

Higgs pair production cross section: theoretical status

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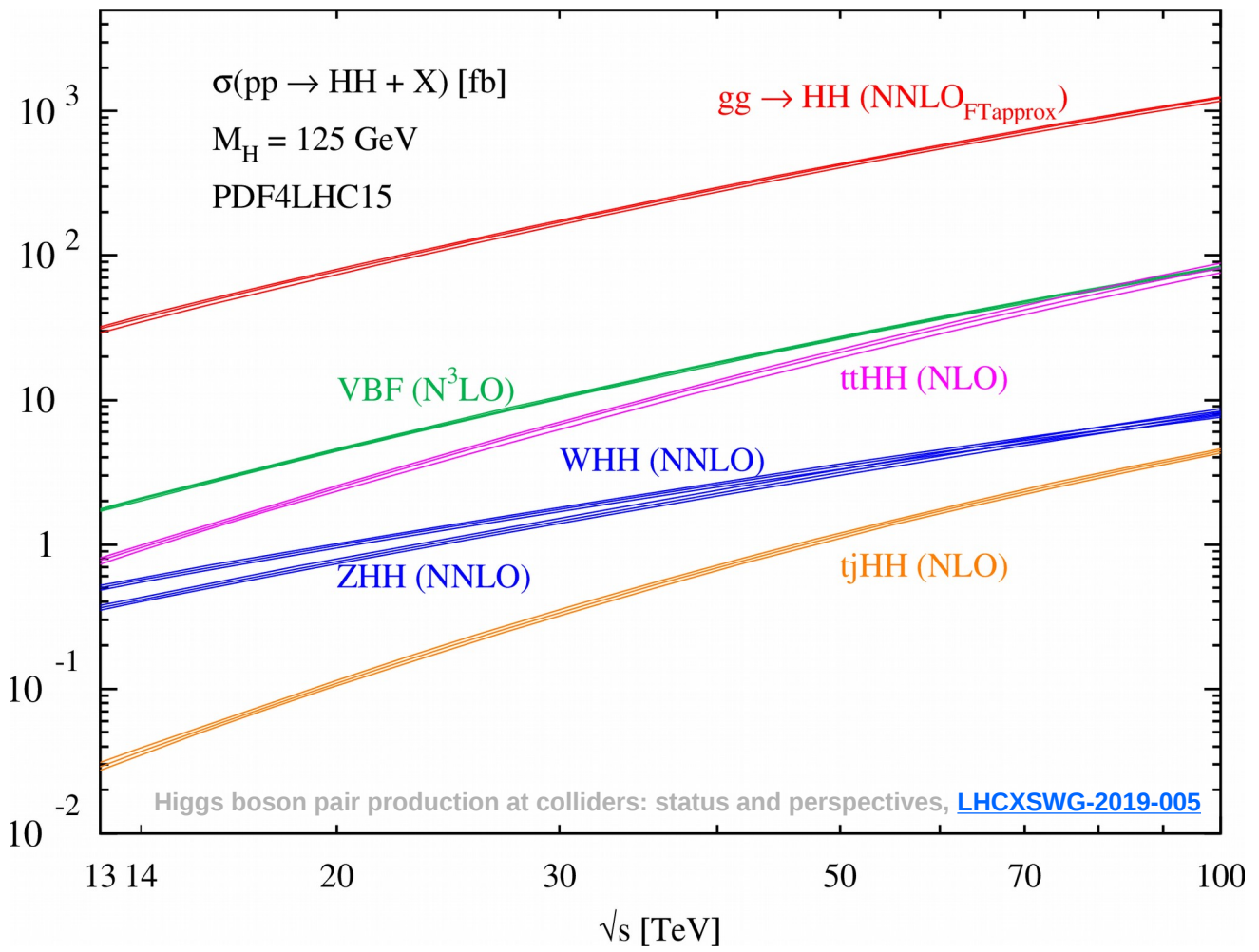
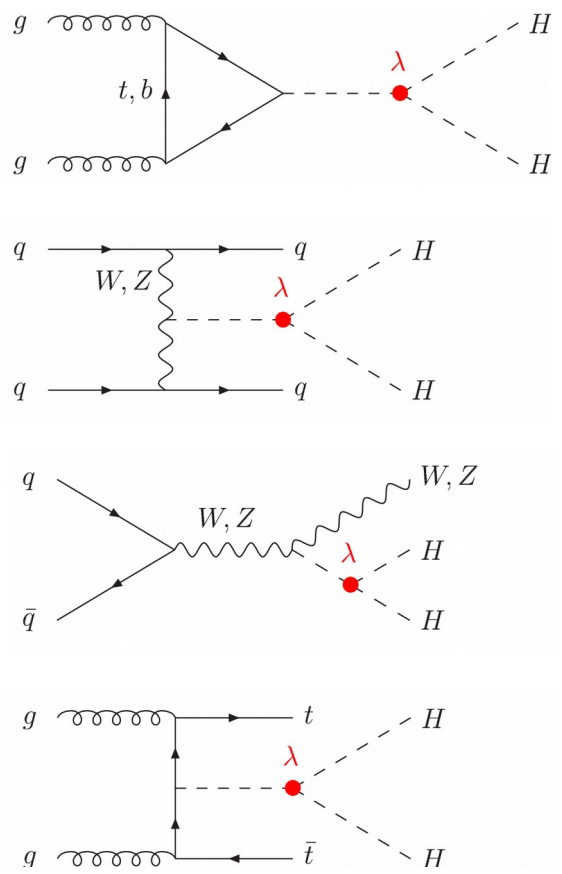
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Outline

- Overview of production modes
- Top-quark mass scheme and scale uncertainties
- Cross sections for modified self-coupling
- Other recent developments



Overview of production modes

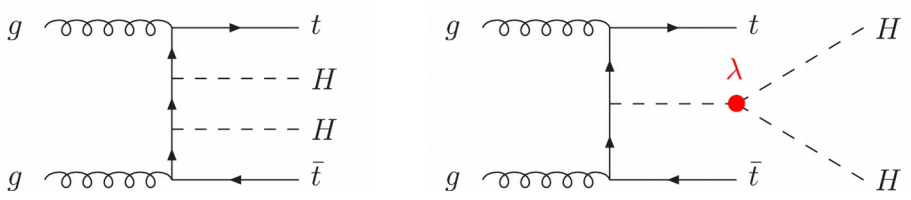
- The cross sections for all the production modes have been updated to the most accurate available predictions in the [hh twiki page](#)
- Results available for different collider energies and Higgs boson masses

