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CONFRONTING THEORY AND EXPERIMENT AT THE LARGE HADRON COLLIDER

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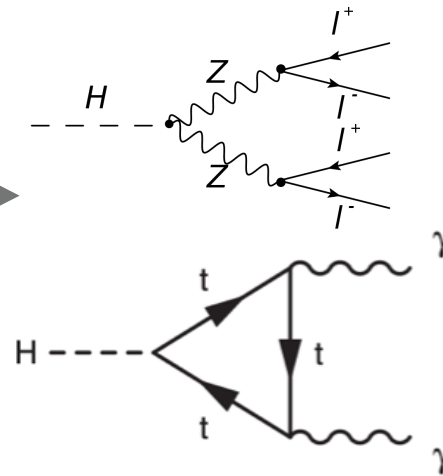
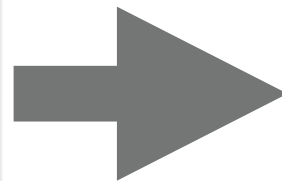
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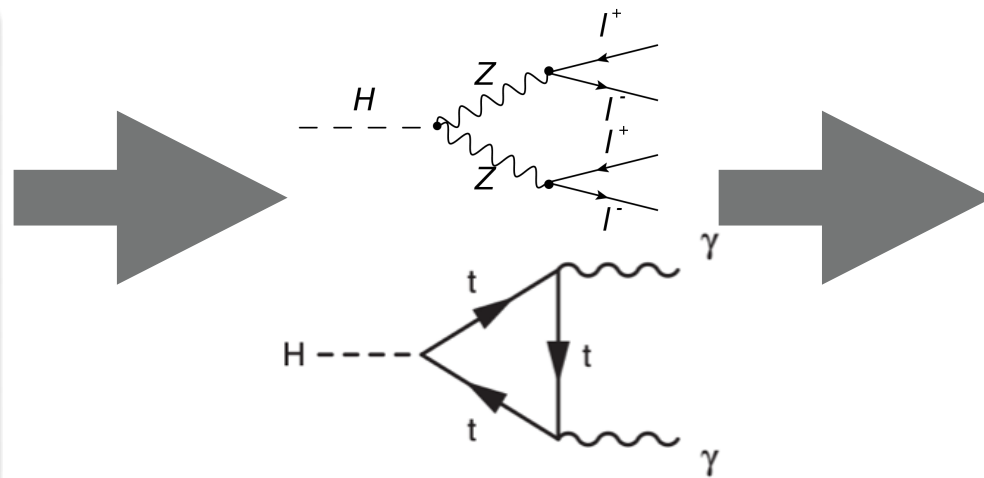
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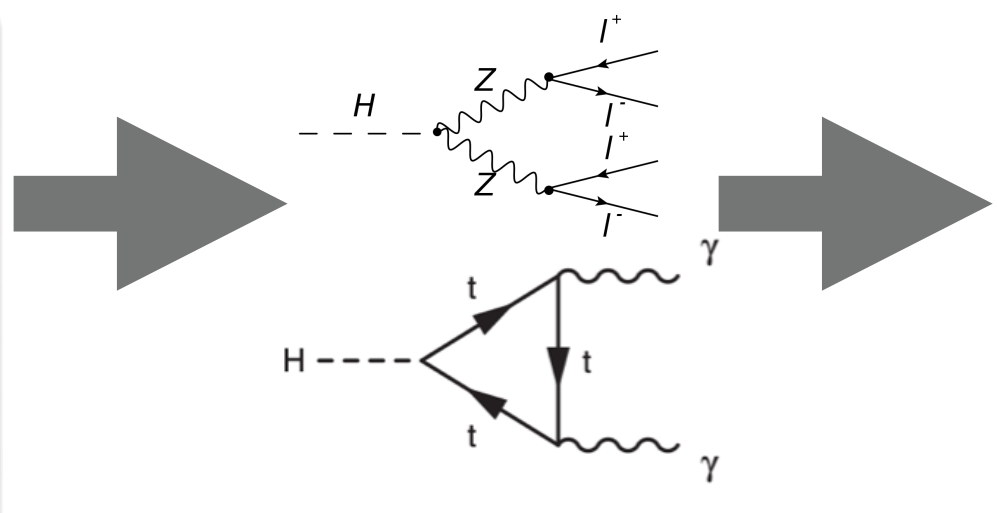
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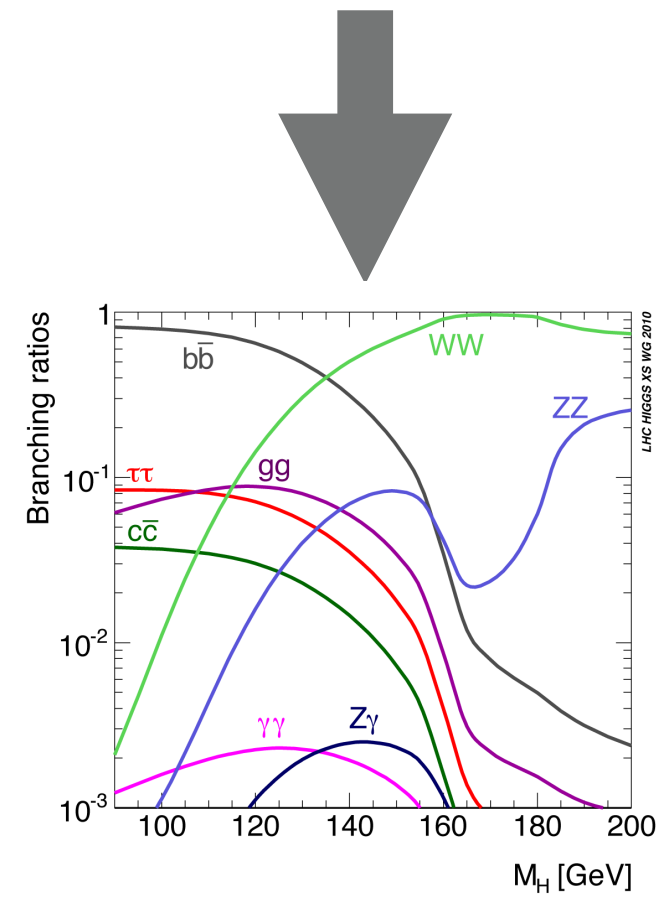
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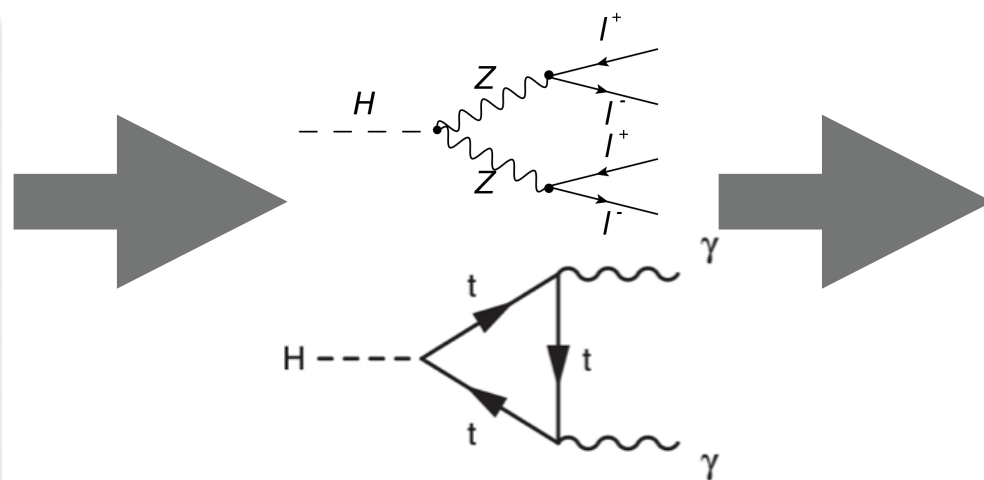


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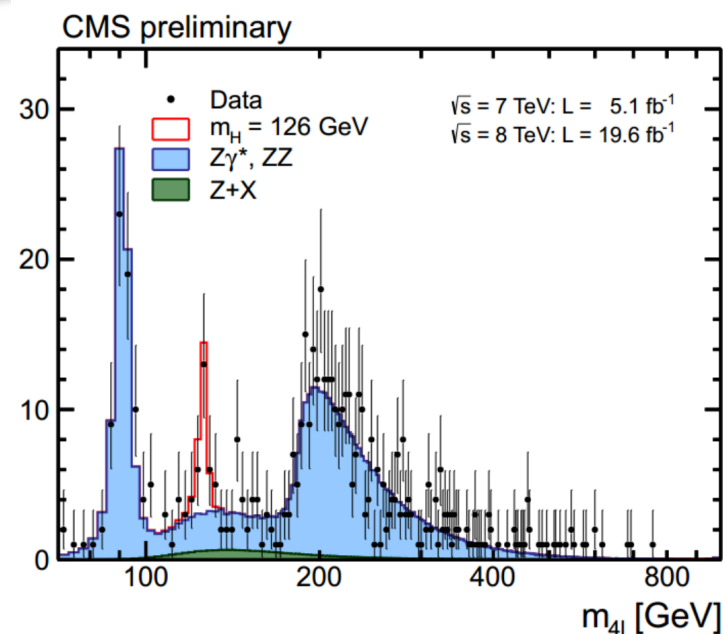
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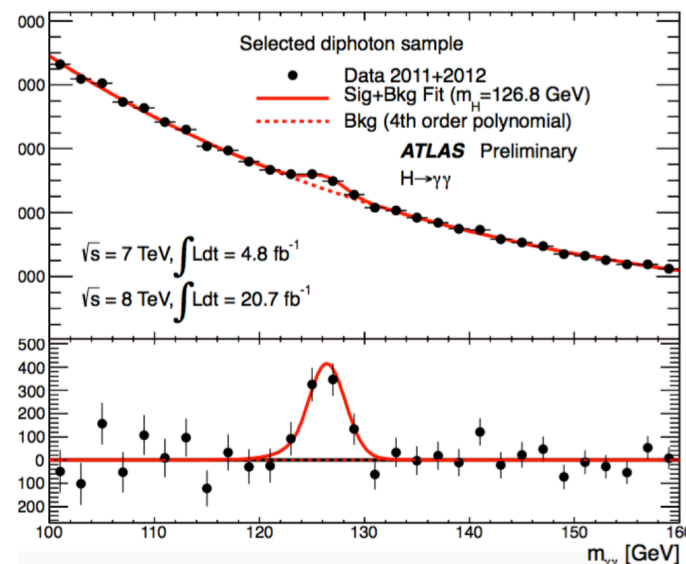


