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Abstract: We consider the production of strongly interacting, heavy SUSY pairs at the LHC. When the centre of mass energy is close to the production threshold of the pair, the corresponding cross sections receive large higher-loop QCD corrections. These corrections are classified as the so-called soft logarithms and Coulomb singularities and they lead to a break down of the usual perturbation expansion. In this talk I review the origin of these large corrections and explain how they can be resummed by using Effective Field theories. Finally, I will present some resummed results for the pair production cross sections of heavy squarks and gluinos. Based on: arXiv:1202.2260 and 1211.3408.



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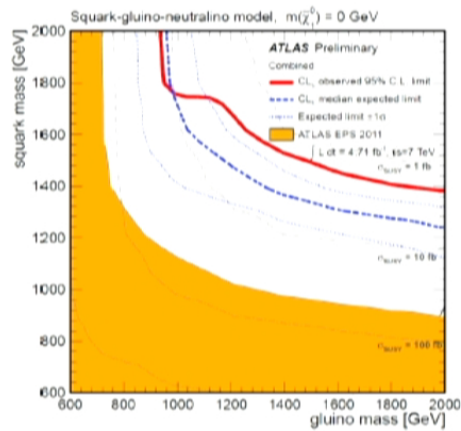


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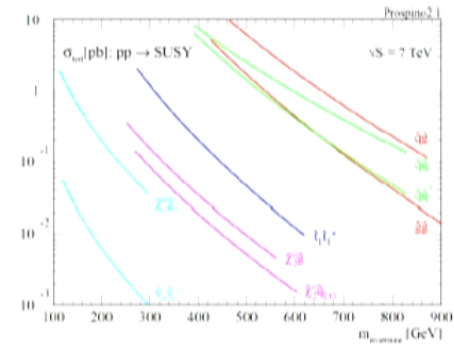
- Squark and gluino pair production
- Threshold corrections
- EFT: factorization & resummation
- Scales and errors
- Results
- Summary and outlook

Motivation

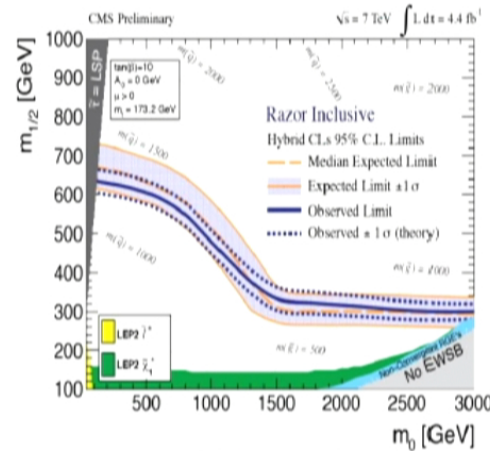
- SUSY searches important at LHC
- In R-parity conserving models (e.g. MSSM) SUSY particles are produced in pairs
- Main production: squark and gluino pairs
- Strongly model dependent: SUSY bounds
- Model independent predictions required



[ATLAS, 03-2012]



[Plehn, Prospino 2.1]



[CMS, 03-2012]

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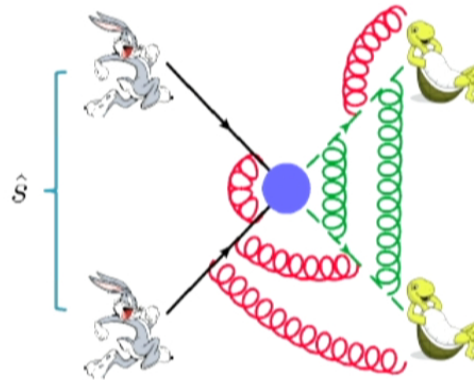
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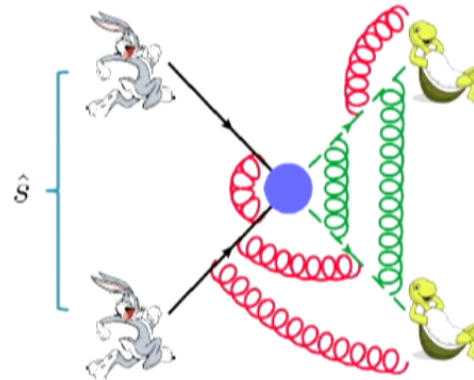
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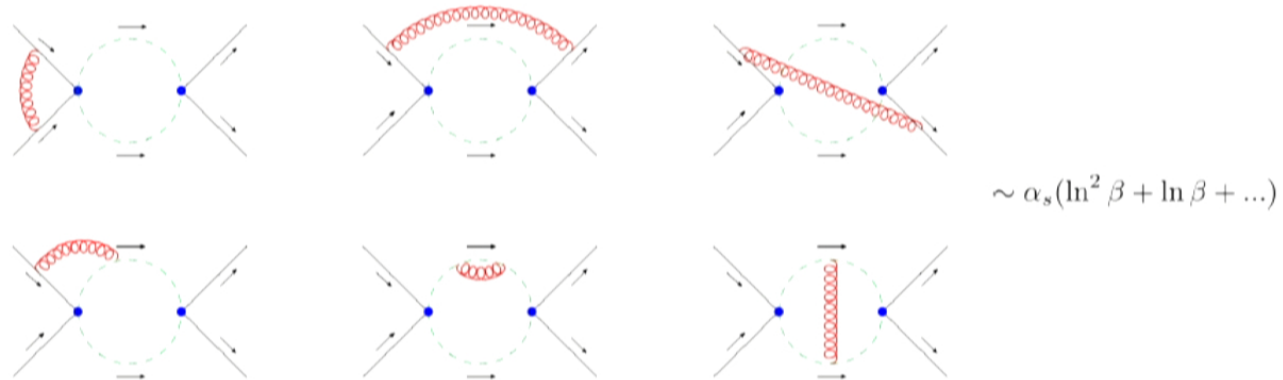
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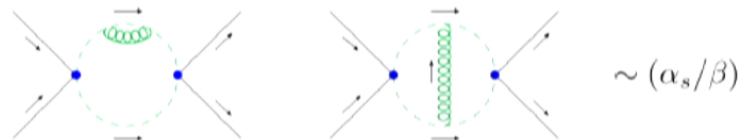
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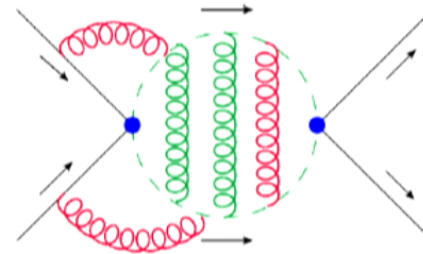


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Threshold: higher-loop corrections

- Higher loop amplitudes containing both **soft** and **potential** gluon exchanges:



$$\longrightarrow \sim \alpha_s^k \ln^l \beta / \beta^m$$

- Threshold: $\longrightarrow \beta \ll 1 \longrightarrow (\alpha_s/\beta)^n, \alpha_s^n \ln^m \beta \gg 1$

\longrightarrow usual perturbative series breaks down

- Form only depends on structure of QCD interactions \longrightarrow all SM extensions

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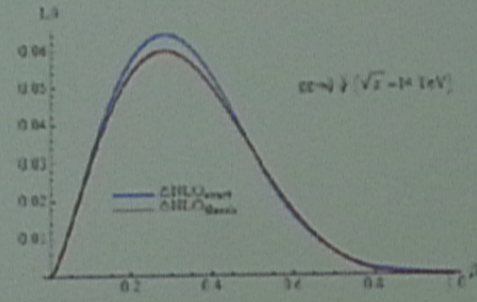
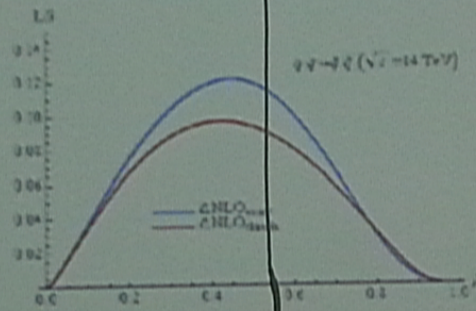
- Resummed partonic cs:

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$$\times \{1(LL, NLL); \alpha_s, \beta(NNLL); \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s \beta, \beta^2(NNNLL); \dots\}$$
- Hadronic cs integrates over region away from threshold
 - \rightarrow Is resummation relevant for the hadronic cross section?

