

# Threshold resummation beyond two loop in QCD.

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- Factorisation of soft and collinear contributions
- Resummation
- Soft-plus-Virtual at  $N^3 LO_{p_{SV}}$  for total cross section, rapidity distribution
- Soft-plus-Virtual at  $N^2 LO_{p_{SV}}$  for large  $p_T$  distributions
- Conclusions

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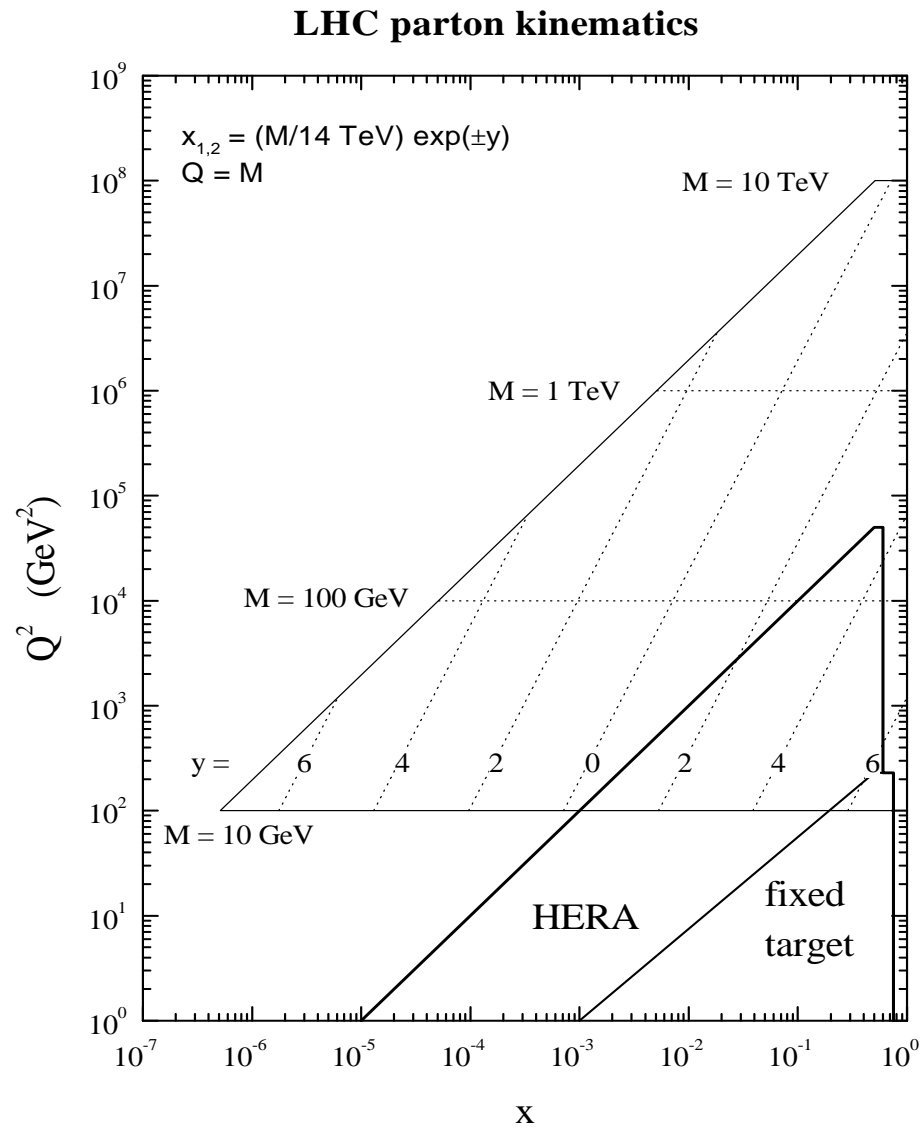
