

# LHC theoretical predictions

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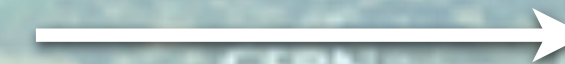
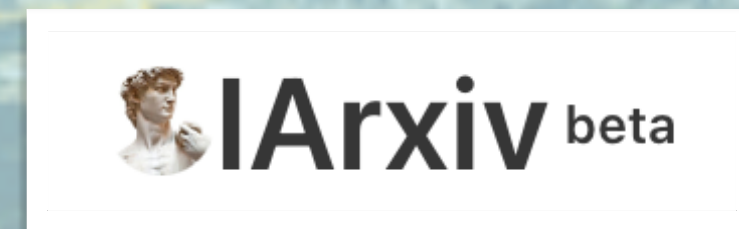
# Organisation of the talk

## Disclaimers

- Theoretical results for LHC phenomenology constitutes a **vast field**



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~10 LHC hep-ph papers per day from 2020  
→ 14000 papers

- The aim of this talk is to present results:

- LHC TH predictions → Precise TH predictions
- Newest
- Most interesting 
- Point to possible future directions in our field 

- There will be an inevitable degree of **subjectivism** 

- I am sorry if your favourite calculation or phenomenological study is not included in these slides. I will be happy to discuss it with you after the talk.



# Outline

- **Motivation:** LHC measurements and future colliders
- **Theoretical calculations**
  - Preliminary considerations
  - The building blocks
  - The state of the art
  - Current bottlenecks and future improvements
- **Outlook**


**GOAL of the TALK: Precision is the MVP of the GAME for the next decades**




# LHC measurements

## Reaching and breaking the 1% frontier

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19th September 2023

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The ATLAS Collaboration

Available on the CERN CDS information server **CMS PAS SMP-22-017**

**CMS Physics Analysis Summary**


**Uncertainty < 2.3% (due to lumi)**

Contact: cms-pag-conveners-smp@cern.ch 2023/08/20


Measurement of the inclusive cross section of Z boson production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$  TeV

The CMS Collaboration

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**Uncertainty of 1.1 per mille**  
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**Measurement of the Higgs boson mass with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays in  $140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV pp collisions with the ATLAS detector**

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- Integrated results at the 2% accuracy
- Differential in rapidity < 1% (integrated in pt)
- Double differential 0.5% < Uncert. < 7%

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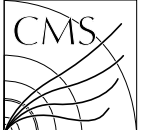
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**Luminosity determination in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV using the ATLAS detector at the LHC**

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CMS-LUM-21-001



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Luminosity determination using Z boson production at the CMS experiment


The CMS Collaboration\*

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**Measurement of the W boson mass**




The LHCb collaboration




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**Measurement of forward W and Z boson production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV**

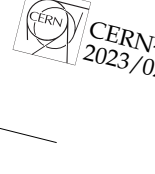


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CMS-TOP-20-008




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**Measurement of the top quark mass using a likelihood approach with the lepton+jets final state in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV**

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CMS PAS SMP-20-004


**CMS Physics Analysis Summary**

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**Measurement of W and Z boson inclusive production in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV**

The CMS Collaboration

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**Luminosity determination using Z boson production at the CMS experiment**

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**Combined measurement of the Higgs boson mass from the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  decay channels with the ATLAS detector using  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$  and 13 TeV pp collision data**

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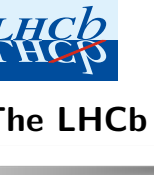
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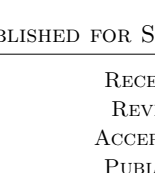
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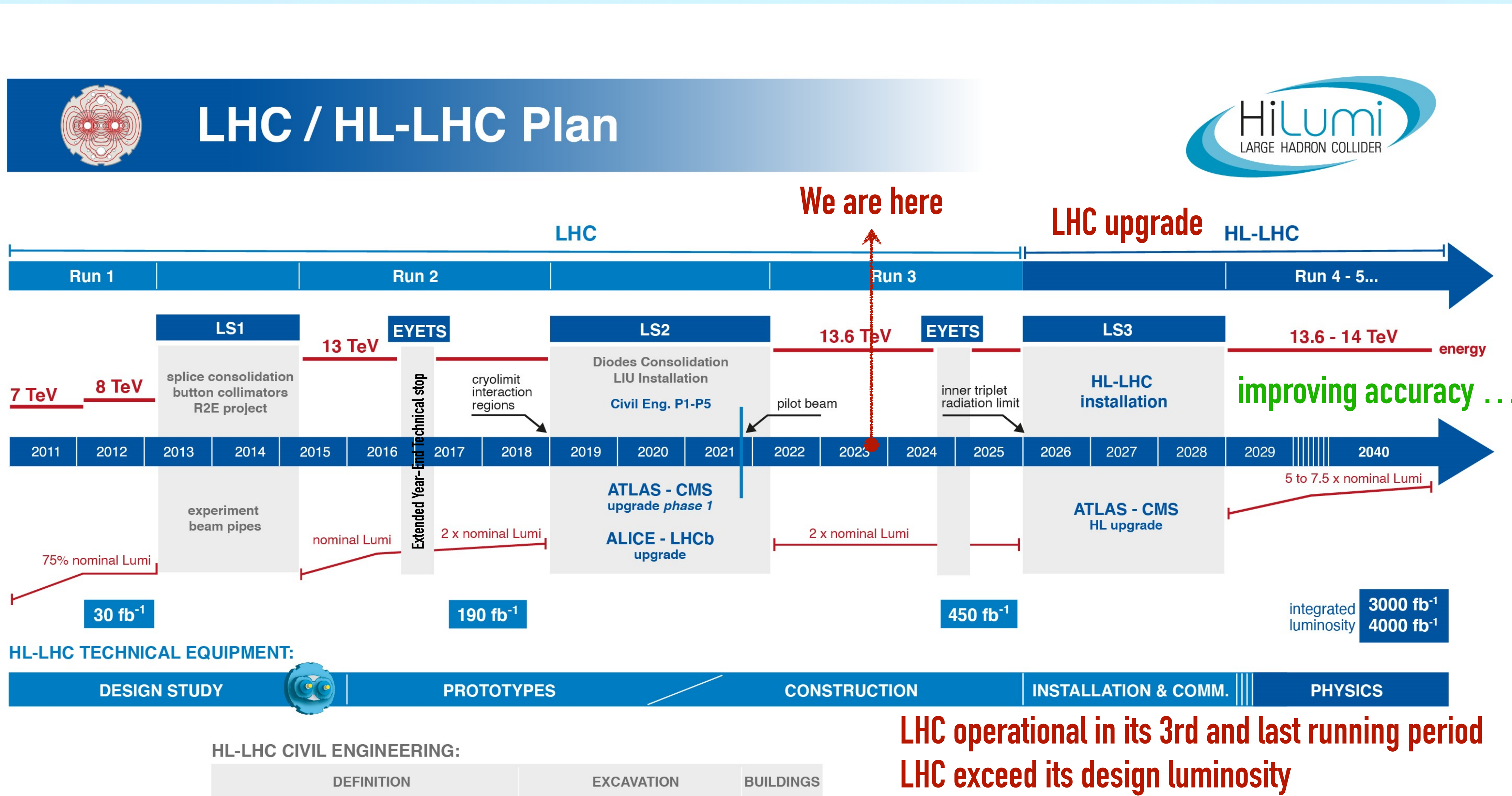
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**We need equally precise TH predictions. Otherwise the TH uncertainties will dominate**

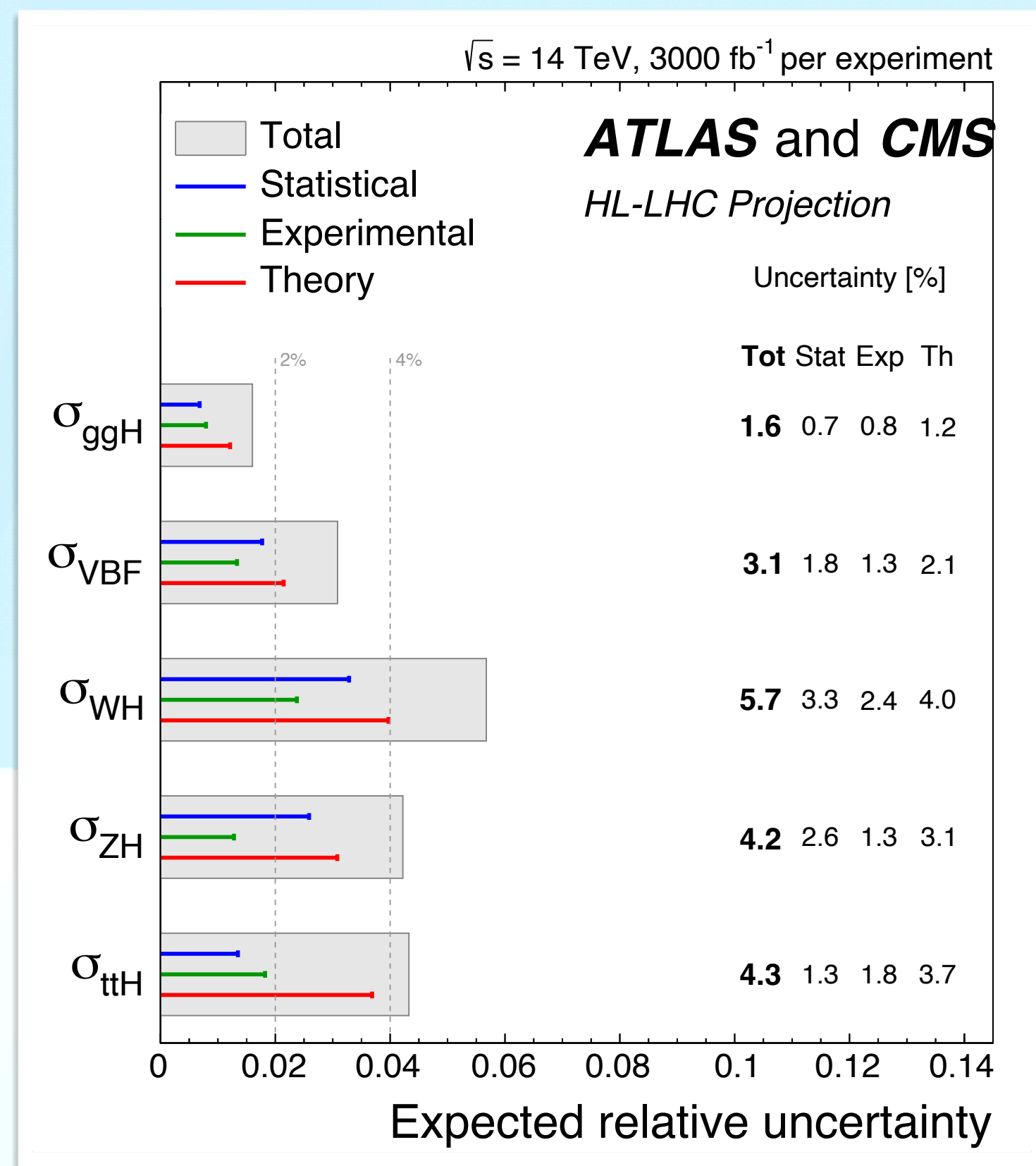




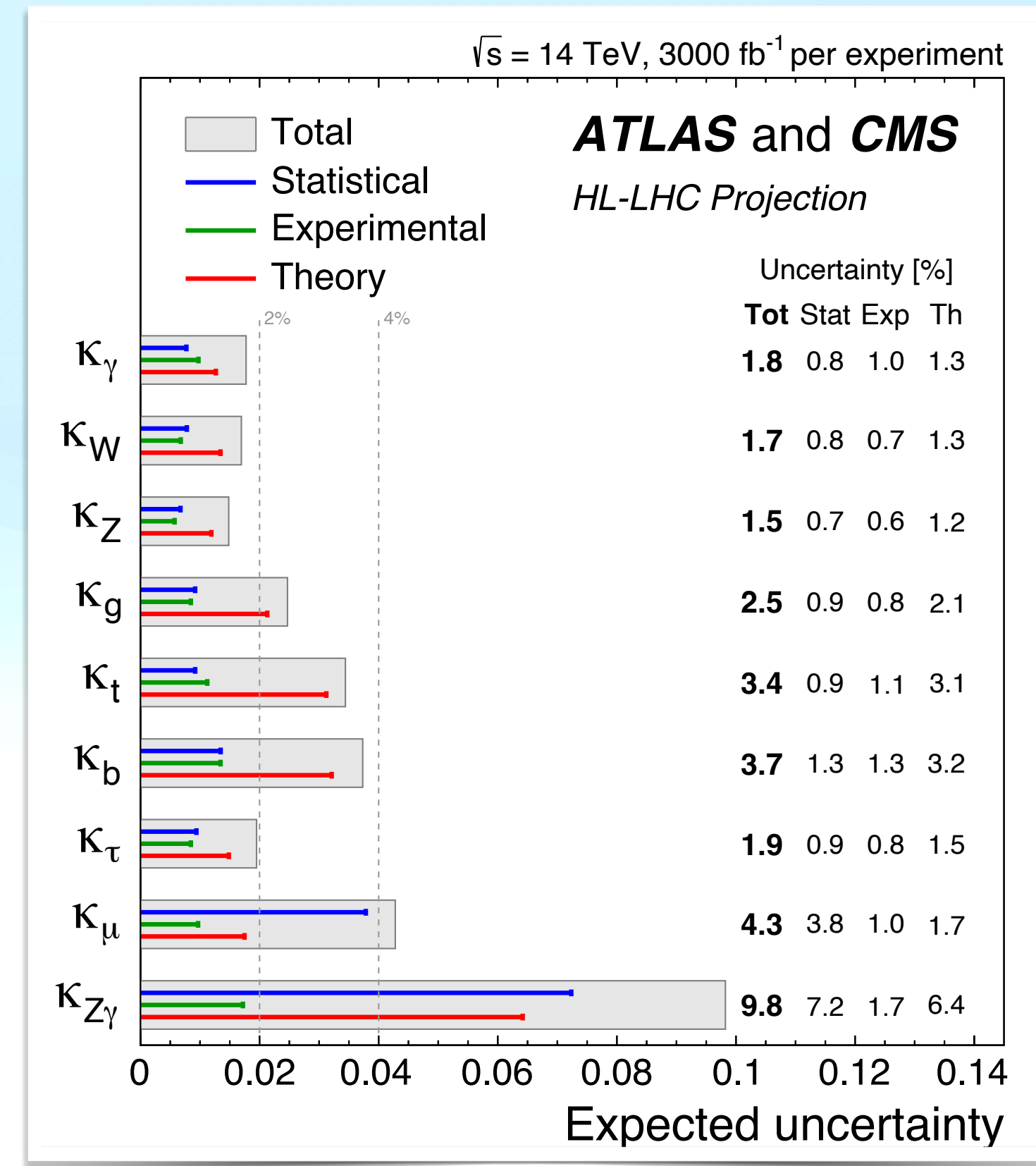
**LHC operational in its 3rd and last running period  
 LHC exceed its design luminosity  
 but did not reach (almost) design energy**



# European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2020



**Higgs total cross sections**



**Higgs coupling parameters**

- Theoretical uncertainties** → already reduced by a factor 2 respect to the current state of the art
- If theoretical calculations cannot reach percent accuracy in the next five years, the interpretation of data will be severely affected and dominated by the TH accuracy

Ellis et al.  
Physics Briefing  
Book: Input for  
the European  
Strategy for  
Particle Physics  
Update 2020



# EPS-2023 - Future collider talks

<p>Status and prospects of the HL-LHC project <i>Markus Zerlauth</i></p>	<p>Physics Performance and Detector Requirements at an Asymmetric Higgs Factory <i>Antoine Laudrain</i></p>	<p>Precise predictions for the trilinear Higgs self-coupling in the Standard Model and beyond <i>Martin Gabelmann</i></p>	<p>Precision measurements of W and Z production in ATLAS and CMS <i>Prof. Ulrich Goerlach</i></p>	<p><math>J/\psi</math>-pair production at NLL in TMD factorisation at LHC <i>Alice Colpani Serri</i></p>
<p>Impact of accelerator physics on van der Meer luminosity calibrations at the LHC <i>Witold Kozanecki</i></p>	<p>Prototype test beam results and design of the future Forward Calorimeter in ALICE <i>Ian Bearden</i></p>	<p>Two-loop Electroweak corrections to <math>gg \rightarrow HH</math> <i>Hantian Zhang</i> Hörsaal B, Historic main building 08:50 - 09:10</p>	<p>Physics with W and Z bosons at the LHCb experiment <i>Nathan Allen Grieser</i> Hörsaal M, Historic main building 08:50 - 09:10</p>	<p>One-loop corrections to inclusive production of <math>J/\psi</math> and <math>\psi(3723)</math> <i>Yelyzaveta Yedelkina</i></p>
<p>Beam-beam interaction-induced bias to precision luminosity measurement <i>Joanna Wanczyk</i></p>	<p>The CMS ECAL upgrade for the High-Luminosity LHC era <i>Ka Wa Ho</i> Audimax, Universität Hamburg 09:10 - 09:30</p>	<p>Higgs Pair Production and Triple Higgs Couplings at the LHC in the 2HDM framework <i>Kateryna Radchenko Serdula</i></p>	<p>Compatibility and combination of world W-boson mass measurements <i>William Barter</i></p>	<p>Production of exotic <math>X(3872)</math> in proton-proton and <math>e^+e^-</math> <i>Antoni Szczurek</i></p>
<p>TWOCRIST: a proof-of-principle of a double-crystal setup <i>Stefano Redaelli</i></p>	<p>Development of the ATLAS Liquid Argon Calorimeter Readout Electronics for the HL-LHC <i>Maheyer Shrofi</i></p>	<p>Probing the nature of electroweak symmetry breaking with Higgs boson pairs in ATLAS <i>Viviana Cavaliere</i></p>	<p>Probing the weak mixing angle at high energies at the LHC and HL-LHC <i>Simone Amoroso</i></p>	<p>Heavy flavor production studies at CMS <i>Valentina Mariani</i></p>
<p>Status of the International Muon Collider Complex Study at 10 TeV <i>KYRIACOS SKOUFARIS</i></p>	<p>The Mu2e crystal calorimeter <i>Dr Stefano Di Falco</i> Audimax, Universität Hamburg 09:50 - 10:10</p>	<p>Higgs self coupling: status and projections at CMS <i>Saswati Nandan</i> Hörsaal B, Historic main building 09:50 - 10:10</p>	<p>Global fit of electroweak data in the Standard Model and beyond <i>Maurizio Pierini</i> Hörsaal M, Historic main building 09:50 - 10:10</p>	<p>Study of associated quarkonium production in pp collisions <i>Liupan An</i></p>
<p>Machine-Detector interface for multi-TeV Muon Collider <i>Donatella Lucchesi</i></p>	<p>Compact forward e.m. calorimeter based on oriented crystals <i>Marco Romagnoni</i></p>	<p>Constraints on the trilinear and quartic Higgs couplings from triple Higgs production at the LHC and beyond <i>Georg Weiglein</i></p>	<p>The global electroweak fit in the SM and SMEFT <i>Yannick Fischer</i></p>	<p>Latest ALICE results on charm and beauty hadronization <i>Biao Zhang</i></p>
<p>Green Accelerators? Lessons learned from ESS. <i>Dr Anders Sunesson</i></p>				<p>Measurement of the cross-section ratio <math>\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi(1S)}</math> in pp collisions <i>Alessia Bruni</i></p>



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- SuperKEKB Status** by Prof. Mika Masuzawa
- Experimental observation of polarization correl.** by Deepak Kumar
- New tests of short-distance dynamics in  $b \rightarrow sll$  decays** by Arianna Tinari
- Higgs physics with II C**
- Hadron physics results at KLOE-2**
- Associated top pair and single top production in ATLAS and CMS (excluding ttW and tttt, but including heavy flavour)** by Dr Guennadi Borissov
- Observation of anti-**
- The Mu2e experiment** by Stefano Di Falco
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- Search for charged lepton flavor violation at Belle** by Sven Teunissen
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- Lepton and neutron EDM as probe of general 2HDM** by Sven Teunissen
- LhARA, the Laser-hybrid Accelerator for Radiobiological Applications** by Prof. Brian Foster
- Scintillating sampling ECAL technology for the LHCb PicoCal** by Matteo Salomoni
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- Latest Magnetic Monopole Search Results from NOVA** by Martin Frank
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- Using photon-hadron production to impose res** by German Fabricio Robert...
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We are looking to the future

We are looking for building new, more powerful and more precise colliders

We need theoretical calculations

The calculations that we have and even more precise theoretical tools

Precise theoretical calculations are essential partners for current and future colliders



# Motivation

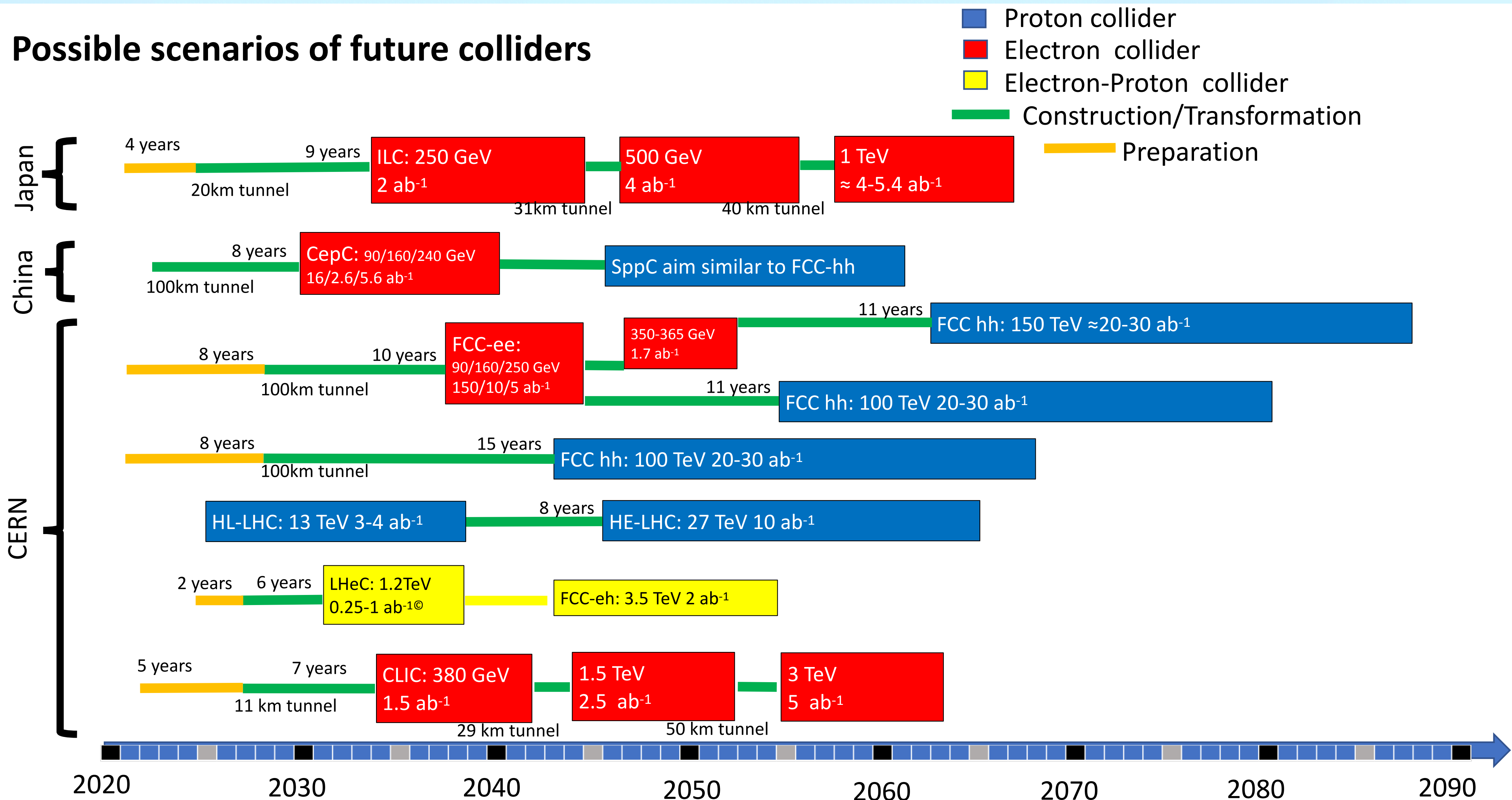
All options are aimed at attobarn<sup>-1</sup> physics

It requires going well beyond NNLO for theory

Even conservative estimates are not achievable with current techniques

Most optimistic scenario establishes 1% – 3% theoretical accuracy as mandatory at current Run III and at the HL-LHC

## Possible scenarios of future colliders

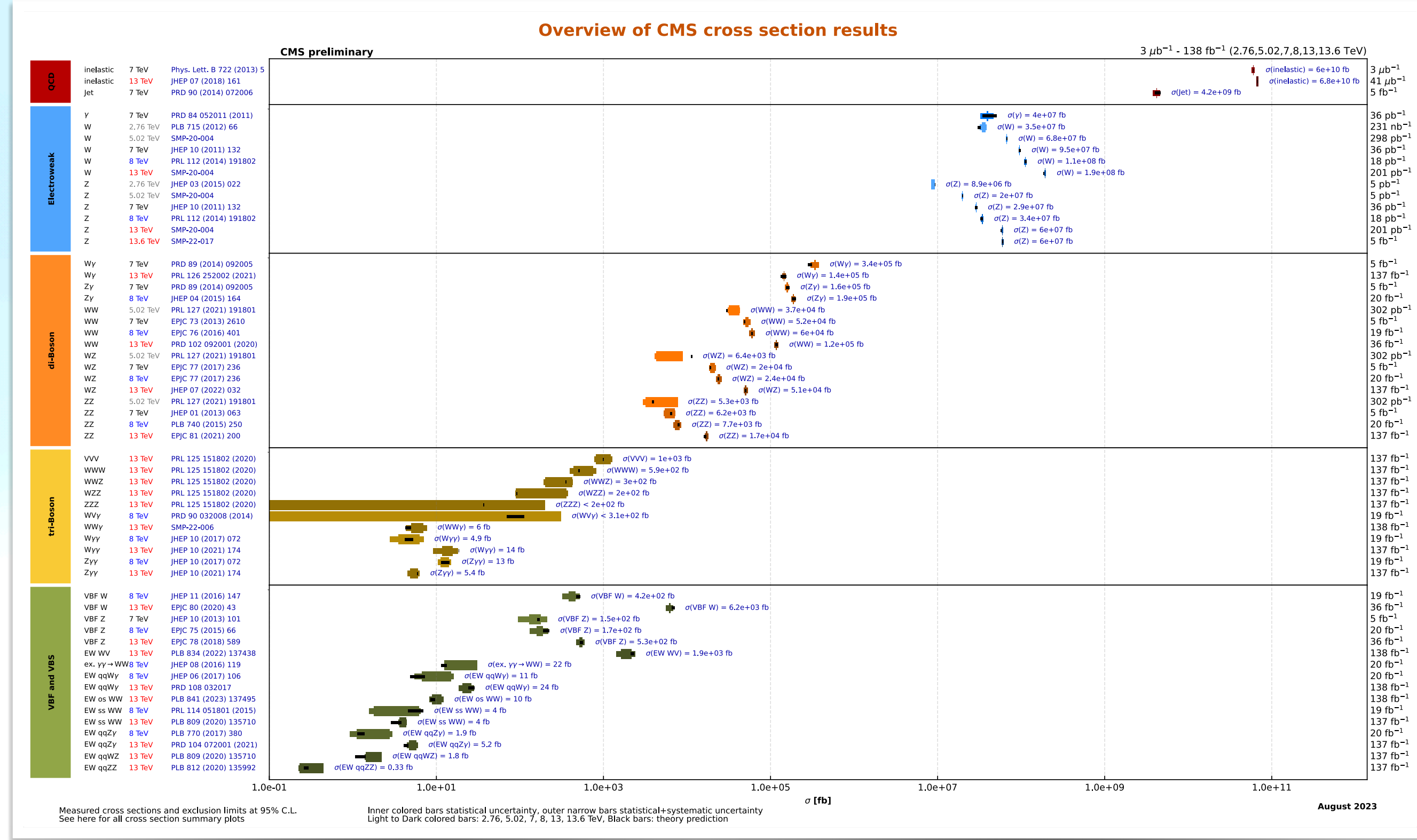
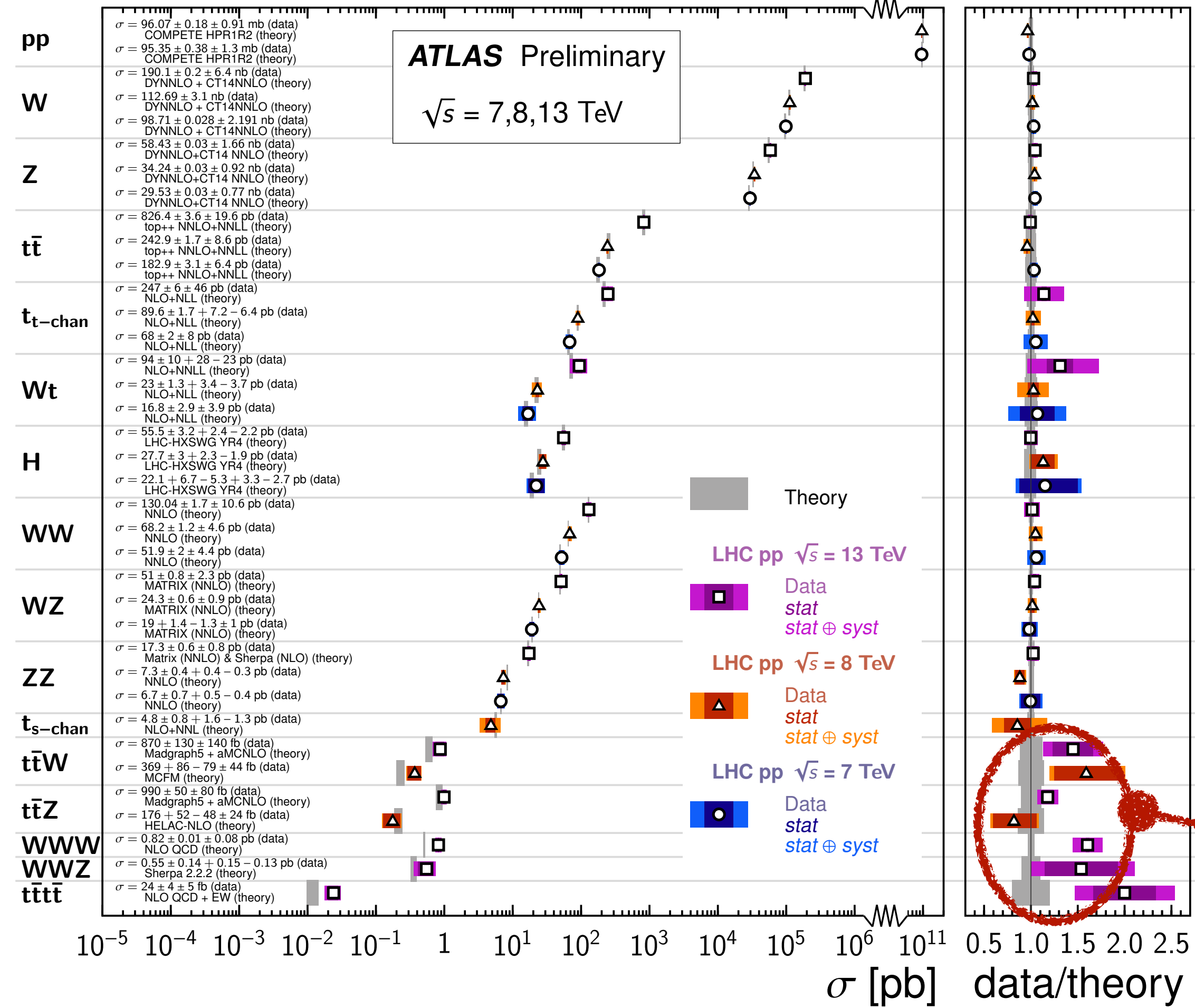


The Path forward to N3LO. In 2022 Snowmass Summer Study, 3 2022



# Everything looks SM-like at the LHC

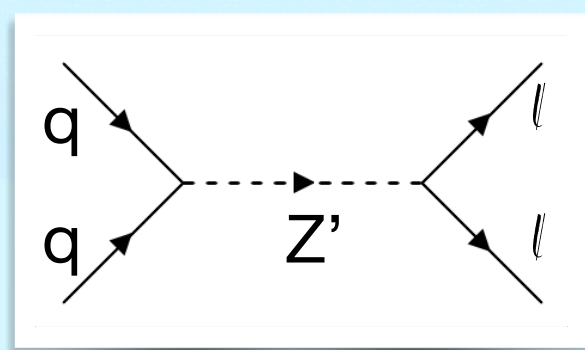
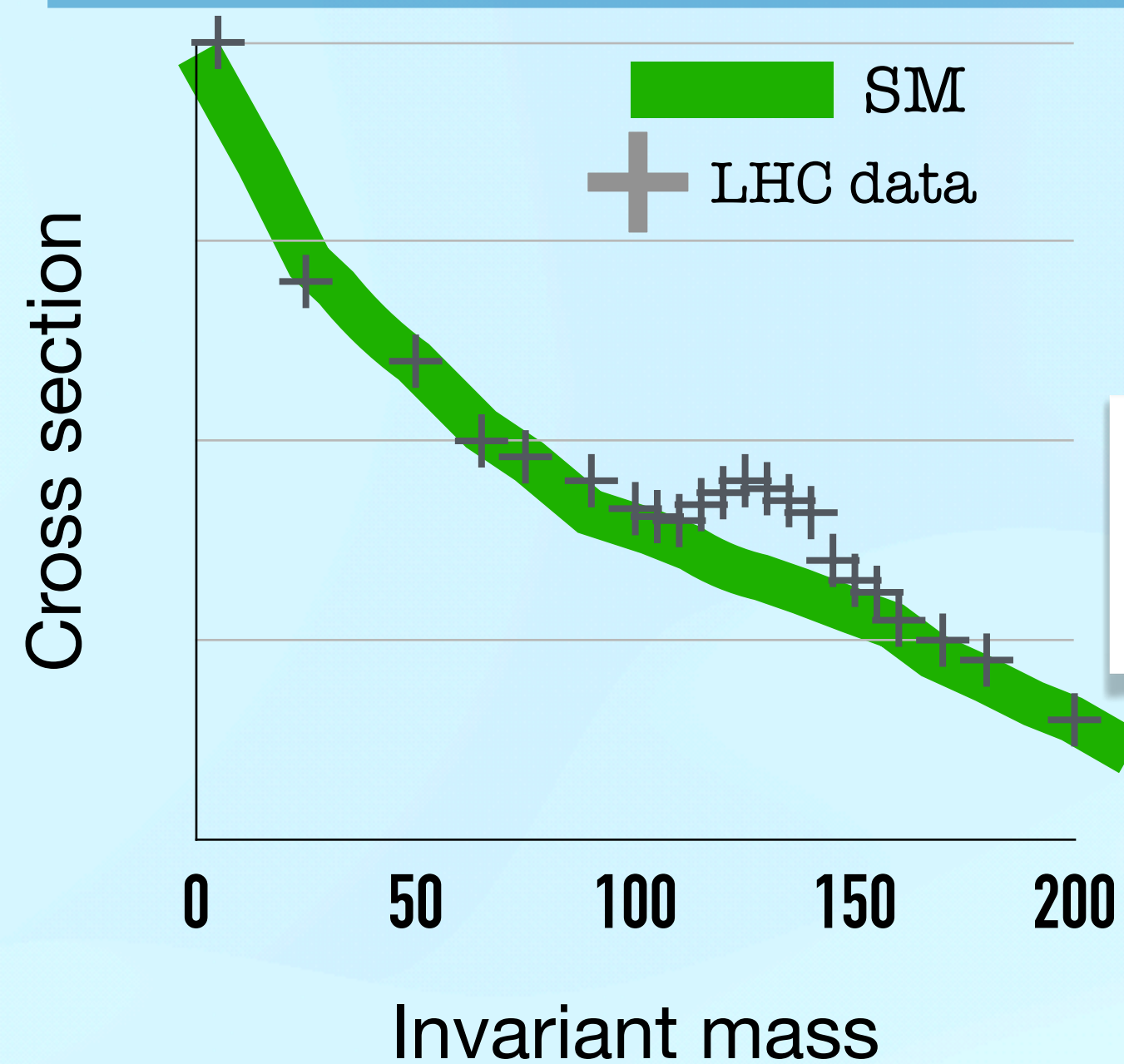
## Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements



