

# Higgs physics

(For more info, see Carena, Haber, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys., 50 (2003) 63-152.)

Higgs search=search for dynamics of  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  breaking.

To identify the correct model of electroweak symmetry breaking:

- find the Higgs boson
- measure the couplings to fermions
- measure the couplings to gauge bosons
- Note that  $WWH$  and  $ZZH$  couplings are generated only after symmetry breaking – thus they probe the very existence of VEV

# Lightest neutral Higgs mass in MSSM:

Brignole, Degrandi, Slavich, Zwirner, NPB 631 (2002)195.

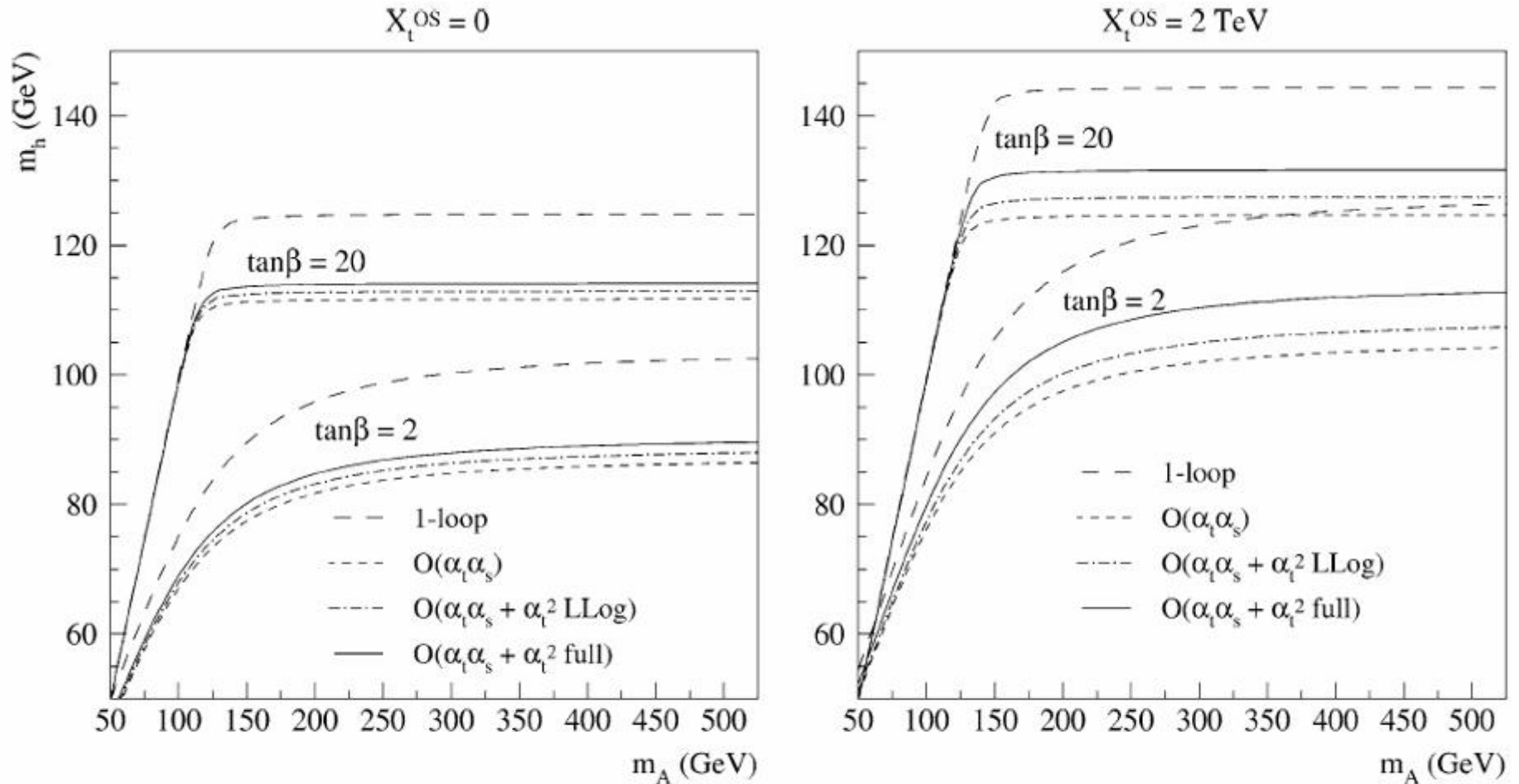
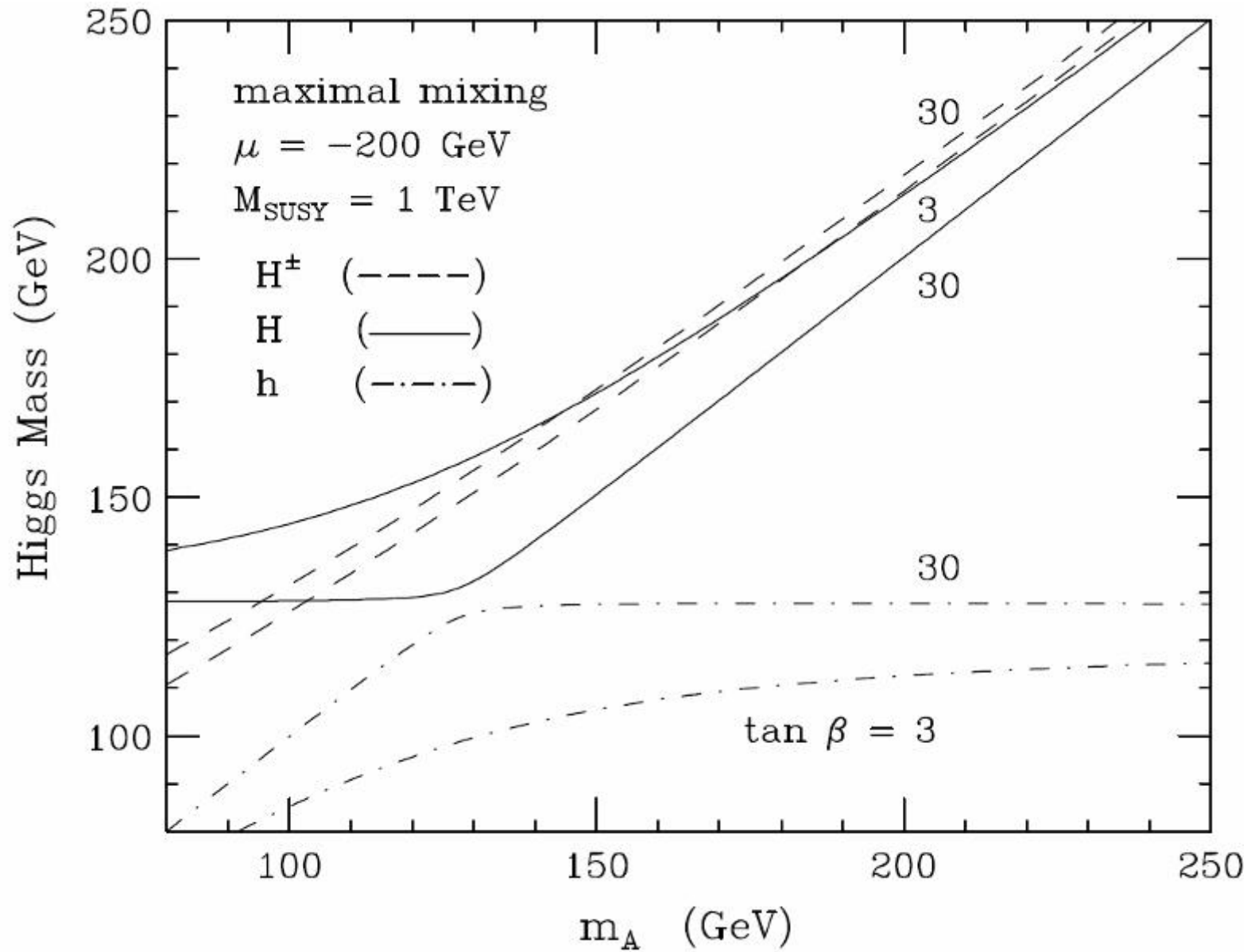
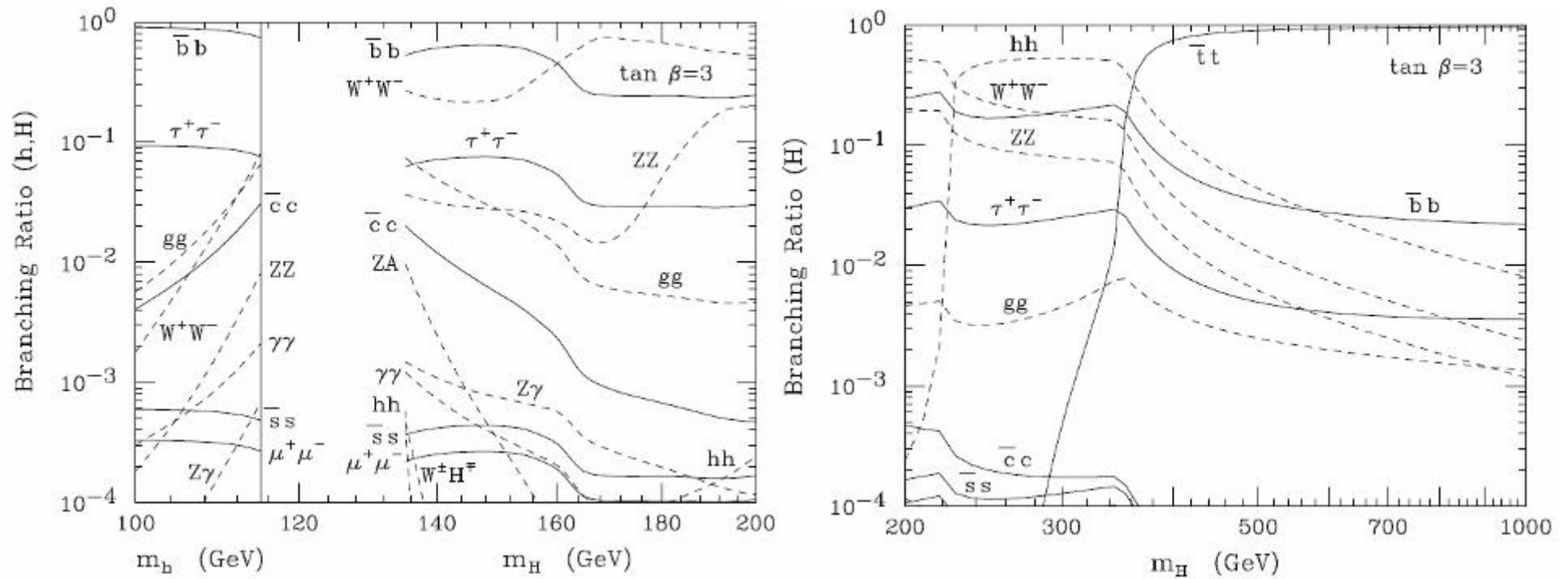


