

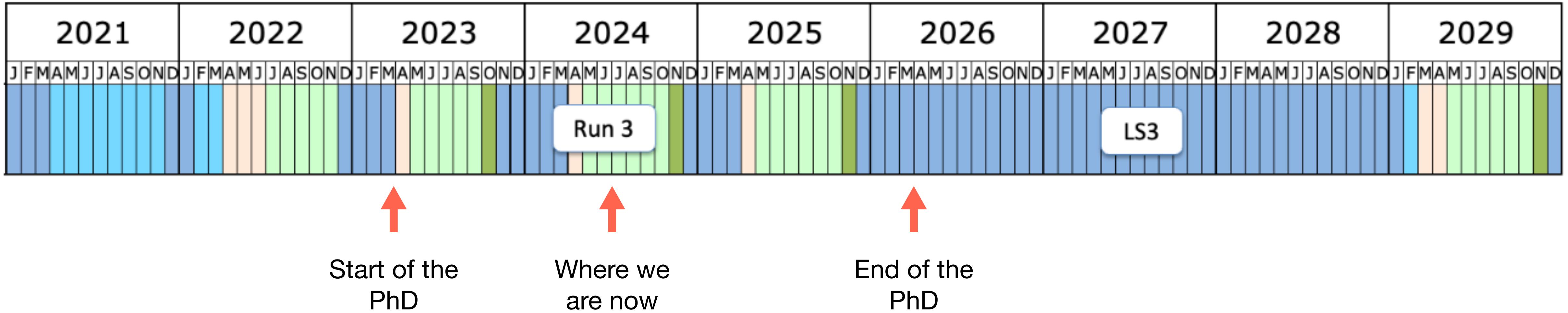
# Status update of the 1st\* year

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# Timeline and Objectives



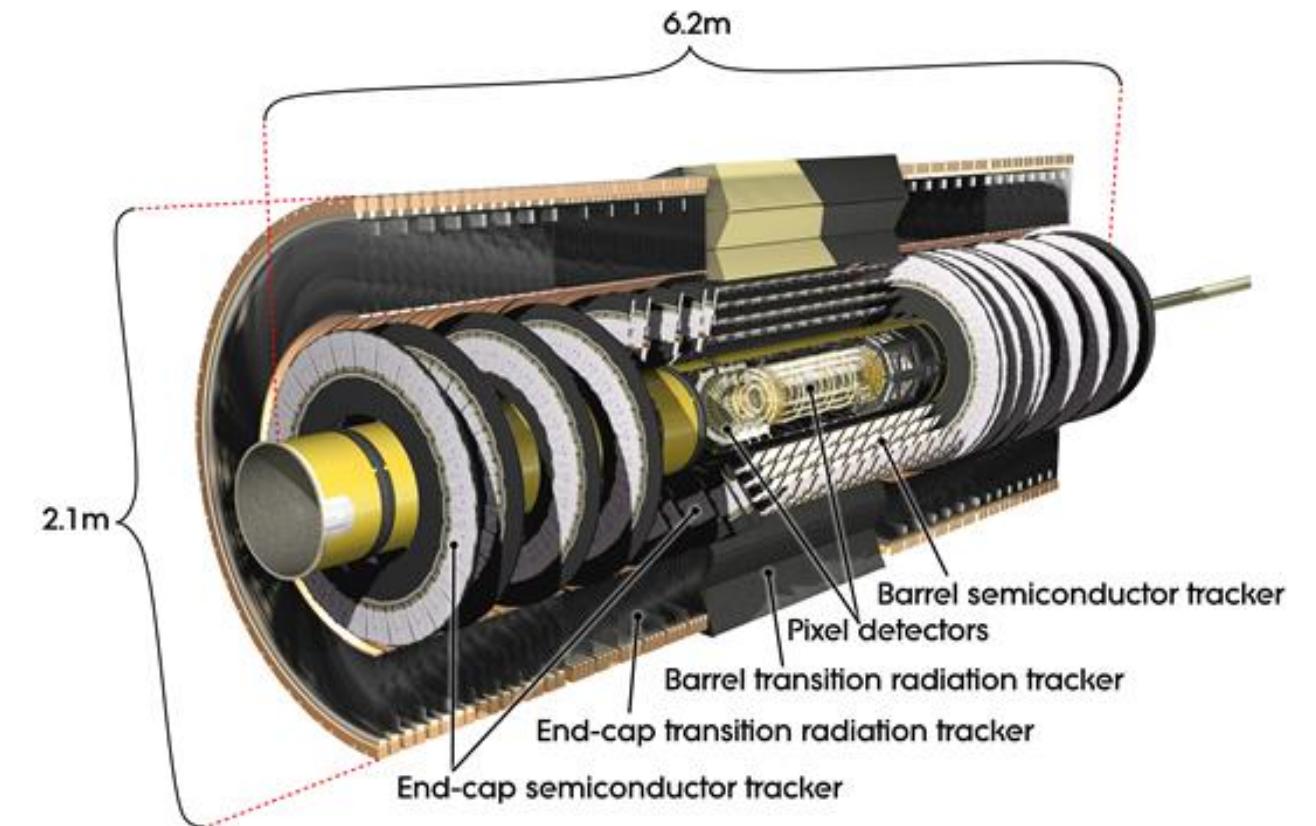
Worked on three main topics in the **first year**:

1. Qualification project
2. Polarisation for VBF di-Higgs
3. Effective Field Theories in VBF di-Higgs

# **1. Qualification Project**

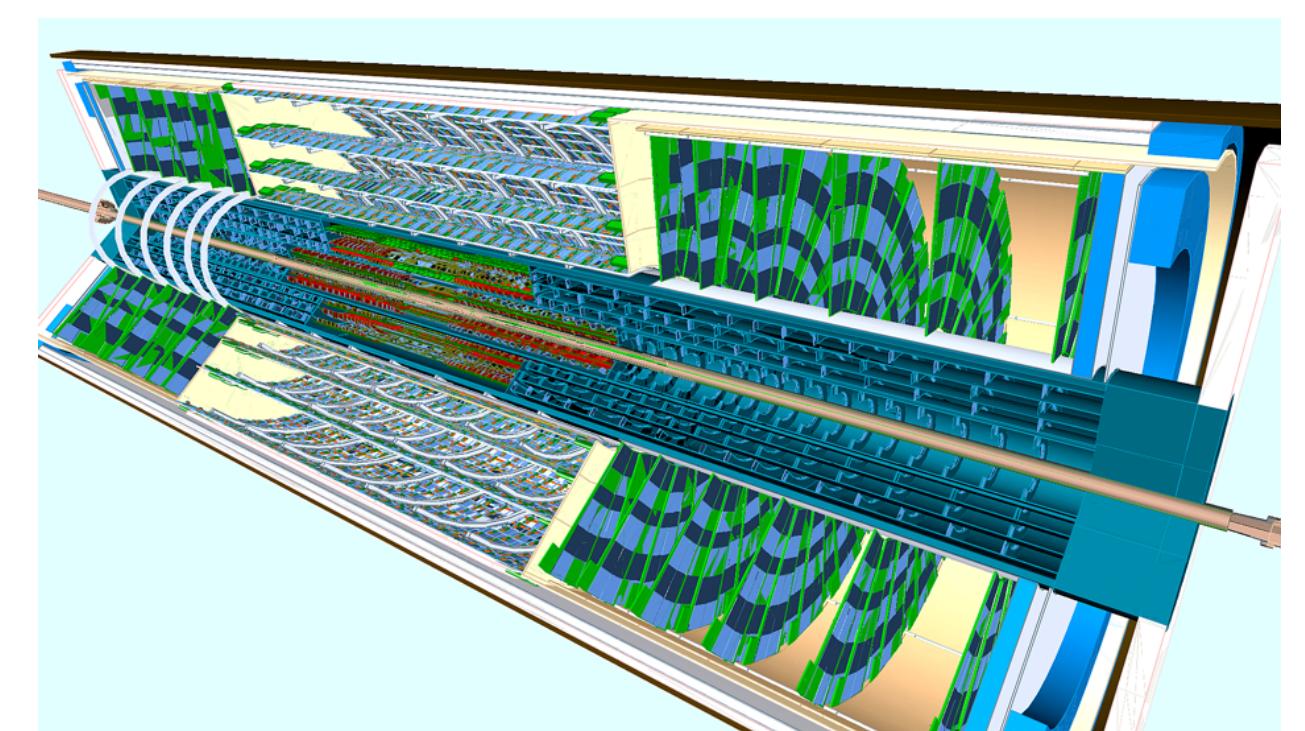
# Qualification Project: Tracking

- Project for People in the ATLAS collaboration to become an author
- Duration: 1 year
- Topic: Backtracking with the ITk
  - ITk
    - new Silicon based inner detector built to replace the current inner detector in ATLAS for the HL-LHC phase
  - Backtracking algorithm
    - Algorithm to improve reconstruction of converted photons
    - Used to reconstruct tracks originating from electron-positron pairs from photon conversion
    - Such tracks are typically displaced which makes
      - difficult for the standard tracking algorithm to reconstruct them



**Current inner detector**

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HL-LHC  
ITk



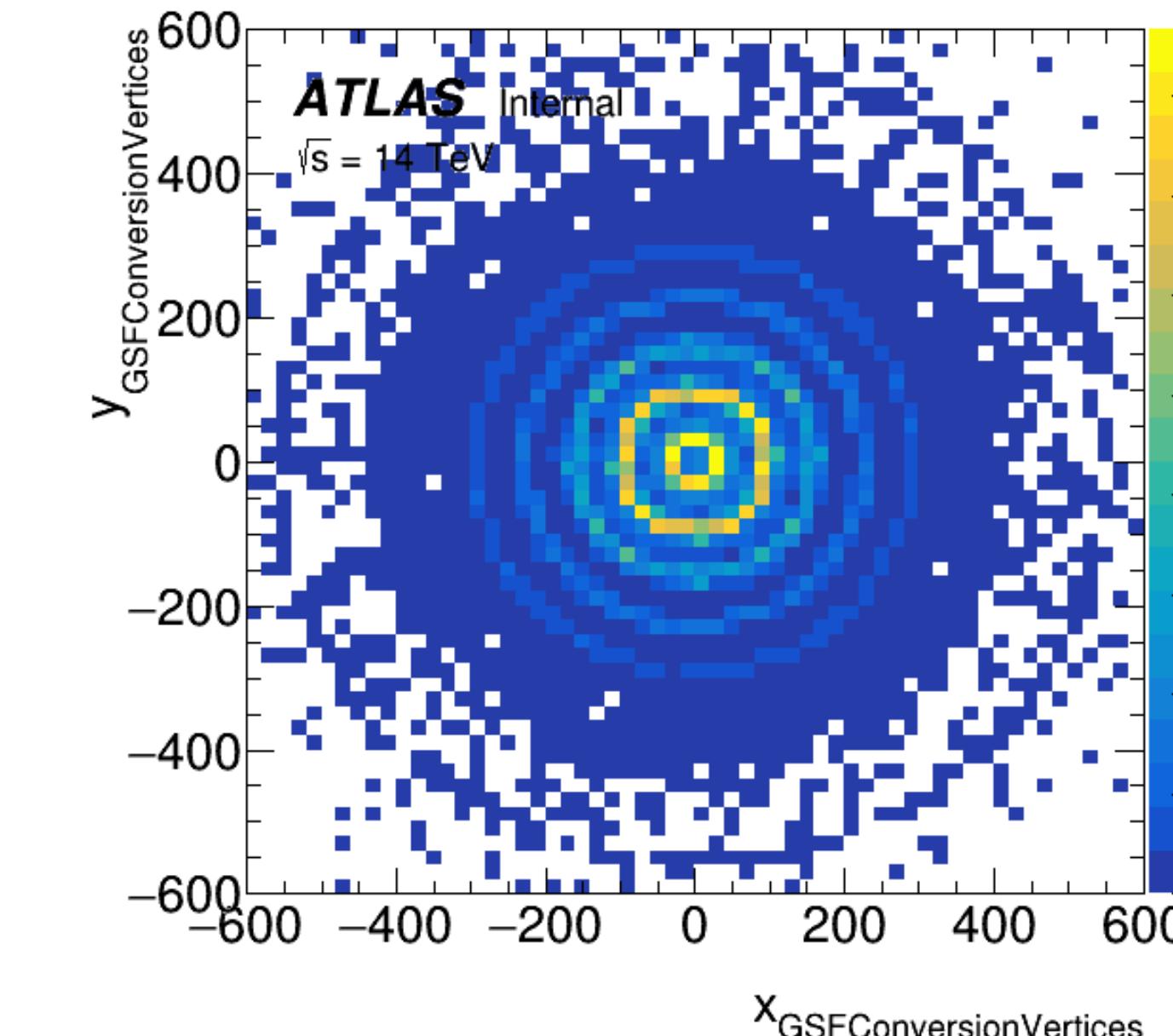
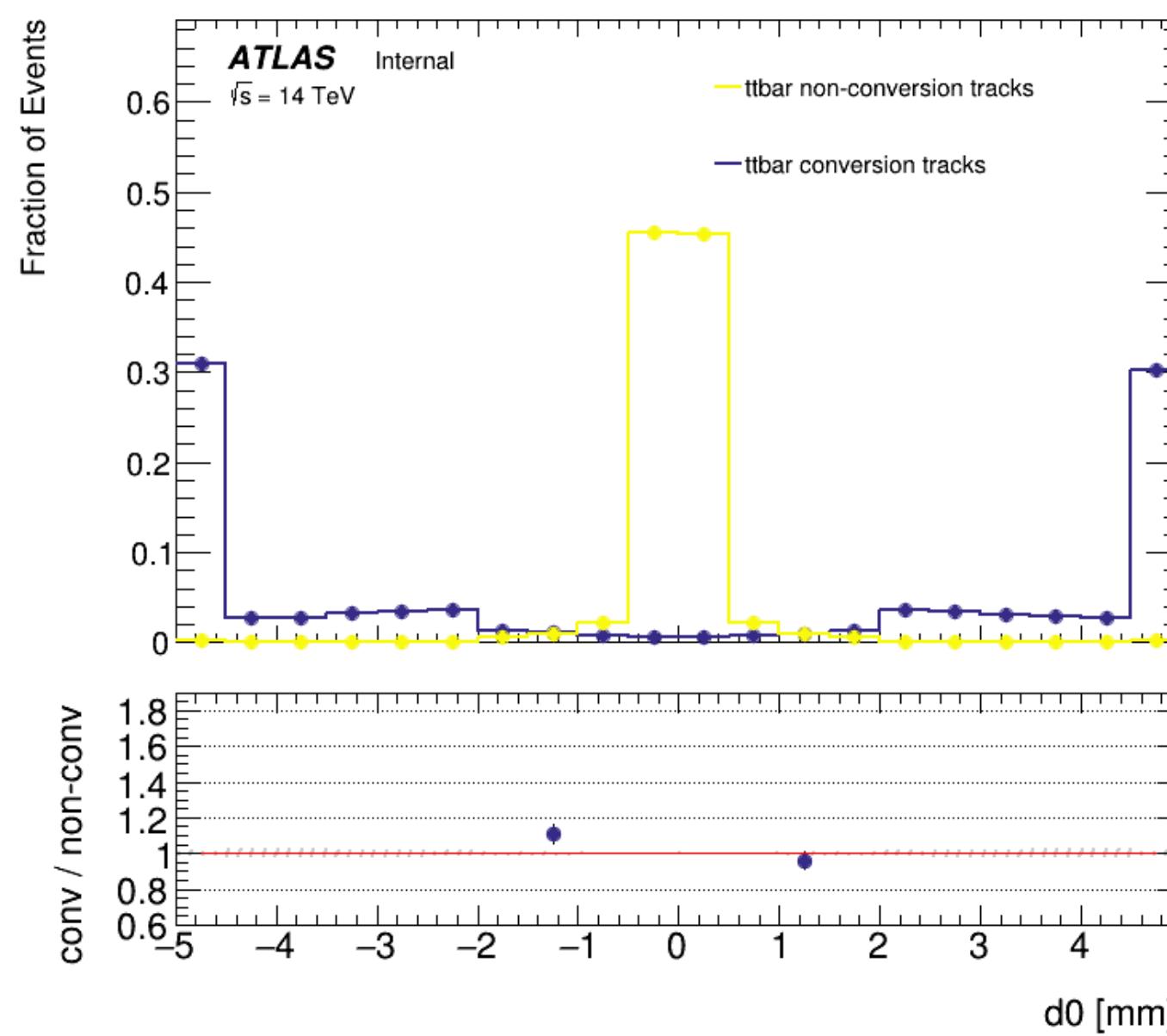
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*Status:* almost finished

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- Confirmed that tracks from the Backtracking algorithm are available and look reasonable
- Can be accessed for different track container
- Conversion vertices are available and look reasonable

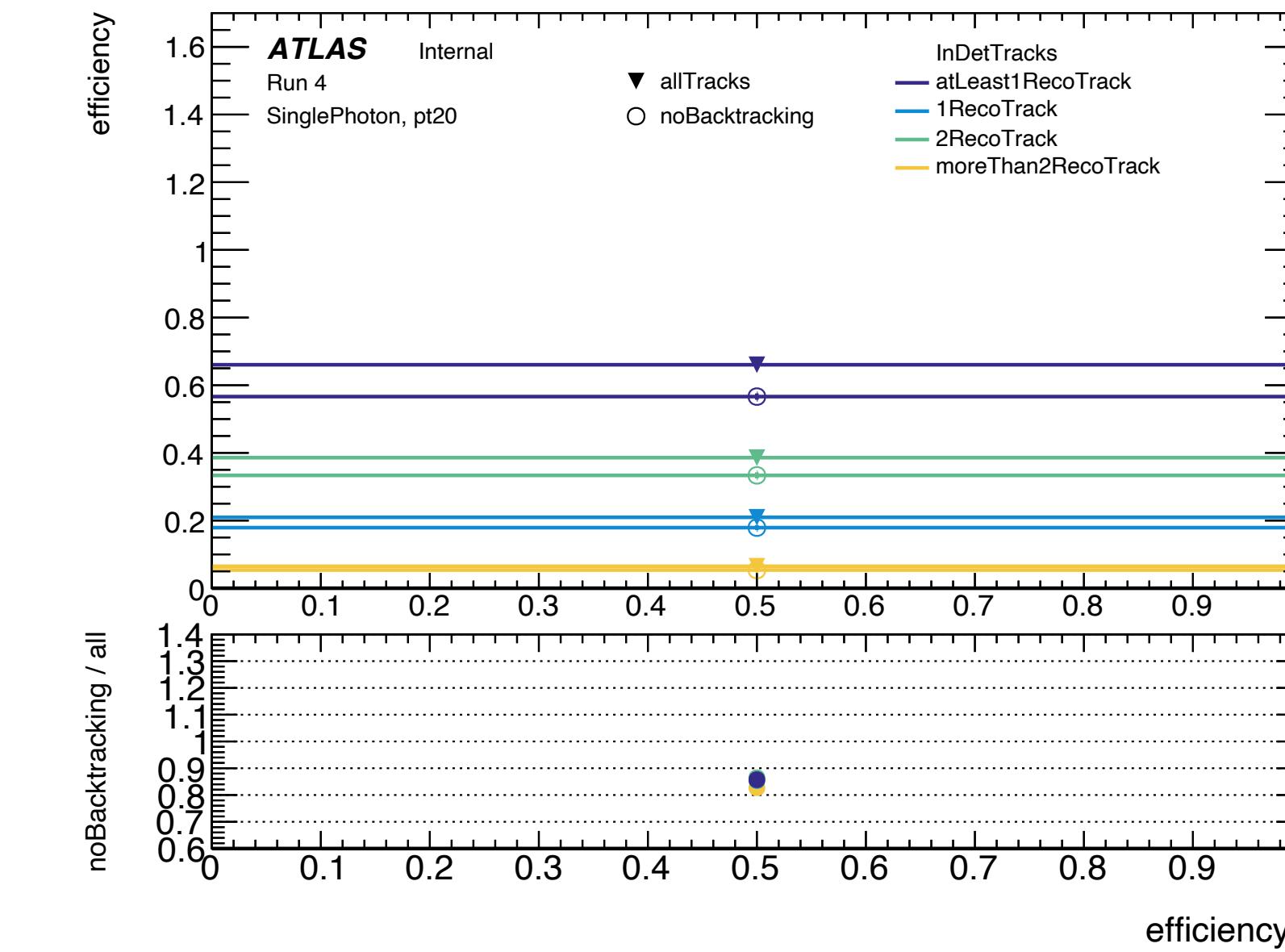
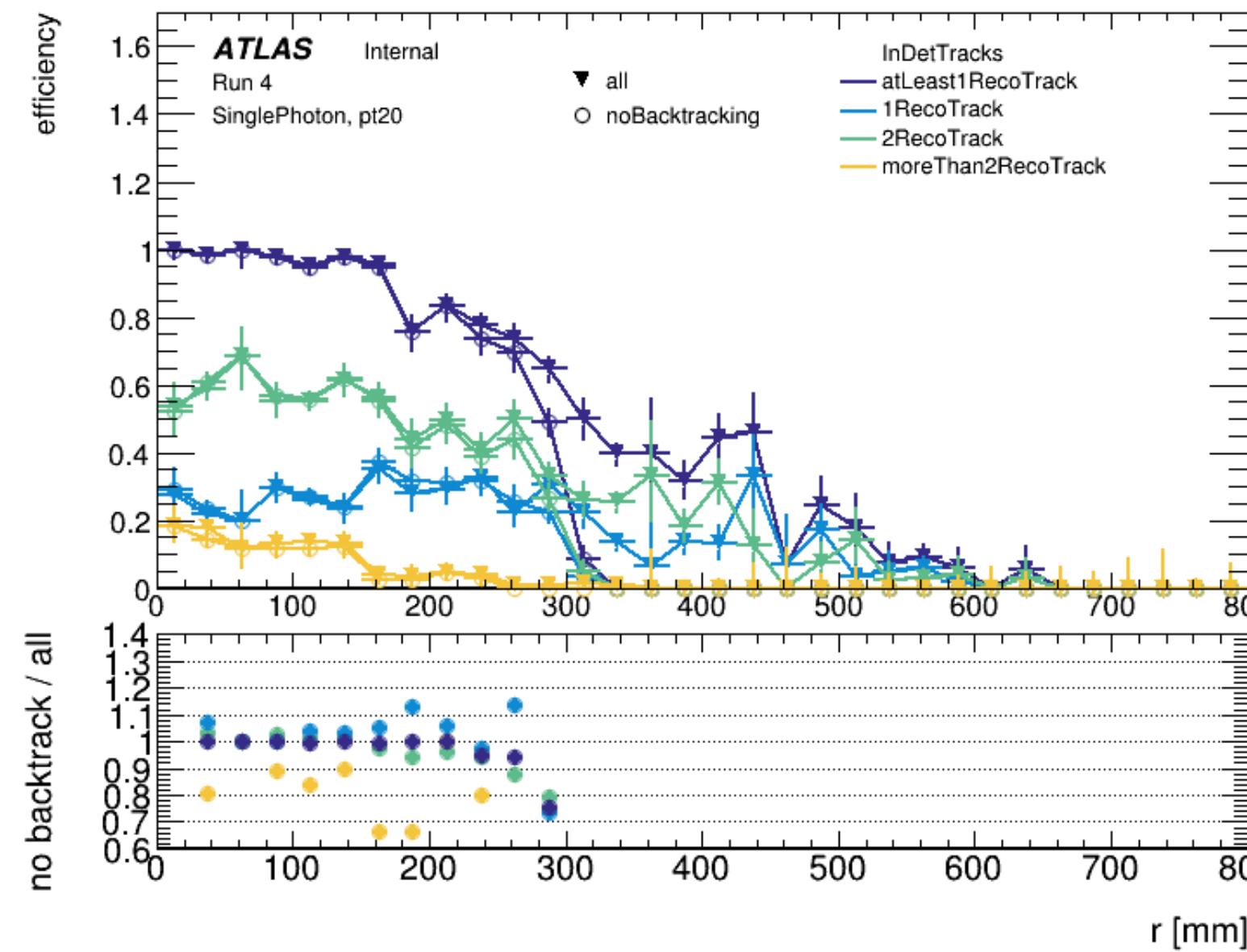


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- Studied reconstruction efficiencies for photon conversions
- Found lower efficiency than for the current inner detector (who has efficiency >70%)



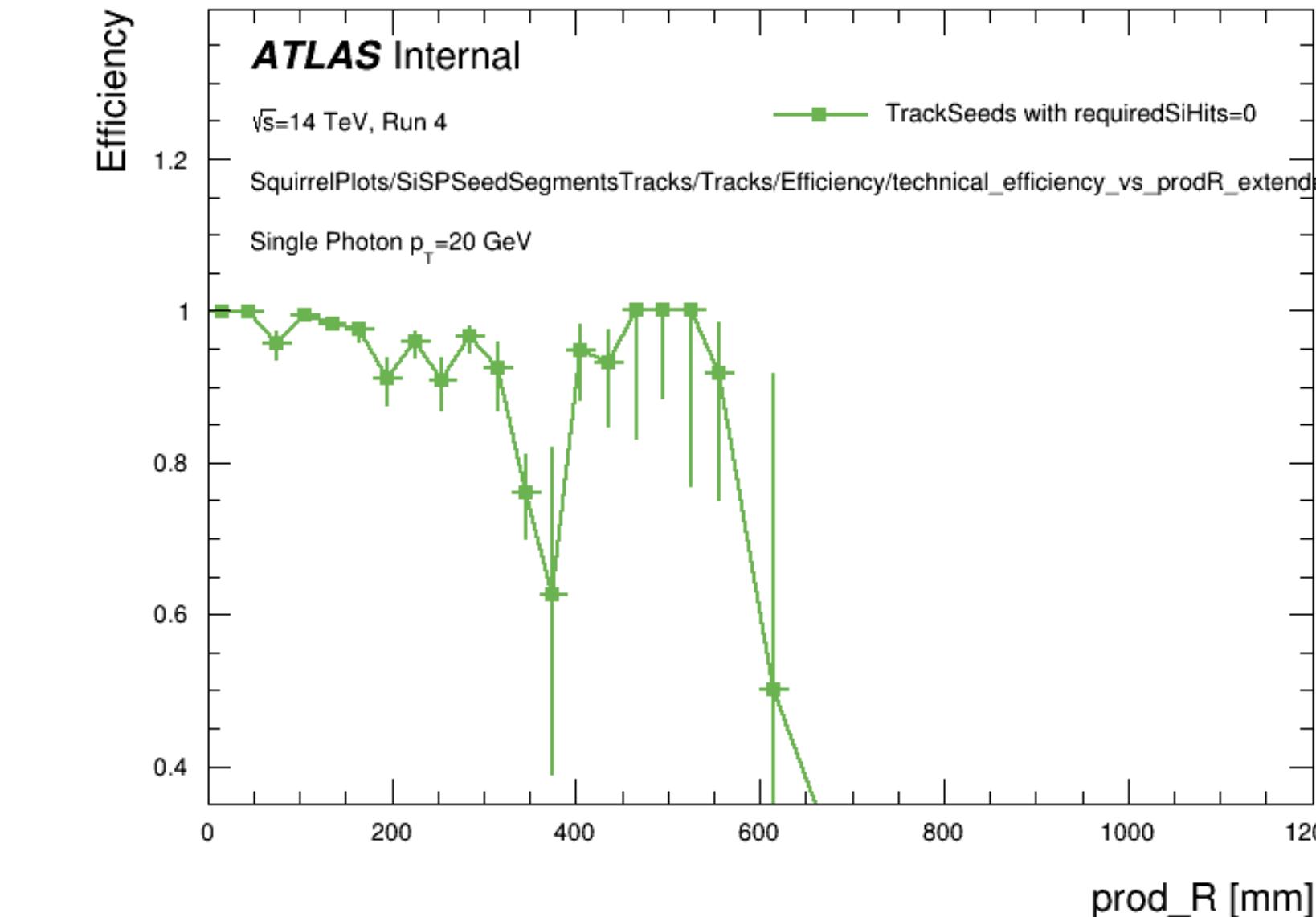
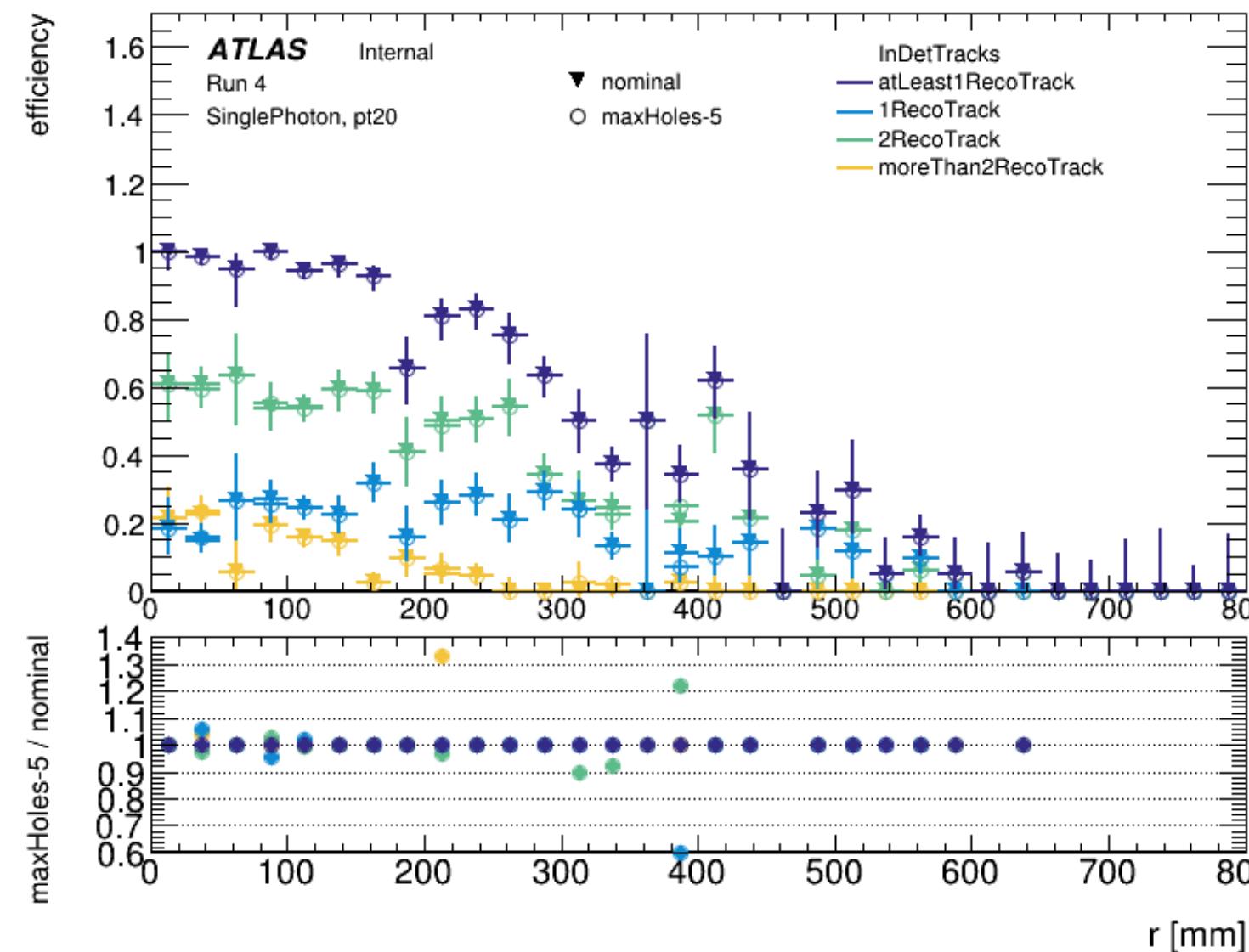
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- No improvement by modifying the parameters of the algorithm
- Studied seed efficiency
- Investigating truth conversion electrons that are not matched to tracks
- Will finish this in July

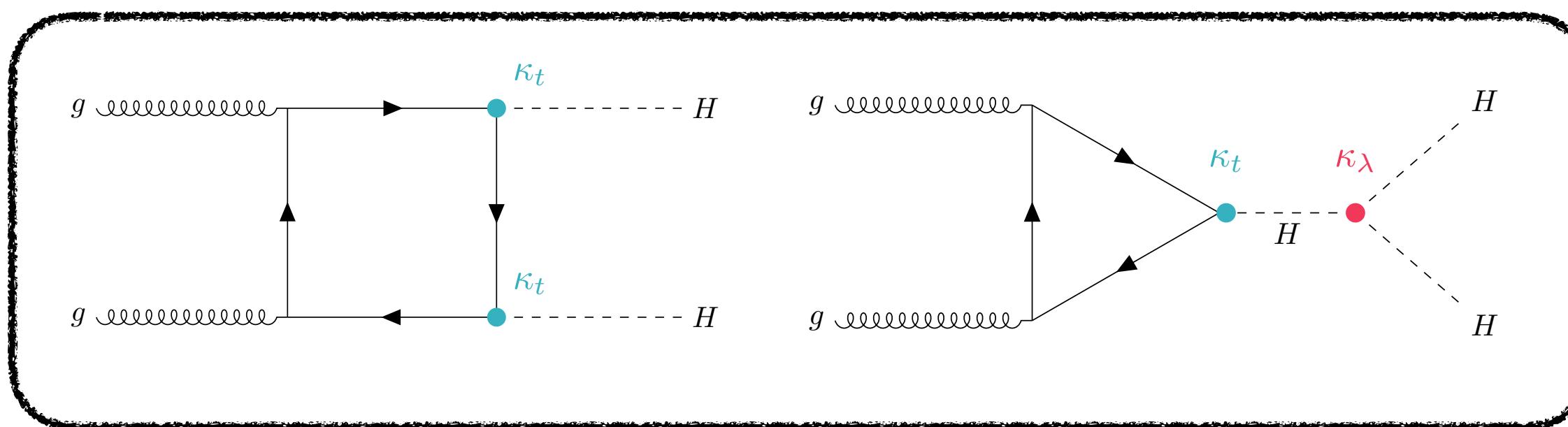


# Main Physics Topic

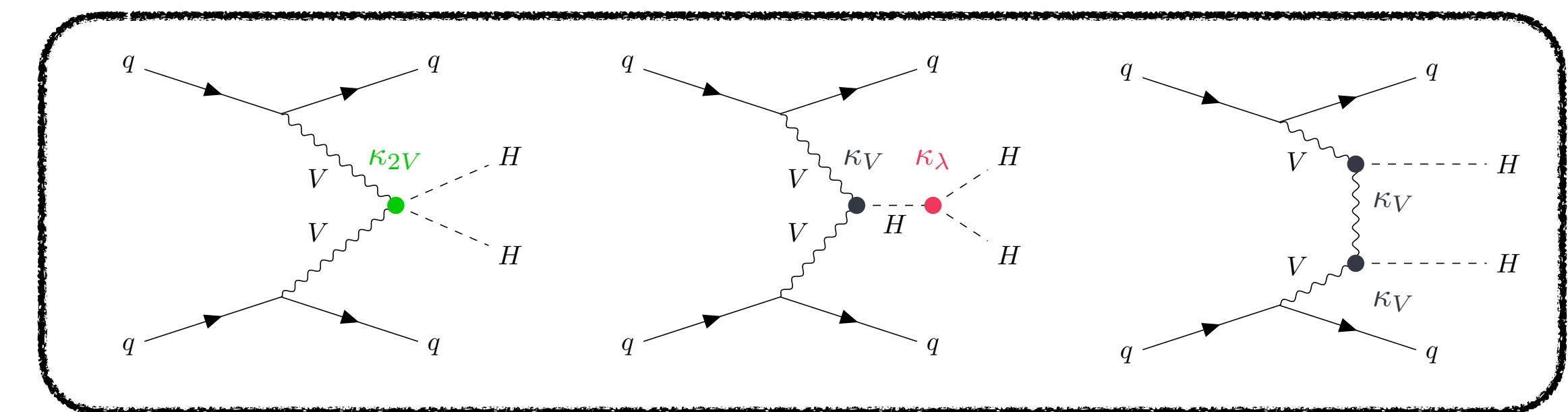
# Physics Subject

- Main physics focus of the thesis: **Higgs-boson pair production**
- Two main production modes:

**gluon-gluon Fusion (ggF)**



**Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)**



Leading Production mode

- Cross section:  $\sigma_{ggF} = 31.05 \text{ fb}$
- Sensitive to the trilinear Higgs self-coupling ( $\kappa_\lambda$ )

Subleading Production mode

- Cross section:  $\sigma_{VBF} = 1.73 \text{ fb}$
- Sensitive to the trilinear Higgs self-coupling ( $\kappa_\lambda$ ) and the coupling of two vector bosons to two Higgs bosons ( $\kappa_{2V}$ )

## **2. Polarisation in VBF di-Higgs**

# Polarization

## **What is polarization?**

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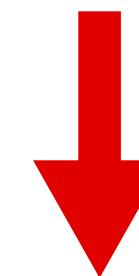
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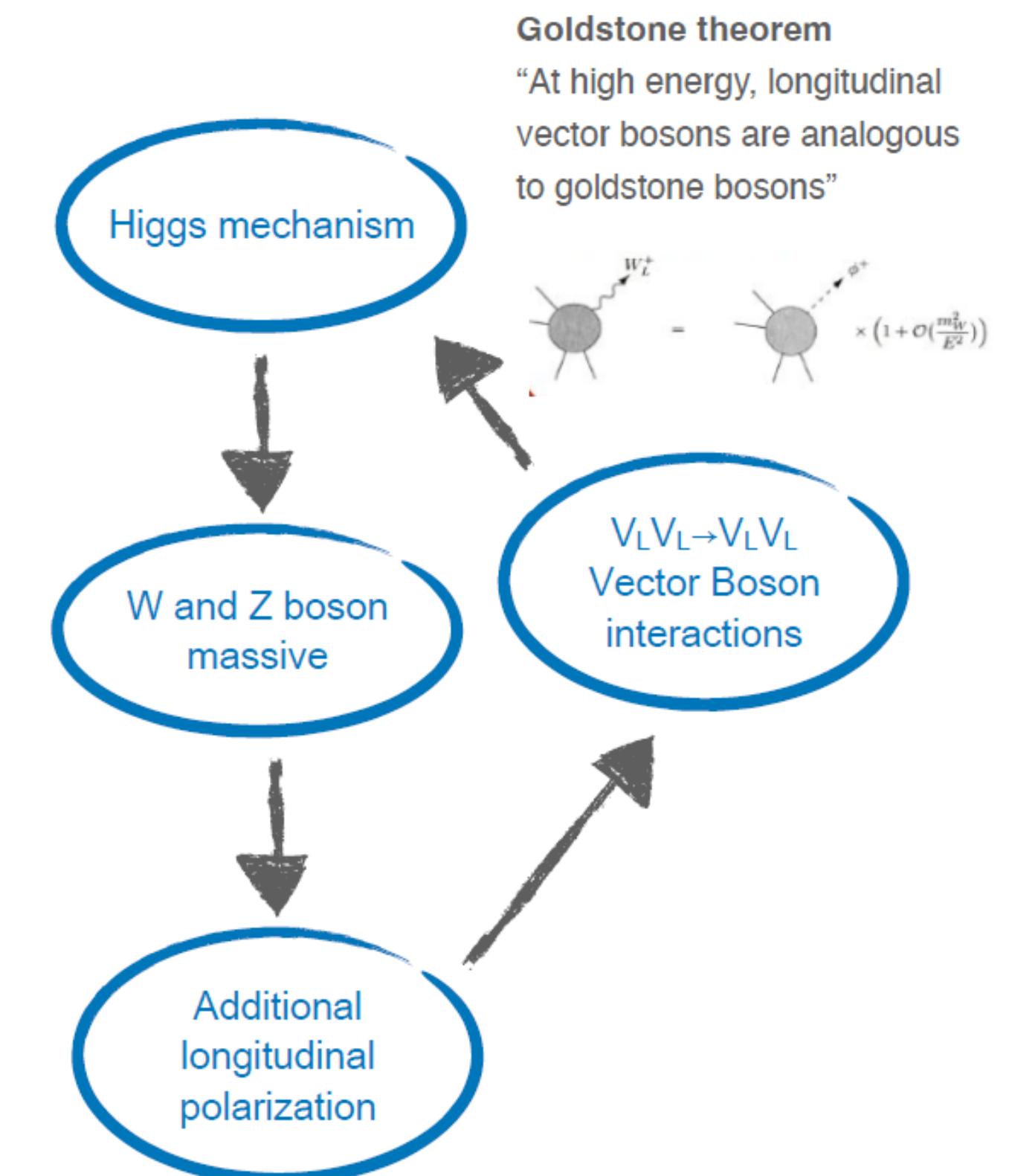
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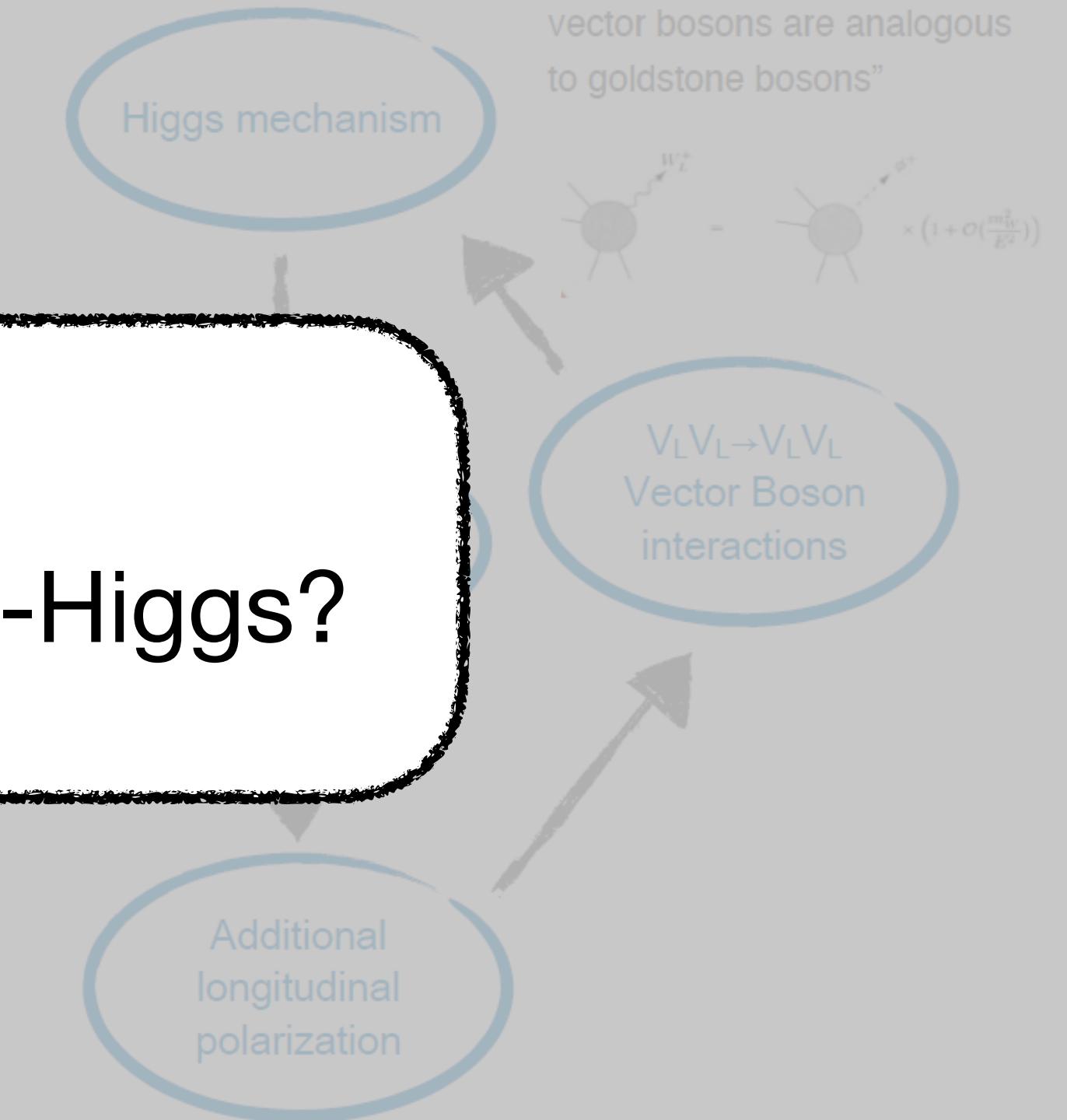
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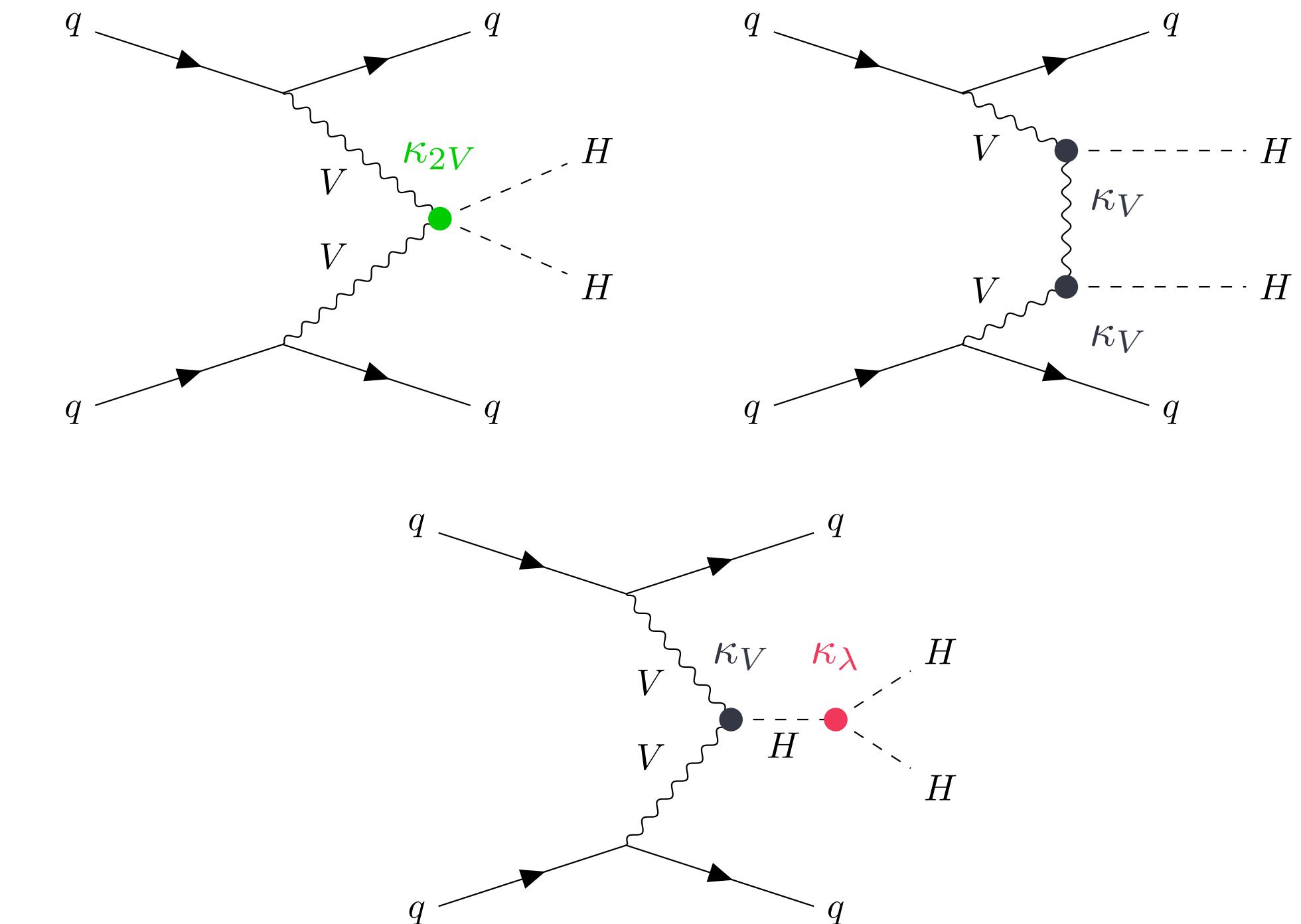
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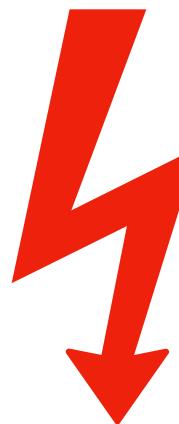
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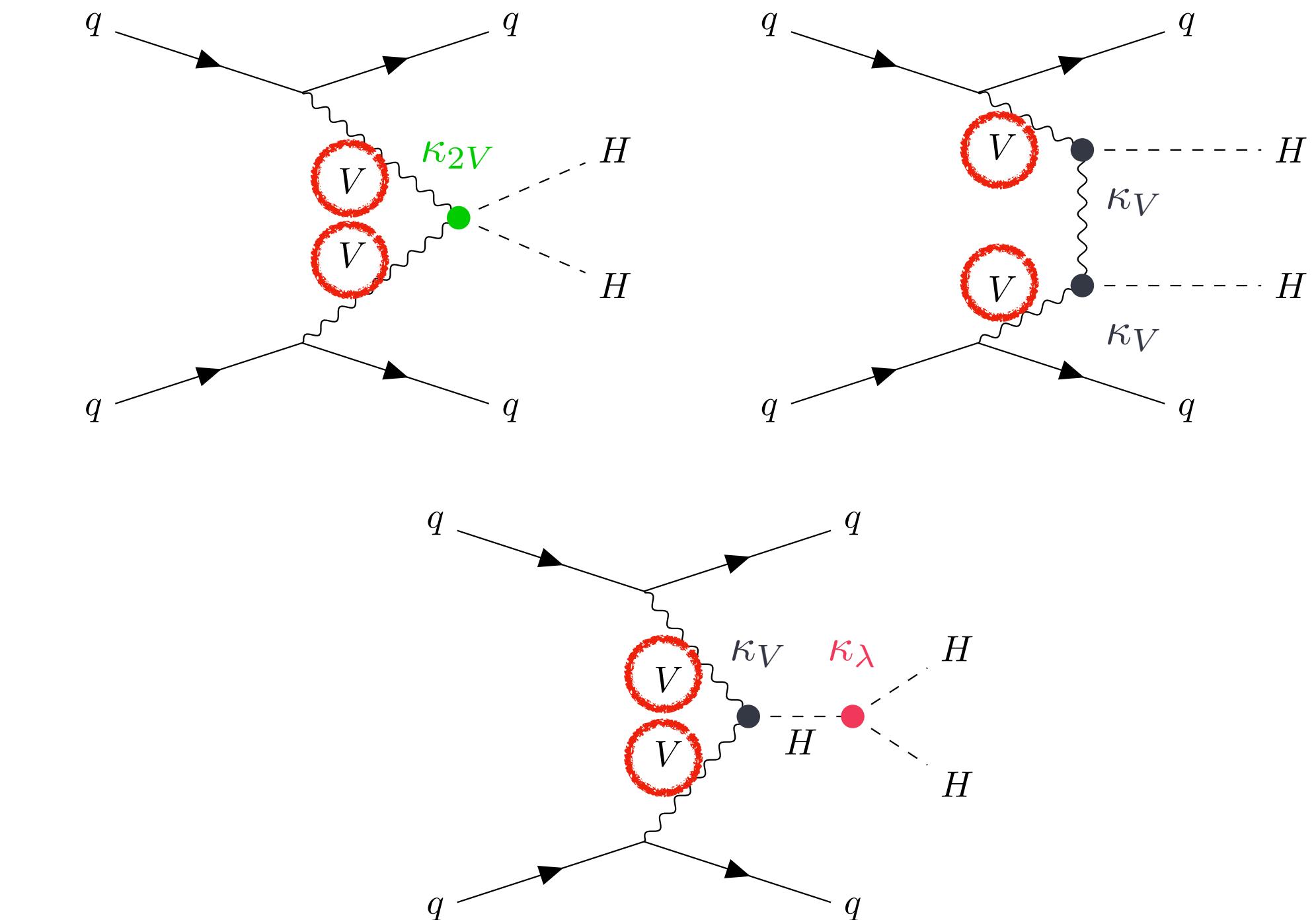
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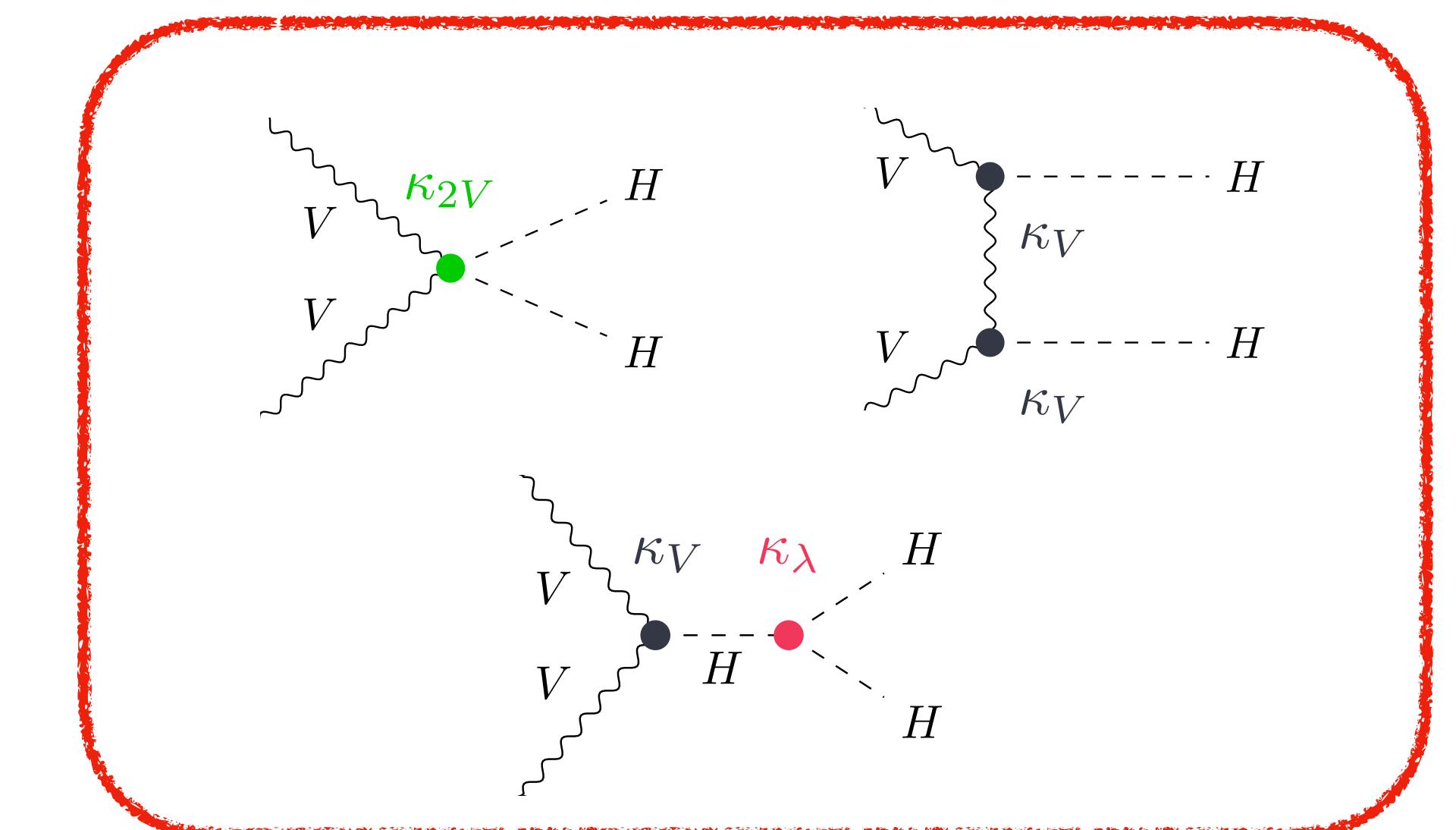
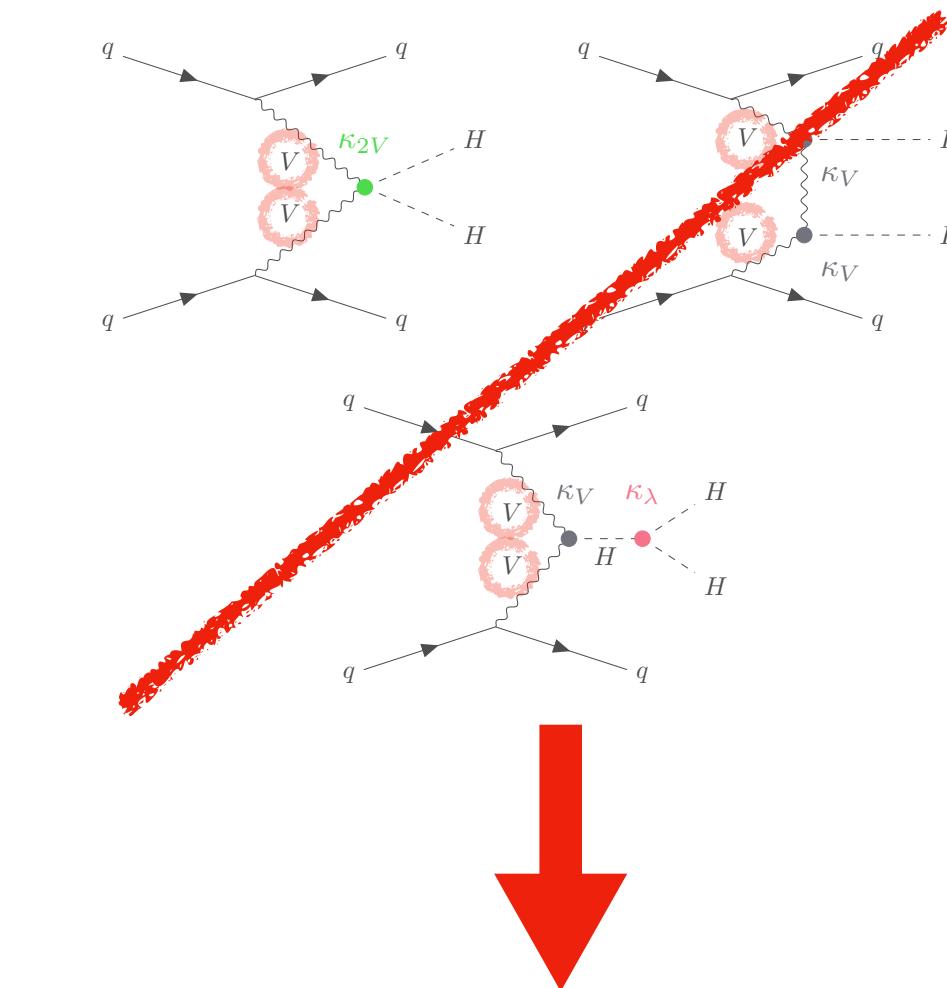
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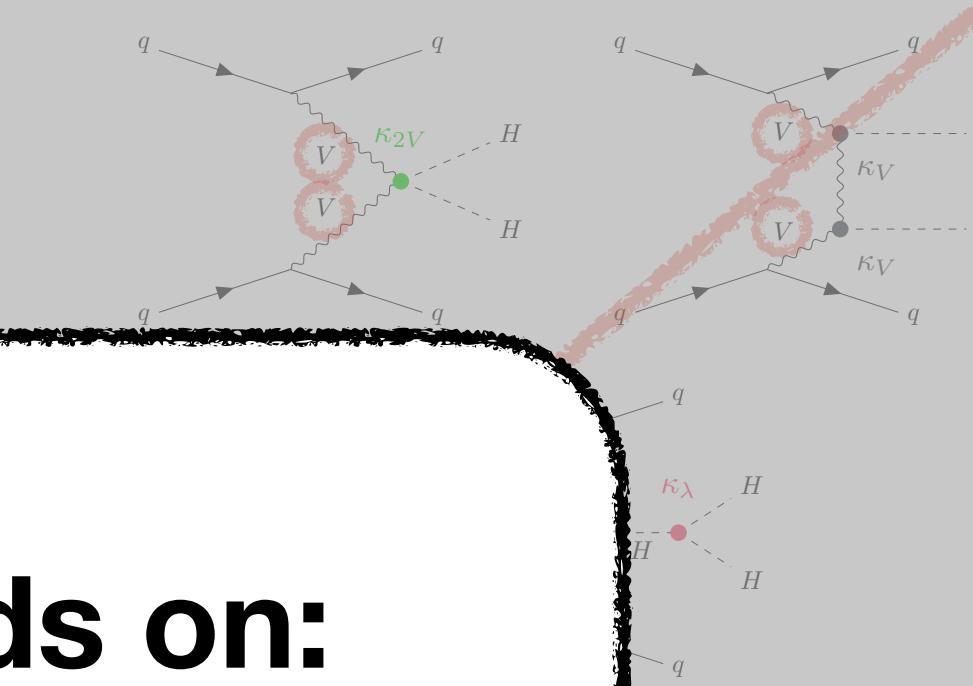
- Simulate VBF



- Vector bosons
  - No generation of that at
- How does the cross section depends on:**
- the center of mass energy
  - different values of the coupling modifiers
  - the different polarizations

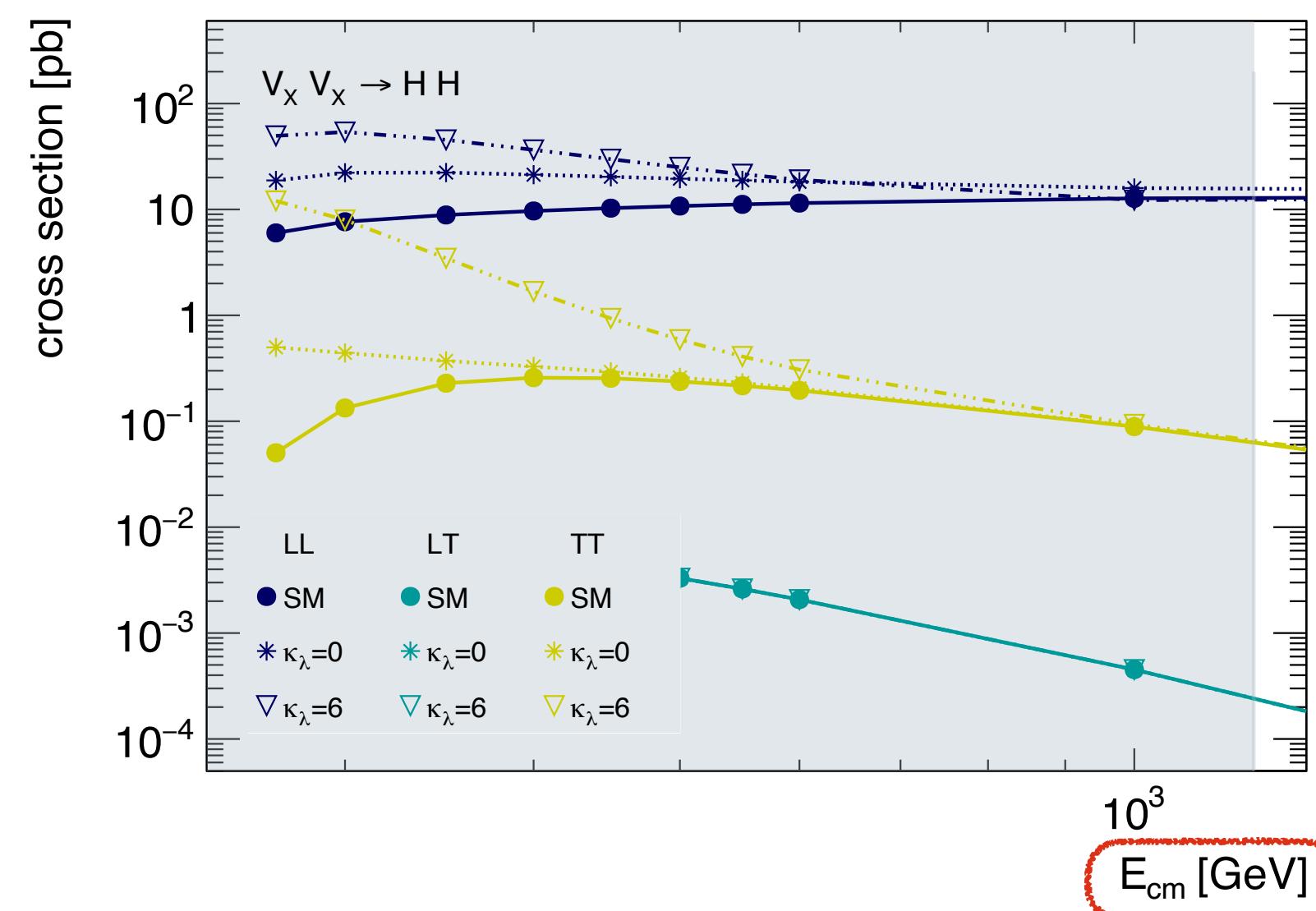
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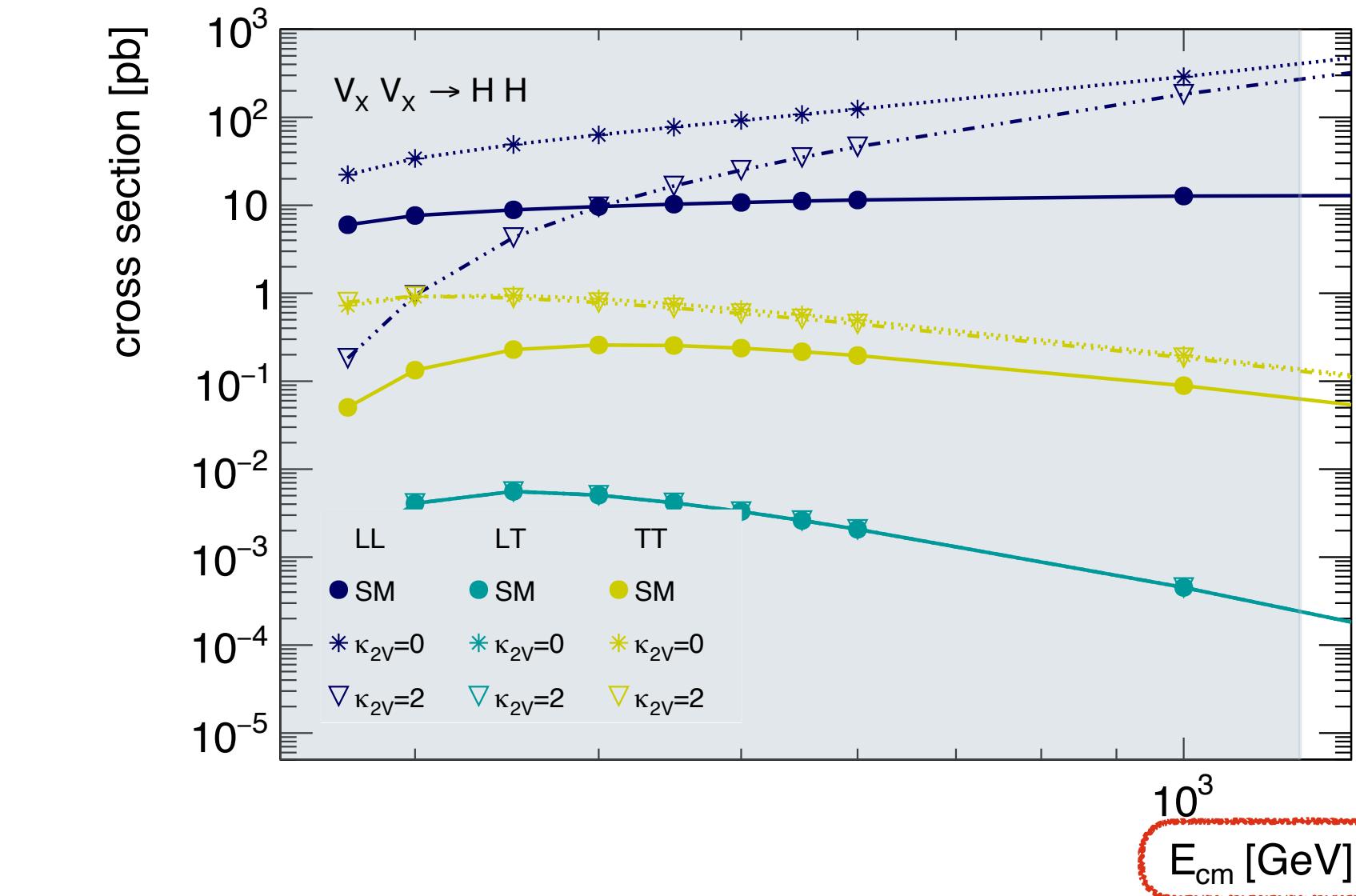


