

Impact of higher orders in the high-energy limit of QCD

[OR: Is BFKL predictive?]

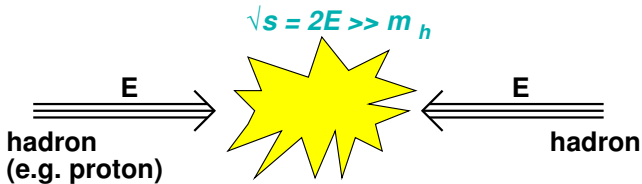
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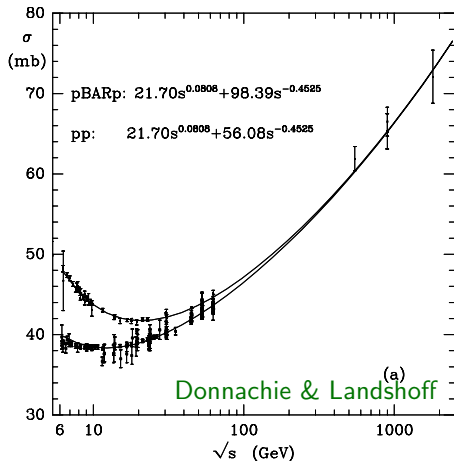
One of the major unsolved problems of QCD (and Yang-Mills theory in general) is the understanding of its *high-energy limit*.

I.e. the limit in which C.O.M. energy (\sqrt{s}) is much larger than *all other scales* in the problem.

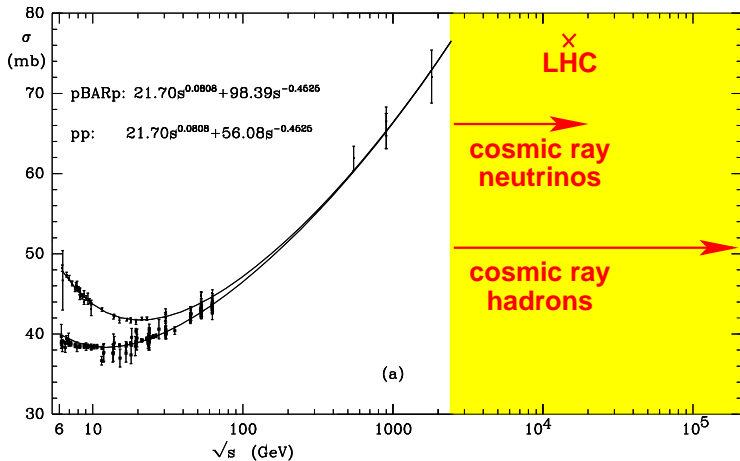


Want to understand:

- ▶ asymptotic behaviour of cross section, $\sigma_{hh}(s) \sim ??$
- ▶ properties of final states for large s .

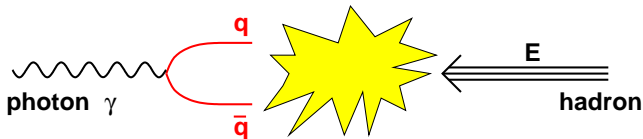


- ▶ Some knowledge exists about behaviour of cross section experimentally
- ▶ Slow rise as energy increases
- ▶ Data insufficient to make reliable statements about functional form
 - ▶ $\sigma \sim s^{0.08}$?
 - ▶ $\sigma \sim \ln^2 s$?
- ▶ Understanding of final-states is \sim inexistent
- ▶ Would like theoretical predictions. . .

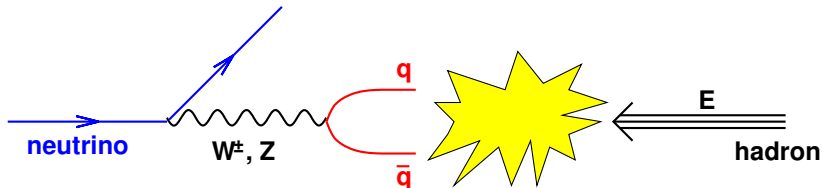


Future experiments go to much higher energies.

Problem is must more general than just for hadrons. E.g. photon can *fluctuate* into a quark-antiquark (hadronic!) state:



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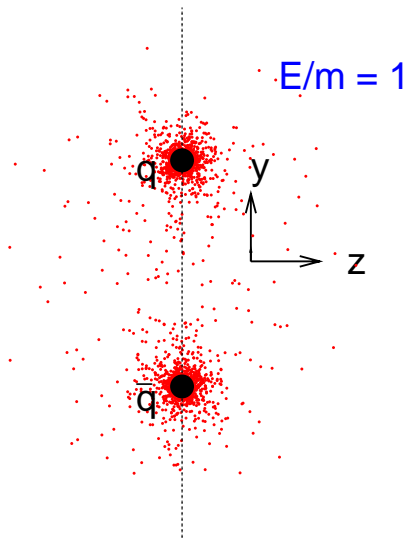
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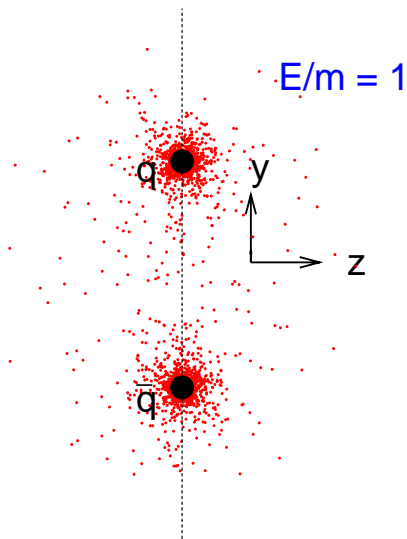
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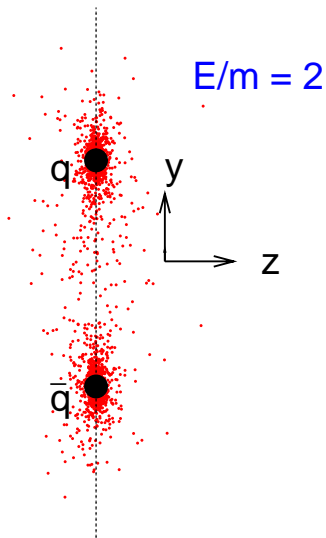
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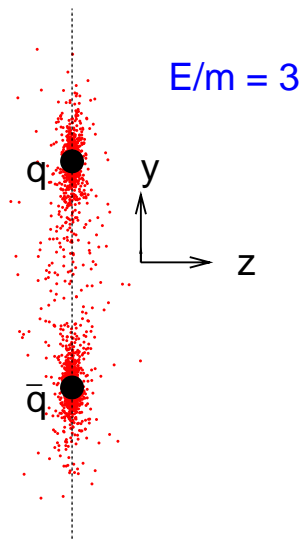
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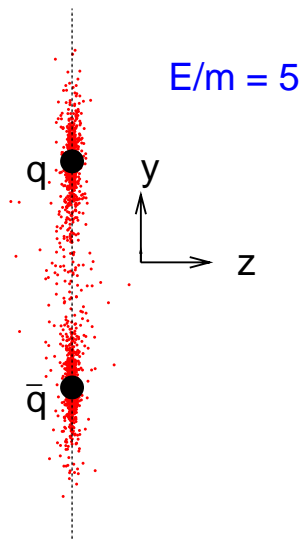
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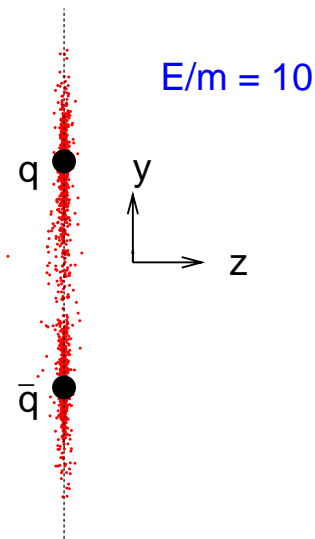
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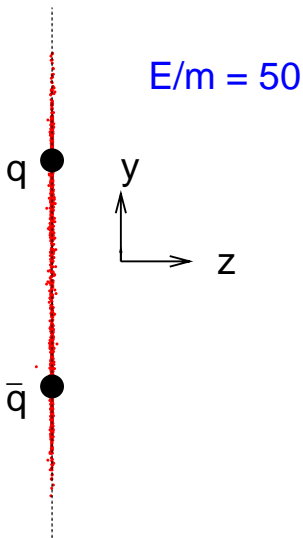
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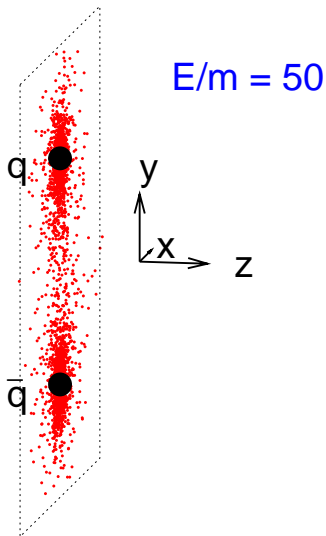
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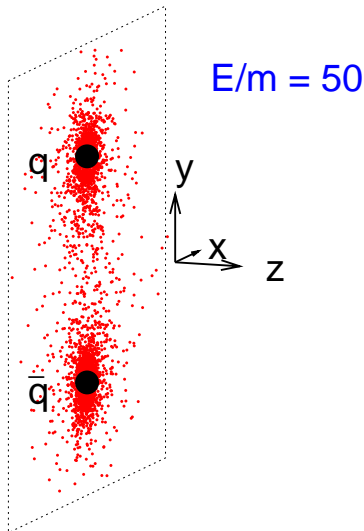
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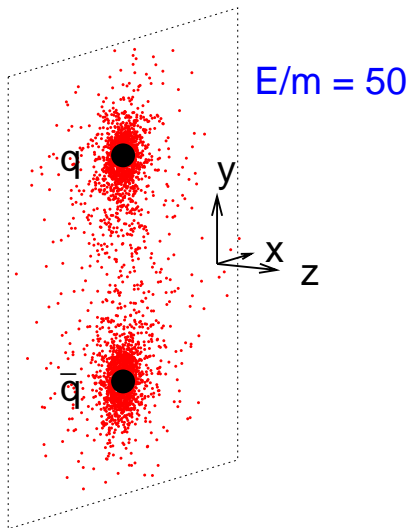


