

# Phenomenology of multi-Higgs final states $\cong$ double

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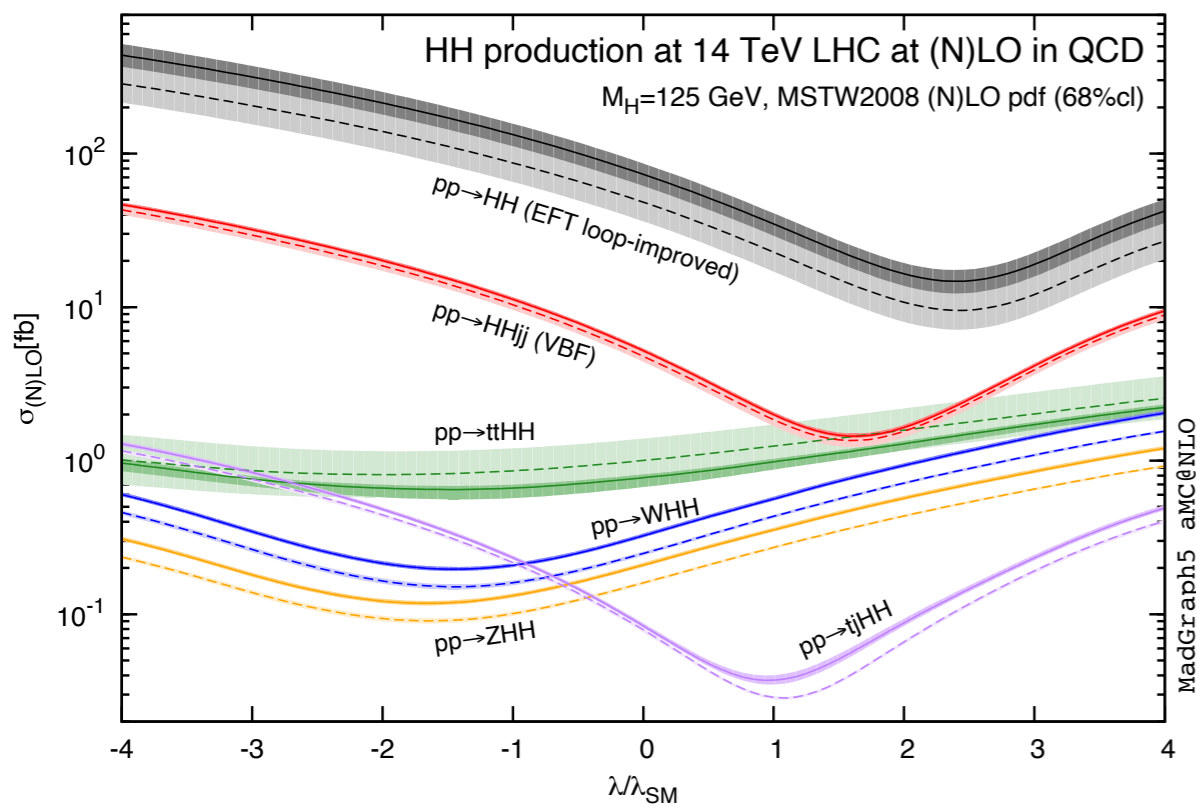
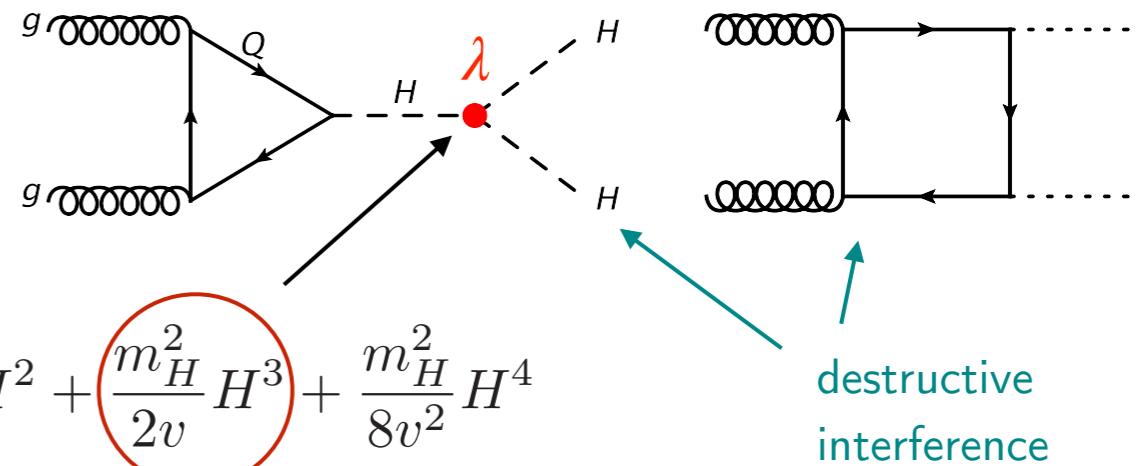
Higgs boson pair production is sensitive to Higgs self-interaction  $\lambda$

- direct relation to Higgs potential
- test mechanism of EW symmetry breaking

$$V(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\Phi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda\Phi^4$$

EW symmetry breaking

$$\frac{m_H^2}{2}H^2 + \frac{m_H^2}{2v}H^3 + \frac{m_H^2}{8v^2}H^4$$



current experimental limits on self-coupling  $\lambda$ :

→ talk by Elena Vernazza

focus of this talk:

progress in theory predictions

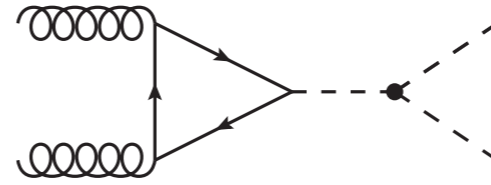
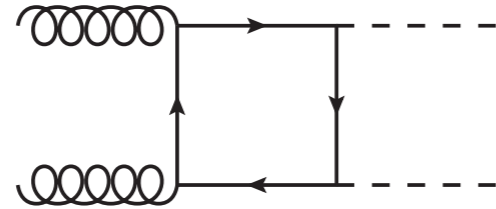
Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni,  
Mattelaer, Torrielli, Vryonidou, Zaro `14

# Gluon Fusion @ NLO — SM vs. HTL

LO (full SM)

Glover, van der Bij '88

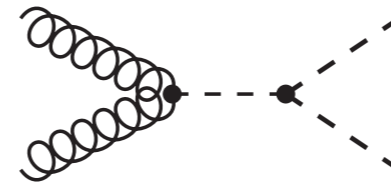
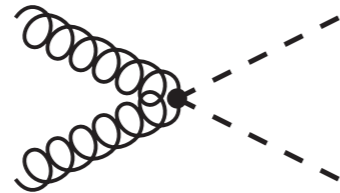
$$\sigma_{LO} \approx 20 \text{ fb}$$



since process loop-induced: higher-order corrections challenging  
simplification:

heavy-top limit (HTL)

$$m_t \rightarrow \infty$$



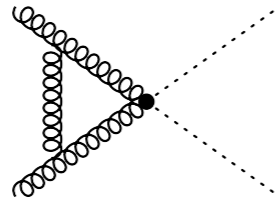
HTL only justified for  
 $m_{HH} \ll 2m_t$

NLO QCD HTL (Born-improved)

Plehn, Spira, Zerwas '96, '98;

Dawson, Dittmaier, Spira '98

$$K\text{-factor} \approx 2$$



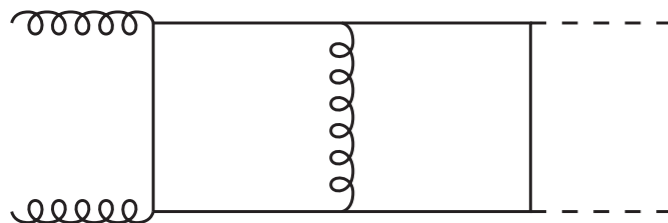
$$d\sigma_{NLO}^{B.i.-HTL} = \frac{d\sigma_{NLO}^{HTL}}{d\sigma_{LO}^{HTL}} d\sigma_{LO}^{SM}$$

