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# LHC PHYSICS AT NNLO+PS ACCURACY WITH MINNLO<sub>PS</sub>

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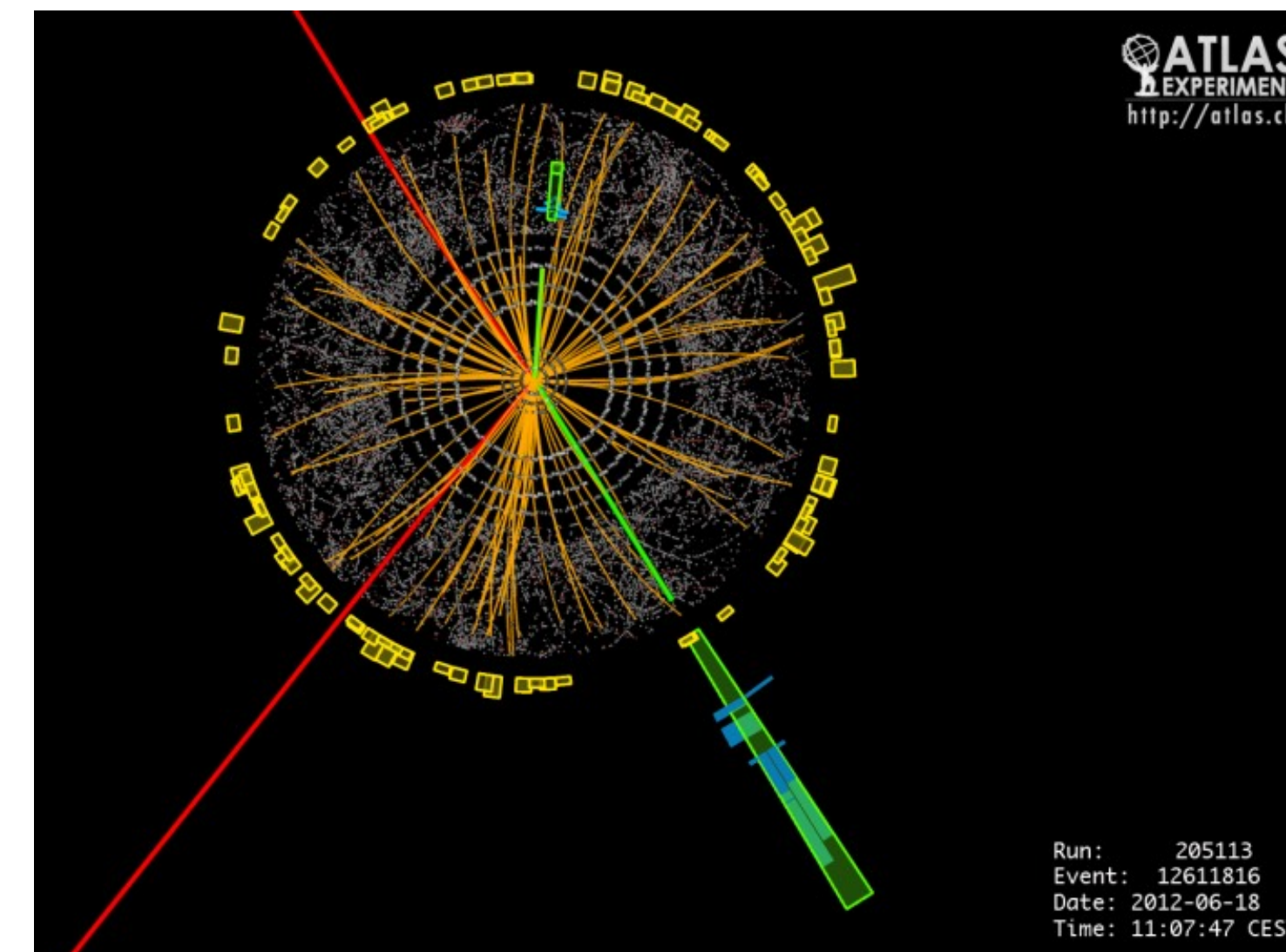
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# AN AMBITIOUS TASK

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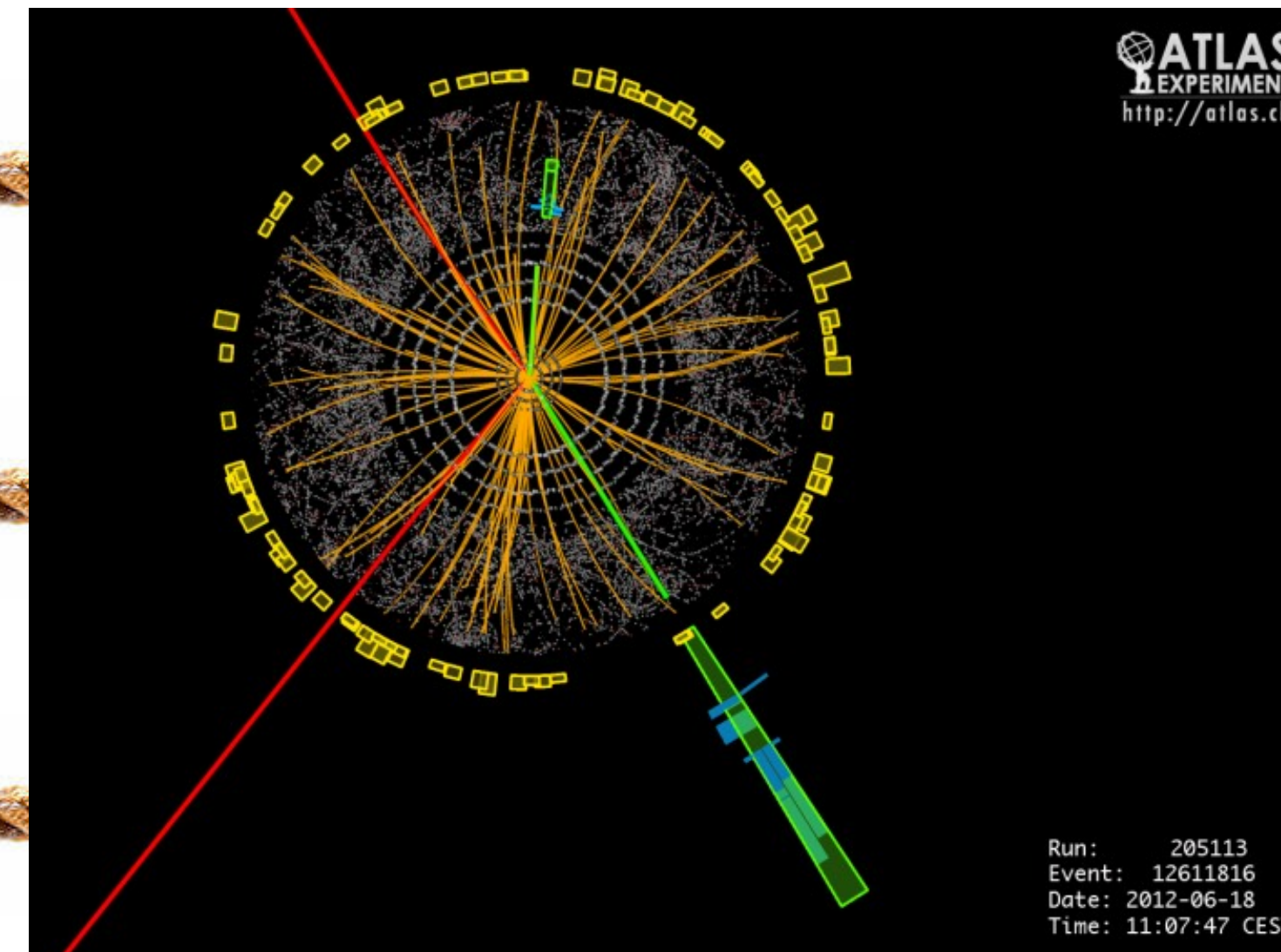
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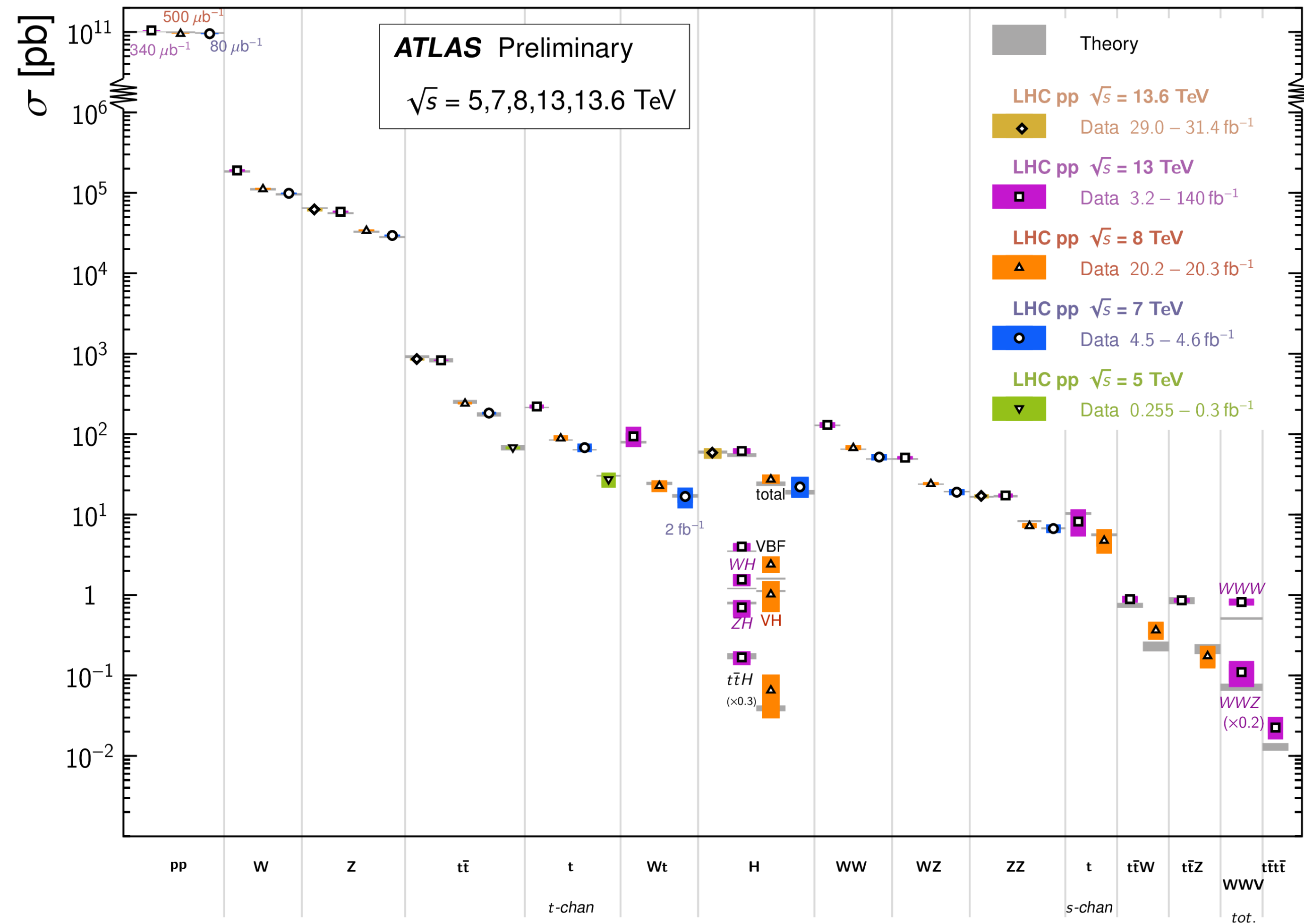
**PRECISE AND REALISTIC  
THEORETICAL PREDICTIONS**



# THE SUCCESS OF THE STANDARD MODEL

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: October 2023

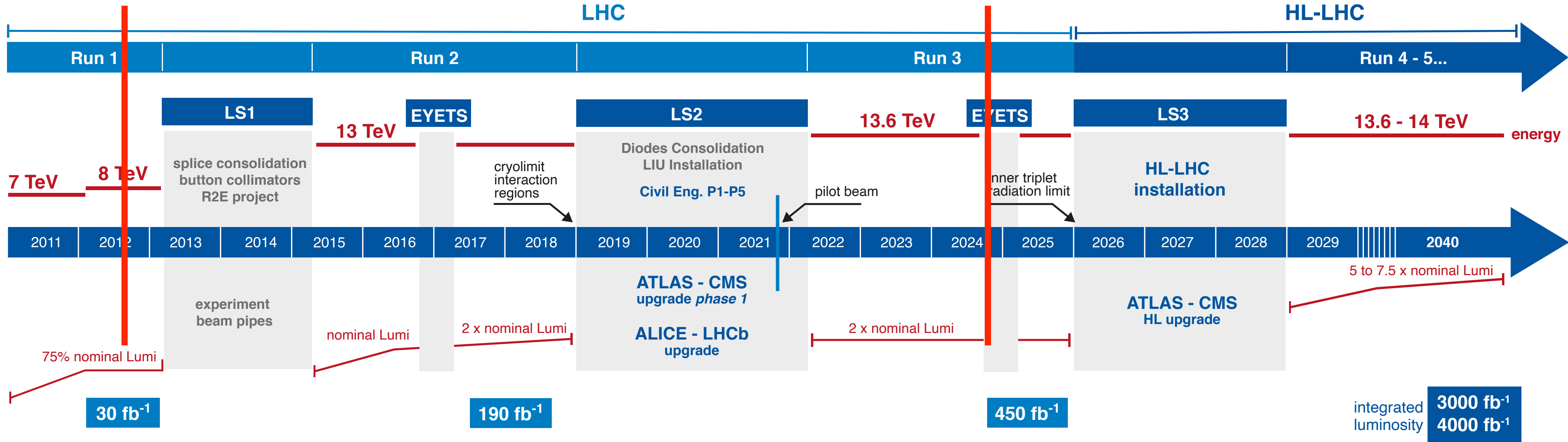


# LHC PROGRAMME

Higgs boson discovery

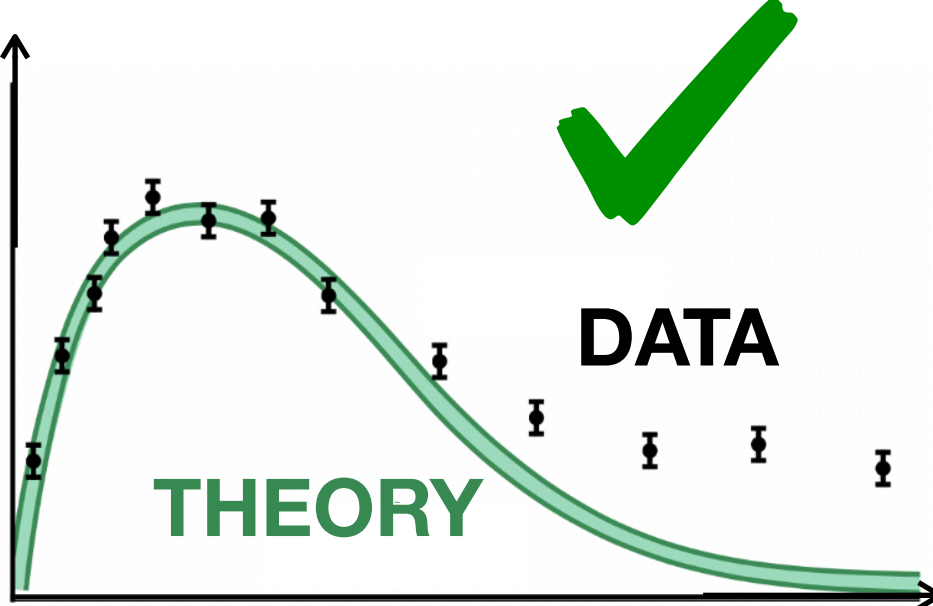
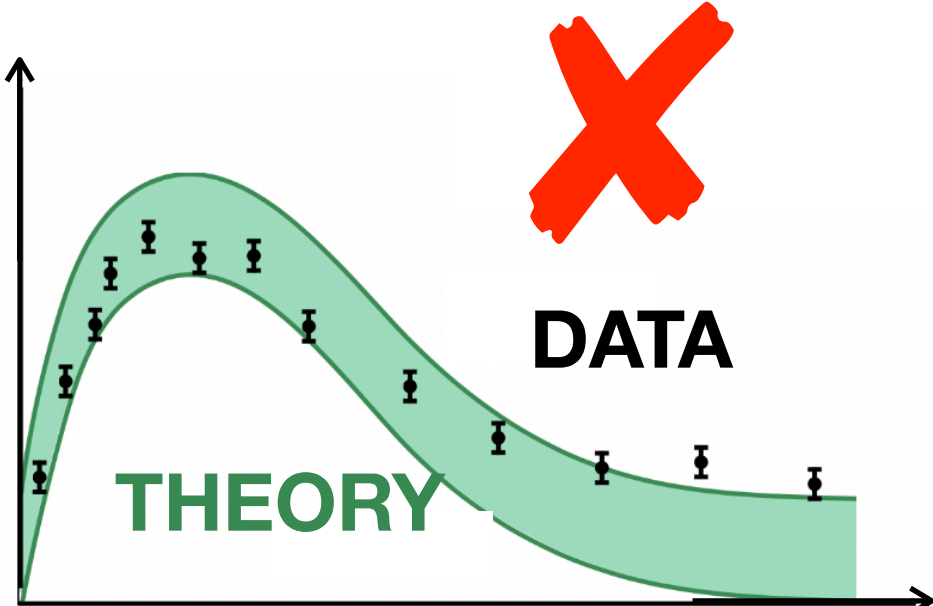


HiLumi LHC



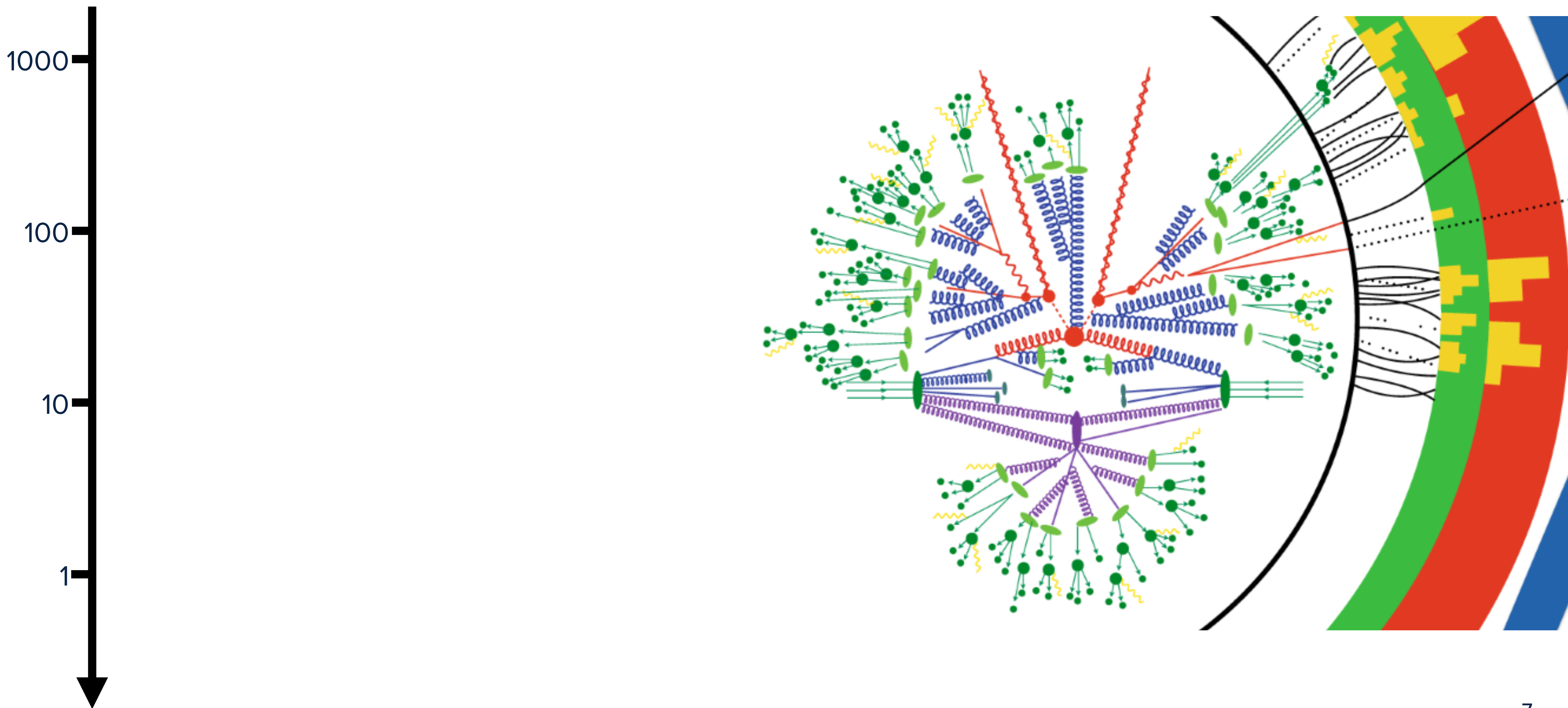
**Precision is needed to:**

- Study properties of new particles (Higgs boson).
- Test the SM to detect new physics effects.