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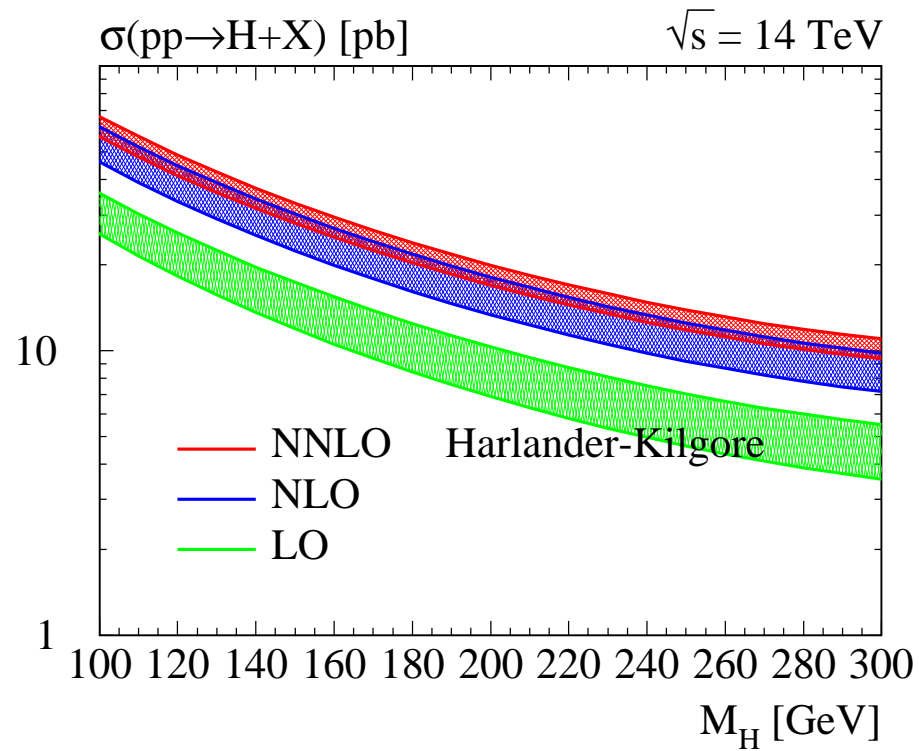


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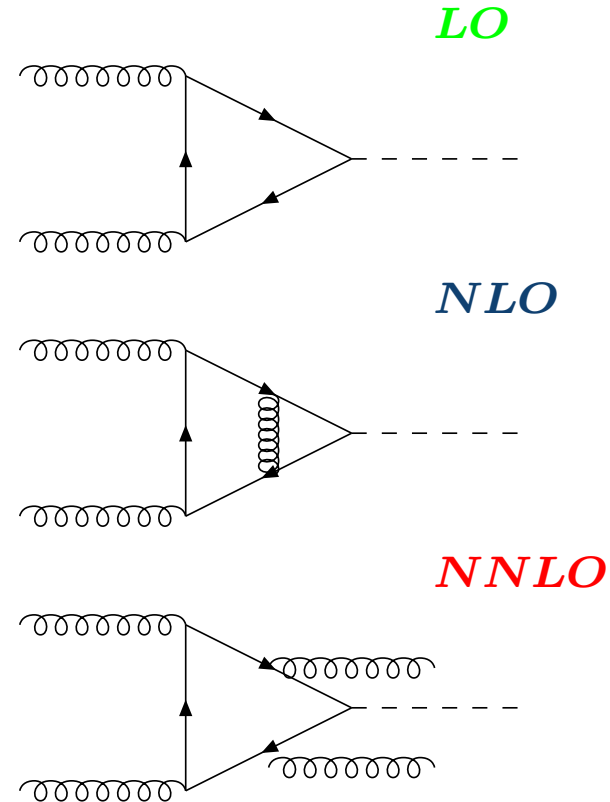
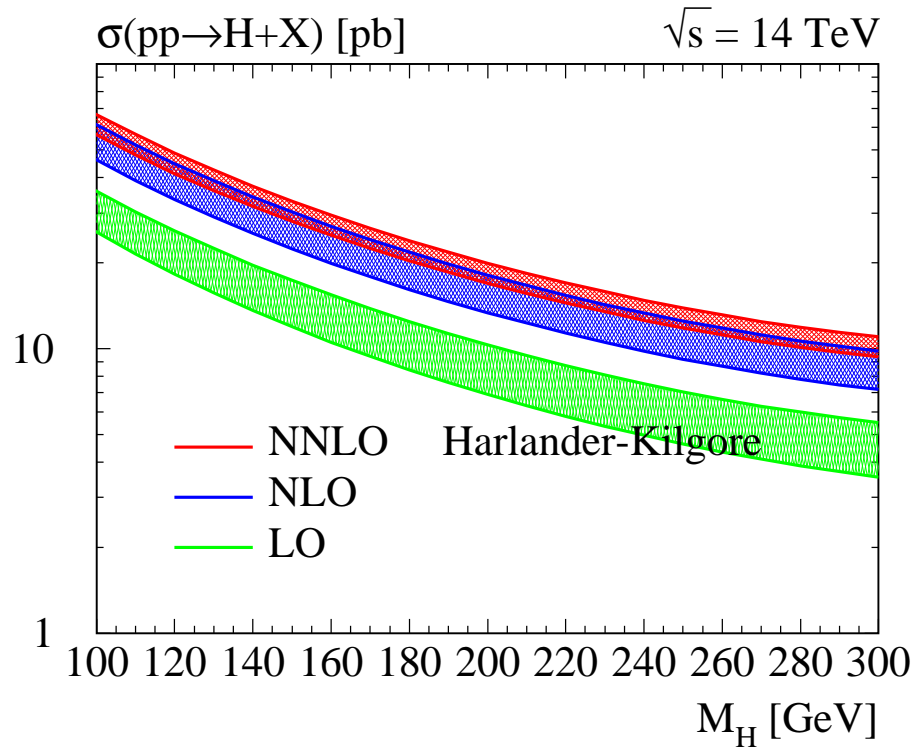
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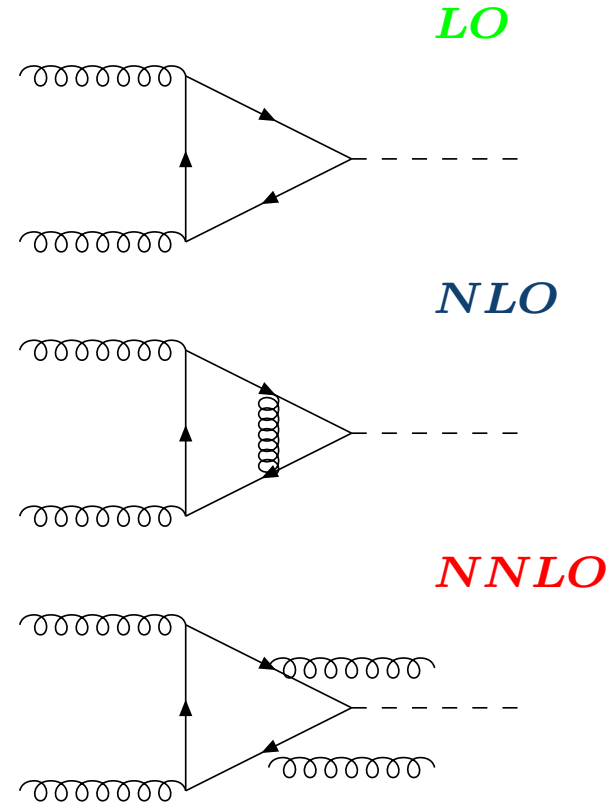
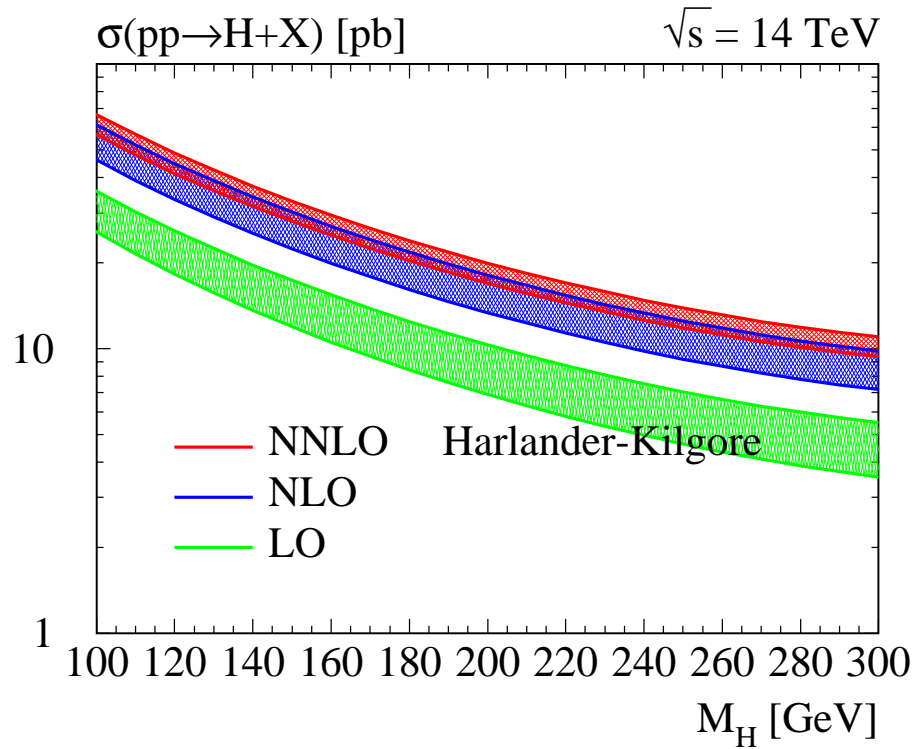
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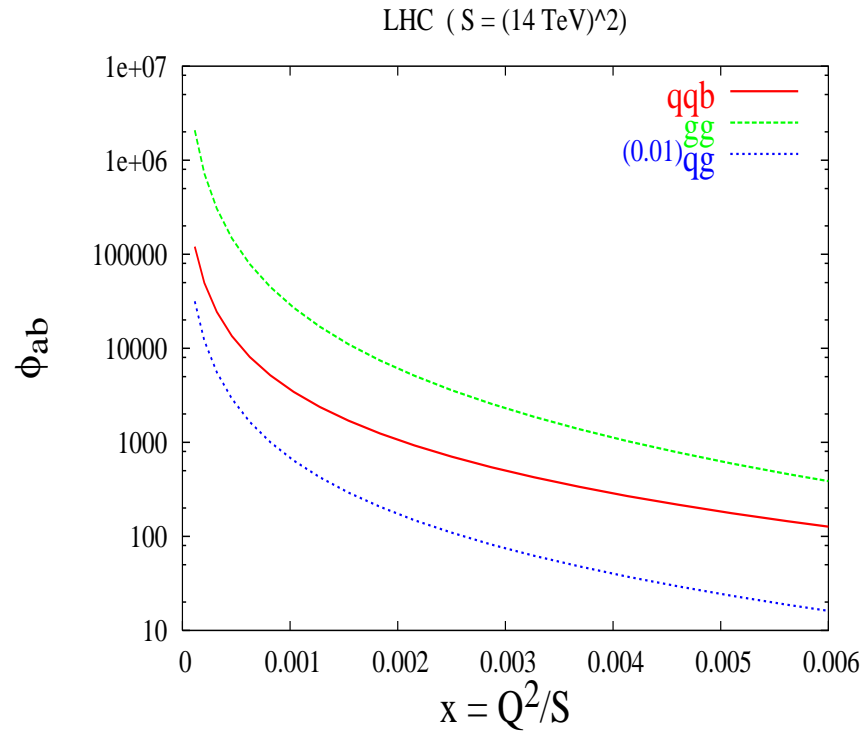