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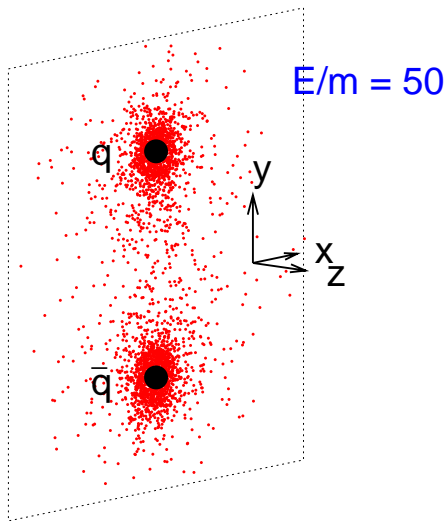


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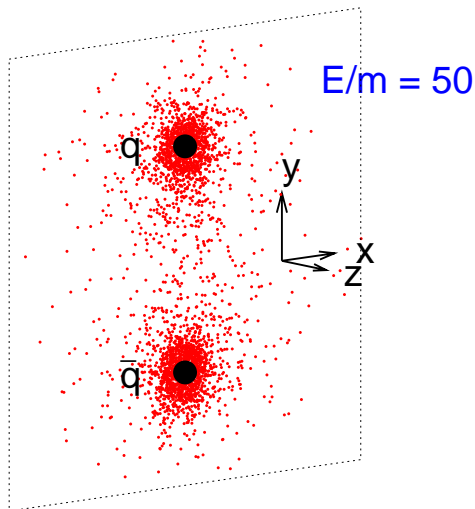


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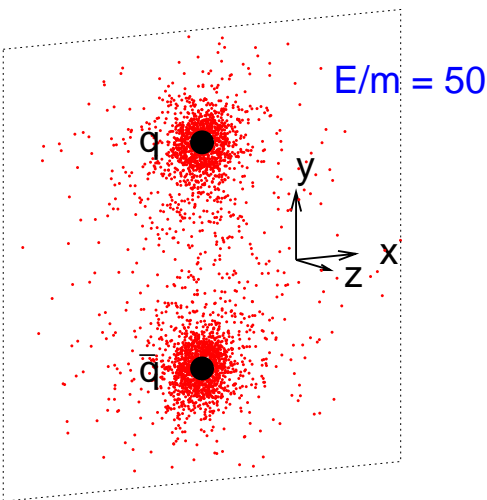
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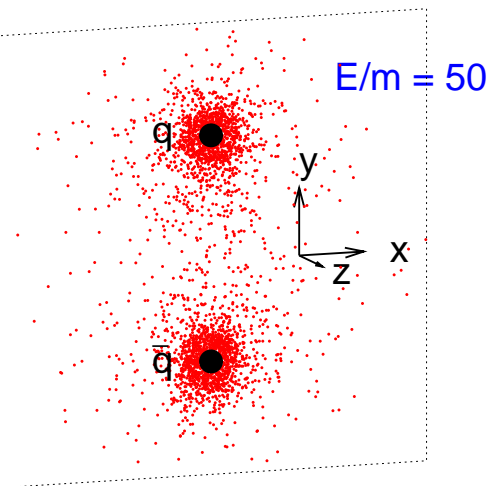
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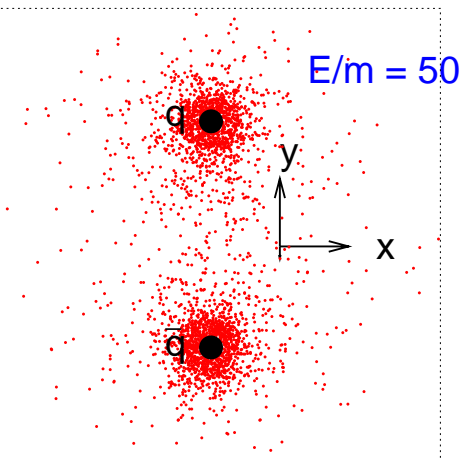


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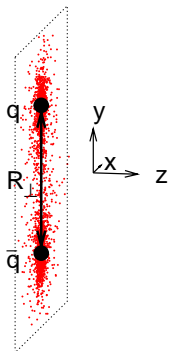
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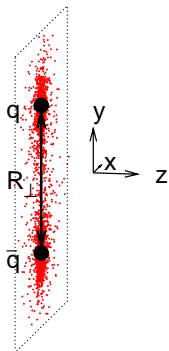
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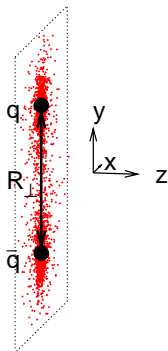
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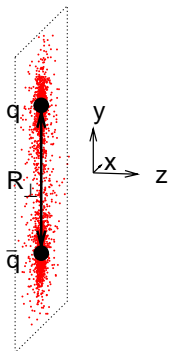
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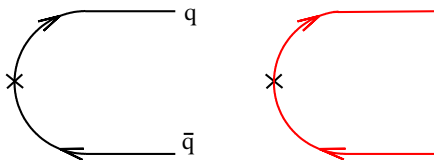


- ▶ Calculation so far is first-order perturbation theory.
- ▶ Fixed order perturbation theory is reliable if series converges quickly.
- ▶ At high energies, $n \sim \alpha_s \ln E \sim 1$.
- ▶ What happens with higher orders?

$$(\alpha_s \ln E)^n?$$

Leading Logarithms (LL). Any fixed order potentially non-convergent. . .

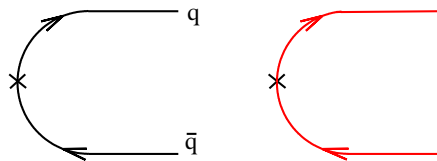
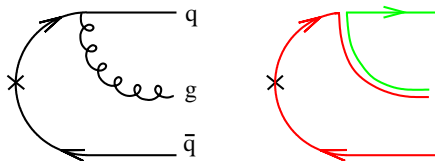
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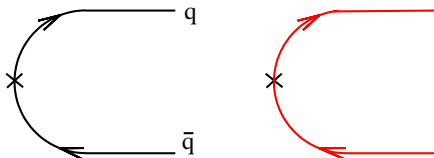
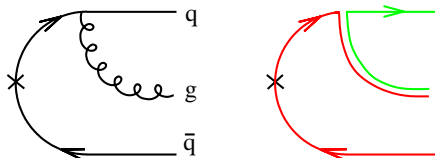
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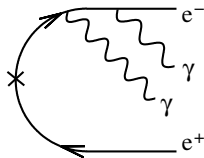
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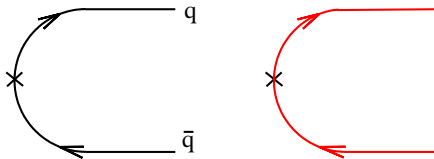
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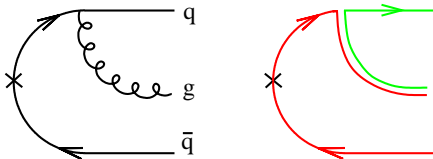
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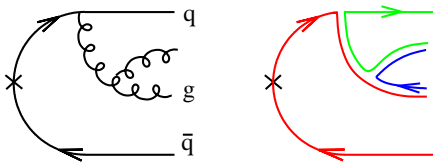
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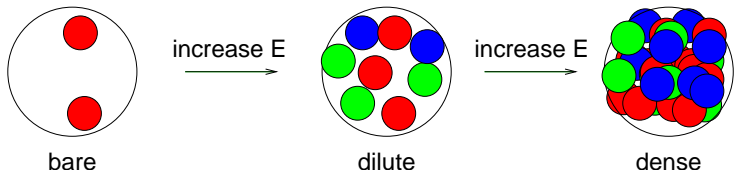
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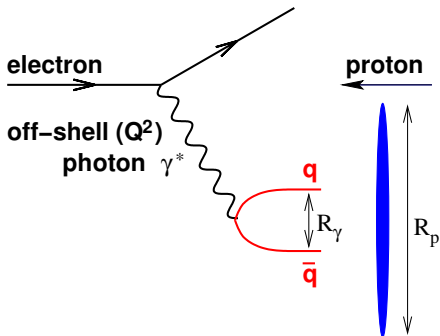
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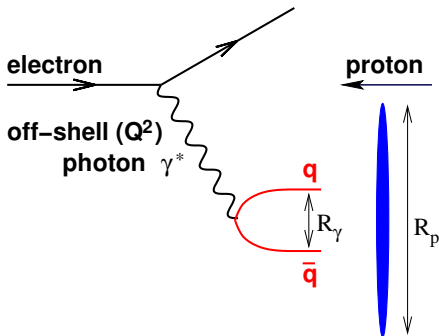
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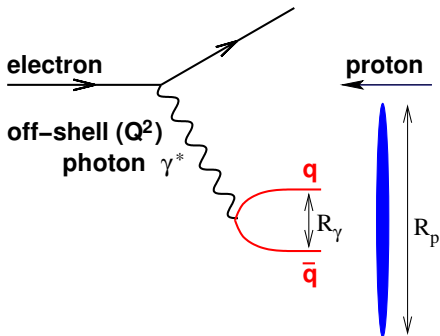
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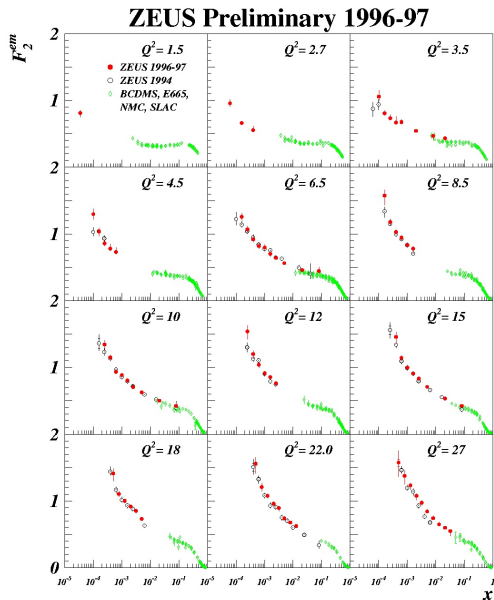
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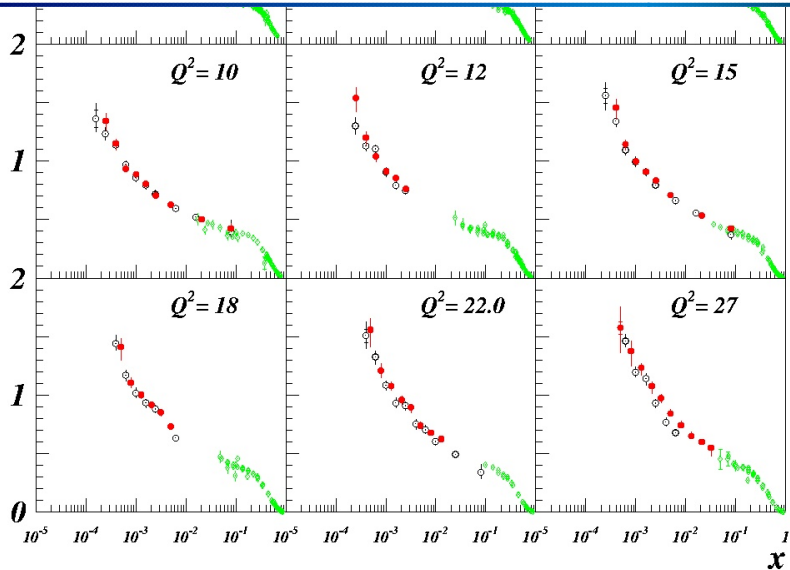
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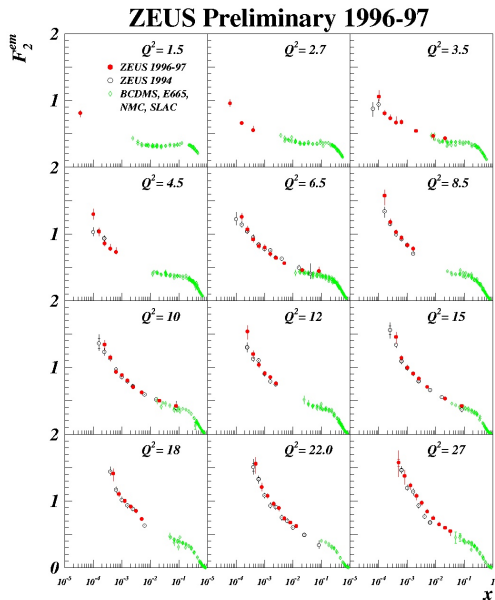


