

The quartic Higgs self-coupling at future hadron colliders

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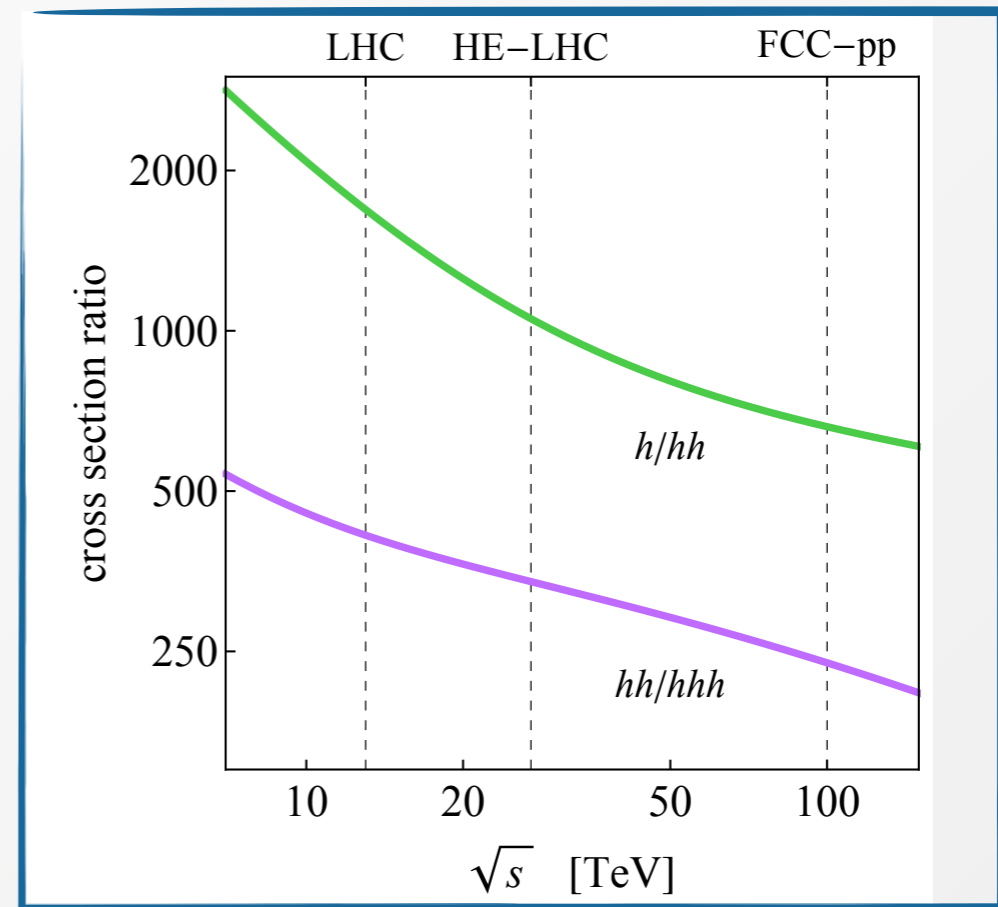
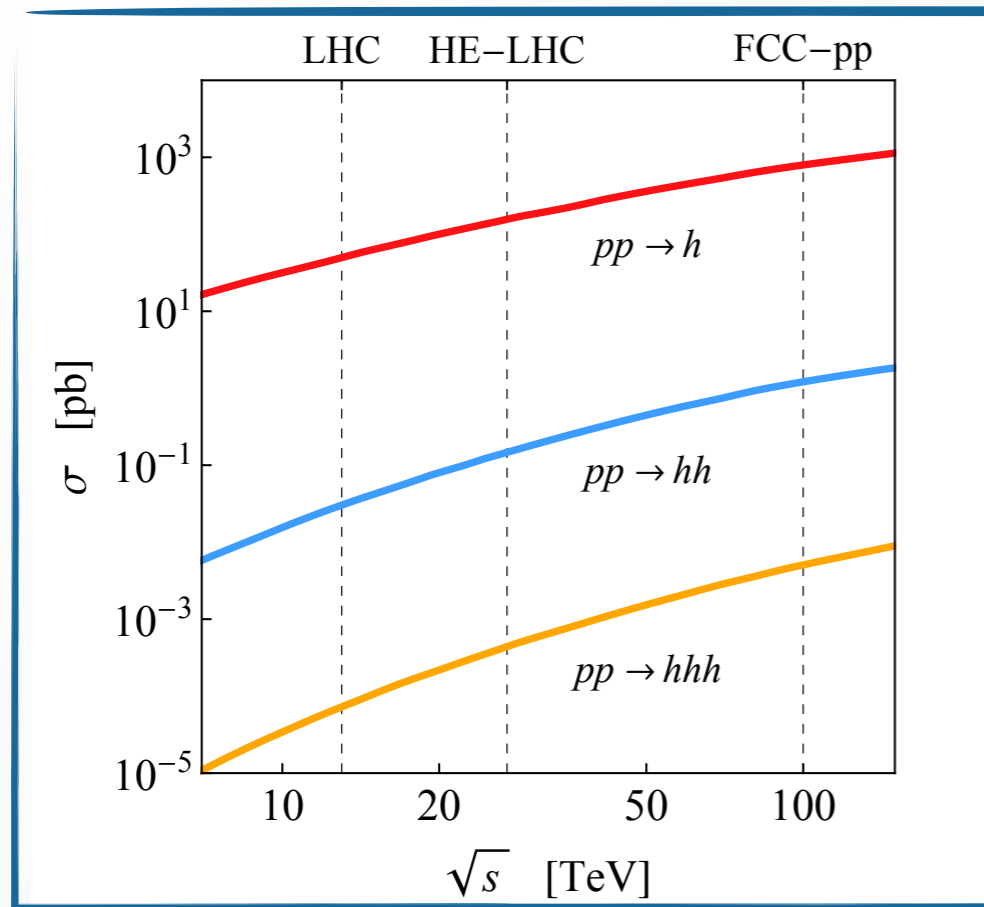
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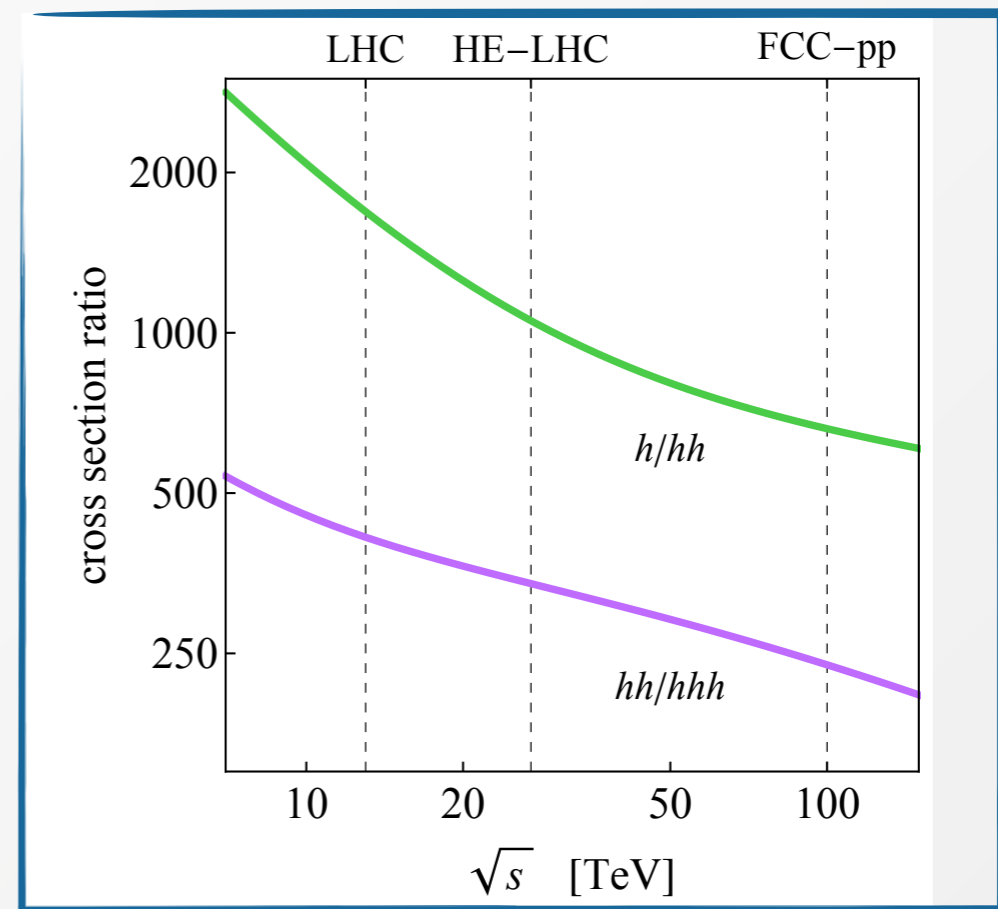
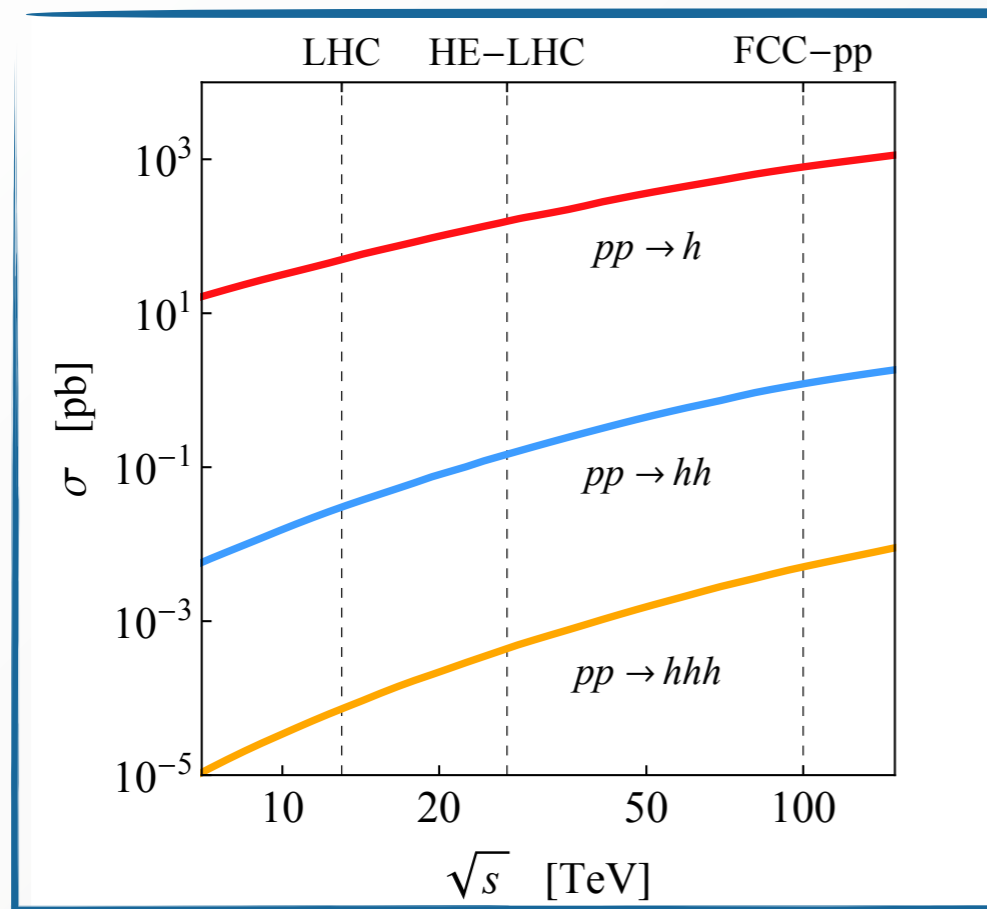
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**Indirect constraints on the quartic Higgs self-coupling
from double-Higgs production measurements**

