

$t\bar{t}+X$ hadroproduction within the PowHel framework

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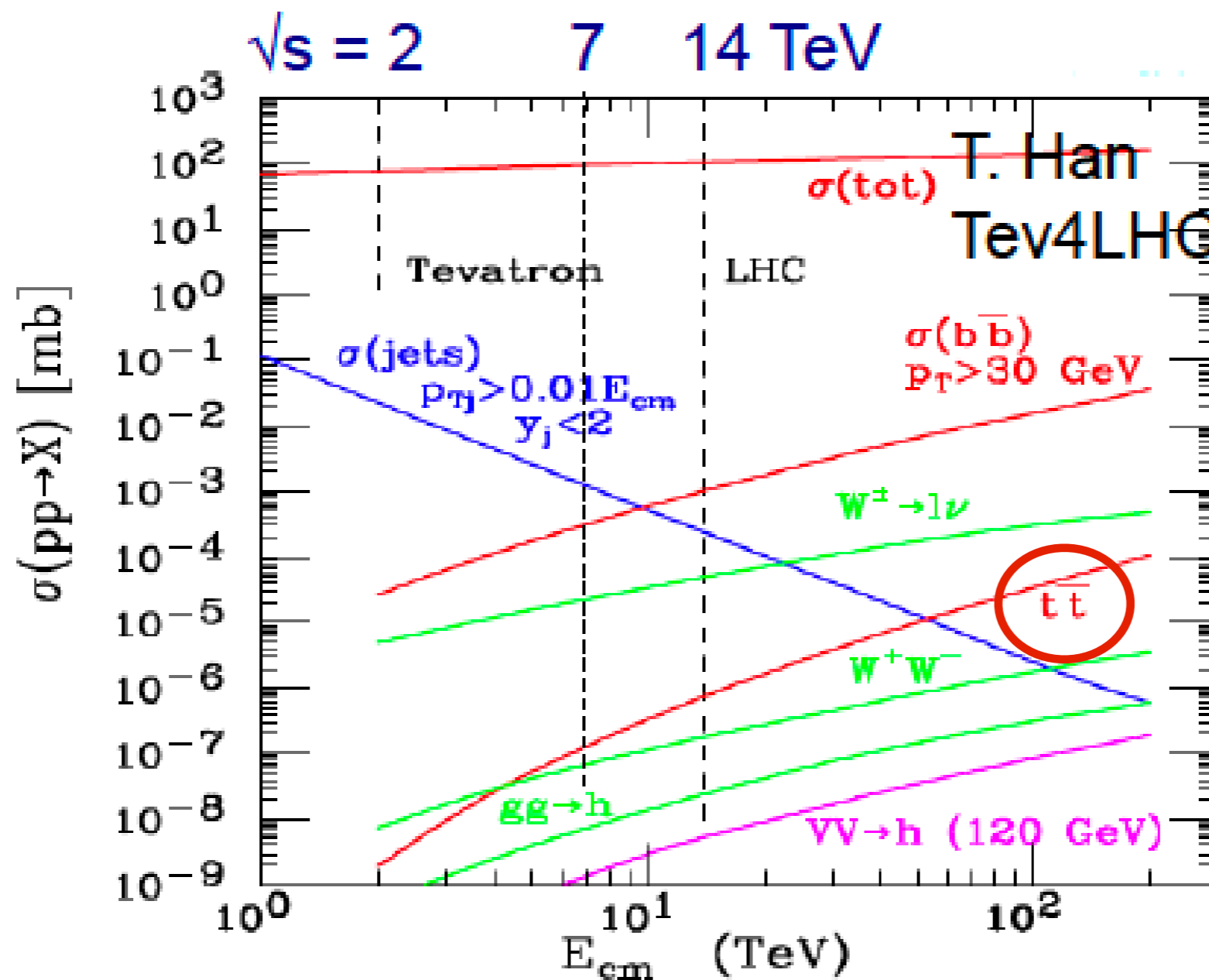
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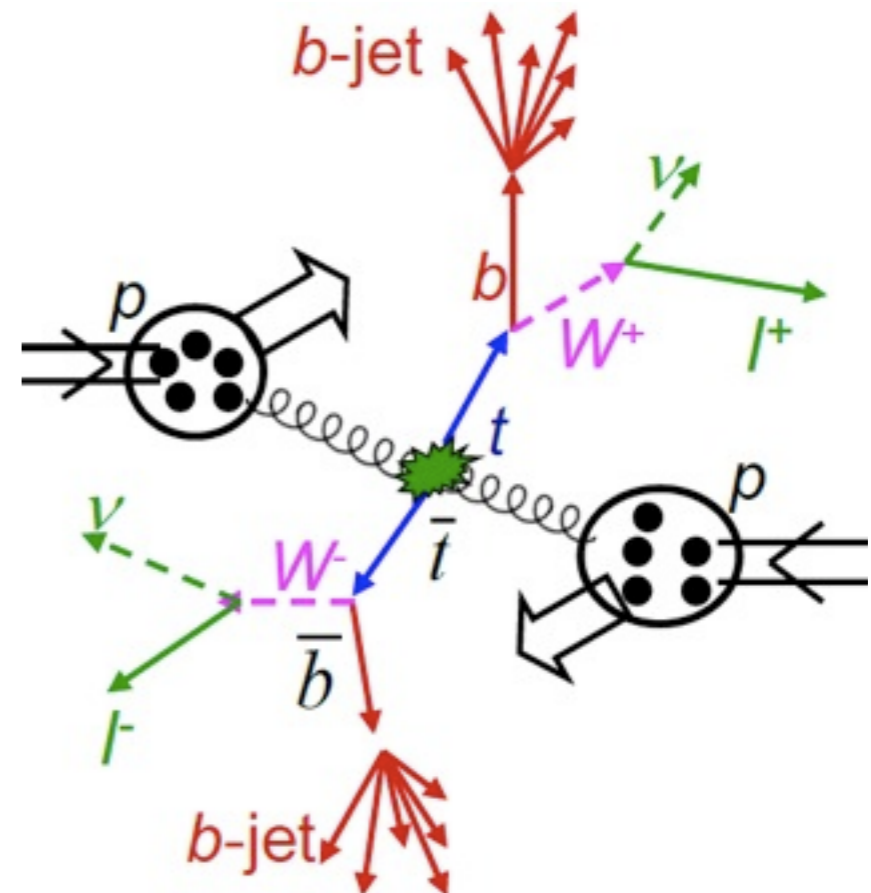
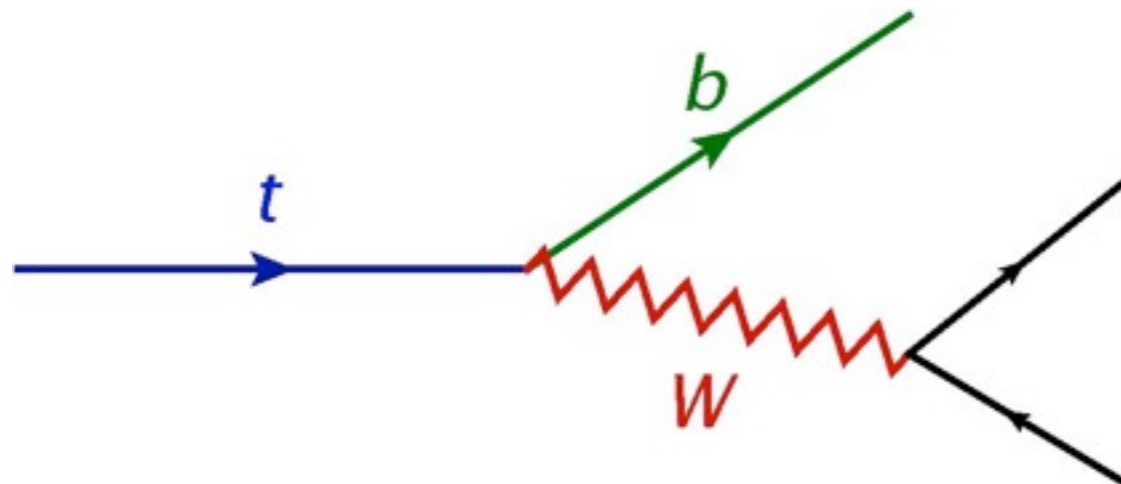
$$m_t = 172.9 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.9(\text{PDG}), 173.1 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.1(\text{TeVatron})$$

