

# Soft gluon resummation for the associated production of a top quark pair with a W or Z boson at the LHC

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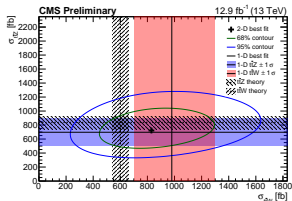
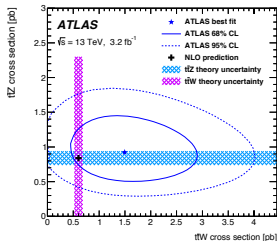


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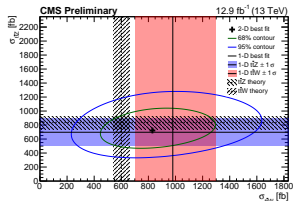
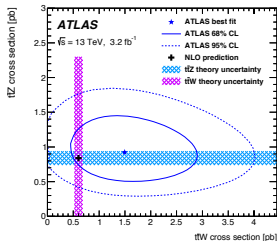


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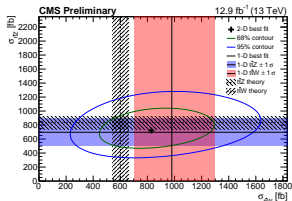
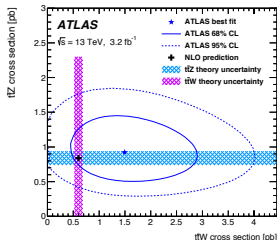


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[Lazopoulos, Melnikov, Petriello, '08] [Lazopoulos, McElmurry, Melnikov, Petriello, '08] [Garzelli, Kardos, Papadopoulos, Trocsanyi, '12] [Campbell, Ellis, '12] [Kardos, Trocsanyi, Papadopoulos '12] [Alwall, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, Mattelaer, Shao, Stelzer, Torrielli, Zaro '14] [Frixione, Hirschi, Pagani, Shao, Zaro, '15]

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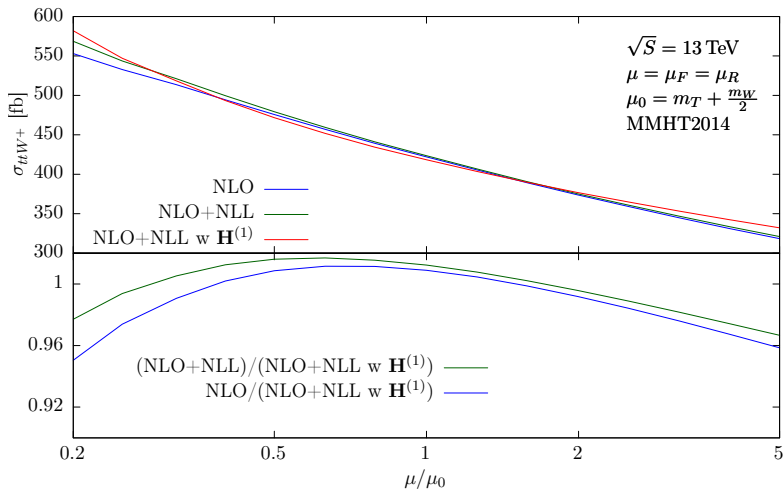
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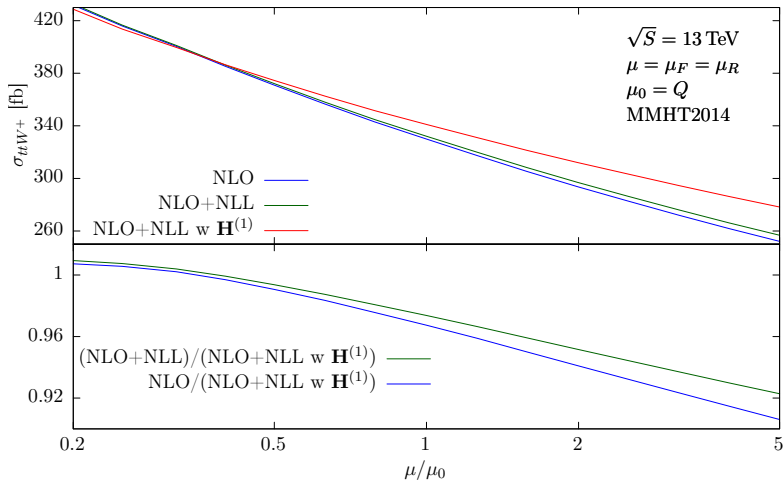


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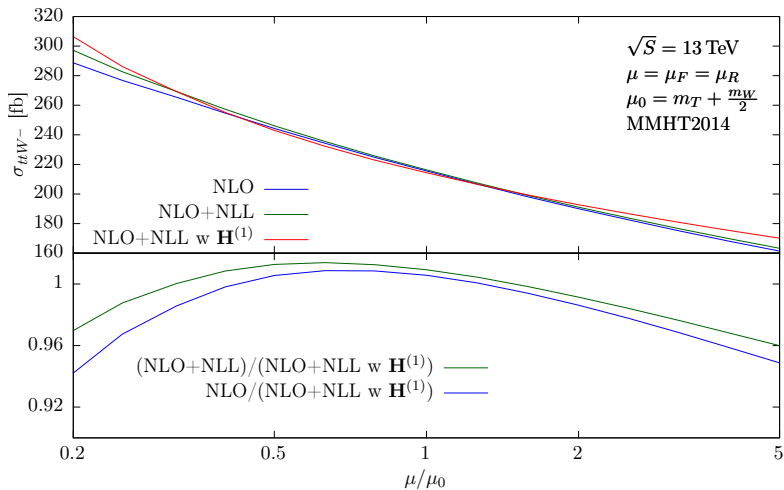
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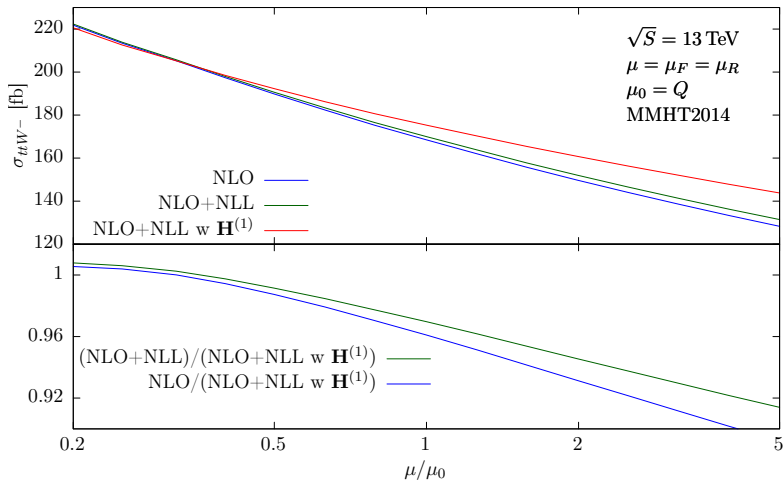
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