

# Higher Order Calculations

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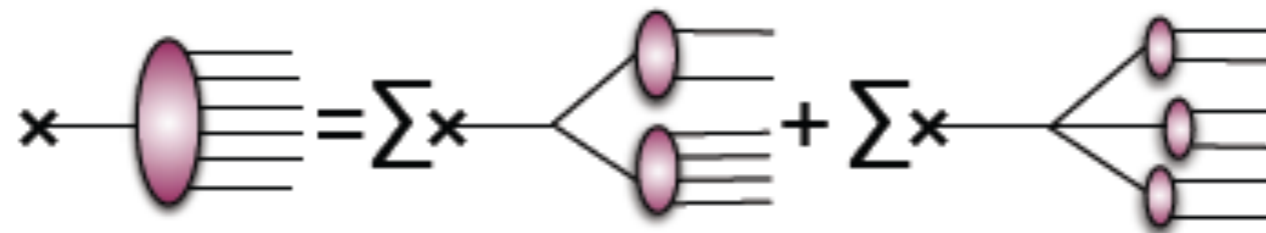
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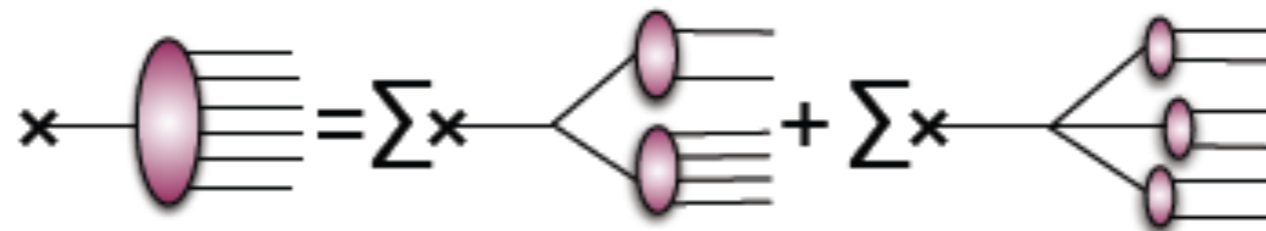
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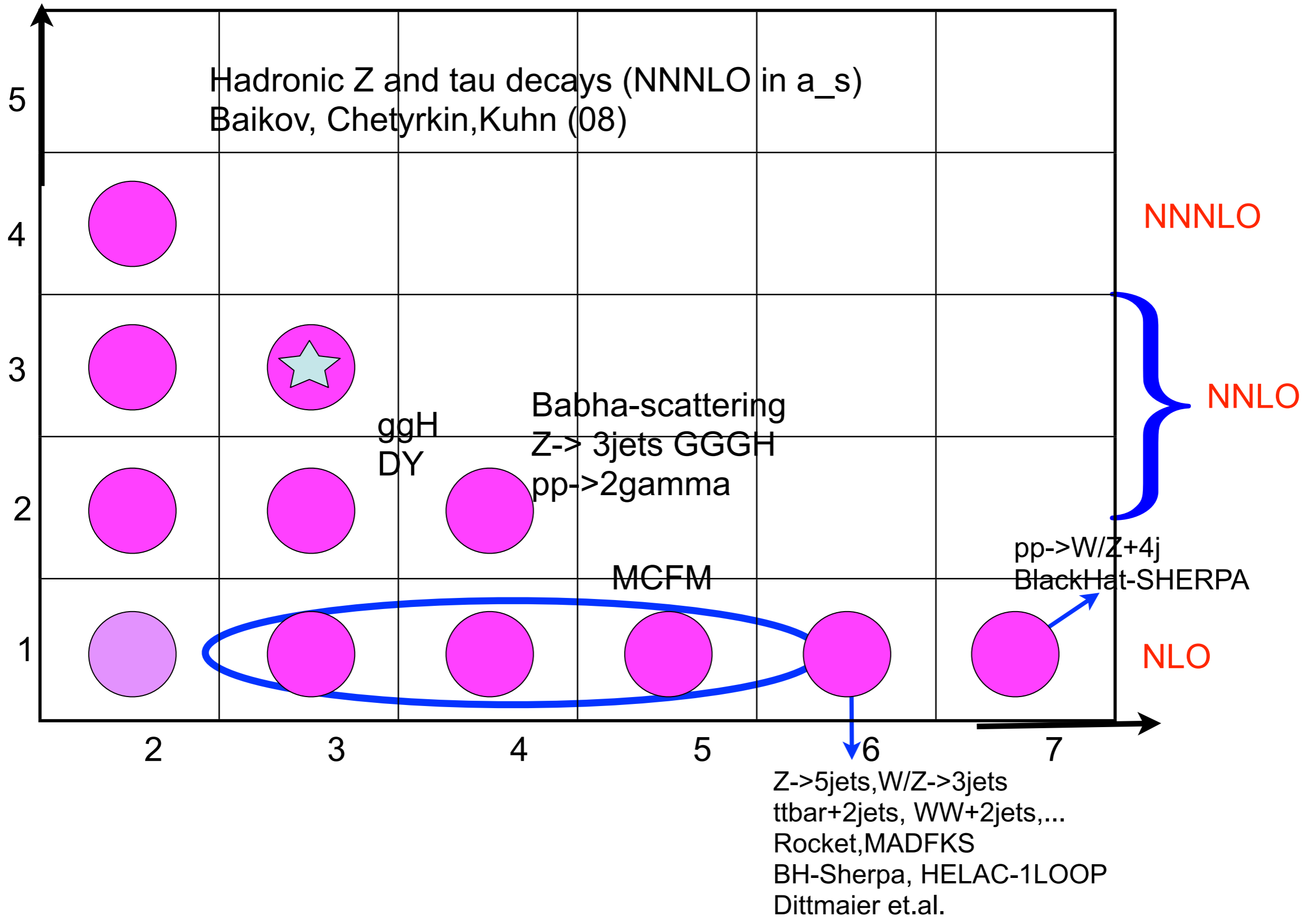
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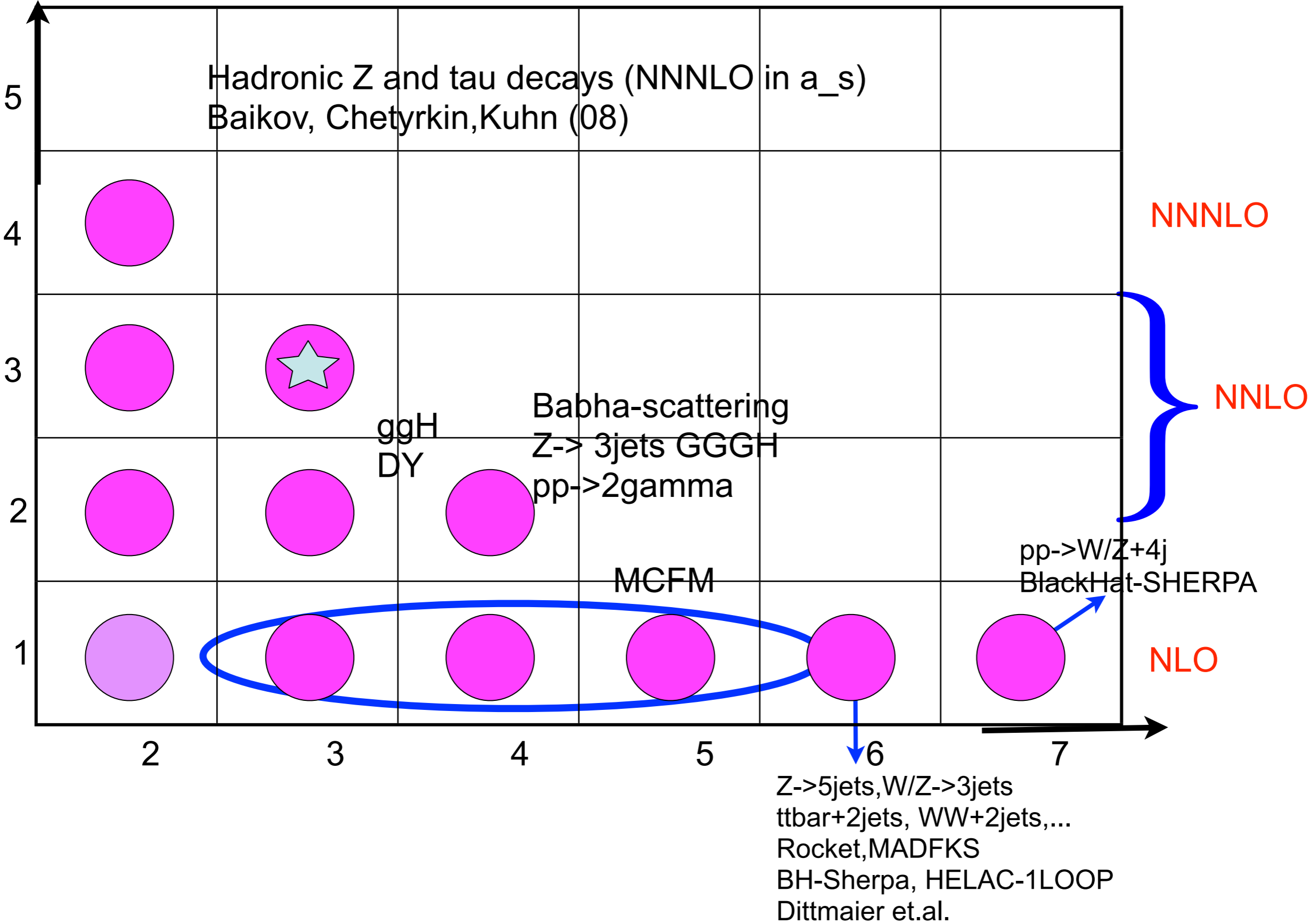
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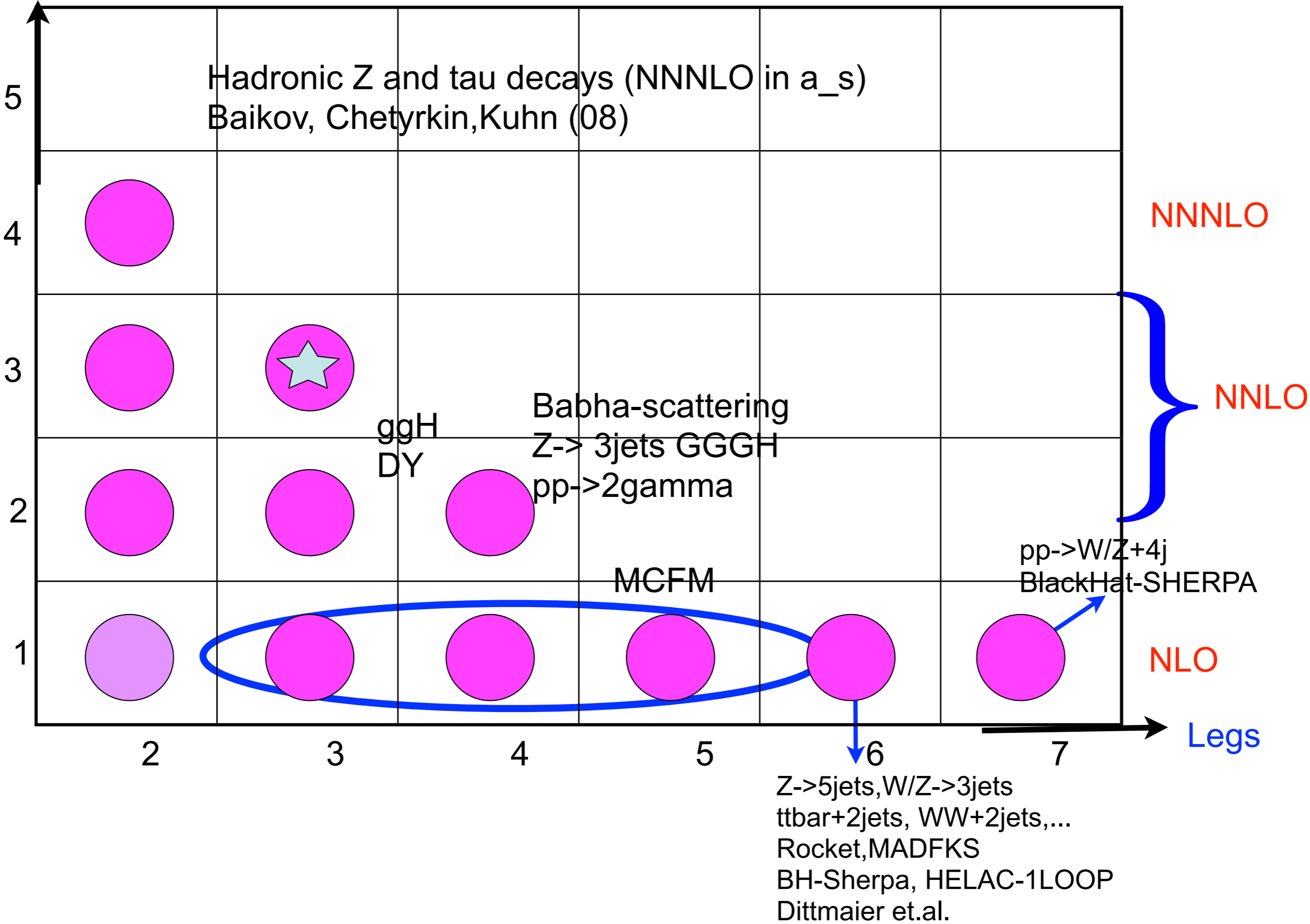
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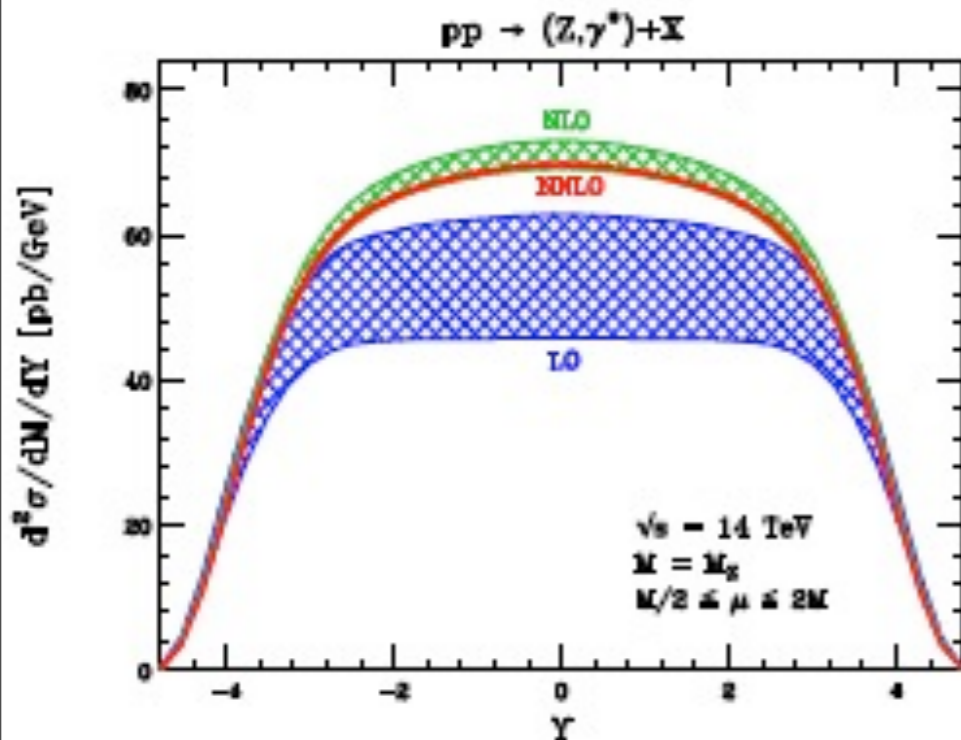
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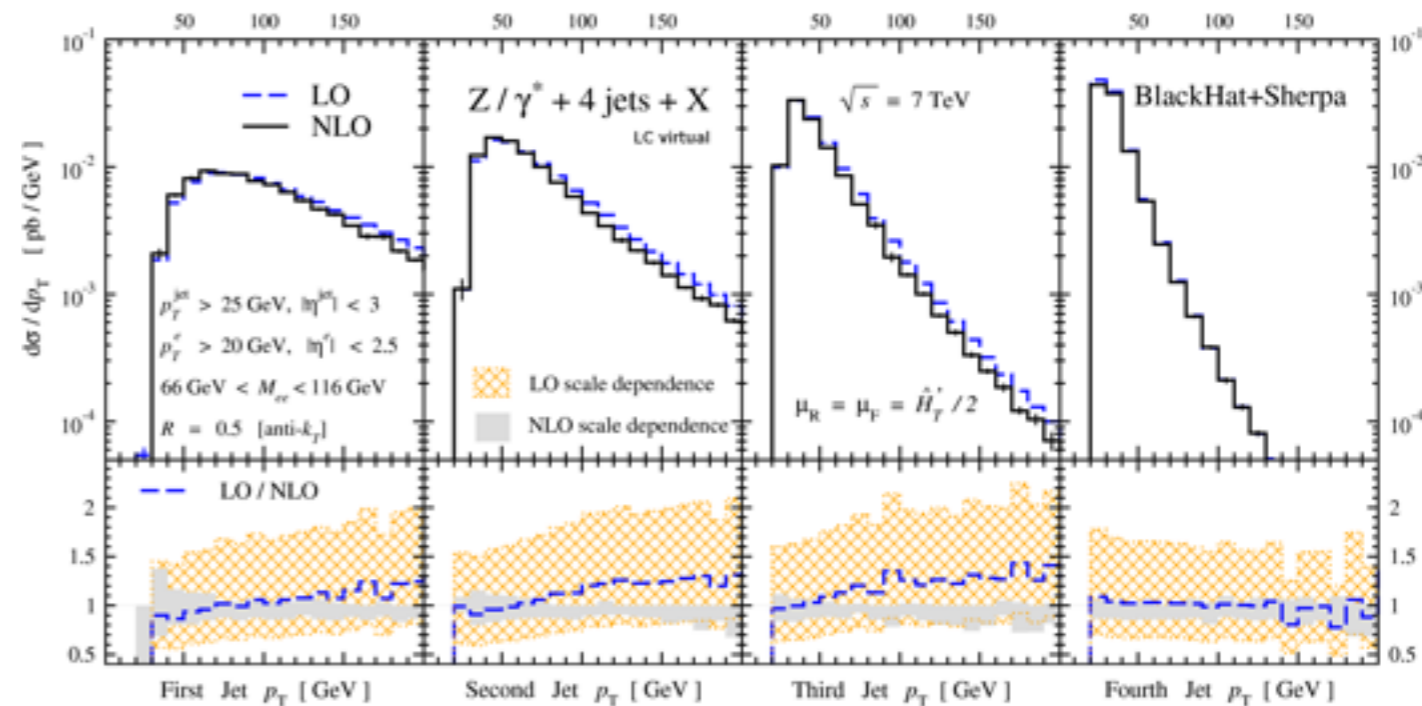
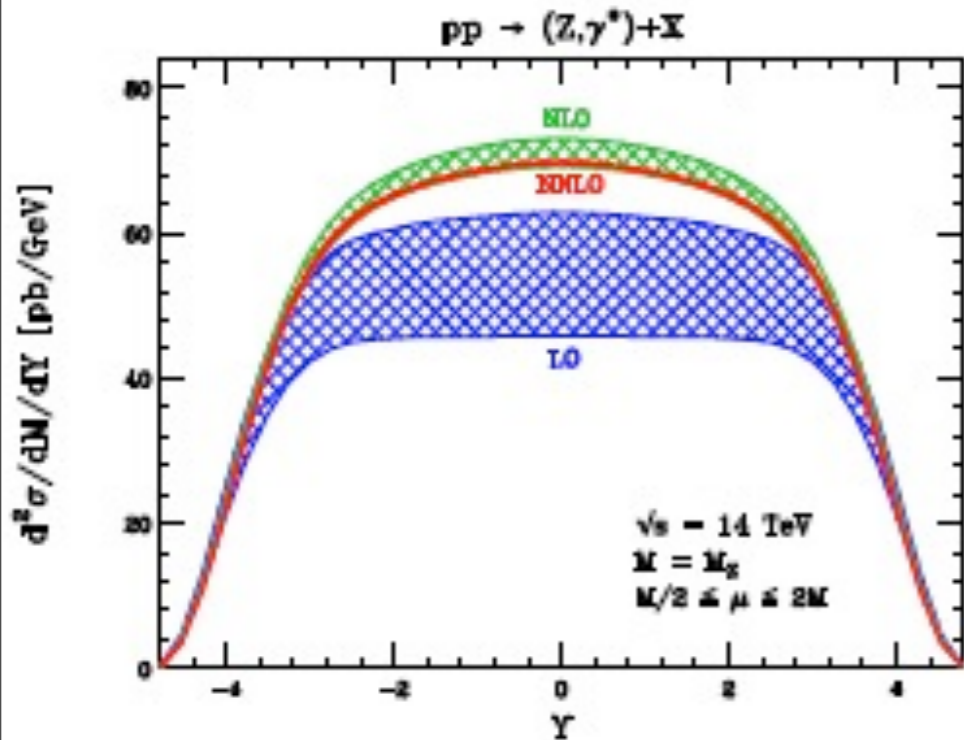
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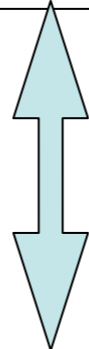
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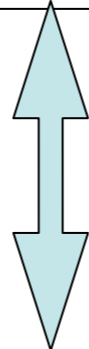
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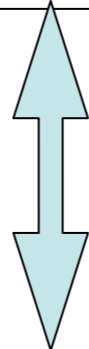
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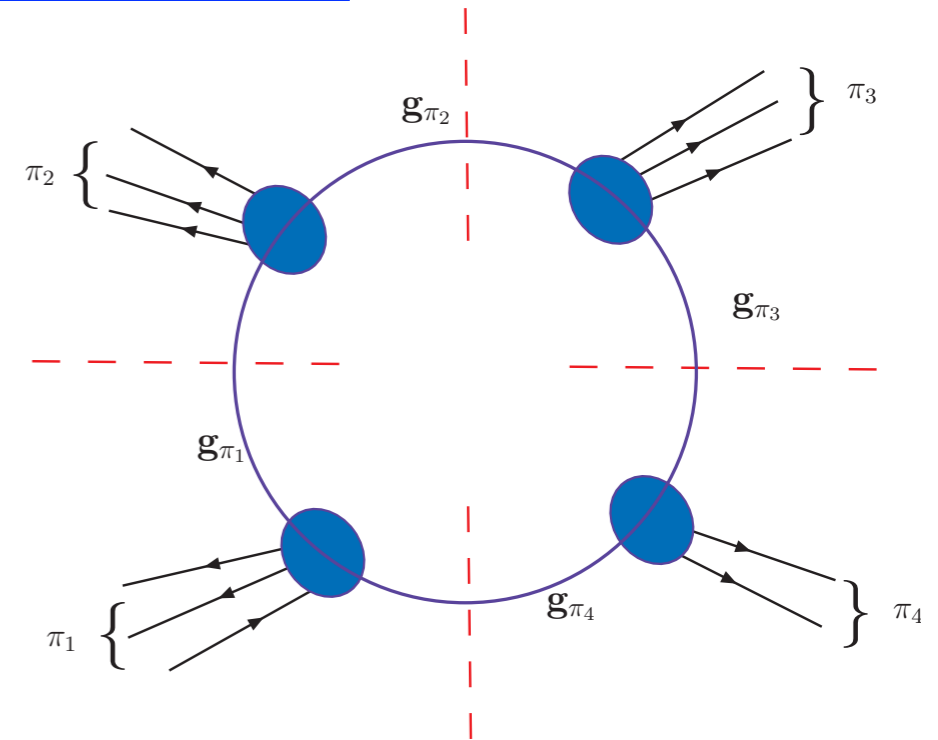