Validity of resummation

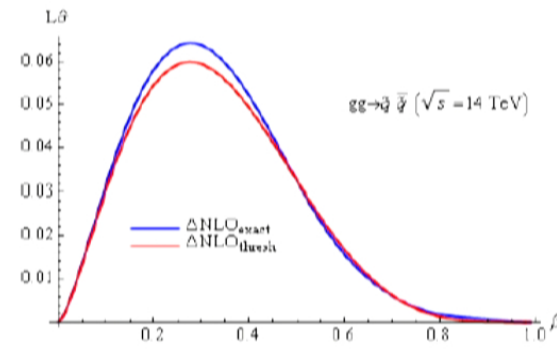
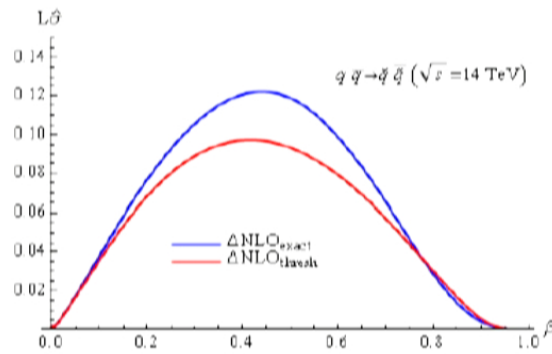
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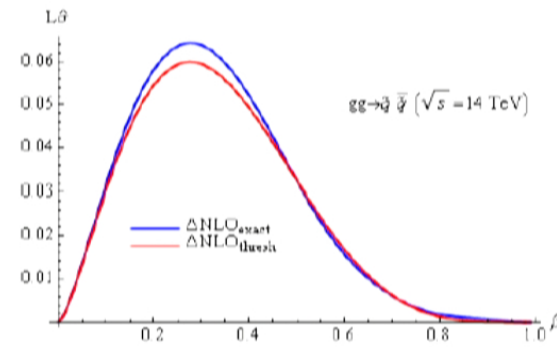
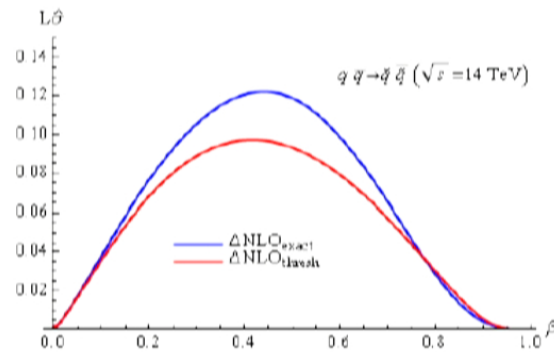
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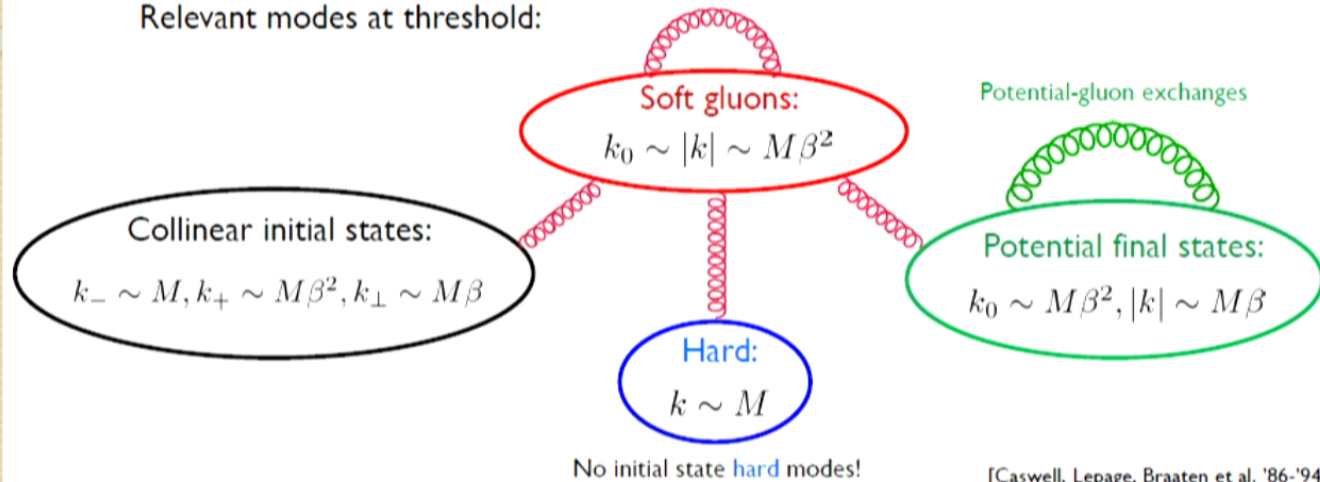
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- Threshold enhanced terms also approximate well away from threshold

- [Soft logarithms resummation](#) [Catani et al. '96; Becher, Neubert '06; Kulesza, Motyka '08; Langenfeld, Moch '09; Beenakker et al. '09, '11; **NLLFast**]
- [Coulomb resummation](#) [Fadin, Khoze '87-'89; Fadin, Khoze, Sjostrand '90; Kulesza, Motyka '09]
- [Simultaneous soft and Coulomb resummation](#) for squark-antisquark at NLL [Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn '10] and top-quark pairs at NNLL [Beneke et al. '11/12; **TOPIXS**]