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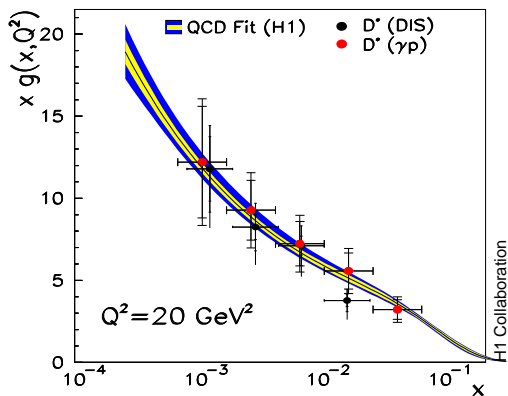
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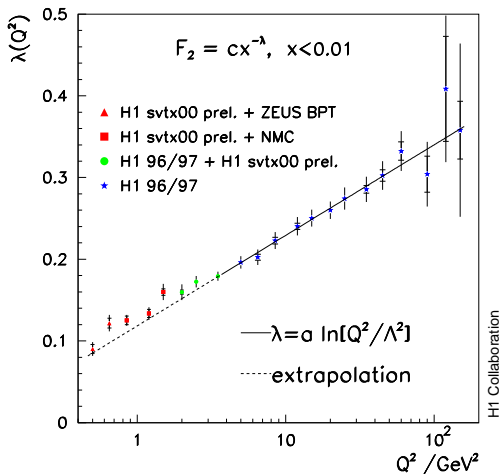
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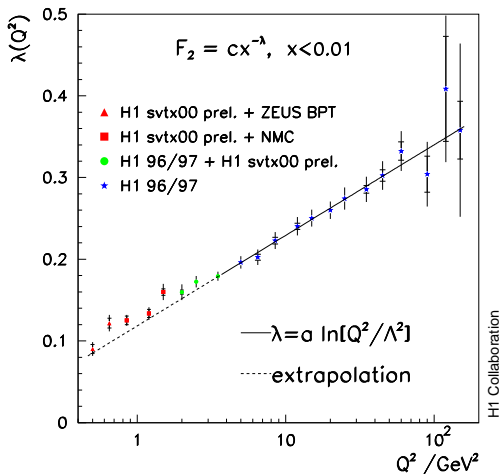


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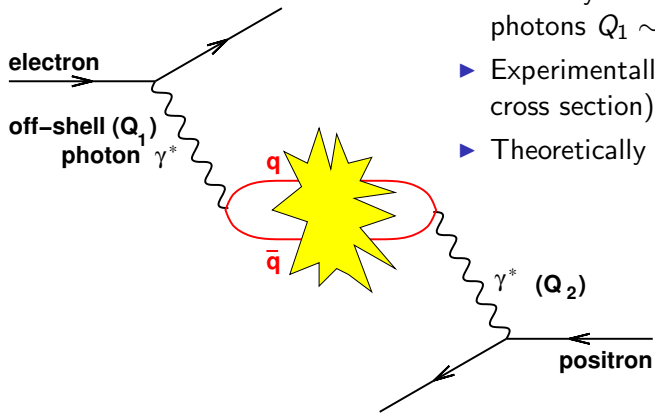


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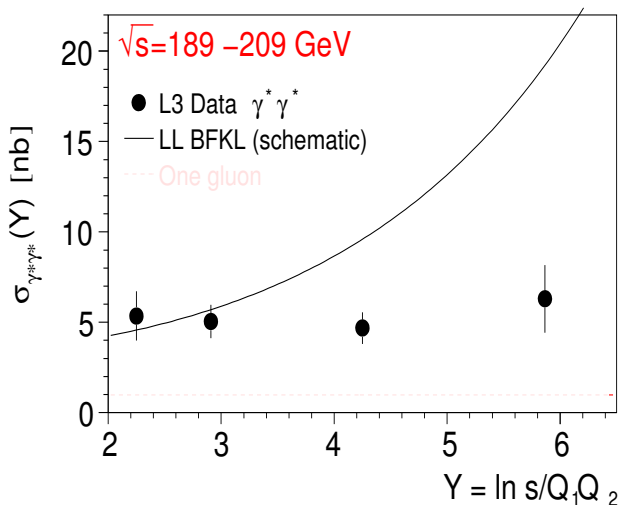
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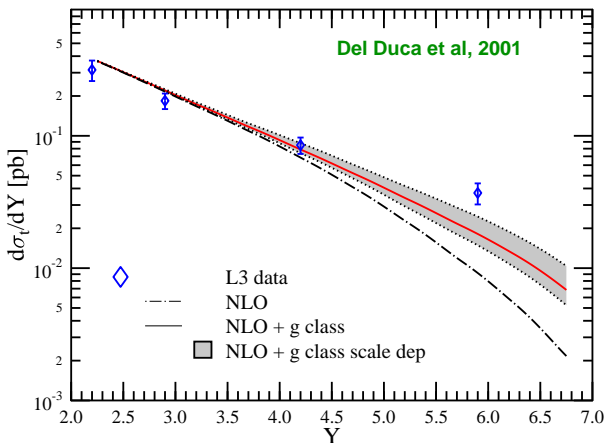
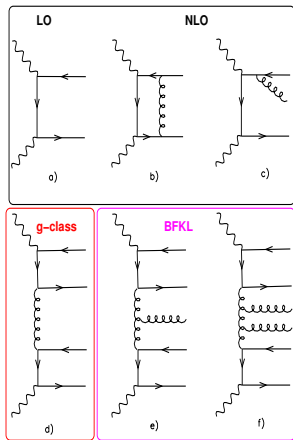


