



# Higgs pair production at the LHC in the SM and 2HDM

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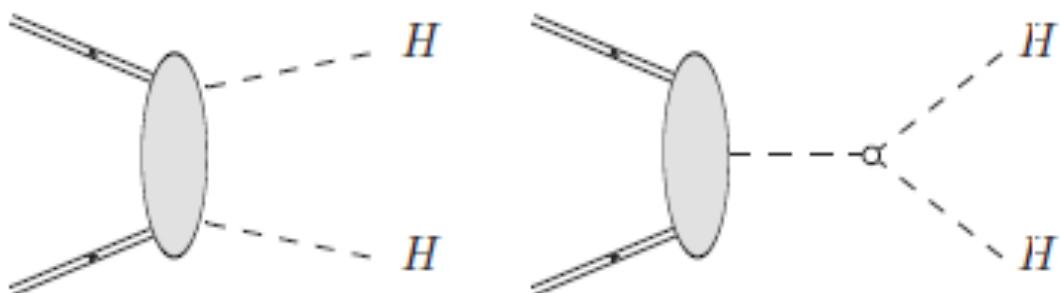
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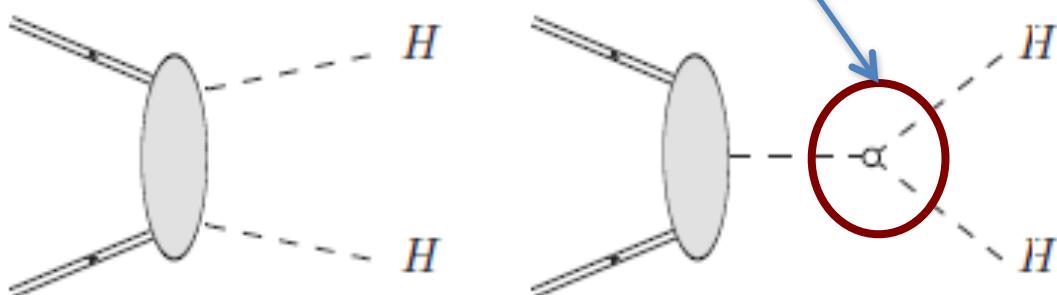


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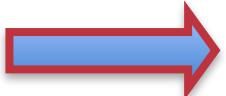
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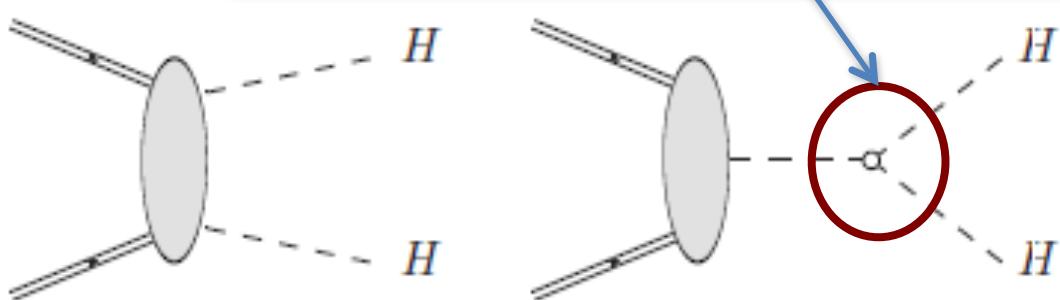


