

Cross-sections and Branching Ratios for H^+ Searches

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Introduction

- In preparation of the experimental search for charged Higgs bosons at the LHC precise expected charged Higgs boson production cross-sections and decay branching ratios at $\sqrt{s}=14$ TeV are required.
- In the mass regime below the top quark mass the expected production cross-sections are discussed using two computer packages based on the decay top to H^+b .
- For higher masses, Next-to-Leading-Order (NLO) calculations have been used, and particular attention has been given to the intermediate mass region.
- The decay branching ratios have been studied with the computer packages FeynHiggs, as well as with HDecay.
- Higher order corrections (Δ_b corrections) in the MSSM are consistently taken into account. Two benchmark scenarios are considered, one of them, the so-called 'mhmax'.

MSSM

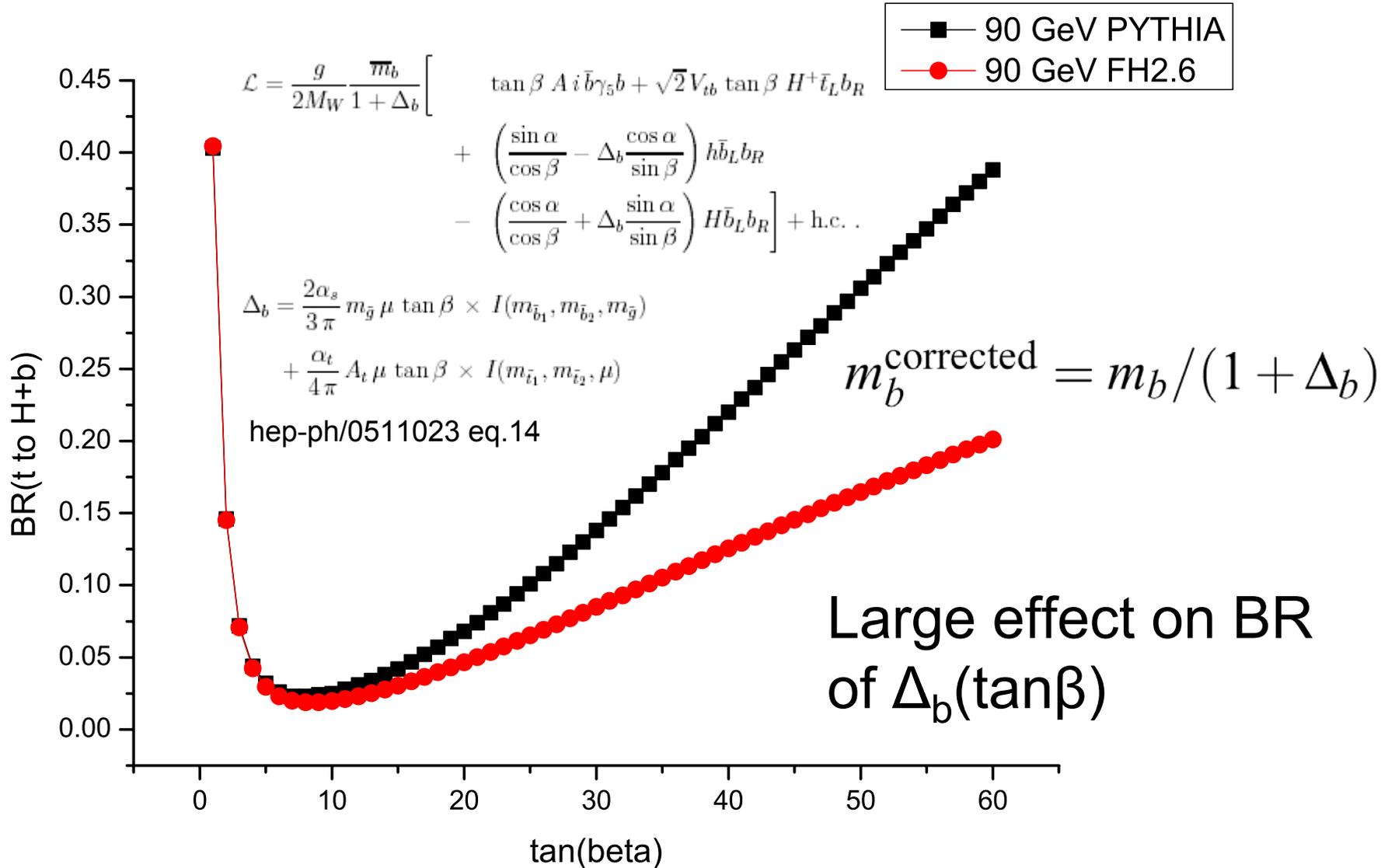
Scenario A (heavy SUSY)

- $M(\text{top}) = 175 \text{ GeV}$
- $M_{\text{Susy}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(A_t) = 1000 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(M_2) = 200 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(\mu) = 1000 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(M_3) = 1000 \text{ GeV}$

