

SCALAR LEPTOQUARK PAIR PRODUCTION AT HADRON COLLIDERS

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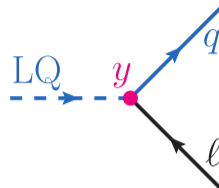
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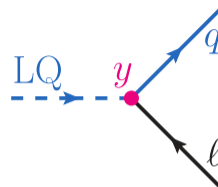
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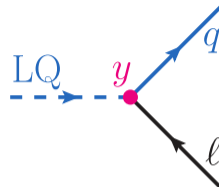
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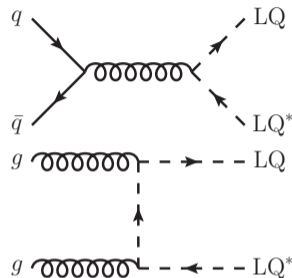


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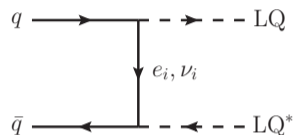


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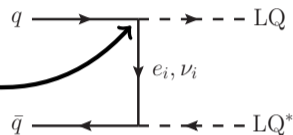
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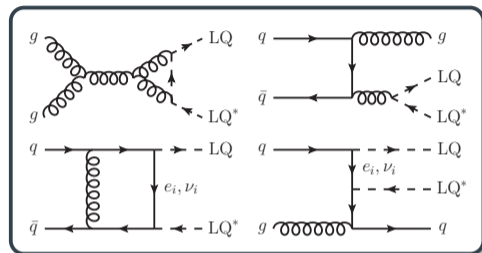
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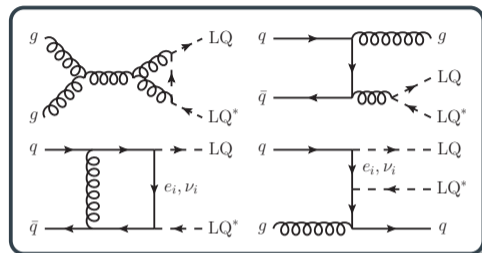
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MadGraph5_aMC@NLO

[Alwall, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, Mattelaer, Shao, Stelzer, Torrielli, Zaro '14]

- ▶ Model implemented into FEYNRULES
[Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr, Fuks '14]
- ▶ Renormalisation with NLOCT & FEYNARTS
[Degrande '15]
- ▶ Generation of UFO model file for evaluation of fixed-order predictions

POWHEG-BOX

[Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re '10]

- ▶ Virtual corrections calculated with FEYNARTS, FORMCALC, COLLIER
[Hahn, Perez-Victoria '98-'00][Denner, Dittmaier, Hofer '17]
- ▶ Real corrections generated with MG4
[Murayama et al., Stelzer et al., Alwall et al. '92-'07]
- ▶ Modded to add coloured BSM particles

Independent implementations: **very good agreement** between the two codes

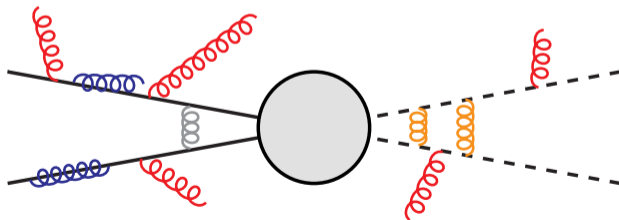


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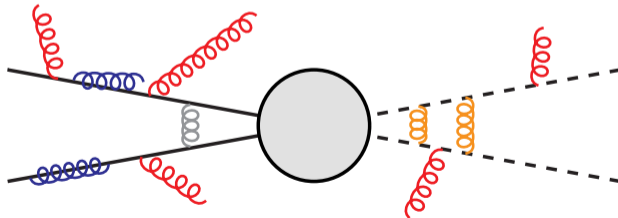


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Approximate non-enhanced hard contributions by corresponding $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^*$ terms

[Broggio, Ferroglia, Neubert, Vernazza, Yang '13][Beenakker, CB, Heger, Krämer, Kulesza, Laenen '16]



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[Catani, Mangano, Nason, Trentadue '96]

