

# Higgs Boson Self-Coupling Measurements Using Ratios of Cross Sections

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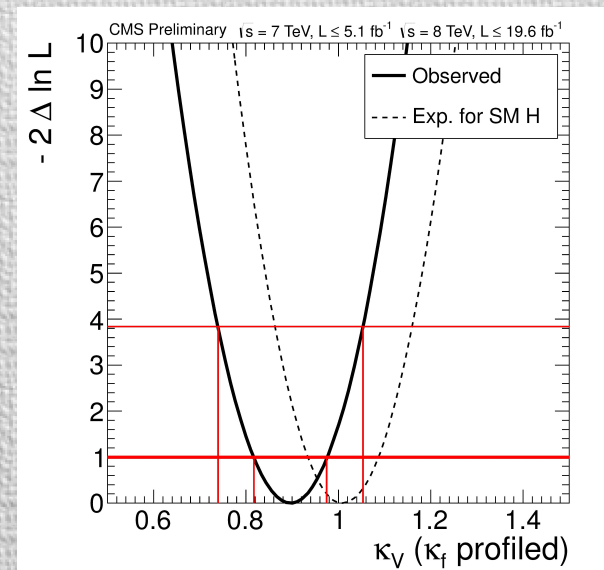
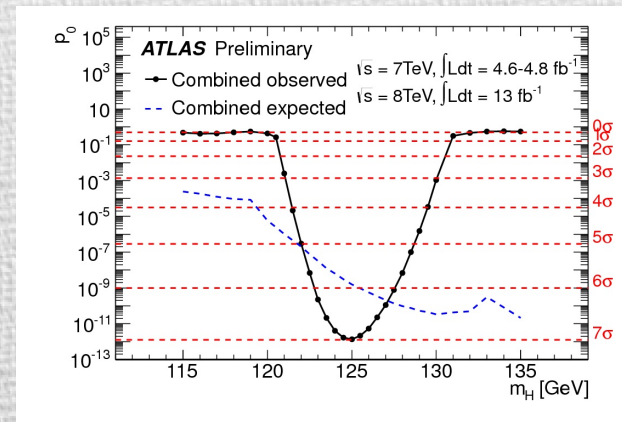
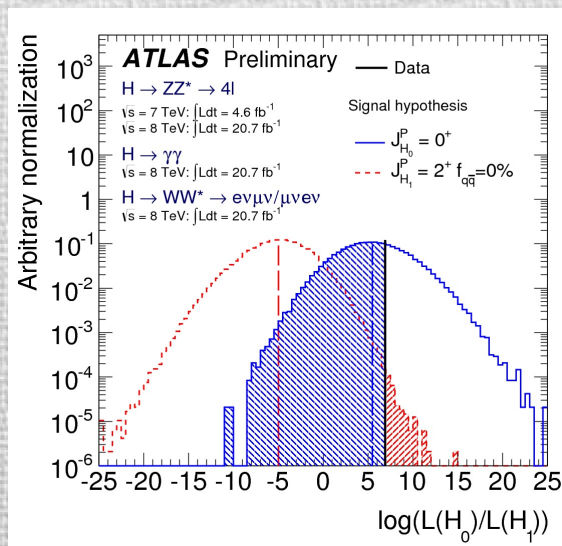
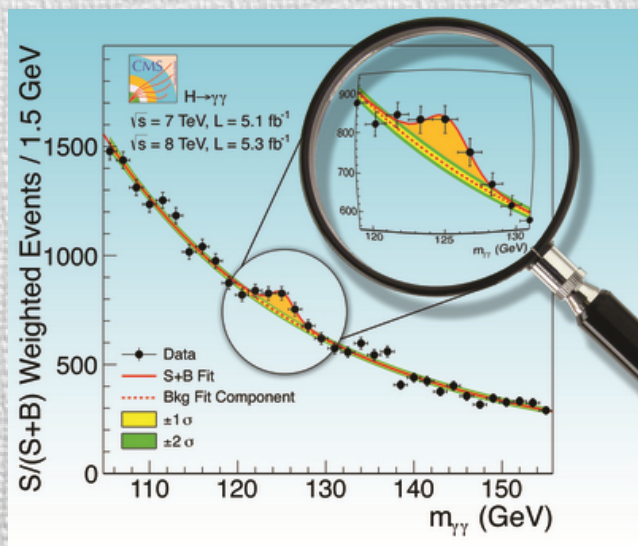
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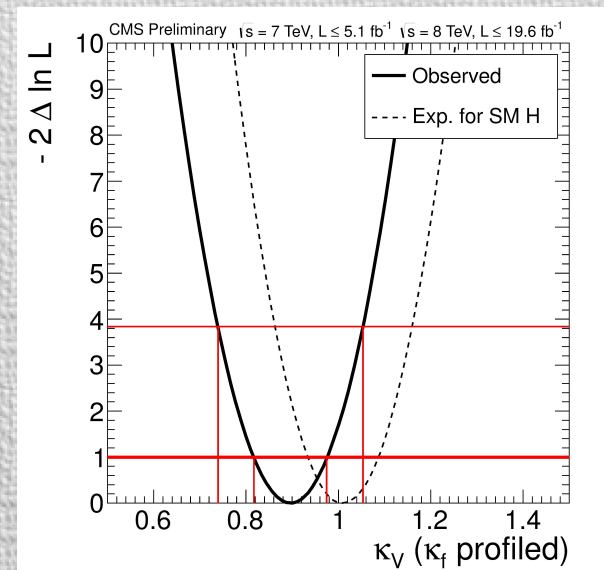
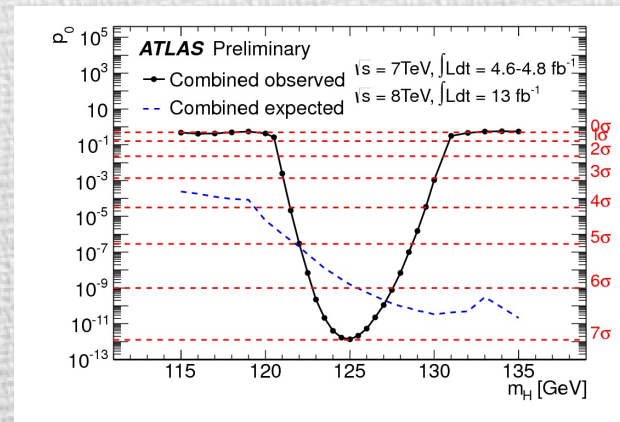
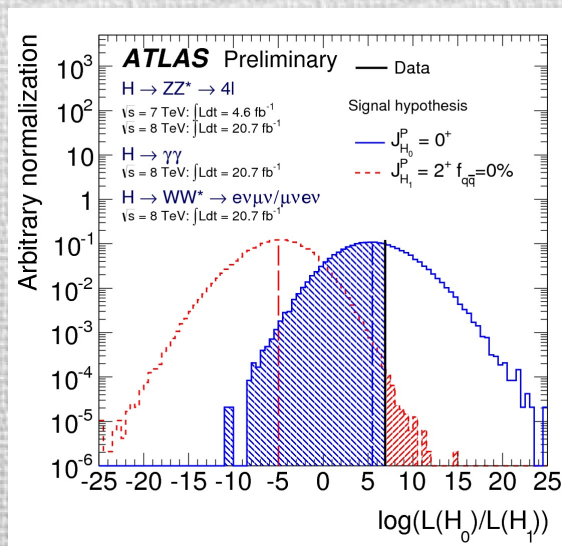
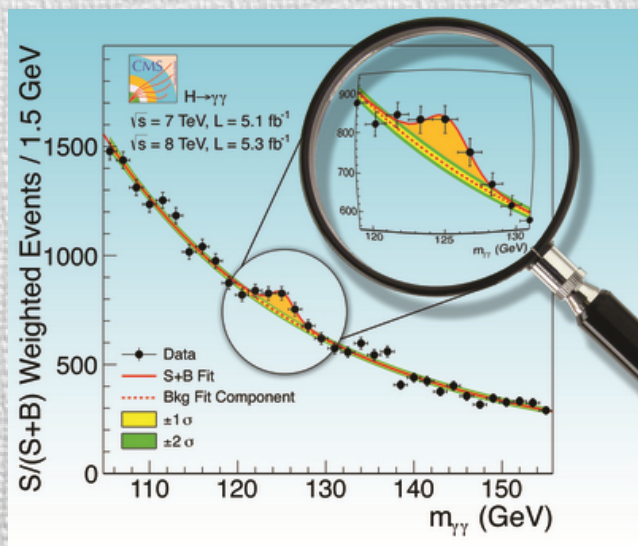
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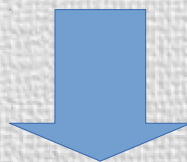
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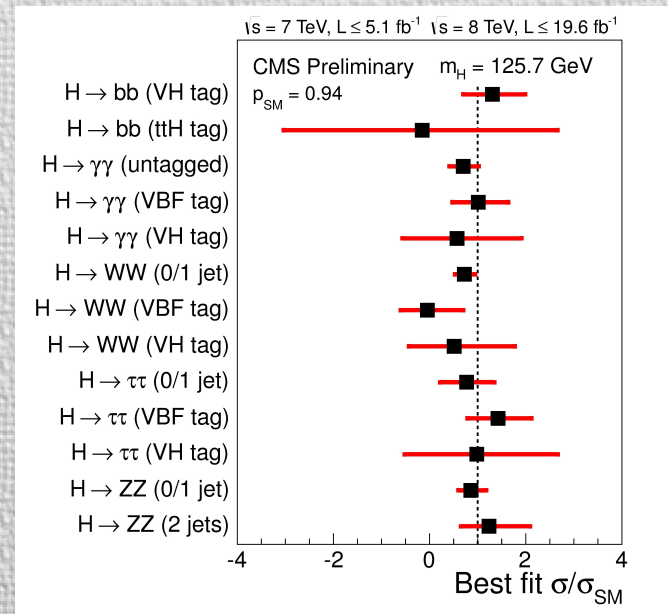
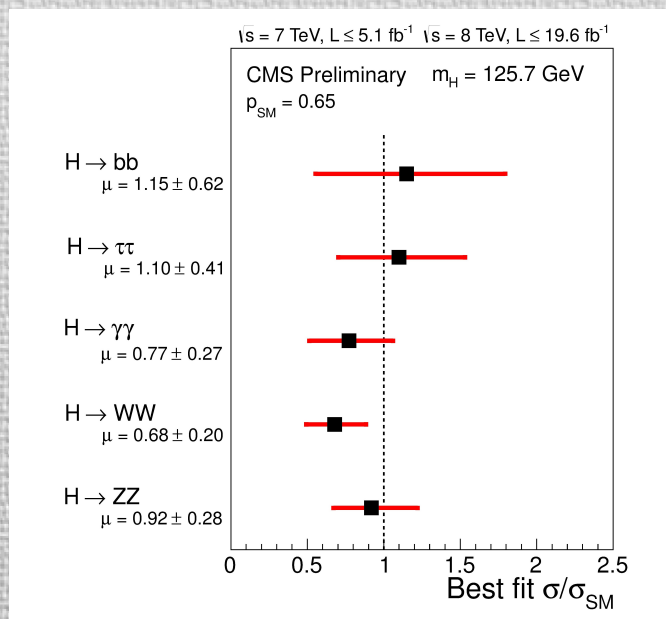
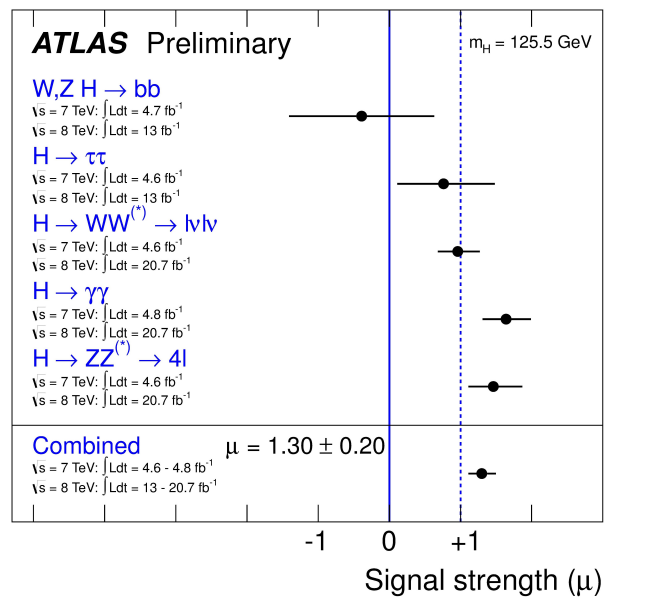
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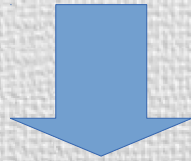


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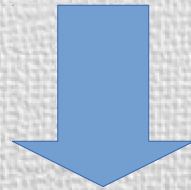
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Couplings to gauge bosons and fermions

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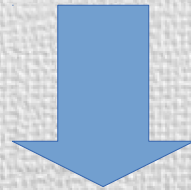


