



HEFT (AND SMEFT) MULTI-HIGGS PREDICTIONS

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See also: [2204.01763](#) (Phys. Rev. D) and [2207.09848](#) (Comm. Th. Phys.)

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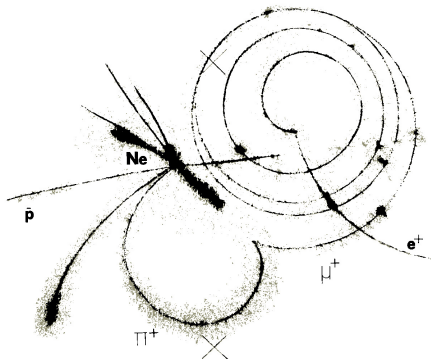
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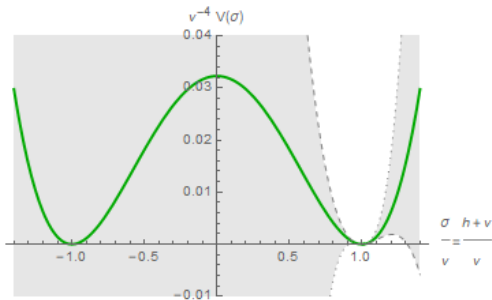
- Could EW Goldstone bosons (ω_i s) resemble a π (pion)?
- SUSY? 2HDM?, etc.



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- Measurable: Higgs self interaction and its coupling to electroweak gauge bosons.



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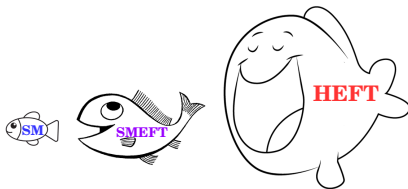
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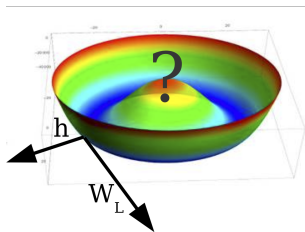
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Geometric distinction HEFT/SMEFT

- Several works have provided field-redefinition invariant criteria to distinguish SMEFT from HEFT:
 - R. Alonso, E. E. Jenkins, and A. V. Manohar, "A Geometric Formulation of Higgs Effective Field Theory: Measuring the Curvature of Scalar Field Space," Phys. Lett. B754 (2016) 335–342, arXiv:1511.00724 [hep-ph]. "Sigma Models with Negative Curvature," Phys.Lett.B756,358(2016),arXiv:1602.00706 [hep-ph]. "Geometry of the Scalar Sector," JHEP 08 (2016) 101, arXiv:1605.03602 [hep-ph]." (Cohen et al., 2021, p. 95)
 - T. Cohen, N. Craig, X. Lu, and D. Sutherland: "Is SMEFT Enough?", JHEP 03, 237, arXiv:2008.08597 [hep-ph]. "Unitarity Violation and the Geometry of Higgs EFTs", (2021), arXiv:2108.03240 [hep-ph].



Conditions on $\mathcal{F} = F^2$ for SMEFT's validity

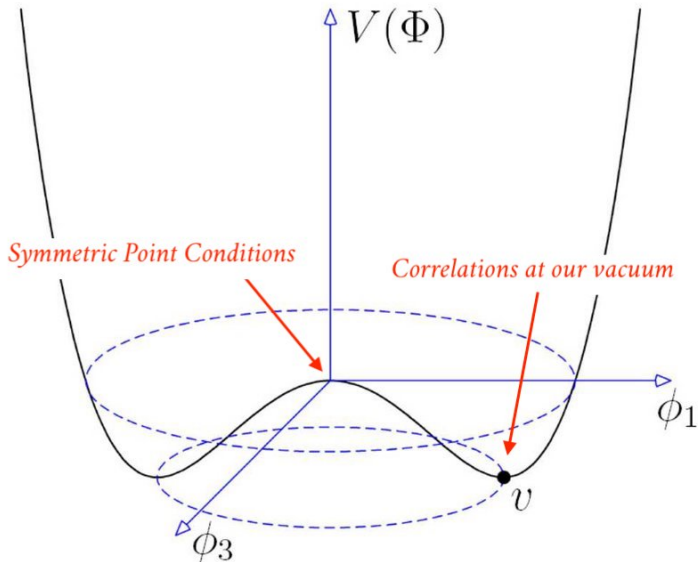
In 2204.01763 we found an easier analytical criterion for SMEFT to be valid:

- 1 $\mathcal{F}(h_1^*) = 0$ must have a double zero.
- 2 At that point h_1^* ,

$$\mathcal{F}'(h_1^*) = 0, \quad \mathcal{F}''(h_1^*) = \frac{2}{v^2}.$$

- 3 Analyticity of the SMEFT Lagrangian: all even derivatives to vanish at the symmetric point, $\mathcal{F}^{(\ell)}(h_1^*) = 0$ for even ℓ . From the point of view of \mathcal{F} this implies the vanishing of all odd derivatives, $\mathcal{F}^{(2\ell+1)}(h_1^*) = 0$.

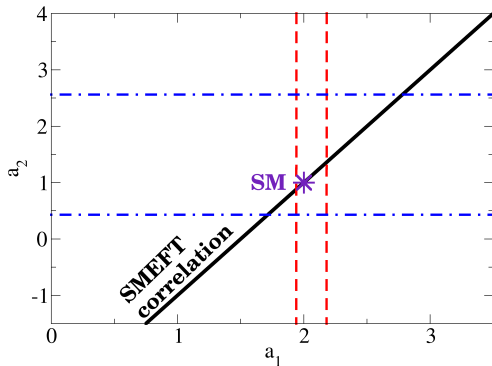
Origin of SMEFT correlations: just match two Taylor exp.



SMEFT assumption \Rightarrow HEFT parameters correlation

Correlations among HEFT parameters due to SMEFT structure:
(Bands from single Higgs production at ATLAS (ATLAS-CONF-2020-027) and Higgs Pair production at

CMS [2202.09617](#)) $\mathcal{F}(h) = 1 + a_1 h/v + a_2 h^2/v^2 + \dots$,



Amplitudes and Cross sections

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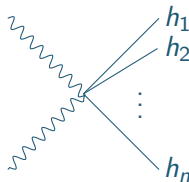
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 $\Rightarrow \omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$ can test SMEFT framework.



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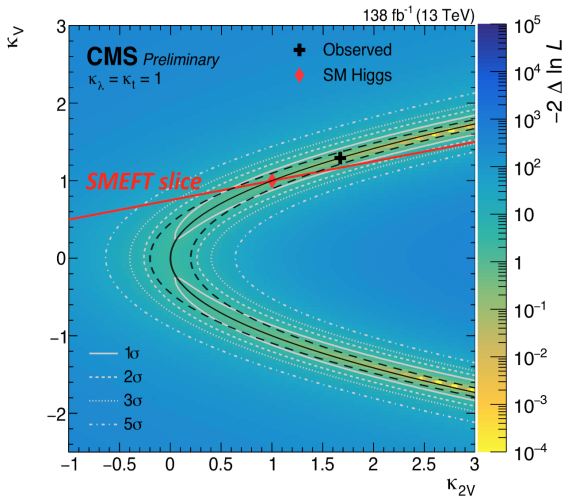
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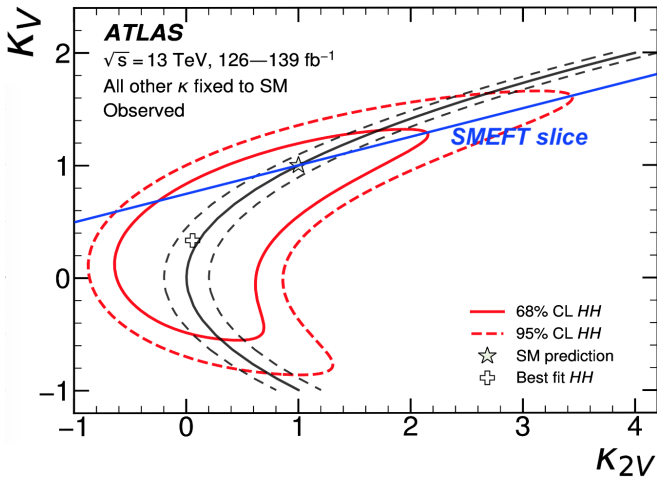
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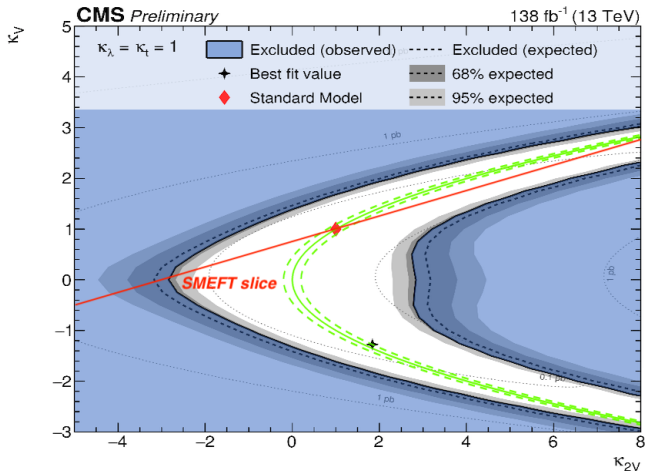
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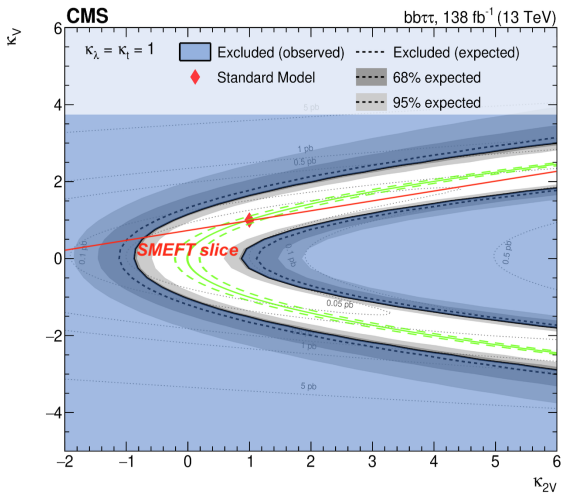


