Fall and rise of the gluon splitting function (at small x)

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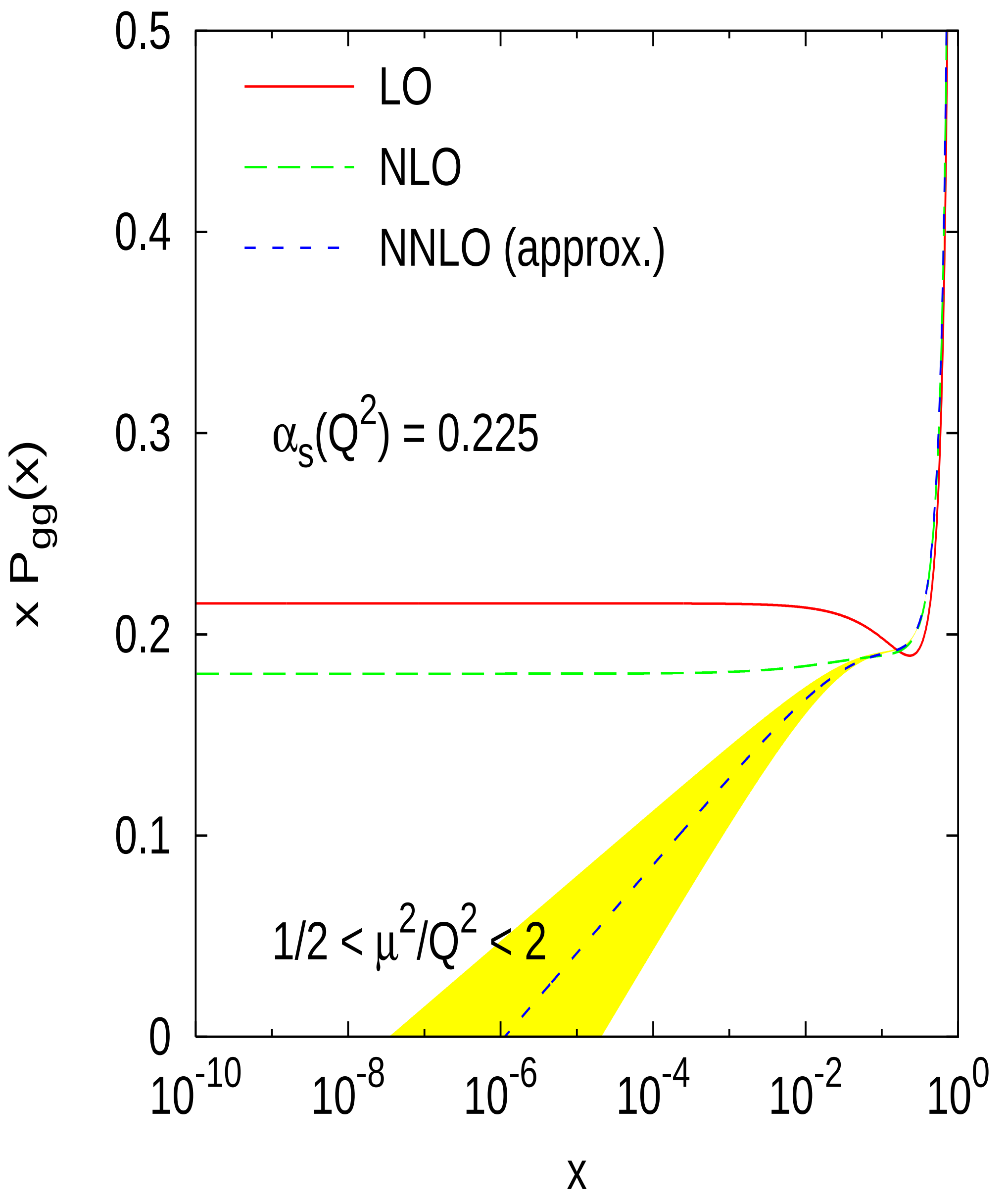
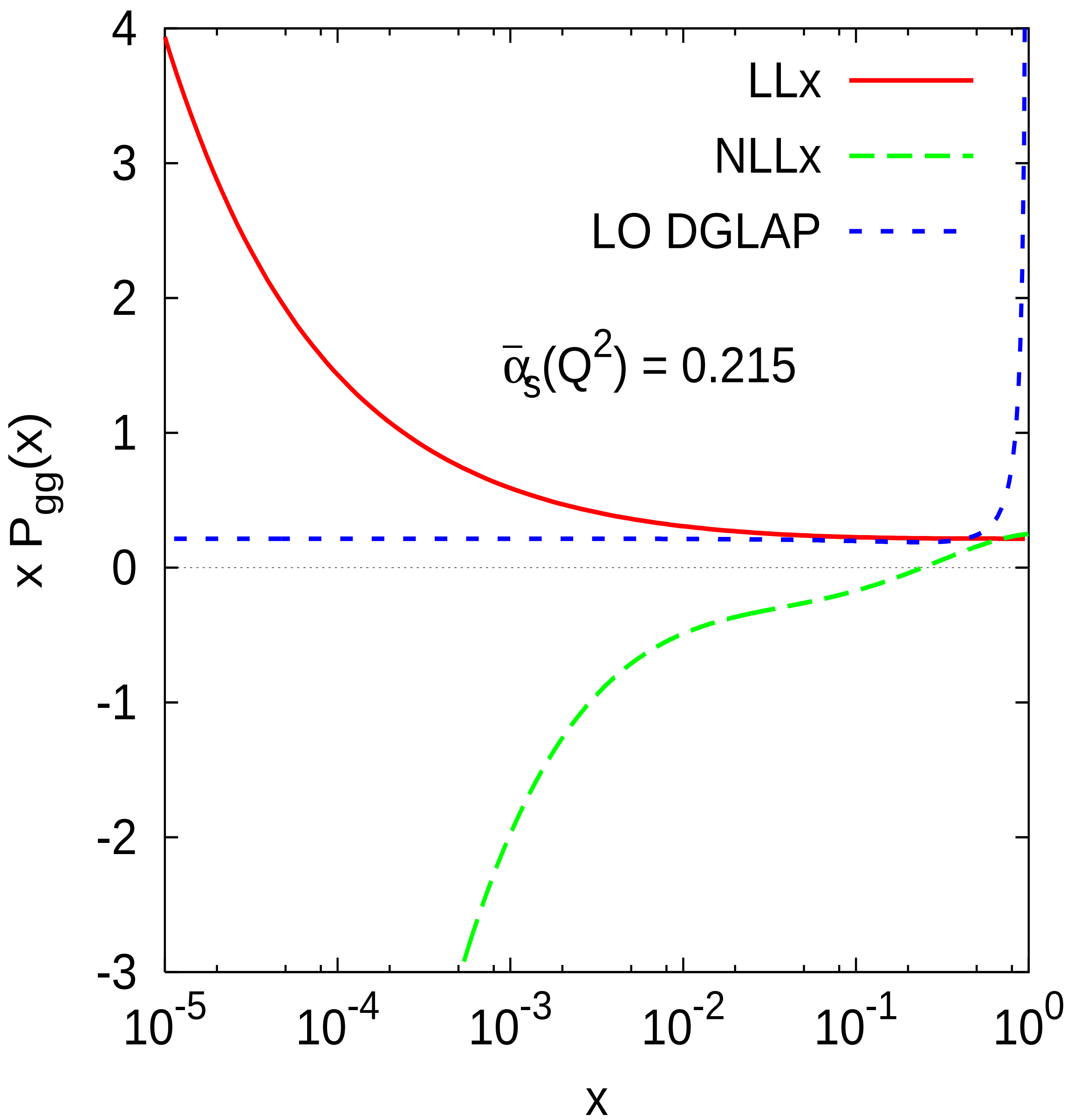


Reminder

- LLx terms rise very fast, $xP_{gg}(x) \sim x^{-0.5}$. Incompatible with data.
  Ball & Forte ’95

- NLLx terms go negative very fast.
  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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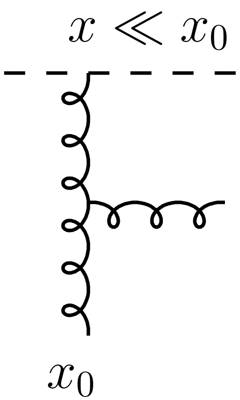

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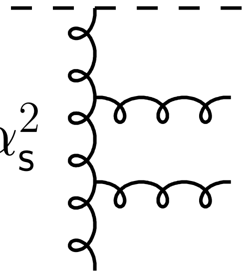
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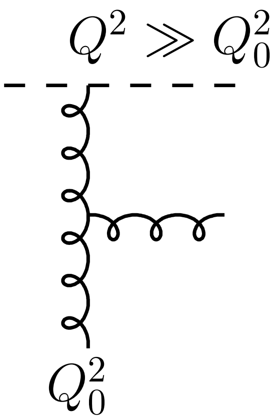

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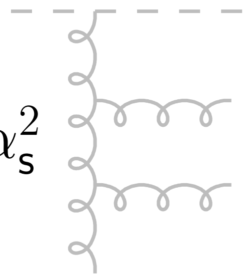
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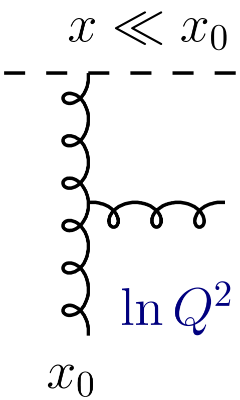

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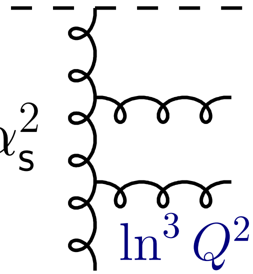

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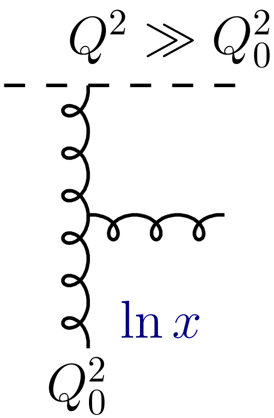

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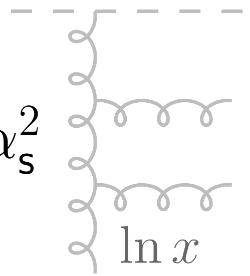

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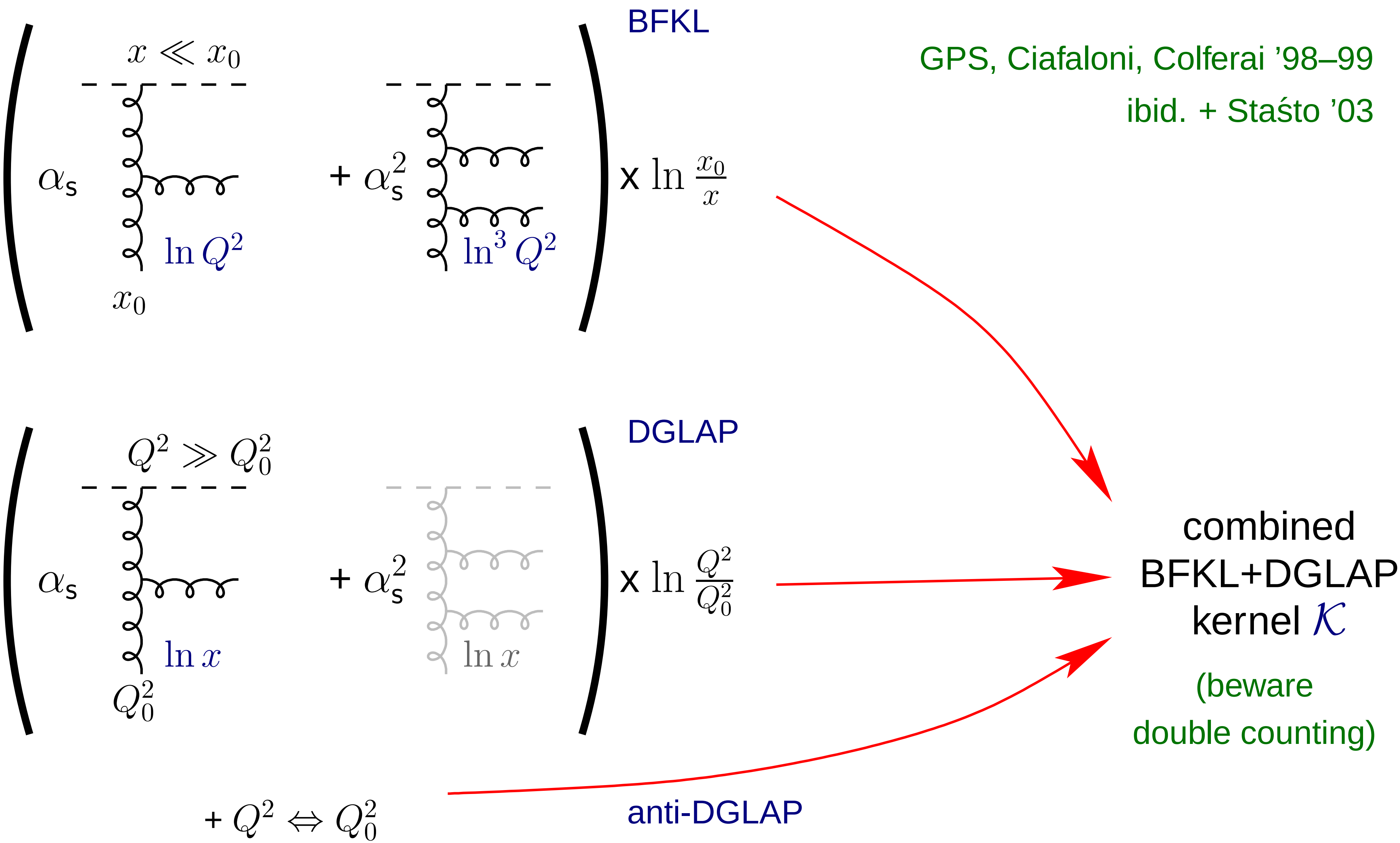