**NLO QCD + EW at best**

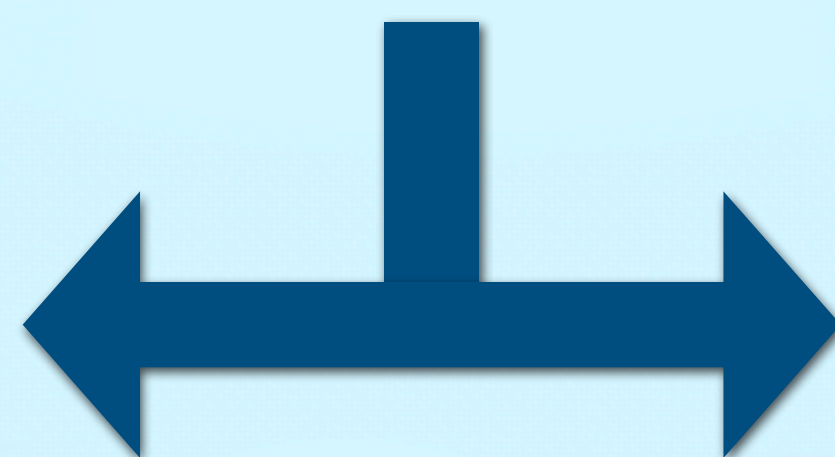


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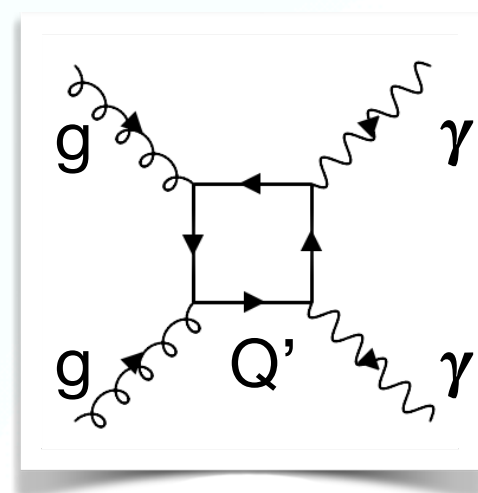
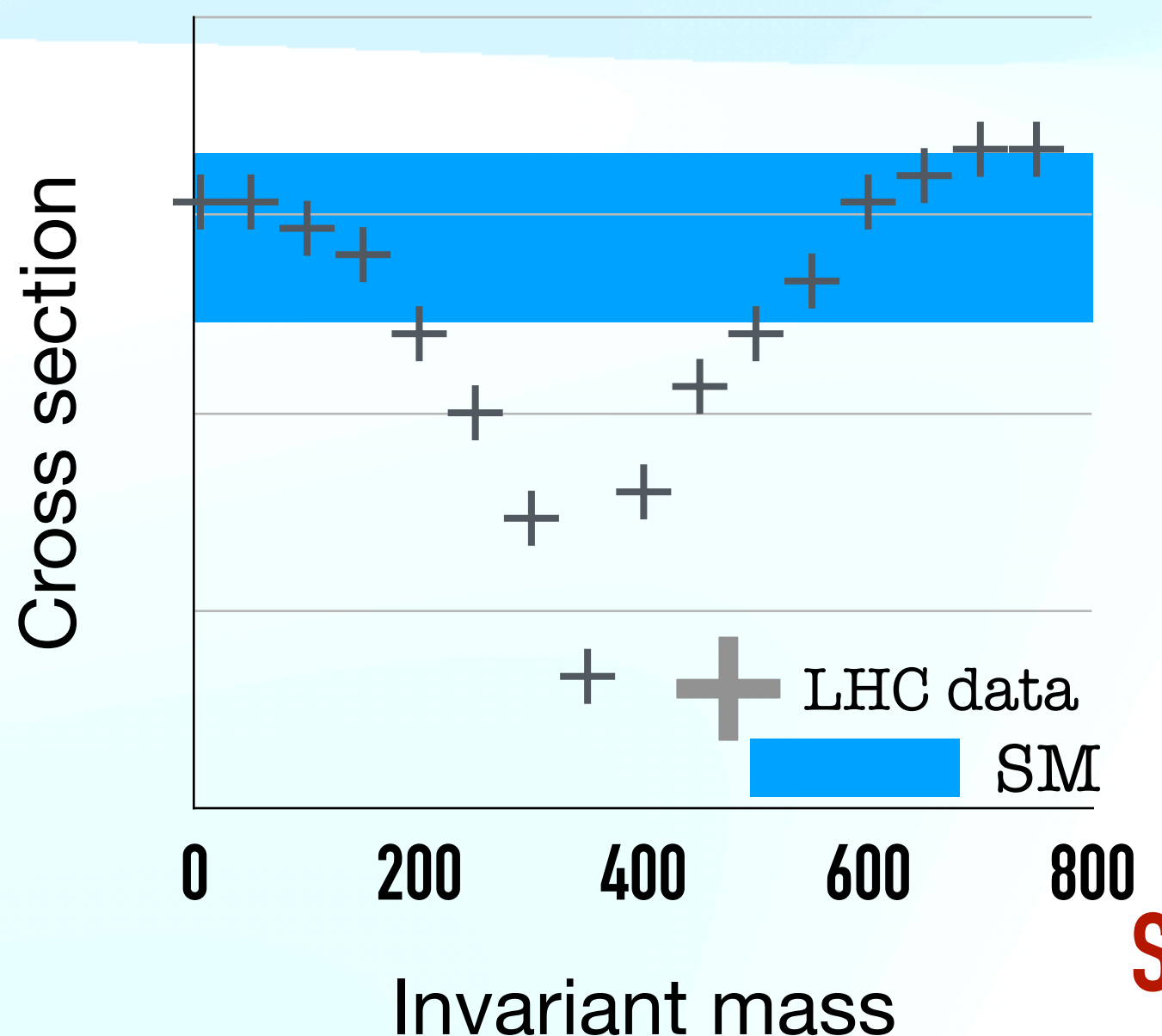
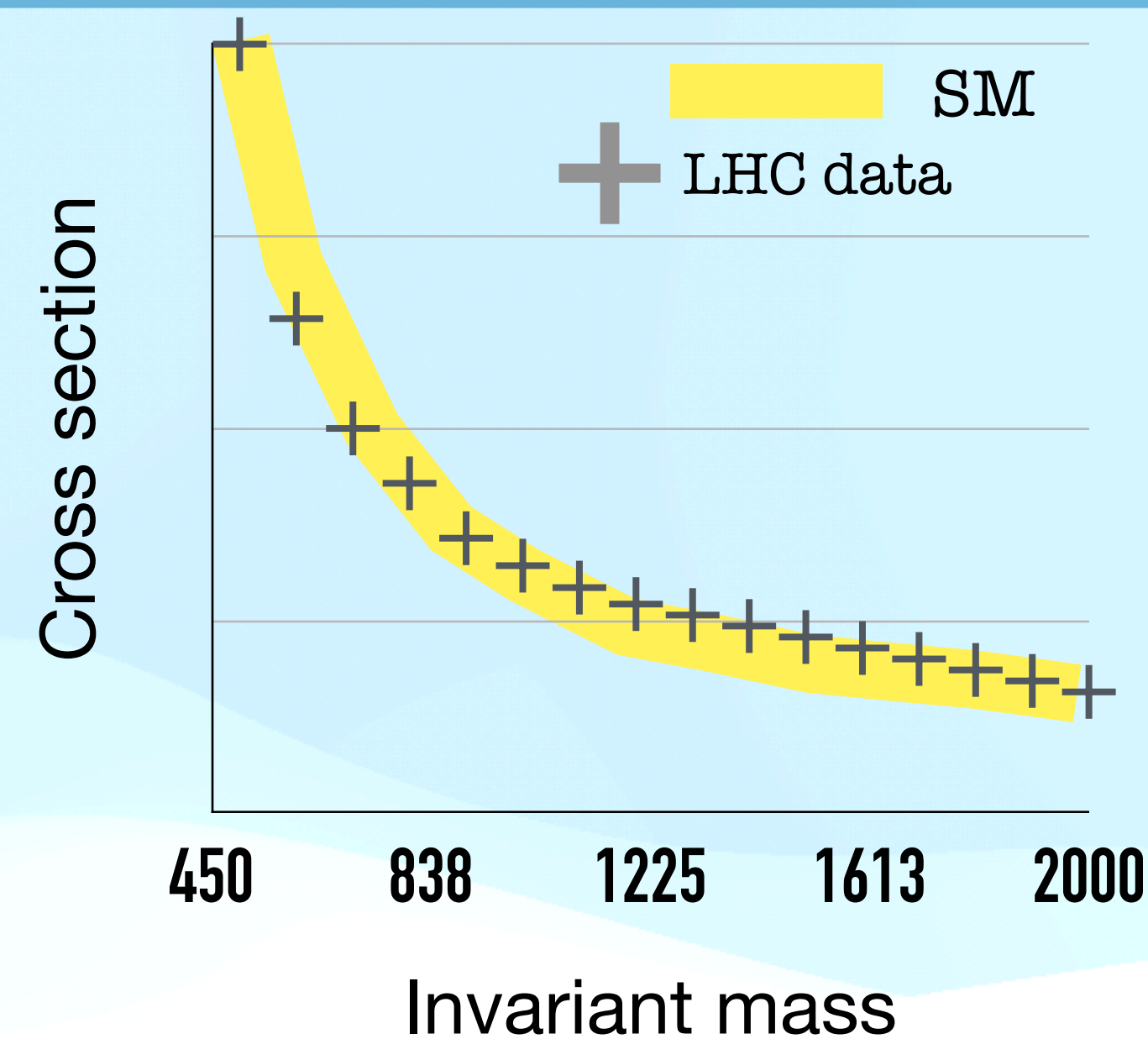


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Essentially, two possible scenarios

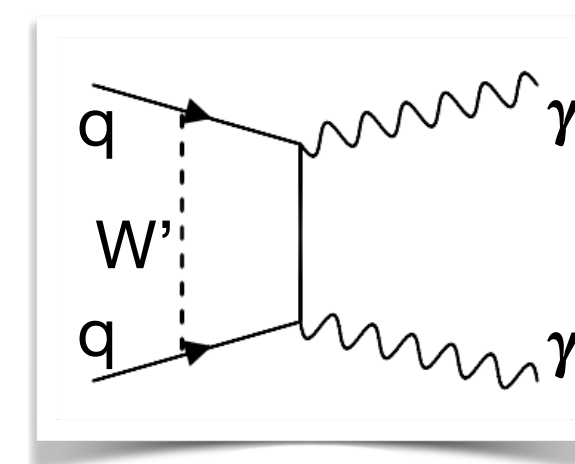
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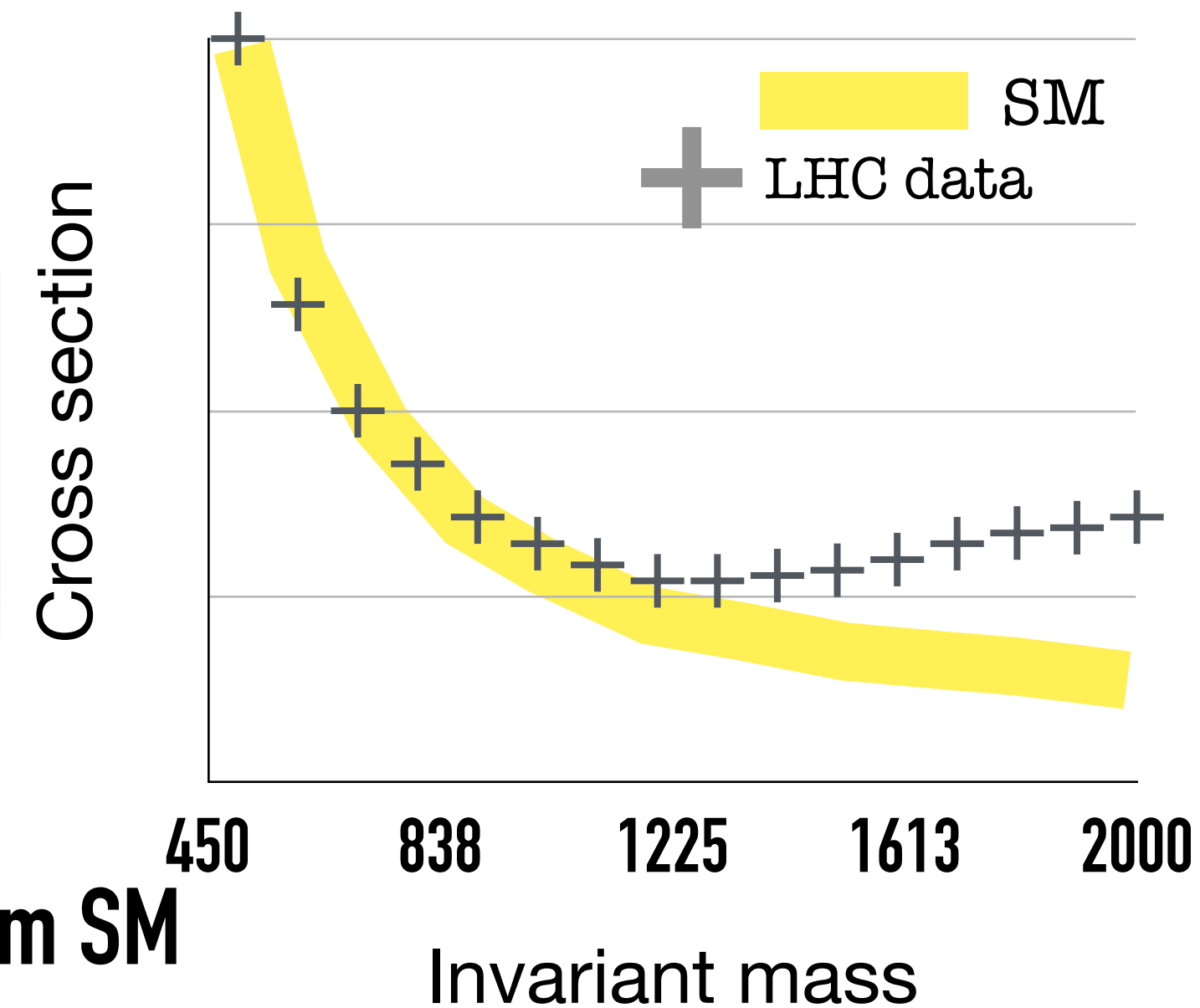
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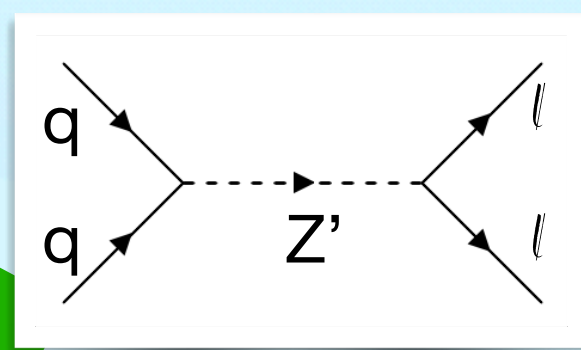
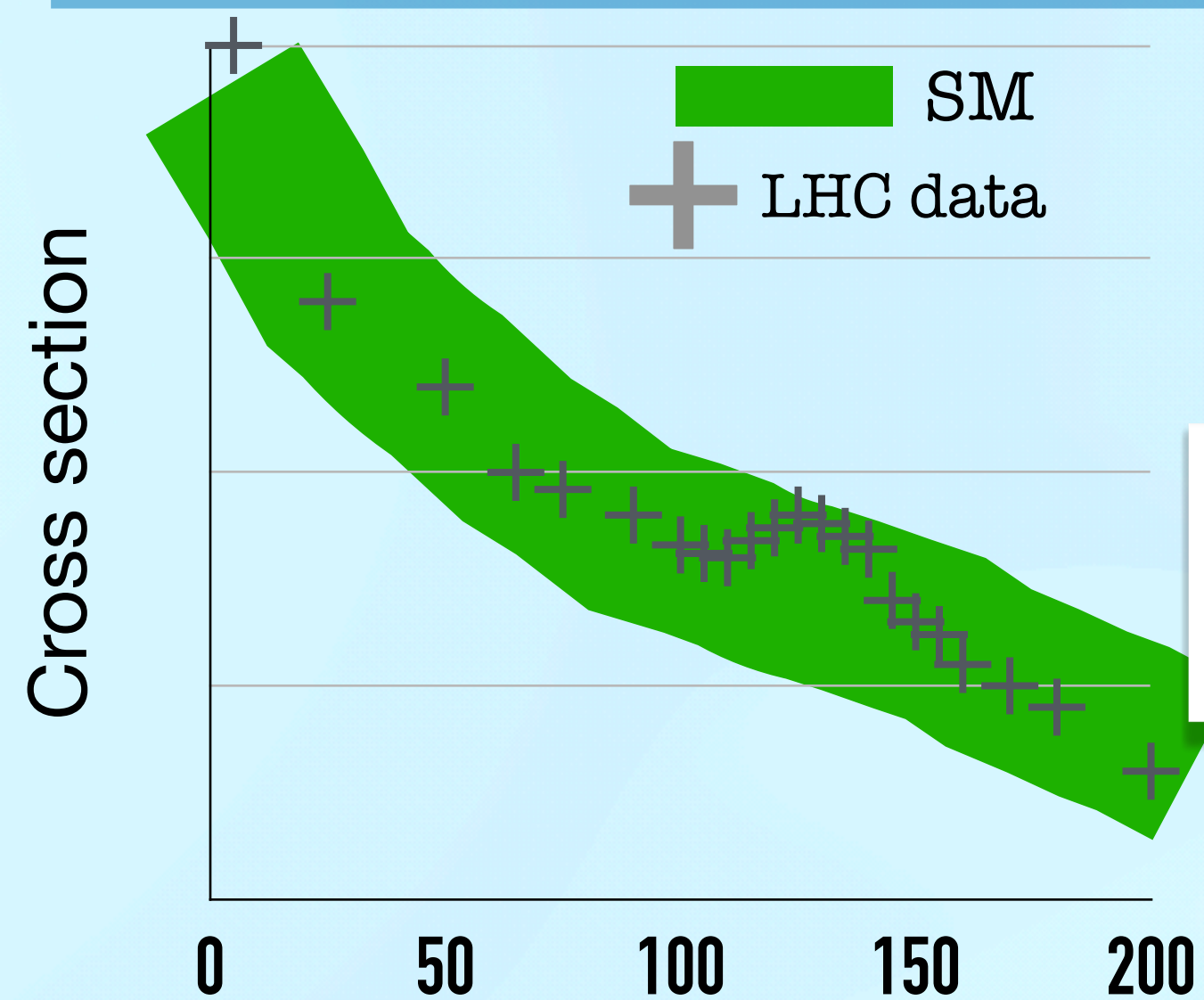


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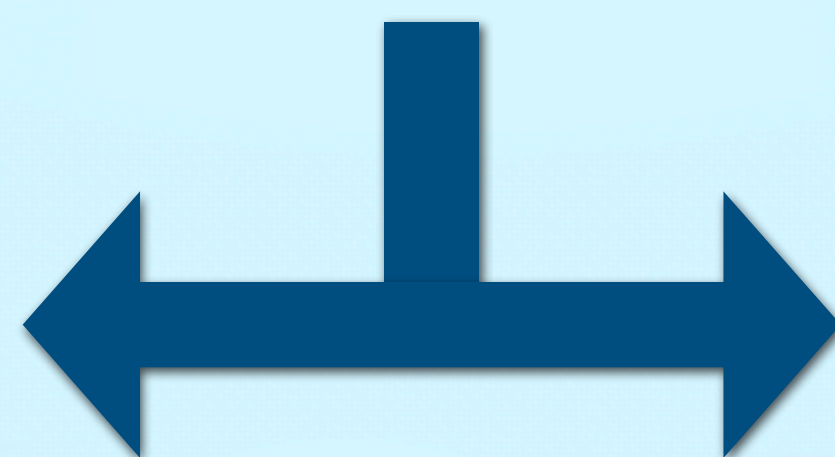


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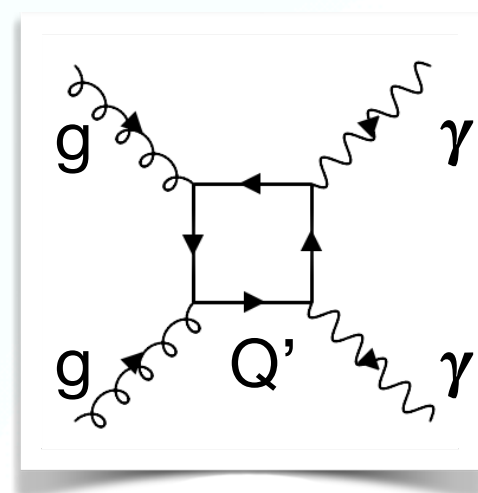
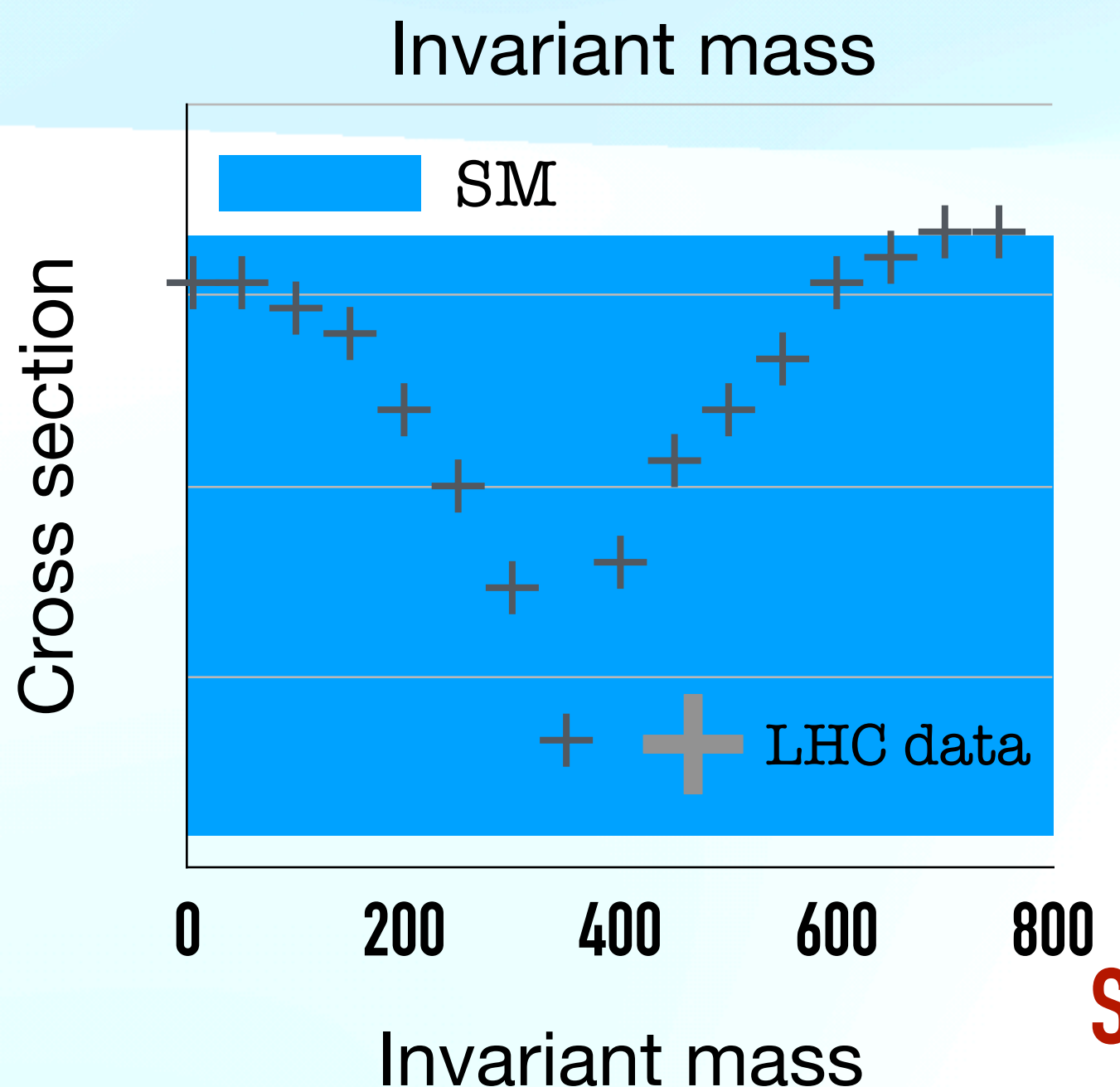
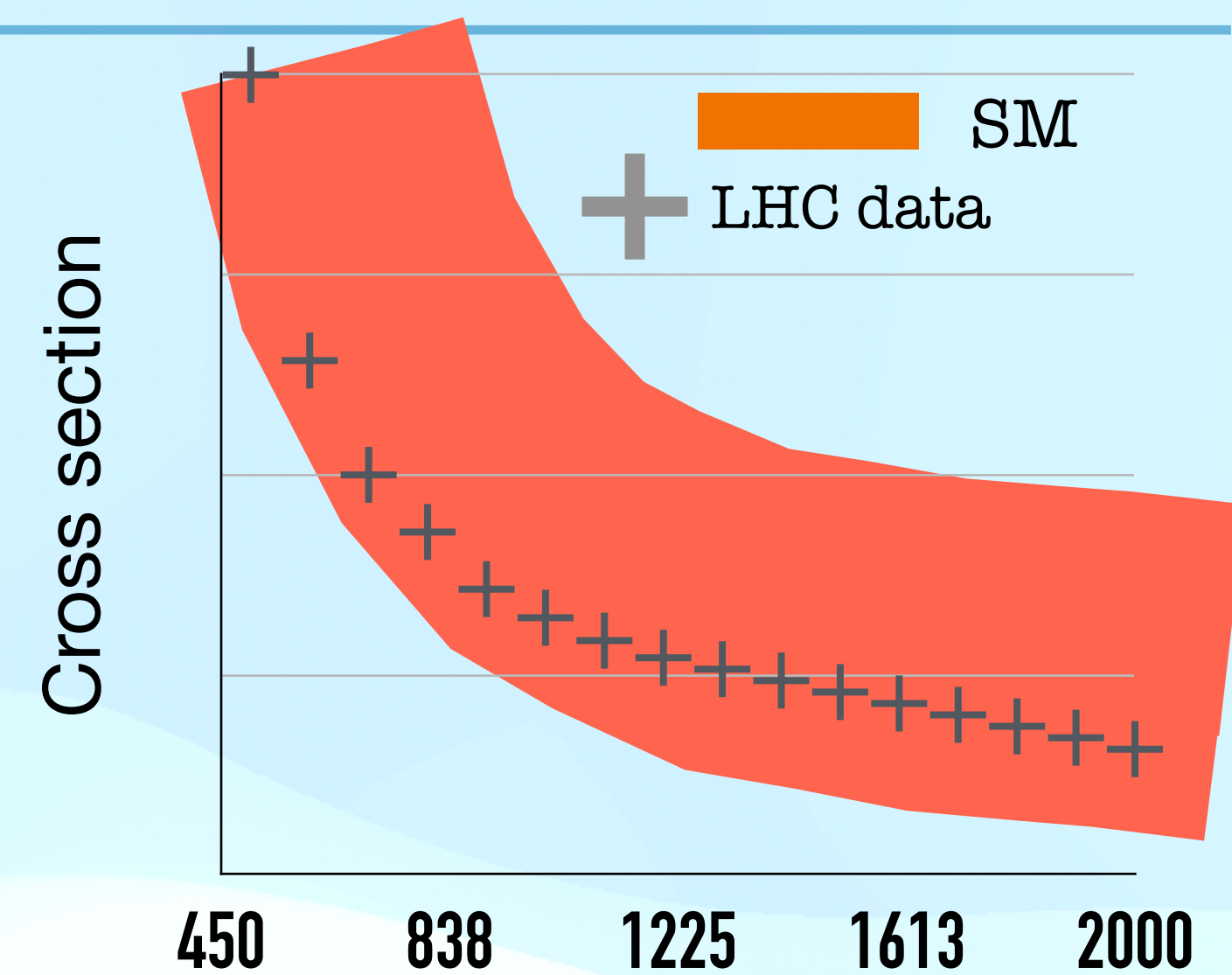


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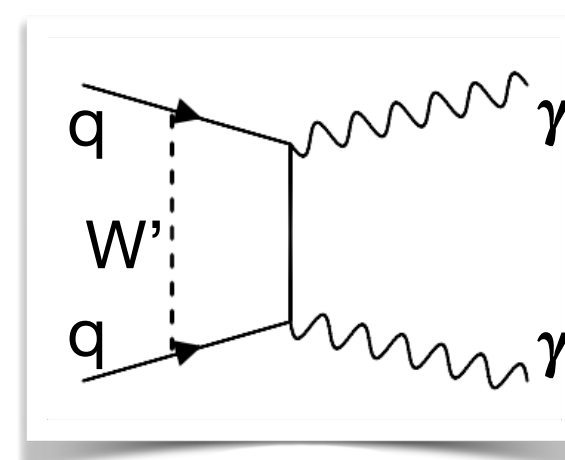


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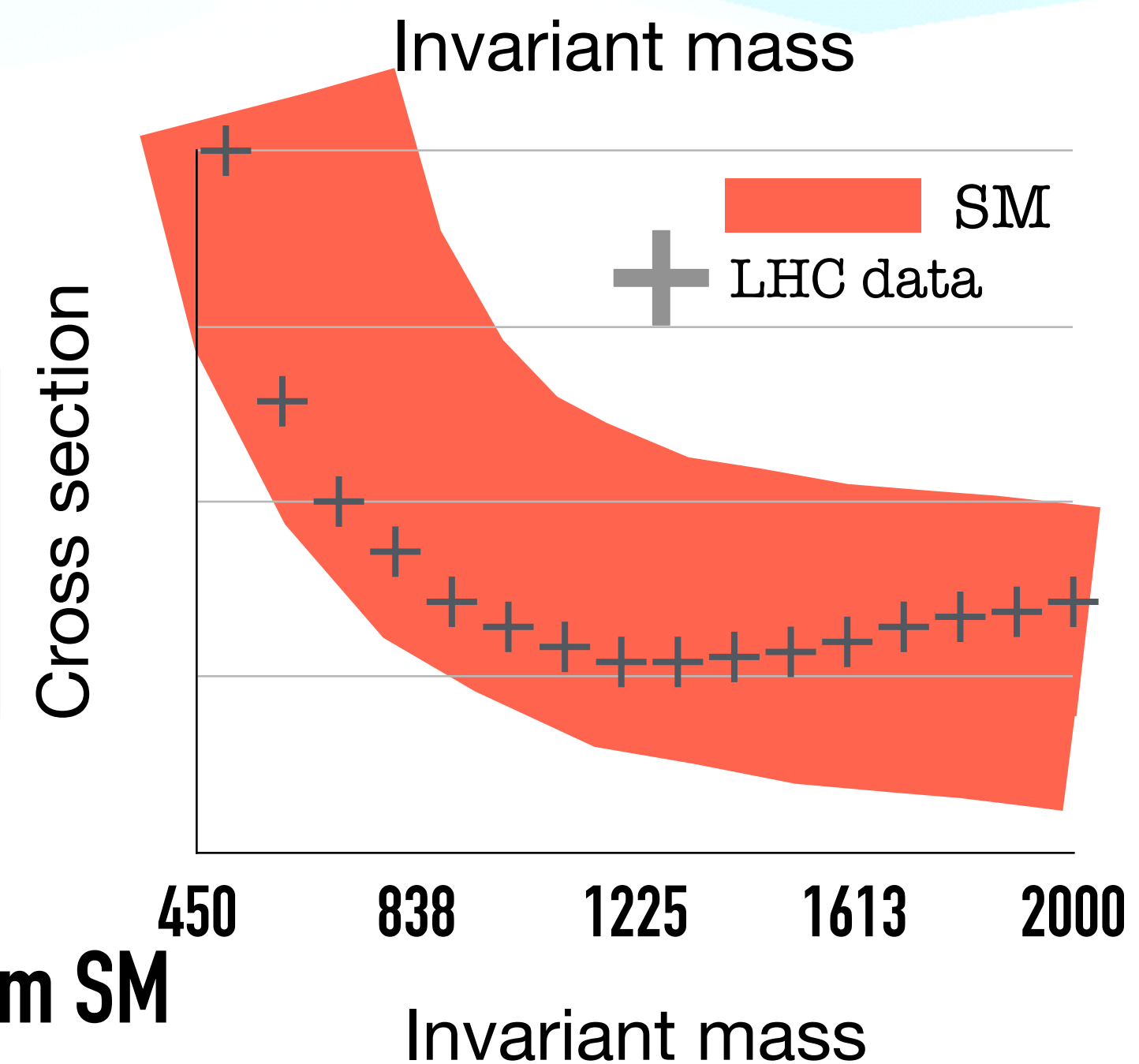


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In both scenarios precision  
is a key ingredient