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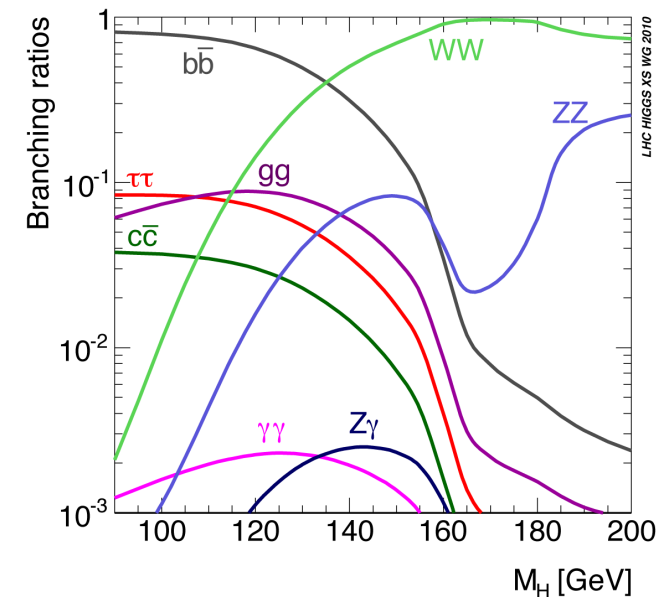
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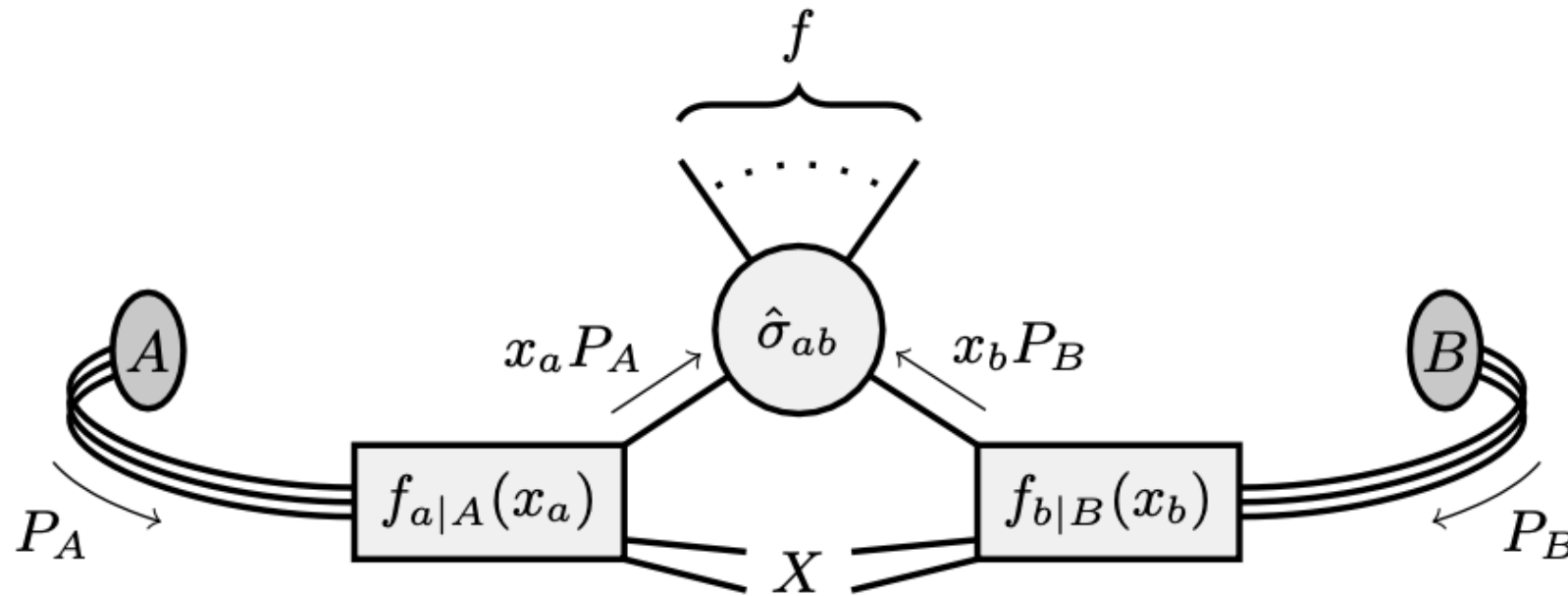
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➤ **Aim** of the **proposal**:

Establish a new standard of **theoretical precision** in the description of **physical observables** at the **LHC** and other particle collider **experiments**, thereby leading to a more **precise extraction** of fundamental physics **parameters**, such as the **couplings of the Higgs boson** to other fundamental particles

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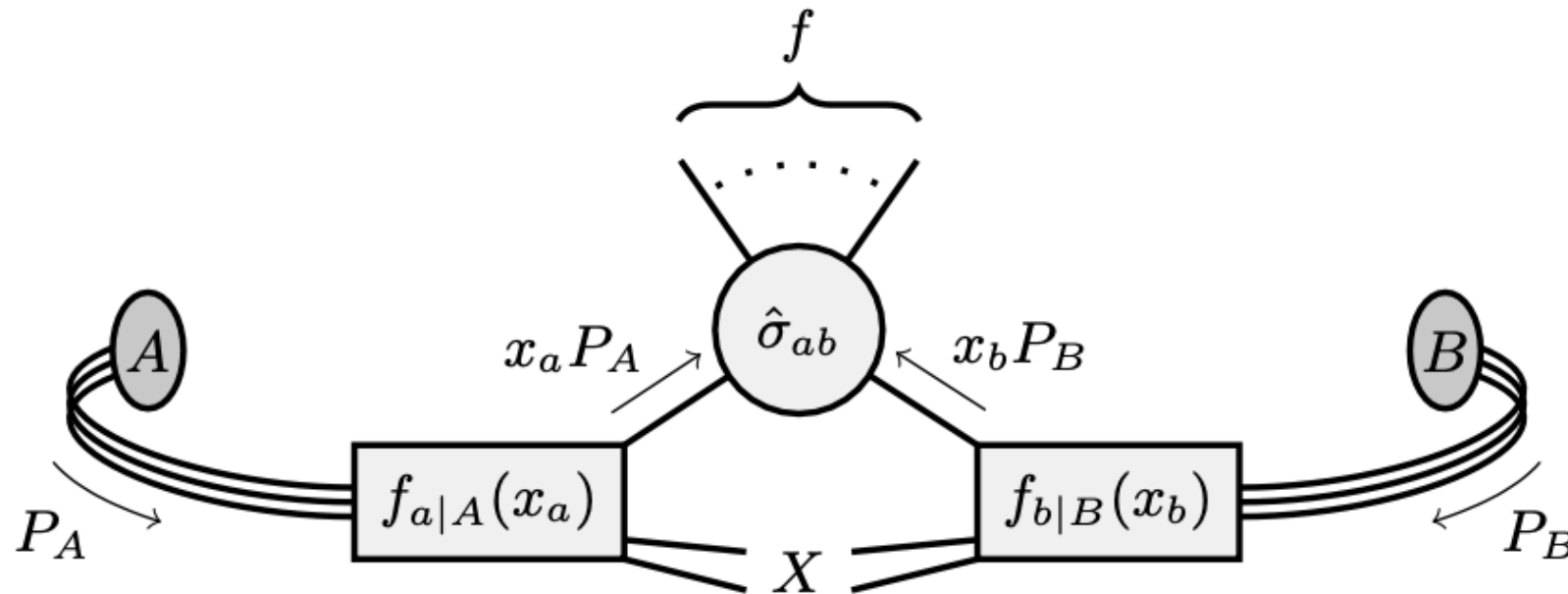
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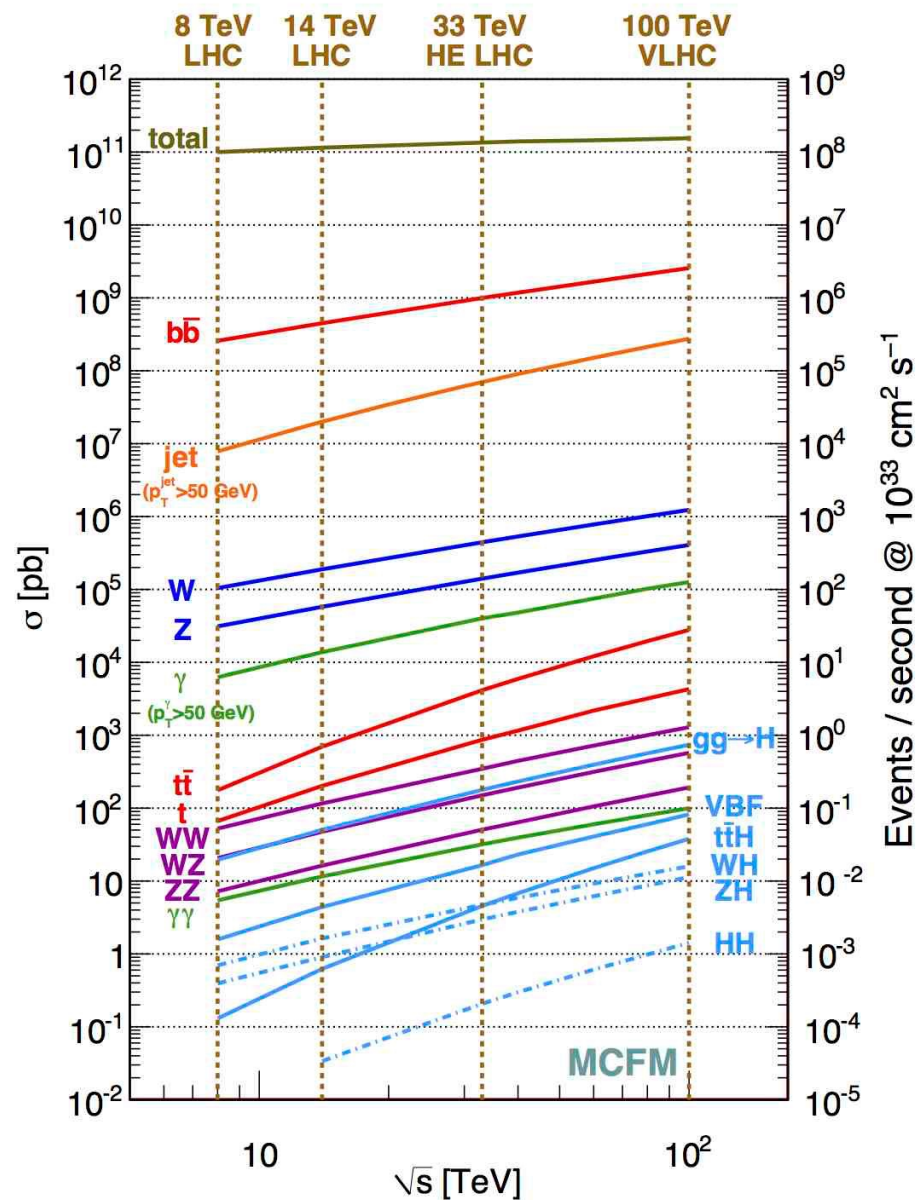
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- Final state F will typically **contain** QCD **colored** particles which will **fragment** and form a radiation pattern described by a **parton shower** and at **low scales hadronize** into final state **hadrons** which we **observe** in the LHC **detectors**

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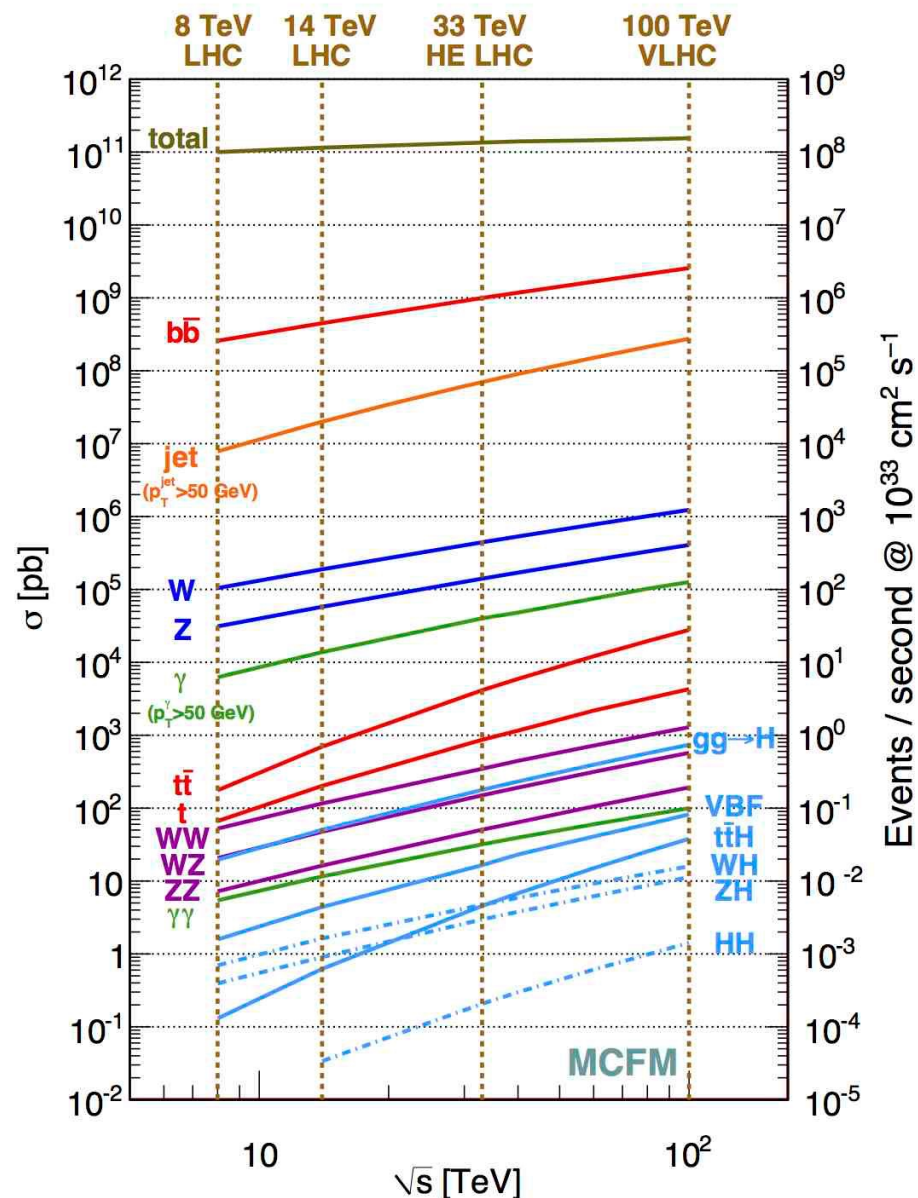