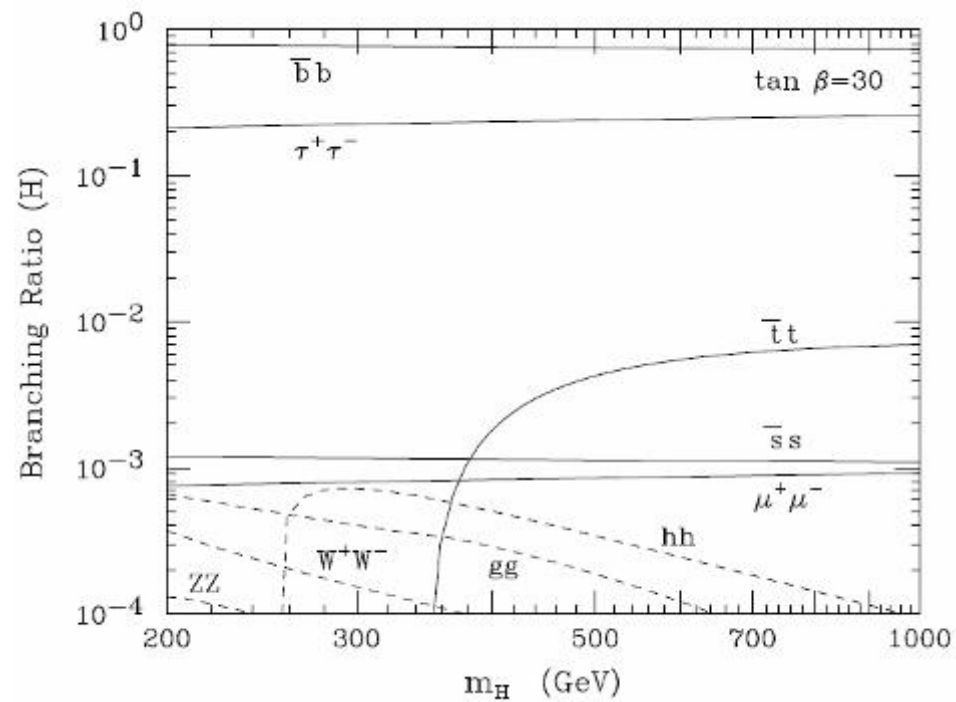
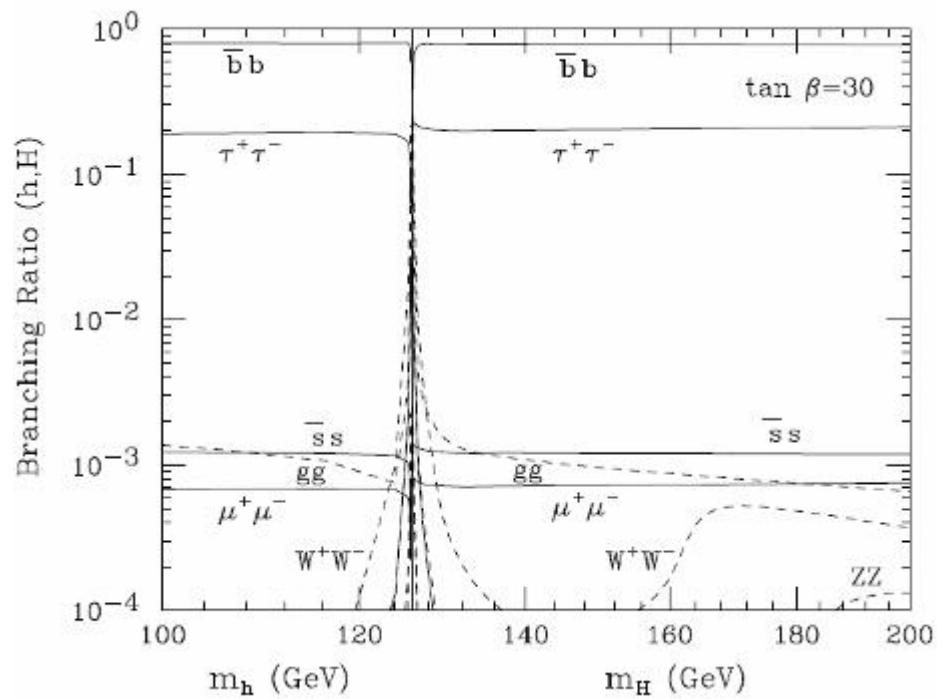
Fig. 2. The mass  $m_h$  as a function of  $m_A$ , for  $\tan\beta = 2$  or  $20$  and  $X_t^{\text{OS}} = 0$  or  $2 \text{ TeV}$ . The other parameters are  $m_Q^{\text{OS}} = m_U^{\text{OS}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\mu = 200 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 800 \text{ GeV}$ . The meaning of the different curves is explained in the text.