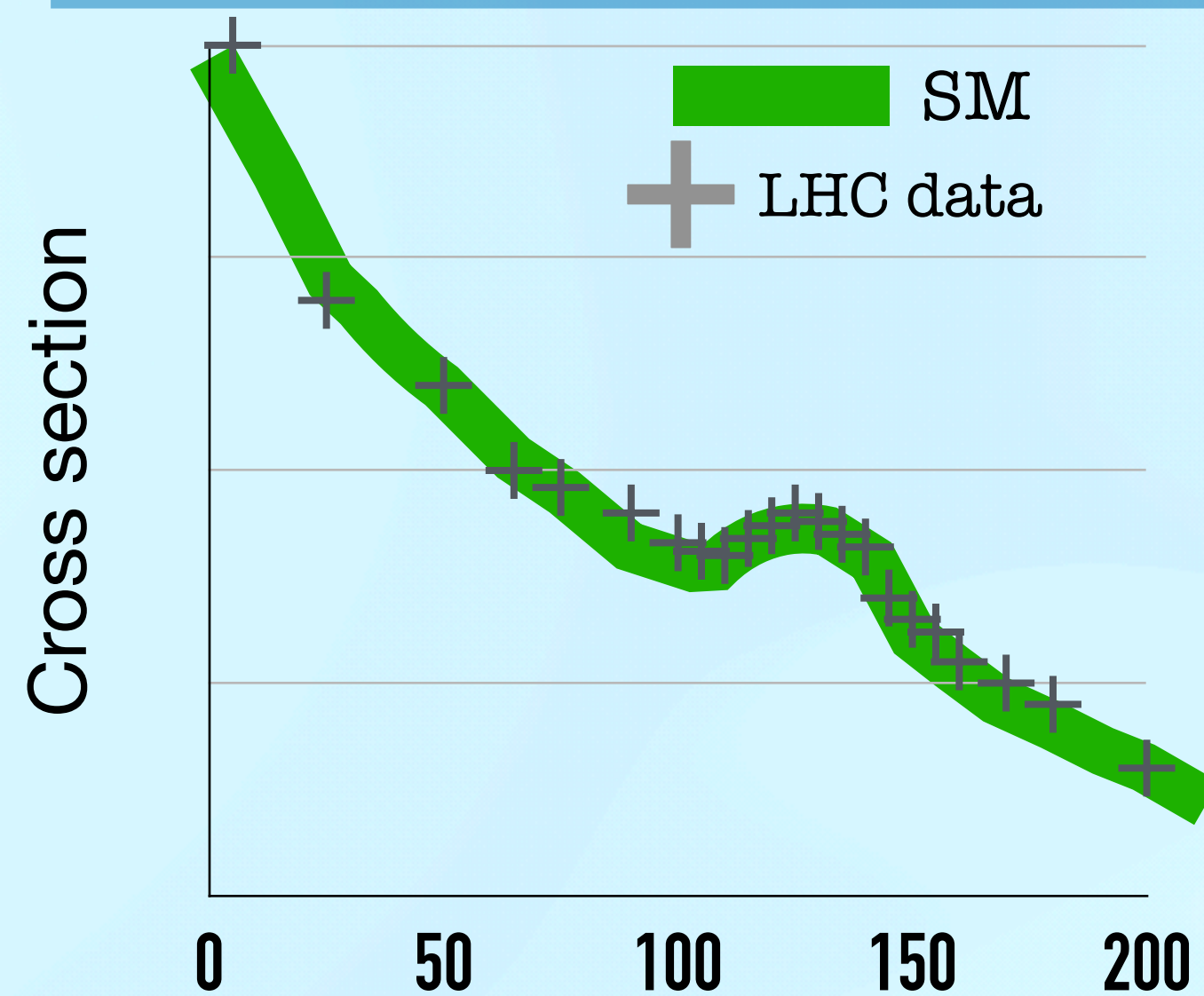


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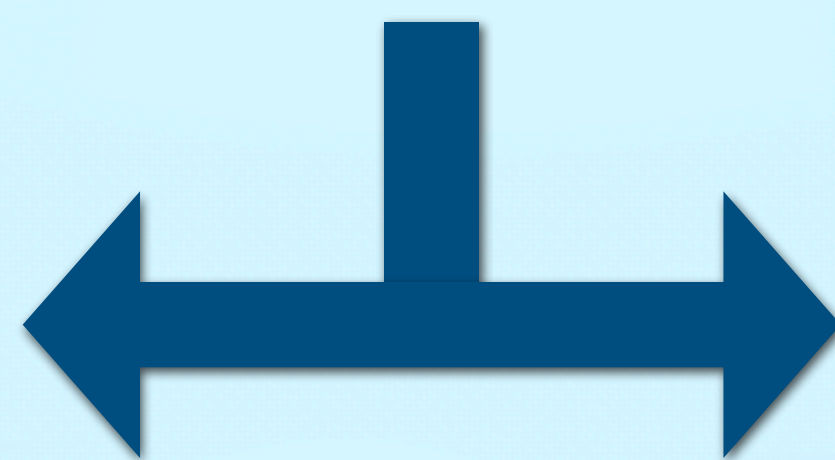


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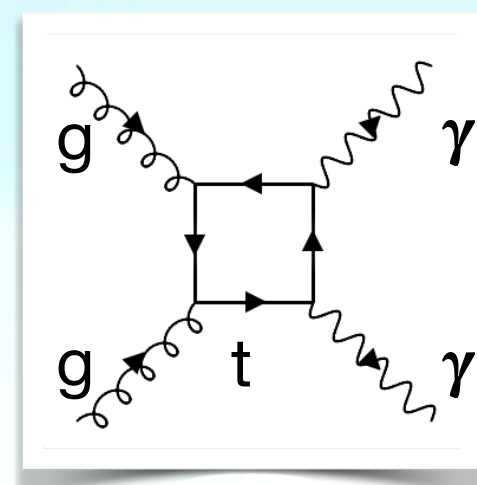
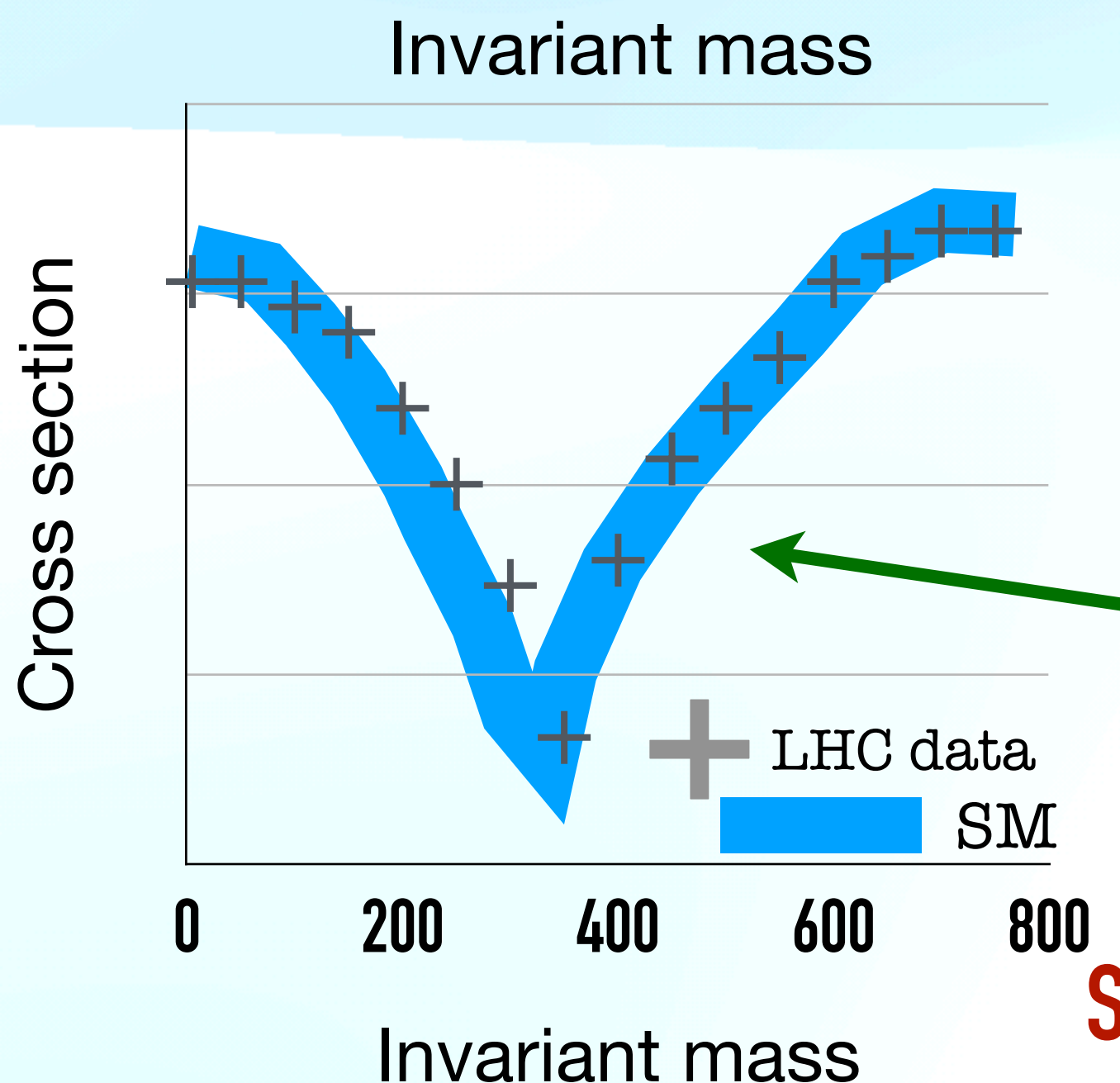
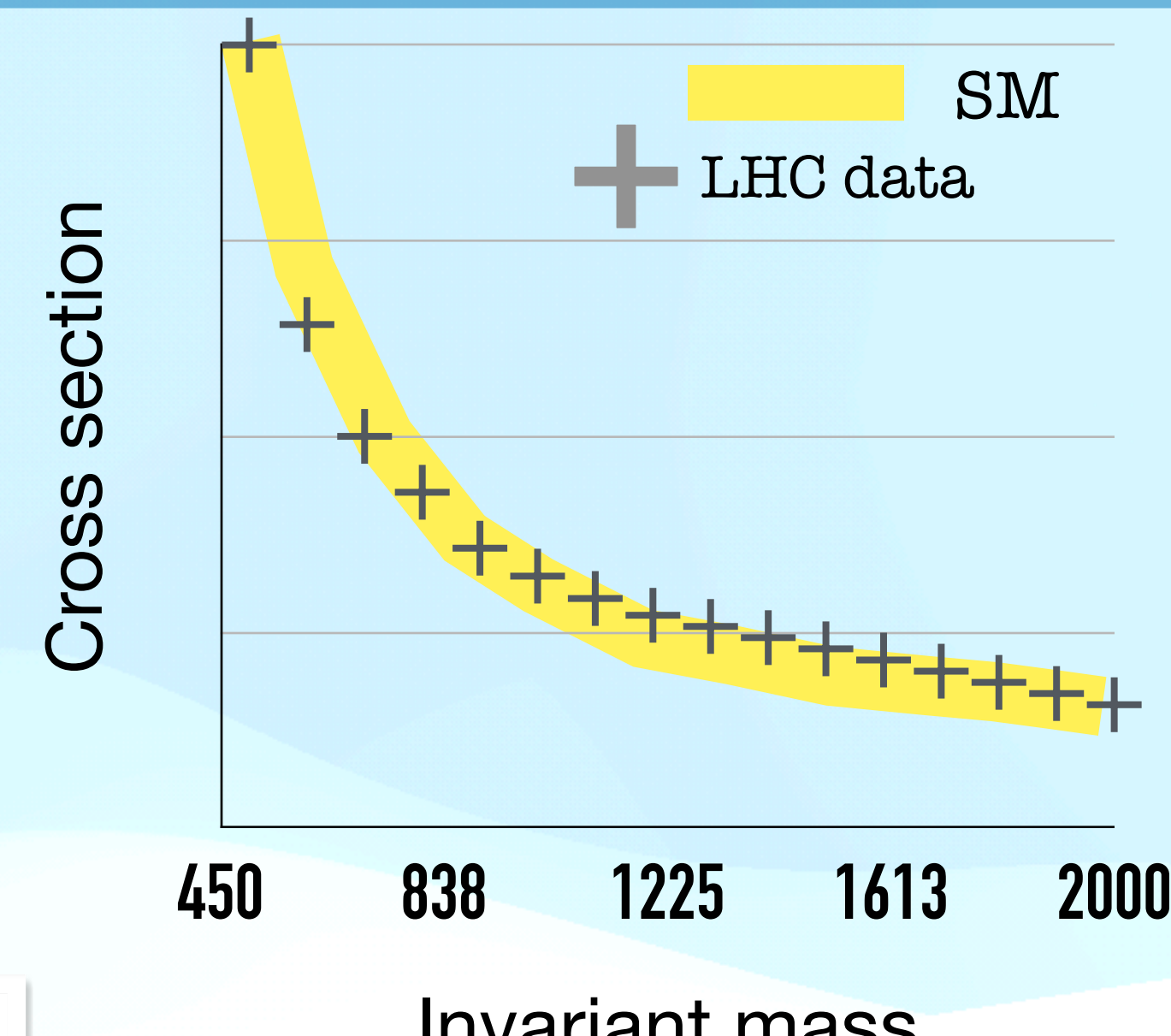


We are looking for new discoveries  
Essentially, two possible scenarios

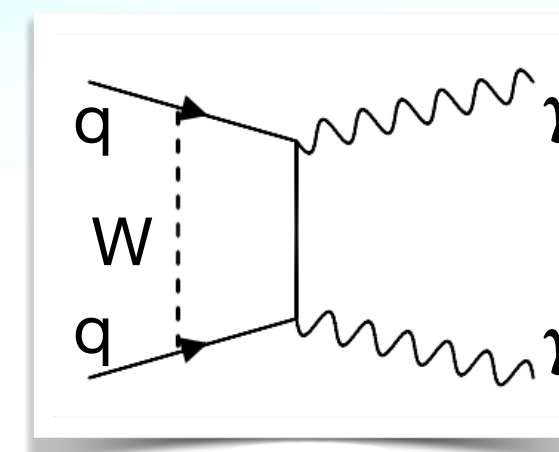
New resonances



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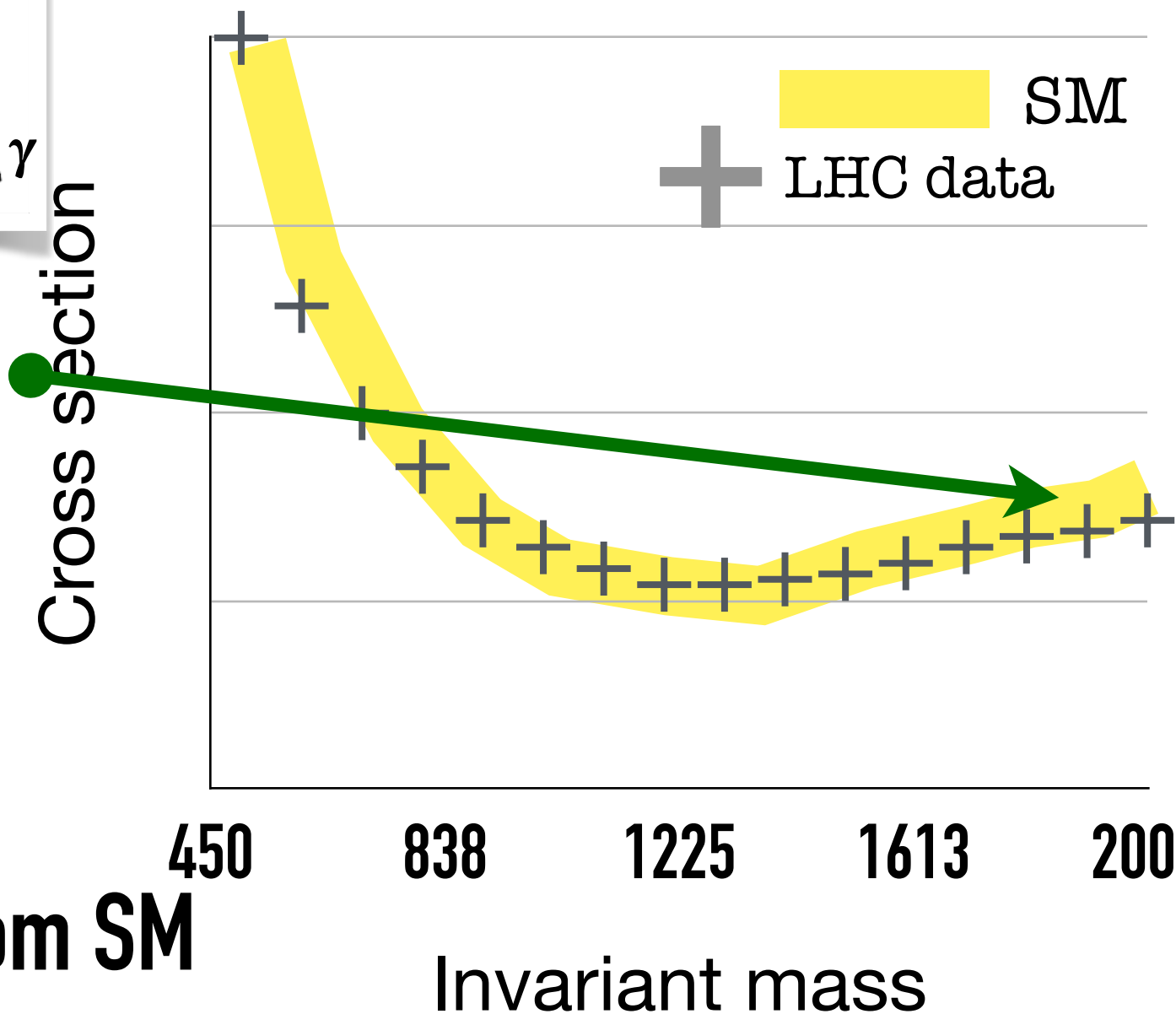


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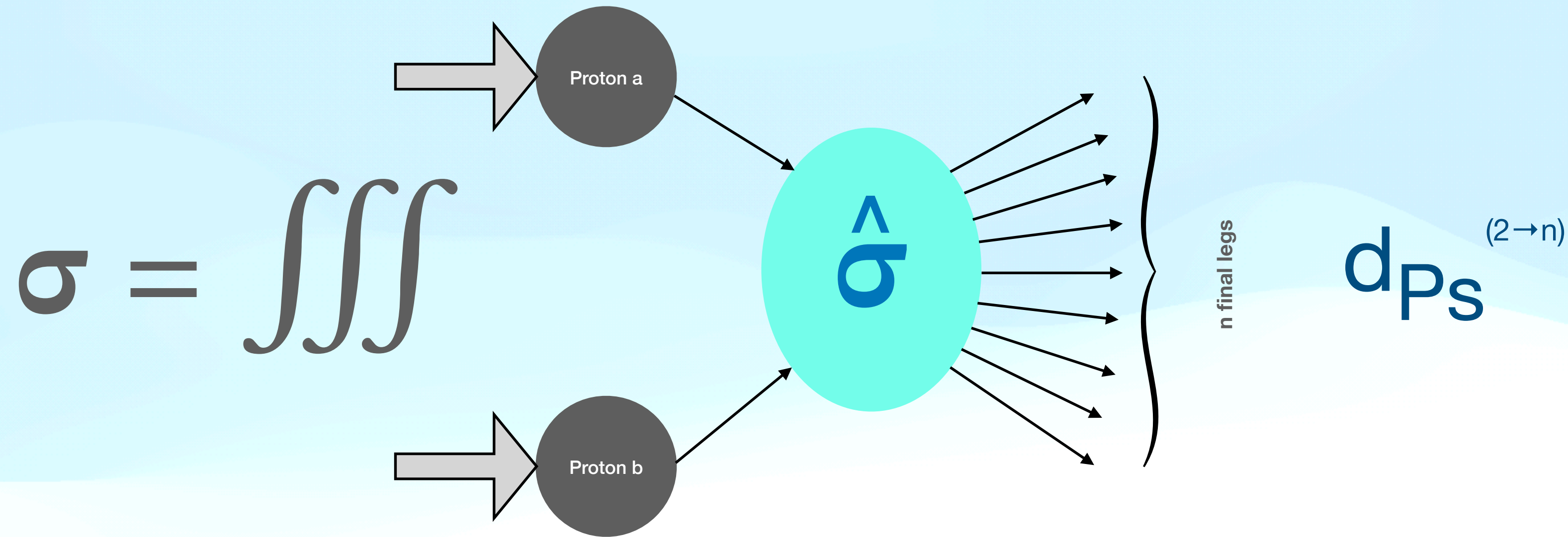
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# Anatomy of perturbative calculations



## Factorization theorem

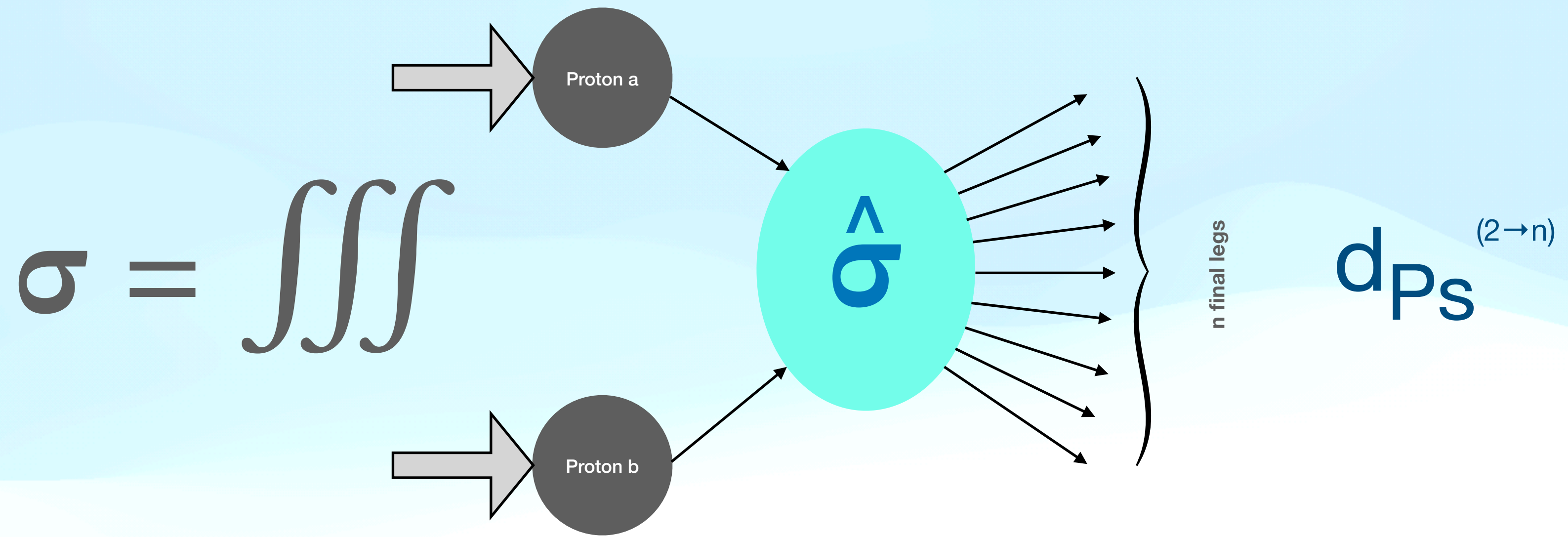
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**2 → 5** (W+4jets) Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, et al [2011]

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**Frontier: Very large multiplicities or correction to loop induced processes**

**5j available for LEP**

The list is not exhaustive ...

HELAC-NLO, Rocket, BlackHat+SHERPA, GoSam+SHERPA/MADGRAPH, NJet+SHERPA, Madgraph5-aMC@NLO, RECOLA, OpenLoops+SHERPA...

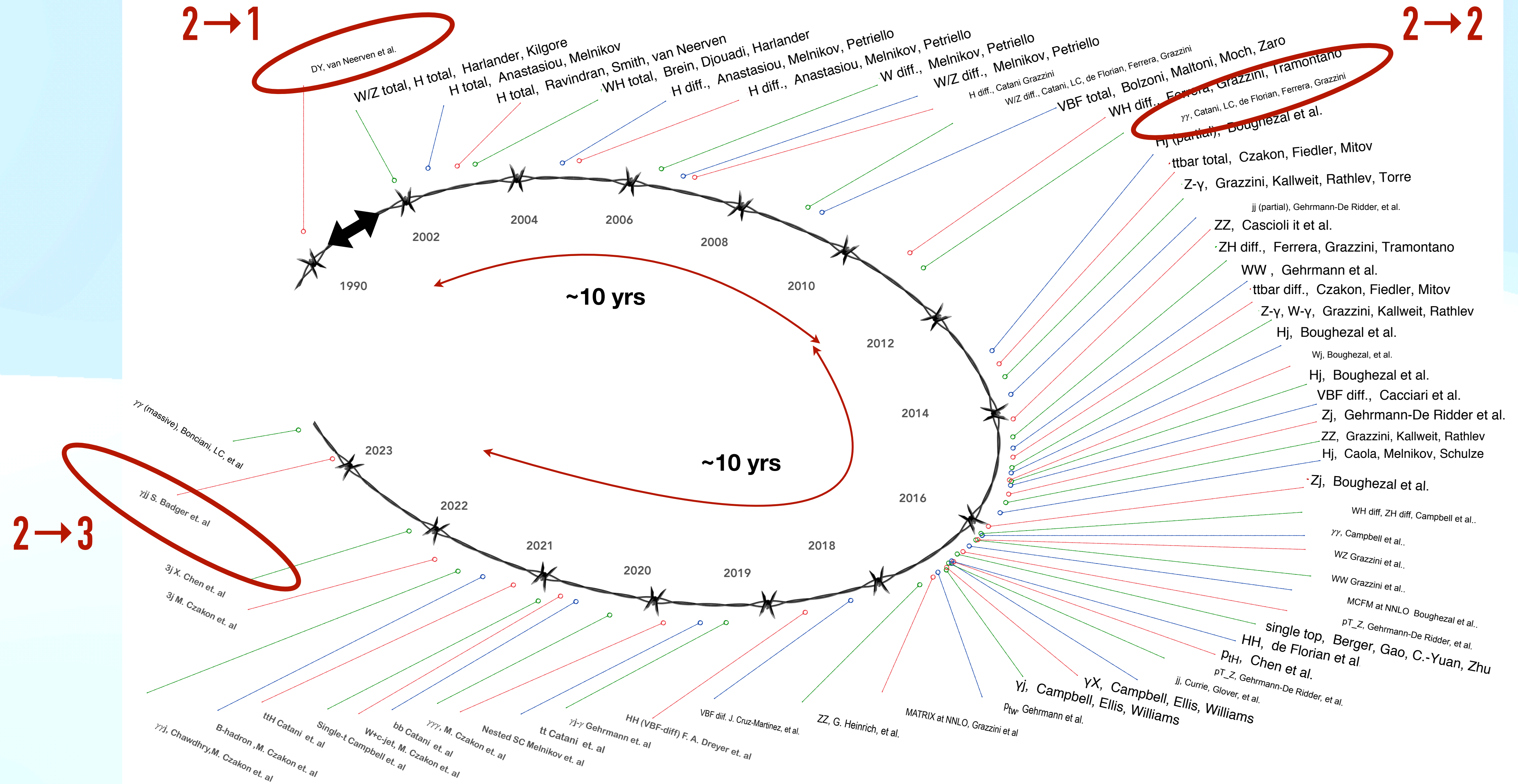
These codes offer add to the calculation: PS, EW corrections, fully automated scale variations, etc

Besides the limitations at the frontier, automated structure fully understood



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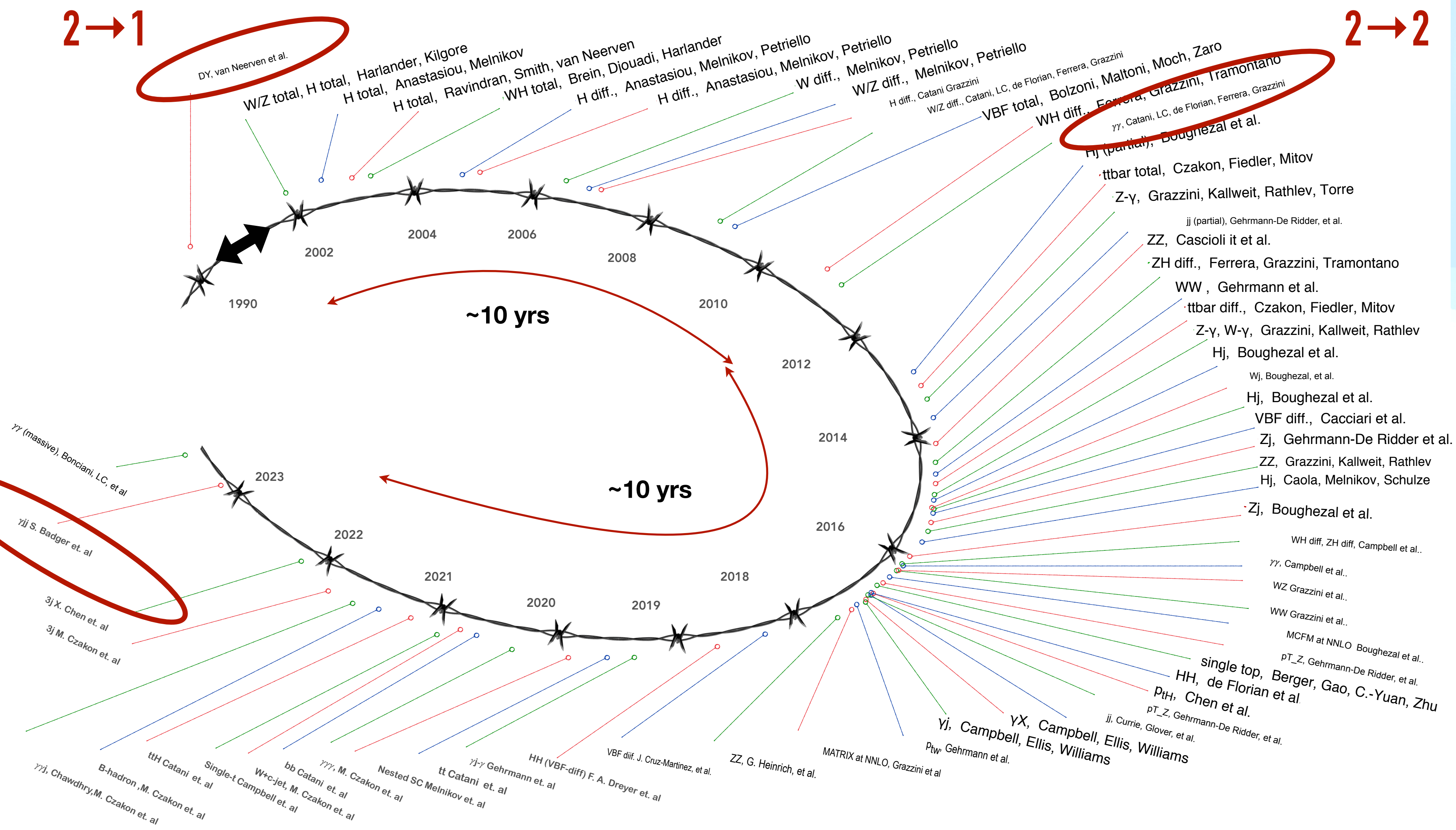
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2 → 2

10yrs per leg rule as in the NLO case!

2 → 3

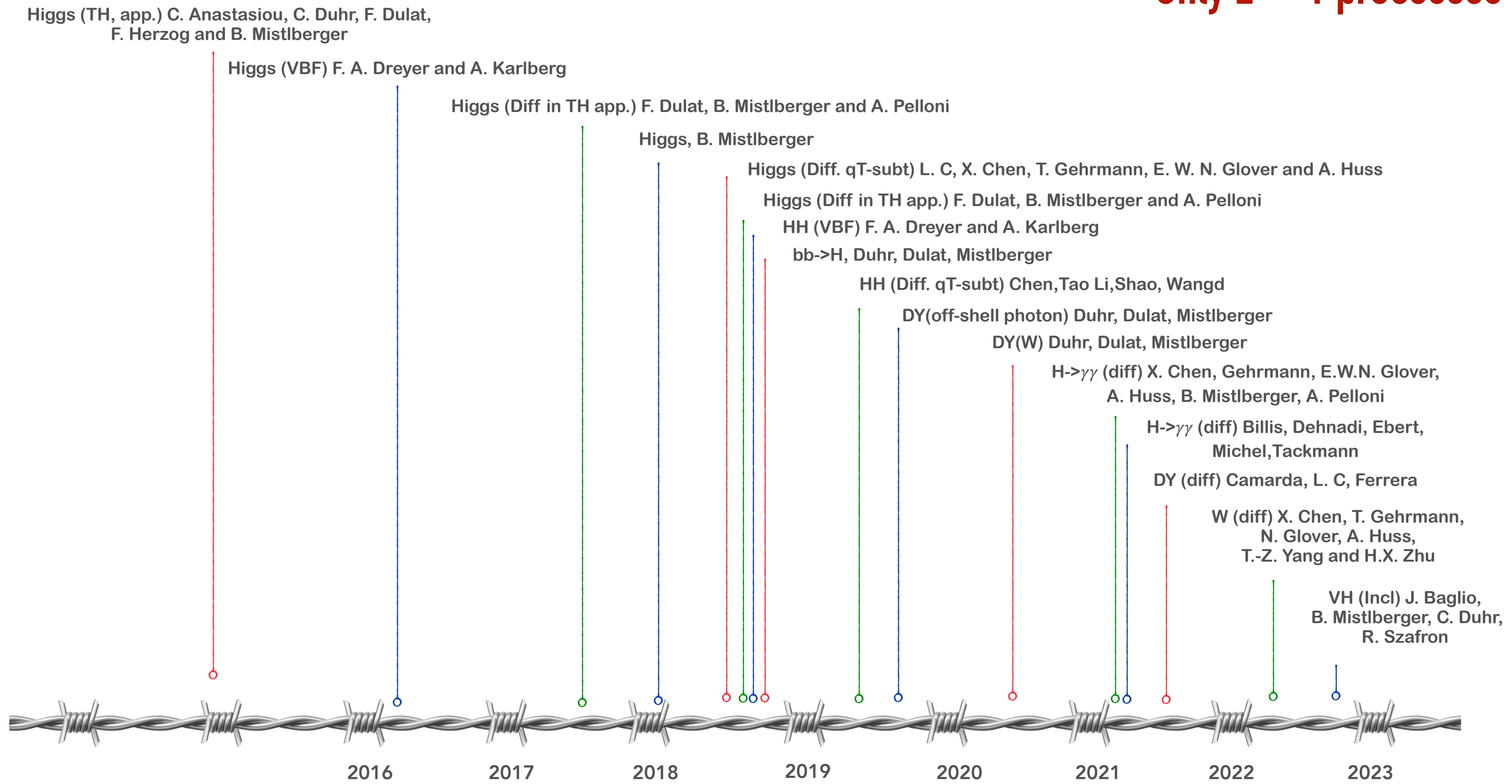
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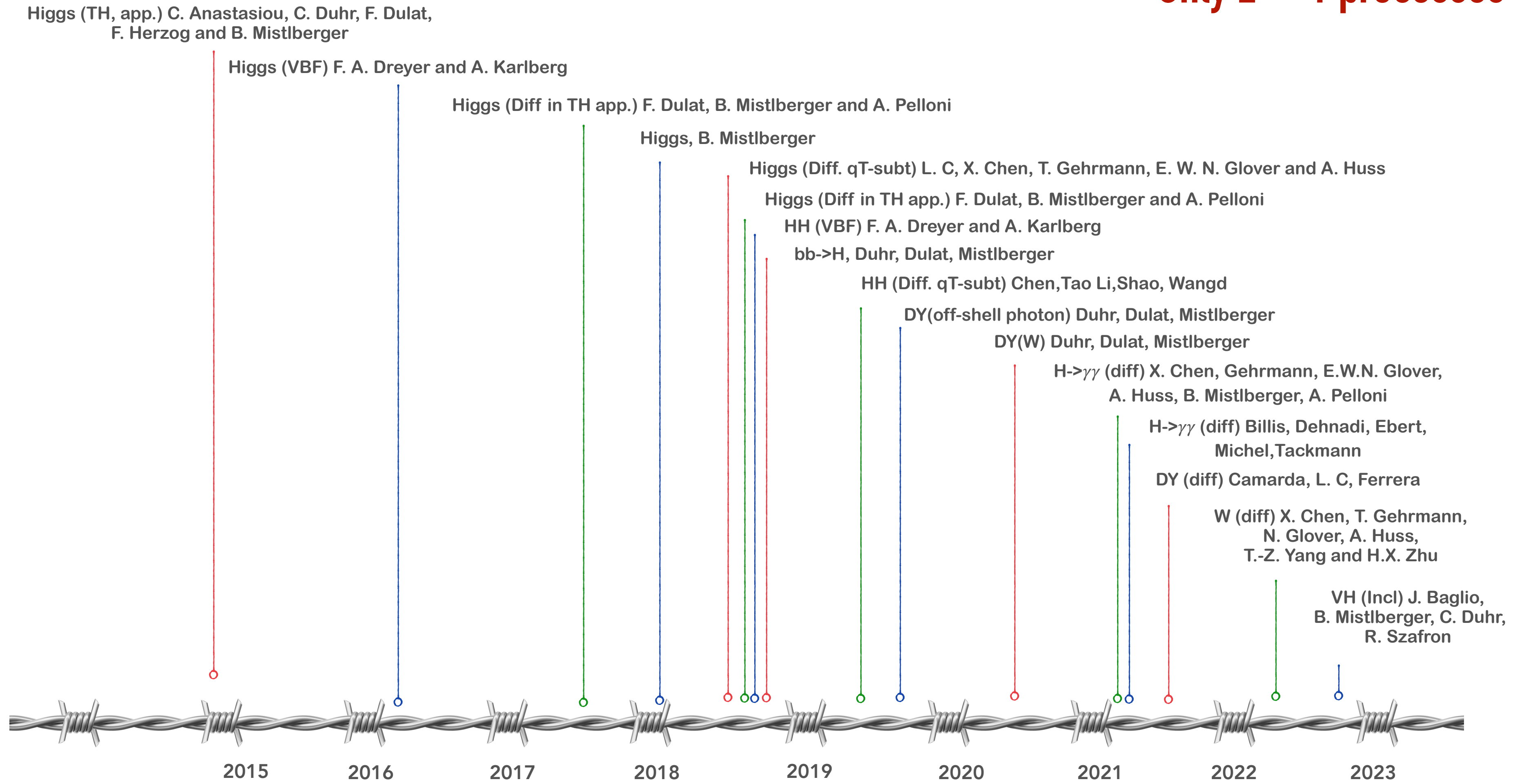
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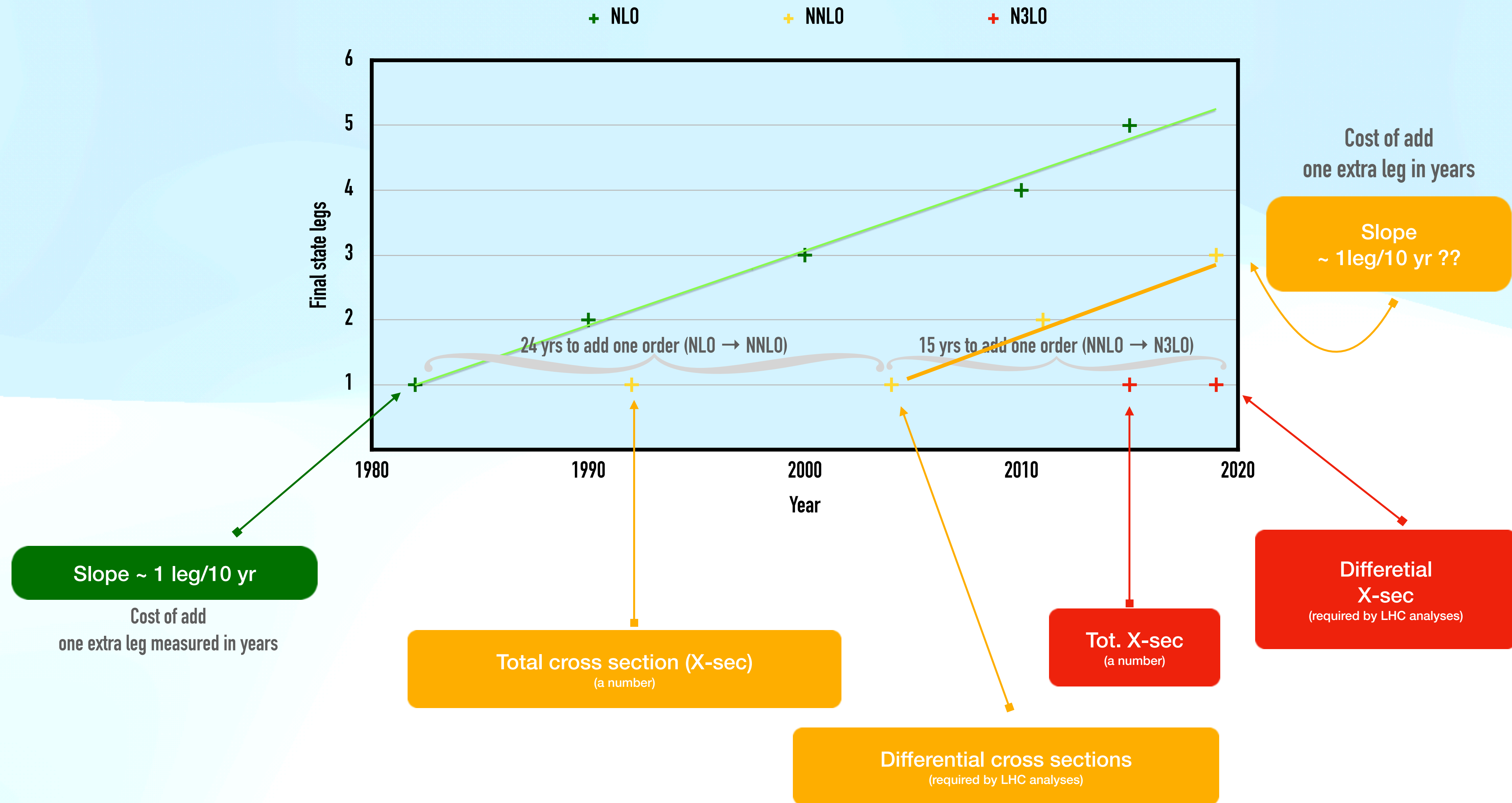
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Why we are not breaking the 2 → 2 frontier? We are close to 10yrs per leg also here?



