

# NNLO QCD results for diphoton production at the LHC and the Tevatron

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-  Universal Extra Dimensions
-  Randall-Sundrum ED
-  Supersymmetry
-  New heavy resonances

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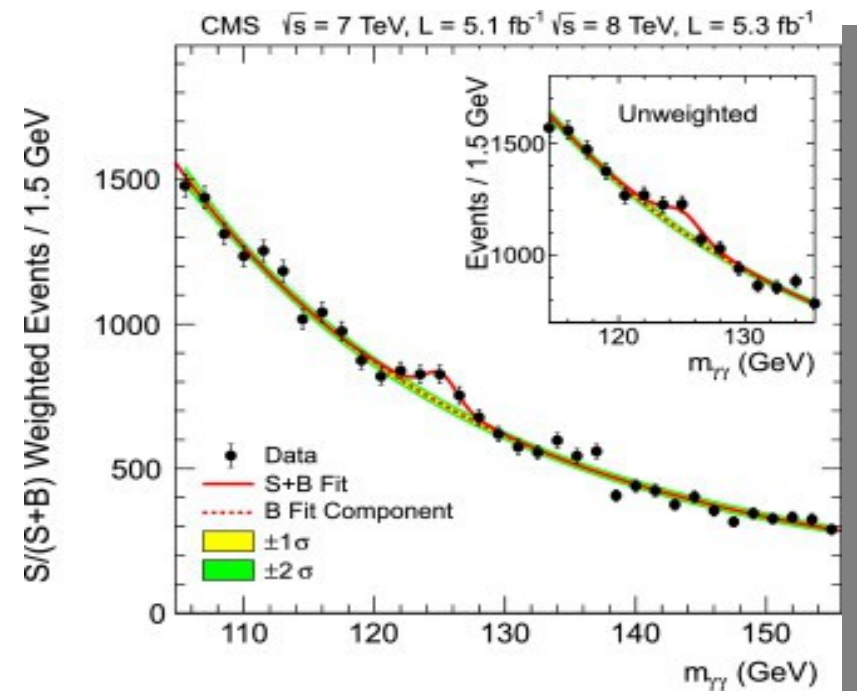
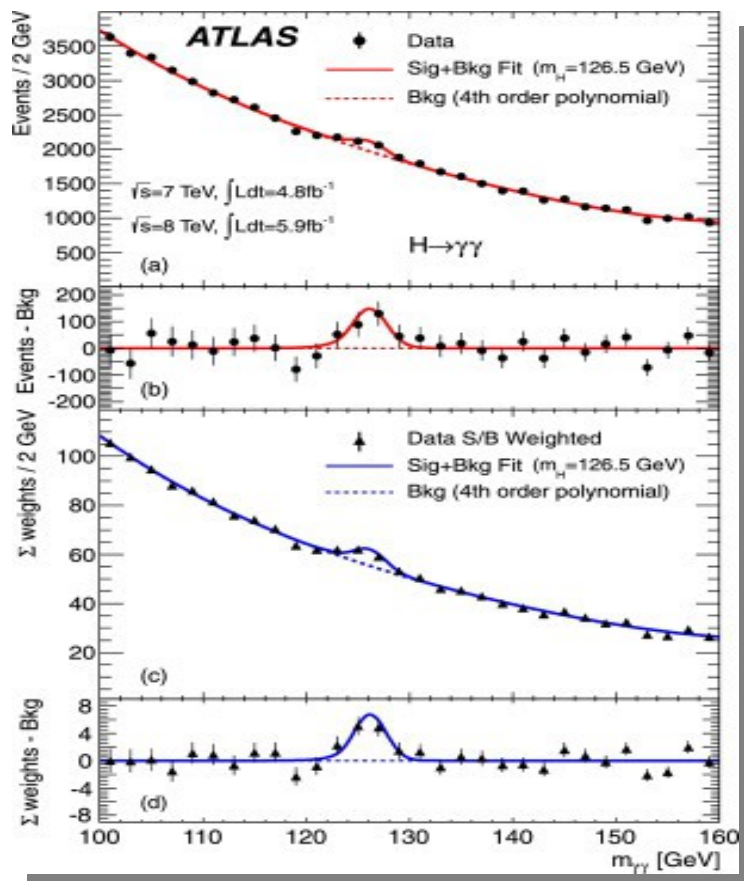
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 **Irreducible background**

 **In studies and searches for a low mass Higgs boson decaying into photon pairs**

# The search for the SM Higgs boson

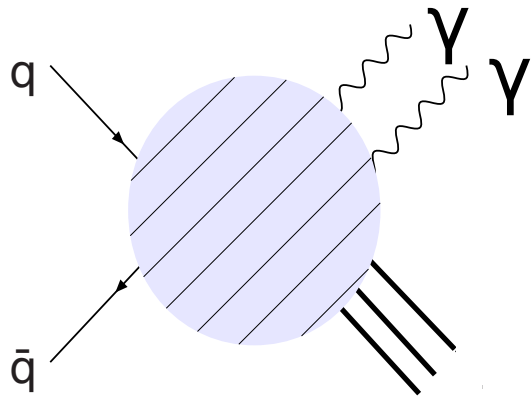
All these motivations are strengthened by the spectacular observation of a new neutral boson ( $M \sim 125$  GeV)



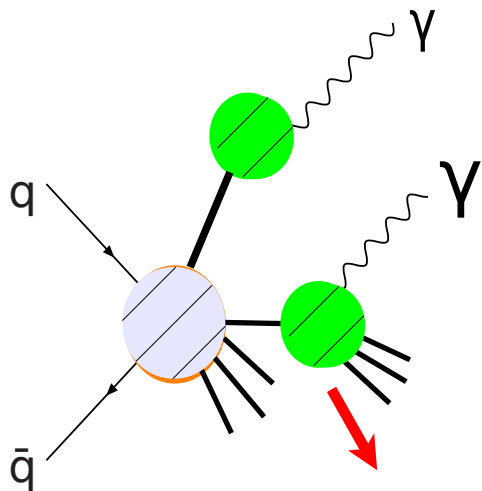
Phys.Lett. B716 (2012) 1-29 (ATLAS)  
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# Photon production

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



**Direct component:** photon directly produced through the hard interaction



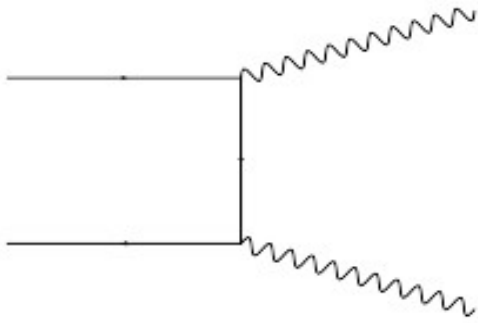
**Fragmentation component:** photon produced from non-perturbative fragmentation of a hard parton (analogously to a hadron)

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

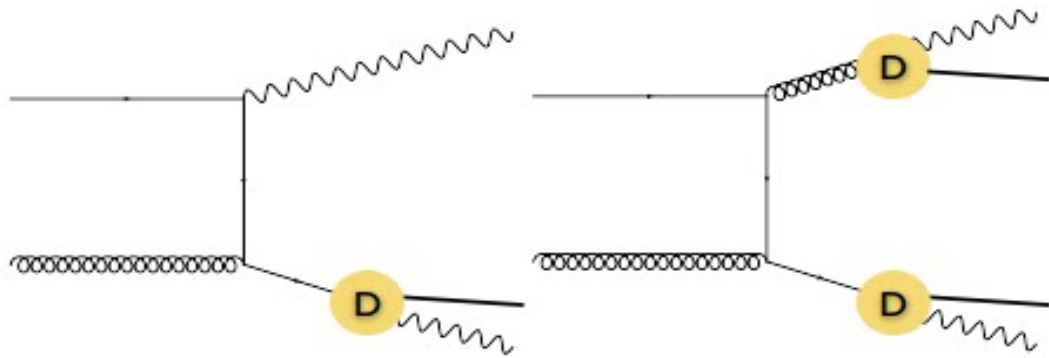
**Fragmentation function:  
to be fitted from data**

# Photon production

Two mechanisms for photon production

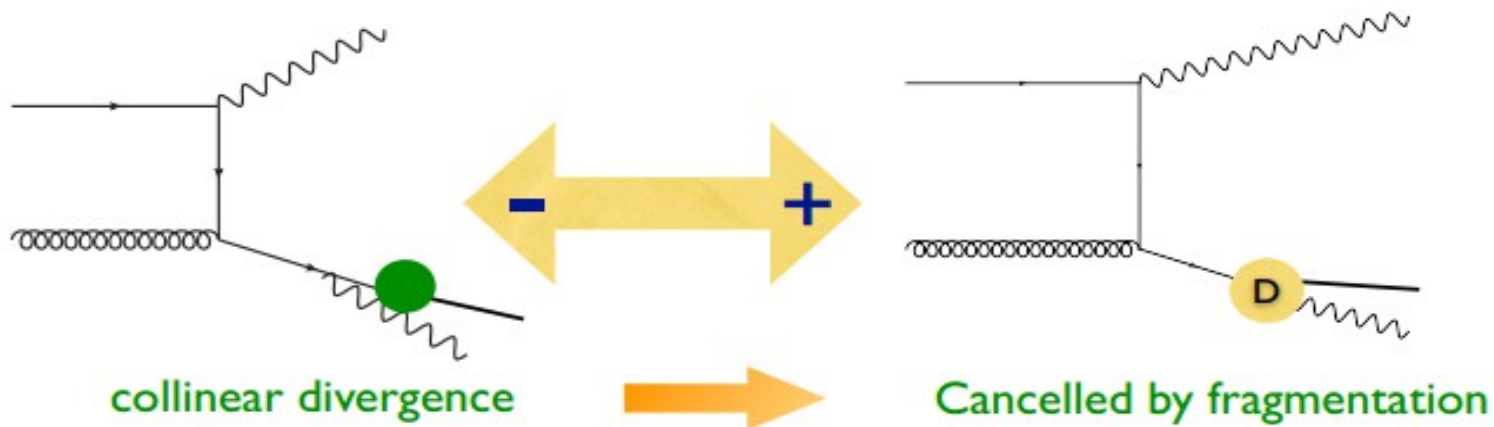


Direct (point-like)



Single and double resolved (**collinear** fragmentation)

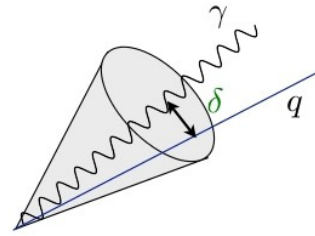
Separation between them NOT physical in general (beyond LO)



# Photon production

- Experimentally photons must be isolated
- Isolation reduces fragmentation component
- Experimentalist may choose:

$$\sum_{\delta < R_0} E_T^{had} \leq \epsilon_\gamma p_T^\gamma$$



$$\sum_{\delta < R_0} E_T^{had} \leq E_T^{max}$$

**Using conventional isolation, only the sum of the direct and fragmentation contributions is meaningful.**

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

Soft emission allowed arbitrarily close to the photon

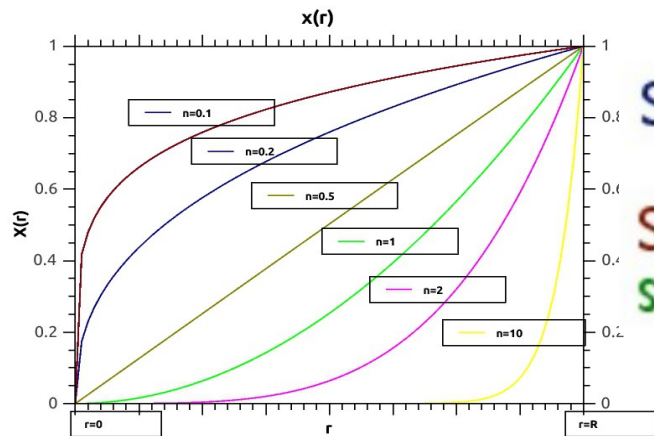
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- no fragmentation component (only direct)
- direct well defined by itself

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

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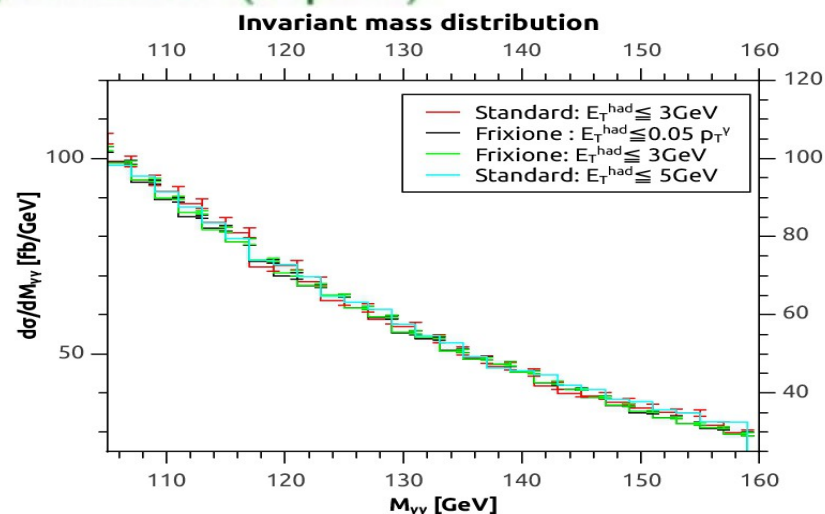
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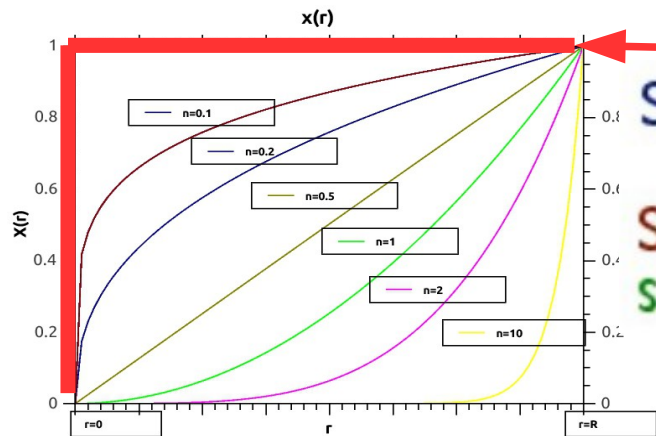
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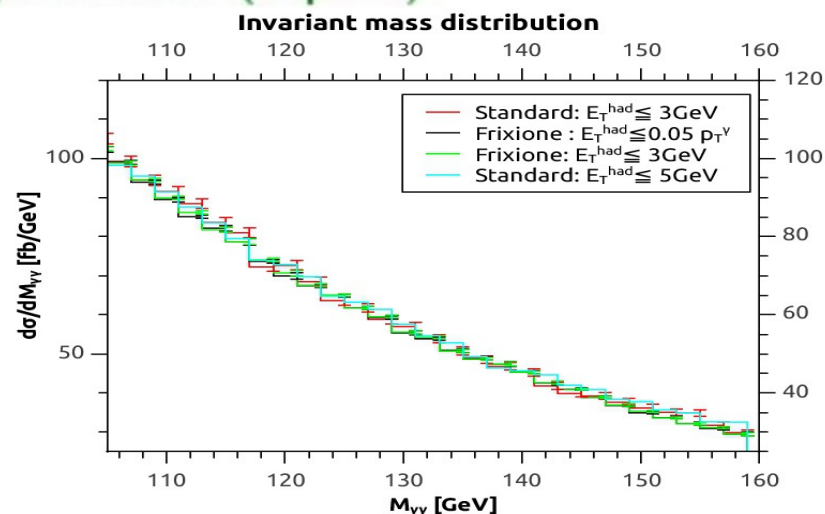
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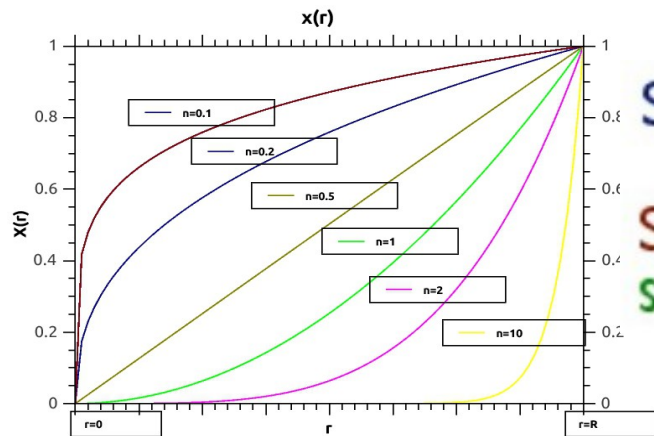
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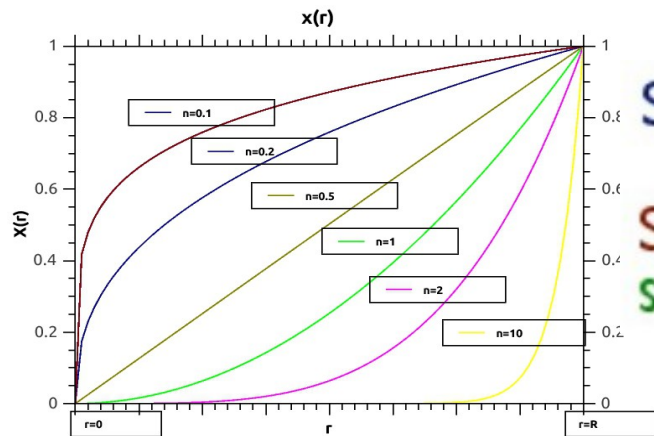
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- The smooth cone isolation criterion is more restrictive than the standard one

$$\sigma_{Frix} \{ R, E_{Tmax} \} \leq \sigma_{Stand} \{ R, E_{Tmax} \}$$

(both theoretically and experimentally)





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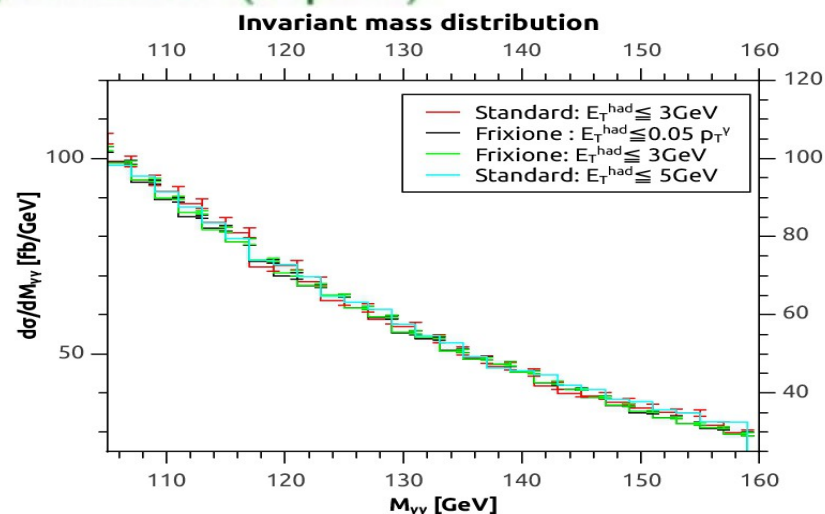
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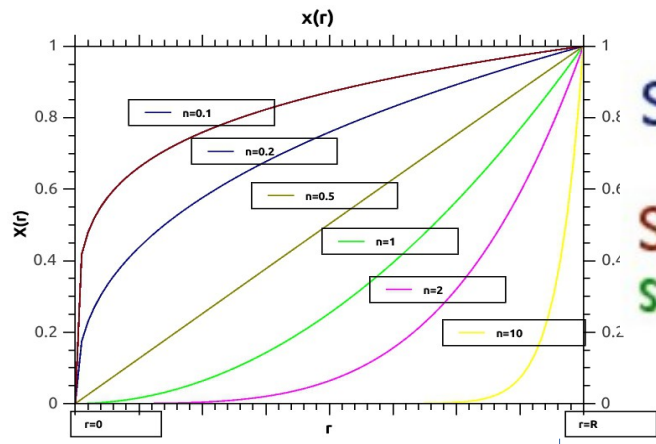
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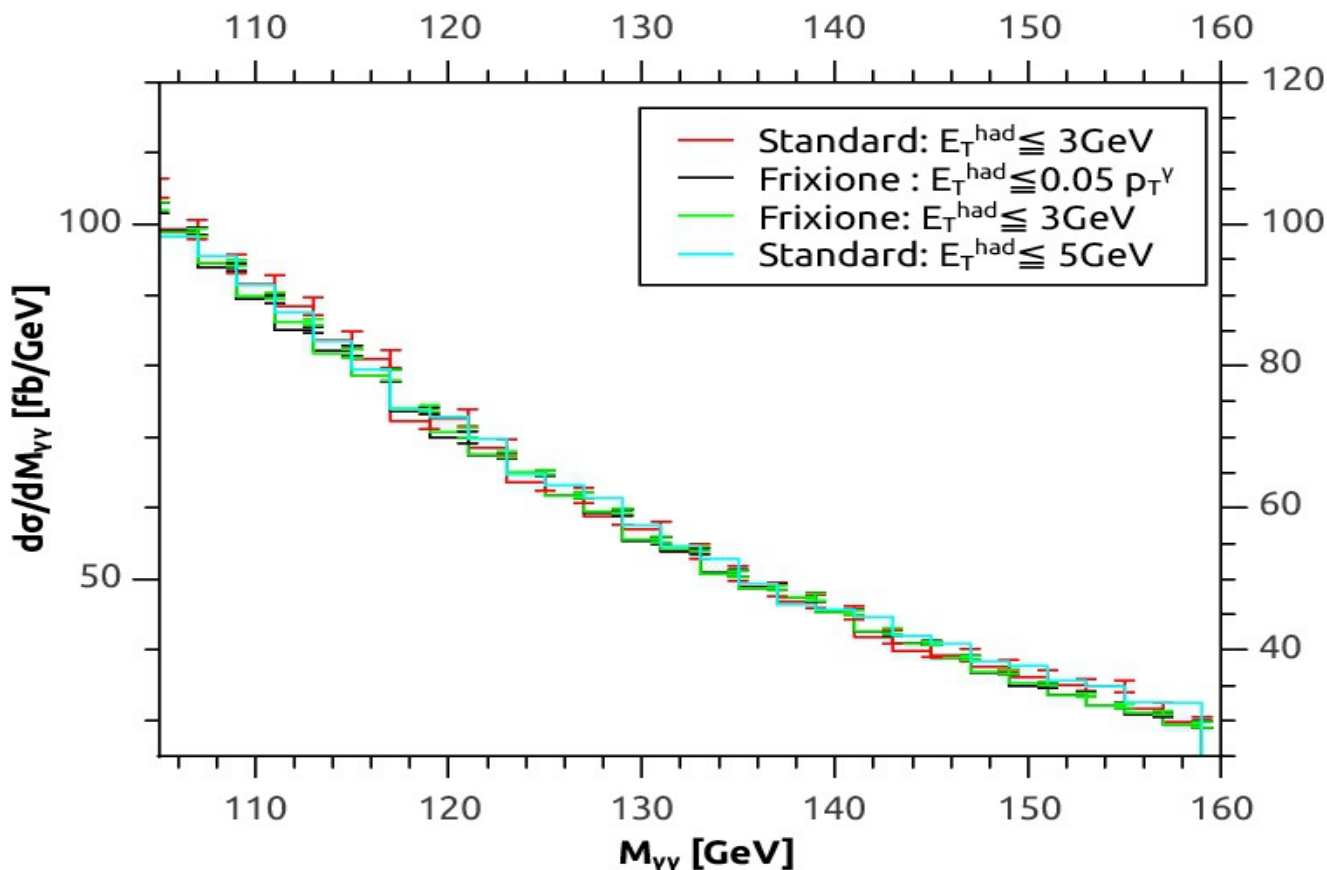
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But the effects of the fragmentation could appear strongly in kinematical regions far away from the back-to-back configuration.....

The calculation of fragmentation contributions is very difficult:

We can find calculations in which the fragmentation component is considered at one perturbative level less, than the direct component.

For the next slides:

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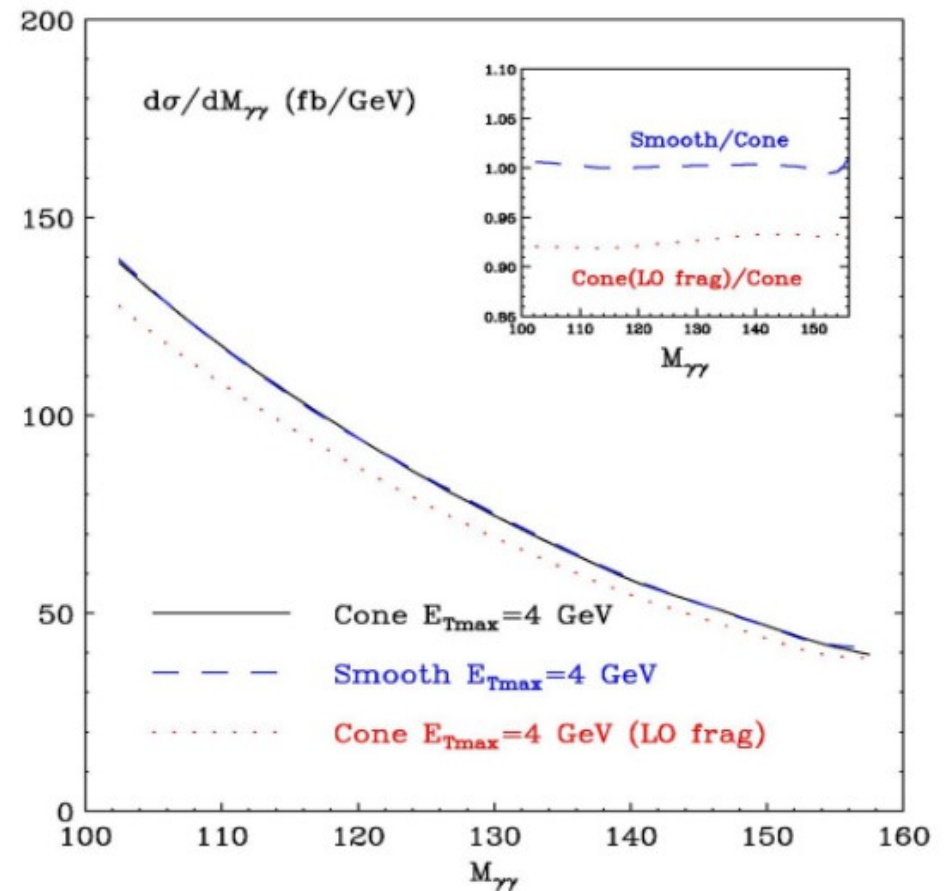
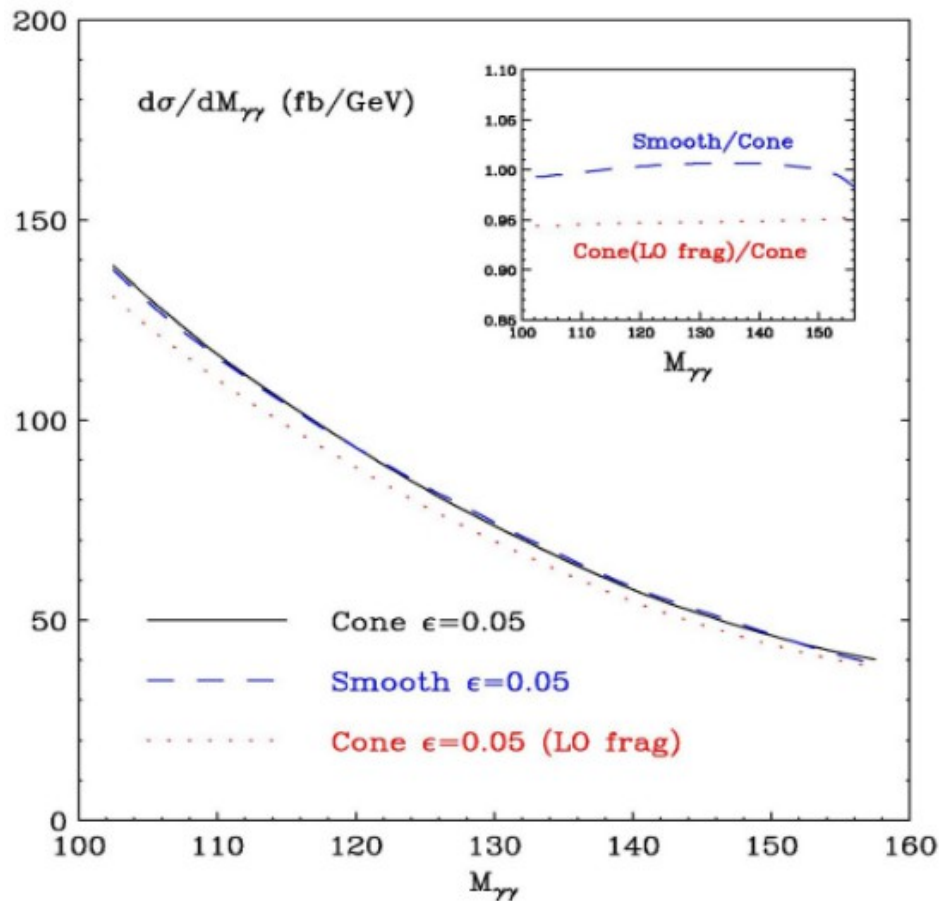
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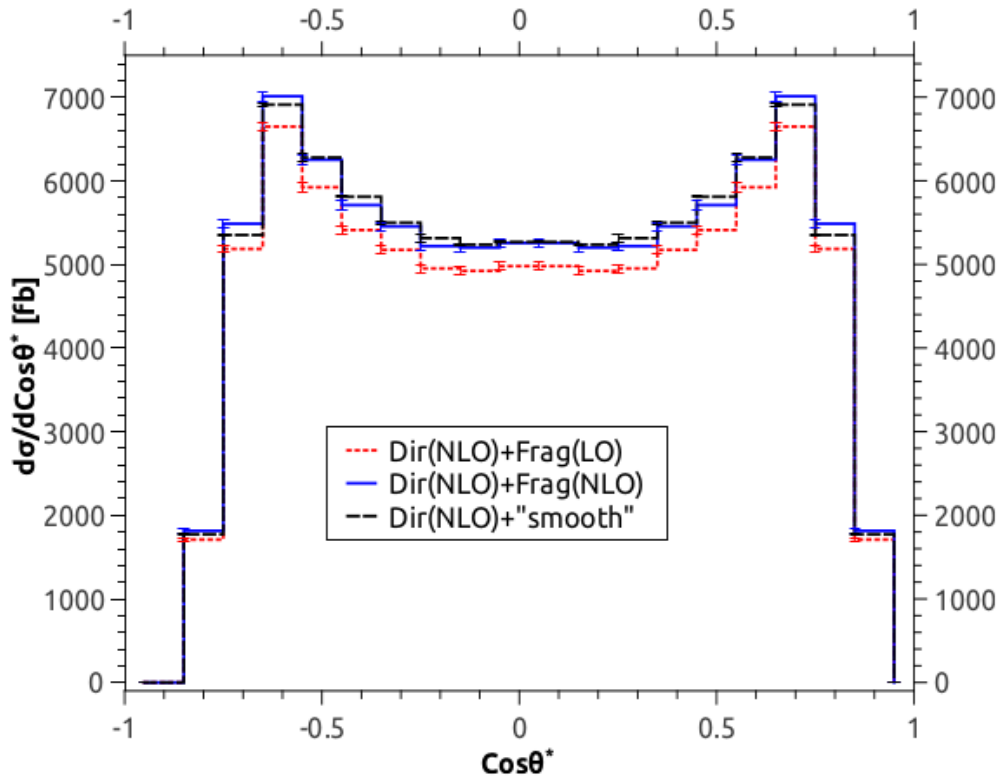
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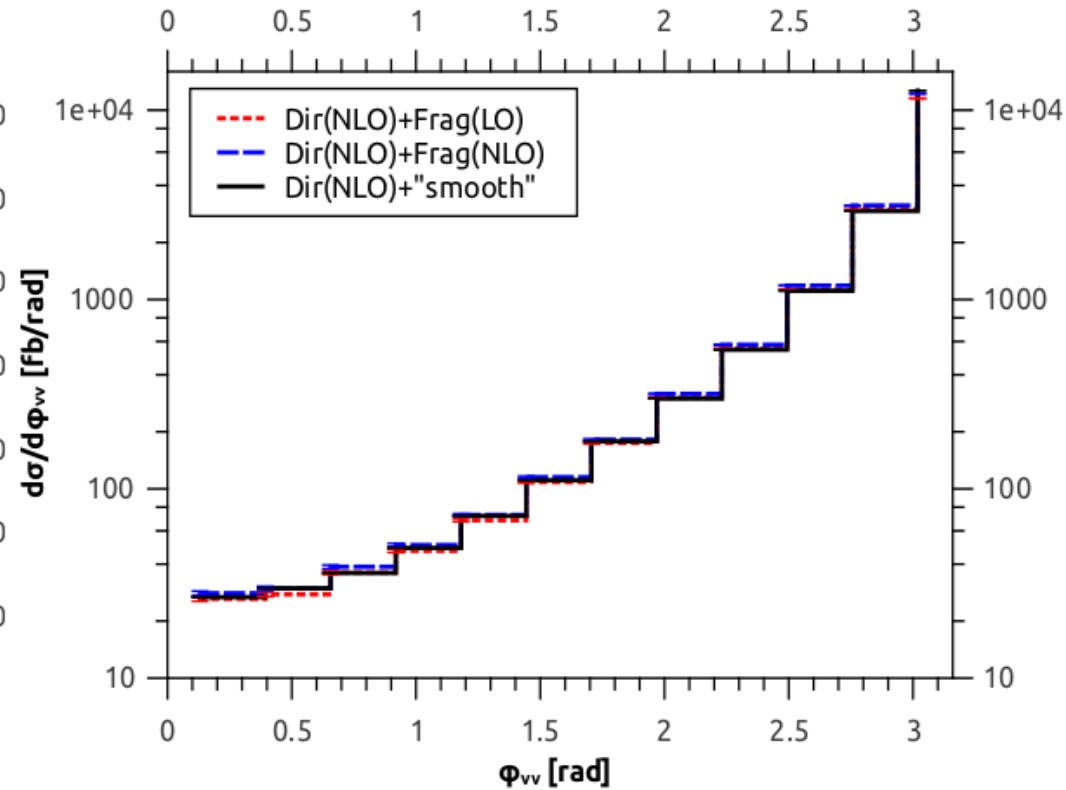
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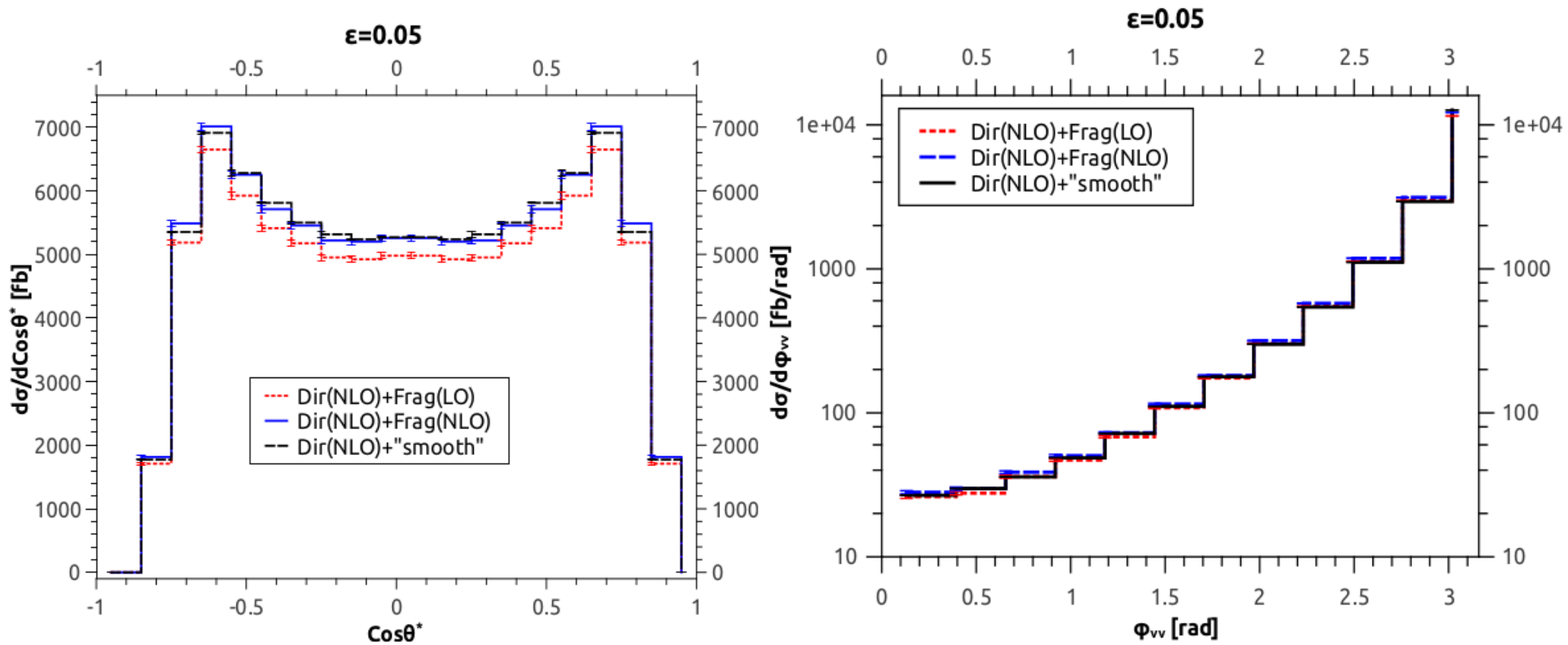