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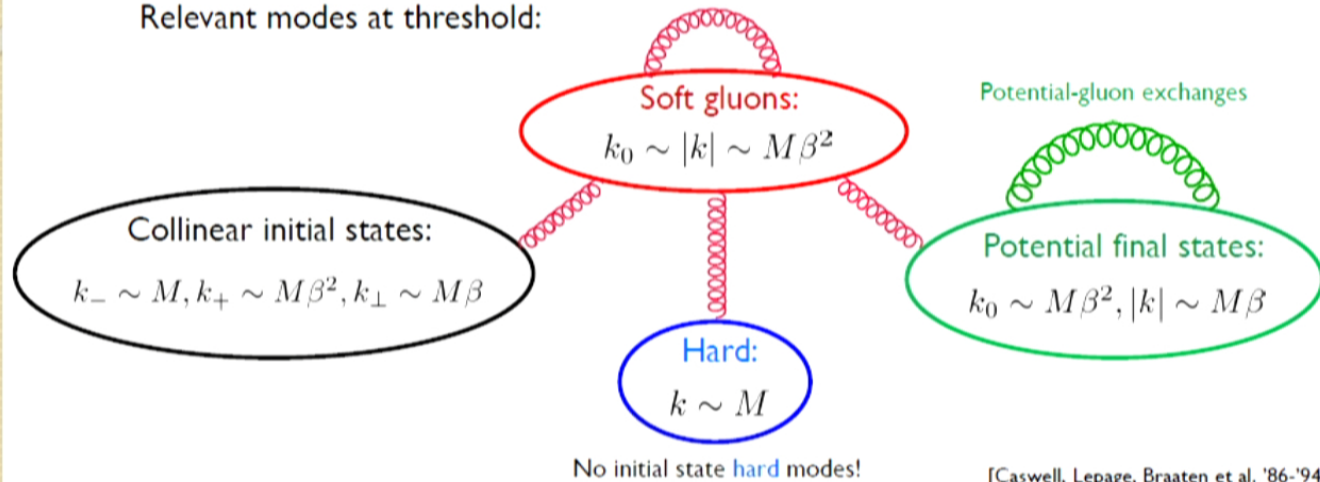
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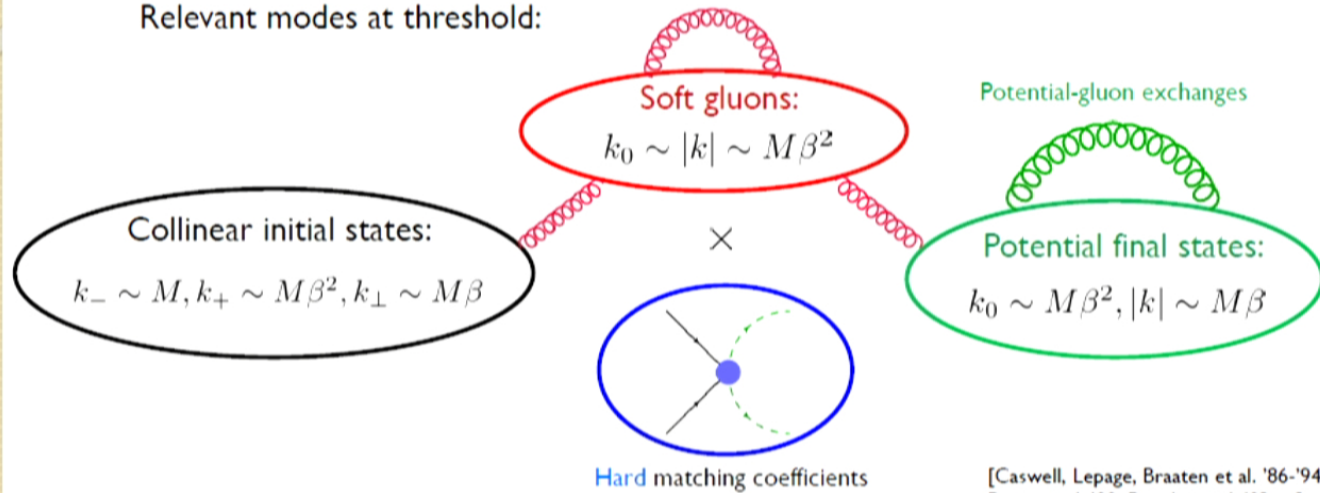
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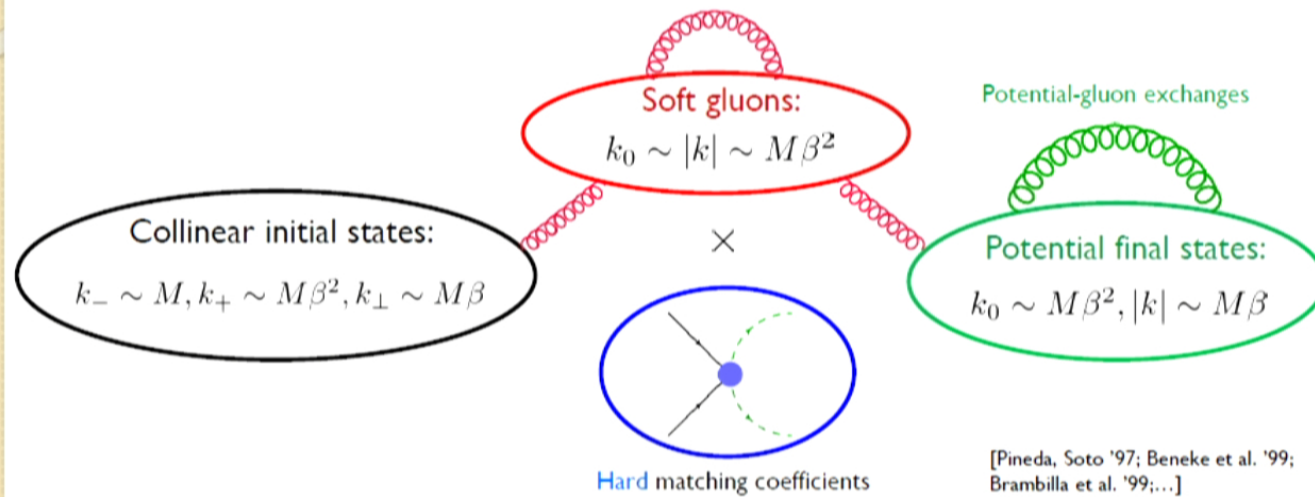
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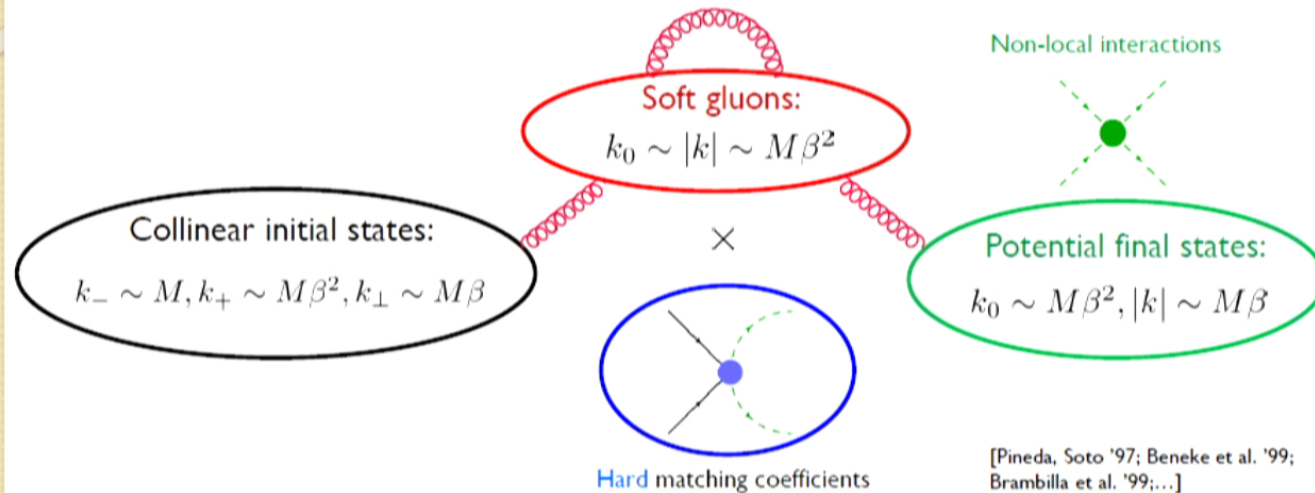