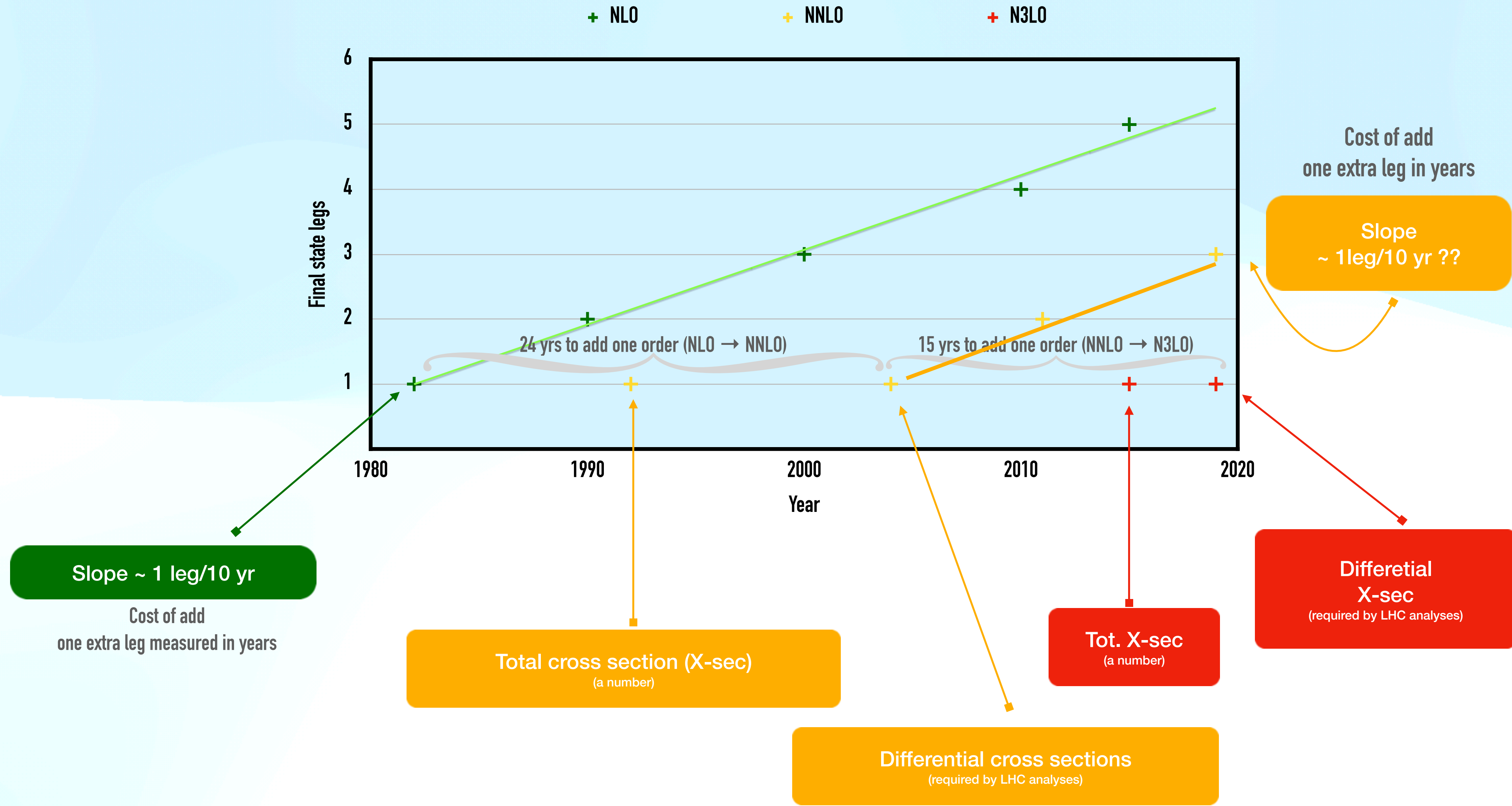
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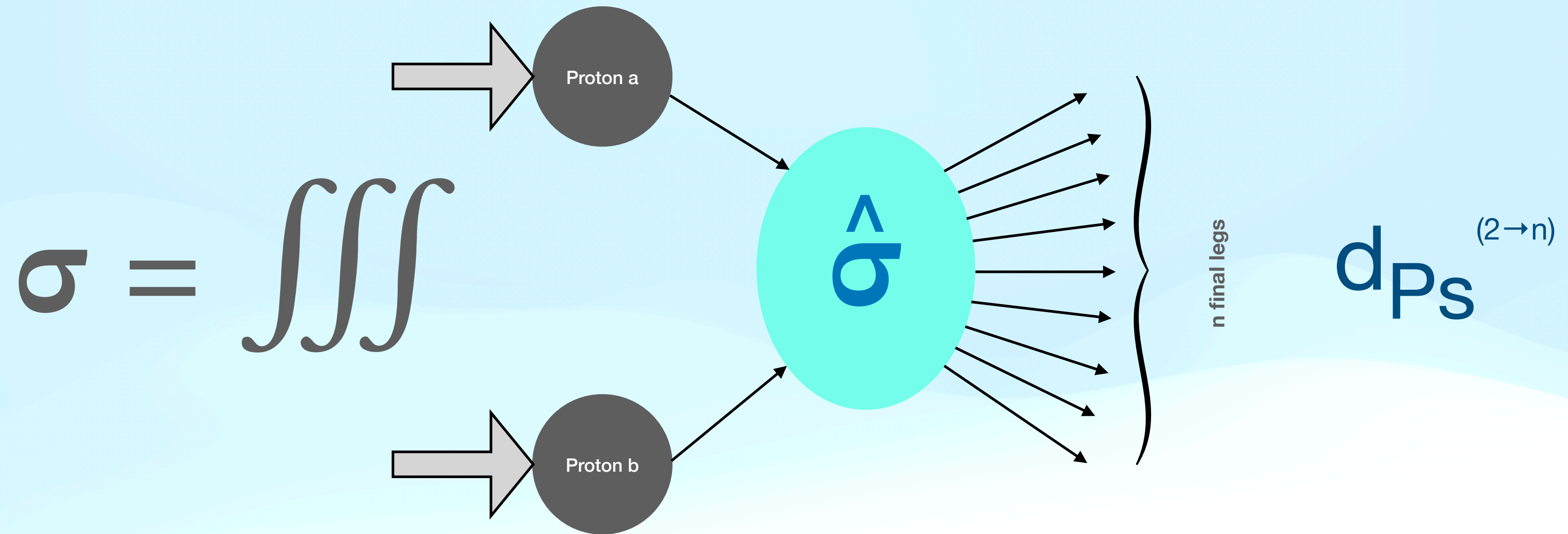
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## How many years will it take to get an N4LO?





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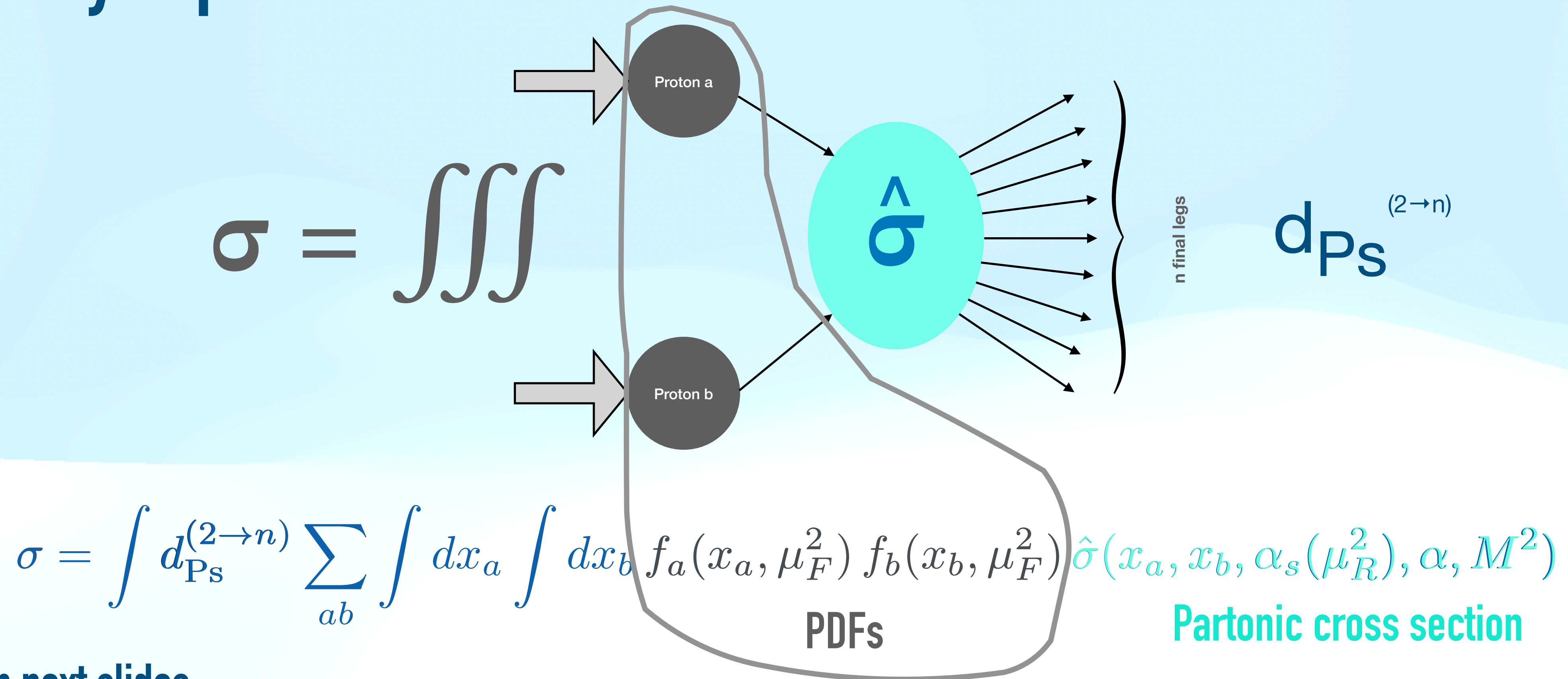
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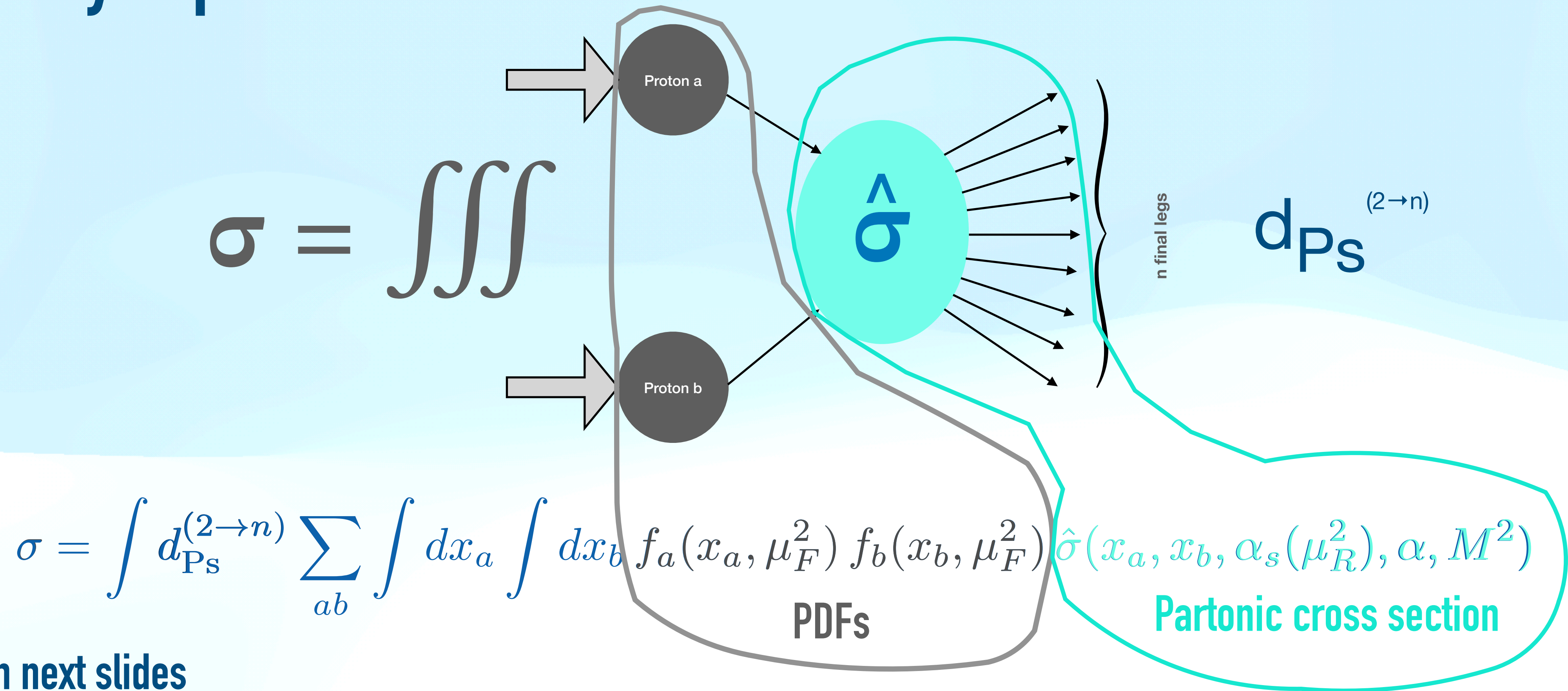
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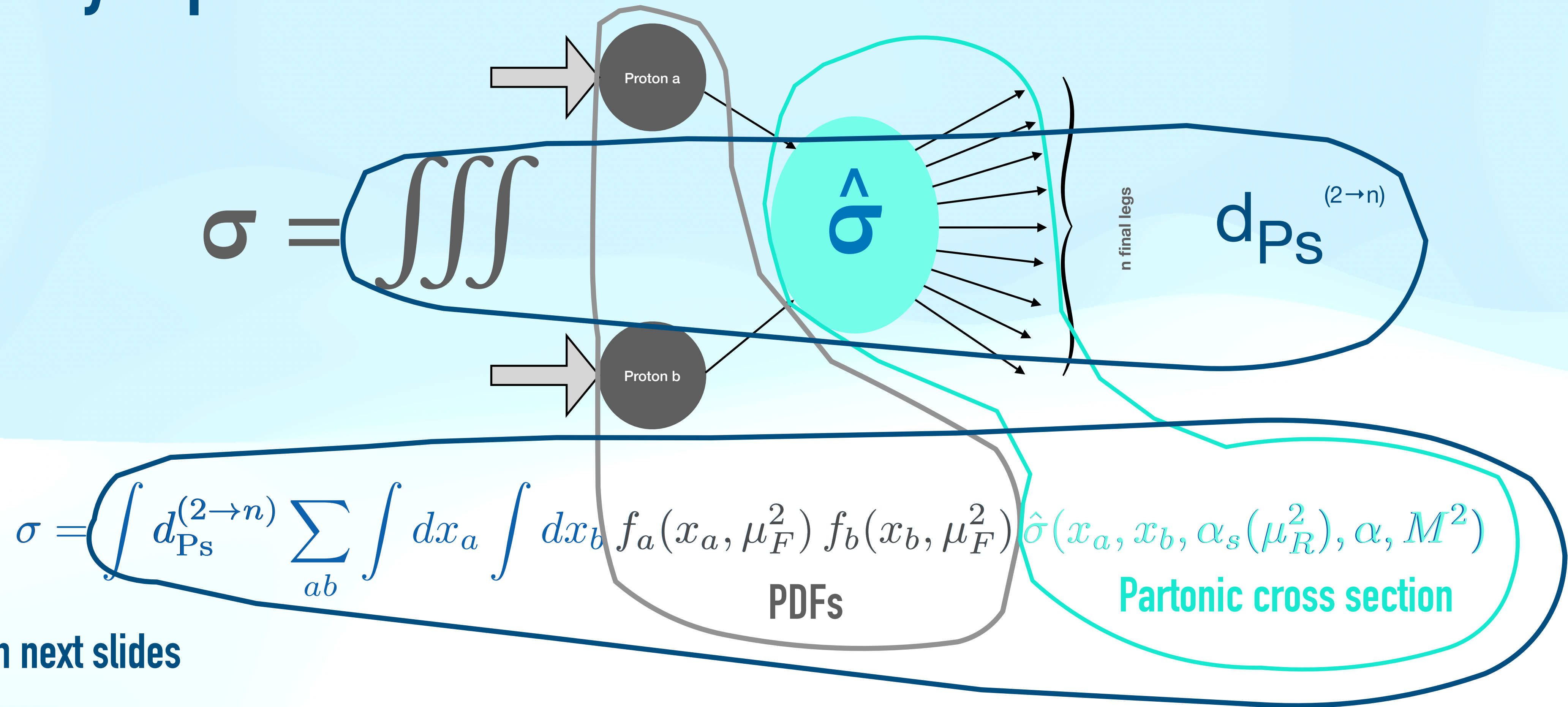
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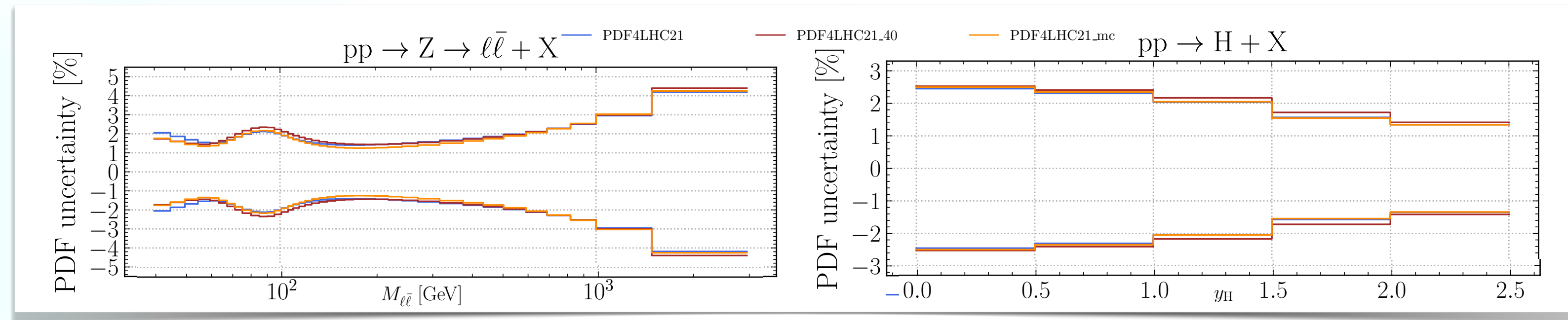
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**A precise determination of the strong-coupling constant from the recoil of Z bosons with the ATLAS experiment at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV**

The ATLAS Collaboration

Summary of the uncertainties in the determination of  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ , in units of  $10^{-3}$

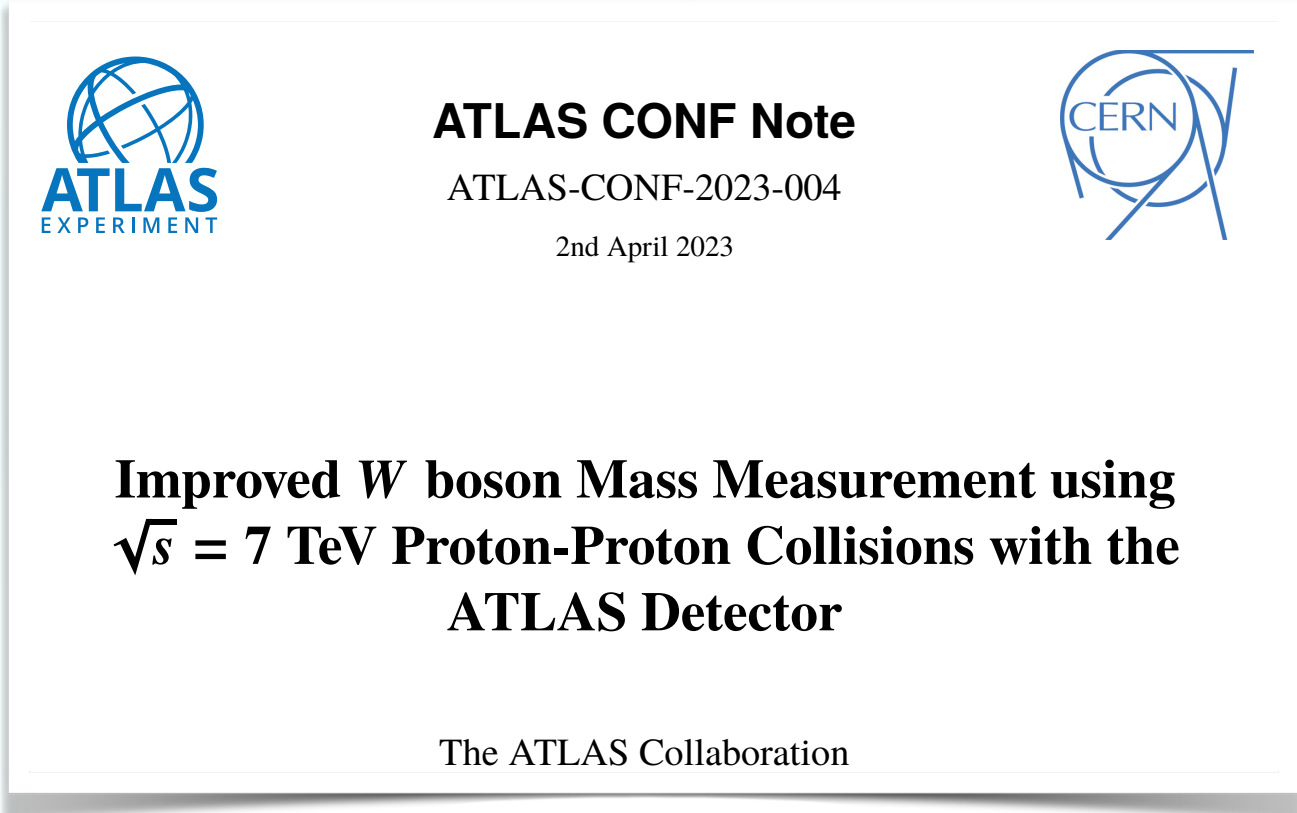
Experimental uncertainty	$\pm 0.44$
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Scale variation uncertainties	$\pm 0.42$
Matching to fixed order	0 $-0.08$
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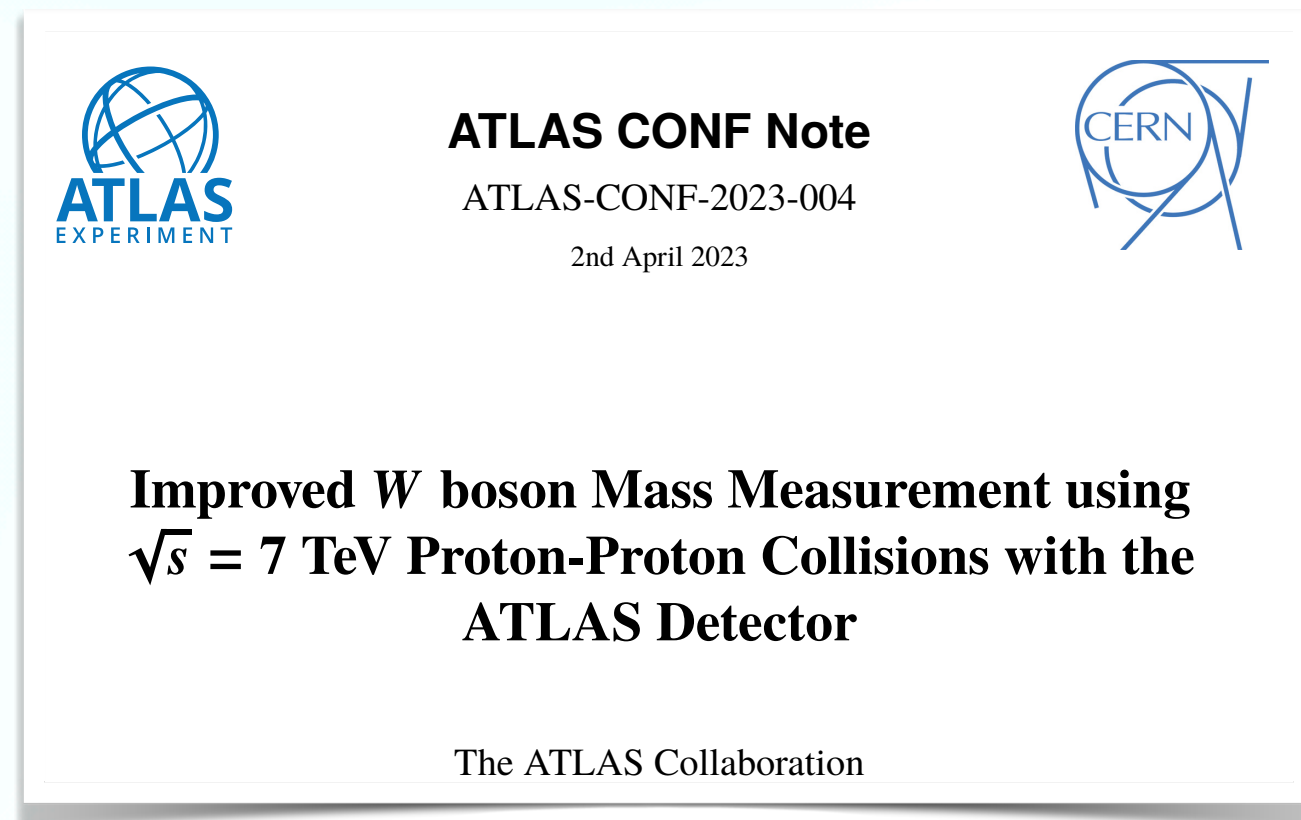
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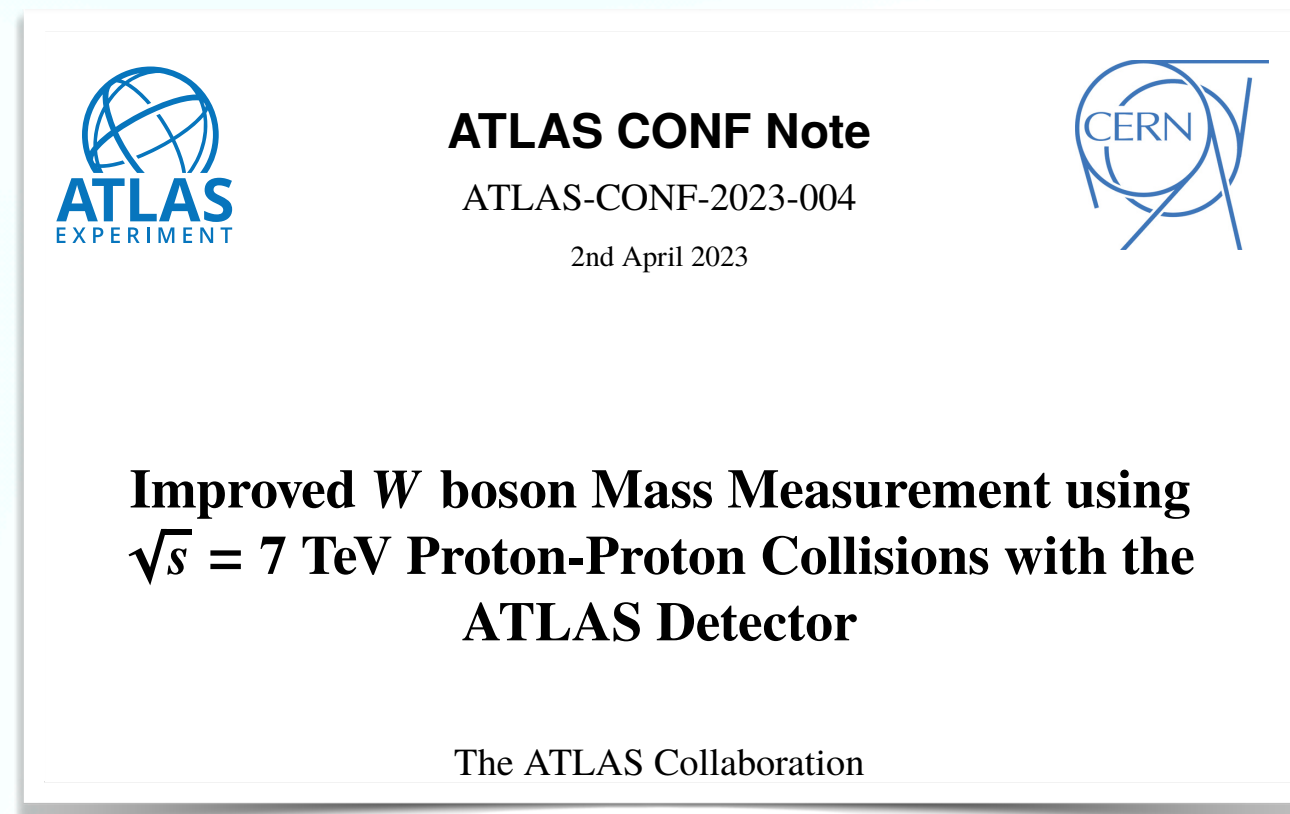
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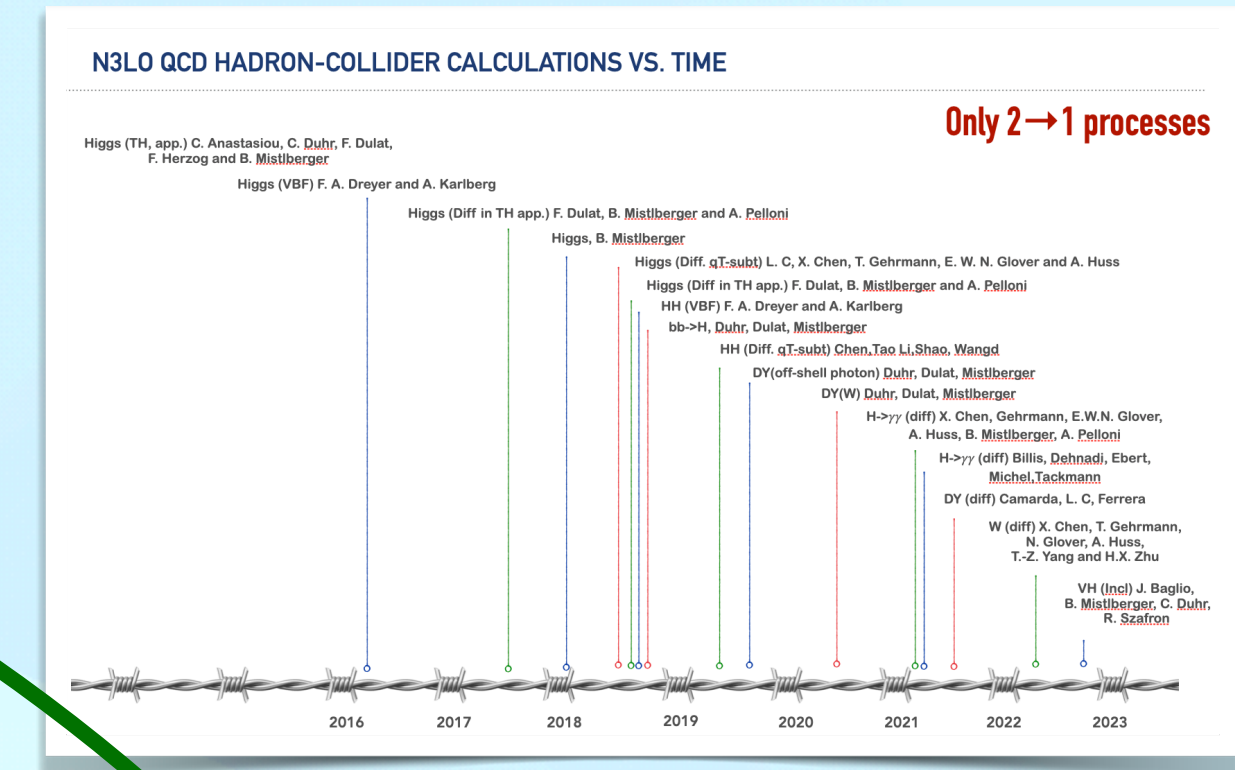
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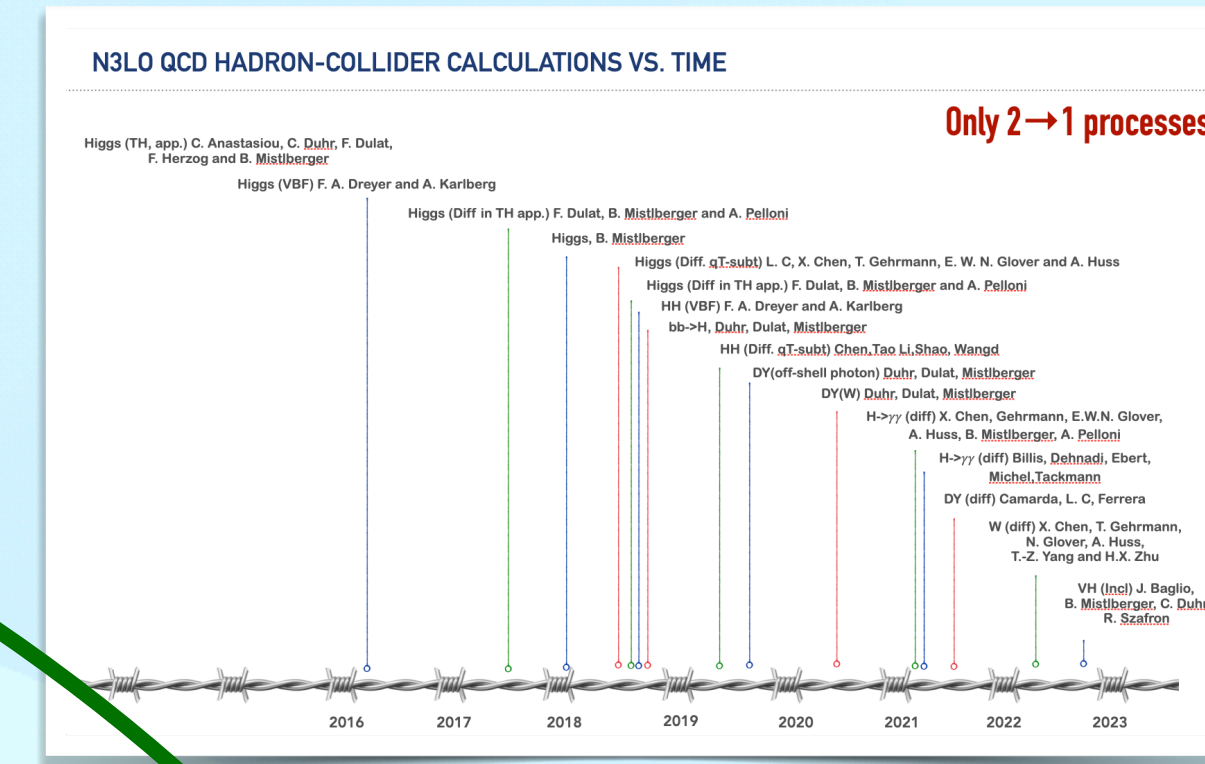
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From yesterday on the ArXiv