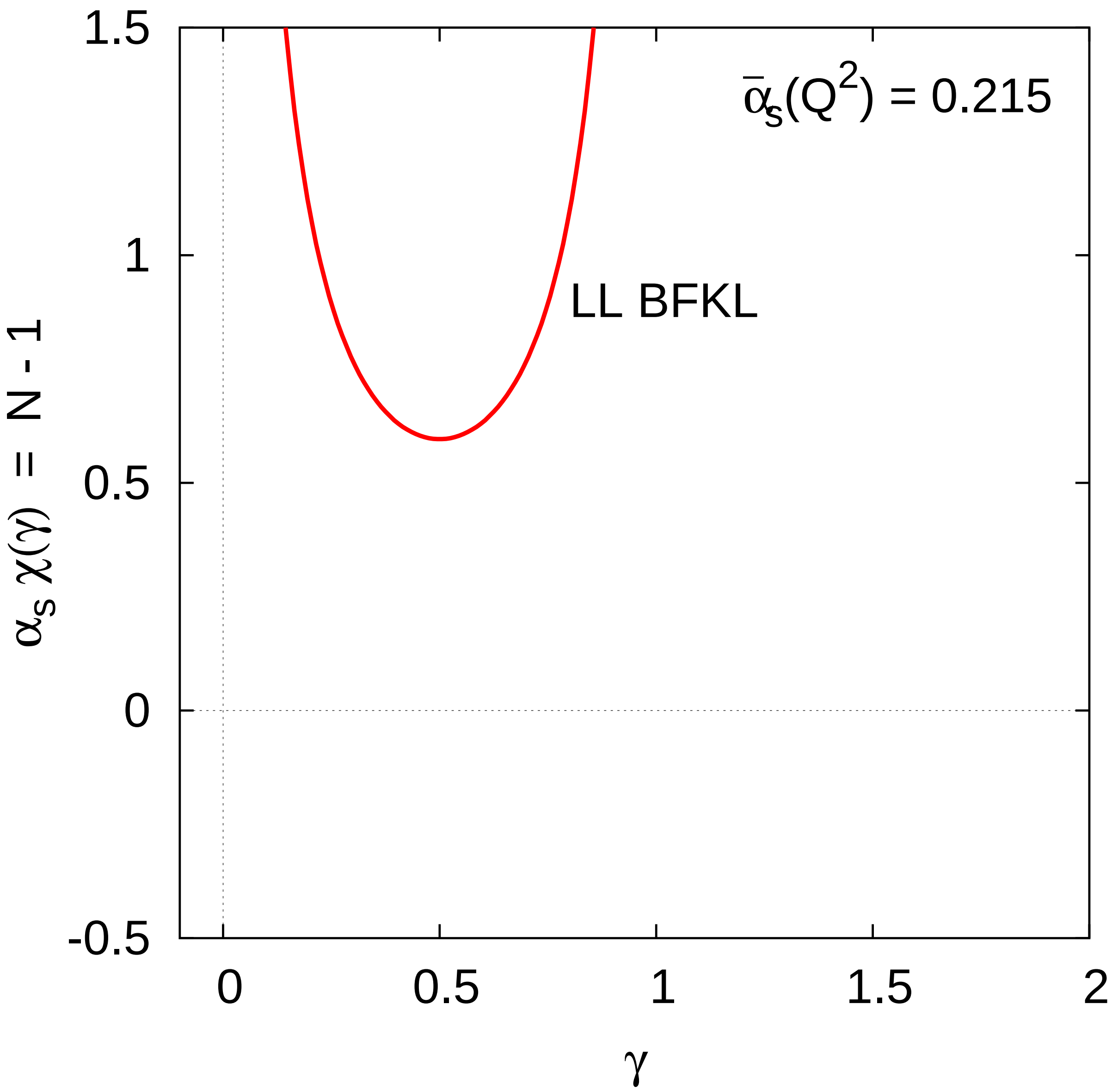

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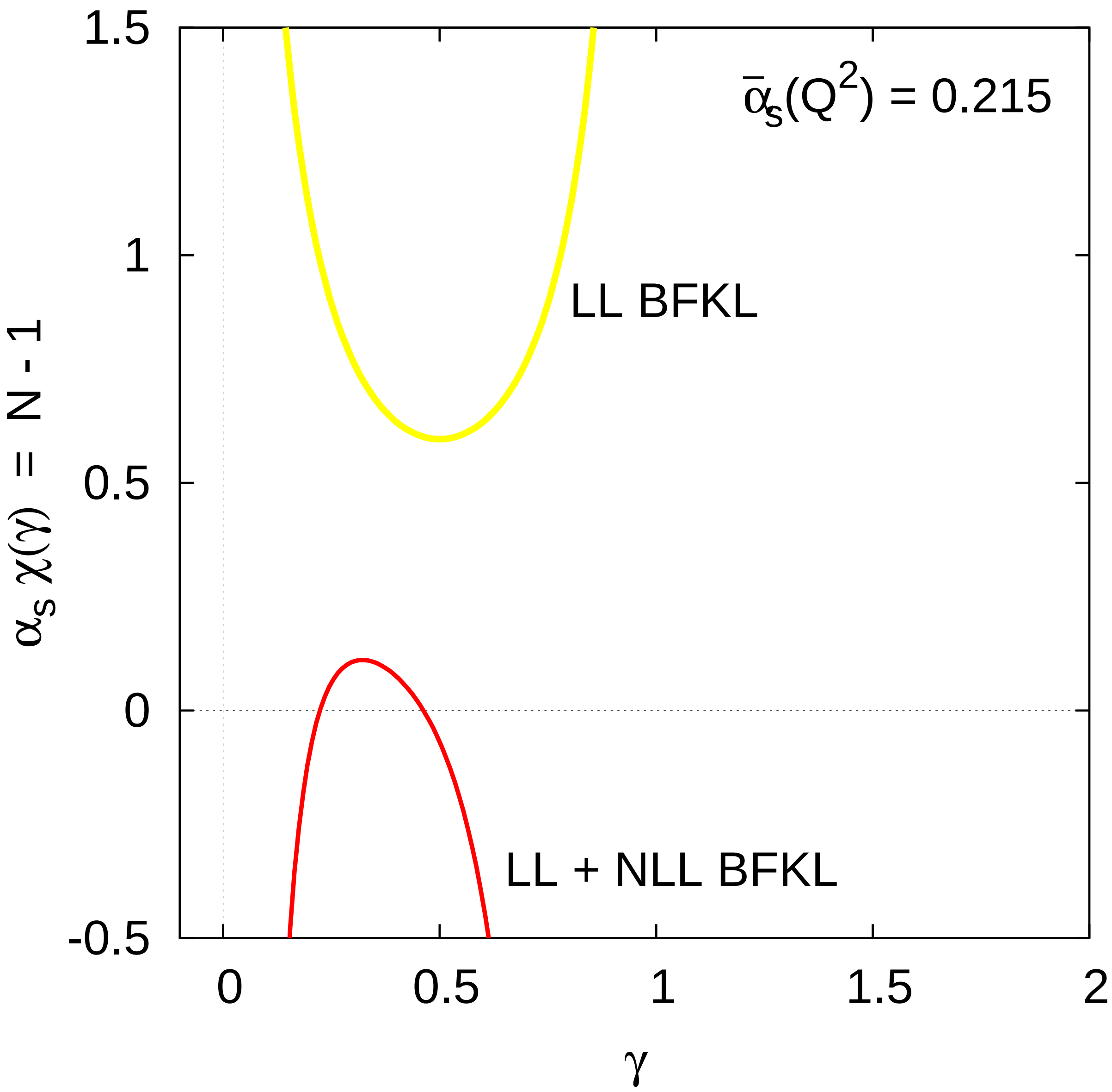

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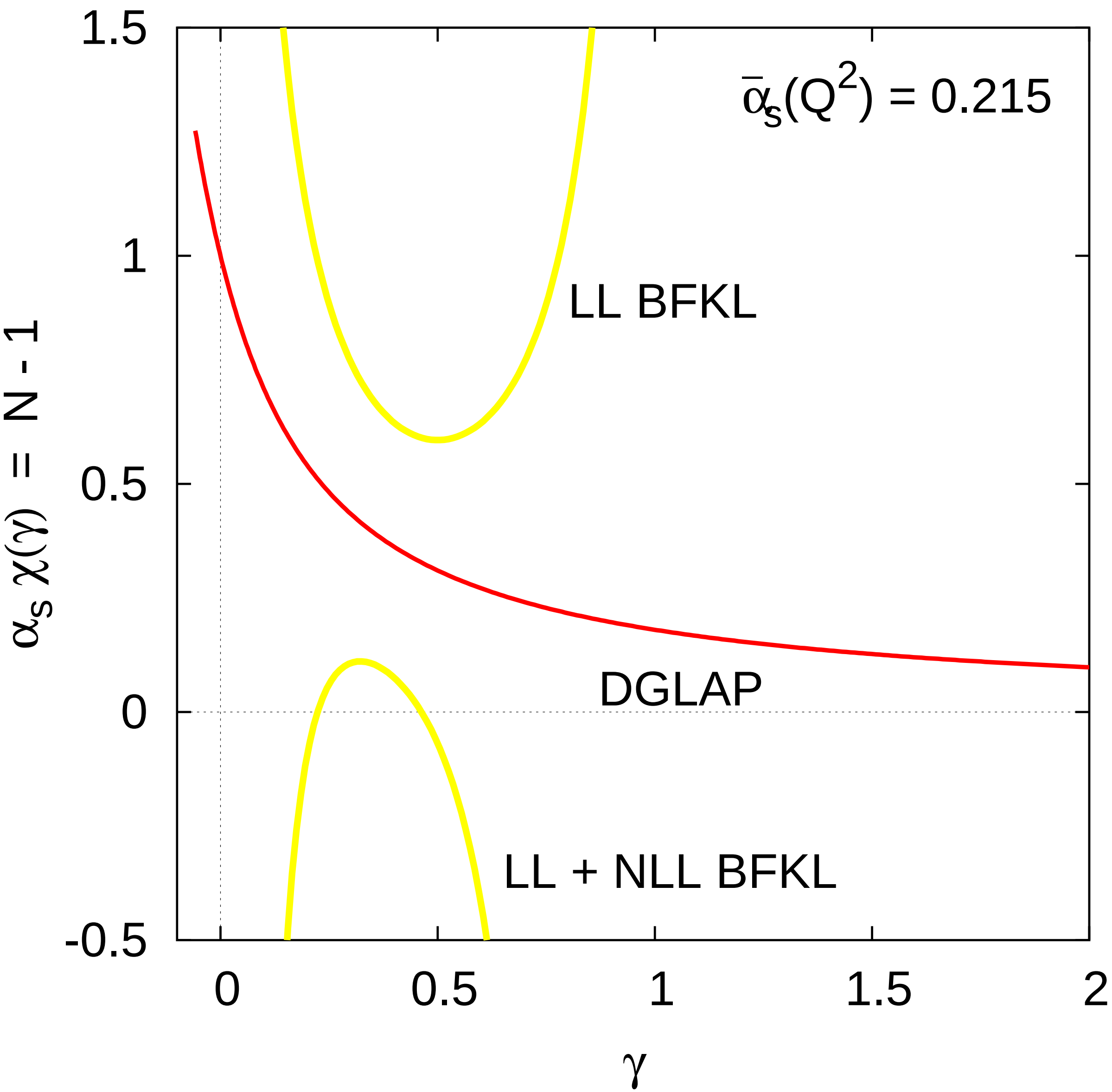

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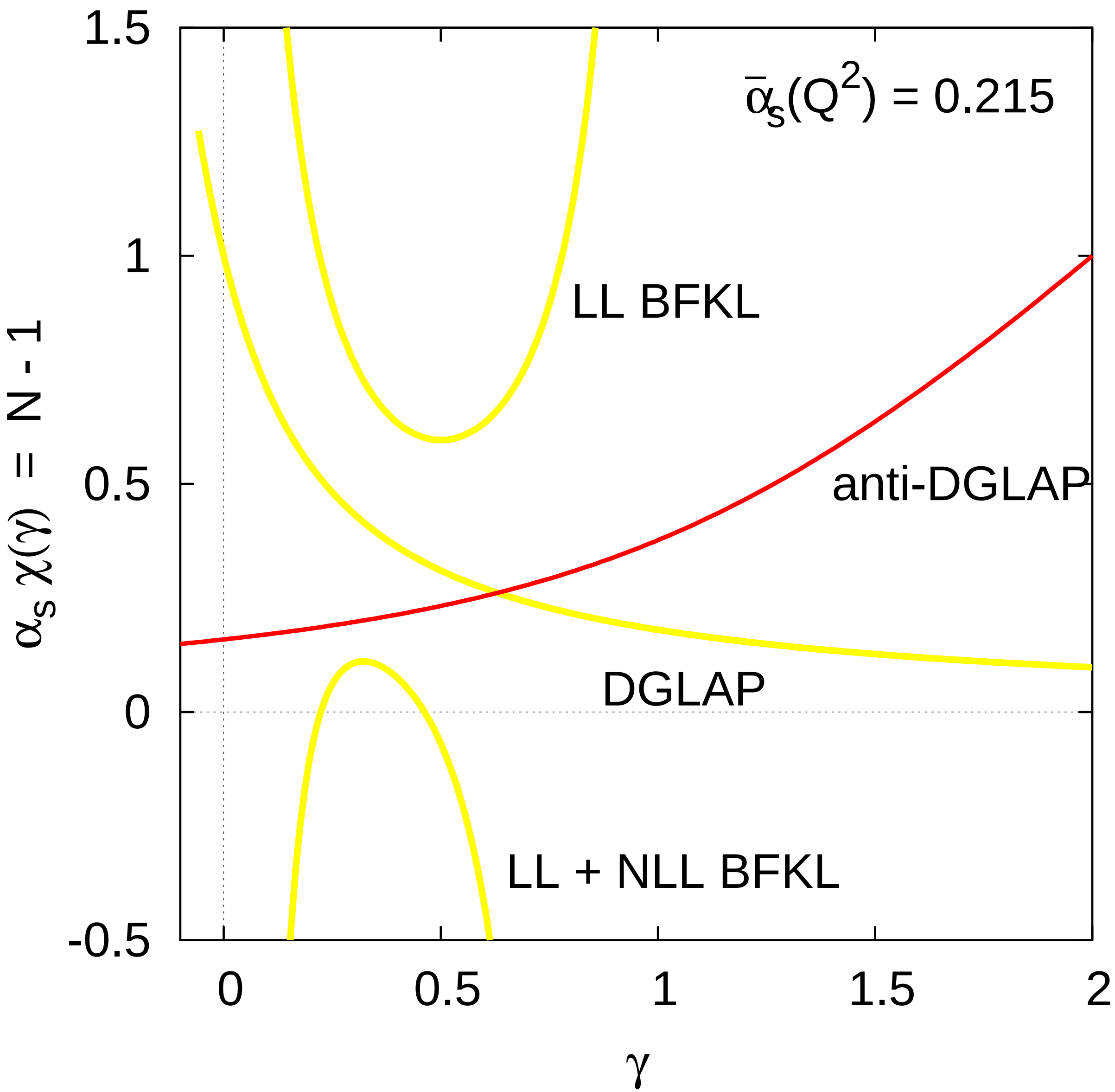

