

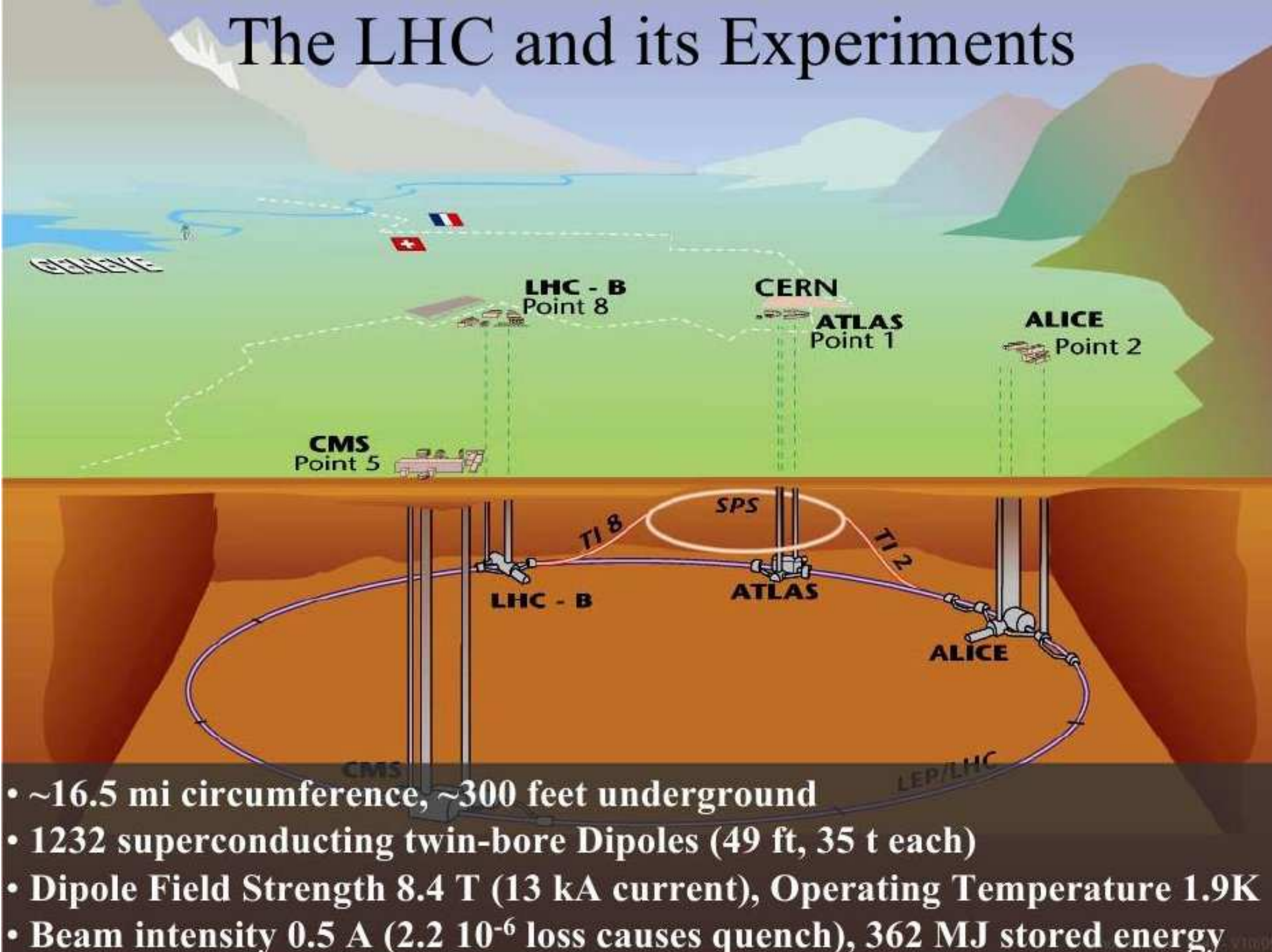
# LHC PHYSICS @ 1% PRECISION?

*Gavin Salam, CERN*

*EPP Theory Seminar, SLAC, April 1st 2016*  
*Talk in part inspired by discussions at KITP Santa Barbara*



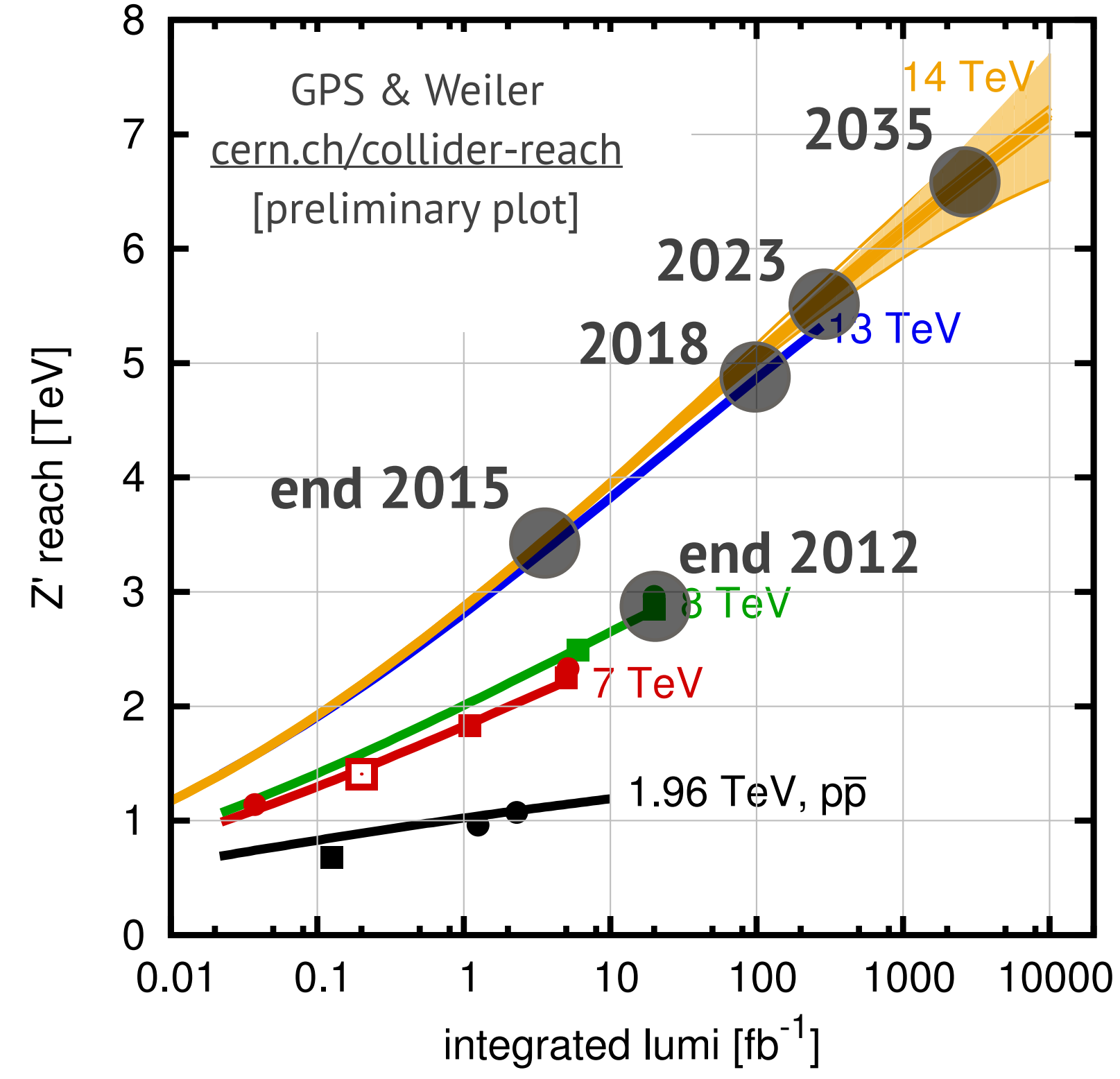
# The LHC and its Experiments



- ~16.5 mi circumference, ~300 feet underground
- 1232 superconducting twin-bore Dipoles (49 ft, 35 t each)
- Dipole Field Strength 8.4 T (13 kA current), Operating Temperature 1.9K
- Beam intensity 0.5 A (2.2  $10^{-6}$  loss causes quench), 362 MJ stored energy

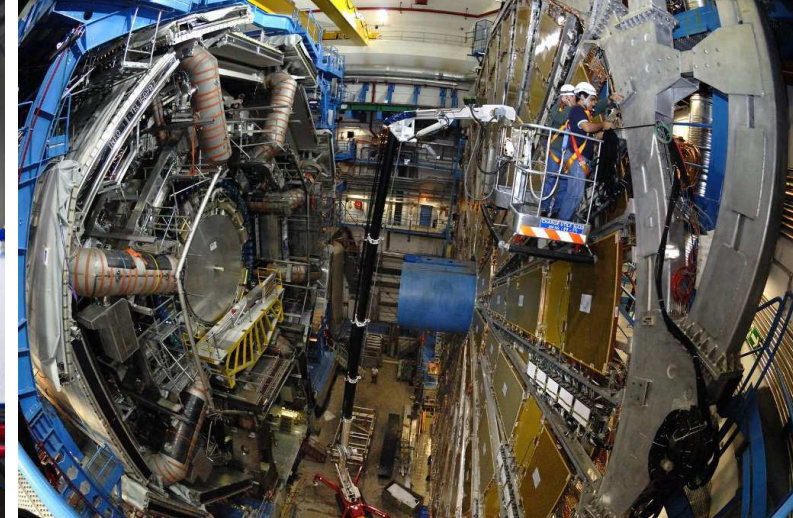
# LHC – TWO ROLES – A DISCOVERY MACHINE AND A PRECISION MACHINE

Z' exclusion reach v. lumi

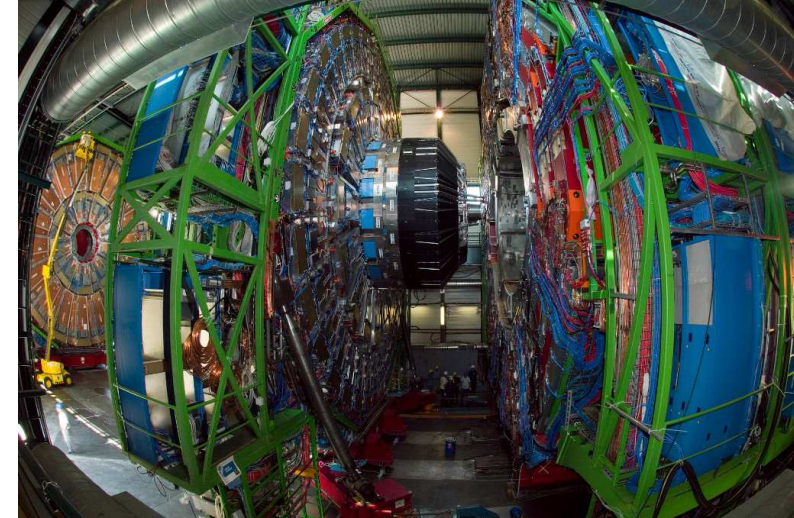


- Today**
- 20  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  at 8 TeV
  - 3-4  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  at 13 TeV
- Future**
- 2018: 100  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 13 TeV
  - 2023: 300  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 1? TeV
  - 2035: 3000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  @ 14 TeV
- 1  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  =  $10^{14}$  collisions

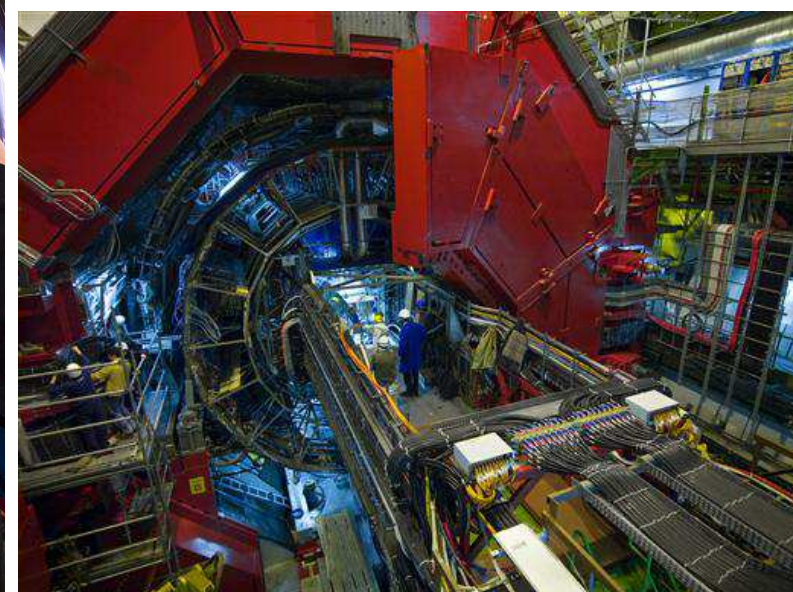
ATLAS: general purpose



CMS: general purpose



ALICE: heavy-ion physics



LHCb: B-physics



+ TOTEM, LHCf

Increase in luminosity brings discovery reach and precision



# PRECISION LHC PHYSICS NEEDS PRECISION THEORY

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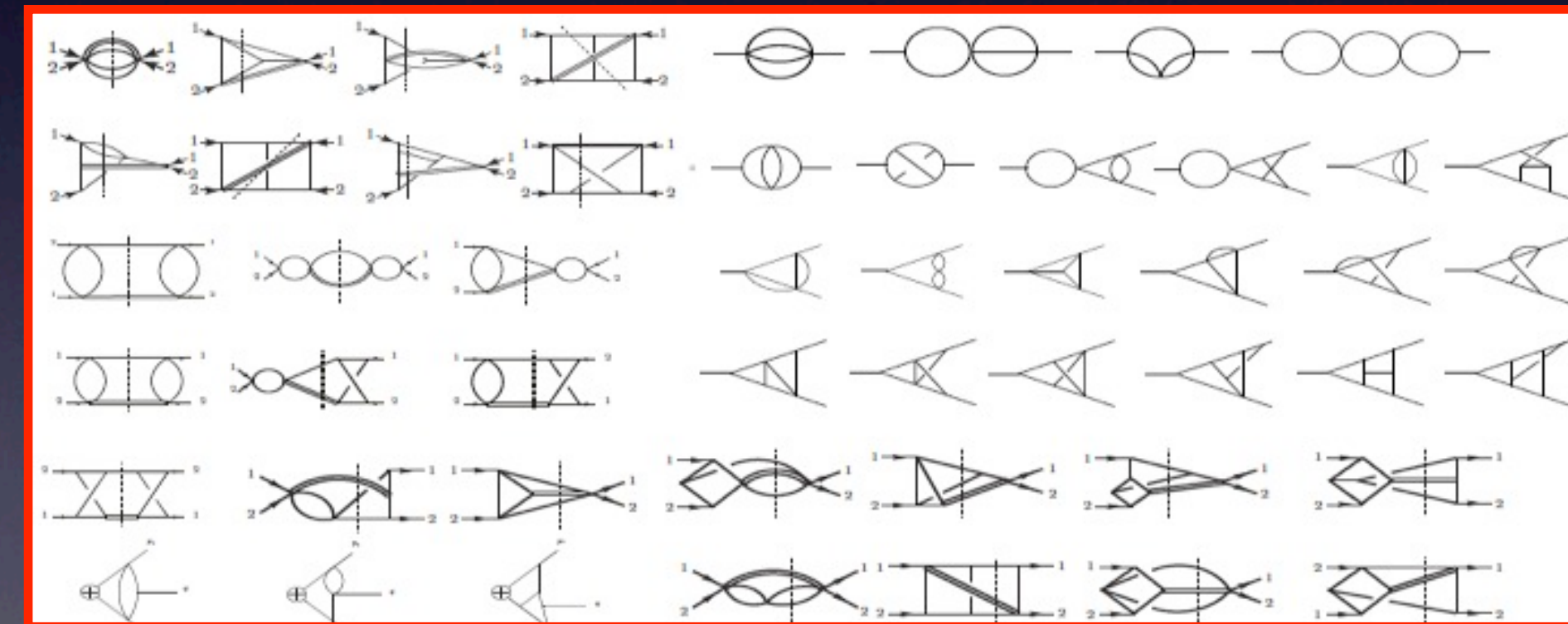
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## N<sup>3</sup>LO Higgs production

*Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Herzog & Mistlberger '15*

Only collider process known to this accuracy:  $O(10^7)$  phase space integrals,  $O(10^5)$  interference diagrams,  $O(10^3)$  three-loop master integrals. A truly amazing technical achievement

And a result that *really* matters for future Higgs physics



Generic reaction: *WOW! How did they do it?*

G. Zanderighi - CERN & Oxford University

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



# HIGGS TODAY & TOMORROW

Production process	ATLAS+CMS
$\mu_{ggF}$	$1.03^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$
$\mu_{VBF}$	$1.18^{+0.25}_{-0.23}$
$\mu_{WH}$	$0.88^{+0.40}_{-0.38}$
$\mu_{ZH}$	$0.80^{+0.39}_{-0.36}$
$\mu_{ttH}$	$2.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$