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**Effect of changing  $\kappa_\lambda$**

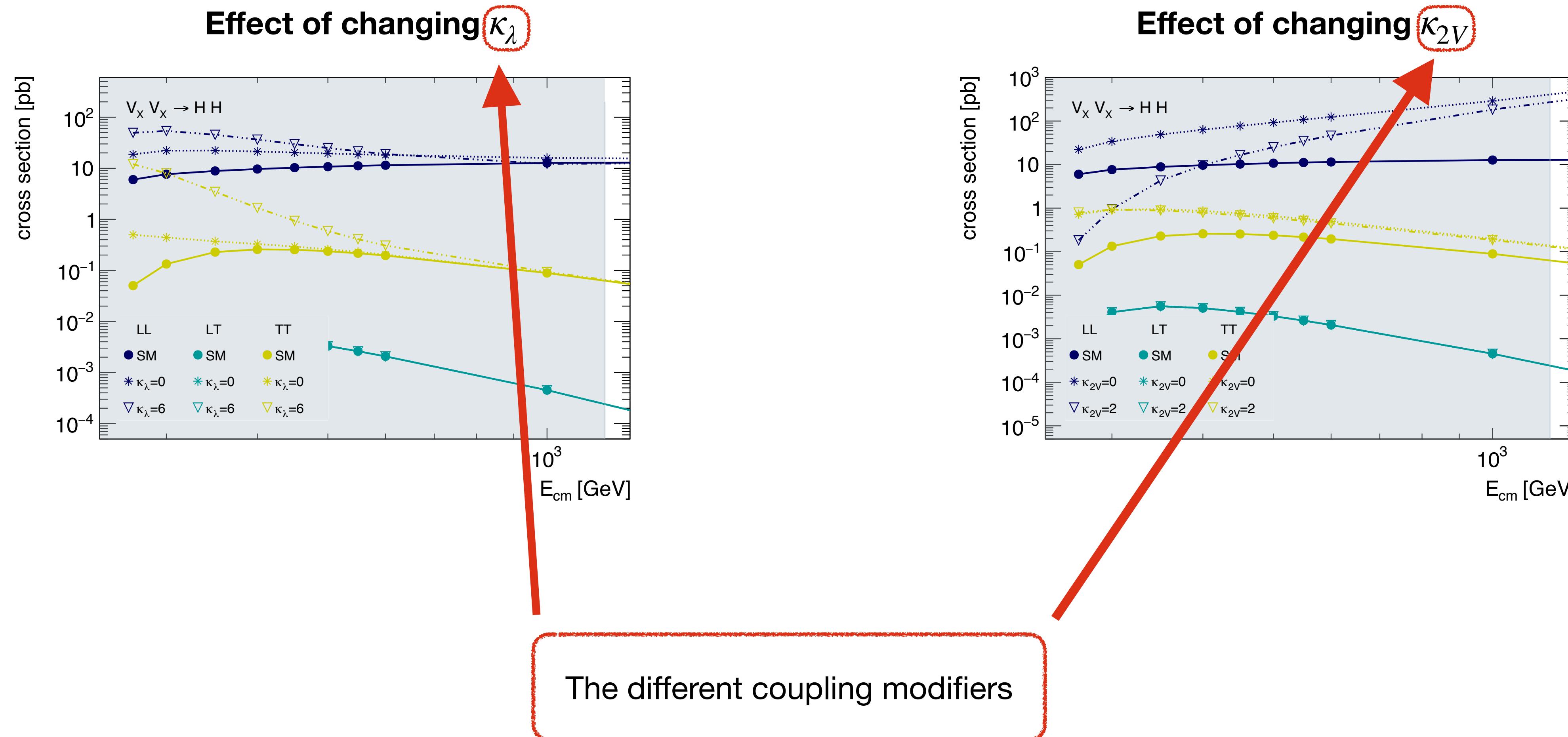


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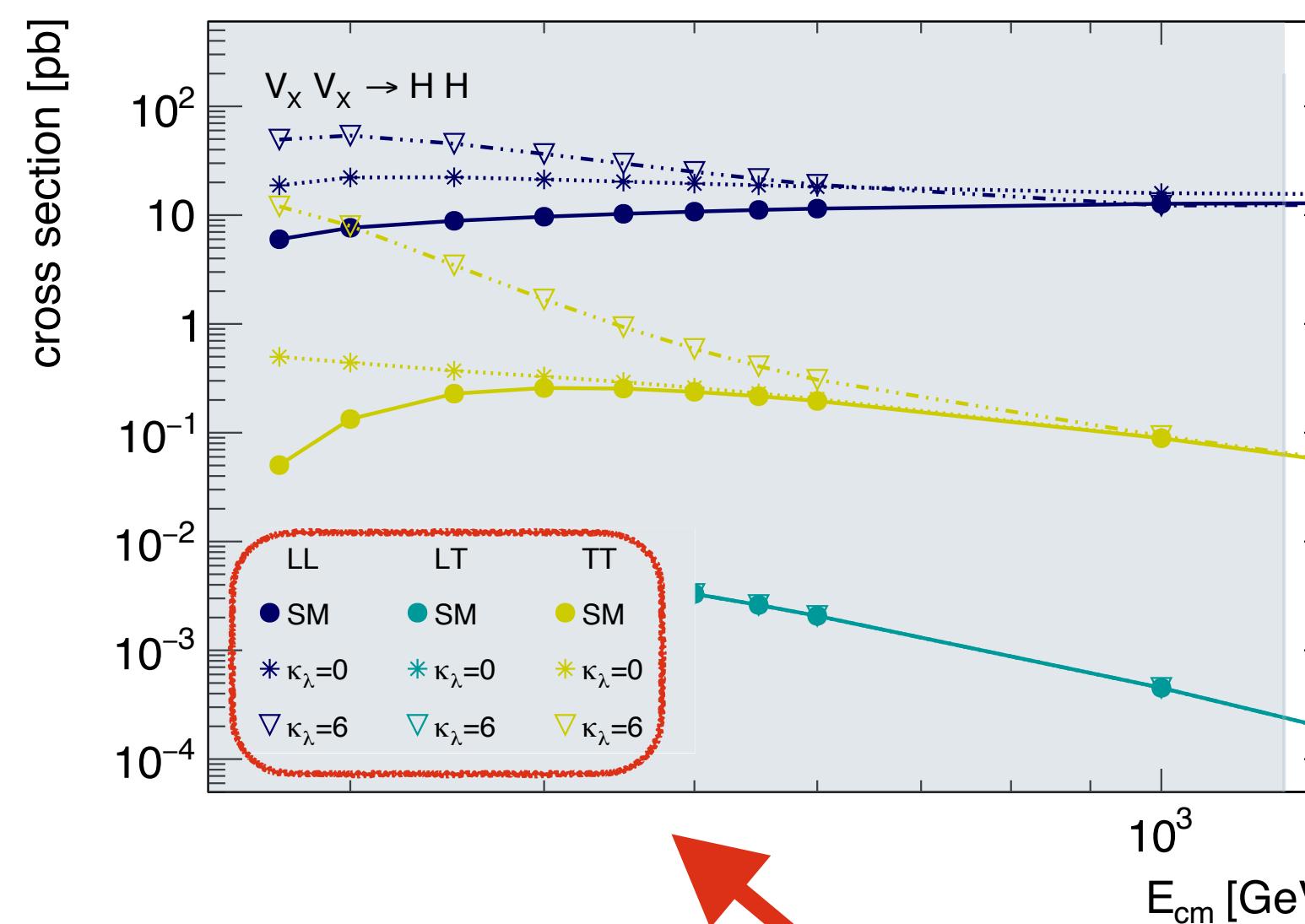
Center of mass energy of the vector bosons

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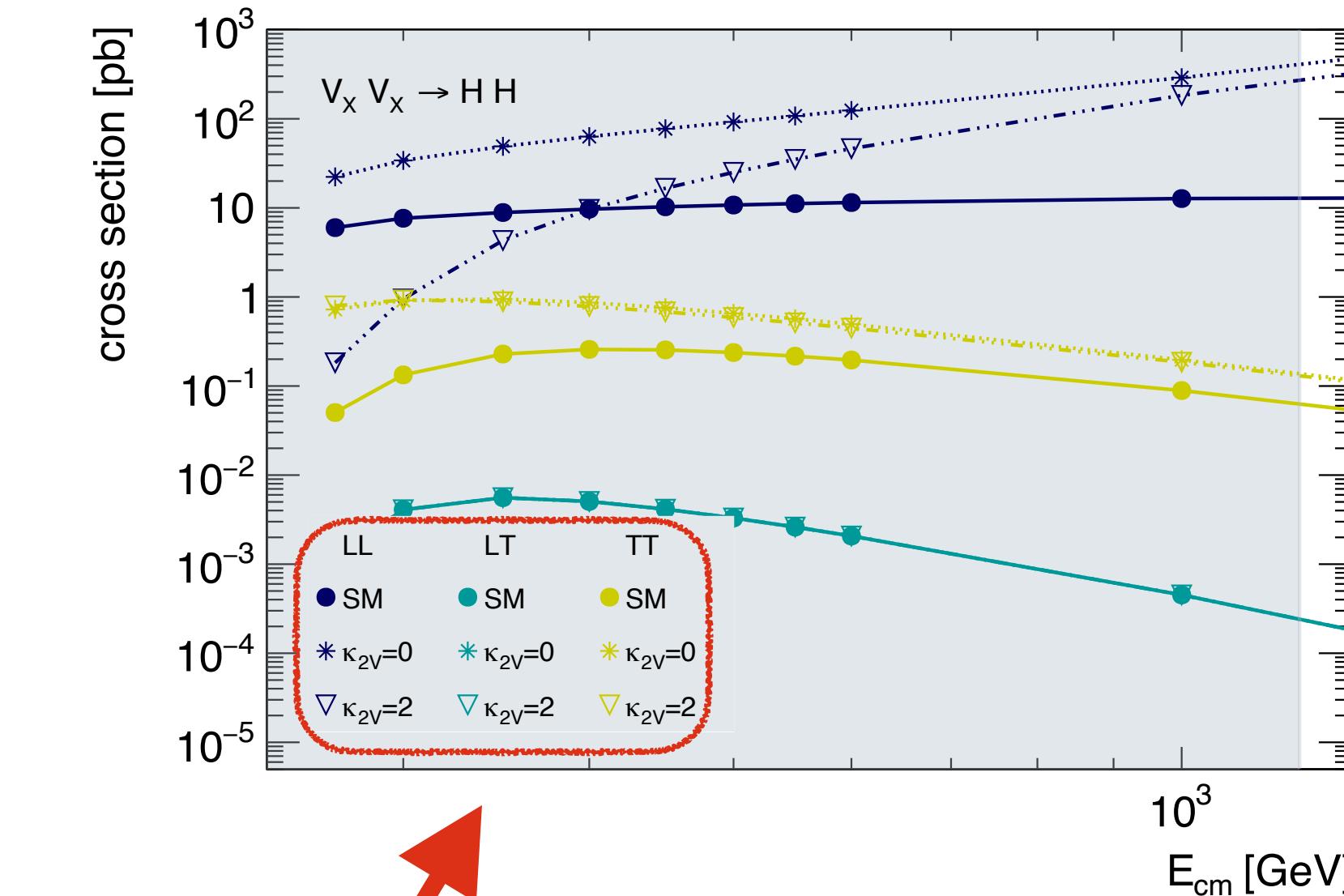


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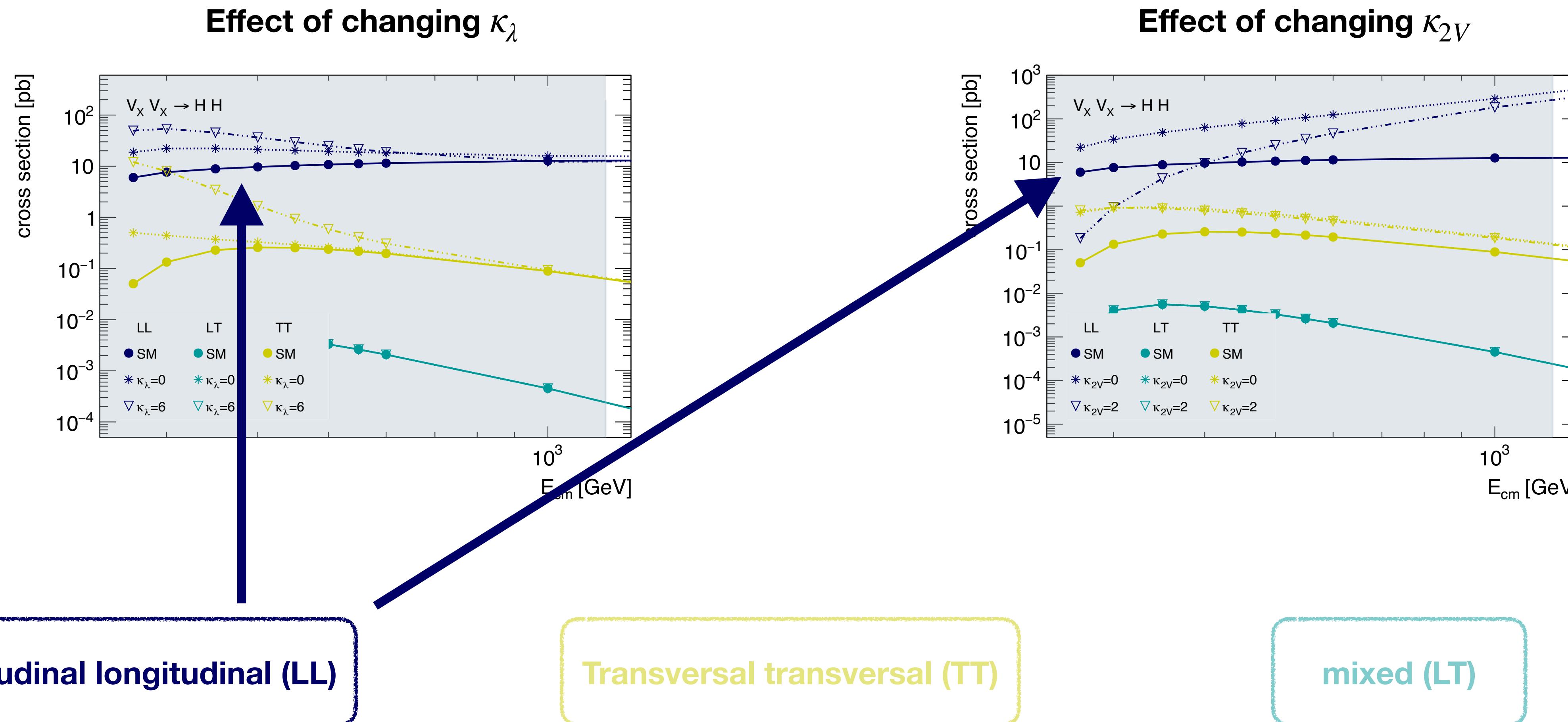


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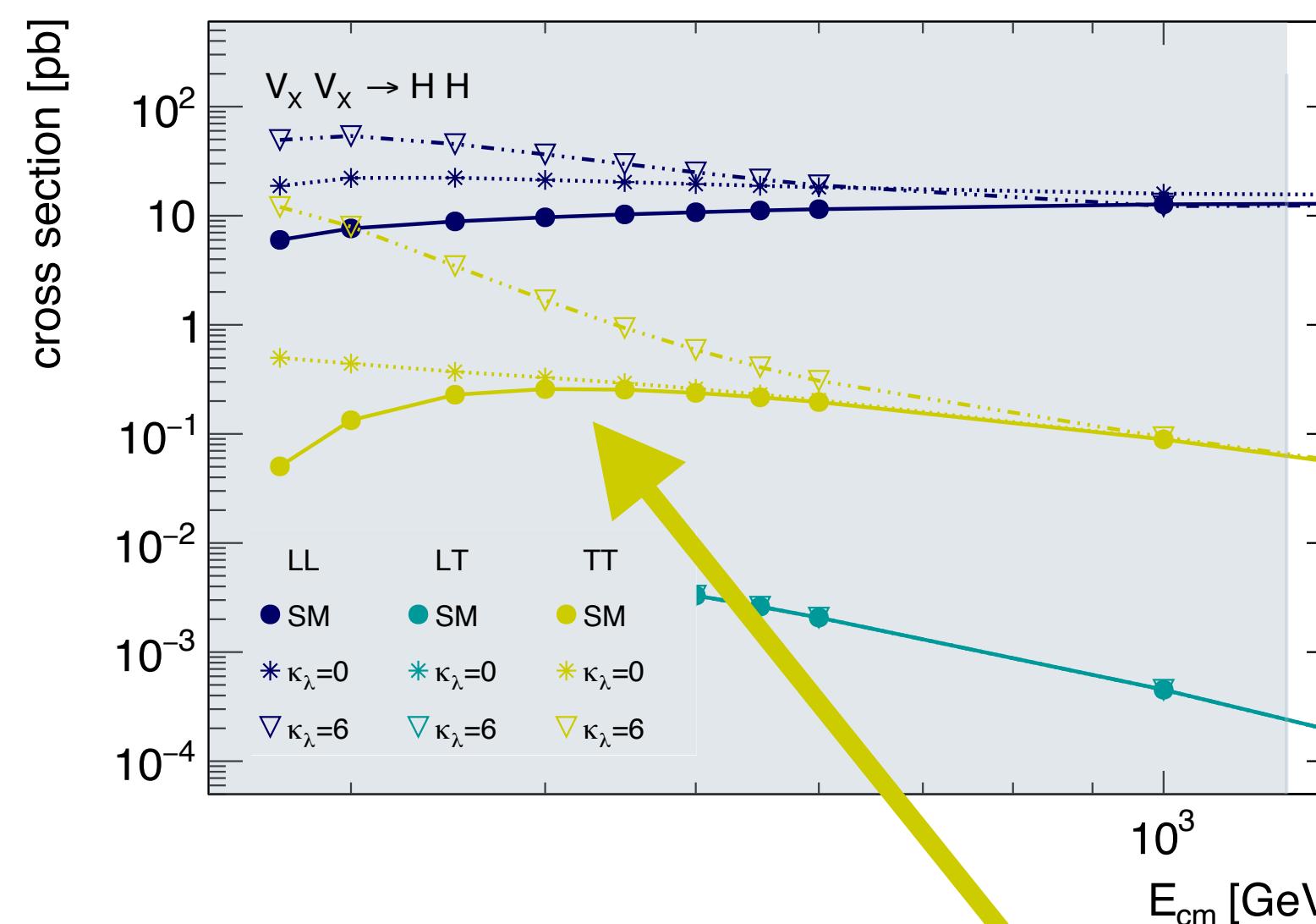
Values of the coupling parameters  
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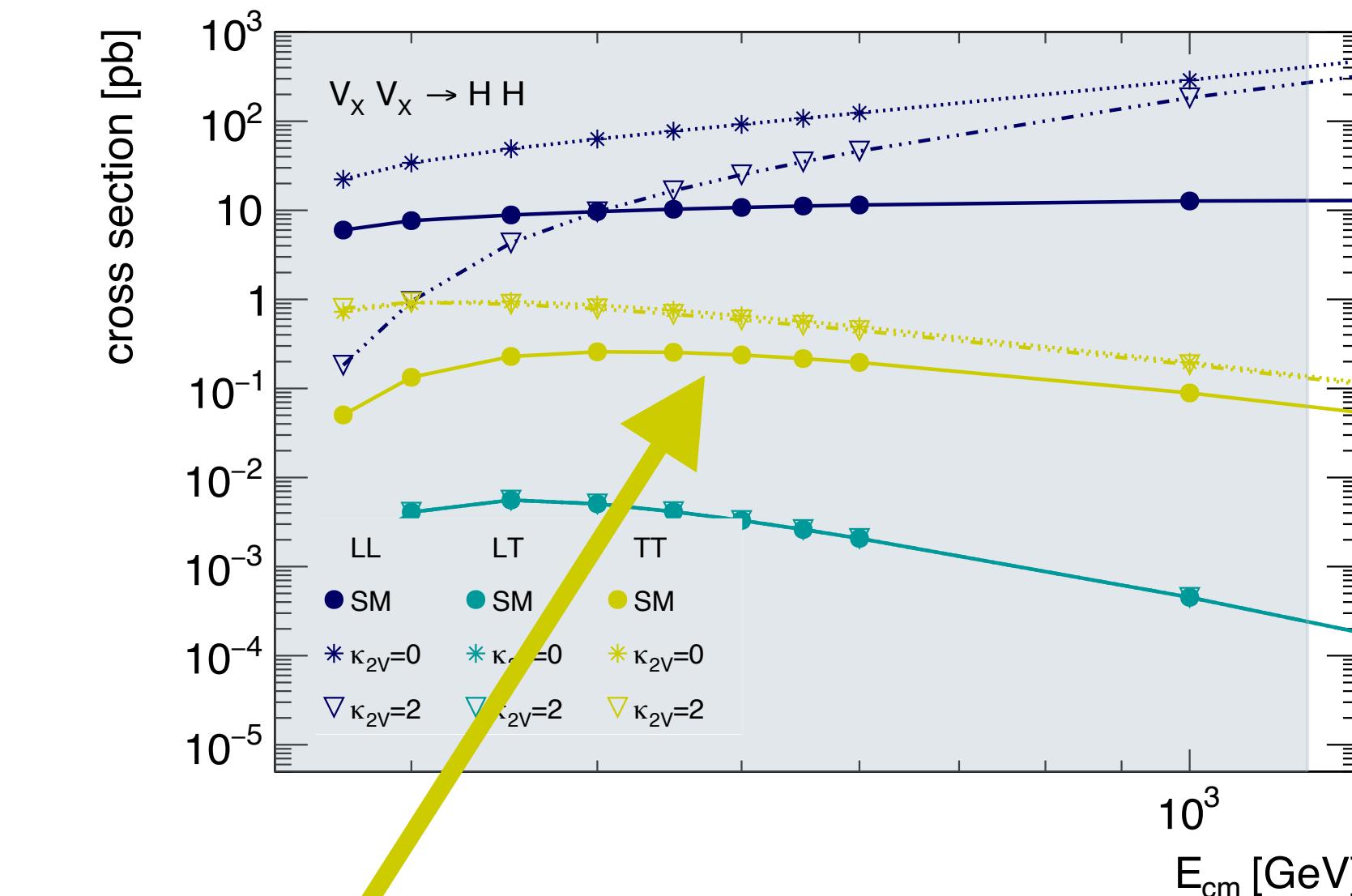


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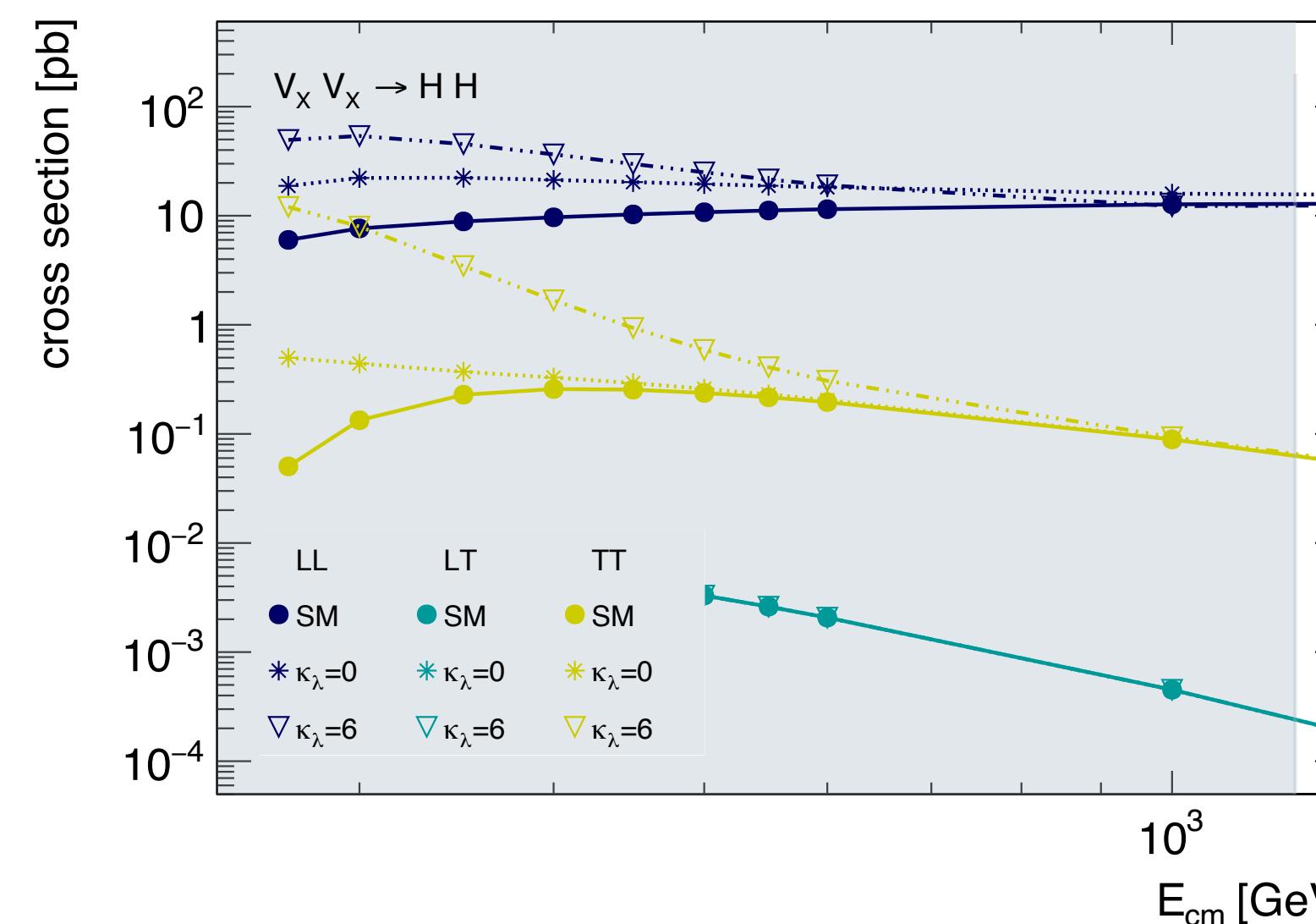
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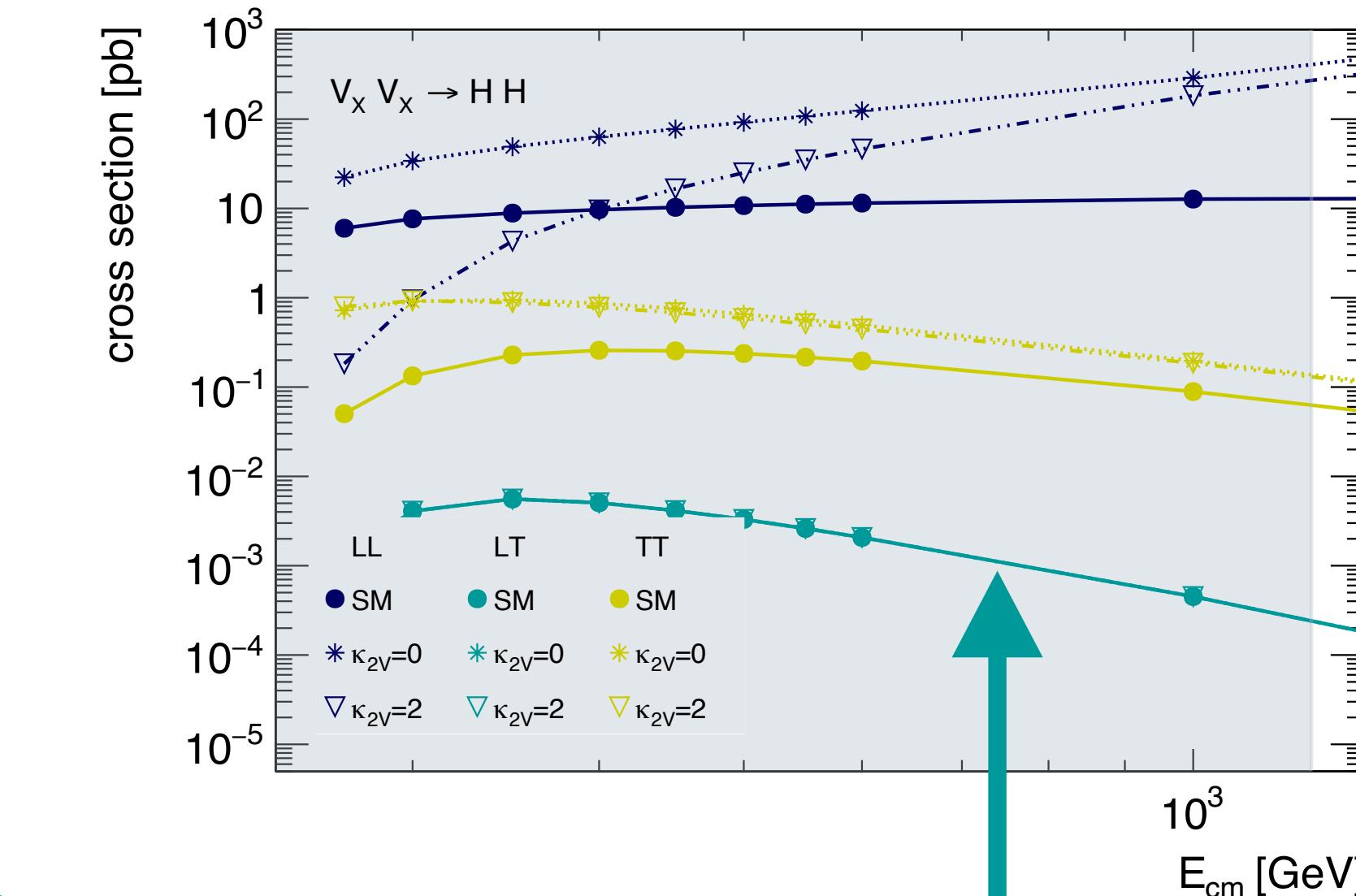
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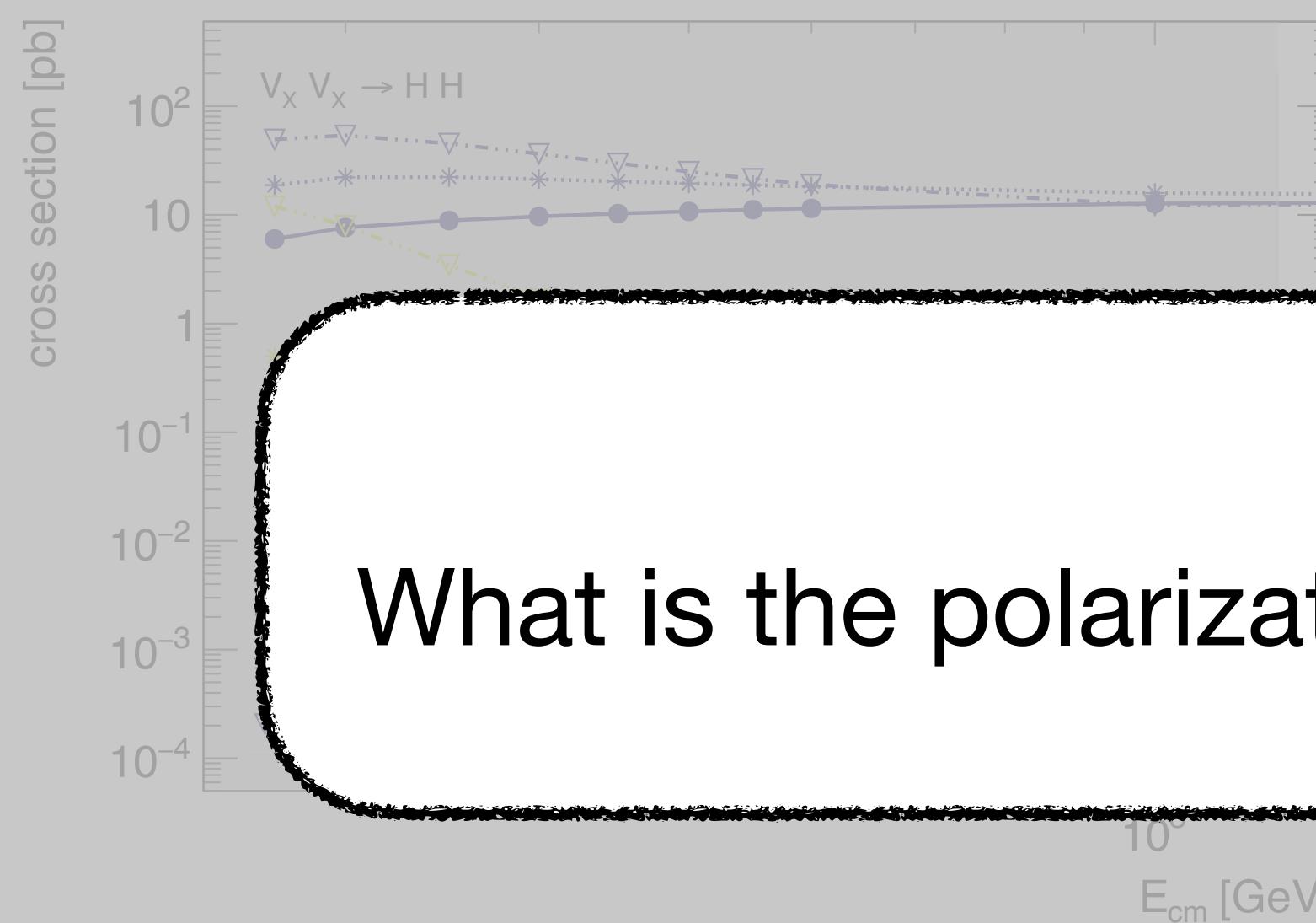
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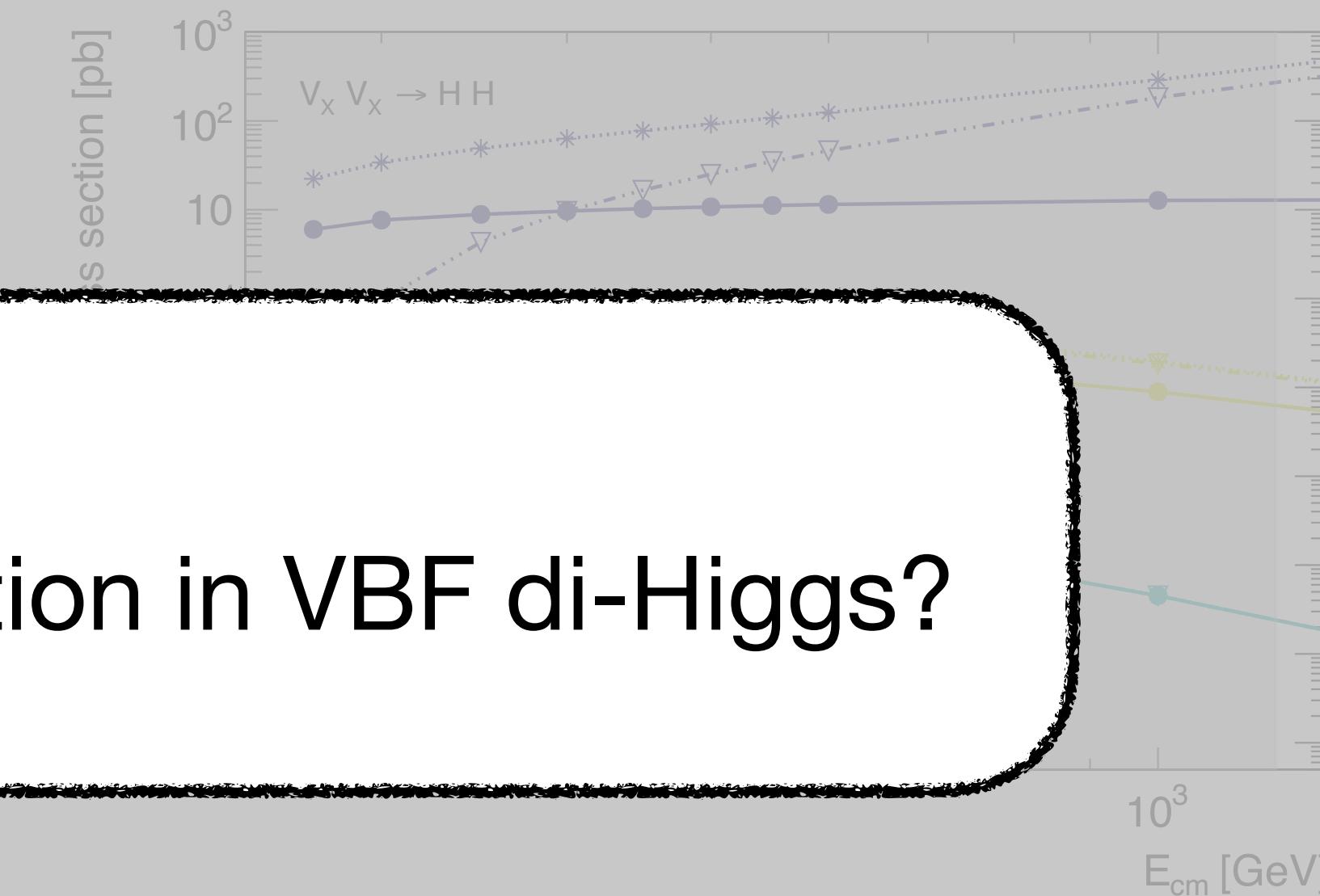
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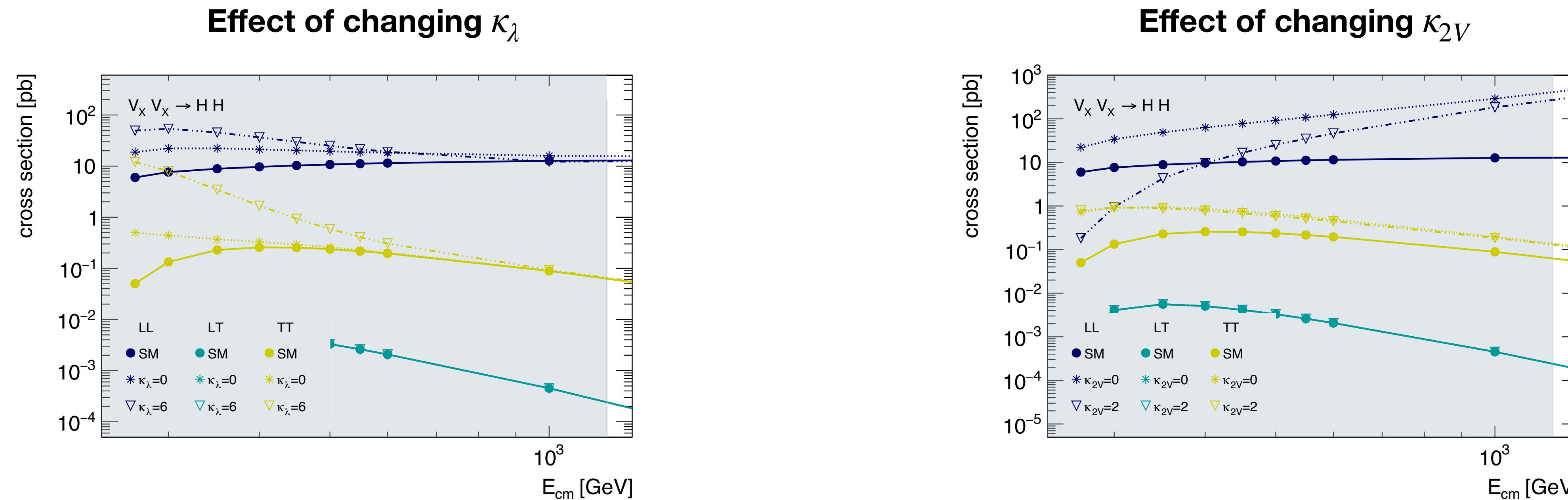
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**Question:**

