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Accessing λ at the LHC through HH production via VBS

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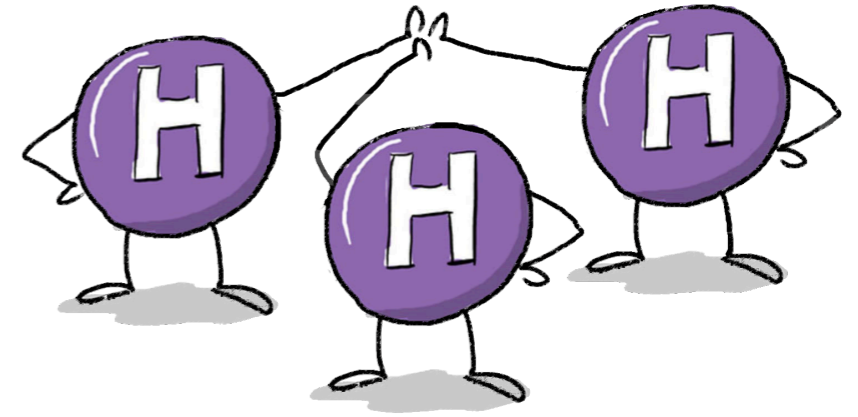
Based on [arXiv:1807.09736]

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Introduction to the topic

Aim

- Measure accurately the **Higgs self-coupling** λ
- Understand the **BEH** mechanism
- Check **BSM** alternatives of λ



Current status and sensitivity at the LHC

- Studies **focus** on **gluon gluon fusion** (dominant) **HH** production
See references [11-39] for theoretical studies and [40-46] for experimental searches in [arXiv:1807.09736]
- Different ggF channels considered (th. and exp.): $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$, $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}\tau\bar{\tau}$...
- **Current sensitivity**: exp. global analysis constrains $\lambda \in [-5.0, 12.1] \lambda_{SM}$ at 95% C.L.
[ATLAS-CONF-2018-043]

Future prospects at linear colliders

- **e+e- linear colliders** (ILC, CLIC) will allow for **most precise** λ_{SM} measurements
[Abramowicz et al, Eur. Phys. J. C77 (2017) 475]
- **Still far (and/or unknown) in the future!!**

$$\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 40\% \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 1.4 \text{ TeV,}$$
$$\Delta\lambda/\lambda = 22\% \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV.}$$

Motivation

Is there an alternative to gluon gluon fusion to test λ ?

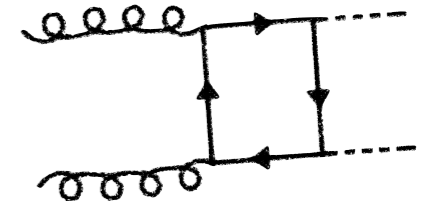
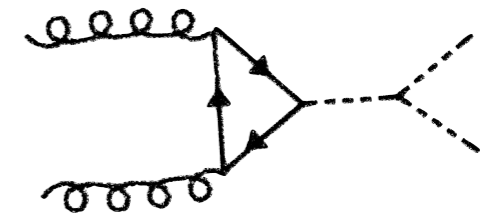
- Until today studies focus on gluon gluon fusion (ggF)



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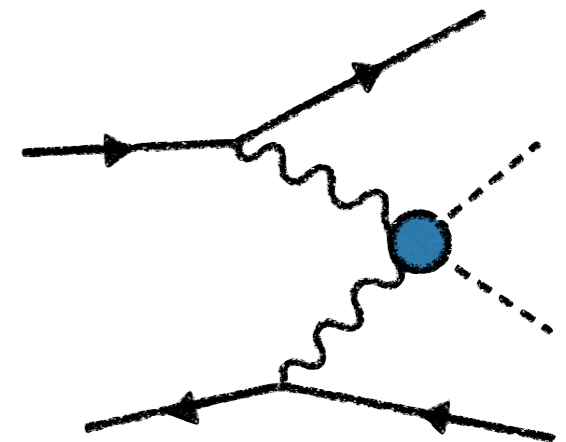
- Our proposal: focus on **Vector Boson Scattering** potential (VBS)



Tree level, no top physics involved,
small uncertainties, heart of scalar interactions
very characteristic kinematics



Lower rates



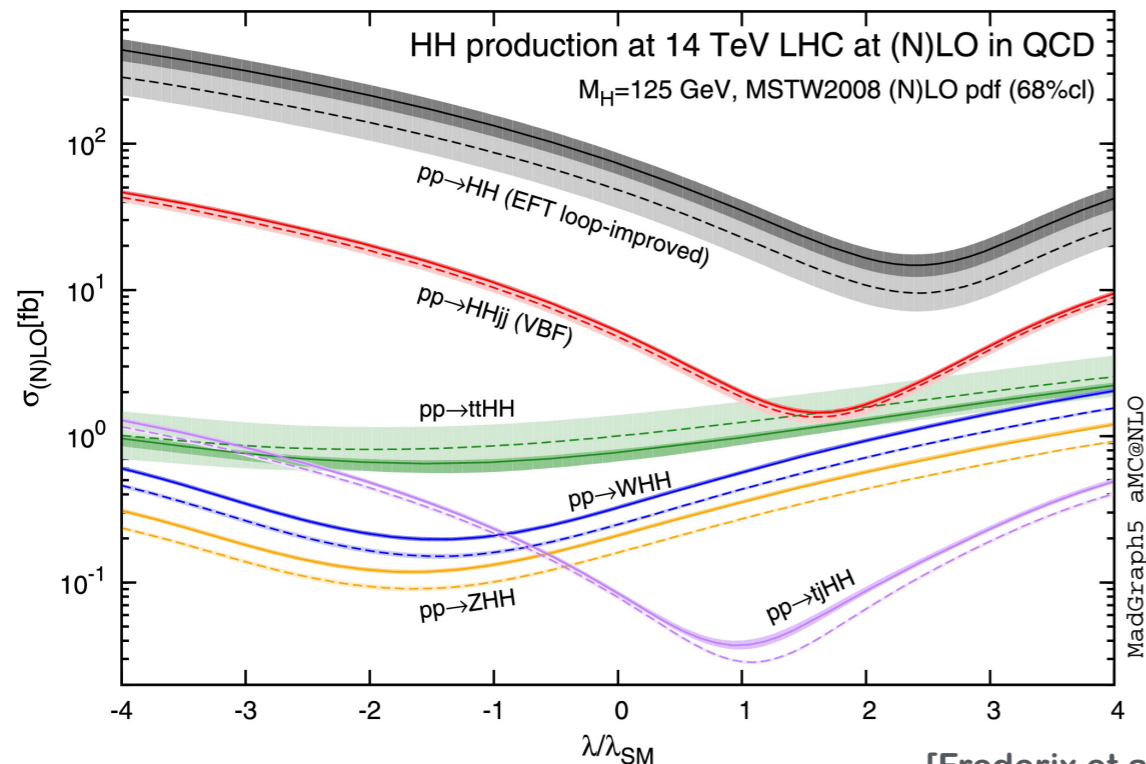
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Introduction - More on why VBS at the LHC

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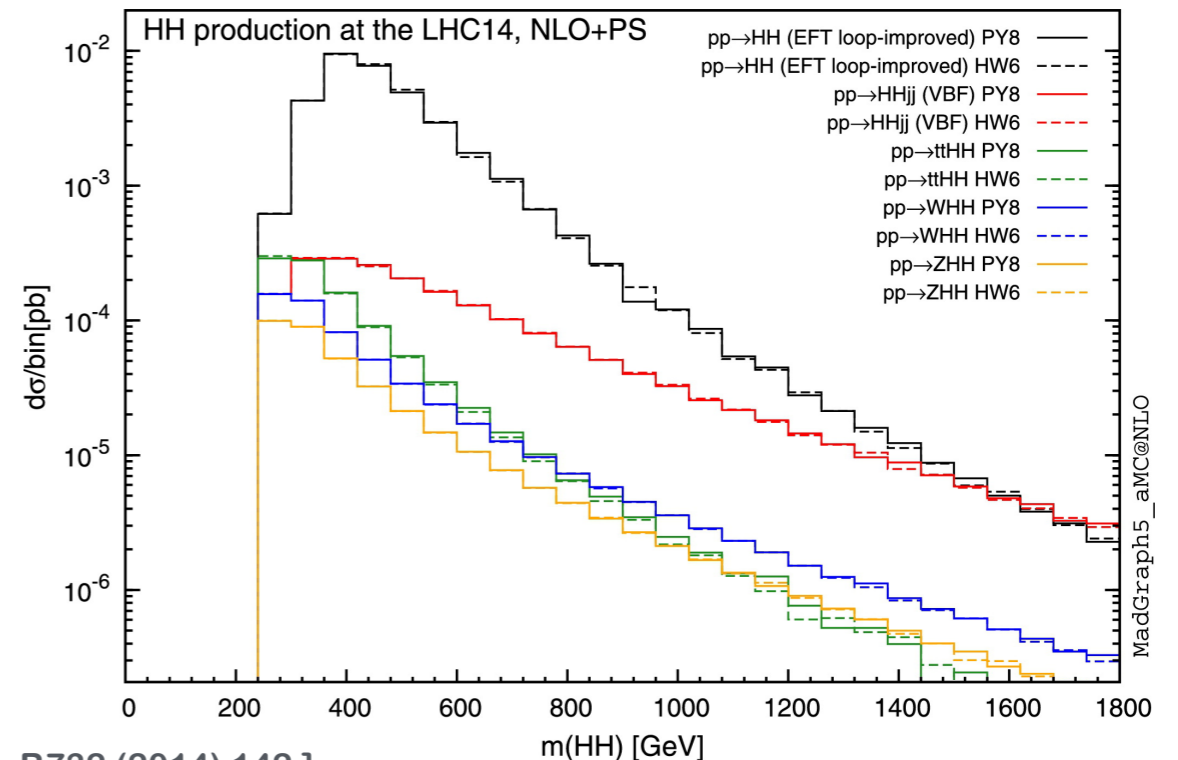


[Frederix et al, Phys. Lett. B732 (2014) 142]

VBS: $q_1 q_2 \rightarrow HH q_3 q_4$

$\sigma_{\text{VBS}}(14 \text{ TeV}, \kappa = \lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}} = 1) \sim 2 \text{ fb}$

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ggF: $gg \rightarrow HHjj$?

$$\sigma_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{HHjj}}(14 \text{ TeV}, \kappa = \lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}} = 1) \sim 5.5 \text{ fb}$$

- Contributes to our signal: “same” final state & sensitive to λ
- Larger above-commented uncertainties than VBS
- VBS selection cuts reduce cross section below pure VBS one
- More optimized VBS cuts suppose bigger reduction
- Not taken into account in the present work

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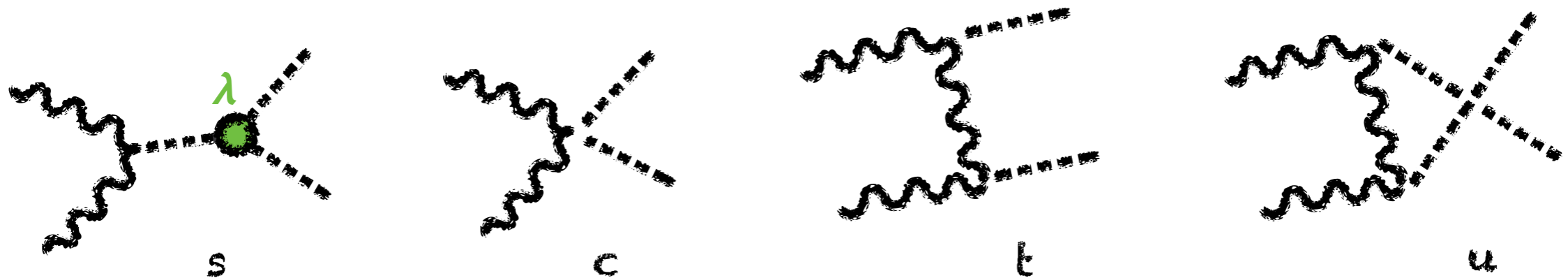
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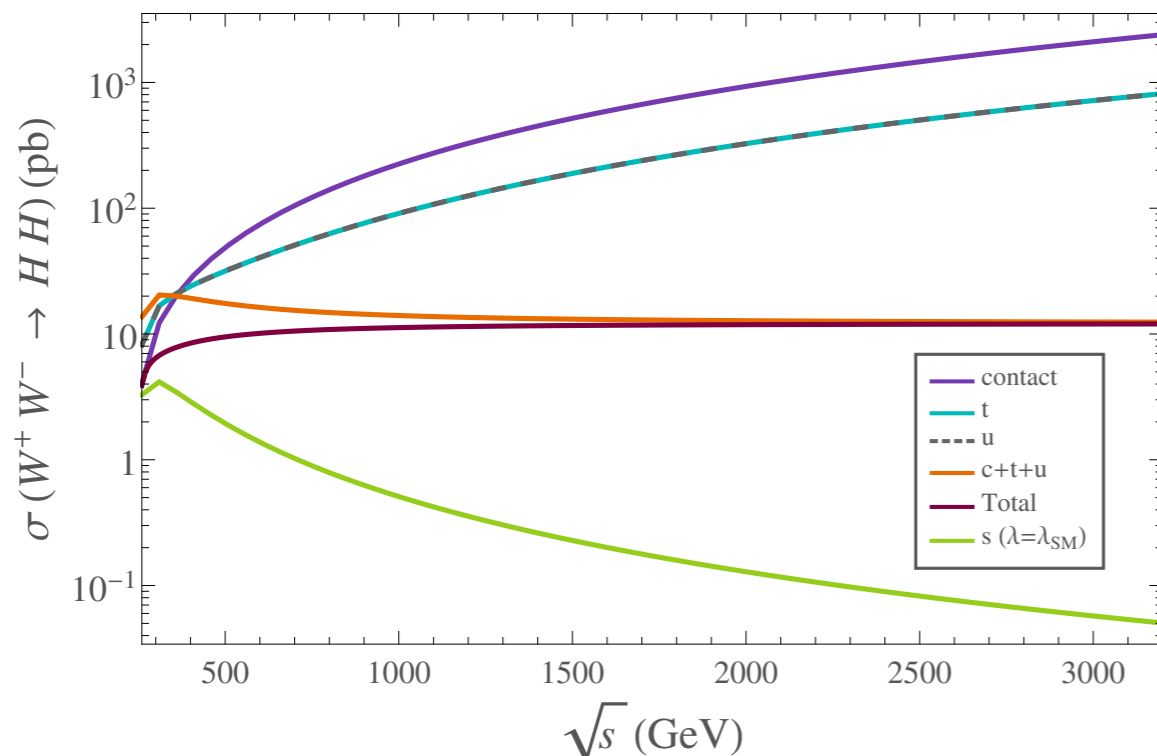
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Learning from SM subprocess $VV \rightarrow HH$