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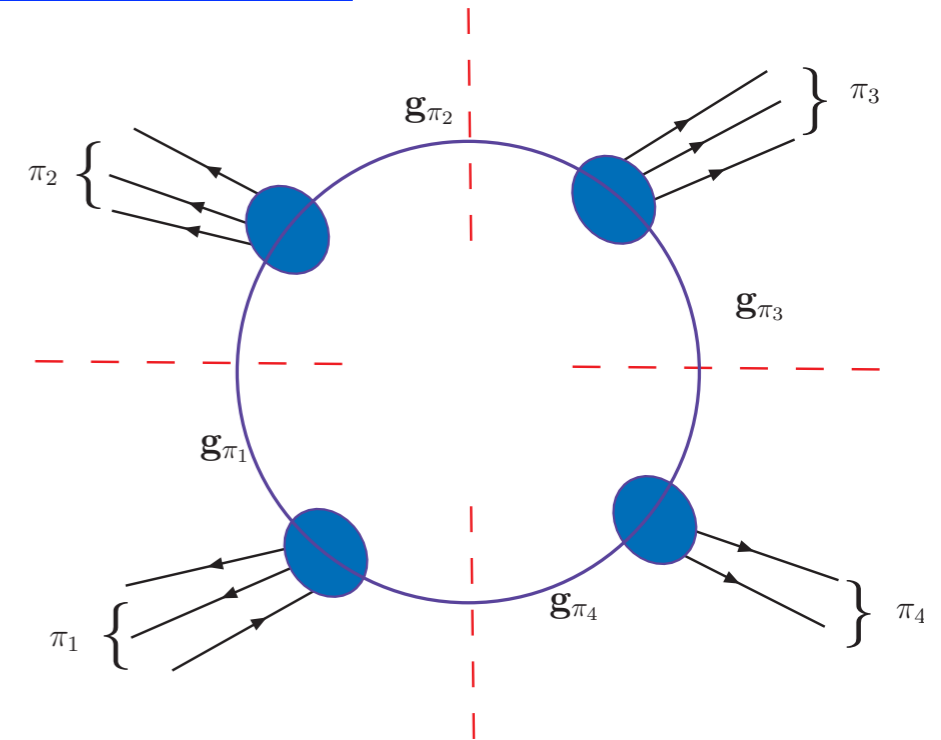
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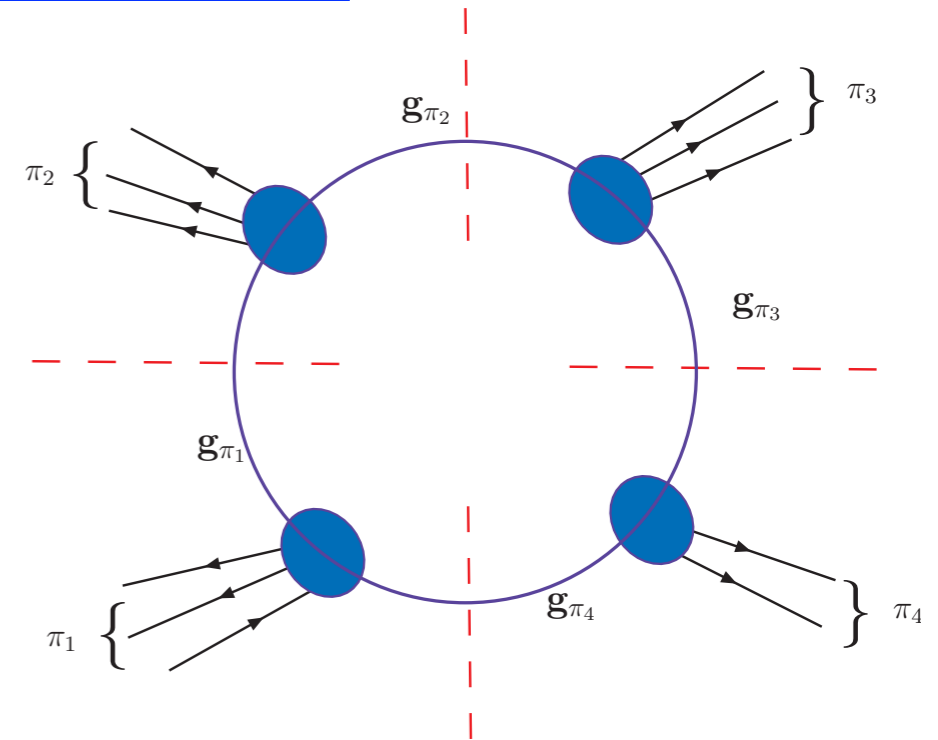
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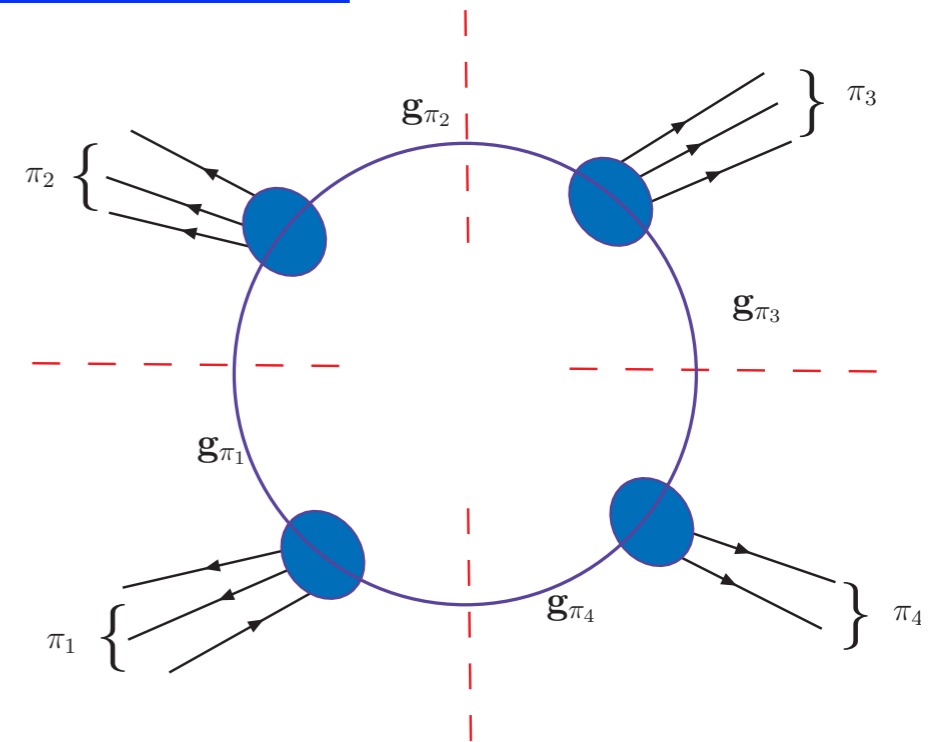
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# New ideas led to many new results for multi-leg processes

A number of 2->4 calculations have been performed with the new methods

- Rocket, Black Hat + Sherpa, Rocket + MadFKS have been used for the processes

$$pp \rightarrow W/Z + 3\text{jets}, WW + 2\text{jets}, e^+e^- \rightarrow 5\text{jets}$$

Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres-Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Ellis, Frixione, Frederix, Giele, ZK, Melia, Melnikov, Rontsch, Zanderighi

- HELAC-1Loop, Feynman diagrams based method have been applied for

$$pp \rightarrow WW + b\bar{b}, t\bar{t} + 2\text{jets}, t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}, b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$$

Bevilaqua, Czakon, Van Hameren, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Worek, Bredenstein, Denner, Ditmaier, Kallweit, Pozzorini, Binoth, Greiner, Guffanti, Guillet, Reiter, Reuter

# Recent developments for NLO codes

## ✓ BlackHat + Sherpa: W/Z+ 4jets

- **improvements:** First use of  $N = 4$  derived expressions (Dixon, Henn, Plefka, & Schuster)

Six quark subprocesses are included

## ✓ CutTools+HELAC: $t\bar{t} + 2\text{jets}$ (Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Worek )

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$t\bar{t} + 1\text{photon with top decay}$  (Melnikov, Schultze, Scharf)

## ✓ New implementations

- Samurai: Mastrolia, Ossola, Reiter, & Tramontano (OPP)
- NGluon: Badger, Biedermann, & Uwer (D-dim. unitarity)
- MadLoop: Hirschi, Frederix, Frixione, Garzelli, Maltoni, & Pittau
- GPU implementation: Giele, Stavenga, Winter
- Unordered colordressed amplitudes Giele, ZK, Winter

## ✓ Analytic work

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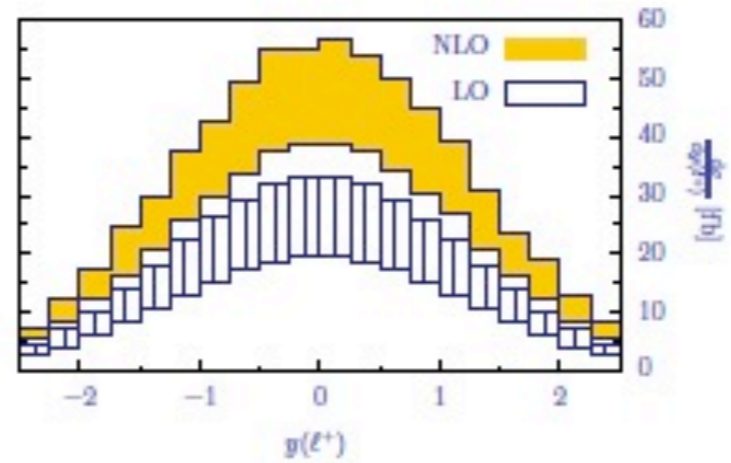
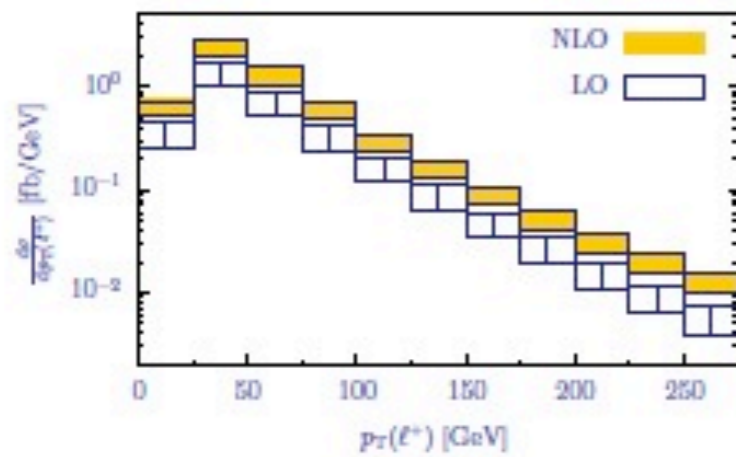
# Recent contributions