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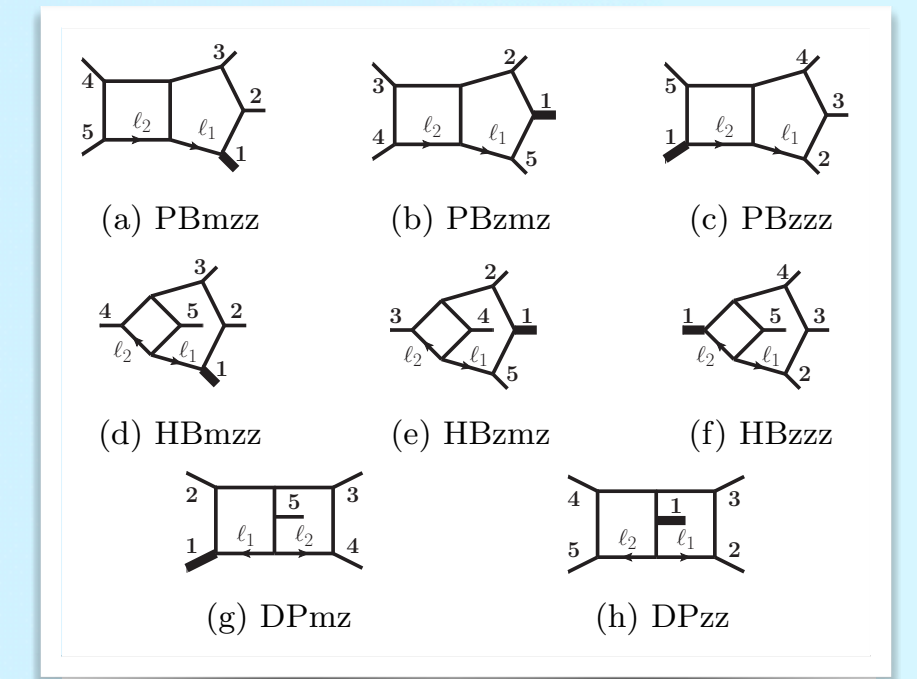


# Scattering amplitudes – the frontier at NNLO and beyond

## NEW All Two-Loop Feynman Integrals for Five-Point One-Mass Scattering

Abreu, Chicherin, Ita, Page, Sotnikov, Tschernow, Zoia [2023]

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## Two-Loop Helicity Amplitudes for Diphoton Plus Jet Production in Full Color

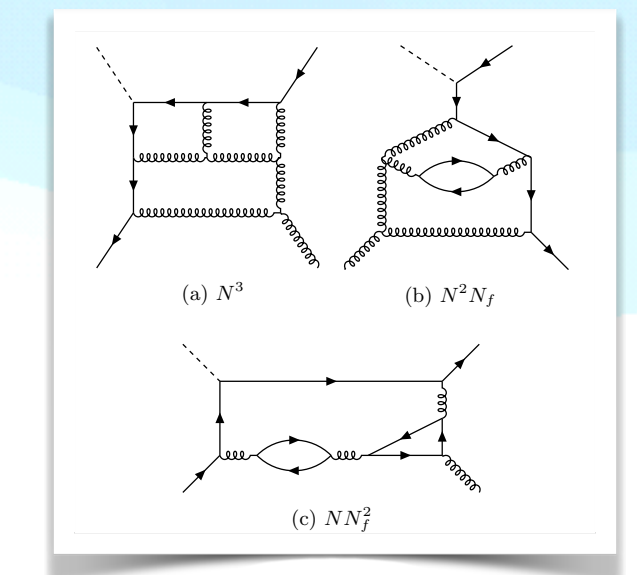
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Gehrmann, Jakubcik, Mella, Syrrakos, Tancredi [2023]

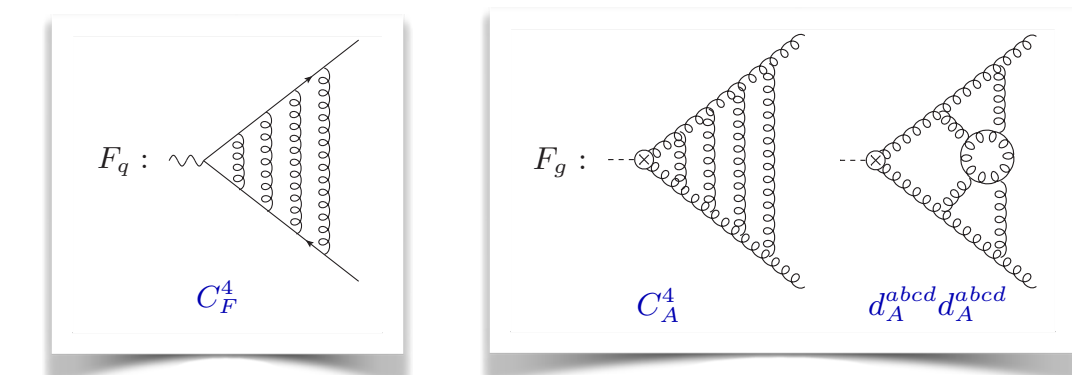
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Bargiela, Caola, von Manteuffel, Tancredi [2021]

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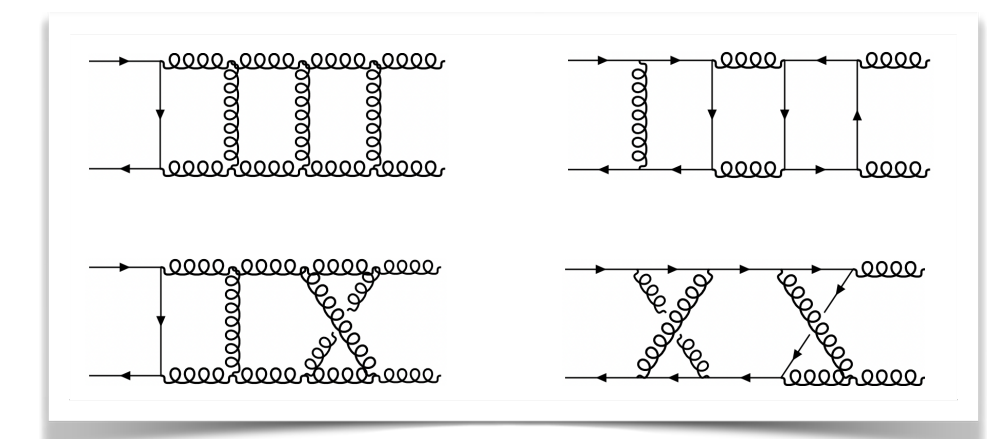
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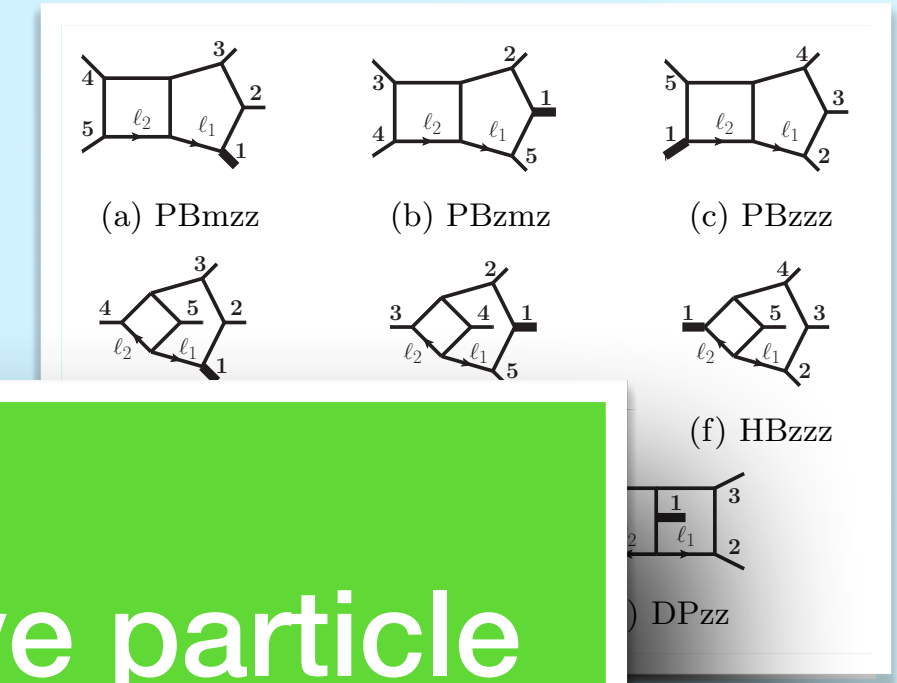




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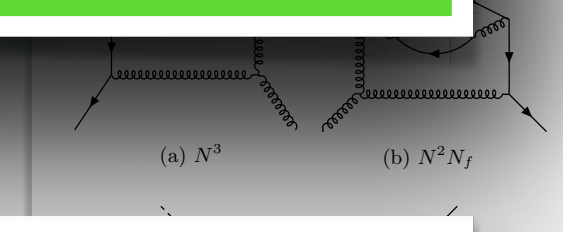


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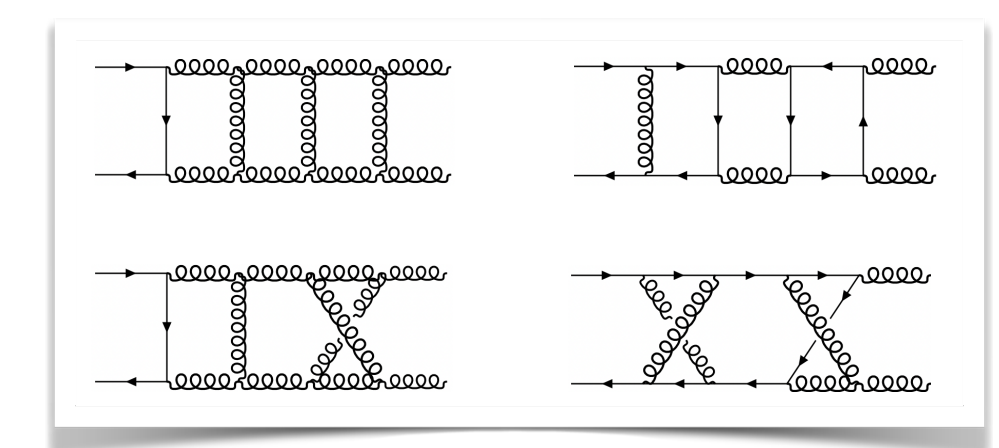
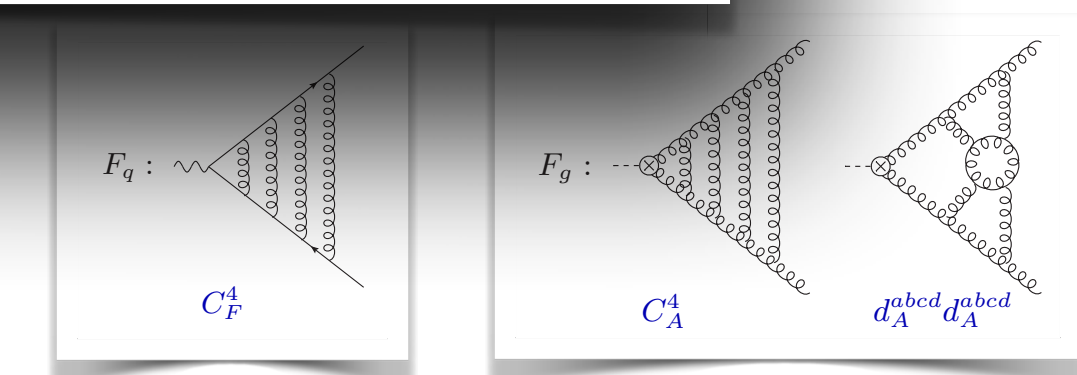
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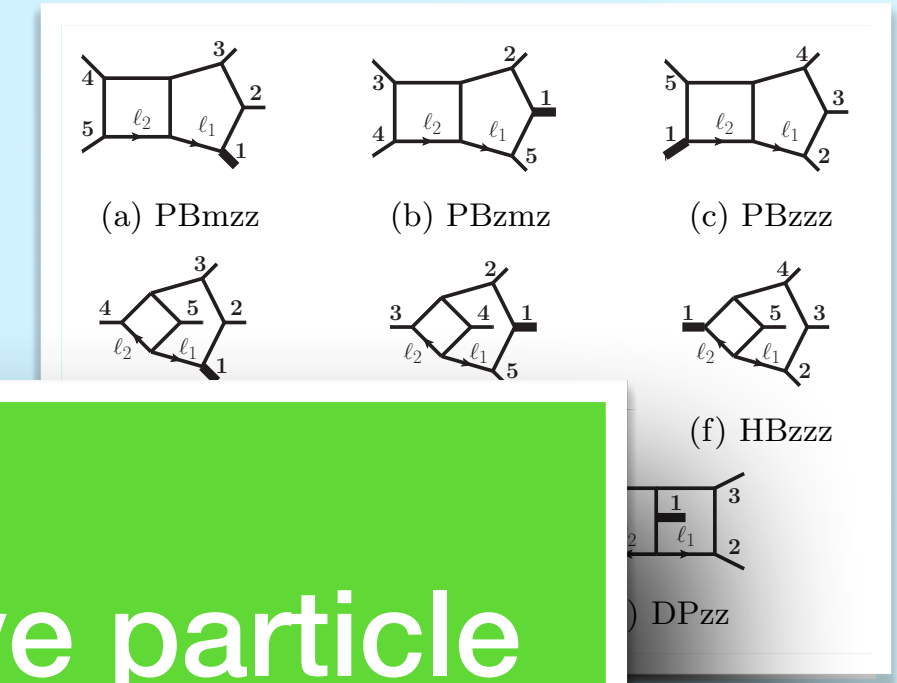




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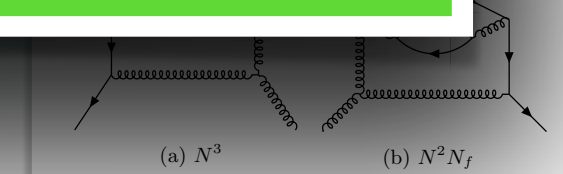


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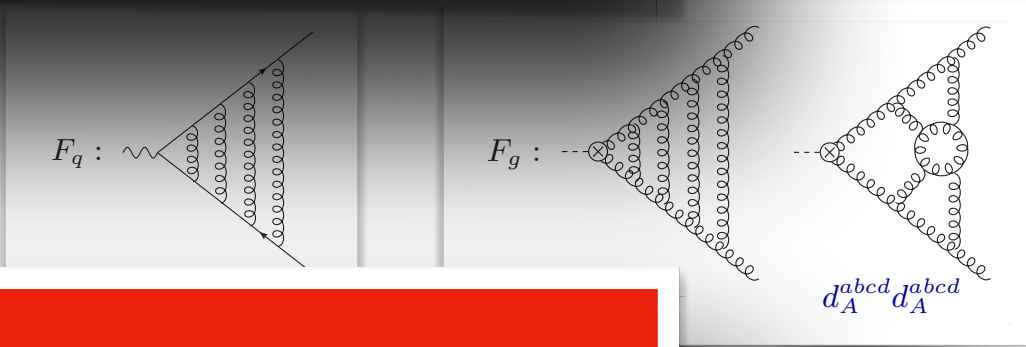
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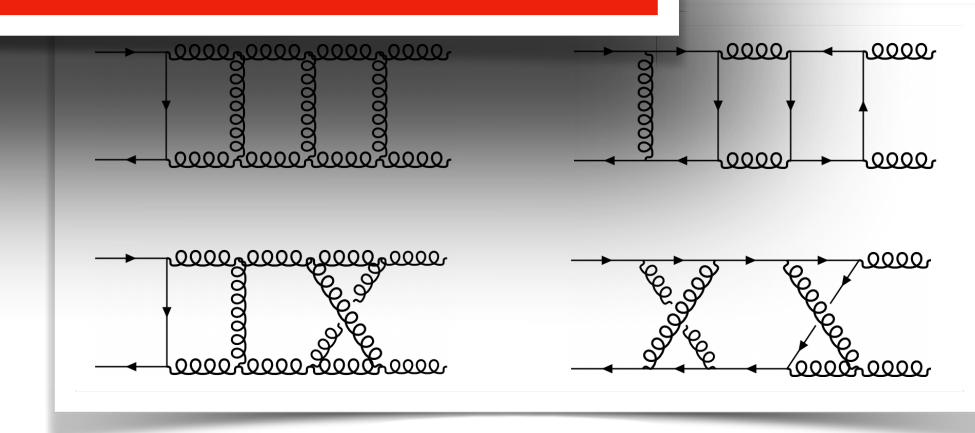
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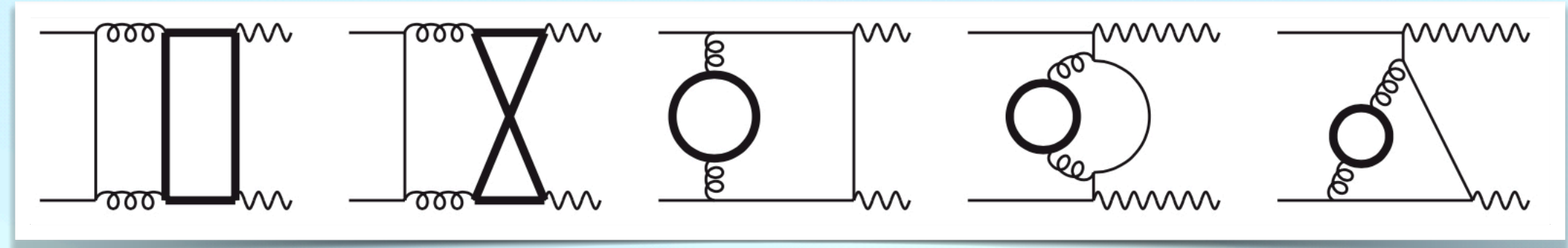


# Scattering amplitudes – the frontier at NNLO full massive

**NEW** Becchetti, Bonciani, LC, Coro, Ripani [2023]  
**Two-loop form factors for diphoton production in quark annihilation channel with heavy quark mass dependence**

Relevant for  $\gamma\gamma$  production at NNLO with top and bottom quark mass dependence

2→2



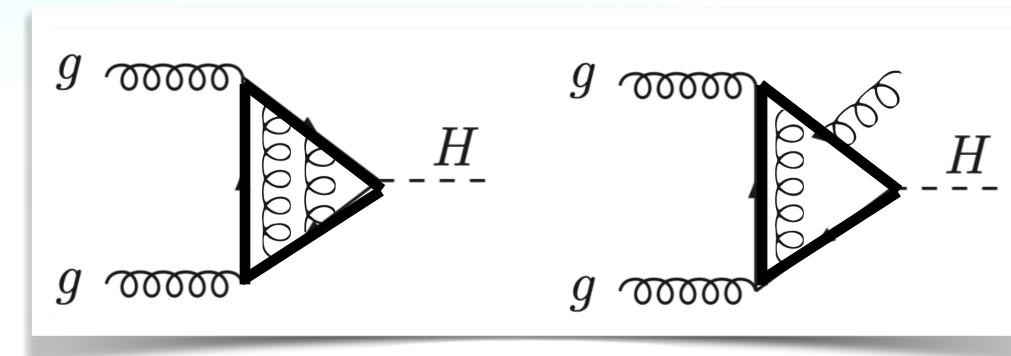
Czakon, Harlander, Klappert, Niggetiedt [2021]

**Exact top-quark mass dependence in hadronic Higgs production**

H production at NNLO with top and bottom quark mass dependence

Size: -0.16% at 8 TeV, and -0.32% at 13 TeV

2→1

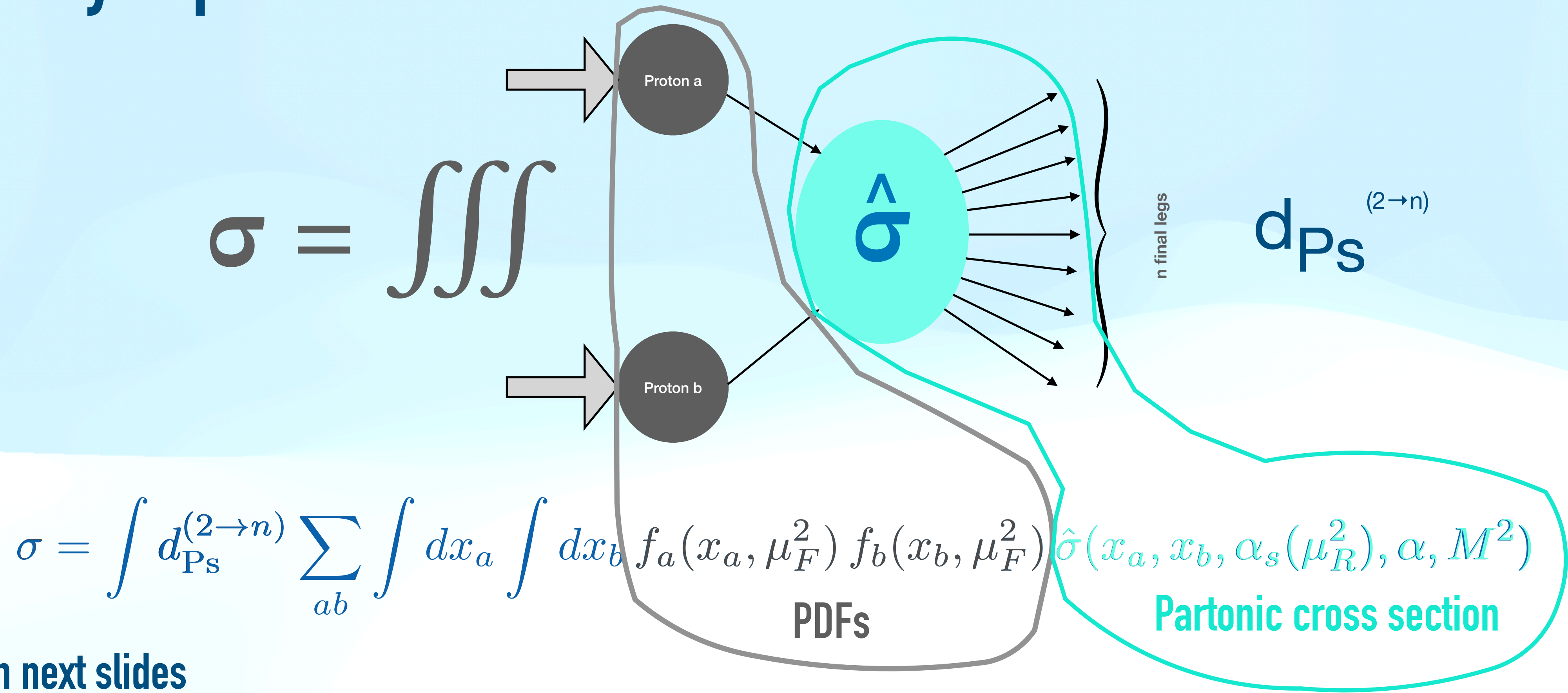


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✓ Results using semi analytical methods



# Anatomy of perturbative calculations



## Organisation next slides

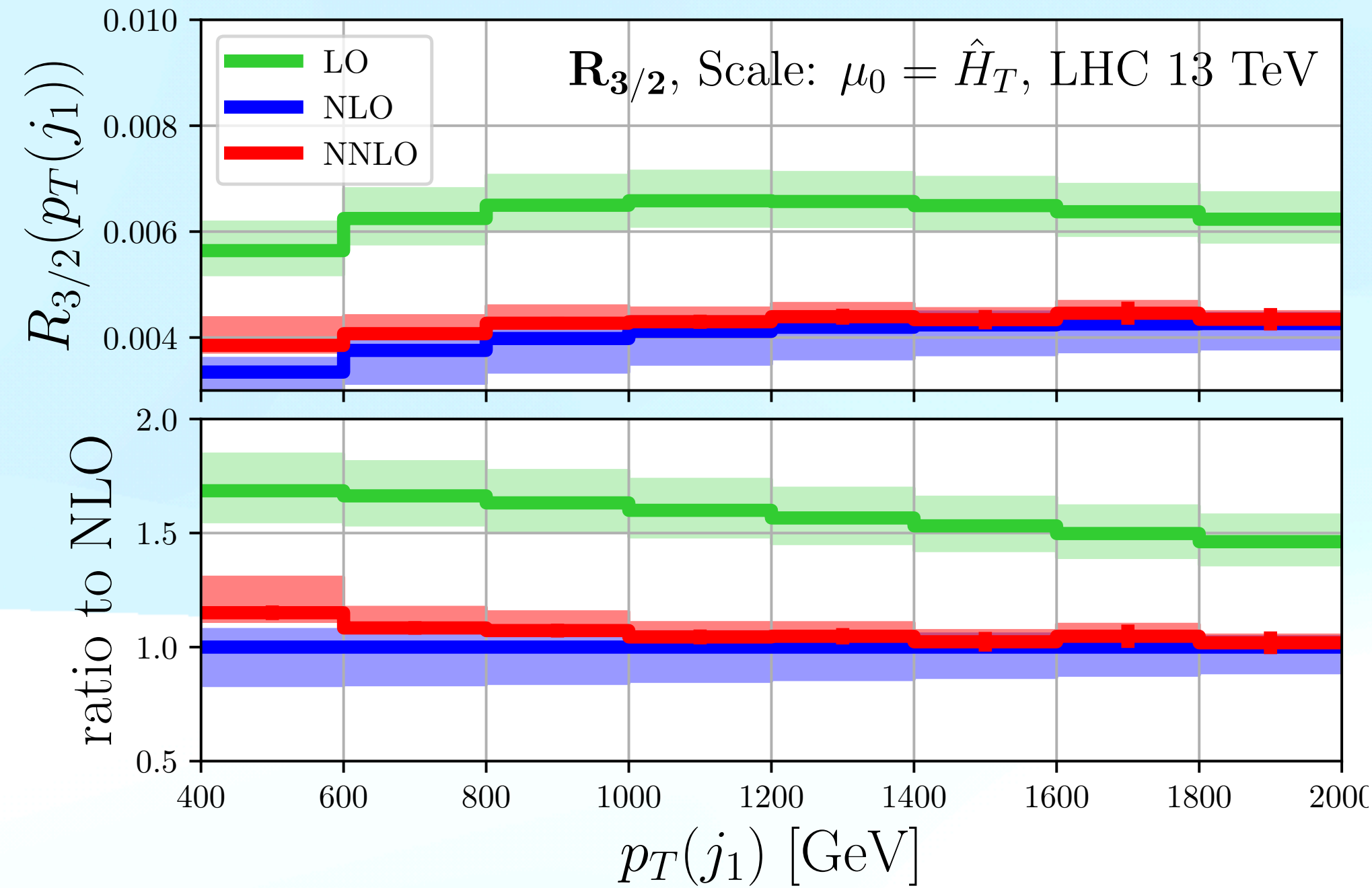
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- Partonic cross section (scattering amplitudes)
- Pheno studies, subtraction prescriptions and CPU cost



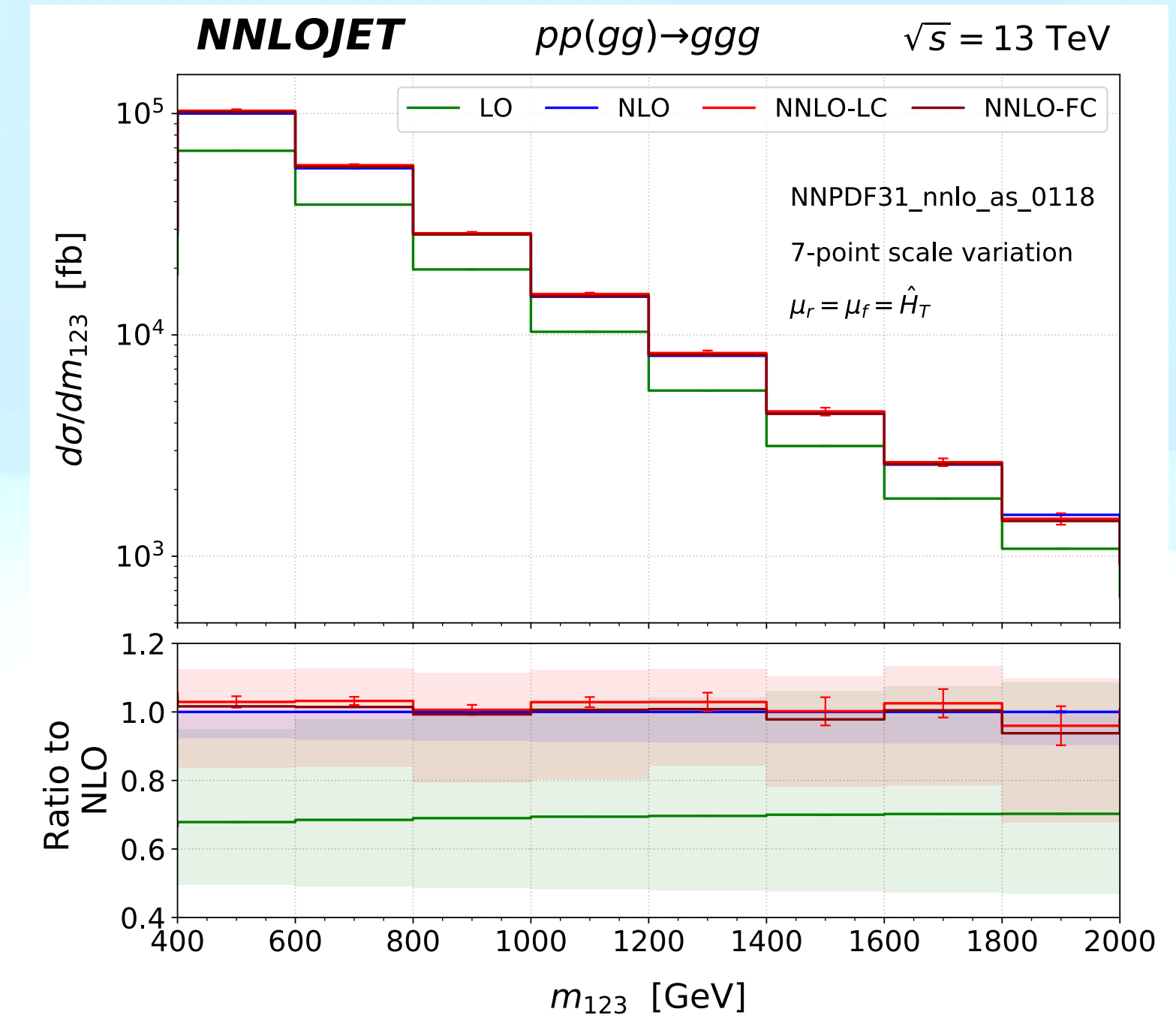


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Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet [2021]



Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Marcoli [2022]