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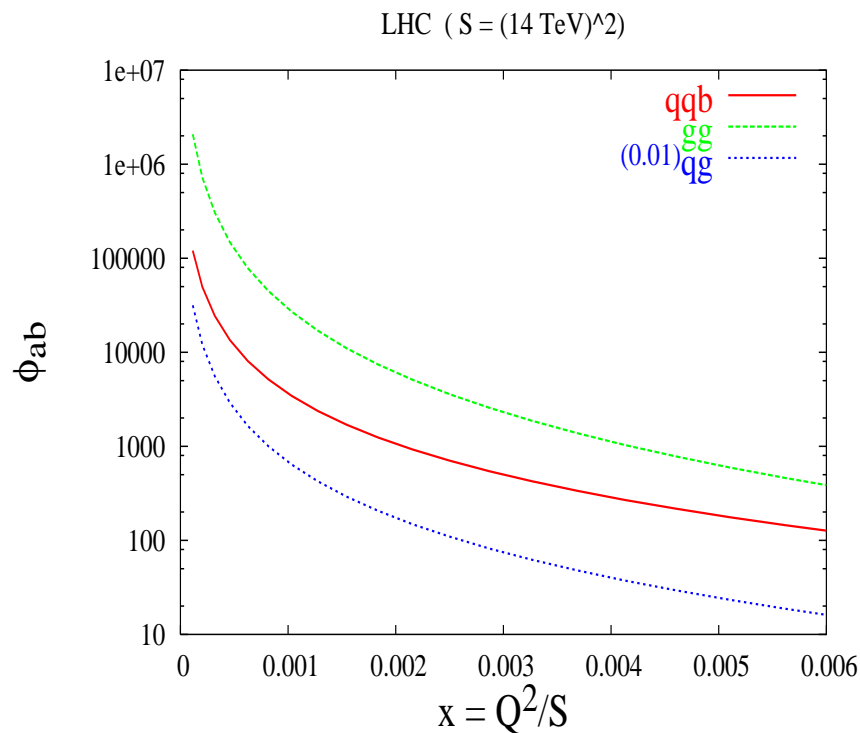


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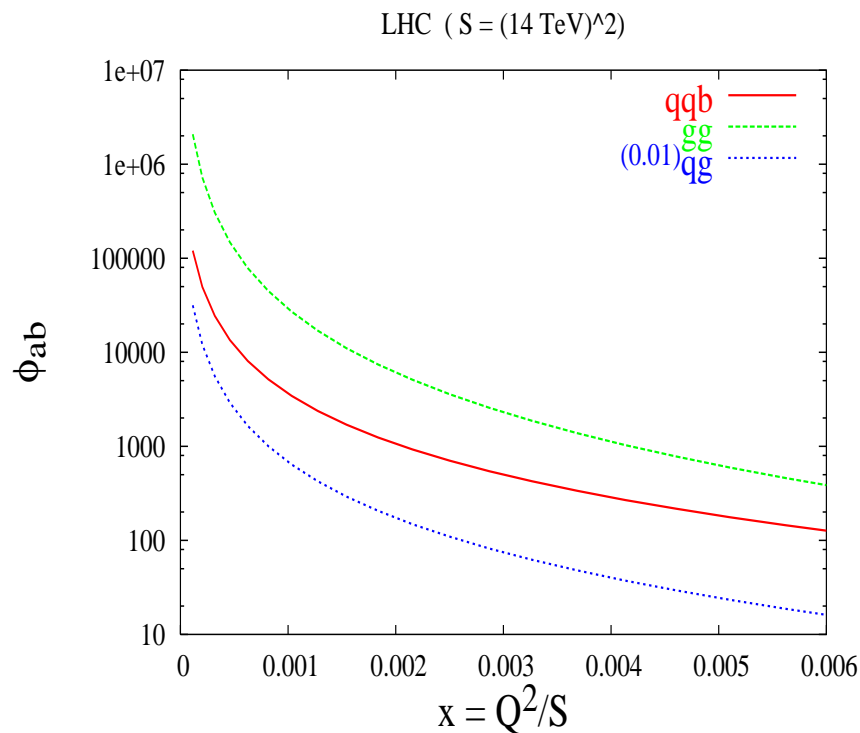
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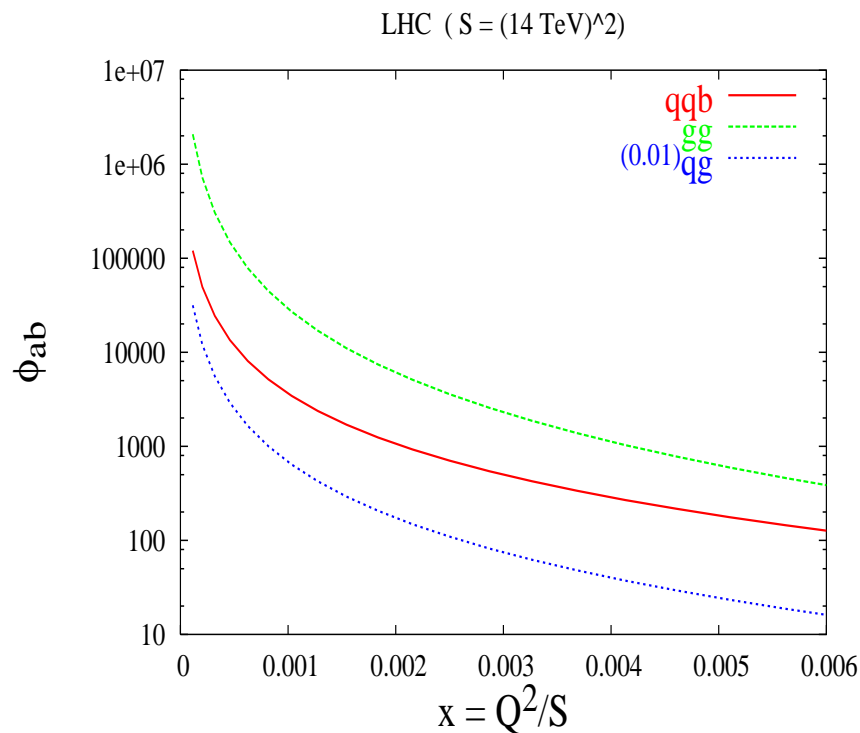
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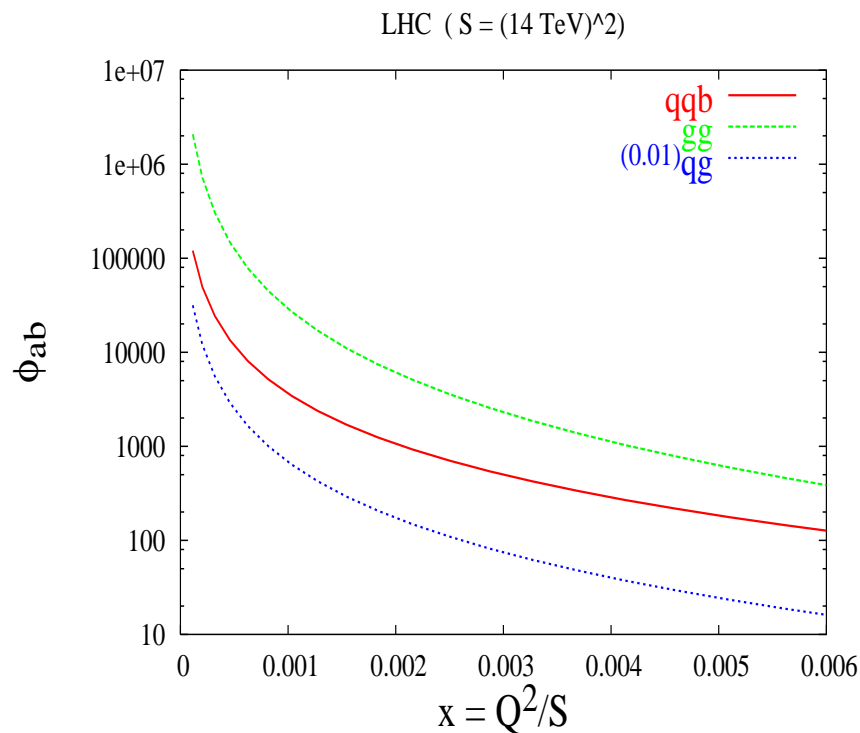
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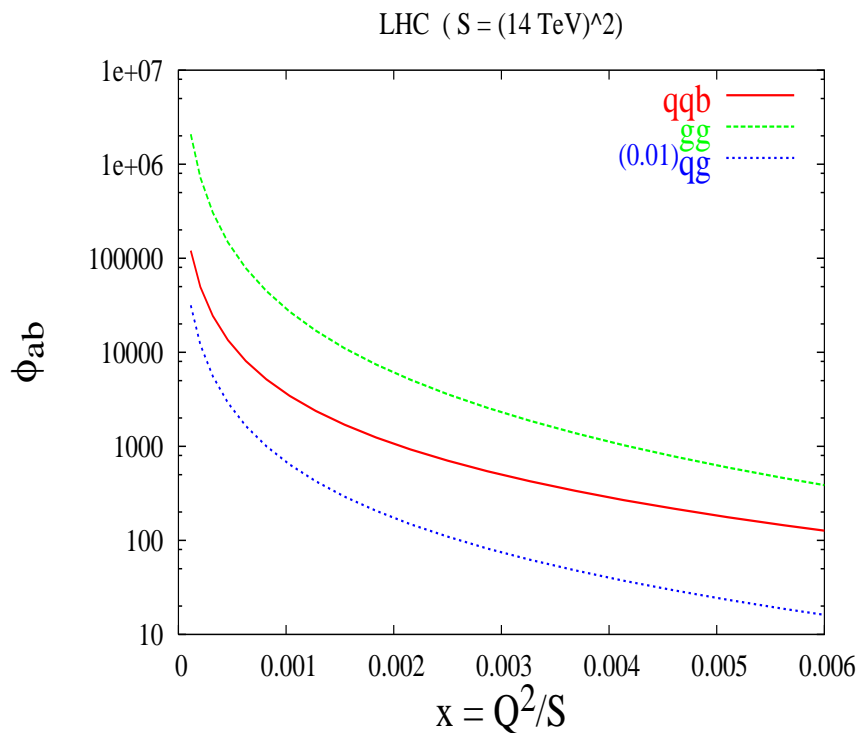