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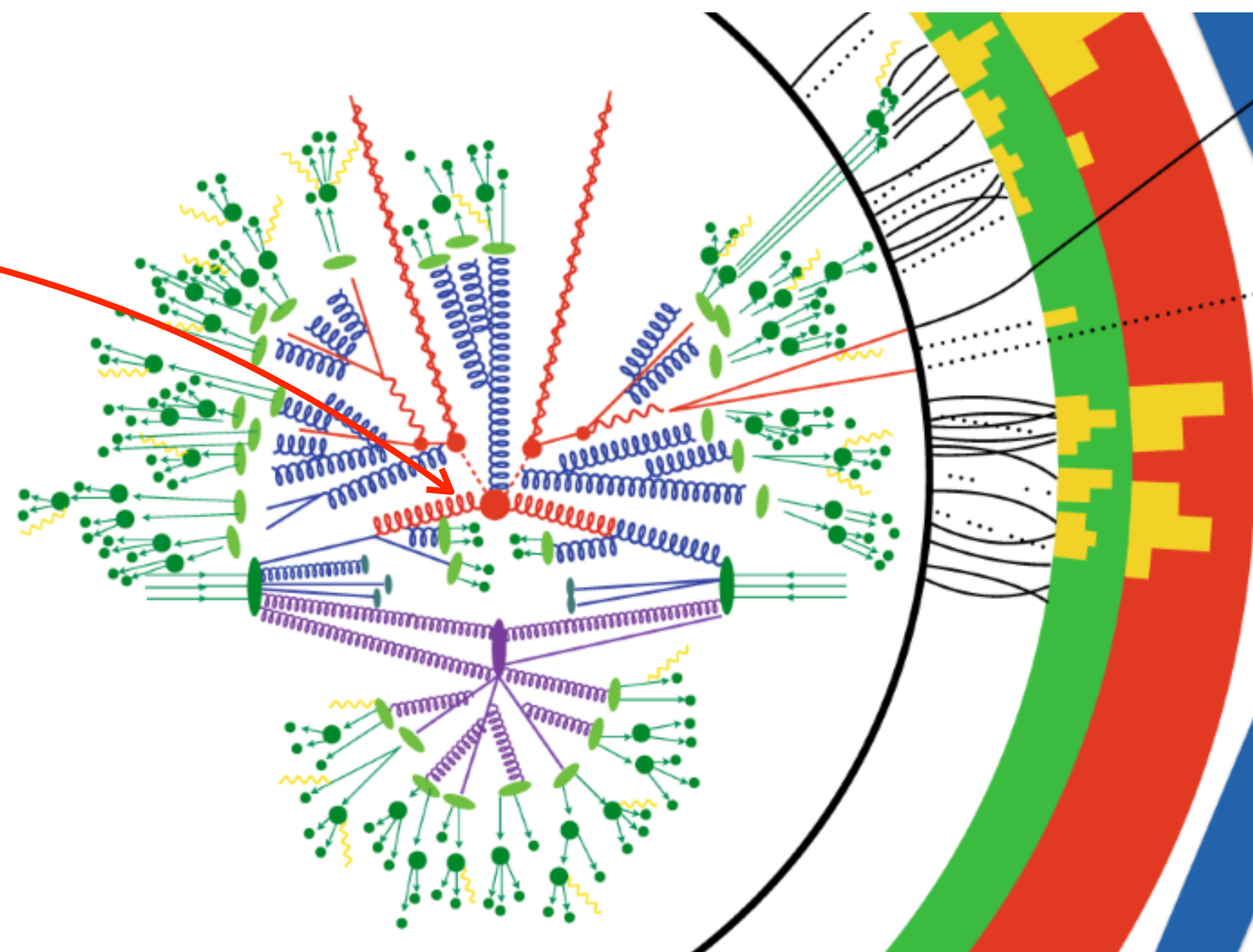
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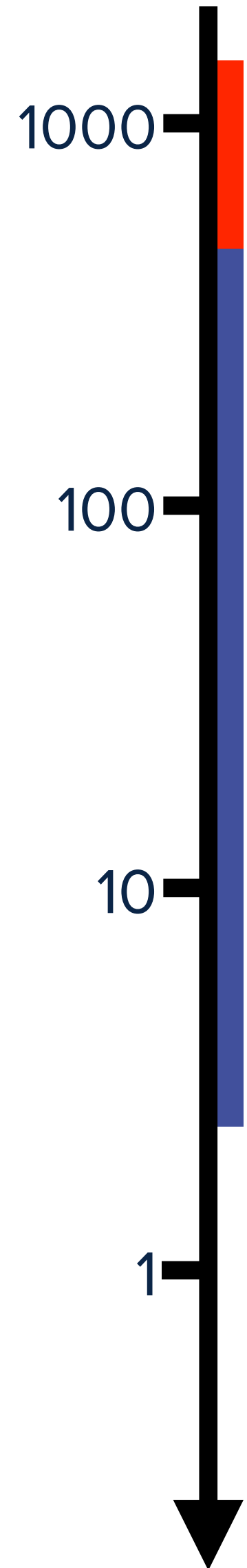
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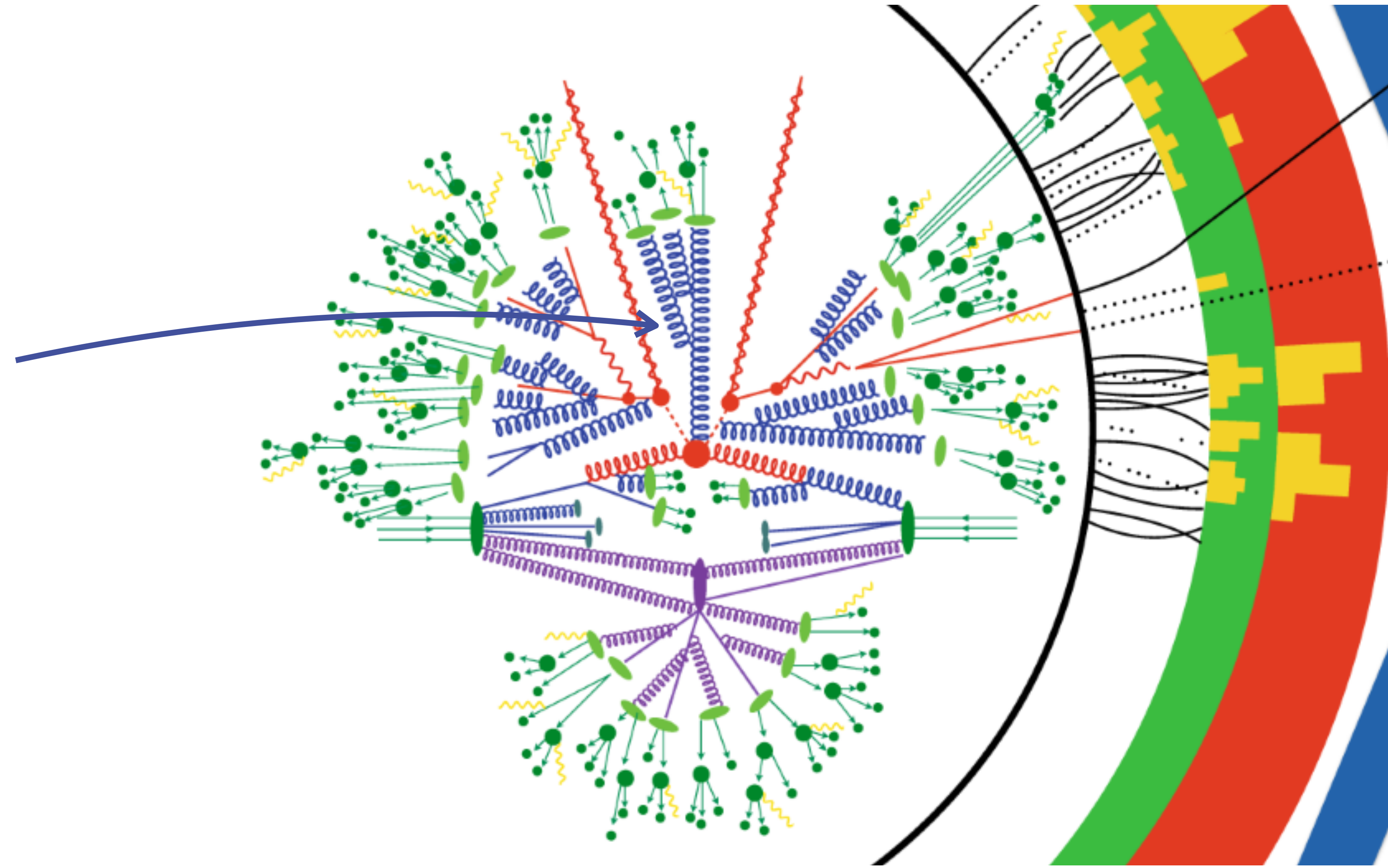
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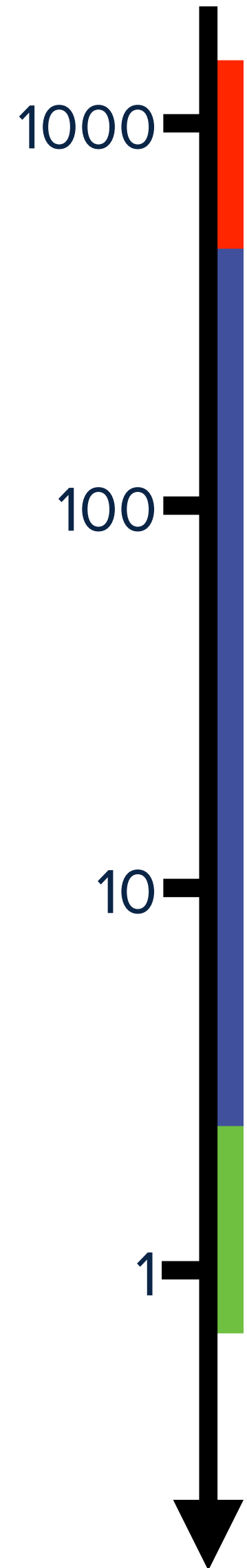
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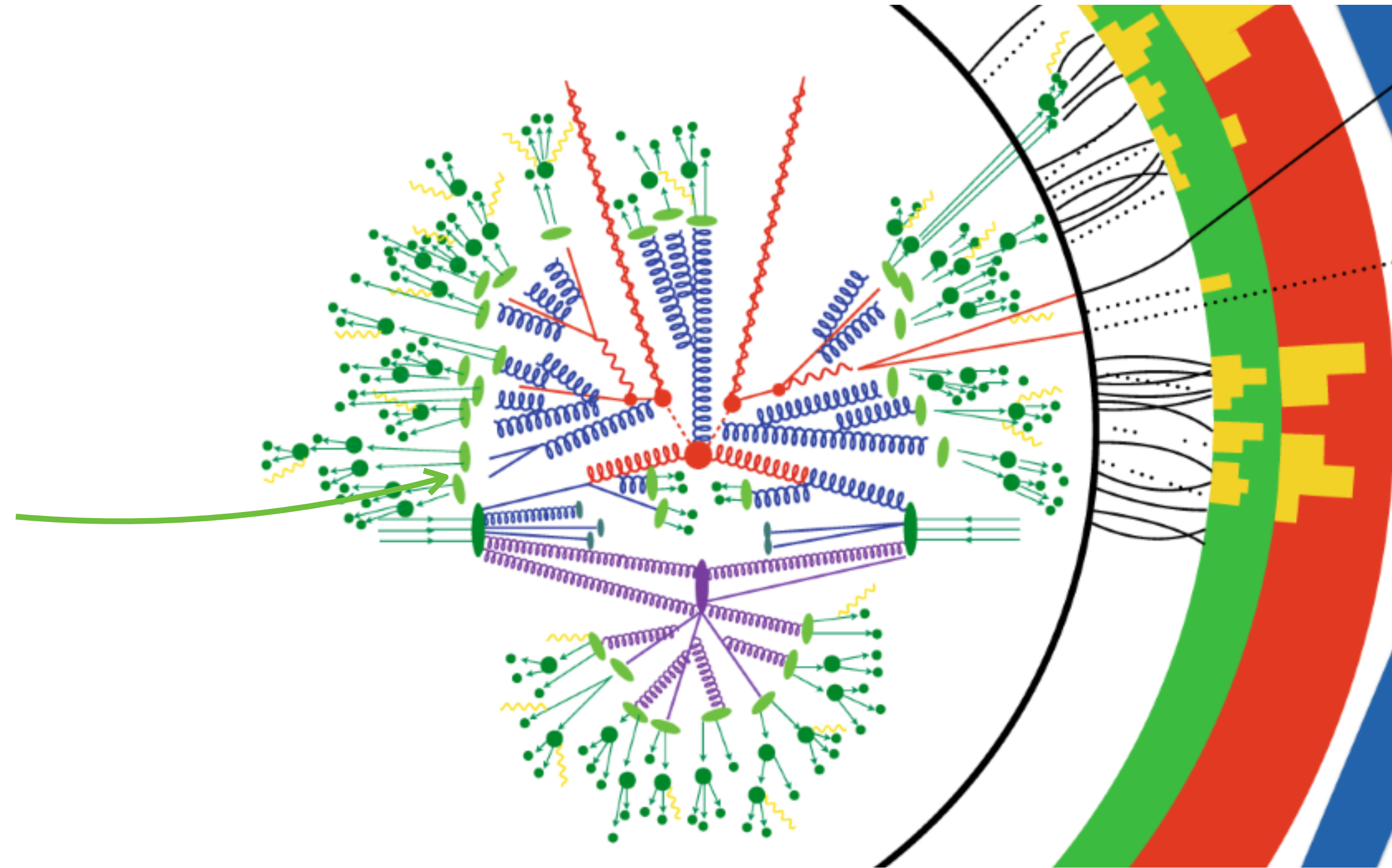
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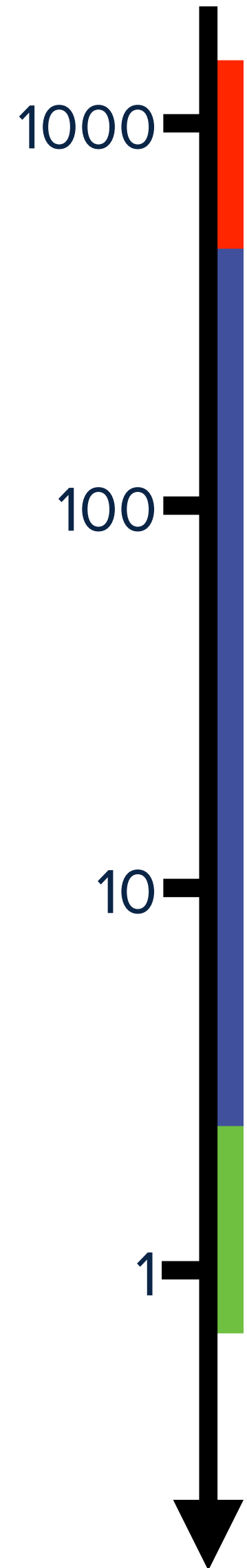
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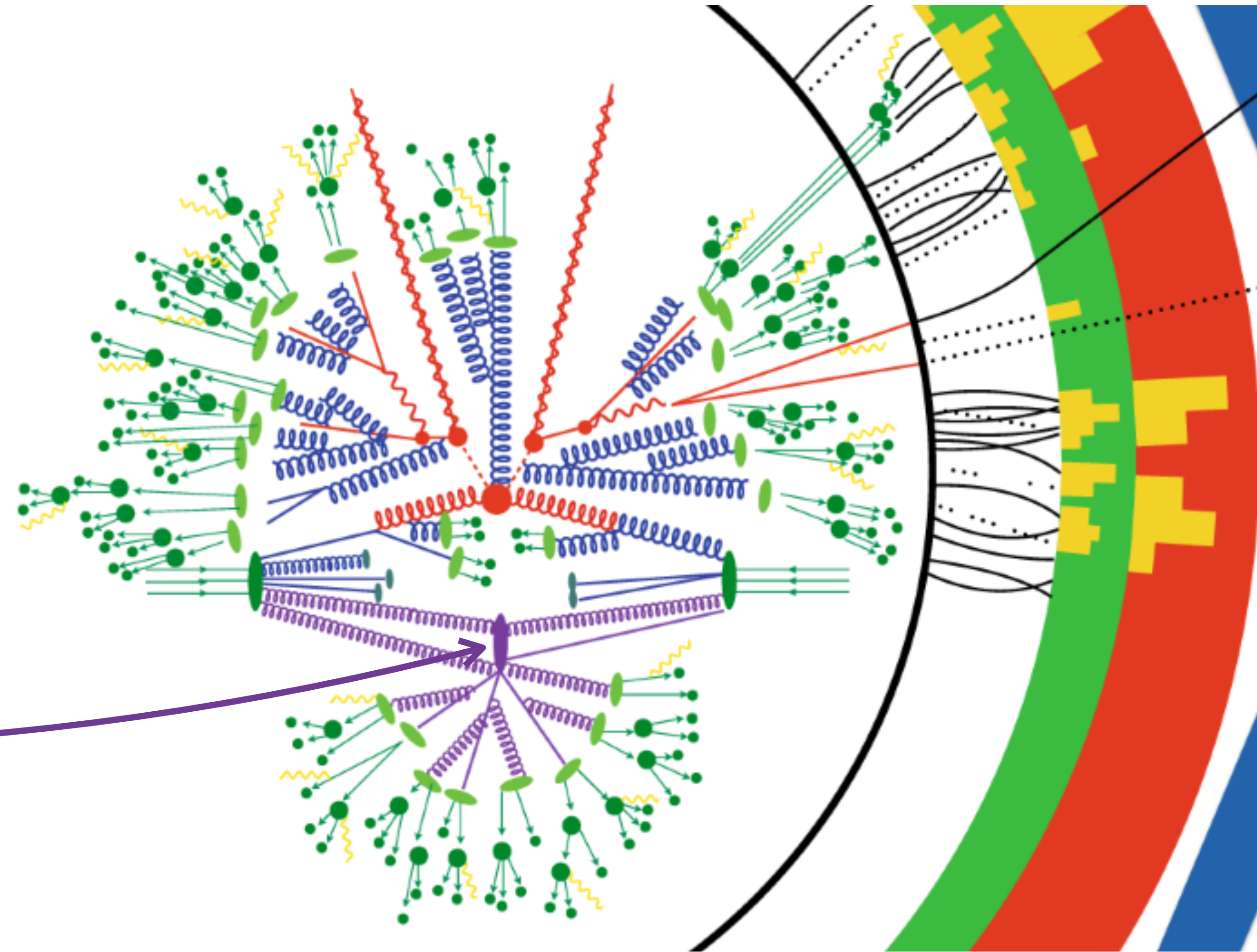