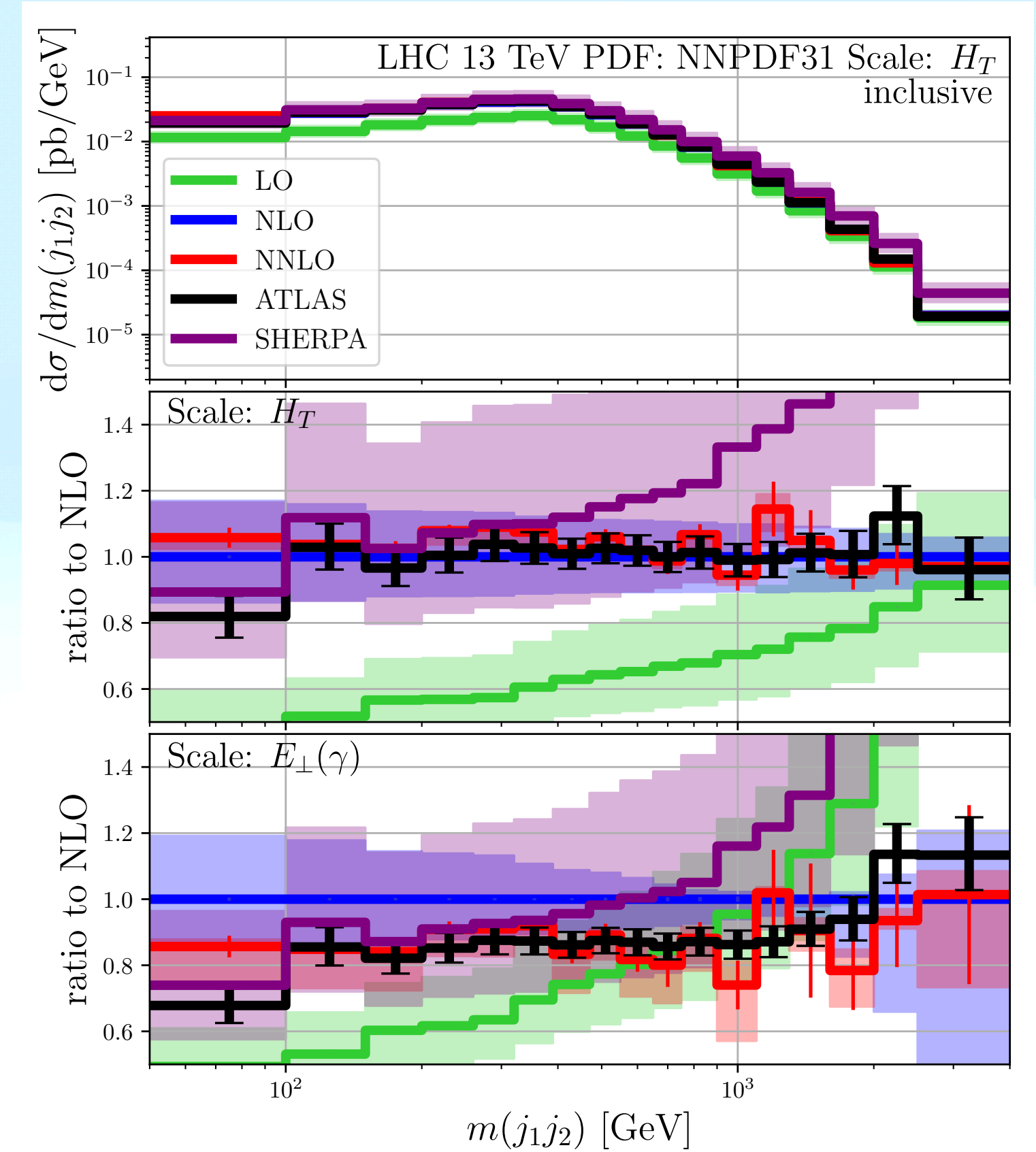
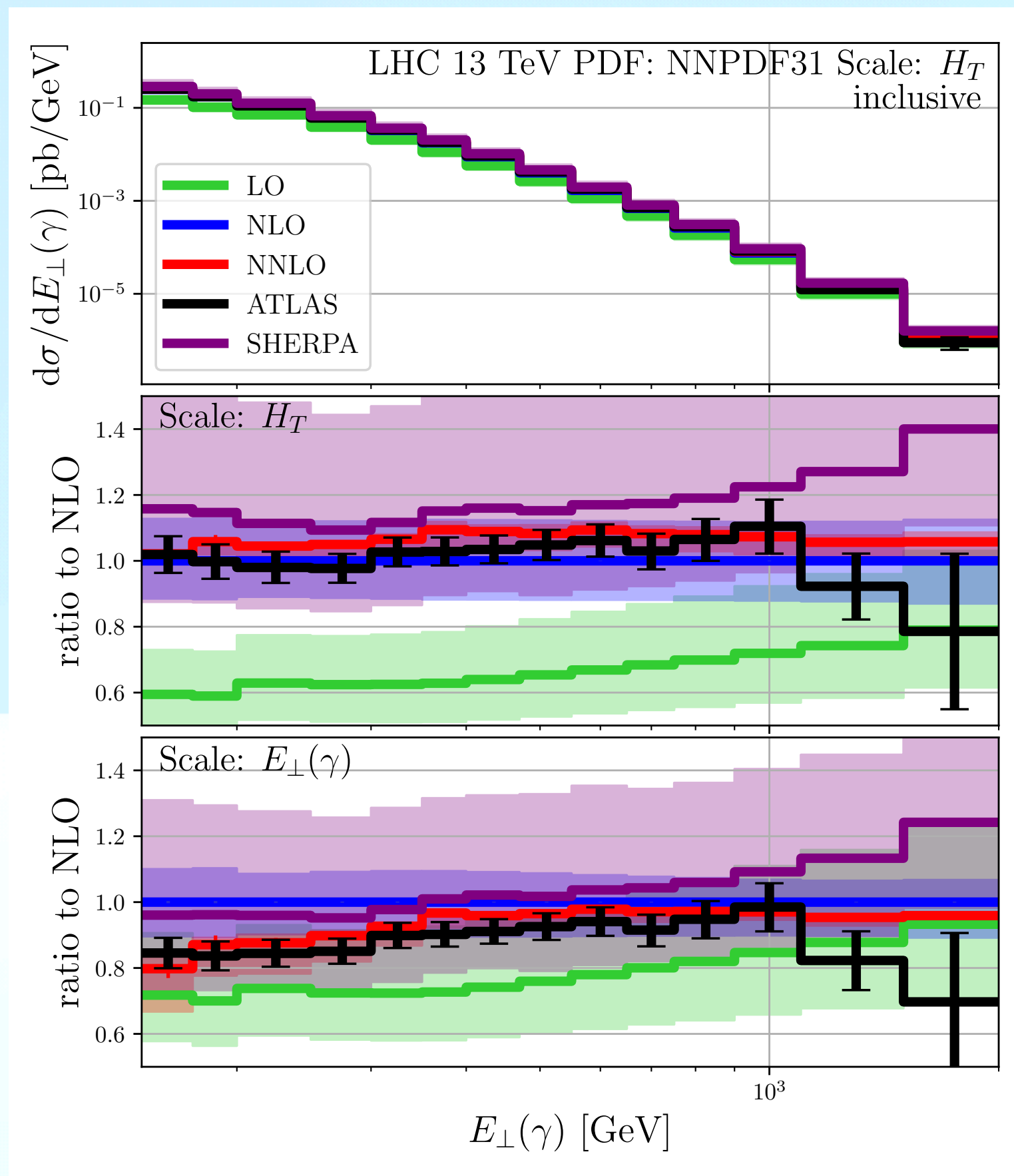


- Two different subtraction methods: sector-improve residue (left) vs antenna (right)
- NNLO corrections significantly reduces the dependence of those observables on the factorization and renormalization scales
- Leading colour two-loop scattering amplitudes or only gluons assumption
- Sizable reduction of the scale variation from NLO to NNLO (in the tail of pT from 10% to 3%)



# NEW Photon plus two jet production at NNLO

Badger, Czakon, Hartanto, Moodie, Peraro, Poncelet, Zoia [2023]  
 First exact 2 → 3



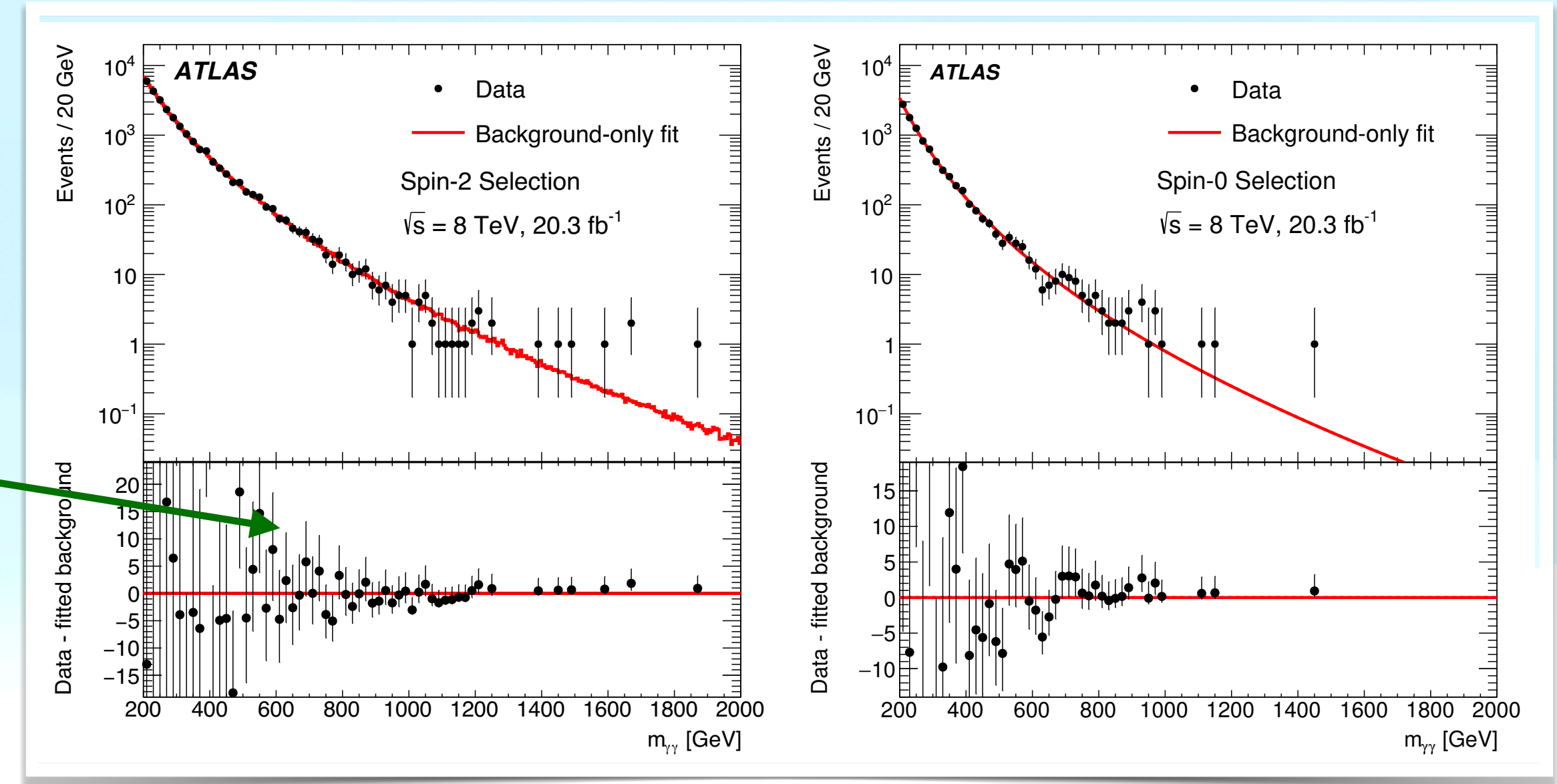
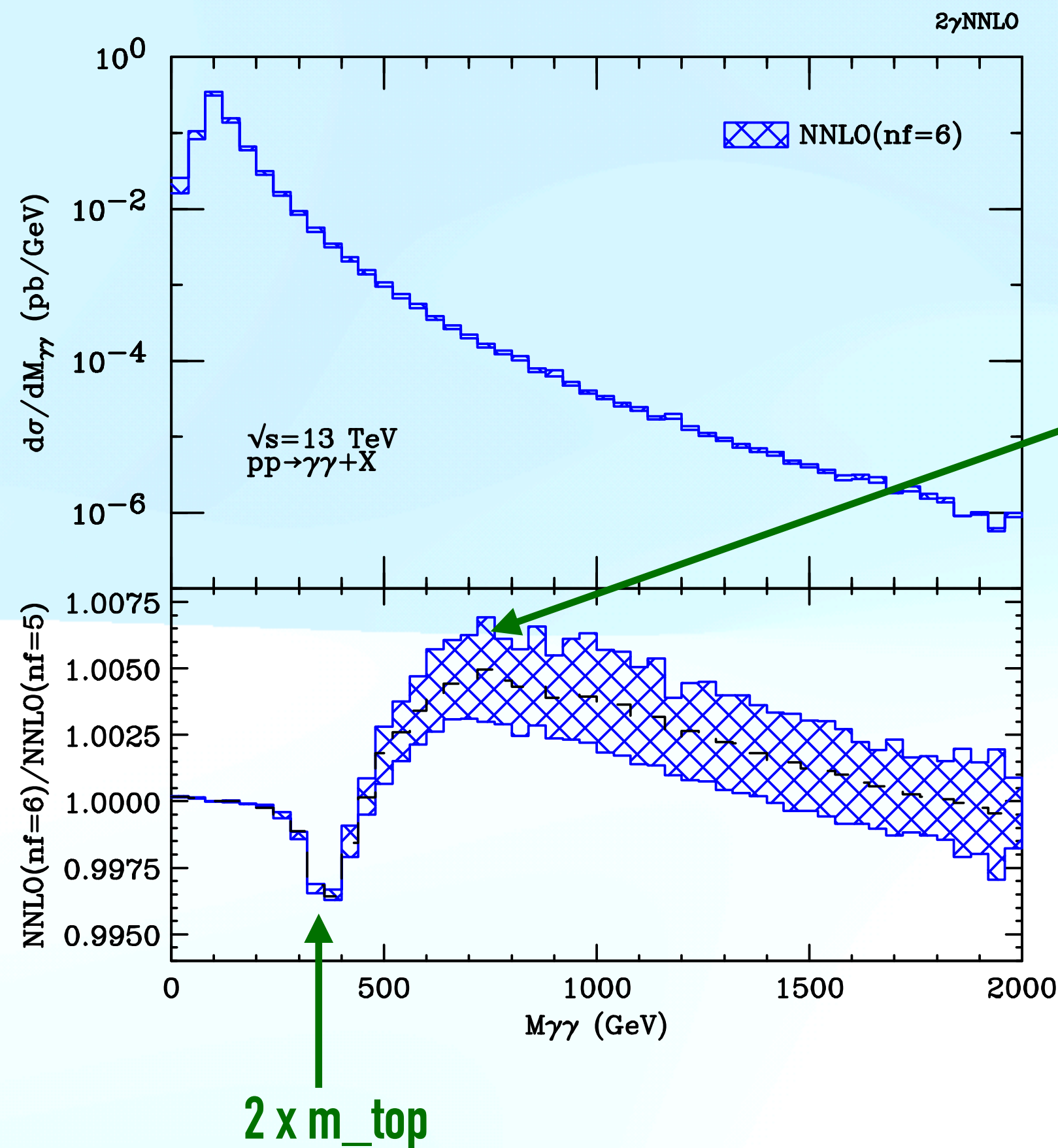
Discrepancy could be missing EW corrections (it has the correct sign)

- NNLO results improve the description of the data in the case of the photon transverse energy, the jet transverse momentum, and the di-jet invariant mass
- Noticeable difference between theory and experiment in the case of the photon transverse energy starting around 1 TeV

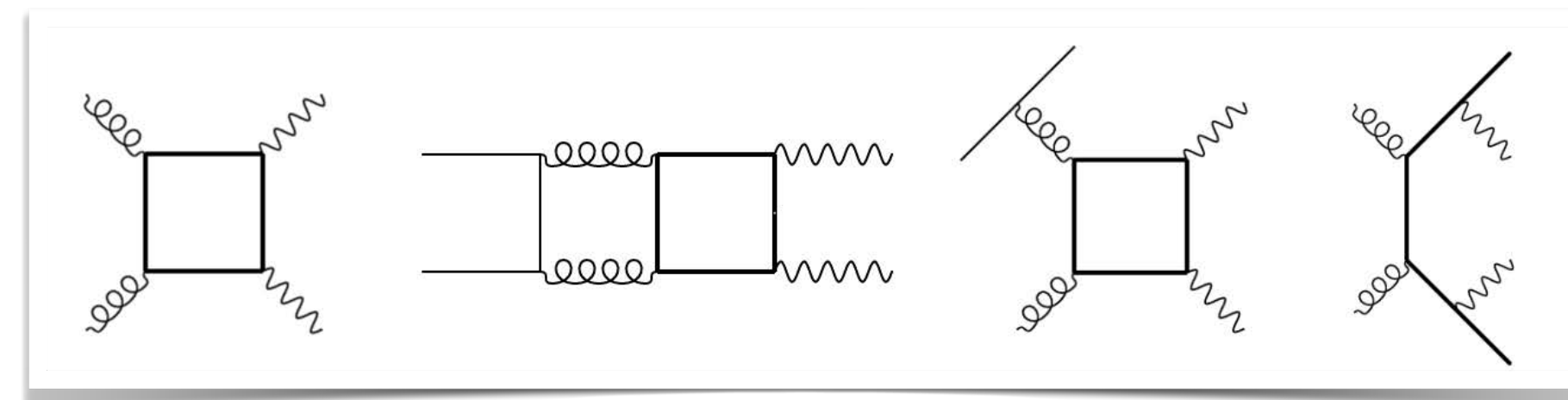


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Becchetti, Bonciani, LC, Coro, Ripani [2023] Full massive  $2 \rightarrow 2$



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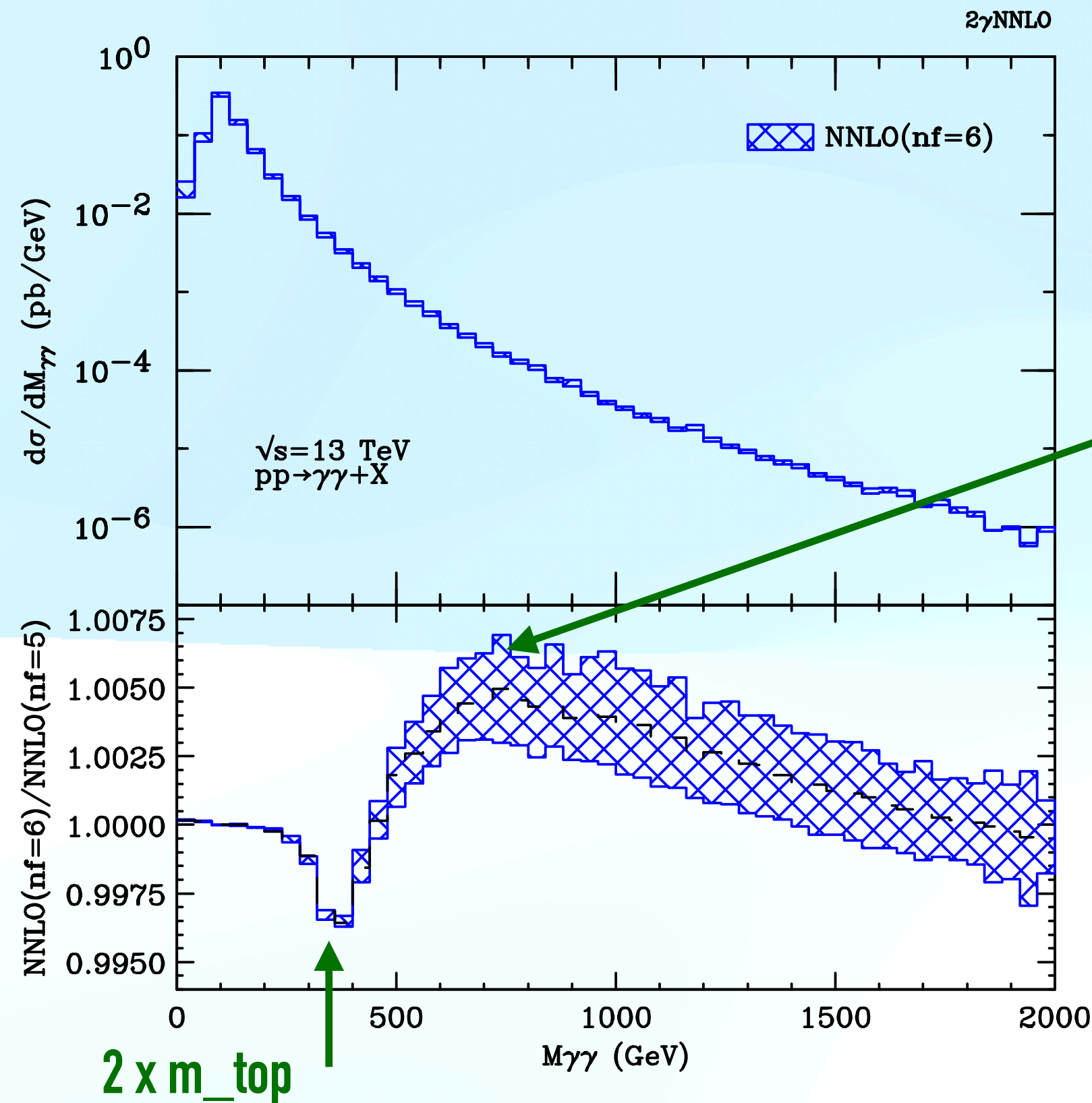
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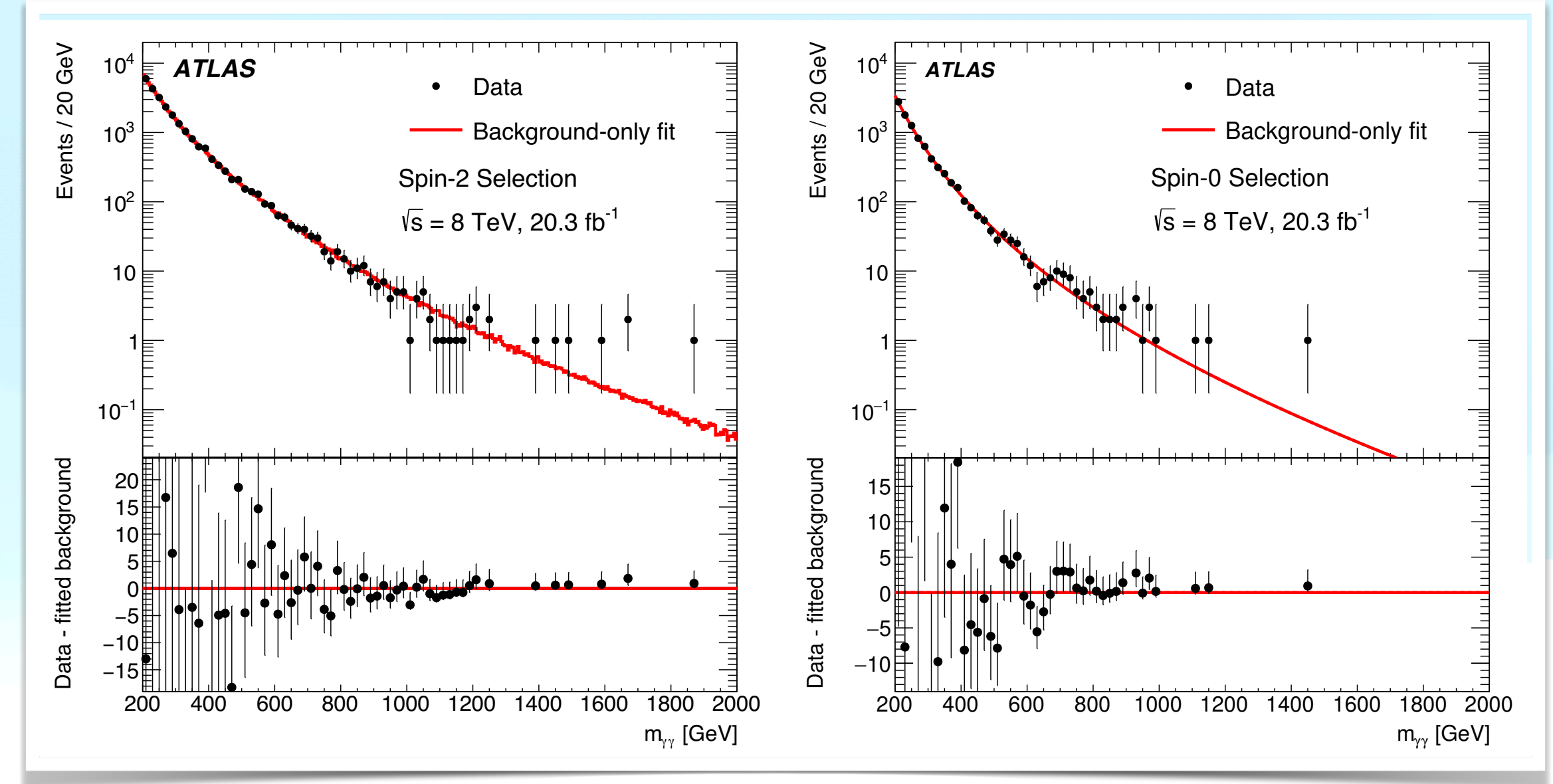
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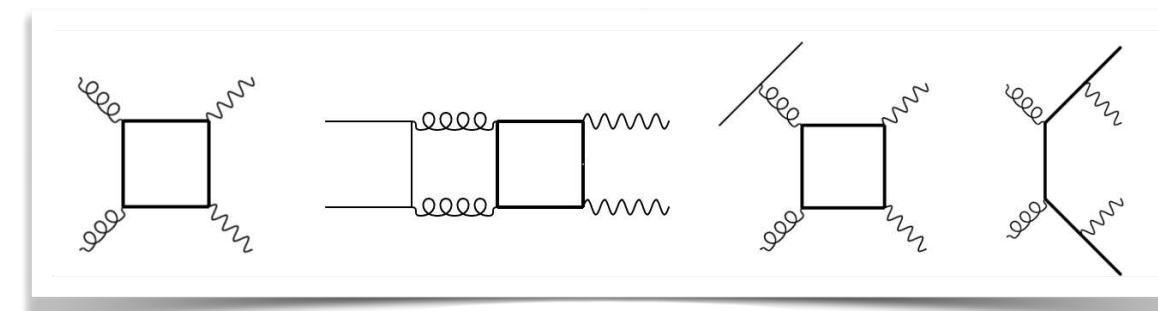
750 GeV not "very" affected by fiducial cuts

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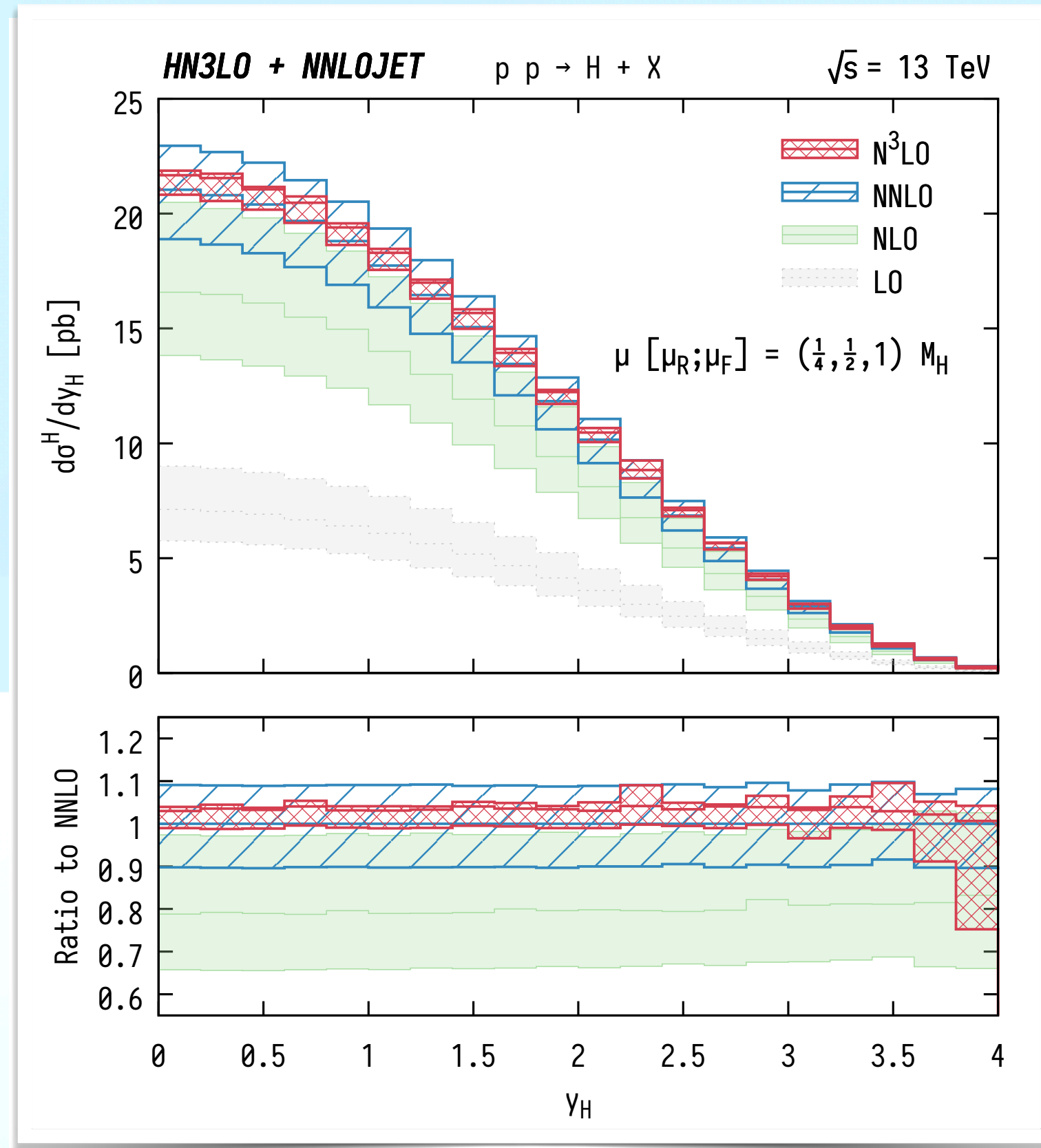
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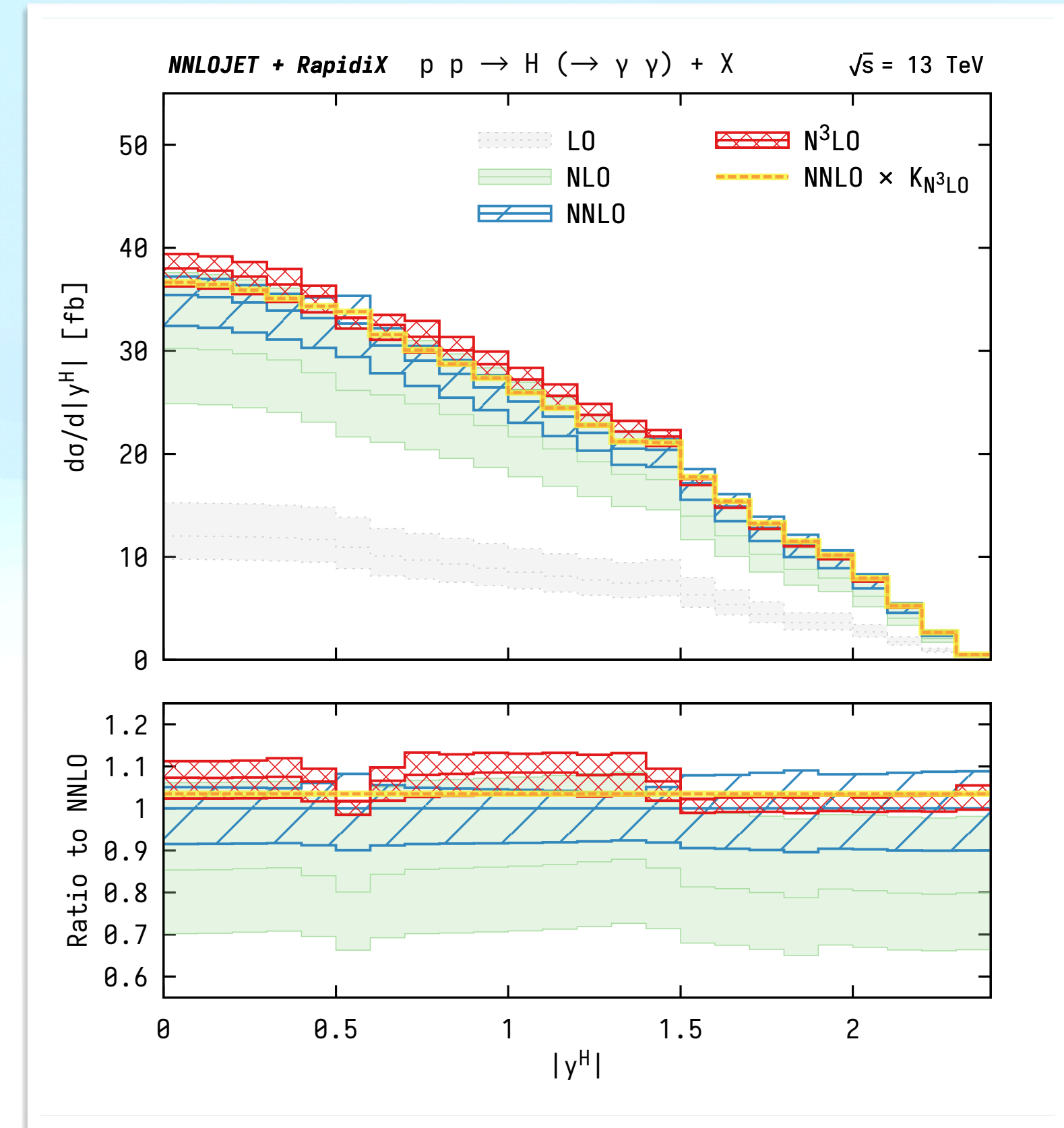
# Higgs production at N3LO

LC, Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss [2018]



Combination of H+jet at NNLO + qT-subtraction at N3LO

Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Mistlberger, Pelloni [2021]



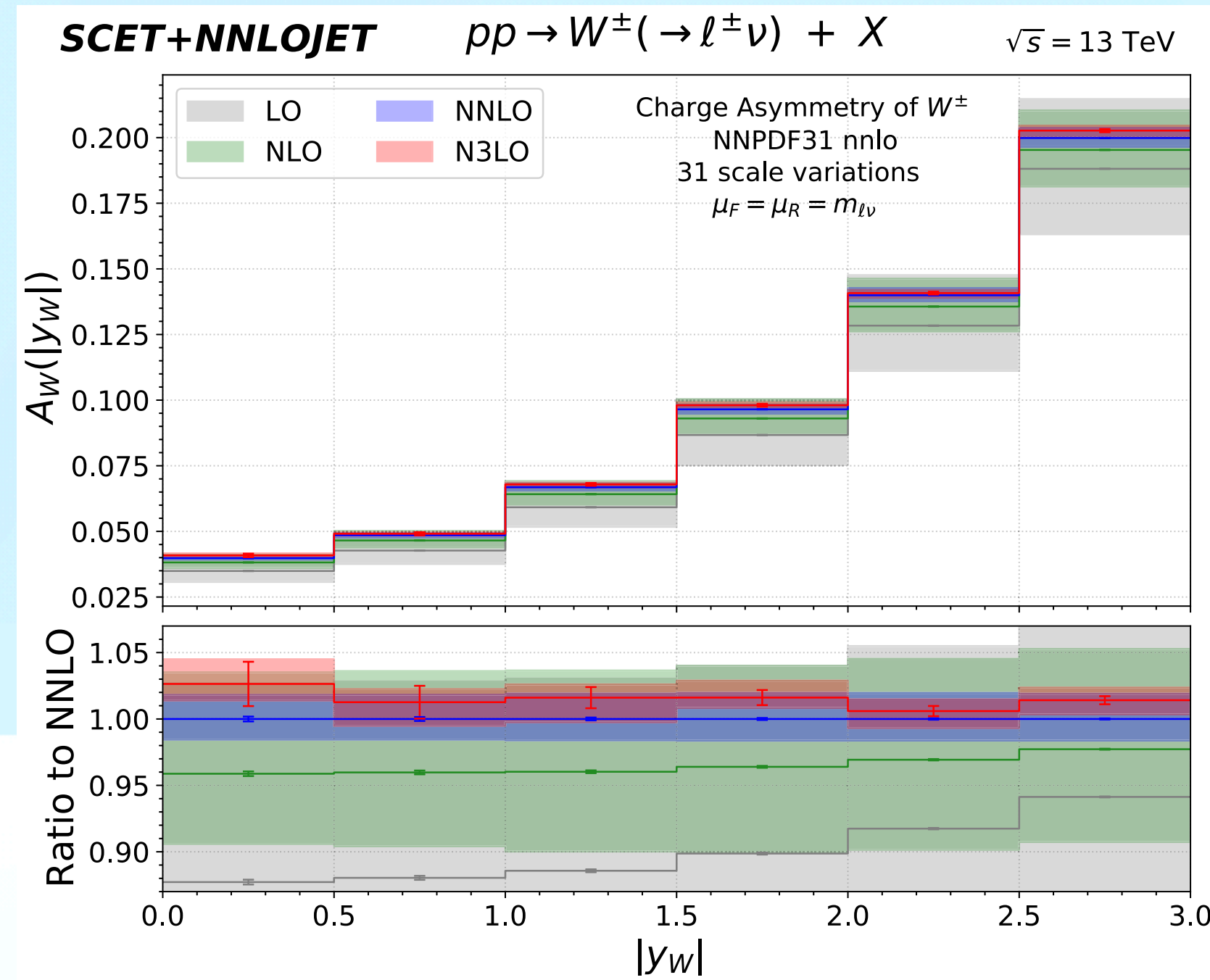
Combination of H+jet at NNLO + rapidity distribution at N3LO: P2B