Decay channel	ATLAS+CMS
$\mu^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.16^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$
$\mu^{ZZ}$	$1.31^{+0.27}_{-0.24}$
$\mu^{WW}$	$1.11^{+0.18}_{-0.17}$
$\mu^{\tau\tau}$	$1.12^{+0.25}_{-0.23}$
$\mu^{bb}$	$0.69^{+0.29}_{-0.27}$

*ATLAS-CMS Run I combination*

*In most cases, stat. errors  
are largest single source*

*Best channels  $\sim \pm 20\%$*

## HL-LHC prospects?

**x2.5 in cross section**  
**x150 in luminosity ( $\rightarrow 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )**  
 **$\sim 400$  times more events**

**$\Rightarrow$  stat. errors in 1-2% range**



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

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

Category		signal	background		$S/\sqrt{B_{\text{tot}}}$	$S/\sqrt{B_{4b}}$	$S/B_{\text{tot}}$	$S/B_{4b}$
		$N_{\text{ev}}$	$N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{tot}}$	$N_{\text{ev}}^{4b}$				
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Intermediate	no PU	130	$3.1 \cdot 10^3$	$1.5 \cdot 10^3$	2.3	3.3	0.04	0.08
	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
<b>Combined</b>	no PU				4.0	5.3		
	PU80+SK+Trim				3.1	4.7		

**Key signal channels will need ~1% control of complex bkgds**



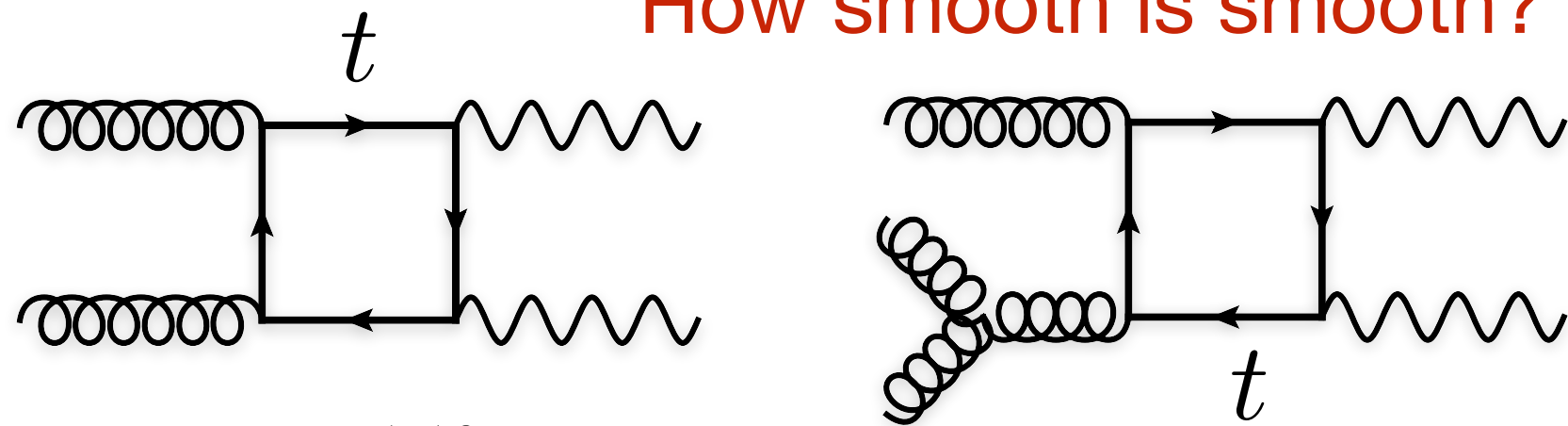
# DATA-DRIVEN BKGD ESTIMATES: NON-SMOOTHNESS AT 1% LEVEL



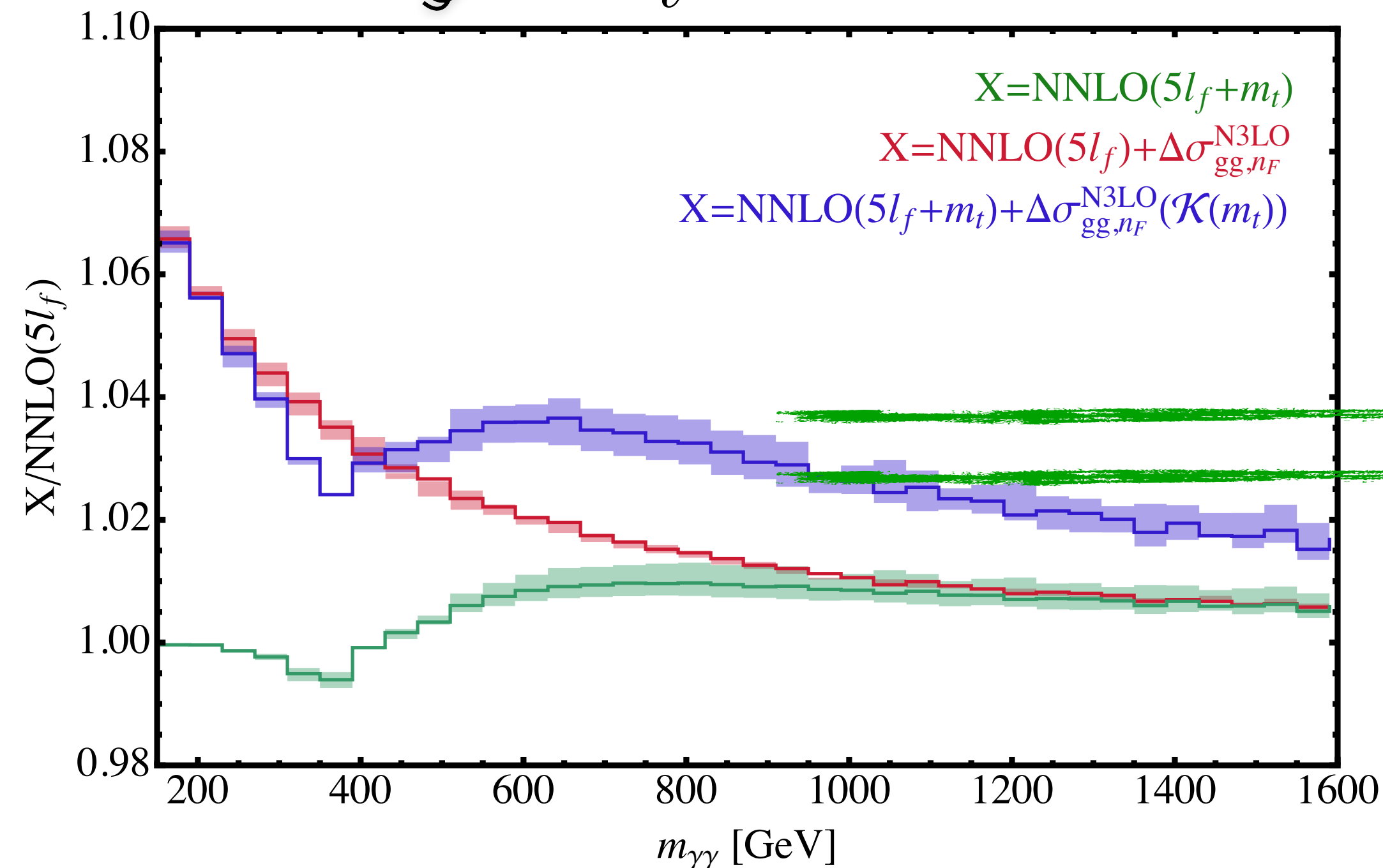
Predictions at high invariant masses.

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

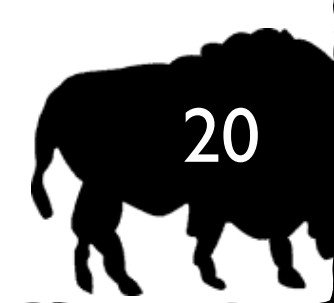
How smooth is smooth? :-)



*C. Williams  
Moriond QCD '16*

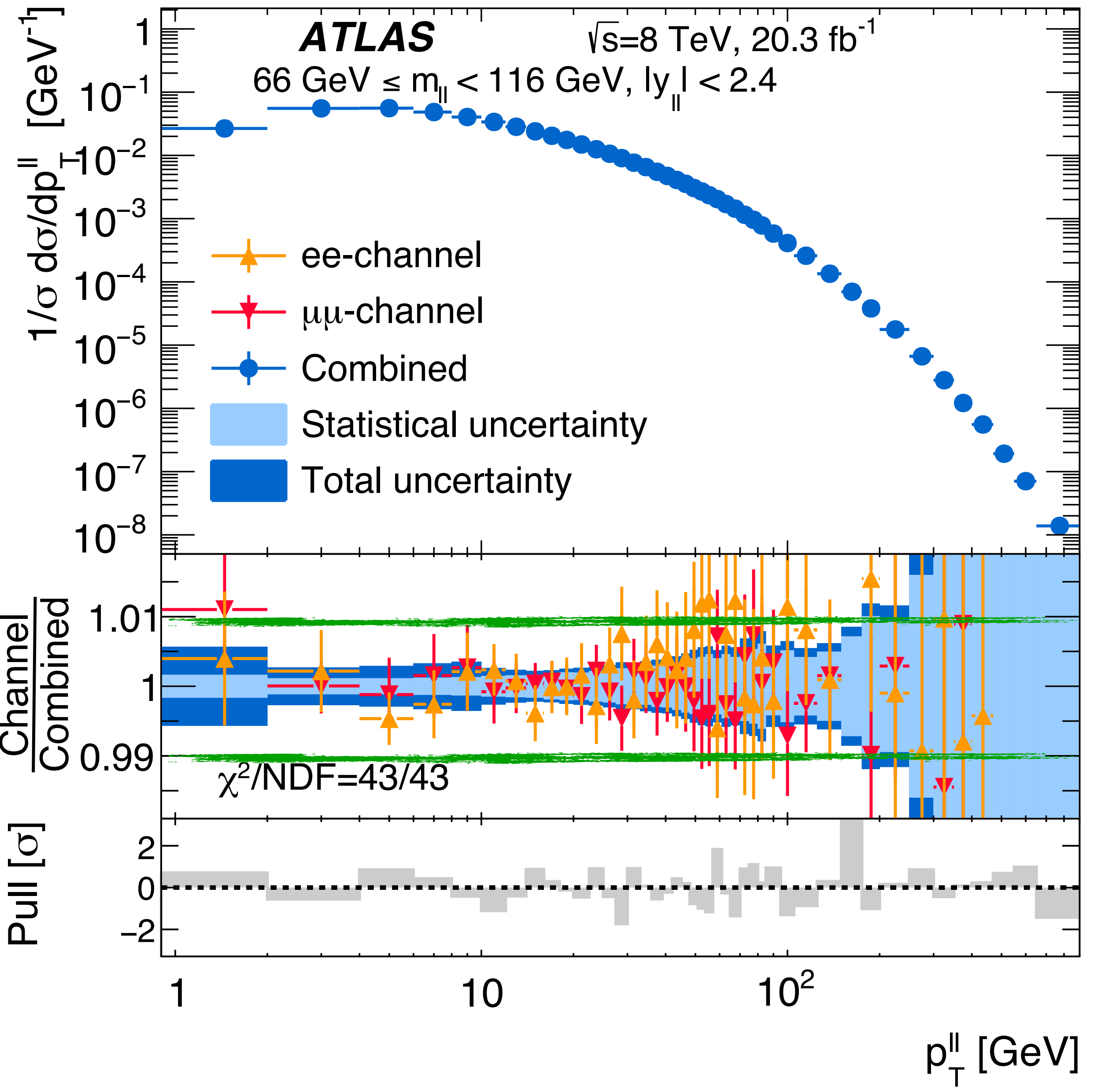


1%



Standard experimental techniques, like data-driven bkgd estimates, can be skewed by 0(1%) theoretical subtleties.





# WHAT'S POSSIBLE EXPERIMENTALLY?

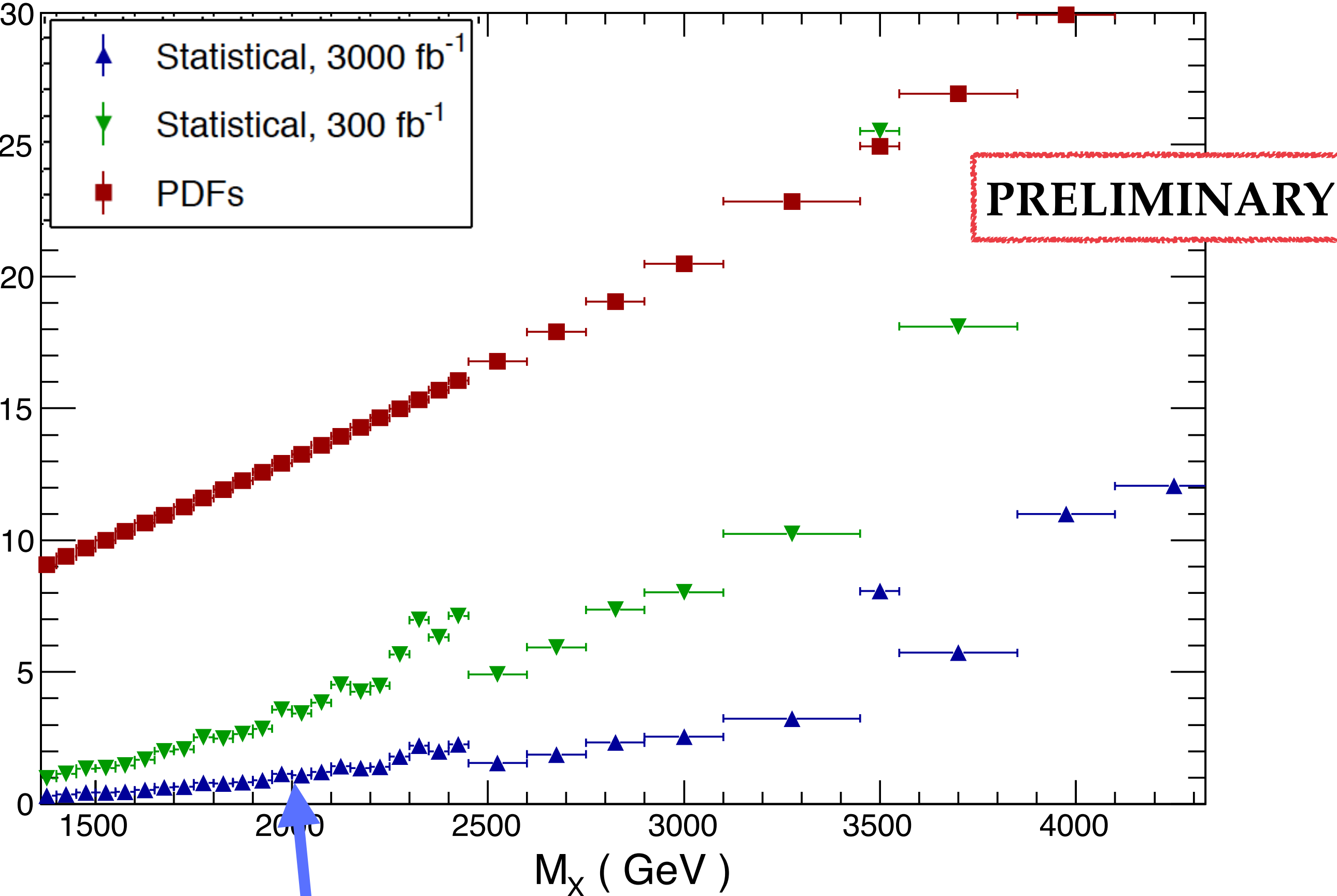
Today's most precise results are perhaps for the Z transverse momentum