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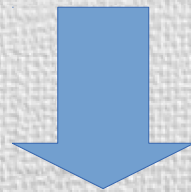
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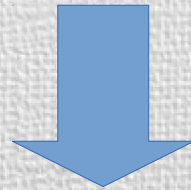
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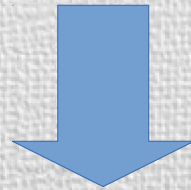
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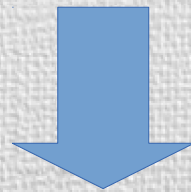
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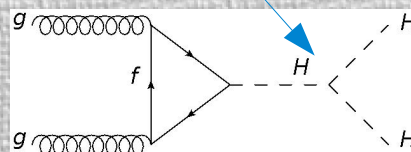


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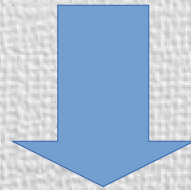
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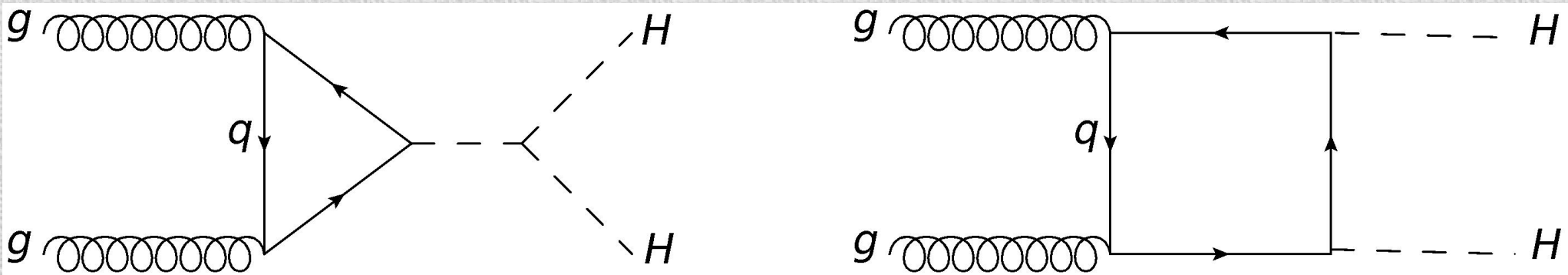
Triple Higgs production  
-Extremely challenging @ (V)LHC-  
0.06 fb @ LHC14  
9.45 fb @ VLHC (200 TeV)

Plehn, Rauch, hep-ph/0507321

# Higgs-Pair Production Analysis

# Higgs-Pair Production

- Most important production mechanism:  $gg \rightarrow HH$



Eboli, Marques, Novaes, Natale, PLB 197(1987)269; Glover, van der Bij, NPB 309(1988)282  
 Dawson, Dittmaier and M. Spira, PRD 58(1998)115012

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)_{\text{LO}} \sim 17 \text{ fb} \quad \begin{array}{l} 14\text{TeV LHC} \\ M_H \sim 125 \text{ GeV} \end{array}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)_{\text{NLO}} \sim 33 \text{ fb}$$

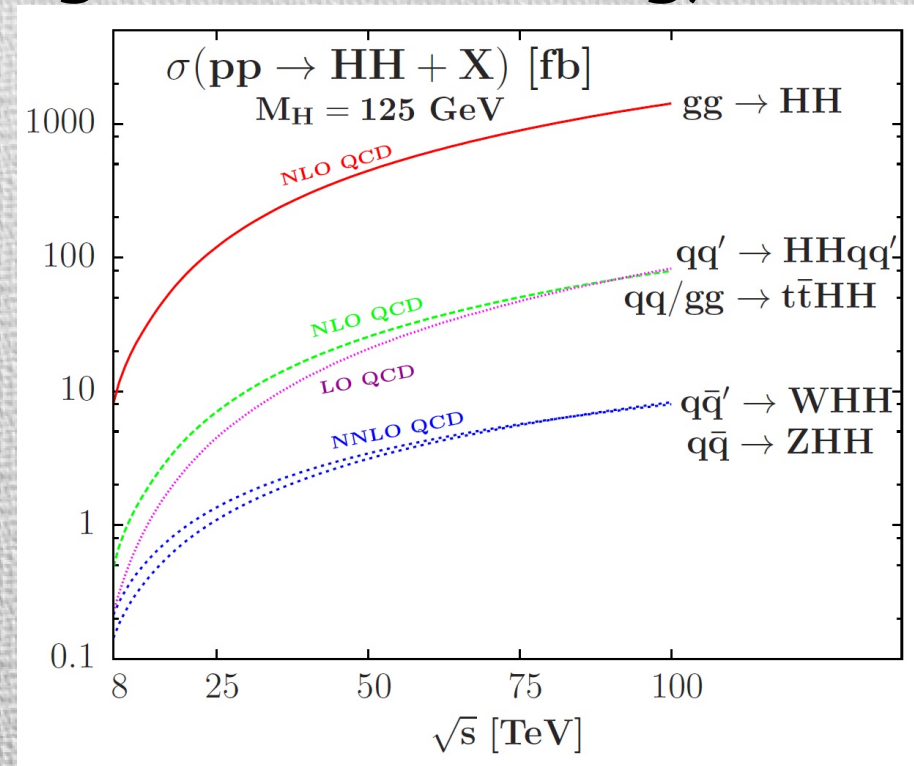
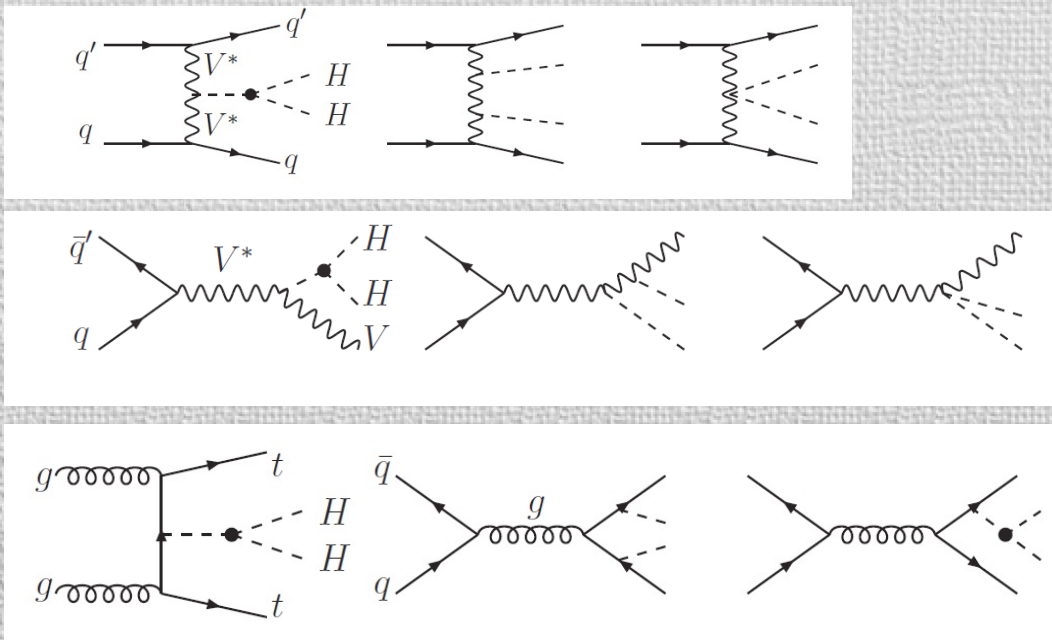
Theoretical error (mostly scale variation):  $\sim 20\%$  @NLO, large  $m_t$

recent  
 Grigo, Hoff, Melnikov,  
 Steinhauser, 1305.7340  
 [1/ $m_t^n$  corrections]



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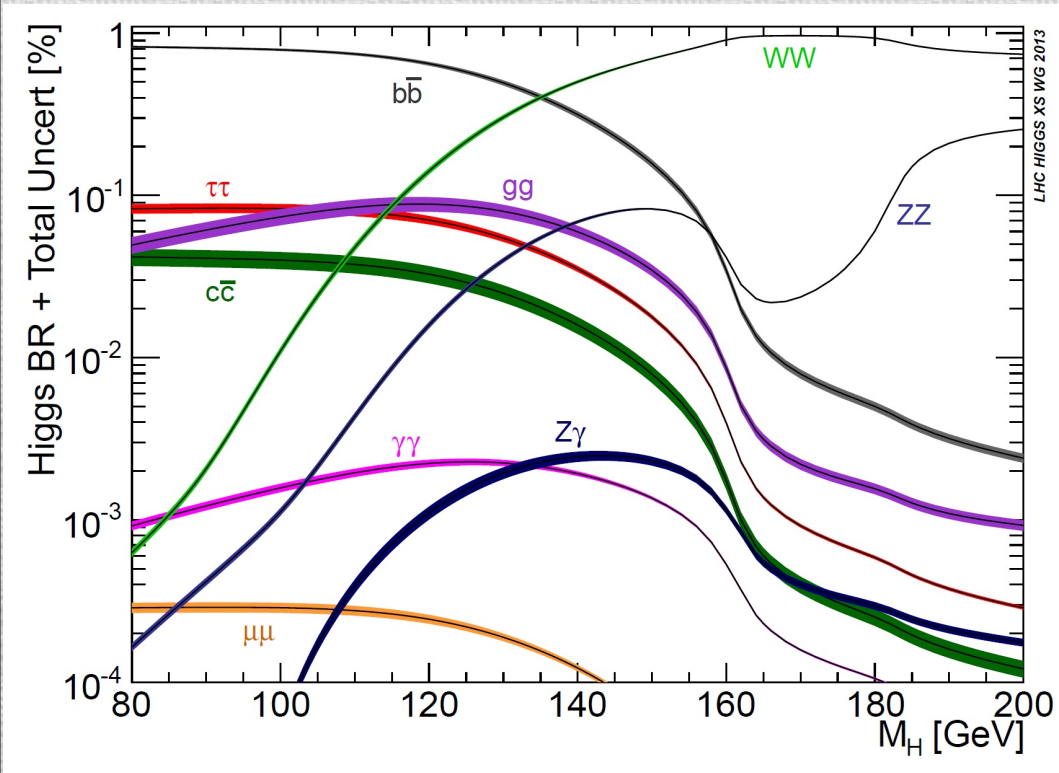
- Other production channels  $qq' \rightarrow HHqq', VHH, t\bar{t}HH$   
 $\sim 10\text{-}30$  times smaller (neglect in following)



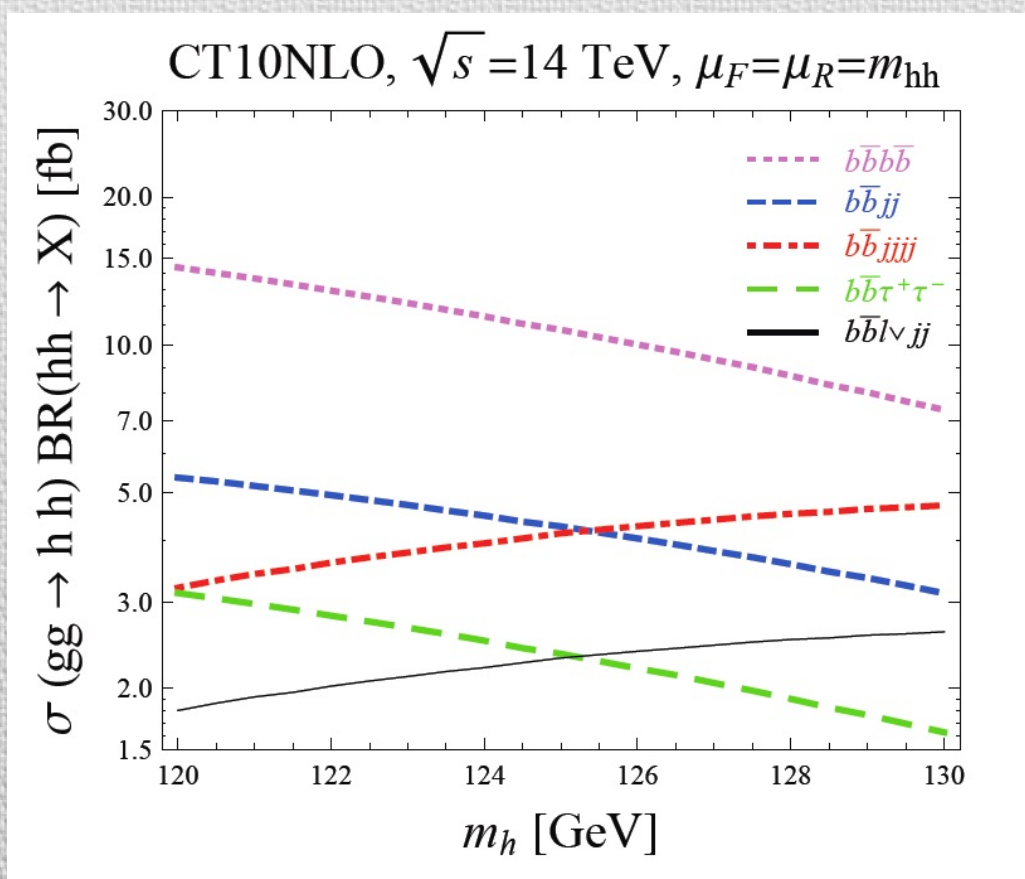
See [e.g.] Baglio, Djouadi, Grober, Muhlleitner, Quevillon, Spira, 1212.5581, and refs. therein

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Baur, Plehn, Rainwater, hep-ph/0310056



