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WG2: Technical Benchmarks for Monte Carlo Generators

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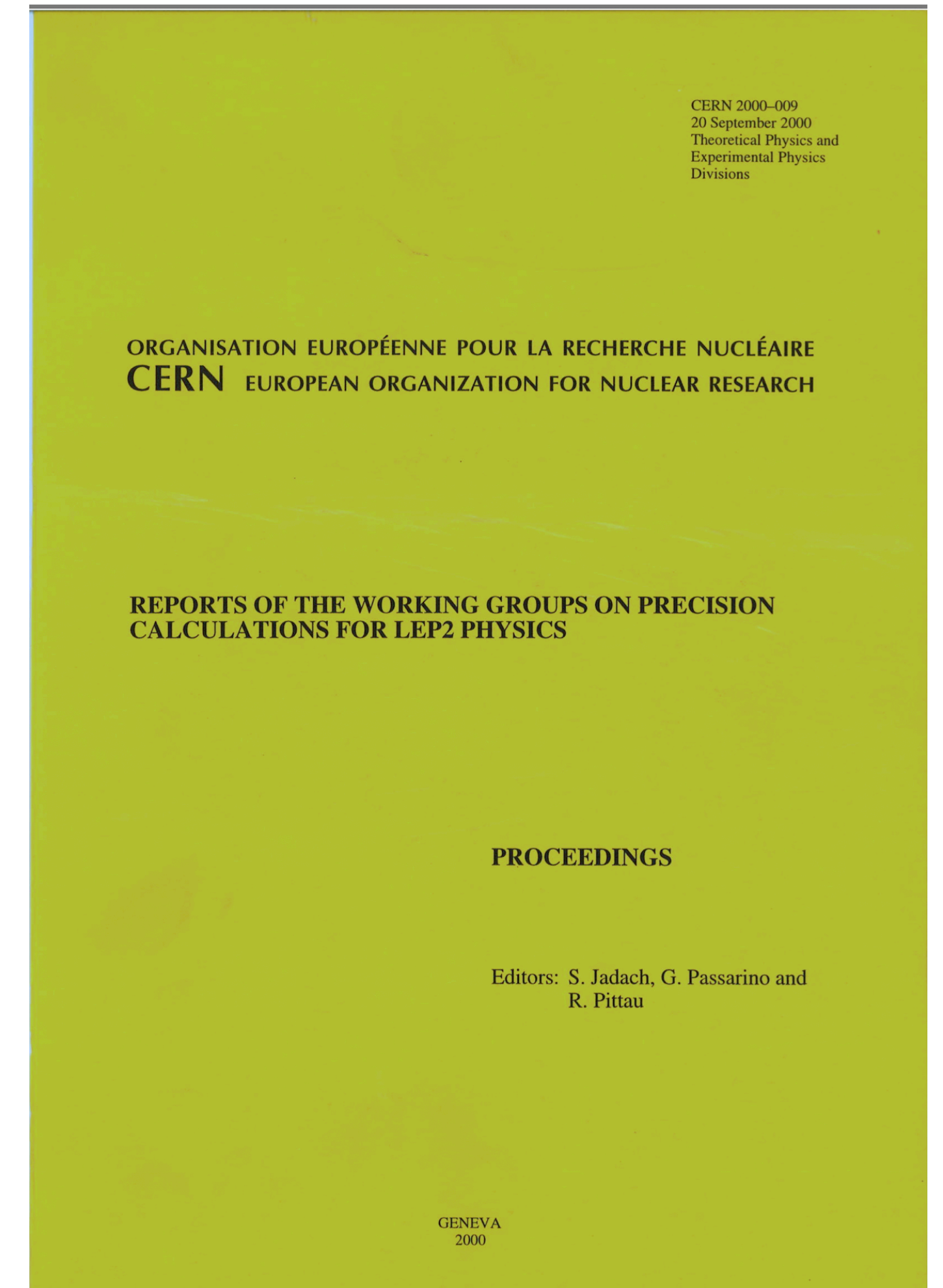