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CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005 (with one Higgs boson decaying to $\bar{b}b$ and the other one to W^+W^-)

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CMS 2206.09401 (with Higgs bosons $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ final states)

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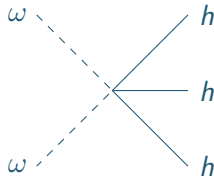
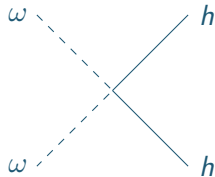
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$$T_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{v^4} \left(3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B - 1) \right),$$

where $\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - a_1^2/4$ and $\hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{4}a_1a_3 + \frac{5}{12}a_1^2(a_2 - a_1^2/4)$.

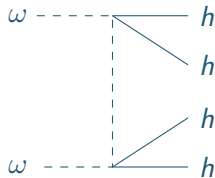
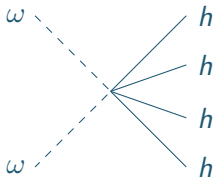
Effective $h^n \omega \omega$ vertices (see 2401.18002)

In we found a very nice field redefinition that eliminated the $h\omega\omega$ vertex. Leaving only the contributing diagrams:



(a)

(b)



(c)

(d)

SMEFT vs HEFT phenomenology

Dimension 6 (8) SMEFT operators contributing to $\mathcal{F}(h)$ are
 $|H|^{2(4)} \square |H|^2 / \Lambda^{2(4)}$

$$a_{1/2} = a = 1 + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d^2}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4} + \rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3),$$

$$a_2 = b = 1 + 2d + 3d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3),$$

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$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3}d + d^2 \left(\frac{11}{3} + 3\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3),$$

with,

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$$a_2 = \frac{a_1^2}{2!} = 2.205, \quad a_3 = \frac{a_1^3}{3!} \approx 1.54, \quad a_4 = \frac{a_1^4}{4!} \approx 0.81.$$

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$$a_3 = \left(a_1 a_2 - \frac{a_1^3}{3} \right) \approx -0.57, \quad a_4 = \left(\frac{a_2^2}{2} - \frac{a_1^4}{12} \right) \approx -0.90.$$

Benchmark Points for the comparison: Second HEFT BP

BP2^(a₁): Simplest rational flare function that matches the $D = 6$ SMEFT prediction for a_1 :

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left(1 - \frac{a_1 h}{2 v}\right)^{-2} \implies$$

$$b = \frac{3}{4} a_1^2 \approx 3.31, \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{2} a_1^3 \approx 4.63, \quad a_4 = \frac{5}{16} a_1^4 \approx 6.08,$$