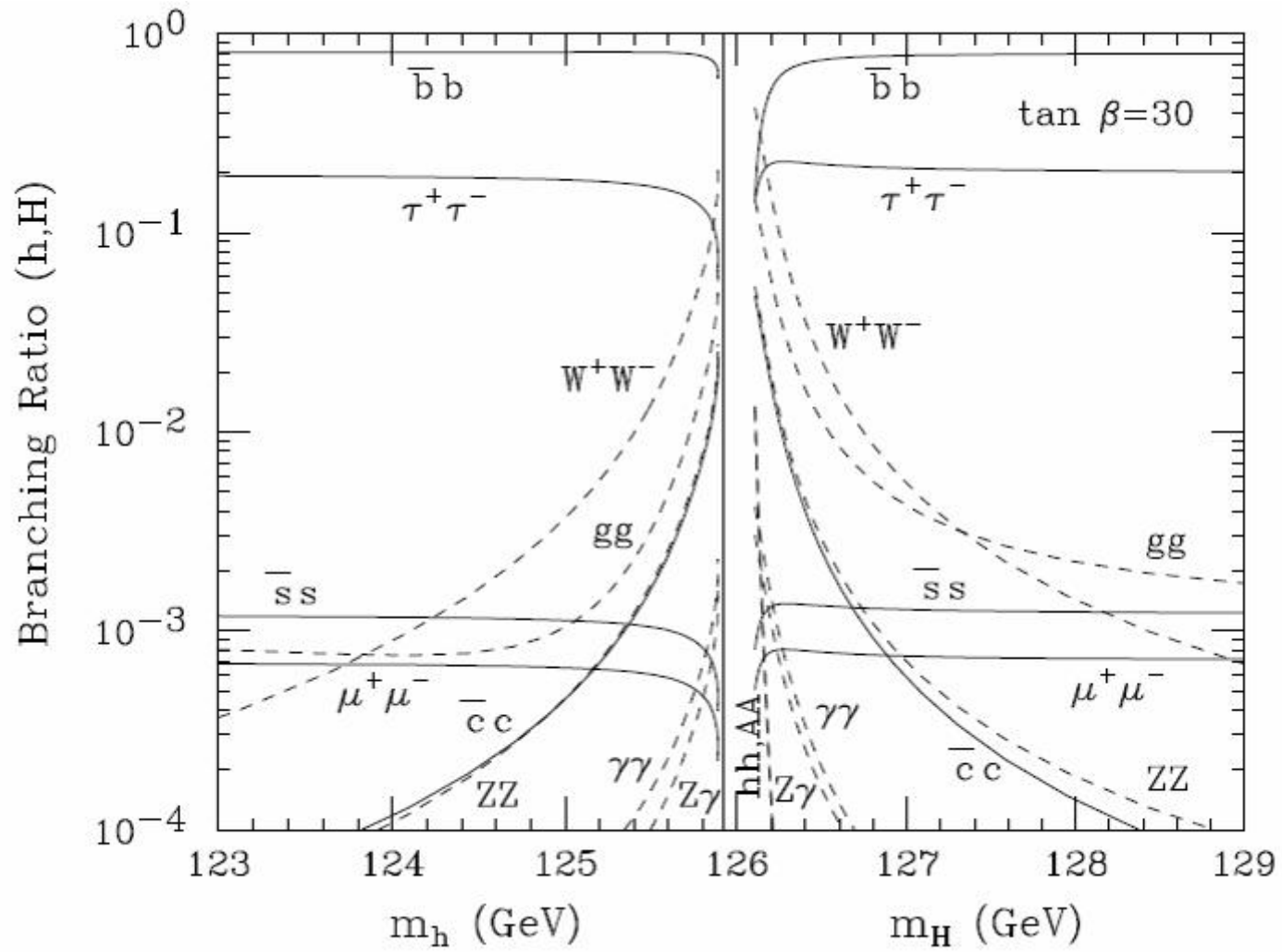
Compare with heavy neutral and charged Higgs:



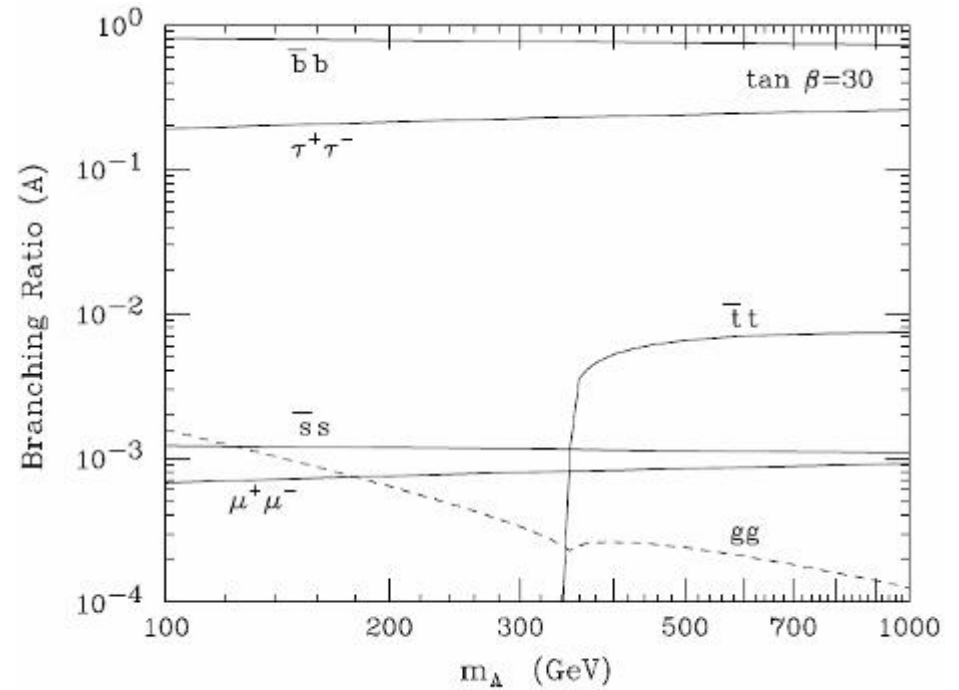
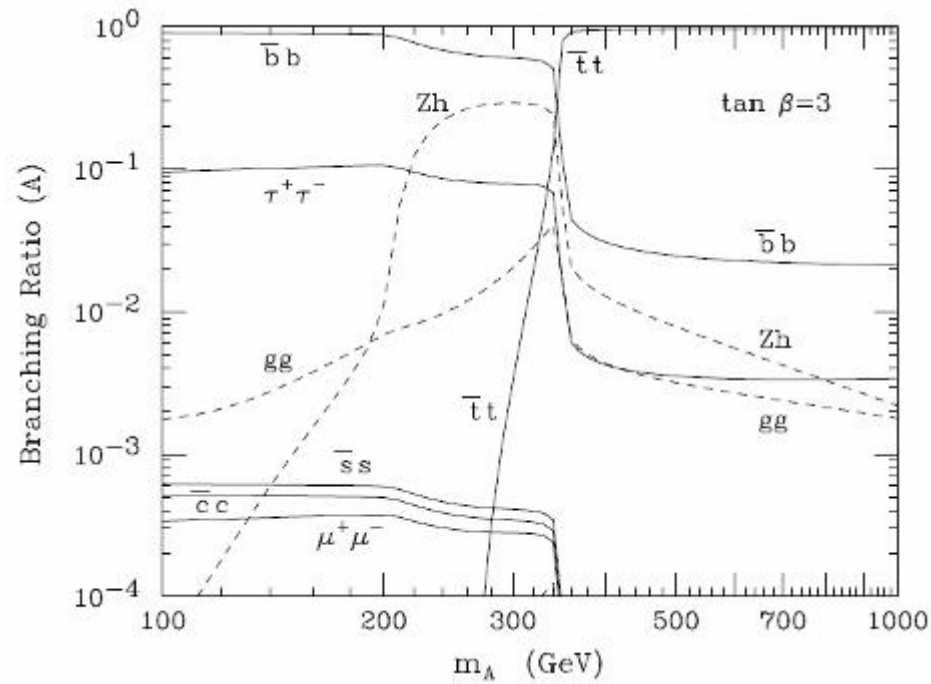
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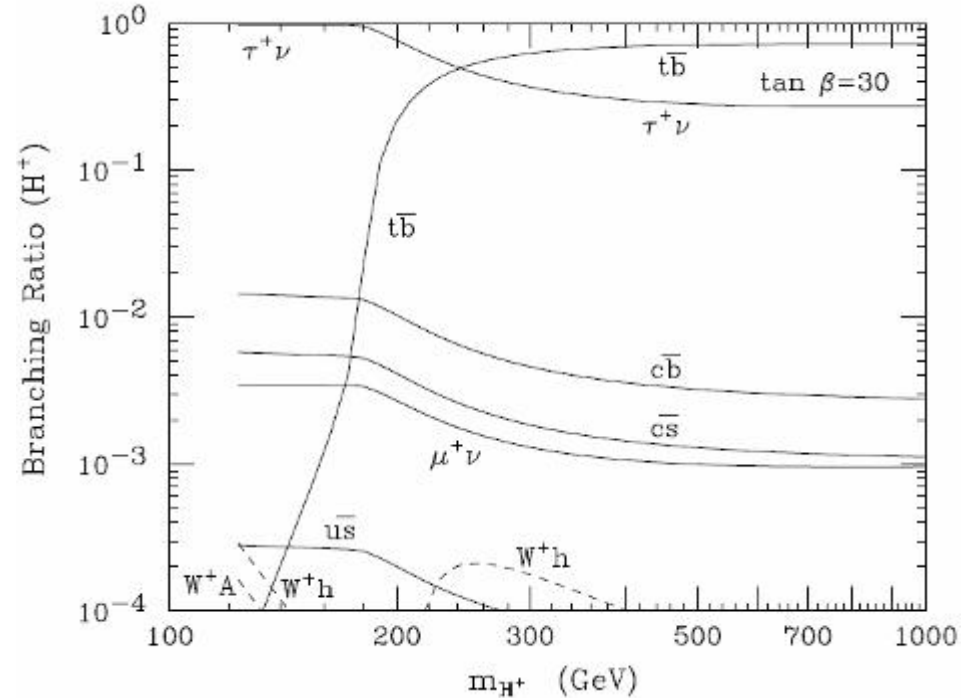
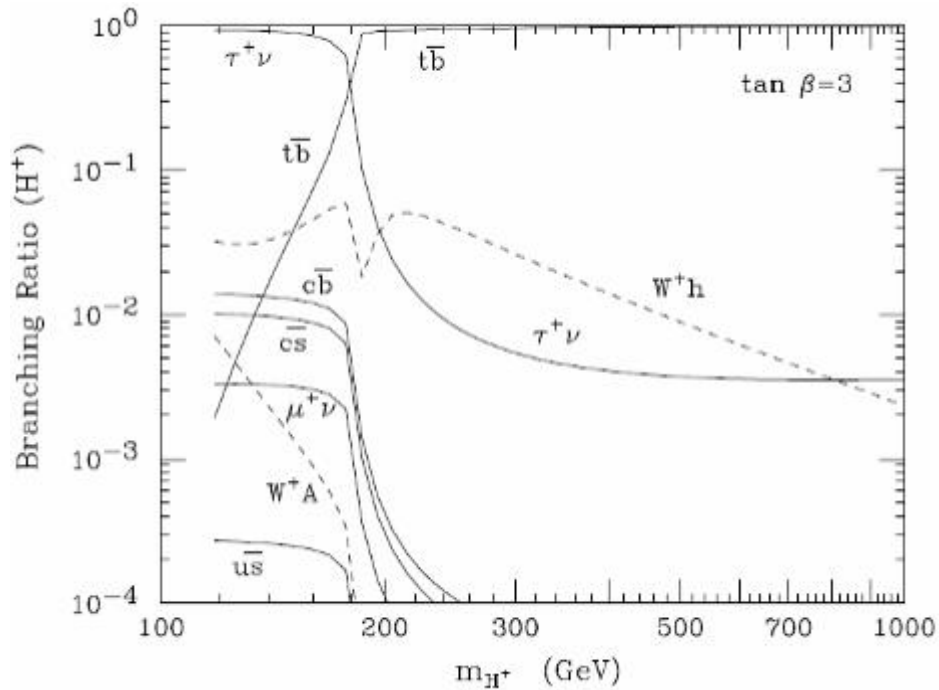




