Diphoton production at the LHC
(NNLO)

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(ATLAS)

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(July 4, 2012) From ATLAS and CMS latest results

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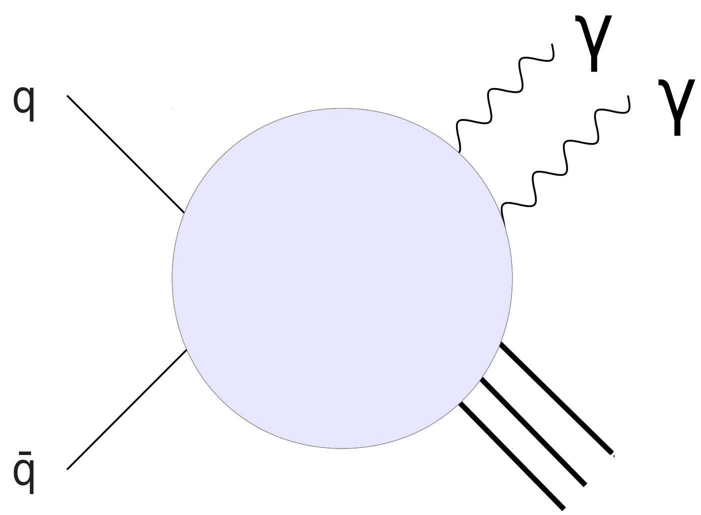
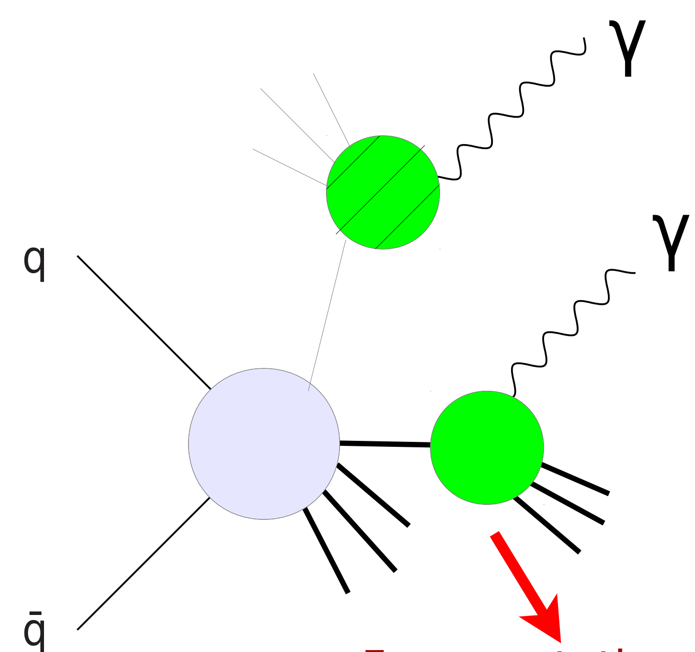
When dealing with the production of photons we have to consider two production mechanisms:



Direct component: photon directly produced through the hard interaction



Fragmentation function: to be fitted from data

Fragmentation component: photon produced from non-perturbative fragmentation of a hard parton (analogously to a hadron)

Single and double resolved (collinear fragmentation)

Calculations of cross sections with photons have additional singularities in the presence of QCD radiation.
(i.e. When we go beyond LO)

When quark and photon are collinear → singular propagator

Photon production

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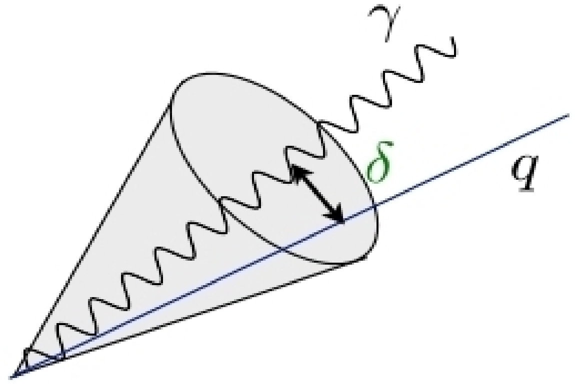

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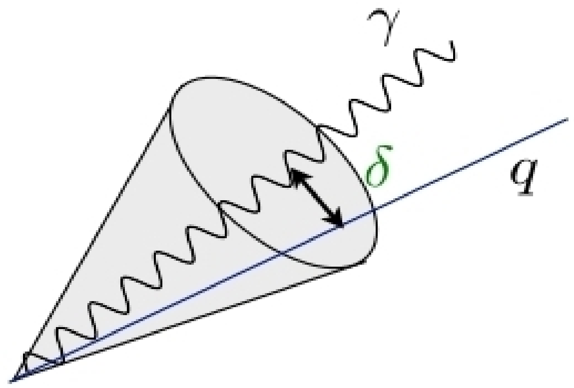

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But there is a way to isolate and make the direct cross section physical (Infrared safe)

Smooth cone Isolation

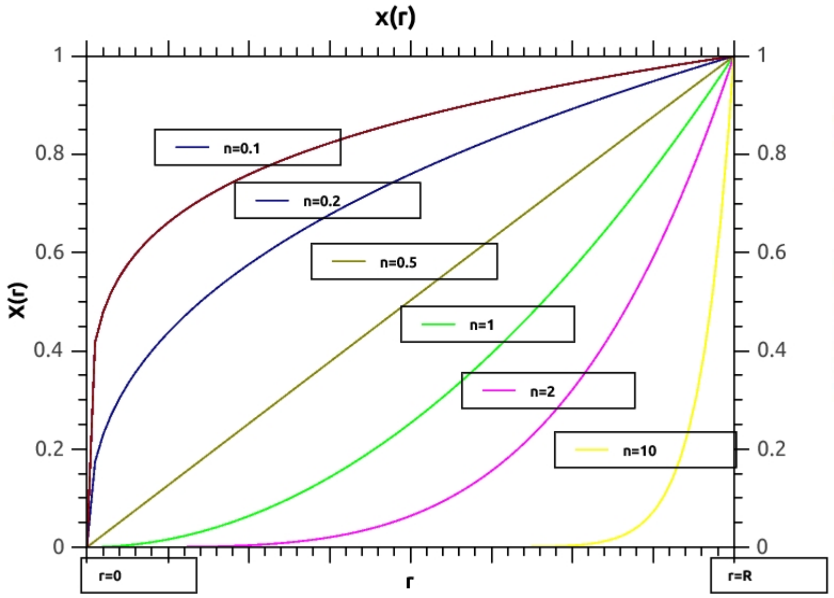
S. Frixione, Phys.Lett. B429 (1998) 369–374,

Soft emission allowed arbitrarily close to the photon

$$\chi(\delta) = \epsilon_\gamma E_T^\gamma \left(\frac{1-\cos(\delta)}{1-\cos(R_0)} \right)^n$$

$E_T^{had}(\delta) \leq \chi(\delta)$ **such that** $\lim_{\delta \to 0} \chi(\delta) = 0$

- no quark-photon collinear divergences
- no fragmentation component (only direct)
- direct well defined by itself



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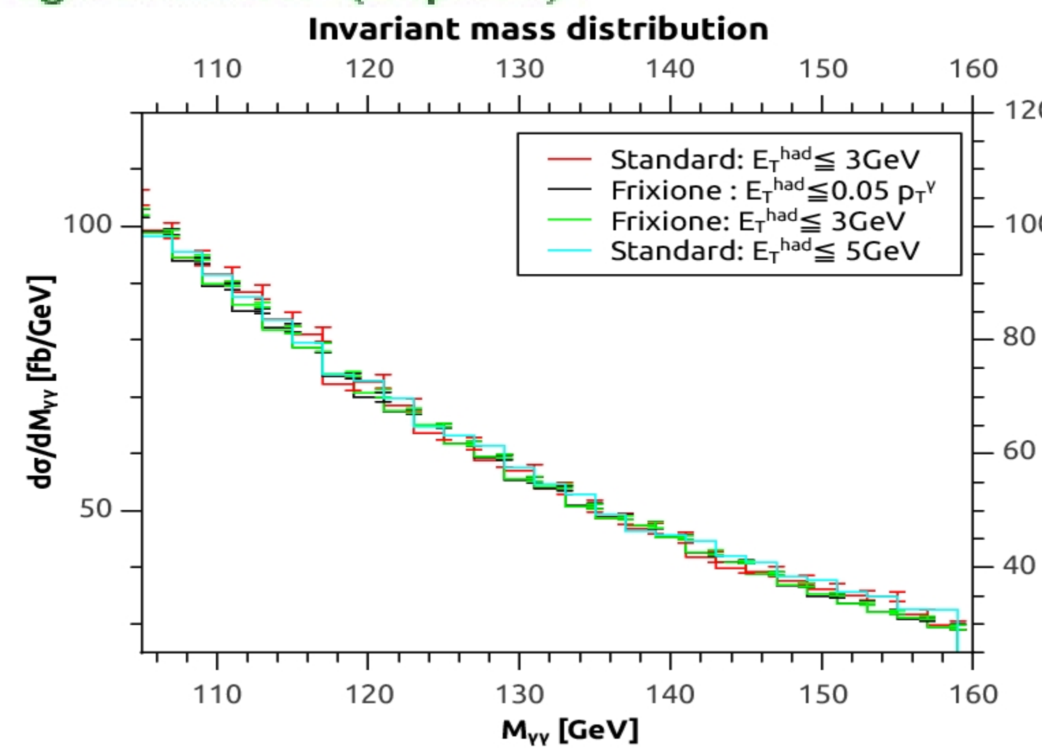
More restrictive than usual cone : lower limit on cross section (close for small R)

In real (TH)life... how much different? NLO comparison $R_0 = 0.4 \quad n = 1$

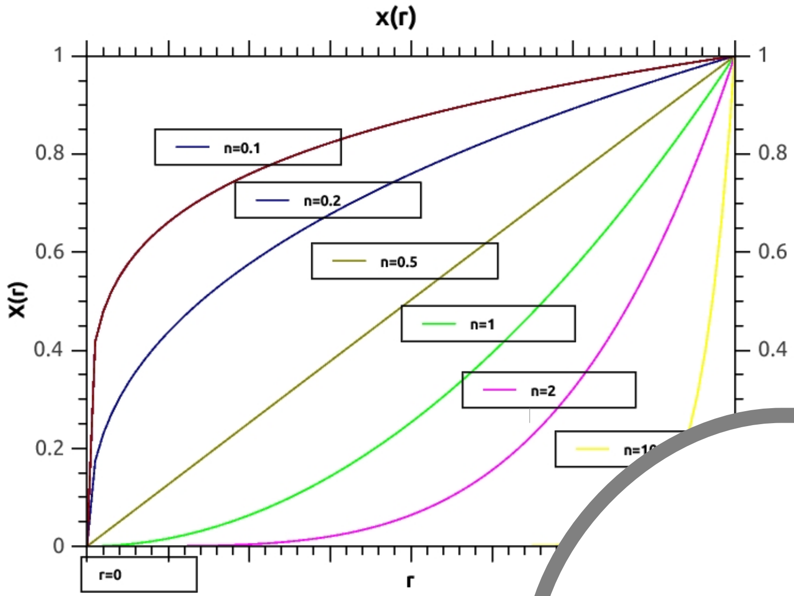
CMS Higgs cuts at 7 TeV

$E_{T\,max}^{had}$	standard/smooth
2 GeV	< 1%
3 GeV	< 1%
4 GeV	1%
5 GeV	3%
0.05 p_T	< 1%
0.5 p_T	11%

Standard: direct+fragmentation (Diphox)



if isolation tight enough, hardly any difference between standard and smooth cone



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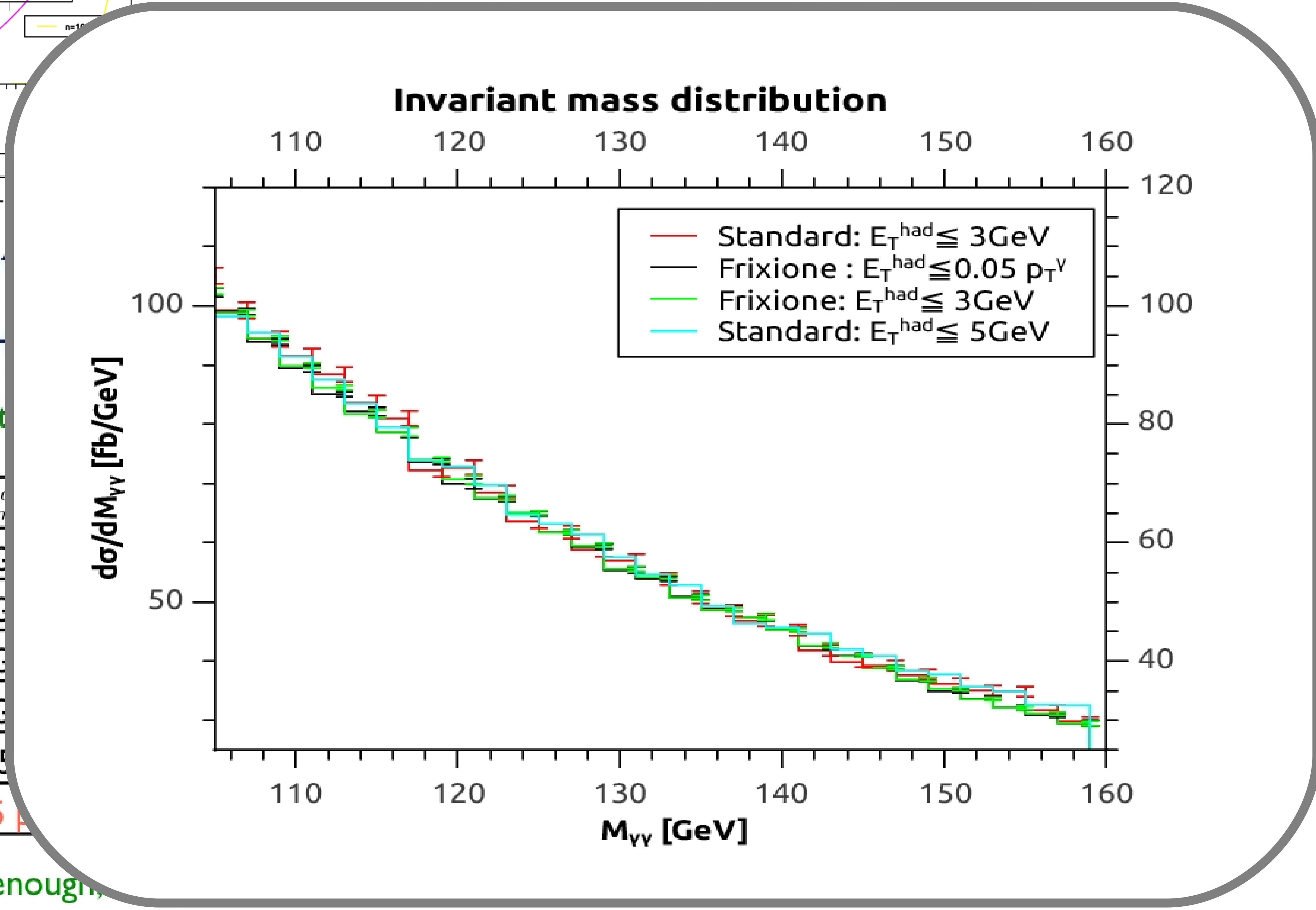

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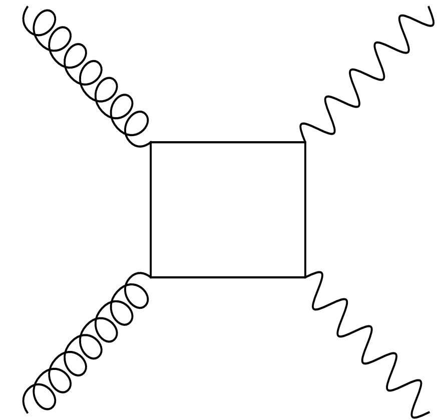

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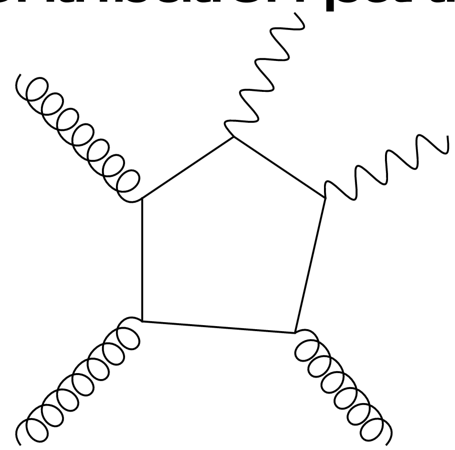

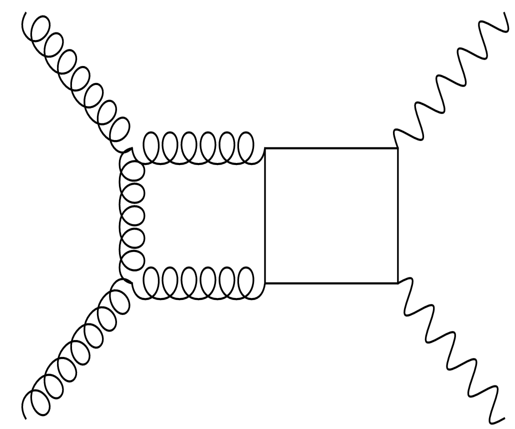

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Results tipically in good agreement with data, but some differences observed:

- **Azimuth separation for diphoton production**
- **Low mass region of the invariant mass distribution**

It is desireable to count on a NNLO description of the phenomenology of diphoton production

q_T subtraction method

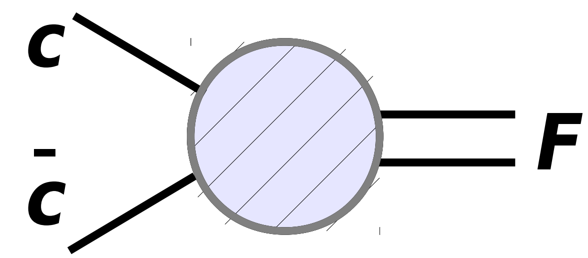
S. Catani, M. Grazzini (2007)

See also Ferrera talk

Let us consider a specific, though important class of processes: the production of colourless high-mass systems ***F*** in hadron collisions

(***F*** may consist of lepton pairs, vector bosons, Higgs bosons......)

