

Electroweak production of multiple scalars in the 2HDM

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RE, W. Klemm, S. Moretti, S. Munir, **1605.02498 (in PLB)**

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RE, W. Klemm, S. Moretti, S. Munir, **in preparation**

Parameters of 2HDM (CP cons.)

7 parameters: m_h m_H m_A m_{H^\pm} $s_{\beta\alpha}$ $\tan\beta$ m_{12}^2

Bounded by constraints:

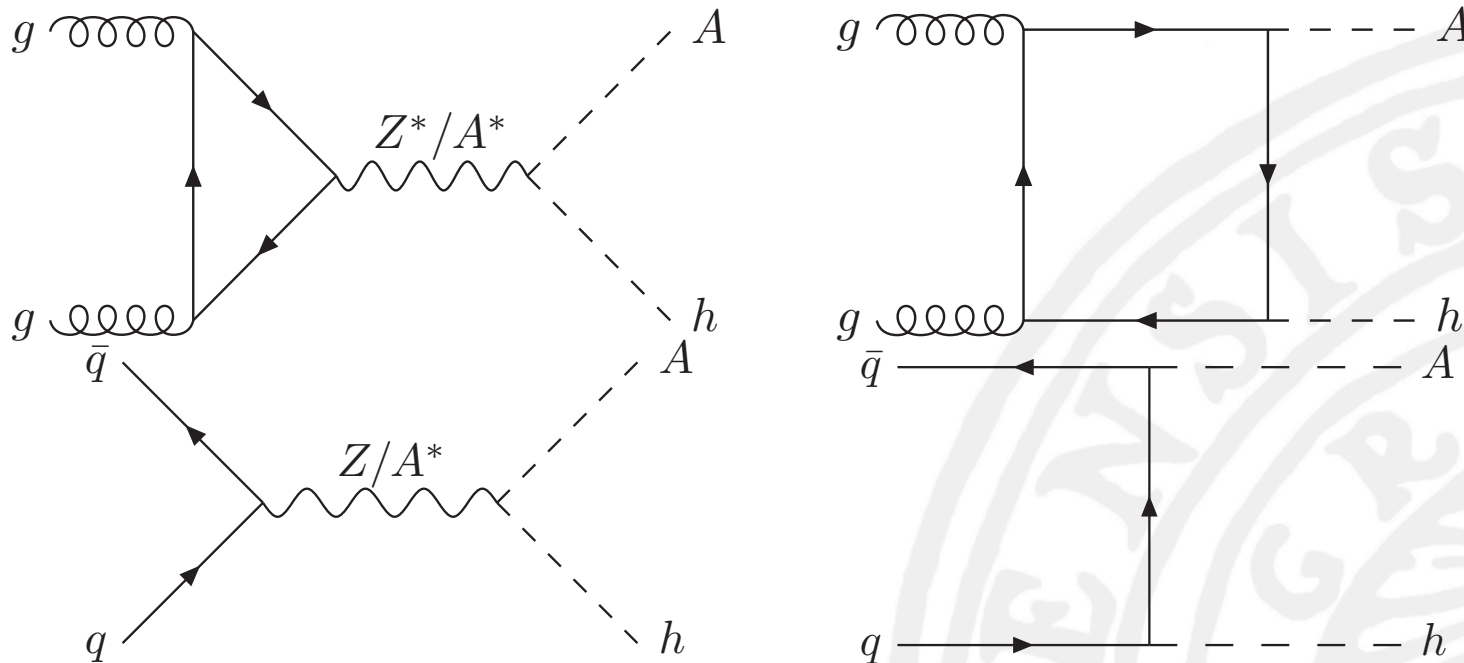
- *Theoretical*: vacuum stability, unitarity, perturbativity
- *Indirect*: oblique parameters, B-physics
- *Direct*: experimental searches for Higgs bosons
- *Observed Higgs*: one of h^0 and H^0 must be SM-like

Must scan over parameters, checking all constraints

(use: 2HDMC, HiggsBounds/HiggsSignals, SuperIso
by Eriksson et al, Bechtle et al, Mahmoudi)

Higgs pair production in 2HDM

Example: $A^0 h^0$ production:

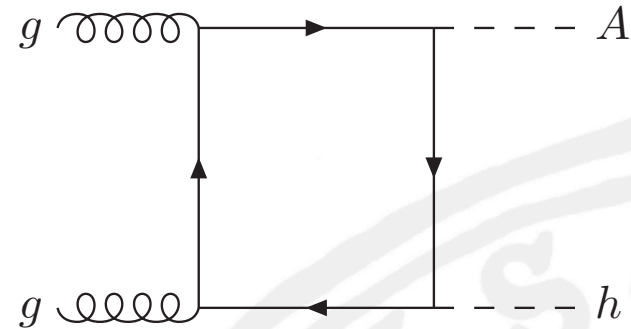
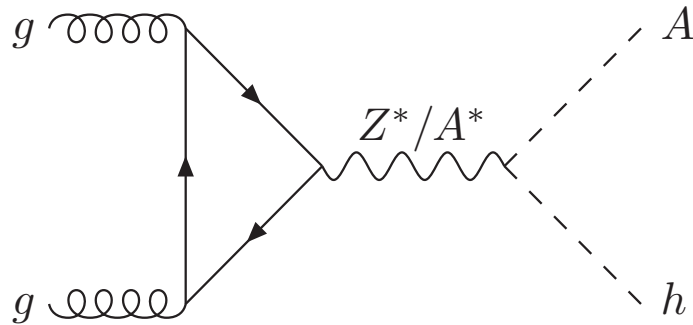


A lot of gluons in the proton, and at least one of $q\bar{q}$ must be a sea quark

Thus expect $gg \rightarrow h_i h_j$ to be more important

($h_{i,j} = h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm$) 3

Higgs pair production in 2HDM



BUT: Landau-Yang theorem \rightarrow an intermediate Z^0 must be off-shell for gg

- $gg \rightarrow Z \rightarrow h_i h_j$ suppressed: amplitude $\sim (q_Z^2 - M_Z^2)^{1/2}$

[Moretti 1407.3511]

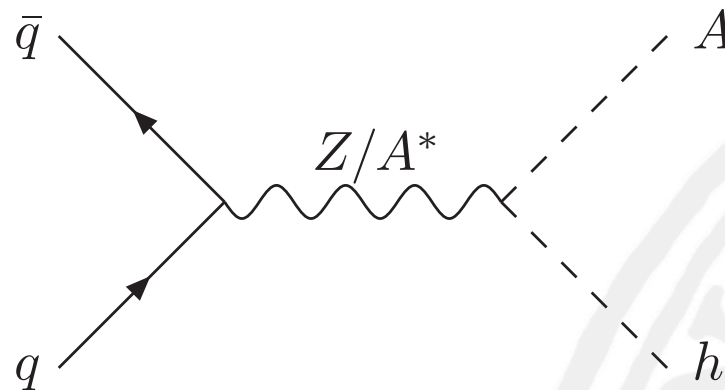
\rightarrow Much smaller cross section

\rightarrow Cannot use Z-mass to suppress background

(Intermediate scalars can be important if resonant)

Thus: “Electroweak production”

No such restriction on qq-initiated process



Upshot: $gg \rightarrow h_i h_j$ needs off-shell Z^0

$qq \rightarrow h_i h_j$ may have on-shell Z^0

→ Will study the relevance for 2HDM pair production for allowed combinations of $h_i h_j$ and s-channel particles

Scenario 1:

$m_h + m_A < m_Z$; H^0 is SM-like

- The heavier H is SM-like \rightarrow alignment $|\sin(\beta - \alpha)| \ll 1$
- LEP constraints \rightarrow h or A more or less fermiophobic – i.e. Yukawa couplings suppressed. In Type I:

$$y_{hf\bar{f}} \propto \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \sin(\beta - \alpha) + \frac{\cos(\beta - \alpha)}{\tan \beta}$$

If $|\sin(\beta - \alpha)| \ll 1$ and $\tan \beta > 2-3$ this is smallish

- If $y_{hff} \ll 1$, then $\sin(\beta - \alpha) \approx -1/\tan \beta$
- Note also $y_{Af\bar{f}} \propto \cot \beta$

Fermiophobic light h^0 or A^0

When fermion couplings of h^0 are suppressed:

- $h \rightarrow AZ^*$ can dominate if A is light enough
- $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ can be large if $h \rightarrow AZ^*$ is not possible

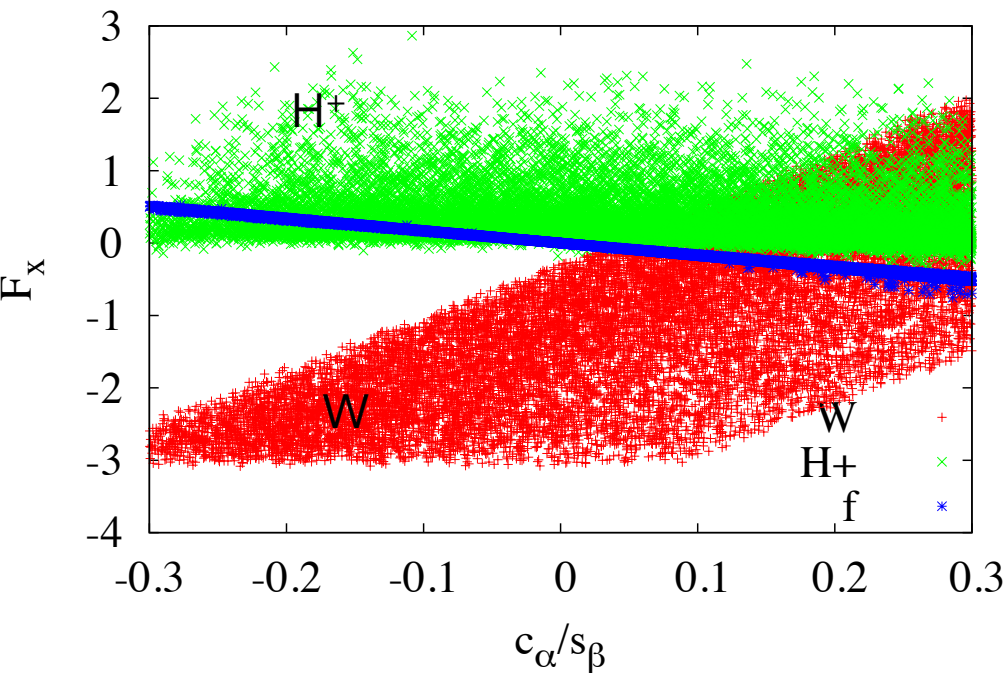
When fermion couplings of A^0 are suppressed:

- $A \rightarrow hZ^*$ can dominate if h is light enough
- $A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ not possible if fermiophobic (no WW)

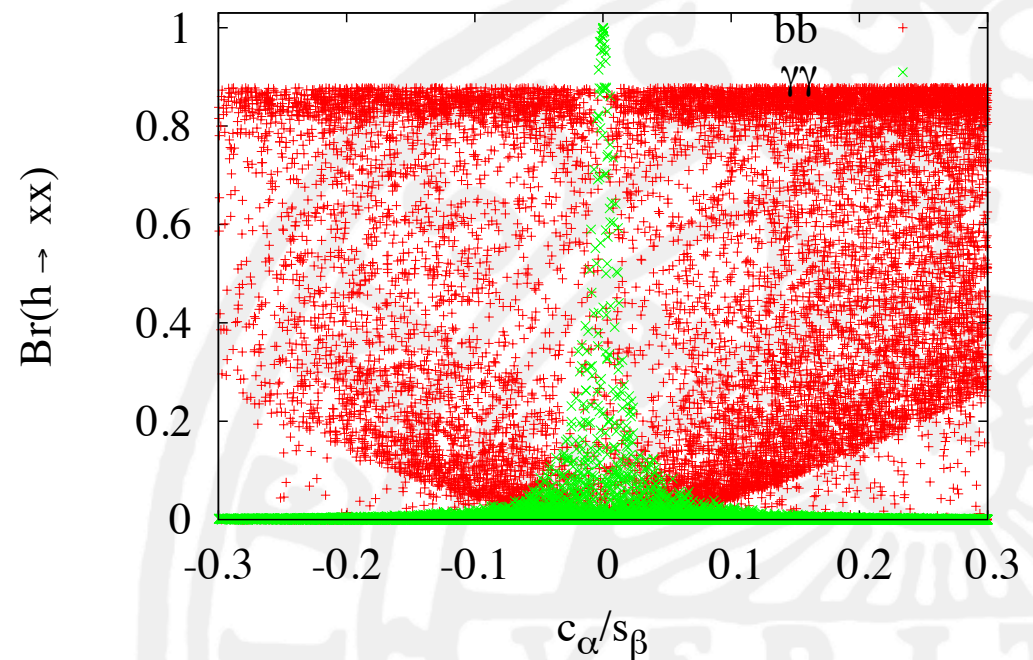
Many searches for light h^0 , A^0 consider $b\bar{b}$ or $\tau^+\tau^-$ decays