- Flat K factor over the entire kinematical range
- Size of the N3LO corrections: 3.4% that can be further enhanced with fiducial cuts and certain kinematical regions
- Reduction of the 50% of the size of the NNLO scale variation band at N3LO (+-3% ; +-5%)

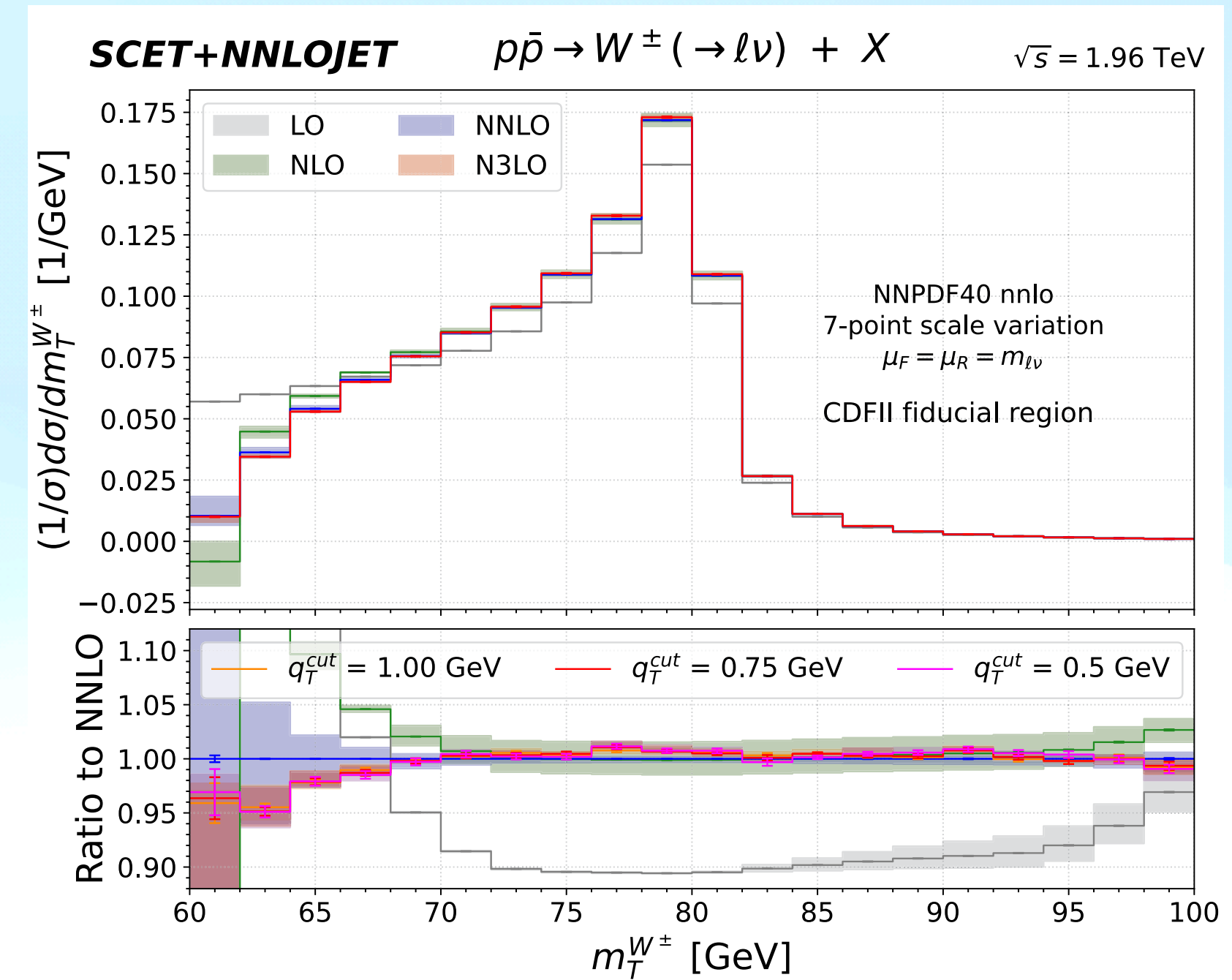


## NEW Transverse mass distribution and charge asymmetry in W boson production to third order in QCD

Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Yang, Zhu [2023]



$$A_W(|y_W|) = \frac{d\sigma/d|y_{W^+}| - d\sigma/d|y_{W^-}|}{d\sigma/d|y_{W^+}| + d\sigma/d|y_{W^-}|}$$



$$m_T^{W^\pm} = \sqrt{2E_T^{\ell^\pm} E_T^\nu (1 - \cos\Delta\phi)}$$

- Charge asymmetry relevant for determination of PDFs
- Transverse mass relevant for  $M_W$  determination
- N3LO perturbative uncertainties estimated by scale variations are found to be about  $\pm 1\%$  to  $\pm 1.5\%$
- Distortions to the shape of the distributions are minimal at N3LO and only become visible outside the peak region of the  $m_{W^\pm}$  distribution



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$\alpha_s^2 \sim \alpha$  Including all the effects that could compete with the size of the NNLO or N3LO QCD corrections

**Perturbative expansion**  
 $\alpha_s \ll 1 ; \alpha \ll 1$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma^{(\hat{0})} + \overset{\text{QCD}}{\alpha_s^1 \sigma^{(\hat{1})}} + \overset{\text{QCD}}{\alpha_s^2 \sigma^{(\hat{2})}} + \dots + \underbrace{\alpha^1 \sigma^{(\hat{0};1)}}_{\text{EW}} + \alpha^2 \sigma^{(\hat{0};2)} + \dots + \underbrace{\alpha_s^1 \alpha^1 \sigma^{(\hat{1};1)}}_{\text{MIXED}} + \dots$$

**LO**
**NLO**
**NNLO**
**NLO EW**
**NNLO QCD+EW**

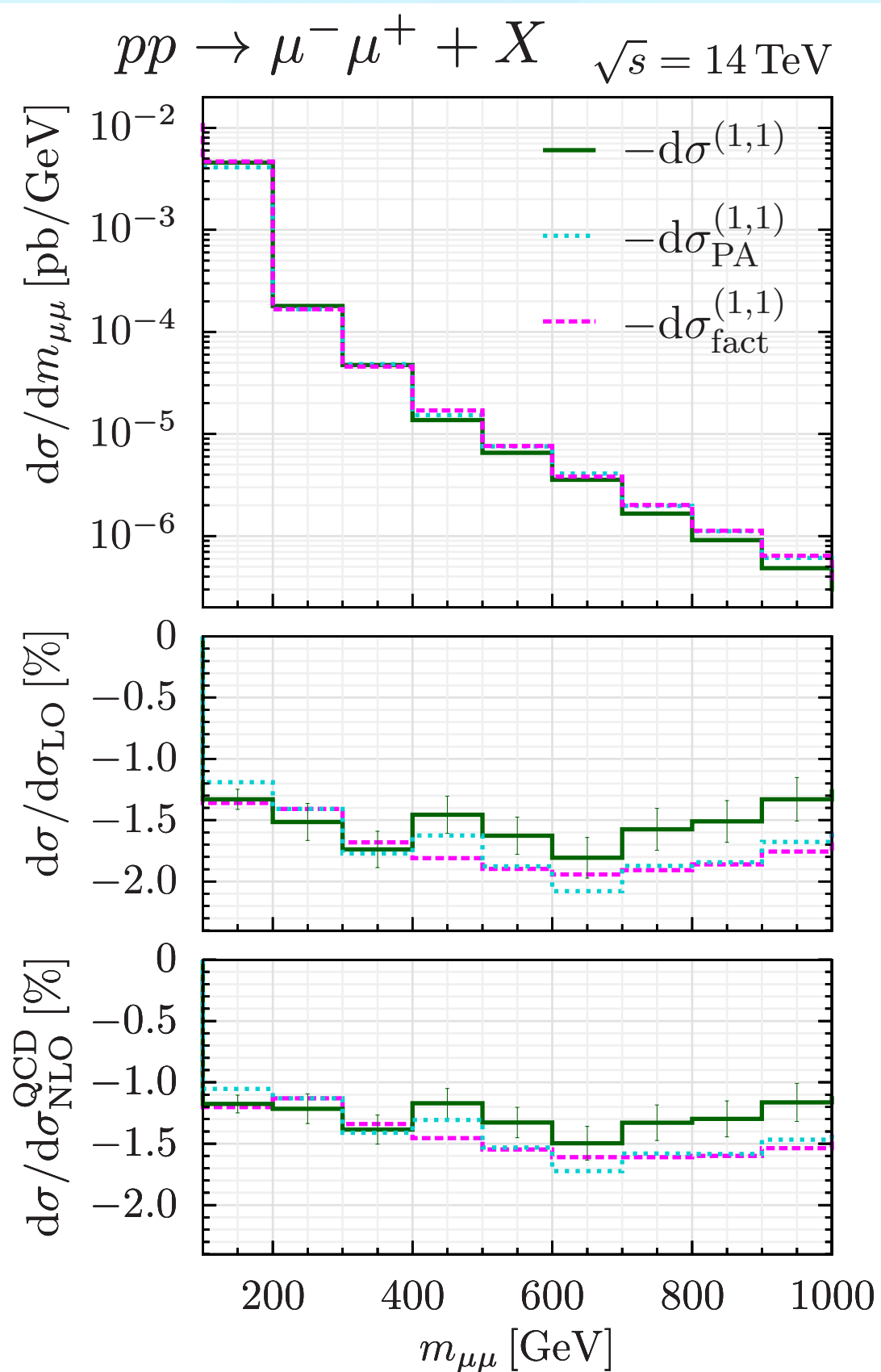


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Bonciani et al [2021]



- Effects typically at the level of the  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$
- EW could be enhanced in certain kinematical regions

A lot of recent activity computing this kind of corrections (not complete list)

Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn [2015]  
 LC, Ferrera, Sborlini [2018]  
 Dittmaier, Schmidt, Schwarz [2020]  
 Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntsch [2020]  
 LC, de Florian, Der, Mazzitelli [2020]  
 Buonocore, Grazzini, Kallweir, Savoini, Tramontano [2021]  
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 Autieri, LC, Ferrera, Sborlini [2023]

Mixed QCD+EW(QED) effects

Subtraction prescriptions requires splitting functions at the same level of accuracy

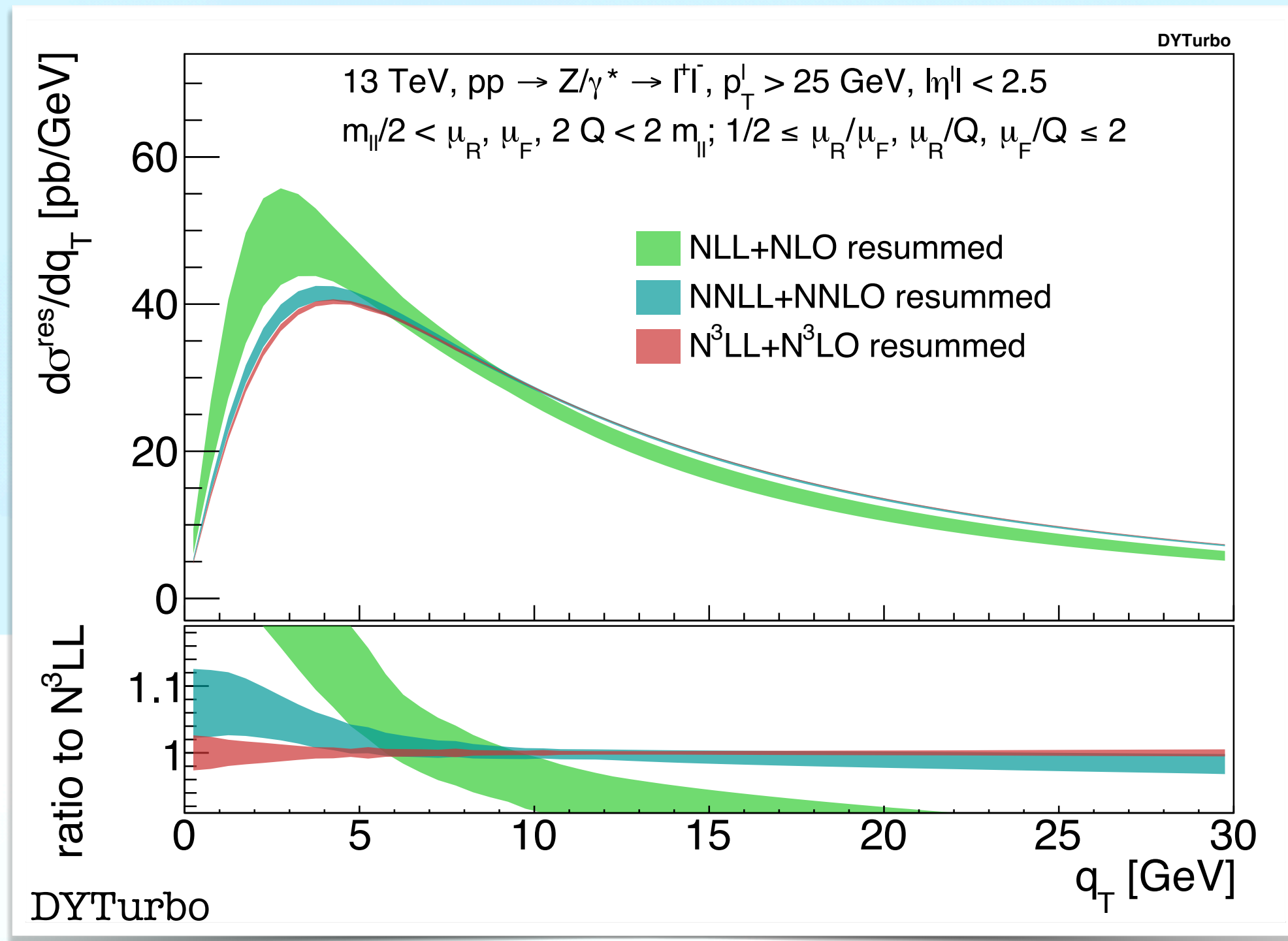
Mixed QCD+QED splitting functions known

De Florian, Rodrigo, Sborlini [2016]



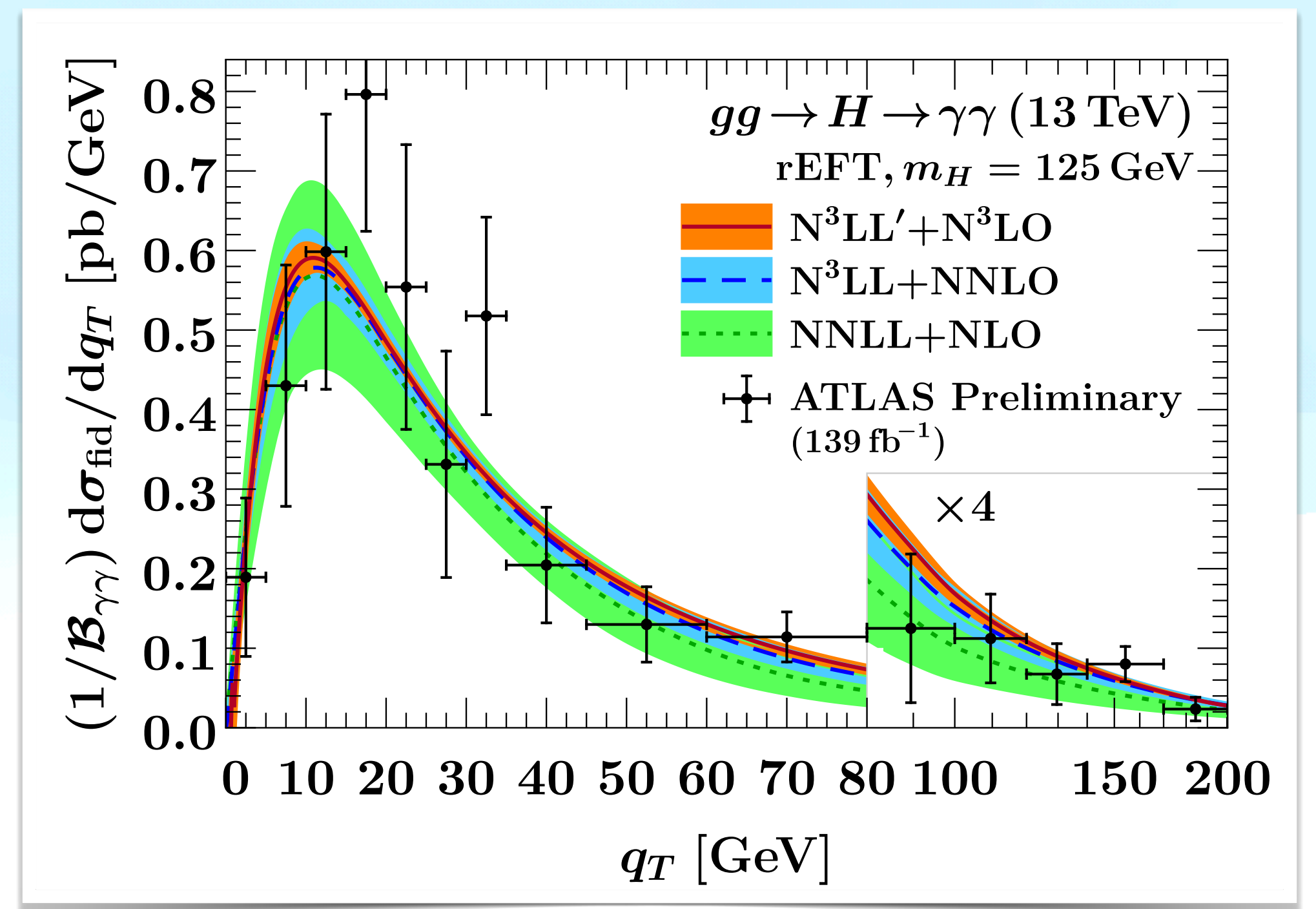
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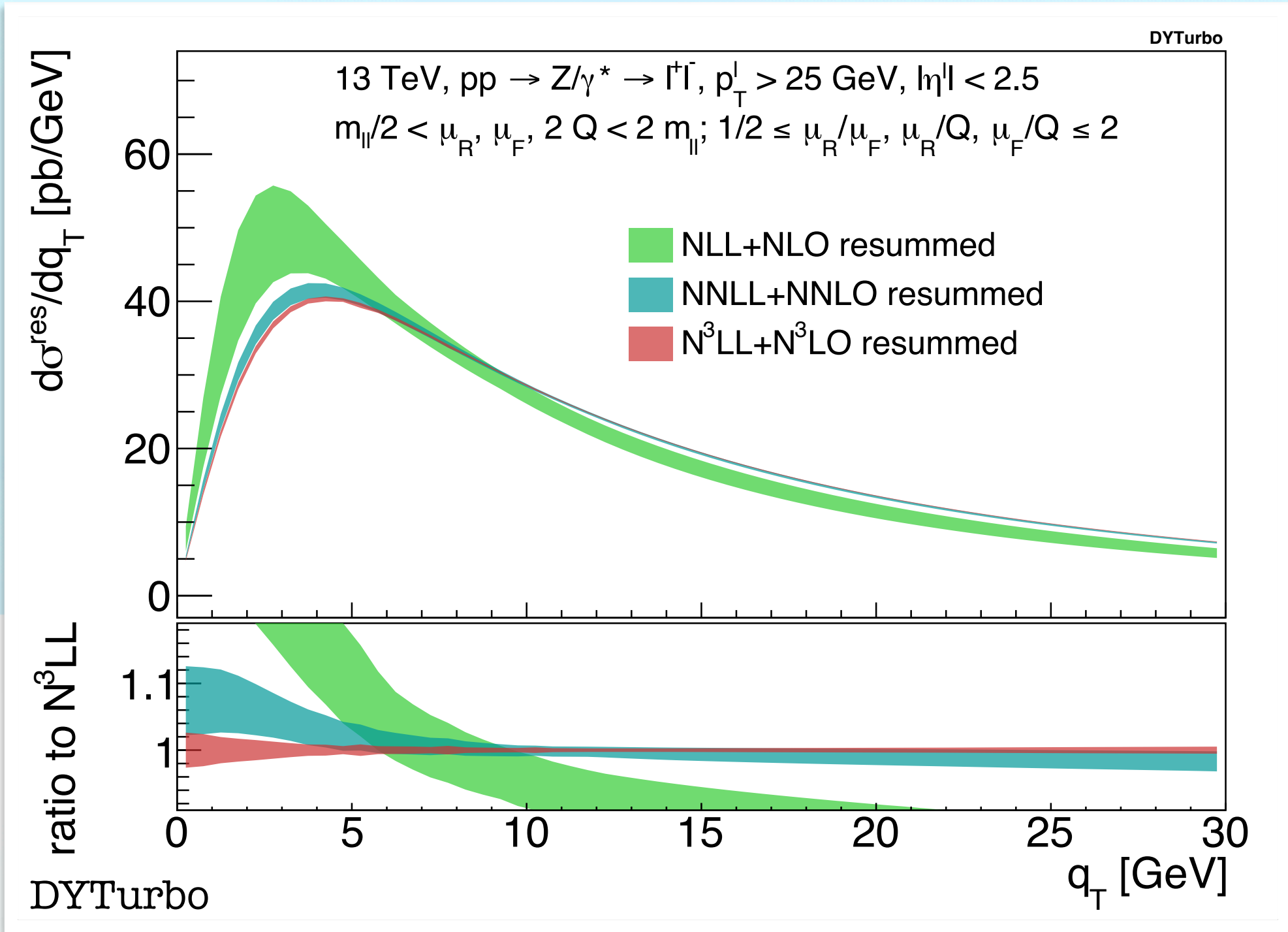
Combination of Z+jet at NNLO + SCET-subtraction

- In the small- $q_T$  limit large logarithmic terms spoil the convergence of the perturbative series
- Transverse momentum resummation recover the reliability of the calculation in that kinematical region
- Differences between prime and unprimed version of resummation: exponentiate the finite part of the multi-loop scattering amplitudes, etc
- Size N3LO: percent corrections contained in the previous order variation of the scales



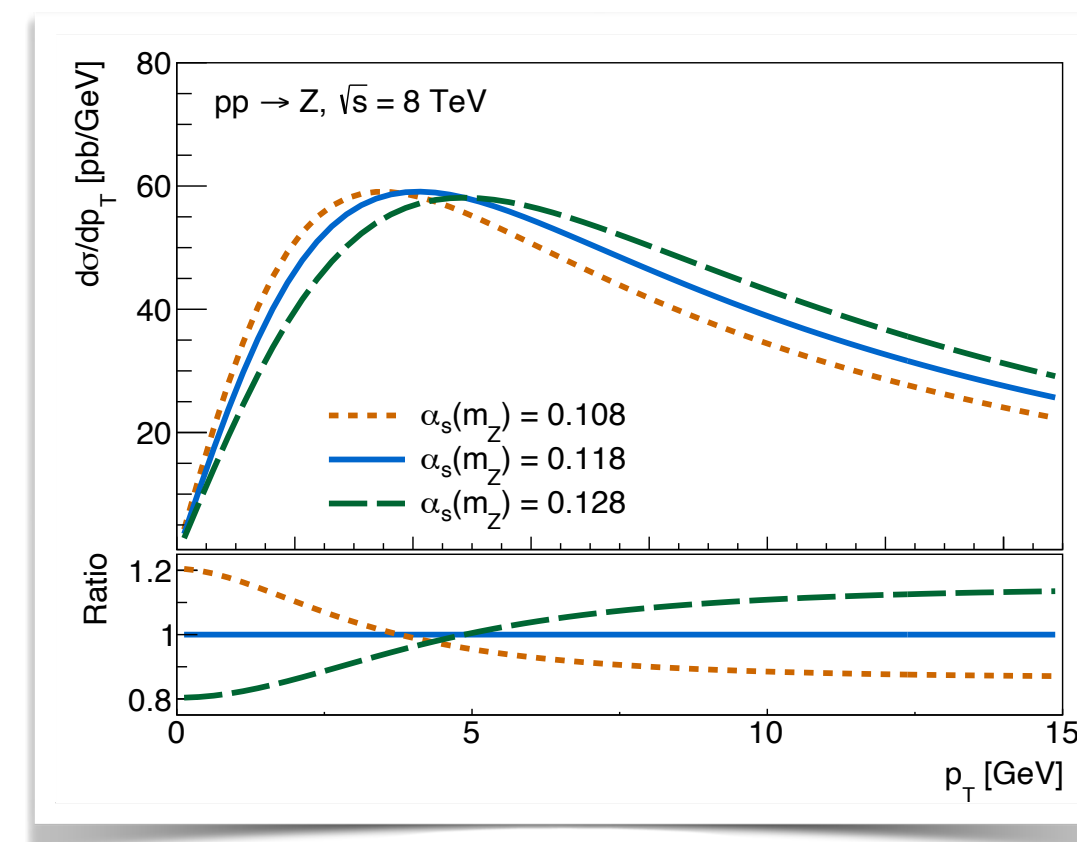
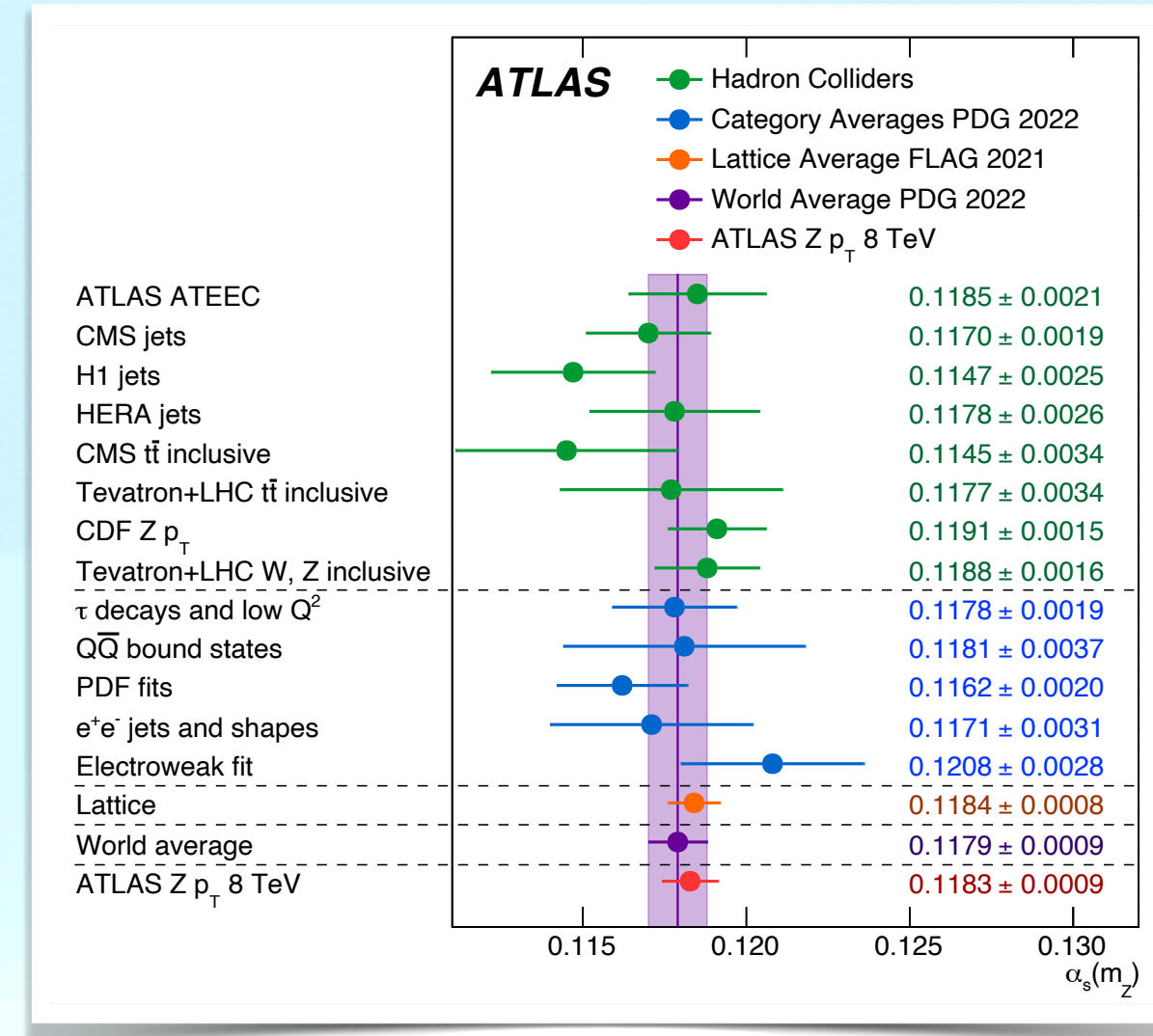
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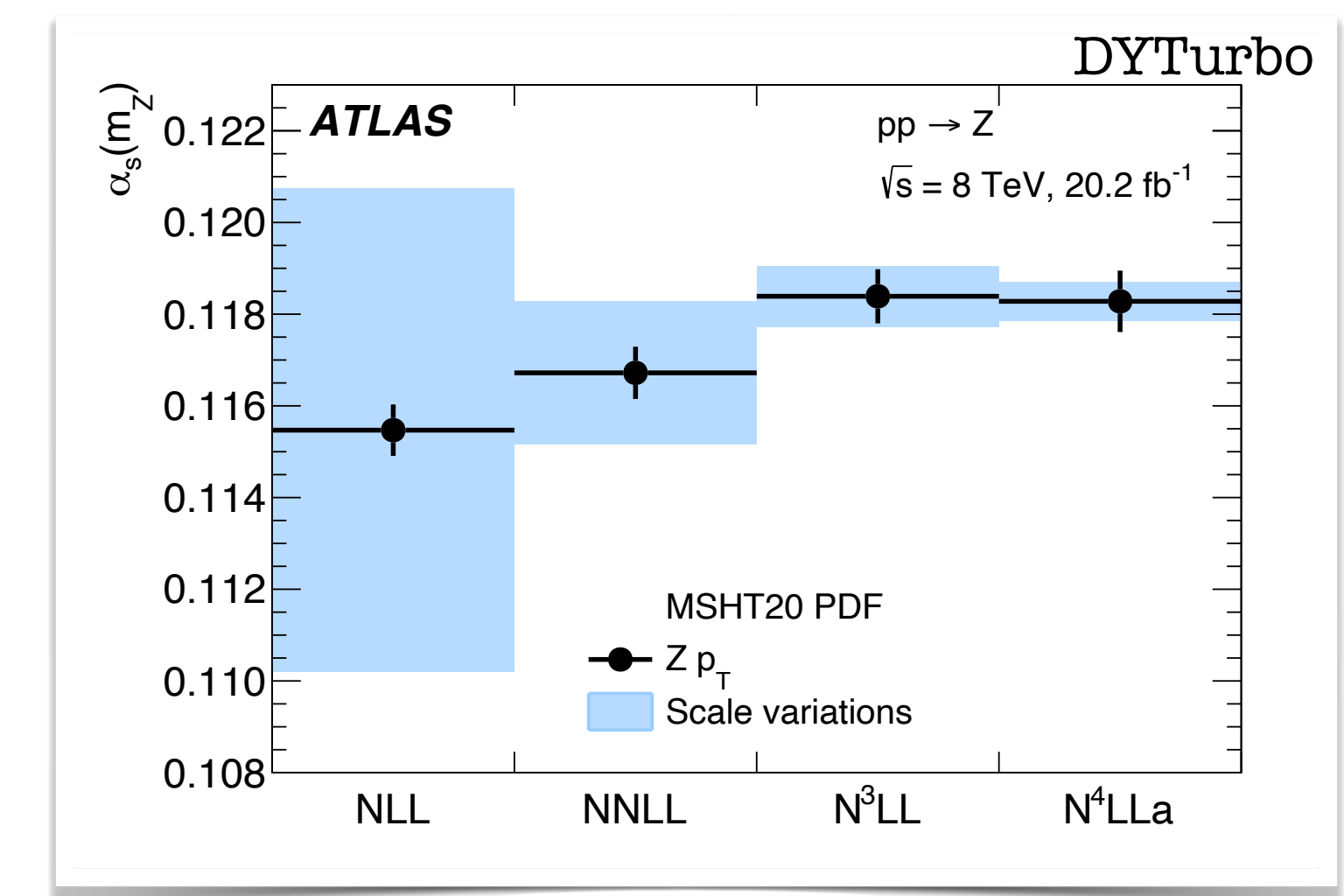
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## A precise determination of the strong-coupling constant from the recoil of Z bosons with the ATLAS experiment at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

The ATLAS Collaboration + LC, Ferrera



**NEW** Most precise experimental determination of  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  achieved



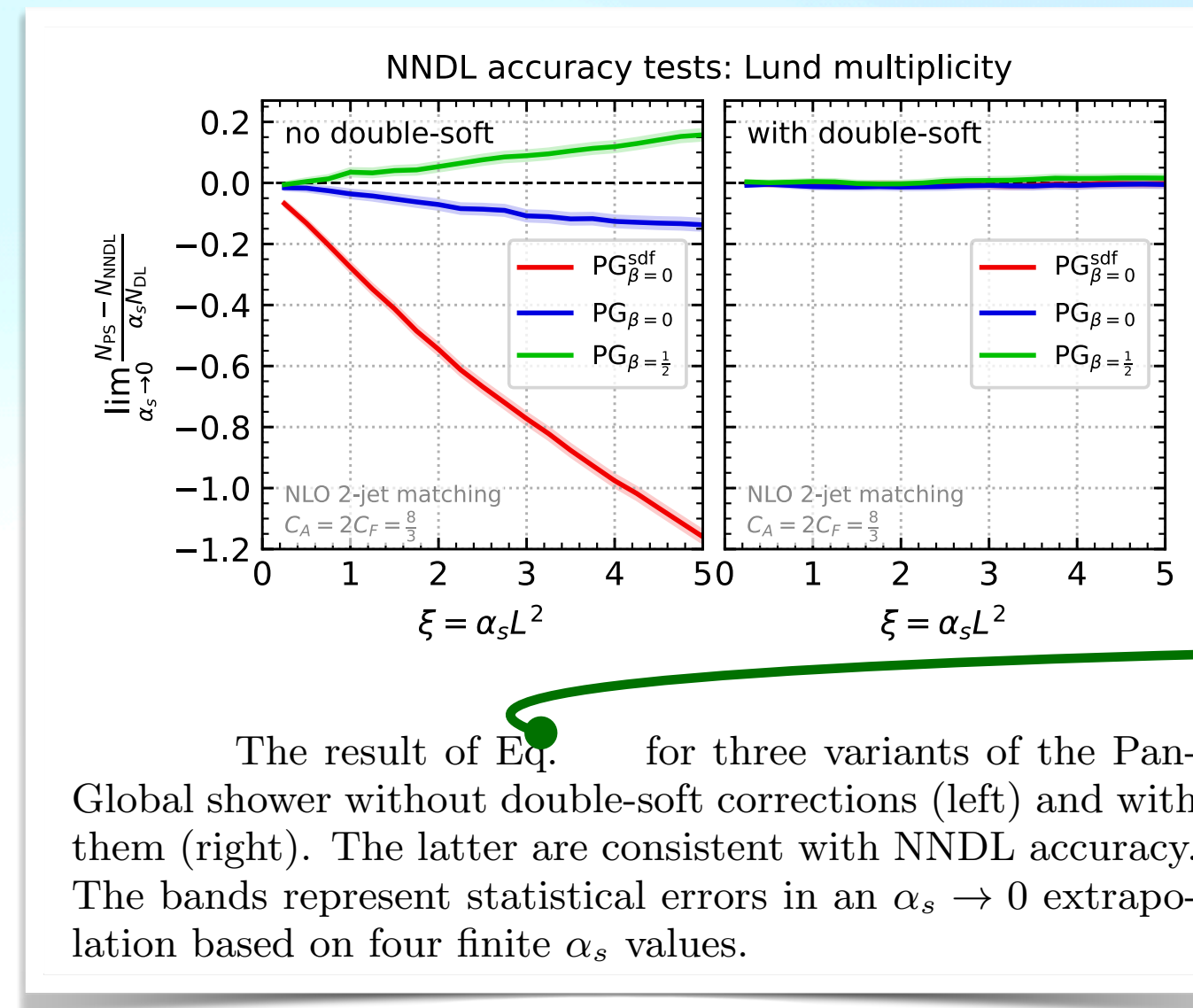
# State of the art Parton Showers

- PS Monte Carlos constitute an essential tool for LHC analyses
- The majority of these tools are LL accurate → could introduce limitation in precision
- Several efforts trying to reach NLL for general observables and even higher accuracy
- PS Monte Carlos matched in general to 2 → 2 processes at NNLO **Very CPU demanding**
- PS Monte Carlo fully automated at NLO

PanScales: Ravasio, Hamilton, Karlberg, Salam, Scyboz, Soyez [2023]

Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni, Salam [2018]  
 Nagy-Soper, Holguin-Forshaw-Platzer, PanScales,  
 Herren-Höche-Krauss-Reichelt-Schönherr + ...