\Rightarrow plays important role in Higgs physics

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3. The t-quark decays before hadronization
 \Rightarrow quantum numbers more accessible than in case of other quarks

$$|V_{tb}|^2 \gg |V_{ts}|^2, |V_{td}|^2$$



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(with decays, top is not detected)

Why should we care about NLO + PS?

- Decayed tops (optional)
- Hadrons in final state
- Closer to experiments
- Realistic analysis becomes feasible
- Parton shower can have significant effect (e.g. in Sudakov regions)
- For the user:
much cheaper, faster than an NLO

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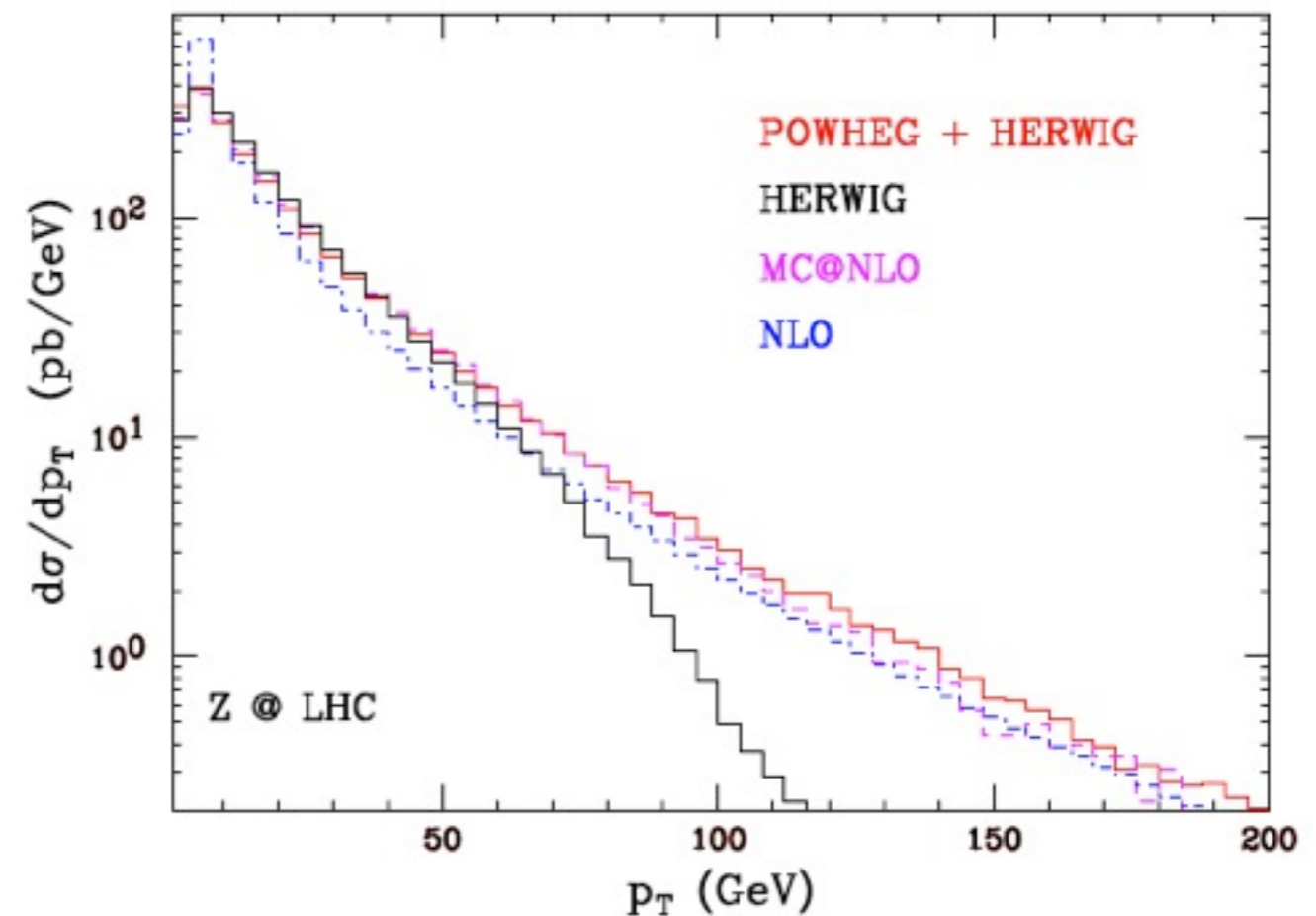
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Result: PS events giving distributions exact to NLO in pQCD