# Same feature for all distributions

Smooth cone @NLO ~ Cone @ NLO 1-2% level

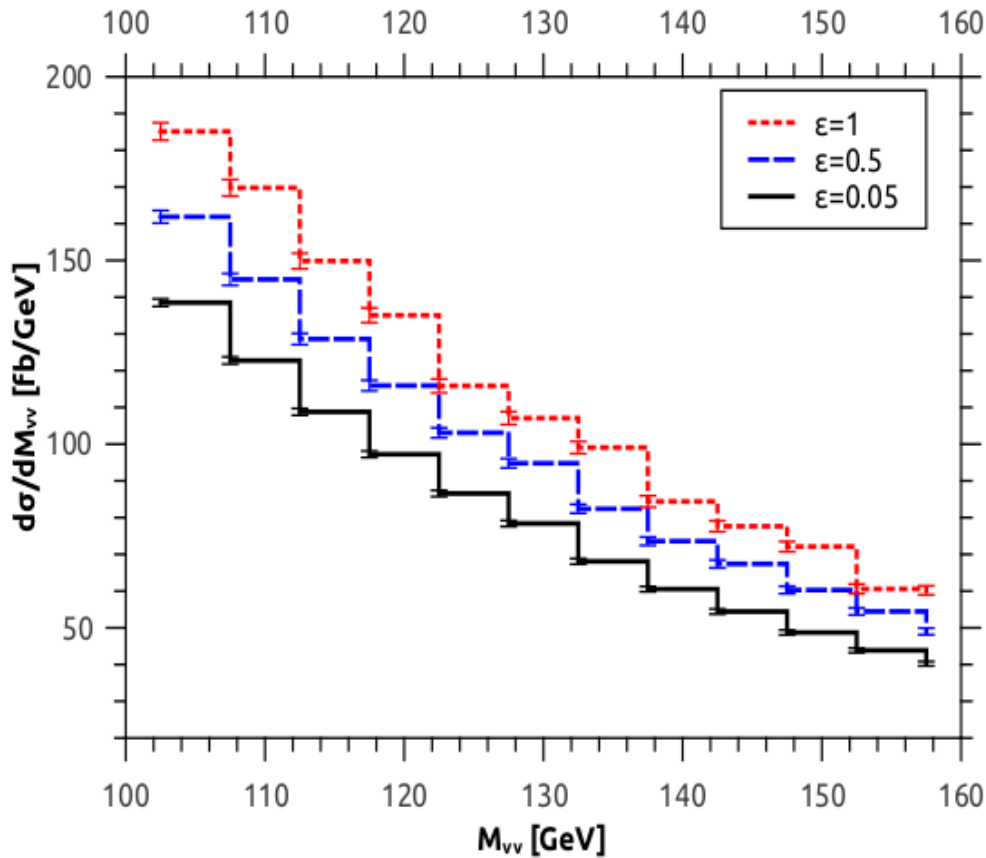
Cone + LO fragmentation component worse than 5%



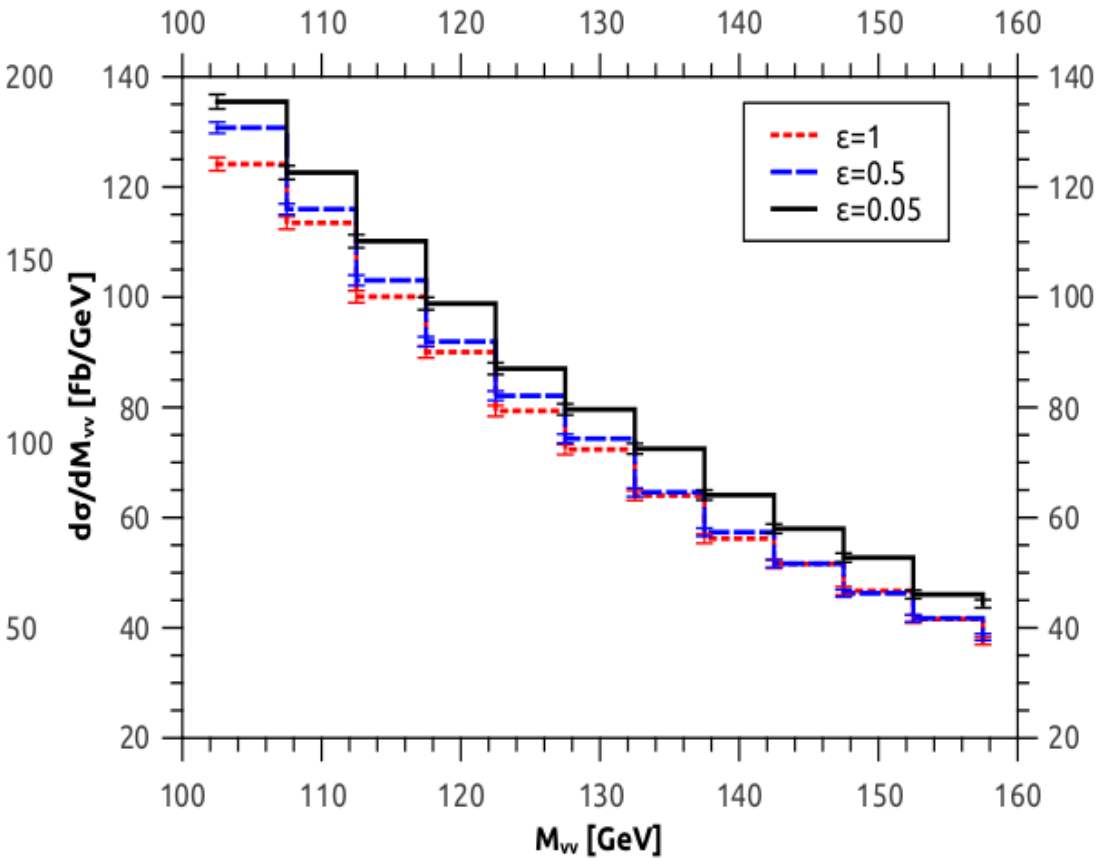
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Tighter criteria

Direct component increasing



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Estimate TH isolation uncertainties using different profiles in smooth cone

While the definition of “tight enough” might slightly depend on the particular observable (that can always be checked by a lowest order calculation), our analysis shows that at the LHC isolation parameters as  $E_T^{max} \leq 5$  GeV (or  $\epsilon < 0.1$ ),  $R \sim 0.4$  and  $R_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 0.4$  are safe enough to proceed.

This procedure would allow to extend available NLO calculations to one order higher (NNLO) for a number of observables, since the direct component is always much simpler to evaluate than the fragmentation part, which identically vanishes under the smooth cone isolation.



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Considering that NNLO corrections are of the order of 50% for diphoton cross sections and a few 100% for some distributions in extreme kinematical configurations, it is far better accepting a few % error arising from the isolation (less than the size of the expected NNNLO corrections and within any estimate of TH uncertainties!) than neglecting those huge QCD effects towards some “more pure implementation” of the isolation prescription.

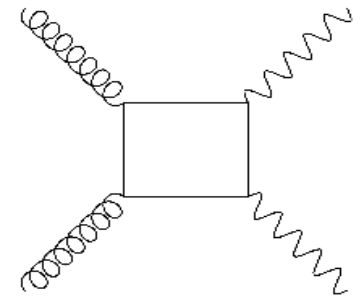
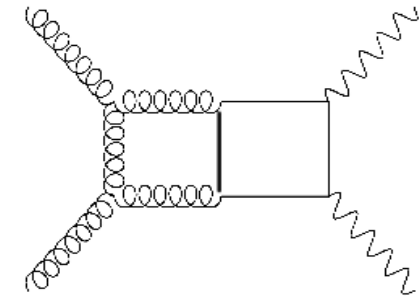
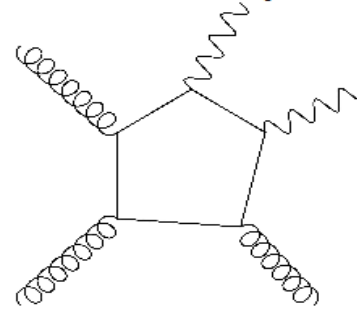
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+ MC generators : Herwig, Pythia, **SHERPA**

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

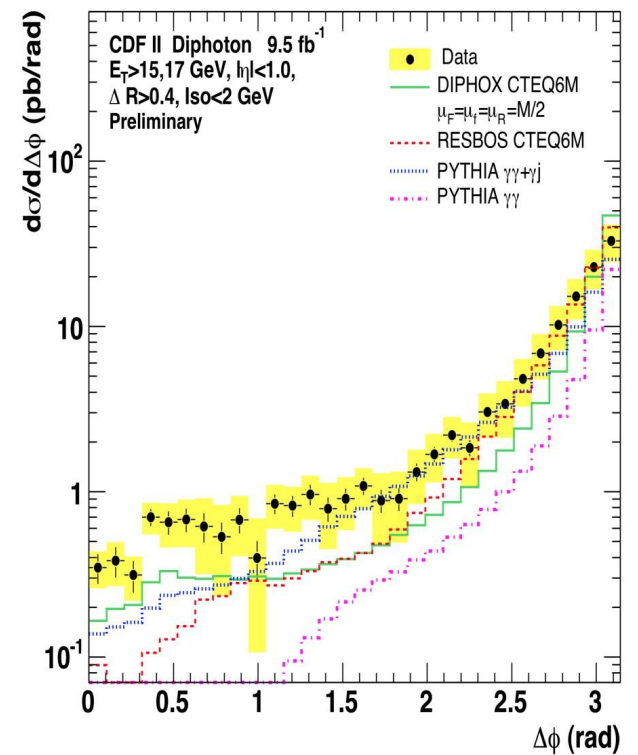
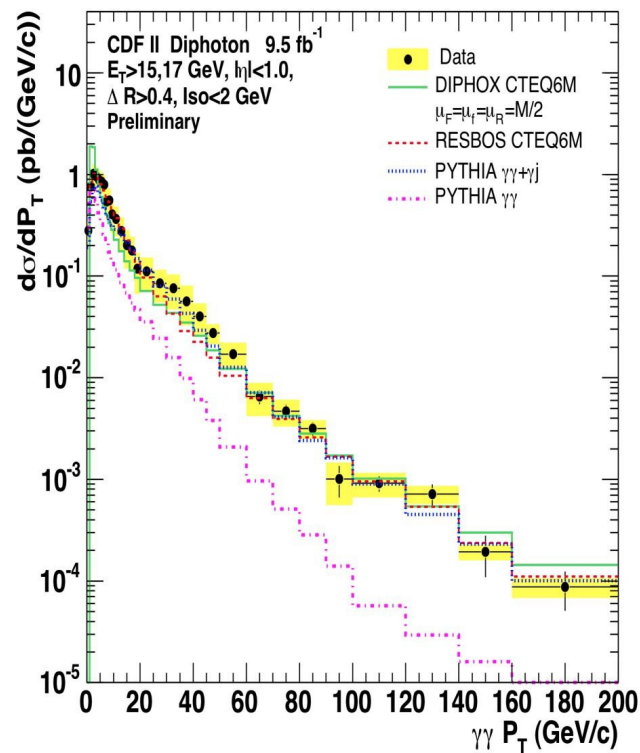
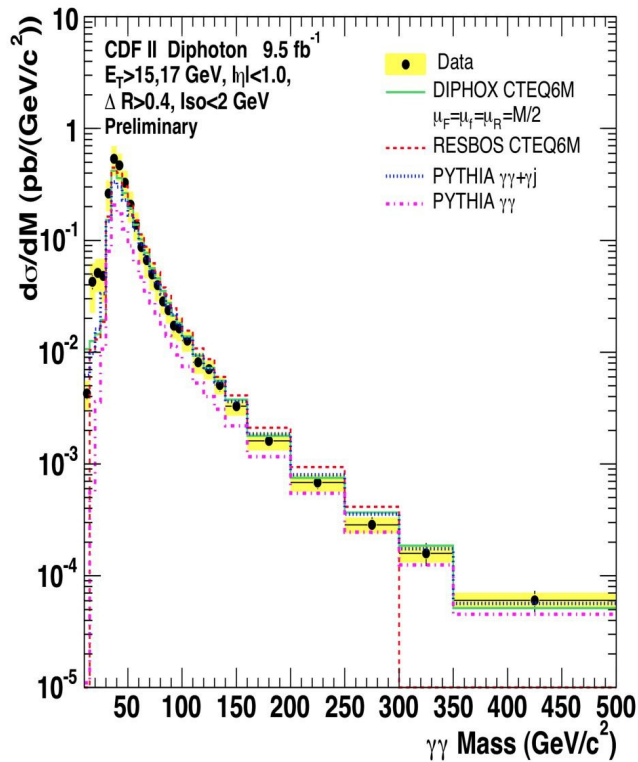
📍 **Azimuth separation for diphoton production**

📍 **Low mass region of the invariant mass distribution**

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



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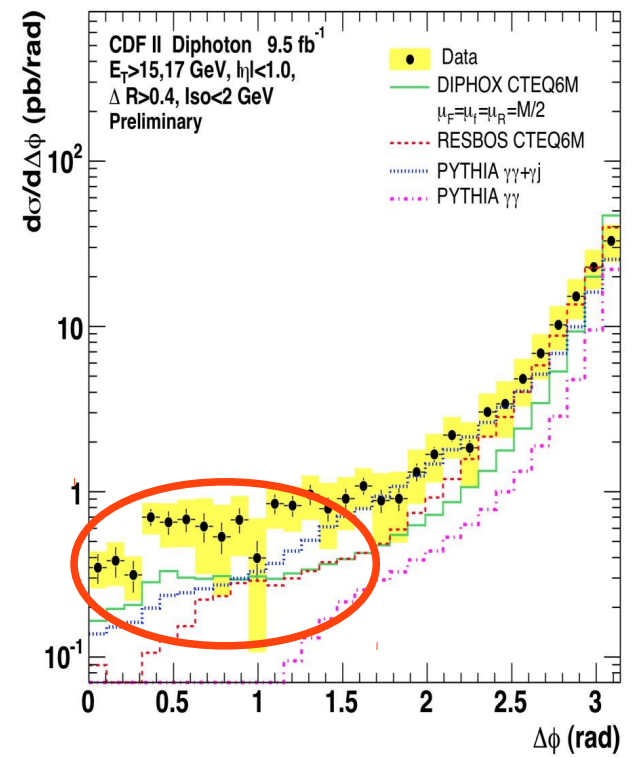
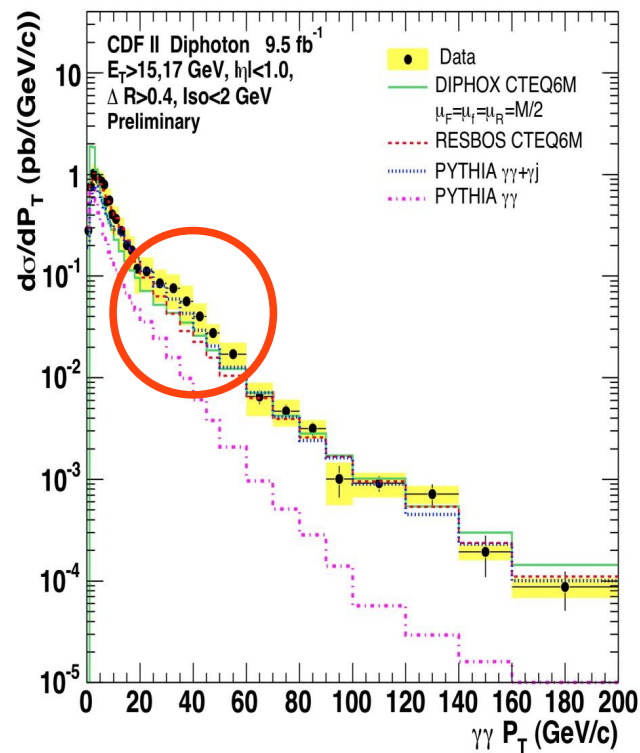
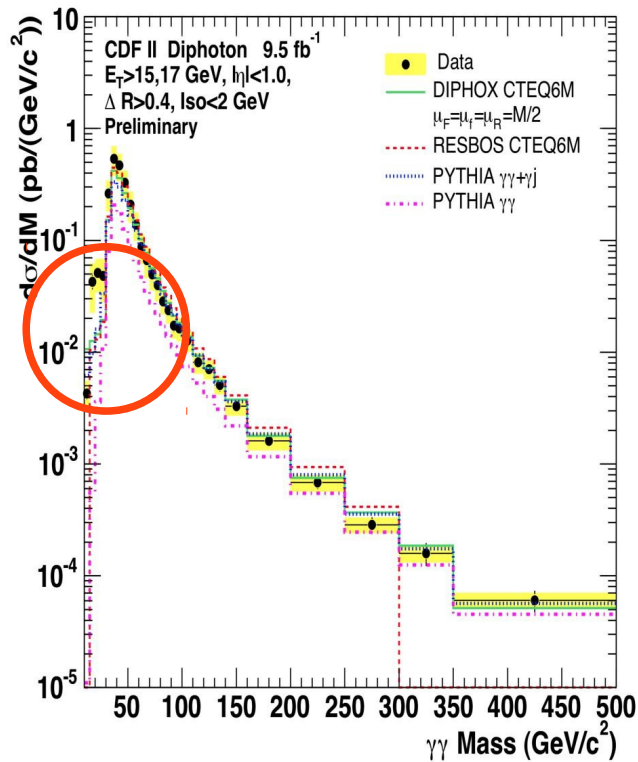


- Good agreement between data and theory for  $M_{\gamma\gamma} > 30 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

- Resummation important
- Fragmentation causes excess of data over theory for  $P_T(\gamma\gamma) = 20 - 50 \text{ GeV}/c$  (the “Guillet shoulder”)

- Resummation important for  $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma} > 2.2 \text{ rad}$
- Data spectrum harder than predicted

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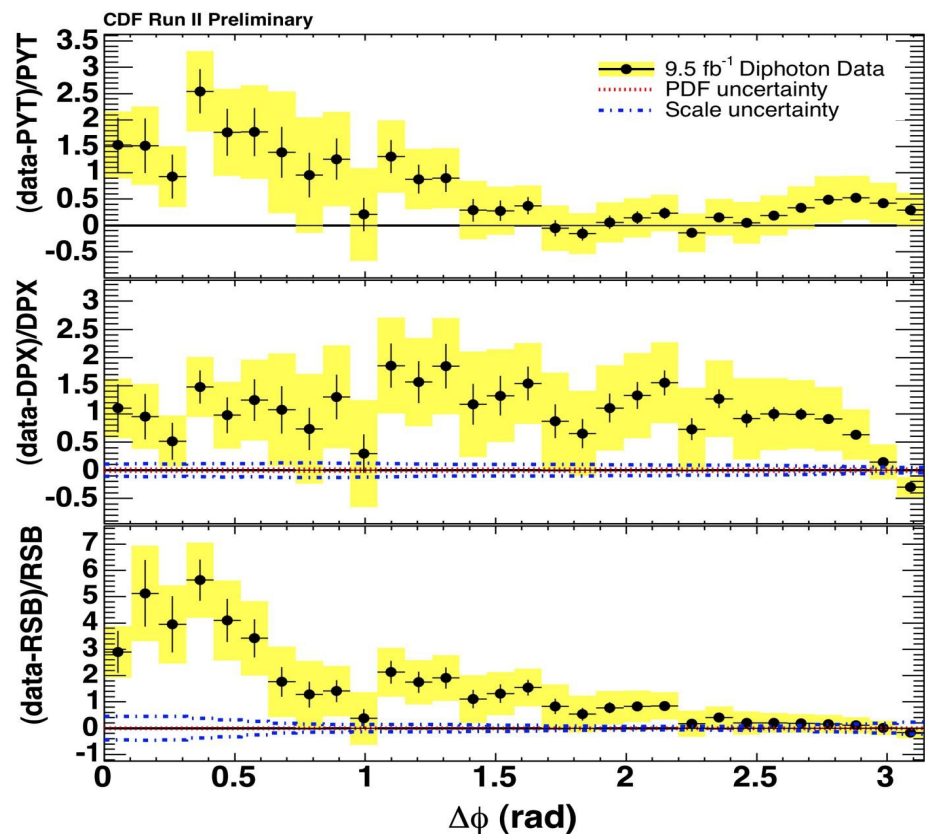
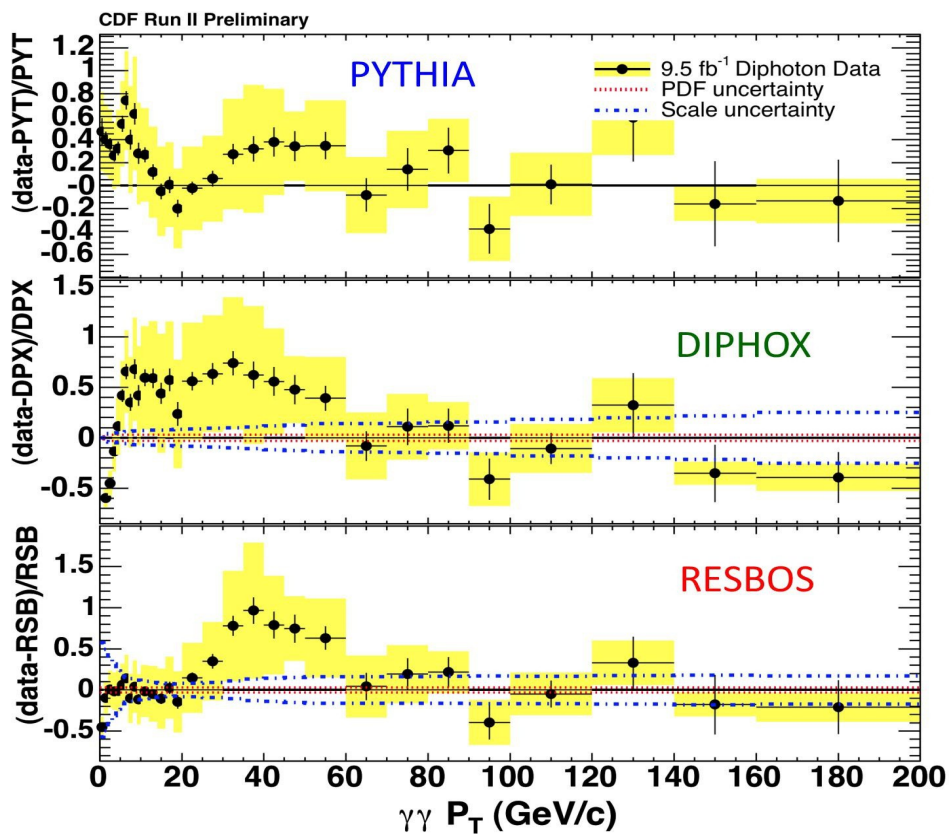
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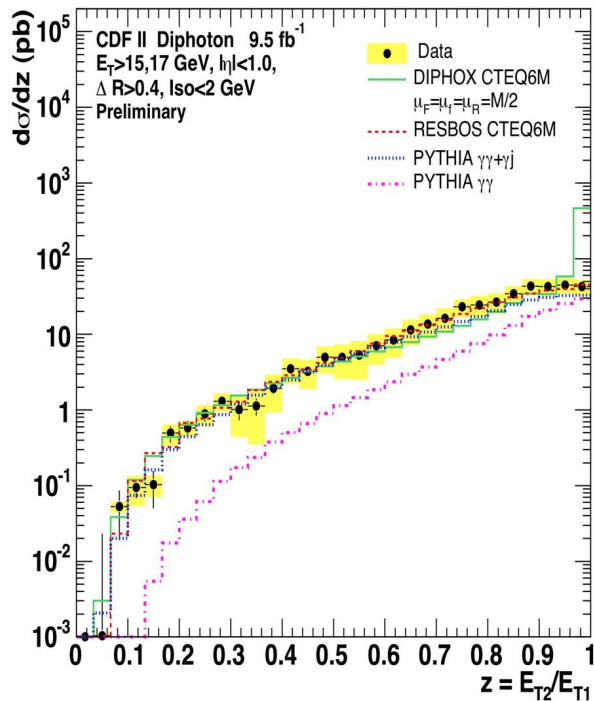
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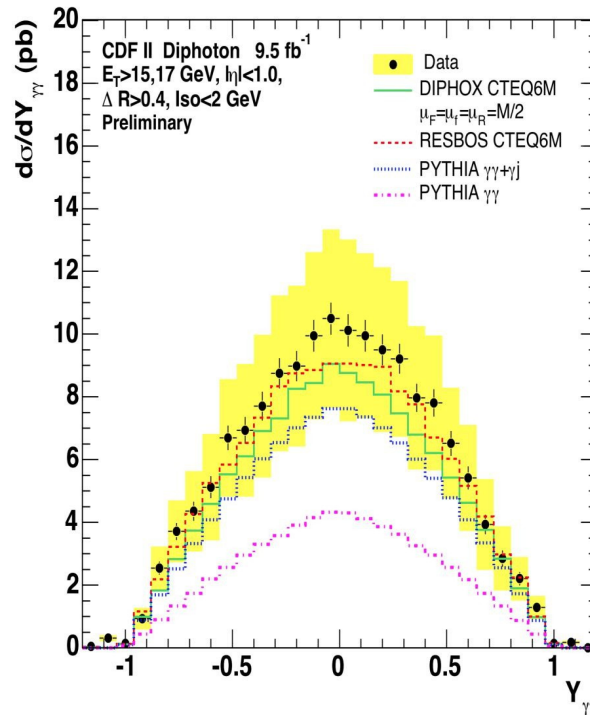
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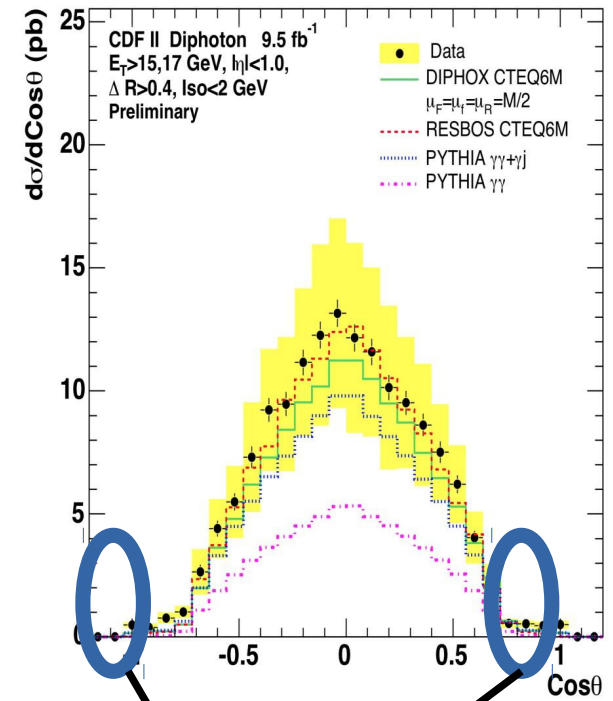
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- Good agreement between data and DIPHOX, except for  $0.7 < z < 0.8$