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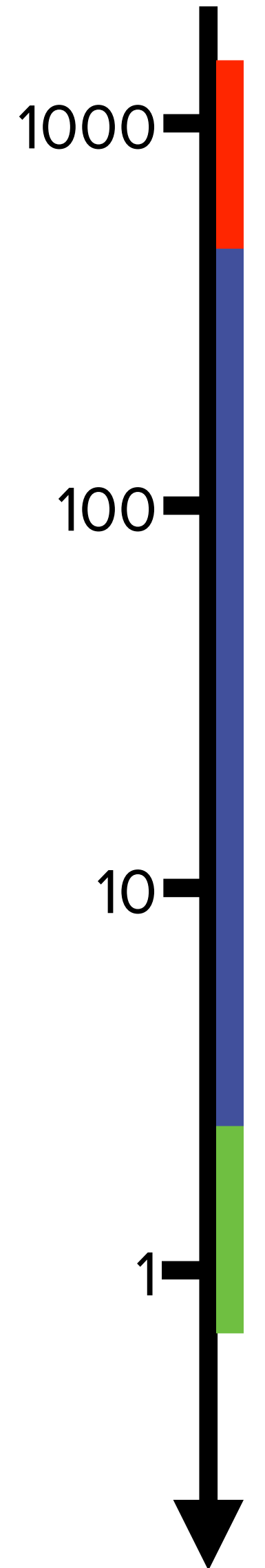
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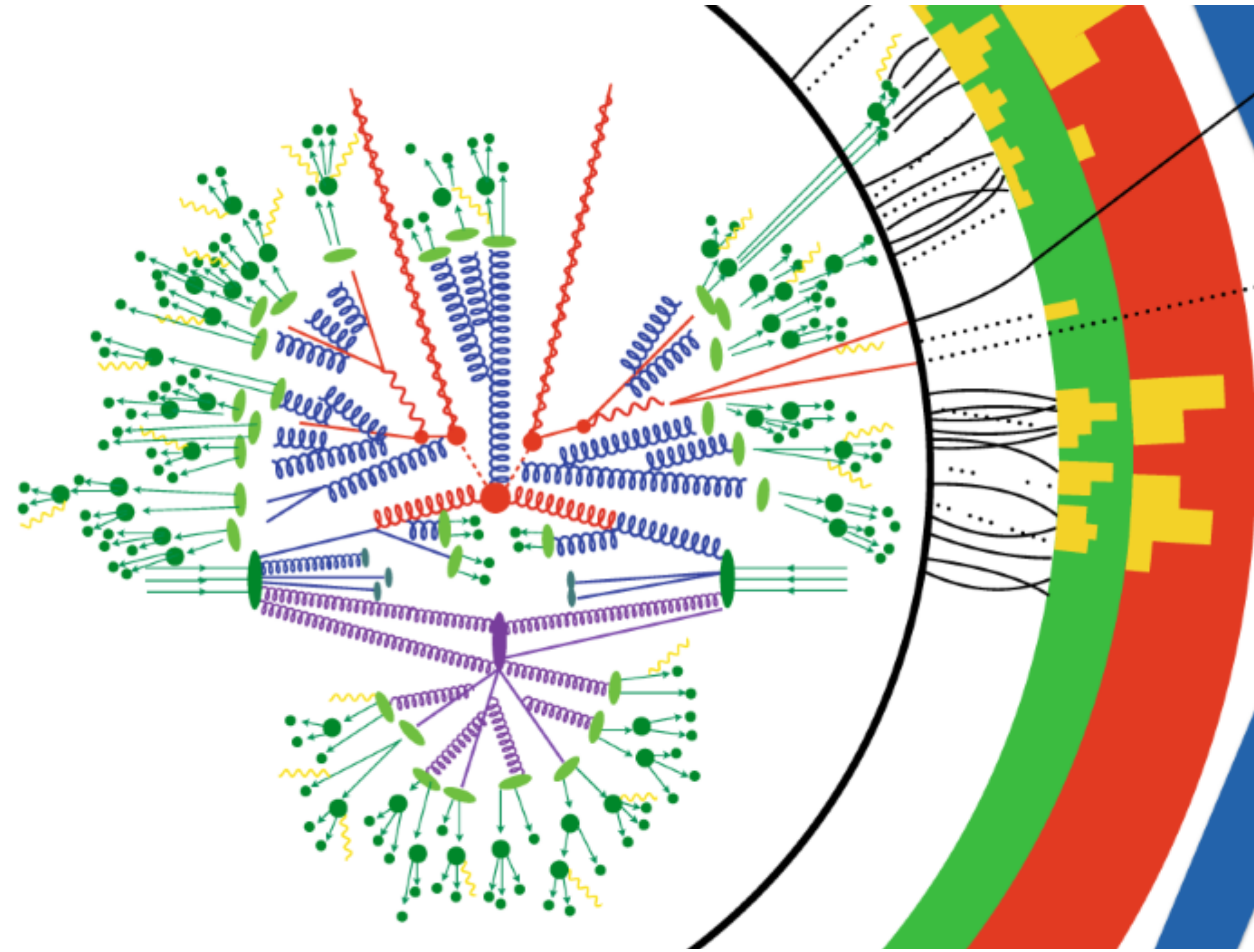
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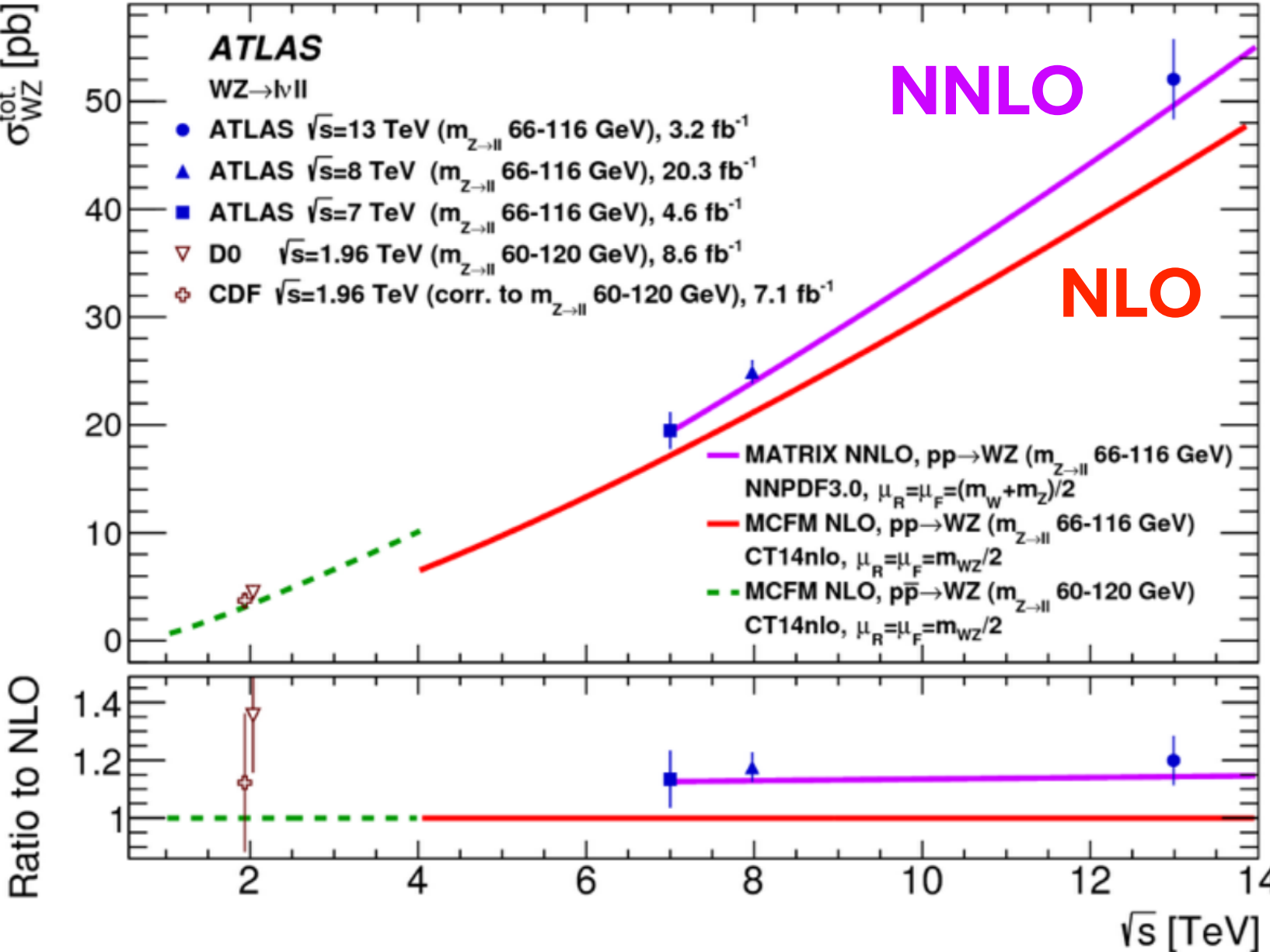


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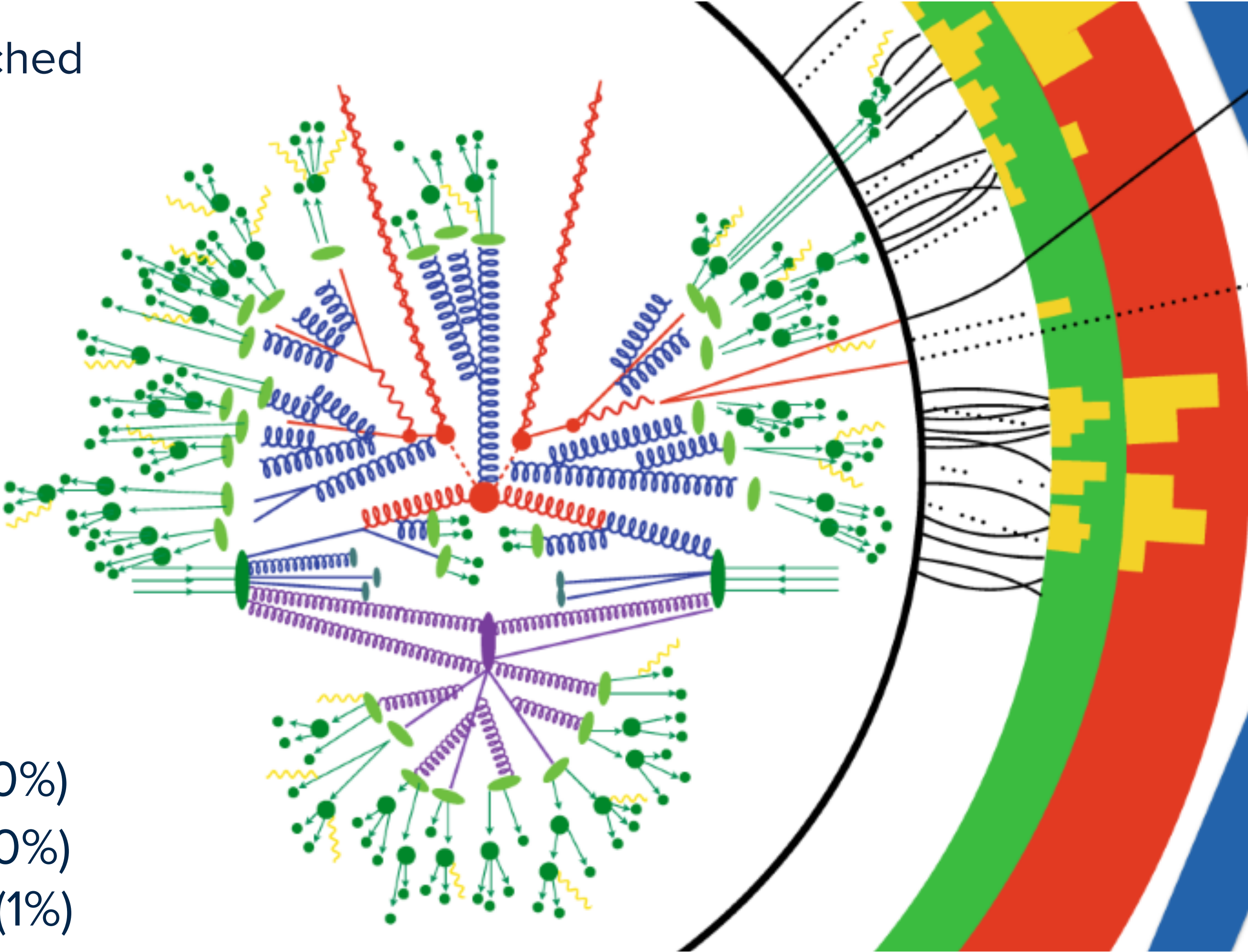
$$\mu \sim Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$$

Studied with fixed-order calculations. Precision is reached through perturbation theory:

$$\sigma = \sigma_{LO}(1 + \alpha_s \delta_{NLO} + \alpha_s^2 \delta_{NNLO} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3))$$



LO →  $\mathcal{O}(100\%)$   
 NLO →  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$   
 NNLO →  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$





# PARTON SHOWER

$$\Lambda_{QCD} < \mu < Q$$

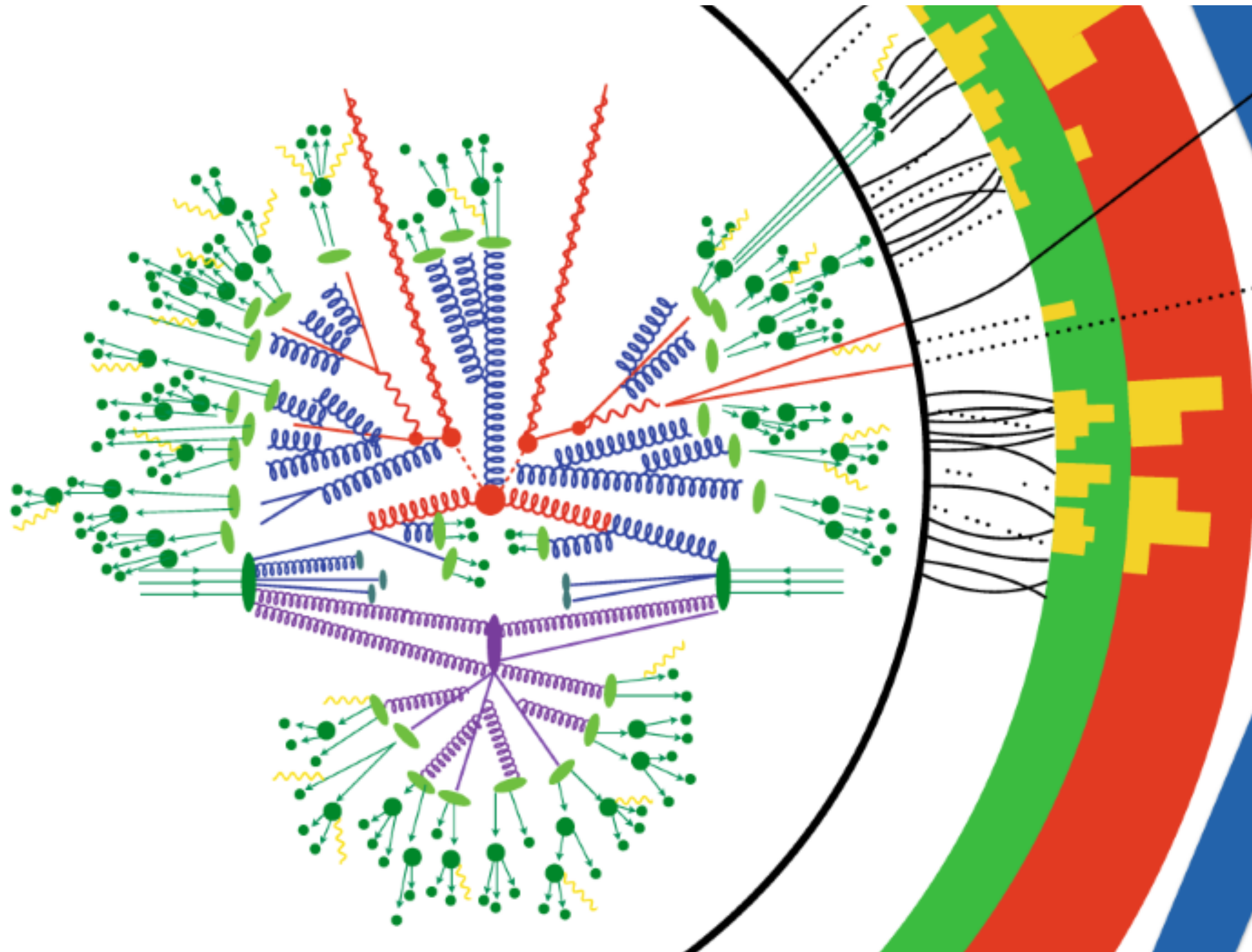
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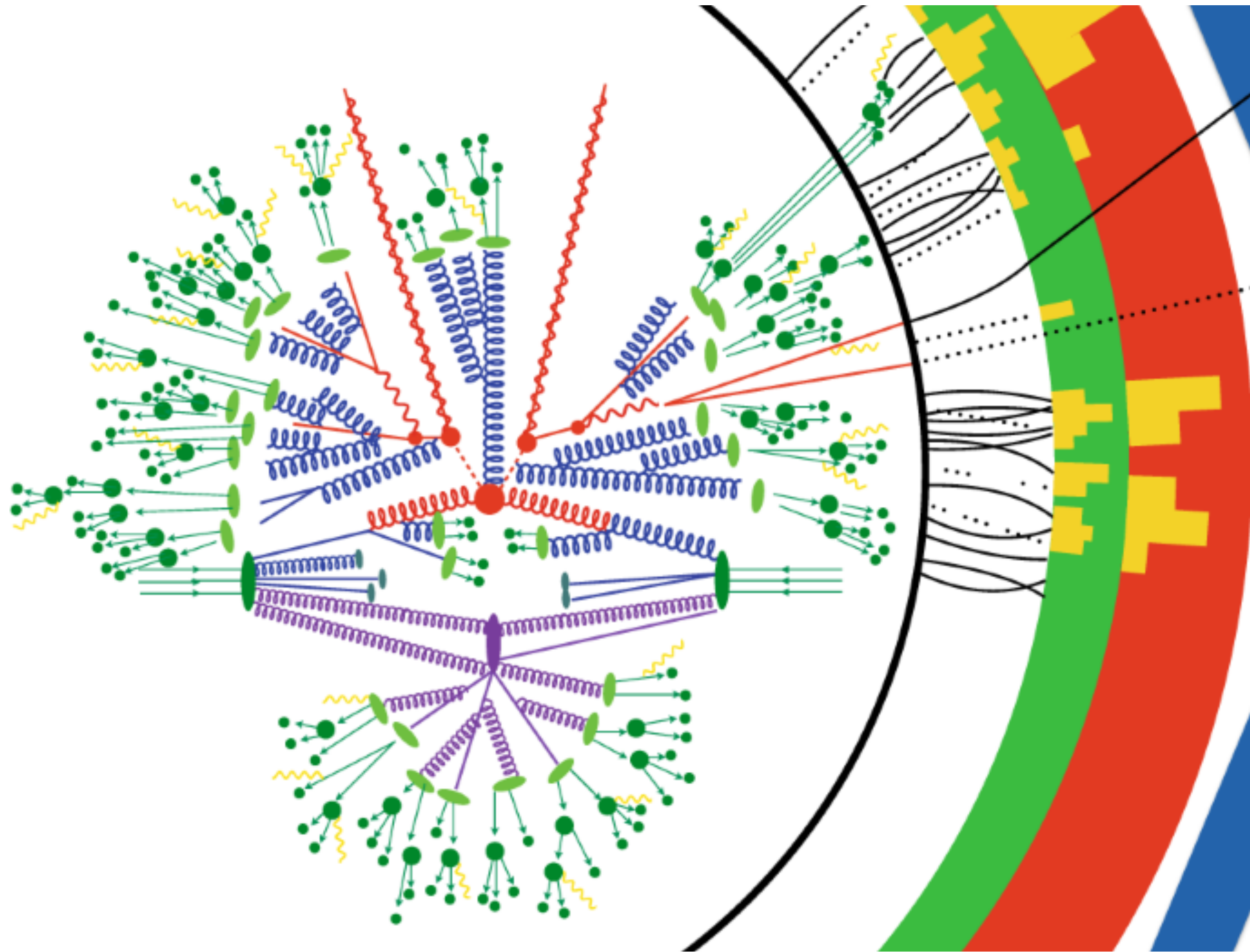
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Lots of progress done in recent years to improve the accuracy of parton showers (see e.g. [Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni, Salam, Soyez '20](#)). However, LHC phenomenology is not possible with these new tools yet.

