

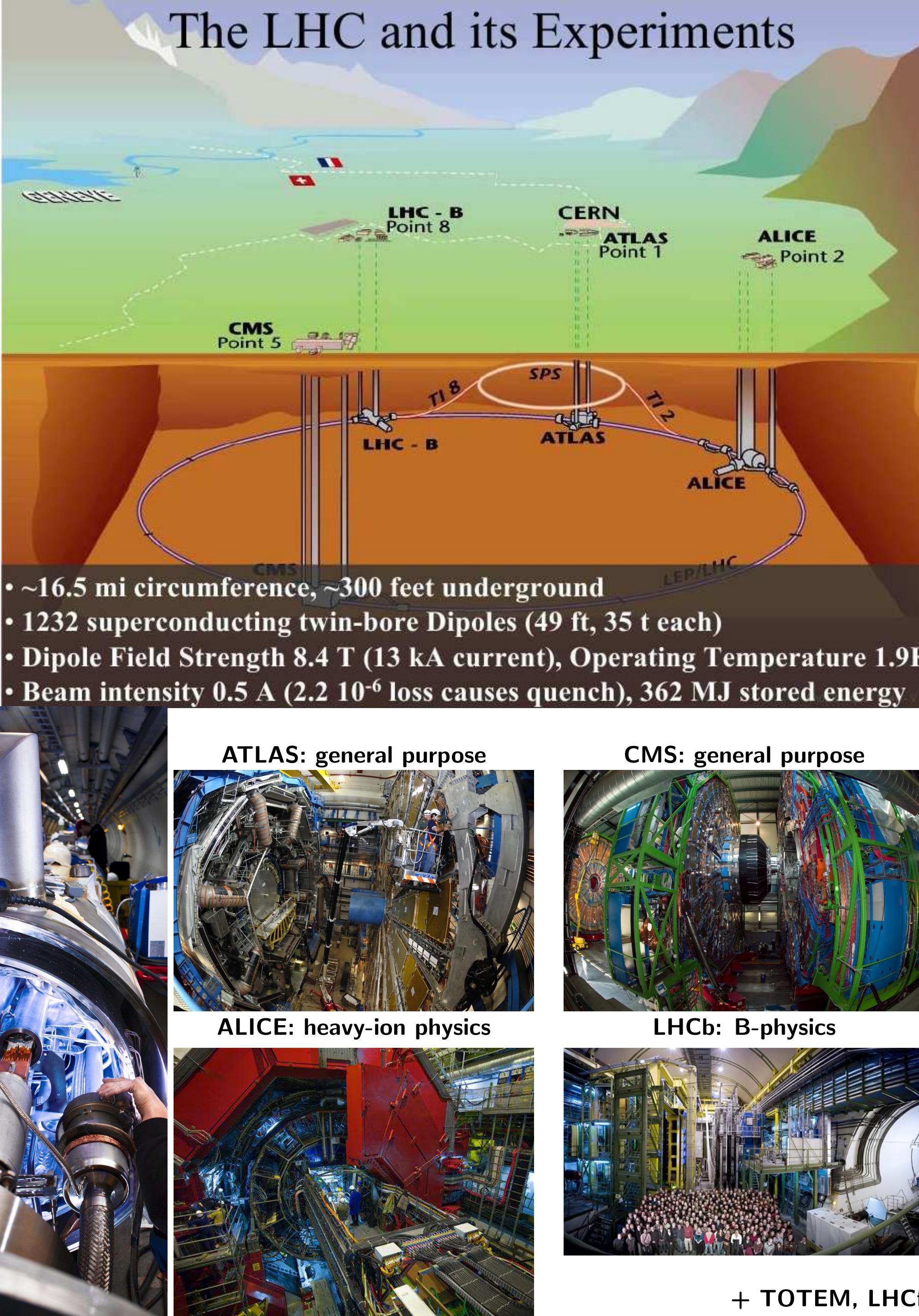
# TOWARDS 1% PRECISION AT THE LHC?

Gavin Salam, CERN

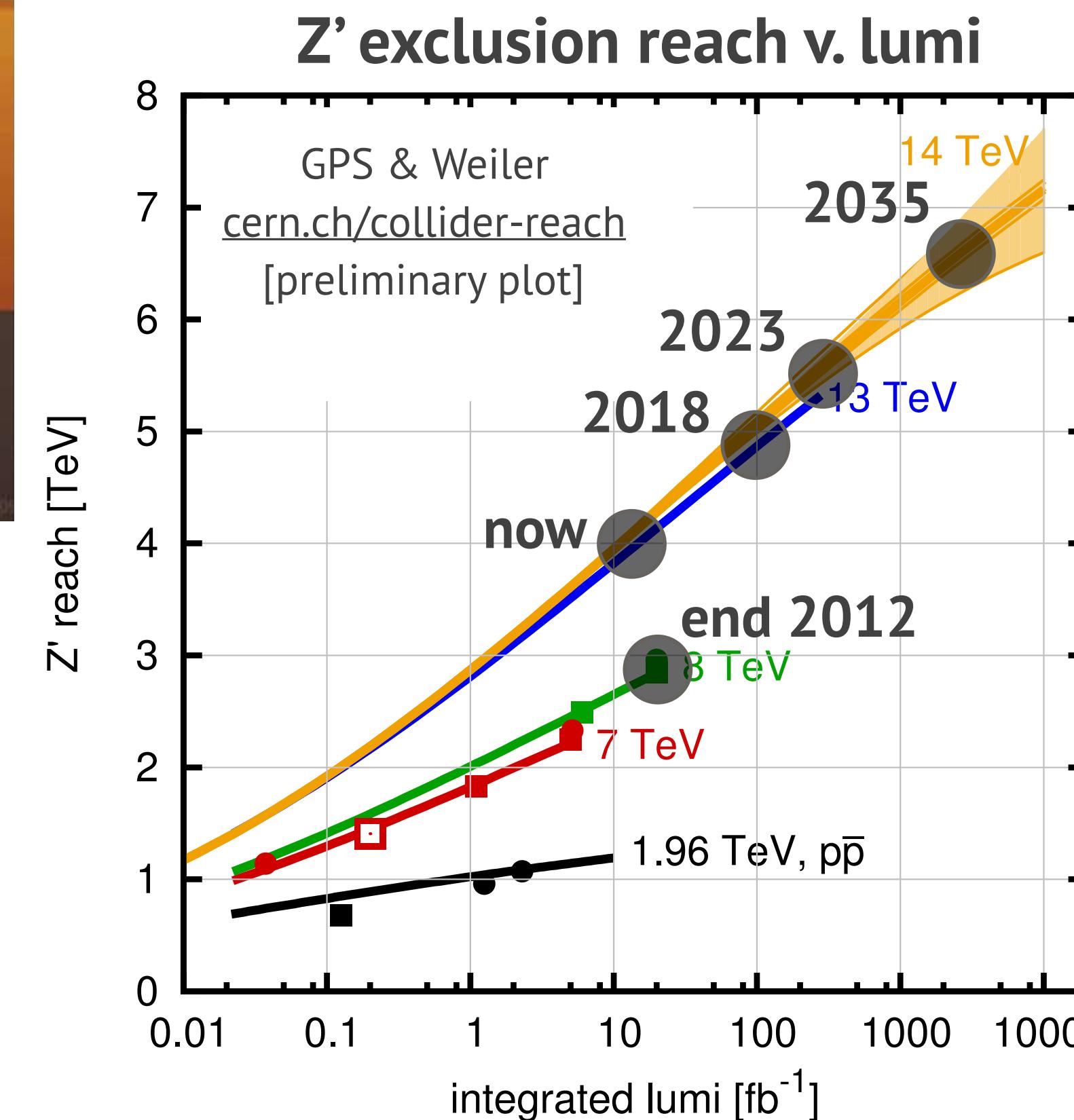
*Future challenges for precision QCD  
IPPP, Durham, UK, 25–28 October 2016*

*Talk in part inspired by discussions at KITP Santa Barbara  
& for ECFA HL-LHC workshop*

# The LHC and its Experiments



# LHC – TWO ROLES – A DISCOVERY MACHINE AND A PRECISION MACHINE



## Today

- $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 8 TeV
- $13 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 13 TeV (analysed)

## Future

- 2018:  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 13 TeV
- 2023:  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 1? TeV
- 2035:  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  @ 14 TeV

**$1 \text{ fb}^{-1} = 10^{14} \text{ collisions}$**

Increase in luminosity brings discovery reach and precision

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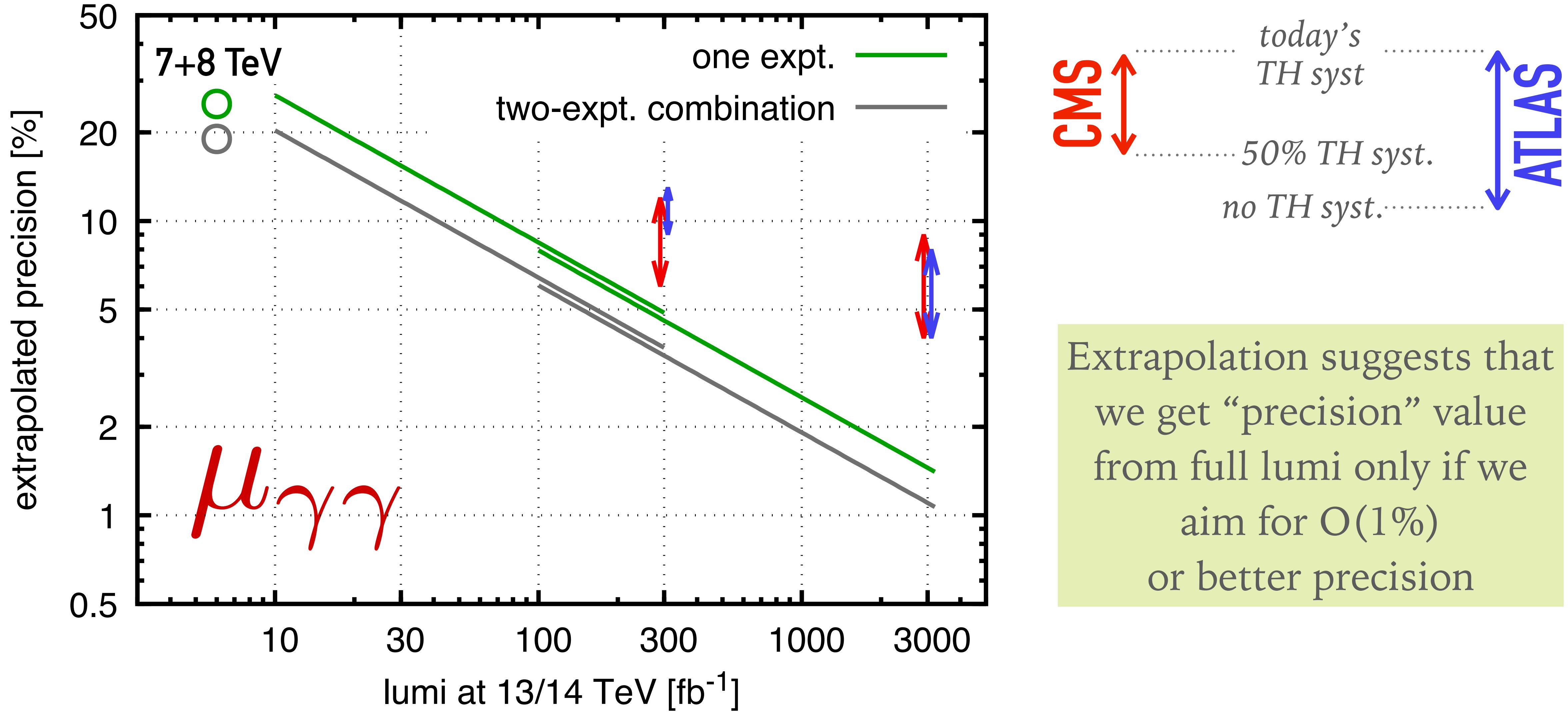
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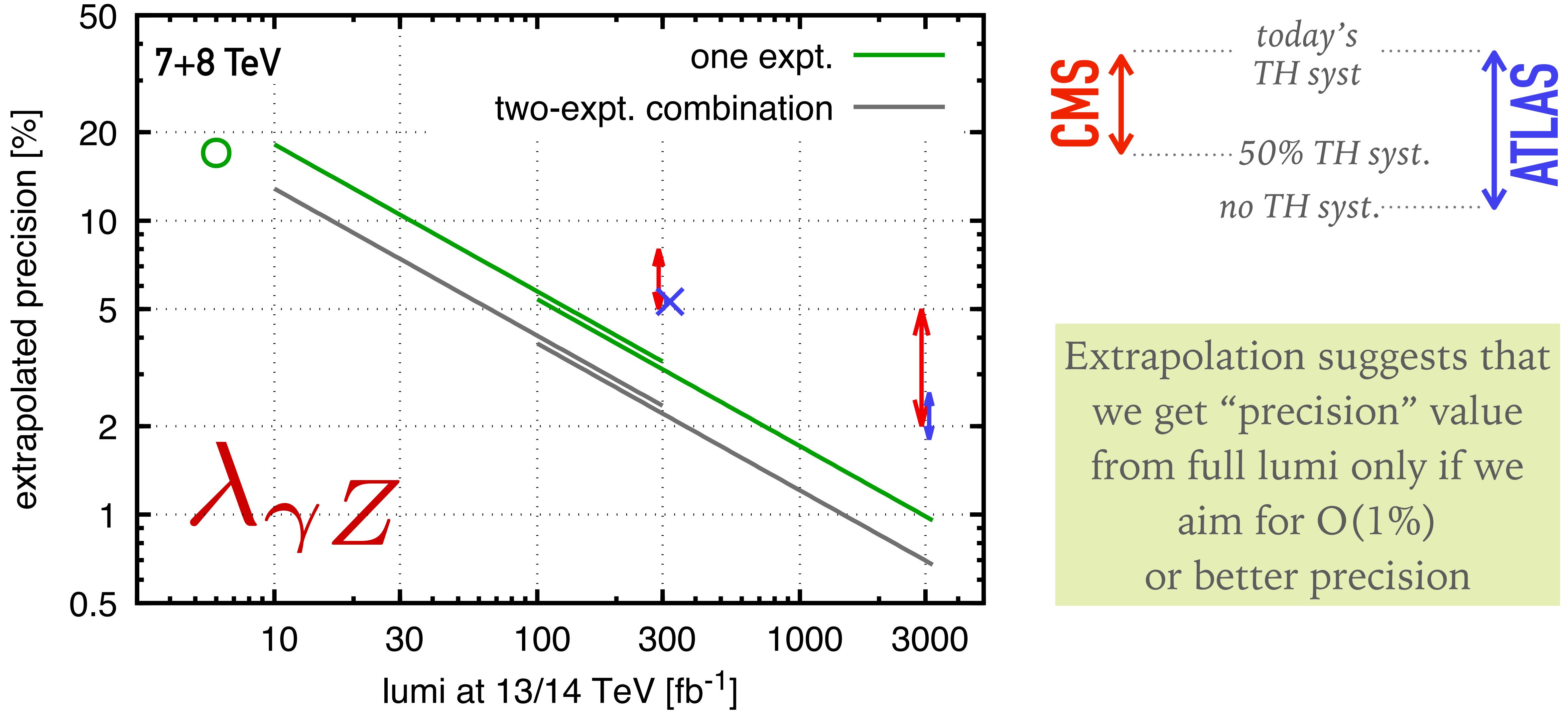
Start asking questions about what precision goals we might set ourselves, what obstacles we will meet, what techniques and measurements might help us progress

**What precision should we  
have as a target?**

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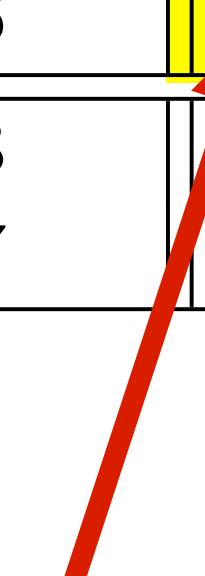


# DI-HIGGS PRODUCTION AT HL-LHC ( $\text{HH} \rightarrow 4\text{b}, 3\text{ab}^{-1}$ )

*Behr, Bortoletto, Frost, Hartland, Issever & Rojo, 1512.08928*

Category		signal $N_{\text{ev}}$	background		$S/\sqrt{B_{\text{tot}}}$	$S/\sqrt{B_{4\text{b}}}$	$S/B_{\text{tot}}$	$S/B_{4\text{b}}$
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	PU80+SK+Trim	140	$5.6 \cdot 10^3$	$2.4 \cdot 10^3$	1.9	2.9	0.03	0.06
Resolved	no PU	630	$1.1 \cdot 10^5$	$5.8 \cdot 10^4$	1.9	2.7	0.01	0.01
	PU80+SK	640	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	$7.0 \cdot 10^4$	2.0	2.6	0.01	0.01
Combined	no PU				4.0	5.3		
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Key signal channels will need ~1% control of complex bkgds

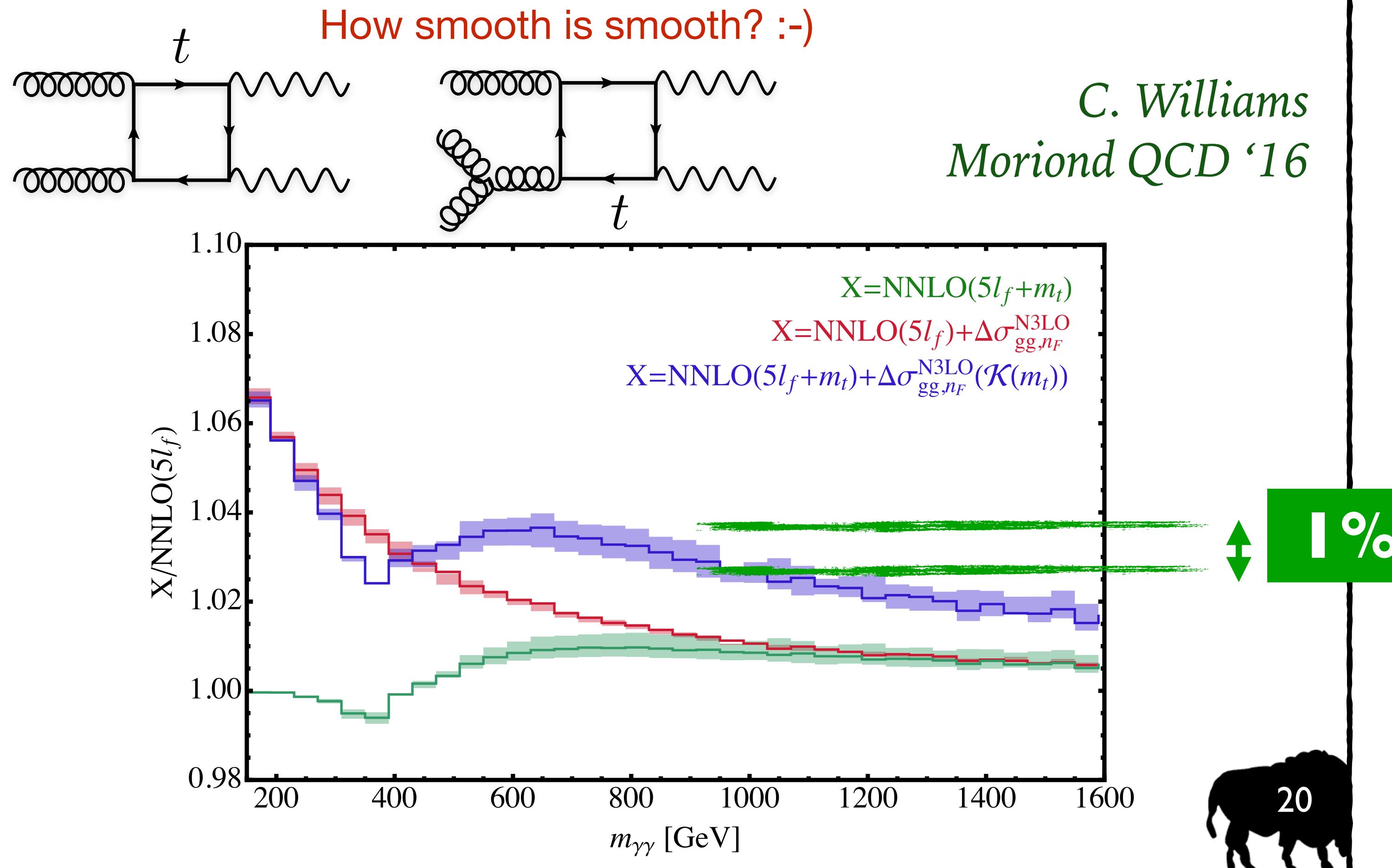


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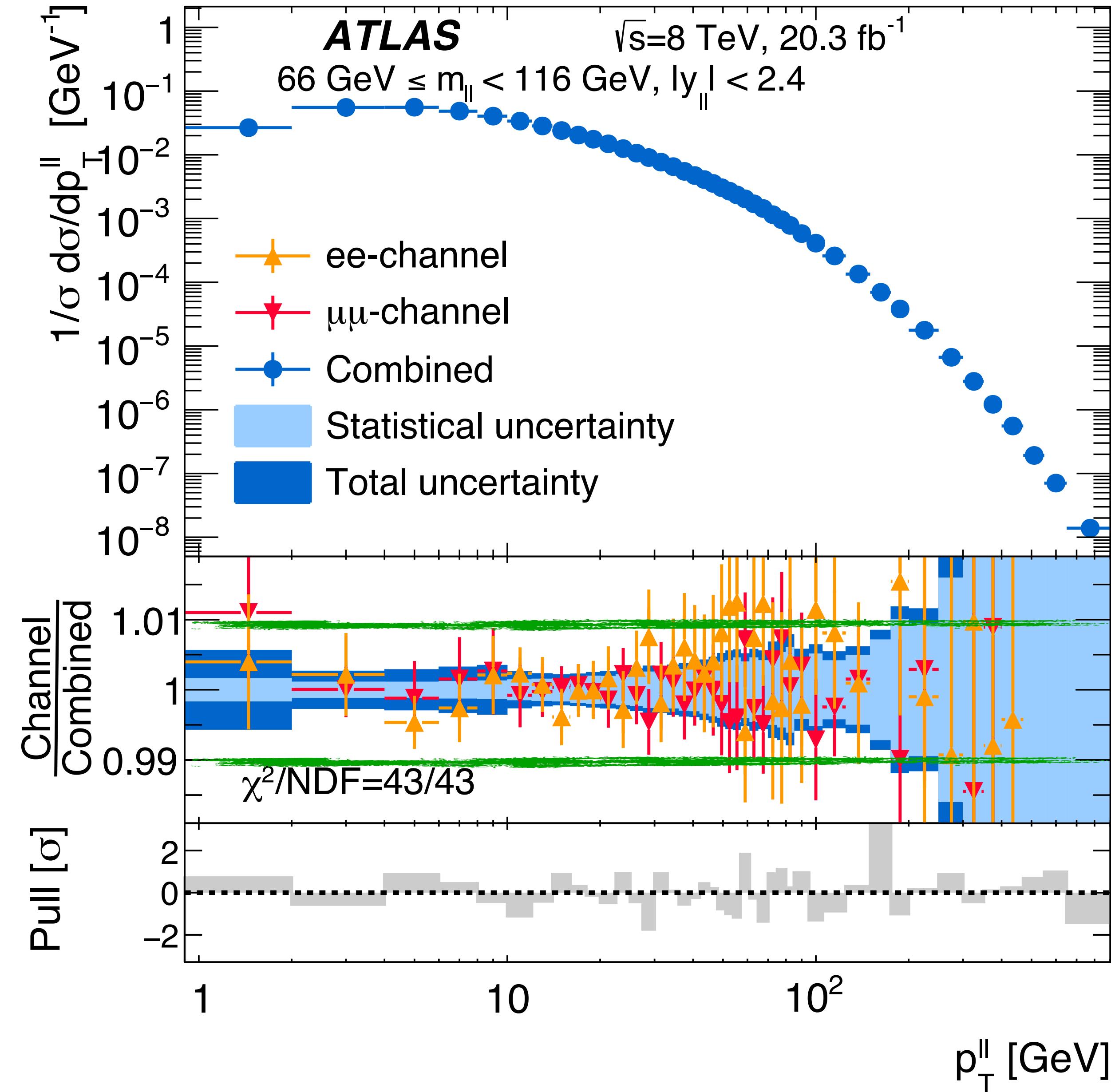


Predictions at high invariant masses.

As we all know, bump hunts in the diphoton system assume a smooth function which can be fitted to the data. Begging the question,



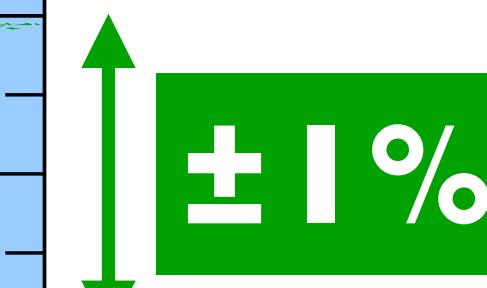
Standard experimental techniques, like data-driven bkgd estimates, can be skewed by  $O(1\%)$  theoretical subtleties.



## WHAT'S POSSIBLE EXPERIMENTALLY?

Today's most precise results are perhaps for the Z transverse momentum

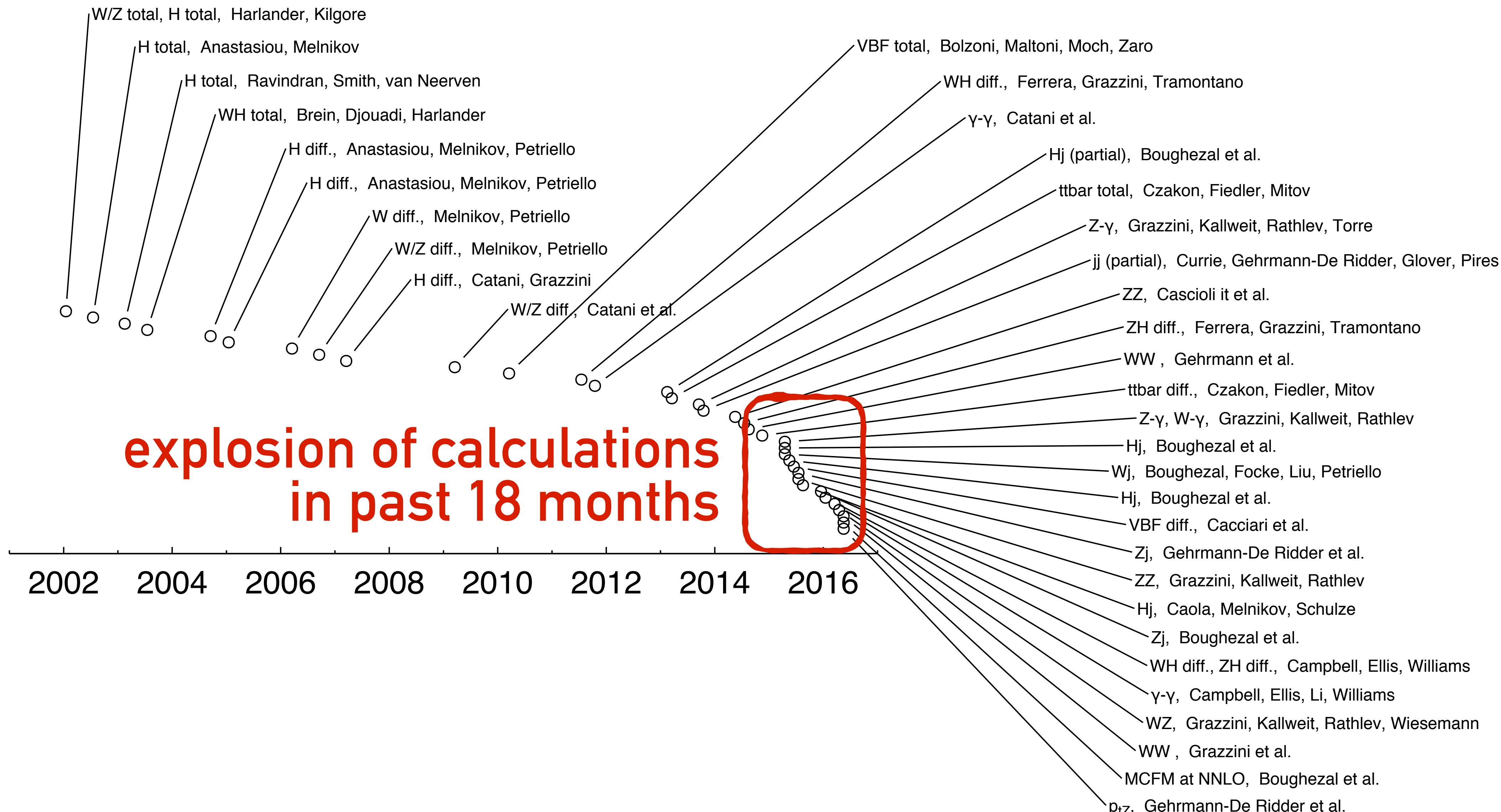
- normalised to Z fiducial  $\sigma$
- achieves  $<1\%$ , from  $p_T = 1$  to 200 GeV



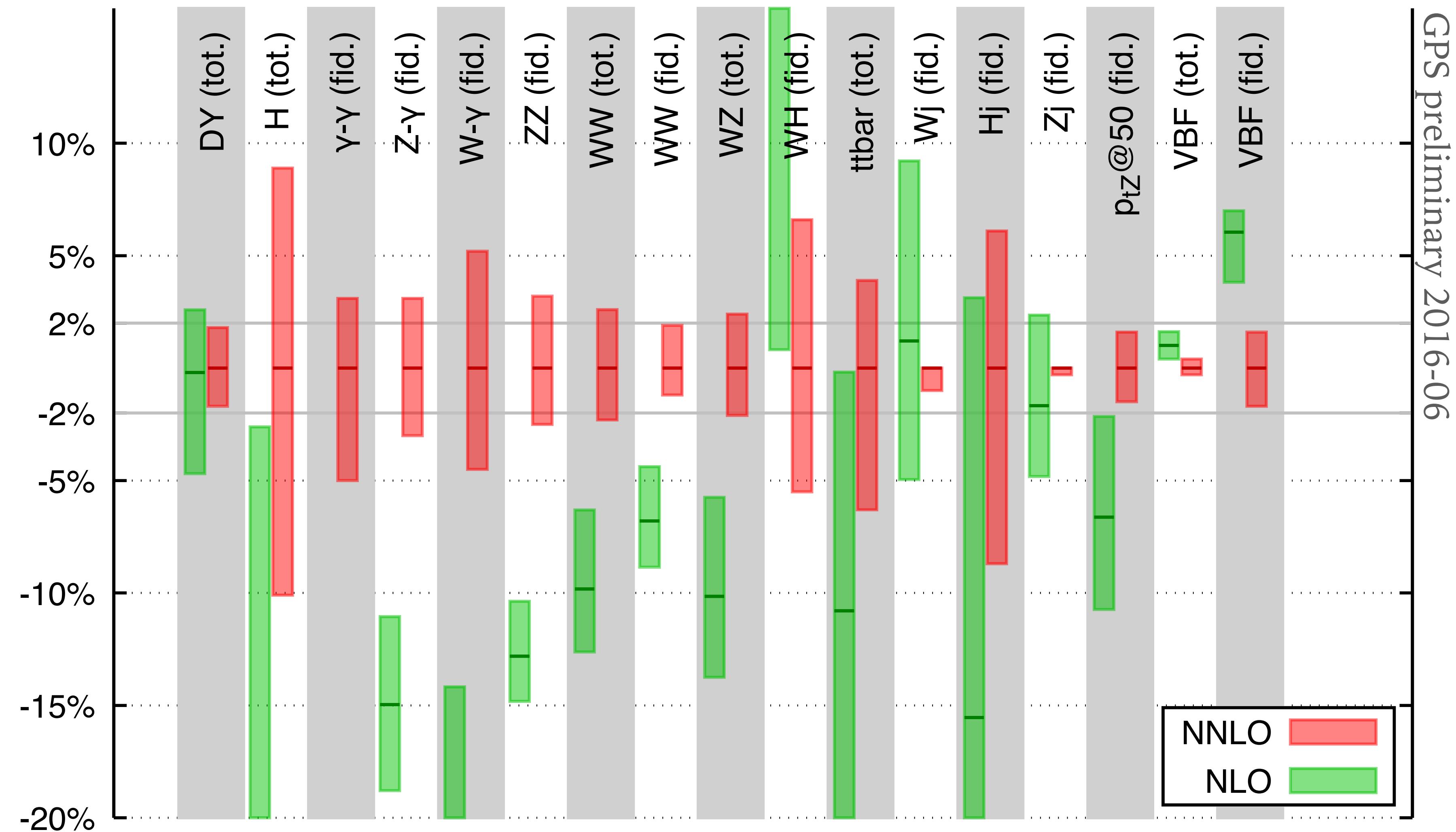
Ratio to total cross section cancels lumi & some lepton-efficiency systematics.