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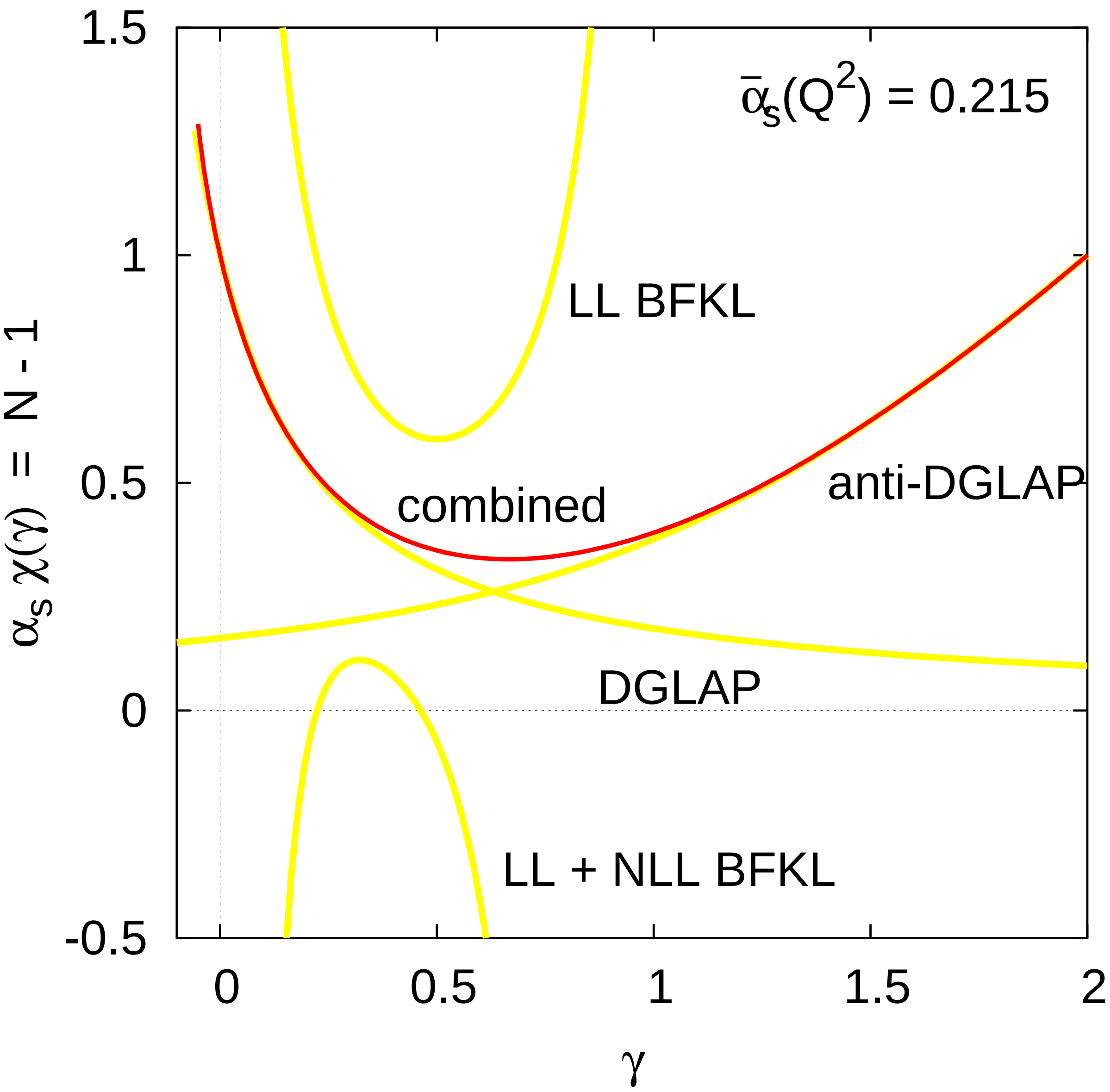

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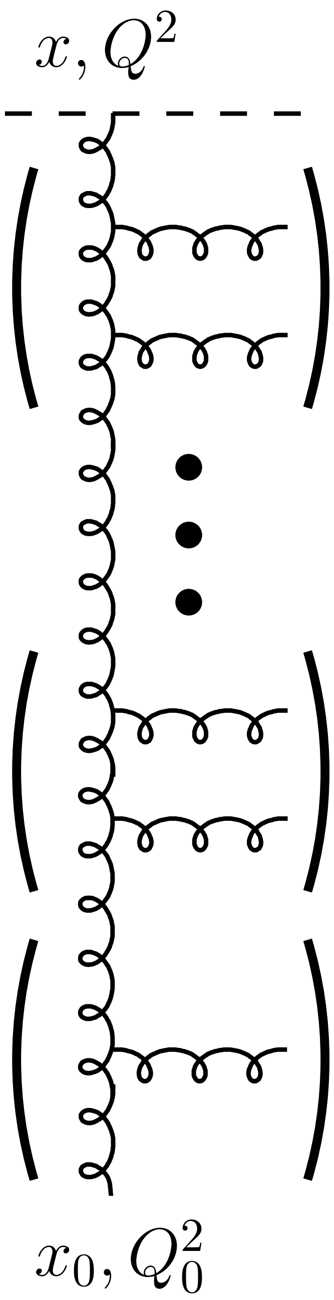

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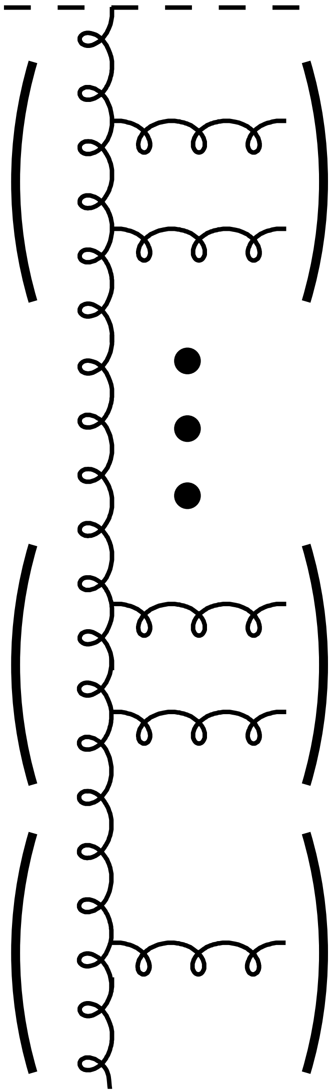

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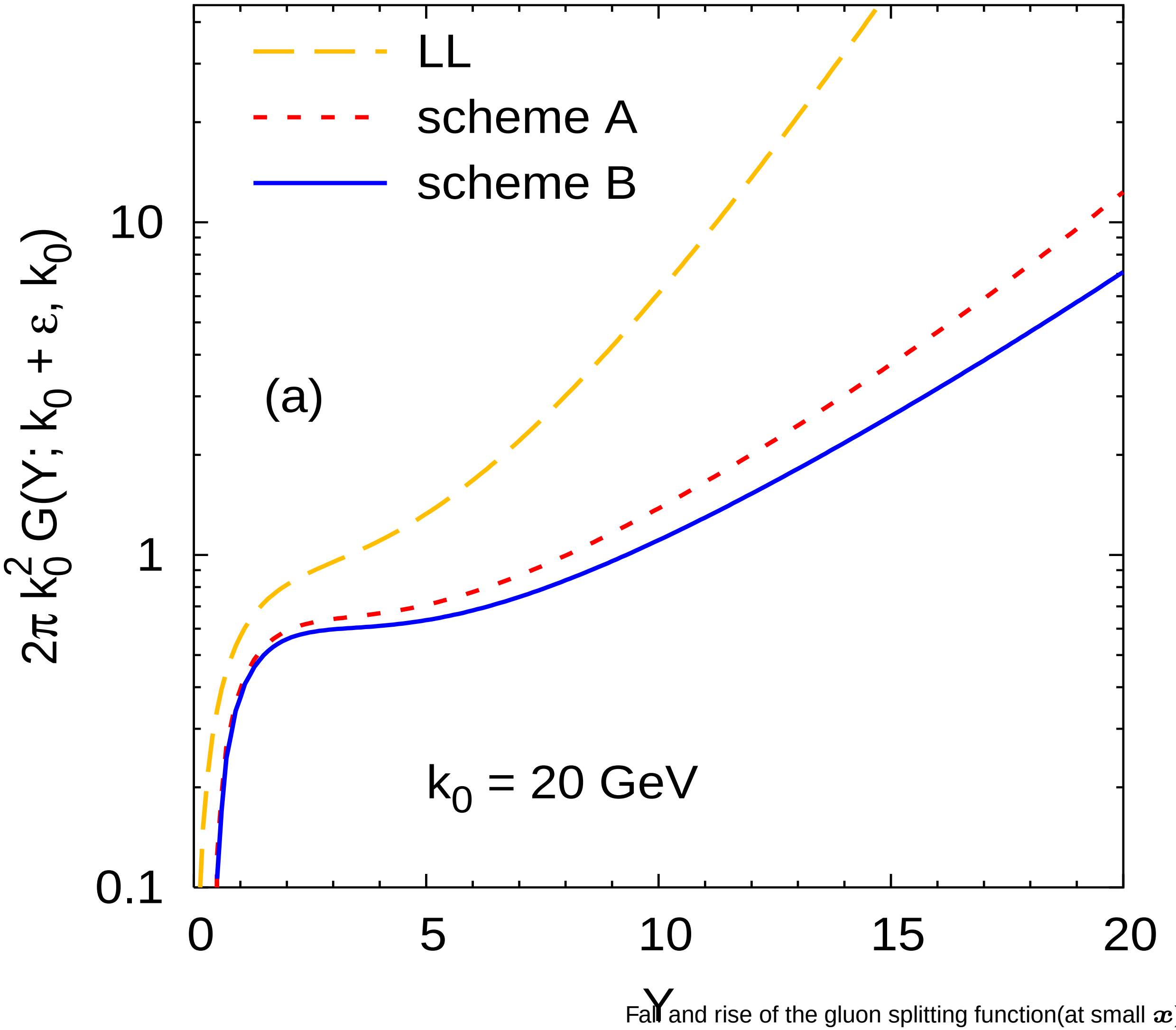

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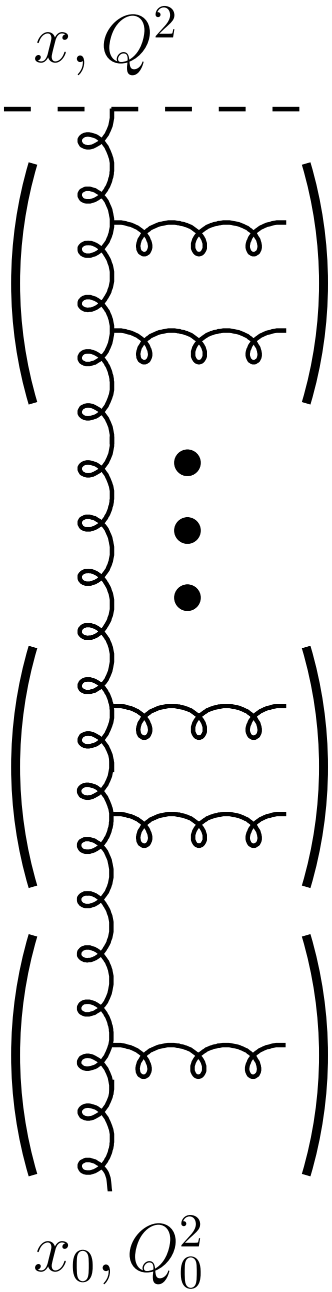

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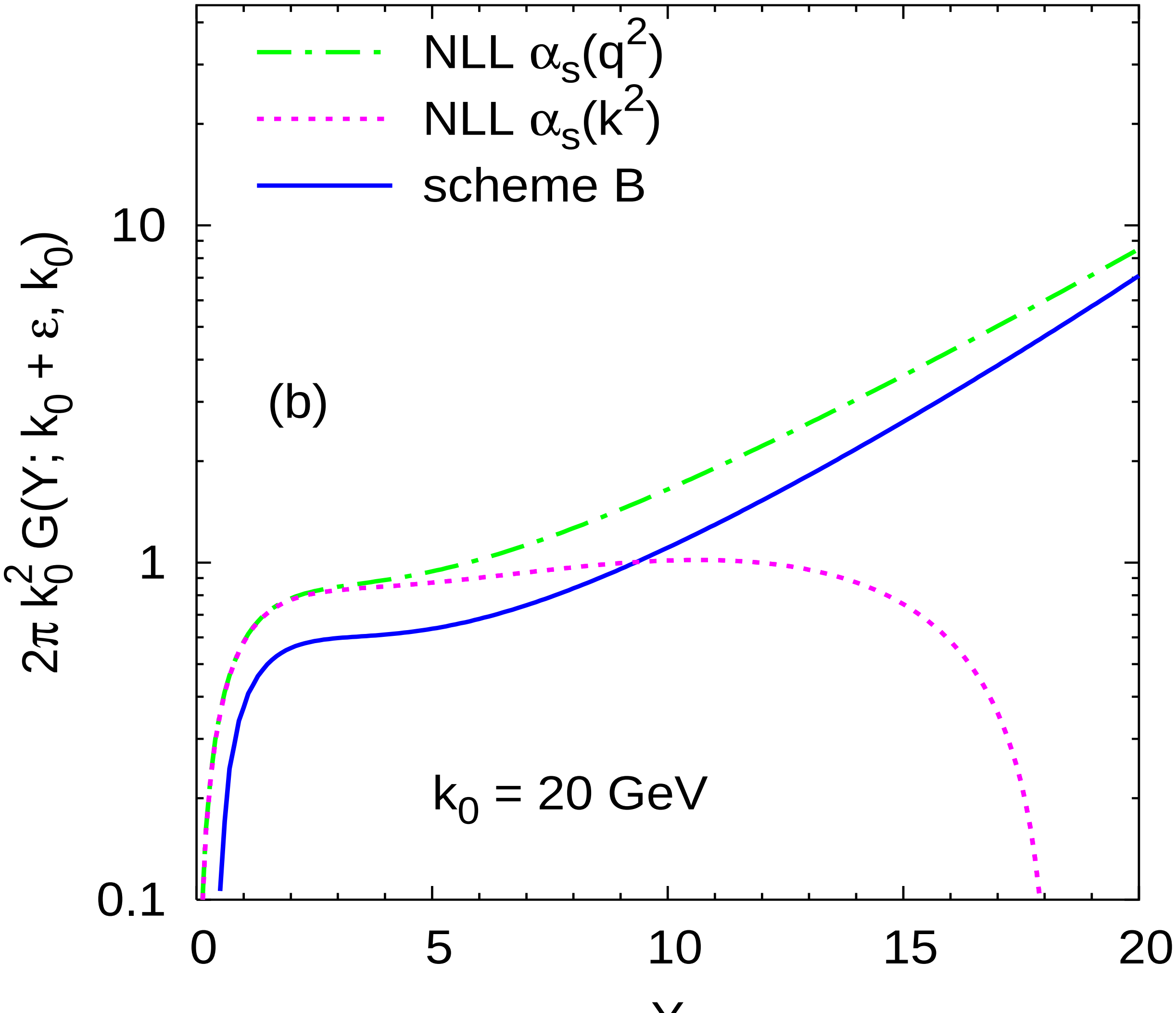

