



# Top Physics in WHIZARD (+ NLO/QCD Status)



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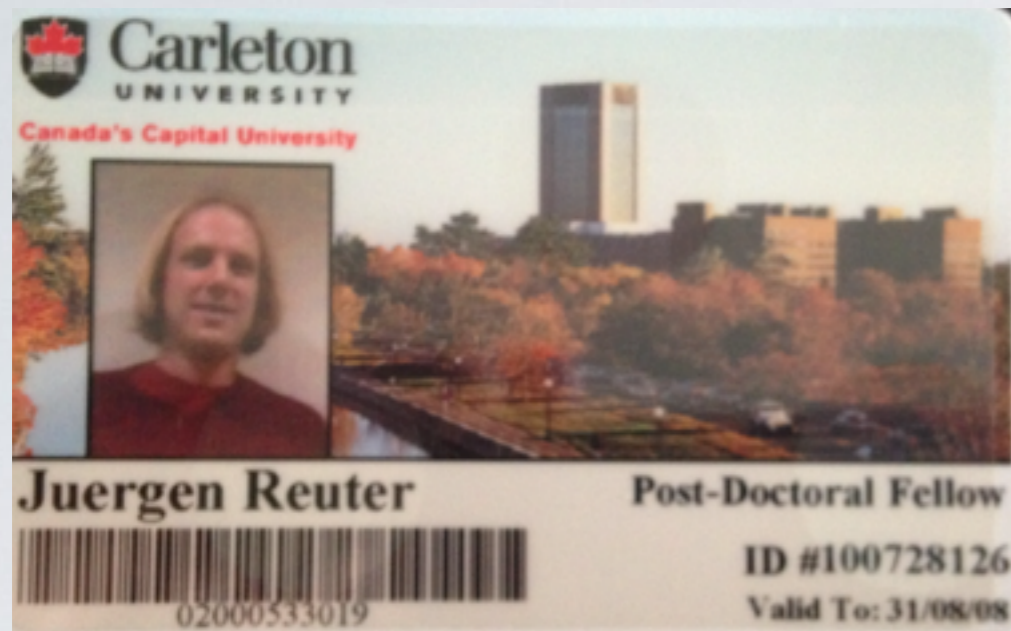


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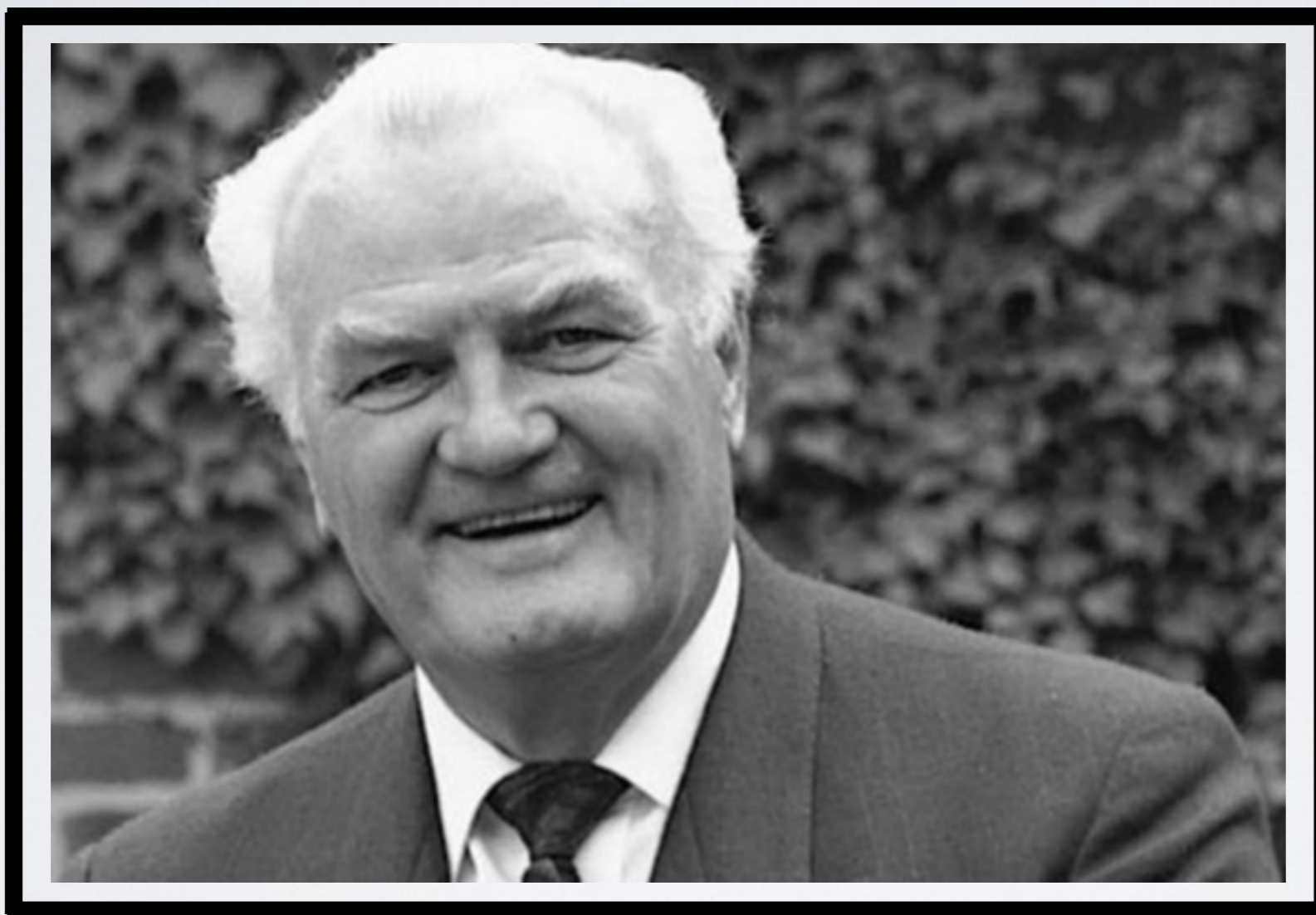




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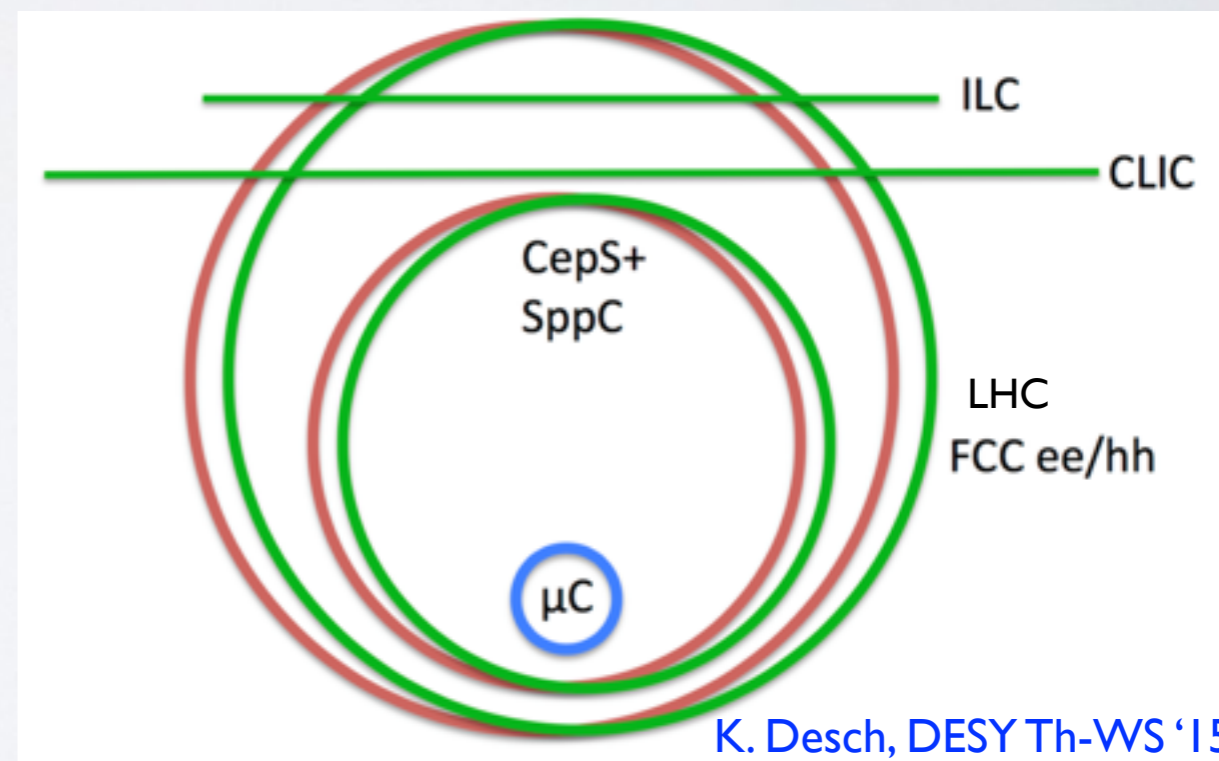
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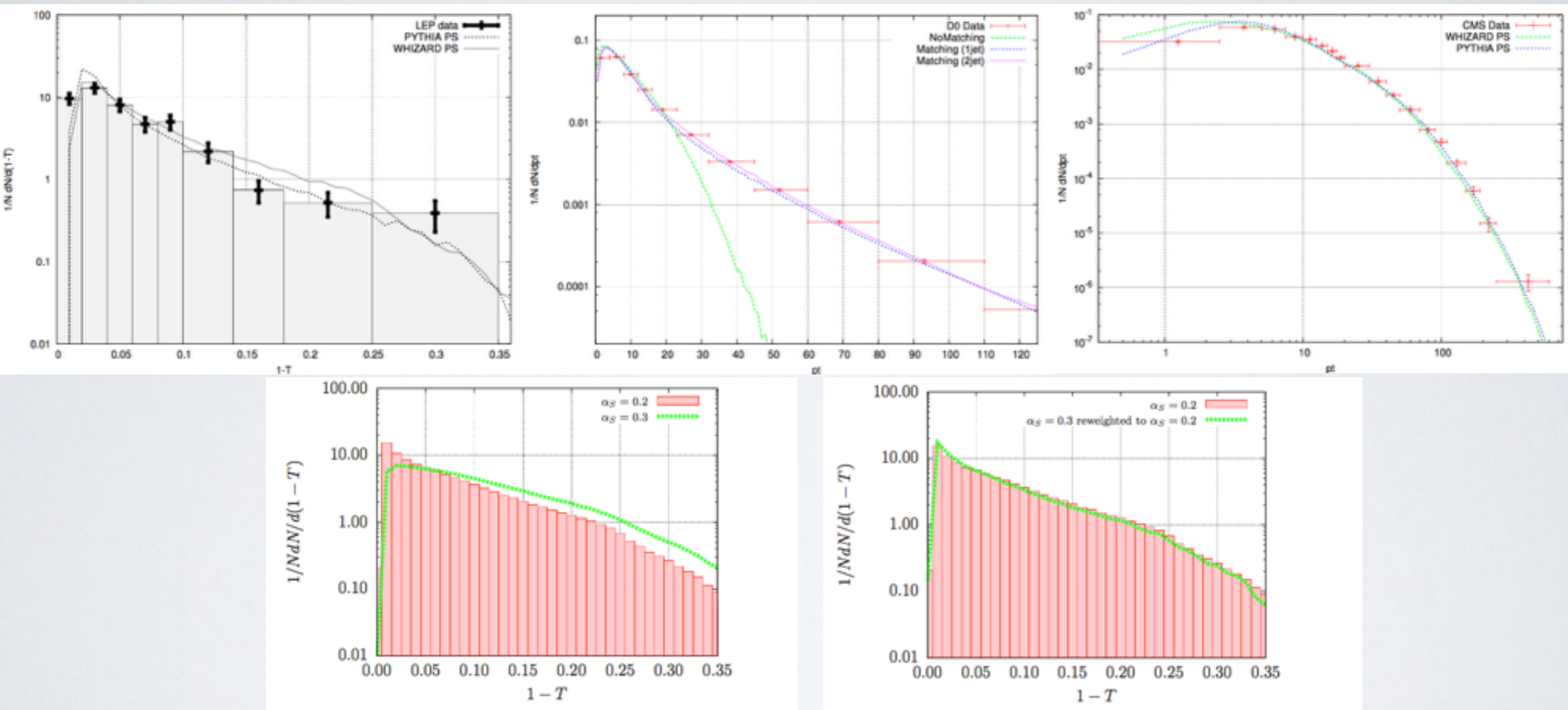




# WHIZARD Parton Shower

- ▶ Two independent implementations: kT-ordered QCD and Analytic QCD shower
- ▶ Analytic shower: no shower veto  $\Rightarrow$  exact shower history known, allows reweighting

Kilian/JRR/Schmidt/Wiesler, JHEP 1204 013 (2012)



- ▶ Technical overhaul of the shower / merging part
- ▶ Plans: implement GKS matching, QED shower (also interleaved, infrastructure ready)

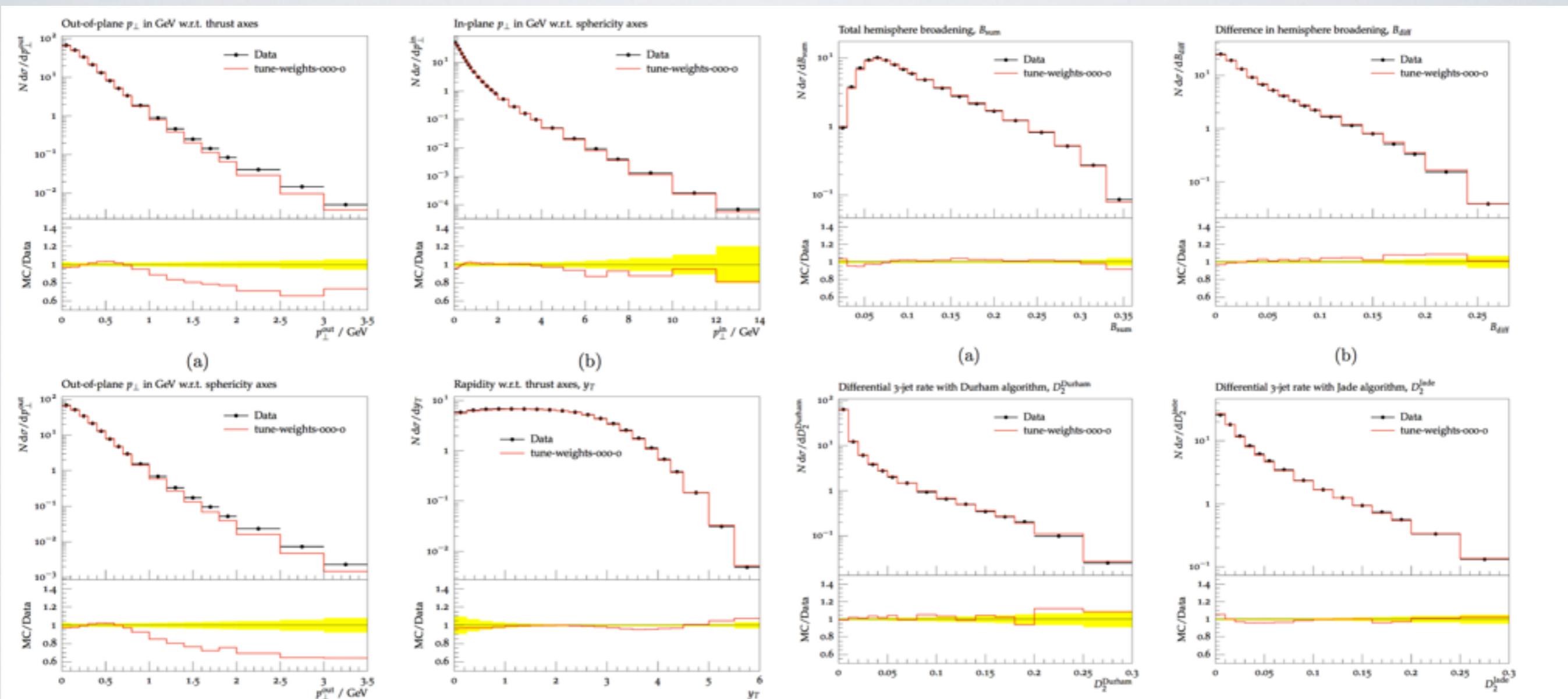






# Tuning of the WHIZARD Parton Shower

- ▶ First tunes of both kT-ordered QCD and Analytic QCD shower [Chokoufe/Englert/JRR, 2015](#)
- ▶ Di- and Multijet data from LEP as given in RIVET analysis
- ▶ Usage of the PROFESSOR tool for determining the best fit [Buckley et al., 2009](#)