# NNLO hadron-collider calculations v. time

as of mid June



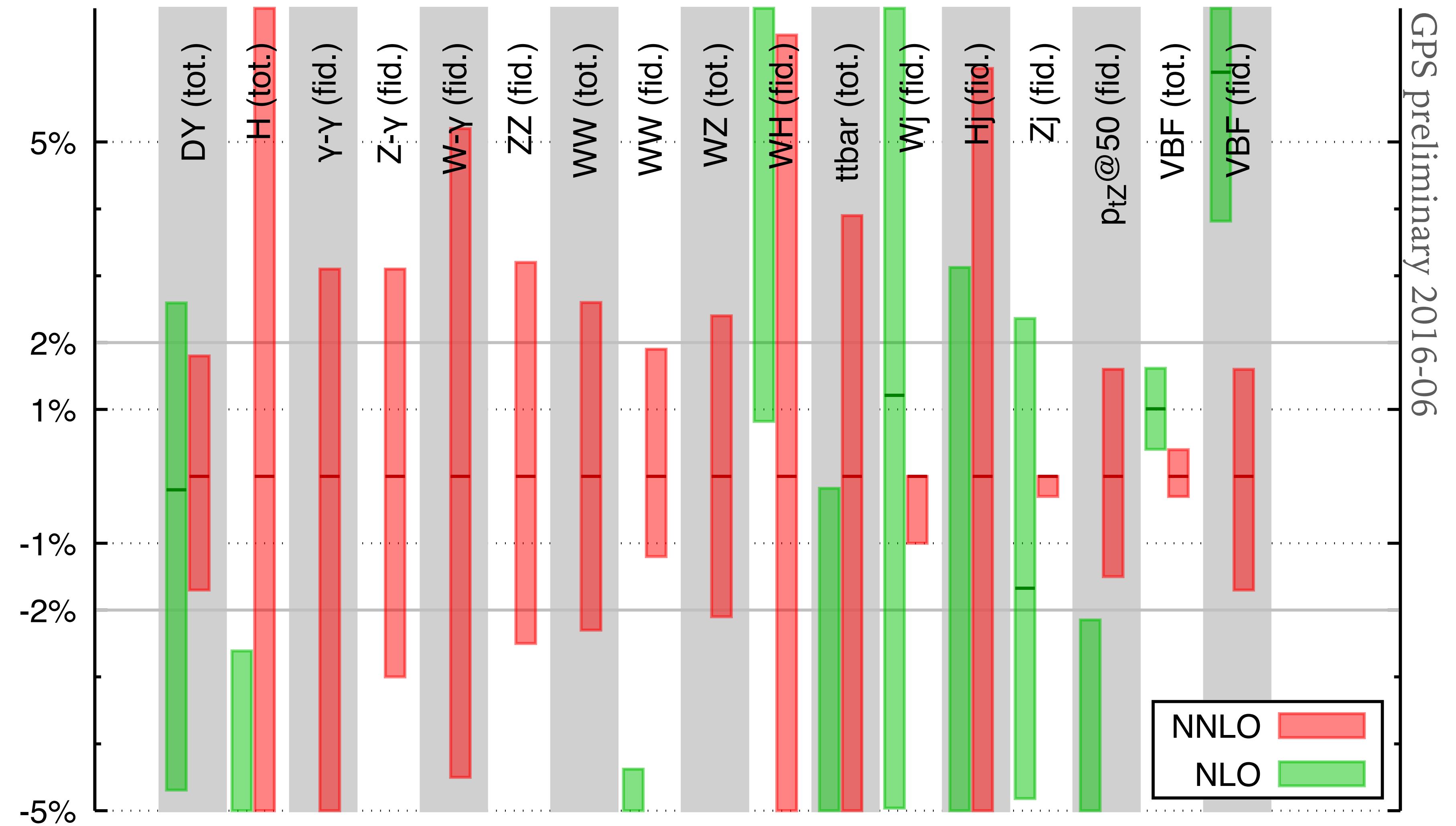
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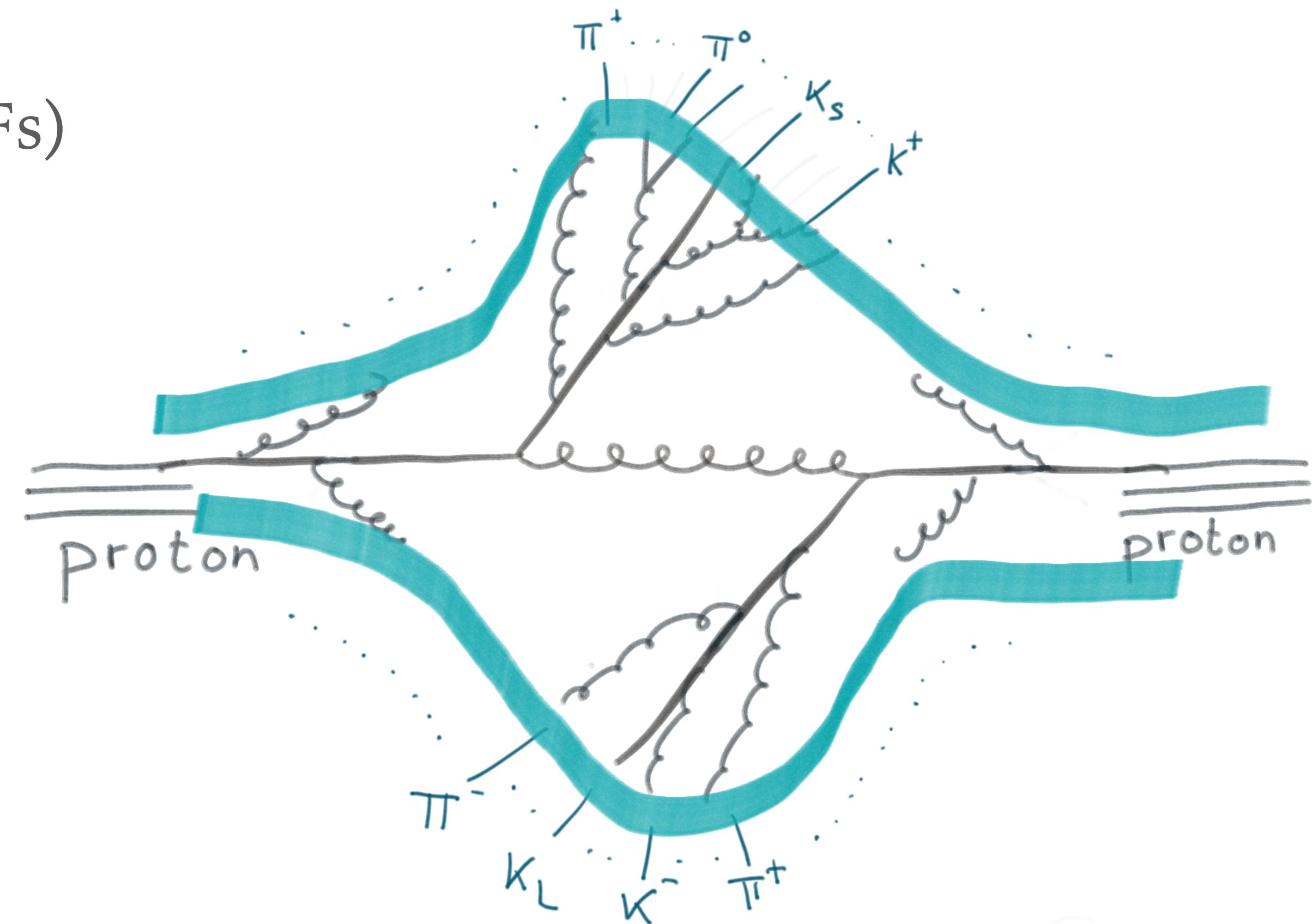
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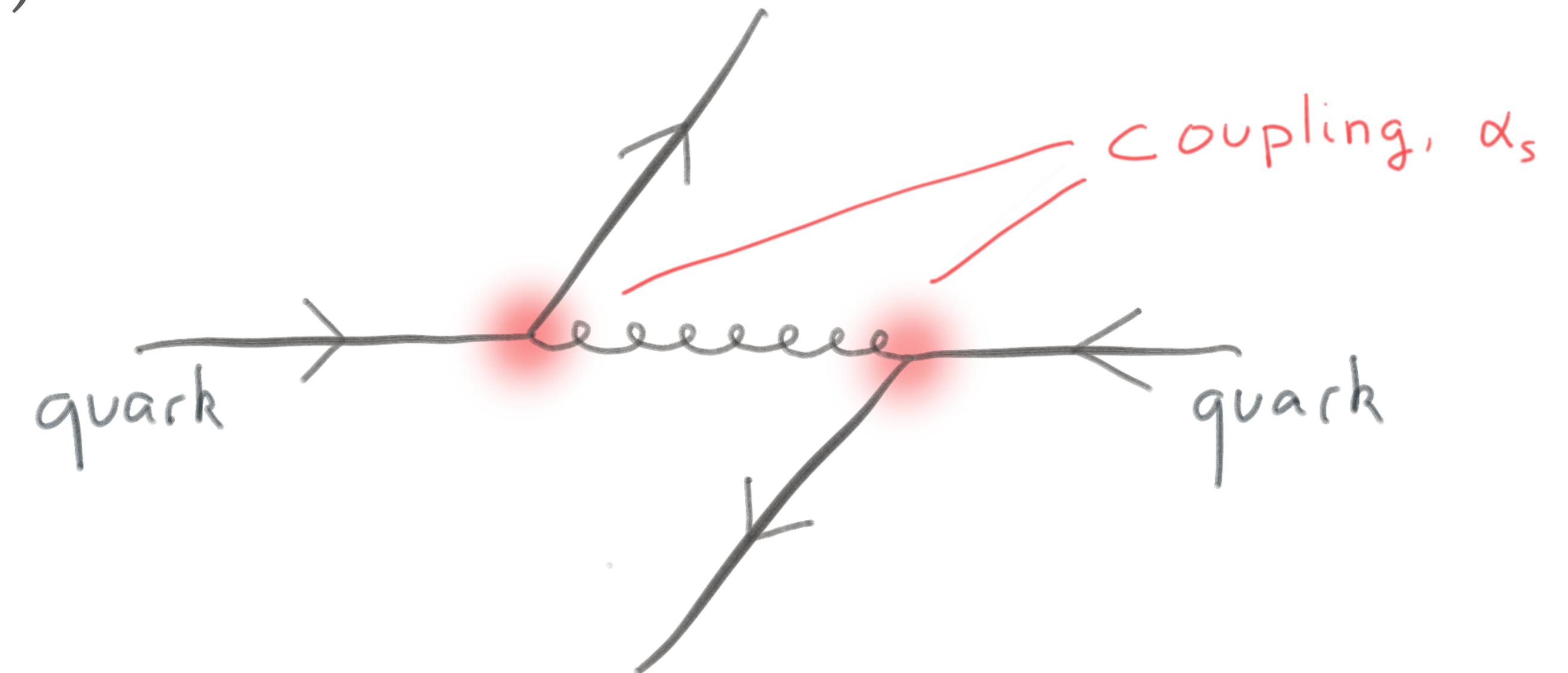
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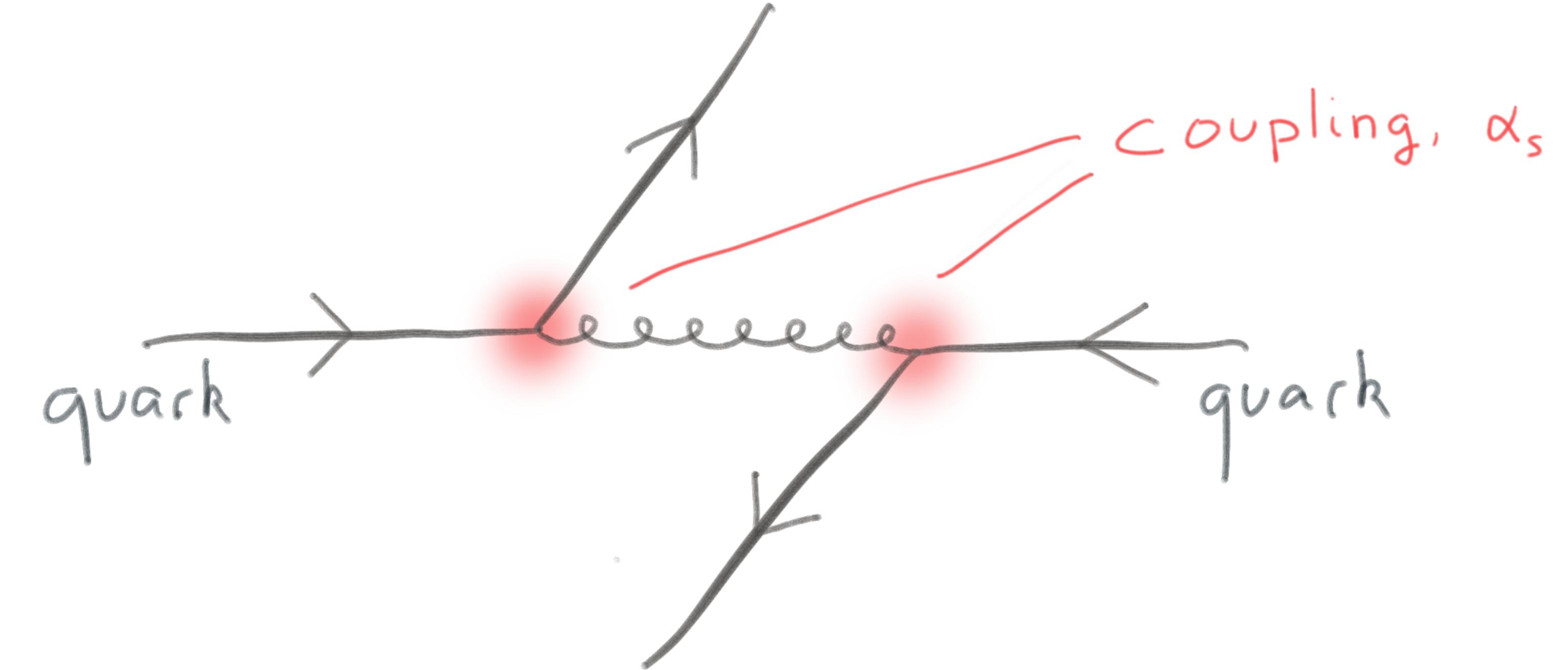
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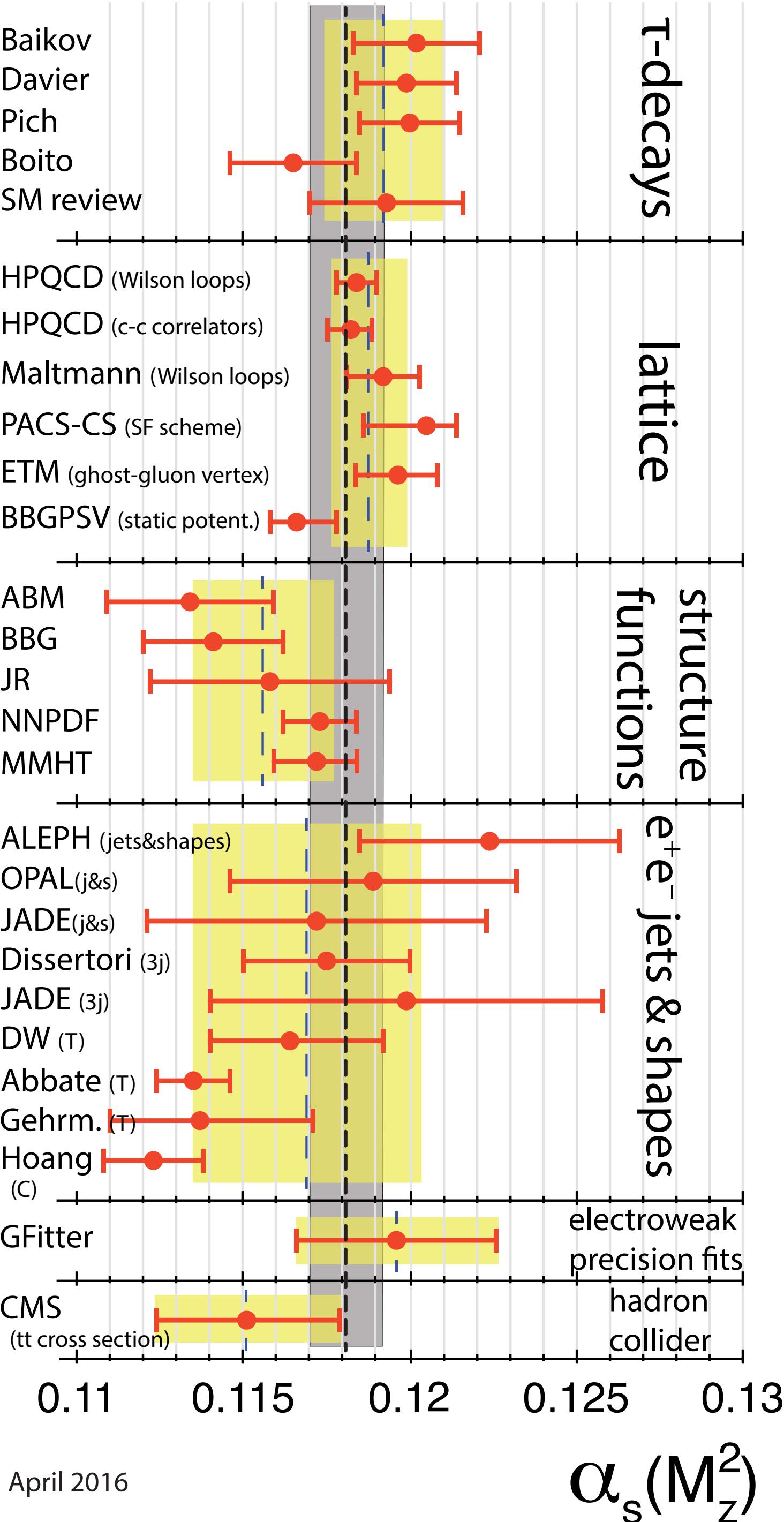


# The strong coupling: $\alpha_s$



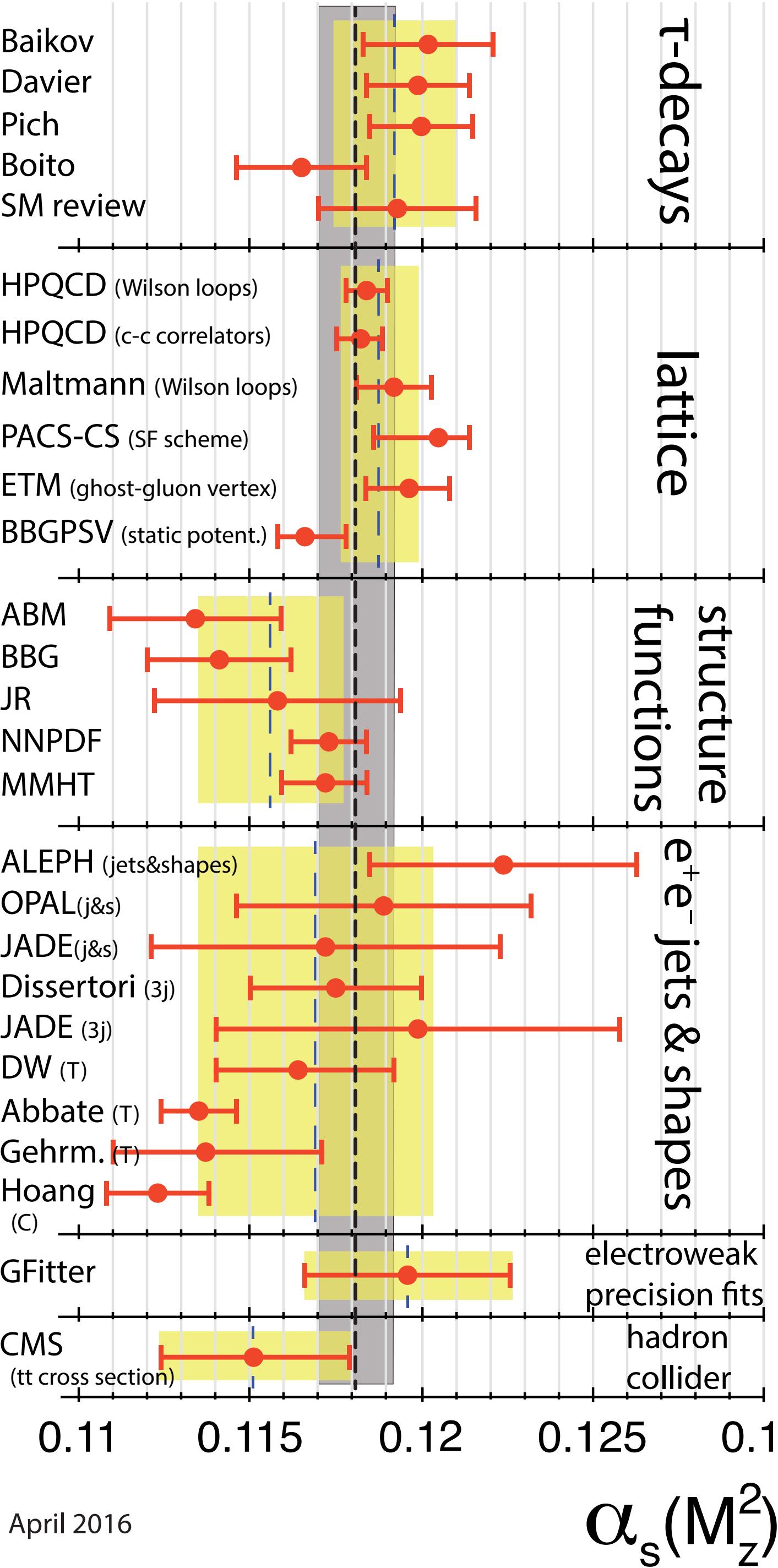
*(almost) all theory predictions for LHC are based on perturbation theory, e.g.*

$$\sigma = a_s \sigma_1 + a_s^2 \sigma_2 + \dots$$



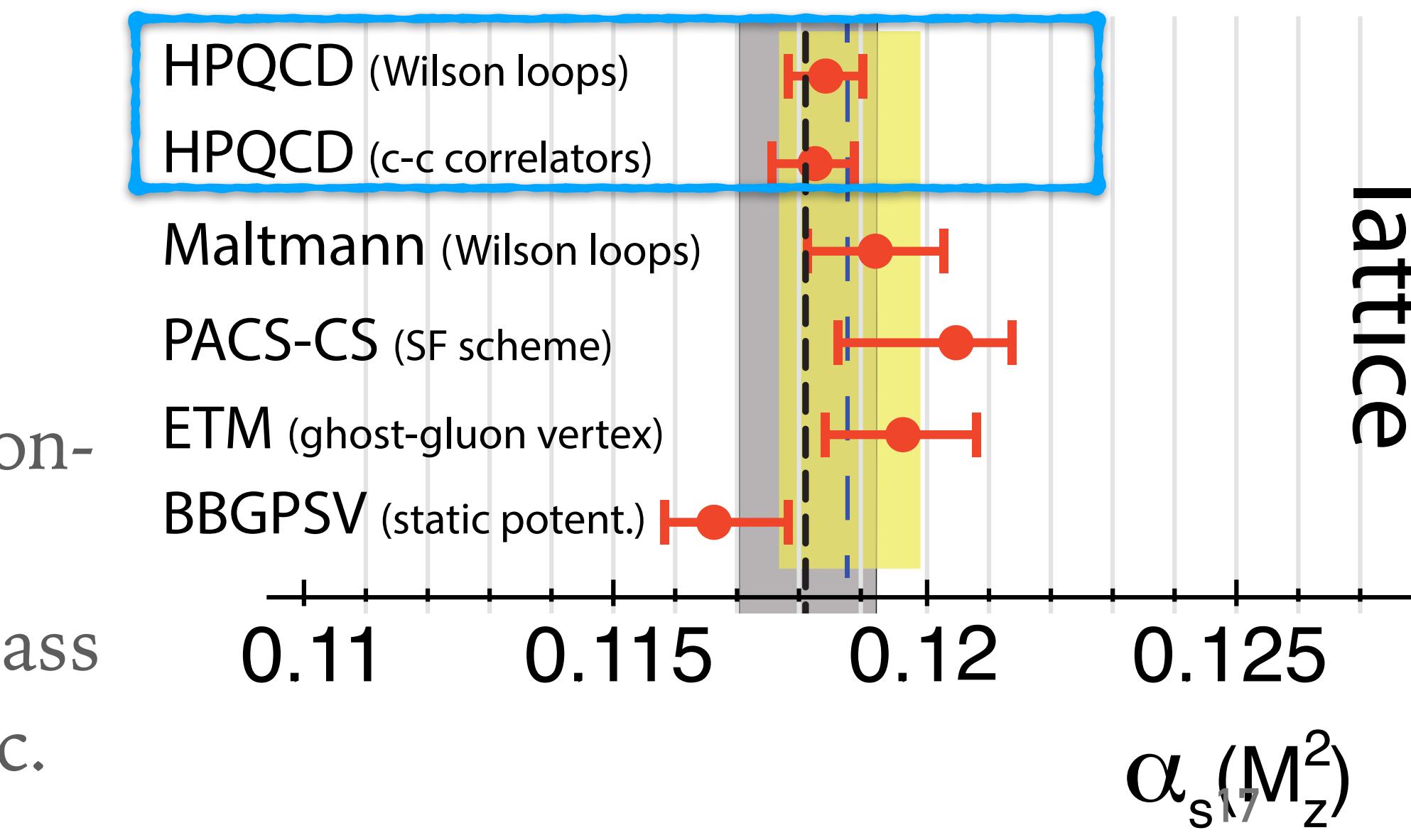
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Bethke, Dissertori & GPS in PDG '16



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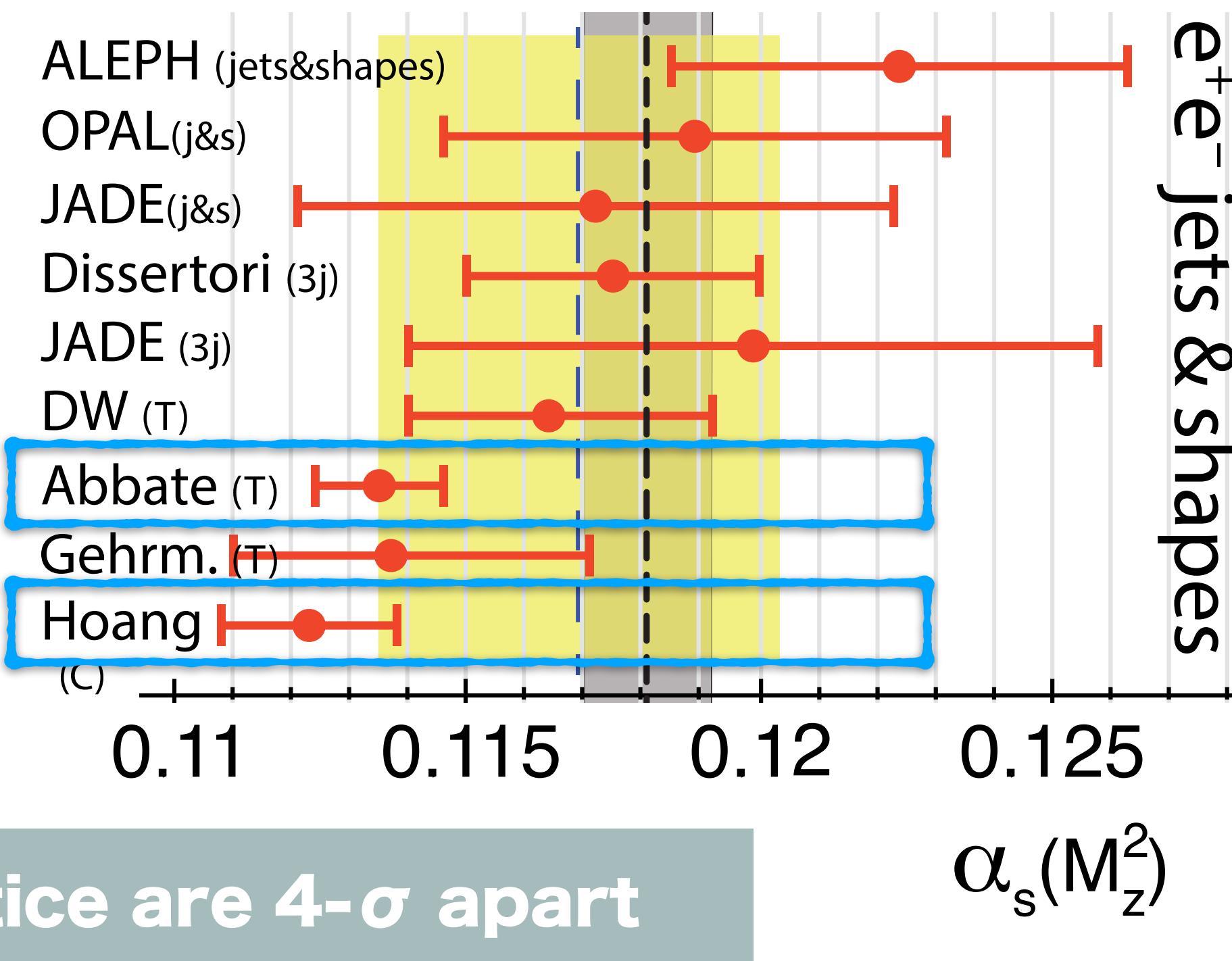


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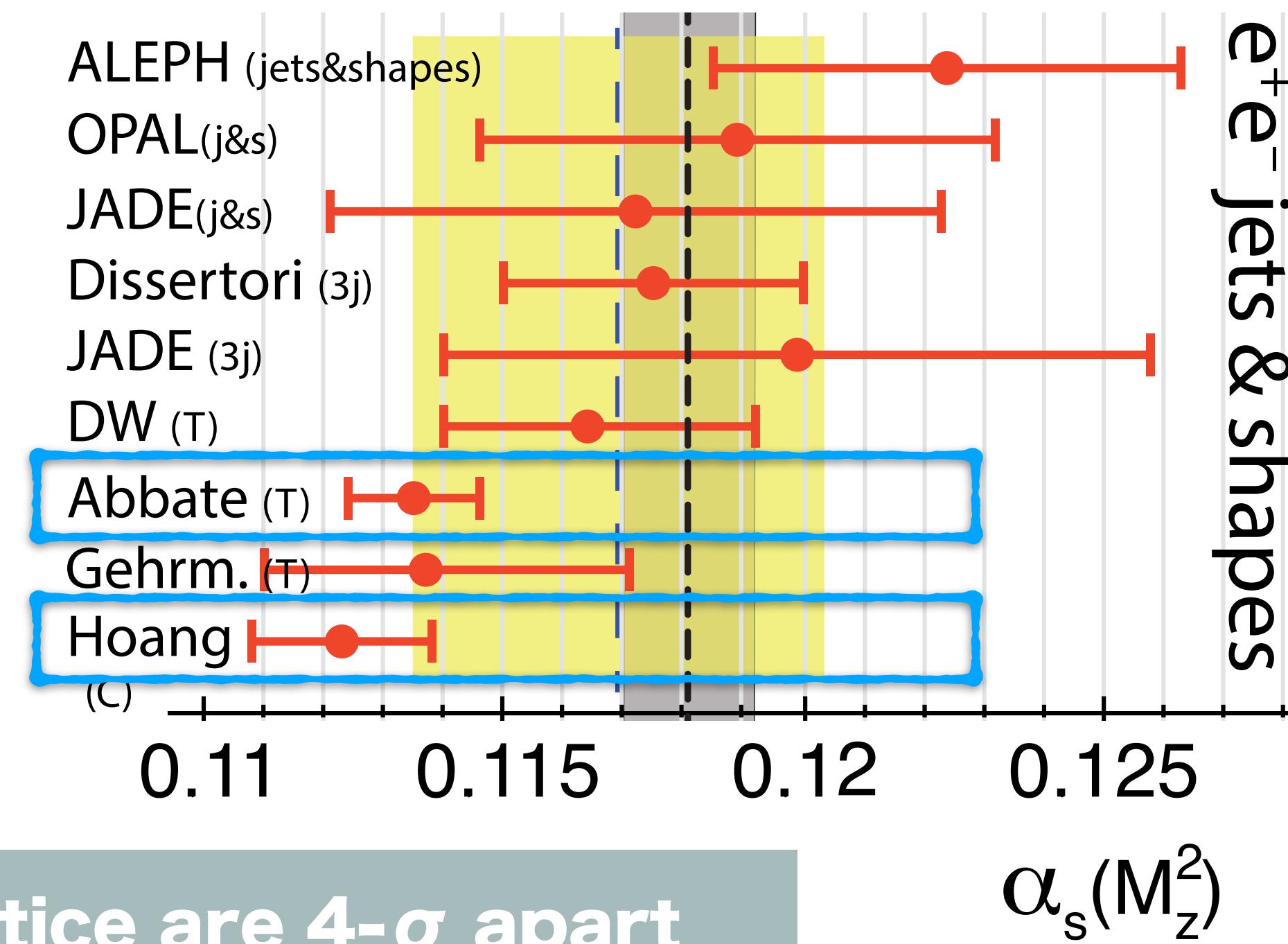
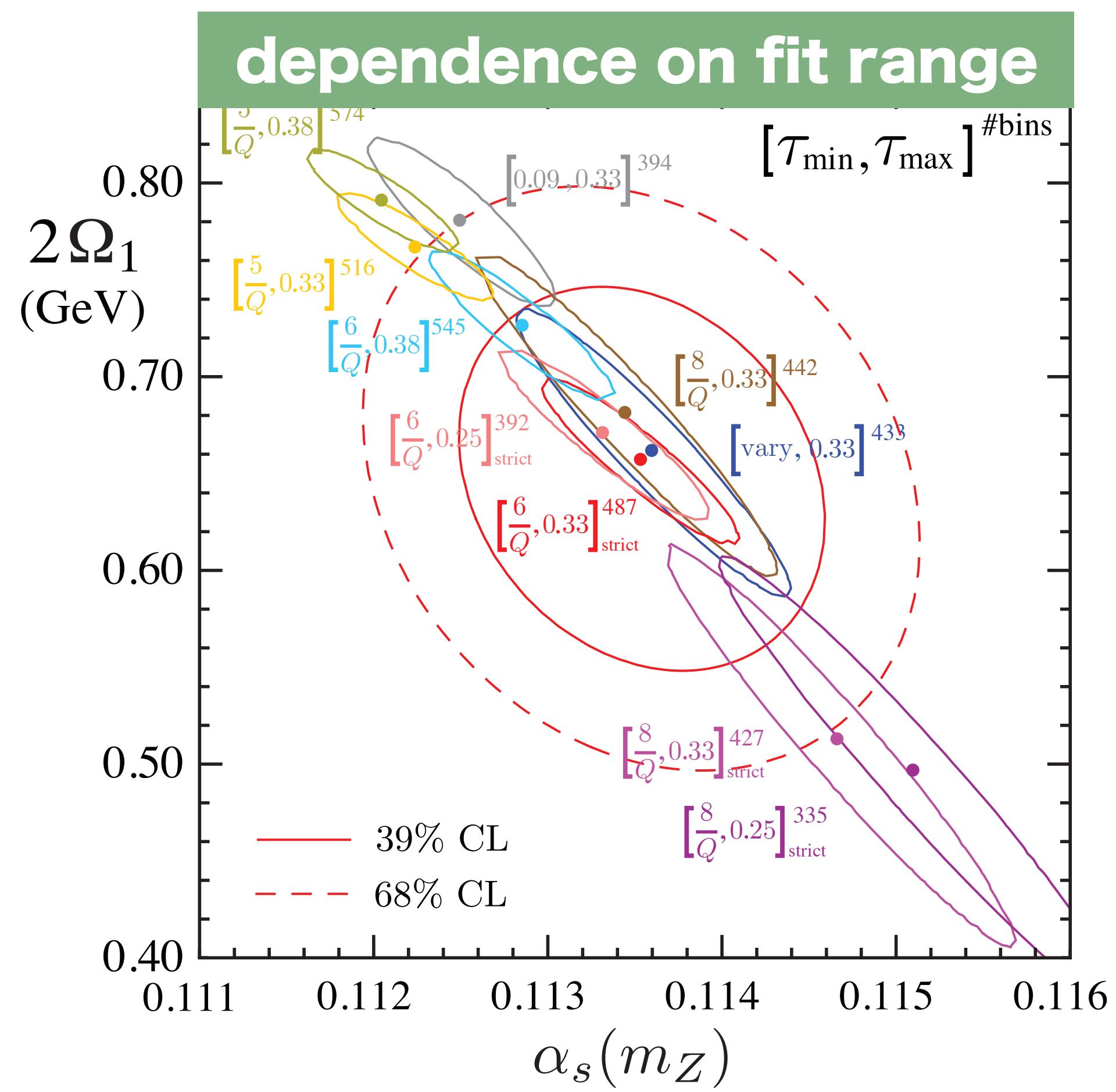
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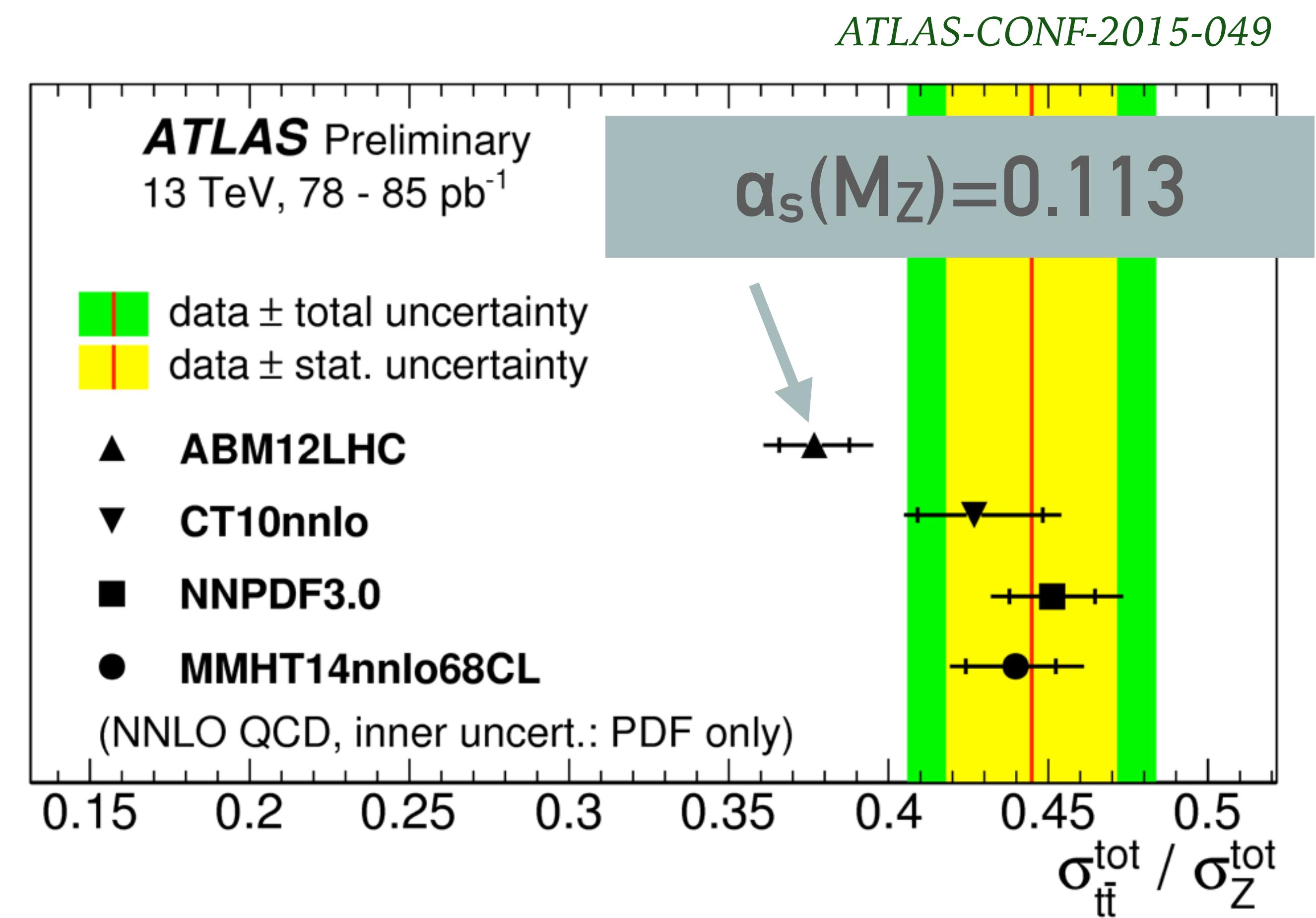
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## Comments:

- thrust & C-parameter are highly correlated observables
- Analysis valid far from 3-jet region, but not too deep into 2-jet region — **at LEP, not clear how much of distribution satisfies this requirement**
- thrust fit shows noticeable sensitivity to fit region (C-parameter doesn't)

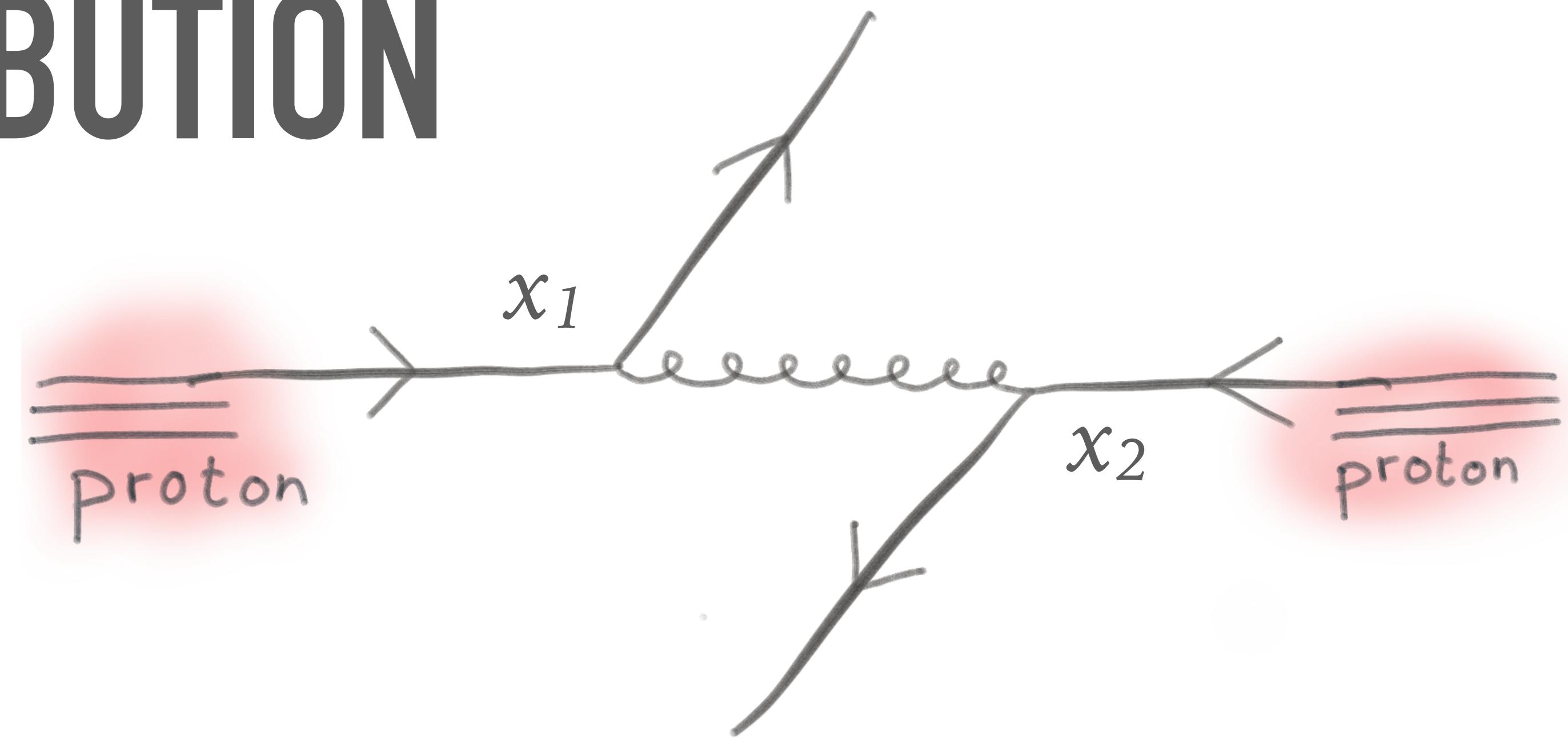
# WHAT WAY FORWARD FOR $\alpha_s$ ?