NLO QCD SM

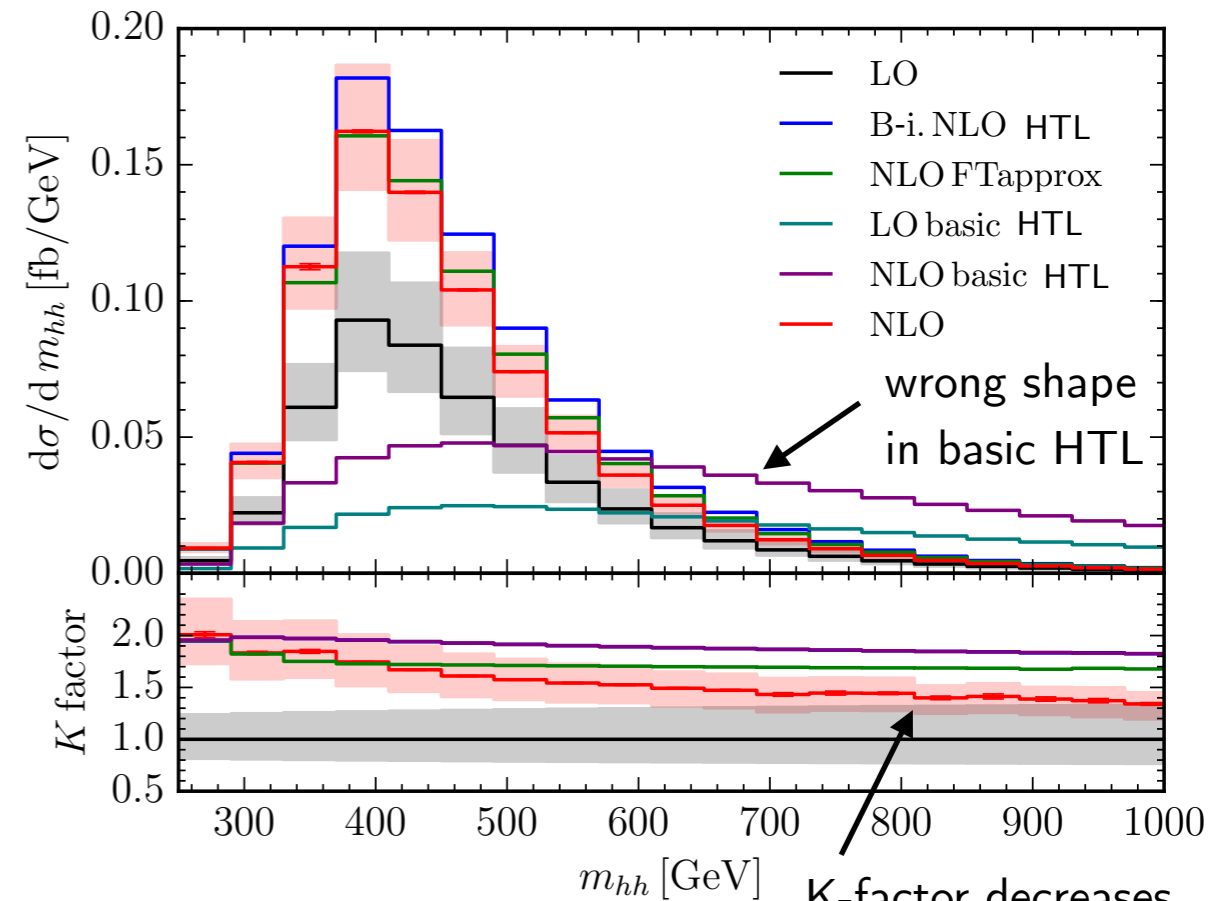
using numerical methods for 2-loop amplitude

Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, MK, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke '16

Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Ronca, Spira, Streicher '18



$$K\text{-factor } 1.7$$



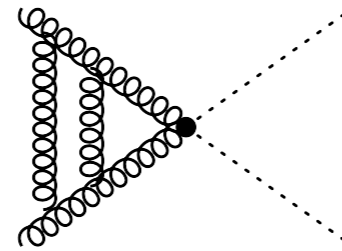
K-factor decreases for large  $m_{HH}$

## NNLO HTL predictions

de Florian, Mazzitelli `13

Grigo, Melnikov, Steinhauser `14

de Florian, Grazzini, Hanga, Kallweit, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Mazzitelli, Rathlev `16



K-factor 1.2

can be combined with exact  $m_t$  dependence at NLO

Grazzini, Heinrich, Jones, Kallweit, MK, Lindert, Mazzitelli `18

3 methods to approximate NNLO  $m_t$  dependence:

### 1) NNLO<sub>NLO-i</sub>

rescale NLO by  $K_{\text{NNLO}} = \text{NNLO}_{\text{HEFT}} / \text{NLO}_{\text{HEFT}}$

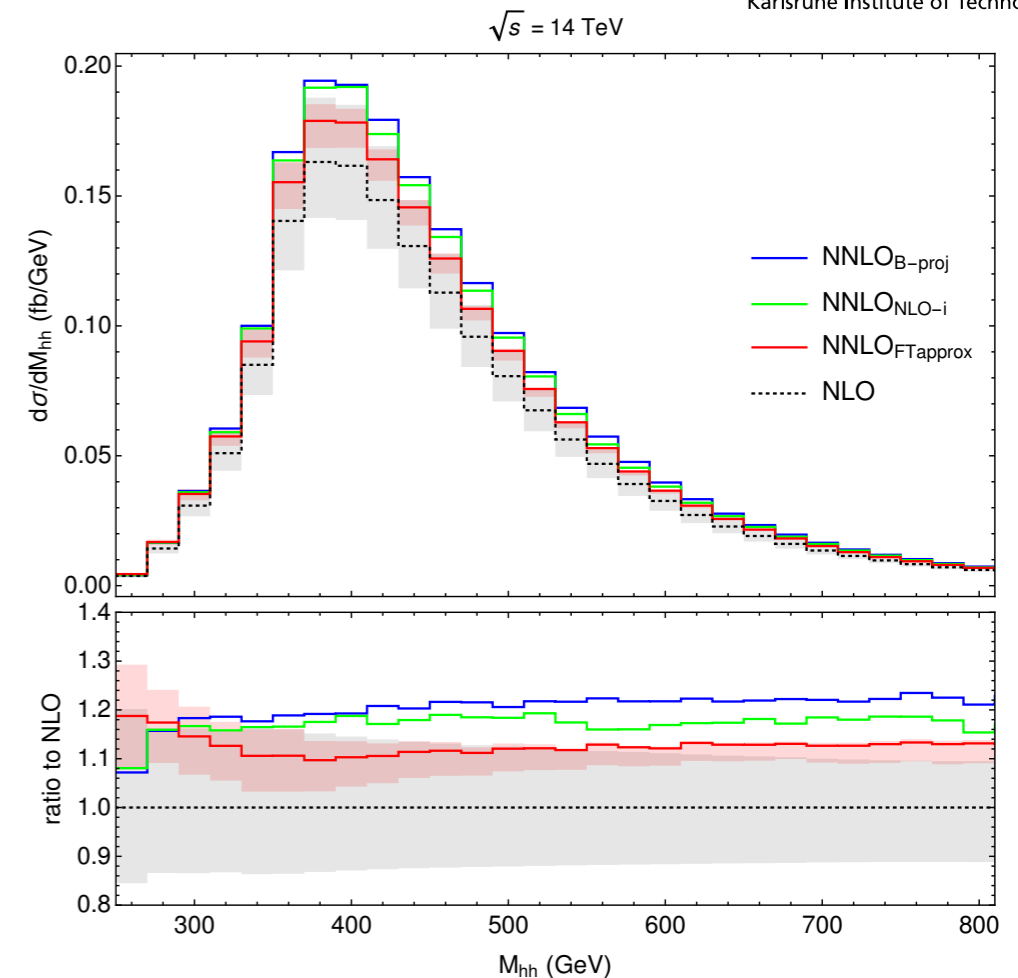
### 2) NNLO<sub>B-proj</sub>

project all real radiation contributions to Born configuration, rescale by  $\text{LO}/\text{LO}_{\text{HEFT}}$

