

# Electroweak production of multiple scalars in the 2HDM

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Based on

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

A. Arhrib, R. Benbrik, RE, W. Klemm, S. Moretti, S. Munir, **1706.01964 (in PLB)**

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:

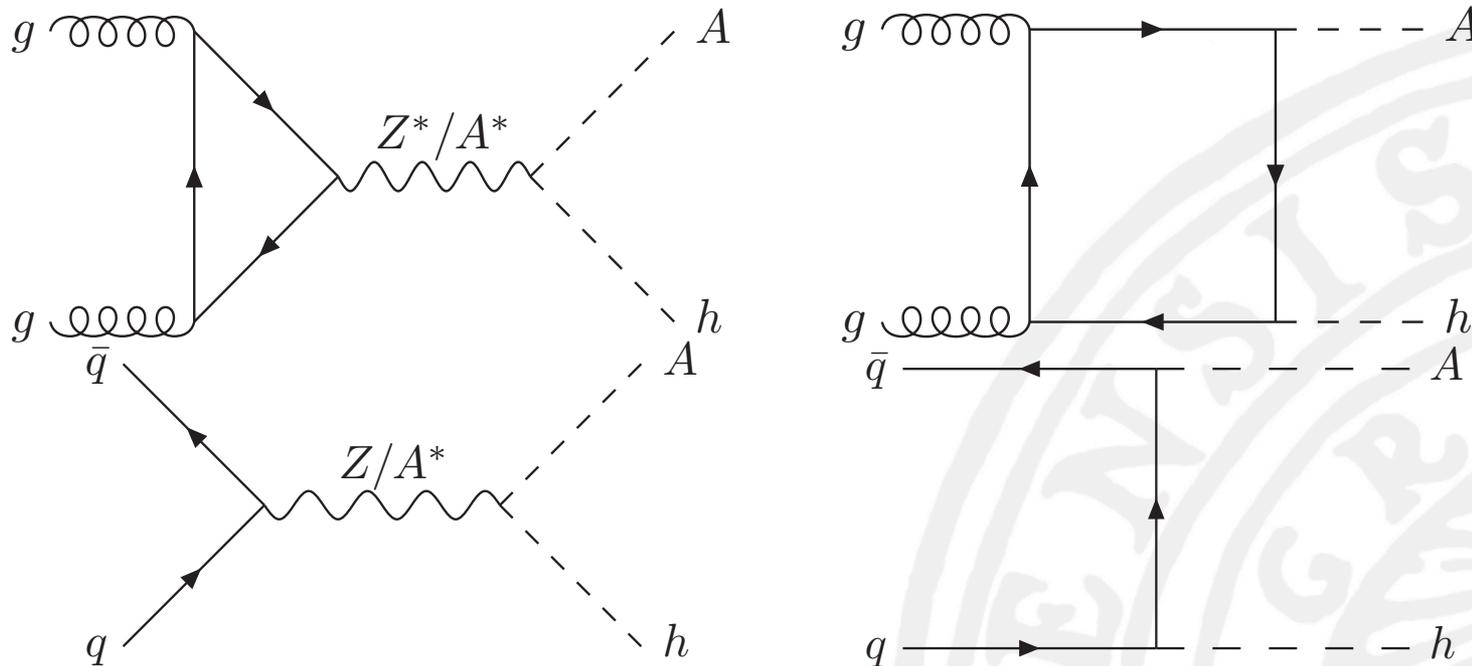
- *Theoretical*: vacuum stability, unitarity, perturbativity
- *Indirect*: oblique parameters, B-physics
- *Direct*: experimental searches for Higgs bosons
- *Observed Higgs*: one of  $h^0$  and  $H^0$  must be SM-like

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:

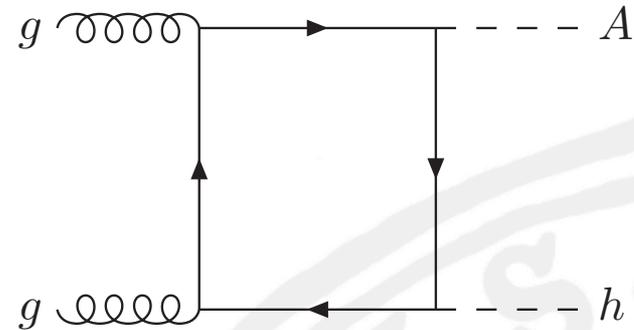
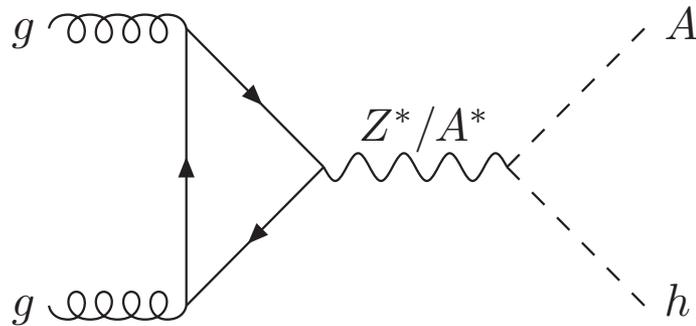


A lot of gluons in the proton, and at least one of  $qq\bar{q}$  must be a sea quark

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]

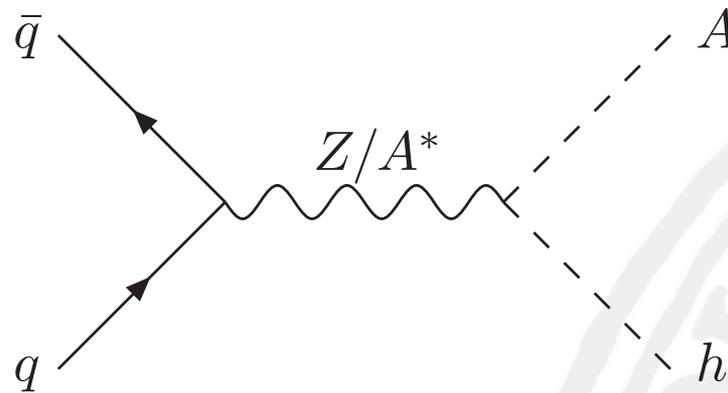
$\rightarrow$  Much smaller cross section

$\rightarrow$  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

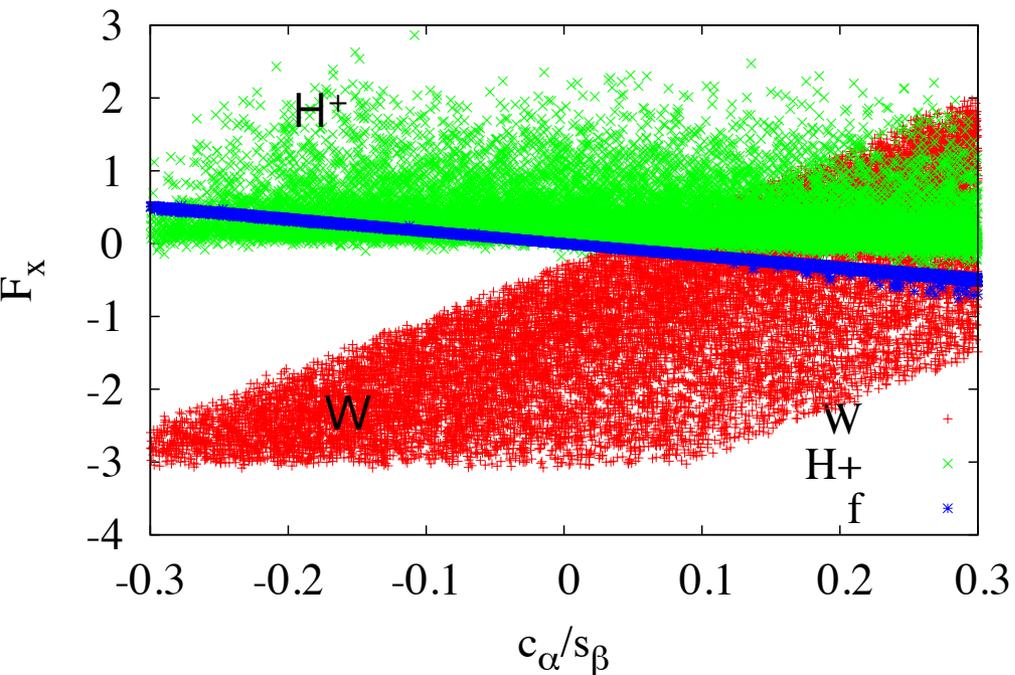
When fermion couplings of  $A^0$  are suppressed:

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

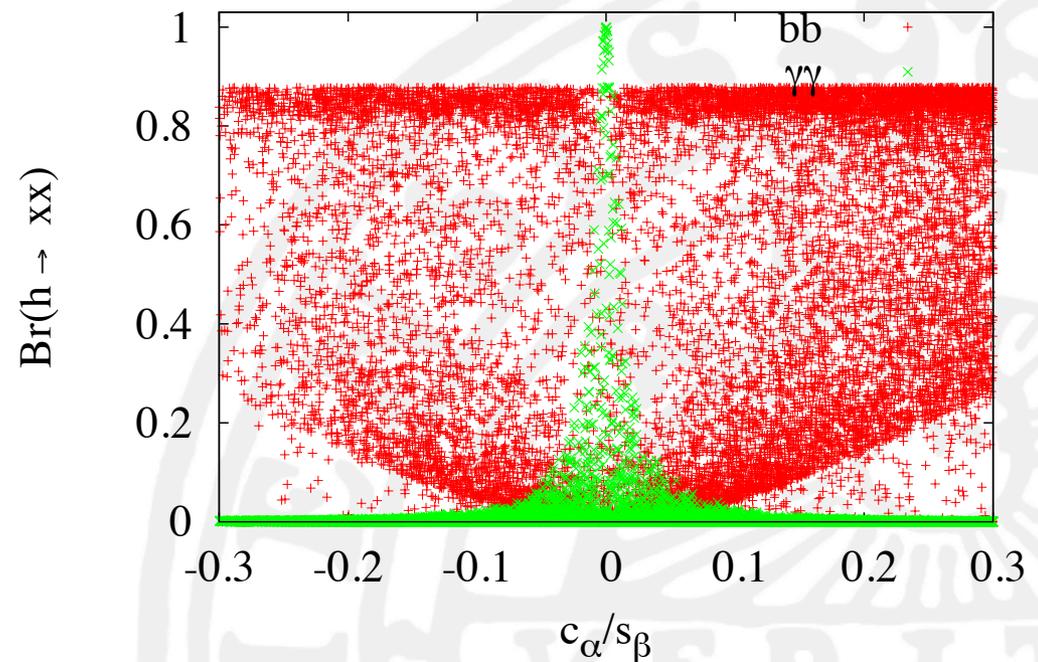
Many searches for light  $h^0$ ,  $A^0$  consider  $b\bar{b}$  or  $\tau^+\tau^-$  decays