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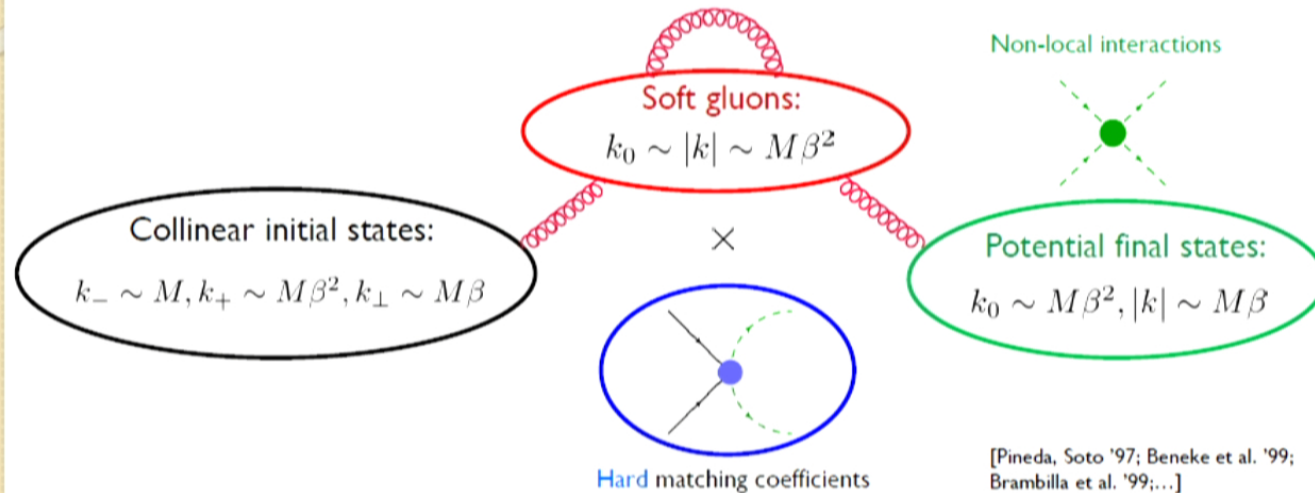
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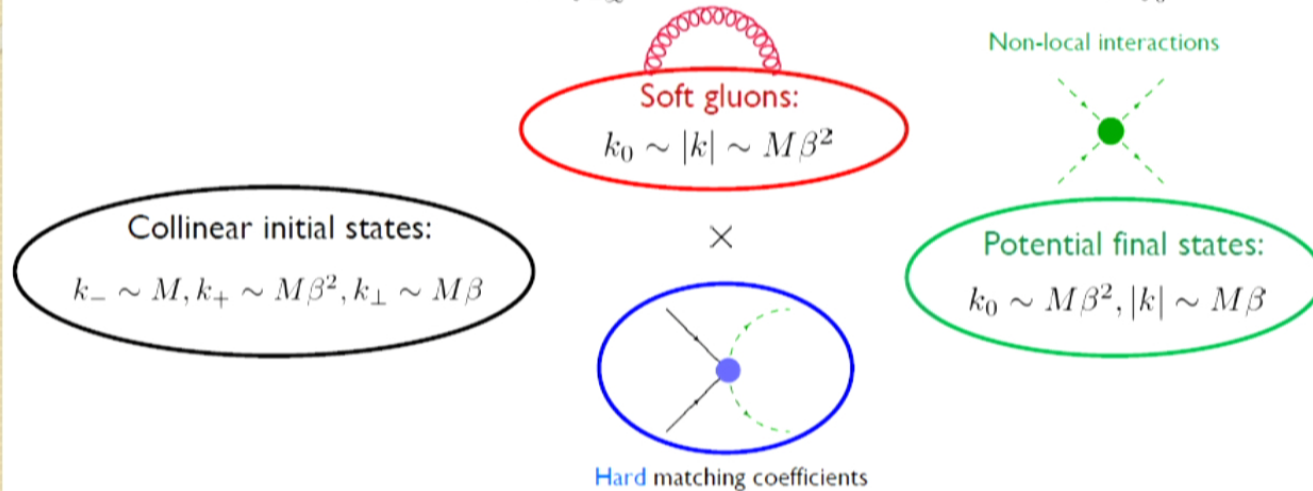
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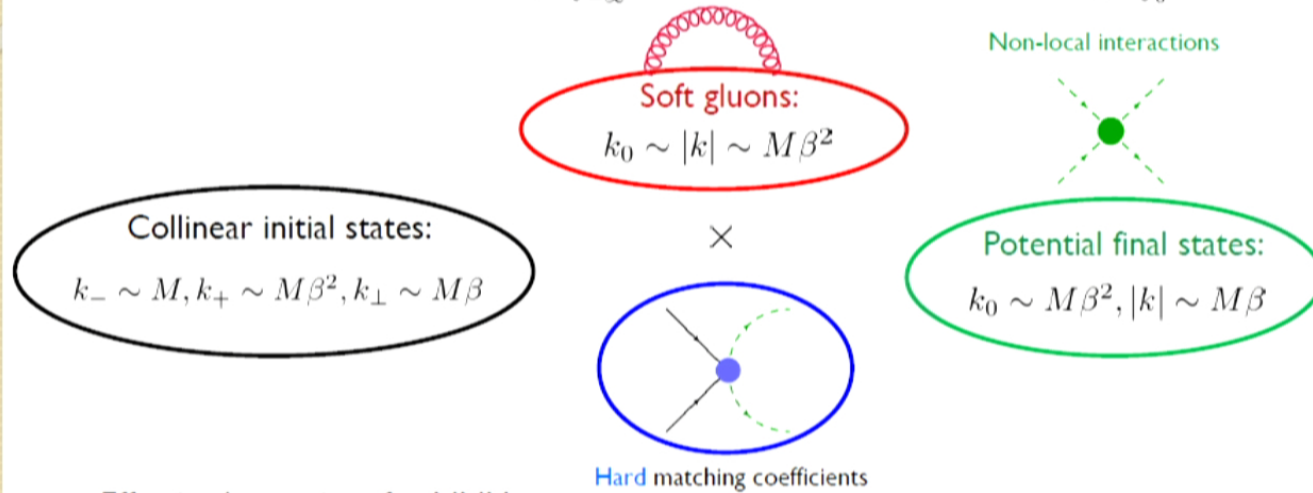
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- Effective lagrangians for NNLL:

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Factorization: amplitude

[Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn '10]

- Production operator: $\mathcal{O}^i = c^i \phi_c \phi_{\bar{c}} \psi^\dagger \psi'^\dagger$, $c^i = \text{colour tensor}$