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Hadronic modes dominate

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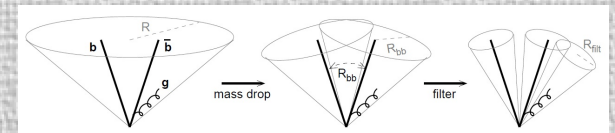
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- After 2008:  
 Boosted jet+substructure techniques  
 Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam, 0802.2470



$$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$$

Dolan, Englert, Spannowsky, 1206.5001

$$S/B=57/119 \rightarrow 4.85 \sigma$$

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$$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}W^+W^-$$

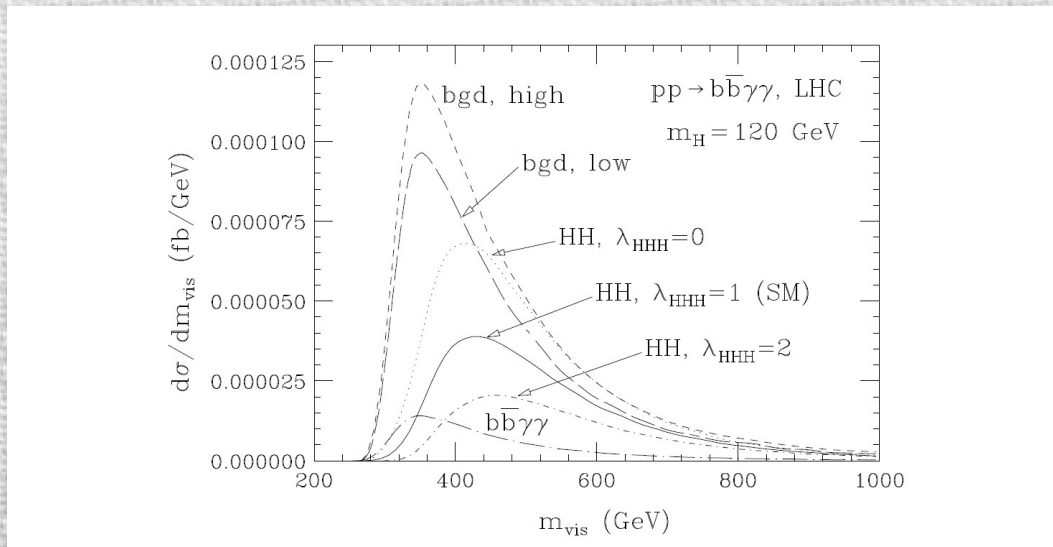
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$$S/B=12/8 \rightarrow 3.3 \sigma$$

Measuring  $\lambda$  using Ratios of Cross Sections

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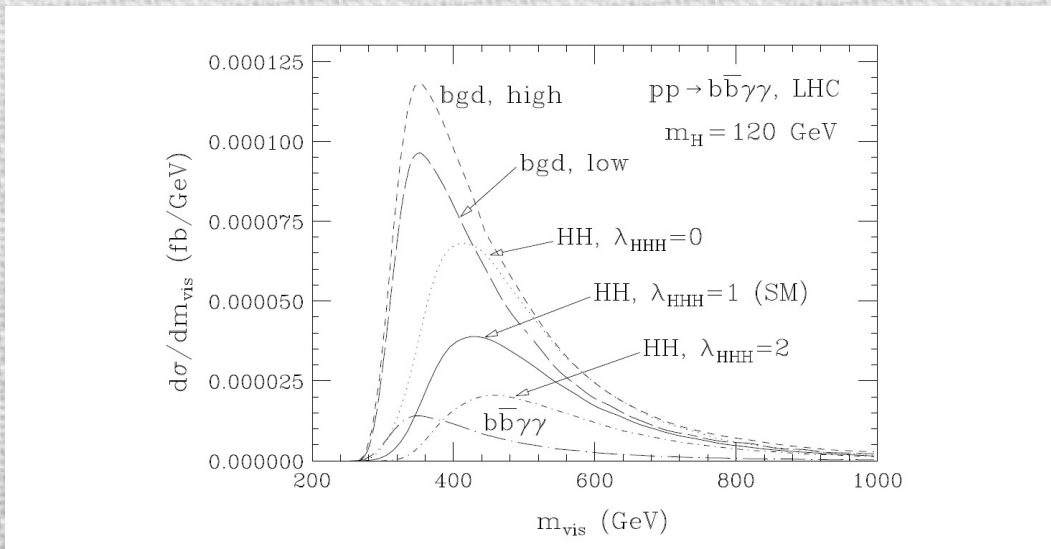
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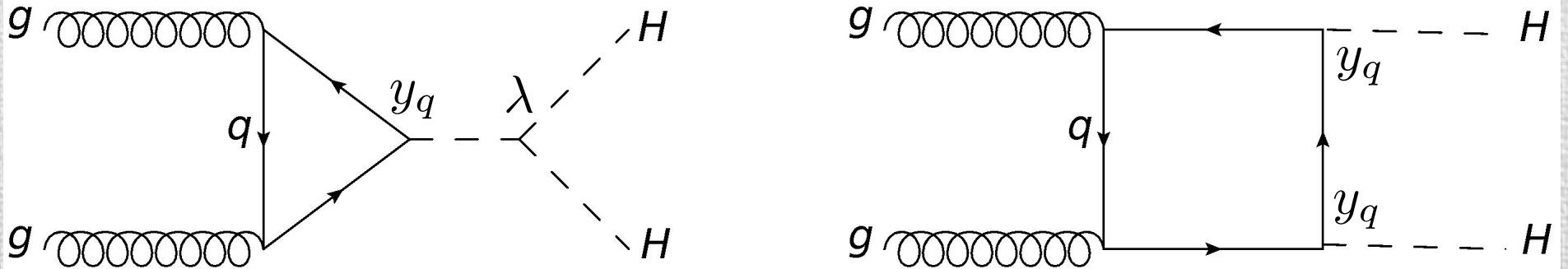
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# Higgs-Pair Production

- In the following derive expected constraints on  $\lambda$  for  $M_H \sim 125$  GeV, using the most promising channels at the 14TeV LHC @600fb<sup>-1</sup>, 3000fb<sup>-1</sup>
- Relatively low number of signal events (or difficult final states), control shapes of backgrounds/signal?  
 Use *total* cross section, try to reduce theoretical error
- Study dependence on  $y_t$

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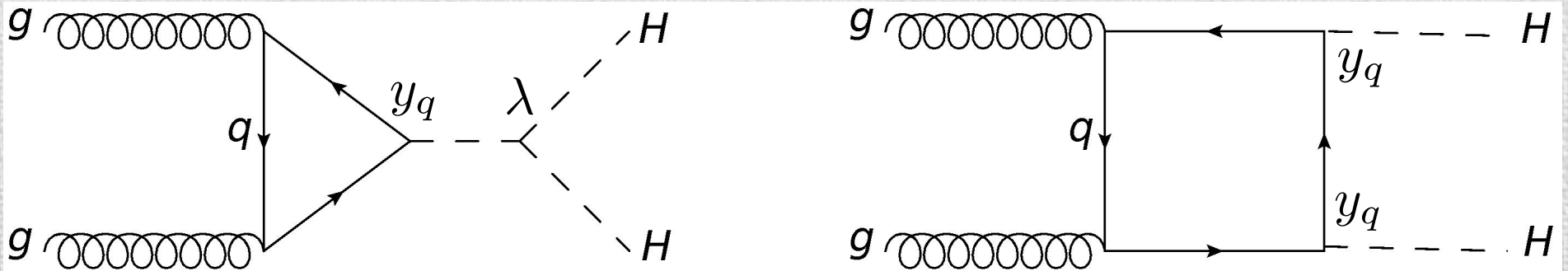


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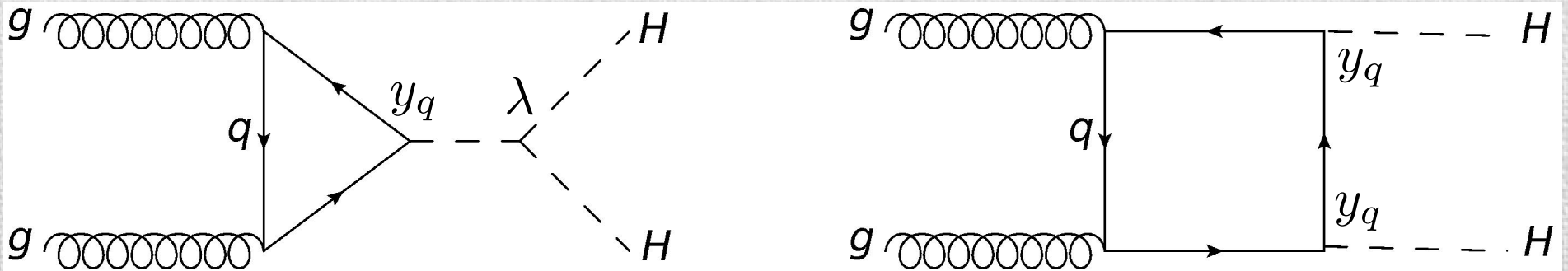
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off-shell Higgs!

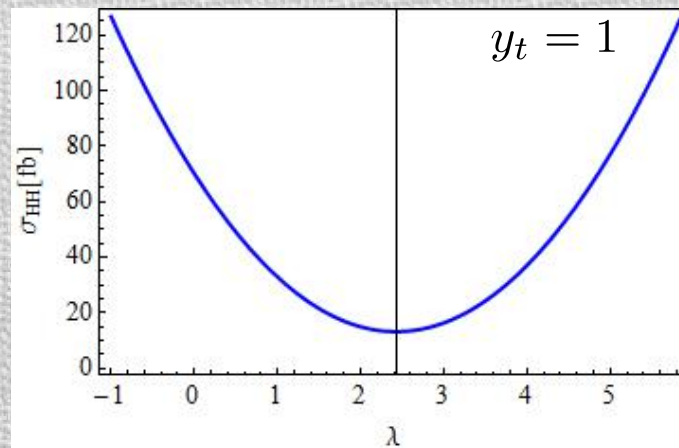
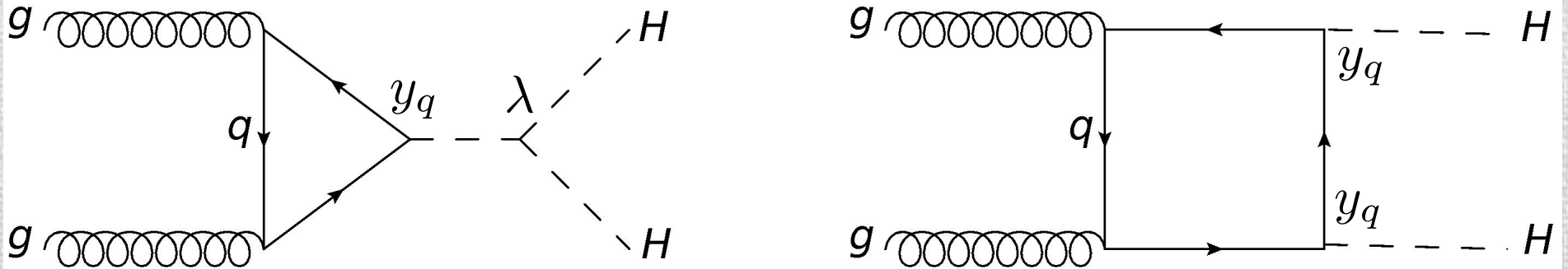
~0.2% effect (in SM)

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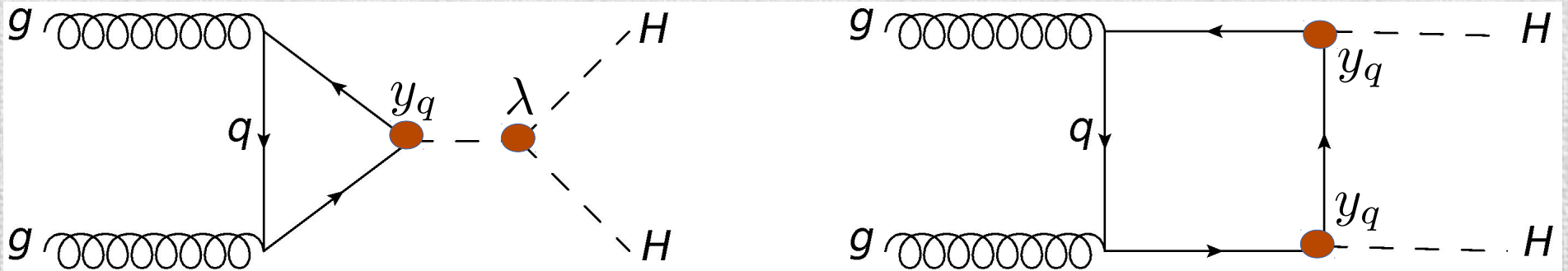