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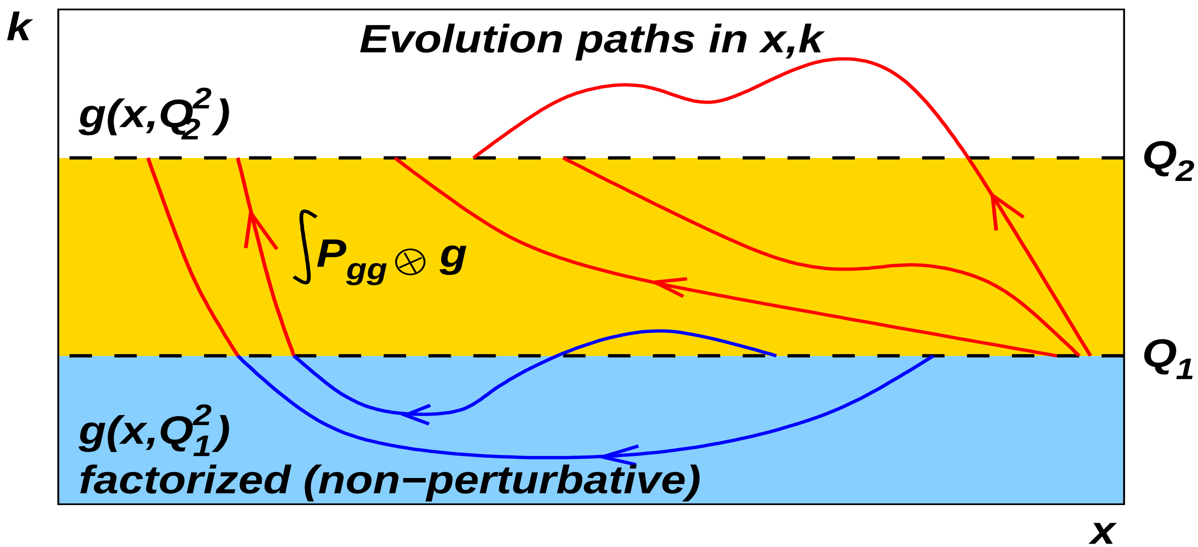

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- Green function:
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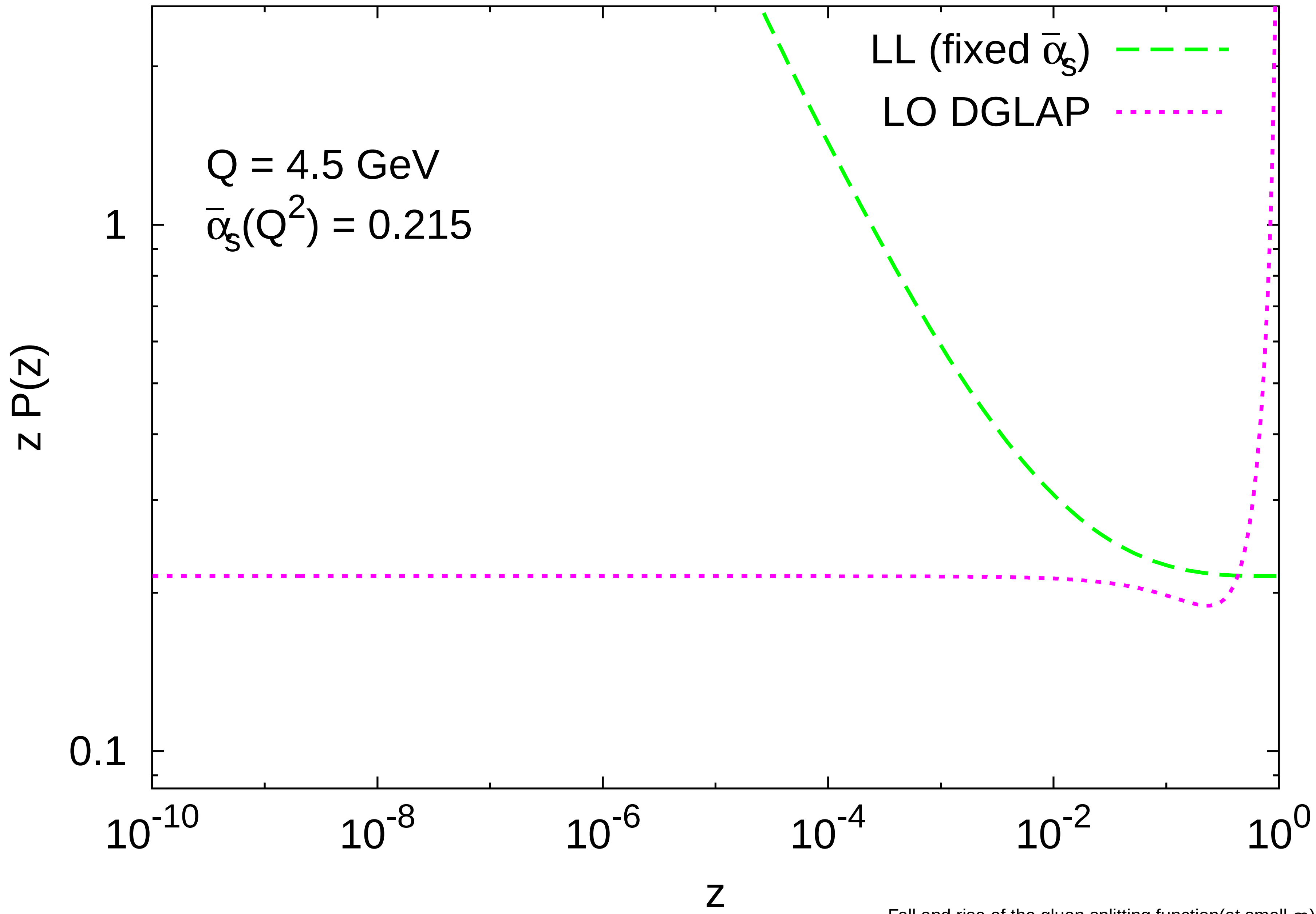

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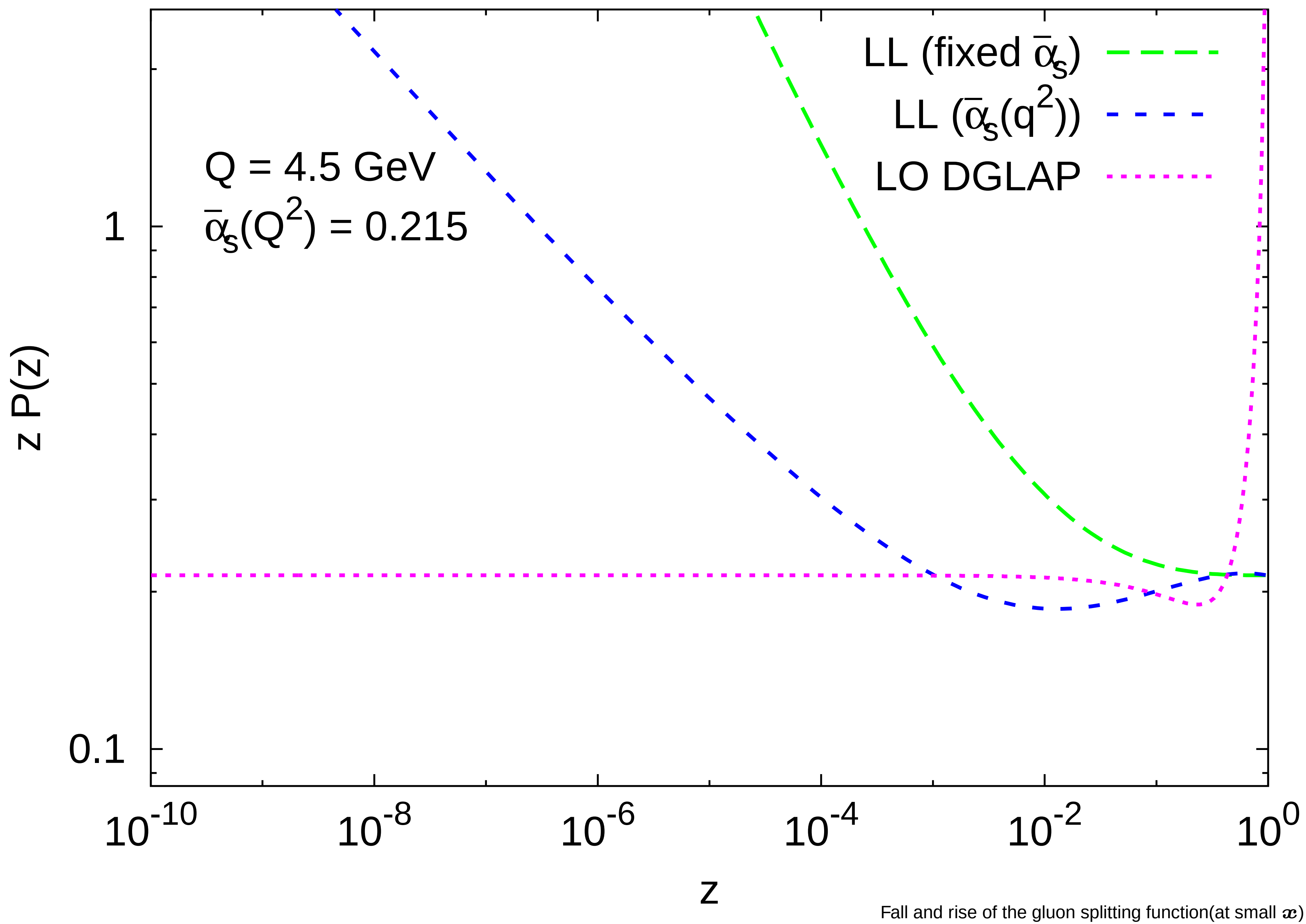

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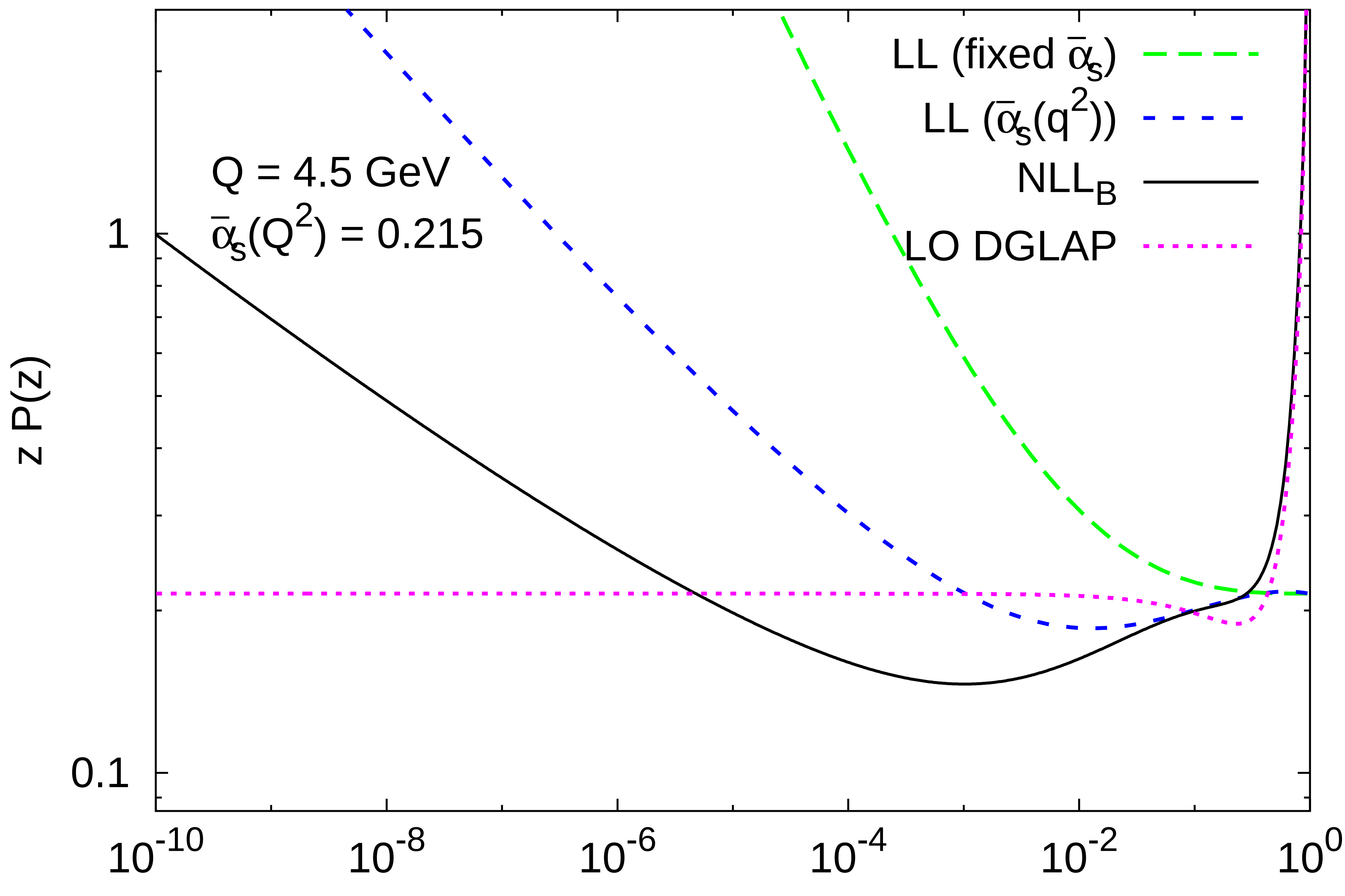