Idea already explored in the literature to constrain the trilinear coupling

Talk by Davide Pagani

Milan Theory Meeting 2018, Milan, 20 December 2018

SM effective field theory (EFT)

$$V \supset \kappa_3 \lambda v h^3 + \kappa_4 \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4 \quad \kappa_3, \kappa_4 \neq 1 \quad \text{if physics beyond SM is present}$$

Consider operators of dimension 6 and 8 in the SMEFT

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} \supset \mathcal{O}_6 + \mathcal{O}_8 = -\frac{\bar{c}_6}{v^2} |H|^6 - \frac{\bar{c}_8}{v^4} |H|^8$$

$$\kappa_3 = 1 + \Delta\kappa_3 = 1 + \bar{c}_6 + 2\bar{c}_8 \quad \kappa_4 = 1 + \Delta\kappa_4 = 1 + 6\bar{c}_6 + 16\bar{c}_8$$

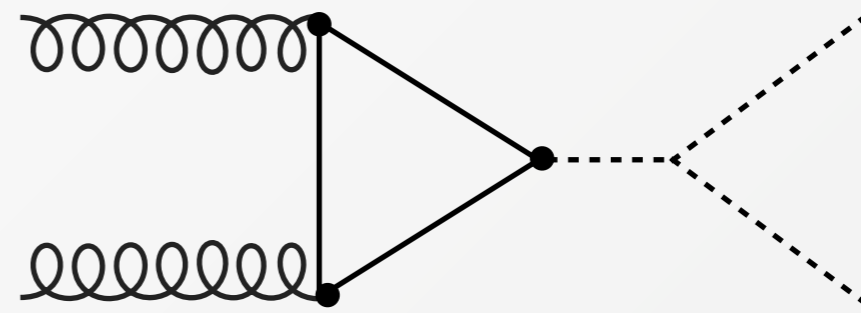
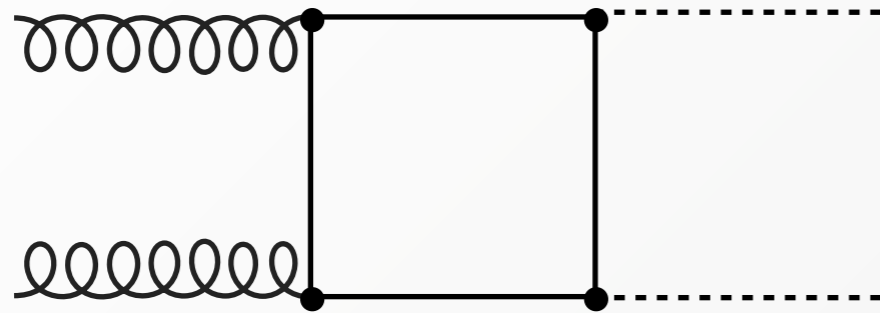
No assumption about the actual size of \bar{c}_6 and \bar{c}_8 : cubic and quartic Higgs self-couplings can deviate independently from the SM predictions