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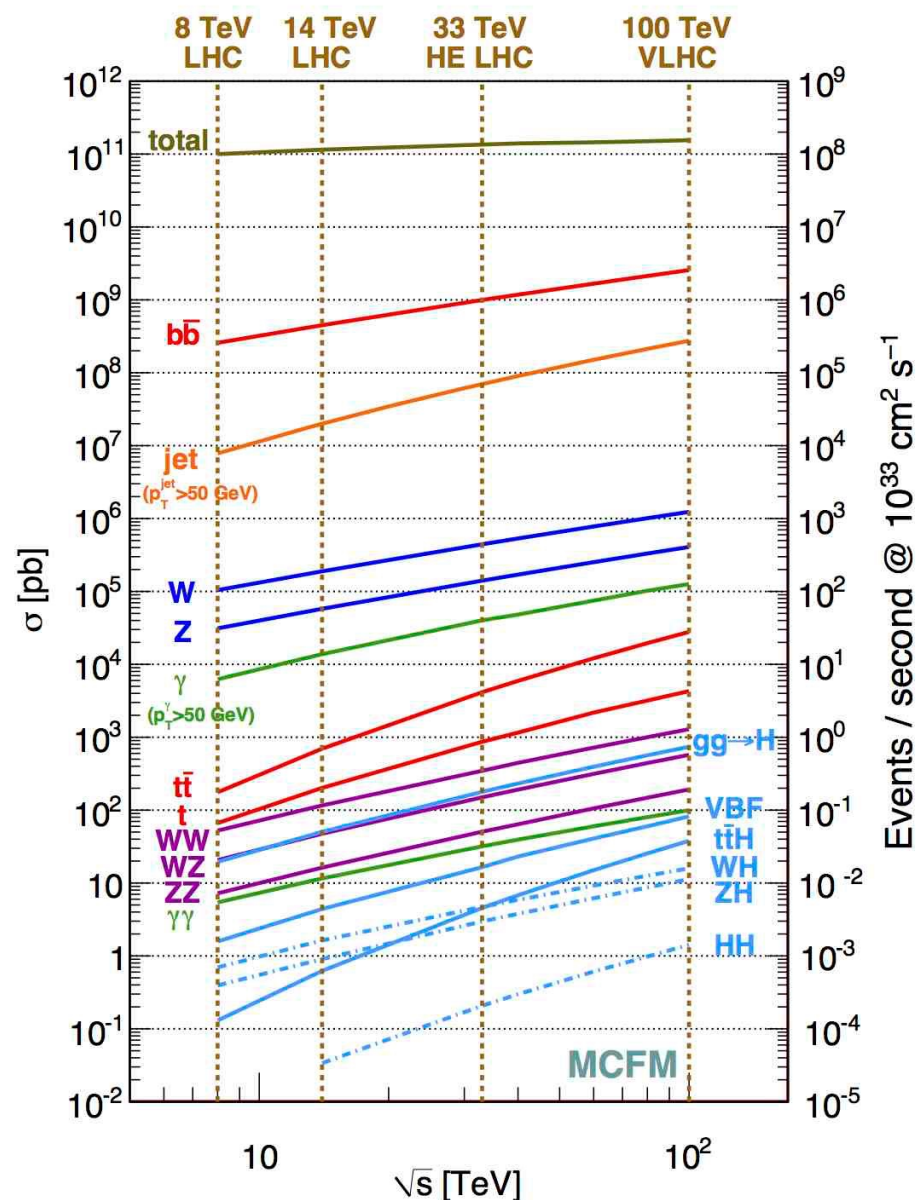


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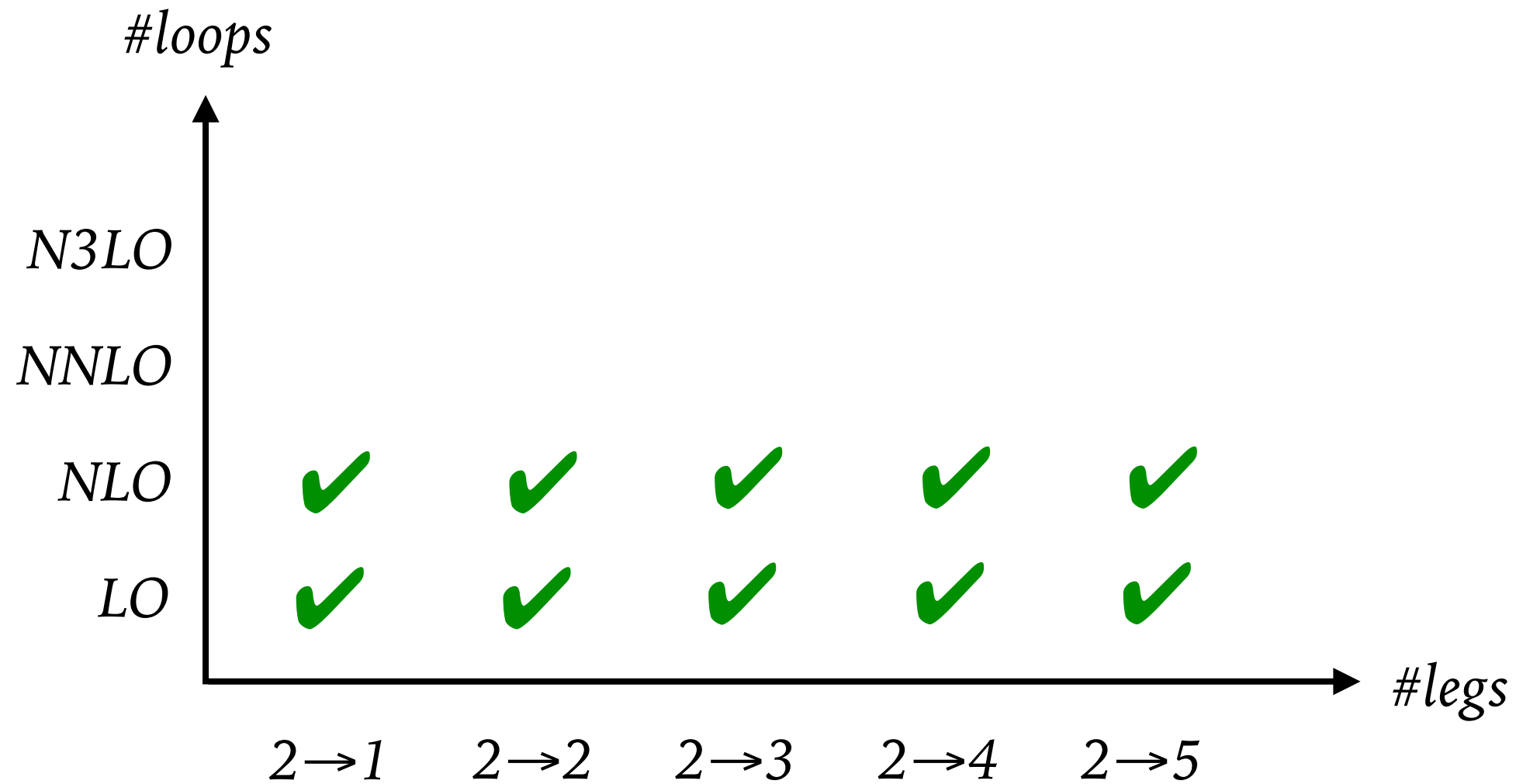


$$\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma}^{(0)} + \alpha_S^1 \hat{\sigma}^{(1)} + \alpha_S^2 \hat{\sigma}^{(2)} + \alpha_S^3 \hat{\sigma}^{(3)} \dots$$

LO
NLO
NNLO
N3LO

- Truncated series leads to a **residual dependence (uncertainty)** of the **theory prediction** on the **renormalization** and **factorization** scales μ_R and μ_F