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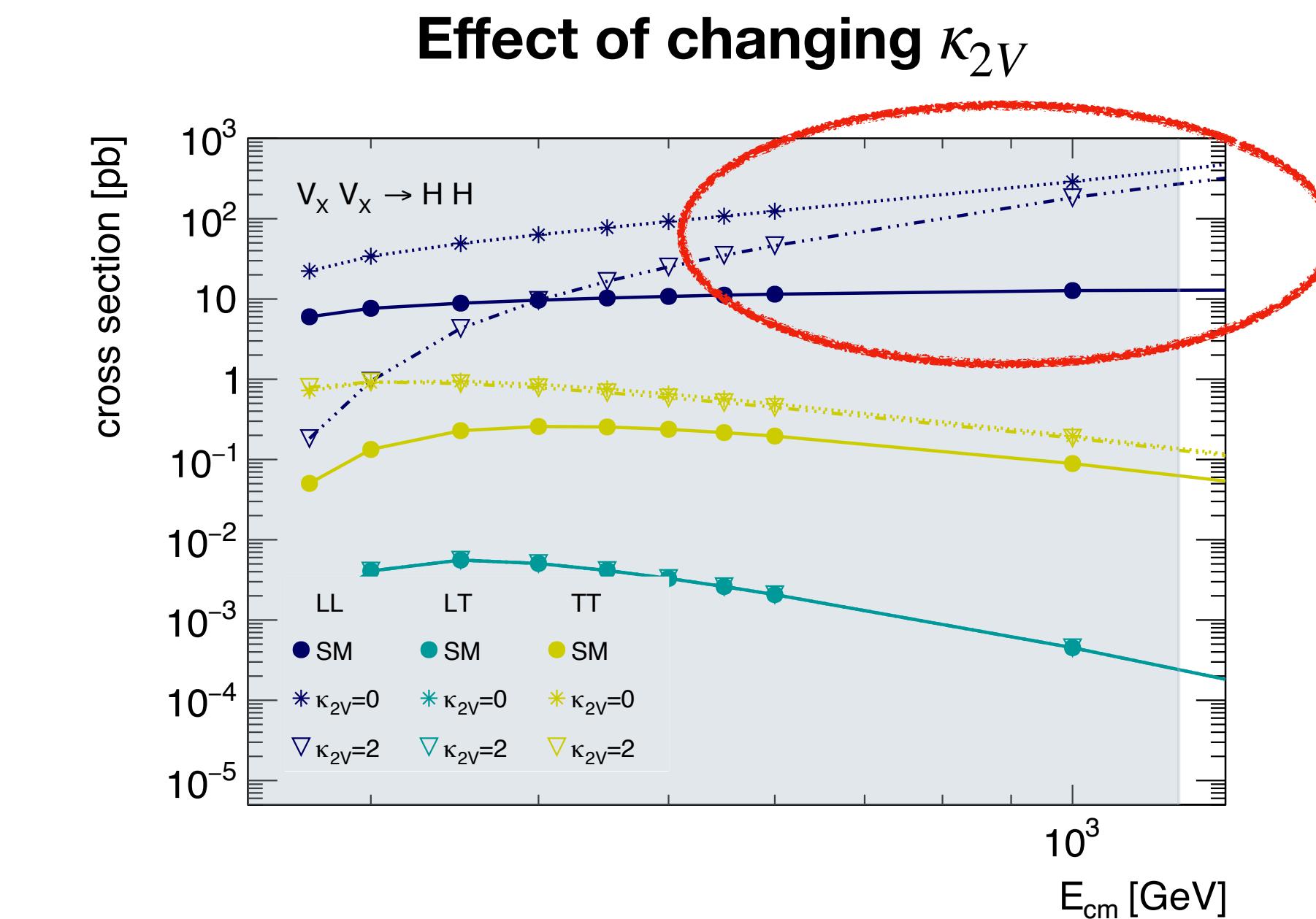
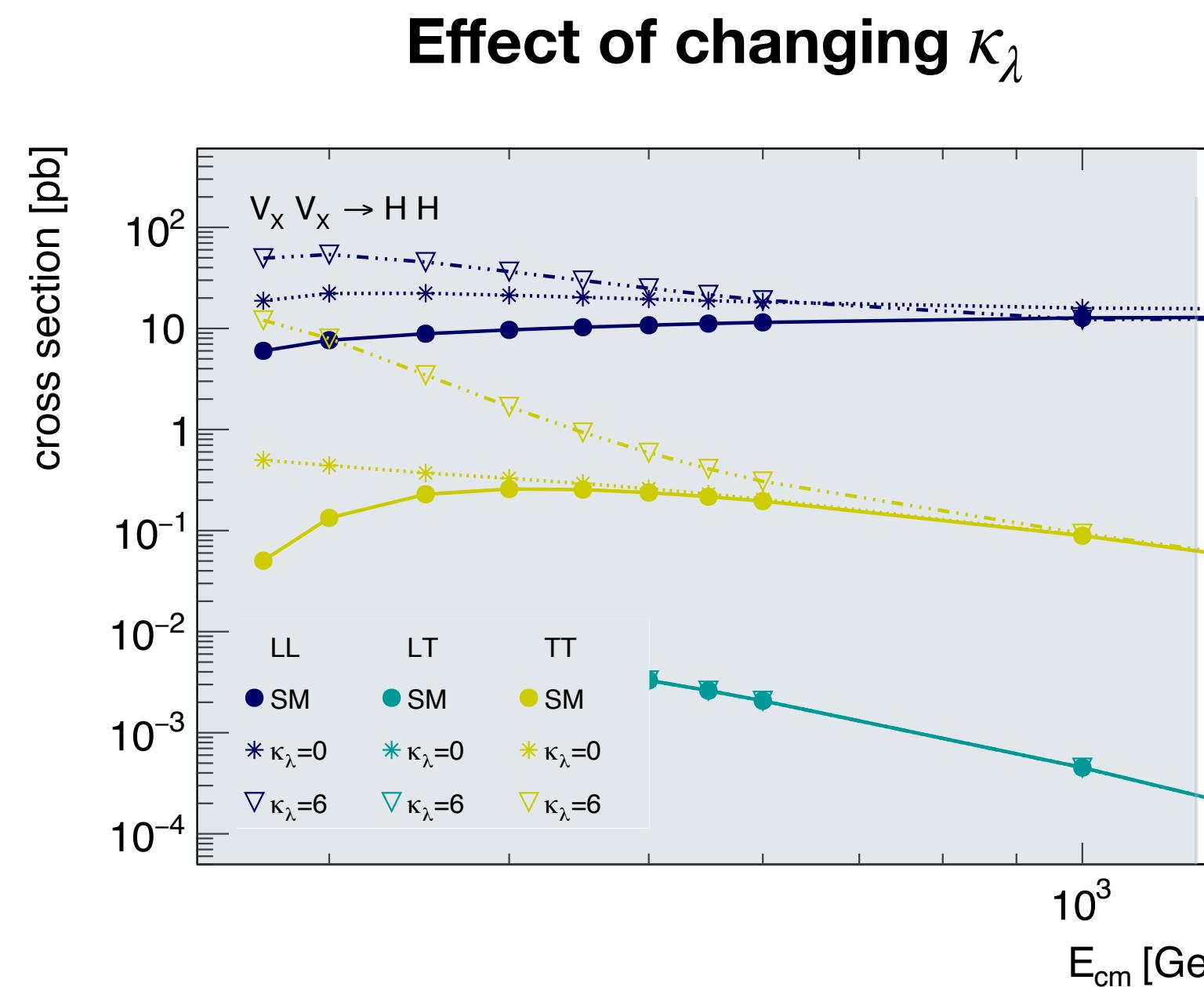
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## Results:

- Strongly dominated by the **LL** polarization

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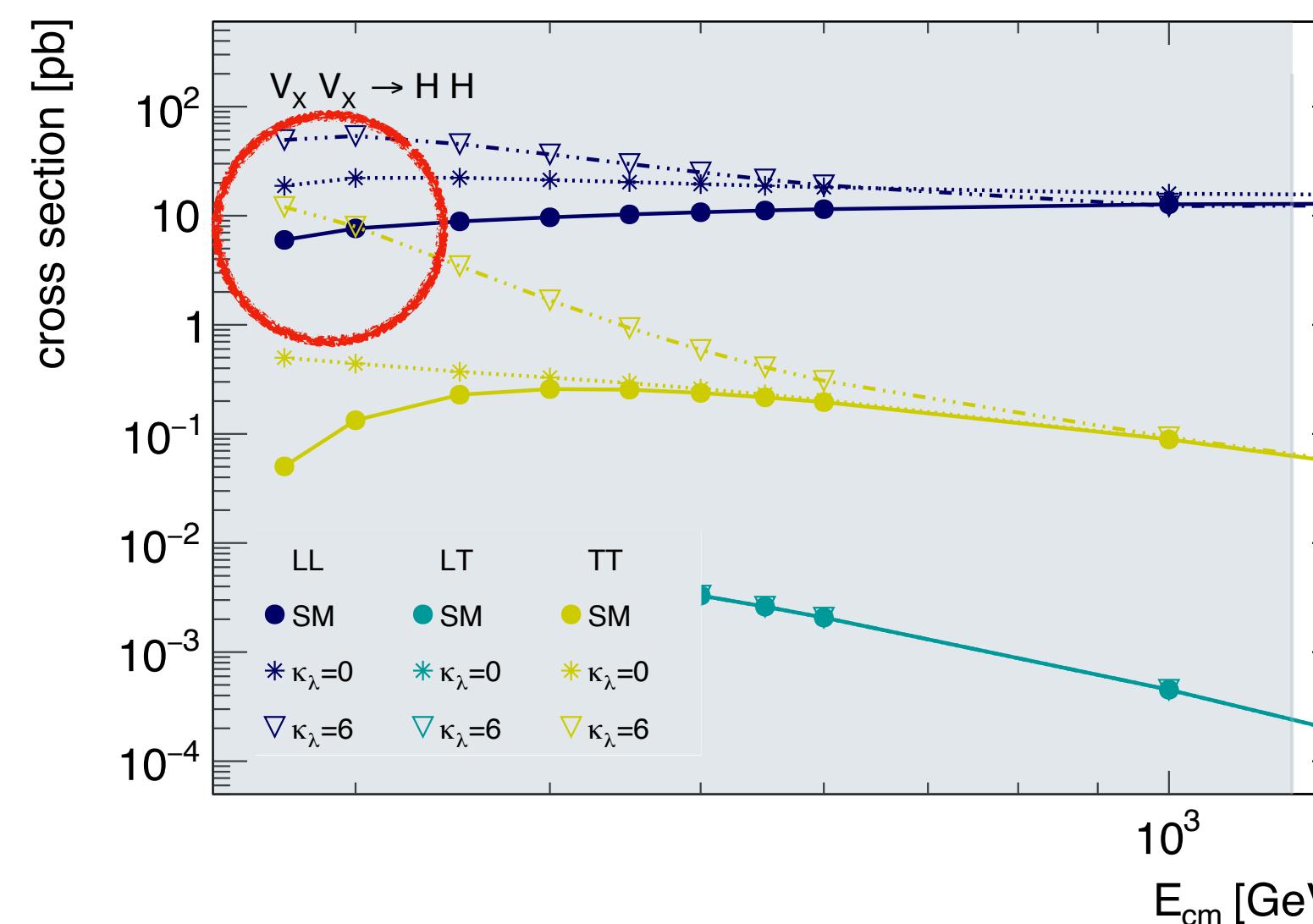


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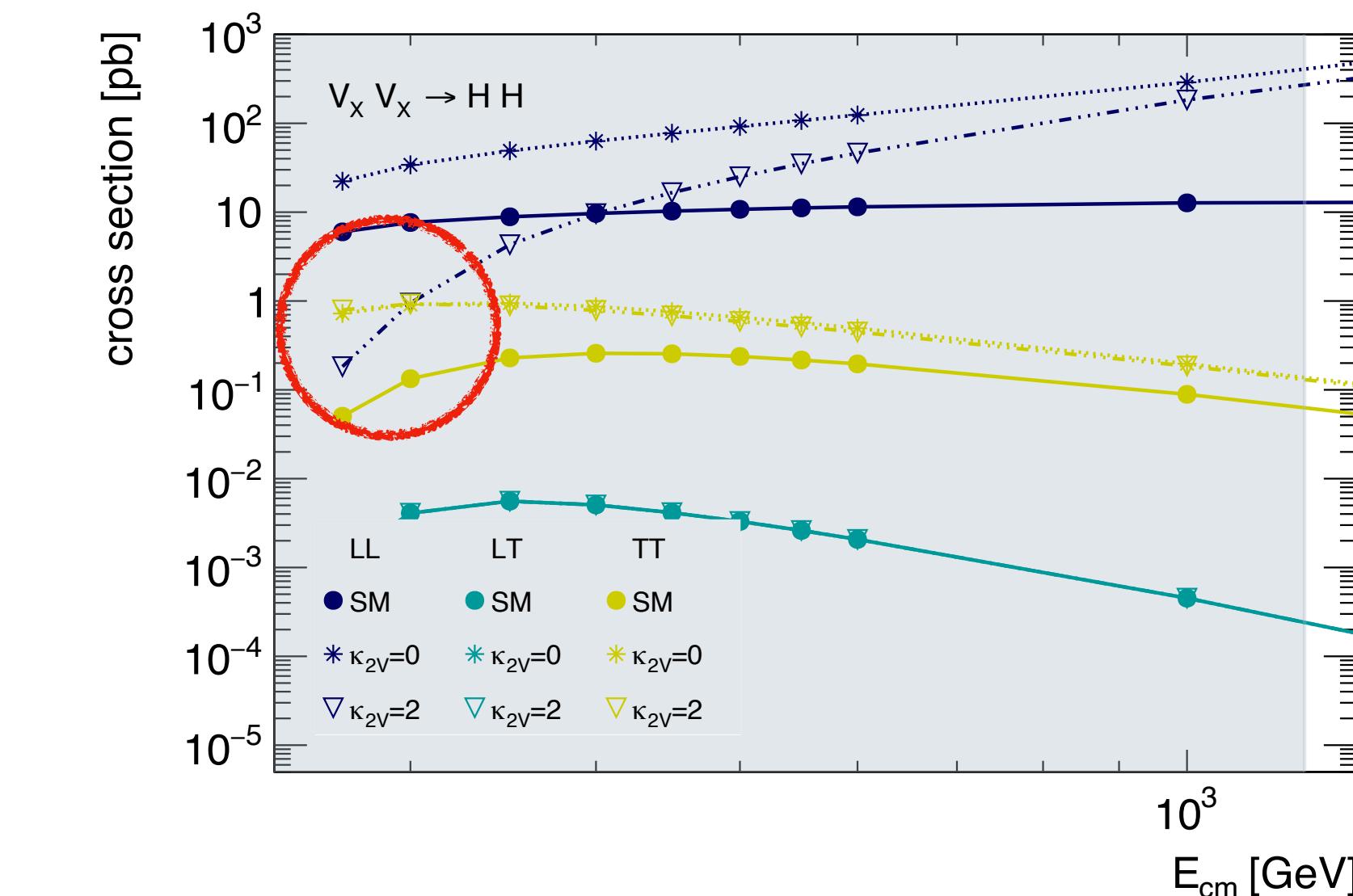
- As expected: Unitarity violation only visible for the LL case

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## Results:

- Very low energies: TT fraction can get close to LL
- Strongest for  $\kappa_\lambda, \kappa_{2V} \approx 2$

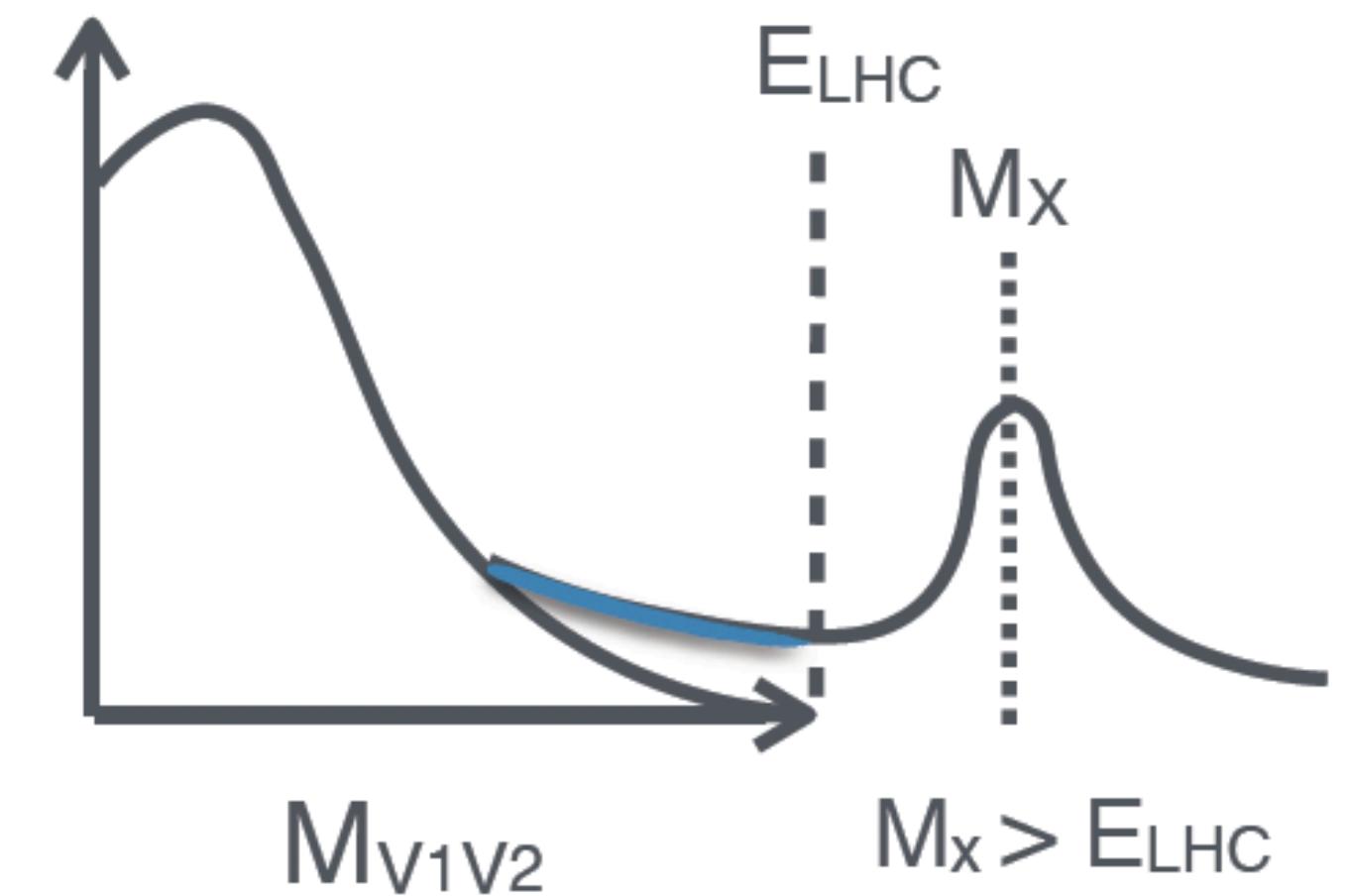
# **3. Effective Field Theories**

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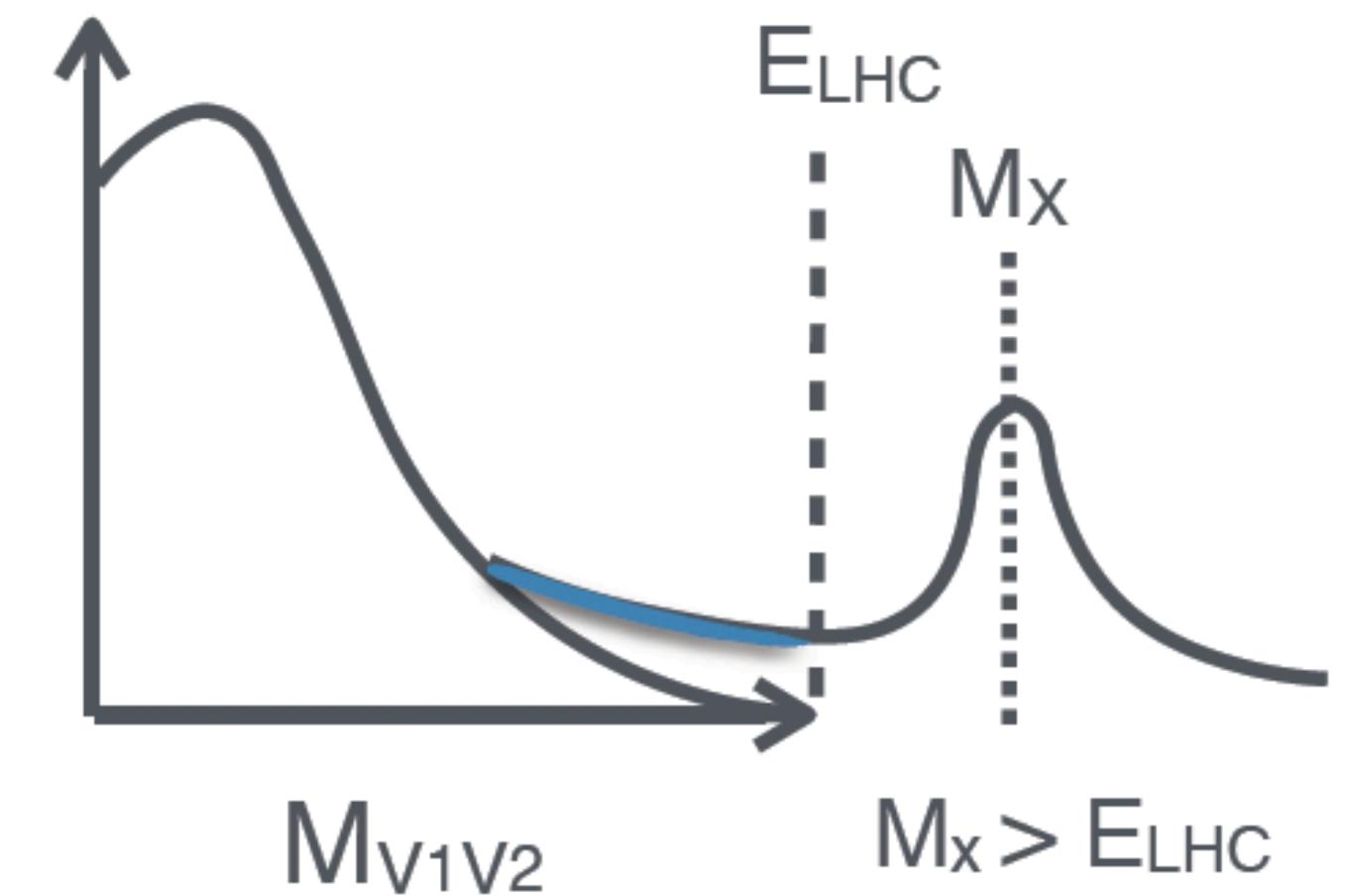


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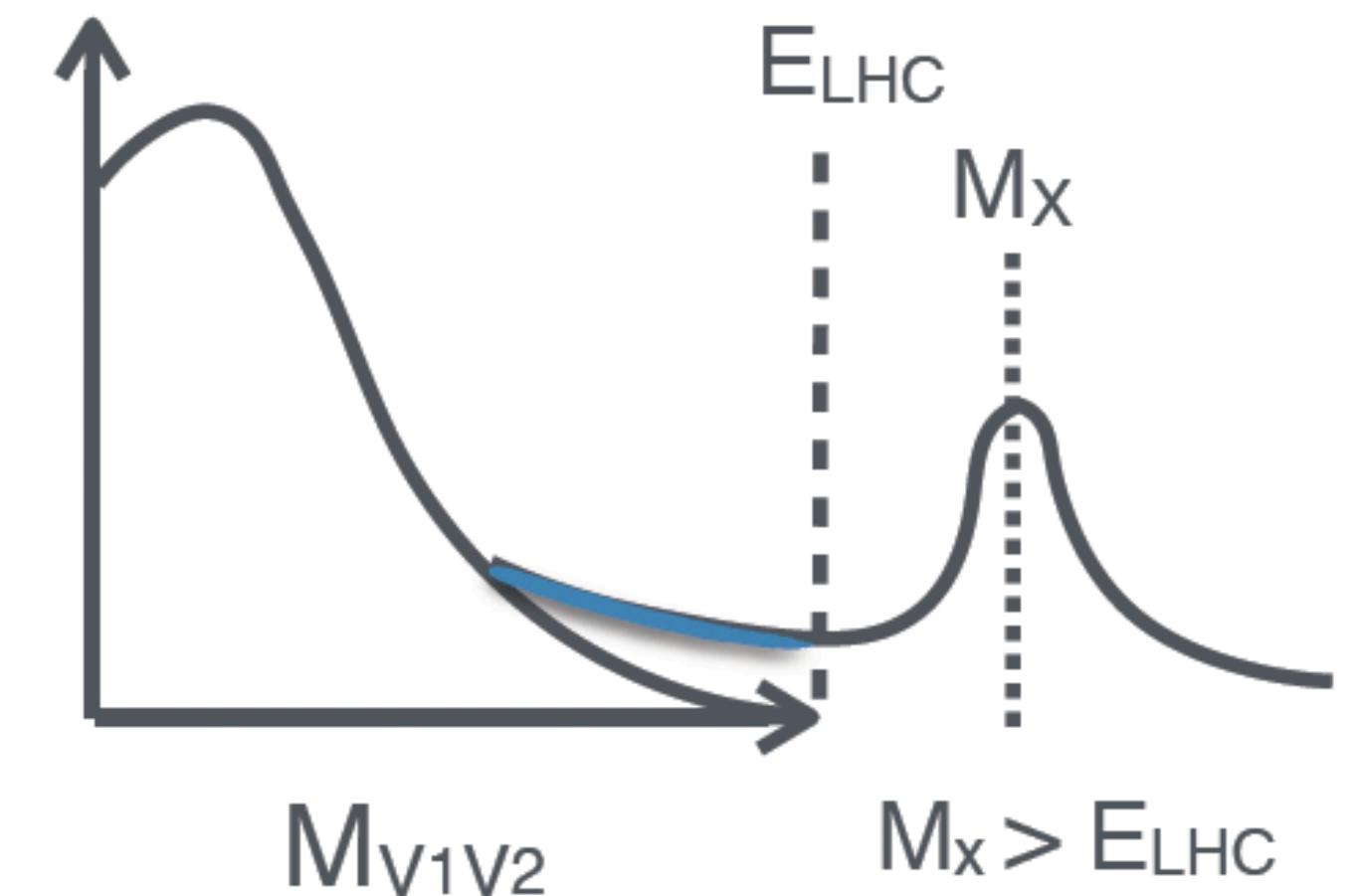
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This is what we will look at in this presentation

# The Eboli Model

- The Eboli model (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1604.03555.pdf>) is a dimension-8 EFT model used by VBS analysis

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{f_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)}$$

- Affects only genuine quartic couplings without effects on the triple couplings
- Contains 18 independent operators
  - S operators:** affecting only quartic vertices with only **longitudinally** polarised vector boson
  - M operators:** affecting the quartic vertices with mixed **longitudinally** and **transversally** polarised vector bosons
  - T operators:** affecting only quartic vertices with only **transversally** polarised vector bosons

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- Study from A. Cappati, R. Covarelli, P. Torrielli & M. Zaro about the Eboli Model in VBF di-Higgs ([https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP09\(2022\)038](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP09(2022)038))
  - VBF di-Higgs is also sensitive to the operators and expected to give similar or stronger constraints as VBS processes