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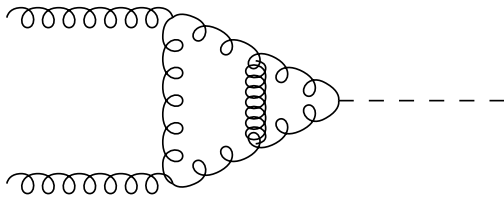
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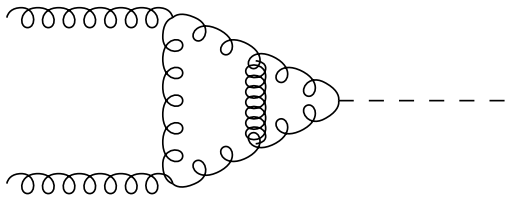
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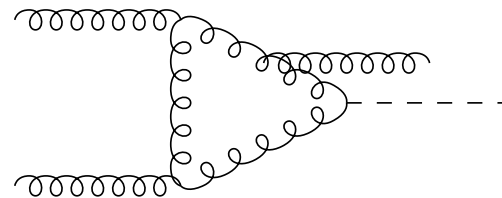
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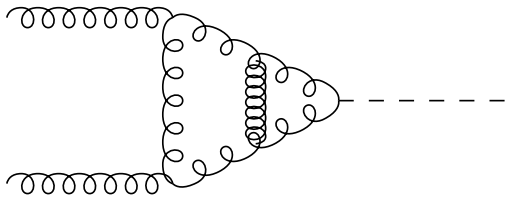