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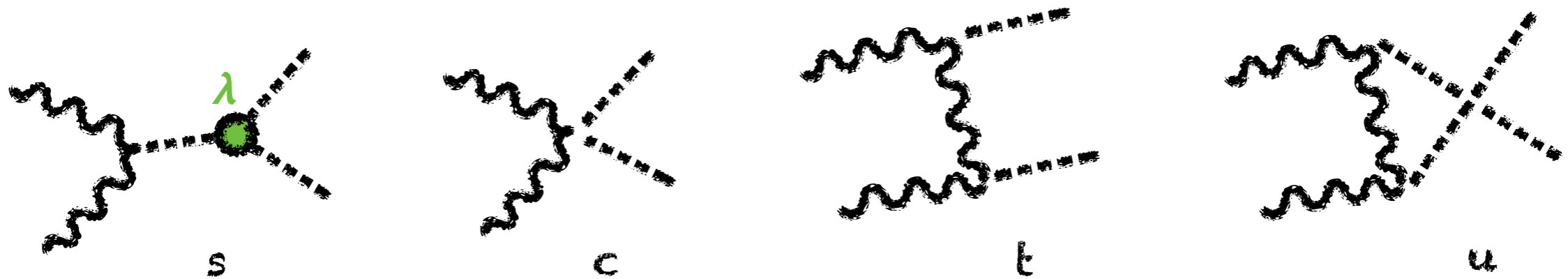
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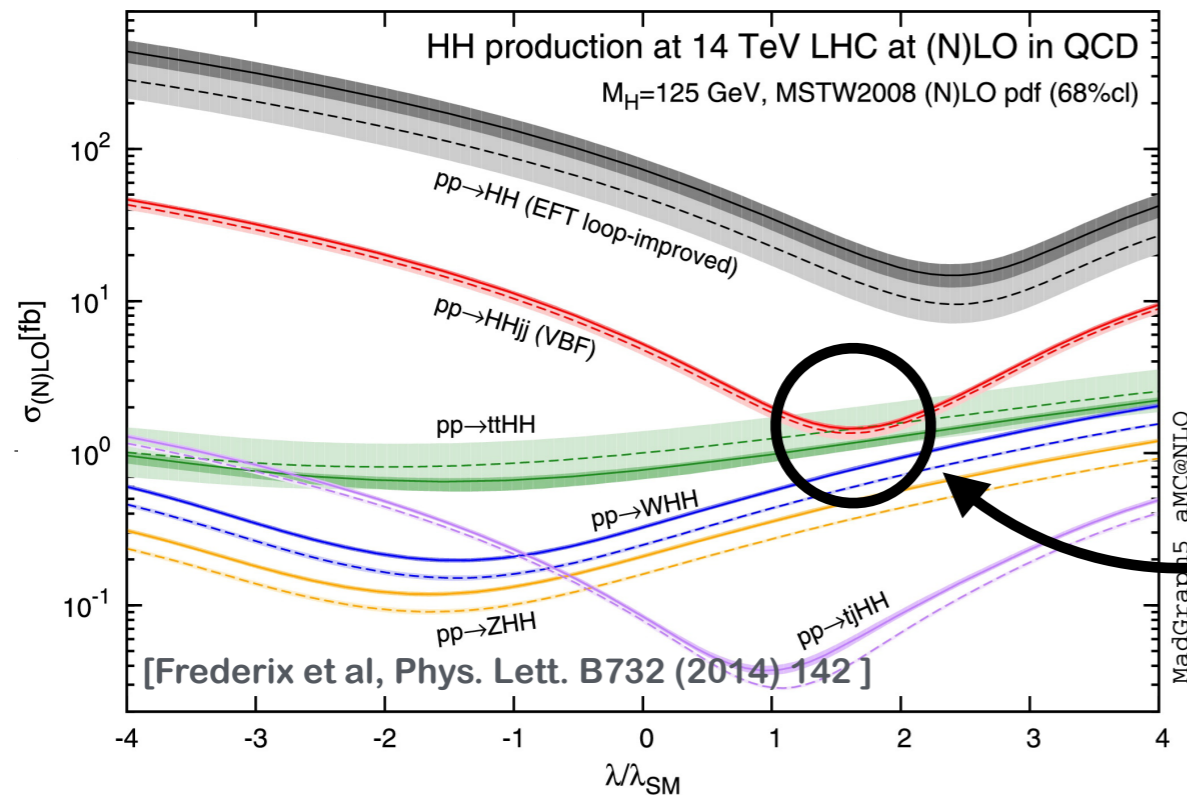
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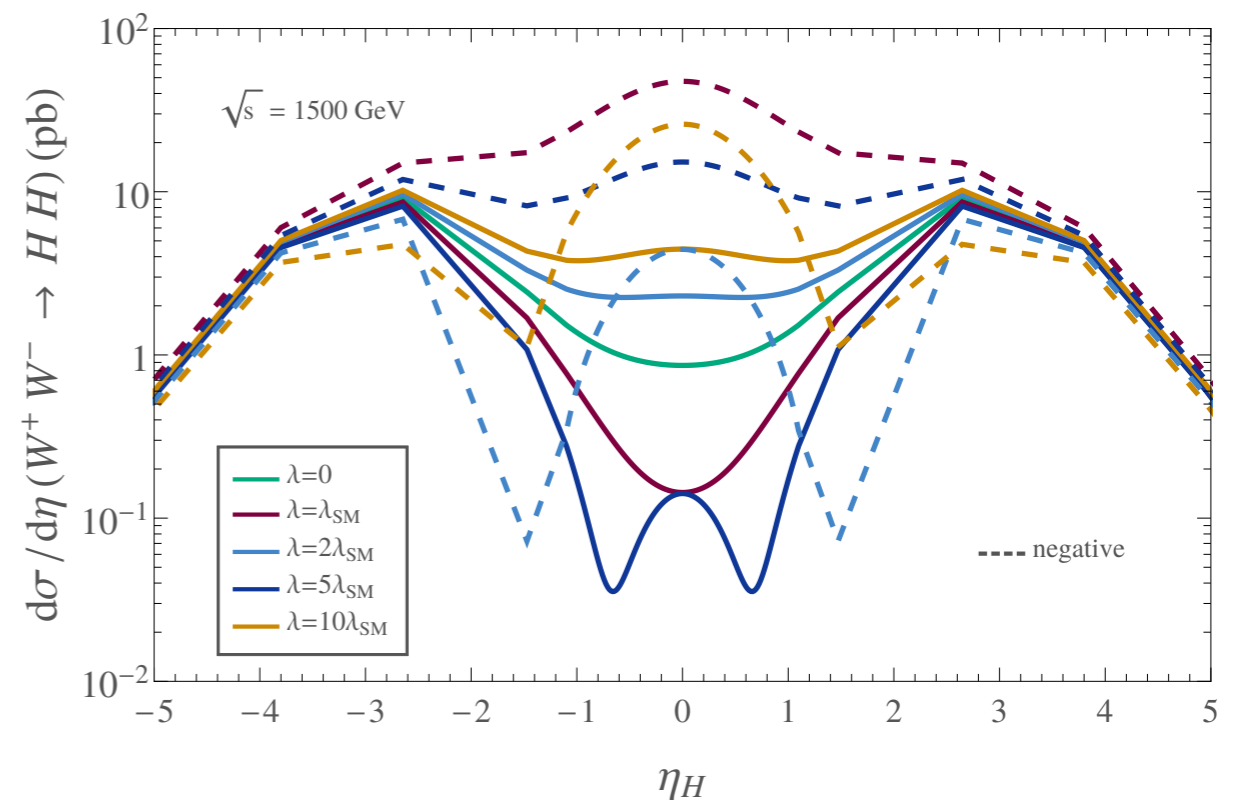
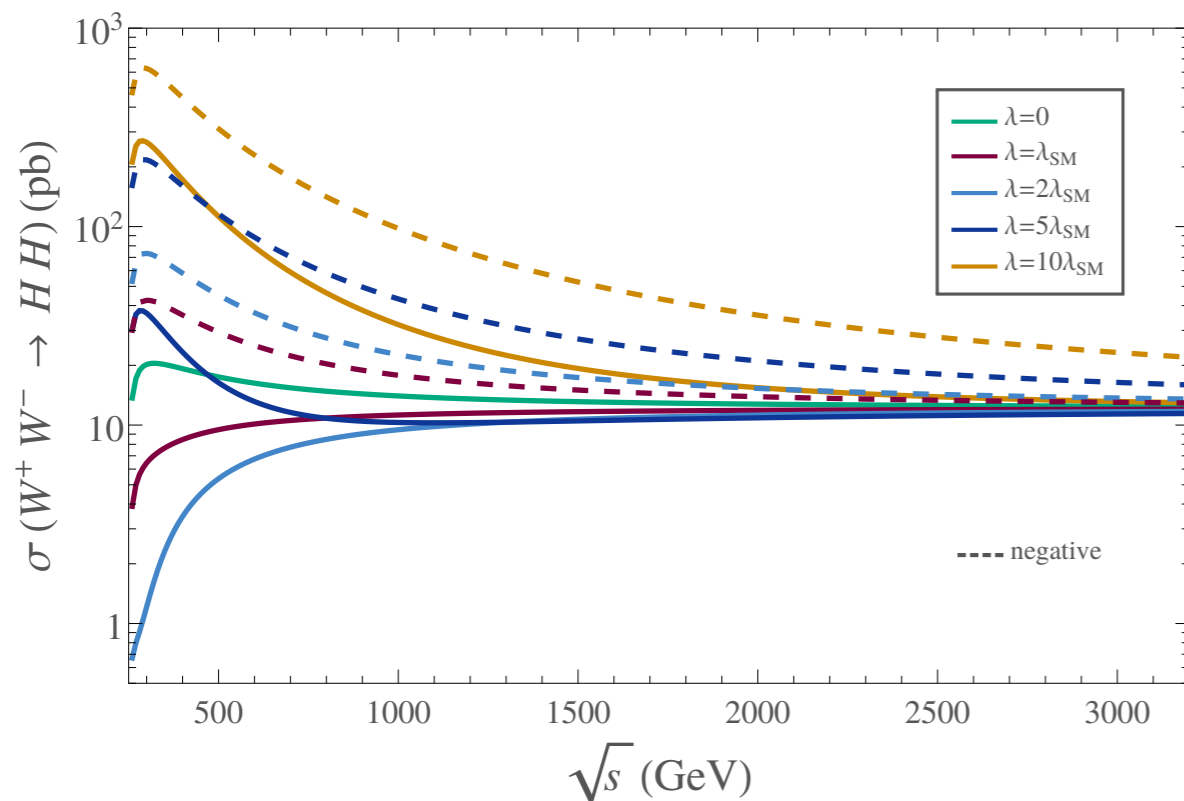
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BSM distortions varying $\kappa = \lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}}$

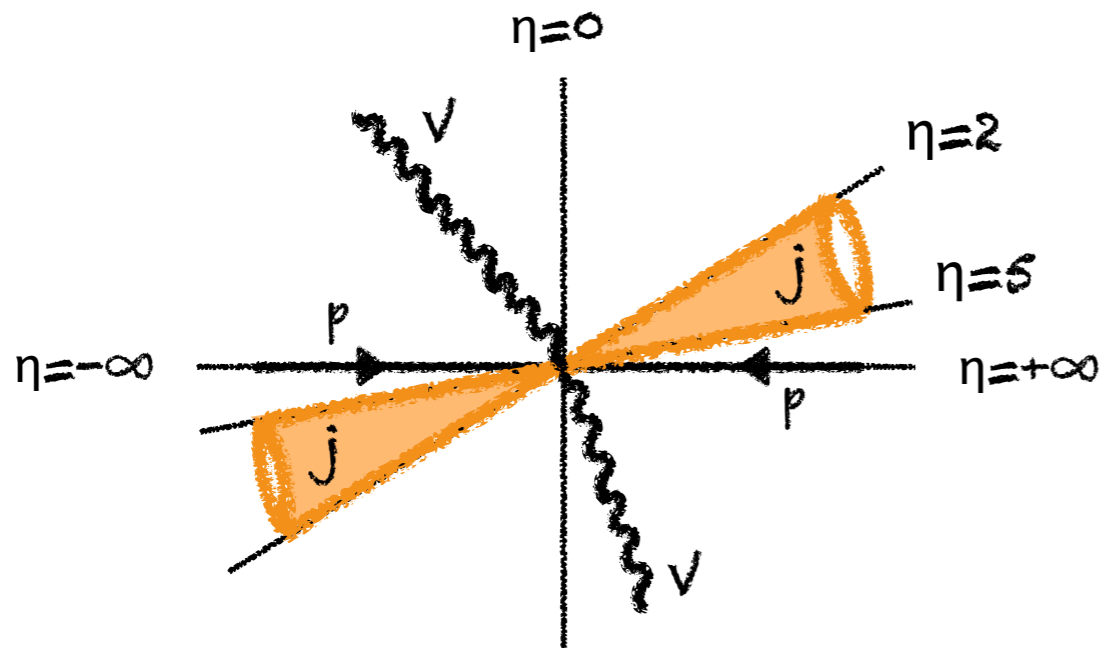
- We study $\lambda \in [-10, 10] \lambda_{\text{SM}}$
- Energy and angular behavior change when varying λ



- $\lambda \neq \lambda_{\text{SM}}$ leads to **sizable** (exp. observable) **deviations from the SM**
- **Largest deviations** near HH production **threshold**

Moving on to the LHC: $pp \rightarrow HHjj$

Signal: prediction of $q_1q_2 \rightarrow HHq_3q_4$ events for given λ
VBS characterization of our signal