If \mathcal{O}_6 is the only numerically relevant operator, strong correlation

$$\Delta\kappa_4 = 6\Delta\kappa_3$$

n.b. even if κ_3, κ_4 are treated as free parameters, processes such as $gg \rightarrow h$ or loop corrections to $e^+e^- \rightarrow hhZ$ can still be calculated consistently as long as the SMEFT is used to perform the computations

Anatomy of double-Higgs production



$$\mathcal{A}(gg \rightarrow hh) = \delta^{a_1 a_2} \epsilon_1^\mu(p_1) \epsilon_2^\nu(p_2) \left(\sum_{m=1}^2 T_{m\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_m \right)$$

[Glover, de Ridder 1988]

$$T_{1\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_{1\nu} p_{2\mu}}{p_1 \cdot p_2}$$

$$T_{2\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{p_T^2 (p_1 \cdot p_2)} \left(m_h^2 p_{1\nu} p_{2\mu} - 2 (p_1 \cdot p_3) p_{2\mu} p_{3\nu} \right.$$

$$\left. - 2 (p_2 \cdot p_3) p_{1\nu} p_{3\mu} + 2 (p_1 \cdot p_2) p_{3\mu} p_{3\nu} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \sigma_0 \int dt (|\mathcal{F}_1|^2 + |\mathcal{F}_2|^2)$$

Double-Higgs production now known at NLO QCD with mass dependence

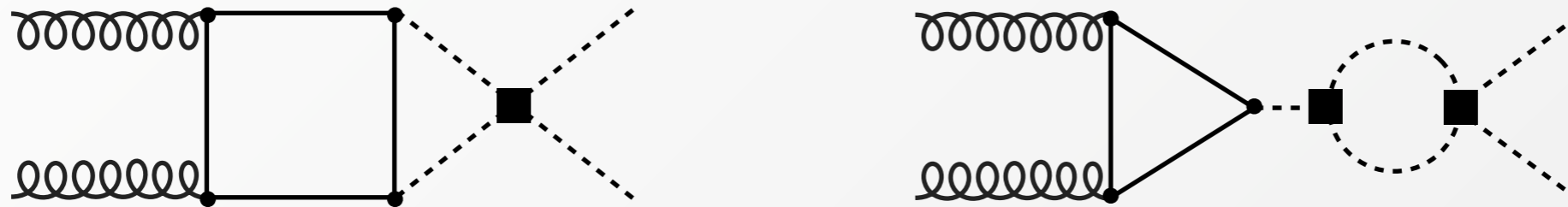
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NNLO QCD with mass dependence at NLO QCD

[1803.02463]

The quartic Higgs self-coupling in double-Higgs production

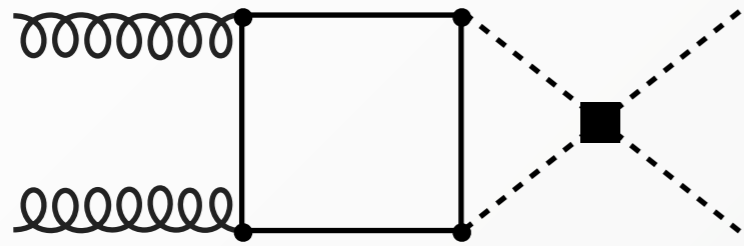
We calculate the relevant EW two-loop amplitudes and we combine them with the exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ matrix elements



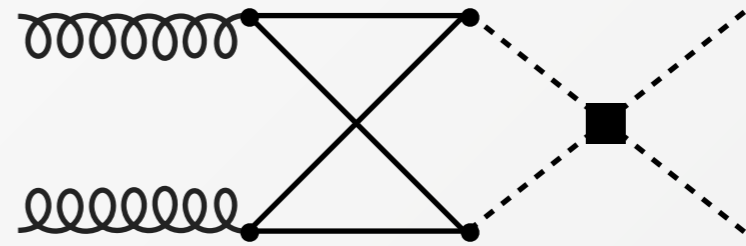
Total cross-section and differential distributions for double-Higgs production at NLO QCD, including arbitrary modifications of the cubic and quartic self-couplings

Final combination with constraints on the trilinear and the cubic self-couplings at HE-LHC and FCC-pp to study synergy and complementarity of the two approaches

Two-loop form factor (1)



$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_1^{k_4} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{\lambda \kappa_4}{(4\pi)^2} y_t^2 f(\hat{s})$$