### 3) NNLO<sub>FTapprox</sub>

calculate NNLO<sub>HEFT</sub> and for each multiplicity rescale by

$$\mathcal{R}(ij \rightarrow HH + X) = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{Full}}^{\text{Born}}(ij \rightarrow HH + X)}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{HEFT}}^{(0)}(ij \rightarrow HH + X)}$$



| $\sqrt{s}$   | 13 TeV                                    | 14 TeV                                    | 27 TeV                                    | 100 TeV                                  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| NLO [fb]   | 27.78 <sup>+13.8%</sup> <sub>-12.8%</sub> | 32.88 <sup>+13.5%</sup> <sub>-12.5%</sub> | 127.7 <sup>+11.5%</sup> <sub>-10.4%</sub> | 1147 <sup>+10.7%</sup> <sub>-9.9%</sub>  |
| NLO <sub>FTapprox</sub> [fb]                         | 28.91 <sup>+15.0%</sup> <sub>-13.4%</sub> | 34.25 <sup>+14.7%</sup> <sub>-13.2%</sub> | 134.1 <sup>+12.7%</sup> <sub>-11.1%</sub> | 1220 <sup>+11.9%</sup> <sub>-10.6%</sub> |
| NNLO <sub>NLO-i</sub> [fb]                           | 32.69 <sup>+5.3%</sup> <sub>-7.7%</sub>   | 38.66 <sup>+5.3%</sup> <sub>-7.7%</sub>   | 149.3 <sup>+4.8%</sup> <sub>-6.7%</sub>   | 1337 <sup>+4.1%</sup> <sub>-5.4%</sub>   |
| NNLO <sub>B-proj</sub> [fb]                          | 33.42 <sup>+1.5%</sup> <sub>-4.8%</sub>   | 39.58 <sup>+1.4%</sup> <sub>-4.7%</sub>   | 154.2 <sup>+0.7%</sup> <sub>-3.8%</sub>   | 1406 <sup>+0.5%</sup> <sub>-2.8%</sub>   |
| NNLO <sub>FTapprox</sub> [fb]                        | 31.05 <sup>+2.2%</sup> <sub>-5.0%</sub>   | 36.69 <sup>+2.1%</sup> <sub>-4.9%</sub>   | 139.9 <sup>+1.3%</sup> <sub>-3.9%</sub>   | 1224 <sup>+0.9%</sup> <sub>-3.2%</sub>   |
| <u><math>M_t</math> unc. NNLO<sub>FTapprox</sub></u> | ±2.6%                                     | ±2.7%                                     | ±3.4%                                     | ±4.6%                                    |
| NNLO <sub>FTapprox</sub> /NLO                        | 1.118                                     | 1.116                                     | 1.096                                     | 1.067                                    |

K-factor after inclusion of  $m_t$  dependence

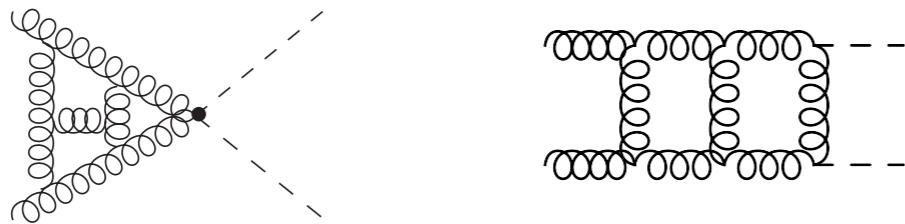
going even higher in perturbation theory:

N<sup>3</sup>LO [Chen, Li, Shao, Wang 19](#)

requires: - triangle contributions up to 3 loop (similar to H @ N<sup>3</sup>LO)

- box contributions up to 2 loop

[Banerjee, Borowka, Dhani, Gehrmann, Ravindran 18](#)



most accurate prediction:

(N<sup>3</sup>LO + N<sup>3</sup>LL) ⊗ NLO<sub>m<sub>t</sub></sub>

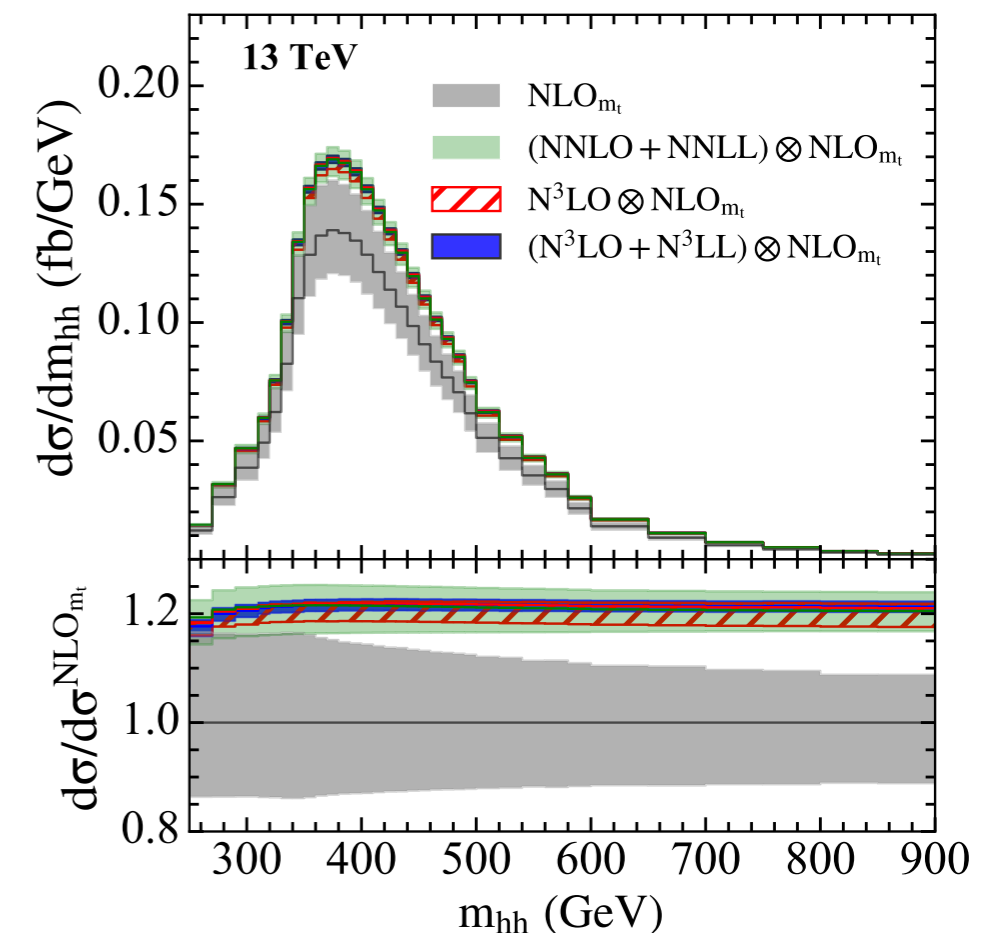
N<sup>3</sup>LL threshold resummation [Ajjath, Shao `22](#)

| $\sqrt{s}$   | 13 TeV                                    | 14 TeV                                     | 27 TeV                                    | 100 TeV                                 |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| NLO <sub>m<sub>t</sub></sub>   | 27.56 <sup>+13.9%</sup> <sub>-12.7%</sub> | 32.64 <sup>+13.5%</sup> <sub>-12.47%</sub> | 126.1 <sup>+11.5%</sup> <sub>-10.4%</sub> | 1119 <sup>+10.7%</sup> <sub>-9.9%</sub> |
| (NNLO + NNLL) ⊗ NLO <sub>m<sub>t</sub></sub>                           | 33.33 <sup>+3.0%</sup> <sub>-3.3%</sub>   | 39.42 <sup>+3.0%</sup> <sub>-3.4%</sub>    | 150.8 <sup>+2.7%</sup> <sub>-3.4%</sub>   | 1320 <sup>+2.4%</sup> <sub>-3.4%</sub>  |
| N <sup>3</sup> LO ⊗ NLO <sub>m<sub>t</sub></sub>                       | 33.43 <sup>+0.50%</sup> <sub>-2.8%</sub>  | 39.56 <sup>+0.50%</sup> <sub>-2.7%</sub>   | 151.7 <sup>+0.46%</sup> <sub>-2.3%</sub>  | 1333 <sup>+0.51%</sup> <sub>-1.8%</sub> |
| (N <sup>3</sup> LO + N <sup>3</sup> LL) ⊗ NLO <sub>m<sub>t</sub></sub> | 33.47 <sup>+0.88%</sup> <sub>-0.85%</sub> | 39.60 <sup>+0.85%</sup> <sub>-0.87%</sub>  | 151.9 <sup>+0.63%</sup> <sub>-0.94%</sub> | 1335 <sup>+0.35%</sup> <sub>-1.0%</sub> |