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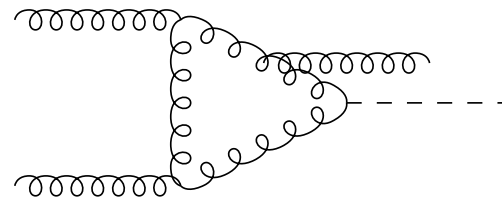
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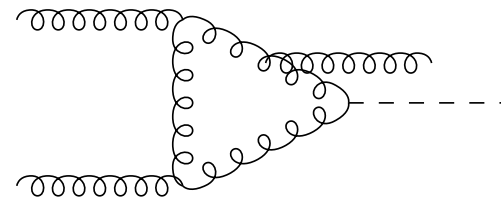
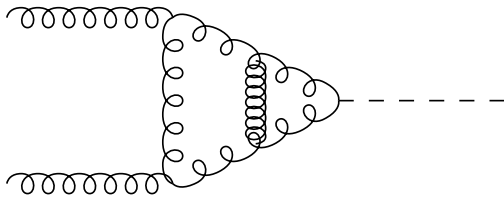
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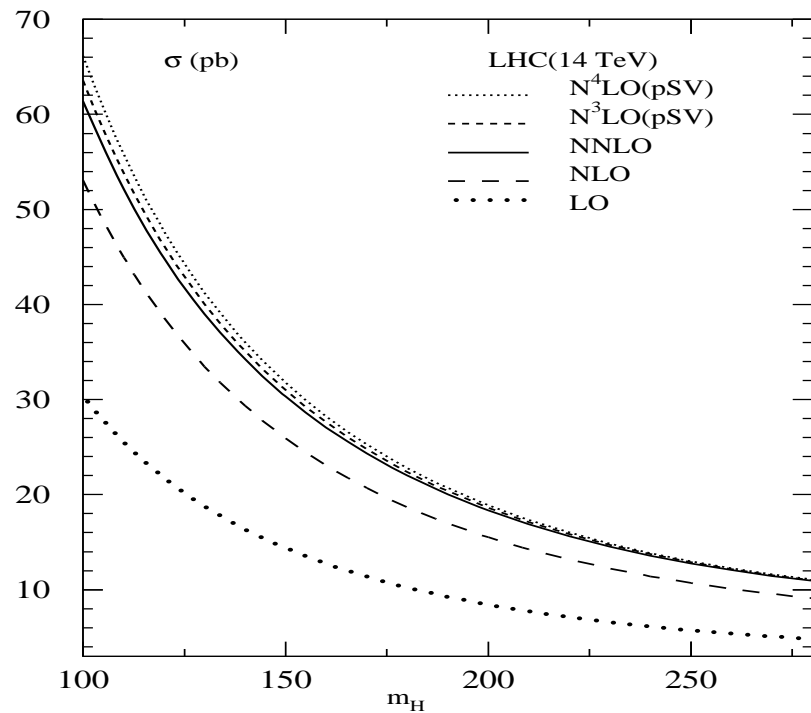
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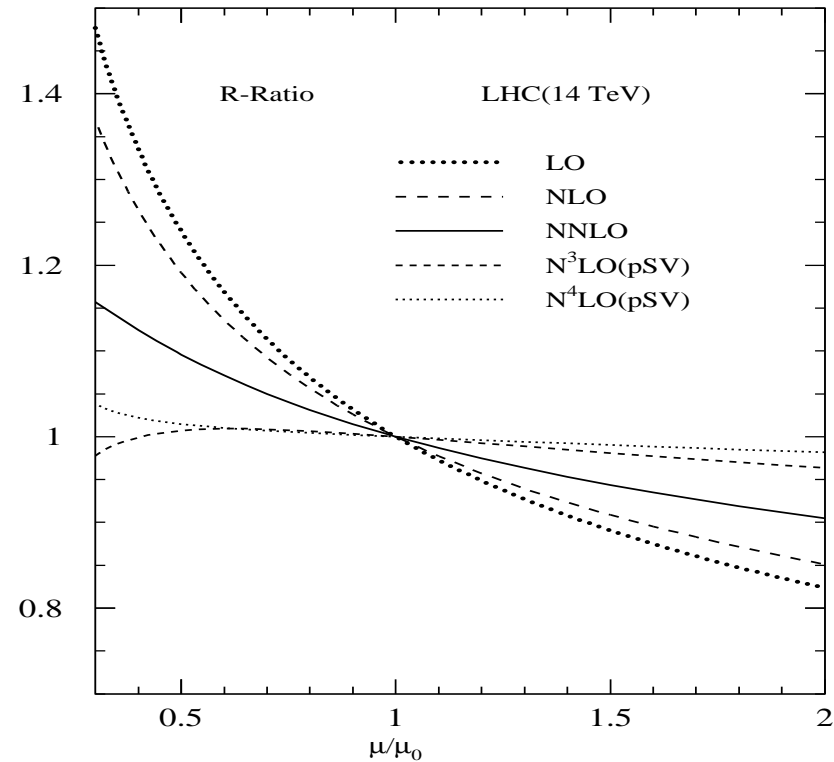
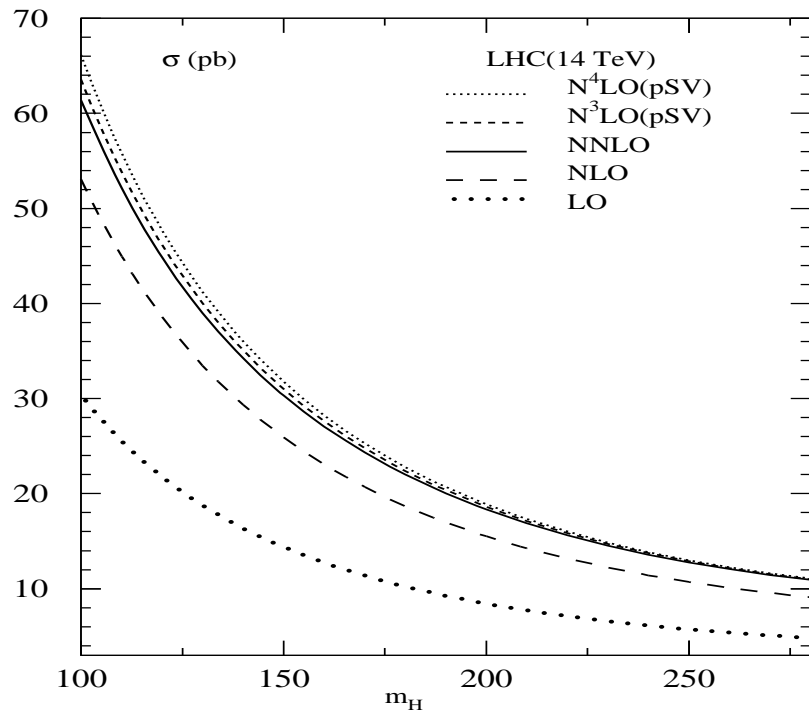