# Branching ratios of CP odd neutral Higgs (A):

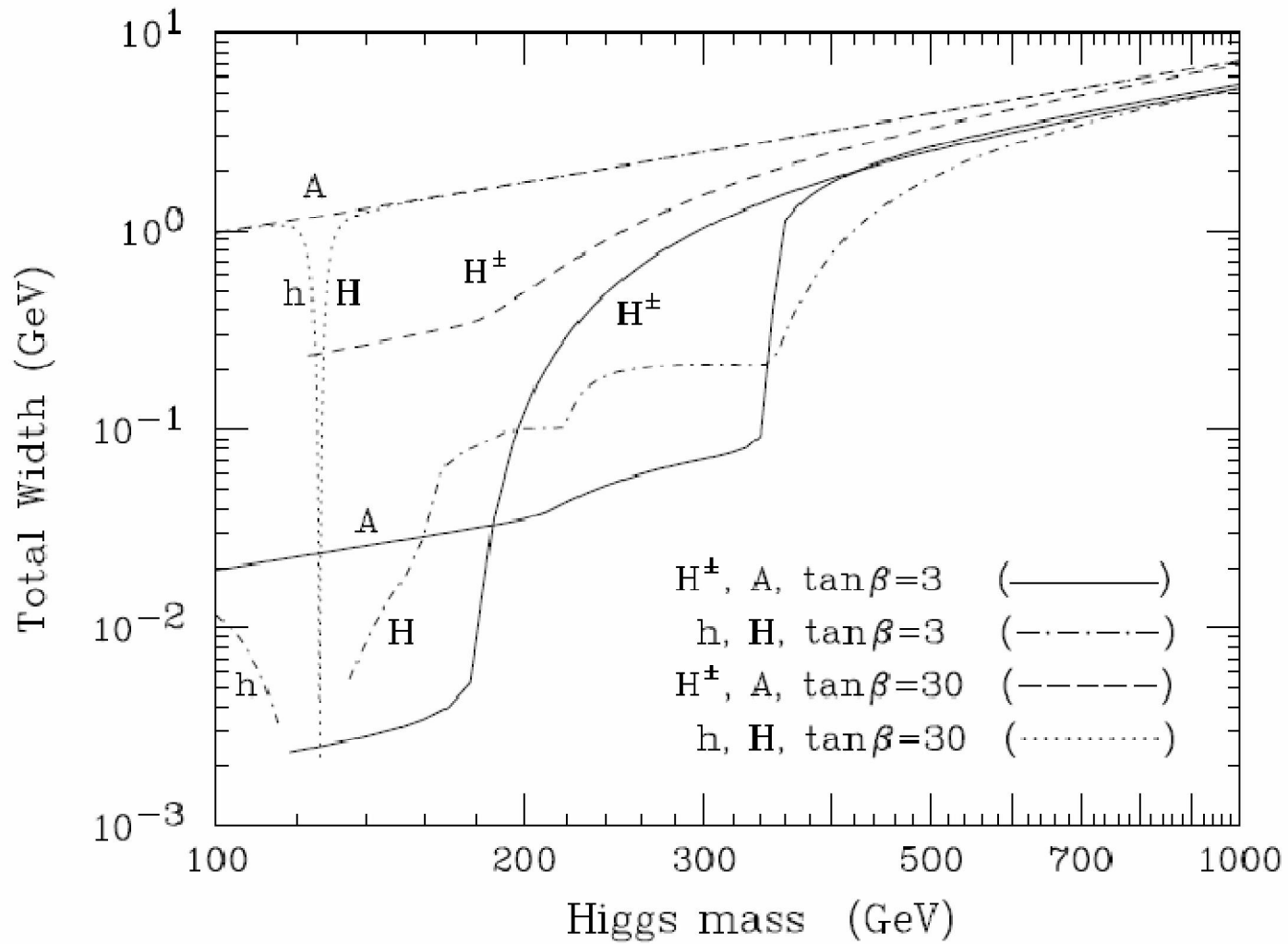


## Branching ratios of charged Higgs ( $H^{\pm}$ ):

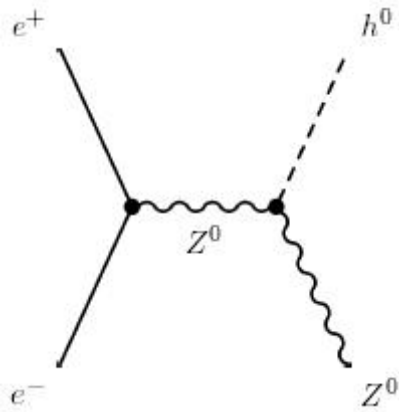


A charged Higgs signal (unlike a neutral one) is always a signal of (whatever) BSM physics !