At LO it starts with $c\bar{c} \rightarrow F$



Strategy: start from NLO calculation of ***F+jet(s)*** and observe that as soon as the transverse momentum of the ***F***, $q_T \neq 0$, on can write:

$$d\sigma^{F}_{(N)NLO}|_{q_T\neq 0} = d\sigma^{F+\text{jets}}_{(N)LO}$$

Define a counterterm to deal with singular behaviour at $q_T \rightarrow 0$

But.....

the singular behaviour of $d\sigma^{F+\text{jets}}_{(N)LO}$ is well known from the resummation program of large logarithmic contributions at small transverse momenta

G. Parisi, R. Petronzio (1979)

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choose

$$d\sigma^{CT} \sim d\sigma^{(LO)} \otimes \Sigma^F(q_T/Q)$$

where

$$\Sigma^F(q_T/Q) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \Sigma^{F(n;k)} \frac{Q^2}{q_T^2} \ln^{k-1} \frac{Q^2}{q_T^2}$$

Then the calculation can be extended to include the $q_T = 0$ contribution:

$$d\sigma^F_{(N)NLO} = \mathcal{H}^F_{(N)NLO} \otimes d\sigma^F_{LO} + \left[d\sigma^{F+\text{jets}}_{(N)LO} - d\sigma^{CT}_{(N)LO} \right]$$

where I have subtracted the truncation of the counterterm at (N)LO and added a contribution at $q_T = 0$ to restore the correct normalization

The function $\mathcal{H}^F$ can be computed in QCD perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{H}^F = 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right) \mathcal{H}^{F(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right)^2 \mathcal{H}^{F(2)} + \ldots\ldots$$

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D. de Florian, M. Grazzini (2000)
G. Bozzi, S. Catani, D. de Florian, M.Grazzini (2005)

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Fully exclusive NNLO code for $pp \to F$

2γNNLO

First exclusive NNLO in pp collisions with two final state particles

S.Catani, L.Cieri, D.de Florian, G.Ferrera, M.Grazzini (2011)

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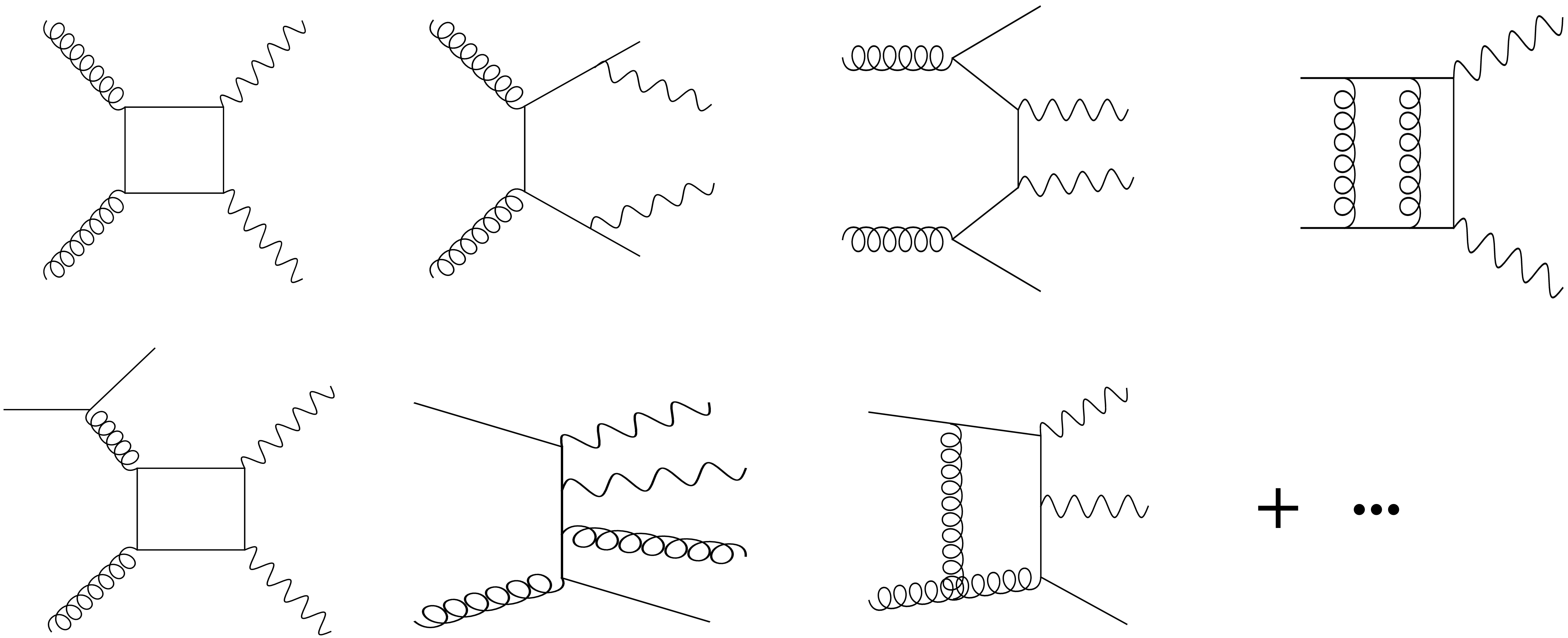

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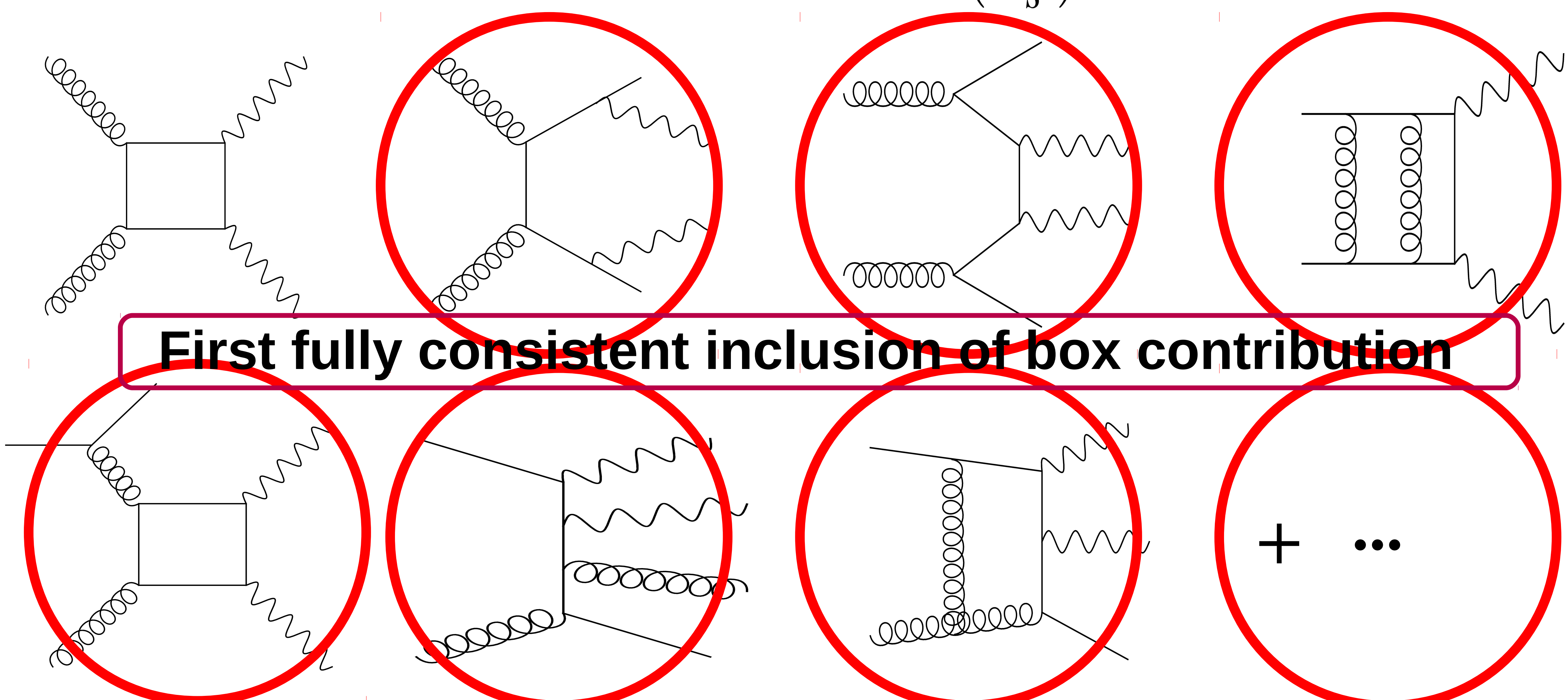

First fully consistent inclusion of box contribution

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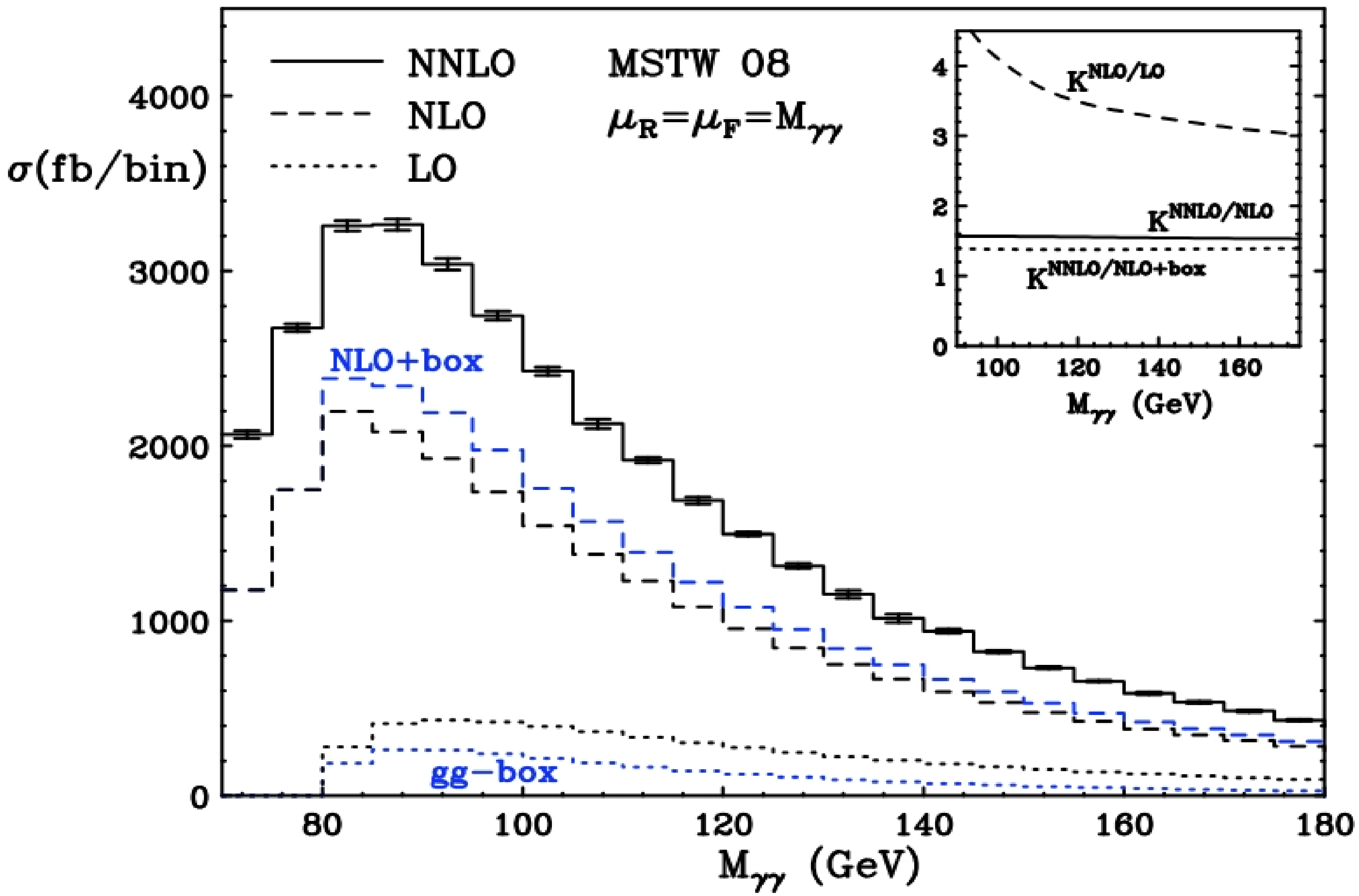

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NNLO effect about +50 % in the peak region

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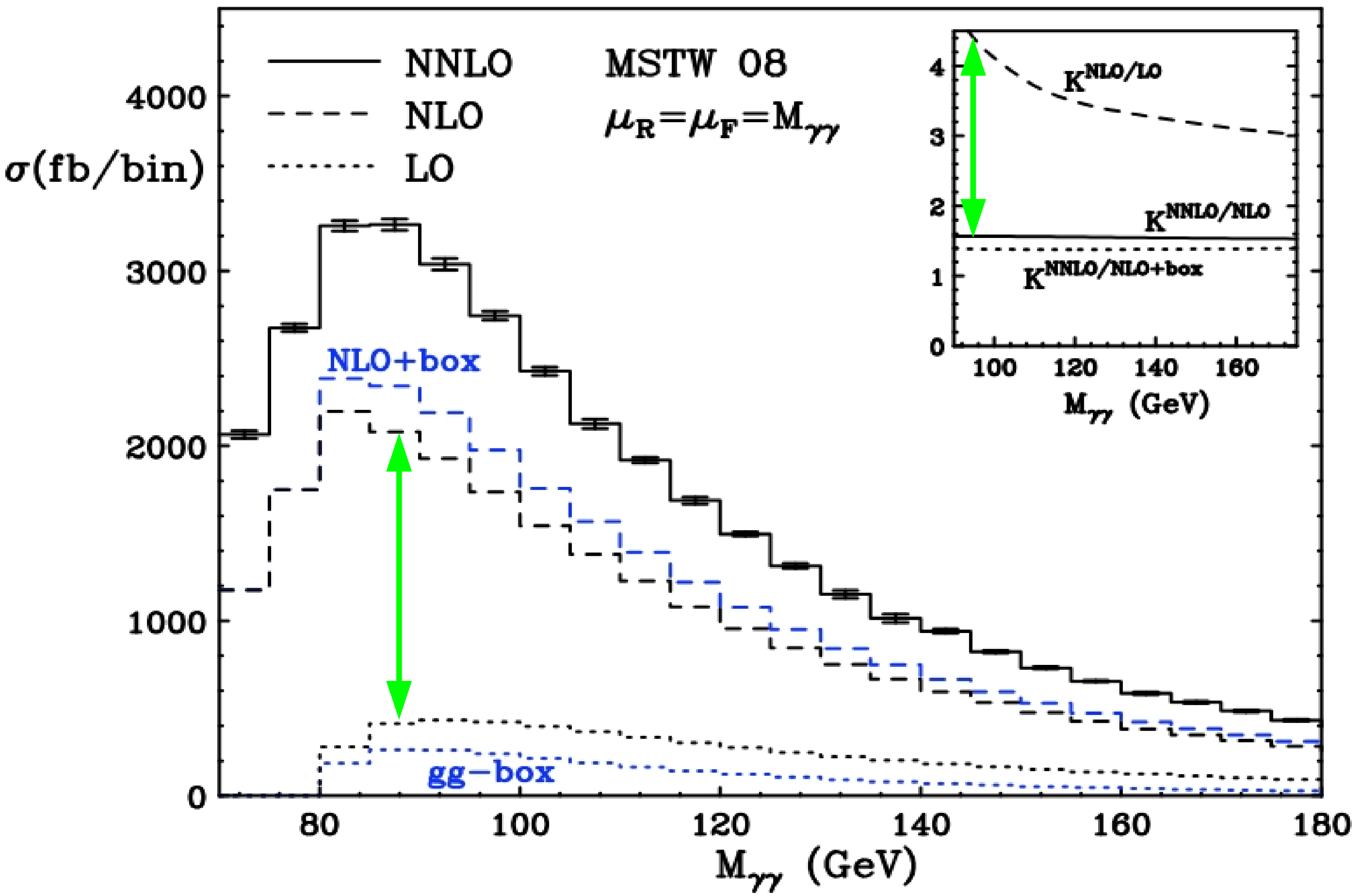

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$$\frac{\sigma^{NNLO}}{\sigma^{NLO+Box}} \sim 1.35$$

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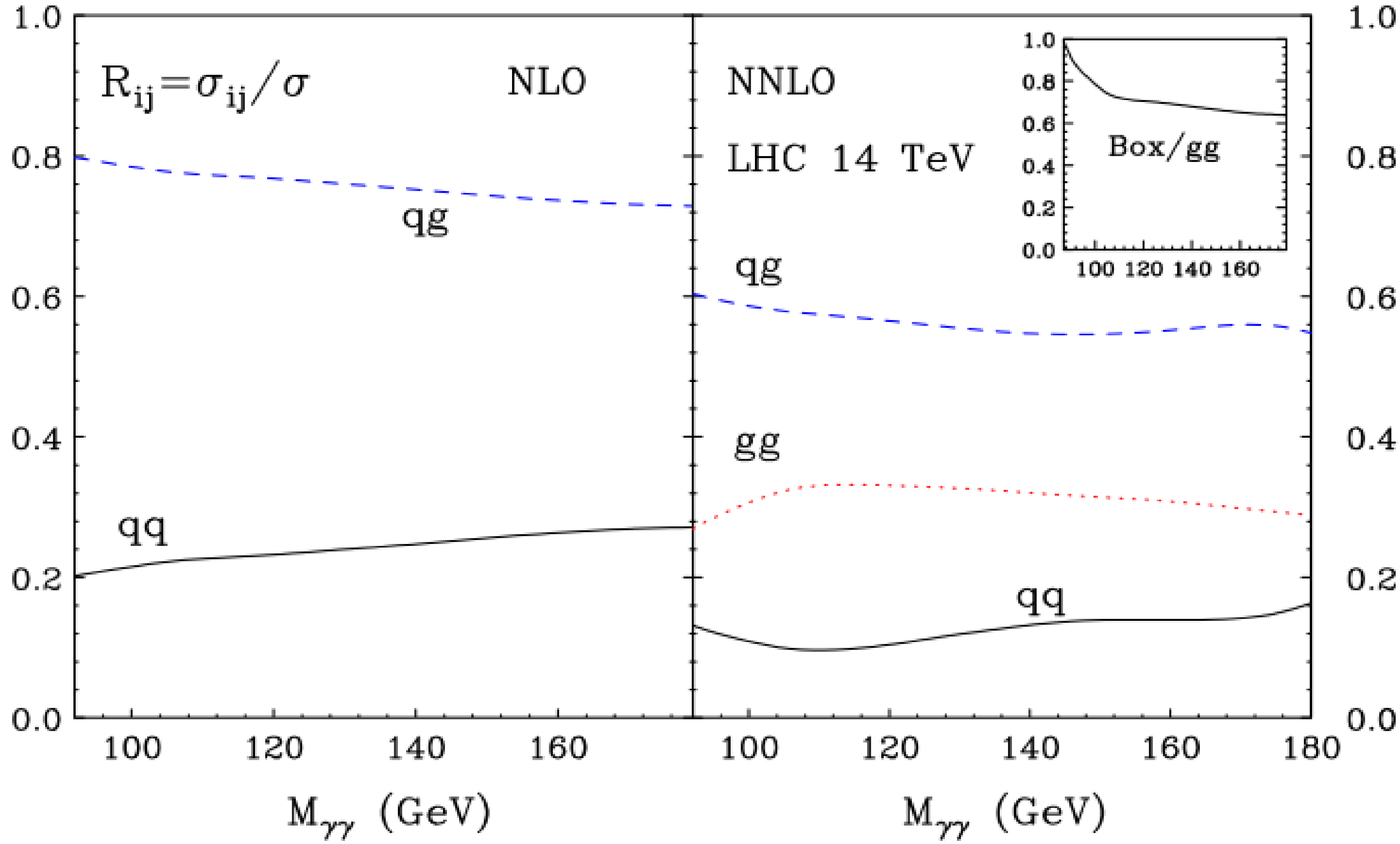
Huge corrections 1 : new channels