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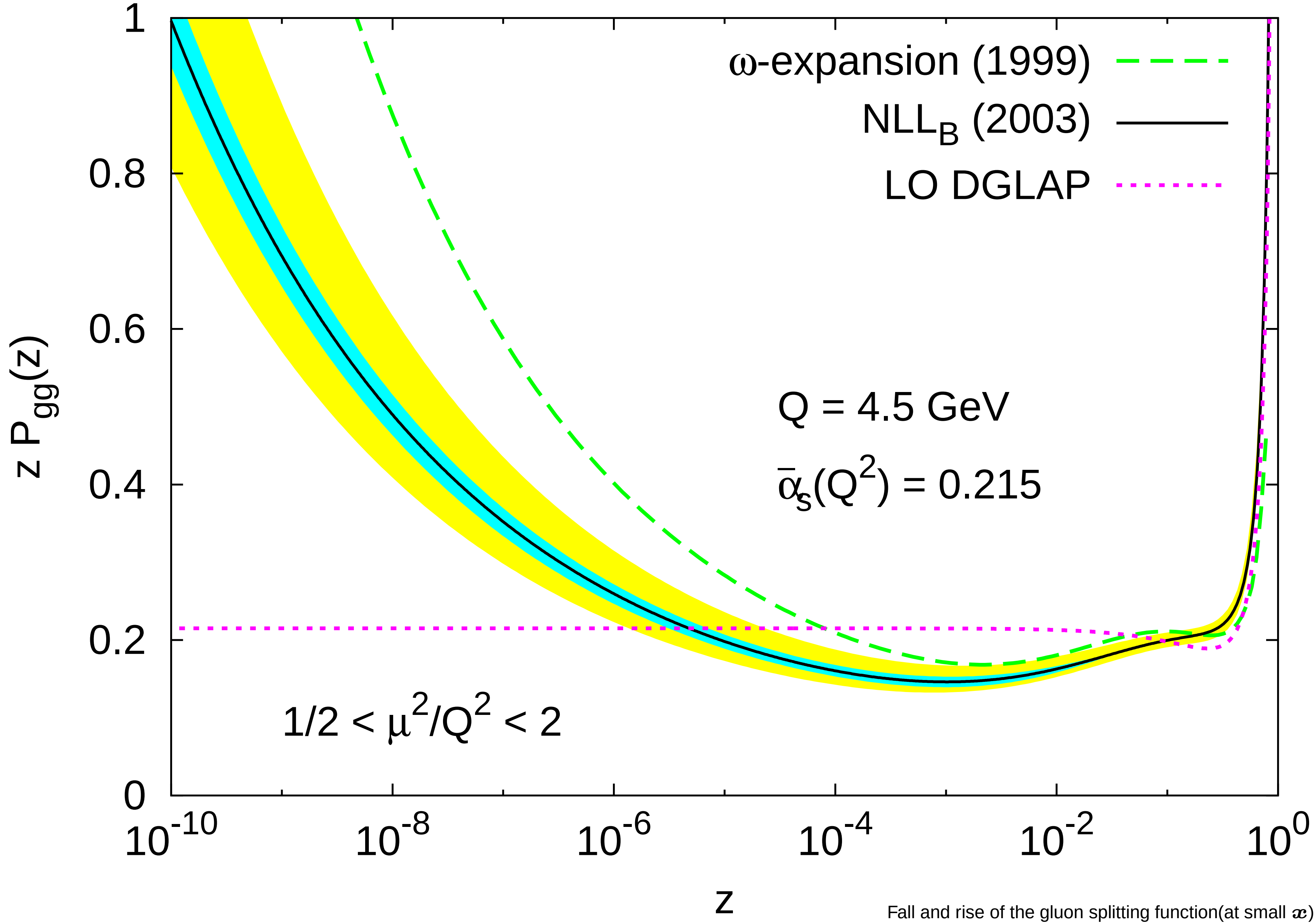

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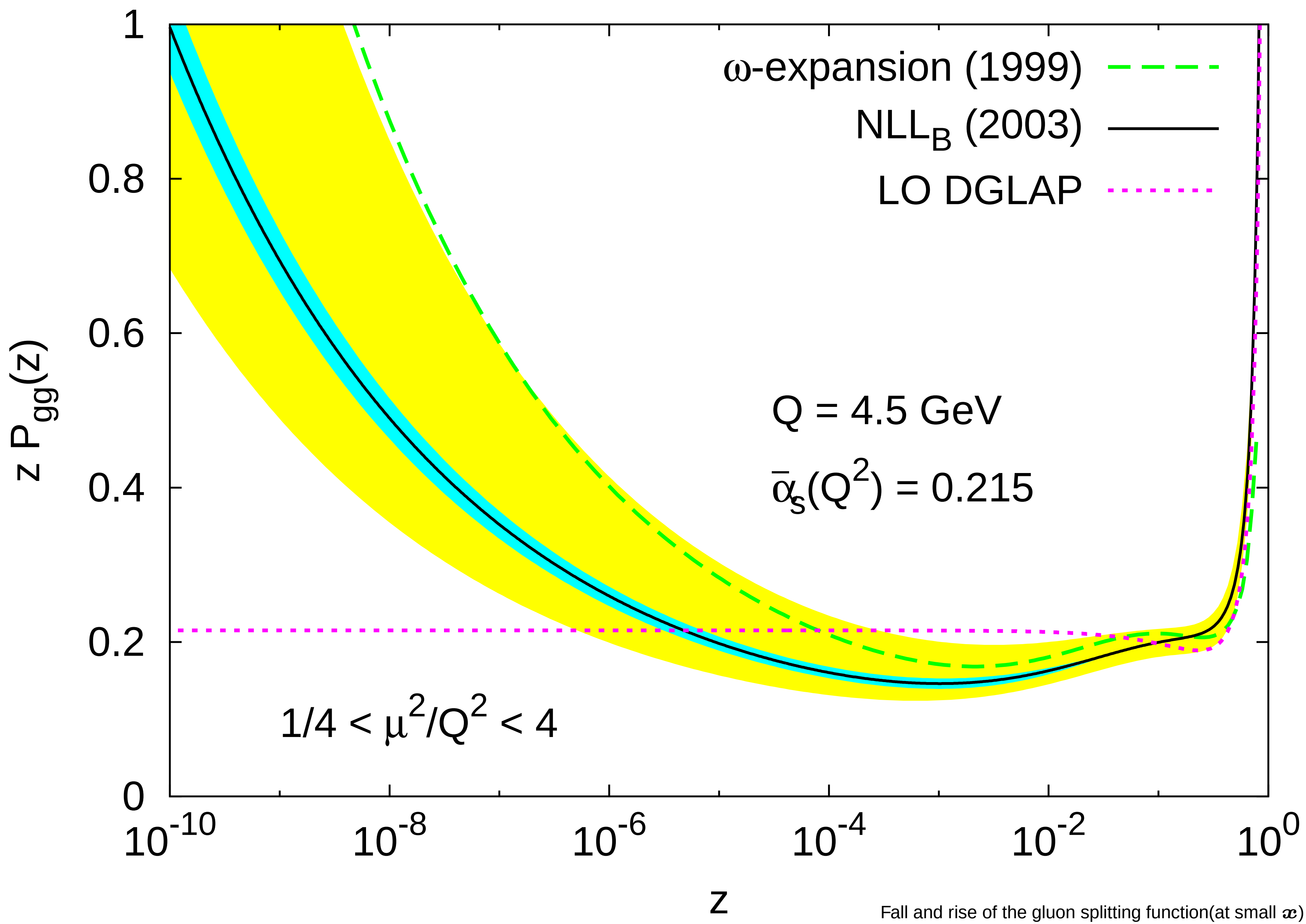

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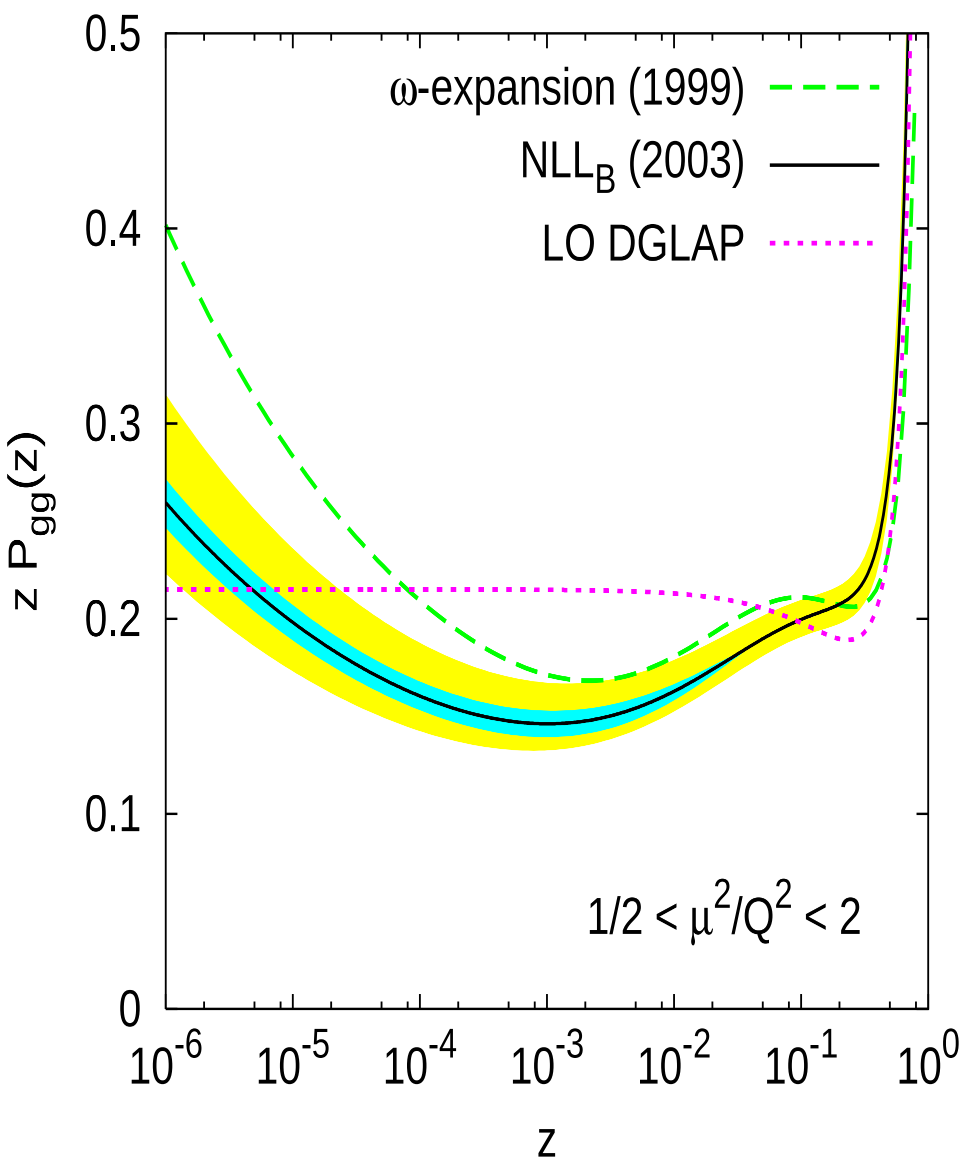

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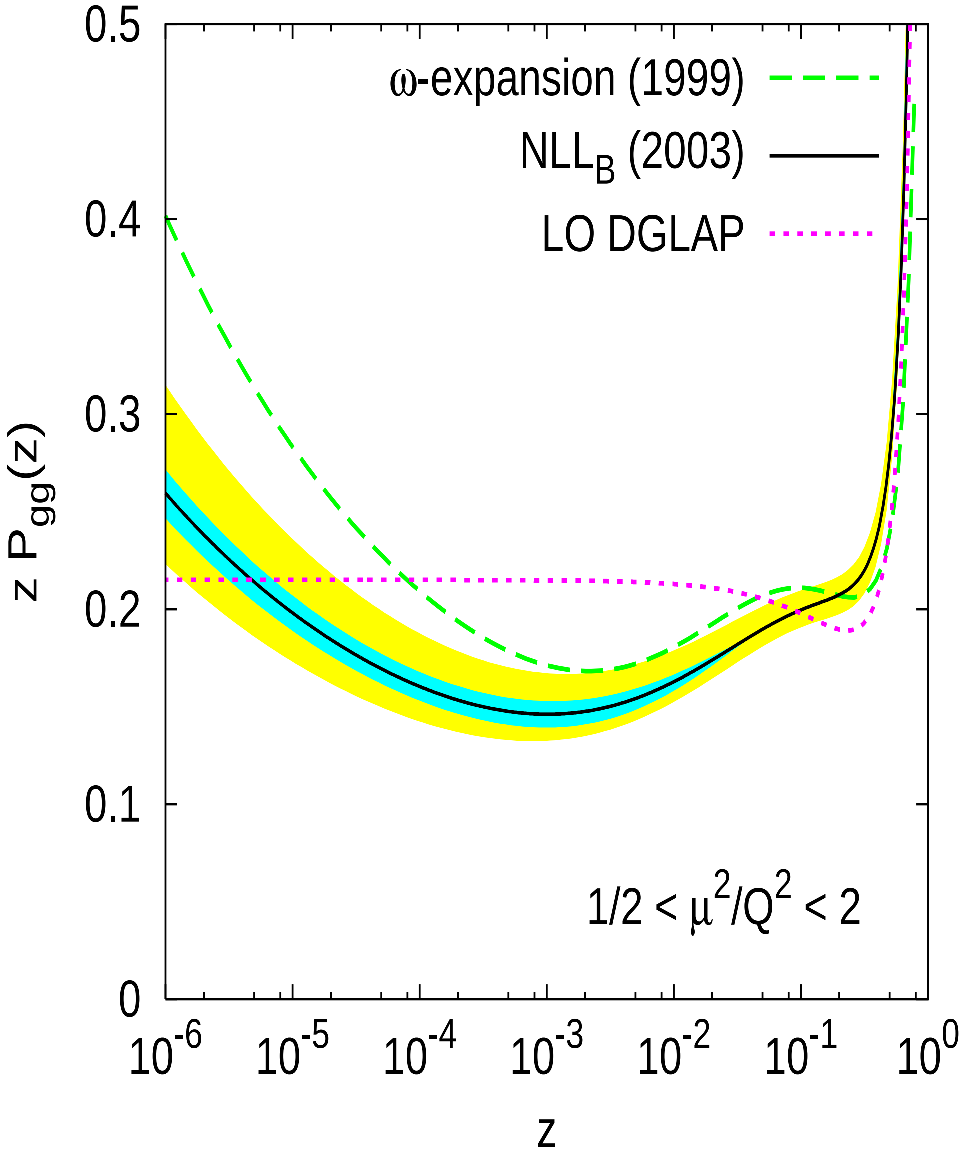