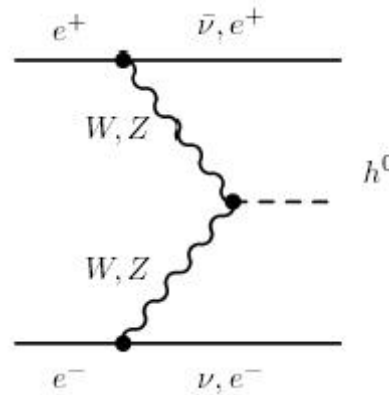
# Width of the MSSM Higgses



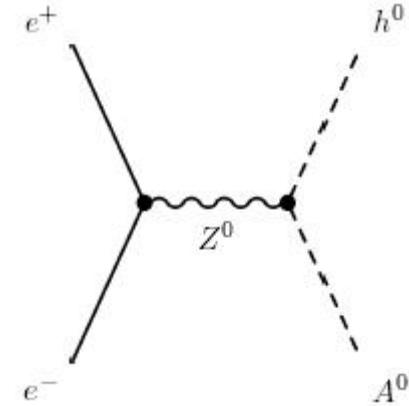
## Production at e+e- machines:



Higgsstrahlung



Fusion (small)



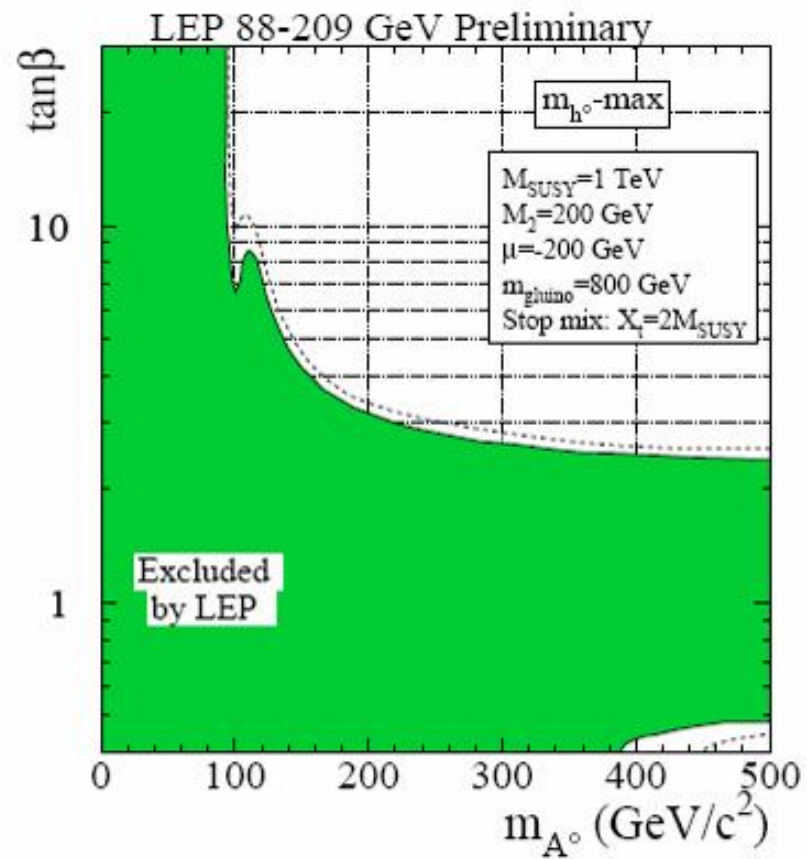
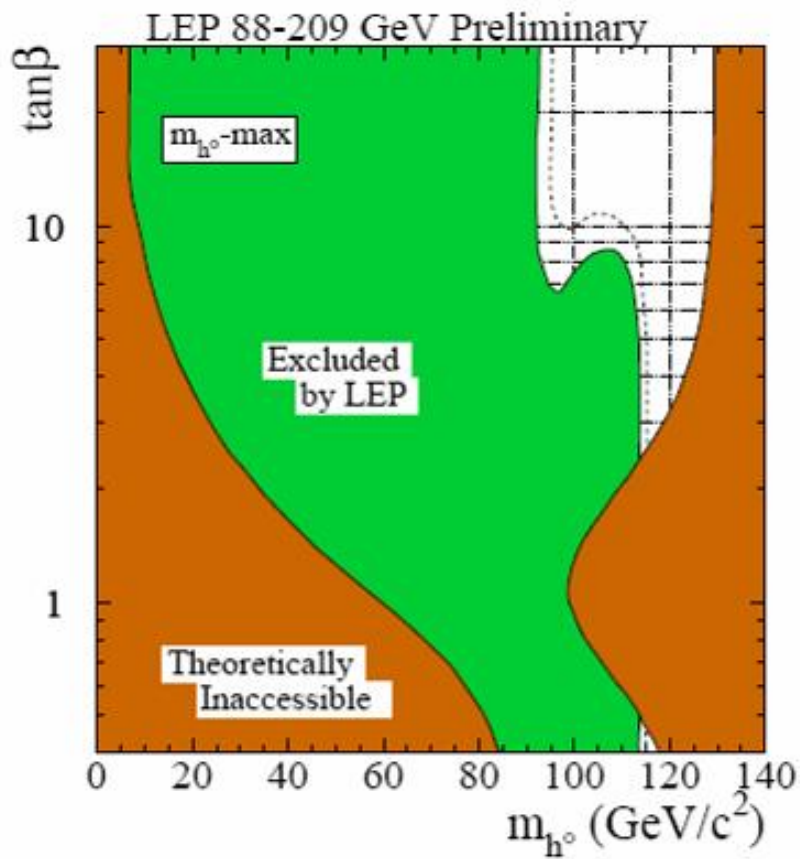
Associated production

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow h^0 Z, \quad \sigma \propto \sin^2(\beta - \alpha)$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow h^0 A, \quad \sigma \propto \cos^2(\beta - \alpha)$$

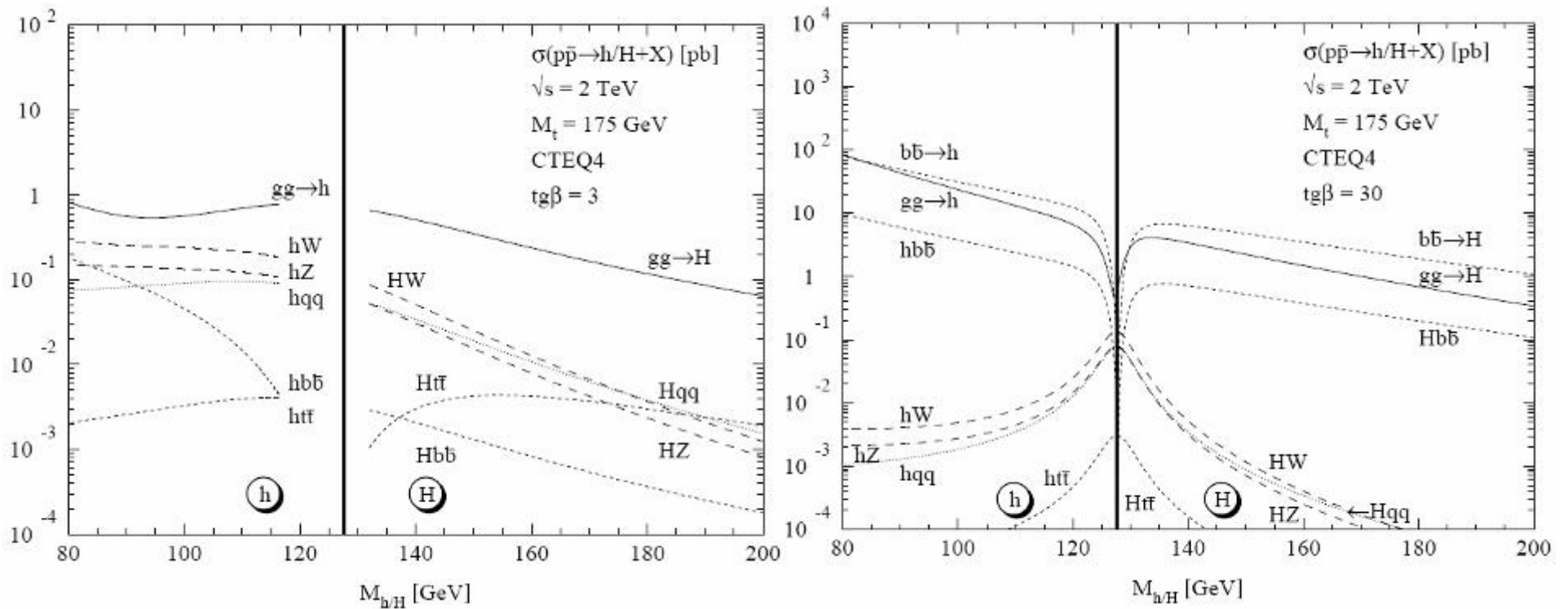
$\alpha$  is mixing angle of  $h^0$  and  $H^0$