Nason, Ridolfi hep-ph/0606275

The POWHEG method

The first radiation in PS approx.:

$$\Delta(t_0) + \Delta(t) \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{dt}{t} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} dz P(z, \phi)$$

Only true, if $p_{\perp} \rightarrow 0$

We know, that $d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{R}{B} \xrightarrow{p_{\perp} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{dt}{t} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} dz P(z, \phi)$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(p_{\perp, \text{min}}) + \Delta(p_{\perp}) \frac{R}{B} d\Phi_{\text{rad}}$$

preserves unitarity: $\Delta(p_{\perp, \text{min}}) + \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{R}{B} \Delta(p_{\perp}) = 1$

$$\Delta(p_{\perp}) = \exp \left[- \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{R}{B} \Theta(p_{\perp}(\Phi_{\text{rad}}) - p_{\perp}) \right]$$

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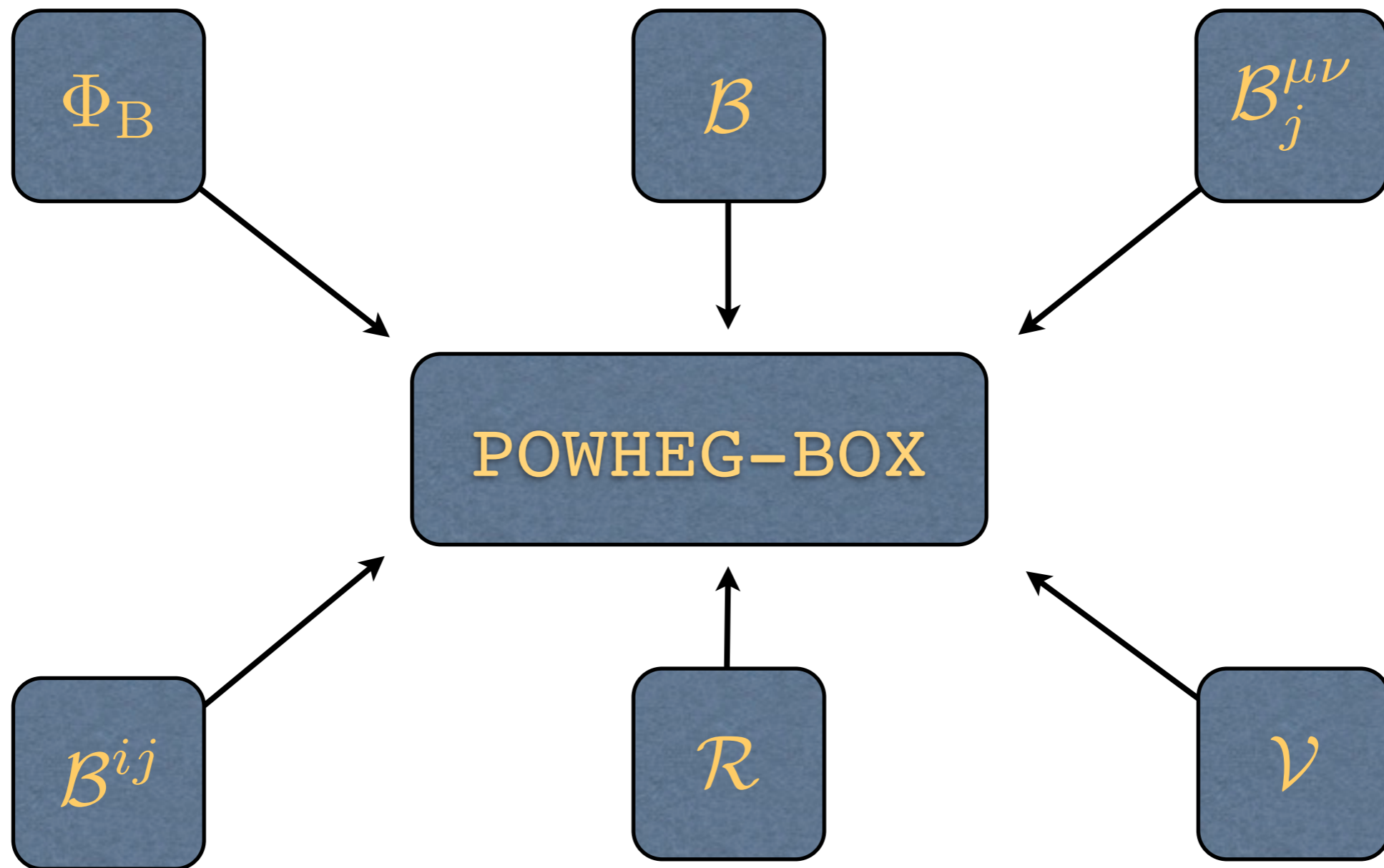
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NLO accuracy is satisfied, since $\Delta(p_{\perp}) \frac{\tilde{B}}{B} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S)$

