

Diphoton production at the LHC (NNLO)





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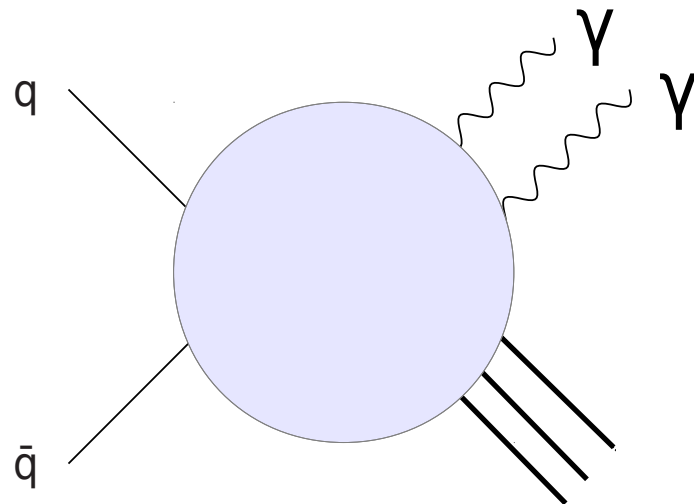
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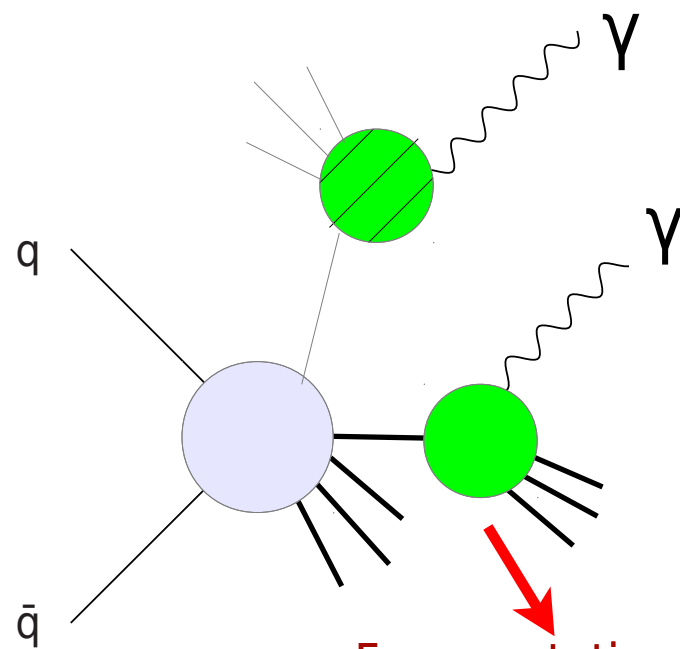
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Photon production

When dealing with the production of photons we have to consider two production mechanisms:



Direct component: photon directly produced through the hard interaction



Fragmentation function:
to be fitted from data


Fragmentation component: photon produced from non-perturbative fragmentation of a hard parton (analogously to a hadron)

Single and double resolved (**collinear** fragmentation)

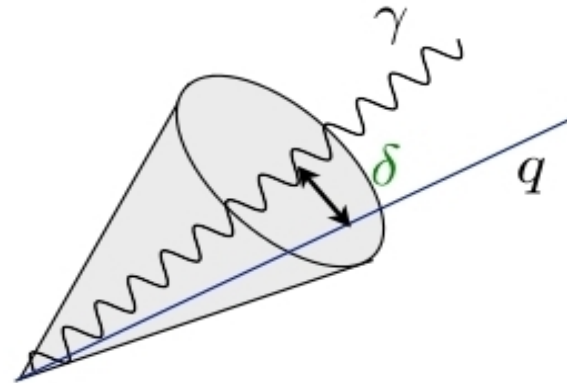
Calculations of cross sections with photons have additional singularities in the presence of QCD radiation.
(i.e. When we go beyond LO)

When quark and photon are collinear \rightarrow singular propagator

Photon production

- Experimentally photons must be isolated
- Isolation reduces fragmentation component  Large Corrections
- Experimentalist may choose:


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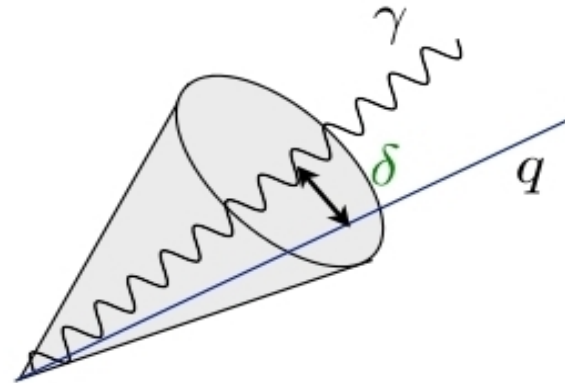
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But there is a way to isolate and make the direct cross section physical
(Infrared safe)

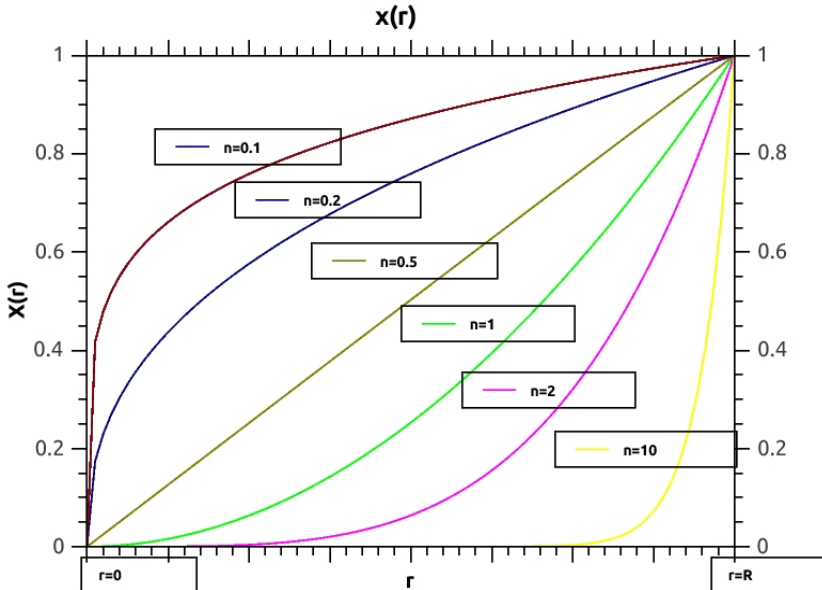
Smooth cone Isolation S. Frixione, Phys.Lett. B429 (1998) 369-374,

Soft emission allowed arbitrarily close to the photon

$$\chi(\delta) = \epsilon_\gamma E_T^\gamma \left(\frac{1 - \cos(\delta)}{1 - \cos(R_0)} \right)^n$$

- no quark-photon collinear divergences
- no fragmentation component (only direct)
- direct well defined by itself

$$E_T^{had}(\delta) \leq \chi(\delta) \text{ such that } \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \chi(\delta) = 0$$



Standard Photon Isolation

$$E_T^{had}(\delta) \leq E_{T_{max}}^{had}$$

Smooth Photon Isolation

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S.Frixione

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- Direct contribution well defined

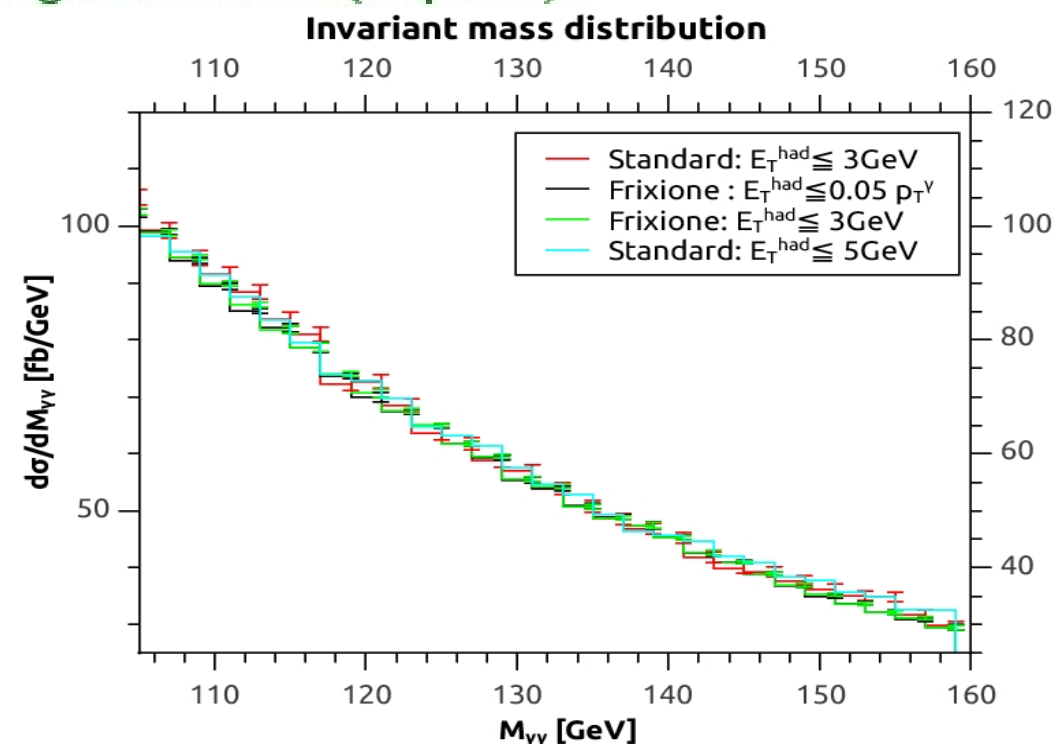
More restrictive than usual cone : lower limit on cross section (close for small R)

In real (TH)life... how much different? NLO comparison $R_0 = 0.4 \quad n = 1$

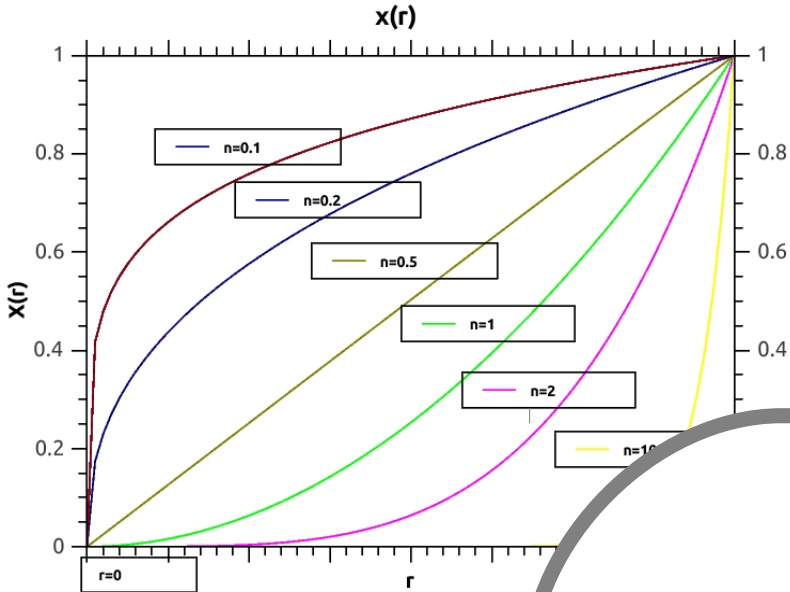
CMS Higgs cuts at 7 TeV

Standard: direct+fragmentation (Diphox)

$E_{T_{max}}^{had}$	standard/smooth
2 GeV	< 1%
3 GeV	< 1%
4 GeV	1%
5 GeV	3%
0.05 p _T	< 1%
0.5 p _T	11%



if isolation tight enough, hardly any difference between standard and smooth cone



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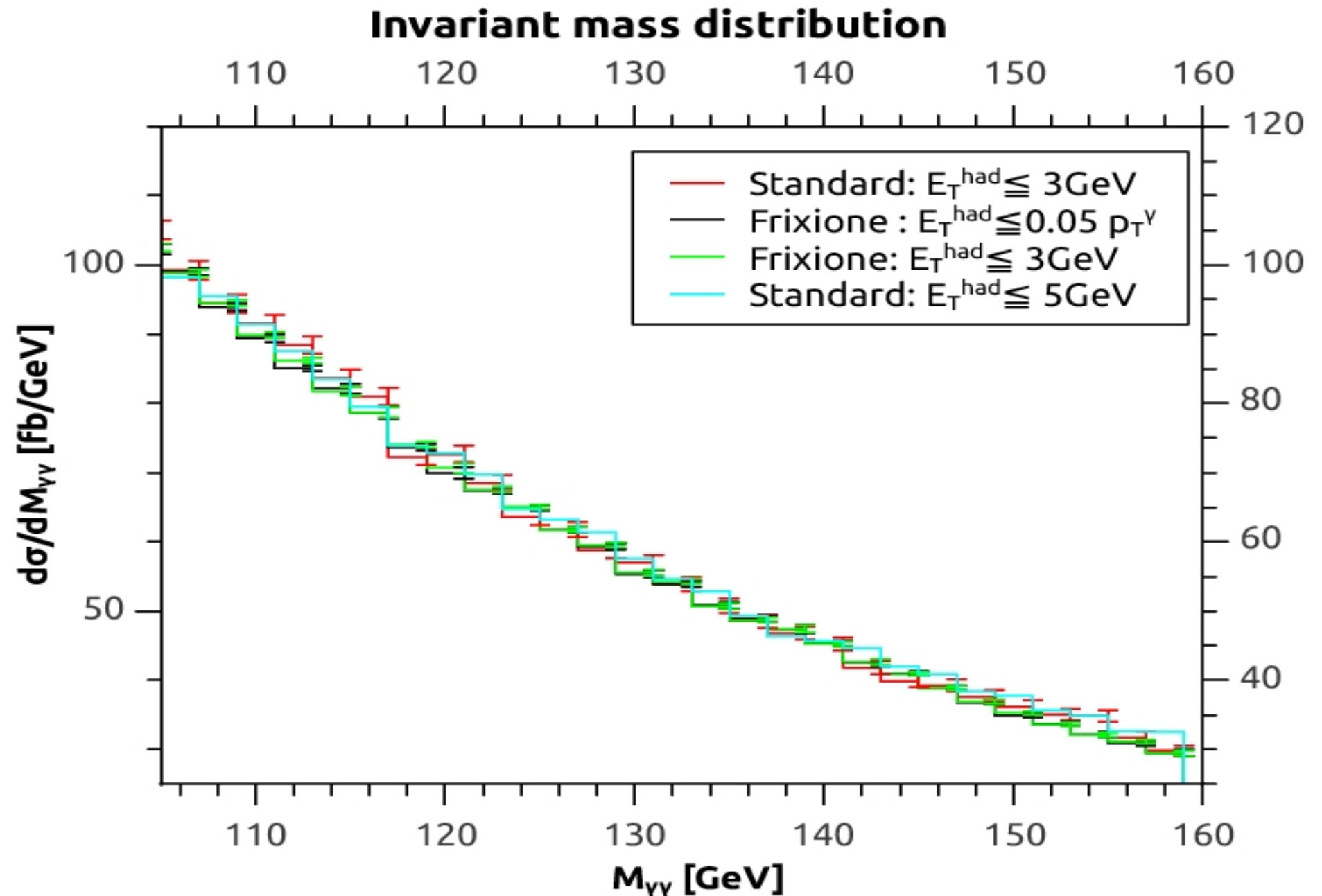
$$\chi(\delta) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \delta} \right)^{2n}$$

More restrictive

In real (TH)

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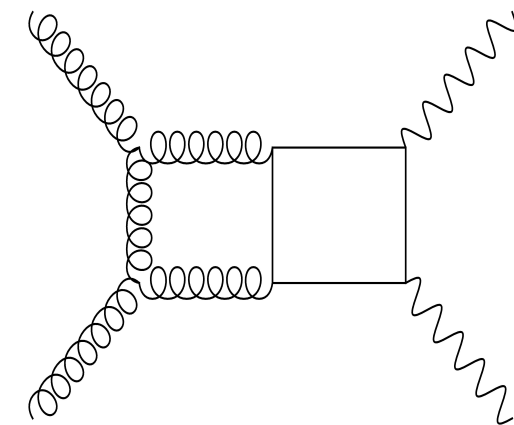
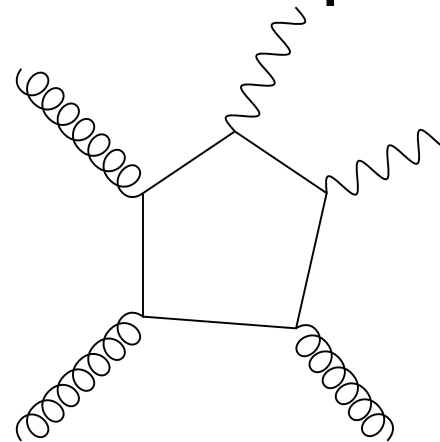
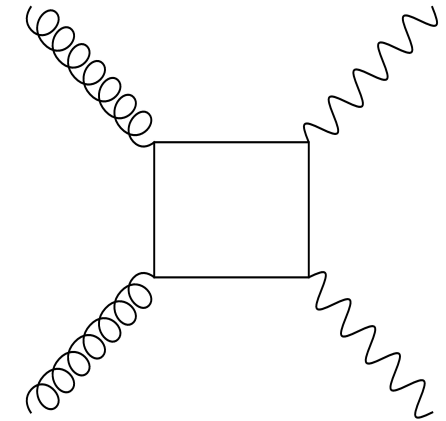
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+ MC generators : Herwig, Pythia, **SHERPA**

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Results typically in good agreement with data, but some differences observed:

📌 **Azimuth separation for diphoton production**

📌 **Low mass region of the invariant mass distribution**

It is desirable to count on a NNLO description of the phenomenology of diphoton production

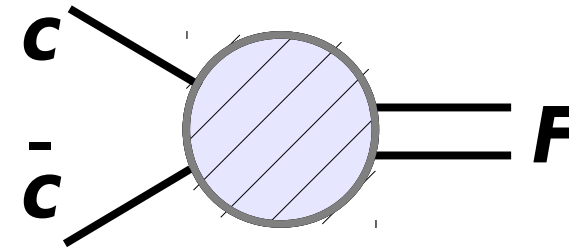
q_T subtraction method

S. Catani, M. Grazzini (2007)

Let us consider a specific, though important class of processes: the production of colourless high-mass systems \mathbf{F} in hadron collisions

(\mathbf{F} may consist of lepton pairs, vector bosons, Higgs bosons.....)