→ 1% remaining scale ( $\mu_R, \mu_F$ ) uncertainty

additional uncertainties:

- 3%  $m_t$ -effects beyond NLO
  - $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  mass-scheme
  - EW corrections
- } next slides



So far, all results used OS renormalization of  $m_t$ ,  
 but also other schemes, e.g.  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  valid  $\rightarrow$  additional mass scheme uncertainty

## NLO predictions in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

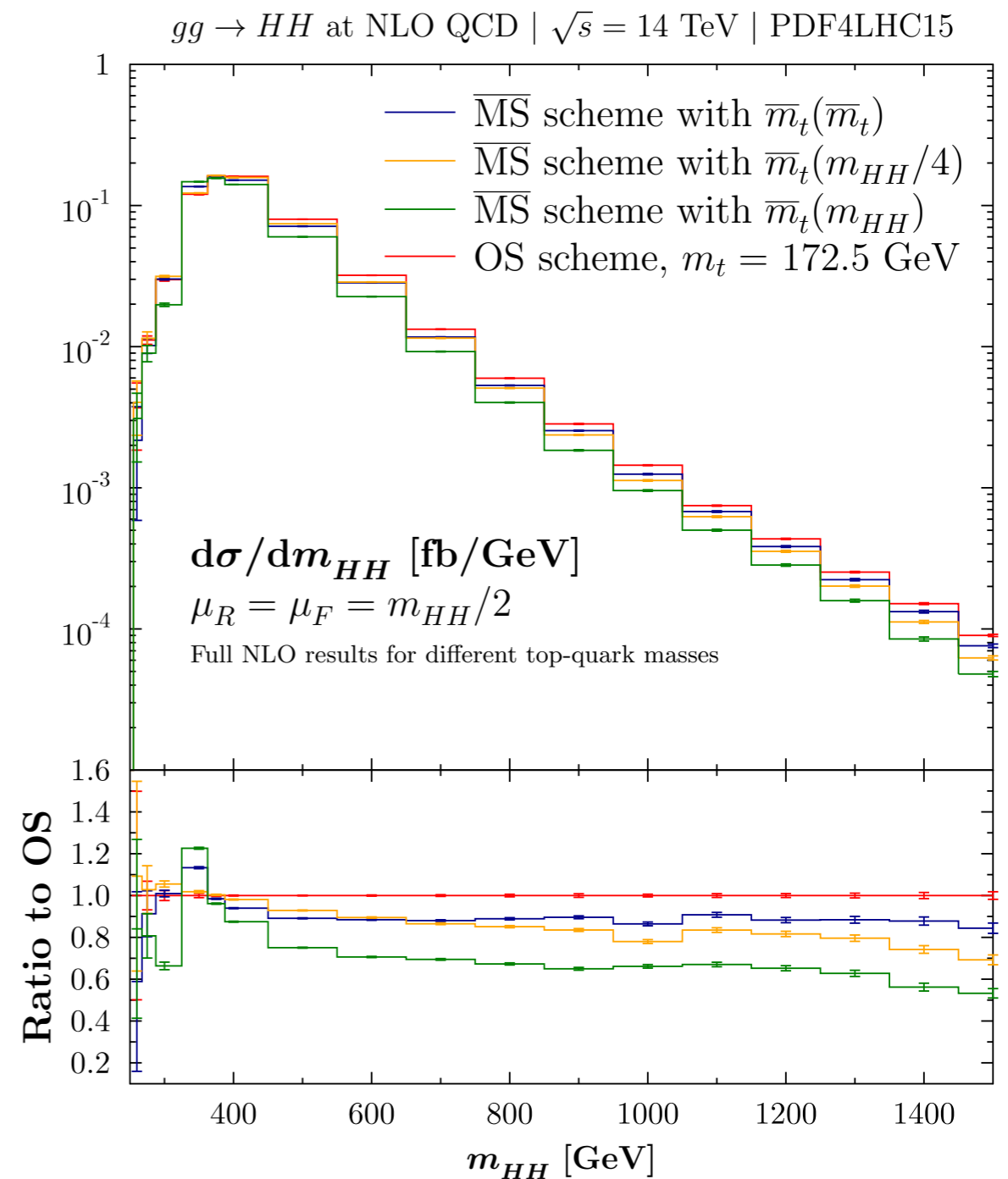
Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher 19,20

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=400 \text{ GeV}} = 0.1609(4)^{+0\%}_{-13\%} \text{ fb/GeV}$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=1200 \text{ GeV}} = 0.000435(4)^{+0\%}_{-35\%} \text{ fb/GeV}$$

large **scheme uncertainties** at large  $m_{HH}$   
 (larger than  $\mu_R, \mu_F$  dependence)

$$\sigma_{tot} = 32.81(7)^{+4\%}_{-18\%} \text{ fb}$$



HH mass scheme uncertainties:

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$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=1200 \text{ GeV}} = 0.000435(4)_{-35\%}^{+0\%} \text{ fb/GeV}$$

Similar effects for (off-shell) H production:

$$\left. \sigma(gg \rightarrow H^*) \right|_{Q=125 \text{ GeV}} = 42.17_{-0.5\%}^{+0.4\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\left. \sigma(gg \rightarrow H^*) \right|_{Q=600 \text{ GeV}} = 1.97_{-15.9\%}^{+0.0\%} \text{ pb}$$

Is there any preferred scheme choice?

- Leading contributions in high-energy expansion ( $\sqrt{\hat{s}} = m_{HH} \gg m_t$ ) at NLO

Jones, Spira (Les Houches 2019); Baglio, Campanario, Glaus, Mühlleitner, Spira, Streicher 20; based on Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser, Wellmann 18

$$OS: F_{\text{box},i}^{\text{NLO}} = 2F_{\text{box},i}^{\text{LO}} \log \frac{m_t^2}{s} + \frac{m_t^2}{s} c_{1,i} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$$

$$\overline{MS}: F_{\text{box},i}^{\text{NLO}} = 2F_{\text{box},i}^{\text{LO}} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\mu_t^2}{s} \right) + \frac{4}{3} \right] + \frac{\overline{m}_t^2(\mu_t)}{s} c_{1,i} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)$$

→ preferred choice  $\mu_t^2 = s$

- Matching to HTL at low energies: preferred choice  $\mu_t = m_t$
- Better convergence using OS scheme in  $H^*$  @ NNLO J. Mazzitelli 16

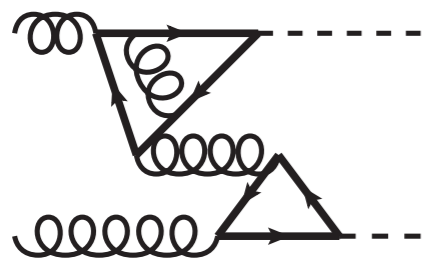
→ Need NNLO predictions with full  $m_t$  dependence

# Towards NNLO QCD with $m_t$ -dependence

Full NNLO QCD predictions with  $m_t$ -dependence out of reach,  
but can be approximated using expansions!