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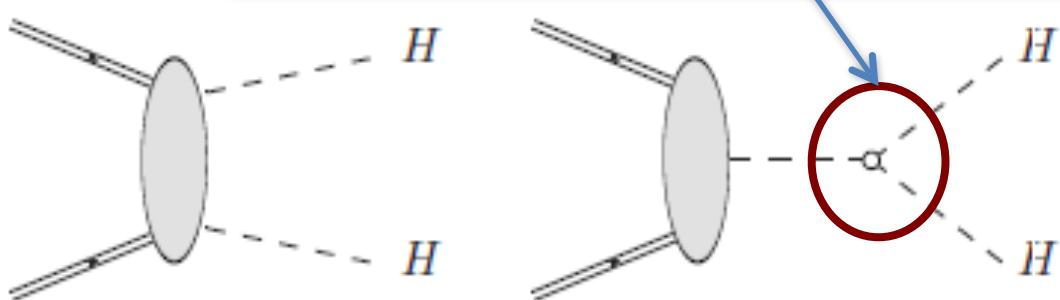
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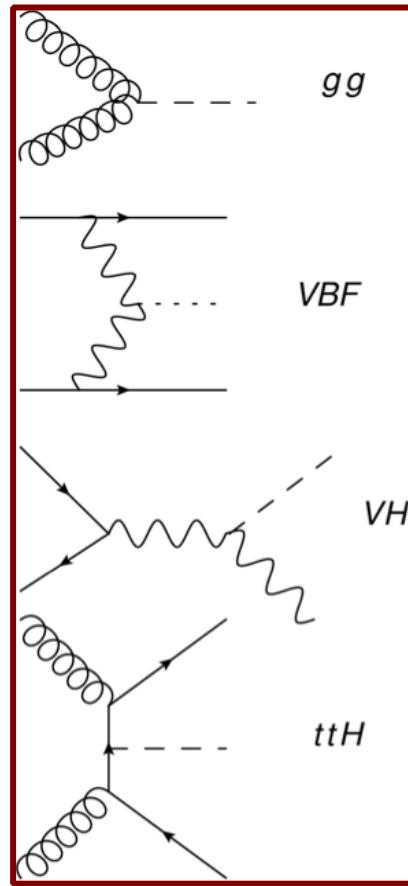
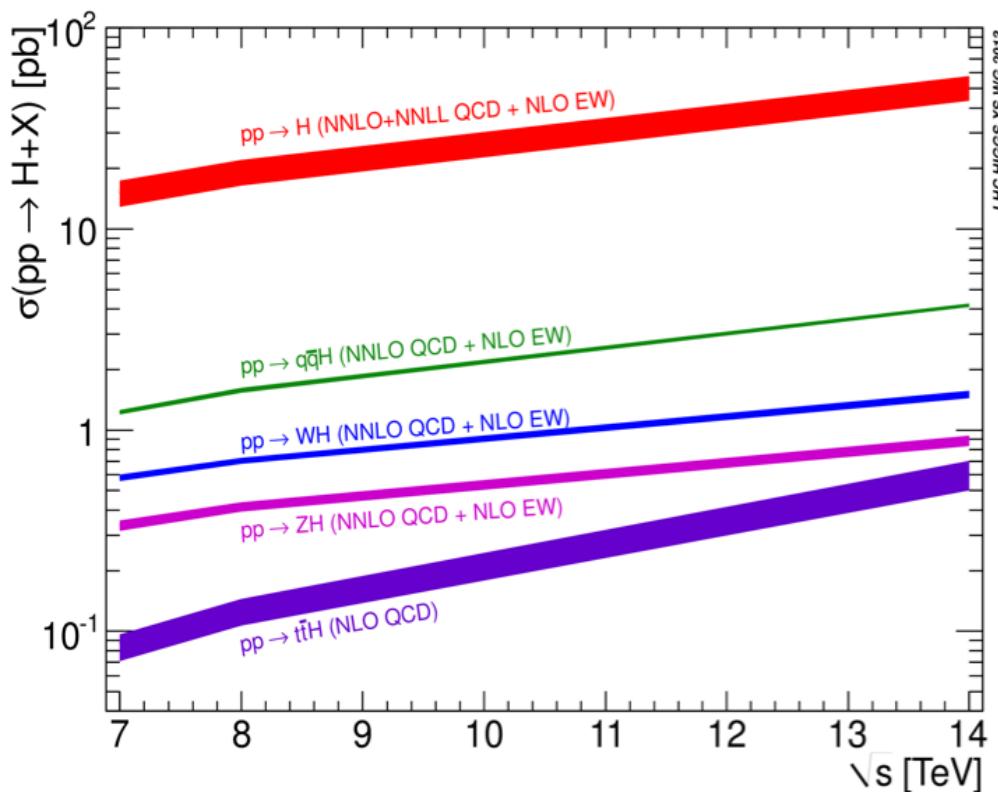
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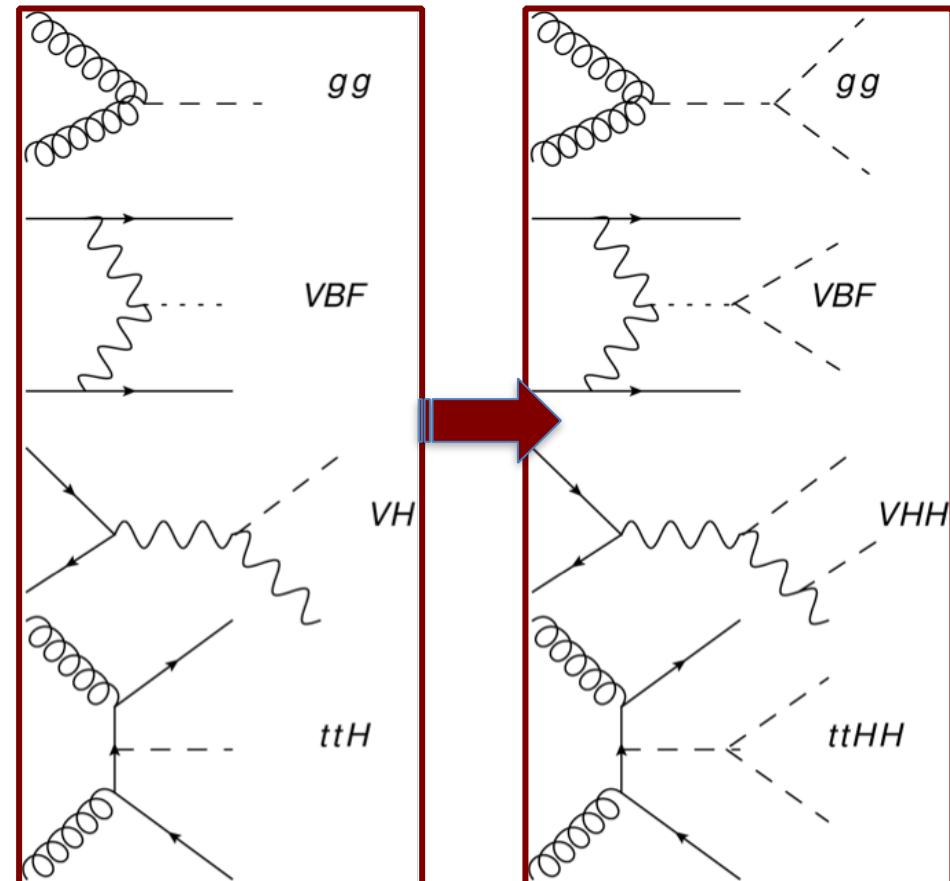
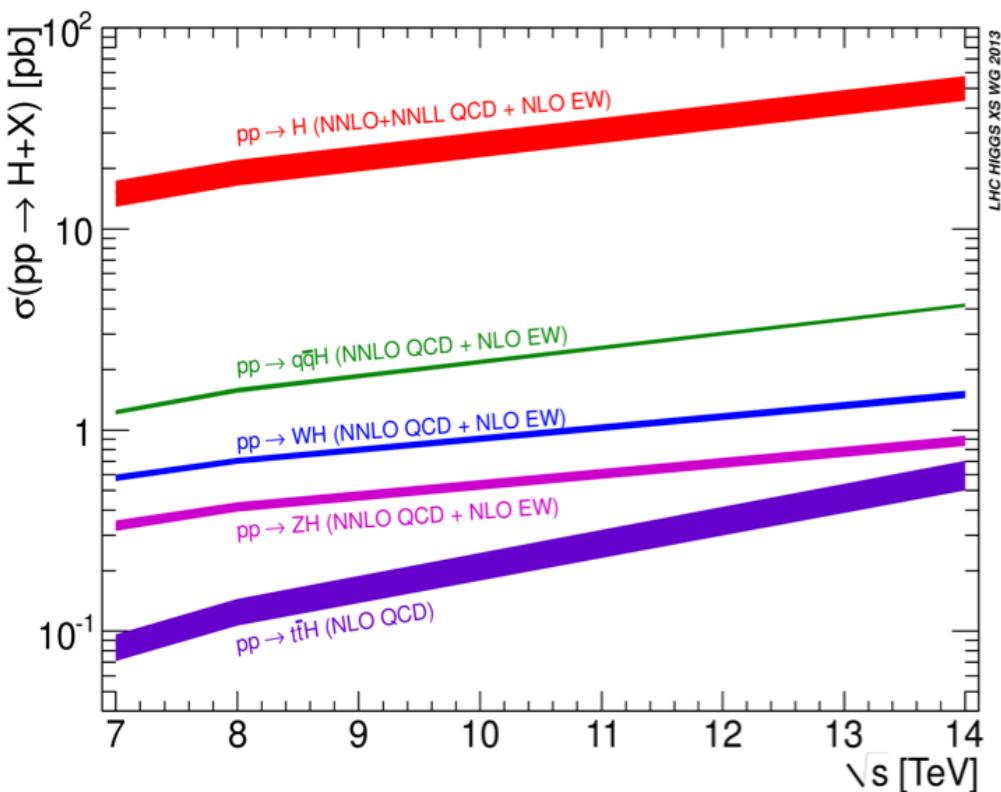
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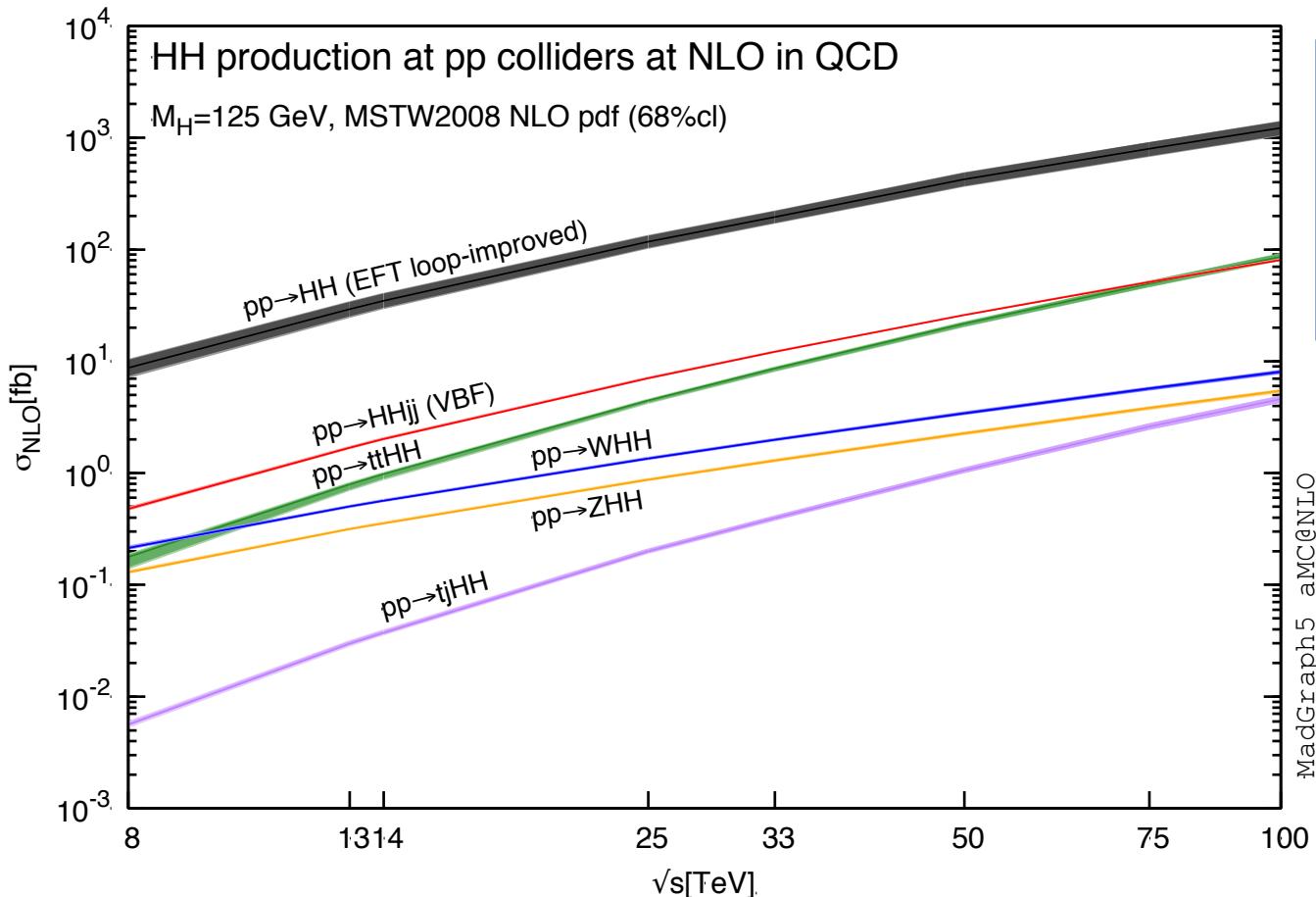


Schematically

# Questions about HH

- ❖ How big is the HH cross section?
- ❖ How does the hierarchy of the channels change for HH at 14TeV? Is gluon fusion the dominant one?
- ❖ How does the cross section change with the centre of mass energy?
- ❖ How does the cross section depend on the value of the trilinear Higgs coupling?
- ❖ Do we have NLO predictions for all the channels?
- ❖ Do we have an efficient fully differential Monte Carlo implementation of the process?