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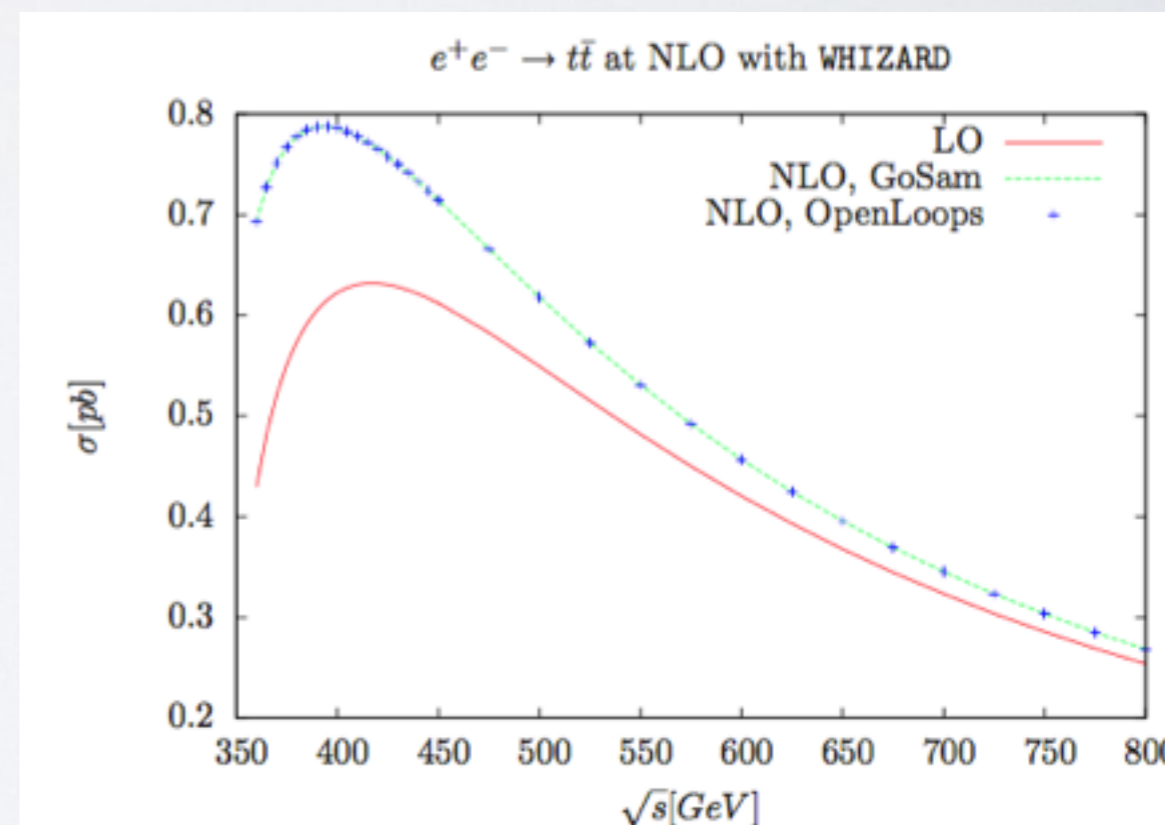
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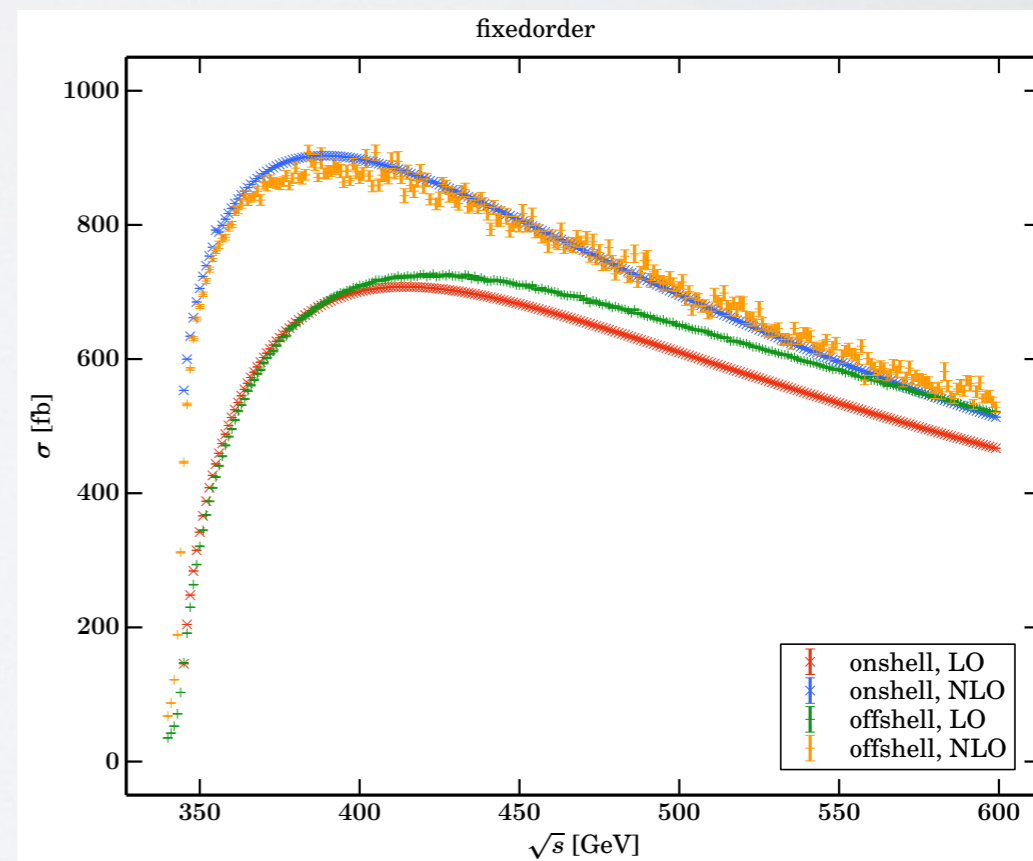
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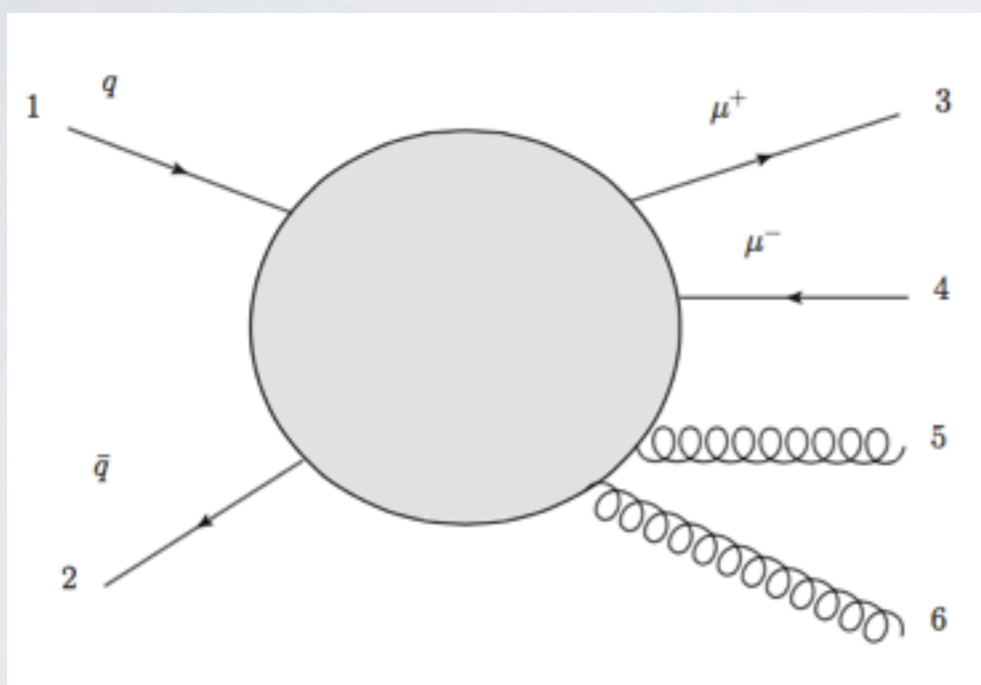


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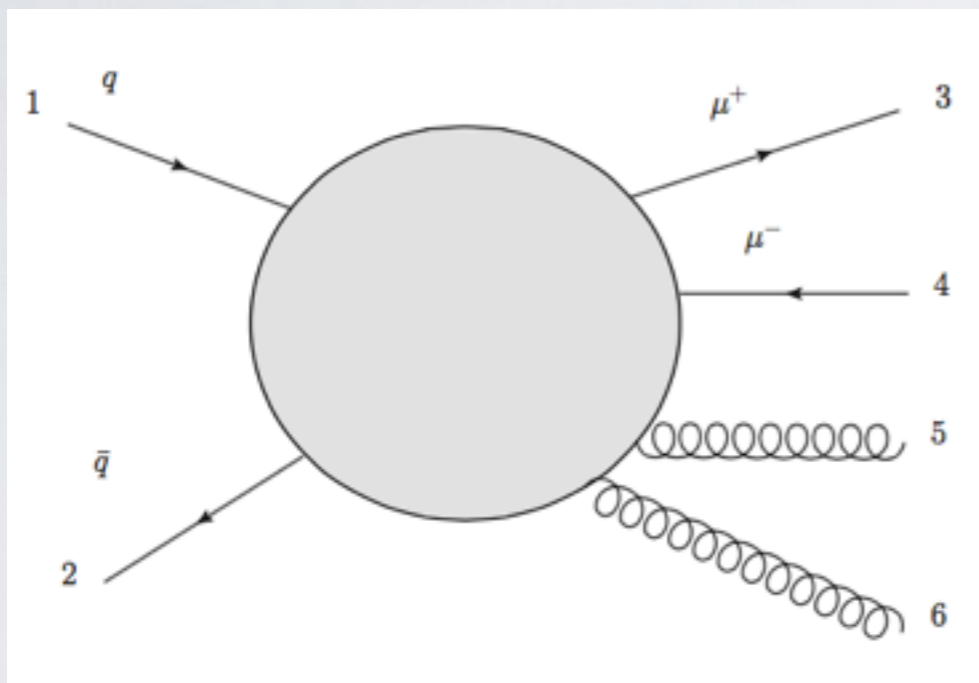


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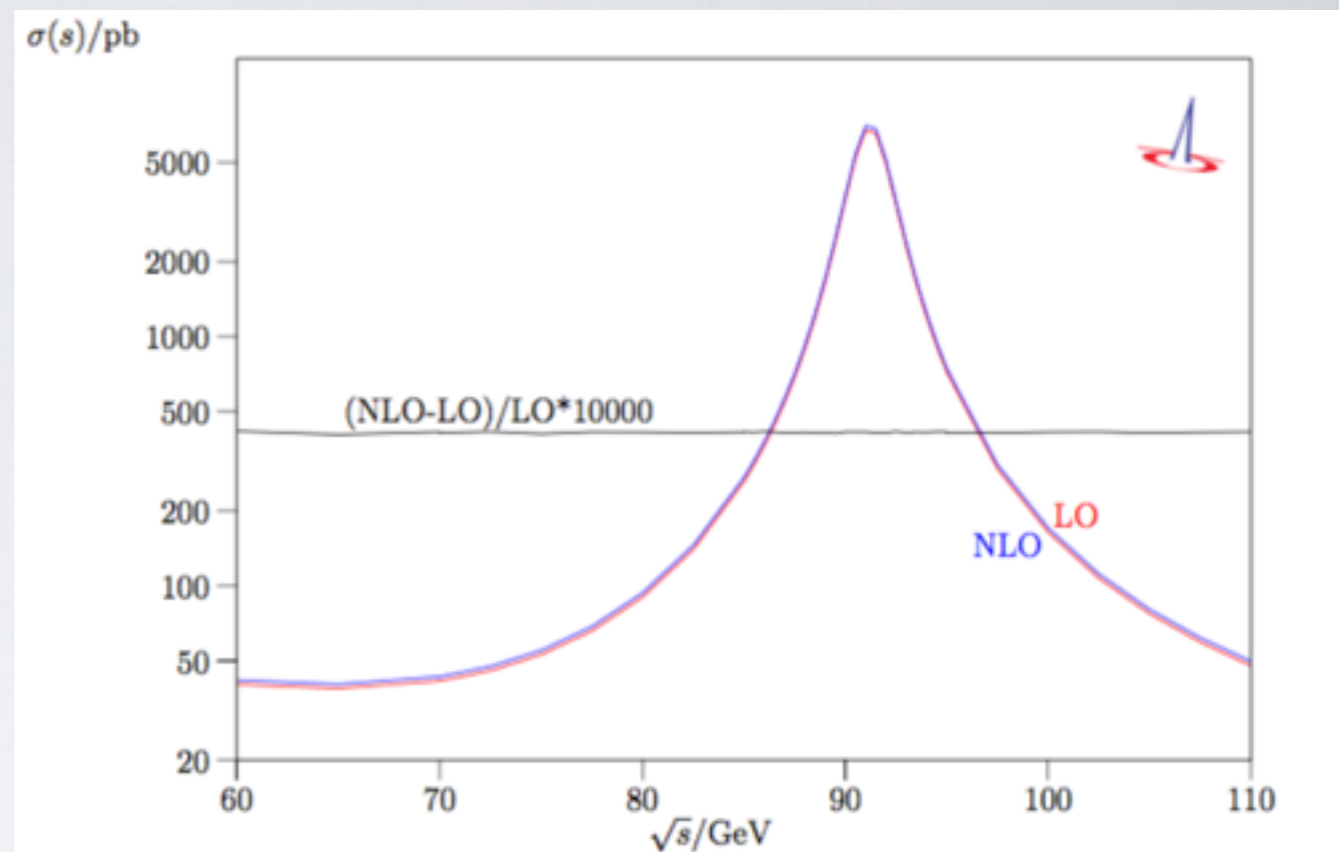
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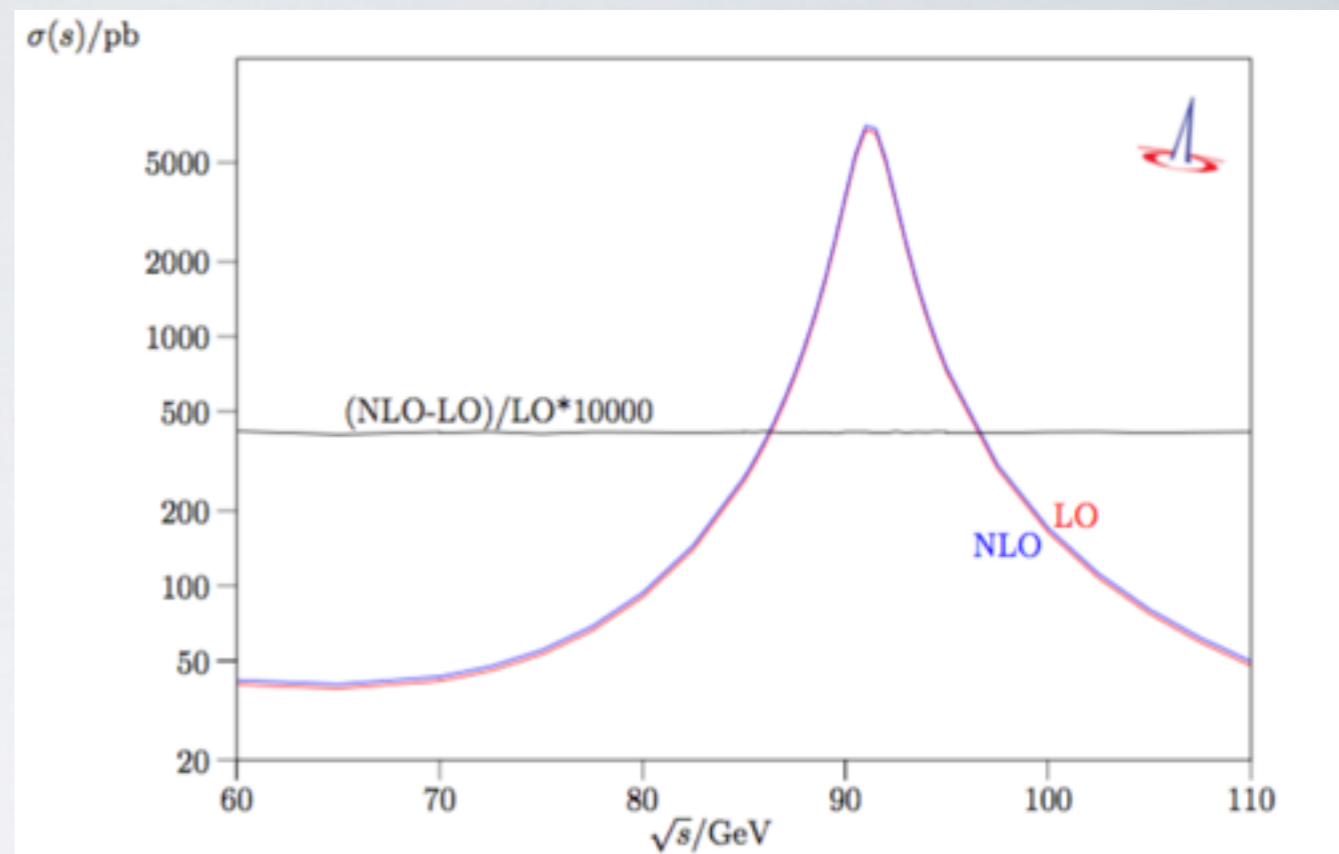
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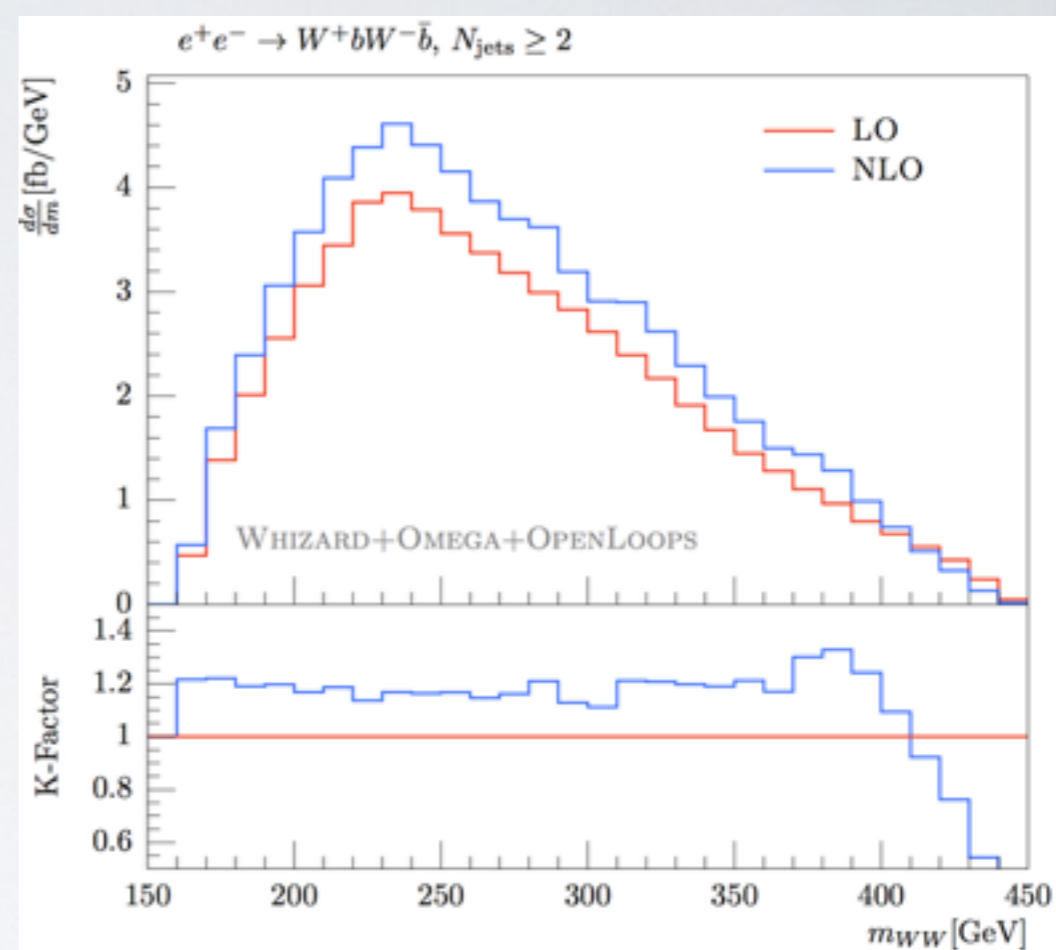
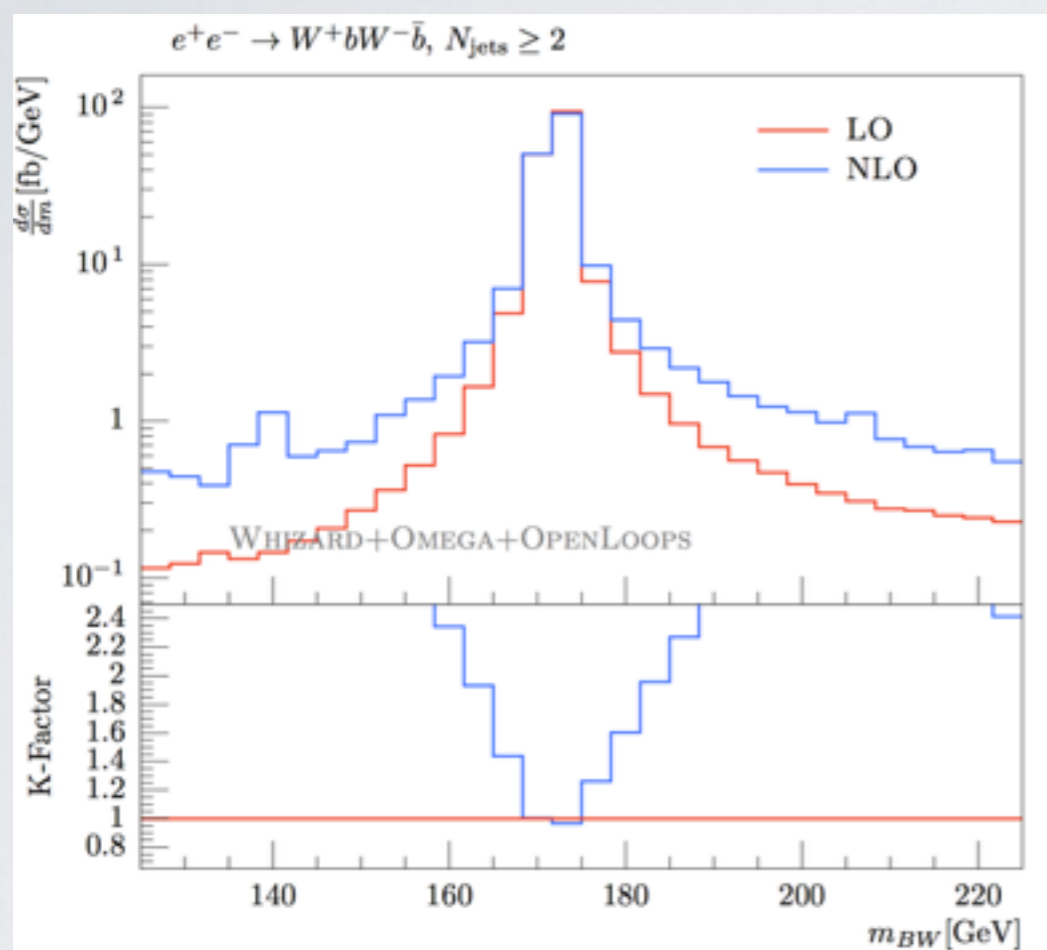
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- ◆ First attempts on electroweak corrections, interfacing the RECOLA code [Denner et al.]