- Good agreement between data and theory

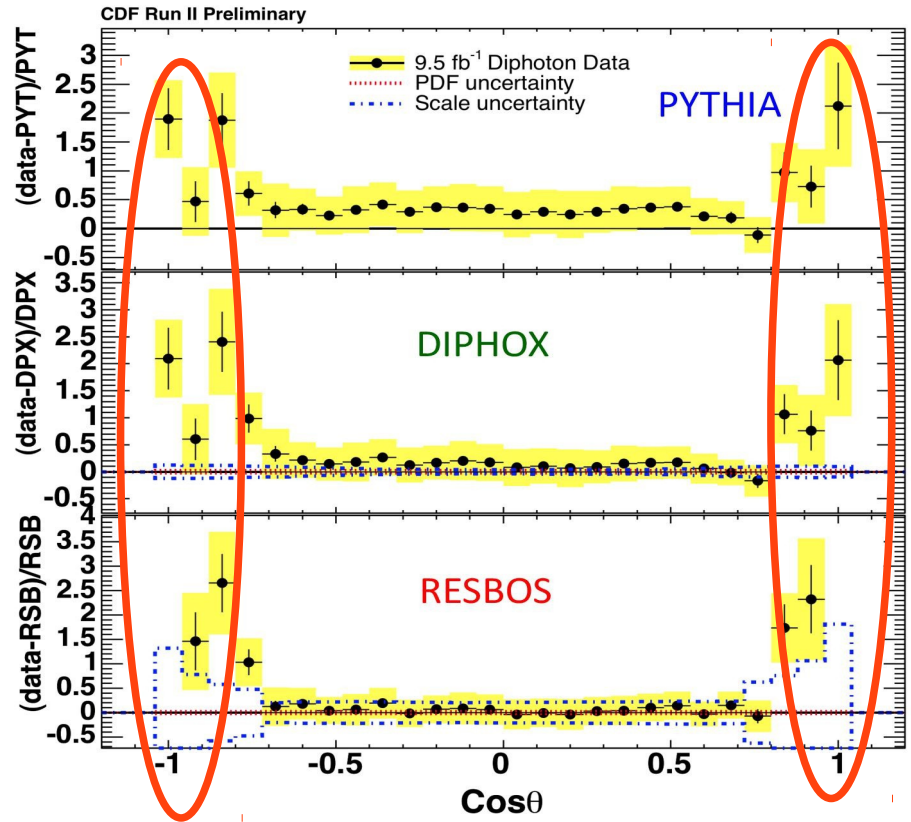
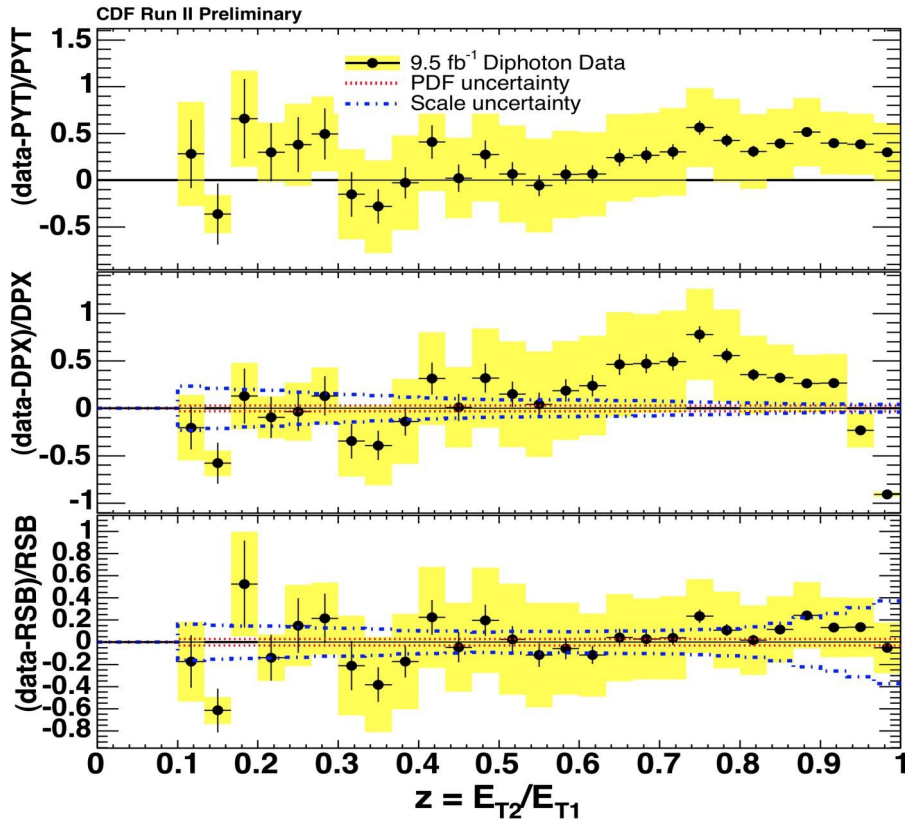


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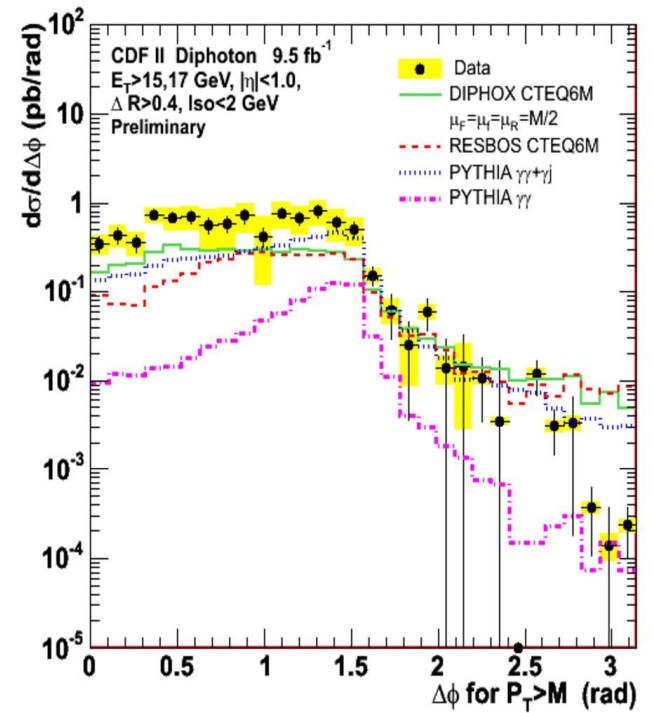
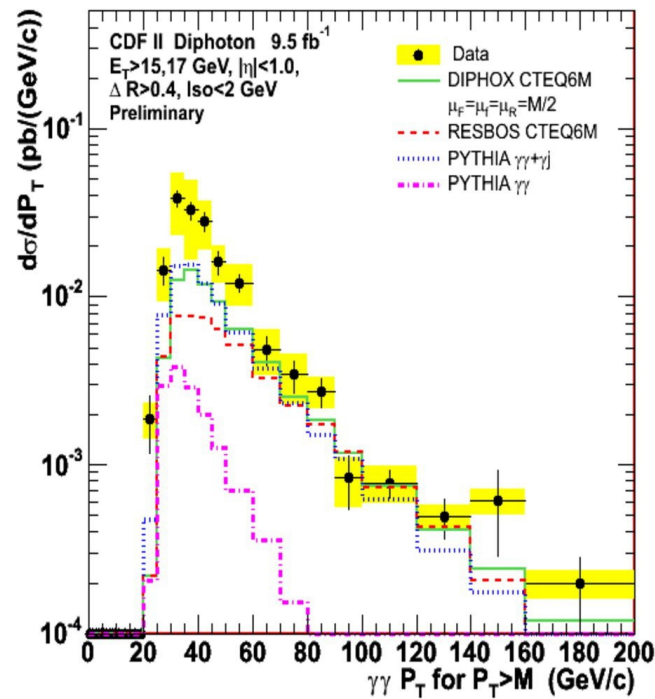
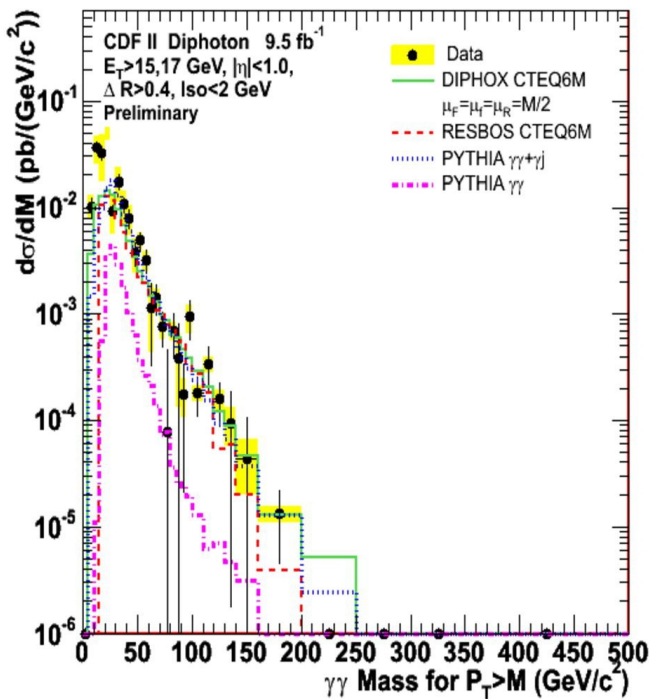


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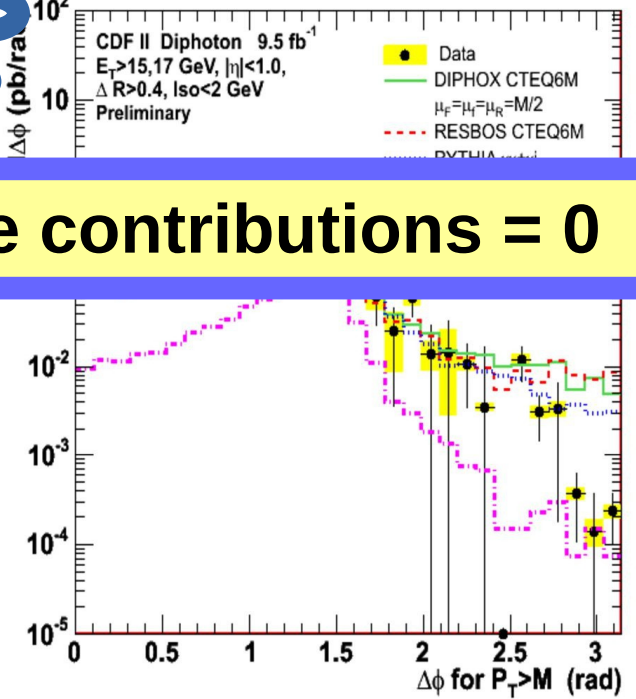
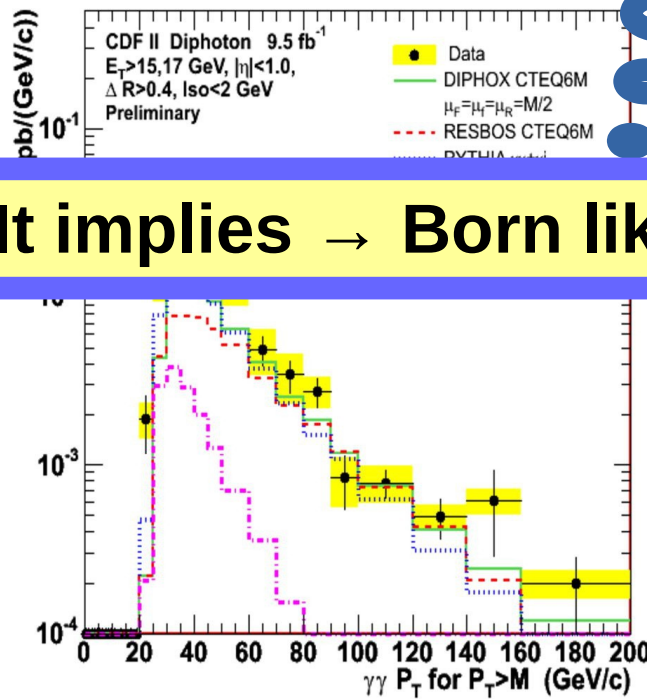
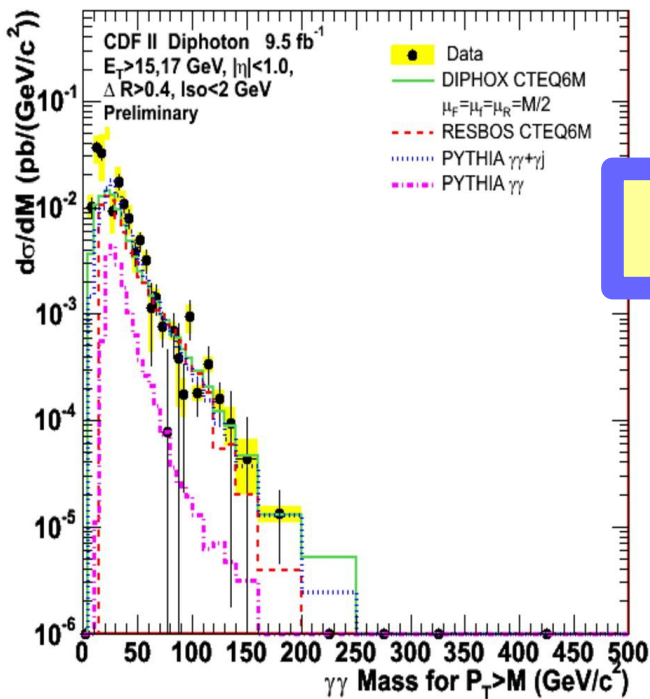


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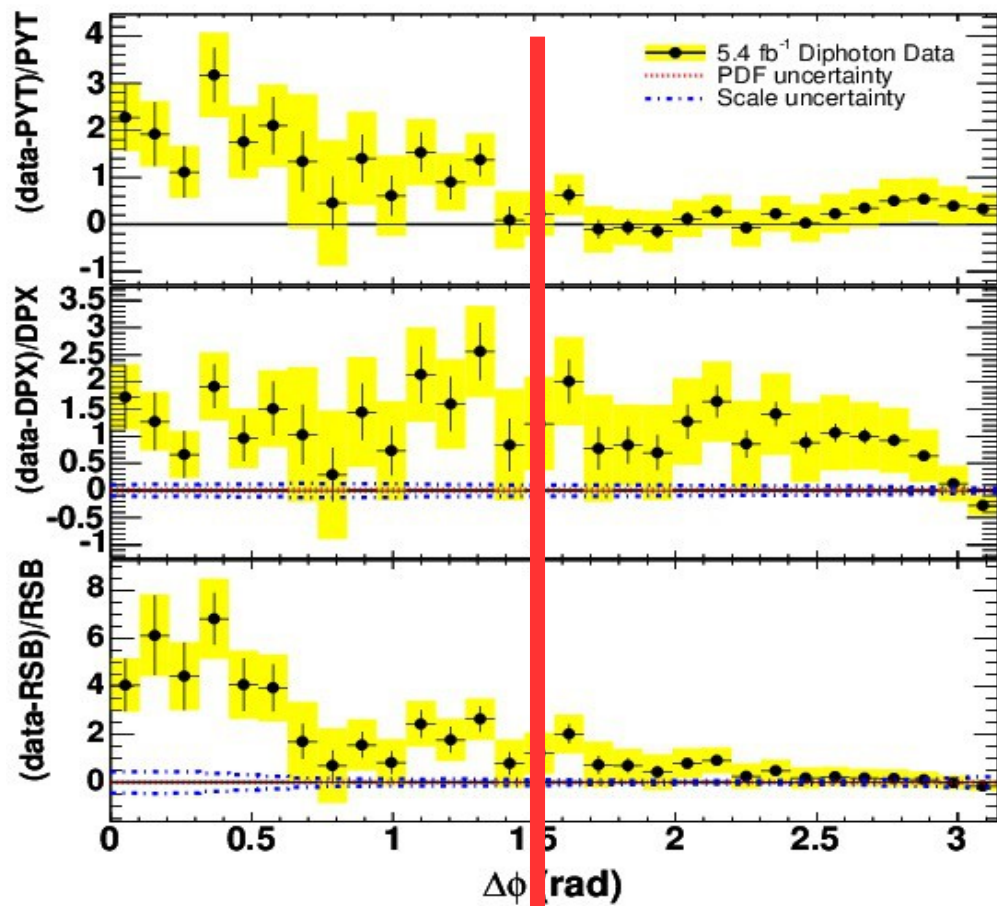
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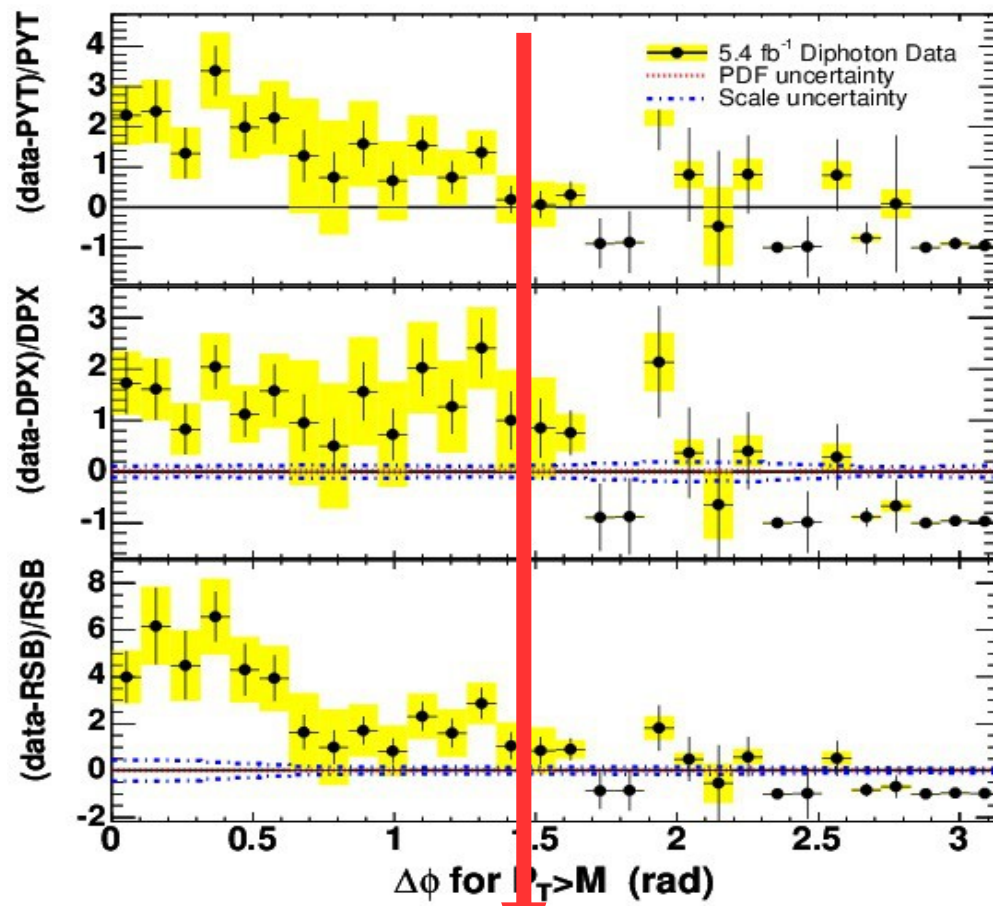
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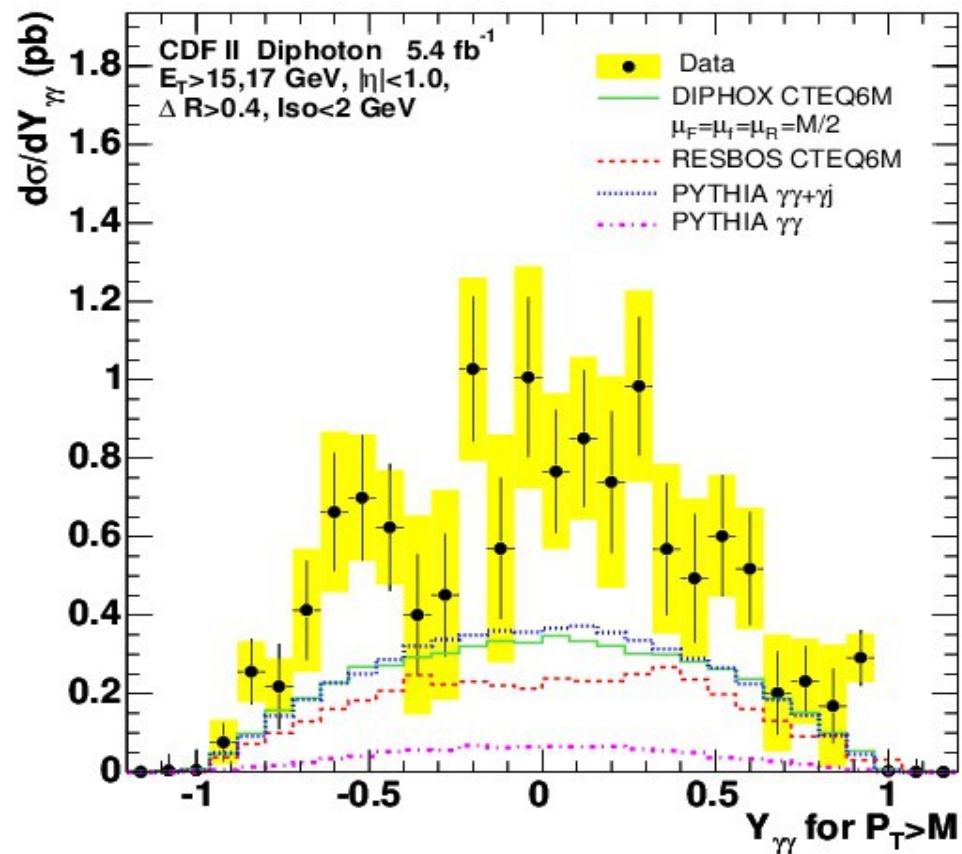


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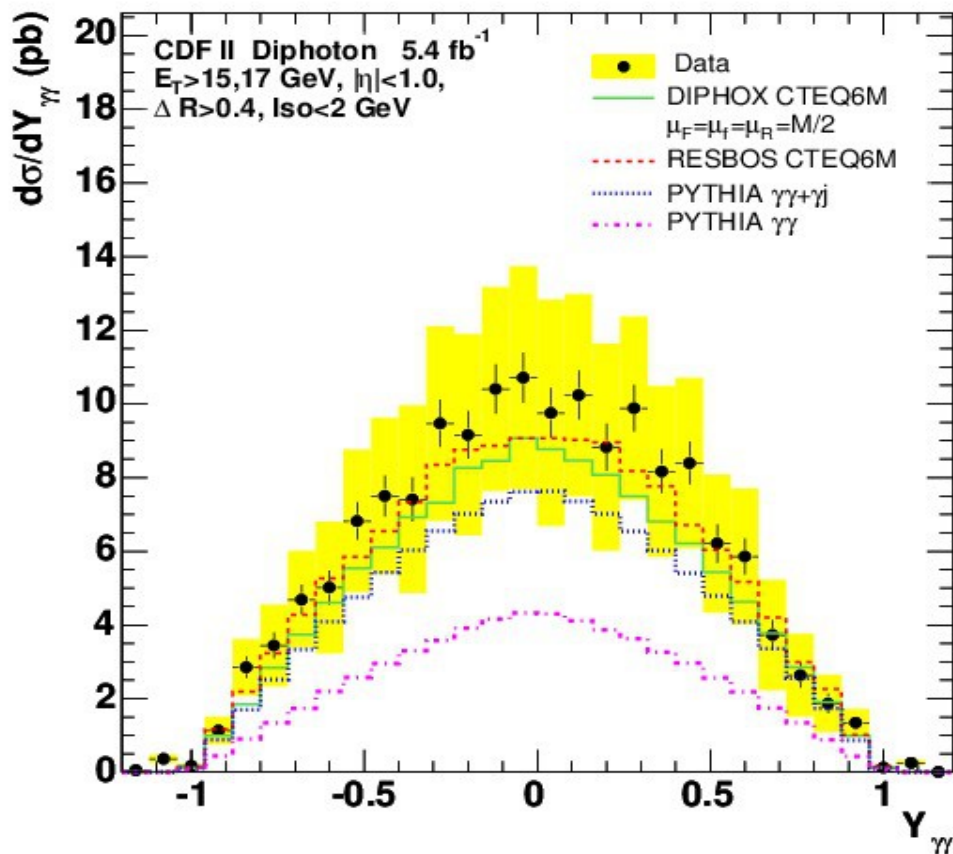


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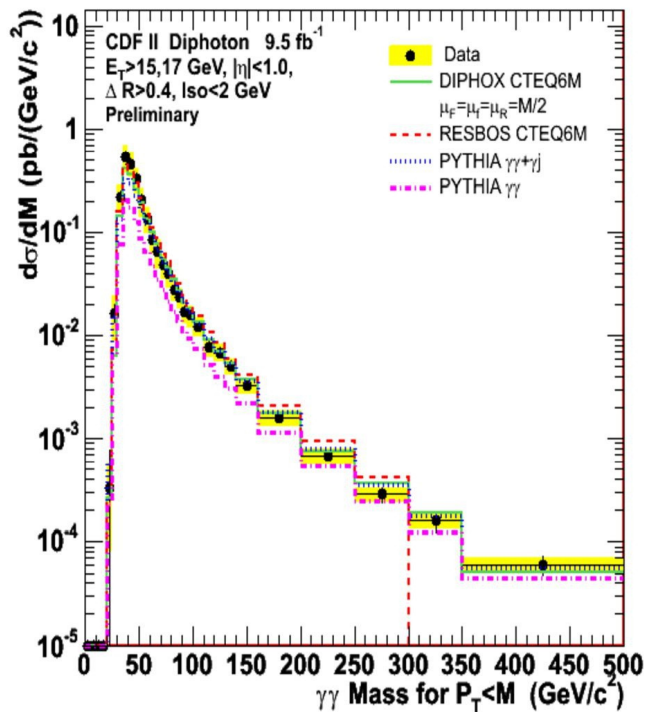
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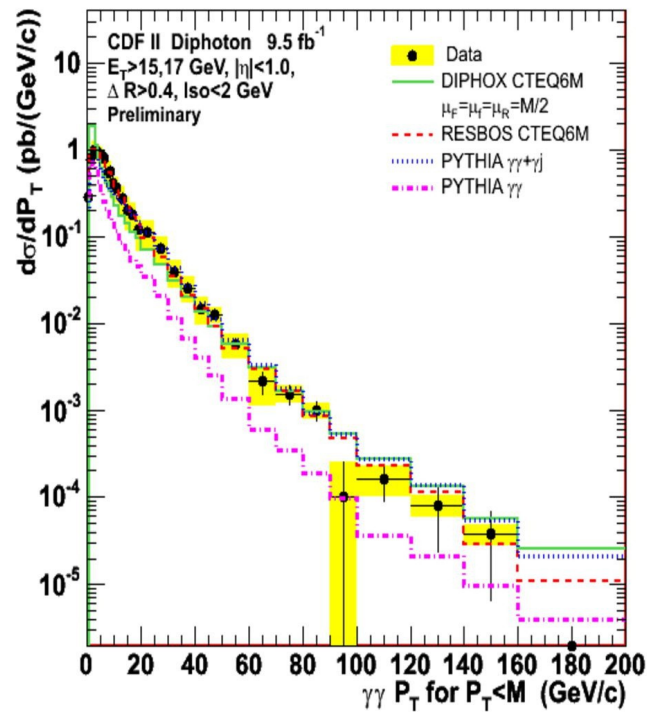
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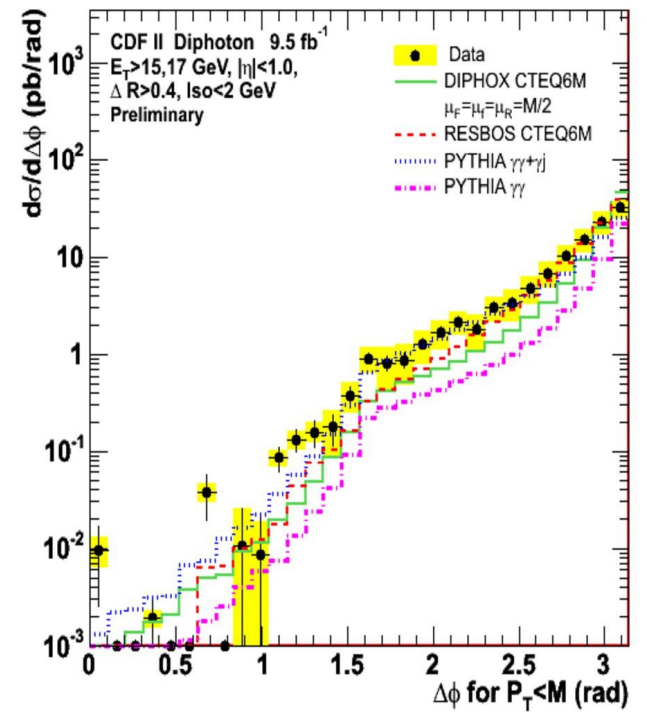
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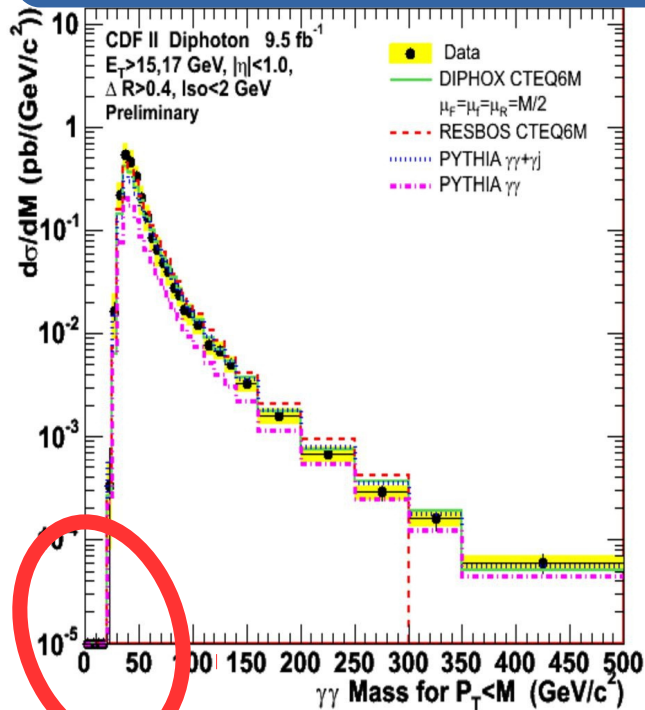
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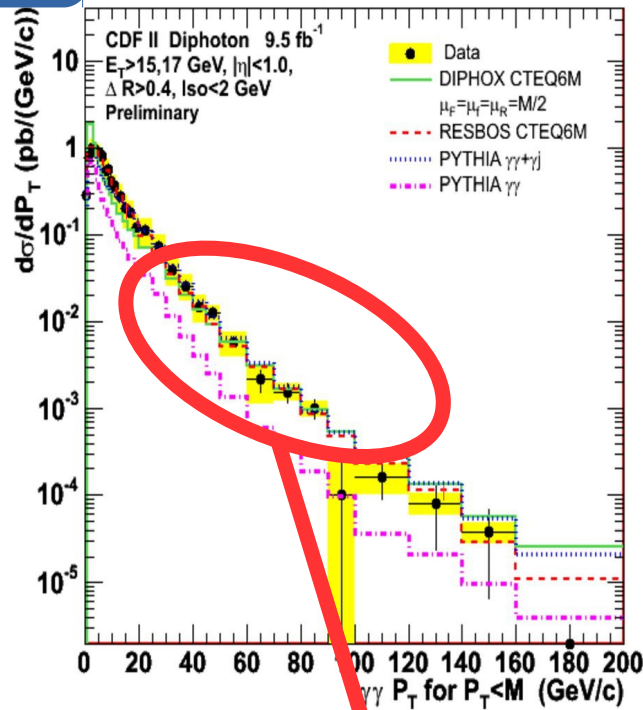
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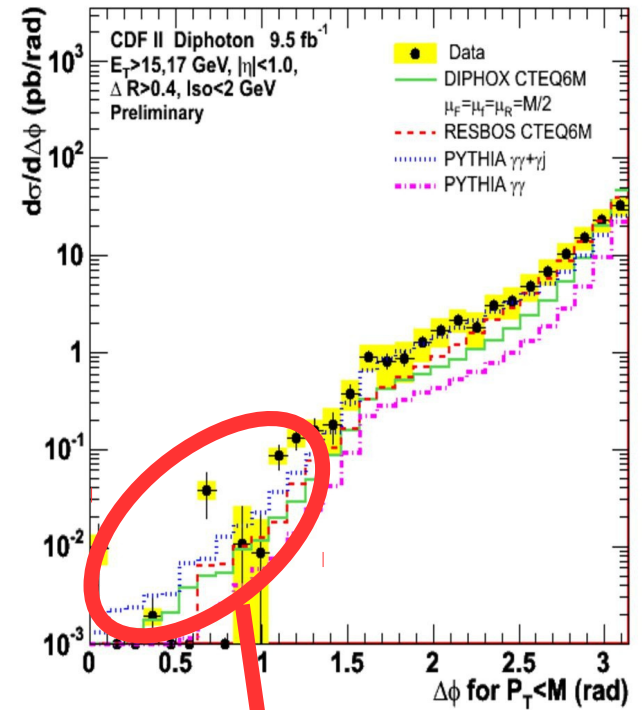
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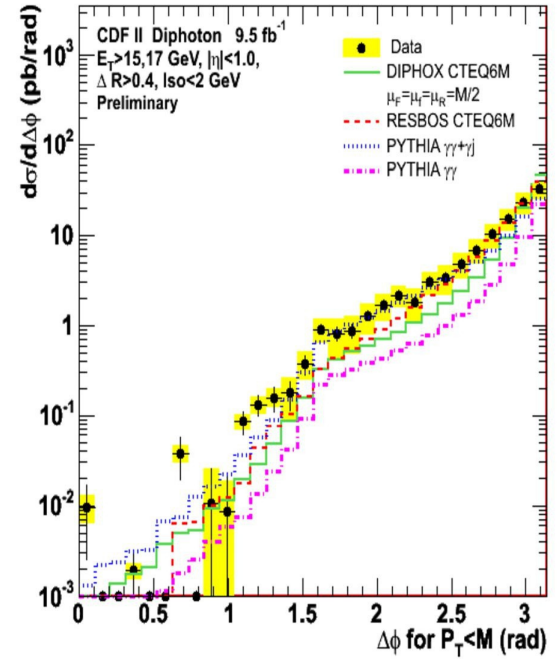
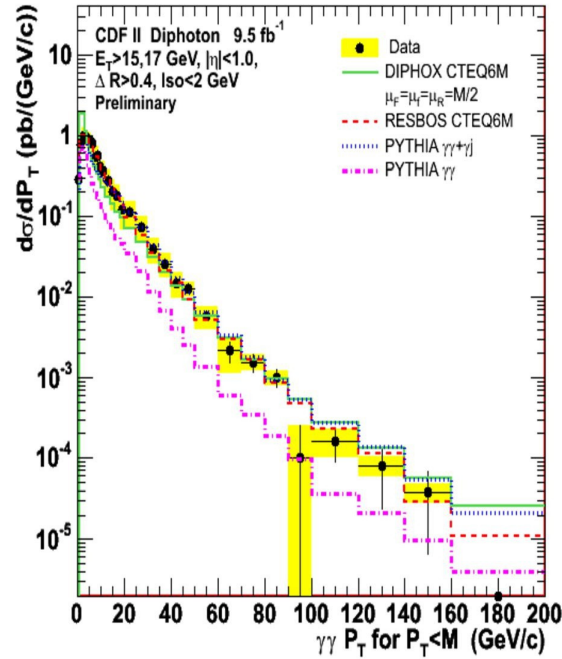
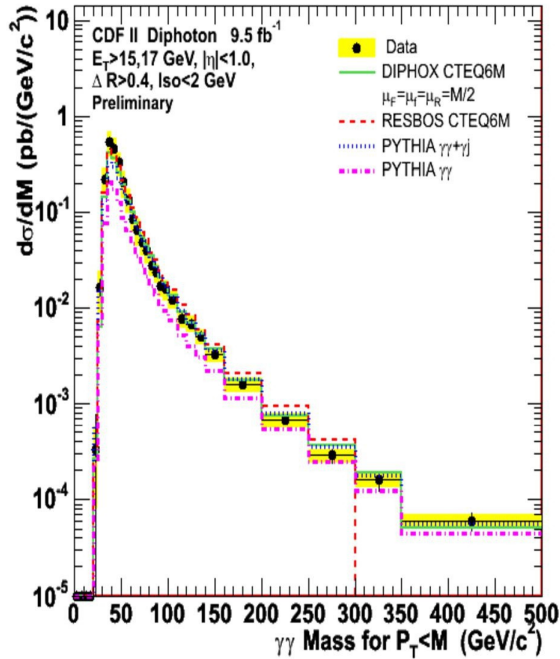