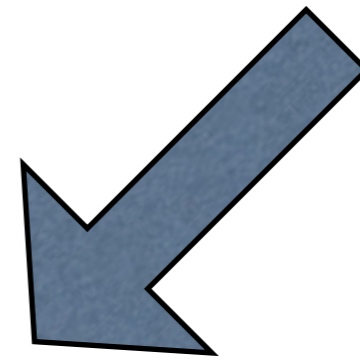
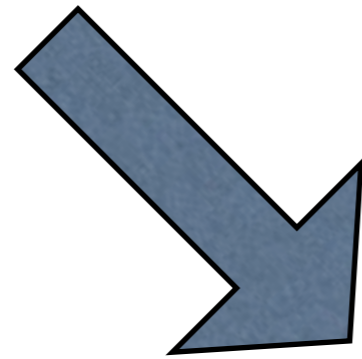
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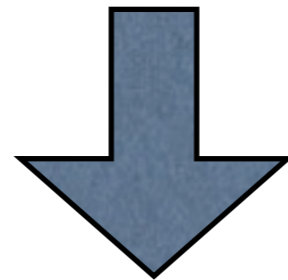
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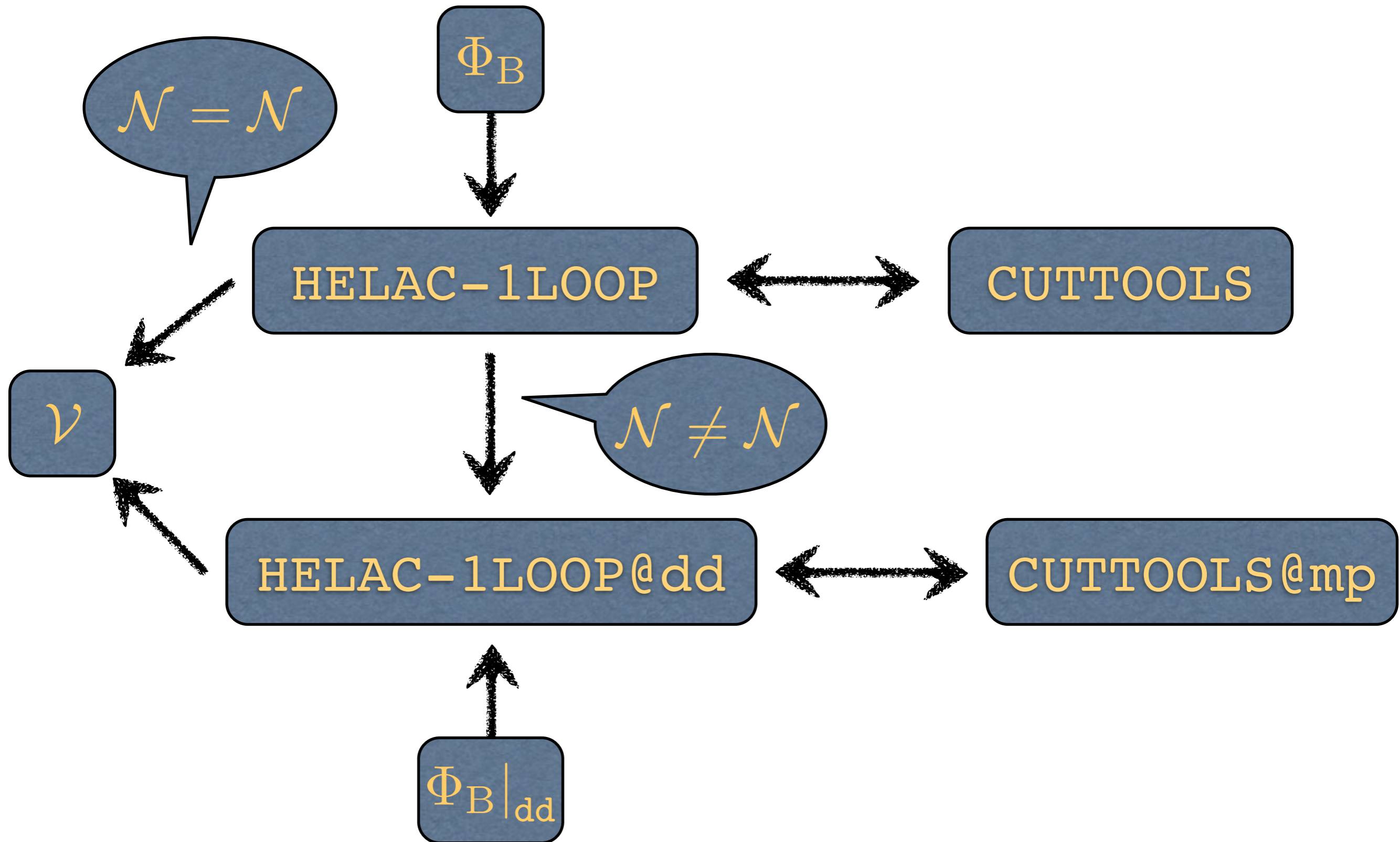
HELAC-1LOOP@dd framework

- Complex processes
- Complicated tensor integrals in the virtual part
- High rank ones with possible numerical instabilities
- Double precision is not enough anymore
 - ➔ Higher precision is needed