# The Eboli Model for VBF di-Higgs

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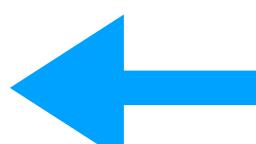
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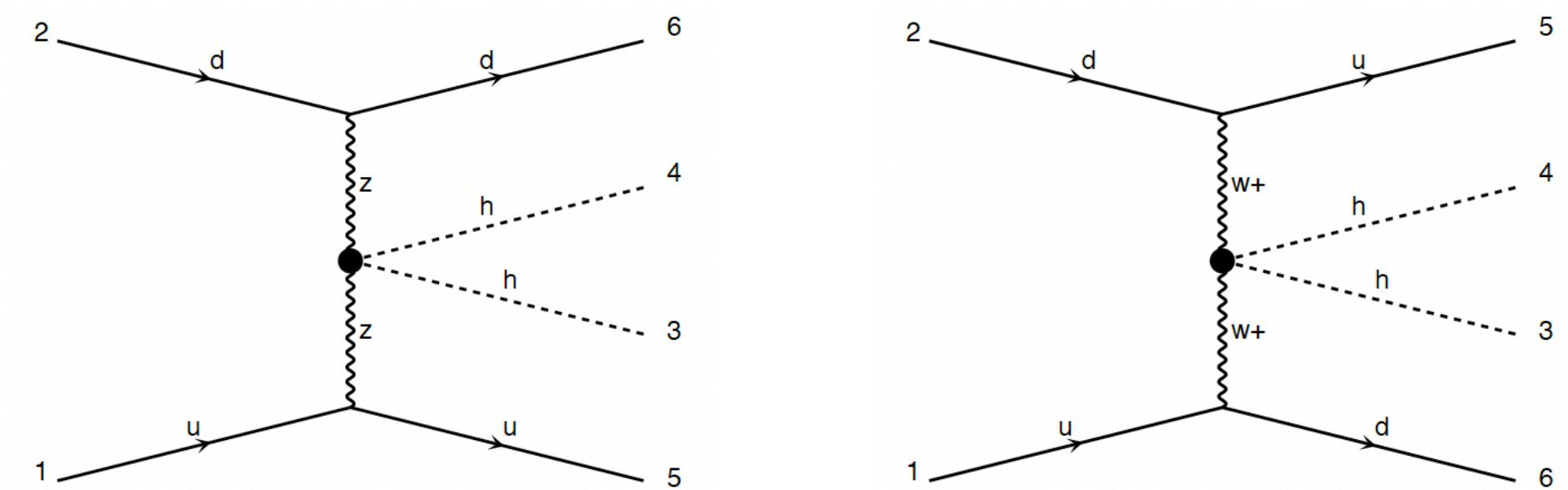
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- S operators only affect SM vertices with longitudinally polarised vector boson

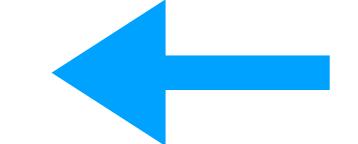


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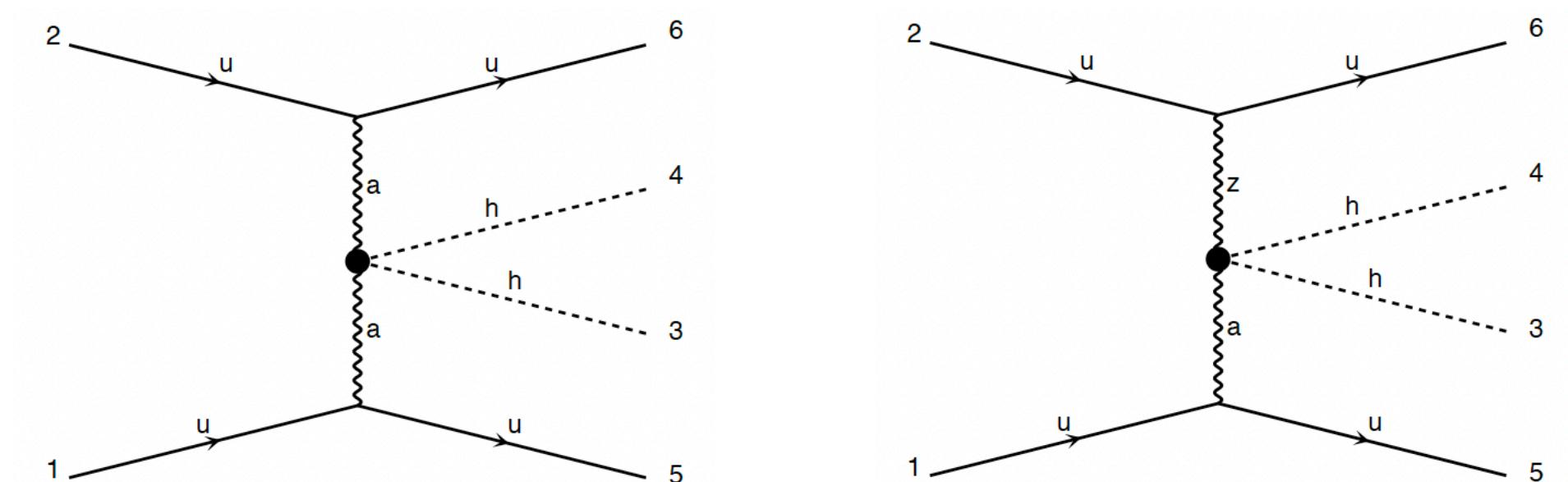
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$\mathcal{O}_{T,8}, \mathcal{O}_{T,9}$					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

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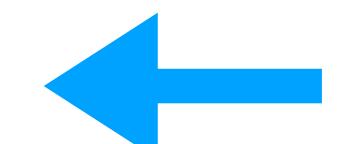


# The Eboli Model for VBF di-Higgs

- Performed tests using the Eboli model with the VBF di-Higgs process to looked at the cross sections

	$WWWW$	$WWZZ$	$WW\gamma Z$	$WW\gamma\gamma$	$ZZZZ$	$ZZZ\gamma$	$ZZ\gamma\gamma$	$Z\gamma\gamma\gamma$	$\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$	$ZZHH$	$WWHH$	$Z\gamma HH$	$\gamma\gamma HH$
$\mathcal{O}_{S,0}, \mathcal{O}_{S,1}, \mathcal{O}_{S,2}$	✓	✓			✓					✓	✓		
$\mathcal{O}_{M,0}, \mathcal{O}_{M,1}, \mathcal{O}_{M,7}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
$\mathcal{O}_{M,2}, \mathcal{O}_{M,3}, \mathcal{O}_{M,4}, \mathcal{O}_{M,5}$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
$\mathcal{O}_{T,0}, \mathcal{O}_{T,1}, \mathcal{O}_{T,2}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
$\mathcal{O}_{T,5}, \mathcal{O}_{T,6}, \mathcal{O}_{T,7}$		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
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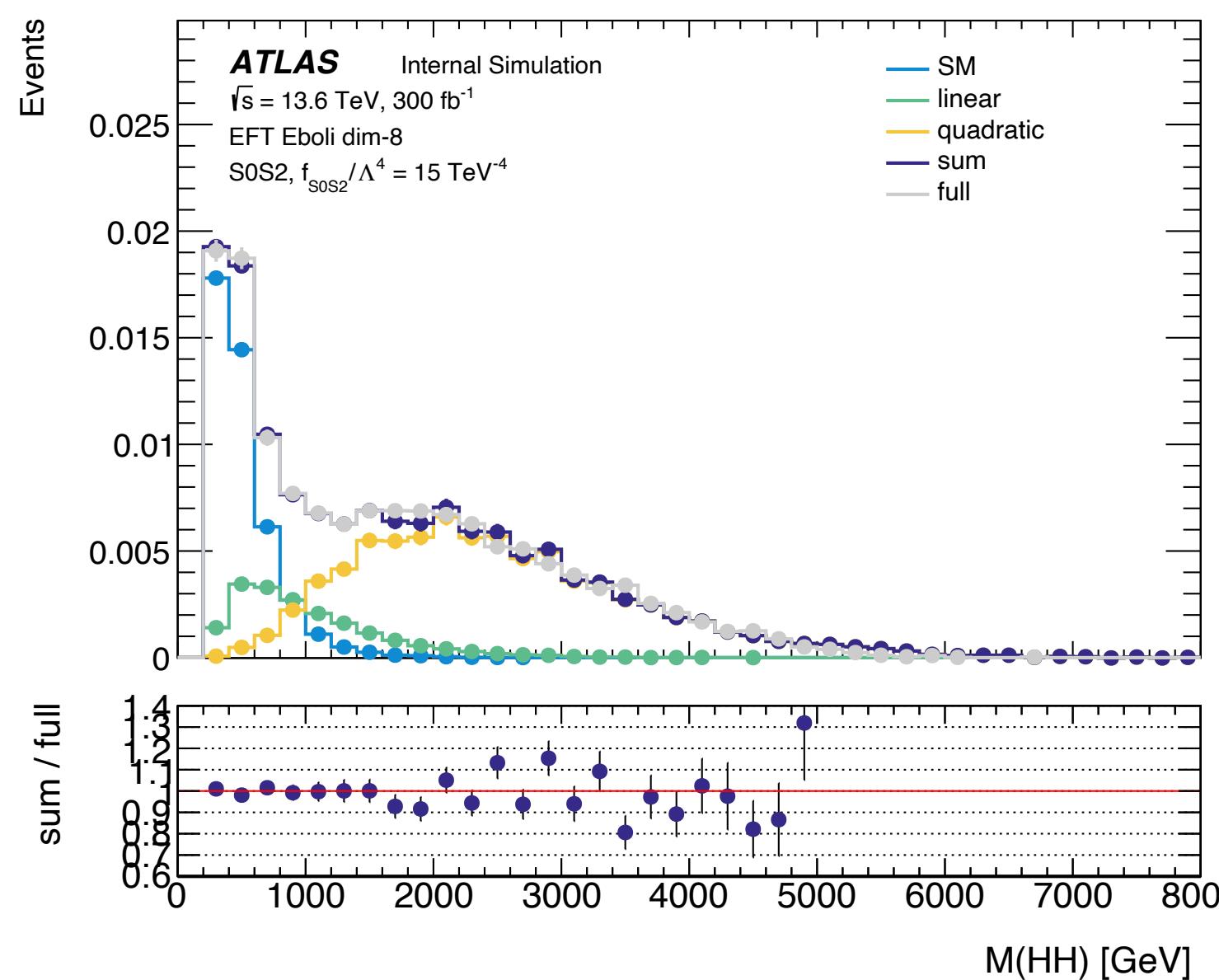
Allowed by the SM



- S operators only affect SM vertices with longitudinally polarised vector boson
- M operators additionally lead to new vertices that are forbidden by the SM
- Not sensitive to the T operators

# The Eboli Model for VBF di-Higgs

- Distributions of generated sample look good
- First rough estimation of limits
  - In optimistic calculation comparable with best limits from VBS analysis
  - Even if 1D limits are less strong the analysis might still be interesting for combinations when constraining different parameters at the same time



coefficient [ $TeV^{-4}$ ]	VBS semileptonic from *	VBF HH	
		estimated limit conservative	estimated limit optimistic
$f_{M0}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.13, 1.13]	[-3.69, 3.69]	[-0.61, 0.60]
$f_{M1}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.24, 3.24]	[-14.89, 14.81]	[-2.47, 2.40]
$f_{M2}/\Lambda^4$	[-1.66, 1.67]	[-5.16, 5.16]	[-0.85, 0.85]
$f_{M3}/\Lambda^4$	[-5.29, 5.29]	[-20.48, 20.47]	[-3.36, 3.35]
$f_{M4}/\Lambda^4$	[-2.62, 2.62]	[-15.43, 15.44]	[-2.52, 2.54]
$f_{M5}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.81, 3.84]	[-27.65, 27.74]	[-4.50, 4.58]
$f_{M7}/\Lambda^4$	[-5.33, 5.21]	[-29.63, 29.78]	[-4.80, 4.95]
$f_{S_{0S2}}/\Lambda^4$	[-3.22, 3.23]	[-64.90, 61.36]	[-12.26, 8.73]
$f_{S_1}/\Lambda^4$	[-6.86, 6.88]	[-45.08, 43.21]	[-8.23, 6.36]

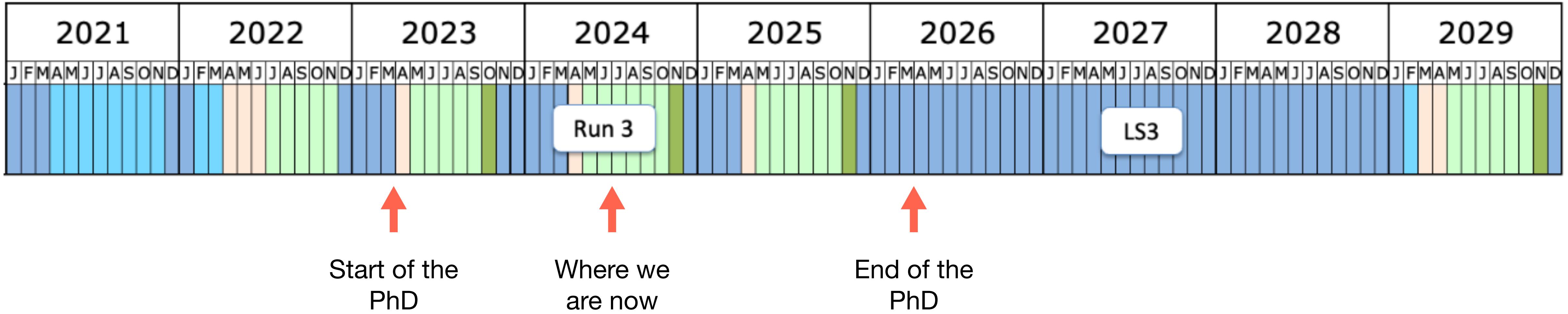
\* D. Carlton et al., Study of electroweak WW/WZ/ZZ production in 3 semileptonic final states and limits on anomalous 4 quartic gauge couplings with 13 TeV ATLAS full 5 Run-2 data, ANA-STDM-2018-27-INT1

# **Non-Scientific Topics**

# Requirements for the PhD Thesis

- **Non-Scientific Training (require 40h)**
  - Completed 32h of training
  - To do: Ethics training (6h)
- **Scientific training (require 40h)**
  - Introductory Tutorial on Data Analysis with Deep Neural Networks (4h)
  - Desy Statistics School (4 days, 18h)
  - Presentations (12h)
    - 15.11.2023: “Vector-boson polarization in VBF di-Higgs production”, 20th Workshop of the LHC Higgs working group (CERN)
    - 25.01.2024: “Vector-boson polarization in VBF di-Higgs production”, ATLAS di-Higgs workshop (CERN)
    - 13.03.2024: “A look into Polarisation and EFT for VBF di-Higgs”, Clermont-Ferrand
  - To do: 6h of scientific training
  - Plans:
    - 26.09.2024: presentation “EFT interpretations in HH”, MBI, Toulouse
    - Attending the European School of High-Energy Physics 2025
- **English test (TOEIC)**
  - 11.12.2023: Training test, score: 980 (750 needed)
  - 11.06.2024: Official test, score: not yet received

# Timeline and Objectives



Worked on three main topics in the **first year**:

1. Qualification project
2. Polarisation for VBF di-Higgs
3. Effective Field Theories in VBF di-Higgs

Plans for the **next year**:

- Contribute to the di-Higgs bb $\gamma\gamma$  analysis
  - Building VBF specific tagger/categories to select the interesting events on data
  - Perform new VBF BDT/NN training
  - Perform FS vs AF3 comparison for Run2 and Run3 signal samples
  - Perform the dim-8 VBF EFT analysis at detector level and set limits on the operators

# **Backup**

**EFT**

# The Eboli Model for VBF di-Higgs

- Amplitude decomposition approach

$$\sigma_{\text{SM+EFT}} \sim \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{M}_i \right|^2 = \underbrace{\left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}} \right|^2}_{\text{SM}} + \underbrace{\sum_i 2 \frac{f_i}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{R}e(\mathcal{M}_i^* \mathcal{M}_{\text{SM}})}_{\substack{\text{Interference} \\ \text{SM - EFT operator}}} + \underbrace{\sum_i \frac{f_i}{\Lambda^8} |\mathcal{M}_i|^2}_{\substack{\text{Quadratic} \\ \text{Pure EFT}}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i,j; i \neq j} 2 \frac{f_i f_j}{\Lambda^8} \mathcal{R}e(\mathcal{M}_i^* \mathcal{M}_j)}_{\substack{\text{Interference} \\ \text{EFT operator - EFT operator}}}$$

- Makes it possible to rescale an individual sample to an arbitrary Wilson coefficient
- With that we do a rough estimation of the limits of the operators
  - $\mu_{HH}^{\text{limit}} \sigma_{\text{SM}} = \sigma_{\text{SM}} + f_i/\Lambda^4 \sigma_{lin} + (f_i/\Lambda^4)^2 \sigma_{quad}$
  - Conservative approach:  $\sigma_{\text{SM}} = \sigma_{ggF} + \sigma_{VBF}$  and  $\mu_{HH}$  is current upper limit on signal strength:  $\mu_{HH} = 2.4$
  - Optimistic approach:  $\sigma_{\text{SM}} = \sigma_{\text{SM}}^{\text{VBF}}$  and  $\mu_{HH}^{\text{limit}} \sigma_{\text{SM}}$  is cross section that corresponds to the current upper limit on  $\kappa_{2V}$  (1.5)

# The Eboli Model for VBF di-Higgs

Preliminary results

- Comparison of the relative increase of the cross sections with respect to the SM between VBF di-Higgs and VBS WZ

operator quadratic term		M							S			SM
		M0	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M7	S0	S1	S2	
VBF HH	$\sigma$ [pb]	3.1E+05	2.0E+04	1.6E+05	1.1E+04	1.8E+04	5.4E+03	5.0E+03	254	2.2E+03	862	0.001348
VBS WZ	$\sigma$ [pb]	3.8E+04	1.6E+04	1.3E+04	5.5E+03	6.2E+04	3.4E+04	1.1E+04	2.9E+03	1.4E+03	2.9E+03	1.335
VBF HH	$\sigma_{EFT} / \sigma_{SM}$	2.3E+08	1.5E+07	1.2E+08	7.8E+06	1.3E+07	4.0E+06	3.7E+06	1.9E+05	1.6E+06	6.4E+05	1
VBS WZ	$\sigma_{EFT} / \sigma_{SM}$	2.8E+04	1.2E+04	9.7E+03	4.1E+03	4.6E+04	2.5E+04	8.4E+03	2.1E+03	1.1E+03	2.1E+03	1

- Relative increase of the cross section with respect to the SM is about 3-4 orders of magnitudes higher for VBH di-Higgs than for VBS processes
  - This leads to expected similar sensitivity of VBF di-Higgs despite its lower cross section

# Polarization

# Closure Test of the Cross Sections

SM

Center of mass energy [GeV]	Sum	Full	Ratio sum/full
270	6,05	6,091	0,9938
300	7,78	7,844	0,9924
350	9,10	9,21	0,9880
400	9,93	10,06	0,9872
450	10,54	10,68	0,9868
500	11,00	11,14	0,9877
550	11,38	11,54	0,9865
600	11,67	11,82	0,9877
1000	12,811	13,06	0,9810
5000	13,71	13,78	0,9953
10000	13,77	13,8	0,9977
50000	10,43	13,85	0,75230
100000	10,41	6,224	1,6729

$\kappa_\lambda = 0$

Sum	Full	Ratio sum/full
19,29	19,14	1,0078
22,63	22,48	1,0069
22,67	22,53	1,0060
21,62	21,61	1,0006
20,63	20,58	1,0024
19,76	19,71	1,0027
19,04	19	1,0023
18,44	18,4	1,0021
16,01	15,83	1,0115
14,03	14,09	0,9955
13,82	14,03	0,9853
12,68	13,92	0,9108
6,22	10,66	0,5839

$\kappa_\lambda = 6$

Sum	Full	Ratio sum/full
61,57	61,5	1,0012
61,80	61,82	0,9997
48,85	48,9	0,9991
38,20	38,27	0,9981
30,76	30,84	0,9975
25,59	25,6	0,9997
21,93	21,95	0,9993
19,34	19,37	0,9986
12,34	12,87	0,9587
13,30	13,37	0,9951
13,70	13,72	0,9986
10,39	13,83	0,7515
10,43	6,22	1,6776

$\kappa_{2V} = 0$

Sum	Full	Ratio sum/full
23,00	23,25	0,9893
35,01	35,34	0,9908
50,05	50,31	0,9948
64,00	64,2	0,9969
78,10	78,45	0,9956
92,84	92,93	0,9991
108,21	108,4	0,9983
124,49	124,6	0,9992
289,64	289,5	1,0005
5955,56	5950	1,0009
23622,22	2,354E+04	1,0035
587000,00	5,87E+05	1,0000
2342222,22	2,342E+06	1,0001

$\kappa_{2V} = 2$

Sum	Full	Ratio sum/full
0,98	0,98	0,9973
1,88	1,87	1,0016
5,20	5,16	1,0073
10,42	10,39	1,0029
17,28	17,24	1,0025
25,67	25,64	1,0011
35,54	35,47	1,0018
46,75	46,68	1,0015
183,52	182,8	1,0039
5762,23	5758	1,0007
23311,11	2,331e+04	1,0000
585222,22	5,852e+05	1,0000
2342222,22	2,342e+06	1,0001

- Compare the cross sections of the sum of the individual polarization combinations with the cross section of the unpolarized (full) sample
  - Individual polarizations are divided by a factor (see next slide) to account to Madgraph averaging over initial state polarizations
- Good agreement for most energies
- For some coupling parameters differences can be seen at very high energies
  - These energies are out of the reach of the LHC at the moment

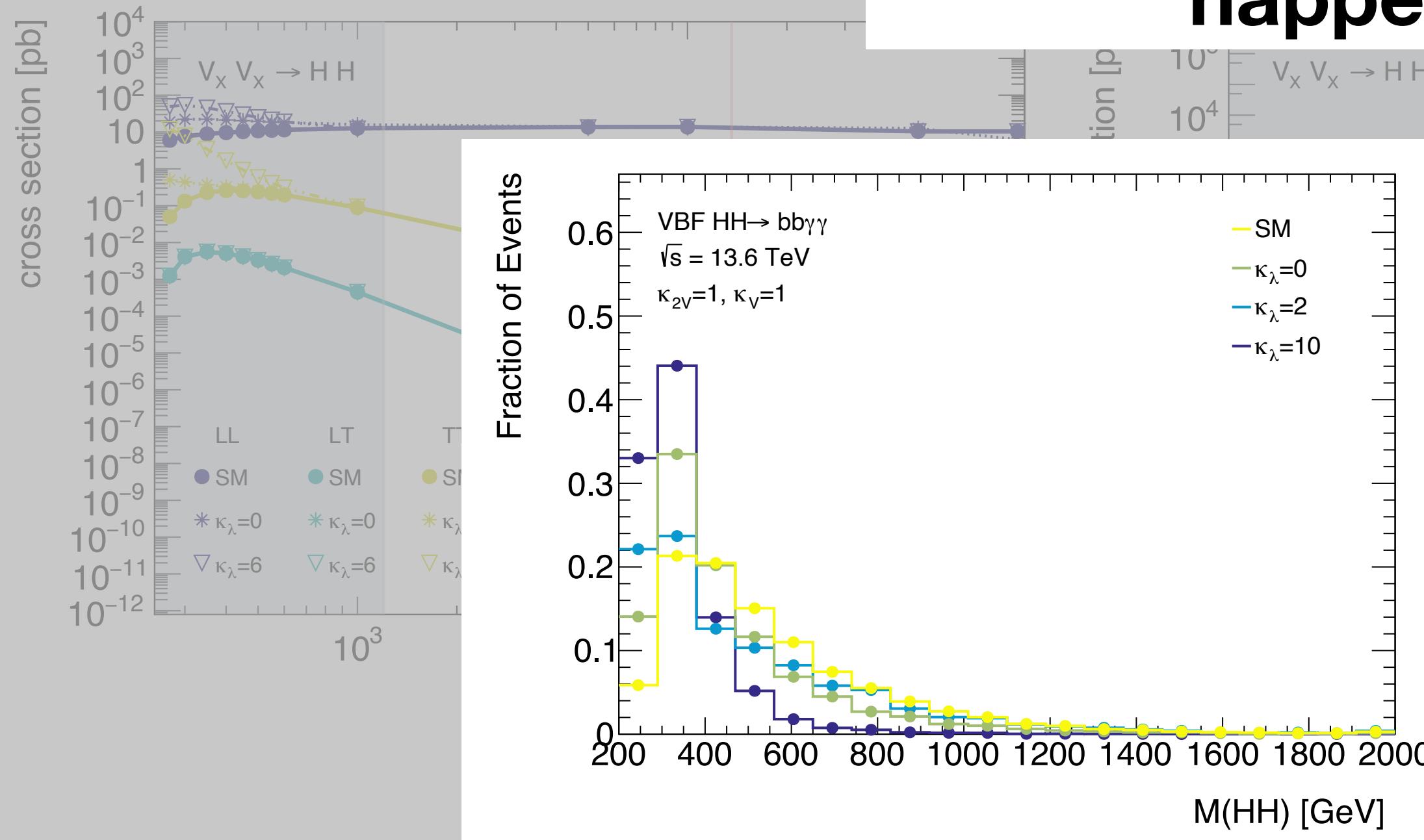
# Comparison of the sum of the polarizations and the full sample

- Compare the cross section of the sum of all the polarizations to the cross section of the unpolarized sample (full)
- Need to account for the fact that Madgraph averages over the initial state polarizations
  - Need to apply an averaging factor to the individual polarizations before adding them
- There are three polarizations for the VV->HH process
  - Longitudinal (L), left-handed (l) and right-handed (r)
  - This means that there are 9 polarization combinations in the initial state
    - LL, Ll, lL, lr, rL, ll, lr, rl, rr
    - Need to divide each polarization combination by 9
  - In my samples the left- and right-handed polarization are combined into the transversal (T) polarization
    - Likely in the transversal sample Madgraph already averages over the left- and right-handed polarizations, meaning 4 combinations of the polarizations for LT and TT each
    - That means that the averaging factor needs to be adjusted
      - LL: 1/9
      - LT:  $1/2.25 = 1/4 * 1/9$
    - Contacted Madgraph authors to confirm these fractions (<https://answers.launchpad.net/mg5amcnlo/+question/708414>)
    - Test with simulating the left- and right-handed polarizations separately seems to confirm that
      - In this case dividing all the polarizations by 9 leads to a good closure with the cross section of the full sample

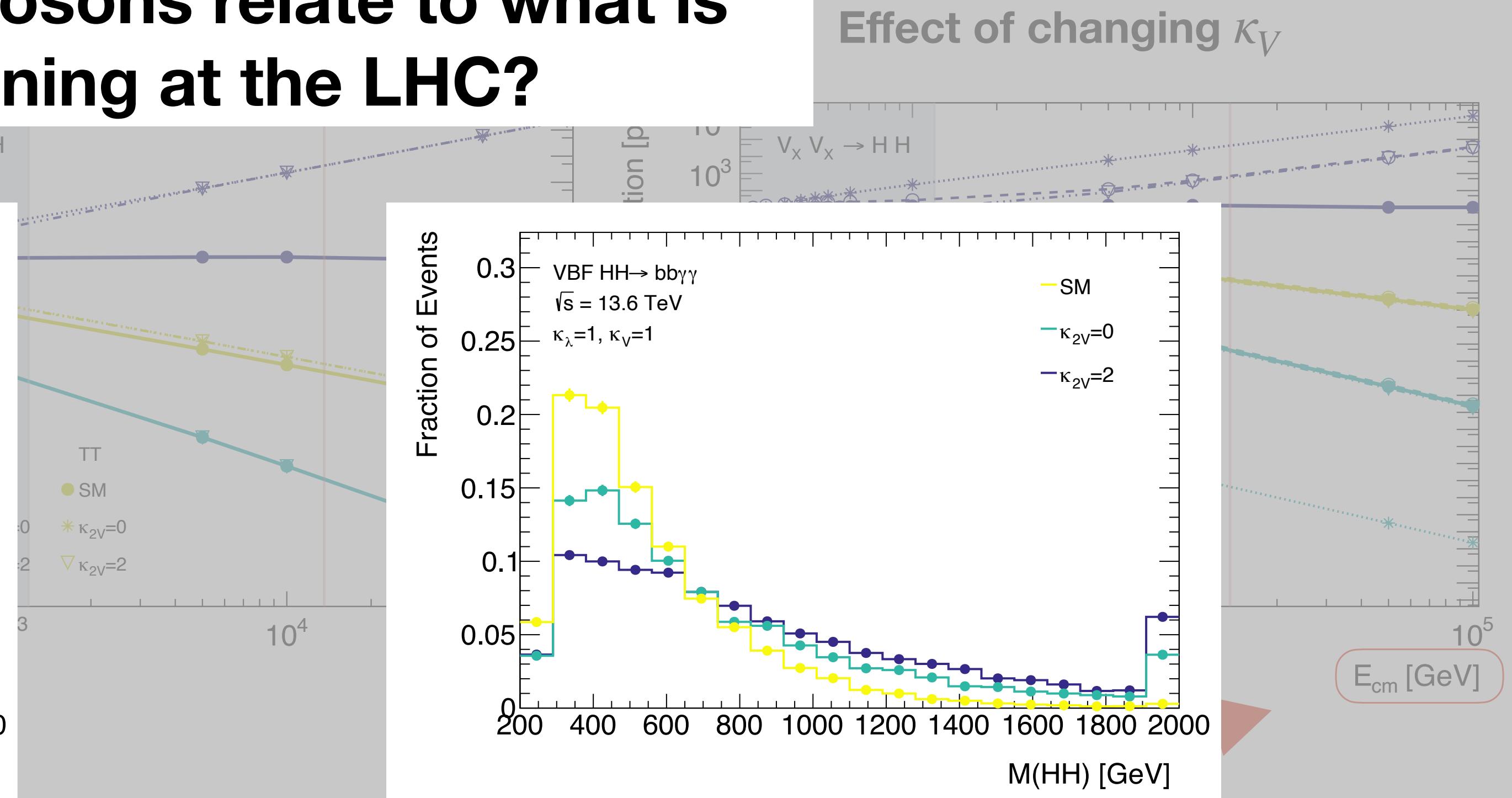
# Effect of the Different Coupling Parameters on the Cross Section

**How does the center of mass energy of the vector bosons relate to what is happening at the LHC?**

Effect of changing  $\kappa_\lambda$



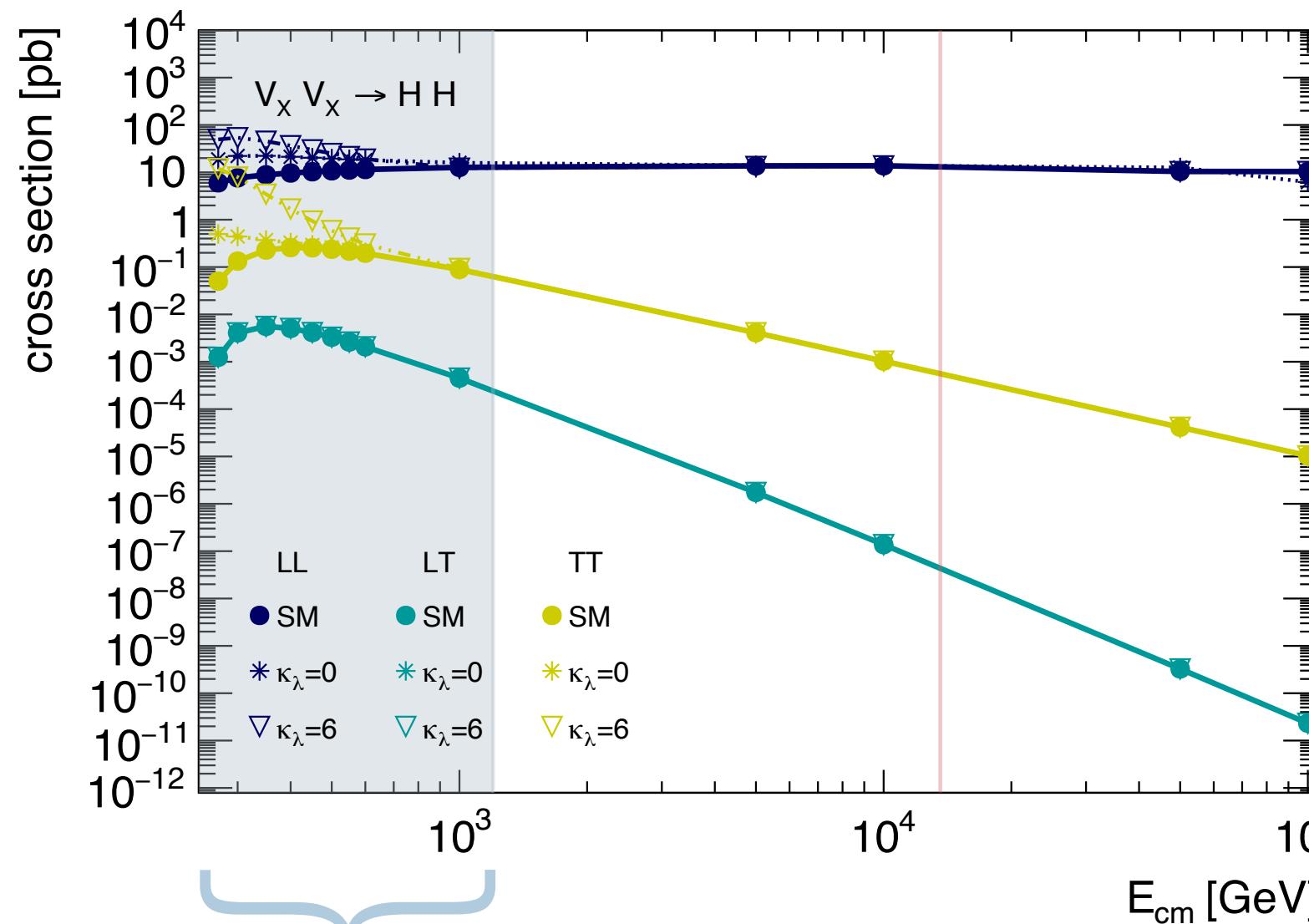
Effect of changing  $\kappa_V$



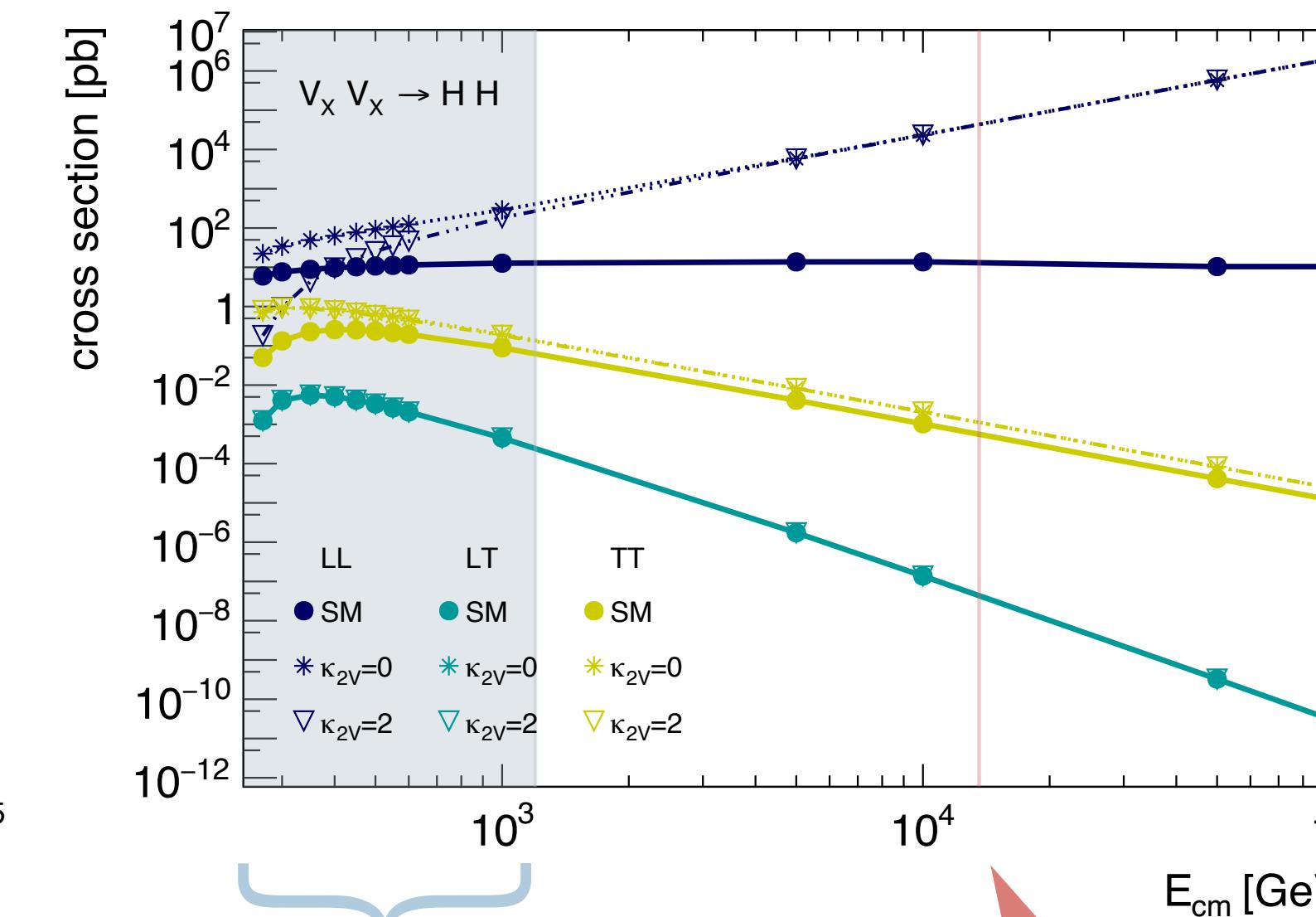
Look at the normalized truth  $m_{HH}$  distributions of the VBF di-Higgs process (here for  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ ) at center of mass energy for Run 3  
Expect most of the events to be lower than  $m_{HH} \approx 1200$  GeV