For example Melnikov, Schulze and Scharf

The process  $t\bar{t} + \gamma$  is an interesting SM signal

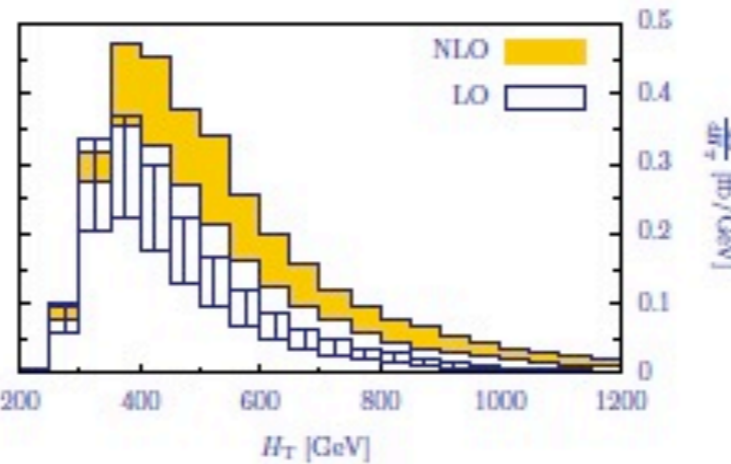
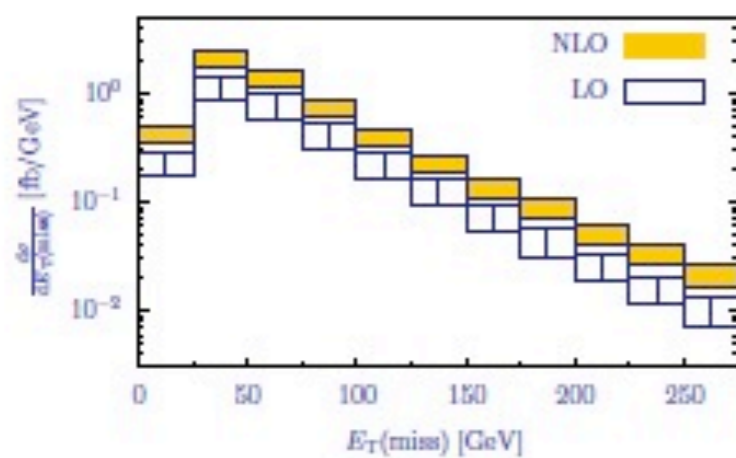
- We calculated  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b} \ell\nu jj + \gamma$  at NLO QCD
  - realistic and flexible setup
  - include top decays and account for all spin correlations
  - allow photon radiation off decay products
- Tevatron: good agreement with CDF measurement
- LHC: possibility to measure electromagnetic couplings of the top quark
- Large contribution from radiative top decays

Schulze, loopfest '11



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{\text{LO}} = 74.5^{+24.0}_{-16.9} \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}\gamma}^{\text{NLO}} = 138^{+30}_{-23} \text{ fb}$$



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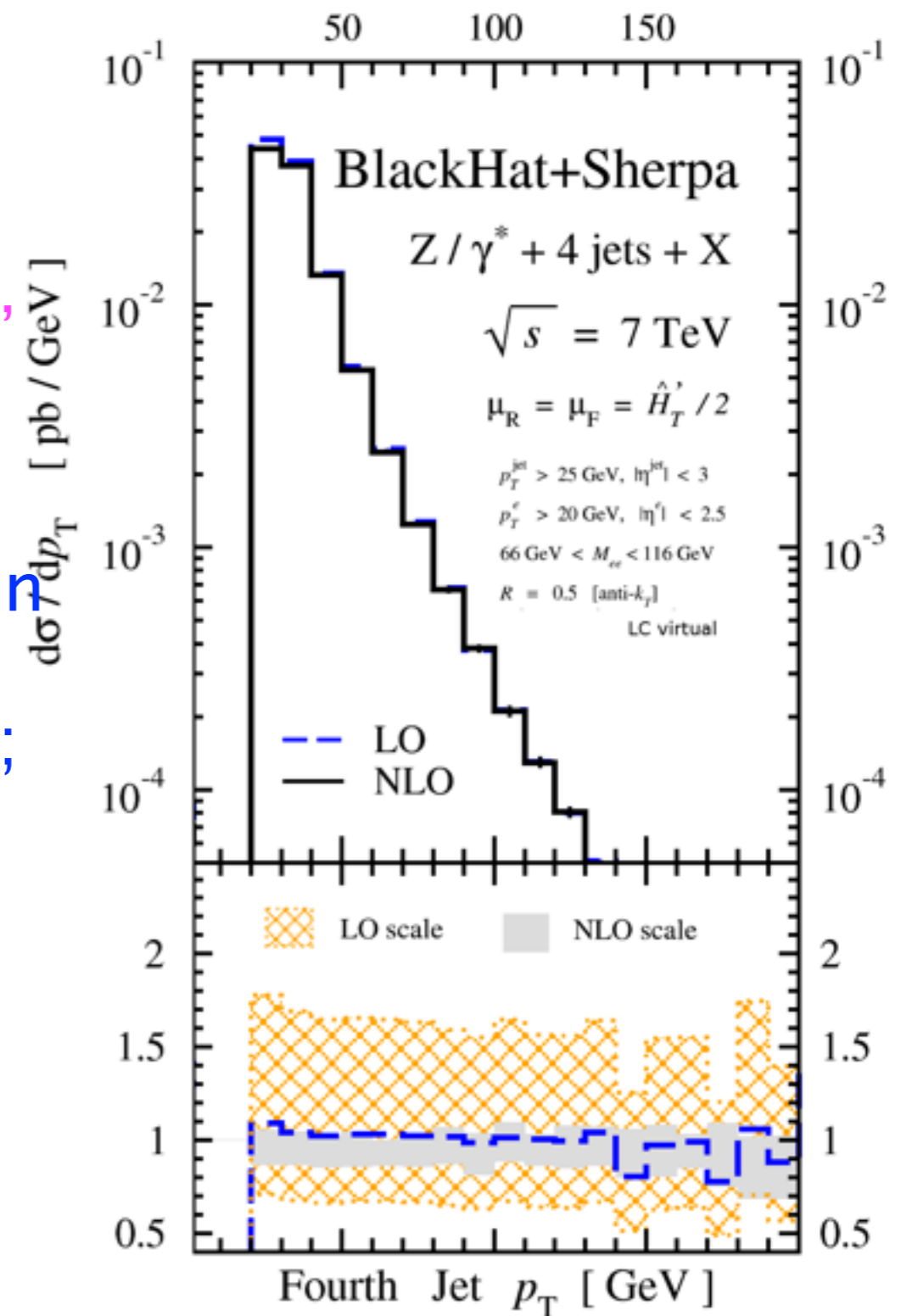
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  - no reduction of scale dependence  $\Rightarrow$  opening up of  $q$ - $g$  channel at NLO
- (similar features as in  $t\bar{t}$  production)

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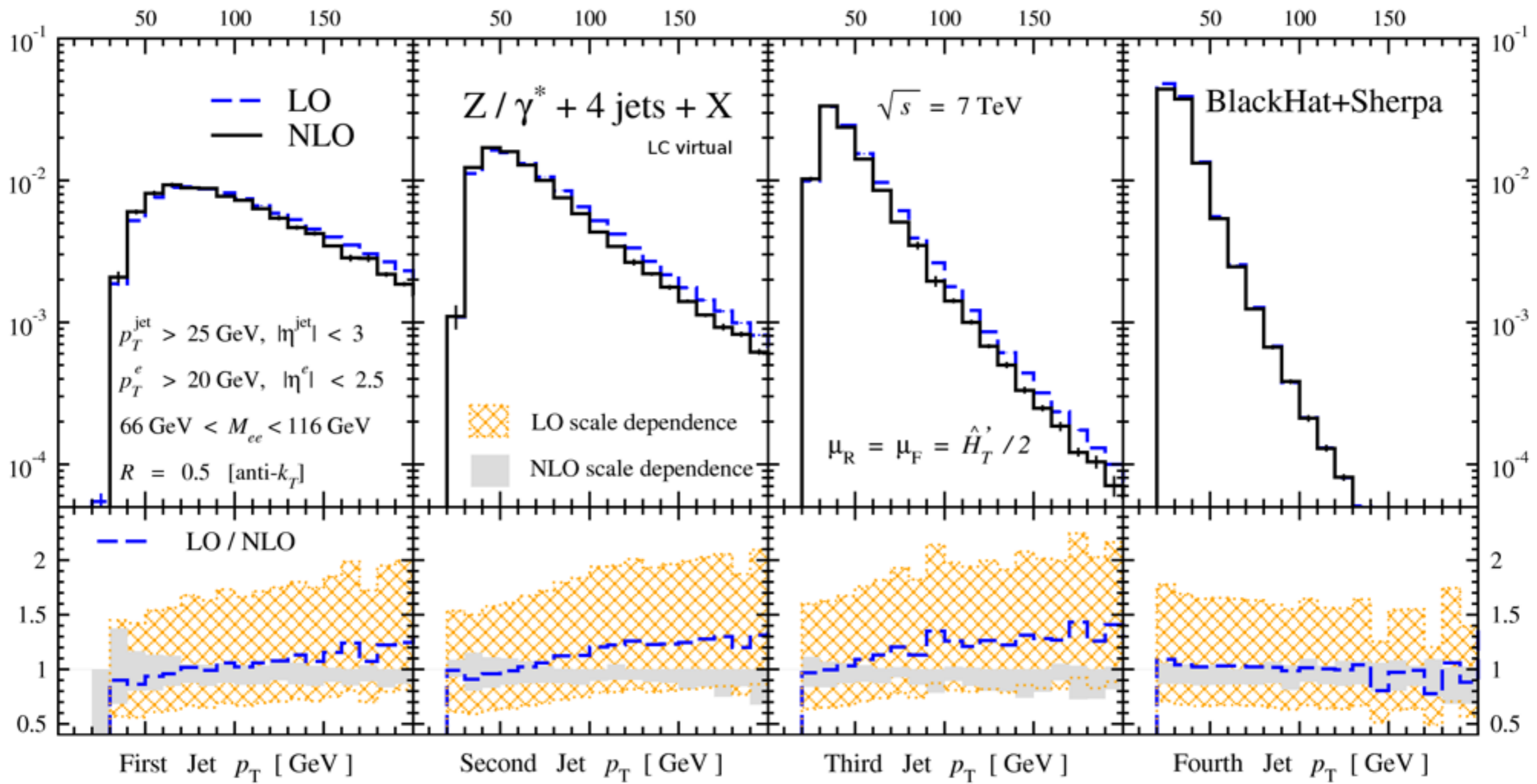
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# Towards automated MCFM? MADLOOP



## INTEGRATED RESULTS

- Errors are the MC integration uncertainty only
- Cuts on jets,  $\gamma^*/Z$  decay products and photons, but **no cuts on b quarks** (their mass regulates the IR singularities)
- Efficient handling of **exceptional phase-space points**: their uncertainty always at least two orders of magnitude smaller than the integration uncertainty
- Running time: **two weeks on ~150 node cluster** leading to rather small integration uncertainties
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c.3 $pp \rightarrow (\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow)e^+e^- b\bar{b}$	$m_Z + 2m_b$	4	$9.459 \pm 0.004$	$15.31 \pm 0.03$
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NLO calculations

Nason (04)

Frixione, Nason, Oleari (07)

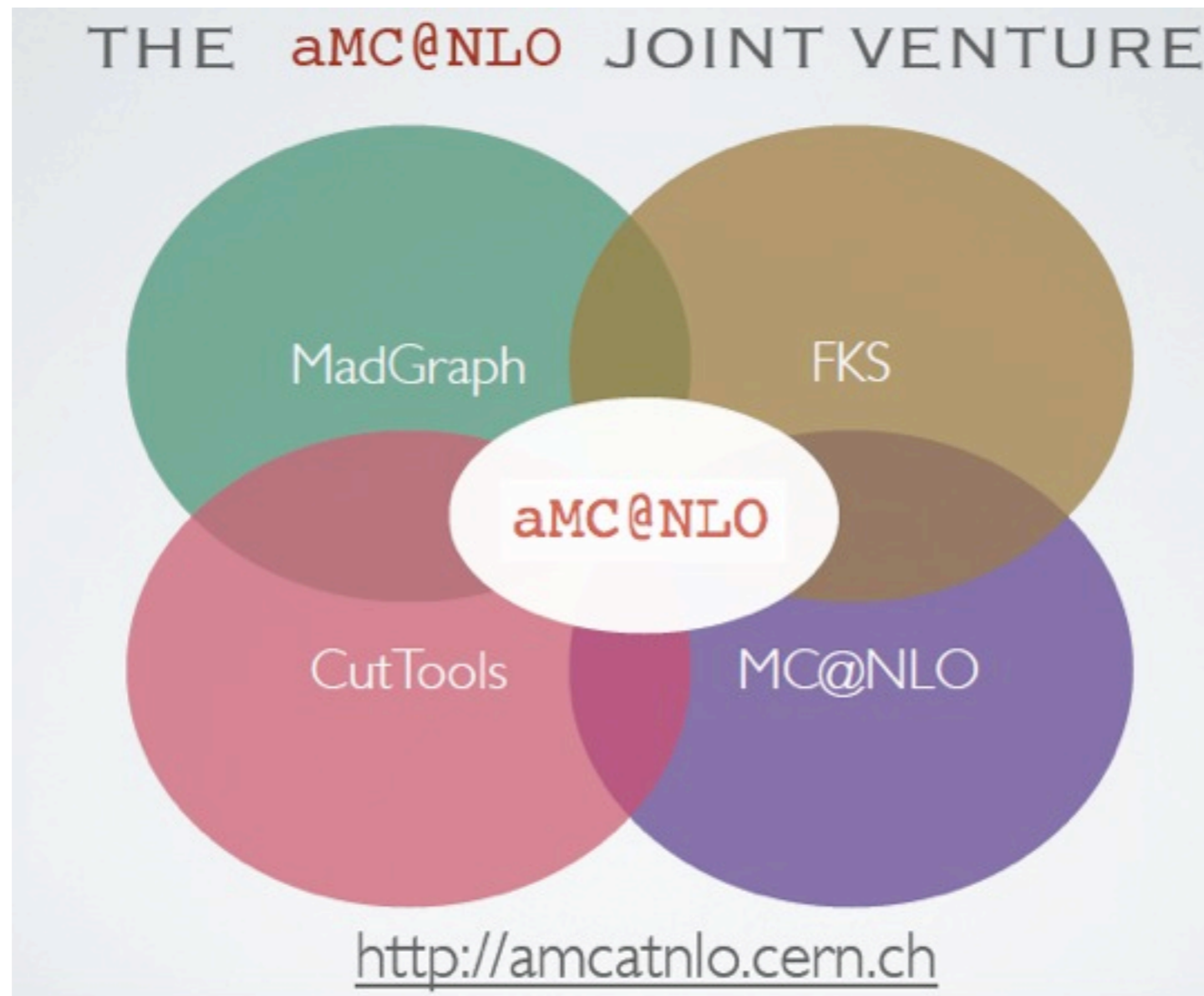
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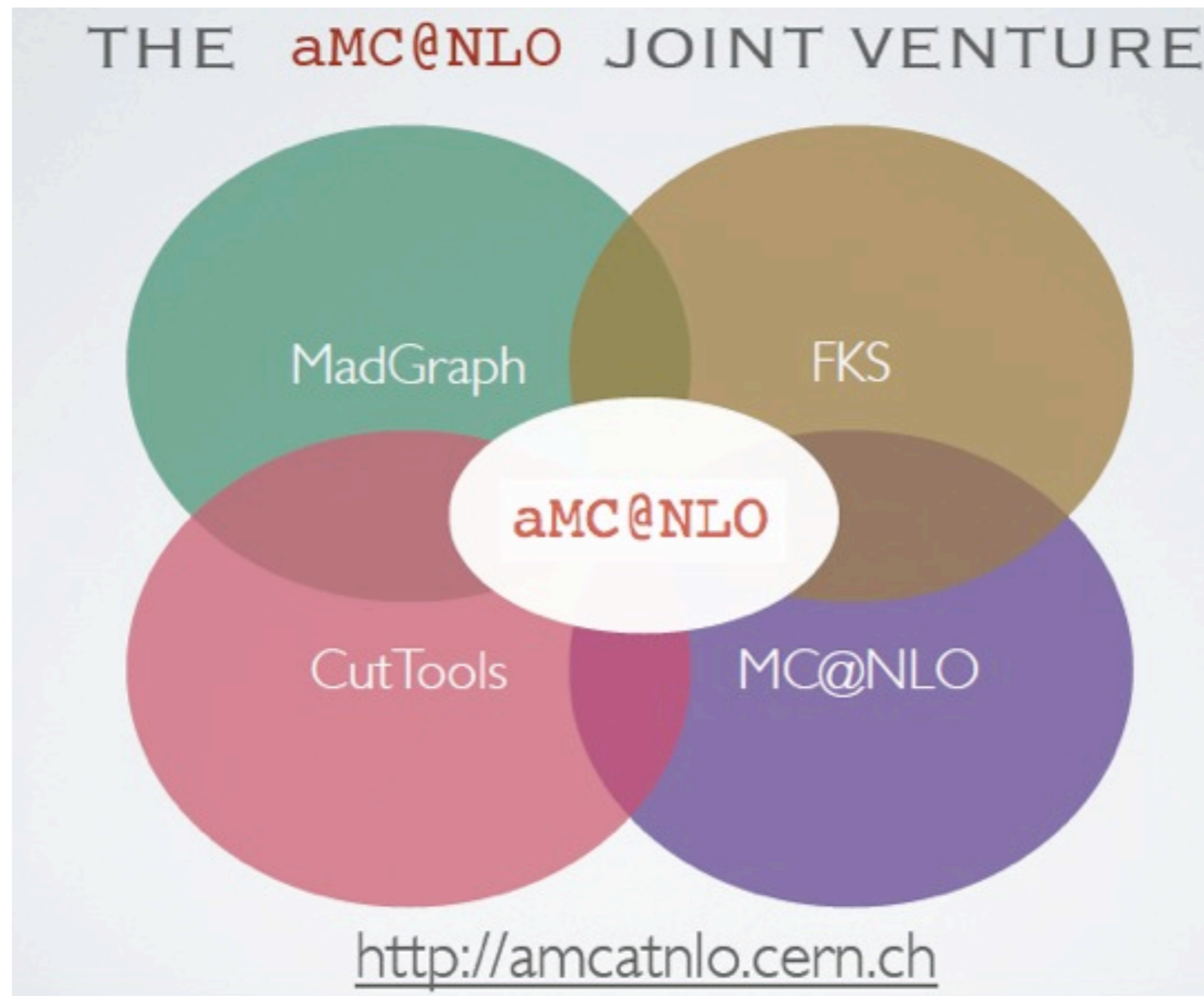
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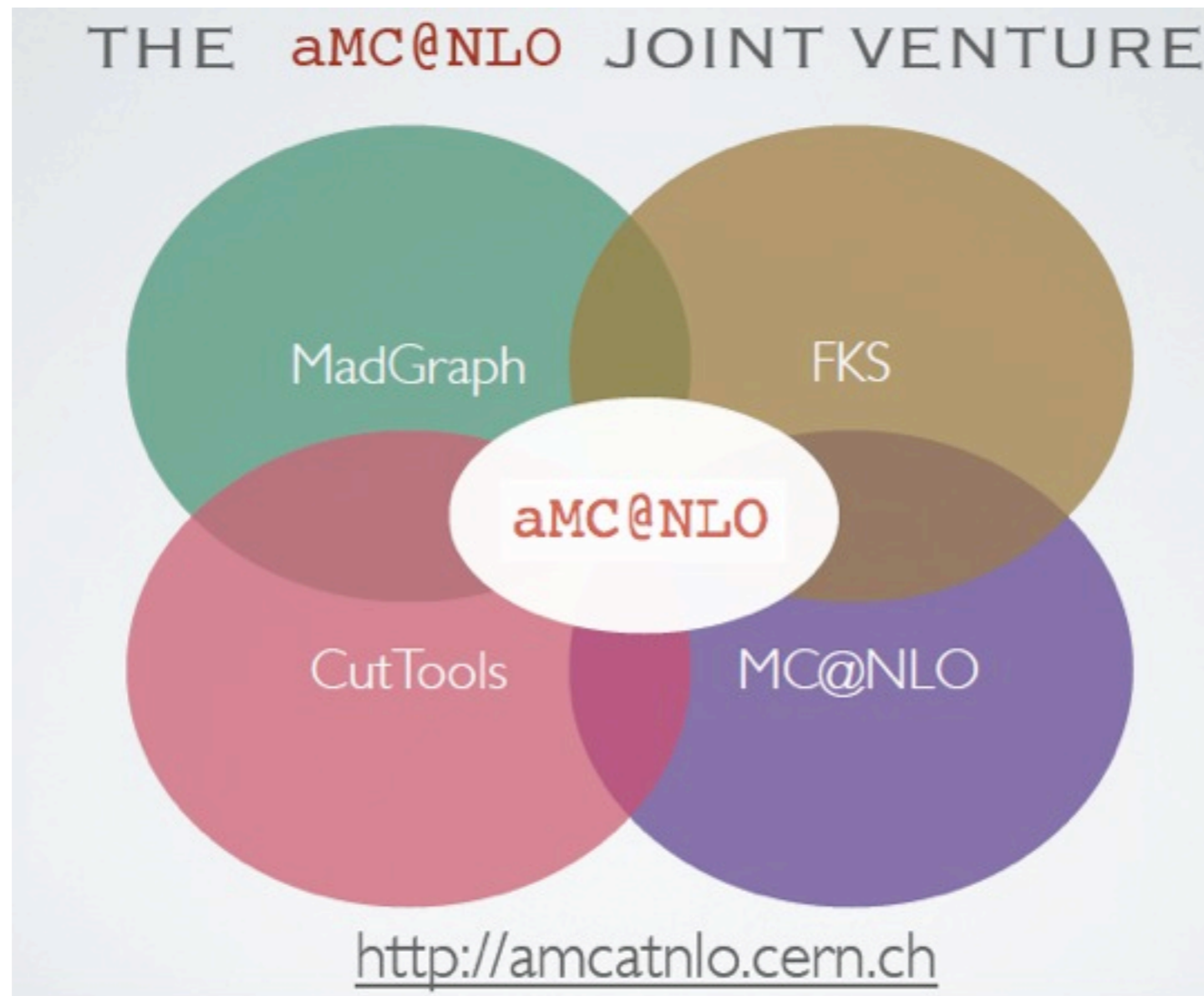