At LO it starts with $c\bar{c} \rightarrow F$



Strategy: start from NLO calculation of $\mathbf{F+jet(s)}$ and observe that as soon as the transverse momentum of the \mathbf{F} , $q_T \neq 0$, one can write:

$$d\sigma_{(N)NLO}^F|_{q_T \neq 0} = d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{F+jets}$$

Define a counterterm to deal with singular behaviour at $q_T \rightarrow 0$

But.....

the singular behaviour of $d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{F+jets}$ is well known from the resummation program of large logarithmic contributions at small transverse momenta

G. Parisi, R. Petronzio (1979)

J. Collins, D.E. Soper, G. Sterman (1985)

S. Catani, D. de Florian, M. Grazzini (2000)

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choose

$$d\sigma^{CT} \sim d\sigma^{(LO)} \otimes \Sigma^F(q_T/Q)$$

where

$$\Sigma^F(q_T/Q) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \Sigma^{F(n;k)} \frac{Q^2}{q_T^2} \ln^{k-1} \frac{Q^2}{q_T^2}$$

Then the calculation can be extended to include the $q_T = 0$ contribution:

$$d\sigma_{(N)NLO}^F = \mathcal{H}_{(N)NLO}^F \otimes d\sigma_{LO}^F + \left[d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{F+jets} - d\sigma_{(N)LO}^{CT} \right]$$

where I have subtracted the truncation of the counterterm at (N)LO and added a contribution at $q_T = 0$ to restore the correct normalization

The function \mathcal{H}^F can be computed in QCD perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{H}^F = 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right) \mathcal{H}^{F(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right)^2 \mathcal{H}^{F(2)} + \dots$$

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the counterterm $d\sigma_{LO}^{CT}$ requires the resummation coefficients $A^{(1)}, B^{(1)}$ and the one loop anomalous dimensions

the general form of $\mathcal{H}^{F(1)}$ is known

D. de Florian, M. Grazzini (2000)

G. Bozzi, S. Catani, D. de Florian, M. Grazzini (2005)

At NNLO we need a NLO calculation of $d\sigma^{F+\text{jet}(s)}$ plus the knowledge of $d\sigma_{NLO}^{CT}$ and $\mathcal{H}^{F(2)}$

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This is enough to compute NNLO corrections for *any* process in this class provided that F +jet is known up to NLO and the two loop amplitude for $c\bar{c} \rightarrow F$ is known

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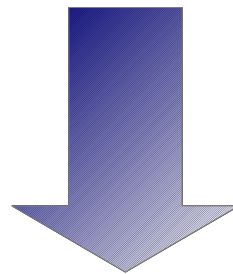
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Fully exclusive NNLO code for $pp \rightarrow F$

2γ NNLO

First exclusive NNLO in pp collisions with two final state particles
S.Catani, L.Cieri, D.de Florian, G.Ferrera, M.Grazzini (2011)

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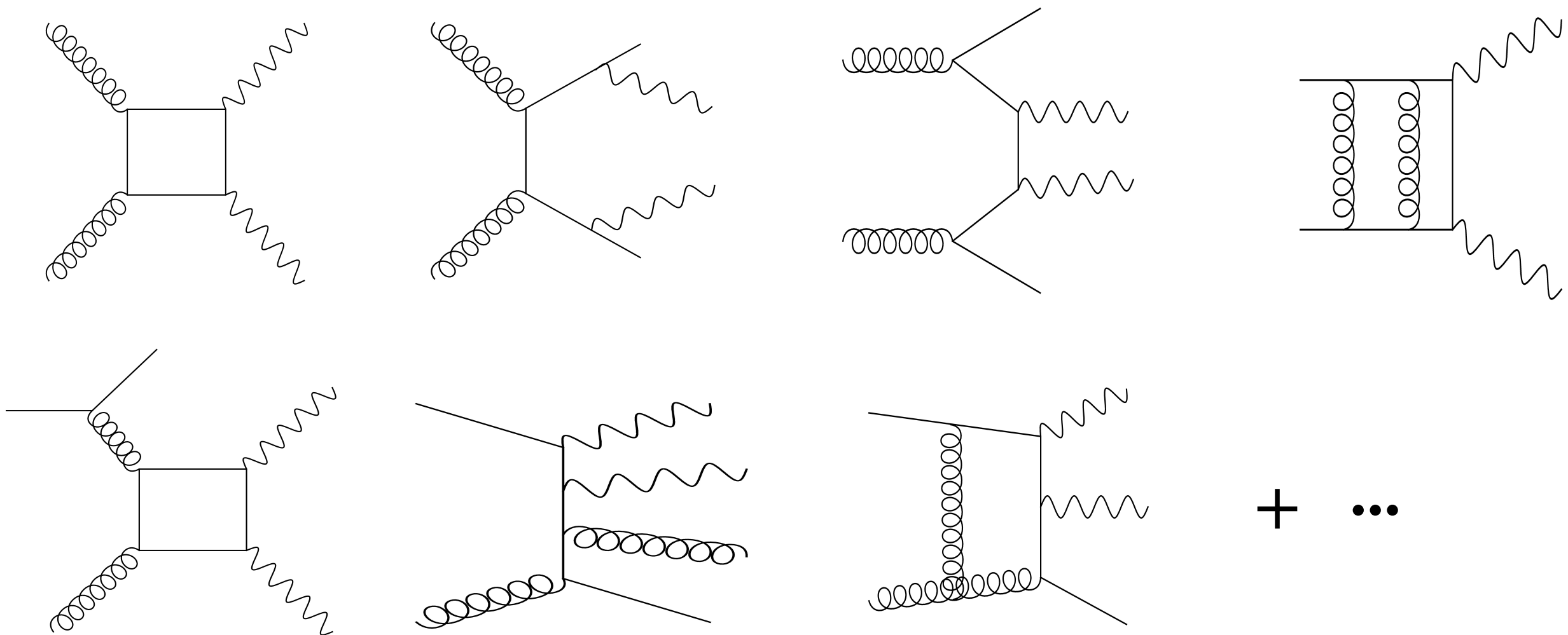
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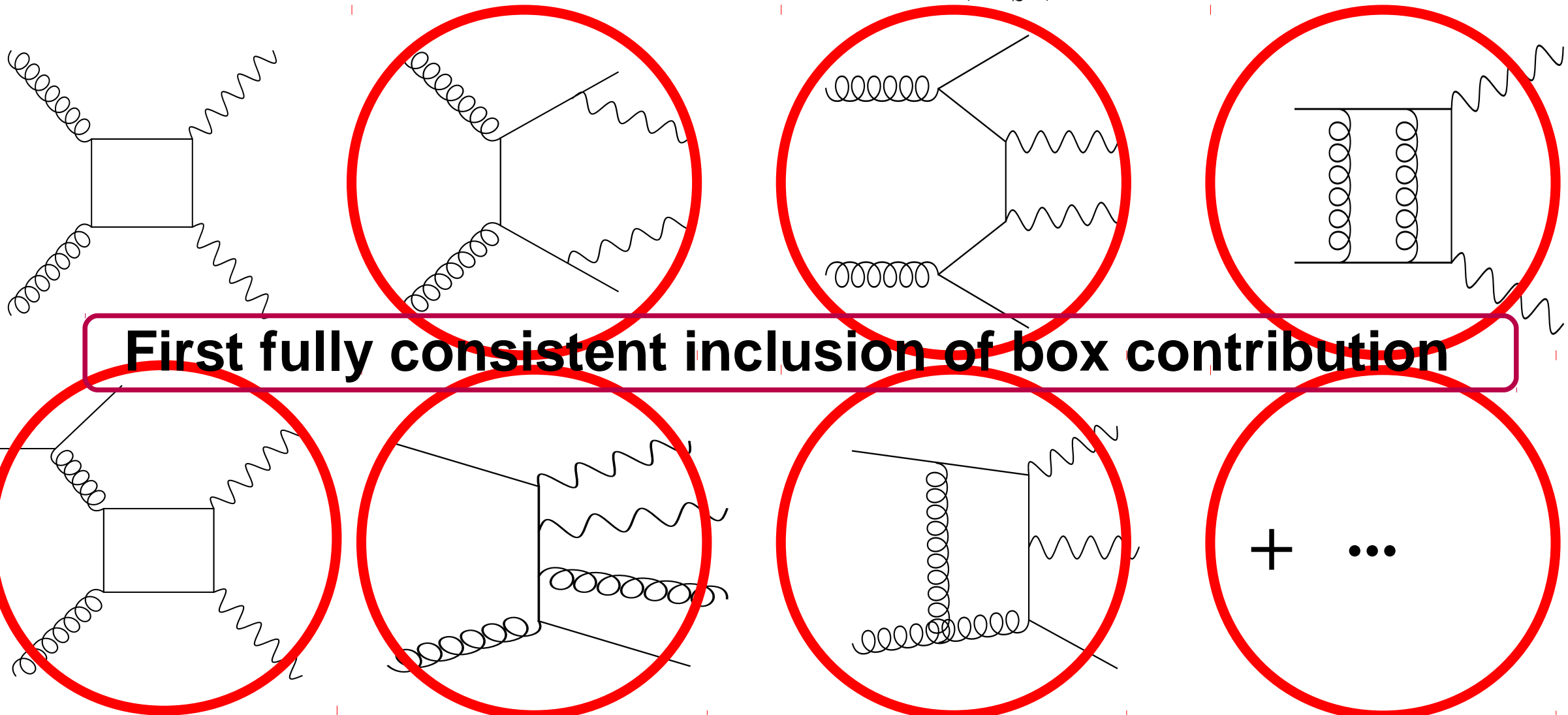
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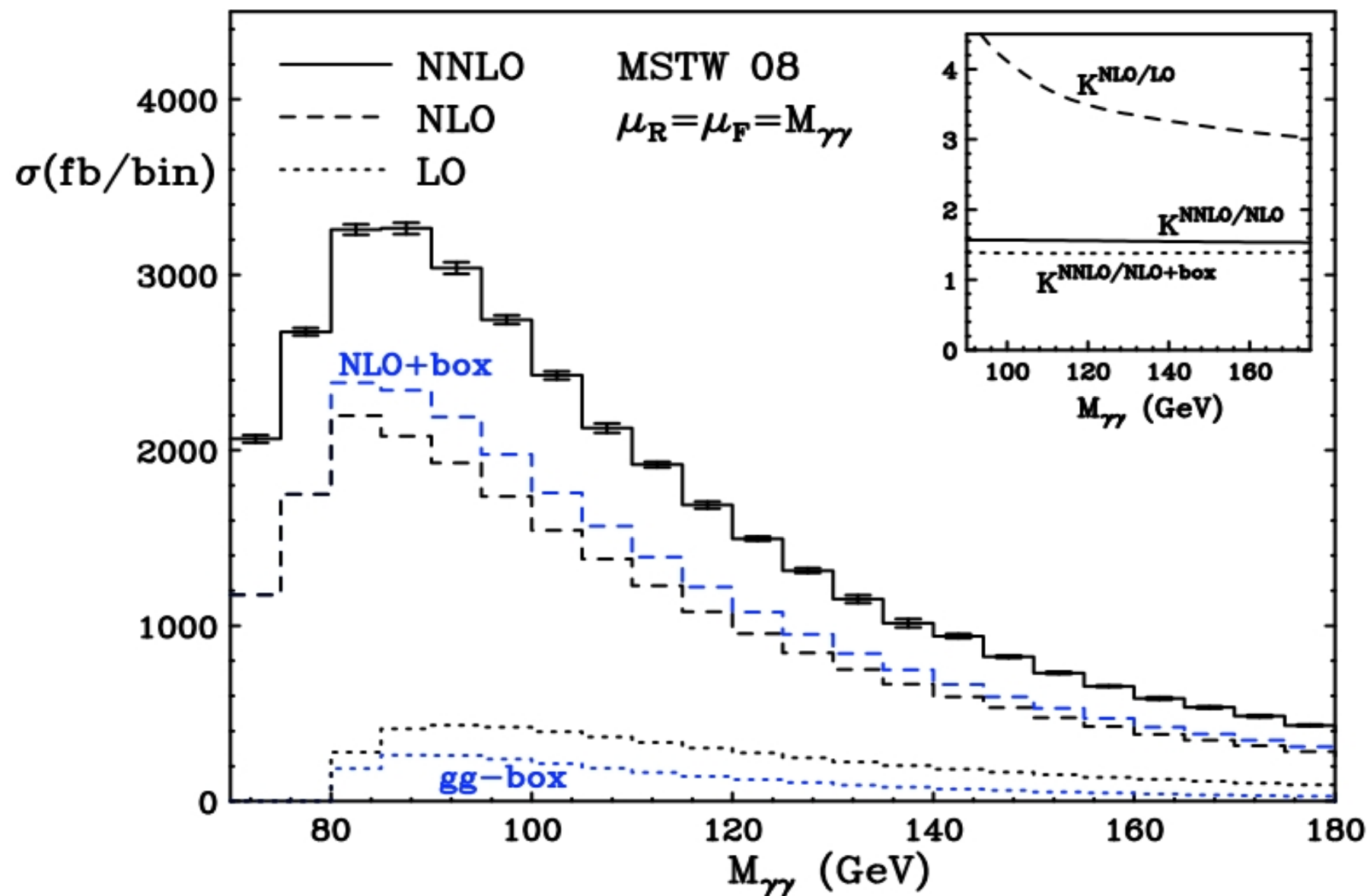


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First results using 2γ NNLO



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$$|\eta^\gamma| \leq 2.5$$

$$20 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 250 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\mu_R = \mu_F = M_{\gamma\gamma}$$