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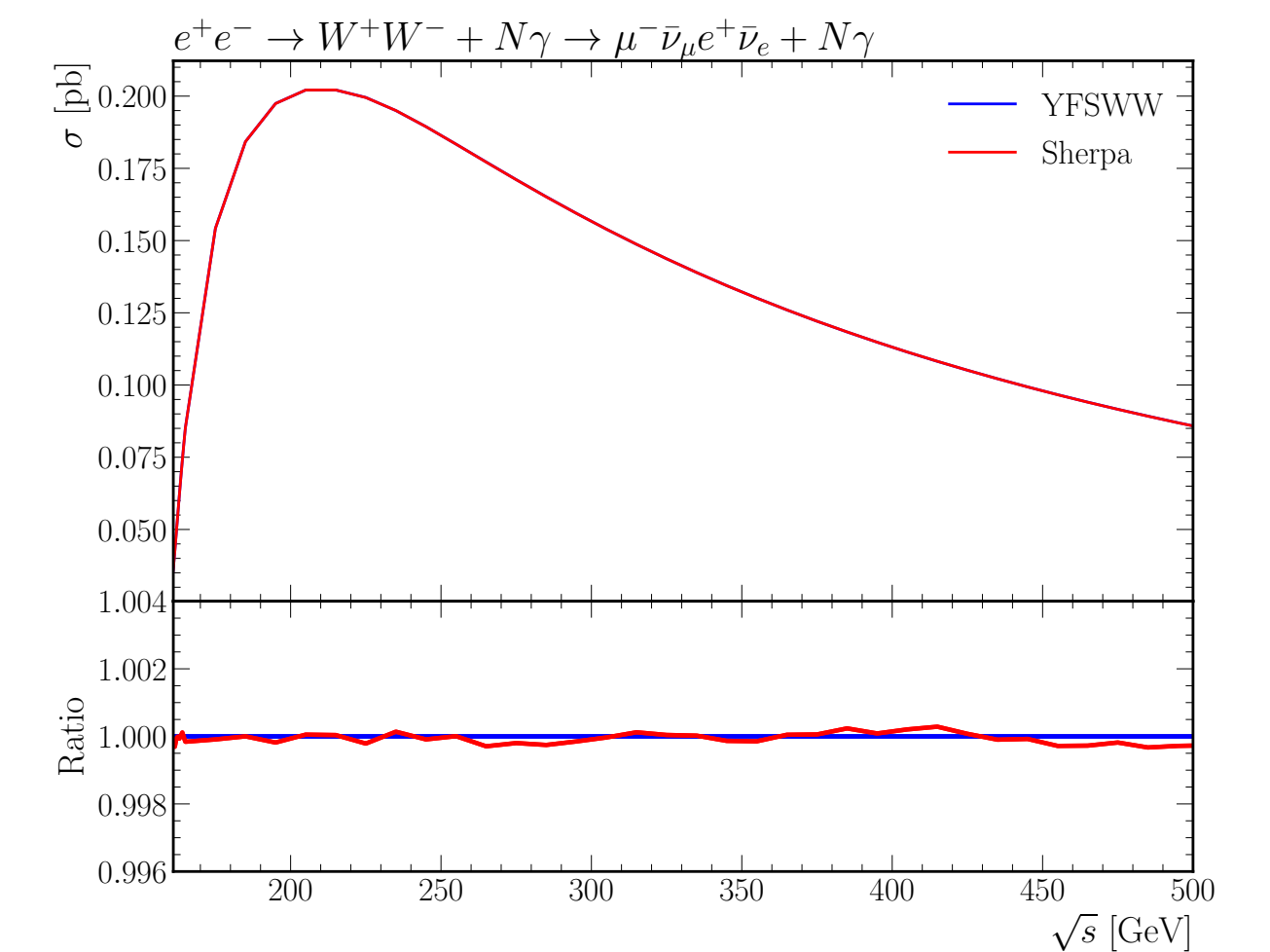
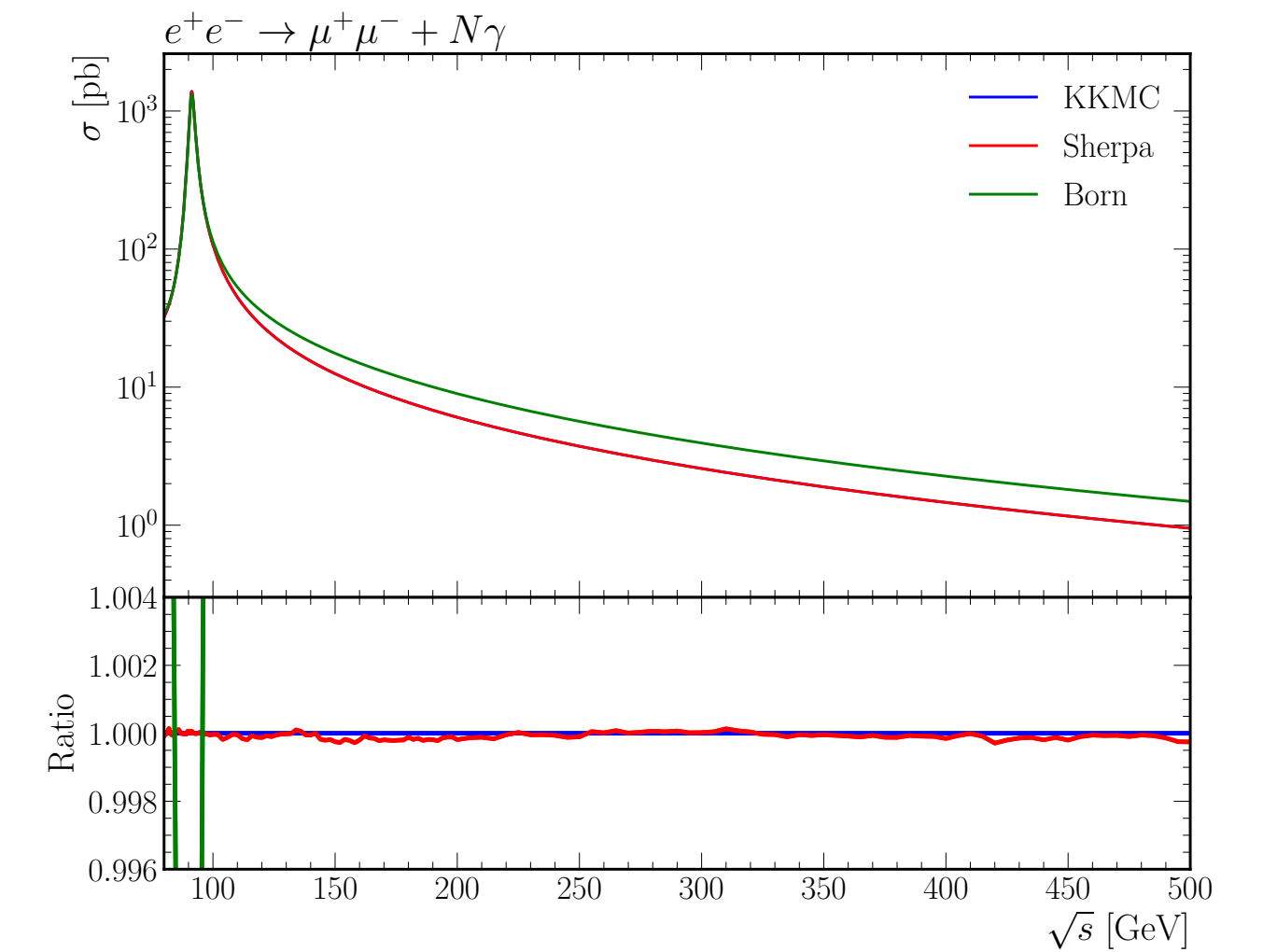
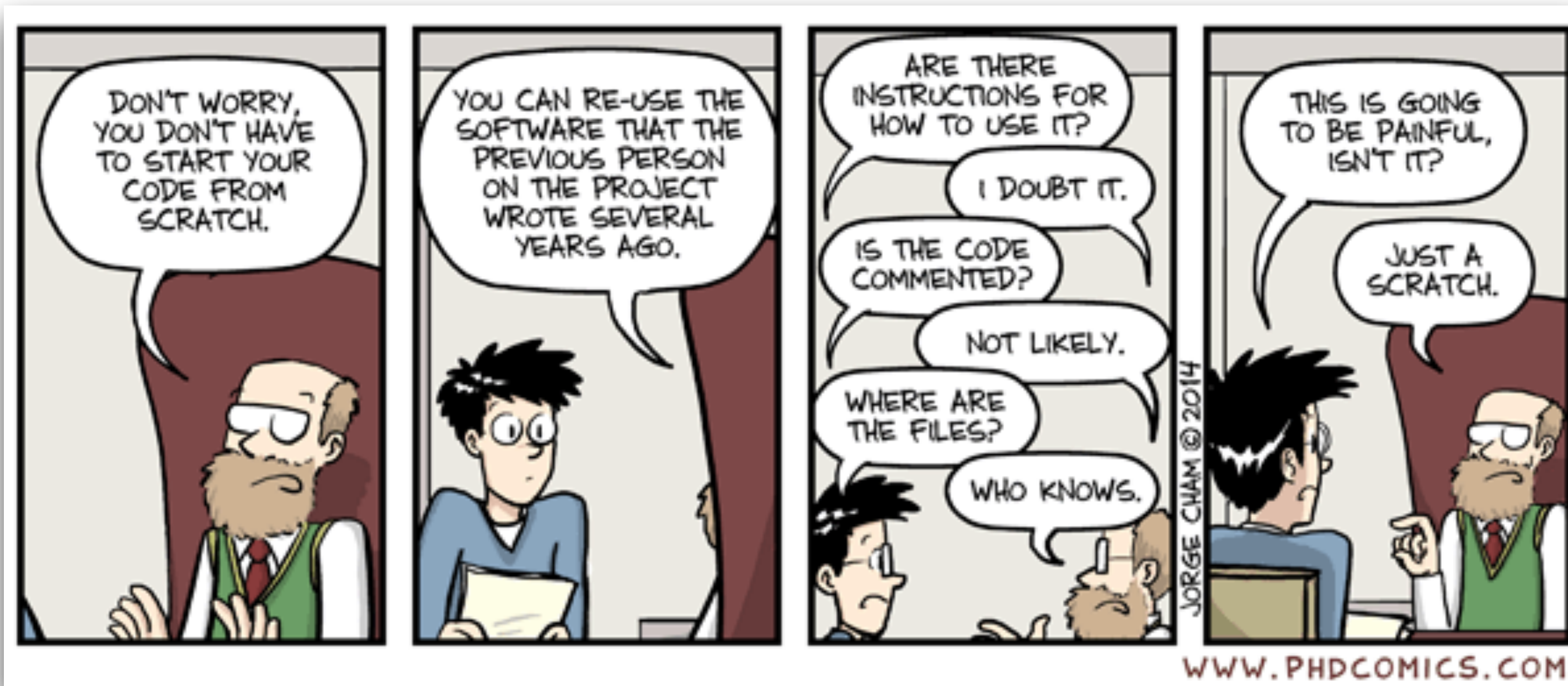
Benchmark Aims