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The discrepancies appear due to missing higher order correction terms (real radiation terms)



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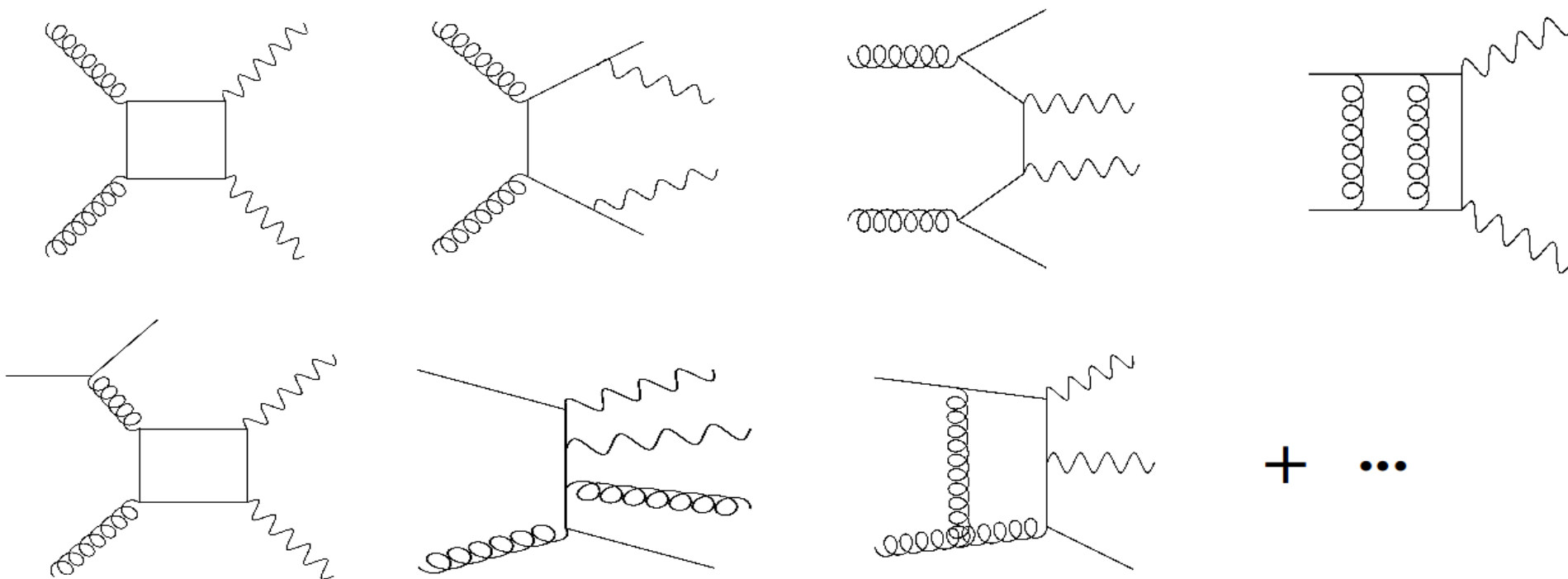
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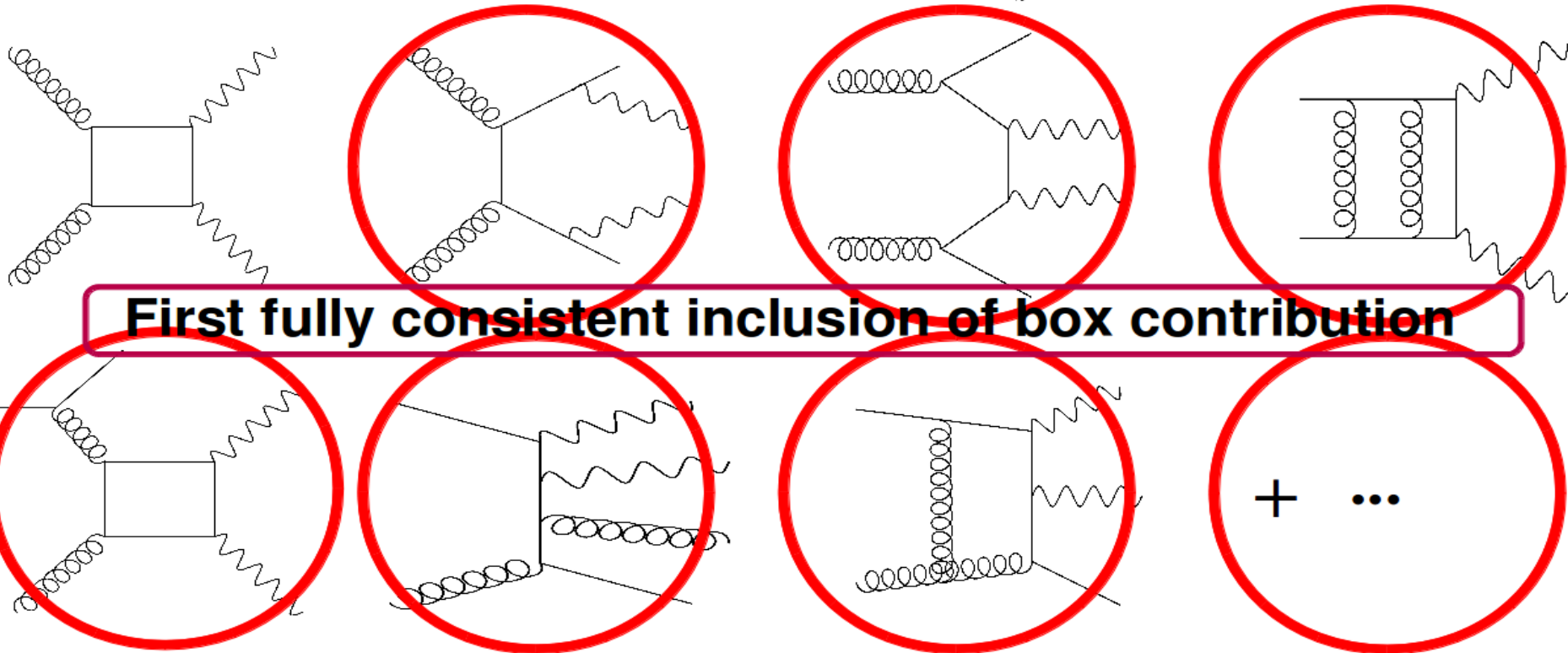
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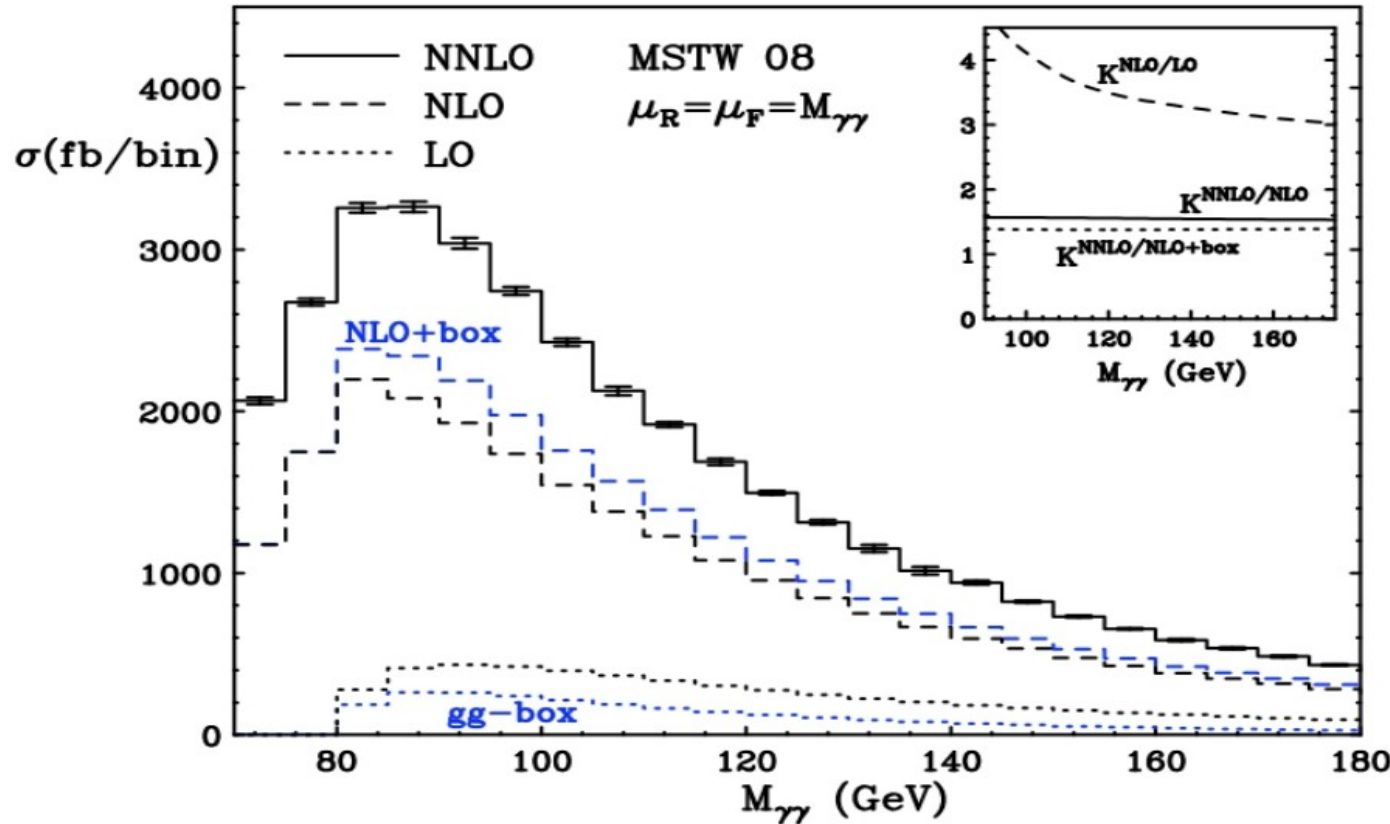


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NNLO effect about +50 % in the peak region

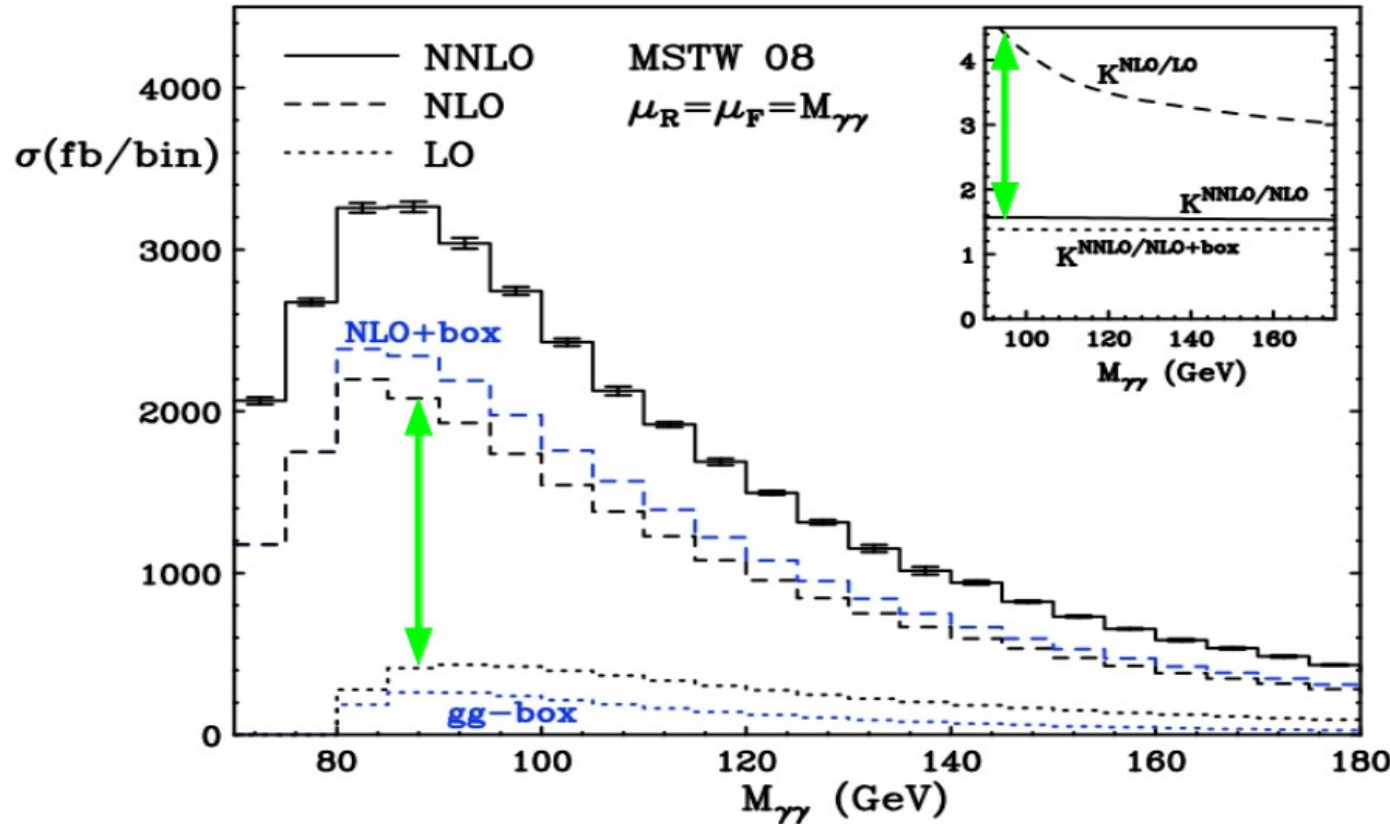
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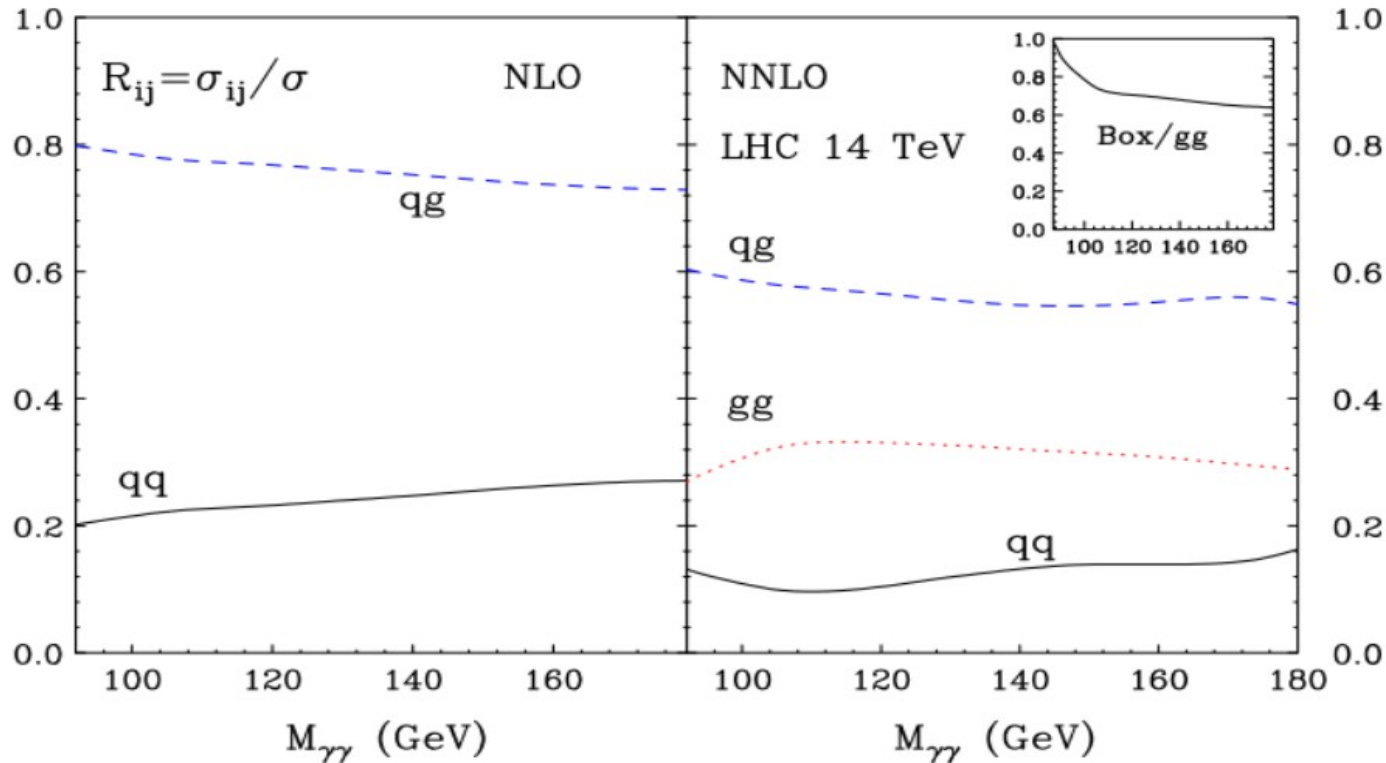
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$$\frac{\sigma^{NNLO}}{\sigma^{NLO+Box}} \sim 1.35$$

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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)

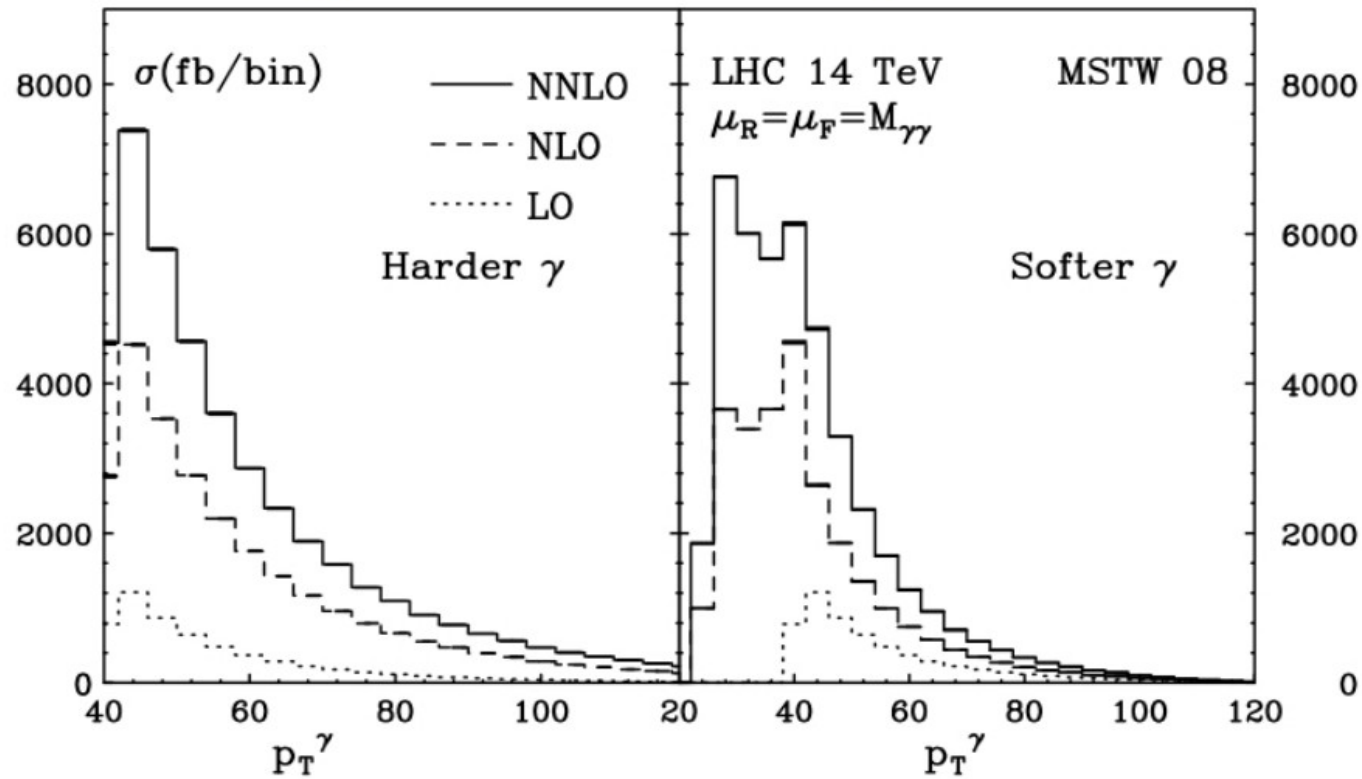


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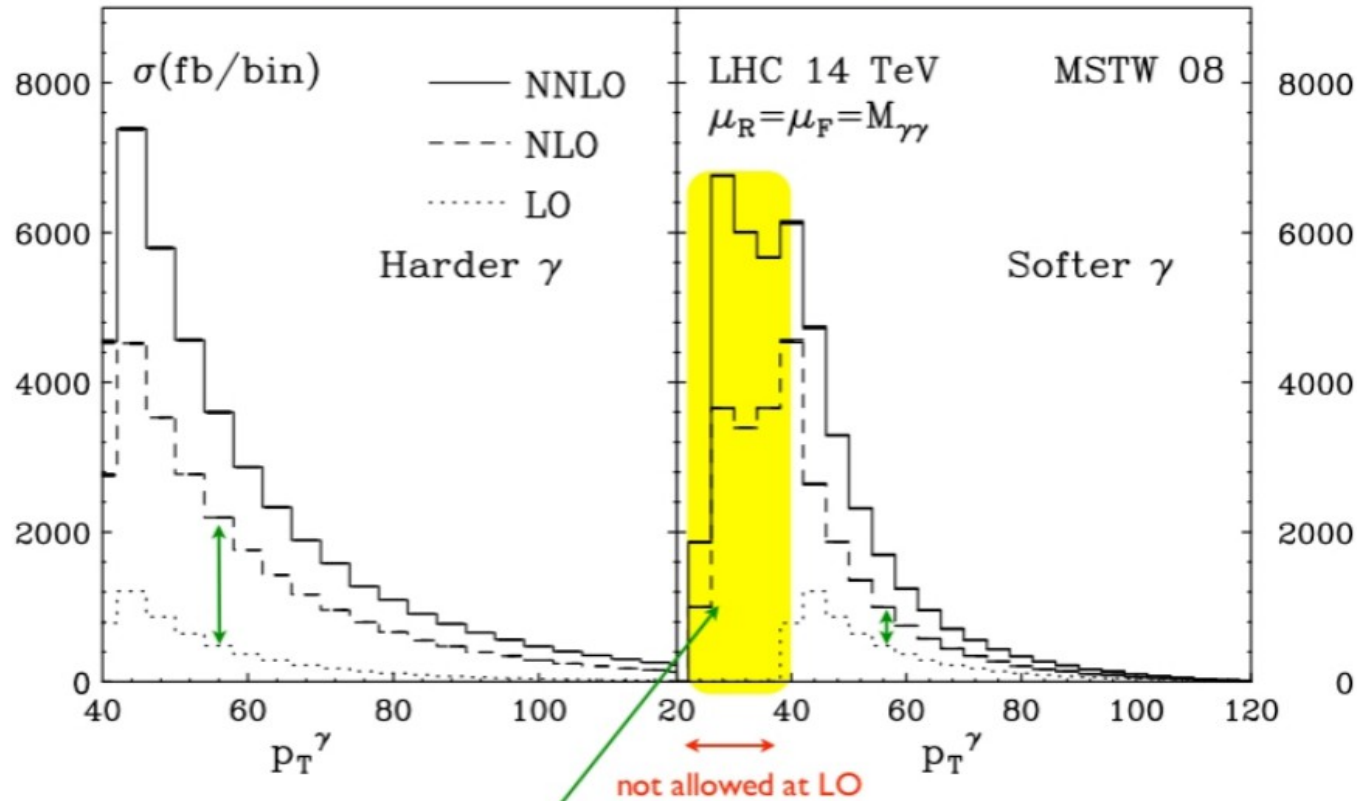


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Large contribution to cross-section

- Substantial contribution from radiation in the region  $25 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 40 \text{ GeV}$
- Unphysical peak in  $p_{T2}^\gamma$  at  $p_T^\gamma = 40 \text{ GeV}$