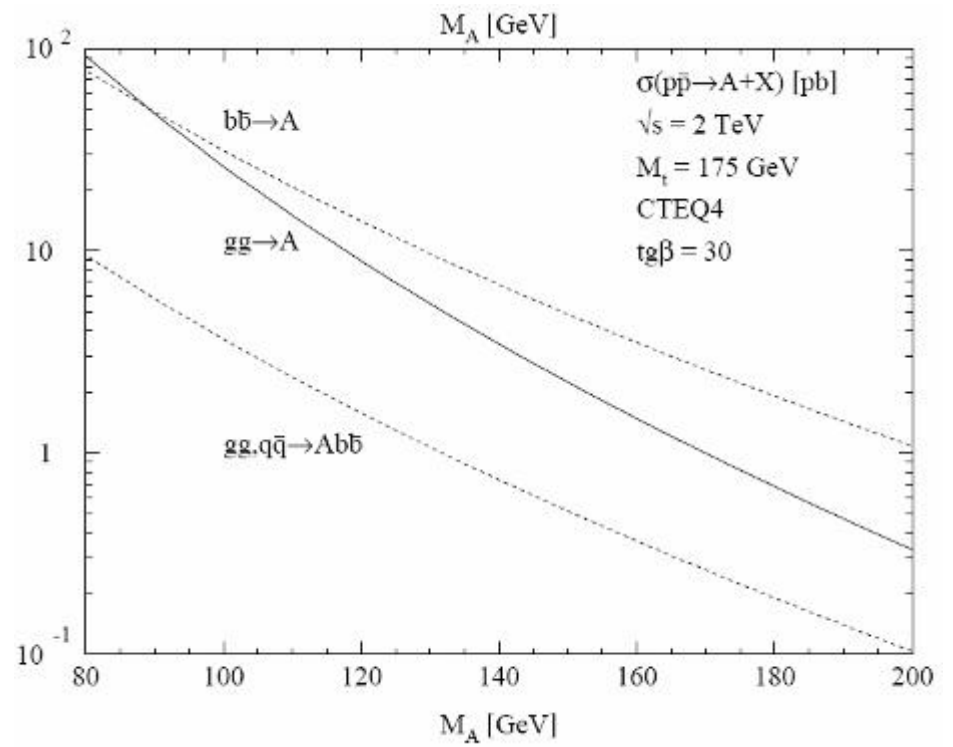
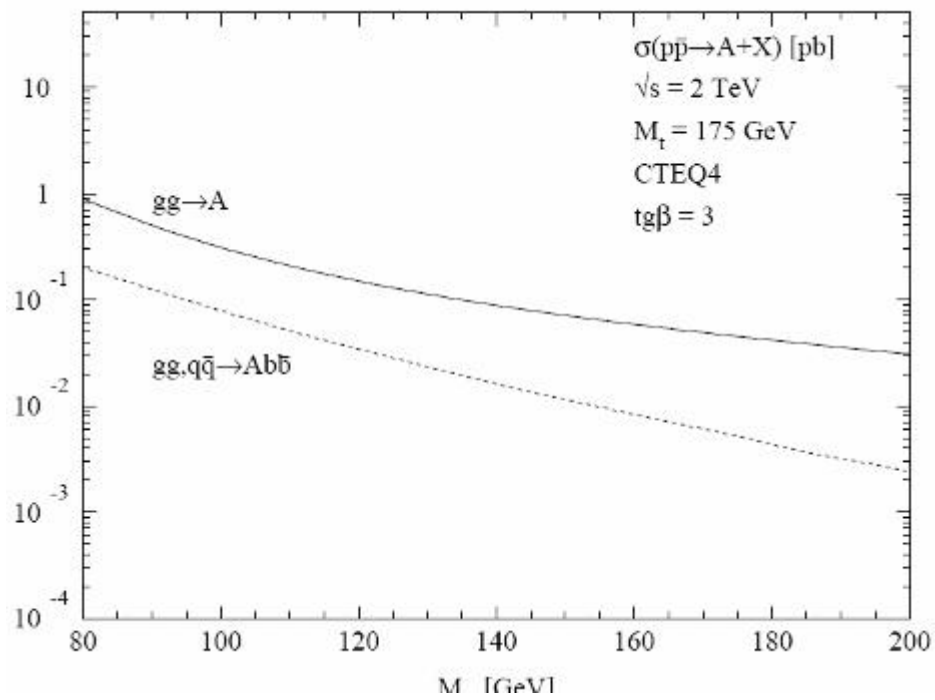
The processes are complementary



$m_h > 91.0 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_A > 91.9 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_{\text{charged H}} > 78.6 \text{ GeV}$

# Production cross sections at Tevatron





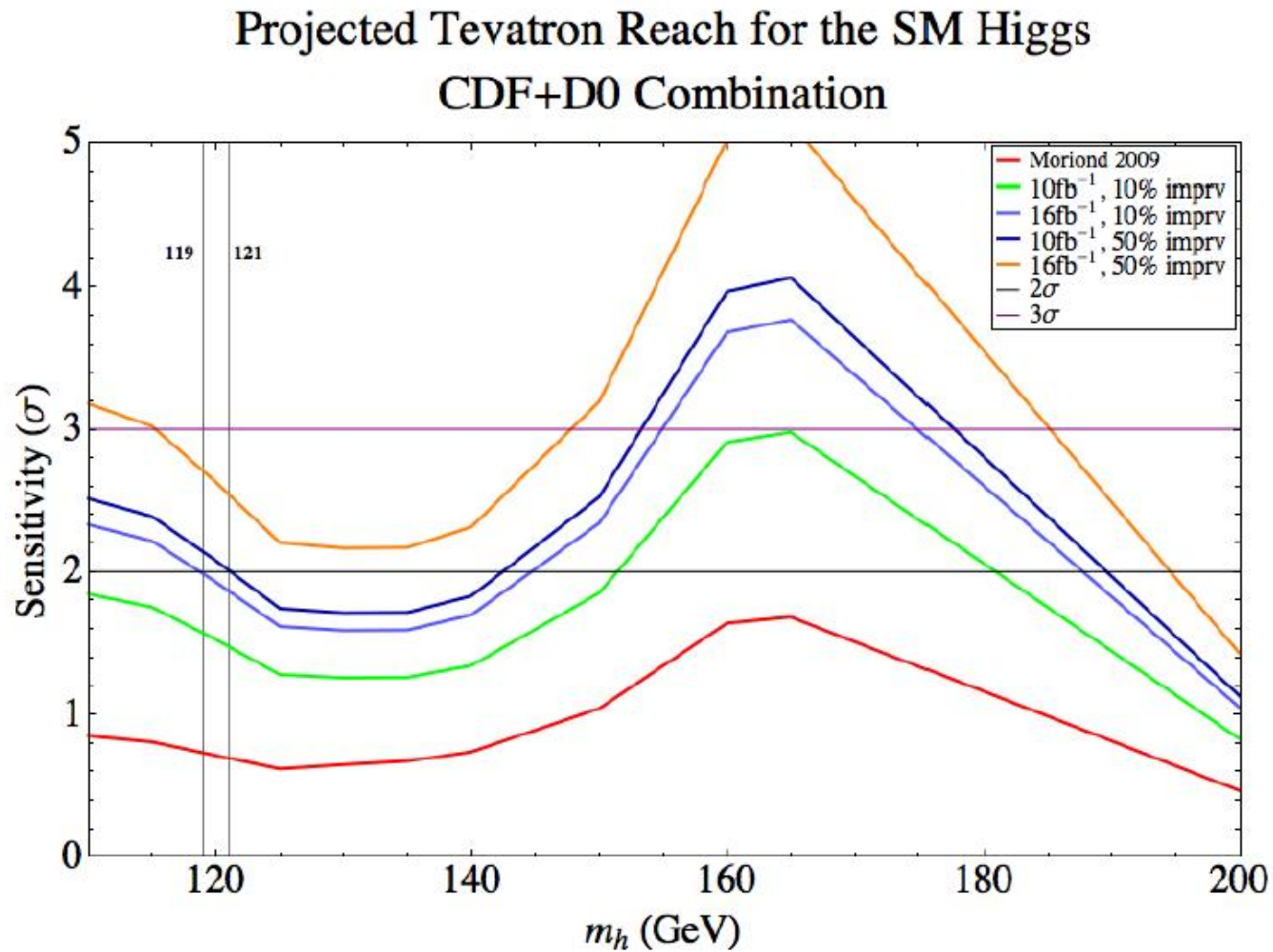
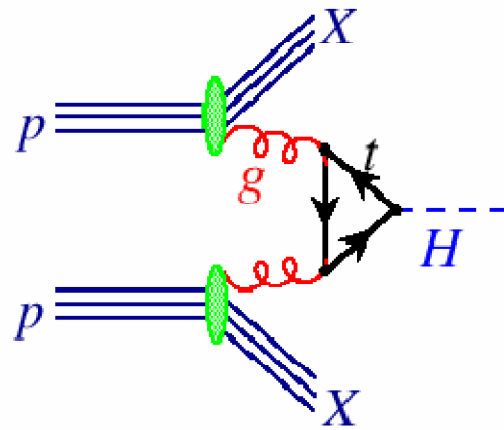
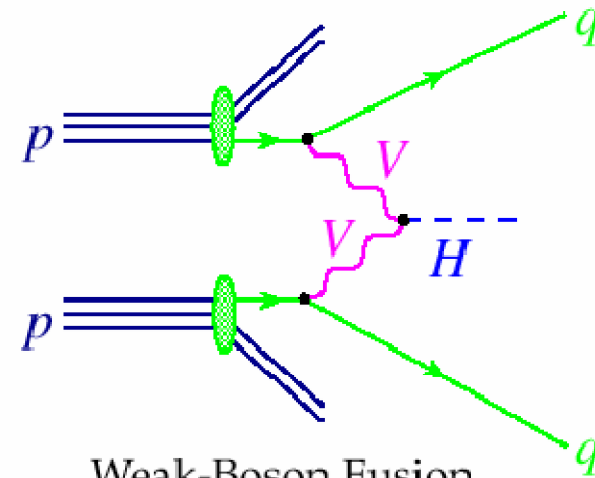