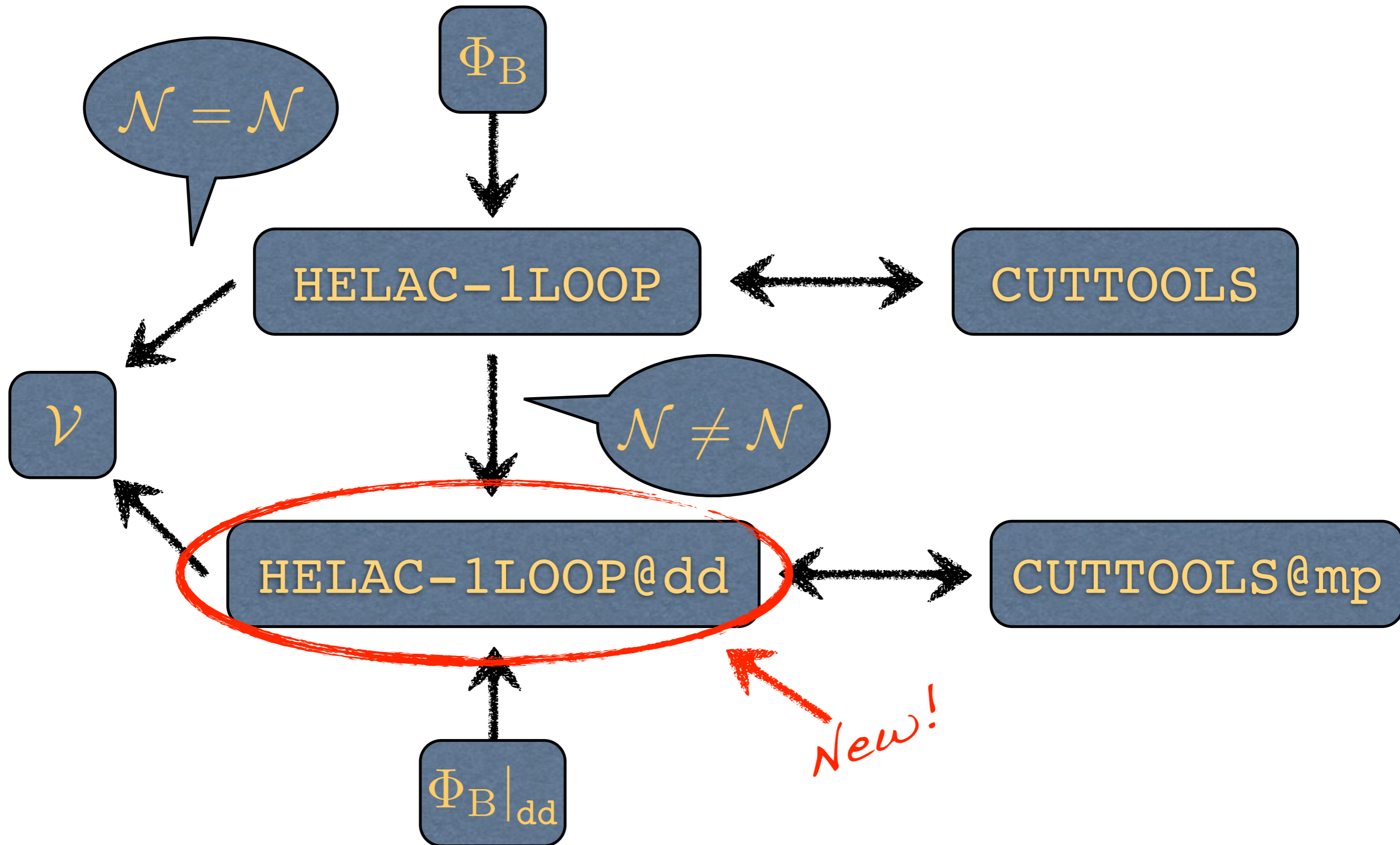


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