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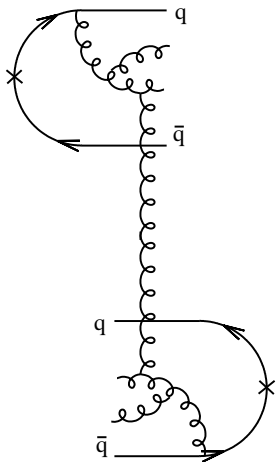
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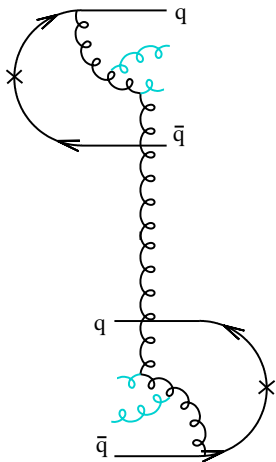
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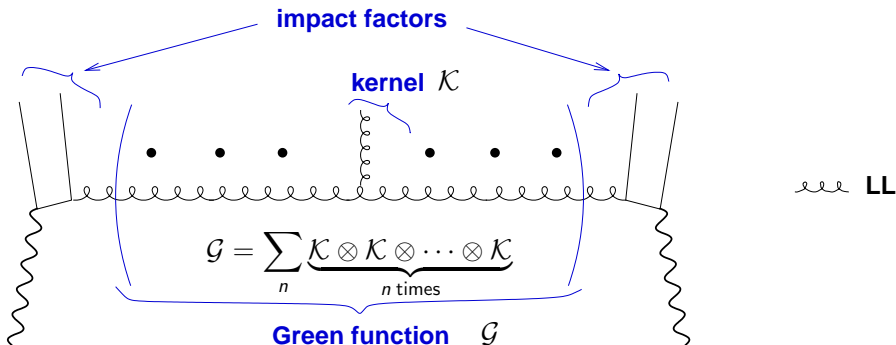
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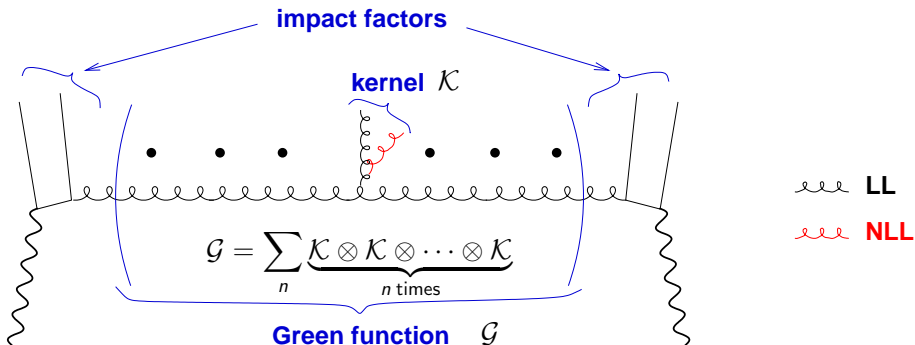
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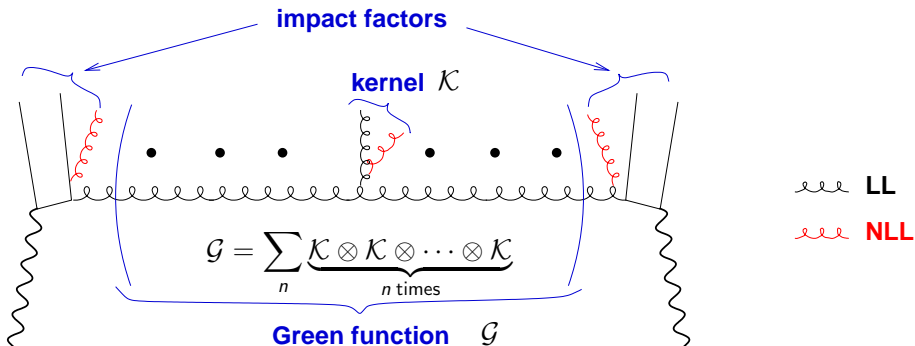
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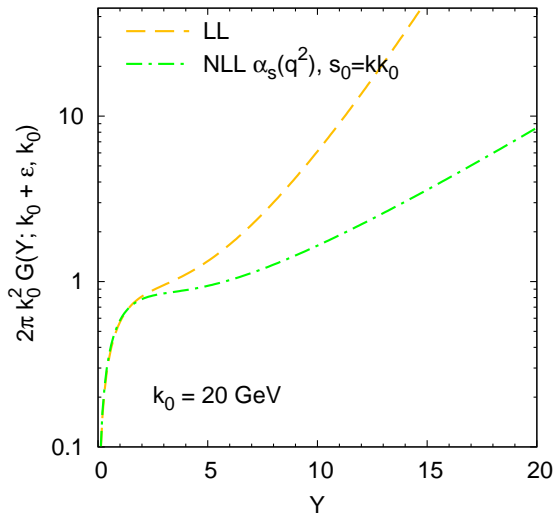
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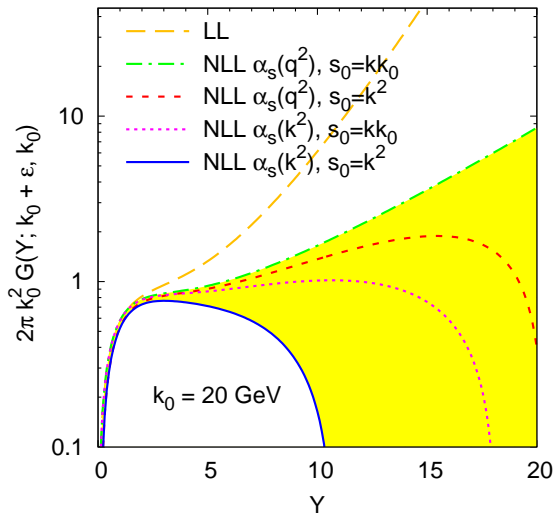
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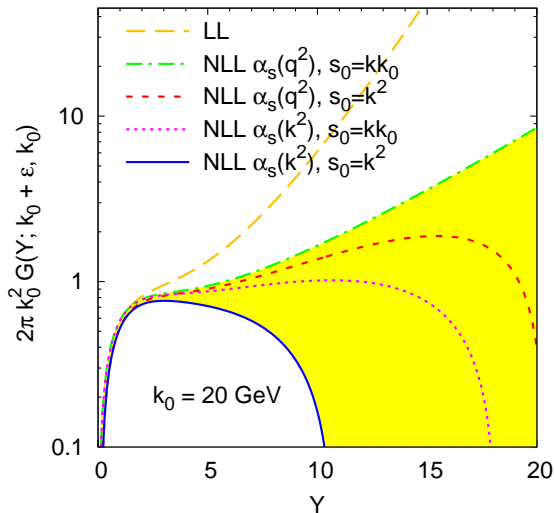
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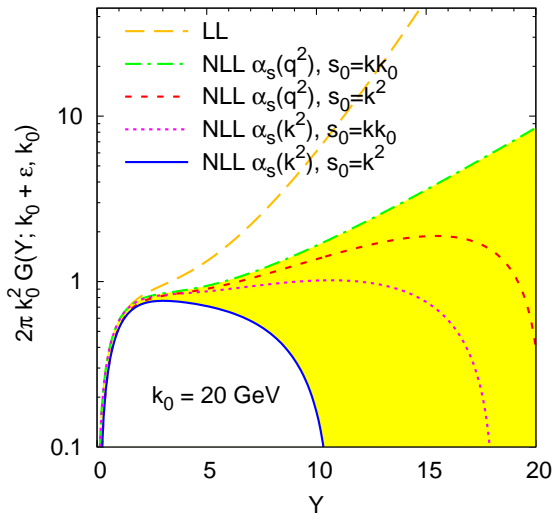
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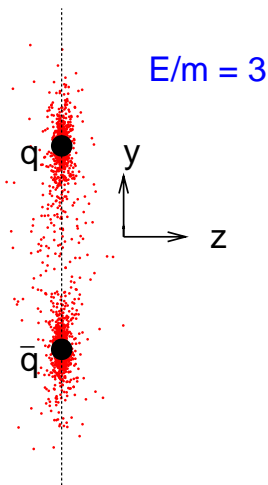
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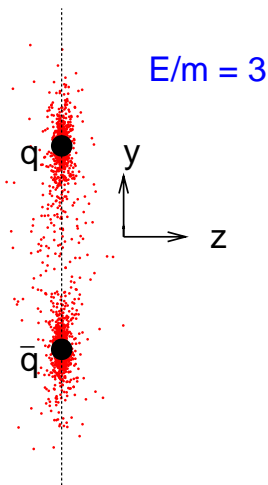
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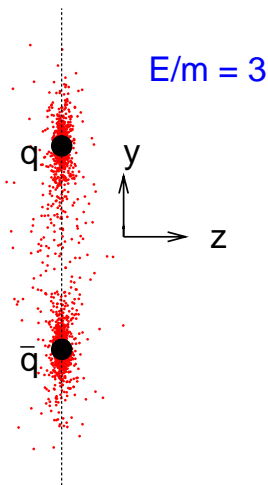
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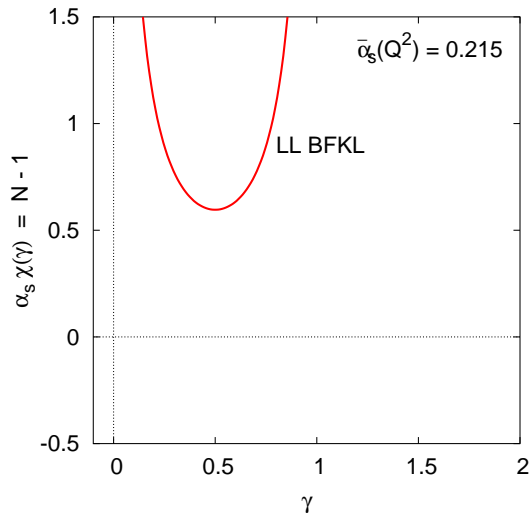
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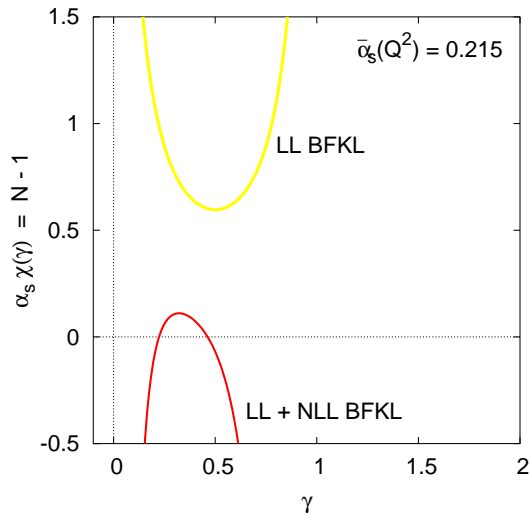
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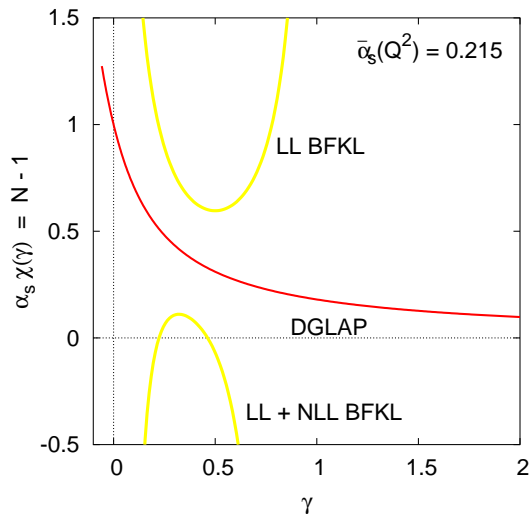
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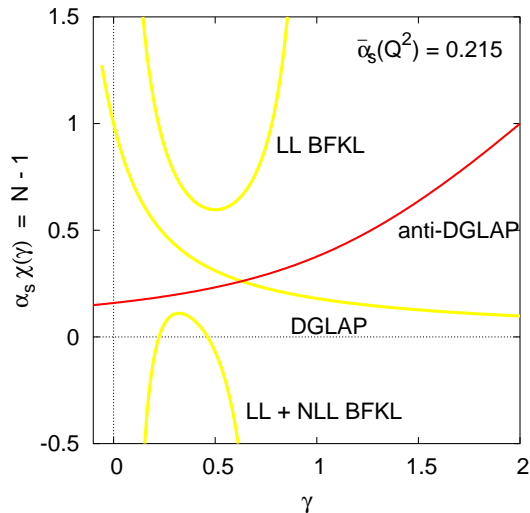
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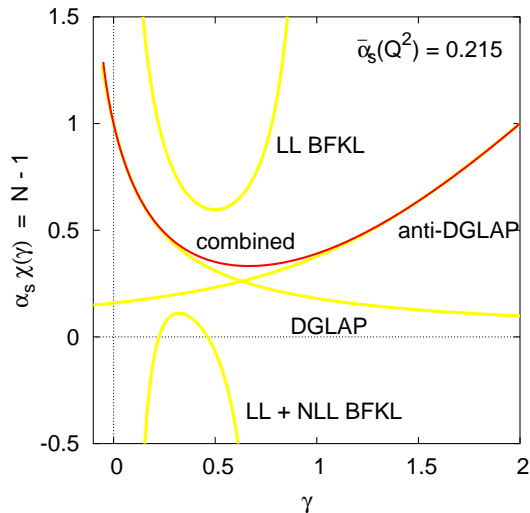
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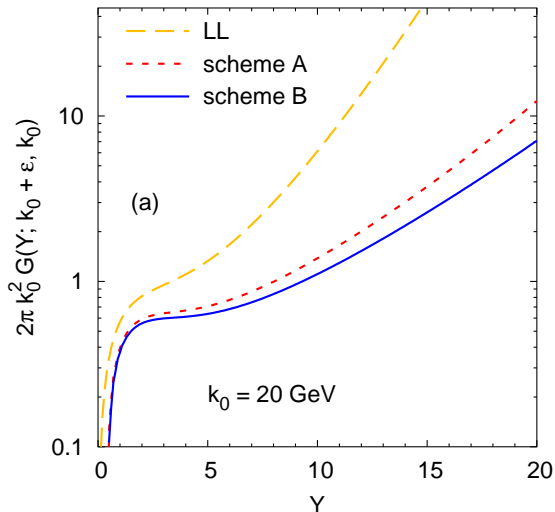
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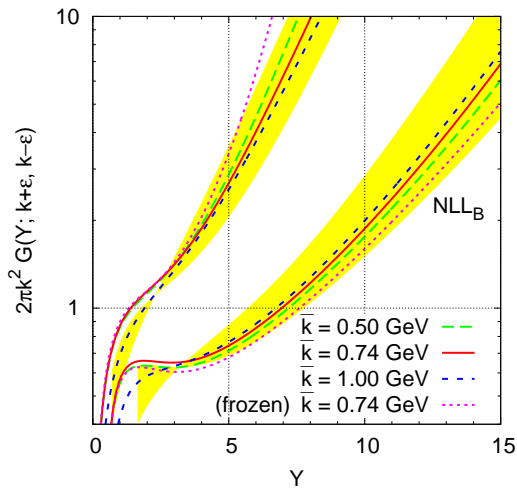