NNLO effect about +50 % in the peak region

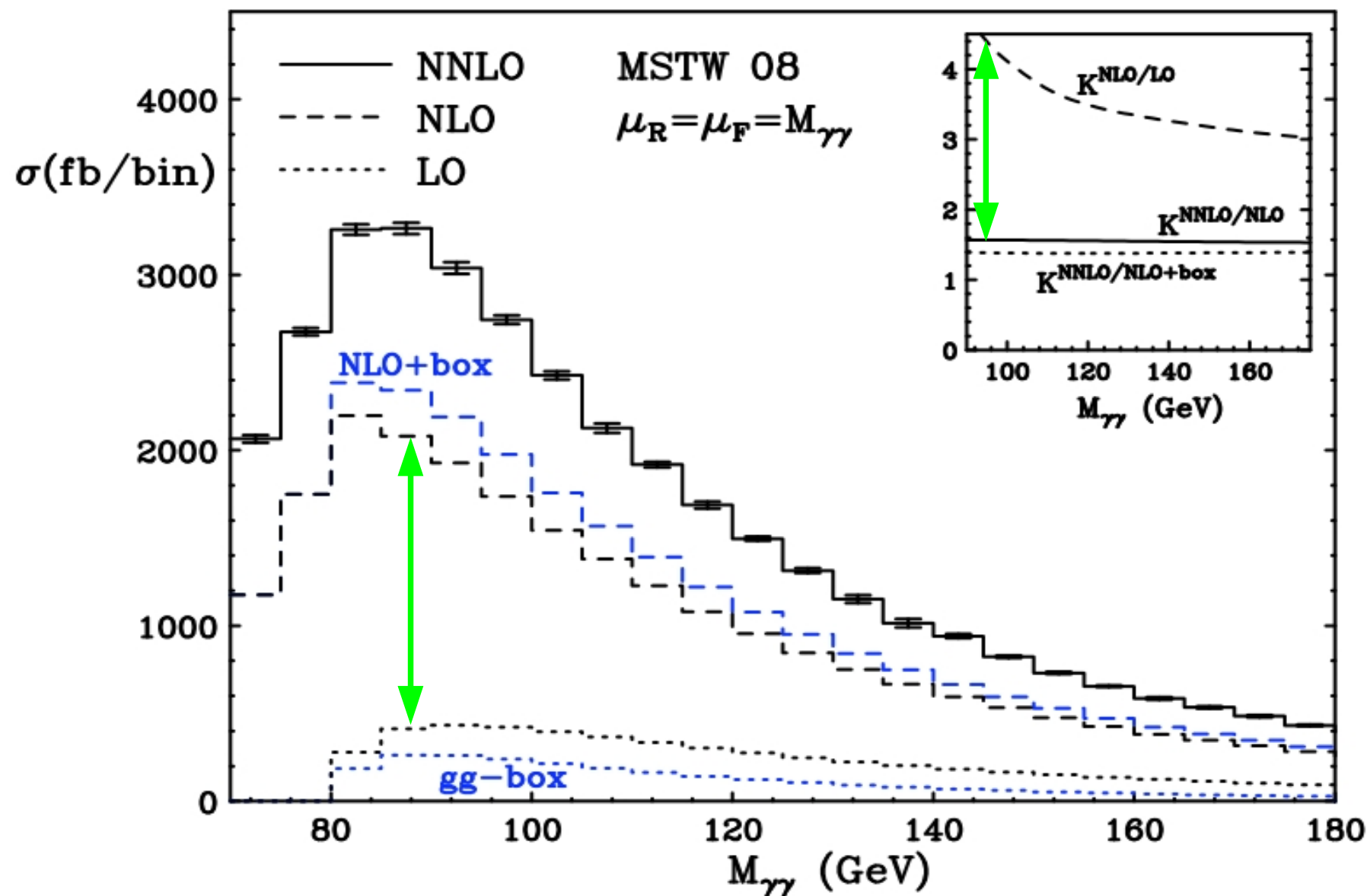
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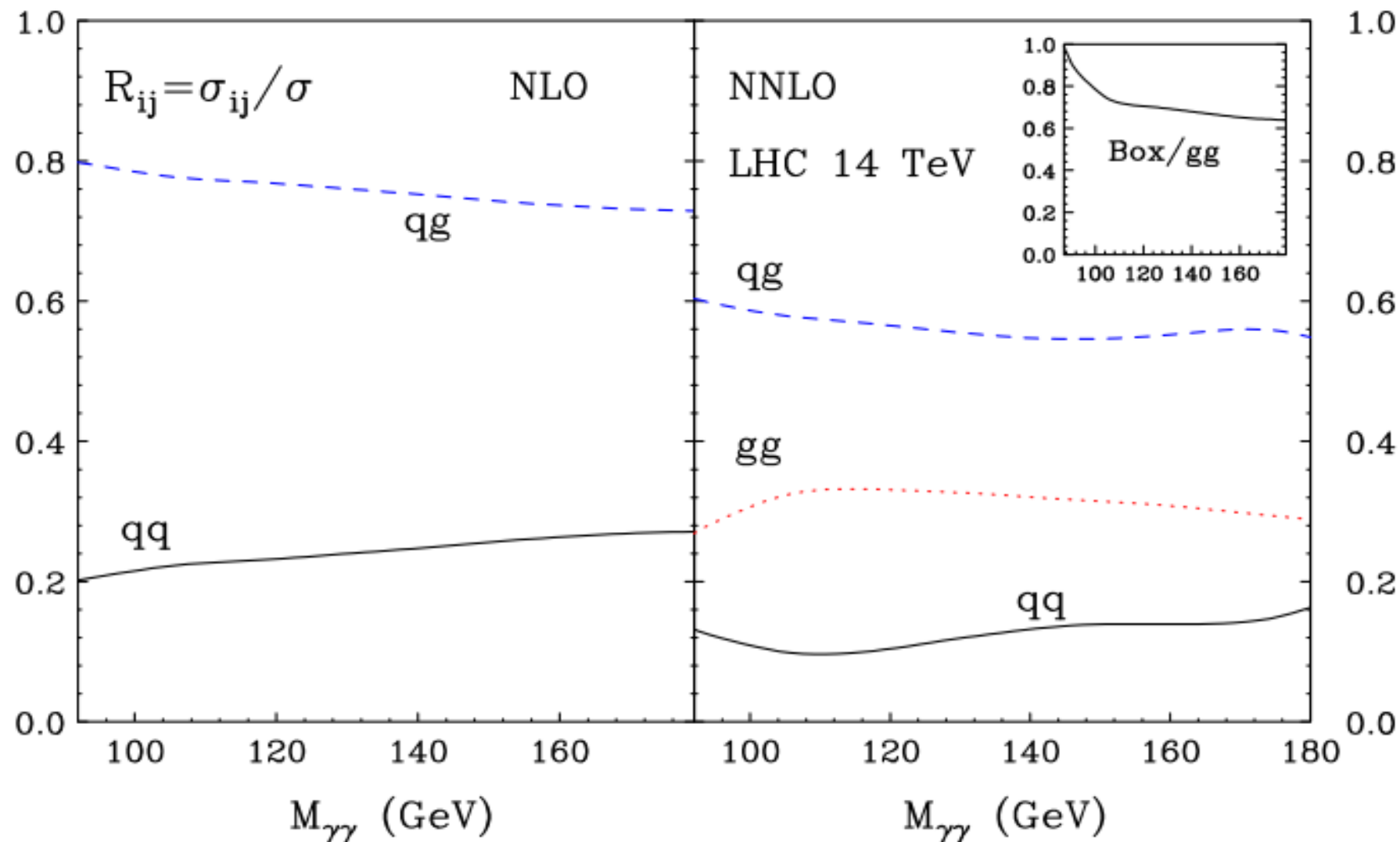
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$$\frac{\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}}{\sigma^{\text{NLO+Box}}} \sim 1.35$$

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Huge corrections 1 : new channels

Channels @ 14 TeV



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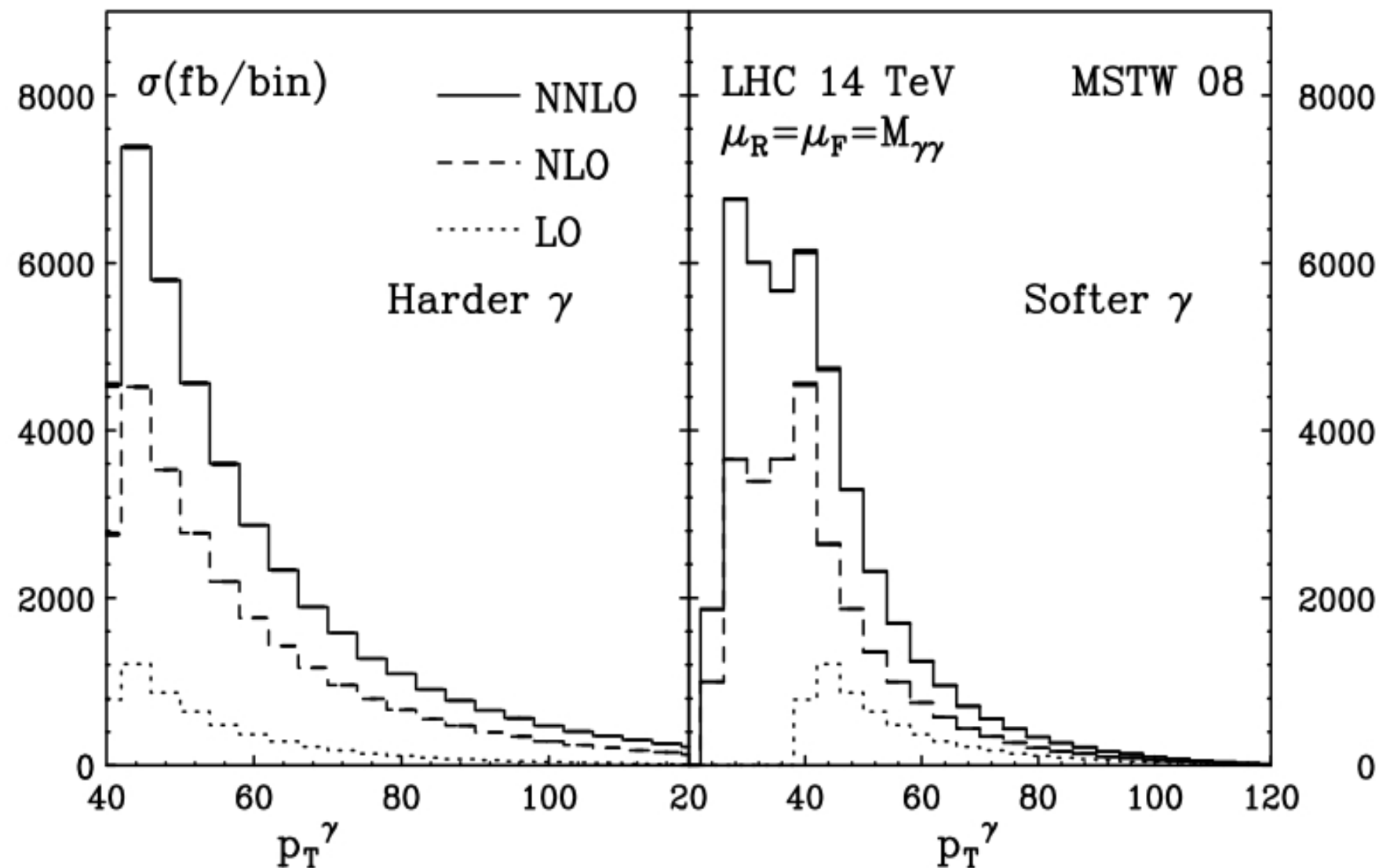
Main contribution from qg channel
(corrections to NLO dominant channel)

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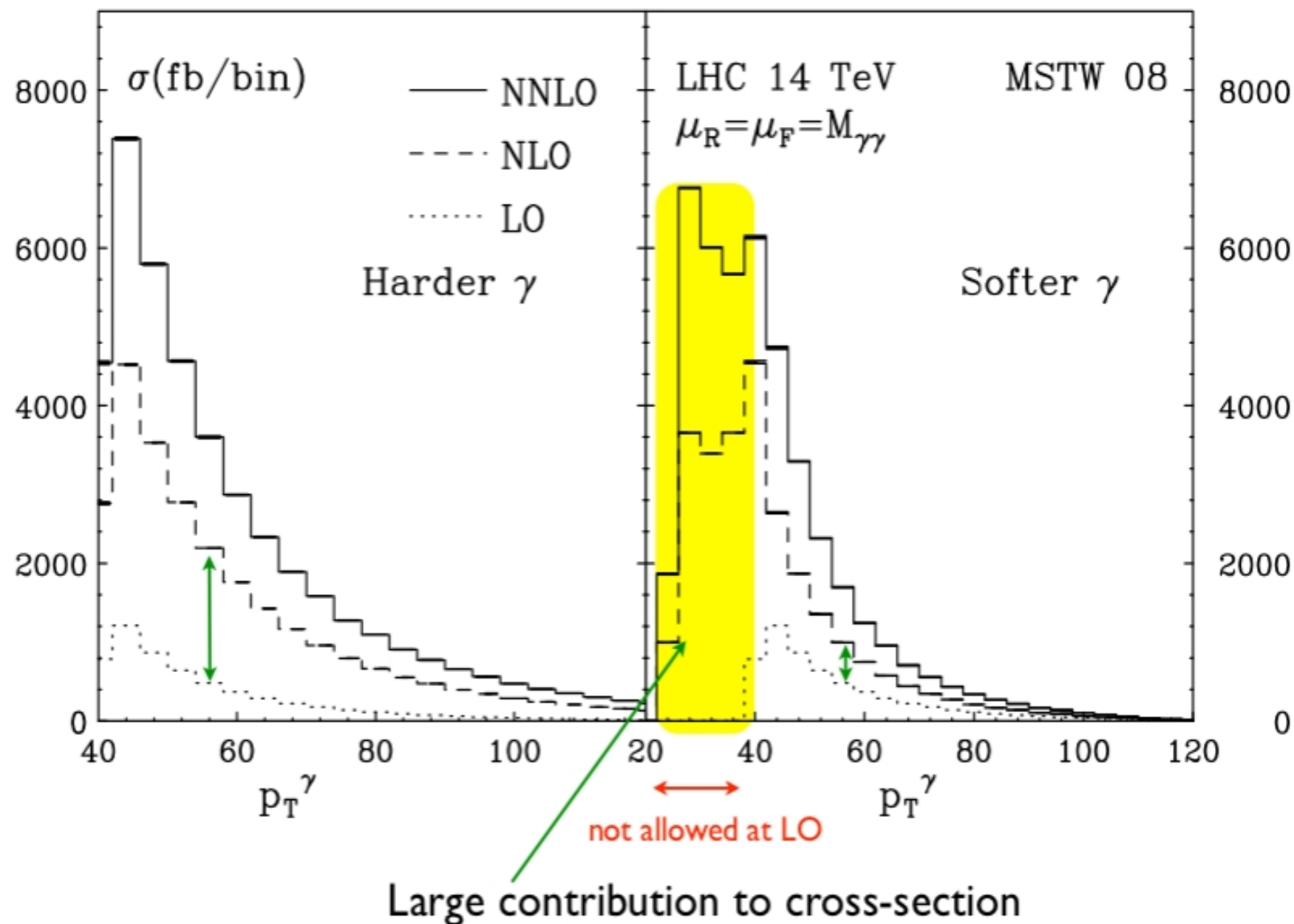
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- Substantial contribution from radiation in the region $25 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 40 \text{ GeV}$
- Unphysical peak in p_{T2}^γ at $p_T^\gamma = 40 \text{ GeV}$