Extra **jets** identify **VBS** configurations among all contributing diagrams

Two opposite-side forward/backward jets with large pseudorapidity gap required

$$|\Delta\eta_{jj}| \equiv |\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2}|$$

with large invariant masses

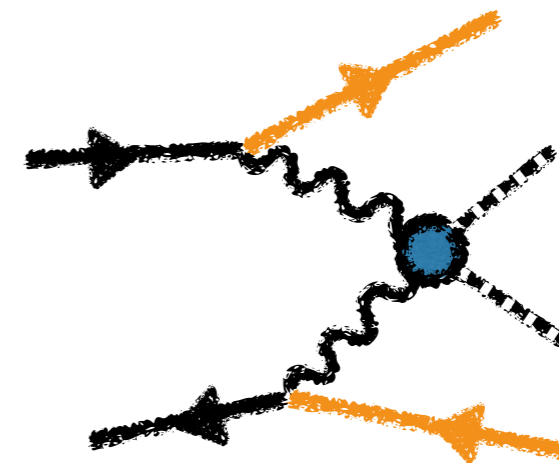
$$M_{jj}$$

Defining VBS selection cuts

Spoiler: more on this later

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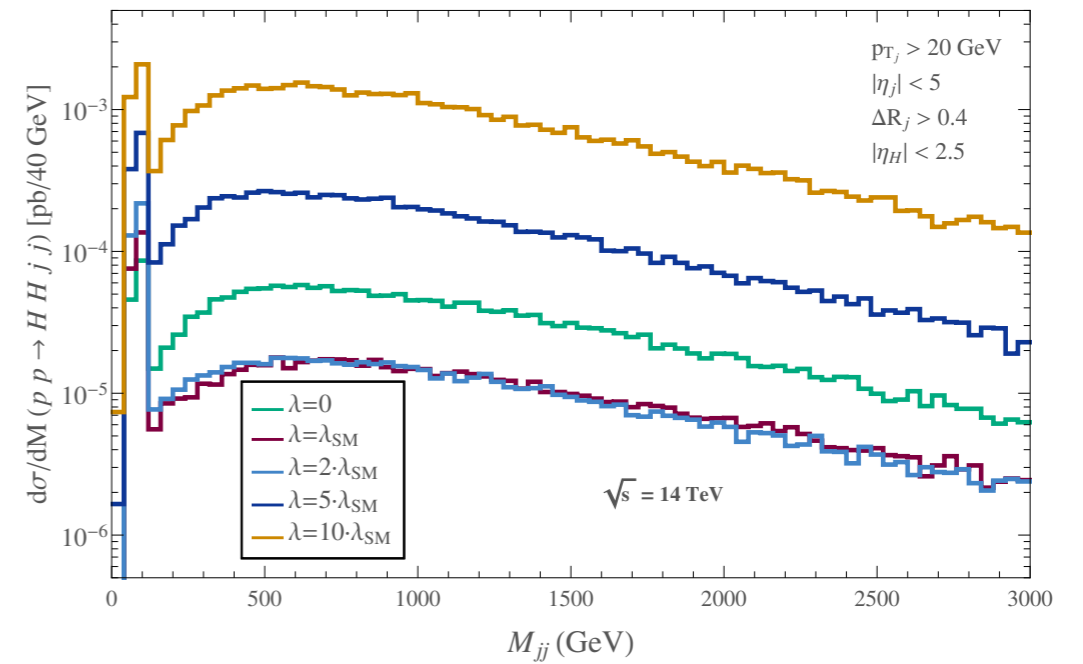
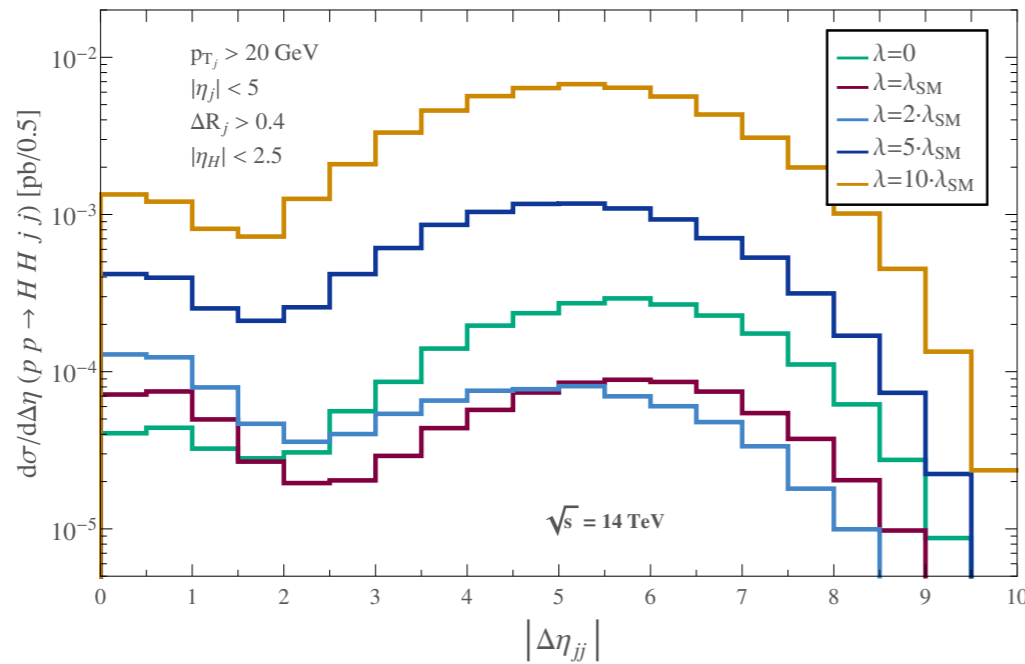
pp → HHjj characterization

All our LHC estimates are computed using MadGraph5

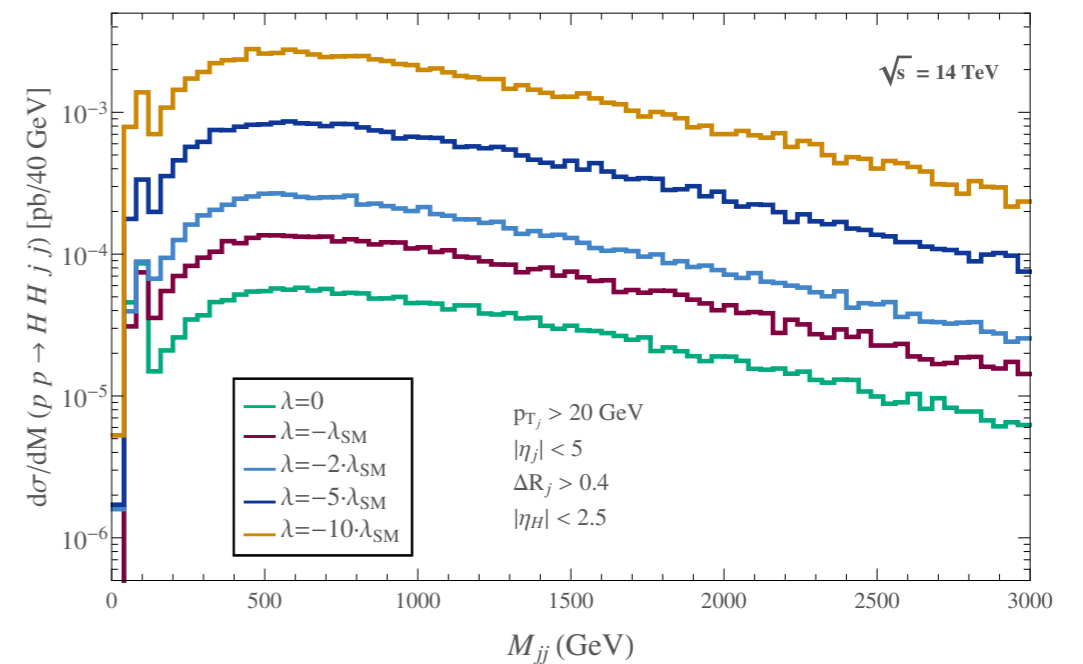
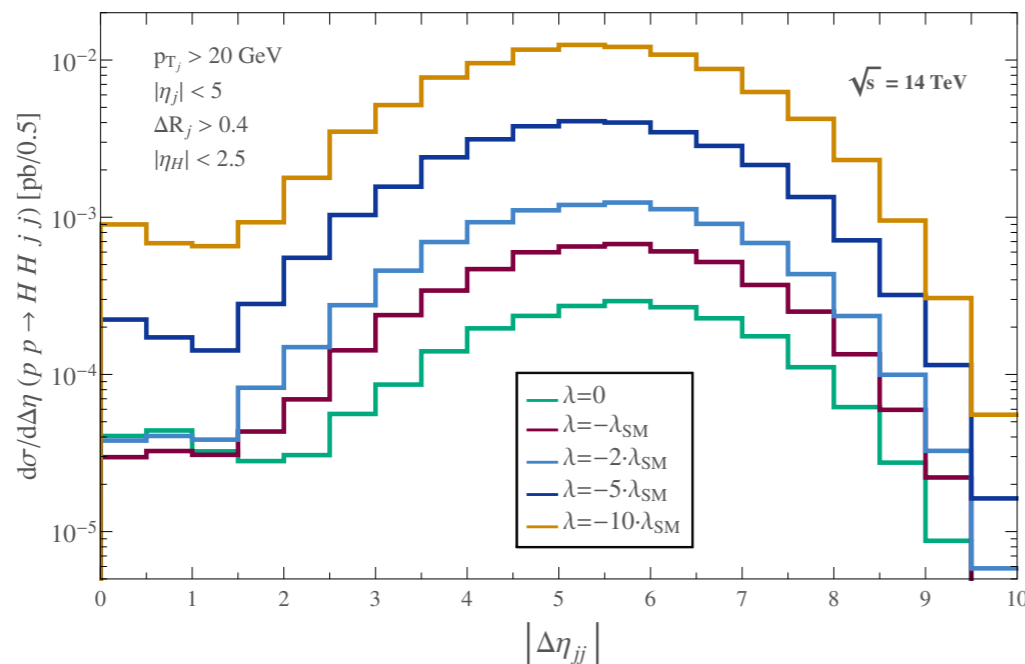
How VBS-dominated is our signal?

- **VERY!!!** 55-75% of $q_1q_2 \rightarrow HHq_3q_4$ events occur through VBS

$\lambda \geq 0$

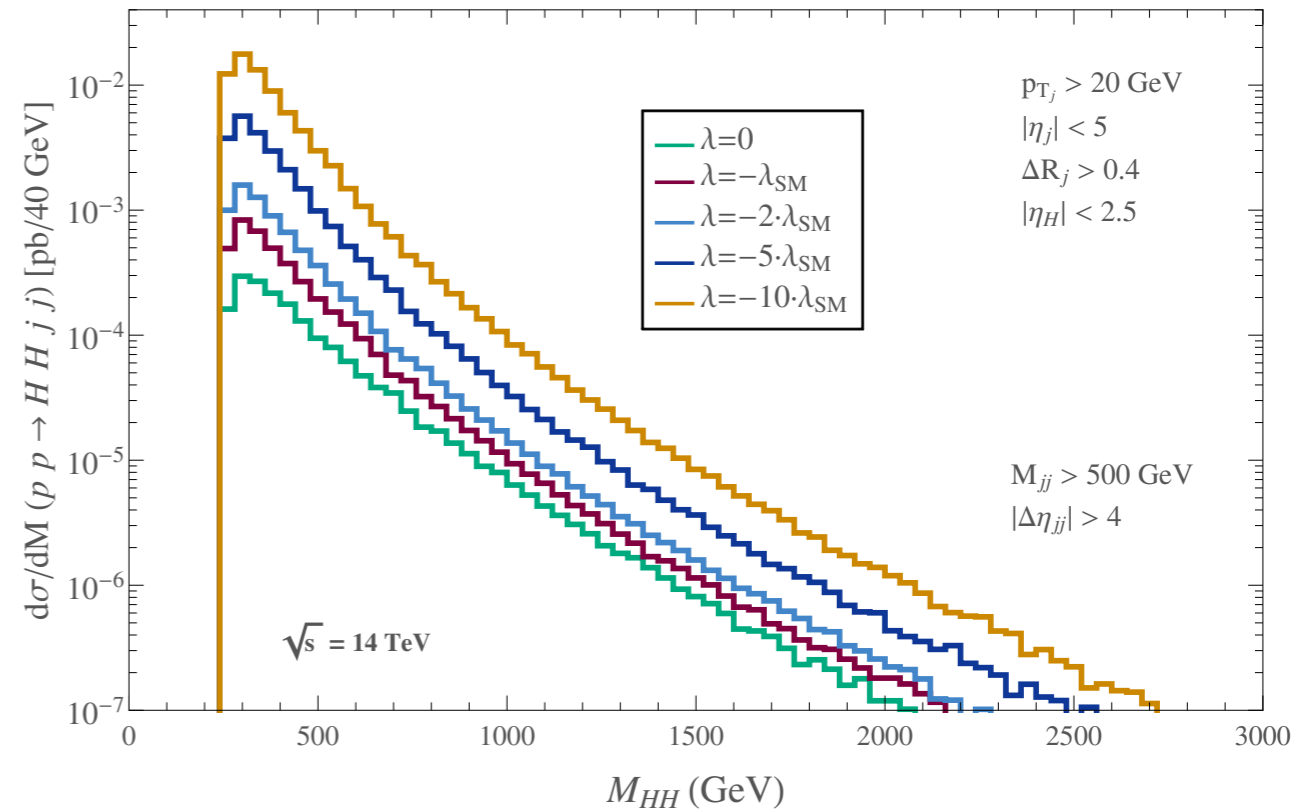
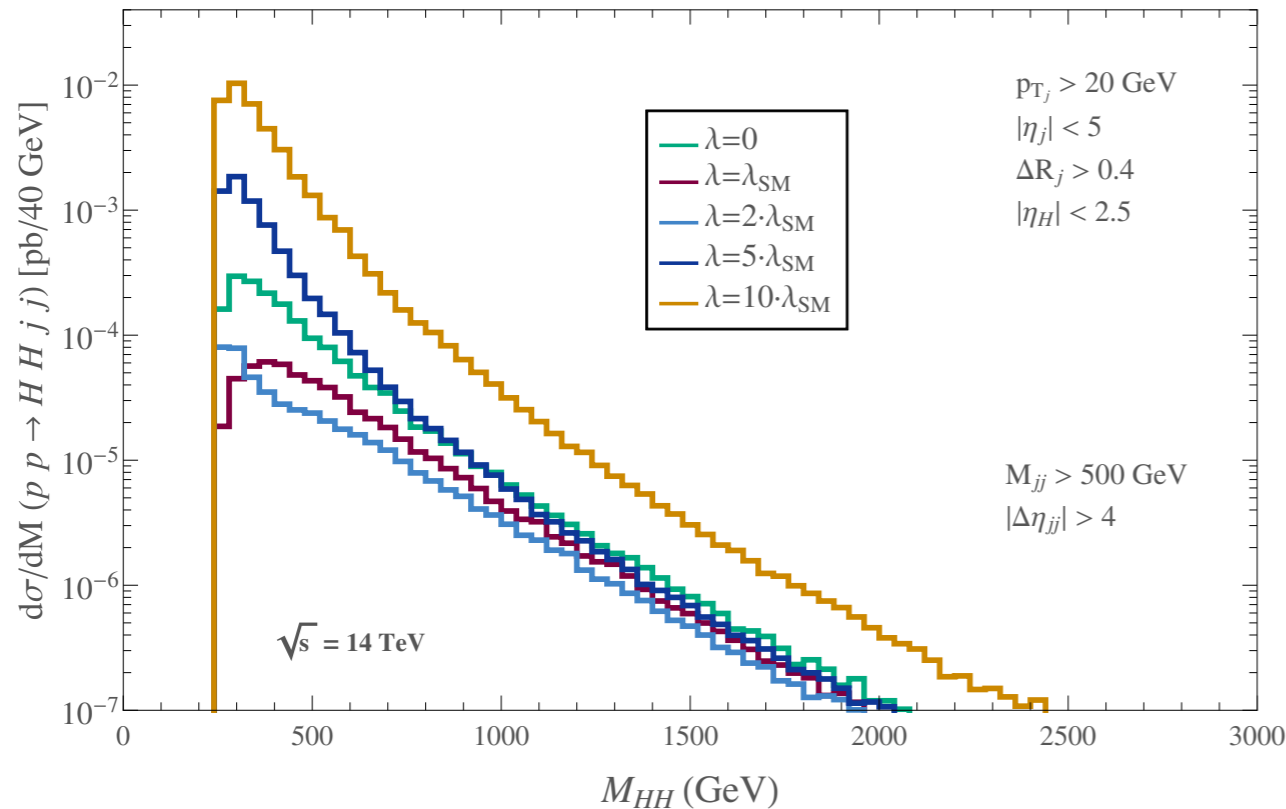


$\lambda \leq 0$



Varying κ at the LHC in $pp \rightarrow HHjj$

- $pp \rightarrow HHjj$ VBS-dominated \longrightarrow direct translation from subprocess results
- **Visible deviations** respect to the SM!!!