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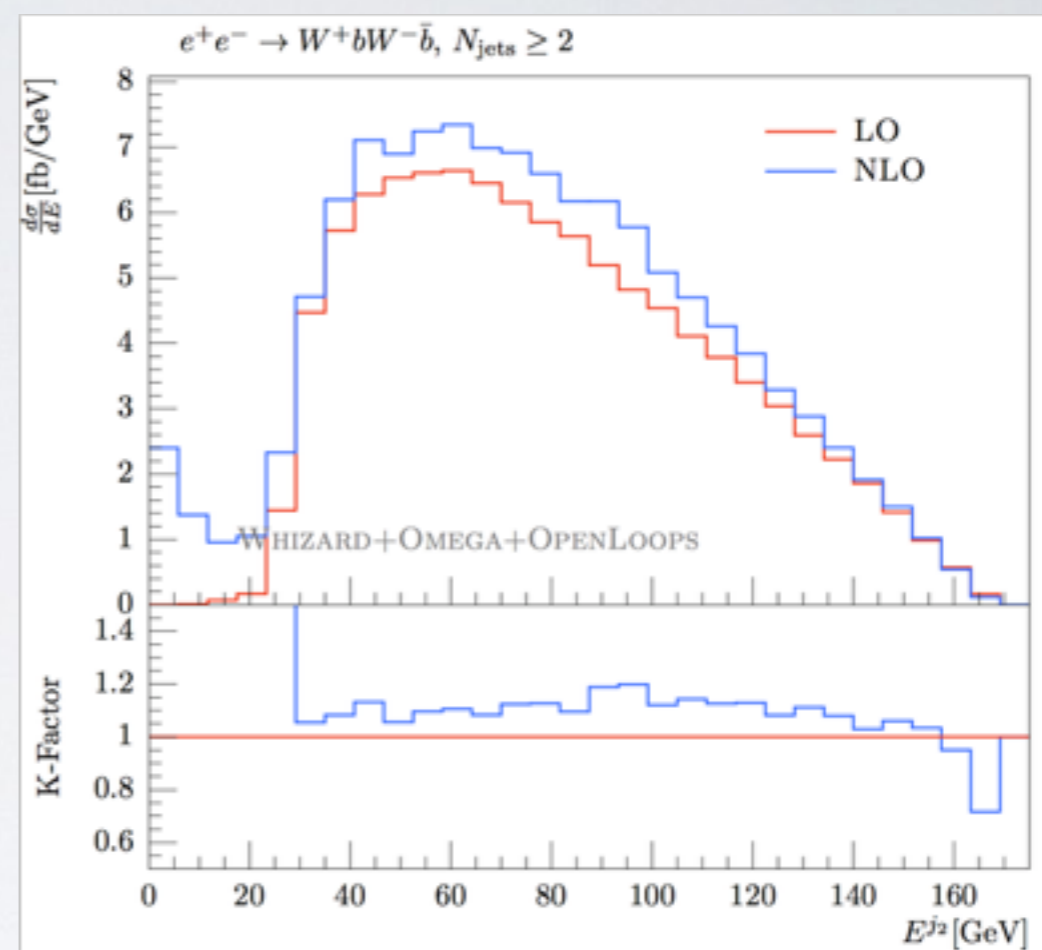
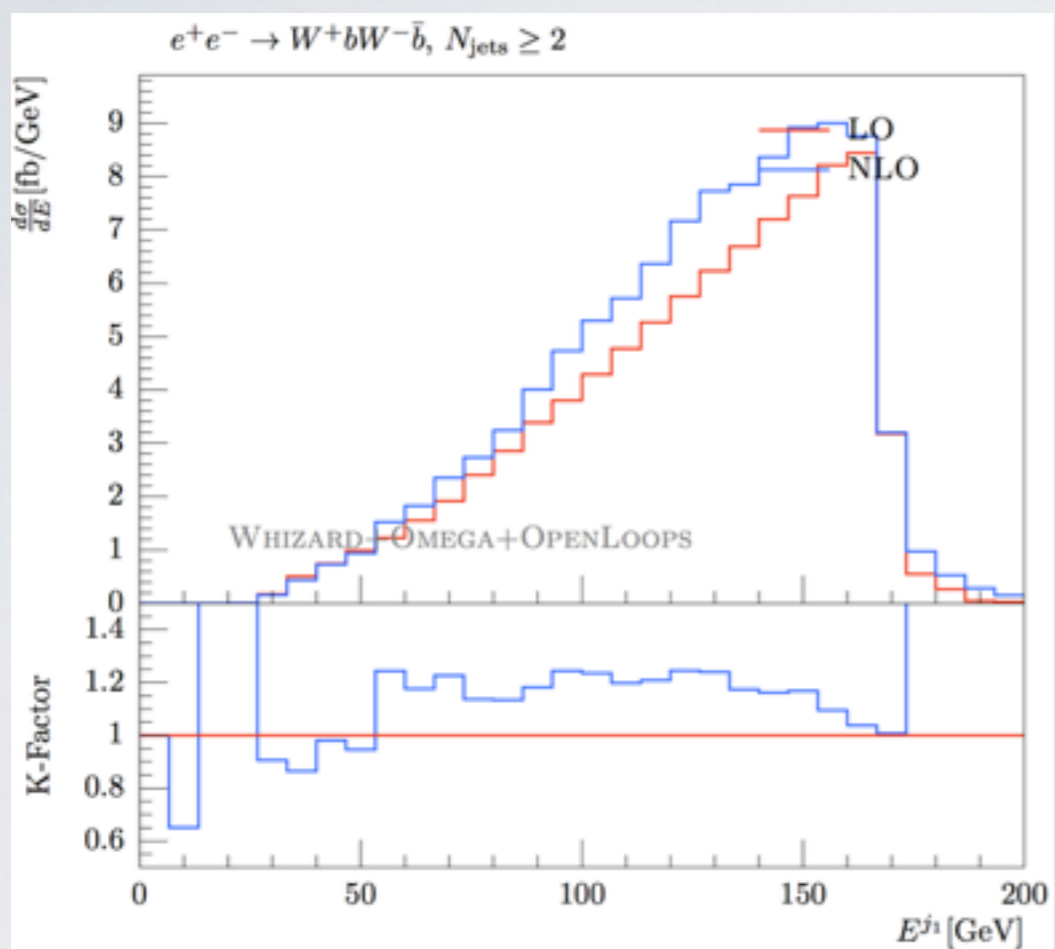
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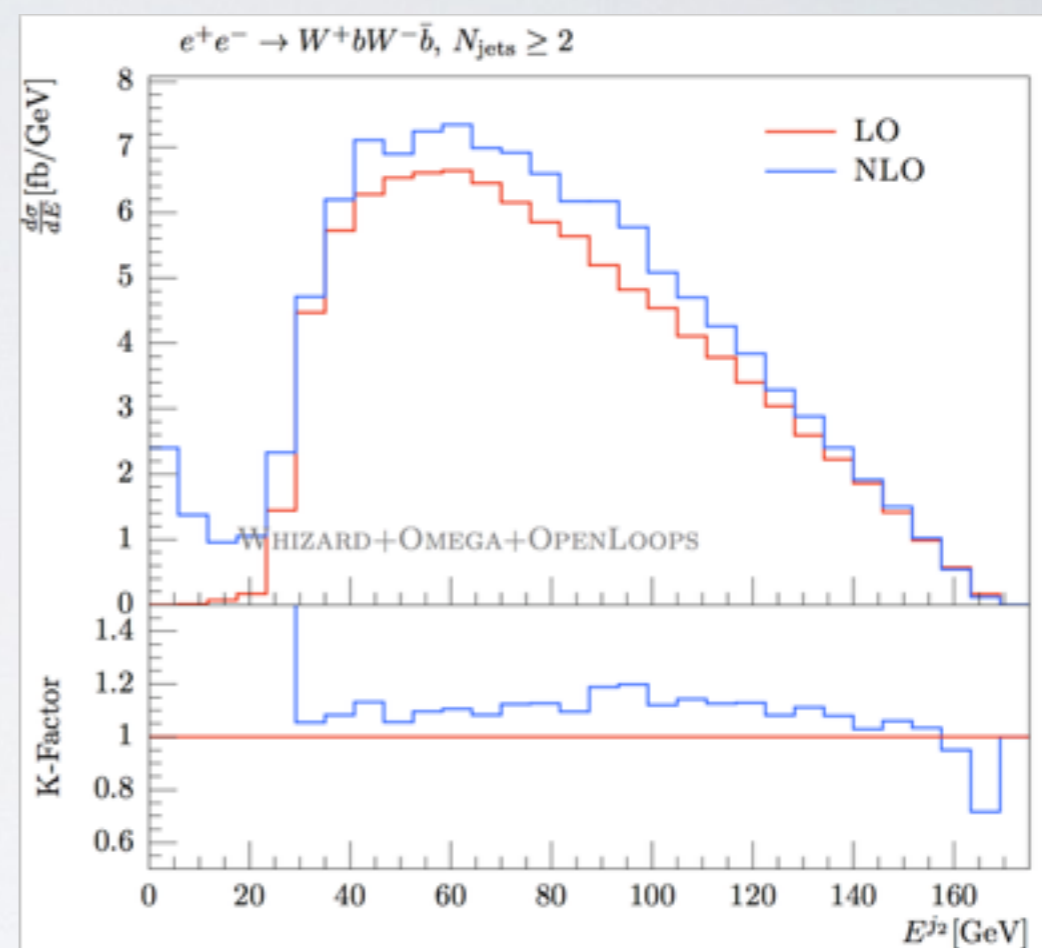
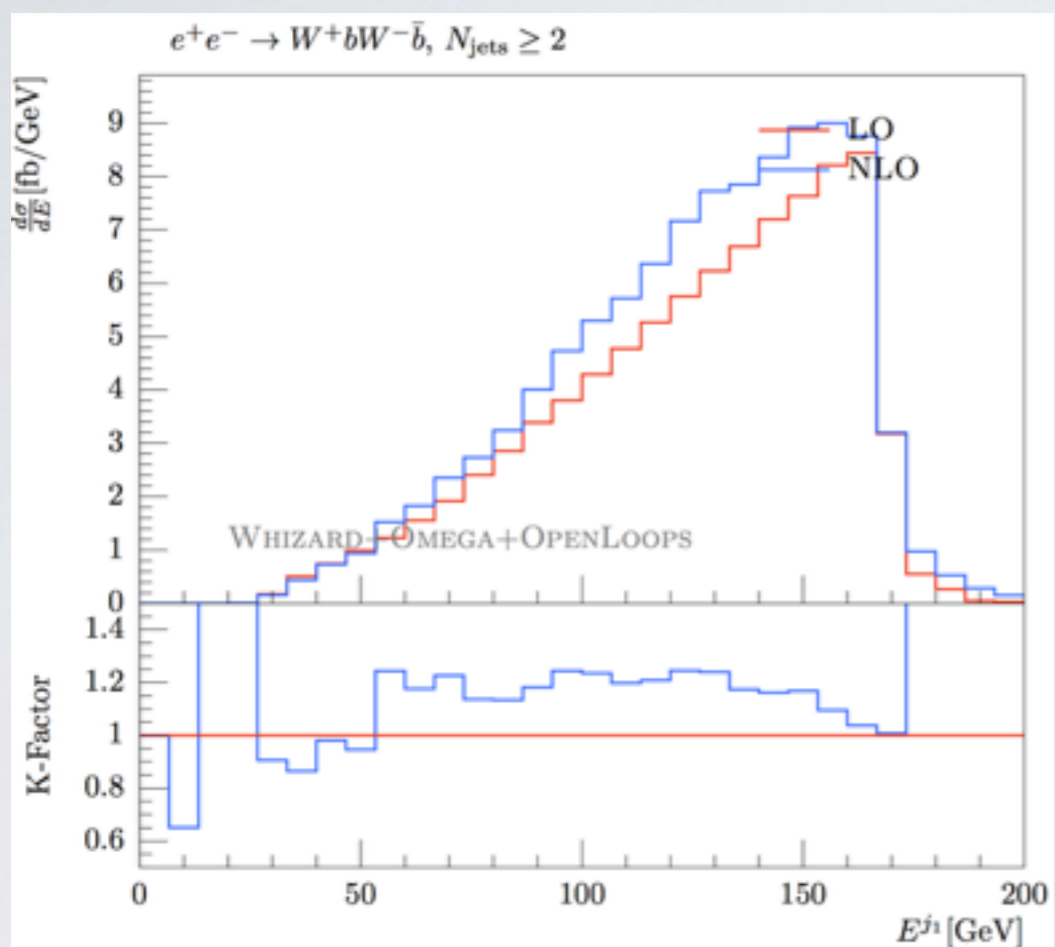
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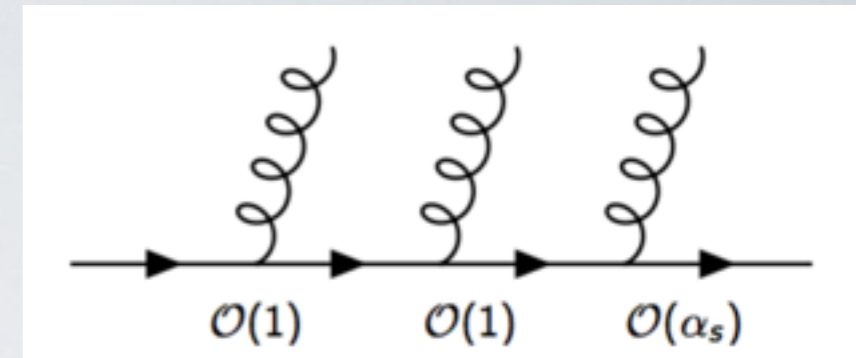
- Completed: **polarized NLO results** (remember: ILC will always run with polarization)
- Produce also plots including complete ISR photon radiation and beamstrahlung
- **NLO decays also available** (Initial state Jacobian, important for consistent widths)
- **Investigate the full  $2 \rightarrow 6$  process:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}e\mu\nu\nu$**  [[Chokouf /Kilian/Lindert/JRR/Pozzorini/Weiss](#)]