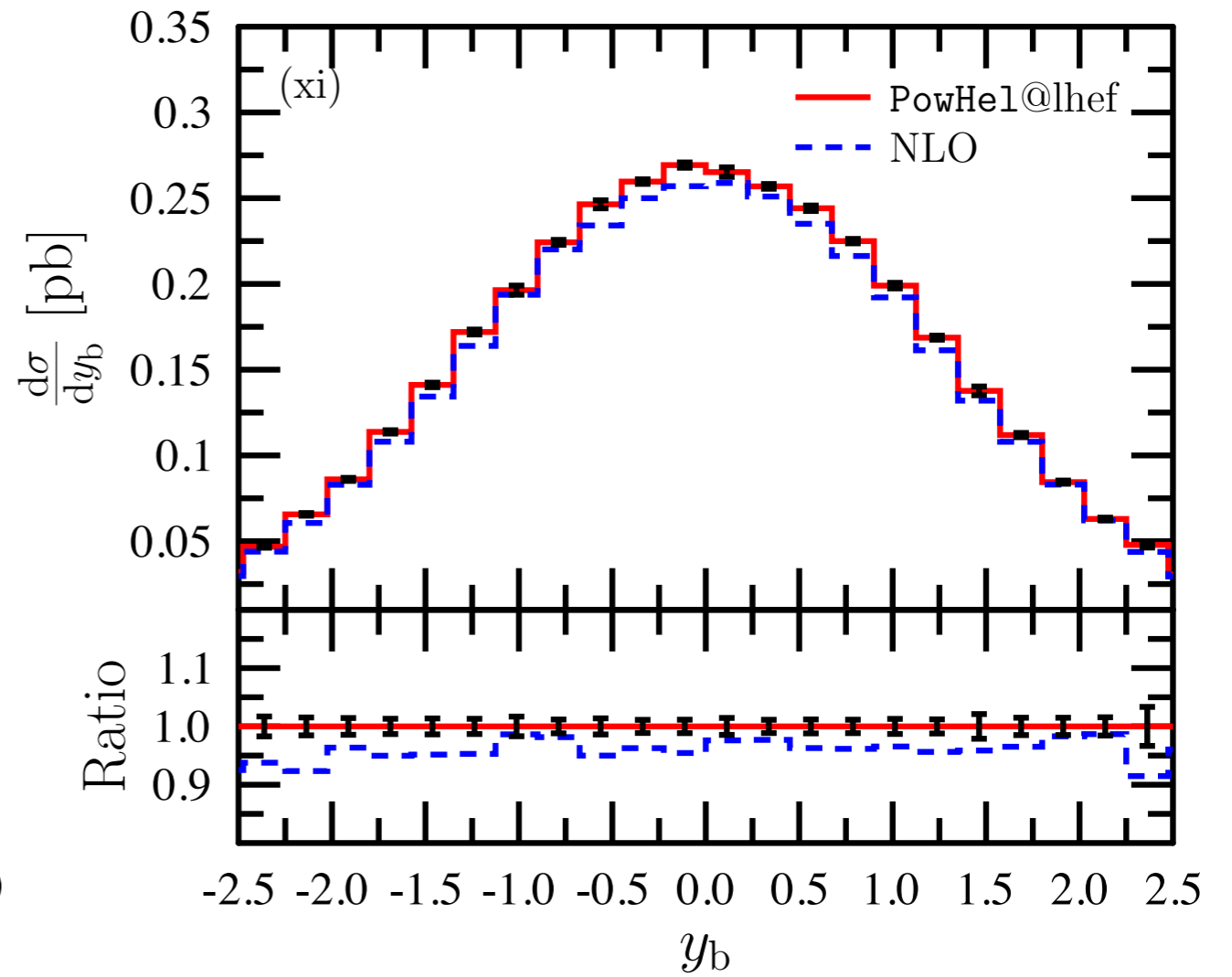
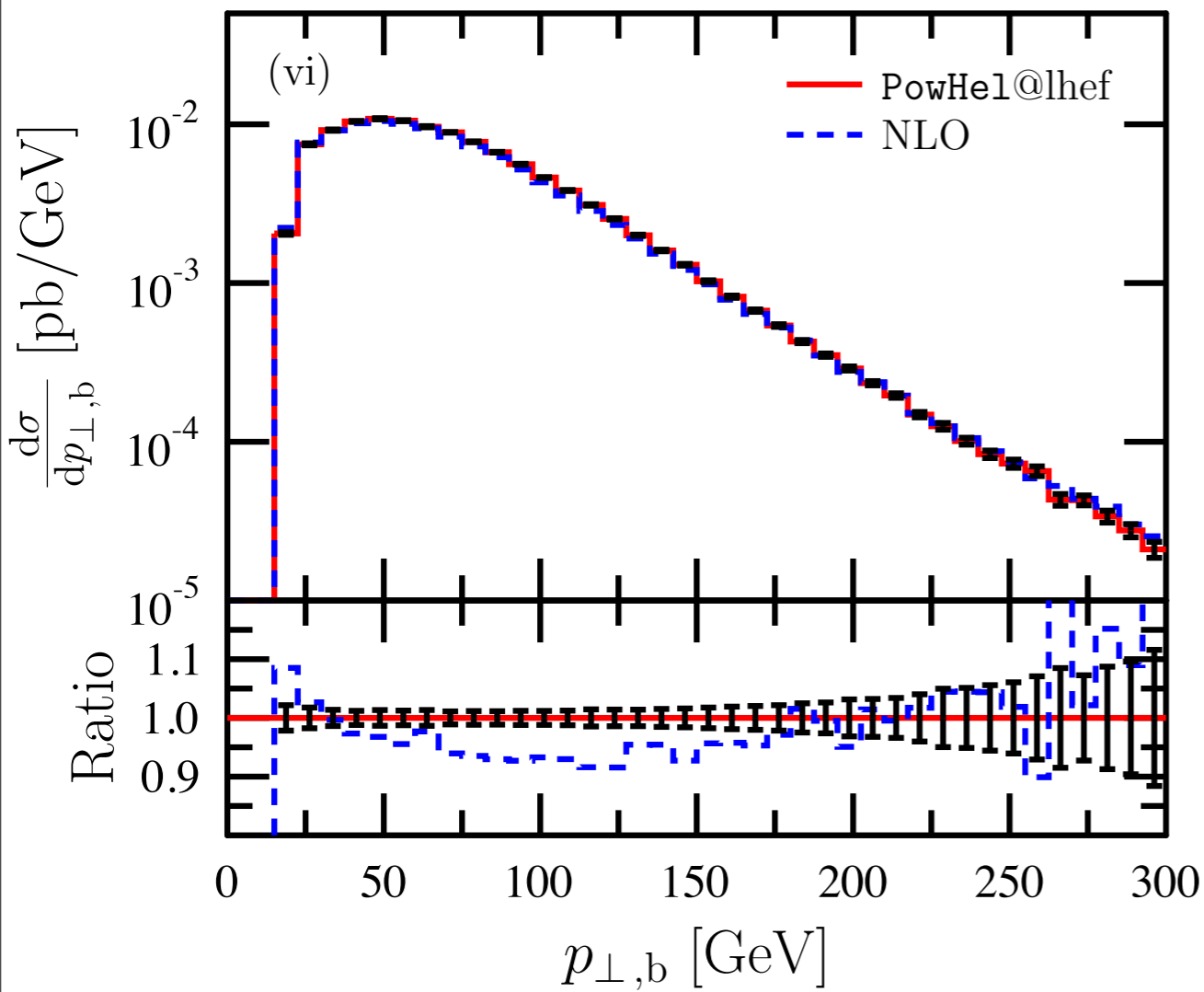