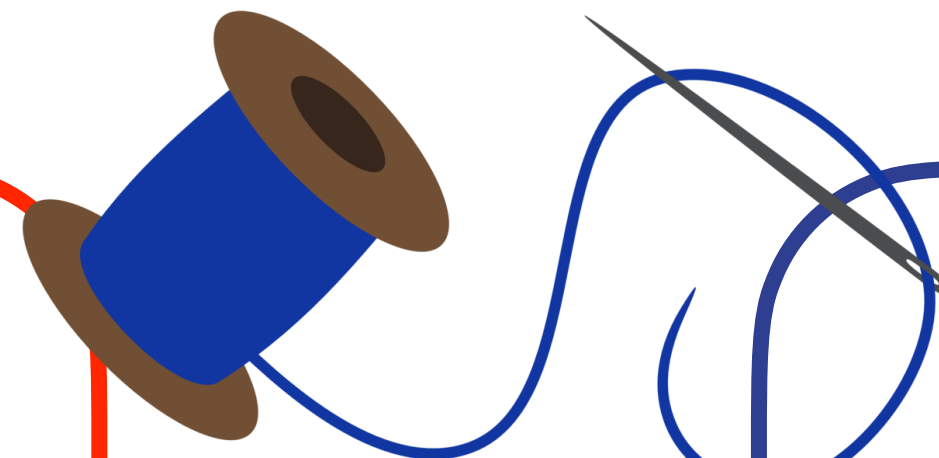


# MATCHING

COMBINATION OF THE TWO DESCRIPTIONS  
KEEPING THE BEST FEATURES OF BOTH

## FIXED-ORDER CALCULATIONS

- **Extremely accurate and precise. Systematically improvable accuracy.**
- Non-realistic final state.



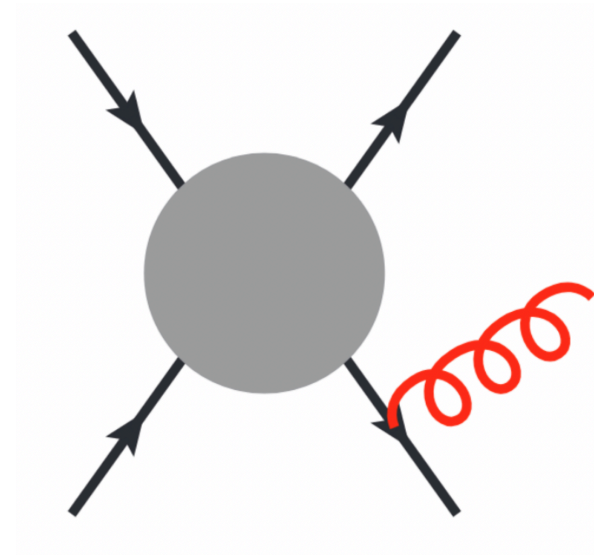
## PARTON SHOWER

- **Realistic and fully-differential final states.**
- Difficulties in improving its accuracy (understood only very recently)



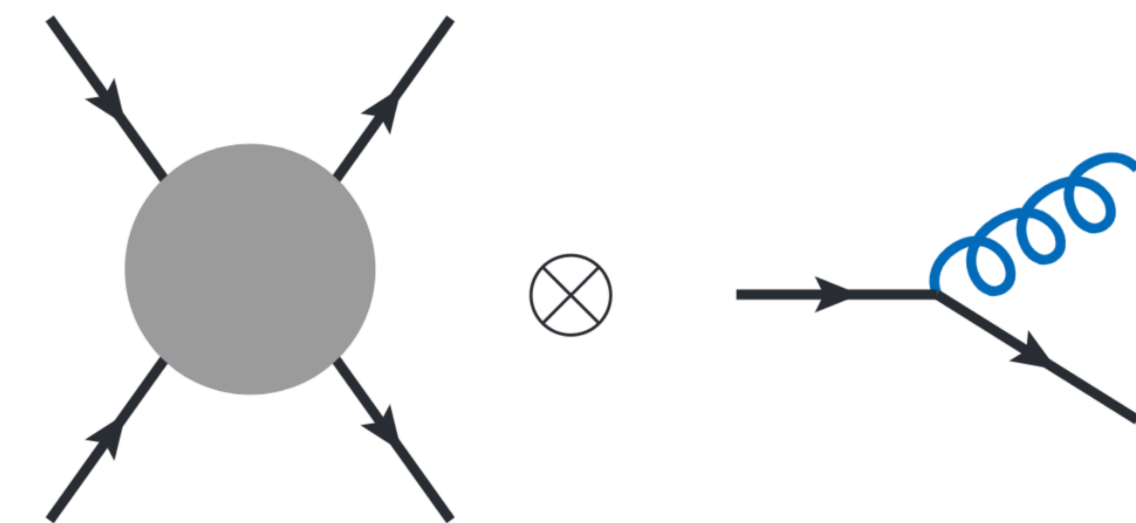
# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? (SIMPLE) NLO CASE

FIXED-ORDER CALCULATIONS



Correct real emission

PARTON SHOWER



Approximate real emission

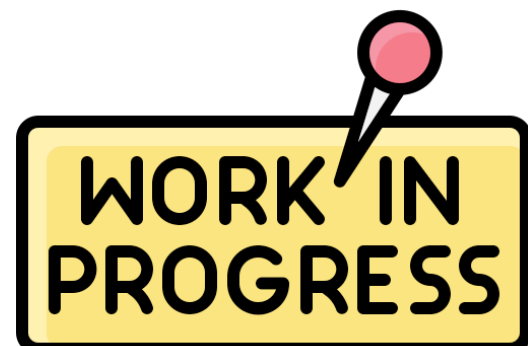
**!! DOUBLE COUNTING !!**

# MATCHING



**NLO+LL<sub>PS</sub>**

- A **solved problem** for long time.
- Completely understood and **fully automatized**.
- Two main approaches available: POWHEG [Nason '04; Frixione, Nason, Oleari '07; Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re '10] and MC@NLO [Frixione, Webber '02].



**NNLO+LL<sub>PS</sub>**

- **State-of-the-art** for precision LHC phenomenology.
- Lots of ongoing effort, **many processes already implemented**.
- Two main methods available: MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> [Monni, Nason, Re, Wiesemann, Zanderighi '19] and Geneva [Alioli, Bauer, Berggren, Tackmann, Walsh, Zuberi '13, + subsequent papers].

## **2. THE STRATEGY**

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- **NLO** accuracy in observables inclusive on QCD radiation (e.g. rapidity distribution).
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## THE POWHEG METHOD



Matching NLO QCD computations with Parton Shower simulations: the POWHEG method #15

Stefano Frixione (INFN, Genoa), Paolo Nason (INFN, Milan Bicocca), Carlo Oleari (INFN, Milan Bicocca and Milan Bicocca U.) (Sep, 2007)

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<https://powhegbox.mib.infn.it/>

[Nason '04; Frixione, Nason, Oleari '07; Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re '10]

# THE POWHEG METHOD

## Master Formula

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NLO NORMALIZATION (= xs)

$$\bar{B}(\Phi_F) = B(\Phi_F) + V(\Phi_F) + \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}} [R(\Phi_{FJ}) - C(\Phi_{FJ})]$$

FIRST (= hardest) EMISSION  
obtained with the correct matrix element R/B

$$\Delta(p_T) = \exp \left\{ - \int d\Phi'_{\text{rad}} \frac{R(\Phi_F, \Phi'_{\text{rad}})}{B(\Phi_F)} \Theta(p'_T - p_T) \right\}$$

When using a  $p_T$ -ordered shower (most common option, like PYTHIA), we apply a  $p_T$ -veto: all the emissions produced by the shower must be softer than the first emission produced by POWHEG.



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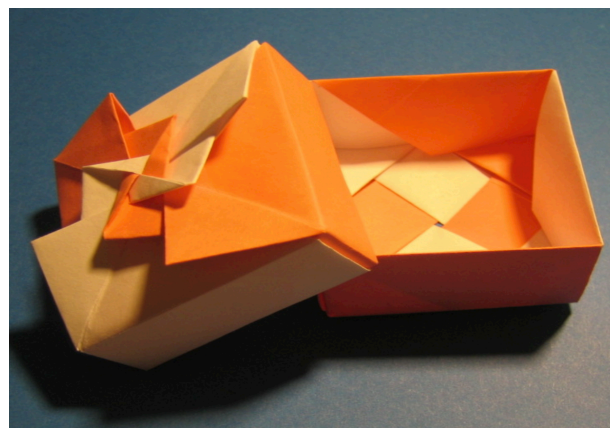
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## THE MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> METHOD



### Available NNLO+PS Processes using MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> [back to Index](#)

(References of the MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub> procedure: P. Monni, P. Nason, E. Re, M. Wiesemann and G. Zanderighi, *JHEP* **05** (2020) 143, arXiv:1908.06987 [\[paper\]](#), P. Monni, E. Re and M. Wiesemann, *Eur. Phys. J.* **C80** (2020), no.11, 1075, arXiv:2006.04133 [\[paper\]](#))

<https://powhegbox.mib.infn.it/>

[Monni, Nason, Re, Wiesemann, Zanderighi '19]



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Born FJ



DIVERGENT

Virtual+Real  
on F+J

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Sudakov form factor

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$\alpha_s^3$  correction  
for NNLO normalization

spreading  
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$$1 - \alpha_s \tilde{S}^{(1)} \quad -\alpha_s D^{(1)}(p_T) - \alpha_s^2 D^{(2)}(p_T)$$

$$\bar{B}^{\text{MINNLO}_{\text{PS}}}(\Phi_{\text{FJ}}) = e^{-\tilde{S}(p_T)} \left( B(\Phi_{\text{FJ}})(1 + \alpha_s \tilde{S}^{(1)}) + V(\Phi_{\text{FJ}}) + \int d\Phi_{\text{rad}} R(\Phi_{\text{FJJ}}) + (D(p_T) - \alpha_s D^{(1)}(p_T) - \alpha_s^2 D^{(2)}(p_T)) \mathcal{F} \right)$$



# WHAT CAN WE DO WITH MiNNLO<sub>PS</sub>?

## 2 → 1 PROCESSES

**H** [1908.06987, 2407.01354] ✓  
**Z** [1908.06987] ✓  
**W** [2006.04133] ✓  
**bb→H** [2402.04025]

## 2 → 2 PROCESSES

**Zγ** [2010.10478] ✓  
**γγ** [2204.12602] ✓  
**ZZ** [2108.05337] ✓  
**VH (H→bb)** [2112.04168]  
(+SMEFT [2204.00663])  
**WW** [2103.12077] ✓  
**WZ** [2208.12660] ✓

## QQ PRODUCTION

**tt** [2012.14267, 2112.12135] ✓  
**bb** [2112.04168]

## QQF PRODUCTION

**bbZ** [2404.08598]

## INCLUSION NLO EW

**WZ** [2208.12660] ✓  
**Z** ongoing

**X** EXTENSION TO  
PROCESSES WITH JETS

[2402.00596]

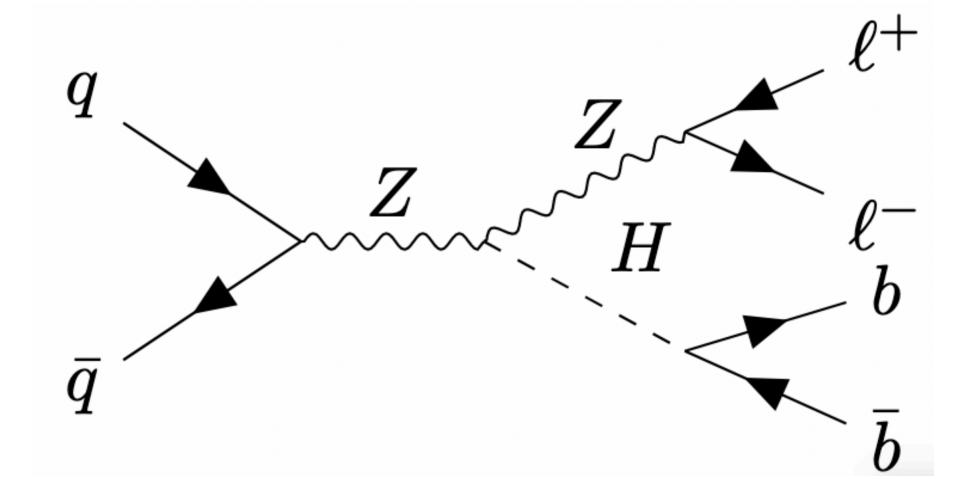
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# **3. PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESULTS**

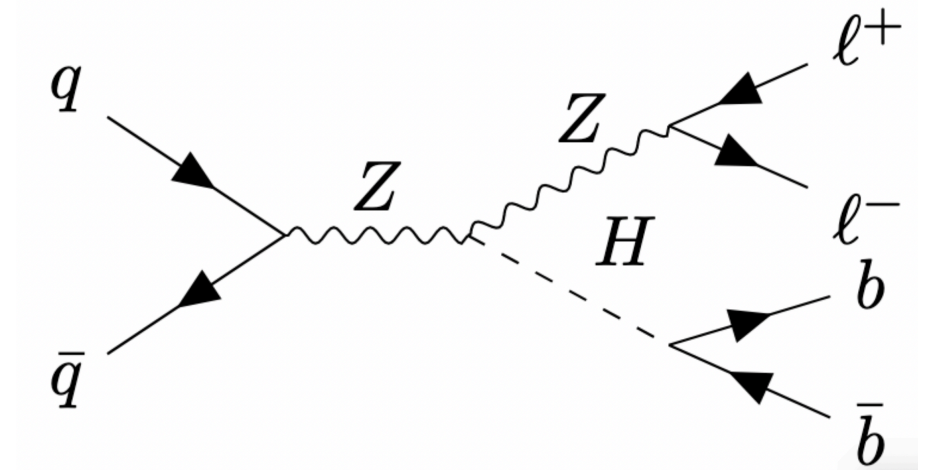
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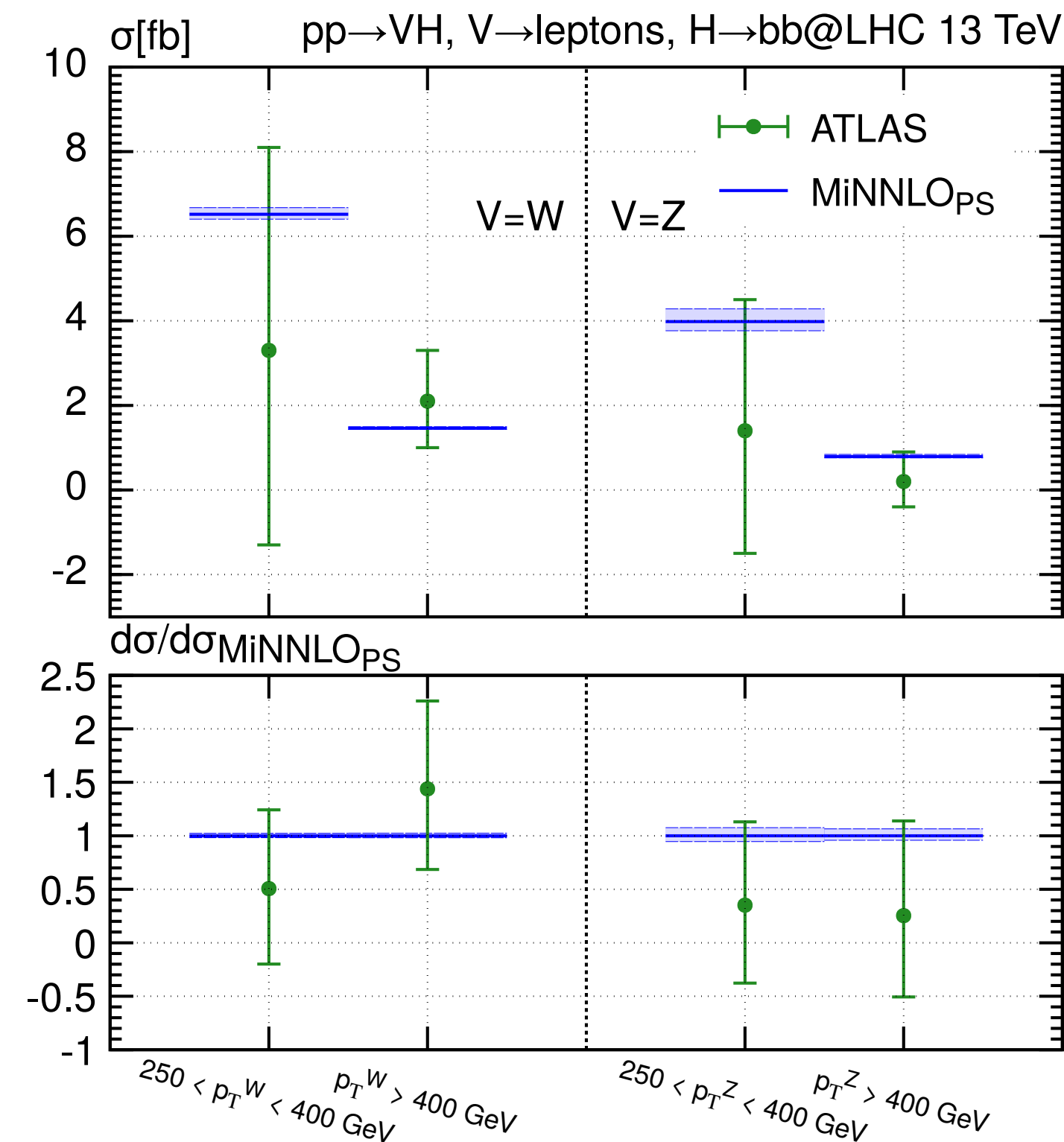


