

Resummation and Scale Study for boosted top pair production @ NNLO+NNLL' in QCD

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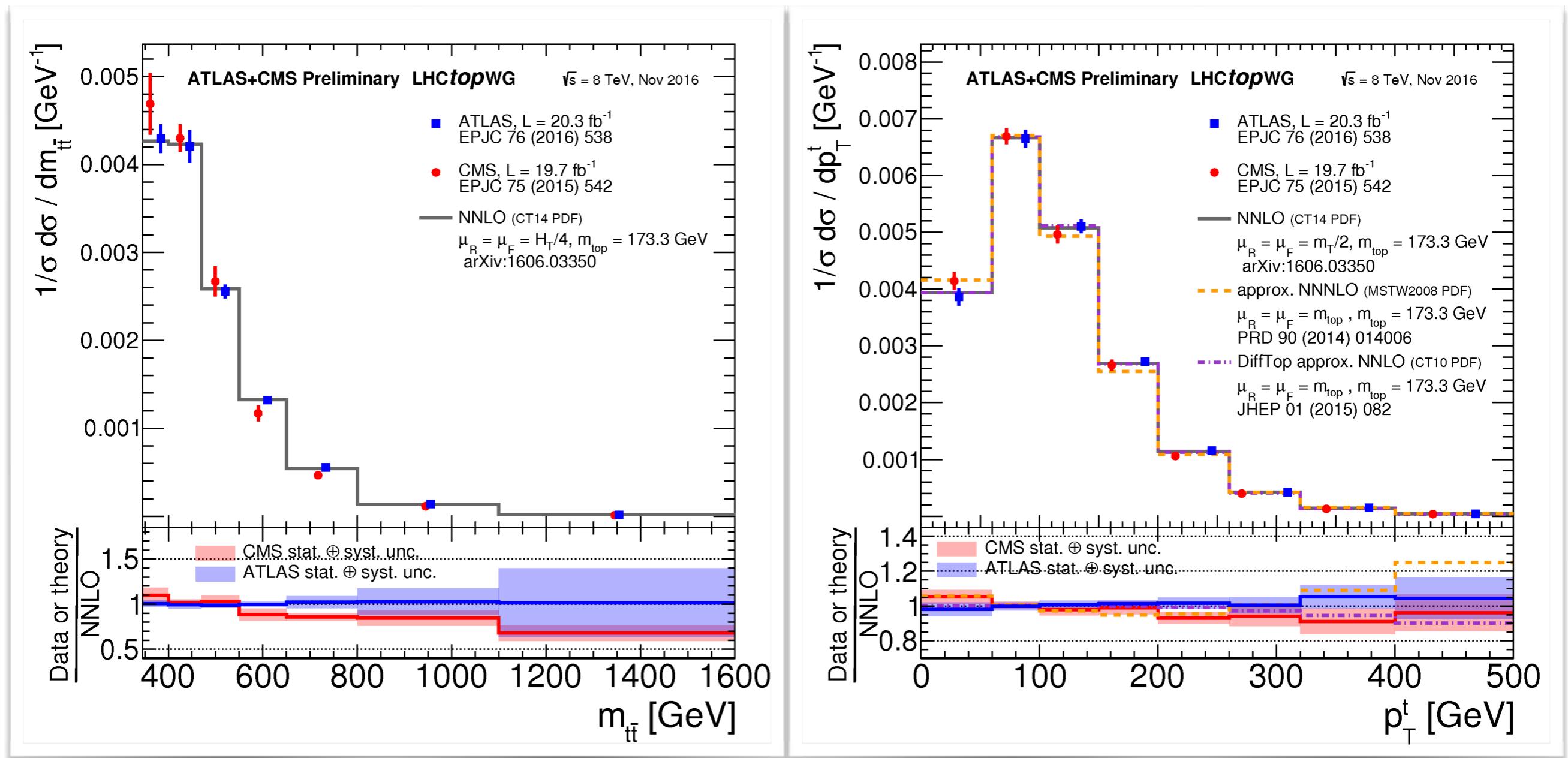
- Heaviest in SM, an important field in SM precision measurements.
- A window to BSM, especially in boosted regions, e.g. invariant mass distribution.
- More and more boosted events.

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- LHC 8 TeV results beginning to probe the “boosted” regions:

ATLAS&CMS Summary

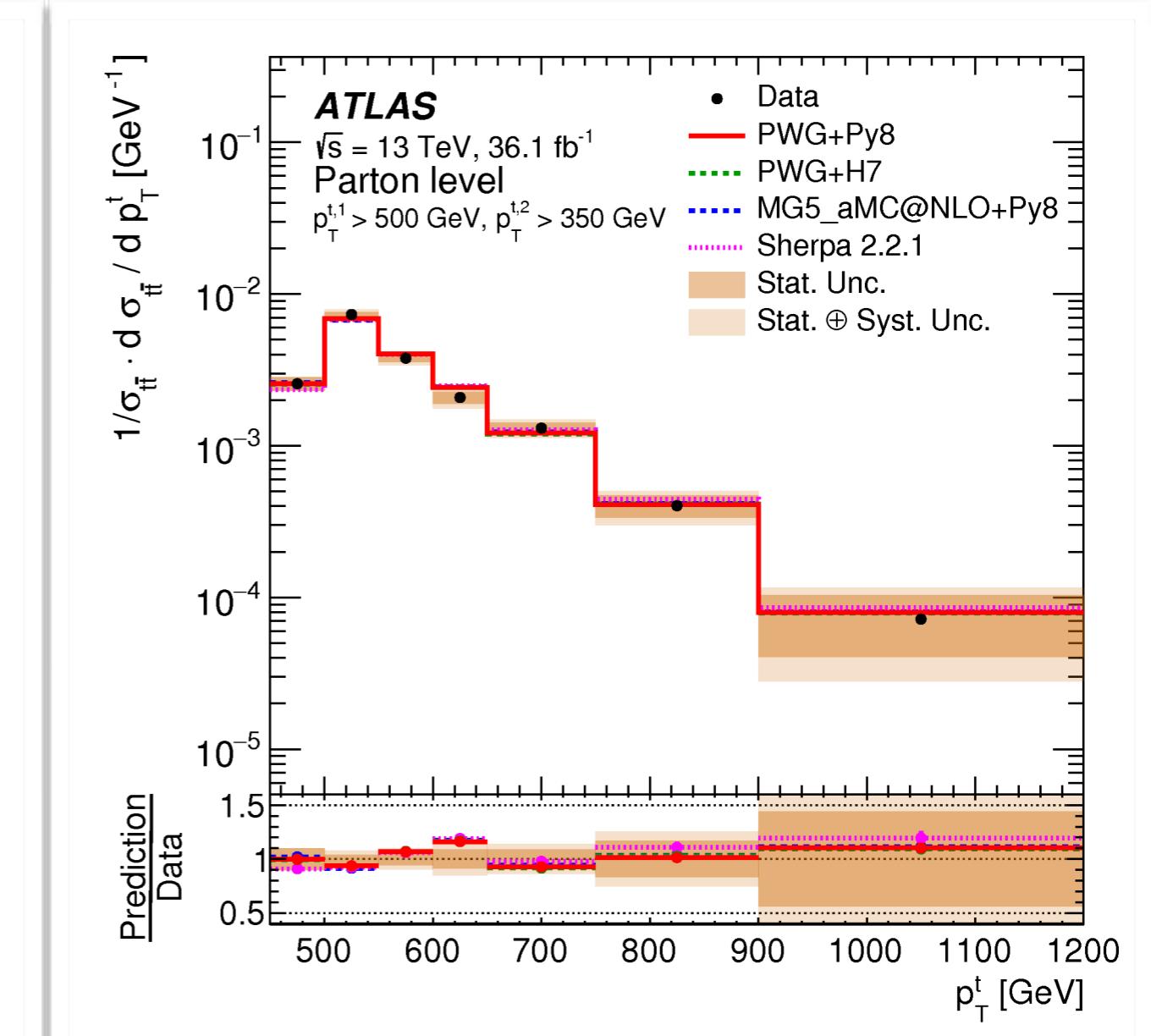
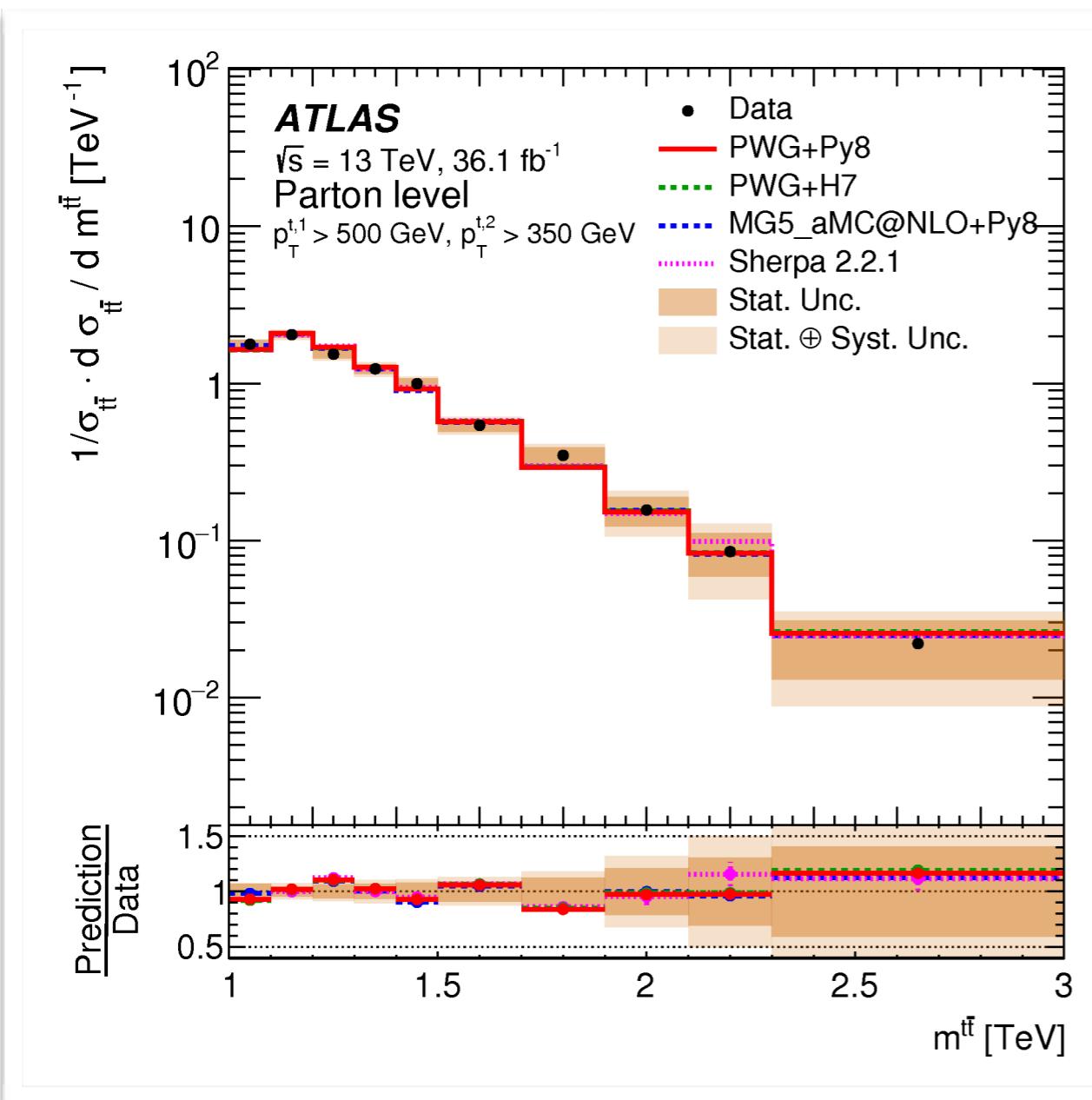