S. Catani, M. Fontannaz, J.P. Guillet, E. Pilon. JHEP 0205 (2002) 028

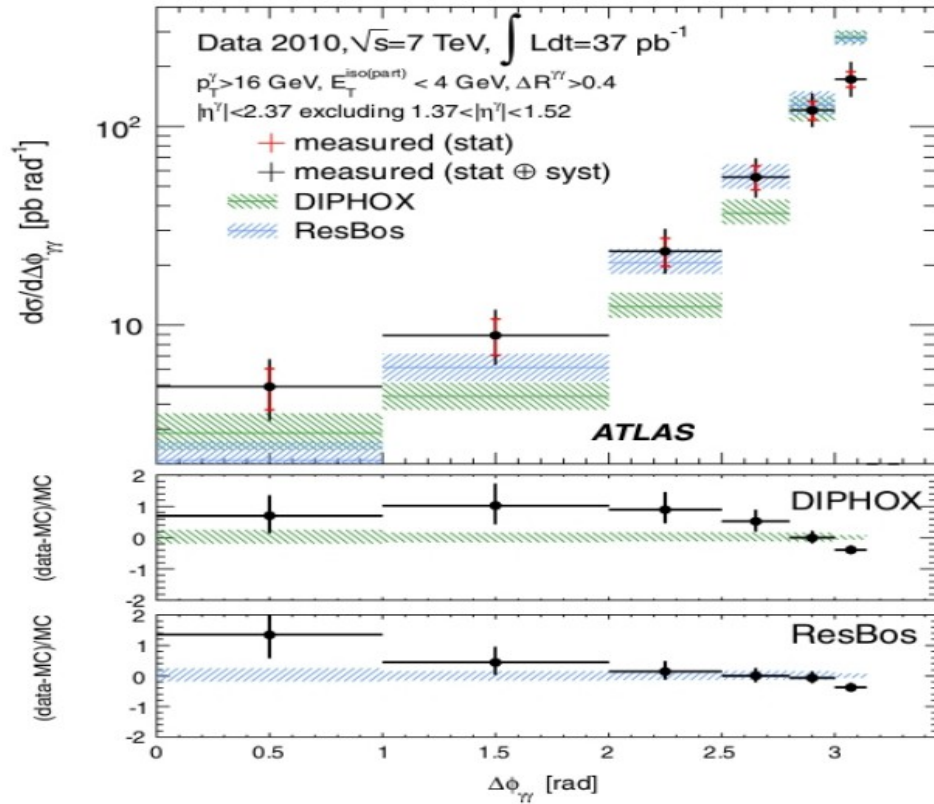
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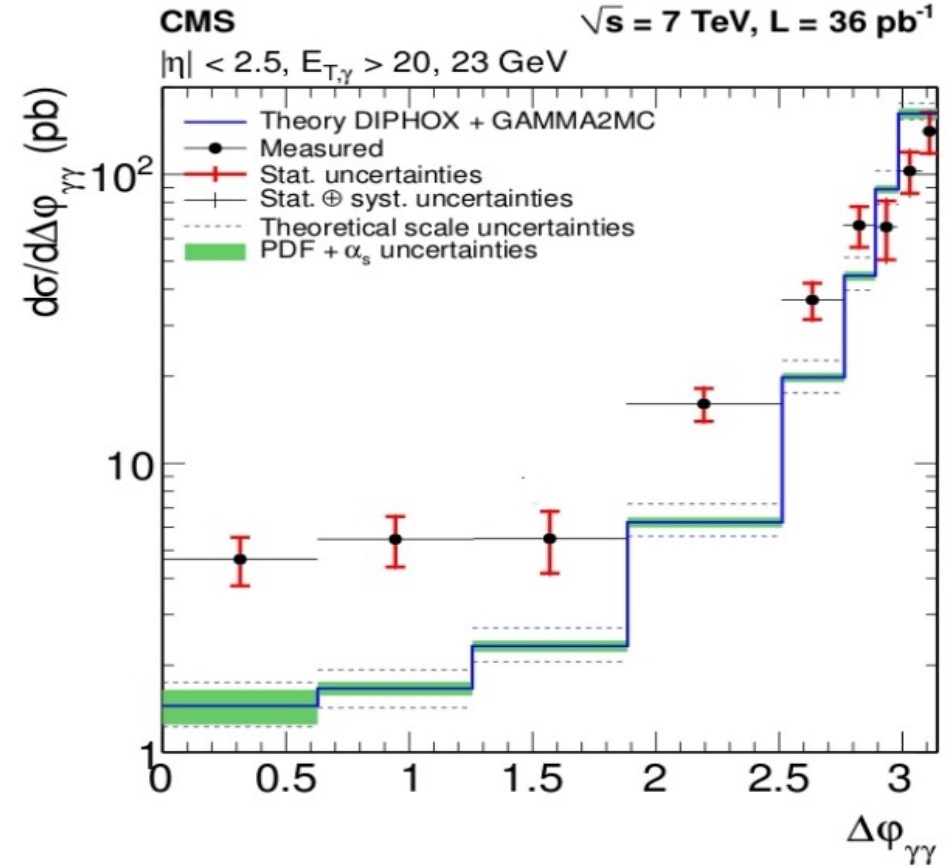
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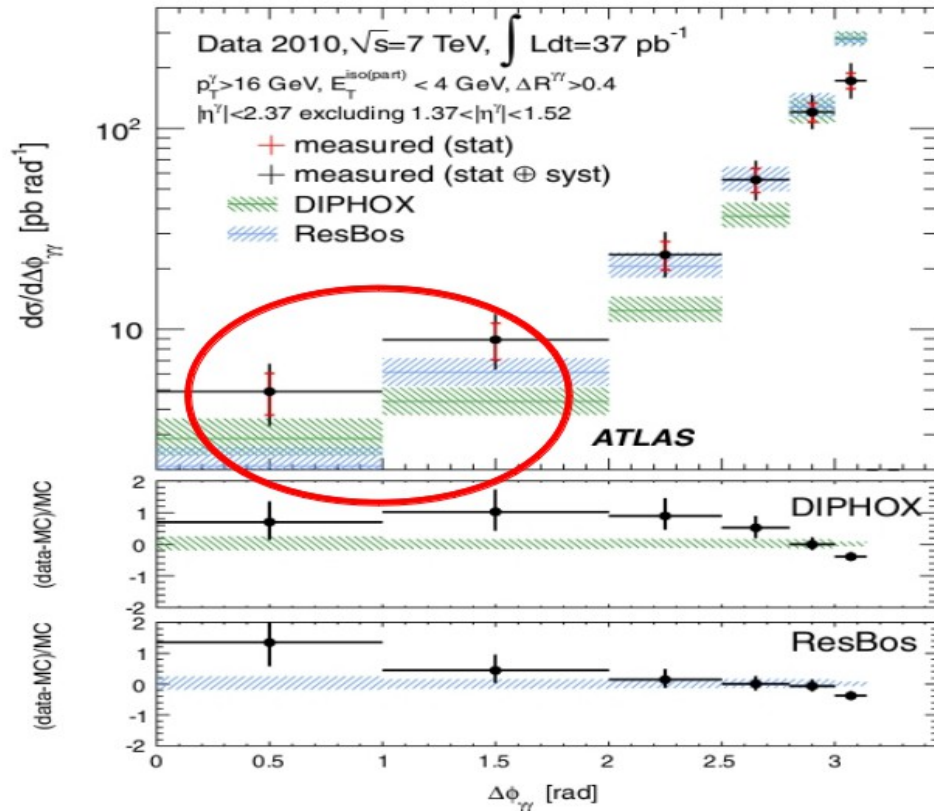
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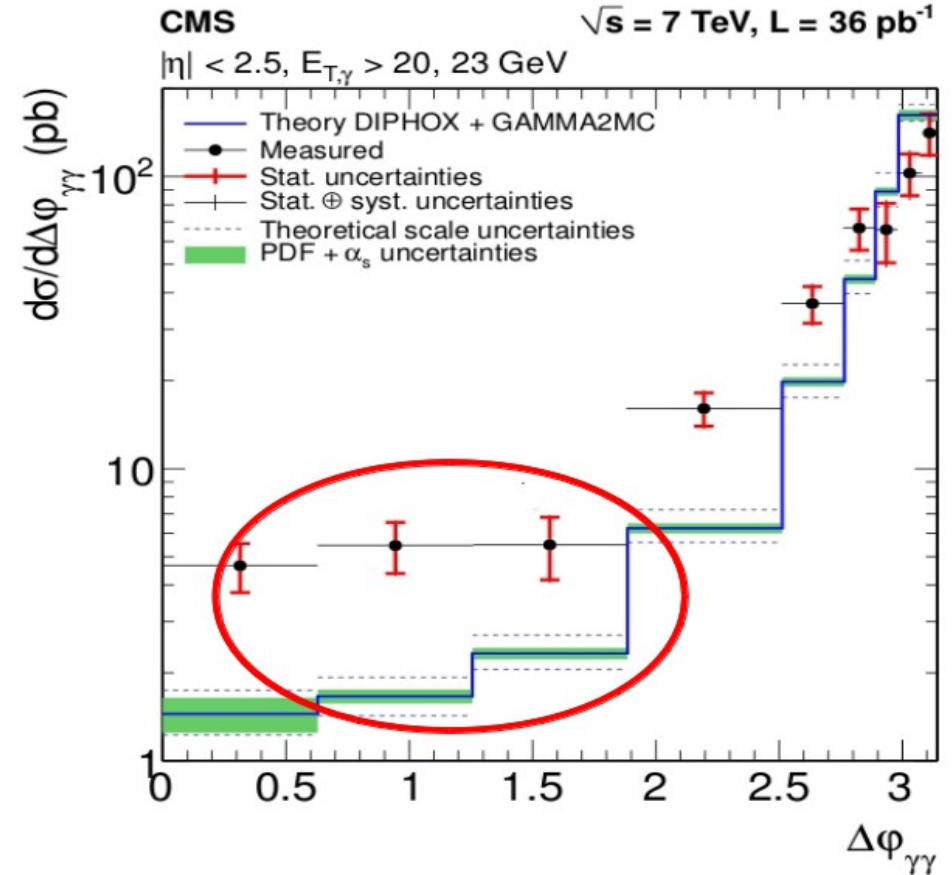
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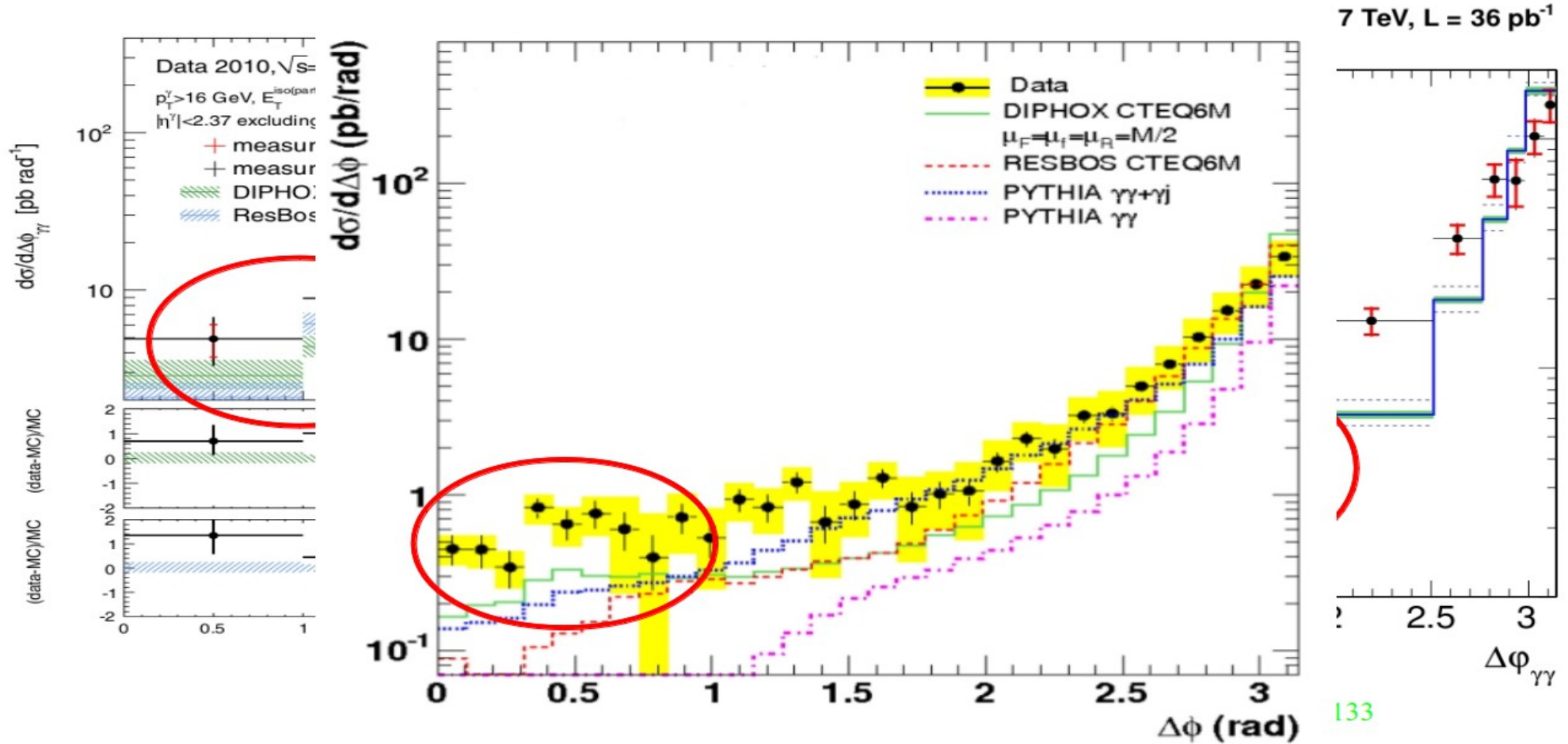


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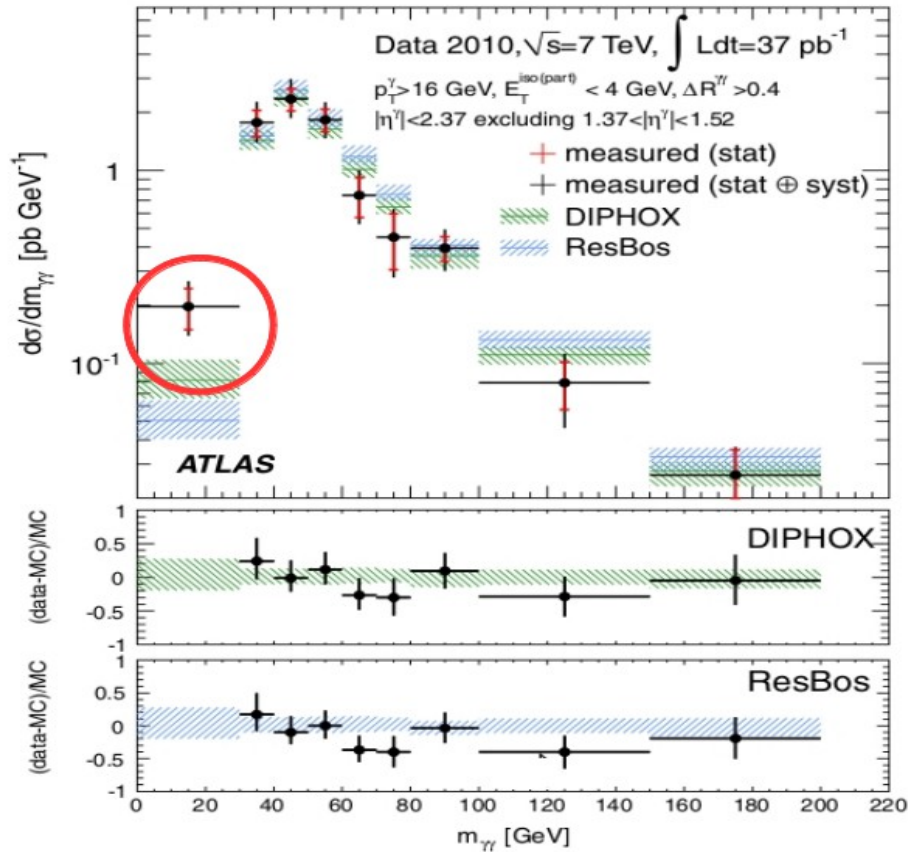
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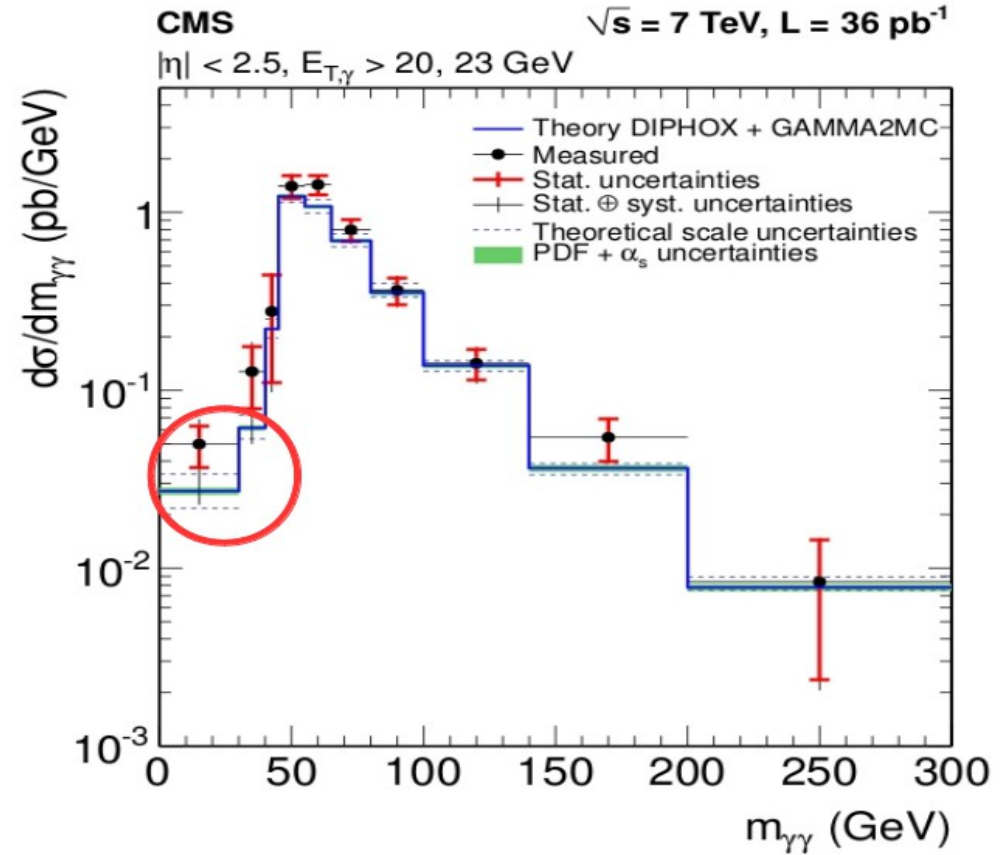
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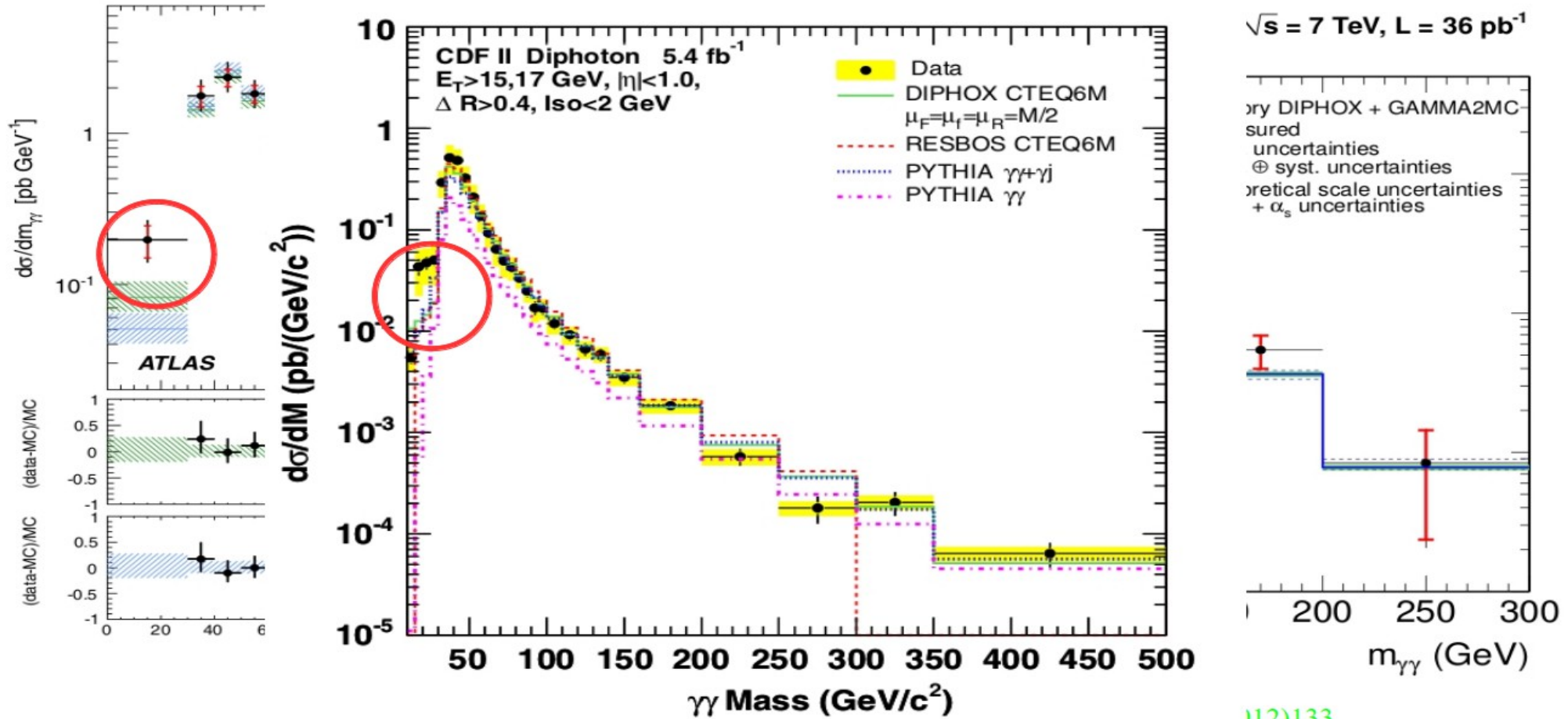


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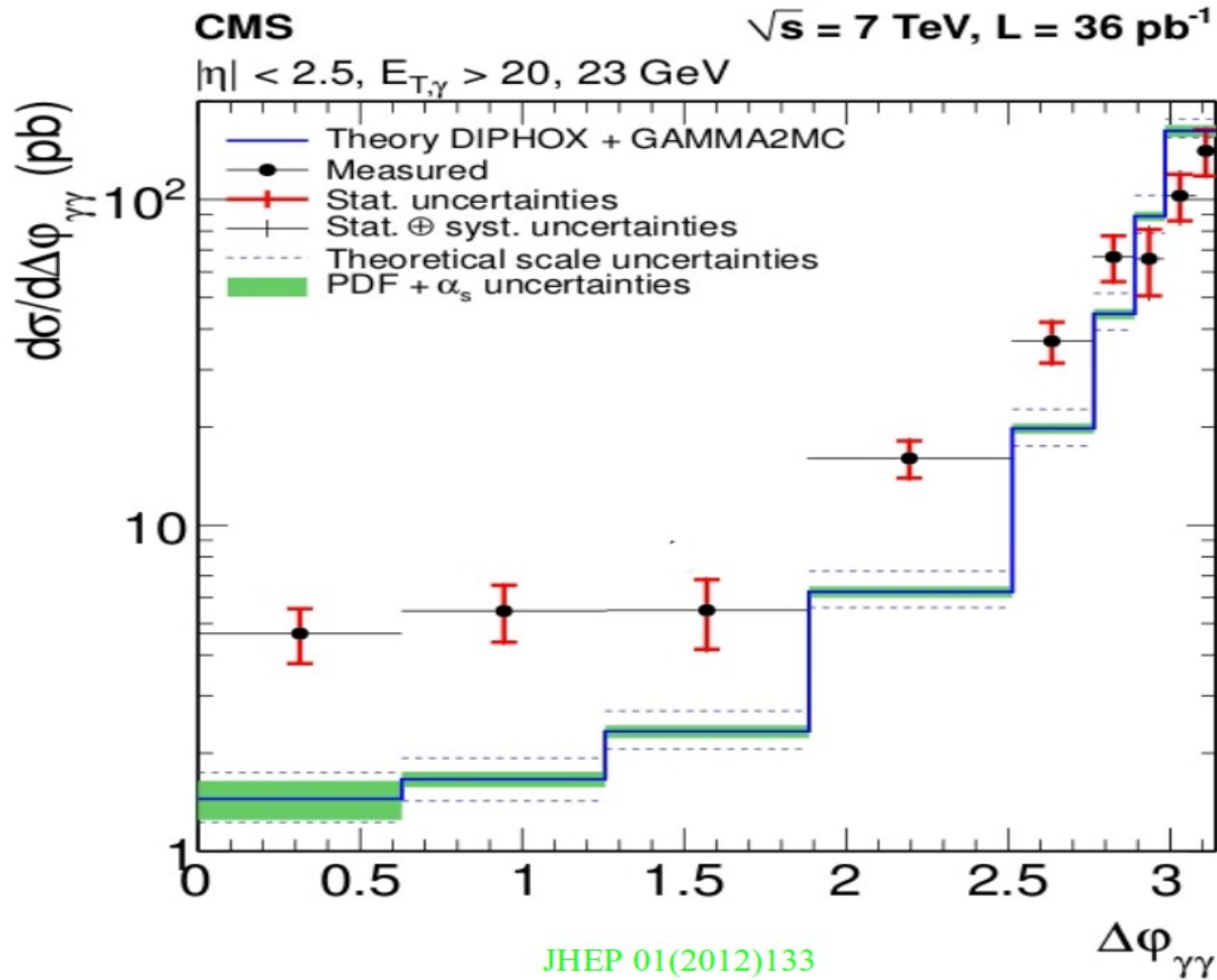
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Discrepancy between NLO and experimental data at low  $\Delta\phi$



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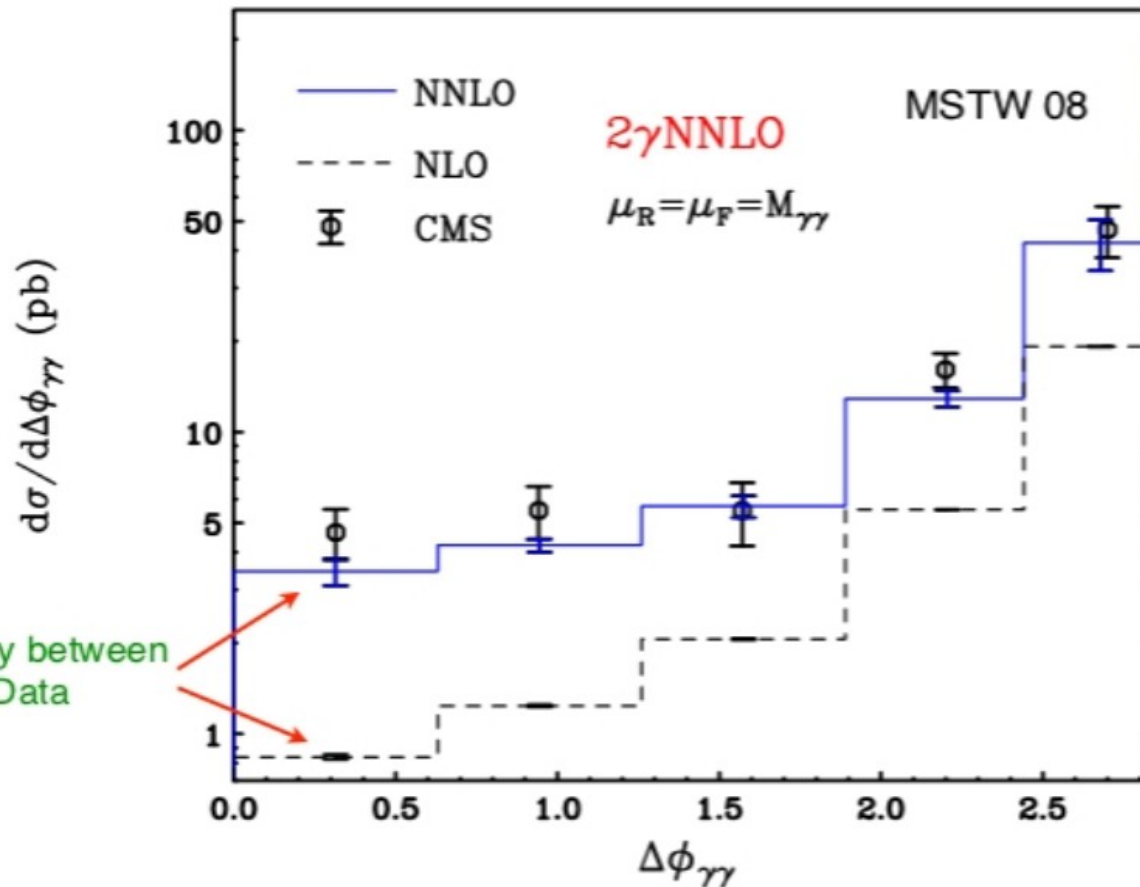
Preliminary results

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NNLO Corrections much larger in some kinematical regions  
NLO effectively lowest order



“away from back-to-back configuration”



$$\sqrt{S} = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

CMS diphoton cuts

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

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

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

$$R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.45$$

smooth  
cone isolation

NNLO corrections essential to understand the background

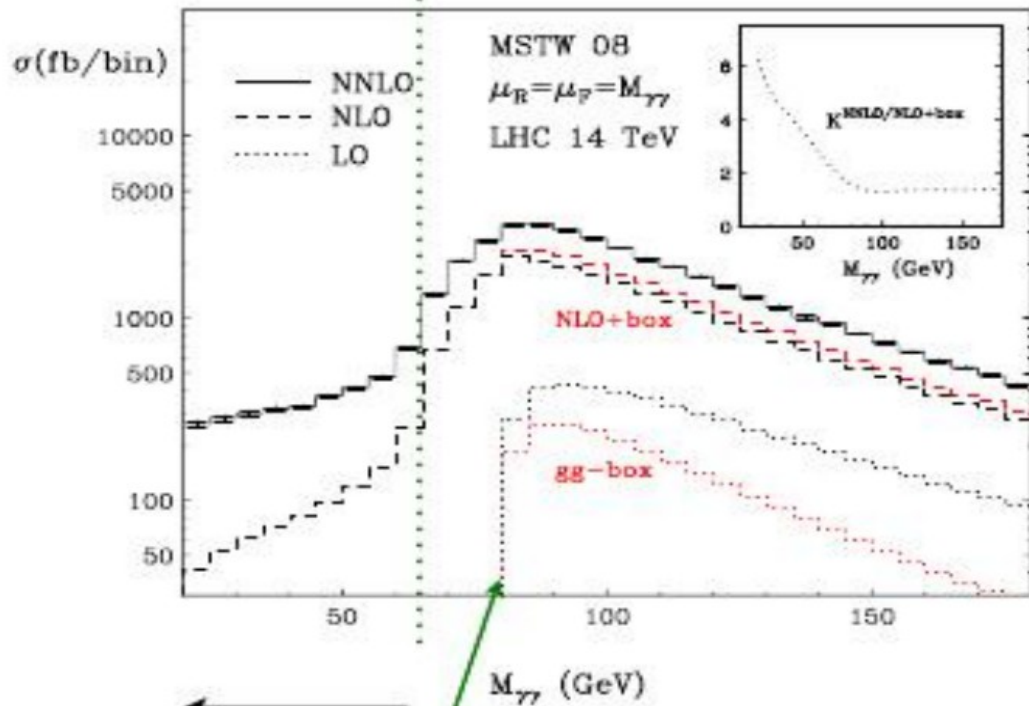


invariant mass below the LO threshold

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$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ hard}} \geq 40 \text{ GeV}$$

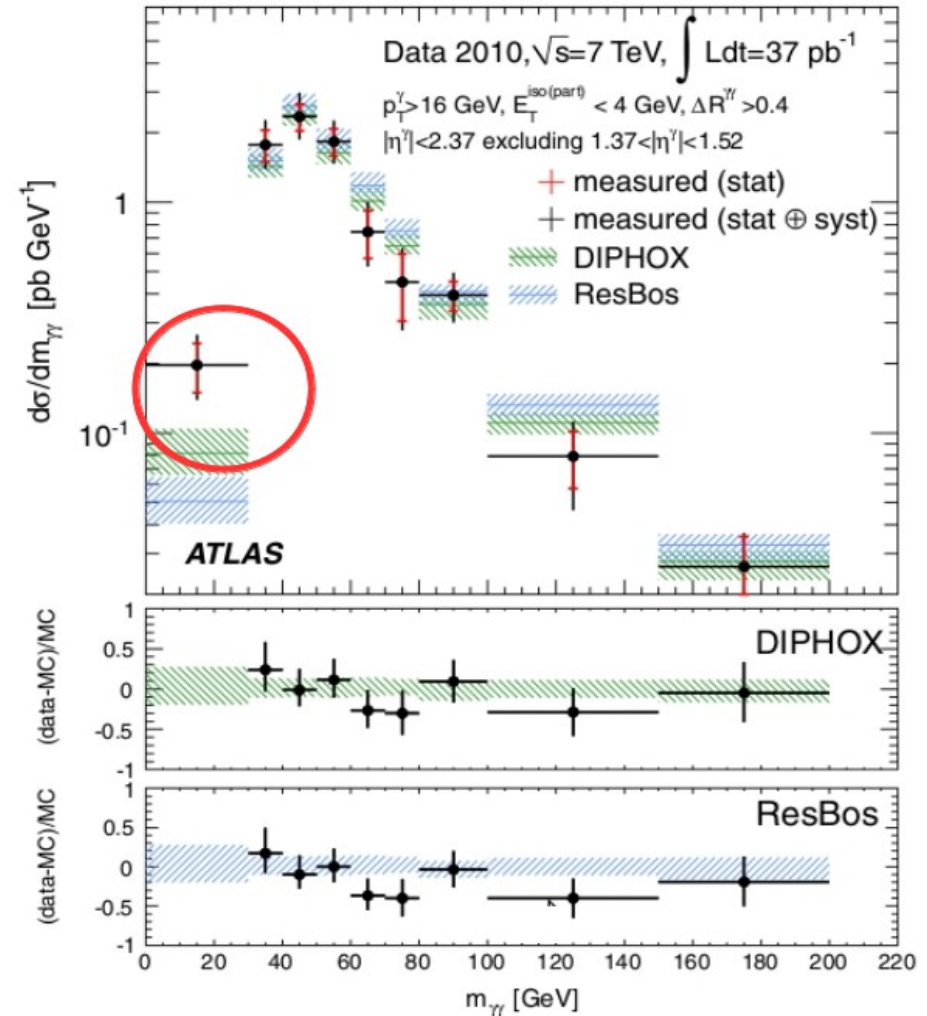
$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ soft}} \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$$



~"collinear"

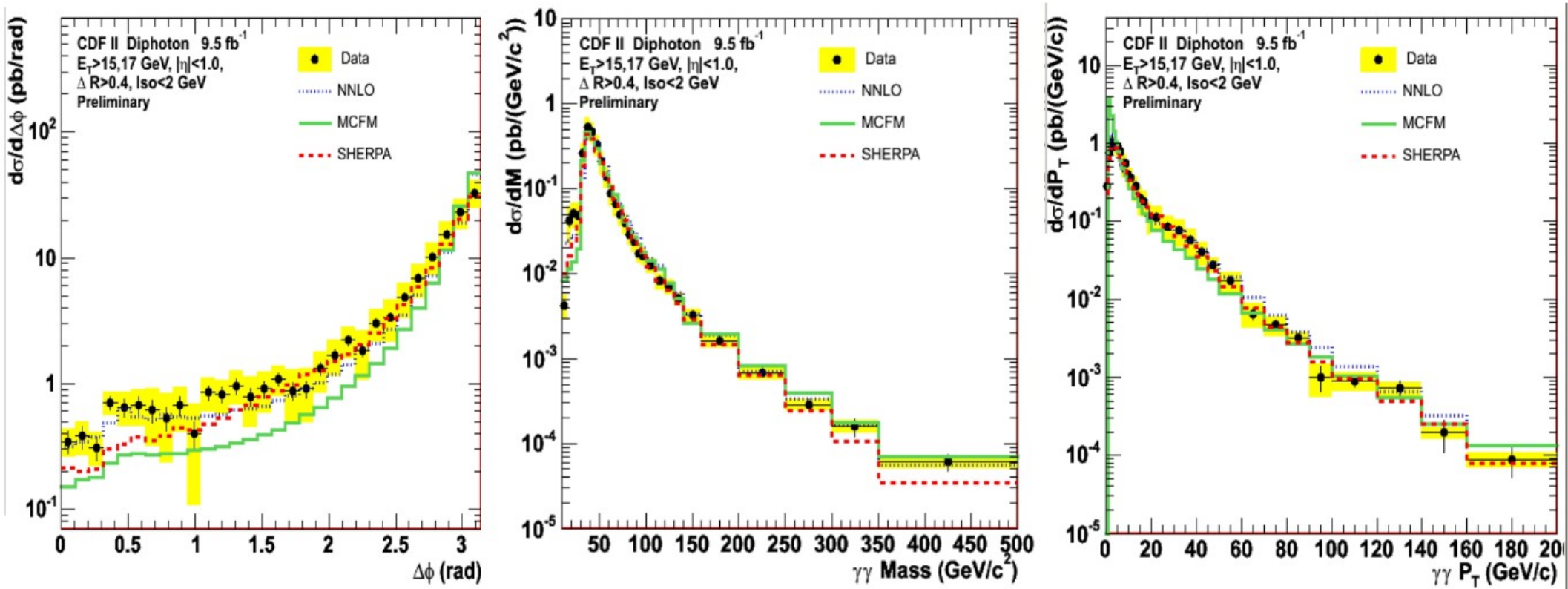
LO threshold at 80 GeV

"No back-to-back"



This discrepancy can be related to the discrepancy observed in the  $\Delta\phi$  distribution.

