

Parton-shower effects in polarized DIS

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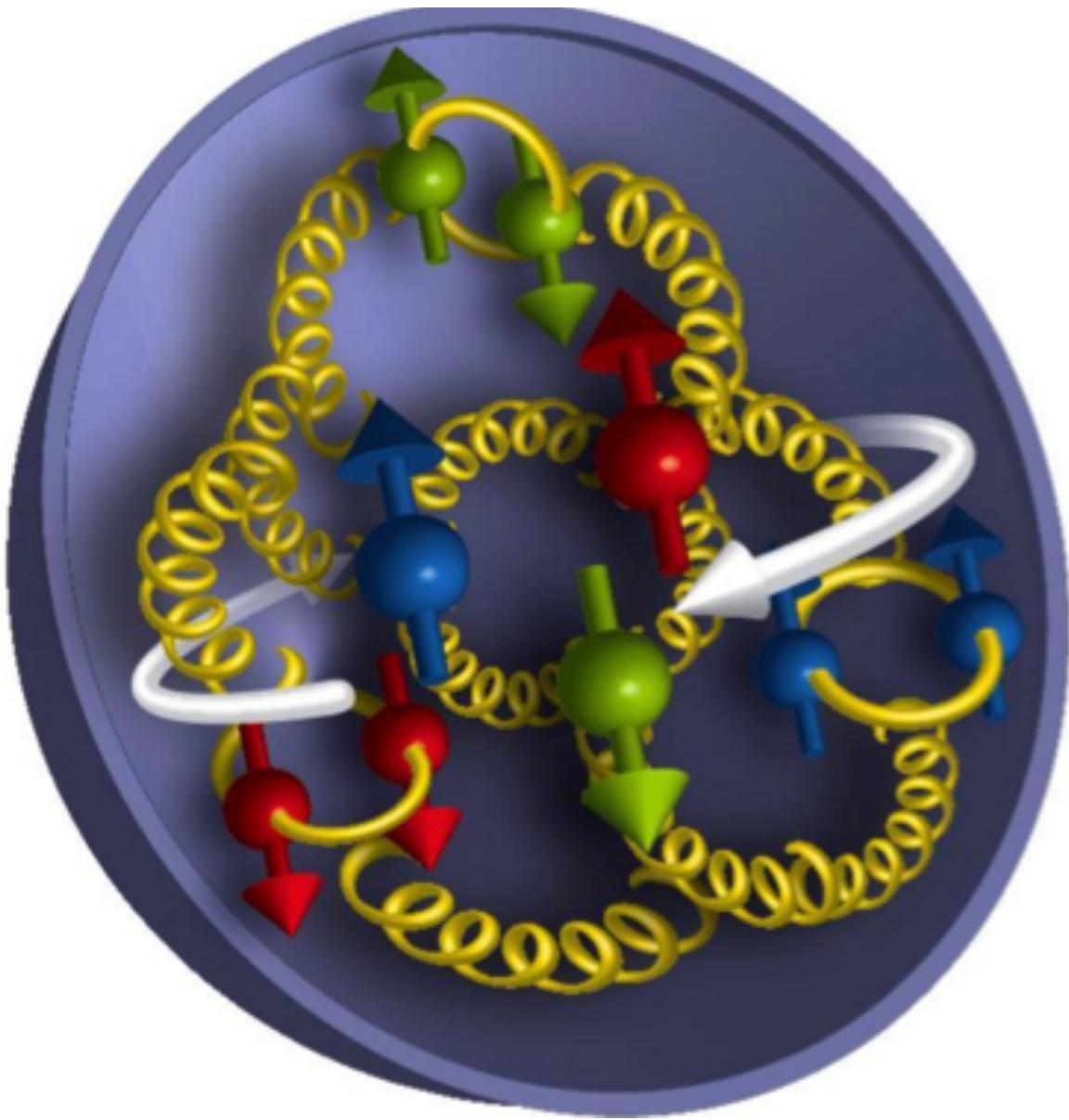
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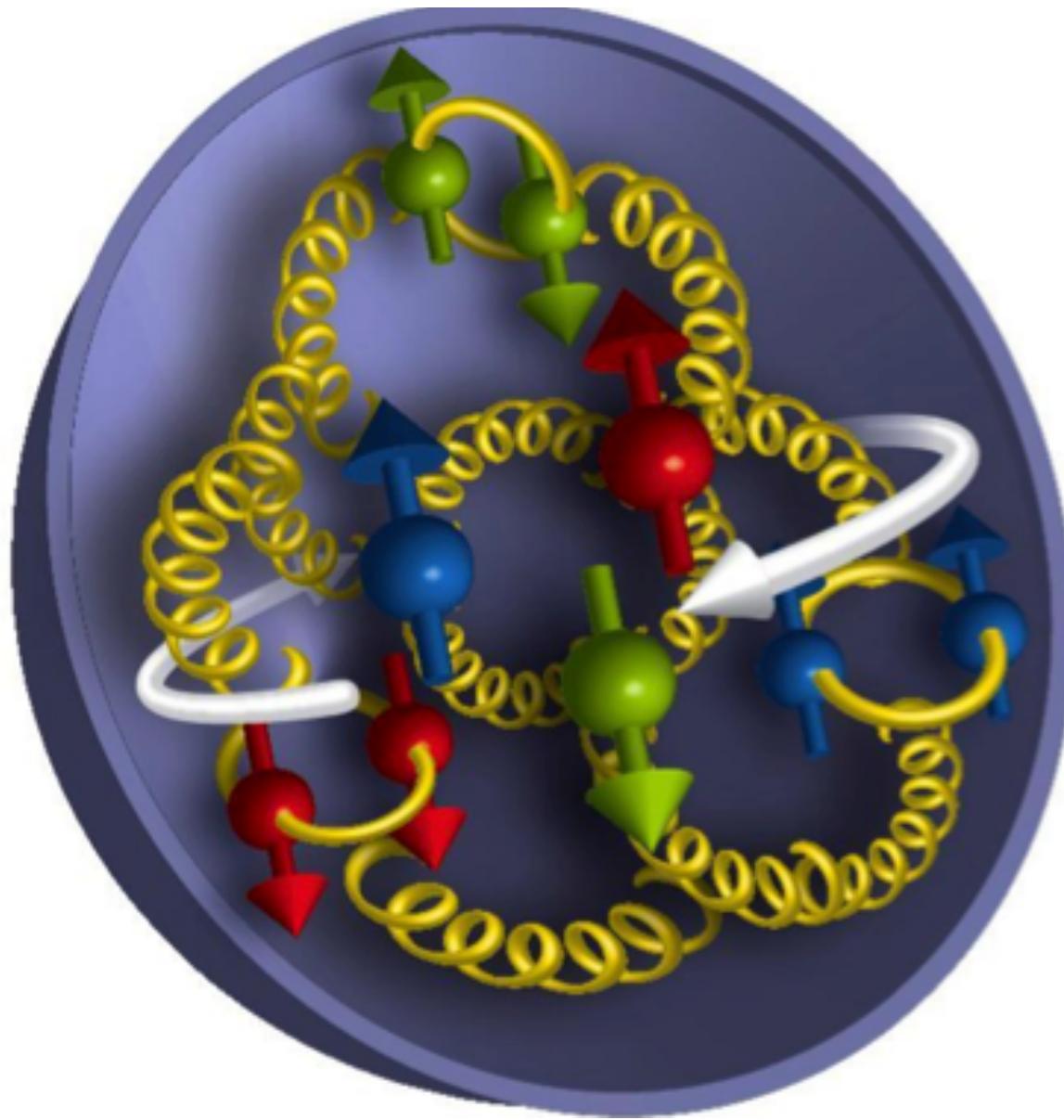
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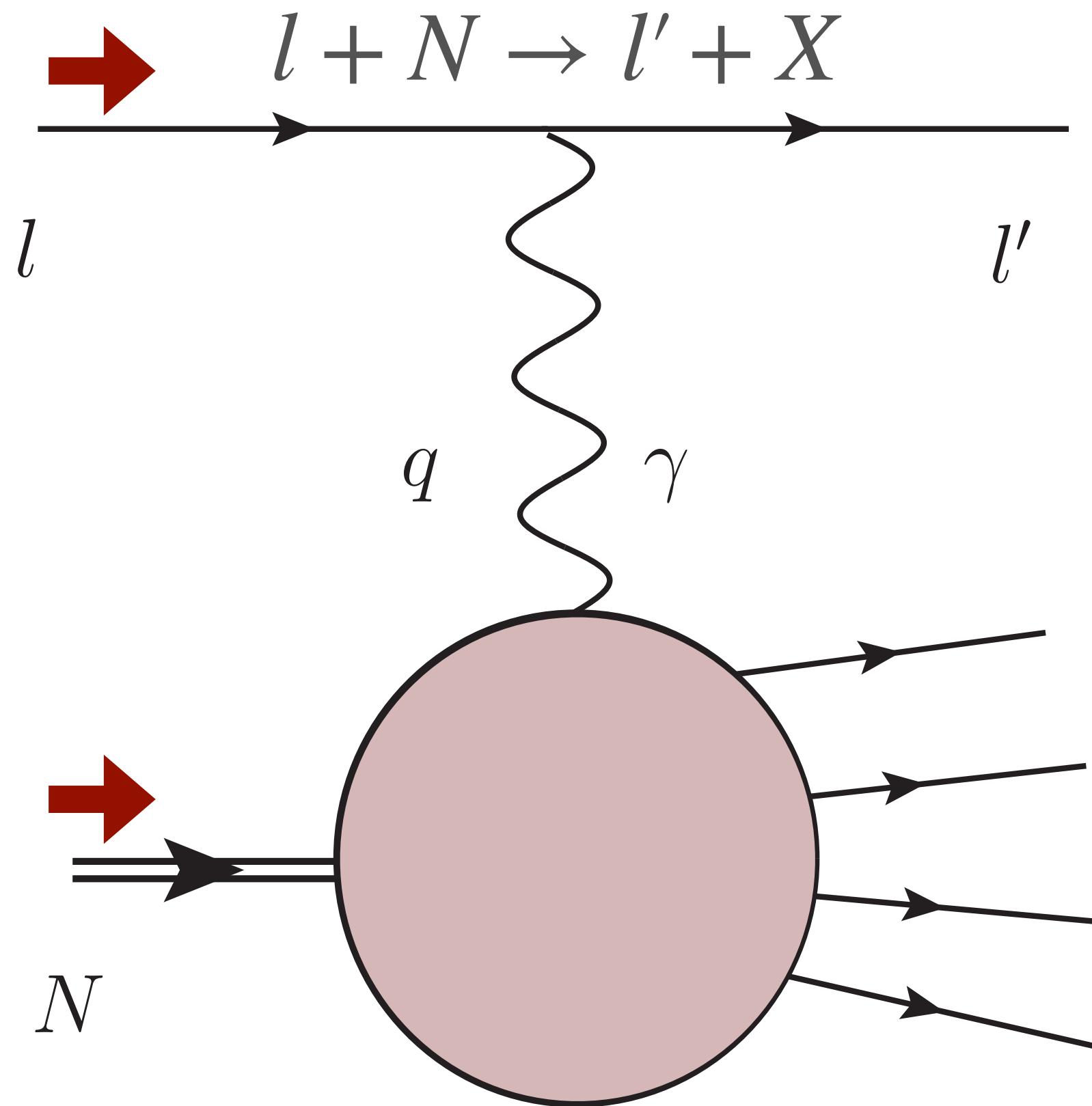
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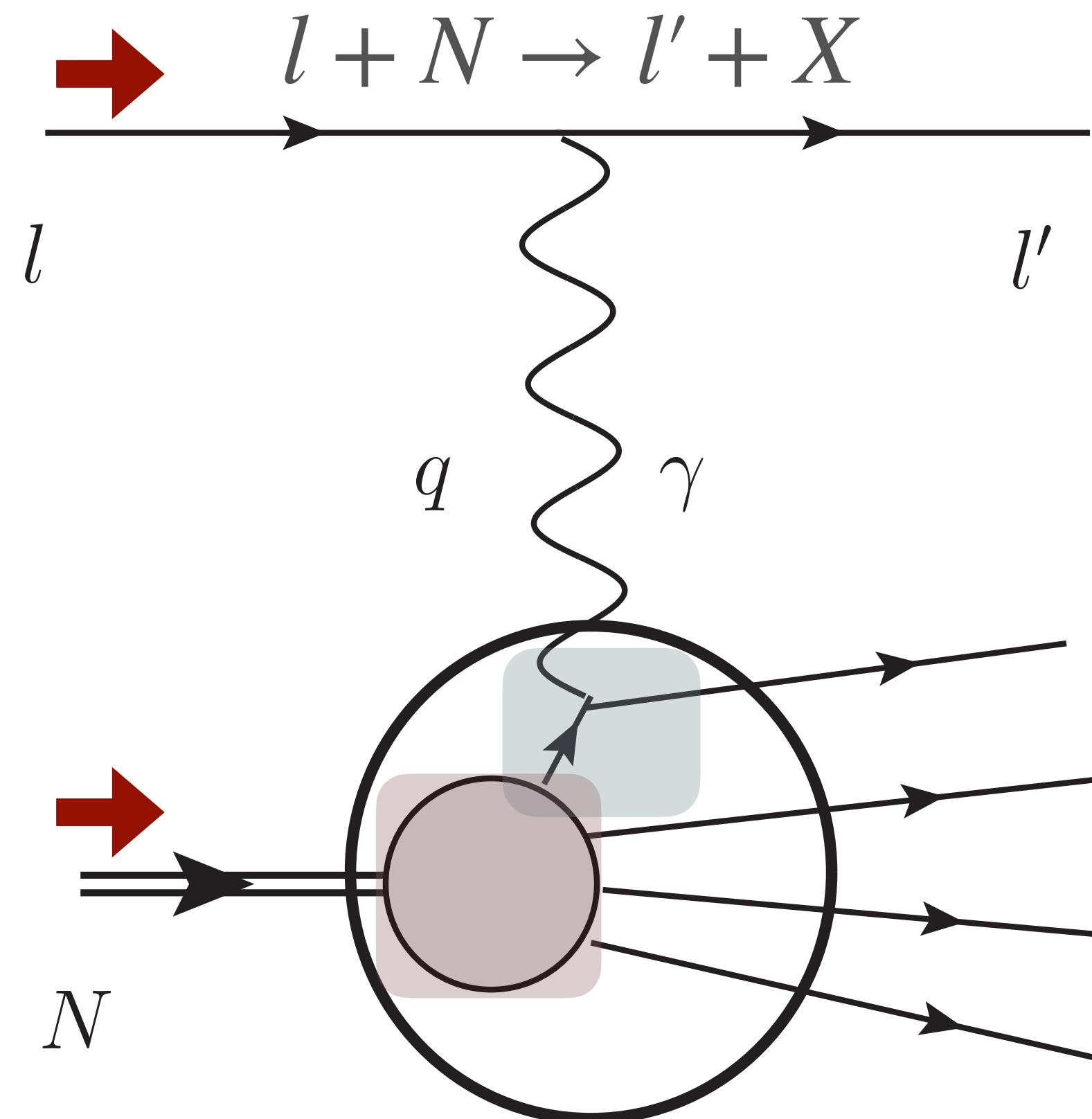