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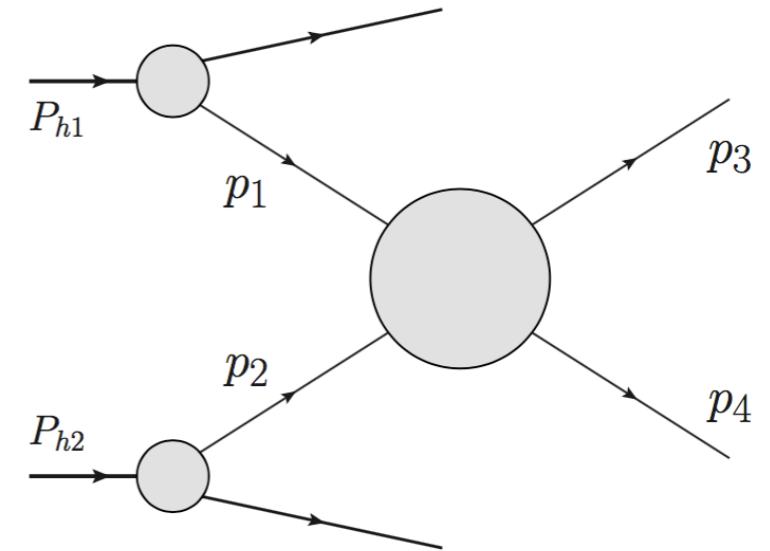
- Expect more boosted data @LHC 13 TeV

ATLAS, arXiv: 1801.02052



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$$i(p_1) + j(p_2) \rightarrow t(p_3) + \bar{t}(p_4) + X(p_X)$$



$$\frac{d^2\sigma(\tau)}{dM d\cos\theta} = \frac{8\pi\beta_t}{3sM} \sum_{ij} \int_\tau^1 \frac{dz}{z} \mathcal{L}_{ij}(\tau/z, \mu_f) C_{ij}(z, M, m_t, \cos\theta, \mu_f);$$

$$z \rightarrow 1$$

is partonic threshold limit(soft)

$$s = (P_1 + P_2)^2, \hat{s} = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

$$M_{t\bar{t}}^2 = (p_3 + p_4)^2,$$

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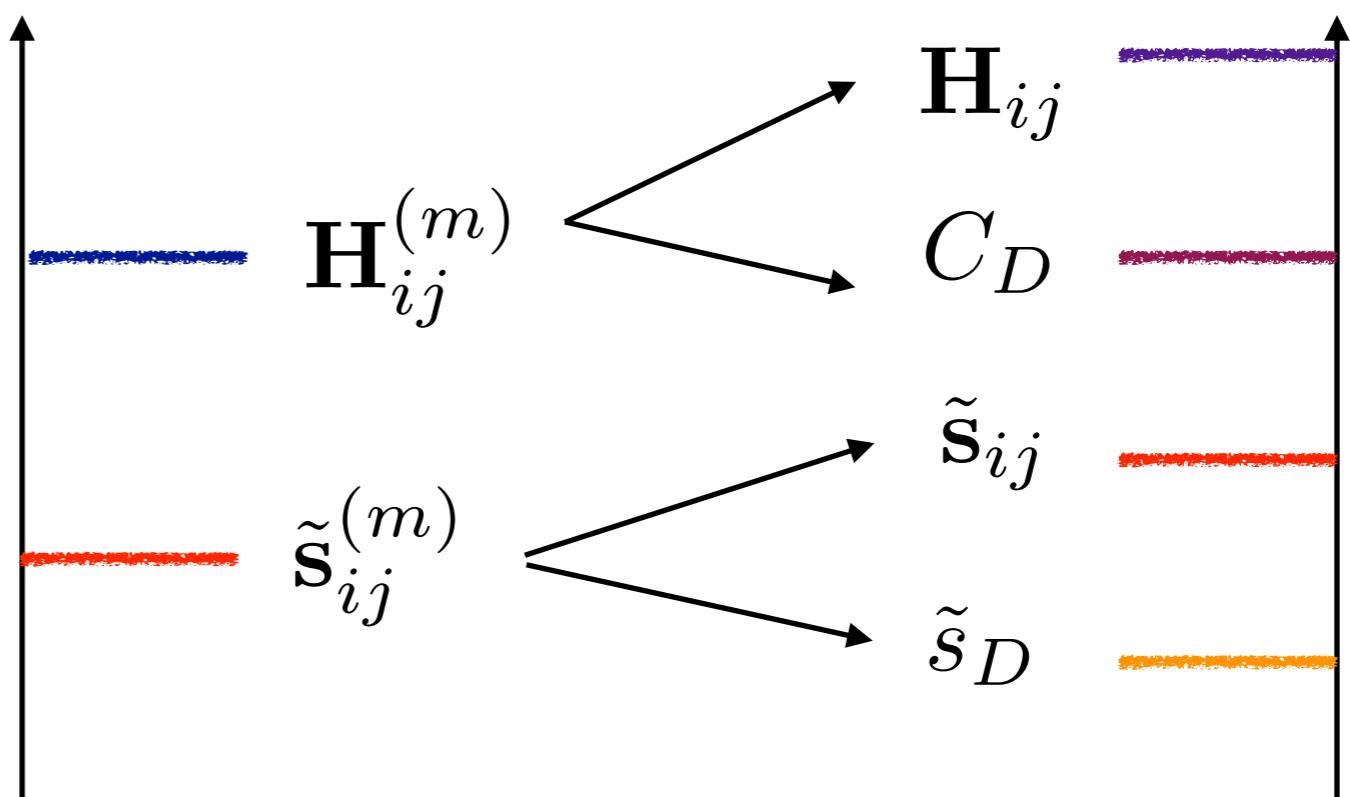
- Matching FO and Res will give prediction for the wide range of observables and has some interesting feature.

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In soft limit, we can factorize the partonic hard as(Mellin space):

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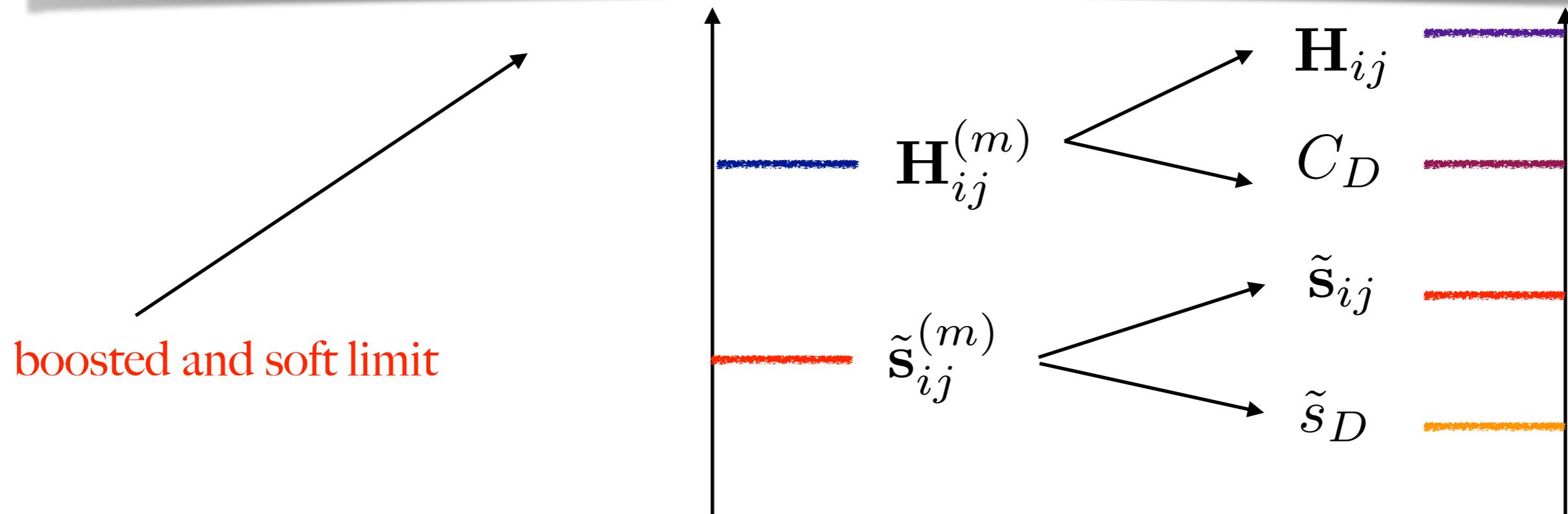