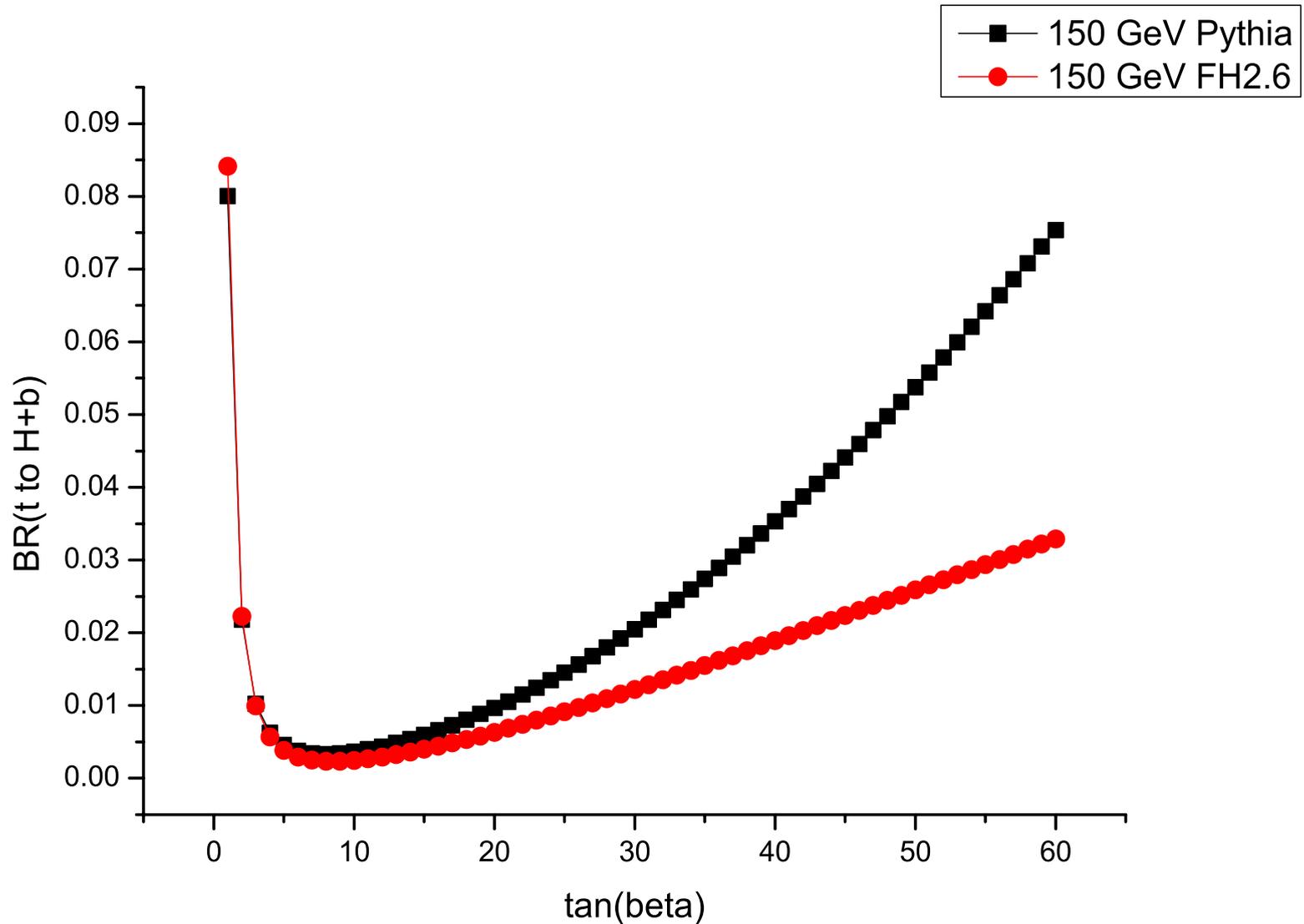
Scenario B (mhmax)

- $M(\text{top}) = 175 \text{ GeV}$
- $M_{\text{Susy}} = 1000 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(X_t) = 2000 \text{ GeV}$
($A_t = 2000 + \mu/\tan\beta$)
- $\text{Abs}(M_2) = 200 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(\mu) = 200 \text{ GeV}$
- $\text{Abs}(M_3) = 800 \text{ GeV}$

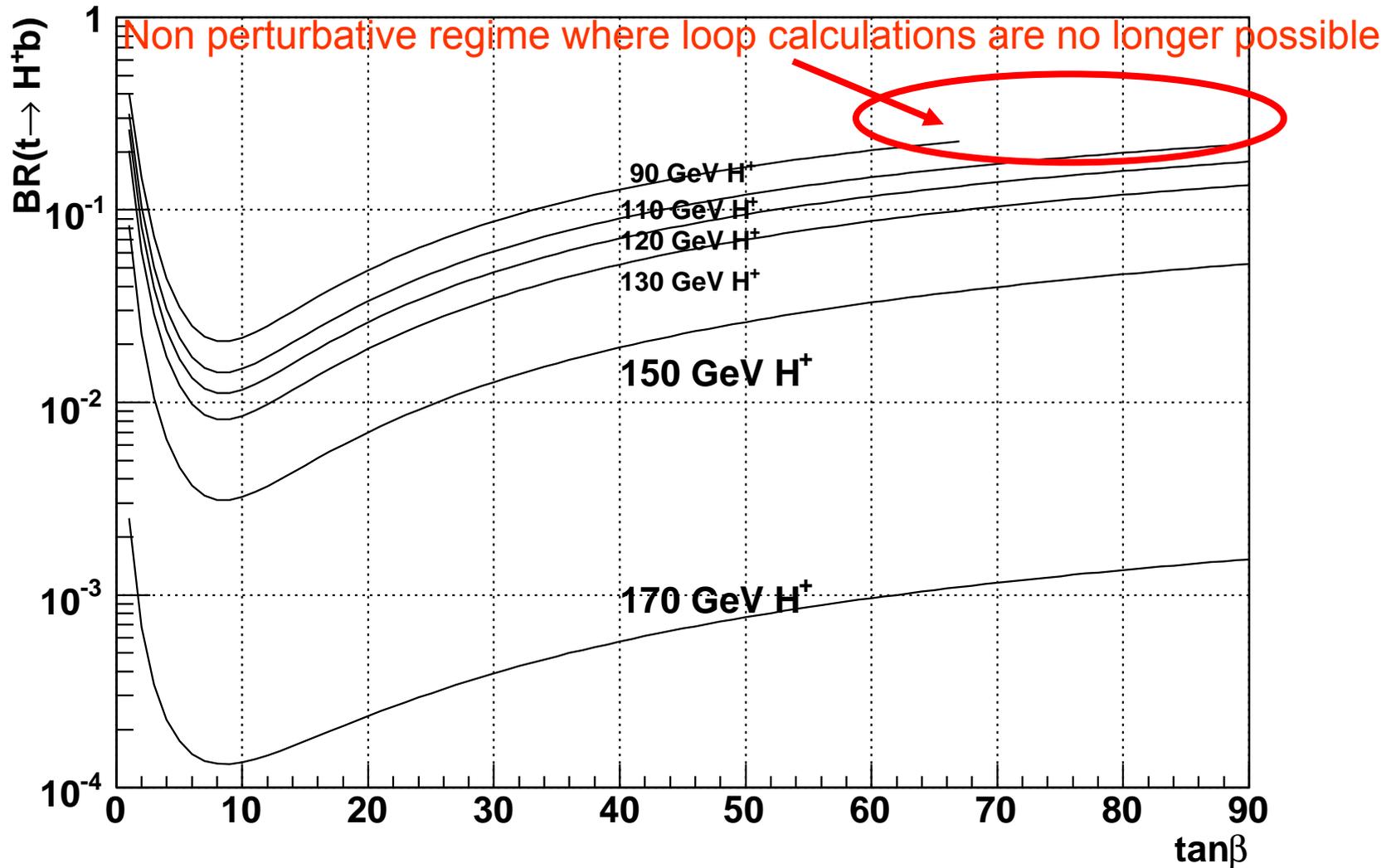
BR($t \rightarrow H^+ b$) PYTHIA vs FH



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BR($t \rightarrow H^+ b$) MSSM Scenario A



