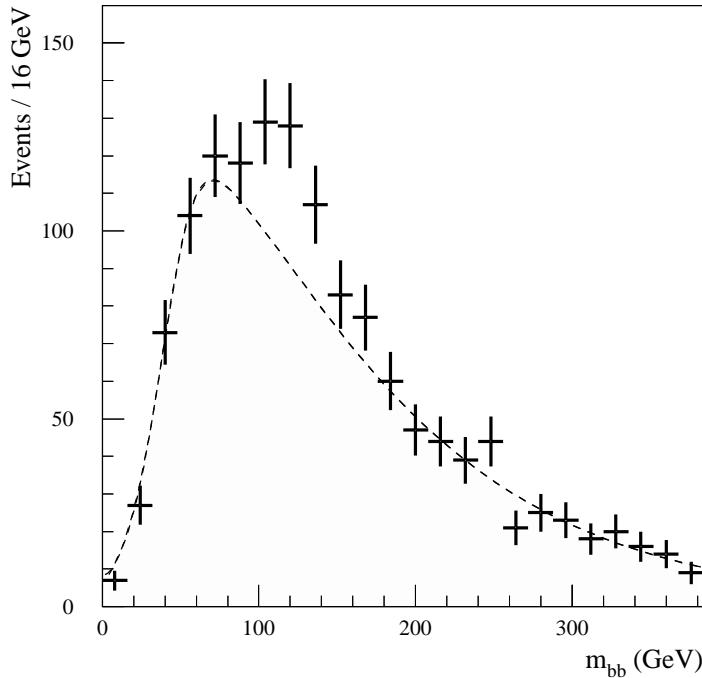
- Can we separate Vector Boson Fusion from QCD backgrounds?
- What about  $gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}h$ ?
- Cuts designed to enhance VBF contribution



[DelDuca *etal*, hep-ph/0105129]

$$pp(p\bar{p}) \rightarrow t\bar{t}h$$

- Direct measurement of  $t\bar{t}h$  coupling
- $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ; final state is  $W^+W^-b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$
- 1  $W$  decays semi-leptonically, other hadronically; fully reconstruct both tops
- ATLAS with  $\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $M_h = 120 \text{ GeV}$  can measure  $\frac{\delta g_{tth}}{g_{tth}} \sim 16\%$



[LHC Top Study, hep-ph/0003033]

- Complete NLO calculation of  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}h$   
 [Beenacker *et al*;  
 Reina *et al* in progress]
- Dominant effect from:

$$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$

$$t \rightarrow th$$

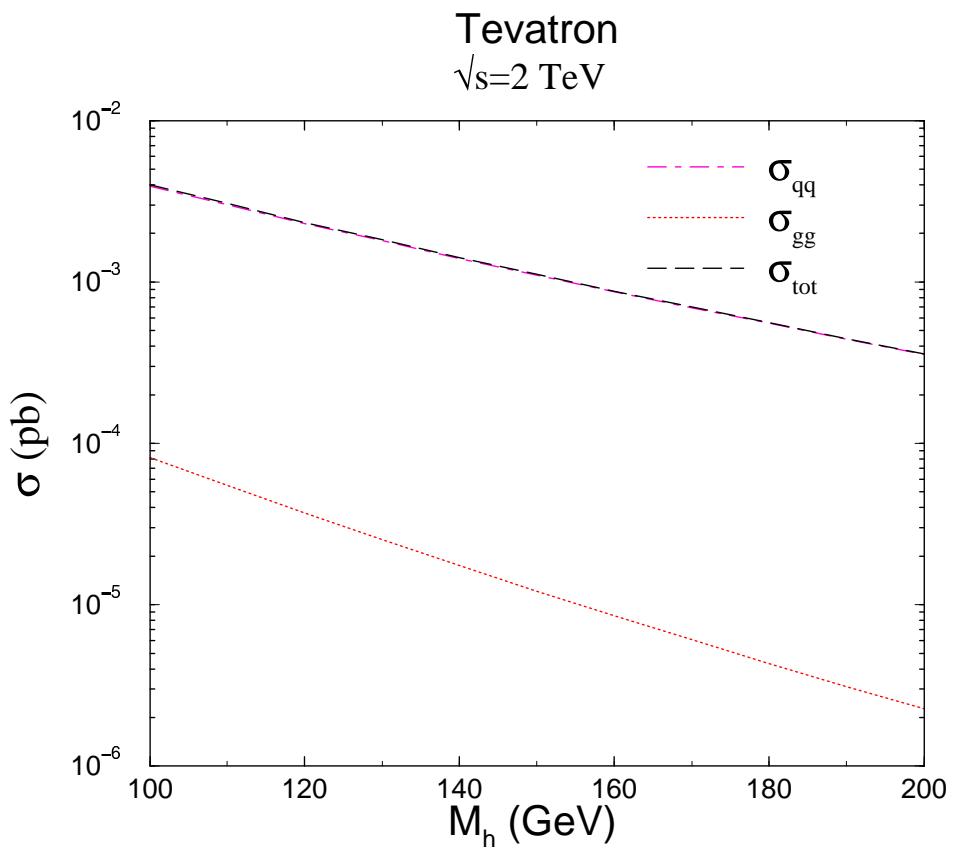
(Effective Higgs Approximation)