- We need to settle question of whether “small” (0.113)  $\alpha_s$  is possible. LHC data already weighing in on this (top data), further info in near future ( $Z$   $p_T$ , cf. later slides)?
- To go beyond 1%, best hope is probably lattice QCD — on a 10-year timescale, there will likely be enough progress that multiple groups will have high-precision determinations



NB: top-quark mass choice affects this plot

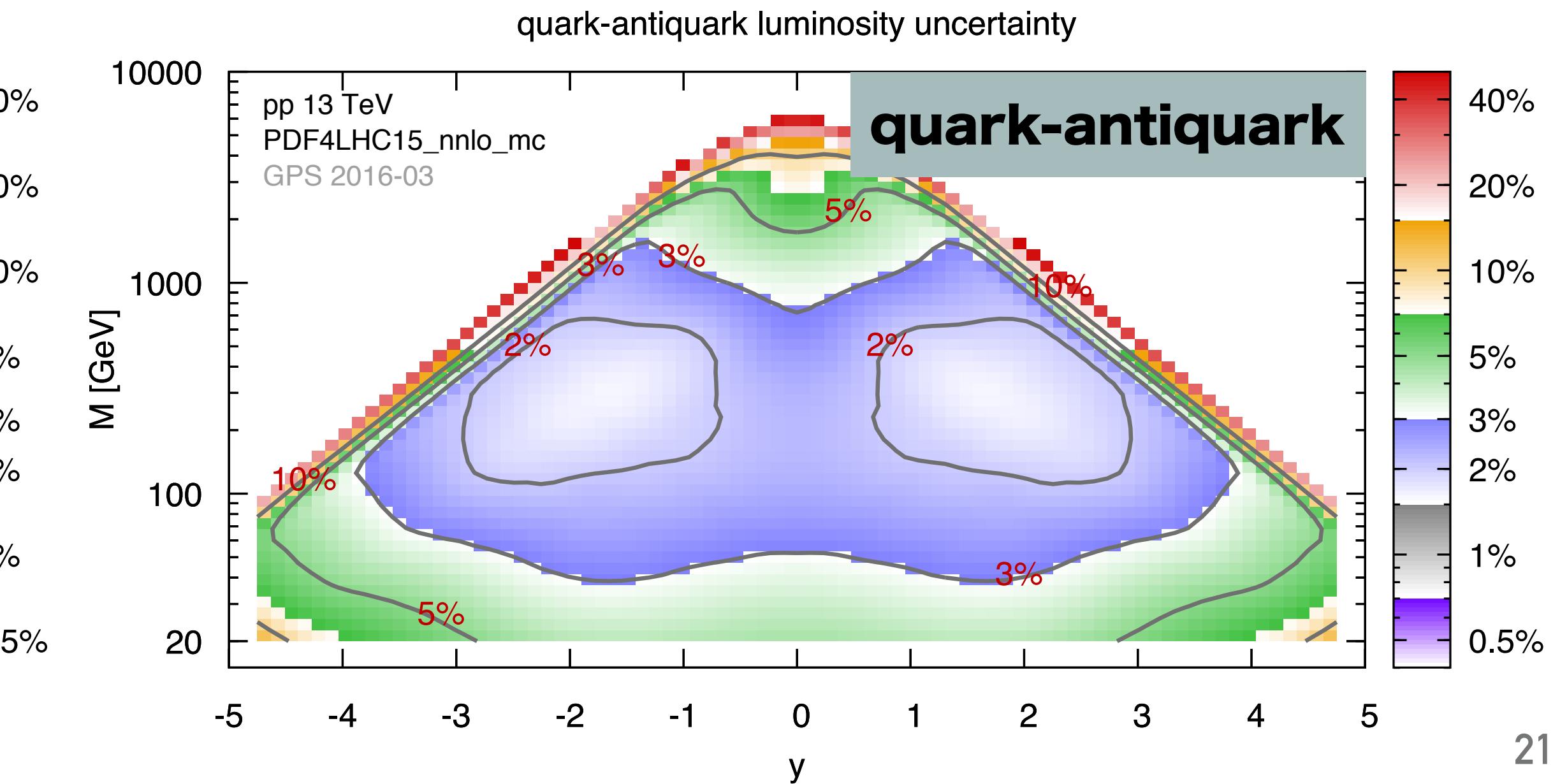
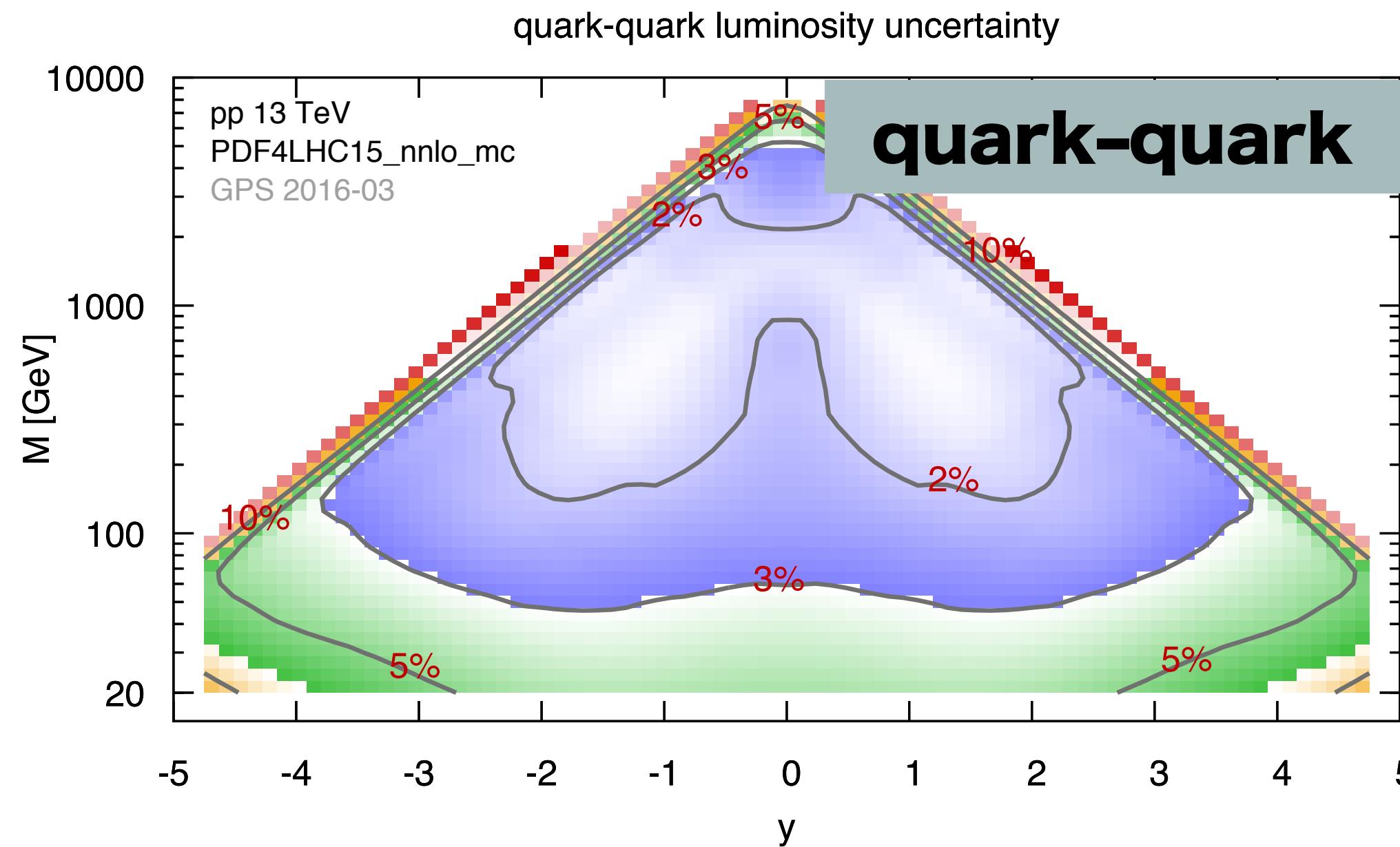
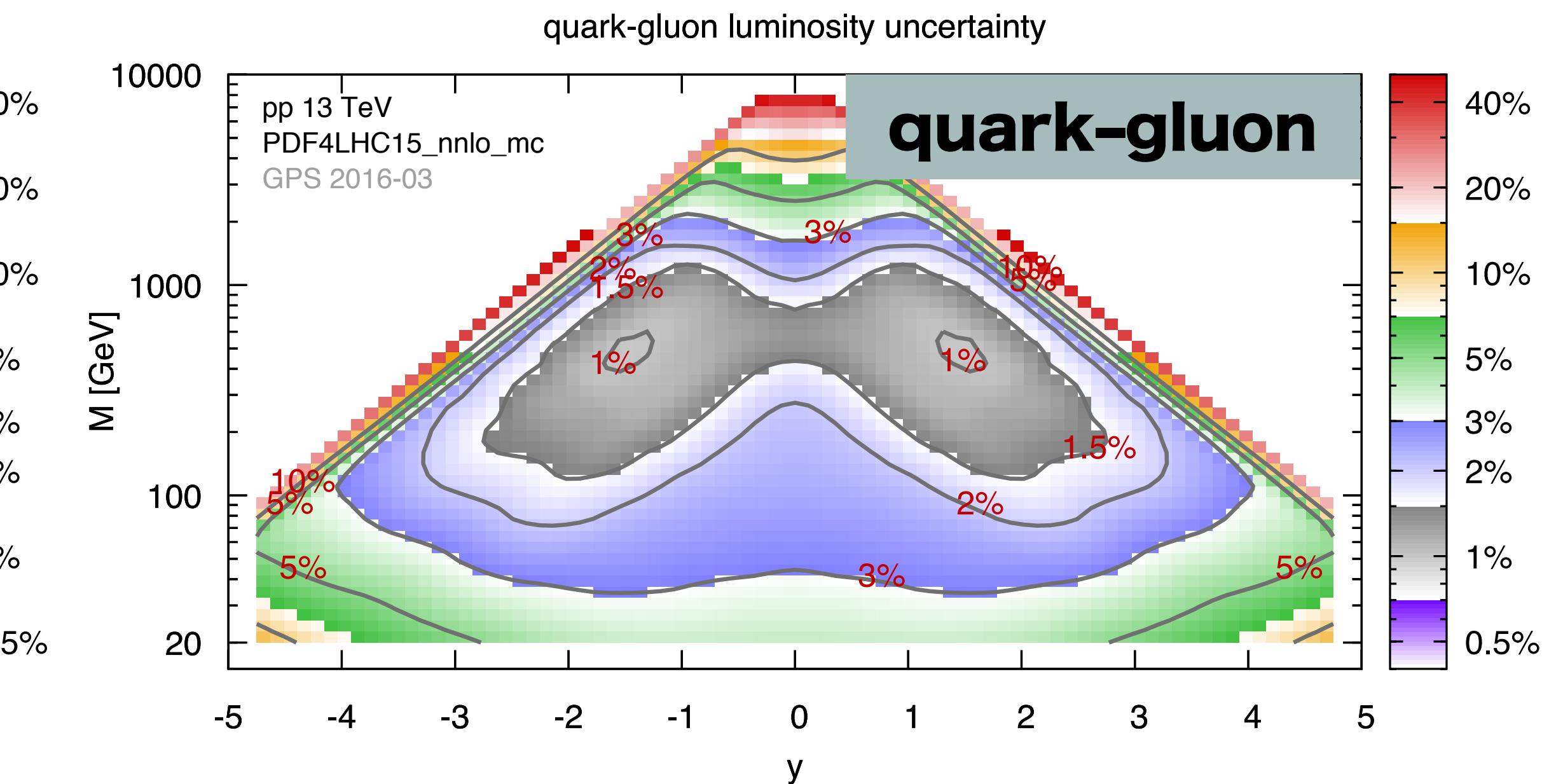
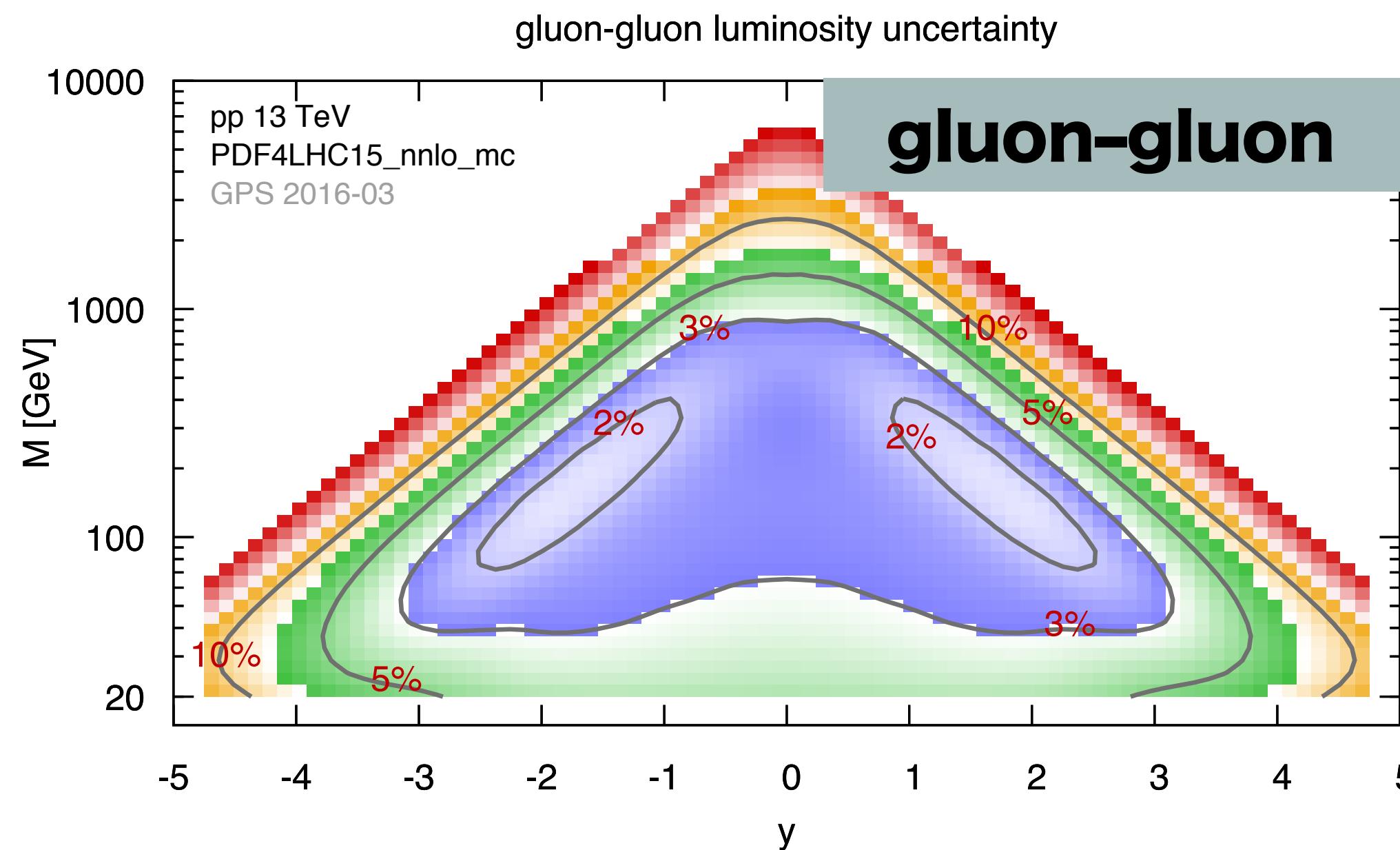
# PARTON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS (PDFs)



*how many quarks and gluons are there carrying a fraction  $x$  of the proton's momentum?*

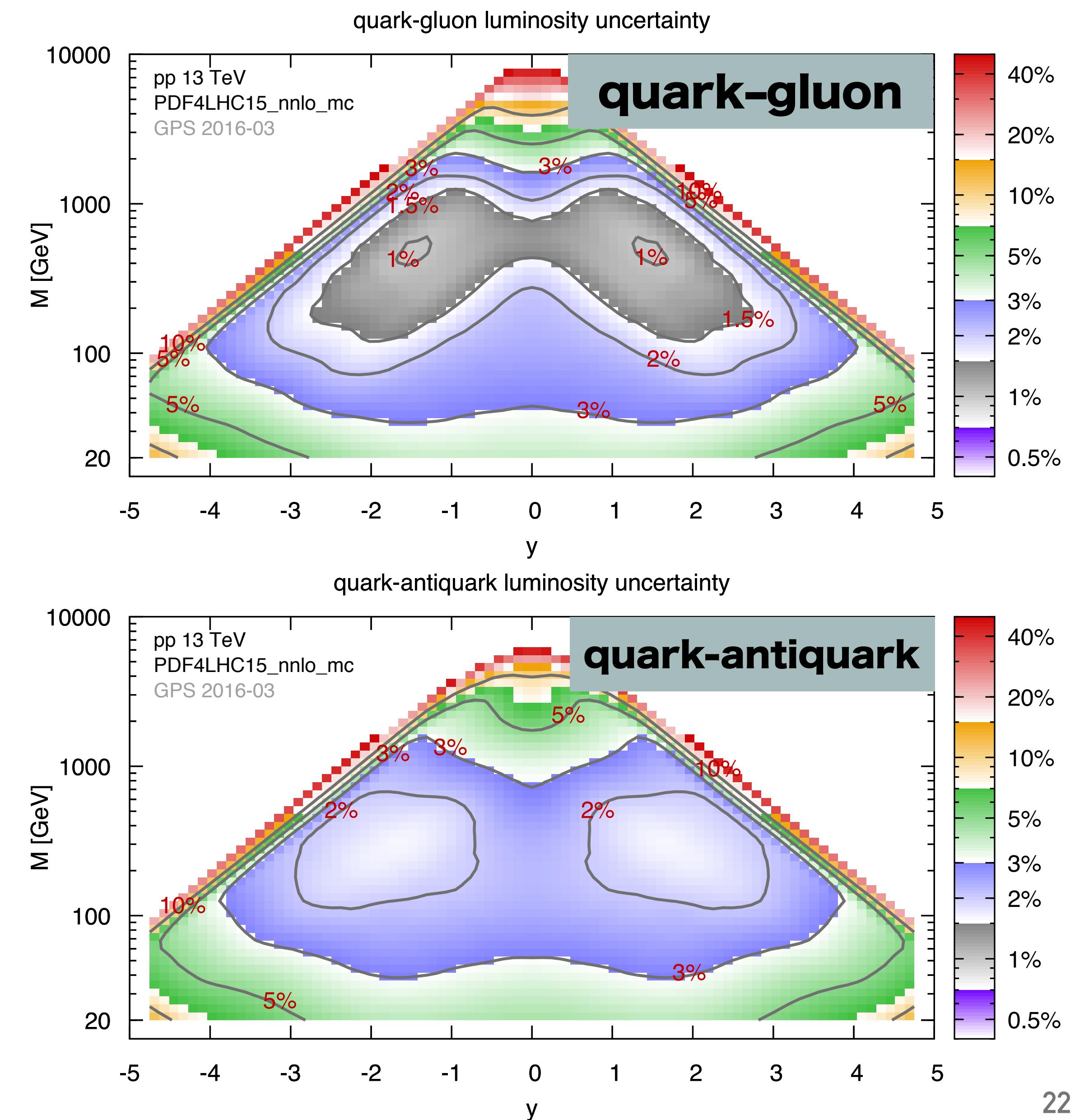
$$\sigma \propto f_{q/p}(x_1, \mu^2) f_{q/p}(x_2, \mu^2)$$

# UNCERTAINTIES ON PARTONIC LUMINOSITIES — V. RAPIDITY( $y$ ) AND MASS

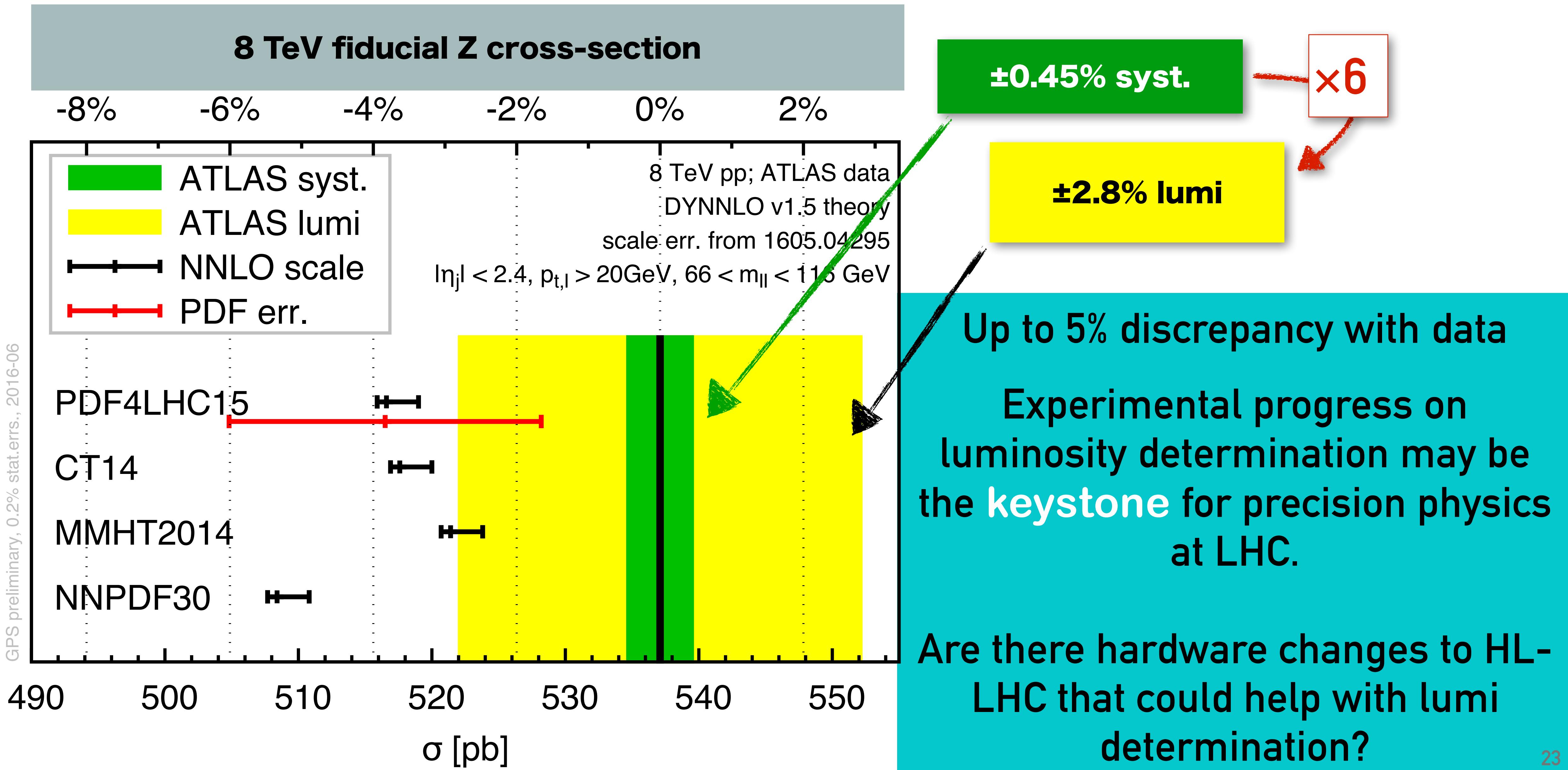


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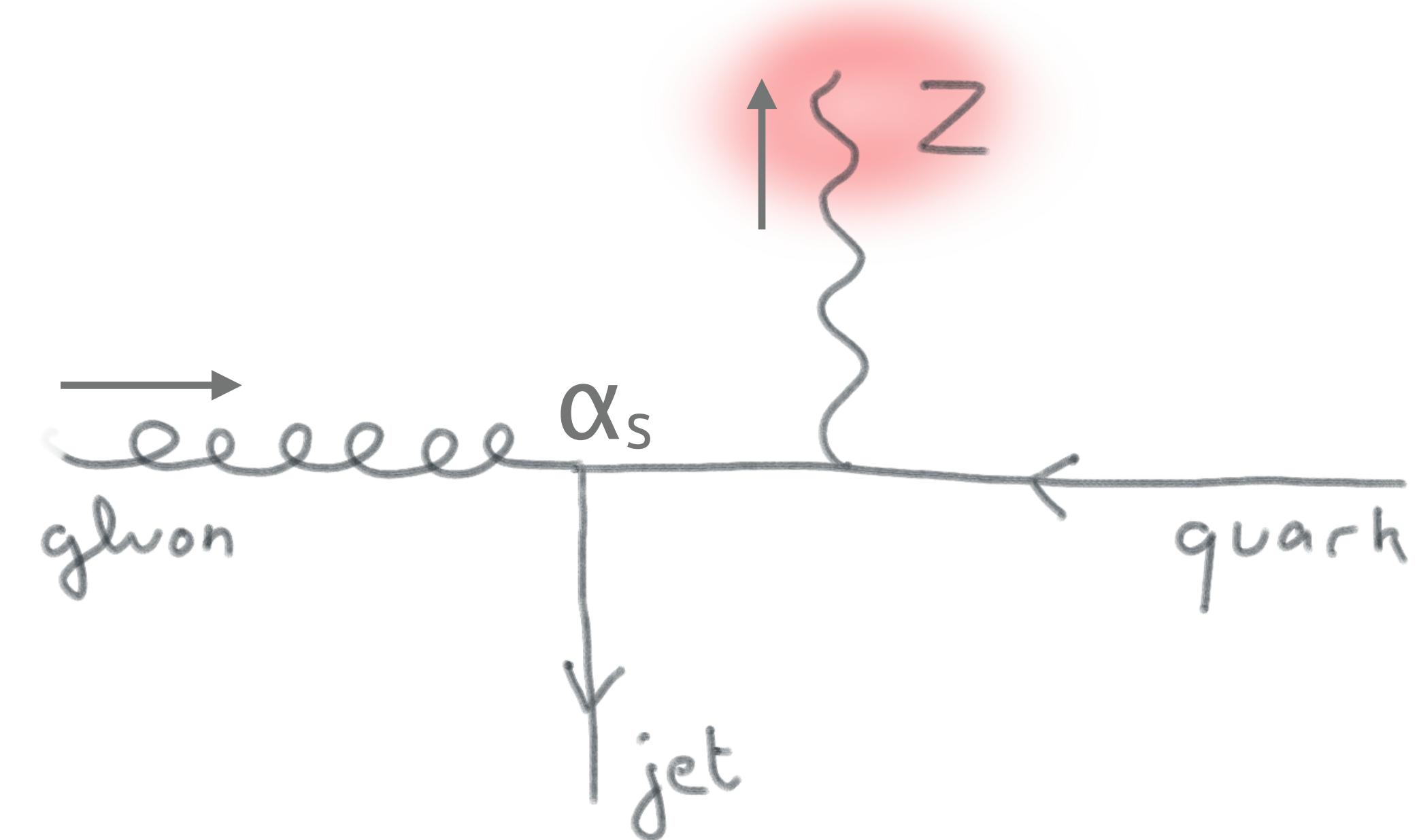
- Current status is 2–3% for core “precision” region
- Path to 1% is not clear — e.g.  $Z$   $p_T$ 's strongest constraint is on qg lumi, which is already best known (why?)
- It'll be interesting to revisit the question once ttbar, incl. jets,  $Z$   $p_T$ , etc. have all been incorporated at NNLO
- Can expts. get **better lumi determination?**
- [is it time for PDFs to include theory uncertainties?]