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

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



## Top quark pair, CMC-PDFs, LHC 14 TeV



Juan Rojo

HL-LHC workshop, CERN, 13/05/2015

**At HL-LHC, Statistical errors on  $tt\bar{t}$  production will be  $< 1\%$  up to  $M_{tt} \sim 2$  TeV**

## IN THE FUTURE?

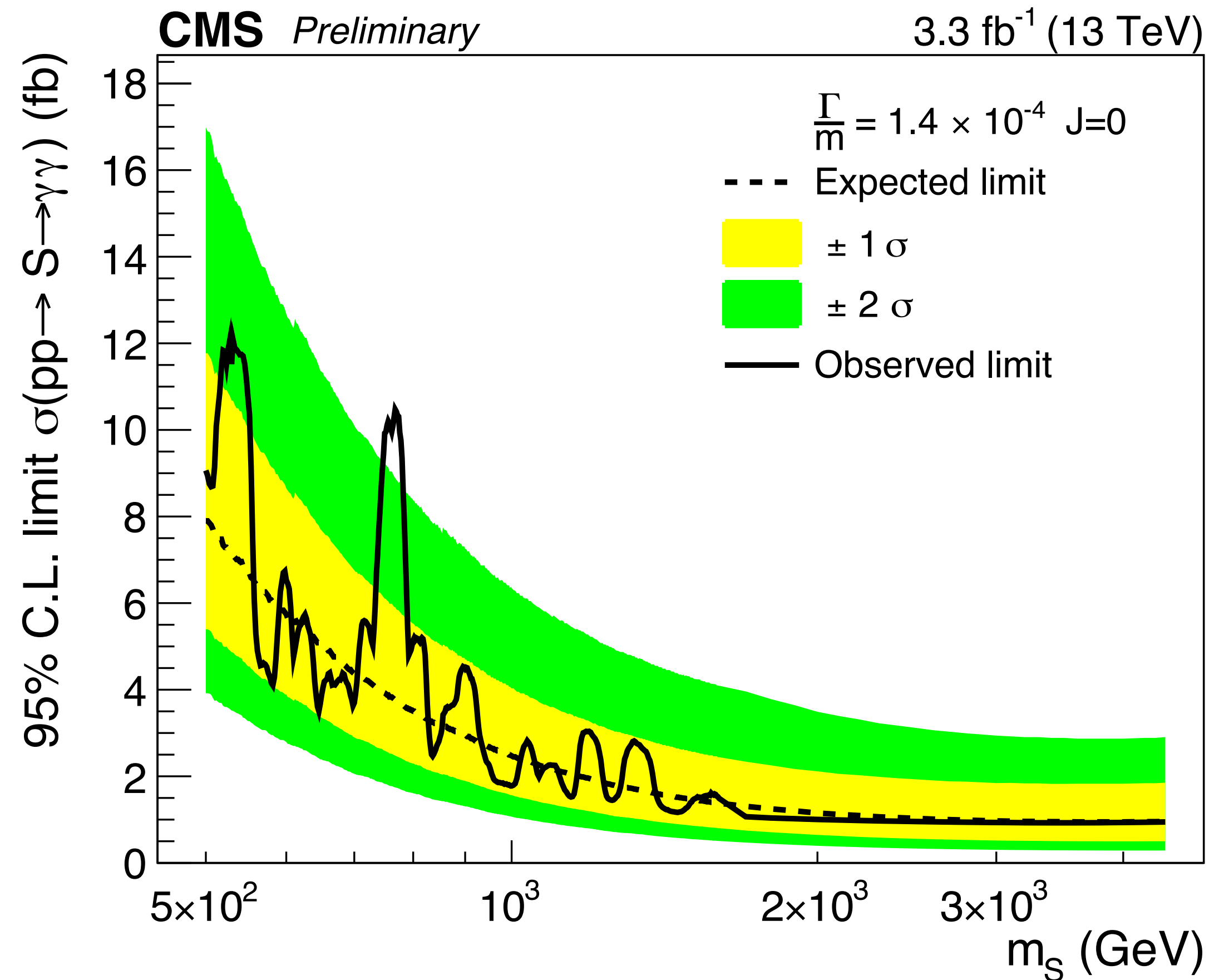
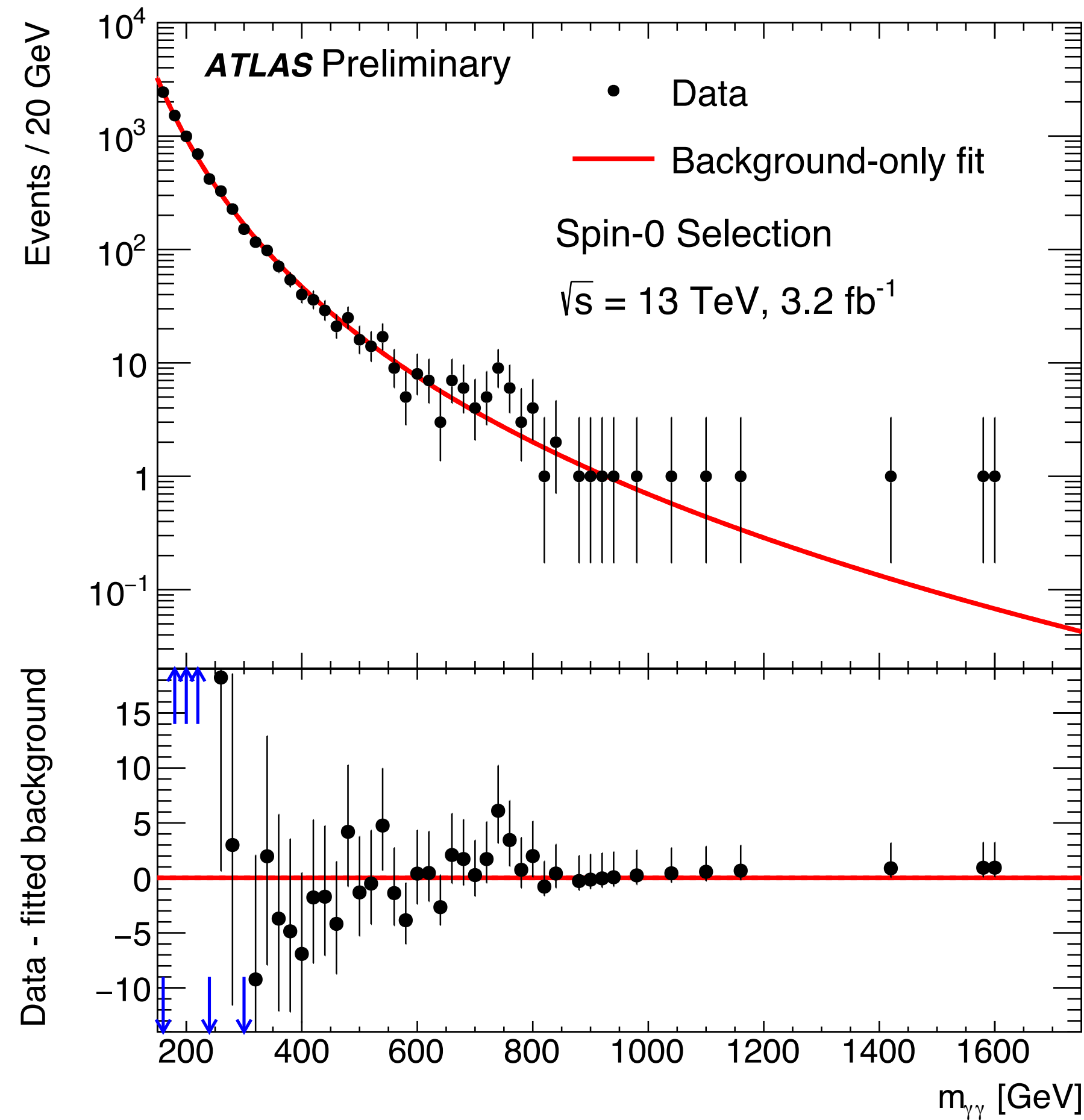
- high-pt W, Z
- high-mass Drell-Yan
- high-mass  $tt\bar{t}$

Will all be at  $\sim 1\%$  statistical level up to and even beyond the TeV scale.

With leptonic final states, there's a chance systematic errors may also be  $< 1\%$ .



# A $\gamma\gamma$ RESONANCE?



**3  $\sigma$  ~ 30%**  
**1000x more lumi  $\rightarrow$  1% ?**



# OVERALL, 1% SEEMS AN INTERESTING FIGURE TO HAVE IN MIND

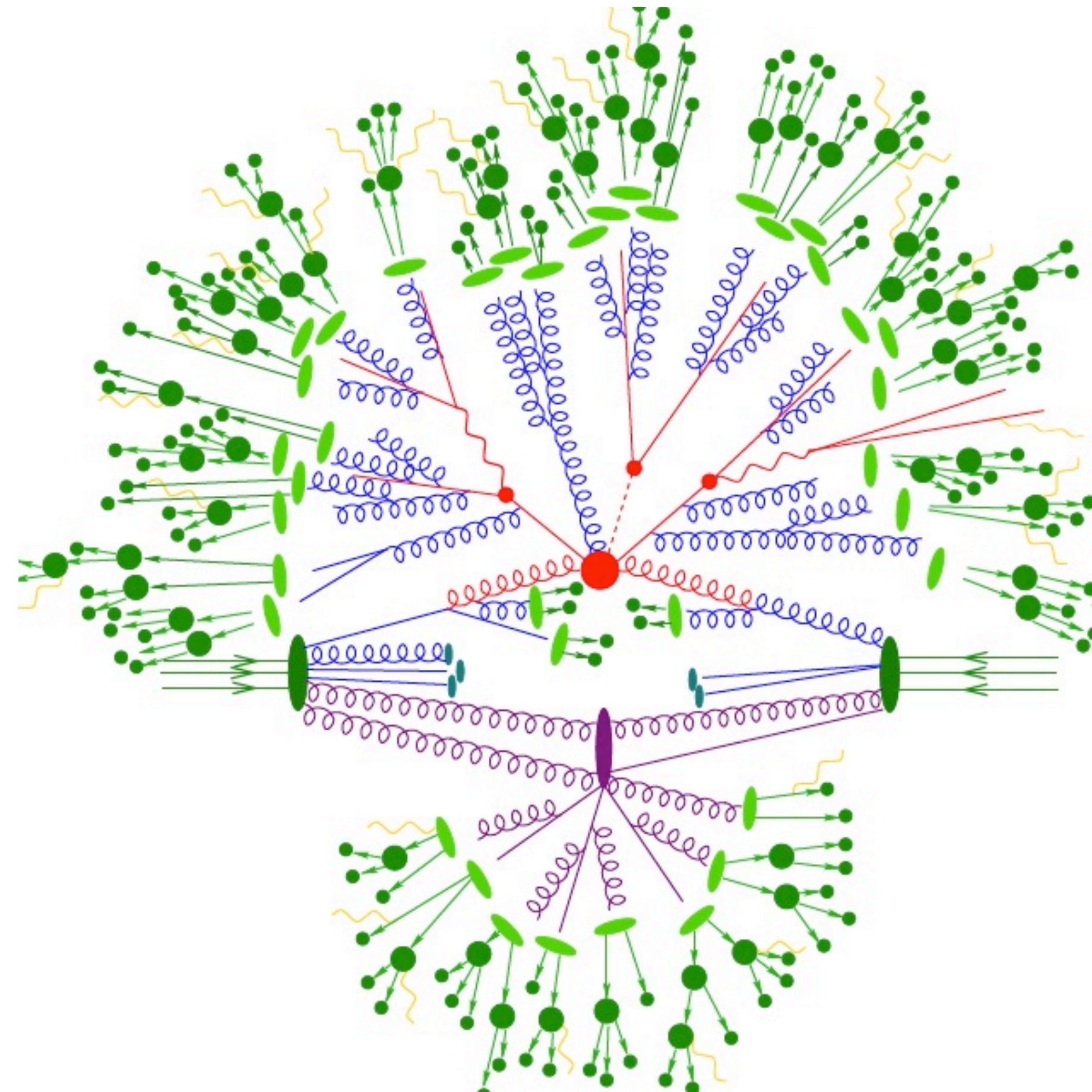
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To start thinking about getting there, let's work through the **“inputs”**:

- the strong coupling
- PDFs

And the **types of process**:

- inclusive / purely leptonic
- processes with jets



# Input parameters?

## Concentrate on $\alpha_s$

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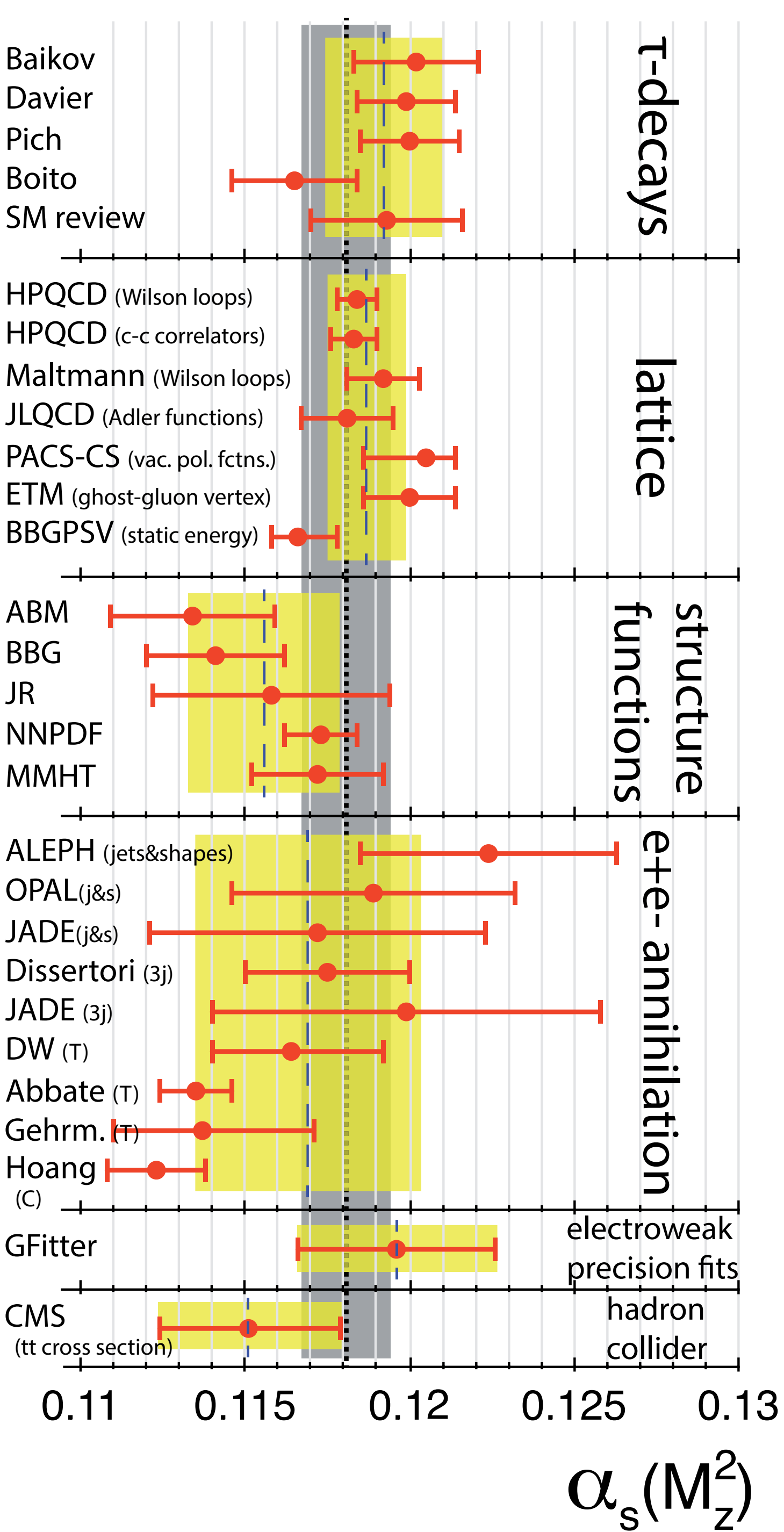
*(almost) all theory predictions for LHC are based on perturbation theory, e.g.*

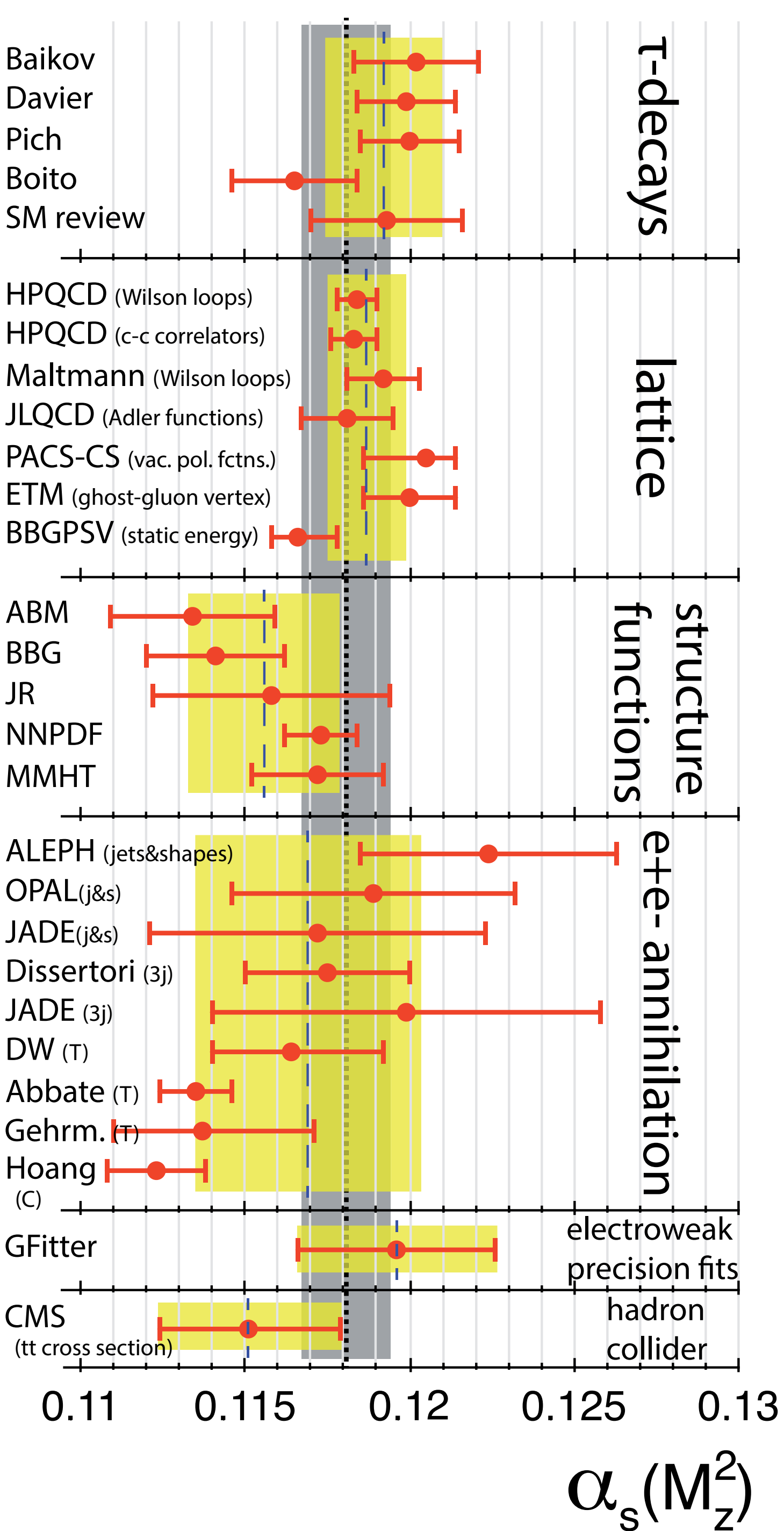
$$\sigma = a_s \sigma_1 + a_s^2 \sigma_2 + \dots$$