- ❖ Main goal is to provide a framework to perform **technical** test of MC generators for all possible future Higgs factories
- ❖ Identify possible deviations between generators
 - ❖ Lead to discussions with WG1 and generator authors
- ❖ e^+e^- study has a long lifetime and MC will through many changes
 - ❖ Need a benchmark or standard candle to compare to
- ❖ “Lessons learned from LEP2”

See F. Piccinini [Talk](#)
2nd Topical Meeting on Generators



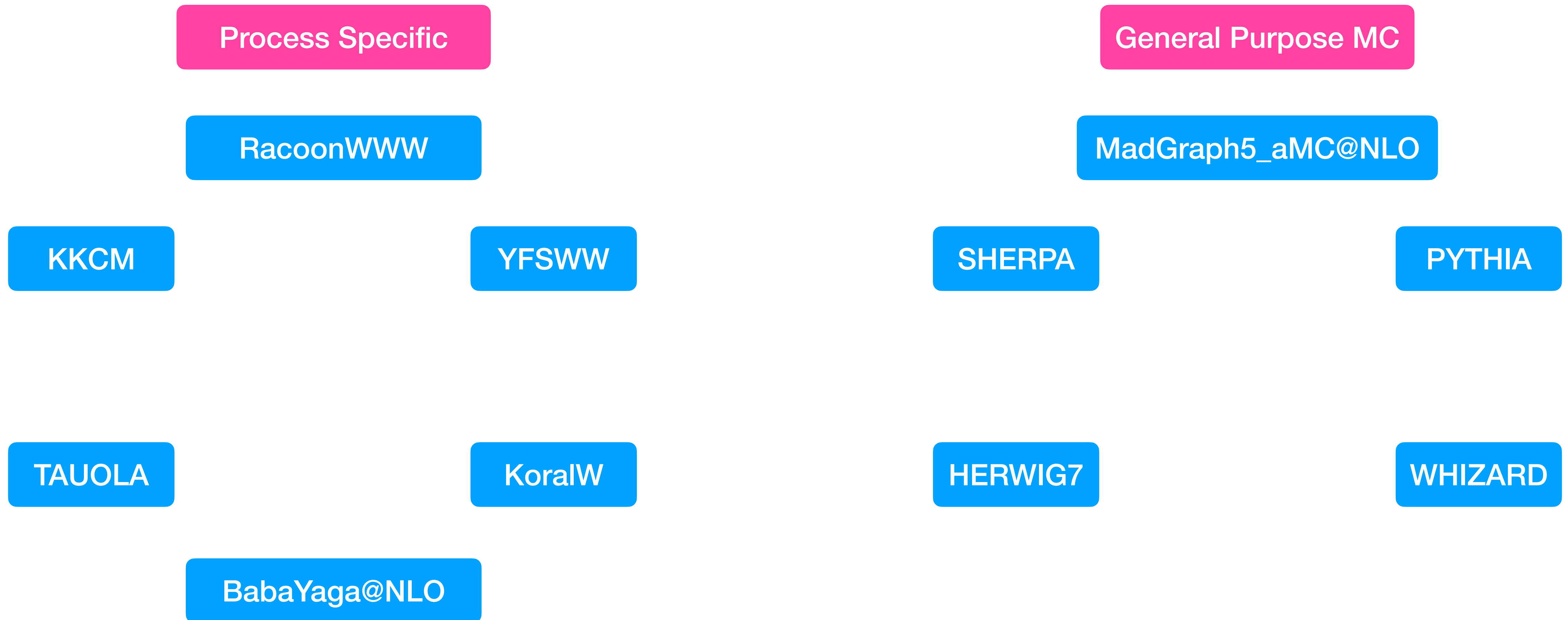
Motivation: Personal Experience



Motivation: Philosophy

- ❖ Generators are generally trying to simulate the same physics
- ❖ Why not have one **master** input card that will work for all MC?
 - Authors are unlikely to change or decide on a common input!
- ❖ Have python module which will create generator specific runcards from one master input
- ❖ This will help improve reproducibility and hopefully reduce input errors
- ❖ Preserve the “LEP era” MC, who may not have active authors on the timeline of a Higgs Factory

Monte Carlo Tools



See Carlo Calame [Talk](#)

Monte Carlo Tools

Process Specific

RacoonWW

KKCM

YFSWW

TAUOLA

KoralW

BabaYaga@NLO

- ❖ Well validated against e^+e^- data
- ❖ Most benchmarked for LEP
- ❖ New versions released
 - Benchmarked by authors
- ❖ Good Standard candles to compare against
- ❖ Some still state of the art

Monte Carlo Tools

- ❖ Well validated in LHC environment
- ❖ Compared against LEP data e.g tuning
- ❖ Some detailed validation already done for e^+e^-
 - ❖ Whizard vs Madgraph [Pia Bredt Thesis](#)
 - ❖ Sherpa YFS vs LEP YFS [AP Thesis](#)

General Purpose MC

SHERPA

PYTHIA

HERWIG7

WHIZARD

MadGraph5_aMC@NLO

MC Contacts

- ❖ **Herwig7:** Simon Plaetzer
- ❖ **Madgraph5_aMC@NLO:** Stefano Frixione
- ❖ **Pyhtia:** Ilkka Helenius
- ❖ **Sherpa:** Daniel Reichelt
- ❖ **Tauola et al:** Zbigniew Was
- ❖ **Whizard:** Juergen Reuter
- ❖ **Powheg:** Emanuele Re
- ❖ **BabaYaga:** Carlo Carloni Calame
- ❖ **Geneva:** Simone Alioli
- ❖ **Guinea Pig:** Daniel Schulte
- ❖ **CIRCE:** Thorsten Ohl

- ❖ Point of first contact for the benchmark study
- ❖ Regular contact with authors outside of ECFA

How to Benchmark?

Reproducibility



Paper

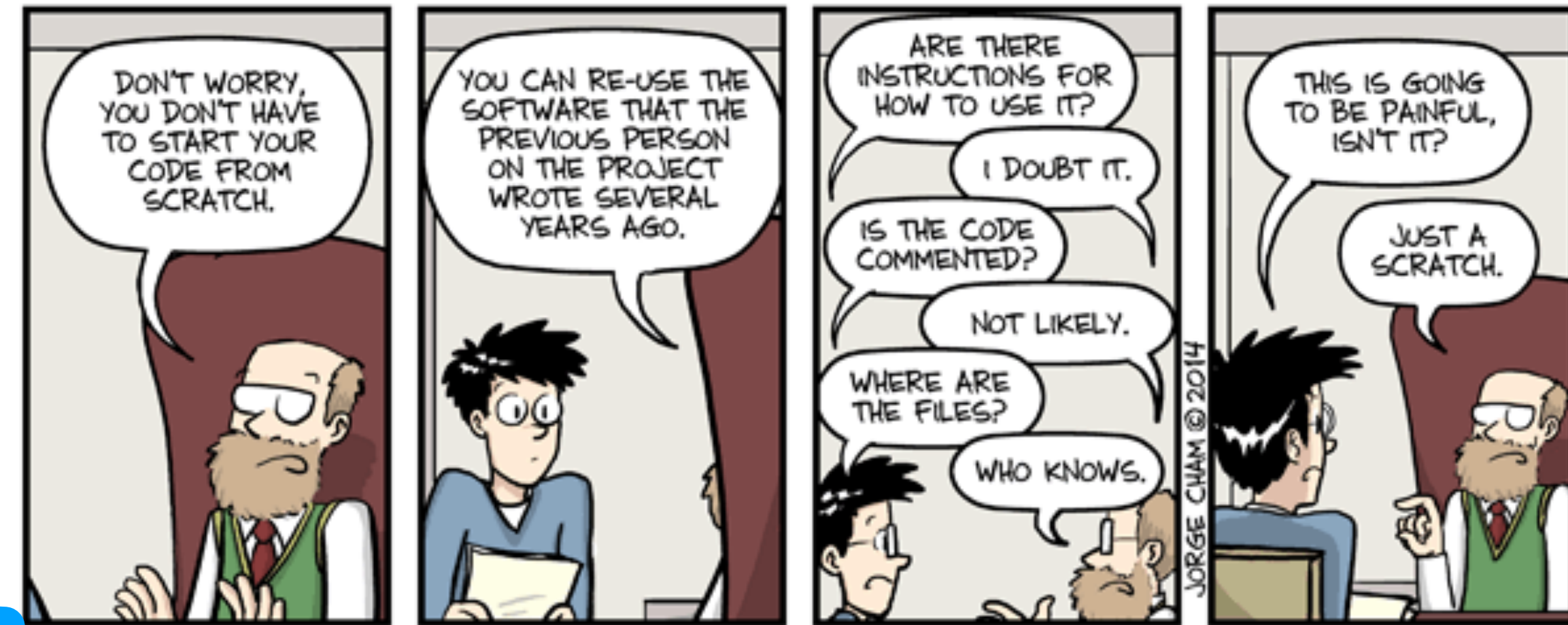
Reproducible with
some effort

+ Run-card

Easily
Reproduced

+ Analysis Files

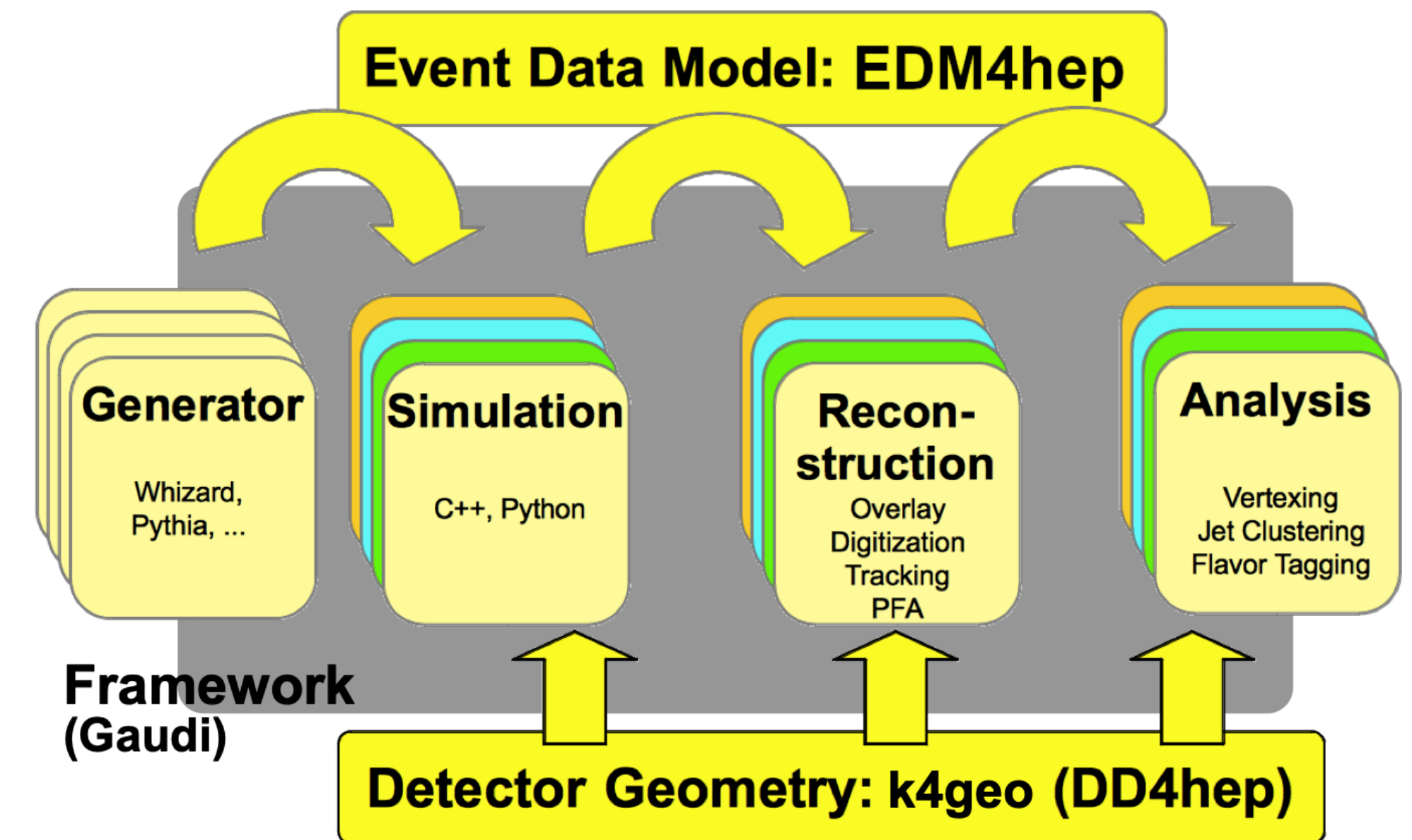
Easily Reproduced
And trivially to validate