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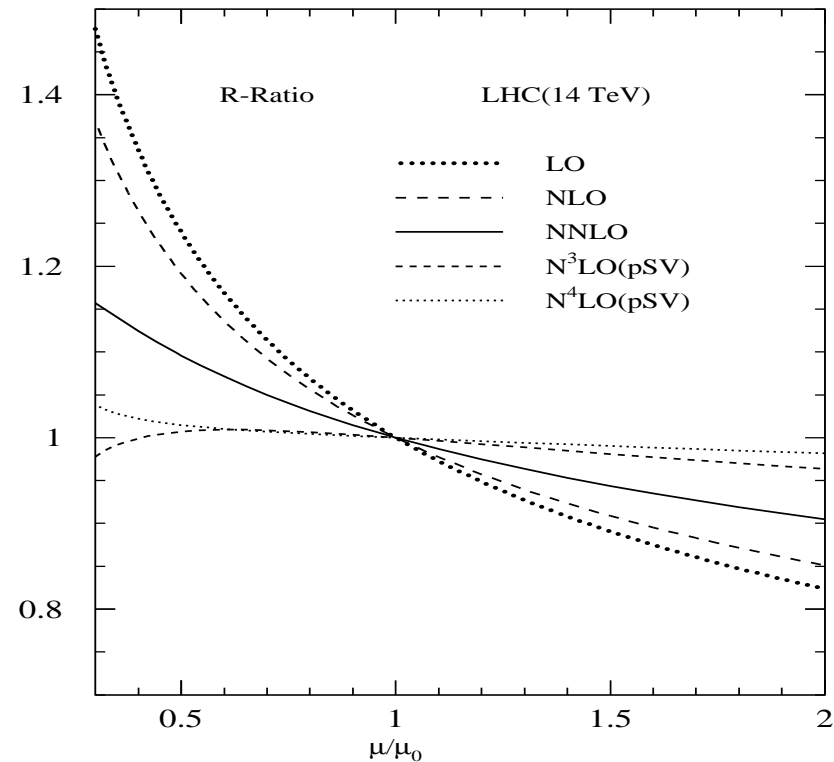
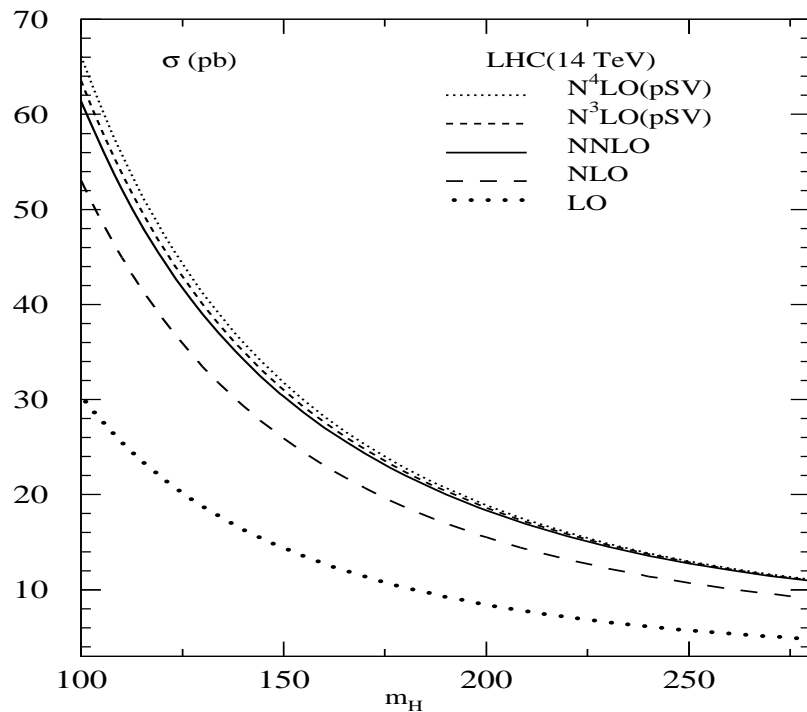
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Here,  $\mu_R$  is the renormalisation scale and  $\mu_F$  the factorisation scale.

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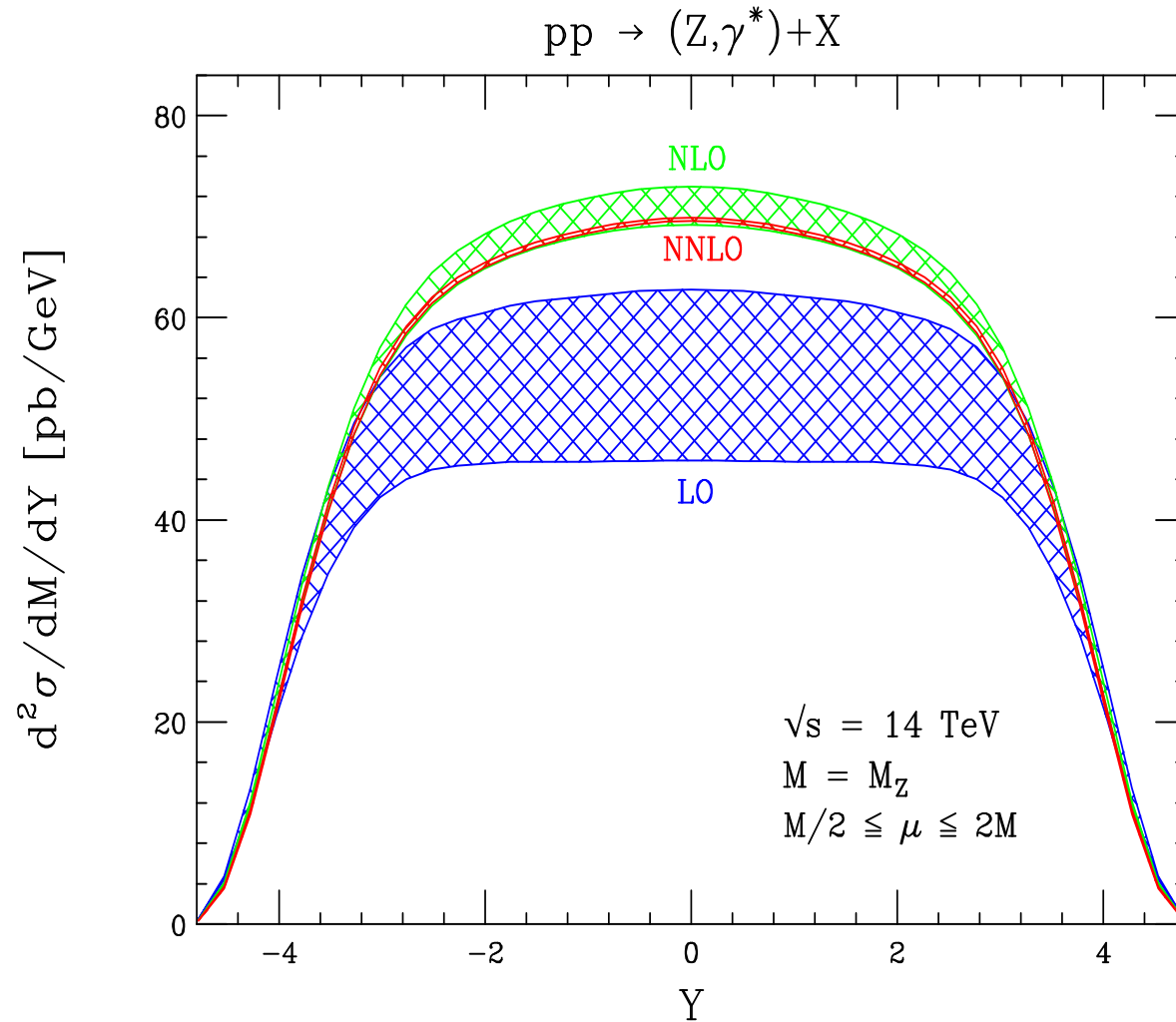
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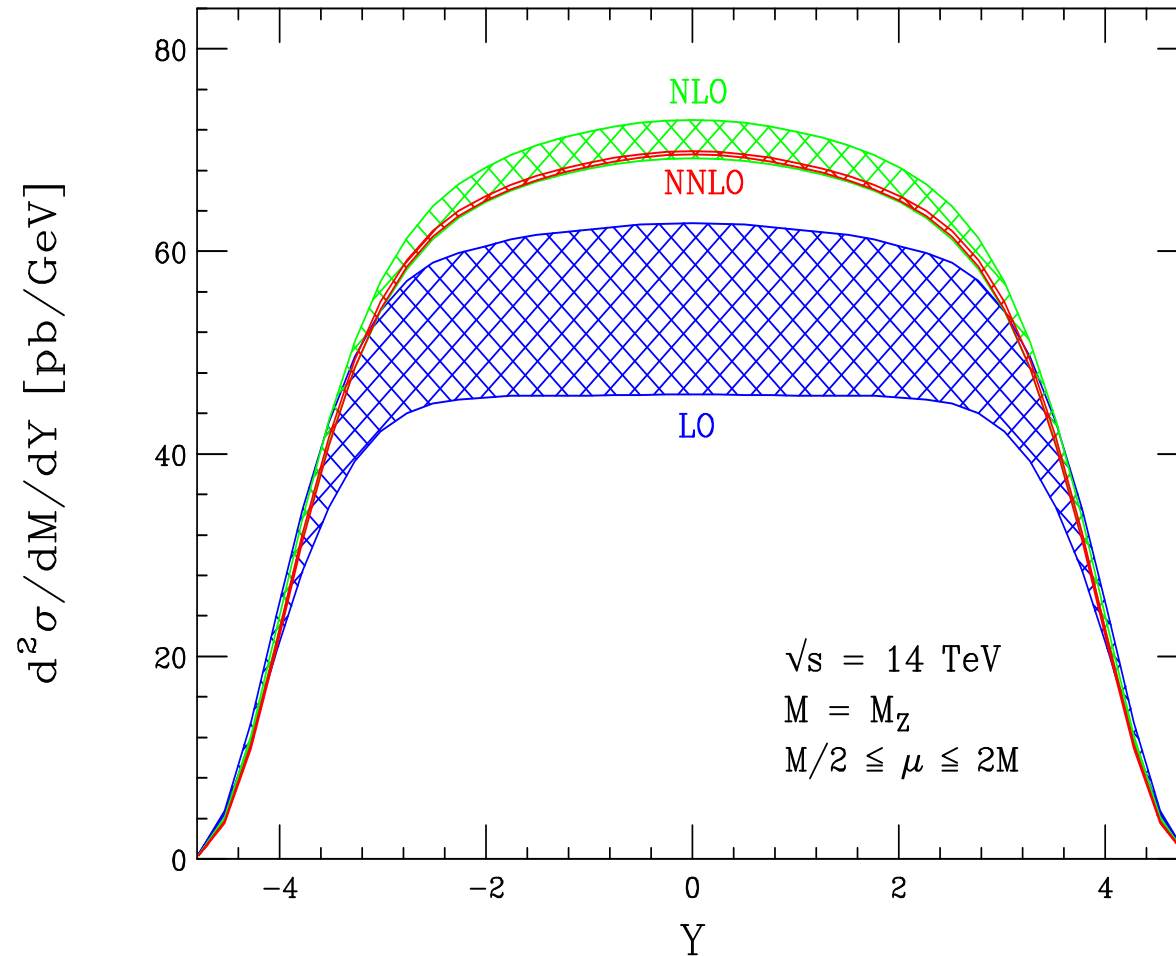