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$pp \rightarrow W^\pm H \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu_\ell b\bar{b}$		
$\sigma$ [fb]	$p_T^W \in [250, 400]$ GeV	$p_T^W \in [400, \infty]$ GeV
MiNNLO <sub>PS</sub>	$6.52^{+2.4\%}_{-1.8\%}$	$1.46^{+2.5\%}_{-1.9\%}$
ATLAS [130]	$3.3^{+3.6(\text{Stat.})+3.2(\text{Syst.})}_{-3.4(\text{Stat.})-3.0(\text{Syst.})}$	$2.1^{+1.0(\text{Stat.})+0.6(\text{Syst.})}_{-0.9(\text{Stat.})-0.5(\text{Syst.})}$

$pp \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow (\ell^+ \ell^-, \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) b\bar{b}$		
$\sigma$ [fb]	$p_T^Z \in [250, 400]$ GeV	$p_T^Z \in [400, \infty]$ GeV
MiNNLO <sub>PS</sub>	$3.98^{+7.6\%}_{-5.4\%}$	$0.79^{+6.5\%}_{-4.2\%}$
ATLAS [130]	$1.4^{+2.4(\text{Stat.})+1.9(\text{Syst.})}_{-2.3(\text{Stat.})-1.7(\text{Syst.})}$	$0.2^{+0.6(\text{Stat.})+0.3(\text{Syst.})}_{-0.5(\text{Stat.})-0.3(\text{Syst.})}$

[ATLAS 2008.02508]

## CROSS SECTIONS

$pp \rightarrow W^+ H \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e b\bar{b}$		
$\sigma$ [fb]	inclusive	fiducial-YR
MiNLO'	$54.04^{+6.6\%}_{-3.6\%}$	$20.13^{+2.3\%}_{-3.1\%}$
MiNNLO <sub>PS</sub>	$57.44^{+1.7\%}_{-0.8\%}$	$21.27^{+1.3\%}_{-1.3\%}$

$pp \rightarrow W^- H \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e b\bar{b}$		
$\sigma$ [fb]	inclusive	fiducial-YR
MiNLO'	$33.82^{+6.6\%}_{-3.6\%}$	$13.07^{+2.4\%}_{-3.3\%}$
MiNNLO <sub>PS</sub>	$35.87^{+1.5\%}_{-0.7\%}$	$13.77^{+1.5\%}_{-1.6\%}$

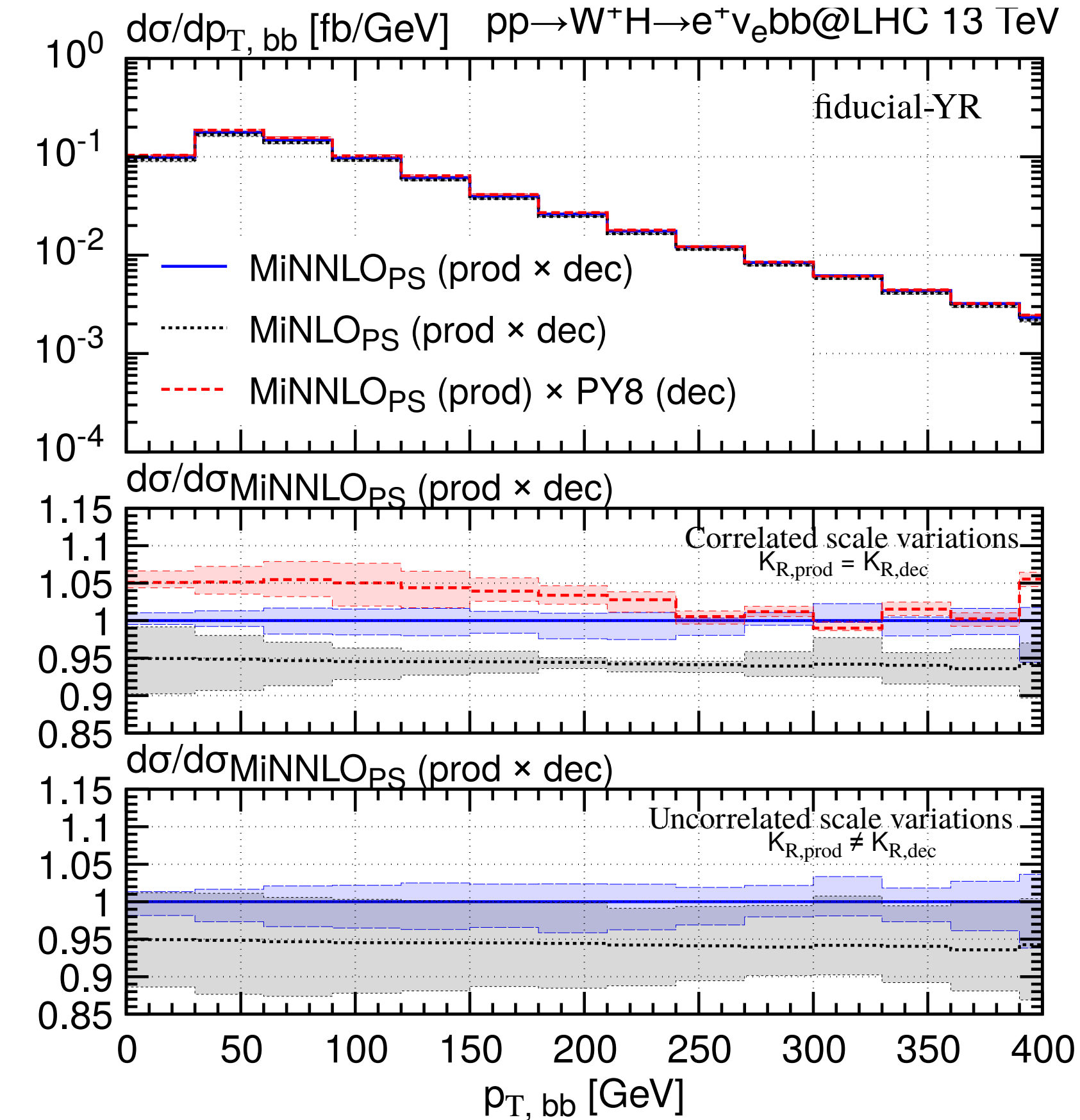
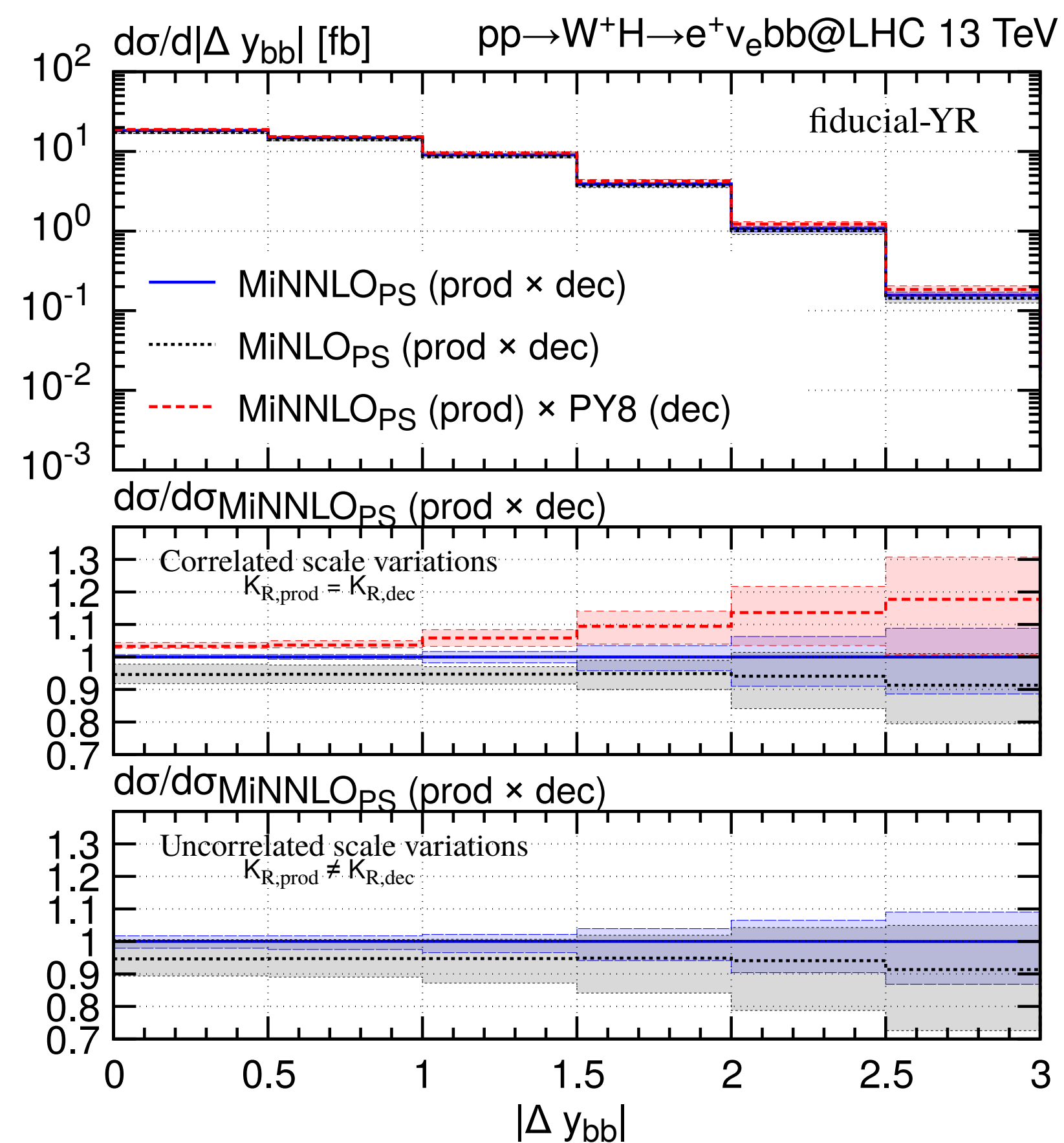
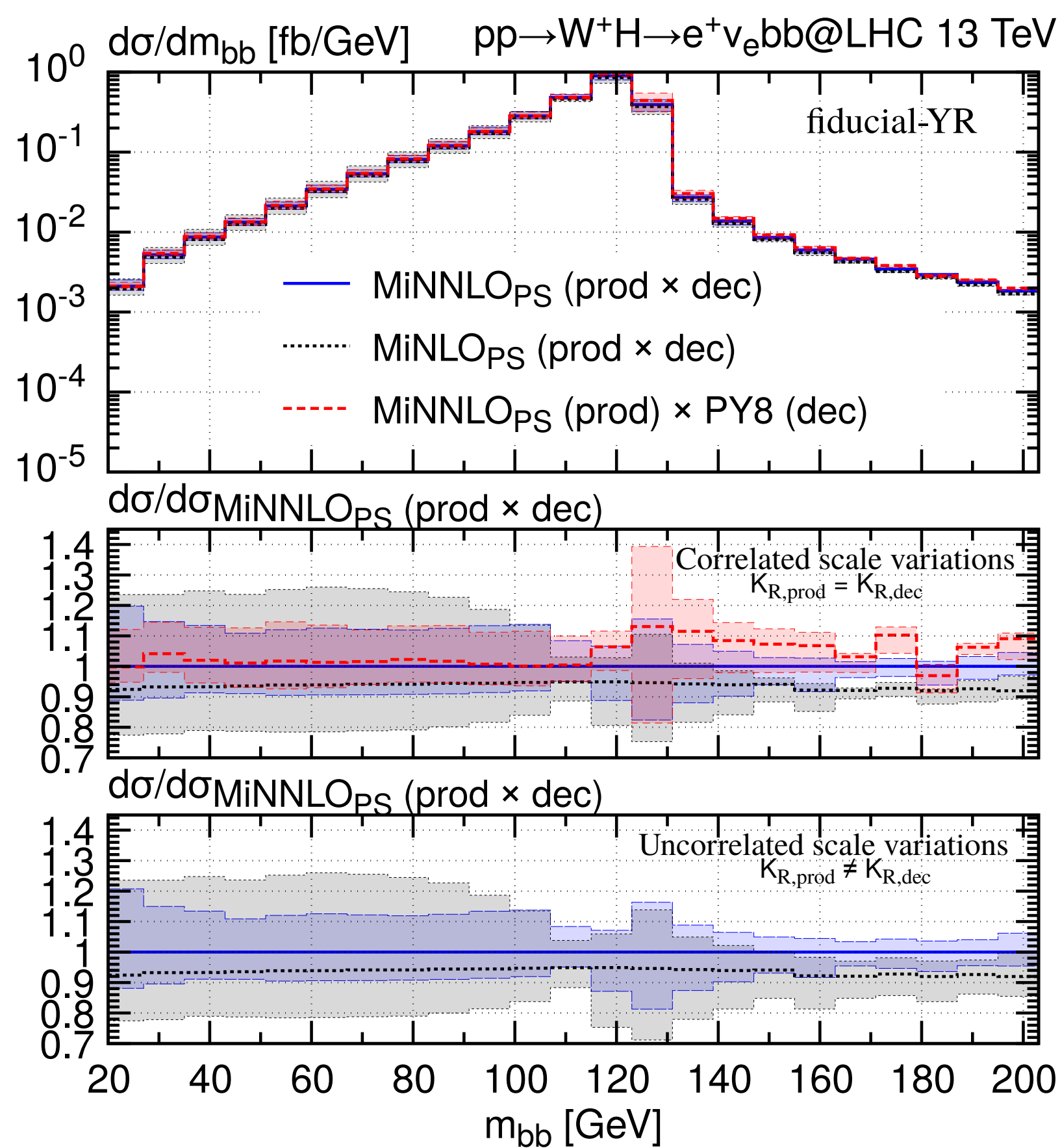
  

$pp \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow e^+ e^- b\bar{b}$		
$\sigma$ [fb]	inclusive	fiducial-YR
MiNLO'	$14.88^{+6.7\%}_{-3.7\%}$	$5.21^{+2.2\%}_{-3.0\%}$
MiNNLO <sub>PS</sub> (no $gg \rightarrow ZH$ )	$15.79^{+1.8\%}_{-0.9\%}$	$5.48^{+1.2\%}_{-1.2\%}$
MiNNLO <sub>PS</sub> (with $gg \rightarrow ZH$ )	$16.99^{+3.6\%}_{-2.3\%}$	$6.07^{+3.4\%}_{-2.9\%}$

# VH x H→bb @ NNLO+PS

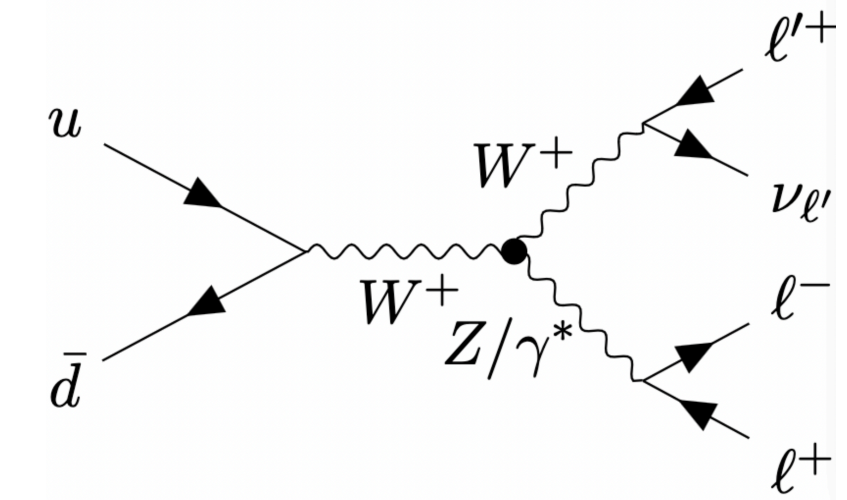
## DIFFERENTIAL DISTRIBUTIONS

$$pp \rightarrow W^+ H \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e b \bar{b}$$



# WZ @ NNLO<sub>QCD</sub>+PS & NLO<sub>EW</sub>+PS

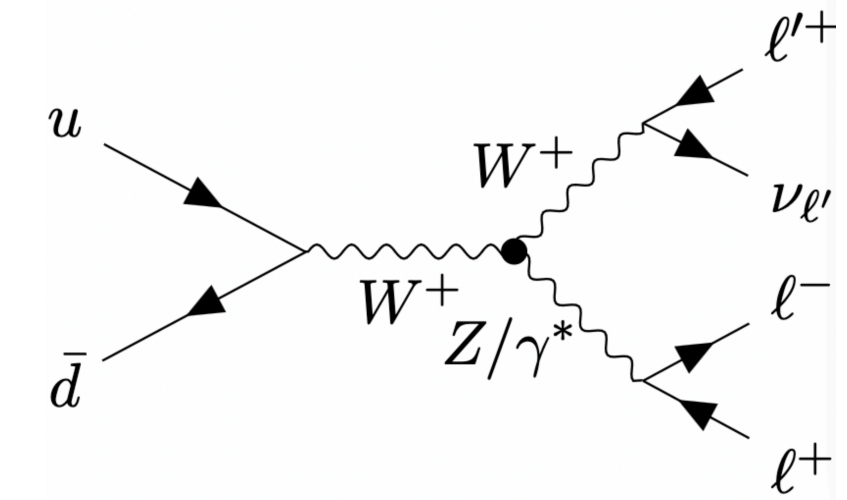
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## STRATEGY:

### 1. Event generation

Generate separately NNLO QCD and NLO EW results. The former are obtained with MiNNLOPS, the latter with POWHEG.

### 2. Matching with the shower

Non trivial treatment of QCD and QED radiation. Treated them separately according to different veto procedures.

### 3. A-posteriori recombination

Define possible matching schemes (additive/multiplicative) of QCD and EW corrections that do not introduce any double counting.