FIG. 1. Projected Tevatron coverage of SM Higgs masses for a range of final luminosities and efficiency curve labelled “Moriond 2009” indicates the March 2009 expected limits.

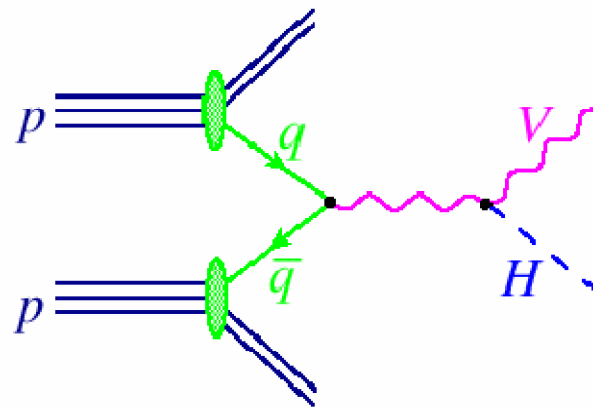
# Production modes at the LHC:



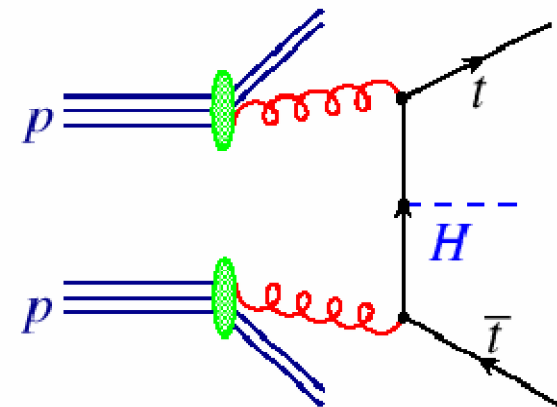
Gluon fusion



Weak-Boson Fusion

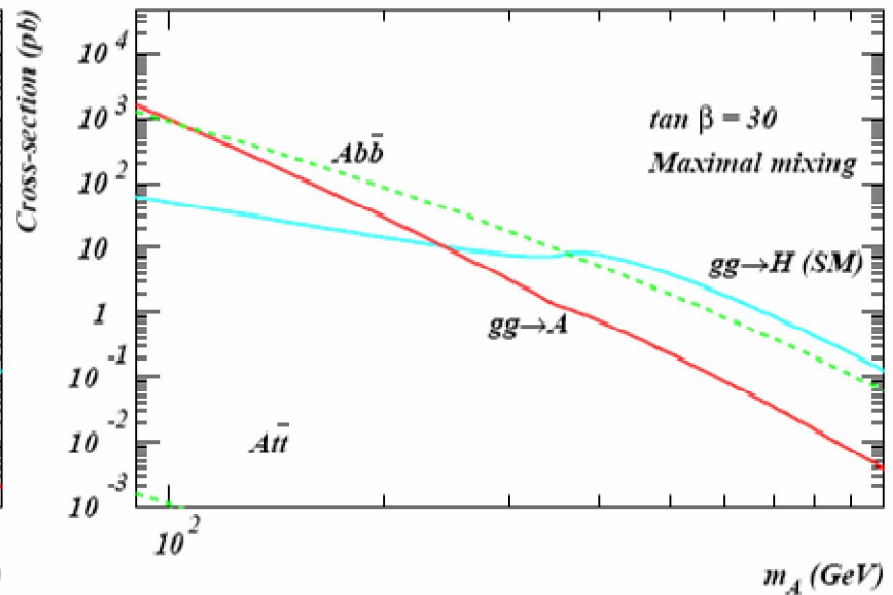
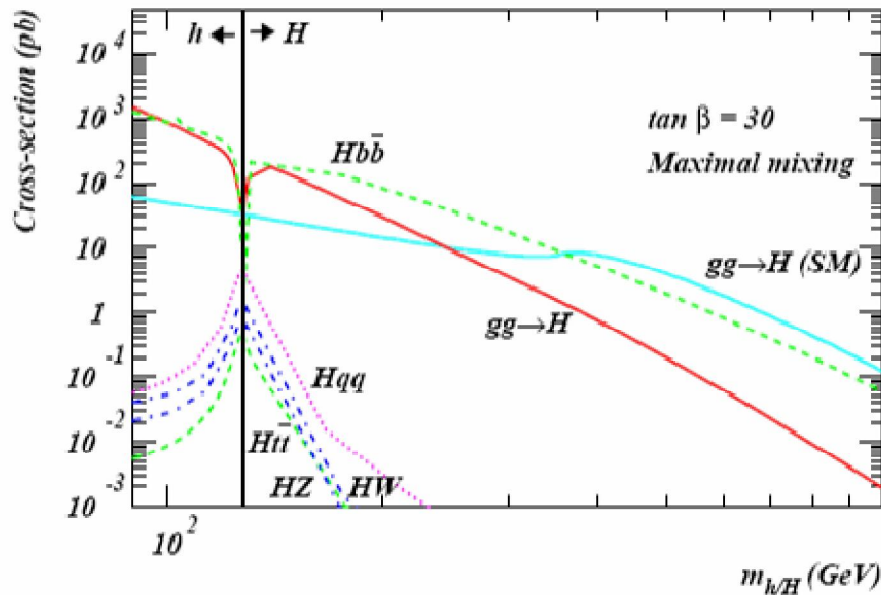
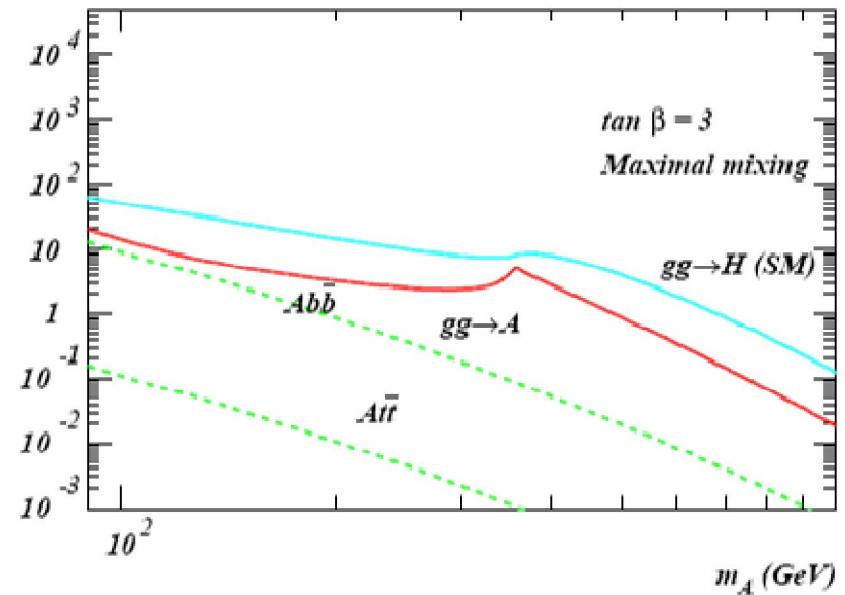
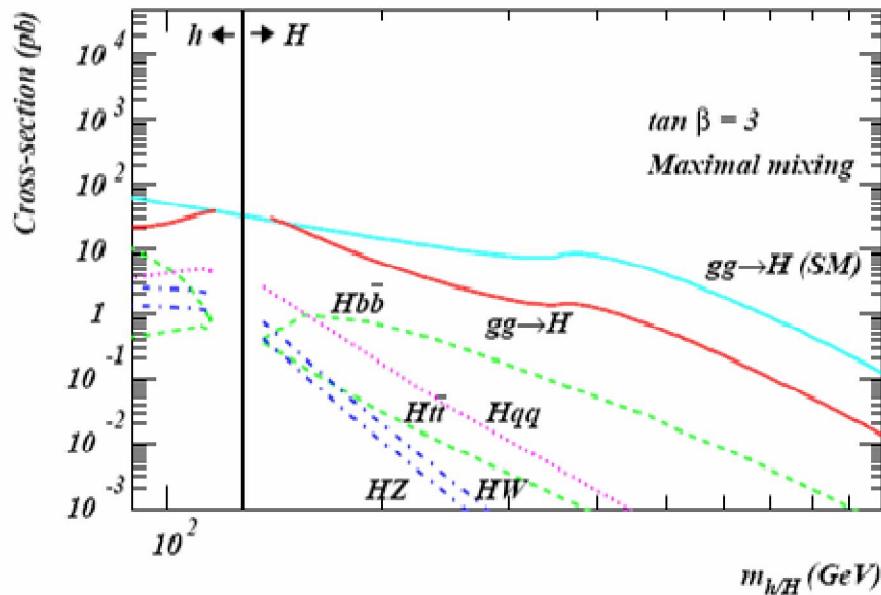