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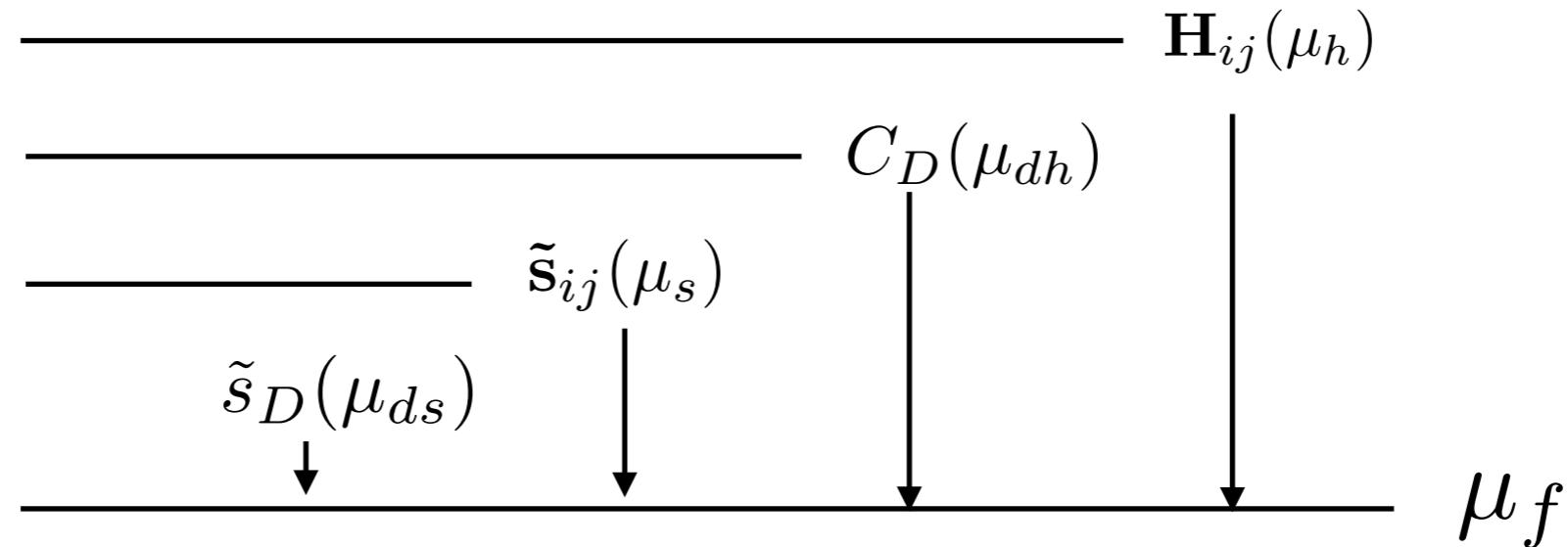
Final collected factorization formula for hard kernel in **Mellin-space**:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_{ij}(N, M, m_t, \cos\theta, \mu_f) = & \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{H}_{ij}(M, \cos\theta, \mu_f) \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_{ij} \left(\ln \frac{M^2}{N^2 \mu_f^2}, M, \cos\theta, \mu_f \right) \right] \\ & \times C_D^2(m_t, \mu_f) \tilde{s}_D^2 \left(\ln \frac{m_t}{N \mu_f}, \mu_f \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_t}{M}\right) \end{aligned}$$



Framework

RG improved



- Use RGEs to resum large logs

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{c}_{ij}(N, \mu_f) &= Tr \left[\underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{ij}(\bar{N}, \mu_f, \mu_h, \mu_s)}_{\text{red}} \mathbf{H}_{ij}(\mu_h) \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{ij}^\dagger(\bar{N}, \mu_f, \mu_h, \mu_s) \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_{ij} \left(\ln \frac{M^2}{\bar{N}^2 \mu_s^2}, \mu_s \right) \right] \\
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- To obtain the final result, Mellin inverse is necessary.

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- Use Chebyshev polynomials to approximate x-space PDFs, then do Mellin transformation.
- Adopt MP to avoid Landau pole.

A. Kulesza, G. F. Sterman and W. Vogelsang, o2o225I

M. Bonvini and S. Marzani, 14o5.3654

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Two step matching

- matching with soft-gluon resummation

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- matching with fixed order

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Main results and scale choice

Notations

In boosted region, it's important that we could have $m_t^2 \ll |t_1| \ll M_{t\bar{t}}^2$

$$x_t = -t_1/M_{t\bar{t}}^2$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{gg}^{\text{LO}}|_{t_1 \rightarrow 0} \propto 1/x_t$$

$$m_{T,t} + m_{T,\bar{t}} \equiv H_T$$

↓
soft limit

$$H_T = 2m_T$$

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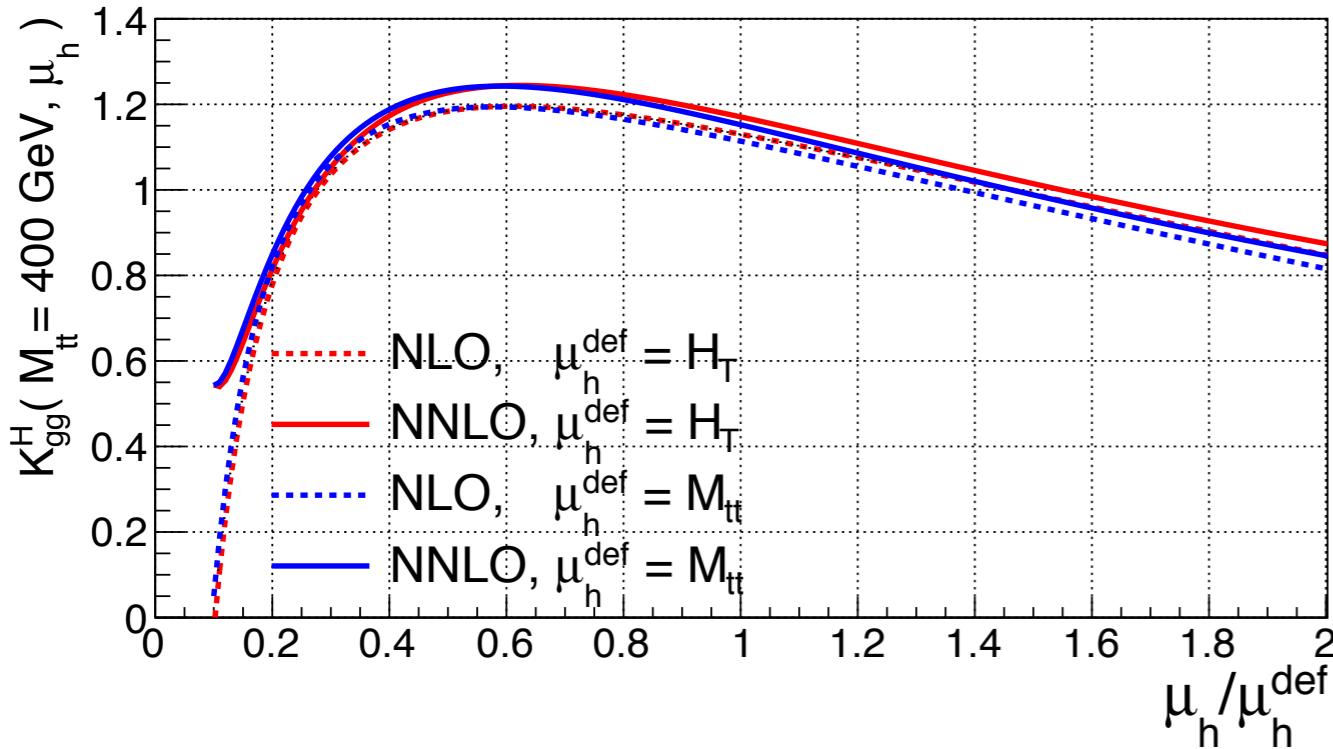