$$\lambda_{min} \approx 2.5 y_t$$

Symmetric about minimum  
Focus on  $\lambda \in (-1.0, \lambda_{min})$

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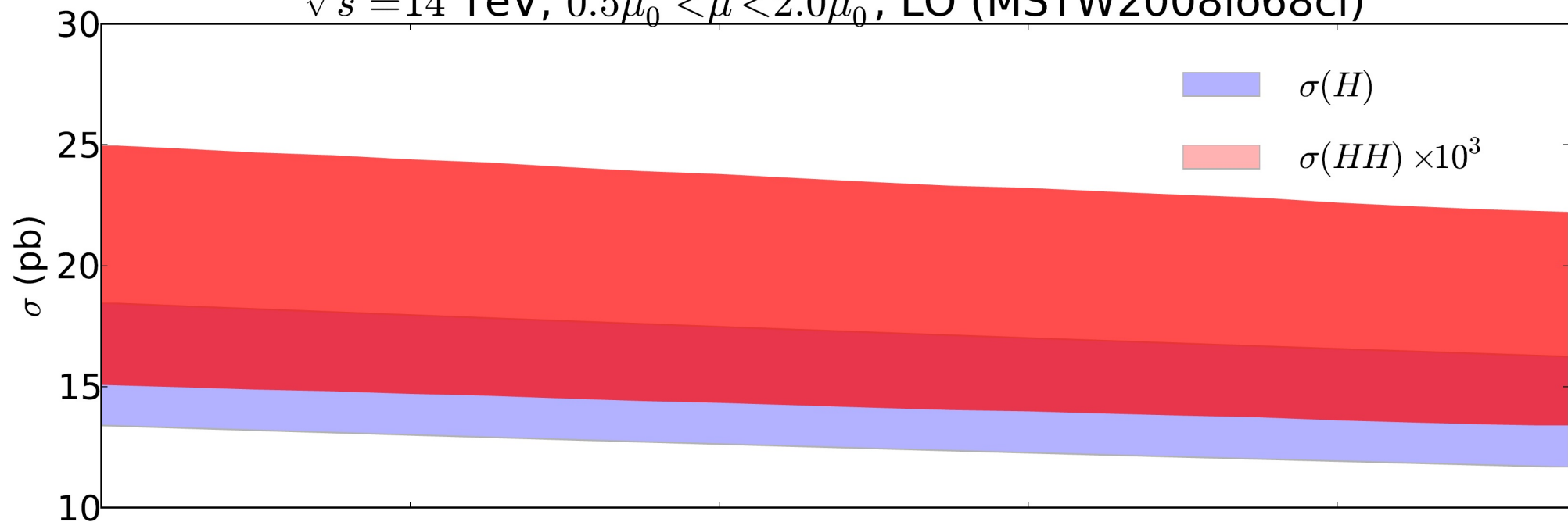


- Model dependence of analysis? Beyond consistency check of SM?
- Assume  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$  everywhere to leading approximation besides potentially in the ( $D \leq 4$ ) Higgs potential and the (SM-like) Yukawa couplings, where allow for  $\lambda \neq 1, y_t \neq 1$
- Realized e.g. in 2HDM, Higgs-Portal models in certain parts of parameter-space

# Theoretical Errors and Ratios

- Ratio of cross sections  $C_{HH} = \frac{\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{\sigma(gg \rightarrow H)} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{HH}}{\sigma_H}$  expected to be more accurately determined theoretically than double-Higgs cross section itself  
[A. Djouadi, 1208.3436](#)
- Both gluon-gluon initiated and expected to feature similar higher order QCD corrections (initial state gluon radiation)  
→ QCD uncertainties drop out to some extent
- Check in following

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 0.5\mu_0 < \mu < 2.0\mu_0, \text{ LO (MSTW2008lo68cl)}$



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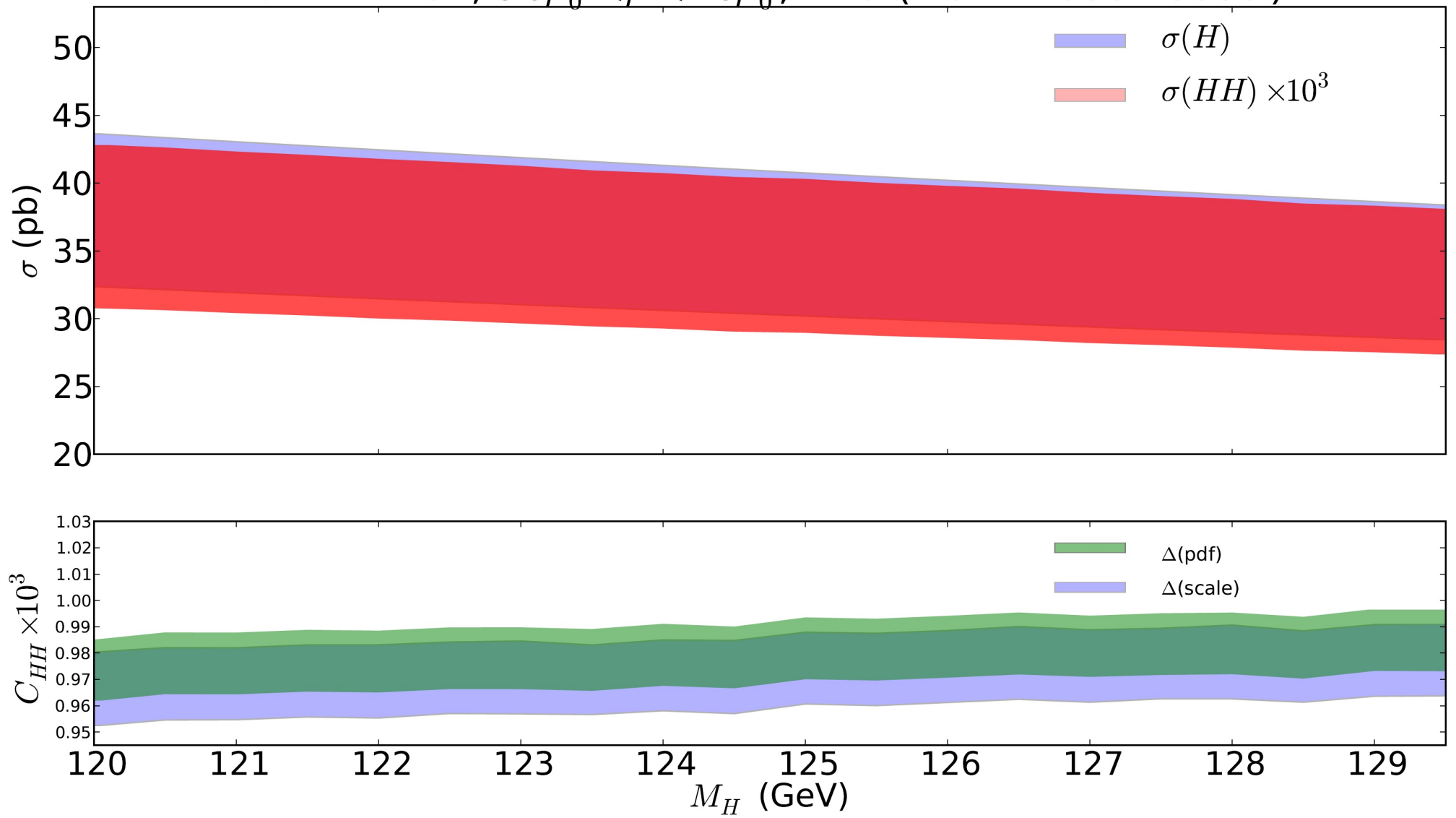
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$$\Delta_{\sigma^{\text{LO}}} = \pm(20 - 25)\% \rightarrow \Delta_{C_{HH}^{\text{LO}}} \simeq \pm 9\%$$

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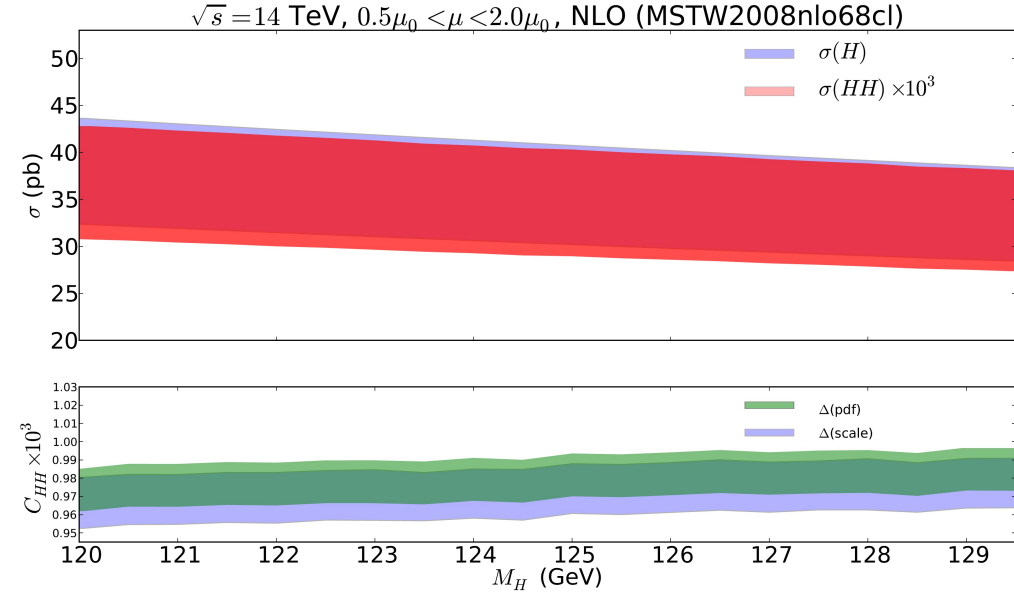
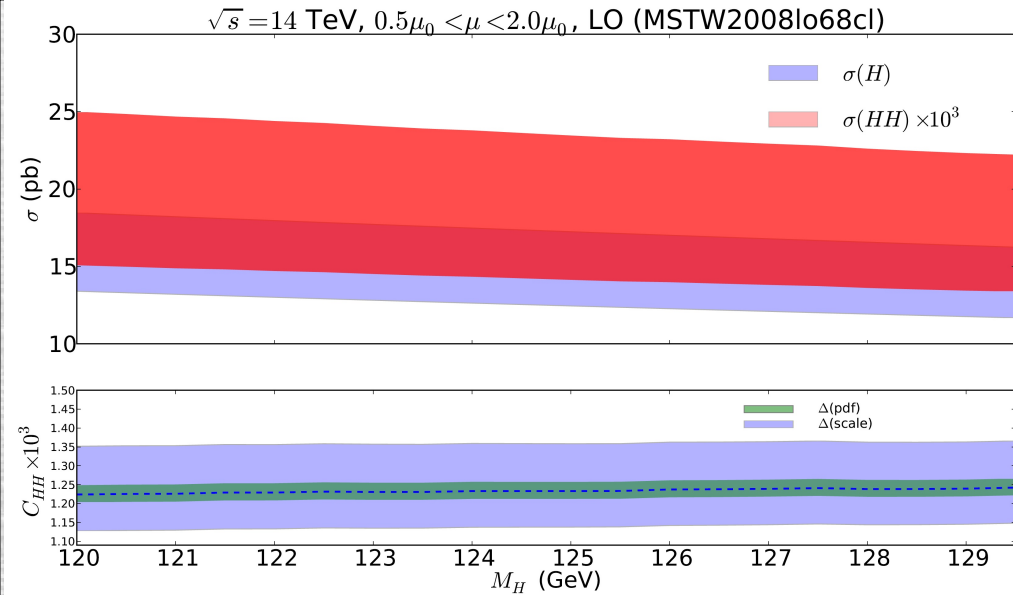
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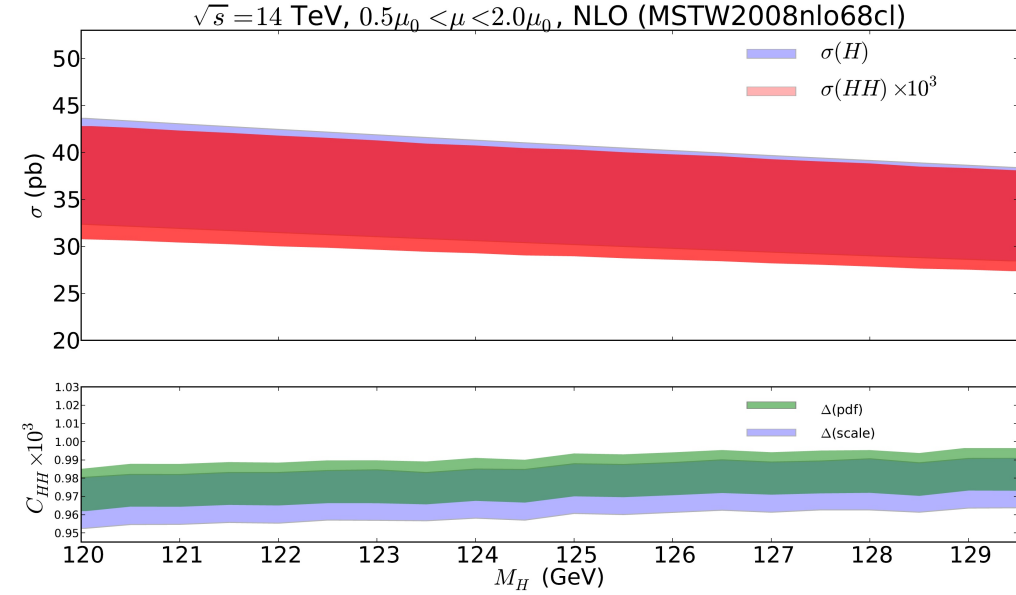
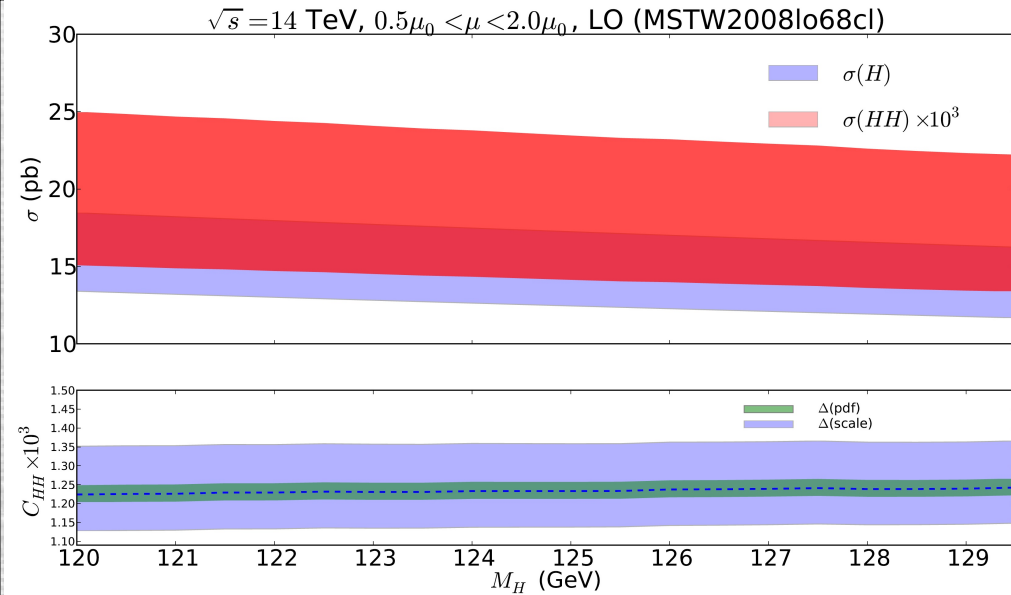
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$$\Delta_{\sigma^{\text{NLO}}}^{\text{scale}} \simeq \pm 17\% \rightarrow \Delta_{C_{HH}^{\text{NLO}}}^{\text{scale}} \simeq \pm 1.5\%$$