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

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



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



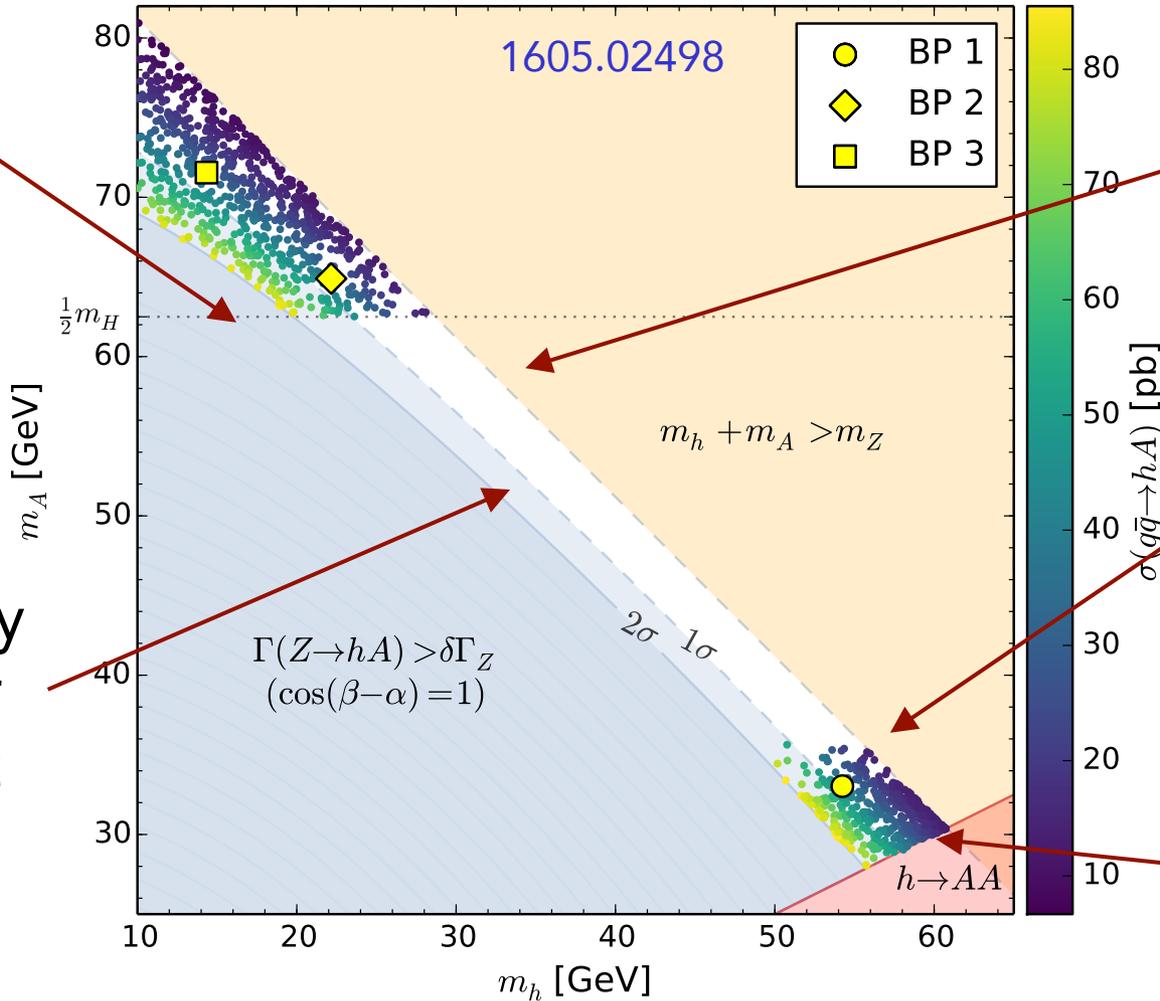
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For small  $c_\alpha$   $\text{BR}(h^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \approx 1$  is possible: fermiophobic  $h^0$

# Type I allowed parameter space

$m_A = m_H/2$ :  
 $H \rightarrow AA$   
 opens  $\rightarrow$   
 non-SM-like

$Z \rightarrow hA$  decay  
 too large for  
 $\Gamma_Z$  constraint



$m_h + m_A > m_Z$   
 Small enough  
 $HAA$  coupling

$m_h = 2m_A$ :