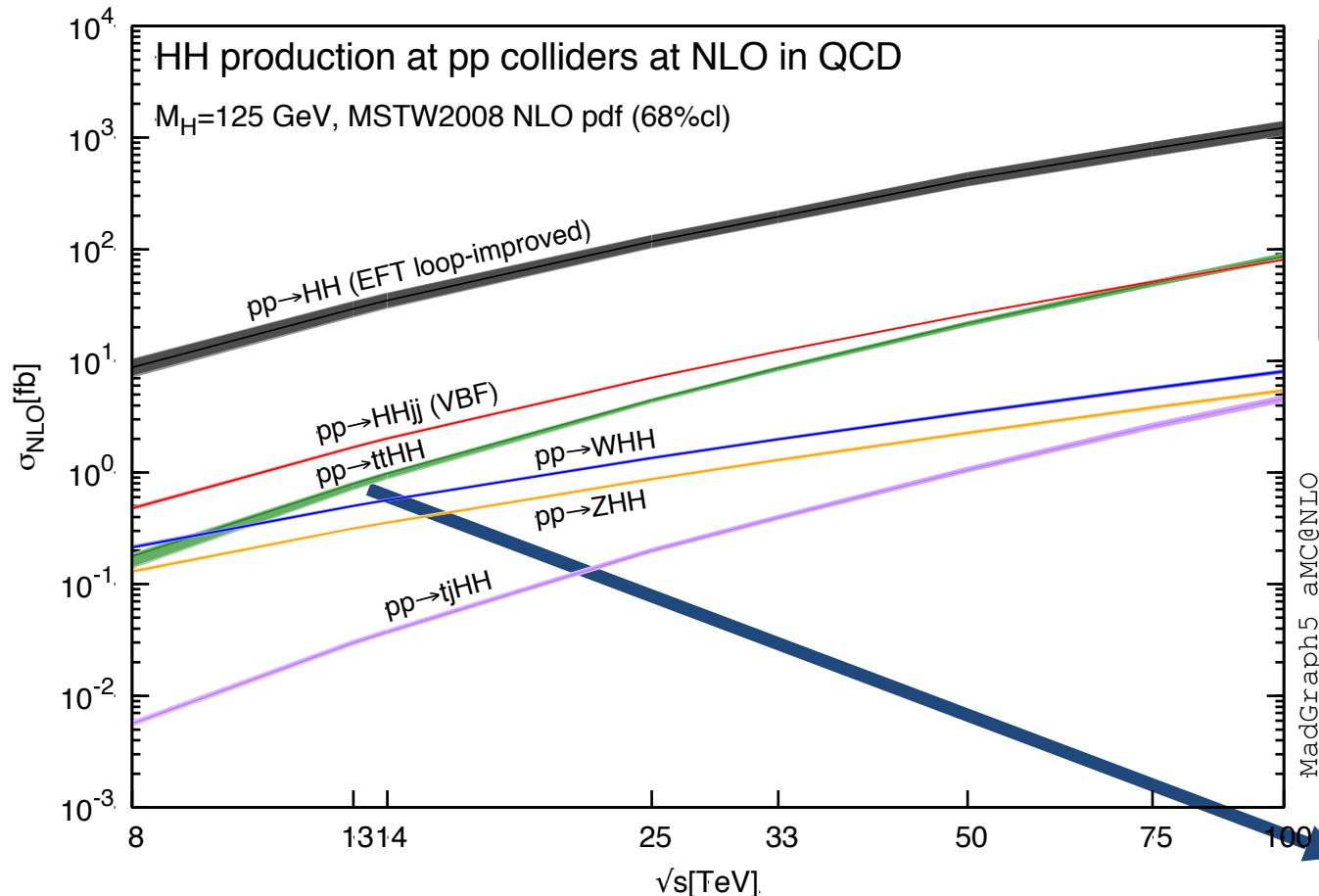
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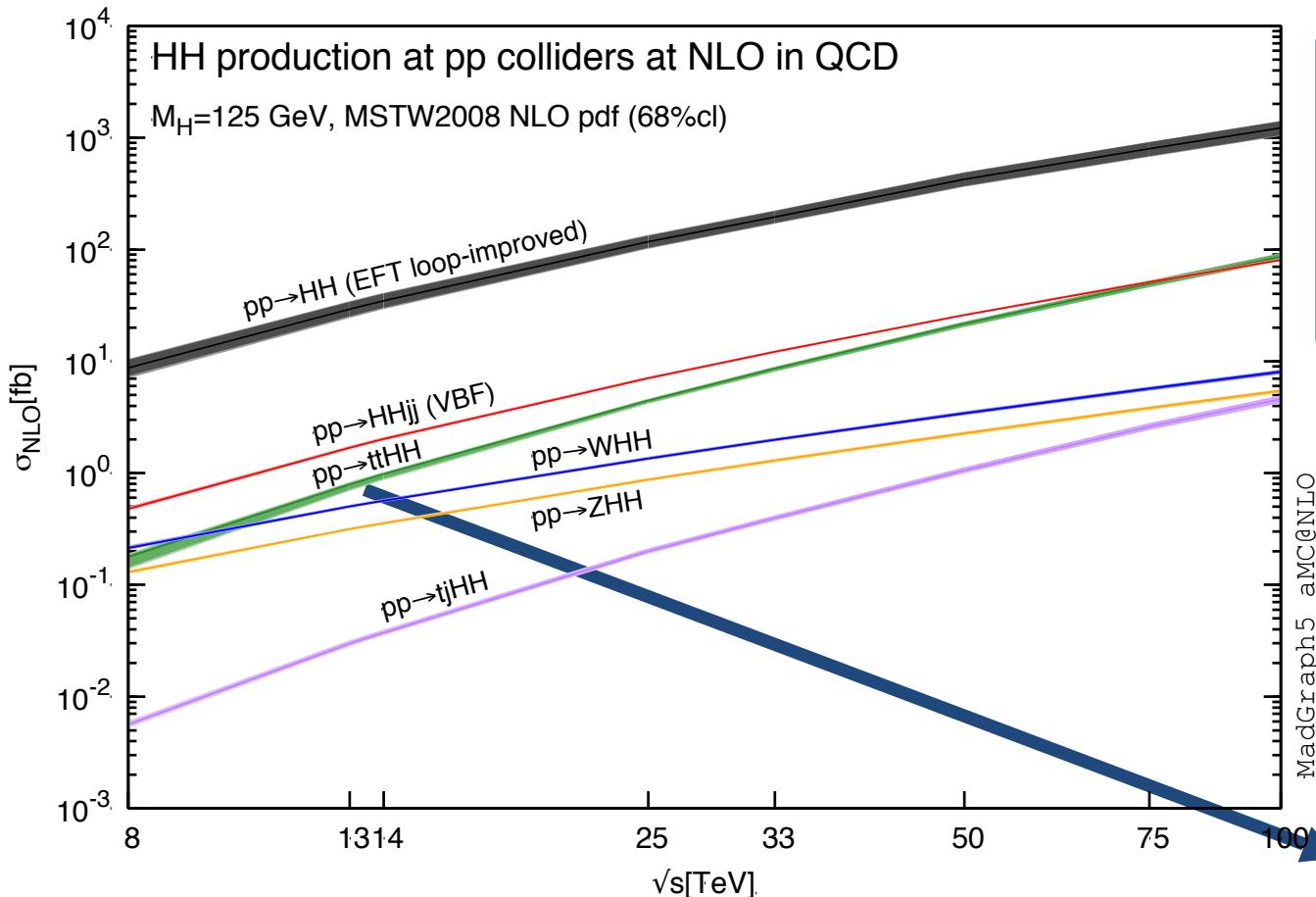


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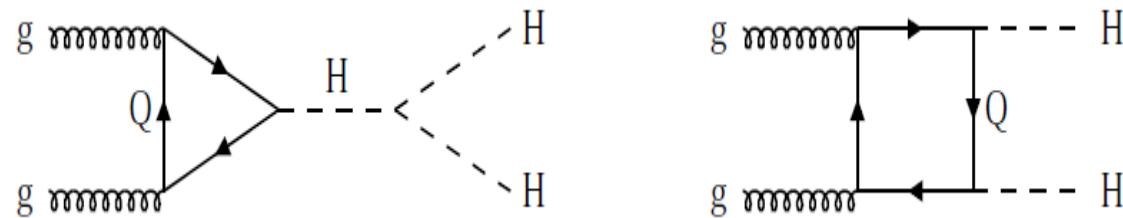
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- Automatic calculation of the scale and PDF uncertainties