Low-mass H^+ Cross-section

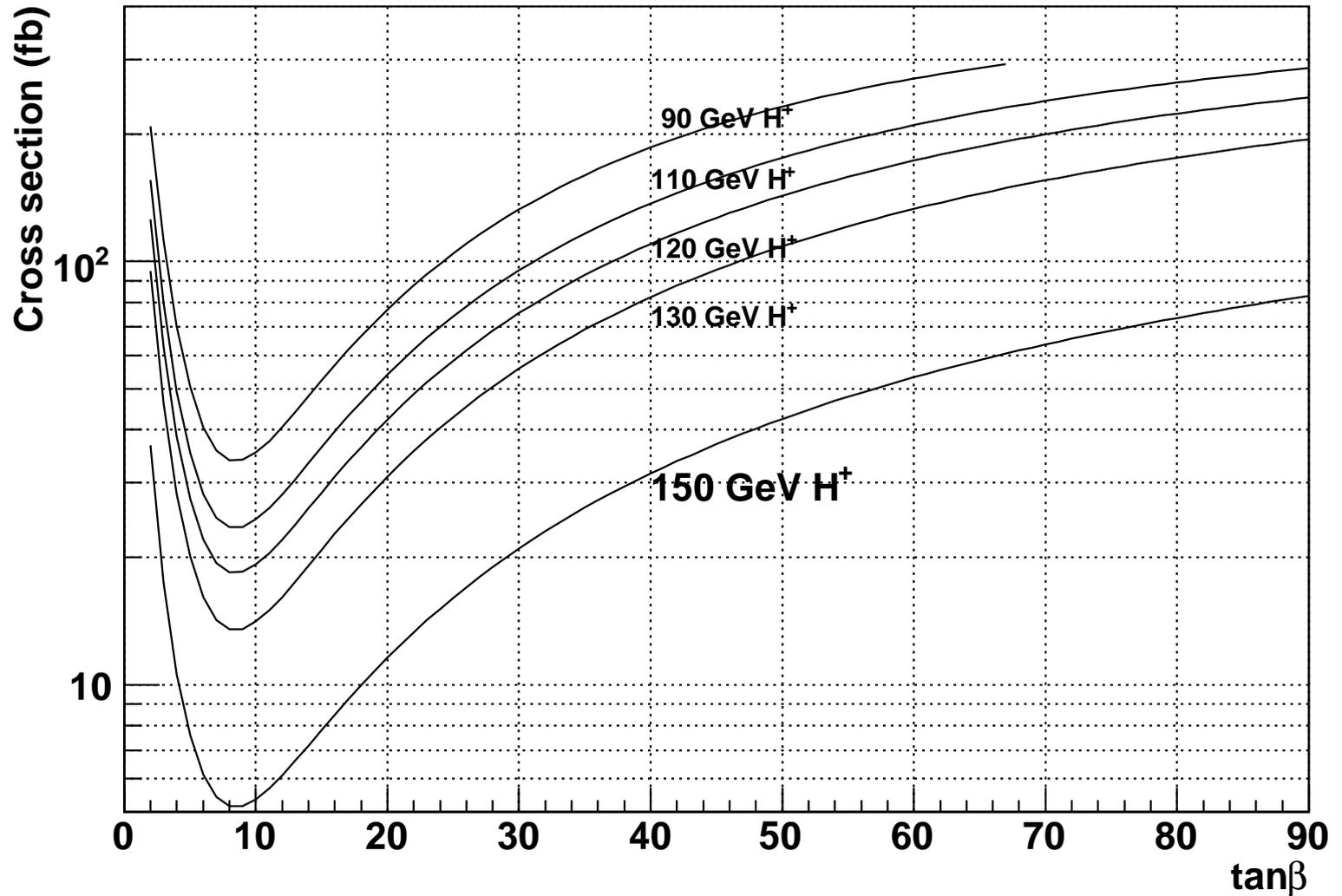
Using the $t\bar{t}$ production cross-section