[Dawson and Reina, hep-ph/9712400]

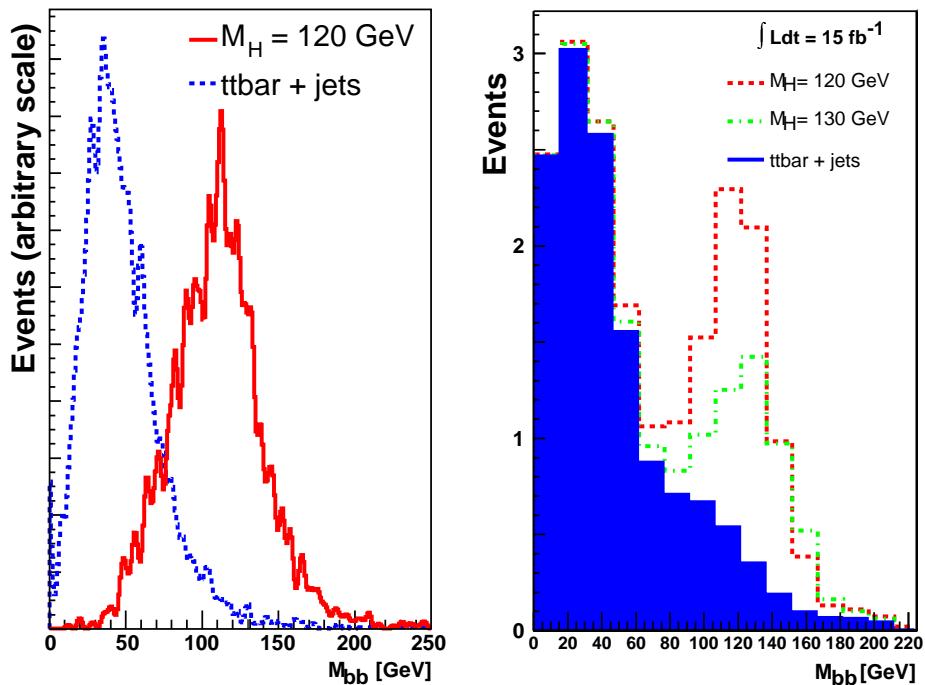
- $K_{LHC}(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}h)^{EHA} \sim 1.2$   
 (for  $\mu = M_t + \frac{M_h}{2}$ ,  $M_h \sim 120$  GeV)
- K factor defined using LO pdfs, 1-loop  $\alpha_s$  for  $\sigma_{LO}$ , NLO pdfs, 2-loop  $\alpha_s$  for  $\sigma_{NLO}$