# Effect of the Different Coupling Parameters on the Cross Section

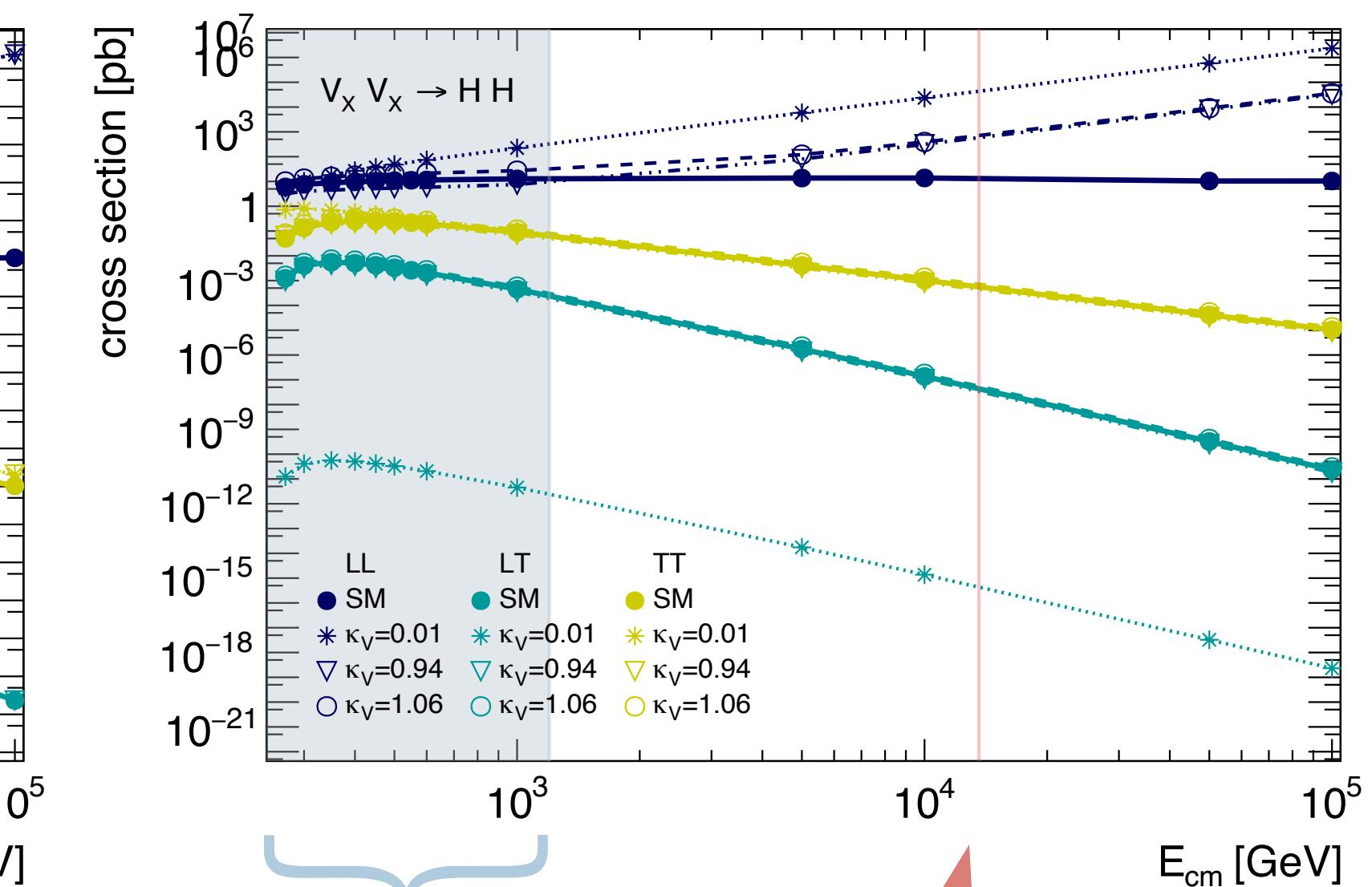
**Effect of changing  $\kappa_\lambda$**



**Effect of changing  $\kappa_{2V}$**



**Effect of changing  $\kappa_V$**

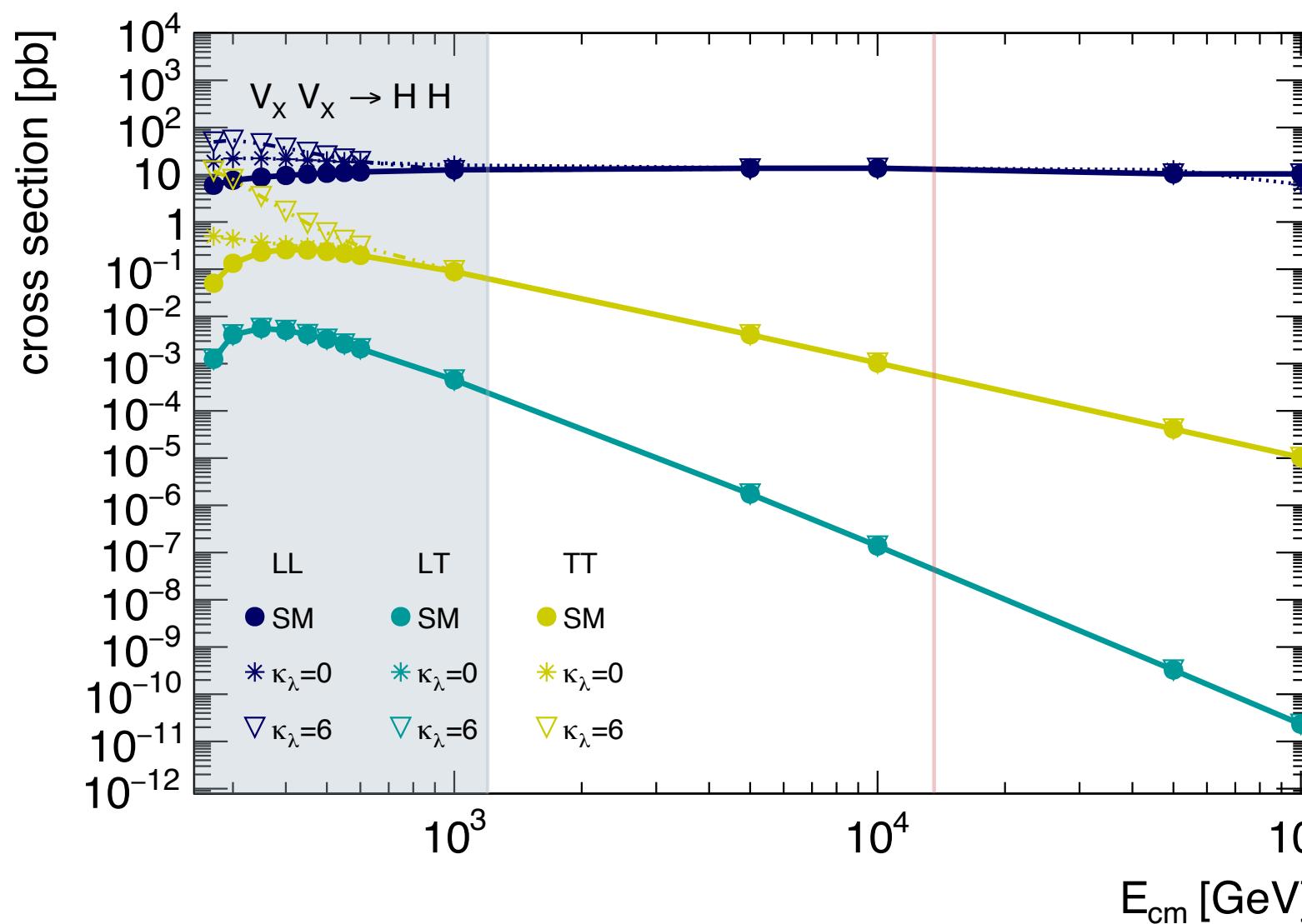


**Highlighted Area:**  
Energy range where the di-Higgs mass of most of the events at the LHC is expected to be for Run 3

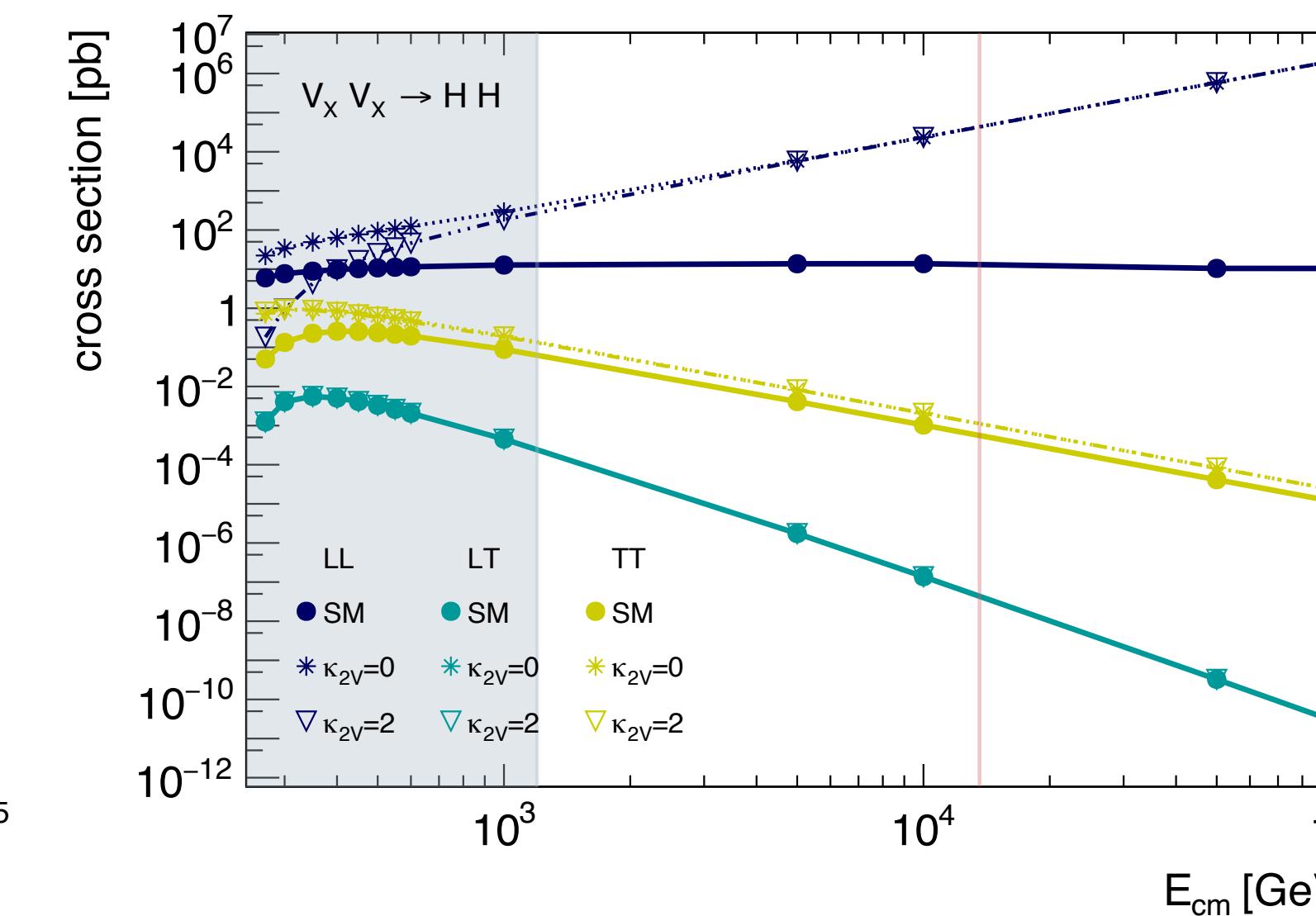
**Red Line:**  
Center of mass energy of the LHC for Run 3 :  $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$  TeV

# Effect of the Different Coupling Parameters on the Cross Section

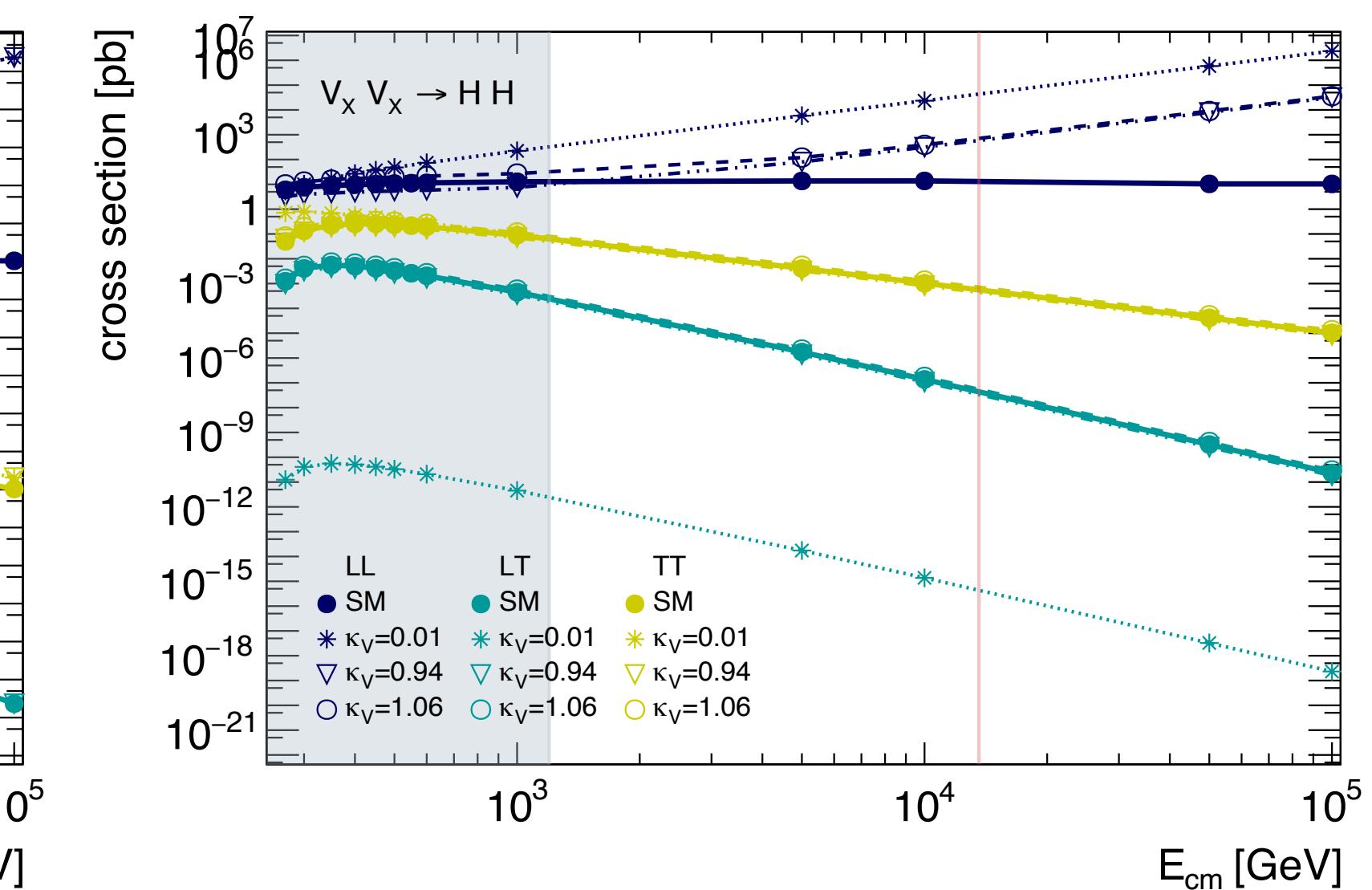
**Effect of changing  $\kappa_\lambda$**



**Effect of changing  $\kappa_{2V}$**



**Effect of changing  $\kappa_V$**



## Longitudinal longitudinal polarization (LL):

- $\kappa_{2V}, \kappa_V$ : Unitarity violation visible for deviations from the SM
  - Large cancellations  $\kappa_{2V} - \kappa_V$  are expected
- $\kappa_\lambda$  : No Unitarity violation visible
  - s-channel diagram with off-shell Higgs disappears for high energies

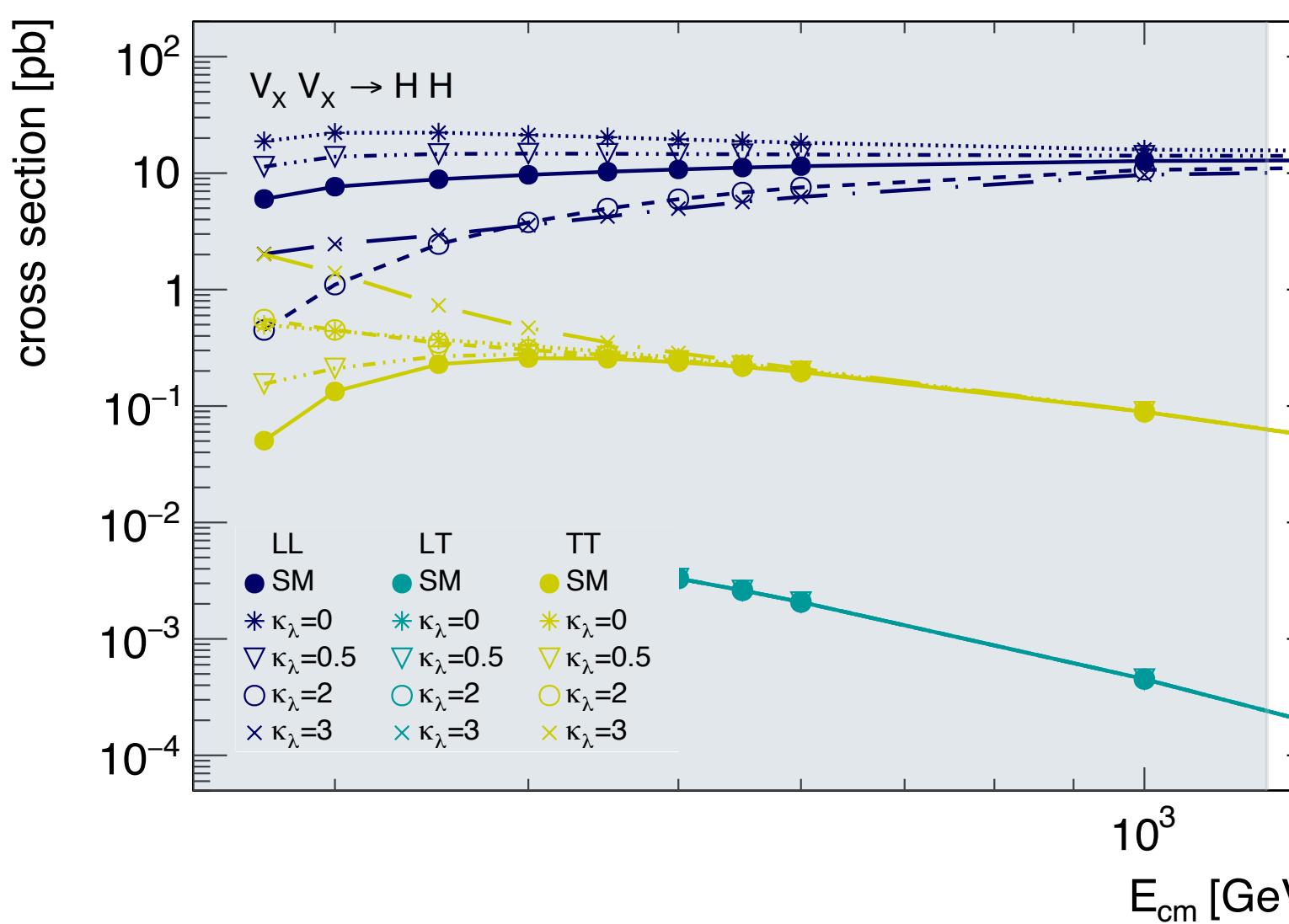
## Other polarizations (LT and TT):

- No unitarity violation
- Mixed polarization (LT):
  - Very strongly suppressed

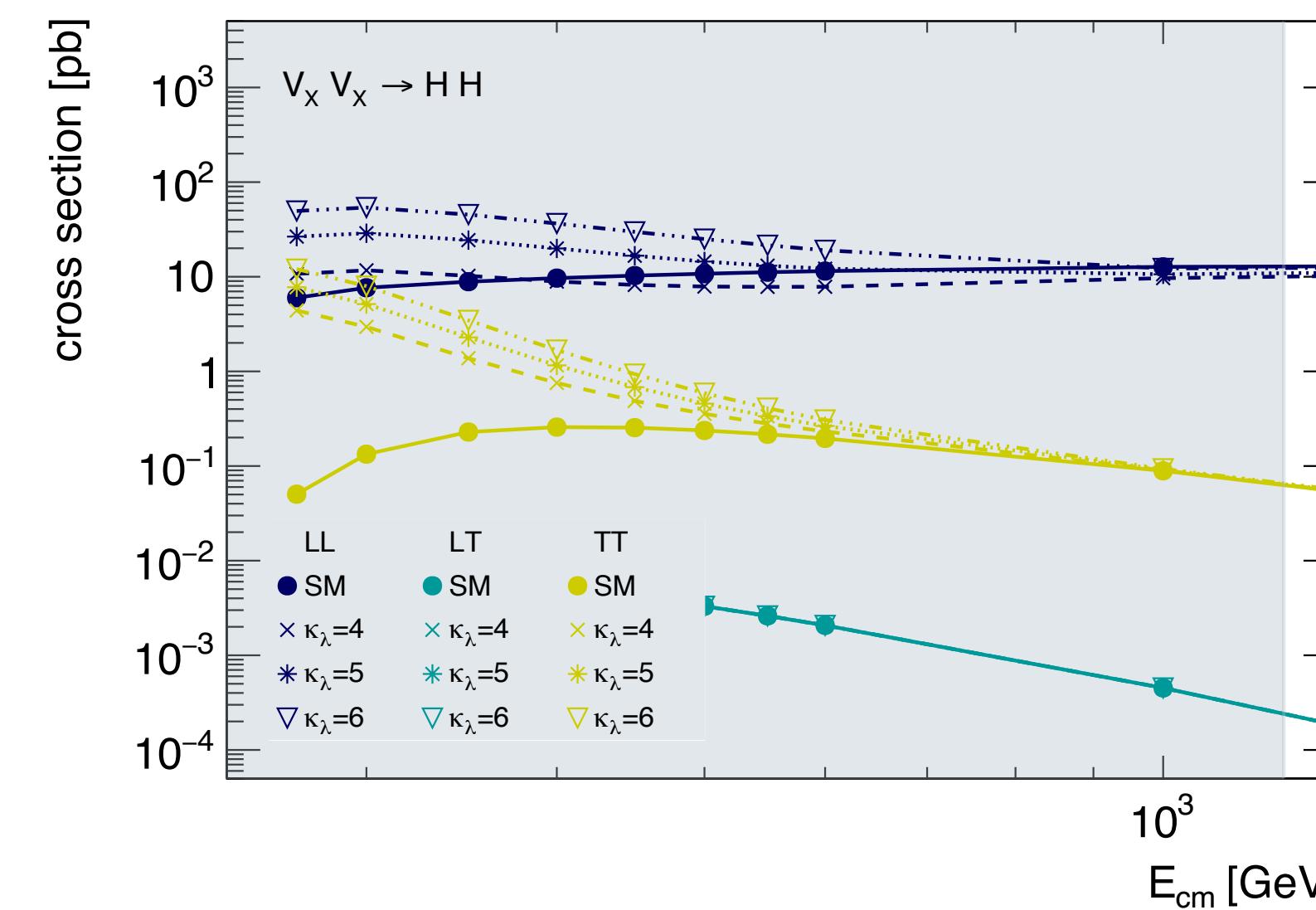
# Effect of the Different Coupling Parameters Cross Section

**the Zoomed in**  
*More values between the limits*

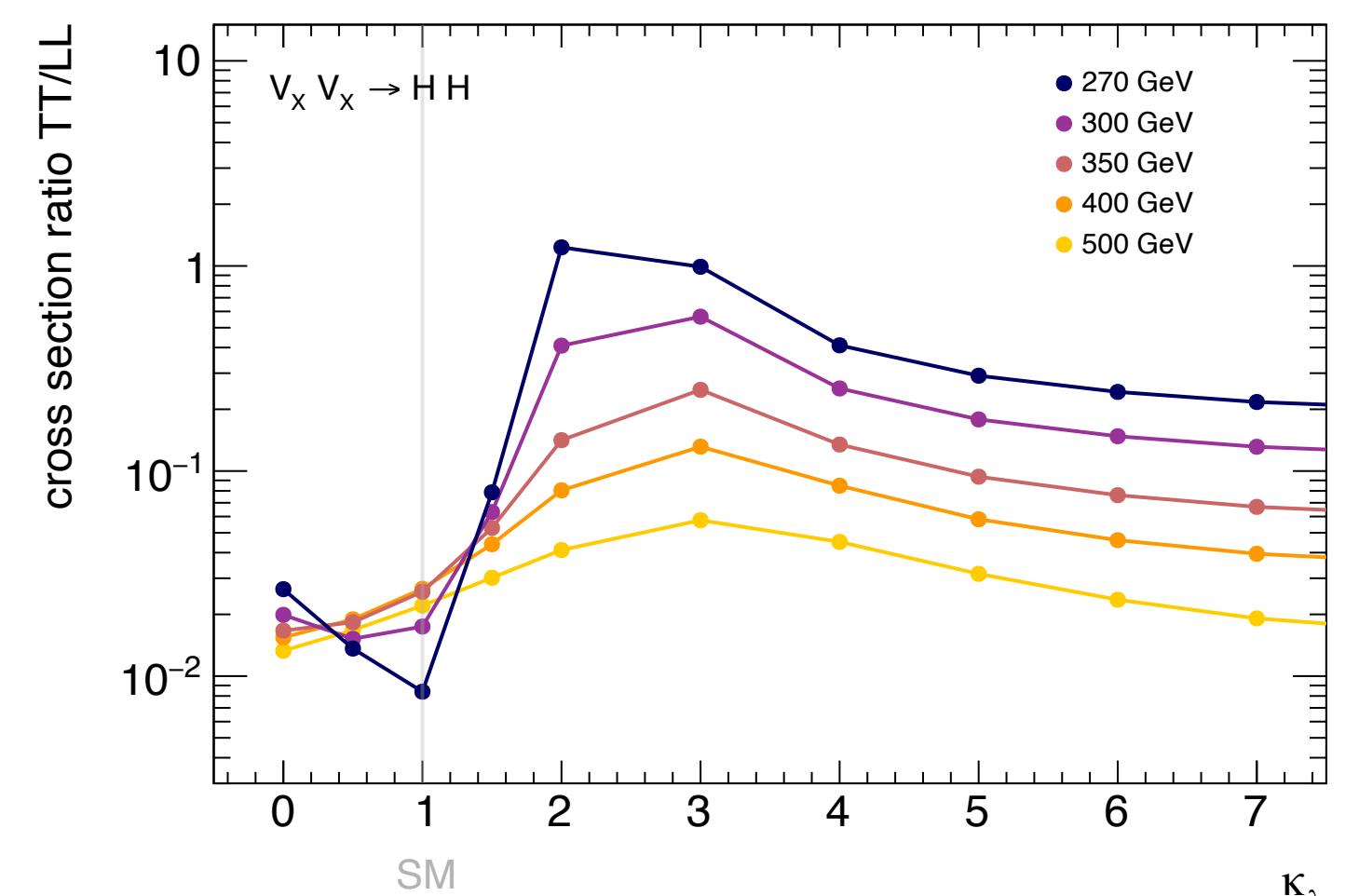
Effect of changing  $\kappa_\lambda$  at low energies  
Low values