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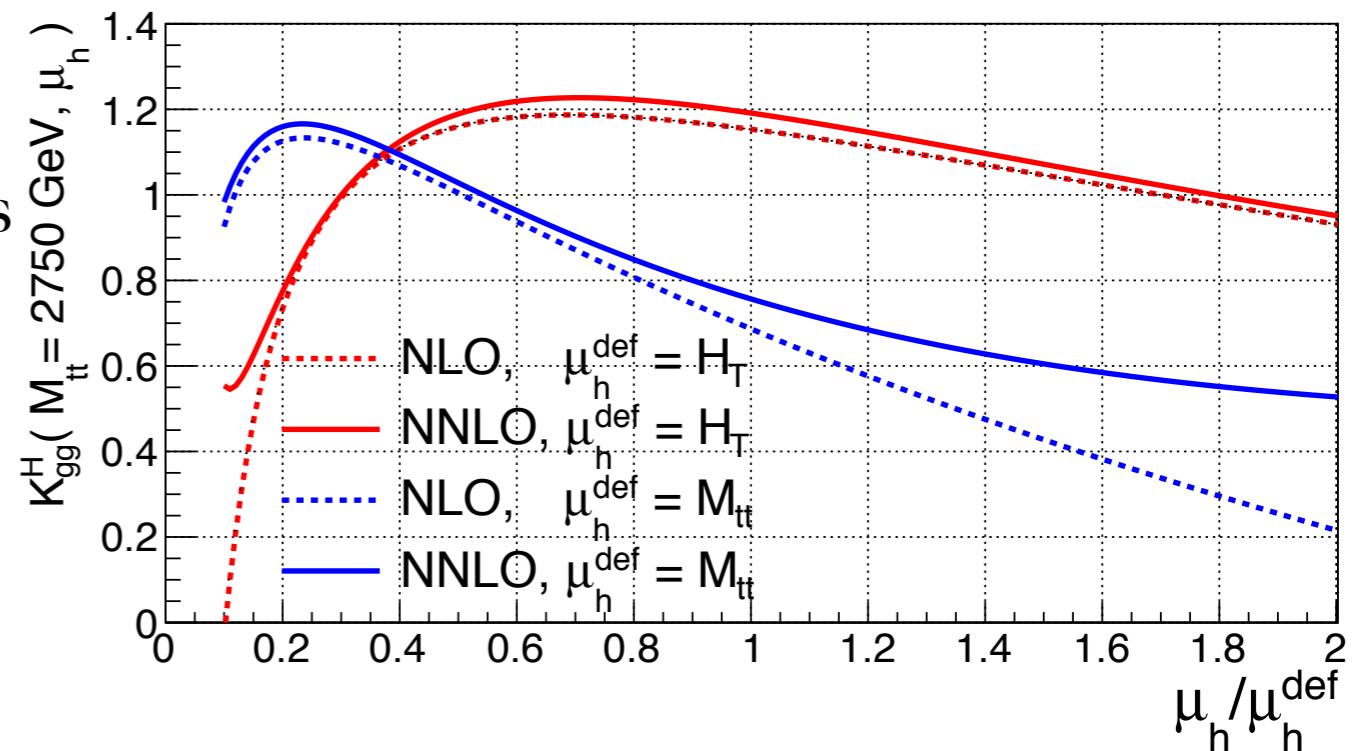
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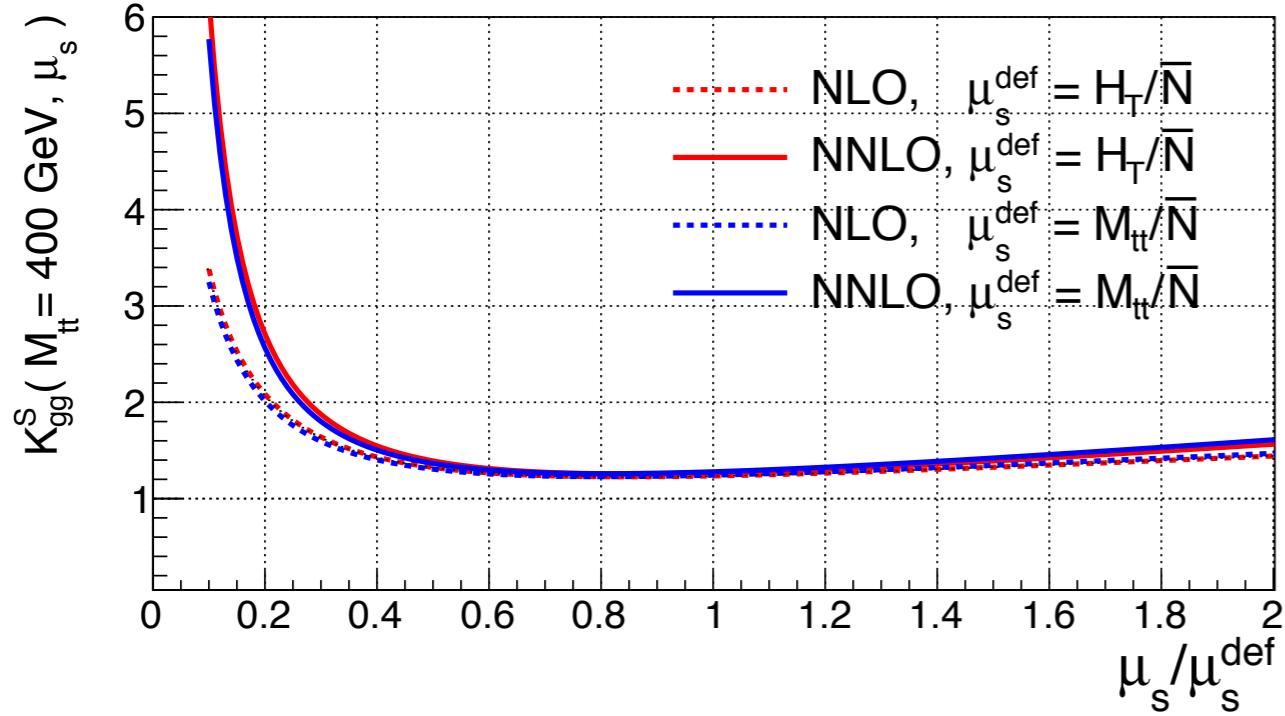
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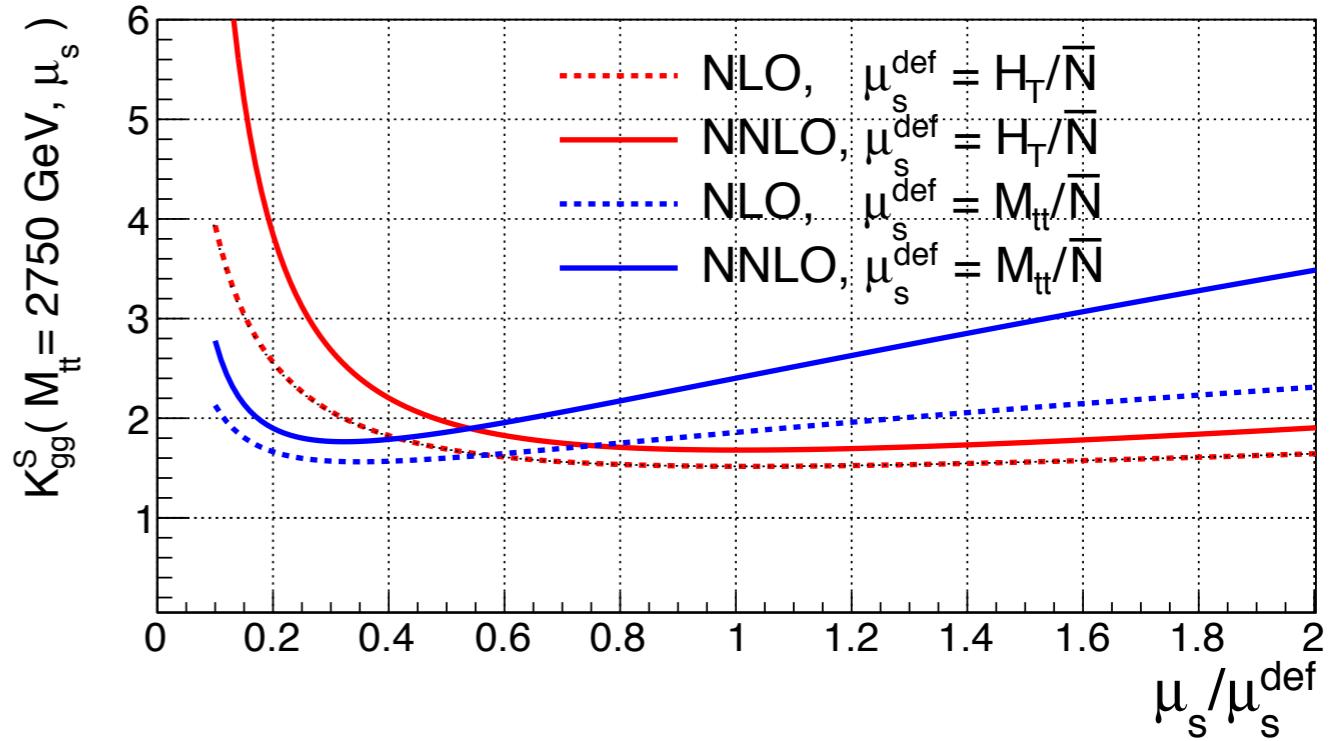
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N-space PDFs needed