Channels @ 14 TeV



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Main contribution from qg channel
(corrections to NLO dominant channel)

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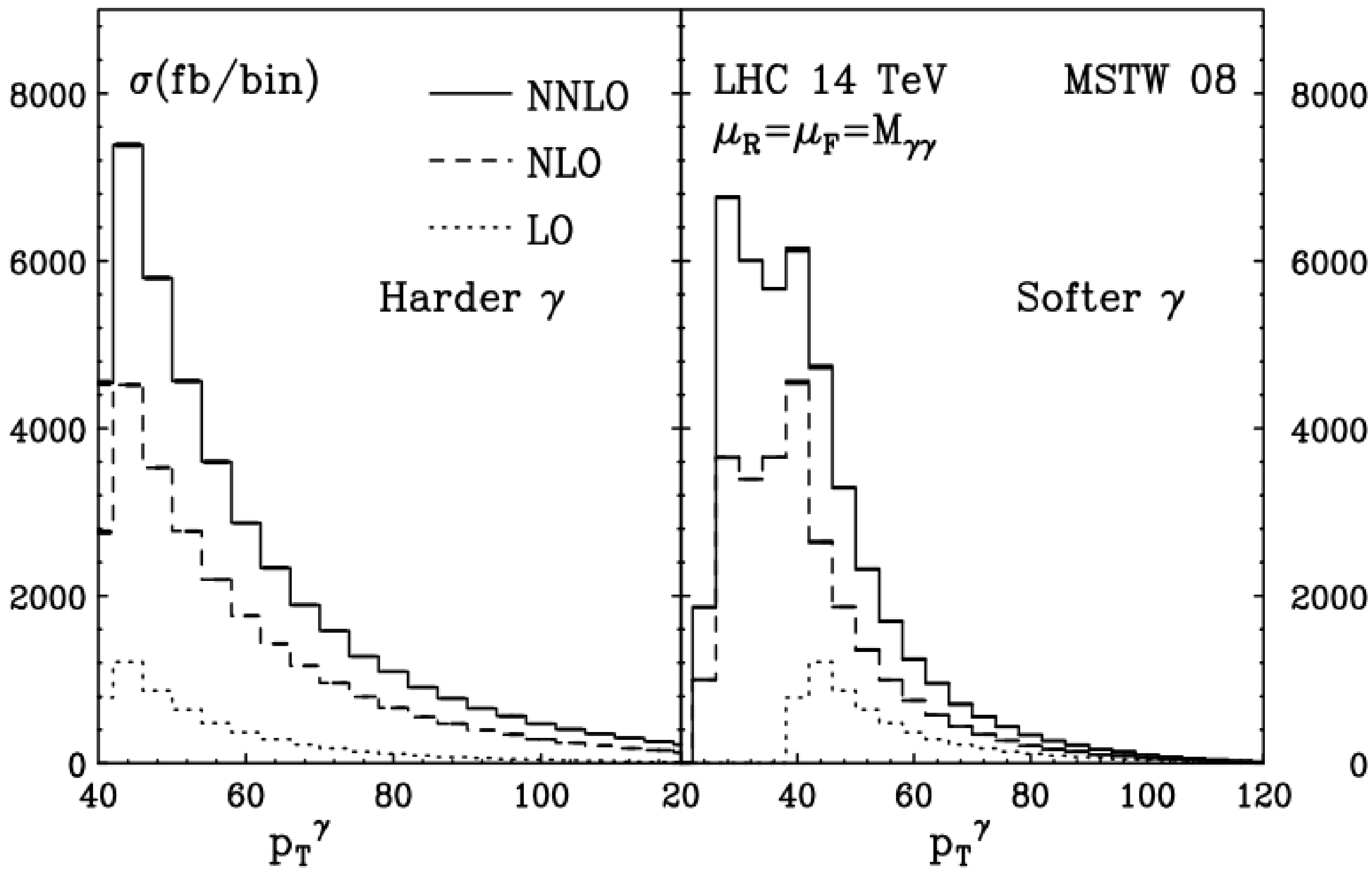

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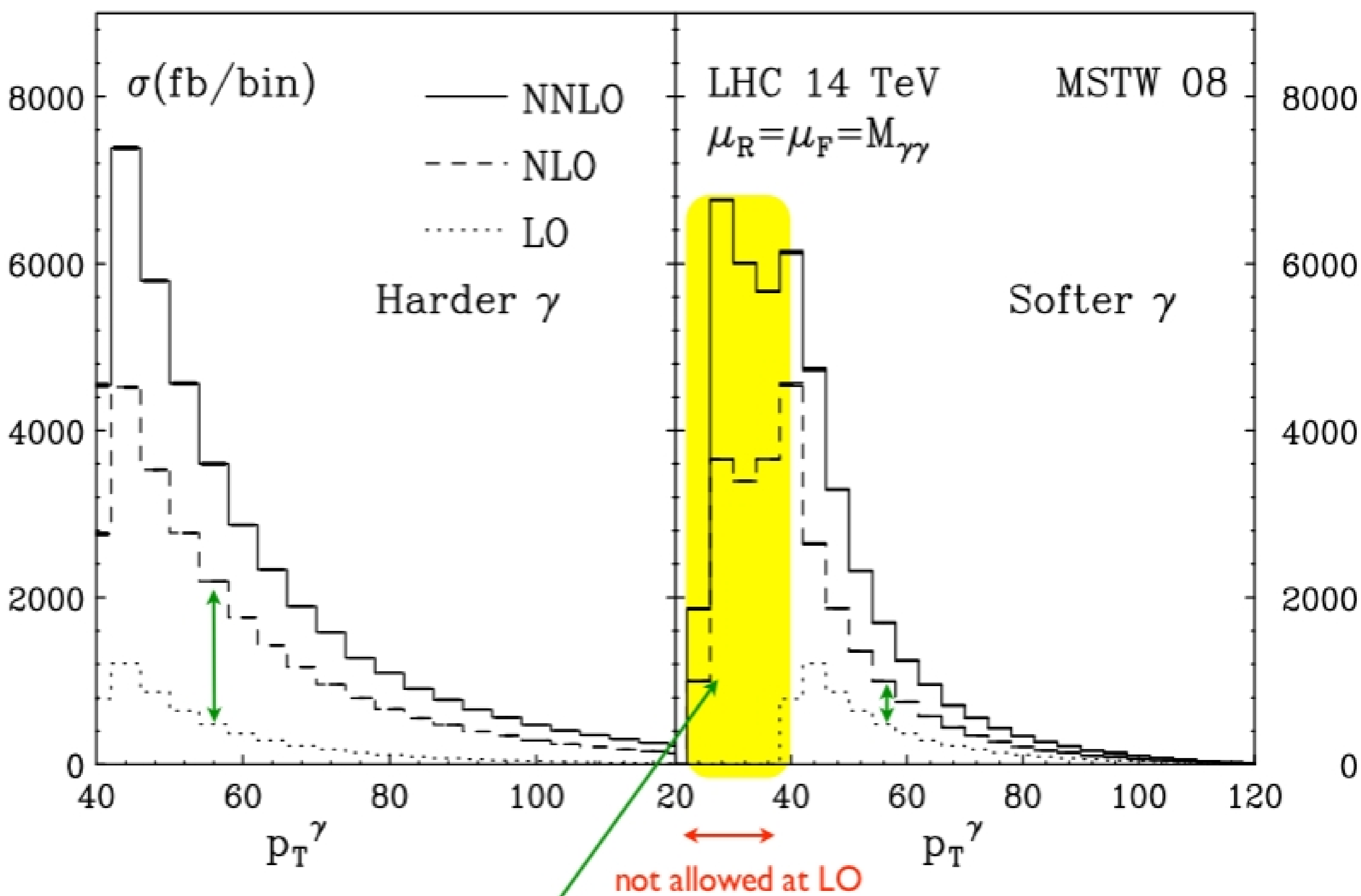

Large contribution to cross-section

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- Substantial contribution from radiation in the region 25 GeV < pT < 40 GeV
- Unphysical peak in $\mathbf{p}^\gamma_{T2}$ at $\mathbf{p}^\gamma_T$ =40 GeV

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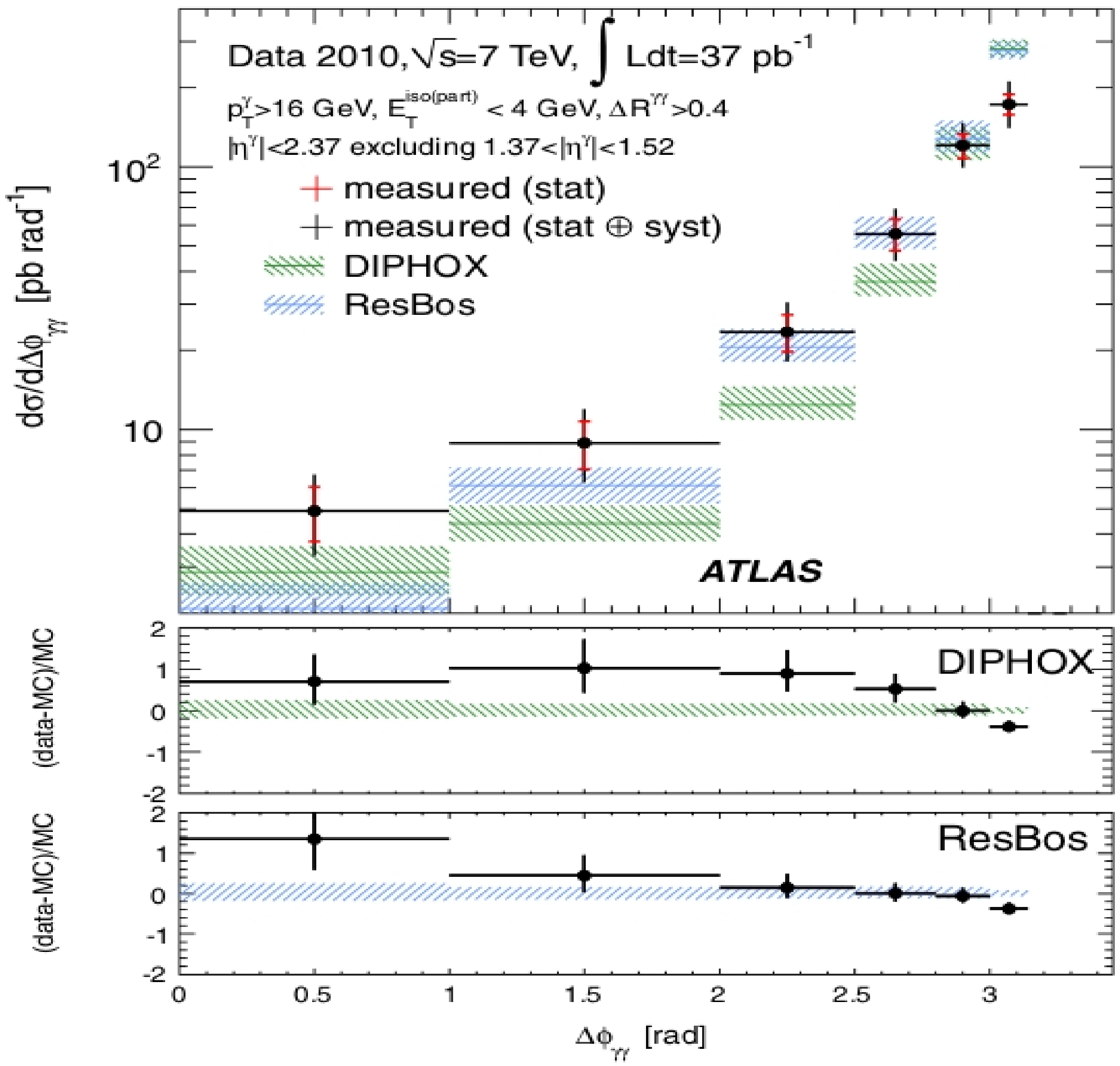

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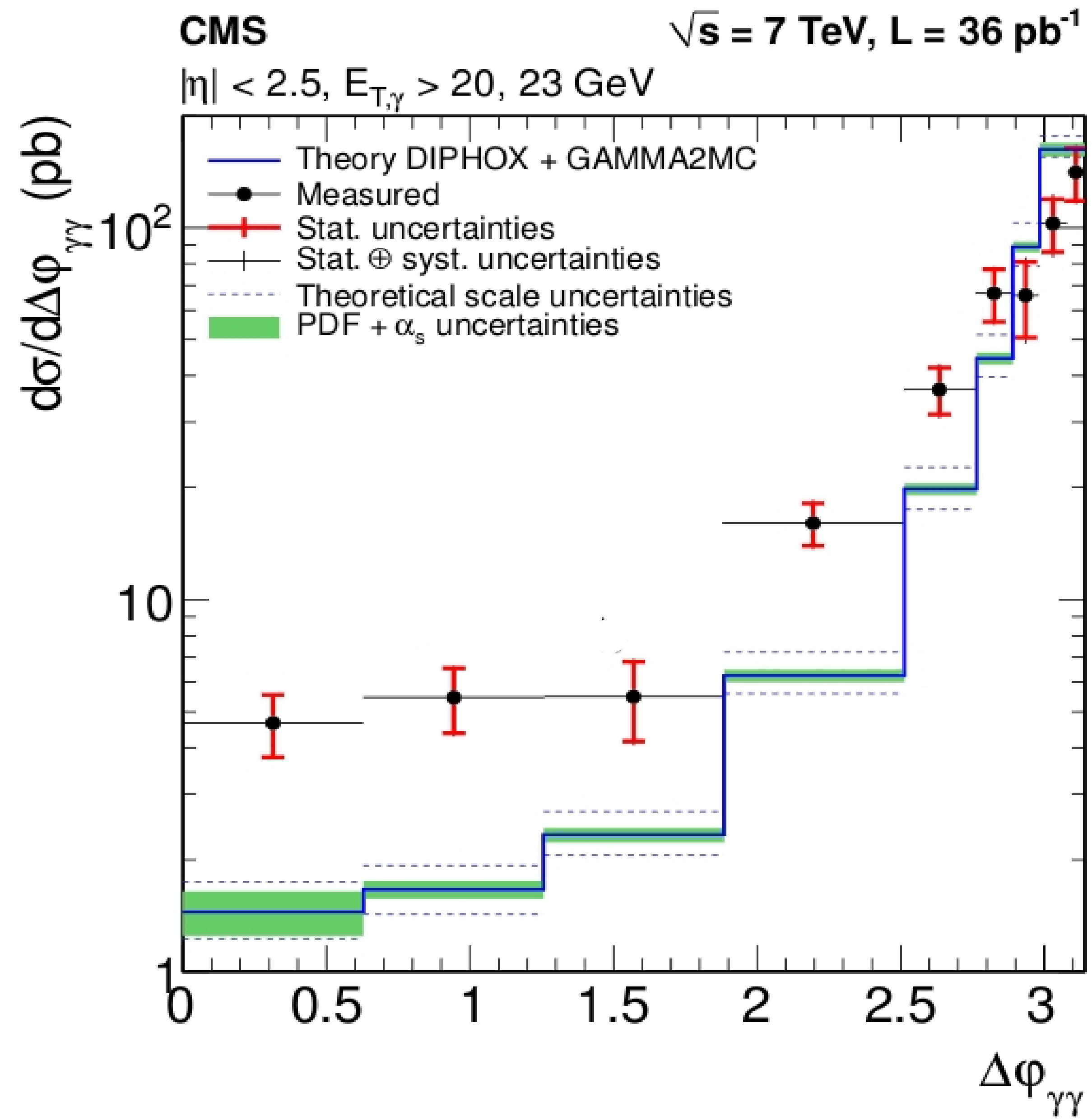

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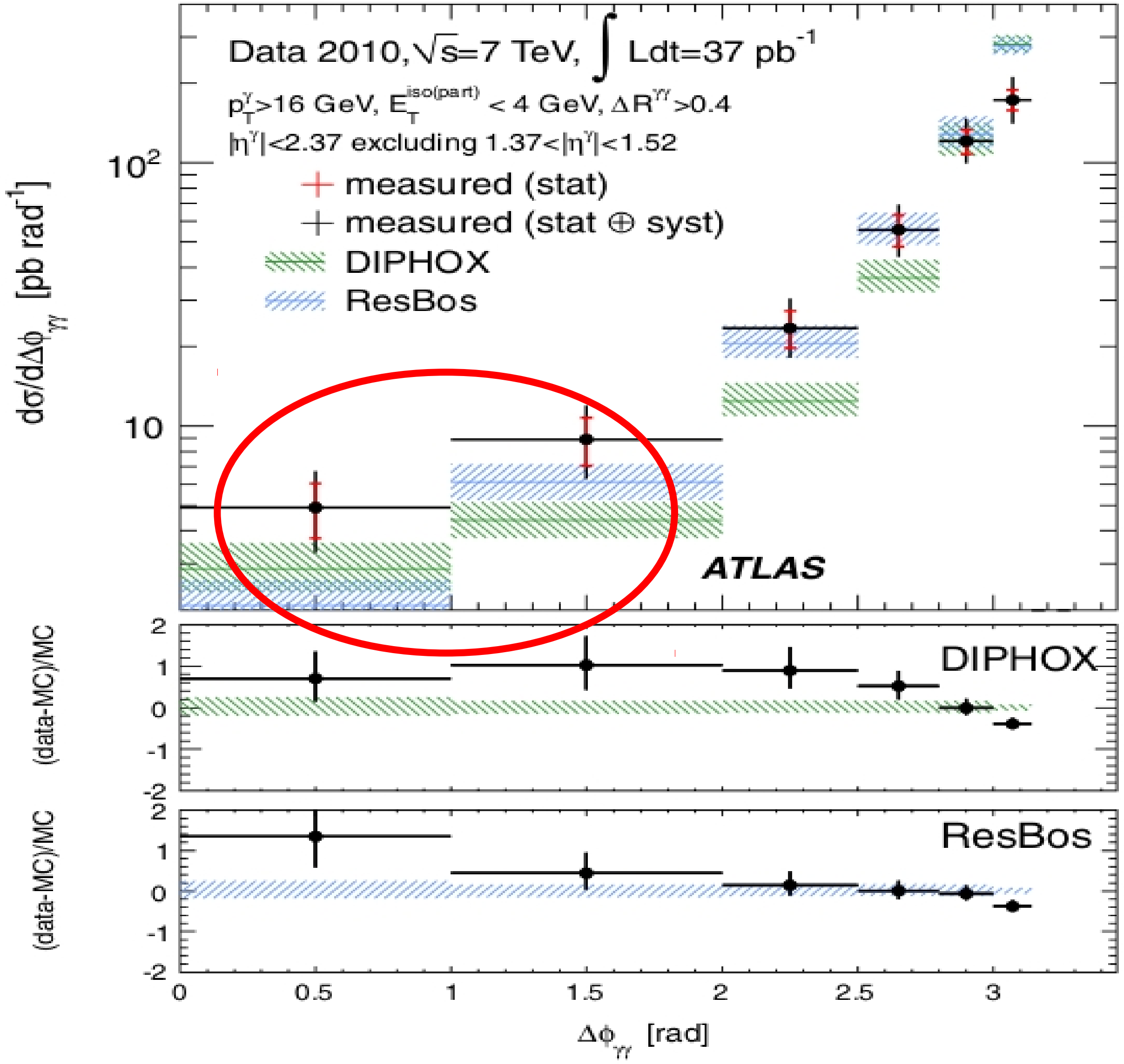