# Preliminary comparison CDF 9.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> results



$$P_{T \text{ harder}}^{\gamma} \geq 17 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta| \leq 1$$

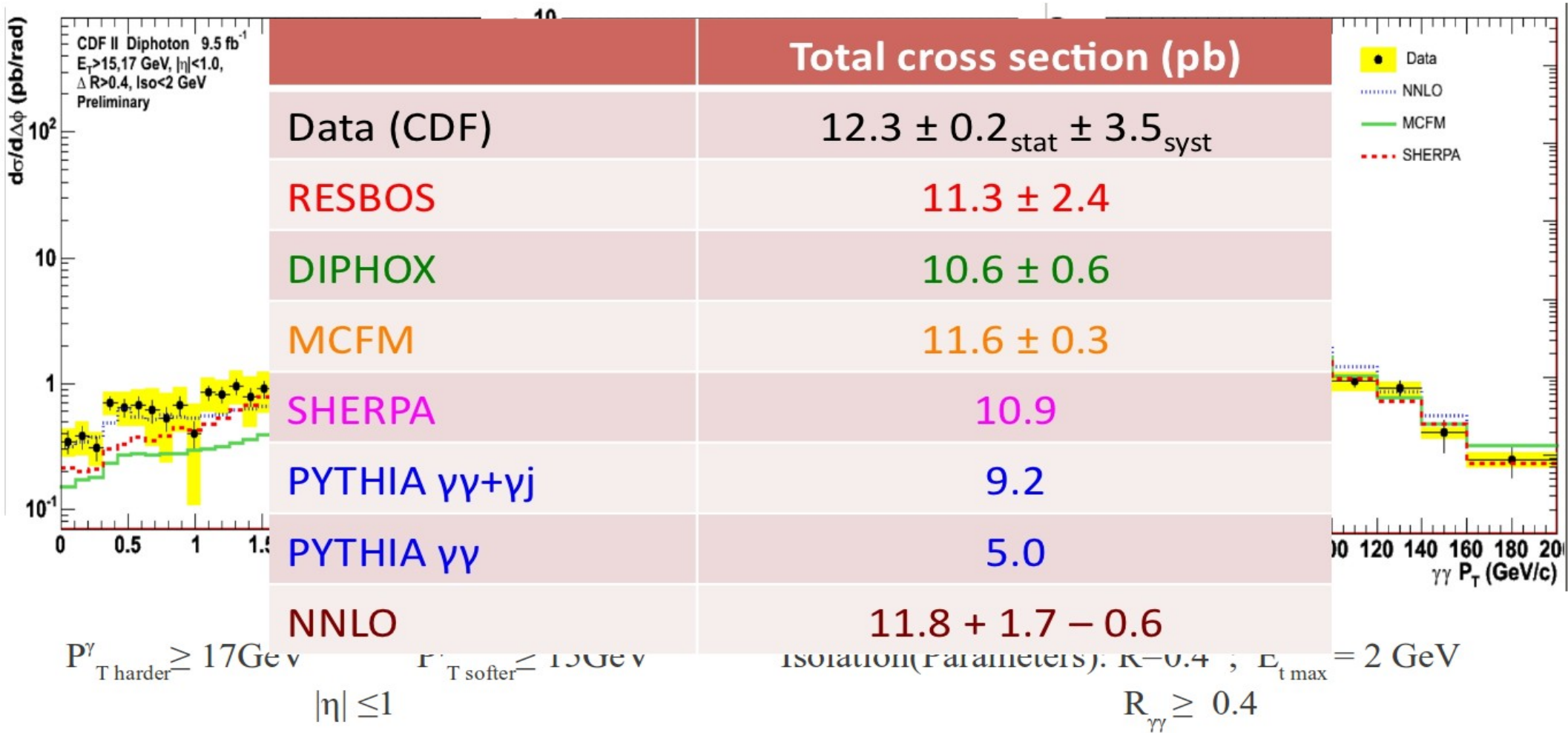
$$P_{T \text{ softer}}^{\gamma} \geq 15 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{Isolation(Parameters): } R=0.4 ; E_{t \text{ max}} = 2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$R_{\gamma\gamma} \geq 0.4$$

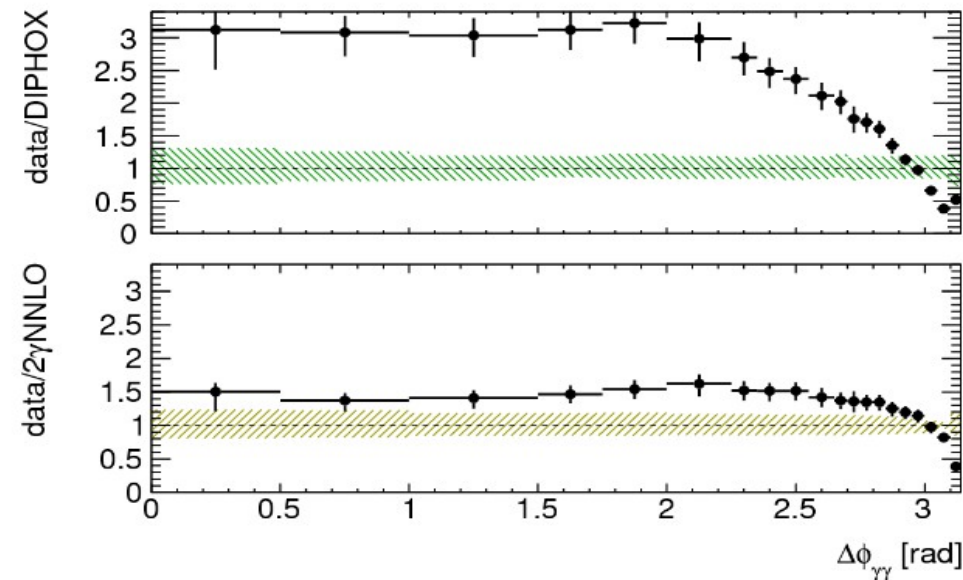
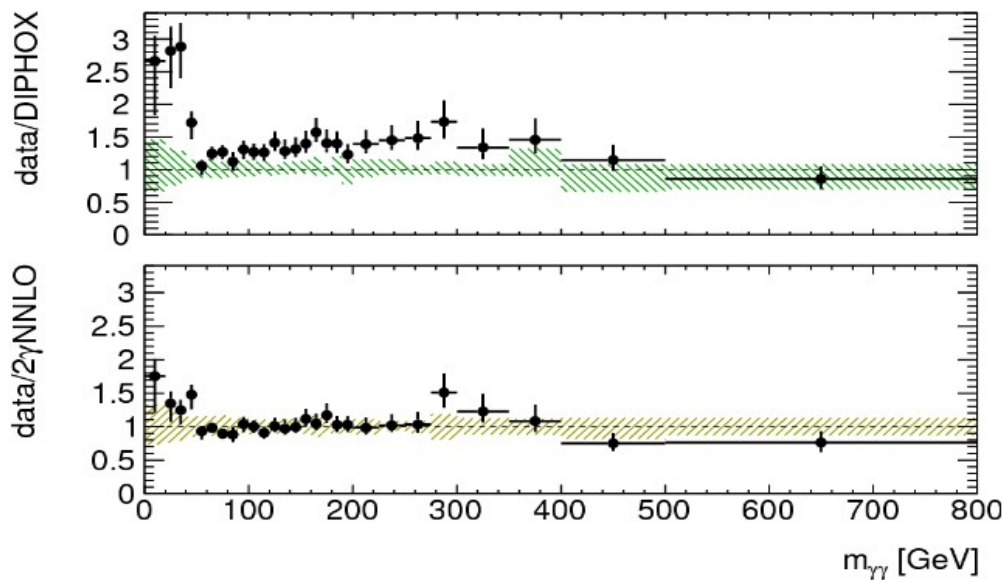
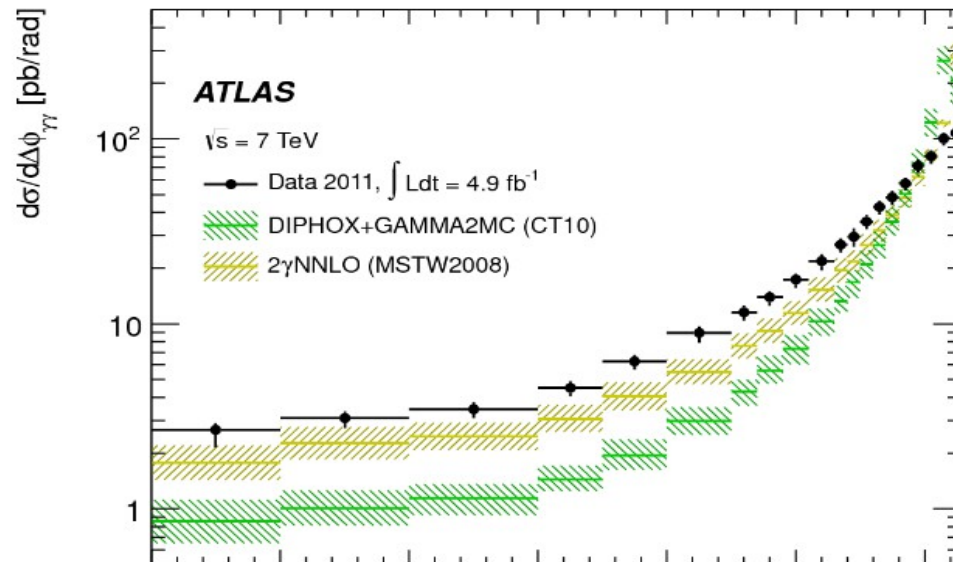
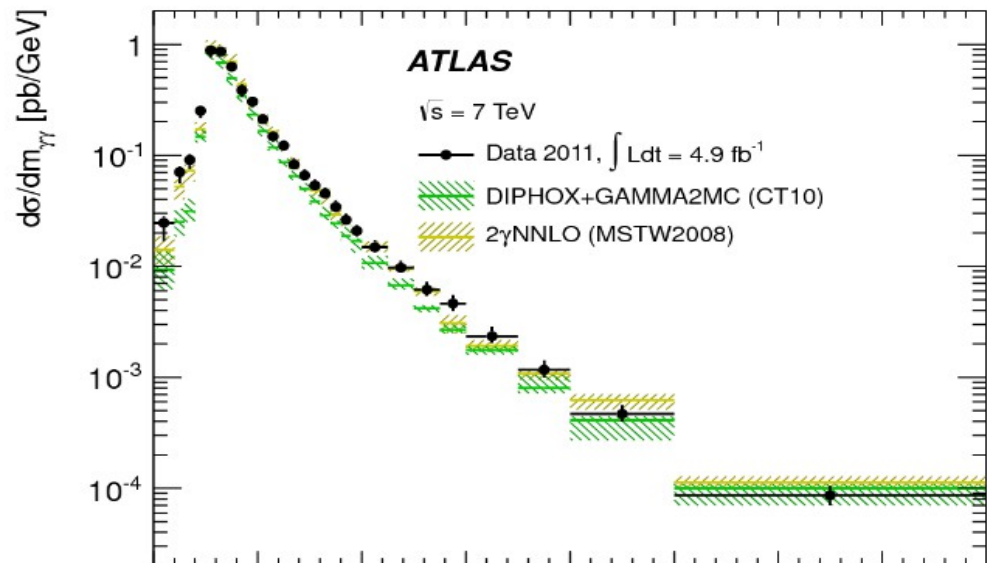


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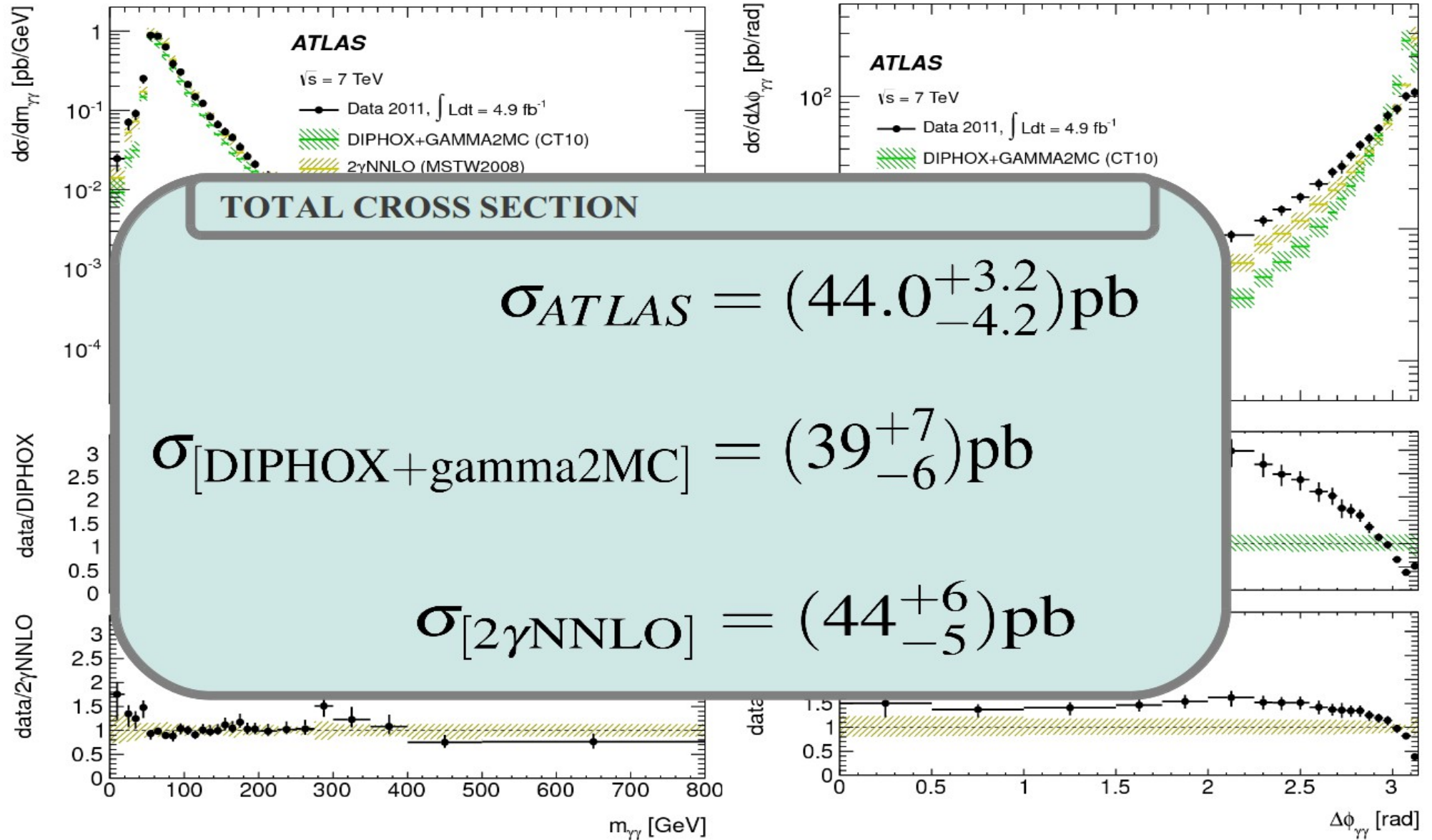
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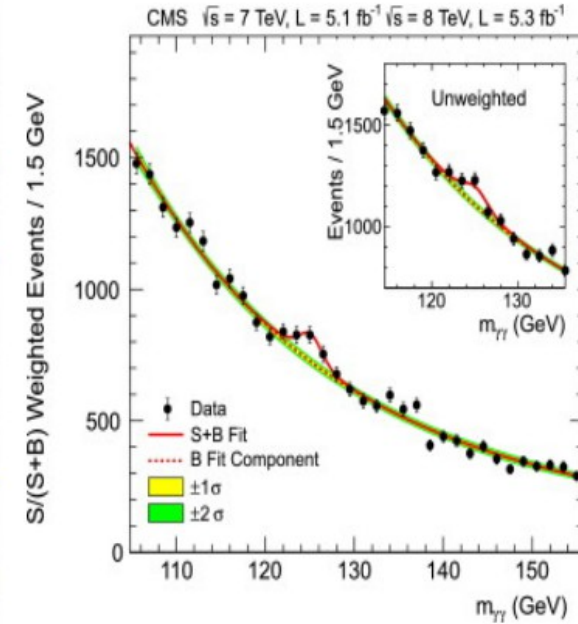
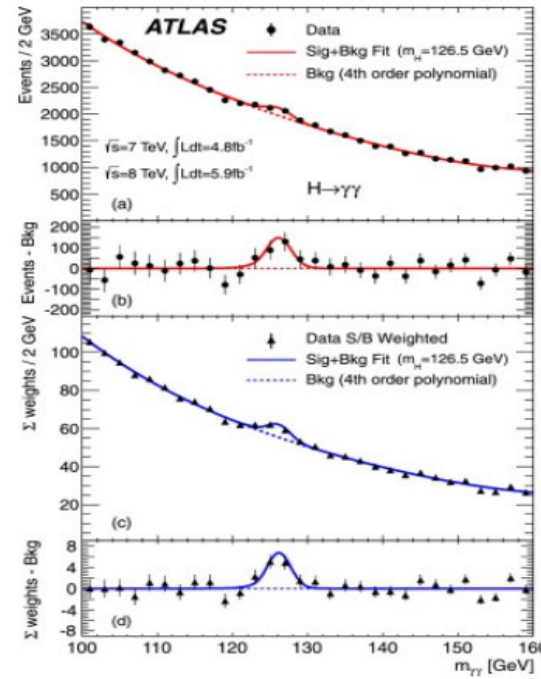


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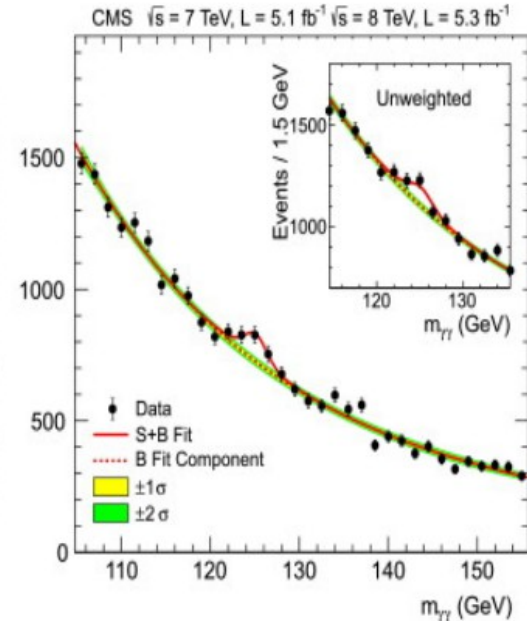
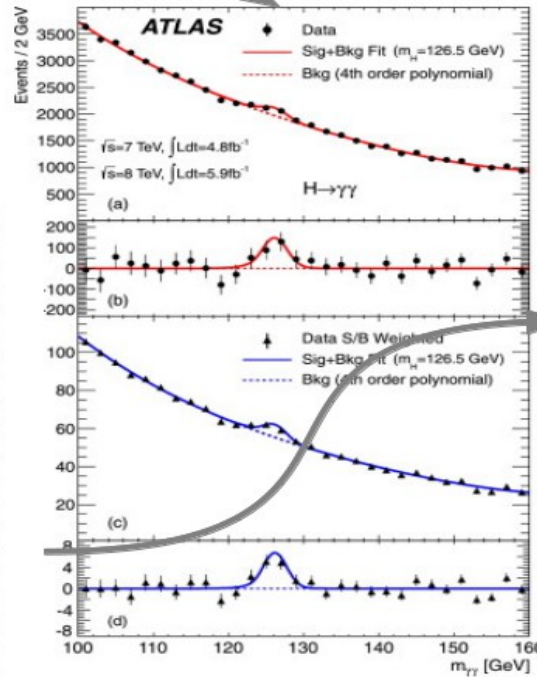
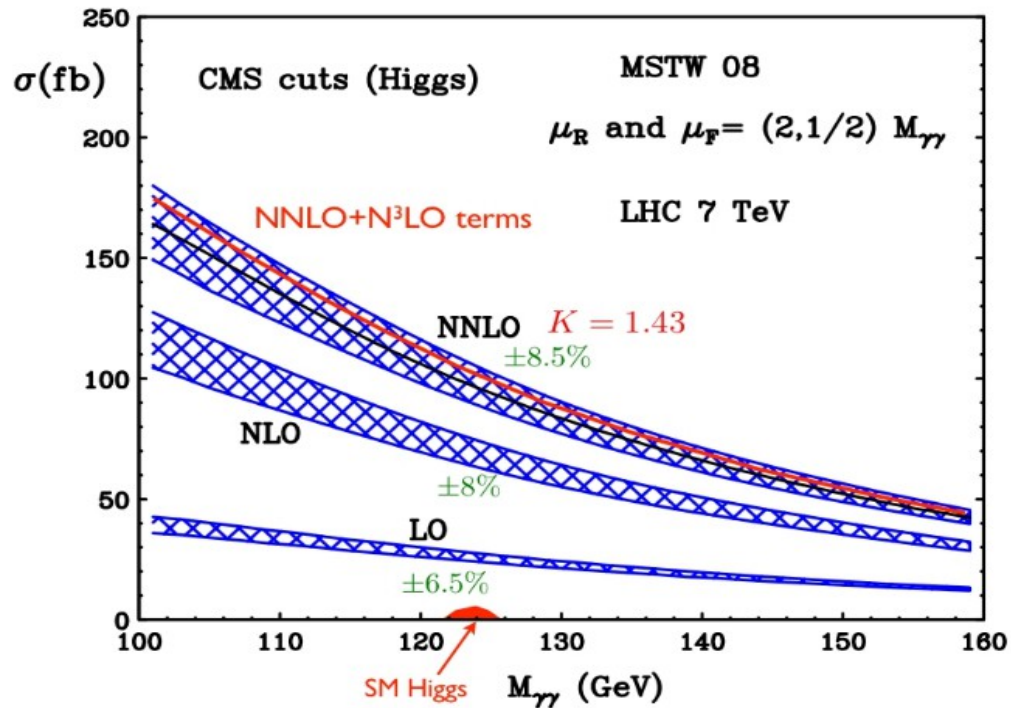


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$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ hard}} \geq 40 \text{ GeV}$$

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$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 160 \text{ GeV}$$

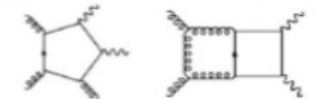
$$|\eta^\gamma| \leq 2.5$$

$$\text{excluding } 1.4442 \leq |\eta^\gamma| \leq 1.566$$

$$\epsilon = 0.05$$

- Scale does not represent TH uncertainties at LO and NLO → new channels
- All channels open at NNLO → estimate of TH uncertainties

$$\alpha_s^3 \text{ Bern, Dixon, Schmidt (2002)}$$



Some  $N^3\text{LO}$  terms known to contribute  $\sim 5\%$



# Summary

- Cross section with “smooth” isolation, is a lower bound for cross section with standard isolation.
- 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  $p_{T\gamma\gamma} \rightarrow 0$ )

***Thank you!!!***

# ***Backup slides***

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**This is enough to compute NNLO corrections for *any* process in this class provided that  $F+\text{jet}$  is known up to NLO and the two loop amplitude for  $c\bar{c} \rightarrow F$  is known**



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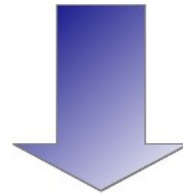
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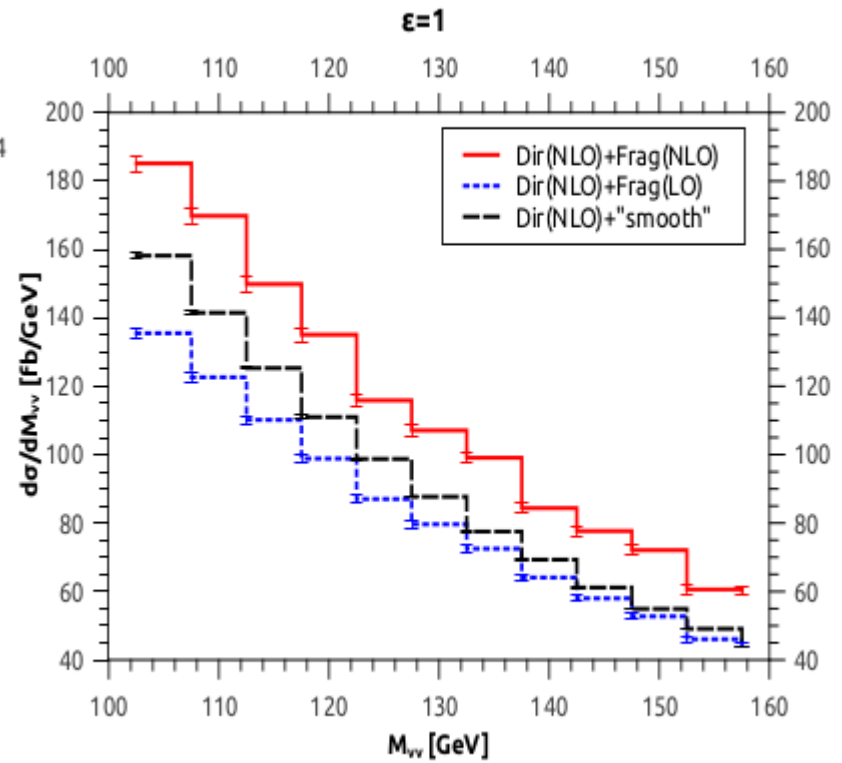
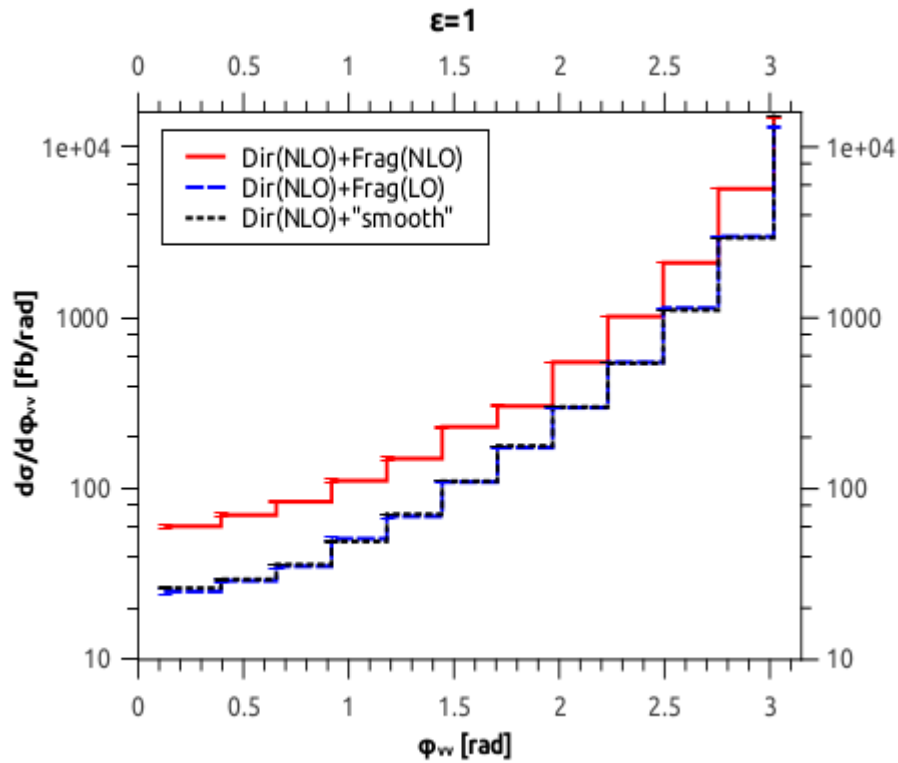


Fully exclusive NNLO code for  $pp \rightarrow F$

**2 $\gamma$ NNLO**

First exclusive NNLO in pp collisions with two final state particles  
S.Catani, L.Cieri, D.de Florian, G.Ferrera, M.Grazzini (2011)





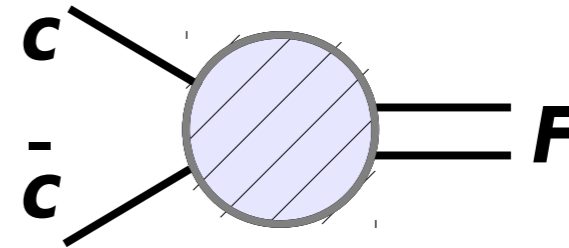
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Let us consider a specific, though important class of processes: the production of colourless high-mass systems  $\mathbf{F}$  in hadron collisions

( $\mathbf{F}$  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  $\mathbf{F}+\text{jet}(\mathbf{s})$  and observe that as soon as the transverse momentum of the  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $q_T \neq 0$ , one can write:

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

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

But.....

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

G. Parisi, R. Petronzio (1979)

J. Collins, D.E. Soper, G. Sterman (1985)

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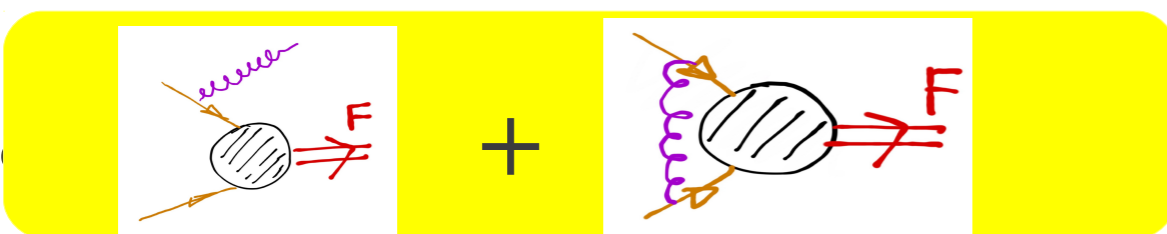
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**[ Real + Virtual ] Contributions**

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



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$\sigma_{LO}^F$  (Born)

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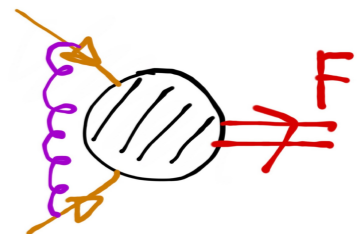
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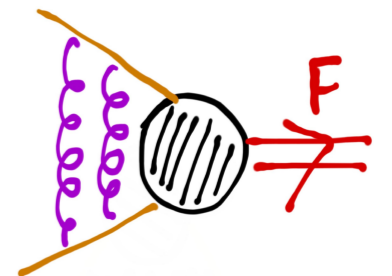
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# ◎ The Normalization H

Expand to the fixed order in  $\alpha_s$

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LO      NLO      NNLO

Normalization of  $\sigma_{tot}^{(N)NLO}$   computational effort comparable to  $\sigma_{tot}^{(N)NLO}$

$$p_T^2 \ll Q^2 \quad \int_0^{p_T^2} dq_T^2 \frac{d\sigma^F}{dq_T^2} \equiv \sigma_{LO}^F R^F(p_T/Q)$$

The coefficients appear in the constant term

$$R^{F(1)} = l_0^2 \Sigma^{F(1;2)} + l_0 \Sigma^{F(1;1)} + \mathcal{H}^{F(1)} + \mathcal{O}(p_T^2/Q^2)$$

$$l_0 = \ln \frac{Q^2}{p_T^2}$$

$$R^{F(2)} = l_0^4 \Sigma^{F(2;4)} + l_0^3 \Sigma^{F(2;3)} + l_0^2 \Sigma^{F(2;2)}$$

$$+ l_0 (\Sigma^{F(2;1)} - 16\zeta_3 \Sigma^{F(2;4)}) + \mathcal{H}^{F(2)} - 4\zeta_3 \Sigma^{F(2;3)} + \mathcal{O}(p_T^2/Q^2)$$

Very hard to reach that accuracy... but...