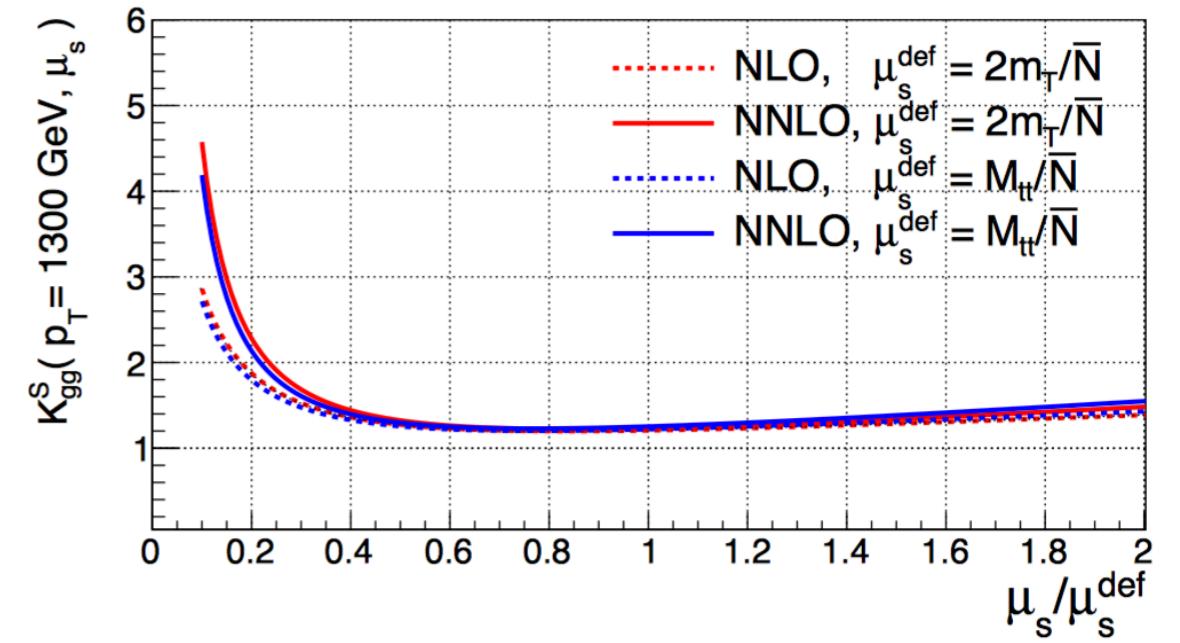
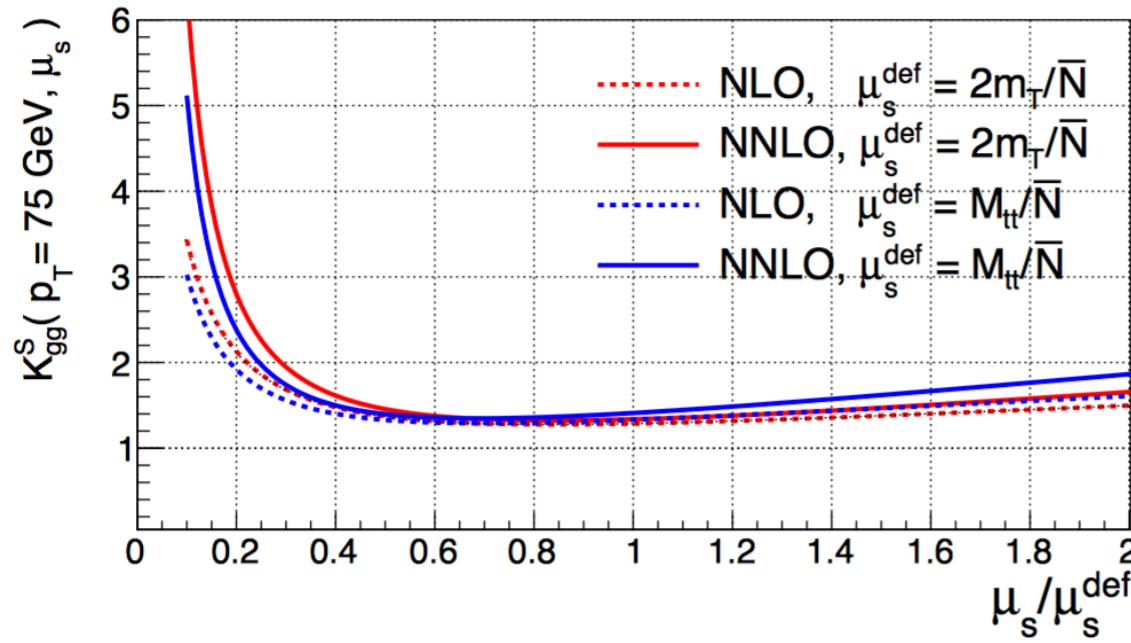
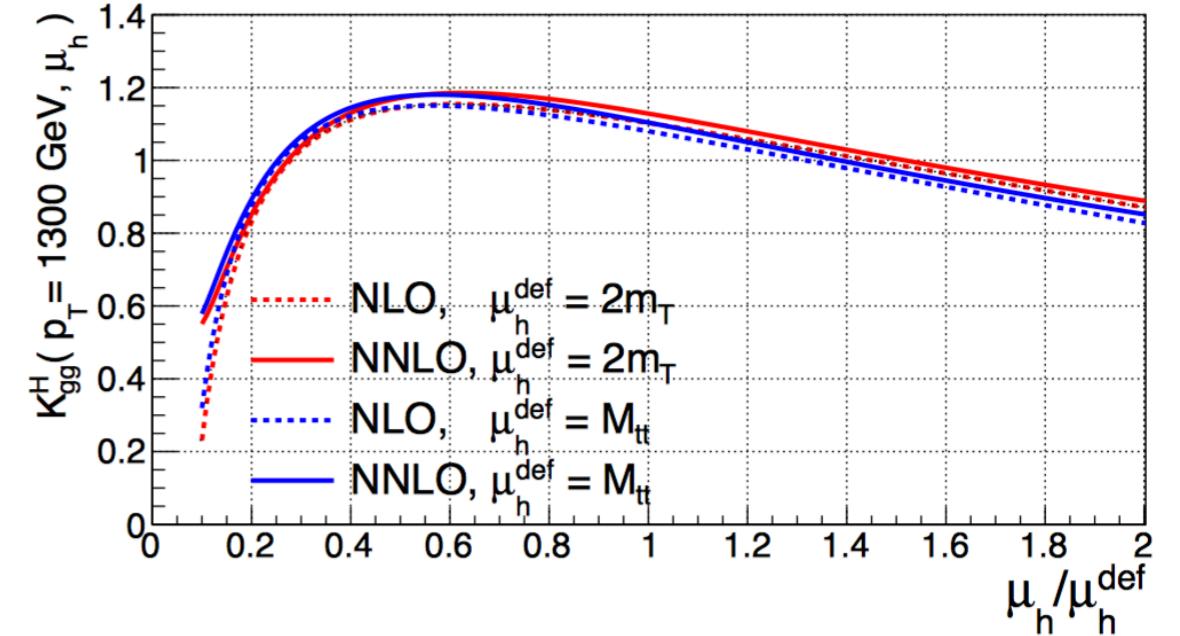
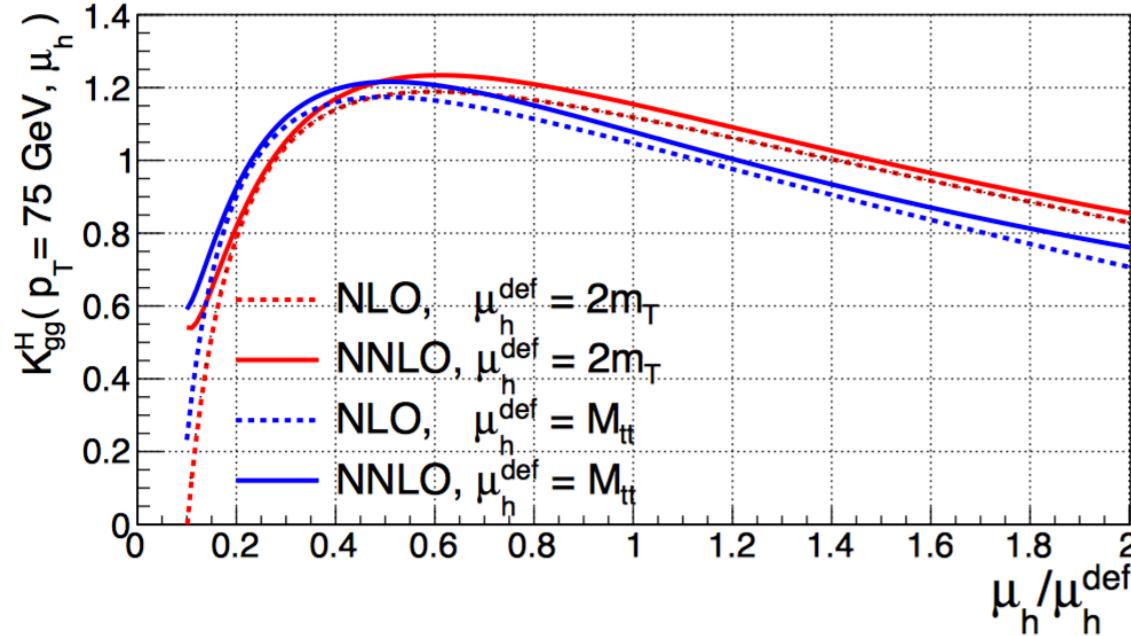
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- soft limit is not so good as in Mtt case!
- but still, we can choose in the similar way:

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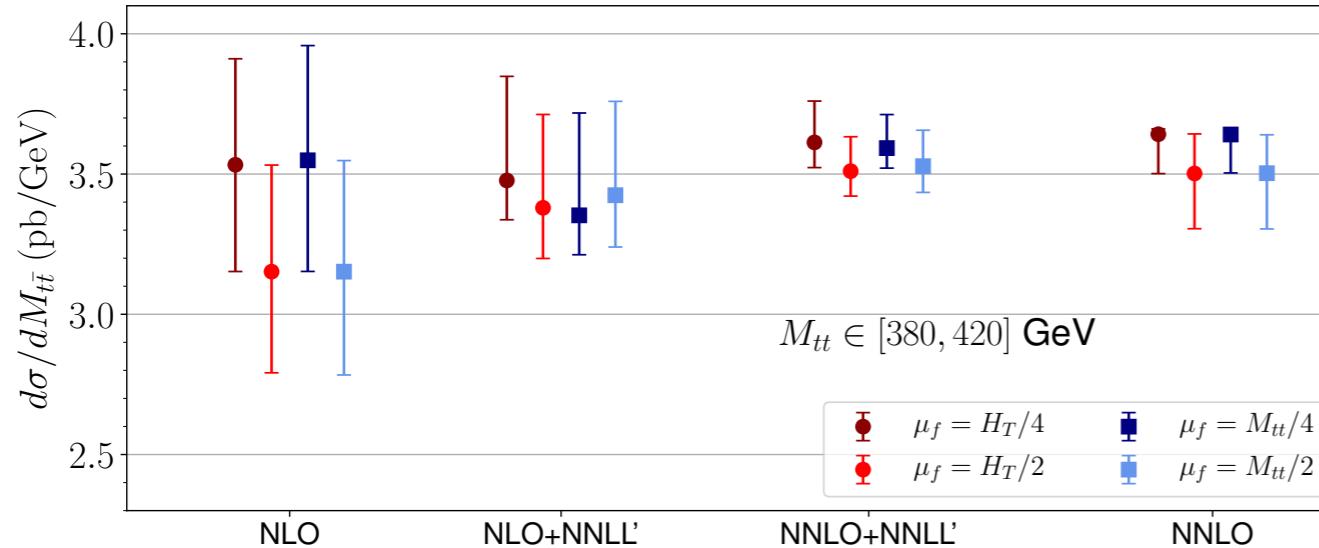
- m_t is fixed, so the natural scale choice for these two matching pieces is straightforward.
- In fact, the numerical dependence on these two scales choice is small.

$$C_D(m_t, \mu_{dh}), \ s_D(m_t/\bar{N}, \mu_{ds})$$

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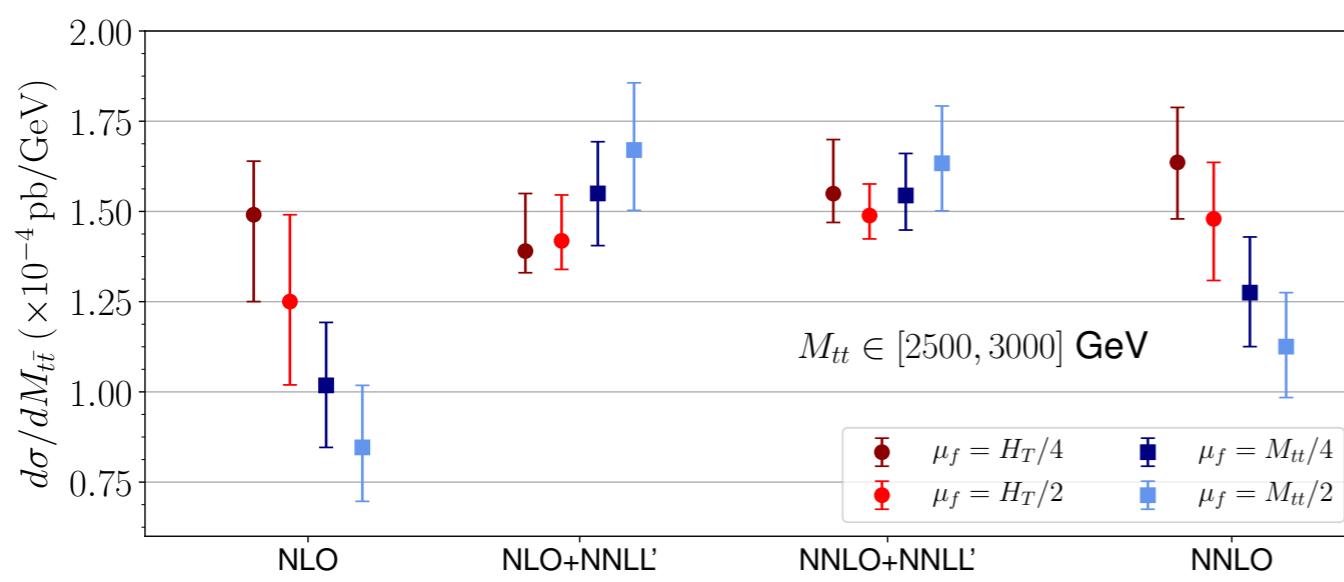
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- Resummation is indeed important in high energy tail.
- Resummation improve the convergence.
- Matched results is not sensitive to different choices.