Reproducibility

- ❖ Provide “**Add-on**” to Key4Hep framework
- ❖ Should be simple enough that:
 - ❖ New process can be easily added
 - ❖ MC authors can update interfaces if needed
- ❖ Keep some public event records
 - ❖ Juggle usefulness vs Storage
- ❖ More dedicate test for new generator releases

We already have a sophisticated software system!



See Juraj Smieško [Talk](#)

- ❖ Think about reproducibility!
 - ❖ With such a long timeline for lepton colliders results should be easily reproduced
- ❖ Develop in house tool that will automatically:
 - ❖ Run all MC from one input card, allows for easy setting of global parameter
 - ❖ Collect and compare final results e.g Cross-sections
 - ❖ Allow for easy comparison of differential distributions
 - ❖ Tricky but possible for technical checks

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- Sherpa
- Whizard
- Madgraph
- KKMC
- Pythia

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Events: 10000
EventMode: unweighted

SqrtS: 91.2
Model: SM
ISRMode: 0

Processes:
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    Final: [13, -13]
    Order: [2,0]
  Tau:
    Final: [15, -15]
    Order: [2,0]

Sherpa:
  Run:
    EW_SCHEME: 3

ParticleData:
  23:
    mass: 91.1876
    width: 2.4952
```


Output

- ❖ For all generators we should aim for a consistent output
 - ❖ At top-level, tables of cross-sections, differential distributions
- ❖ Store all outputs in a systematic way
- ❖ Tricky but possible for technical checks
- ❖ Long term storage of event files and make them publicly available

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- ❖ k4GeneratorsConfig also provides event format conversion
- ❖ Supports both LHEF and HEPMC conversion to EDM4HEP format
- ❖ After conversations with the HEPMC authors it is envisioned that this conversion will take place within HEPMC. This will allow MC to generate EDM4HEP without a dedicated interface