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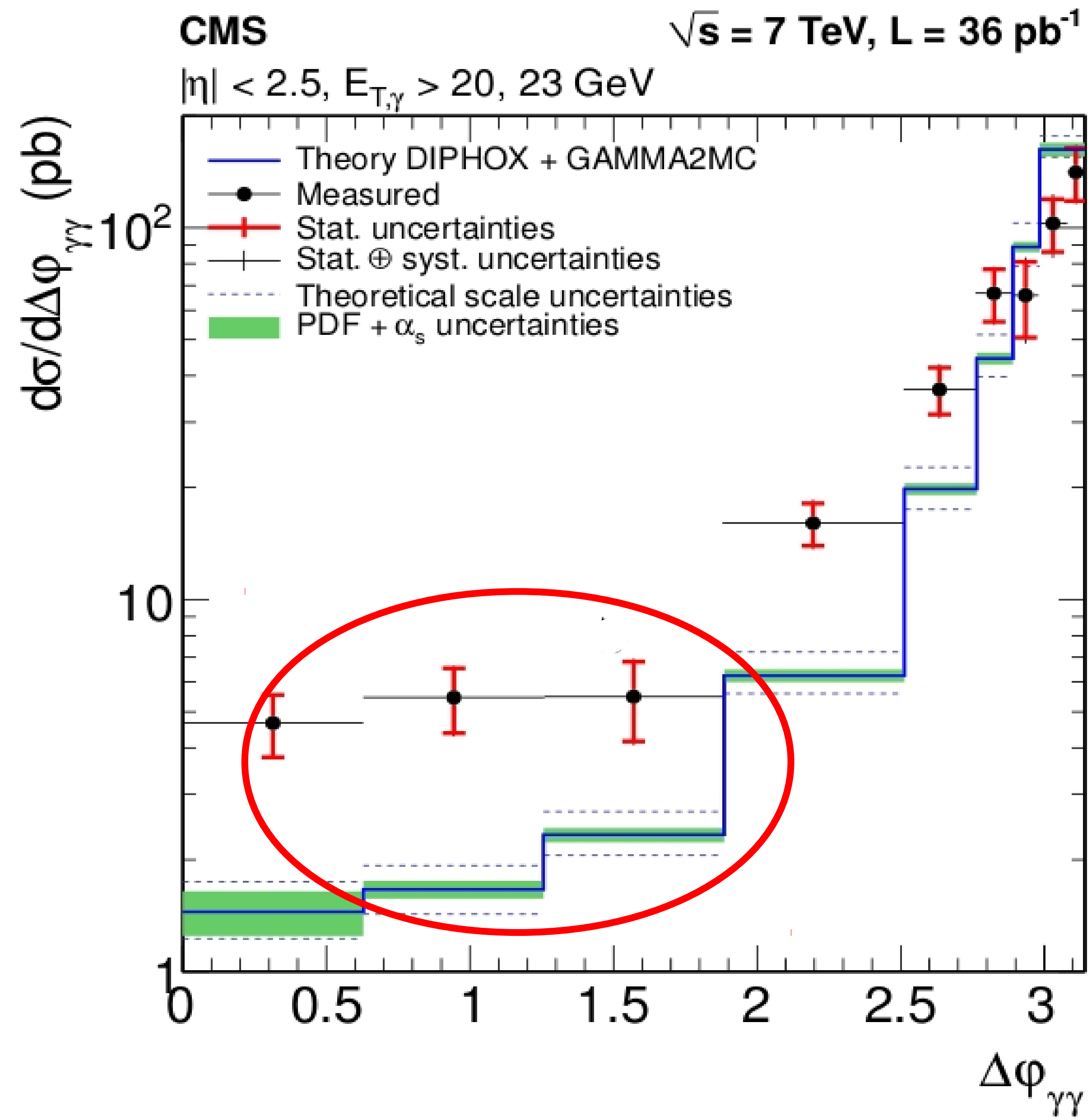

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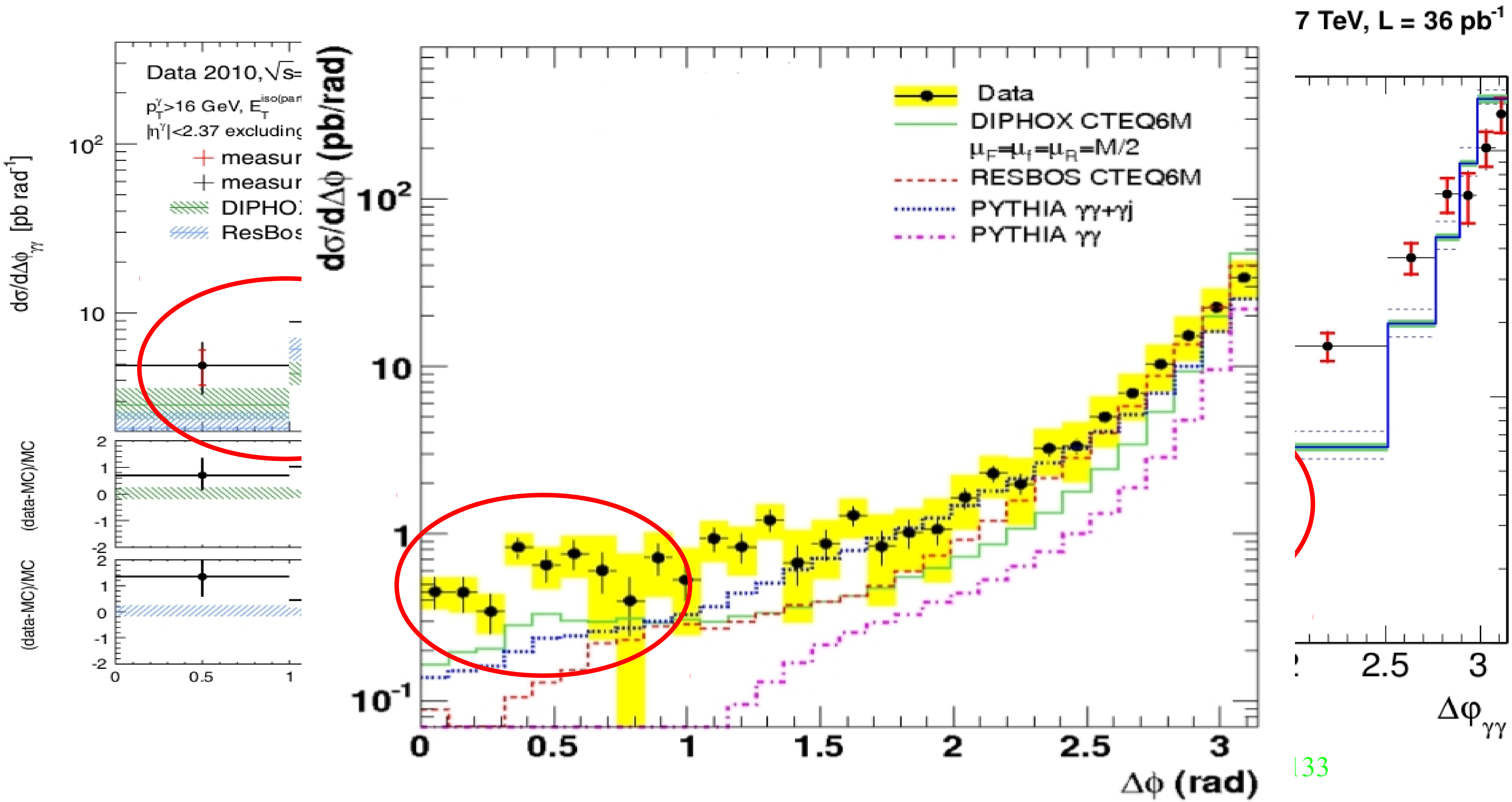

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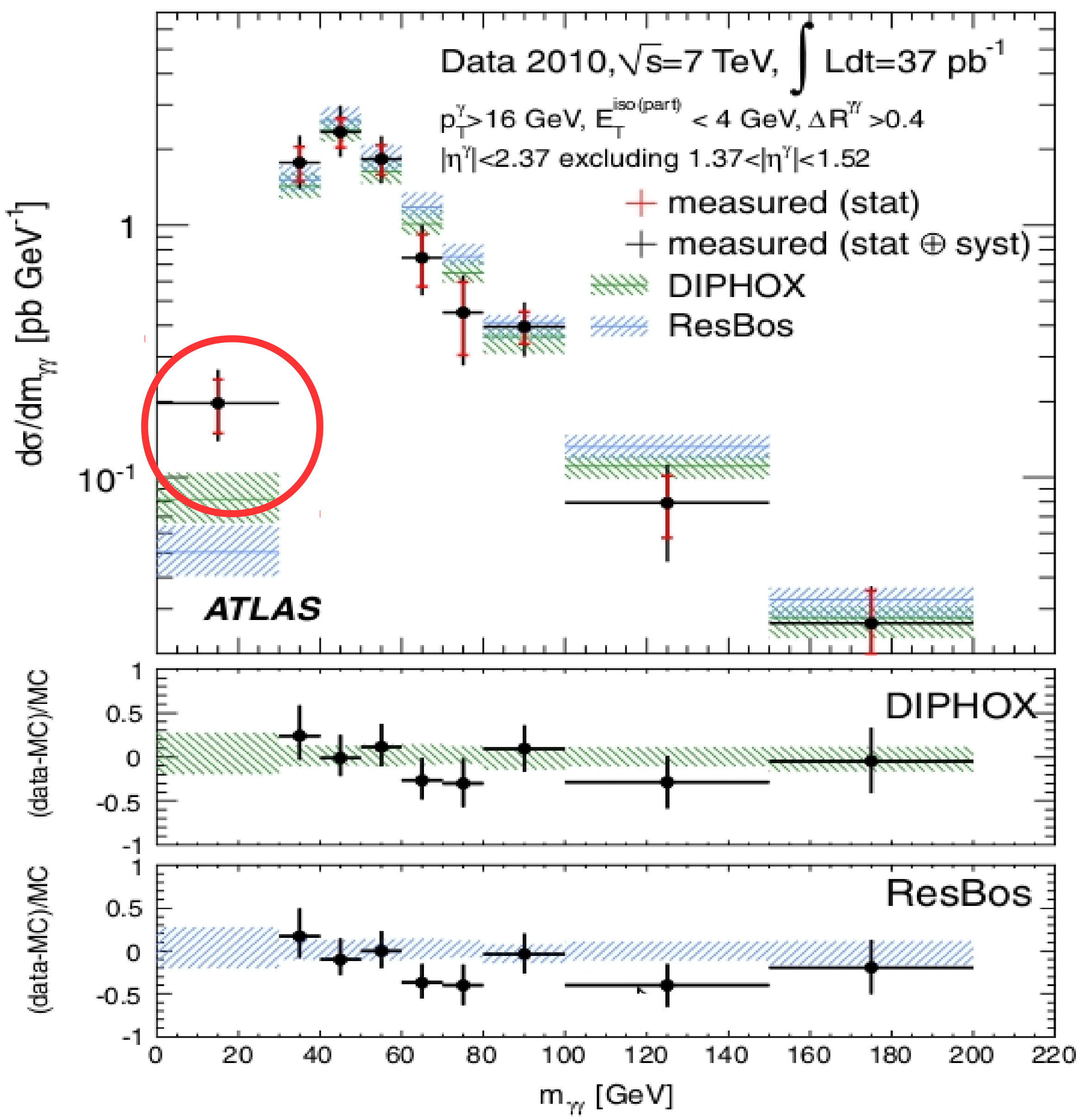

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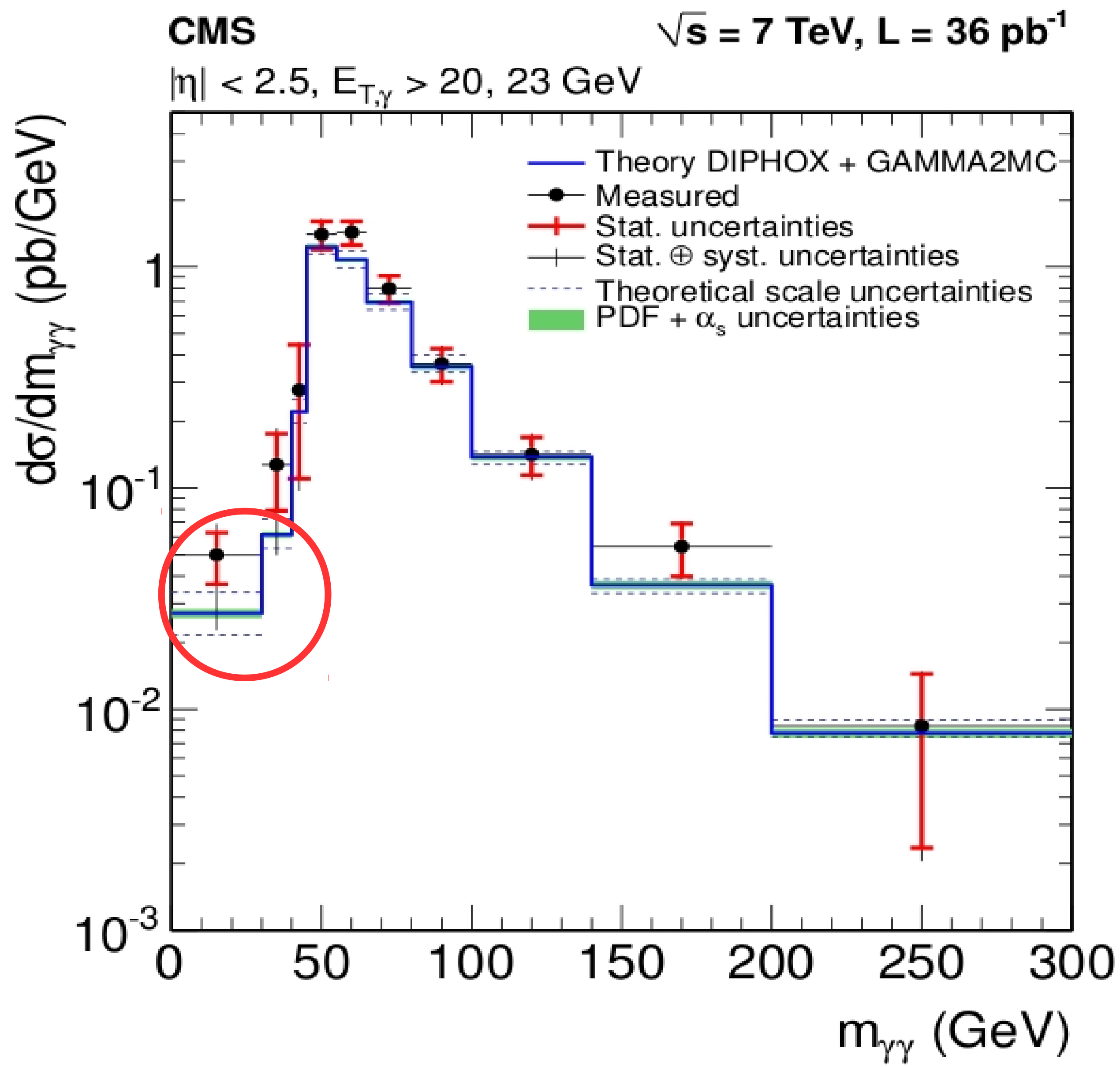

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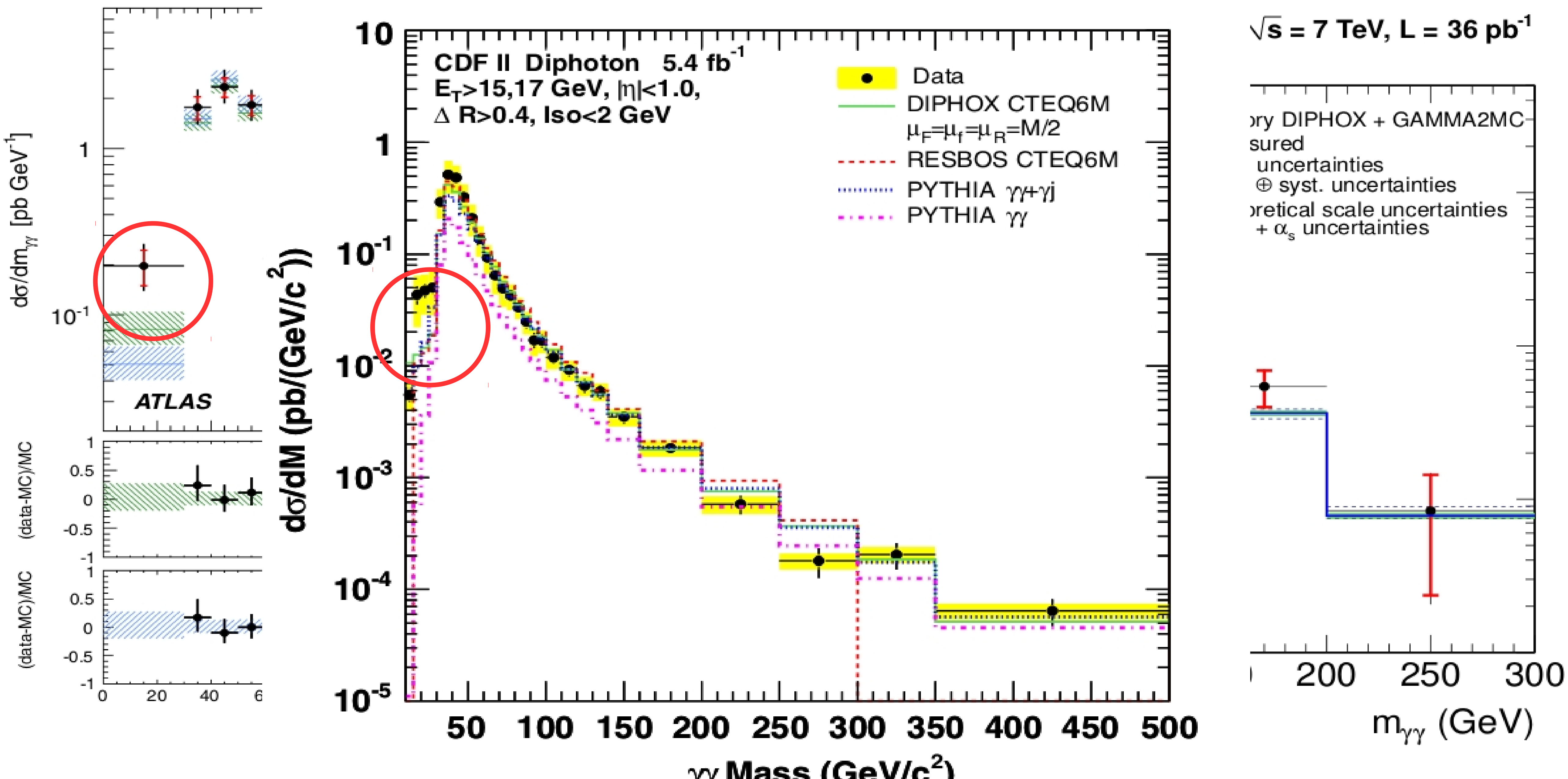