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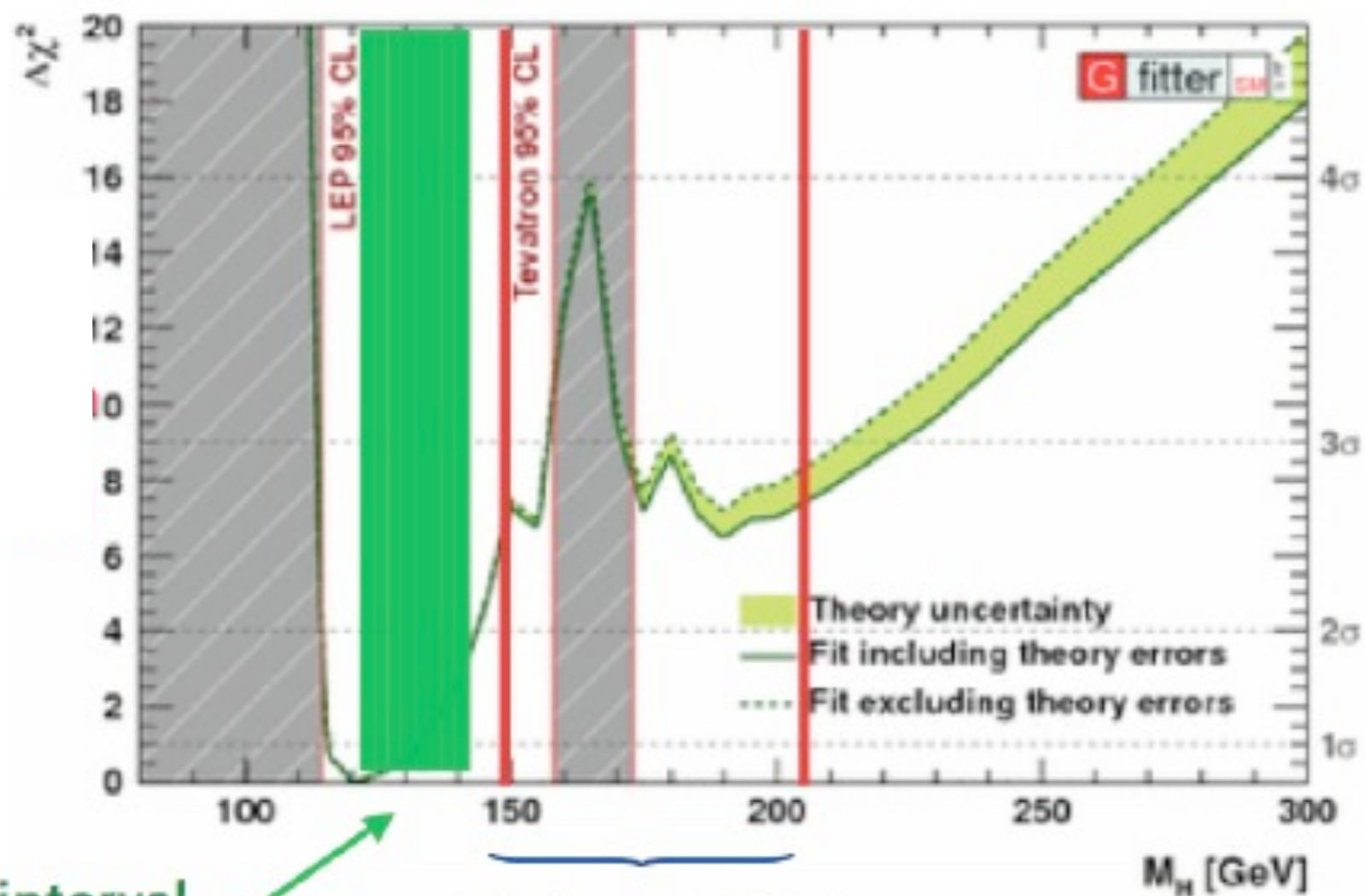
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**Search for the Higgs-boson produced in association with W/Z boson and decaying into a b-quark pair**

ATLAS-CONF-2011-103

# Precision calculations for Higgs-search

The SM Higgs is close to be observed or excluded



interval  
with excess  
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Excl. by ATLAS/CMS

also  $300 < m_H < 450$  GeV  
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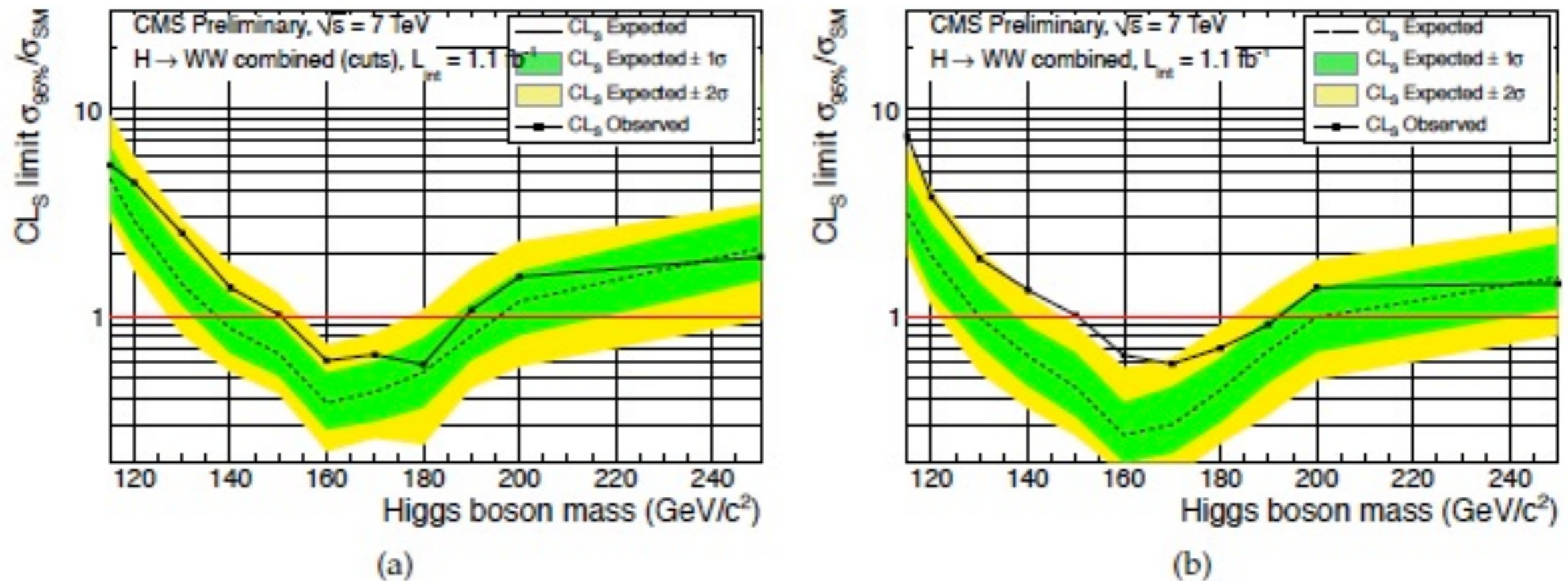


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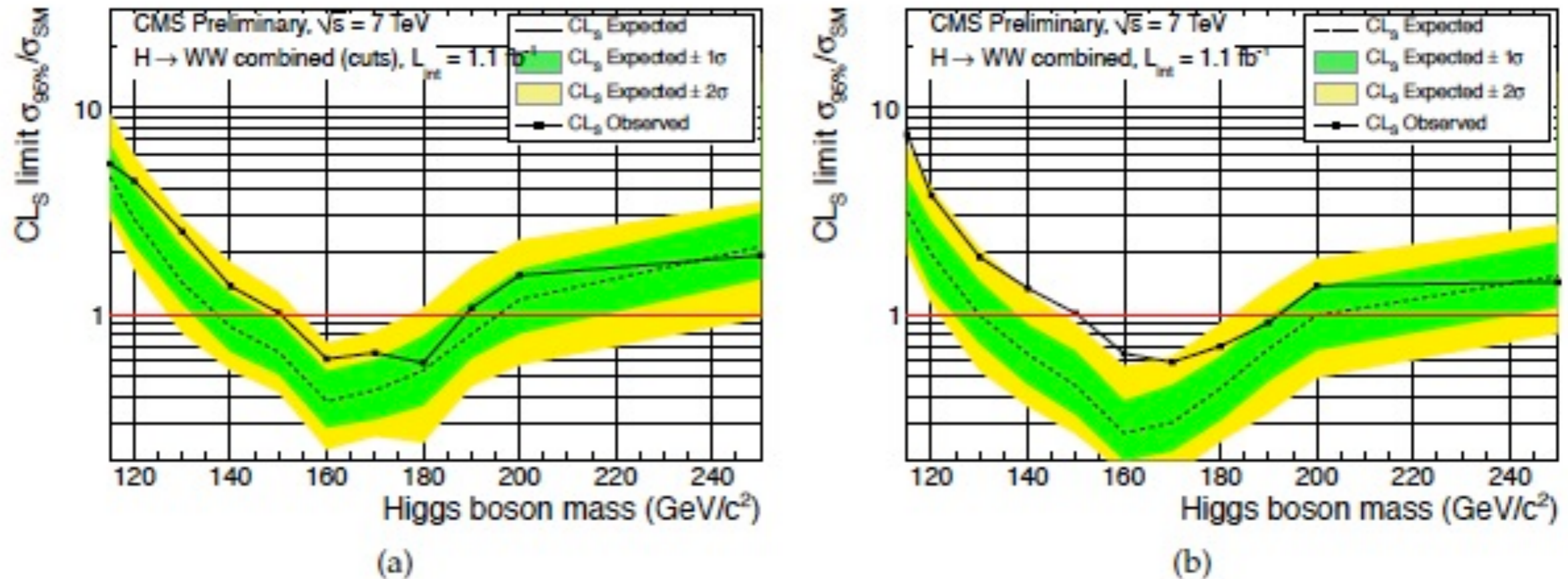


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In this analysis we used the POWHEG program [11] to generate Monte Carlo event samples for the  $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$  and Drell-Yan processes. The  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow W^+W^-$ ,  $W + \text{jets}$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ , and  $tW$  processes are generated using the MADGRAPH [12] event generator, the  $gg \rightarrow W^+W^-$  process using the GG2WW event generator [13], and the remaining processes using PYTHIA [14]. The default set of parton distribution functions (PDF) used to generate these samples is CTEQ6L [15]. Cross section calculations at Next-to-the-Next-to-Leading Order (NNLO) are used for the  $H \rightarrow W^+W^-$  process, while NLO calculations are used for background cross sections. The detector response is simulated for all processes using a detailed description of the CMS detector, based on the GEANT4 package [16].