- Verification that uncertainty due to the QCD corrections (partially) cancels: K-factors in the individual cross sections are large, but also very similar  $\sim 2$ 
    - ➡ Central value of the ratio only decreases by small amount from LO ( $\sim 1.25$ ) to NLO ( $\sim 1.0$ )
  - Indication that higher order corrections (NNLO) are likely to change ratio by an even smaller fraction, whereas single Higgs production cross section has K-factor of  $\sim 1.5$  when compared to NLO
- LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group, 1101.0593
- Supports reduced size of theoretical error found in scale variation





- Combining scale variation and pdf errors in quadrature

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_{C_{HH}^{\text{NLO}}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\pm 3\%)$$

See also recent

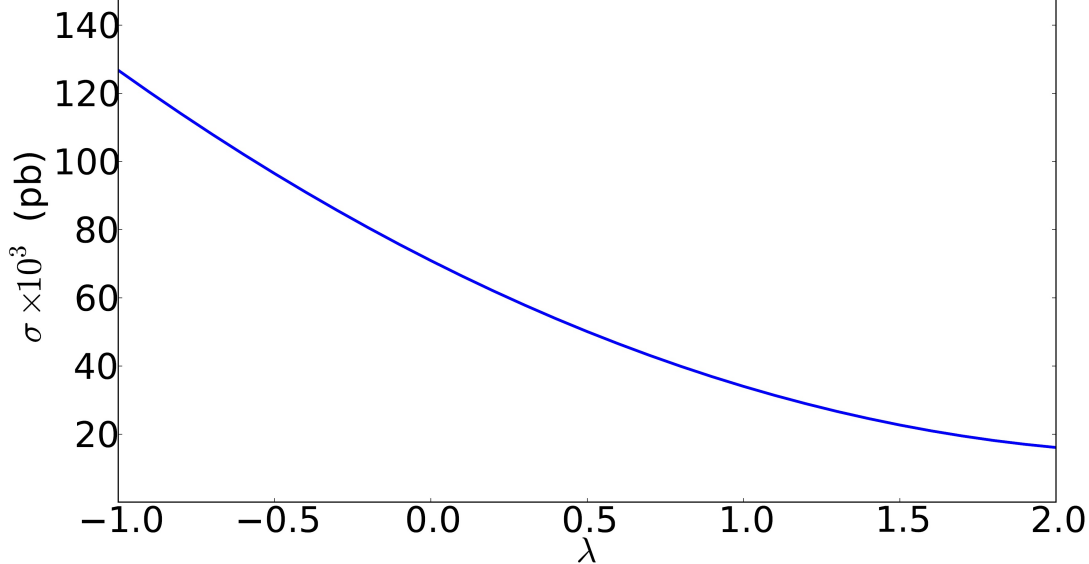
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- To be compared with  $\Delta_{\sigma_{HH}^{\text{NLO}}} \simeq \pm 17\%$
- Conservative assumption for the following:

$$\Delta_{C_{HH}^{\text{NLO}}} = \pm 5\%, \quad \Delta_{\sigma_{HH}^{\text{NLO}}} = \pm 20\%$$

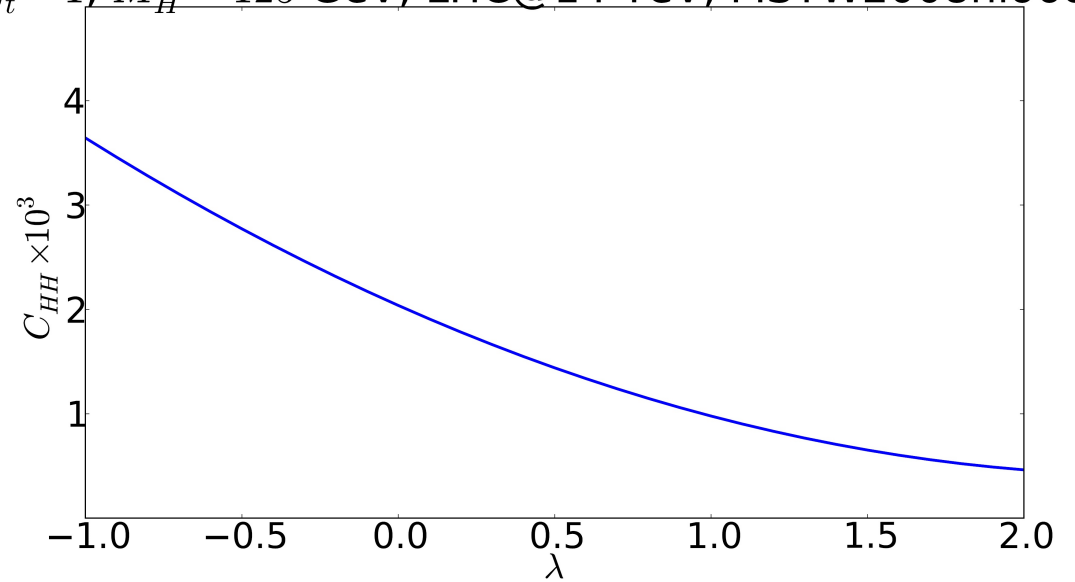
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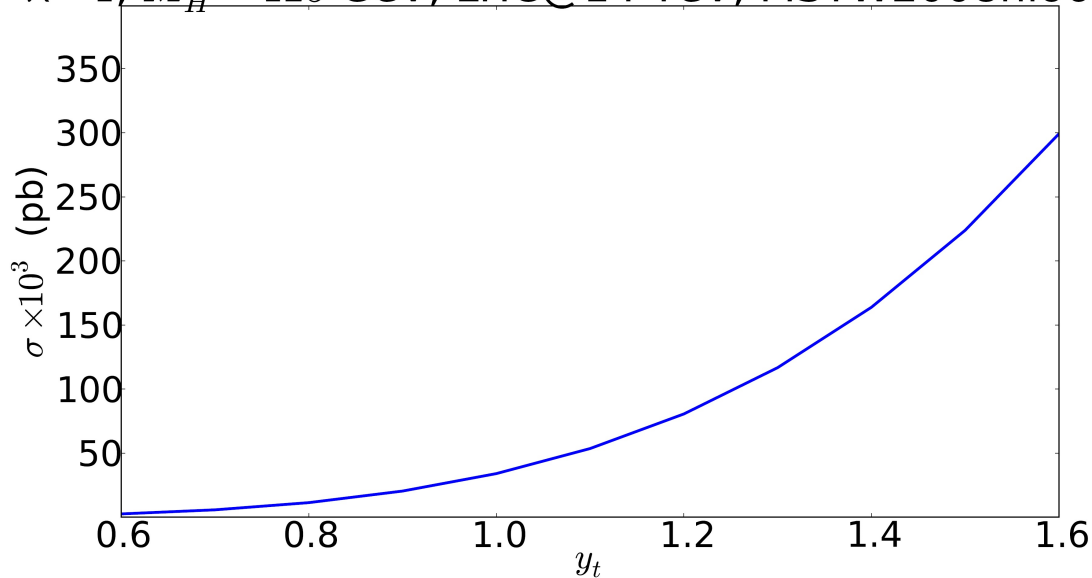
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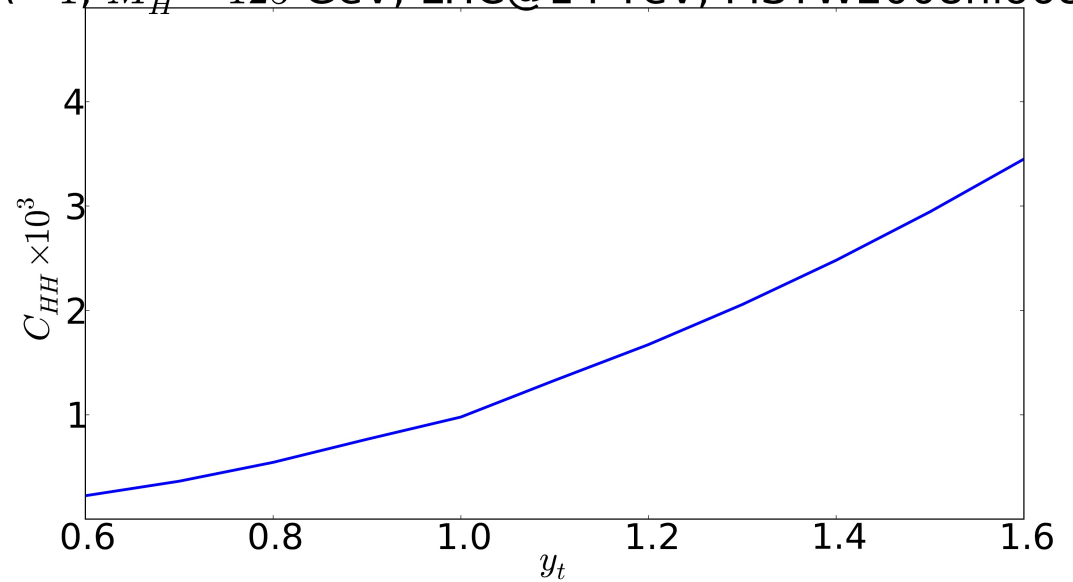
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- Strong variation with top yukawa
- ... which is only expected to be known up to 15% at LHC after  $300\text{fb}^{-1}$  @14 TeV [Peskin, 1207.2516](#)

$y_t \rightarrow -y_t$  via  $\lambda \rightarrow -\lambda$

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# Expected Constraints on Trilinear Self Coupling

# Constraining the Self-Coupling

- Use theoretically more stable ratio of cross sections  $C_{HH}$  to derive expected constraints on  $\lambda$
- Further benefit when using  $C_{HH}$ :  
Experimental uncertainties can also be reduced, e.g. some systematic uncertainties are expected to cancel (Luminosity uncertainty)

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Add 5% theoretical error in quadrature

Actually better to access than error on BR alone, which enters the cross section itself

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$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$   $b\bar{b}W^+W^-$   $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

analyses via  $\Delta S = \sqrt{N + B}$   
after bringing channels to  
equal footing

$$\Delta\sigma_H^{b\bar{b}} \sim \pm 20\%$$

$$\Delta\text{BR}(\tau^+\tau^-) \sim \pm 12\%$$

$$\Delta\text{BR}(W^+W^-) \sim \pm 12\%$$

$$\Delta\text{BR}(\gamma\gamma) \sim \pm 16\%$$

„European Strategy for Particle Physics”  
<https://indico.cern.ch/contributionDisplay.py?contribId=144&confId=175067>, 2012

Assume no improvement beyond 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>

SM:

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$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	50/104	0.400	0.279
$b\bar{b}W^+W^-$	11.2/7.4	0.513	0.314
$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	6/12.5	0.964	0.490



# Deriving Constraints

- We now want to use  $C_{HH}$  to constrain the parameters  $\{p_i\}$  of a model
- Expected exclusion in parameter-space depends on true parameters of the model