## $gg \rightarrow HH$ at NNLO QCD

Split the amplitude into parts:

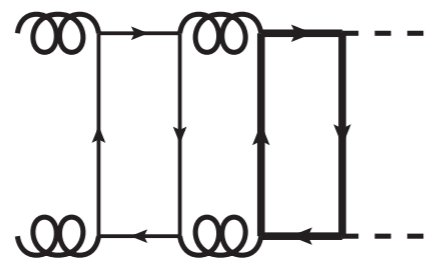


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expand  $m_H$ ,  
rest exact

“( $gg \rightarrow H$ )<sup>2</sup>” w/  
off-shell gluon

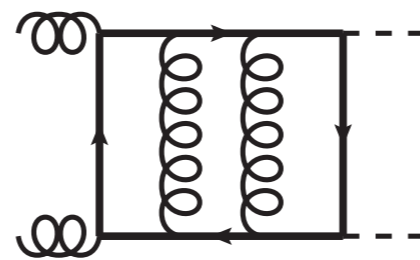
Talk: M. Vitti



$n_l n_h \{C_A, C_F\}$

expand  $m_H$ ,  
small- $t$  exp.

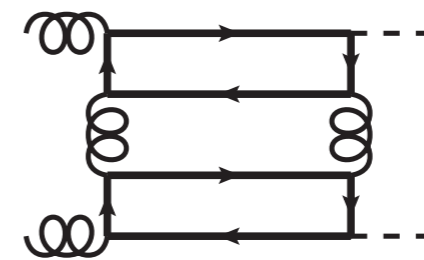
[Davies, Schönwald,  
Steinhauser '23]



$n_h \{C_A^2, C_A C_F, C_F^2\}$

expand  $m_H$ ,  
small- $t$  exp.

In progress



$n_h^2 \{C_A, C_F\}$

expand  $m_H$ ,  
small- $t$  exp. (!)

massless  
 $t$ -channel cut

TO DO

small- $t$  expansion valid  
for  $p_T \lesssim 200$  GeV

J. Davies, Loops & Legs 2024



# NLO EW corrections to $gg \rightarrow HH$

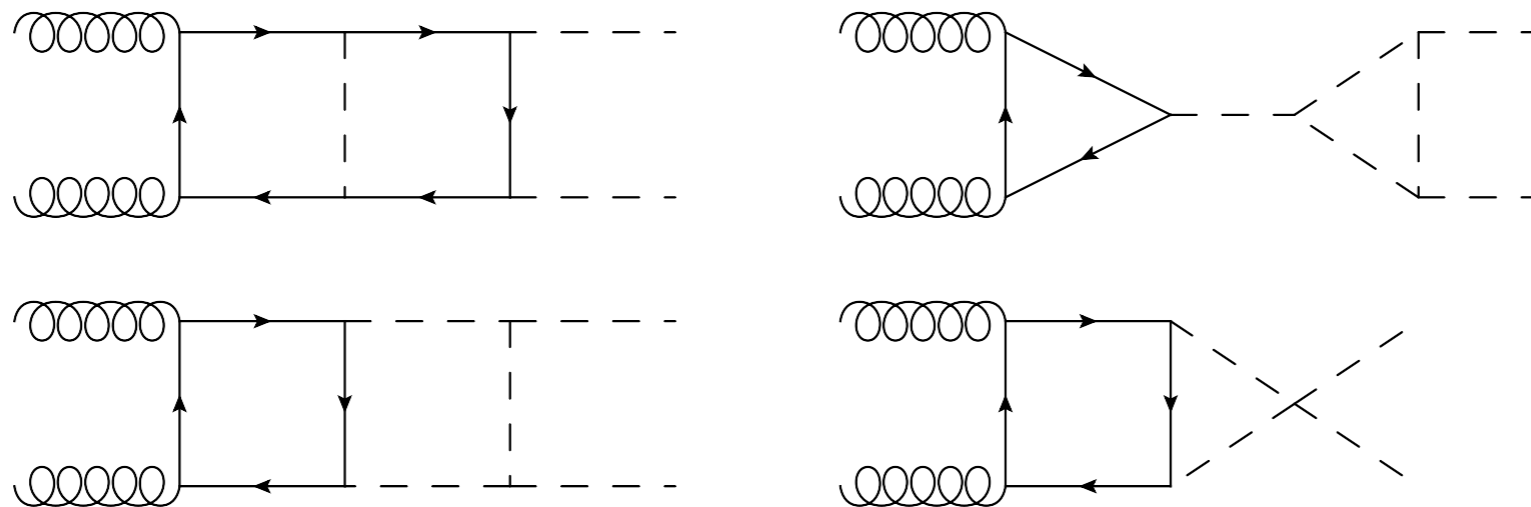
NLO EW corrections needed in addition to QCD corrections

Recently, huge progress:

- partial results (Yukawa-/Higgs- interactions):

Bizoń, Haisch, Rottoli 18,24; Borowka, Duhr, Maltoni, Pagani, Shivaji, Zhao 19;

Mühlleitner, Schlenk, Spira 22; Xiao Zhang et.al. Higgs 2023; MK et.al. Loops & Legs 2024



- approximate results:

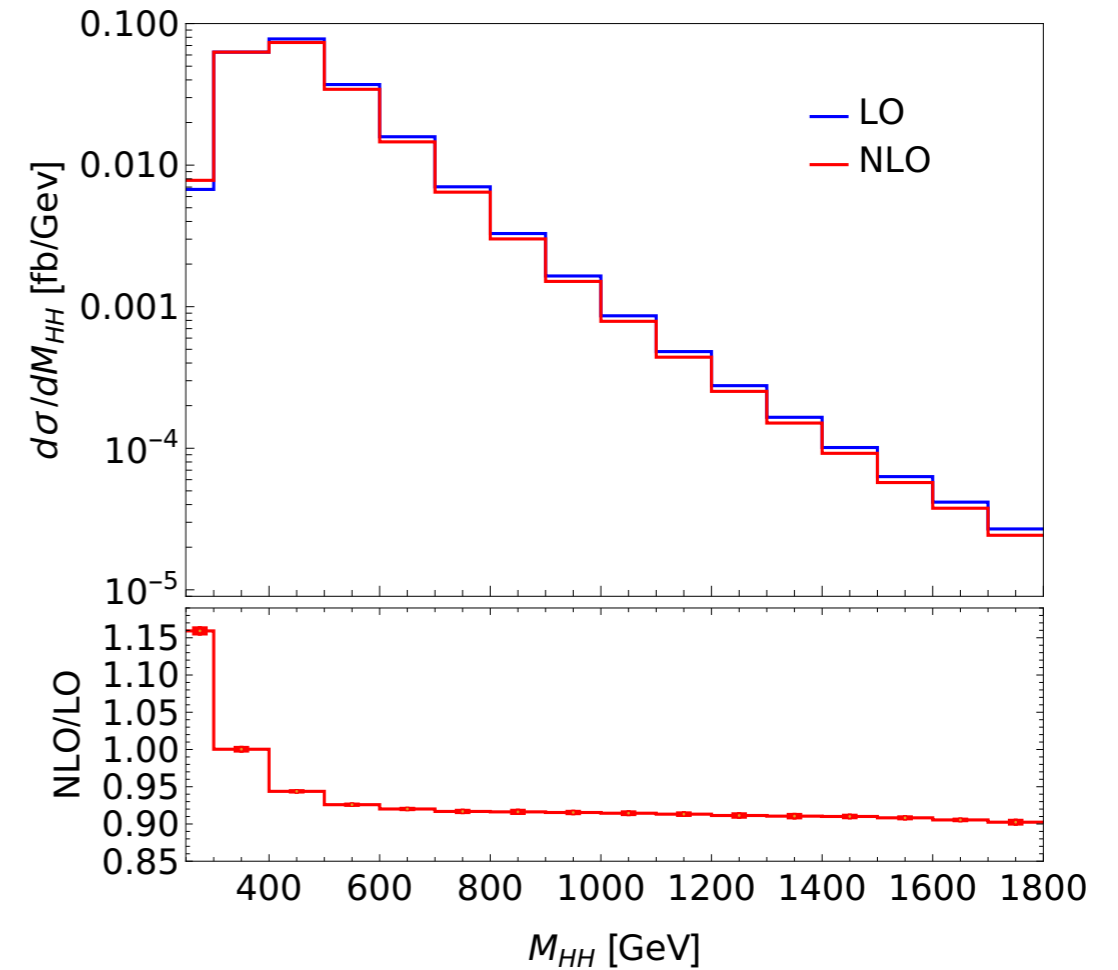
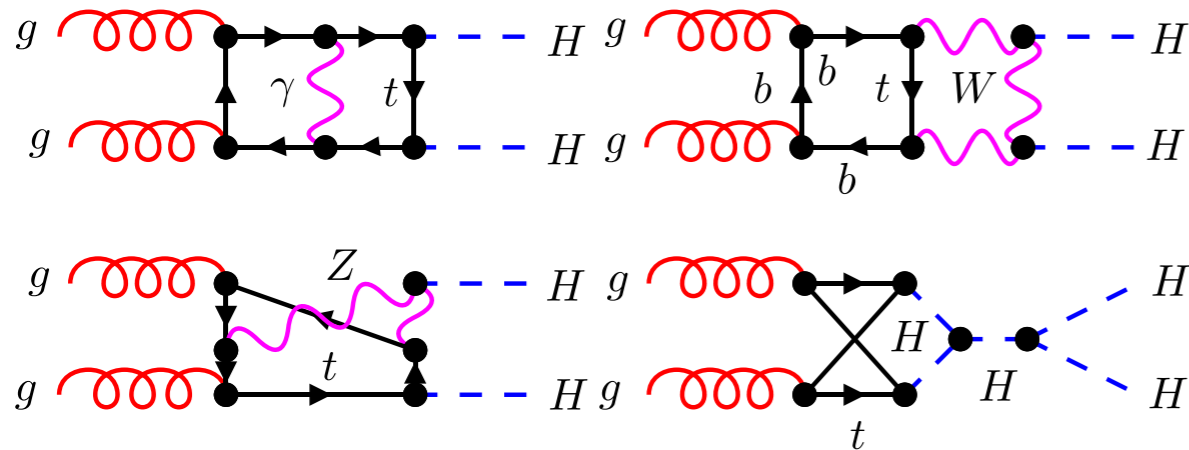
Top-Yukawa corrections in the high-energy limit [Davies, Mishima, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, 22]