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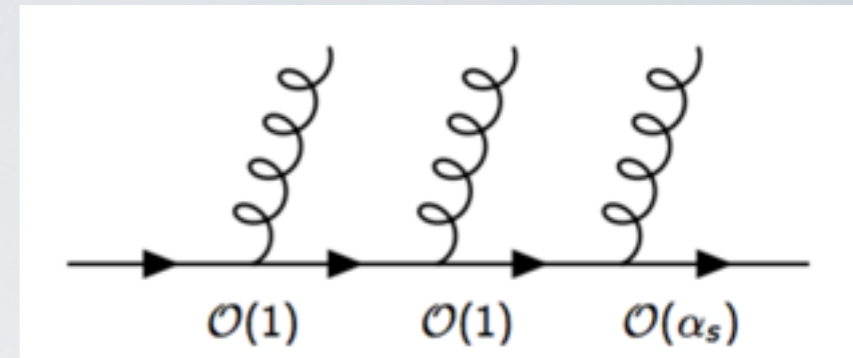
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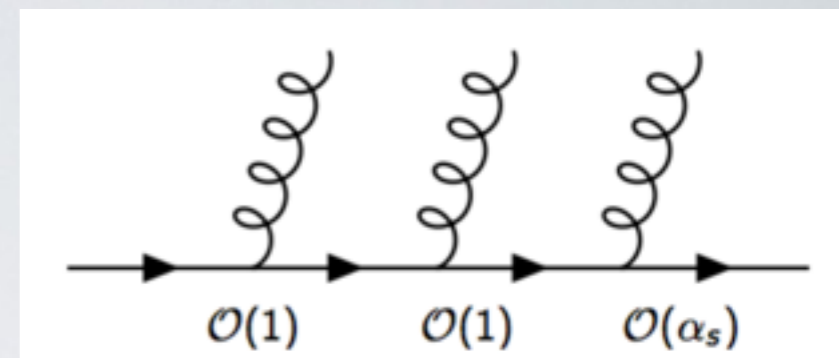
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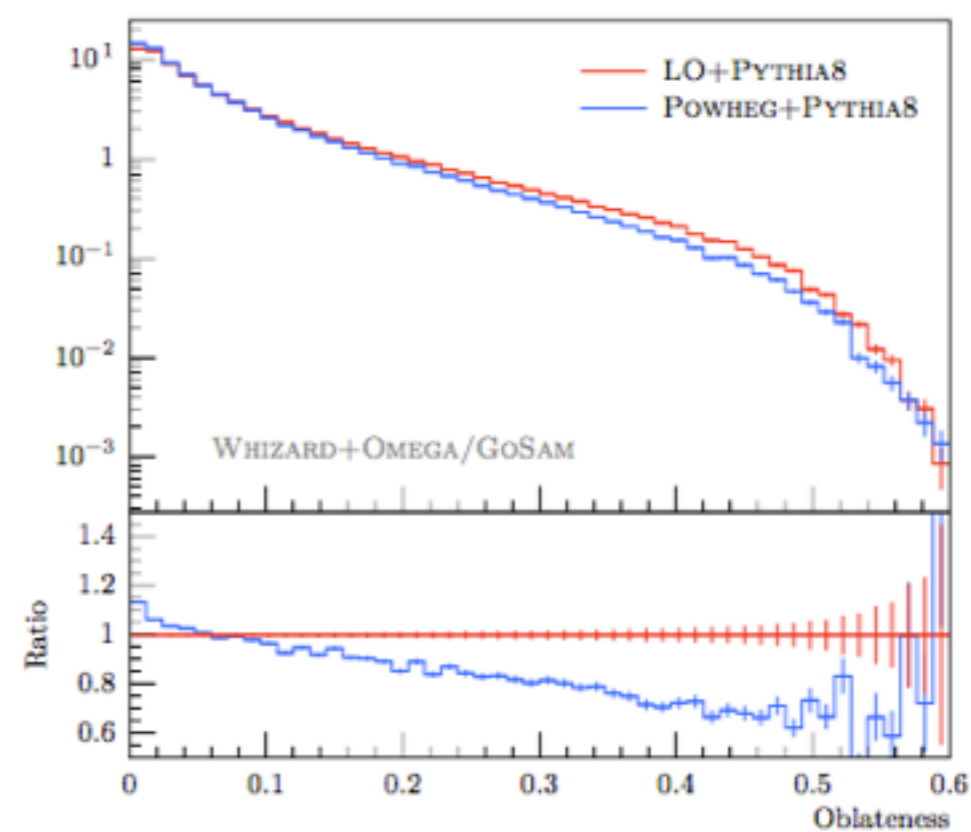
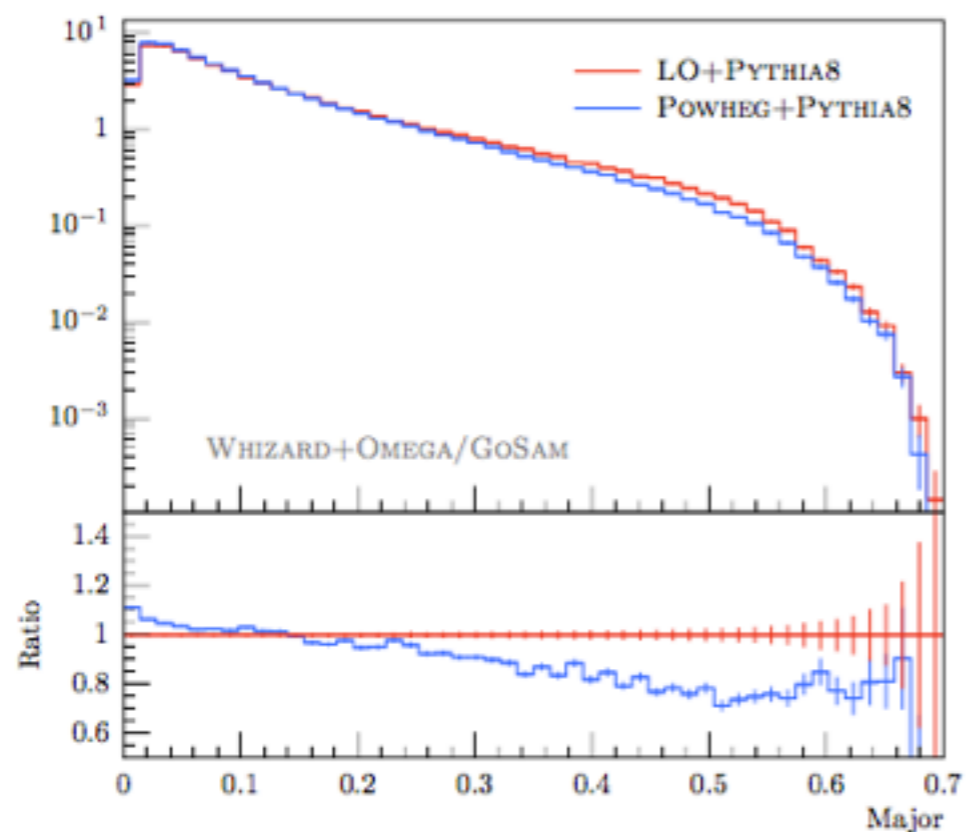
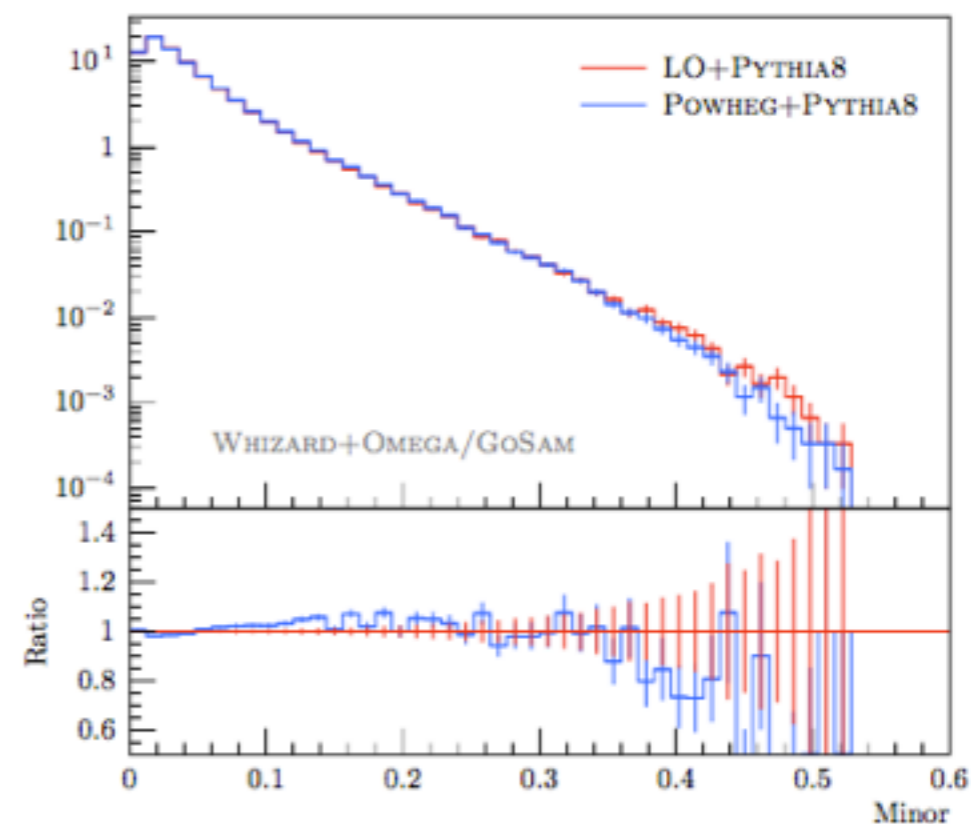
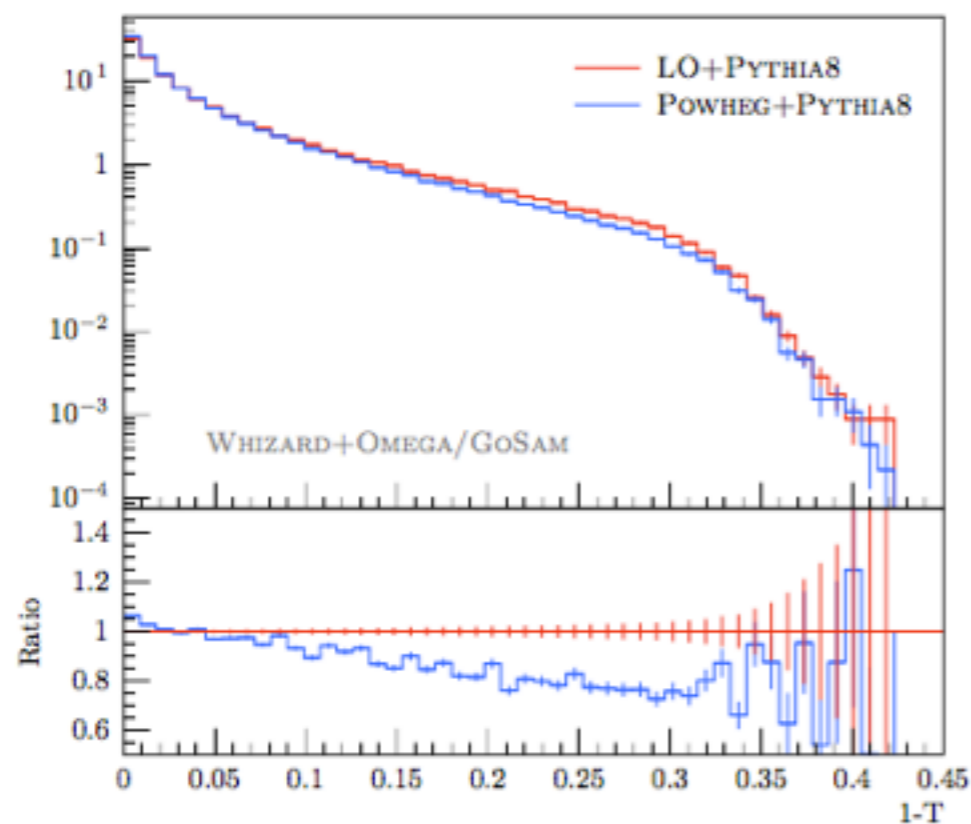
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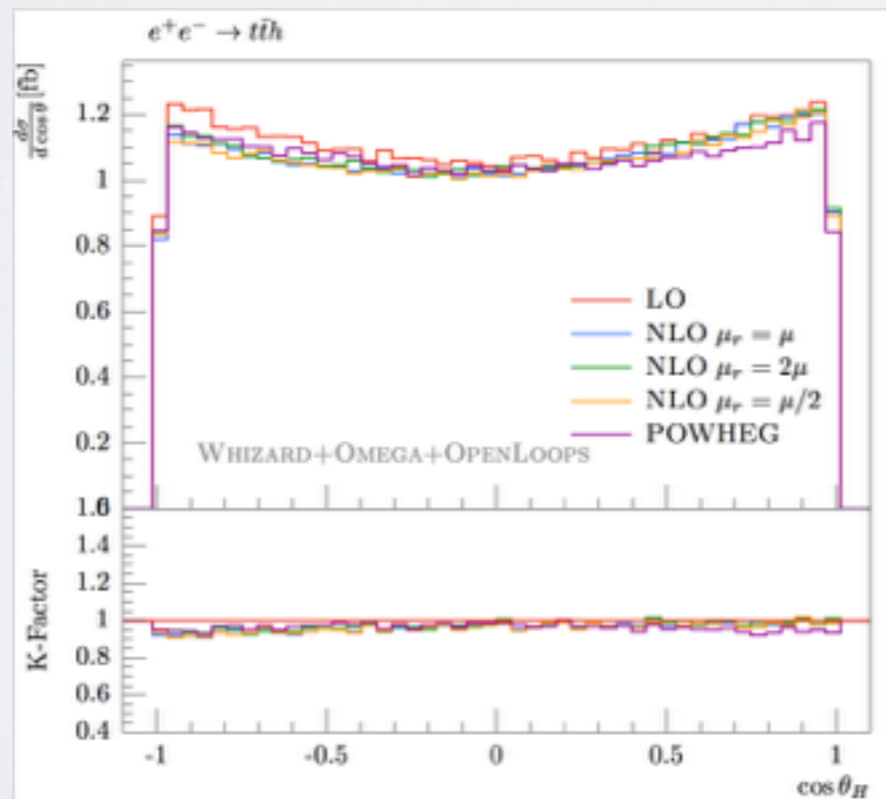
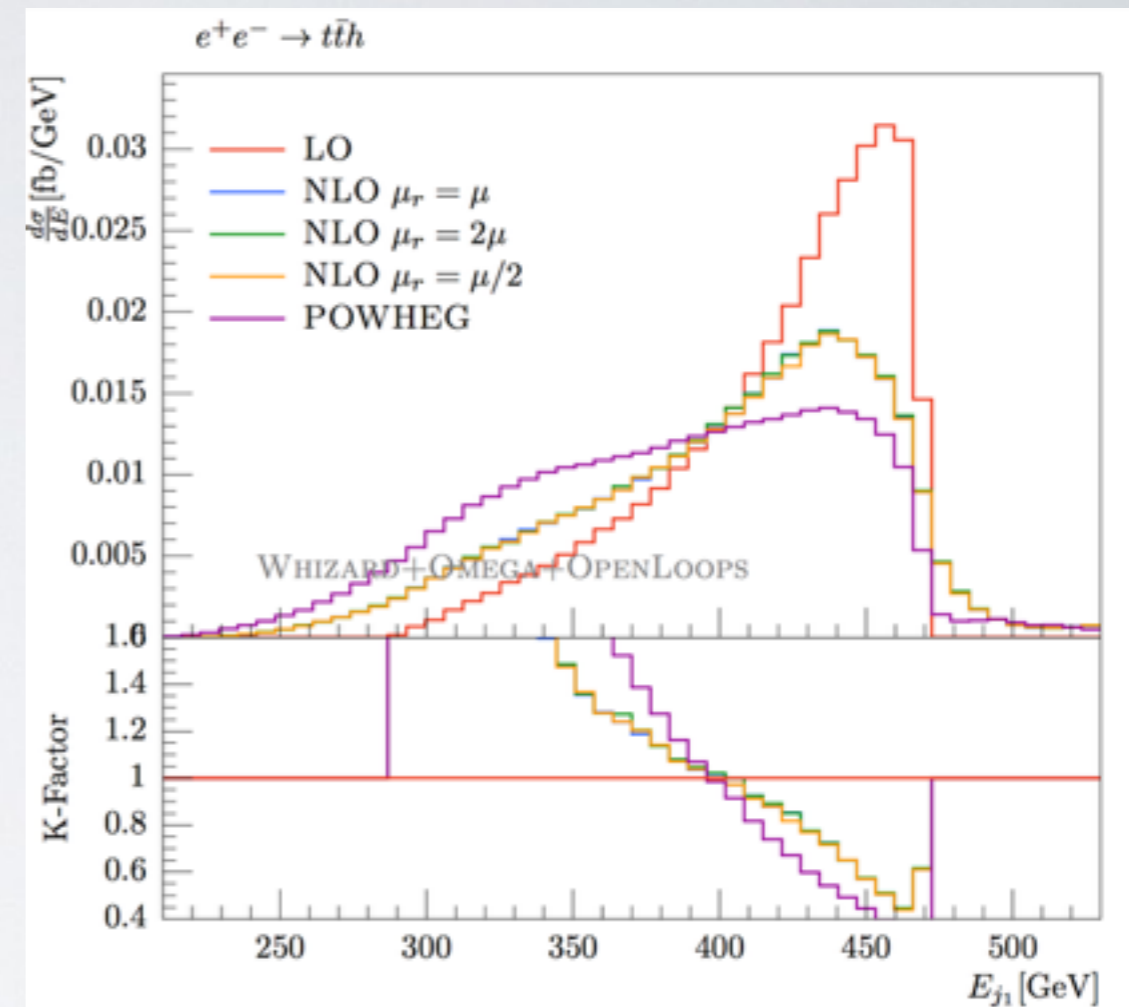
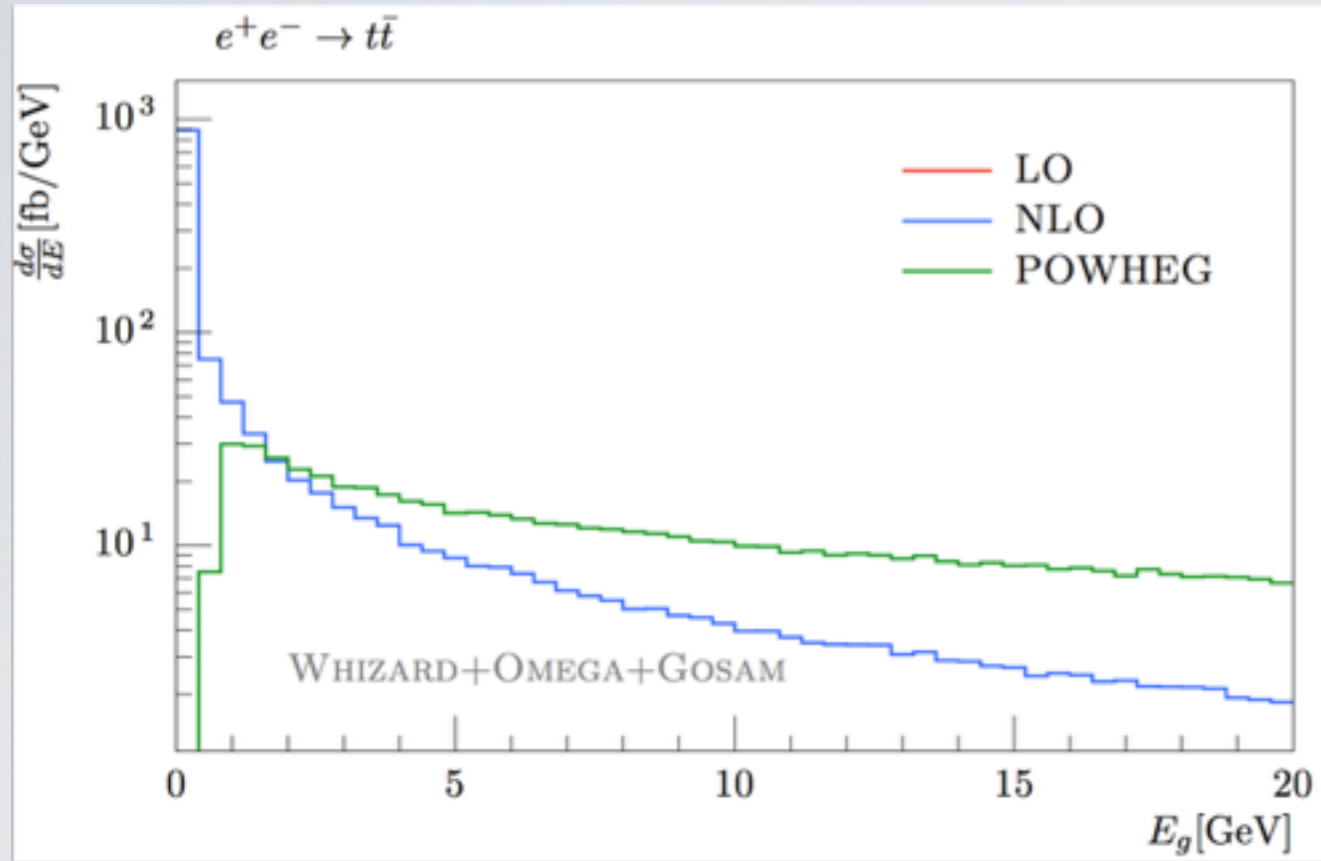
- Hardest emission:  $k_T^{\text{max}}$  ; shower with **imposing a veto**
- $\bar{B} < 0$  if virtual and real terms larger than Born: shouldn't happen in perturbative regions
- Reweighting such that  $\bar{B} > 0$  for all events
- **POWHEG: Positive Weight Hardest Emission Generator** own implementation in WHIZARD