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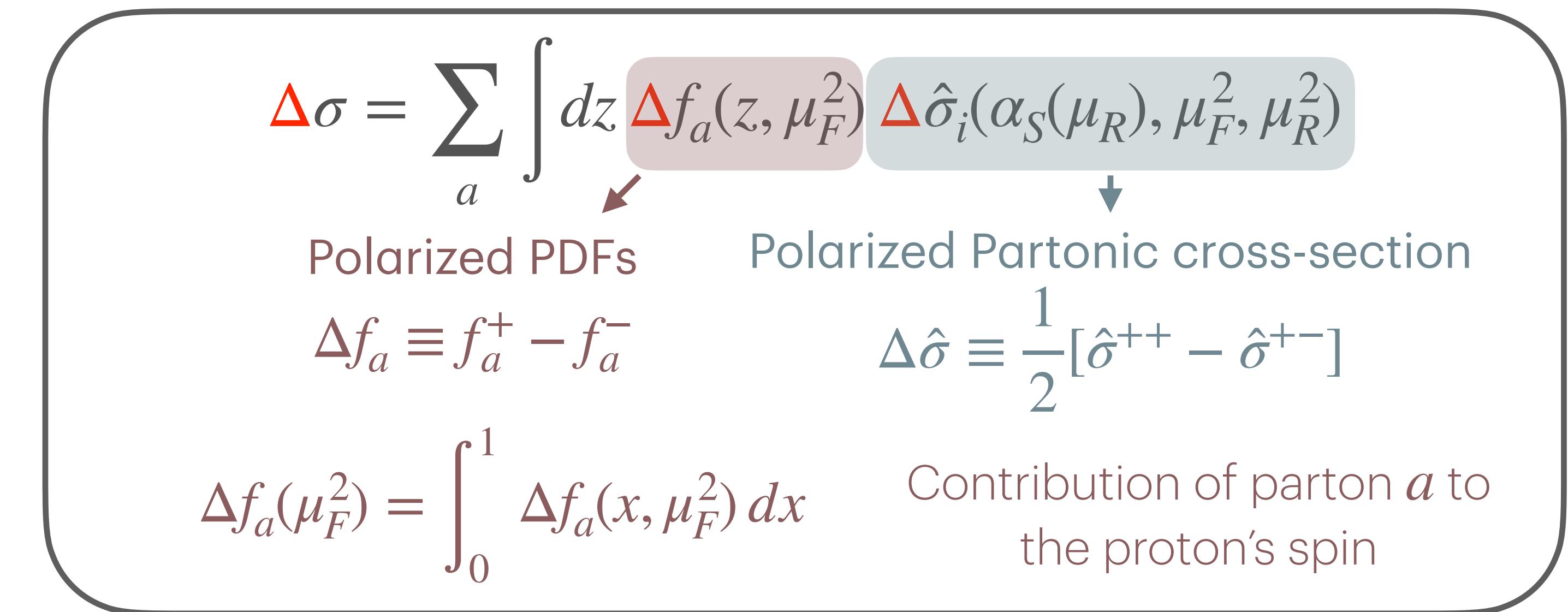
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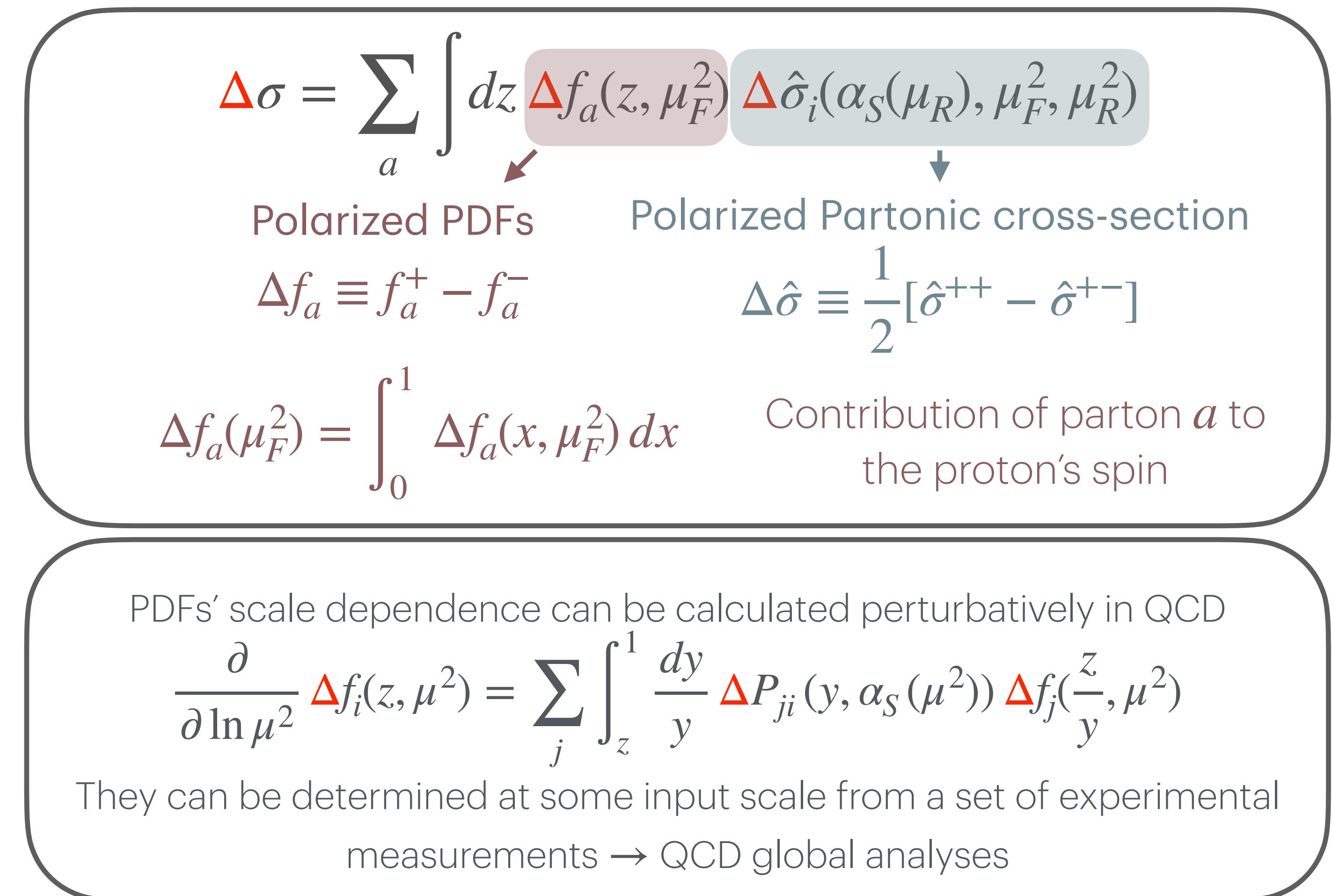
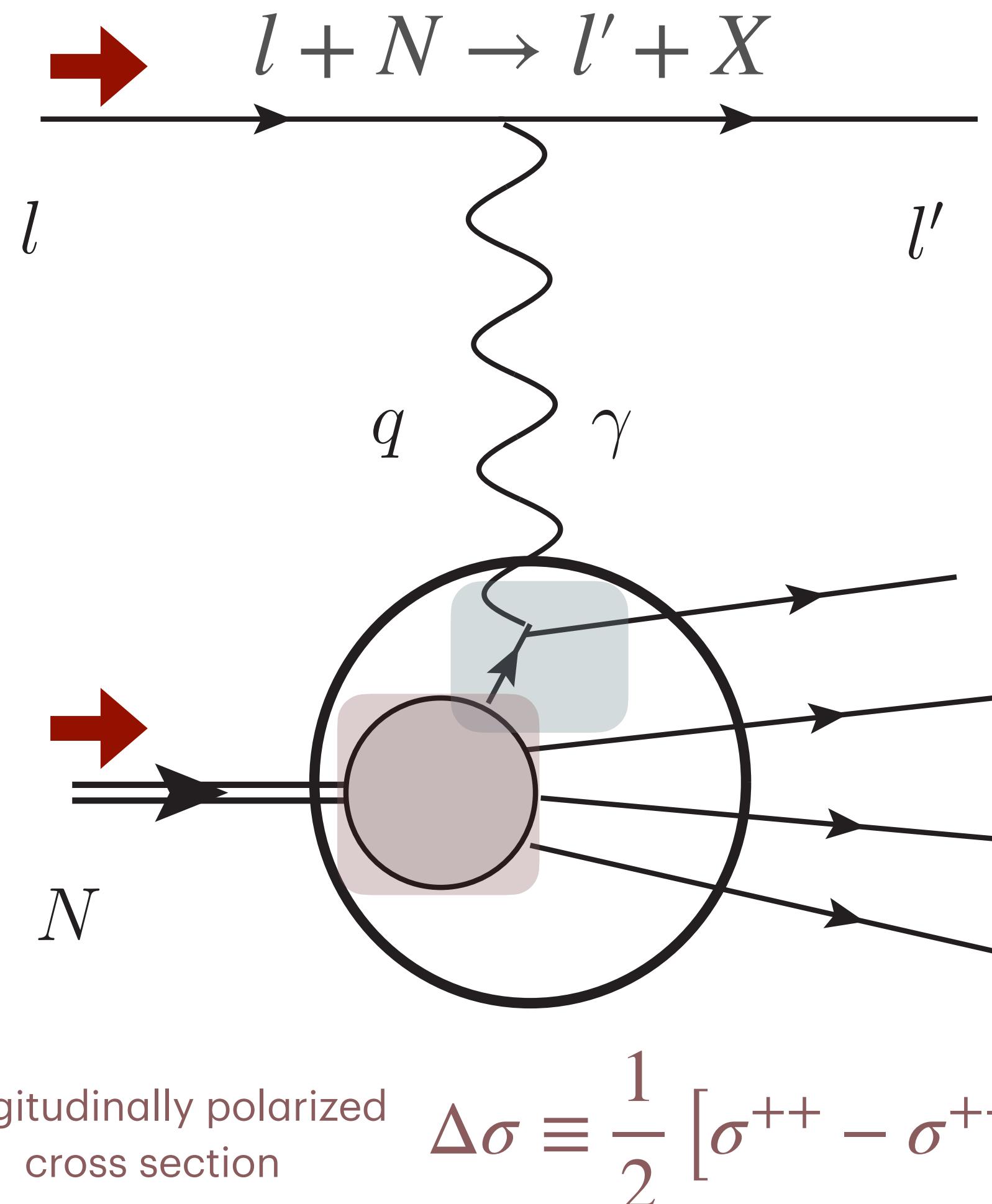
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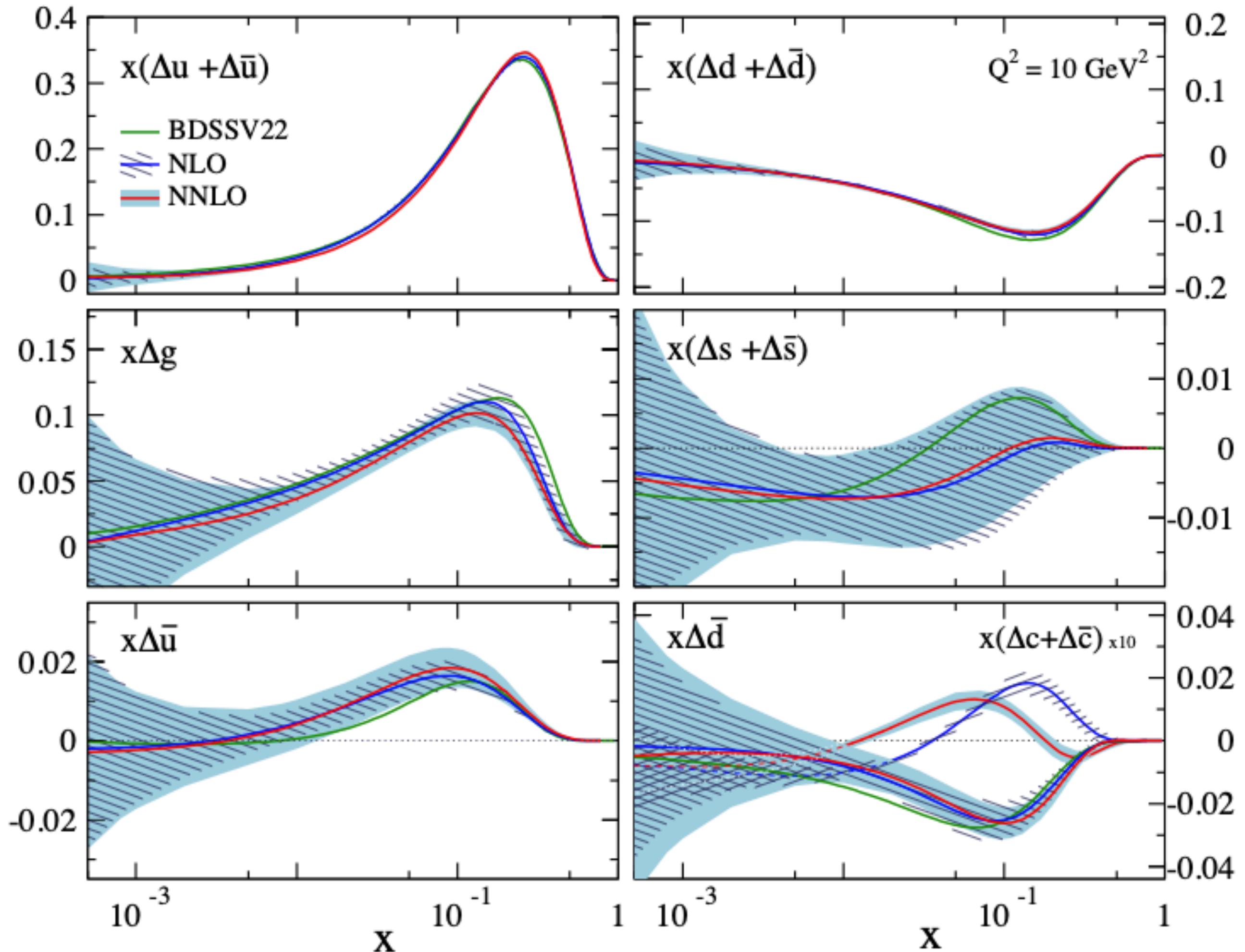
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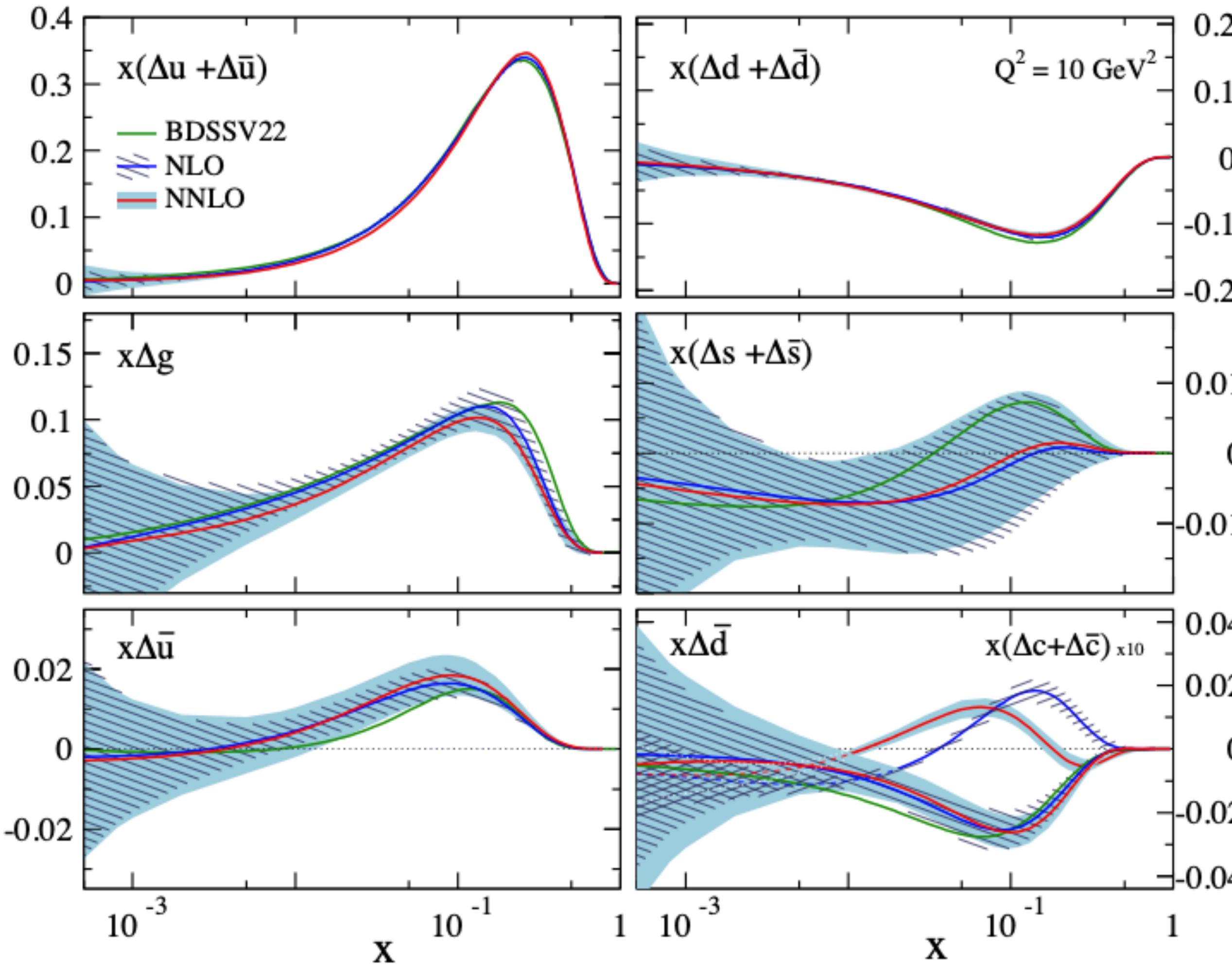
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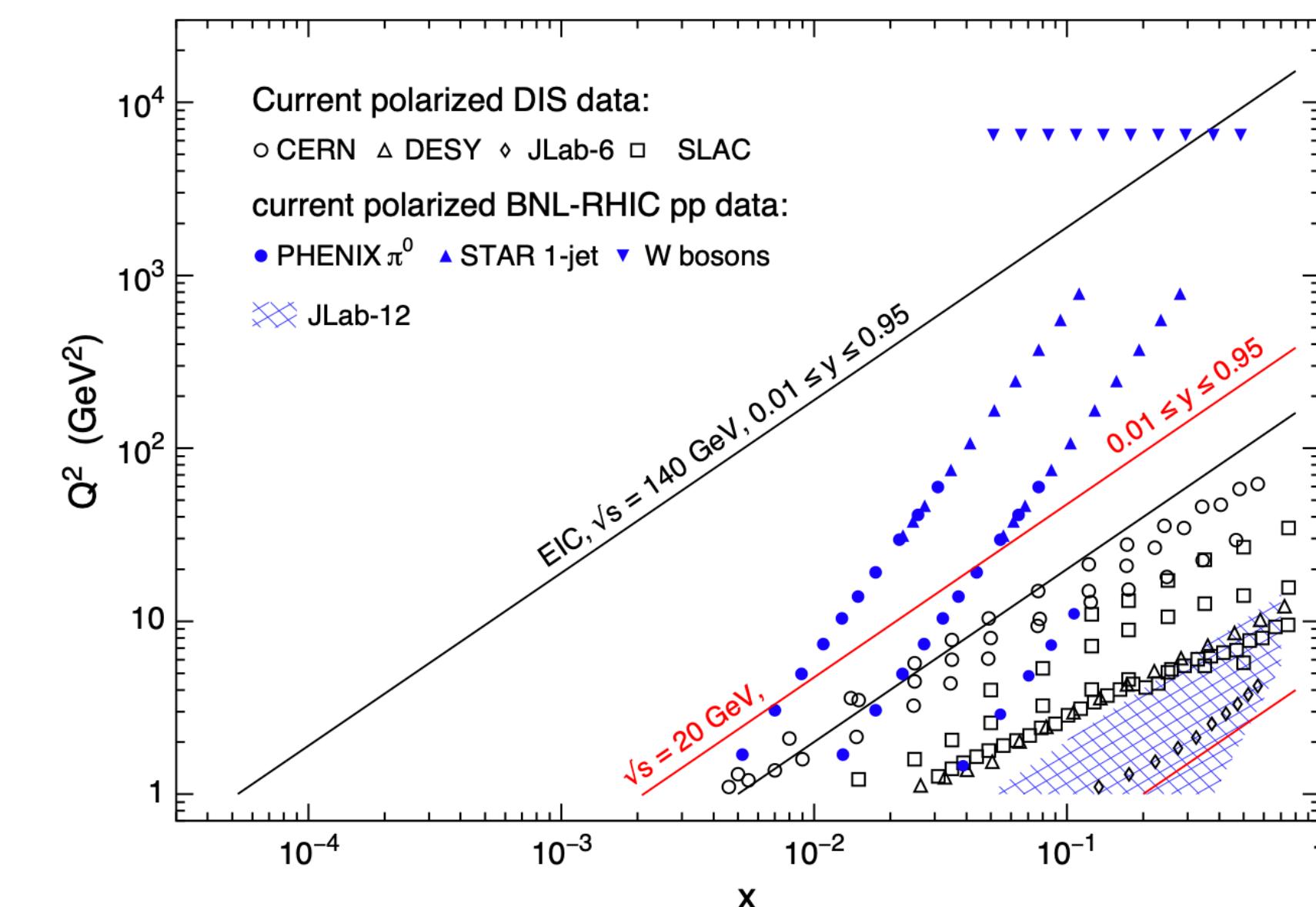
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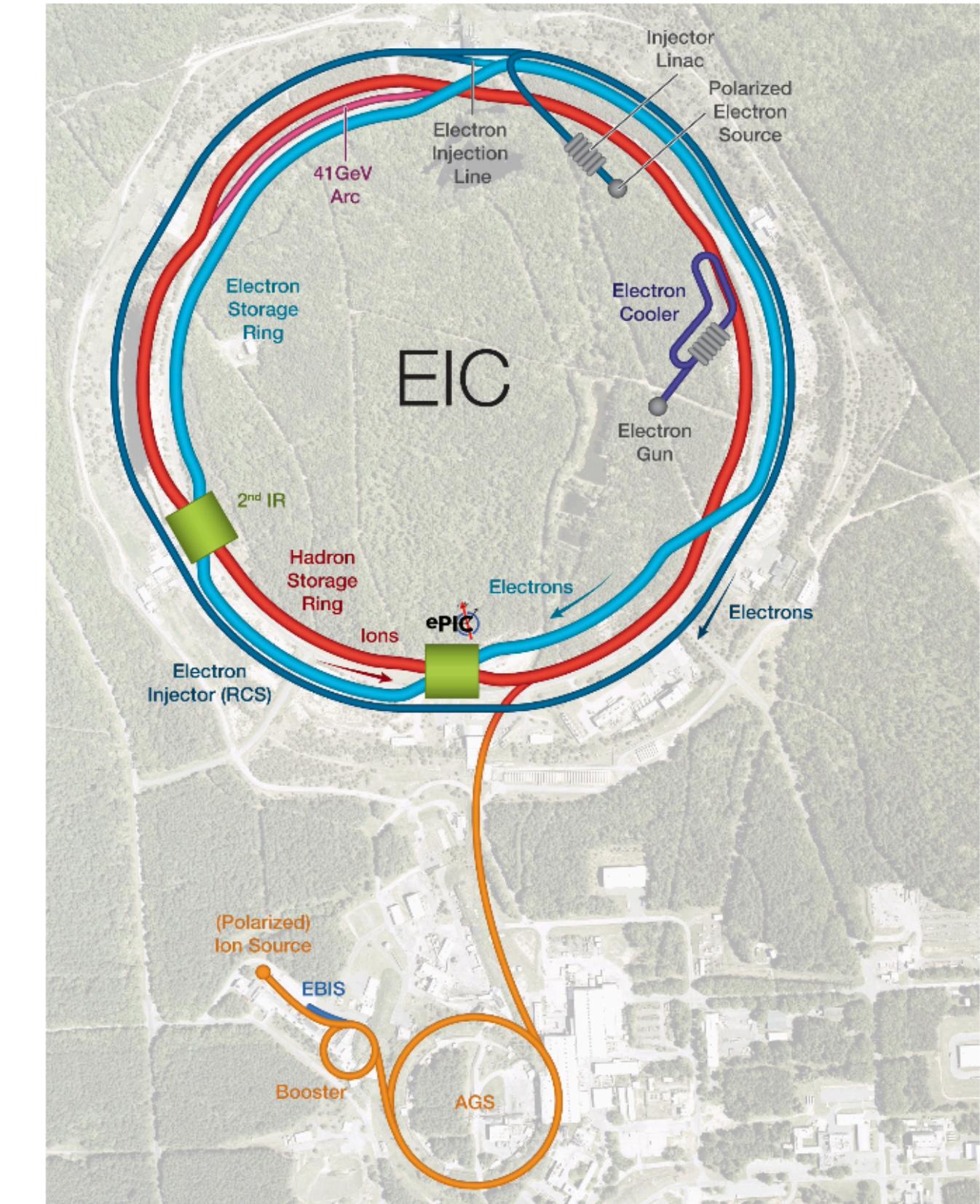
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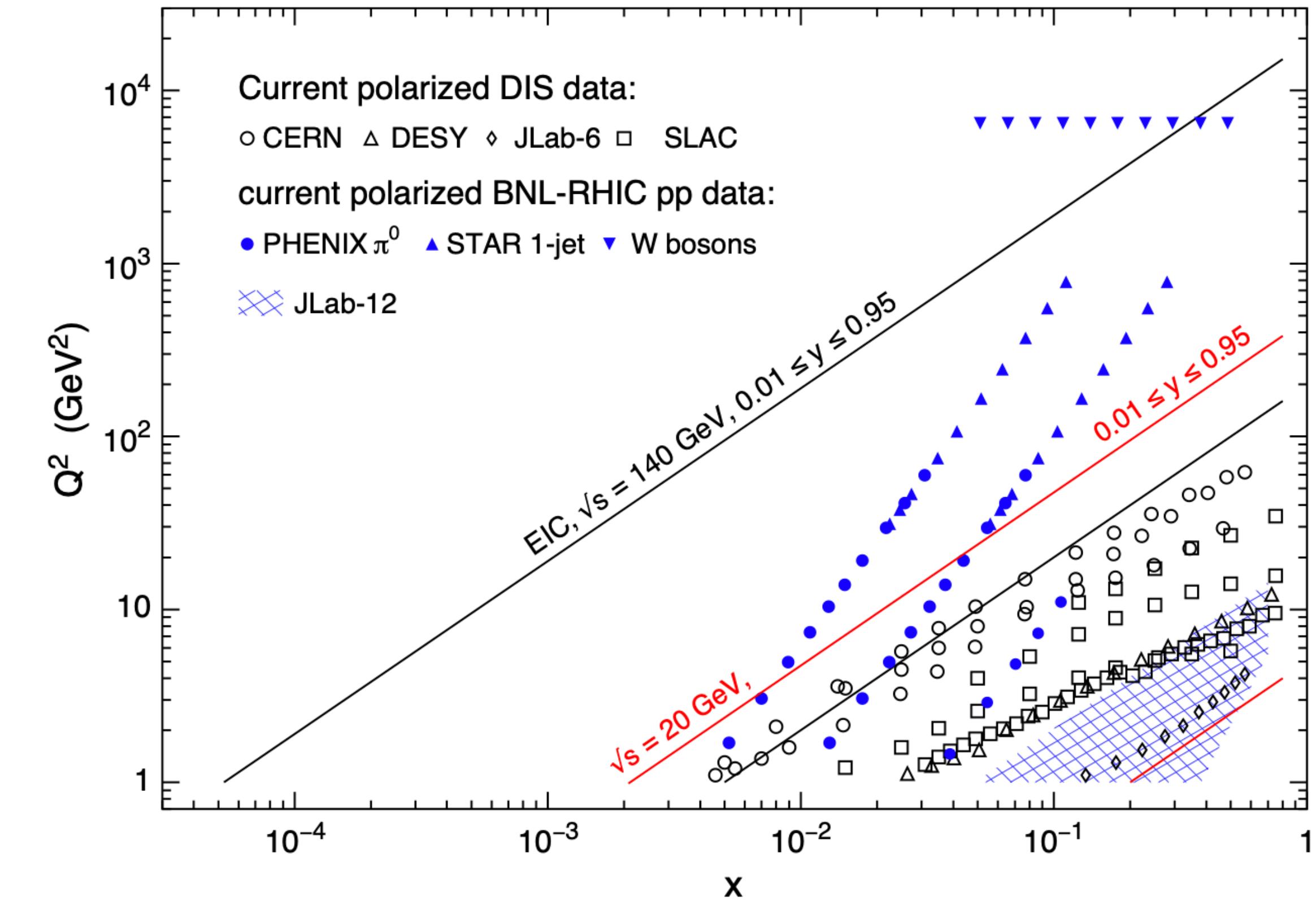
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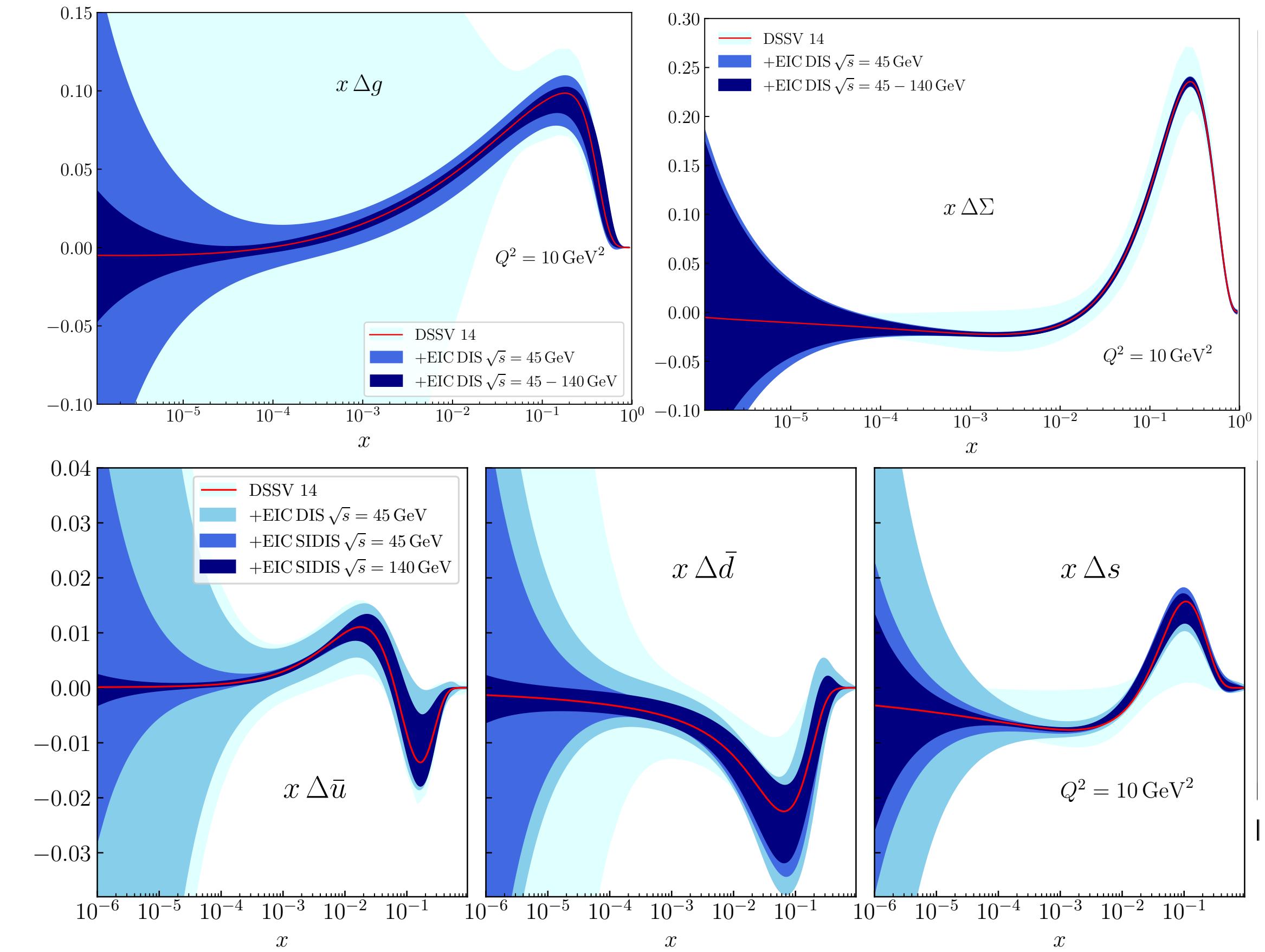
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Calculations for polarized eP observables beyond NLO:

- NNLO structure functions g_1 (photon exchange)
van Neerven, Zijlstra (1994)
- NNLO NC & CC structure functions g_1, g_4, g_5
IB, de Florian, Pedron (2022)
- Approx. NNLO and N3LO Semi-Inclusive DIS
Abele, de Florian, Vogelsang (2022)
- NNLO Single-Jet production
NC and CC- IB, de Florian, Pedron (2023)
- NNLO Semi-Inclusive DIS
Bonino, Gehrmann, Löchner, Schönwald, Stagnitto (2024)
Goyal, Moch, Pathak, Rana, Ravindran (2024)
- N3LO structure function g_1 (photon exchange)
Blümlein, Marquard, Schneider, Schönwald (2023)

Parton distribution functions

- NNLO polarized PDFs
Taghavi-Shahri, Khanpour, Atashbar Tehrani, Alizadeh Yazdi (2016)
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Precise MC event generators

This talk

MC event generators for eN scattering including higher order corrections

- SHERPA & HERWIG7

Carli, Gehrmann, Höche (2009)
Höche, Kuttimalai, Li (2018)

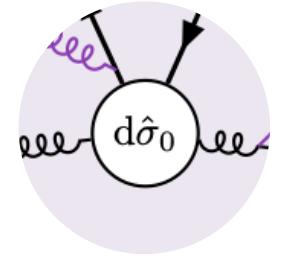
- POWHEG

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Polarized - IB, Jäger (2024)