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 833 \text{ pb}$$

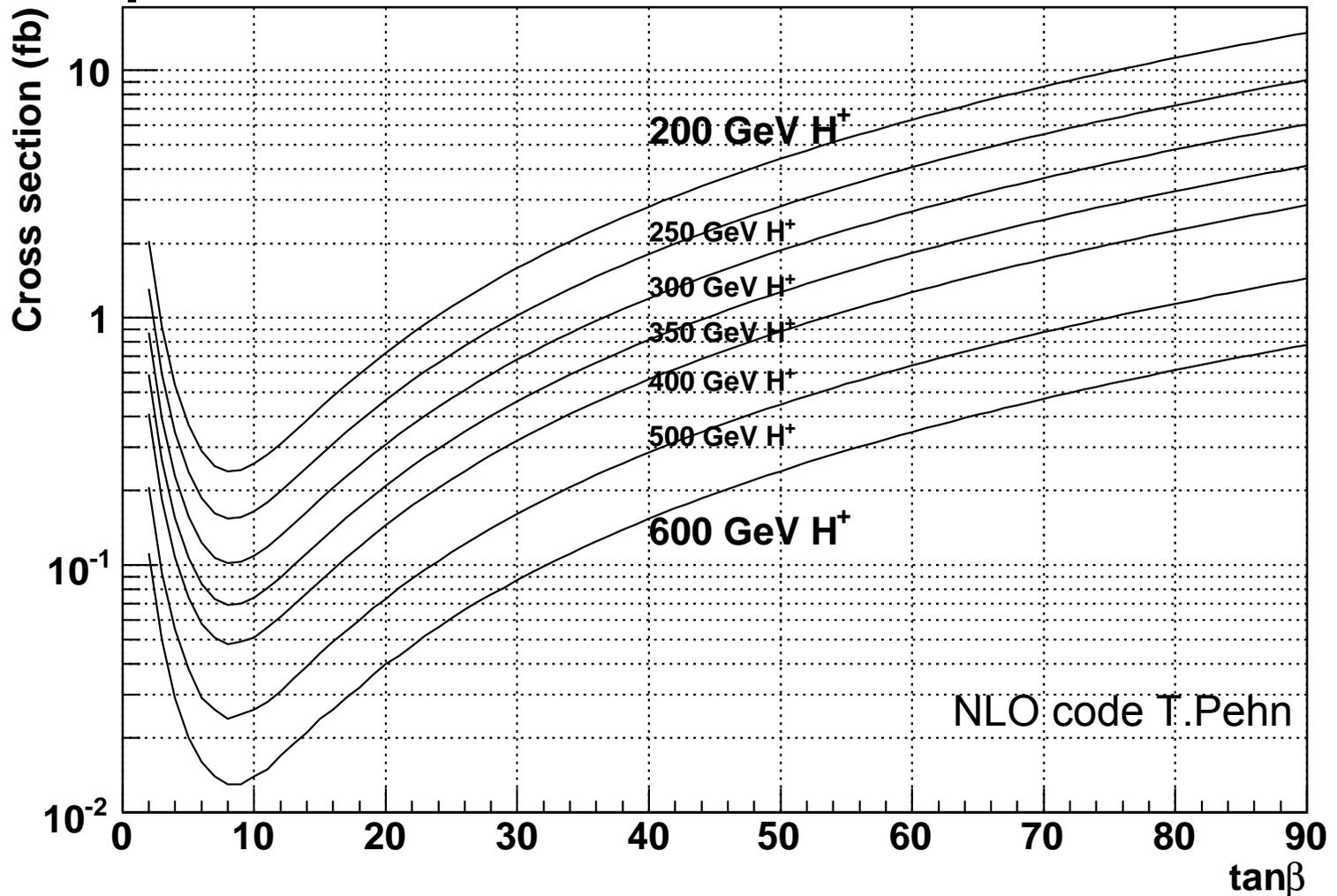
the H^+ production cross-section is determined:

$$\sigma_{tbH^+} = 2 \cdot \sigma_{t\bar{t}} \text{BR}(t \rightarrow H^+ b) [1 - \text{BR}(t \rightarrow H^+ b)]$$