$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_2^{k_4} = 0$$

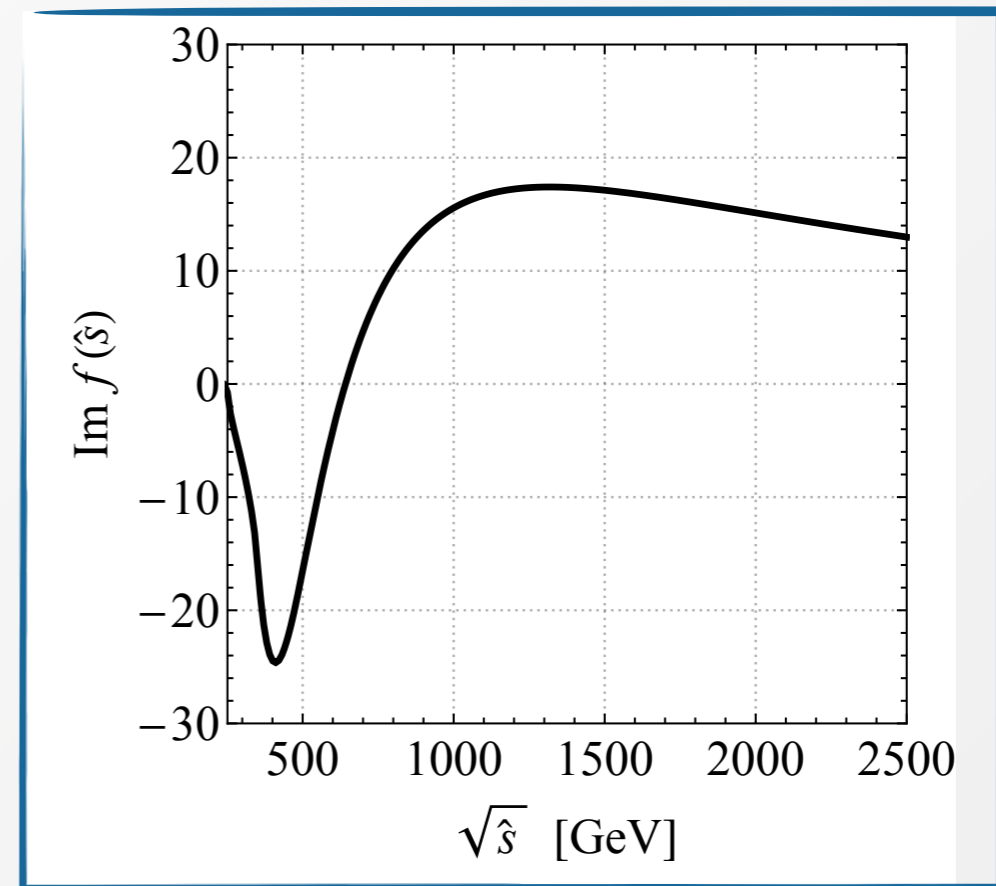
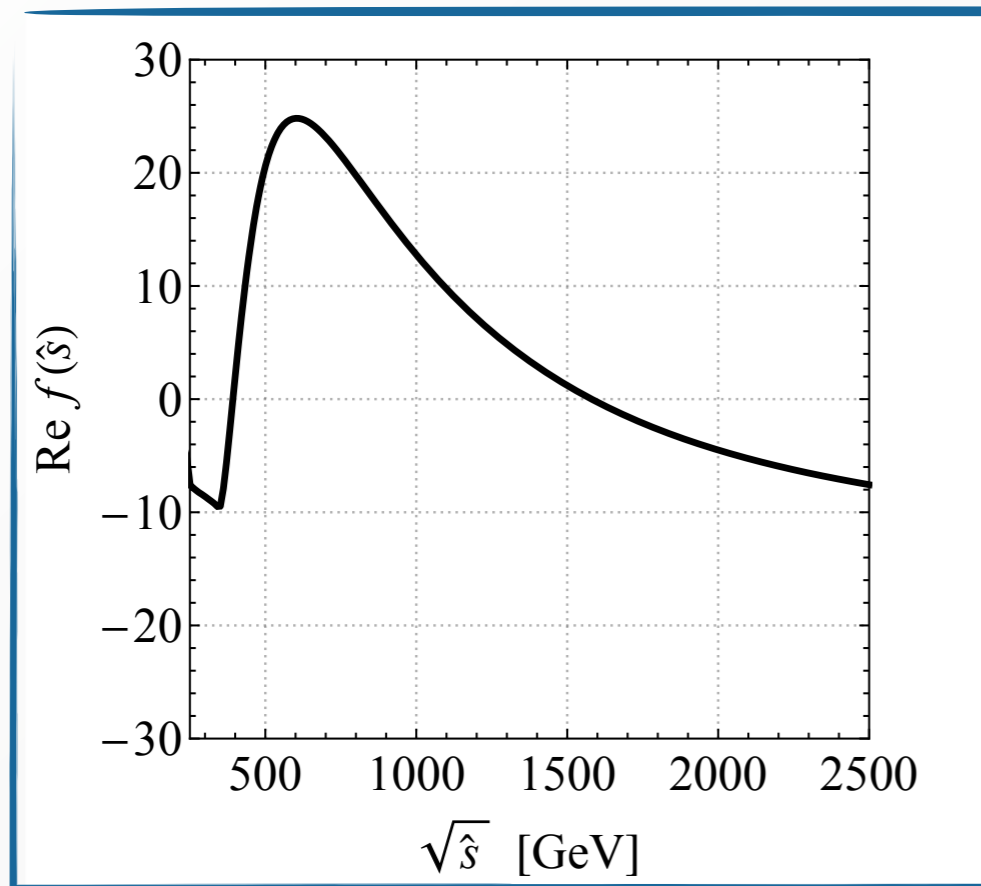
Two-loop integrals evaluated numerically using pySecDec package

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Checks

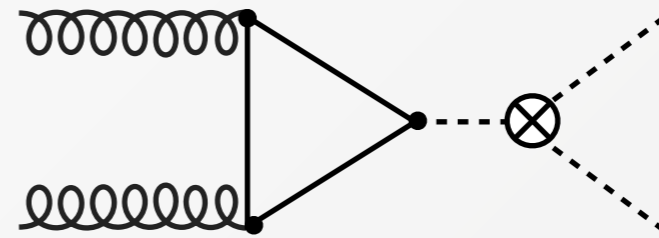
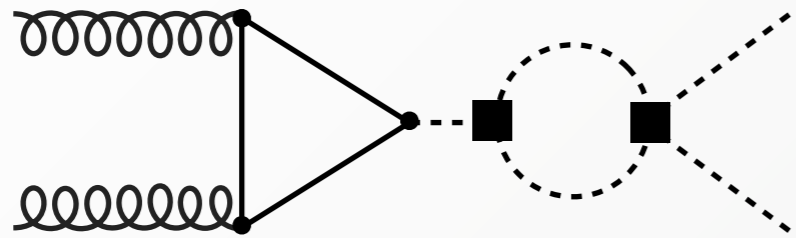
- For all calculated phase-space points, double and single $1/\epsilon$ poles cancel at the per-myriad accuracy
- Numerical check vs. (analytical) systematic expansion of the two-loop form factors in the large m_t limit

Two-loop form factor (1)



- Correction depends only on \hat{s}
- Correction to the spin-2 form factor is zero

Two-loop form factor (2)



$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_1^{k_3 k_4} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \lambda \kappa_3 \frac{\lambda \kappa_4}{(4\pi)^2} g(\hat{s}) \quad \Delta \mathcal{F}_2^{k_3 k_4} = 0$$