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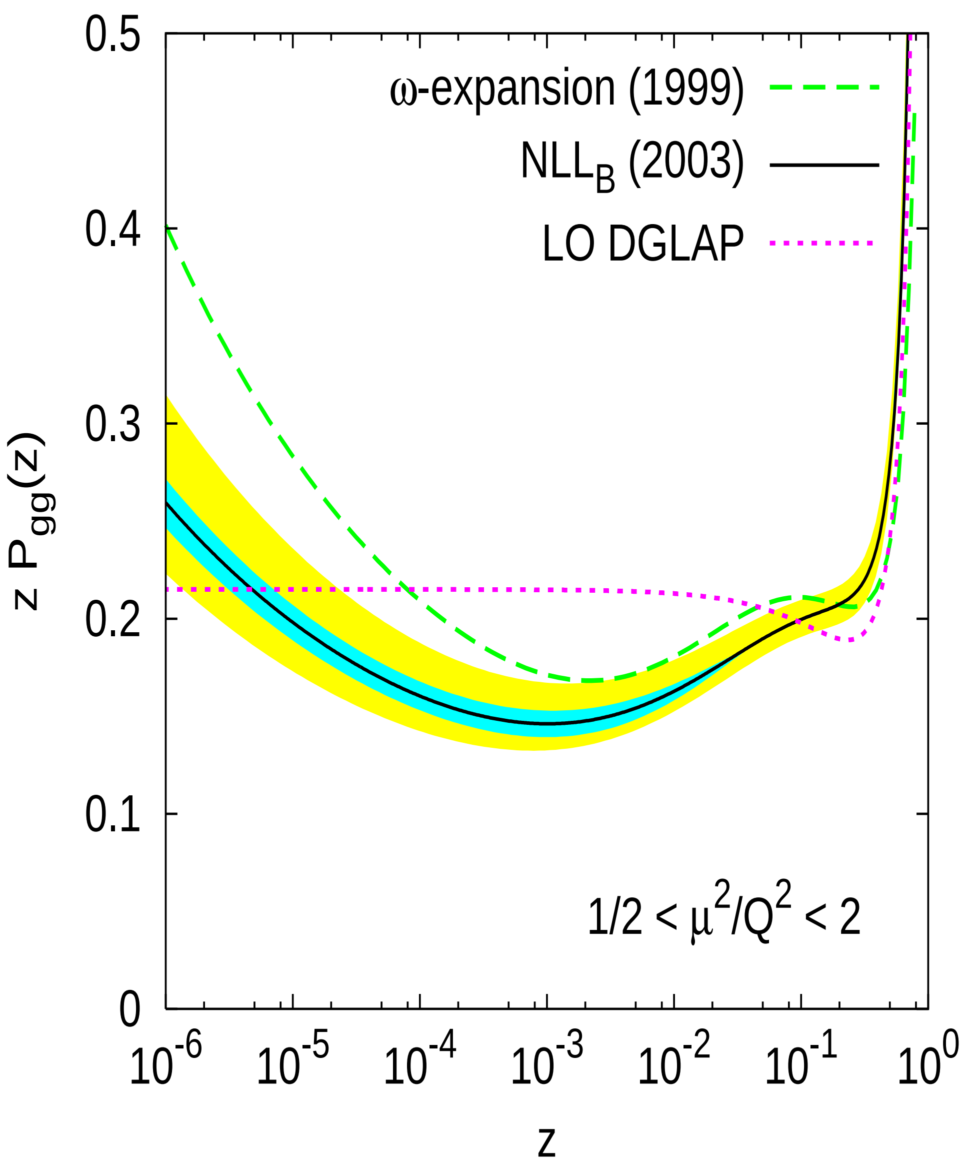

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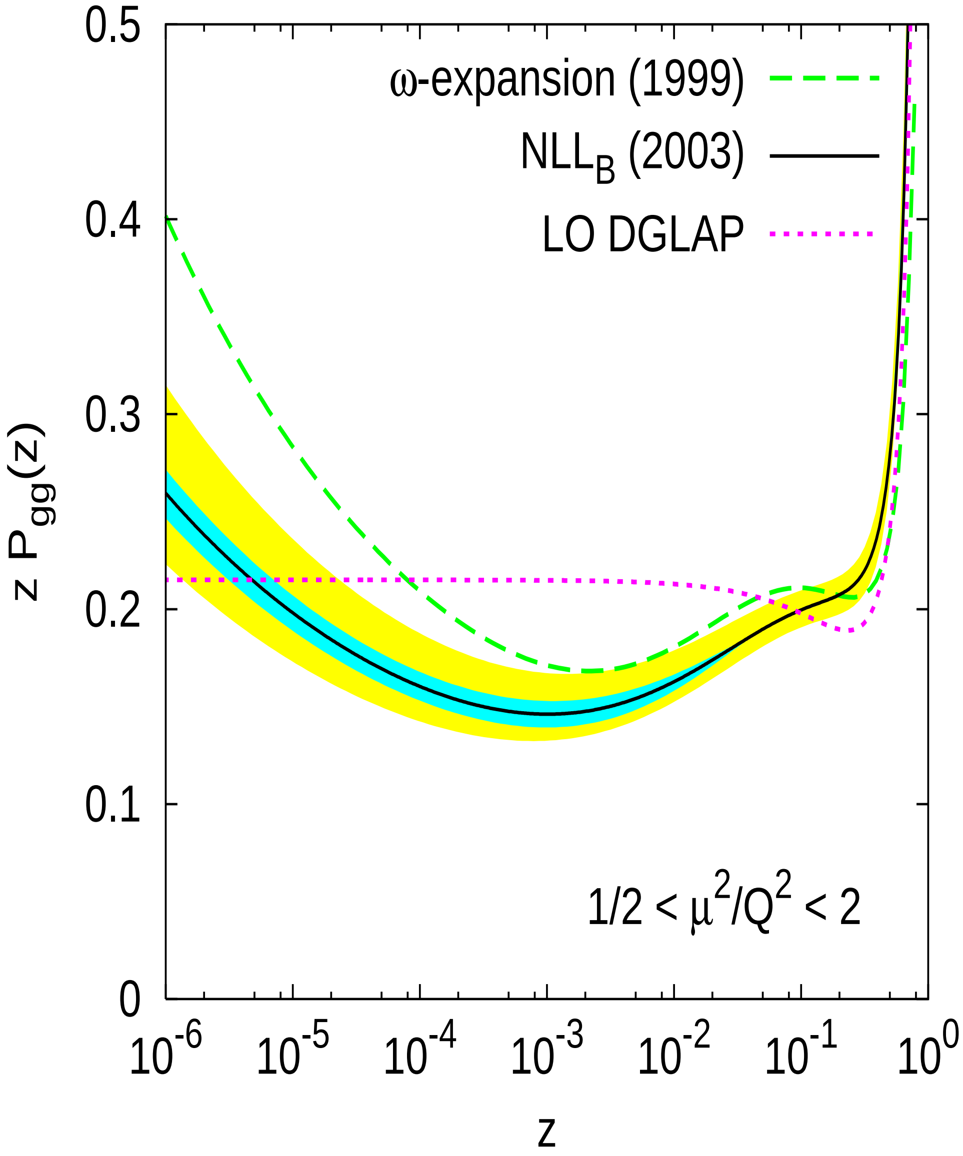

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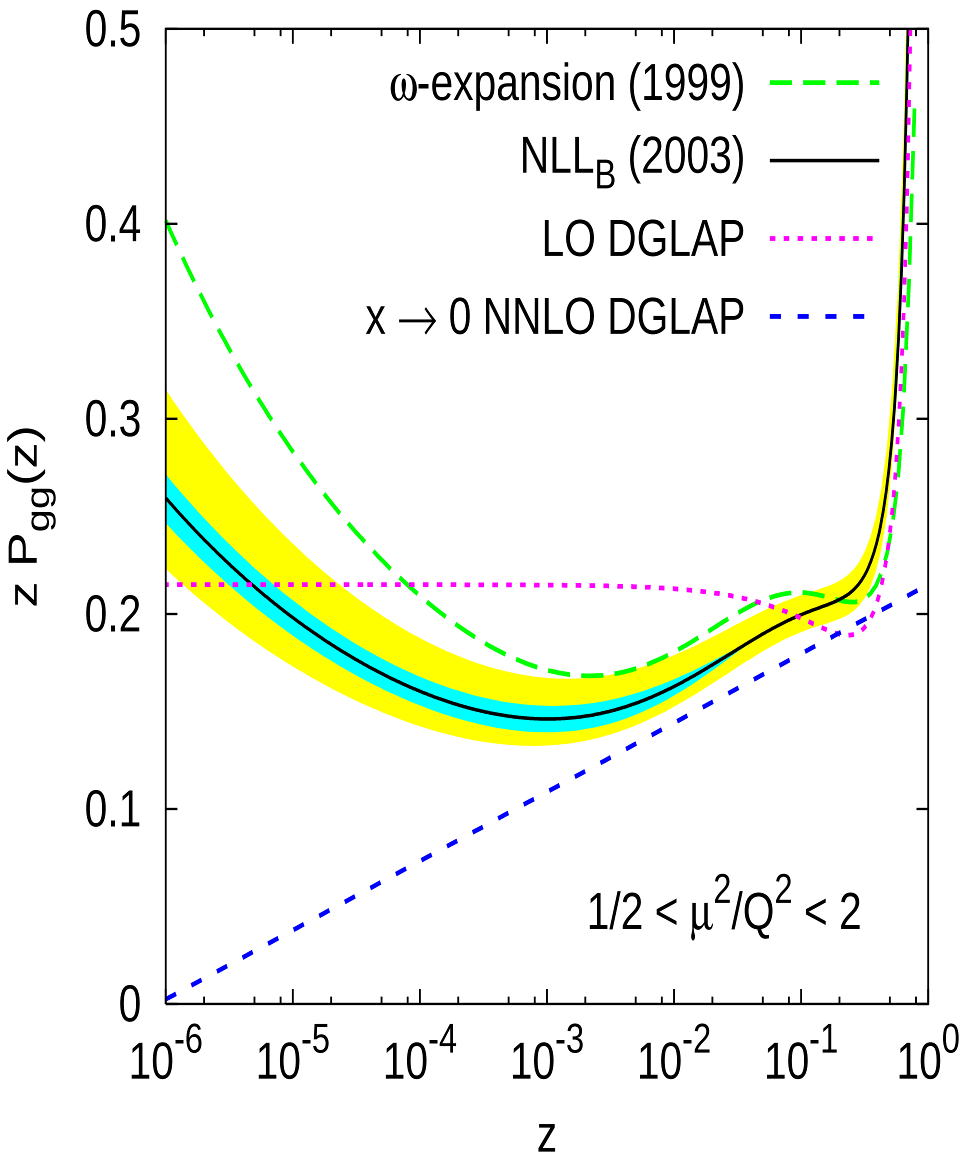

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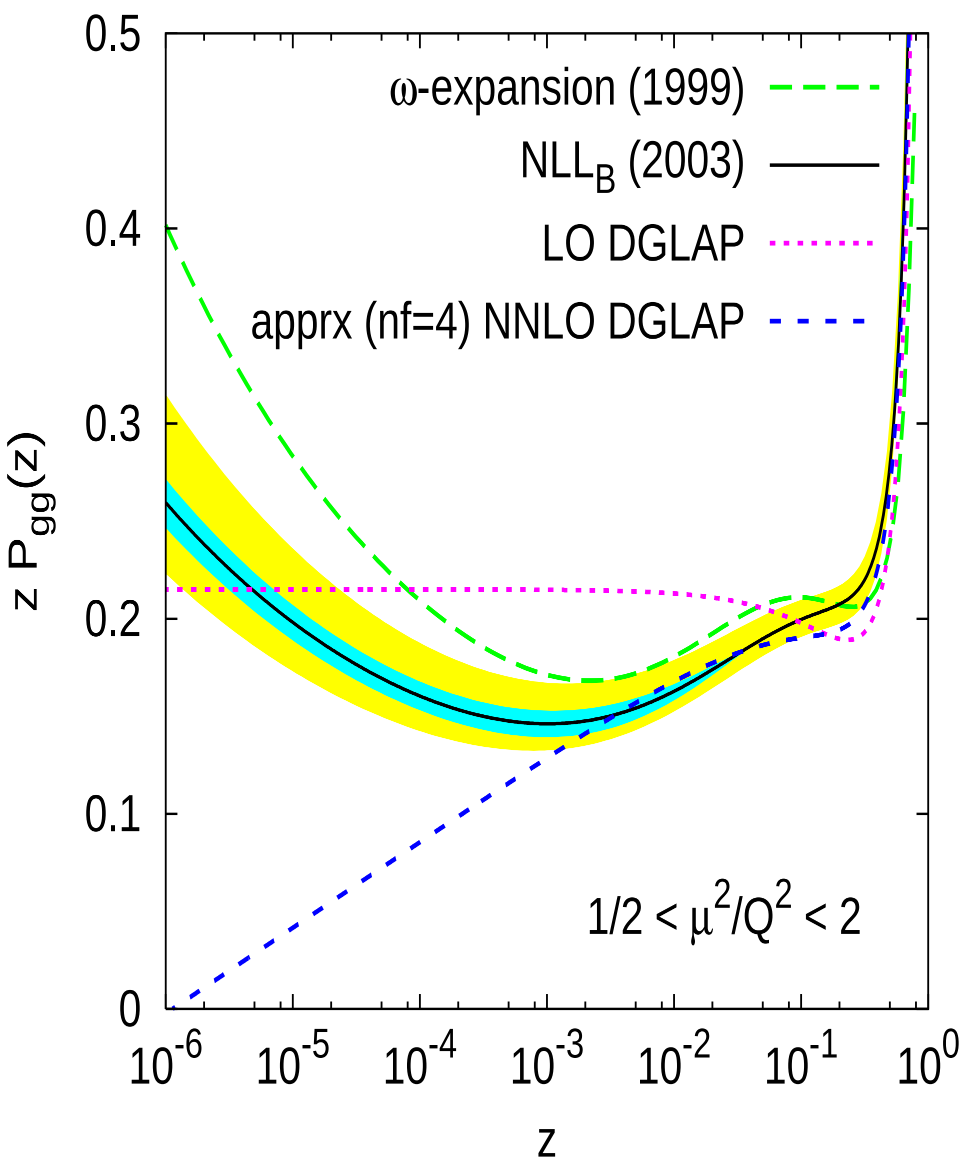