- Different sensitivity to $\lambda > 0$ and to $\lambda < 0$ remains
- Largest sensitivity still near HH production threshold

Our signal after Higgs decays

- HH production observed through Higgs decay products
- Two decays considered: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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Let us explore this one first!!

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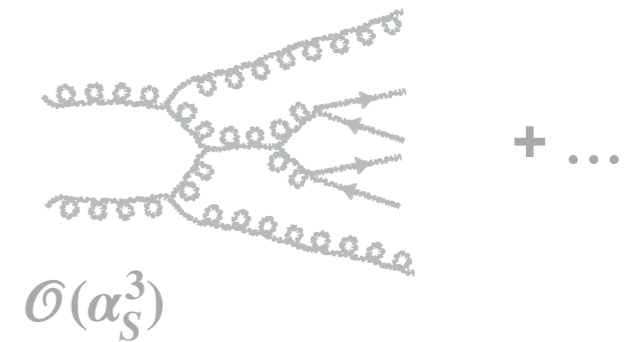
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Identifying backgrounds in $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

multijet QCD $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

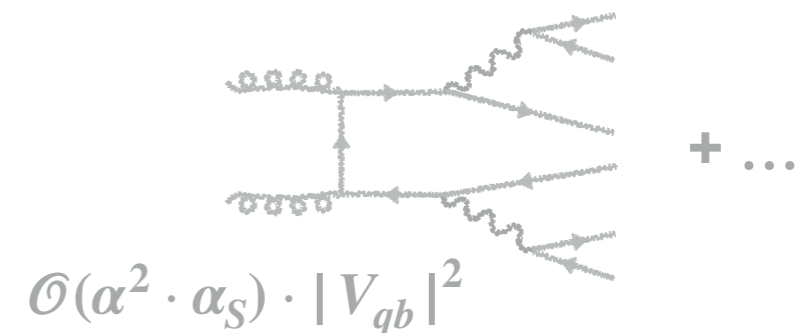
Estimated with MG5
Checked with AlpGen

- **Dominant** background by many **orders of magnitude**
- **Additional** selection **cuts** apart from **VBS** required?



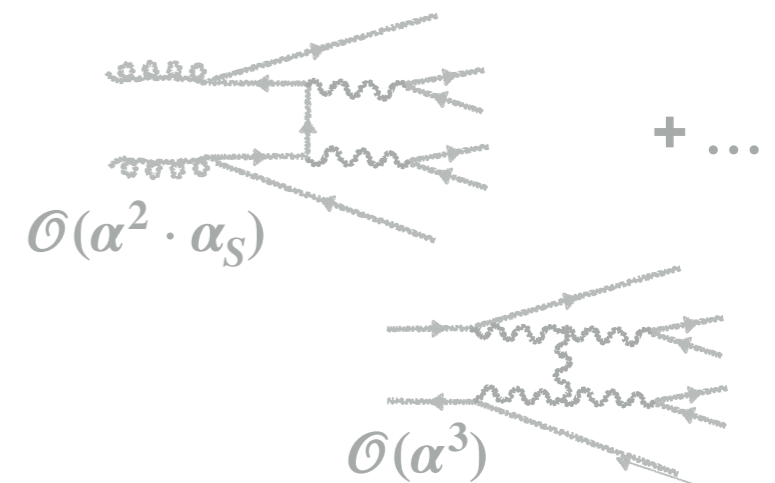
$tt \rightarrow bW^+b\bar{W}^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

- **CKM suppressed**
- **Radically different kinematics** respect to **VBS**
- **Under control**



$pp \rightarrow ZZjj \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$ & $pp \rightarrow ZHjj \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

- Take place **in part** through **VBS** configurations
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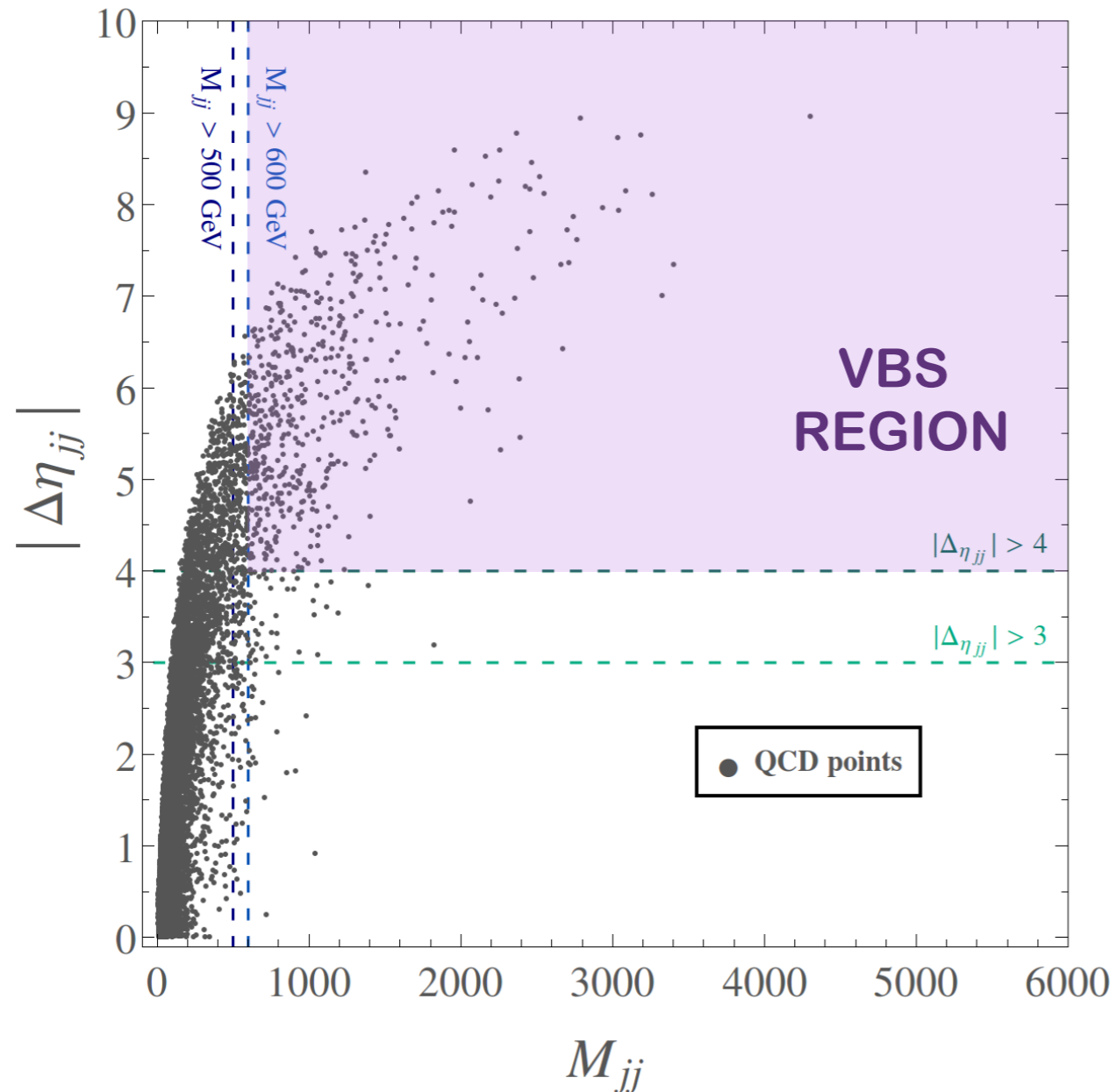
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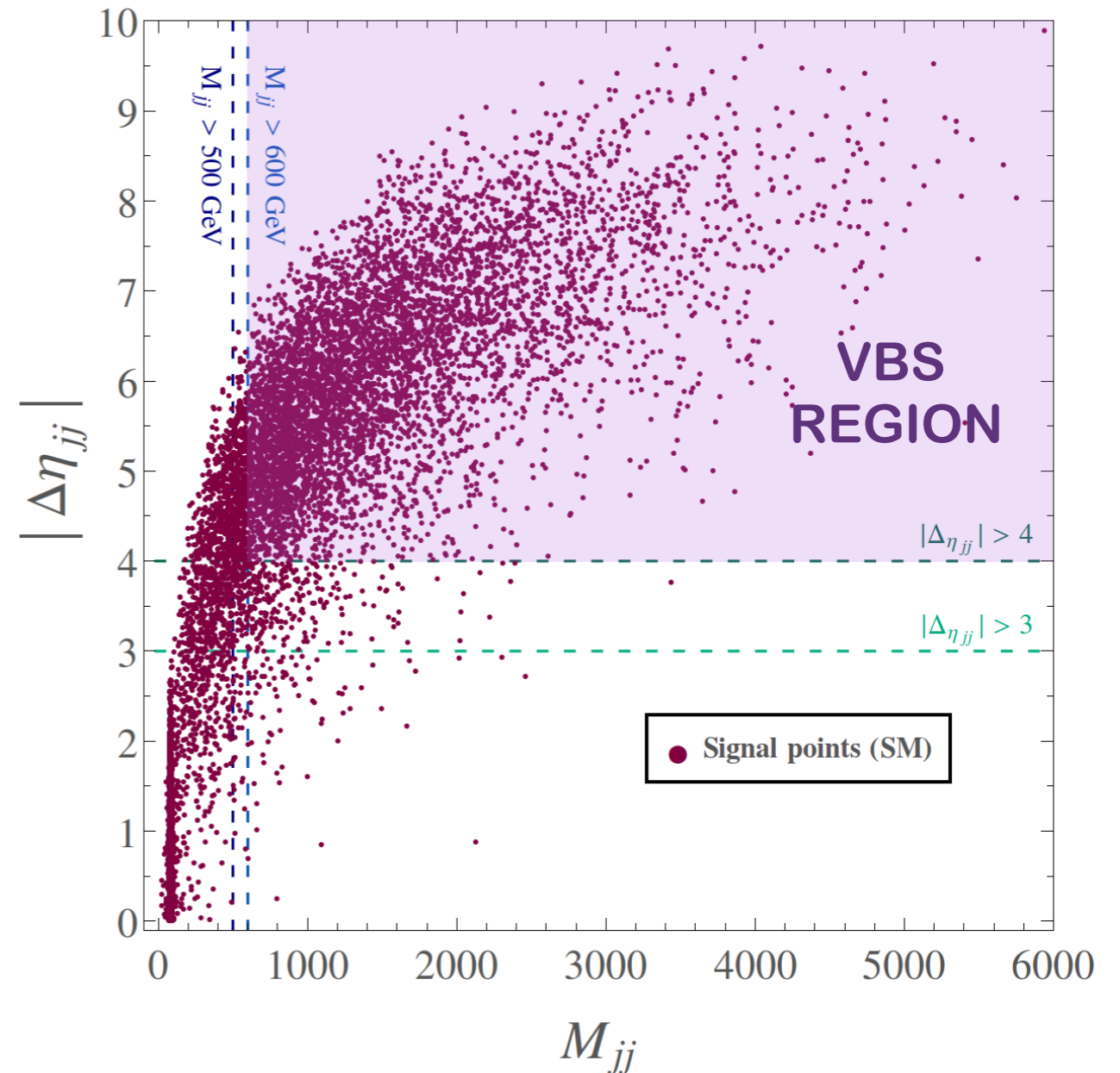
Signal and QCD background kinematics

Signal & QCD bkg populate different kinematical regions

Multijet QCD characterized by small $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ and small M_{jj}



Most of signal events in VBS kin. region

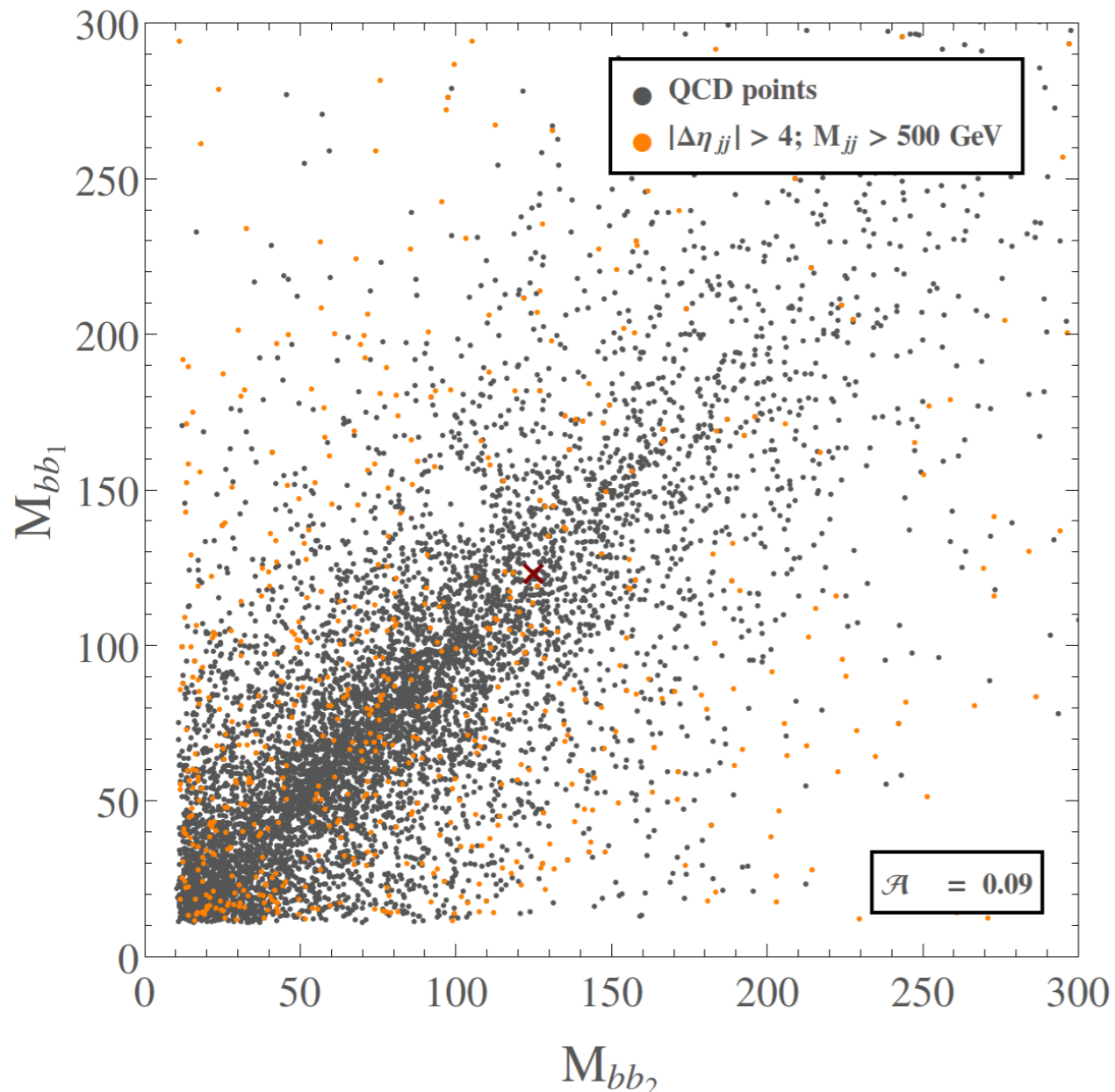


New cuts apart from VBS?