**NEW** towards general NNLL precision



$$\lim_{\alpha_s \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{PS} - N_{NNDL}}{\alpha_s N_{DL}} \Big|_{\text{fixed } \alpha_s L^2}$$

The PanGlobal showers already reproduce terms up to NDL  $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}$

The addition of the double-soft corrections and matching is expected to bring NNDL accuracy  $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-2}$



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Fixed order tools without resummation or PS, etc.

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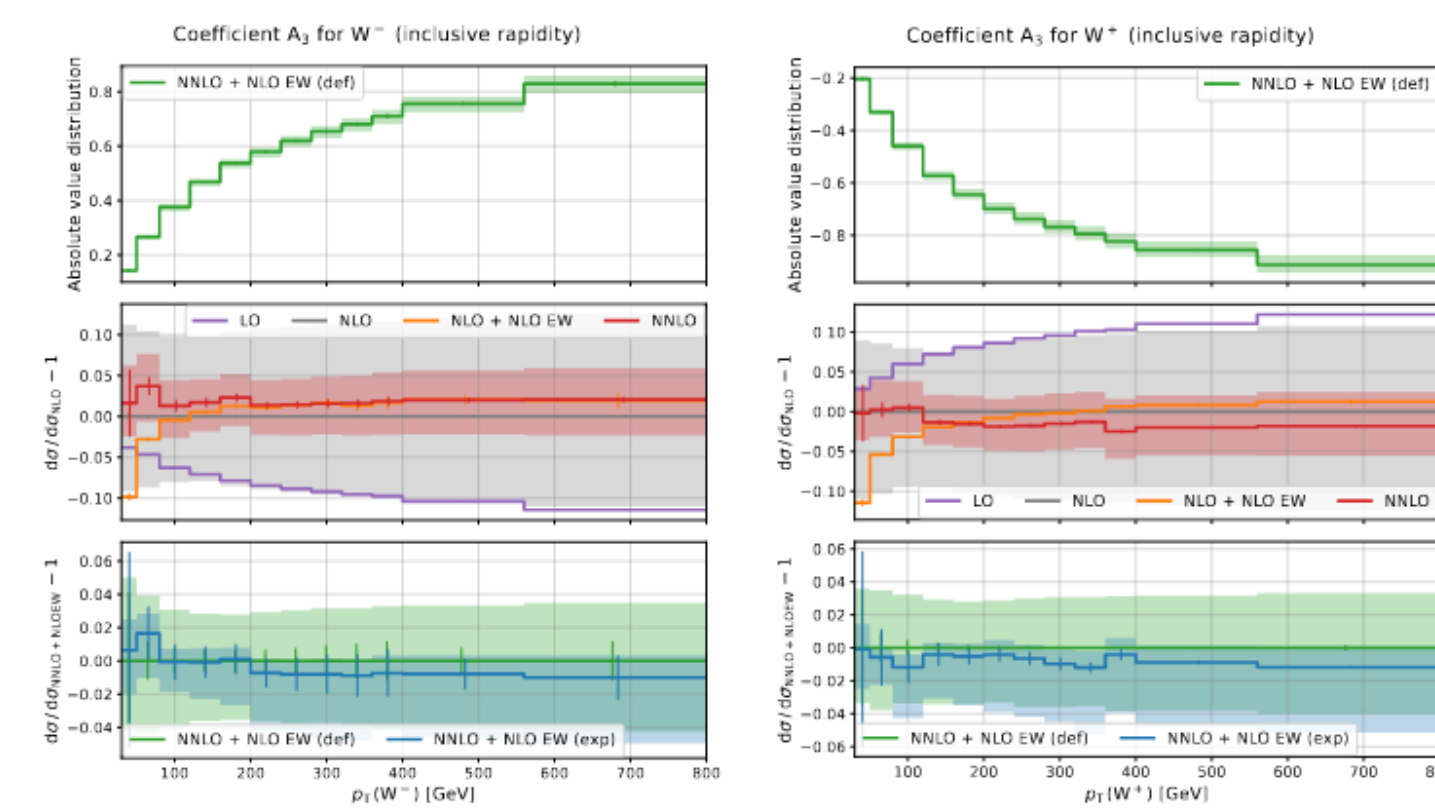
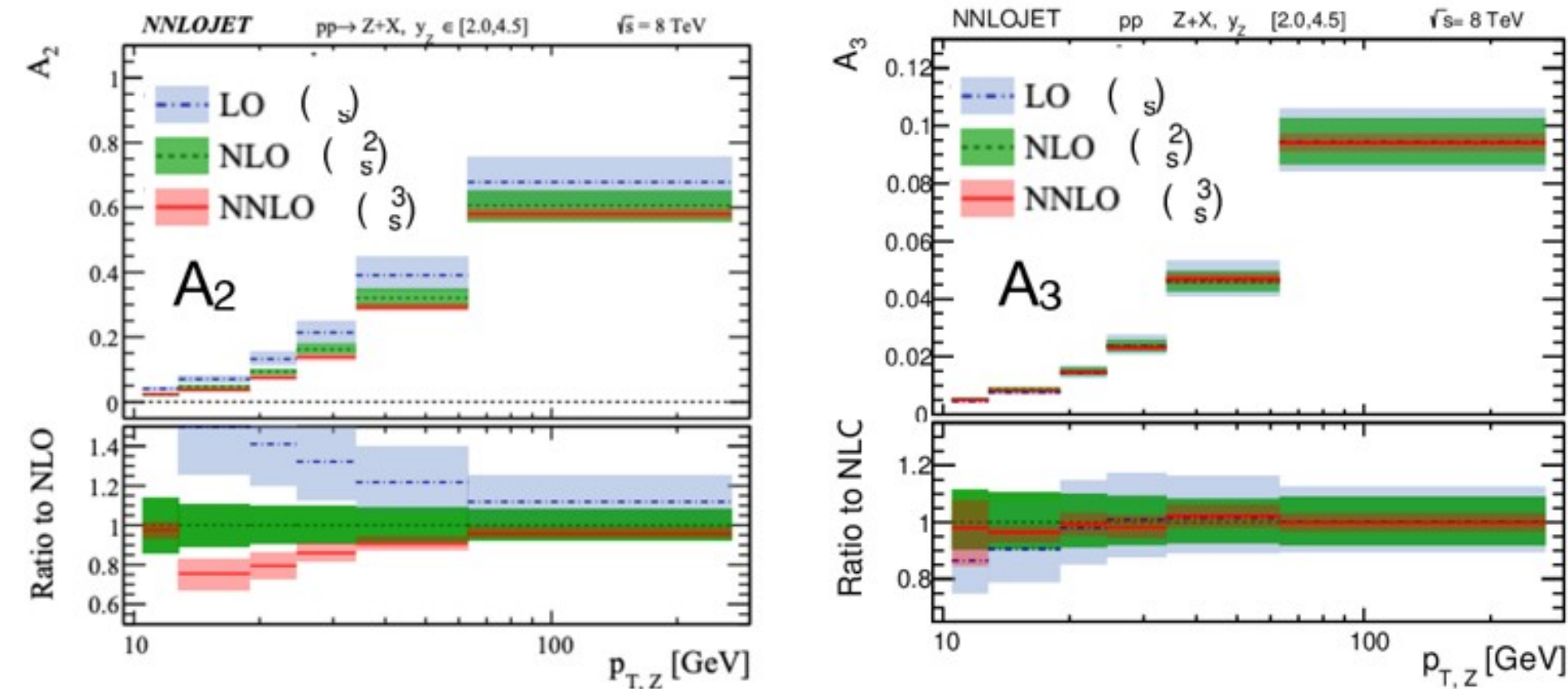
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# Ai at $O(\alpha_s^3)$



- Accurate modelling of W Ai is very important for the W mass measurement
- Recently achieved  $\alpha_s^3$  accuracy with
  - ➔ NNLOJET
  - ➔ STRIPPER
  - ➔ MCFM/NJETTI
- However no public code yet available for W
- Computing Ai coefficients for the W mass is very expensive ATLAS measurement used  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  predictions, and took about 500K CPU hours

At NNLO!!

~ 60 years!!!!

- Is it possible to have these predictions available for the next round of W mass measurements?
- What is the preferred and more efficient way of providing these calculations to the experiments?
- Is [HighTea](#) an option?
- Analytic calculations a-la Mirkes [Nucl.Phys.B 387 (1992) 3-85], if feasible, would be extremely useful



# Possible paths to the (immediate) Future

We are looking for

🔧 more precise TH tools → N3LO (or even N4LO)

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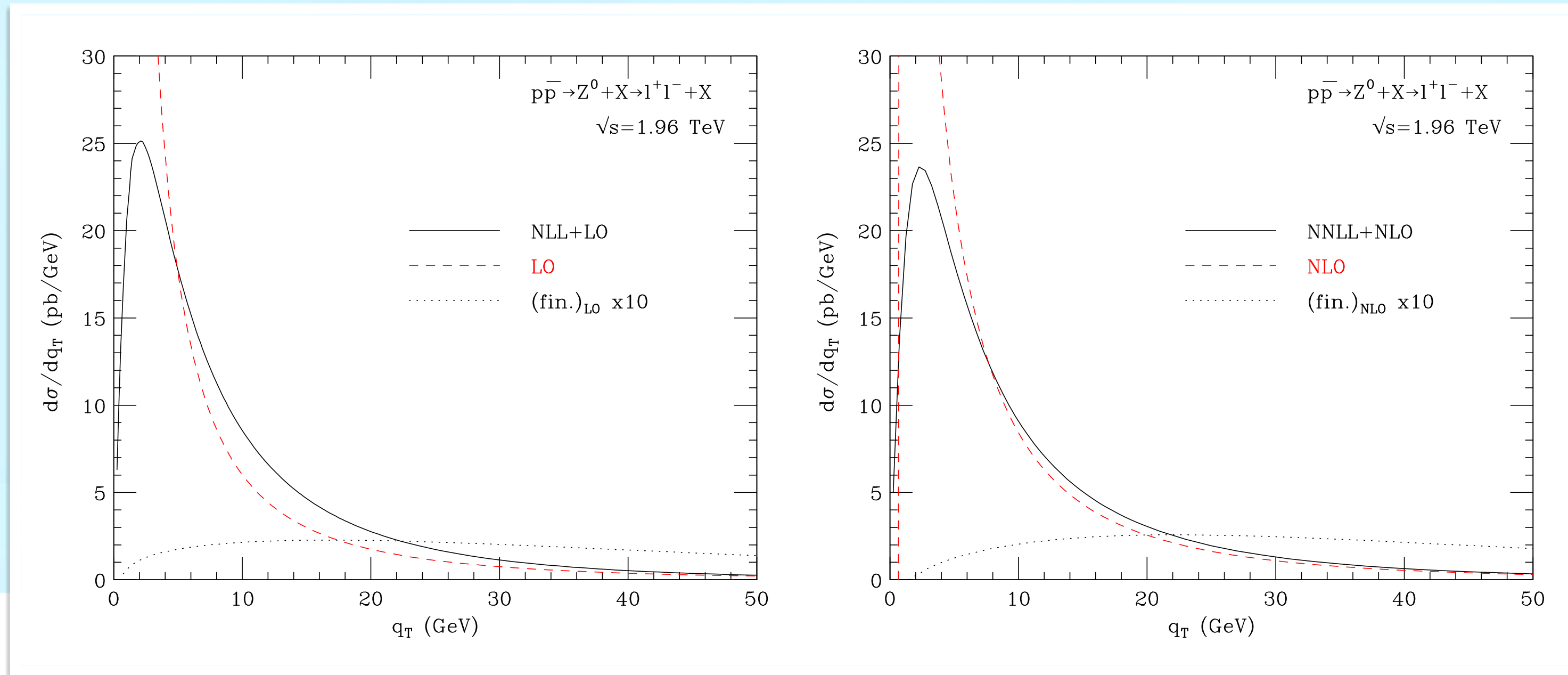




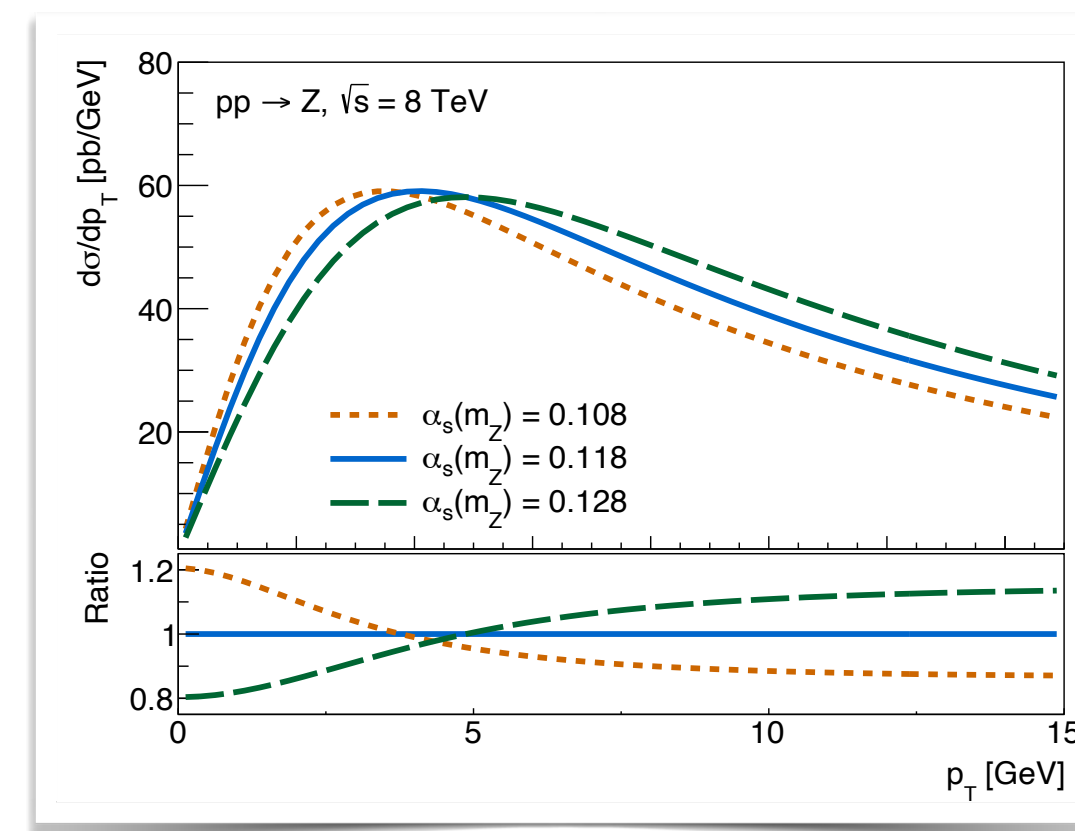




# State of the art transverse momentum resummation at N3LO



The size of the finite: Real+CT



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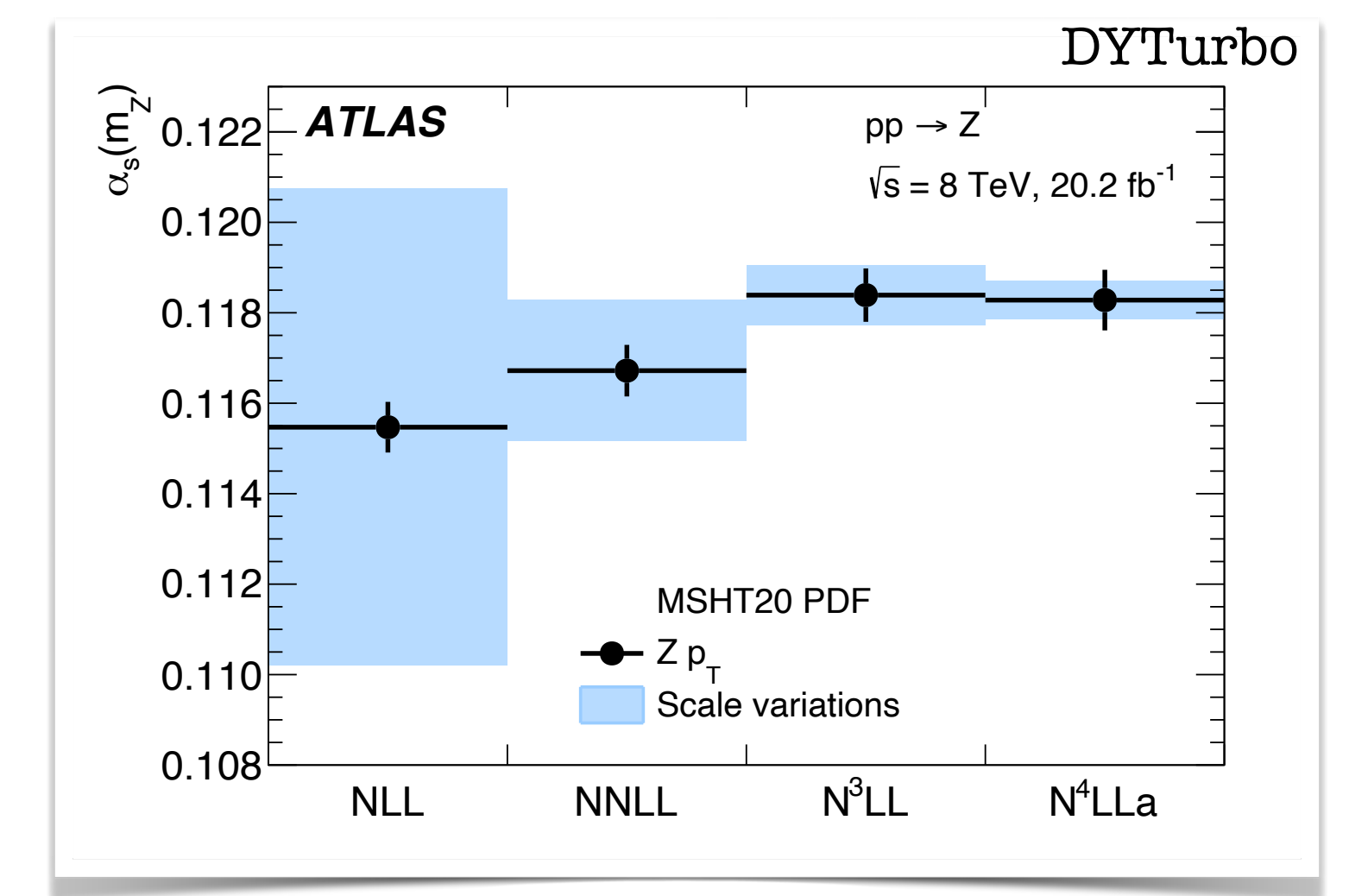
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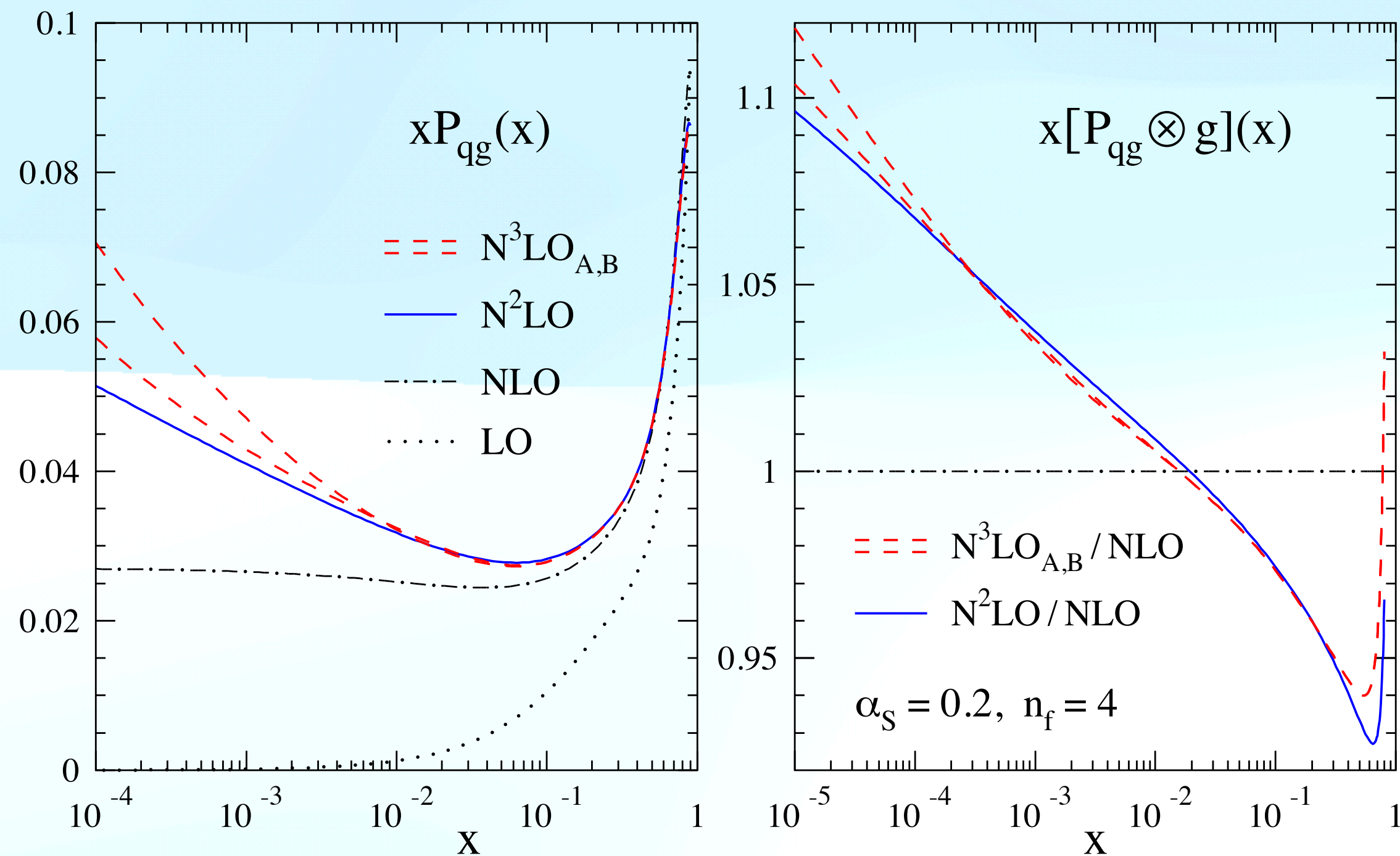
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# New Splitting functions at N3LO (P<sub>qg</sub> and contributions to P<sub>gq</sub>)

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**N(20) moments + available endpoint constraints → the four-loop P<sub>qg</sub>(x) that should be sufficient for a wide range of collider-physics applications**



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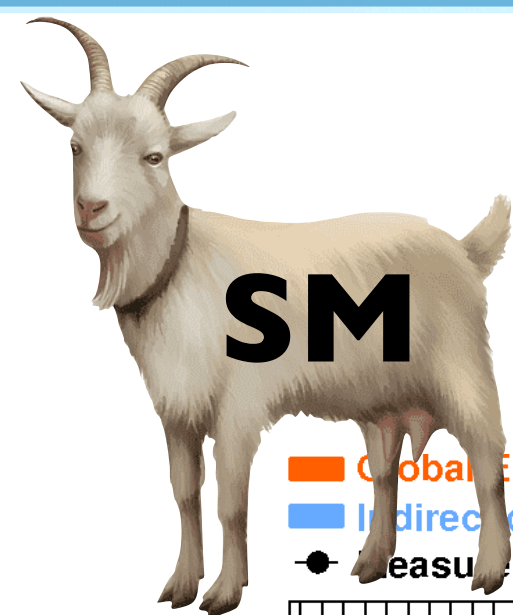
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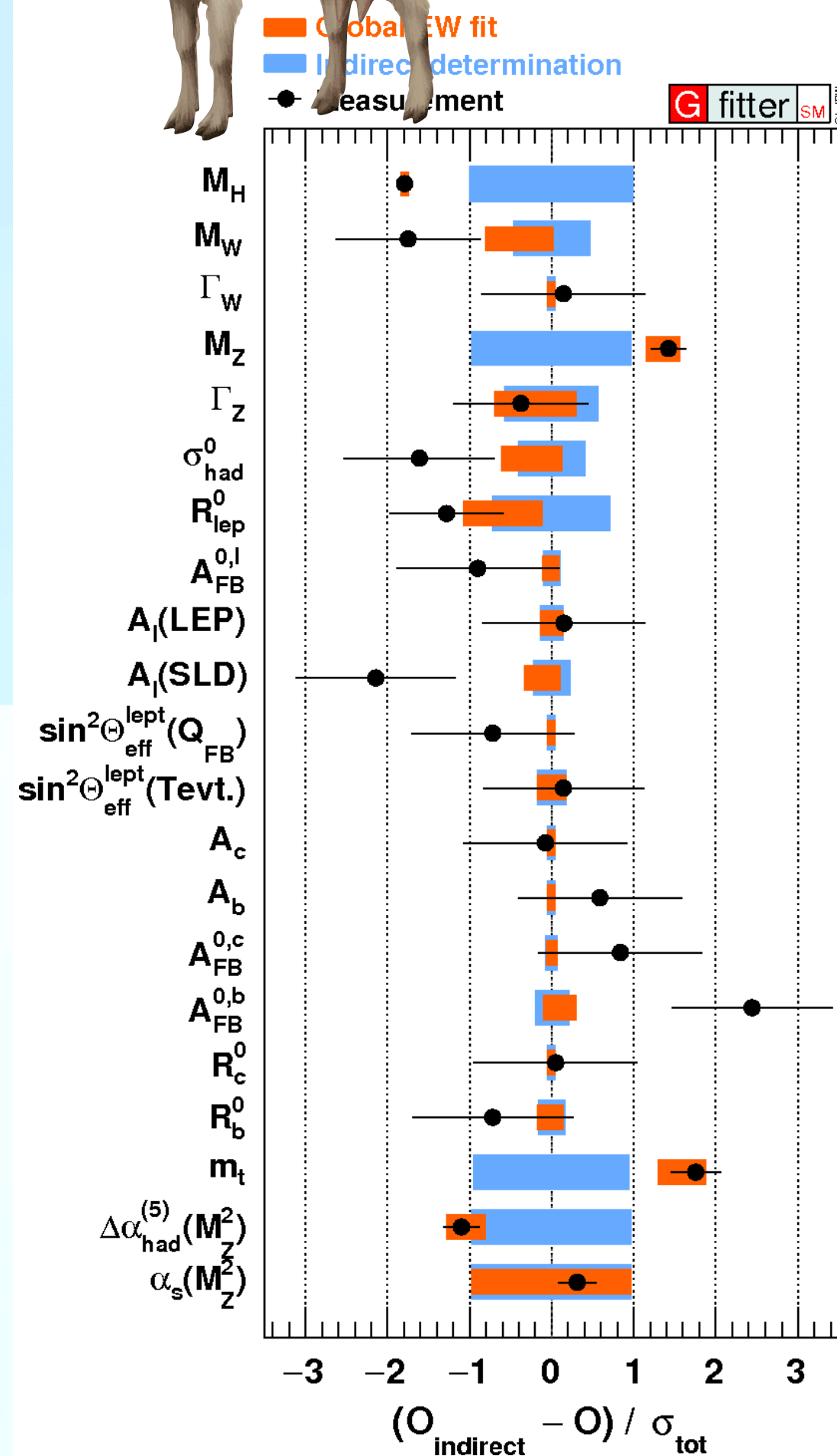
**P<sub>gq</sub> should be feasible soon**





SM

# Everything looks SM-like at LHC Greatest Of All Theories



## Standard Model Total P

pp	$\sigma = 96.07 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.91$ mb (data) COMPETE HPR1R2 (theory)
W	$\sigma = 95.35 \pm 0.38 \pm 1.3$ mb (data) COMPETE HPR1R2 (theory)
Z	$\sigma = 190.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 6.4$ nb (data) DYNLO + CT14NNLO (theory)
t $\bar{t}$	$\sigma = 826.4 \pm 3.6 \pm 19.6$ pb (data) top++ NNLO+NNLL (theory)
t $\bar{t}$ -chan	$\sigma = 89.6 \pm 1.7 \pm 7.2 - 6.4$ pb (data) NLO+NNLL (theory)
Wt	$\sigma = 23 \pm 1.3 \pm 3.4 - 3.7$ pb (data) NLO+NNLL (theory)
H	$\sigma = 55.5 \pm 3.2 \pm 2.4 - 2.2$ pb (data) LHC-HXSWG YR4 (theory)
WW	$\sigma = 68.2 \pm 1.2 \pm 4.6$ pb (data) NNLO (theory)
WZ	$\sigma = 51.9 \pm 2 \pm 4.4$ pb (data) NNLO (theory)
ZZ	$\sigma = 17.3 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.8$ pb (data) Matrix (NNLO) & Sherpa (NLO) (theory)
t $\bar{t}$ -chan	$\sigma = 4.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.6 - 1.3$ pb (data) NLO+NNLL (theory)
t $\bar{t}$ W	$\sigma = 870 \pm 130 \pm 140$ fb (data) Madgraph5 + aMCNLO (theory)
t $\bar{t}$ Z	$\sigma = 369 \pm 86 - 79 \pm 44$ fb (data) MCFM (theory)
WWW	$\sigma = 990 \pm 50 \pm 80$ fb (data) Madgraph5 + aMCNLO (theory)
WWZ	$\sigma = 176 \pm 52 - 48 \pm 24$ fb (data) HELAC-NLO (theory)
t $\bar{t}$ t $\bar{t}$	$\sigma = 0.82 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.08$ pb (data) NLO QCD (theory)
	$\sigma = 0.55 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.15 - 0.13$ pb (data) Sherpa 2.2.2 (theory)
	$\sigma = 24 \pm 4 \pm 5$ fb (data) NLO QCD + EW (theory)





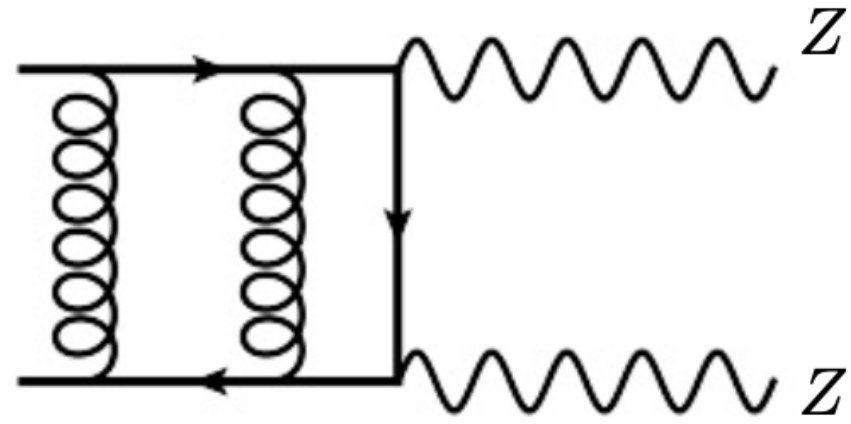
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Theory	Highest perturbative order reached	Typical uncertainty	Final state multiplicity	Well under control at
QCD ⊕ EW	Next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO)	8%-12% (inherited from QCD part)	$2 \rightarrow (n=)$ 3 legs	QCD NNLO ( $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes)
QCD	Next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order (N3LO)	3%-5%	$2 \rightarrow (n=)$ 1 legs	Hard to obtain differential results in a short time (at least 2 months in 2000 CPUs)



# Degree of complexity at NNLO

## ▶ 2 loop



loop integrals

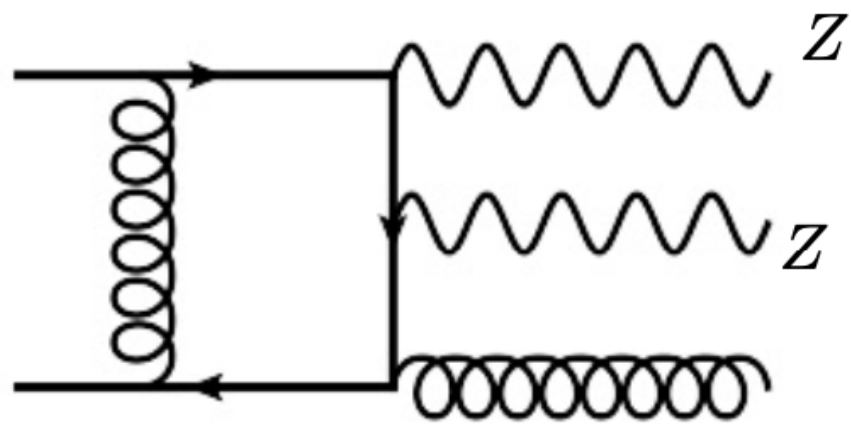


explicit infrared poles

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^4}$$

- Bottleneck for larger multiplicities
- Many becoming available

## ▶ 1 loop + single emission



“NLO complexity” : loop



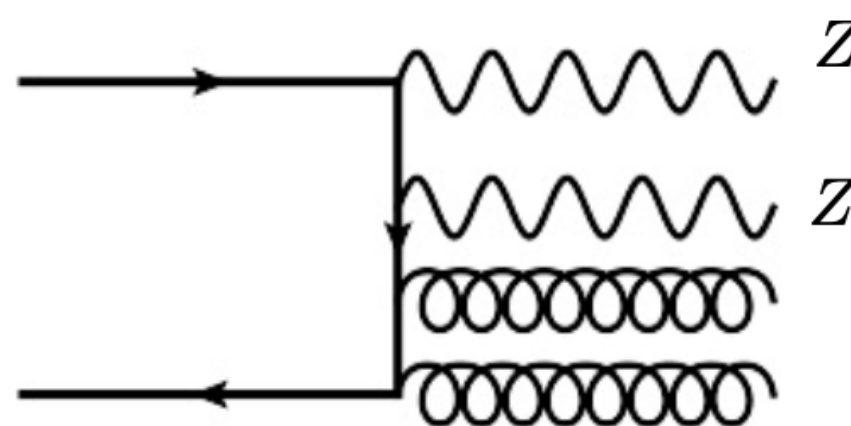
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singular emission (extra)



$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$$

## ▶ Double real emission



Tree level

a Hell of infrared singularities

- Bottleneck for larger multiplicities: implementation

after integration over unresolved partons



$$\frac{1}{\epsilon^4} \text{ poles}$$