## $t\bar{t}h$ at the Tevatron

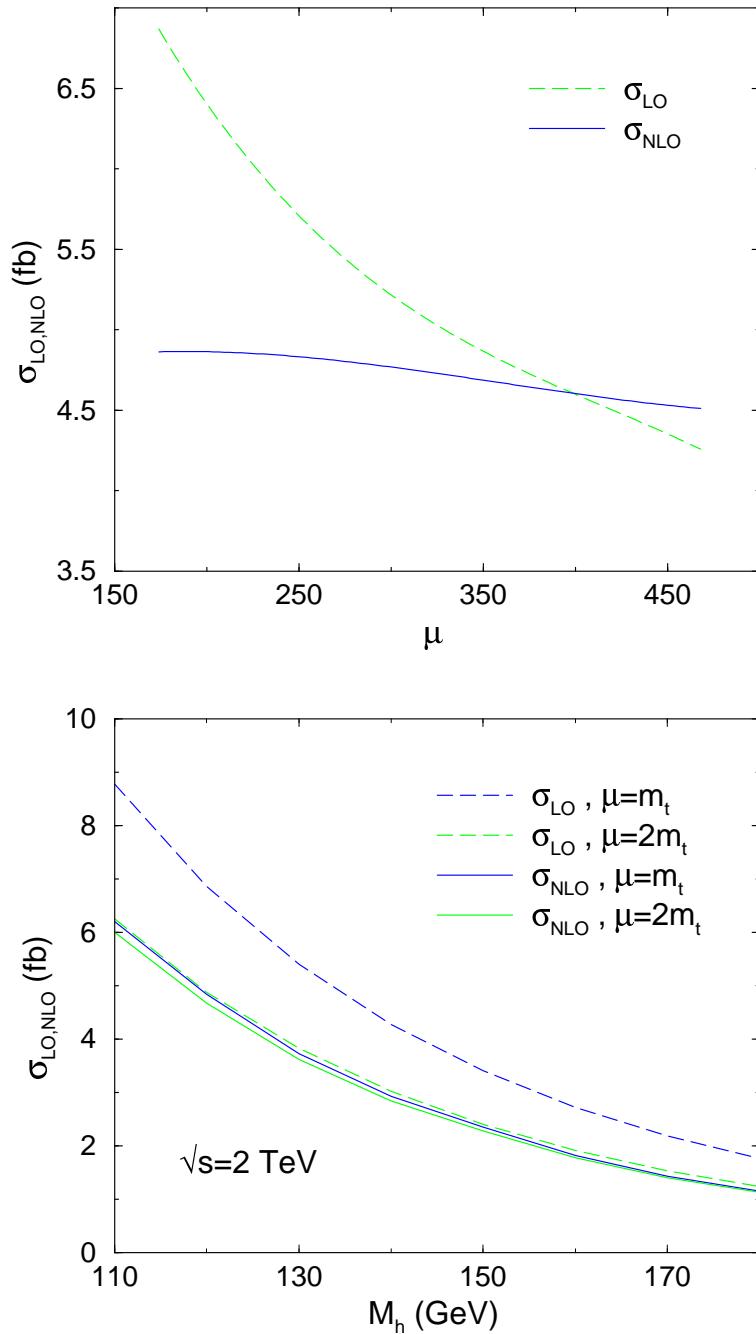
- $q\bar{q}$  initial state dominant contribution at the Tevatron
- $gg$  initial state dominates at LHC
- Note small rate!



- Signal, background different shapes at Tevatron
- Small rate: 4  $b$  tags,  $15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  gives 7 signal and 40 background  
 [J. Goldstein et.al., hep-ph/0006311]



- NLO result shows reduced scale dependence; smaller rate



[Reina and Dawson; Beenacker *etal*]

## More on NLO corrections to $p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t}h$

- Why is  $K_{TeV} < 1$ ?
- At Tevatron,  $t\bar{t}h$  produced close to threshold in color octet

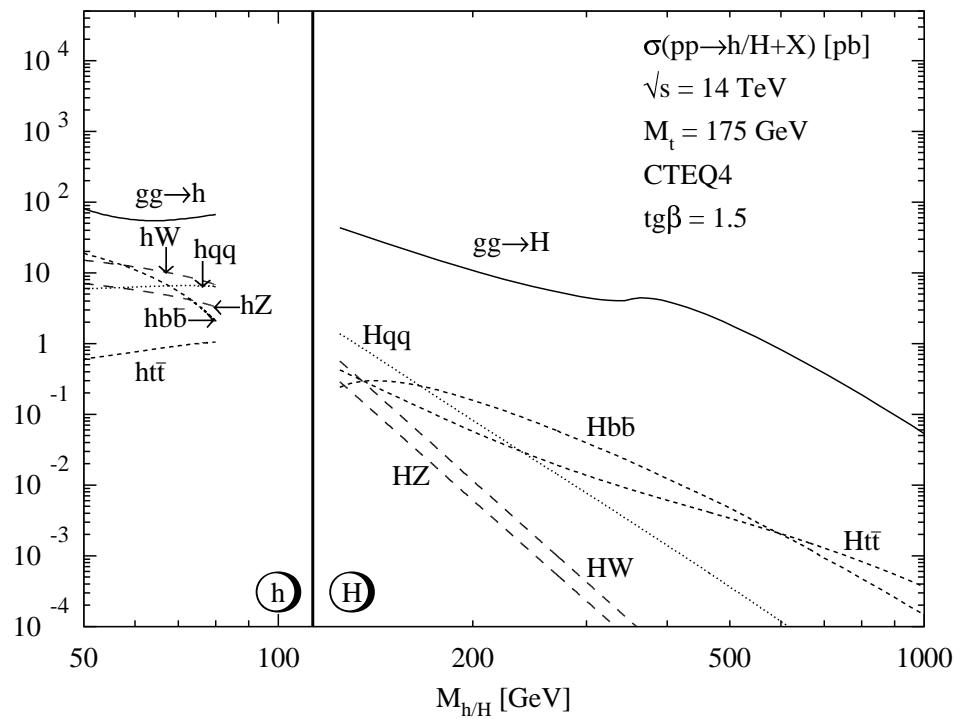
$$K_{threshold} \sim 1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{\beta}$$