\sqrt{s}	13 TeV	14 TeV	27 TeV	100 TeV
$ggF\ HH$	$31.05^{+2.2\%}_{-5.0\%} \pm 3.0\%$	$36.69^{+2.1\%}_{-4.9\%} \pm 3.0\%$	$139.9^{+1.3\%}_{-3.9\%} \pm 2.5\%$	$1224^{+0.9\%}_{-3.2\%} \pm 2.4\%$
$VBF\ HH$	$1.73^{+0.03\%}_{-0.04\%} \pm 2.1\%$	$2.05^{+0.03\%}_{-0.04\%} \pm 2.1\%$	$8.40^{+0.11\%}_{-0.04\%} \pm 2.1\%$	$82.8^{+0.13\%}_{-0.04\%} \pm 2.1\%$
ZHH	$0.363^{+3.4\%}_{-2.7\%} \pm 1.9\%$	$0.415^{+3.5\%}_{-2.7\%} \pm 1.8\%$	$1.23^{+4.1\%}_{-3.3\%} \pm 1.5\%$	$8.23^{+5.9\%}_{-4.6\%} \pm 1.7\%$
$W^+ HH$	$0.329^{+0.32\%}_{-0.41\%} \pm 2.2\%$	$0.369^{+0.33\%}_{-0.39\%} \pm 2.1\%$	$0.941^{+0.52\%}_{-0.53\%} \pm 1.8\%$	$4.70^{+0.90\%}_{-0.96\%} \pm 1.8\%$
$W^- HH$	$0.173^{+1.2\%}_{-1.3\%} \pm 2.8\%$	$0.198^{+1.2\%}_{-1.3\%} \pm 2.7\%$	$0.568^{+1.9\%}_{-2.0\%} \pm 2.1\%$	$3.30^{+3.5\%}_{-4.3\%} \pm 1.9\%$
$t\bar{t}HH$	$0.775^{+1.5\%}_{-4.3\%} \pm 3.2\%$	$0.949^{+1.7\%}_{-3.1\%} \pm 3.1\%$	$5.24^{+2.9\%}_{-6.4\%} \pm 2.5\%$	$82.1^{+7.9\%}_{-7.4\%} \pm 1.6\%$
$tjHH$	$0.0289^{+5.5\%}_{-3.6\%} \pm 4.7\%$	$0.0367^{+4.2\%}_{-1.8\%} \pm 4.6\%$	$0.254^{+3.8\%}_{-2.8\%} \pm 3.6\%$	$4.44^{+2.2\%}_{-2.8\%} \pm 2.4\%$

Sub-leading channels

- **HH associated production with top quarks known at NLO**

[Frederix et al., [1401.7340](#)]



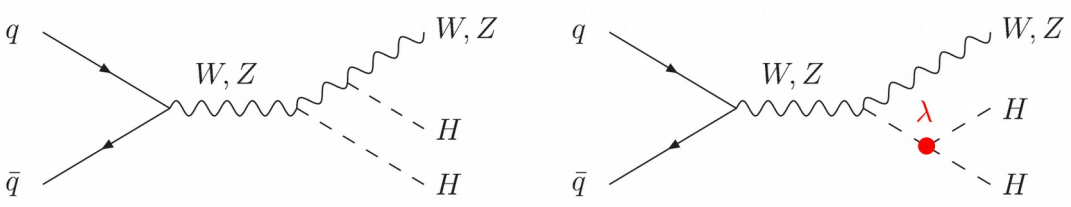
LO(14 TeV): $1.245^{+36\%}_{-25\%}$
 NLO(14 TeV): $0.981^{+2.3\%}_{-9.0\%}$

Obs: not the same setup as in previous table

- Negative corrections (about -20%), large reduction of scale uncertainties

- **HH associated production with vector bosons known at NNLO**

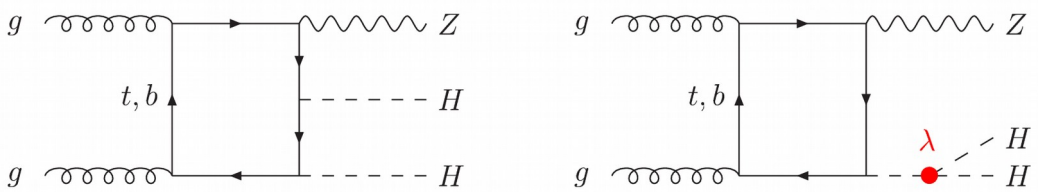
[Baglio et al., [1212.5581](#)]; [Li et al., [1607.06382](#), [1710.02464](#)]



- QCD corrections increase total cross section by about 30%

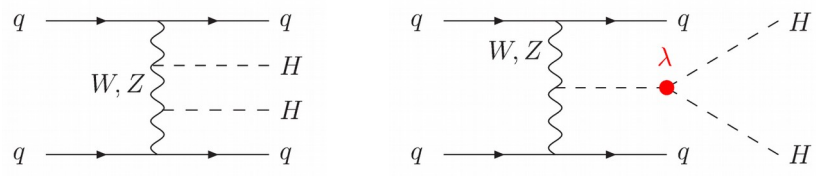
- ZHH has sizeable gluon-initiated loop-induced component, +20-30% in NNLO correction

(considerably larger than in ZH)



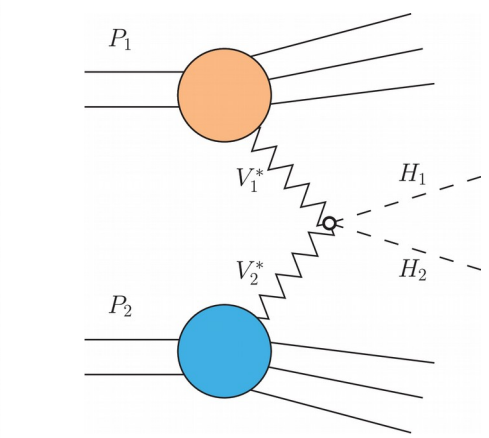
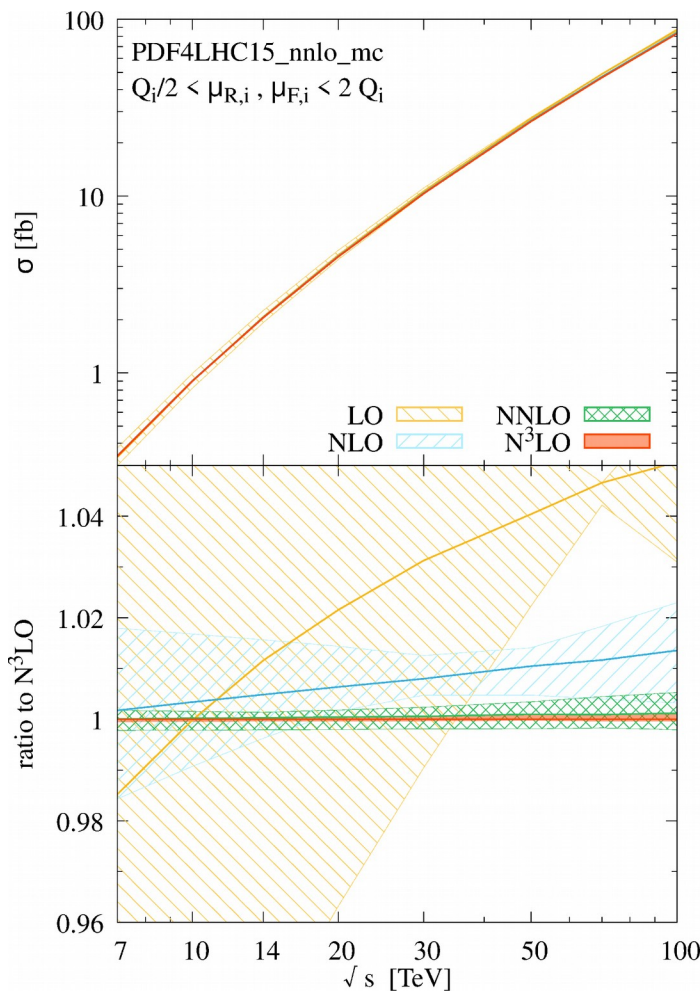
Vector boson fusion

- Second-largest production mode



- Corrections known at N³LO within the structure function approach, fully differential at NNLO