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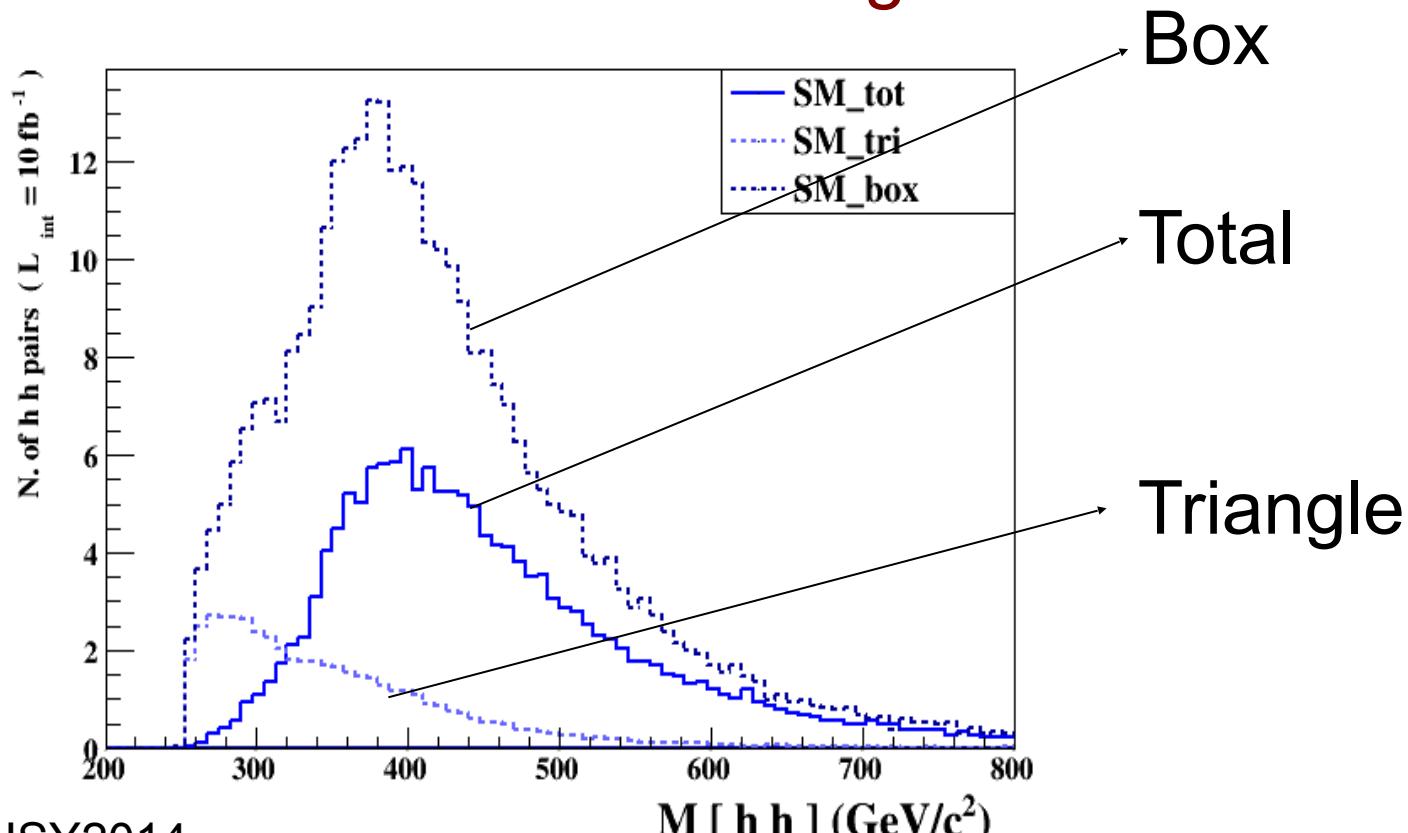
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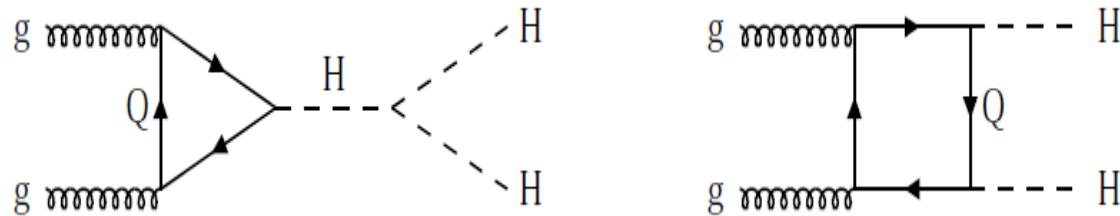
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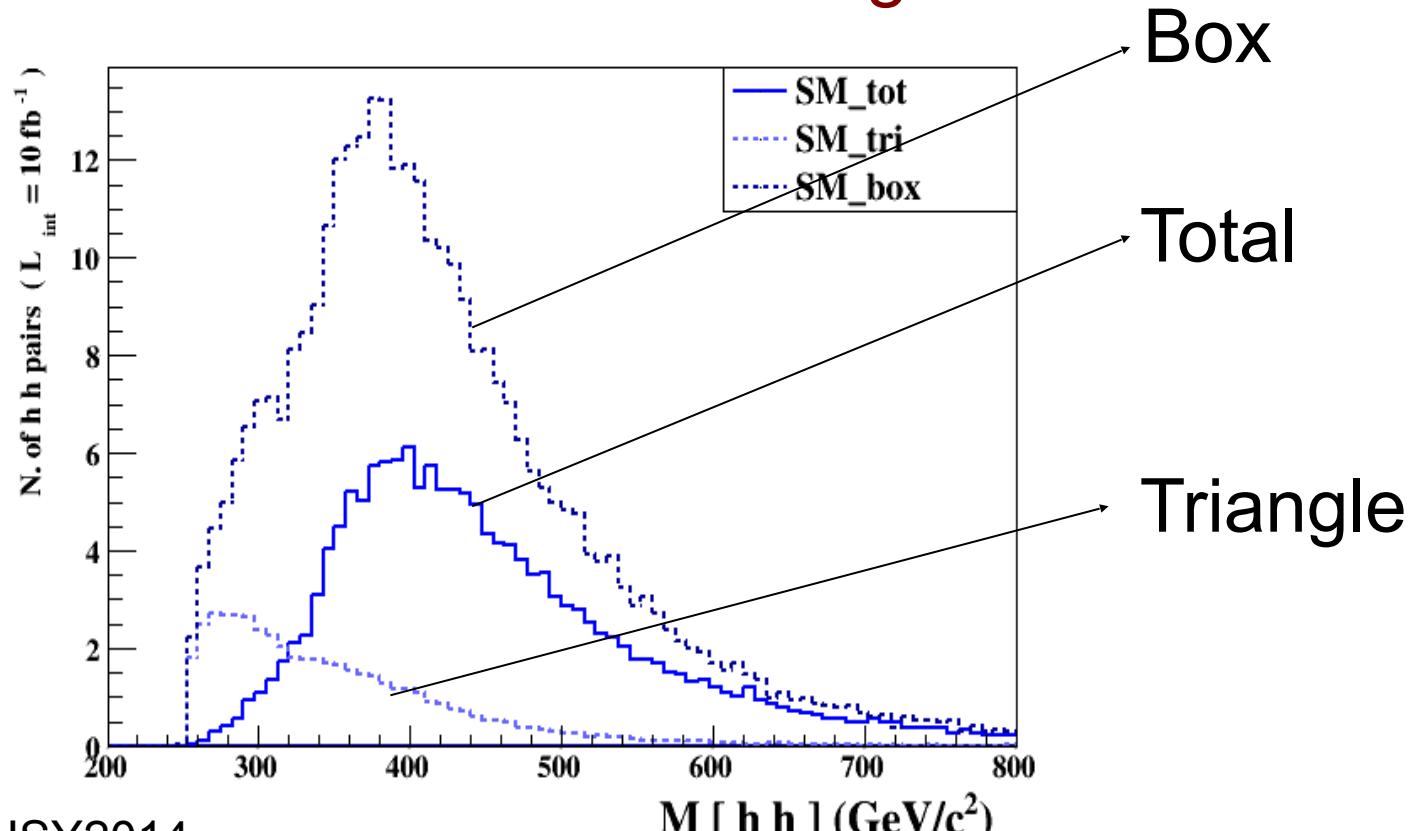
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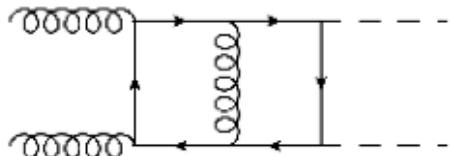