$h \rightarrow AA$   
 opens  $\rightarrow$  LEP  
 constraints

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

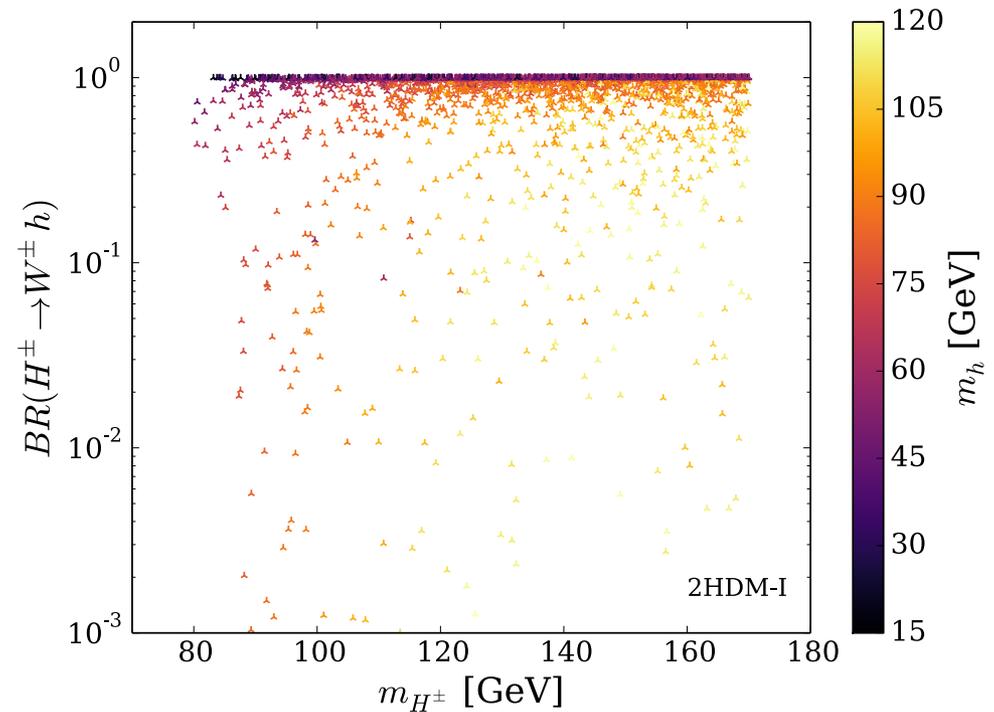
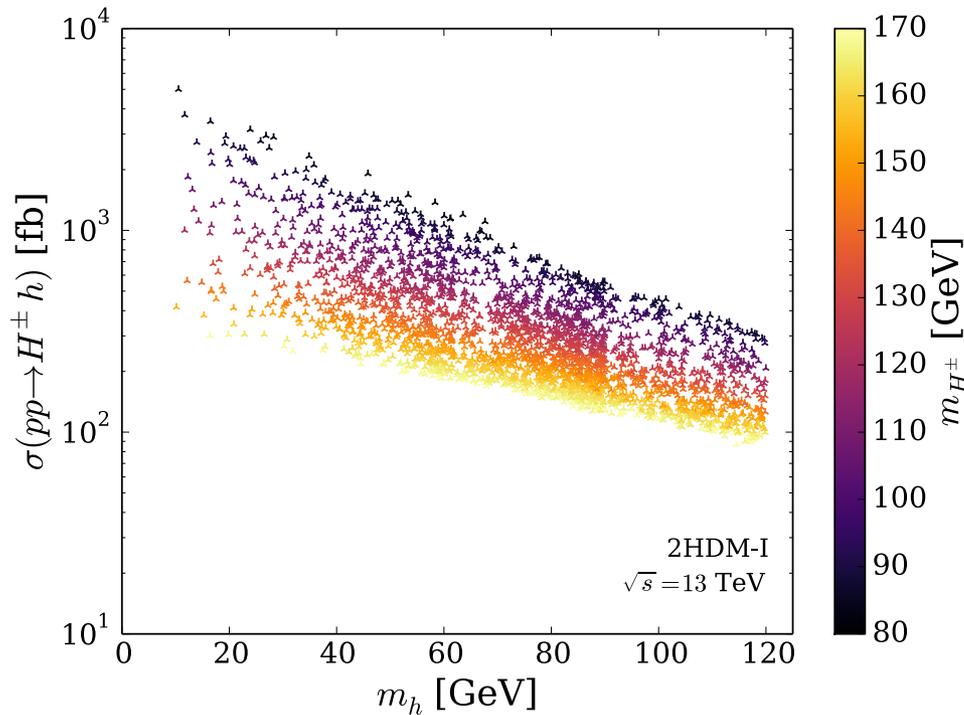
- $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm h$  or  $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm A$