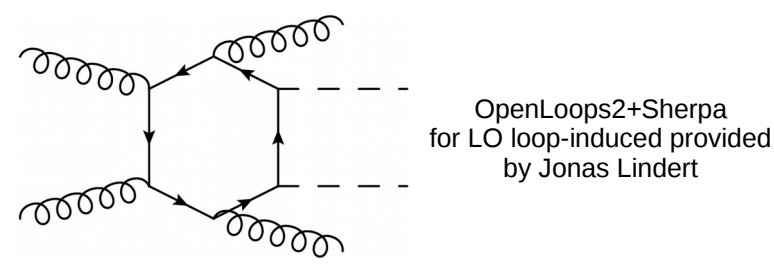
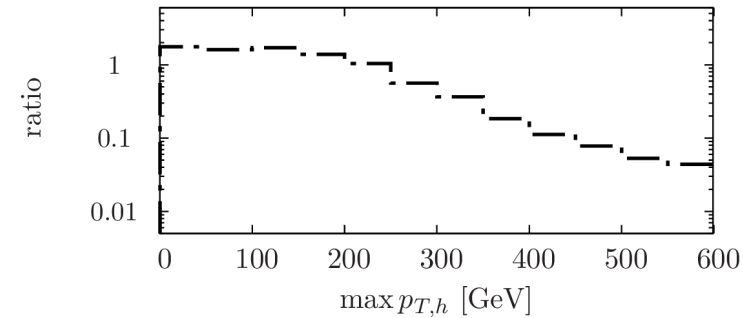
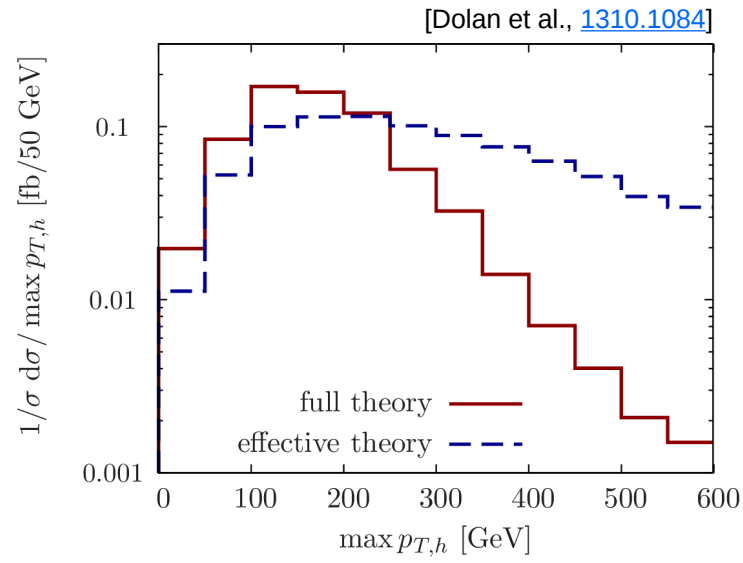
[Dreyer and Karlberg, [1811.07906](#), [1811.07918](#)]



NLO corrections around 10%, while NNLO and N³LO are at the percent and sub-percent level

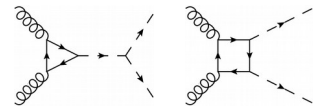
Scale uncertainties at the per-mille level

- Gluon fusion contribution to HH+2jets is very large
- Crucial to simulate it with full top-quark dependence



Gluon fusion

- Largest production mode



- NLO corrections known with full top-quark mass dependence

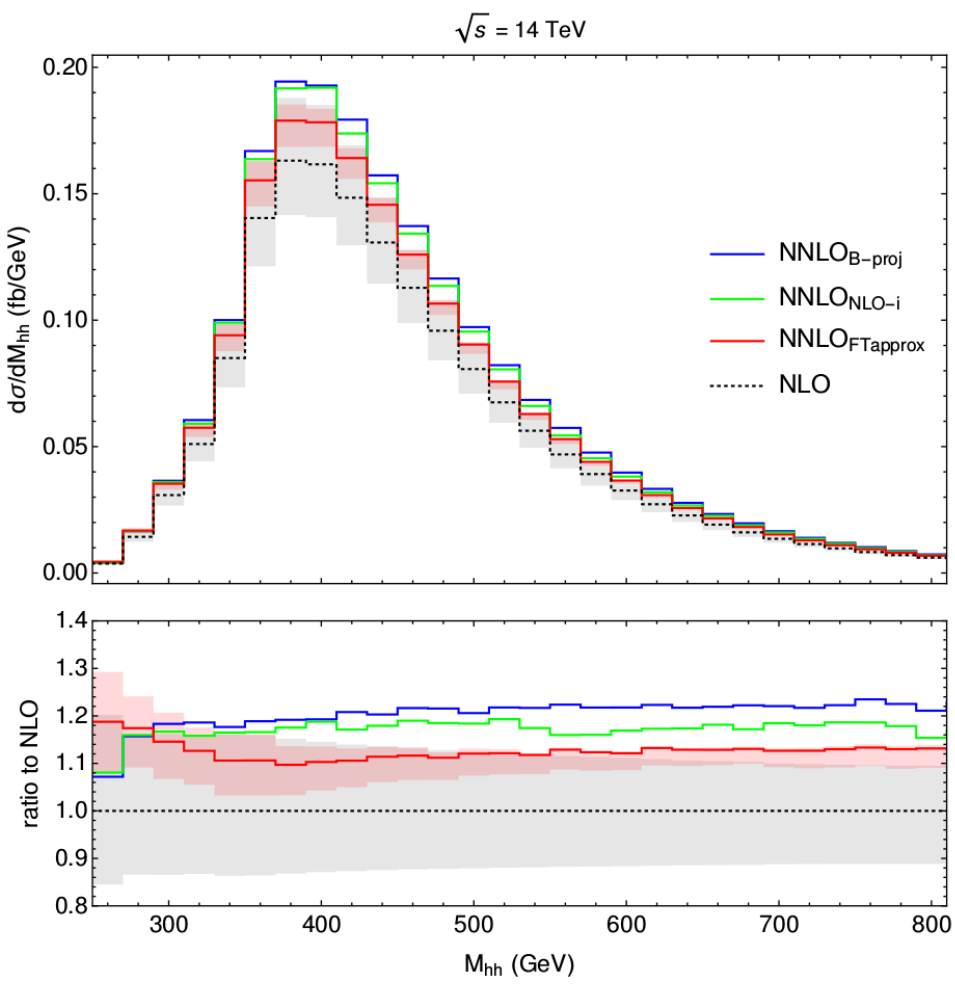
[S. Borowka et al., [1604.06447](#), [1608.04798](#)], [J. Baglio et al., [1811.05692](#)]

- Current recommendation: NNLO_FTapprox → full NLO + partial m_t dependence at NNLO