# POWHEG Matching, example: $e^+e^-$ to dijets



# Examples: Top pairs and tth production

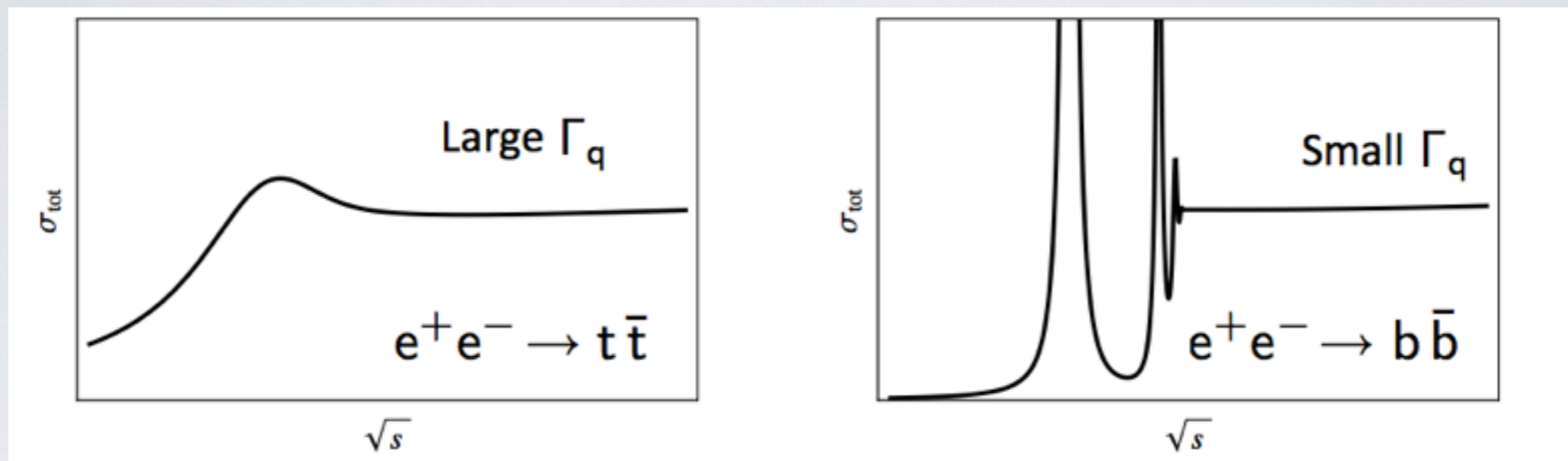




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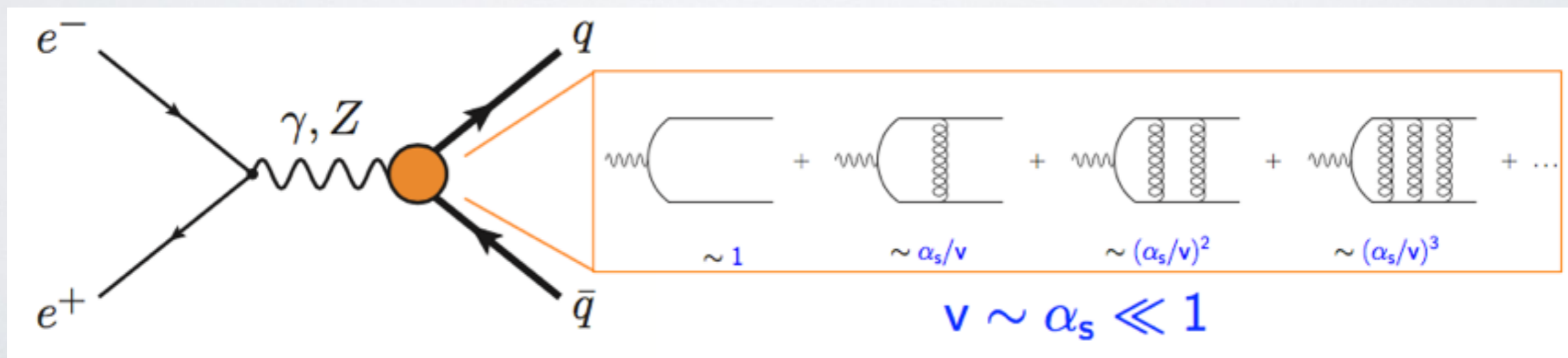
ILC top threshold scan best-known method to measure top quark mass,  $\Delta M \sim 30\text{-}50 \text{ MeV}$

Heavy quark production at lepton colliders, qualitatively:



Threshold region: top velocity  $v \sim \alpha_s \ll 1$

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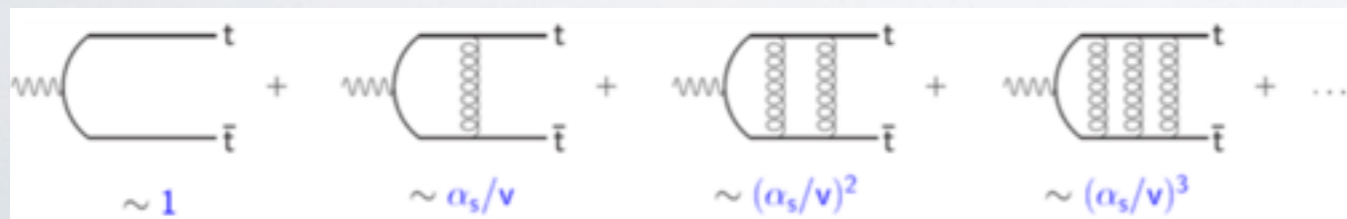
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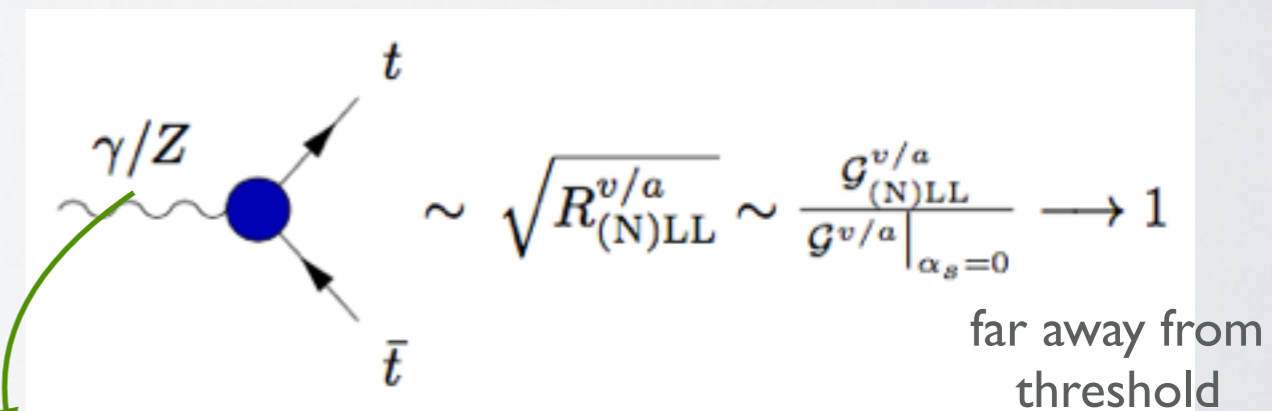
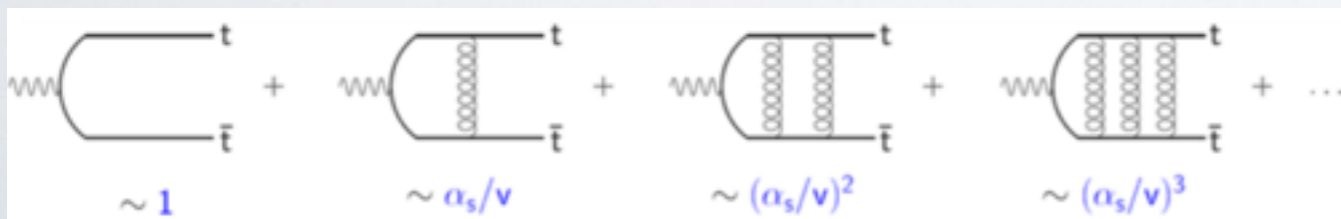
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but contributes at NLL differentially!