# There are, however, issues. Notably in Z production

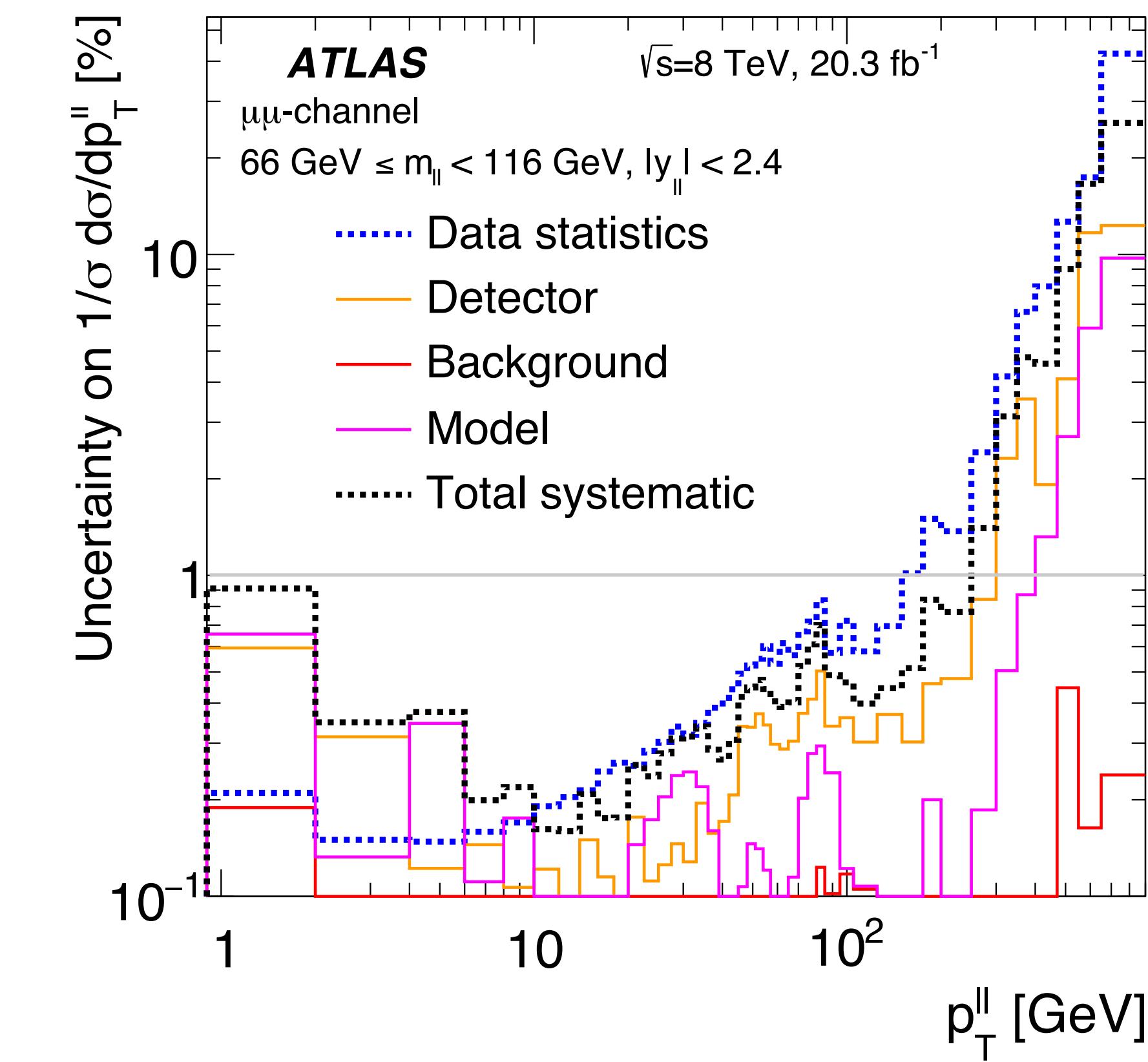
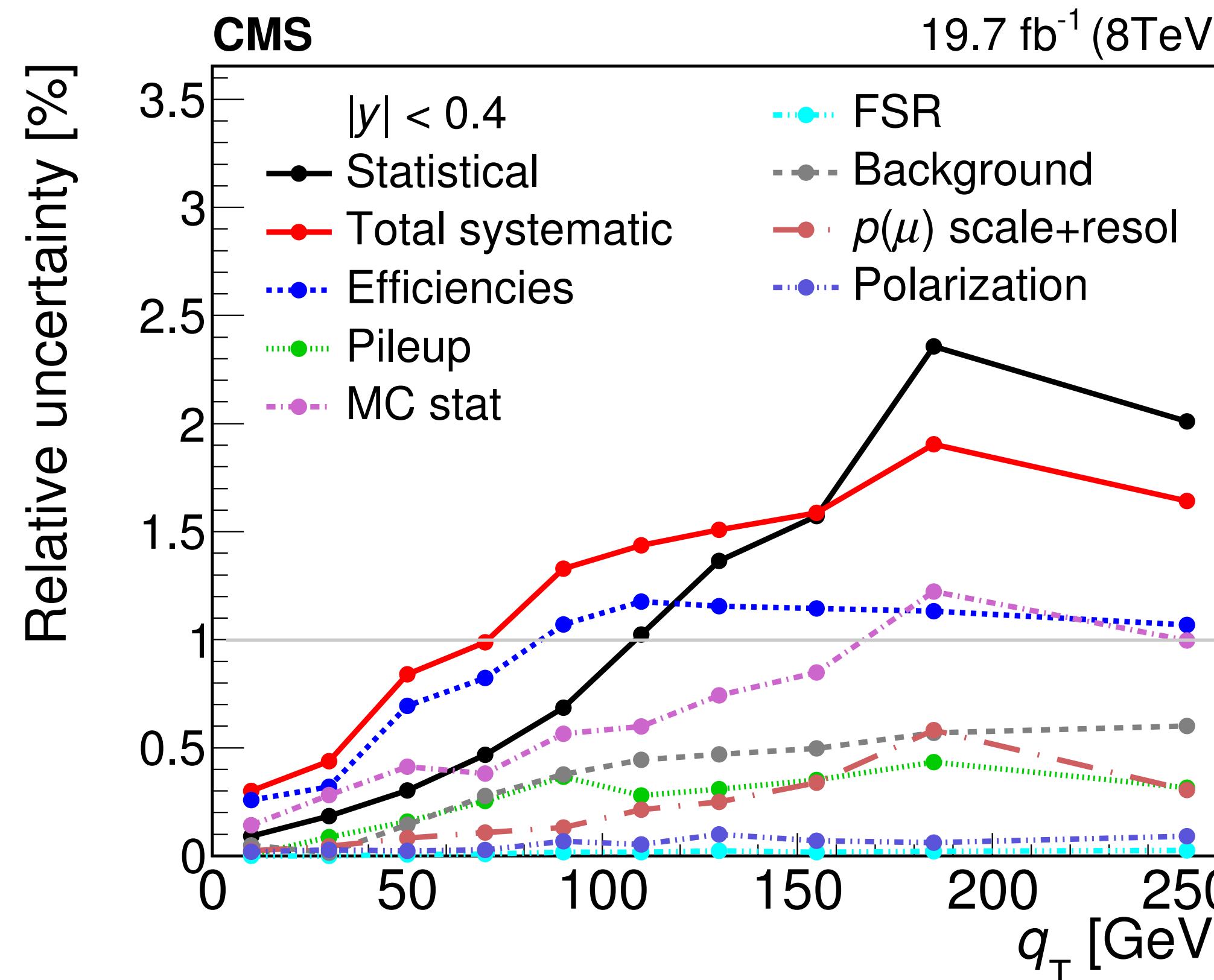


# $Z P_T$ : the “ideal” hard process?

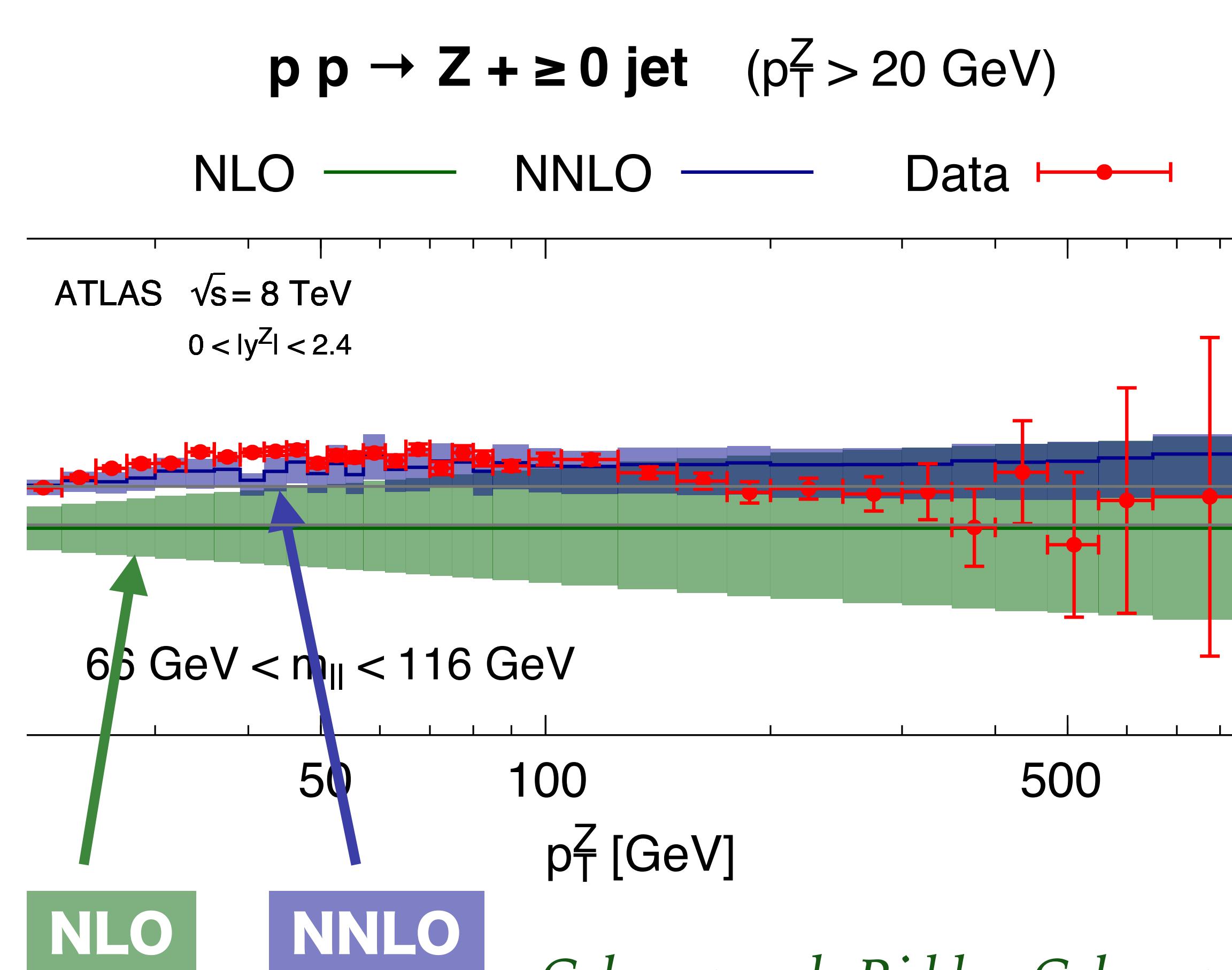


*For both data and theory,  $Z p_T$  is an immediate testing ground for 1% effects.  
(& unlike  $Z$  &  $W$  prod<sup>n</sup> it's sensitive to  $\alpha_s$ )*

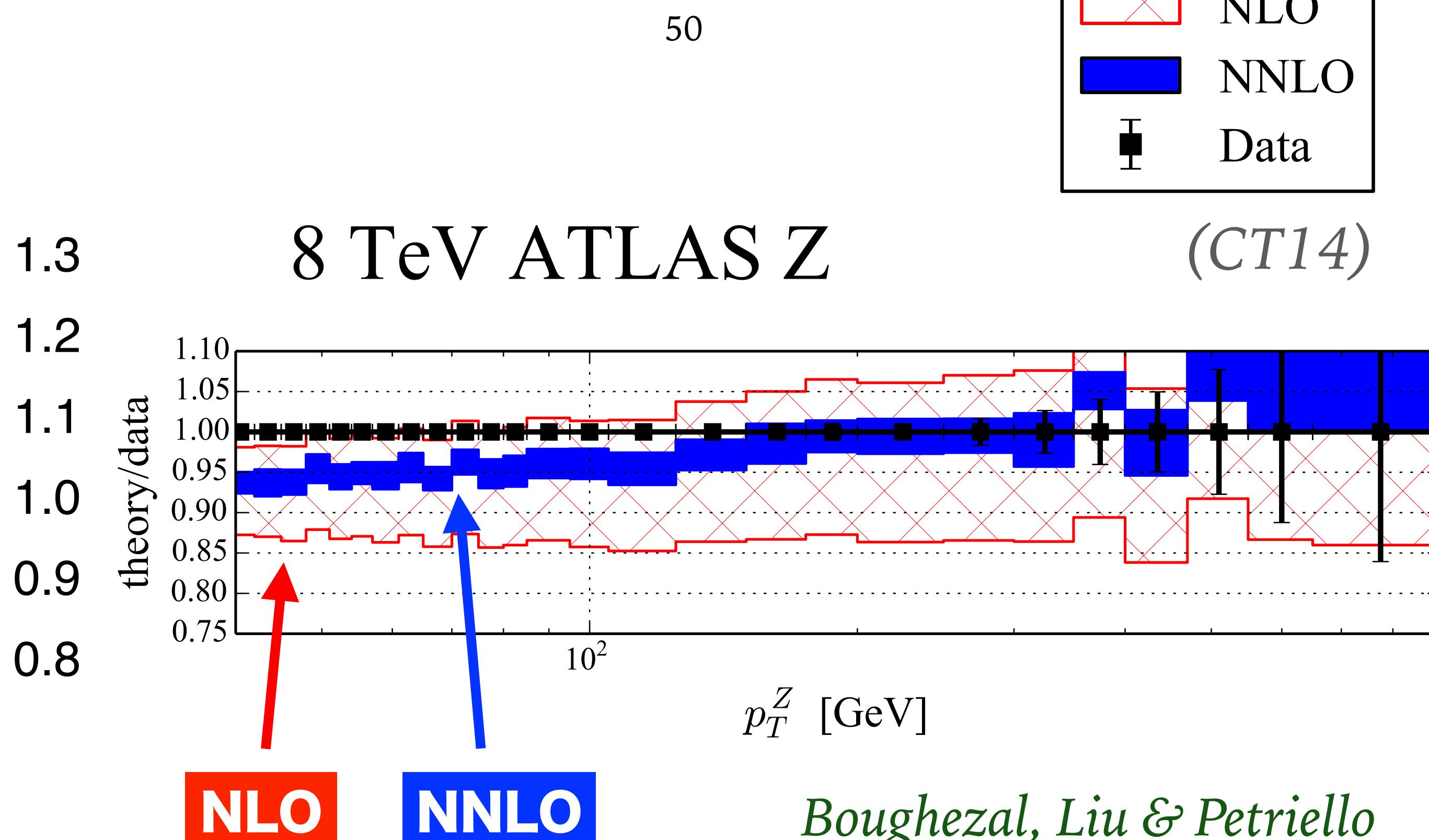
# Z $p_T$ : uncertainties somewhat smaller for ATLAS than CMS



# Z $p_T$ : Data v. two theory calculations



Gehrmann-de Ridder, Gehrmann  
 Glover, Huss & Morgan  
*arXiv:1605.04295*



**NNLO  $\sim \pm 1.5 \%$**

Boughezal, Liu & Petriello  
 '16 preliminary

# REMARKS

- Looks like scale uncertainties are  $\pm 1\text{--}2\%$  (but how well does series converge?)
- In key 50–100 GeV region, data seem  $\sim 4\%$  higher than NNLO theory
- This could have important implications for  $a_s$  and PDFs (smaller  $a_s$  will not help!)
- What about non-perturbative effects?

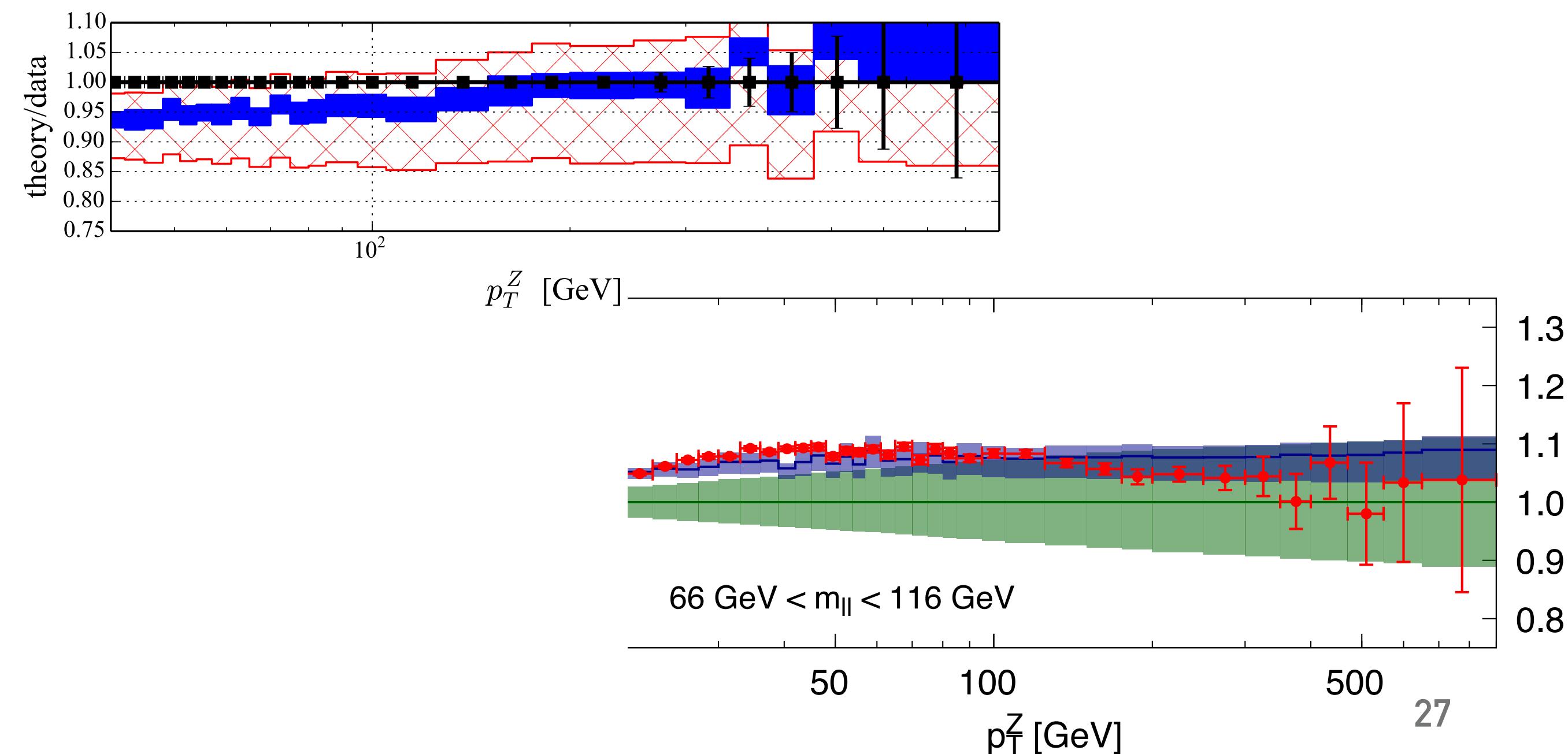
NB: both calc<sup>n</sup> use a central scale

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An alternative

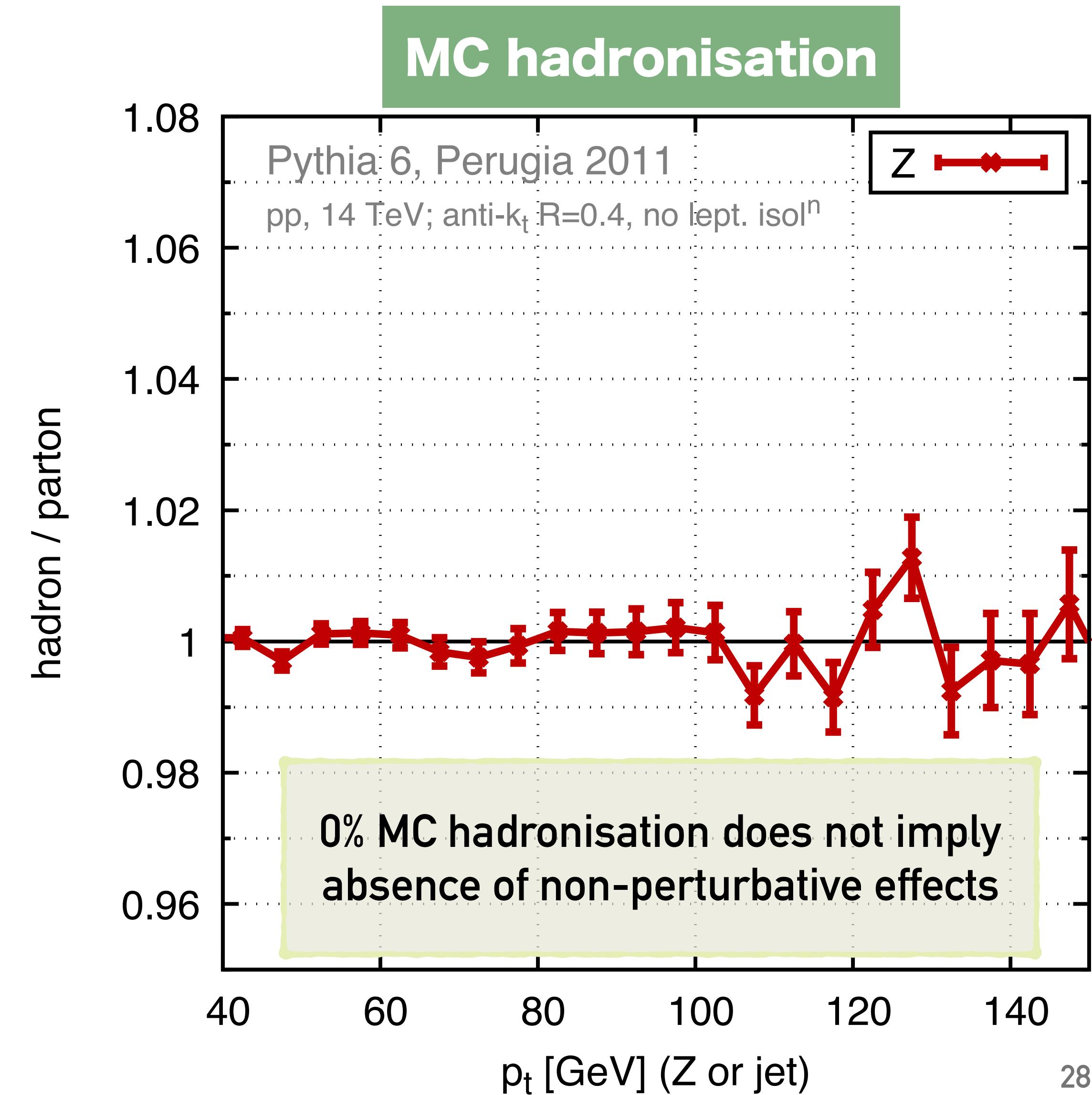
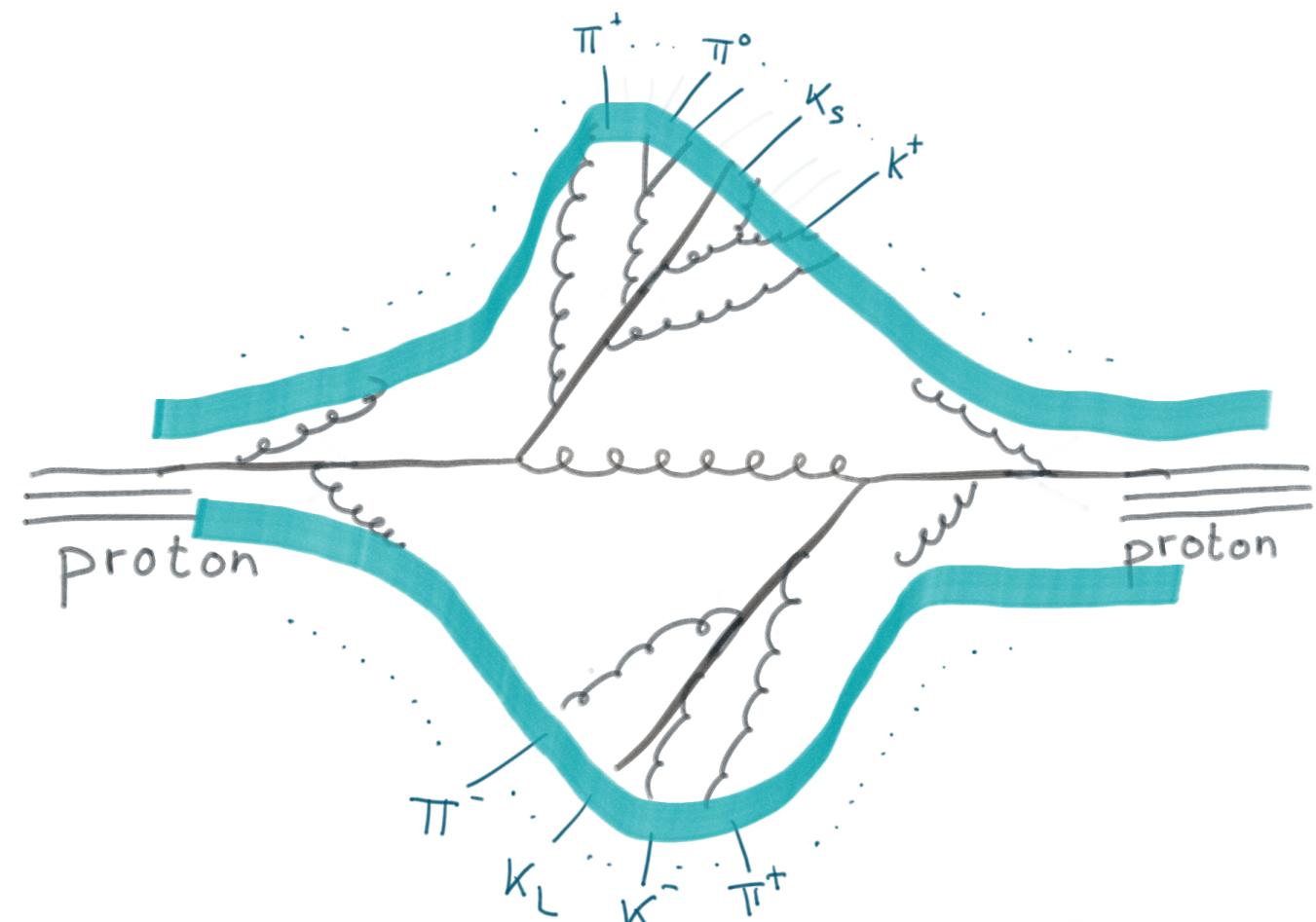
$$\mu = \frac{1}{2} (p_{T,Z} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + p_{T,Z}^2})$$

would seem more consistent with choices being made elsewhere  
(and might show better convergence?)

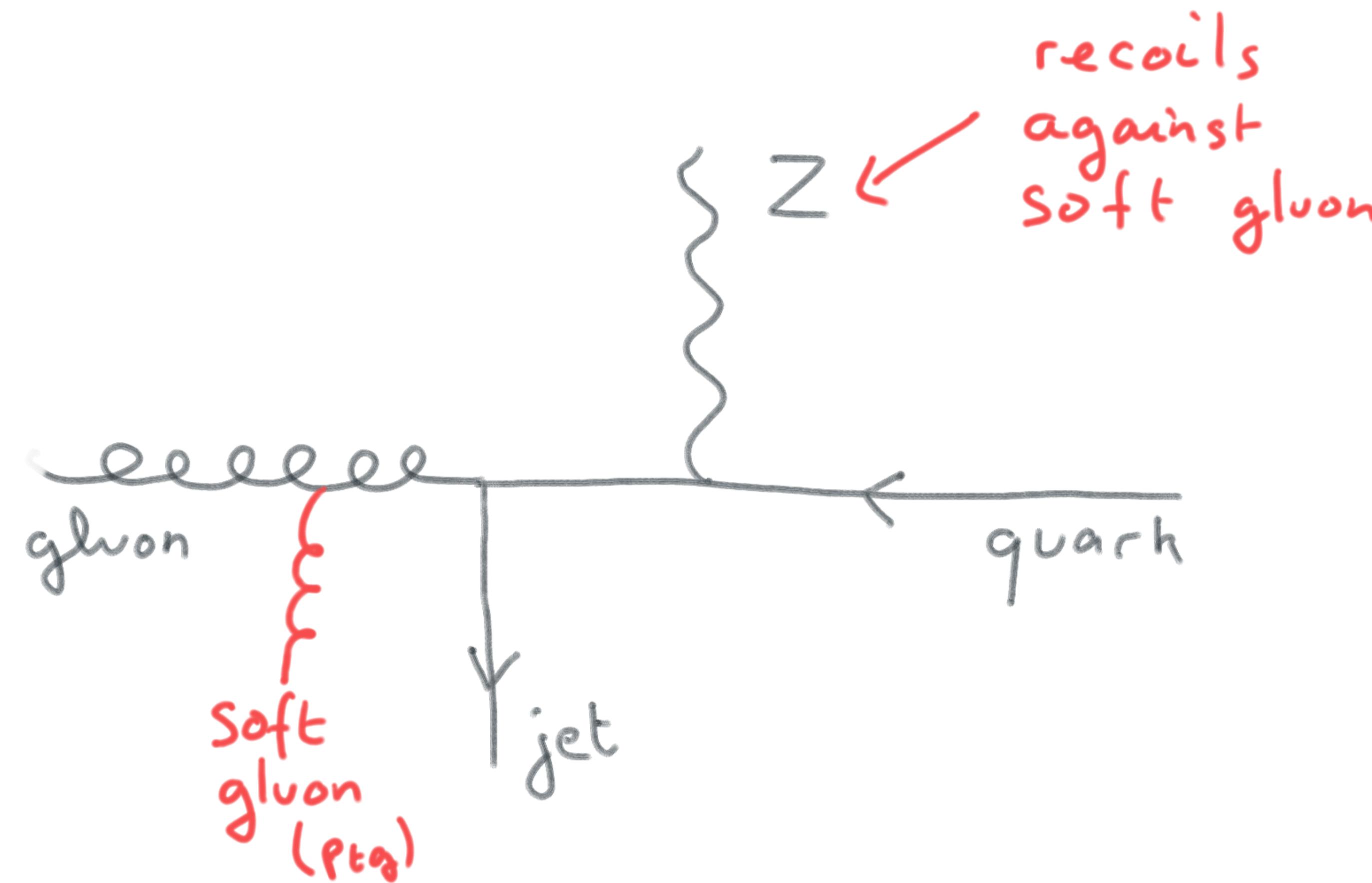


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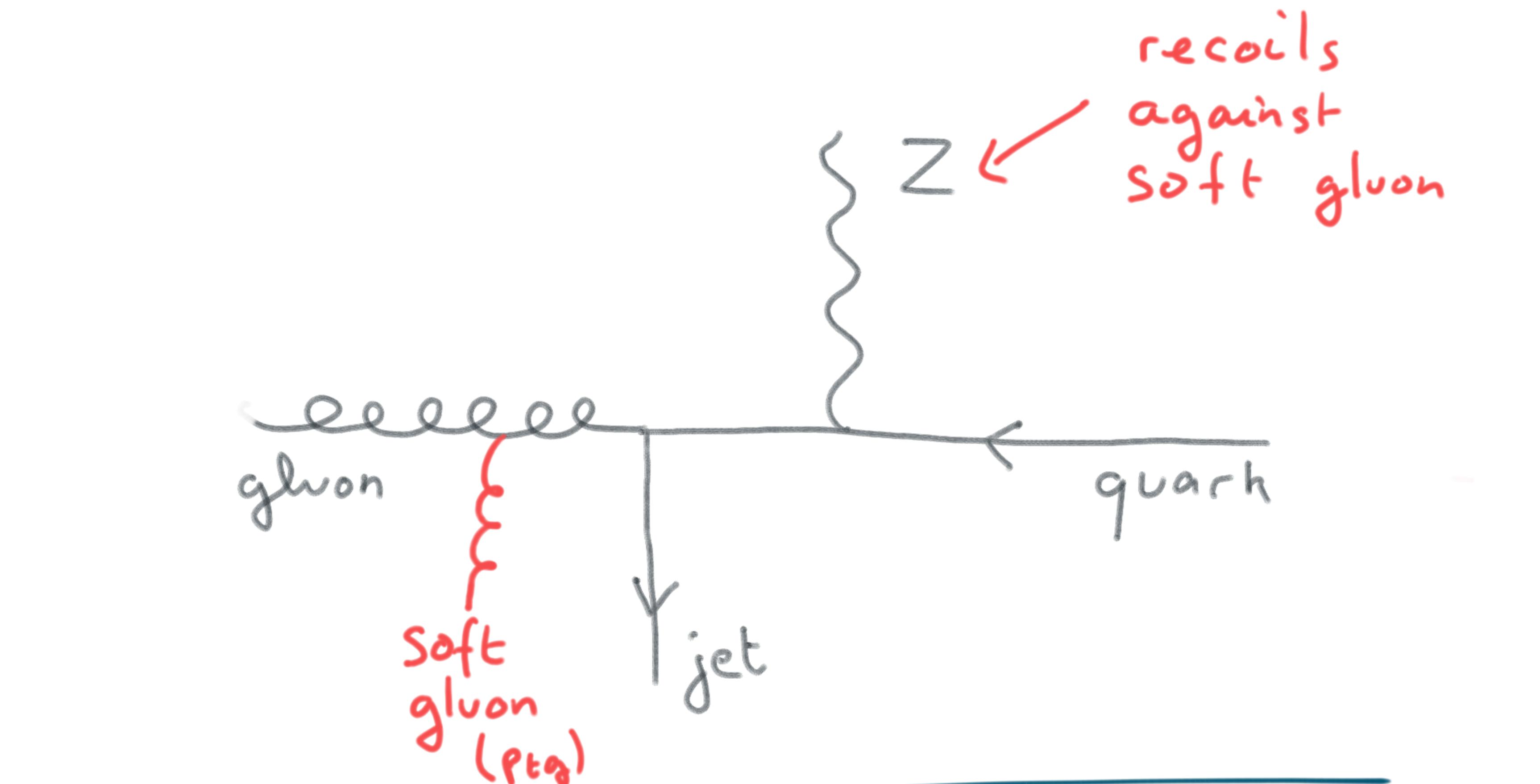
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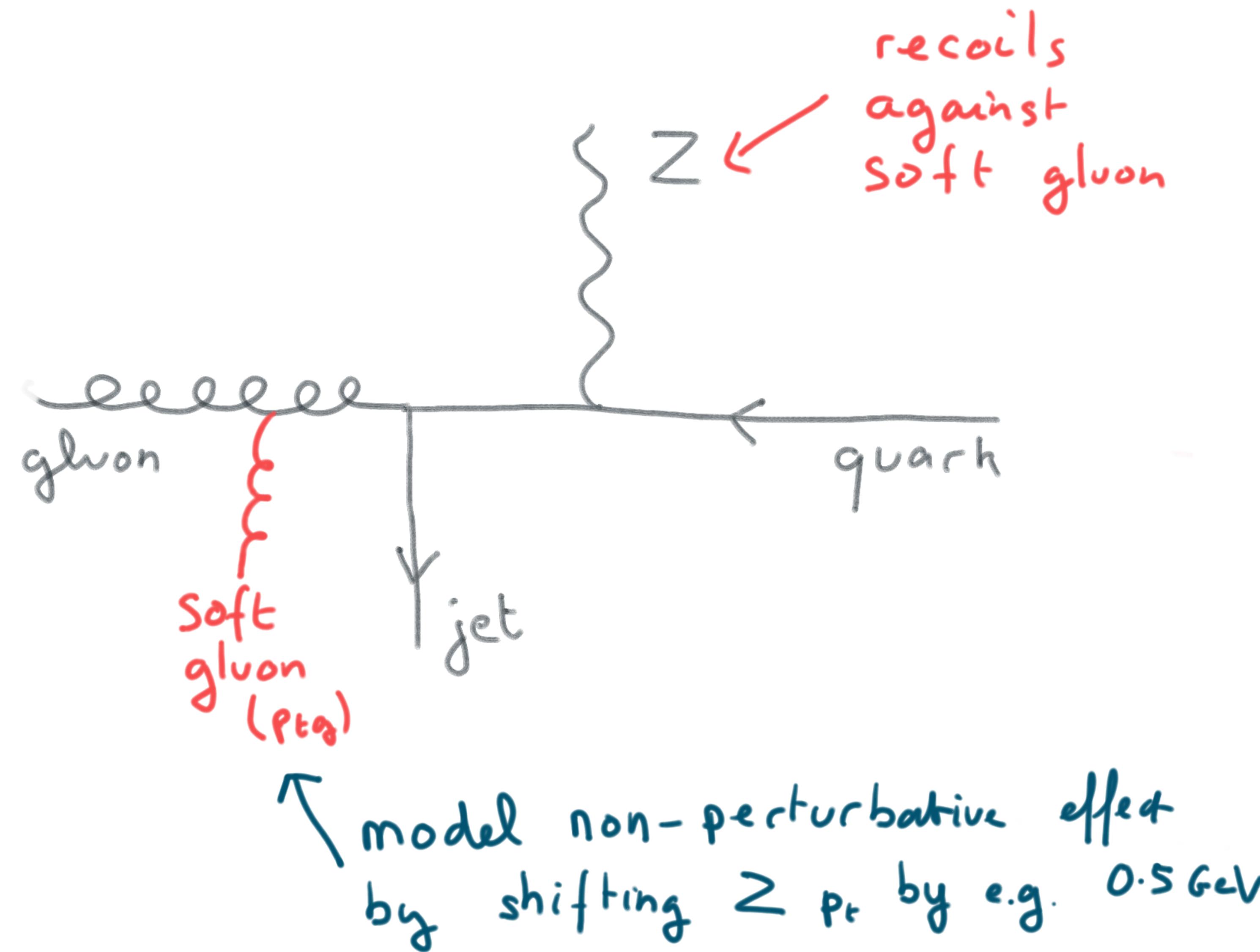
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$$\text{recoil} \sim \int_0^\infty \frac{dP_{Tg}}{P_{Tg}} \alpha_s(P_{Tg})$$