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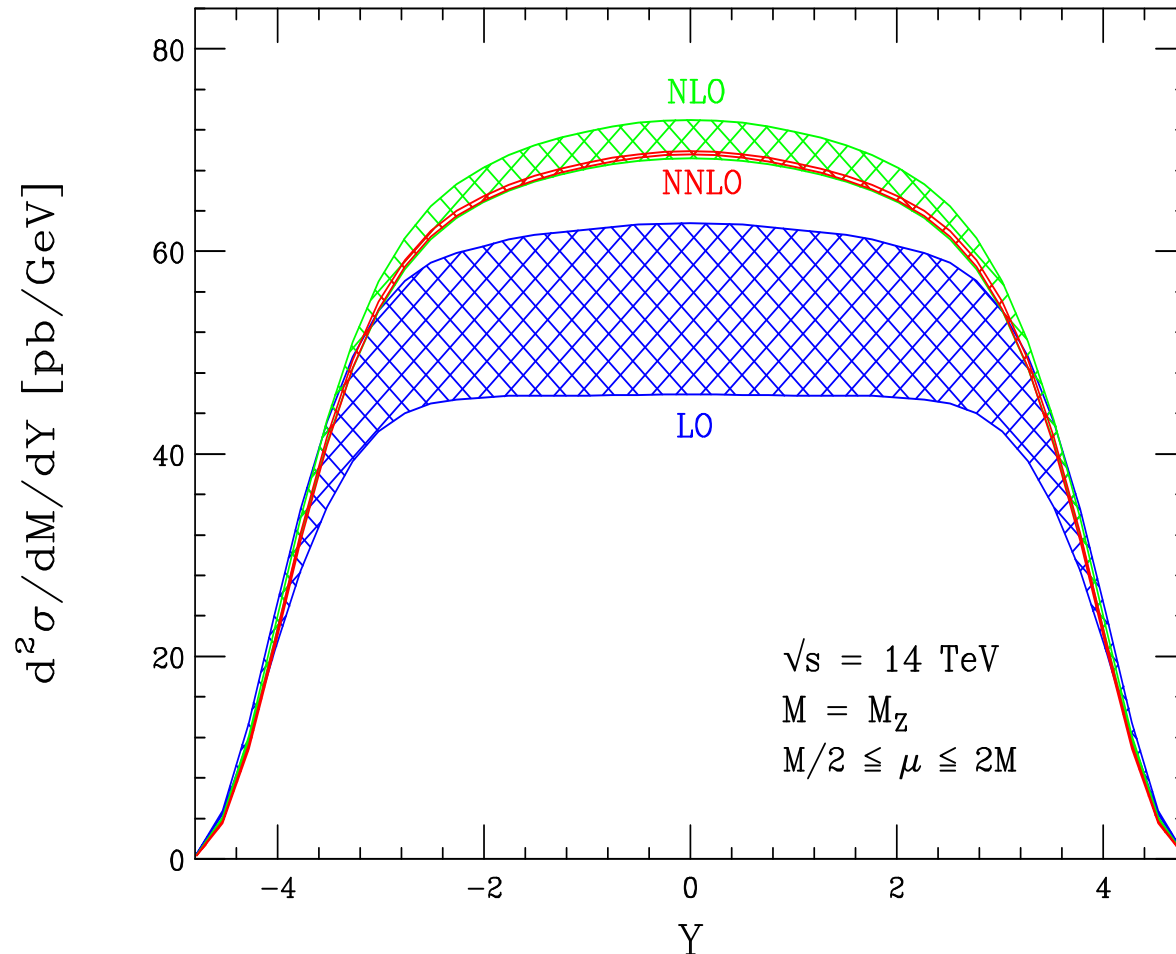


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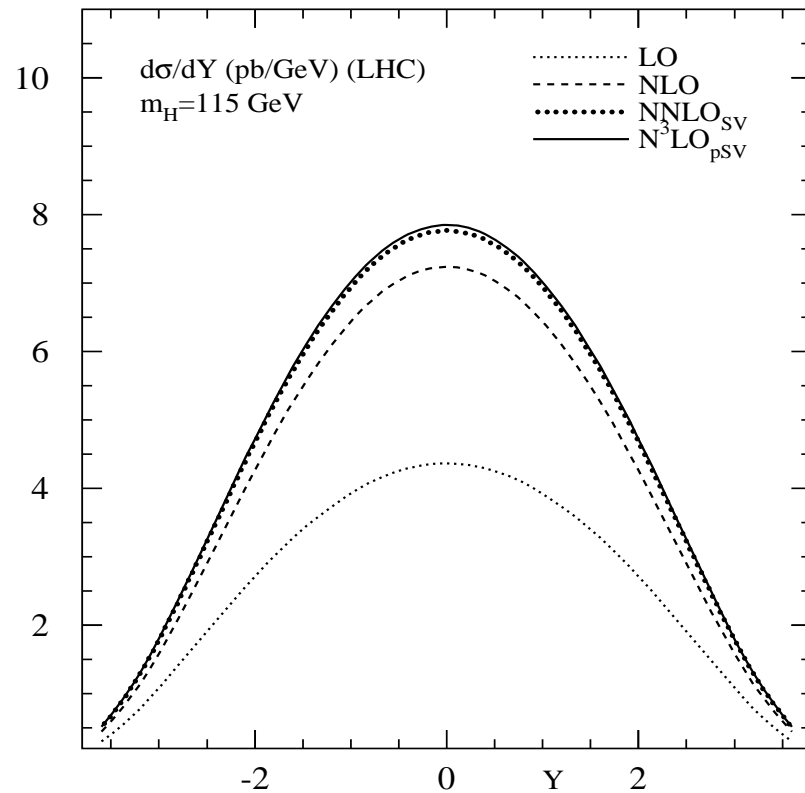
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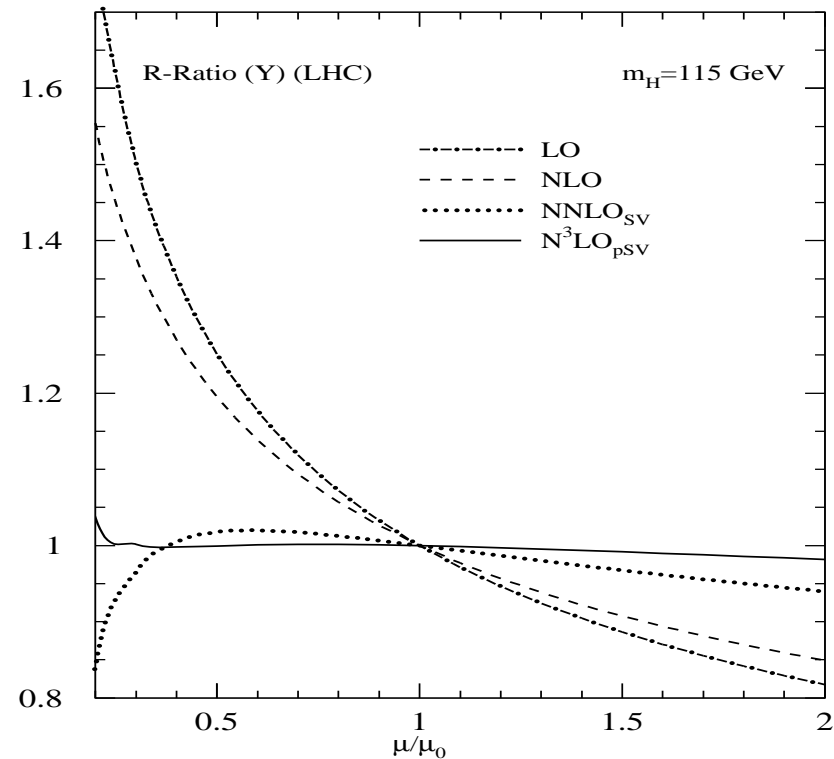
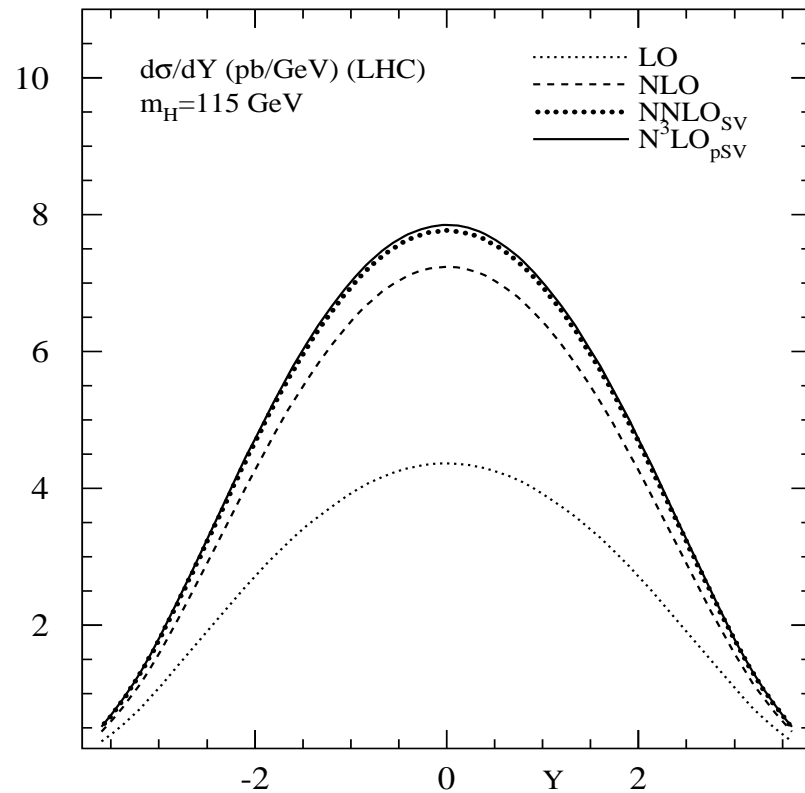
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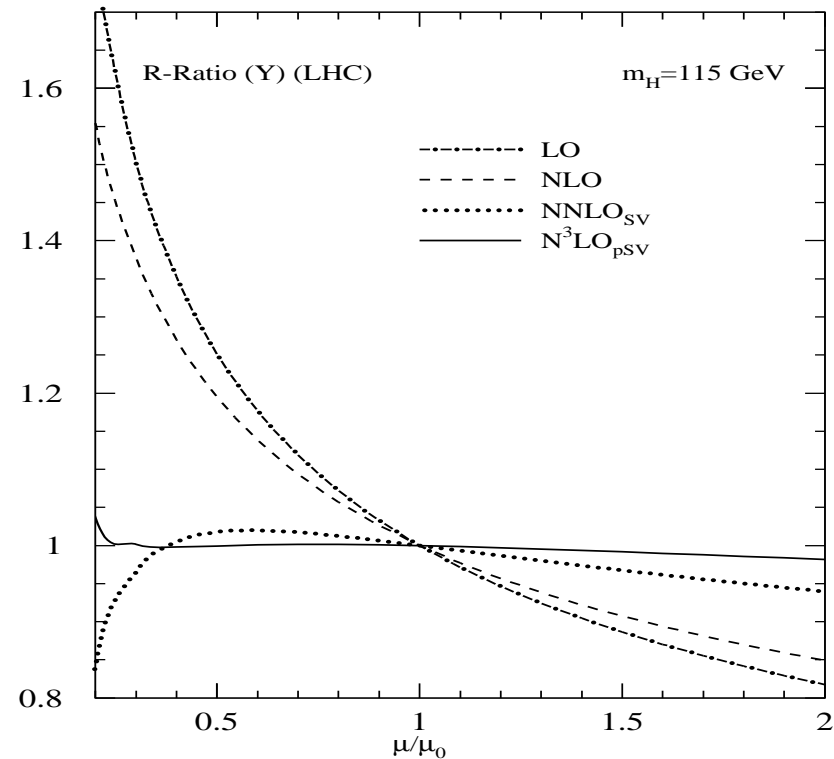