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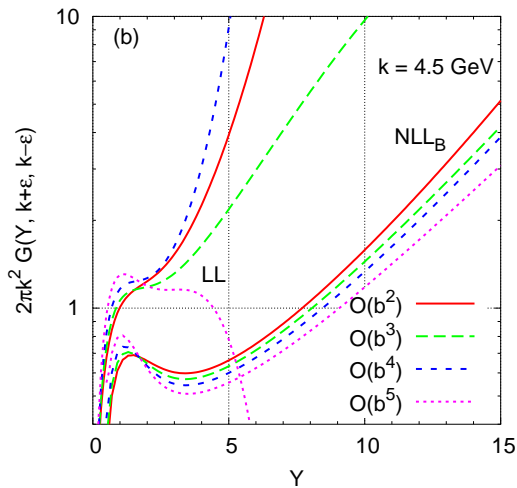
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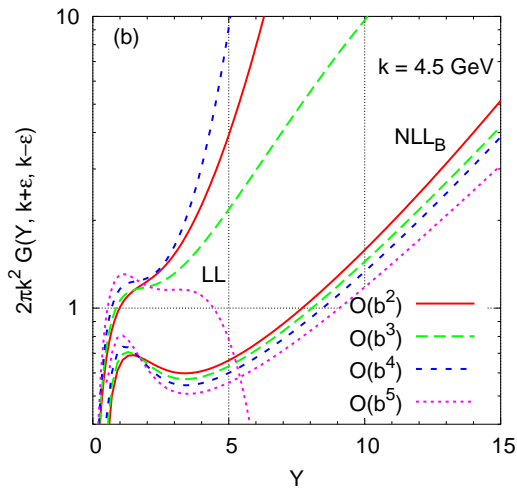
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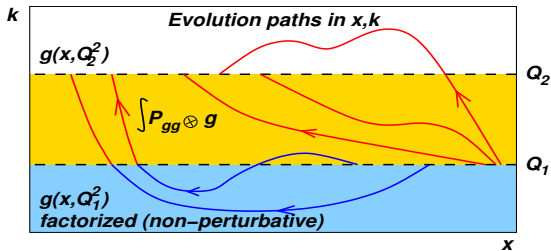
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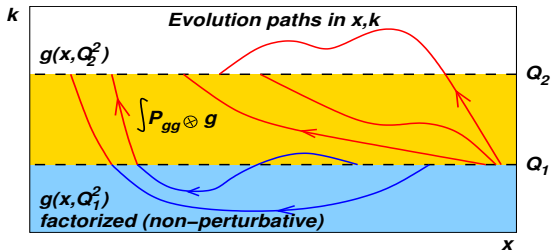
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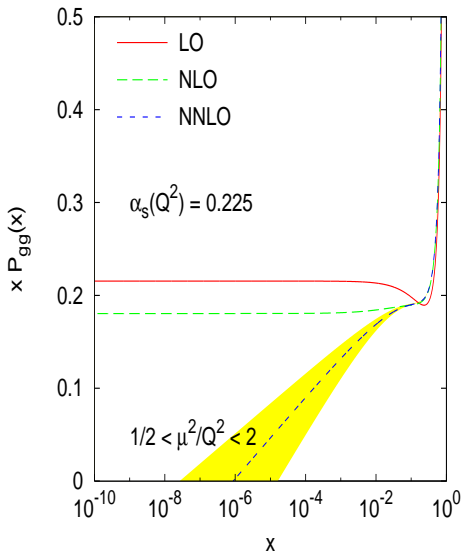
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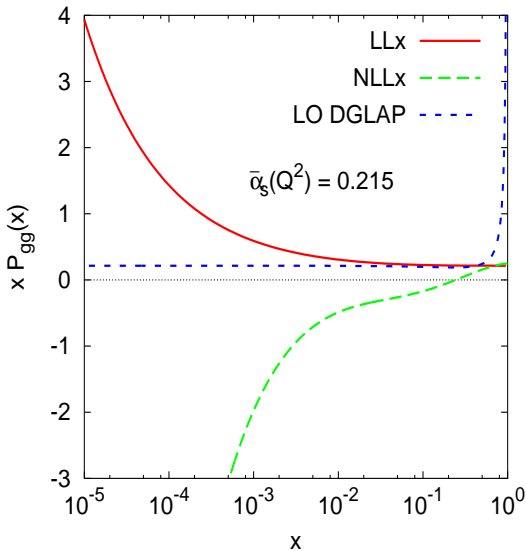
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Incompatible with data.
Ball & Forte '95
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No one's even tried fitting the data!

[NB: Taking NLLx terms of P_{gg} is almost the worst possible expansion]