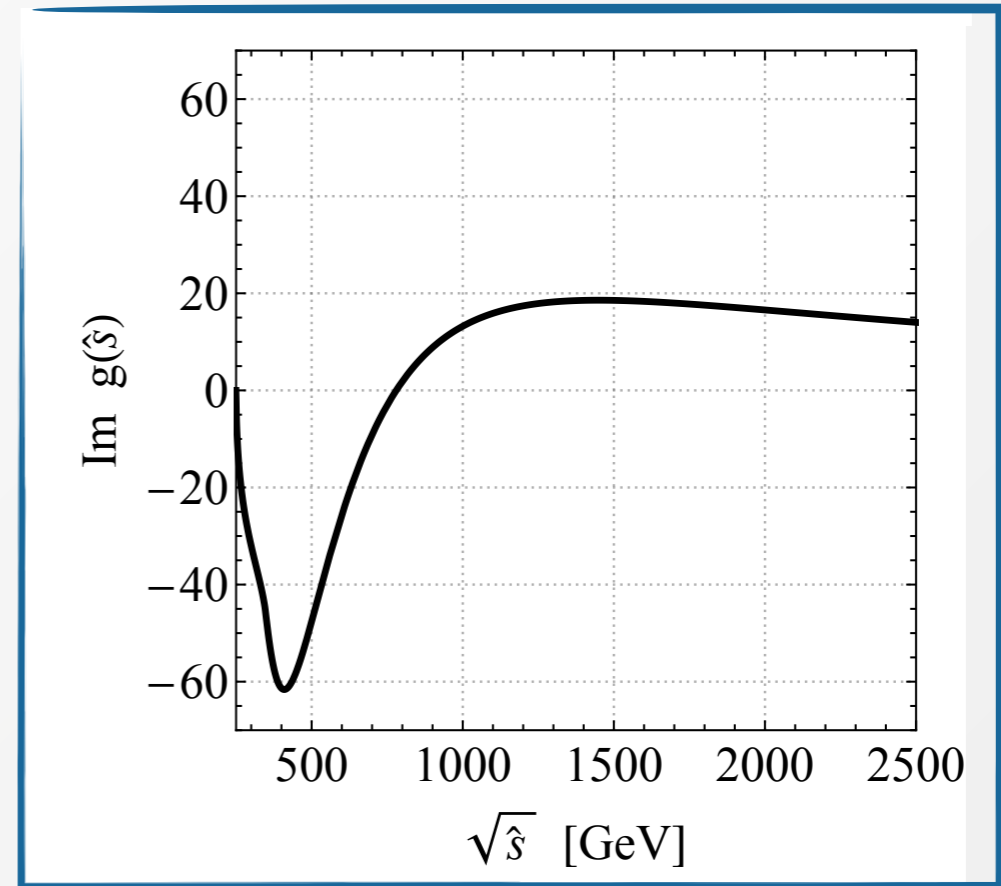
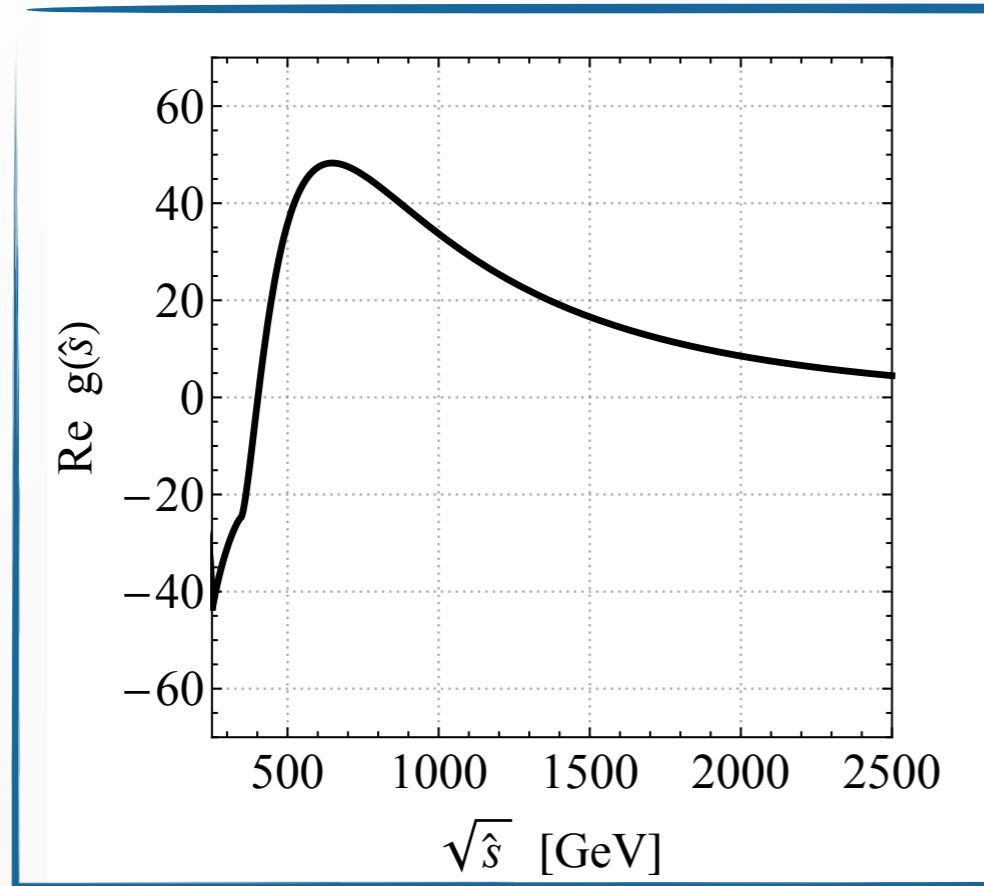
Function $g(s)$ can be calculated analytically

h^3 renormalised at vanishing external momenta (see [\[1803.04359\]](#)): the counterterm is chosen such that at zero-momentum transfer the one-loop diagrams plus the counterterm is equal to the h^3 coupling at tree level

Work ongoing to understand the connections with renormalization in the k framework to the one with SMEFT operators

Two-loop form factor (2)

[1802.07616,1803.04359]



- Non-trivial s -dependence, with pronounced extrema at $2m_t$ and $2(m_t+m_h)$

Results for double- and triple-Higgs production

Double-Higgs production: numerical results obtained using a customized version of POWHEG-BOX of the NLO QCD calculation [\[1604.06447,1608.04798,1703.09252\]](#)

$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ final state: estimated total uncertainty (th+exp)
15% (HE-LHC, 15 ab⁻¹), 5% (FCC-pp, 30 ab⁻¹)

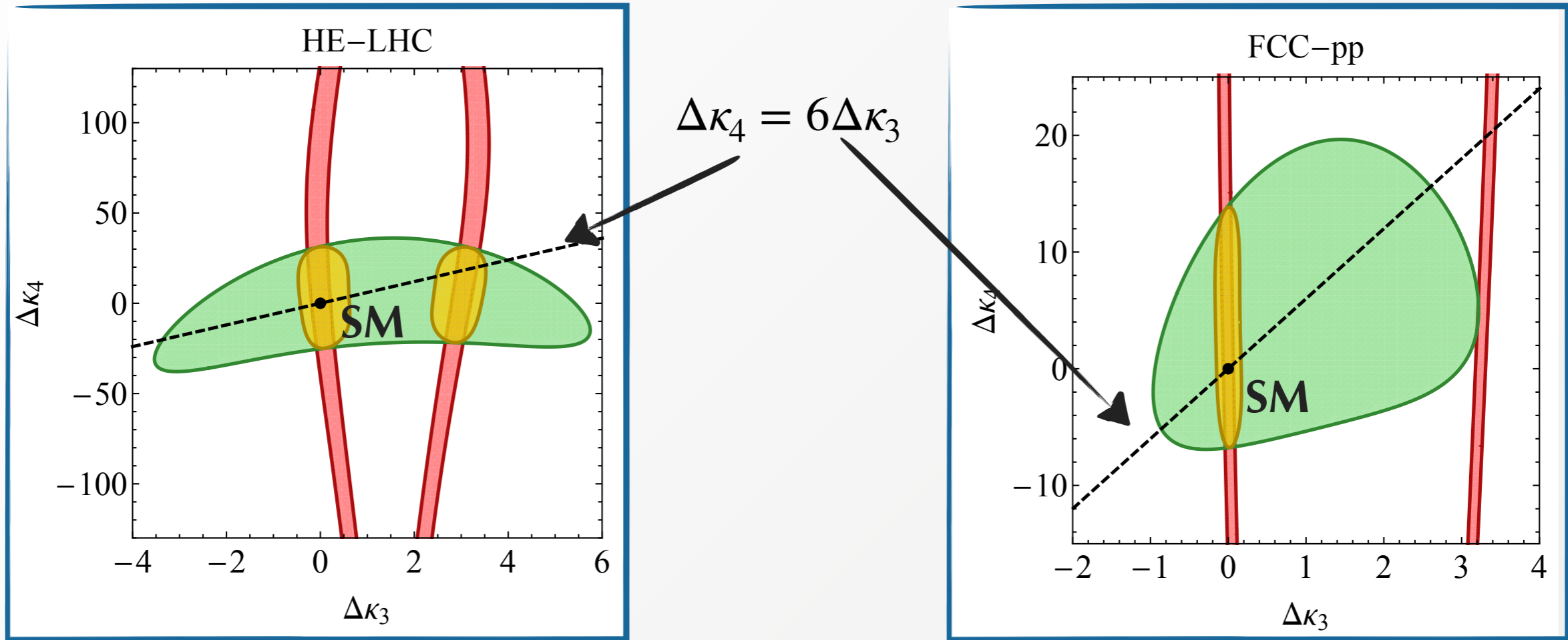
Triple-Higgs production: numerical results obtained using MadGraph5_amc@NLO; NLO QCD corrections obtained applying an overall normalization [\[1408.6542\]](#)