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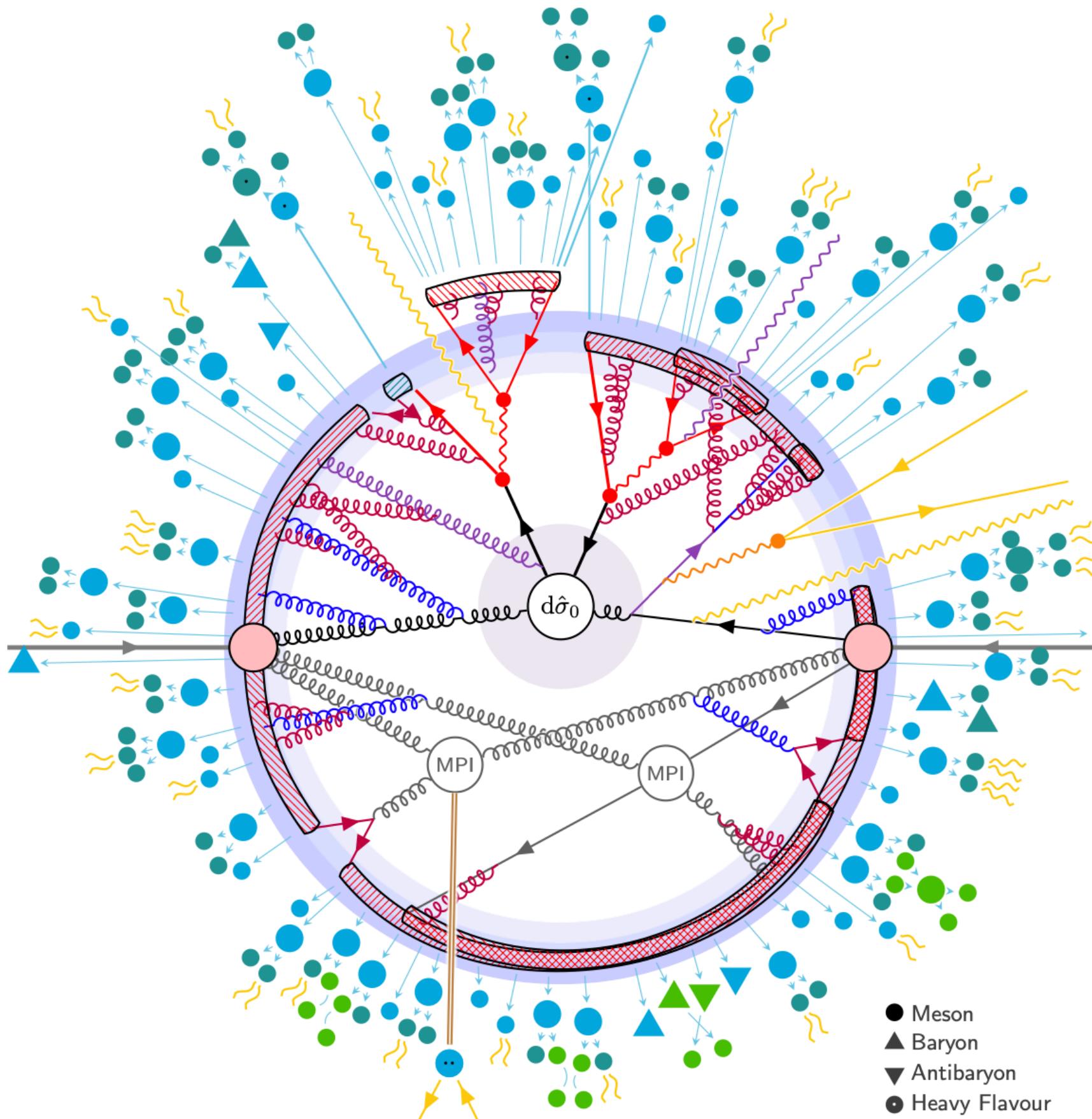
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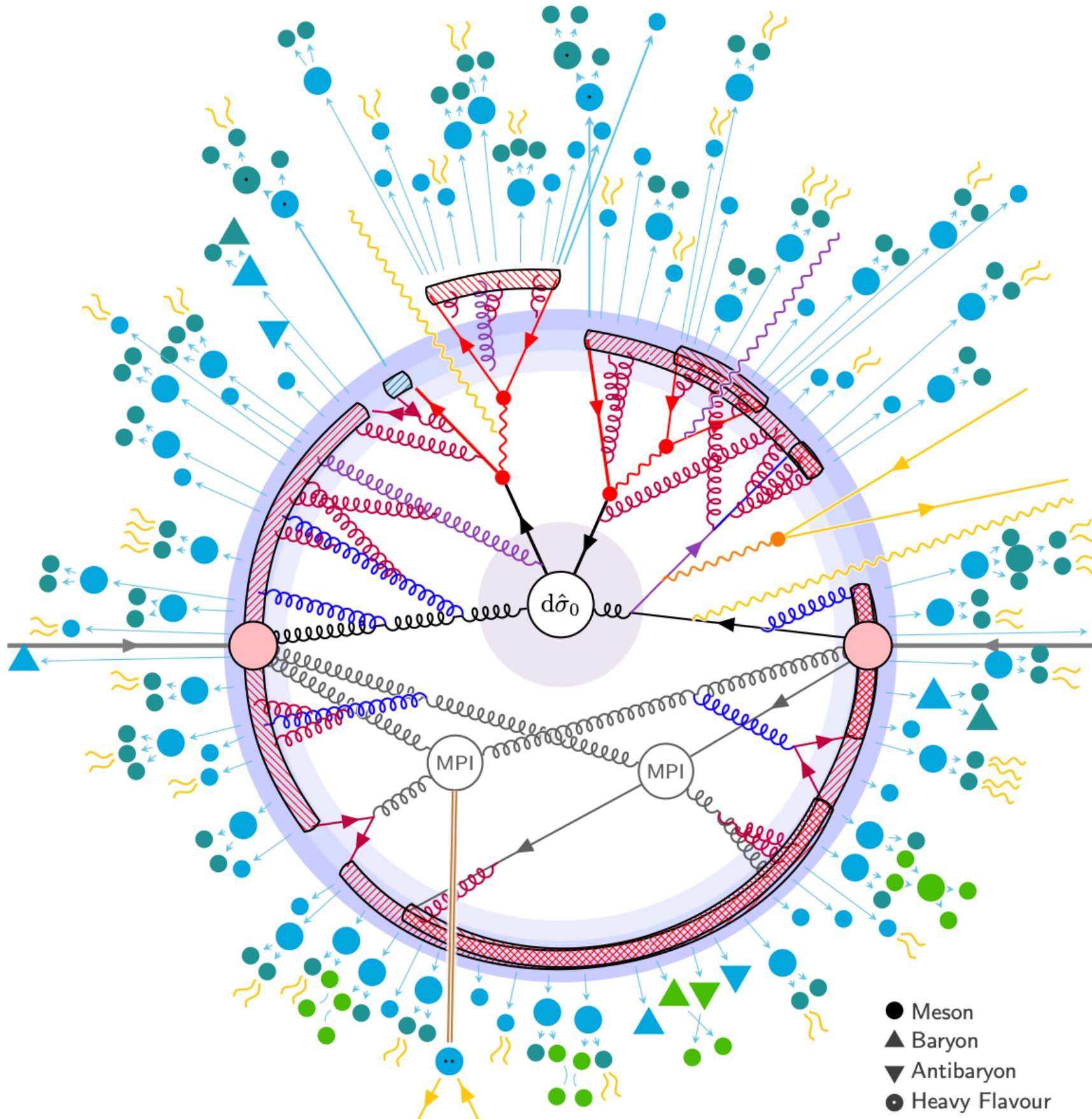
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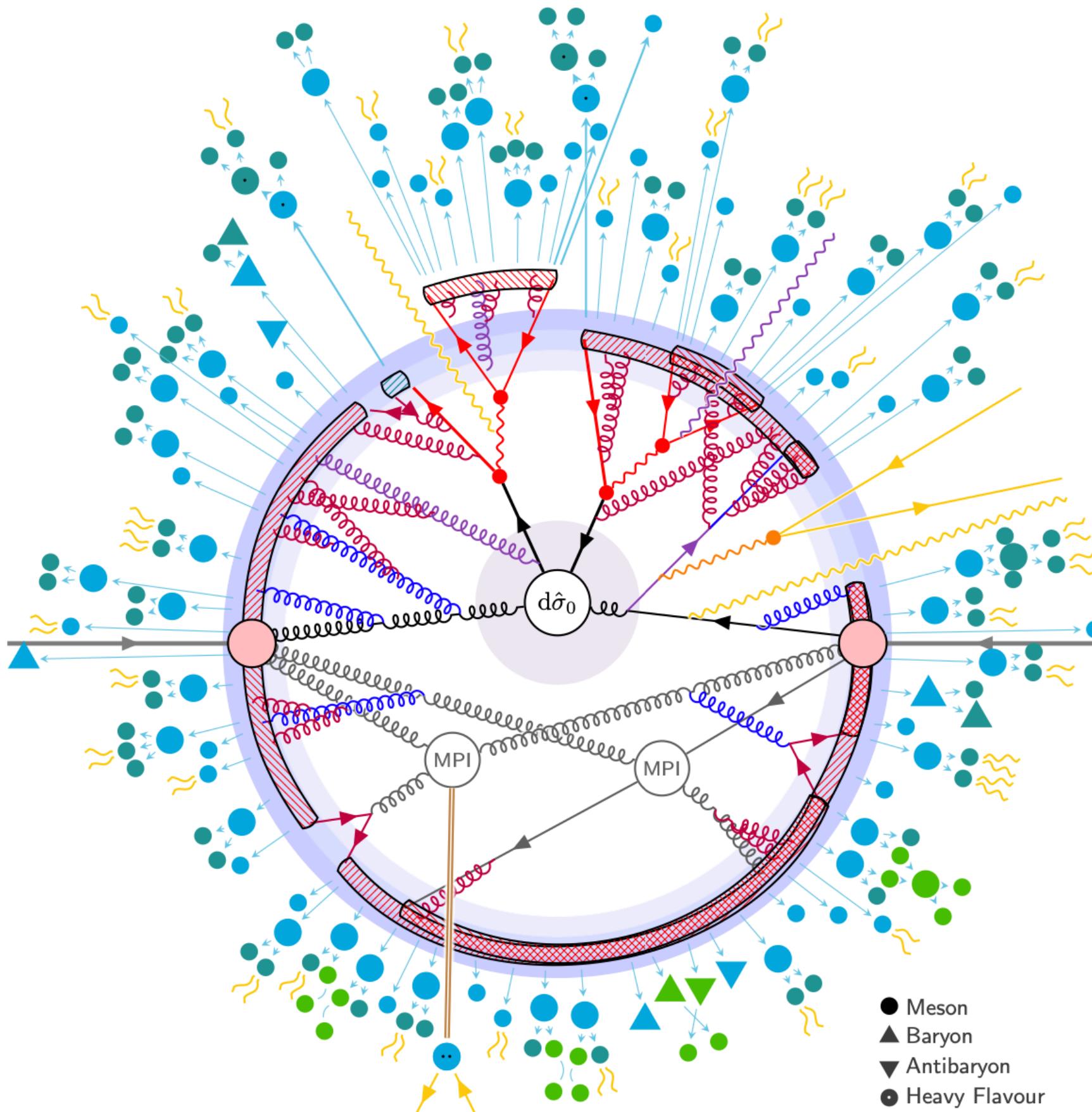
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Update older LO polarized eN event generators

PEPSI

Mankiewicz, Schäfer, Veltri (1992)

DJANGOH

Charchula, Schuler, Spiesberger (1994)

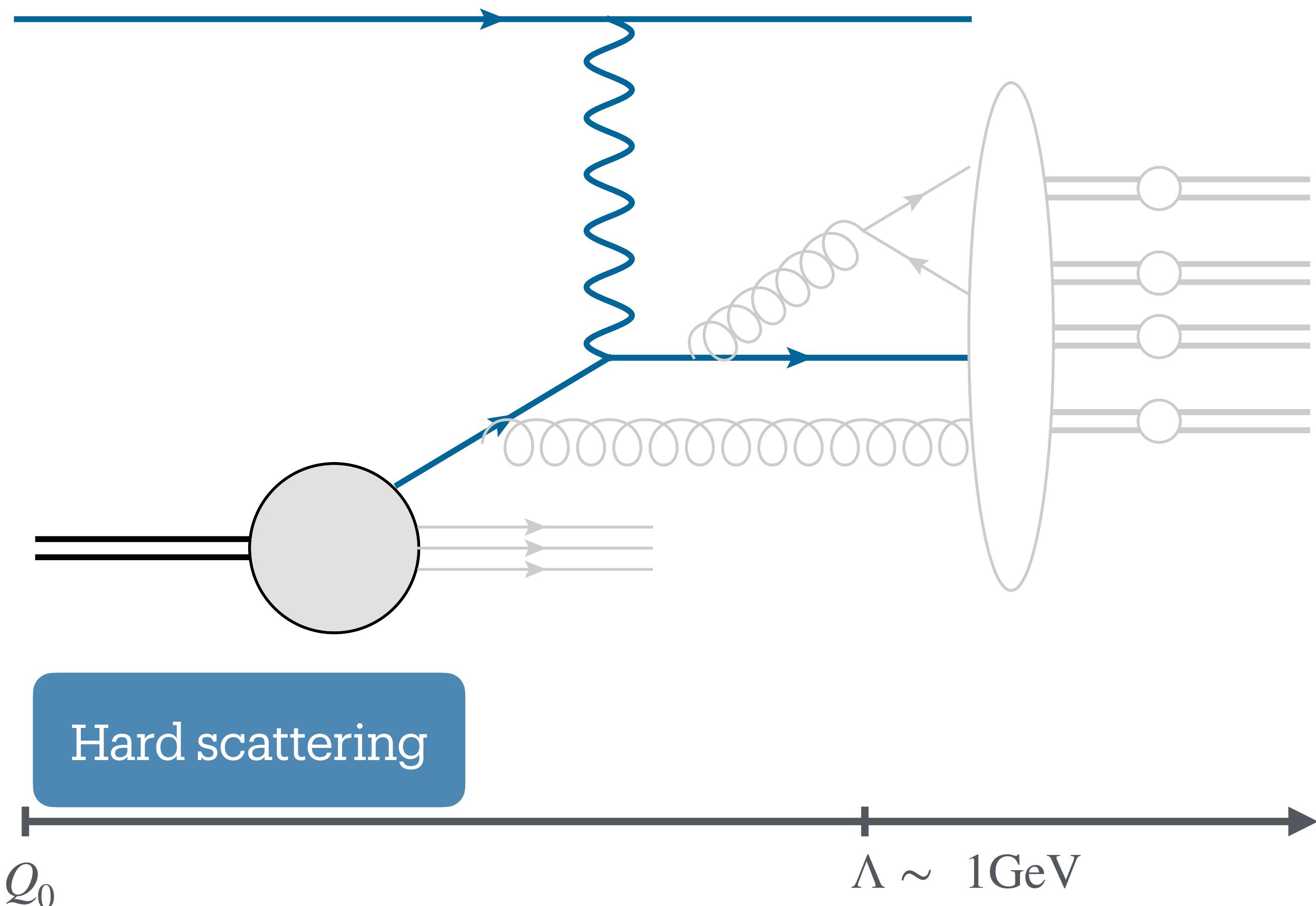
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Matching higher order corrections to Parton Showers

Shower Monte Carlo event generators

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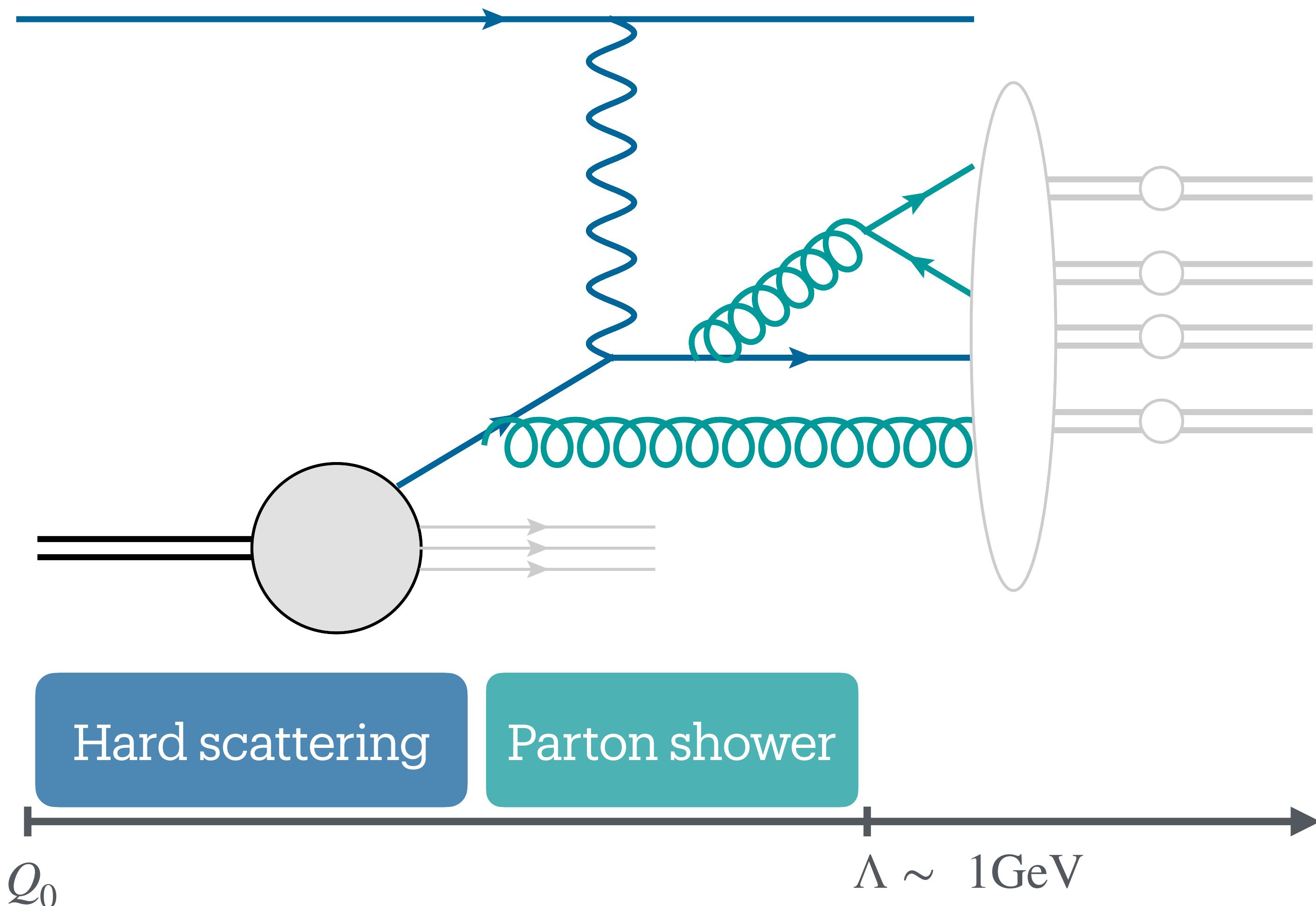
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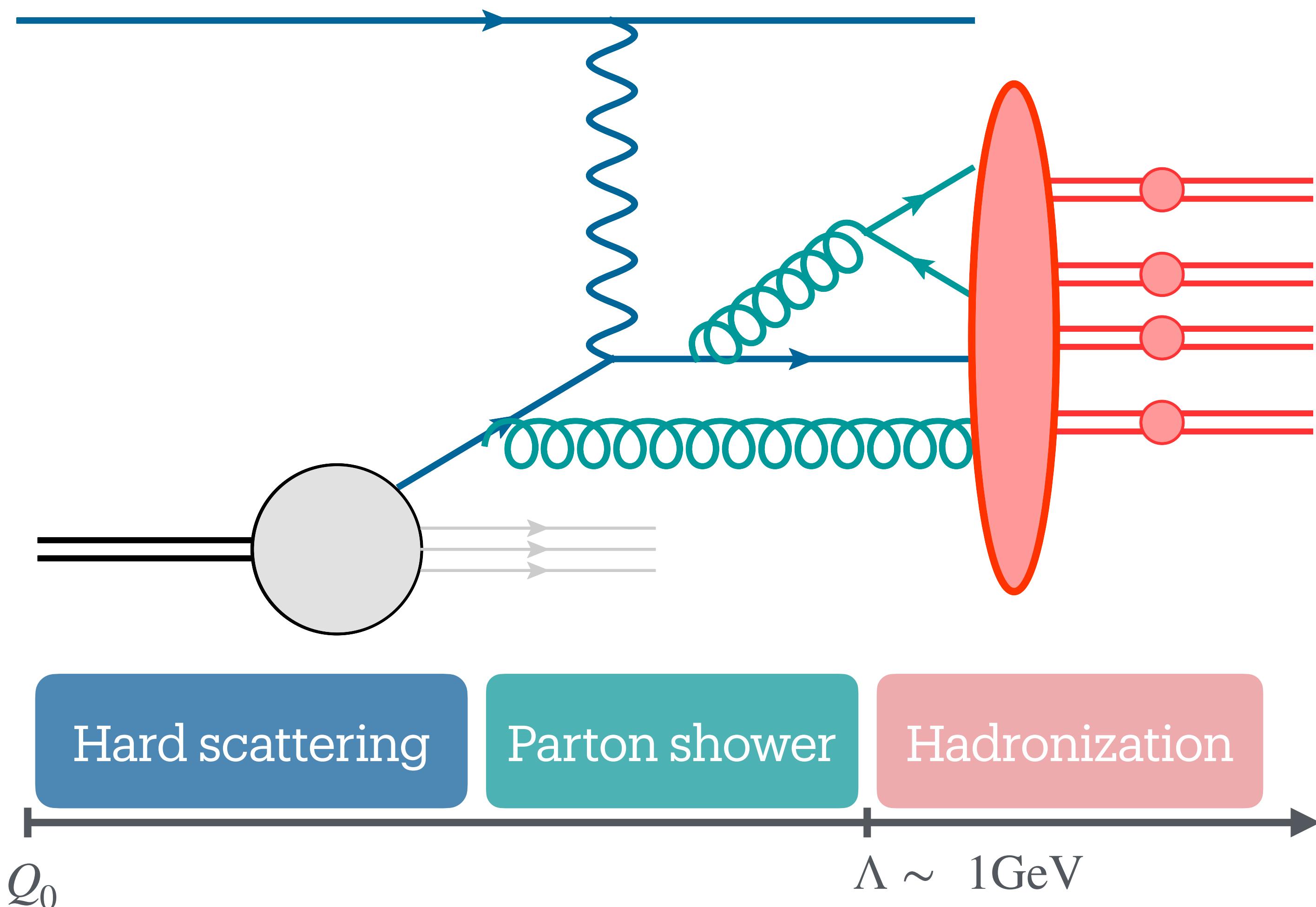
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Try to merge the two approaches, trying to keep the desirable features of both

Potential problems with double counting of real emission

Consistent matching of NLO+PS

MC@NLO - Frixione, Webber (2001)

POWHEG - Nason(2004) ; Frixione, Nason, Oleari (2007)

Matching of NNLO+PS

UNNLOPS - Höhe, Pressten (2014, 2015)

GENEVA - Alioli, Bauer, Berggren, Hornig, Tackmann, Vermilion, Walsh, Zuberi (2013)

MiNNLOPS - Monni, Nason, Re, Wiesemann, Zanderighi (2020)

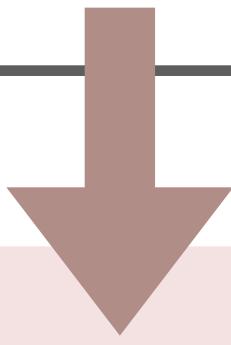
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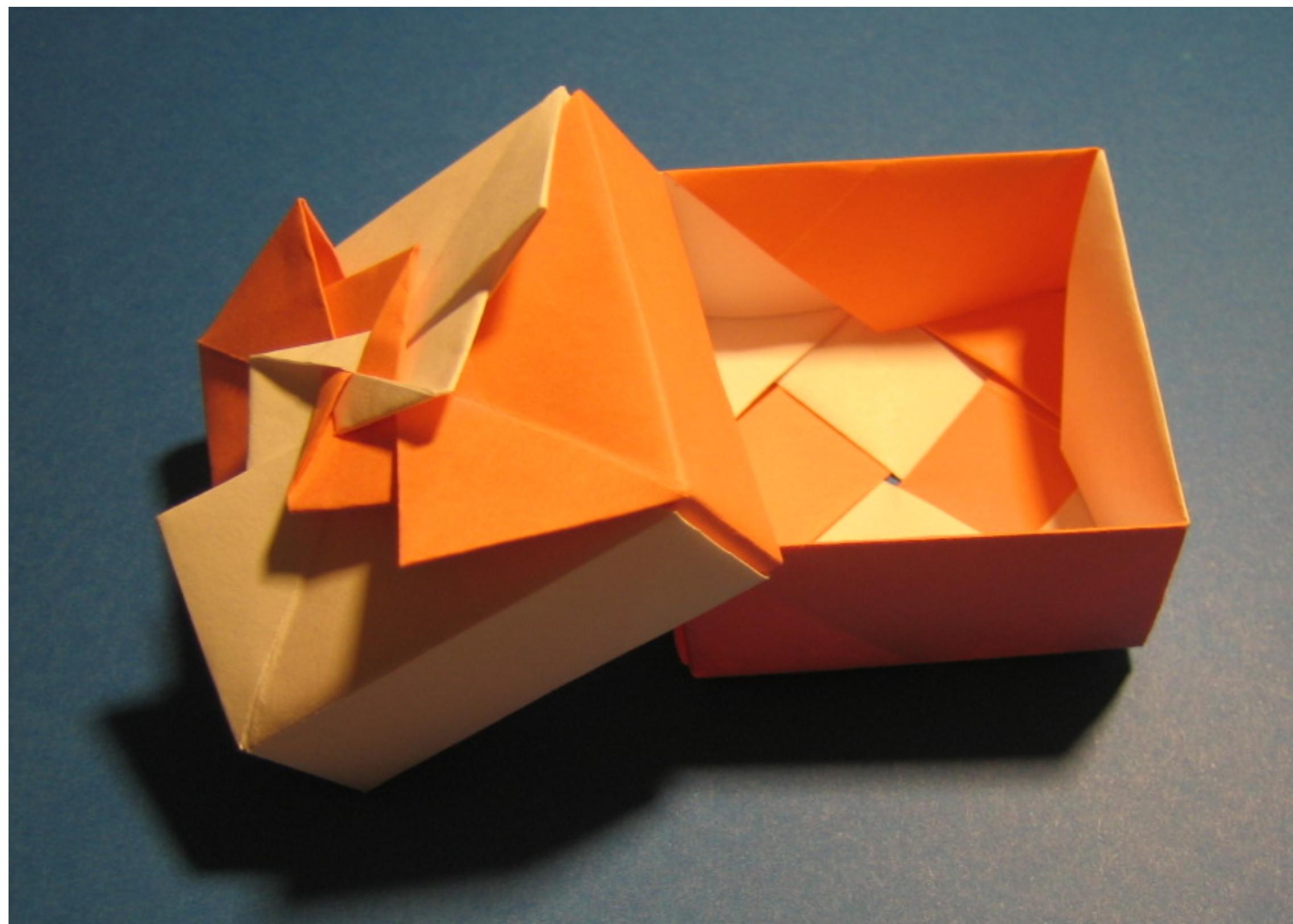
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- ▶ Hardest emission generated according to the POWHEG Sudakov and $\bar{B}(\Phi_n) \rightarrow$ Positive weight
- ▶ Subsequent radiation generated using parton-shower programs + p_T -veto \rightarrow avoids double counting