Dominant $h^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Loop factor for the decay:
W (red), H^+ (green), f (blue)



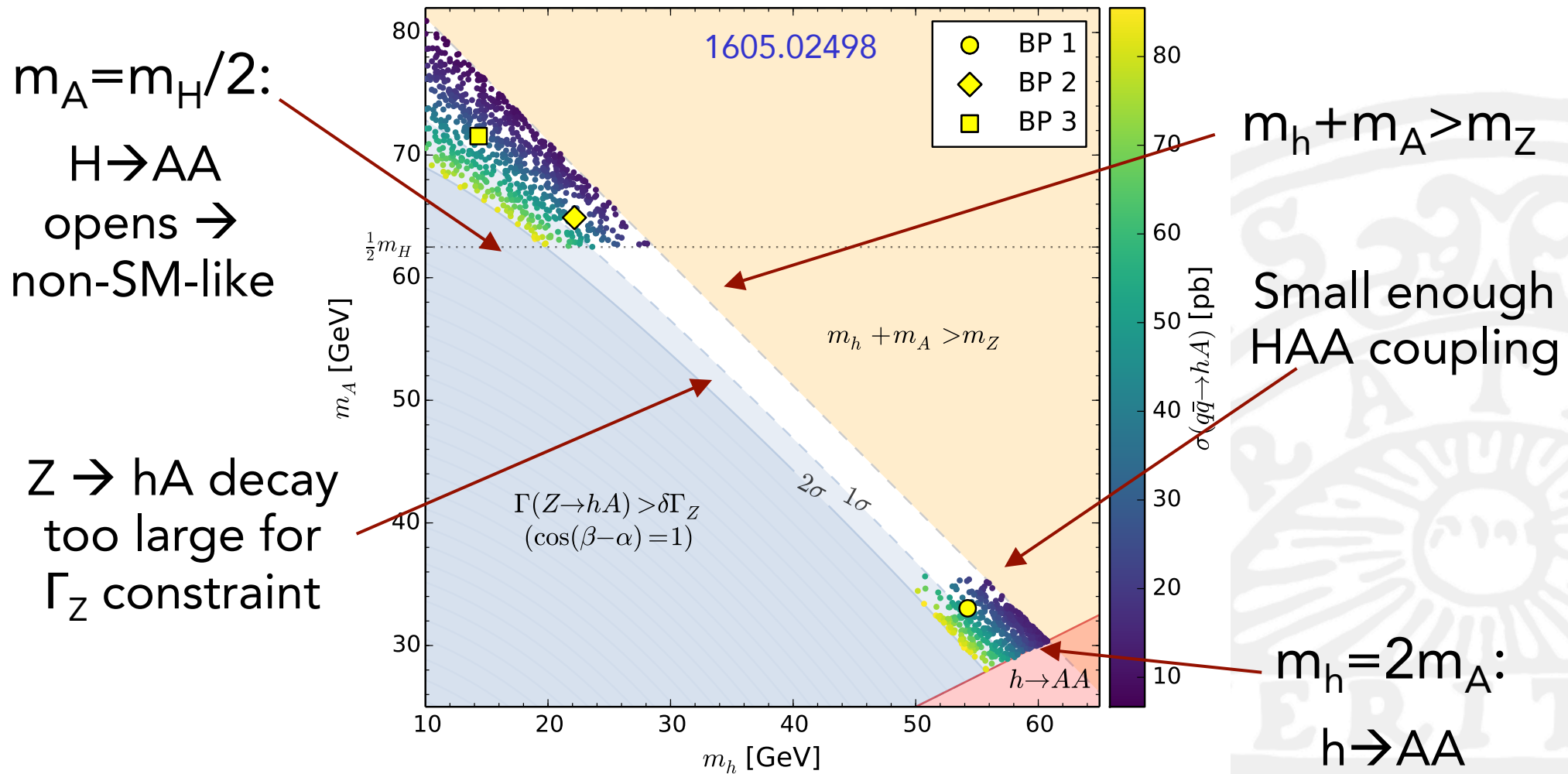
BR: bb (red), $\gamma\gamma$ (green)