[M. Grazzini, JM et al., [1803.02463](#)]

reweighting
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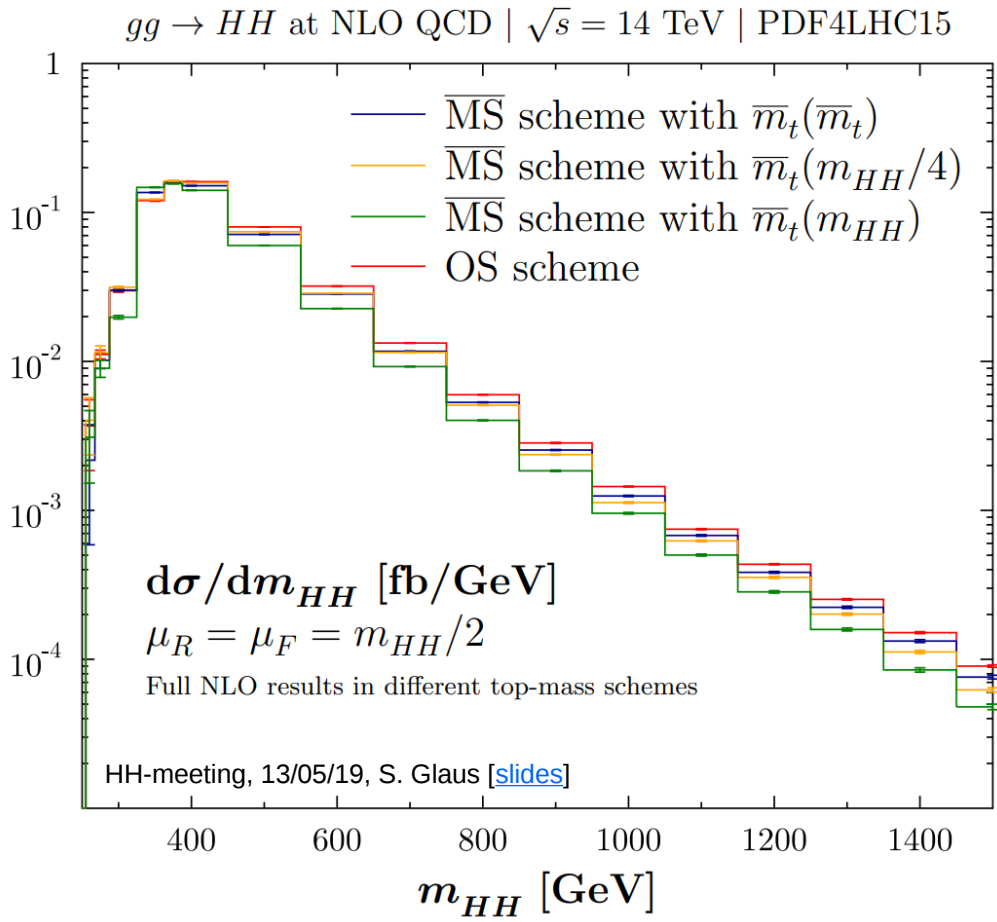
$$\mathcal{R}(ij \rightarrow HH + X) = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{Full}}^{\text{Born}}(ij \rightarrow HH + X)}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{HEFT}}^{(0)}(ij \rightarrow HH + X)}$$



- NLO corrections: ~65% increase
Scale uncertainties ~±13%
- NNLO (FTapprox), additional 12%
Reduced scale uncertainty, +2%-5%
- Missing finite m_t effects estimated to be at the few percent level
- Obs: here we are always considering the on-shell scheme for the top mass!

Top mass scheme uncertainty

- NLO HH cross section has also been computed in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme
[Baglio at al., [1811.05692](#)]



$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=300 \text{ GeV}} = 0.0298(7)_{-34\%}^{+6\%} \text{ fb/GeV},$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=400 \text{ GeV}} = 0.1609(4)_{-13\%}^{+0\%} \text{ fb/GeV},$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=600 \text{ GeV}} = 0.03204(9)_{-30\%}^{+0\%} \text{ fb/GeV},$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)}{dQ} \right|_{Q=1200 \text{ GeV}} = 0.000435(4)_{-35\%}^{+0\%} \text{ fb/GeV},$$

↑ Pole mass central value
 ↑ Unc. from variation $\overline{m}_t(m_{hh}) - \overline{m}_t(m_{hh}/4)$

For total cross section (preliminary)

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH) = 32.78_{-17\%}^{+4\%} \text{ fb}$$

HH-meeting, 13/05/19, S. Glaus [[slides](#)]

- Large variation also present in single Higgs *for a heavy Higgs boson*
HH-meeting, 13/05/19, S. Glaus [[slides](#)]

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=125 \text{ GeV}} = 42.17_{-0.5\%}^{+0.4\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=300 \text{ GeV}} = 9.85_{-0.3\%}^{+7.5\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=400 \text{ GeV}} = 9.43_{-0.9\%}^{+0.1\%} \text{ pb}$$

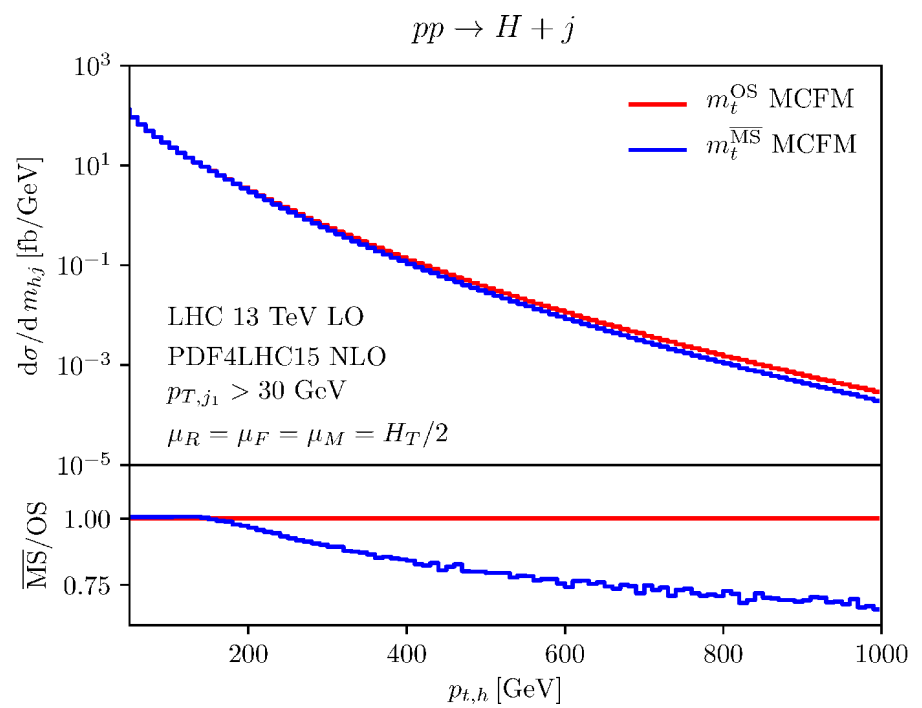
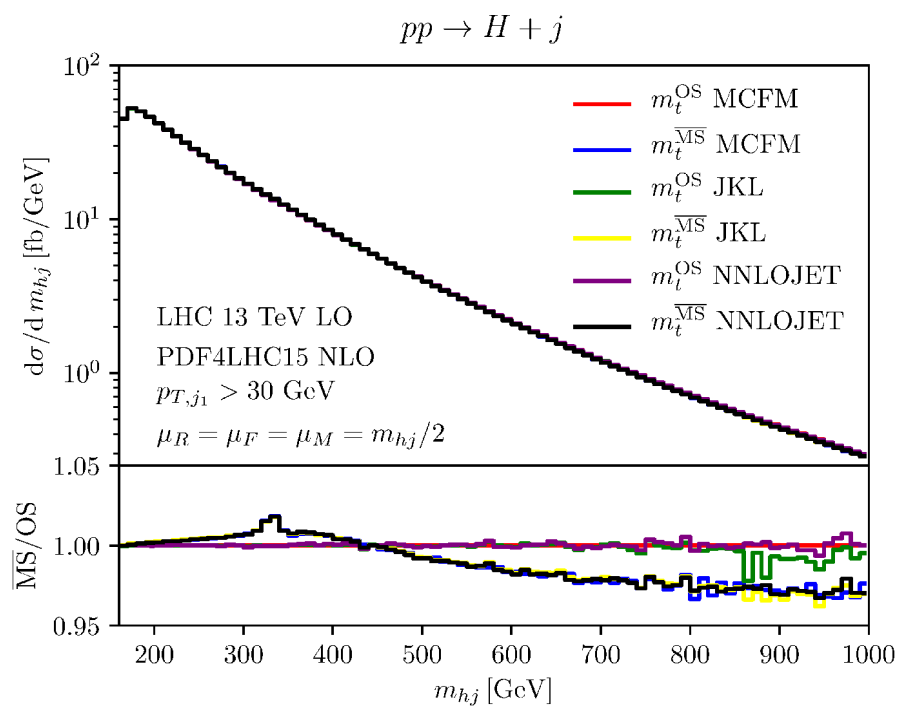
$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=600 \text{ GeV}} = 1.97_{-15.9\%}^{+0.0\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=900 \text{ GeV}} = 0.230_{-22.3\%}^{+0.0\%} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \Big|_{m_H=1200 \text{ GeV}} = 0.402_{-26.0\%}^{+0.0\%} \text{ pb}$$

Top mass scheme uncertainty

- Reduction of these scheme and scale uncertainties is unclear
 - HH-meeting, 17/06/19, M. Spira [slides]
- Study of top mass scheme uncertainties in HH, HJ, ggHZ (vs ggZZ), H* started at LH
 - [LH twiki: mass scheme uncertainties, S. Jones, M. Spira, ...]
 - How are these various processes affected by the mass scheme uncertainty?
 - To what extent is this problem coming from “Triangle-type” topologies vs “Box-type” topologies? (See for example expanded result of Steinhauser et al.)
 - Can we say anything about what is a sensible (or not sensible) choice of scheme?
 - Should we be treating masses running in the loops differently from those entering the Yukawa couplings?
 - How much of this behaviour is due to the mass dependence of the Yukawa vs. top quarks in loop?
 - How large is this uncertainty in the context of the onshell/ofshell Higgs measurements?

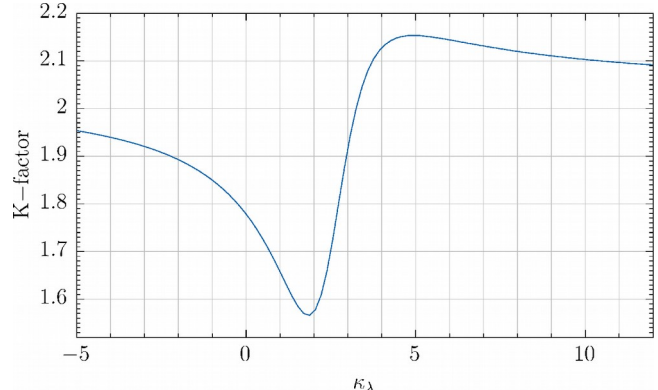


Cross section vs λ_{hhh}

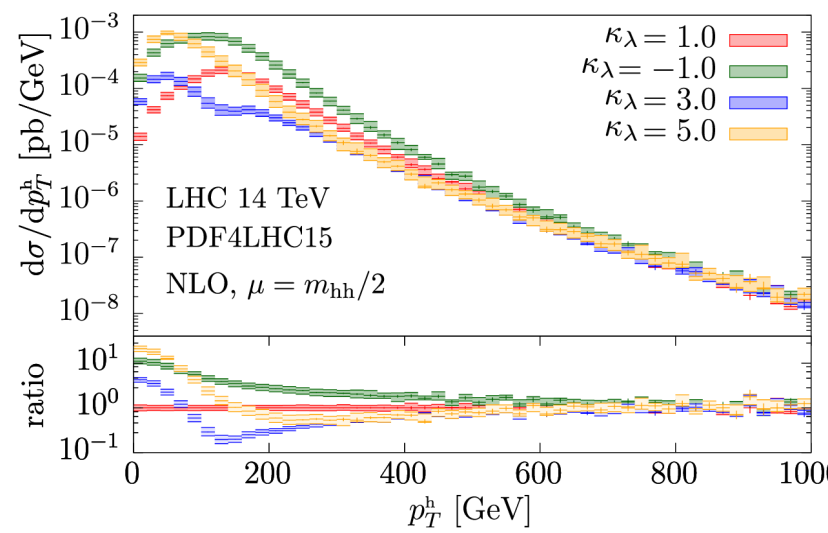
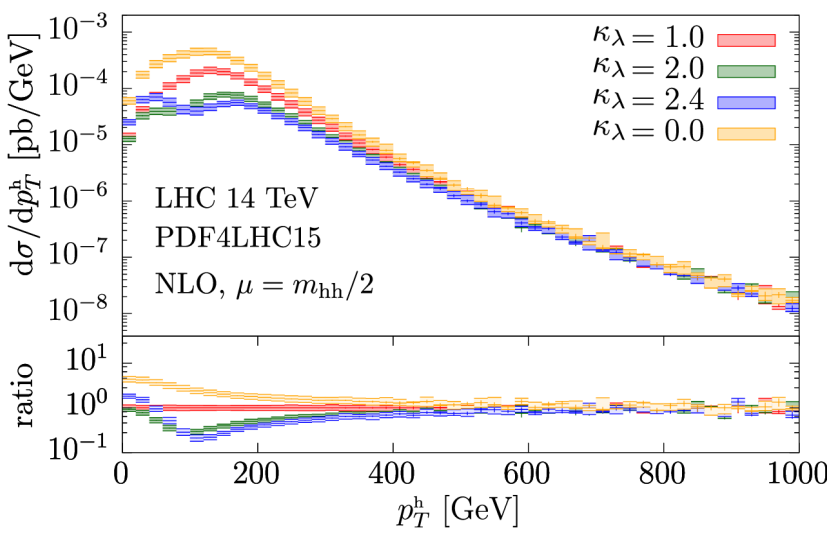
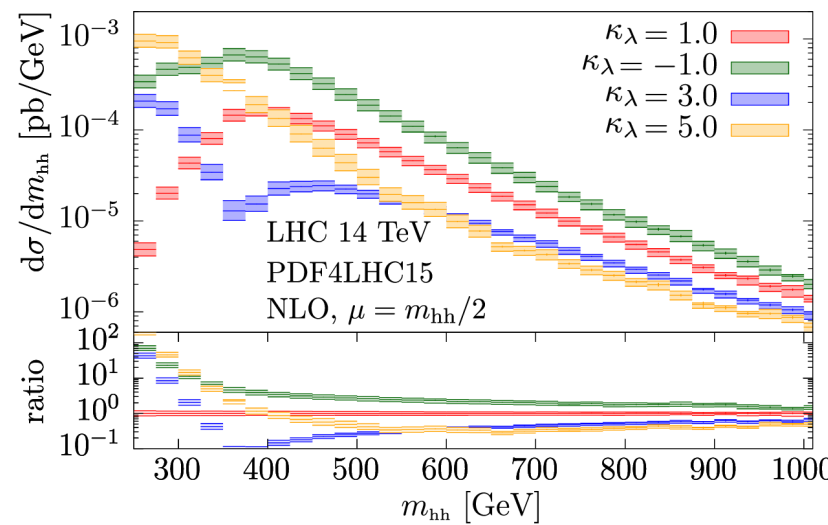
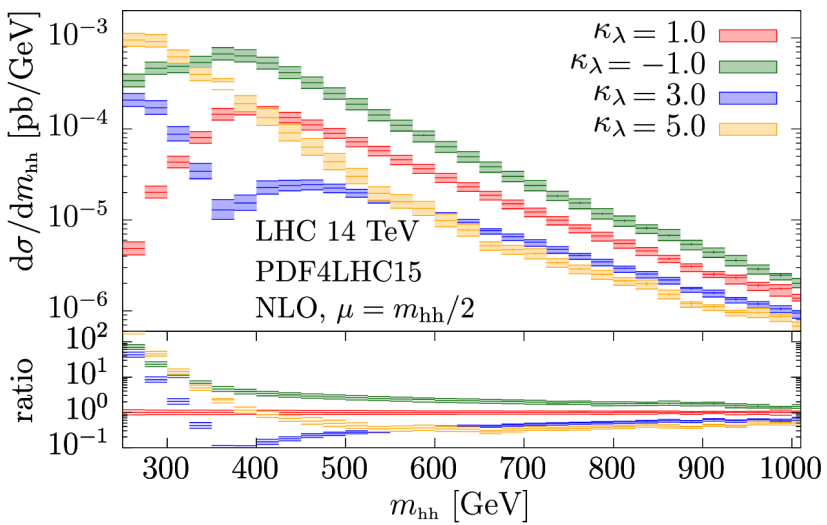
- NLO generator including λ variations now available:

[G. Heinrich et al., [1903.08137](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.08137)]

<http://powhegbox.mib.infn.it/>
in User-Processes-V2/ggHH/



- Fully differential predictions can be obtained:



- These results still need to be matched to the higher SM precision (NNLO_FT_{approx})

Cross section vs λ_{hhh}

- Simplest approach: multiply NLO prediction by SM ratio: $NNLO_{FTapprox}/NLO$

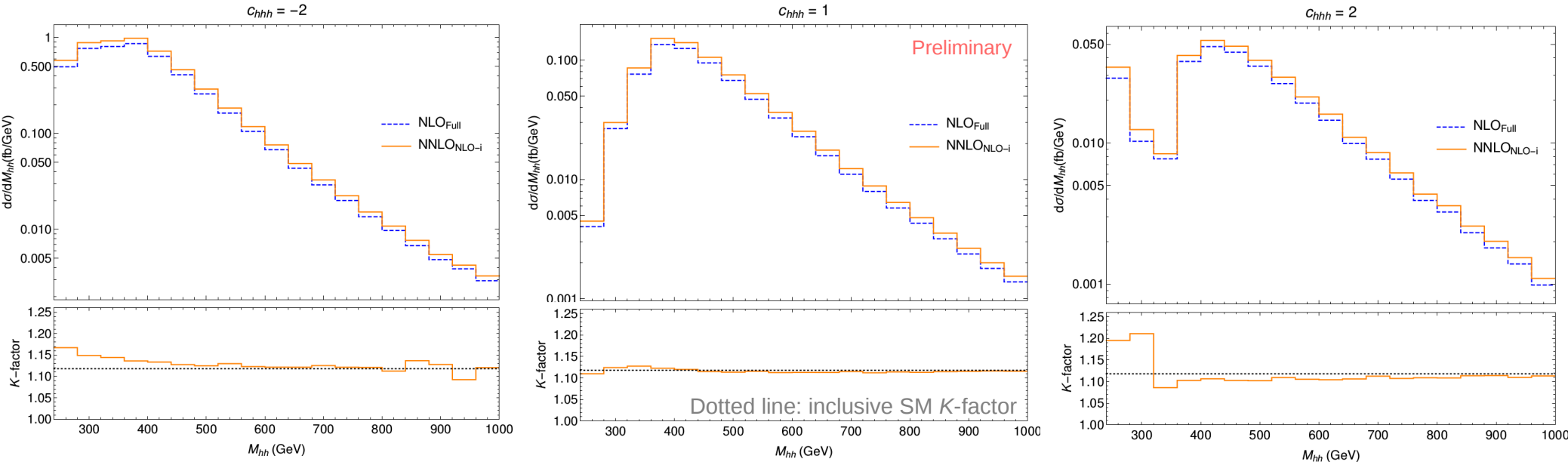


Not optimal: what about scale uncertainties? And differential distributions?

- More advanced combination of full NLO and (improved-)HTL NNLO started at Les Houches

[G. Heinrich et al., [1903.08137](#)]

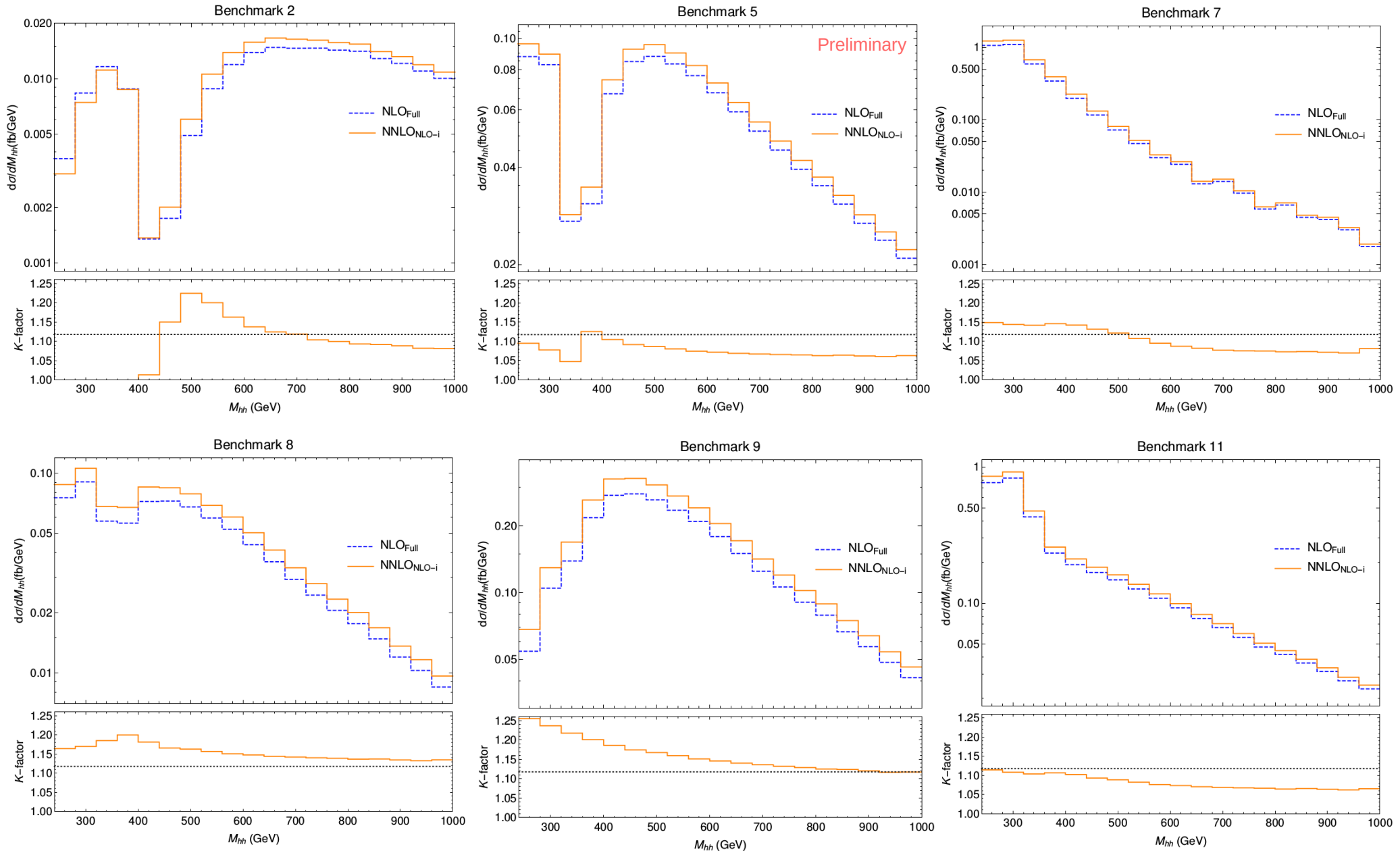
[D. de Florian, JM, I. Fabre, [1704.05700](#)]



- Rescaling by the SM inclusive K -factor seems to be a good approximation in many cases
- In some cases we can have non-uniform K -factors, different to the SM one
- This combination will allow to have a proper evaluation of NNLO scale uncertainties for $c_{hhh} \neq 1$

- The previous combination can also be extended to include EFT dimension 6 operators

[Benchmarks from [1806.05162](#)]

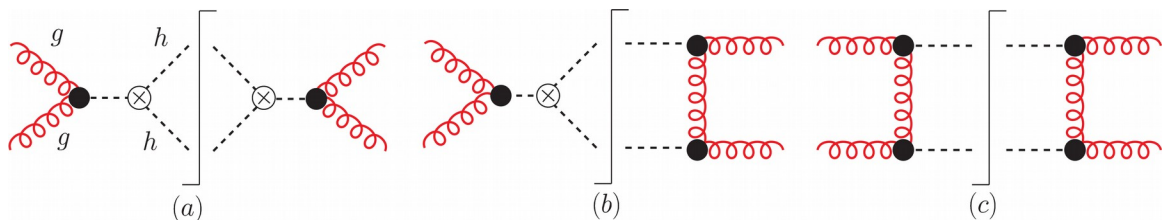


- NNLO K -factors have a much larger variation compared to only self-coupling modifications

Gluon fusion: N^3LO in the HTL

[L. Chen et al., [1909.06808](#)]

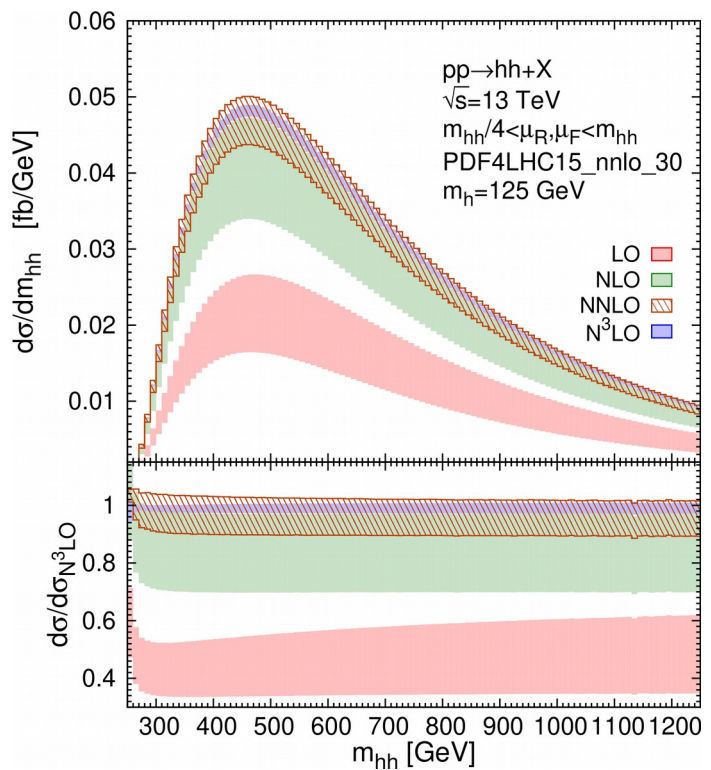
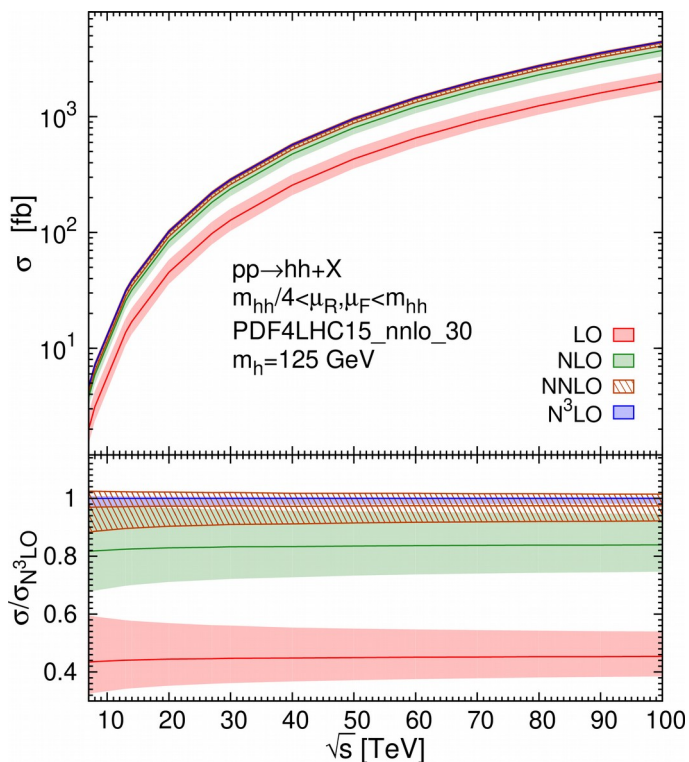
- One can profit from single-H results, analogously to what was done at previous orders



Group contributions according to number of effective ggH vertices
 For HH at N3LO, is needed:
 (a) at N3LO, (b) at NNLO, (c) at NLO

Increase of about 3% at the LHC w.r.t. the NNLO prediction

Further reduction of the scale uncertainties, around +0.7%-2.8%



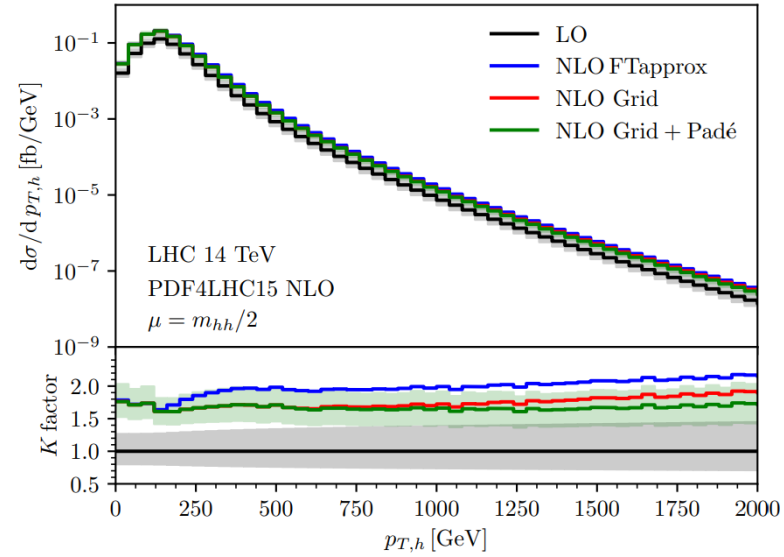
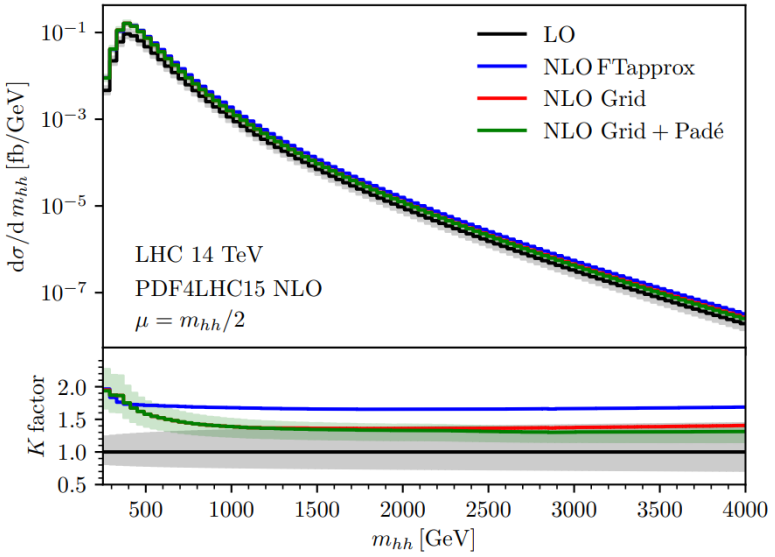
- The phenomenological application of these results remains to be seen, since finite top mass effects need to be taken into account

More on finite m_t effects

- Full NLO known numerically, but other approaches based on analytical expansions have been developed in the last years

<p>1/m_t expansion [J. Davies et al., 1909.01361, ...]</p>	<p>➔ Valid below $2m_t$ threshold</p>
<p>High-energy limit [J. Davies et al., 1811.05489]</p>	<p>➔ Valid above $\sim 700\text{-}800\text{GeV}$</p>
<p>Small Higgs p_T [R. Bonciani et al., 1806.11564]</p>	<p>➔ Valid below $\sim 750\text{GeV}$</p>
<p>Large-m_t and threshold expansions + conformal mapping and Padé approx. [R. Gröber et al., 1709.07799]</p>	<p>➔ Valid below $\sim 700\text{GeV}$</p>

- They might provide a way to improve the knowledge of finite m_t effects beyond NLO
 - ➔ Recent application to top mass dependence of Higgs form factor at three loops [J. Davies et al., [1906.00982](#)]
- They could also help to understand the m_t scheme uncertainties in different m_{hh} regions
- Also some practical applications, for instance: improved grid for NLO virtual corrections [J. Davies et al., [1907.06408](#)]

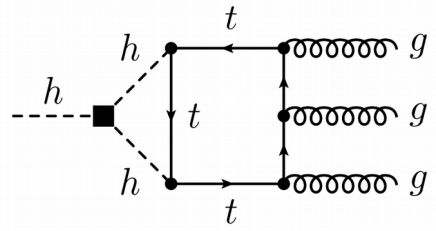


Improved description of the large m_{hh} and $p_{T,h}$ regions

Even more relevant at higher collider energies

Self-coupling from single-H measurements

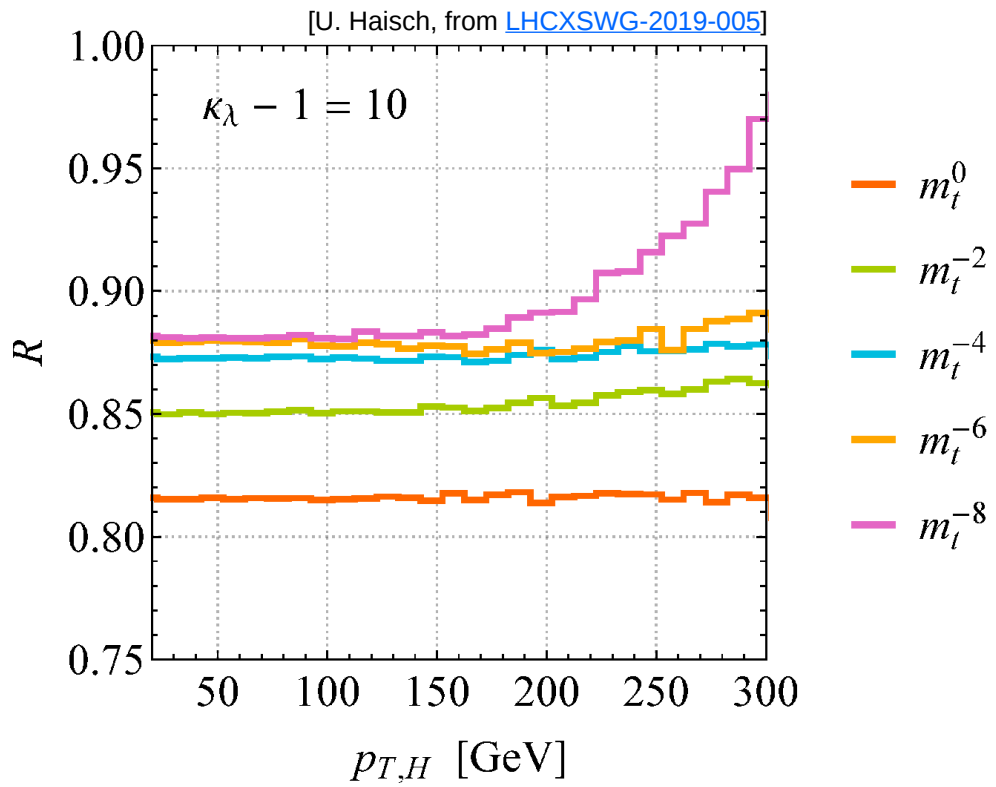
- Higgs self-coupling can also be constrained via loop effects in single-H production
[See sec. 2.3.2 of [LHCXSWG-2019-005](#) for a review]
- Differential information very important to improve the limits
- Effect of λ on Higgs transverse momentum spectrum limited by complexity of calculation
- Relevant amplitudes recently computed in large m_t expansion
[M. Gorbahn and U. Haisch, [1902.05480](#)]



R = Ratio between $k_\lambda - 1 = 10$ and SM

Large m_t expansion converges well in the region of validity, $p_{T,H} < m_t$

These results will allow to study the λ effect in low and moderate $p_{T,H}$



Summary and outlook

- The precision of the theory predictions for HH production has improved significantly in the last years
- Also subleading channels known to a very high accuracy
- There is still more work to do: top scheme uncertainties, lambda variations at NNLO, further improvements of finite m_t effects beyond NLO...
- Stay tuned! Mailing list: lhc-higgs-hh@cern.ch

HH-review, **Higgs boson pair production at colliders: status and perspectives**,
now available in CDS: [LHCXSWG-2019-005](#)

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