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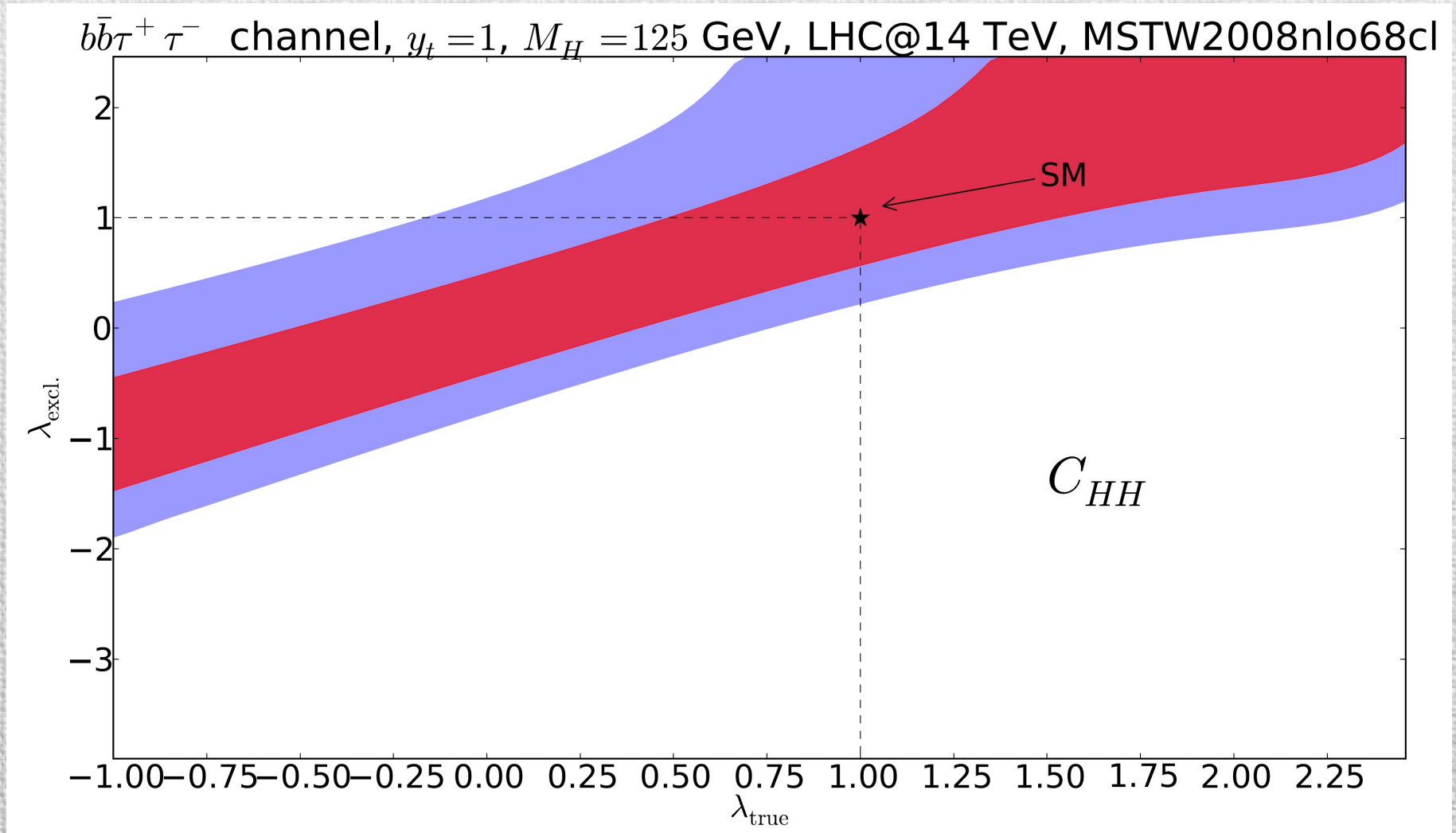
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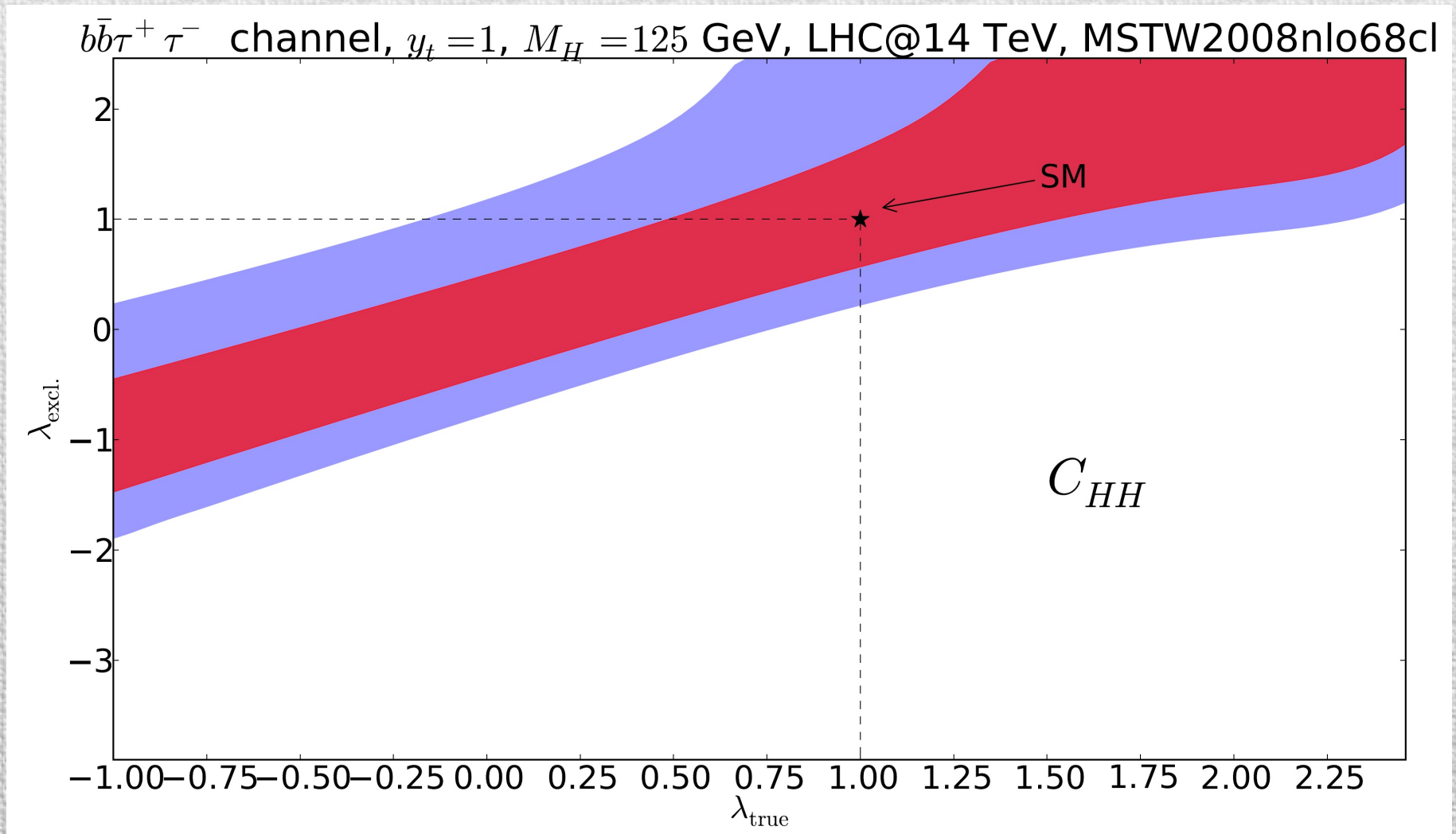
- In the following: simplified framework  $\{p_i\} = \{\lambda, y_t\}$
- Start with assuming  $y_t = y_{t,\text{true}} = 1$
- Draw curves of  $\lambda$  that lead to a theoretically predicted cross section of one or two standard deviations away from the true cross section, derived with the underlying true  $\lambda_{\text{true}}$
- In the following focus on  $\lambda \in (-1.0, \lambda_{\text{min}} \sim 2.5)$

# Deriving Constraints



Expect to exclude values outside regions at  $1\sigma$  ( $2\sigma$ )

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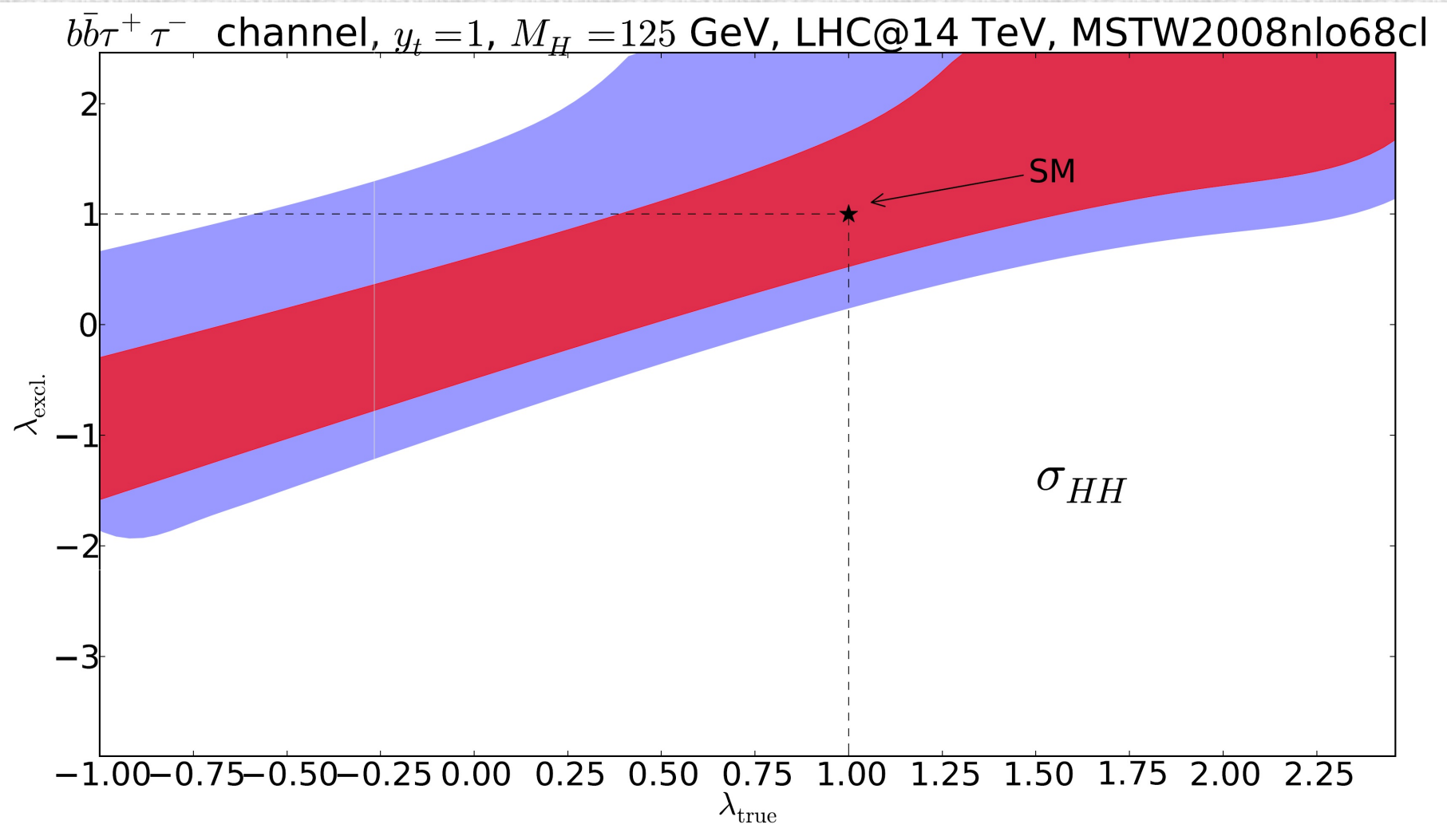


e.g.  $\lambda_{\text{true}} = 1 \Rightarrow$  expect to constrain  $\lambda \in (0.57, 1.64)$  @ 68%CL ( $600 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )

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Measuring  $\lambda$  using Ratios of Cross Sections