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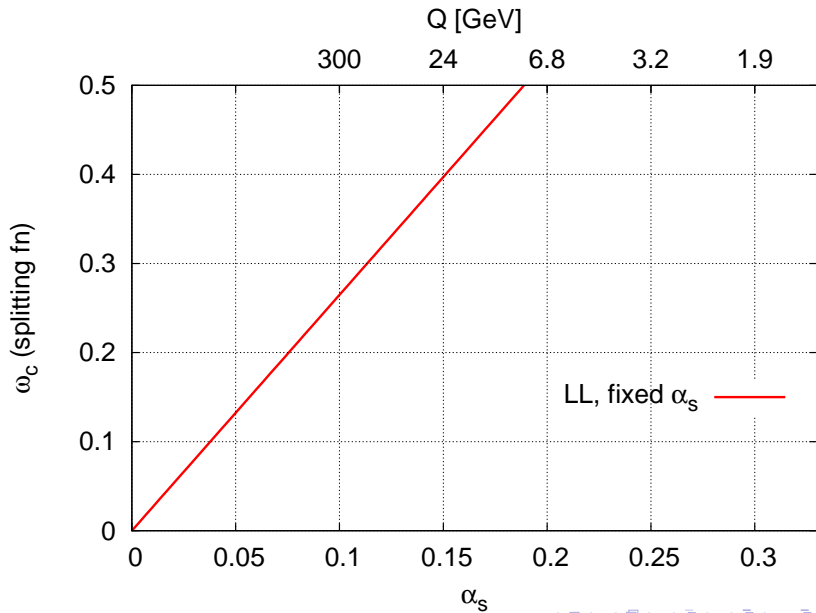
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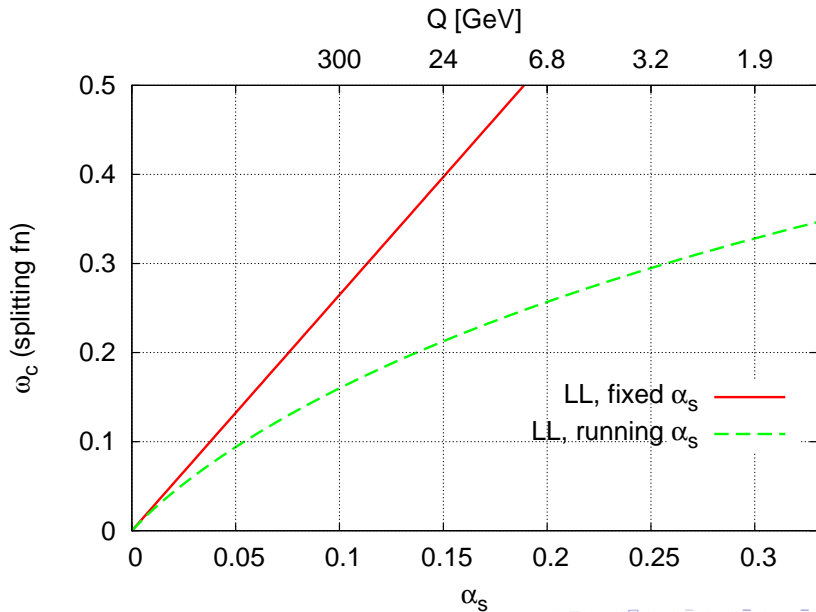
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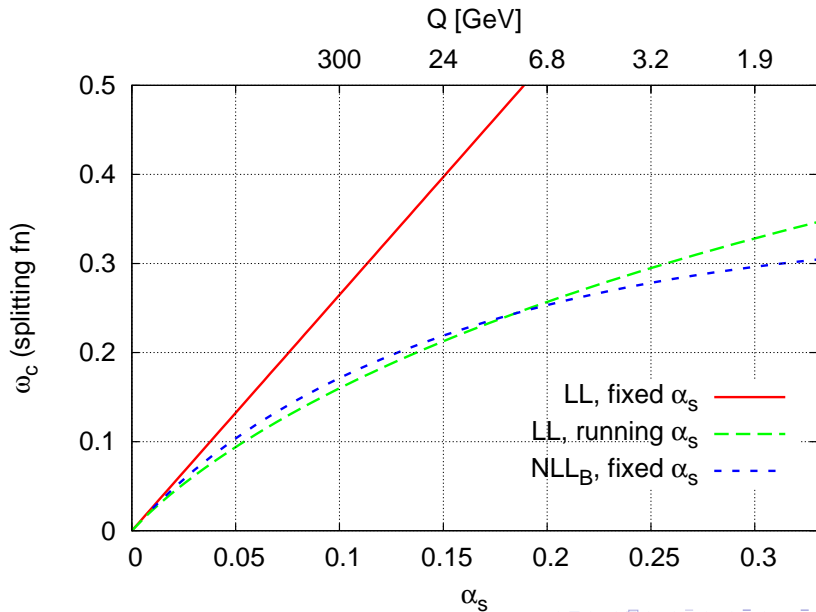
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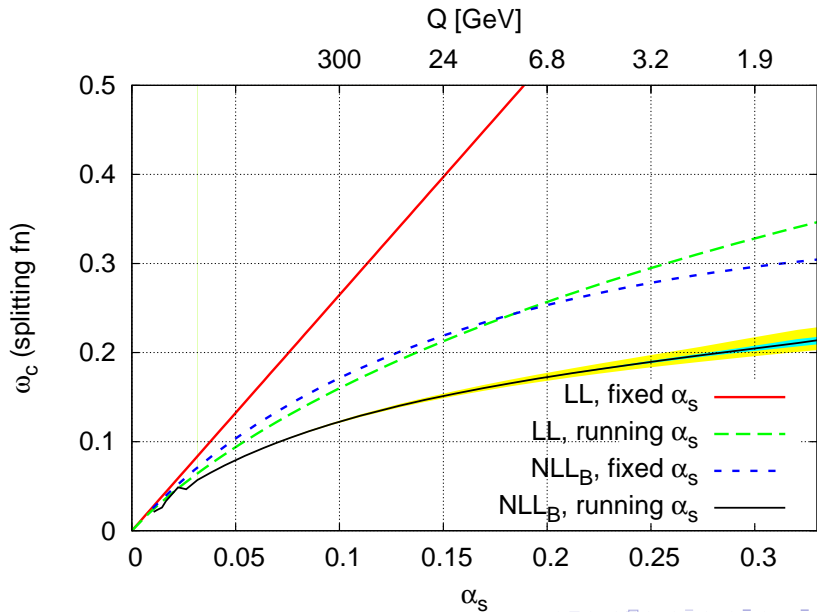
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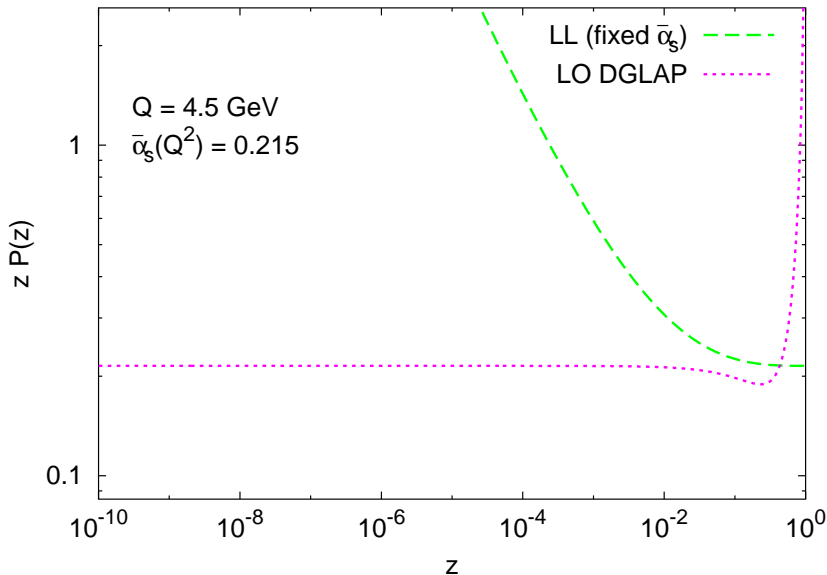
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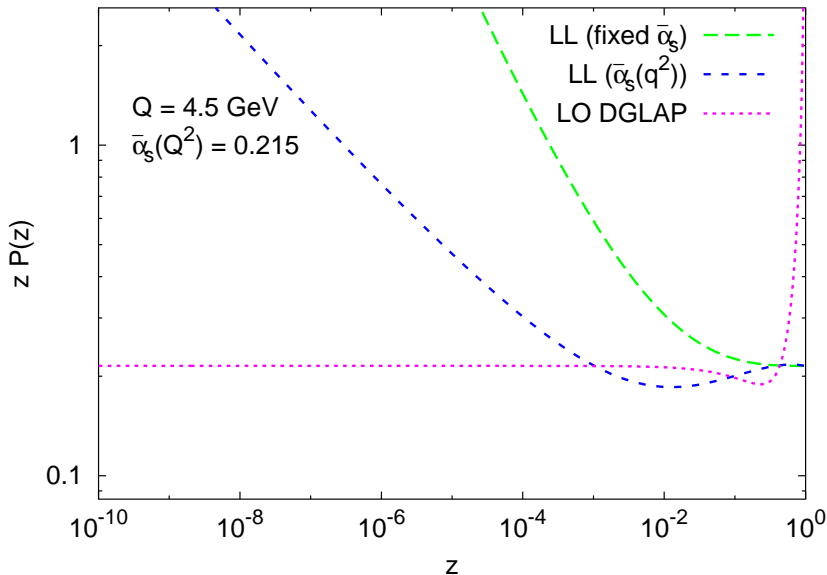


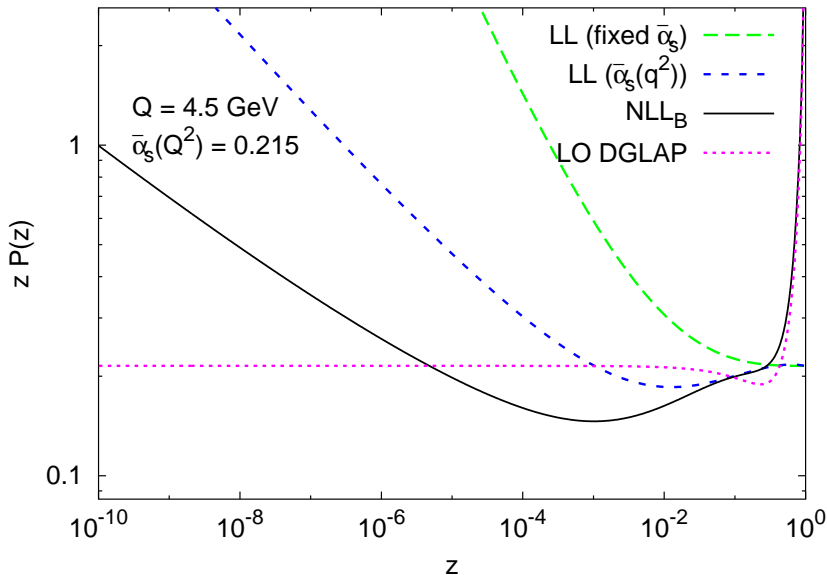
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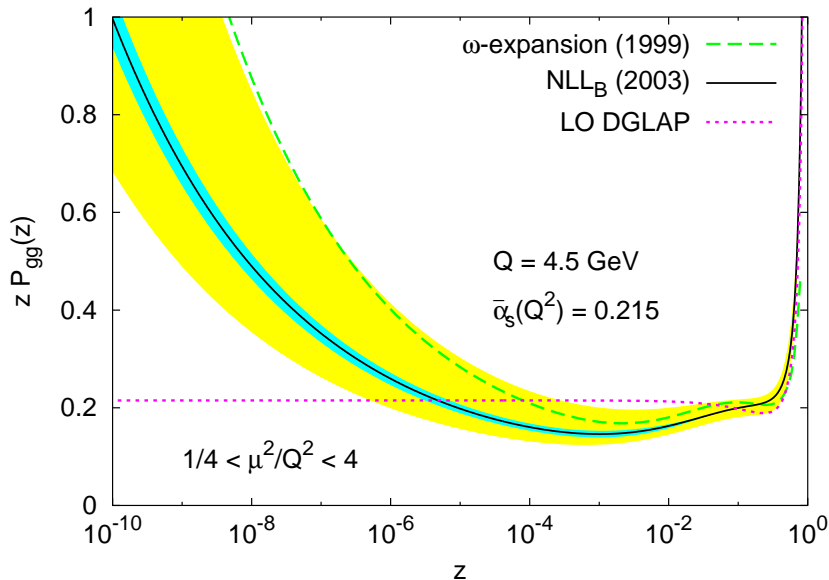