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- Based on the **full NLO** calculation of the $W^+ W^- b \bar{b}$ (Bevilacqua et. al. arXiv:1012.4230)
- Comparison made for the 7 TeV LHC, with a setup listed in arXiv:1012.4230

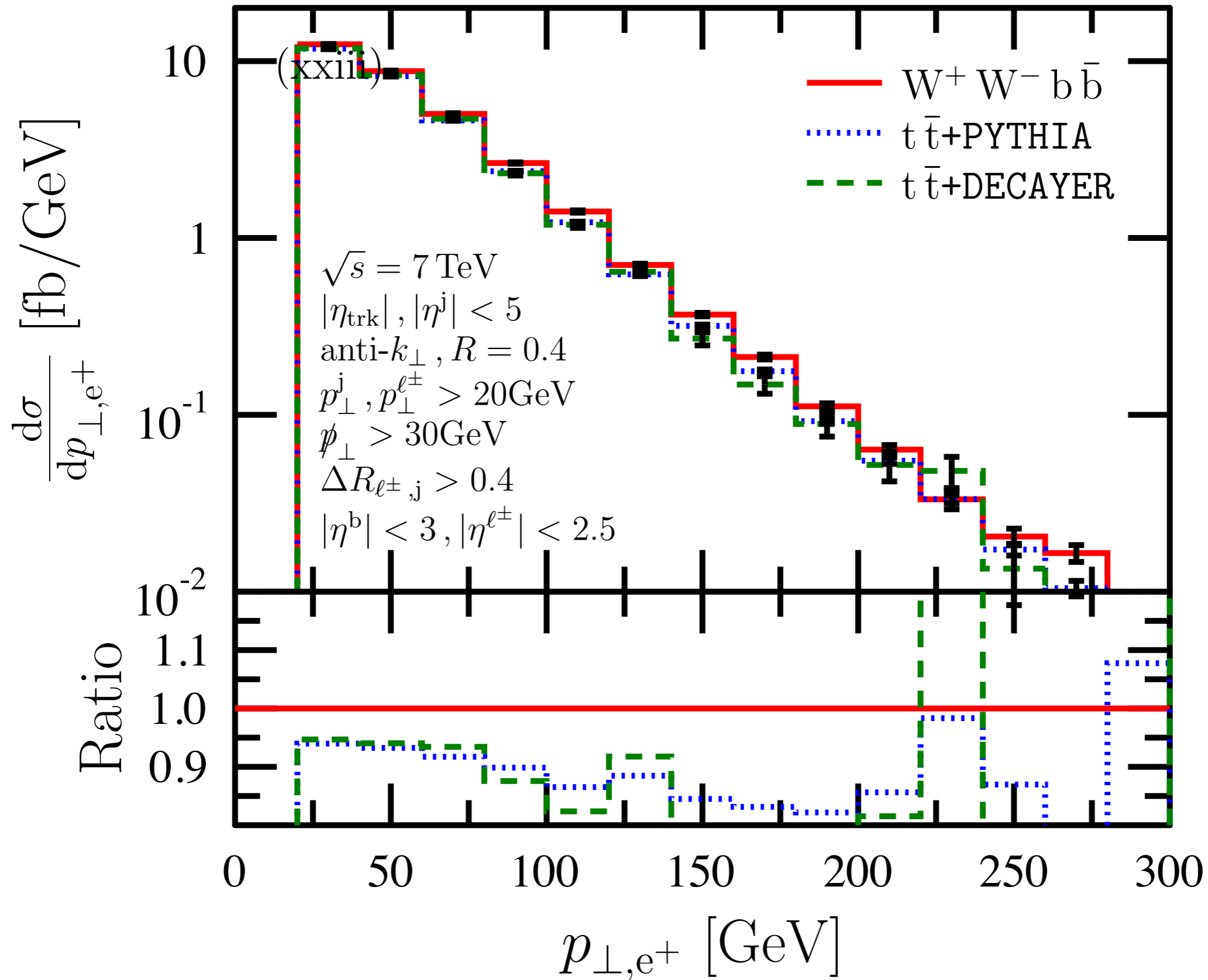
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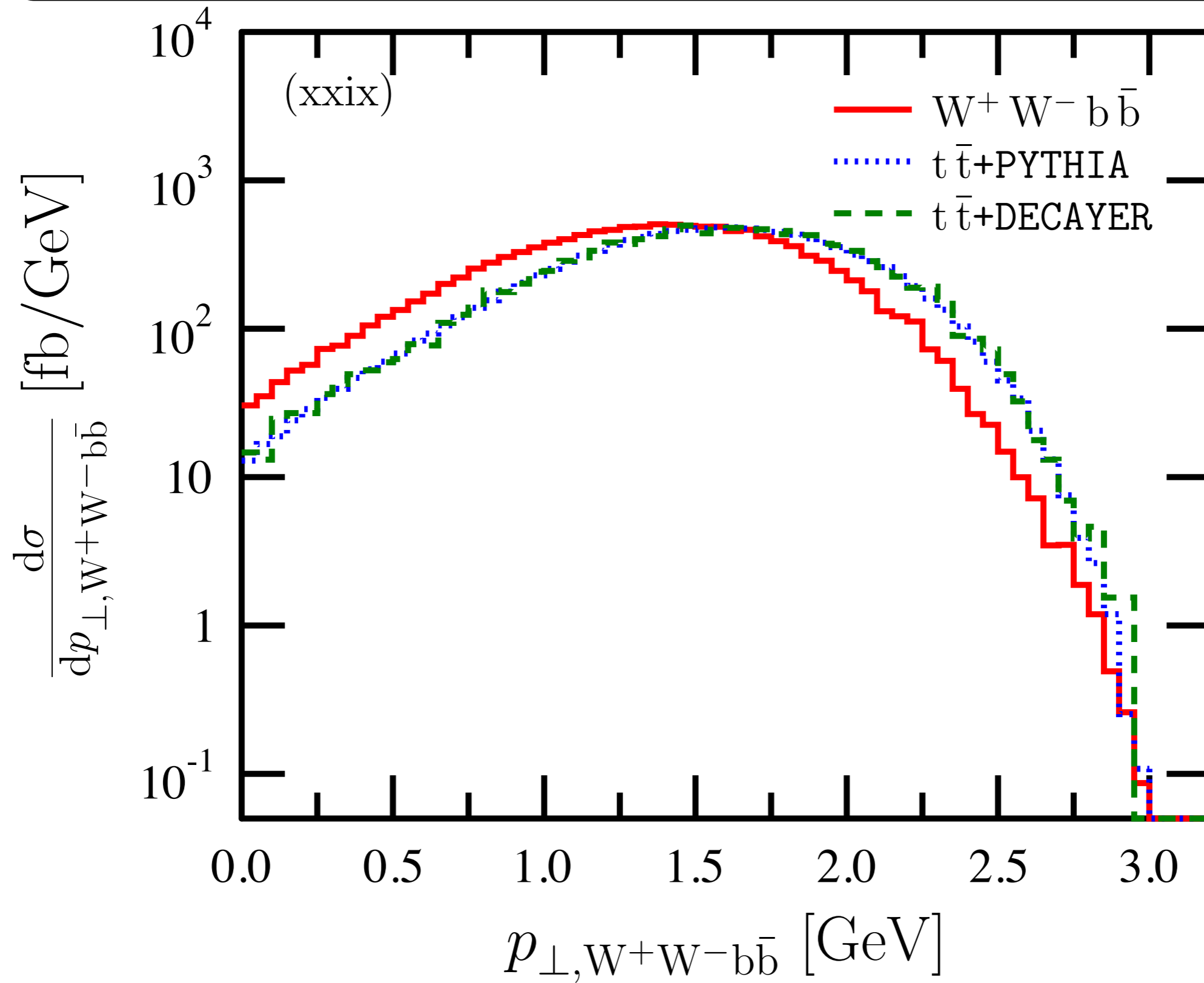
Transverse momentum and rapidity distribution for the b
at 7TeV LHC