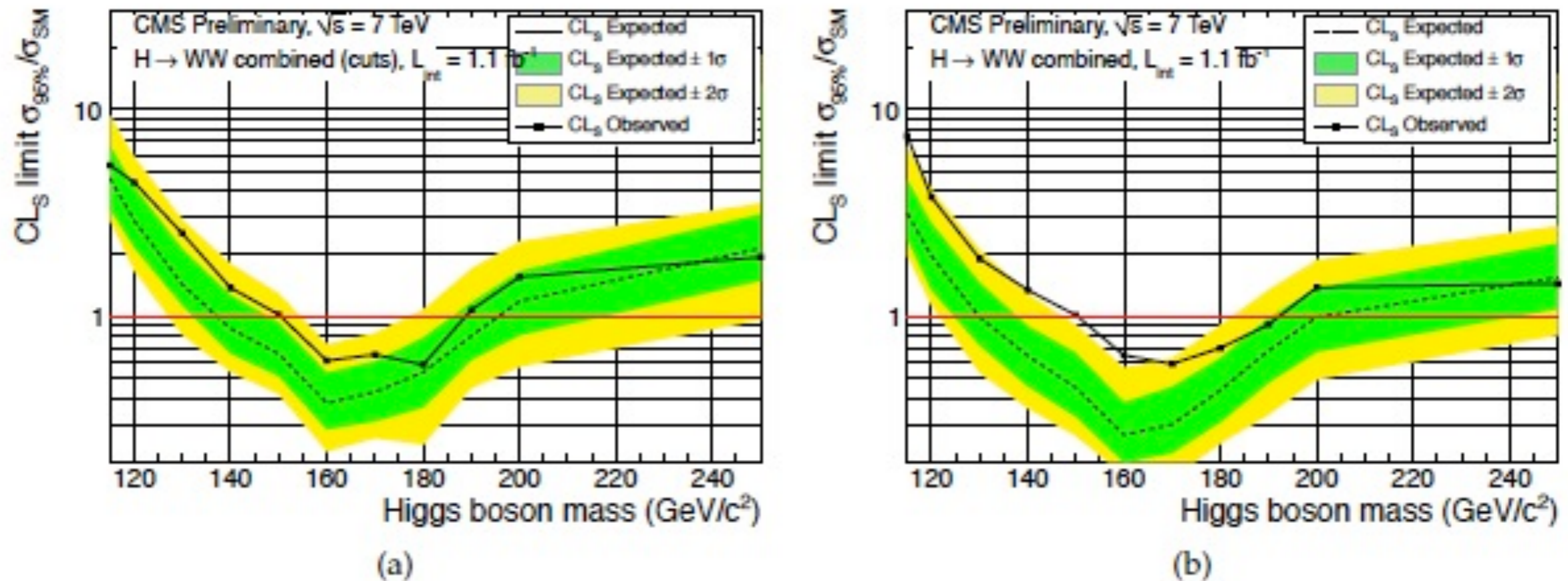
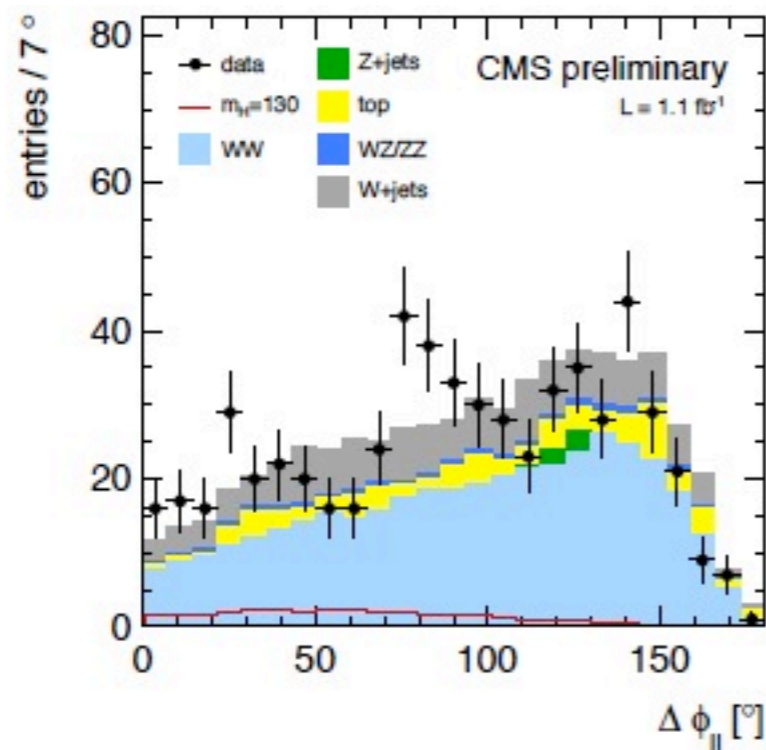
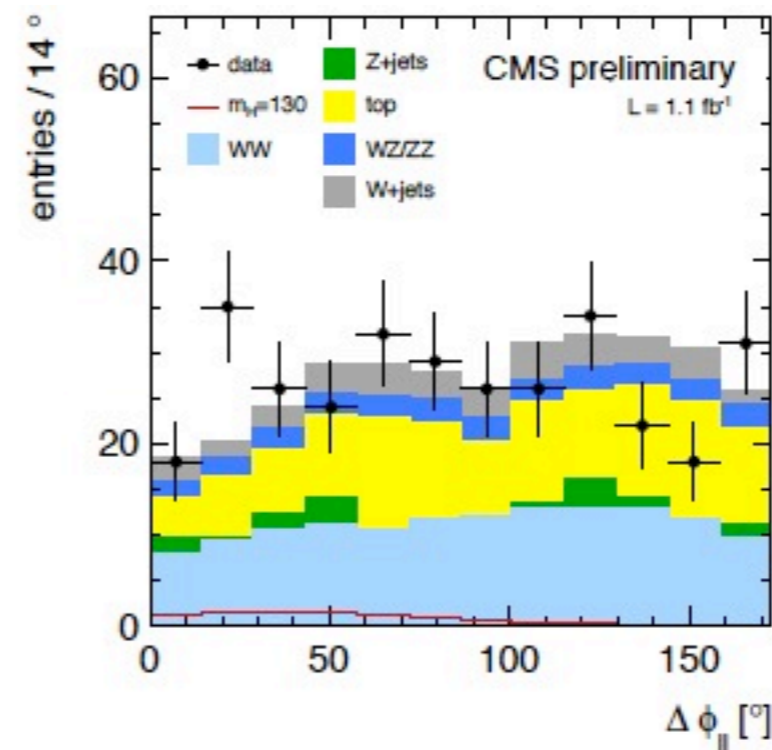


Figure 3: 95% expected and observed C.L. upper limits on the cross section times branching ratio  $\sigma_H \times BR(H \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu)$ , relative to the SM value using (a) cut-based and (b) multivariate BDT event selections. Results are obtained using the  $CL_s$  approach.

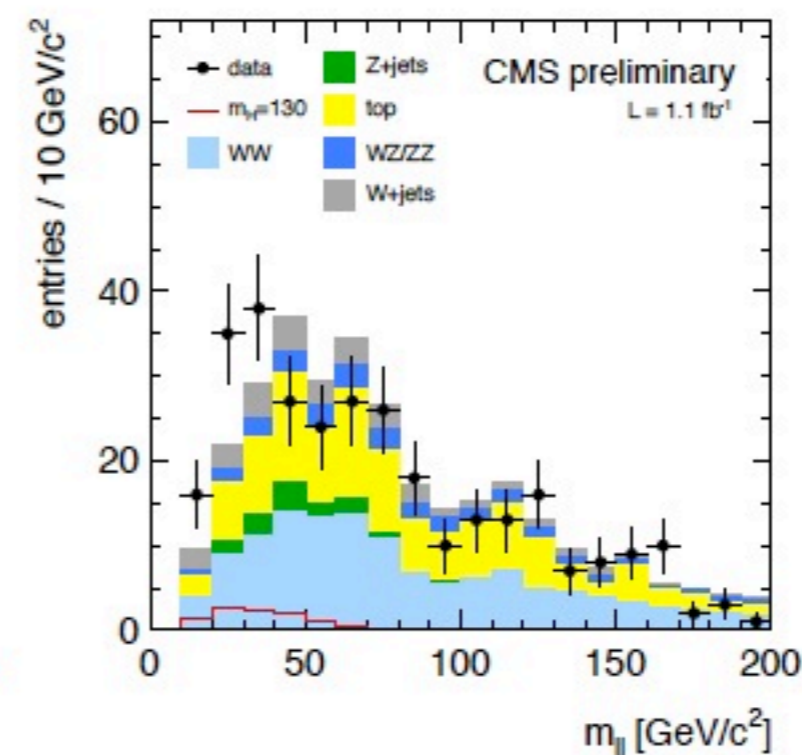
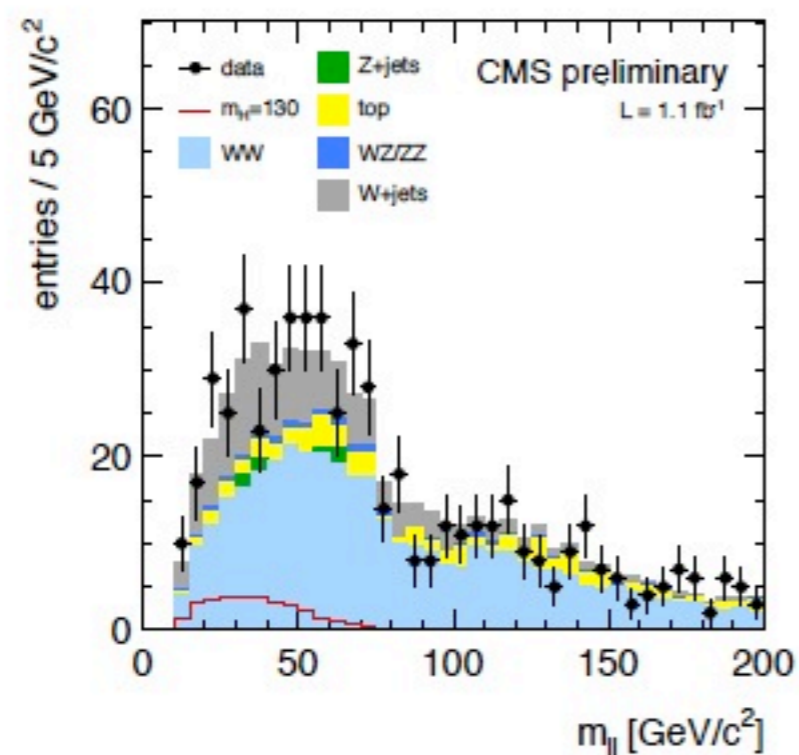
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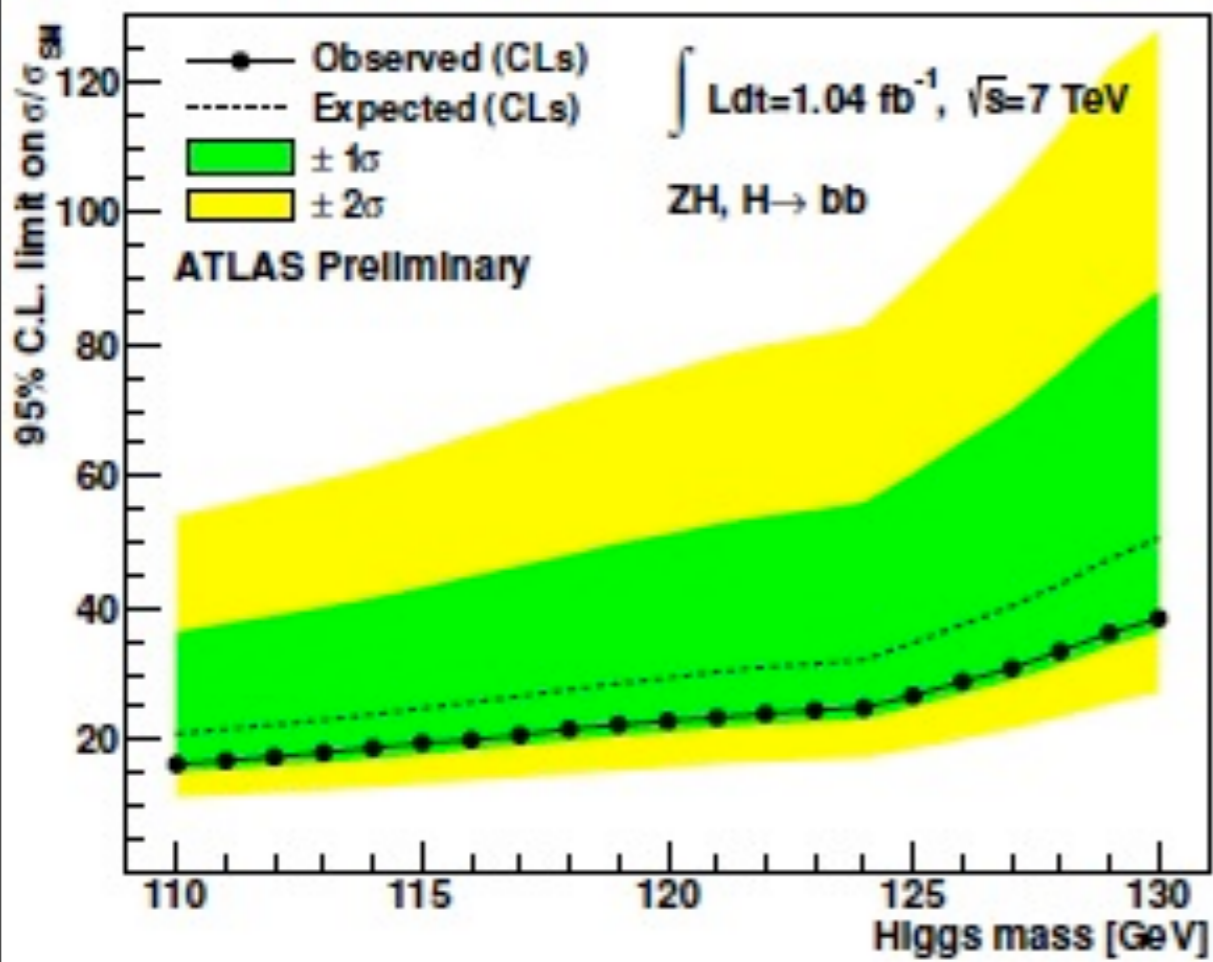
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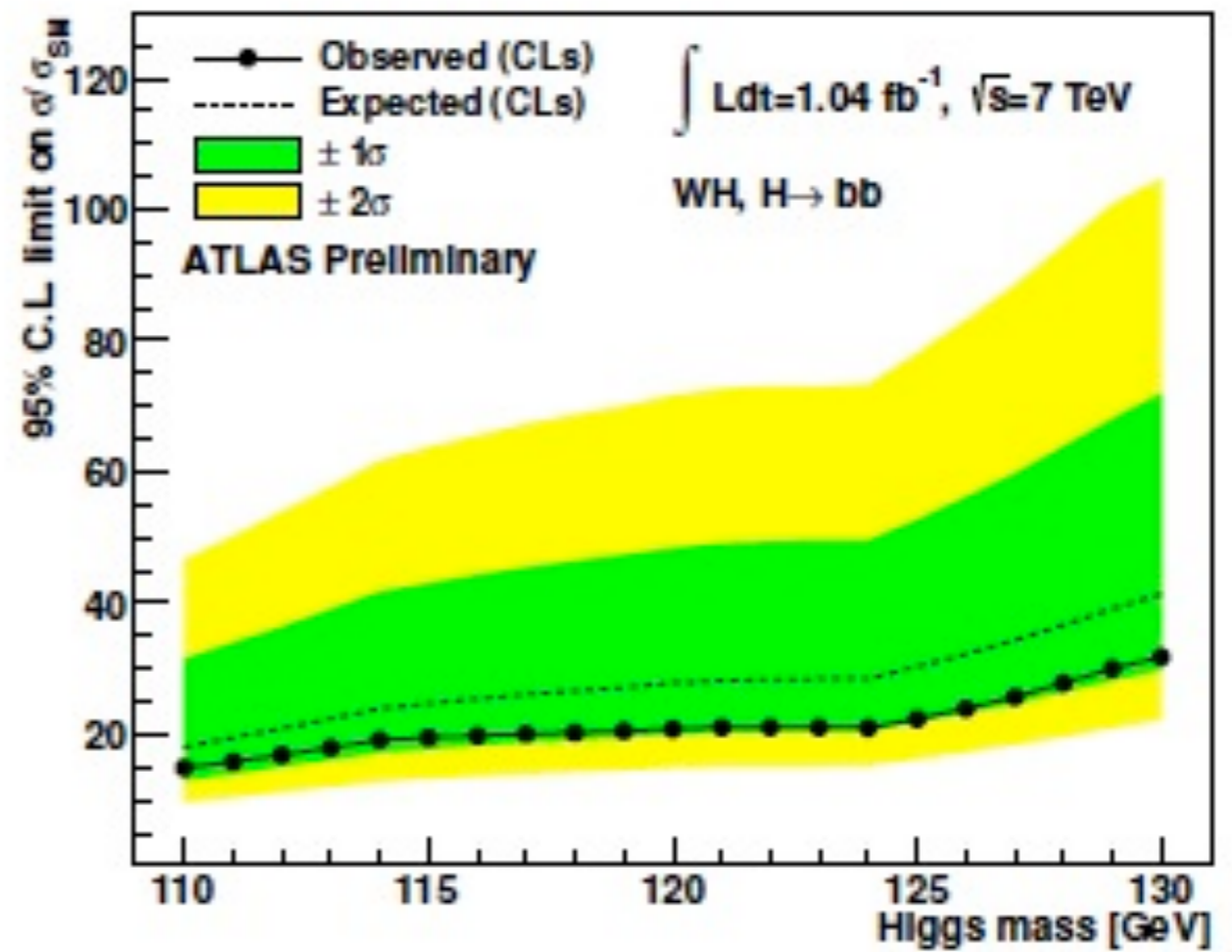
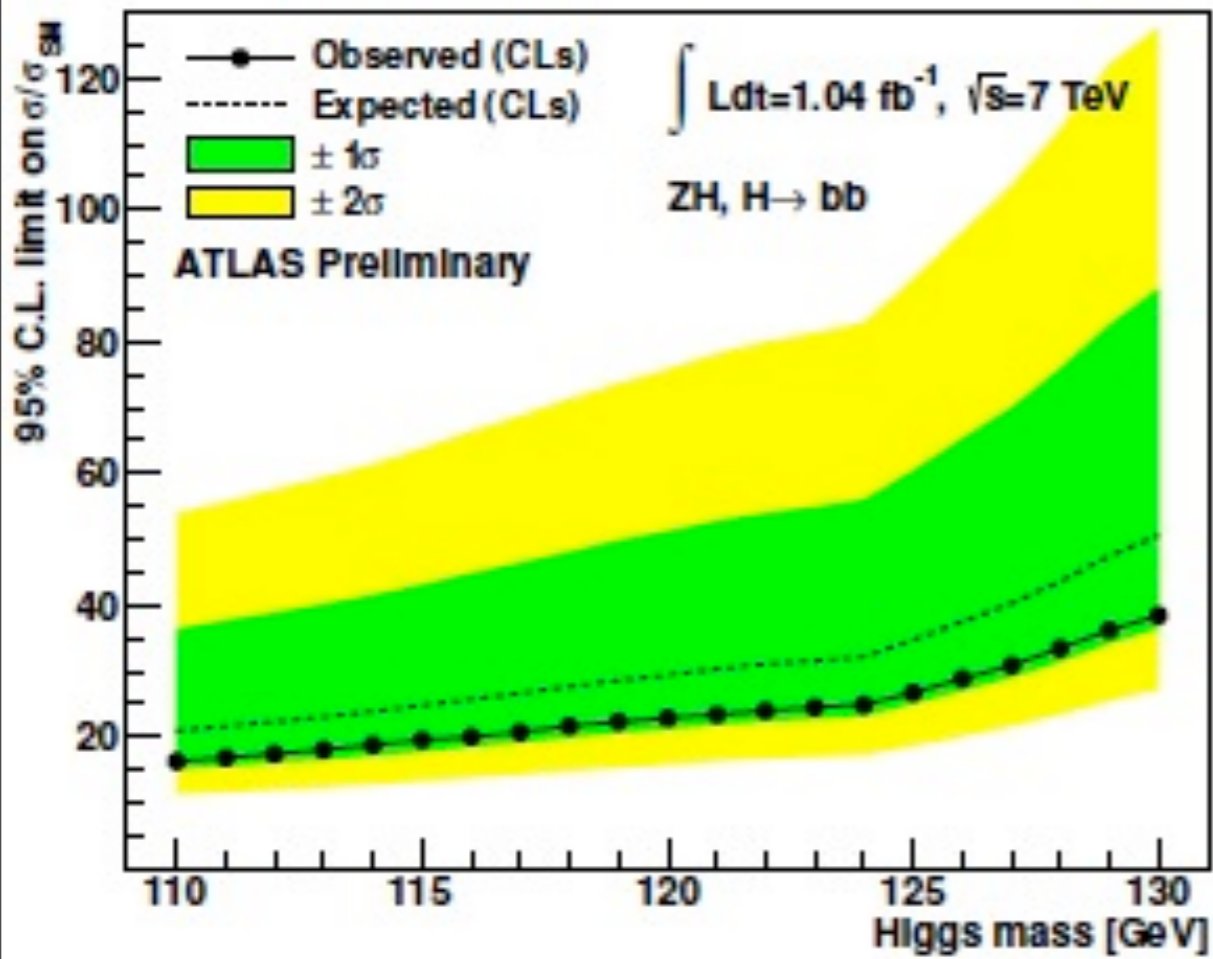
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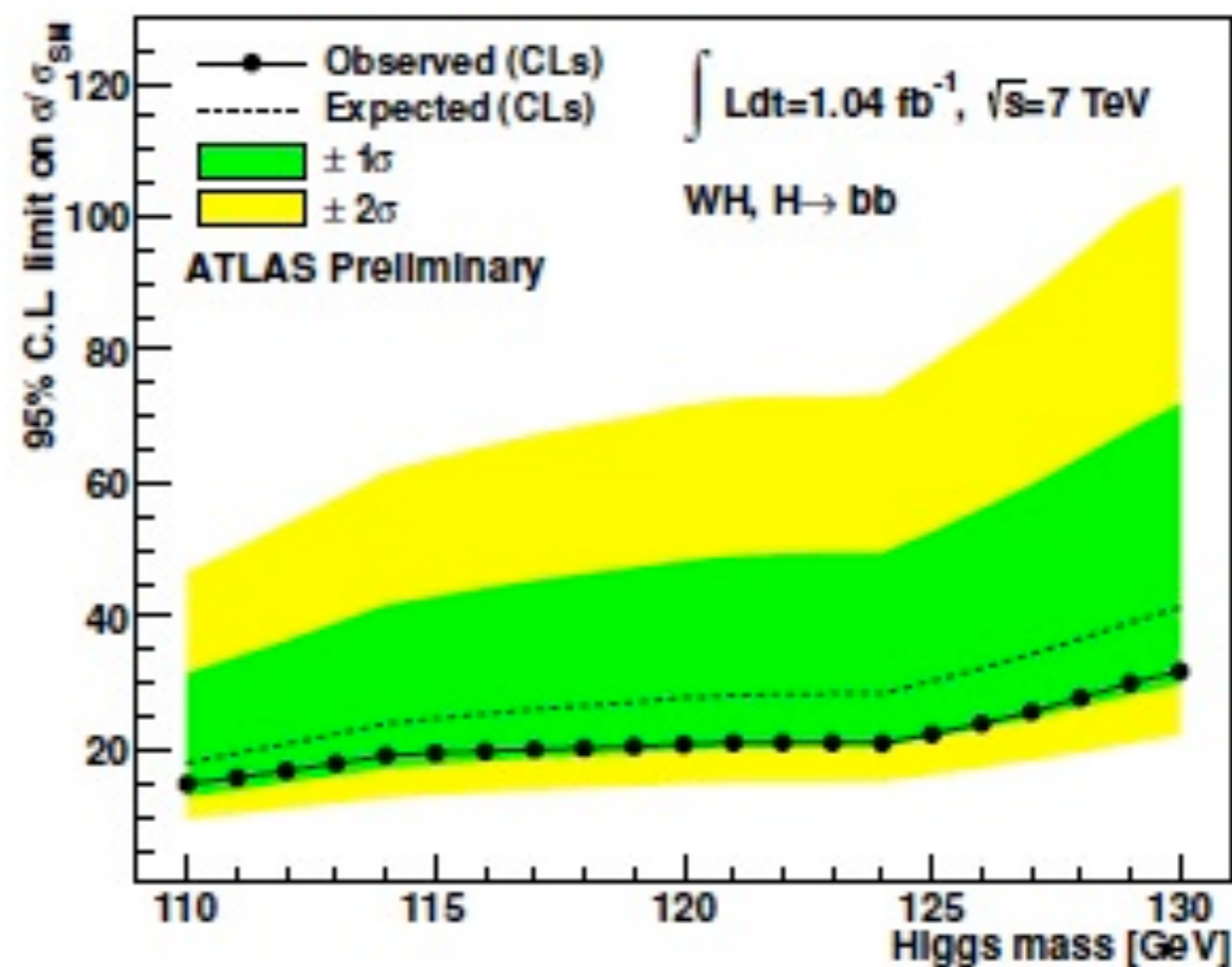
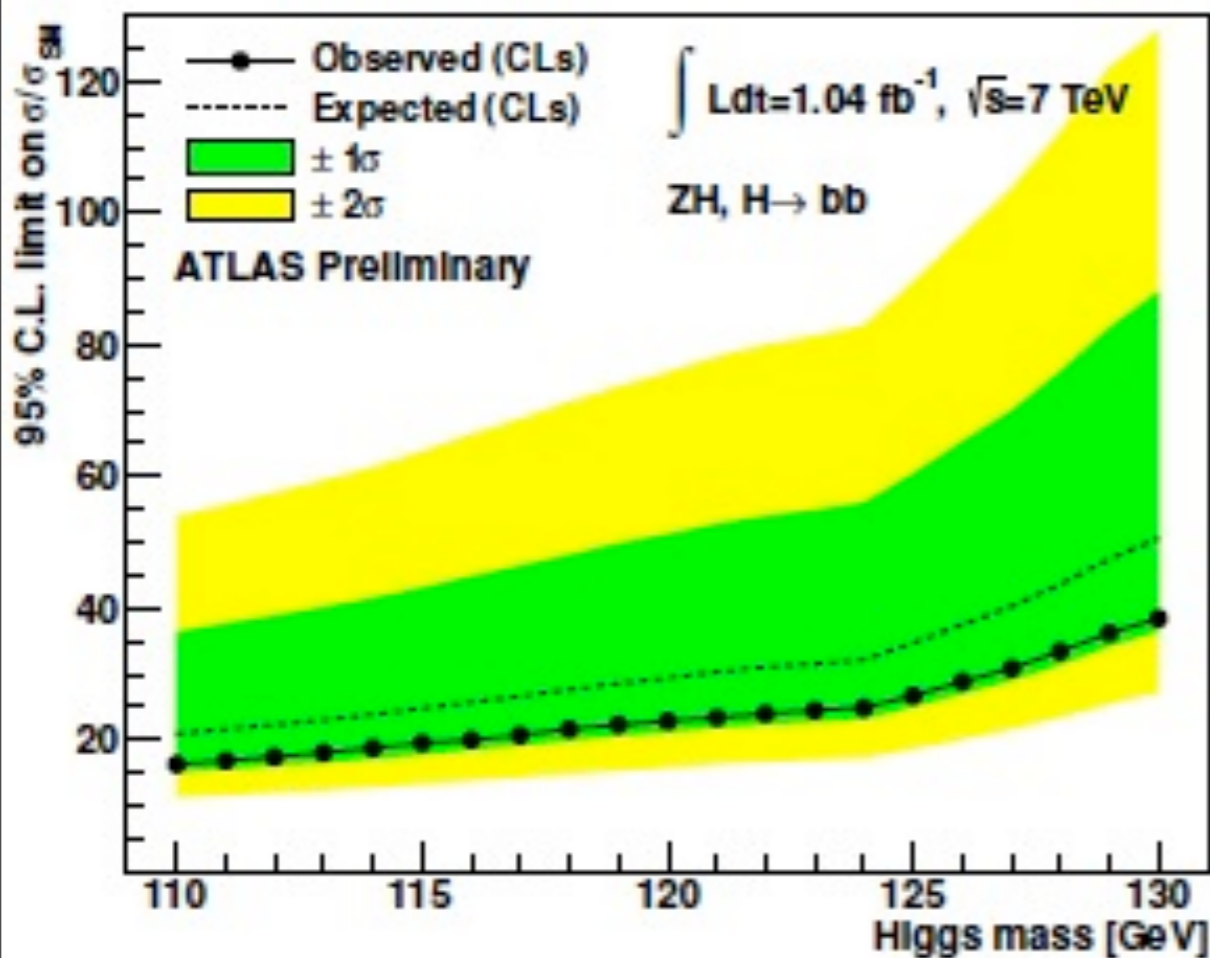