- NLO accuracy on integrated quantities
- (At least) Leading log accurate

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Matching higher order corrections to PS POWHEG-BOX



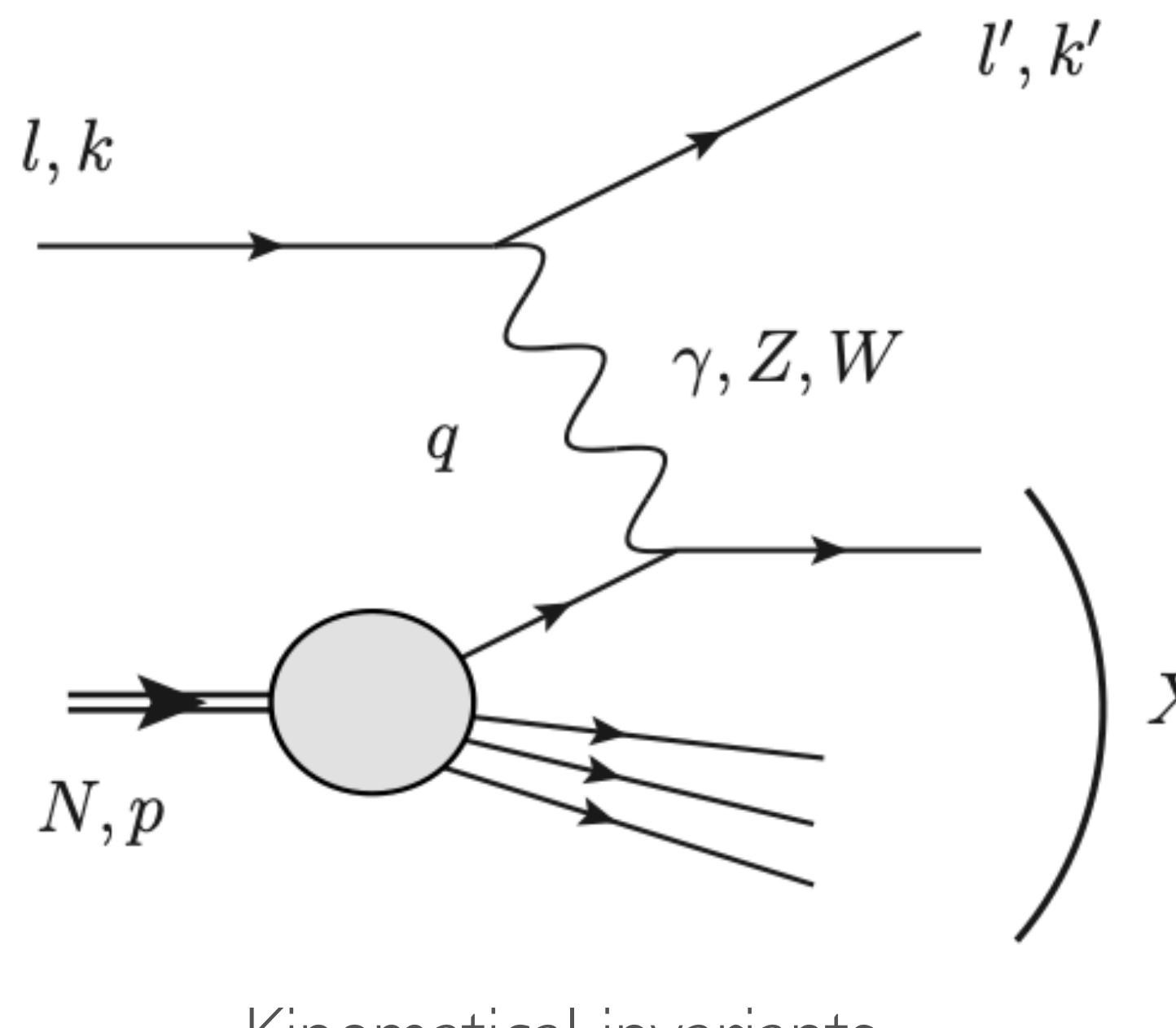
<https://powhegbox.mib.infn.it/>
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Public computer framework that implements the POWHEG formalism for generic NLO processes.

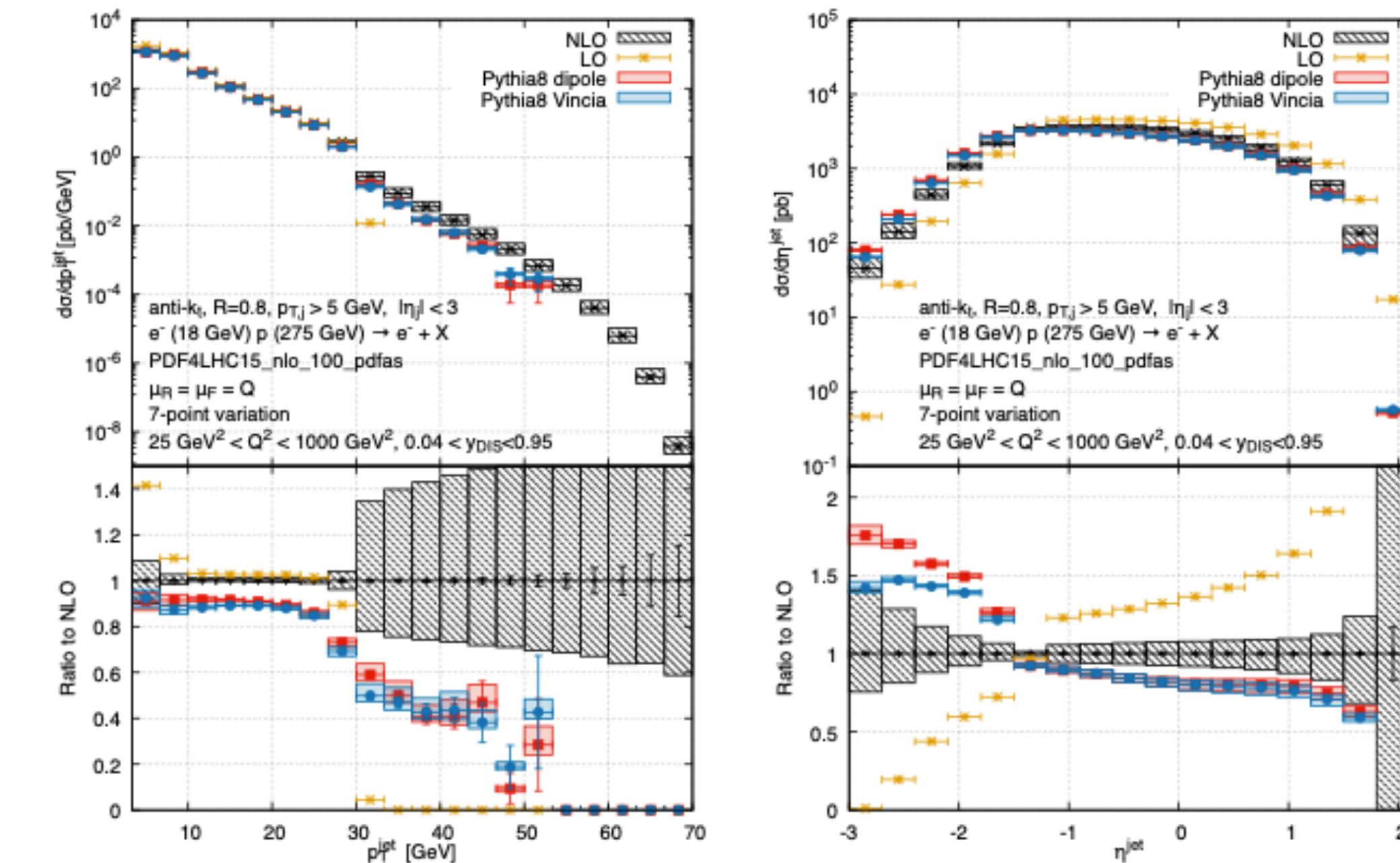
- ▶ Only necessary to provide a few standard elements:
 - List of Born and Real partonic processes
 - Born phase space
 - Born squared amplitudes, spin- and color-correlated amplitudes
 - Real squared amplitude
 - Finite part of virtual corrections
- ▶ The code handles the NLO calculation (FKS subtraction scheme [**Frixione, Kunszt, Signer(1996)**]), and the generation of the hardest radiation.
- ▶ Events written into the Les Houches interface, to be treated by the LO PS.

Matching higher order corrections to PS DIS in the POWHEG-BOX

DIS kinematics
 $l(k) + N(P) \rightarrow l'(k') + X$



NLO + PS implementation of DIS in POWHEG-BOX
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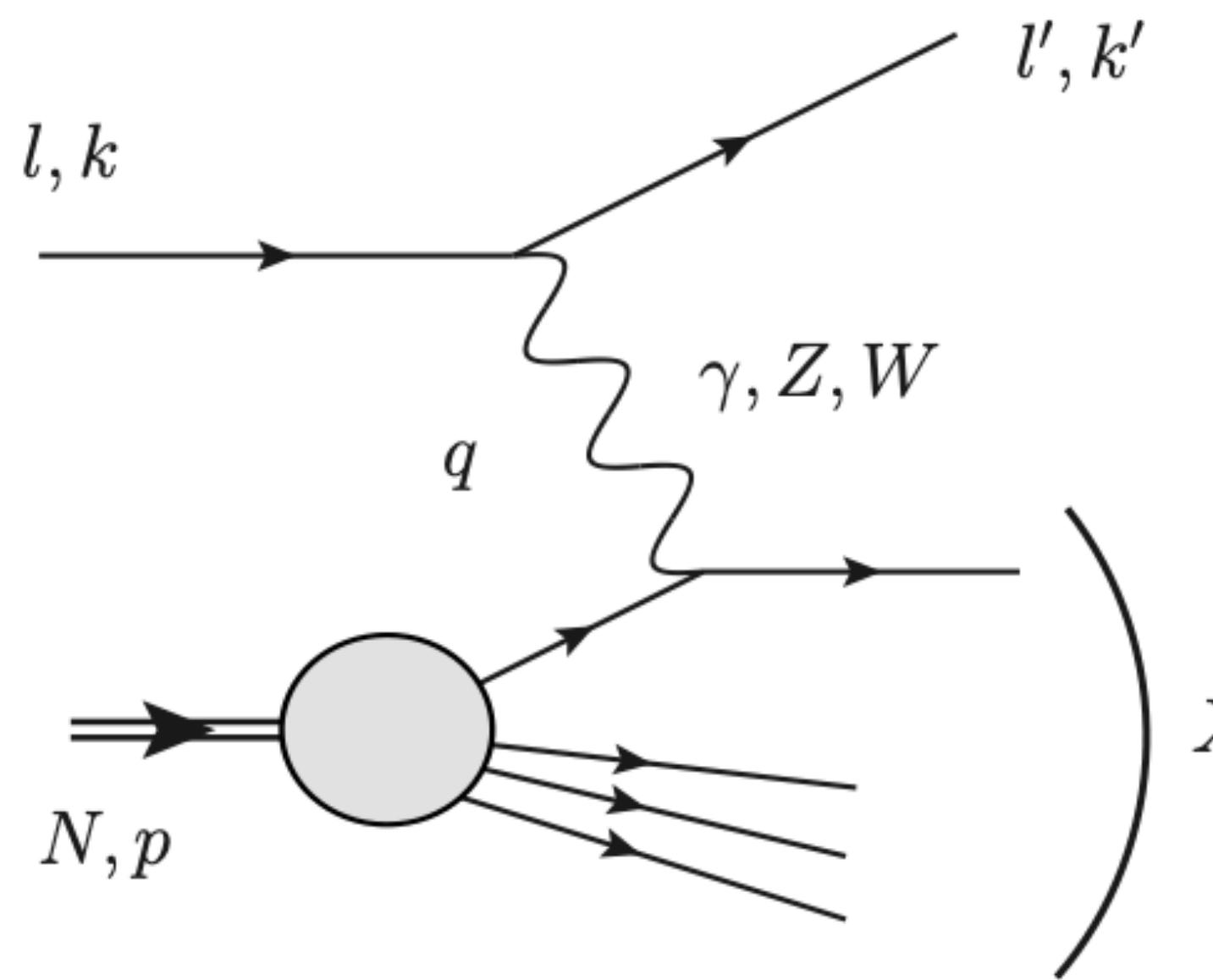


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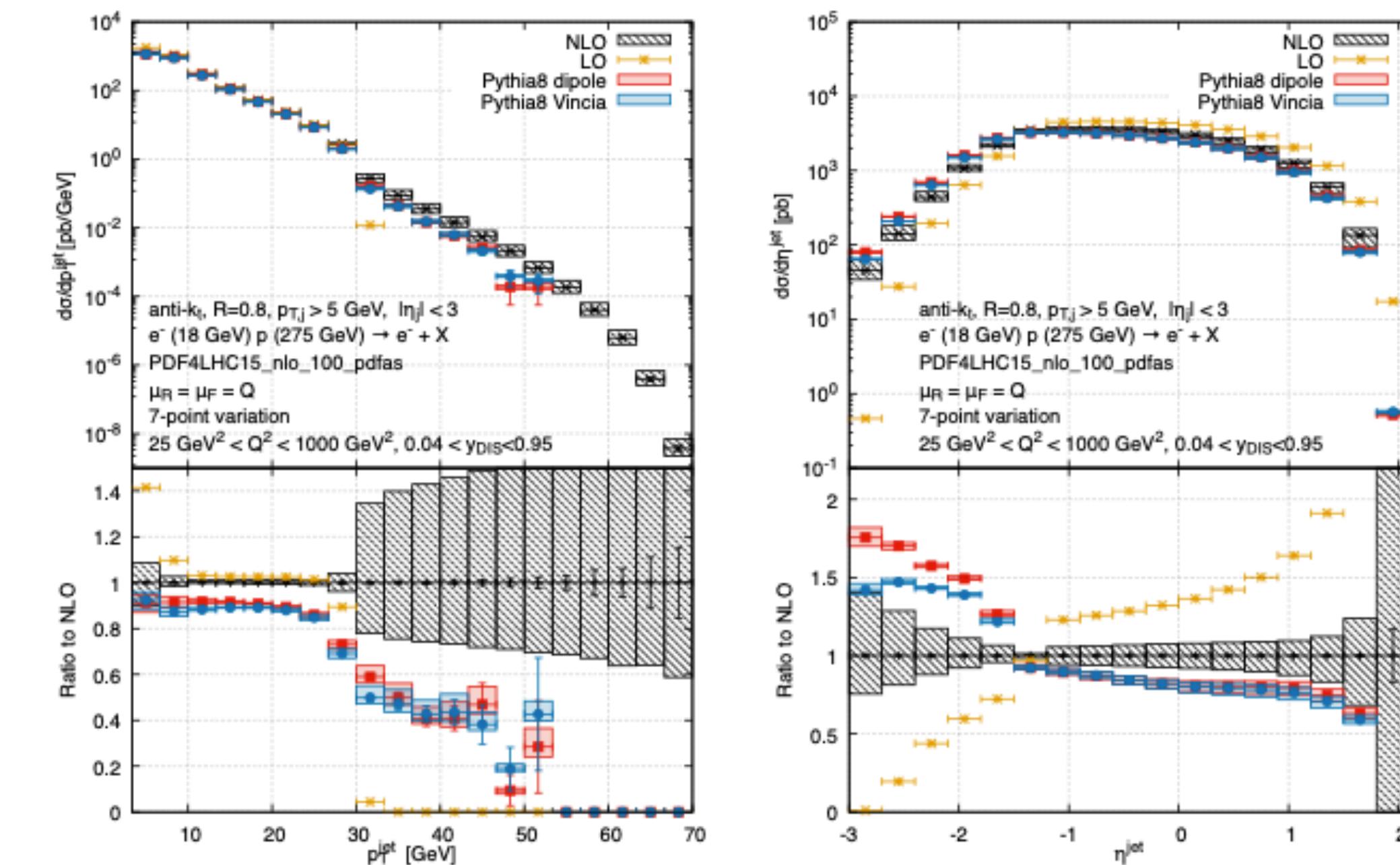


Polarized scattering

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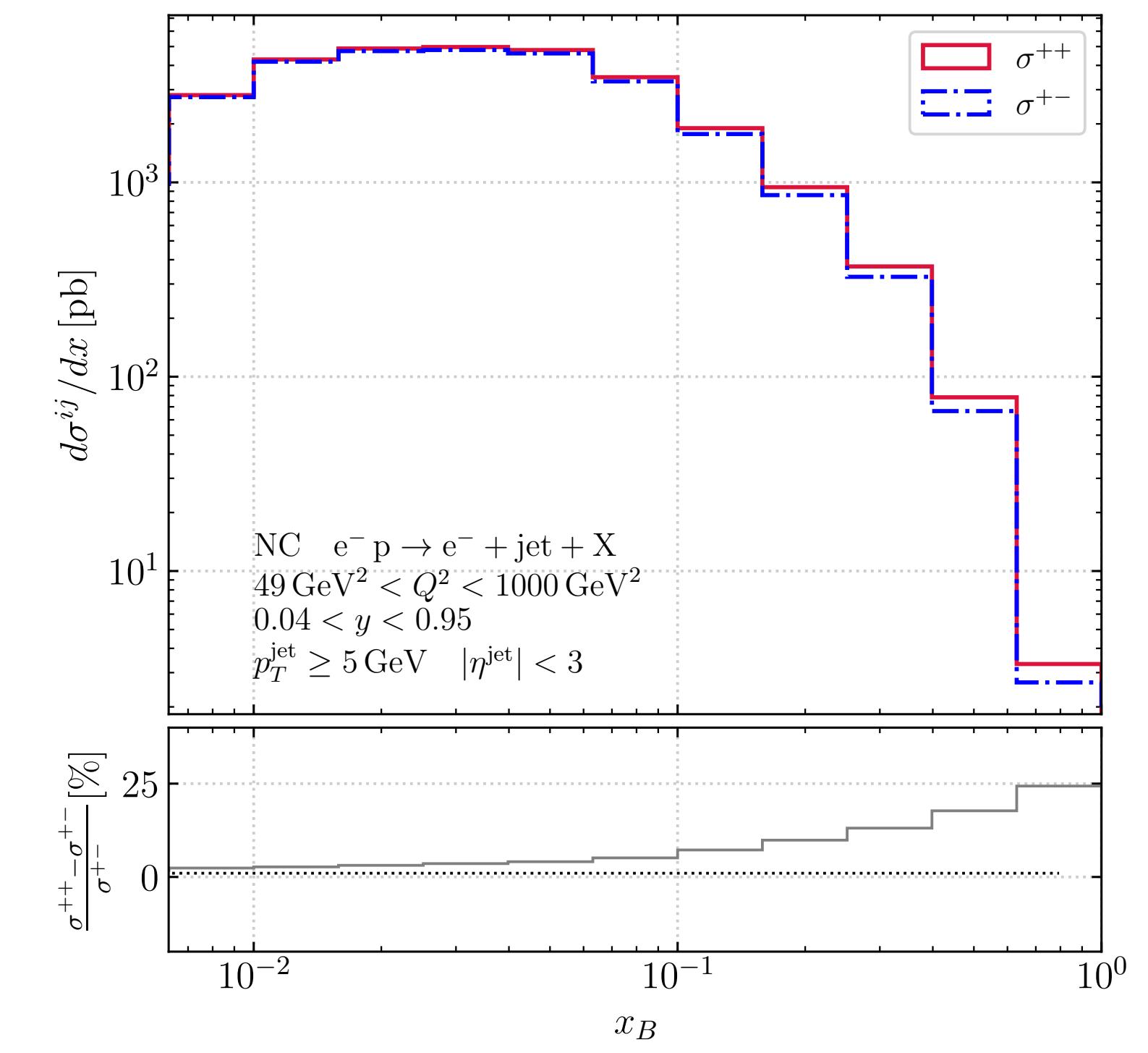
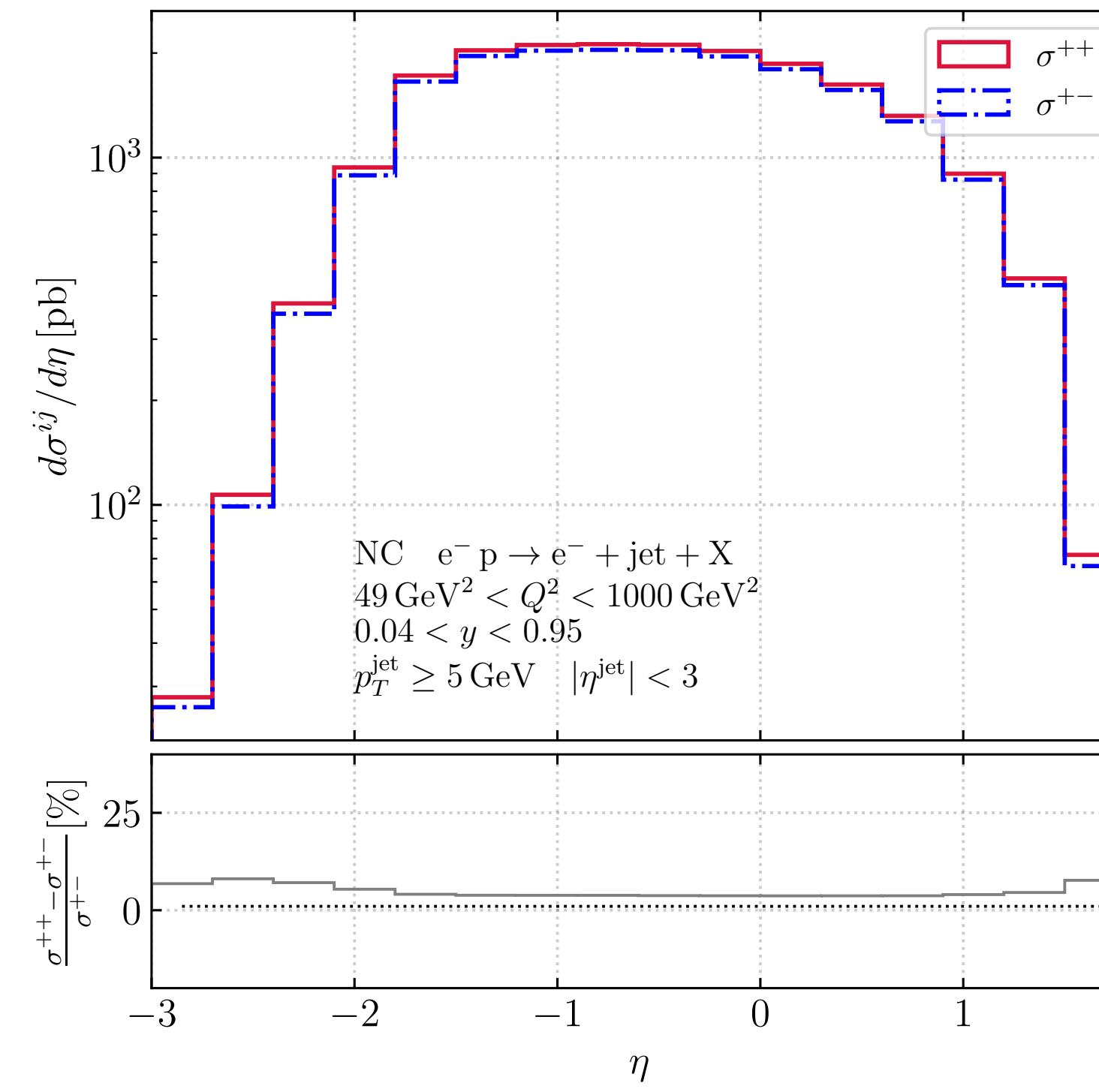
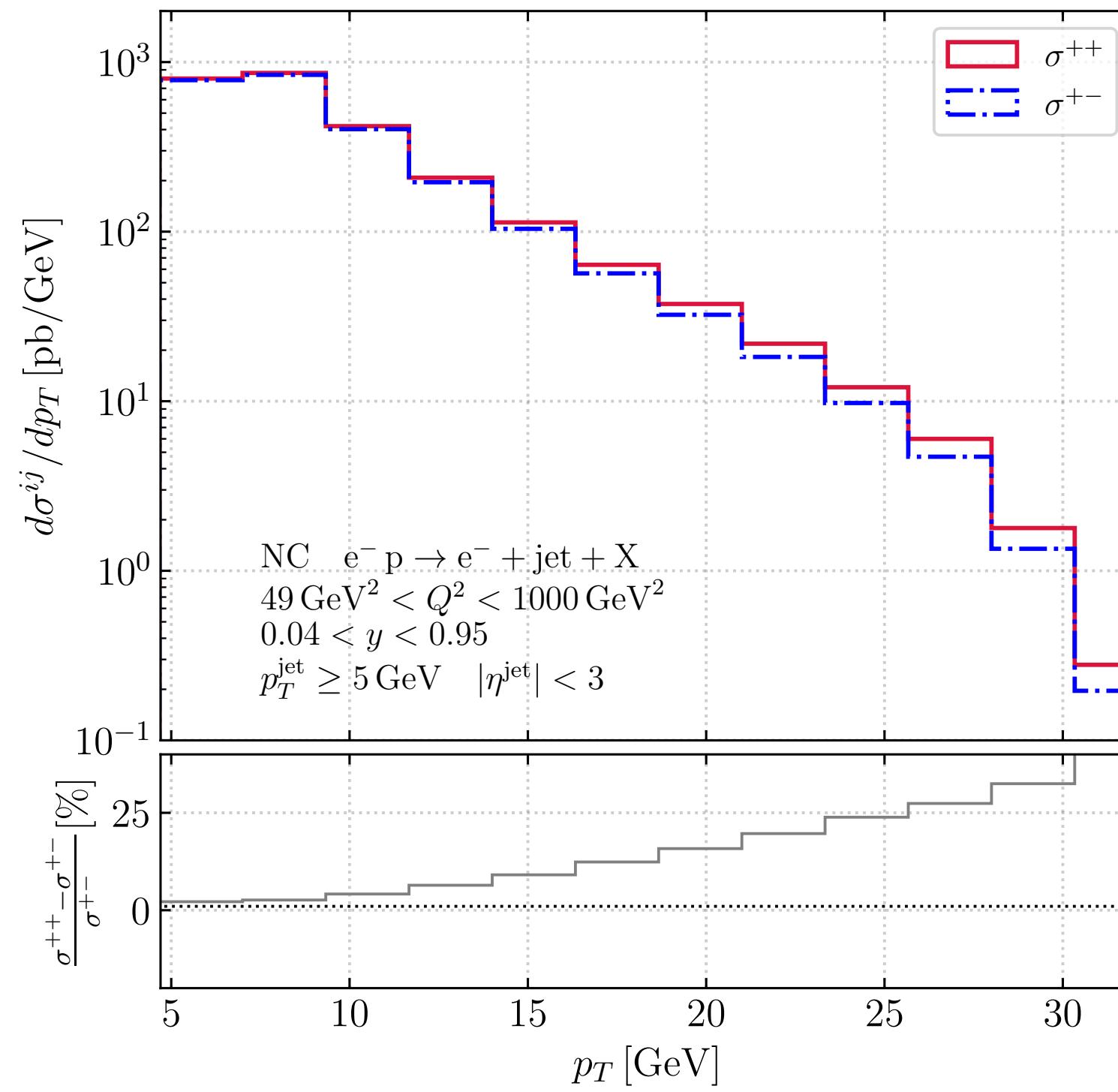
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$$\Delta\sigma \equiv \frac{1}{2} [\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}] \Rightarrow \text{Why not generating events for } \sigma^{++} \text{ and } \sigma^{+-} \text{ separately?}$$