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*Bethke, Dissertori & GPS in PDG '16*





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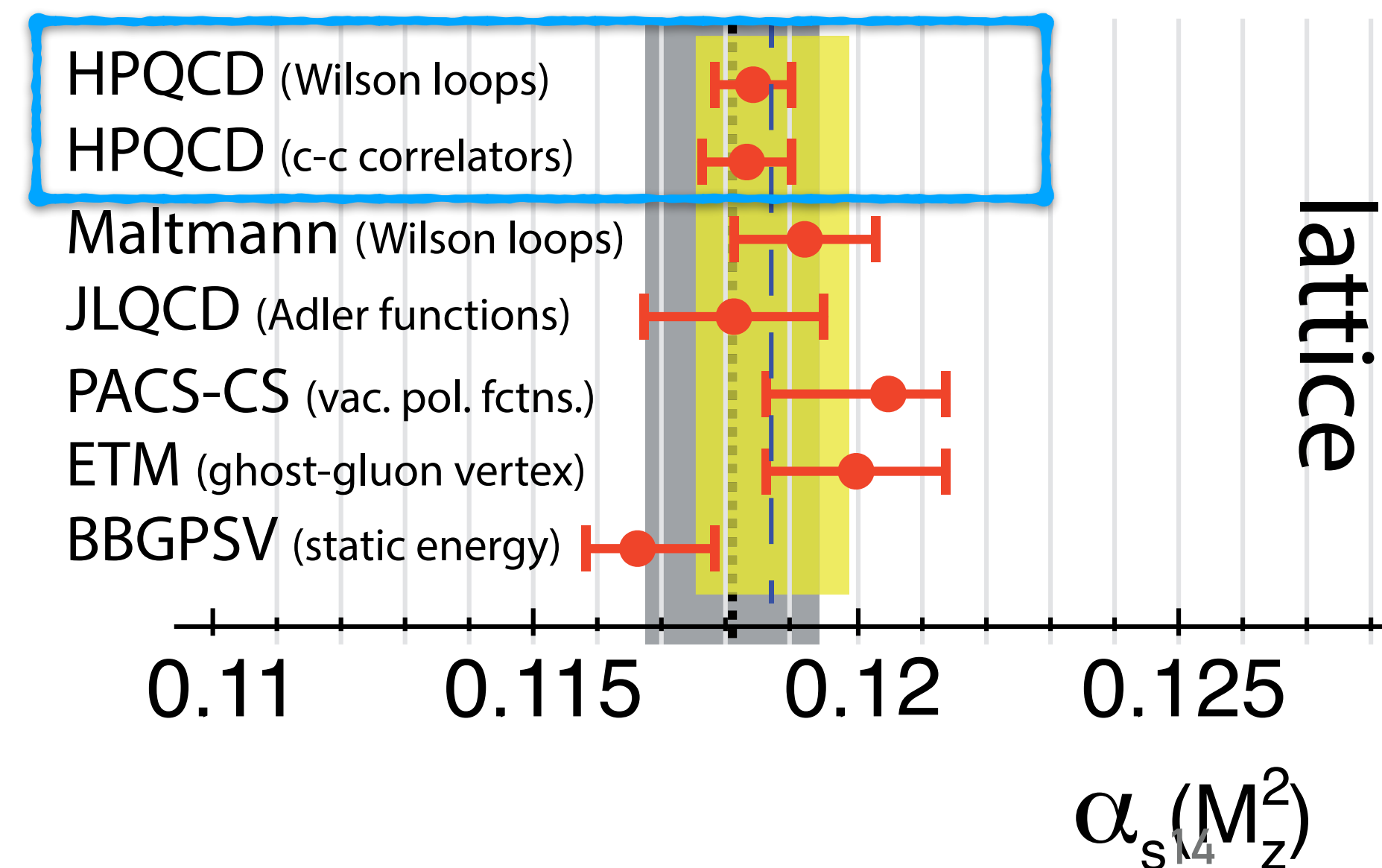
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- Error criticised by FLAG, who suggest

$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1184 \pm 0.0012$  (1%)

- Worries include missing perturbative contributions, non-perturbative effects in 3–4 flavour transition at charm mass [addressed in some work], etc.





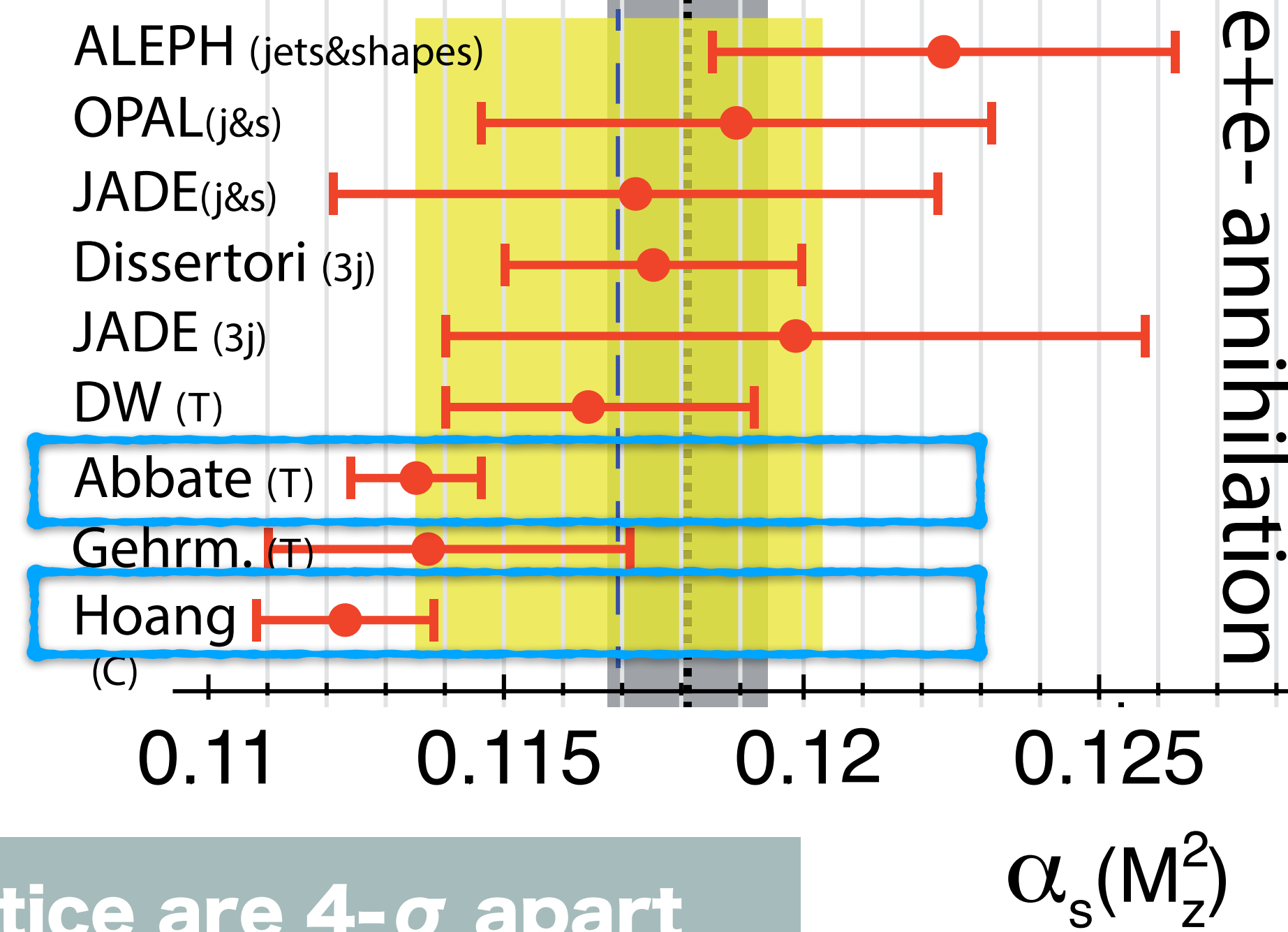
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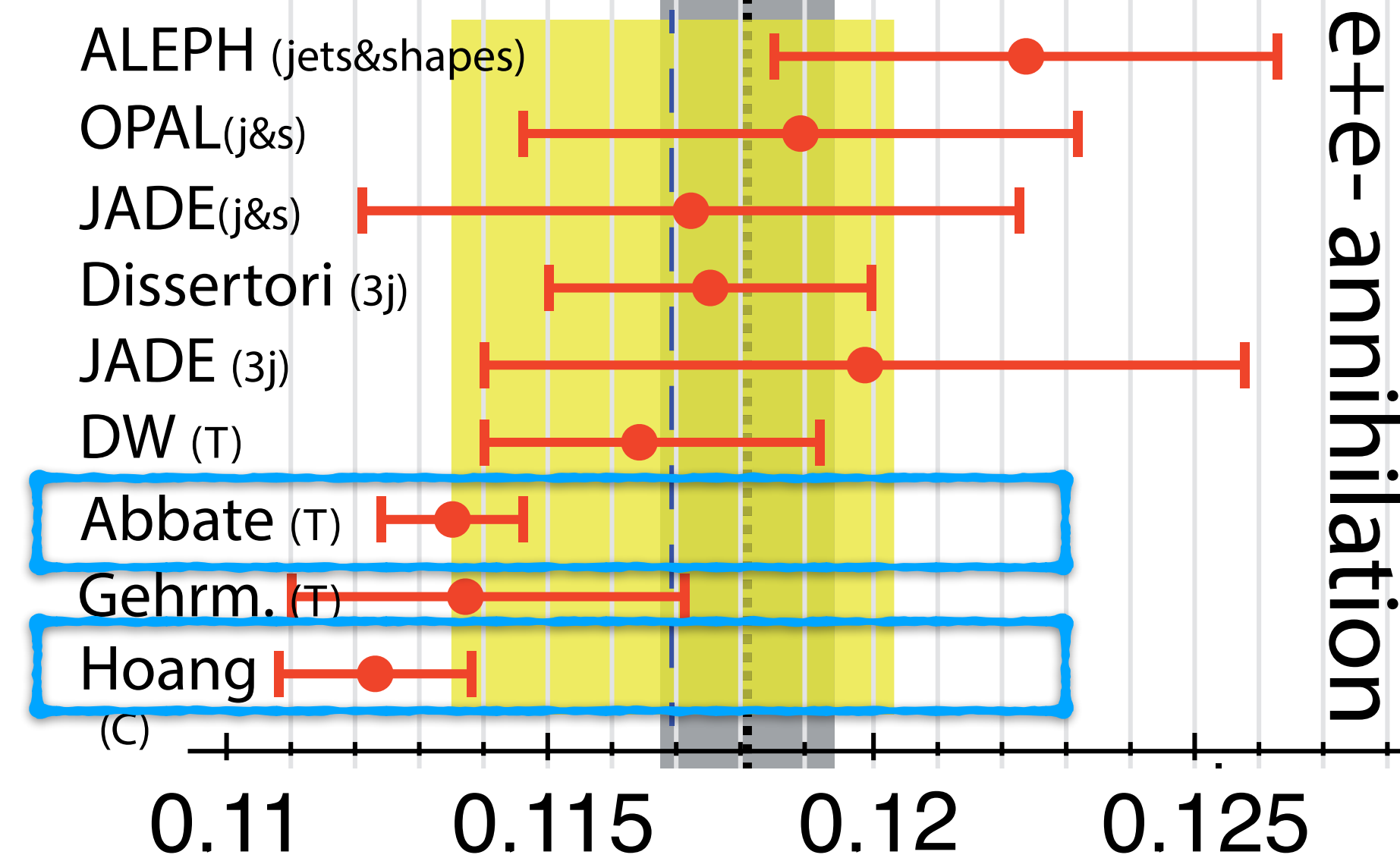
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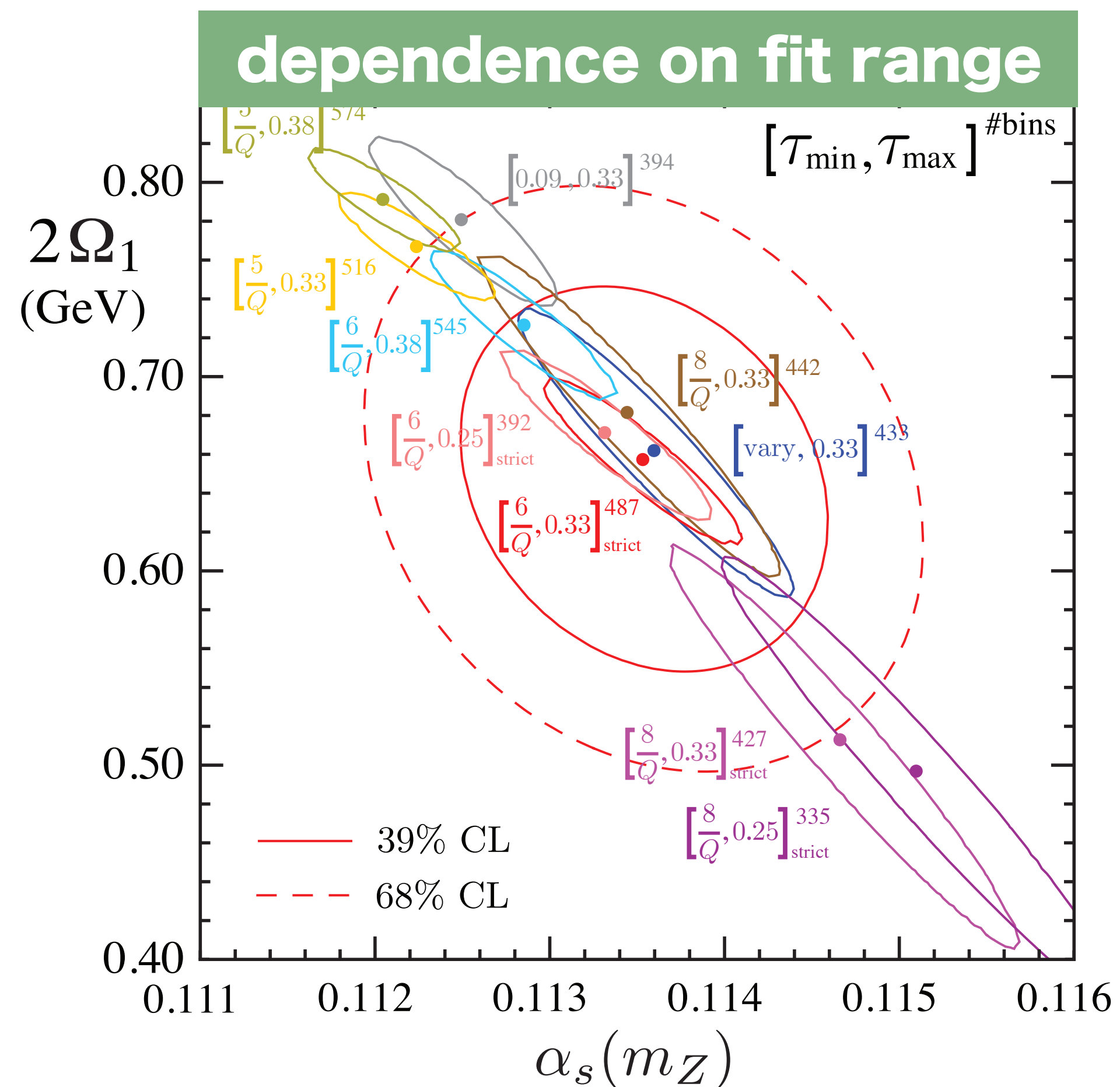
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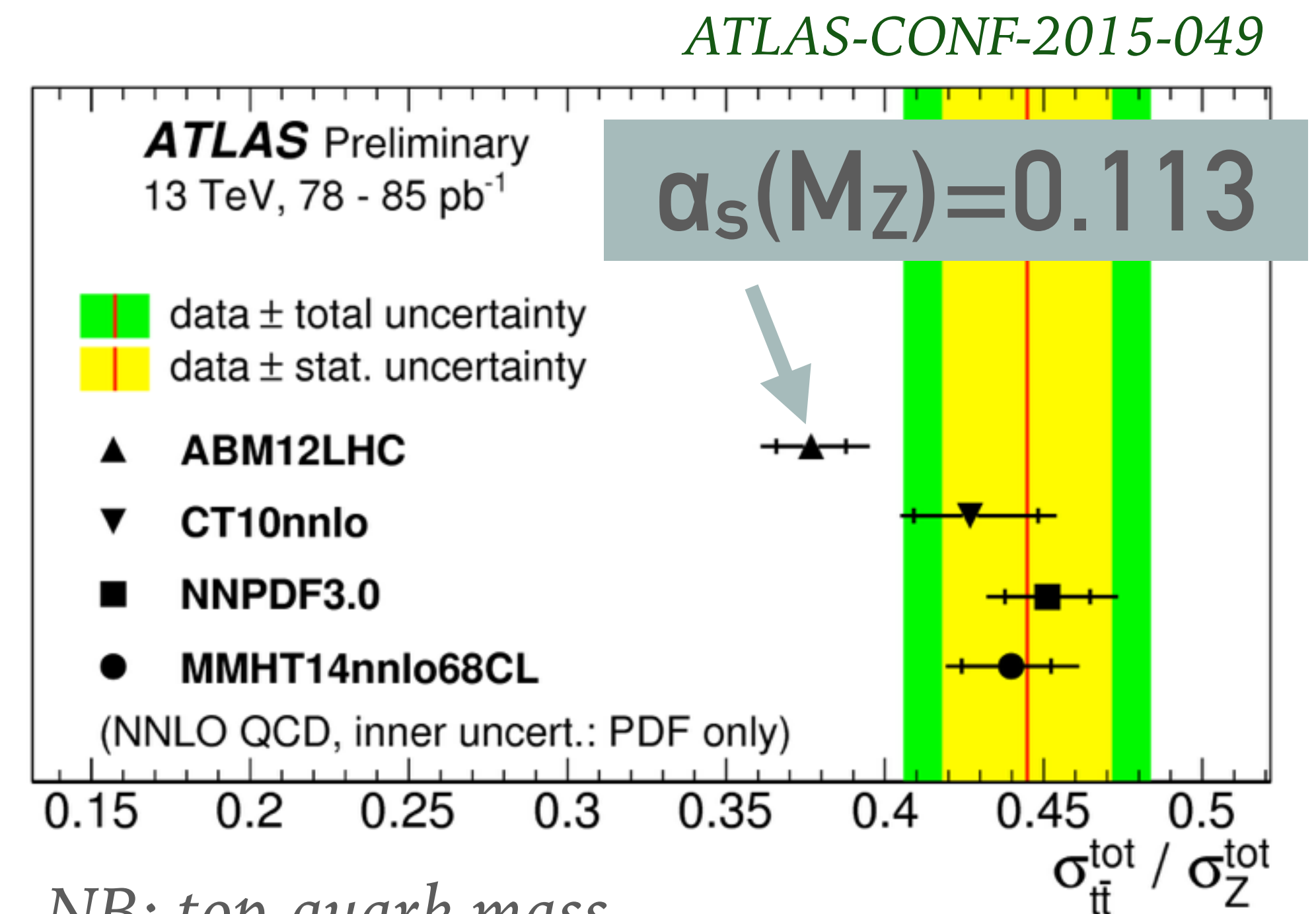
- thrust & C-parameter are highly correlated observables
- Analysis valid far from 3-jet region, but not too deep into 2-jet region — at LEP, not clear how much of distribution satisfies this requirement
- thrust fit shows noticeable sensitivity to fit region (C-parameter doesn't)