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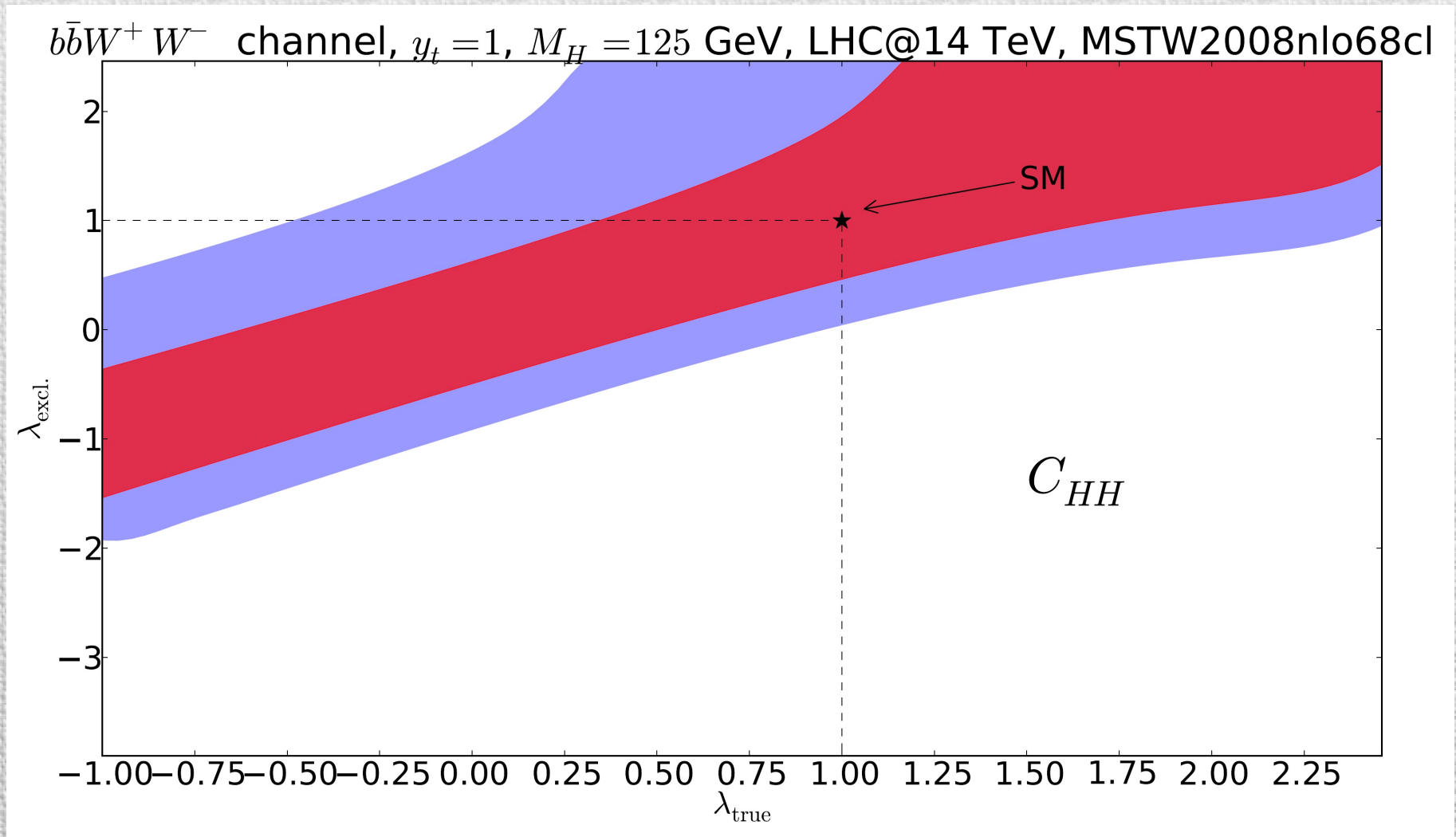
cross section itself:  
20 % theoretical Error

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*Expect additional errors - not present in  $C_{HH}$*

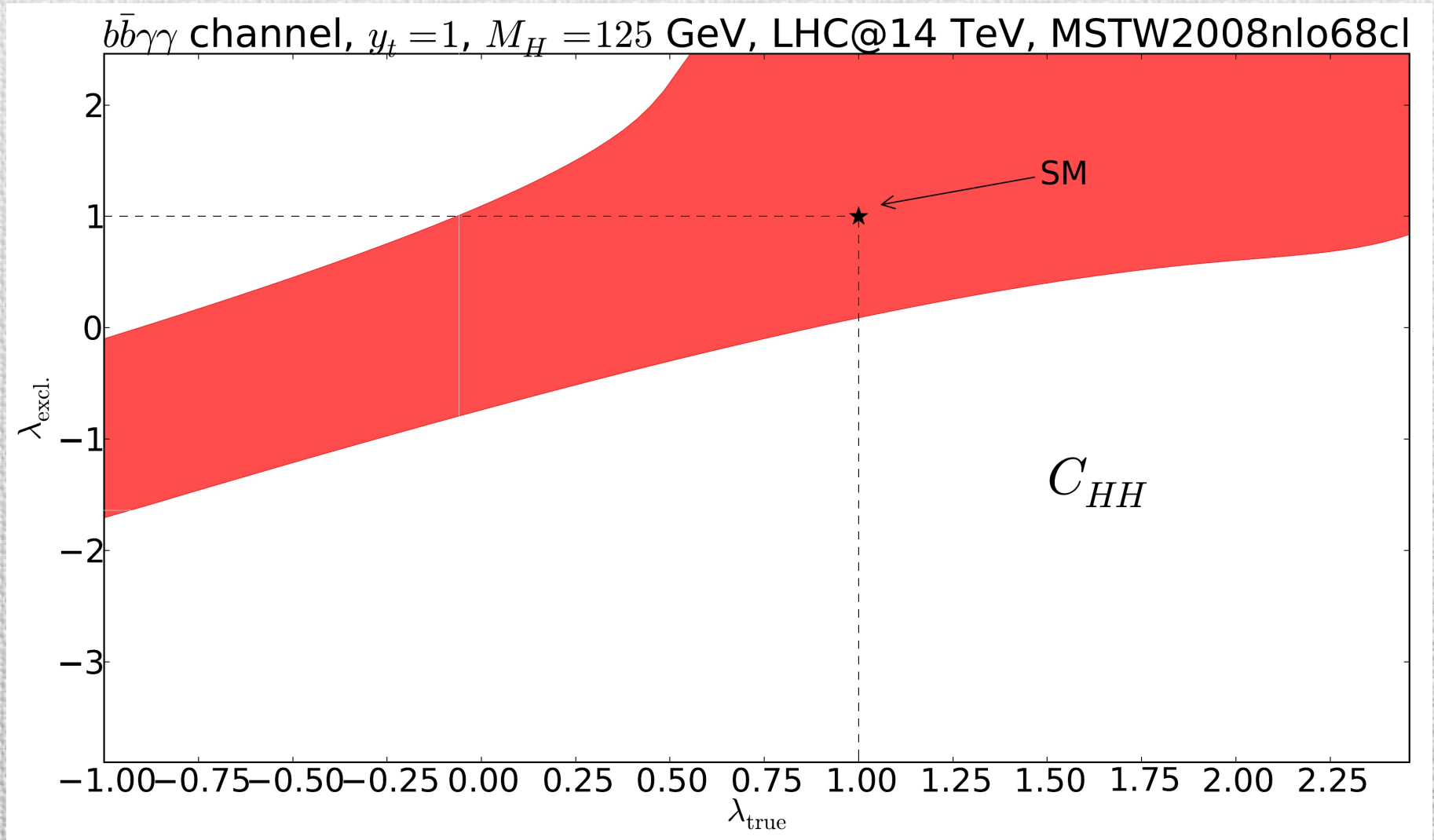
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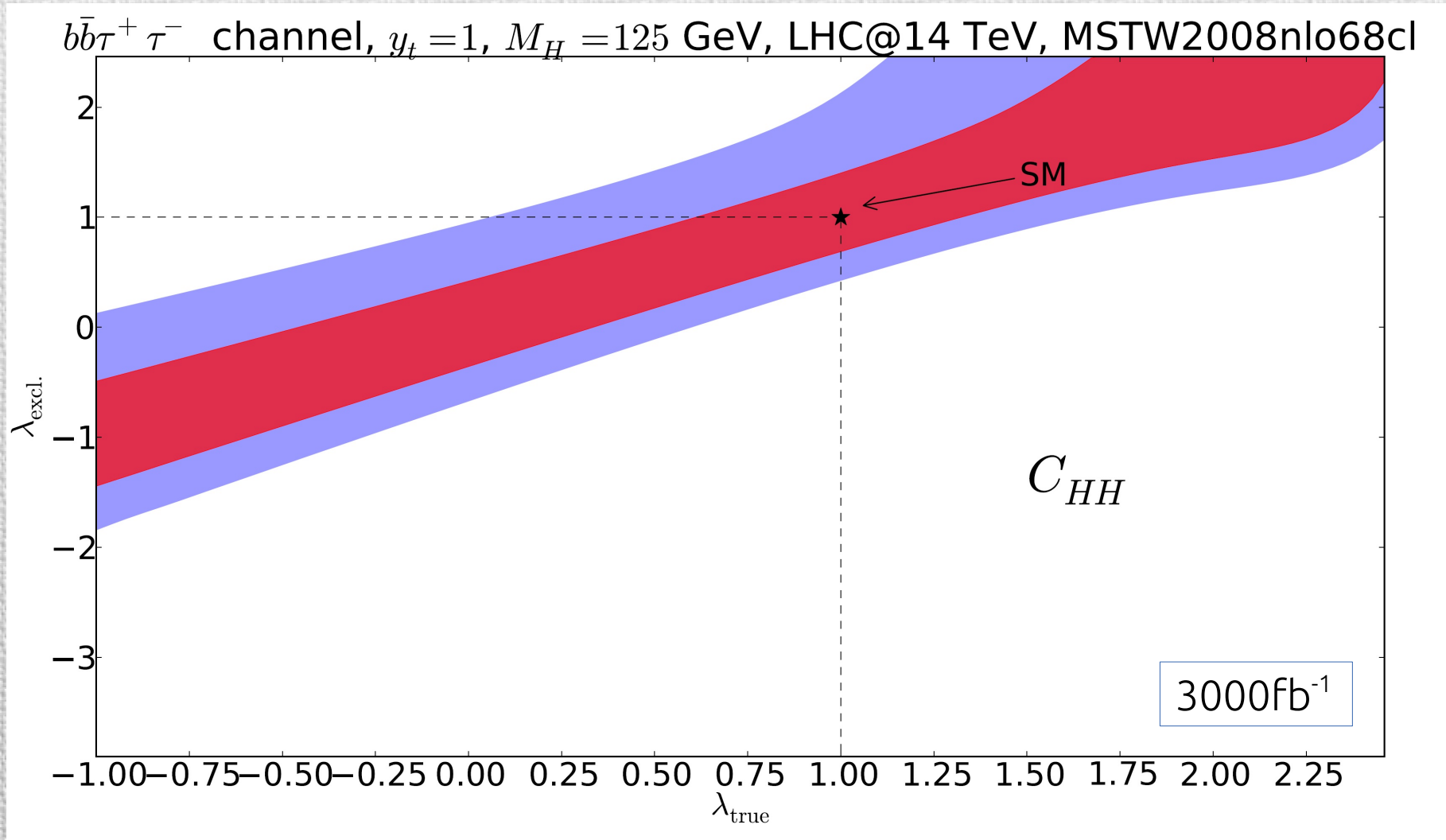




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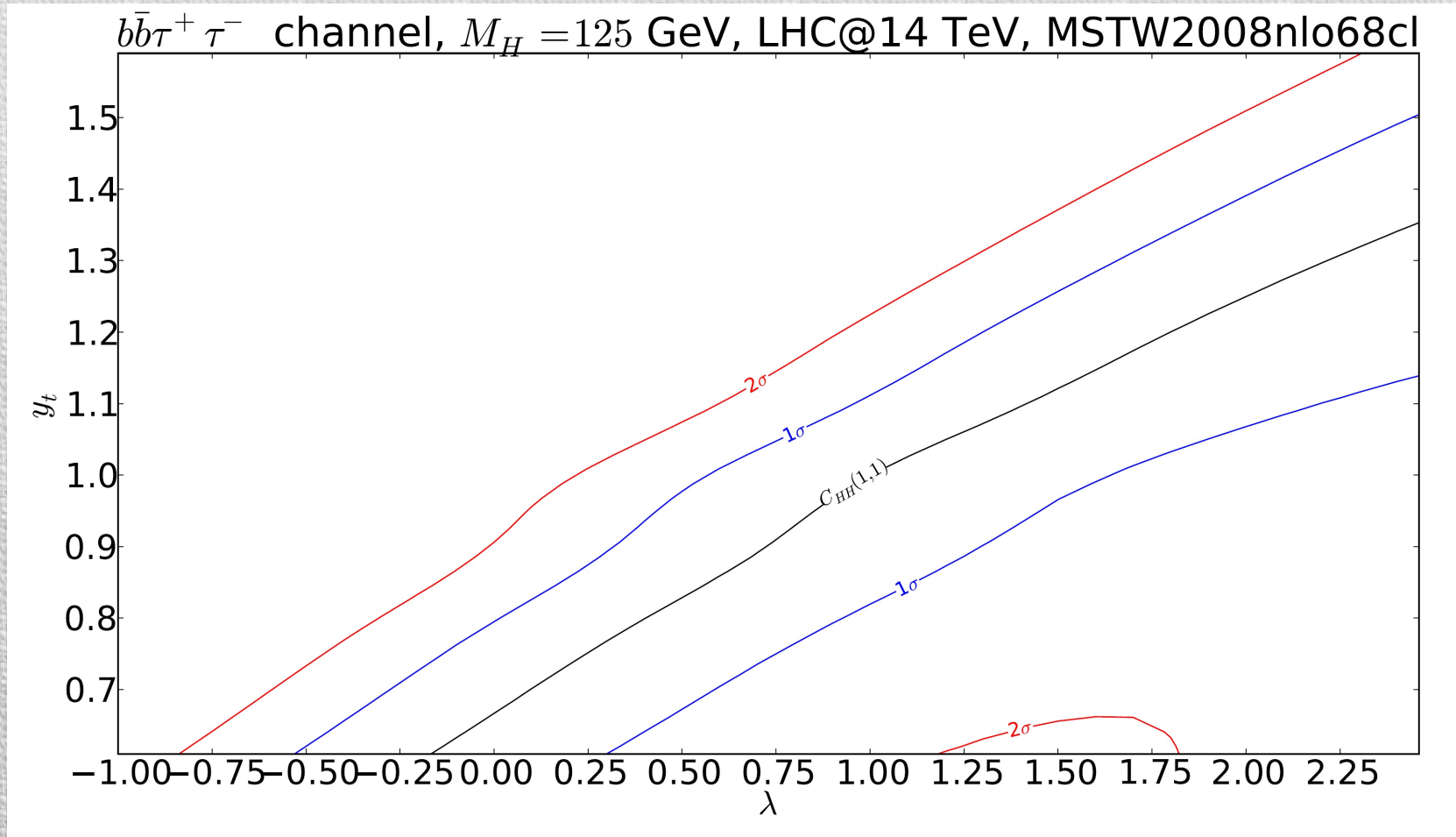
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- Compare to ILC [ILC-TDR \(2012, to be published\)](#)  
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 $\sqrt{s} = 1000 \text{ GeV}, \mathcal{L} = 1000 \text{ fb}^{-1} \sim 25\%$