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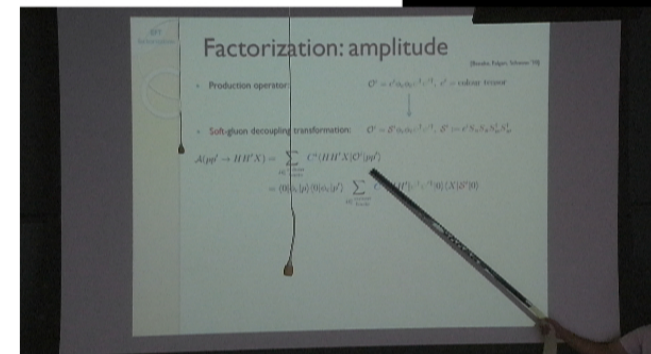
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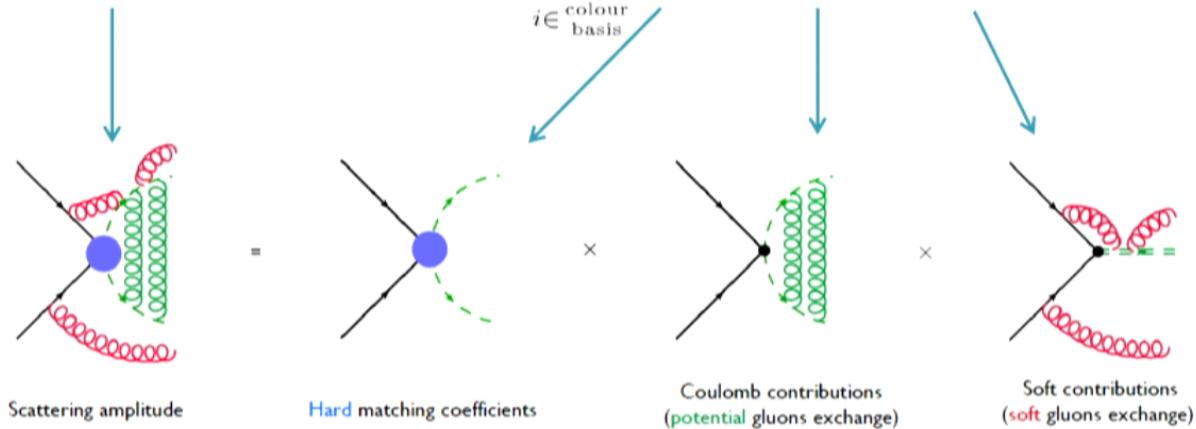
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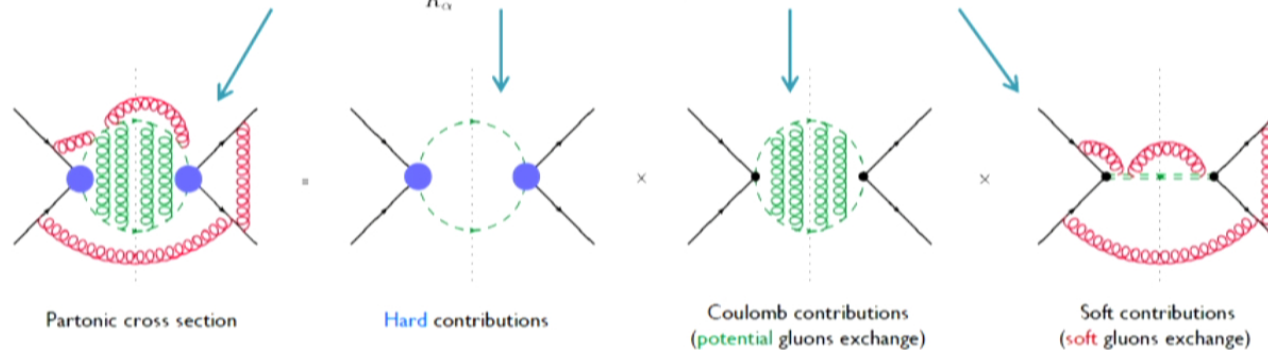
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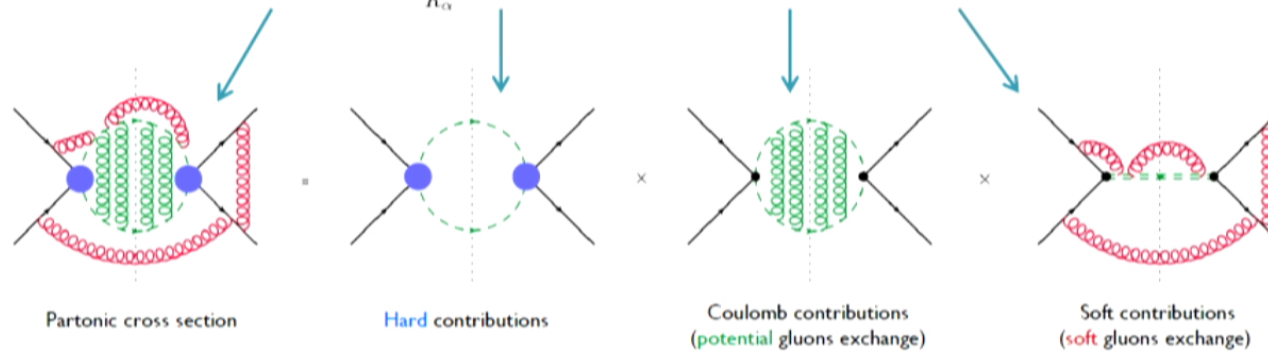
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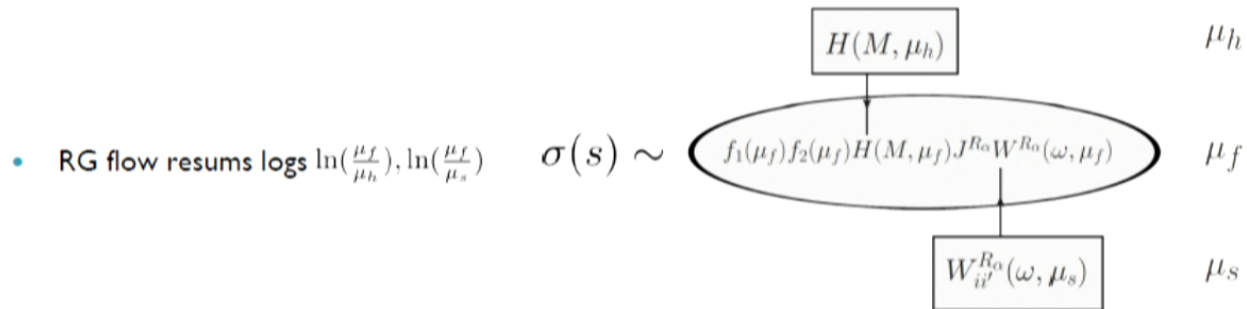
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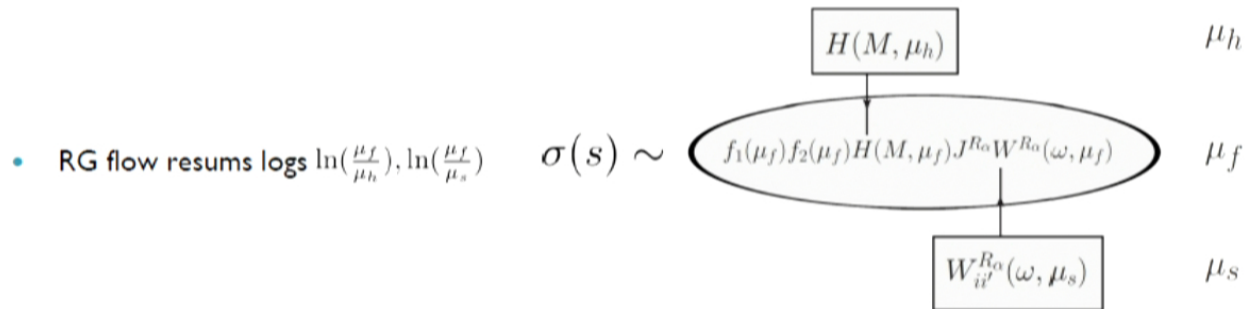