$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ final state: simulations of relevant backgrounds ($b\bar{b}b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma, hhb\bar{b}$) within selection cuts [\[1508.06524\]](#)[\[1606.09408\]](#)

HE-LHC, 15 ab⁻¹: exclusion of triple-Higgs production cross-section 11 x (SM value)

FCC-pp, 30 ab⁻¹: exclusion of triple-Higgs production cross-section 2 x (SM value)

Inclusive double- and triple-Higgs production



Red and green areas: limits from measurements of **double-Higgs** and **triple-Higgs** production

Yellow region $\Delta\chi^2 = 5.99$ (95% CL for a gaussian distribution)

$$\kappa_4 \in [-21, 29]$$

$$\kappa_4 \in [-5, 14]$$

in agreement with
[1606.09408]

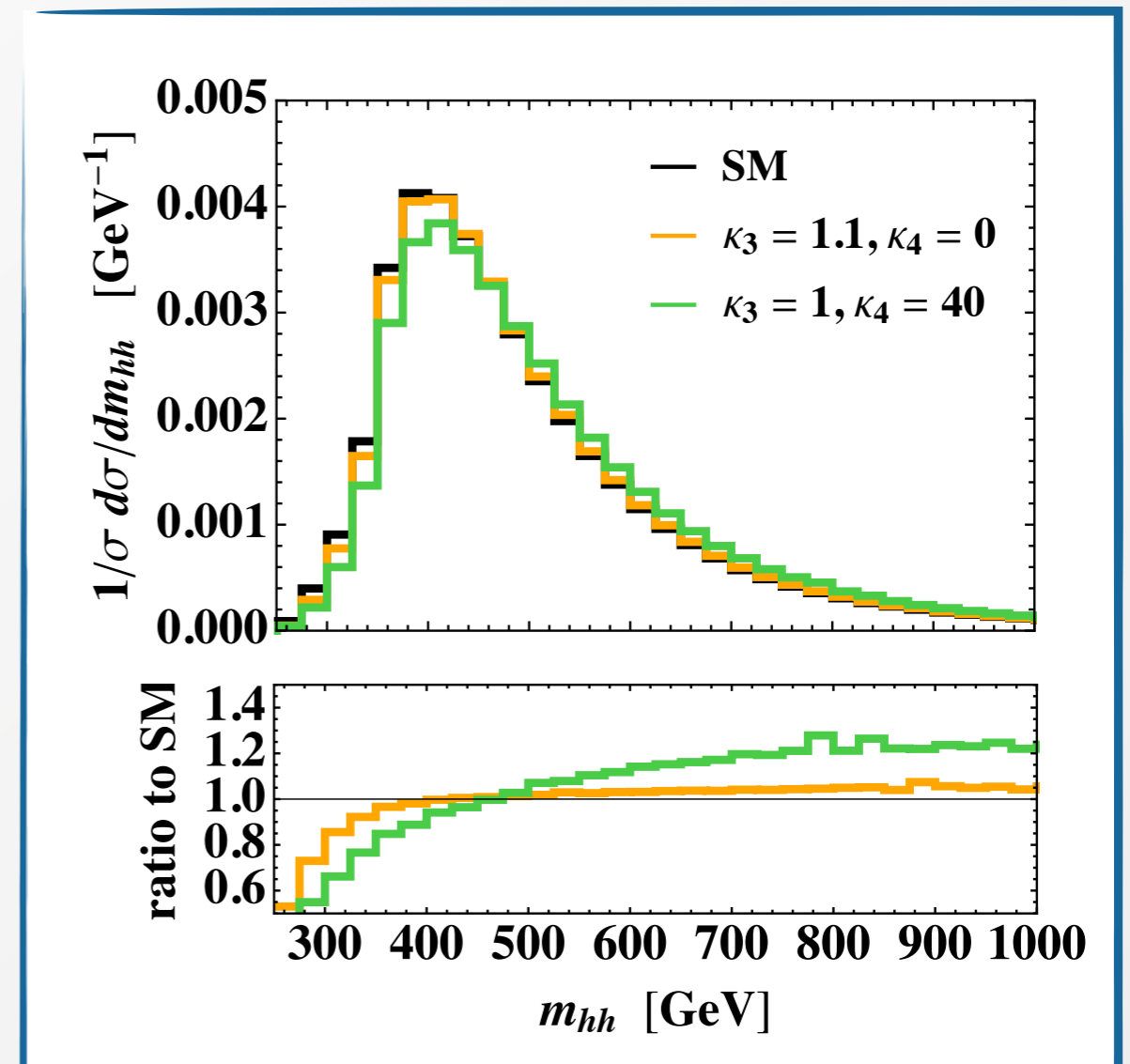
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Differential distributions in double-Higgs production

Precise measurement of differential distributions may resolve ambiguities or flat directions