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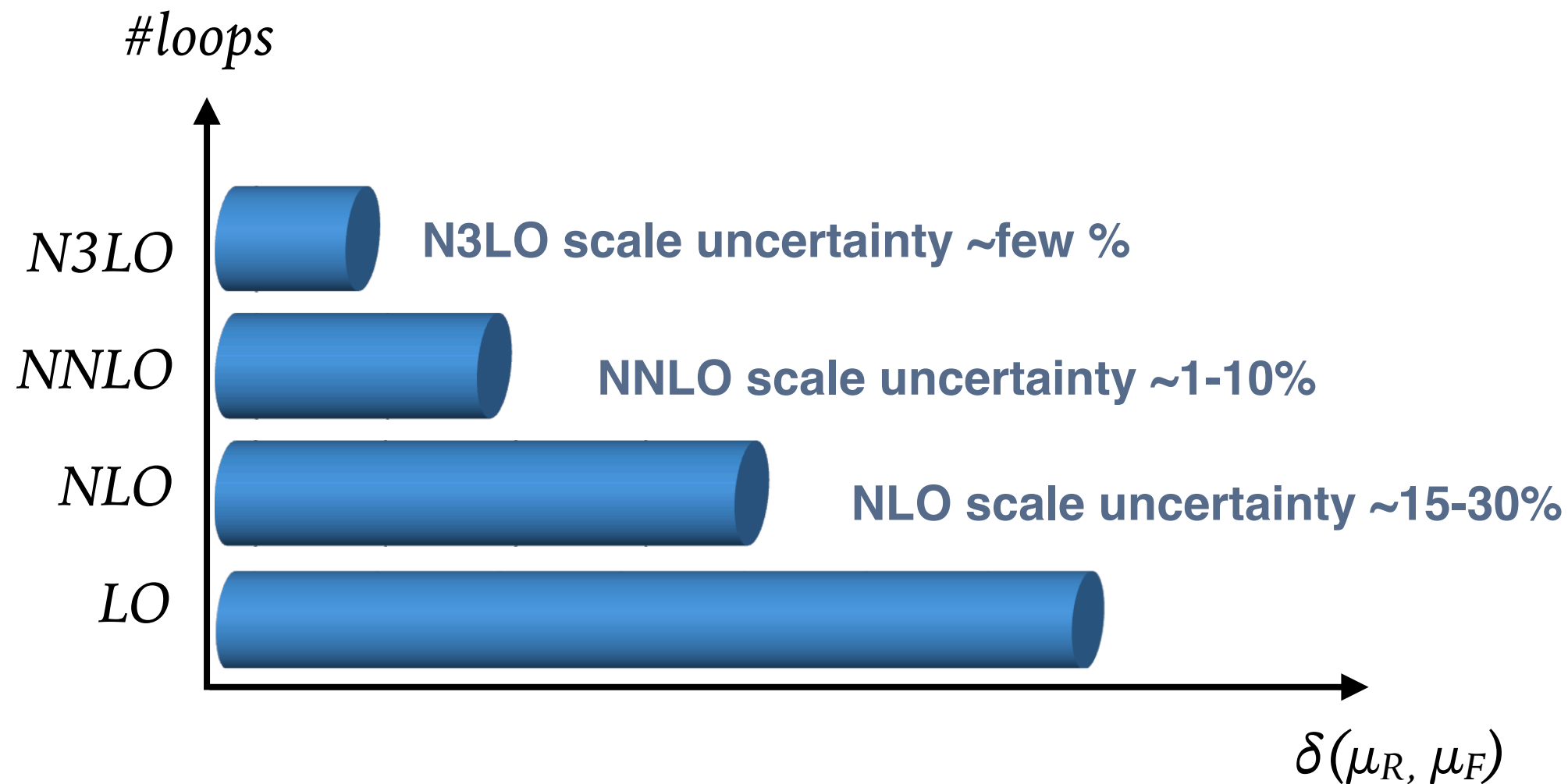
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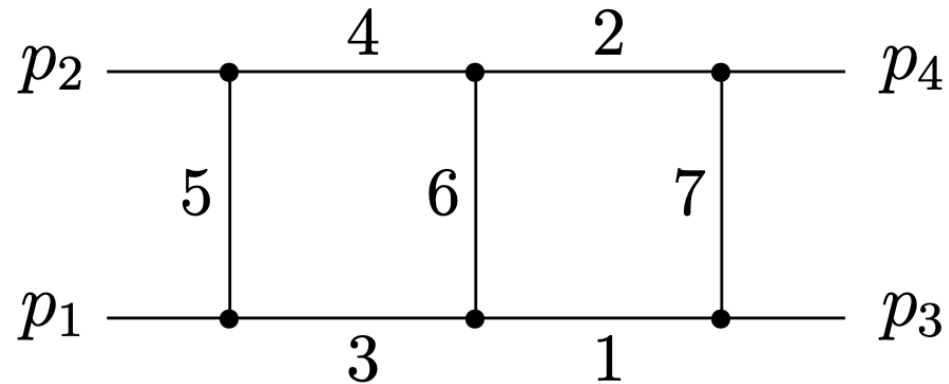
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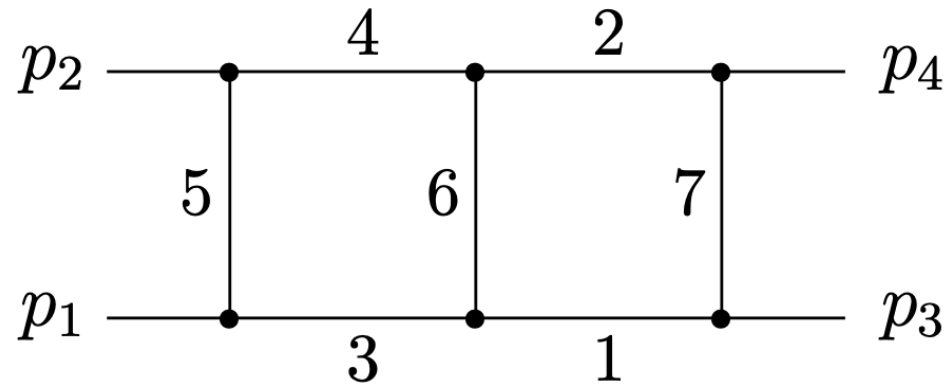
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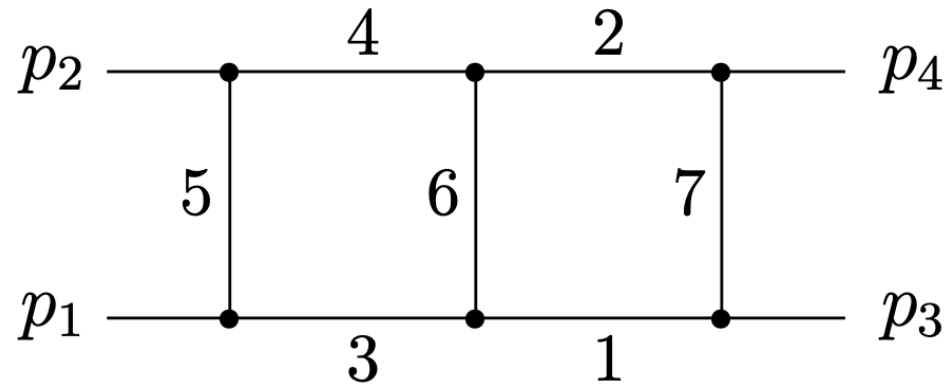
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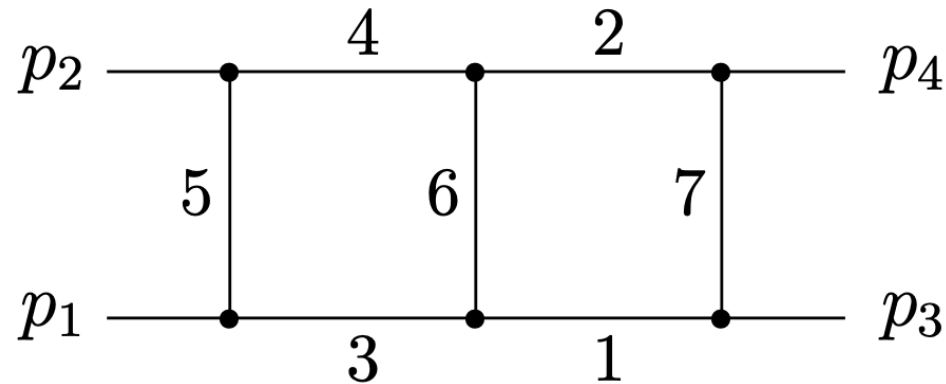
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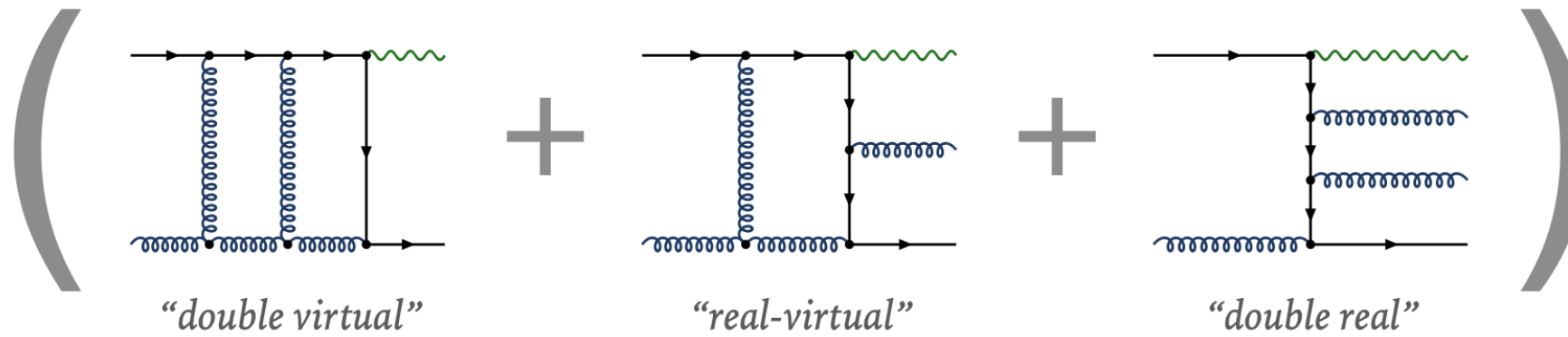
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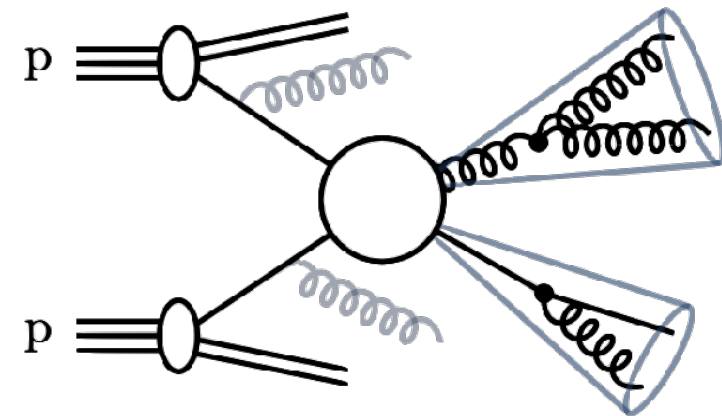
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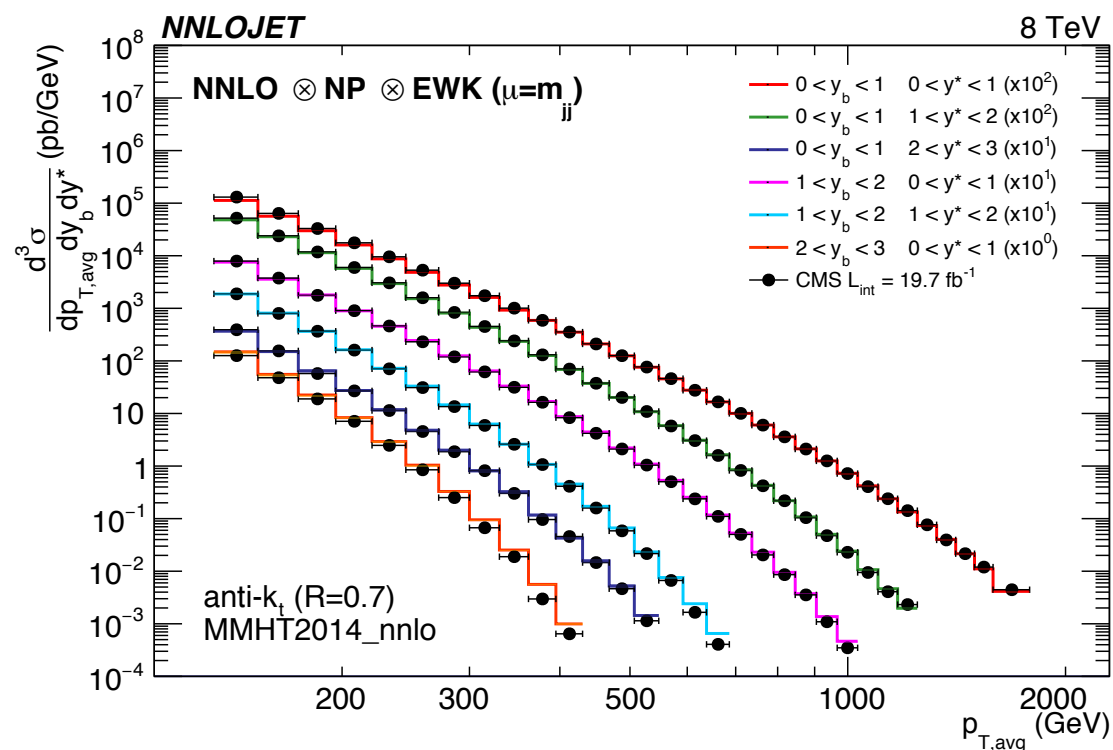