[Arhrib, Benbrik, RE, Klemm, Moretti, Munir, 1706.01964]

For small c_α $\text{BR}(h^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \approx 1$ is possible: fermiophobic h^0

Type I allowed parameter space



We find that $\sigma(qq)$ is indeed much larger than $\sigma(gg)$ in this sample

Scenario 2:

H is SM-like, H^\pm is light

Either h or A is lighter than H^\pm so

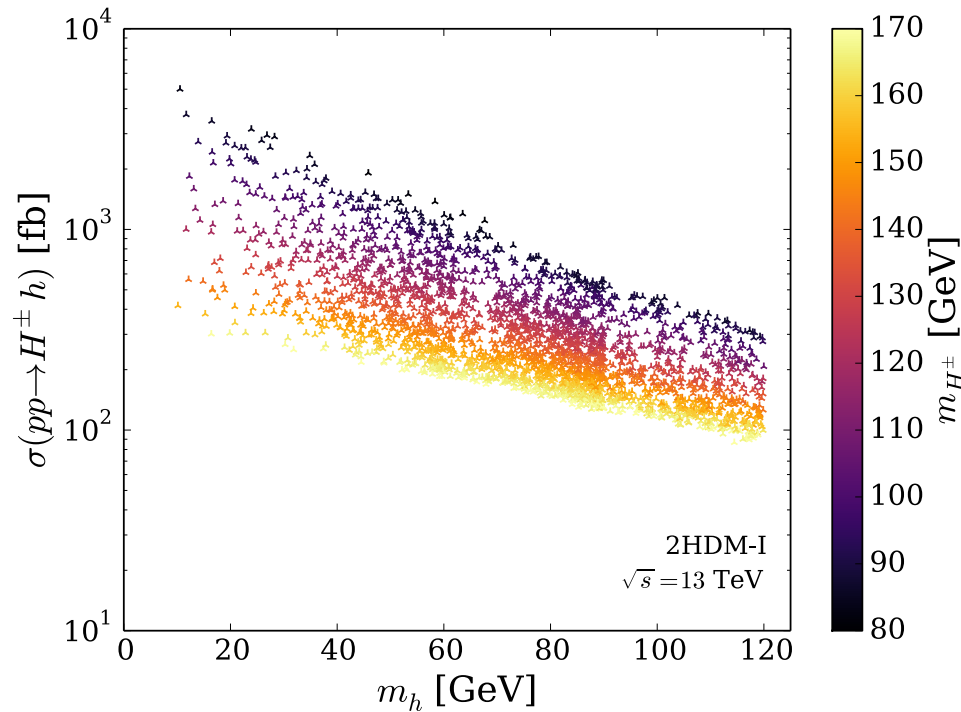
- $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm h$ or $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A$

Production

- $pp \rightarrow H^\pm h$
- $pp \rightarrow H^+ H^-$
- $pp \rightarrow H^+ A$
- $pp \rightarrow H^+ W^-$