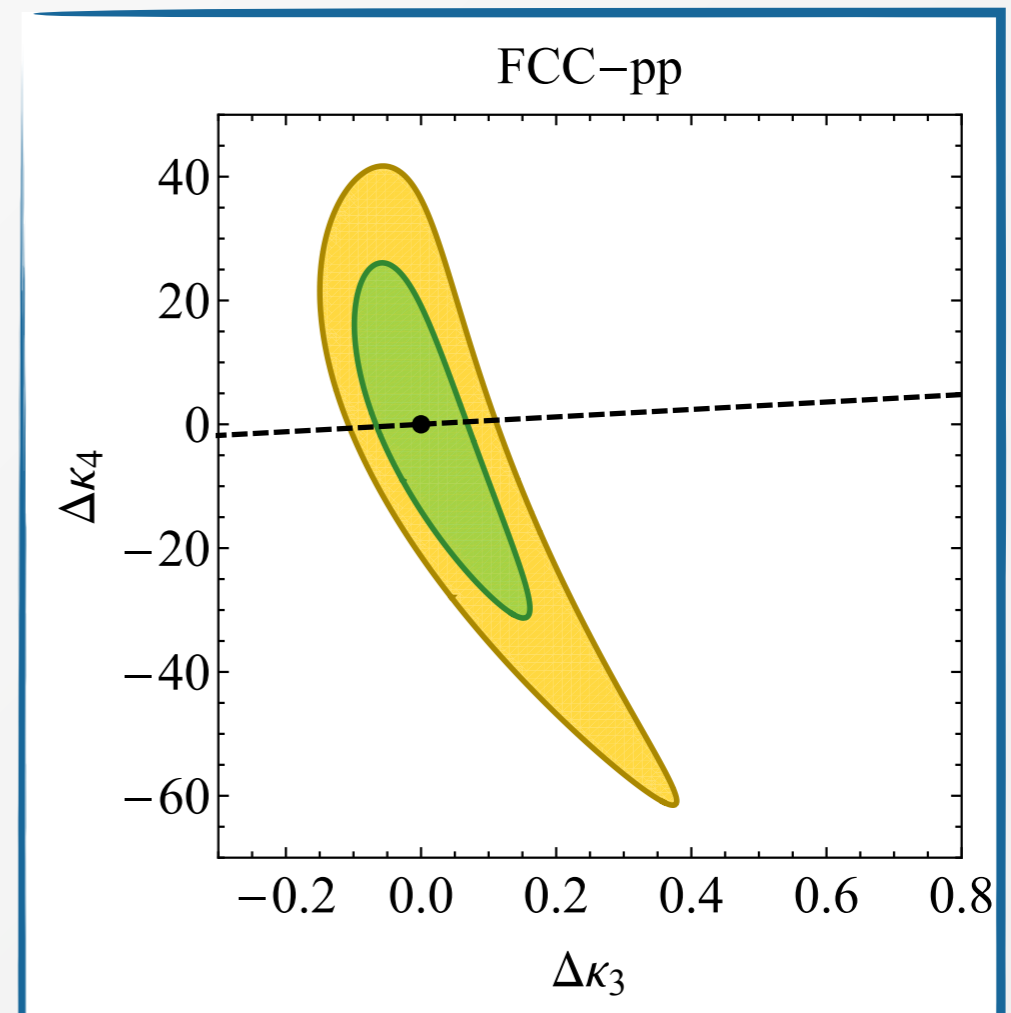
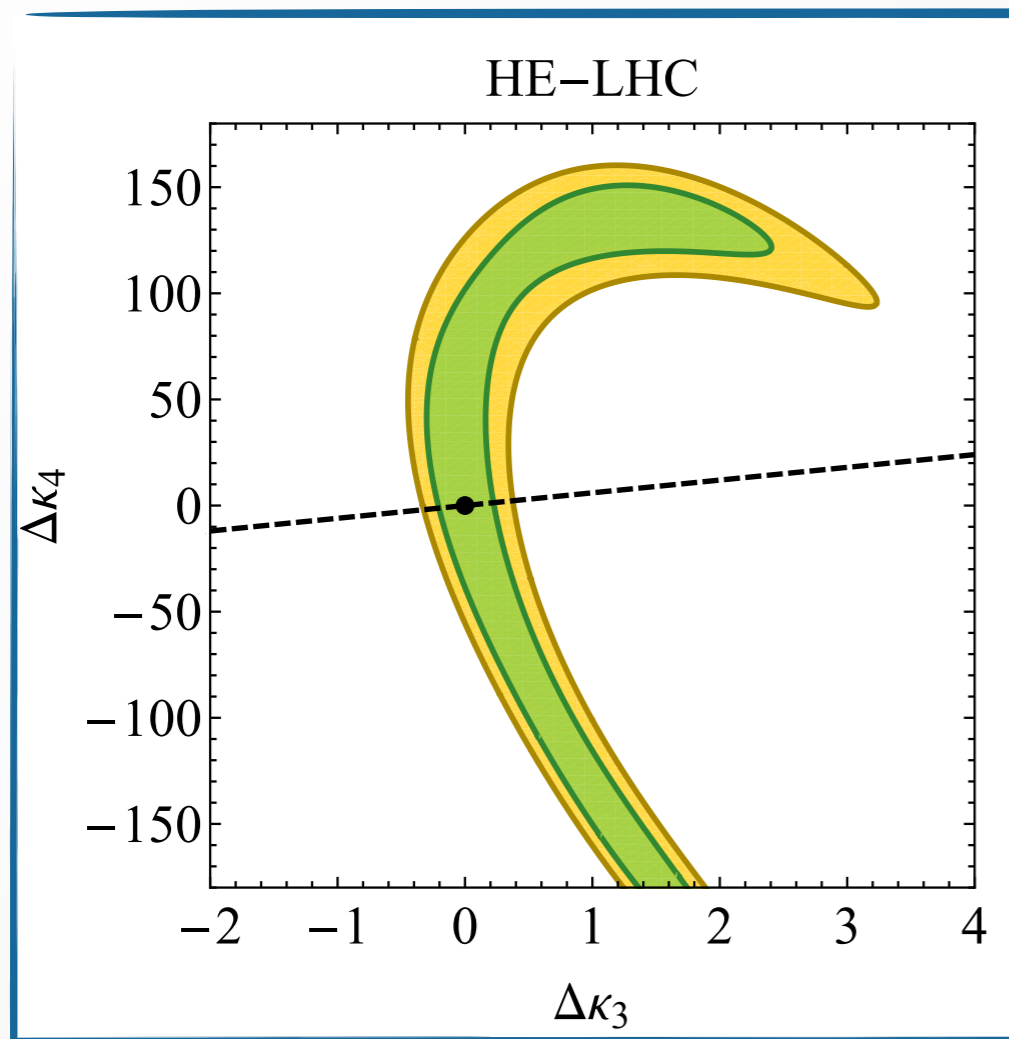
$\left. \begin{array}{l} \kappa_3 = 1.1, \quad \kappa_4 = 0 \\ \kappa_3 = 1, \quad \kappa_4 = 40 \end{array} \right\}$ double-Higgs production rate decreases by $\sim 10\%$



Shape analysis performed with POWHEG-BOX+Pythia8 to include parton shower effects

No background estimate, CL curves mimic more sophisticated analysis which include simulation of all relevant backgrounds [\[1802.04319\]](#)