# WHAT WAY FORWARDS 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

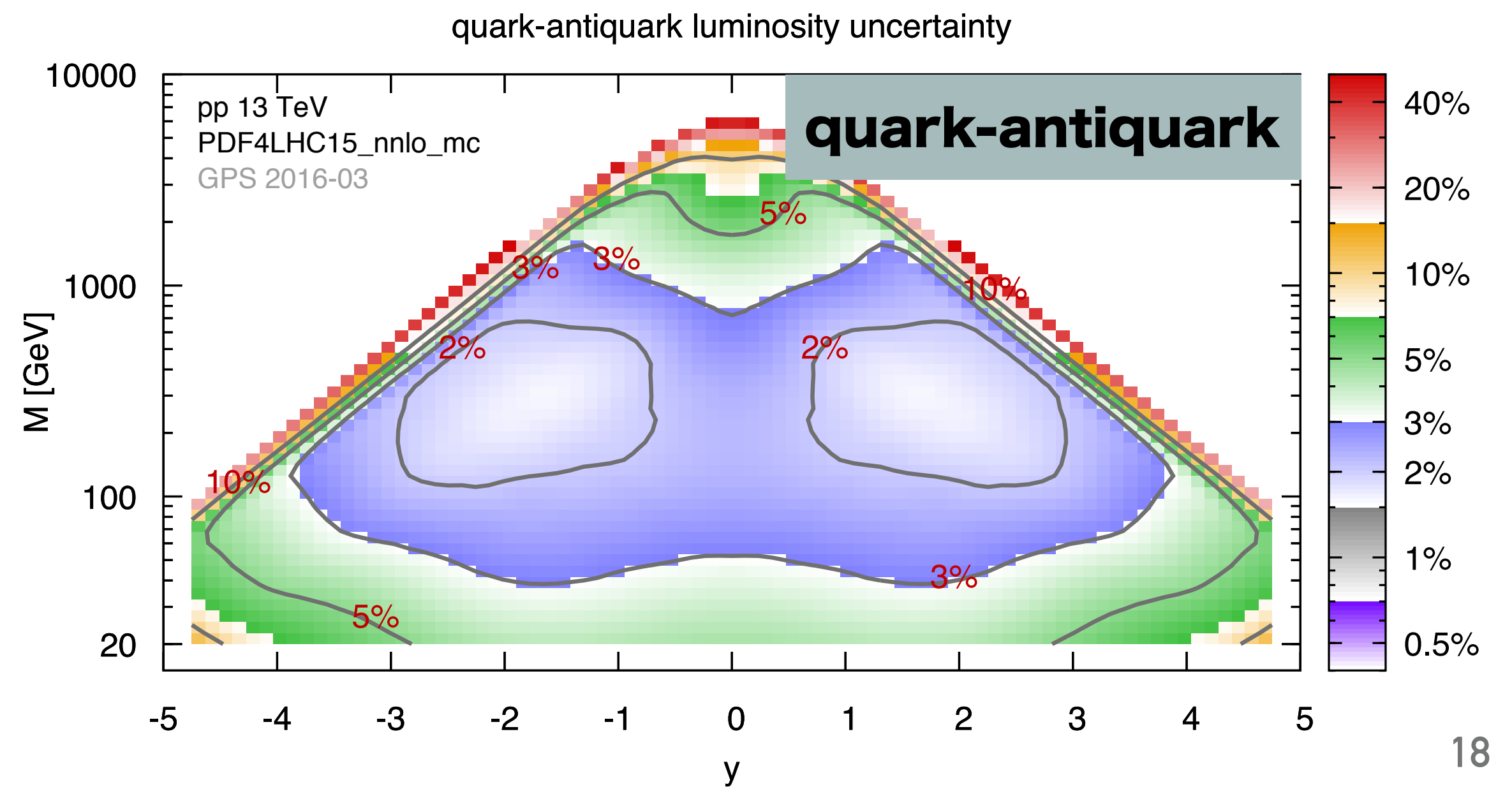
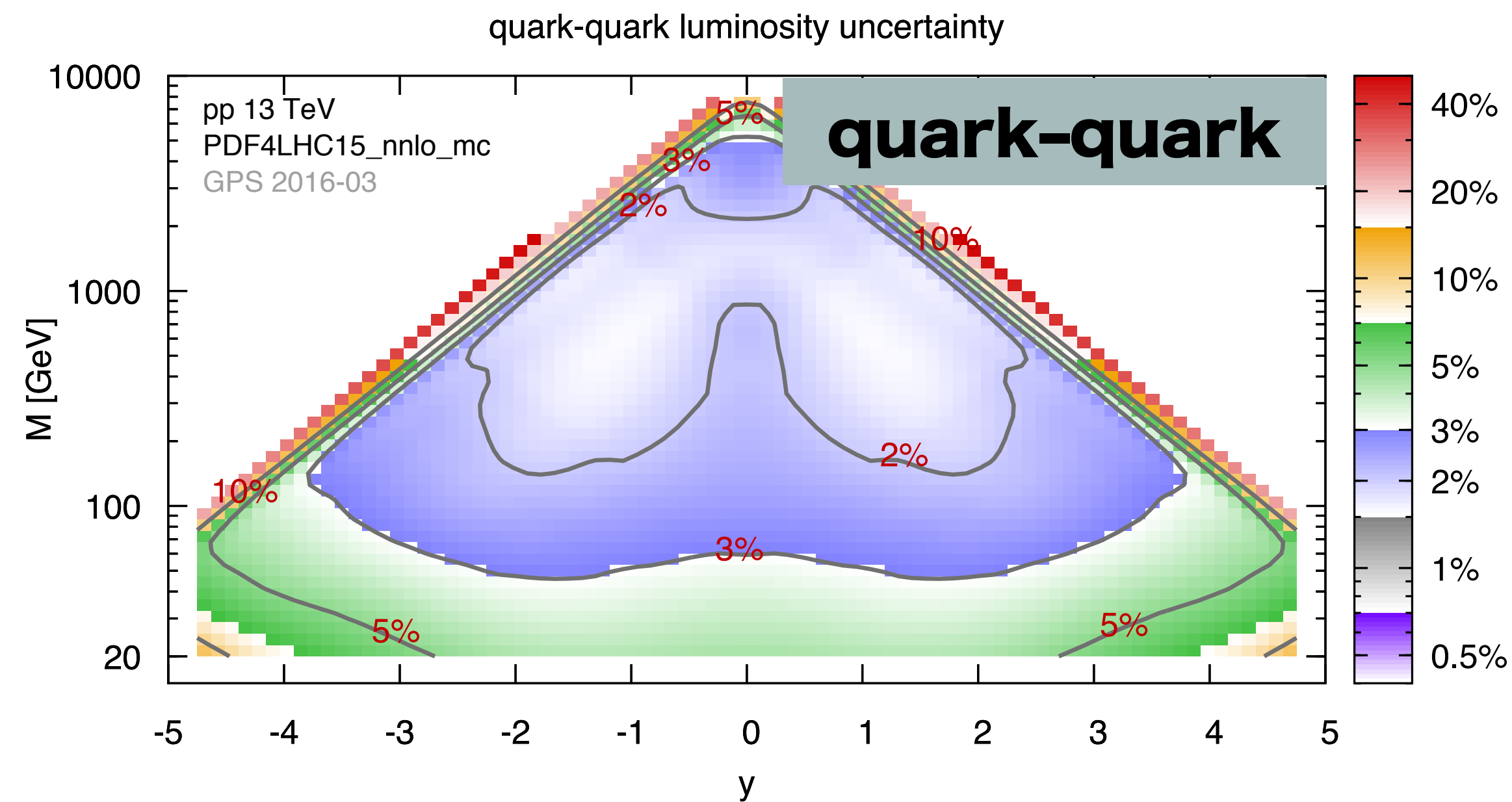
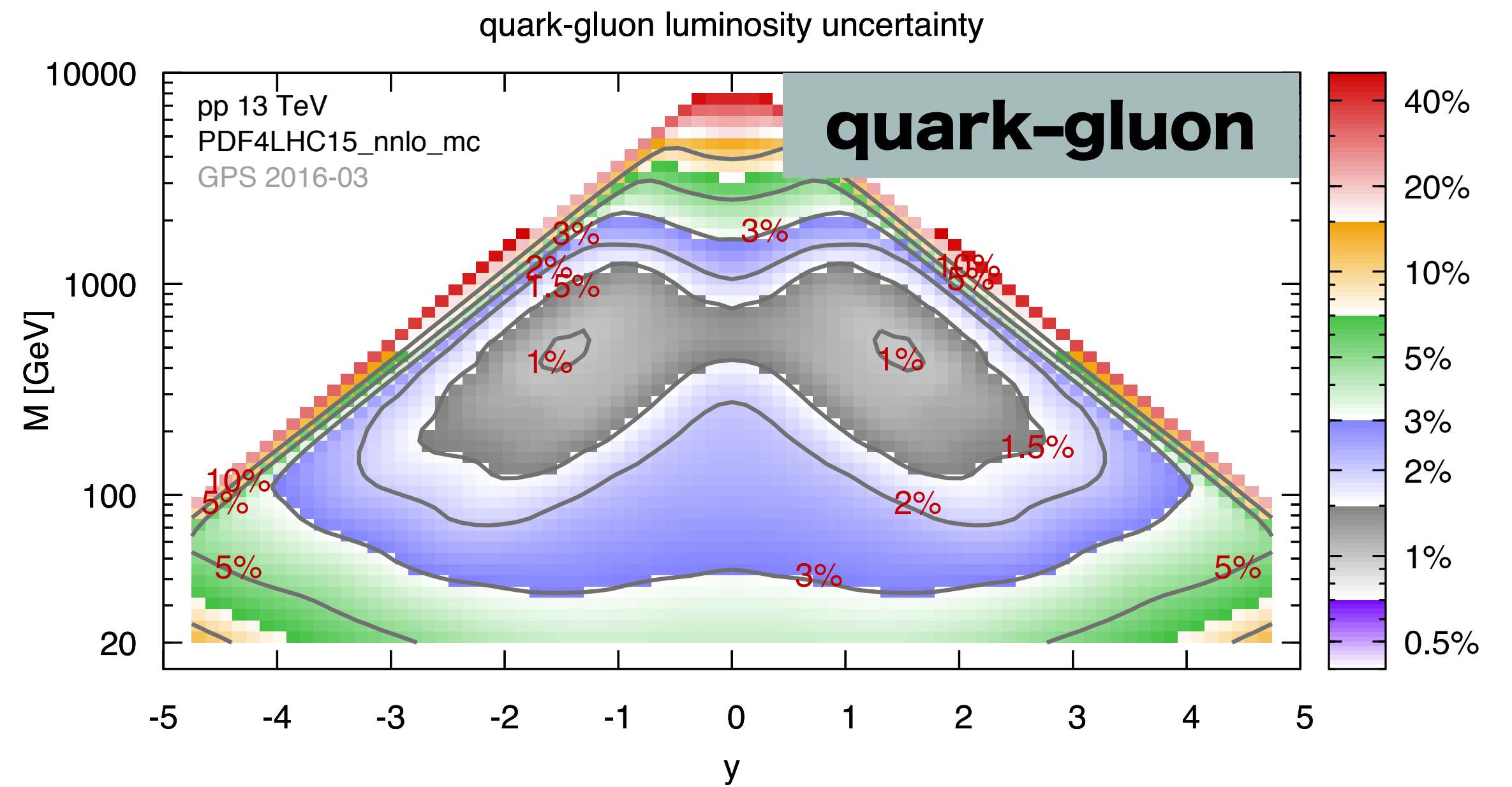
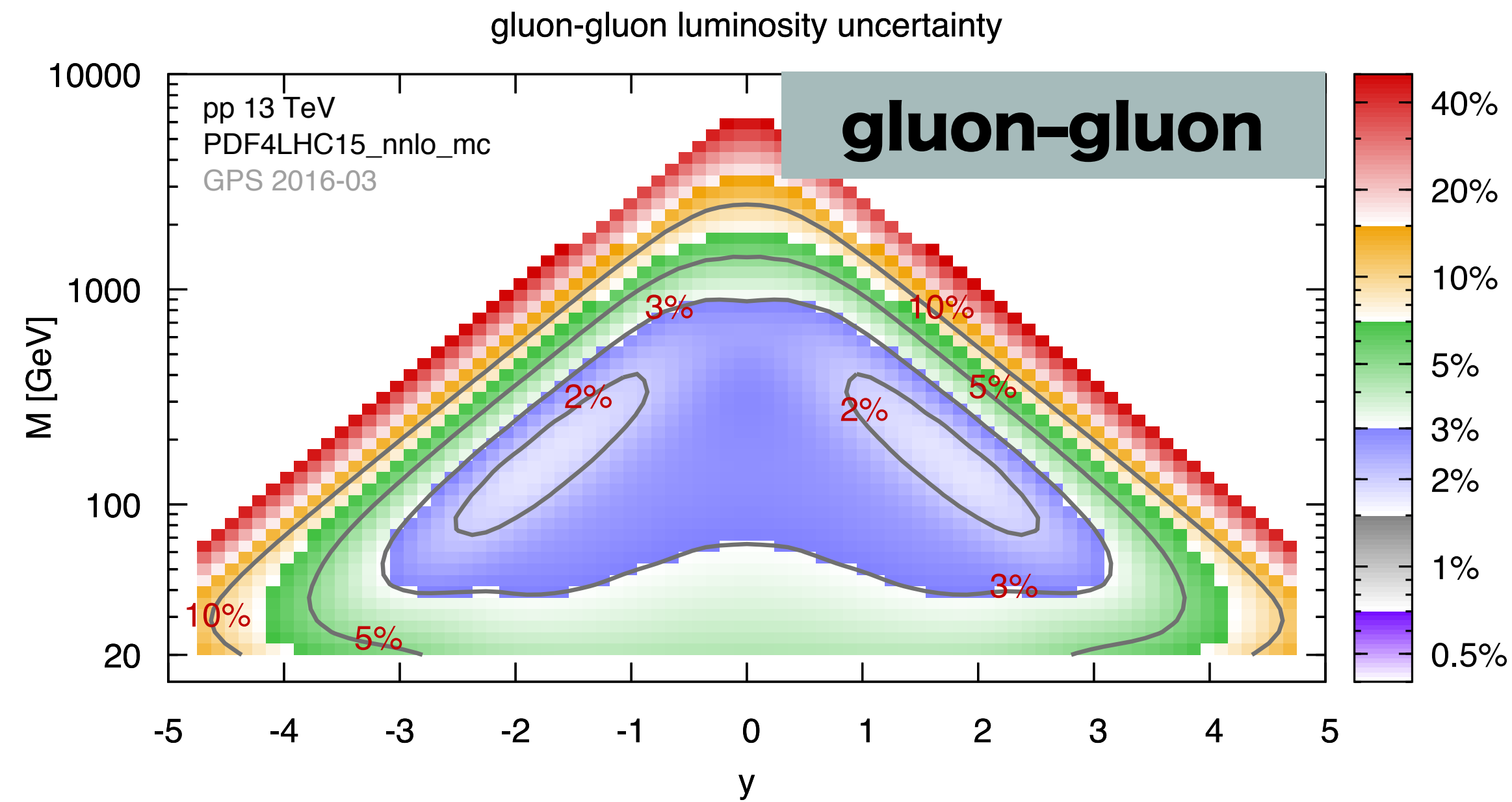