# WZ @ NNLO<sub>QCD</sub>+PS & NLO<sub>EW</sub>+PS

## ADDITIVE SCHEMES:

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## MULTIPLICATIVE SCHEMES:

4.  $\text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD}}^{(\text{QCD}, \text{QED})_{\text{PS}}} \times \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}^{(\text{QCD}, \text{QED})_{\text{PS}}} / \text{LO}^{(\text{QCD}, \text{QED})_{\text{PS}}} = \text{NNLO}_{\text{QCD} \times \text{EW}}^{(\text{QCD}, \text{QED})_{\text{PS}}}$
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### NOTATION:

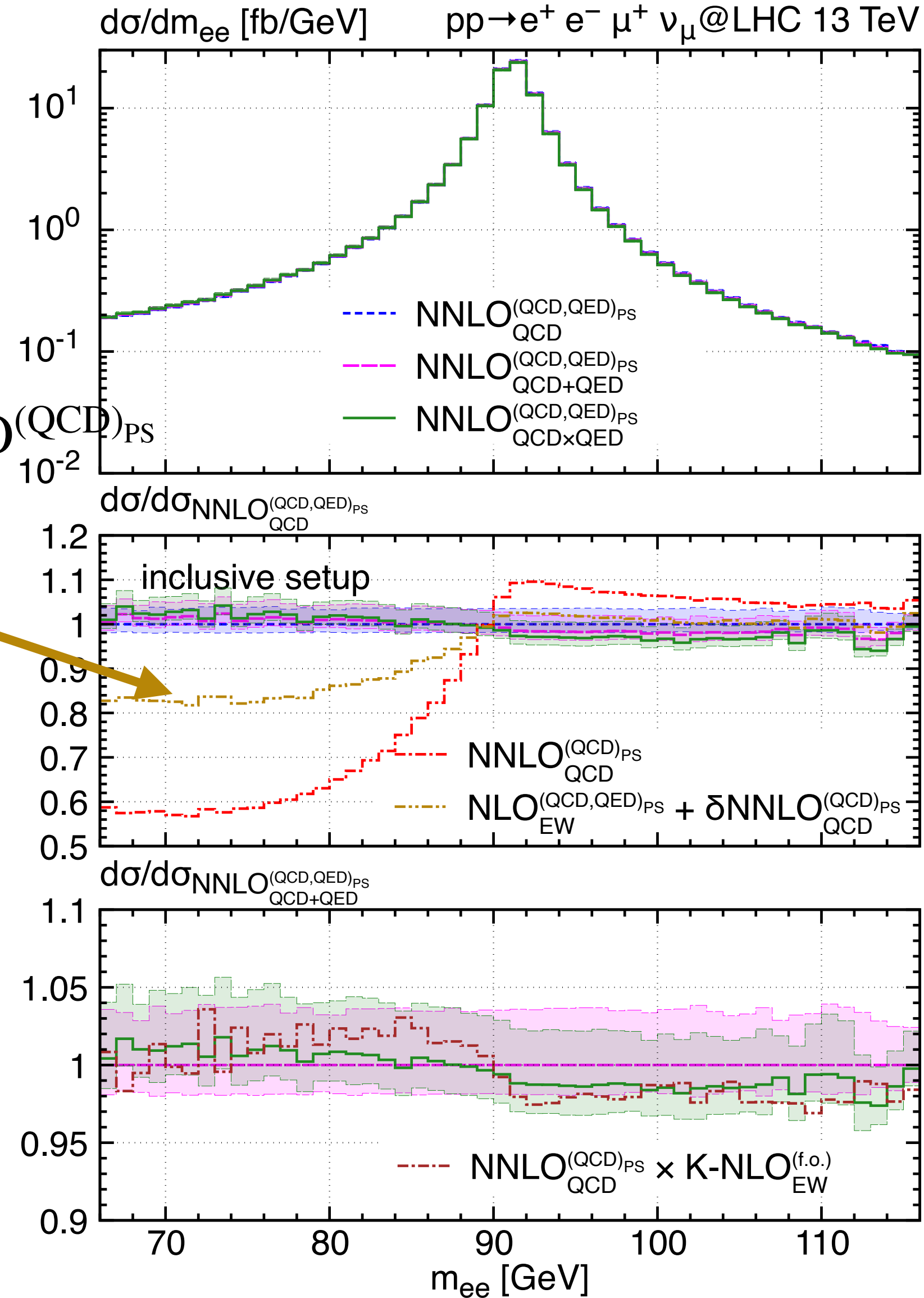
$$(\text{N})\text{NLO}_X^{(\text{Y})_{\text{PS}}}$$

X = QCD,EW calculation

Y = QCD,QED showers (PY8)

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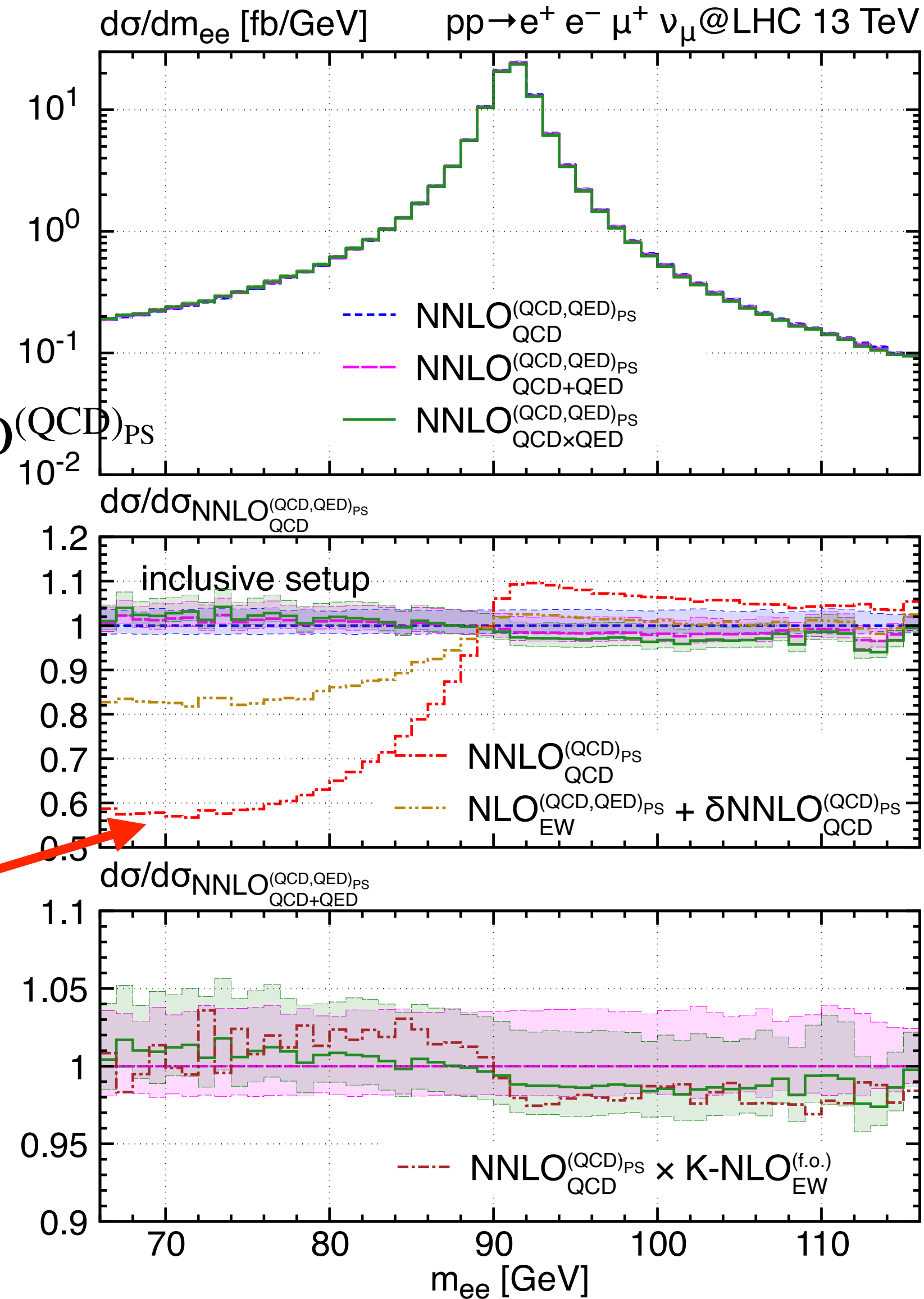
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● **PURE QCD RESULT:**  
Large effects from missing collinear QED radiations.



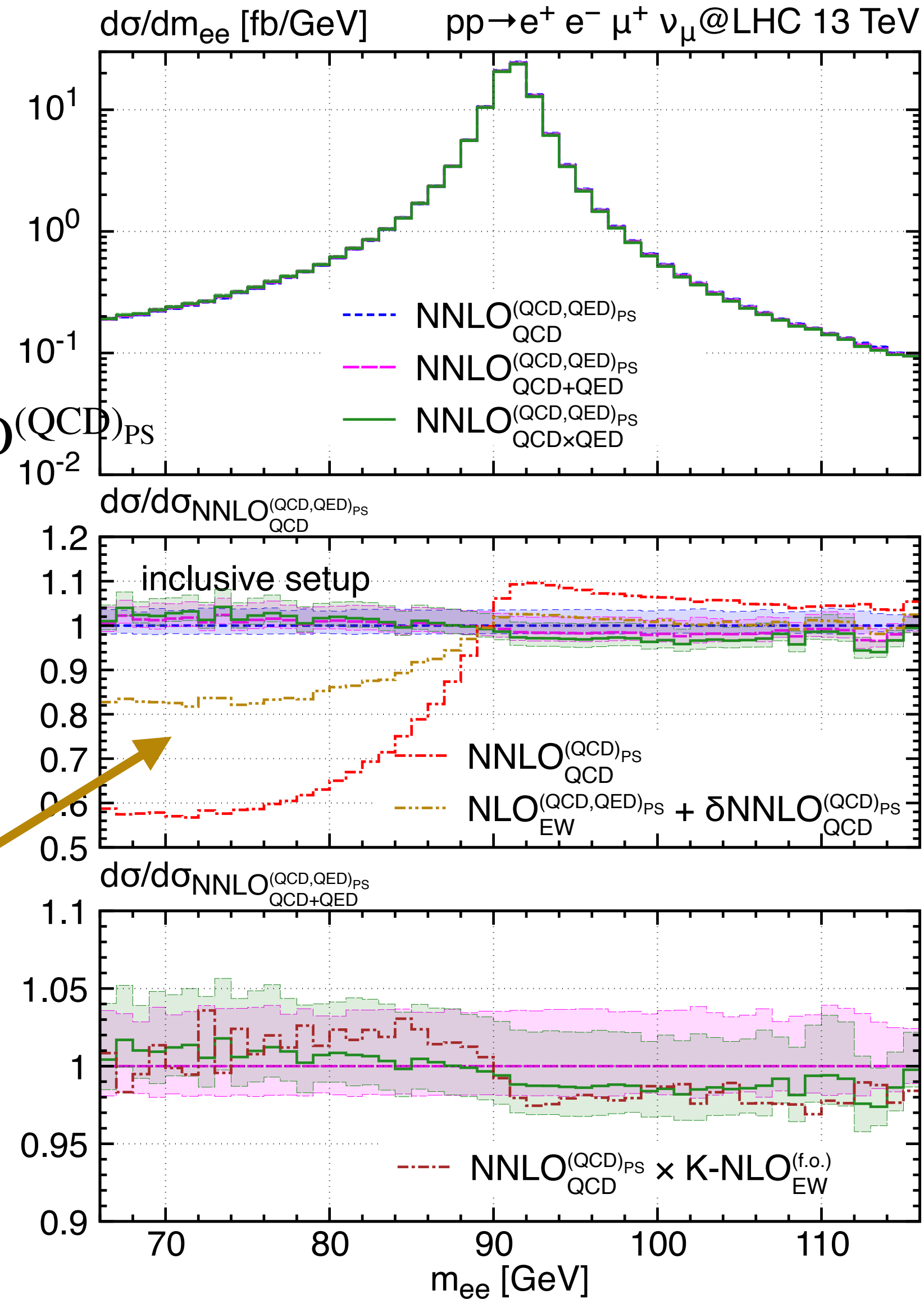
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● misses important QED-QCD effects originating from QED emissions on top of the NNLO calculation.