EW corrections in large- $m_t$  limit [Davies, Schönwald, Steinhauser, Zhang, 23]

- full EW corrections [Bi, Huang, Huang, Ma, Yu 23]

# NLO EW corrections to $gg \rightarrow HH$

Full EW corrections Bi, Huang, Huang, Ma, Yu 23



Method: Auxiliary Mass Flow (AMFlow)

Liu, Ma, Wang 17; Liu, Ma, Tao et.al. 20; Liu, Ma 22

Solve Loop Integrals

$$I \propto \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \int \prod_l^L d^d k_l \prod_i^N \frac{1}{[q_i^2 - (m_i^2 - i\eta)]^{\nu_i}}$$

via differential equations in  $x = -i\eta$

$$\partial_x I = MI$$

- Start from boundary point  $x = -i\infty$   
→ easy to calculate  
(massive vacuum graphs) × (massless graphs)
- Transfer to  $x=0$  using power-log expansions

Moriello 19

-4% correction w.r.t  $\sigma_{LO}$   
 $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  differentially

Heinrich, Jones, MK, Luisoni, Scyboz 19, 20  
De Florian, Fabre, Heinrich, Mazzitelli, Scyboz 21  
Heinrich, Lang, Scyboz 22, 23

- HEFT:**
- Higgs  $h(x)$  is EW singlet  
→  $\mathcal{L}$  can be polynomial in  $h/v$  → independent couplings  $c_t, c_{tt}, \dots$
  - UV completion can be strongly coupled

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = -m_t \left( c_t \frac{h}{v} + c_{tt} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) \bar{t}t - c_{hhh} \frac{m_h^2}{2v} h^3 + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \left( c_{ggh} \frac{h}{v} + c_{gggh} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}$$

- SMEFT:**
- Higgs doublet  $\Phi(x)$  transforms linearly under  $SU(2)_L$
  - Canonical expansion in  $1/\Lambda$

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{Warsaw}} = \frac{C_{H,\square}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) \square (\phi^\dagger \phi) + \frac{C_{HD}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi)^* (\phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi) + \frac{C_H}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi)^3$$

$$+ \left( \frac{C_{uH}}{\Lambda^2} \phi^\dagger \phi \bar{q}_L \phi^c t_R + h.c. \right) + \frac{C_{HG}}{\Lambda^2} \phi^\dagger \phi G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a} .$$

- Chromomagnetic operator sub-leading (assuming renormalizable, weakly coupled UV completion)

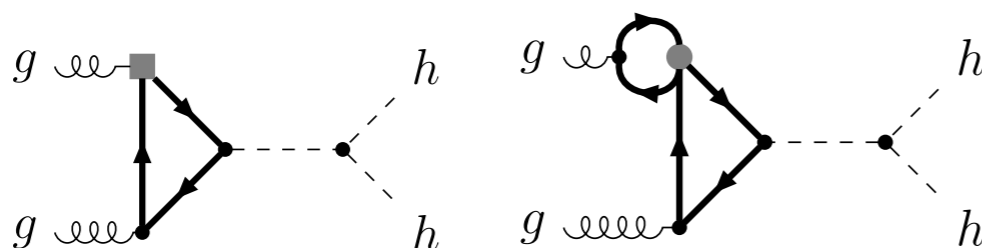
→ loop counting [Buchalla, Heinrich, Müller-Salditt, Pandler 22](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_{tG} = \frac{C_{tG}}{\Lambda^2} \left( \bar{Q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{\phi} t_R + h.c. \right)$$

- Chromomagnetic and 4-top operators depend on  $\gamma_5$ -scheme

Scheme conversion relates both types of operators

[Di Noi, Gröber, Heinrich, Lang, Vitti 23; Heinrich, Lang 23](#)



$$C_{tG}^{\text{BMHV}} = C_{tG}^{\text{NDR}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}m_t g_s}{16\pi^2 v} \left( C_{Qt}^{(1)} + \left( c_F - \frac{c_A}{2} \right) C_{Qt}^{(8)} \right)$$

Naive conversion HEFT  $\rightarrow$  SMEFT:

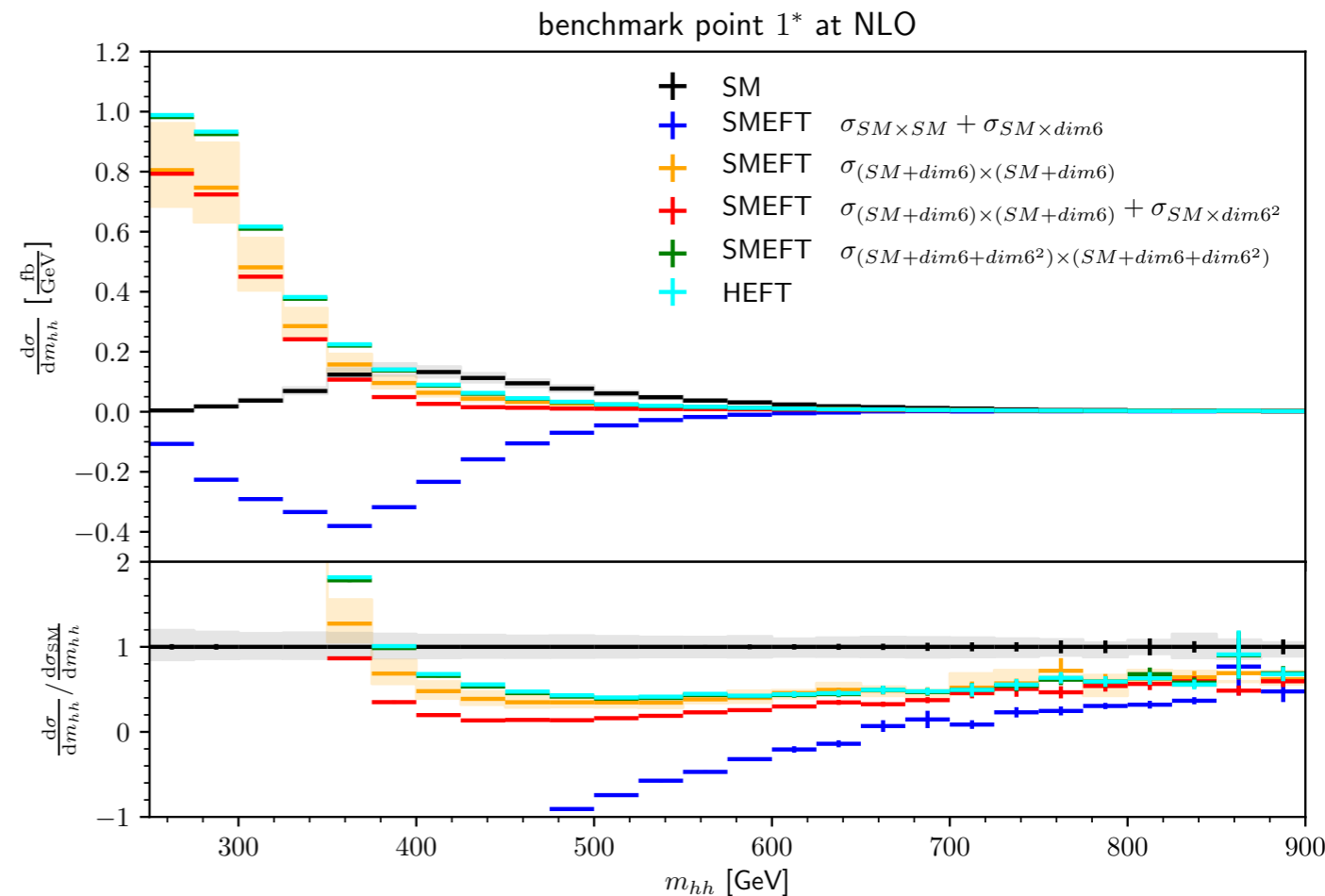
| HEFT       | Warsaw  |
|------------|---|
| $C_{hhh}$  | $1 - 2 \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{v^2}{m_h^2} C_H + 3 \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} C_{H,\text{kin}}$    |
| $C_t$      | $1 + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} C_{H,\text{kin}} - \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}m_t} C_{uH}$ |
| $C_{tt}$   | $-\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{3v}{2\sqrt{2}m_t} C_{uH} + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} C_{H,\text{kin}}$  |
| $C_{ggh}$  | $\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{8\pi}{\alpha_s} C_{HG}$  |
| $C_{gggh}$ | $\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_s} C_{HG}$  |

$$C_{H,\text{kin}} := C_{H,\square} - \frac{1}{4} C_{HD}$$

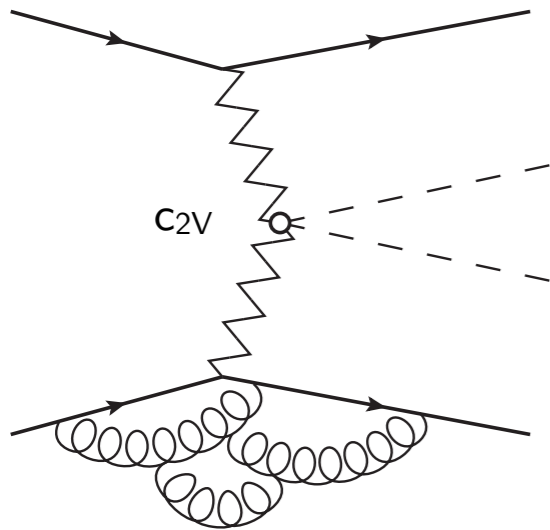
- $\rightarrow$  not guaranteed to work
  - different model assumptions
  - can lead out of validity range for  $1/\Lambda$  expansion
- $\rightarrow$  depends on truncation of SMEFT predictions

Benchmark 1\*

| $C_{hhh}$ | $C_t$ | $C_{tt}$ | $C_{ggh}$ | $C_{gggh}$ | $C_{H,\text{kin}}$ | $C_H$ | $C_{uH}$ | $C_{HG}$ |
|-----------|-------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| 5.105     | 1.1   | 0        | 0         | 0          | 4.95               | -6.81 | 3.28     | 0        |