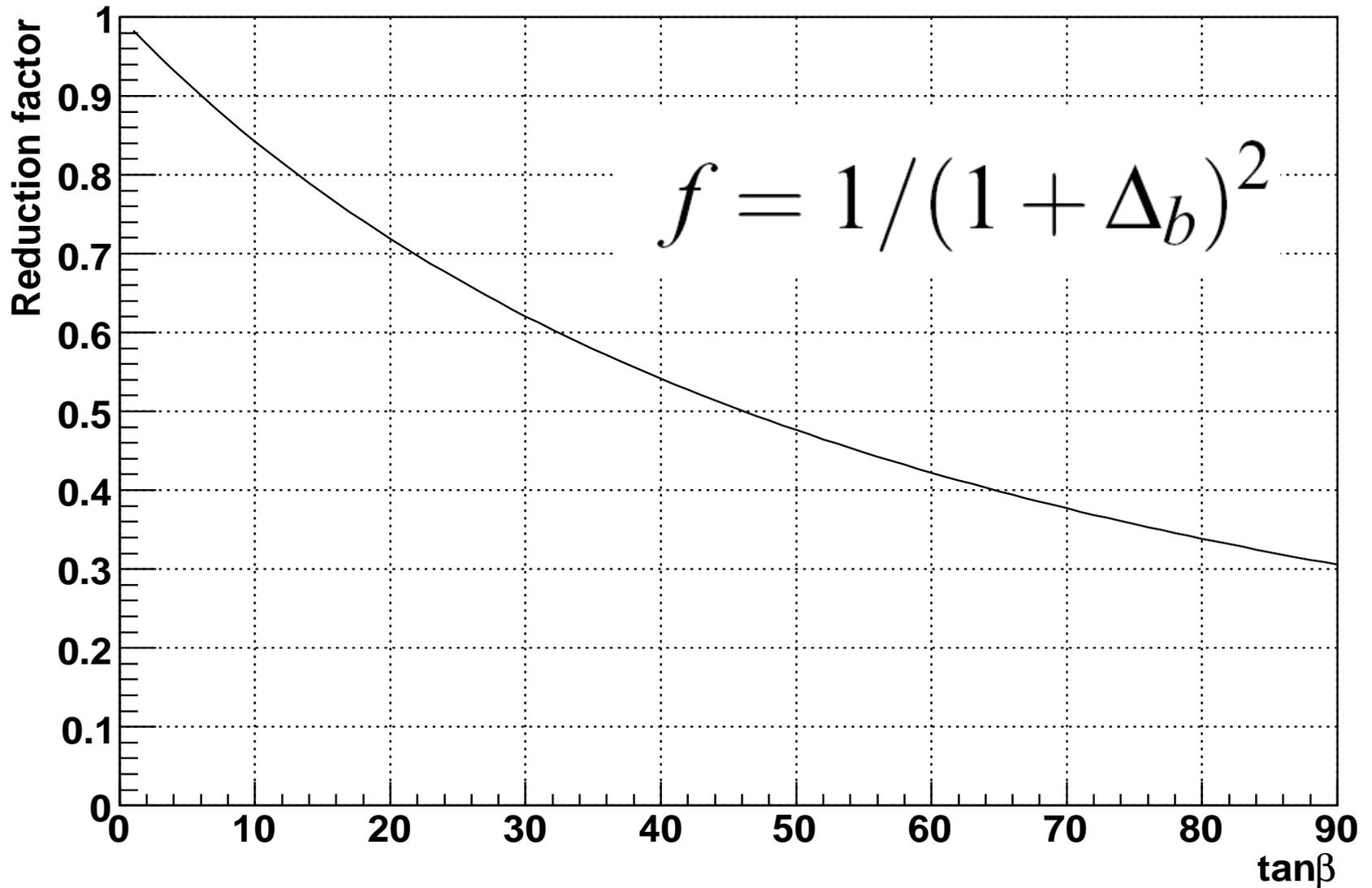
Low-mass Cross-section A



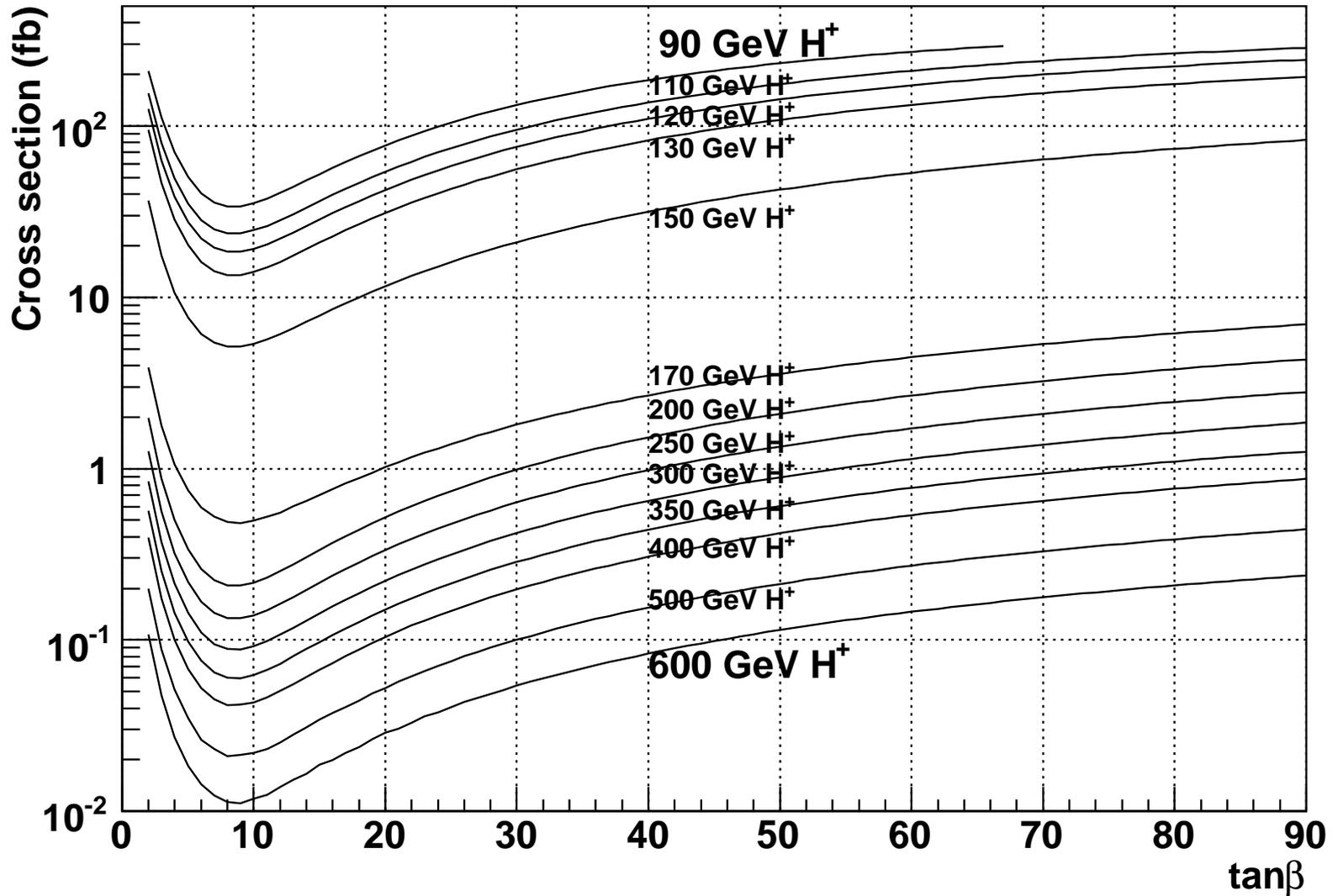
High-mass Cross-section Independent of Scenarios A and B