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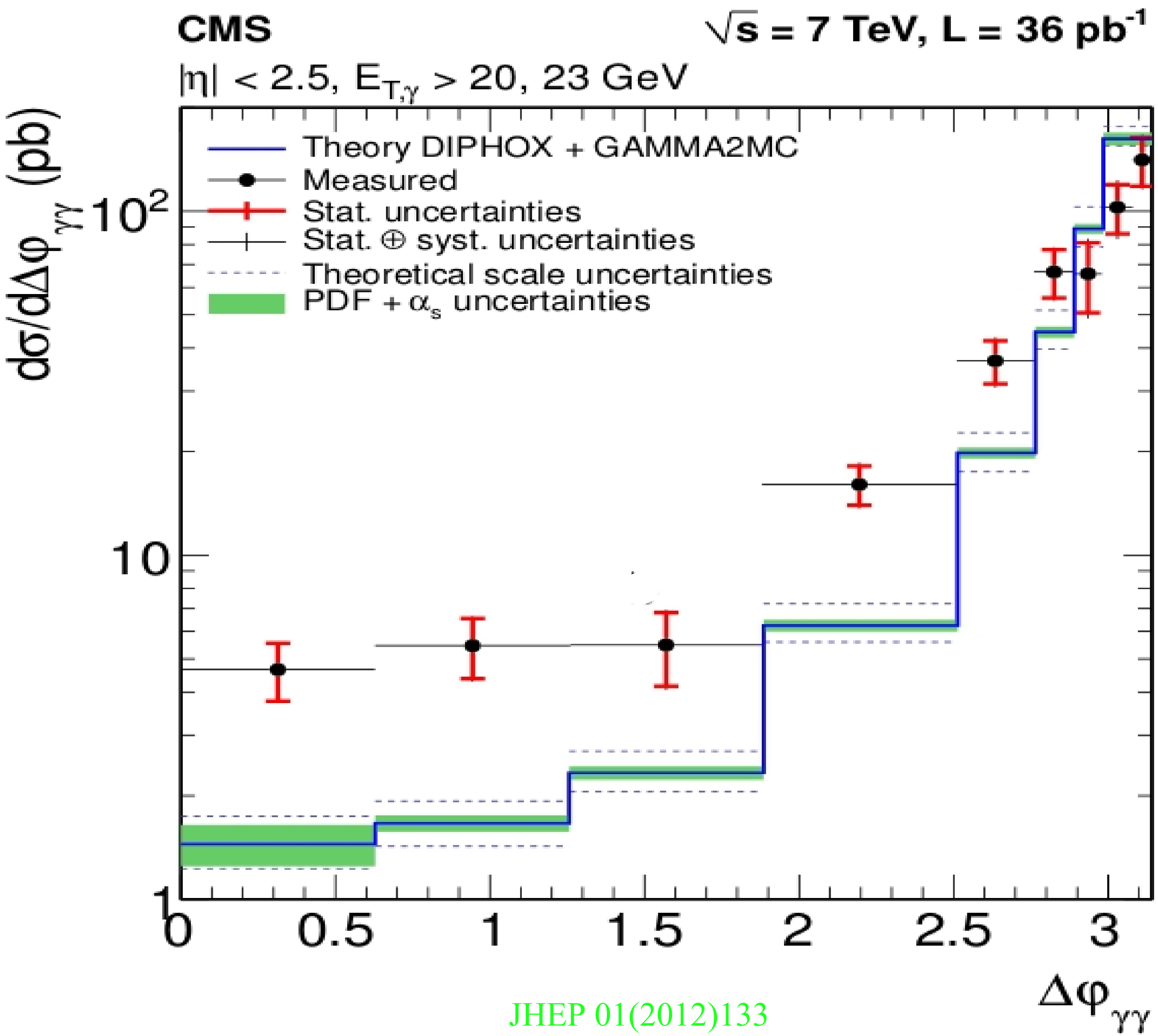

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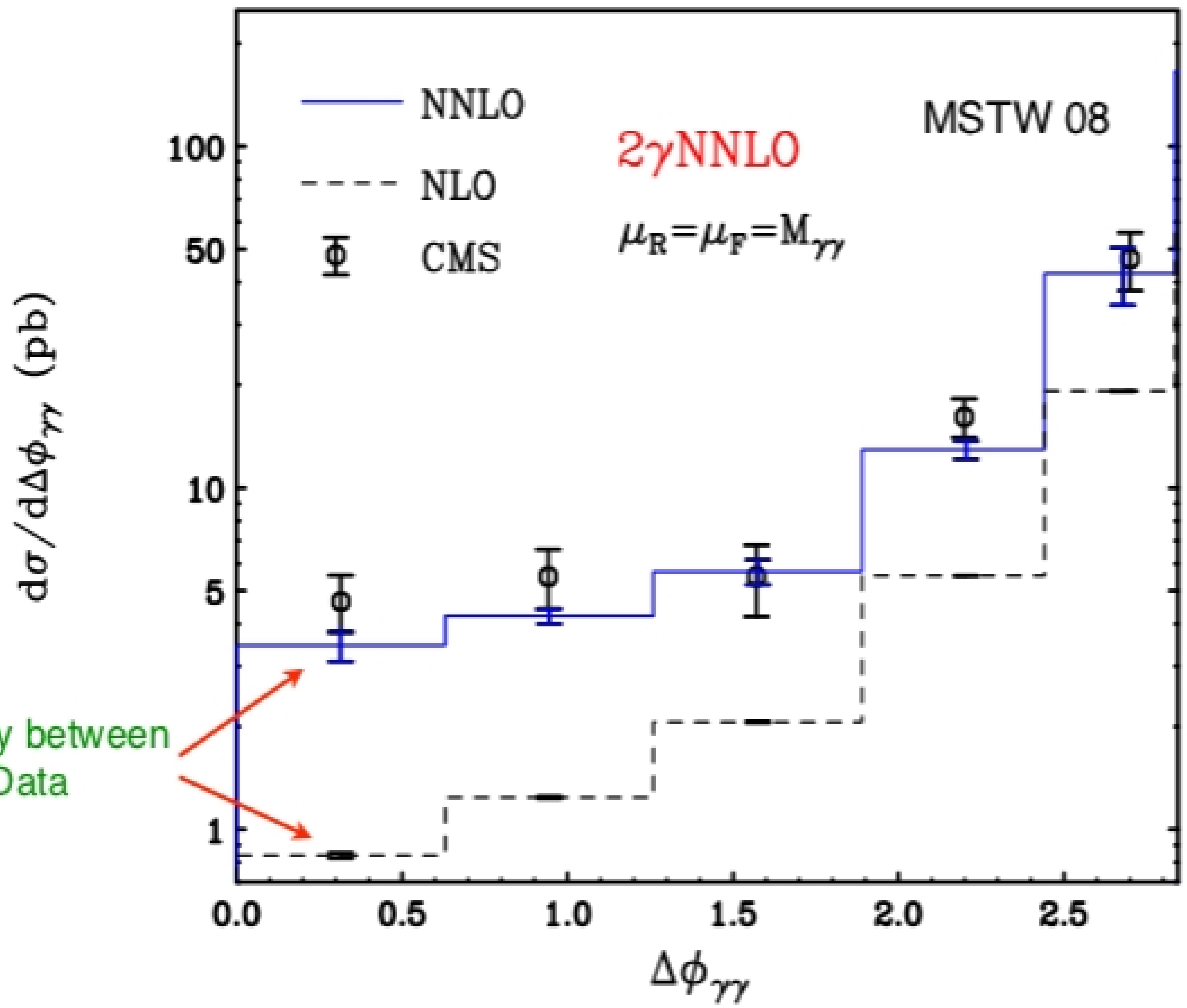
NNLO Corrections much larger in some kinematical regions

NLO effectively lowest order

→ **“away from back-to-back configuration”**



large discrepancy between NLO and Data

$\sqrt{S} = 7$ TeV

CMS diphoton cuts

$p_T^{\gamma\, hard} \geq 23$ GeV

$p_T^{\gamma\, soft} \geq 20$ GeV

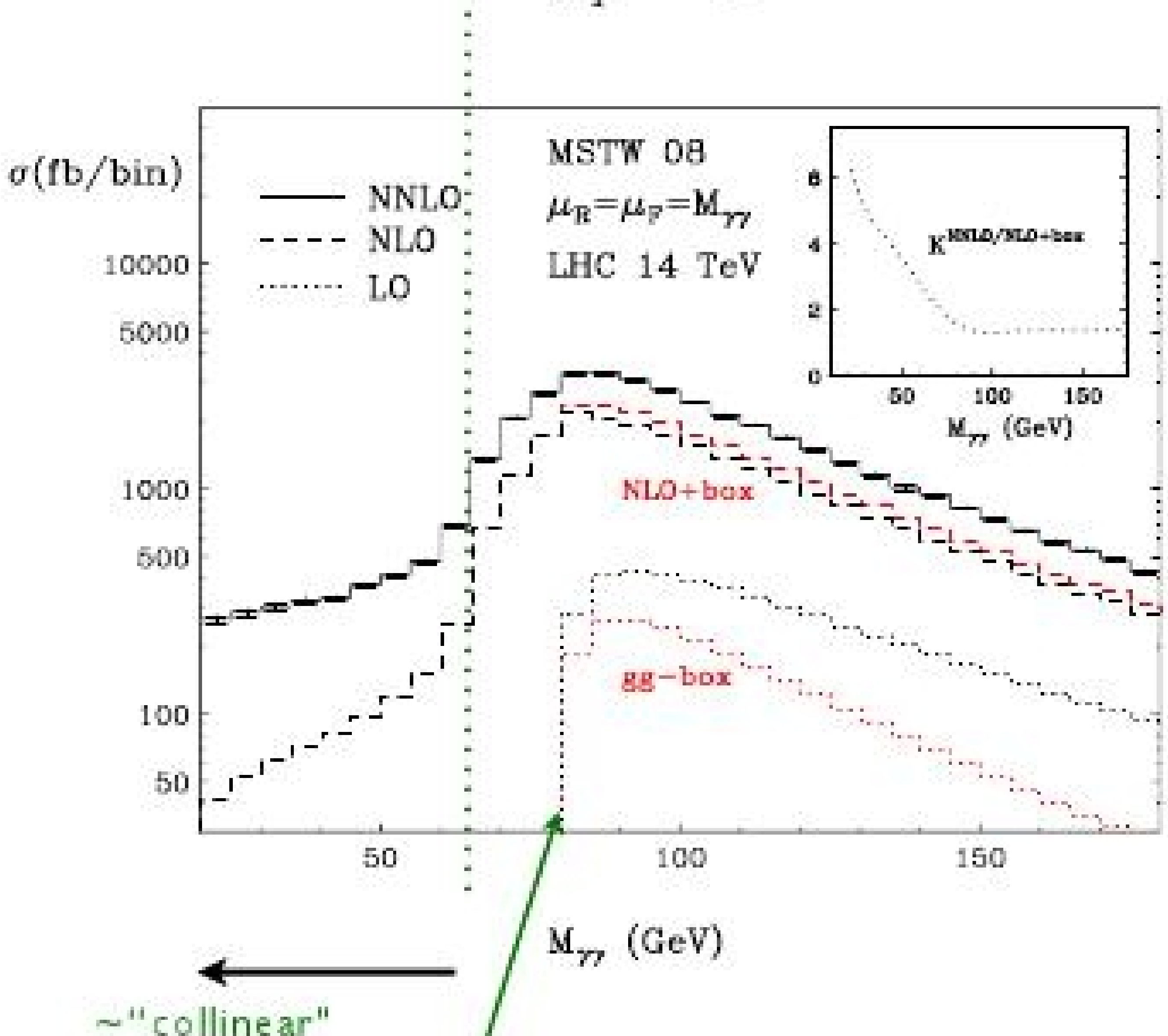
$|\eta^\gamma| \leq 2.5$

$R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.45$

smooth cone isolation

NNLO corrections essential to understand the background invariant mass below the LO threshold

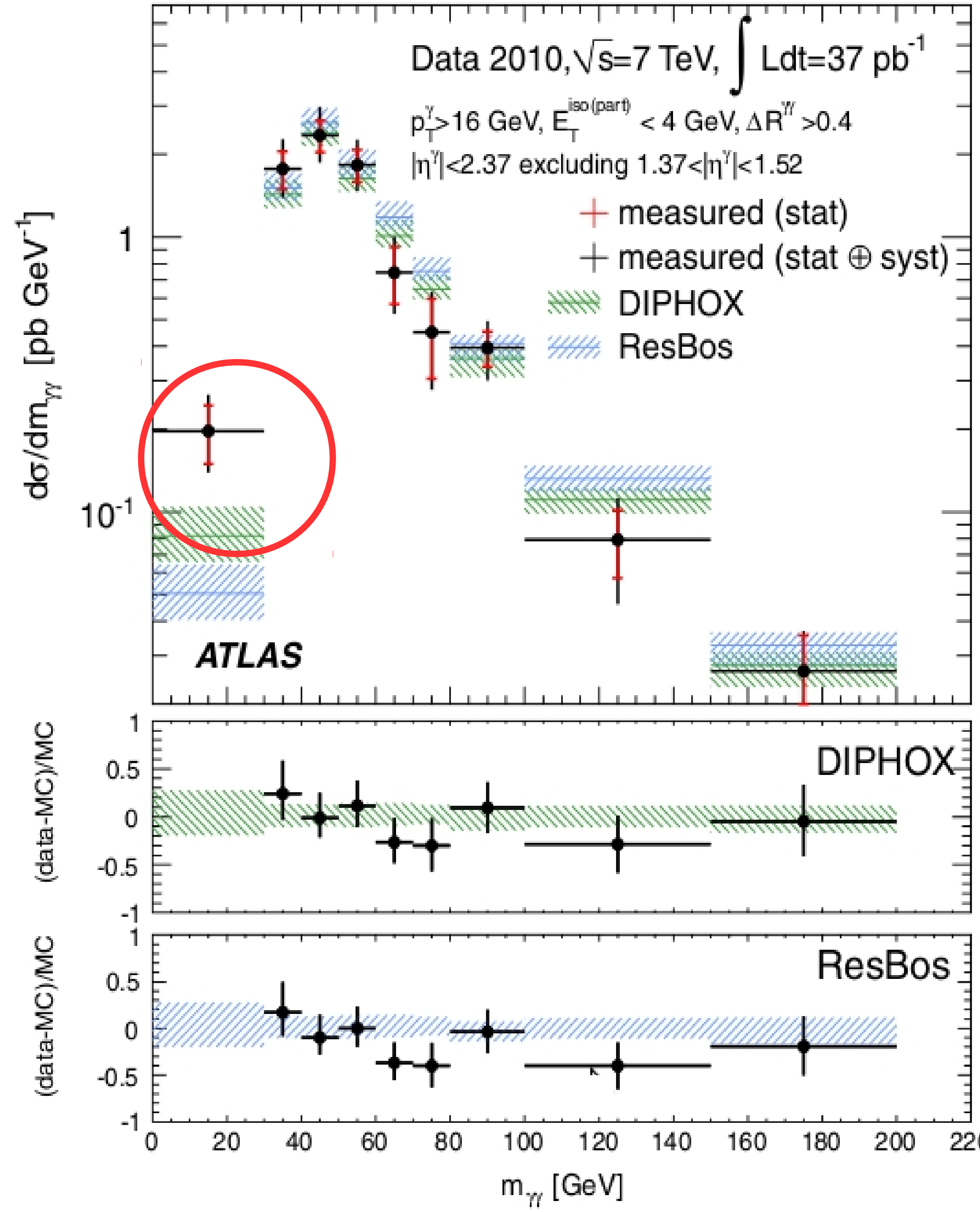
$$\sqrt{S} = 14\,\mathrm{TeV} \qquad p_T^{\gamma\, hard} \geq 40\,\mathrm{GeV} \qquad p_T^{\gamma\, soft} \geq 25\,\mathrm{GeV}$$



~"collinear"

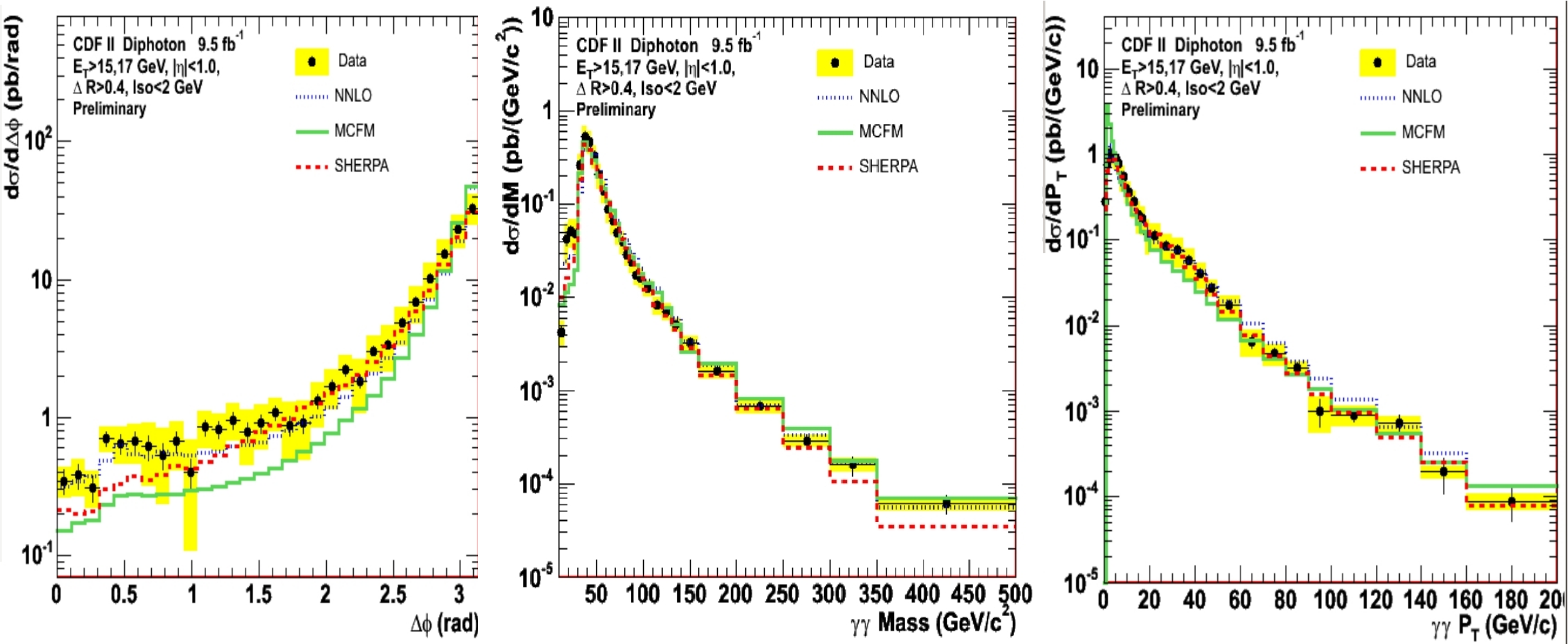
LO threshold at 80 GeV

"No back-to-back"



This discrepancy can be related to the discrepancy observed in the $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma}$ distribution.