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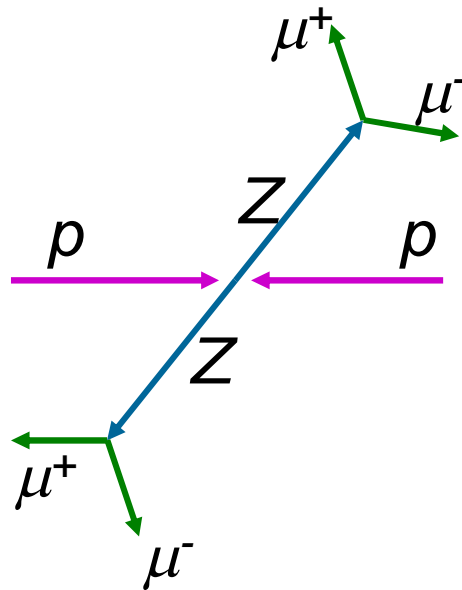


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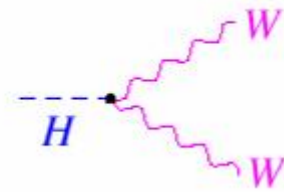
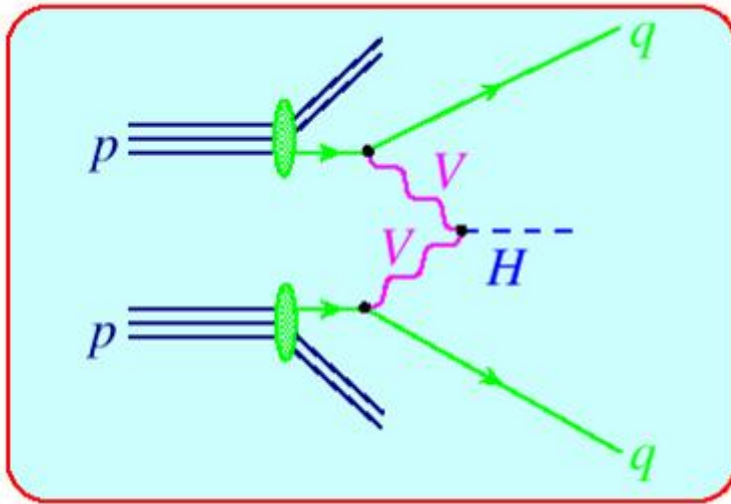
Golden mode:  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$



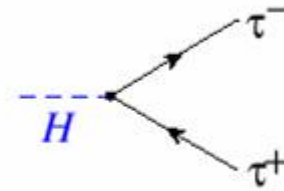
- invariant mass fully reconstructed

# Weak boson fusion

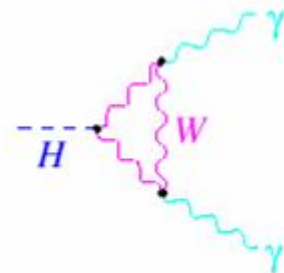
Eboli,Hagiwara,Kauer, Rainwater,Zeppenfeld;  
Mangano,Moretti,Piccinnini,Pittau,Polosa (2003)



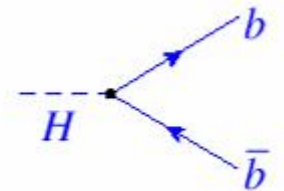
$$m_H > 120 \text{ GeV}$$



$$m_H < 140 \text{ GeV}$$

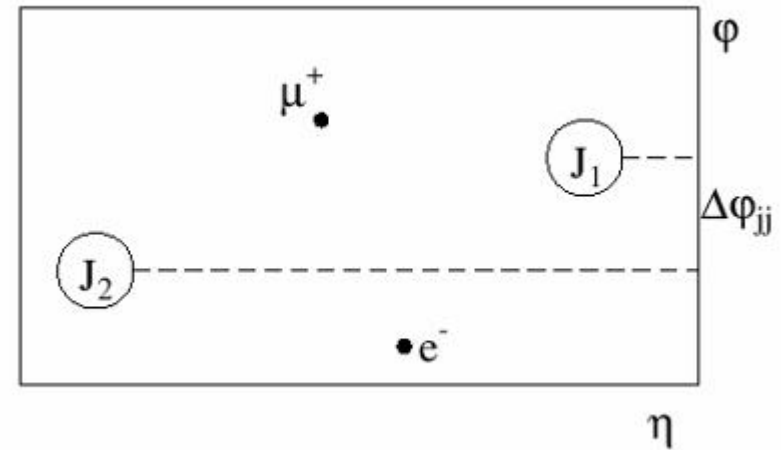
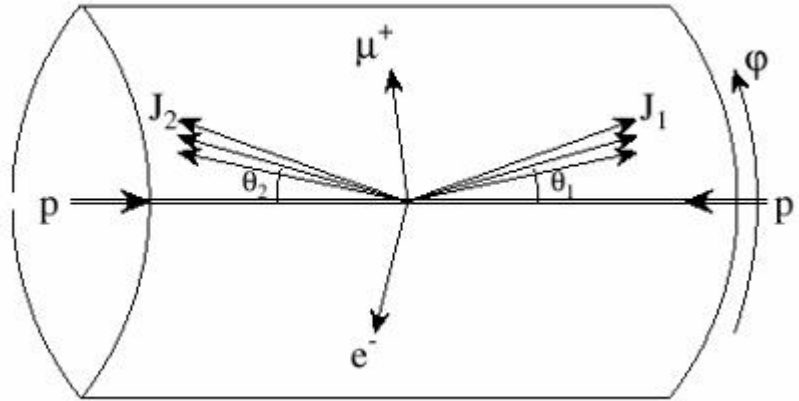


$$m_H < 150 \text{ GeV}$$



$$m_H < 140 \text{ GeV}$$

# WBF signature



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

## Characteristics:

- energetic jets in the **forward** and **backward** directions ( $p_T > 20$  GeV)
- Higgs decay products **between** tagging **jets**
- Little gluon radiation in the central-rapidity region, due to **colorless** W/Z exchange (**central jet veto**: no extra jets with  $p_T > 20$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$ )

# Higgs discovery potential:

