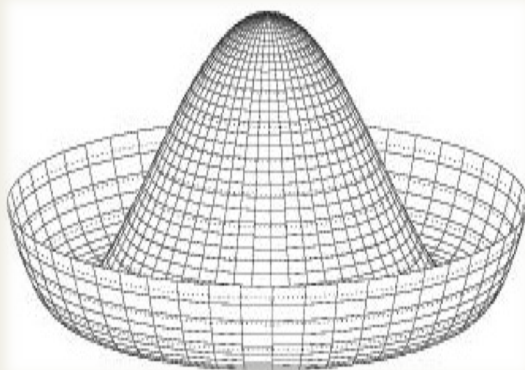


# HIGGS PRECISION PHYSICS



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## Is there physics beyond the SM?

- To the best of our knowledge.... The Higgs has **no structure, no charge, no spin**
- We know that the Higgs couples to fermions and gauge bosons at the **10-20% accuracy level**
- We **postulate** that the Higgs interactions come from a scalar potential:

$$V = -\mu^2\Phi^\dagger\Phi + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2$$

- The potential could just as easily be an effective theory:

$$V \rightarrow -\frac{M_H^2}{2}H^2 + \lambda_3 H^3 + \lambda_4 H^4$$

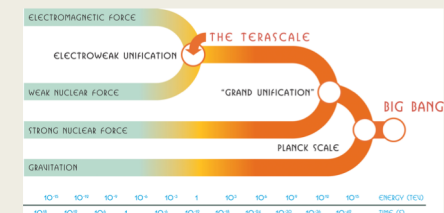
Must measure  $\lambda_3 = \frac{M_H^2}{2v} = .13v$

# Why might new physics hide in Higgs sector?

- Many *unanswered questions*: dark matter, the pattern of fermion masses (including neutrinos), baryogenesis, strong CP violation, EW hierarchy....
- Why does the SM only have one Higgs doublet?
  - *No good answer to this question*
- Higgs can be portal to dark matter
  - *Motivates models with extra Higgs gauge singlet*
- Higgs models can be constructed to have flavor violation such as  $H \rightarrow \mu e$ 
  - *Motivates 2HDM type models*



All of these can change Higgs properties and be a window to high scale physics



# Higgs physics is a tool for exploration

## ■ Precision measurements

- *Requires precise SM calculations*
- *Requires precise effective field theory calculations*
- *Precision constraints on Higgs properties*
- *Precision constraints on new interactions*

## ■ Searches for new Higgs particles

- *Model specific*
- *Arbitrary, but can yield stringent bounds*

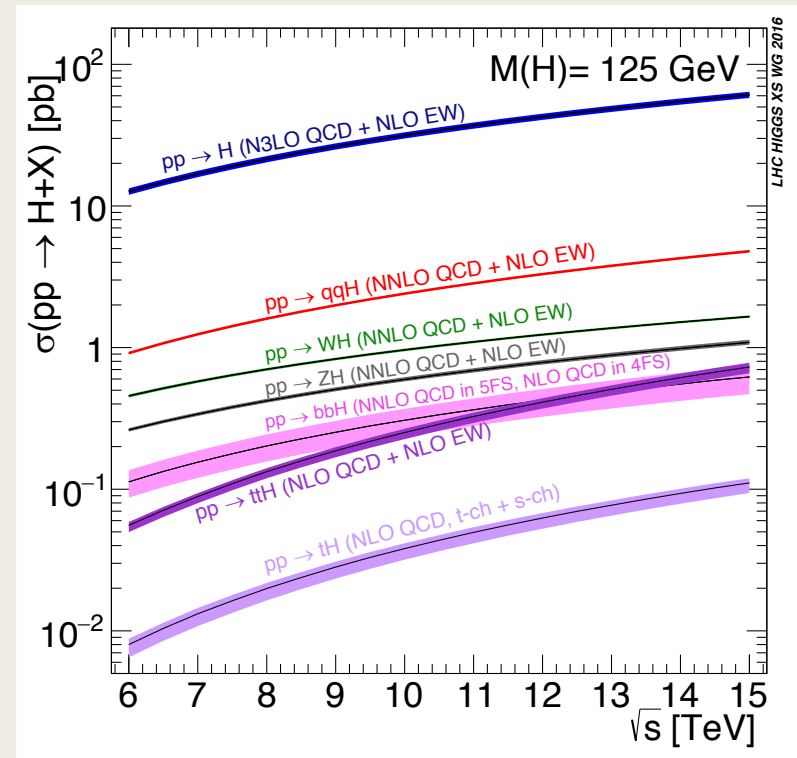
*Both approaches are necessary: Today's talk will focus on progress in theoretical calculations of differential Higgs rates*

## Precision calculations for Higgs physics

- We know SM Higgs rates at NNLO QCD or further in perturbation theory (except ttH)
- We know SM Higgs rates at NLO+EW in perturbation theory
- High statistics from future LHC runs allows for precision measurement of distributions
  - *Need NLO (and higher) for both signal and **background***
  - *Need to understand (**and reduce**) theoretical uncertainties*
- Much recent progress in precision calculations of Higgs properties
  - *Progress: differential rates at NNLO and top mass effects*
  - *Progress: connecting SM differential rates with EFT predictions*

# SM Higgs

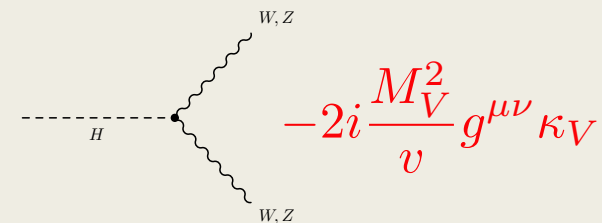
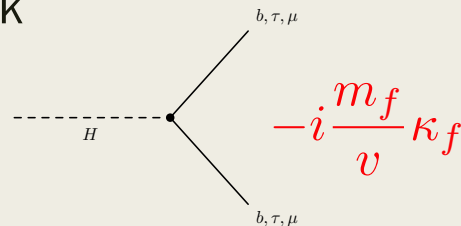
- Total cross sections well known
- Most cross sections to NNLO, with NLO EW
- Goal is to use these measurements to extract couplings, particularly couplings to  $b$  and  $t$
- Many models have anomalous couplings to only 3<sup>rd</sup> generation



Total cross sections don't tell the whole story

# Extracting Information from Higgs Measurements

- First approach is arbitrary modification of Higgs couplings
- Scaling factors  $\kappa$  multiply SM contributions by a constant
- In general, cannot consistently include higher order corrections in  $\kappa$  framework



In the SM, gauge invariance requires  $\kappa=1$

## Need a comparison framework for SM

- Effective field theory extends SM Lagrangian
  - Assume 1 Higgs doublet,  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  symmetry, dimension 6 operators only, *only SM particles*

- Expansion in  $(\text{Energy})^2/\Lambda^2$

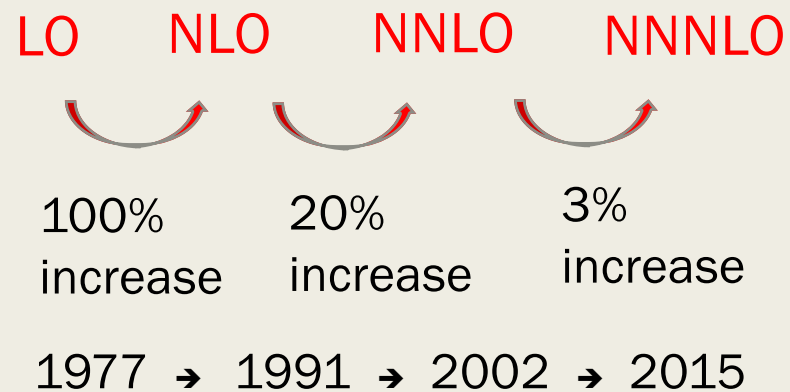
$$L \rightarrow L_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{C_{6i}}{\Lambda^2} O_{6i} + \sum_i \frac{C_{8i}}{\Lambda^4} O_{8i} + \dots$$

- *Expect enhanced effects in tails of distributions*
- Global fits include *LEP precision data, VV production, Higgs data, top data*
  - *Effective field theory connects different processes with large correlations*
  - *Precision requires a complete set of operators, not just one at a time*



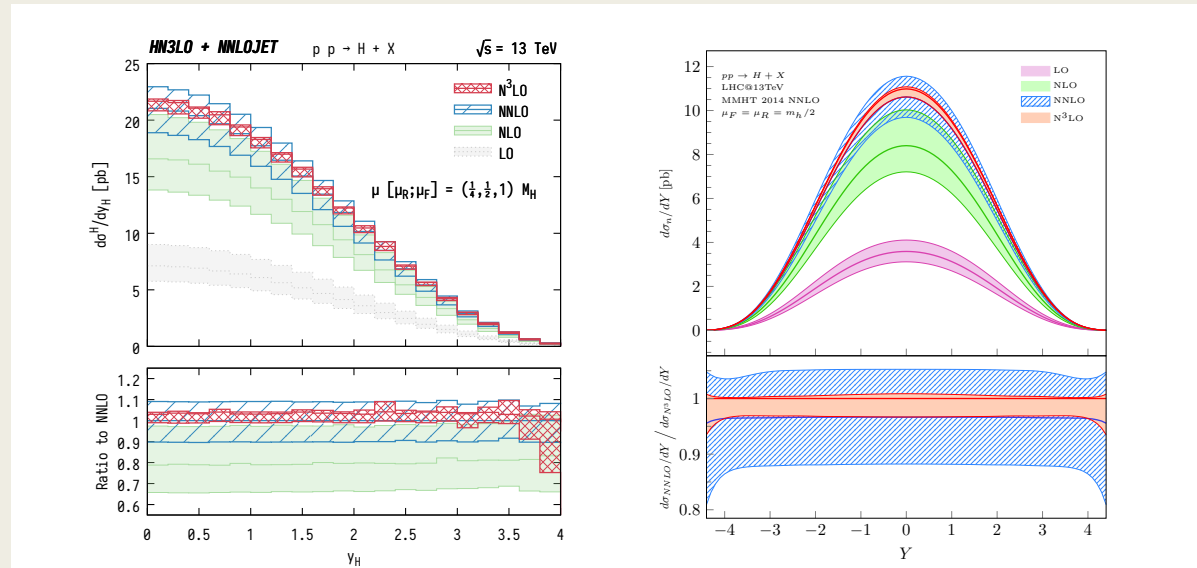
## Gluon fusion is largest Higgs rate

- Calculation of Higgs production to NNNLO required:
  - *New analytic techniques*
  - *New computational techniques*
  - *Surprisingly large corrections to gluon fusion production:*



# Progress in distributions

- Gluon fusion rapidity distribution to N<sup>3</sup>LO
- Rapidity distribution to N<sup>3</sup>LO is perturbatively stable

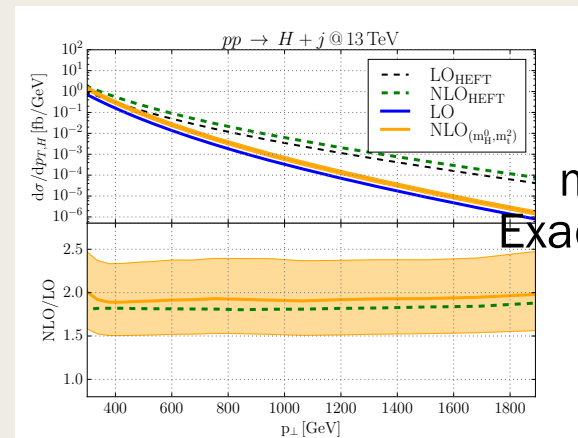
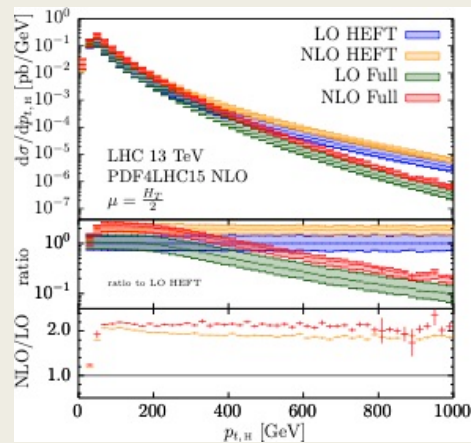


Distribution looks relatively flat with respect to NNLO

Cieri, Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss: [arXiv1807.11501](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.11501)  
Dulat, Mistlberger, Pelloni: [arXiv1810.09462](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.09462)

# Higgs plus jet

- NLO Higgs  $p_T$  spectrum including all **top mass effects**



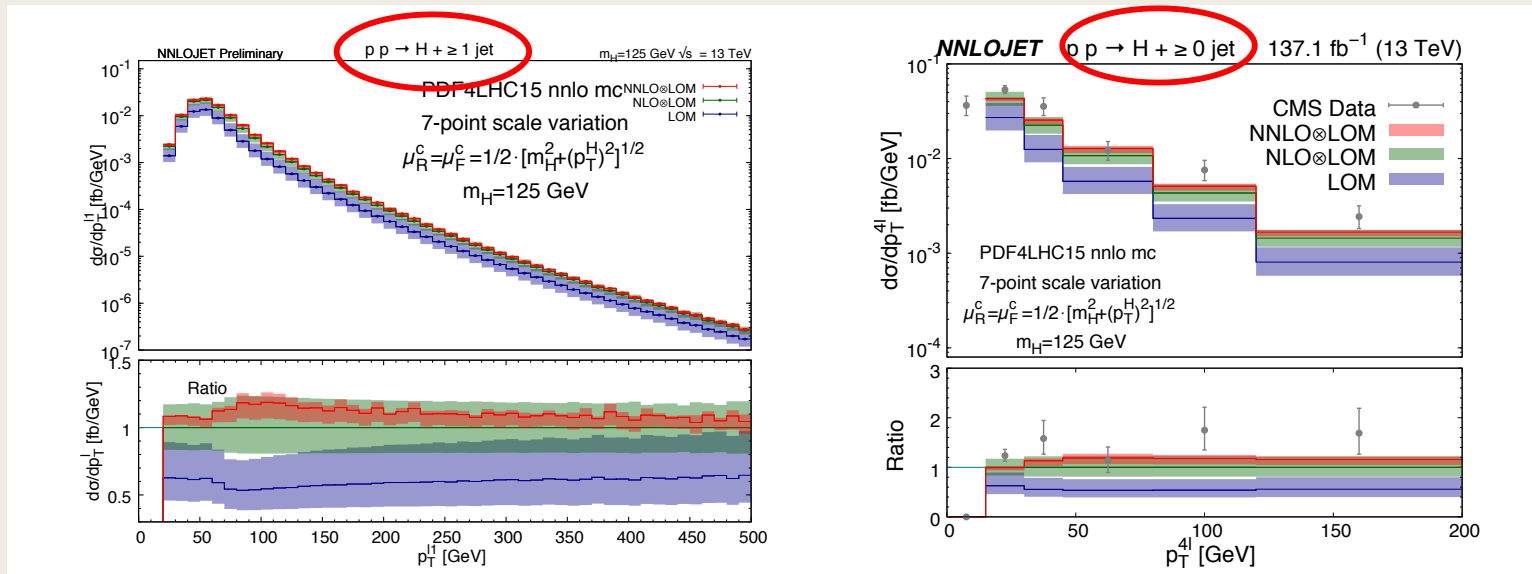
**Understanding top mass effects**

Kudashkin, Lindert, Melnikov, Wever: [arXiv:1801.08226](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.08226)

Jones, Kerner, Luisoni: [arXiv:1802.00349](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.00349)

# Differential predictions for $pp \rightarrow H + \text{jet} \rightarrow 4l + \text{jet}$

- NNLO QCD for 2 to 2 process: At theory forefront for distributions

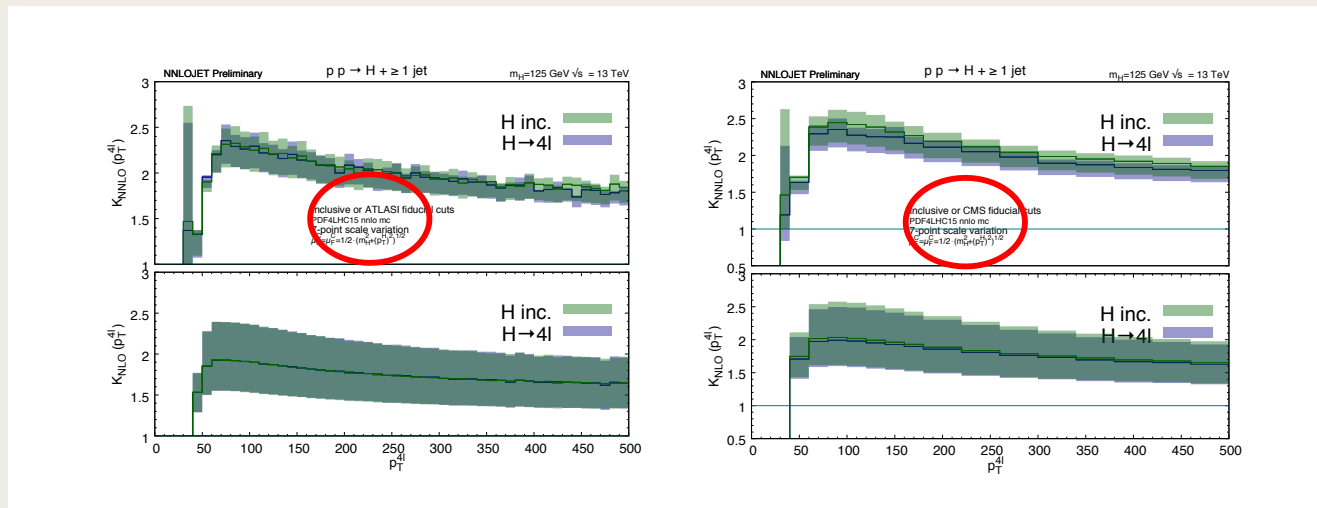


Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss: [arXiv:1905.13738](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.13738)

\*See Chen parallel talk

# Differential predictions for $pp \rightarrow H + \text{jet} \rightarrow 4l + \text{jet}$ at NNLO

- CMS: ~9% difference between fiducial and inclusive K factors
- (Attributed to different lepton isolation algorithm than ATLAS)



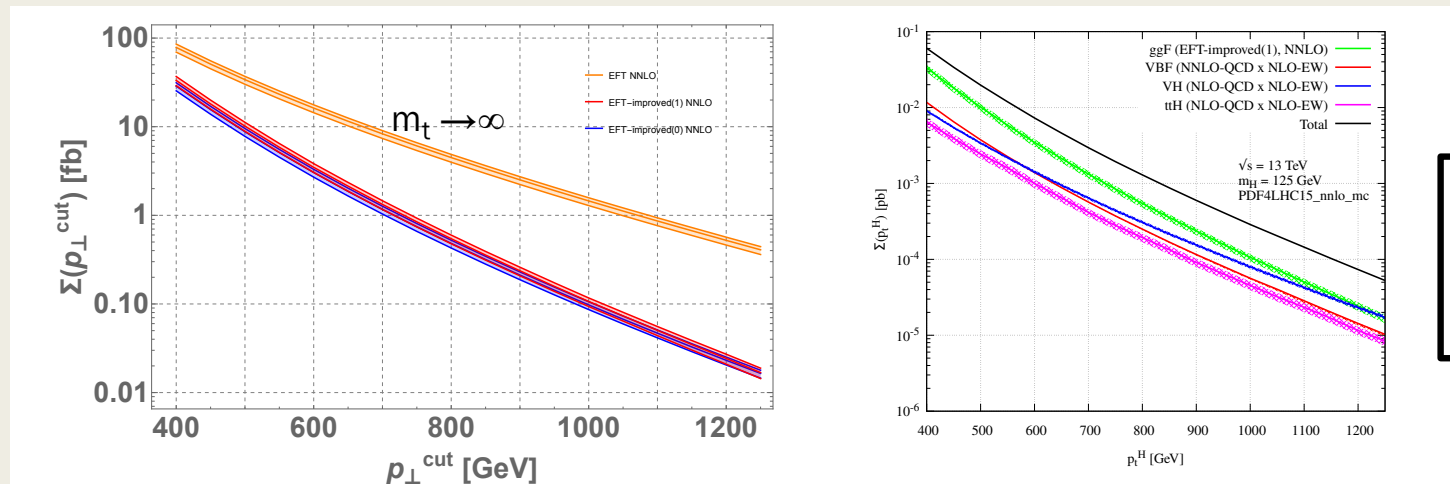
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# Gluon fusion in boosted regime: $H + \geq 1$ jet

- Combine full NLO calculation with NNLO in  $m_t \rightarrow \infty$  for  $H + \geq 1$  jet
- Cumulative cross sections for  $p_{tH} > p_t^{\text{cut}}$



In tails, not only gg is important

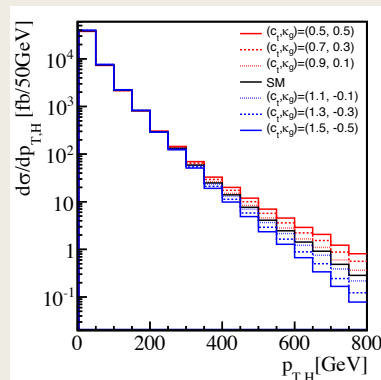
Combination: Becker, Caola, Massironi, Massironi, Mistlberger, Monni: [arXiv:2005.07762](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.07762)

# EFT operators change kinematic distributions

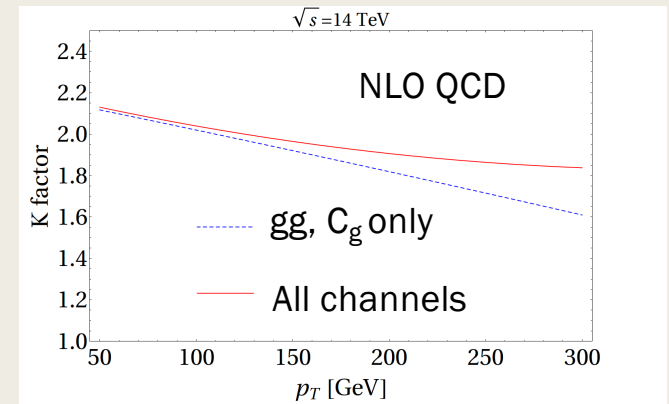
$$L_{eff} = L_{SM} + C_g \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi} \frac{H}{v} G_{\mu\nu A} G^{A,\mu\nu} - \delta Y_t m_t \frac{H}{v} \bar{t}t$$

- Small effects in tails of distributions
- Compare SM predictions with NLO rate in EFT

Higgs plus jet production at 14 TeV



} New physics



- Distributions can separate sources of new physics

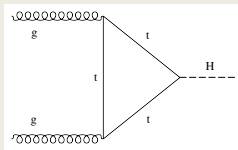
Schlaffer, Spannowsky, Takeuchi, Weiler, Wymant, [arxiv:1405.4295](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.4295)  
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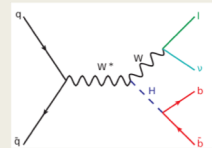
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# Measuring the b quark Yukawa

- Higgs coupling to b's enhanced in many BSM models (e.g., 2HDM with large  $\tan \beta$ )



Indirectly sensitive to t, b Yukawas



Directly sensitive to b Yukawa with  $H \rightarrow bb$

- Measurement of  $pp \rightarrow WH, H \rightarrow bb$  is at large  $p_{TW}$

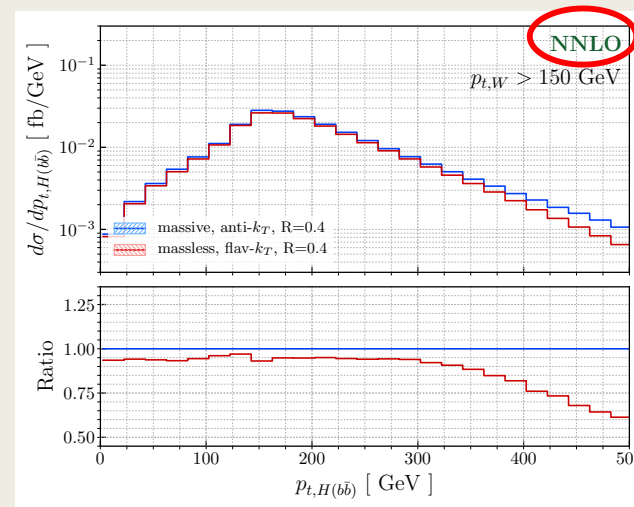
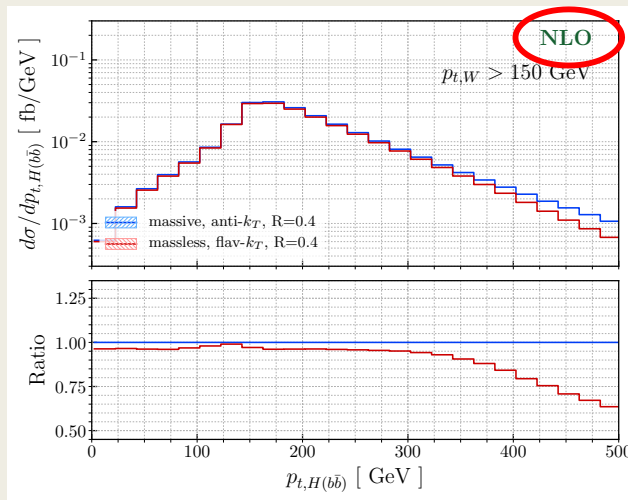
		$\sigma_{fid}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{fid} (p_{TW} > 150 \text{ GeV})$ (fb)
LO	$m_b = 0$	$22.623^{+0.845}_{-1.047}$	$3.735^{+0.000}_{-0.016}$
	$m_b$	$22.501^{+0.796}_{-1.007}$	$3.638^{+0.000}_{-0.009}$
NLO	$m_b = 0$	$25.364^{+0.778}_{-0.756}$	$4.586^{+0.158}_{-0.141}$
	$m_b$	$24.421^{+0.853}_{-0.879}$	$4.333^{+0.165}_{-0.154}$
NNLO	$m_b = 0$	$24.225^{+0.642}_{-0.742}$	$4.530^{+0.071}_{-0.096}$
	$m_b$	$22.781^{+0.791}_{-0.898}$	$4.207^{+0.097}_{-0.116}$

b mass effects important



# Boosted Higgs in WH at NNLO

- $pp \rightarrow WH, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  at NNLO including b mass effects
- 0(5%) effects from b mass in tails of distributions (just where you expect new physics)

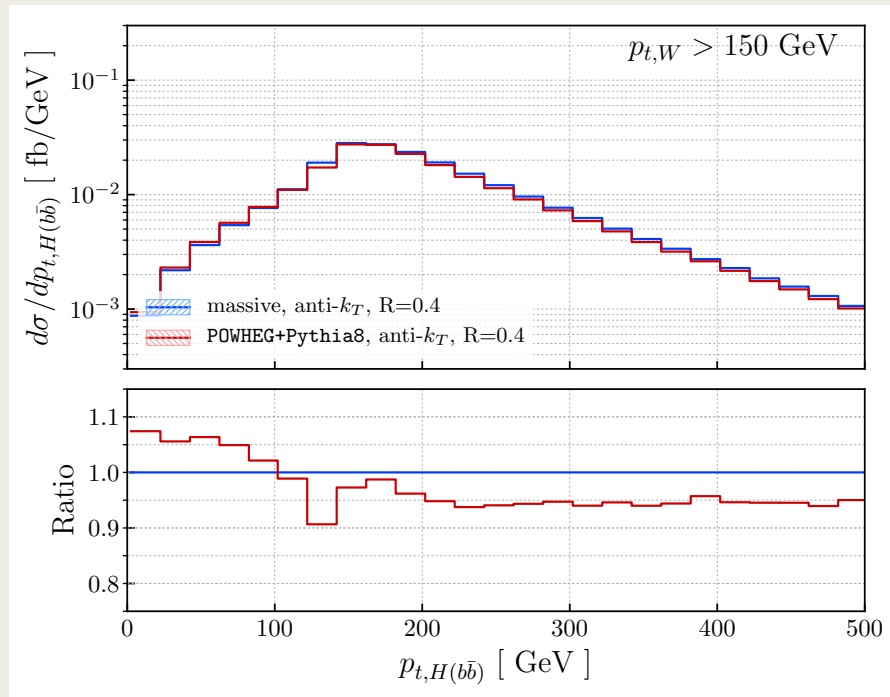


← Ratio to massless case

Behring, Bizon, Caola, Melnikov, Rontsch: [arXiv:2003.08321](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.08321)

# Boosted Higgs in WH at NNLO

- Compare fixed order calculation with NLO POWHEG results for  $p_{tH}$  distribution:
  - 0(5%) effects
  - At high  $p_T$ , POWHEG undershoots NNLO  $m_b$  result

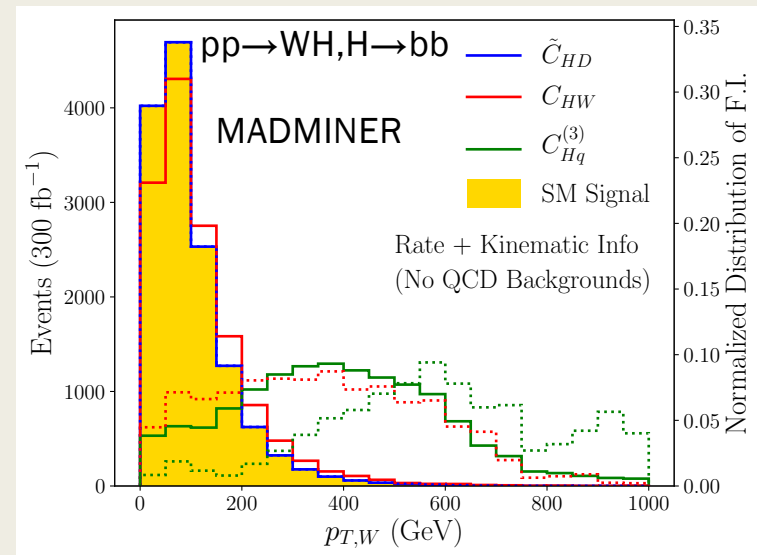
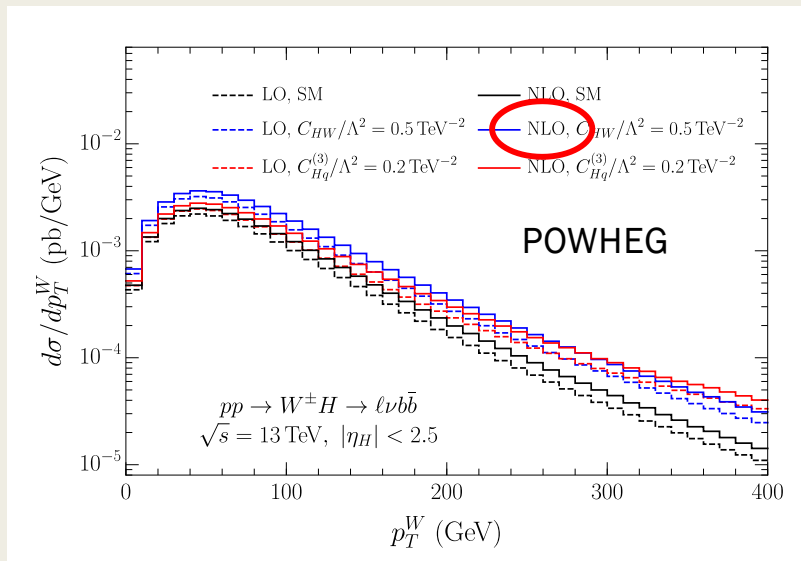


NNLO

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# Using differential information from WH

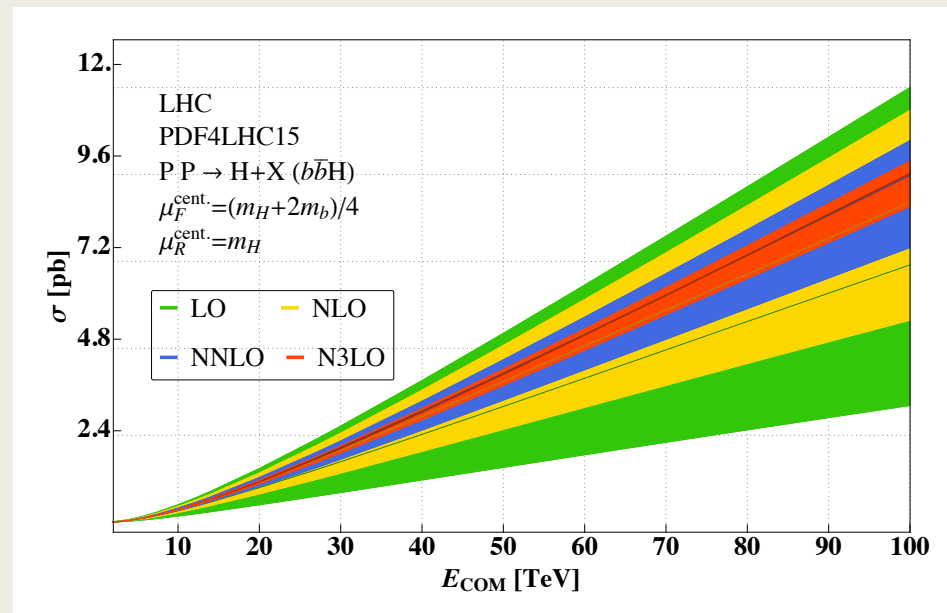
- Compare SM at high  $p_T$  with EFT predictions: Understanding SM at high  $p_T$  is crucial



- Automated tools available for NLO EFT [Madgraph5 aMC@NLO](#)  
 Baglio, Dawson, Homiller, Lane, Lewis: [arXiv:2003.07862](#);  
 Alioli, Dekens, Girad, Mereghetti: [arXiv:1804.07407](#);  
 Brehmer, Dawson, Homiller, Kling, Plehn: [arXiv:1908.06980](#)

# Looking for b Yukawa from bbH

- Long history of calculations in both 4 and 5 flavor number scheme
- Total cross section for  $bb \rightarrow H$  known at N<sup>3</sup>LO QCD shows calculation well understood
- New NLO EW+QCD differential calculation in 4FNS for bbH (including ZH, and ggF +bb topology) has **discouraging** conclusion about measuring b Yukawa from bbH

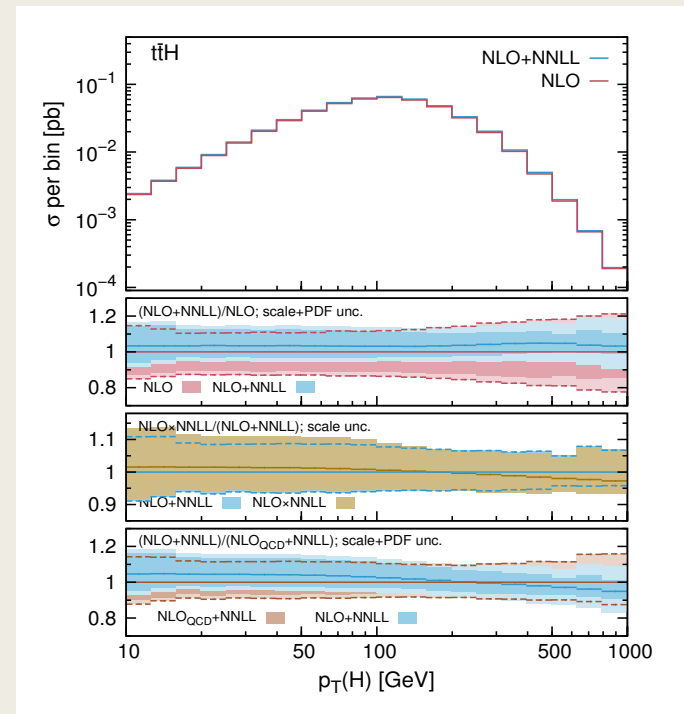


Duhr, Dulat, Hirschi, Mistlberger: [arXiv:2004.04752](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.04752)

Pagani, Shao, Zaro: [arXiv:2005.10277](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.10277)

# Looking for $t$ Yukawa from $t\bar{t}H$

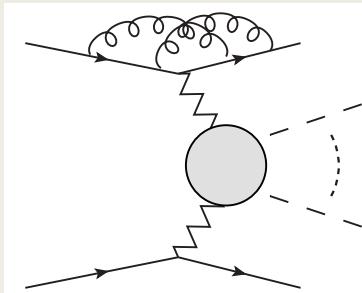
- Top Yukawa indirectly measured in gluon fusion, but  $t\bar{t}H$  is cleaner determination
  - *Gluon fusion can have EFT contributions that are not top Yukawa modifications*
- $t\bar{t}H$  QCD and EW NLO results long known, inclusion of NNLL reduces scale uncertainty



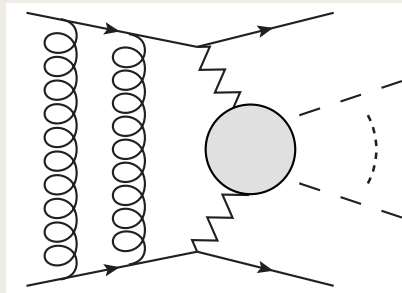
Broggio, Ferrogli, Frederix, Pagani, Pecjak, Tsinikos: [arXiv:1907.04343](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.04343)

# Progress on VBF

- Combining factorizable and non-factorizable contributions at NNLO
- Non-factorizable contributions may be relevant at high  $p_T$ , but more work needed on validity of Eikonal approximation in this region



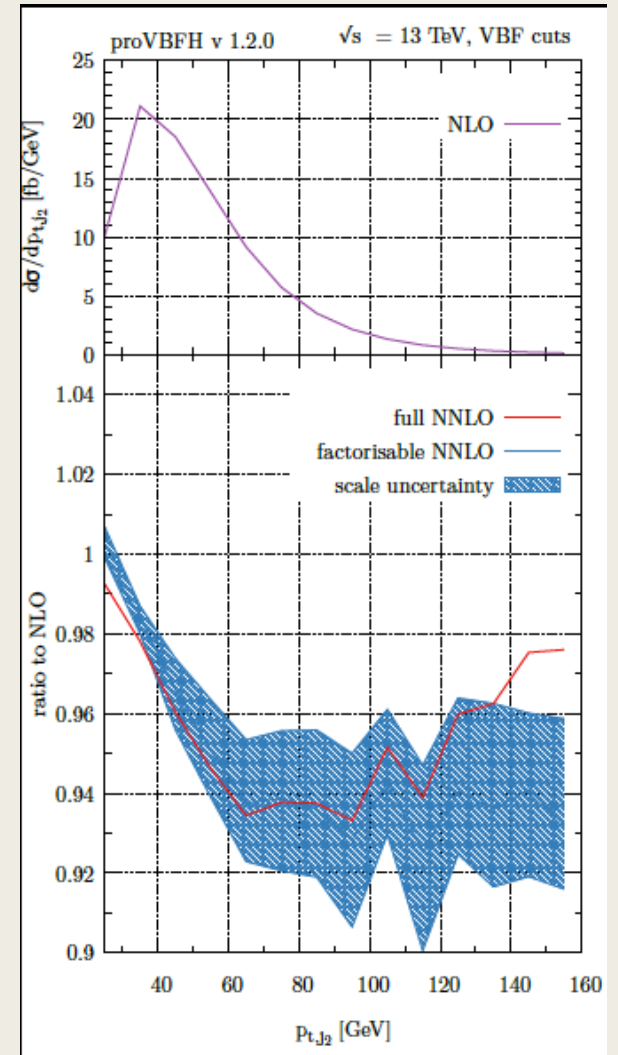
Factorizable



Non-Factorizable

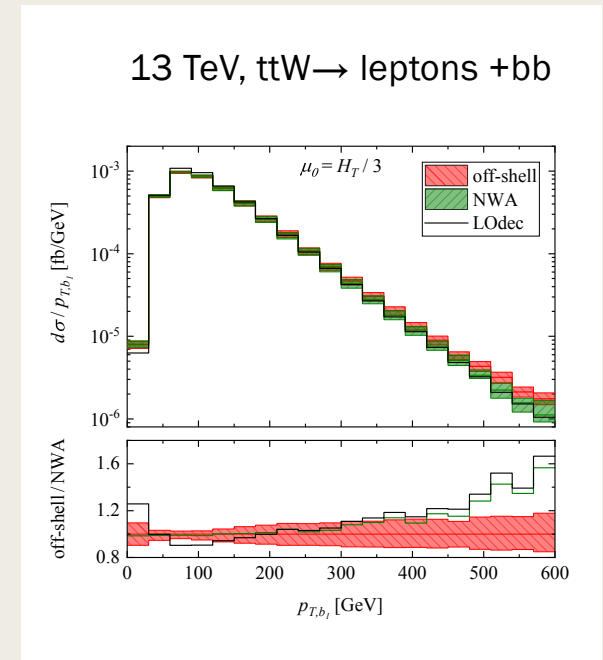
Dreyer, Karlberg, Tancredi: [arXiv:2005.11334](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.11334)

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## Progress in calculating backgrounds too

- New calculation of  $ttW$  at NLO QCD including off-shell top effects
  - $ttW$ +jets is a significant background for  $ttH$  production
  - Motivated by some theory/experimental discrepancies
- Found significant effects from off-shell top in tails of distributions

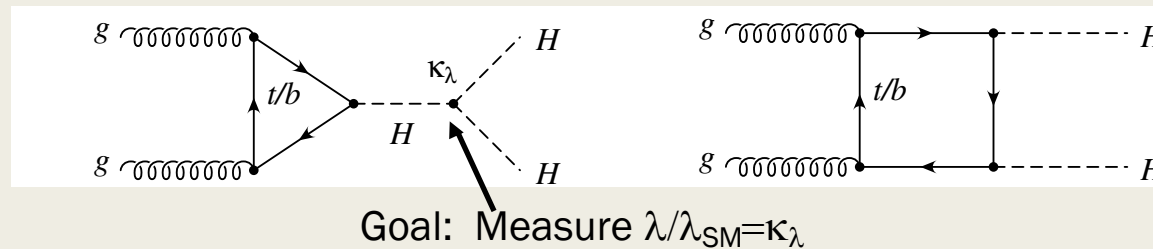


\*See Bevilacqua parallel talk for details

Bevilacqua, Bi, Hartano, Kraus, Worek: [arXiv:2005.09427](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.09427)

# Higher order corrections to HH distributions

- HH first occurs at one-loop



- Large cancellation between diagrams
- Reduces sensitivity to HHH coupling
- Very small rate at LHC

NLO QCD is 2 loop with  
~ scales:  $s, m_t, M_H$

**Measurement of Higgs tri-linear coupling  
necessary to confirm structure of Higgs potential**



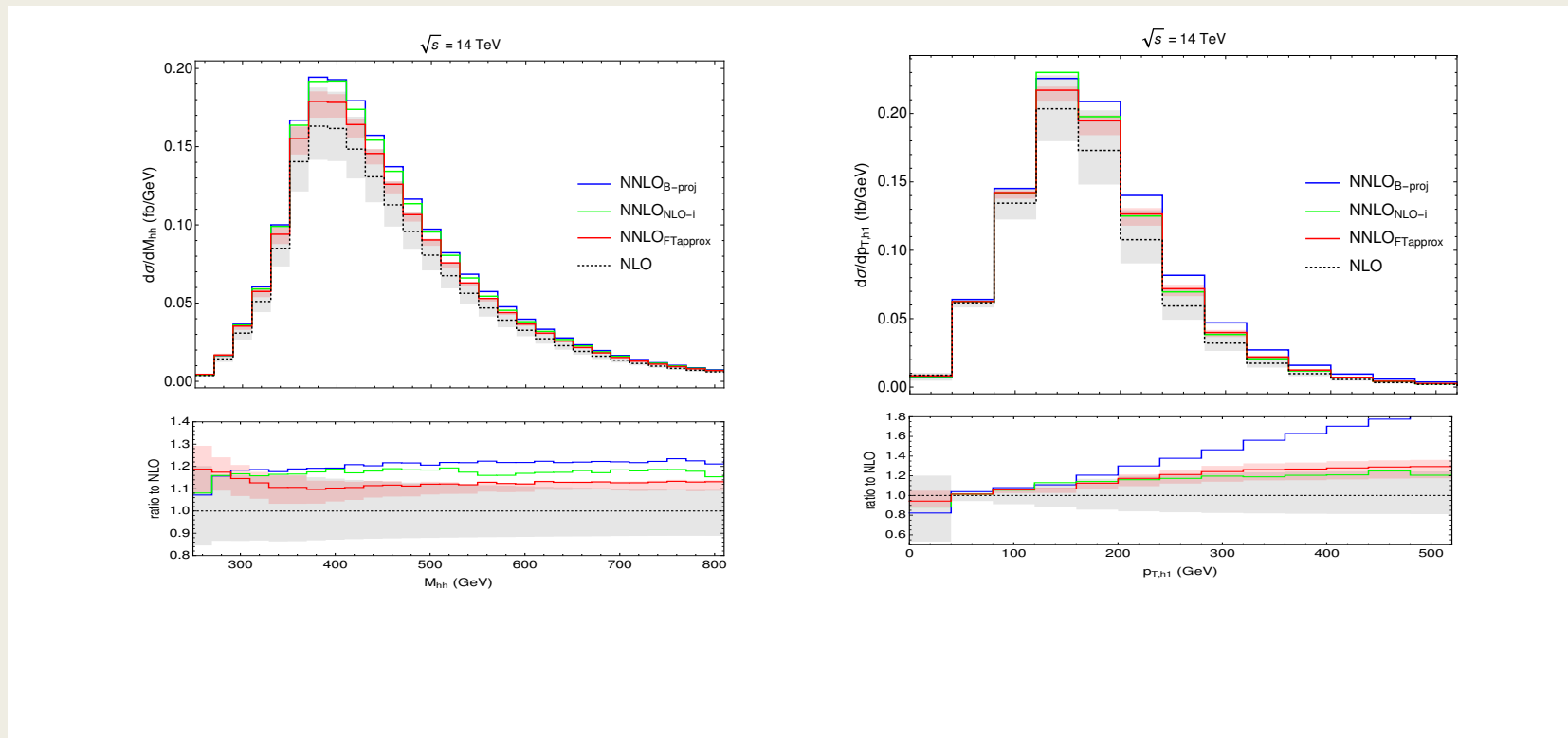
## SM theory for gluon fusion production of HH