Production

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

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

# H<sup>±</sup> 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

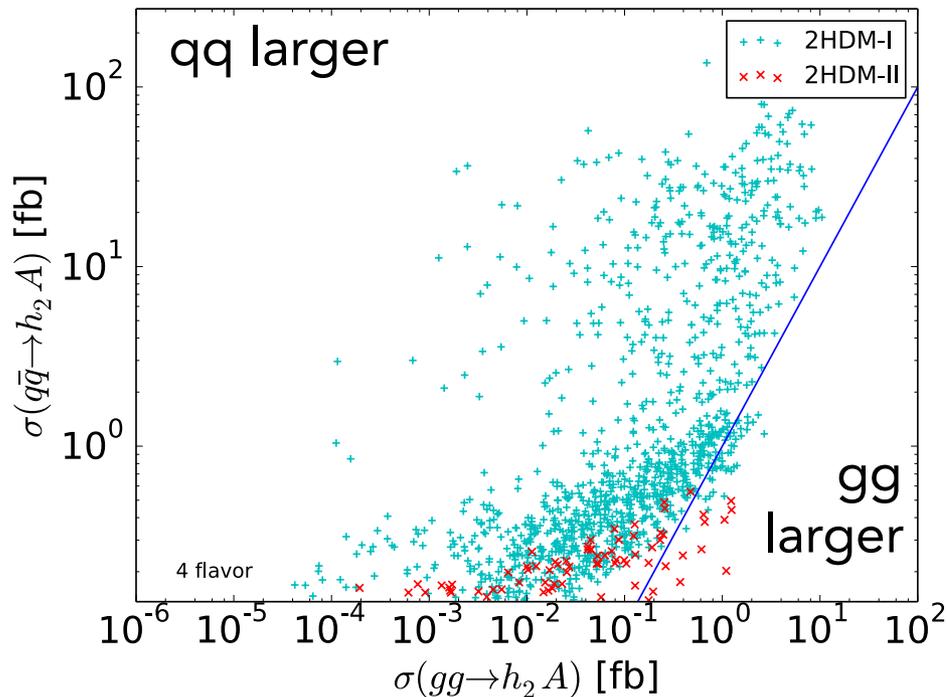
## Scenario 3:

# $h^0$ is SM-like, other scalars heavier

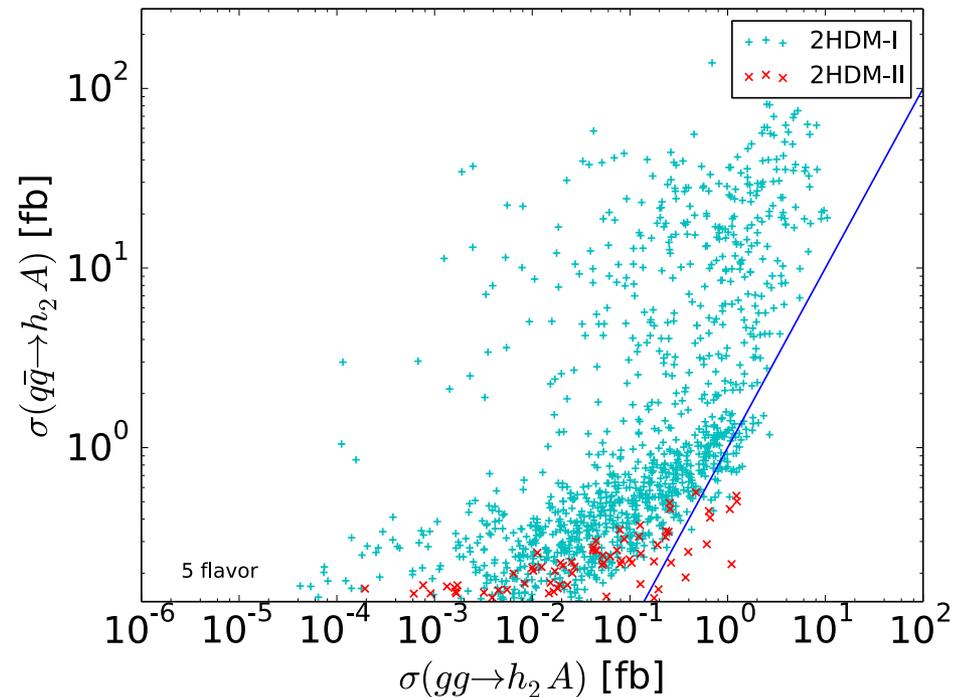
- Will we have the same effect for heavier scalars?  
→ Will depend on if vector propagator allowed
- Consider Type I and II
- Production of pairs  $h_i h_j$  as well as 3 or 4 scalars for  $h_{i,j} = h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm$
- Find that  $gg \rightarrow h_i h_j$  is usually larger than  $qq \rightarrow h_i h_j$  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