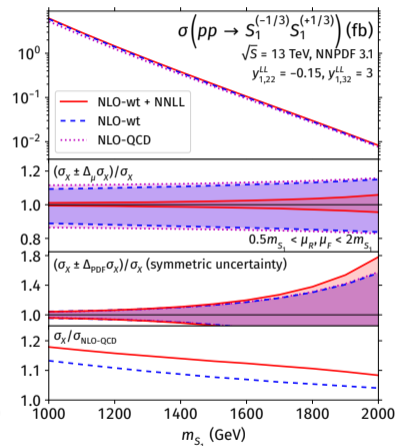
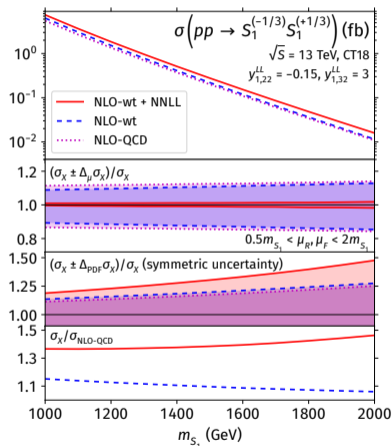
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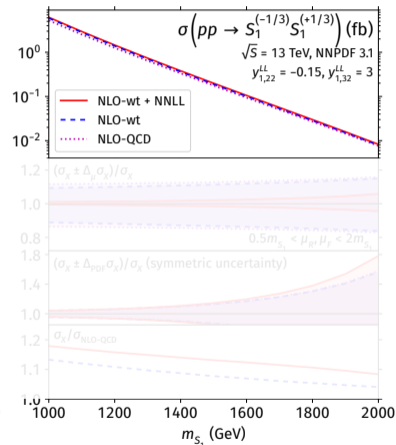
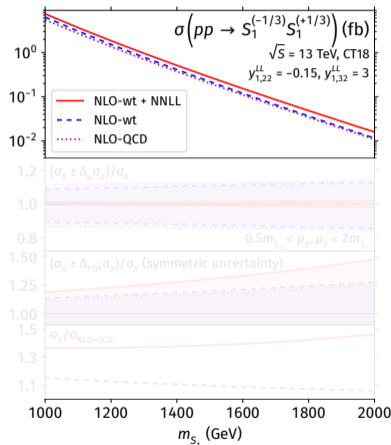
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- ▶ Positive effects and **decreased scale uncertainty** for NNLL
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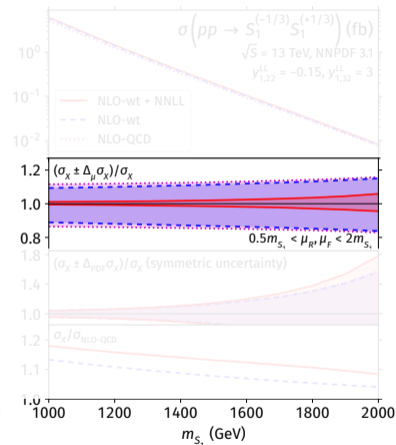
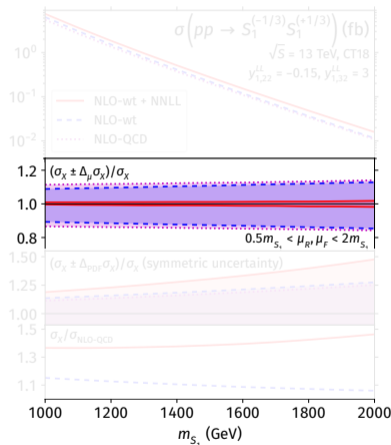
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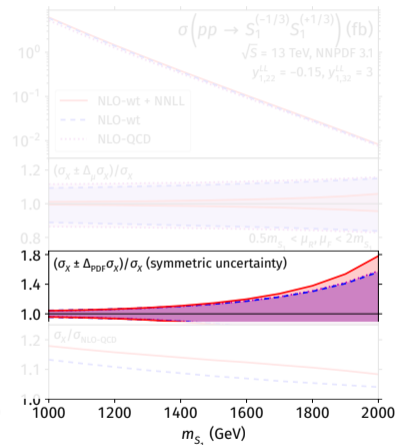
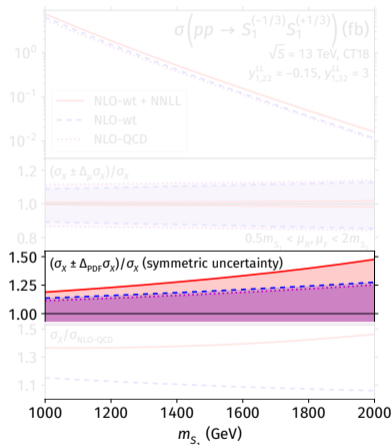
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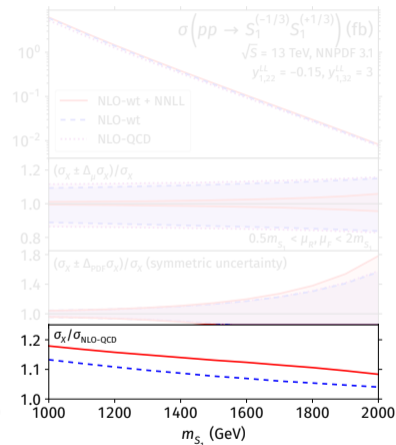
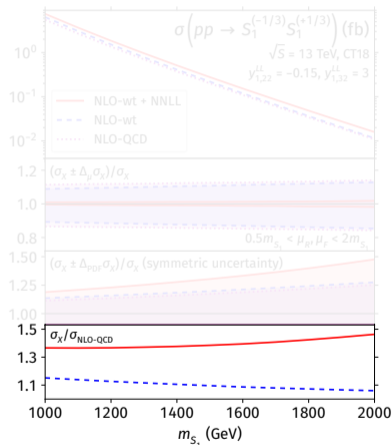
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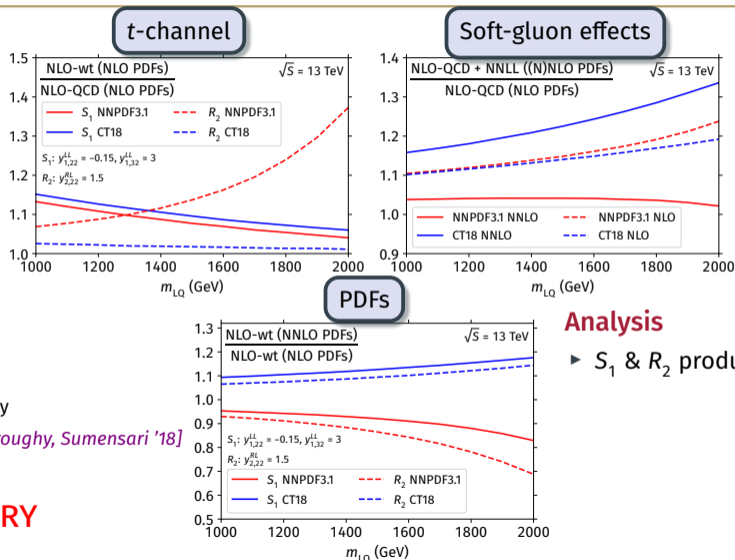
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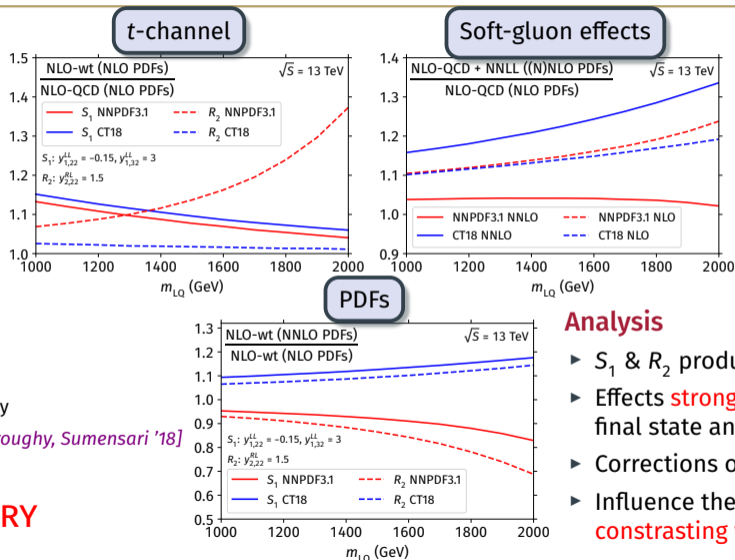
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a_2	$R_2^{(+5/3)}$	CT18	5.485 ^{+11.4%+11.4%} _{-13.5%-11.4%}	5.498 ^{+11.5%+11.5%} _{-13.4%-11.5%}	6.391 ^{+6.6%+15.3%} _{-6.0%-15.3%}	1.00	1.17