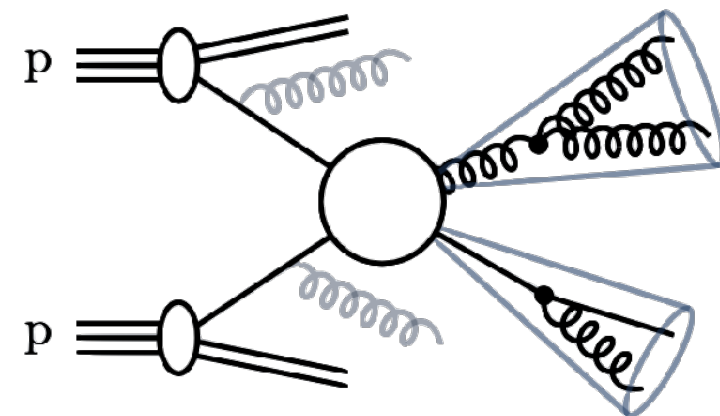
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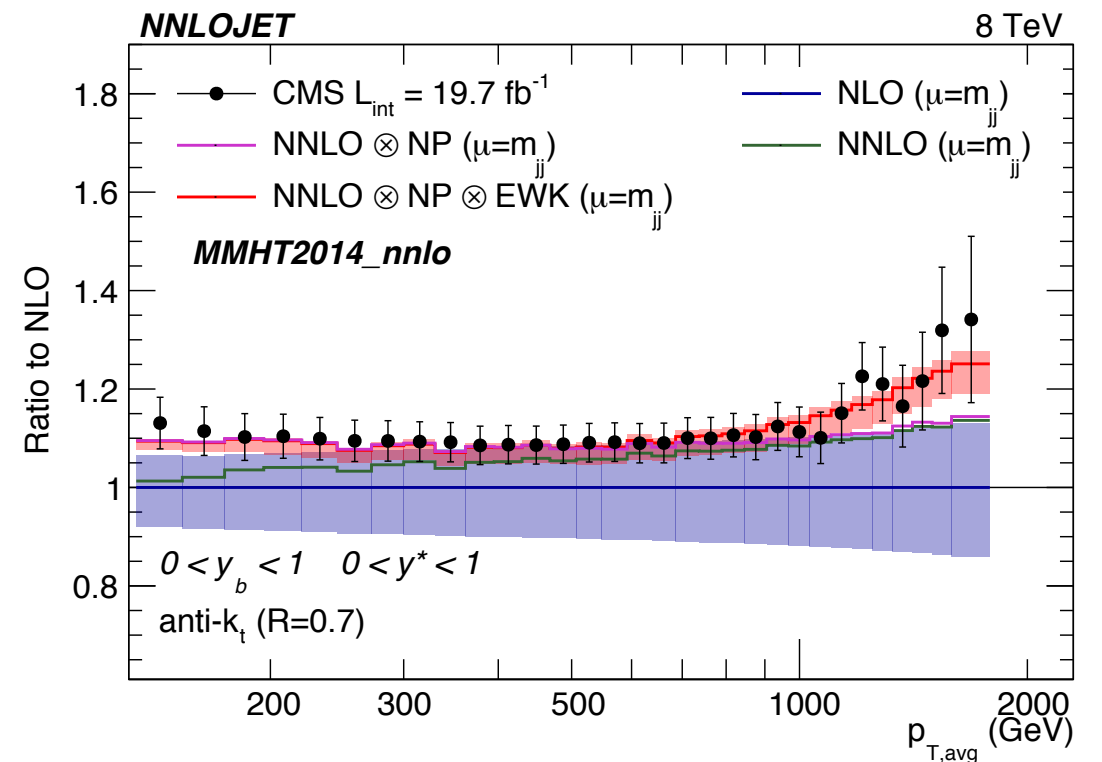
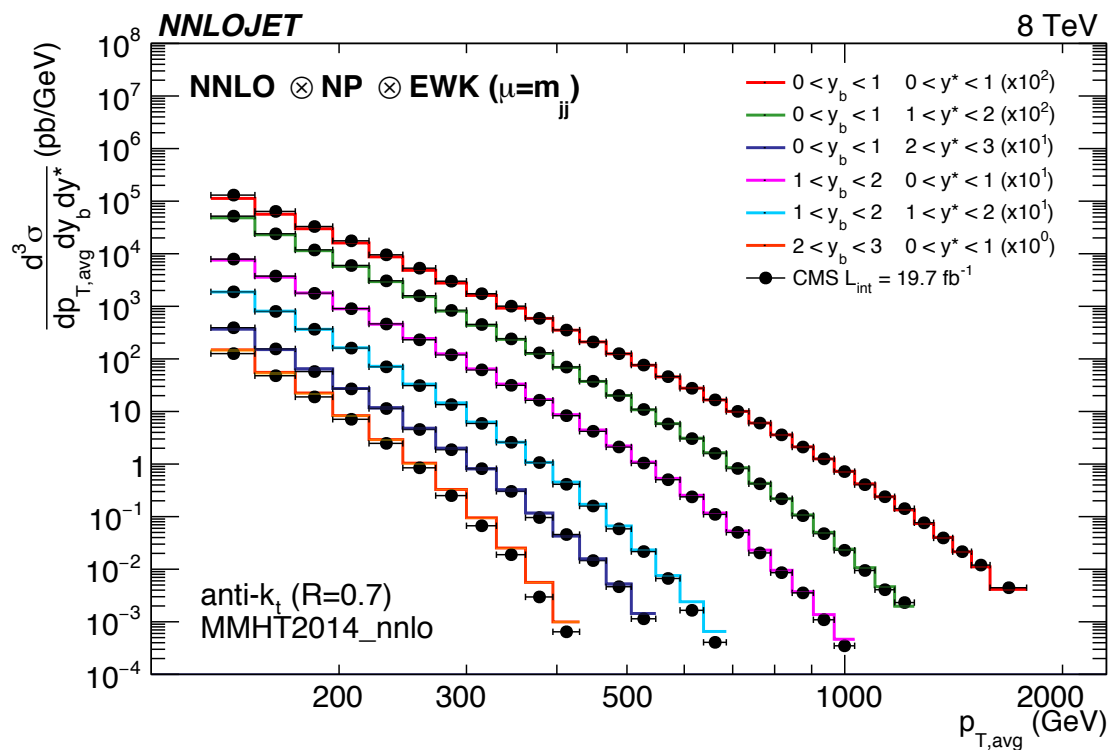
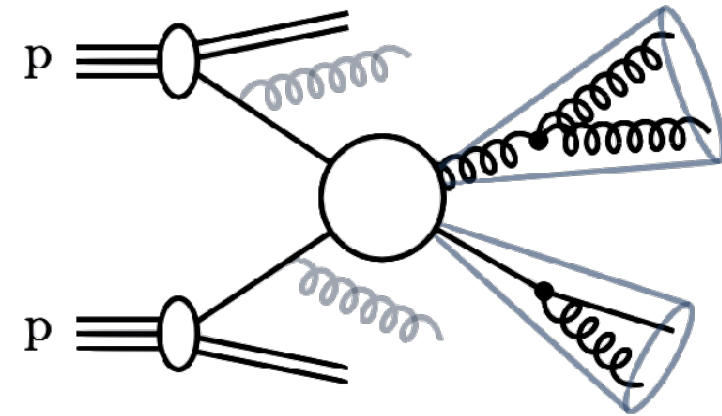
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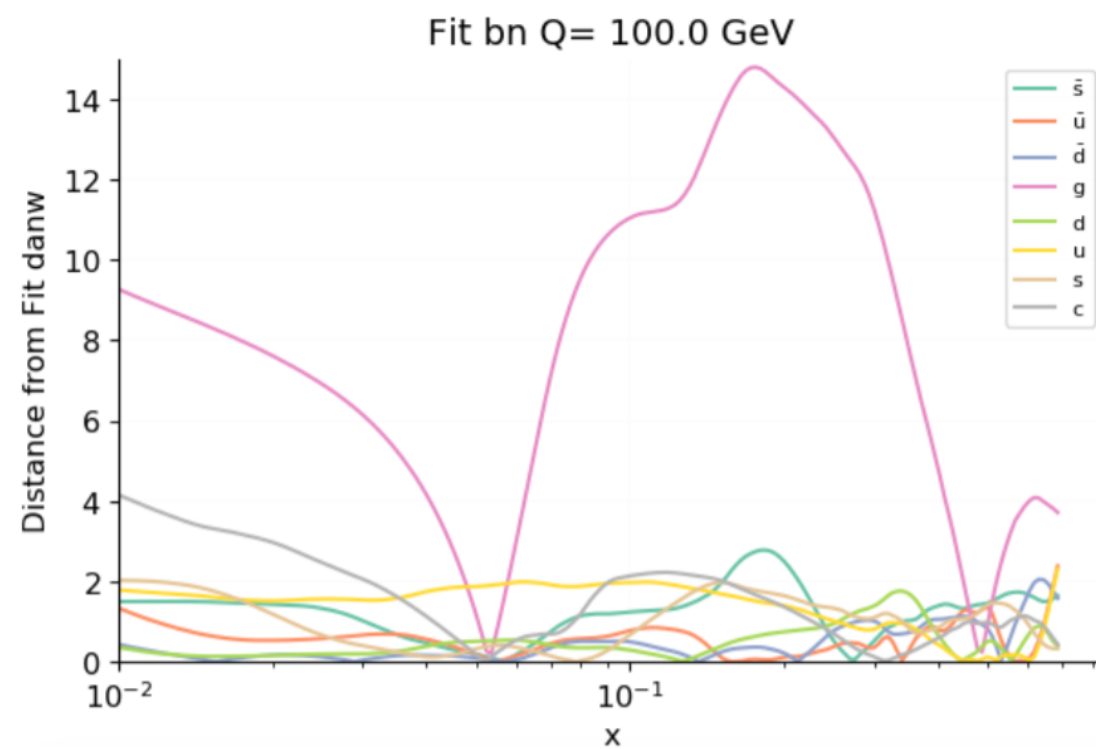
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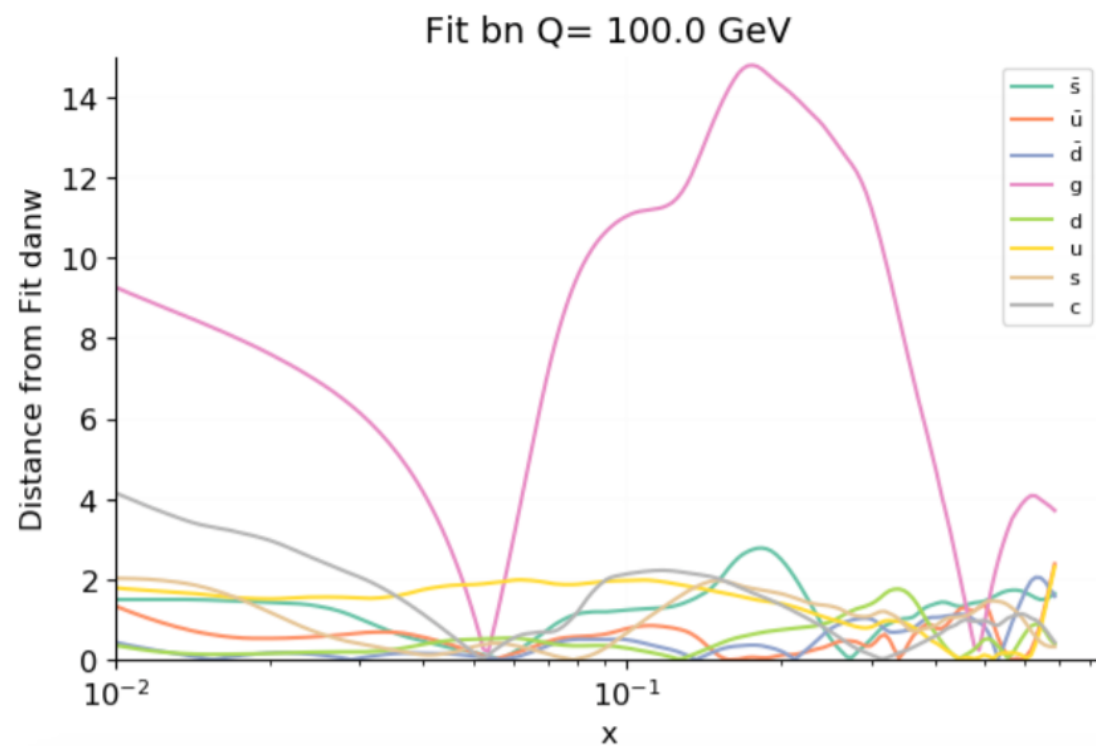
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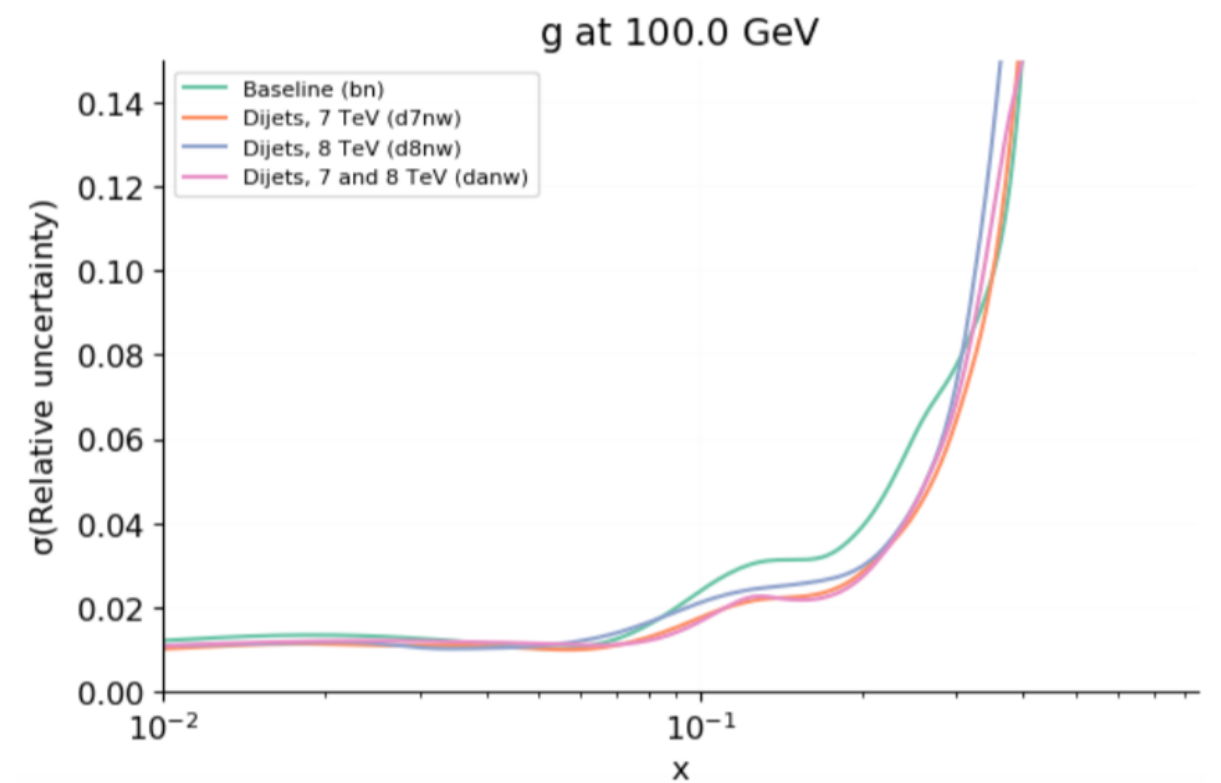
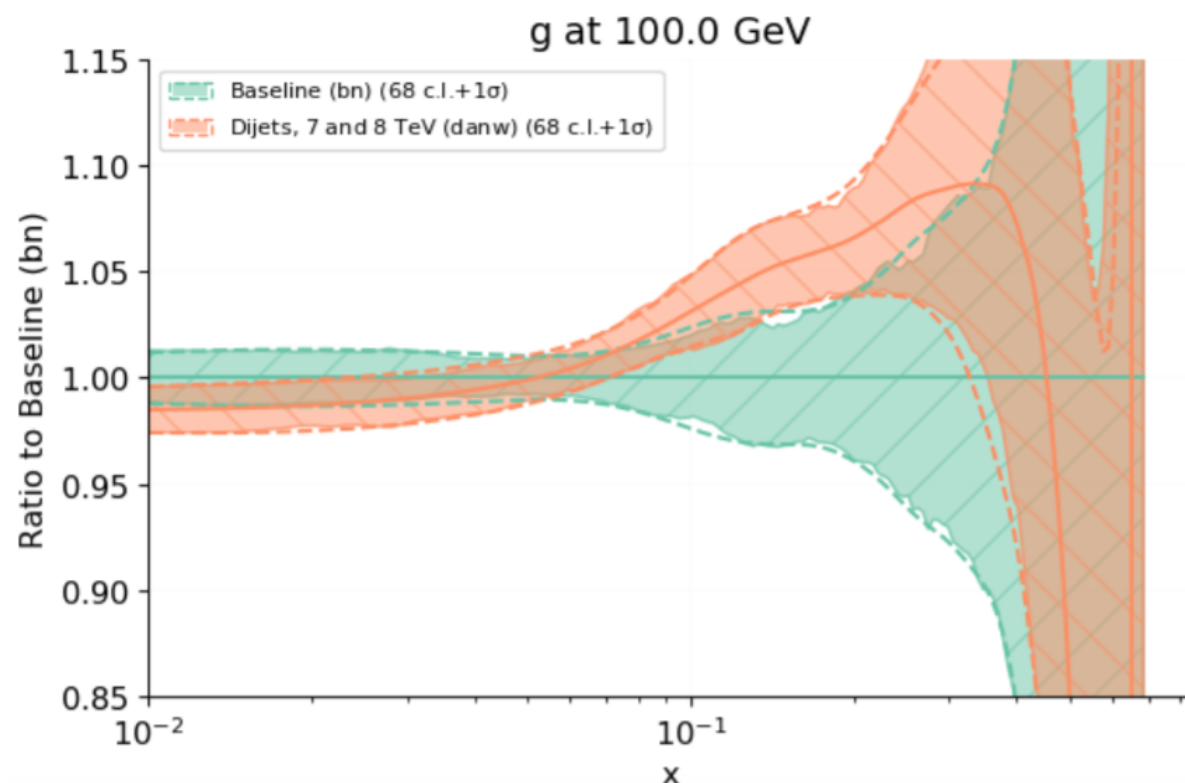
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[Khalek, Forte, Gehrmann, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Giani, Glover, Huss, Nocera, JP, Rojo, Stagnitto]