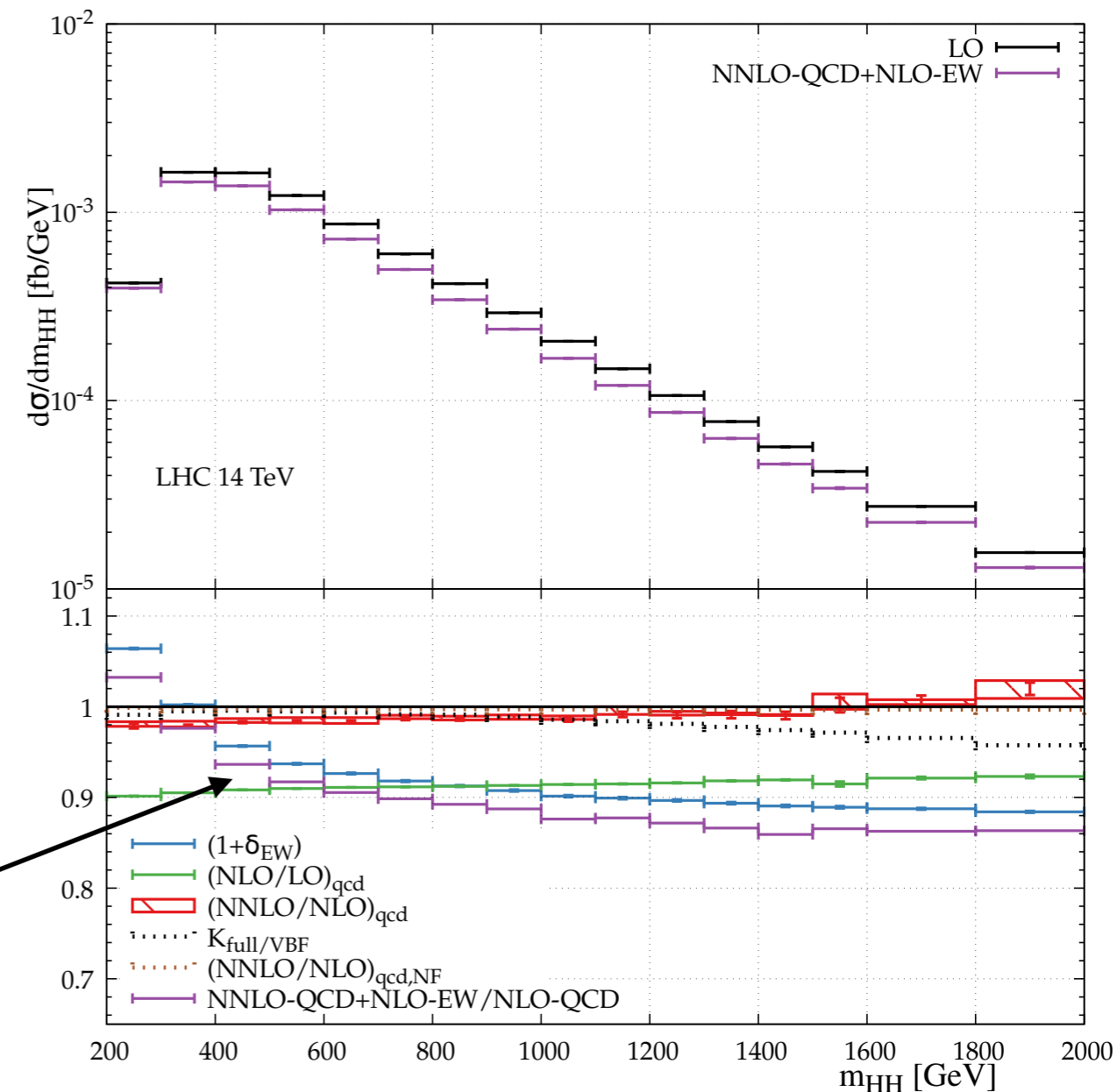


# VBF HH + 2-jet production



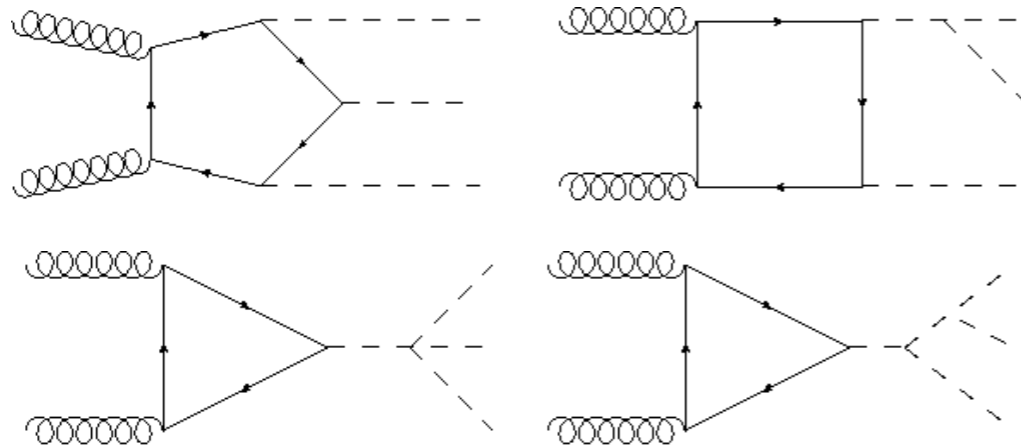
- sensitivity to couplings  $\lambda$  and  $c_{2V}$
- known with high accuracy using VBF approximation
  - no color exchange between quark-lines
- N<sup>3</sup>LO QCD [Dreyer, Karlberg 18](#)
- NNLO QCD + NLO EW [Dreyer, Karlberg, Lang, Pellen 20](#)

|                   | $\sigma^{(14 \text{ TeV})}$ [fb] |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| LO                | $2.079^{+0.177}_{-0.152}$        |
| NLO               | $2.065^{+0.022}_{-0.018}$        |
| NNLO              | $2.056^{+0.003}_{-0.005}$        |
| N <sup>3</sup> LO | $2.055^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$        |



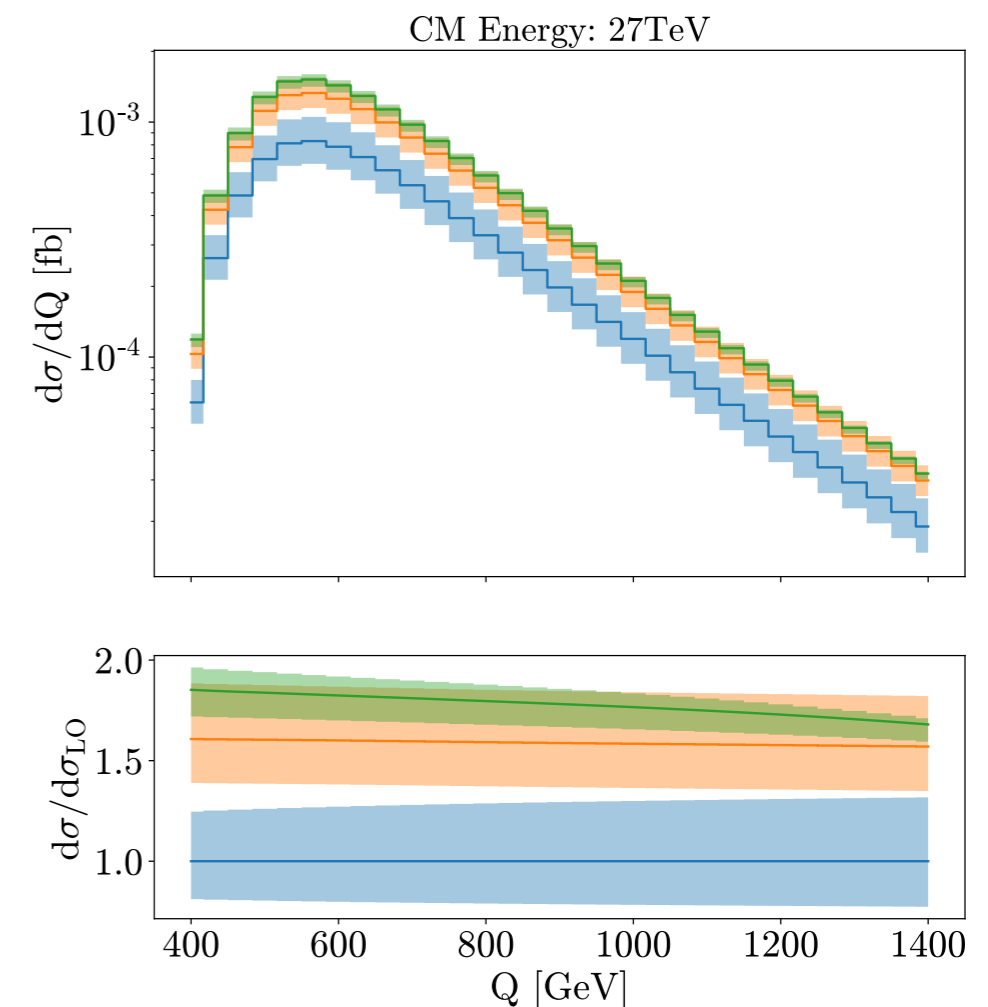
similar size of  
NLO QCD & NLO EW

# Triple-H Production



- NLO FT<sub>approx</sub> [Maltonia, Vryonidou, Zaro 14](#)
- NNLO HTL [de Florian, Mazzitelli 16](#)
- NNLO HTL  $\otimes$  NLO FT<sub>approx</sub> [de Florian, Fabre, Mazzitelli 19](#)

| $\mu_0 = Q/2$        | 14 TeV                   | 27 TeV                  | 100 TeV                |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| LO                   | $0.0605^{+34\%}_{-24\%}$ | $0.295^{+28\%}_{-20\%}$ | $3.88^{+21\%}_{-16\%}$ |
| NLO <sub>Bi</sub>    | $0.0983^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$ | $0.473^{+16\%}_{-14\%}$ | $5.75^{+15\%}_{-12\%}$ |
| NLO <sub>dBi</sub>   | $0.0982^{+18\%}_{-15\%}$ | $0.471^{+17\%}_{-14\%}$ | $5.72^{+15\%}_{-12\%}$ |
| NNLO <sub>Bi</sub>   | $0.114^{+5\%}_{-8\%}$    | $0.540^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$   | $6.47^{+5\%}_{-6\%}$   |
| NNLO <sub>dBi</sub>  | $0.113^{+5\%}_{-8\%}$    | $0.534^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$   | $6.36^{+5\%}_{-6\%}$   |
| NNLO <sub>Best</sub> | $0.103^{+5\%}_{-8\%}$    | $0.501^{+5\%}_{-7\%}$   | $5.56^{+5\%}_{-6\%}$   |



## Theory Predictions for $gg \rightarrow HH$ Production

- $(N^3LO + N^3LL) \otimes NLO_{m_t}$   
remaining scale-dependence 1%  
3% uncertainty due to  $m_t$ -effects beyond NLO
- 10-20% Mass-Scheme Uncertainties  
 $m_t$  effects at NNLO required  
possibly in reach, using expansions
- -4% EW NLO Corrections  
 $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  differential corrections
- EFT predictions in HEFT and SMEFT  
 $\gamma_5$ -scheme dependence of chromomagnetic and 4-top operators