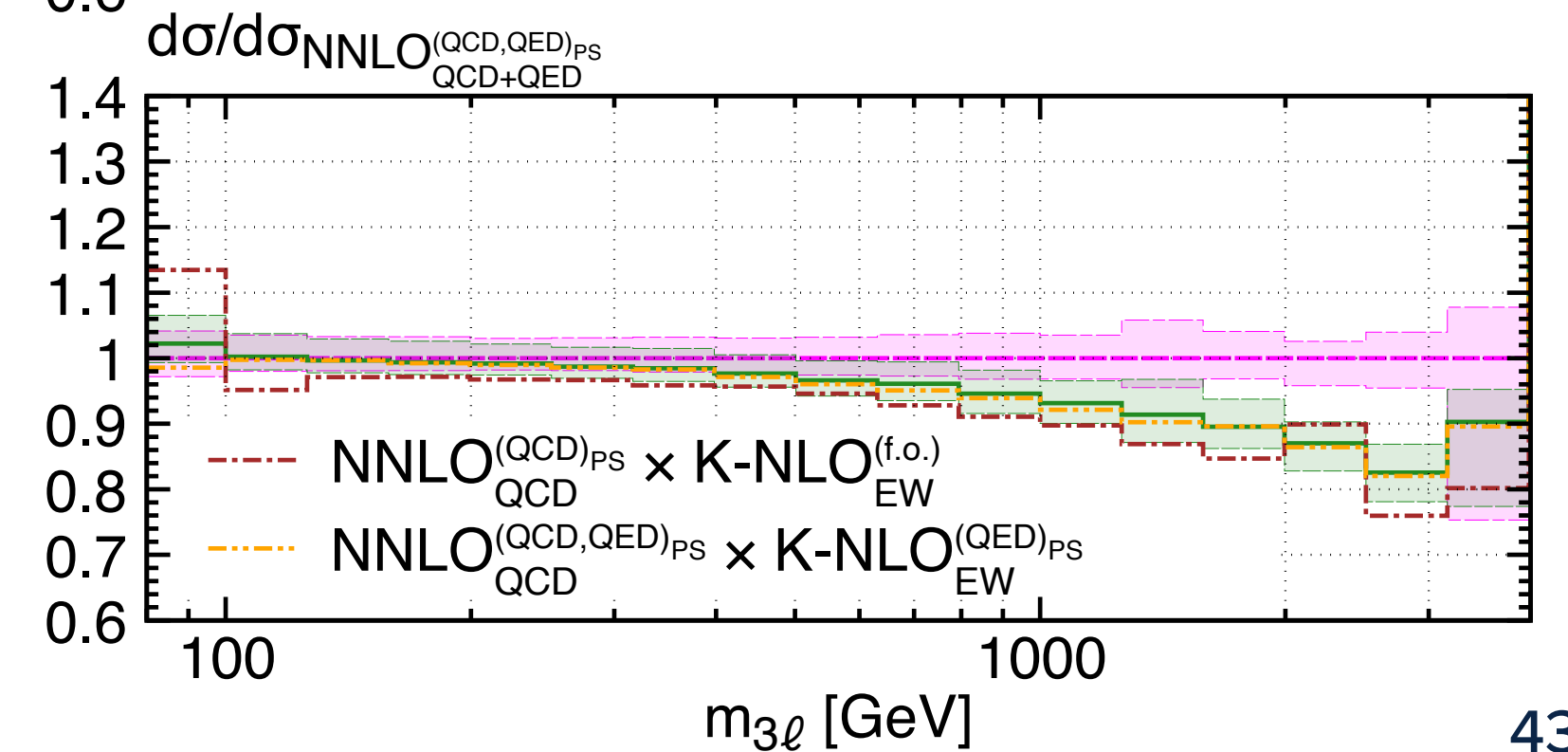
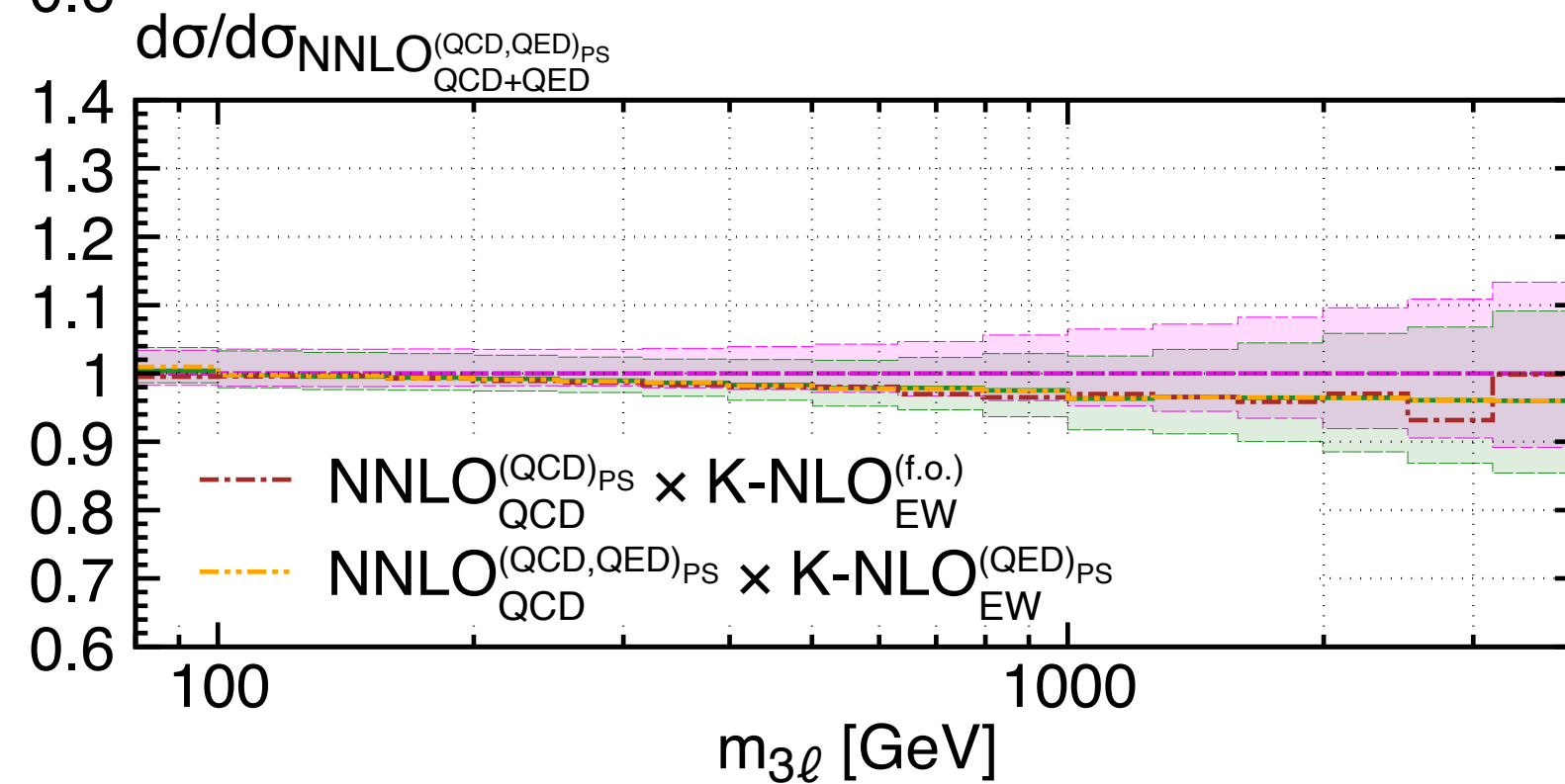
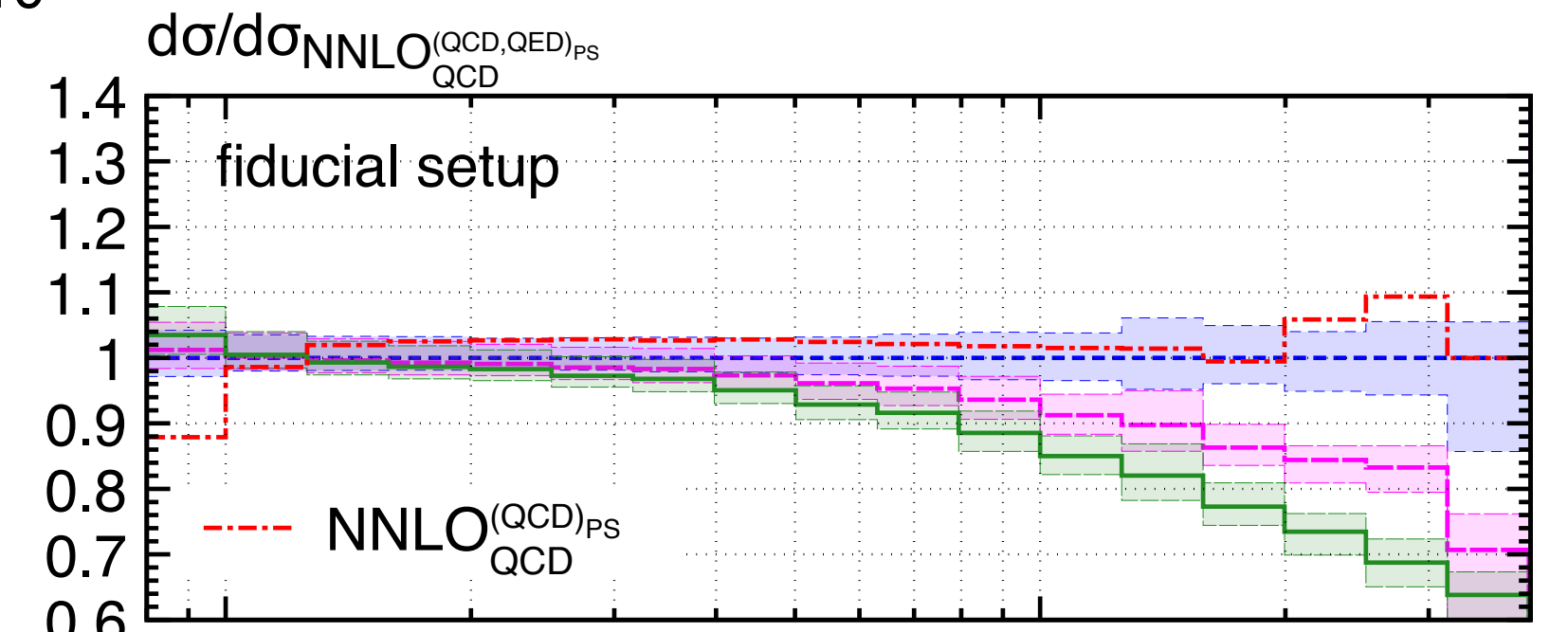
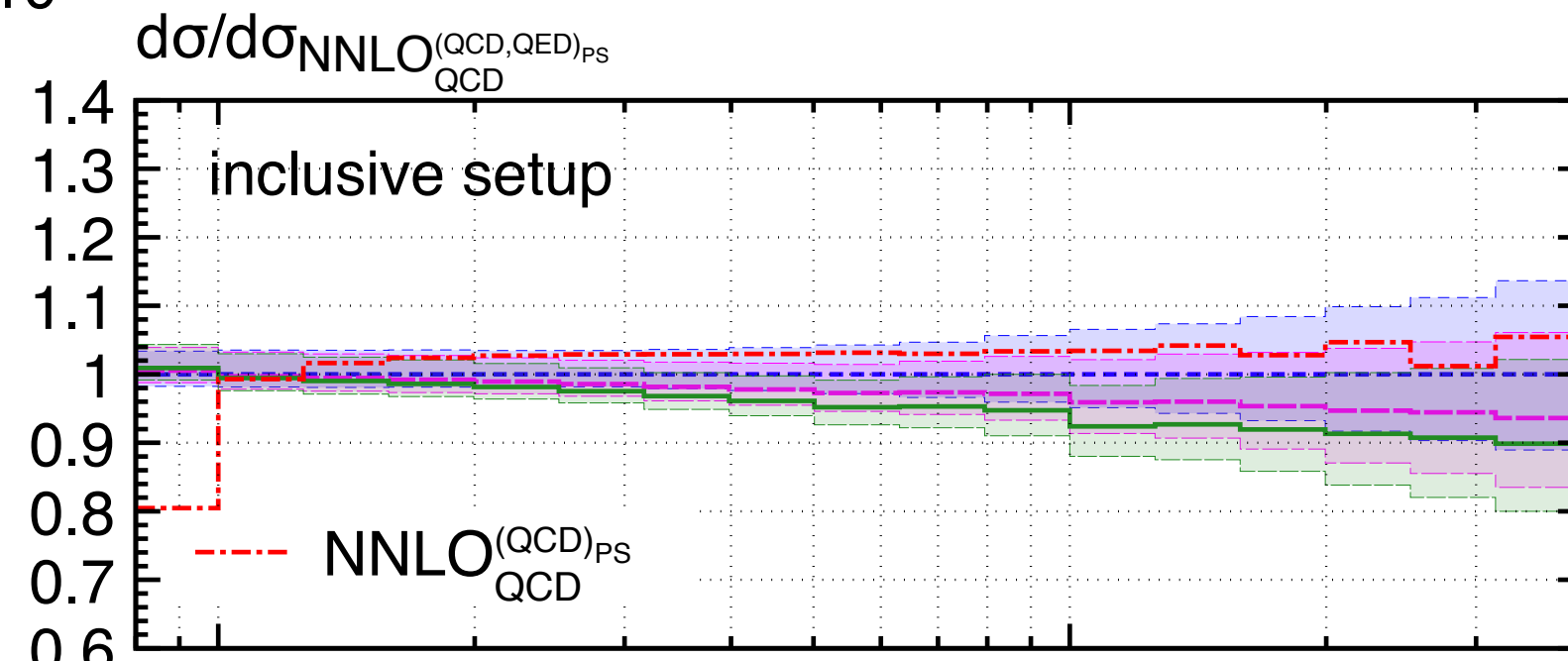
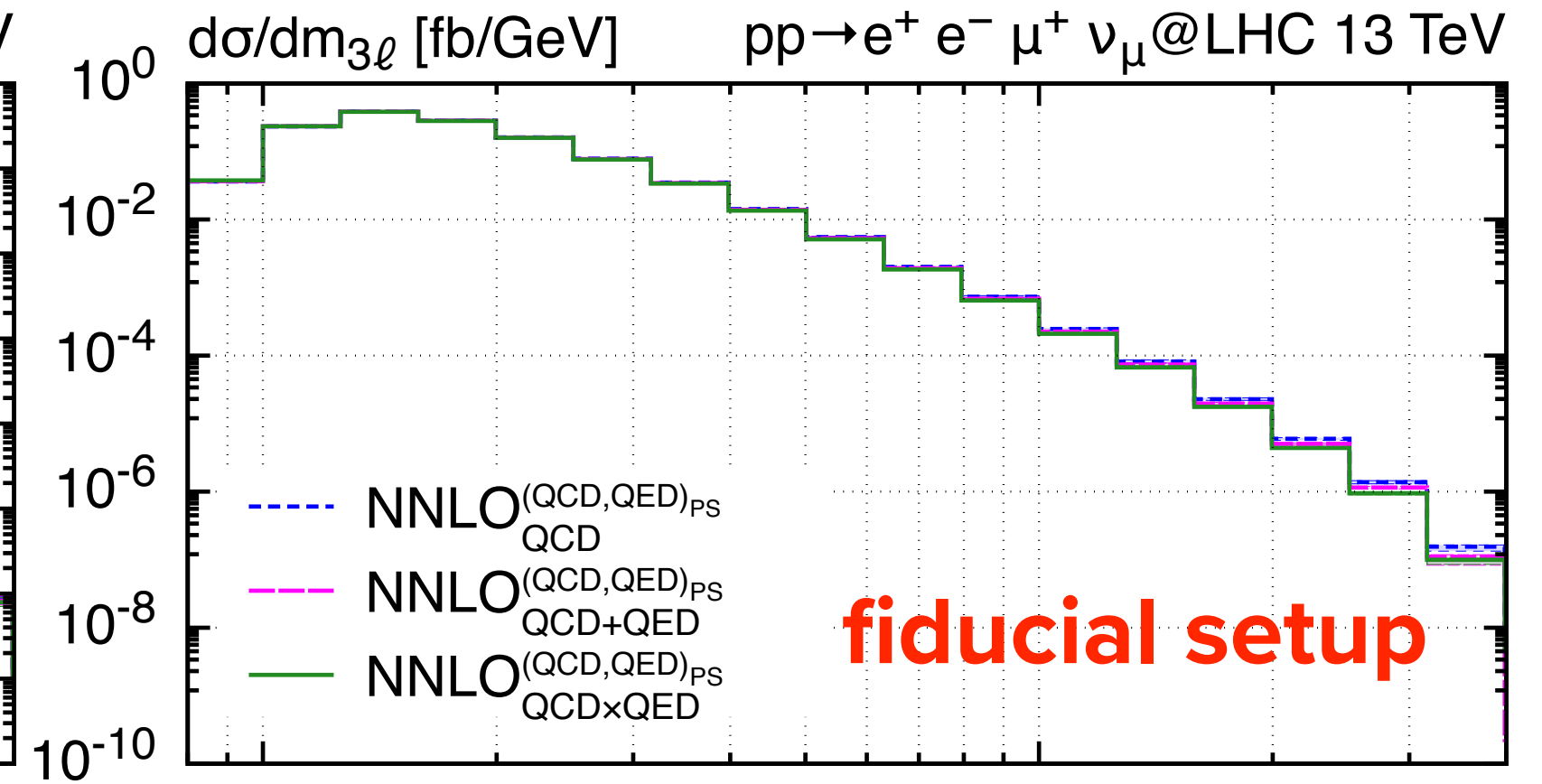
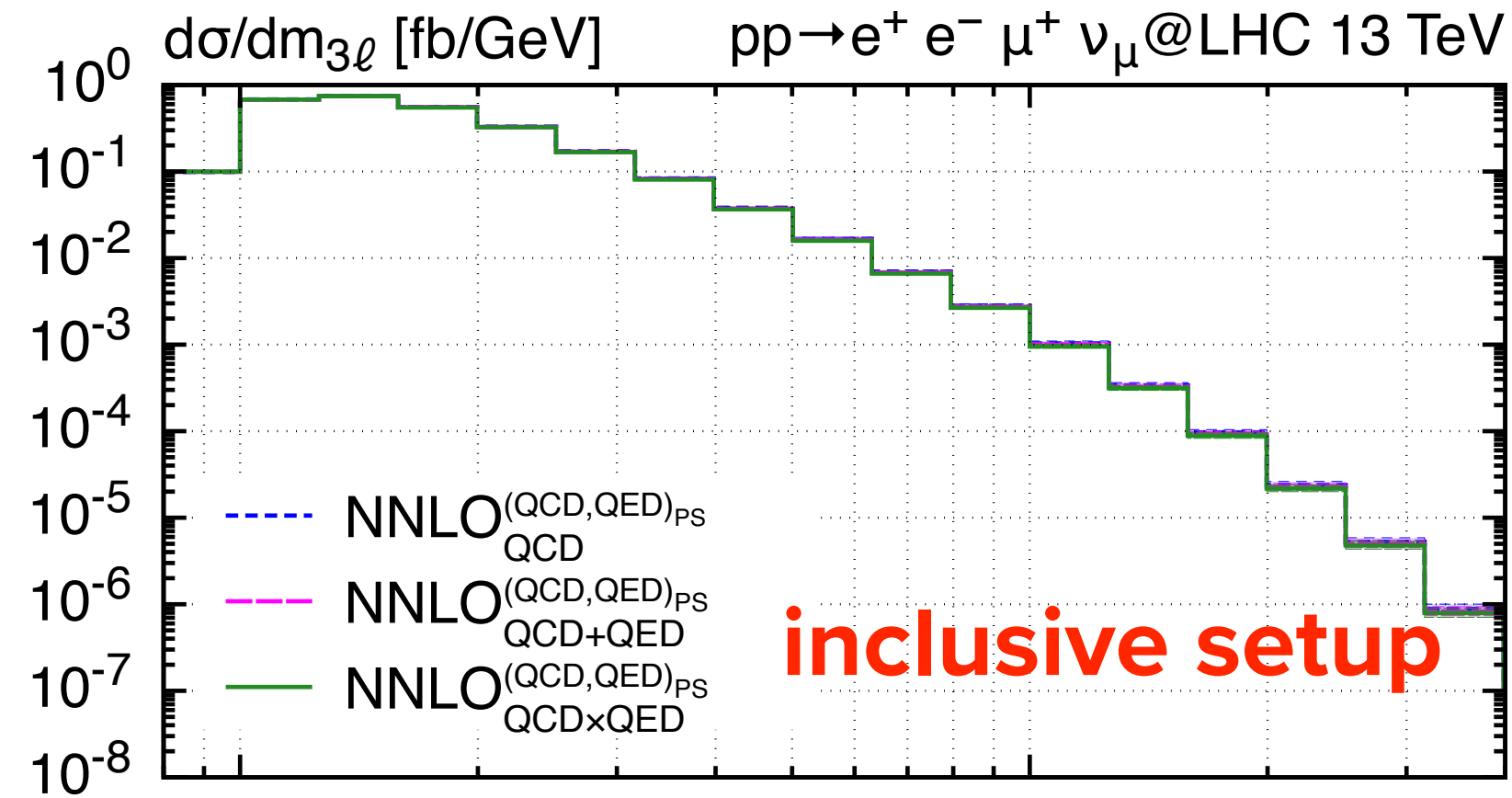
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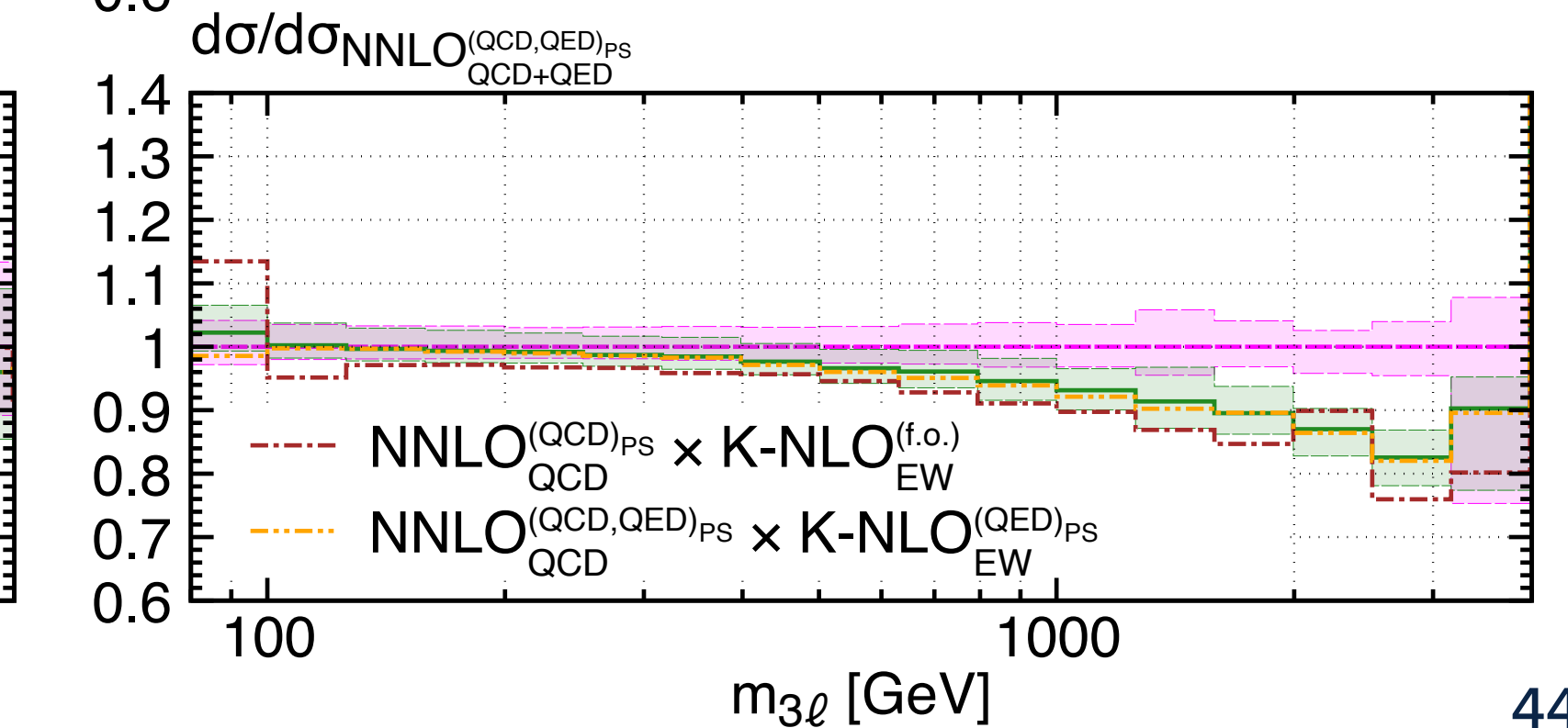
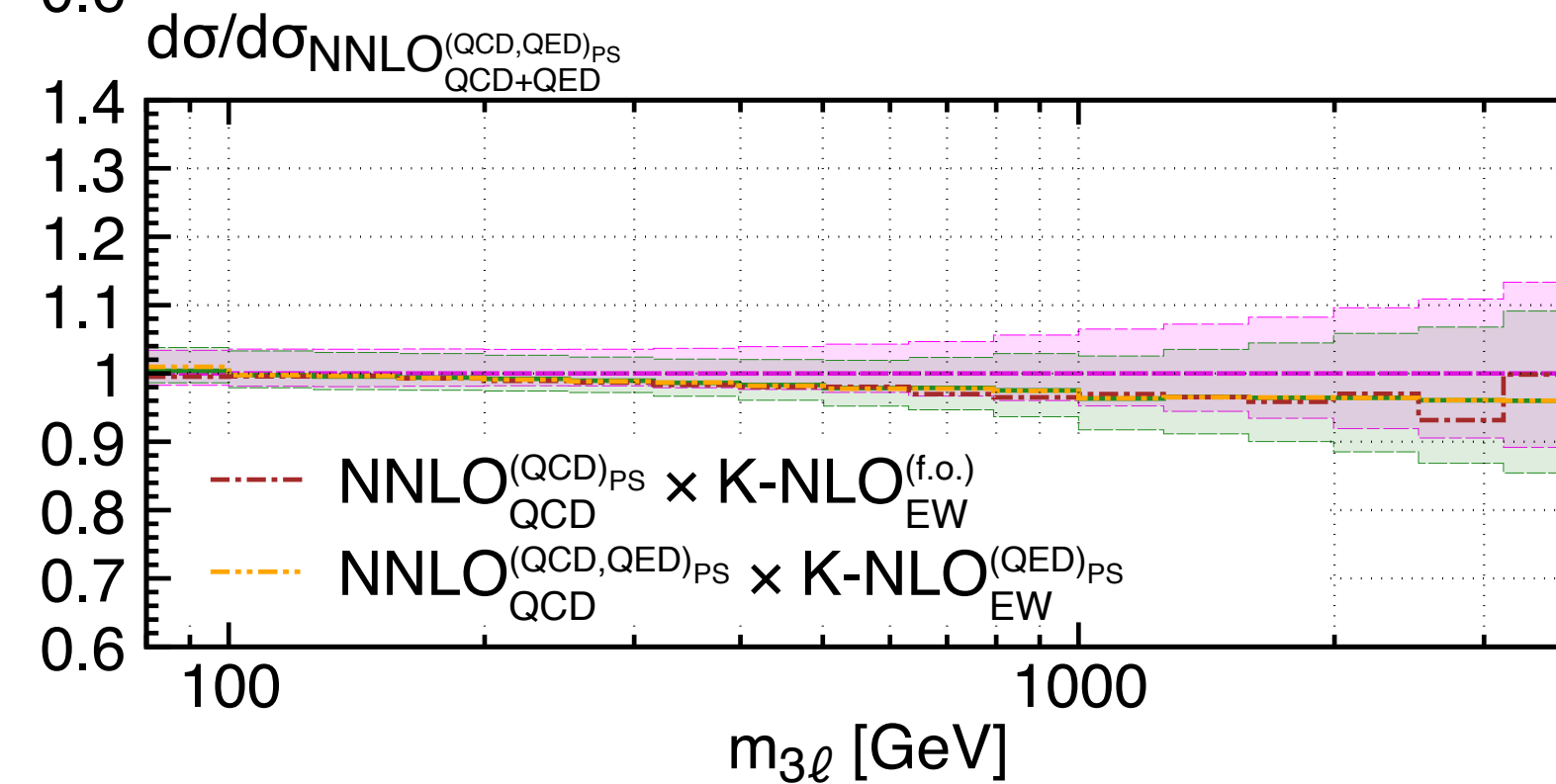
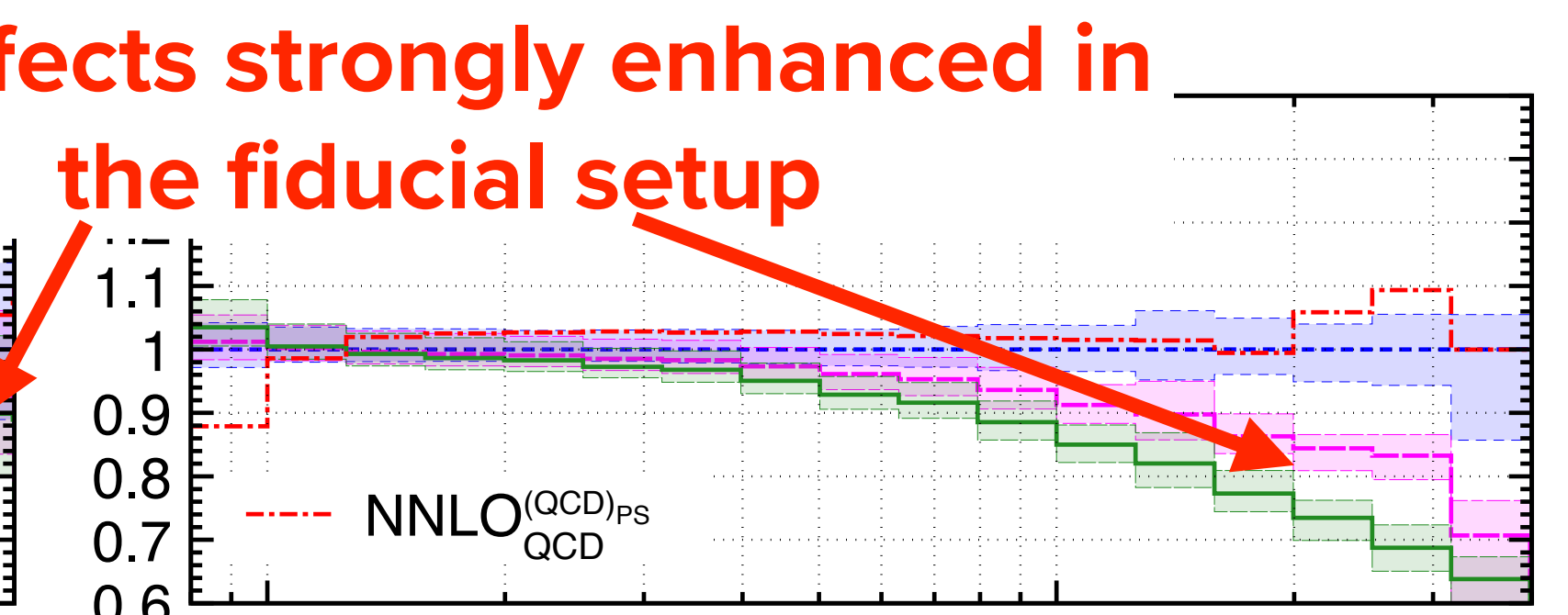
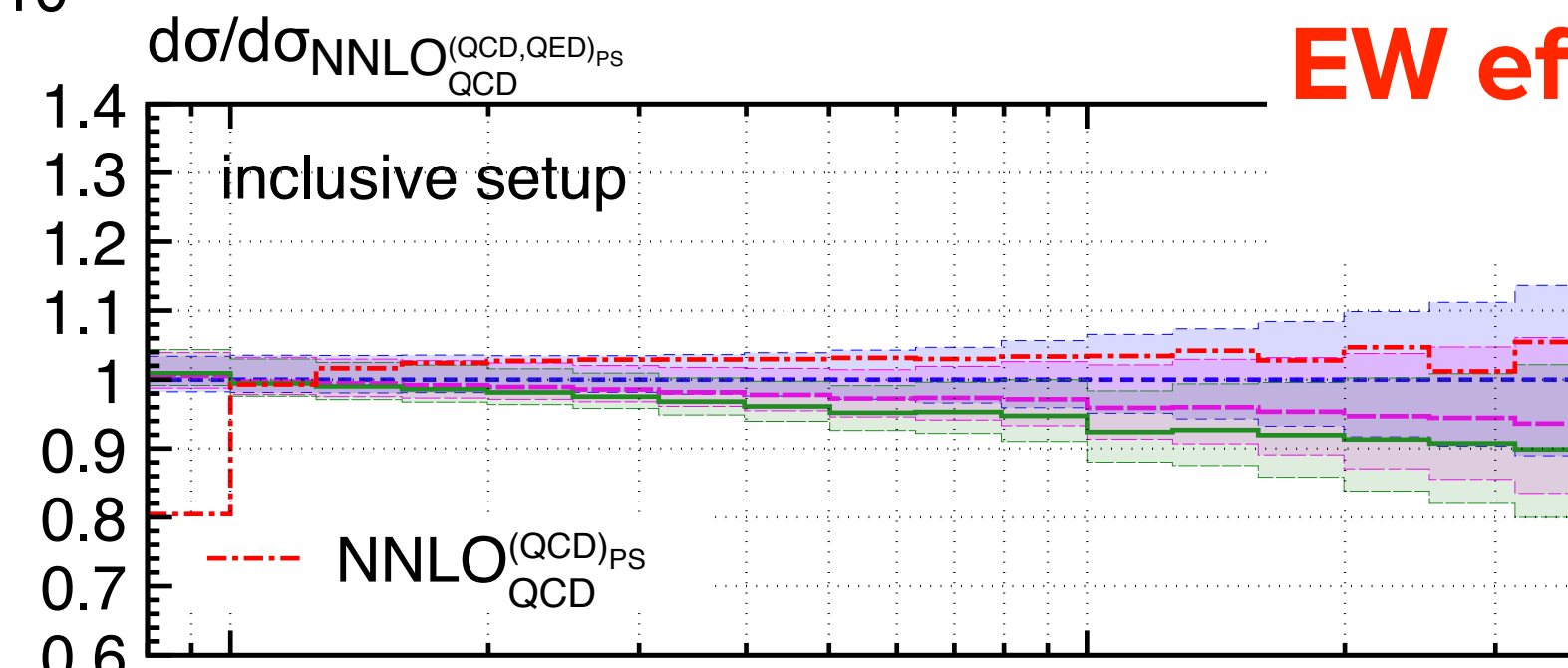
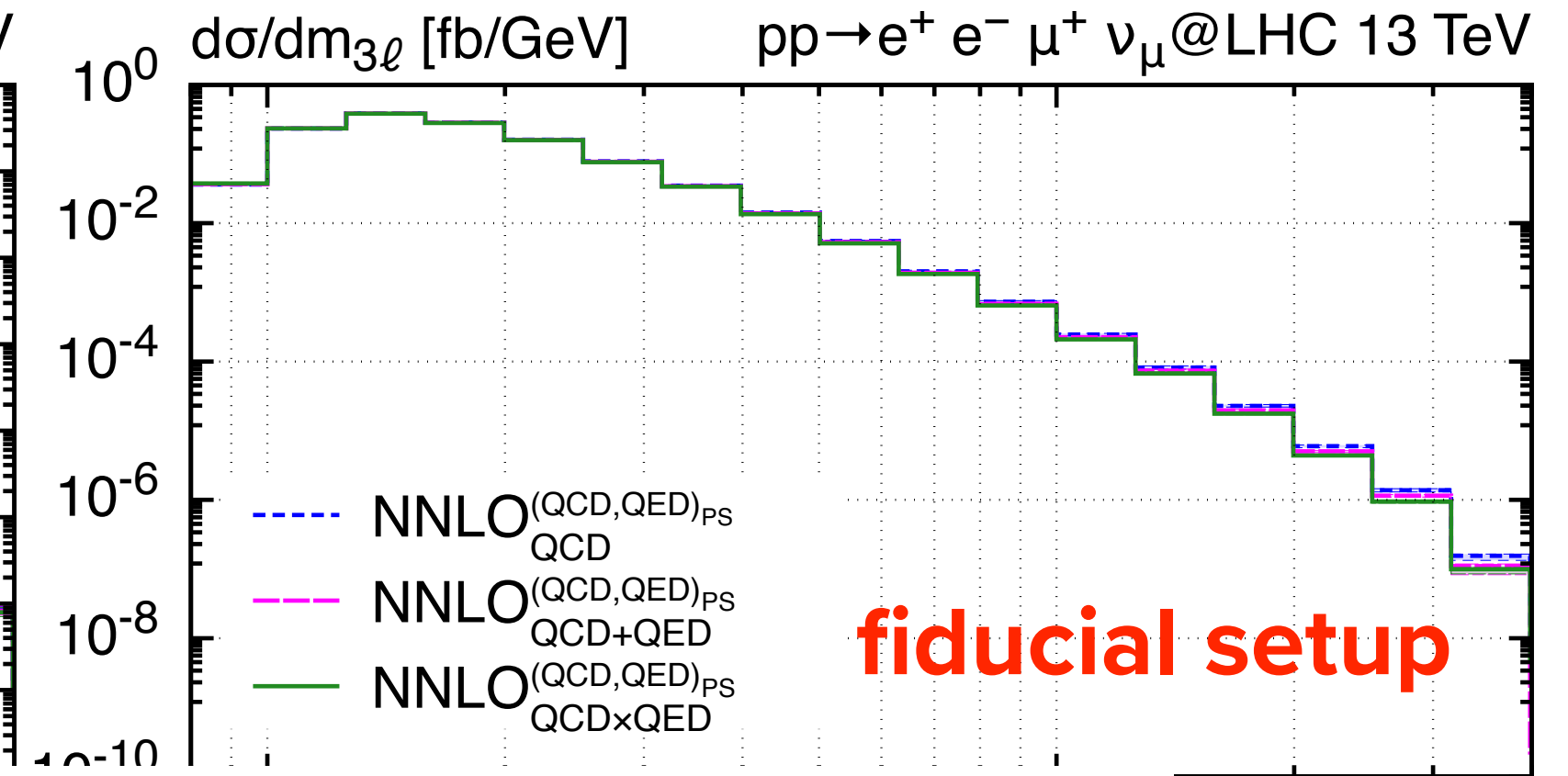
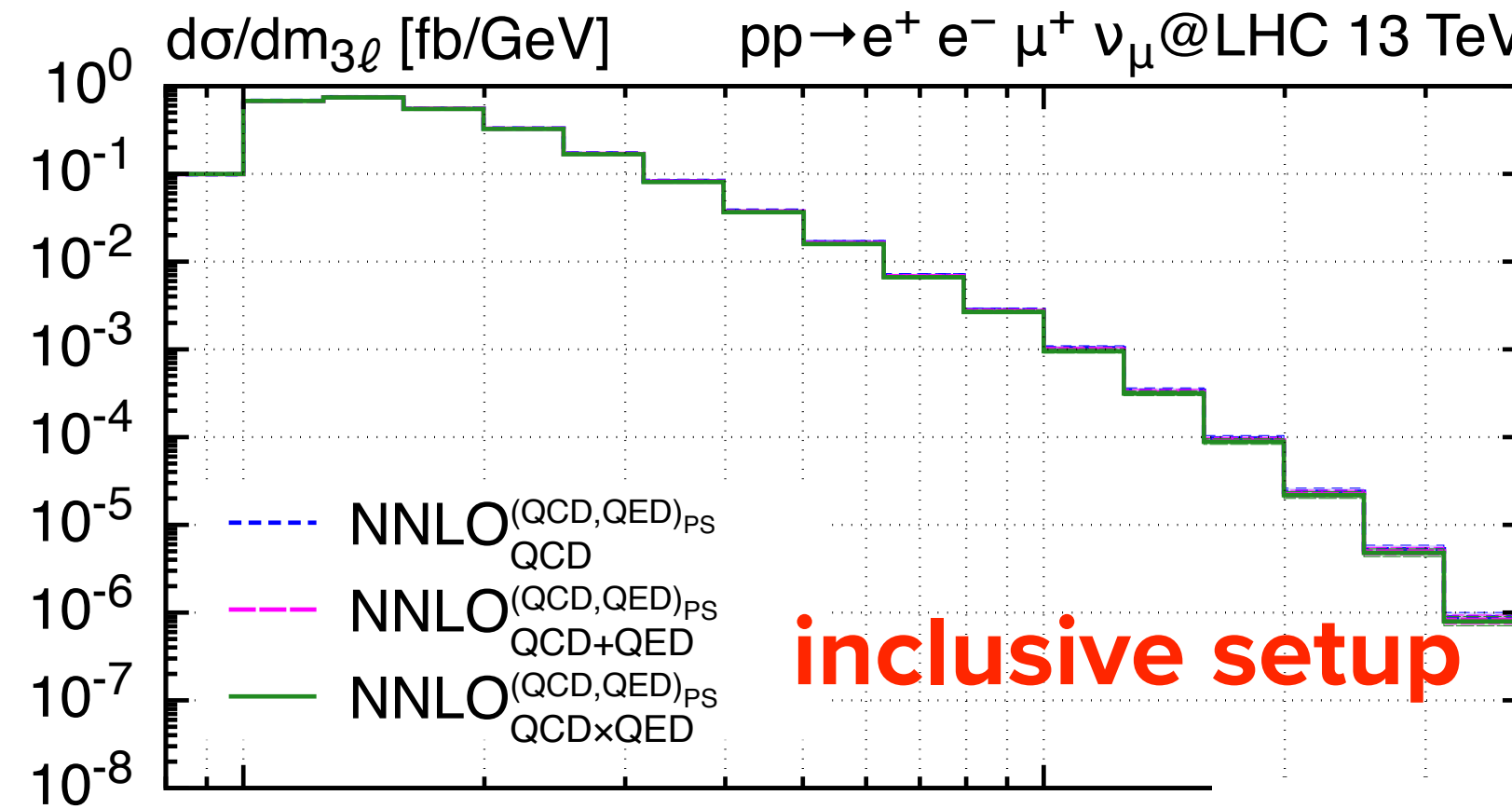