- ❖ Thanks to Dirk Zerwas!

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What to Benchmark?

Processes

- ❖ We will consider all **process** of interest to all **colliders** at all relevant **energies**
- ❖ Add your favourite process to our living, evolving document [here](#)

Features

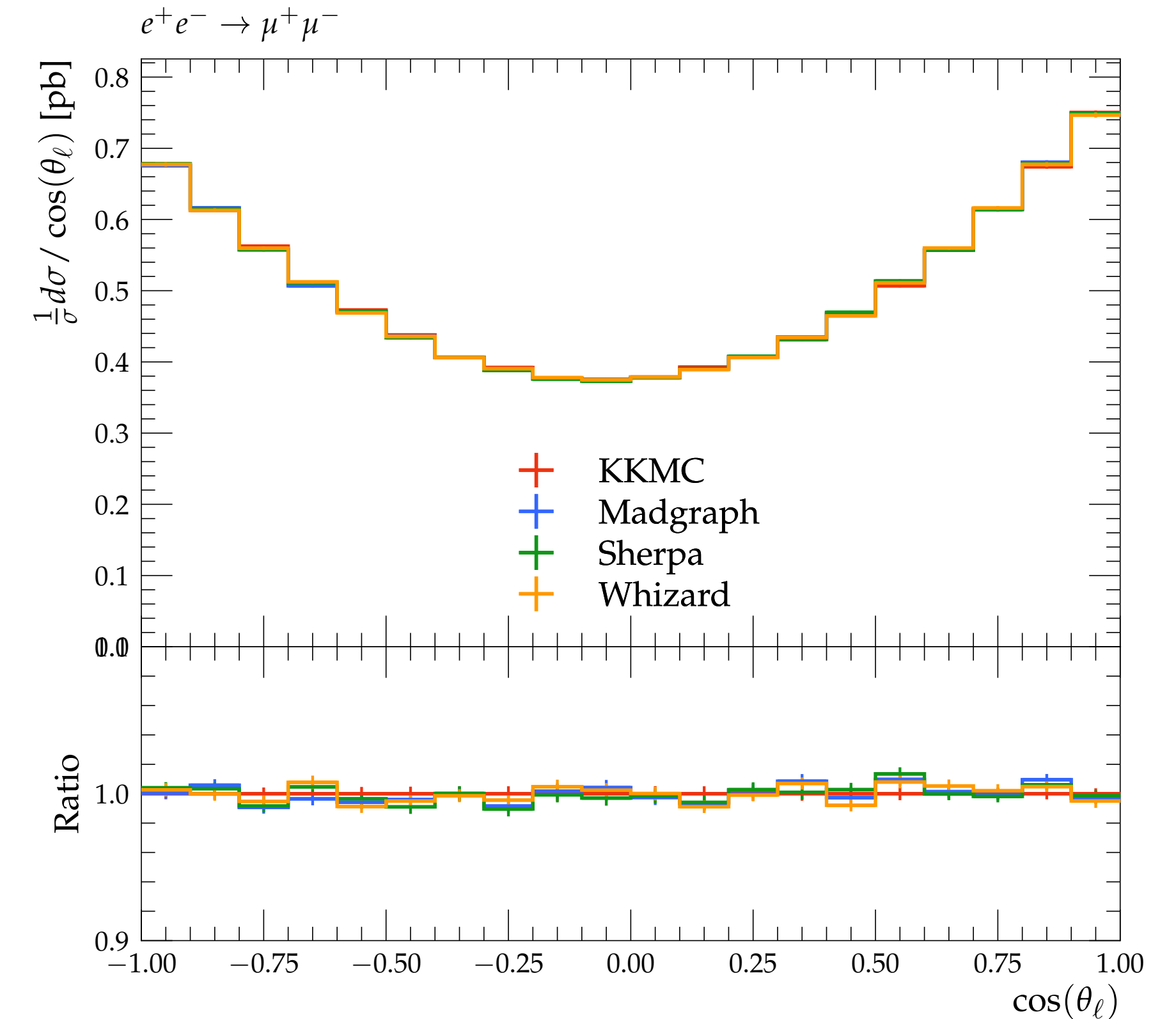
- ❖ If two or more MC support a feature it should be benchmarked
- ❖ E.g Coulomb correction in $W+W^-$ production. Not present in all generators

Current Processes

We have input cards for all relevant $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes

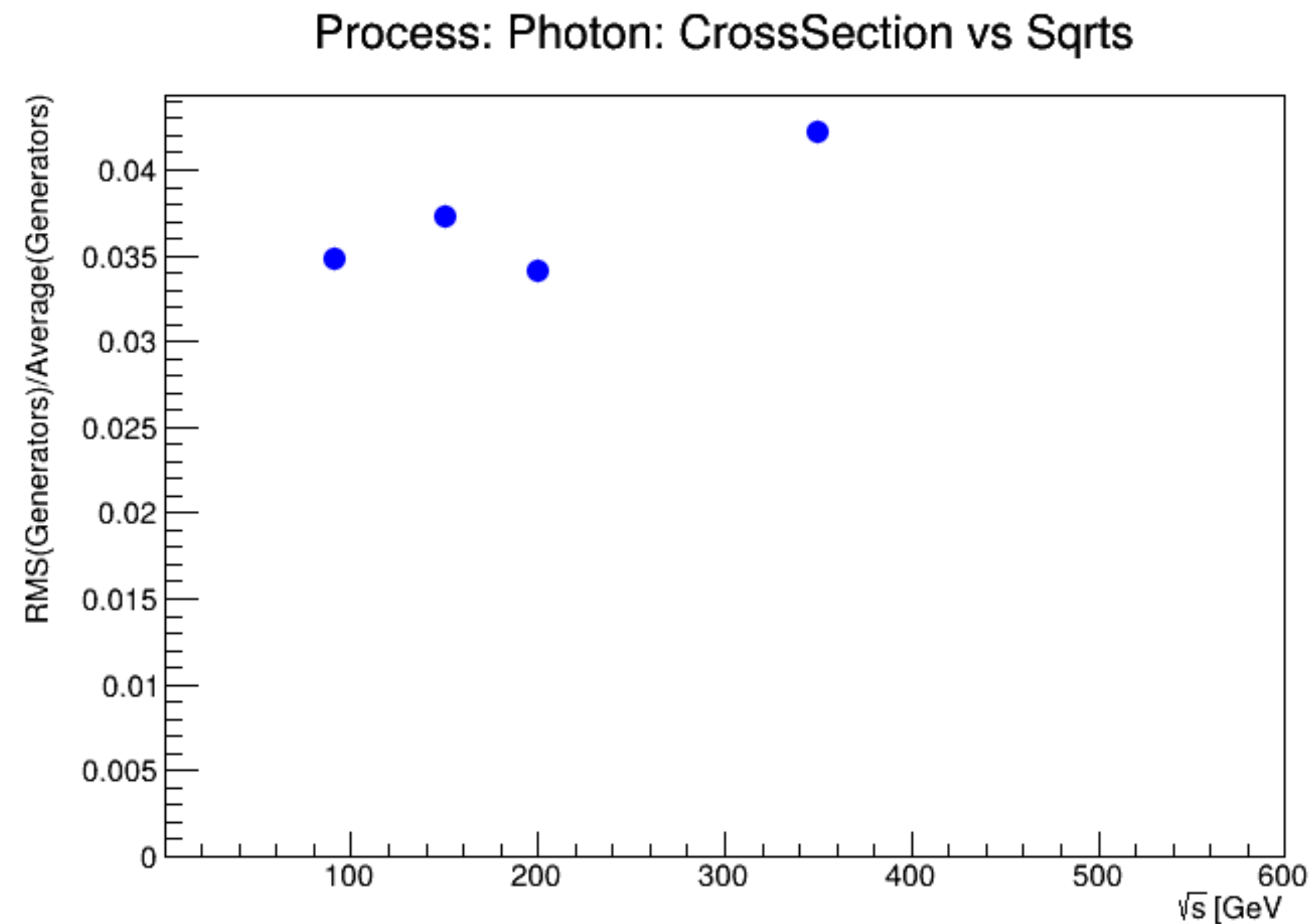
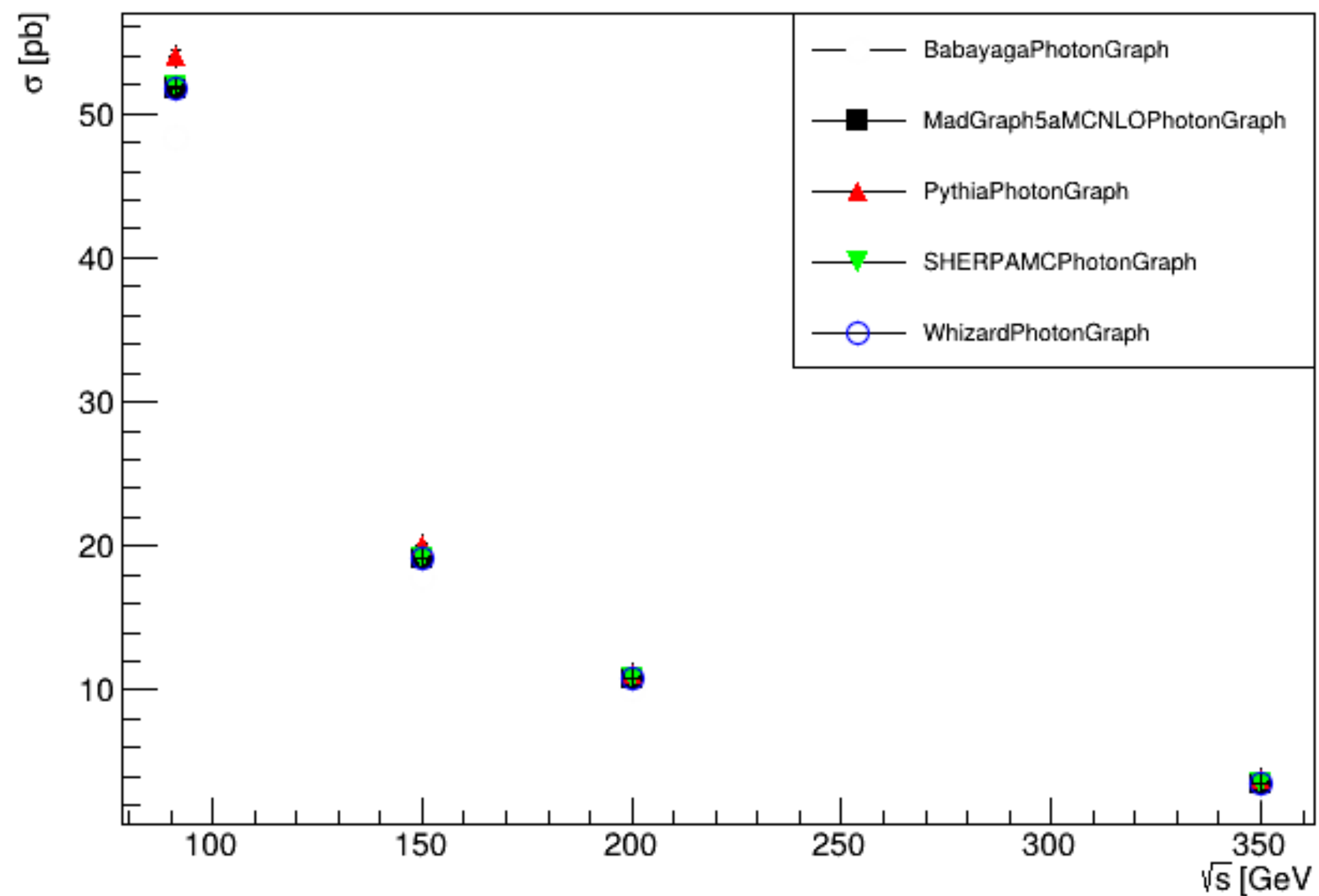
We seeing excellent agreement in most cases, one or two effects (<5%) that requires more detailed study

Differential distributions are also in good agreement



Current Processes

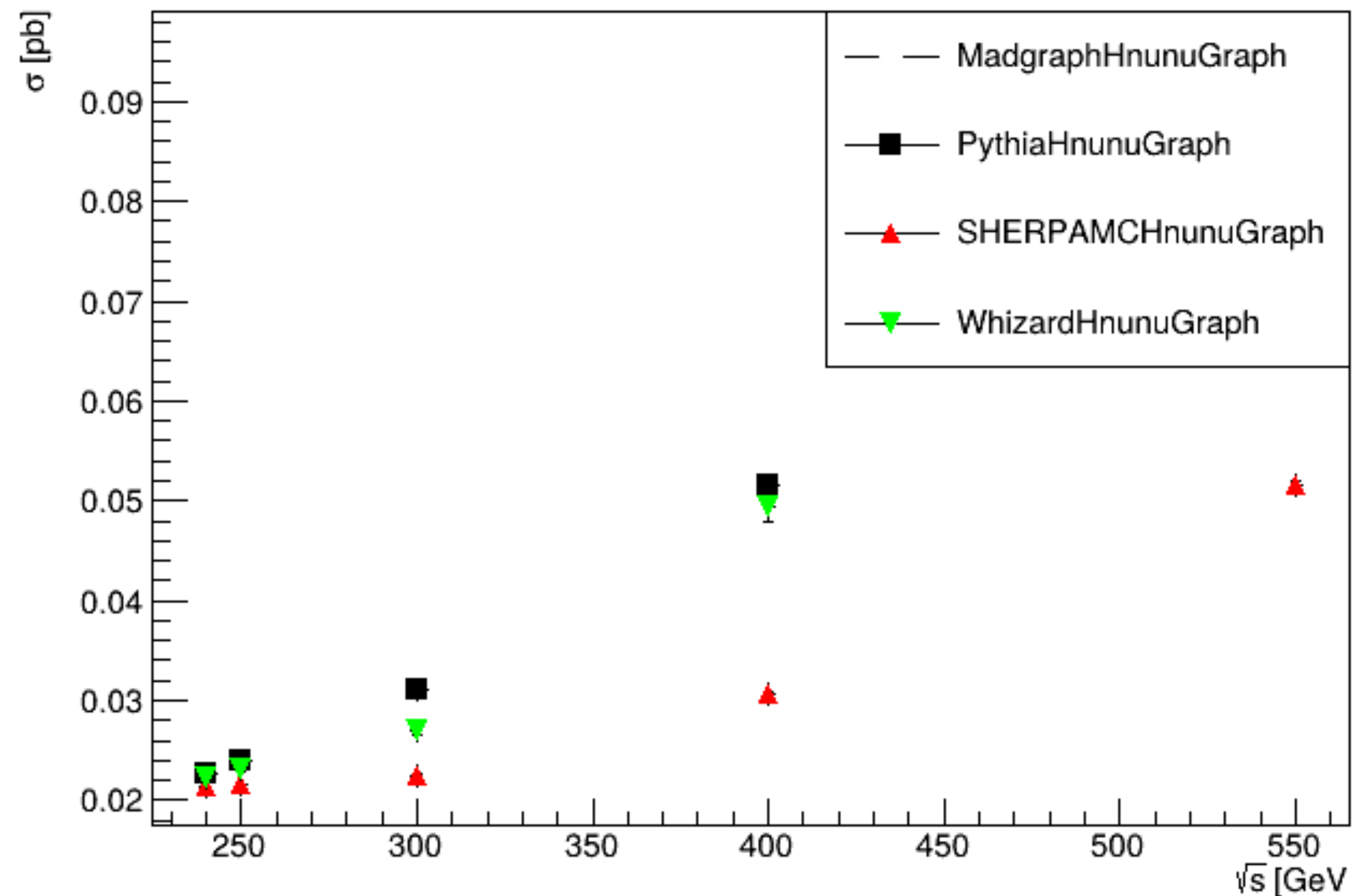