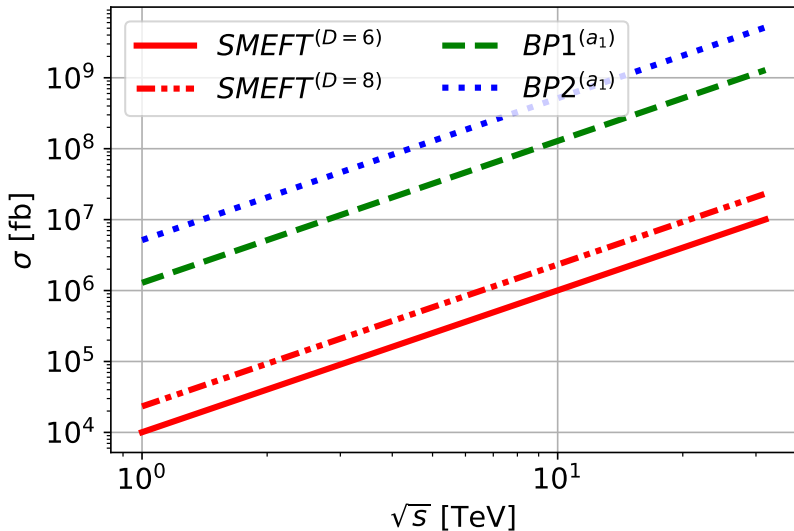
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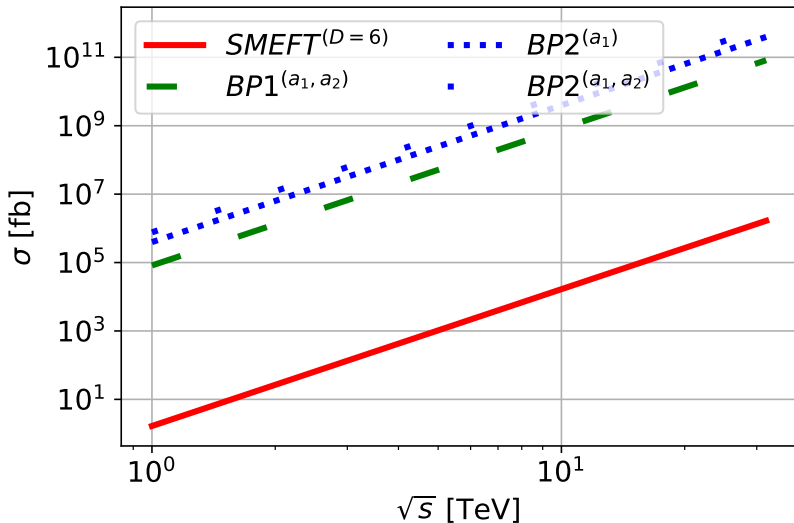
$$a_3 = \frac{1}{8} (-5a_1^3 + 12a_1 a_2) \approx -2.01,$$

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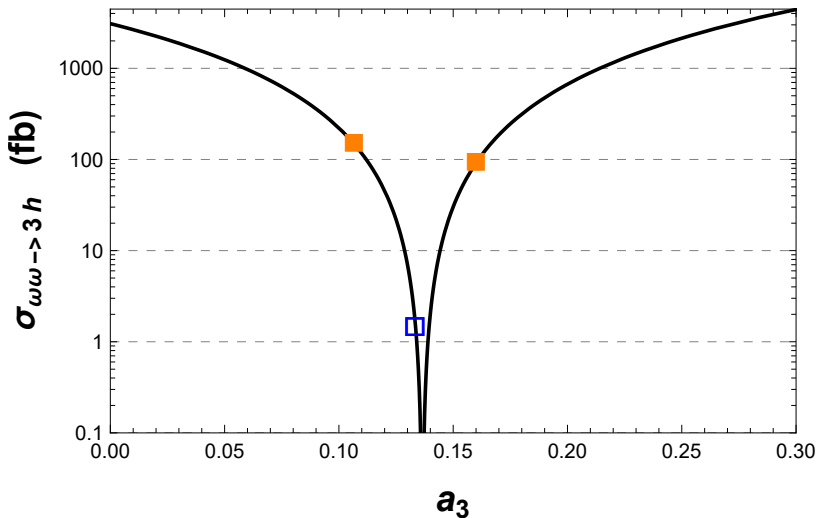
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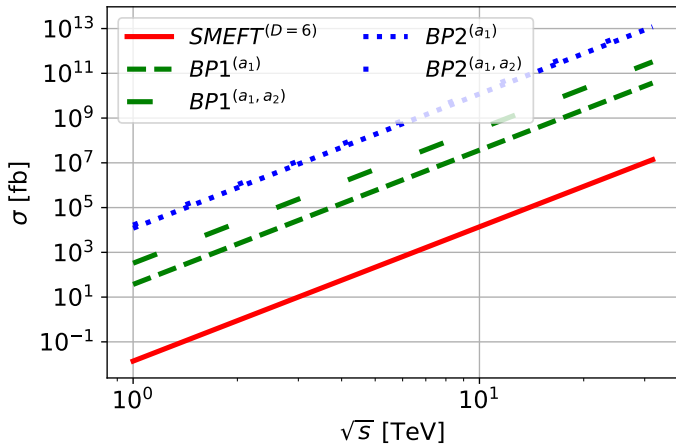