S. Catani, M. Fontannaz, J.P. Guillet, E. Pilon. JHEP 0205 (2002) 028

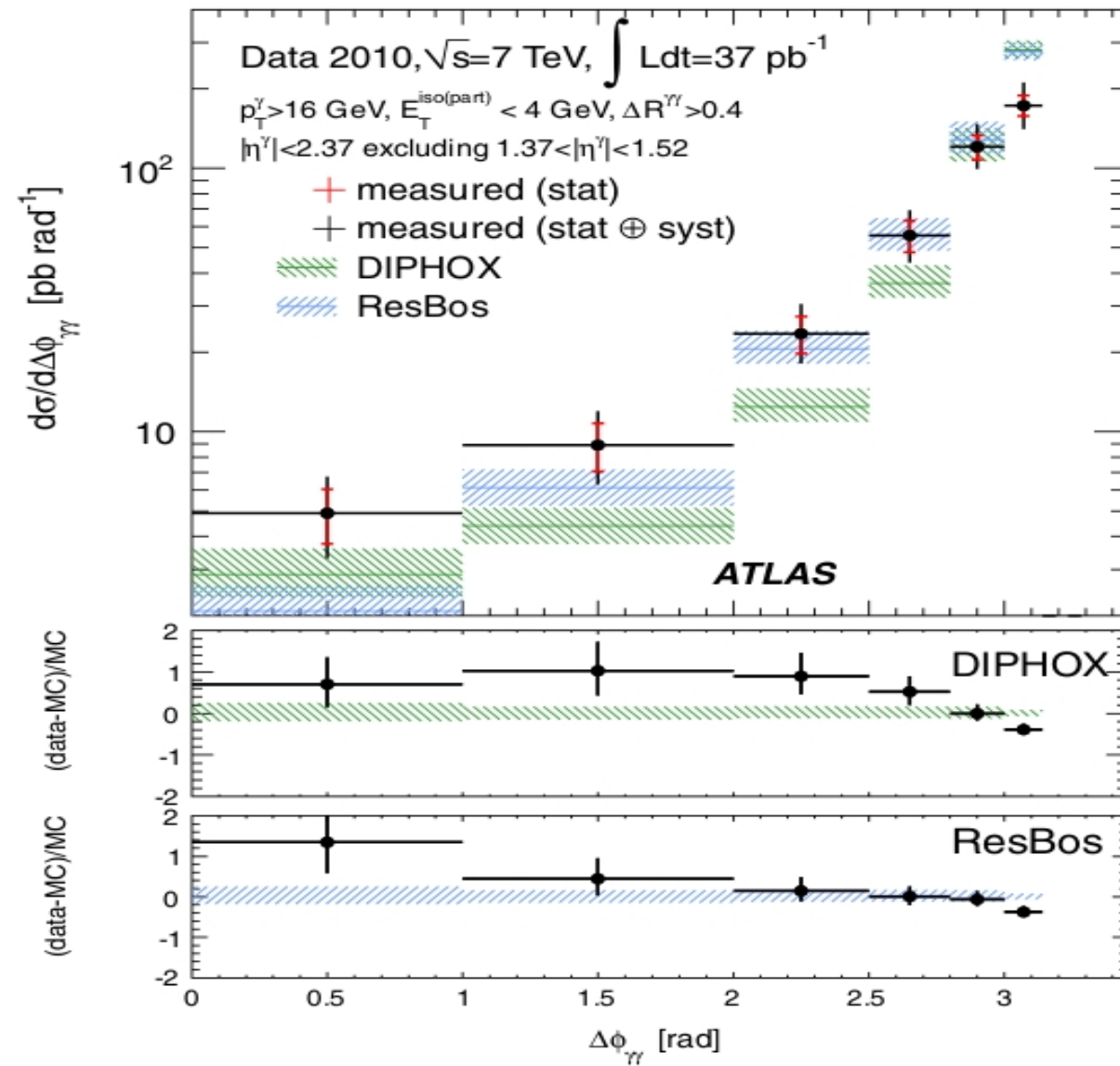
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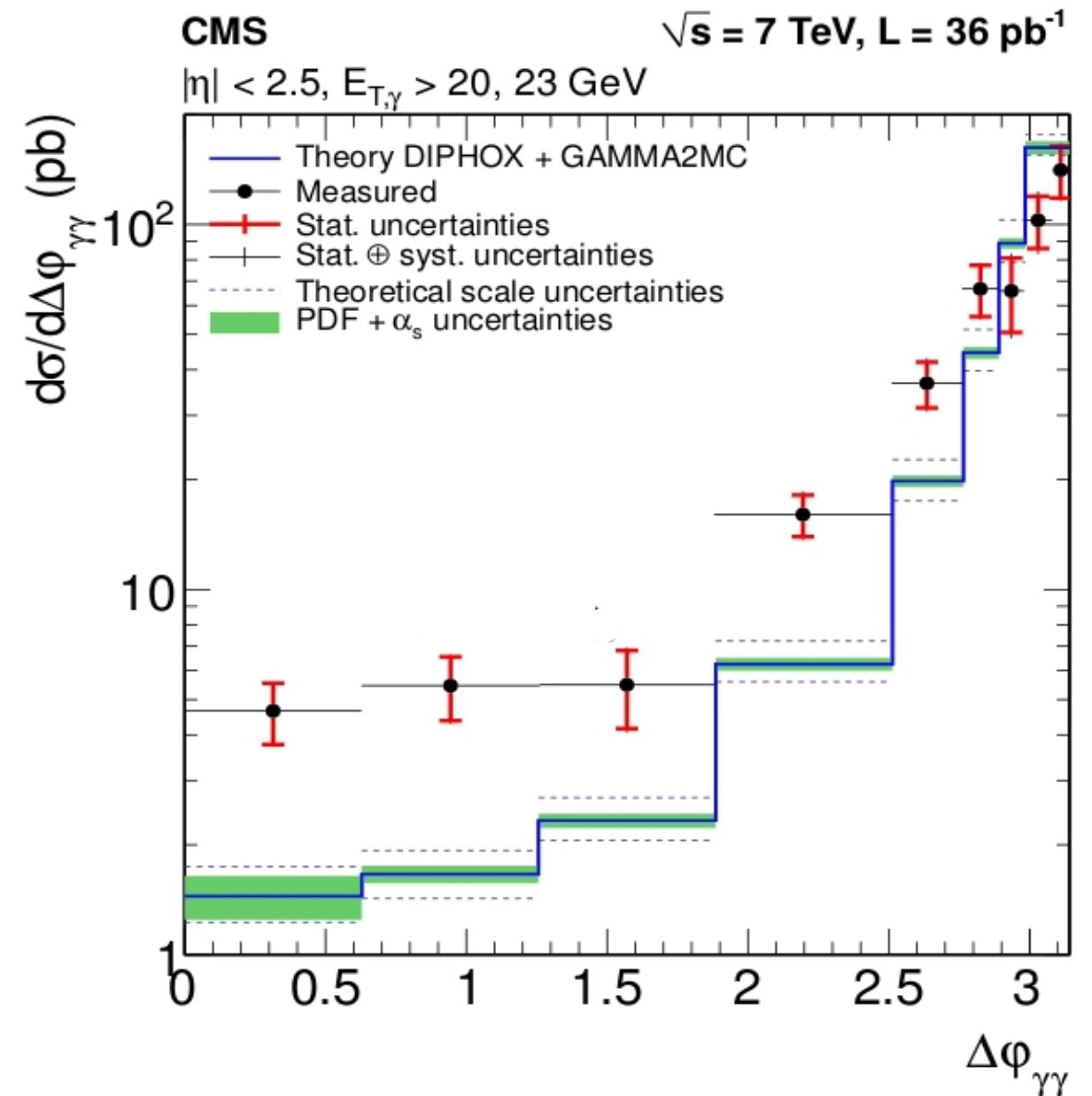
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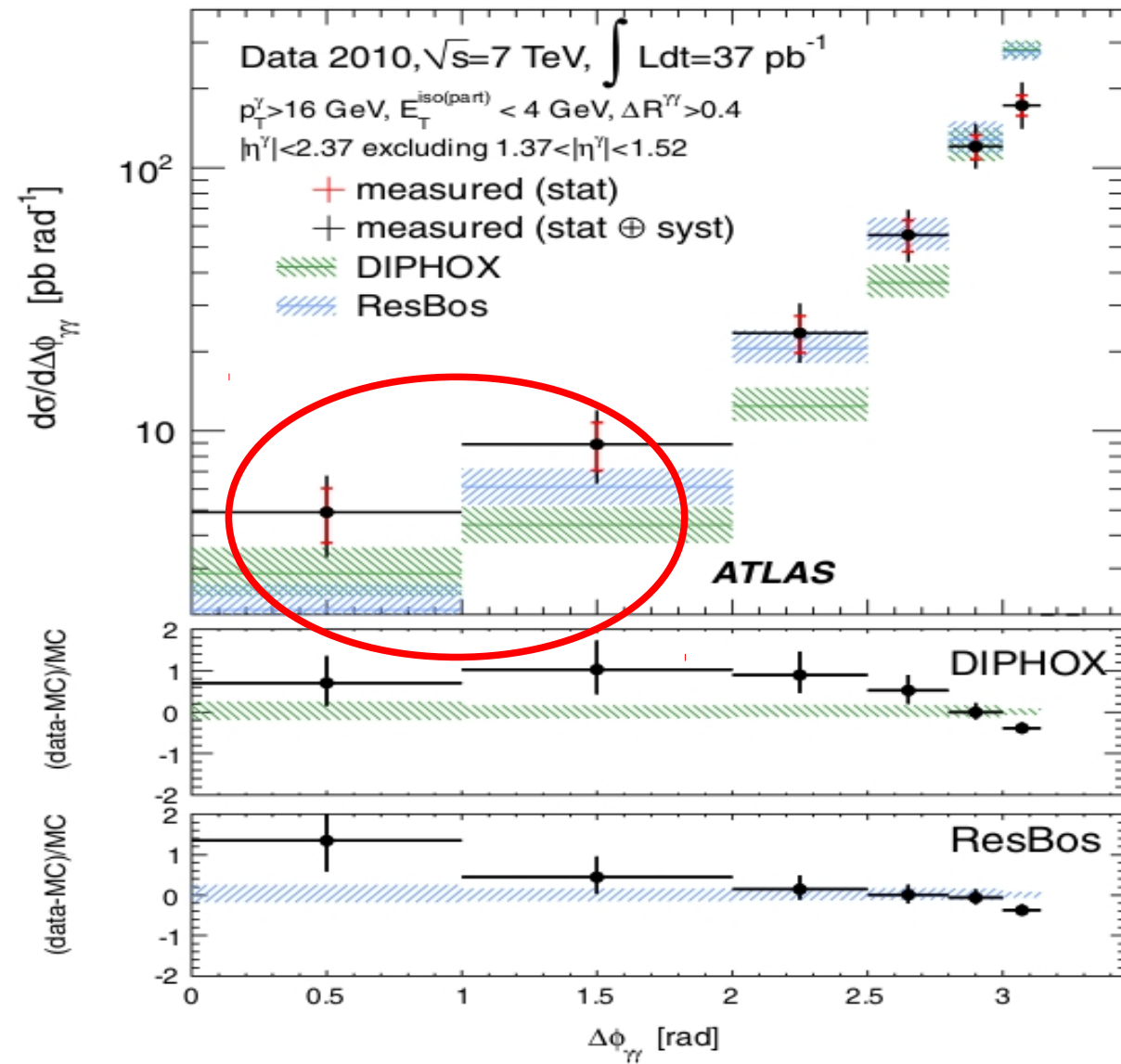
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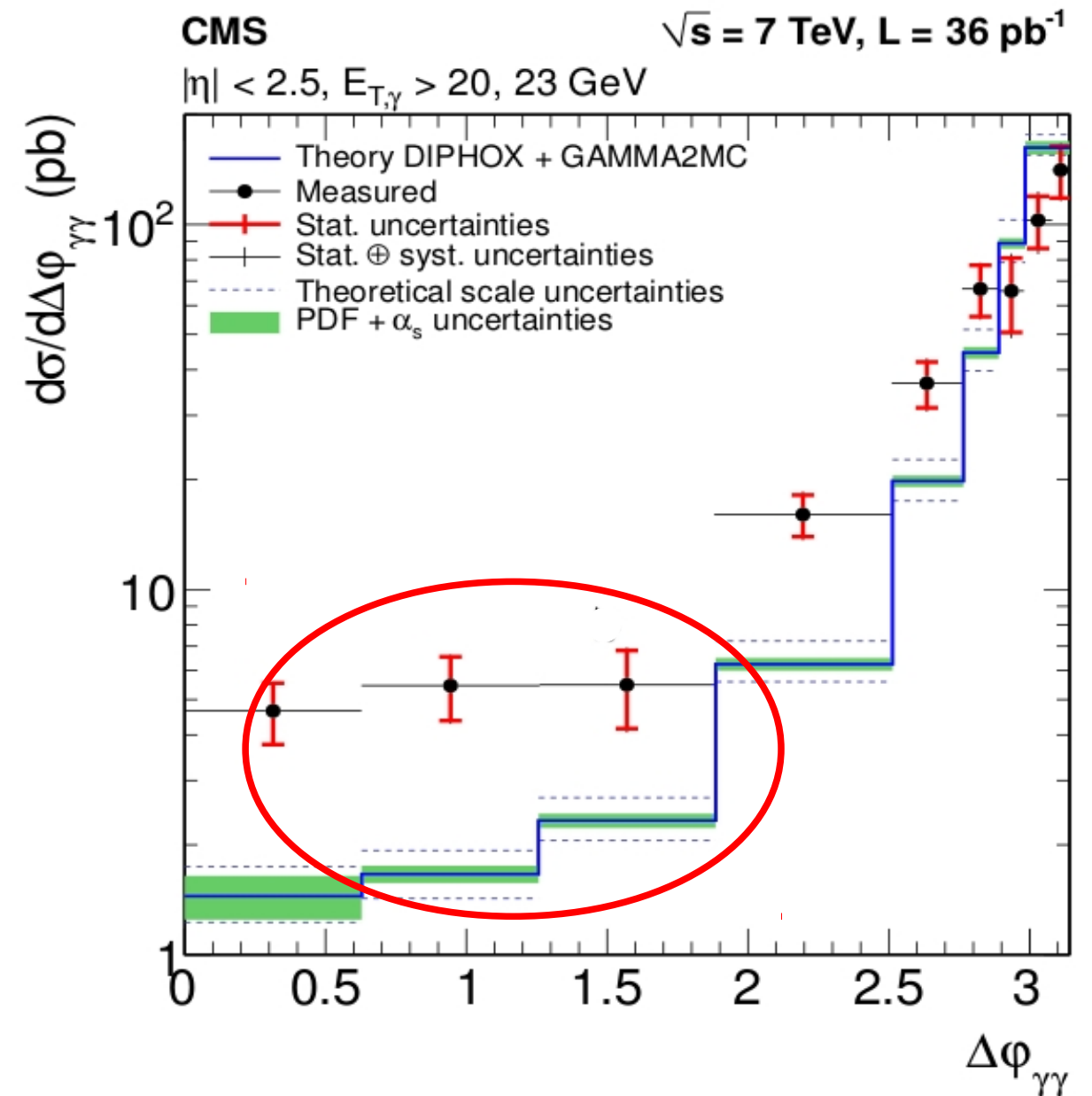
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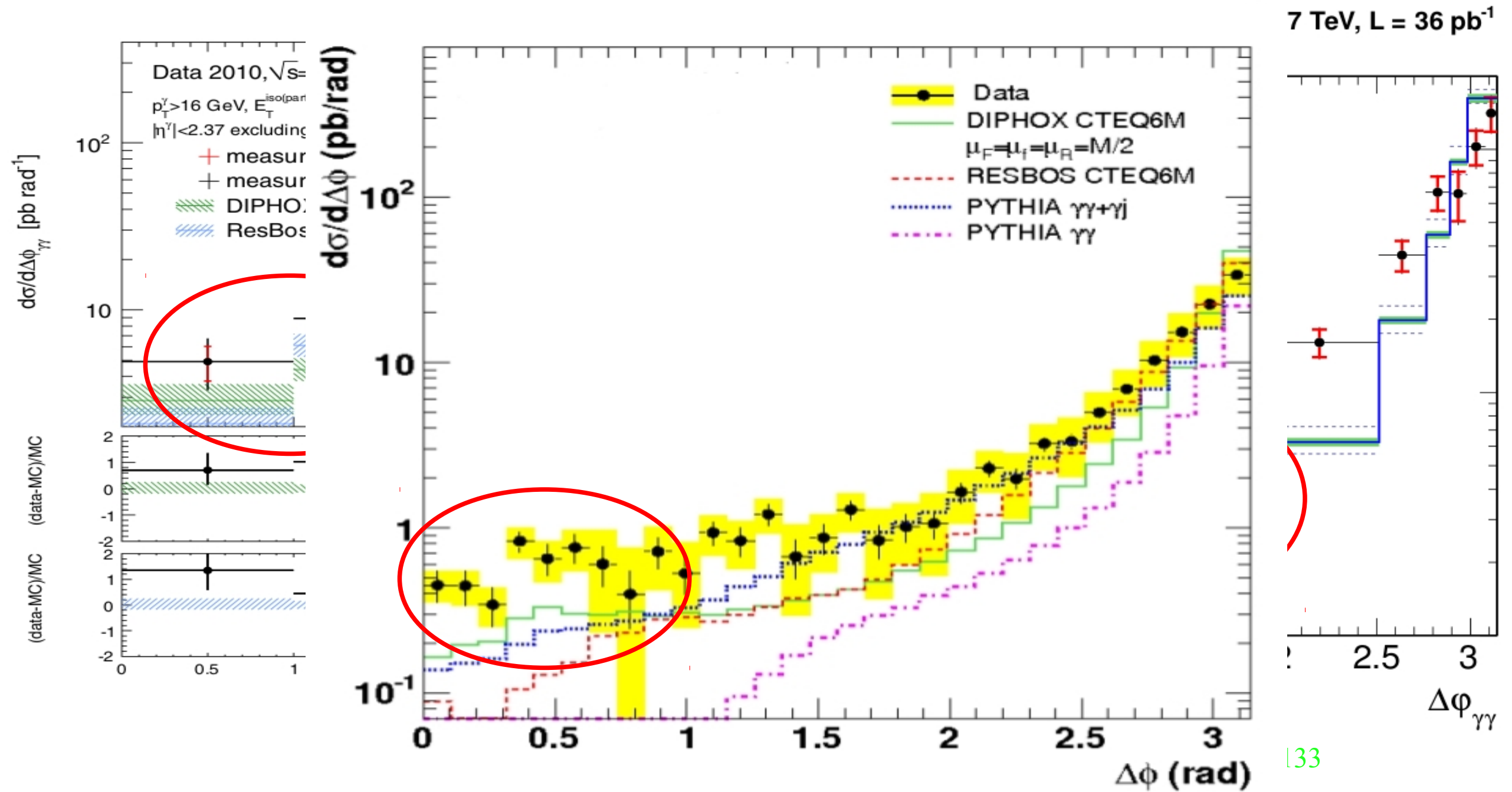
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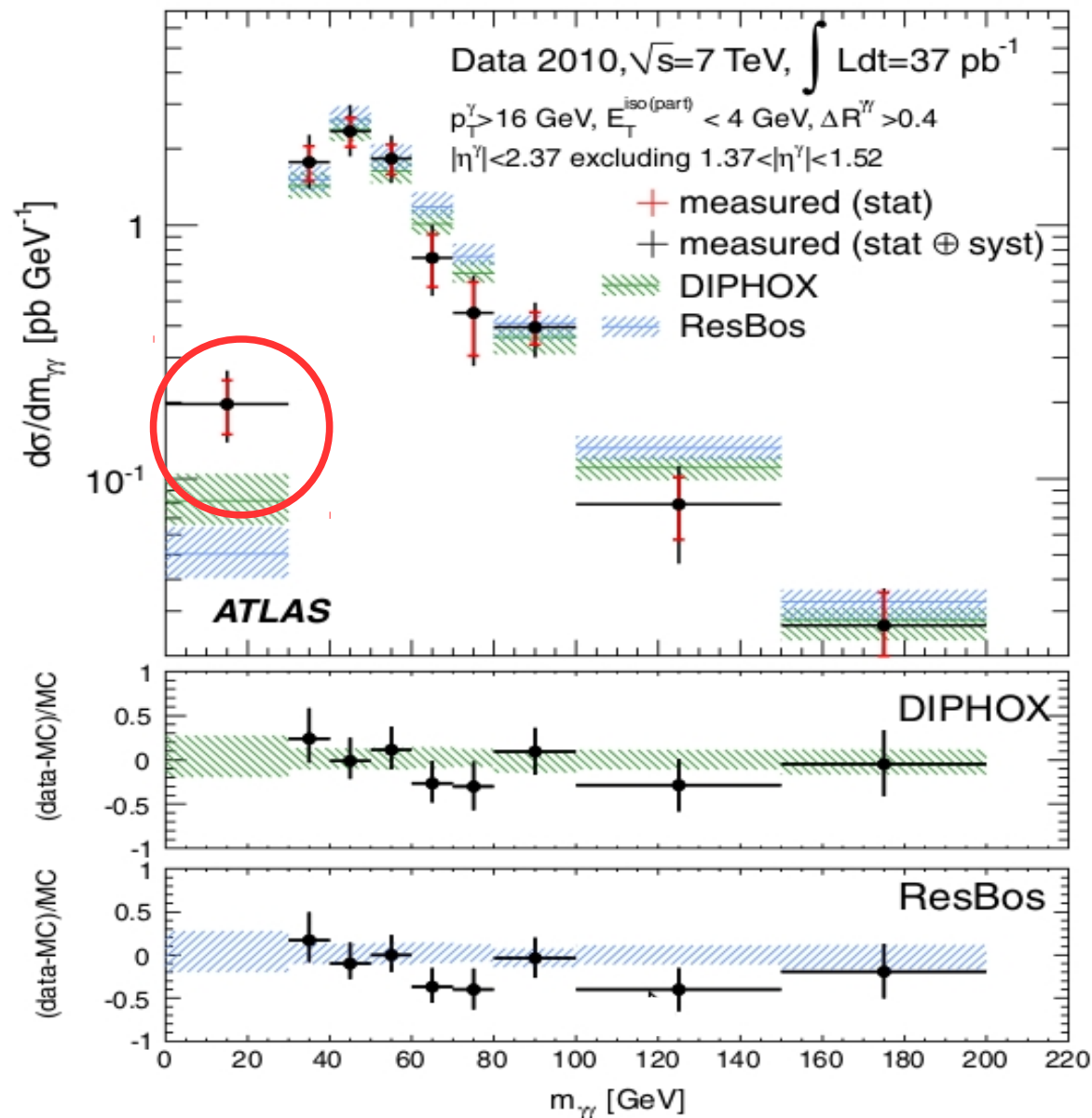