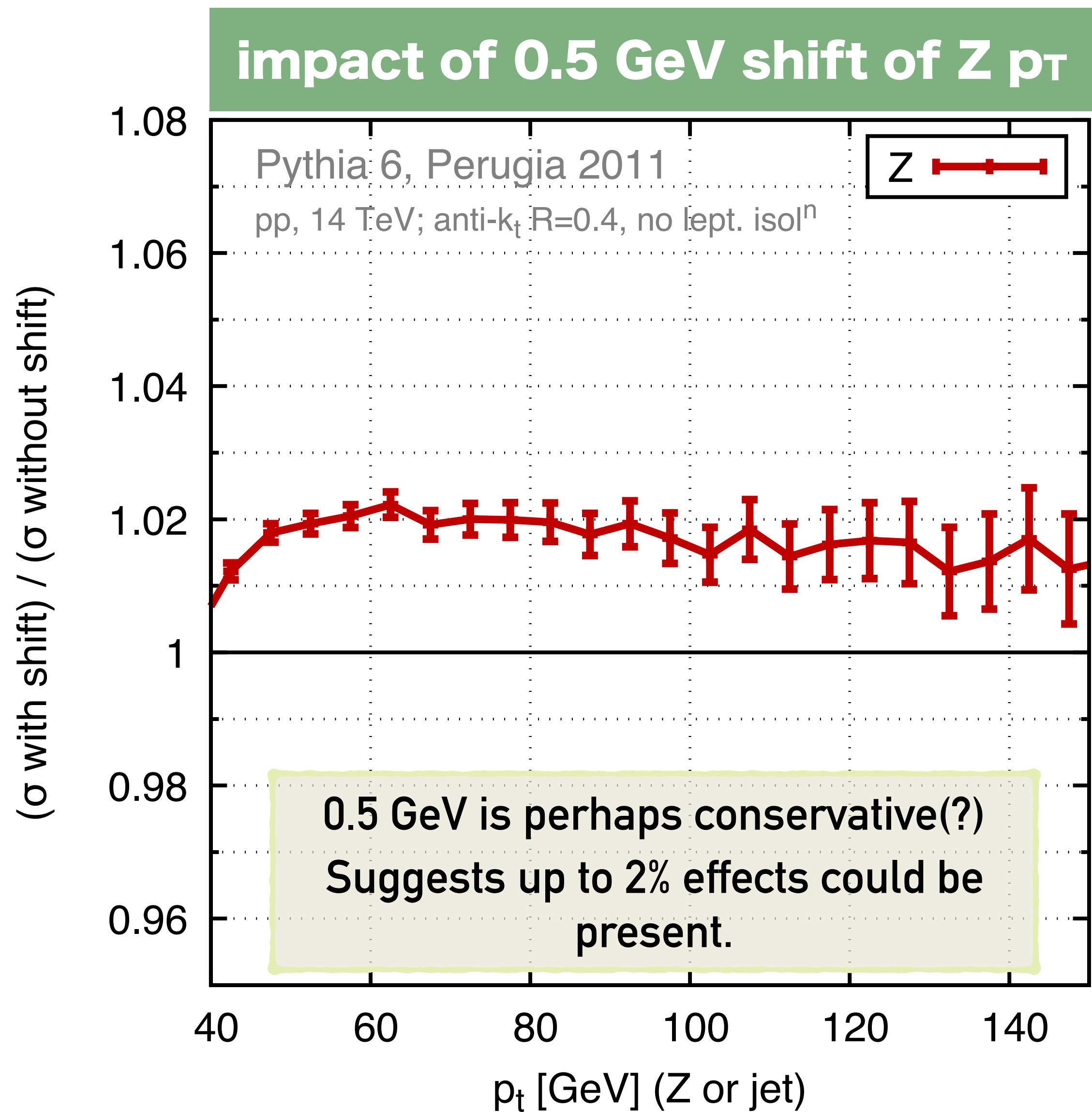
integral over low  
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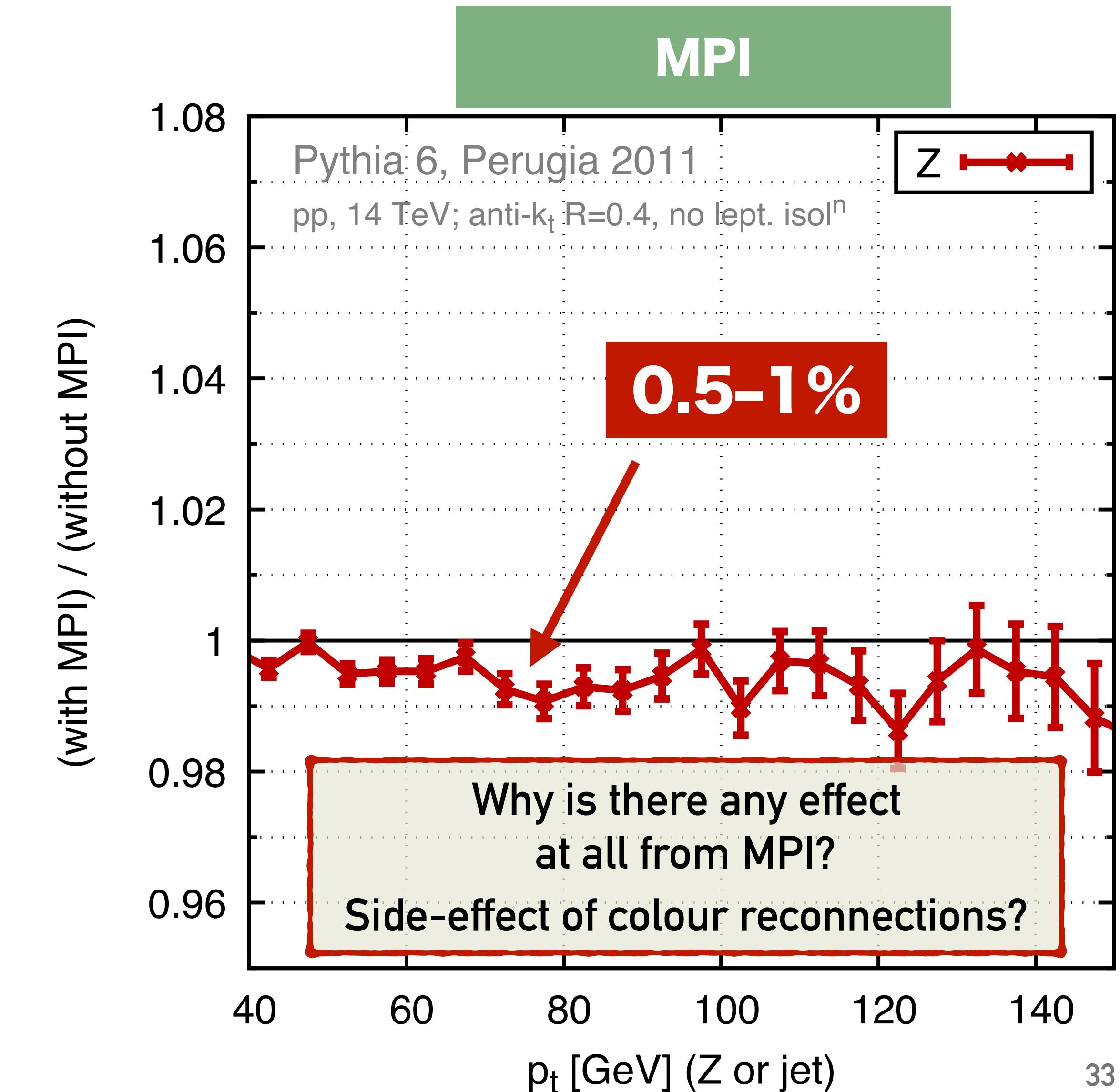
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A conceptually similar problem is present for the W momentum in top decays

# Multi-Parton Interactions?

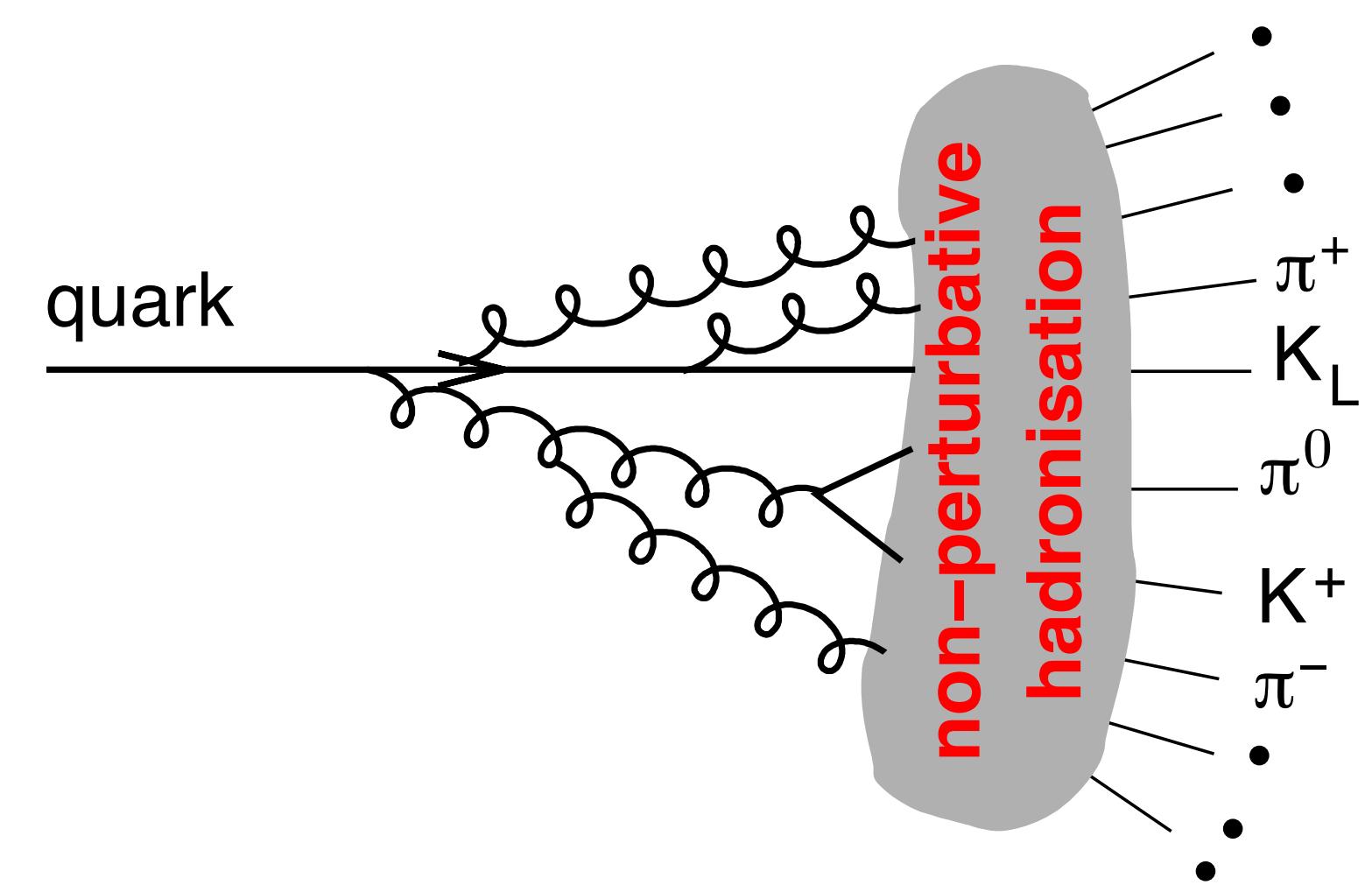
- Naively, you'd expect these are not correlated with Z  $p_T$  — but in at least one MC (Pythia 6) switching them on/off changes distribution by  $O(1\%)$



# PROCESSES WITH (MEASURED) JETS

*much less inclusive wrt QCD radiation*

*subject to larger hadronisation effects*

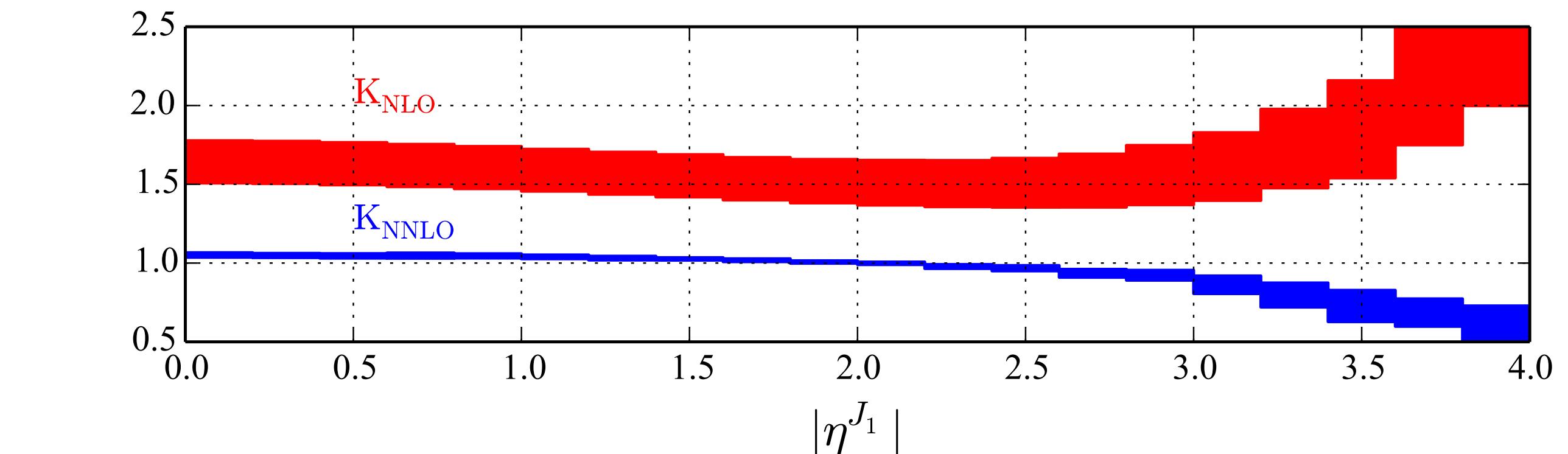
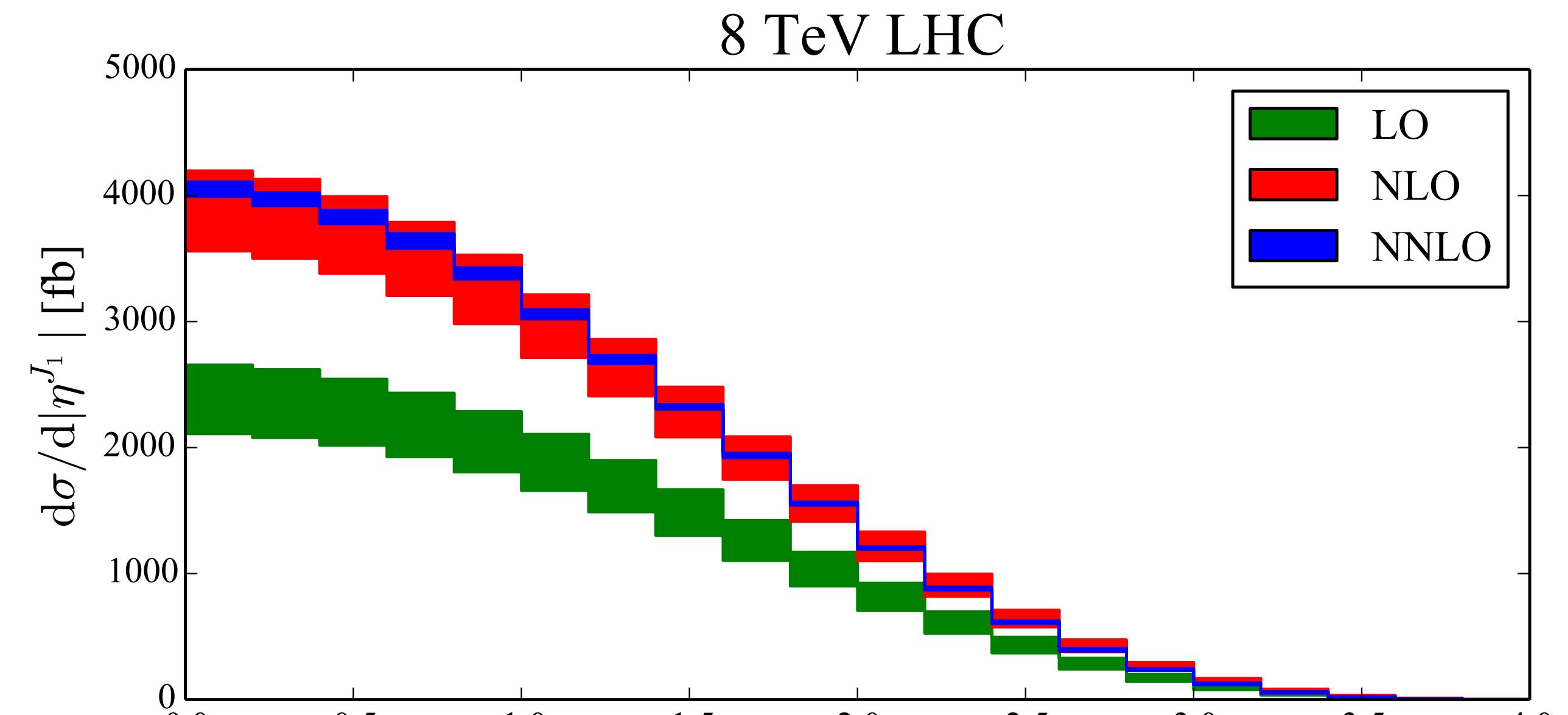
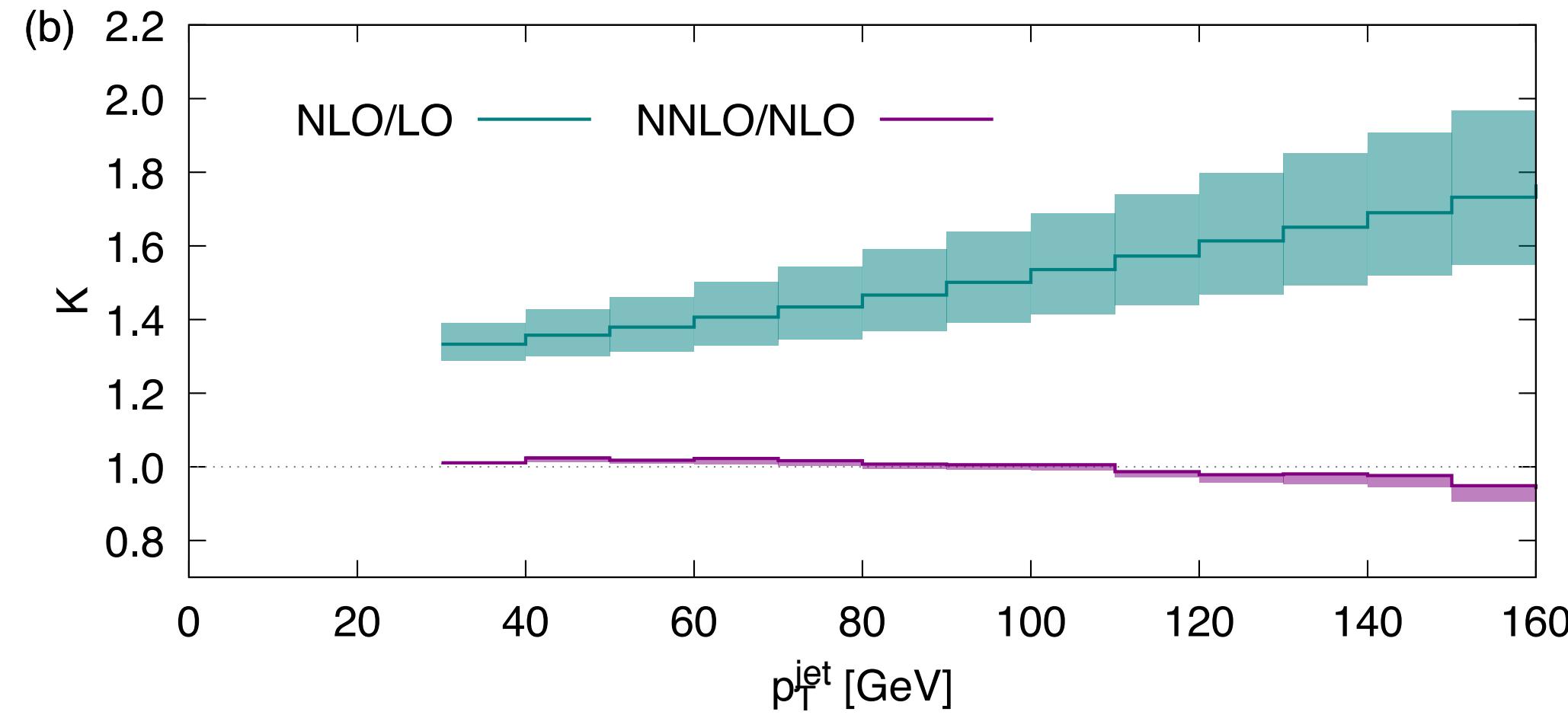


# THE JET IN Z+JET @ NNLO

*Boughezal, Liu & Petriello, 1602.08140*

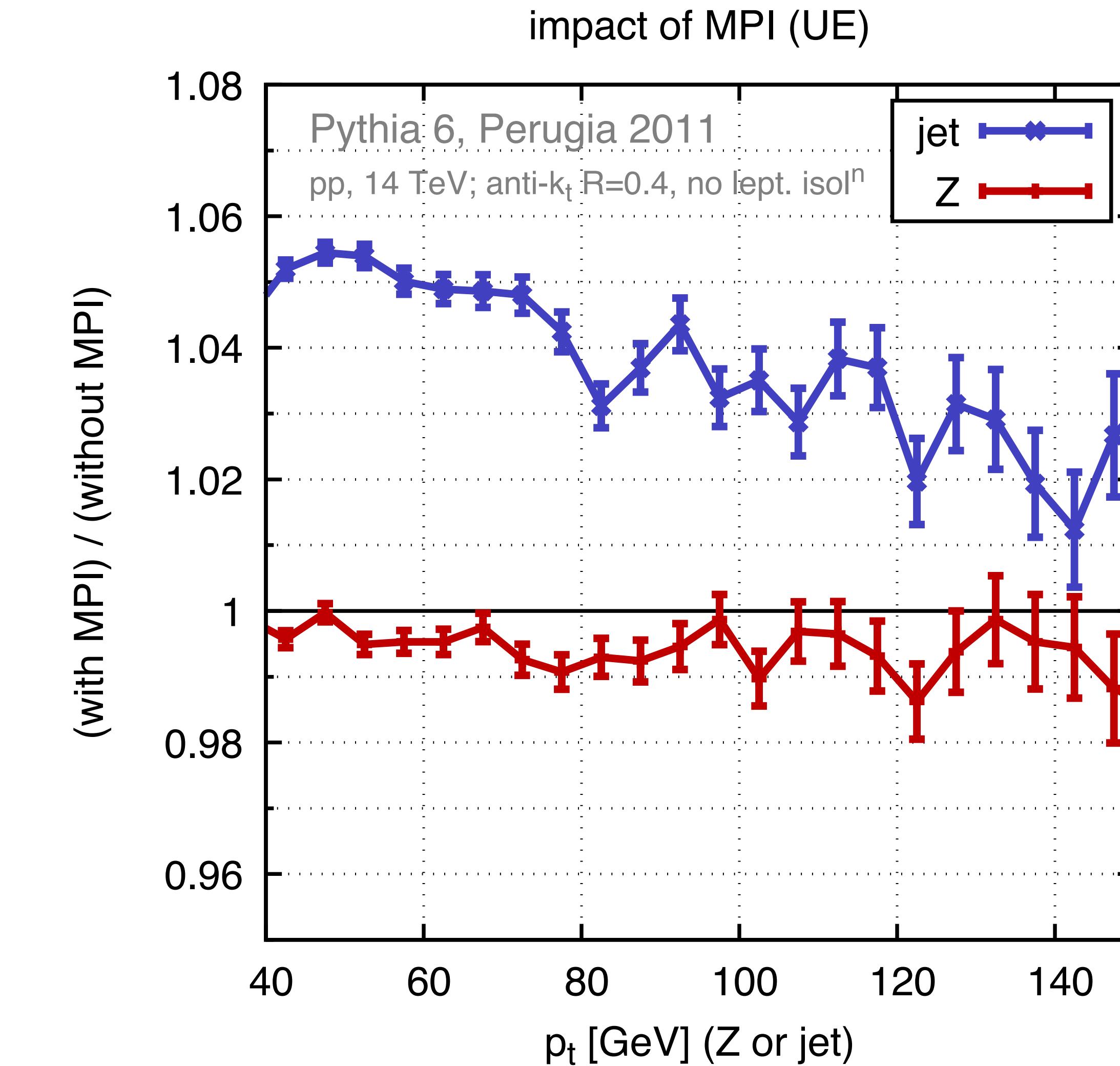
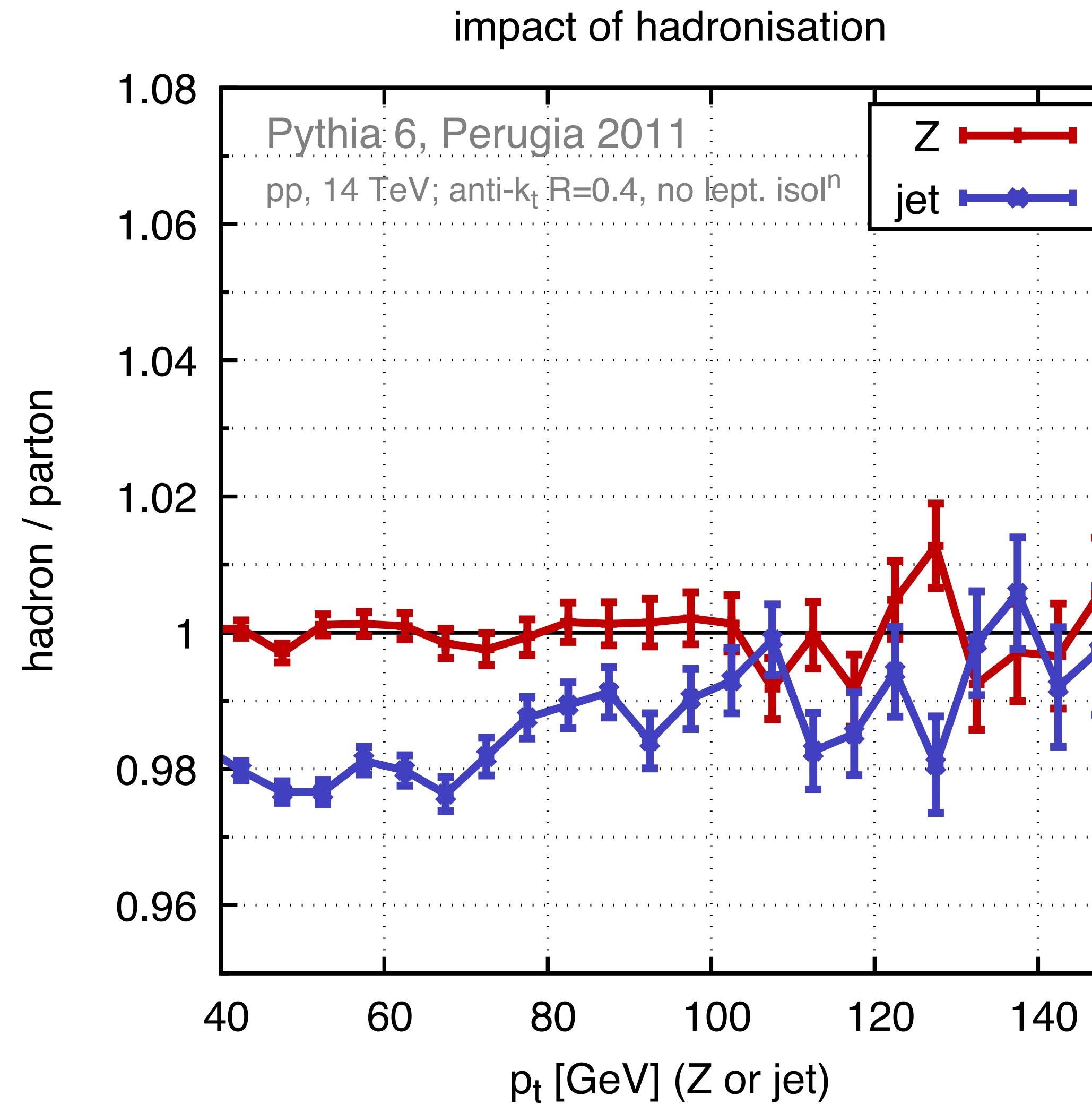
1-jet cross sections					
	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ (pb)	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$ (pb)	$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}$ (pb)	$K_{\text{NLO}}$	$K_{\text{NNLO}}$
8 TeV	$4.17^{+0.55}_{-0.47}$	$6.59^{+0.62}_{-0.53}$	$6.86^{+0.01}_{-0.13}$	1.58	1.04
13 TeV	$9.12^{+0.88}_{-0.79}$	$14.90^{+1.29}_{-1.06}$	$15.54^{+0.01}_{-0.24}$	1.63	1.04

- NNLO K-factor is a few%
- Residual scale uncertainty <2%



*Gehrmann-De Ridder et al, 1607.01749*

# Hadronisation: Jet v. Z in Z+jet process



2 - 5% effects for jets

# POWERFUL HANDLE: EXPLORE A RANGE OF JET RADII

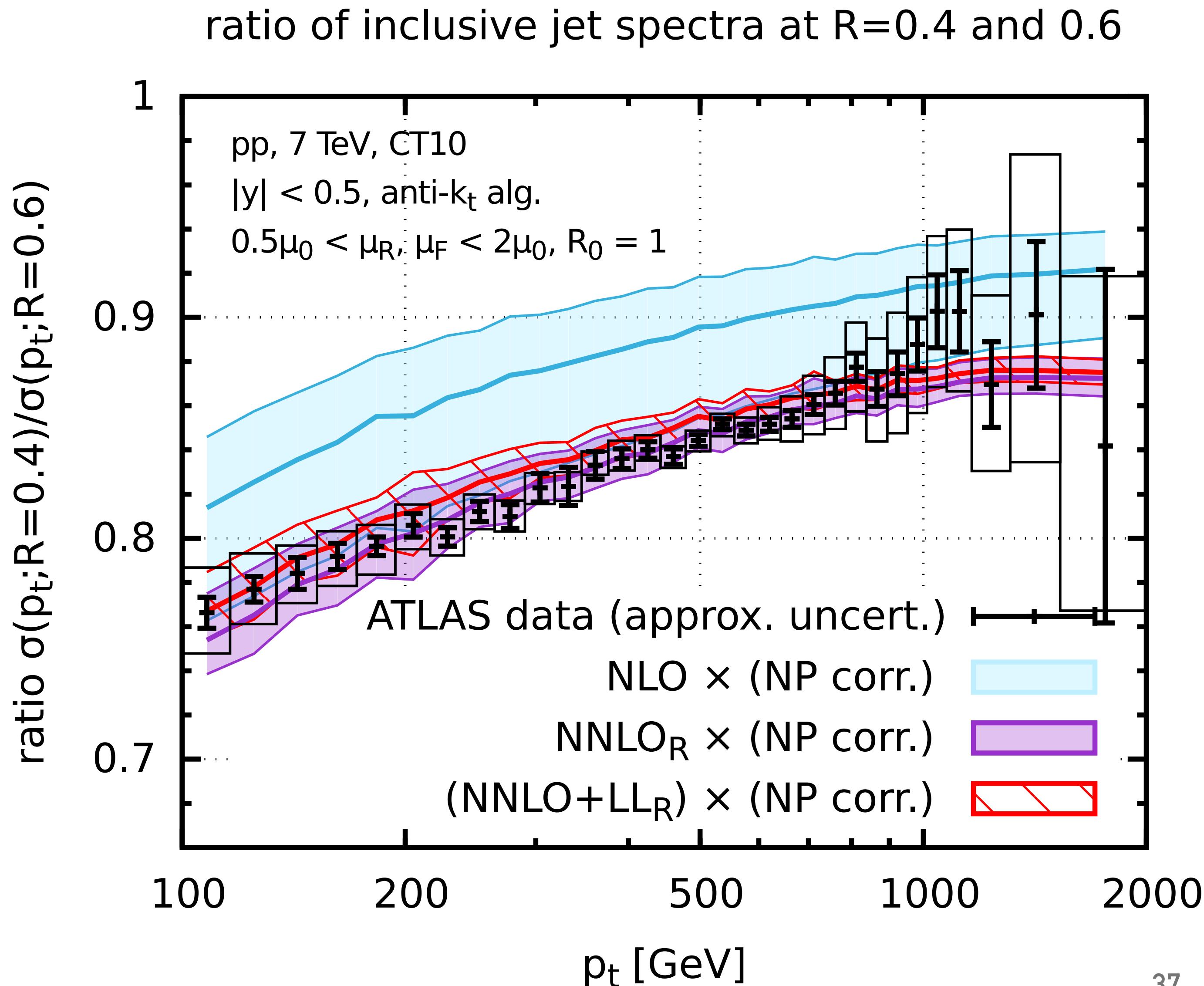
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3 effects:

- perturbative ( $\sim \ln R$ )
- hadronisation ( $\sim 1/R$ )
- MPI/UE ( $\sim R^2$ )

To disentangle them, need  $\geq 3$  R values:

- 0.6–0.7: large MPI/UE
- 0.4: non-pert. effects cancel?
- 0.2–0.3: large hadronisation



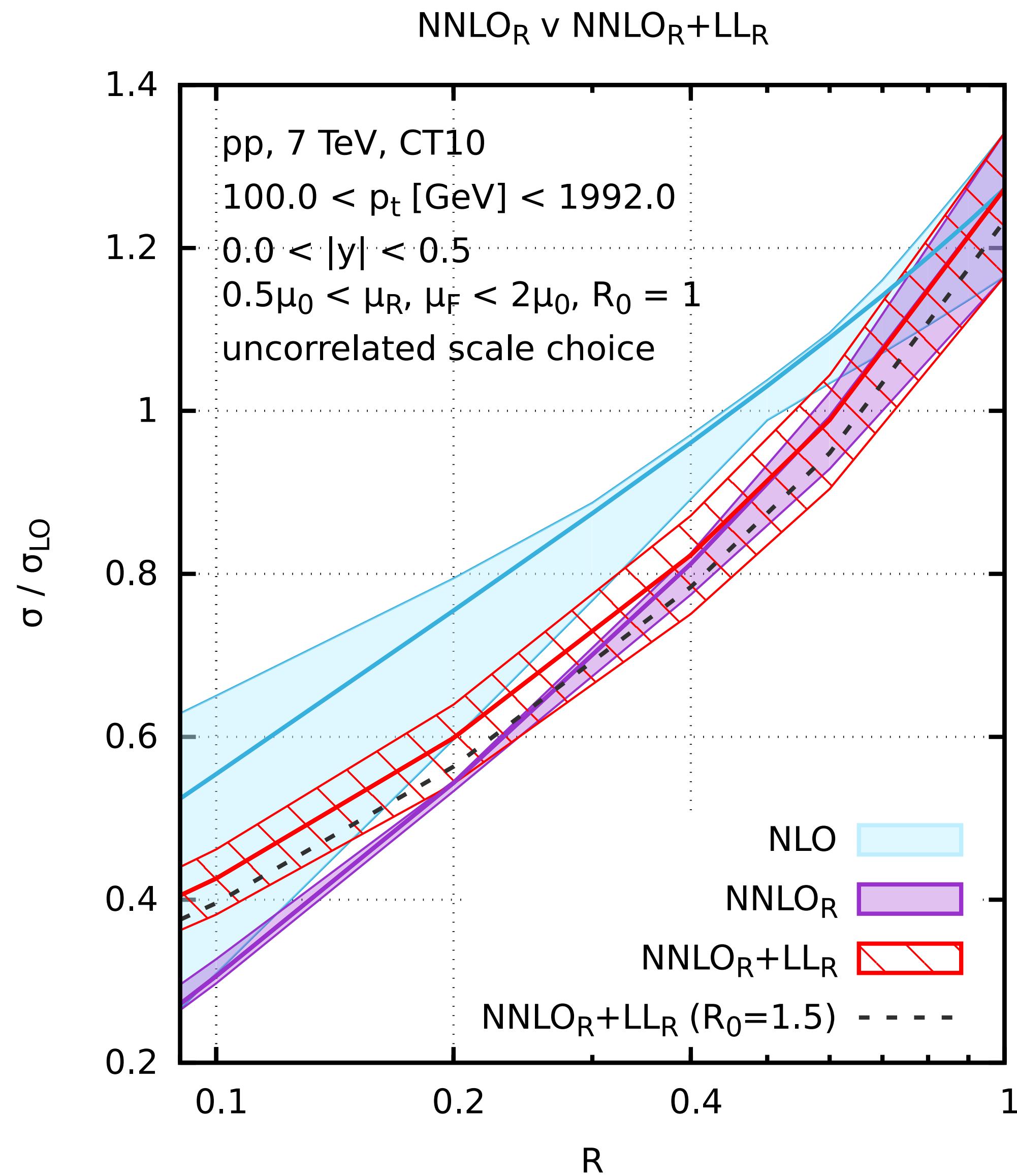
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**At R=0.4, NNLO corrections are 15%**  
(up to 30% for R=0.2, where resummation also needed)

**If we're to reach 1% accuracy for jet processes, NNLO may not be enough**



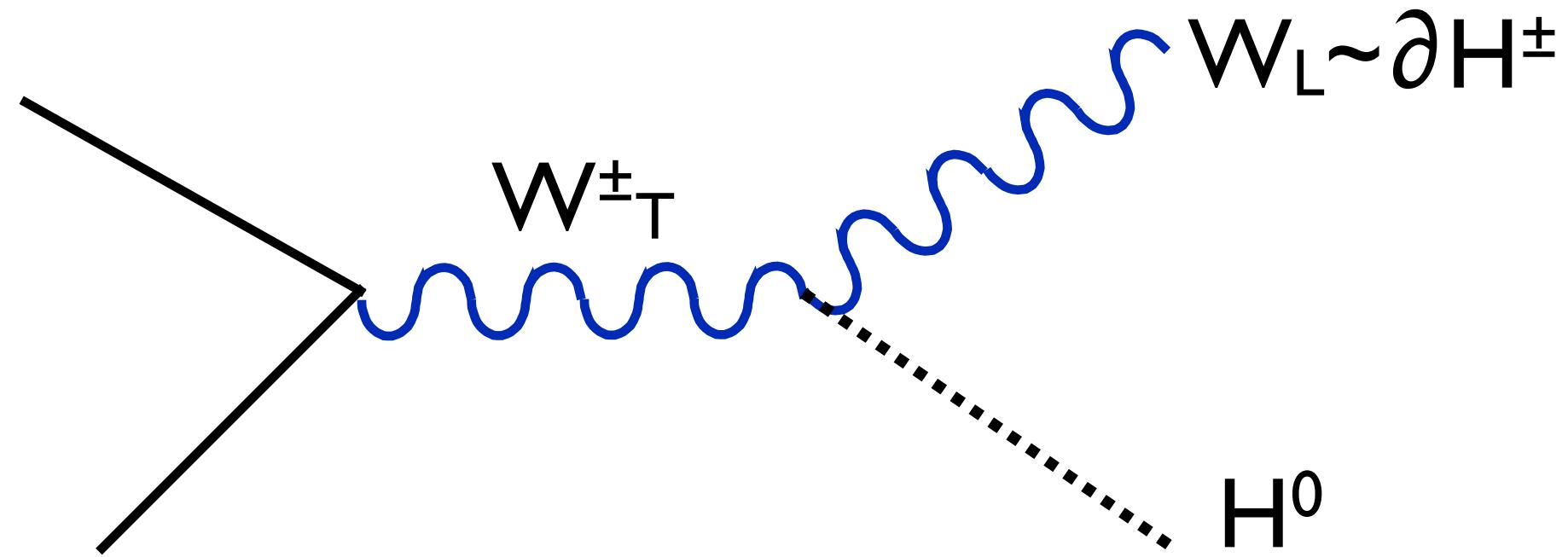
# precision physics & discoveries

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*how do we make convince ourselves it's new physics if we see a discrepancy in new precision studies?*