Coulomb potential gluon ladder resummation



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differential in off-shell  $t\bar{t}$  phase space



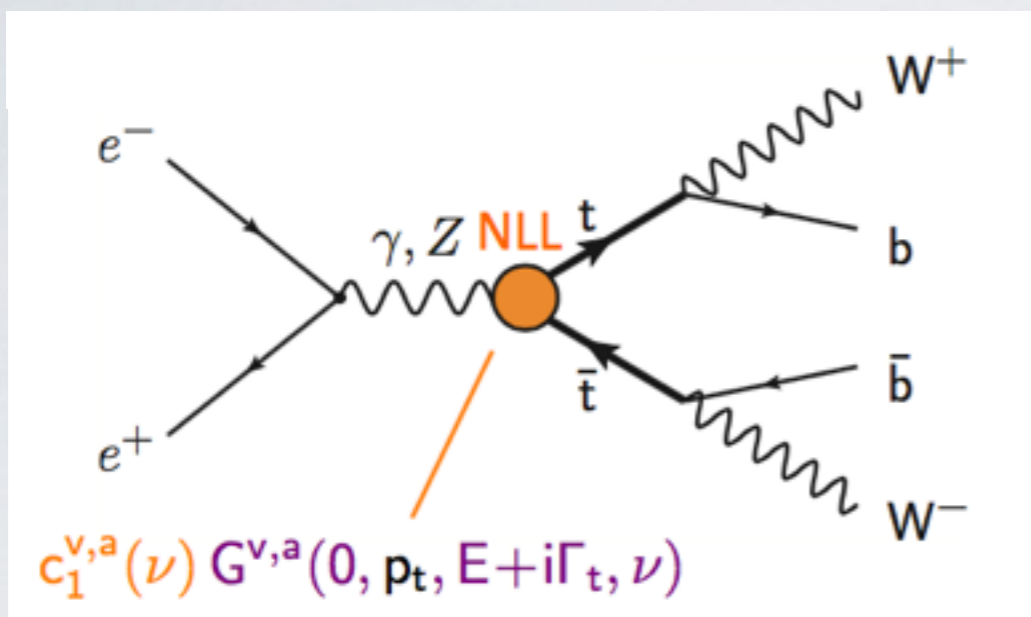




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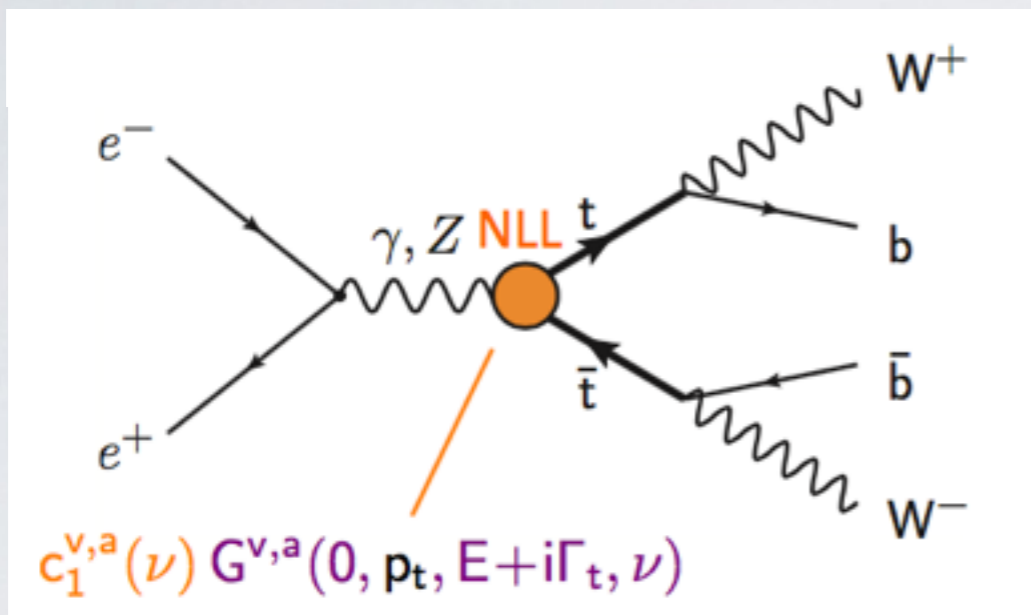
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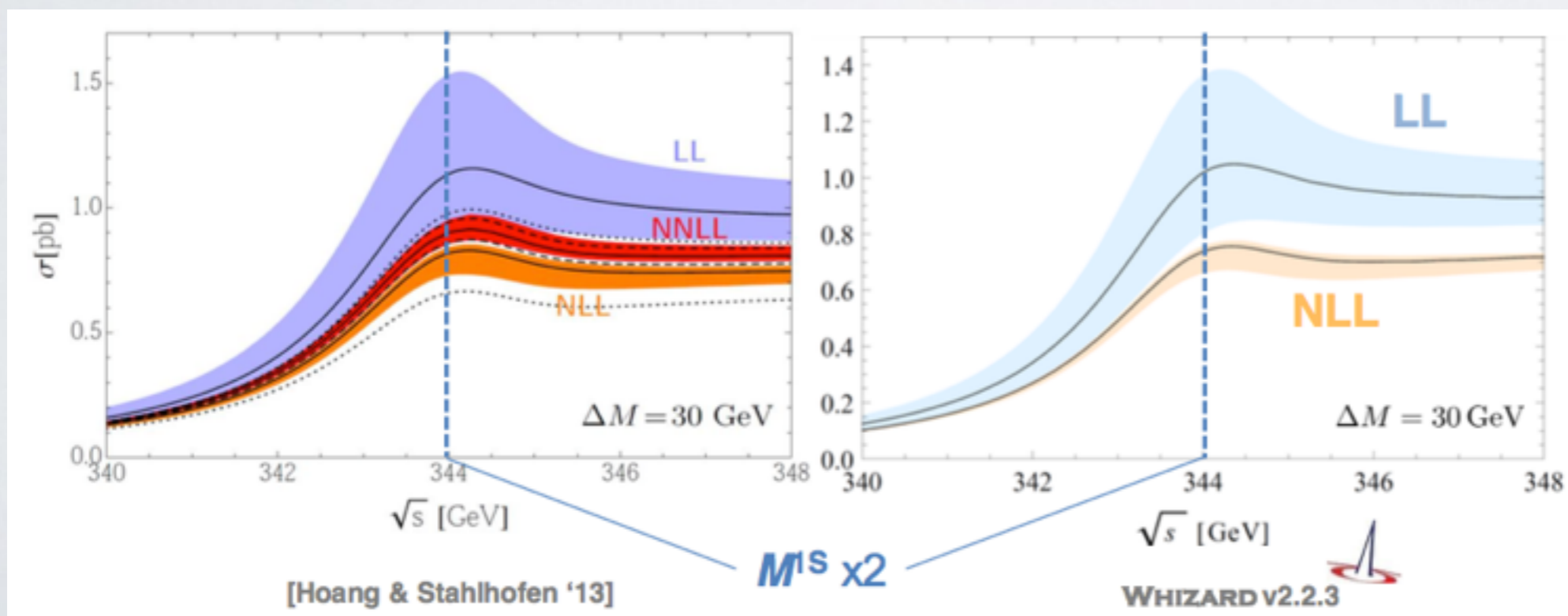
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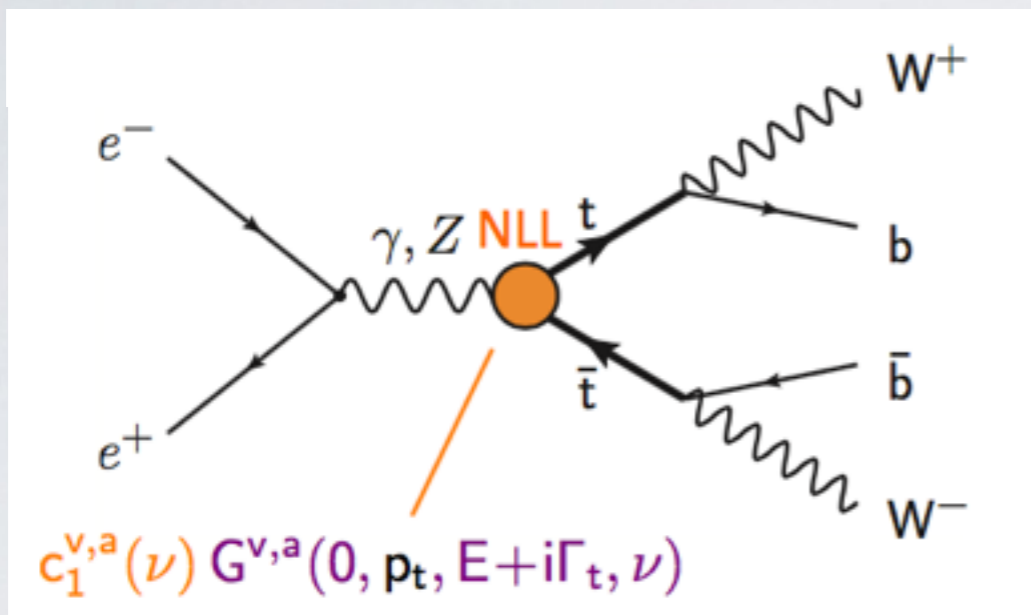




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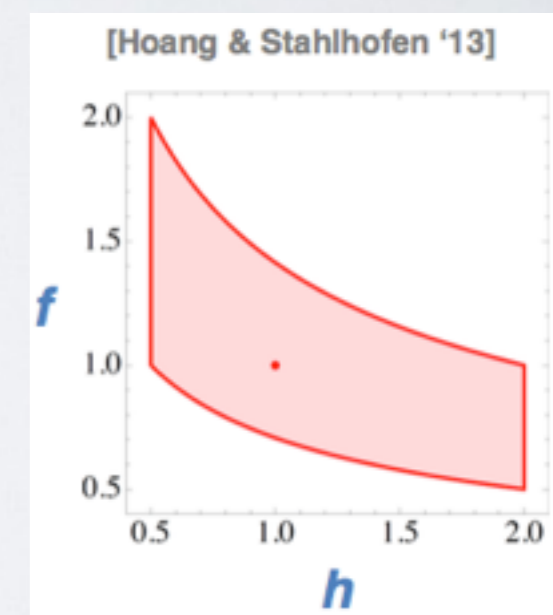
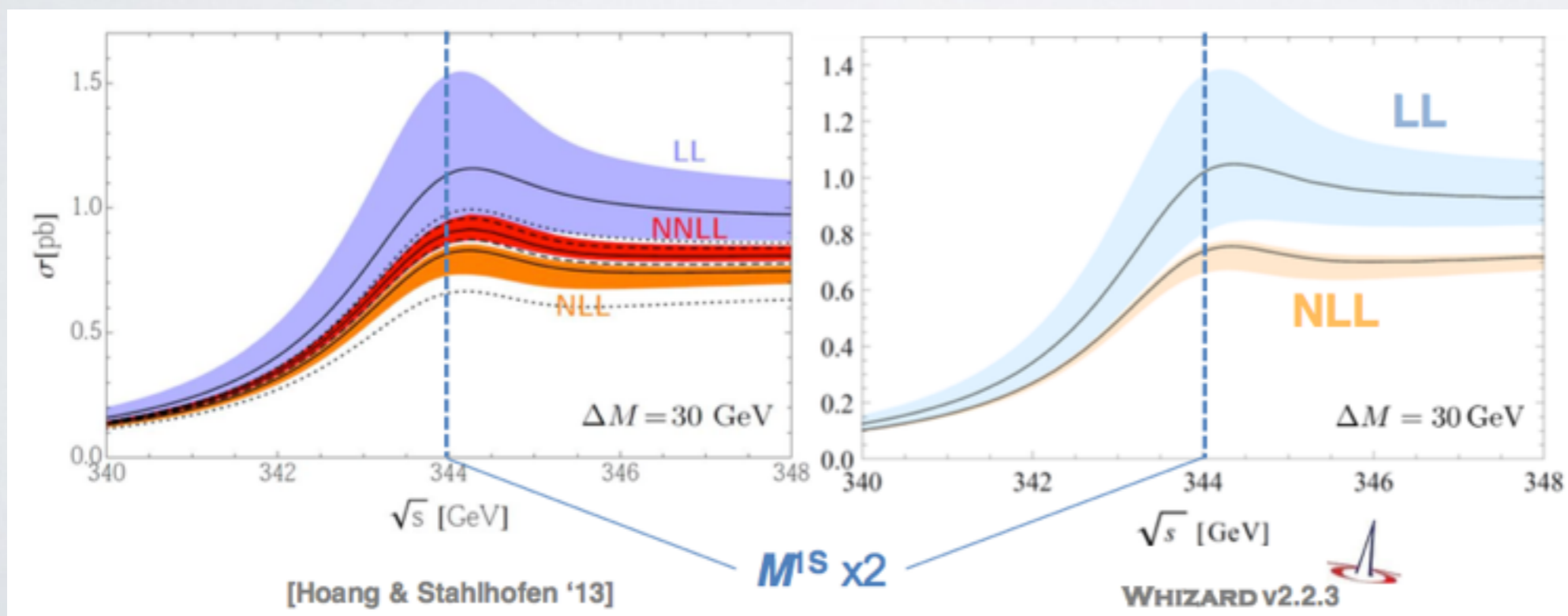
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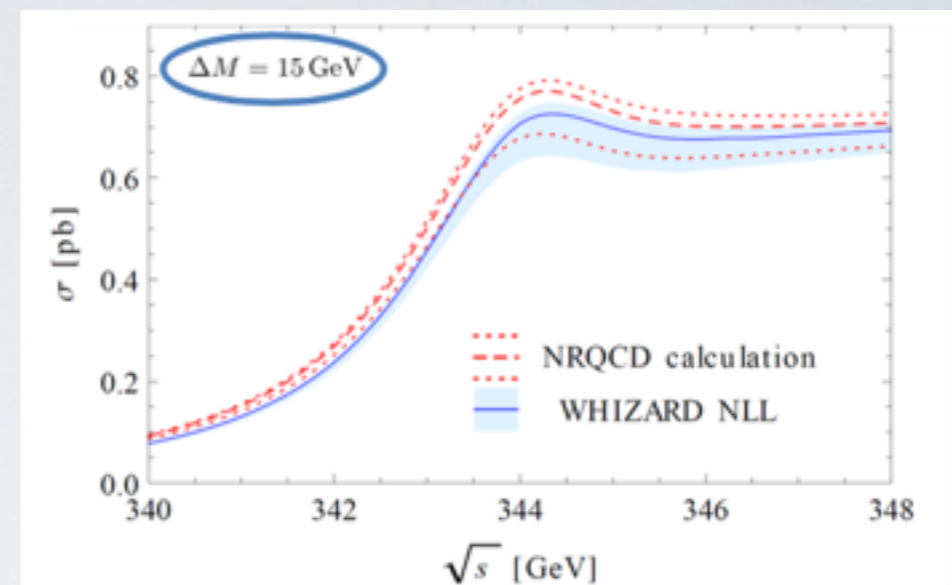
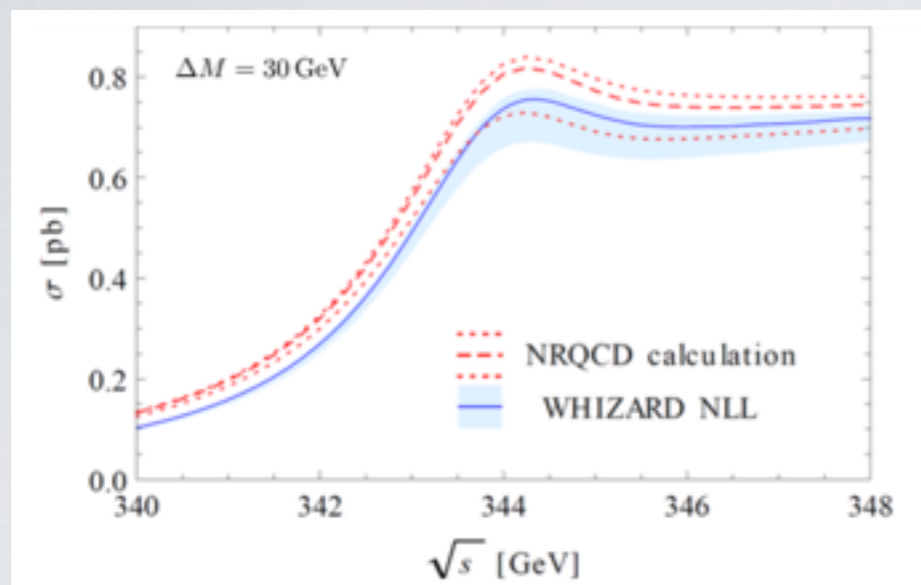
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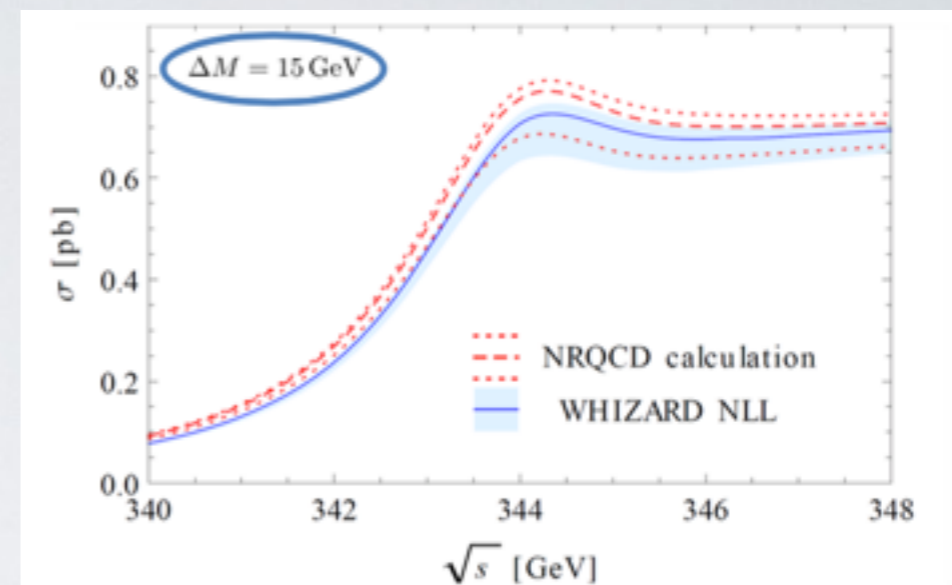
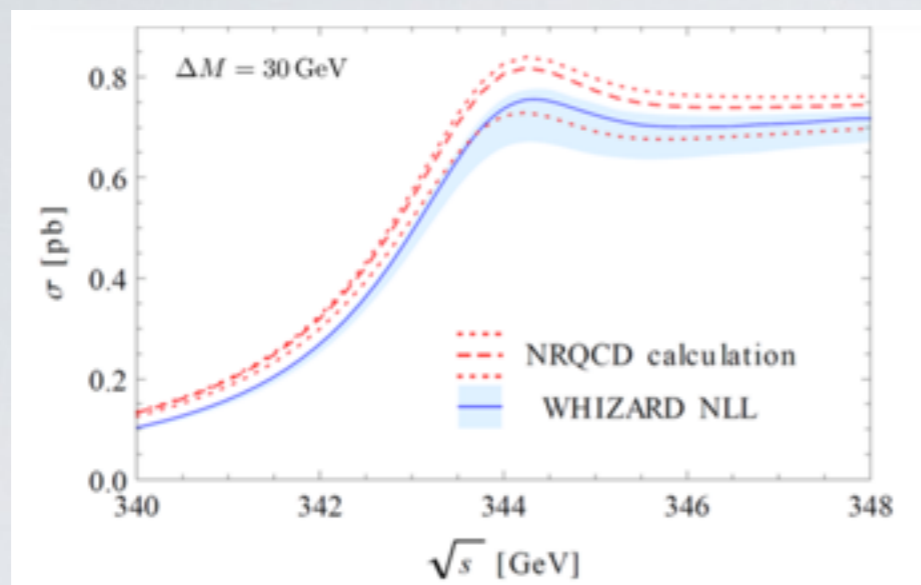