Significant cancellation between the two diagrams

Sensitive to value and sign of  $\lambda_{HHH}$

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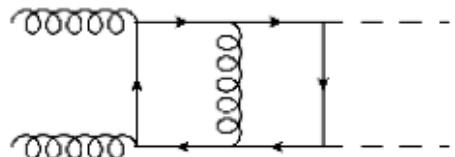
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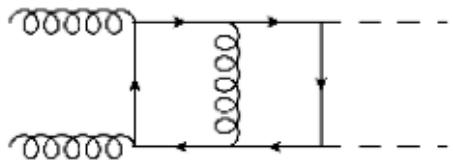
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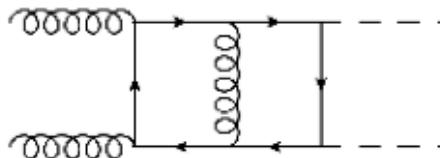
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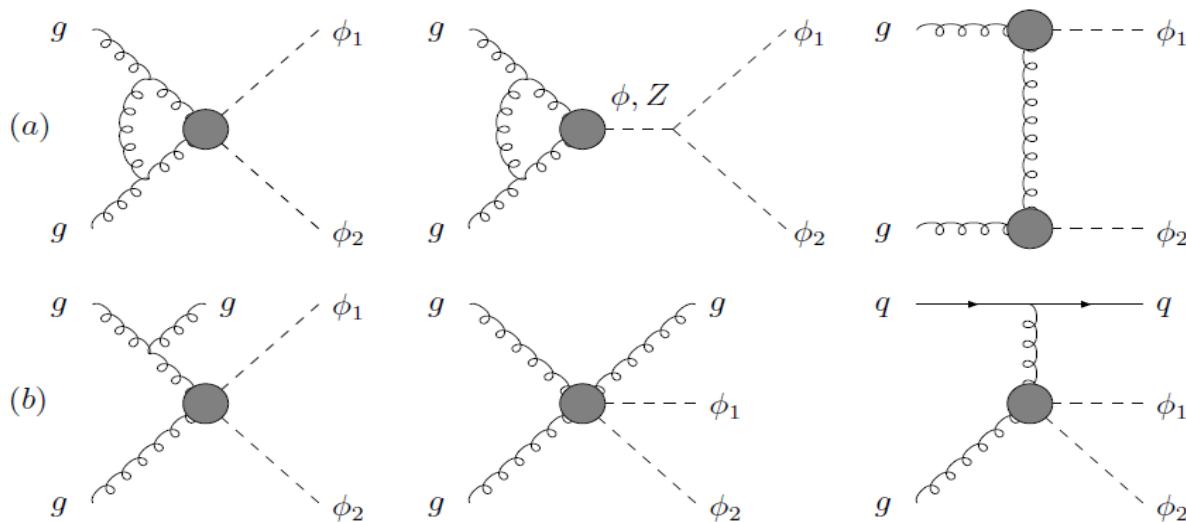
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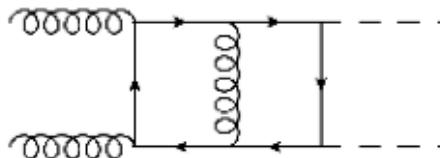
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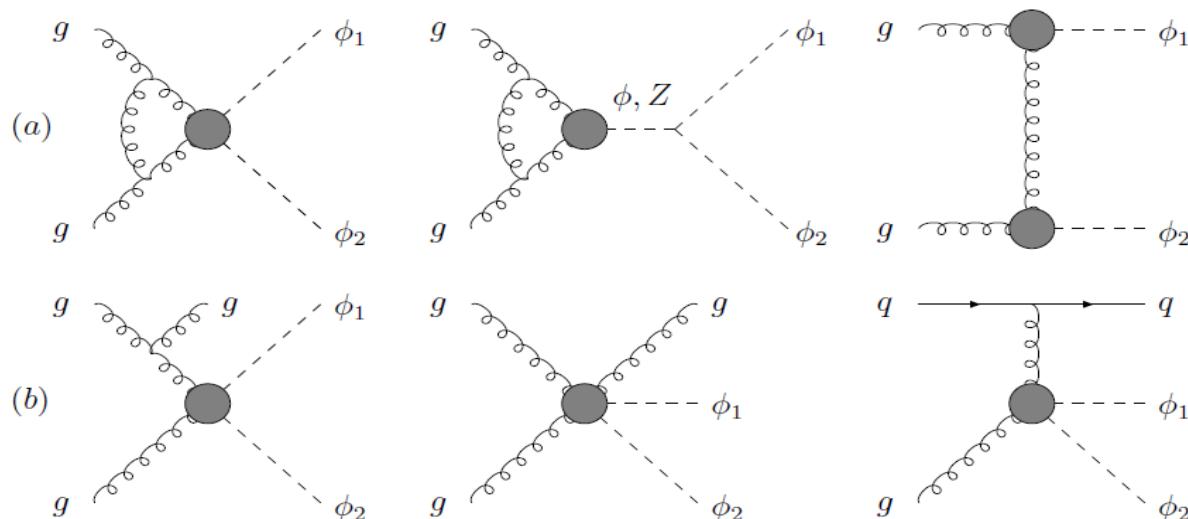
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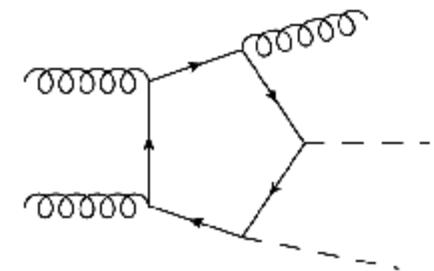