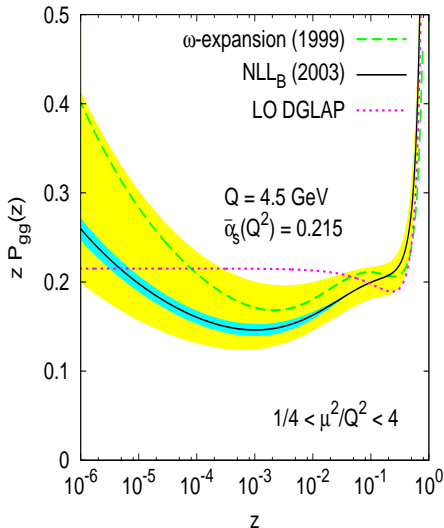
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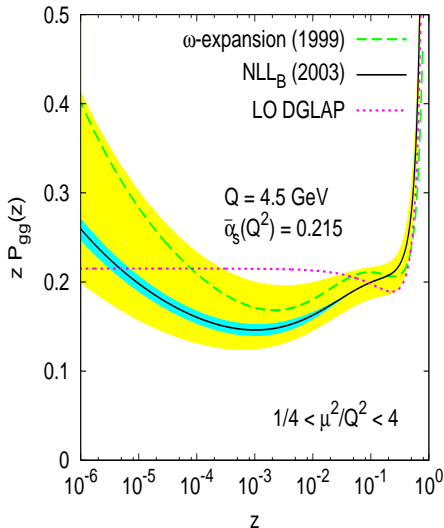
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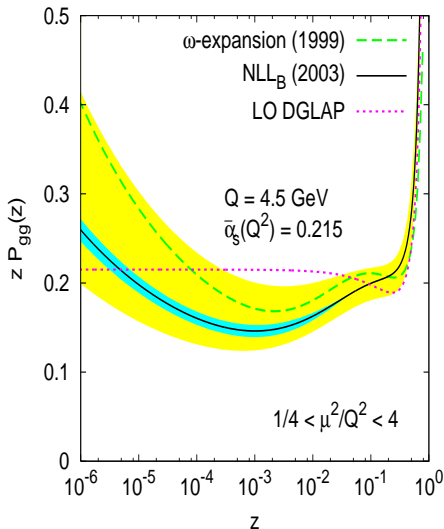
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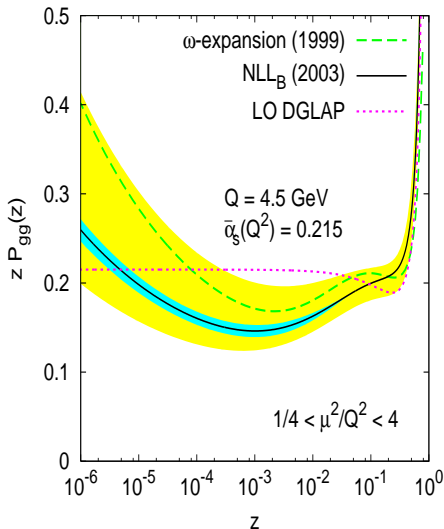
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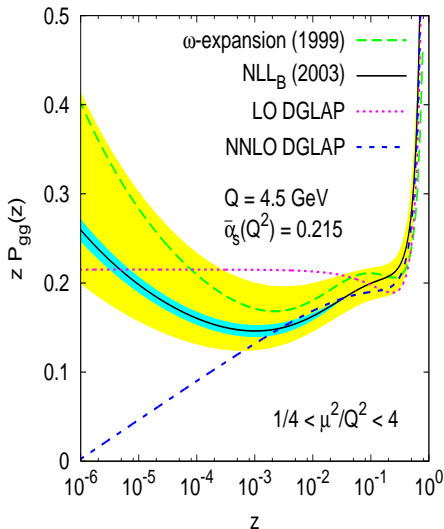
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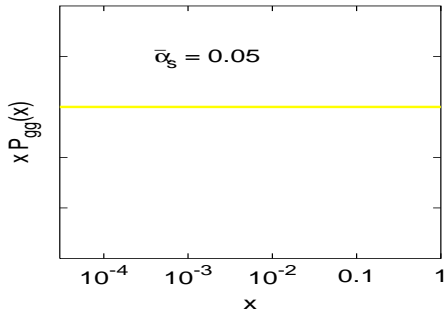