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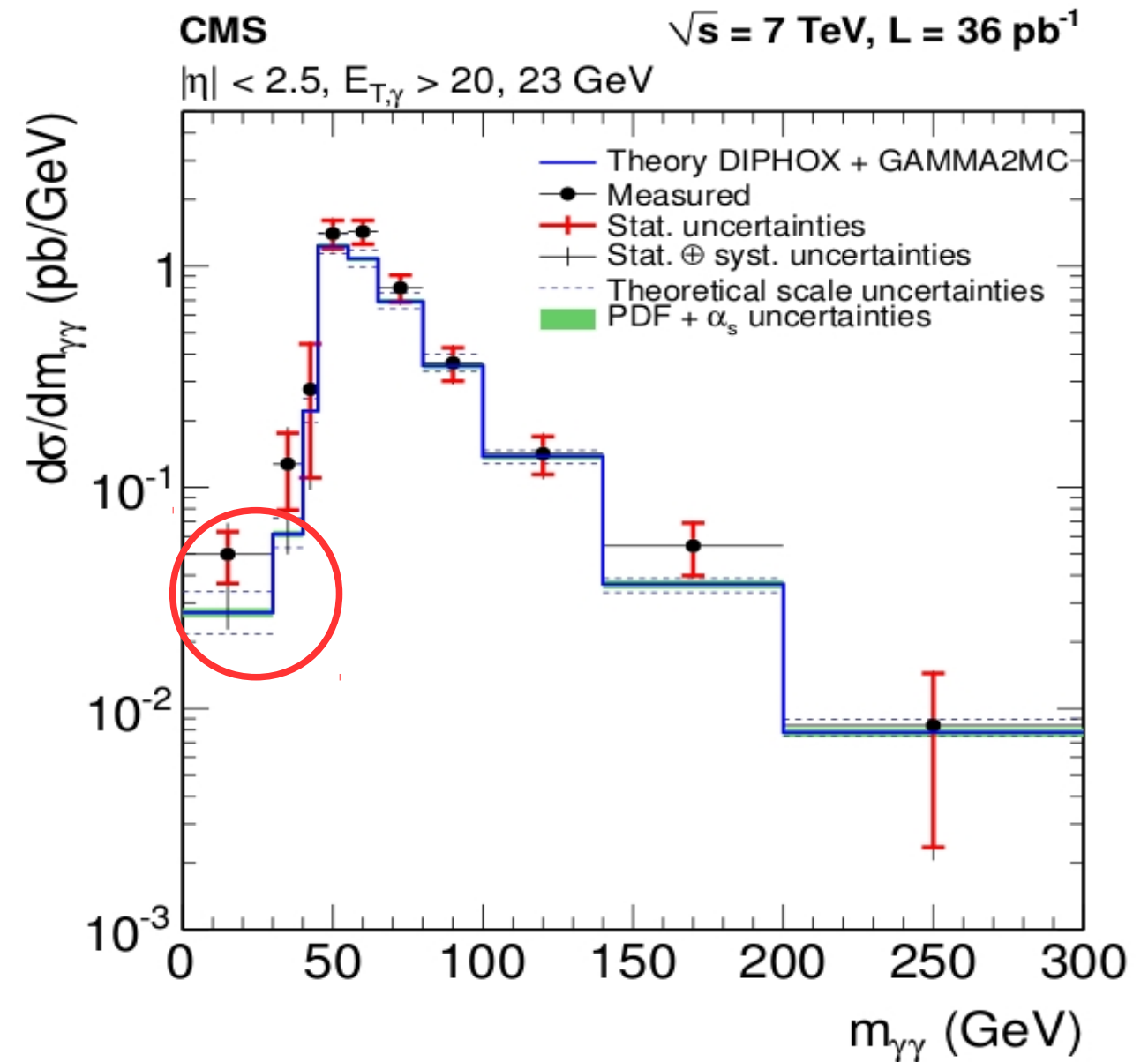
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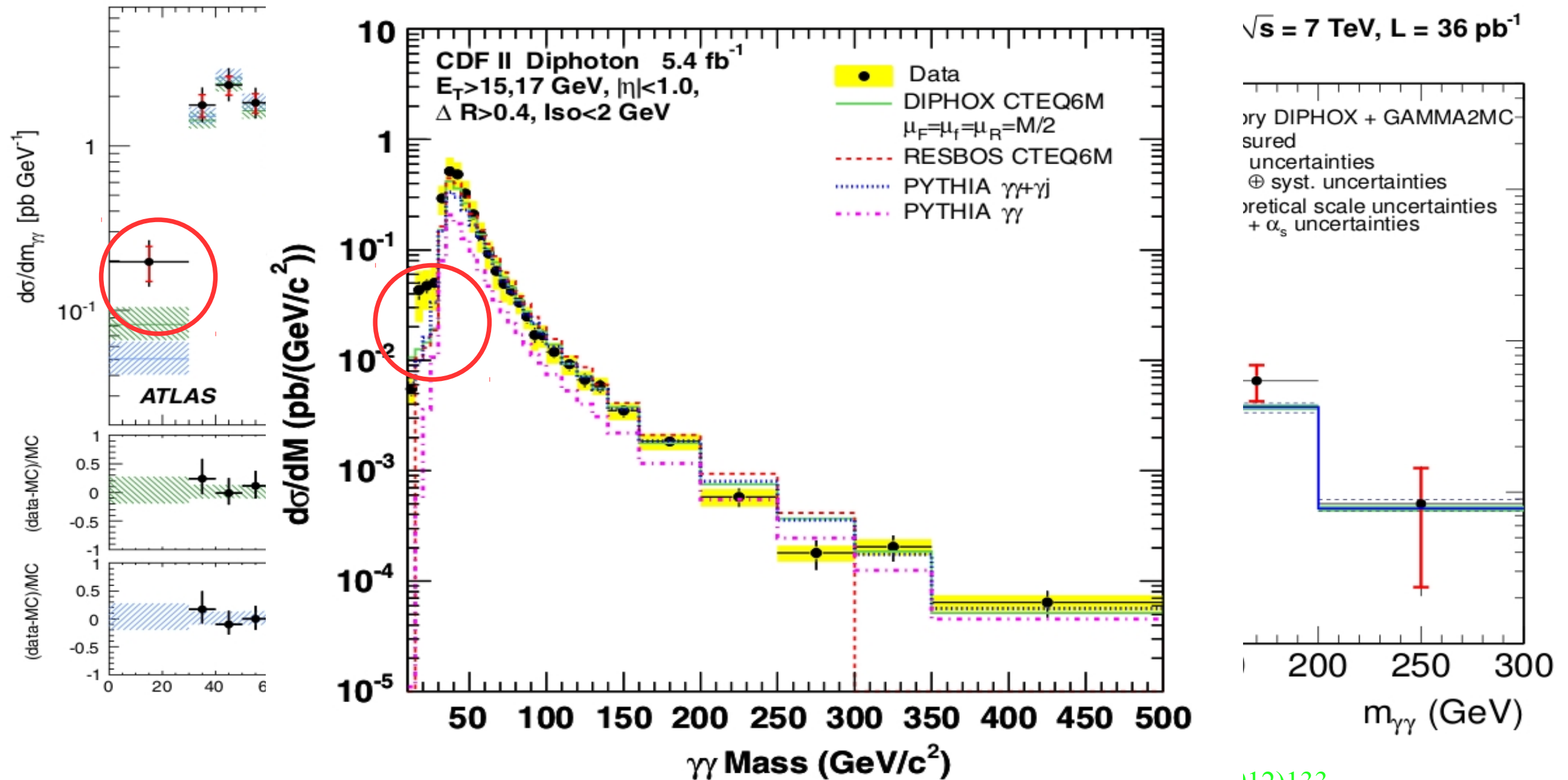
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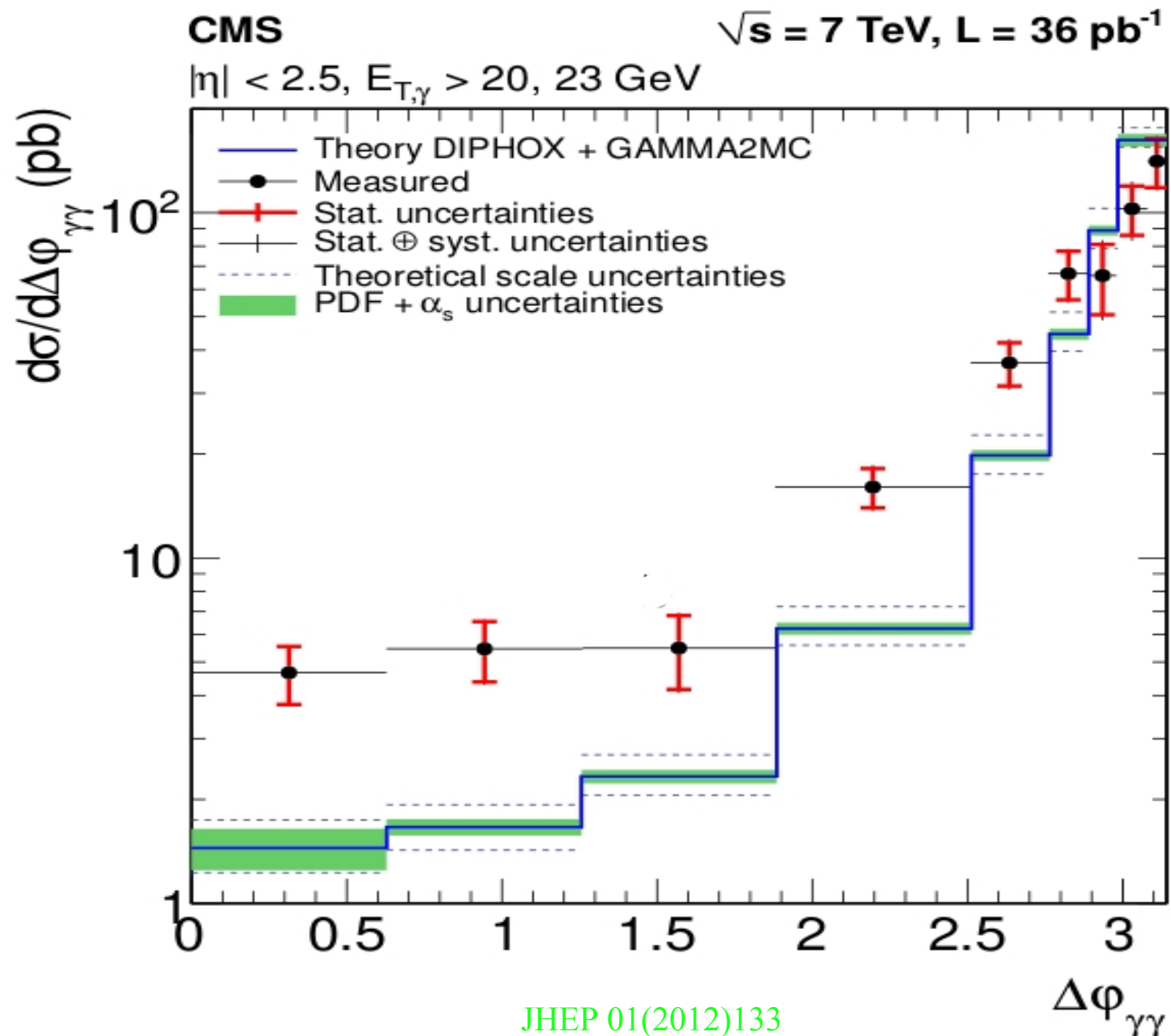
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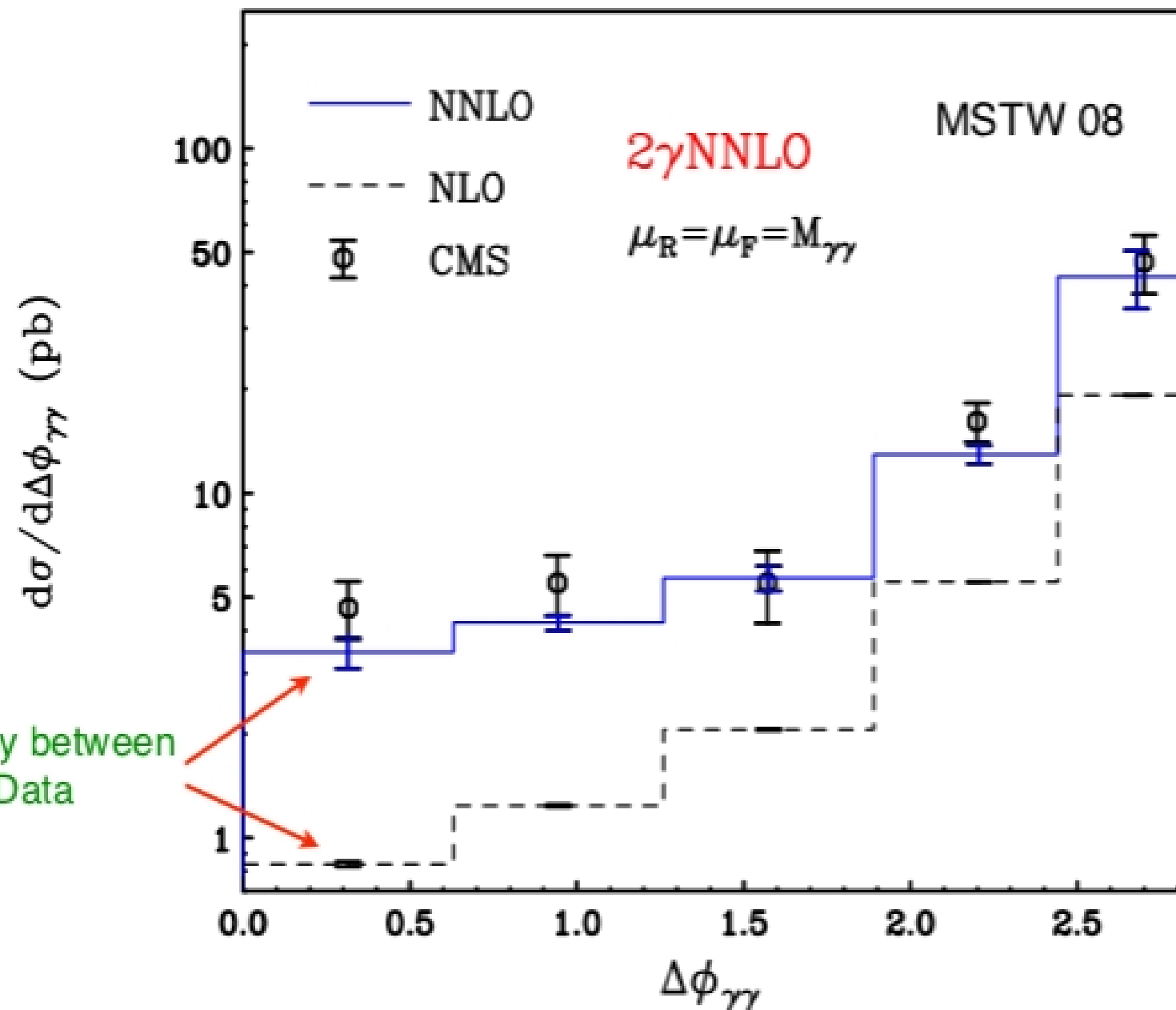
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NNLO Corrections much larger in some kinematical regions
NLO effectively lowest order