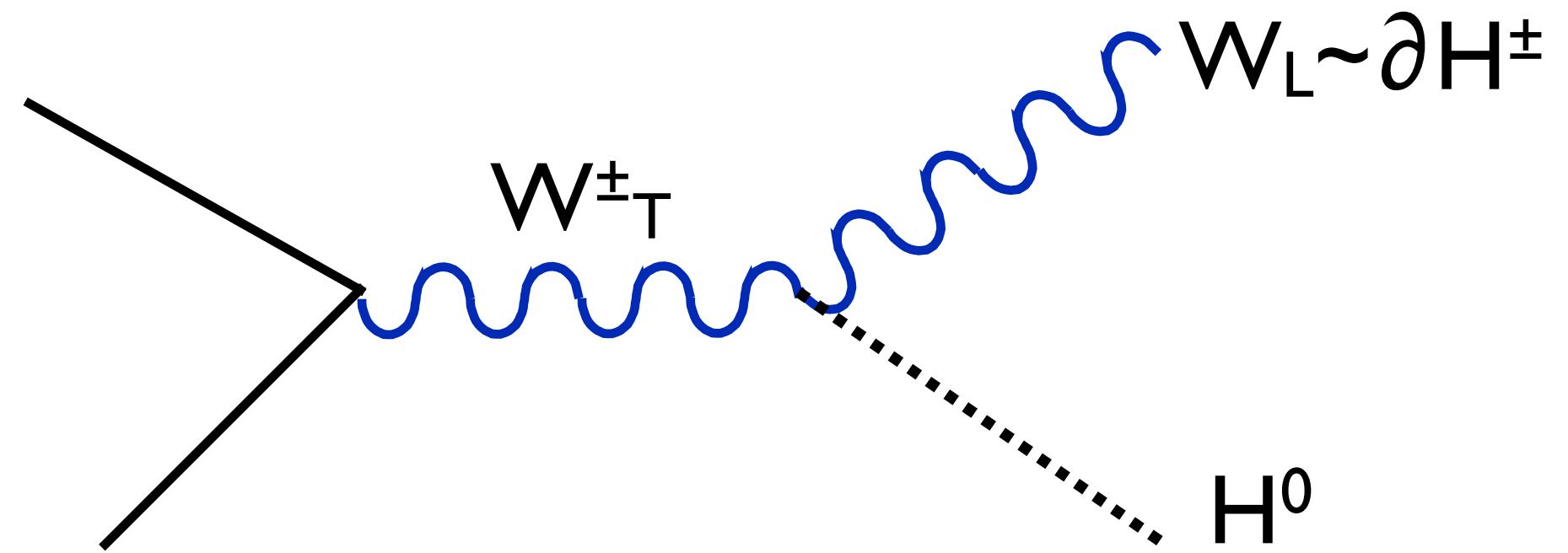
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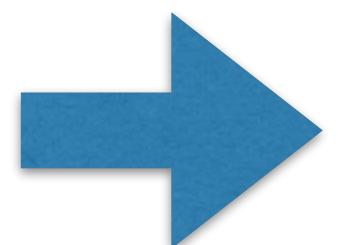
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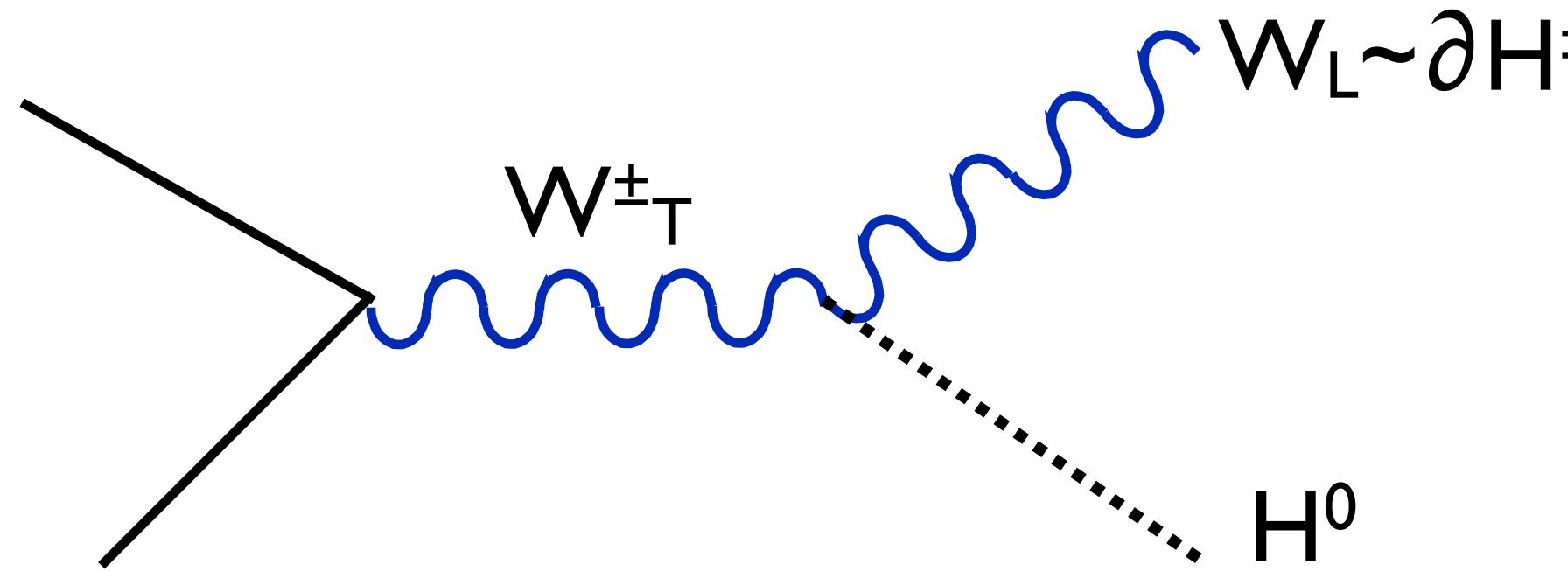
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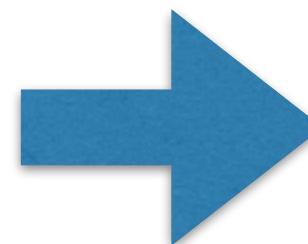
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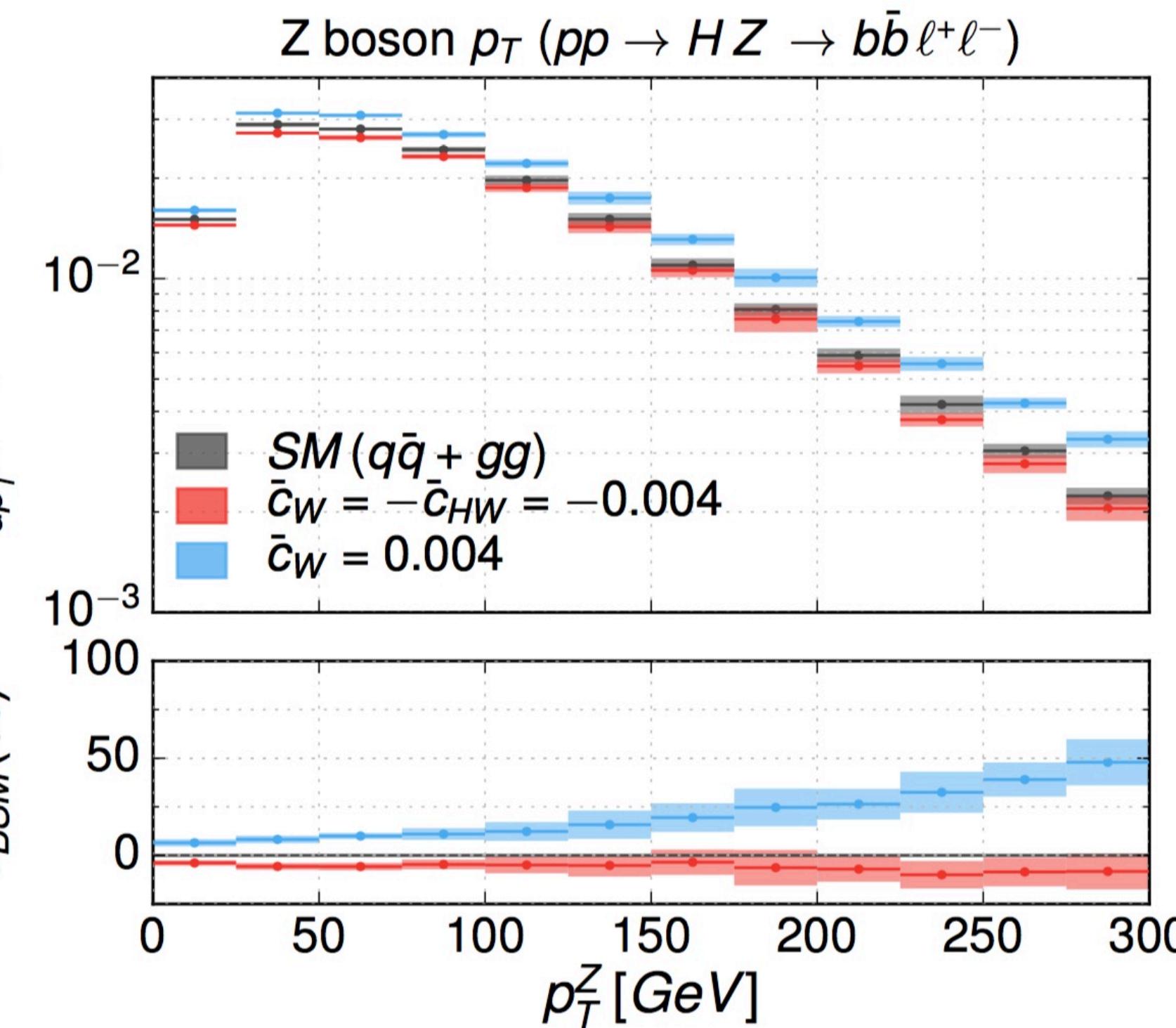
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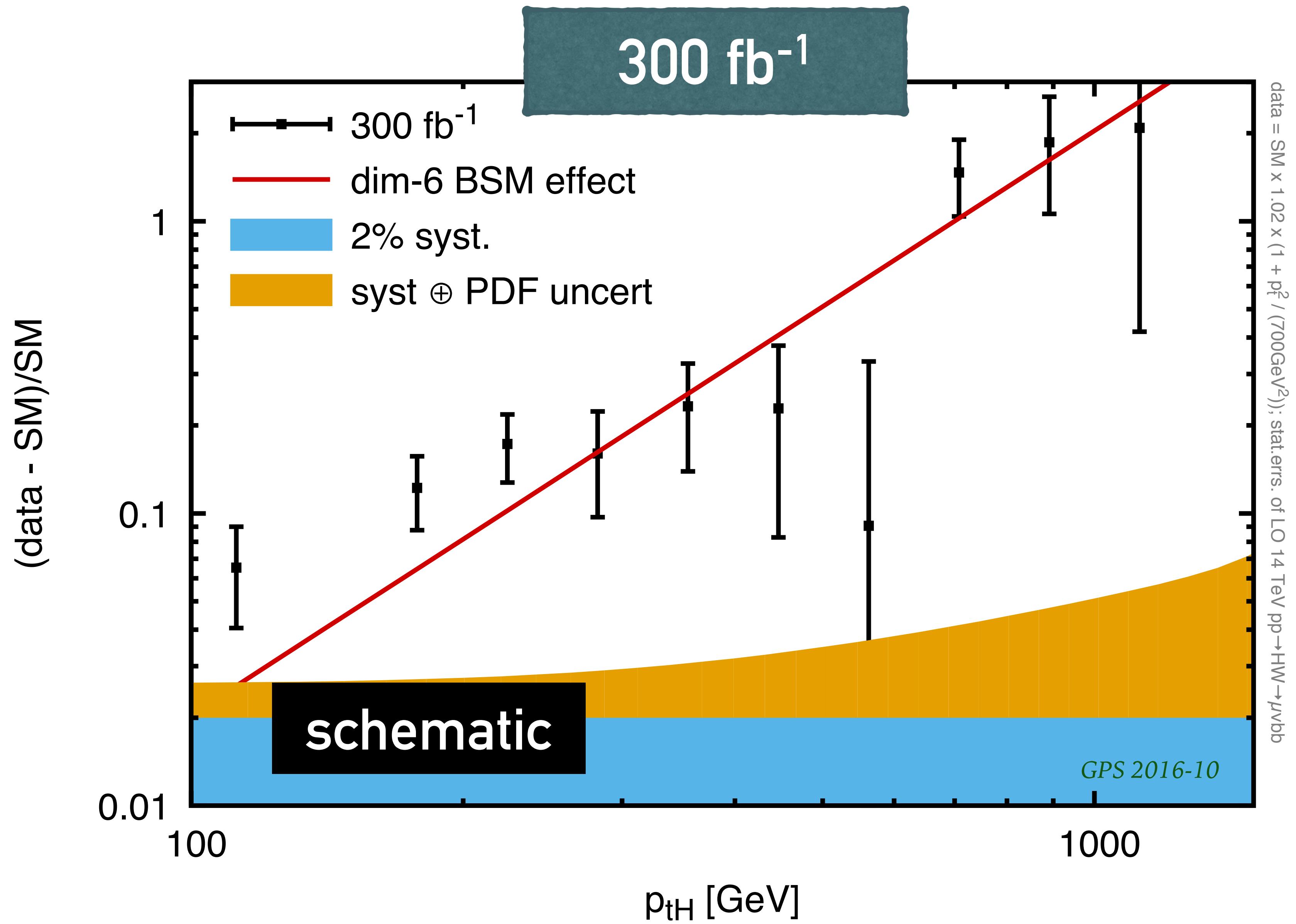


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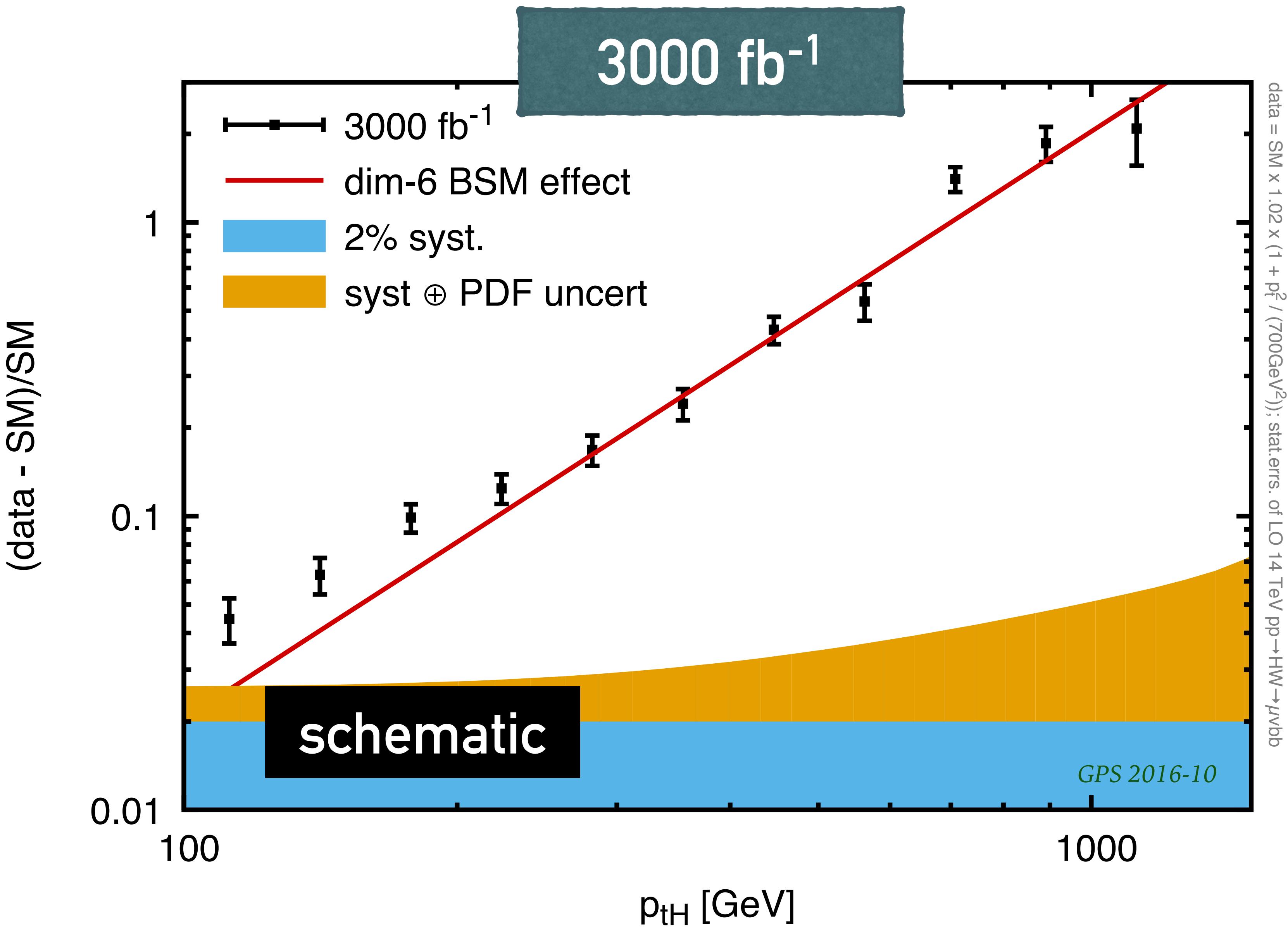
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^Z} [fb/25 GeV]$$



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## COMMENTS / CONCLUSIONS

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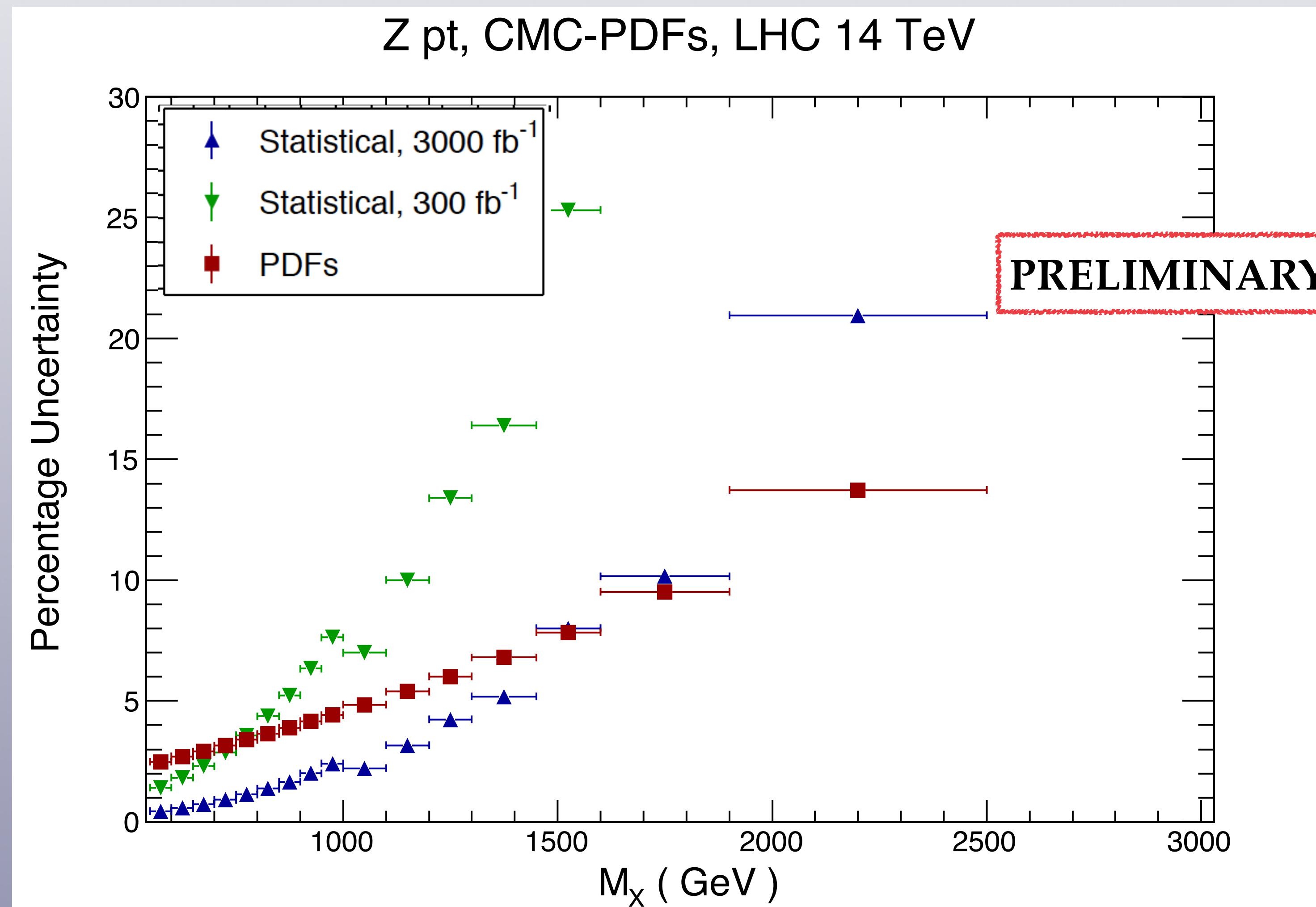
- 1% precision is something that we will want to reach for a range of processes to get full value out of the “precision” part of LHC’s programme (Higgs, top, dilepton, ...)
- We’re entering the precision era today, notably with 1%  $Z$   $p_T$  distribution (first hadron-collider process  $\alpha s$  known with this precision)
- Some problems remain to be solved:
  - consensus on PDFs (& path to 1%), strong coupling
  - non-perturbative effects (e.g. study multiple  $R$  values for jets?)
  - Keep in mind that new physics effects in “precision physics” may show up with distinct scaling (almost as good as a bump or shoulder?)

# BACKUP

# EXPERIMENTAL PERSPECTIVES

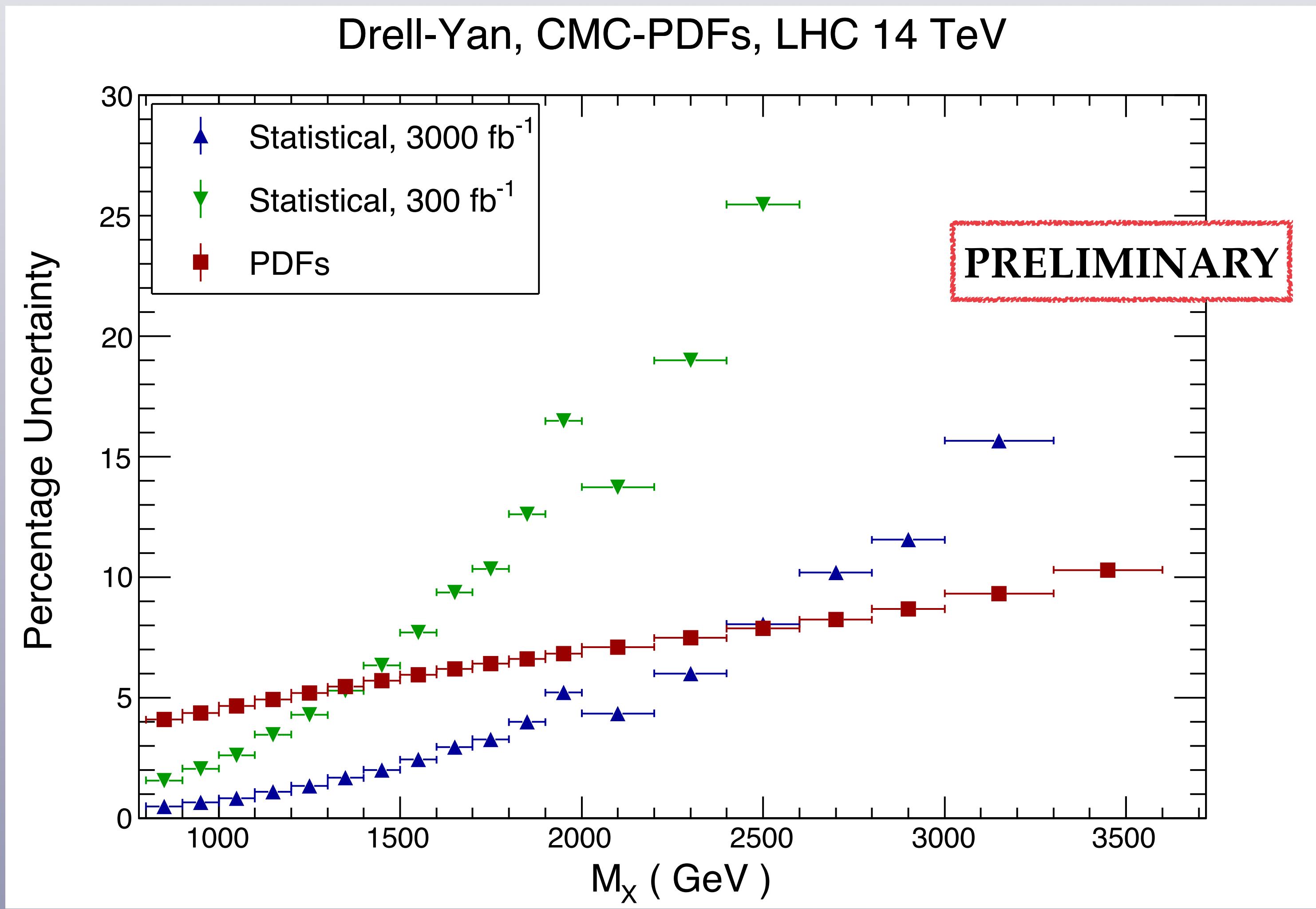
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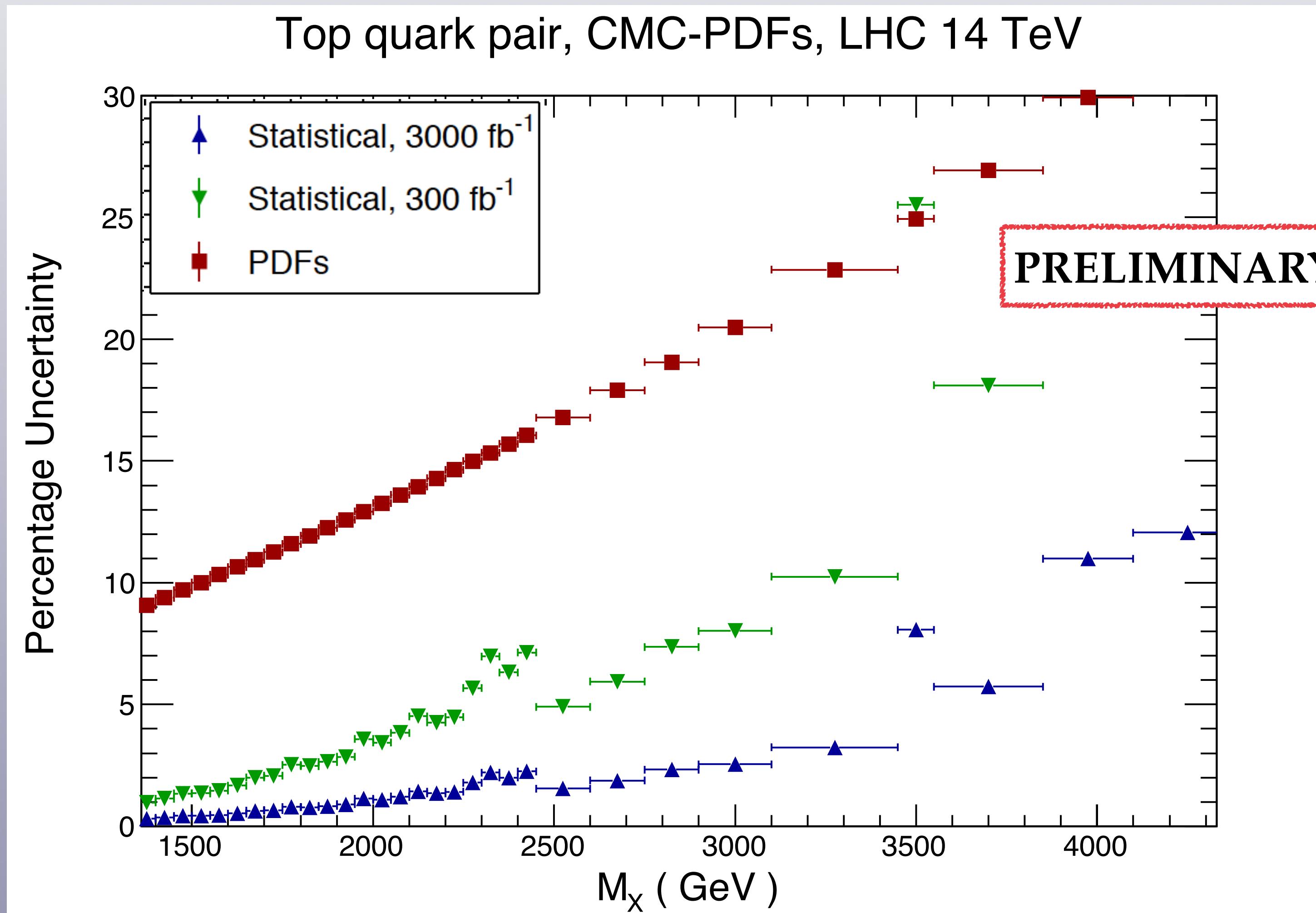
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# ABSOLUTE CROSS-SECTIONS MEASURED TO $\sim 1\%$ ?

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Beam Imaging and Luminosity Calibration

arXiv:1603.03566v1 [hep-ex]

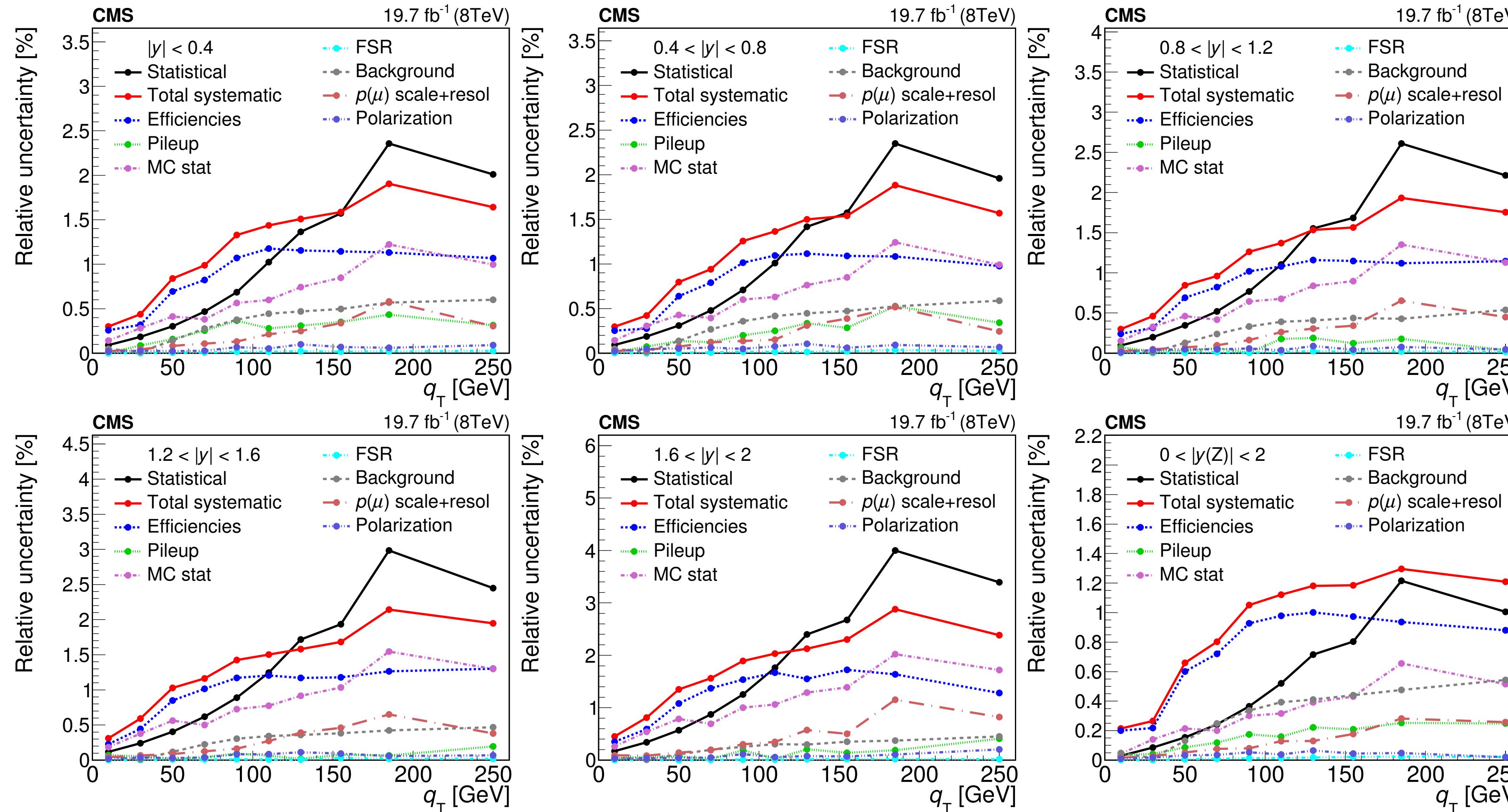
March 14, 2016

Markus Klute, Catherine Medlock, Jakob Salfeld-Nebgen  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

We discuss a method to reconstruct two-dimensional proton bunch densities using vertex distributions accumulated during LHC beam-beam scans. The  $x$ - $y$  correlations in the beam shapes are studied and an alternative luminosity calibration technique is introduced. We demonstrate the method on simulated beam-beam scans and estimate the uncertainty on the luminosity calibration associated to the beam-shape reconstruction to be below 1%.

ZPT

# CMS Z $p_T$ uncertainties (normalised to total fiducial)



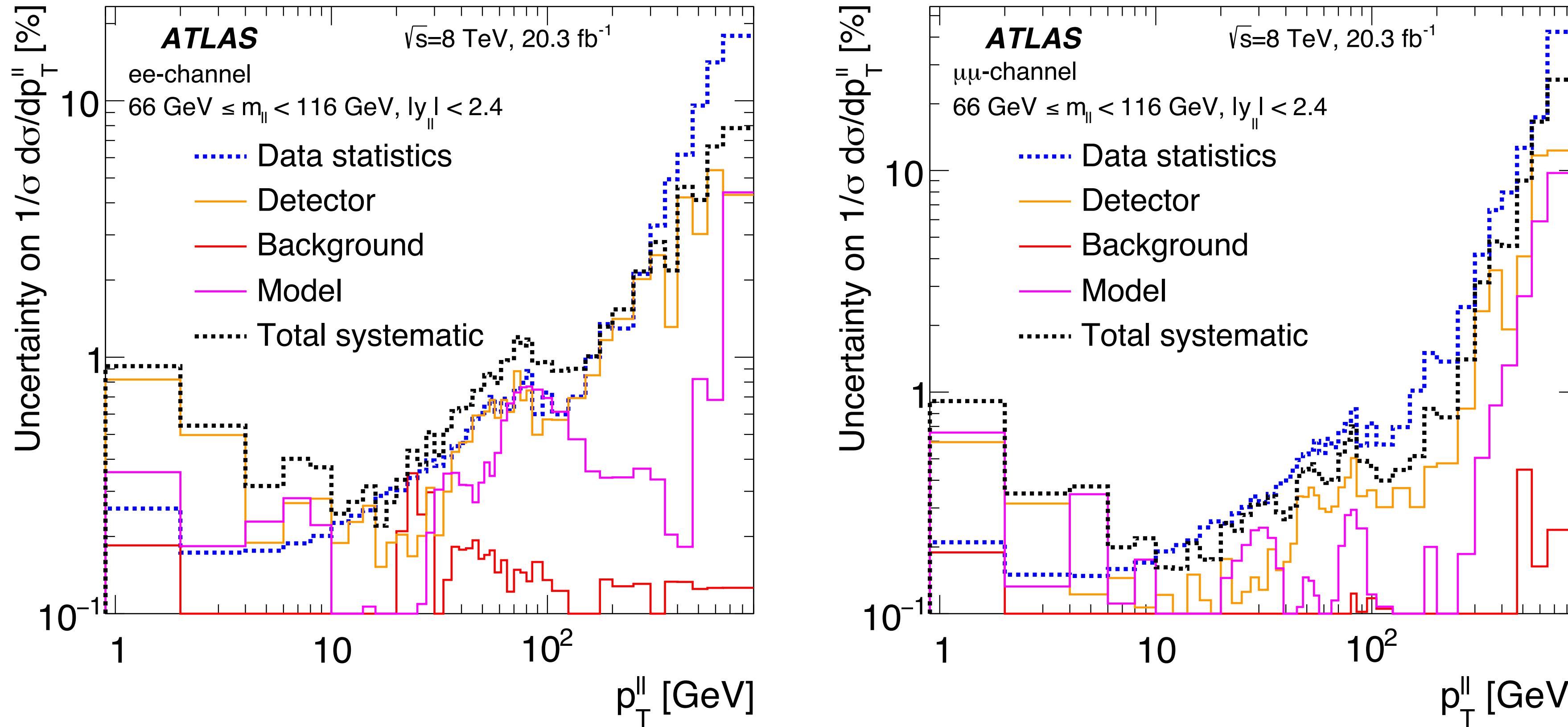
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Figure 1: Relative uncertainties in percent of the normalised fiducial cross section measurement. Each plot shows the  $q_T$  dependence in the indicated ranges of  $|y|$ .