based on perturbative convergence



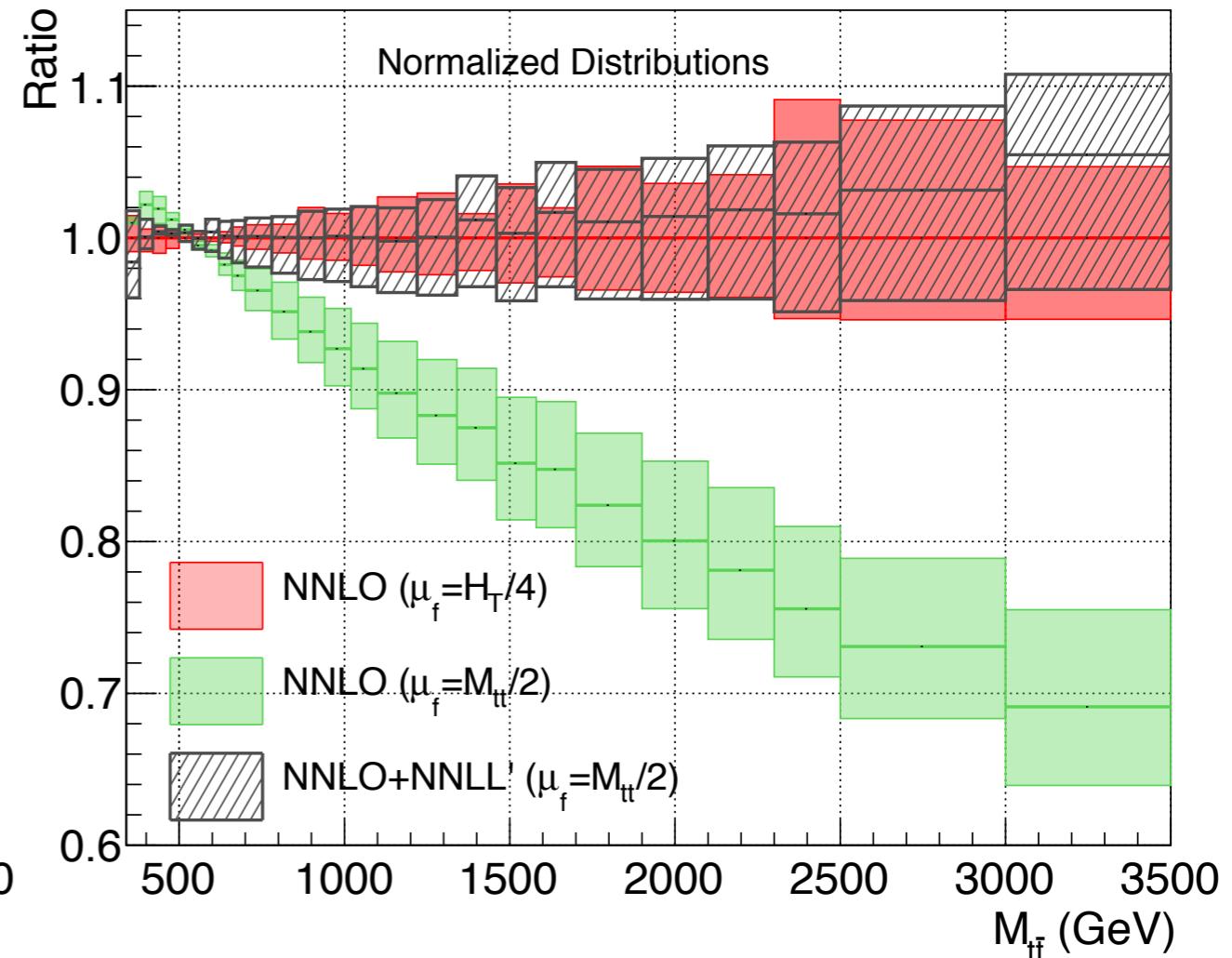
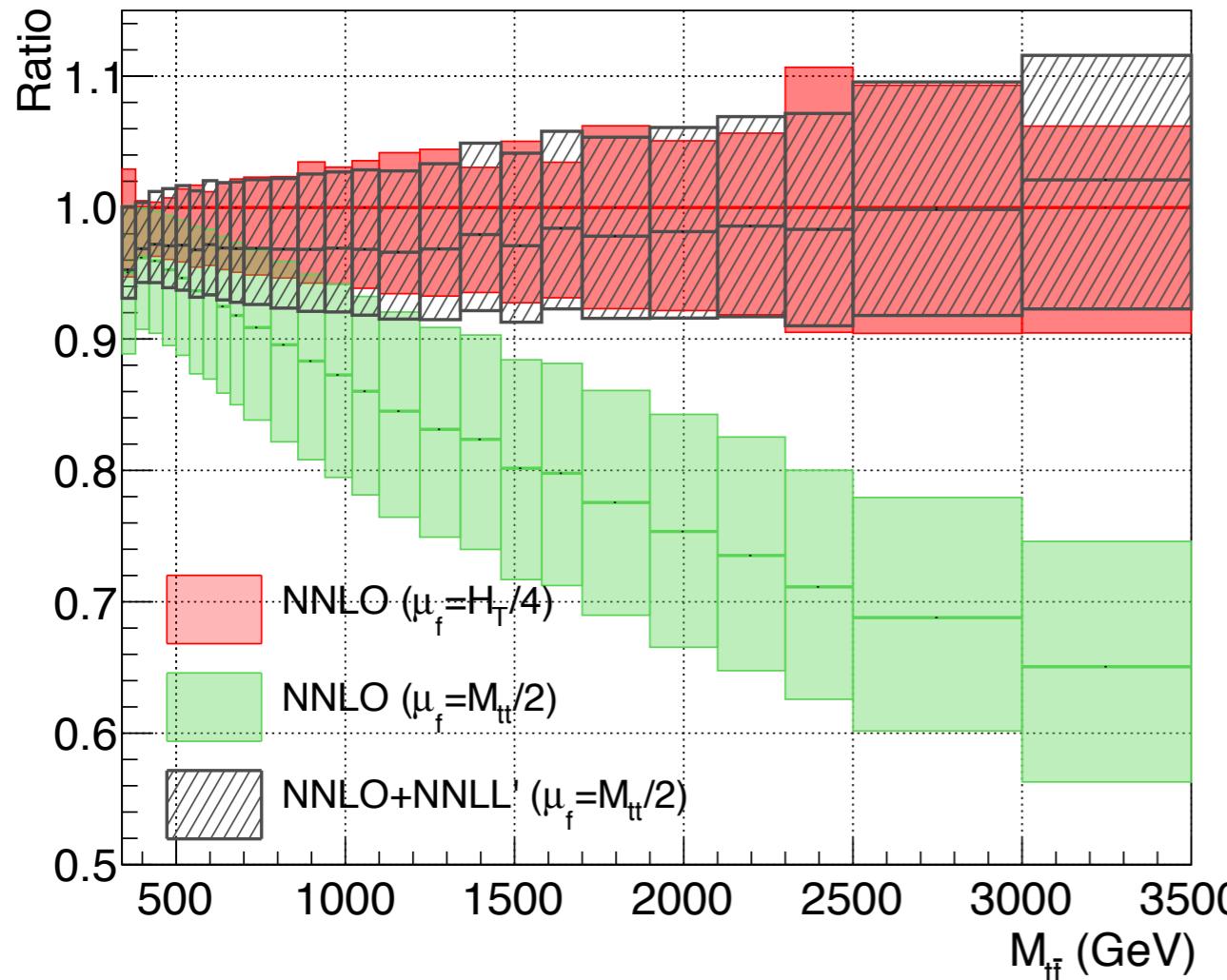
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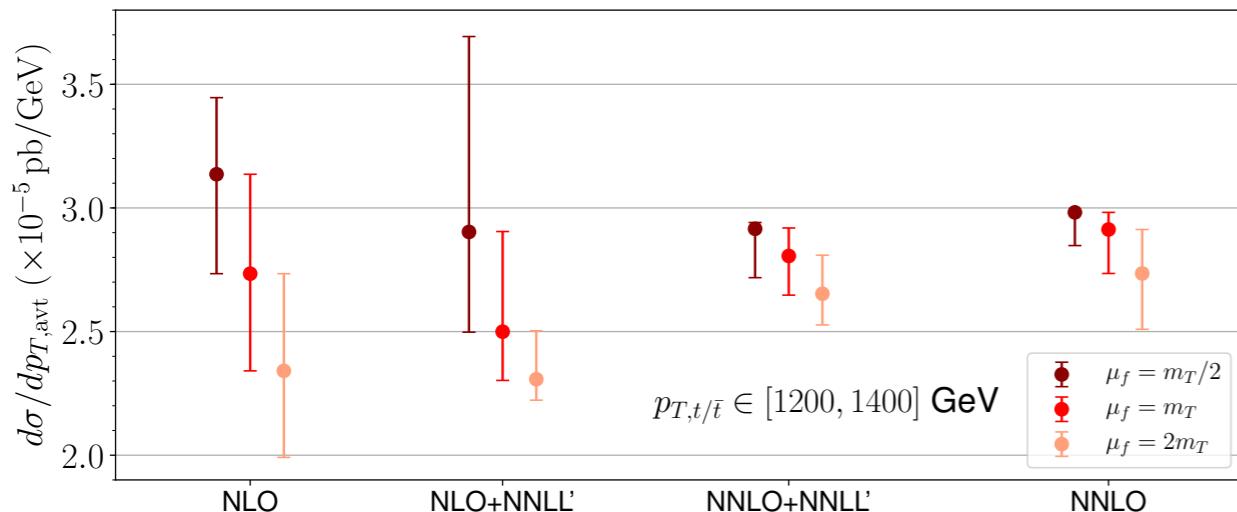
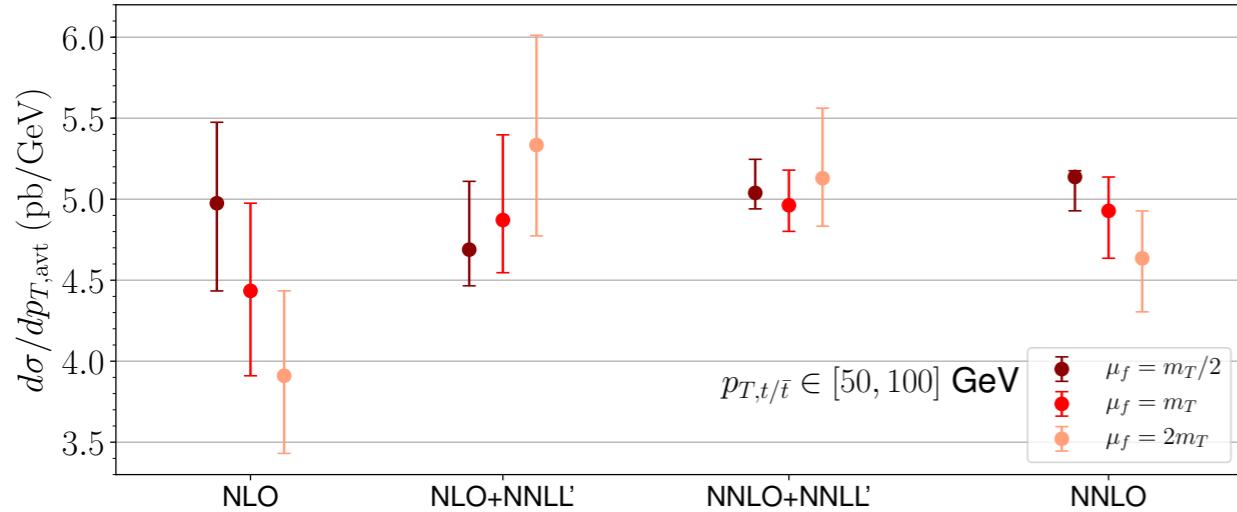