*NB: top-quark mass choice affects this plot*

# PDFs

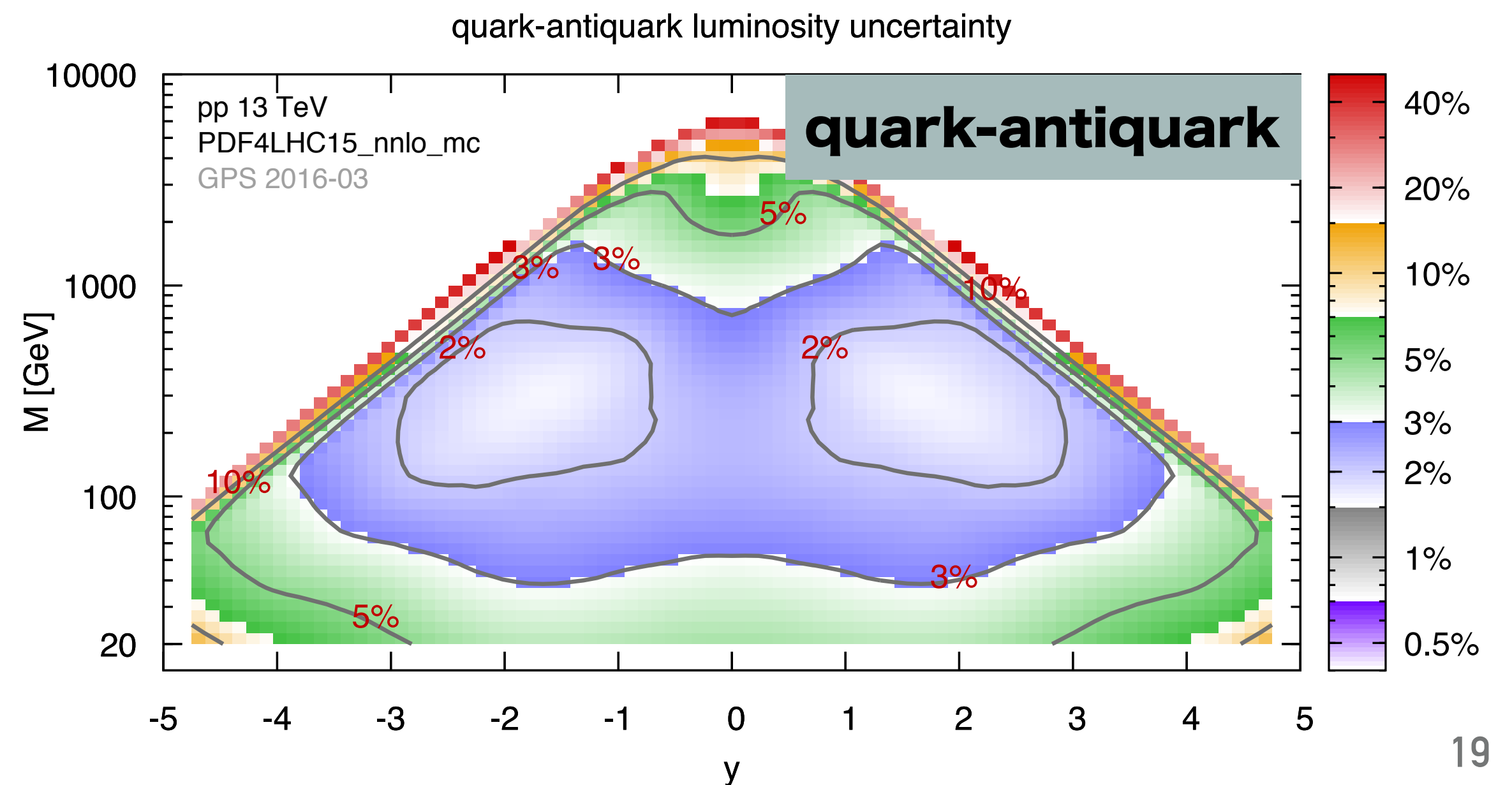
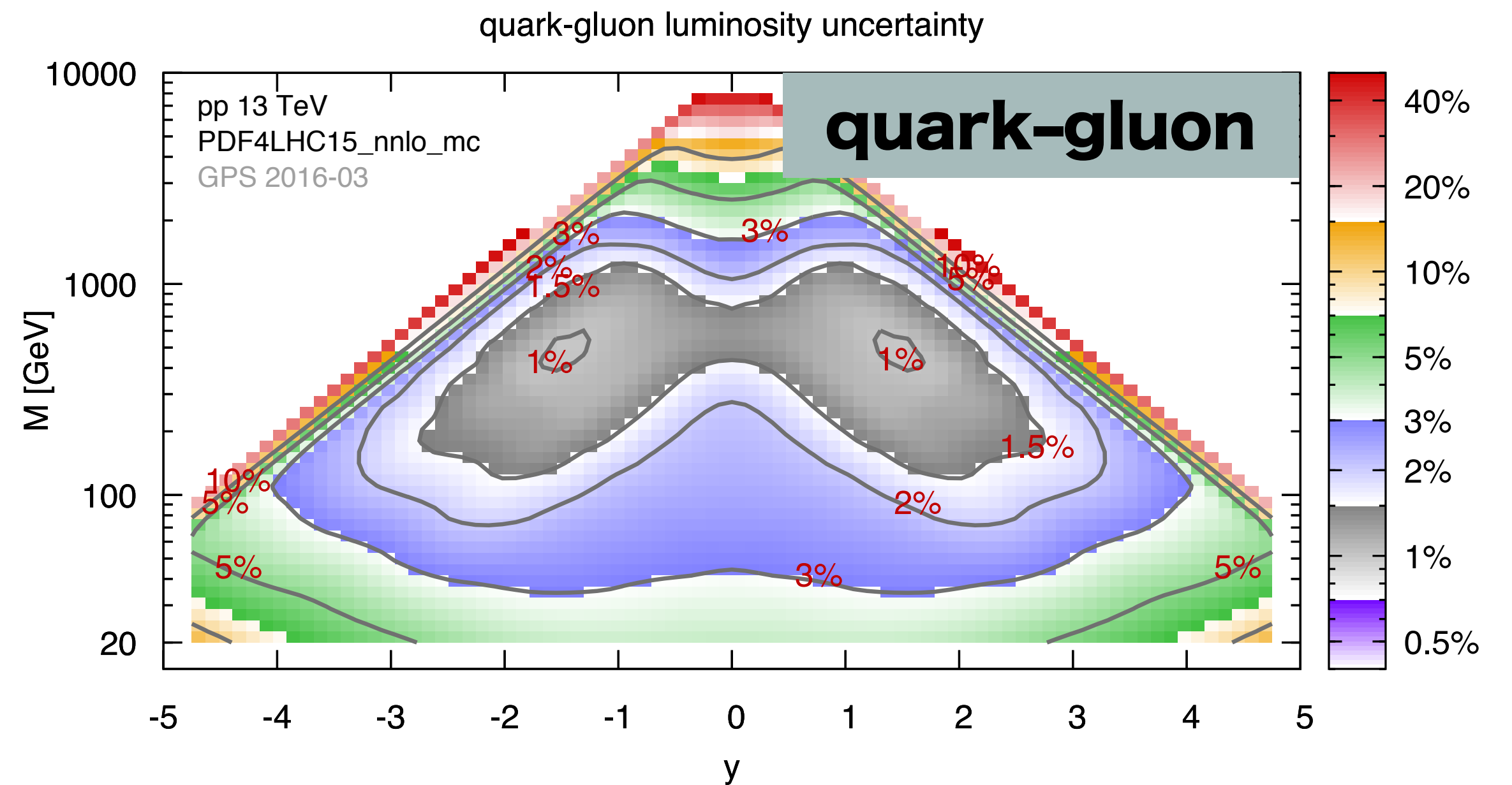


# UNCERTAINTIES ON PARTONIC LUMINOSITIES — V. RAPIDITY( $y$ ) AND MASS



# 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  $t\bar{t}$ , 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?]





# Z $P_T$ : the “ideal” hard process?

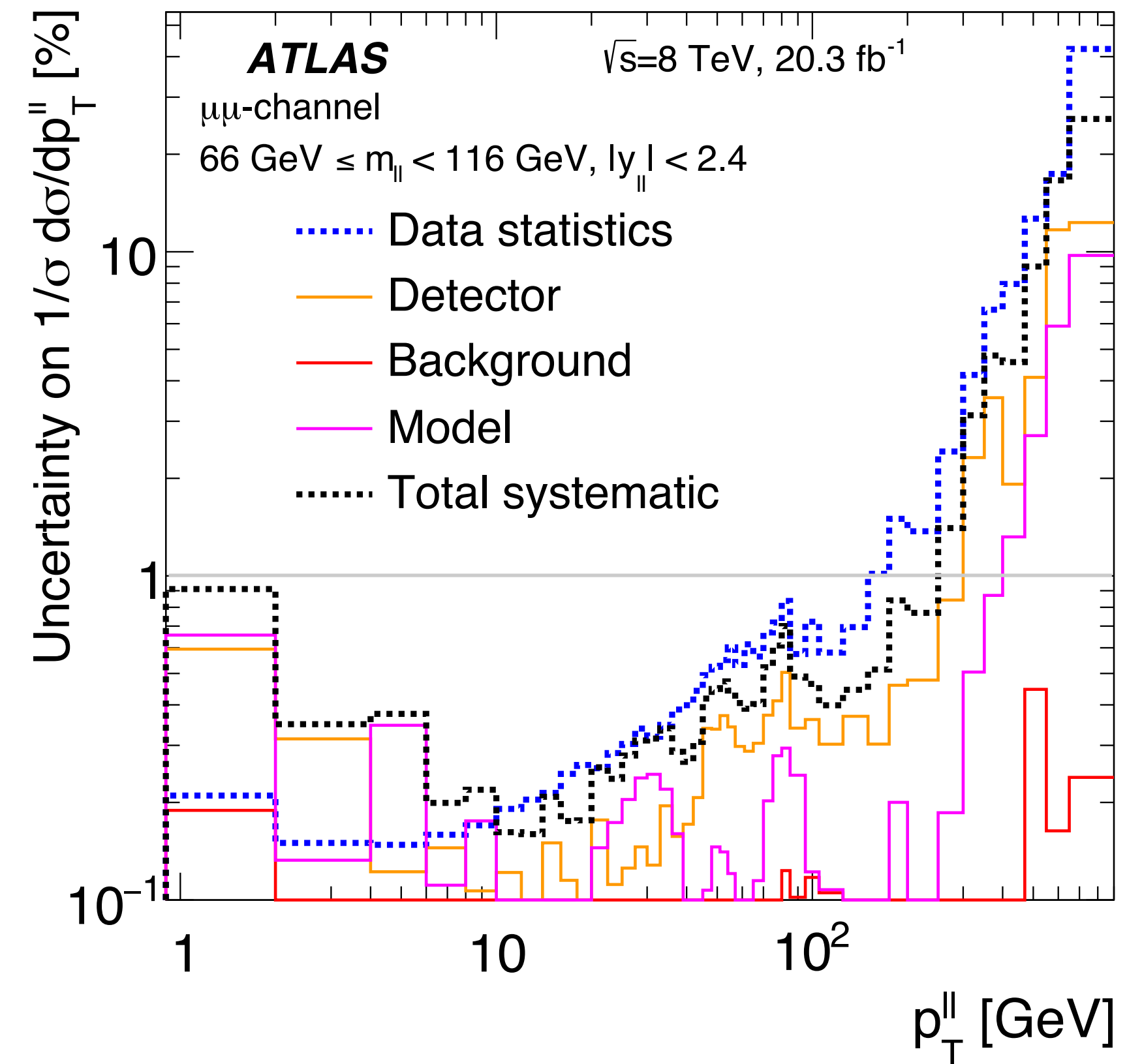
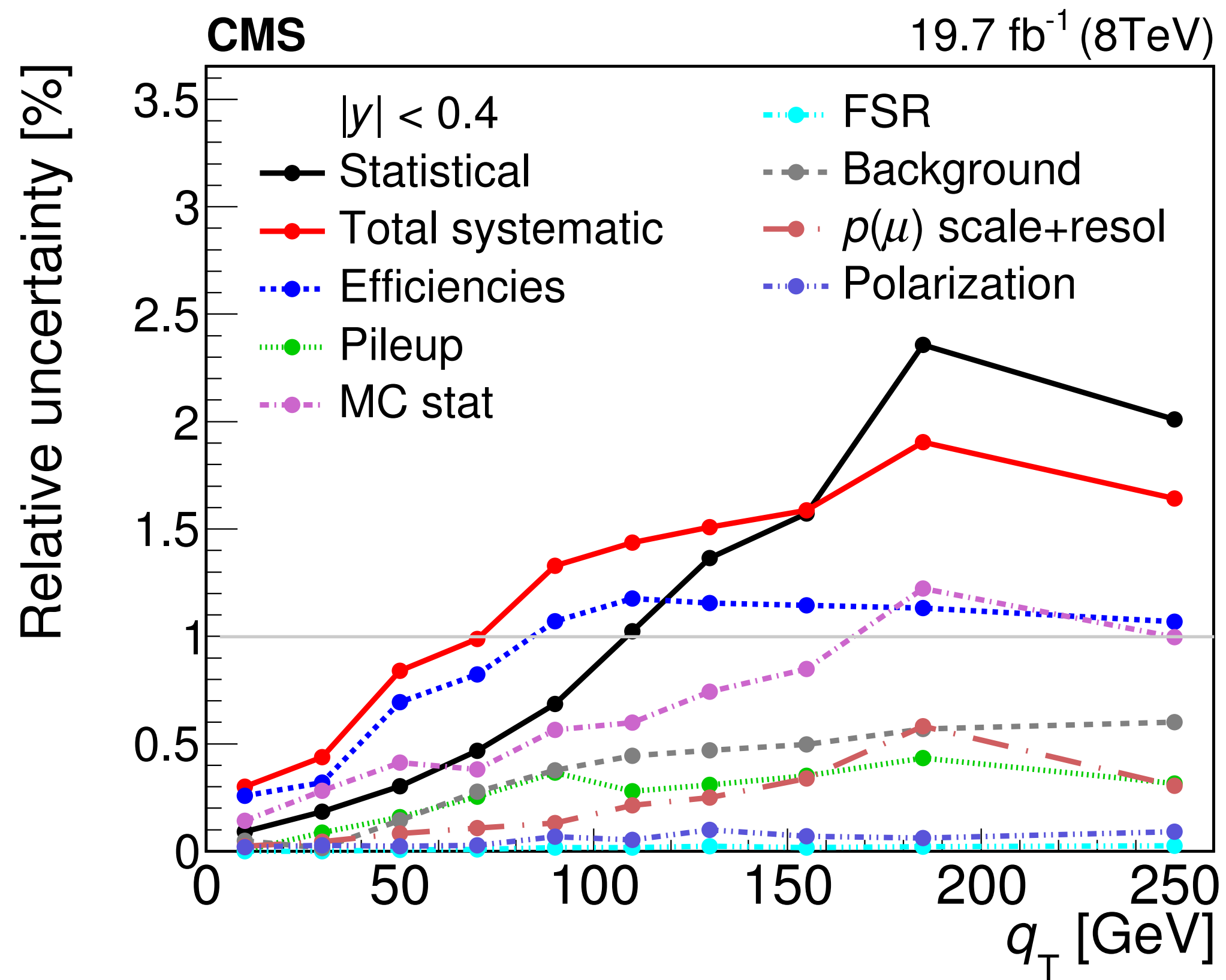
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*One obvious thing to talk about is N3LO Higgs*