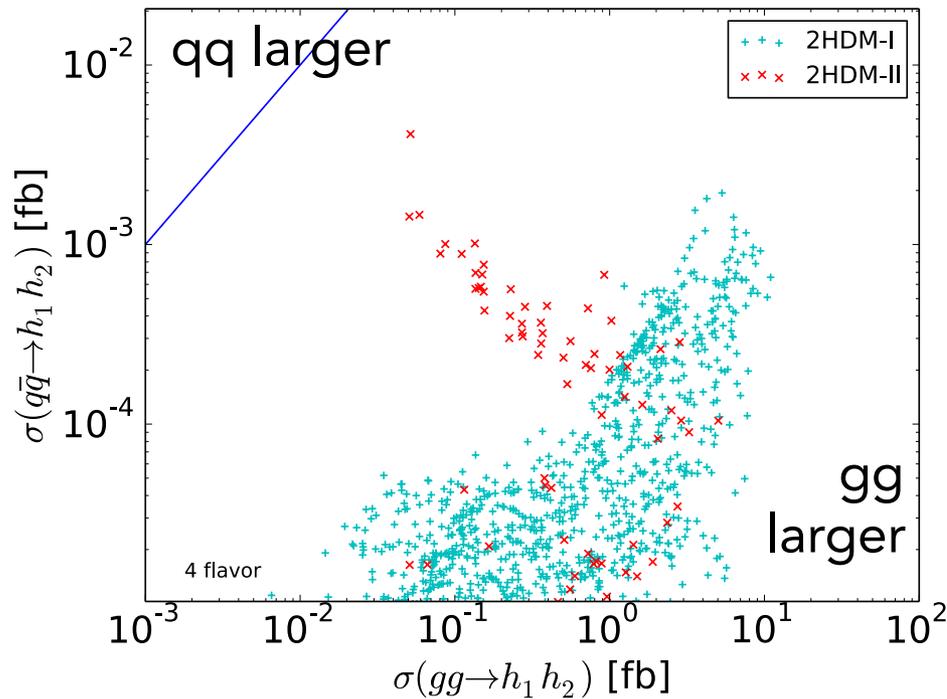
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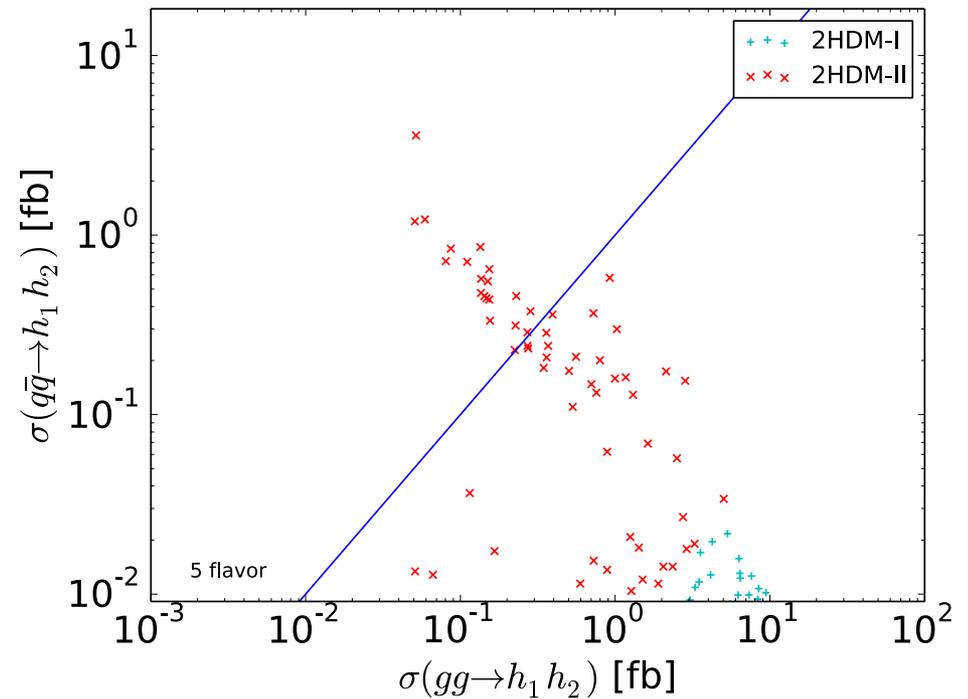
Here  $qq$  can still dominate: Z exchange is allowed for CP even + CP odd  
No enhancement from  $bb$  production

# $pp \rightarrow H^0 h^0$ : 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