[arXiv: 2005.11327] *Eur.Phys.J.C* 80 (2020) 8, 79

NNLO INTERPOLATION GRIDS

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 - prohibitive in applications such as PDF + α_S fits

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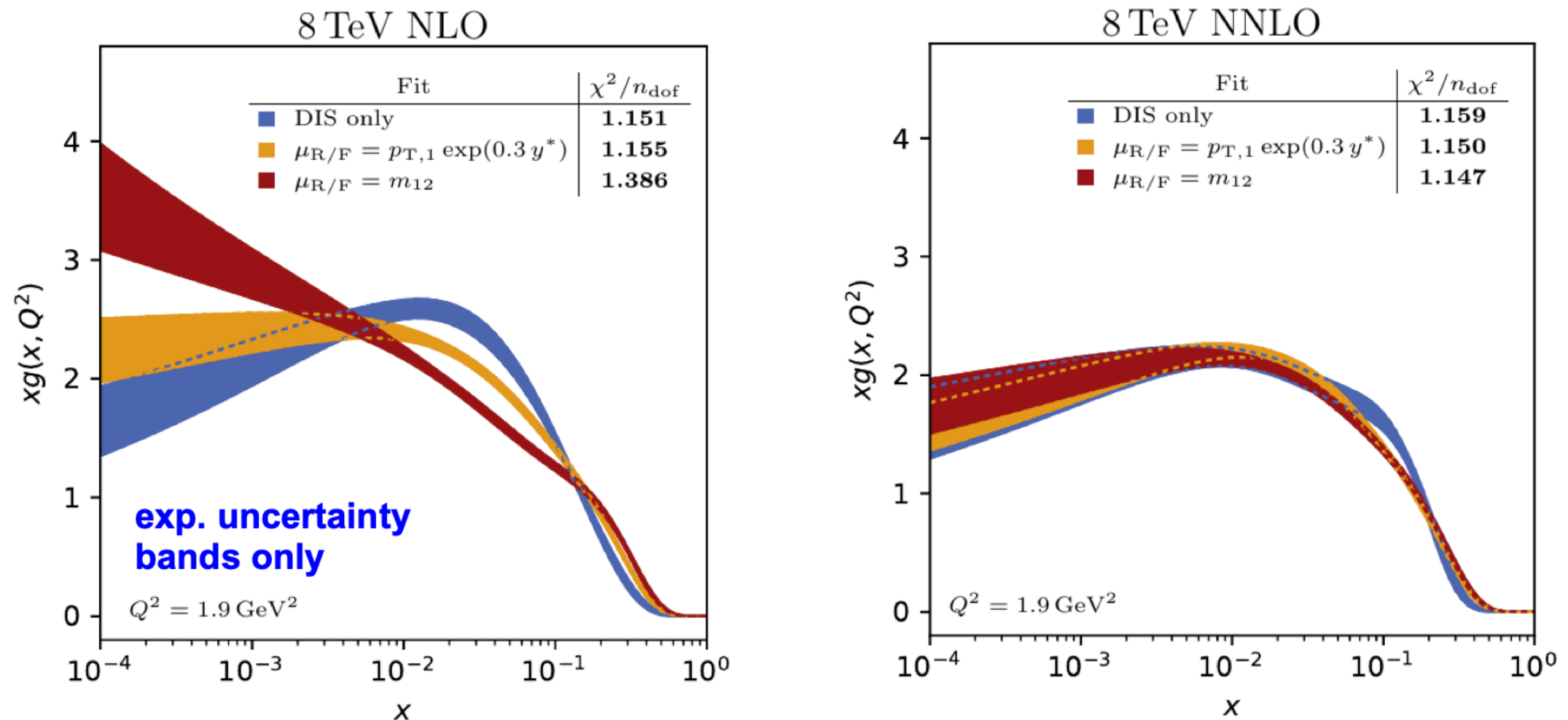
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 - Grid size: few GB ; NNLO cross section evaluation time: few minutes

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- Publicly available at: <https://ploughshare.web.cern.ch/ploughshare/>

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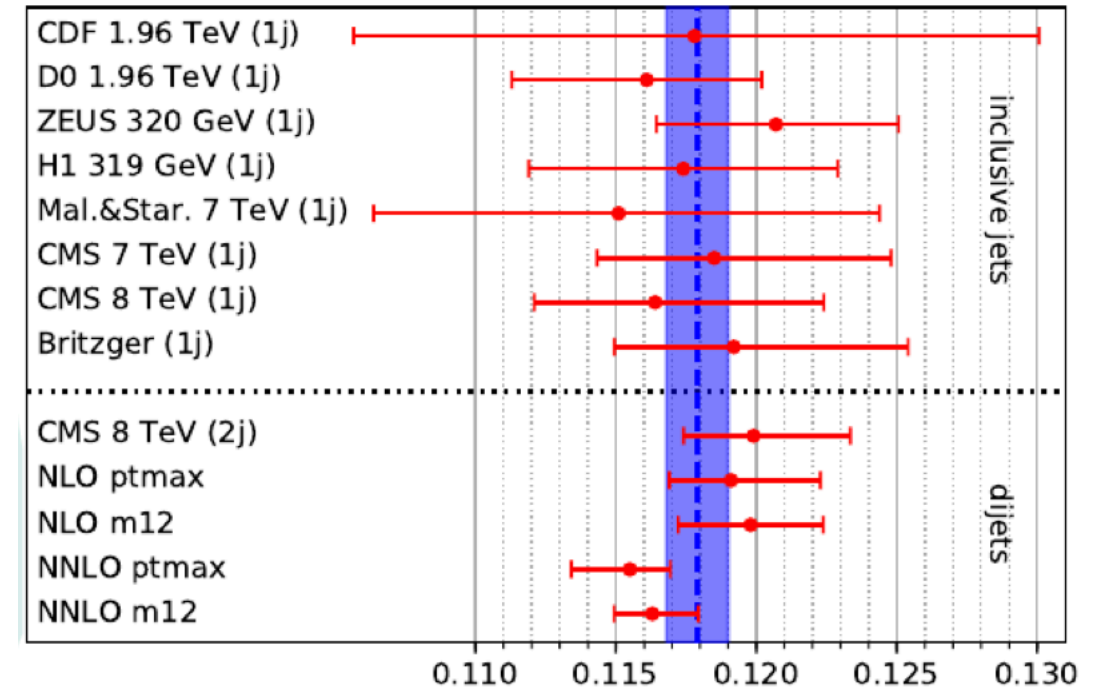
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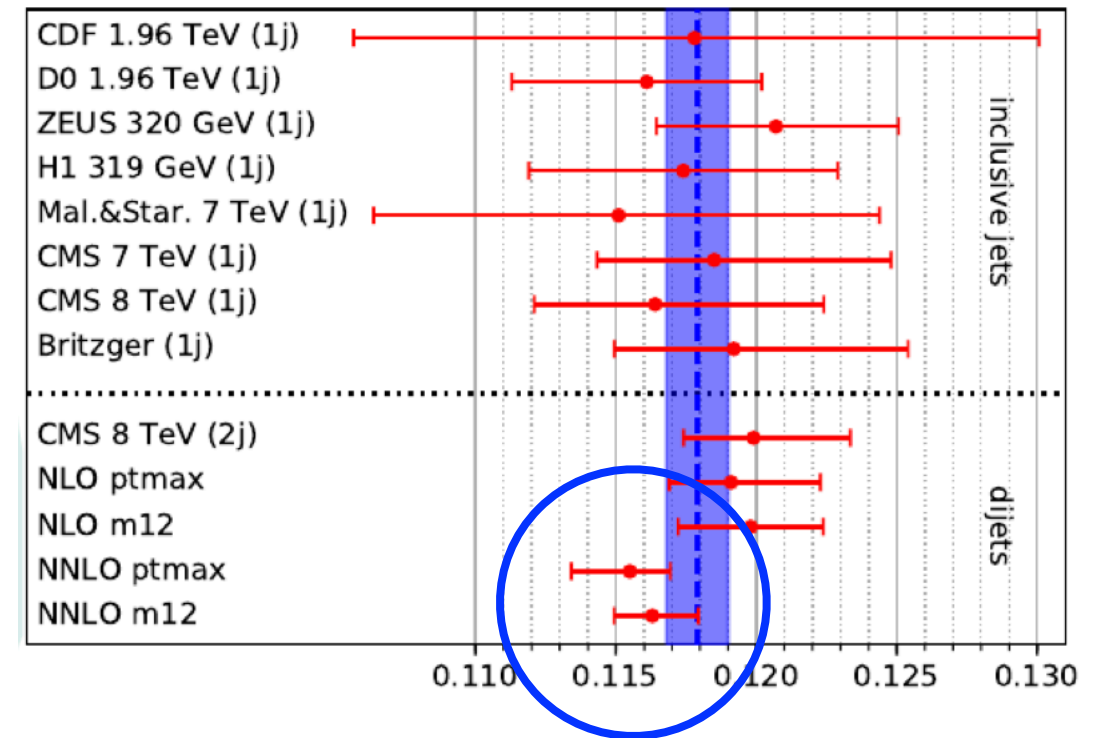