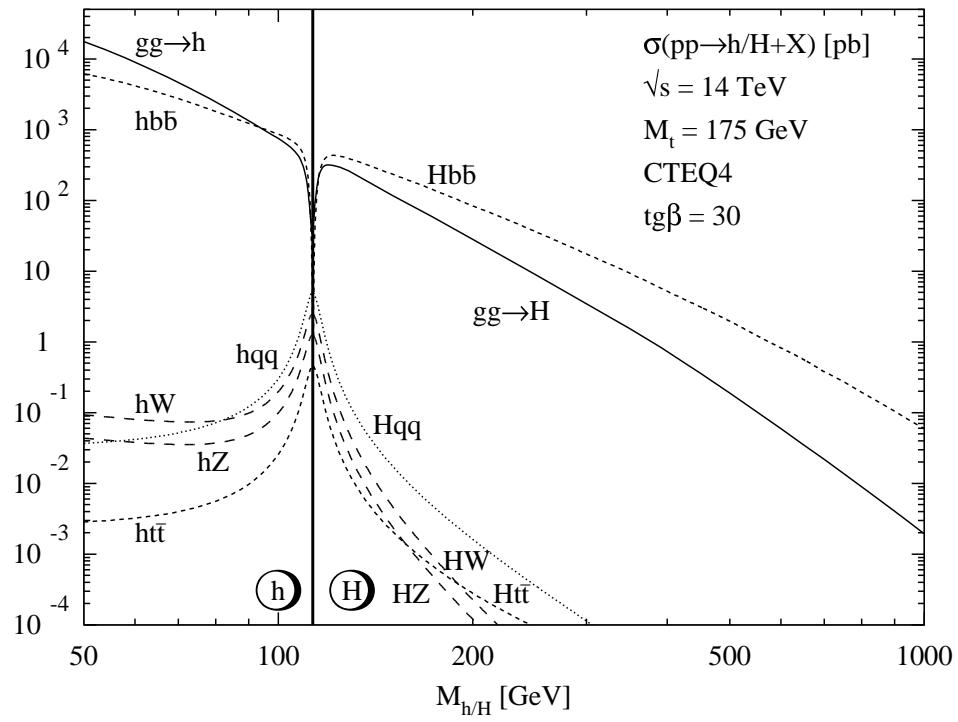
- At  $\sqrt{s} \gg M_t, M_H$ , EHA  $\longrightarrow$

$$K \sim K_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}} K_{t \rightarrow th} < 1$$

See talk this afternoon by Reina

# SUSY RATES:





[Spira, hep-ph/9711407]

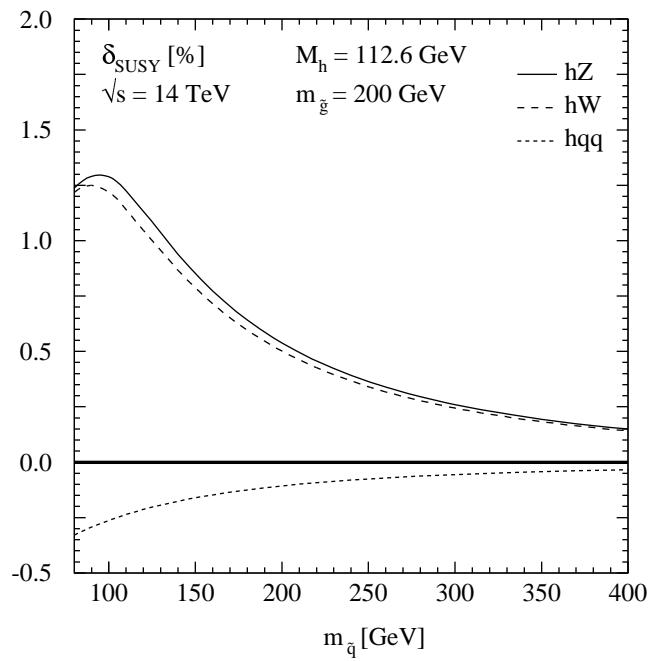
(NLO; except  $t\bar{t}h$ )

## What about SUSY loop Corrections?

- SUSY is decoupling theory  $\longrightarrow$  effects small for large SUSY masses
- Consider squark and gluino loops
- Effects  $\sim .5 - 2\%$  at Tevatron, LHC

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{NLO}}{\sigma_{LO}} \equiv K_{QCD} + \delta_{SUSY}$$

[Djouadi and Spira; hep-ph/9912476]



# Conclusions

## Action Items for Snowmass:

- Lots of QCD in Higgs physics!
- Understand uncertainties in predictions
- What can we learn from measurements?
- Starting to see need for NNLO calculations
- Need NNLO pdfs