		NNPDF3.1	5.237 ^{+11.6%+3.8%} _{-13.6%-3.8%}	5.283 ^{+11.5%+4.0%} _{-13.2%-4.0%}	5.475 ^{+7.1%+3.9%} _{-6.0%-3.9%}	1.01	1.05
b_1	$S_3^{(-4/3)}$	CT18	1.351 ^{+11.8%+13.6%} _{-13.8%-13.6%}	1.349 ^{+11.7%+13.6%} _{-13.9%-13.6%}	1.593 ^{+6.9%+18.6%} _{-6.0%-18.6%}	1.00	1.18
		NNPDF3.1	1.255 ^{+12.0%+5.9%} _{-14.0%-5.9%}	1.255 ^{+11.7%+5.9%} _{-14.2%-5.9%}	1.304 ^{+7.6%+6.1%} _{-5.9%-6.1%}	1.00	1.04
b_2	$S_3^{(-4/3)}$	CT18	1.351 ^{+11.8%+13.6%} _{-13.8%-13.6%}	1.494 ^{+9.9%+16.2%} _{-12.4%-16.2%}	1.748 ^{+6.3%+21.0%} _{-4.9%-21.0%}	1.11	1.29
		NNPDF3.1	1.255 ^{+12.0%+5.9%} _{-14.0%-5.9%}	1.570 ^{+8.3%+11.7%} _{-10.9%-11.7%}	1.706 ^{+5.3%+12.8%} _{-3.3%-12.8%}	1.25	1.36
c_1	R_2	CT18	0.700 ^{+12.0%+14.8%} _{-14.0%-14.8%}	0.705 ^{+11.7%+15.0%} _{-14.0%-15.0%}	0.846 ^{+7.0%+21.0%} _{-5.8%-21.0%}	1.01	1.21
		NNPDF3.1	0.641 ^{+12.1%+7.6%} _{-14.1%-7.6%}	0.664 ^{+11.4%+8.2%} _{-13.5%-8.2%}	0.683 ^{+7.8%+8.9%} _{-5.6%-8.9%}	1.04	1.07
c_2	R_2	CT18	0.700 ^{+12.0%+14.8%} _{-14.0%-14.8%}	0.720 ^{+11.5%+15.6%} _{-13.5%-15.6%}	0.877 ^{+6.6%+22.5%} _{-5.6%-22.5%}	1.03	1.25
		NNPDF3.1	0.641 ^{+12.1%+7.6%} _{-14.1%-7.6%}	0.733 ^{+9.9%+12.9%} _{-11.7%-12.9%}	0.730 ^{+7.3%+13.5%} _{-4.9%-13.5%}	1.14	1.14