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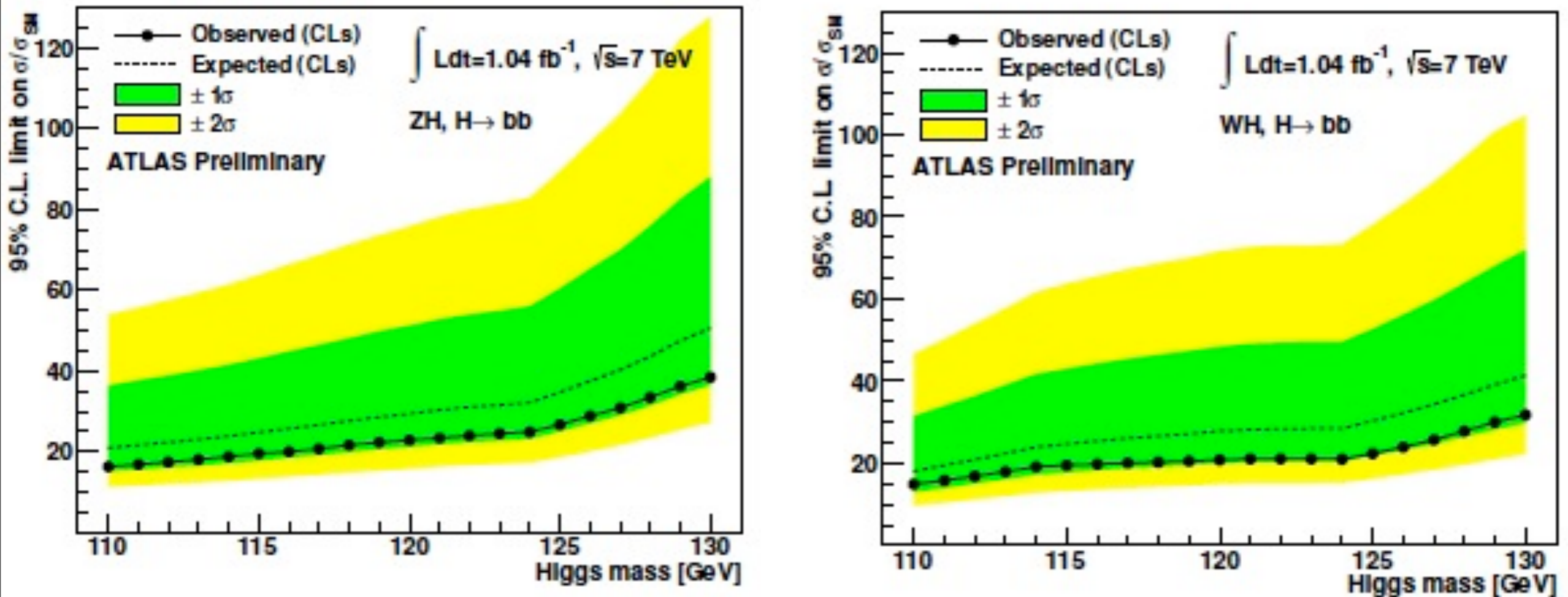


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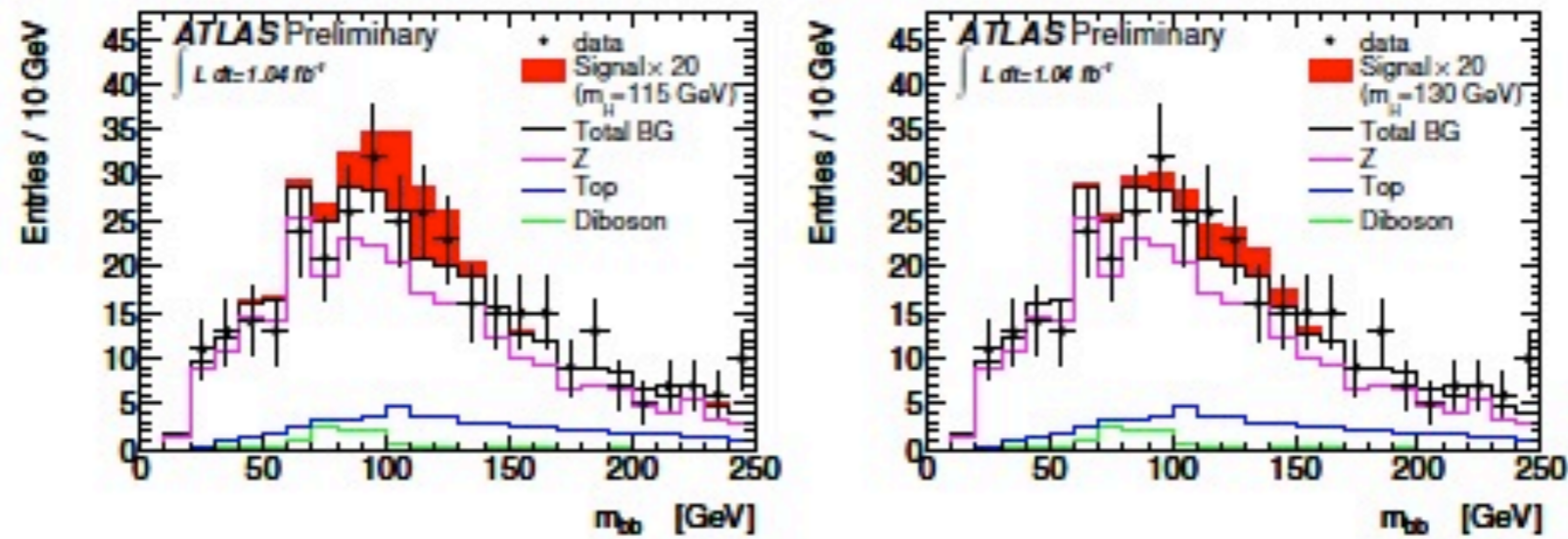


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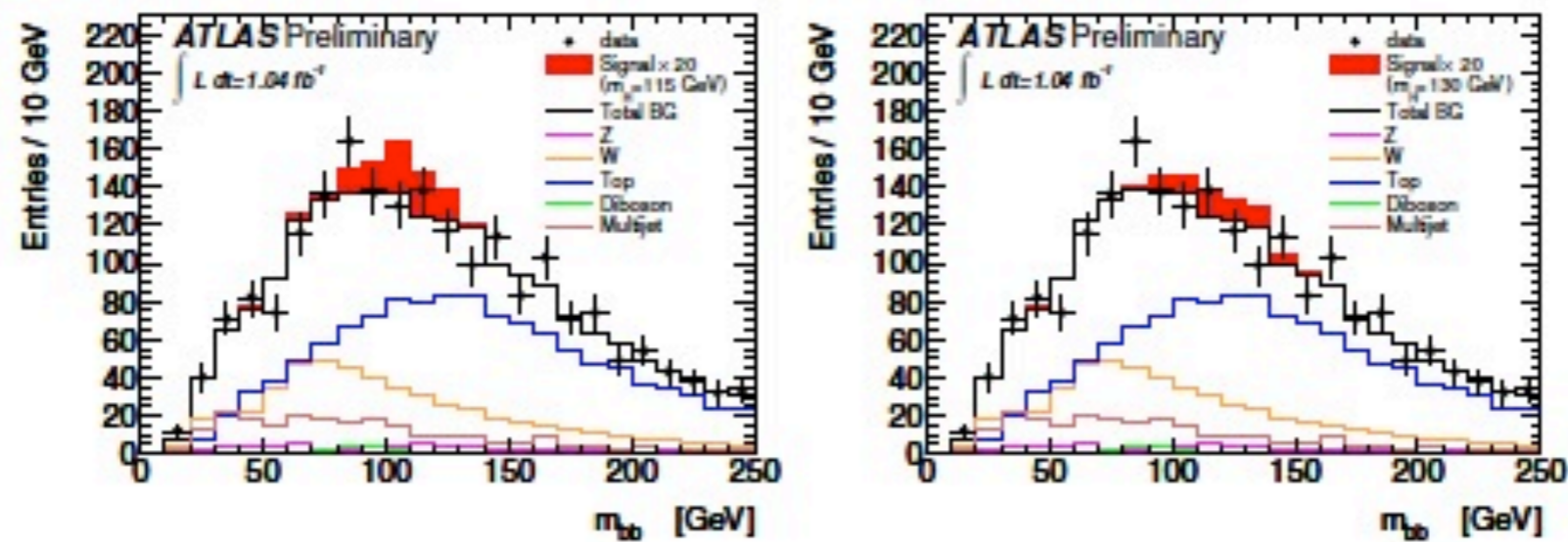


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$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$	ALPGEN, PYTHIA	
$m_{\ell\ell} > 40$ GeV		1.07 nb [38, 40]
$m_{\ell\ell} > 60$ GeV		0.989 nb [38, 40]
$WW$	MC@NLO+gg2WW	46.23 pb [35, 36]
$WW \rightarrow l\nu qq$	HERWIG	46.23 pb [35, 36]
$WZ$	MC@NLO	
$66 < m_{\ell\ell} < 116$ GeV		18.0 pb [36]
$ZZ$	MC@NLO, PYTHIA	
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Top-quark		
$t\bar{t}$	MC@NLO	164.6 pb [41]
$t$ -channel	MC@NLO	58.7 pb [36]
$s$ -channel	MC@NLO	3.94 pb [36]
$Wt$ -channel	MC@NLO	13.1 pb [36]
$b\bar{b} \rightarrow \mu\mu$	PYTHIA	73.9 nb
$c\bar{c} \rightarrow \mu\mu$	PYTHIA	28.4 nb

Table 2: Monte Carlo programs used for modelling signal and background processes and the cross-sections times branching ratio (BR) used to normalize the different processes. Branching ratios correspond to the decays shown. Where two generators are given the second is used to estimate systematic uncertainties.