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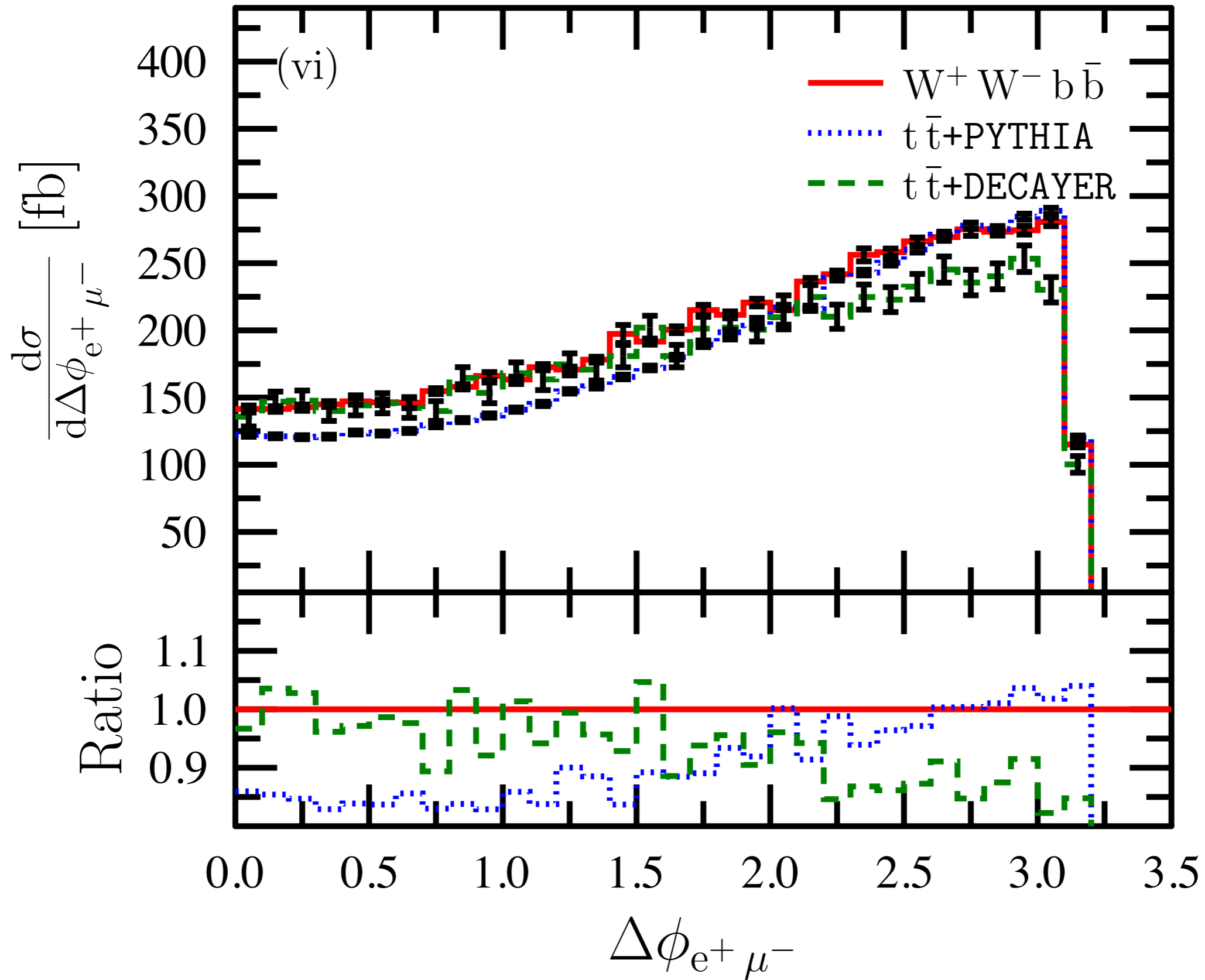
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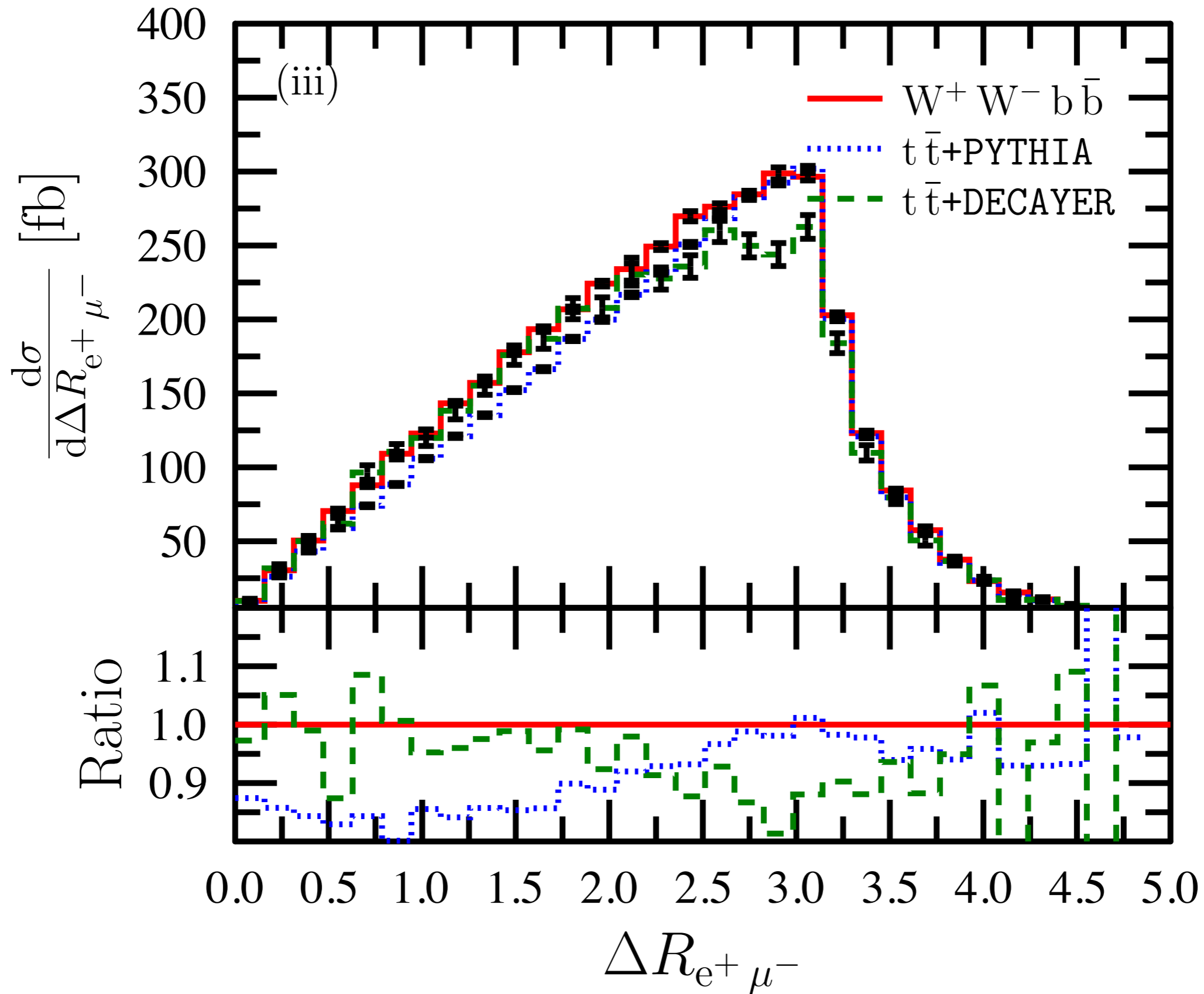
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For more fancy plots see the next talk...

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