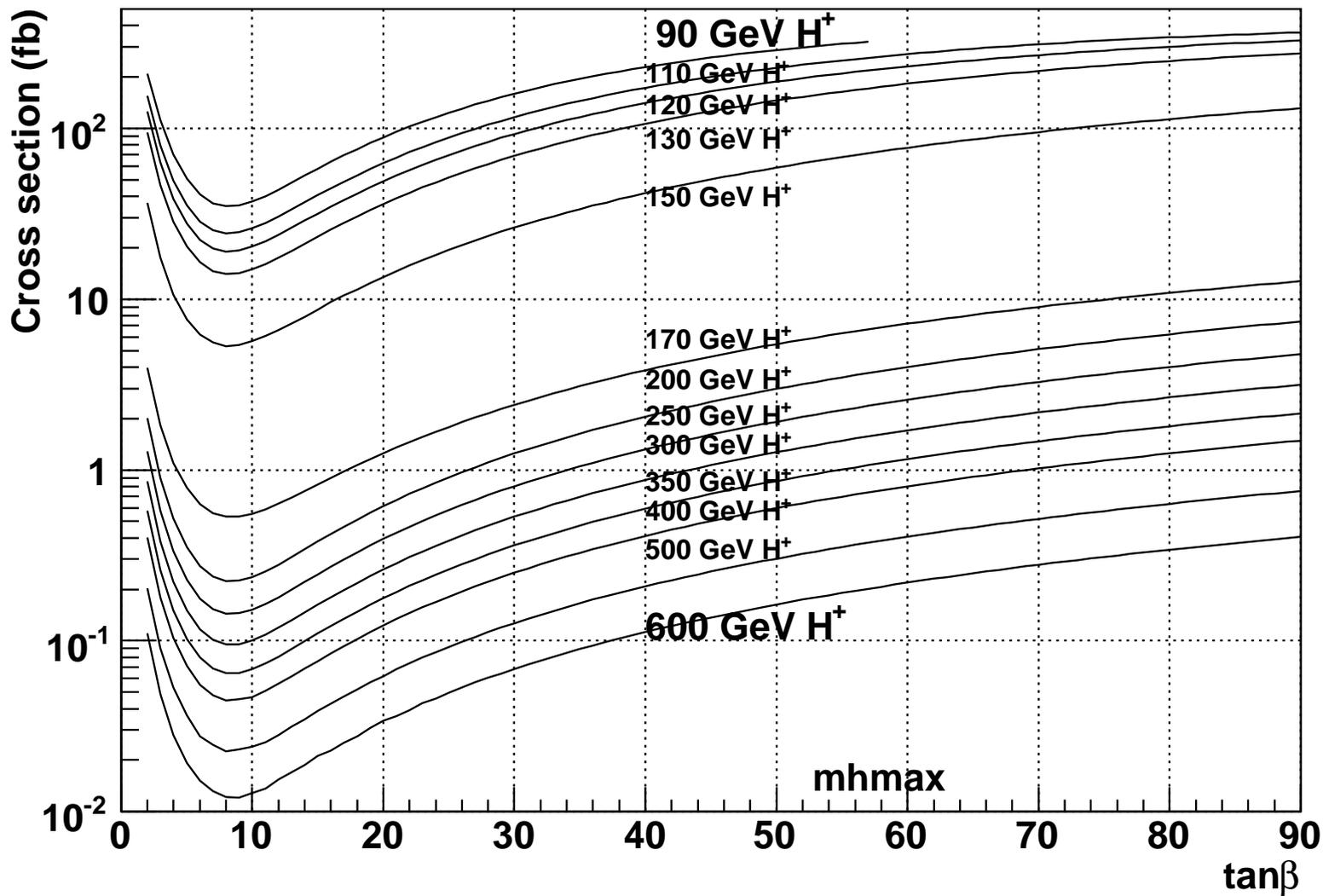
Factor for Cross-section (Scenario A)