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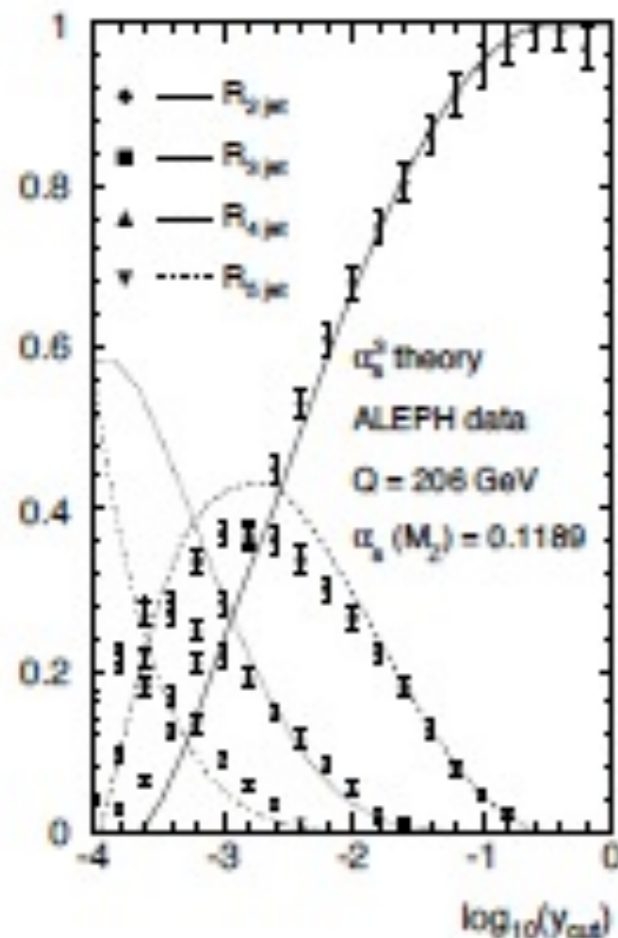
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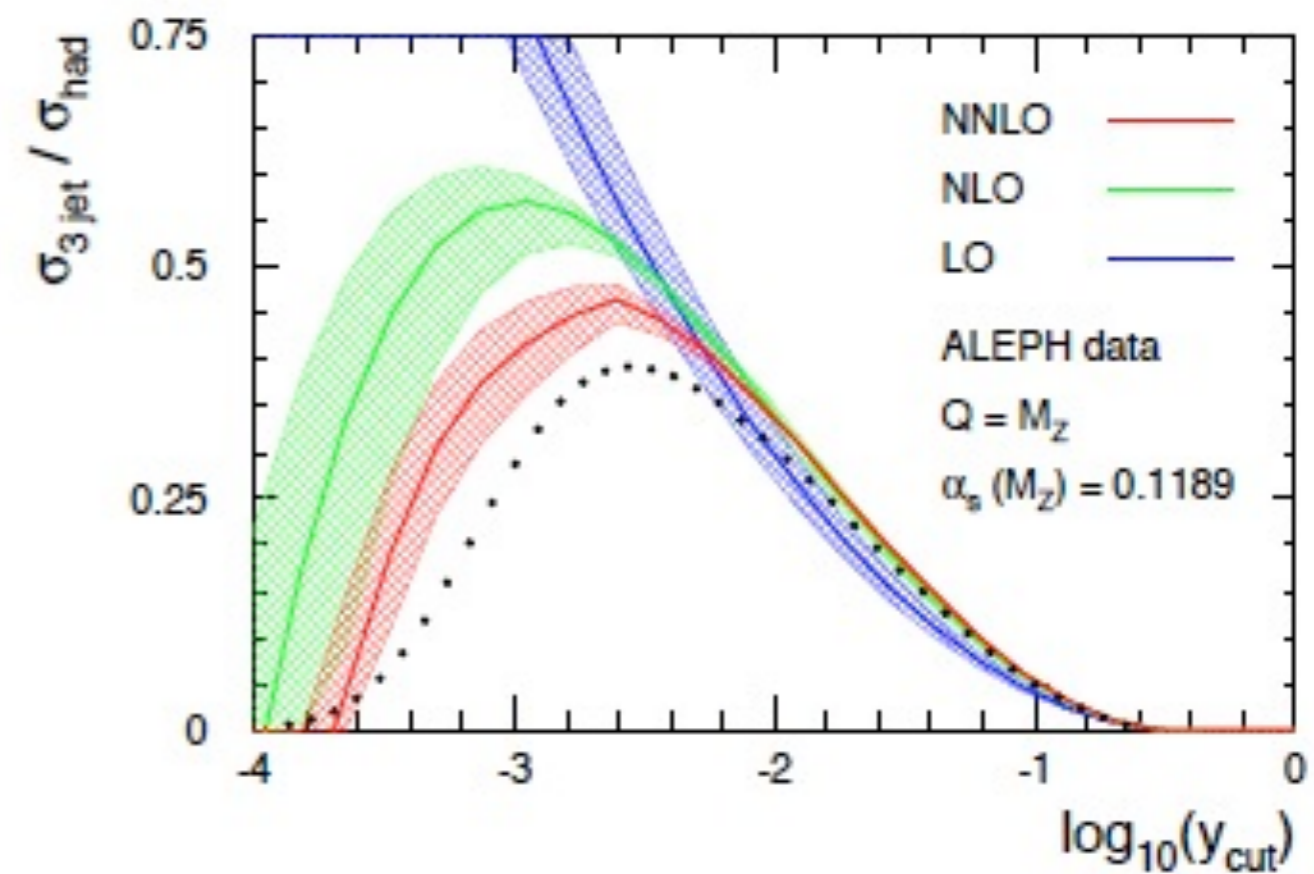
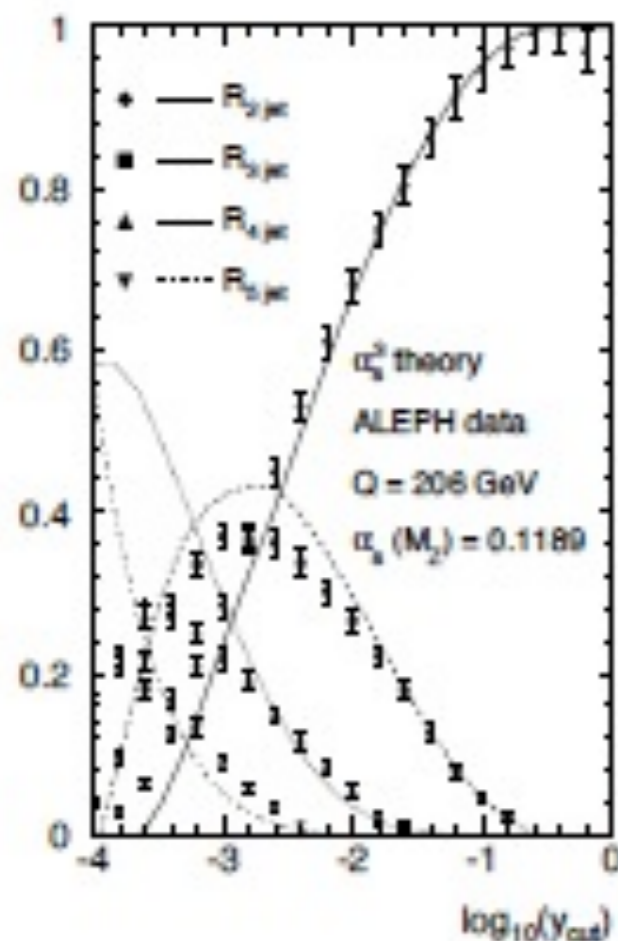


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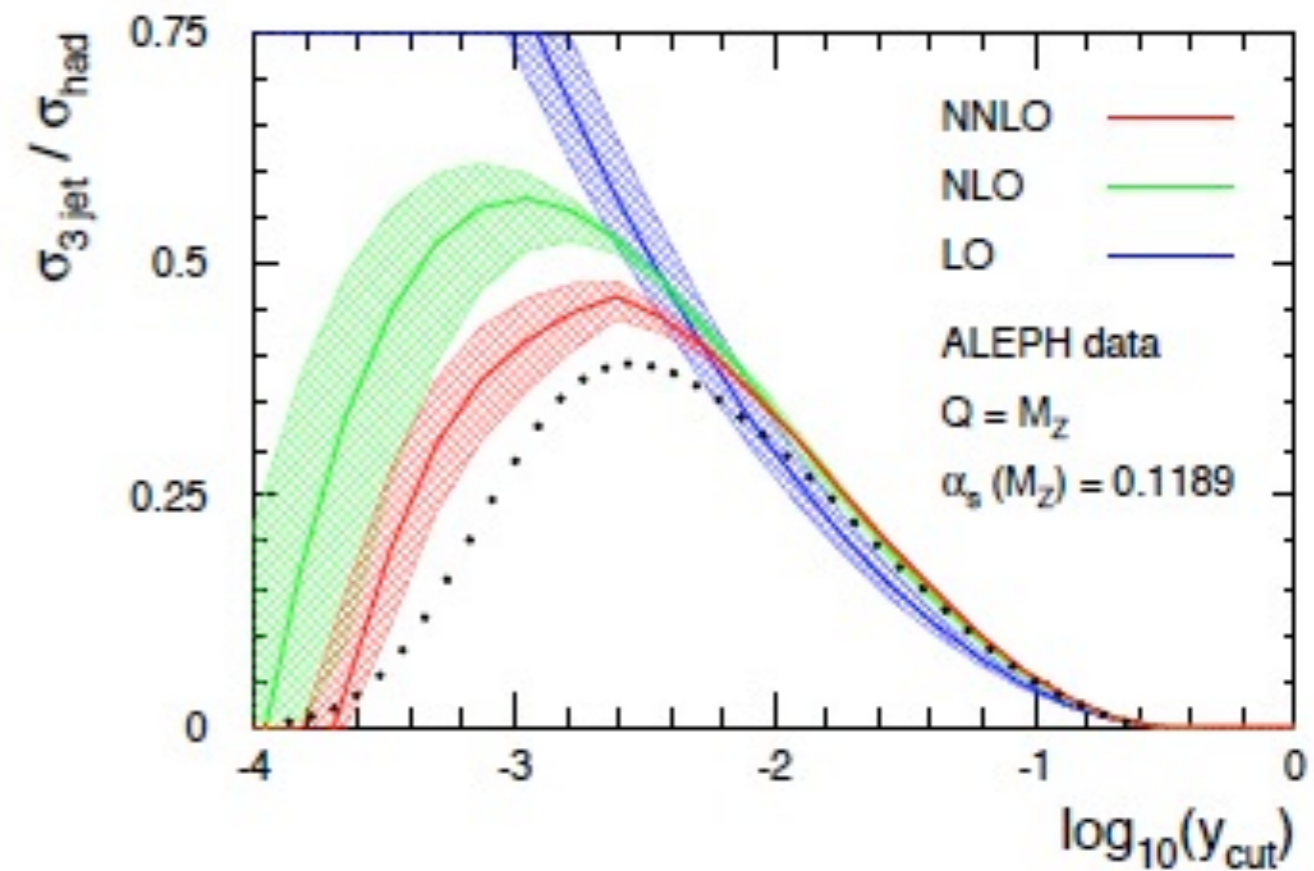
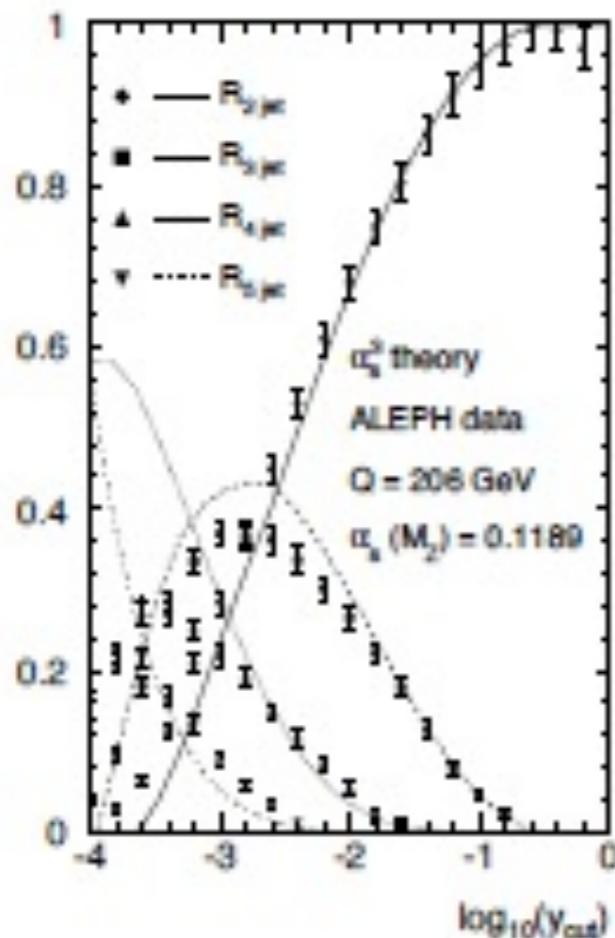