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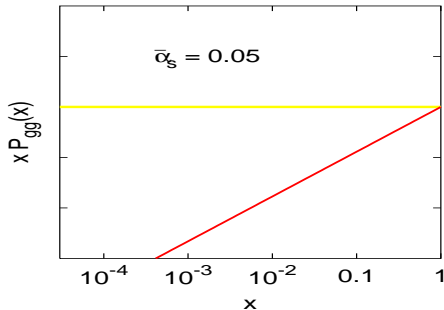
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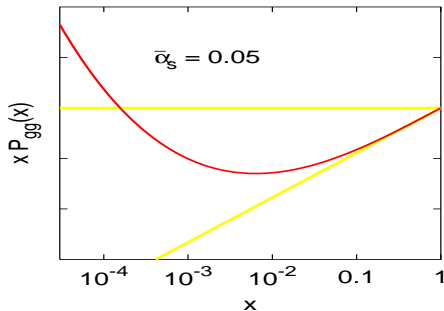
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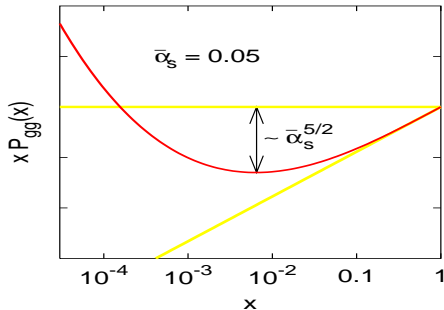
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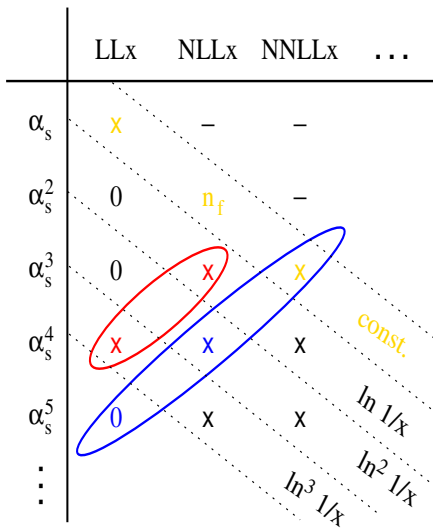
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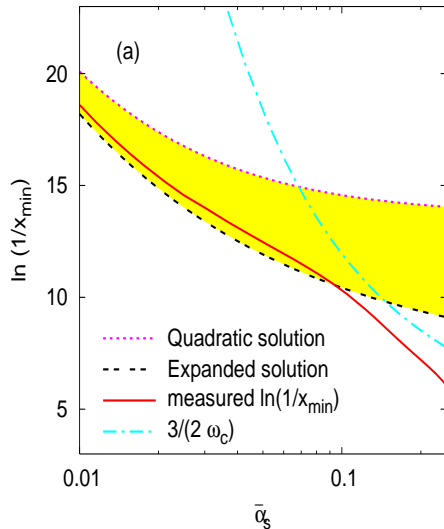
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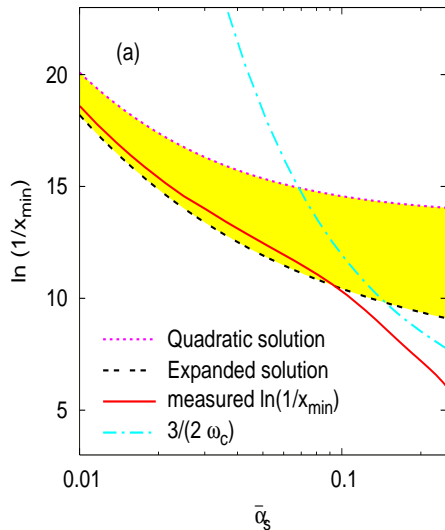
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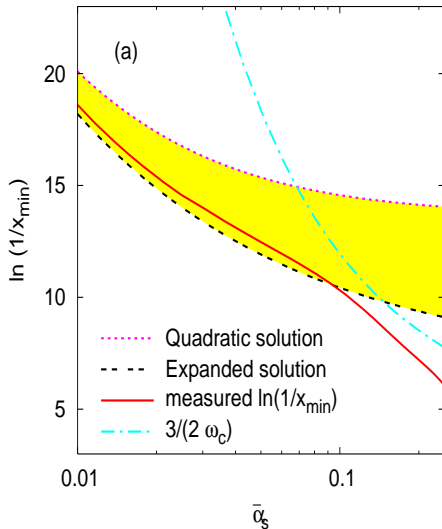
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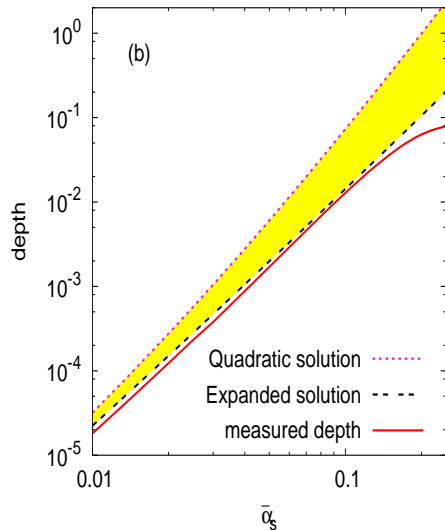
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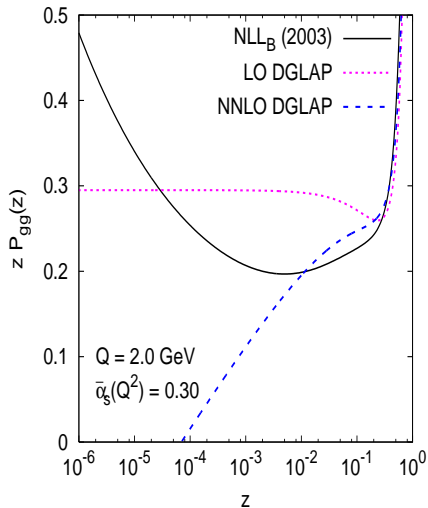
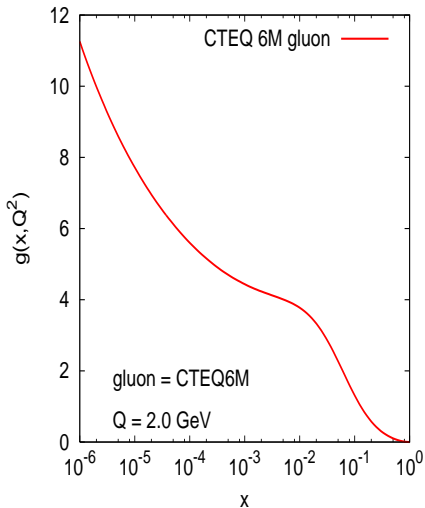
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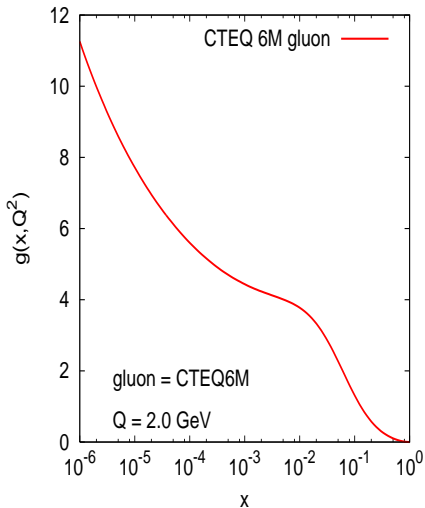
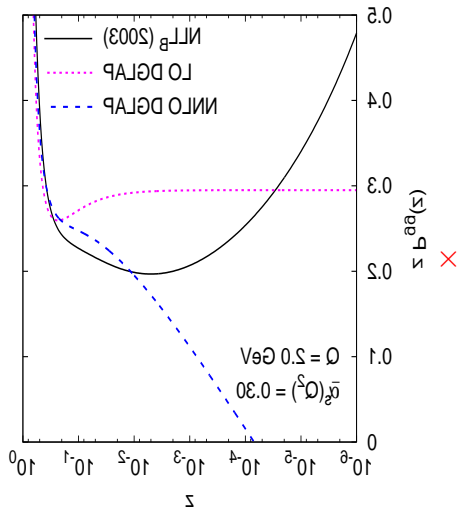
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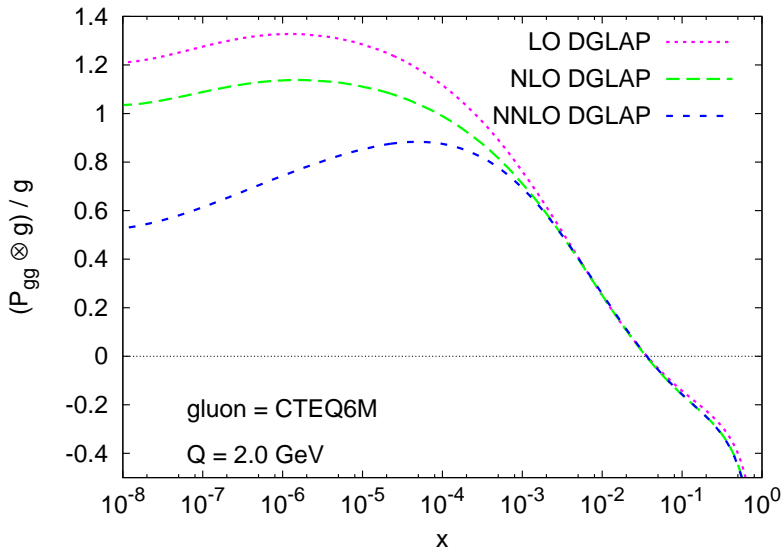
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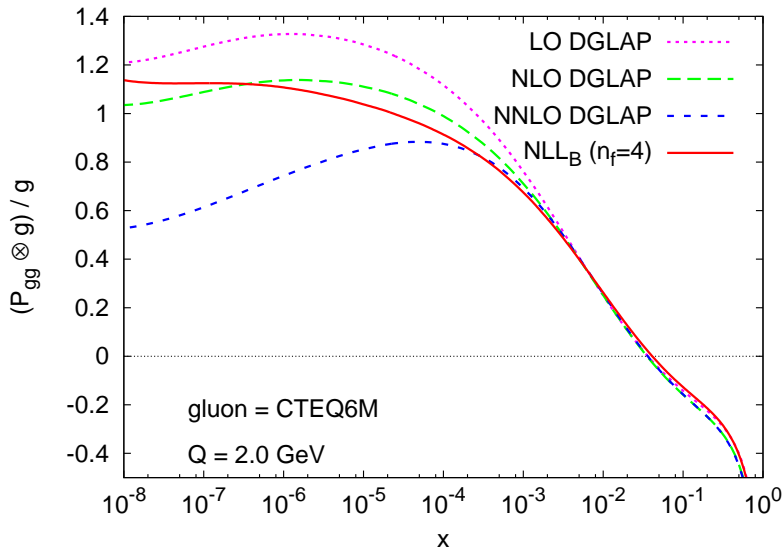
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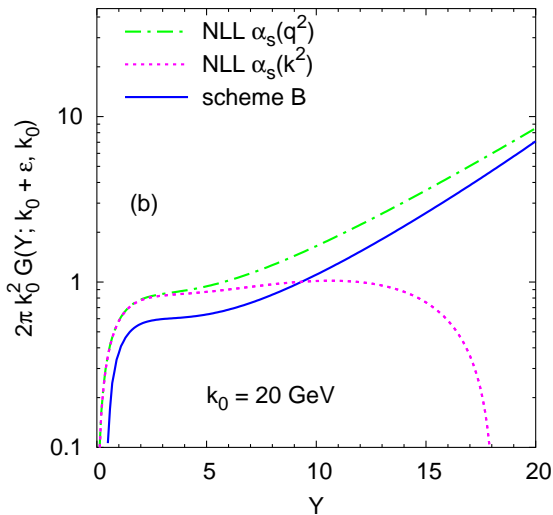
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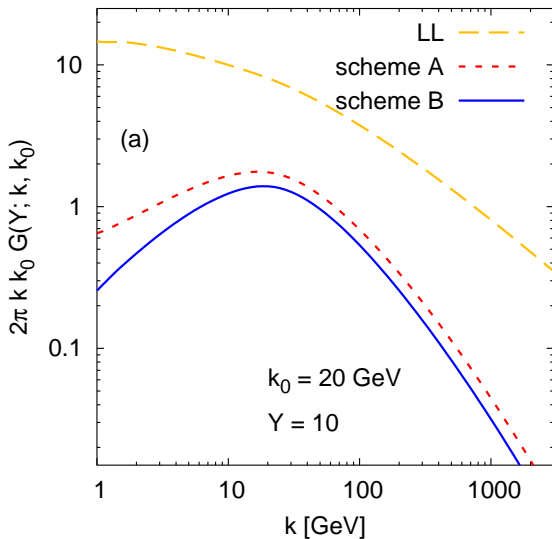
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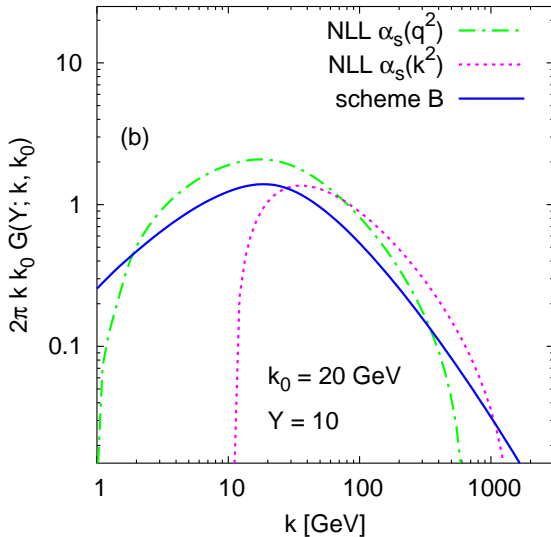
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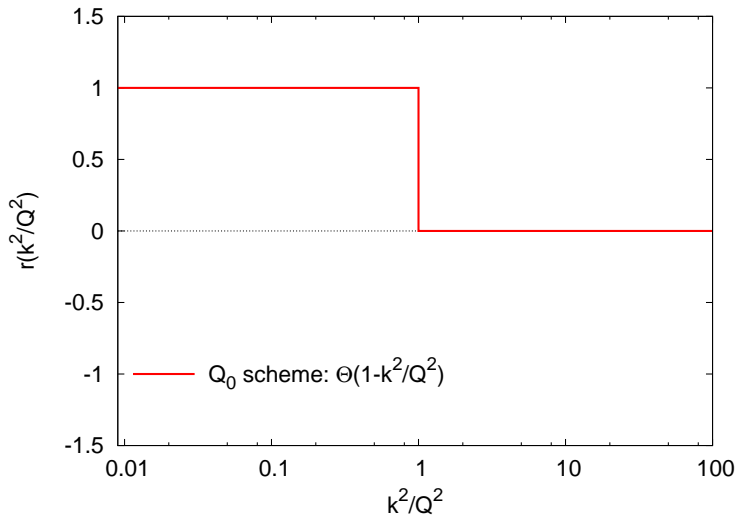
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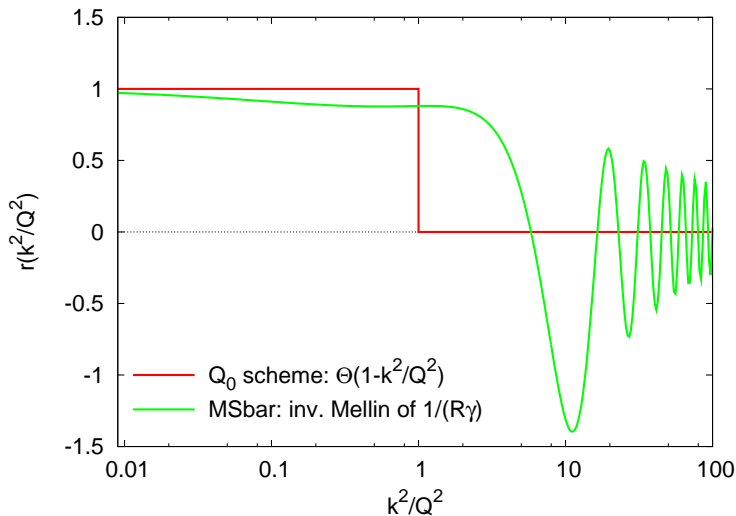
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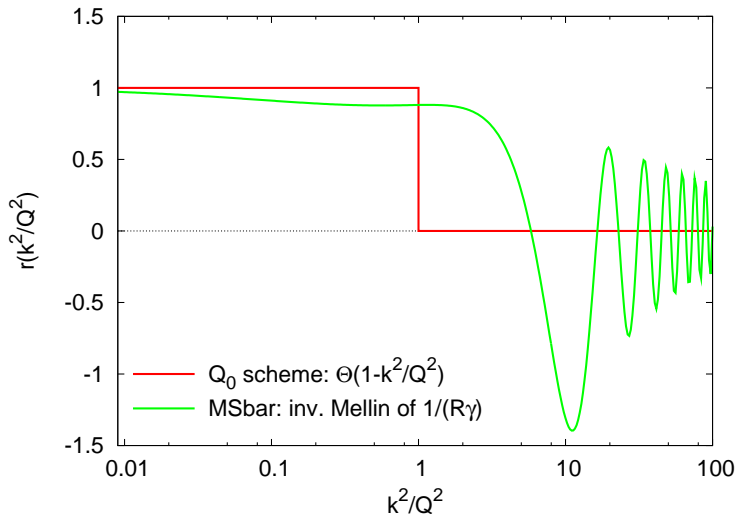
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