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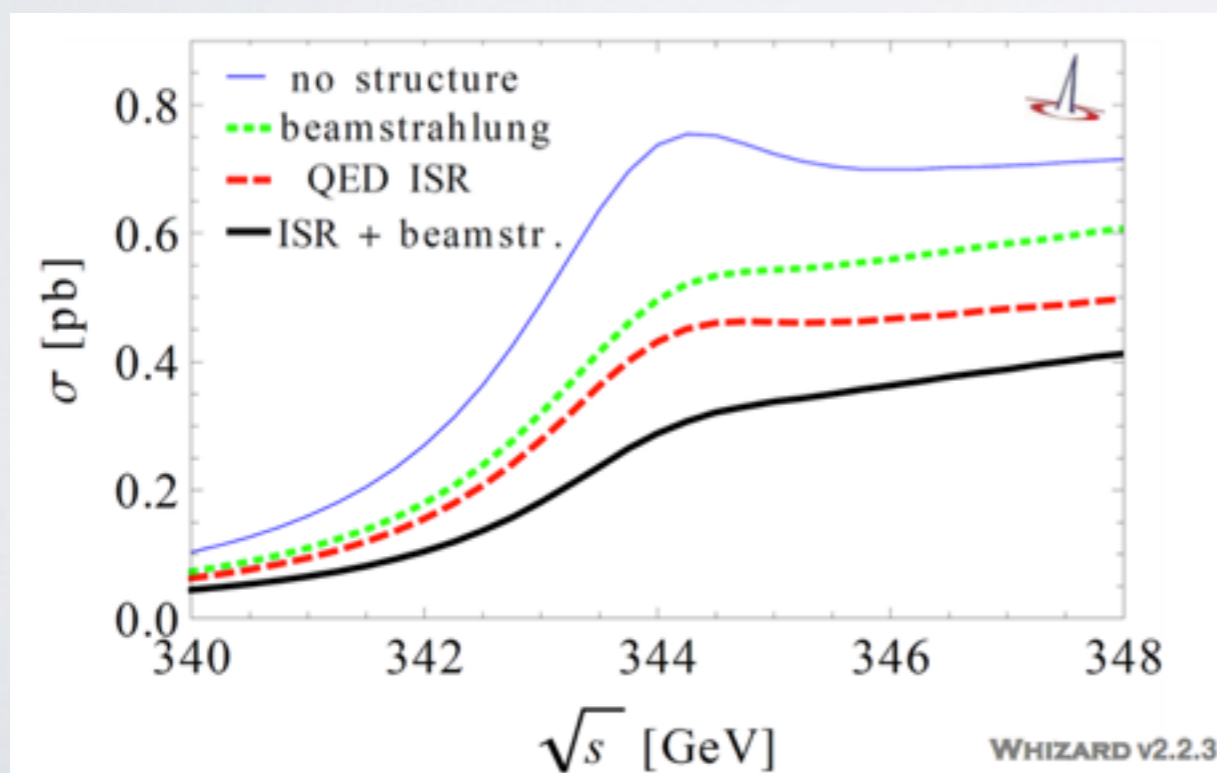
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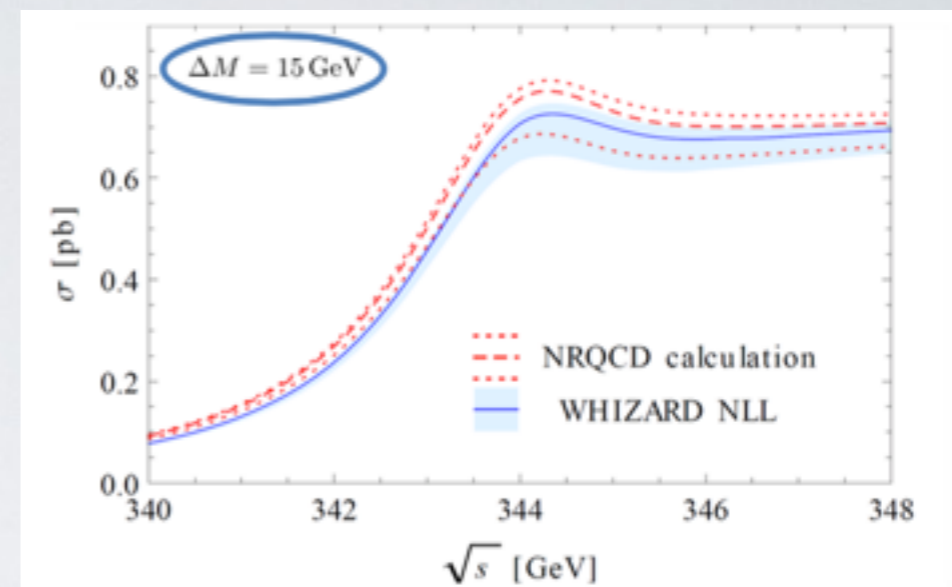
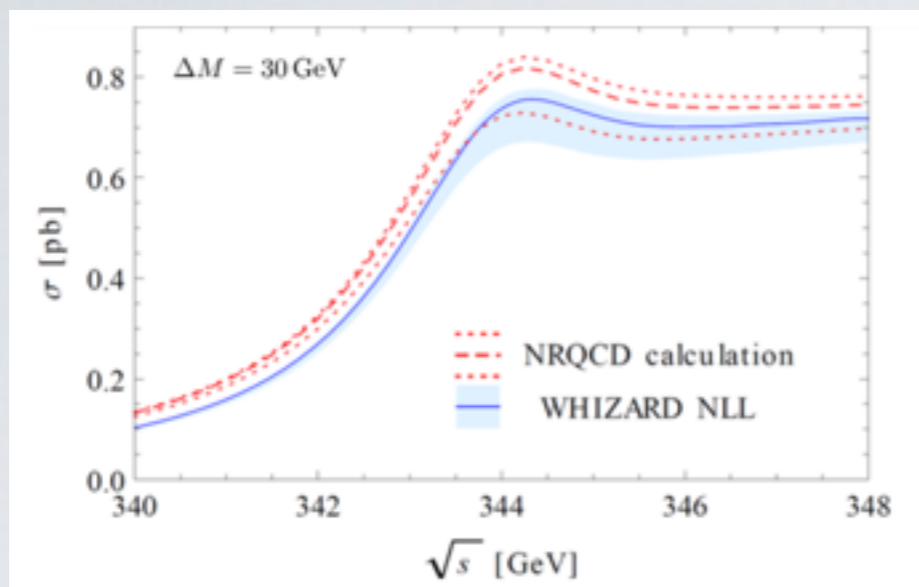
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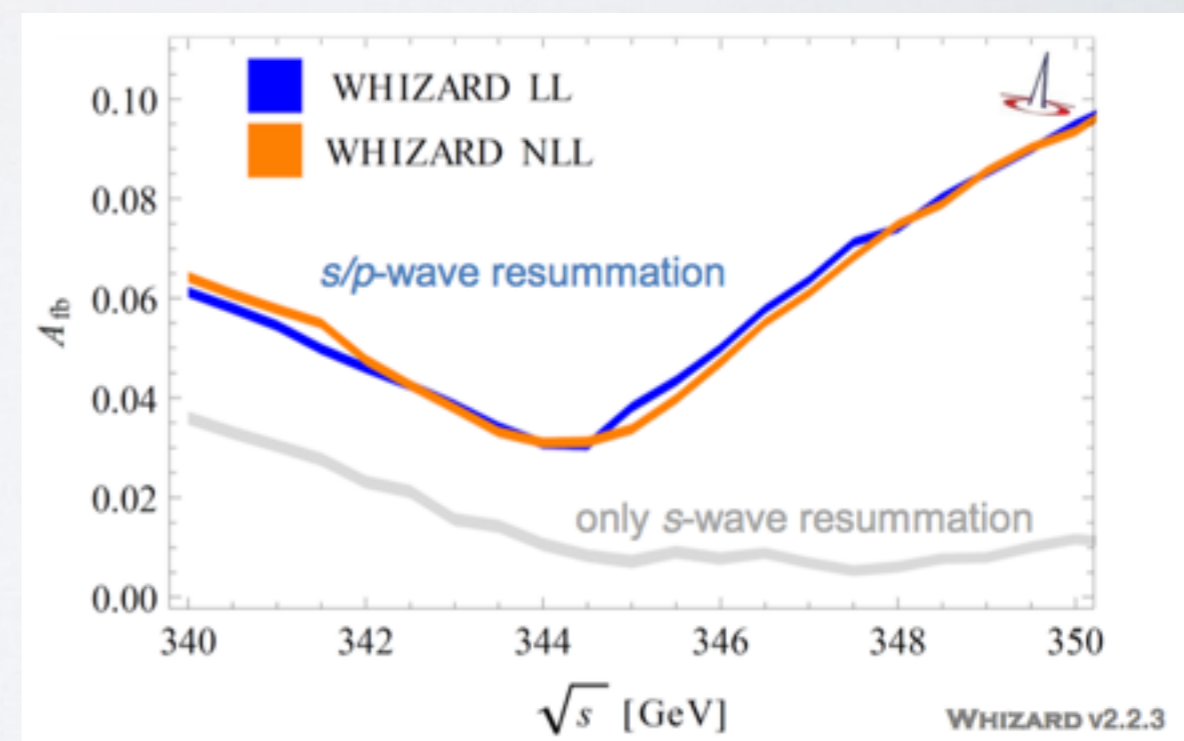
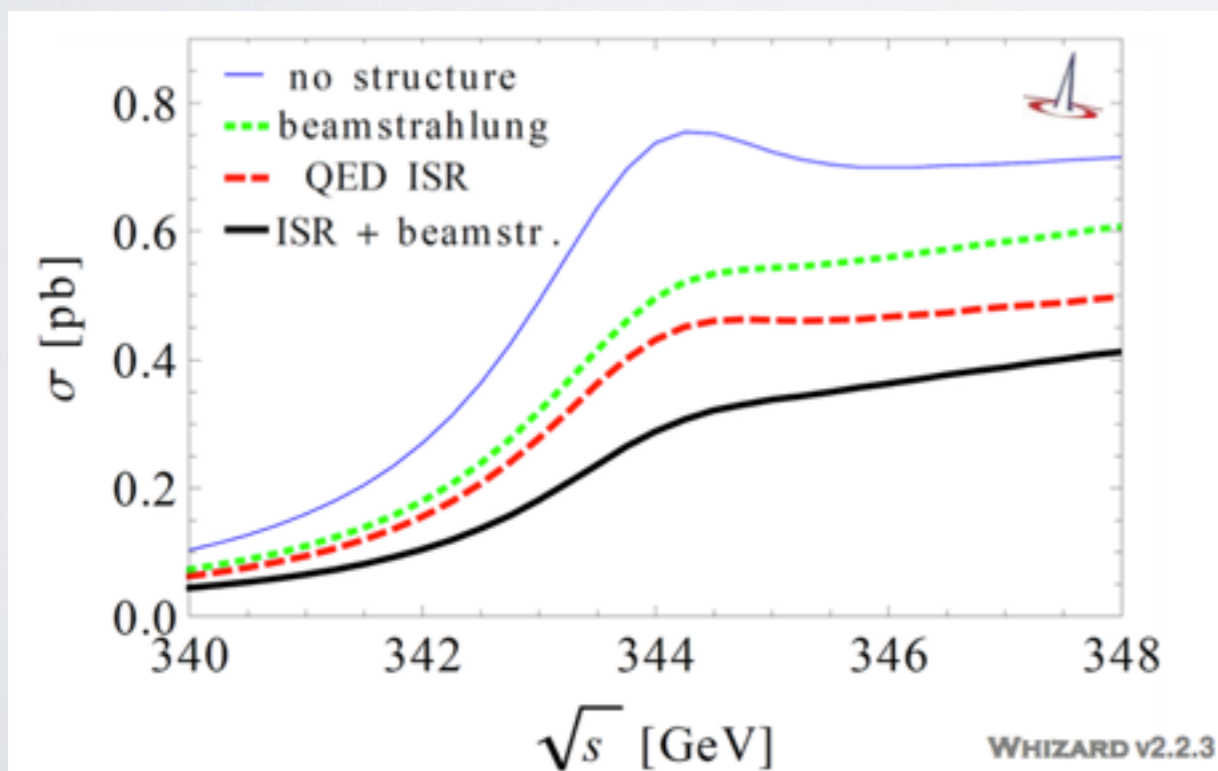
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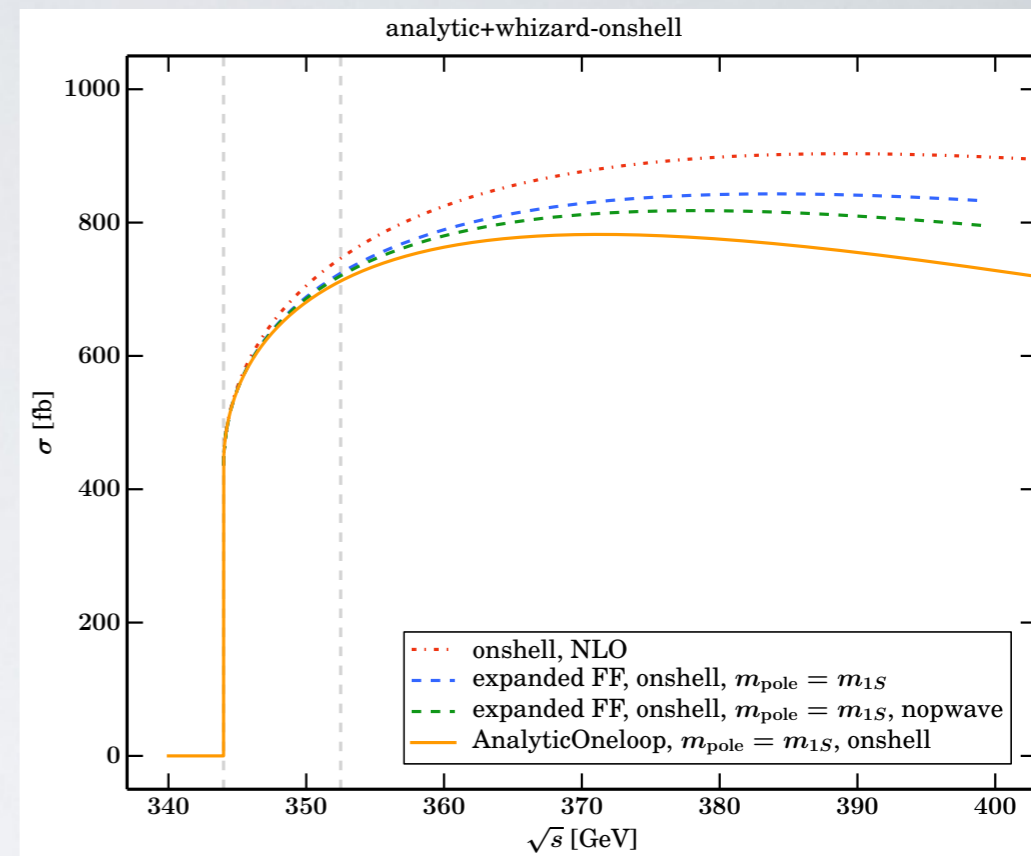
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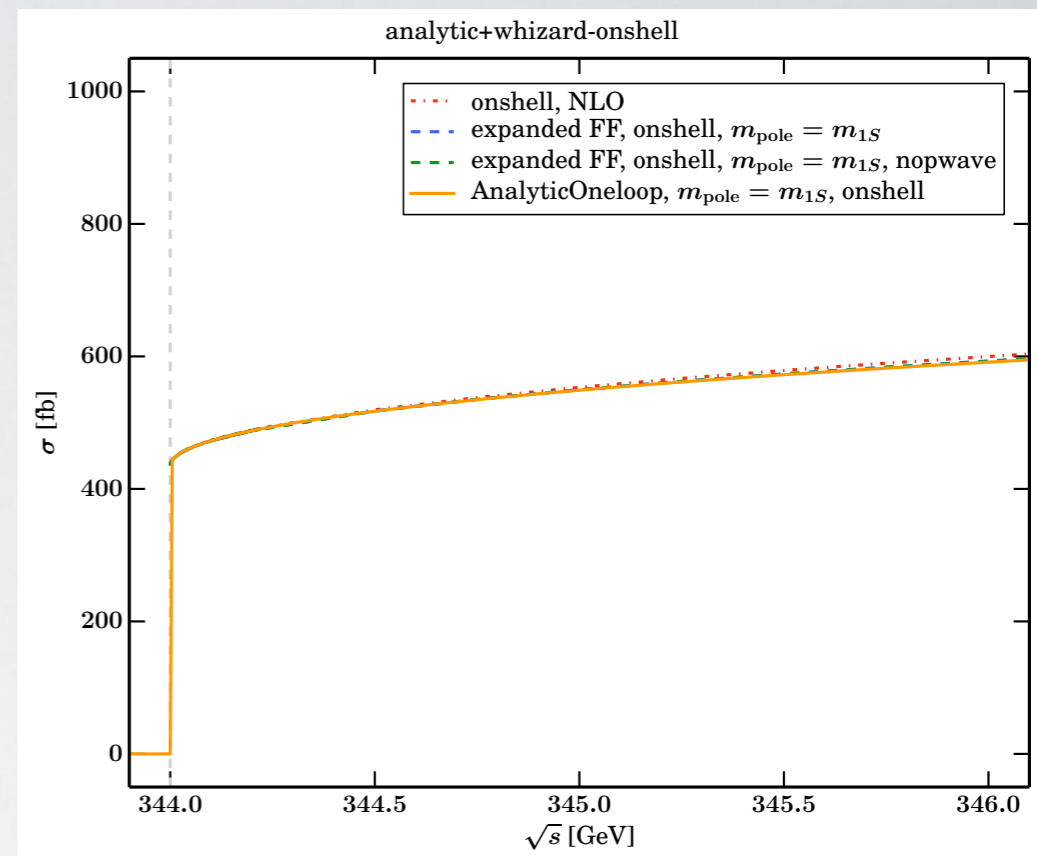
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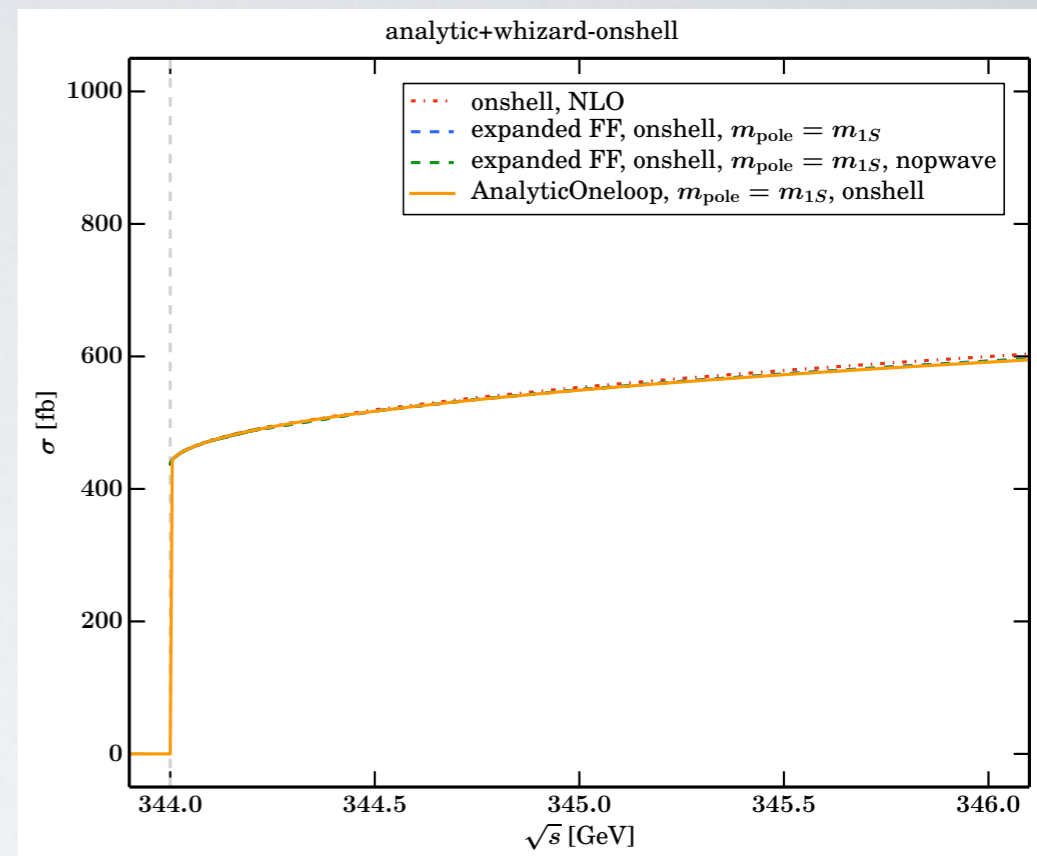
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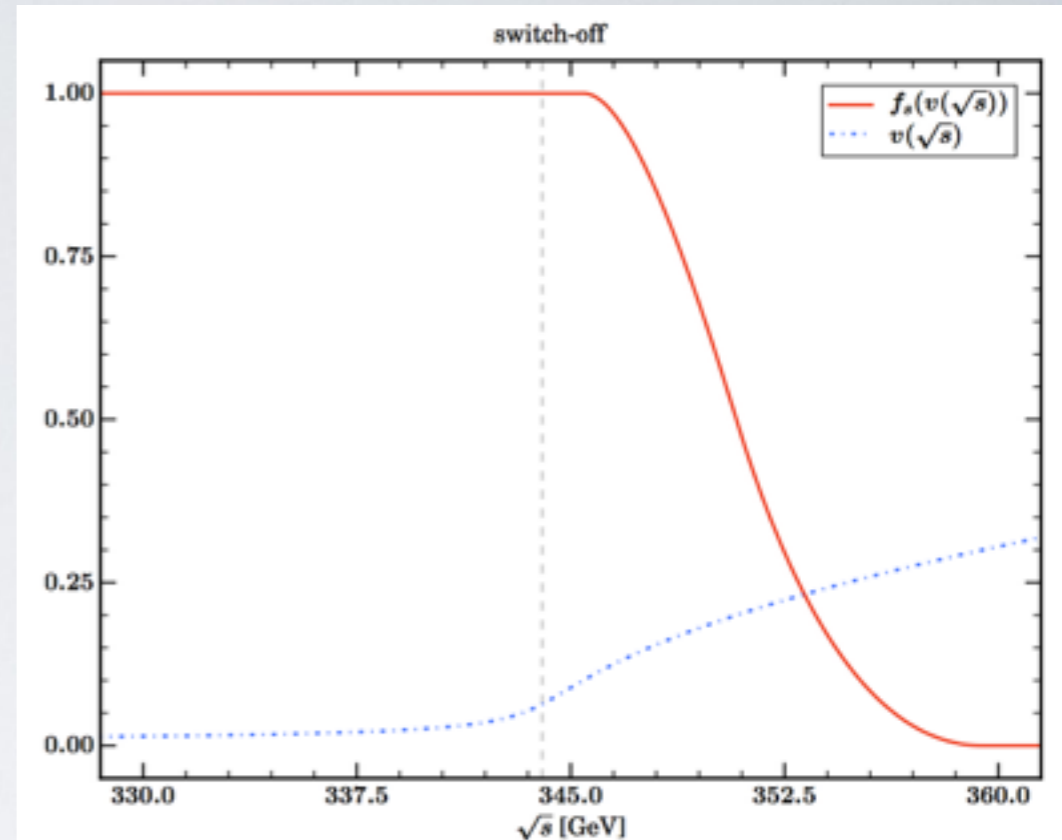