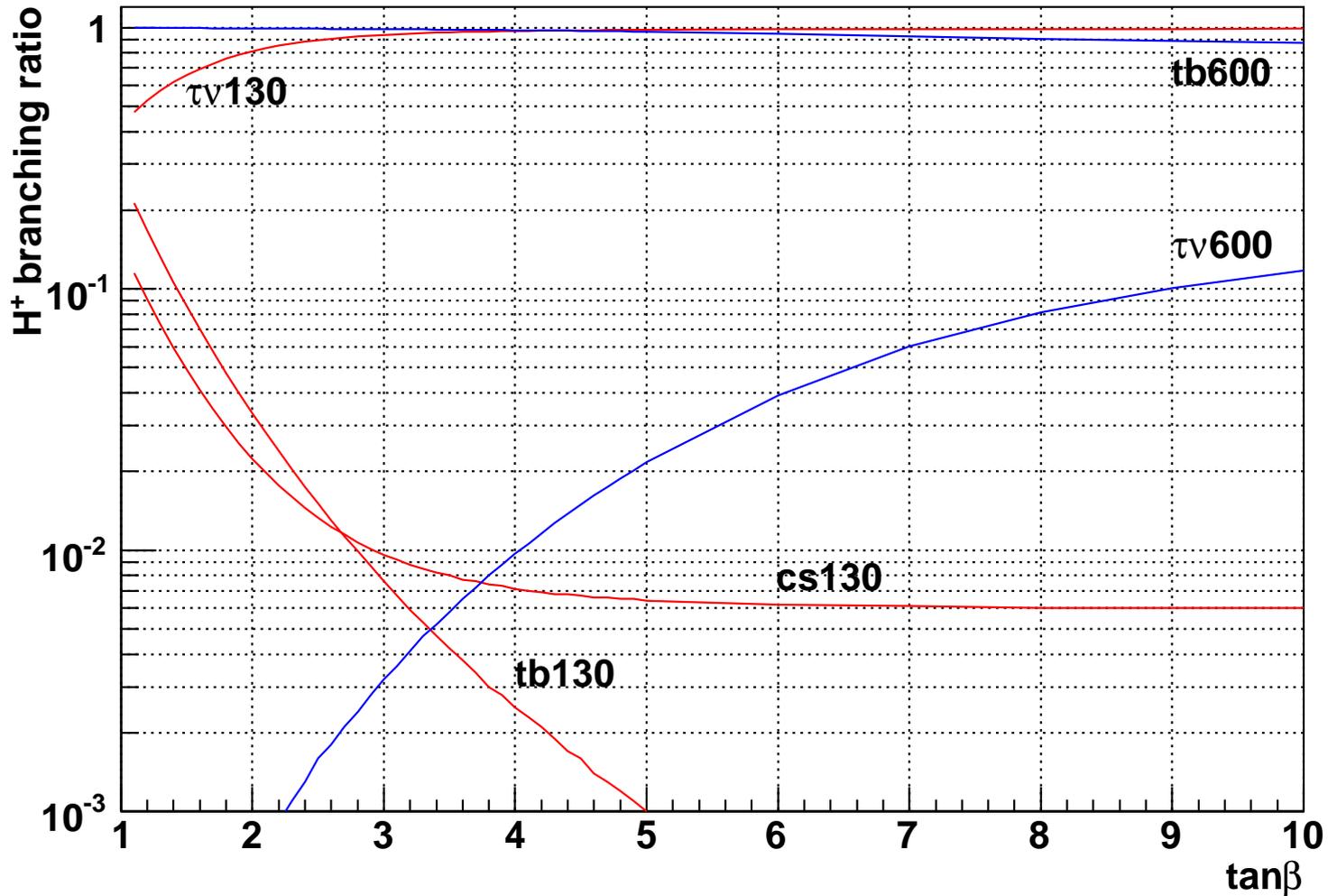
High-mass Cross-section A



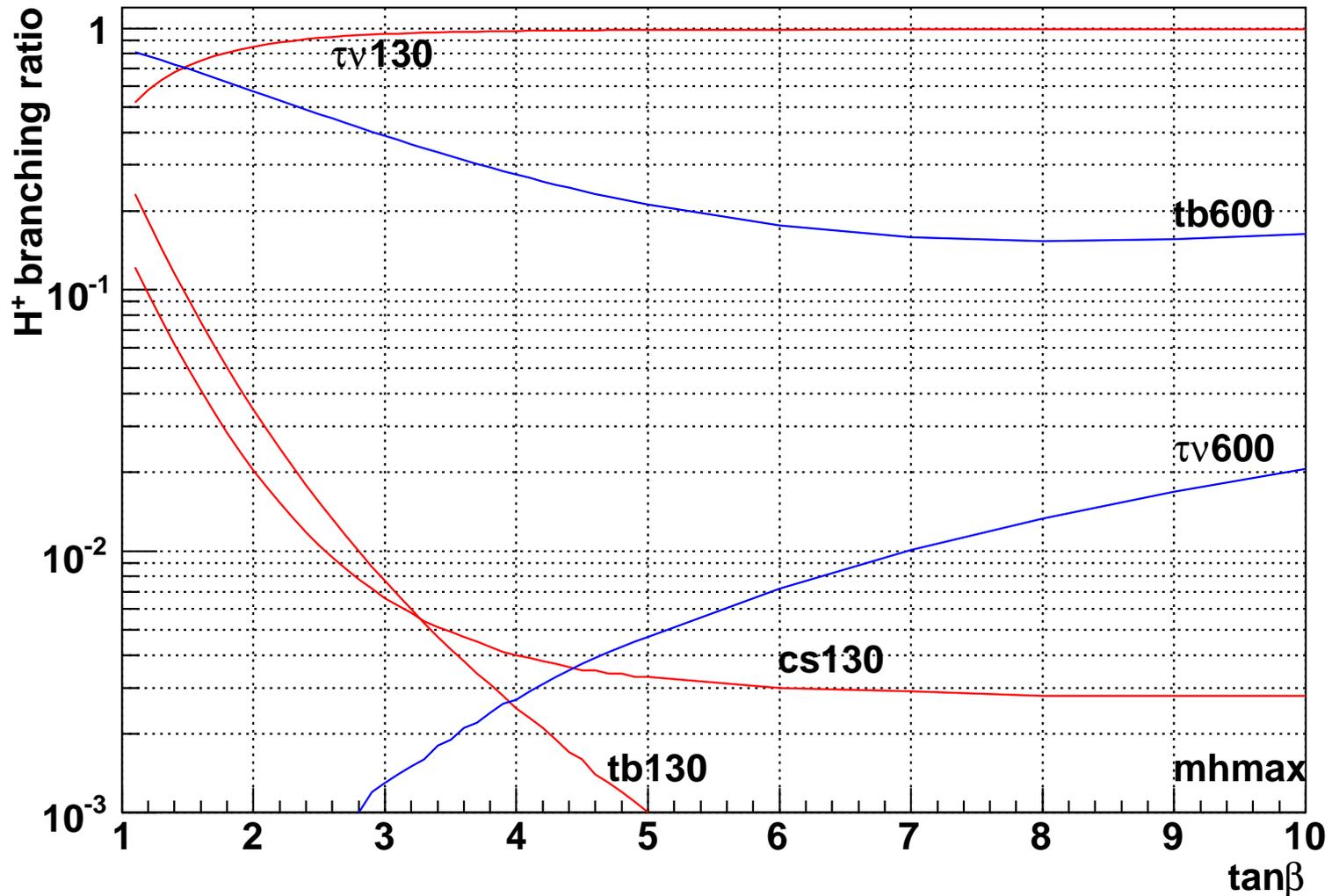
High-mass Cross-section B



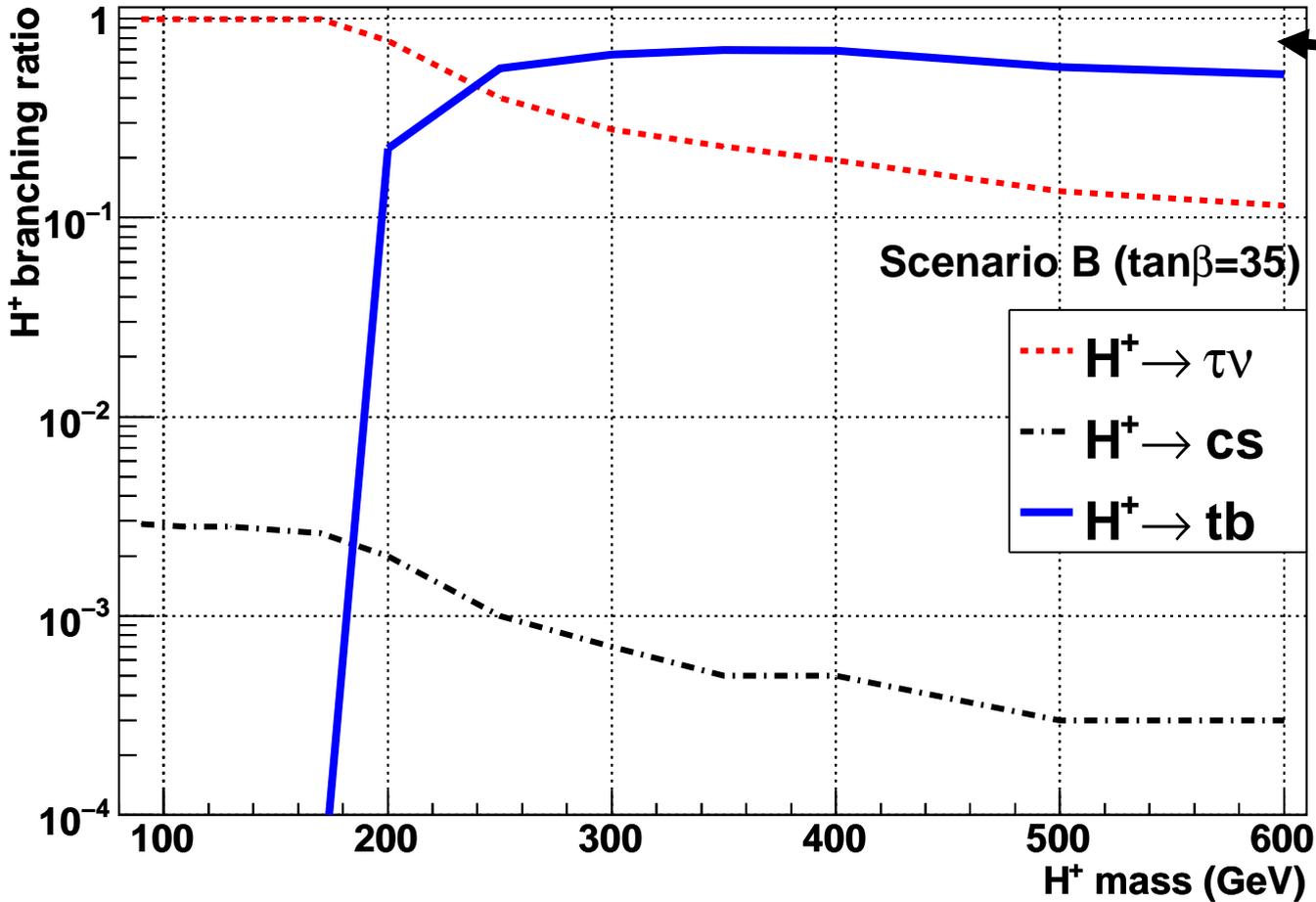
BR($H^+ \rightarrow \dots$) Scenario A



BR($H^+ \rightarrow \dots$) Scenario B



BR($H^+ \rightarrow \dots$)



Note: for intermediate $\tan\beta$ and large H^+ mass $BR(H^+ \rightarrow hW^+)$ could be dominant.

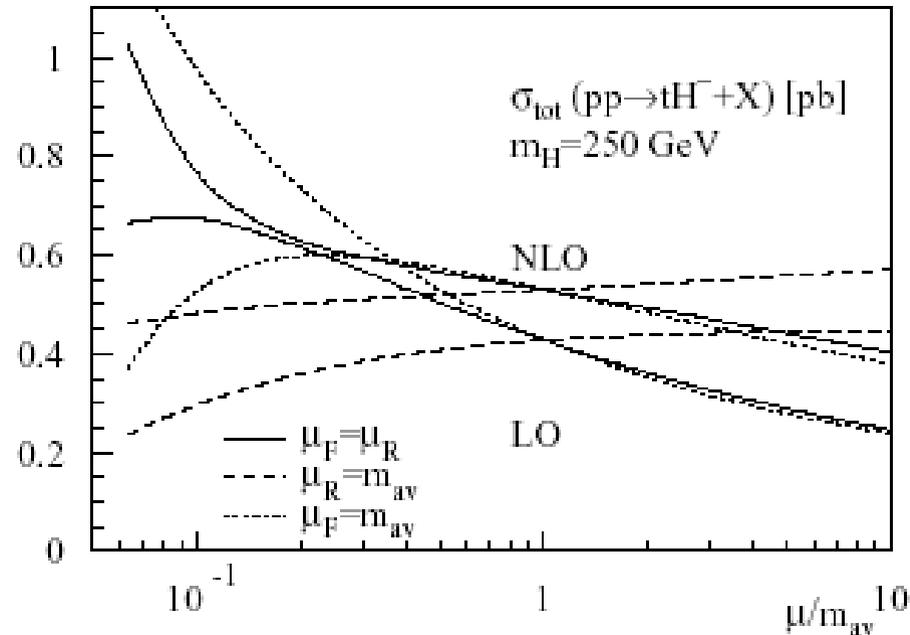
Systematic Uncertainties

related to NLO $gb \rightarrow tH^+$ cross-section

[Berger, Han, Jiang, Plehn PRev D67 (2003) 014018]:

1. one-loop contributions largely improve the theoretical uncertainty of the leading order (LO) cross-section.
2. NLO: determine cross-section uncertainty from dependence on the renormalization and the factorization scale: 20%

$$\mu_F \sim C m_{av} = C \frac{m_t + m_H}{2}$$



MSSM Systematic Uncertainties related to NLO $gb \rightarrow tH^+$ cross-section

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Uncertainties from supersymmetric corrections are in addition: the on-shell renormalization of the bottom quark mass alters the relation between the bottom mass and the bottom Yukawa coupling. These Δ_b corrections are the leading supersymmetric one-loop corrections with respect to powers of $\tan\beta$. Their effect on the total cross-section in a simple mSUGRA model is estimated to stay below $\pm 5\%$ for $\tan\beta=30$ and below $\pm 20\%$ for $\tan\beta=50$. In the MSSM the cross-section can be reduced by a factor 2.