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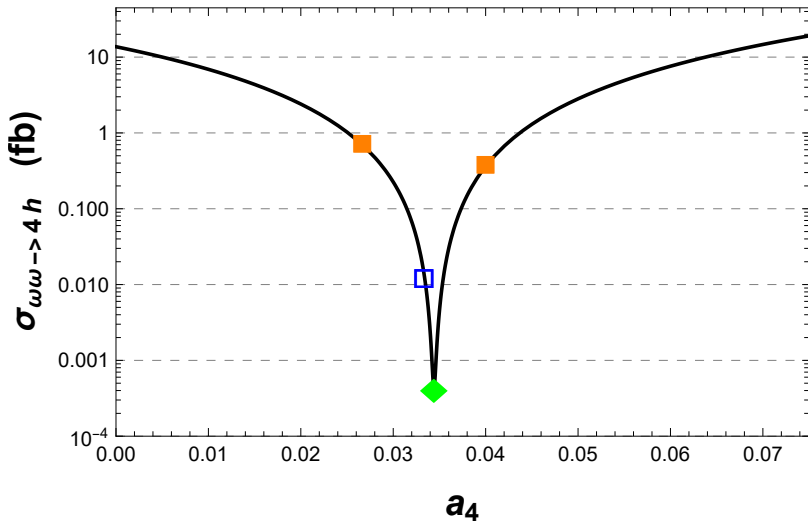
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github.com/mamupaxs

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Collider estimate and SMEFT limits

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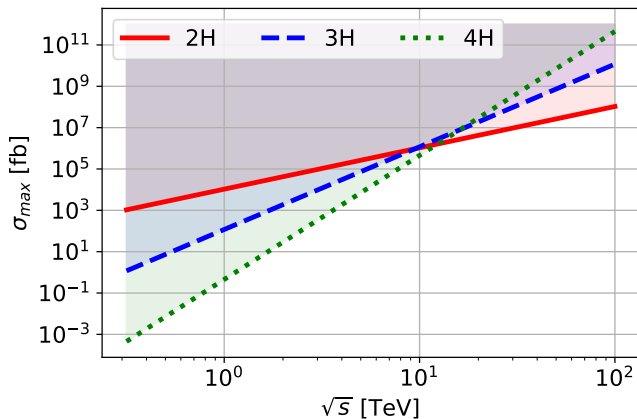


Figure 1: SMEFT exclusion plot for the cross sections for 2, 3 and 4 Higgs bosons with $|d| \leq d_{\max} = 0.1$ and $|\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$.

Exclusion plot: EFT perturbativity

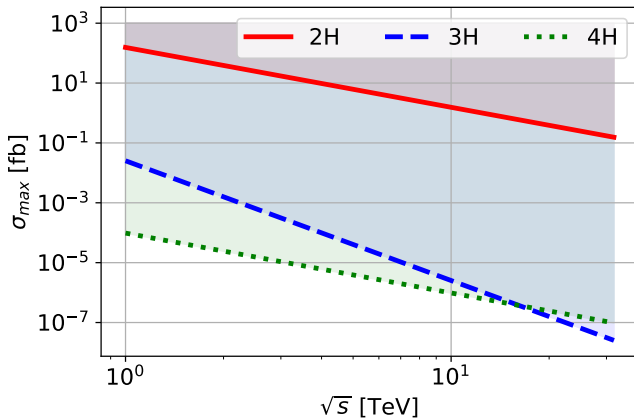


Figure 2: Exclusion plot for the maximum value of the cross sections for 2, 3 and 4 Higgs bosons with the constraint $|\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$ and

$$\text{EFT-expansion tolerance } \epsilon = 0.1. \quad \left| \frac{c_{H\Box S}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \right| = \left| \frac{dS}{2v^2} \right| \leq \epsilon \ll 1$$

The Effective W approximation

In the Effective W approximation (EWA), W_L are radiated collinear to initial particles (expected to dominate XS).