“away from back-to-back configuration”



$$\sqrt{S} = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

CMS diphoton cuts

$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ hard}} \geq 23 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ soft}} \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta^\gamma| \leq 2.5$$

$$R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.45$$

smooth
cone isolation

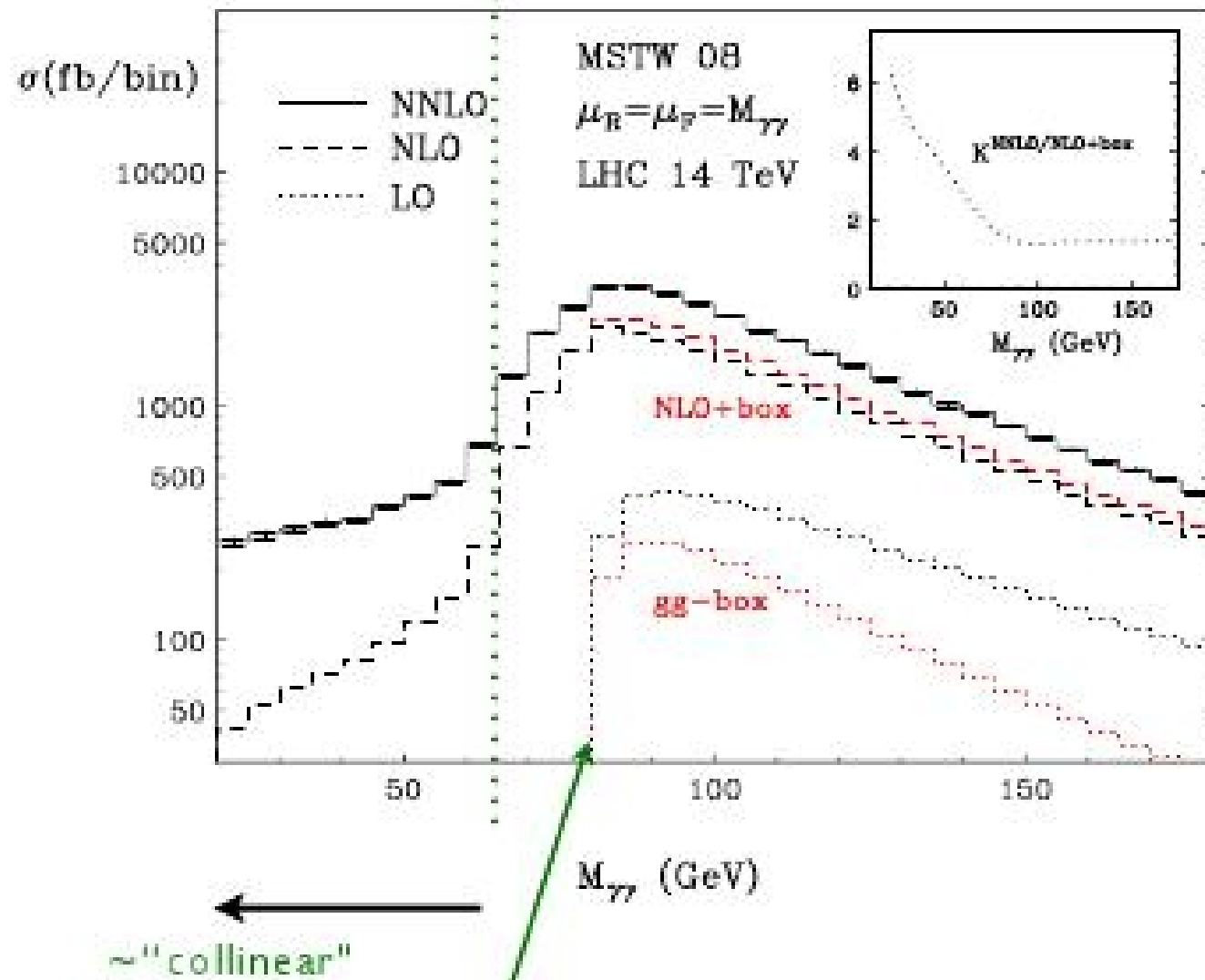
NNLO corrections essential to understand the background

invariant mass below the LO threshold

$$\sqrt{S} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$

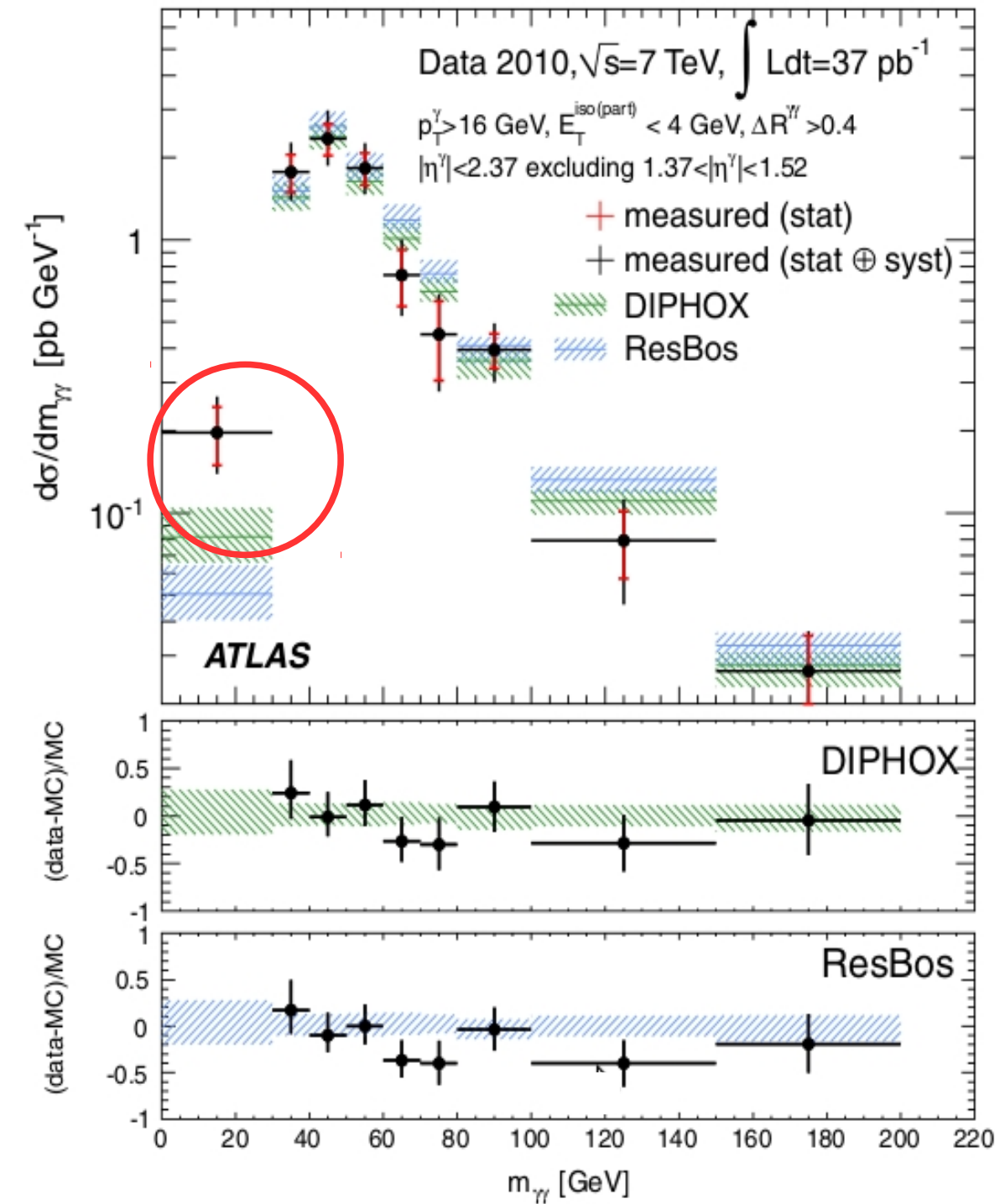
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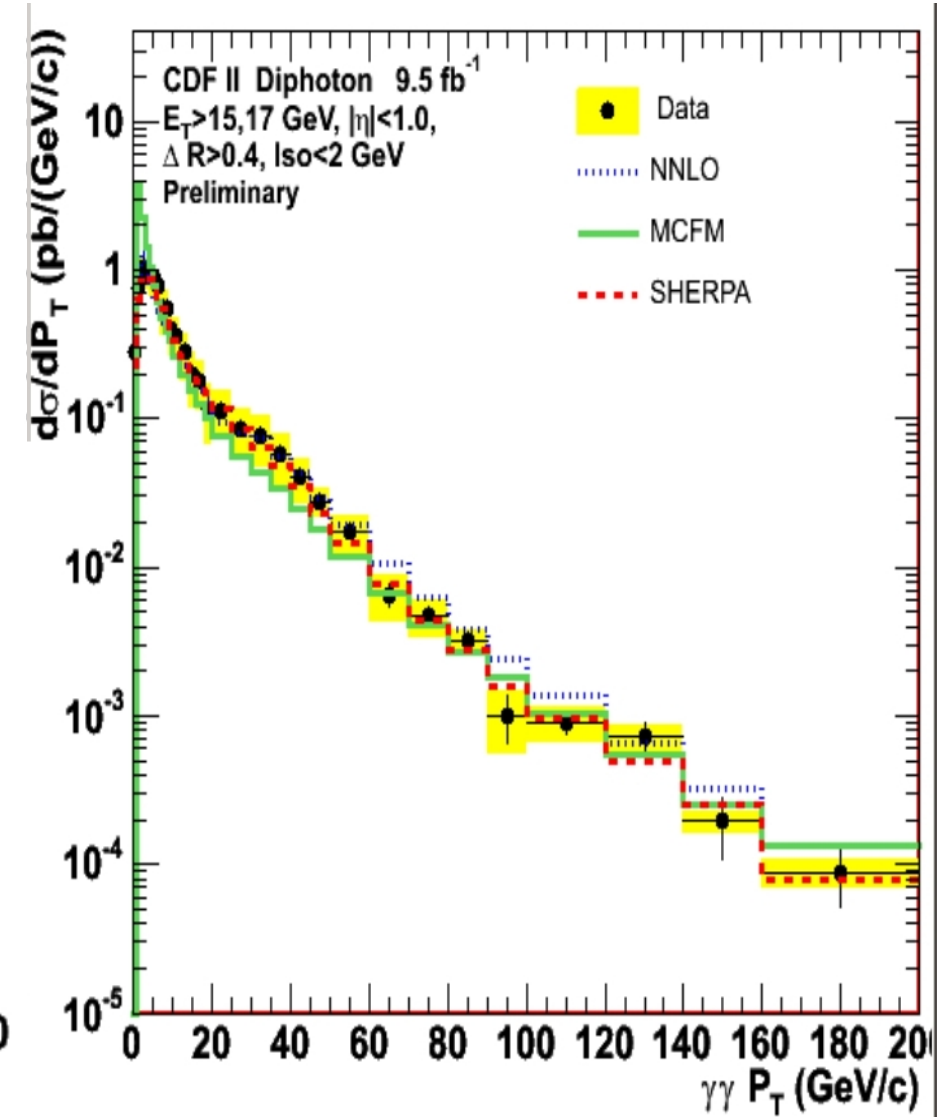
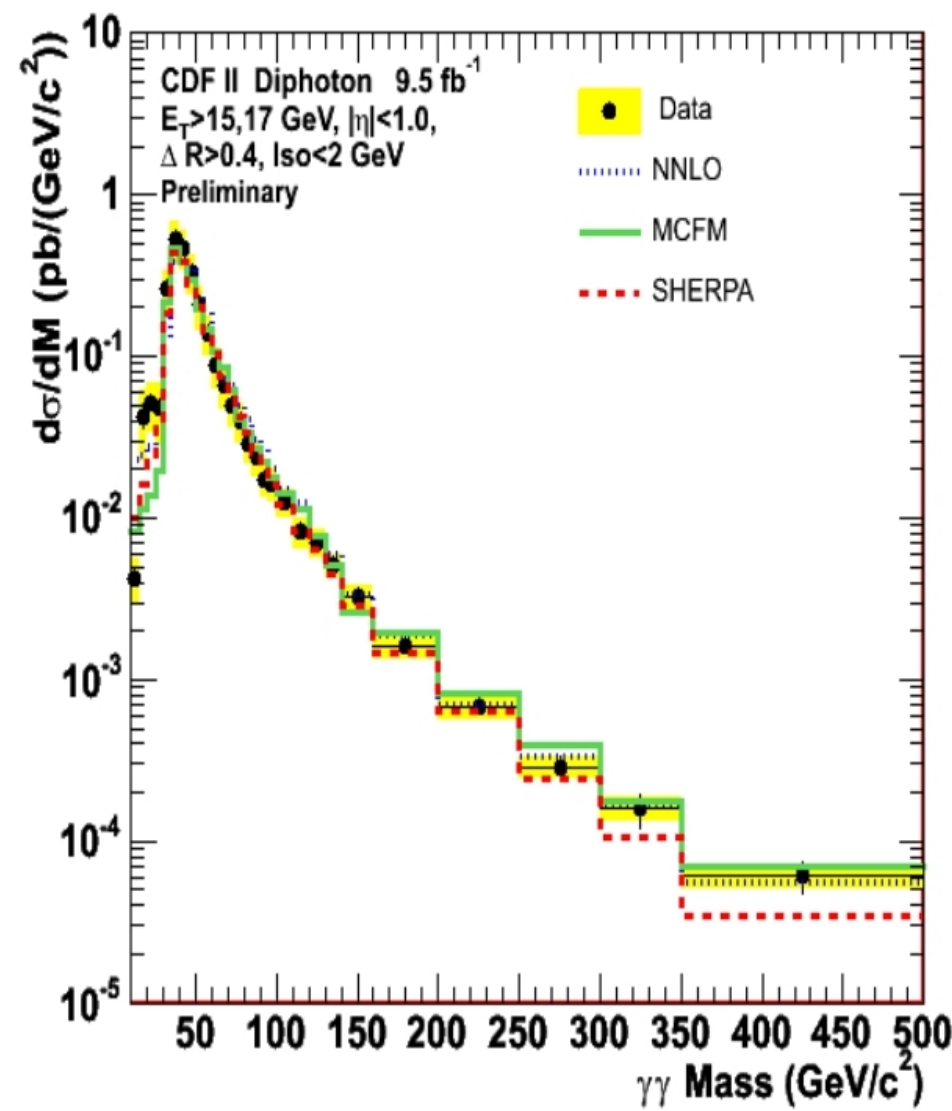
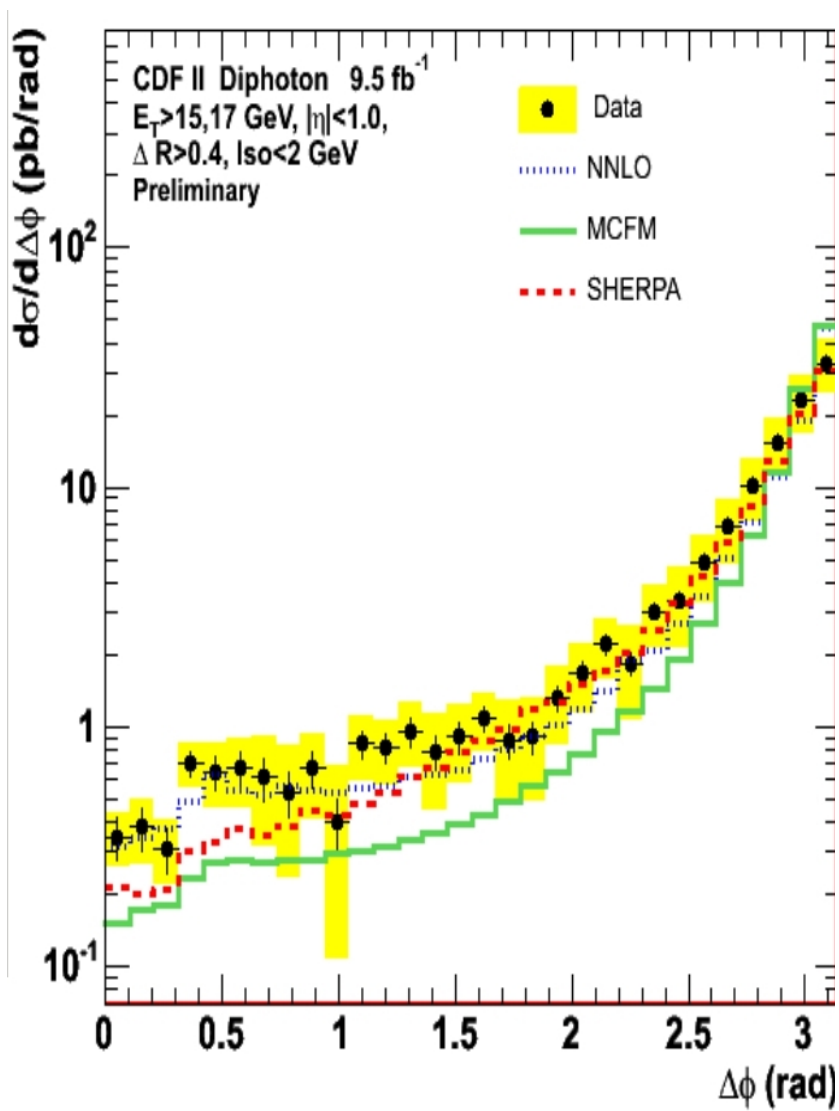
LO threshold at 80 GeV

"No back-to-back"



This discrepancy can be related to the discrepancy observed in the $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution.