BR Systematic Uncertainties

FeynHiggs v2.6.2:

$BR(H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu, cs, tb)$ and $BR(t \rightarrow H^+b)$:

- a) non-calculated loop corrections to tbH^+ vertex
- b) running masses of c and s quarks

Estimates:

$$\Delta BR(H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu) < 5\%$$

$$\Delta BR(H^+ \rightarrow cs, tb) < 10\%$$

$$\Delta BR(t \rightarrow H^+b) < 10\%$$

Conclusions

- For LHC startup H^+ cross-section and branching ratios determined for specific ATLAS scenarios (\rightarrow talk by M.Flechl).
- Two MSSM benchmark scenarios (\rightarrow talk by S.Heinemeyer).
- Investigated mass points 90, 110, 120, 130, 150, 170, 200, 250, 400 and 600 GeV.
- $BR(t \rightarrow H^+ b)$ similar for scenarios A and B.
- Cross-sections differ slightly in the low-mass region between scenarios A and B. For high-mass region: same values in NLO $gb \rightarrow tH^+$ calc. (Higher order corr. \rightarrow talk by N.Kidonakis).
- MSSM dependences on cross-sections included.
- $BR(H^+ \rightarrow \dots)$ differences for large H^+ masses.
- html tables and root tuples for wider use available.
- Systematic uncertainties for H^+ sensitivity interpretations.
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