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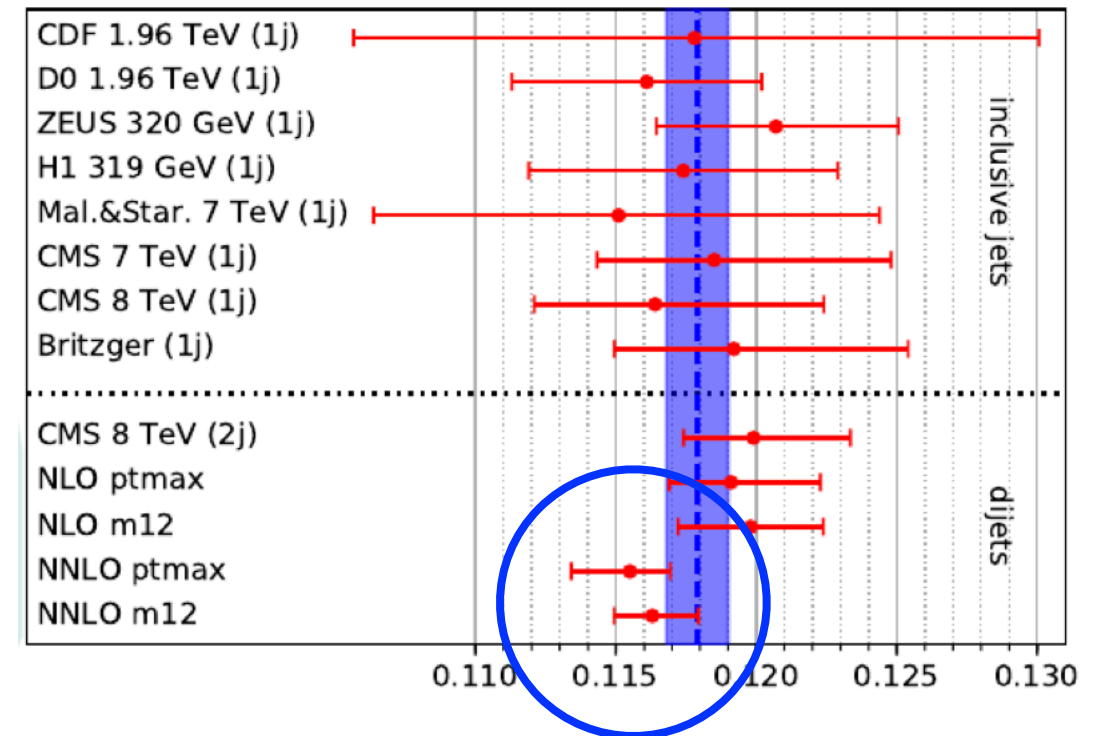


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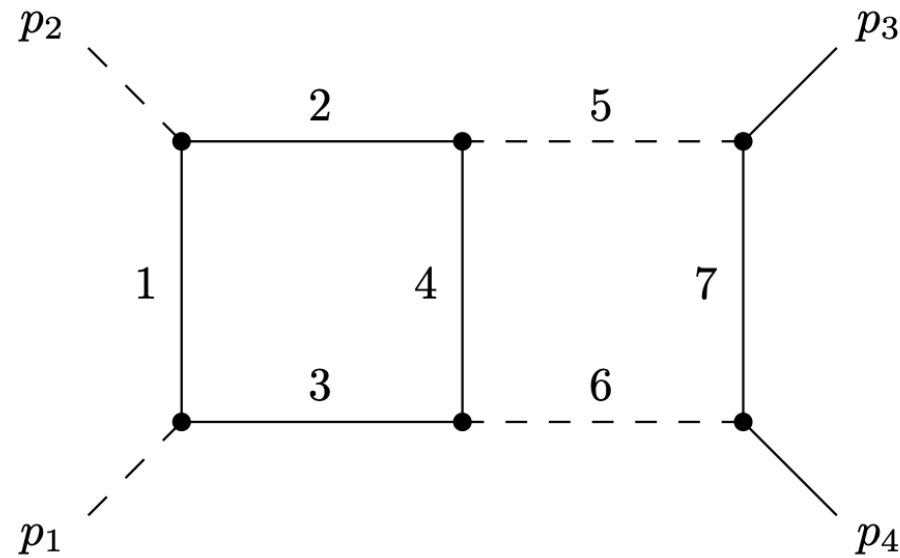
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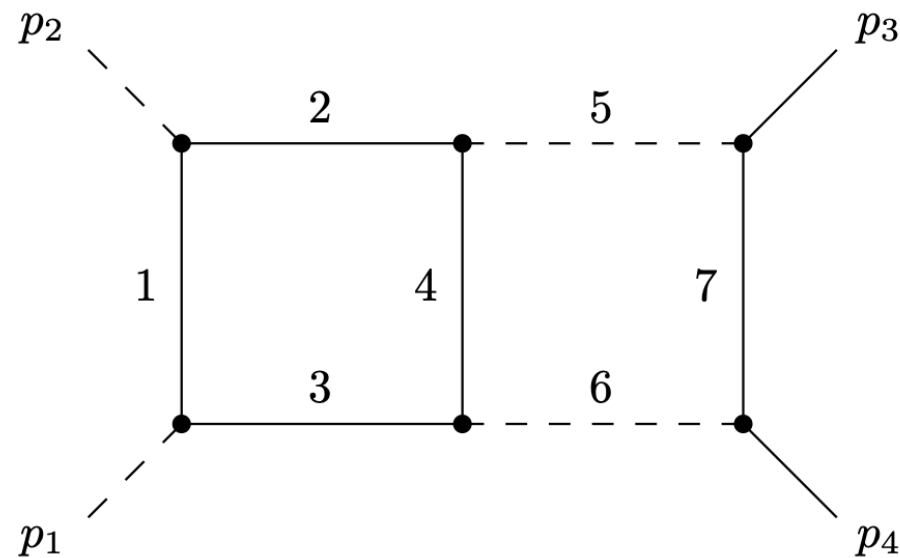


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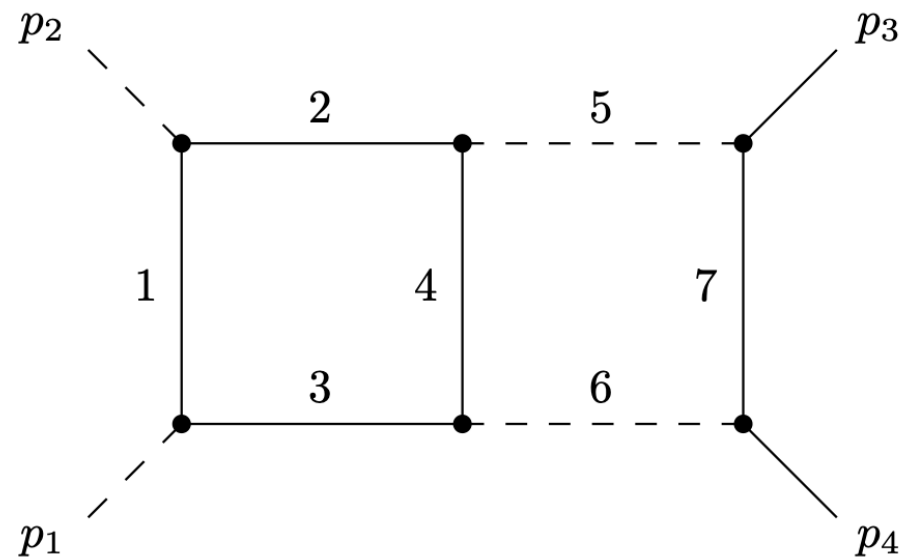
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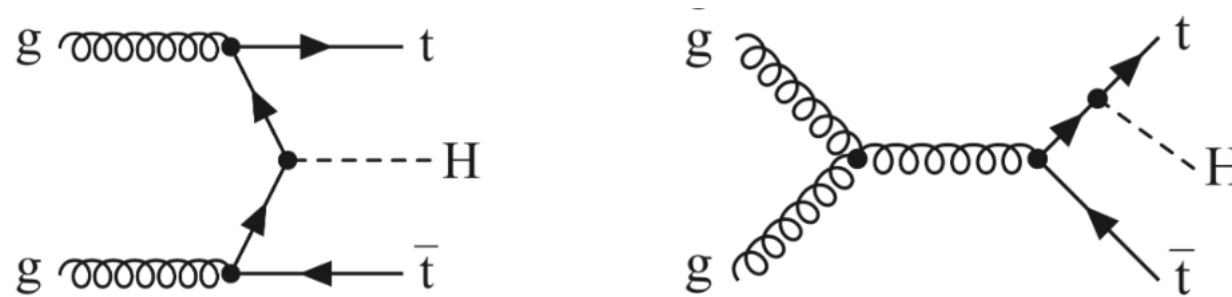
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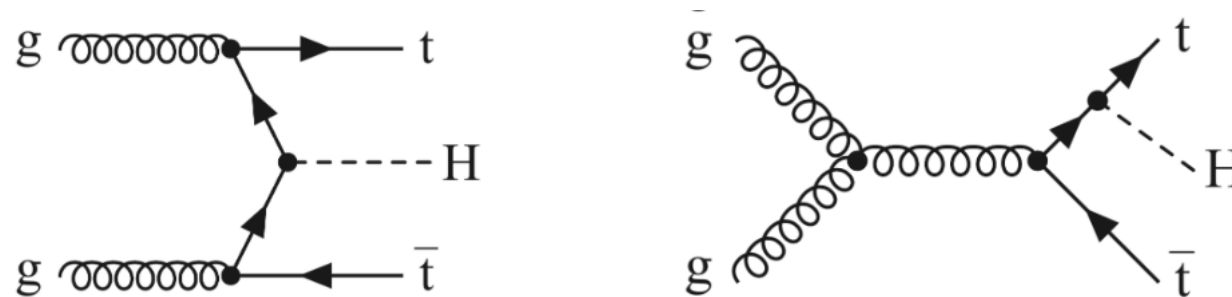
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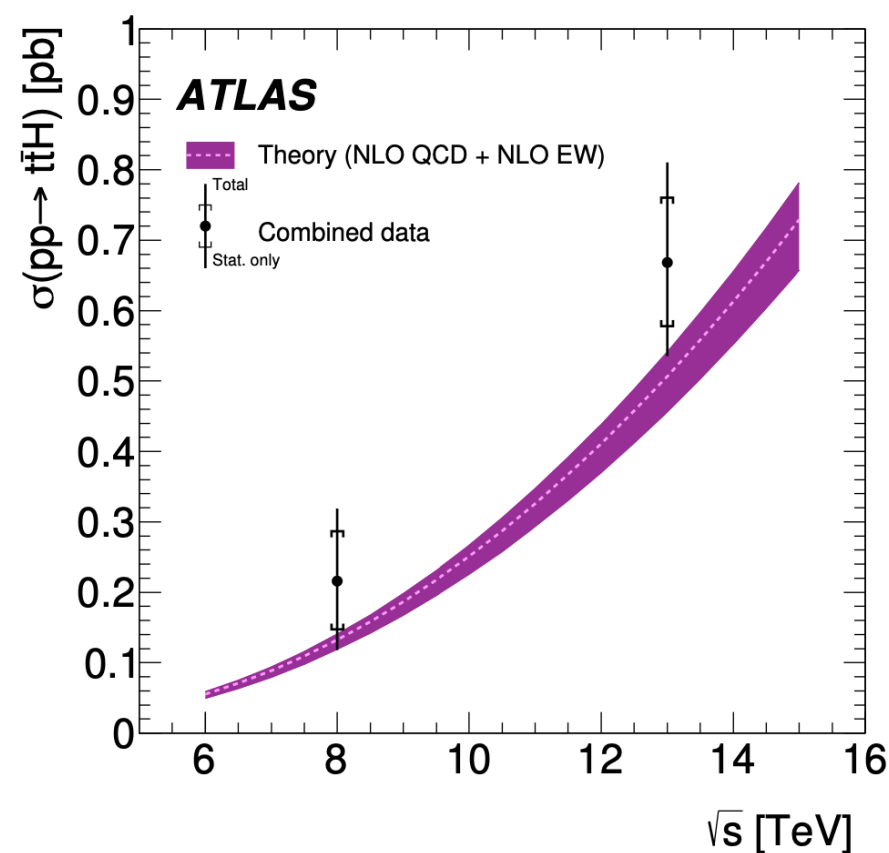
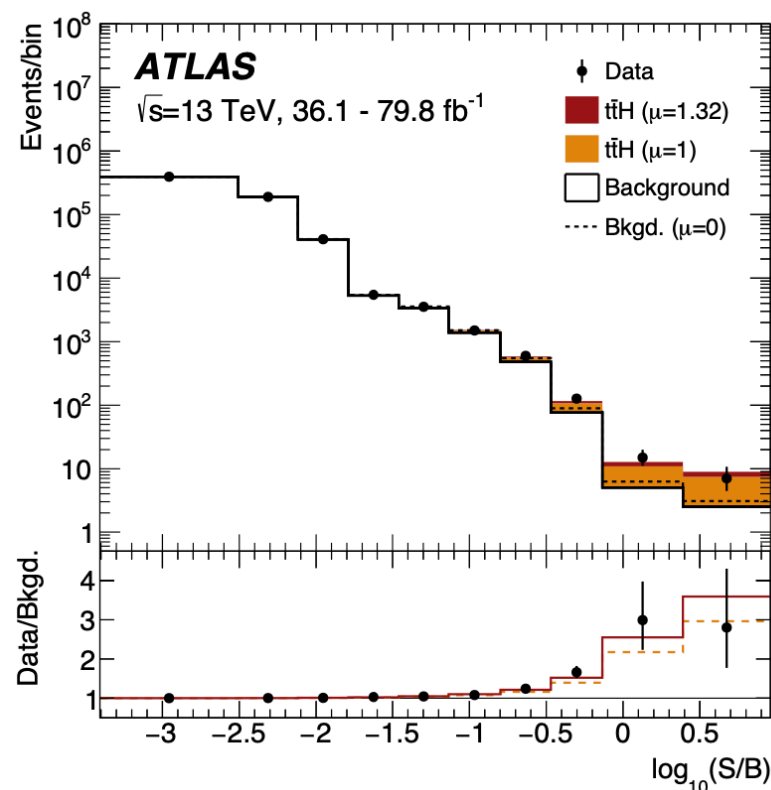