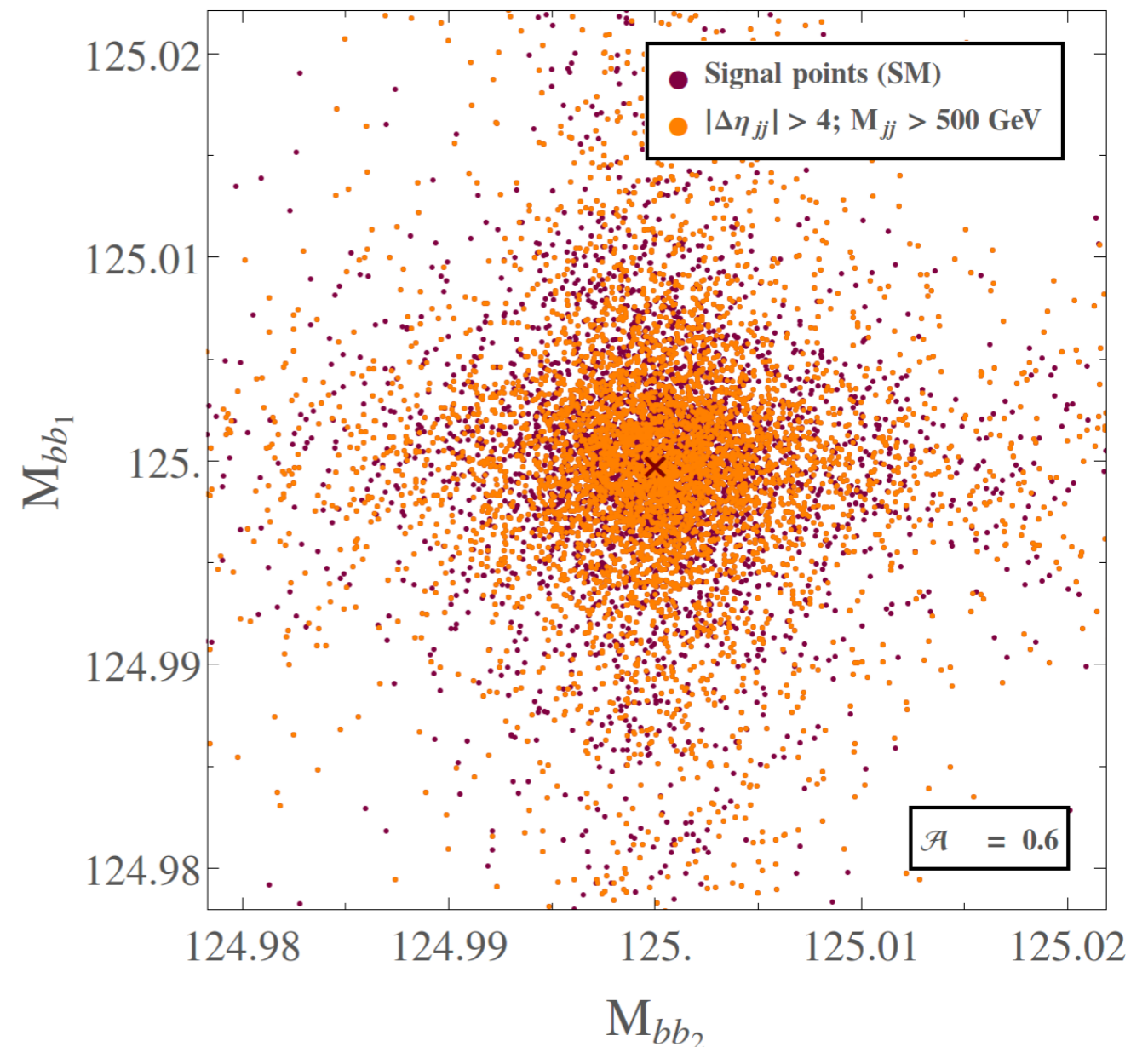
Profit from Higgs decays info

- **b-quarks paired** as HH candidates: pairing **minimizing** $|M_{bb1} - M_{bb2}|$

Multijet QCD **background** events
lie mainly at **low** $[M_{bb1}, M_{bb2}]$



Signal events lie near
 $[M_{bb1}, M_{bb2}] \sim [M_H, M_H]$

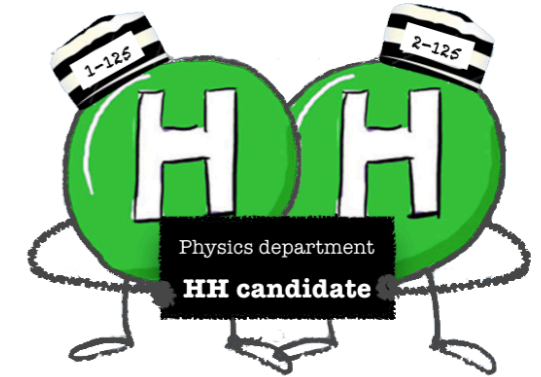


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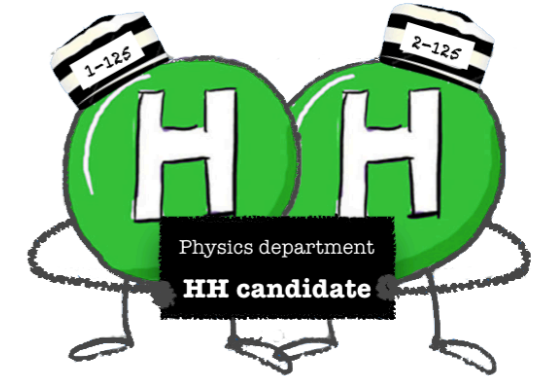
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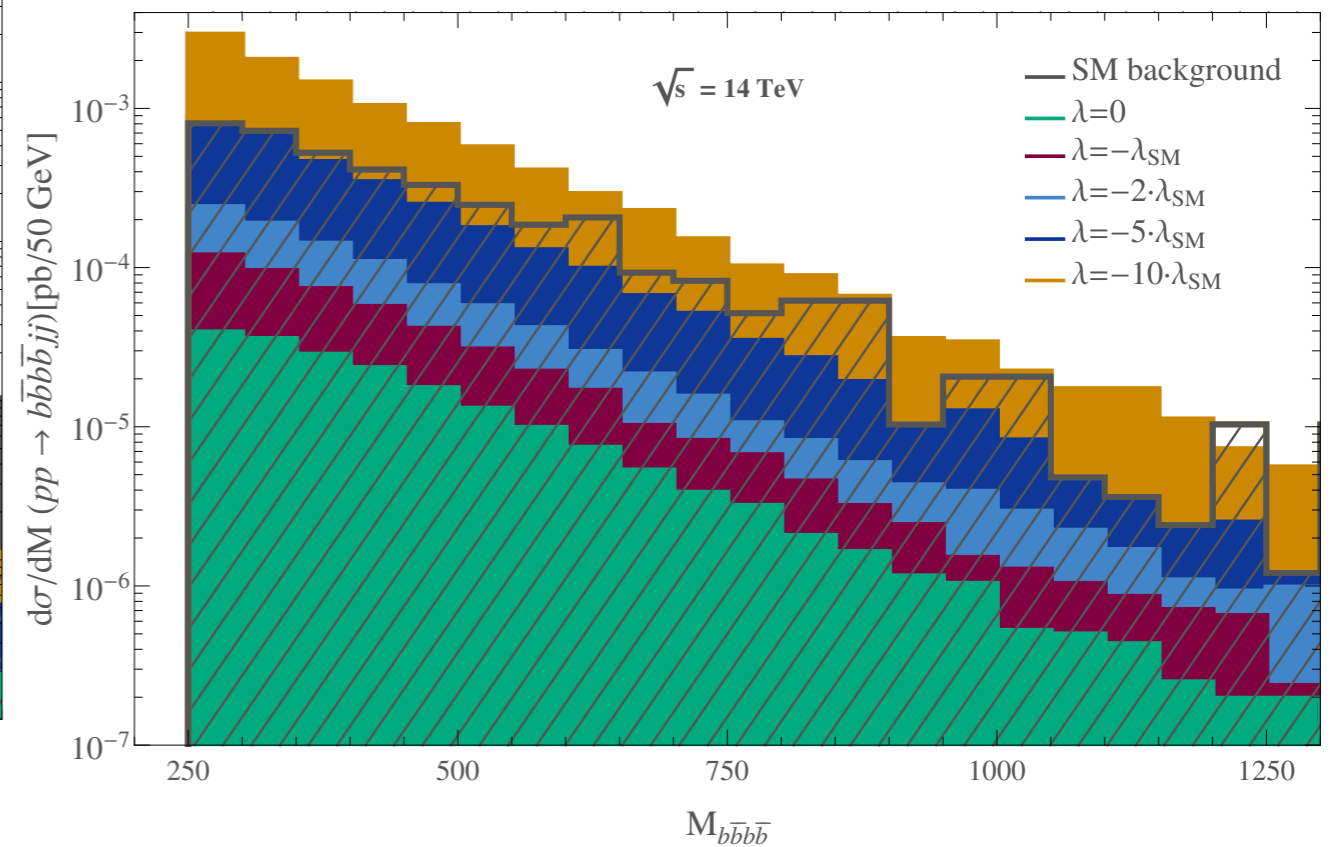
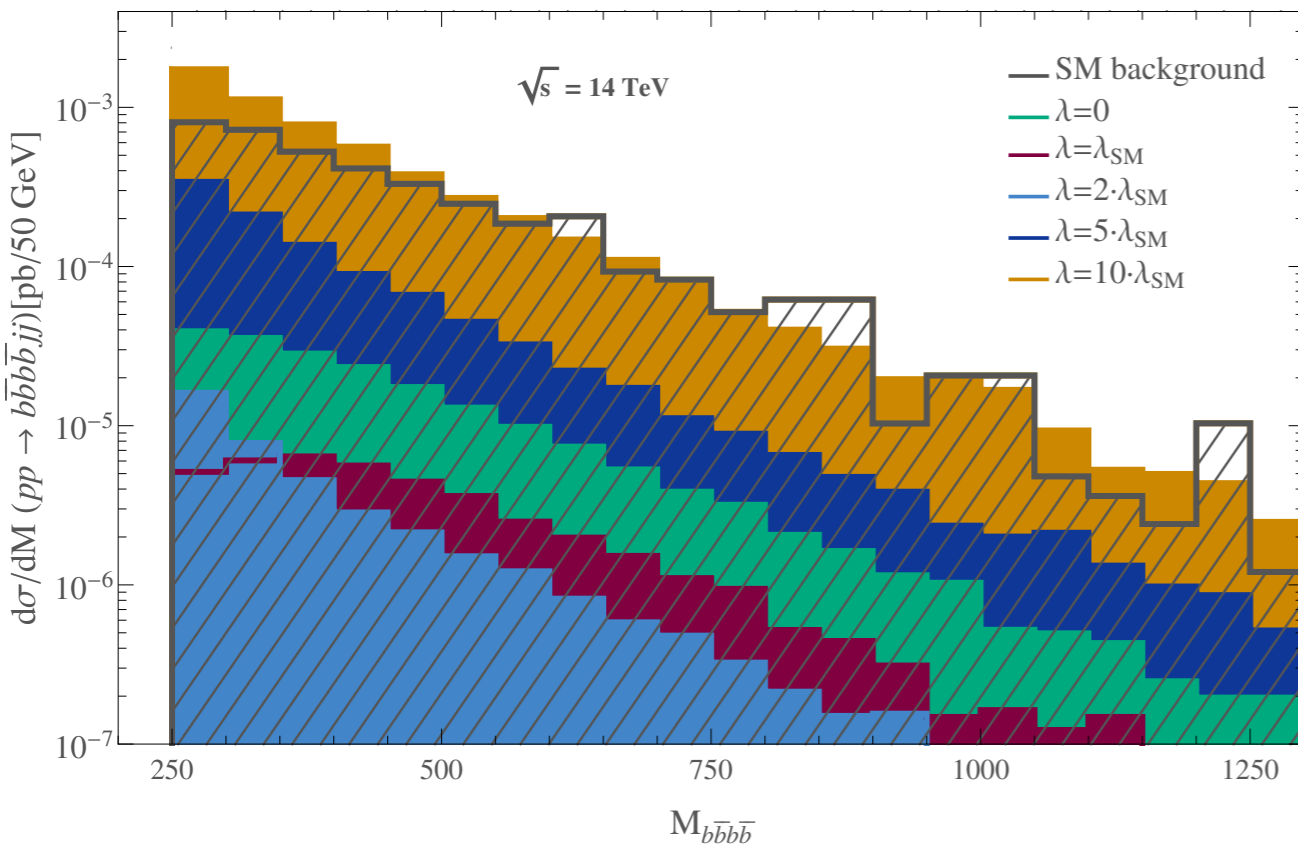
- **Very reduced backgrounds!!!**
- **Total SM background: multijet QCD + ZZjj + ZHjj events leading to $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$**

4b inv. mass distributions of $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

Signal = $q_1q_2 \rightarrow HHq_3q_4 \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}q_3q_4$ (sensitive to λ)

SM Background = multijet QCD + ZHjj + ZZjj leading to $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

- Similar results as in $pp \rightarrow HHjj$ varying κ
- Clear deviations respect the background and the λ_{SM} prediction