▶ Large cancellation between helicity configurations



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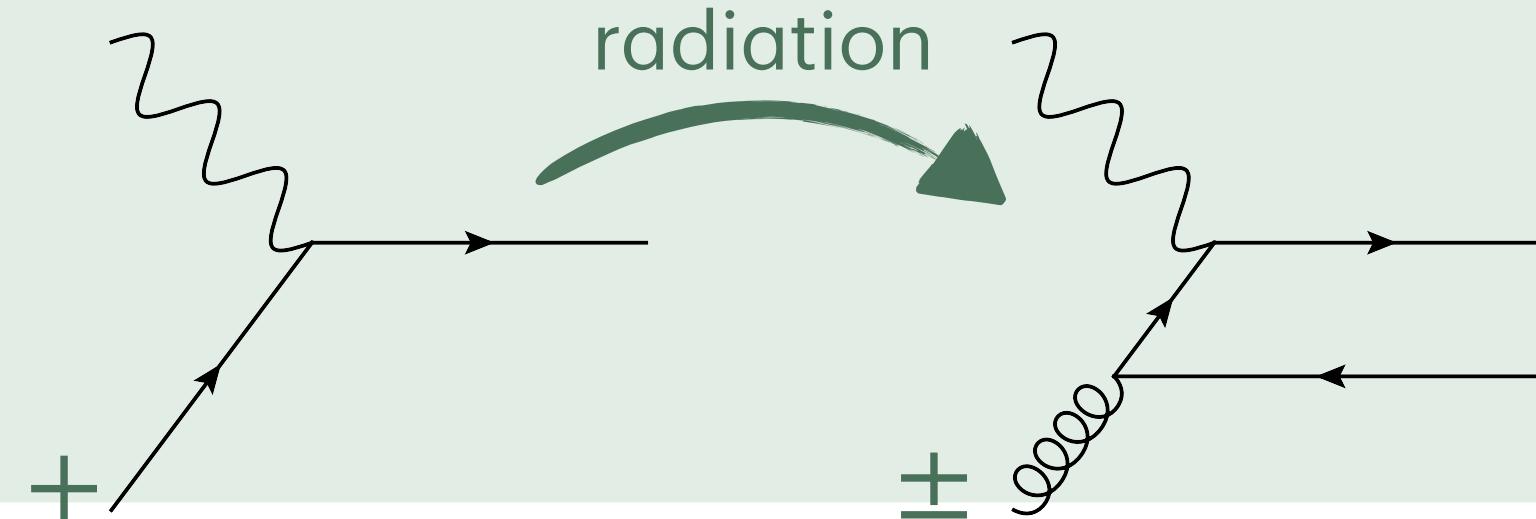
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Instead, use

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- Polarized Matrix elements & PDFs
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de Florian, Frixione, Signer, Vogelsang (1999)

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- ~~Polarized~~ Unpolarized Parton shower, but dominant logarithmic contributions correctly reproduced:
 - Since $\Delta P_{qq} = P_{qq}$, emission of gluons from an initial-state quark line described correctly.
 - Since $\Delta P_{ij}(z \rightarrow 1) = P_{ij}(z \rightarrow 1)$, Initial-state soft-collinear behavior correctly captured.
 - No polarization effects for final state-radiation.

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Single jet production in the EIC (NC & CC)

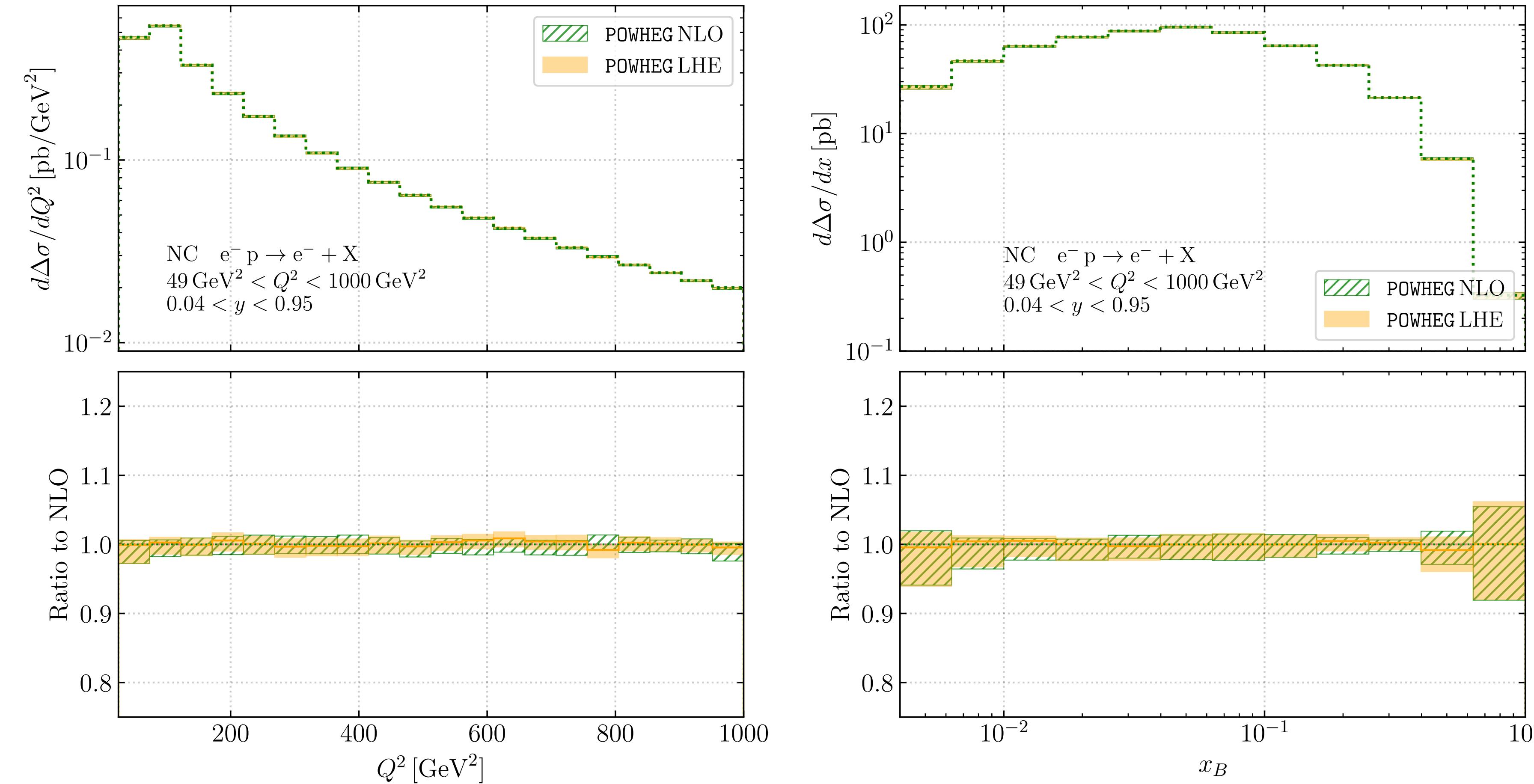


- $E_e = 18 \text{ GeV}$ and $E_p = 275 \text{ GeV}$
 $(\sqrt{s} = 140 \text{ GeV})$
- $49 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q^2 \leq 1000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $0.04 \leq y \leq 0.95$
- $5 \text{ GeV} \leq p_T^{\text{jet}}$ and $|\eta^{\text{jet}}| < 3$
- anti- k_T algorithm with $R = 0.8$ and E-recombination
- Polarized PDFs: DSSV14 [[de Florian, Sassot, Stratmann, Vogelsang \(2014\)](#)]
- PS: Antenna shower from VINCIa, as implemented in PYTHIA8
- Theoretical uncertainty from 7-point scale variation

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Some checks:

Cross section differential in
 Q^2, x_B
(No cuts on the outgoing
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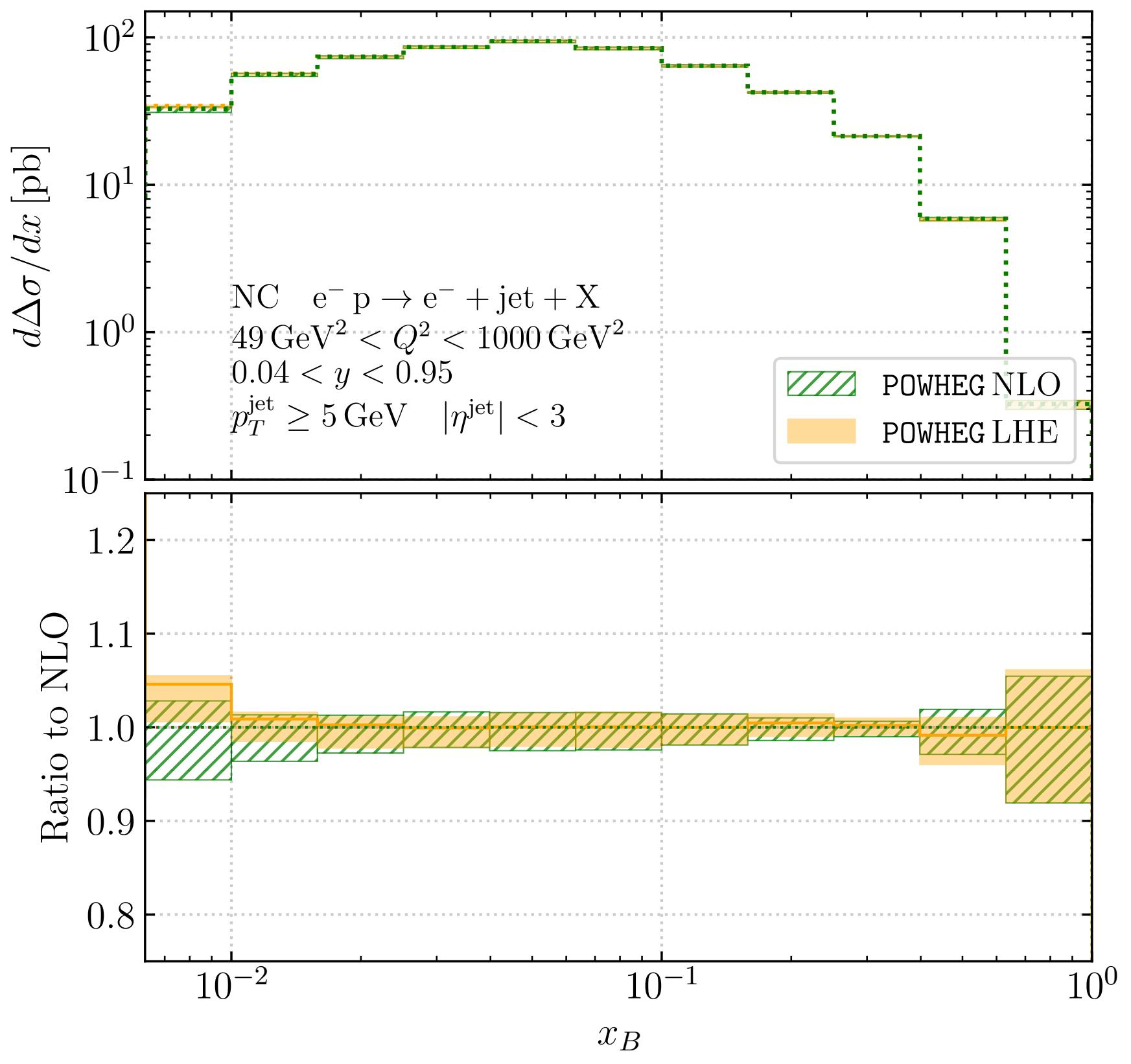
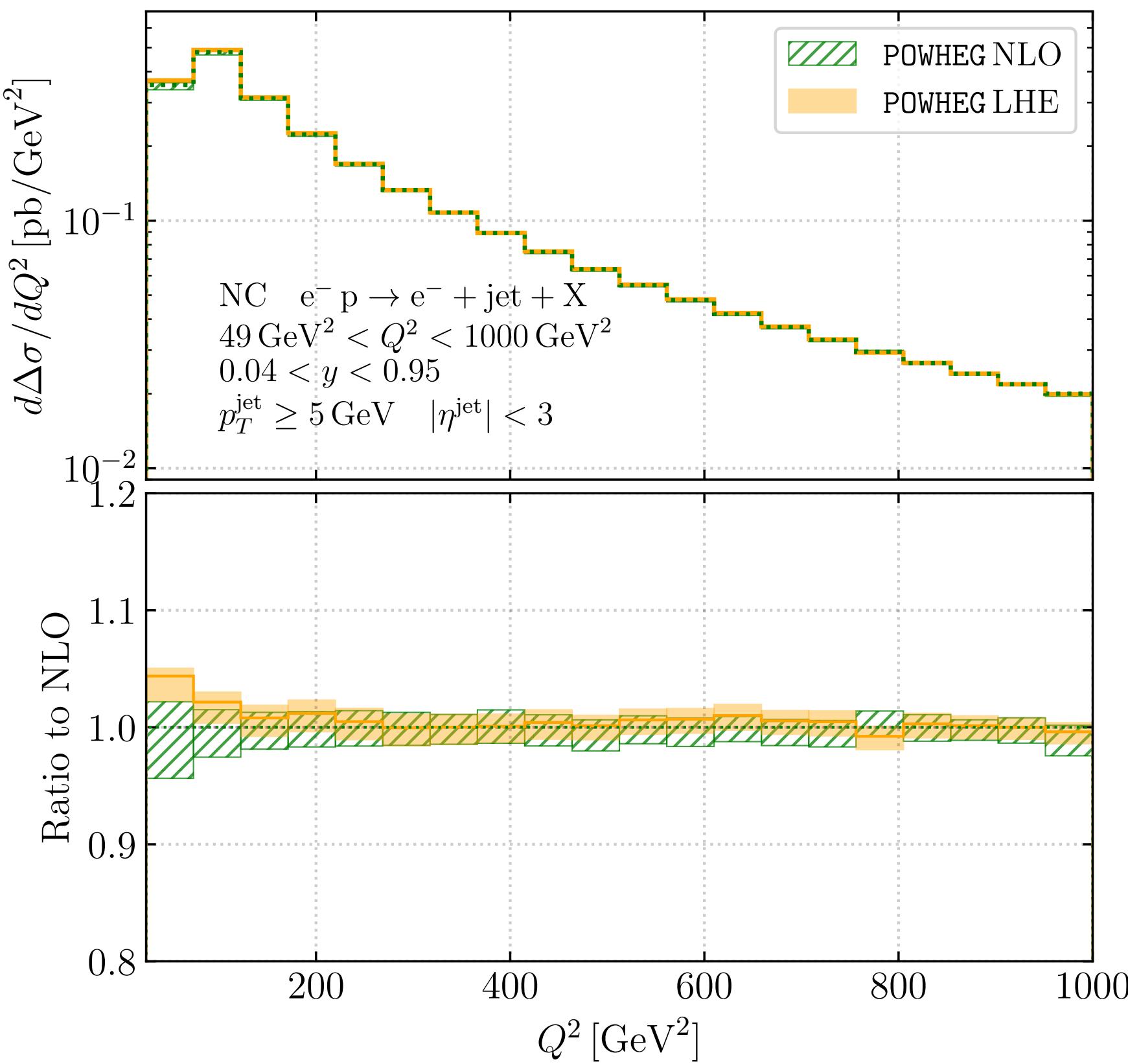