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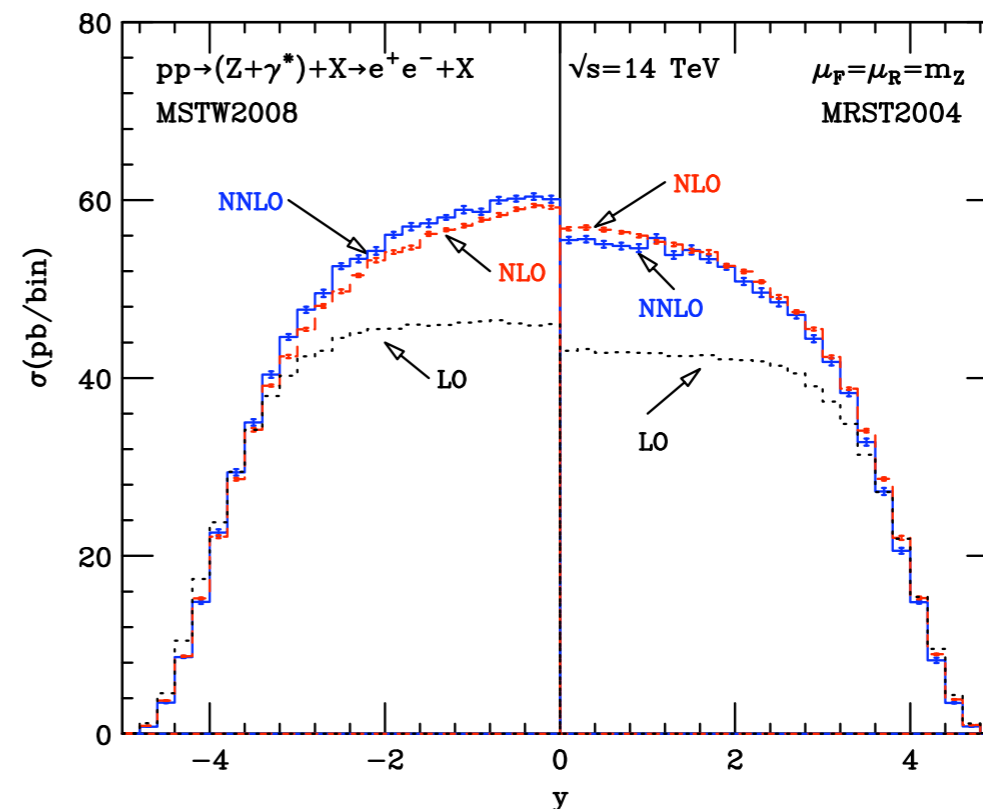
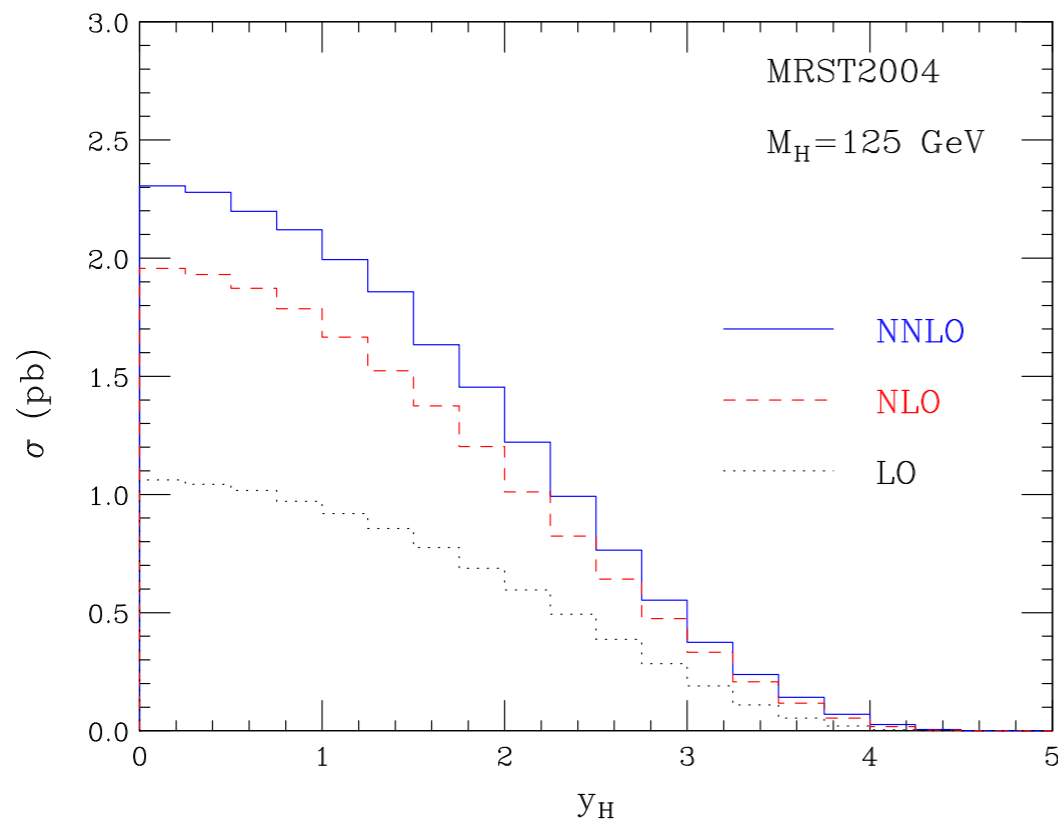
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DYNNLO

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Up to now, **Inclusive** and **analytical Momentum Distribution** needed for **Exclusive**

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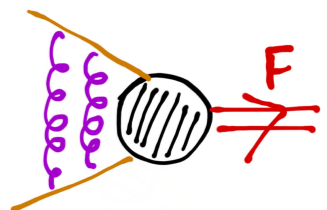
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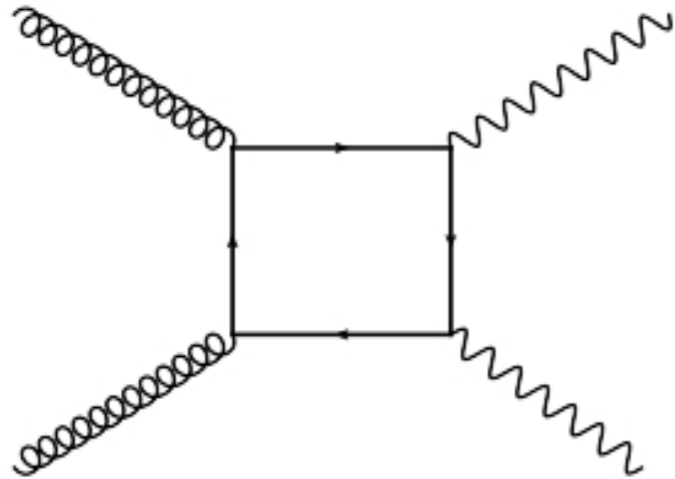
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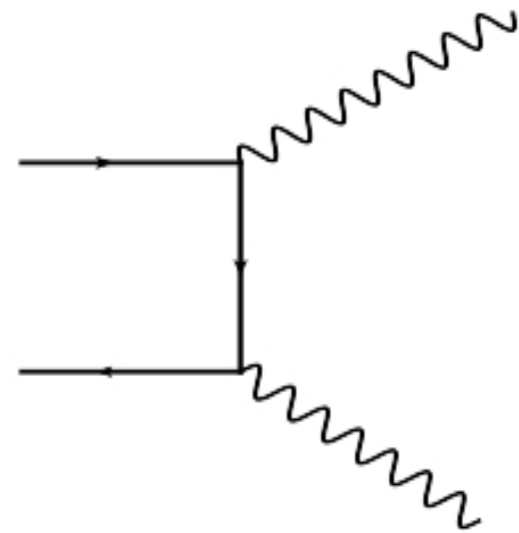
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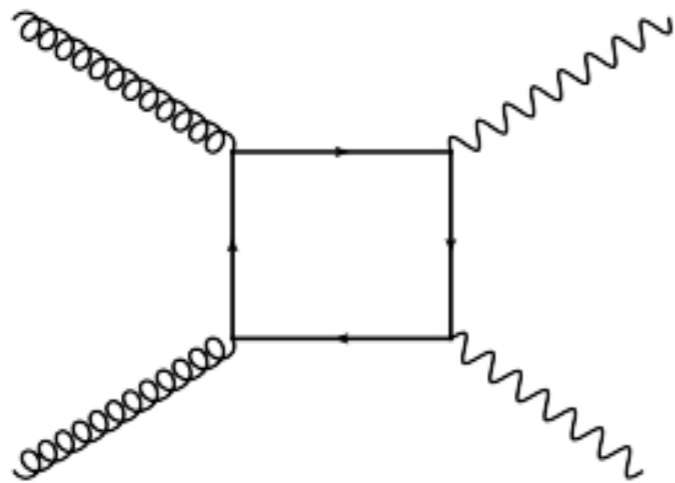
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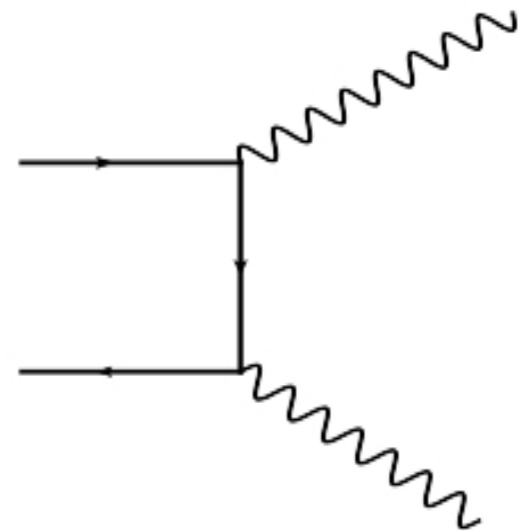
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- Full NNLO control of Di-photon production is desired (main light Higgs bkg)

## Kinematic variables

$$M = \sqrt{(p_{\gamma 1}^u + p_{\gamma 2}^u)^2}$$

$$P_T = \left| \left( \vec{p}_{\gamma 1} + \vec{p}_{\gamma 2} \right) - \left( \vec{p}_{\gamma 1} + \vec{p}_{\gamma 2} \right) \cdot \hat{z} \right|$$

$$\Delta\phi = \left| \phi_{\gamma 1} - \phi_{\gamma 2} \right| \bmod \pi$$

$$Y_{\gamma\gamma} = \tanh^{-1} \frac{\left( \vec{p}_{\gamma 1} + \vec{p}_{\gamma 2} \right) \cdot \hat{z}}{\left| \vec{p}_{\gamma 1} \right| + \left| \vec{p}_{\gamma 2} \right|}$$

$$z = \frac{p_{T\gamma}^<}{p_{T\gamma}^>}$$



Low- $p_T$ /high- $p_T$  ratio of the photon pair ( $z < 1$ )

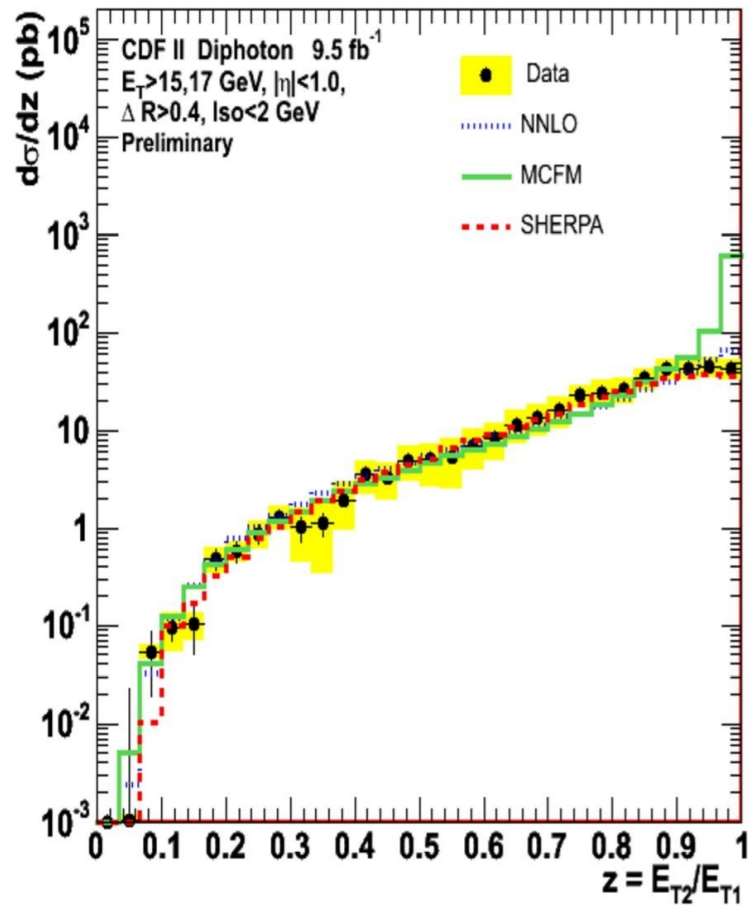
$$\cos\theta = \frac{2p_{T\gamma 1}p_{T\gamma 2} \sinh(y_{\gamma 1} - y_{\gamma 2})}{M\sqrt{M^2 + P_T^2}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos\theta \rightarrow \tanh \frac{y_{\gamma 1} - y_{\gamma 2}}{2} \approx 0 \quad (P_T \ll M) \\ \cos^2\theta \rightarrow \frac{4p_{T\gamma 1}p_{T\gamma 2}}{(p_{T\gamma 1} + p_{T\gamma 2})^2} \approx 1 \quad (P_T \gg M) \end{array} \right.$$

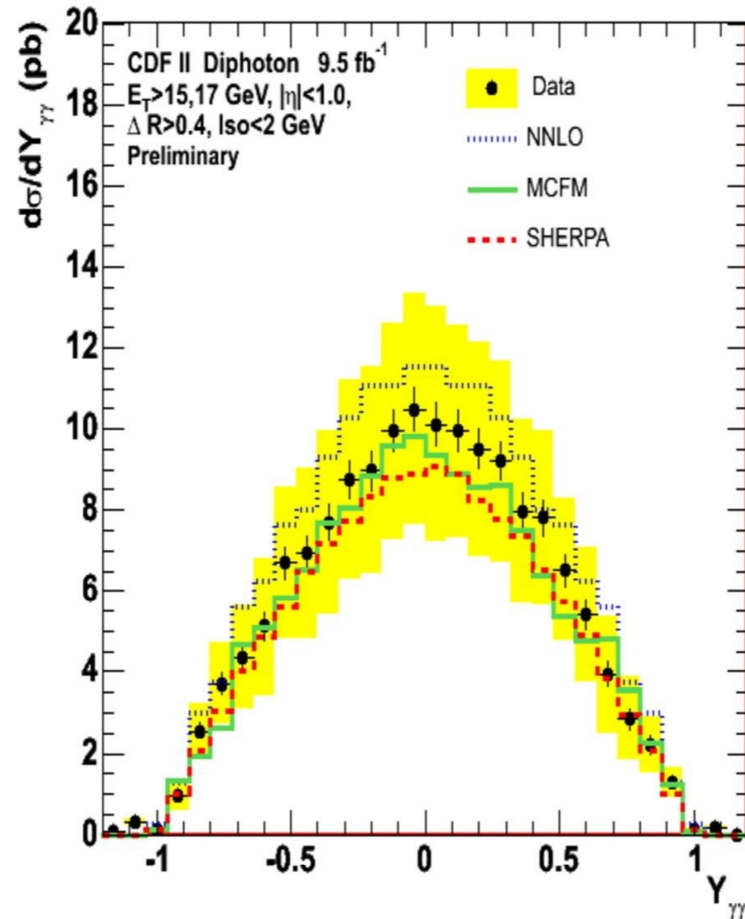


Cosine of the leading photon polar angle in the **Collins-Soper frame** ( $\gamma\gamma$  rest frame with the polar axis bisecting the angle between the colliding hadrons)

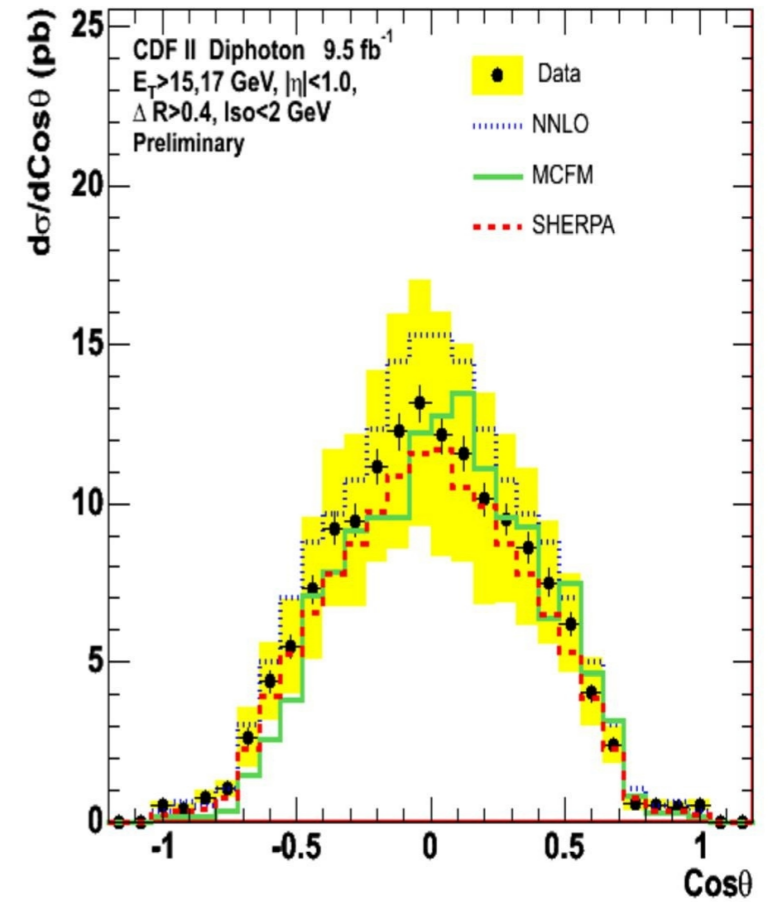
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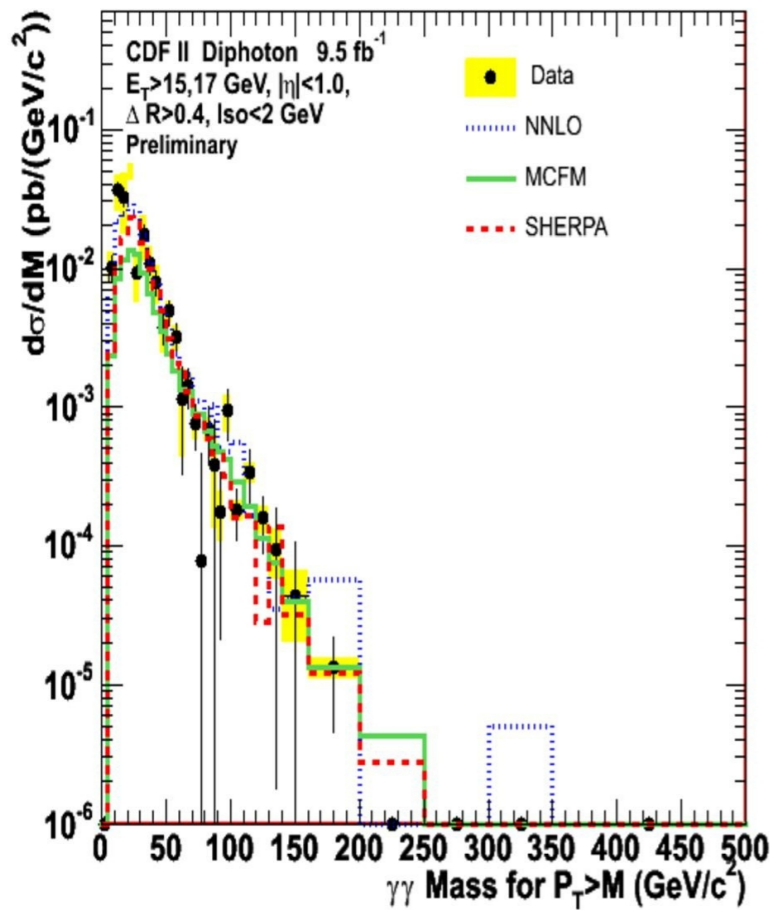
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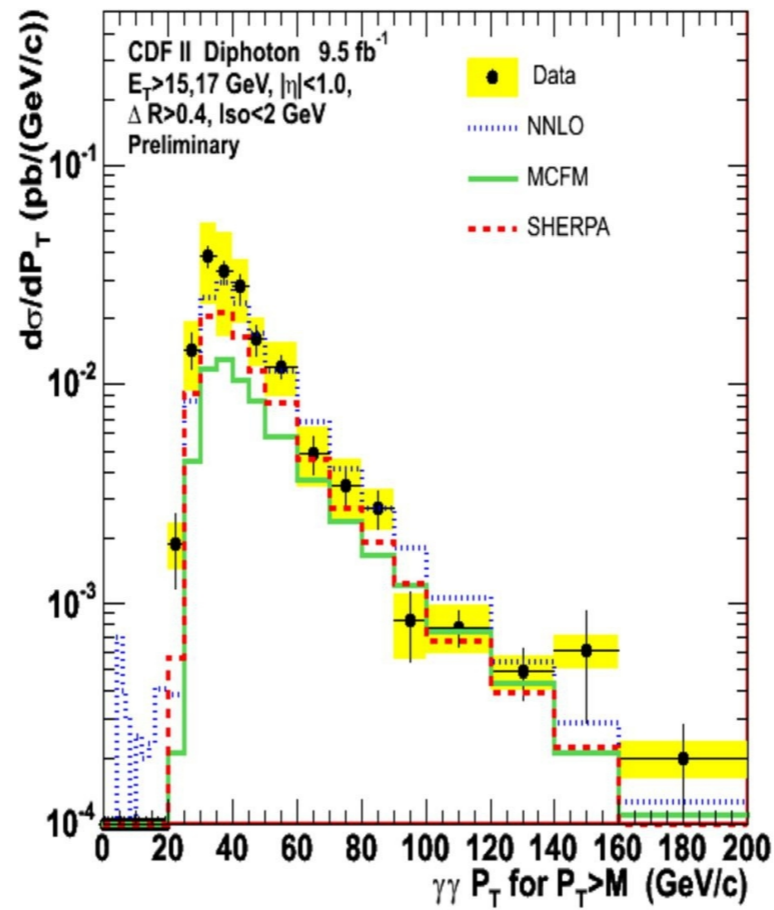
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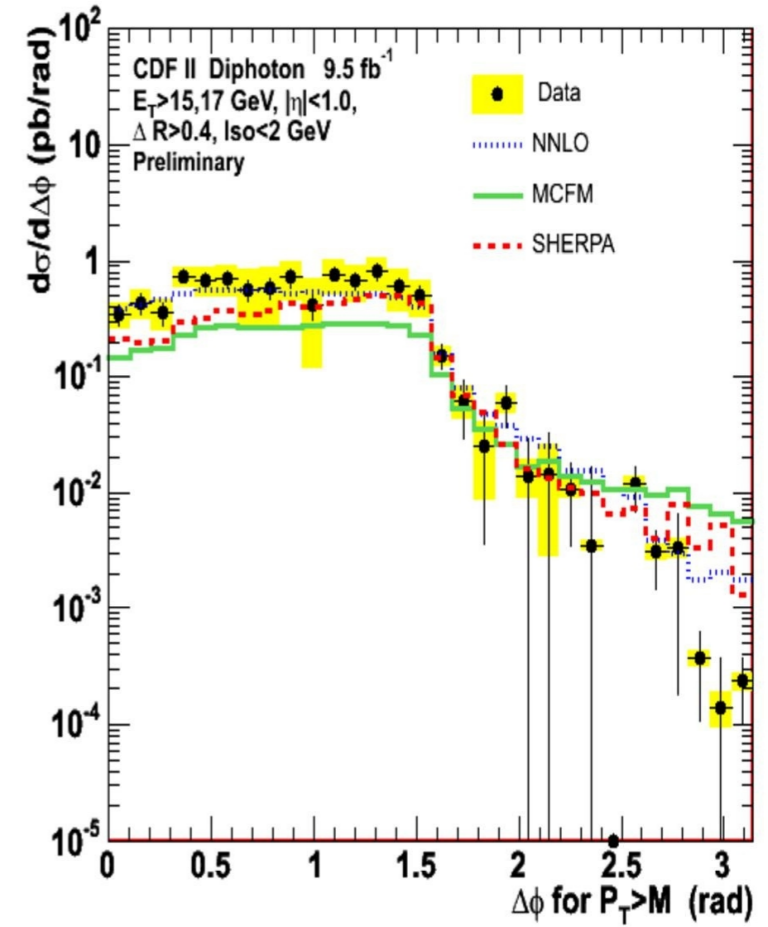
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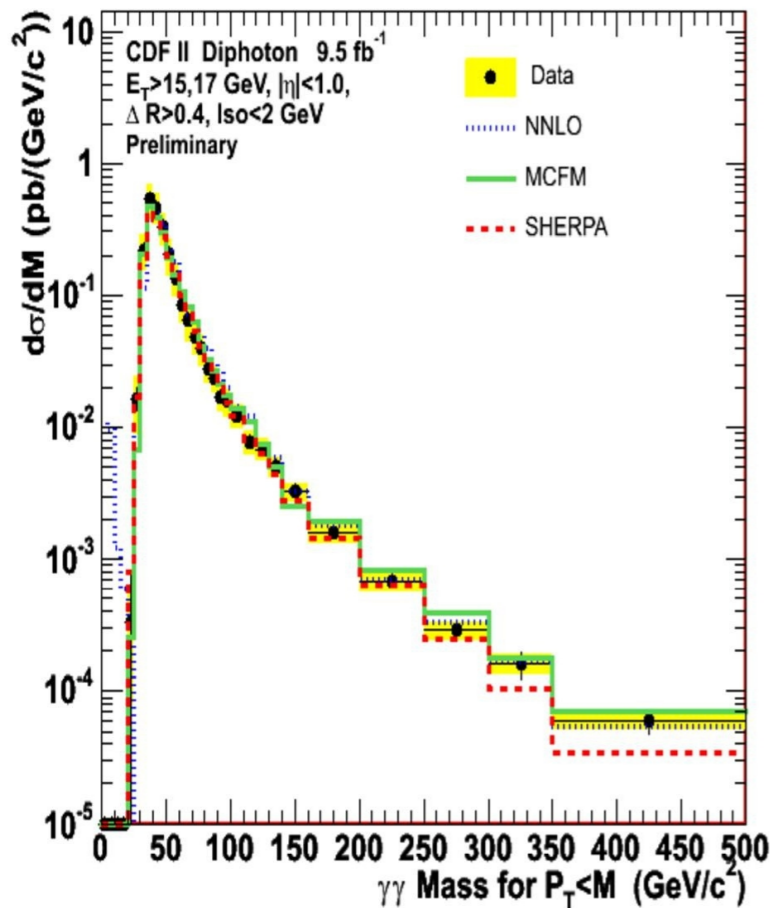


- Low statistics
- No events below  $P_T(\gamma\gamma) = 20$  GeV/c

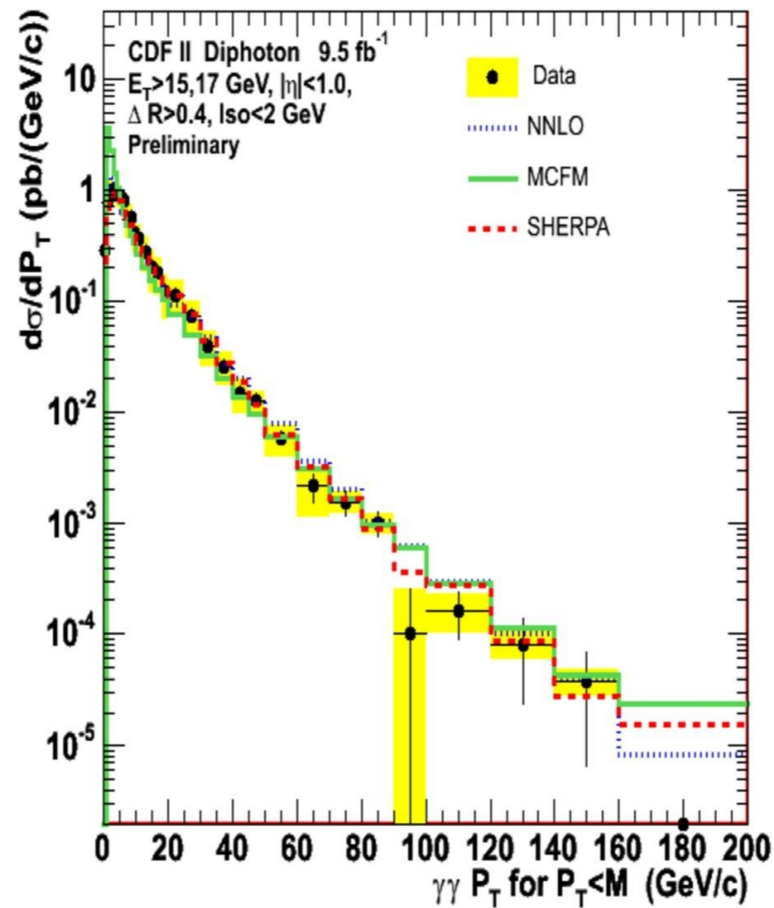


- Low statistics
- Spectrum suppressed for  $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma} > 1.5$  rad

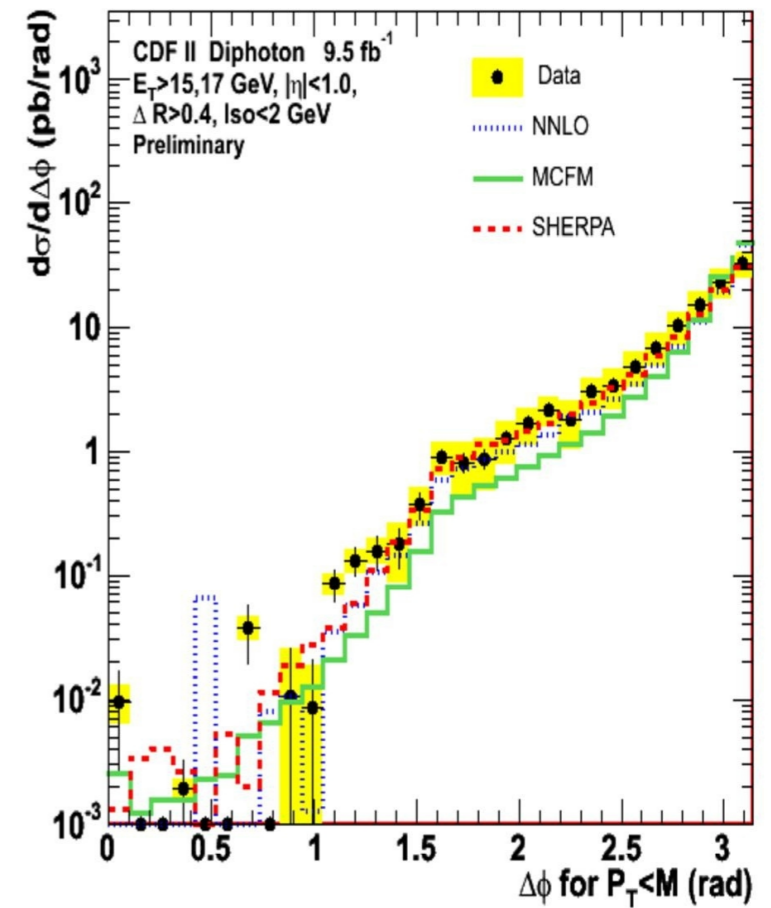
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- Good agreement between data and theory
- No events for  $M_{\gamma\gamma} < 30$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

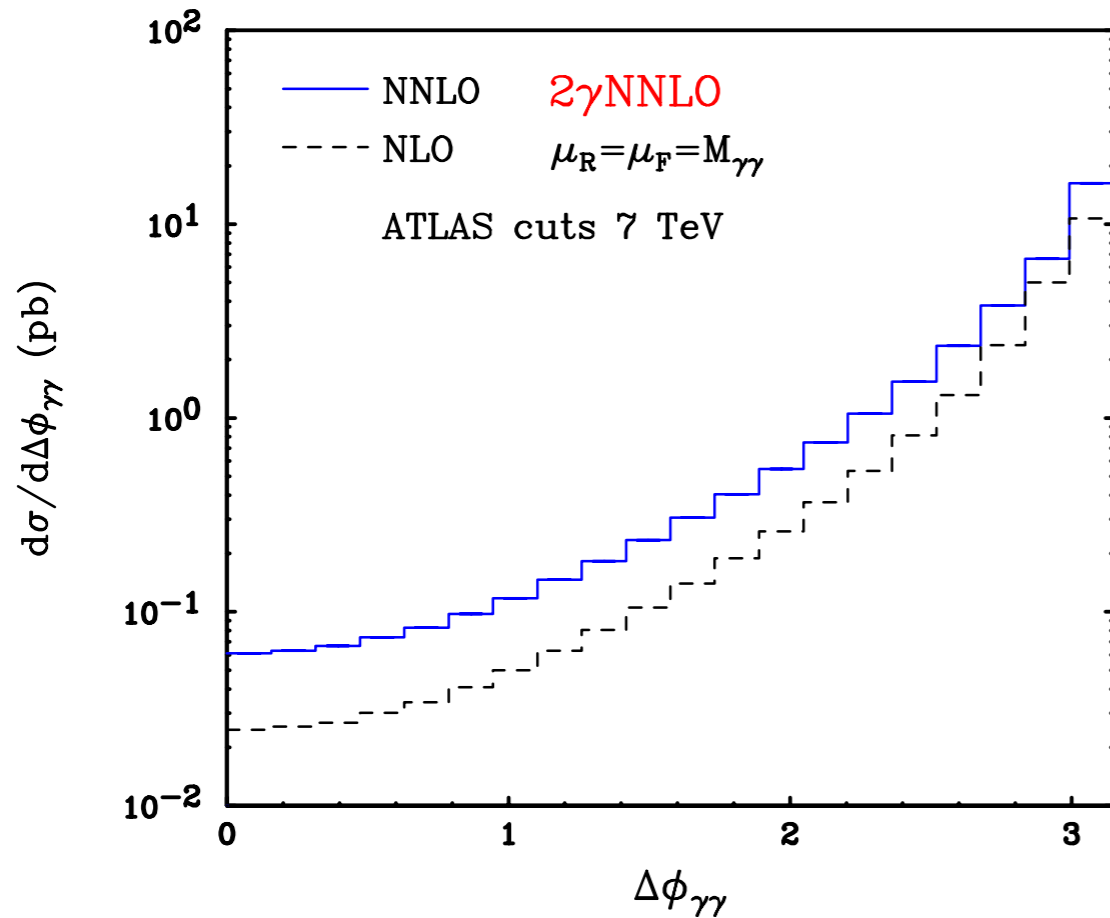


- Good agreement between data and theory
- No excess of data over theory for  $P_T(\gamma\gamma) = 20 - 50$  GeV/c (the “Guillet shoulder”)



- Good agreement between data and theory
- Spectrum suppressed for  $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma} < 1.5$  rad

# With Higgs search cuts at 7 TeV



$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ hard}} \geq 40 \text{ GeV}$$