Differential distribution fit



Degeneracy observed in the triple-Higgs production case now absent

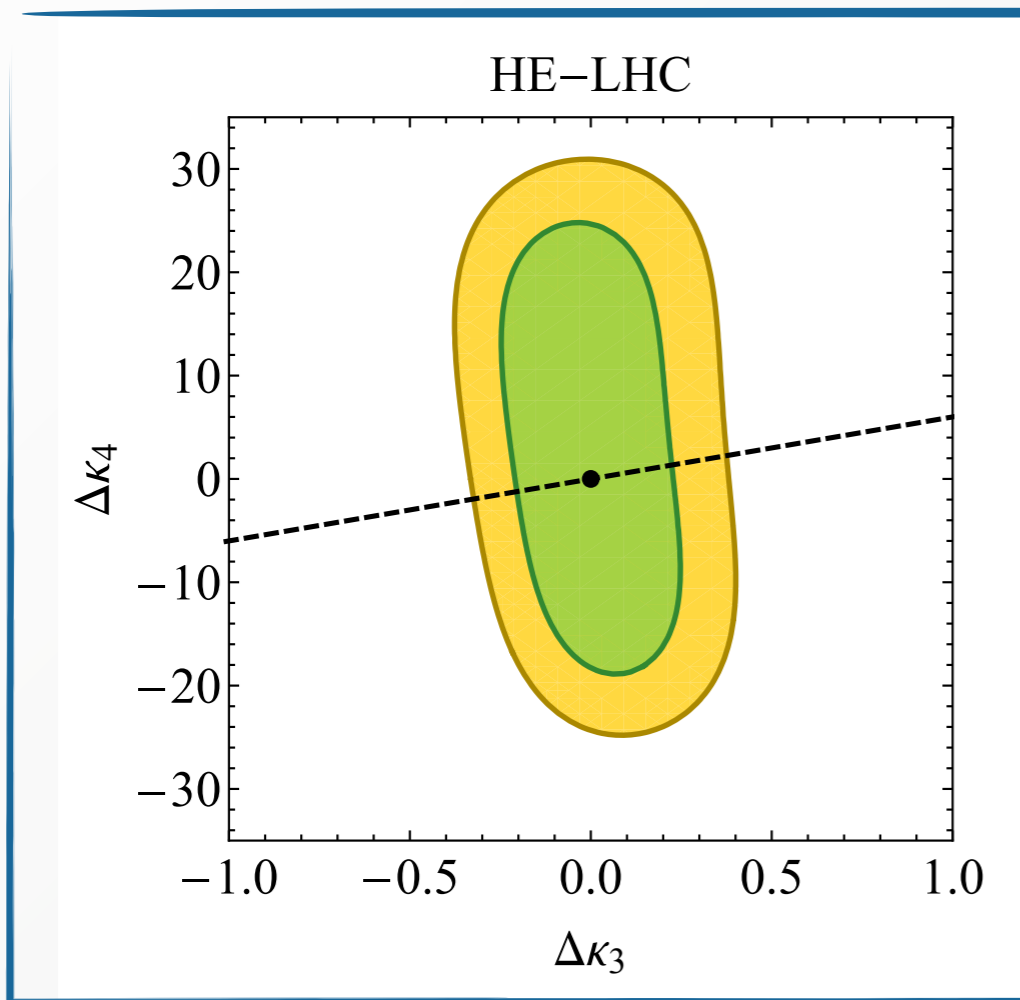
Bounds weaker than triple-Higgs production measurements

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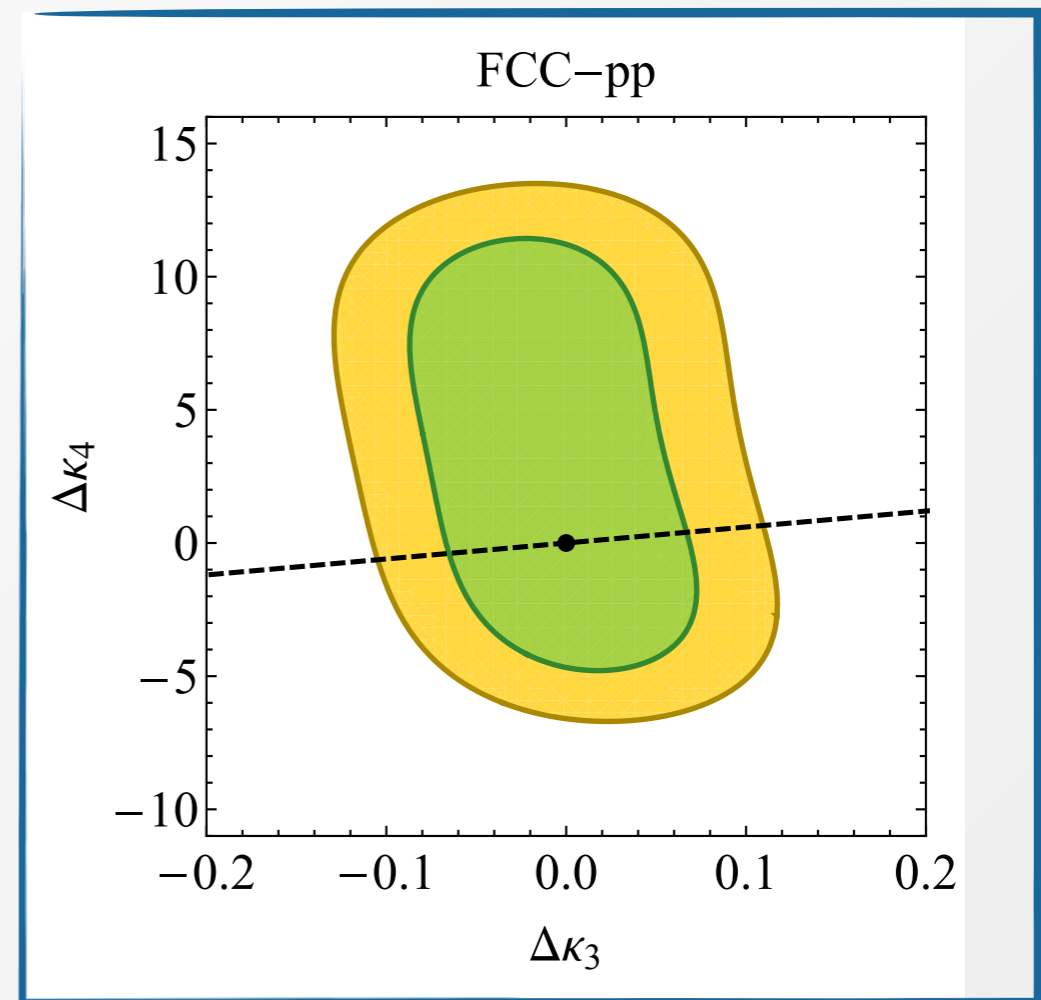
Global fit

Combined constraints using hh differential distributions and inclusive hhh production



$$\kappa_3 = 1 \quad \kappa_4 \in [-20, 29]$$

$$\text{Profiling over } \kappa_3 \quad \kappa_4 \in [-17, 25]$$



$$\kappa_3 = 1 \quad \kappa_4 \in [-5, 13]$$

$$\text{Profiling over } \kappa_3 \quad \kappa_4 \in [-4, 12]$$

Recapitulation

- We studied indirect constraints on the quartic Higgs self-coupling in double-Higgs production measurement at future colliders
- Differential measurements in $pp \rightarrow hh$ channel alone expected to lead to somewhat weaker determinations of quartic Higgs self-coupling than inclusive $pp \rightarrow hhh$ production
- Combined measurements of differential distributions in double-Higgs production and inclusive triple-Higgs production: $\kappa_4 \in [-17,25]$ (HE-LHC), $\kappa_4 \in [-4,12]$ (FCC-pp)
- Results can be compared to hypothetical constraints from HE e^+e^- machines: ILC-500 ($\kappa_4 \in [-11,13]$), ILC-3000 ($\kappa_4 \in [-5,7]$), finding comparable potential for FCC-pp and ILC-3000 [\[1802.07616\]](#)[\[1803.04359\]](#)
- Phenomenological results in agreement with [\[1811.12366\]](#) (see talk by Davide)