NLO accuracy for
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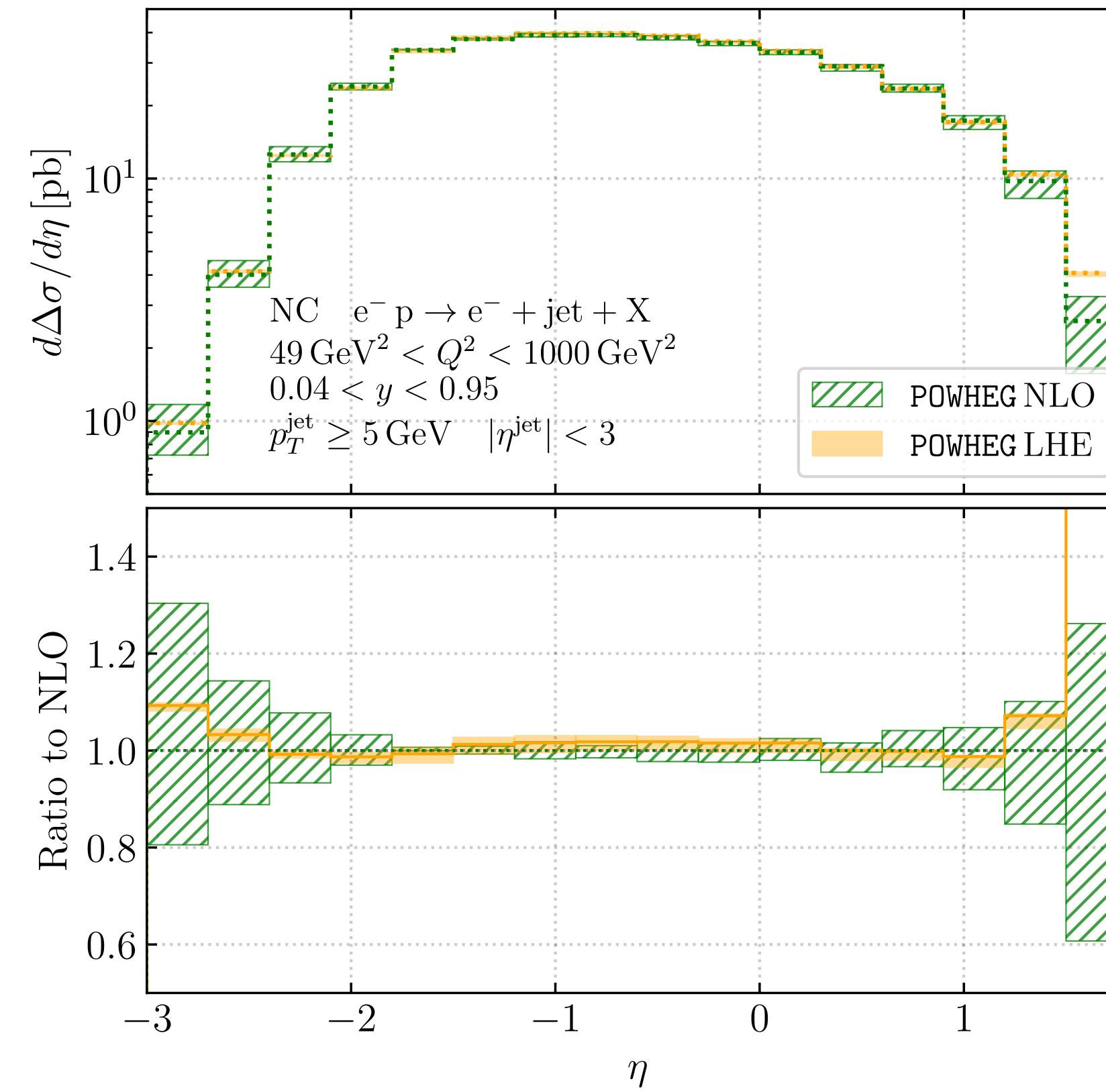
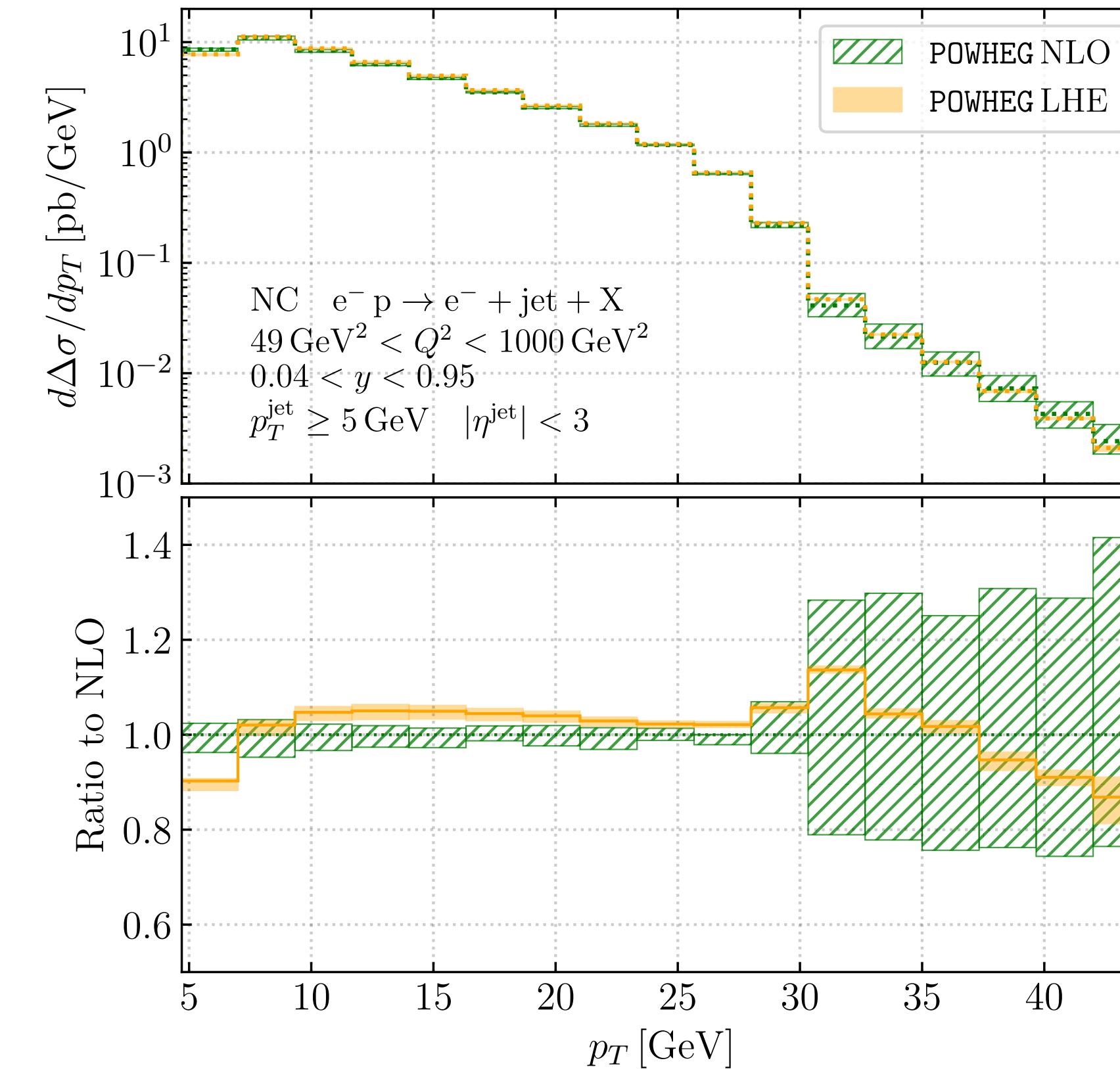
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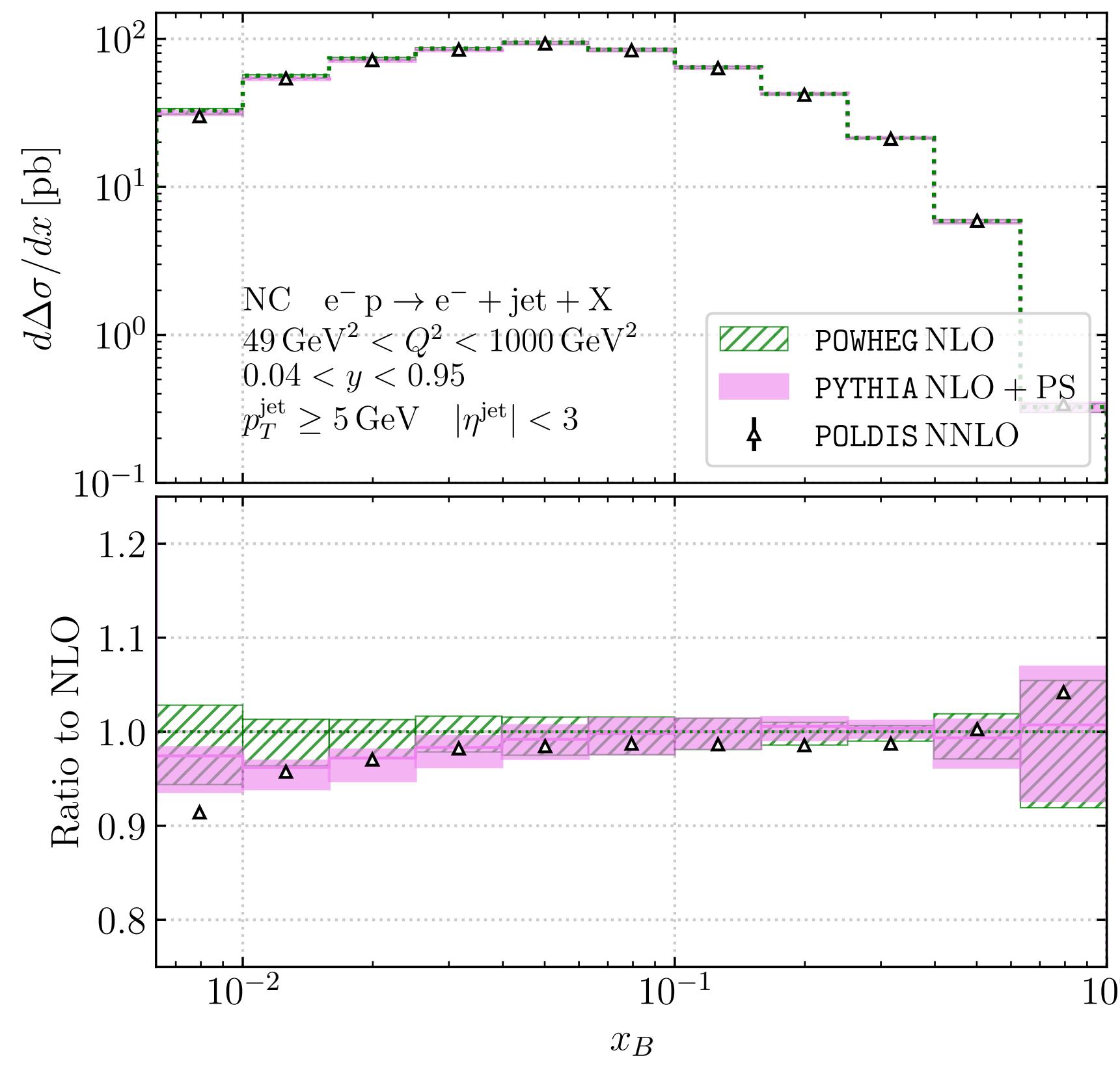
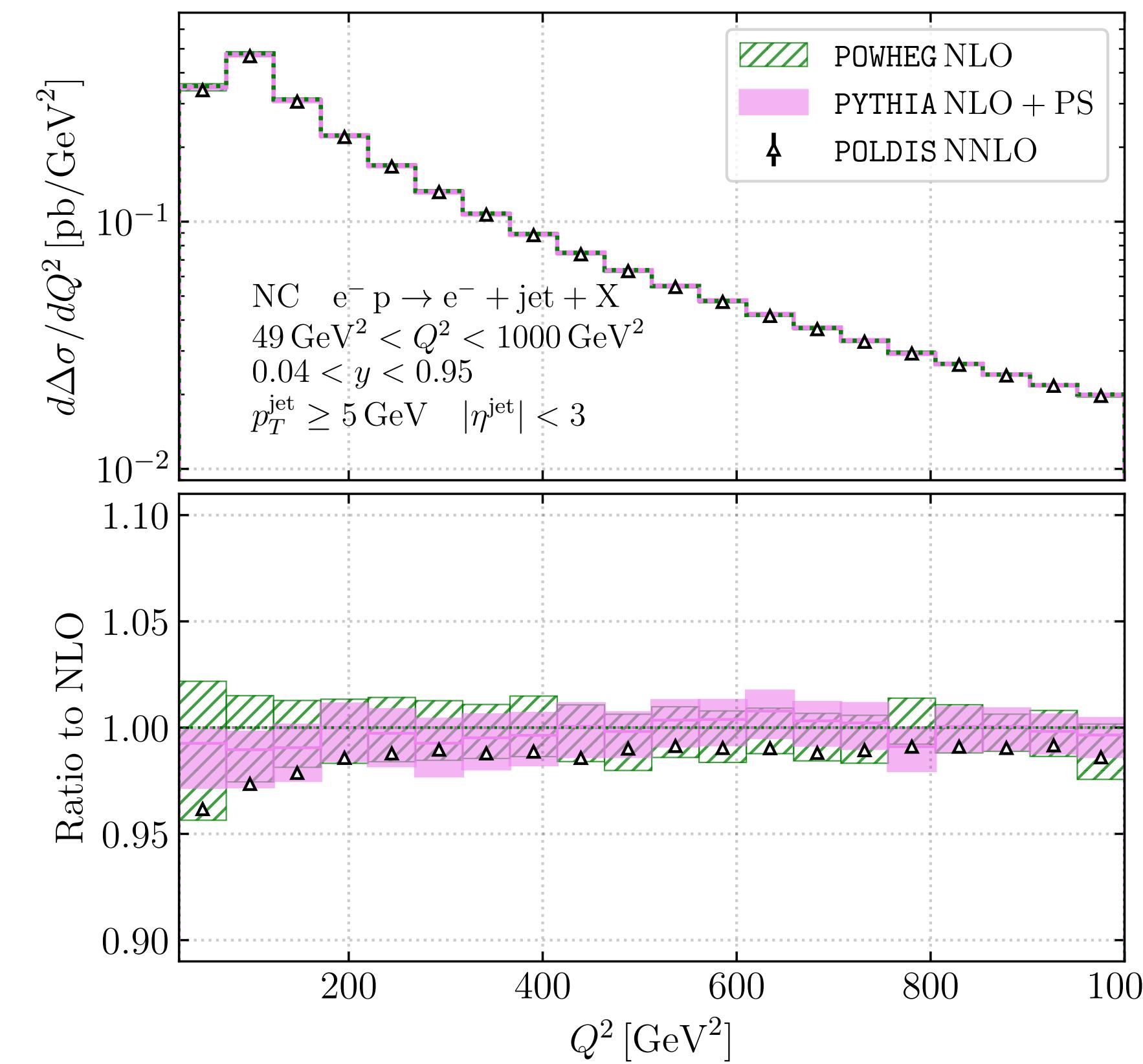
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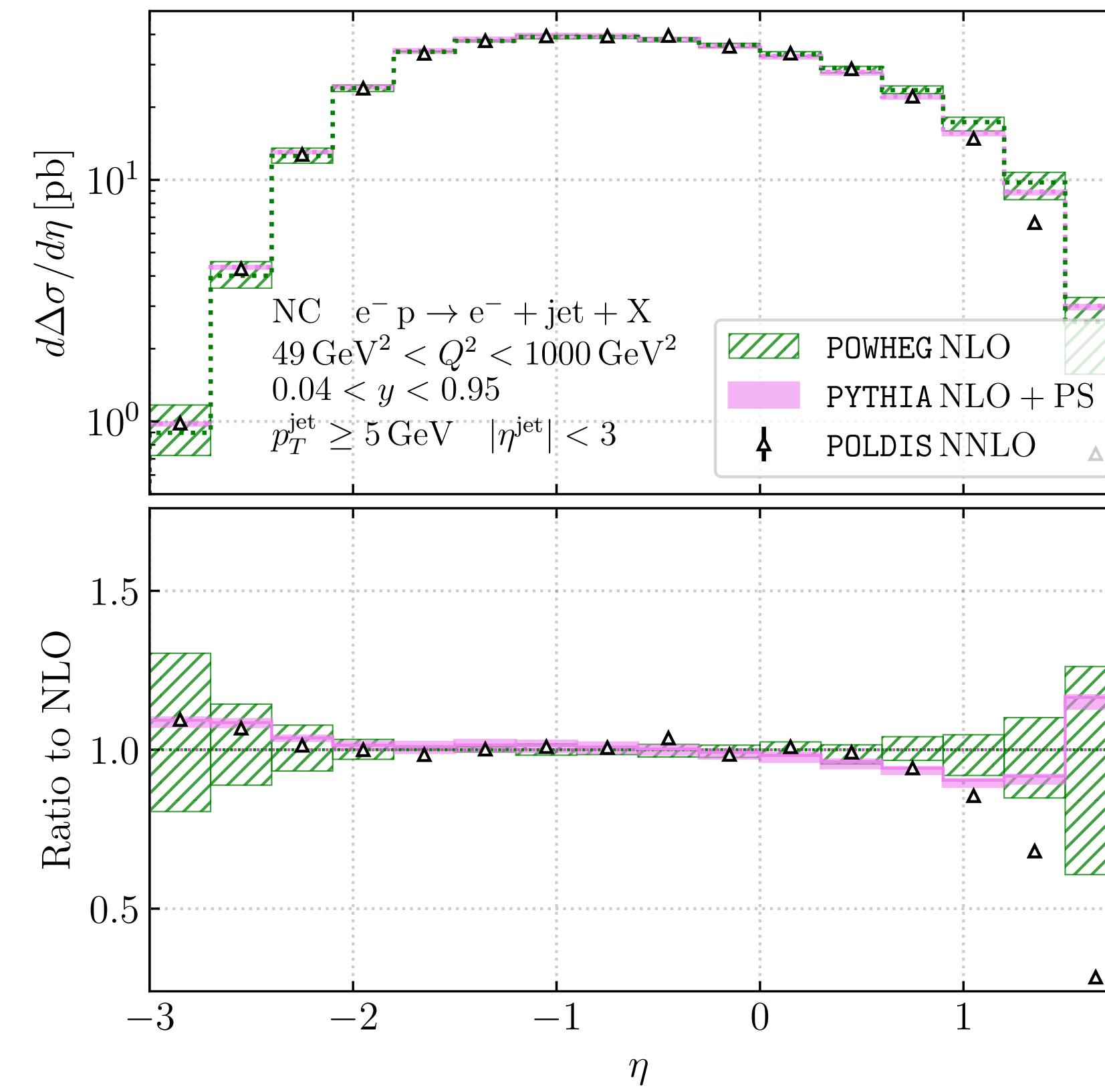
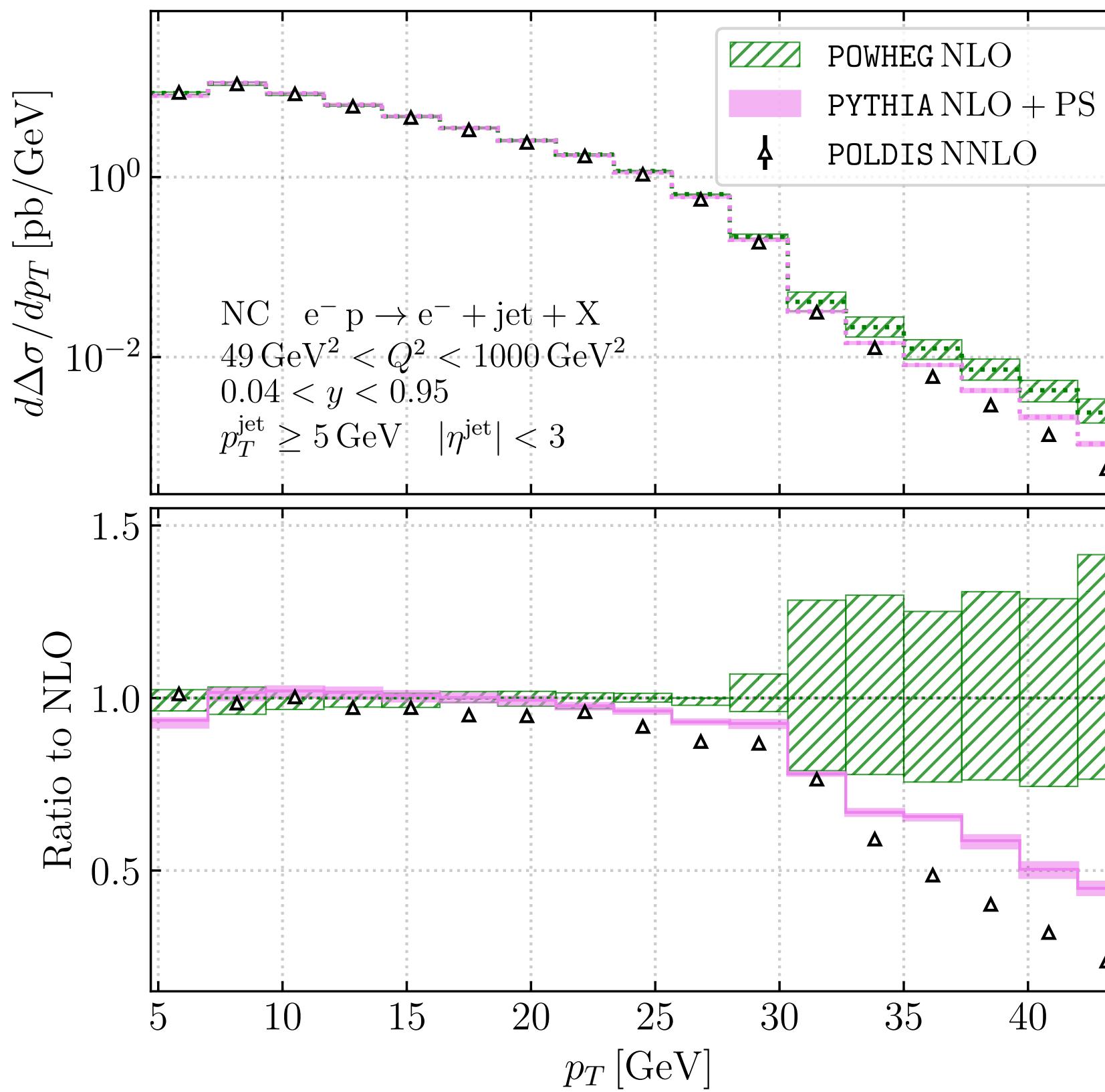


Improvement in the agreement with NNLO results (small corrections from the PS to more inclusive observables)