- NLO with full mass dependence (2-loop virtual)
  - *Reduces rate by -14%; changes distributions*
- NNLO+NNLL in large top mass limit
  - *Increases NLO by +5%*
- LHC HXSNWG: 13 TeV,  $\sigma=31.05 \text{ fb}^{+2.2\%}_{-5\%} \pm 2.1\%$  (Scale;  $\alpha_s$  + PDF)
- **N<sup>3</sup>LO in large top mass limit increases rate by ~3% (NEW)**
  - $M_{HH}$  shape unchanged with respect to NNLO
  - Scale uncertainties ~3%, PDF uncertainties ~ 3.3%

Grazzini, Heinrich, Jones, Kallweit, Kerner, Lindert, Mazzitelli, Heinrich, Jones: [arXiv:1803.02463](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.02463);  
Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke: [arXiv:1608.04798](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.04798); Baglio, Campanario,  
Glaus, Muhlleitner, Spira, Streicher: [arXiv:1811.05692](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.05692); Chen, Li, Shao, Wan: , [arXiv.1909.06808.pdf](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.06808.pdf)

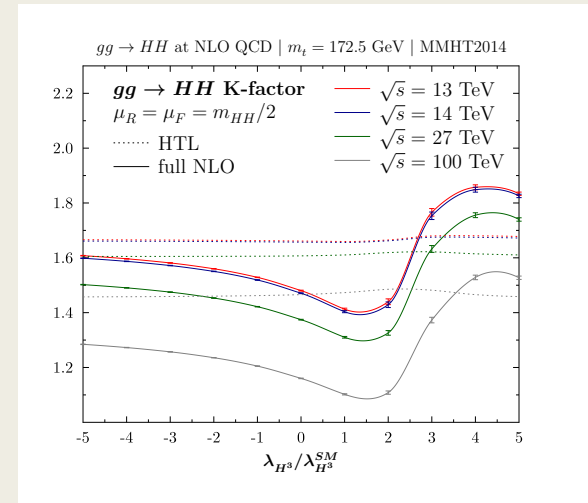
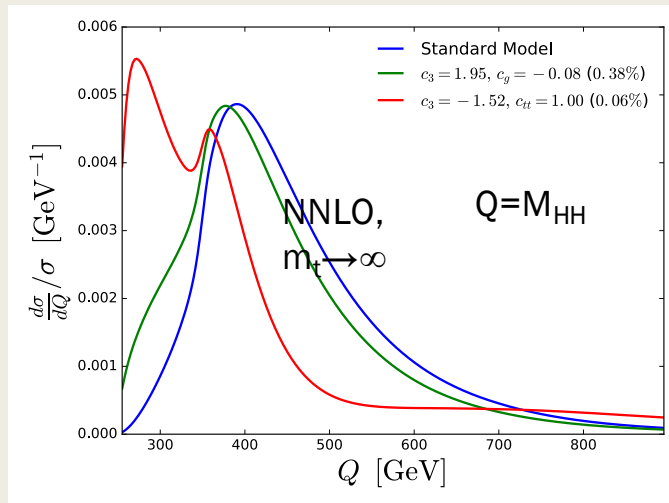
# SM theory for gluon fusion production of HH

- NLO with exact top mass combined with NNLO in  $m_t \rightarrow \infty$



# QCD and EFT operators at NLO and NNLO

- K factors differ from SM and are not constant (QCD matters in EFT studies)
- Prediction for LHCP2021: Combination of SM HH to NLO with EFT HH to NLO distributions



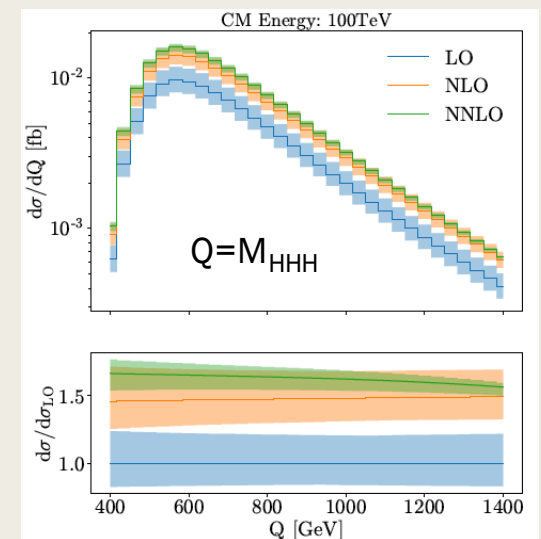
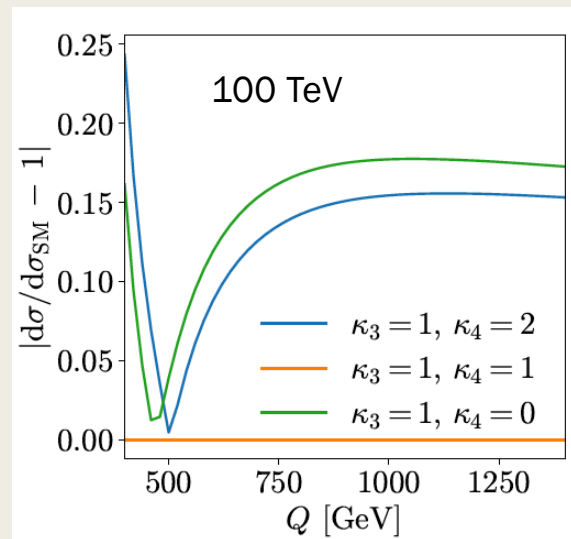
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# Triple Higgs production at NNLO

- Very small rate, but sensitive to HHHH coupling
- Calculation in infinite top mass limit using dynamical reweighting to include top mass effects
- Cancellations between diagrams altered without SM coupling
- K factor relatively flat



14 TeV	$\sigma = .103^{+5\%}_{-8\%}$ fb
100 TeV	$\sigma = 5.56^{+5\%}_{-6\%}$ fb

deFlorian, Fabre, Mazzitelli: [arXiv:1912.02760](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.02760)

# Conclusions

- The future is bright for Higgs physics
  - *Precision calculations of Higgs properties is a mature subject*
    - NNLO for distributions is becoming the gold standard for comparison

- *Apologies for all the important and interesting calculations that I didn't mention. This is a dynamic and active area of theory*
- *Part 2 of this talk should be a discussion of the many results matching fixed order to parton shower calculations at NNLO*
- *Part 3 of this talk should be a discussion of higher order results for backgrounds*
- *Part 4 of this talk should be a discussion of using SM calculations in an EFT framework beyond LO*