Preliminary comparison CDF 9.5 fb^{-1} results



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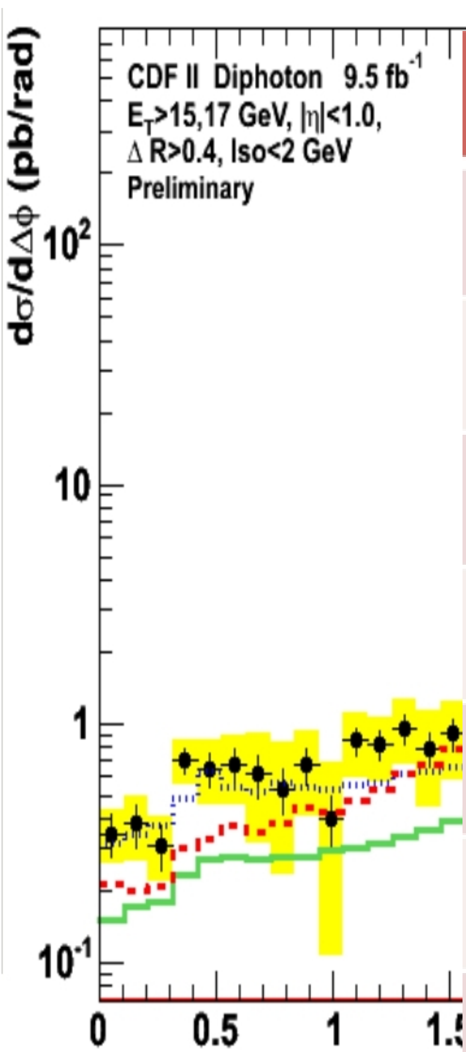

	Total cross section (pb)
Data (CDF)	$12.3 \pm 0.2_{stat} \pm 3.5_{syst}$
RESBOS	11.3 ± 2.4
DIPHOX	10.6 ± 0.6
MCFM	11.6 ± 0.3
SHERPA	10.9
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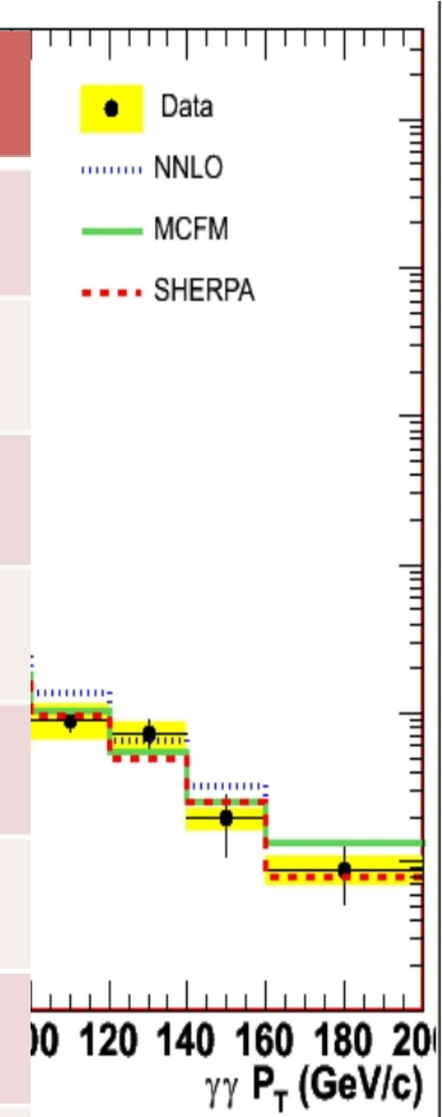

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Summary

- Sizeable NNLO corrections to the $\gamma\gamma$ mass distribution in kinematical regions related to Higgs boson searches

40-55% effect over NLO

- NNLO very large away from back-to-back configuration (effectively NLO)

needed to understand LHC data

- At NNLO starts to reliably predict values of cross sections in all kinematical regions (with very few exceptions; e.g $p_{T\gamma\gamma} \to 0$)

- Cross section with “smooth” isolation, is a lower bound for cross section with standard isolation.

- Work in progress: release a public version of **2γNNLO** Done !!

+ approximation of standard isolation

Backup Slides

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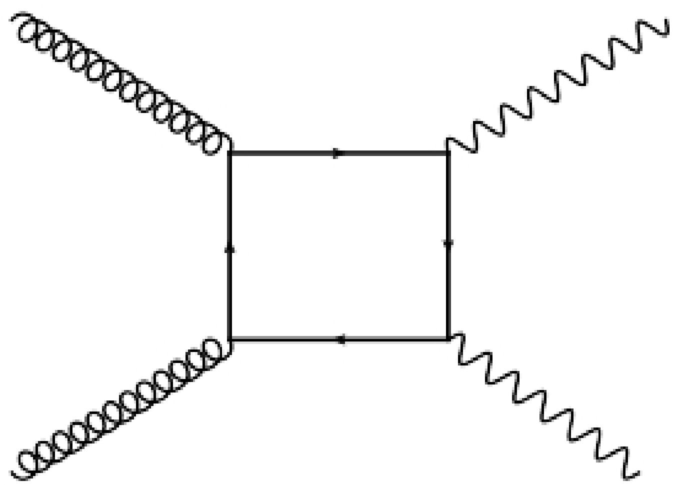

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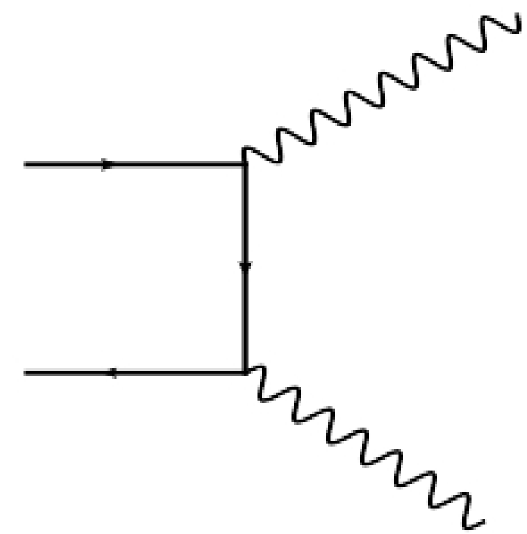

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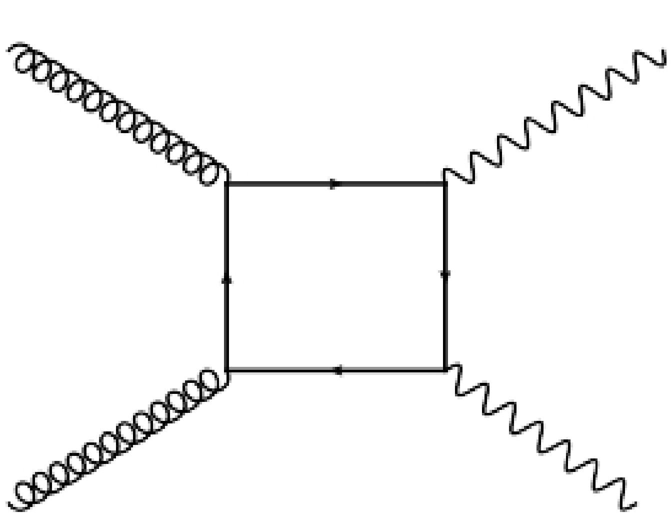

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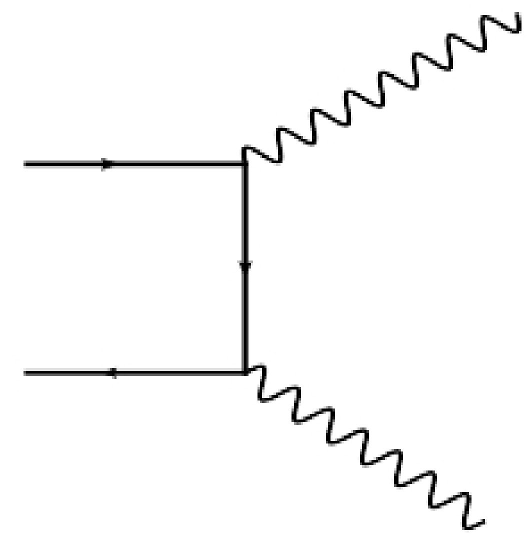

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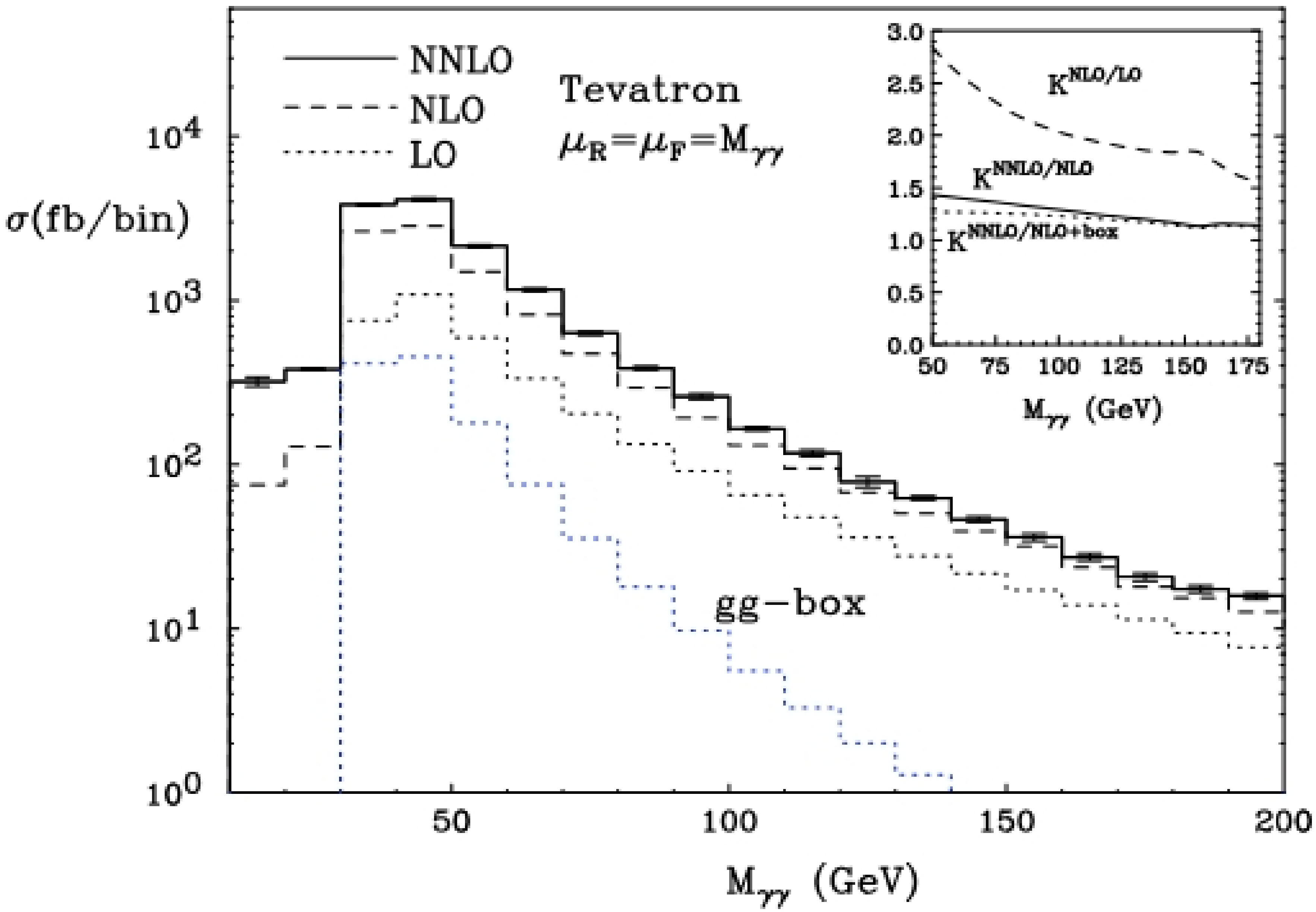

Tevatron

$p^{\gamma}_{T1} \geq 17$ GeV

$p^{\gamma}_{T2} \geq 15$ GeV

$|\eta^{\gamma}| < 1$

- Impact of NNLO corrections a bit smaller than at the LHC but still important
- NNLO effect about +30%

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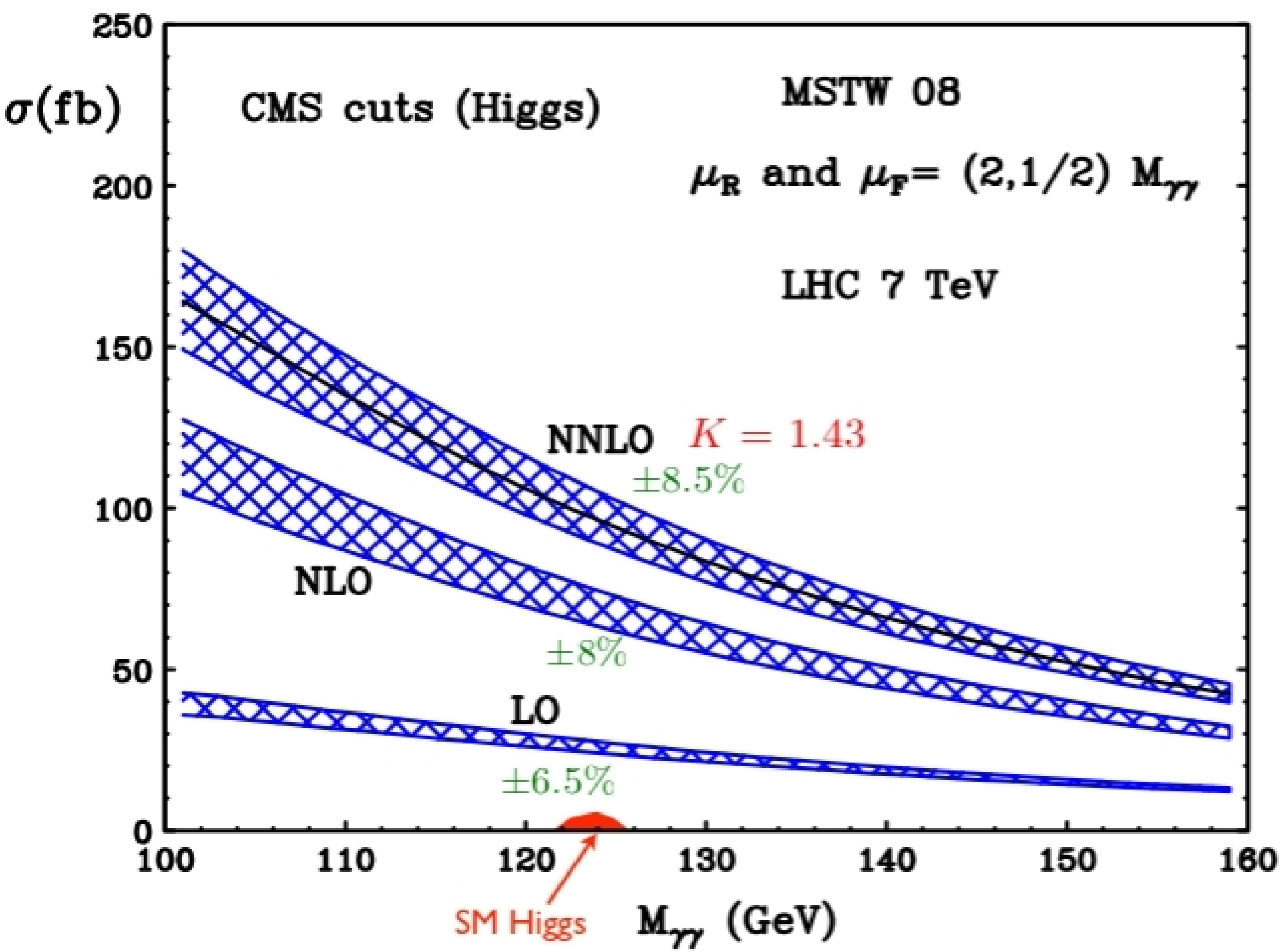