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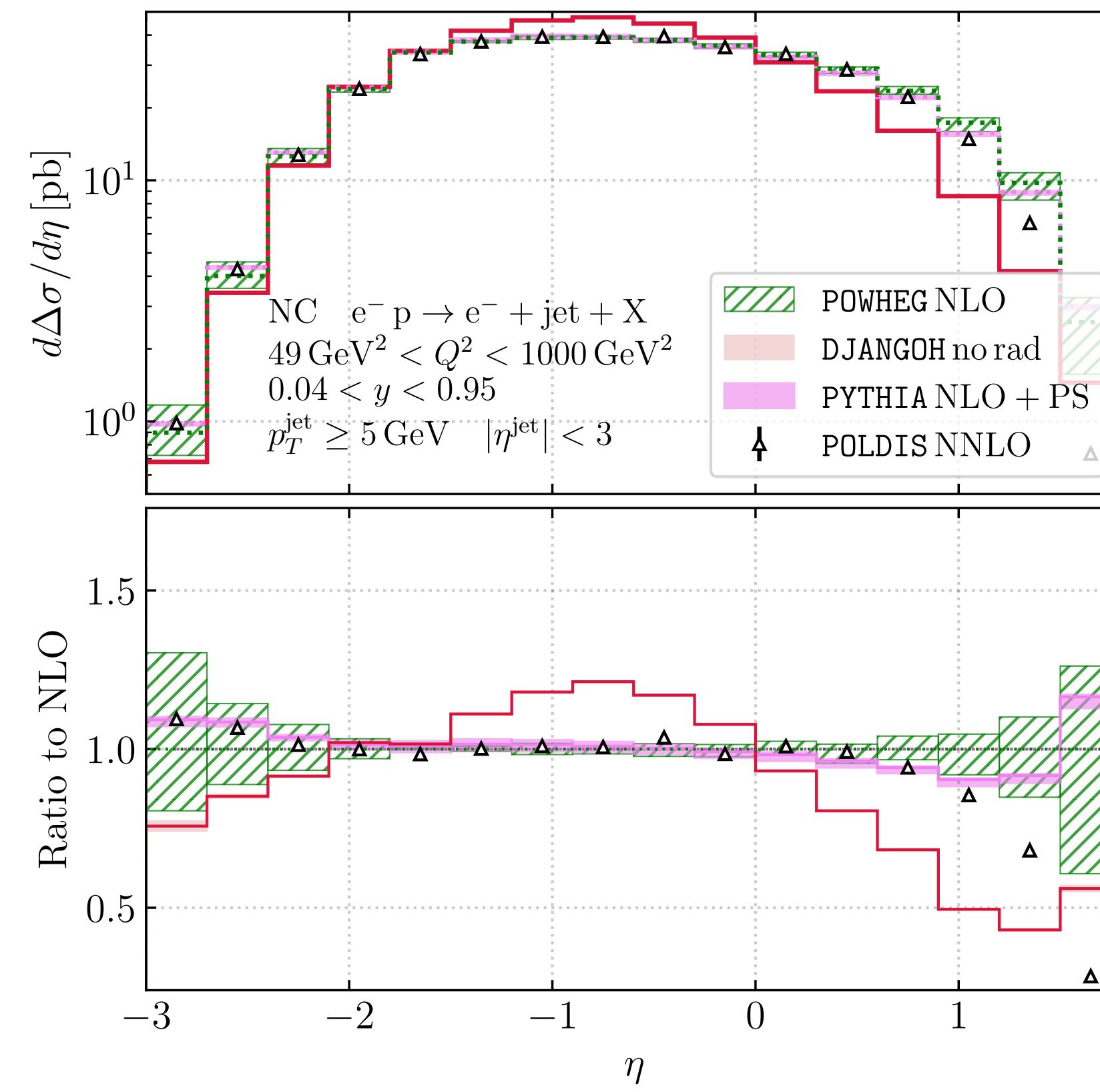
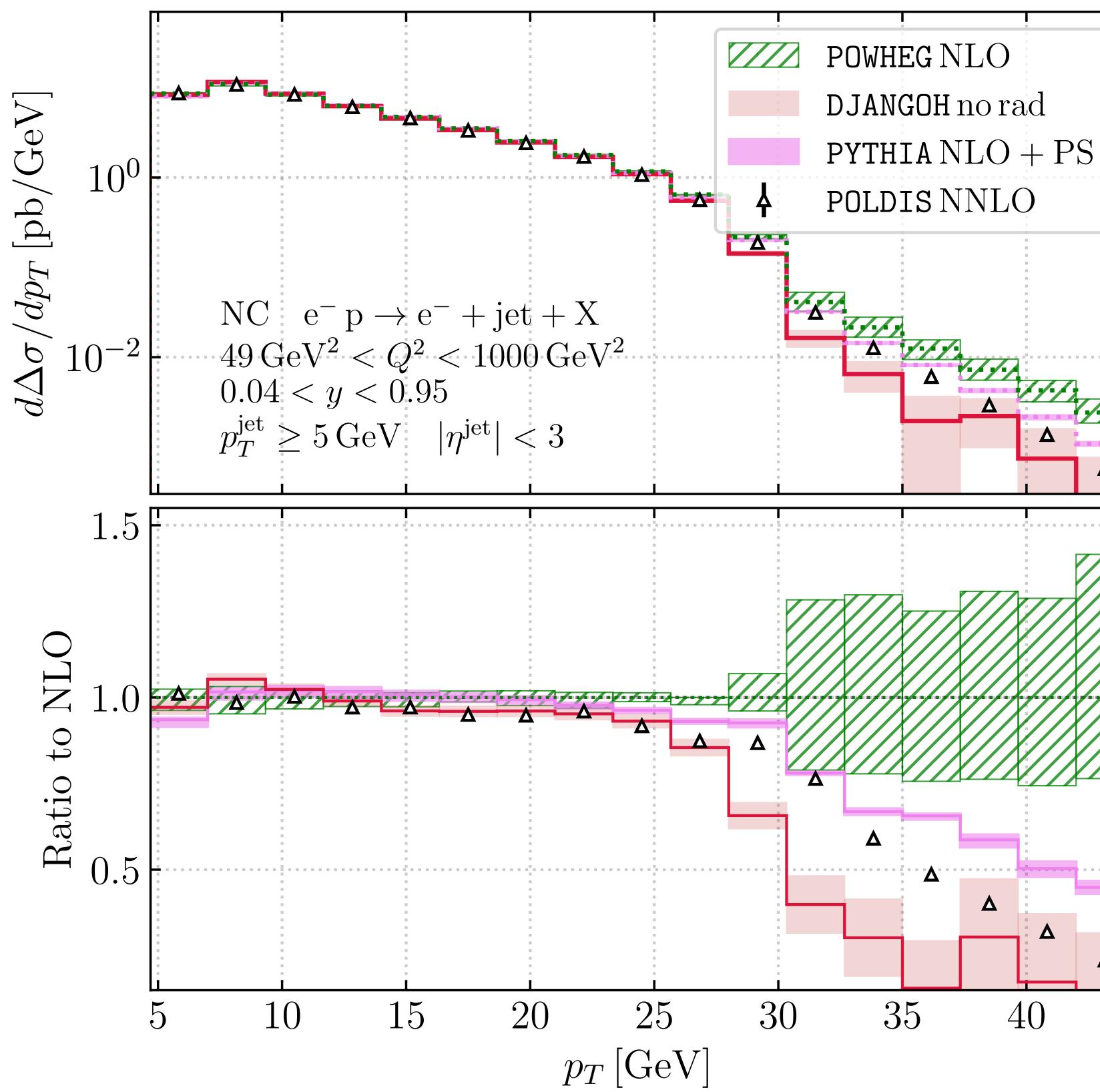
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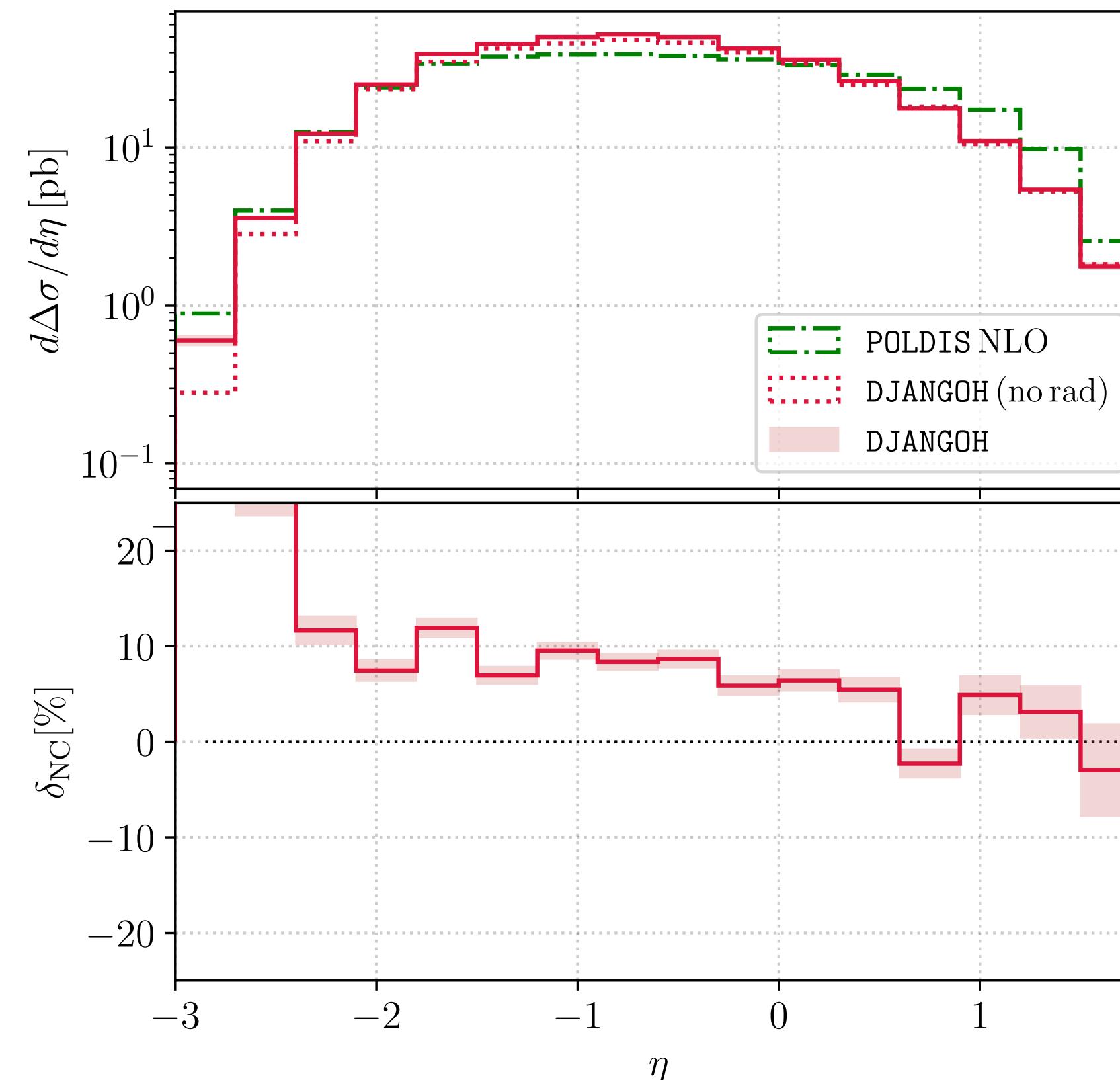
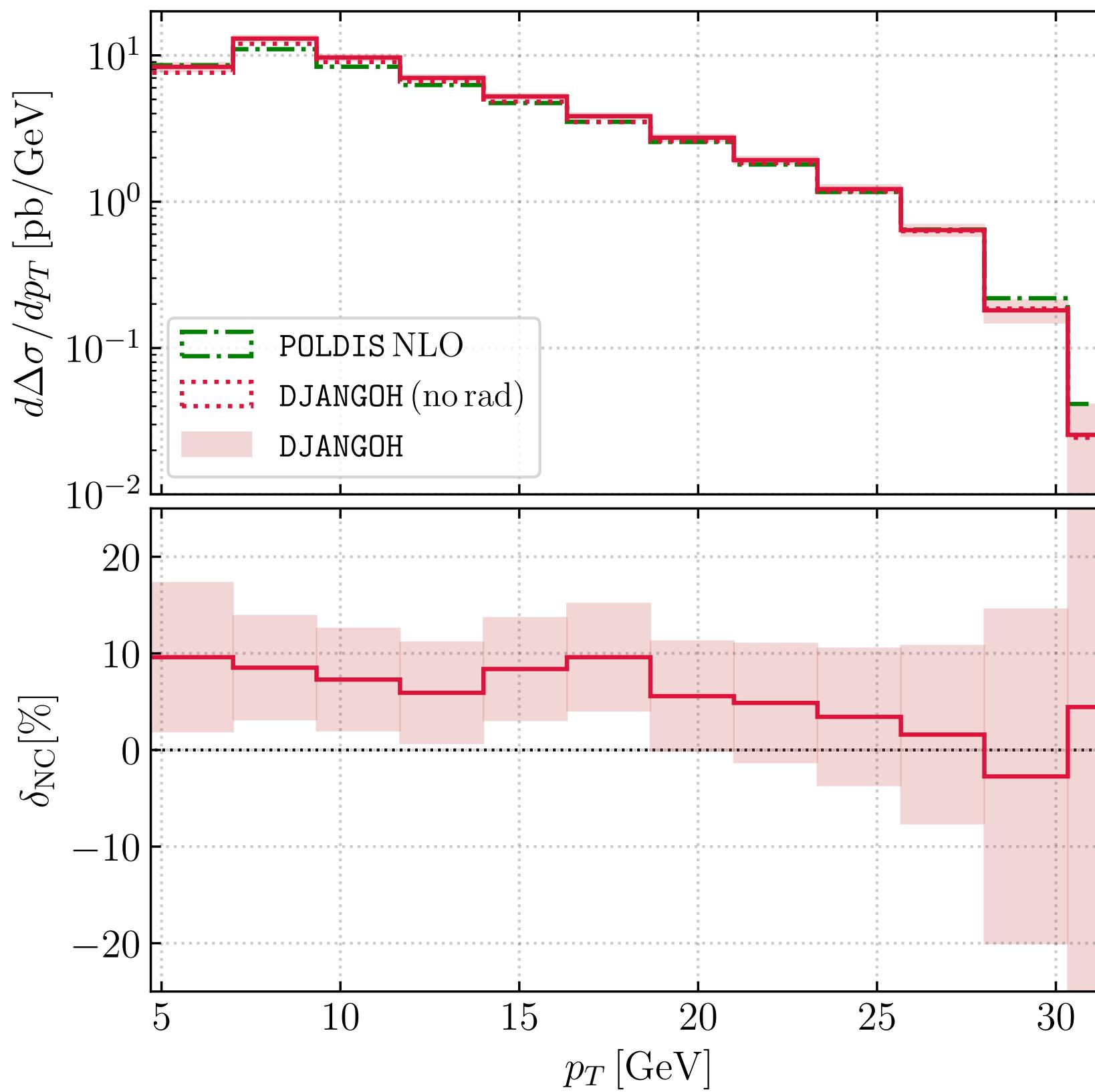
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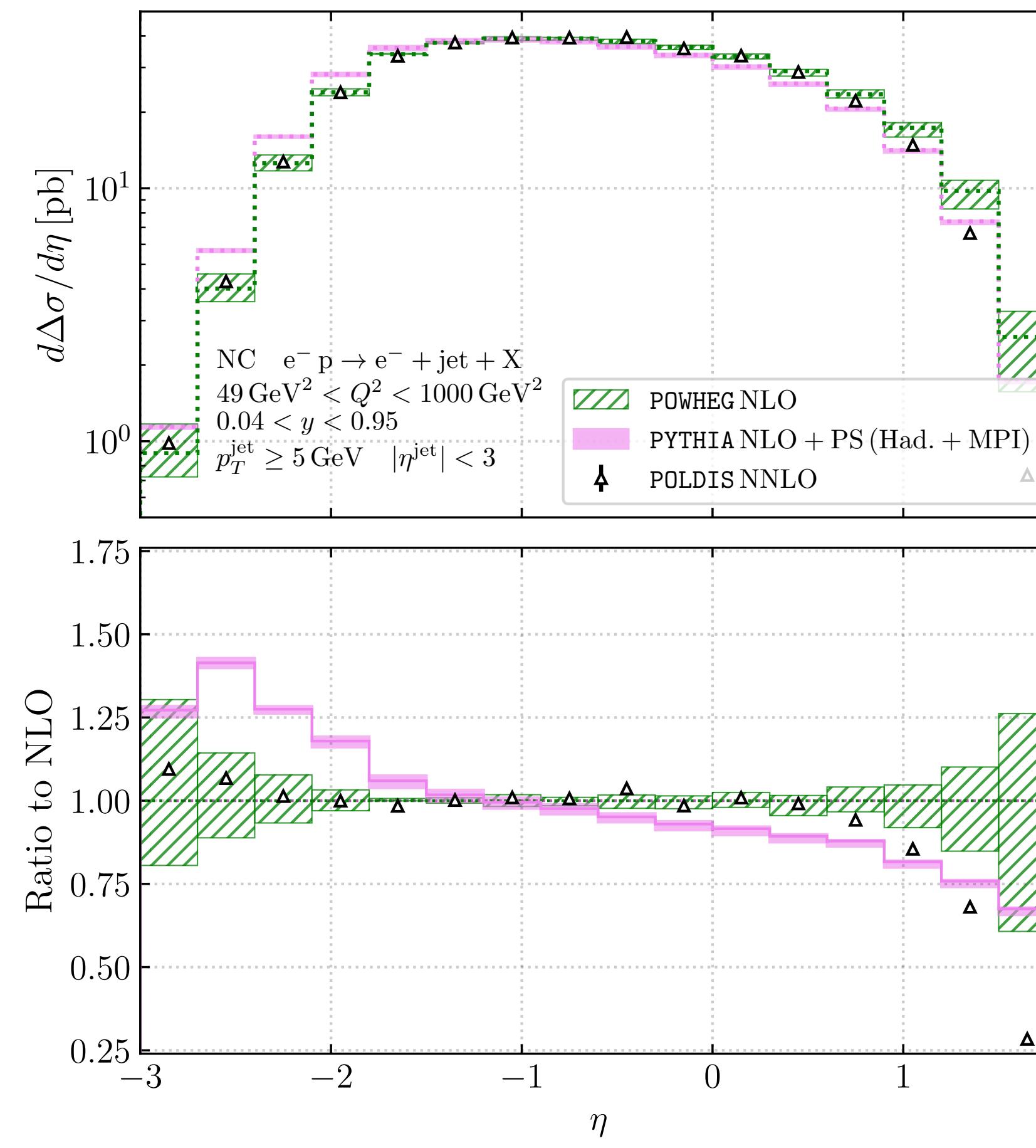
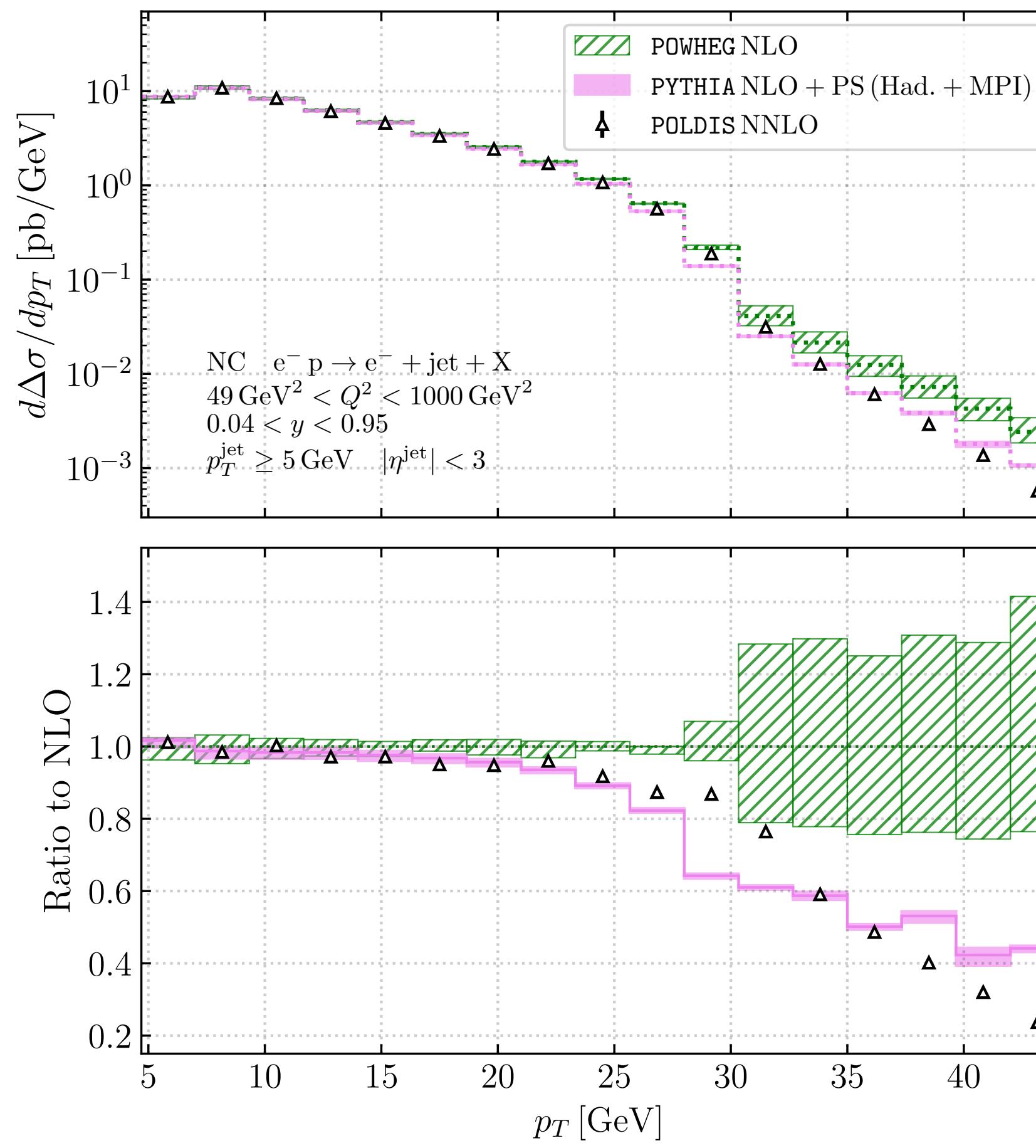


No proper estimation of EW radiative corrections, which can also be sizable.

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Summary

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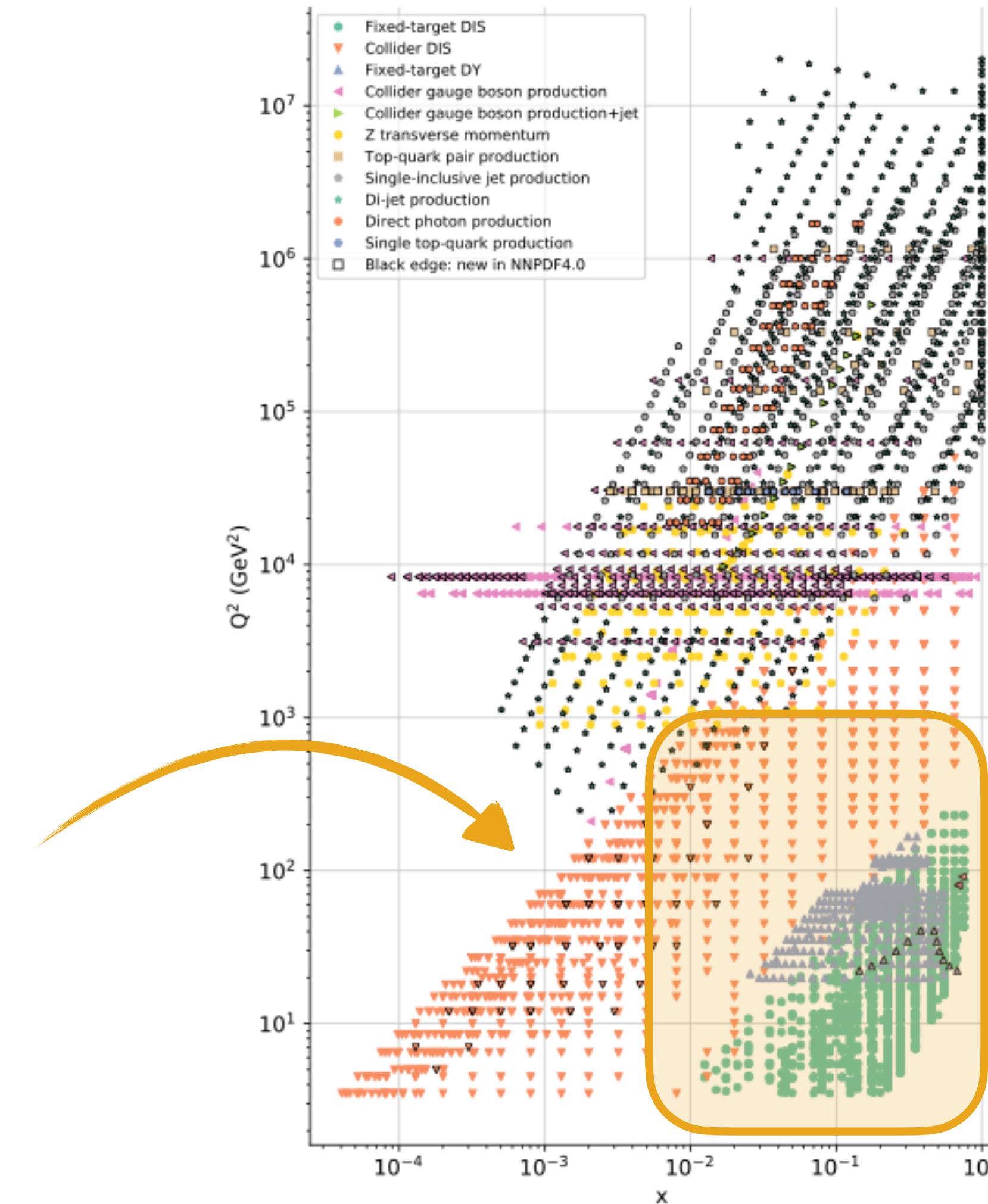
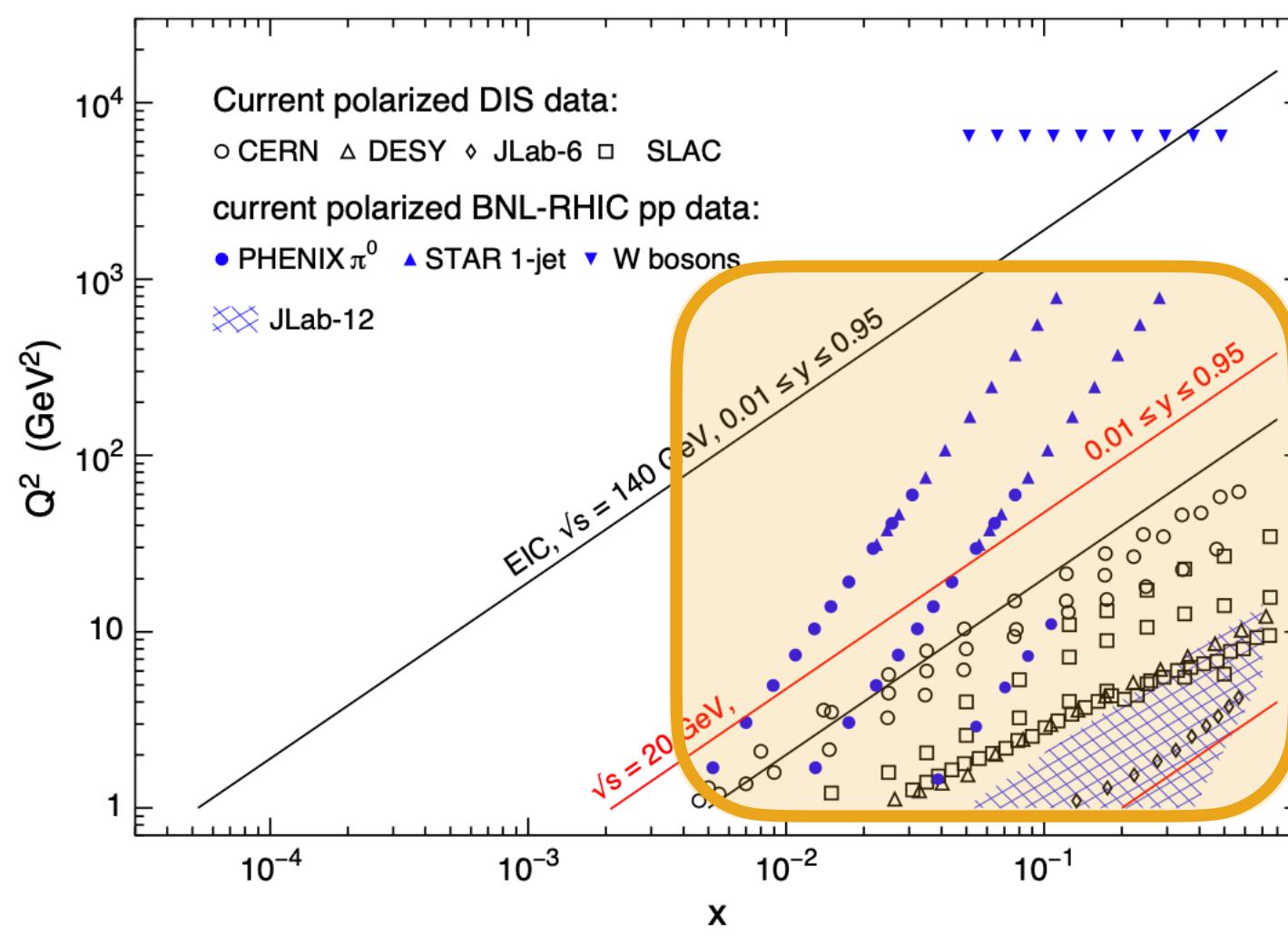
NLO+PS implementation of polarized DIS in the POWHEG-BOX
(publicly available in <https://powhegbox.mib.infn.it/>)

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- Important step towards the development of polarized parton-shower generators for EIC, with polarization included in all stages of simulation.