*But in terms of precision, both for data and theory, Z  $p_T$  is a more immediate testing ground for 1% effects.*

*(& unlike Z & W prod<sup>n</sup> it's sensitive to  $a_s$ )*

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

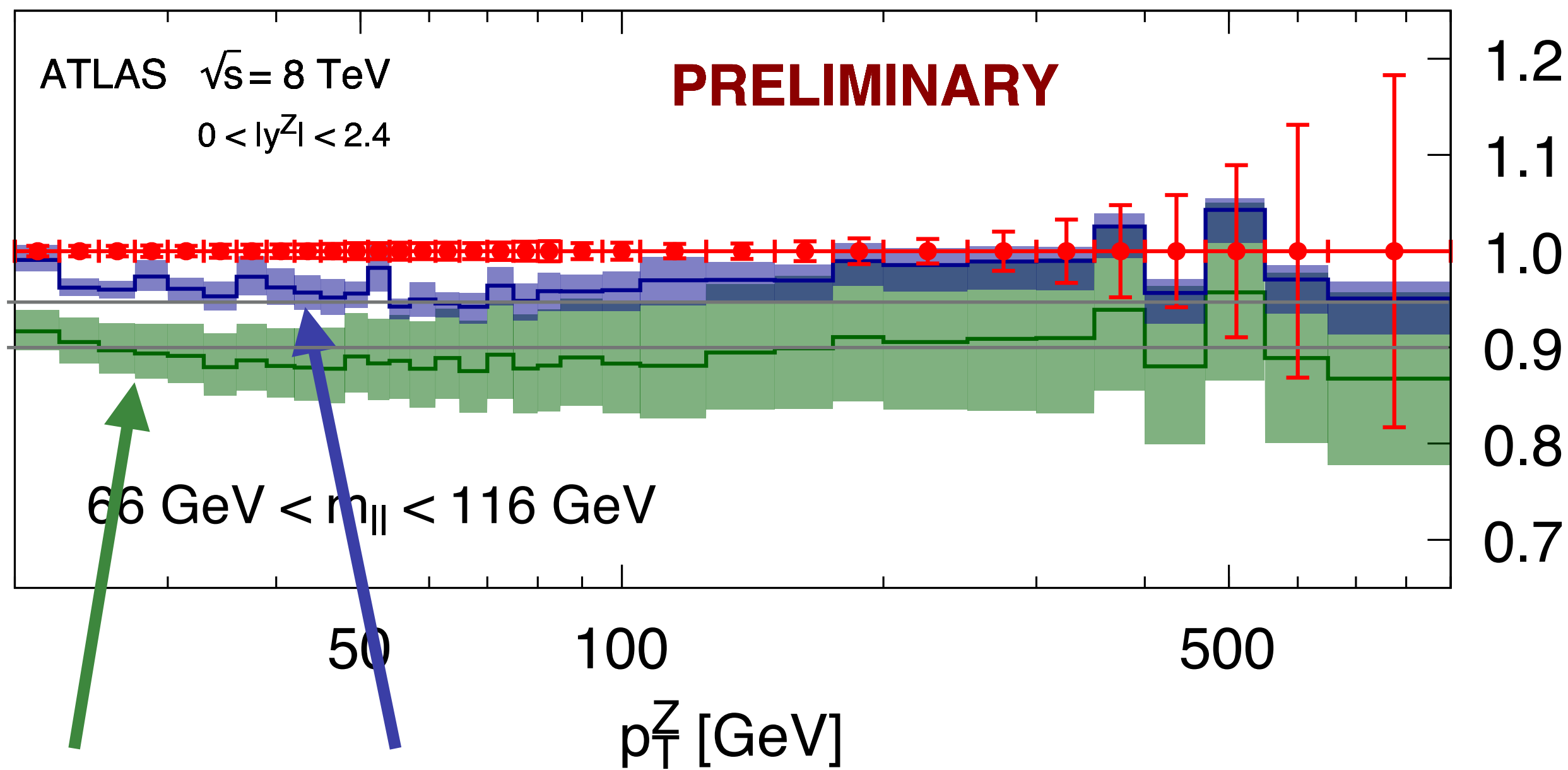




# Z $p_T$ : Data v. two (preliminary) theory calculations

$p p \rightarrow Z + \geq 0 \text{ jet} \quad (p_T^Z > 20 \text{ GeV})$

NLO — NNLO — Data —●—



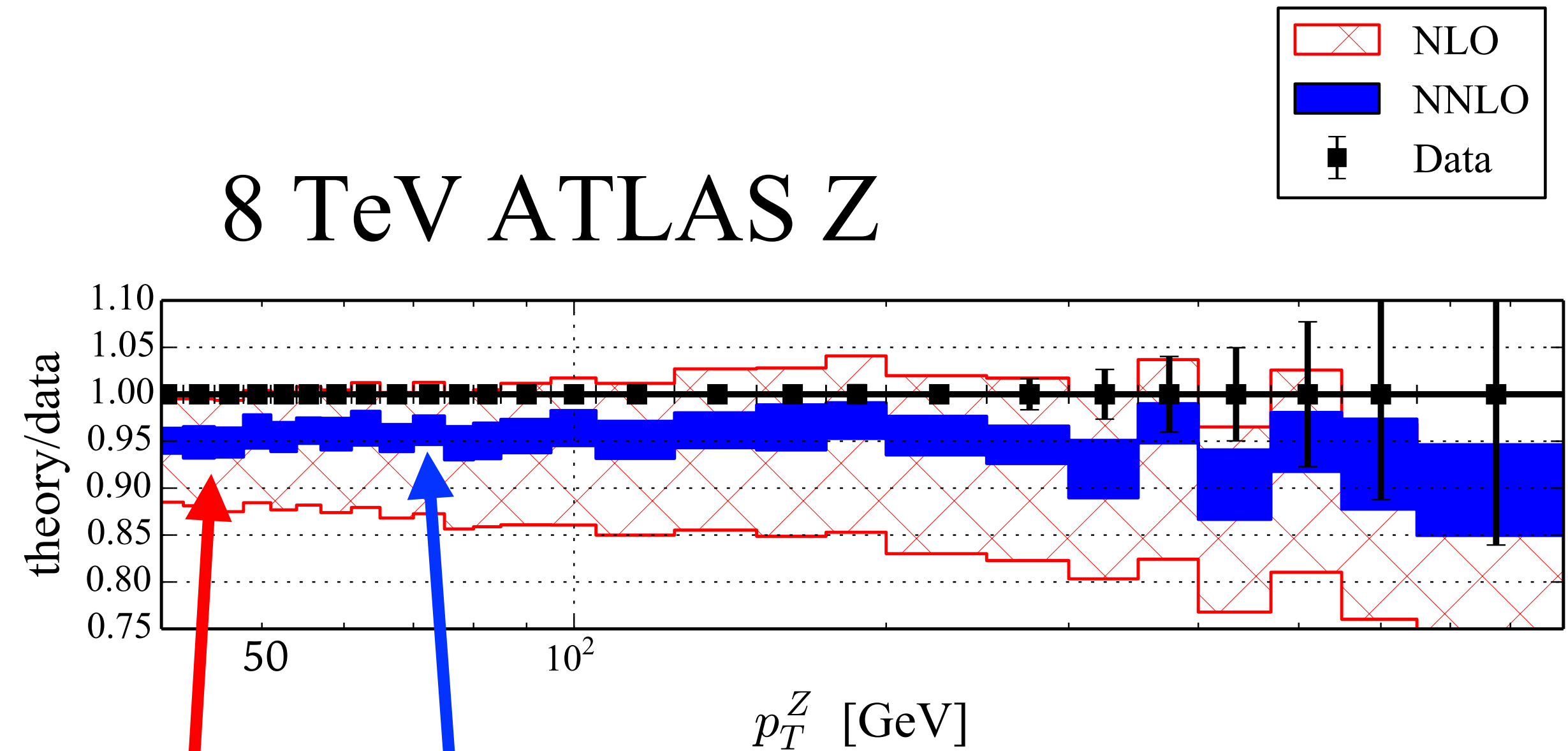
NLO

NNLO

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in collaboration with  
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## 8 TeV ATLAS Z



NLO

NNLO

*Boughezal, Liu & Petriello  
'16 preliminary  
(including EW corr.)*

**NNLO ~ ±1.5 %**

# 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  $\alpha_s$  and PDFs (smaller  $\alpha_s$  will not help!)
- **What about non-perturbative effects?**

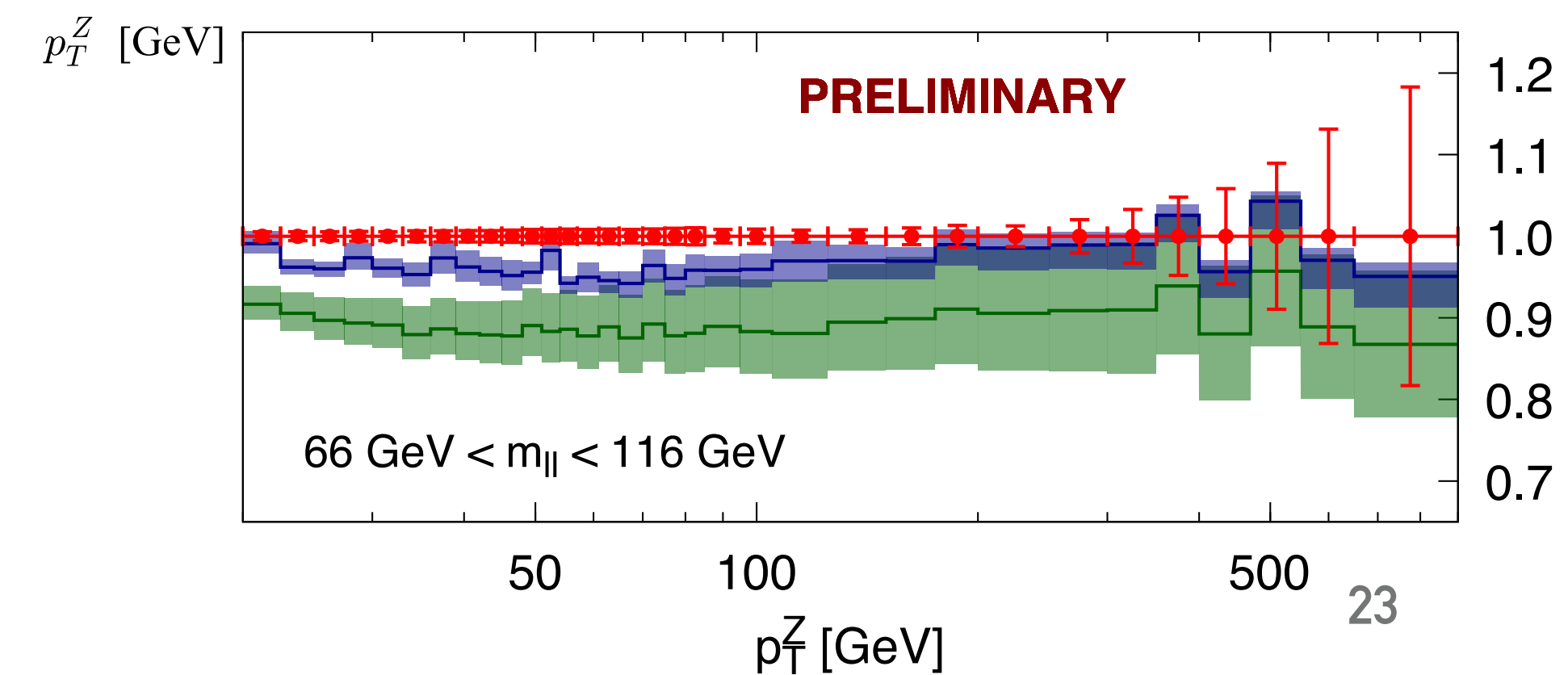
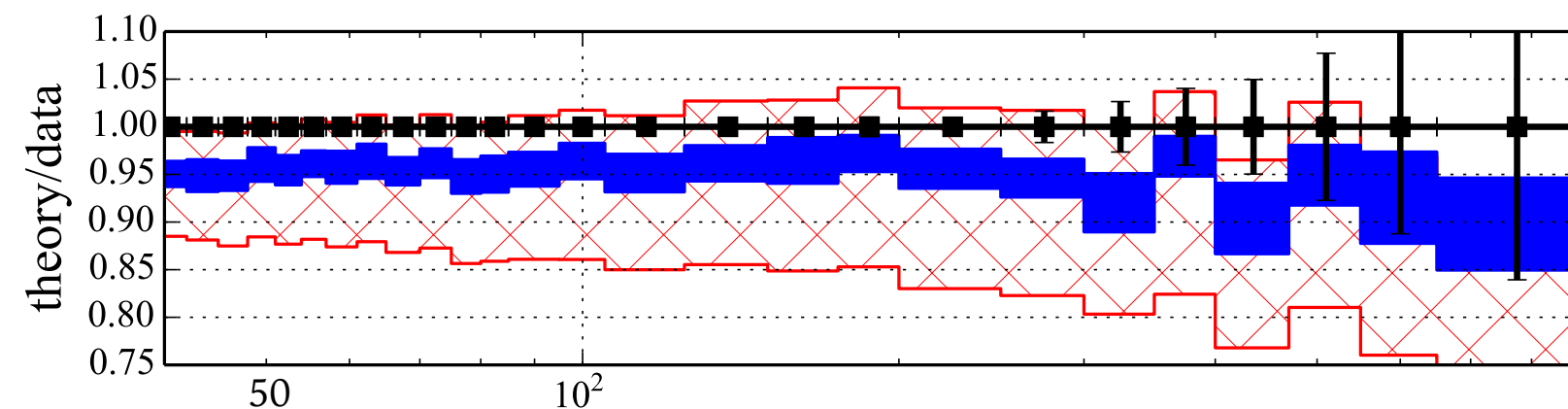
NB: both  $\text{calc}^n$  use a central scale

$$\mu = \sqrt{m_Z^2 + p_{T,Z}^2}$$

An alternative

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

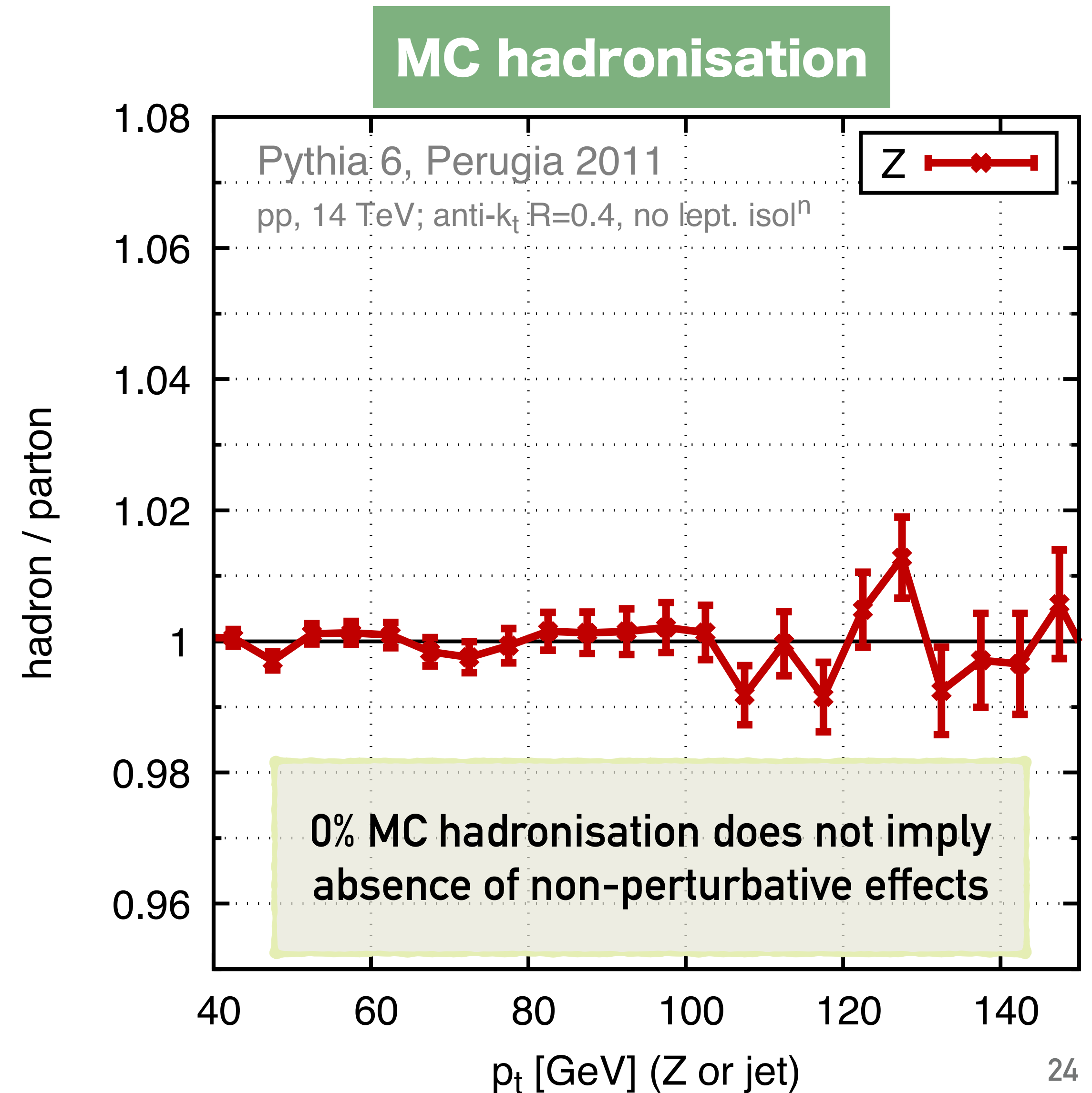
would seem more consistent with choices being made elsewhere (and might show better convergence)