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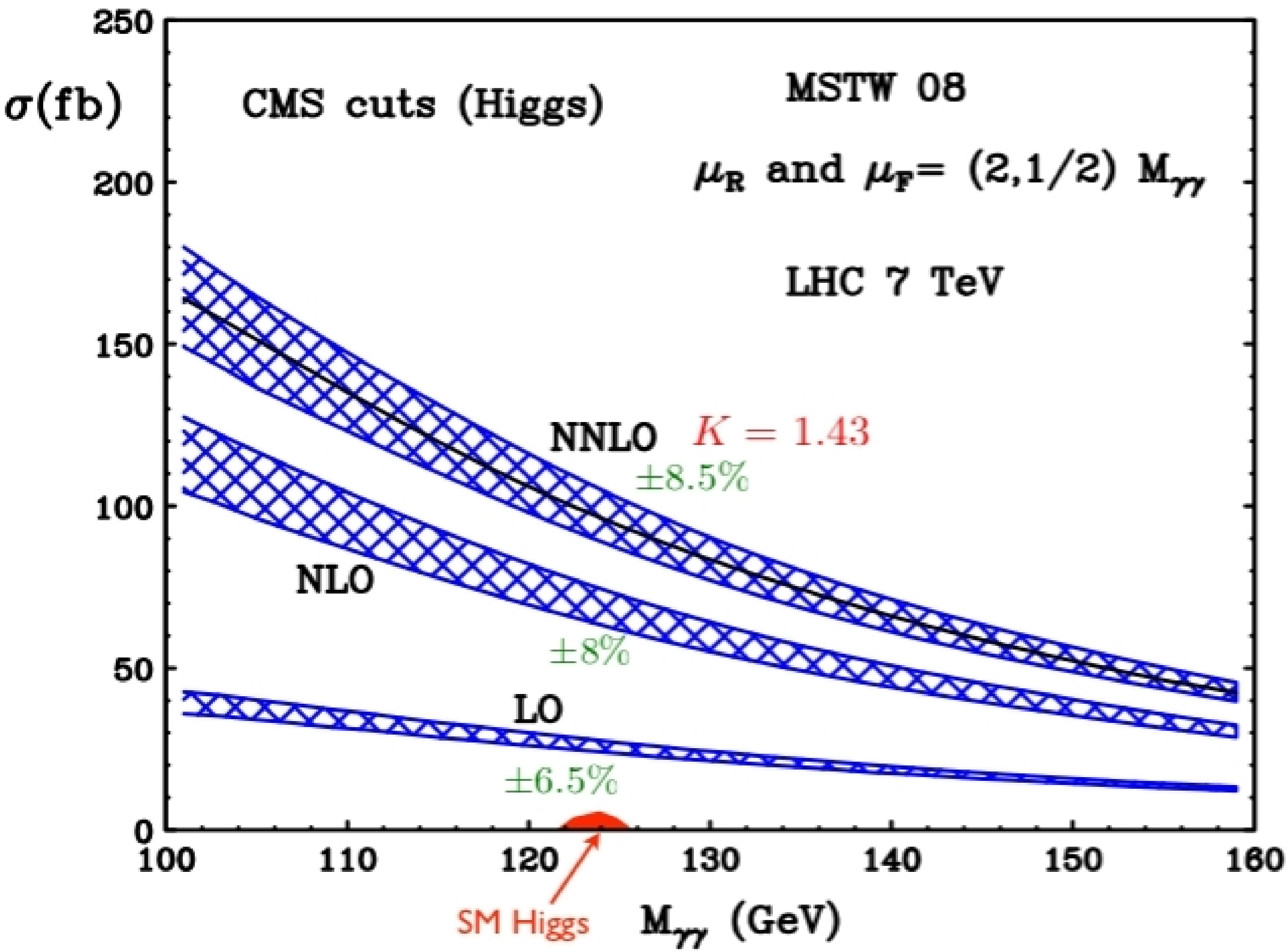

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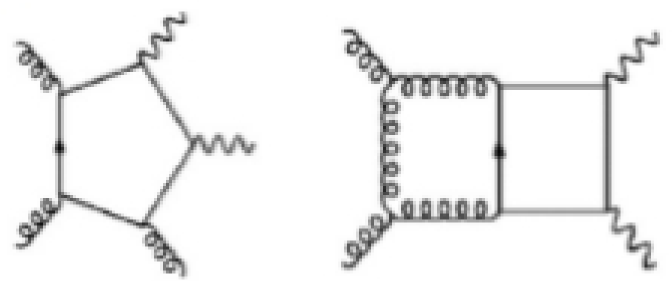

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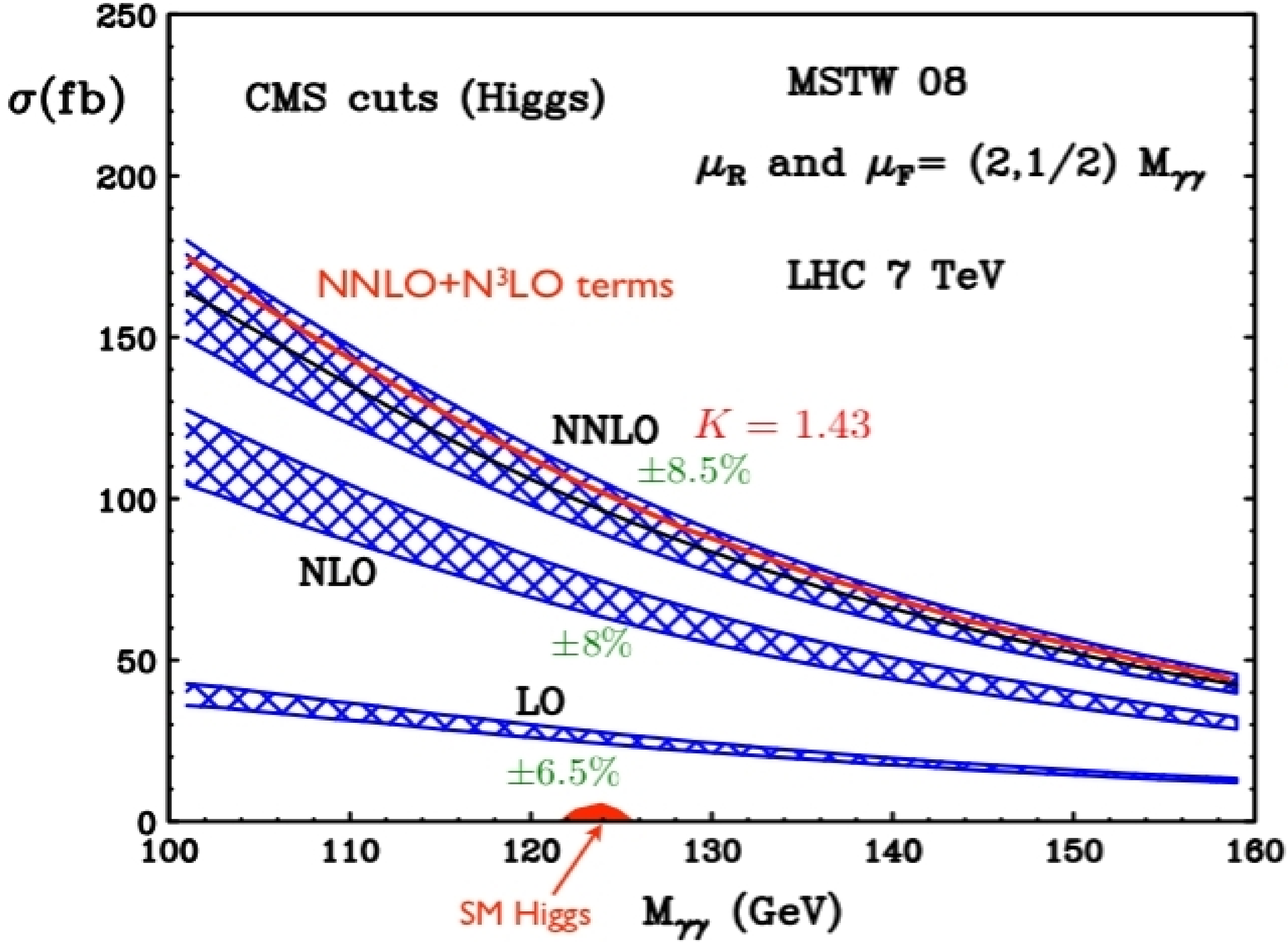

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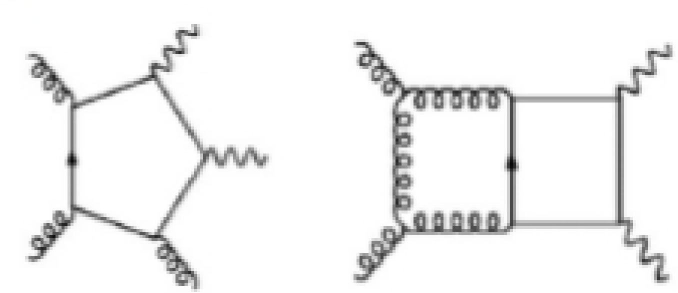

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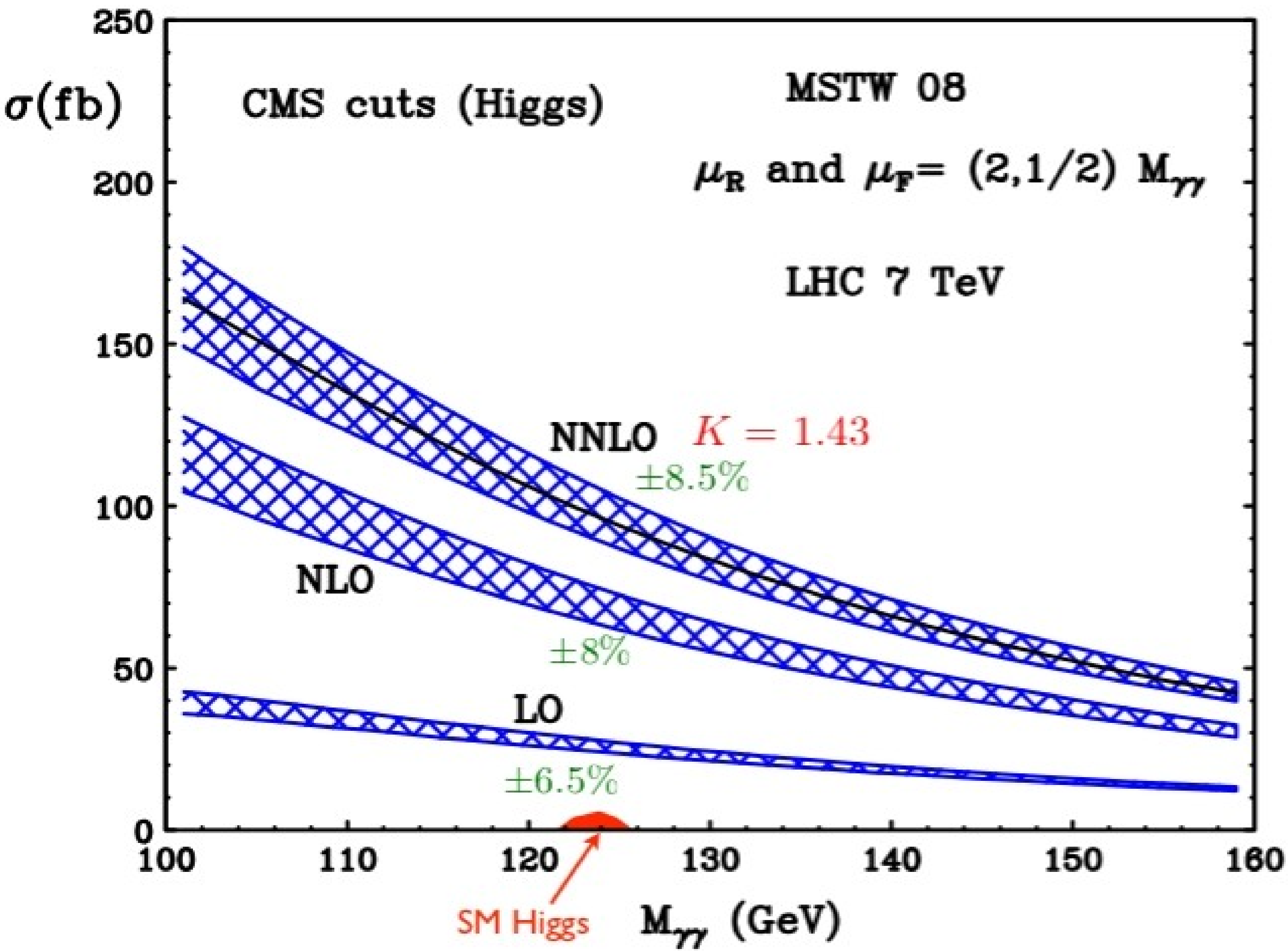

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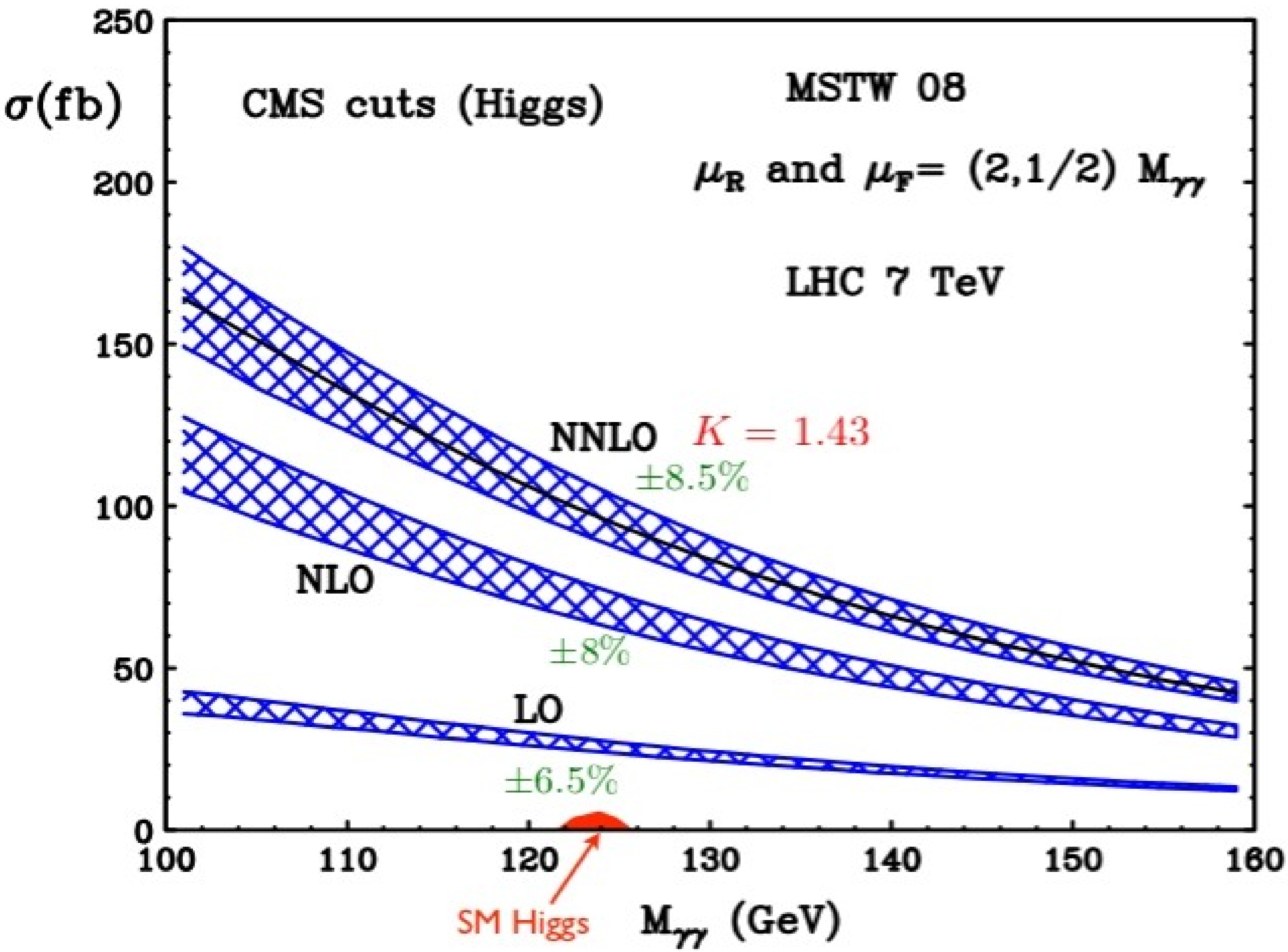

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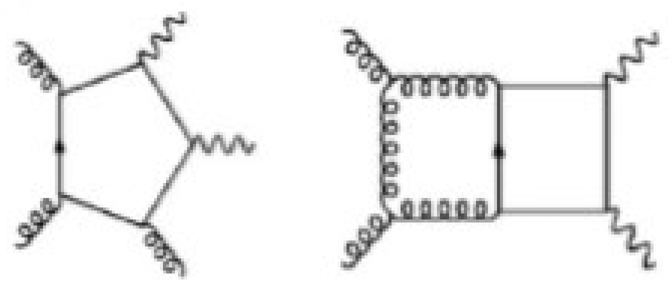

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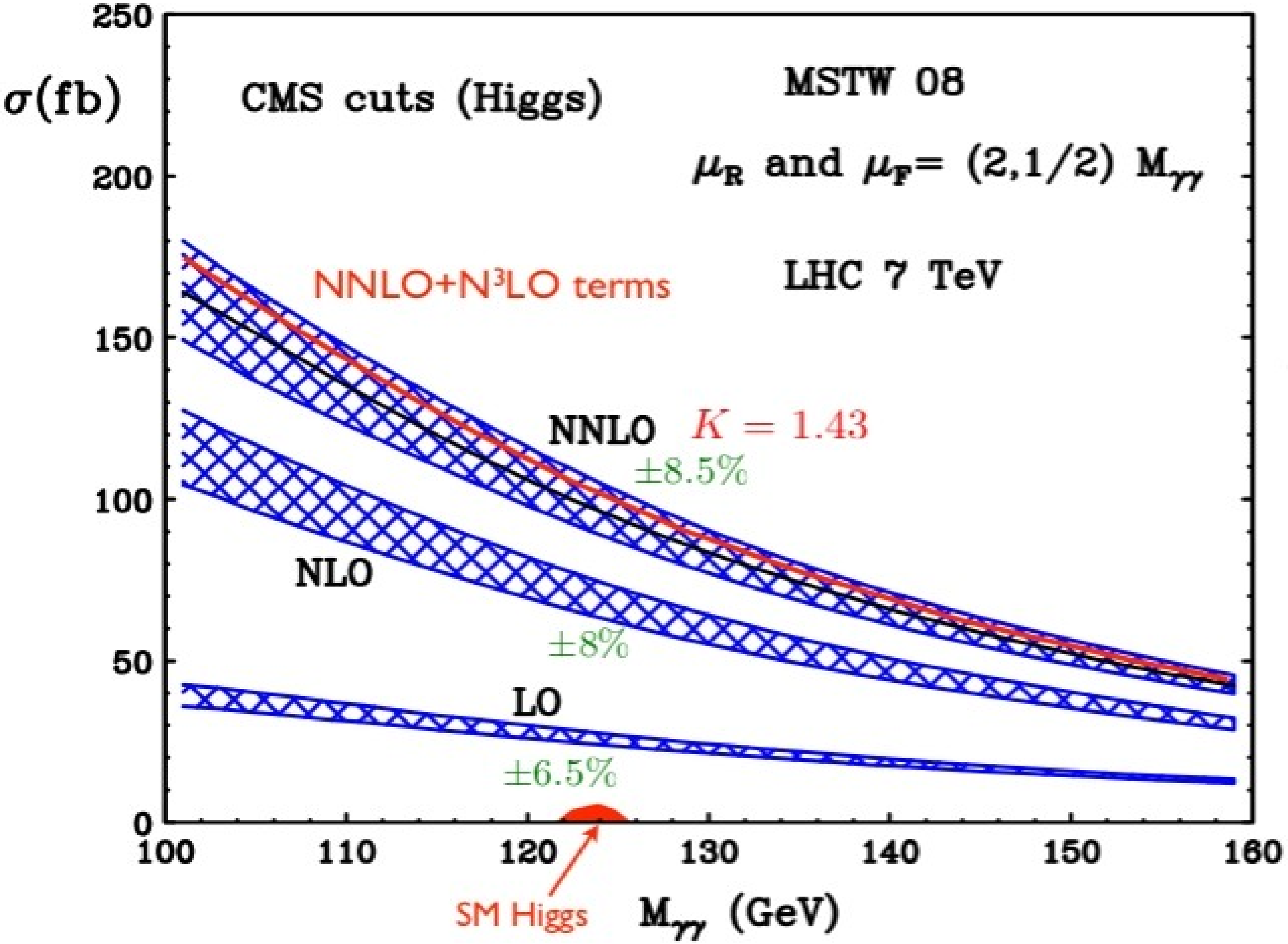