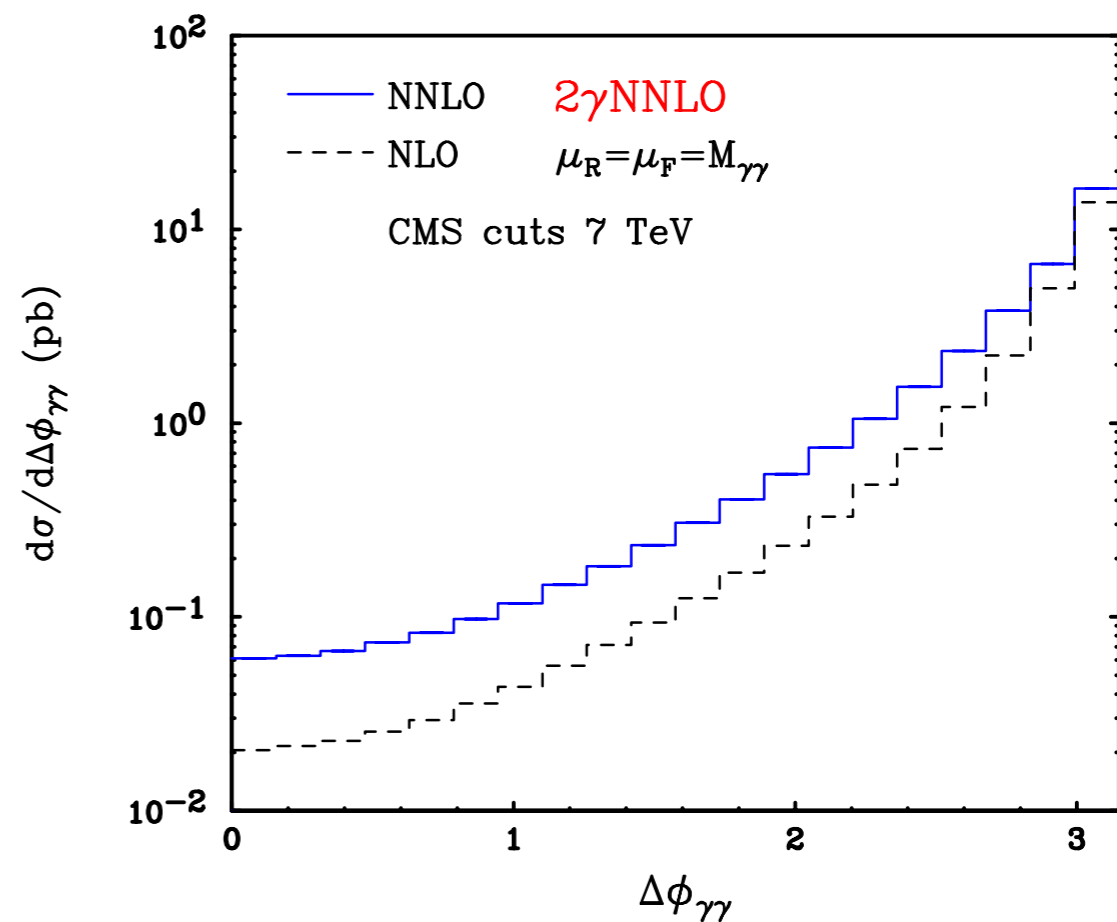
$$p_T^{\gamma \text{ soft}} \geq 25 \text{ GeV}$$

$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 160 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta^\gamma| \leq 2.37$$

**excluding**  $1.37 \leq |\eta^\gamma| \leq 1.52$

$$\epsilon = 0.05$$



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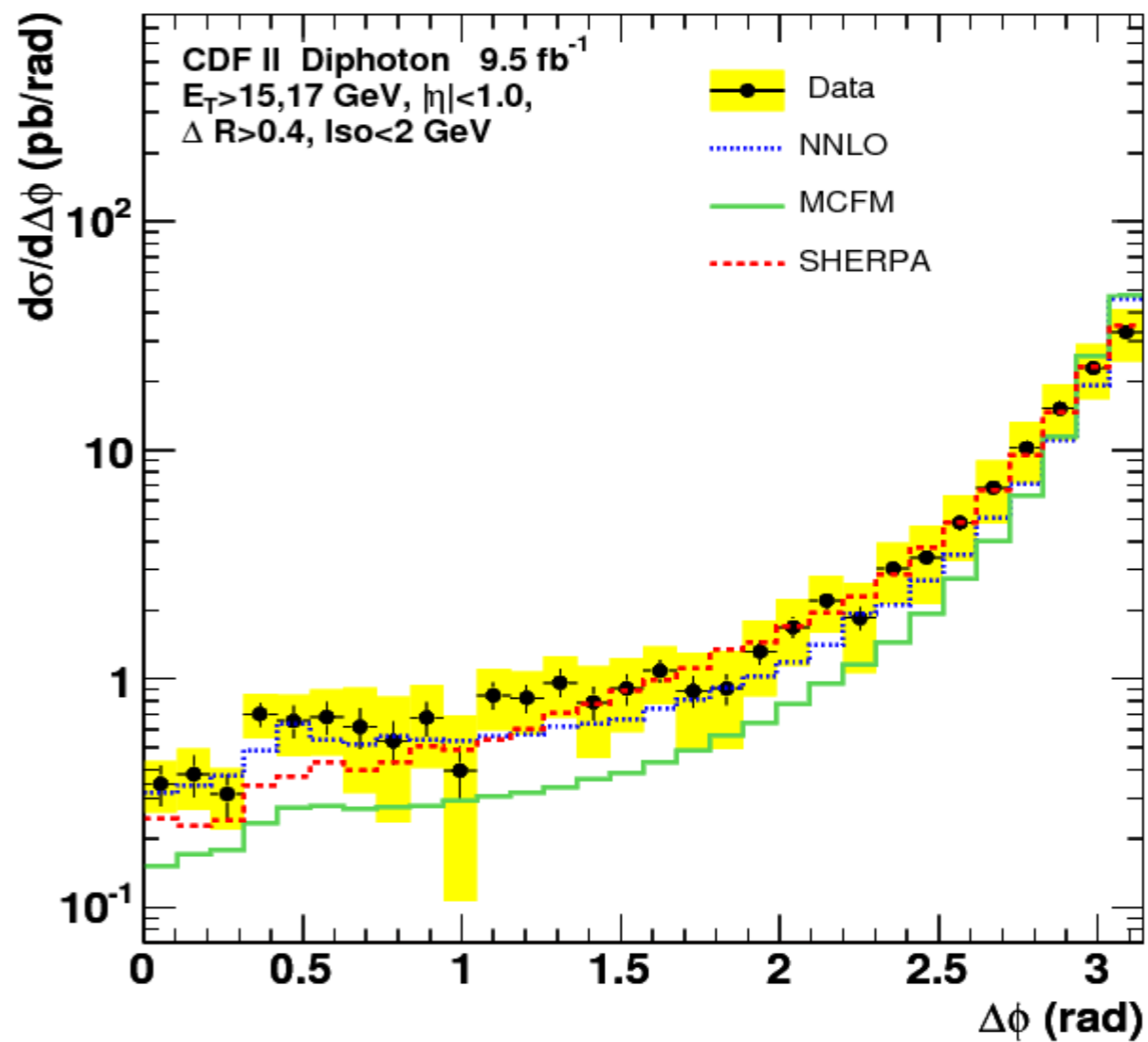
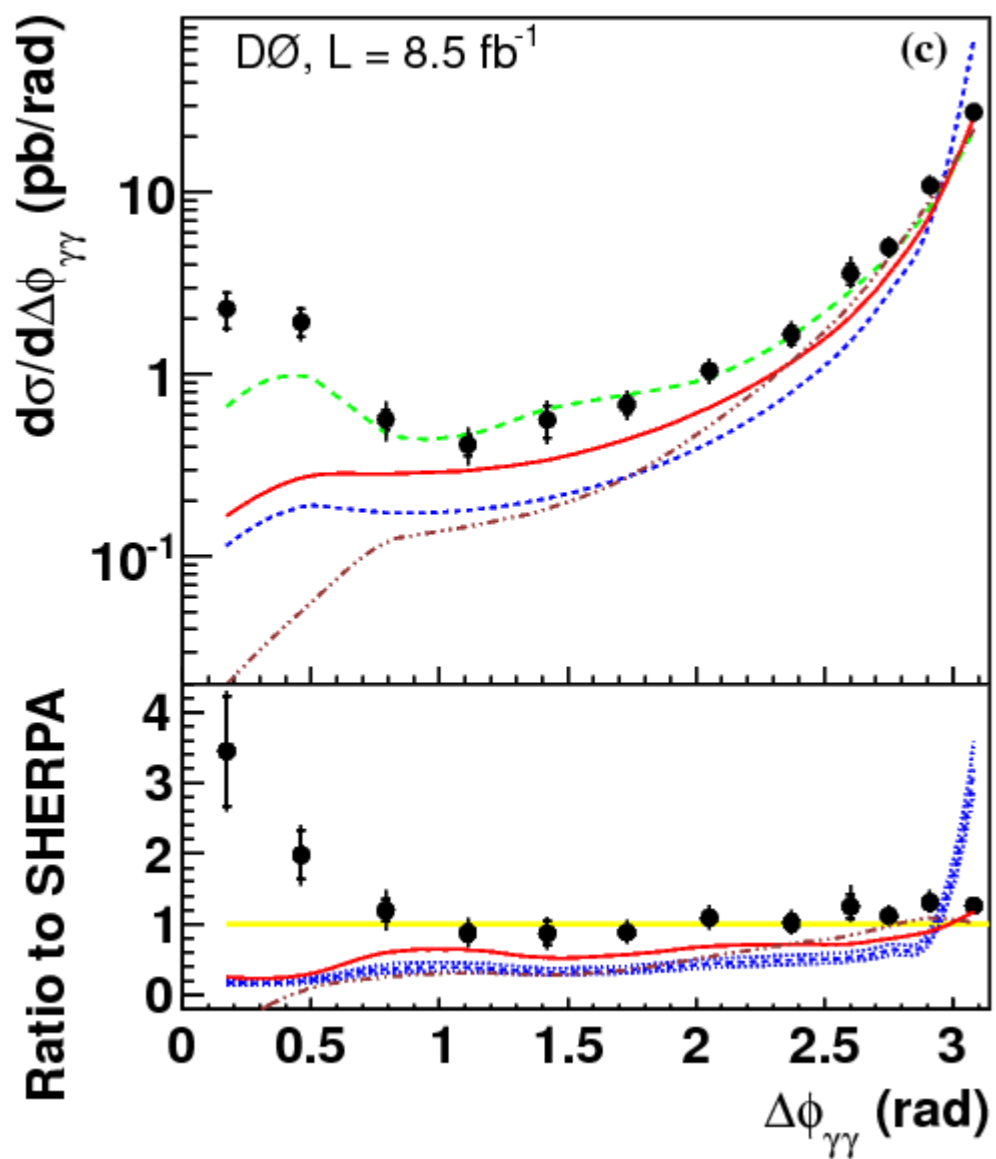
$$100 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 160 \text{ GeV}$$

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

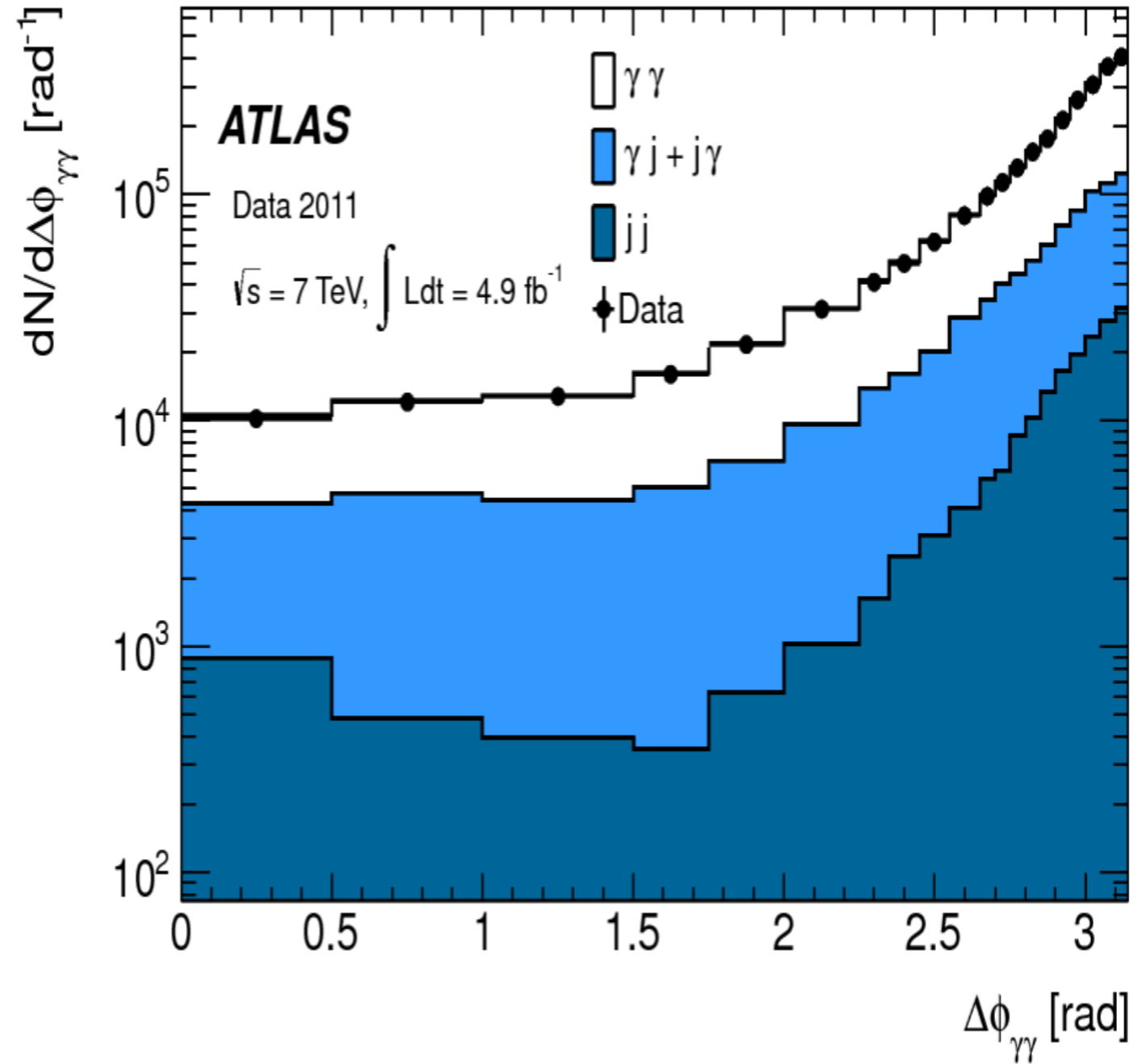
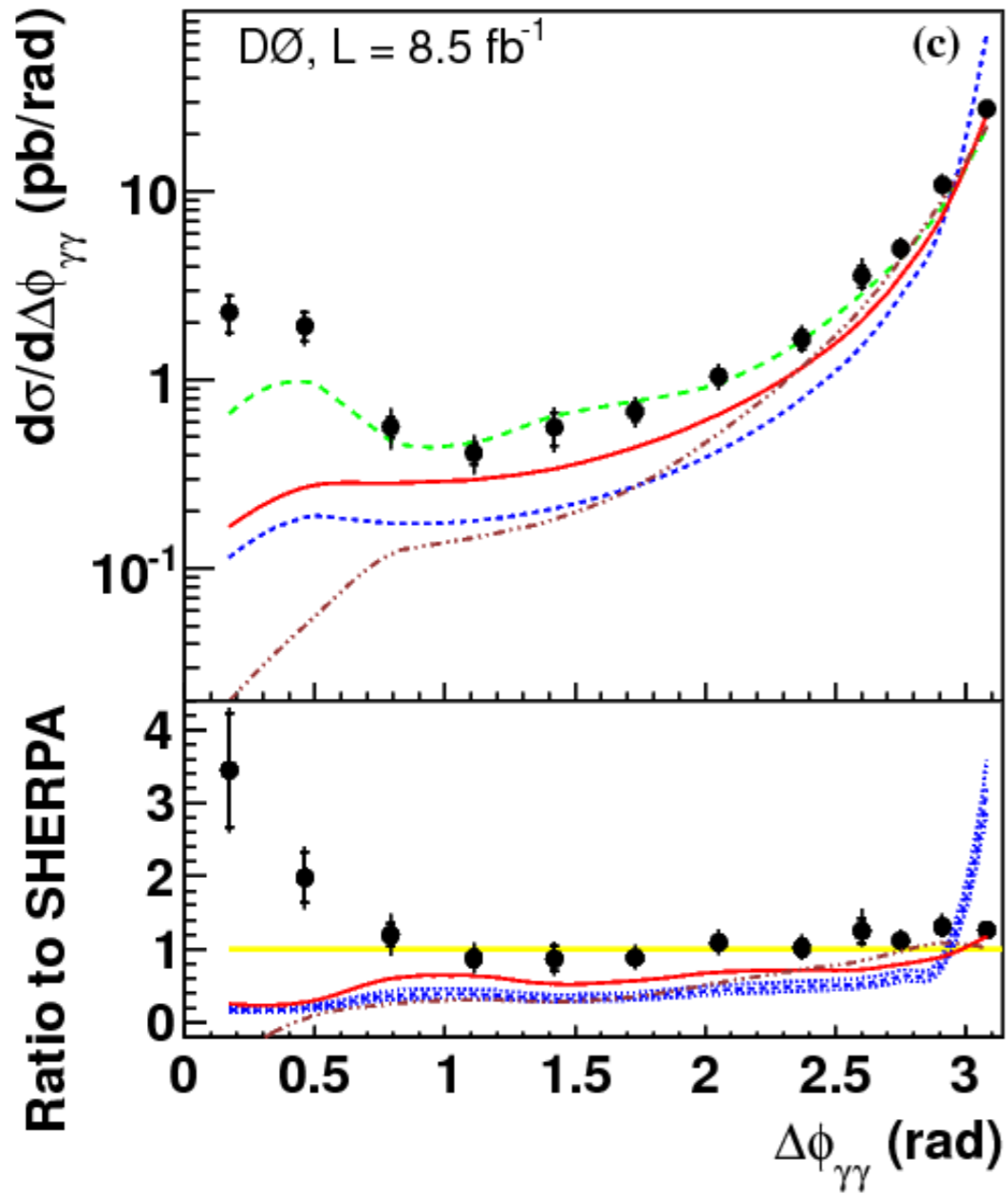
**excluding**  $1.4442 \leq |\eta^\gamma| \leq 1.566$

$$\epsilon = 0.05$$

# ***D0 vs CDF diphoton studies***

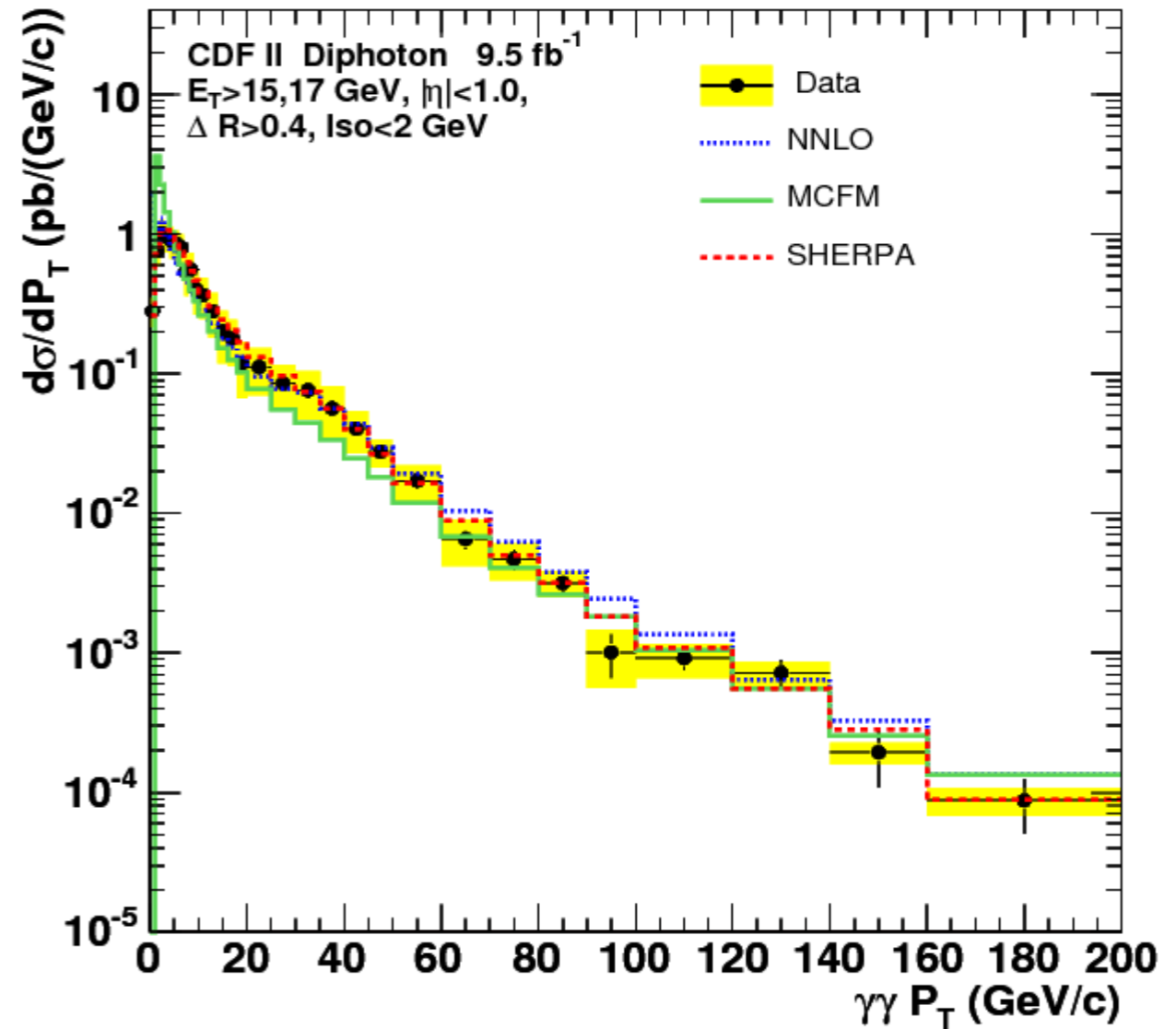
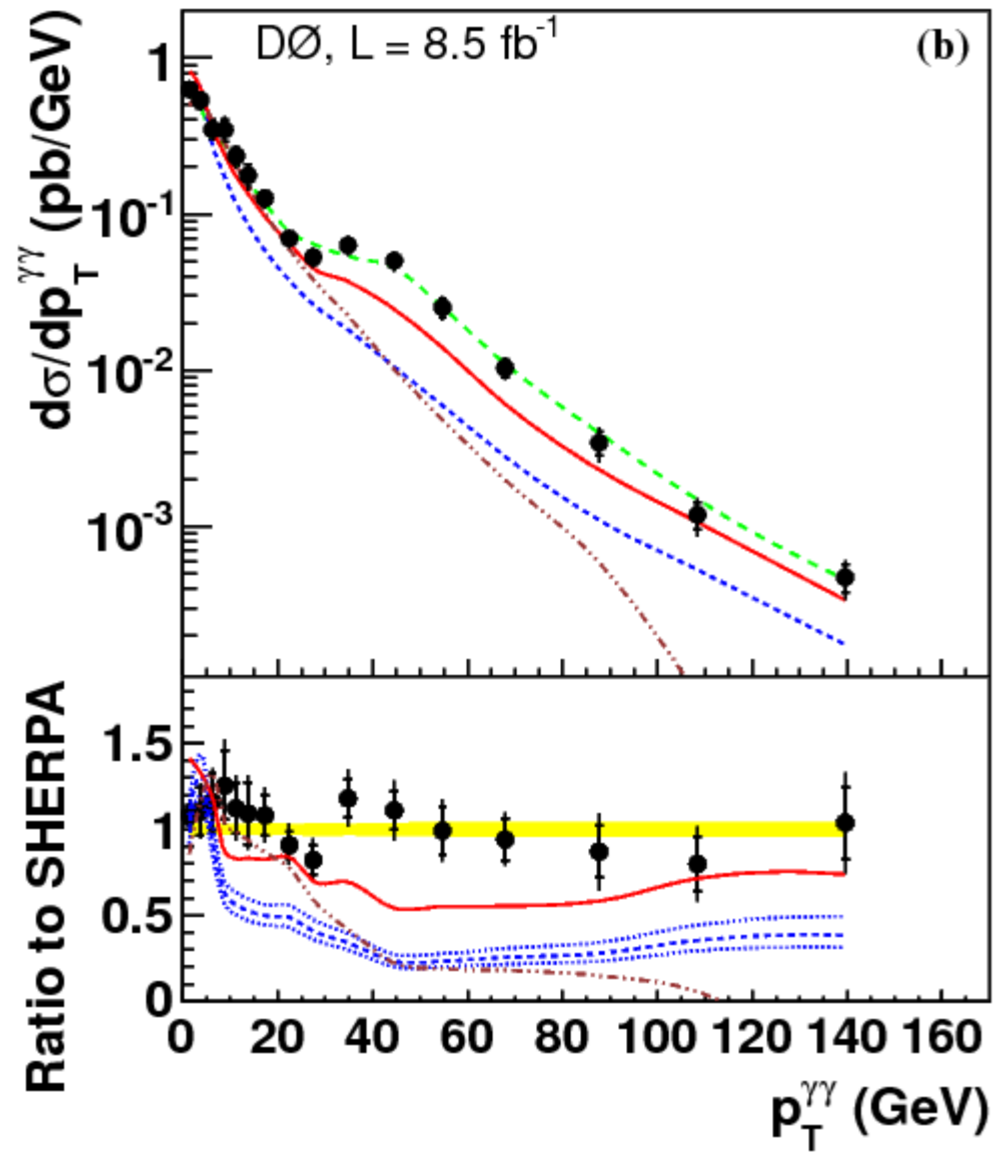


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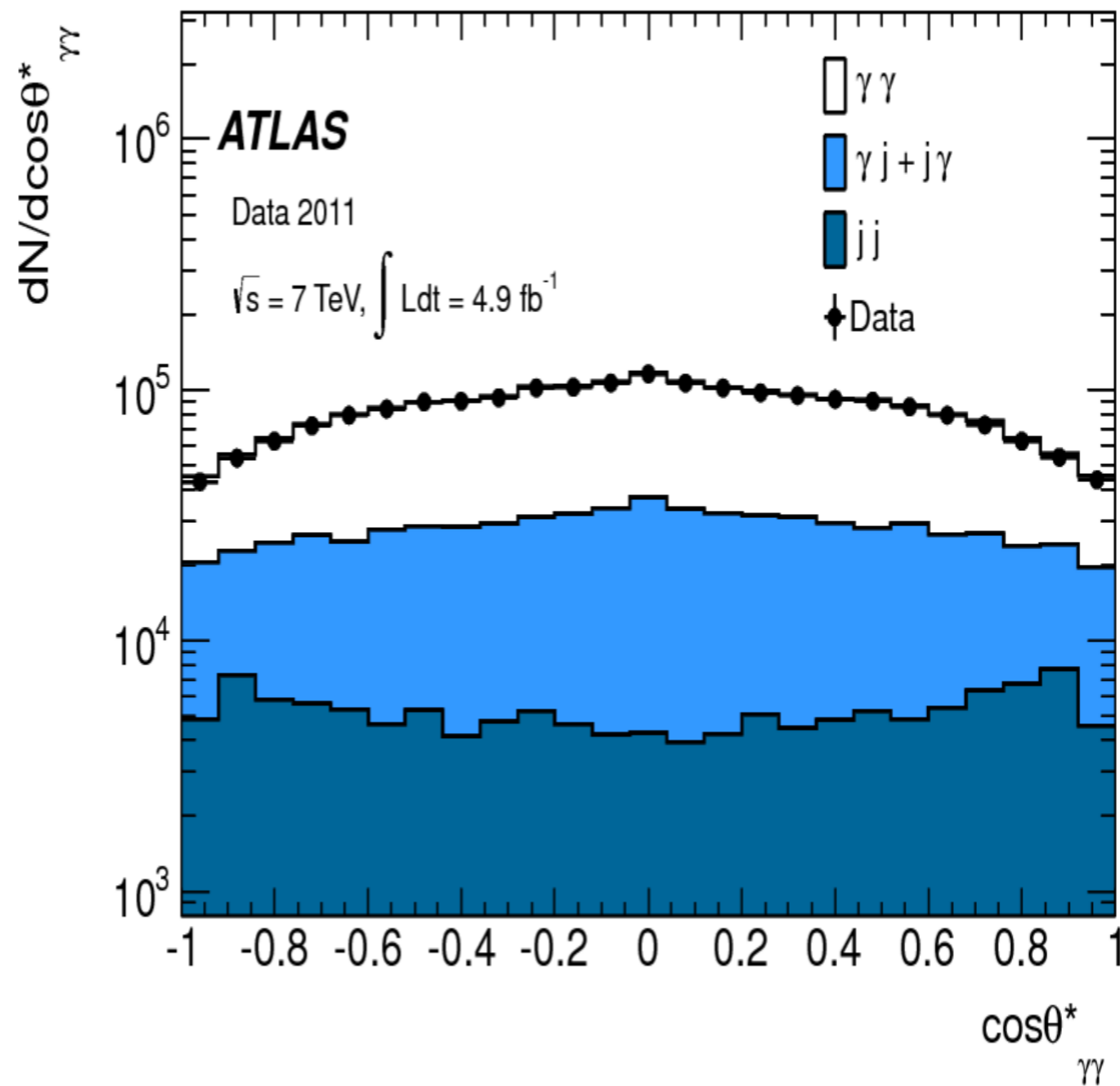
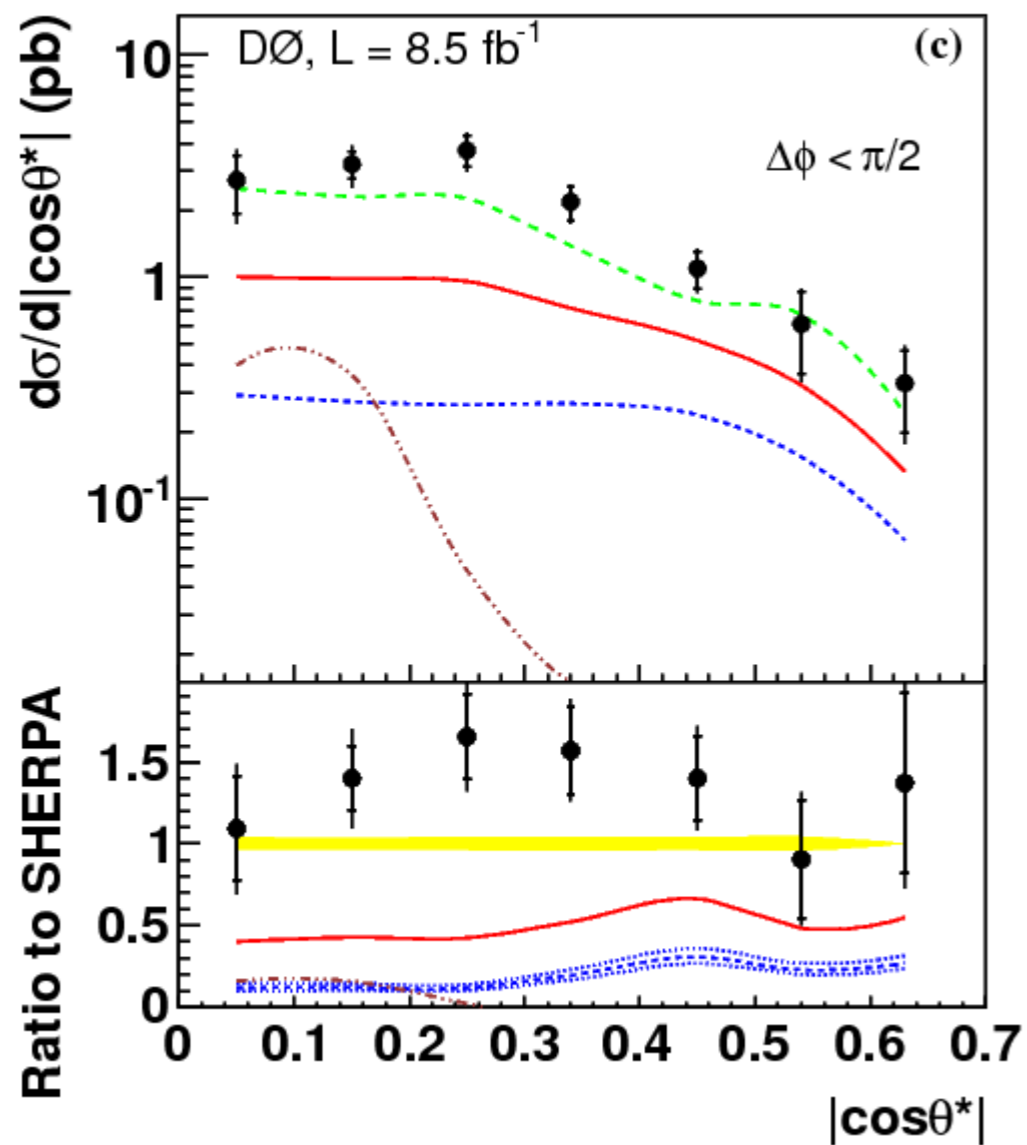




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