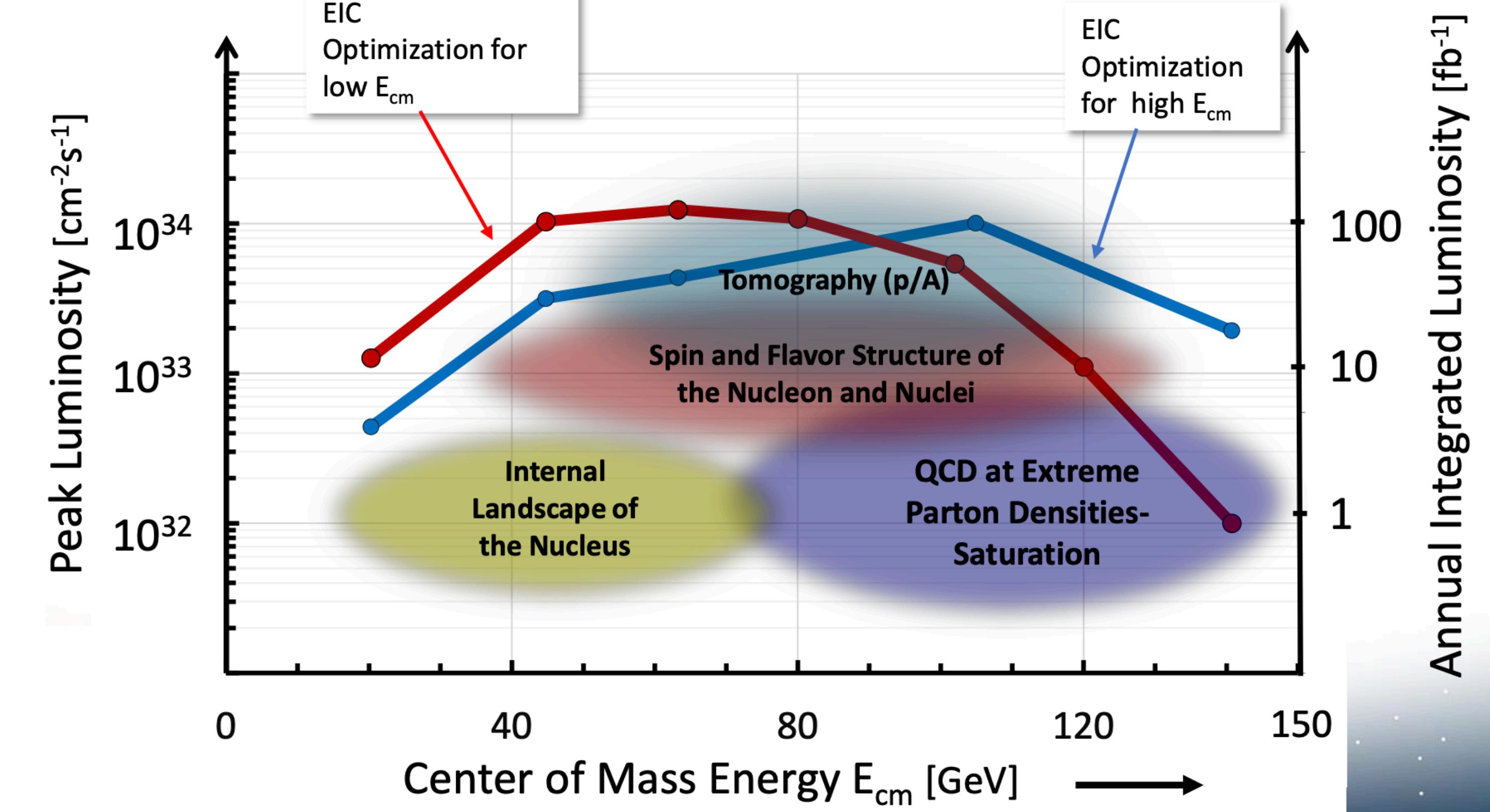
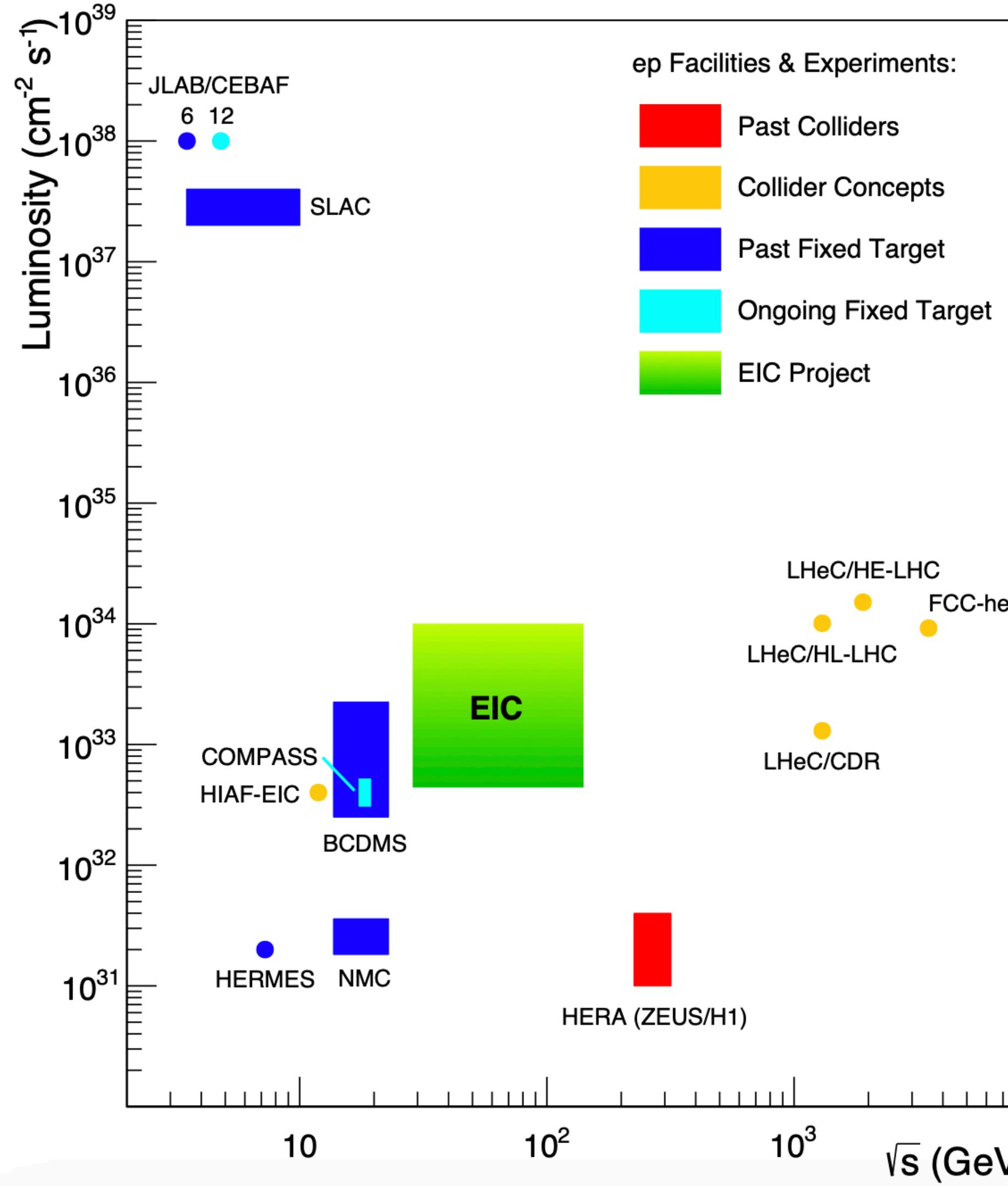
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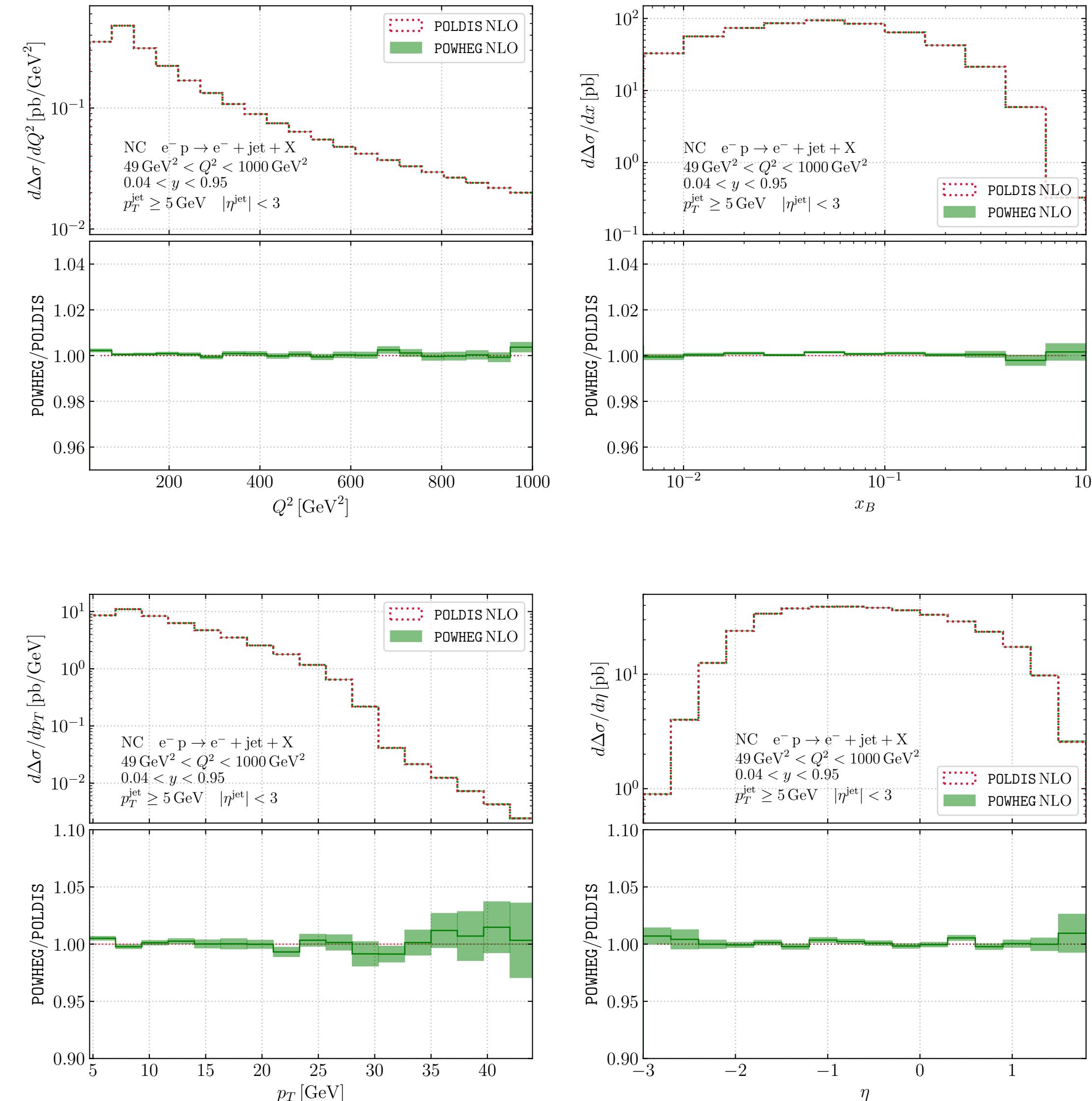
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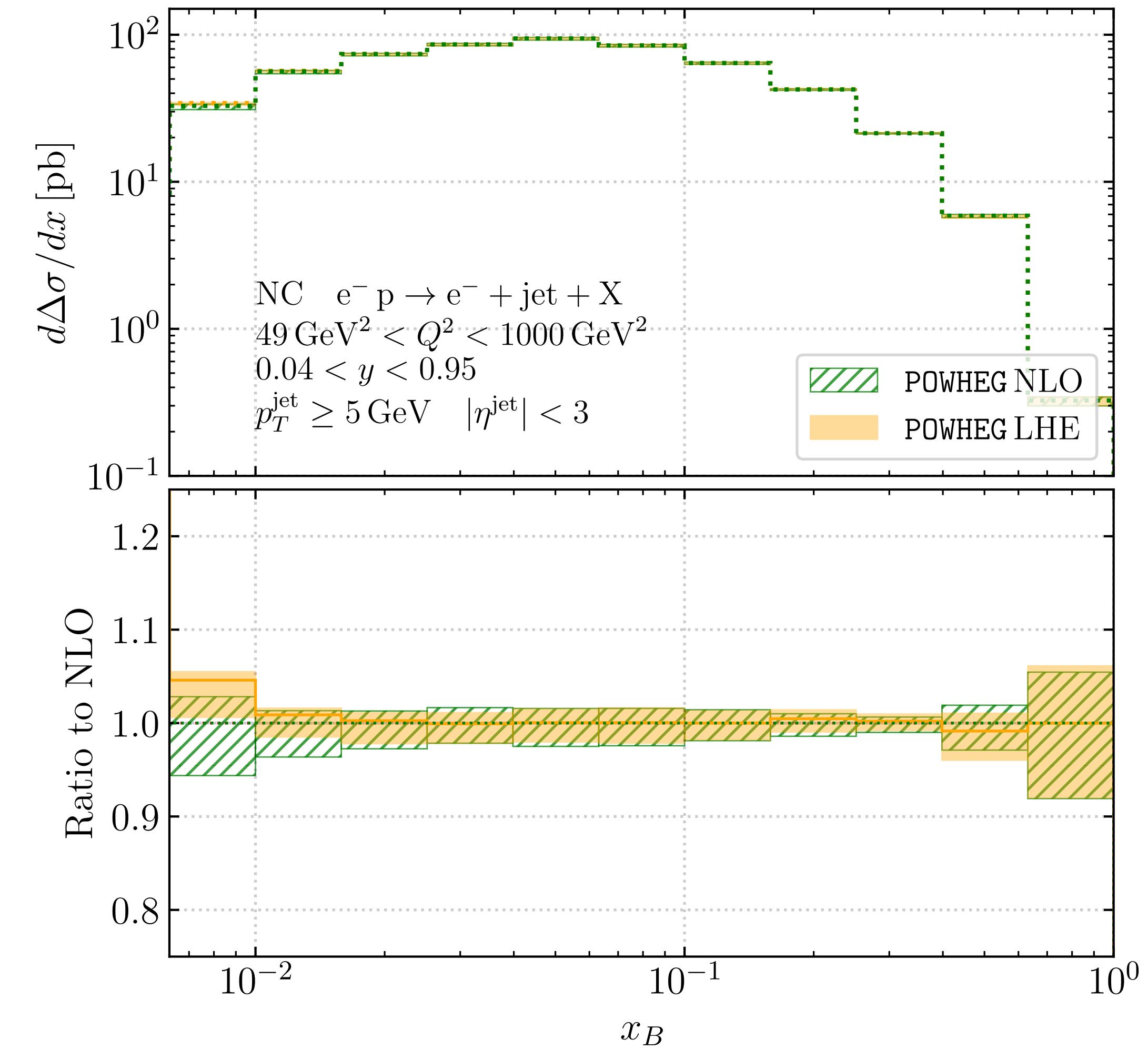
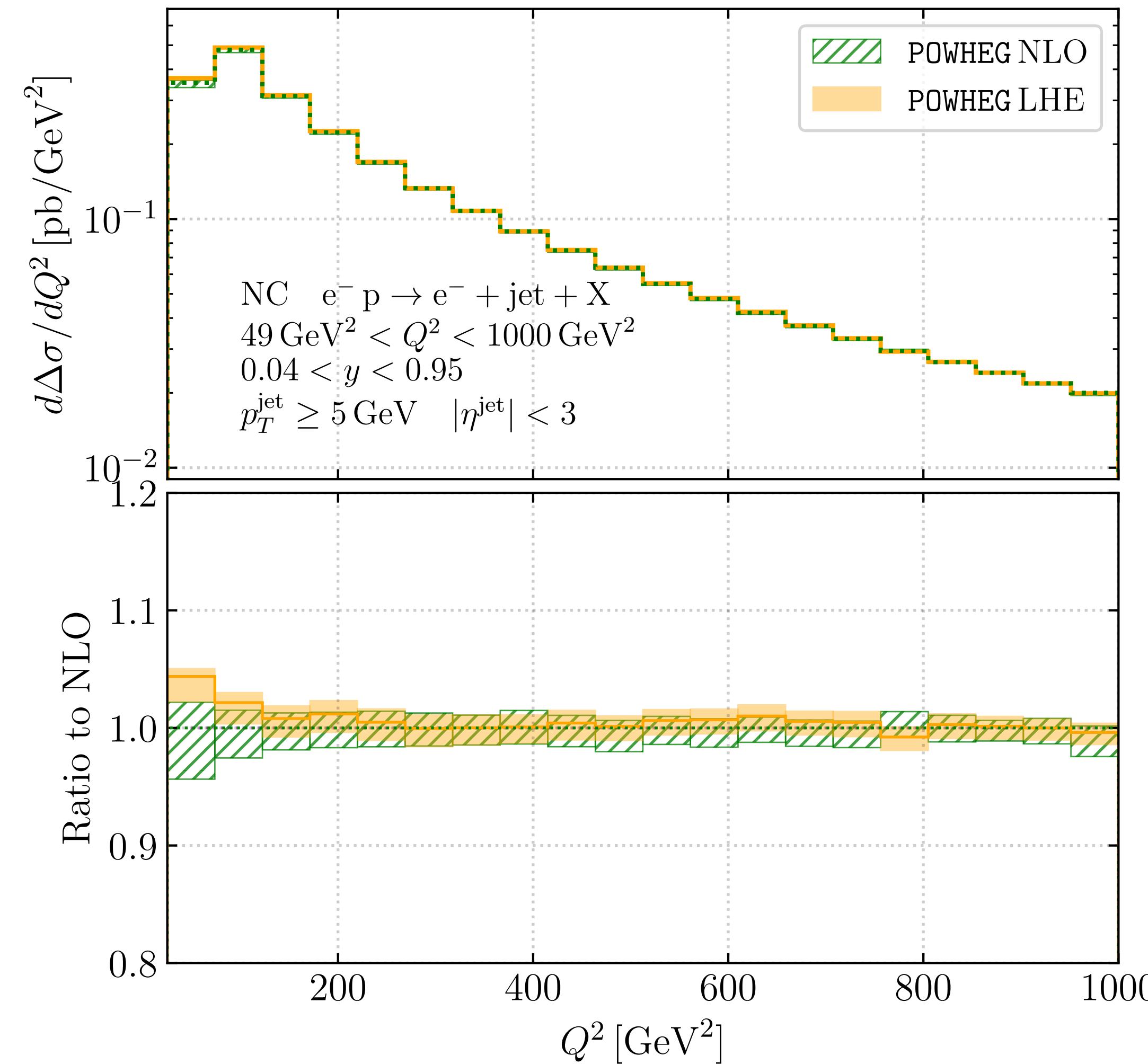
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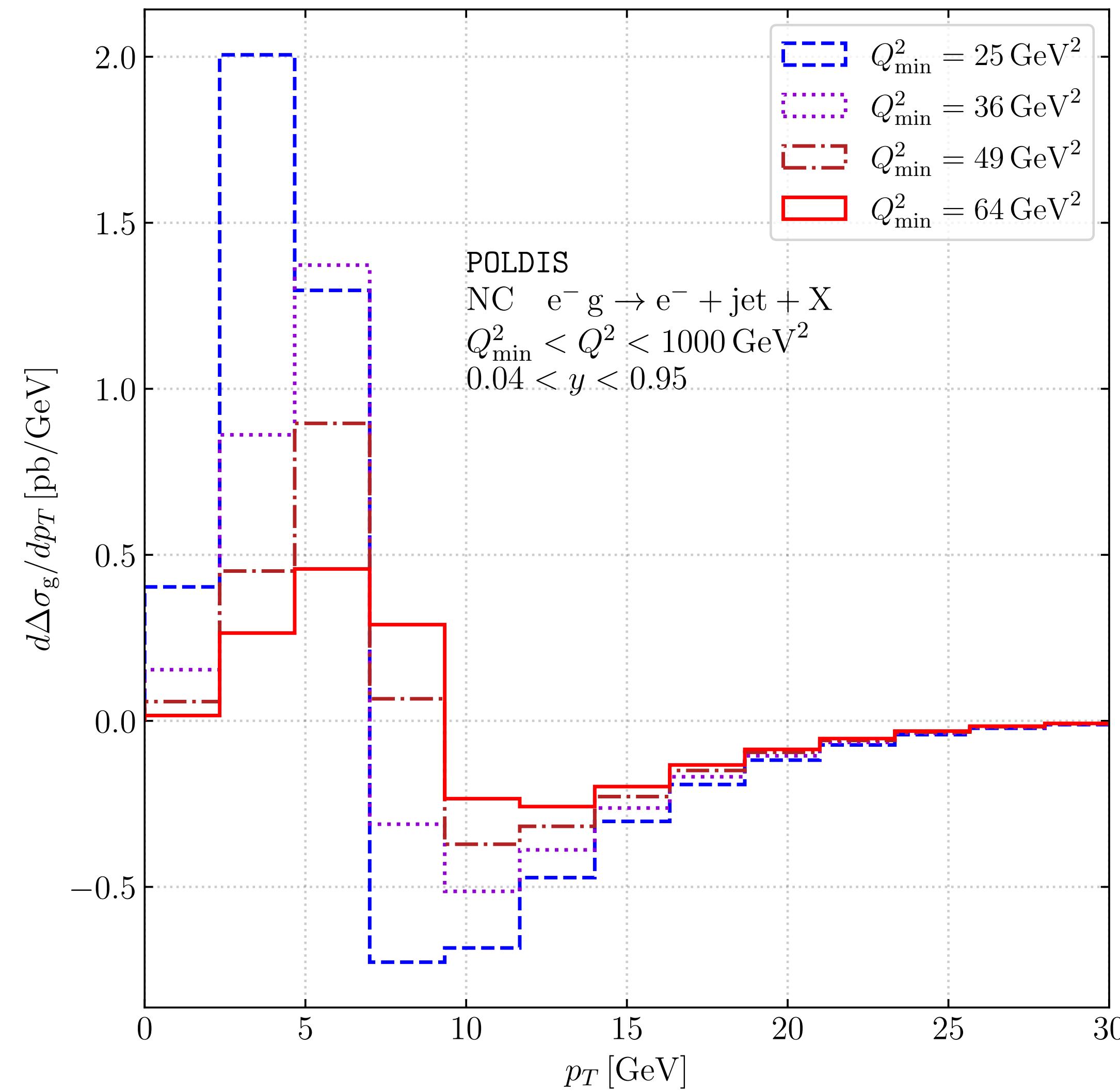
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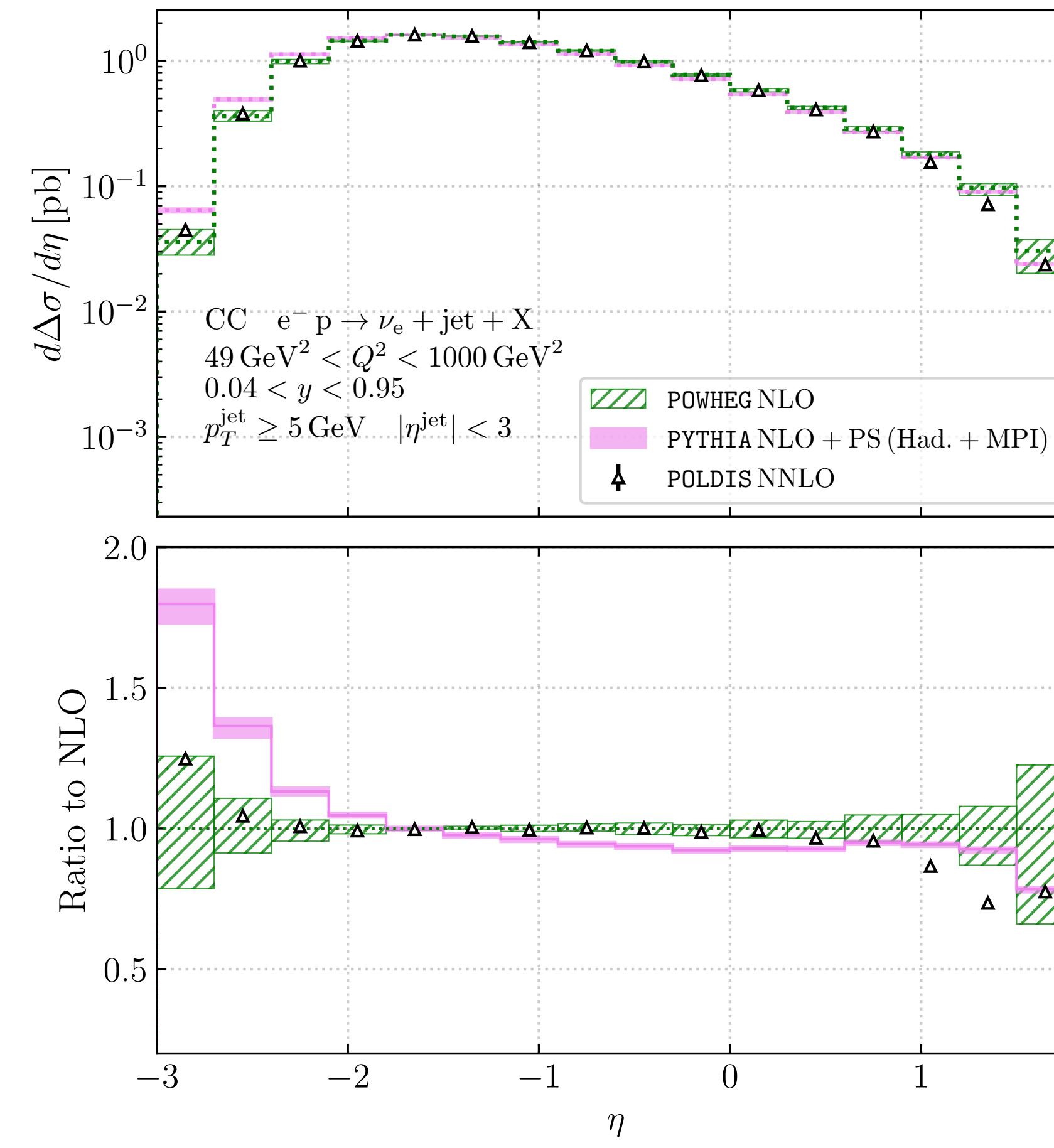
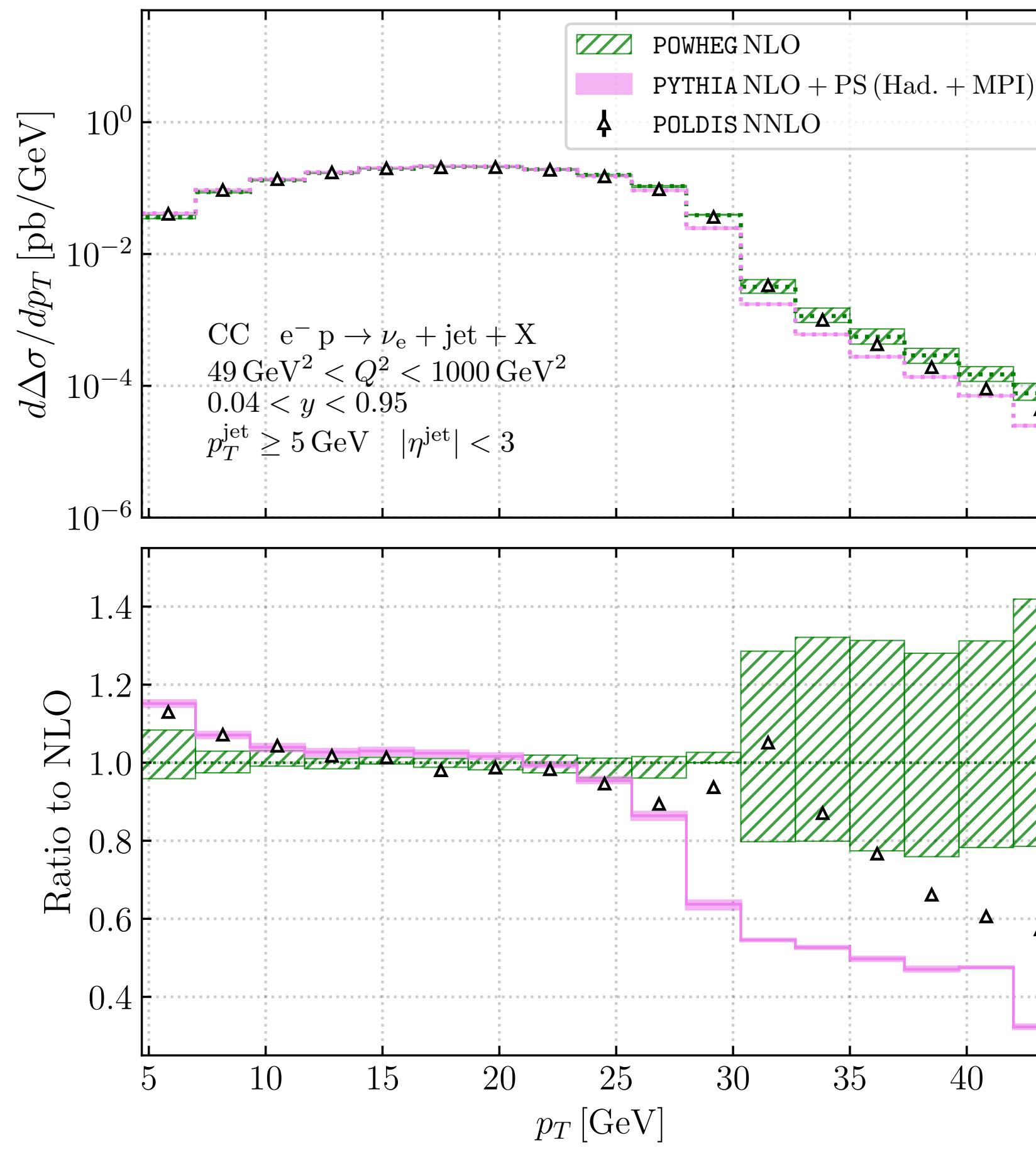
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