Effect of changing  $\kappa_\lambda$  at low energies  
High values



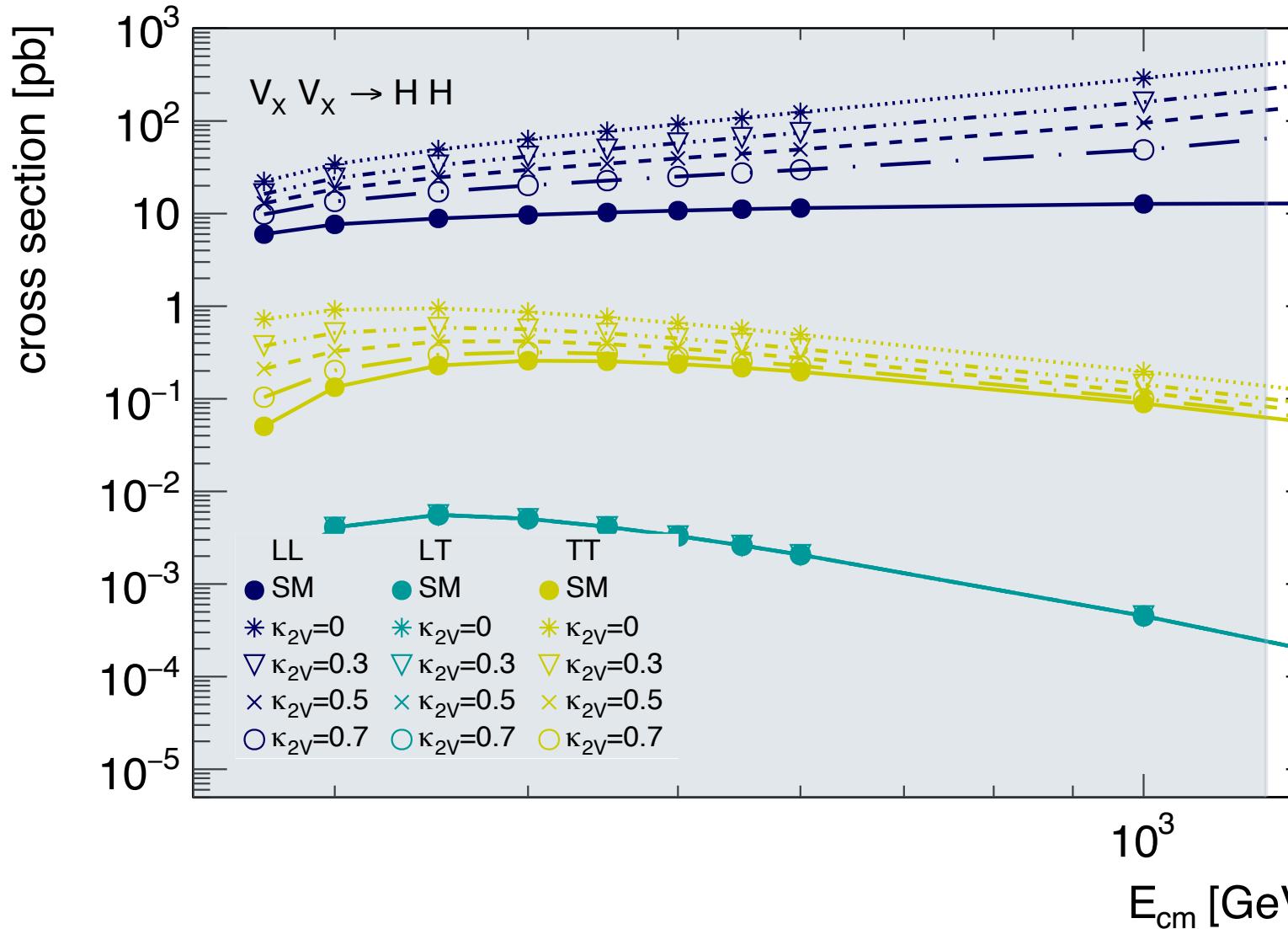
Cross section ratio TT/LL



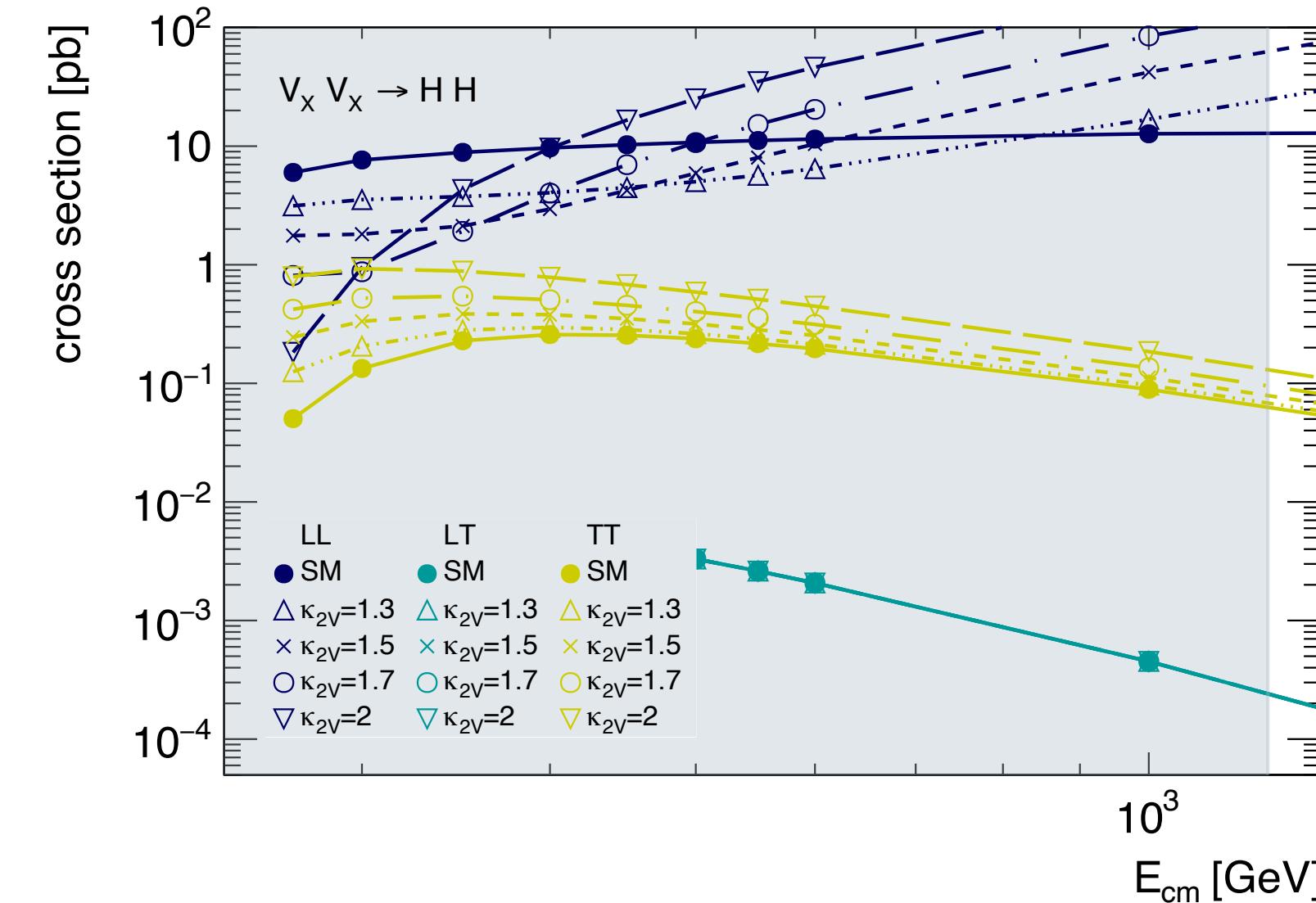
- The **LL** polarization dominates for most of the coupling values over large energy regimes
- But for some values of the coupling parameters the relative fraction of **TT** compared to **LL** gets larger at low energies
- Closer look at more coupling values of  $\kappa_\lambda$  between the limits
  - Relative fraction of **TT** at very low energies seems to be largest for  $\kappa_\lambda \approx 2$
  - For values of  $\kappa_\lambda$  between 2 and 6 the cross sections of **LL** and **TT** gets close

# Effect of the Different Coupling Parameters Cross Section

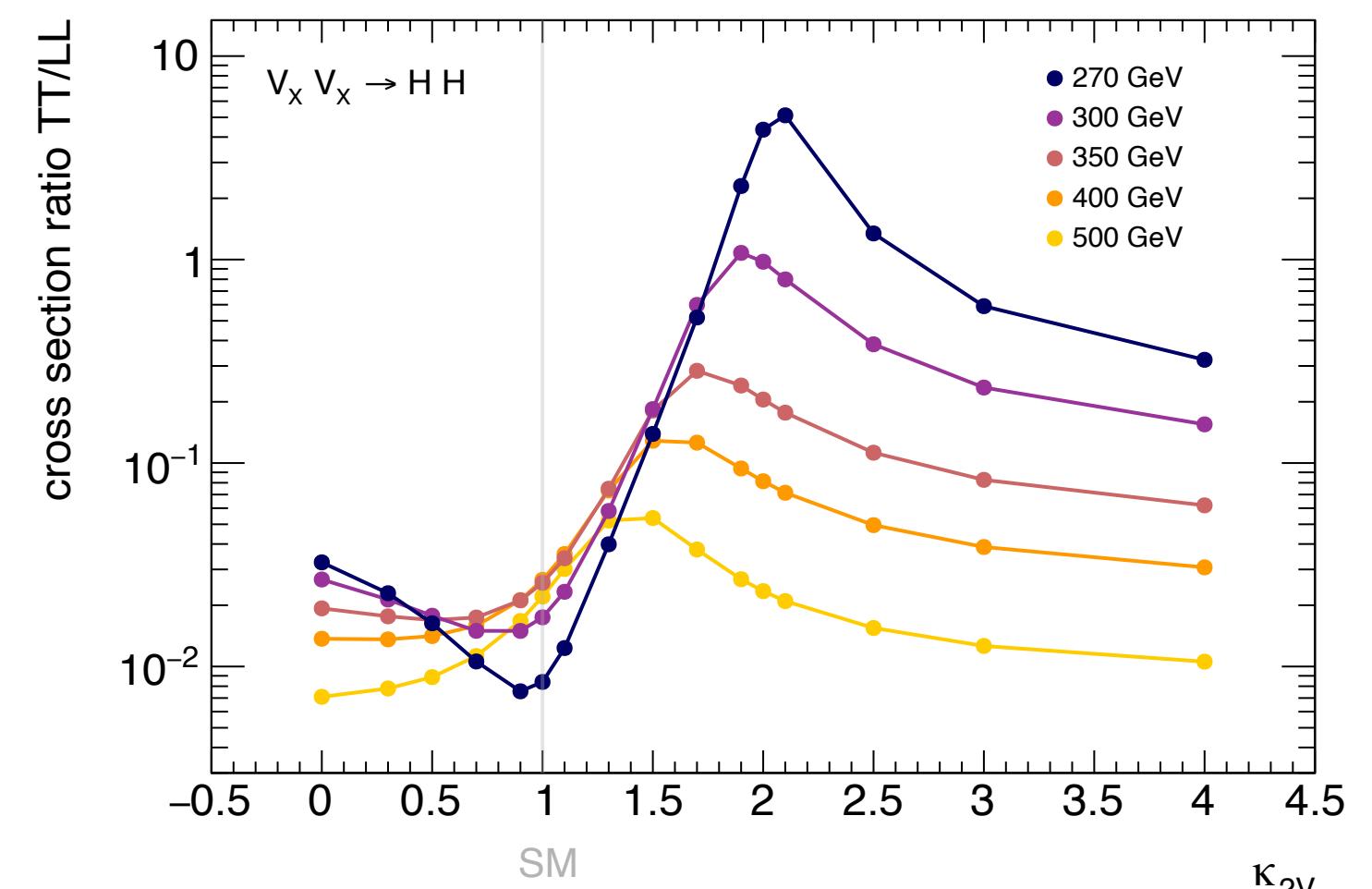
**Effect of changing  $\kappa_{2V}$  at low energies  
Low values**



**Effect of changing  $\kappa_{2V}$  at low energies  
High values**



**Cross section ratio TT/LL**



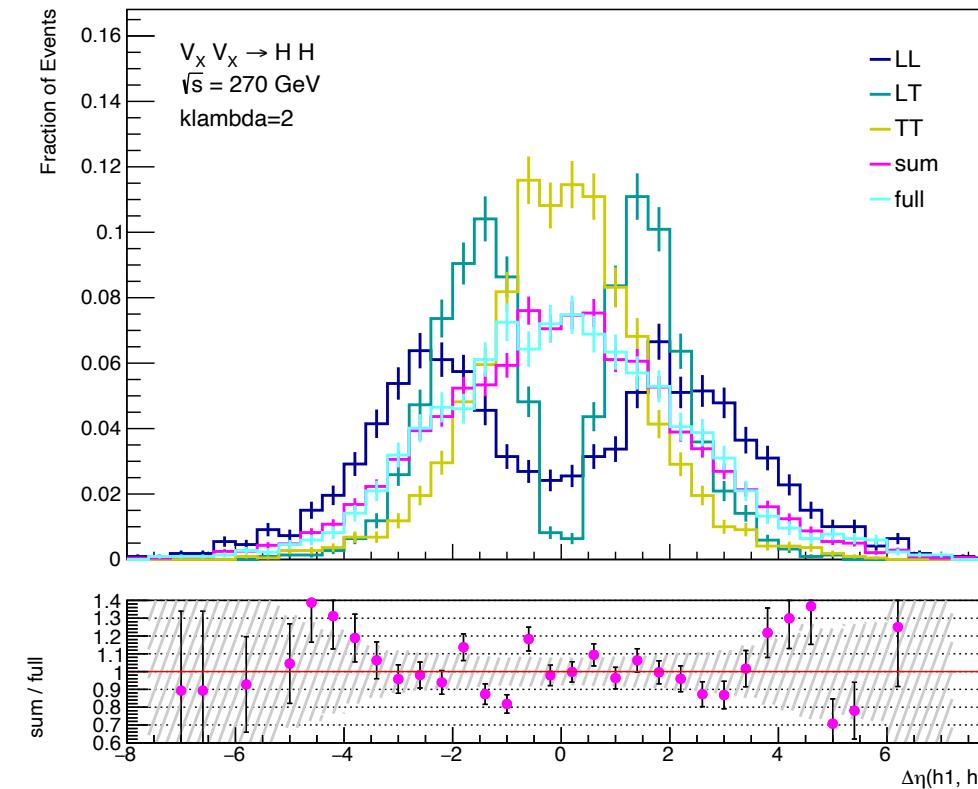
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- But for some values of the coupling parameters the relative fraction of **TT** compared to **LL** gets larger at low energies
- Closer look at more coupling values of  $\kappa_{2V}$  between the limits
  - Relative fraction of **TT** at very low energies seems to be largest for  $\kappa_{2V} \approx 2$
  - Large difference of the cross sections for  $\kappa_{2V} < 1$

**the Zoomed in**  
**More values between the limits**

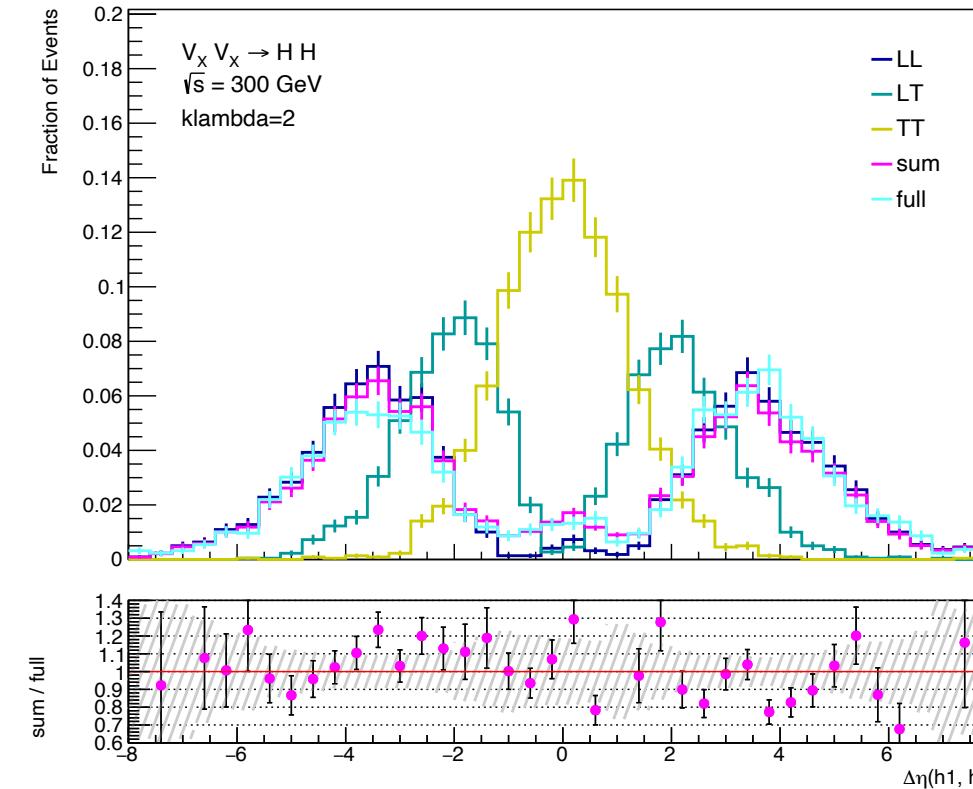
# Polarization Distributions

270 GeV

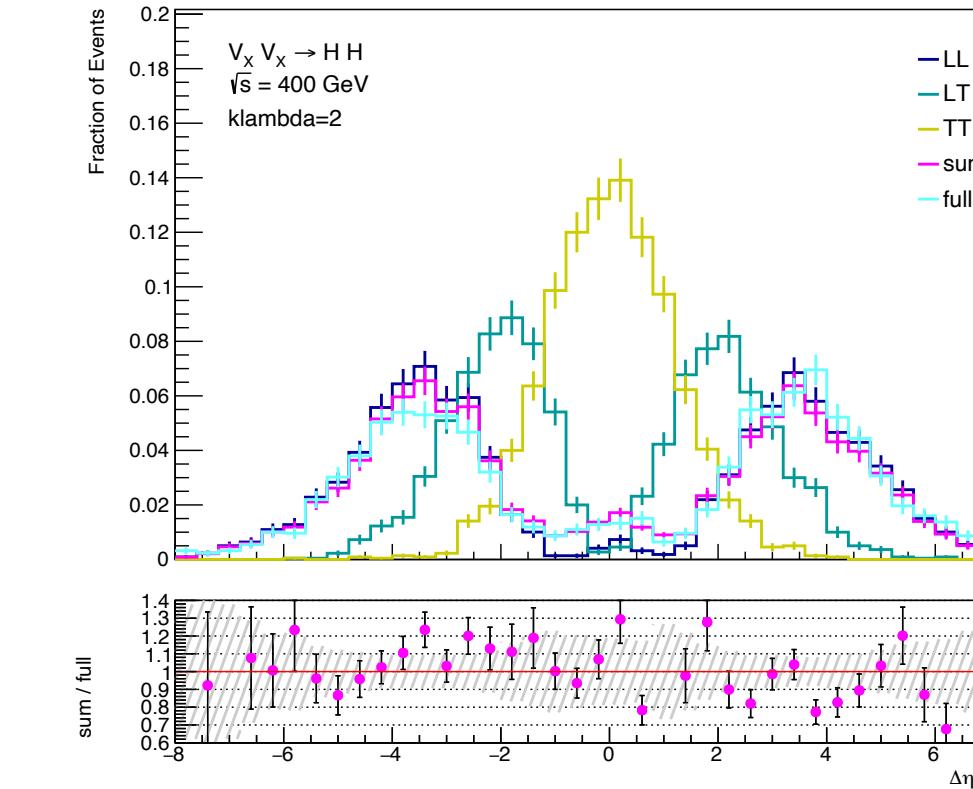
$$\kappa_\lambda = 2$$



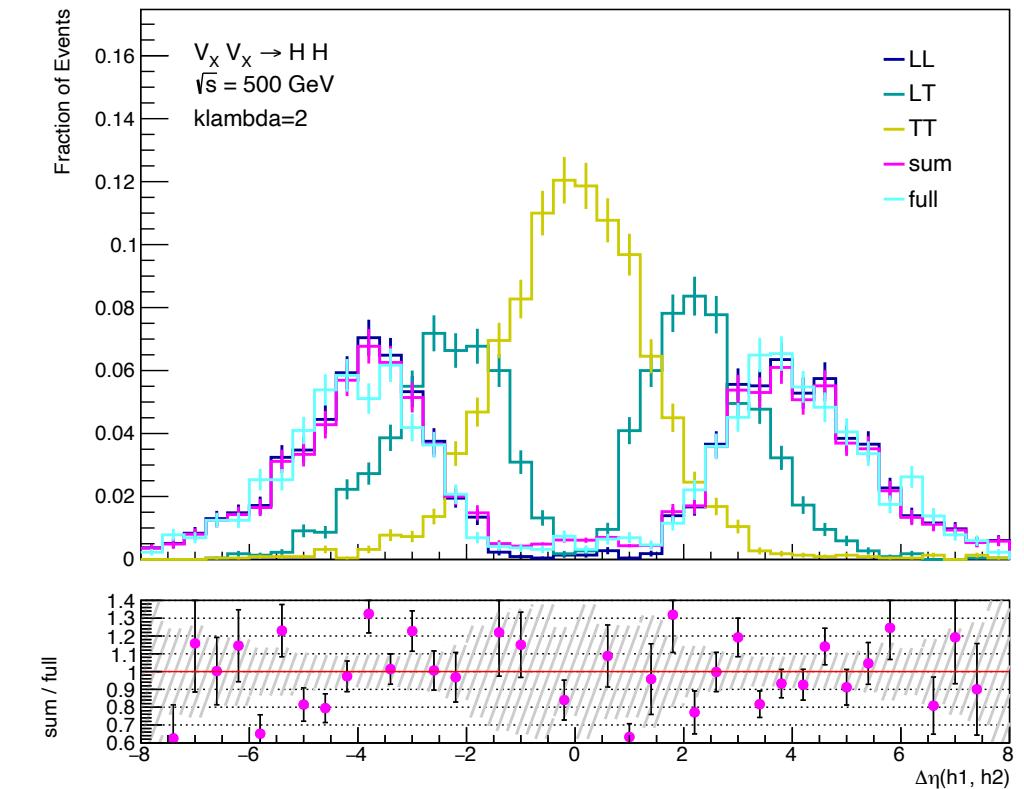
300 GeV



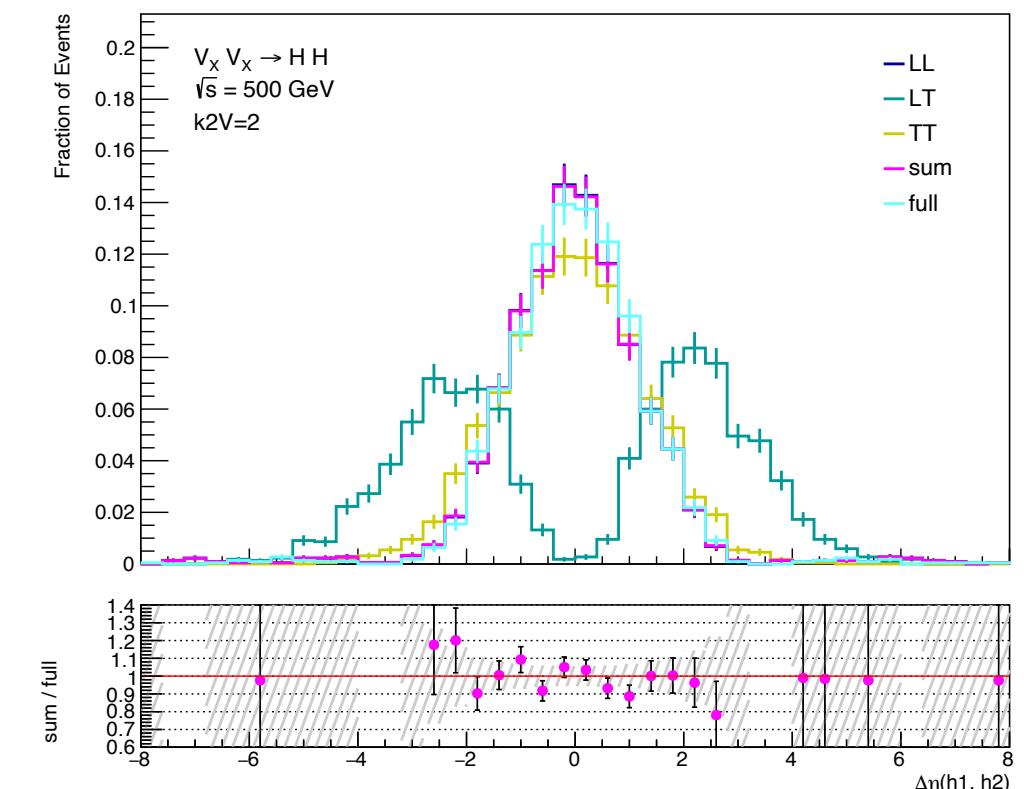
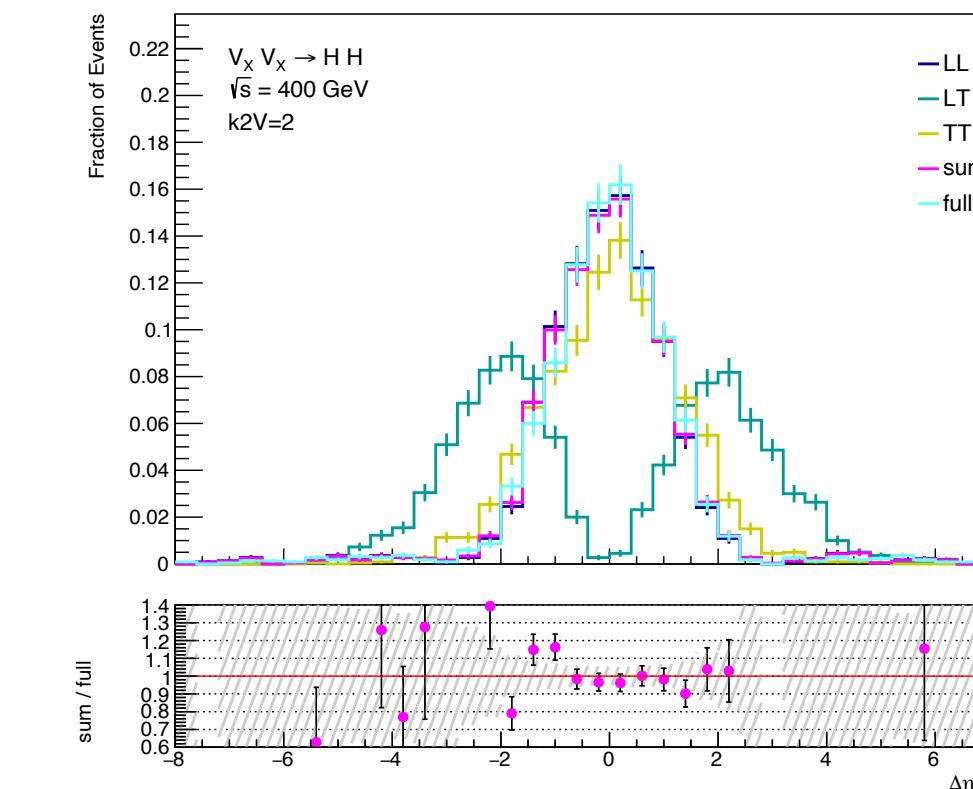
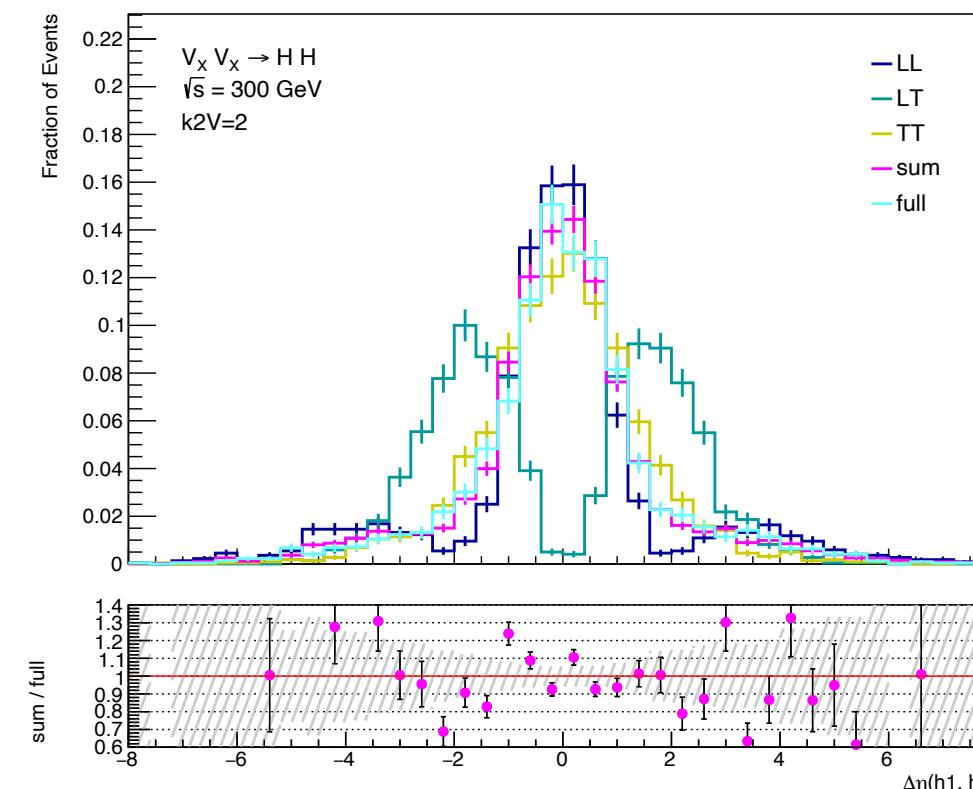
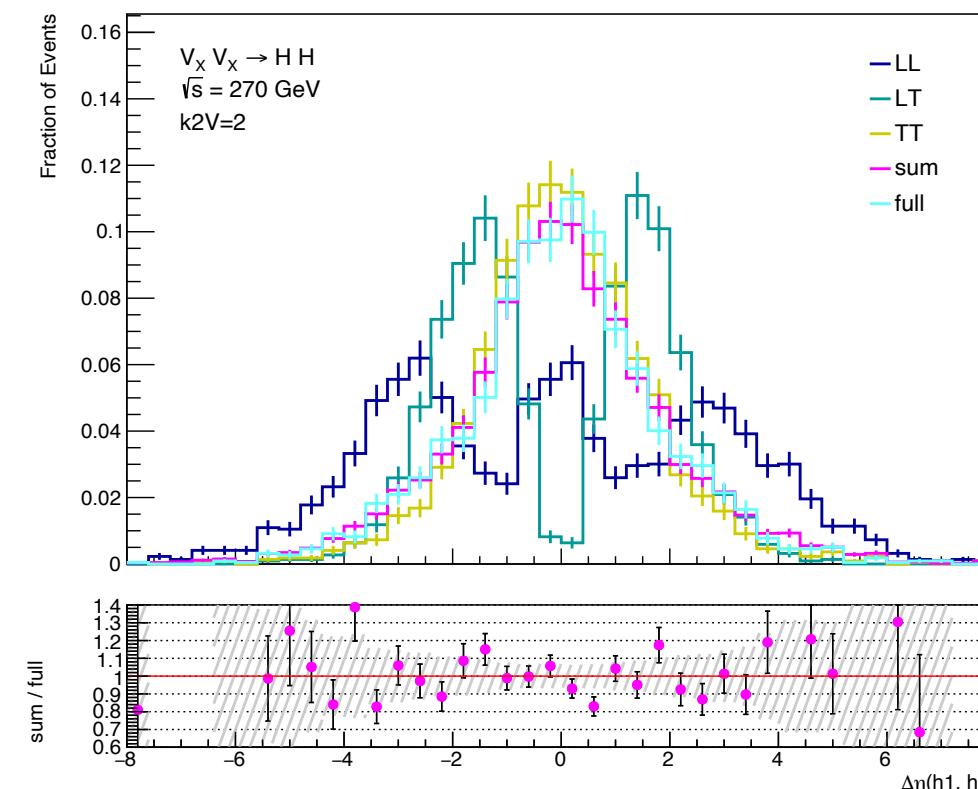
350 GeV



500 GeV



$$\kappa_{2V} = 2$$

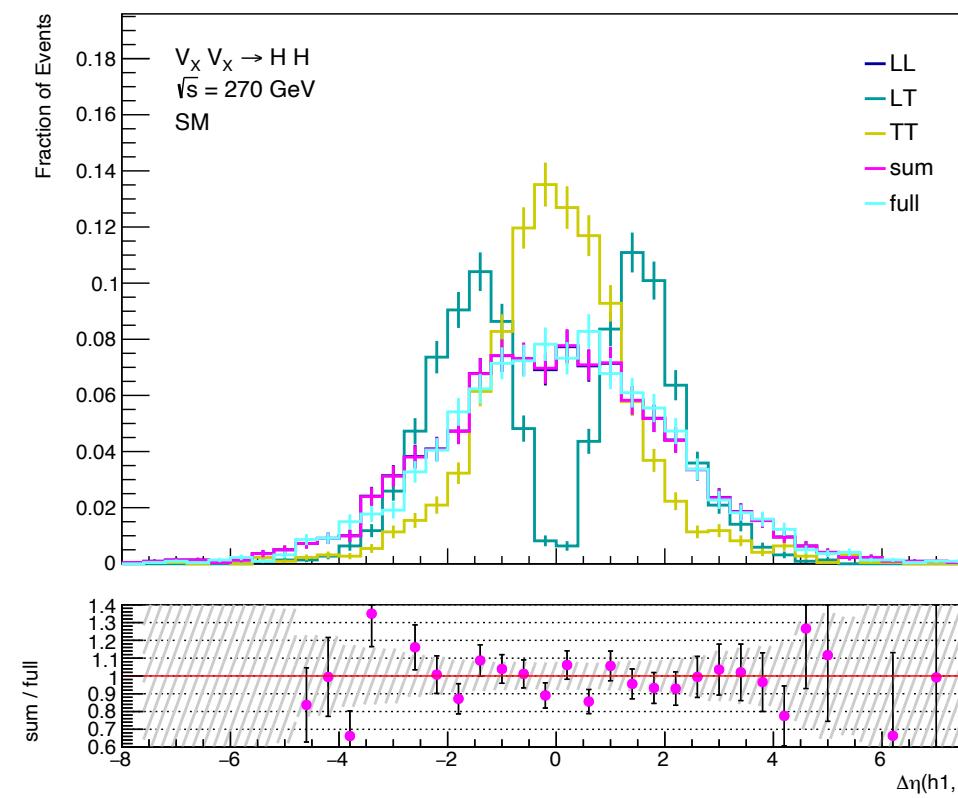


- Good agreement of shape of the distribution of the **sum** of the polarizations and the unpolarized (**full**) sample
- $\kappa_\lambda = 2$ : Some shape differences visible between **LL** and **TT**
- $\kappa_{2V} = 2$ : Distributions of **LL** and **TT** very similar