HEFT does not  
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Mass effects are  
important and need to  
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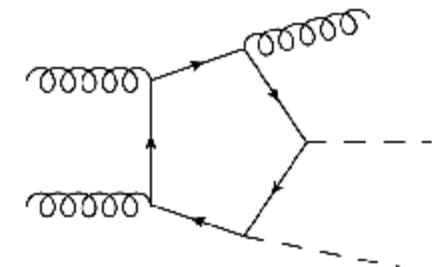
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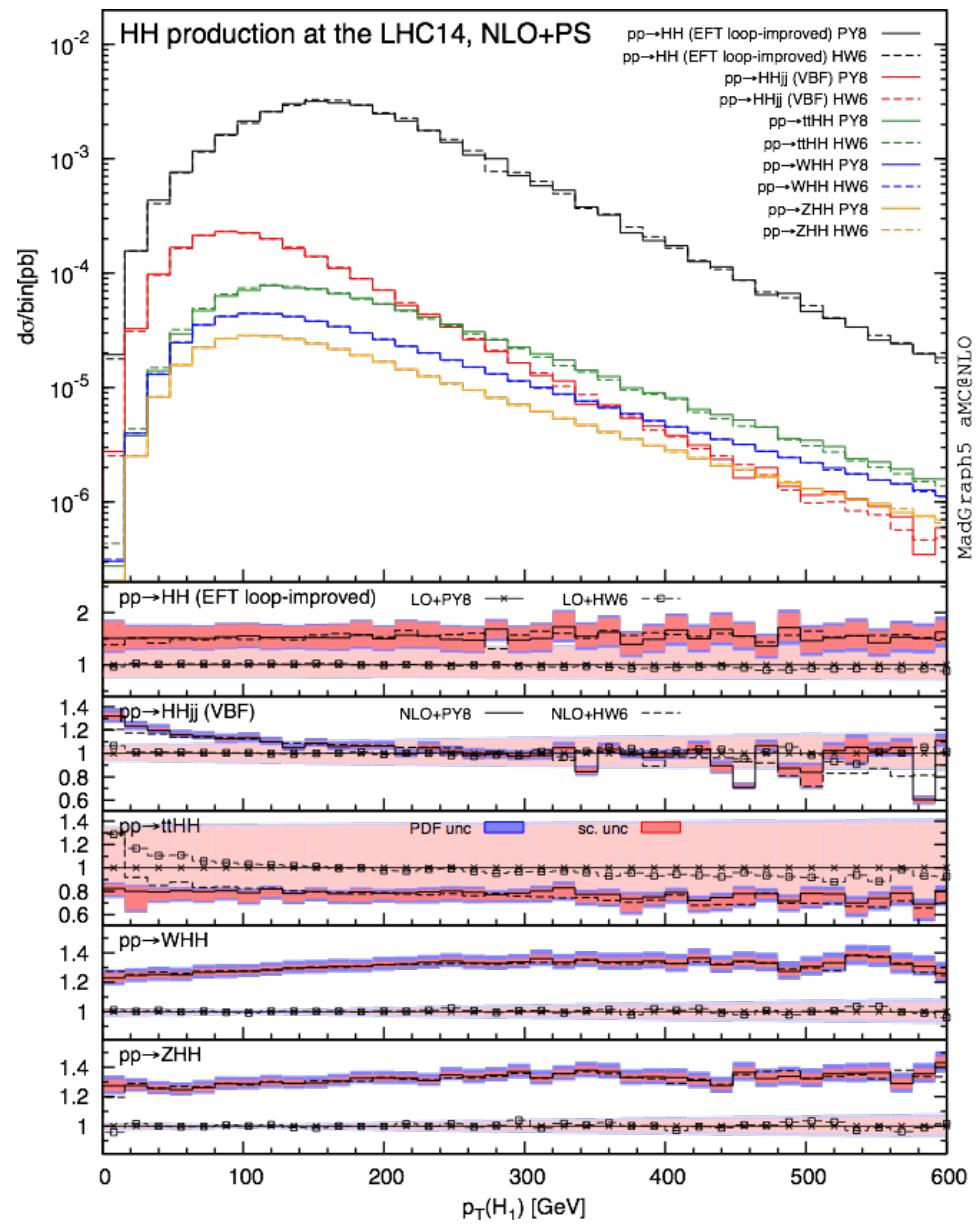
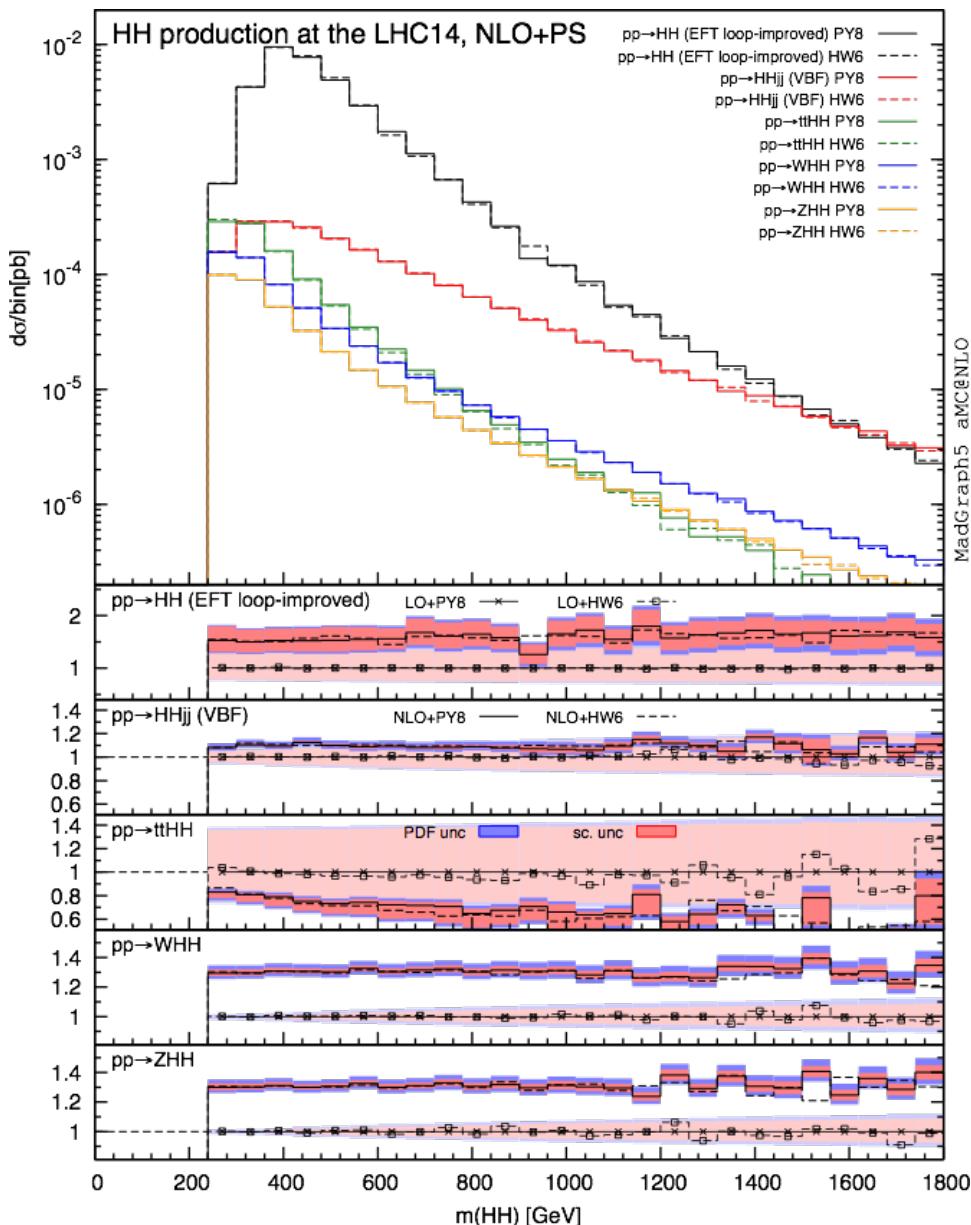
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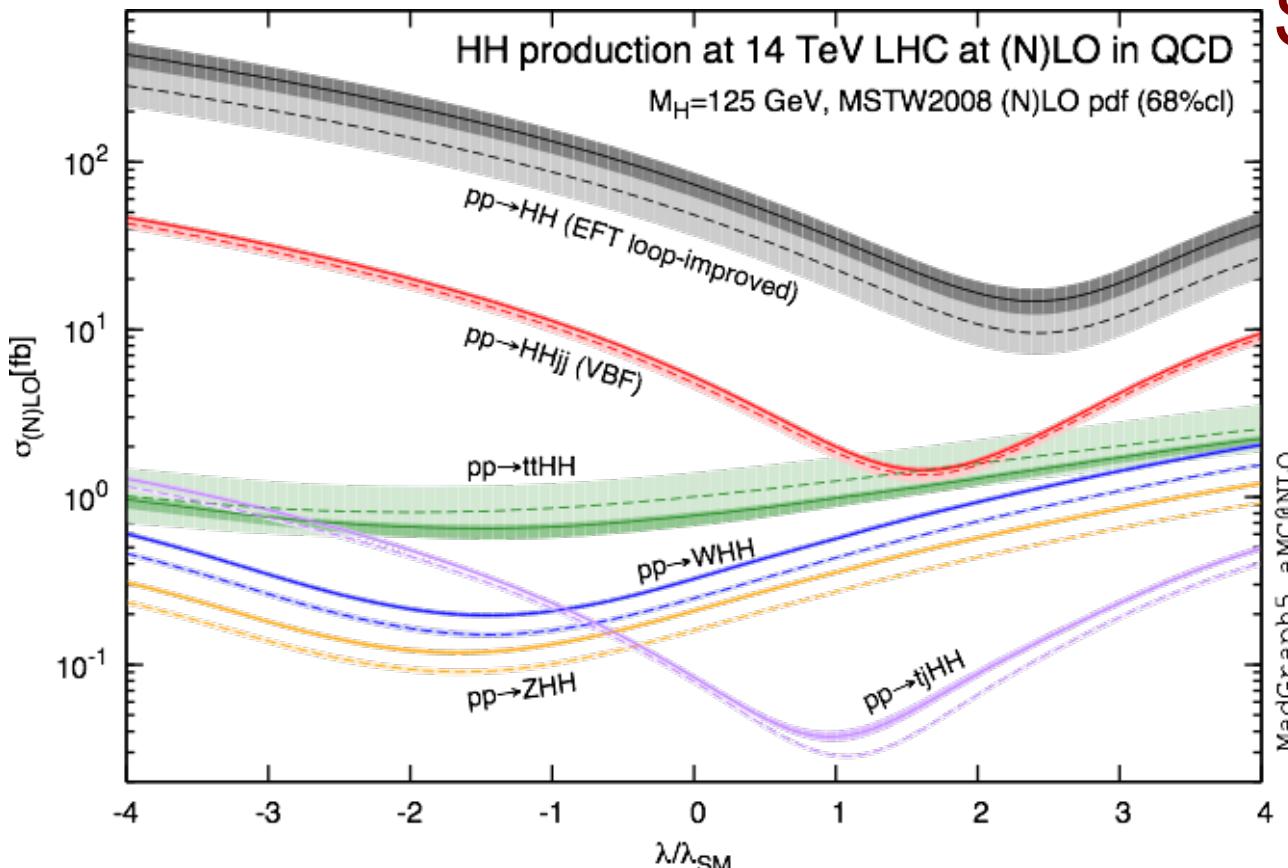
- ❖ Merged samples: Li, Yan, Zhao arXiv:1312.3830  
Maierhofer, Papaefstathiou arXiv:1401.0007  
Exact one-loop born and real emission matrix elements but LO accuracy
- ❖ Resummation: Shao et al. arXiv:1301.1245
- ❖ NNLO EFT corrected by full LO, De Florian and Mazzitelli, arxiv:1309.6594  
Total cross section K-factor ~2.3 at 14TeV
- ❖ Expansion in 1/mt at NLO, Grigo et al. arXiv:1305.7340

# Differential distributions for the LHC



Best available predictions: NLO plus PS

# Dependence on the trilinear Higgs coupling



Sensitivity of different channels on  $\lambda$

Reduction of the theoretical uncertainties at NLO

All channels apart from gg obtained automatically within MG5\_aMC@NLO

MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO gluon fusion

Dedicated codes can be downloaded from:

<https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph/wiki/HiggsPairProduction>