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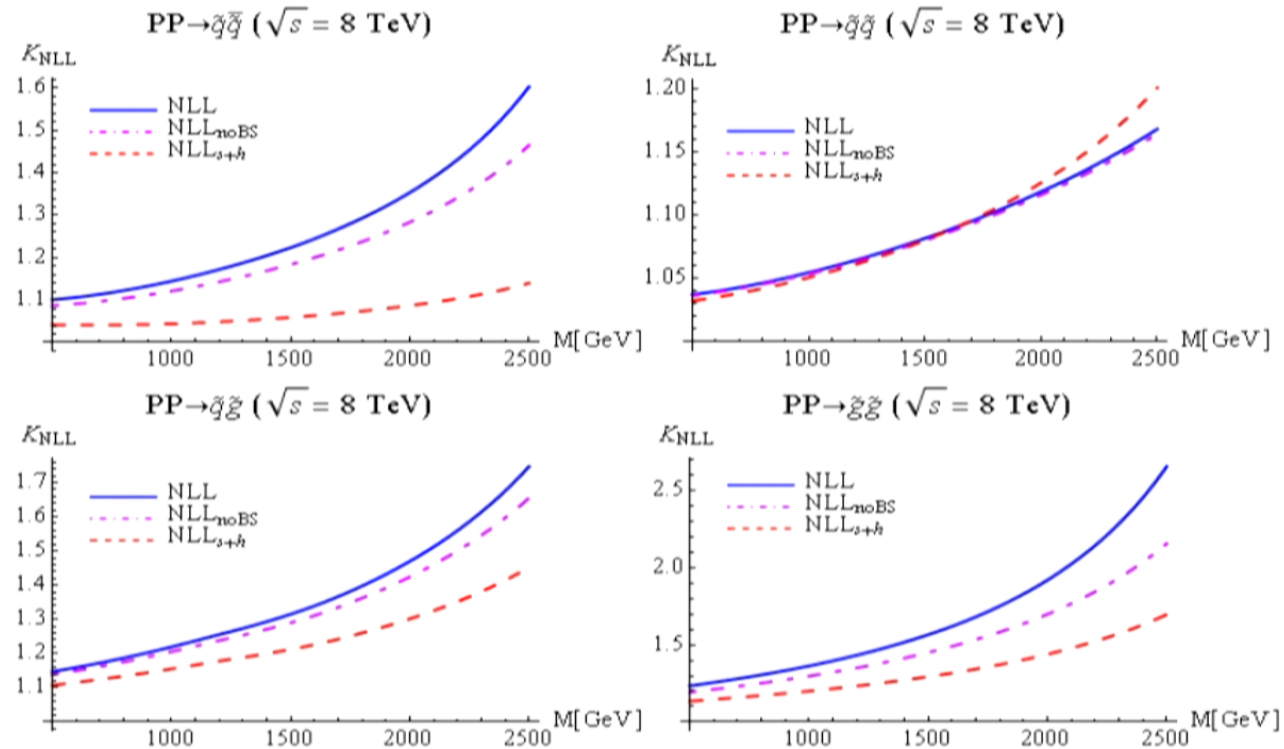
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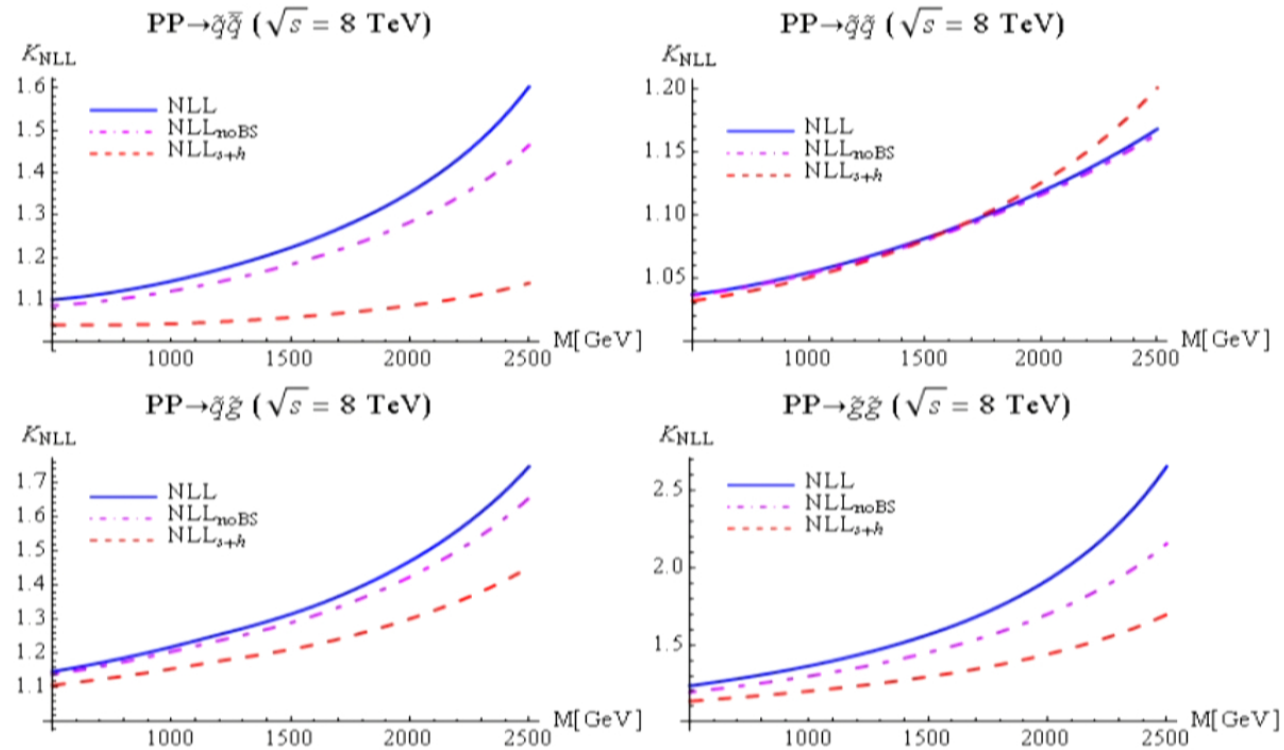
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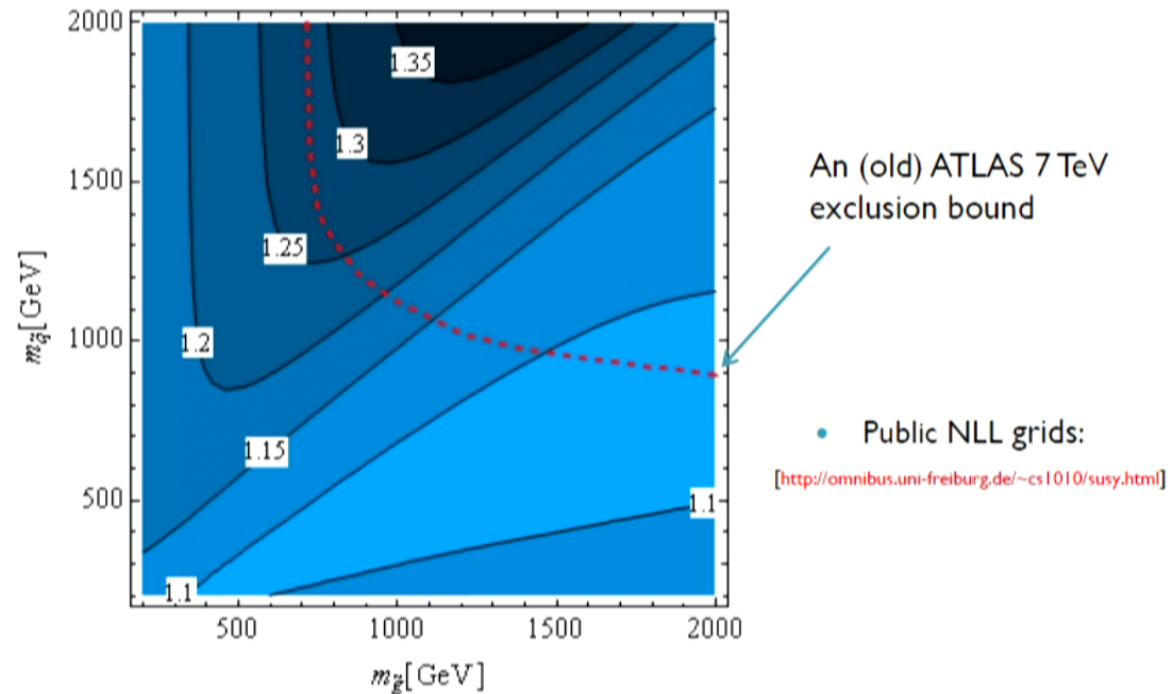
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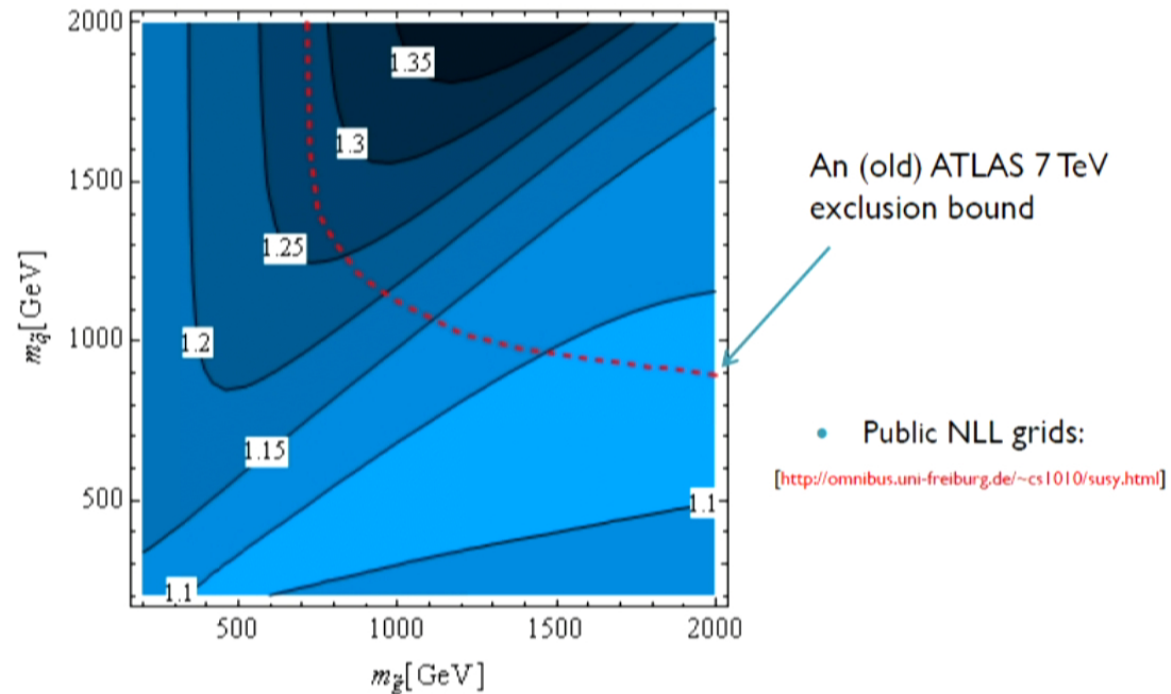
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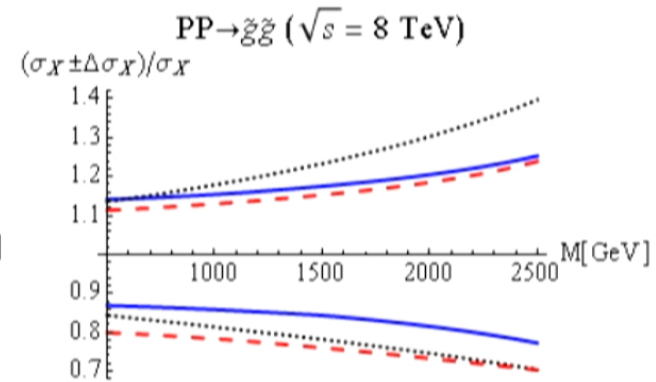
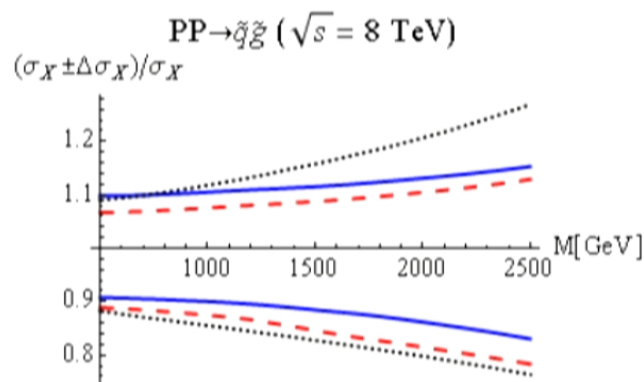
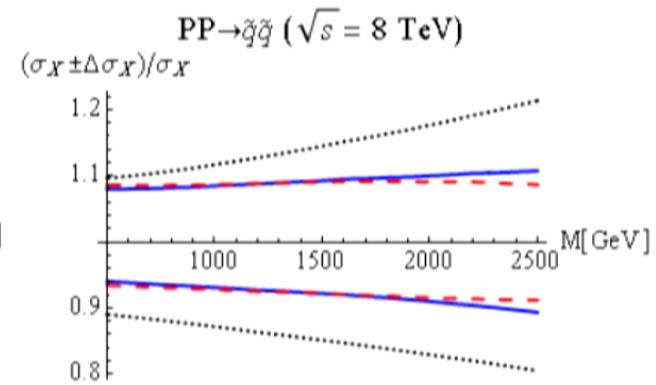
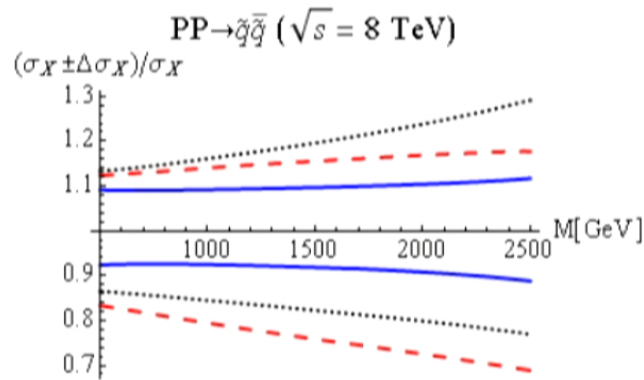