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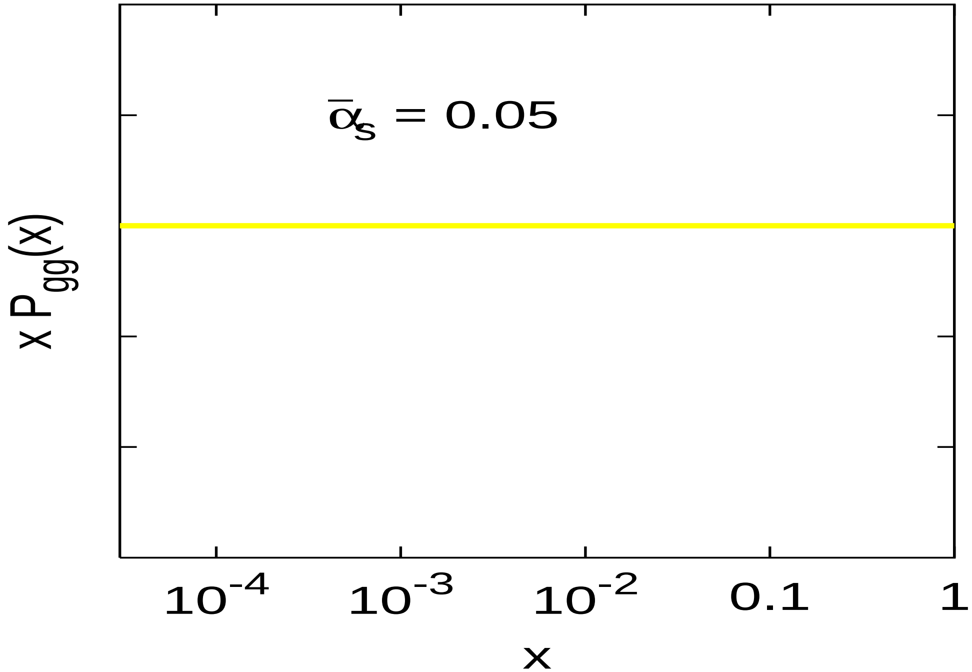

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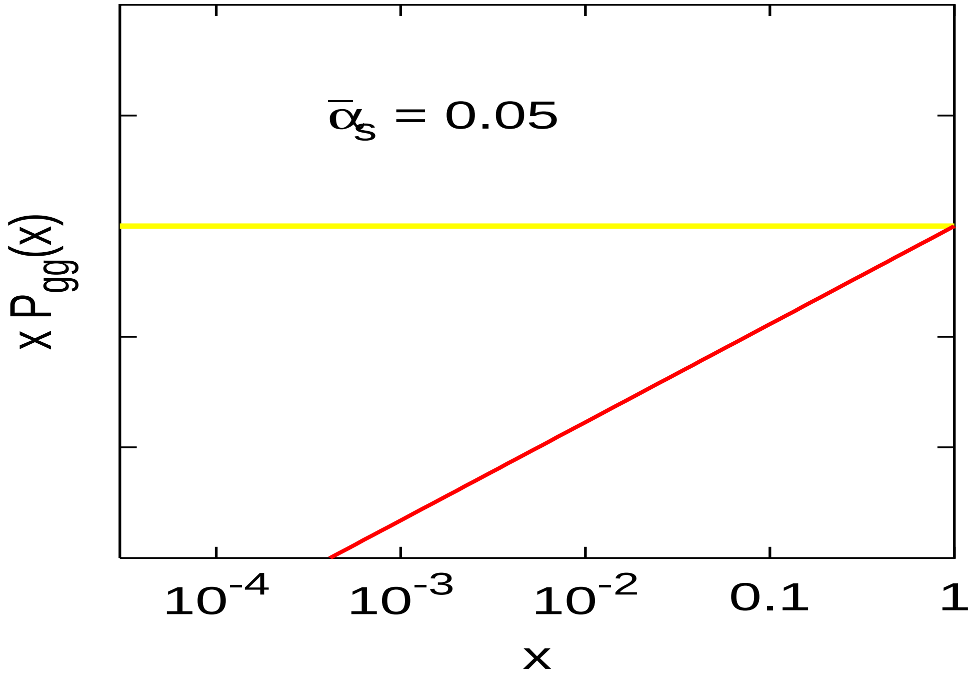

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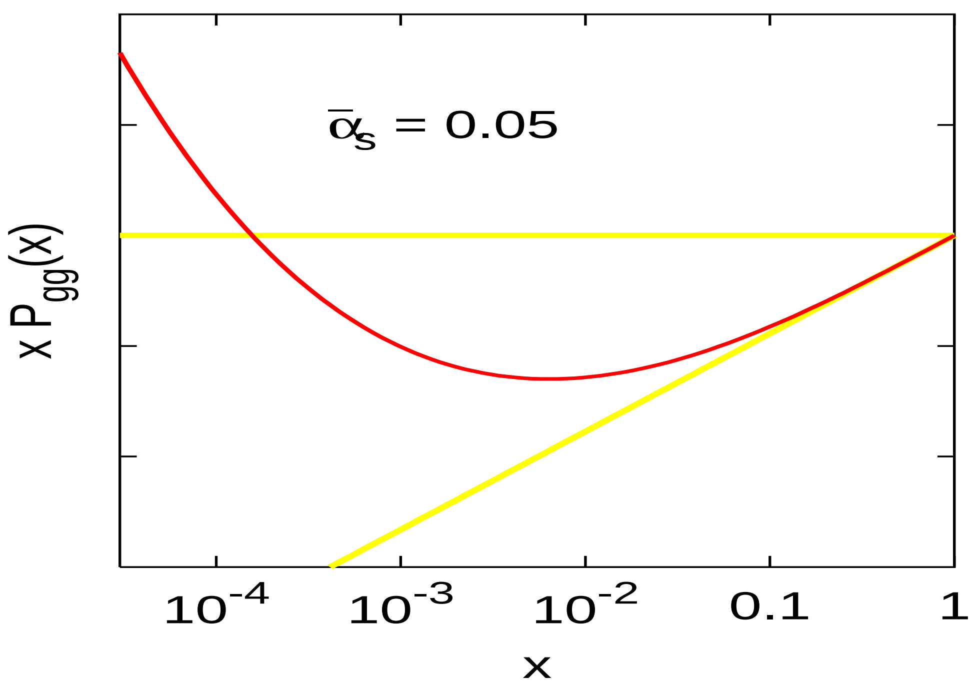

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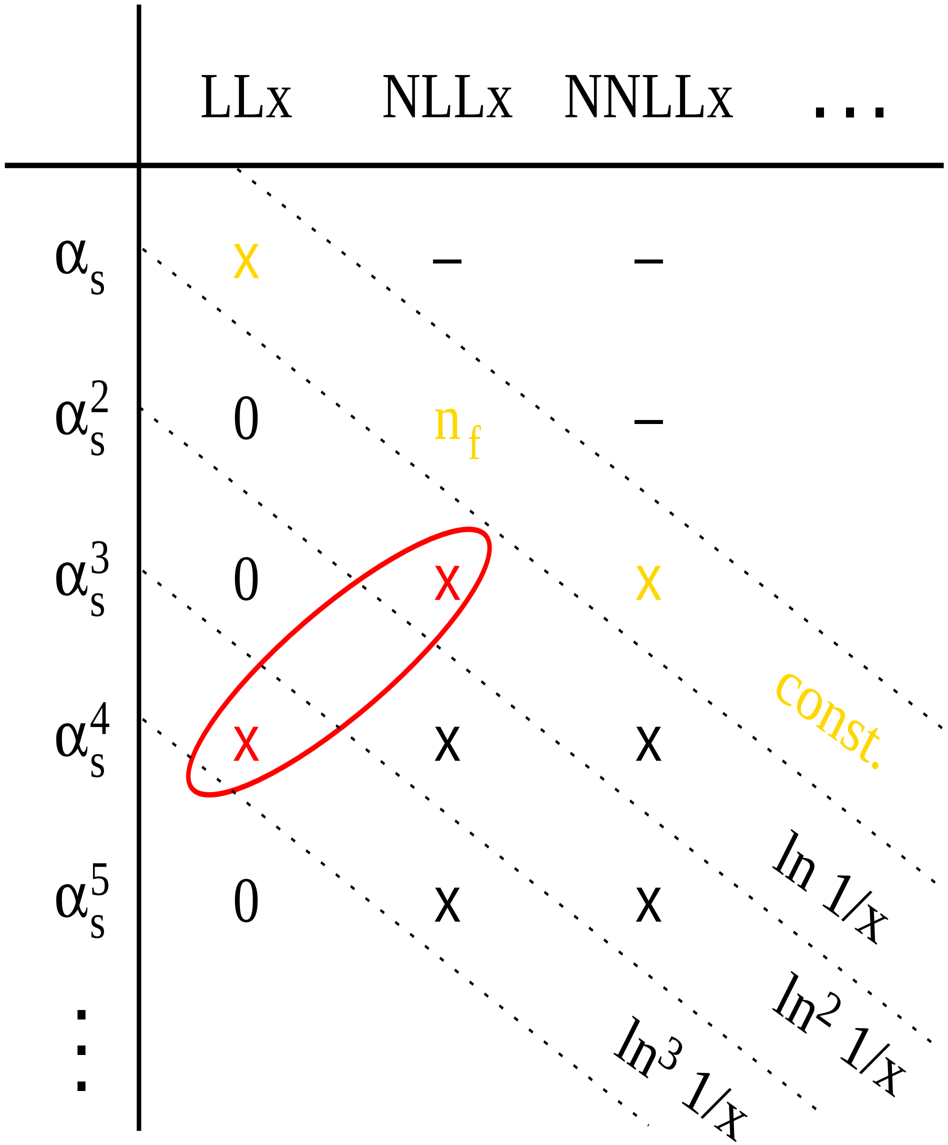

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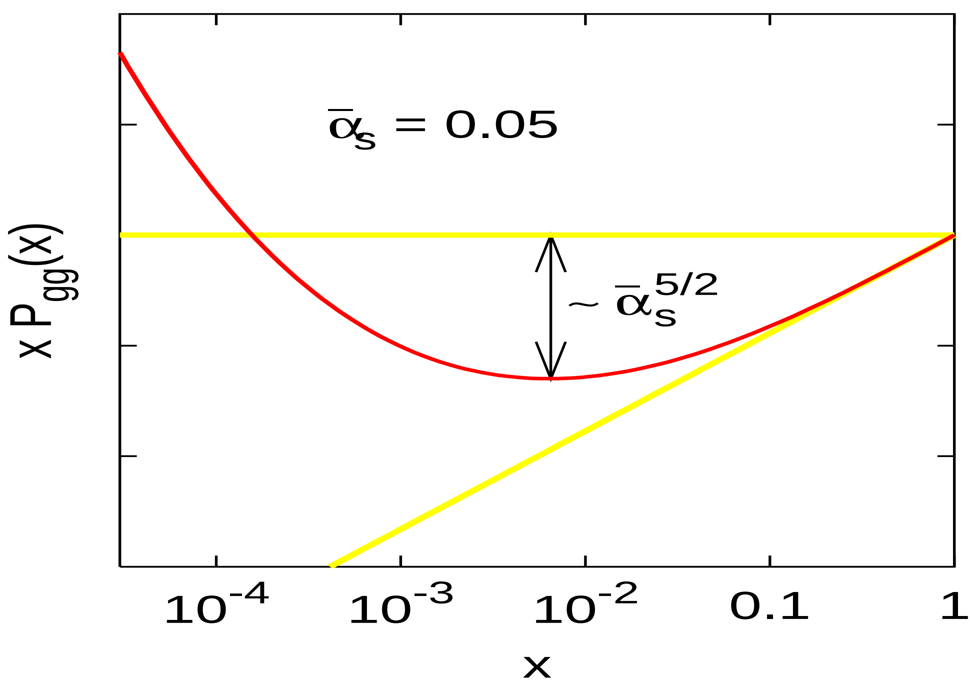