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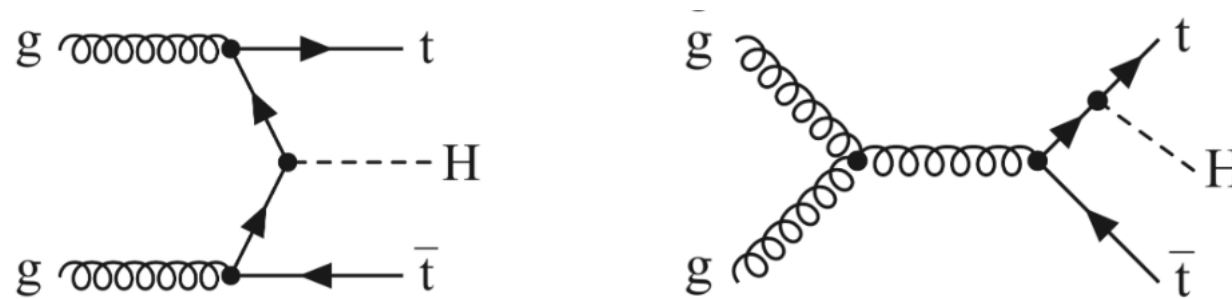


- **2018: First observation** of this new **Higgs boson production mechanism** by CMS and ATLAS* (*with strong LIP involvement)

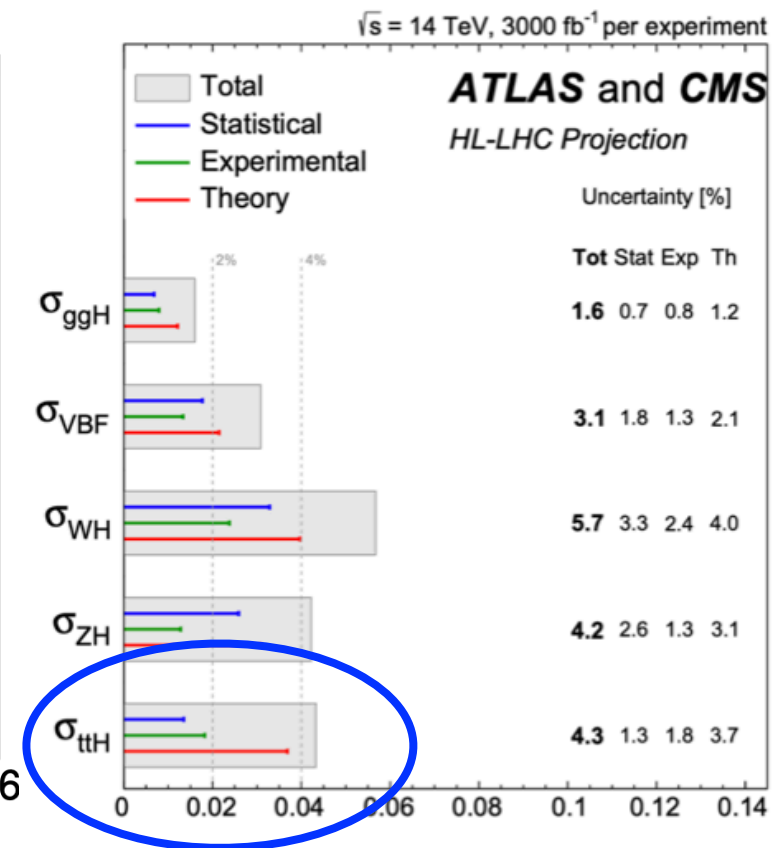
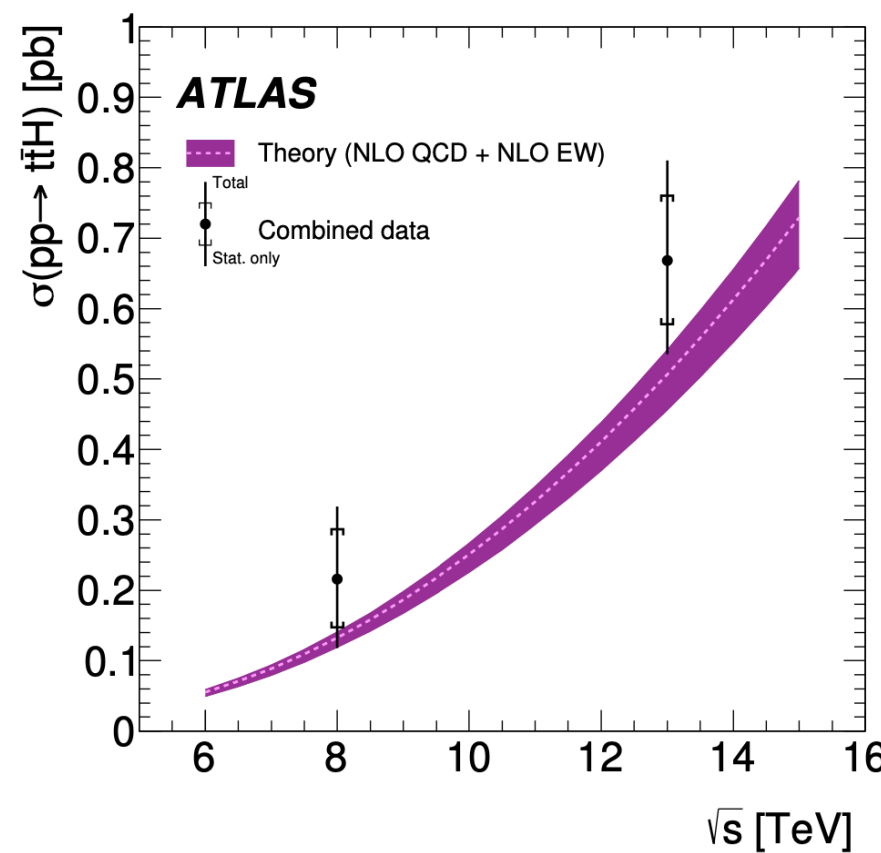
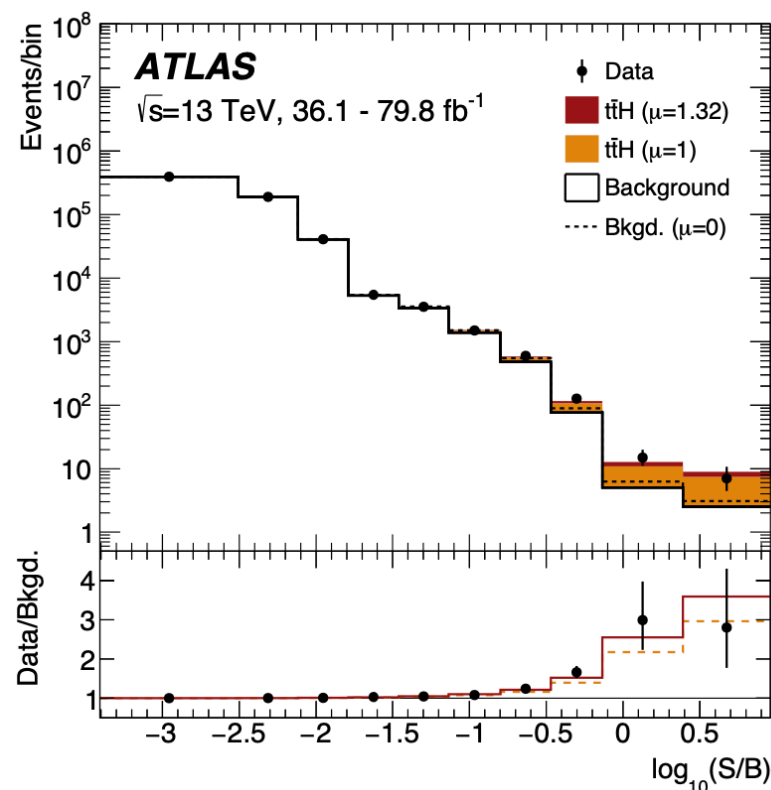


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- Currently ATLAS+CMS measure $t\bar{t}H$ cross section to 20% accuracy → 2% level at the end of HL-LHC



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