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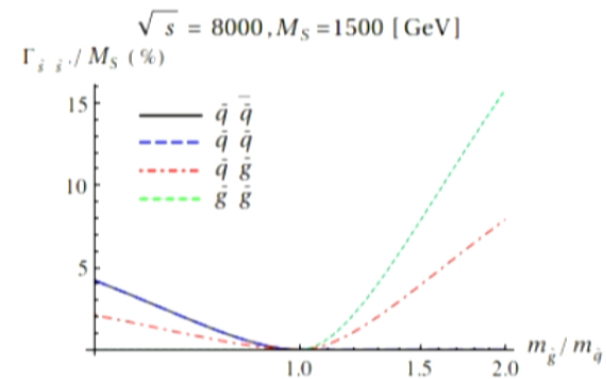
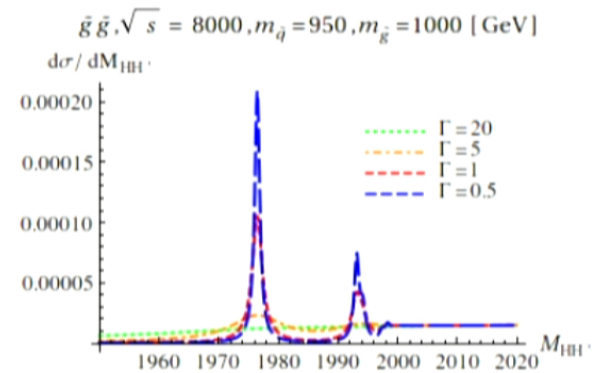
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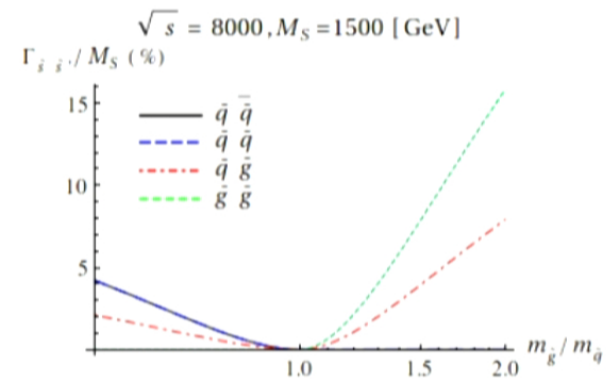
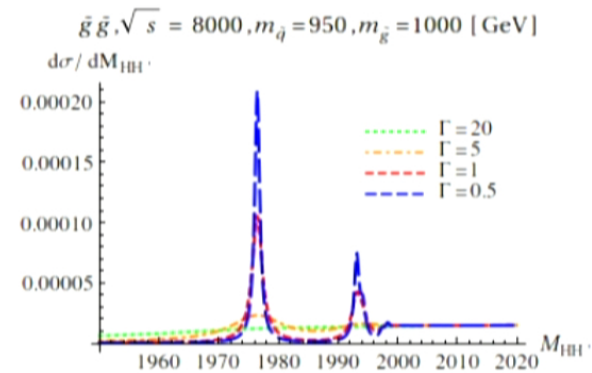
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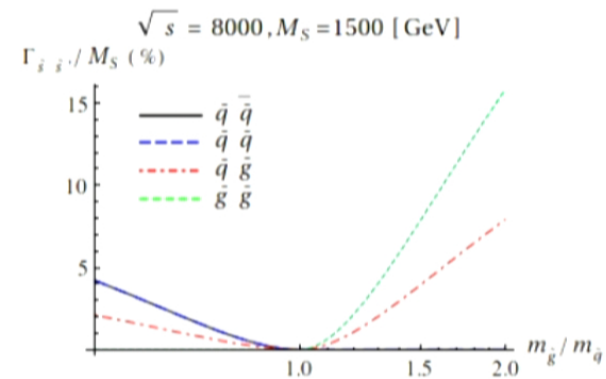
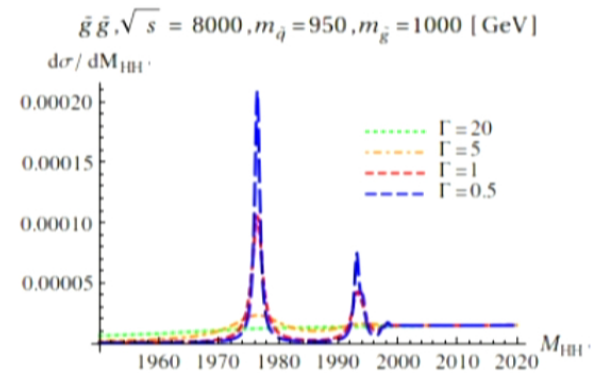
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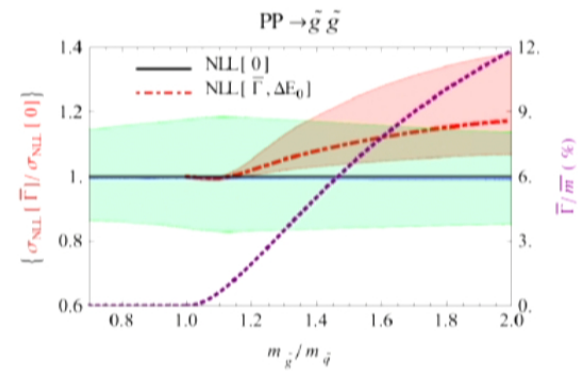
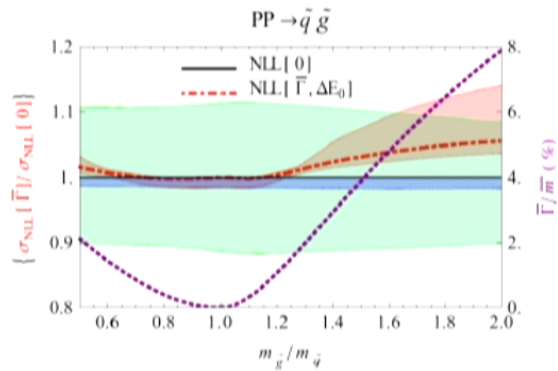
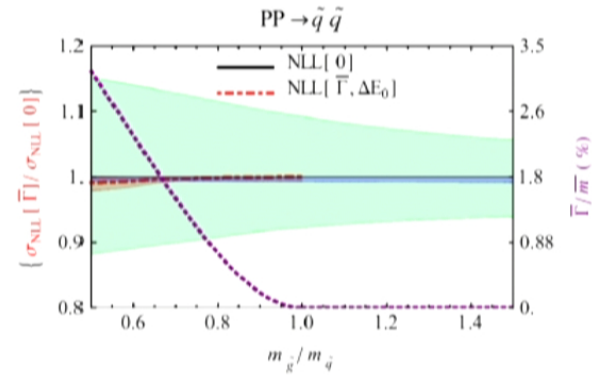
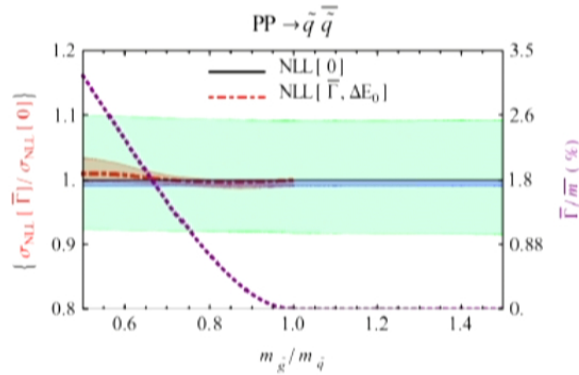