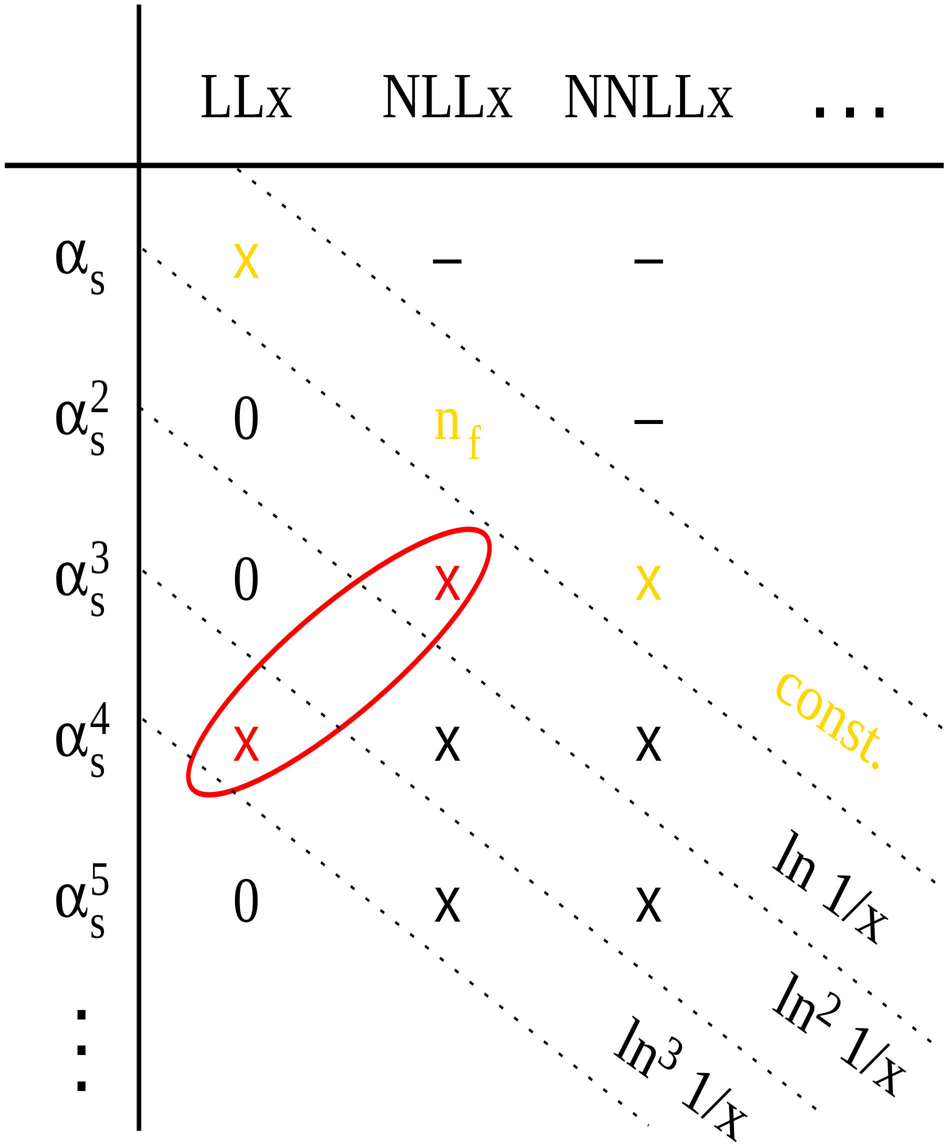

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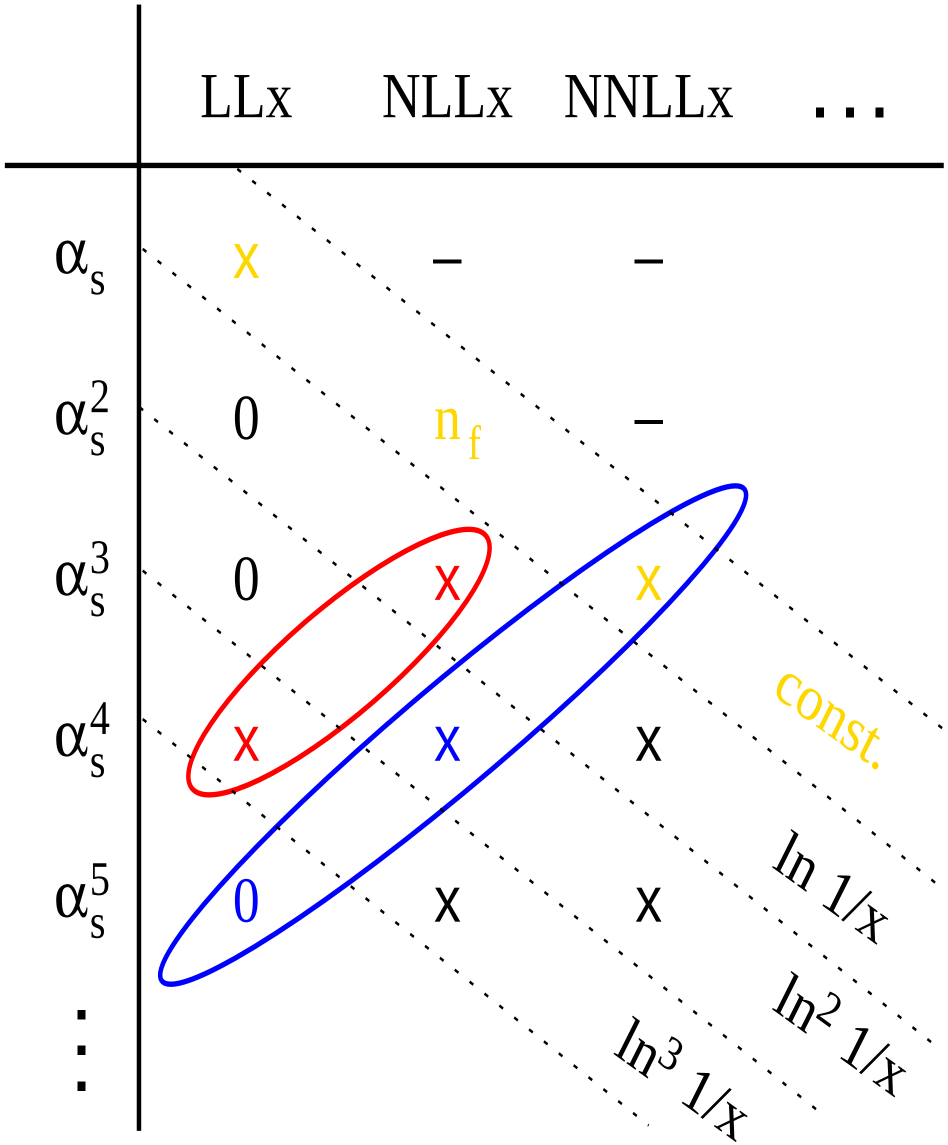

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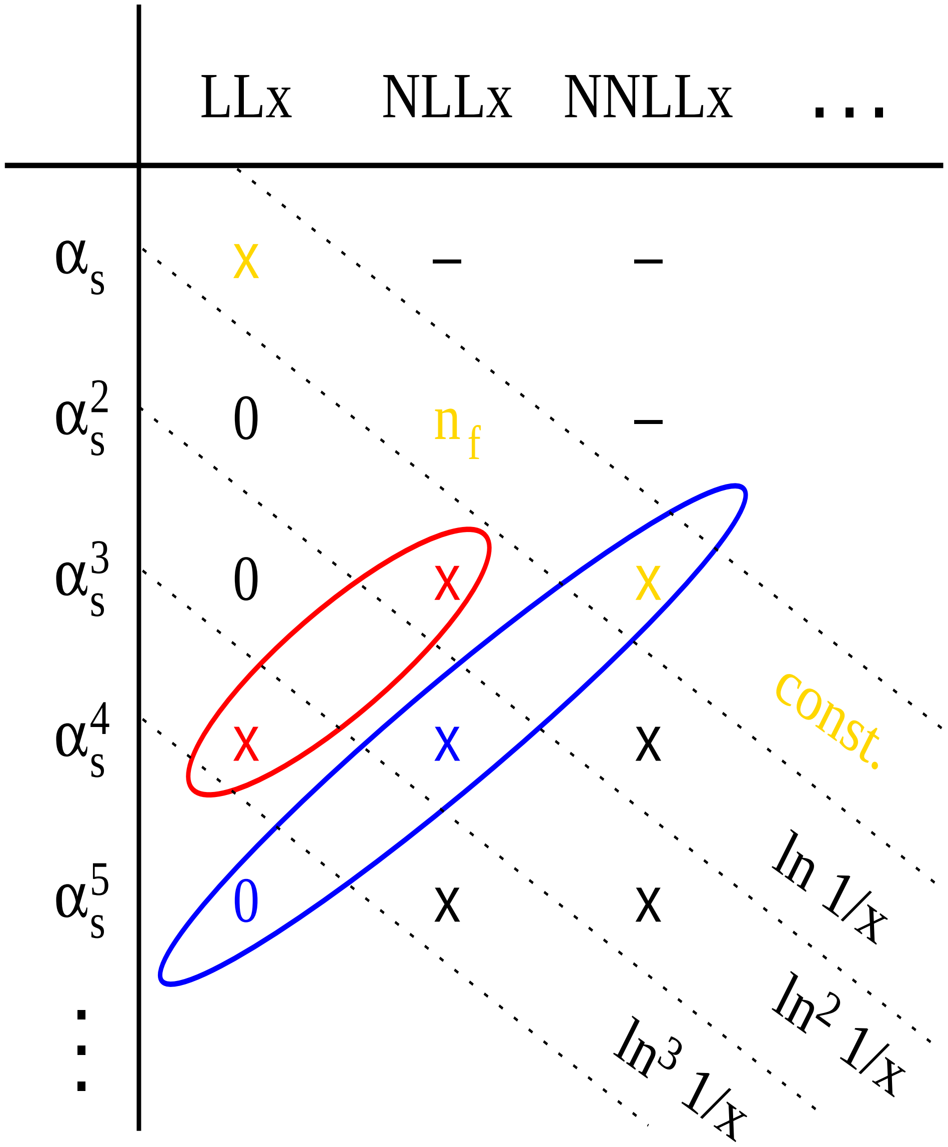

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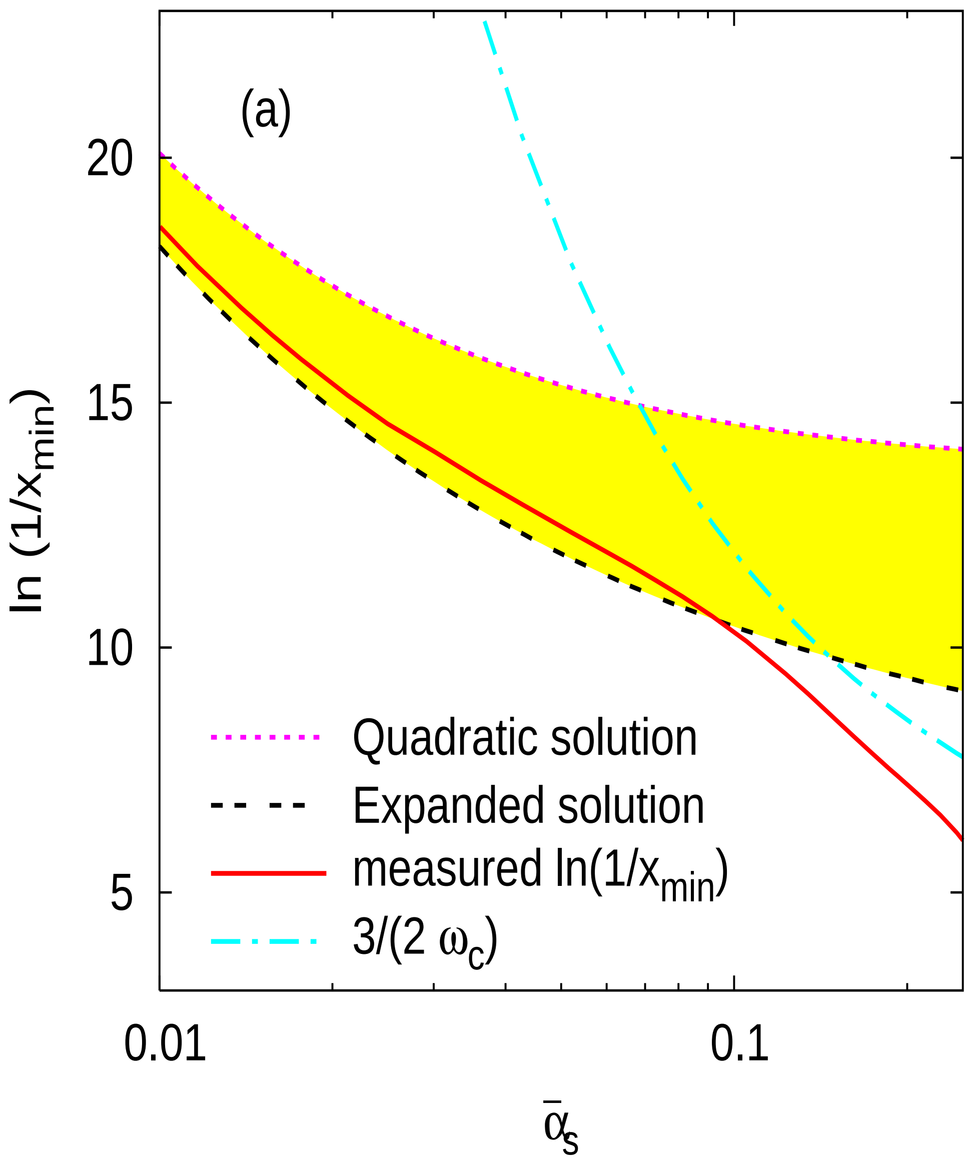

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Dip then comes from interplay between $\alpha_s^3 \ln x$ (NNLO) term and full resummation.

[Actually, story more complex]

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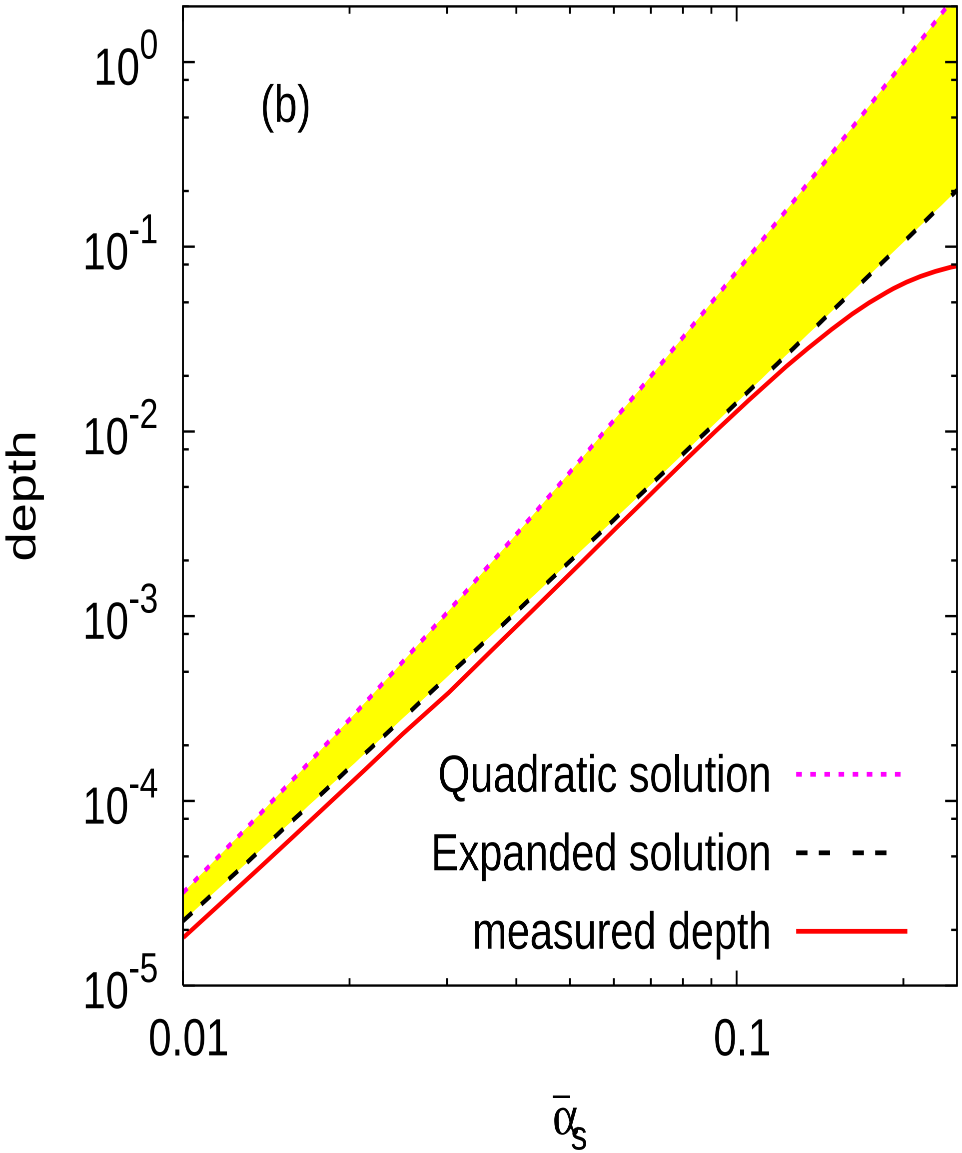

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