Preliminary comparison CDF 9.5 fb⁻¹ results



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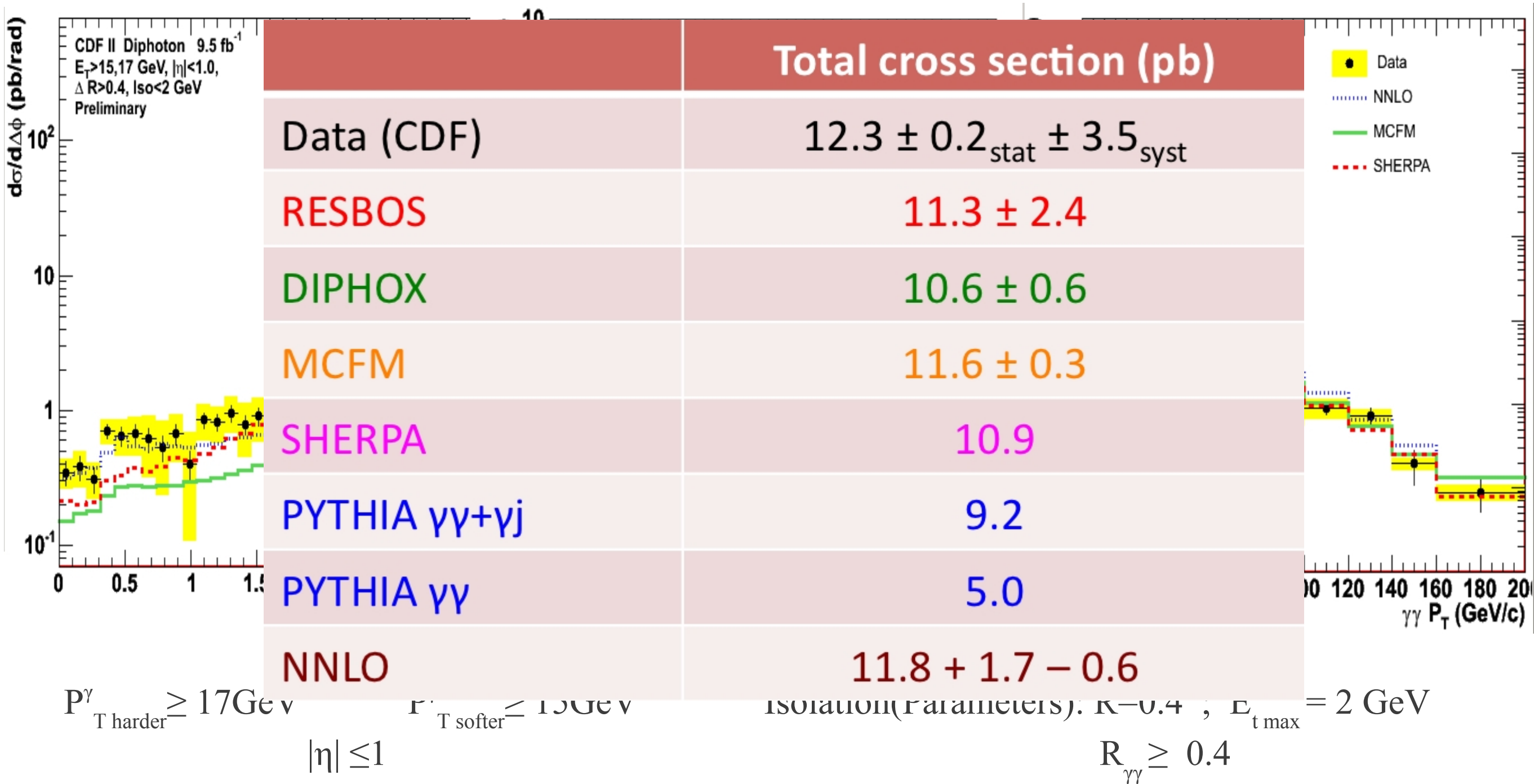
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Summary

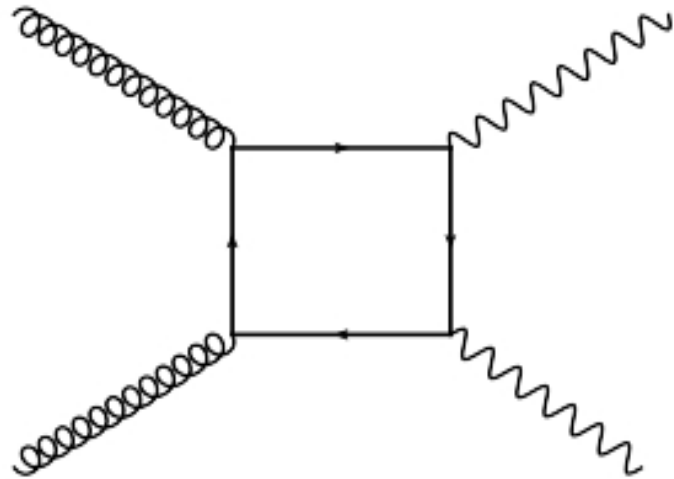
- Sizeable NNLO corrections to the $\gamma\gamma$ mass distribution in kinematical regions related to Higgs boson searches 40-55% effect over NLO
- NNLO very large away from back-to-back configuration (effectively NLO) needed to understand LHC data
- At NNLO starts to reliably predict values of cross sections in all kinematical regions (with very few exceptions; e.g $p_{T\gamma\gamma} \rightarrow 0$)
- Cross section with “smooth” isolation, is a lower bound for cross section with standard isolation.
- Work in progress: release a public version of 2 γ NNLO + approximation of standard isolation
Done !!

Backup Slides

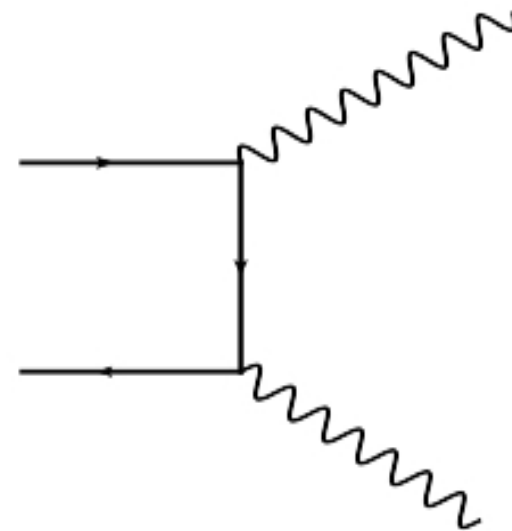
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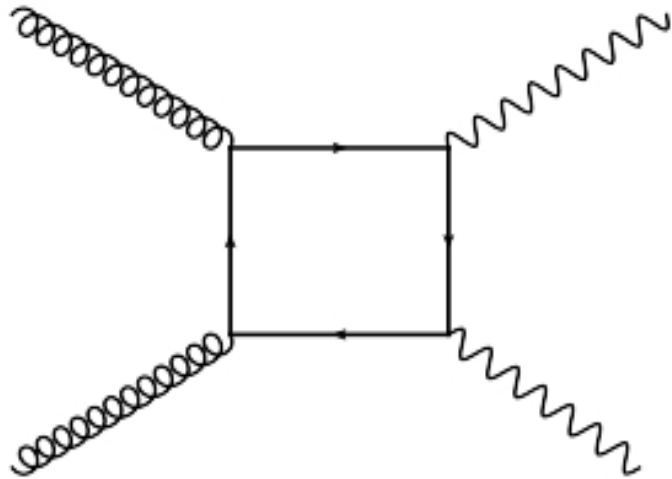
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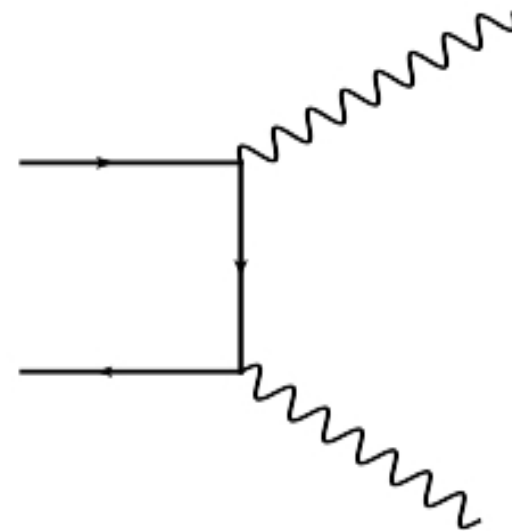
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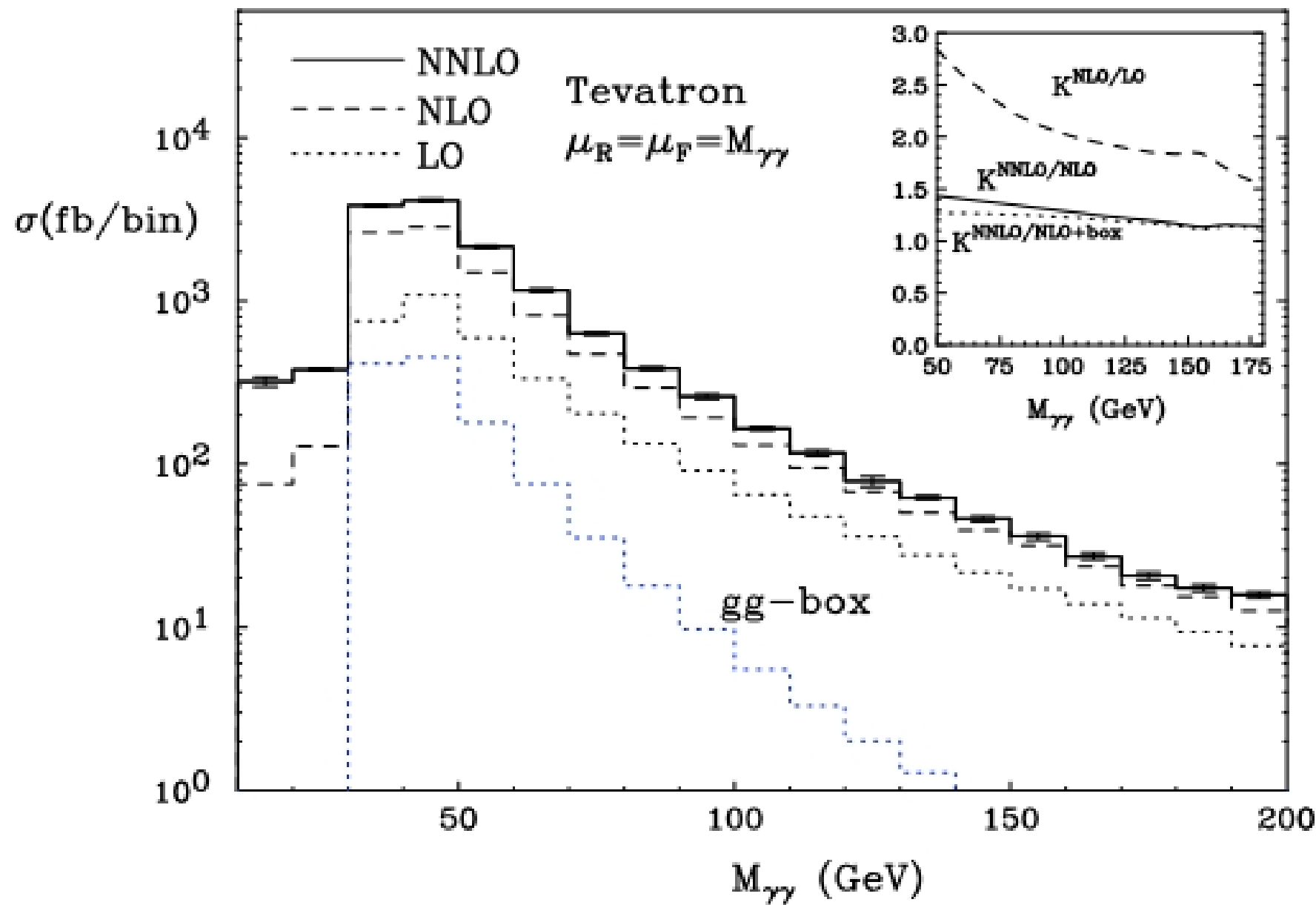
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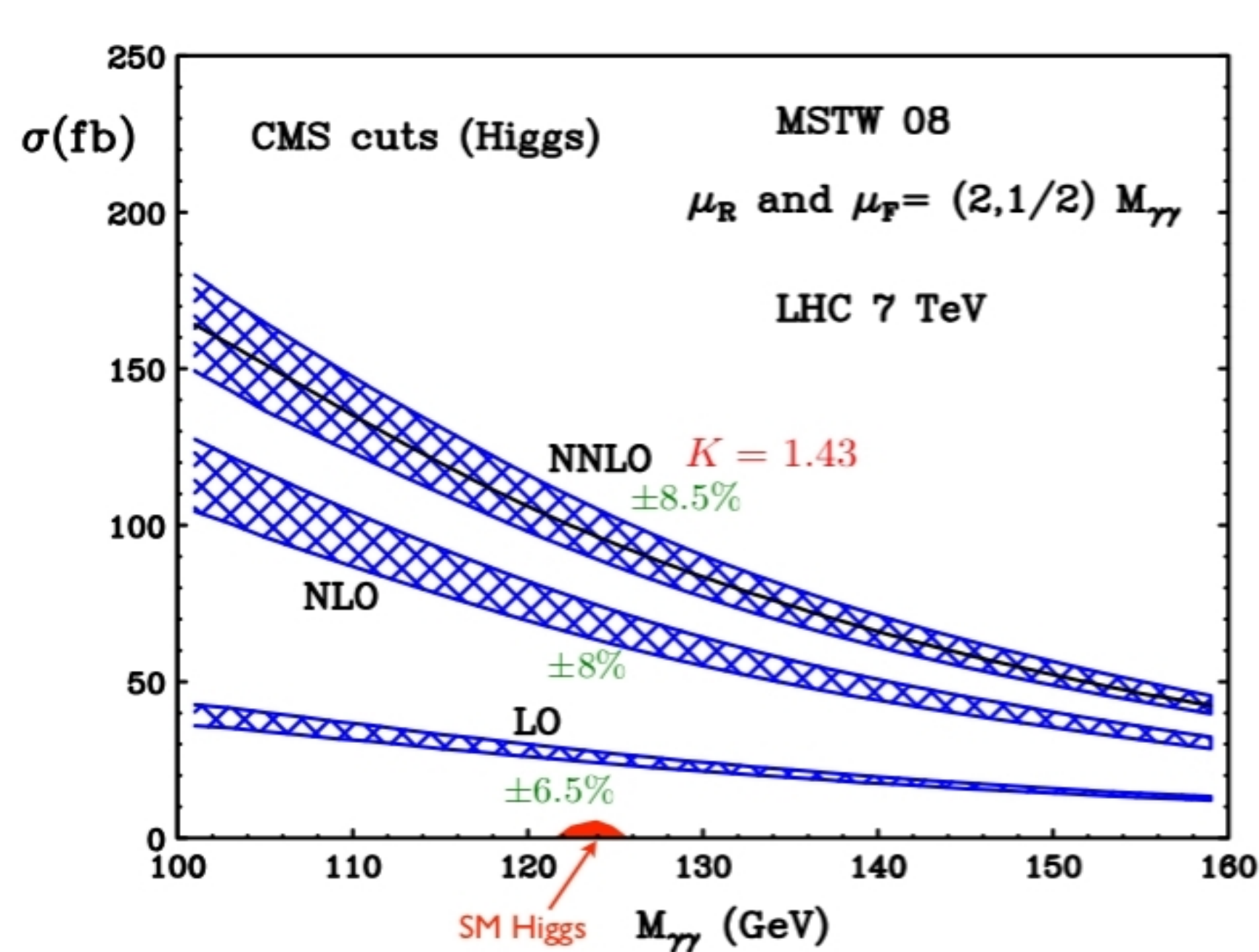
$$|\eta^{\gamma}| < 1$$

- Impact of NNLO corrections a bit smaller than at the LHC but still important
- NNLO effect about +30%