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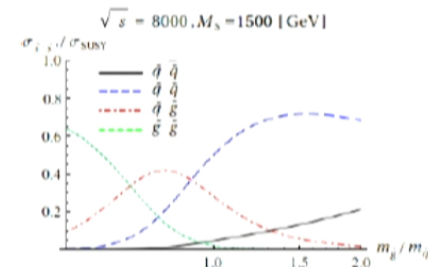


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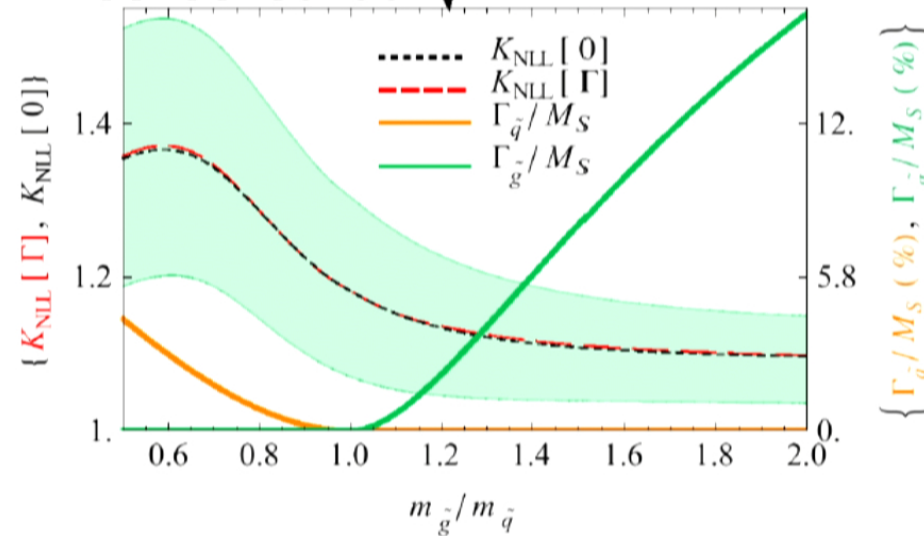
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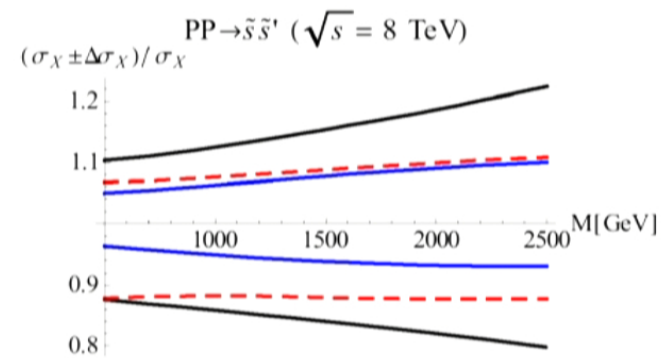
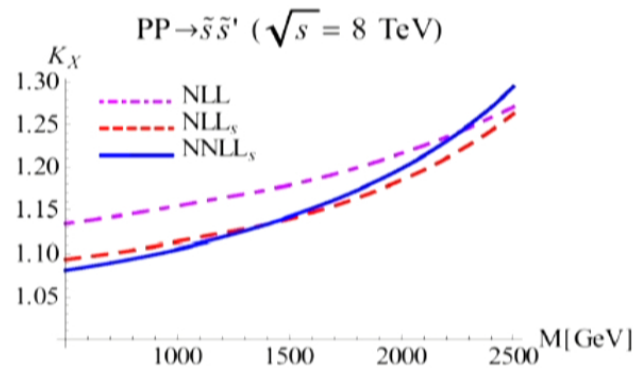
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Partial NNLL soft

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Summary

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