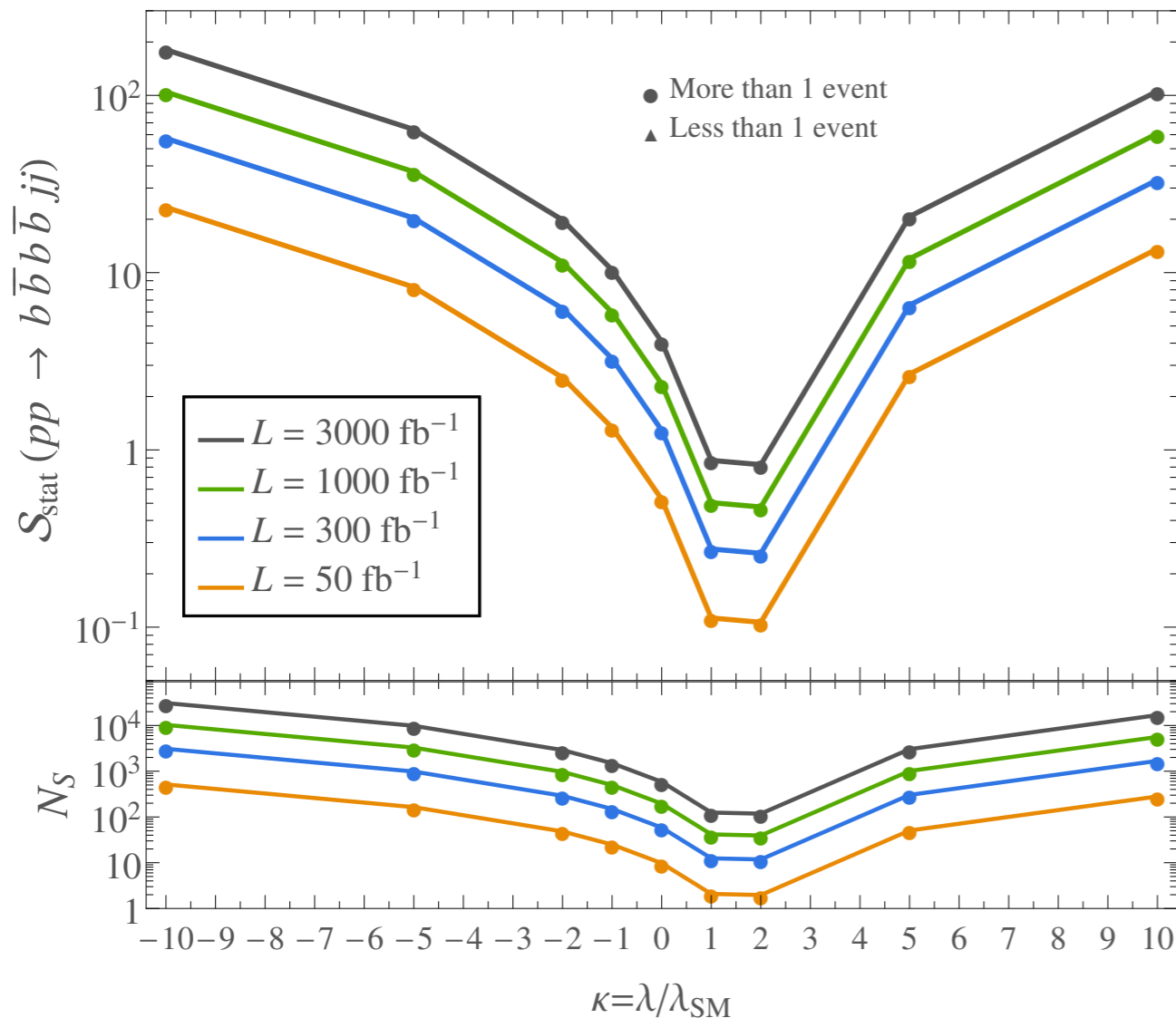
- Some predictions ($\kappa = -10$) even above backgrounds!

Sensitivity to λ in $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

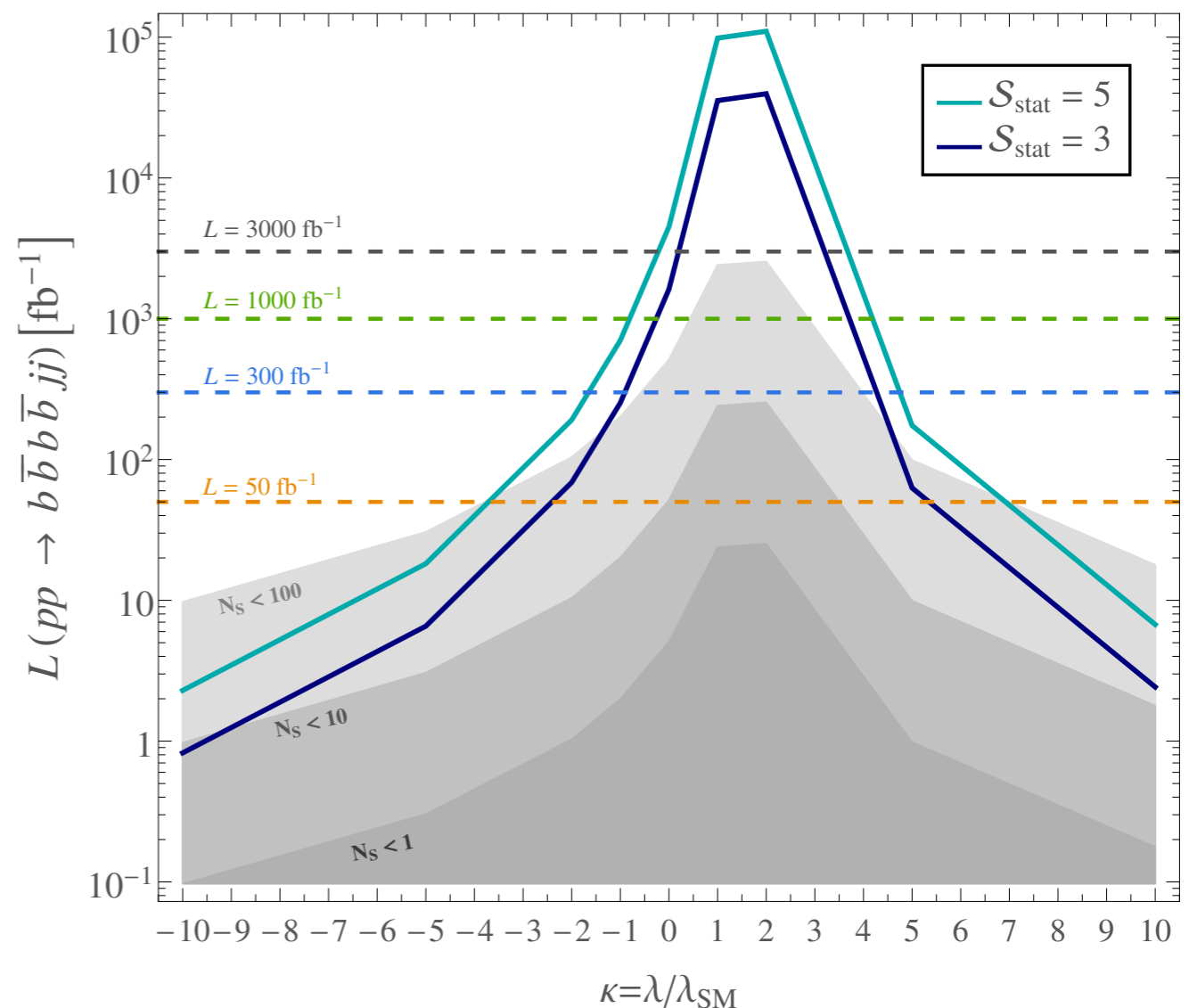
High sensitivity to BSM λ
even for the lowest luminosities!!!

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{stat}} = \sqrt{-2 \left((N_S + N_B) \log \left(\frac{N_B}{N_S + N_B} \right) + N_S \right)}$$

Statistical significance for different λ values and different luminosities



Luminosity required to observe a λ value at 3σ and 5σ



Accessible values of λ in $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$

Which λ intervals can we probe through VBS?

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Our signal after Higgs decays

- HH production observed through Higgs decay products
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Highest rates due to large $BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \sim 60\%$



Large backgrounds

Time to explore this one!!

$$pp \rightarrow HHjj \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma jj \quad (q_1q_2 \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma q_3q_4)$$



Much cleaner channel. Small and controllable backgrounds

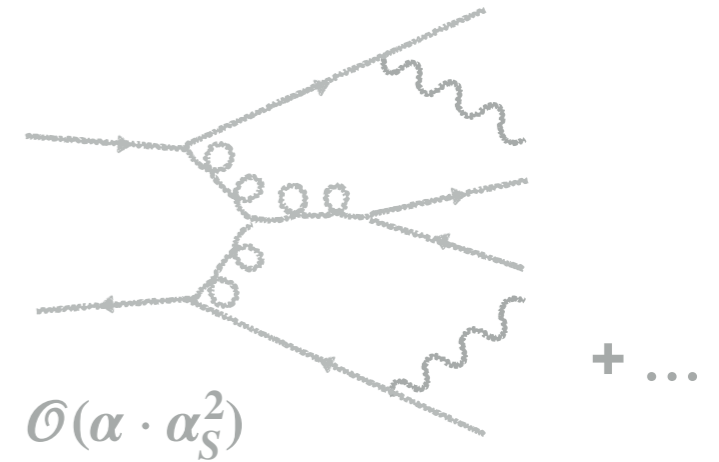


Lower statistics due to small $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 0.2\%$

pp → bbγγjj backgrounds and selection cuts

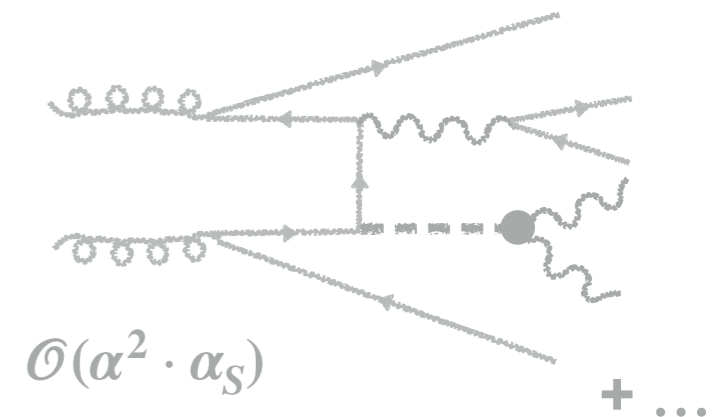
mixed QCDEW pp → b**̄**γγjj

- **Dominant** background but easy to control
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pp → ZHjj → b**̄**γγjj

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Selection cuts

VBS cuts + HH candidate

$$p_{T_{\gamma l}}/M_{\gamma\gamma} > 1/3; \quad p_{T_{\gamma s}}/M_{\gamma\gamma} > 1/4; \quad \chi_{HH} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{M_{bb} - m_H}{0.05 m_H}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{M_{\gamma\gamma} - m_H}{0.05 m_H}\right)^2} < 1$$

VERY REDUCED BACKGROUNDS!

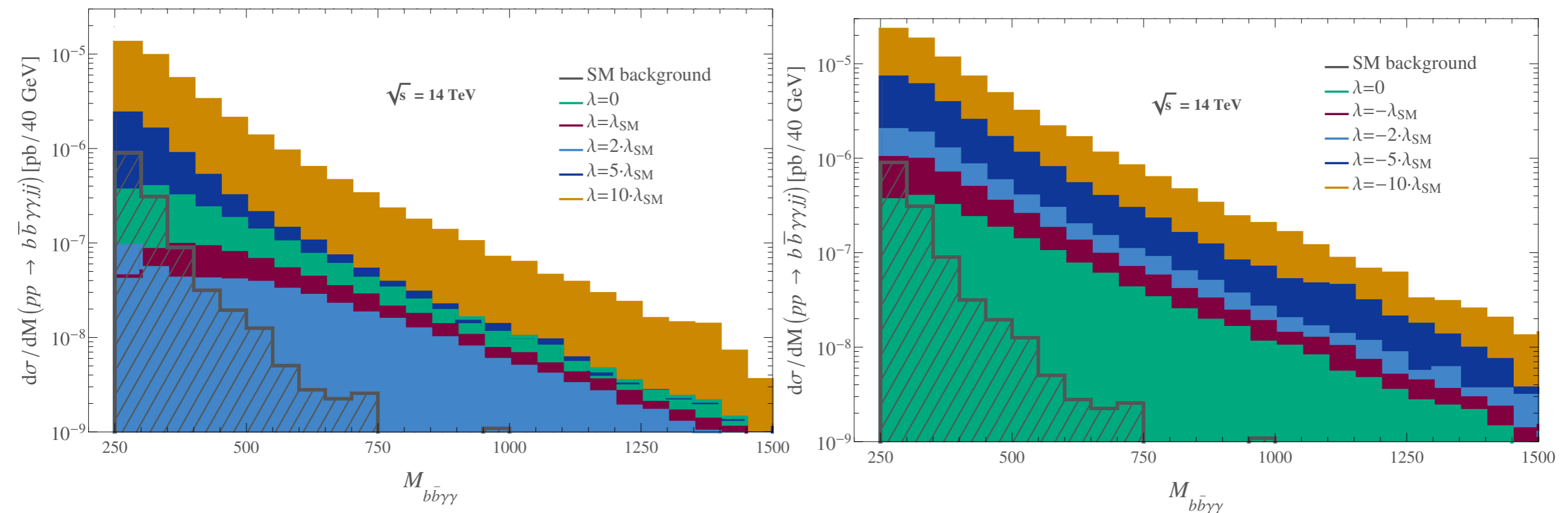
Basic detection cuts: $p_{T_{j,b}} > 20 \text{ GeV}; p_{T_{\gamma}} > 18 \text{ GeV}; |\eta_j| < 5; |\eta_{b,\gamma}| < 2.5; \Delta R_{jj,jb,\gamma\gamma,\gamma b,\gamma j} > 0.4; \Delta R_{bb} > 0.2, p_{T_{\gamma l}}$

2b2γ inv. mass distributions of $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma jj$

Signal = $q_1 q_2 \rightarrow HHq_3 q_4 \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma q_3 q_4$ (sensitive to λ)

SM Background = mixed QCDEW + ZHjj events leading to $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma jj$

- Similar results as in $pp \rightarrow HHjj$ and $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}jj$ varying κ with smaller rates
- Again clear deviations respect the background and the λ_{SM} prediction