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Model containing the R_2 leptoquark

B	$y_{2,23}^{RL}$	$y_{2,33}^{LR}$	$y_{2,21}^{LR}$	$y_{2,31}^{LR}$
a_1	$1.84 + 1.84i$	$0.354 + 0.354i$	$-0.015i$	$0.262 + 0.262i$
a_2	$0.309 + 0.951i$	$0.951 + 0.309i$	$0.011 - 0.011i$	$0.37i$

[Popov, Schmidt, White; 1905.06339]

Model containing the S_1 and S_3 leptoquarks

B	$y_{1,22}^{LL}$	$y_{1,23}^{LL}$	$y_{1,32}^{LL}$	$y_{1,33}^{LL}$	$y_{1,23}^{RR}$	$y_{1,32}^{RR}$	$y_{3,22}^{LL}$	$y_{3,23}^{LL}$	$y_{3,32}^{LL}$	$y_{3,33}^{LL}$
b_1	-0.0082	-1.46	-0.016	-0.064	1.34	-0.19	-0.019	0.58	-0.059	-0.11
b_2	0.0078	1.36	-0.055	0.052	-1.47	-0.053	-0.017	-1.23	-0.070	0.066

[Crivellin, Müller, Saturnino; 1912.04224]

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B	$y_{2,33}^{LR}$	$y_{2,22}^{RL}$	$y_{2,23}^{RL}$	$y_{3,22}^{LL}$	$y_{3,23}^{LL}$	$y_{3,32}^{LL}$	$y_{3,33}^{LL}$
c_1	$-0.18734 + 1.12287i$	0.265001	1.17382	-0.010	-0.045	-0.265	-1.173
c_2	$-0.18734 + 1.12287i$	0.37353	1.59511	-0.014	-0.061	-0.373	-1.594

[Bečirević, Doršner, Fajfer, Košnik, Faroughy, Sumensari; 1806.05689]