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new channels



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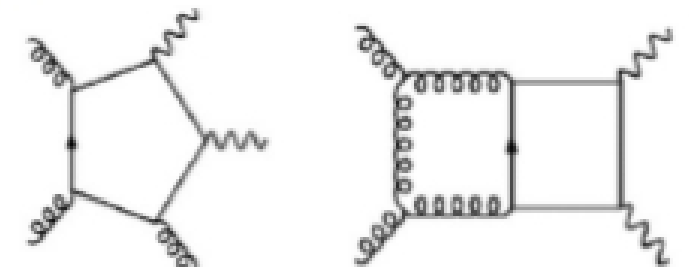
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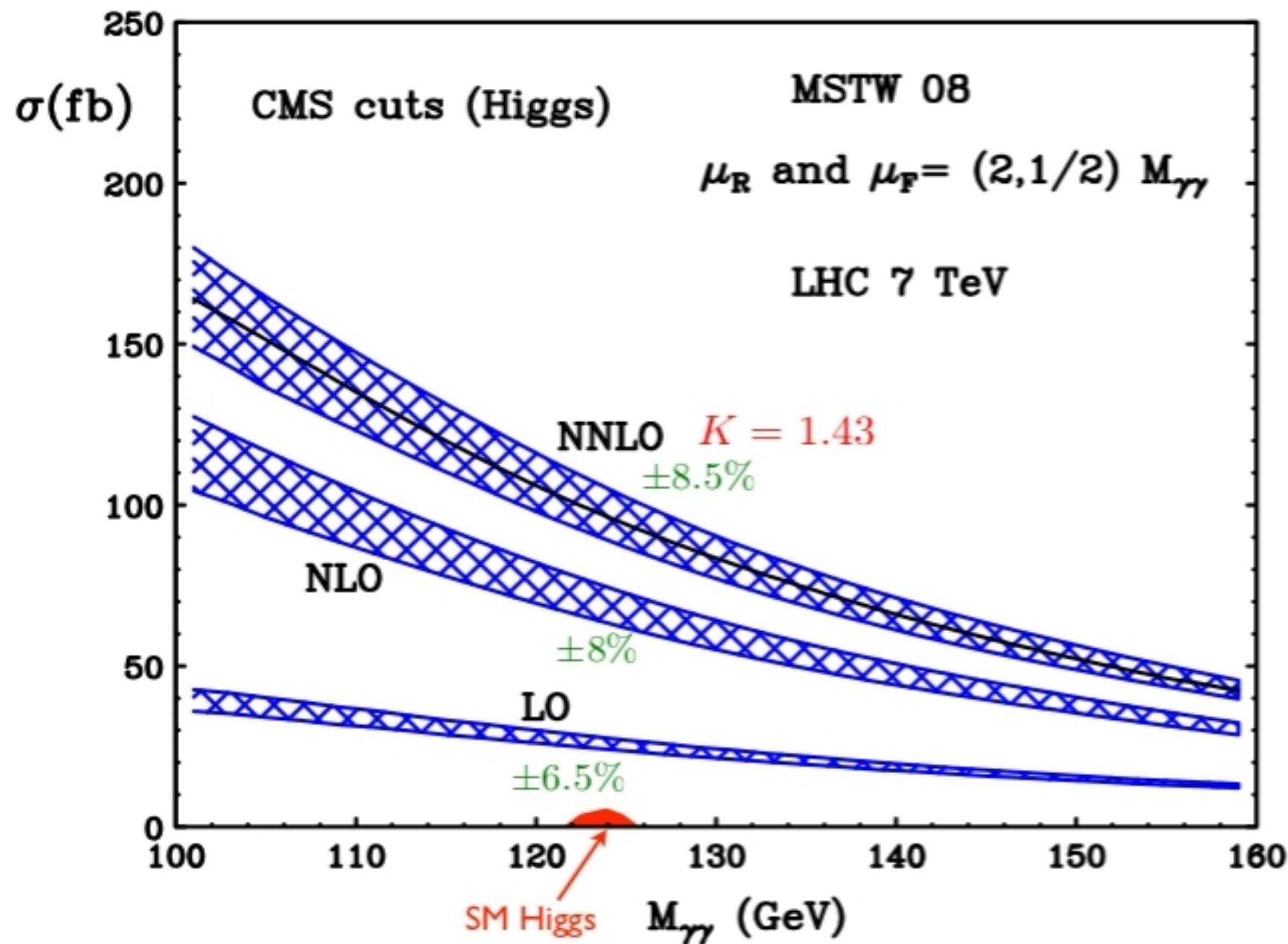
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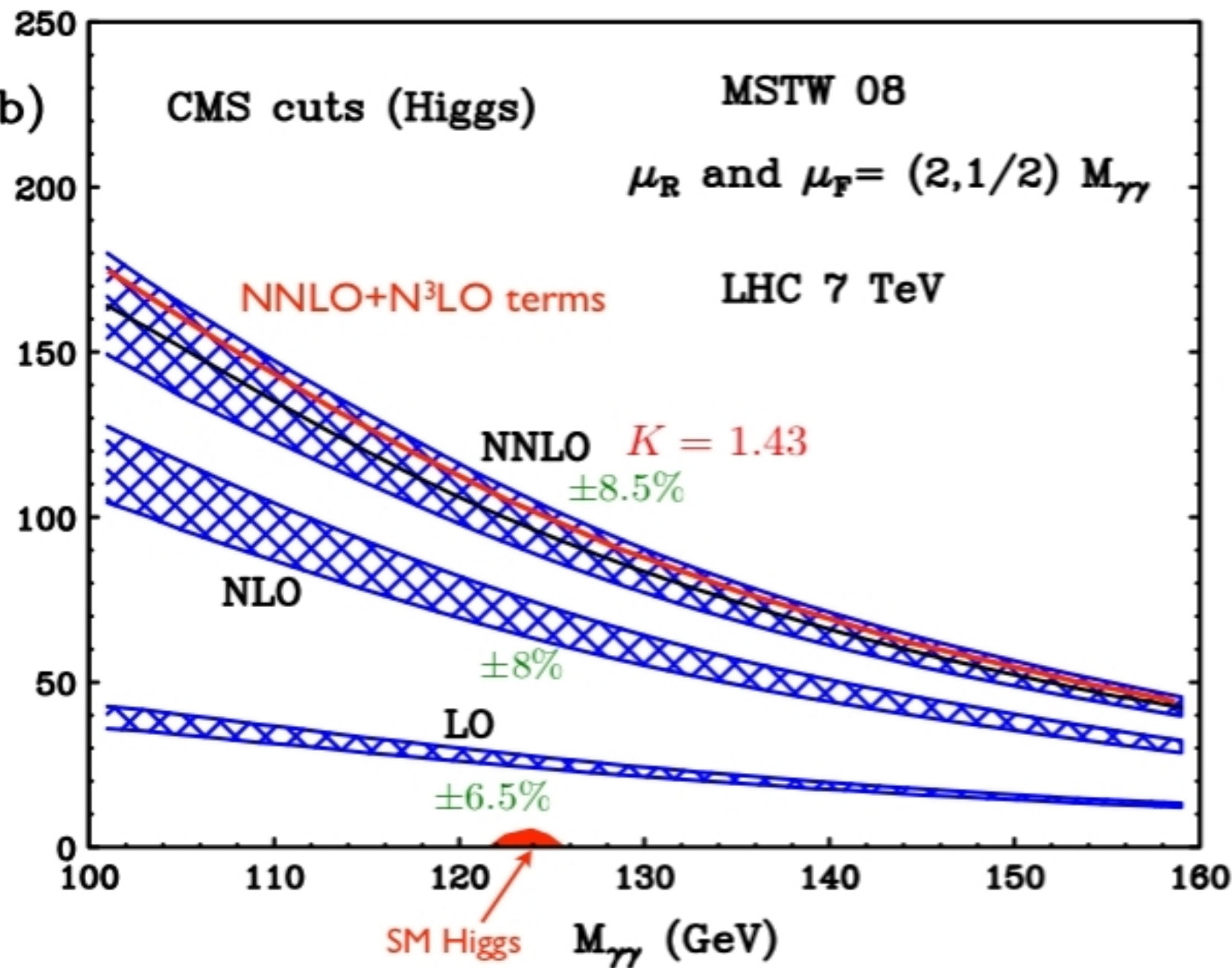
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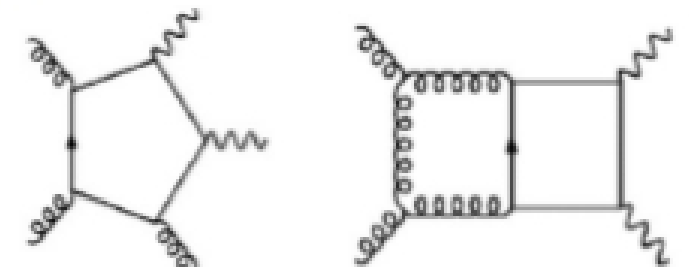
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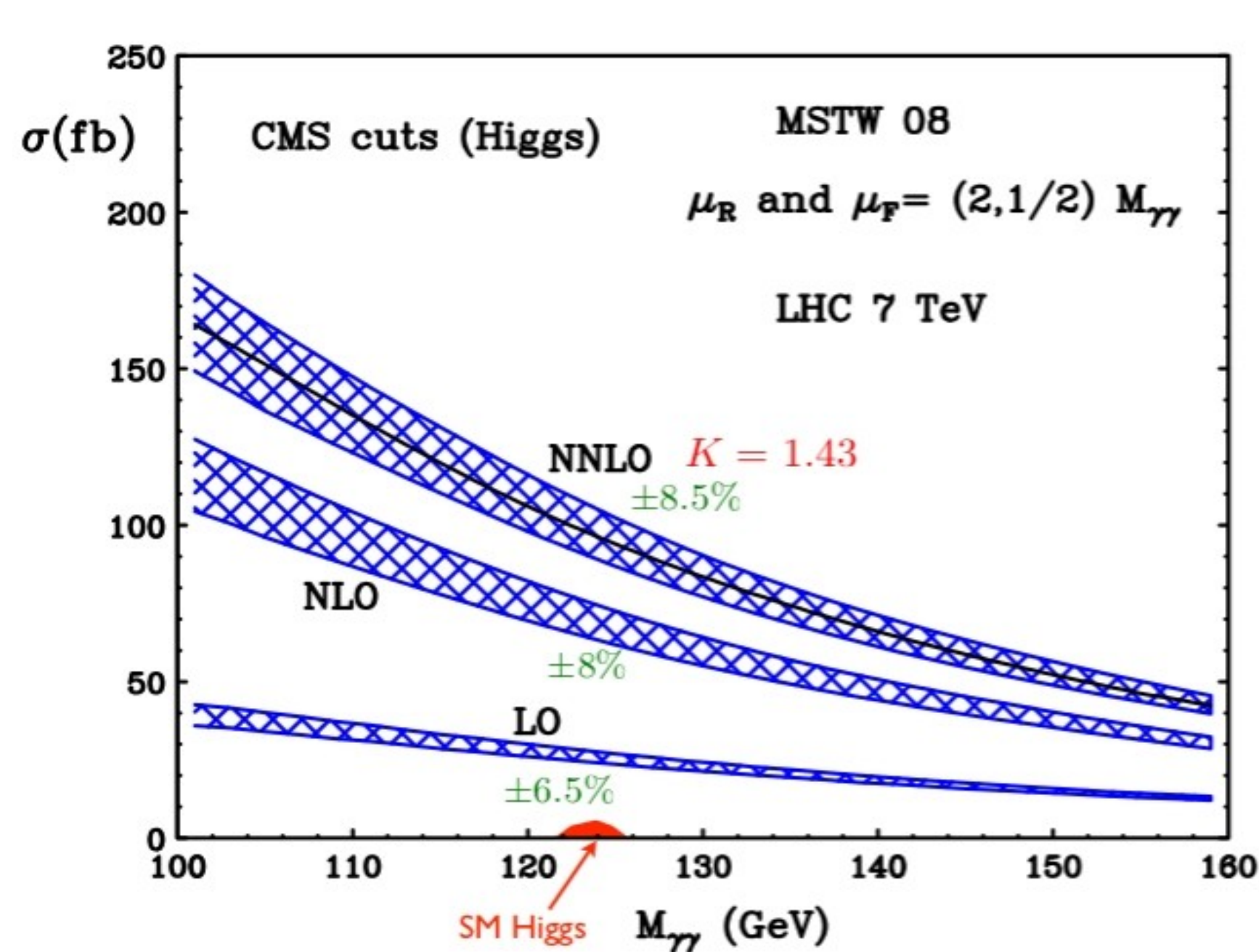


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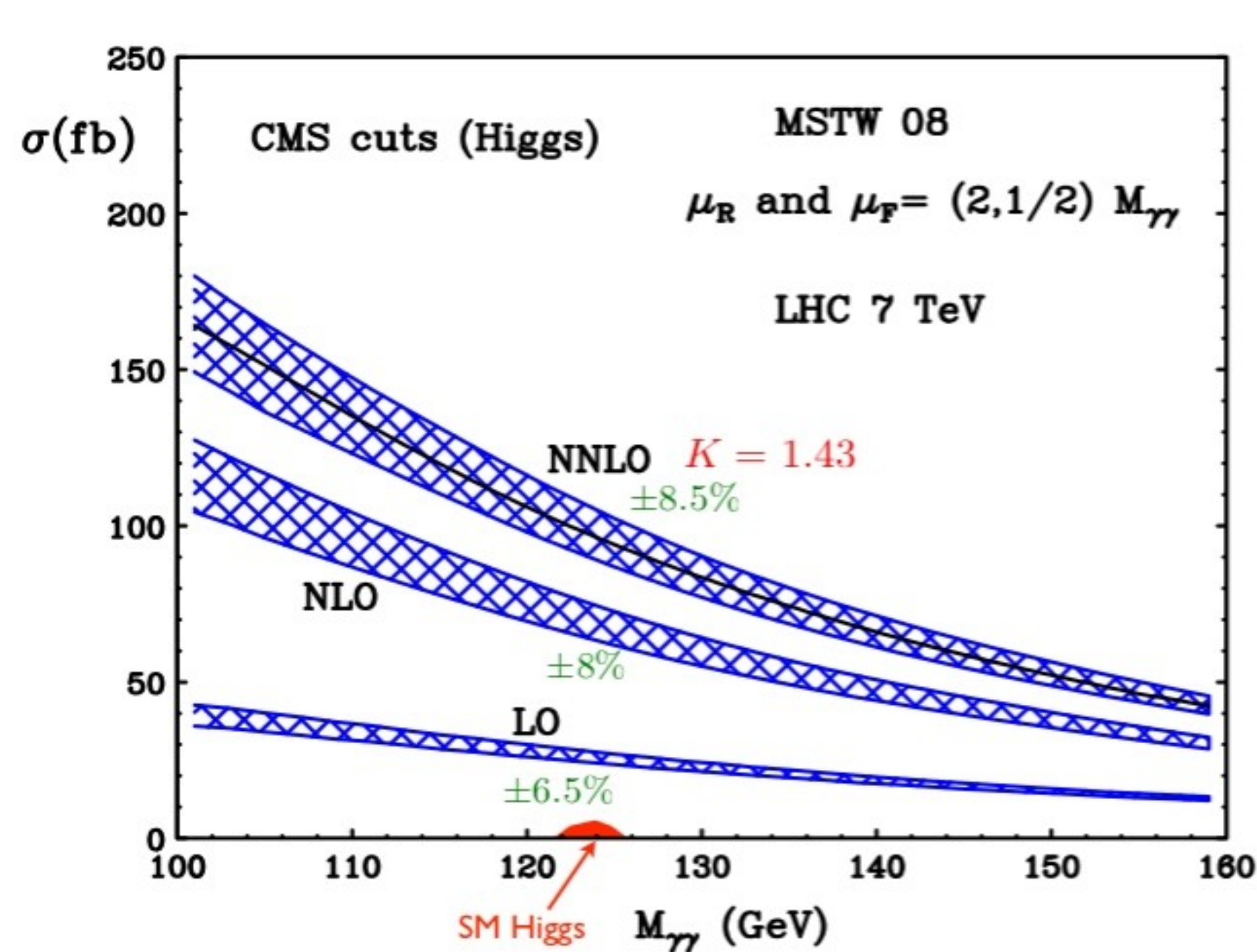


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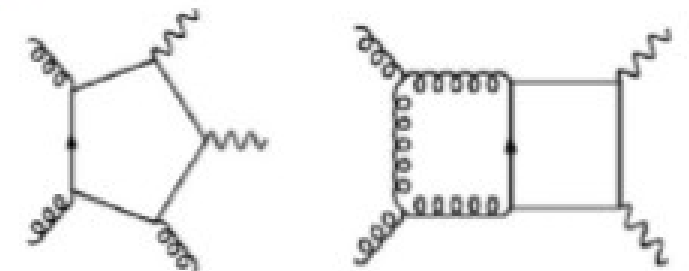
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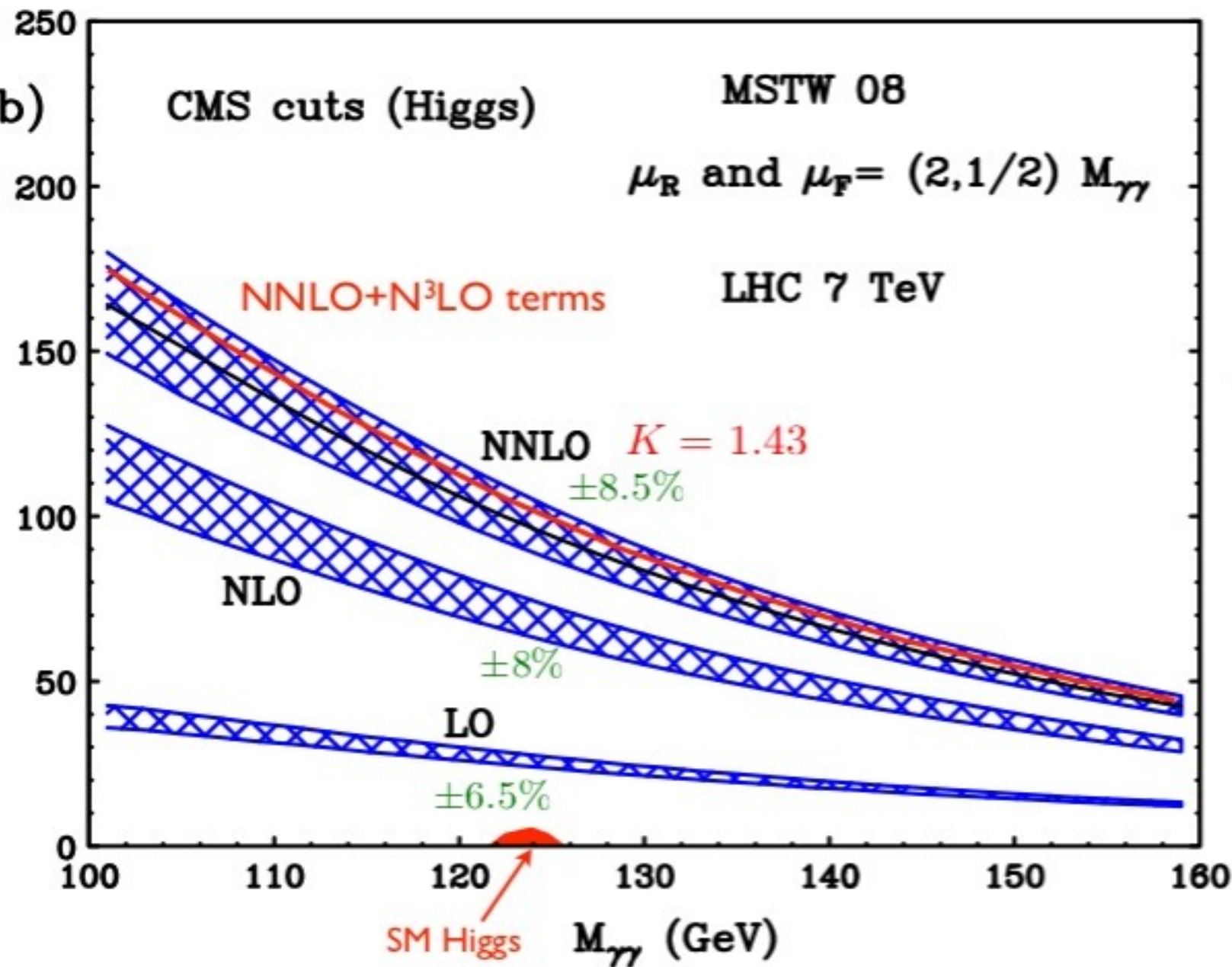
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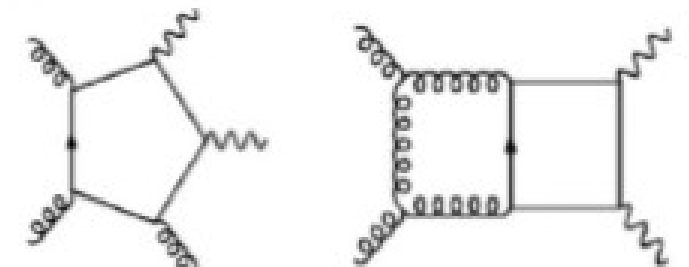
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