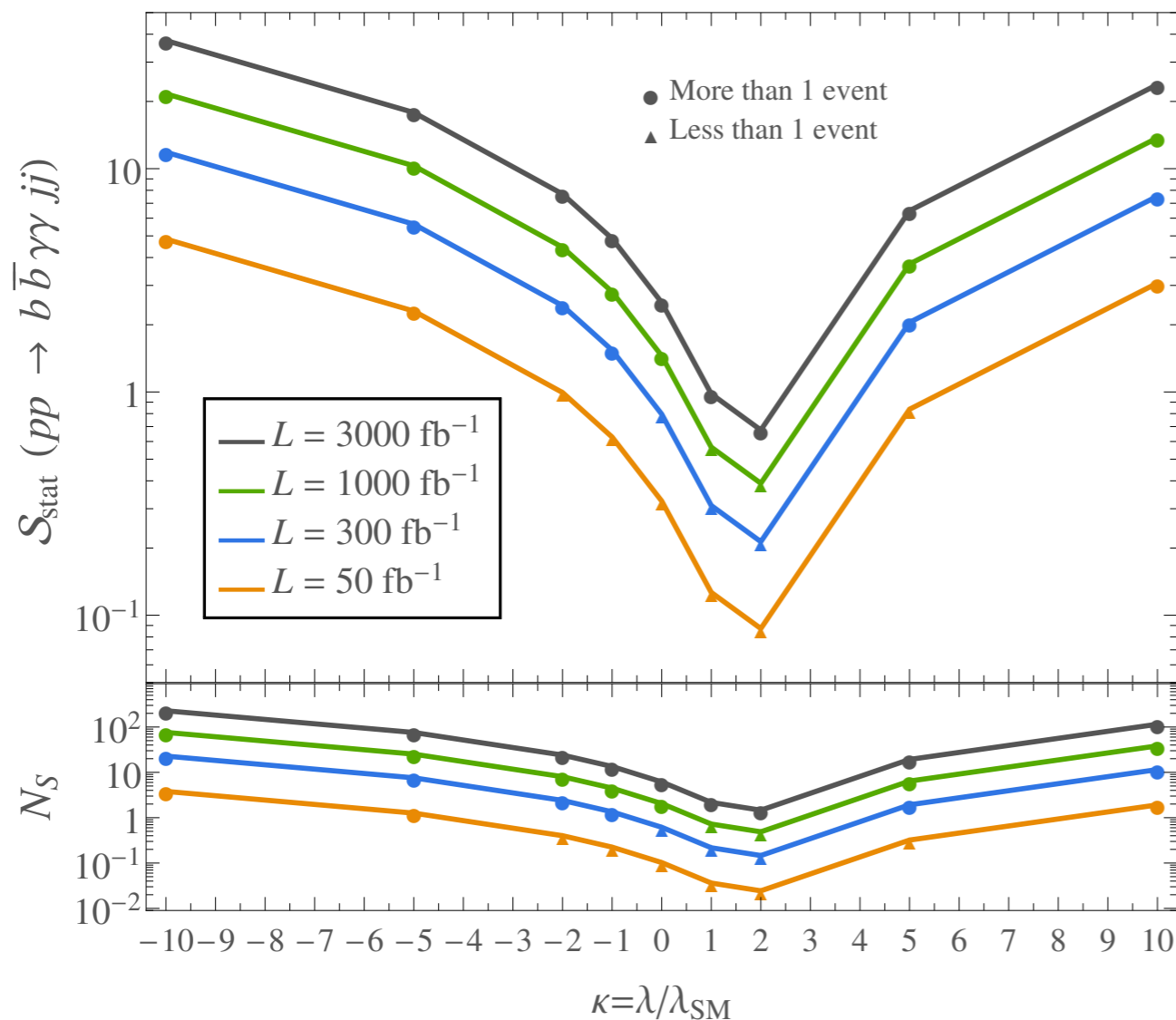


- Very reduced and steeper backgrounds
- All tested values of λ above background!

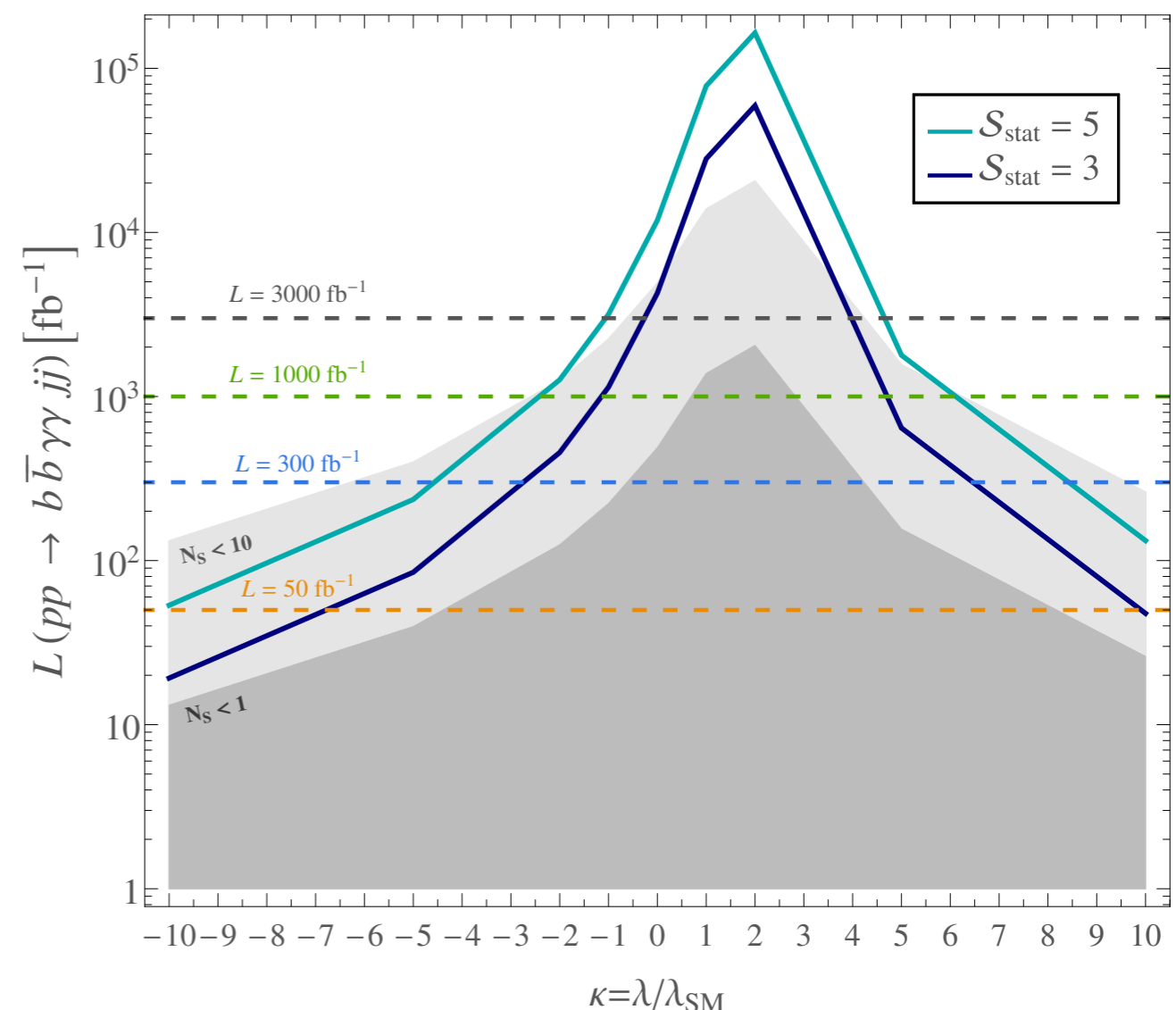
Sensitivity in $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma jj$

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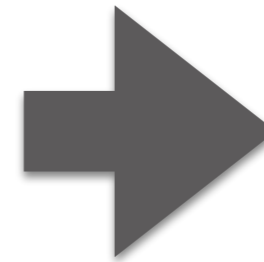
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Take home message

VBS very optimal to probe the H self-coupling at the LHC!!!

Vector Boson Fusion



sensitivity



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Back up slides

Features of sensitivity to λ at different \sqrt{s}

Interplay between diagrams

- $\lambda > 0$: **negative** interference
- $\lambda < 0$: **positive** interference

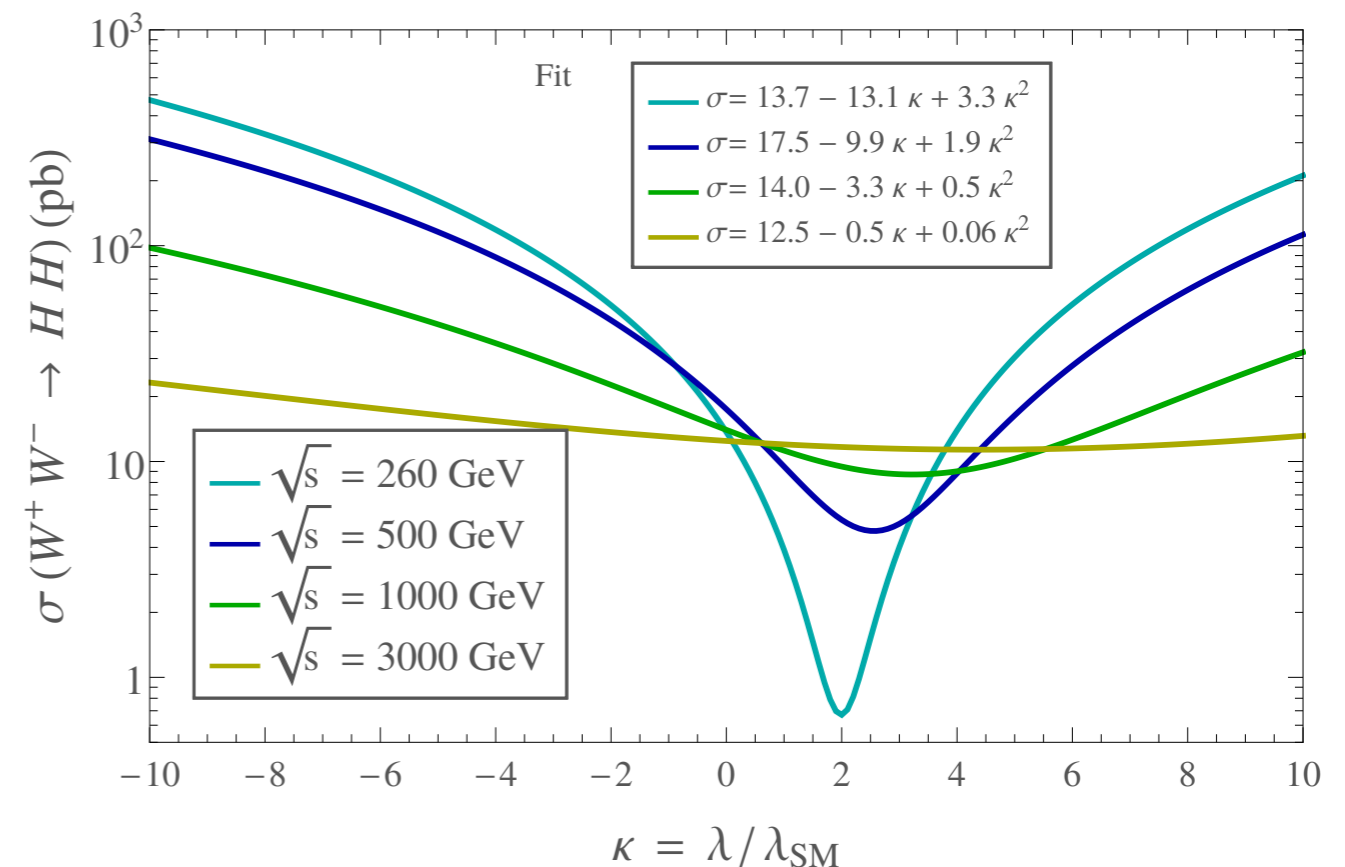
Sensitivity to $\lambda > 0$ and to $\lambda < 0$ **different!**

Better sensitivity for $\lambda < 0$ for same $|\lambda|$

Cancellations and analytical sensitivity to λ depend on energy and λ value

Highest sensitivity outside the interval around minimum

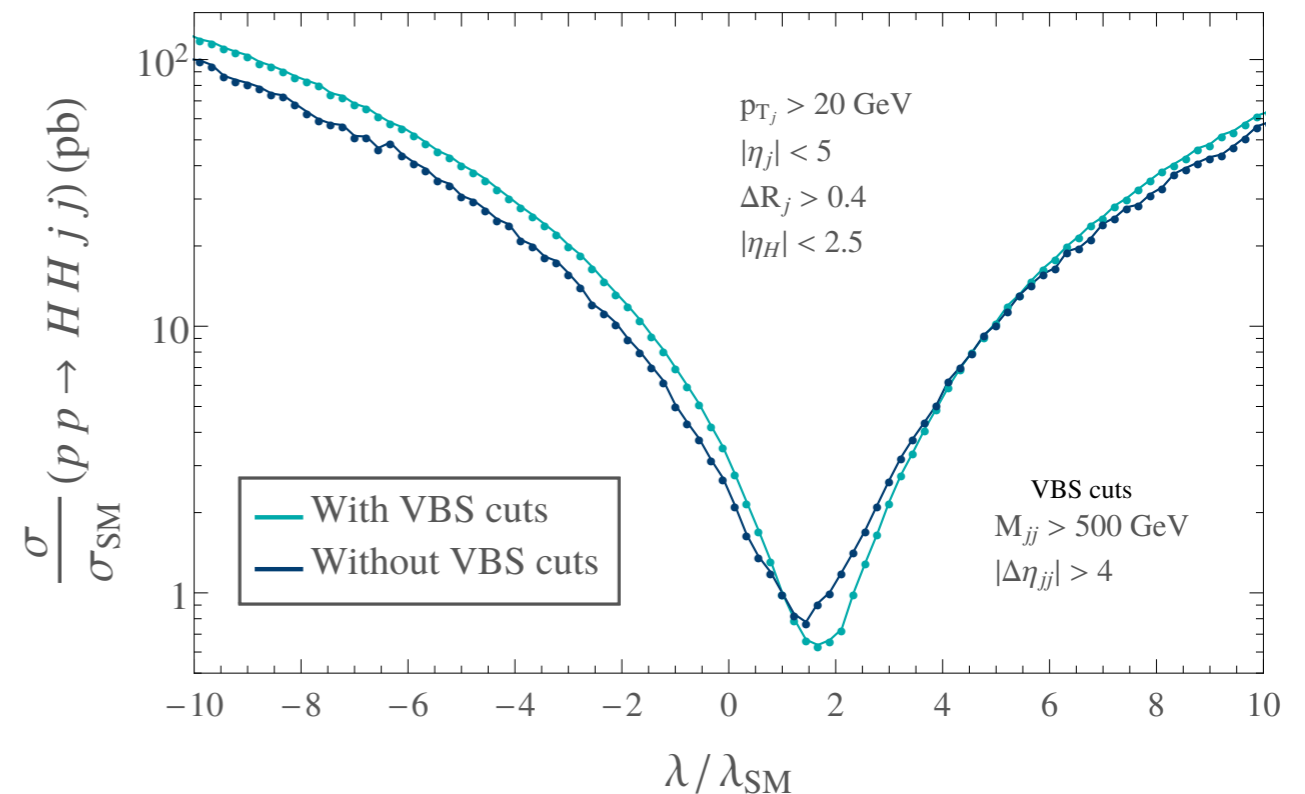
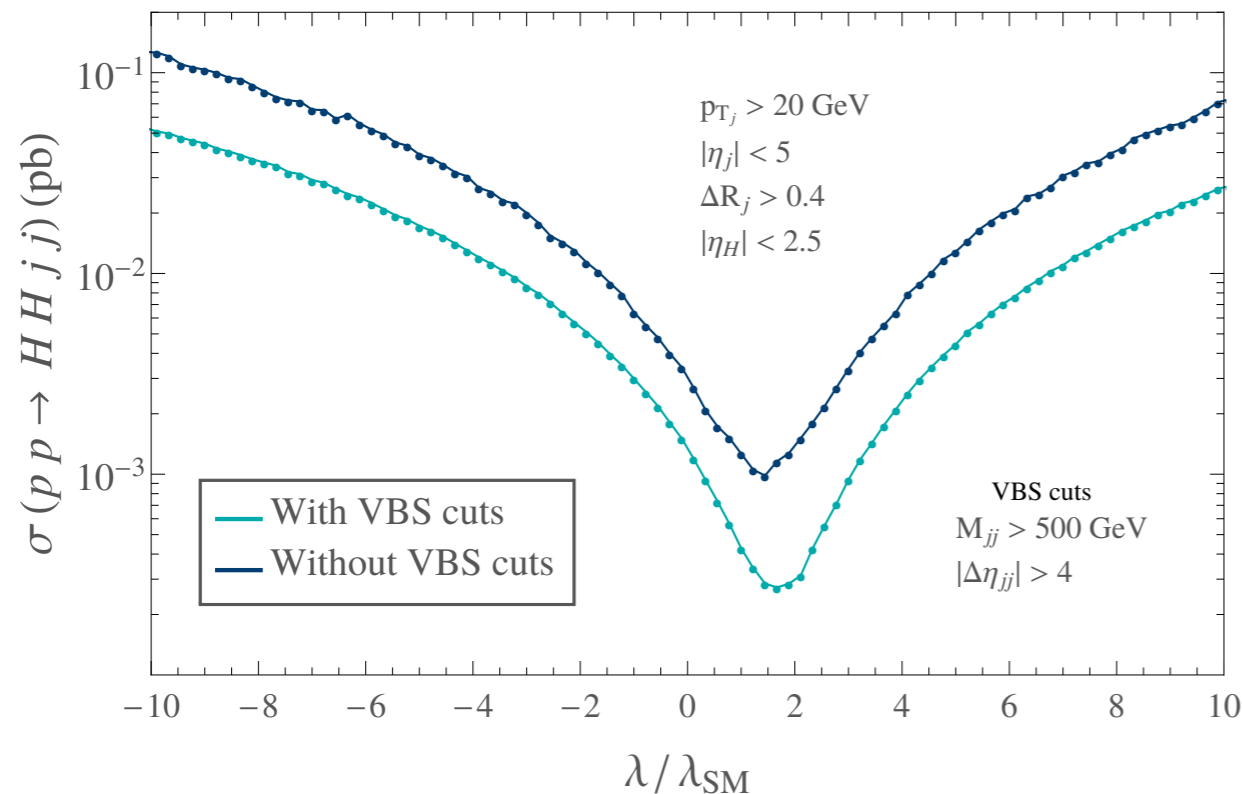
Largest cross section and sensitivity near the HH threshold