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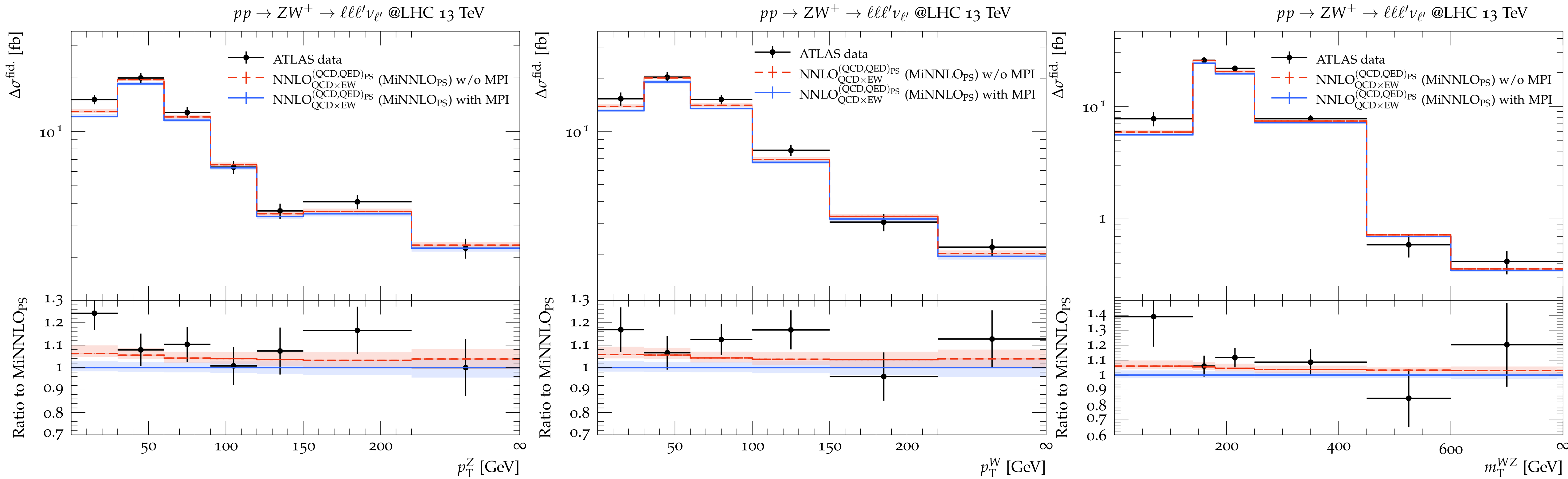
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In the inclusive case, Sudakov-logarithms are suppressed in the very forward regions.

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## COMPARISON TO DATA



# **4. CONCLUSIONS**



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