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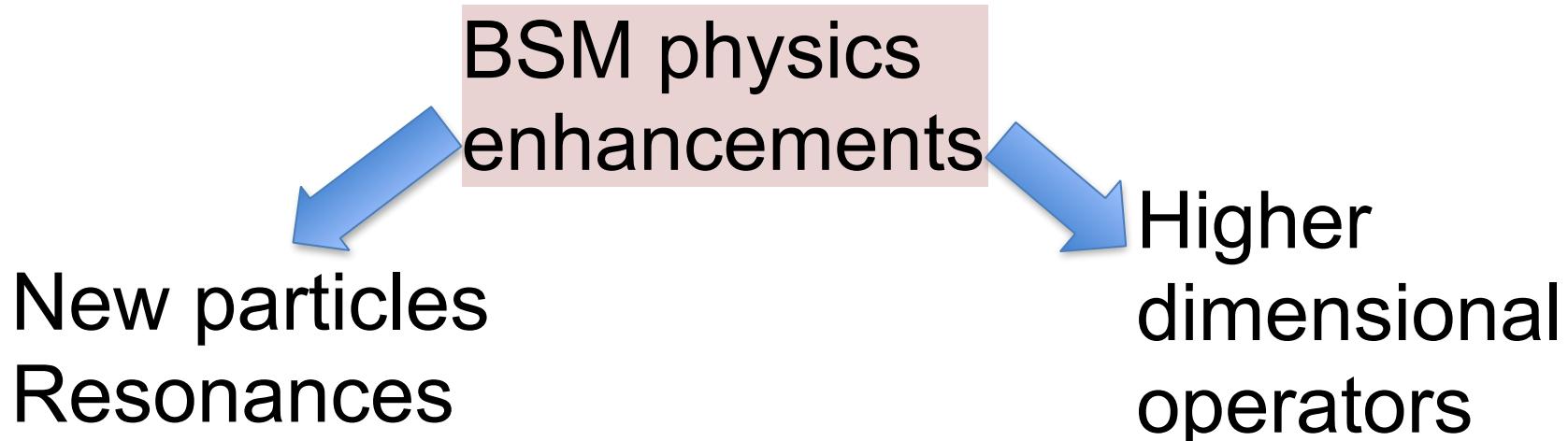
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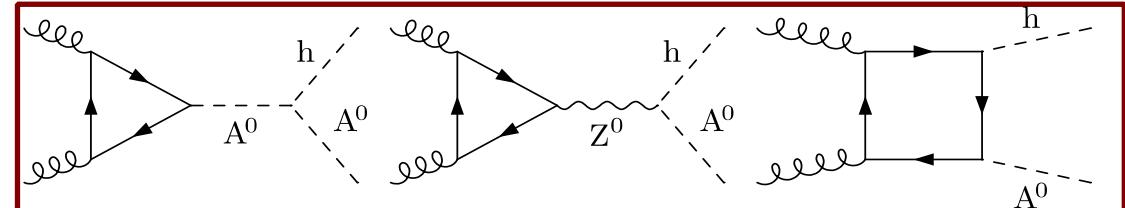
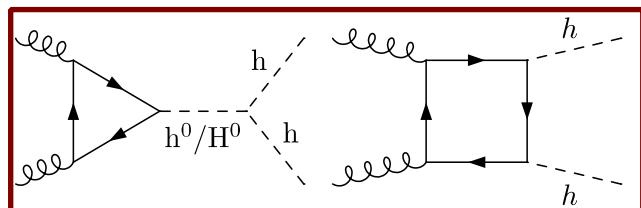
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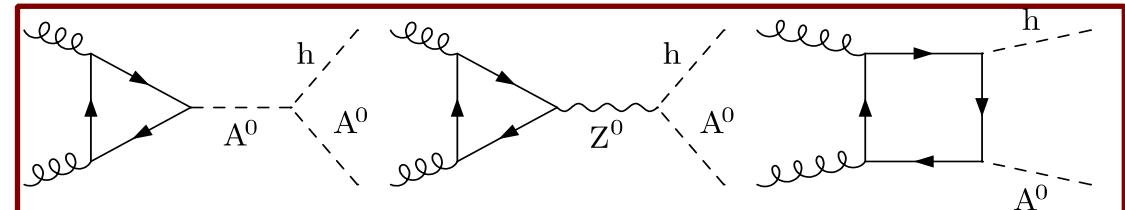
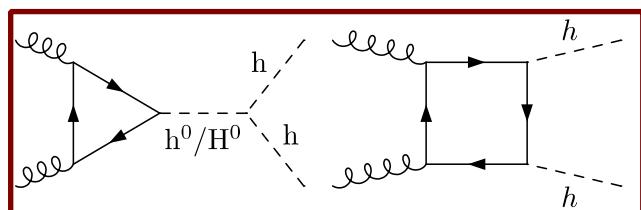
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## Higgs pair production in gluon fusion in the 2HDM

- ❖ Calculation of all seven combinations at LO and approximate NLO (similar to SM)
- ❖ Calculation within the MG5\_aMC@NLO framework using the CTNLO package (Degrande arxiv:1406.3030)
- ❖ Results matched to parton shower
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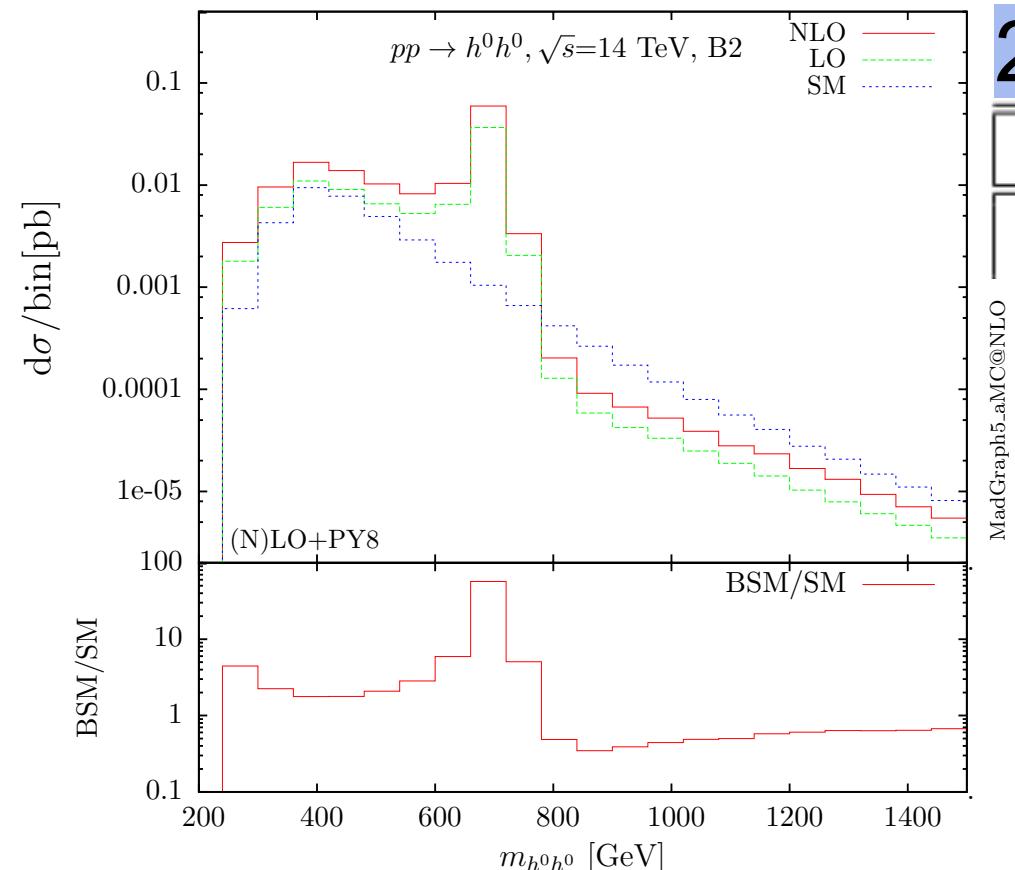
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- ❖ Results presented for a series of 2HDM benchmarks, in agreement with all up-to-date constraints (including the recent direct heavy Higgs searches: CMS-PAS-HIG-13-025, ATLAS: arXiv:1406.5053)
- ❖ Cross sections strongly depend on the parameter input, heavy pair production heavily suppressed