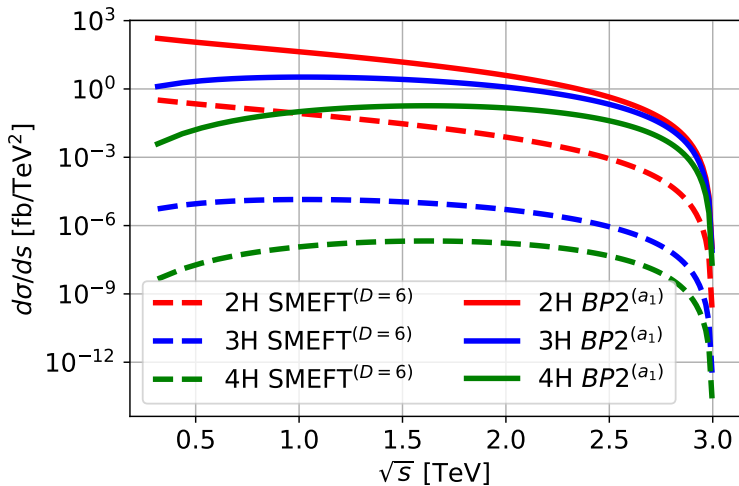
Collider estimate: 3 TeV CLIC e^+e^-

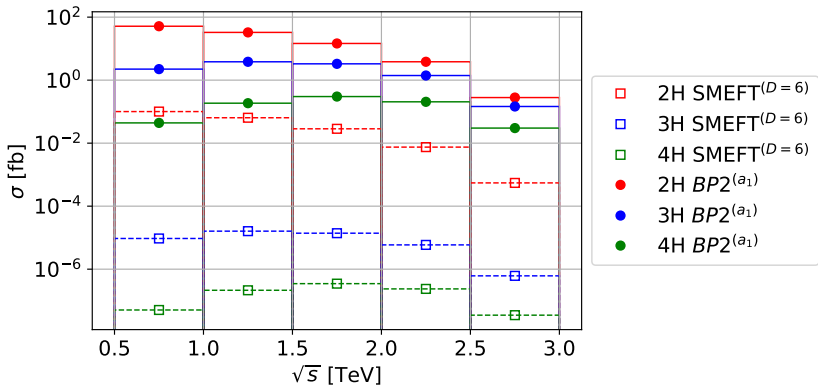
In the EWA factorization, the total cross section, σ_{tot} , is provided by the hard subprocess cross section times an appropriate W_L -luminosity function of the form,

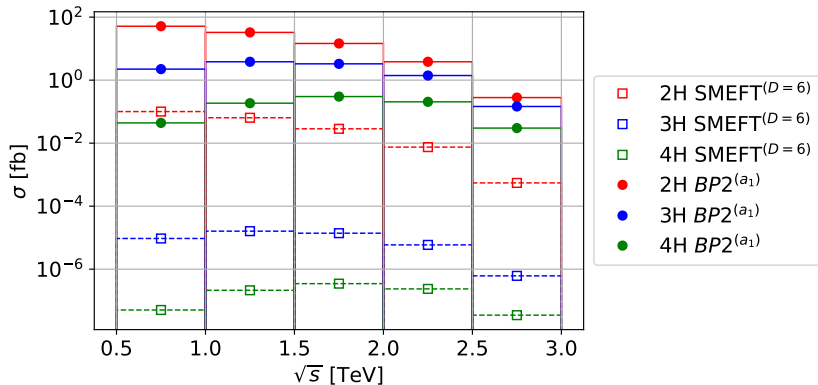
$$\frac{d\sigma_{tot}}{ds} = \frac{\alpha^2}{8\pi^2 s s_{\theta_W}^2} \left[2 \left(\frac{s}{s_{tot}} - 1 \right) - \left(\frac{s}{s_{tot}} + 1 \right) \log \frac{s}{s_{tot}} \right] \times \sigma(s) \Big|_{W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow n \times h}$$

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Differential XS in the EWA



$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- + n \times h$ cross section in the EWA

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CLIC at 3 TeV expected to have $5000 fb^{-1}$ luminosity. [1812.02093](#)

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