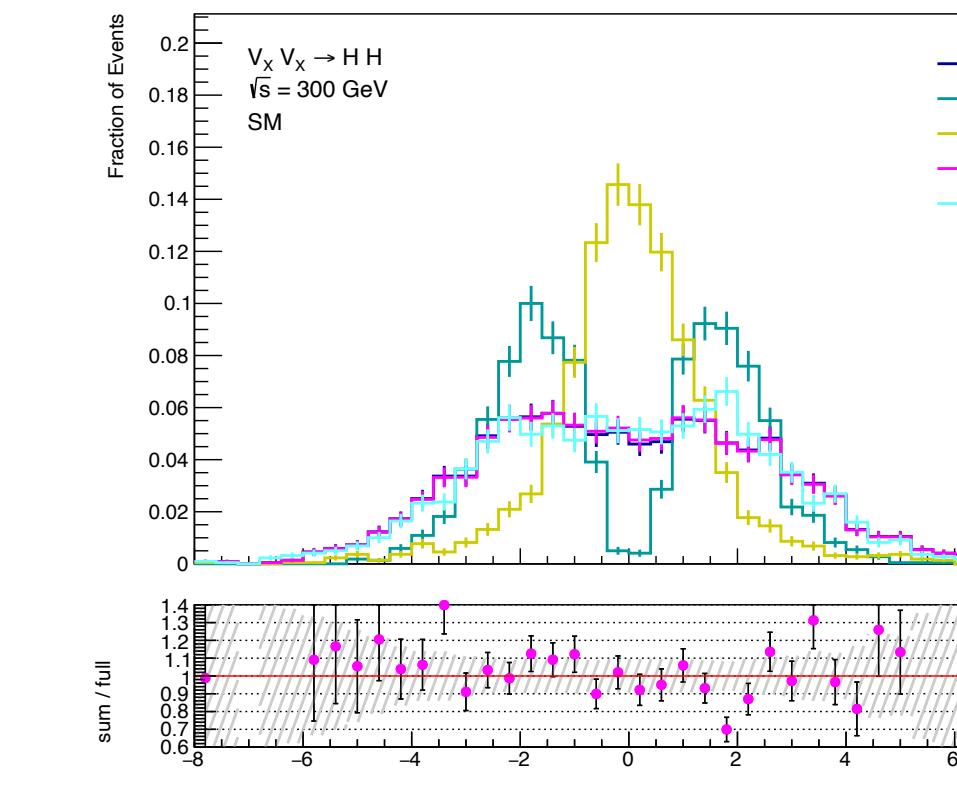
# Distributions for the SM case

Center of mass energy

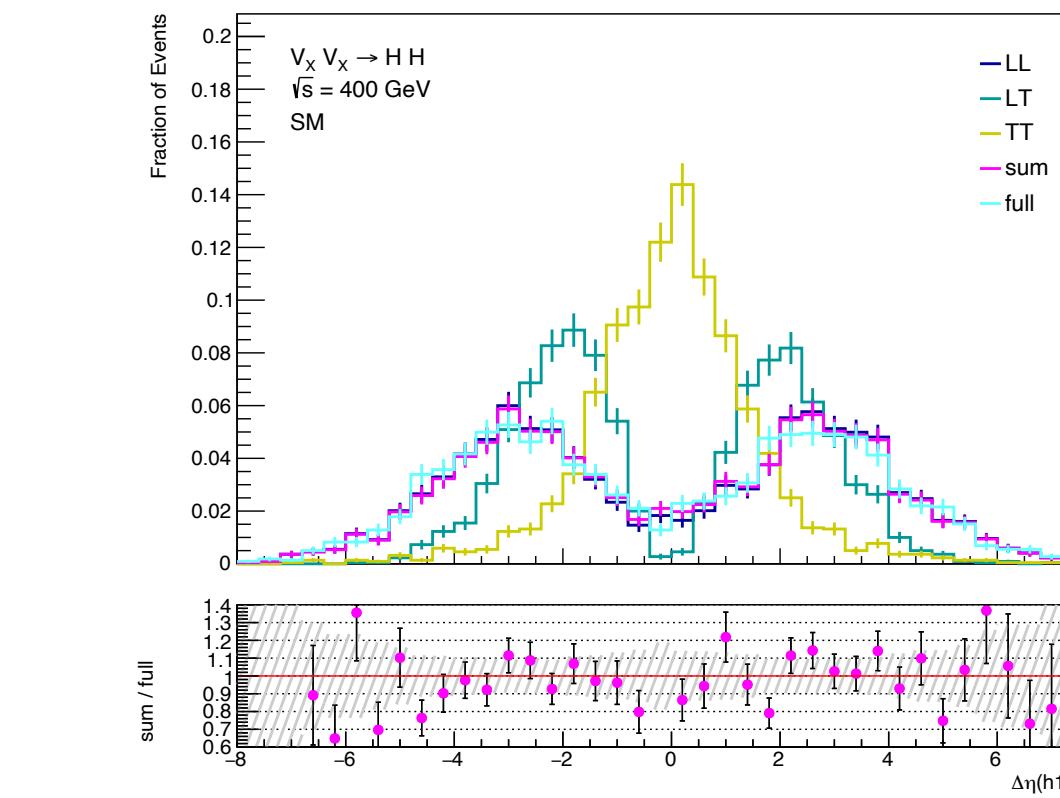
270 GeV



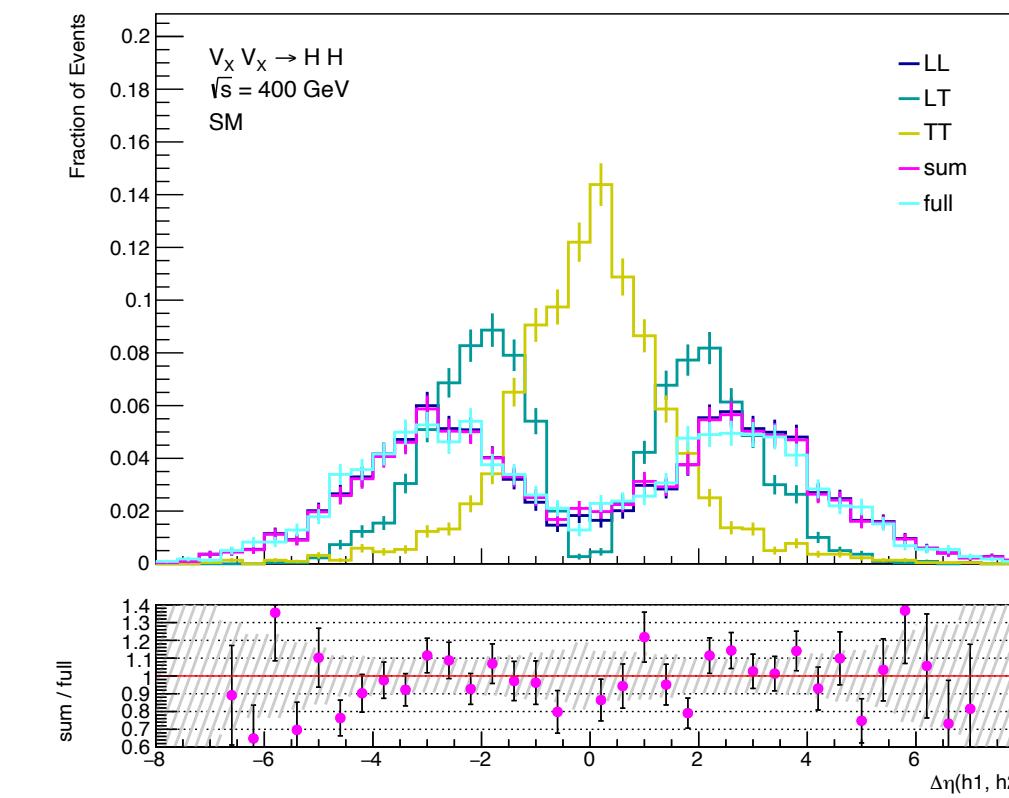
300 GeV



400 GeV

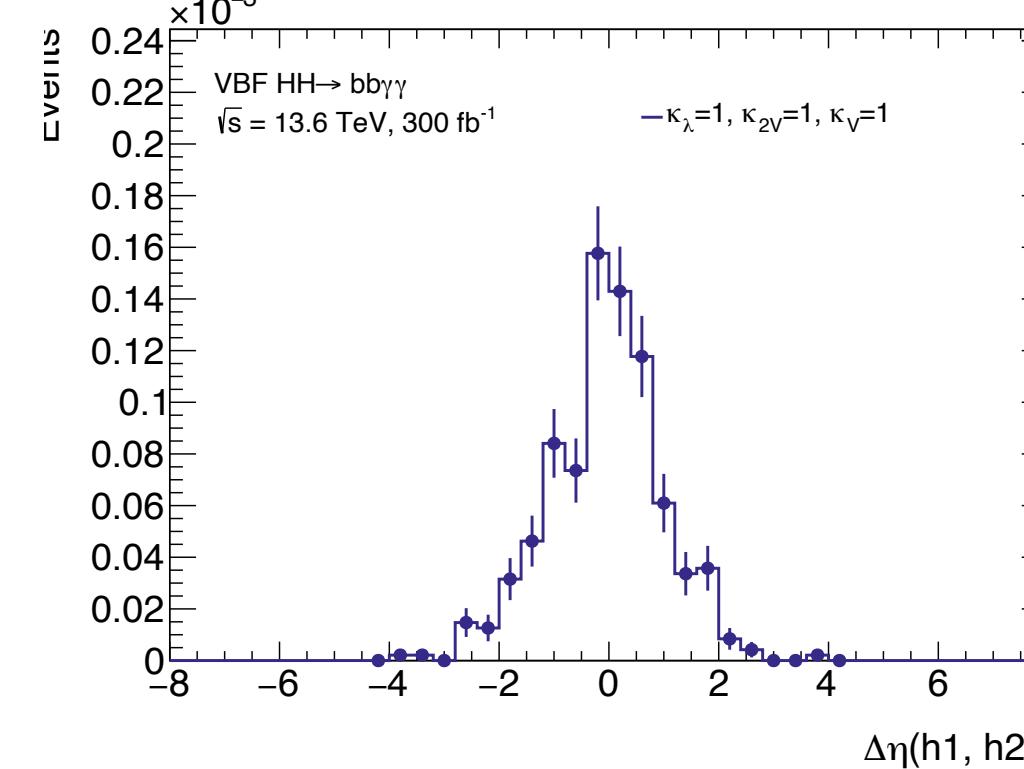


500 GeV

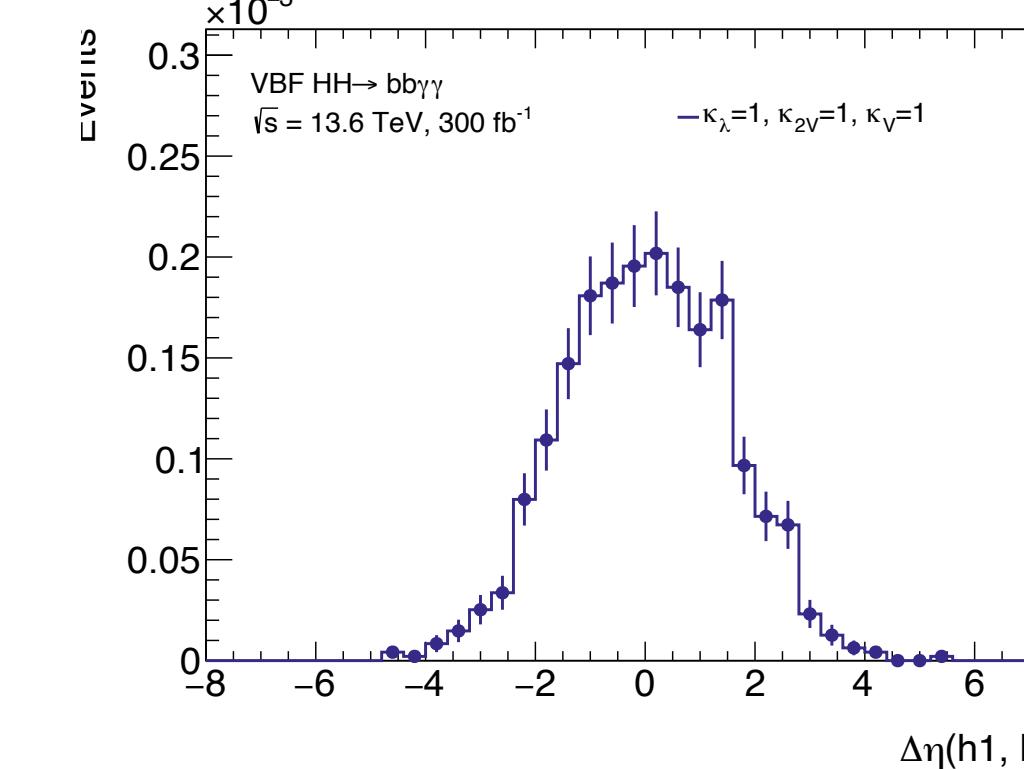


$m_{HH}$

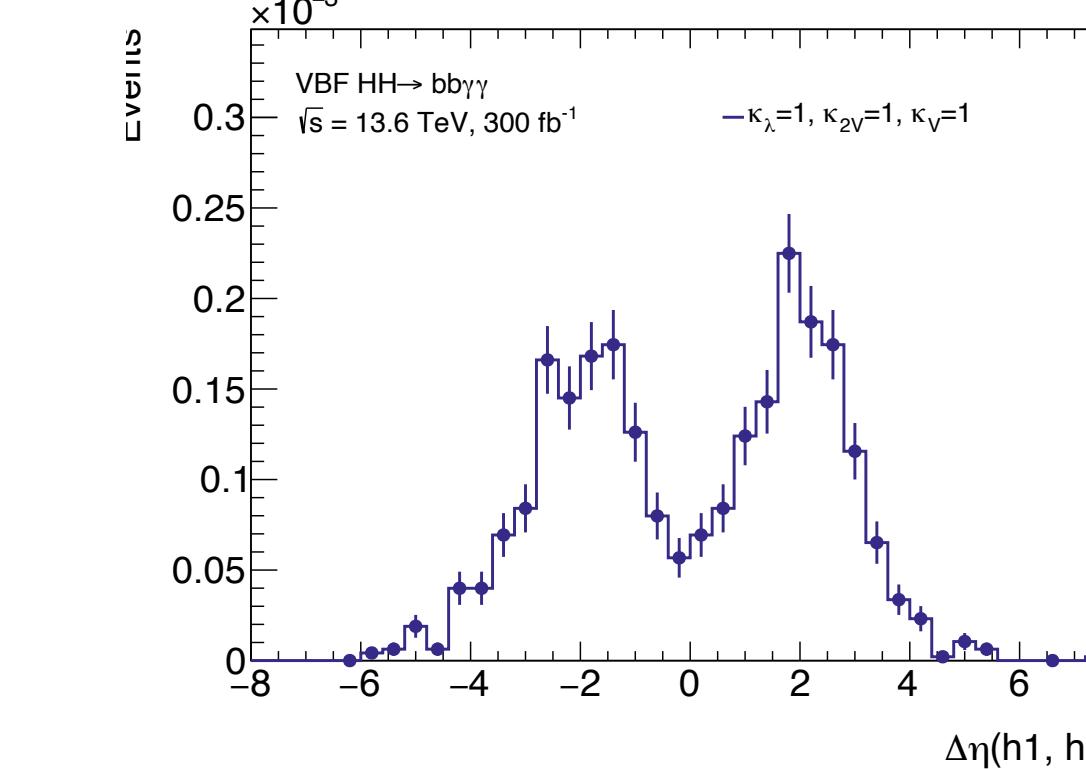
0 - 280 GeV



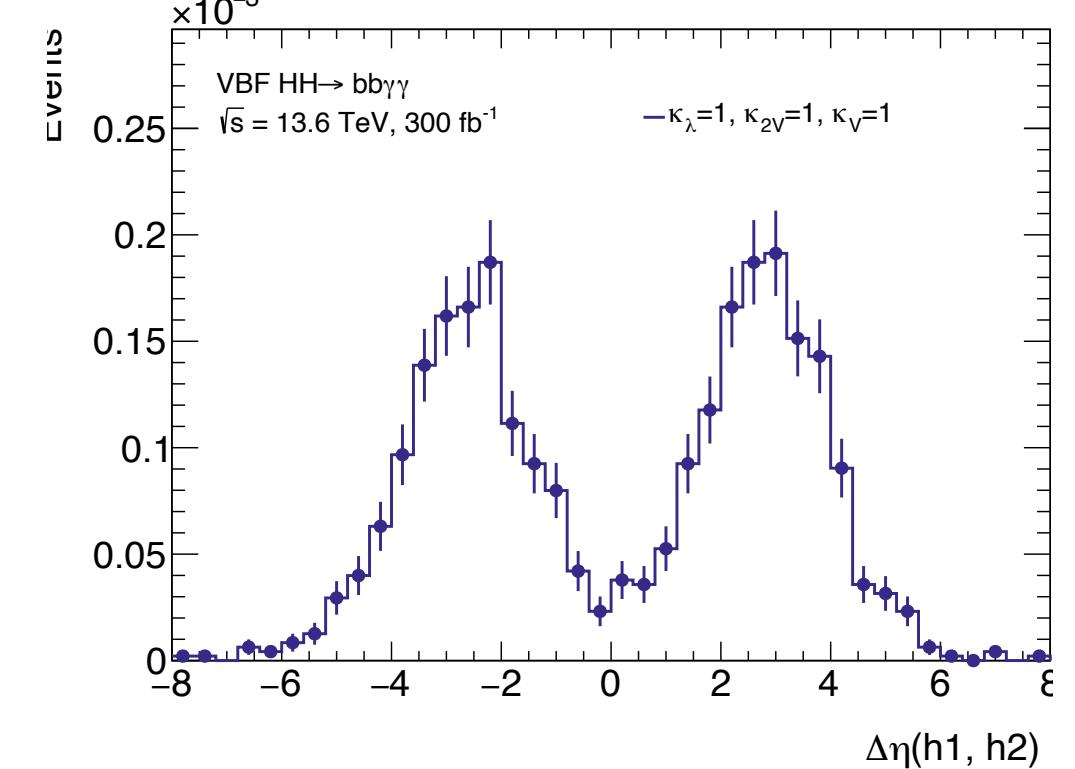
280 - 325 GeV



375-425 GeV

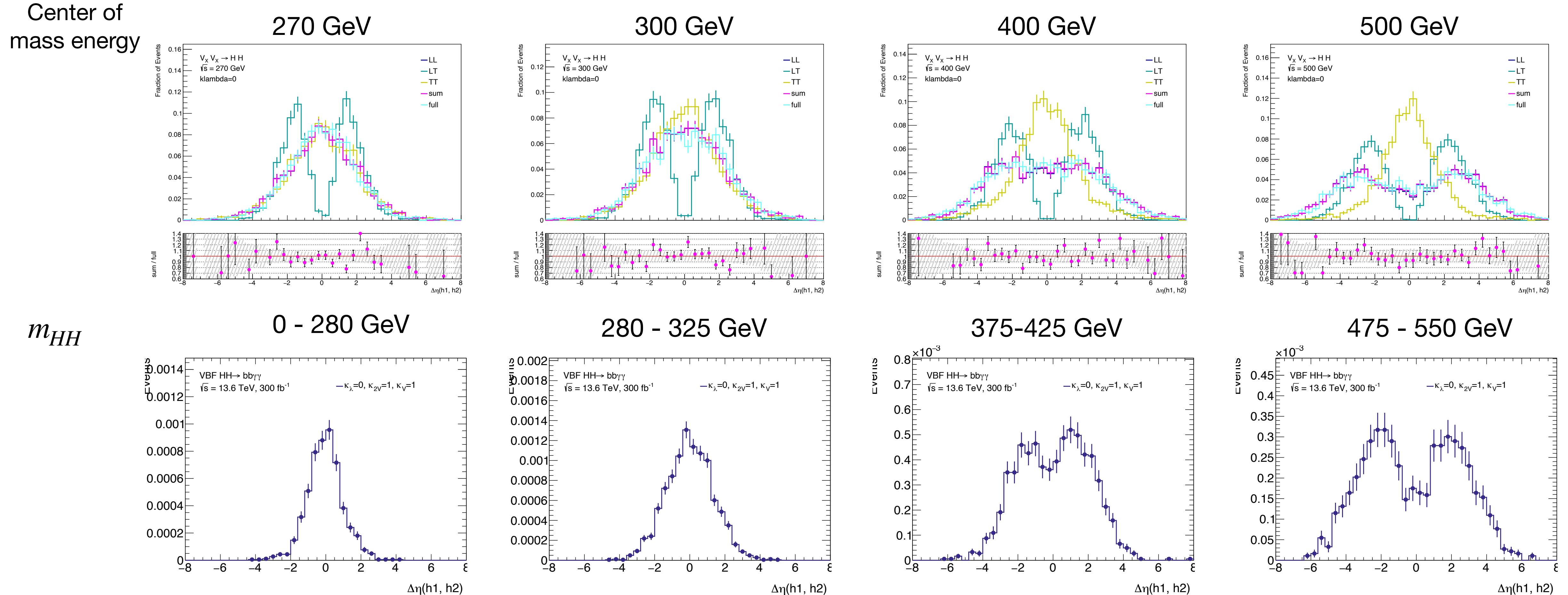


475 - 550 GeV



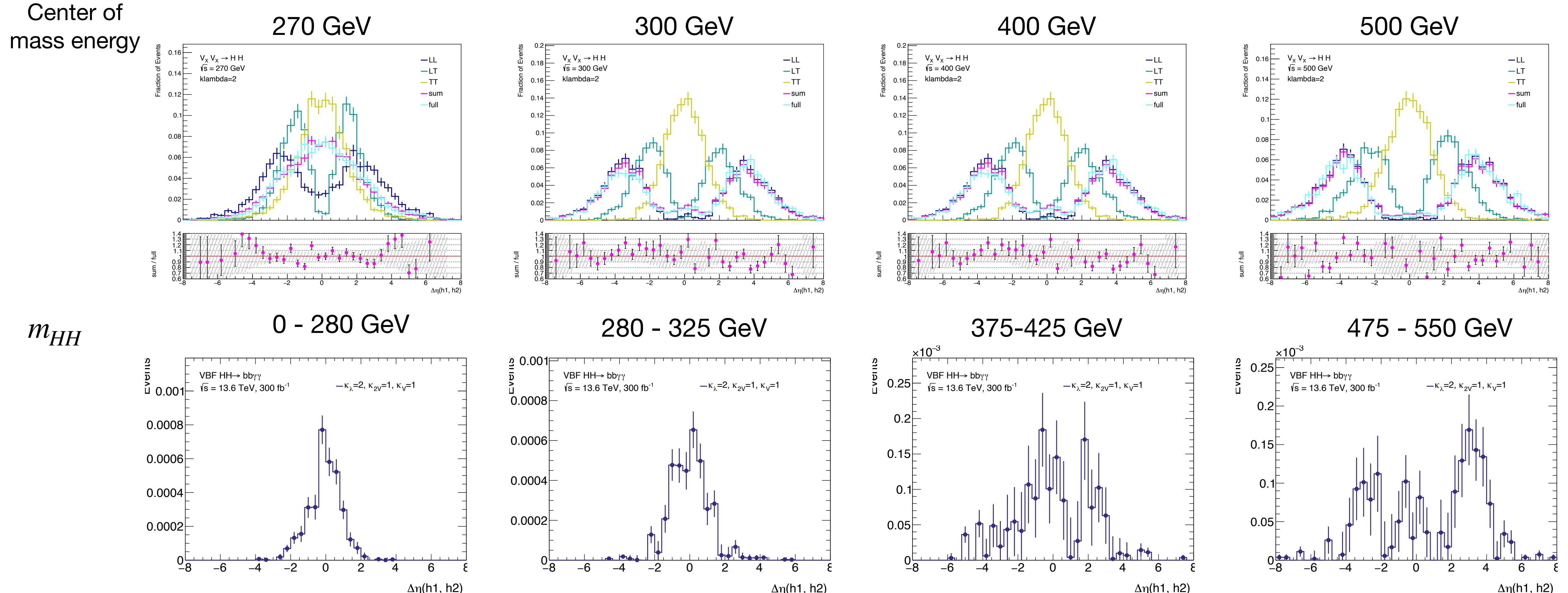
- Distribution of **LL** and **sum** almost identical due to dominating cross section of **LL**
- Comparison to Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$  distribution in slices of  $m_{HH}$ 
  - The shapes of the distributions follow a similar trend as the shapes of the distributions of the **full** sample

# Distributions for $\kappa_\lambda = 0$



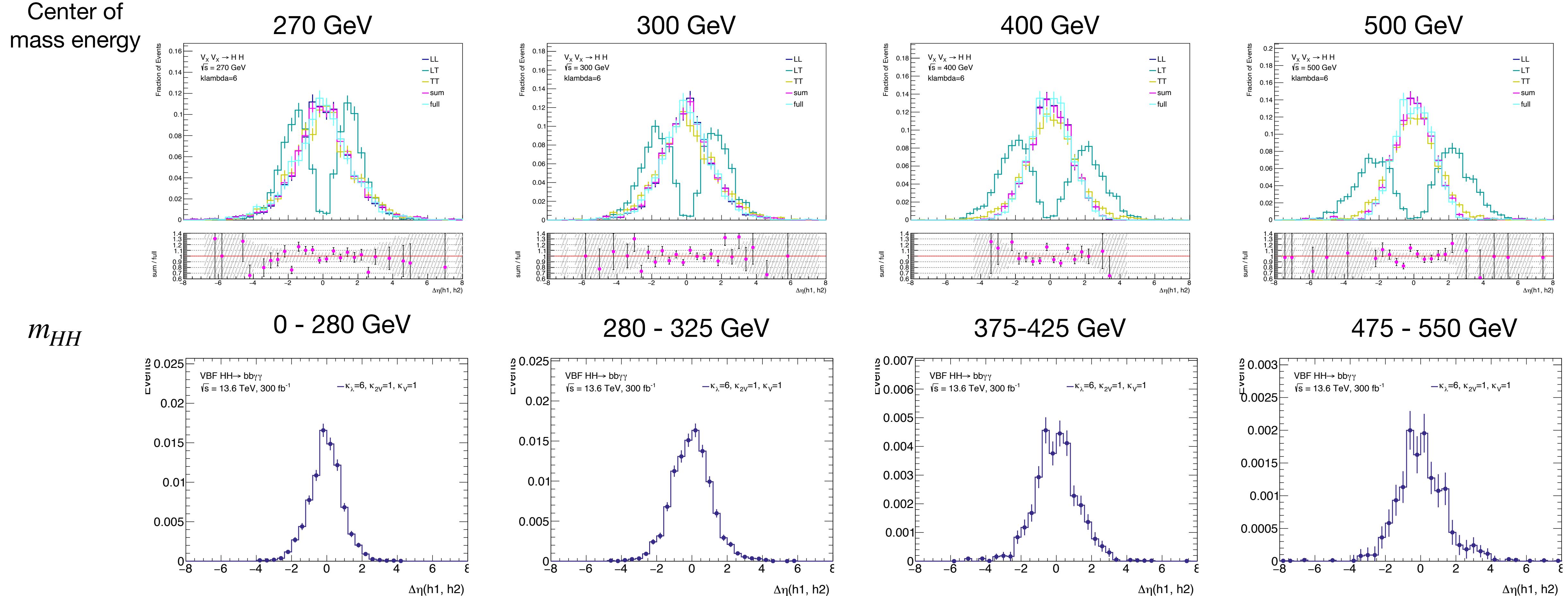
- Distributions of **LL** and **TT** very similar
- Comparison to Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$  distribution in slices of  $m_{HH}$ 
  - The shapes of the distributions follow a similar trend as the shapes of the distributions of the **full** sample

# Distributions for $\kappa_\lambda = 2$



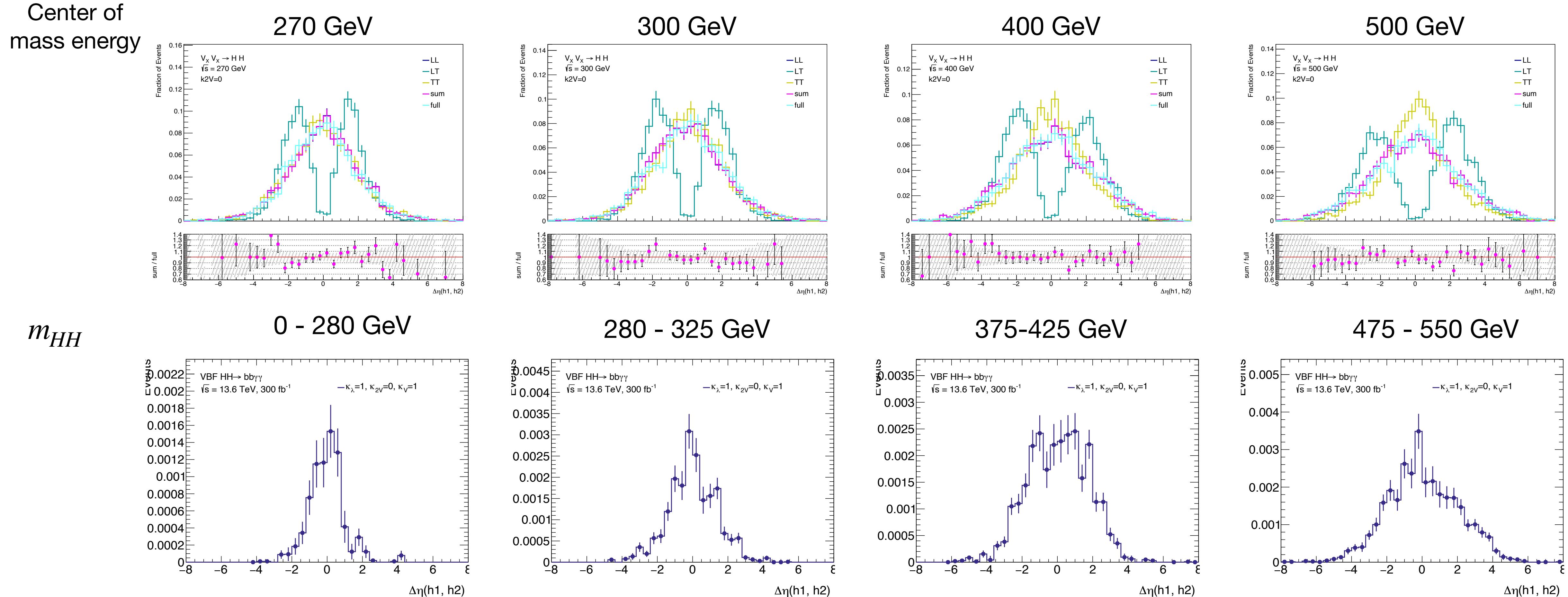
- Some shape differences visible between **LL** and **TT**
- Comparison to Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$  distribution in slices of  $m_{HH}$ 
  - Distributions of the Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$  sample more central
  - Possible that the vector bosons that are scattered off from the protons are preferably transversal polarized

# Distributions for $\kappa_\lambda = 6$



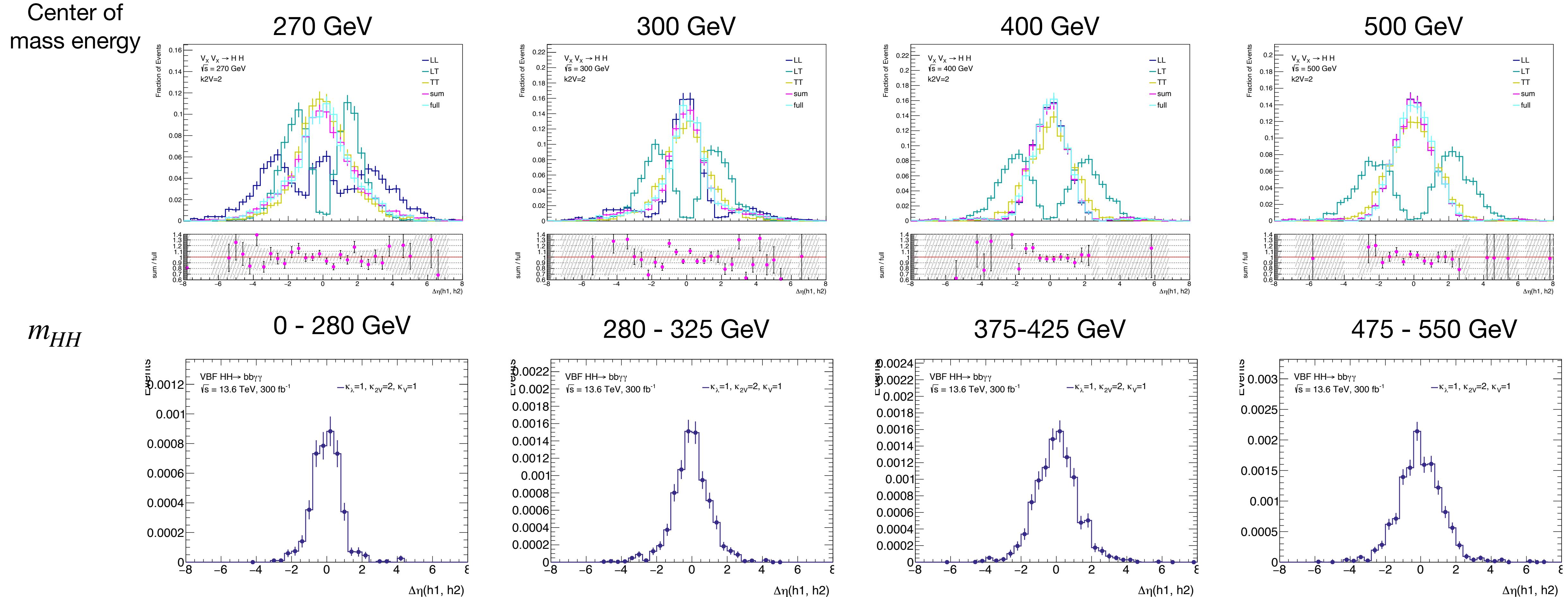
- Distributions of **LL** and **TT** very similar
- Comparison to Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$  distribution in slices of  $m_{HH}$ 
  - The shapes of the distributions follow a similar trend as the shapes of the distributions of the **full** sample

# Distributions for $\kappa_{2V} = 0$



- Distributions of **LL** and **TT** very similar
- Comparison to Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$  distribution in slices of  $m_{HH}$ 
  - The shapes of the distributions follow a similar trend as the shapes of the distributions of the **full** sample

# Distributions for $\kappa_{2V} = 2$



- Distributions of **LL** and **TT** very similar
- Comparison to Run 3 VBF  $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$  distribution in slices of  $m_{HH}$ 
  - The shapes of the distributions follow a similar trend as the shapes of the distributions of the **full** sample

# The Eboli Model for VBF di-Higgs

Preliminary results

- Done first tests using the Eboli model with the VBF di-Higgs process to looked at the cross sections
- Large cross section due to EFT effects in comparison to the SM cross section indicates sensitivity to the operator
  - Only looked at one operator at the time
  - All Wilson coefficients set to  $1 \text{ GeV}^{-4}$  in order to compare the increase in the cross sections

operator quadratic term	M0	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M7	S0	S1	S2	T T0-T9	SM
$\sigma$ [pb]	3.1E+05	2.0E+04	1.6E+05	1.1E+04	1.8E+04	5.4E+03	5.0E+03	254	2.2E+03	862	no amplitude	0.001348

Sensitive to the  
M operators

Sensitive to the  
S operators

Not sensitive to the  
T operators