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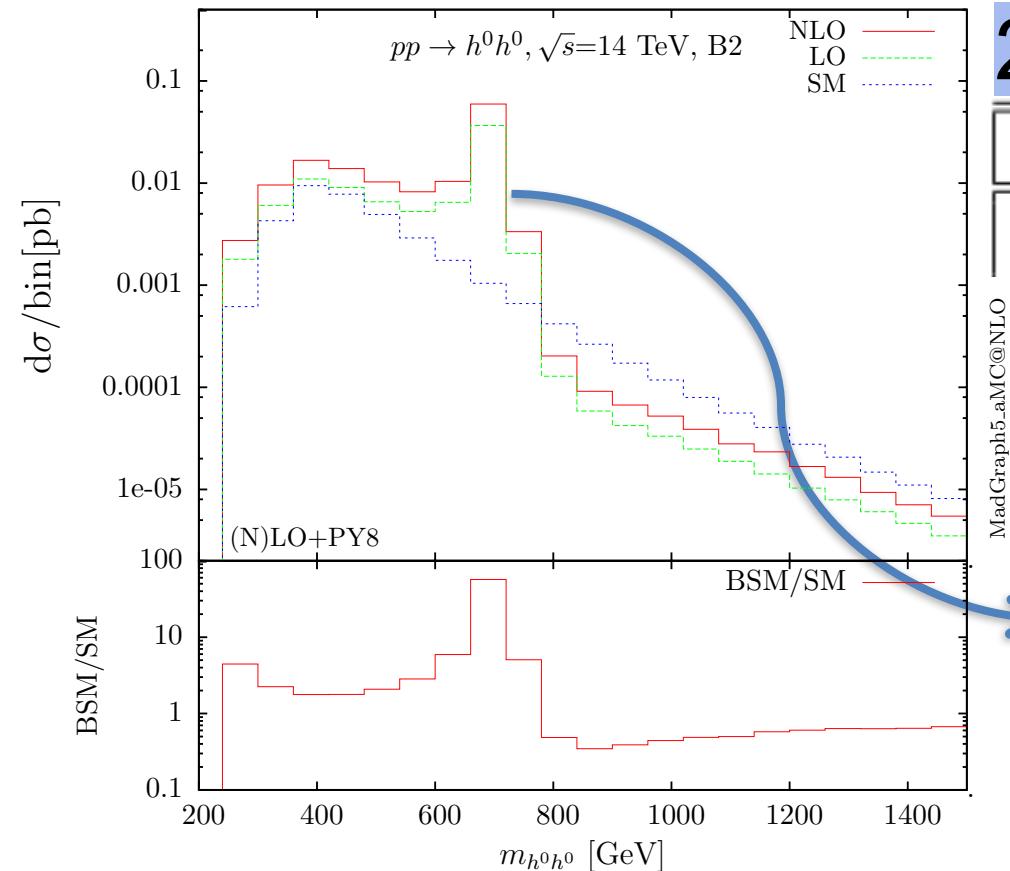
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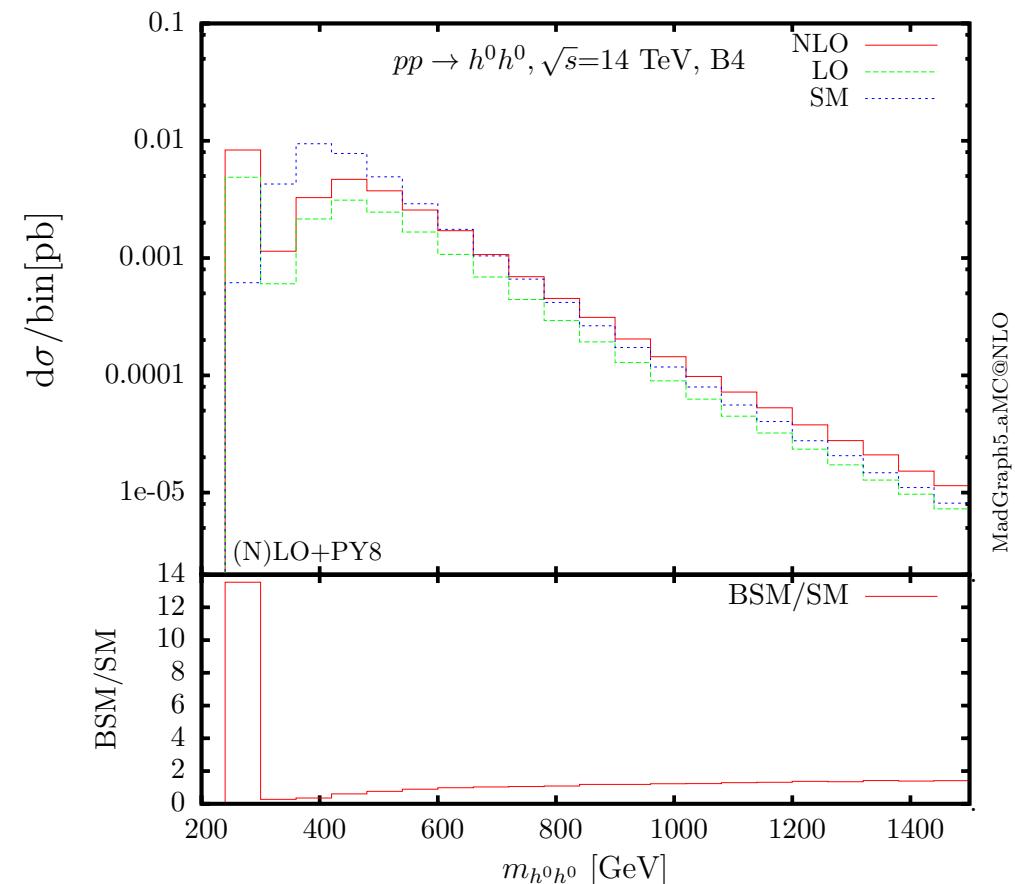
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- ◆ Distinctive resonance peak
- ◆ Bigger enhancements can be achieved with smaller  $H$  masses (60 times the SM for a 300GeV  $H$ )
- ◆ See also Baglio et al. arxiv: 1403.1264

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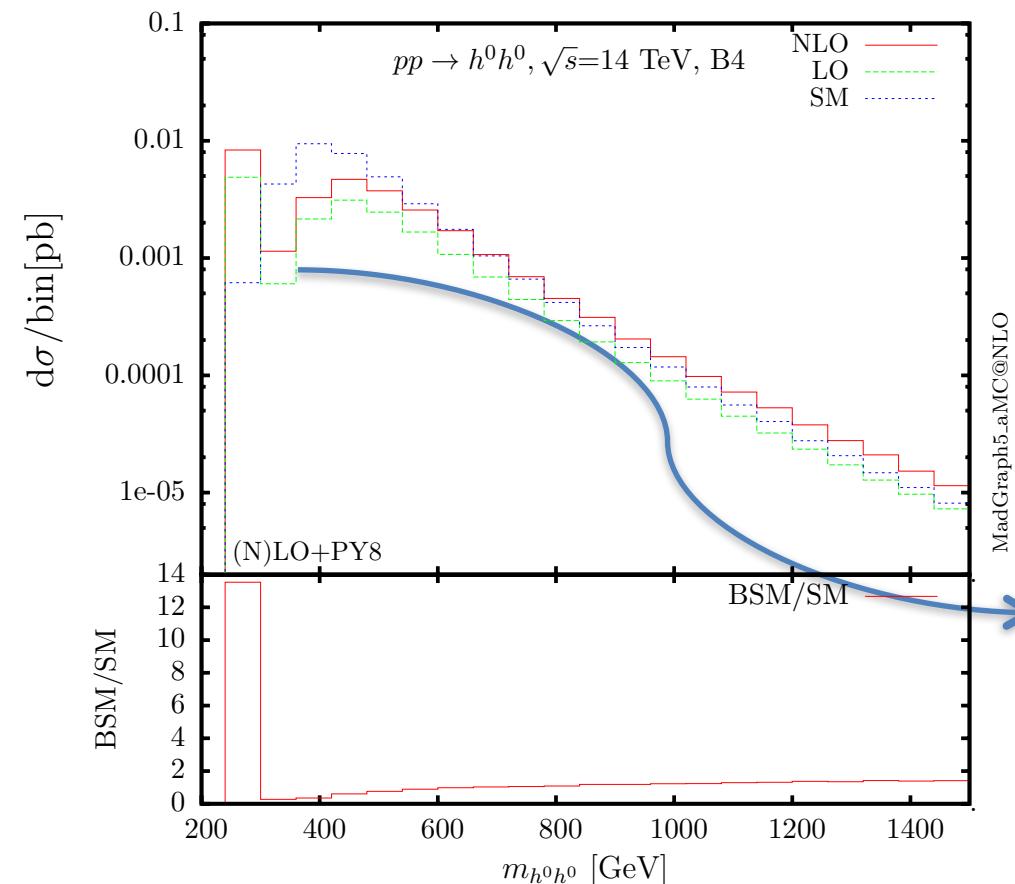
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- ◆ Interference between different contributions leads to a different shape compared to the SM
- ◆ Important to study the distributions

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# Conclusions

- ❖ Higgs pair production key to the measurement of triple Higgs coupling, key to explore the Higgs potential
- ❖ Presented results of a MC implementation of the process at NLO, provided in an automated way by MG5\_aMC@NLO for the SM
- ❖ Results can now be used for phenomenological studies including decays, acceptance cuts and detector effects
- ❖ HH production is a window to New Physics
- ❖ 2HDM an attractive framework to study the process: Computation for all pair of Higgs bosons in gluon fusion
- ❖ Light Higgs pair production can receive significant total rate enhancements but also changes in the distribution shapes

**Thanks for your attention...**