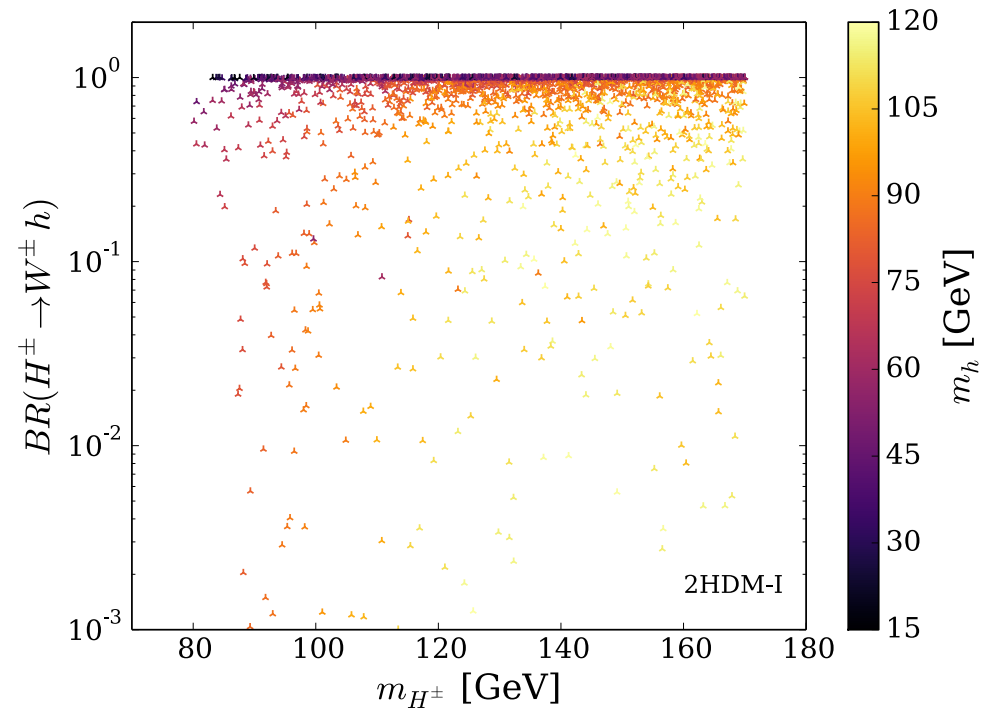
Partially same parameter space as Scenario 1
but we allow also heavier h or A

H^\pm production & decay



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^{\pm*} \rightarrow H^\pm h^0)$$

large because $H^\pm W^\pm h^0$
coupling $\sim \cos(\beta - \alpha) \sim 1$
and large phase space



$$BR(H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm h^0)$$

Again large because
same $H^\pm W^\pm h^0$ coupling

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Scenario 2: LHC signals

If h or A are light enough and fermiophobic:

- $pp \rightarrow H^+ h \rightarrow (W^* h) h \rightarrow W^* \gamma \gamma \gamma \gamma$
- $pp \rightarrow H^+ H^- \rightarrow (W^* h)(W^* h) \rightarrow W^* W^* \gamma \gamma \gamma \gamma$

Such signals are challenging:

Typically would need to trigger on leptons and photons with p_T of 10-20 GeV (this is possible!)

But there is no background! ($\sim 10^{-3}$ fb)

MC study in 1706.01964

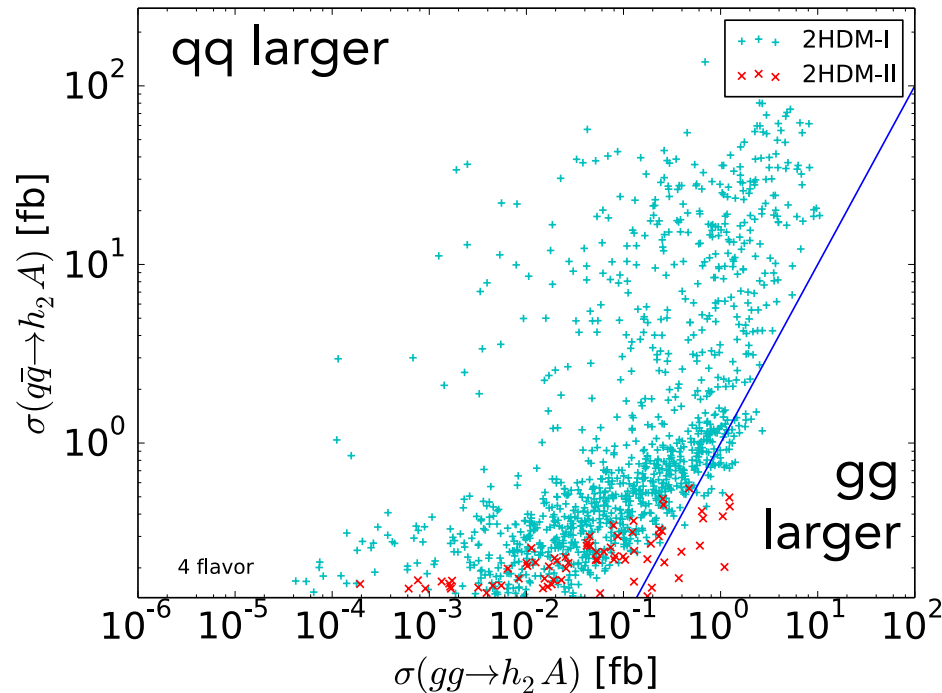
Scenario 3:

h^0 is SM-like, other scalars heavier

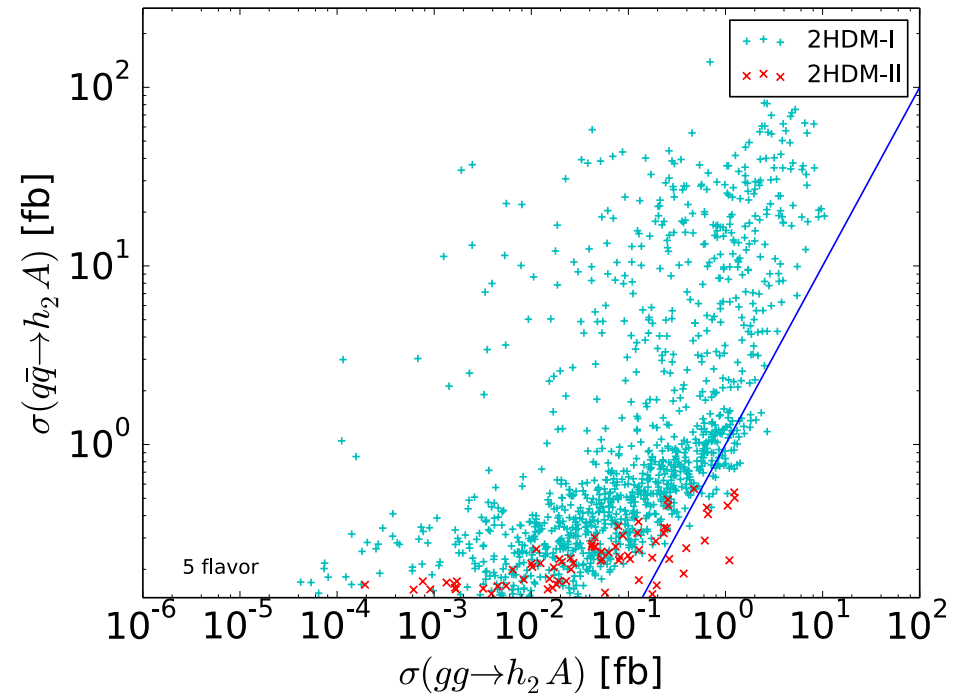
- Will we have the same effect for heavier scalars?
→ Will depend on if vector propagator allowed
- Consider Type I and II
- Production of pairs $h_i h_j$ as well as 3 or 4 scalars
for $h_{i,j} = h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm$
- Find that $gg \rightarrow h_i h_j$ is usually larger than $qq \rightarrow h_i h_j$
but there are exceptions: Z or W propagator
- I will only give a couple of examples here, but we
have calculated cross sections for all possible pairs of
neutral and charged Higgs bosons