Sensitivity at the LHC vs subprocess

Does interference play the same role in $pp \rightarrow HHjj$?

- **Minimum** appears in **different** place?
 - **LHC** cross section **dominated** by region close to **HH threshold**
 - Applying **VBS** cuts **moves** minimum
 - **VBS** selection **improves** sensitivity away from minimum

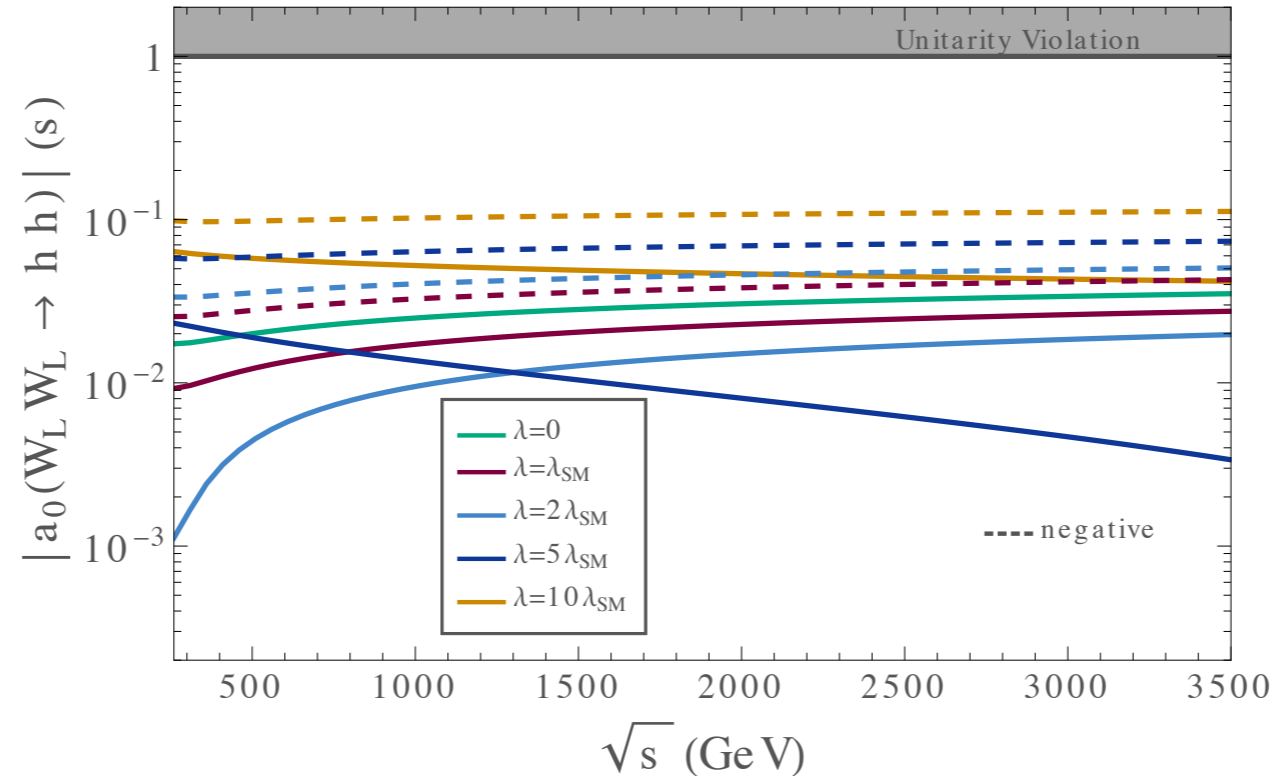


(No) Unitarity violation problems

- Definition of unitarity violation: absolute value of J^{th} (angular momentum) partial wave of $VV \rightarrow HH$ becomes 1

$$|a_J| = \left| \frac{1}{64\pi} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta A(VV \rightarrow HH) P_J(\cos\theta) \right| > 1$$

- We have checked that all our partial waves for $\lambda \in [-10, 10] \lambda_{\text{SM}}$ are below 0.1
- No unitarity violation in this channel

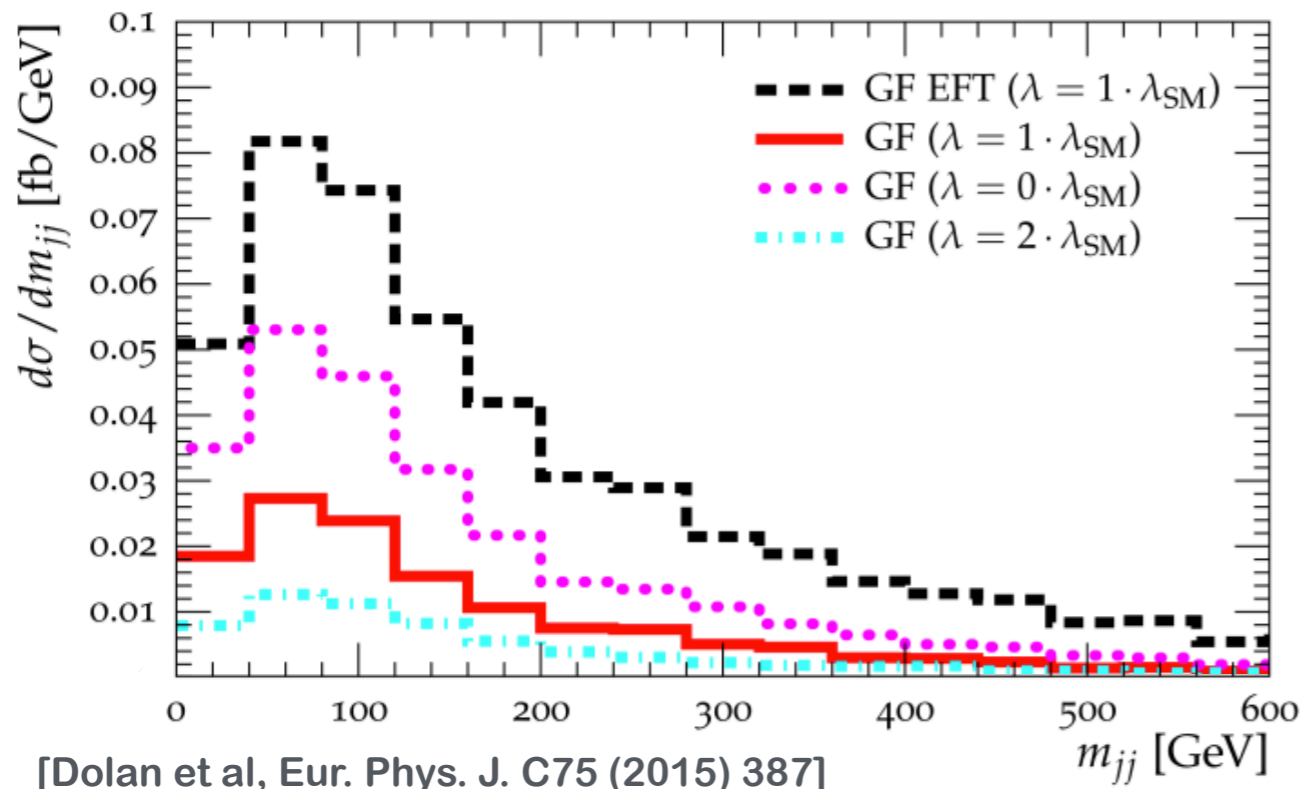


- Other channels such as $HH \rightarrow HH$ might violate unitarity for $\kappa \sim 7$ values at low energies

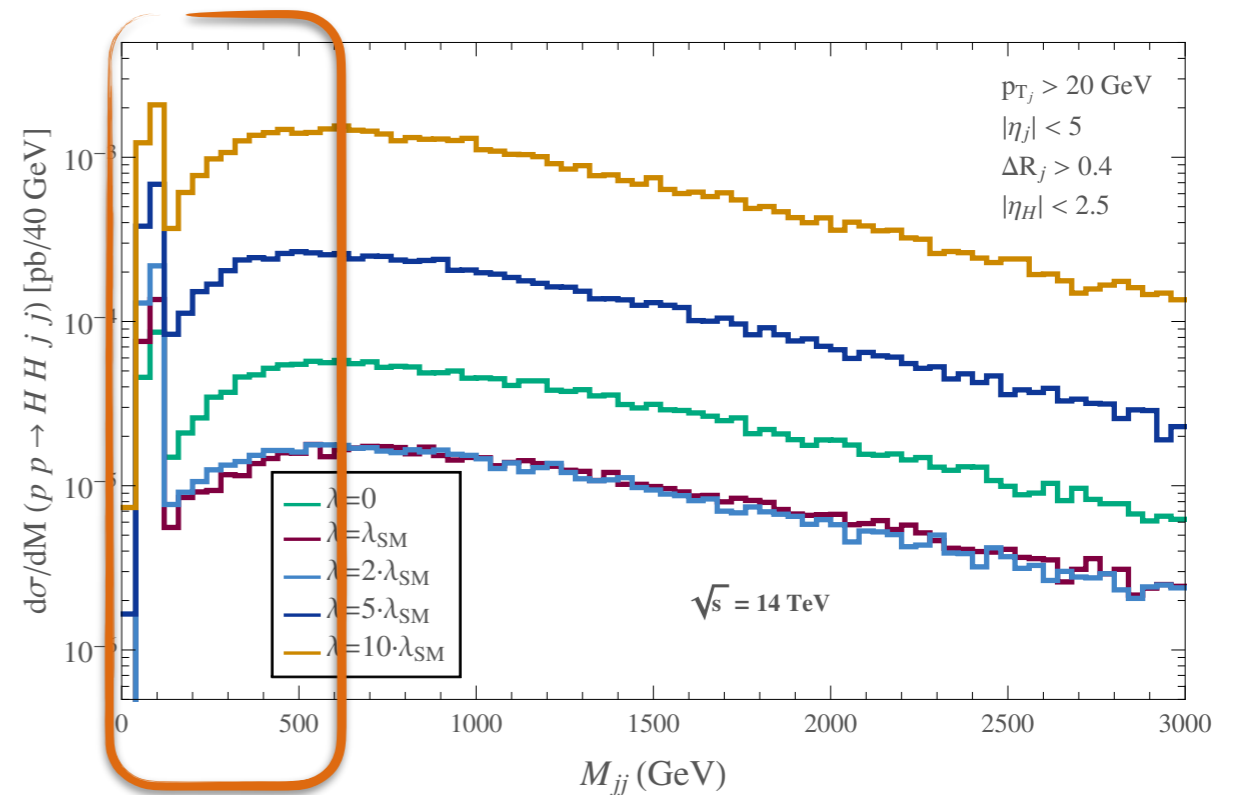
[Di Luzio et al, Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.11, 788]

“Pollution” from ggF HHjj production?

- Initial cross section twice as big as pure VBS
- After [Dolan et al, Eur. Phys. J. C75 (2015) 387] selection cuts based on $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ ggF amounts to 1/3 of VBS
- They also impose cuts on low M_{HH} masses near threshold where most of VBS signal lies
- More sophisticated VBS cuts, such as our M_{jj} , will improve this rate favoring VBS!!



[Dolan et al, Eur. Phys. J. C75 (2015) 387]



Comment on tagging efficiencies effects

- Results modified taking into account b and γ tagging efficiencies

Current values: b-tagging eff. $\sim 70\%$ γ -tagging eff. $\sim 95\%$

	Number of events reduction	Significance reduction
bbbbjj	$N_{\text{eff}}/N \sim 0.25$	$S_{\text{eff}}/S \sim 0.5$
bb $\gamma\gamma$ jj	$N_{\text{eff}}/N \sim 0.5$	$S_{\text{eff}}/S \sim 0.7$

- Examples of accesible values of λ for $L = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ with and without efficiencies

	$\kappa > 0$	$\kappa > 0$ (eff)	$\kappa < 0$	$\kappa < 0$ (eff)
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- These efficiencies might improve! Easy way to apply the new ones!