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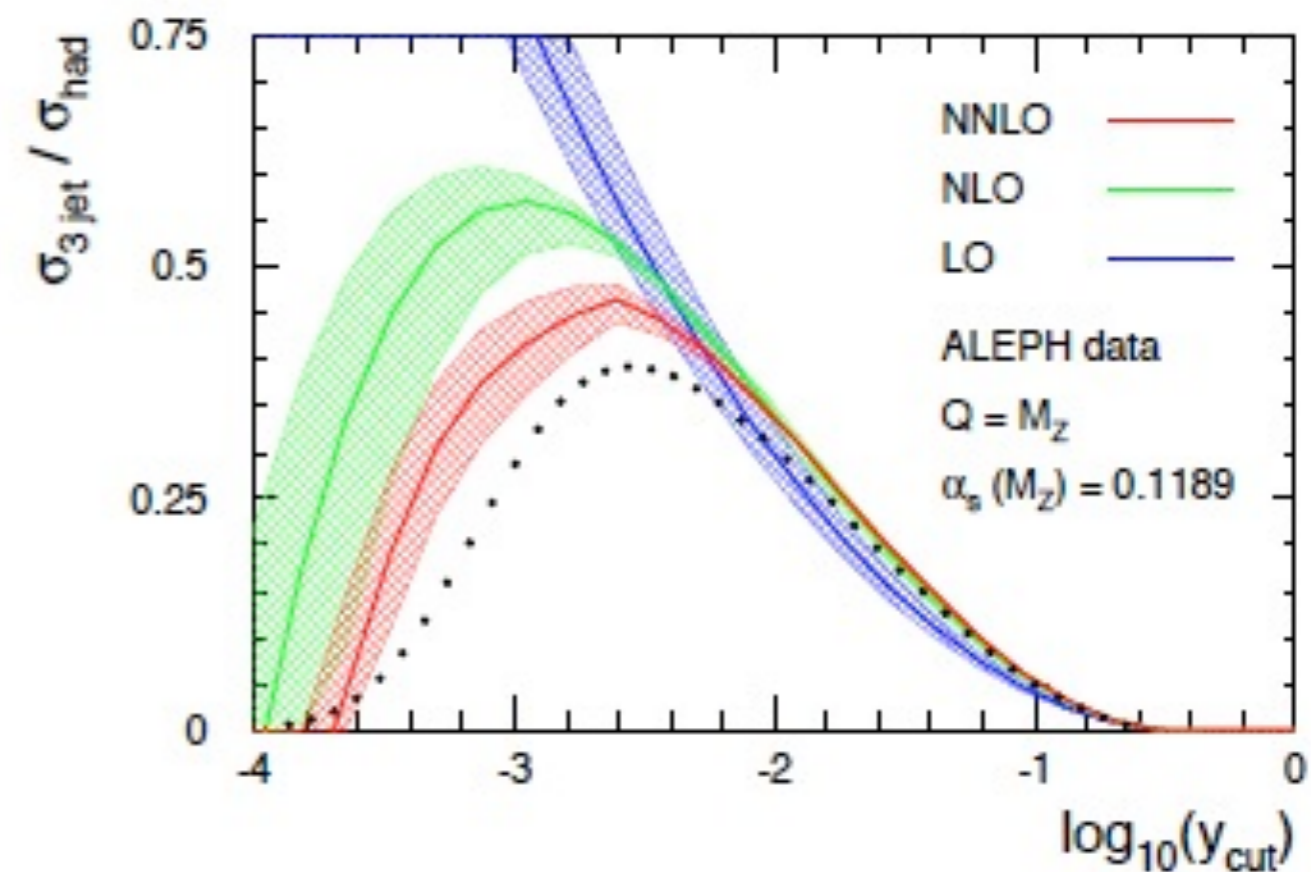
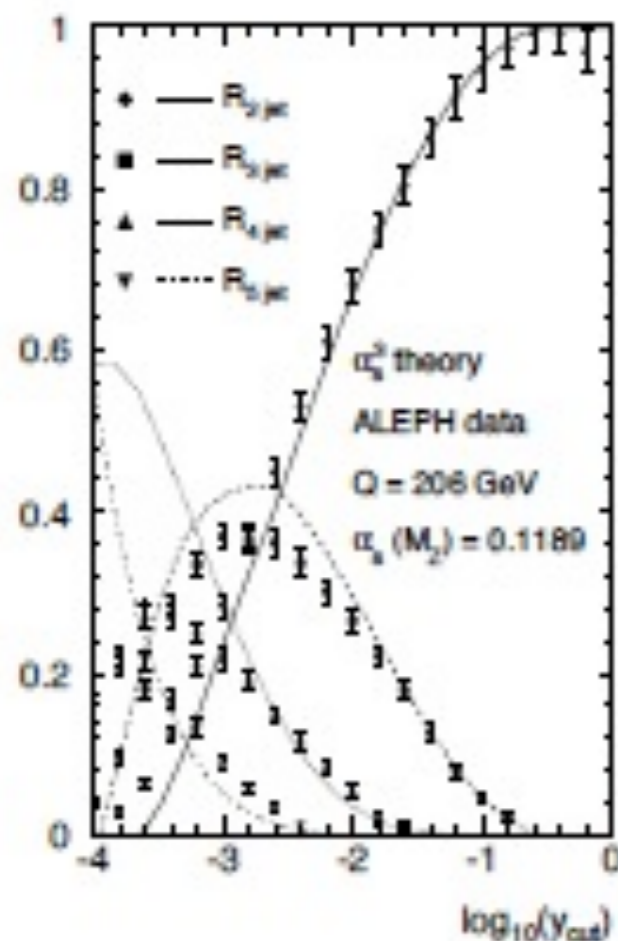


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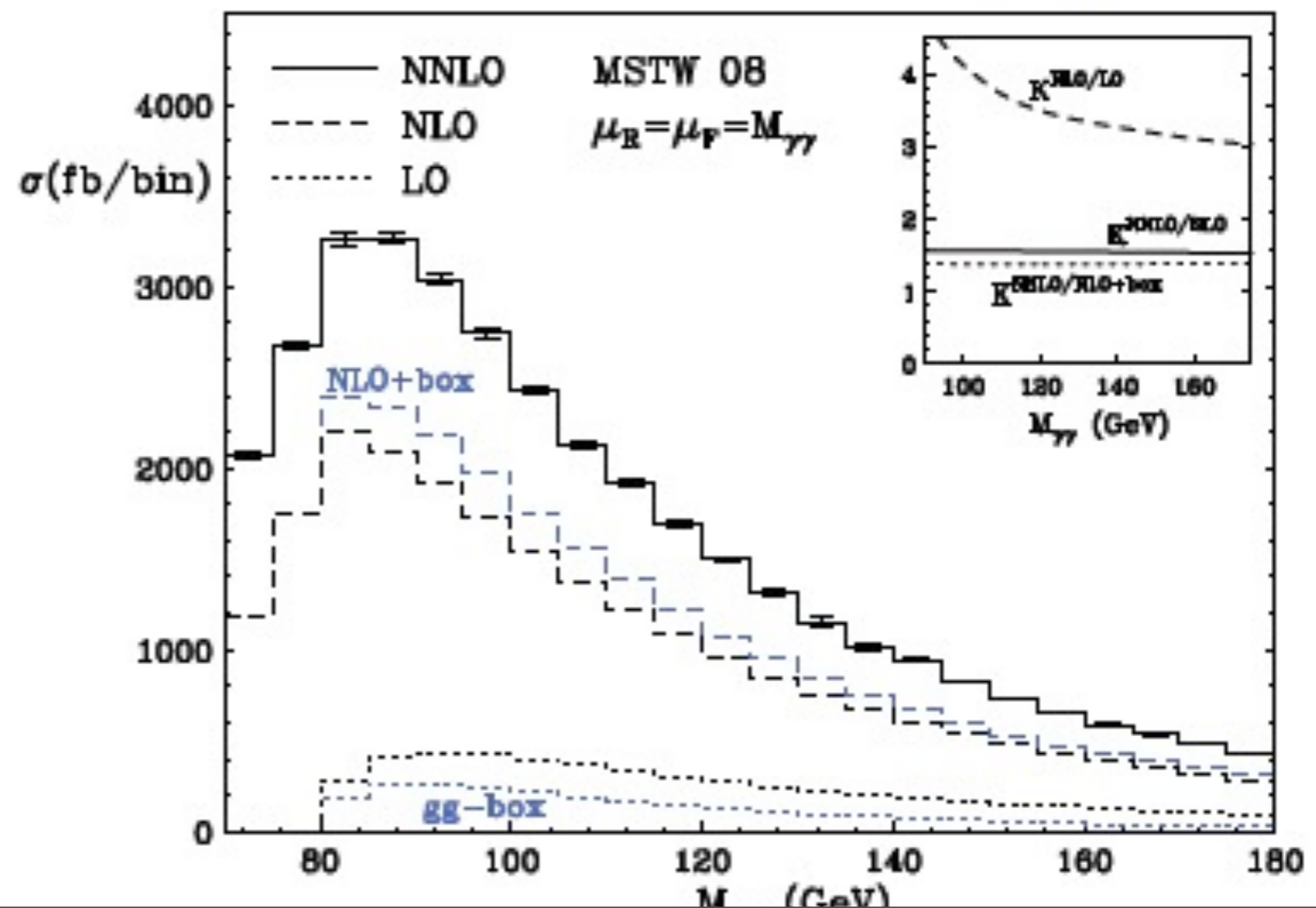
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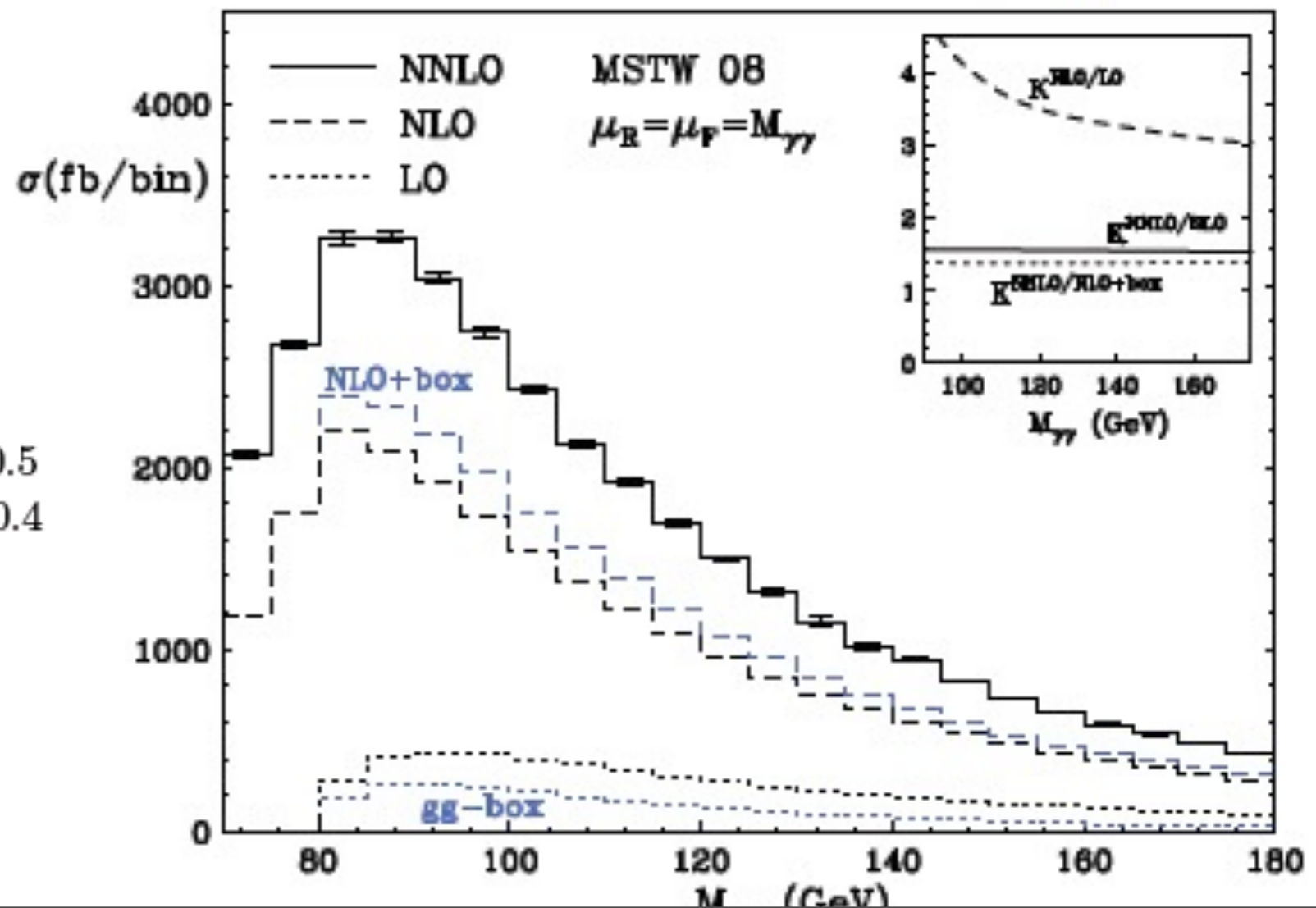
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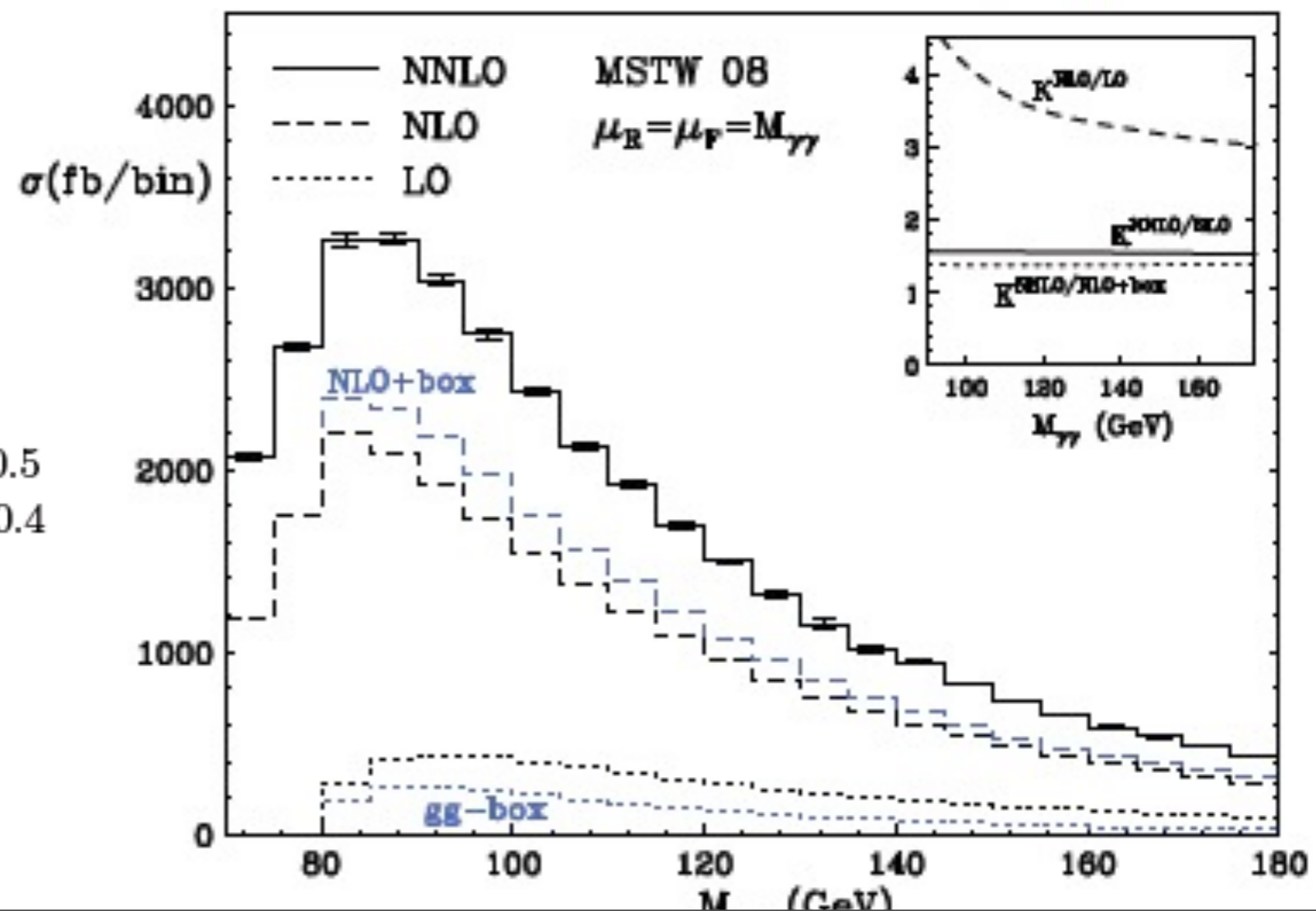
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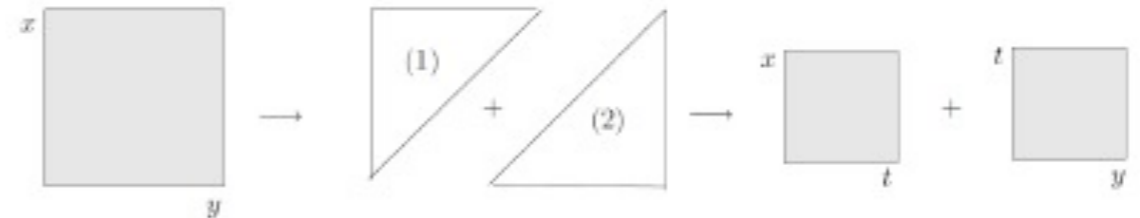
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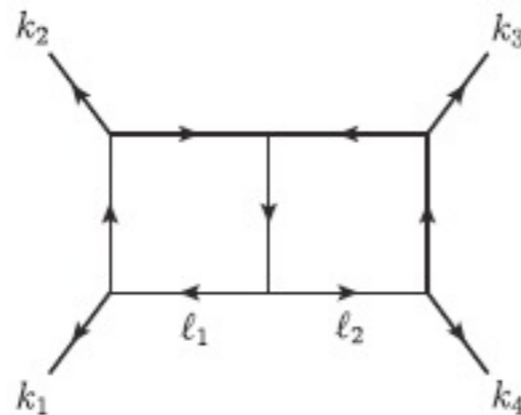
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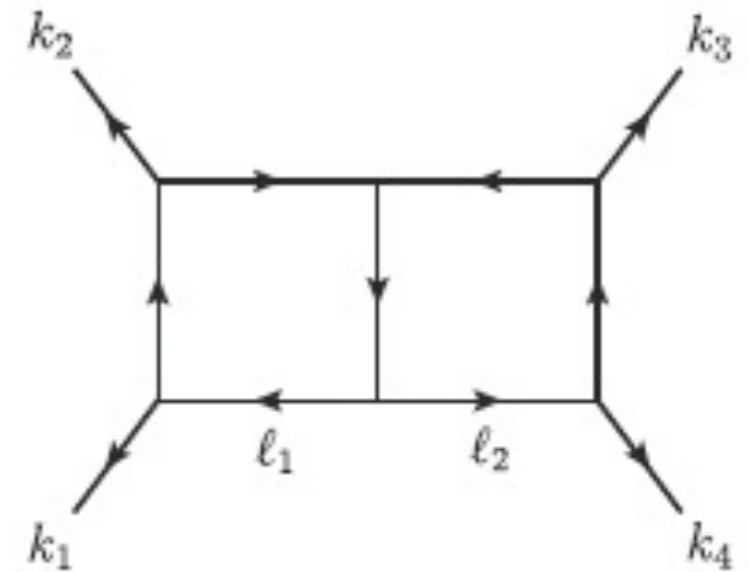
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