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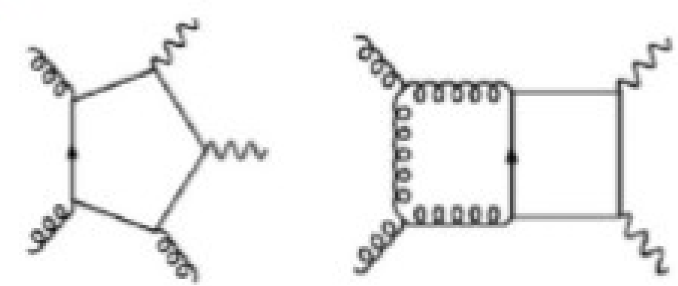

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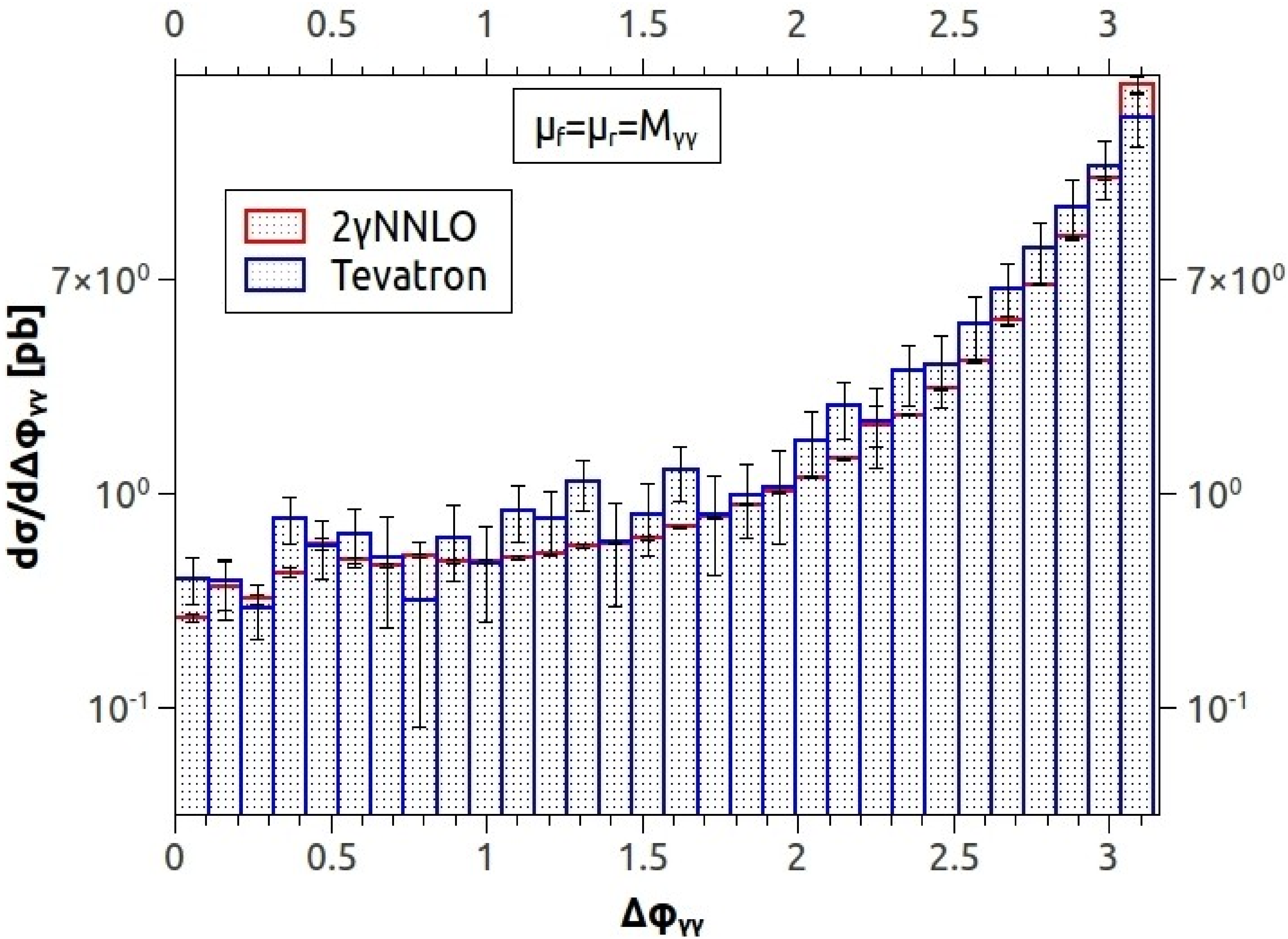

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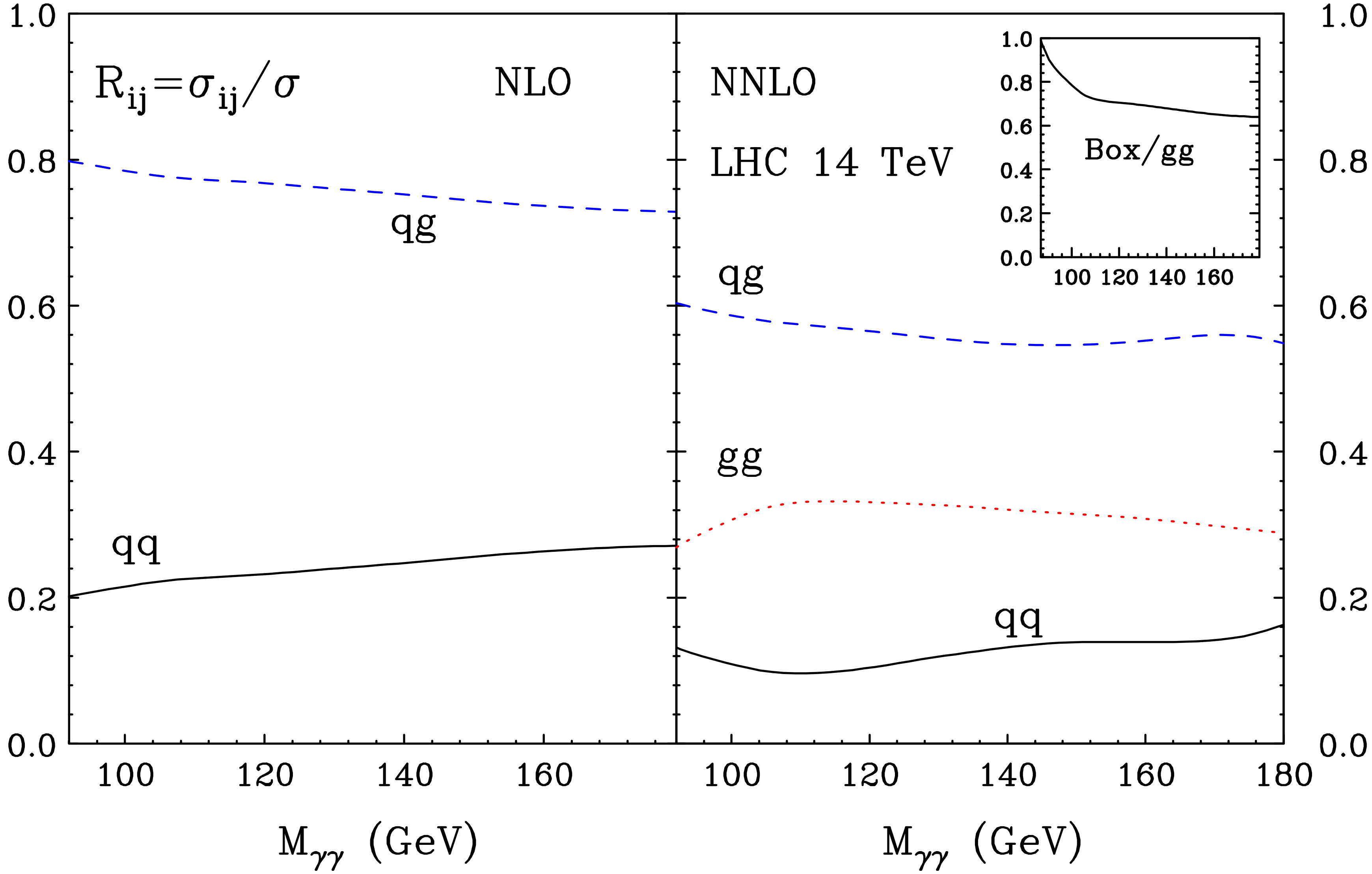

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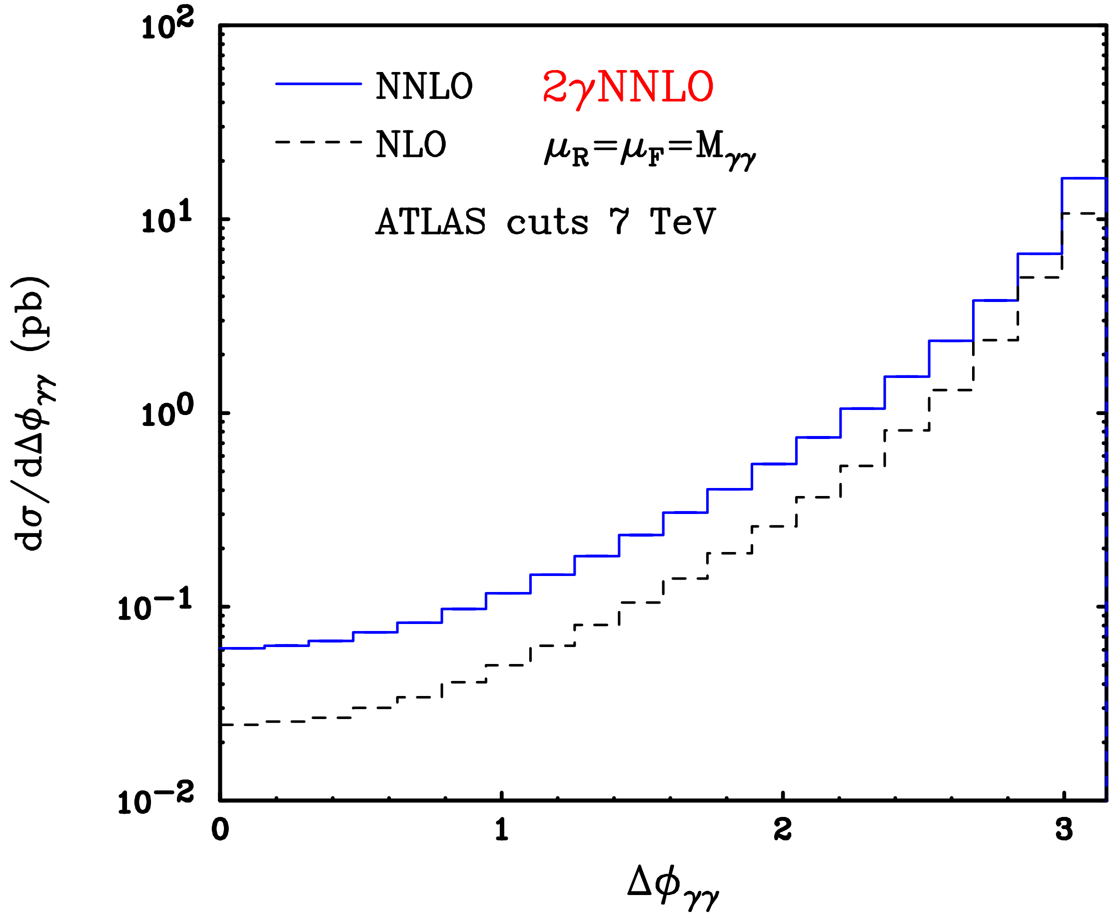
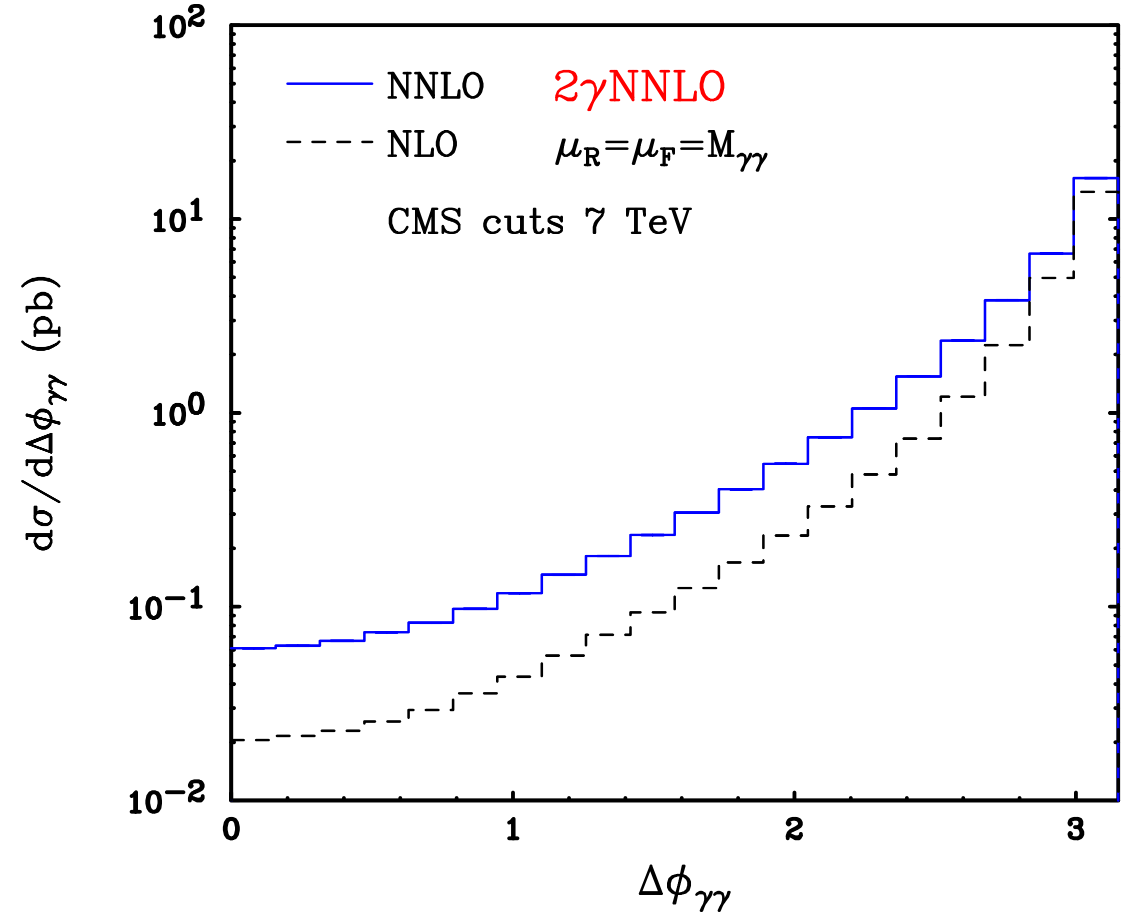
With Higgs search cuts at 7 TeV





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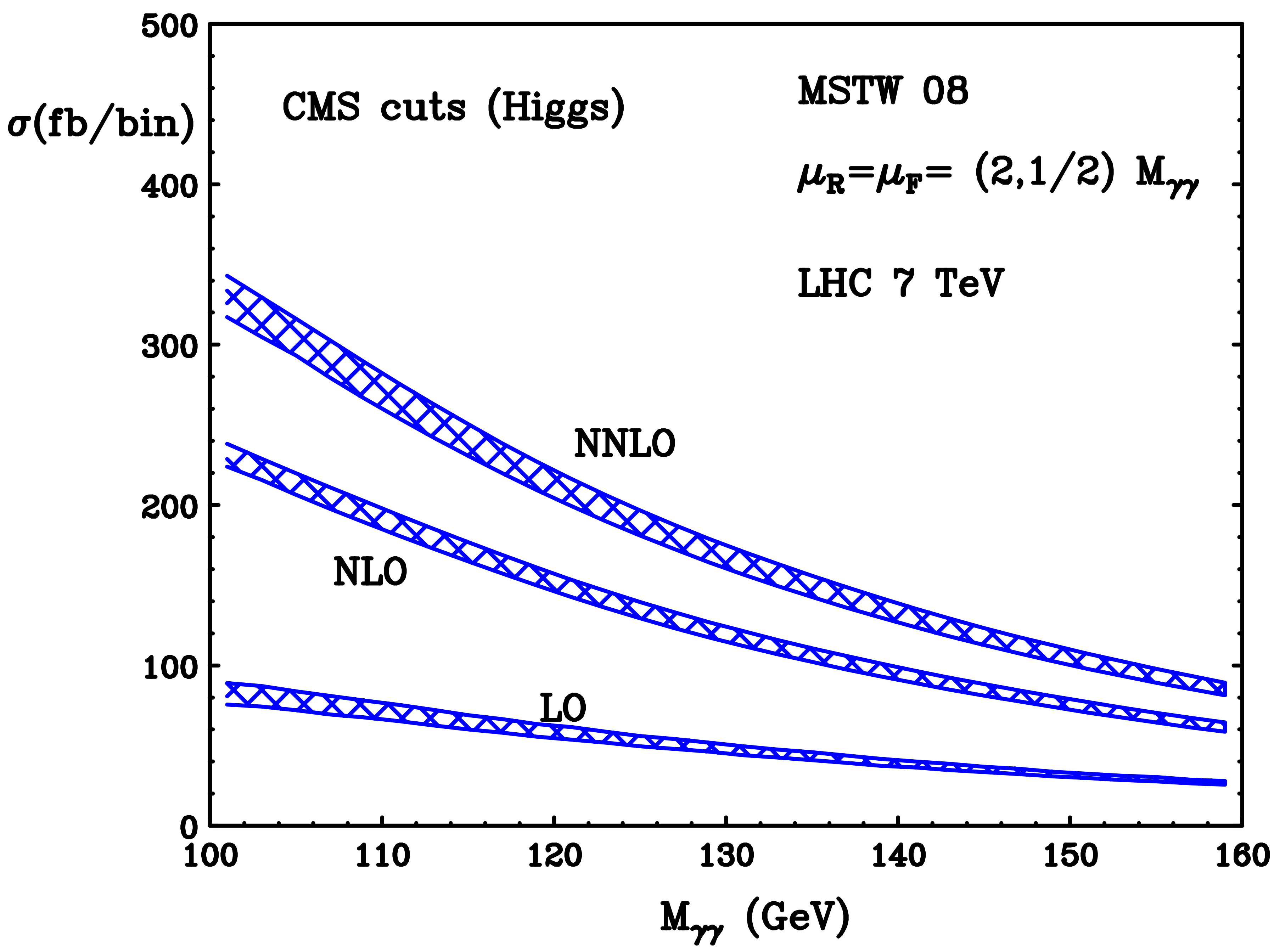

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