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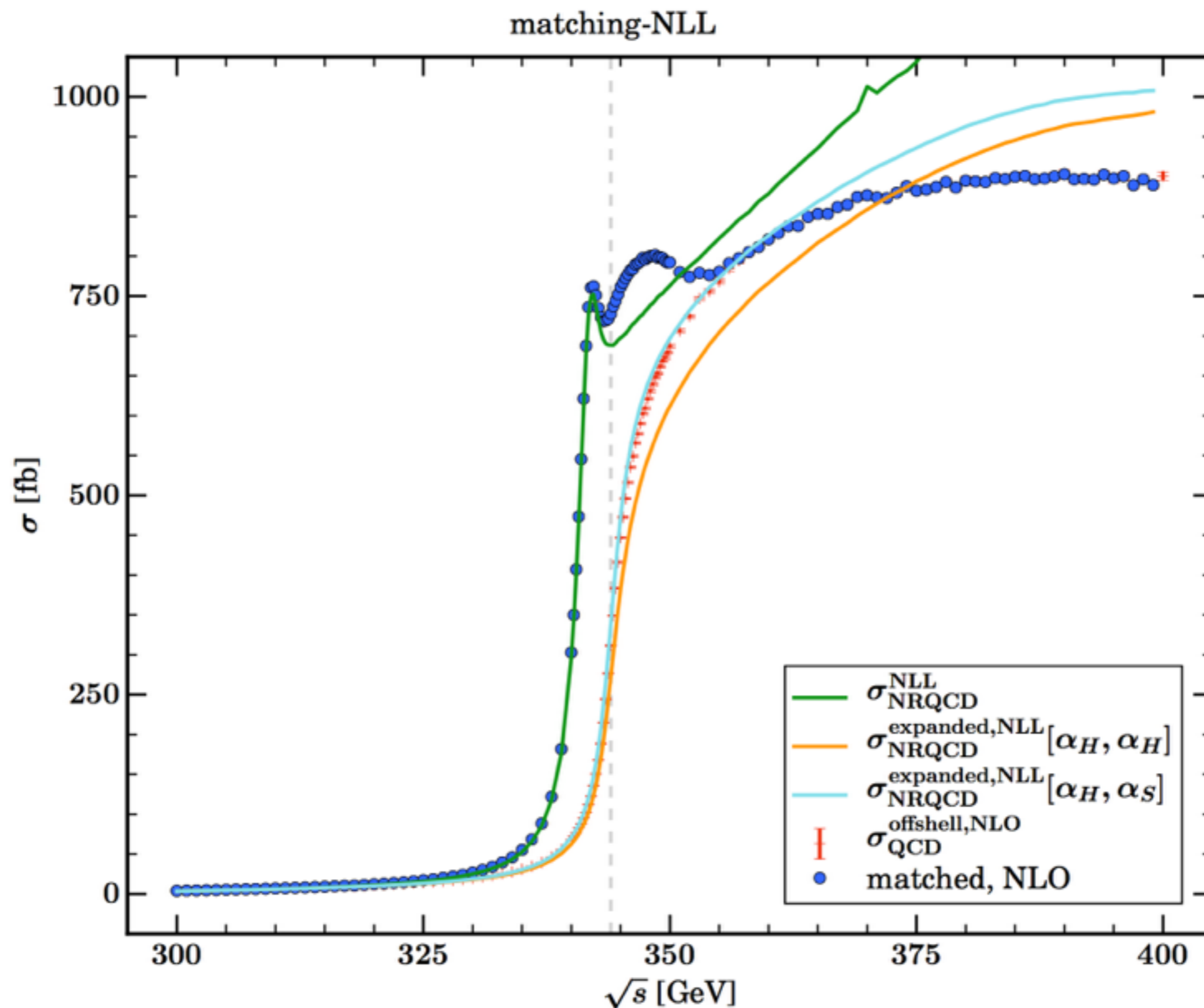
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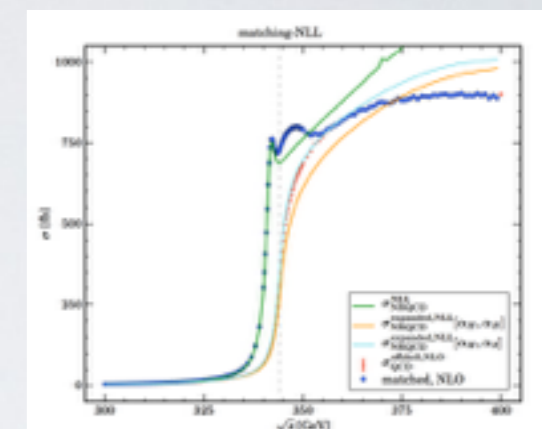




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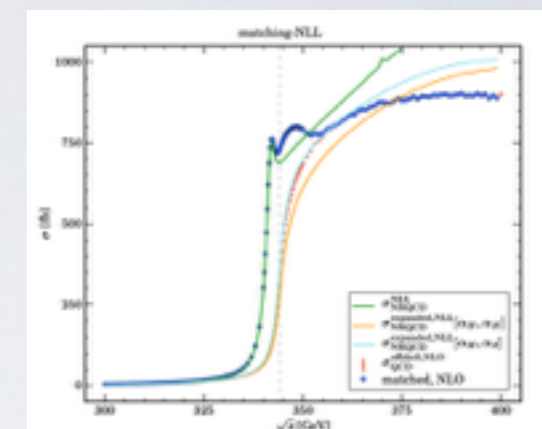




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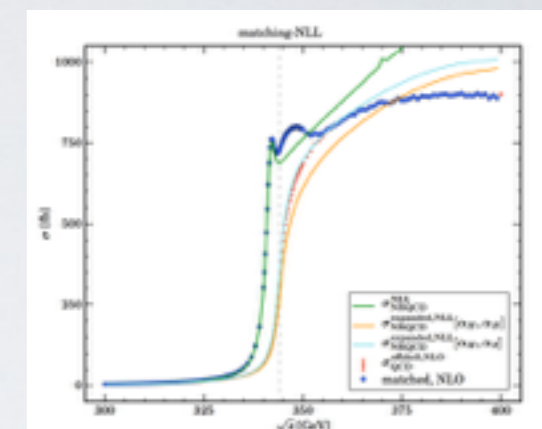




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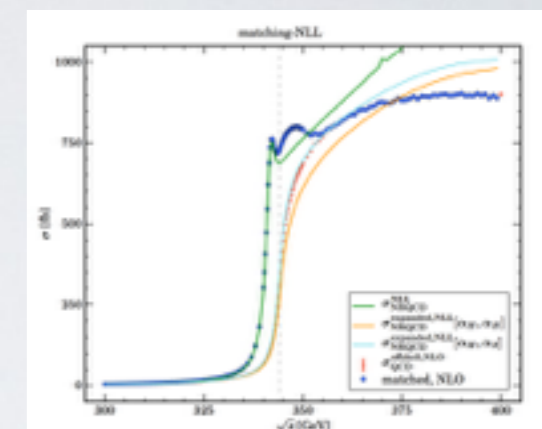




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