- Resummation make results more stable w.r.t different μ_f choice

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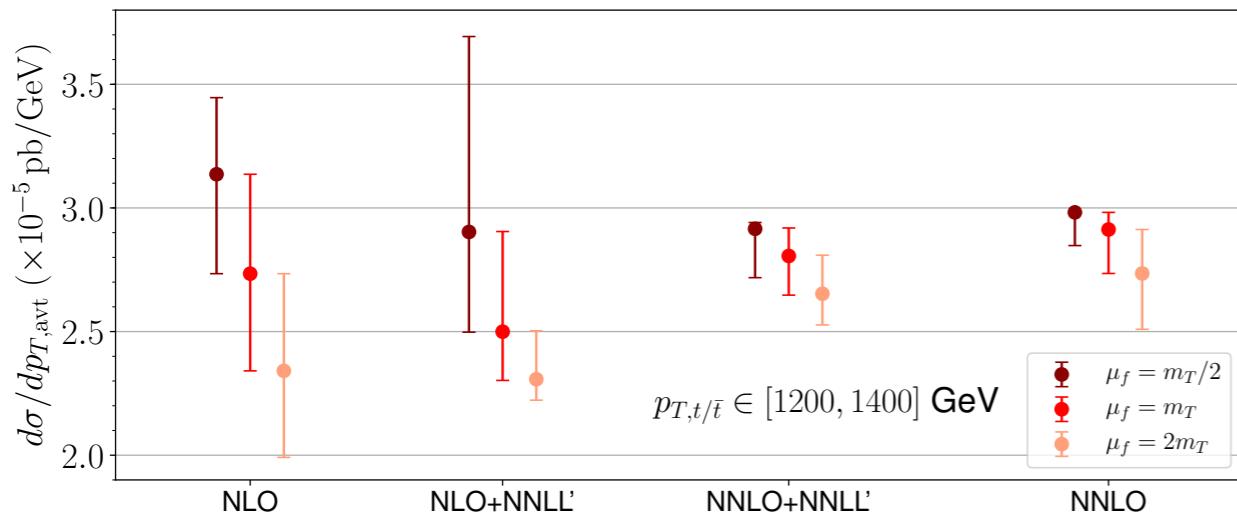
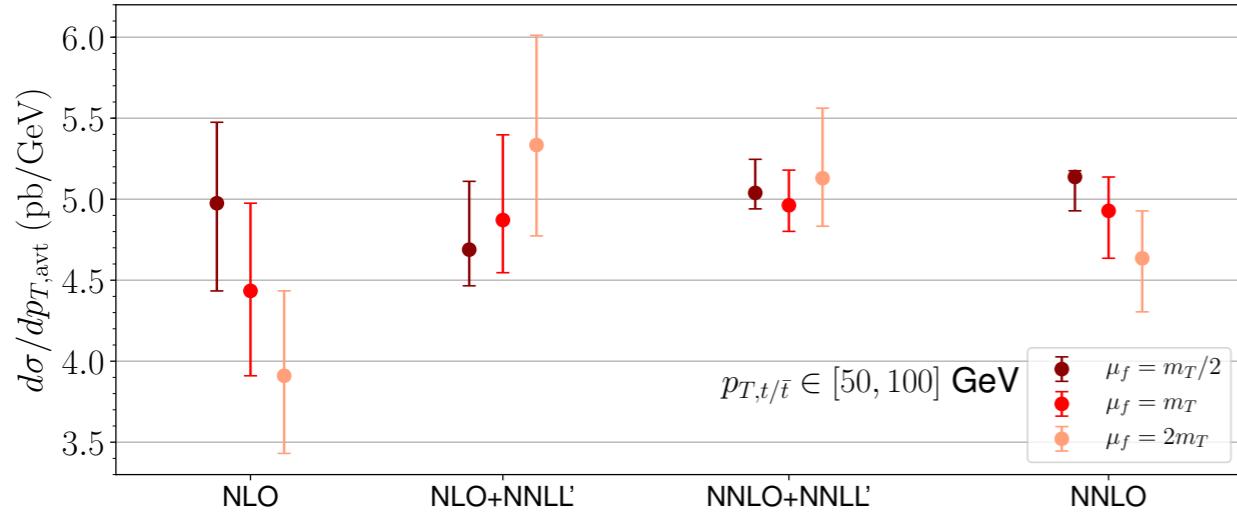
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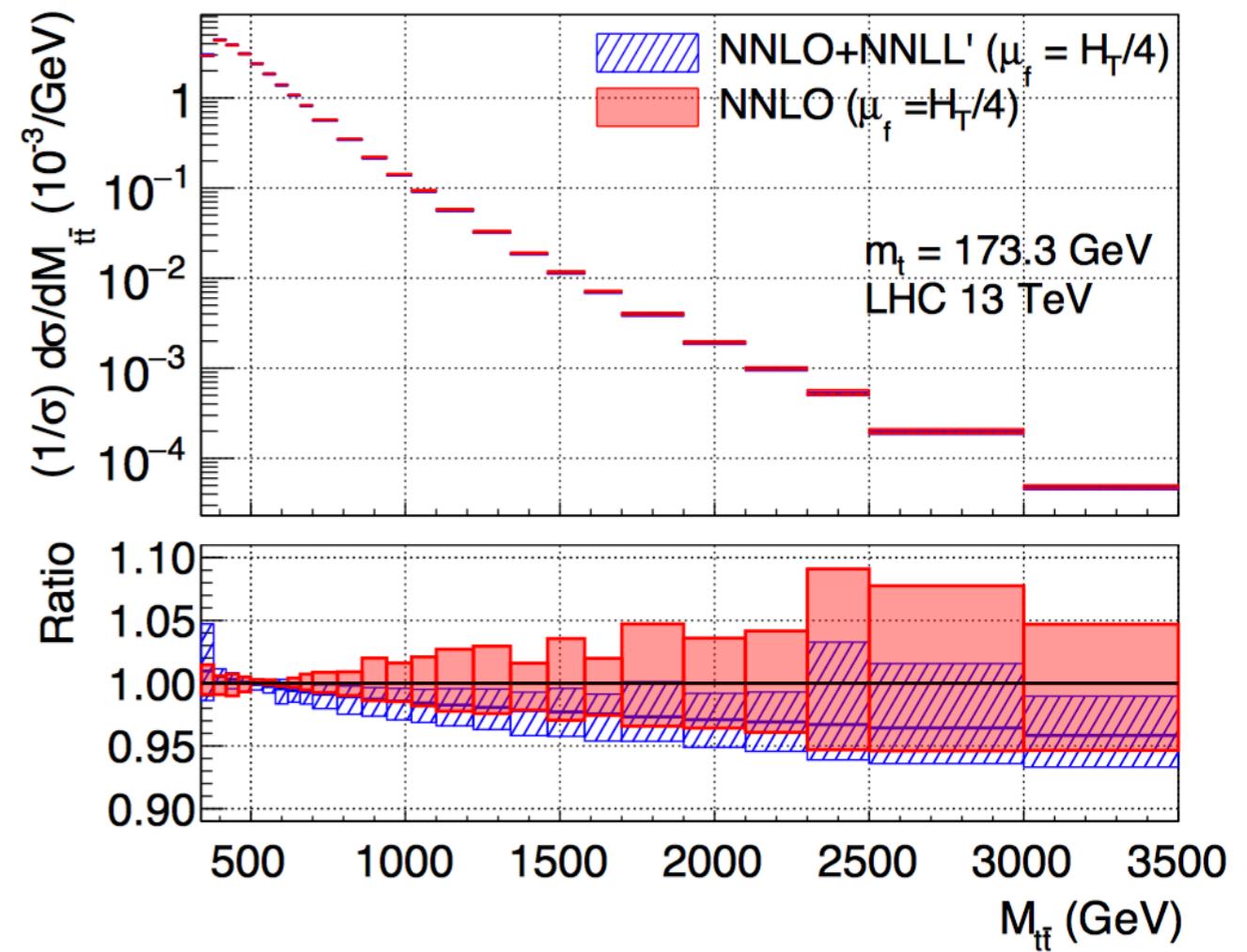