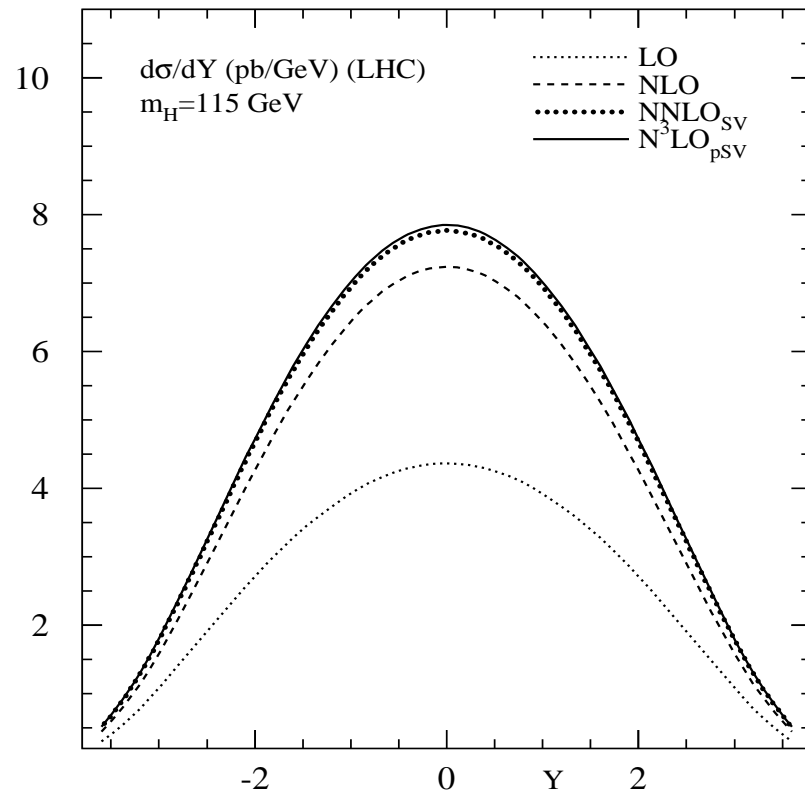




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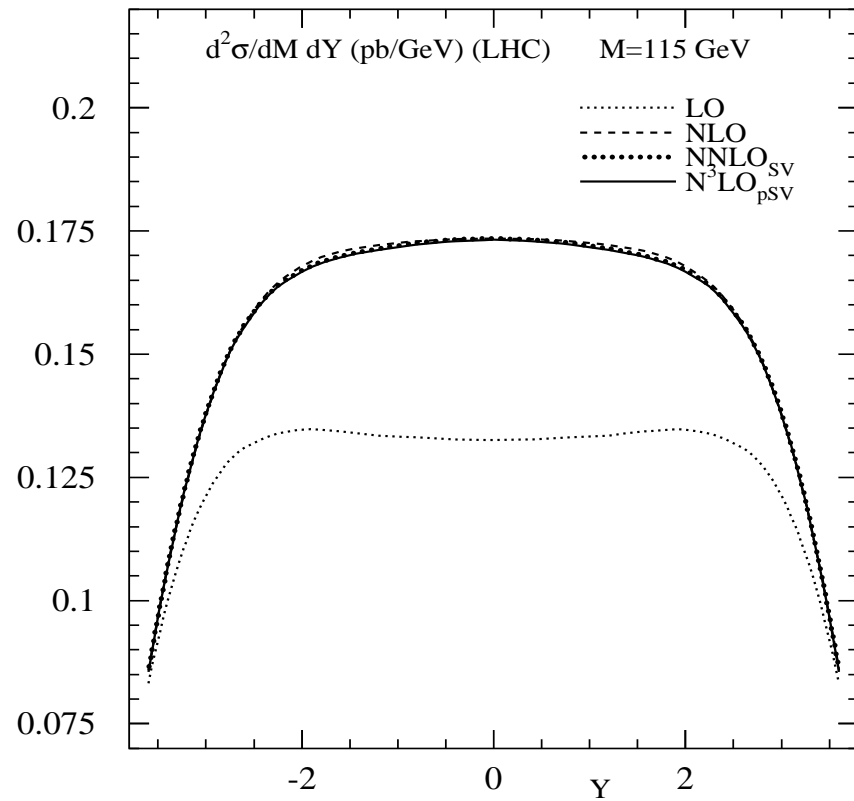
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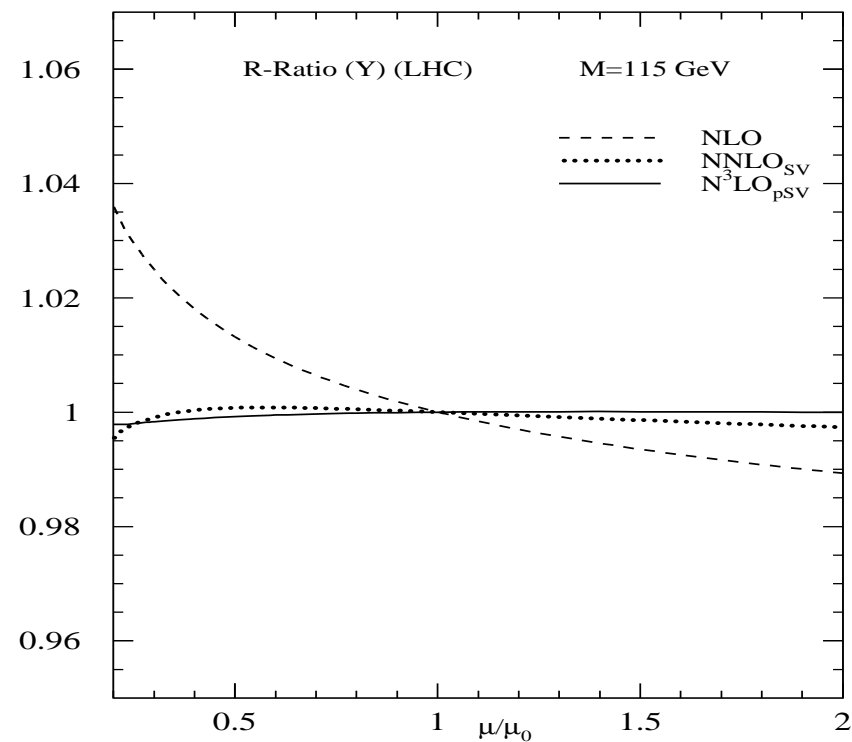
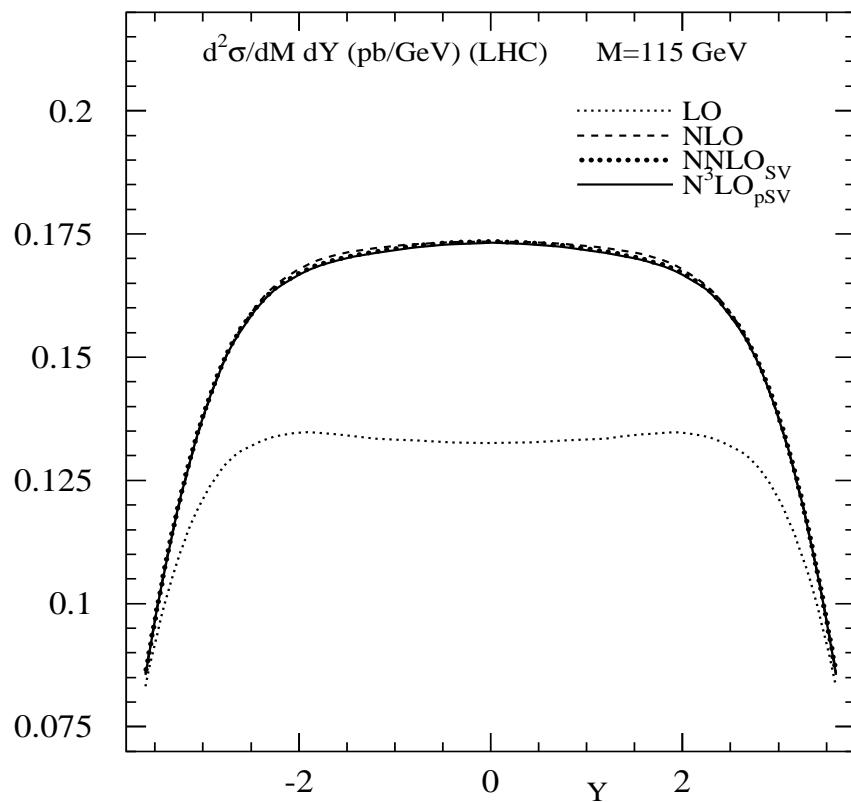
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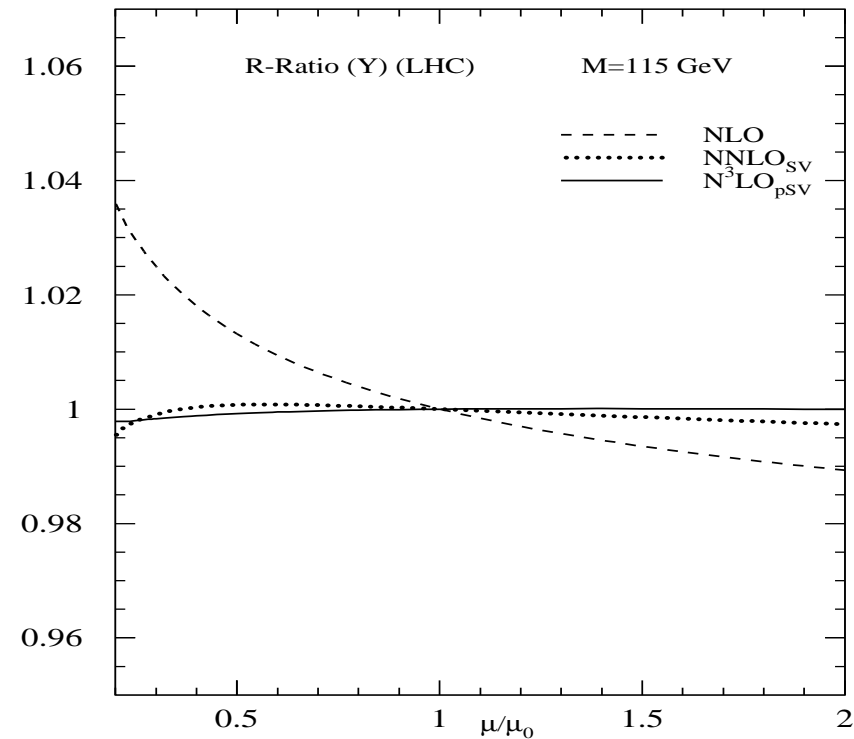
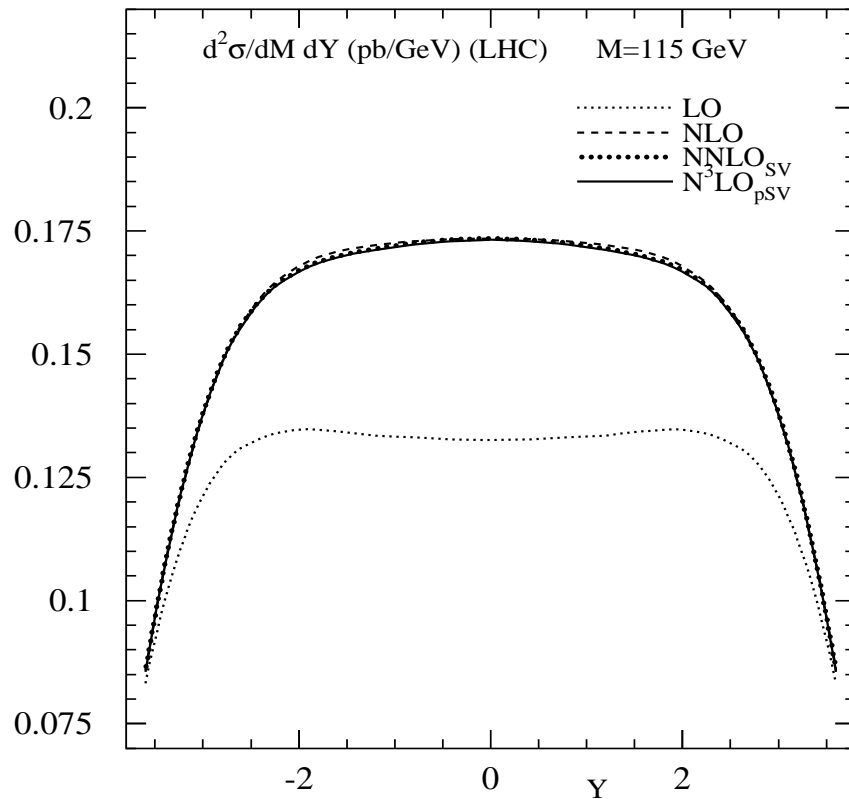
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