$pp \rightarrow H^0 A^0$: qq vs gg production

4 flavor



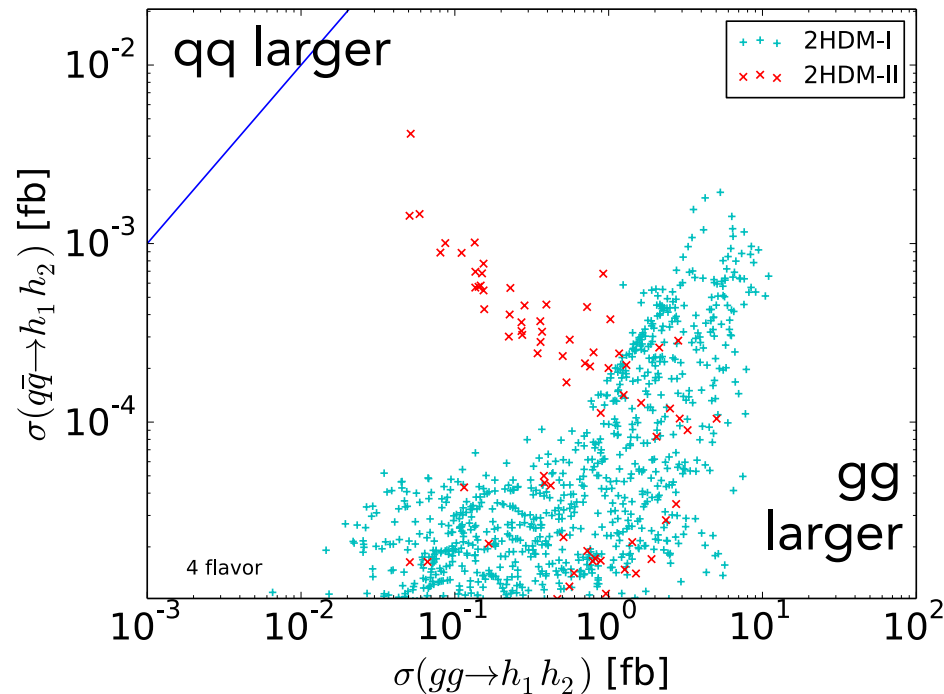
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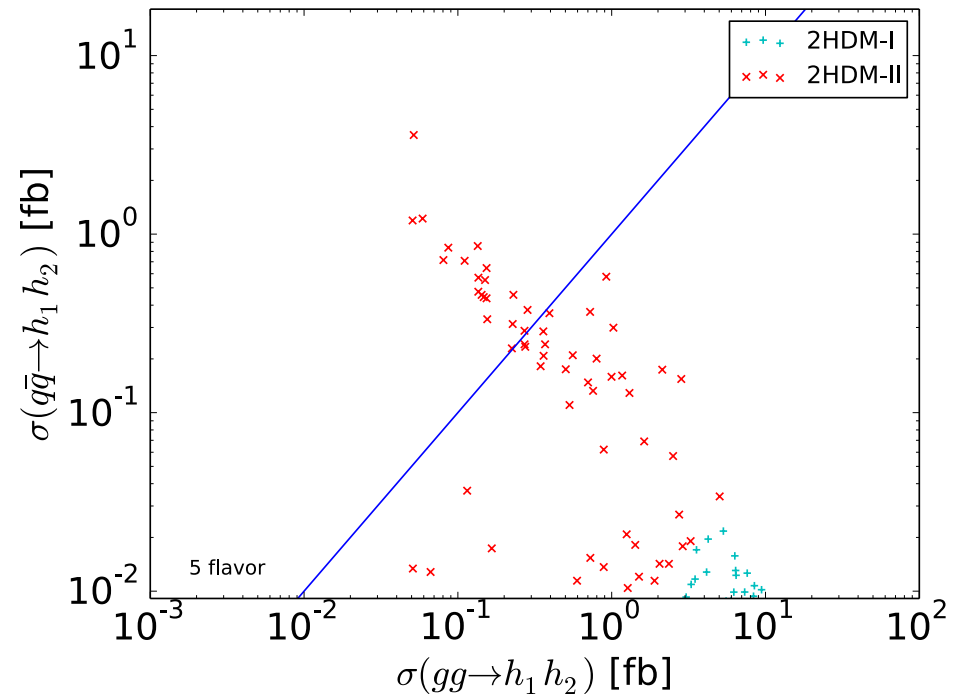
Here qq can still dominate: Z exchange
is allowed for CP even + CP odd
No enhancement from bb production

$pp \rightarrow H^0 h^0$: qq vs gg production

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No vector boson in s-channel allowed
Large enhancement from bb in Type II:
t-channel or CP-even Higgs in s-channel

Summary

- If a Z or W is allowed in s-channel, cross section for $q\bar{q}$ production can be large
- Especially if Z can be onshell, which it can't be in gg production
- There are regions of 2HDM parameter space where this happens
- Especially for light h^0 , A^0 , H^\pm in Type I