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1512.02912

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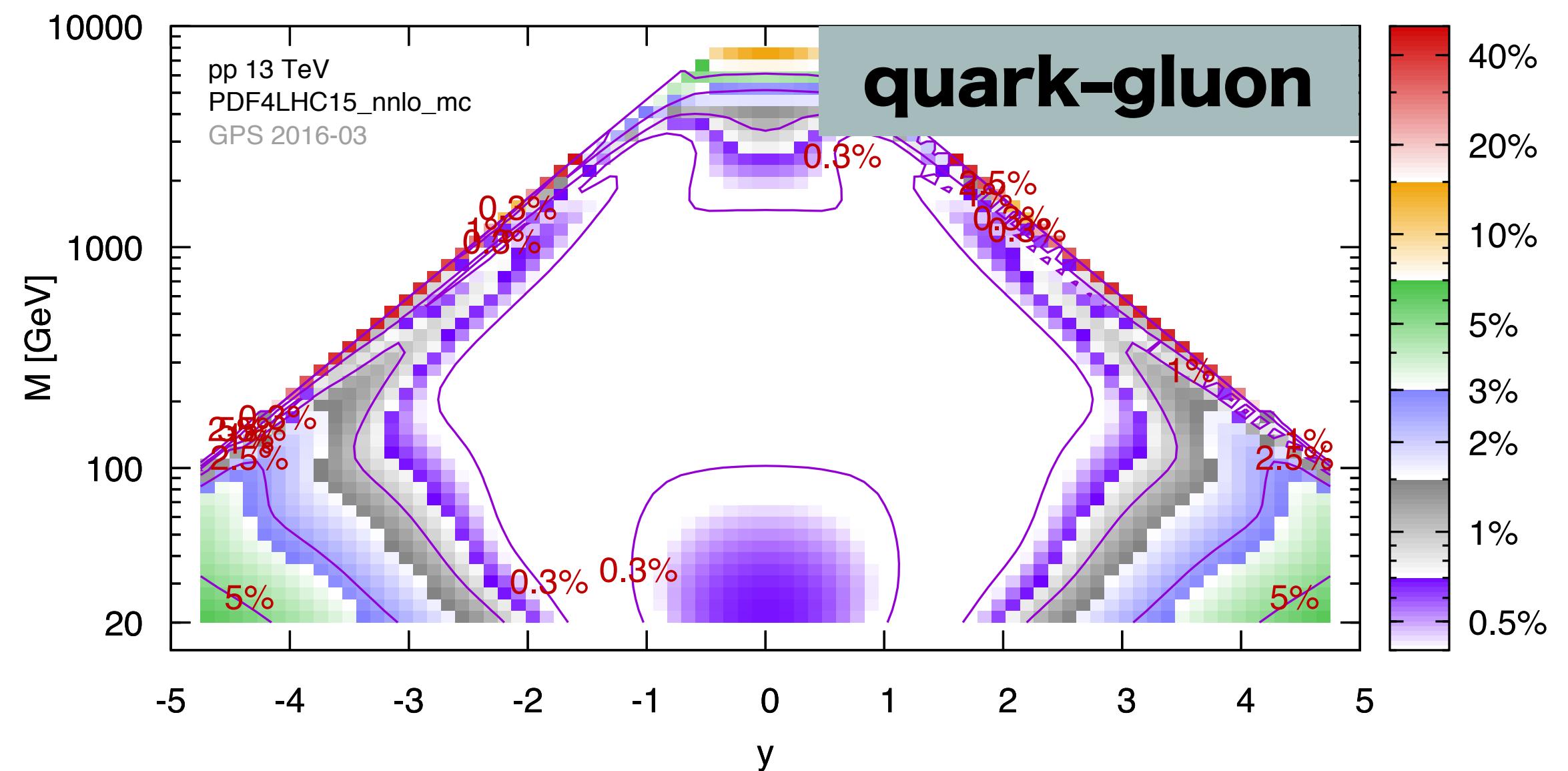
# PDFS

# WHAT ROUTE FOR PROGRESS?

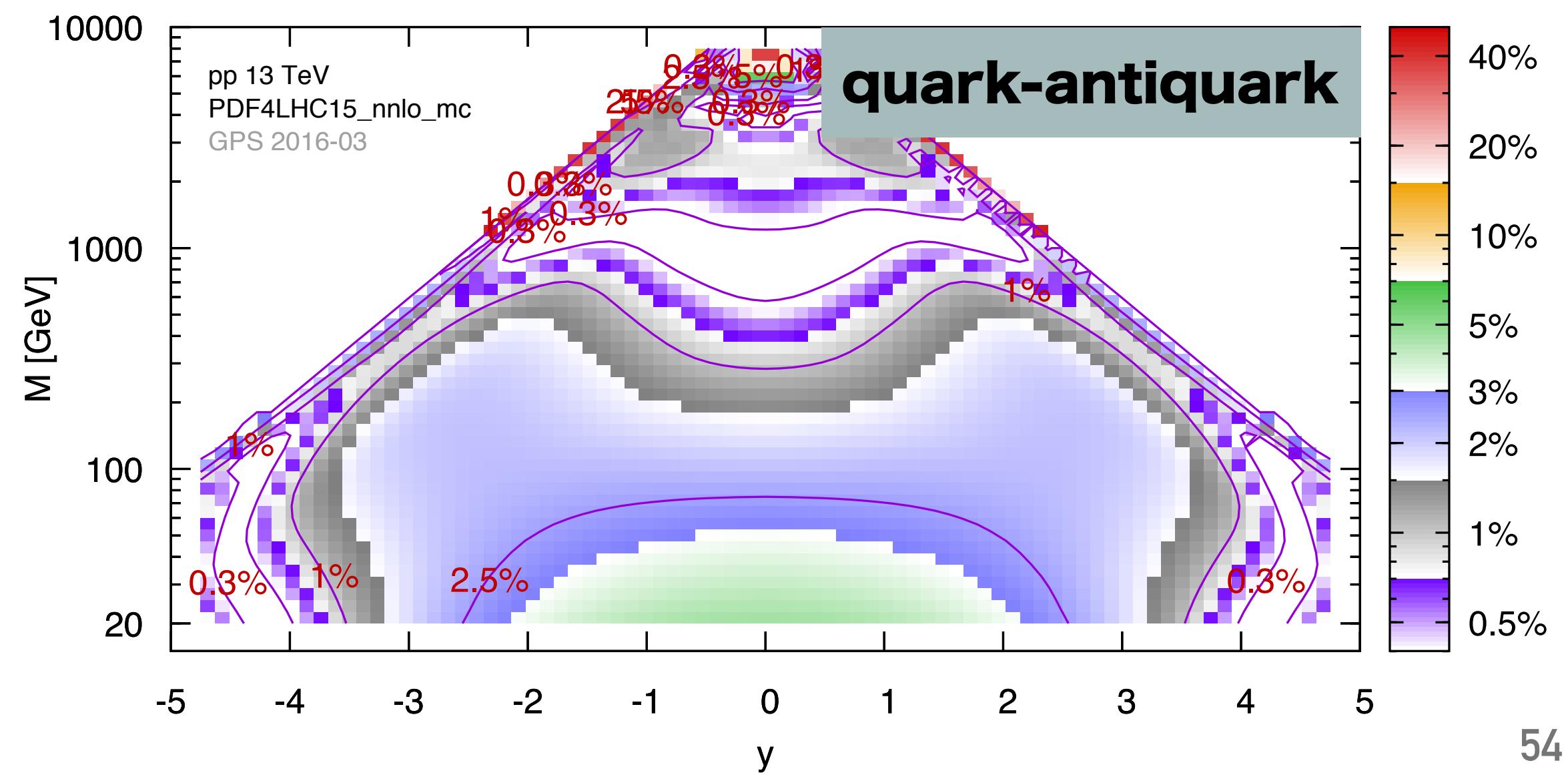
- Current status is 2–3% for core “precision” region
- Path to 1% is not clear — e.g. Z  $p_T$ 's strongest constraint is on qg lumi, which is already best known (why?)
- It'll be interesting to revisit the question once ttbar, incl. jets, Z  $p_T$ , etc. have all been incorporated at NNLO
- Can expts. get **better lumi determination?**
- [is it time for PDFs to include theory uncertainties?]

## Theory Uncertainties

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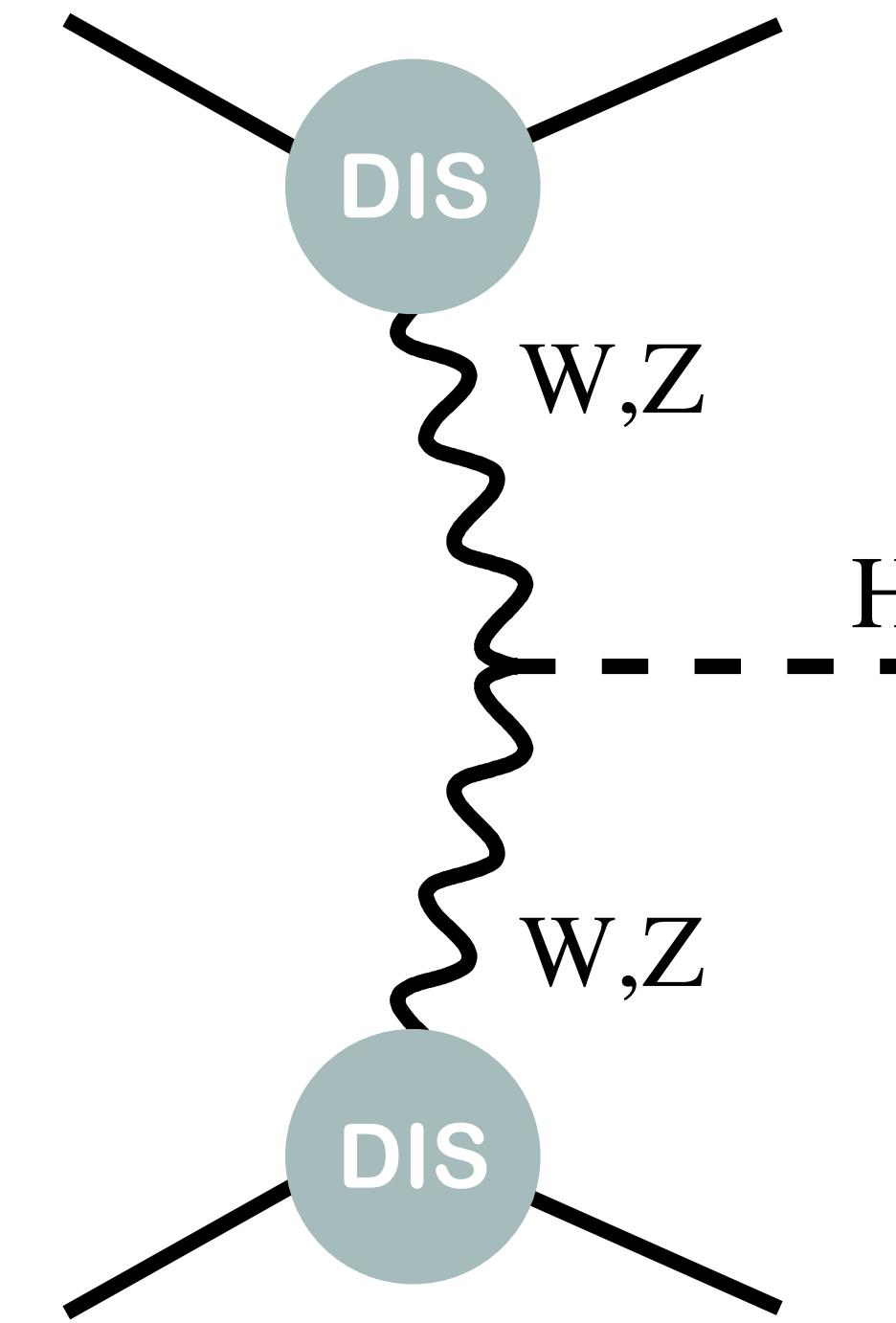
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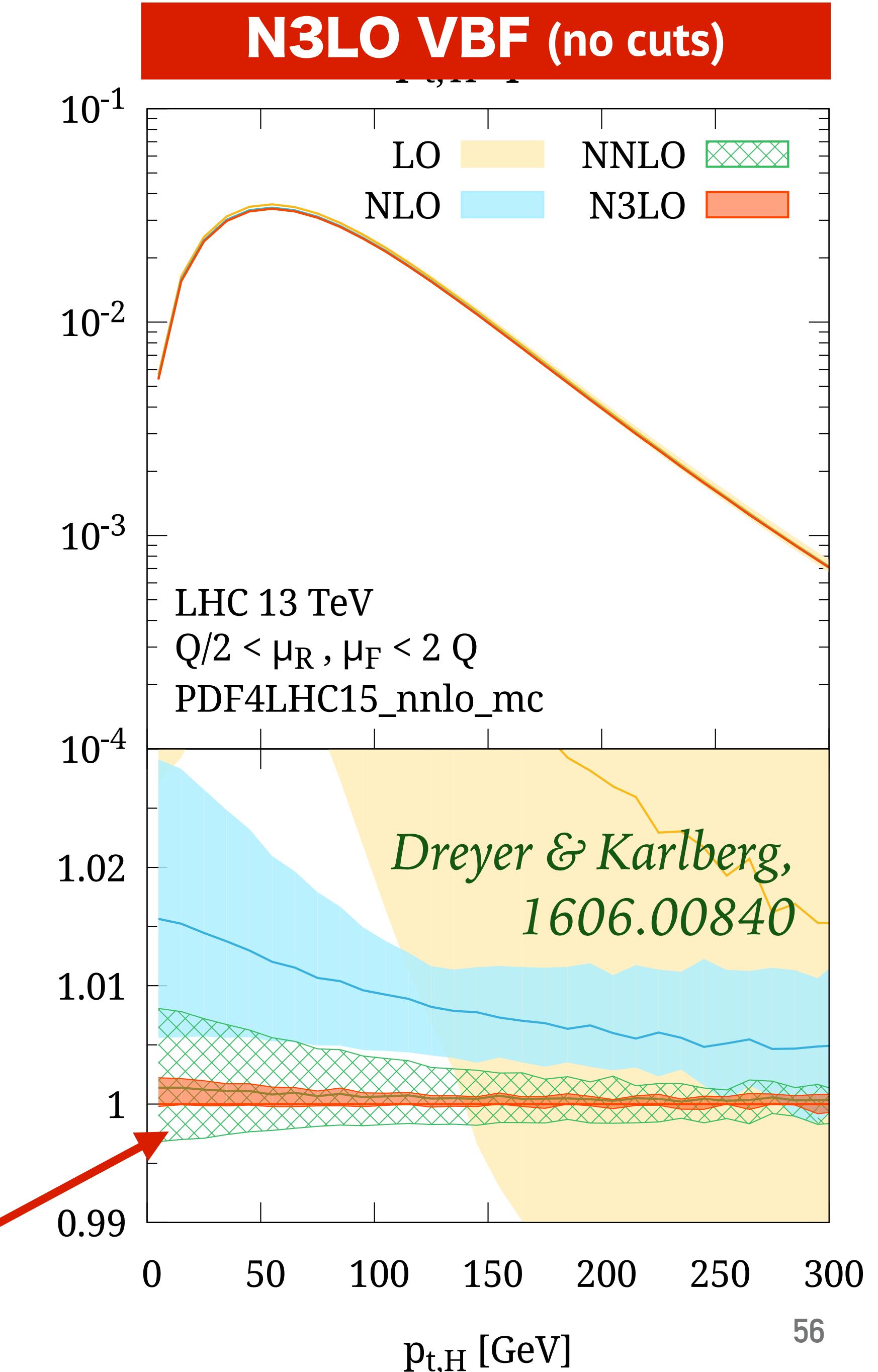
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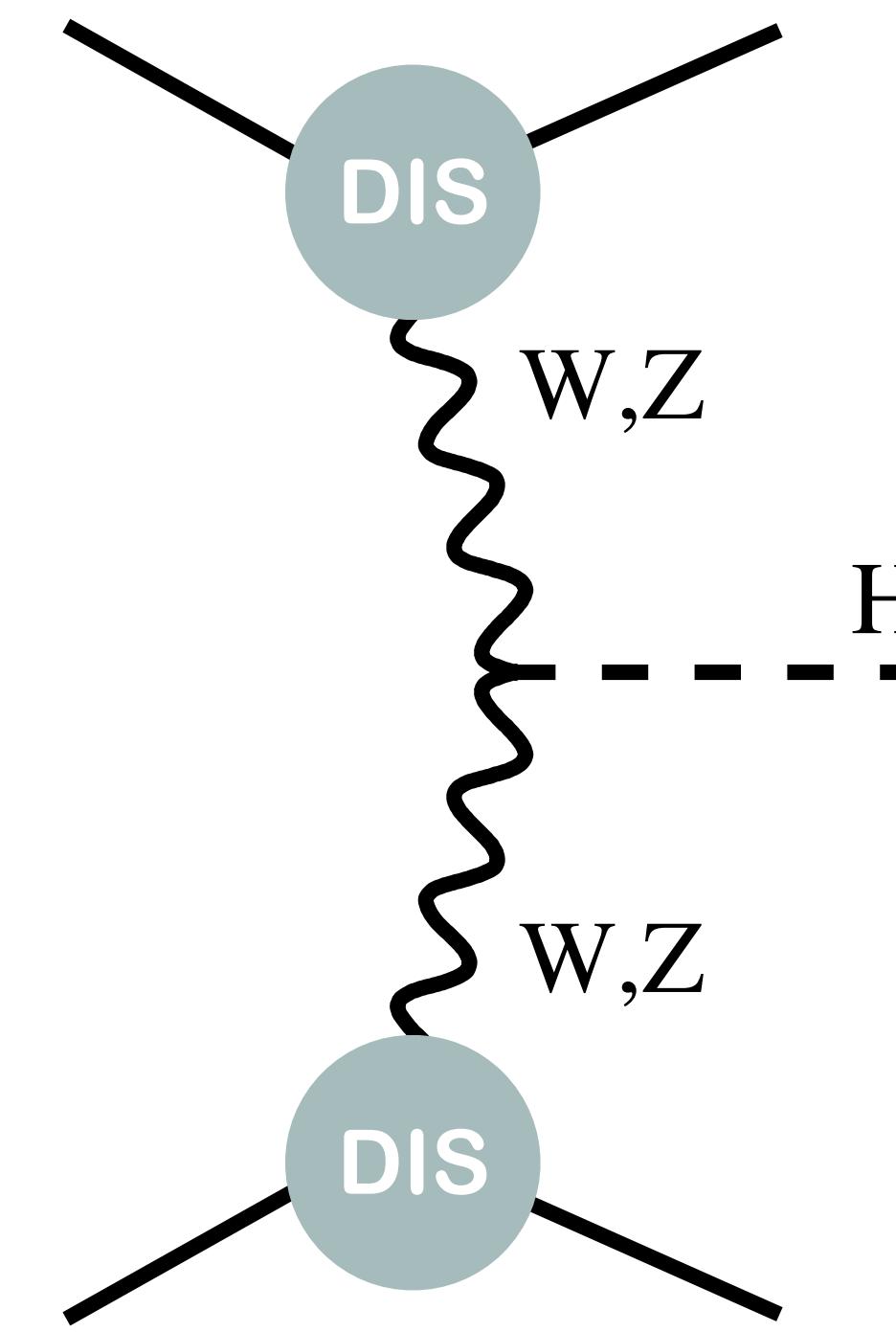
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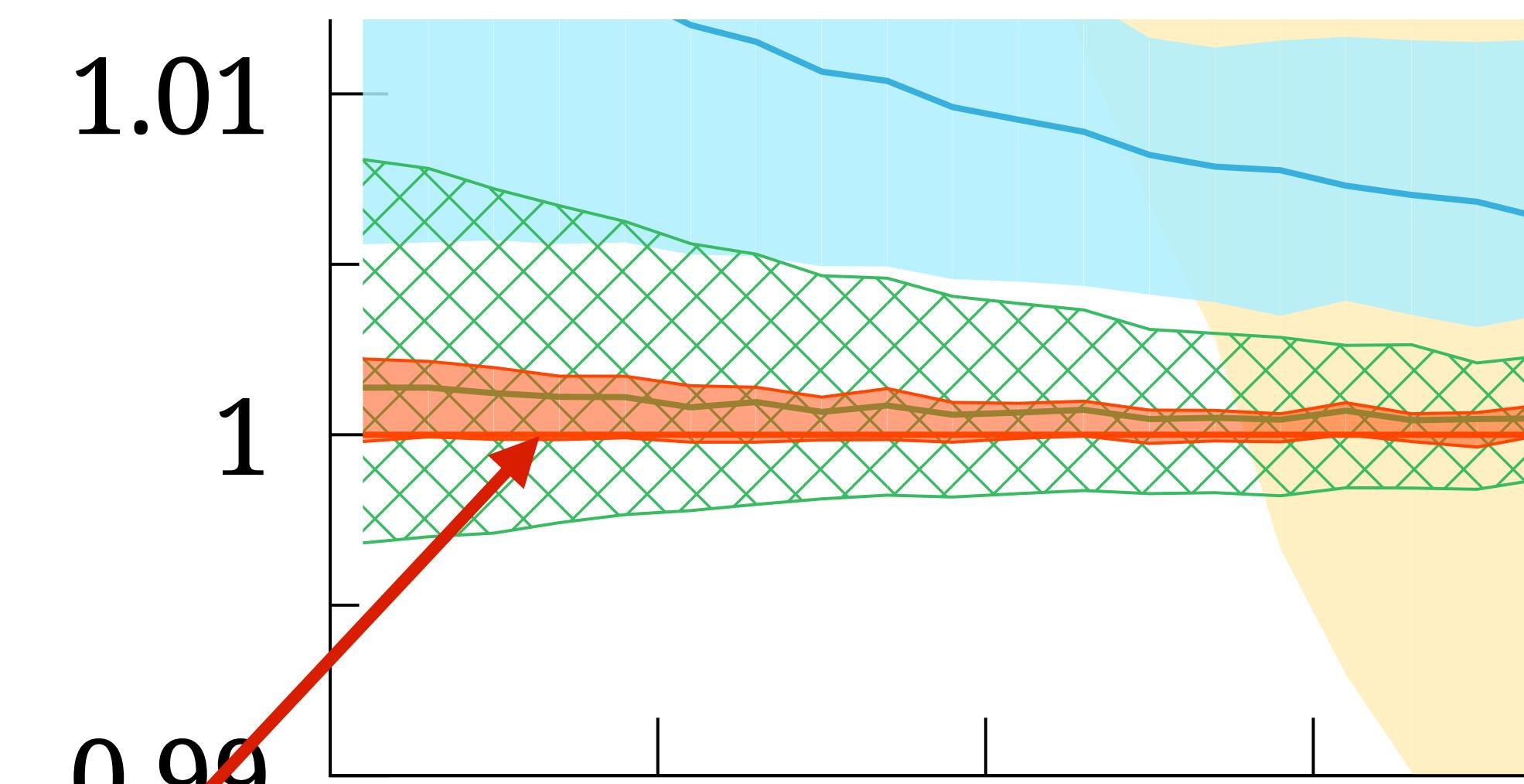


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*Non-trivial real-world corrections believed  $< 1\%$*



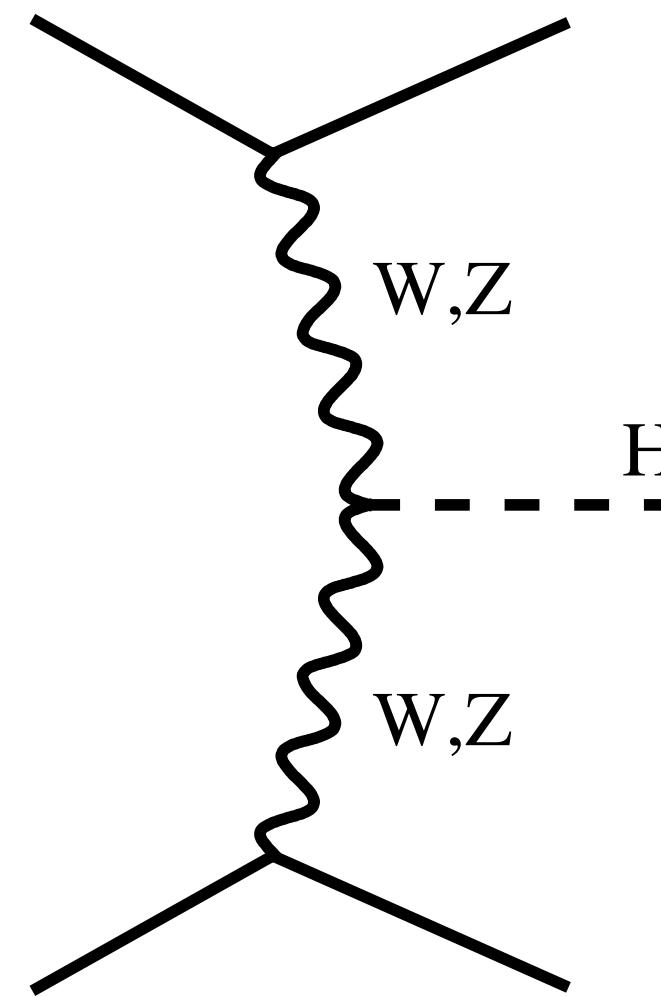
*Dreyer & Karlberg,  
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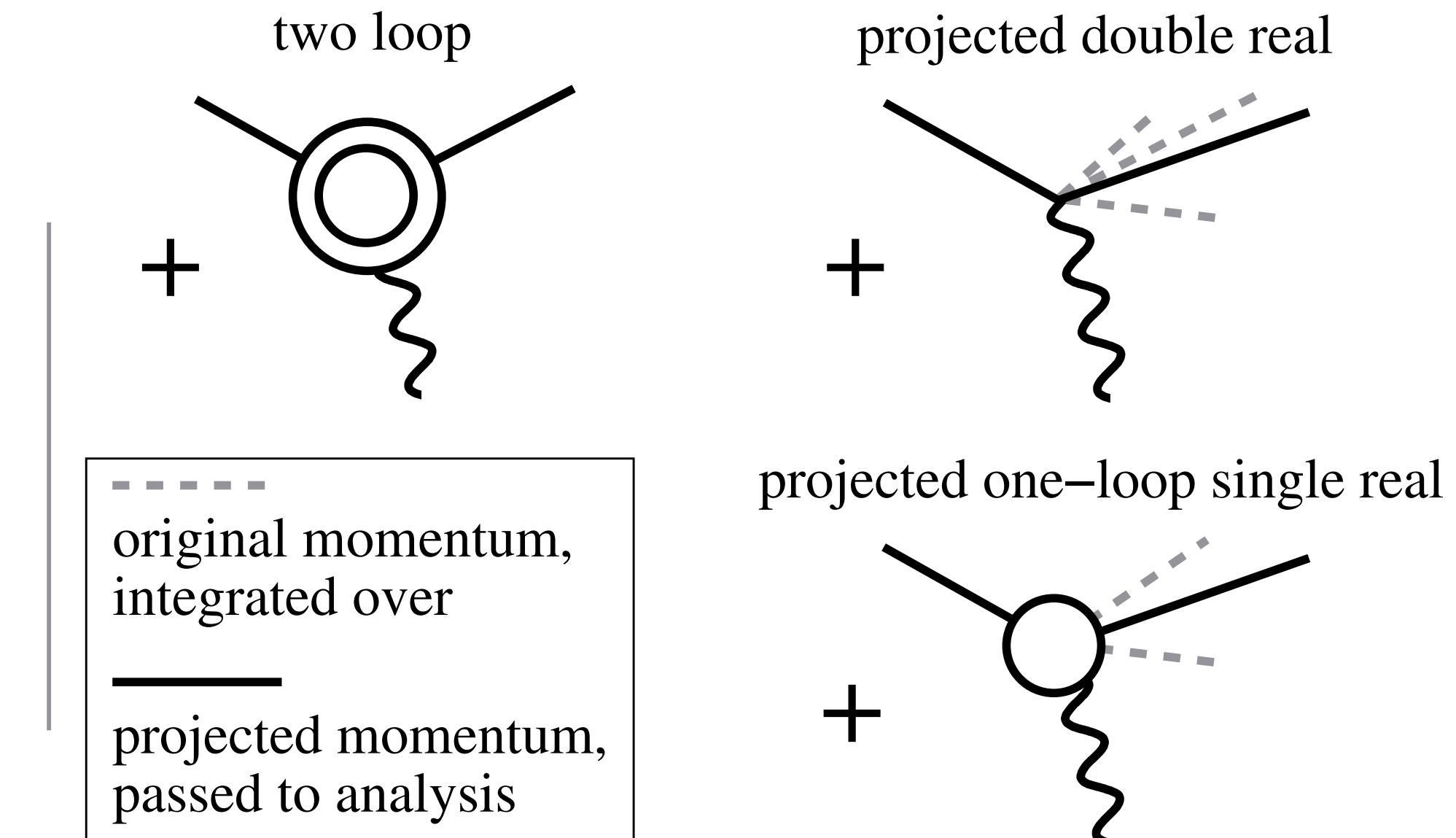
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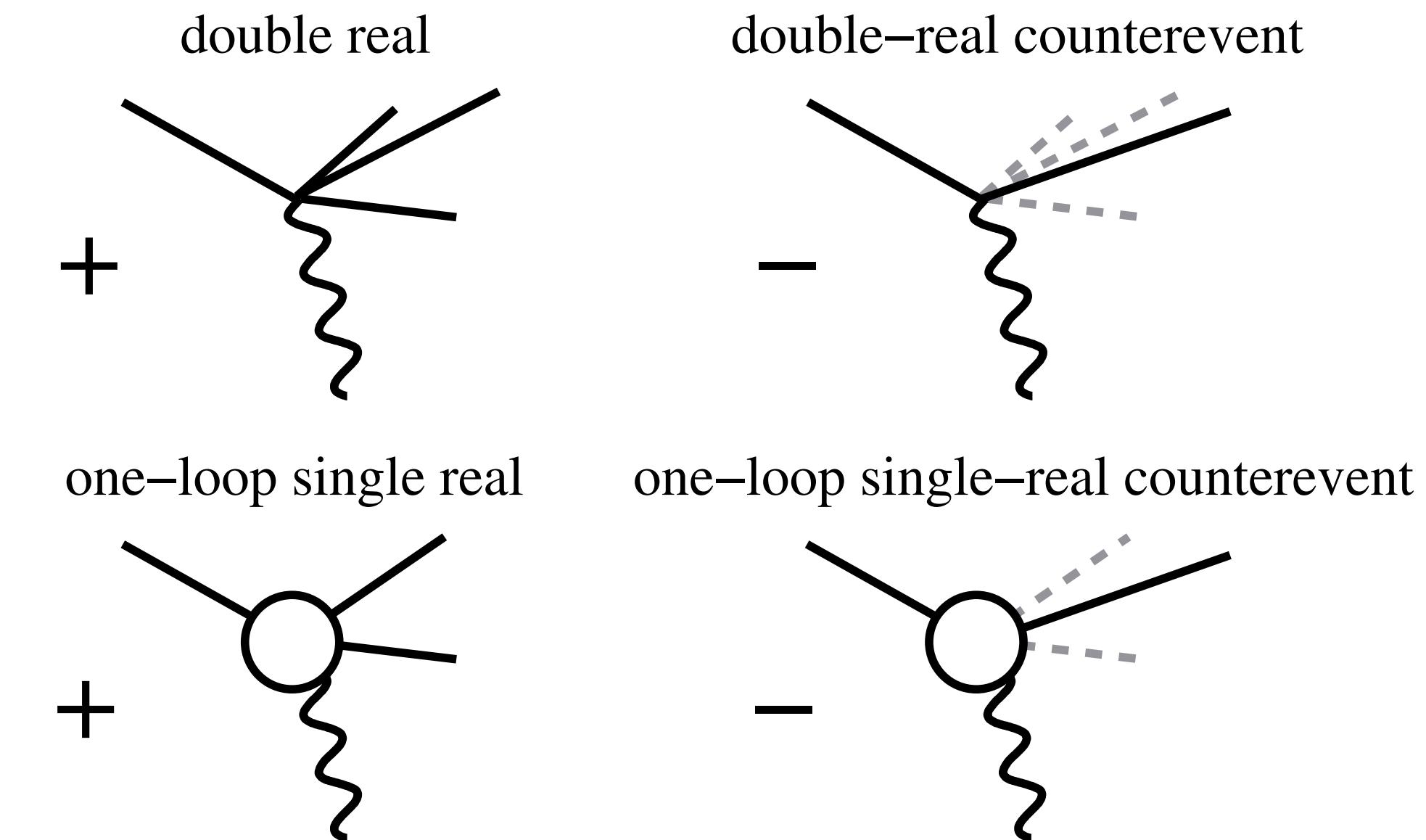
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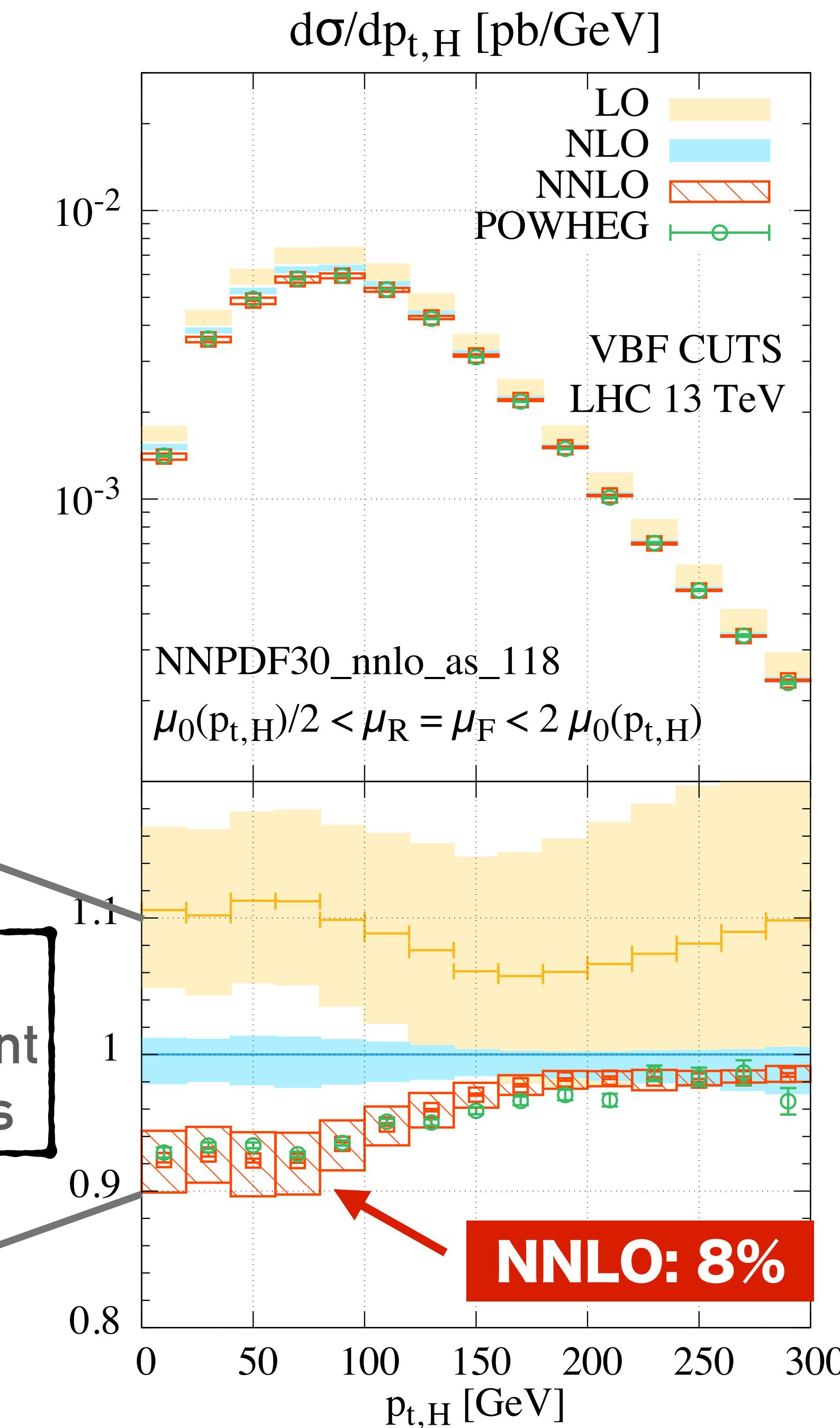
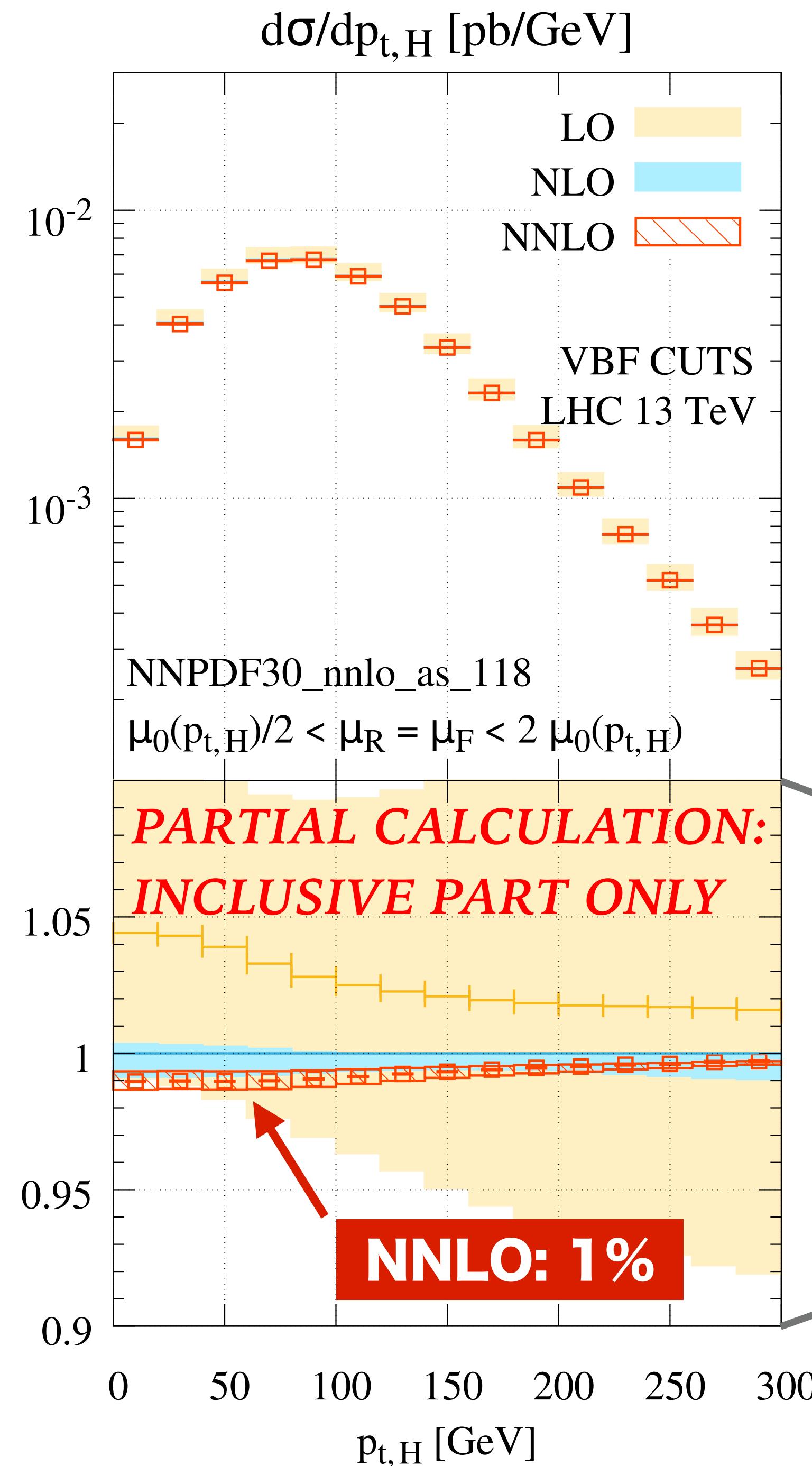
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using VBF 3-jet @ NLO from Jäger, Schissler & Zeppenfeld, 1405.6950