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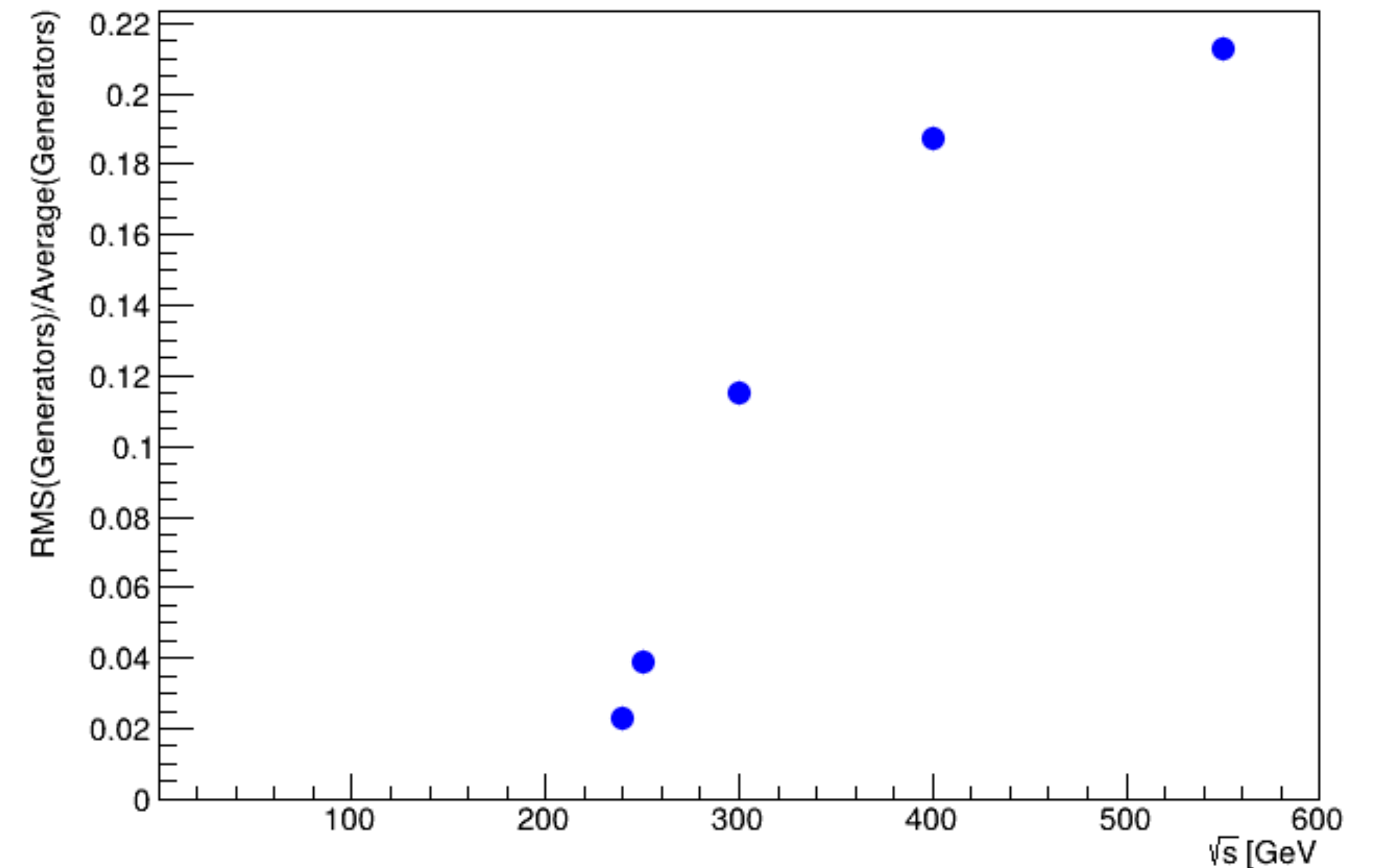
Current Processes

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow H\nu\bar{\nu}$$



Issue with Sherpa's Z width setting, Resolved now

Process: Hnunu: CrossSection vs Sqrts

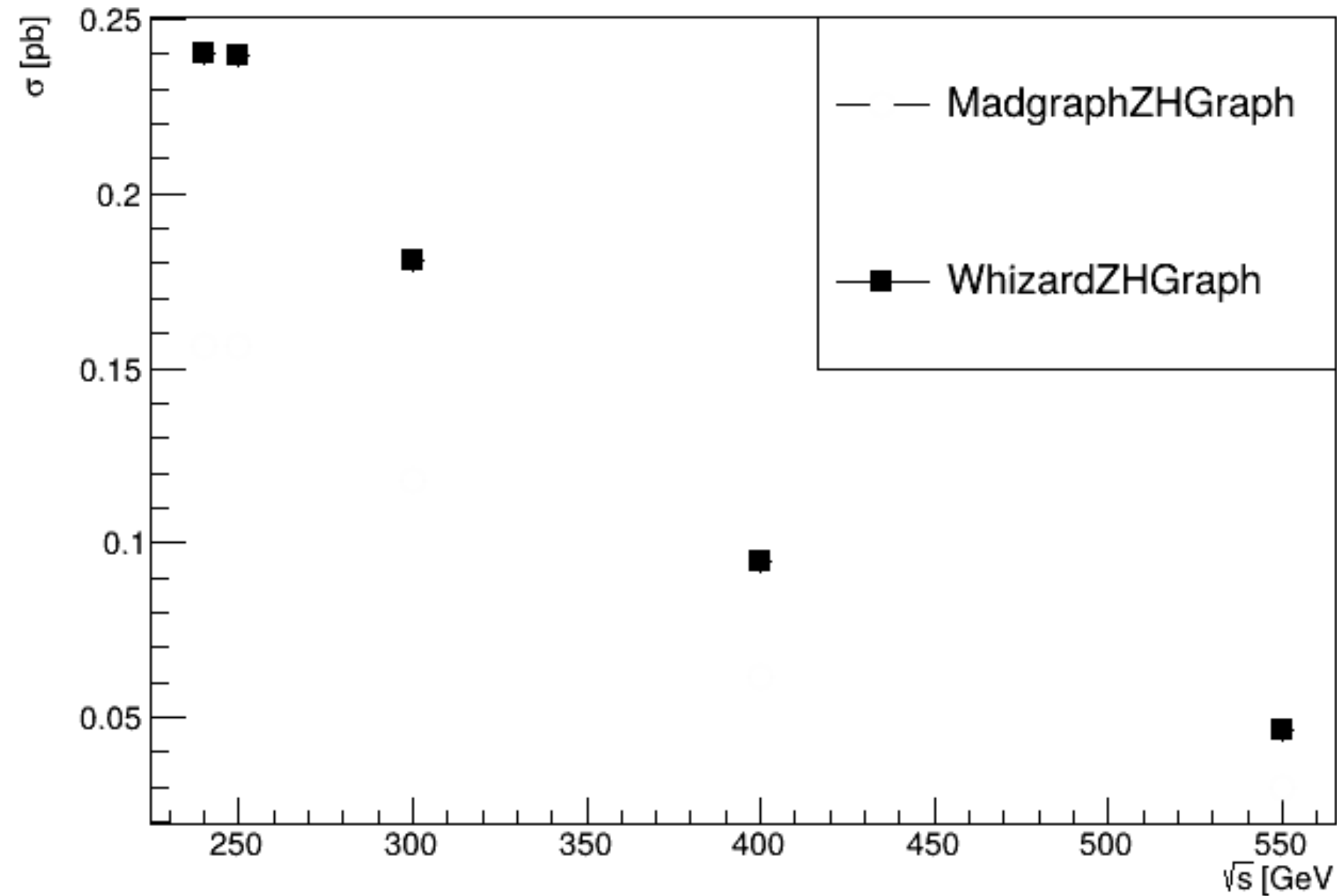


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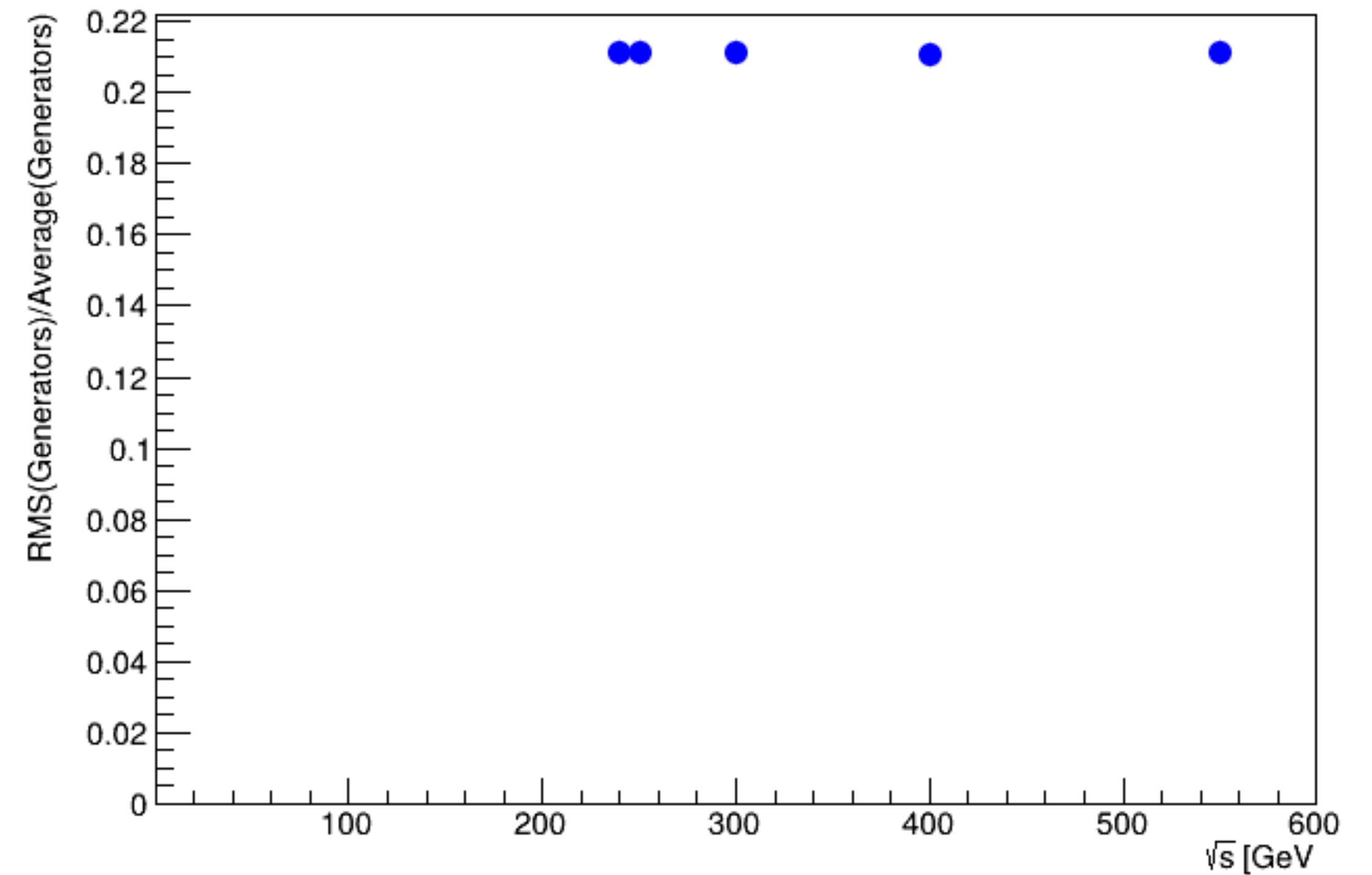
Current Processes

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$$

“Feature like check” Polarised Cross-Section from both Madgraph and Whizard
Sherpa3 also supports Polarisation and will be included here also



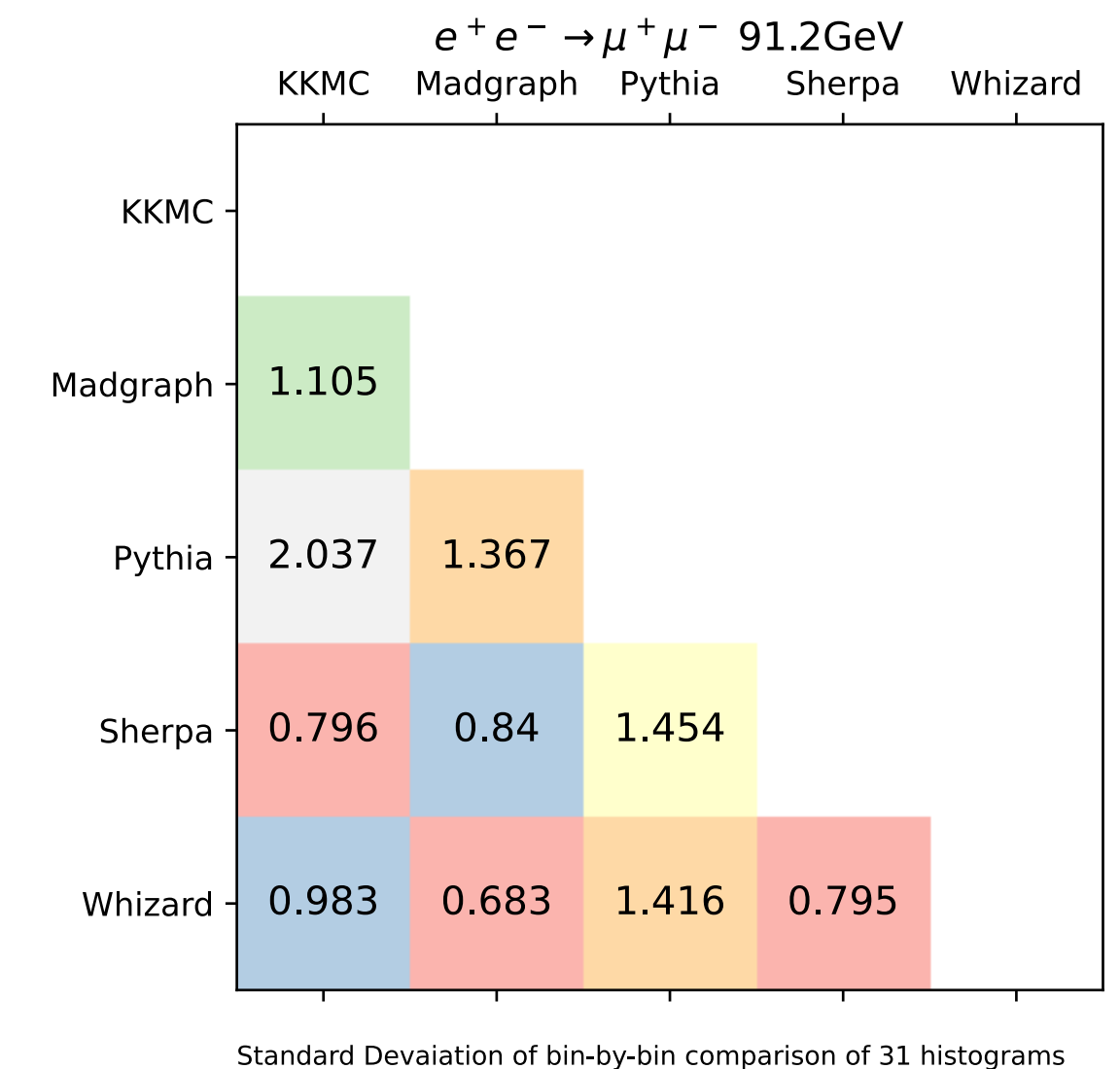
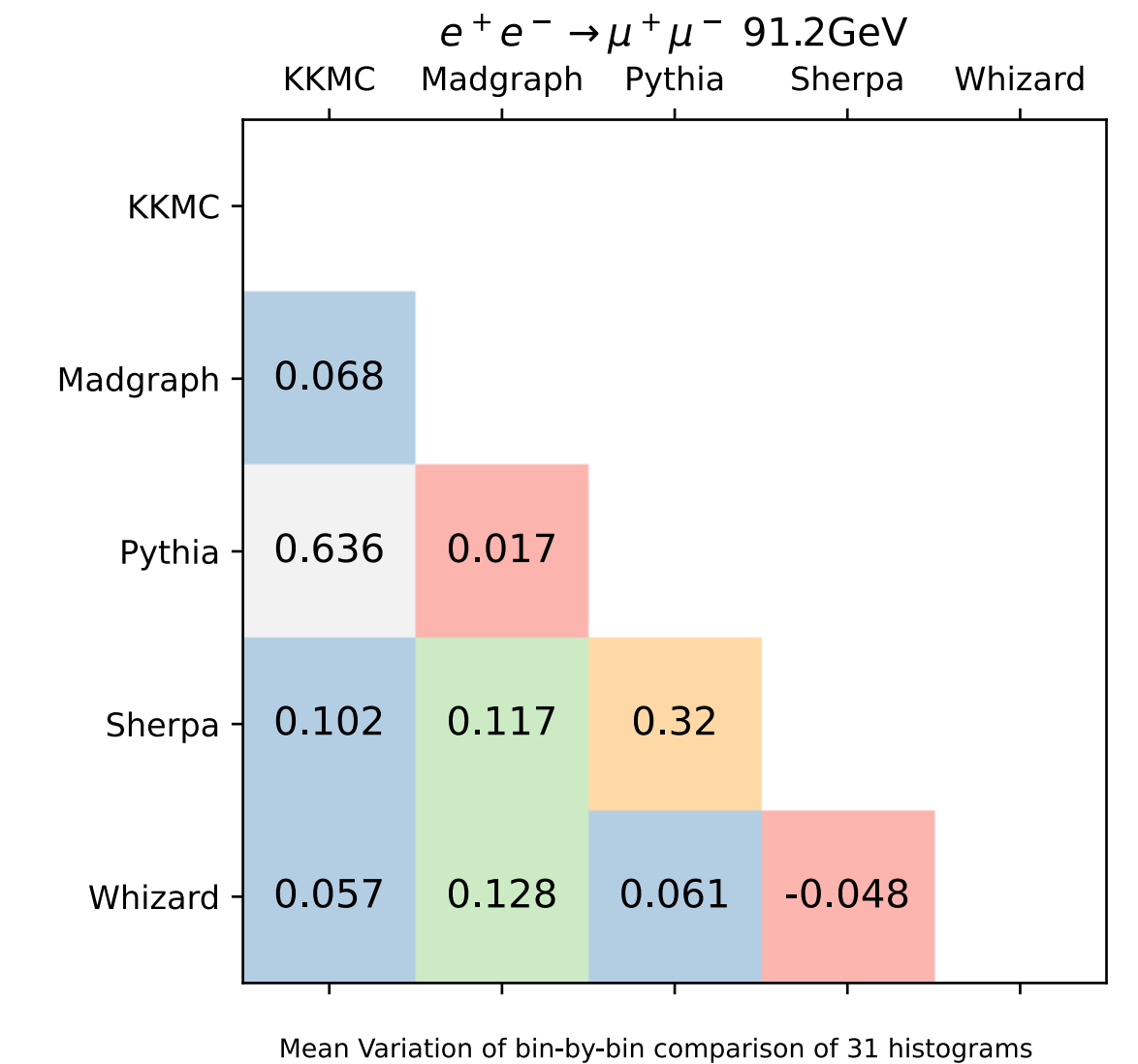
Process: ZH: CrossSection vs Sqrts



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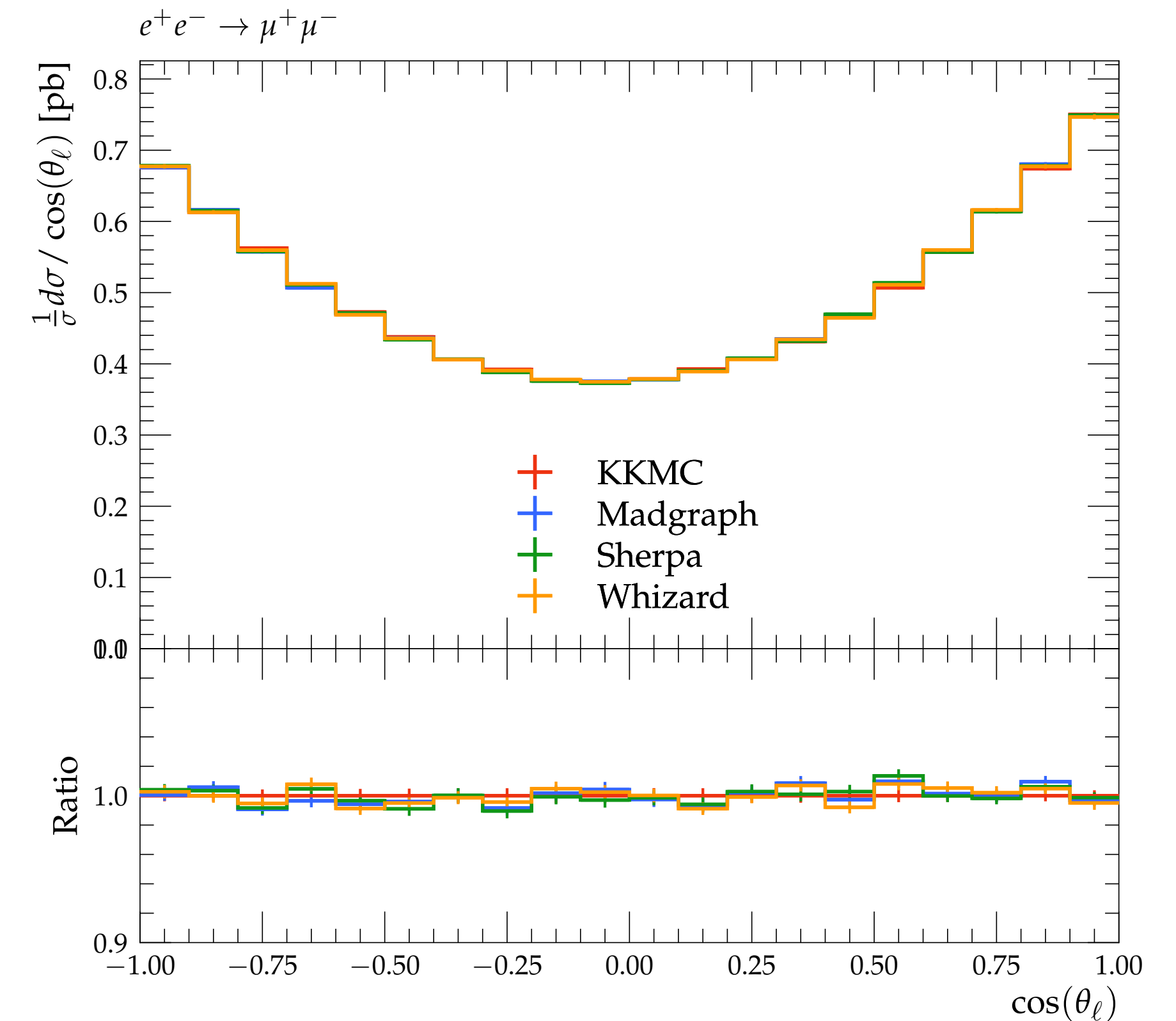
ECFA Report: What to contribute?

- ❖ Tables of Cross-Sections are envisioned, so future researches can quickly cross-check
- ❖ Some key differential distributions will also be include but too many can be overwhelming
- ❖ Use statistical methods to perform bin-by-bin analysis between all generators to make summary plots
- ❖ Close contact with the generator editors, Carlo Calame , Juergen Reuter, and Marco Zaro



Conclusion

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Generators:  
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- Whizard  
- Madgraph  
- KKMC  
  
OutputFormat: hepmc3  
OutDir: Run-Cards  
Events: 10000000  
EventMode: weighted  
  
SqrtS: 91.2  
Model: SM  
  
Processes:  
  Muon91.2:  
    Final: [13, -13]  
    Order: [2,0]  
    ISRMode: 0  
  
Selectors:  
  Process:  
    Muon91.2:  
      PT:  
        Max: 45.6  
        Min: 5  
        Flavour: [-13,13]
```



Key4Generators is now at the “hit the button” stage

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