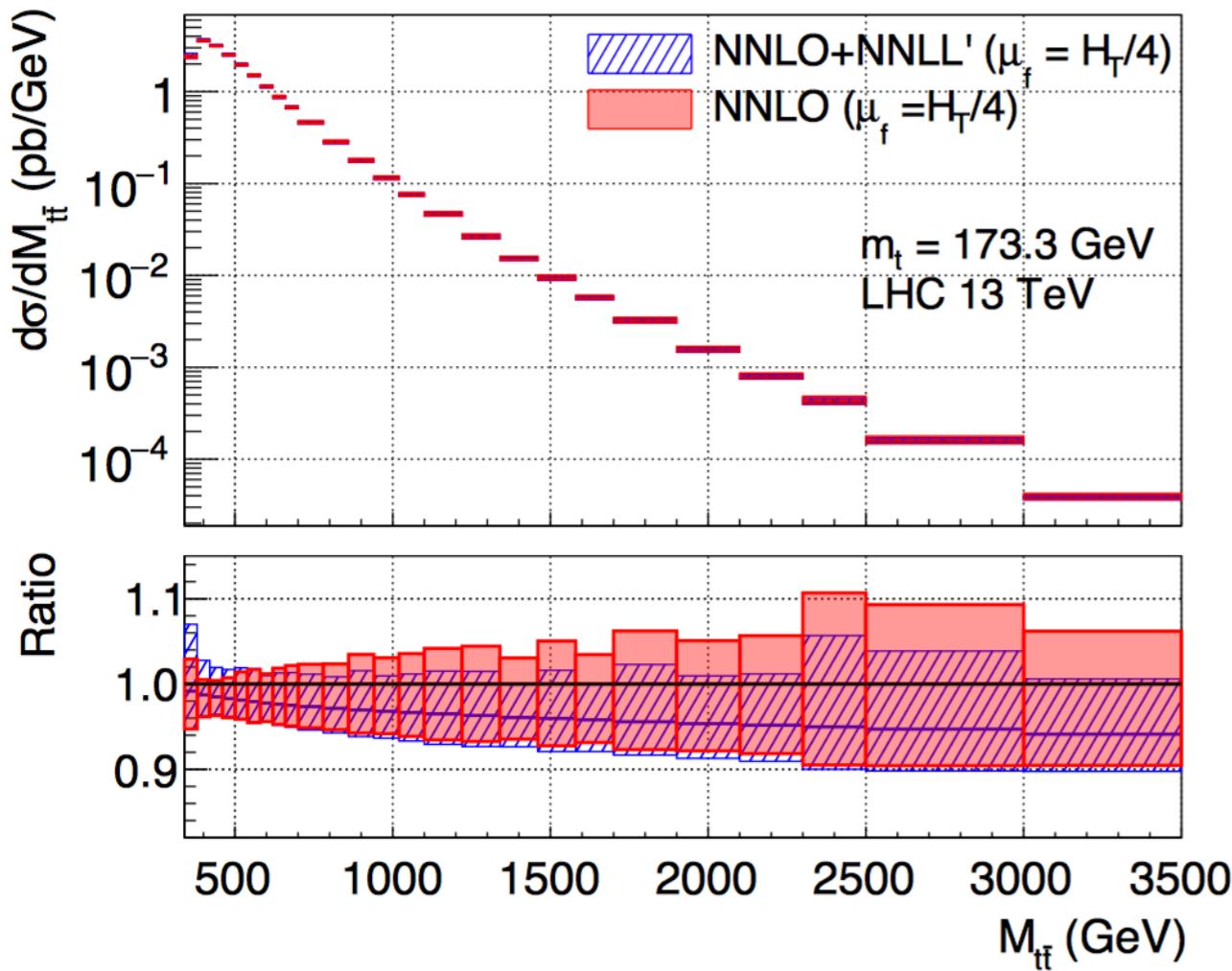
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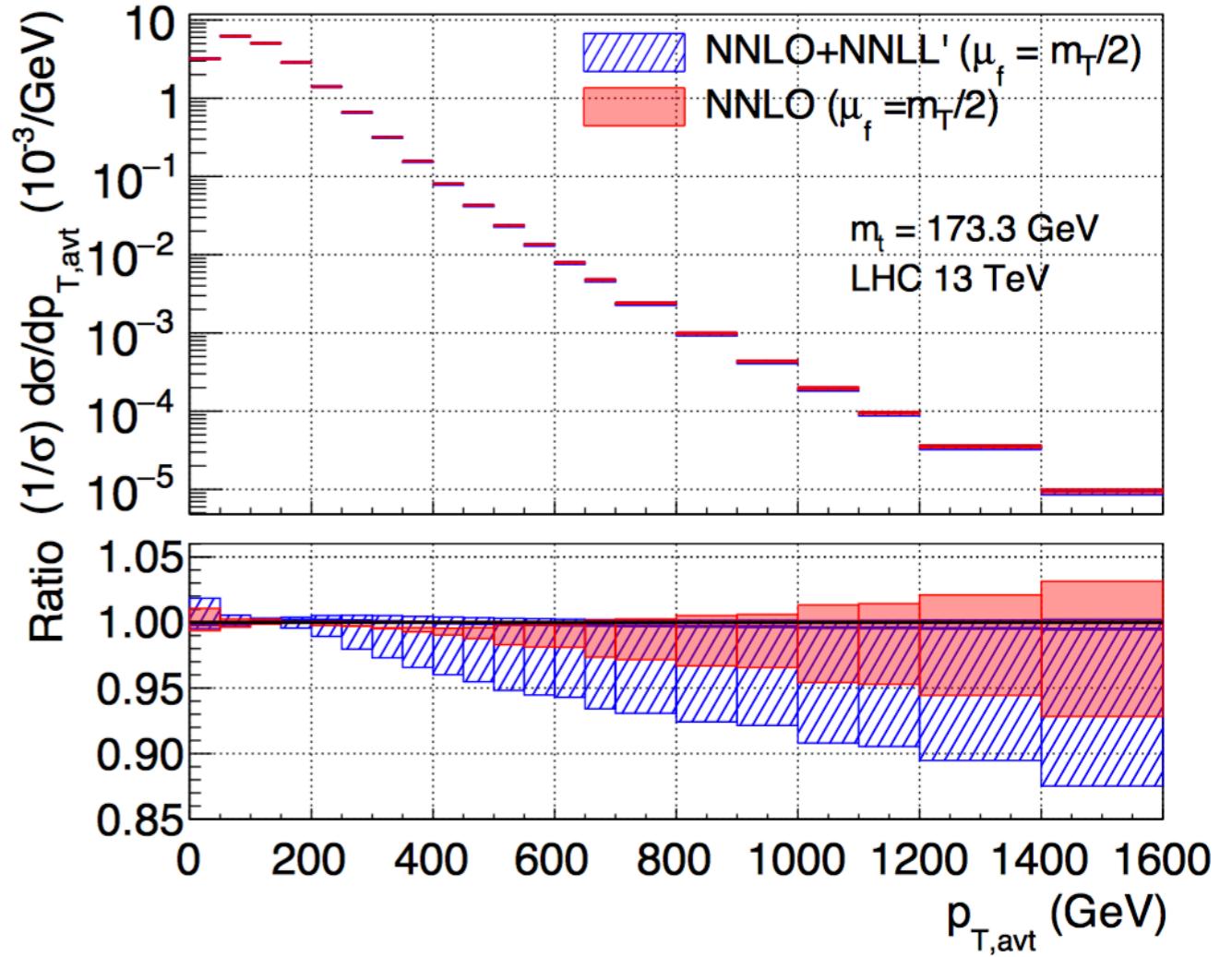
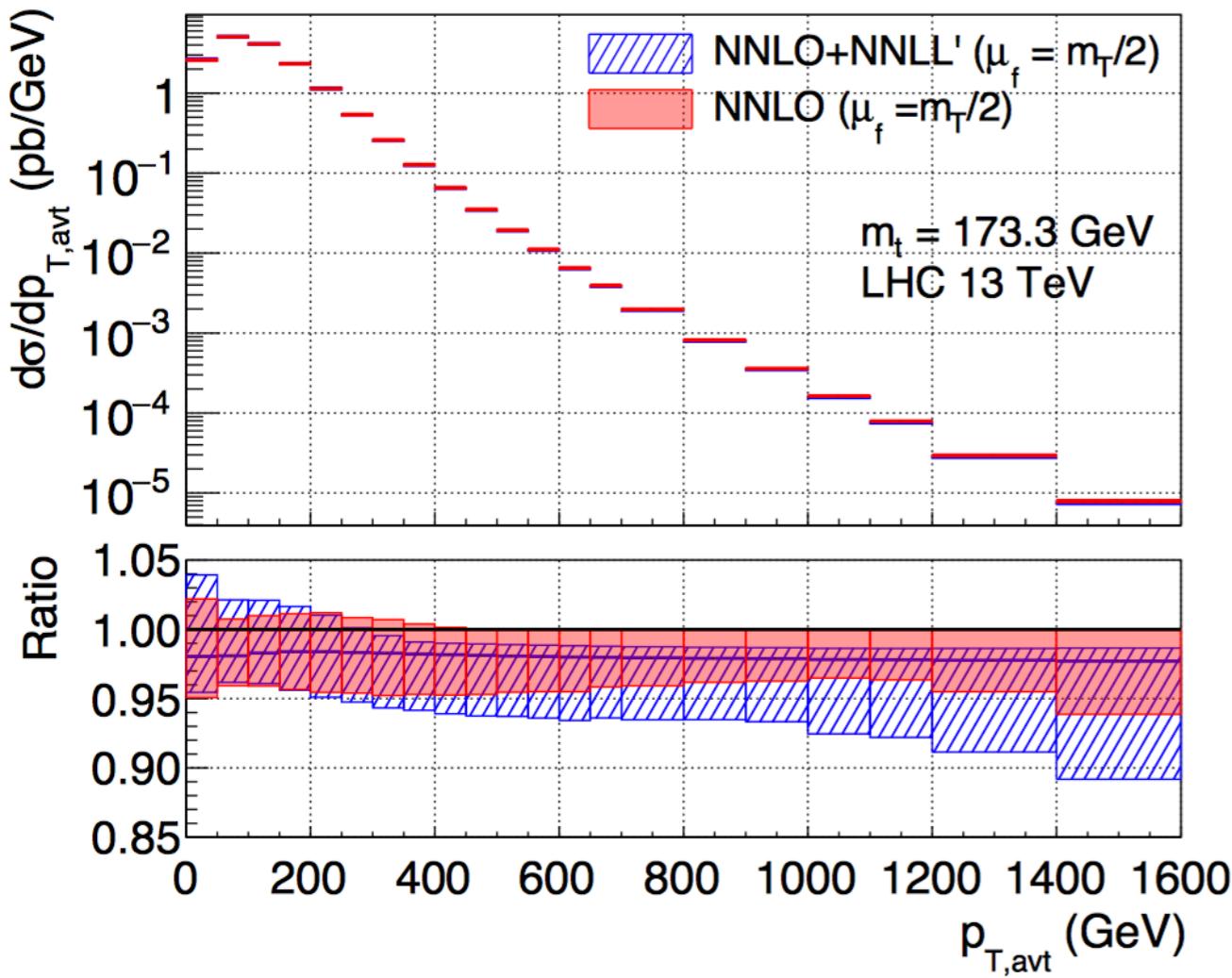


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