**Inclusive part only  
(with VBF cuts)**

**NNLO is 1% effect**



**Full calculation (with VBF cuts)**

**NNLO is up to 8% effect**

Almost all of which comes from jet fragmentation

## 2 KINDS OF EFFECT IN SUCH PROCESSES ?

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- “Inclusive” correction to process as a whole (insofar as this is meaningful)
- corrections related to jet fragmentation

**Can we make such a distinction meaningful?**

# Can we examine same idea in other contexts? E.g. inclusive jet spectrum

- There is no way of defining the “inclusive” part in most cases
- But there are arguments that for a jet radius  $R_m \simeq 1$ , ISR and FSR effects mostly cancel each other [Soyez, 1006.3634]
- So try looking at effect of NNLO corrections relative to  $R_m = 1$   
*[can be done with NLO 3-jet calc<sup>n</sup> from NLOJET<sub>++</sub>]*

Dasgupta, Dreyer, GPS  
& Soyez, 1602.01110

$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}_R}(R, R_m) \equiv \sigma_0 + \sigma_1(R) + [\sigma_2(R) - \sigma_2(R_m)]$$

*NLO*                                   *R-dependent piece of  
NNLO, relative to  $R_m$*

- Full NNLO will have an additional NNLO term associated with the effective K-factor for the “inclusive” piece — we miss that part (and unlike VBF, it may not be small)

# JETS

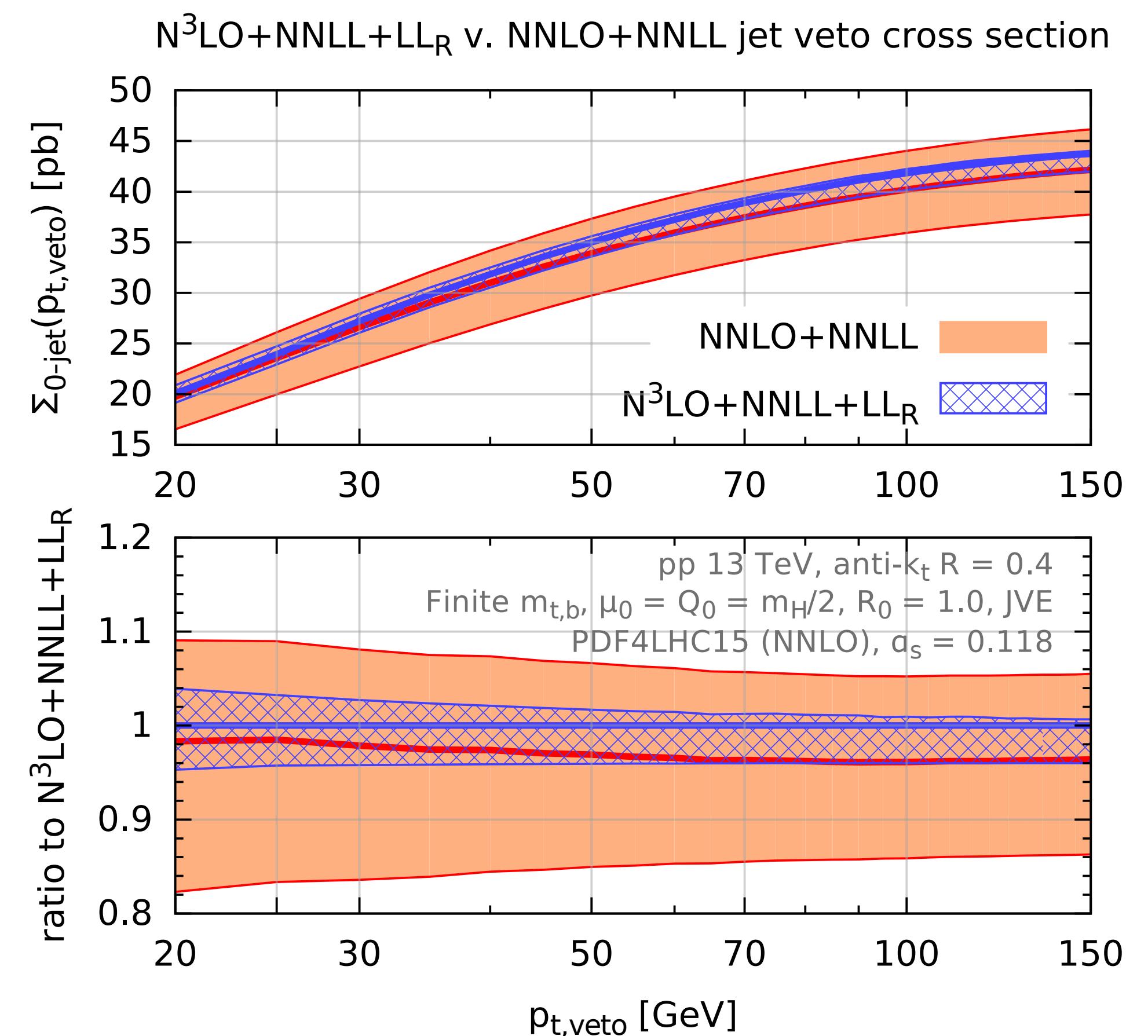
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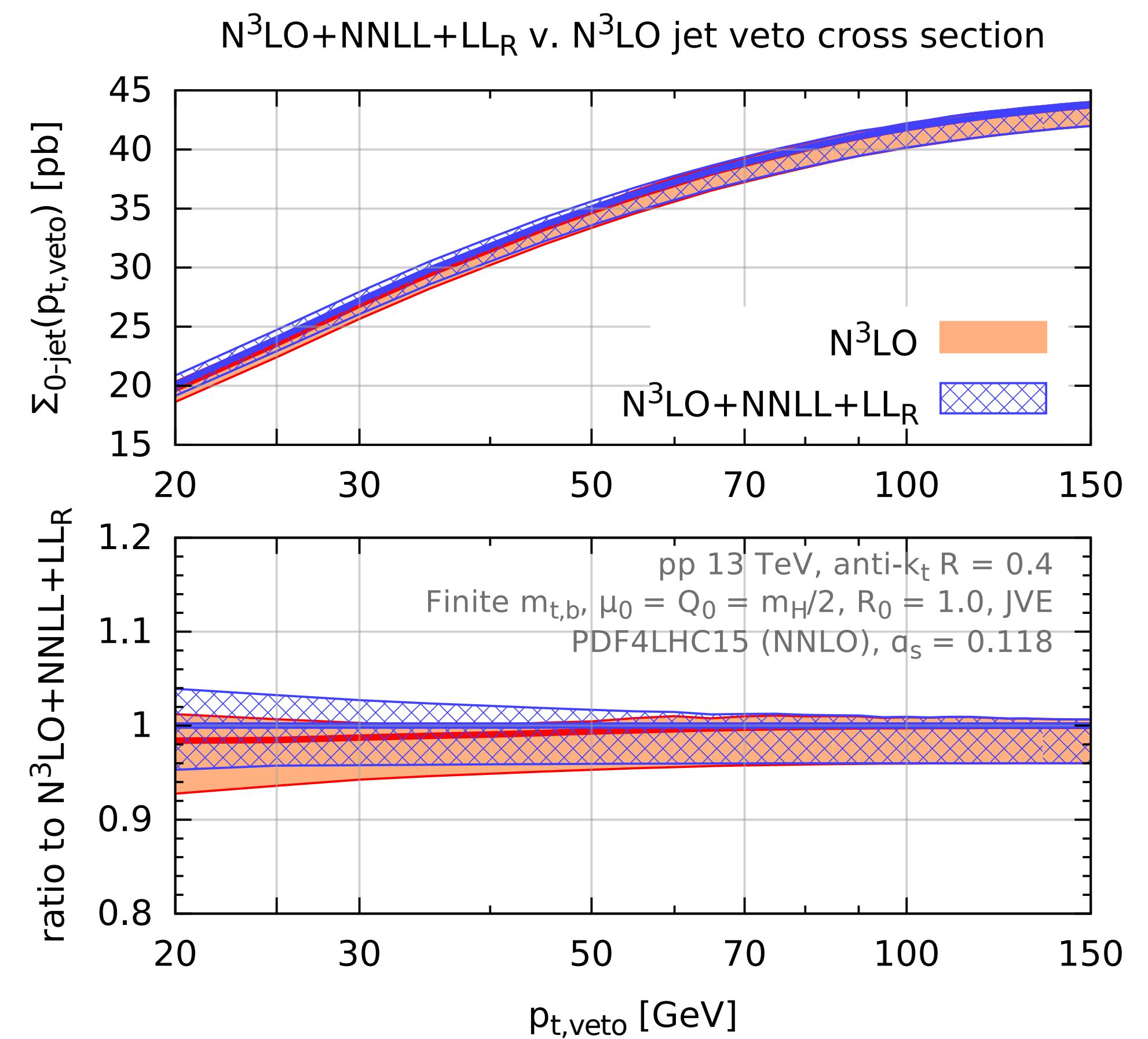
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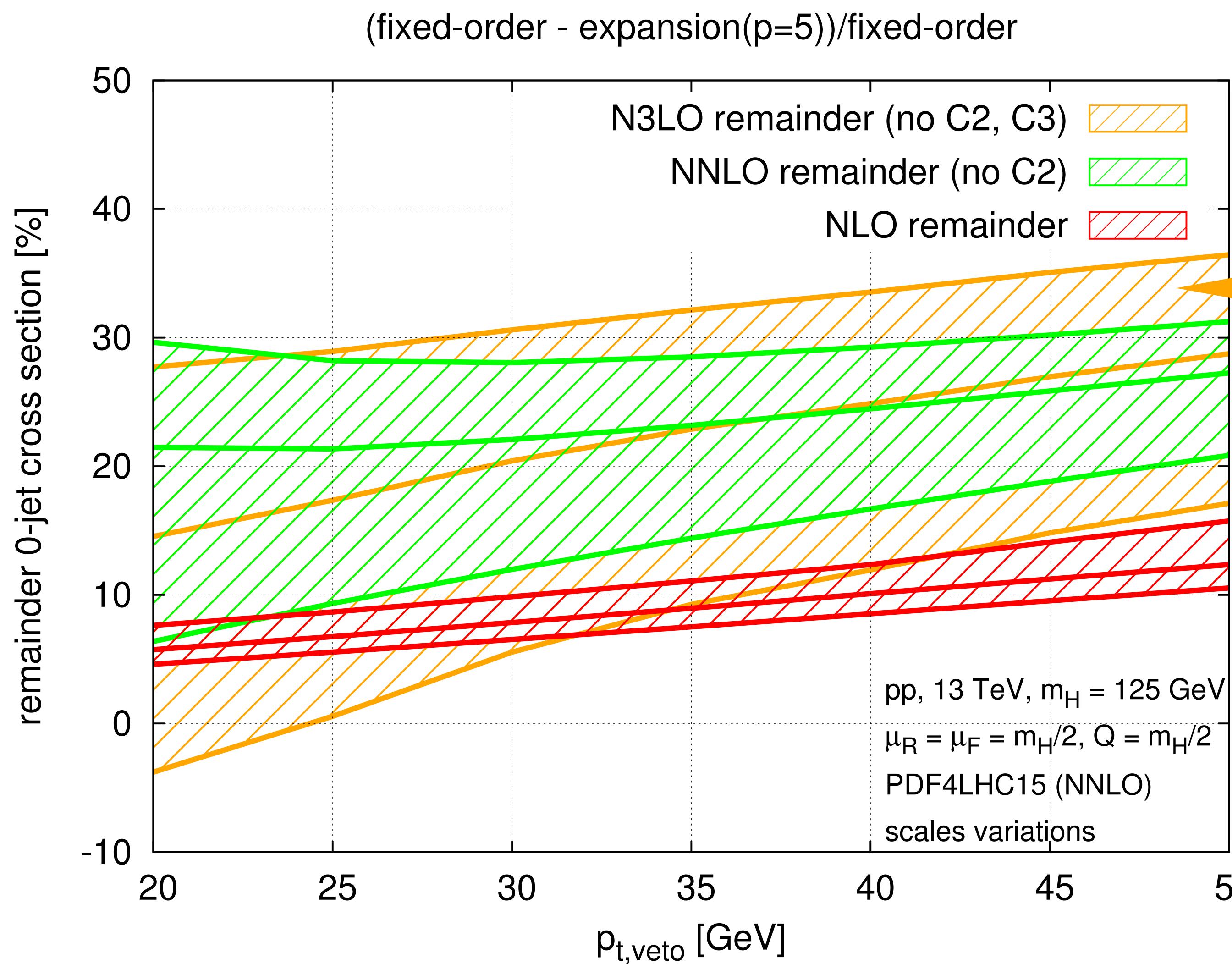
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# how good is resummation at finite $p_t$ ?



**N3LO-NNLL@N3LO**  
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**N3LO**

- Resummation is designed for  $p_t \ll m_H$ ,
- At what point does it actually become relevant?
- From figure, for  $p_t/m_H \sim 0.4$  it already captures 70% of fixed order

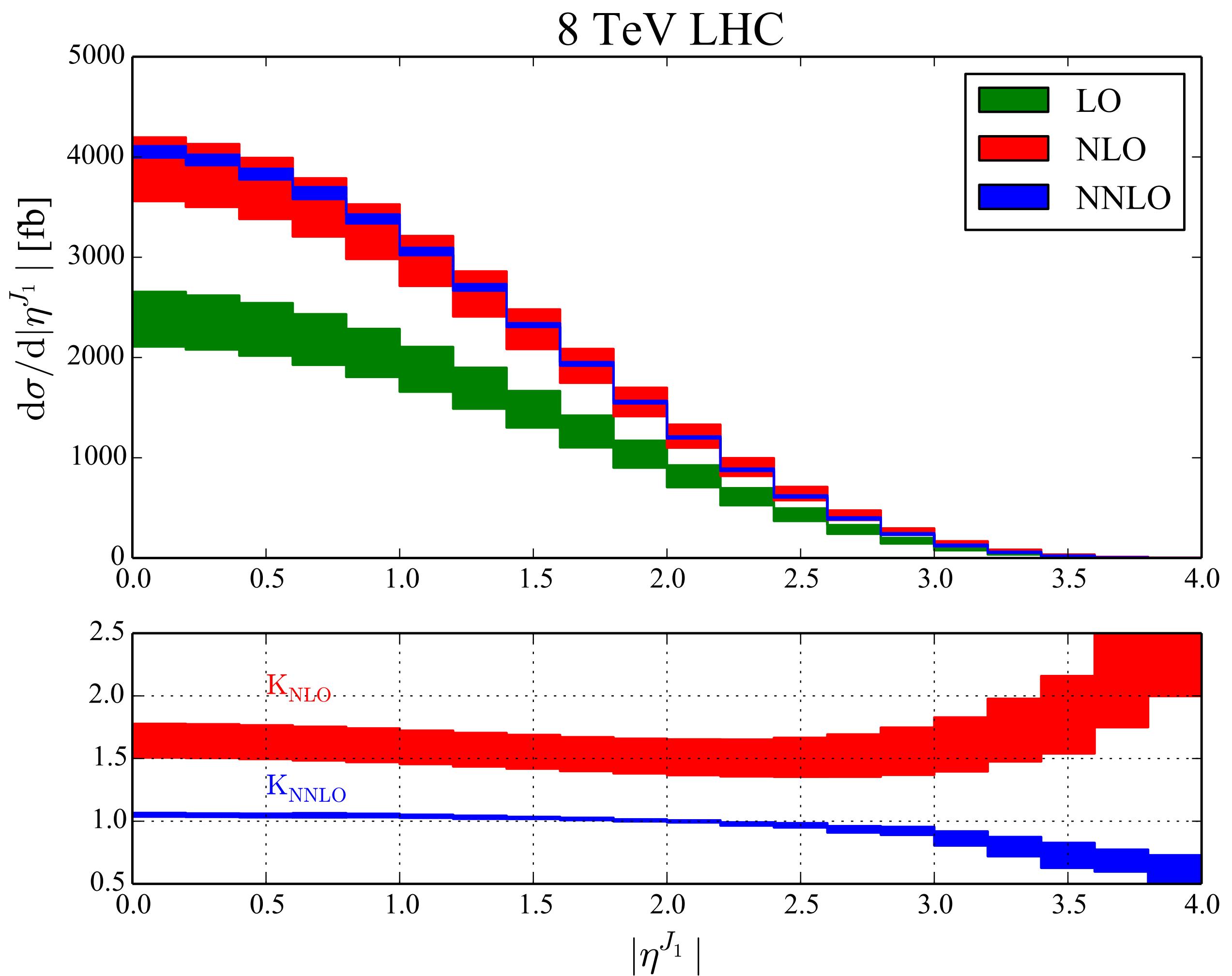
thanks to P. Monni for producing this plot

# THE JET IN Z+JET @ NNLO

*Boughezal, Liu & Petriello, 1602.08140*

1-jet cross sections					
	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ (pb)	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$ (pb)	$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}$ (pb)	$K_{\text{NLO}}$	$K_{\text{NNLO}}$
8 TeV	$4.17^{+0.55}_{-0.47}$	$6.59^{+0.62}_{-0.53}$	$6.86^{+0.01}_{-0.13}$	1.58	1.04
13 TeV	$9.12^{+0.88}_{-0.79}$	$14.90^{+1.29}_{-1.06}$	$15.54^{+0.01}_{-0.24}$	1.63	1.04

- NNLO K-factor is 4%
- Residual scale uncertainty <2%



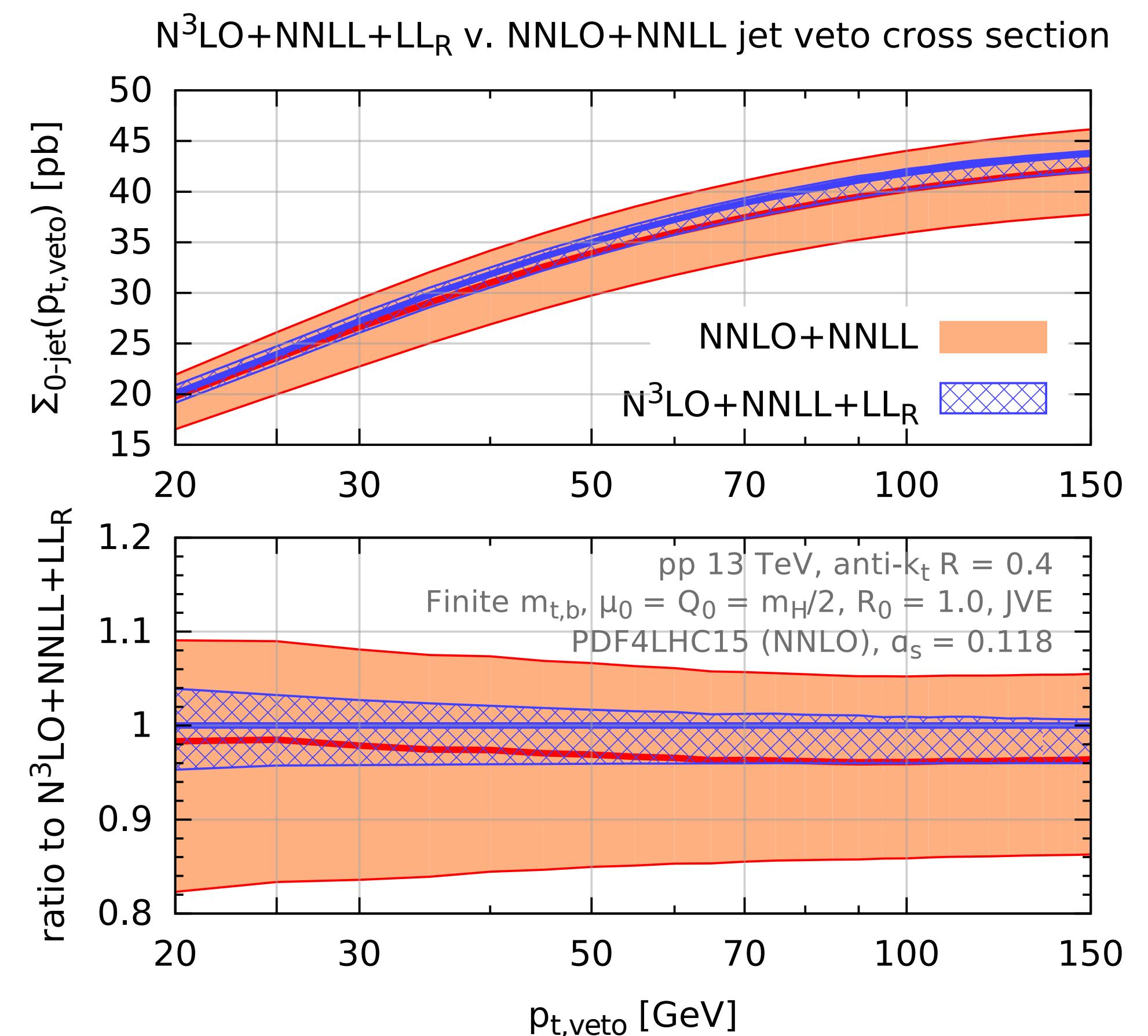
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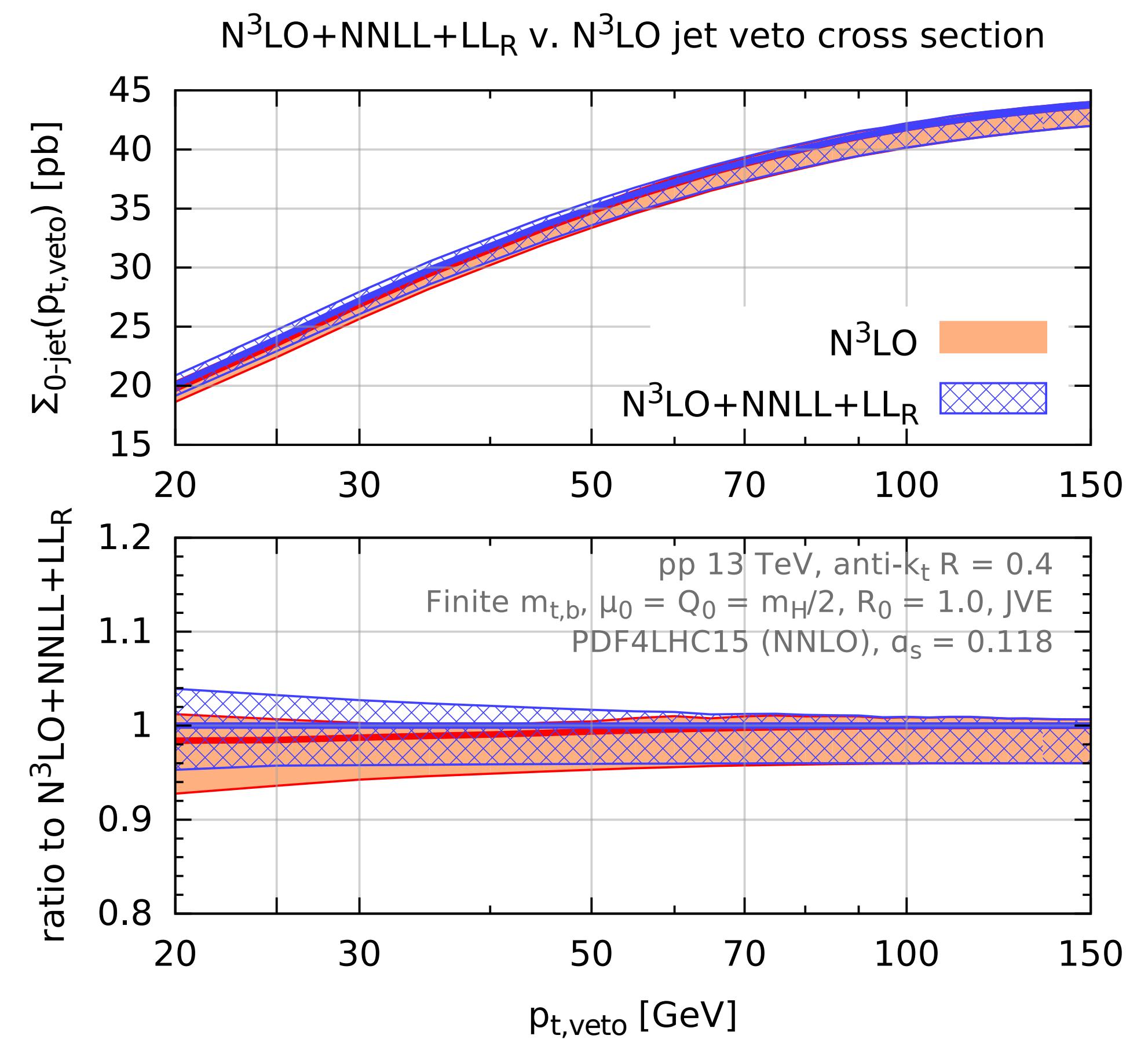
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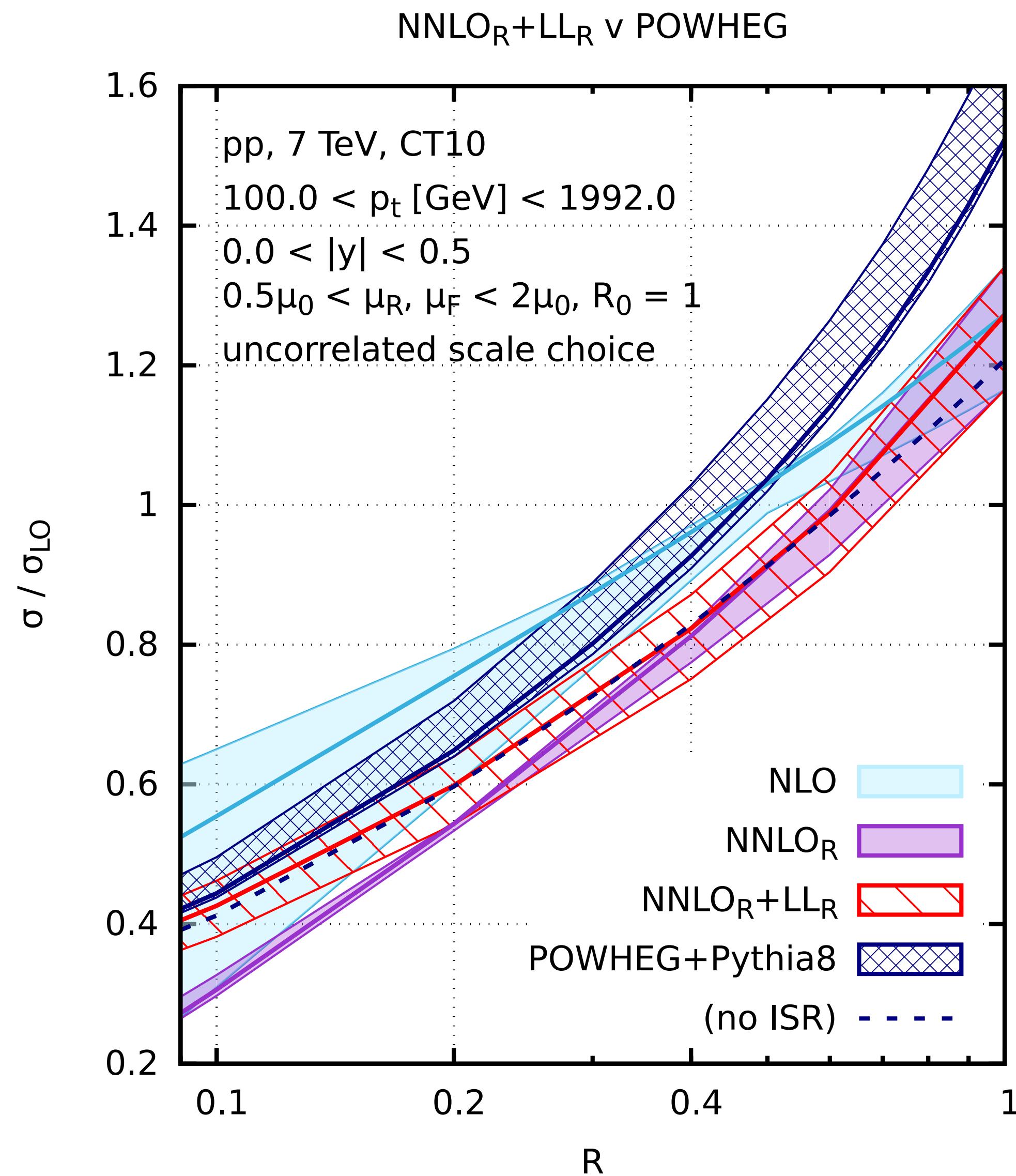
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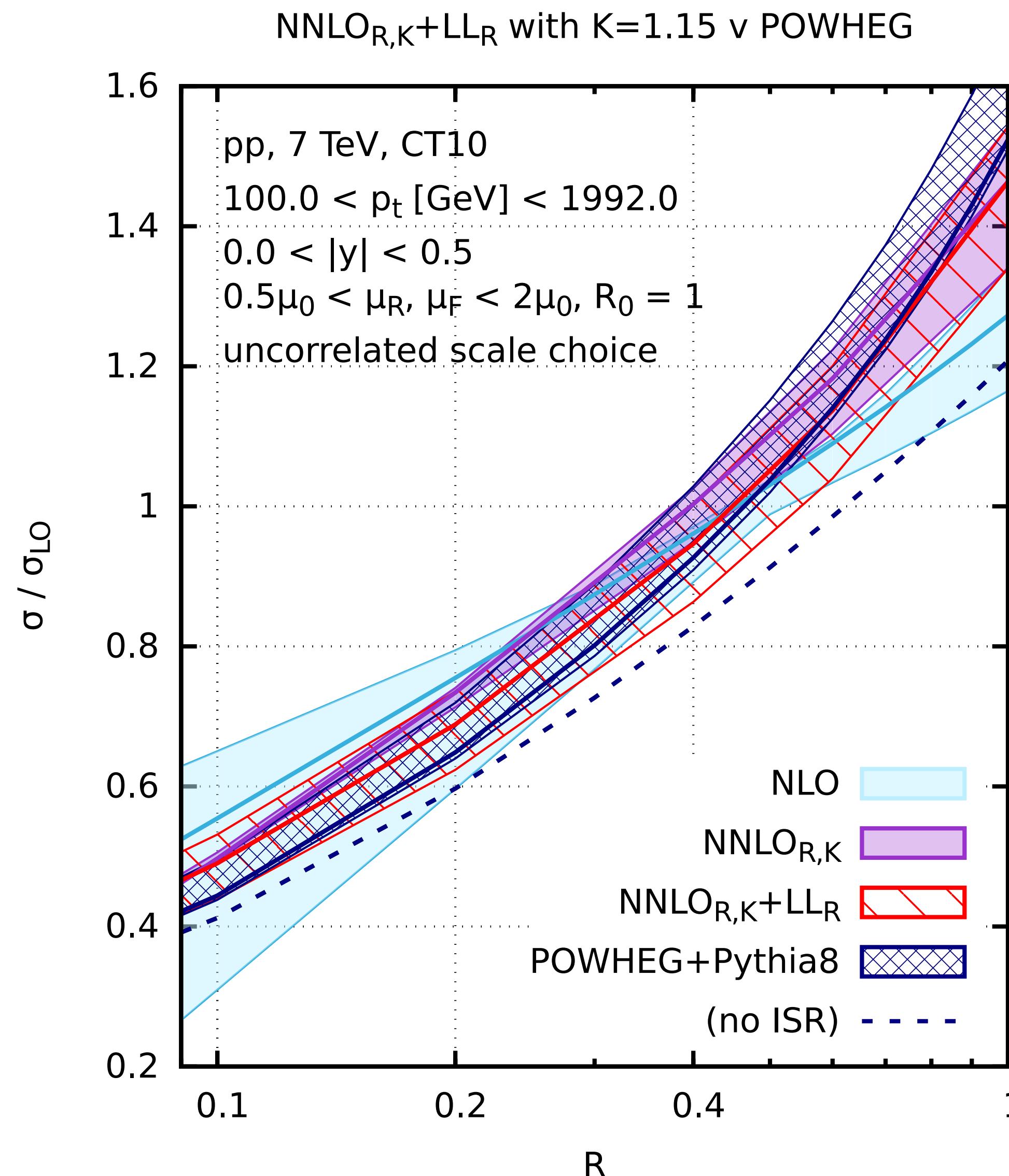
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