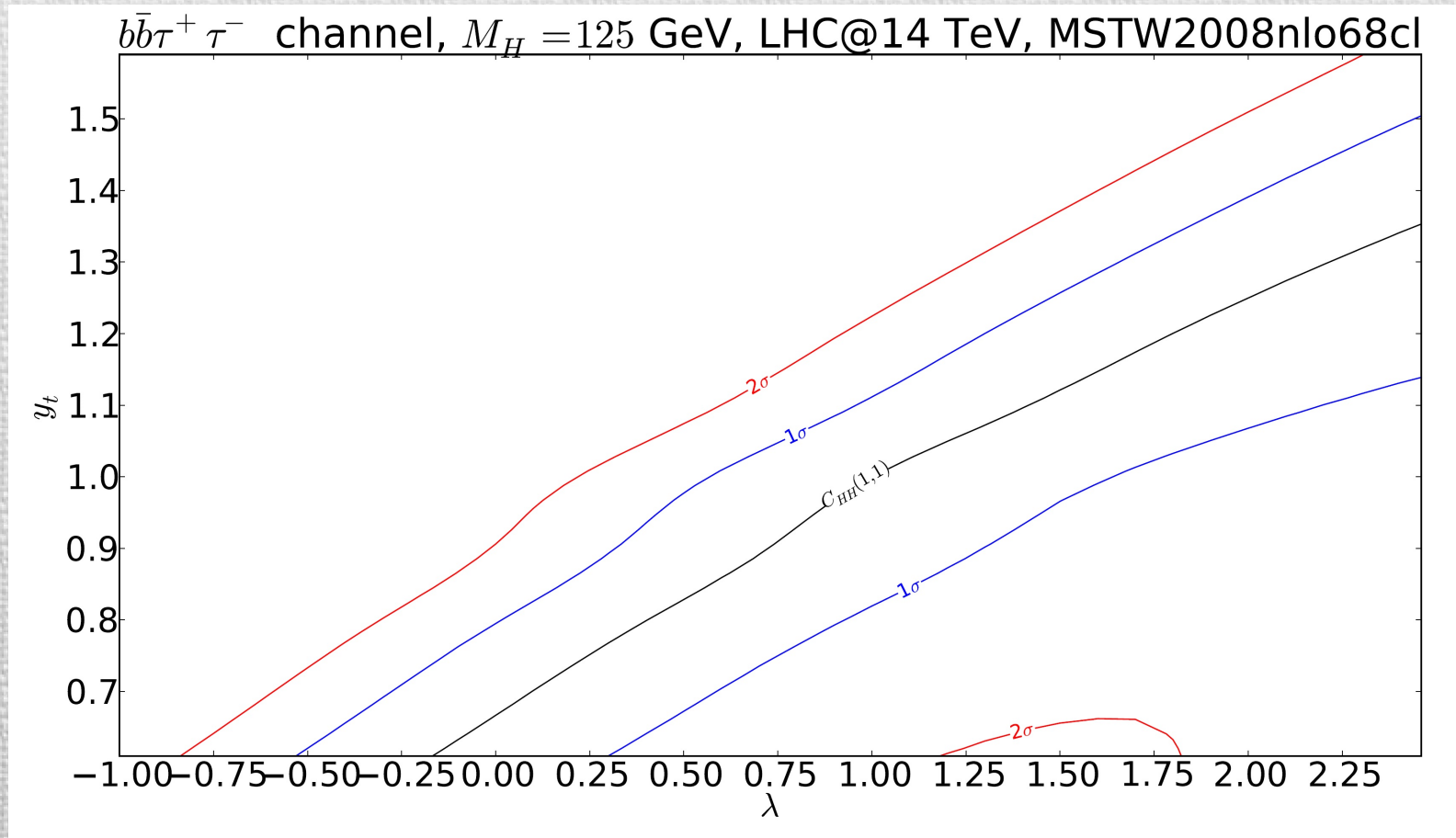
# Variation with $y_t$

- $y_t$  only known to  $O(15\%)$  after  $300\text{fb}^{-1}$  @14 TeV [Peskin, 1207.2516](#)



assume  $y_{t,\text{true}} = \lambda_{\text{true}} = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = 600 \text{fb}^{-1}$

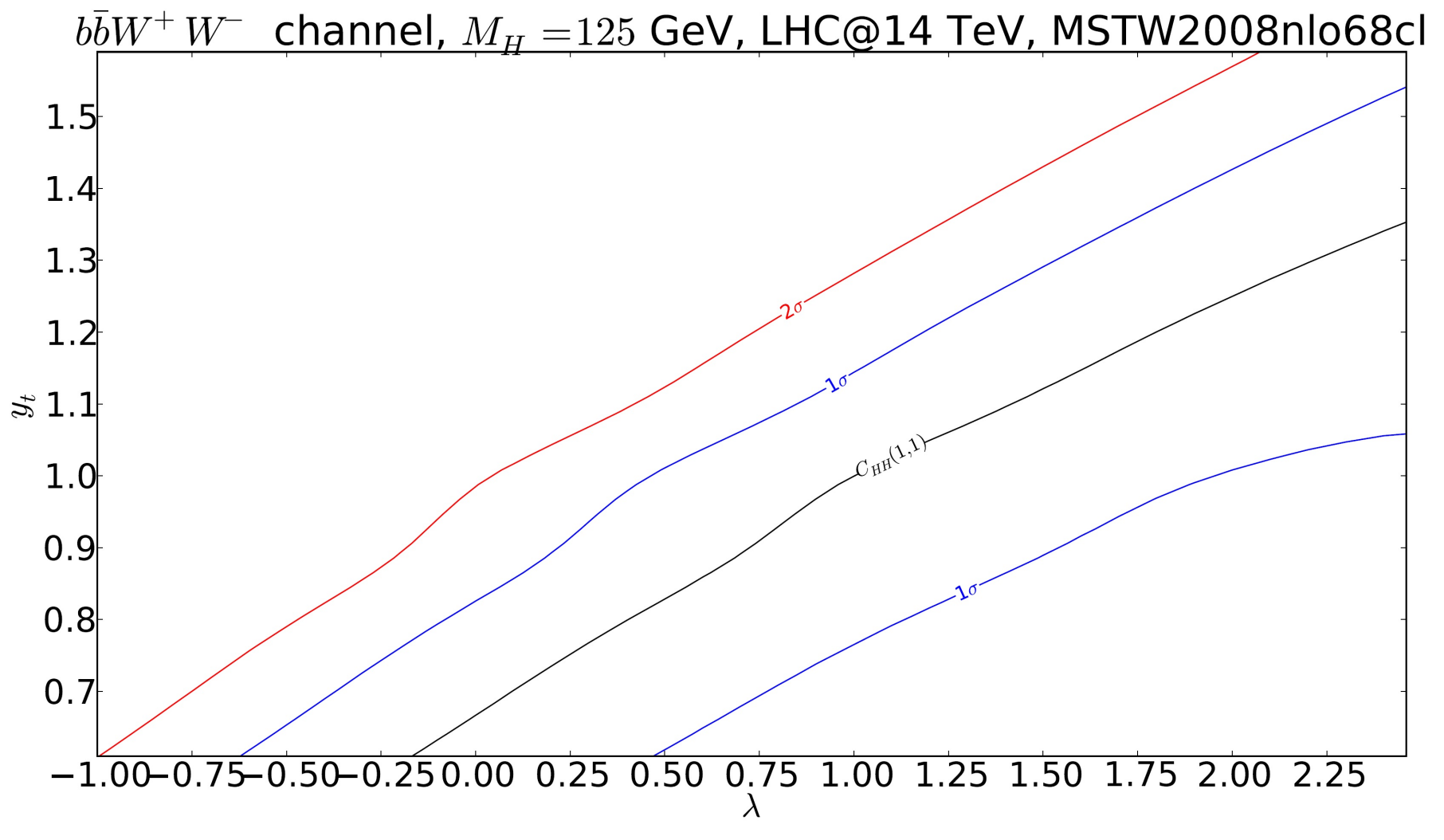
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$y_t = 0.85$  yields  $\lambda \in (0.2, 1.1)$ , whereas  $y_t = 1.15$  implies  $\lambda \in (1.1, \sim 2.4)$

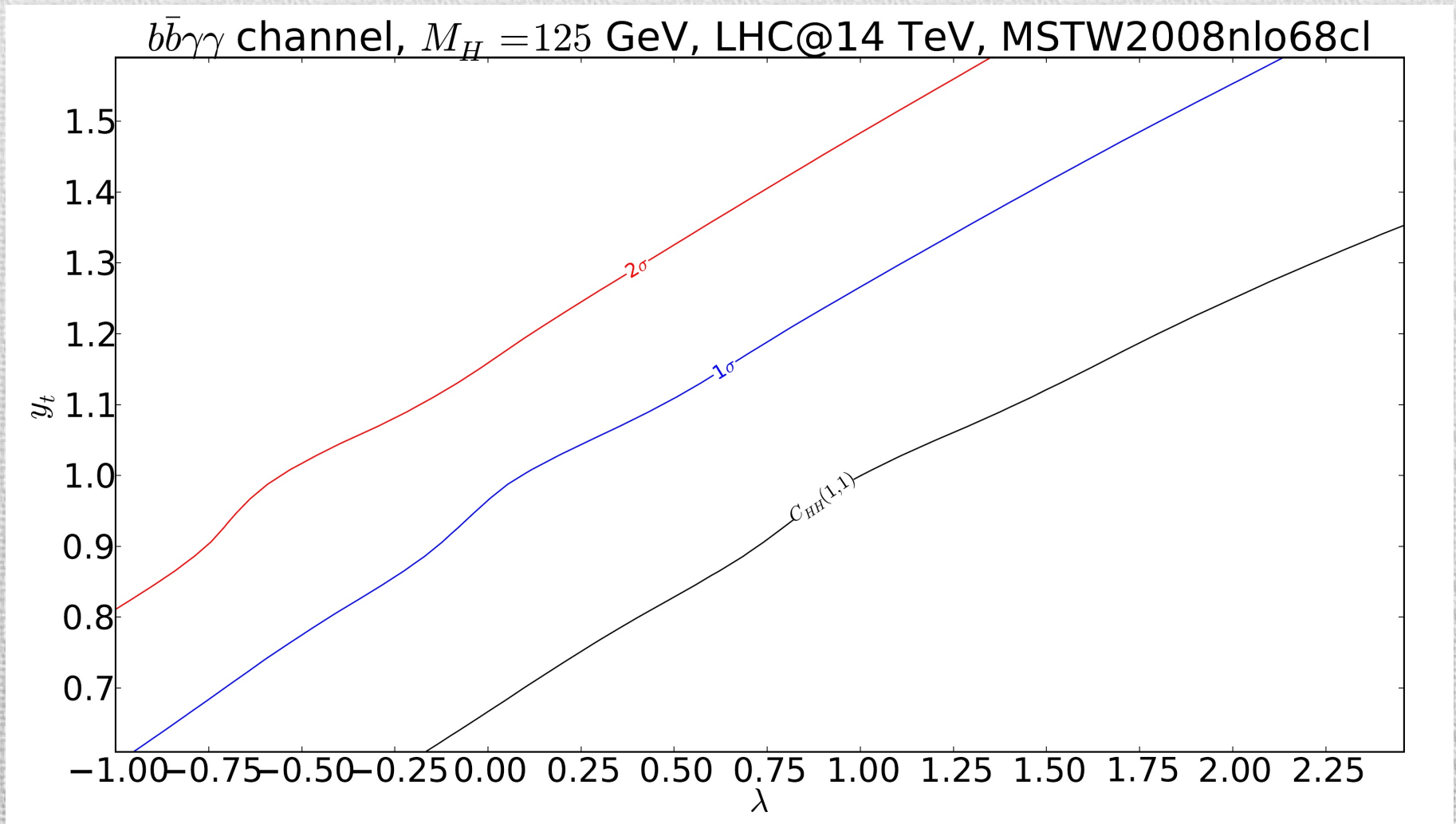
➡ accurate knowledge of  $y_t$  is essential

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# Outlook and Conclusions

# Outlook

- Do full „model independent“ survey of double Higgs production, supplementing the SM Lagrangian with dimension 6 operators
- Use equations of motion to arrive at most appropriate basis for the analysis

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- Use information from single Higgs production to constrain operators and derive expectations for double-Higgs production
- Study different scenarios

# Conclusions

- Examined theoretical error on ratio of double-to-single Higgs production cross section  $C_{HH}$
- Using this ratio, derived expected exclusions on the trilinear H coupling in the  $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ ,  $b\bar{b}W^+W^-$ ,  $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$  channels
- Obtained the most precise expected determination of the Higgs trilinear self-coupling at the 14TeV LHC: -20/+30% achievable (in the SM)
- Good knowledge of top-quark yukawa important
- Outlook: Full operator analysis of HH production

**Thank you for the attention!**