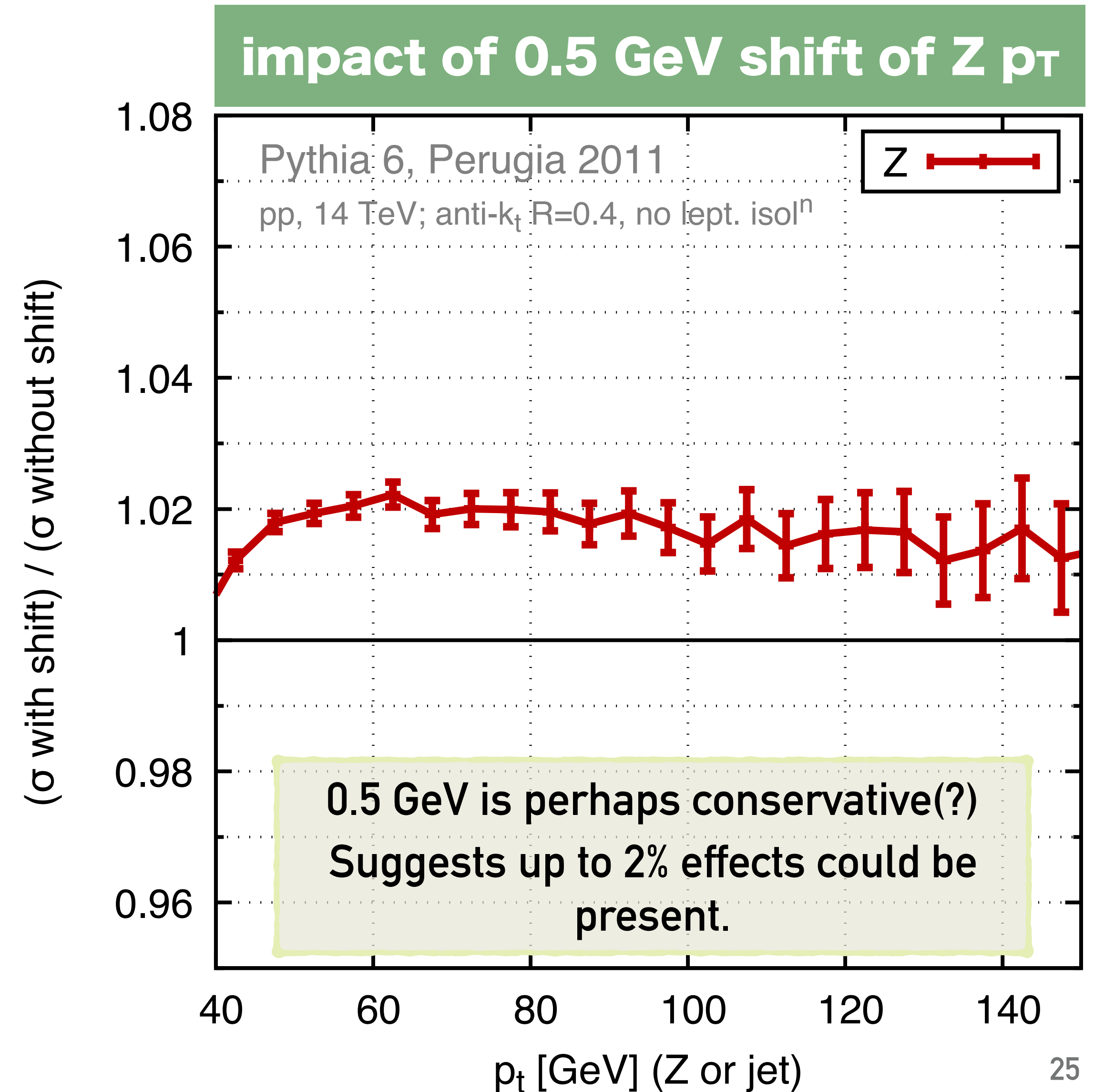
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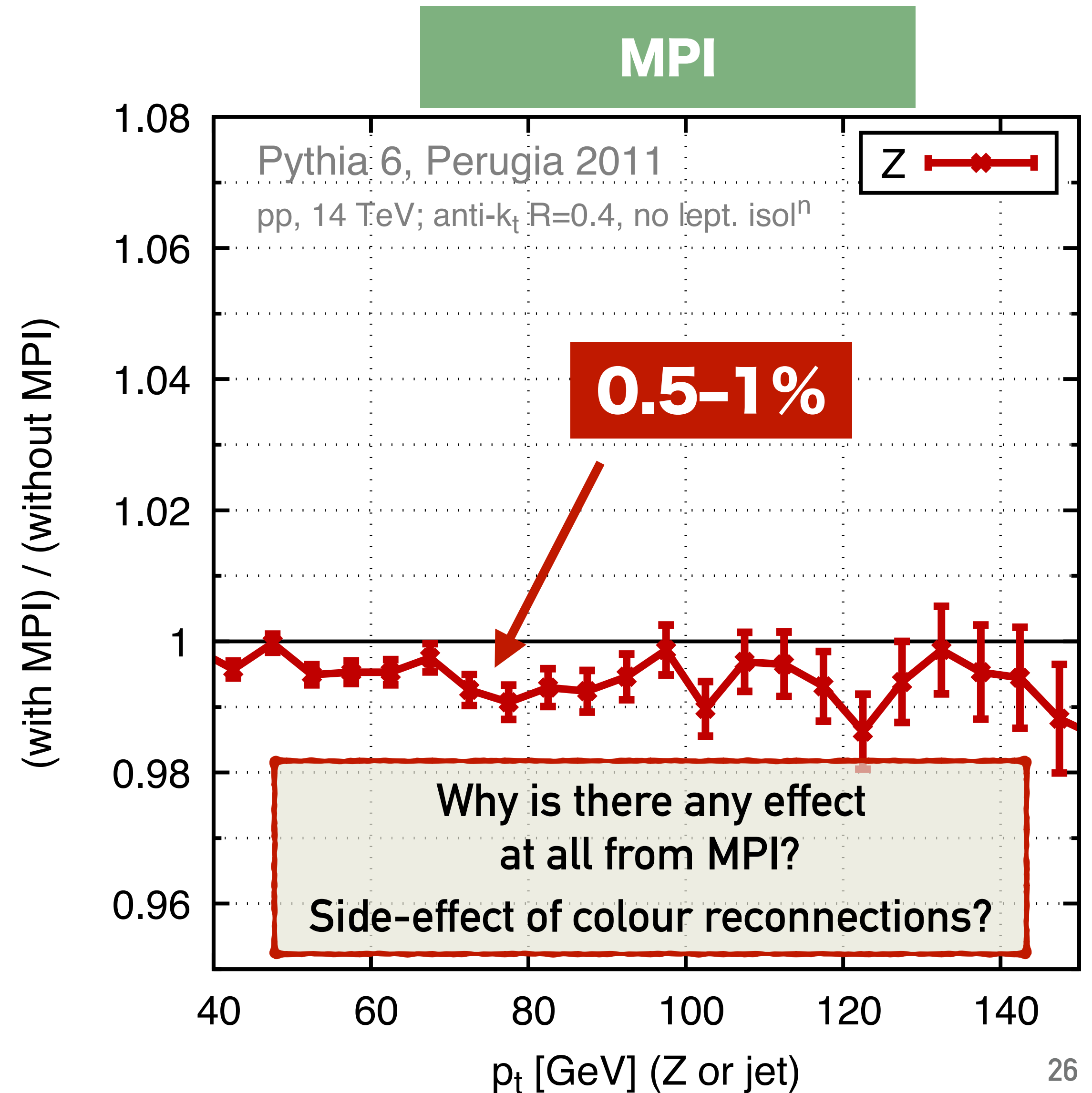
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- Shifting Z p<sub>T</sub> by a finite amount illustrates what could happen





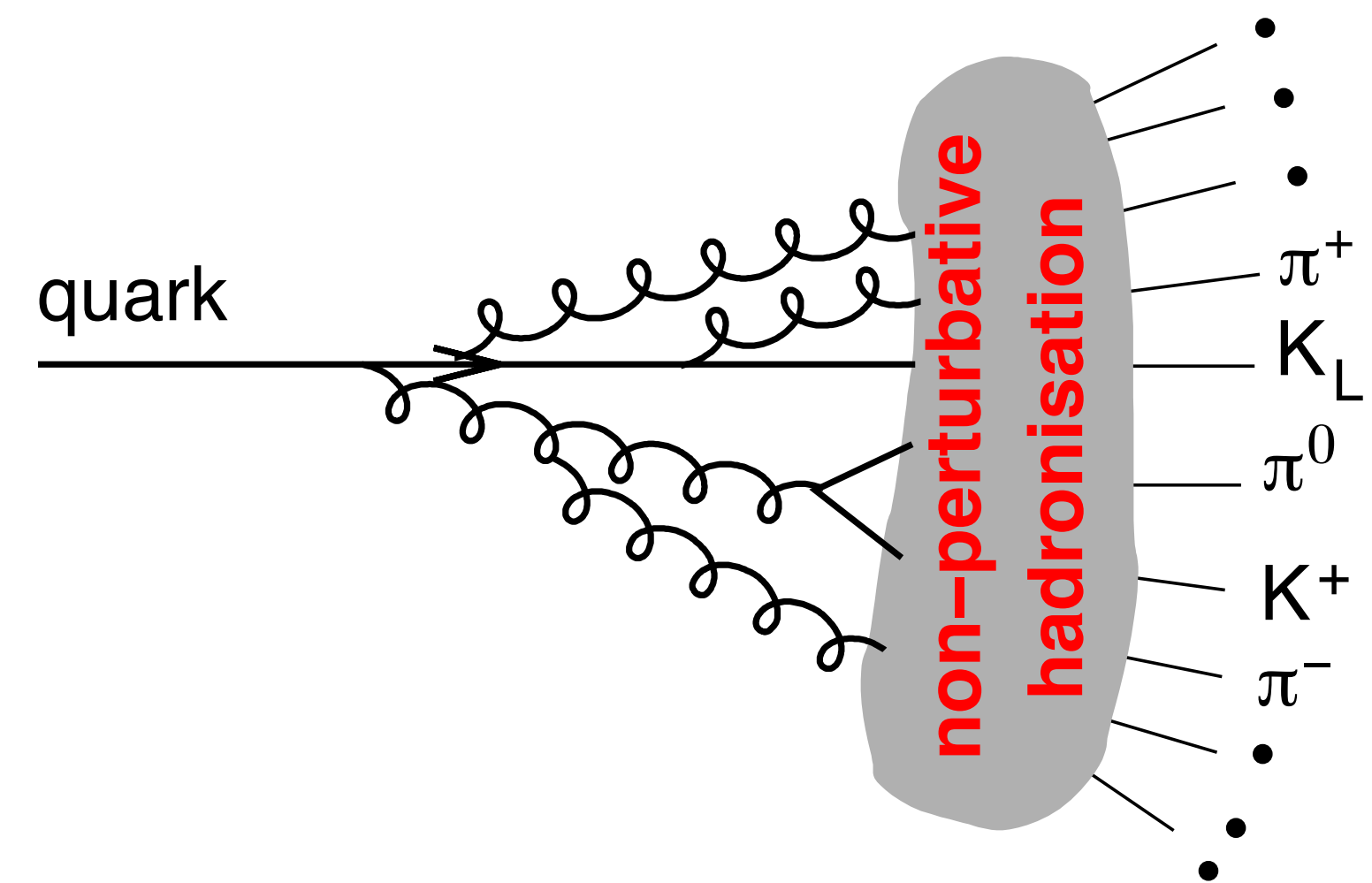
# Multi-Parton Interactions?

- 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*



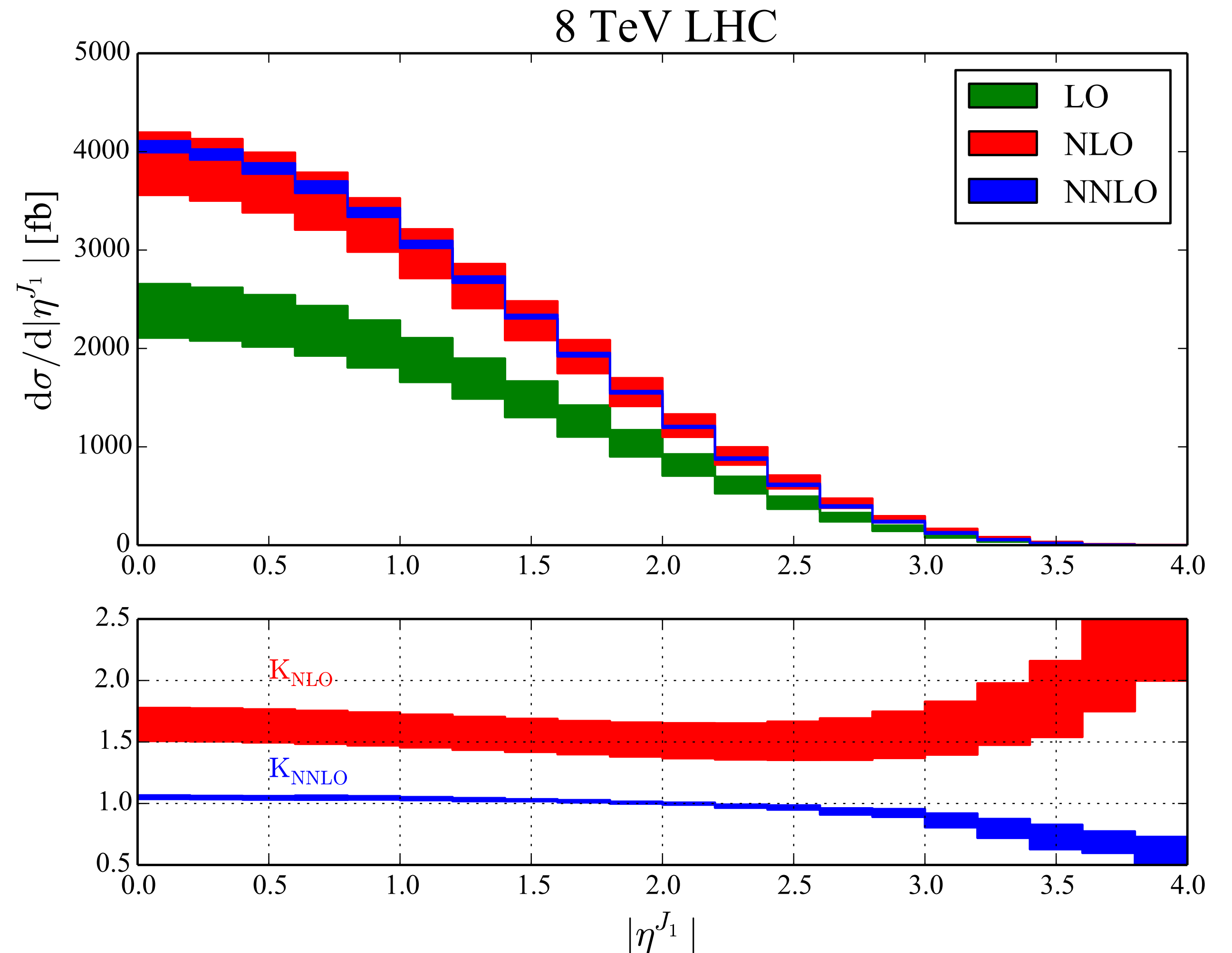
# THE JET IN Z+JET @ NNLO

*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 4%
- Residual scale uncertainty < 2%





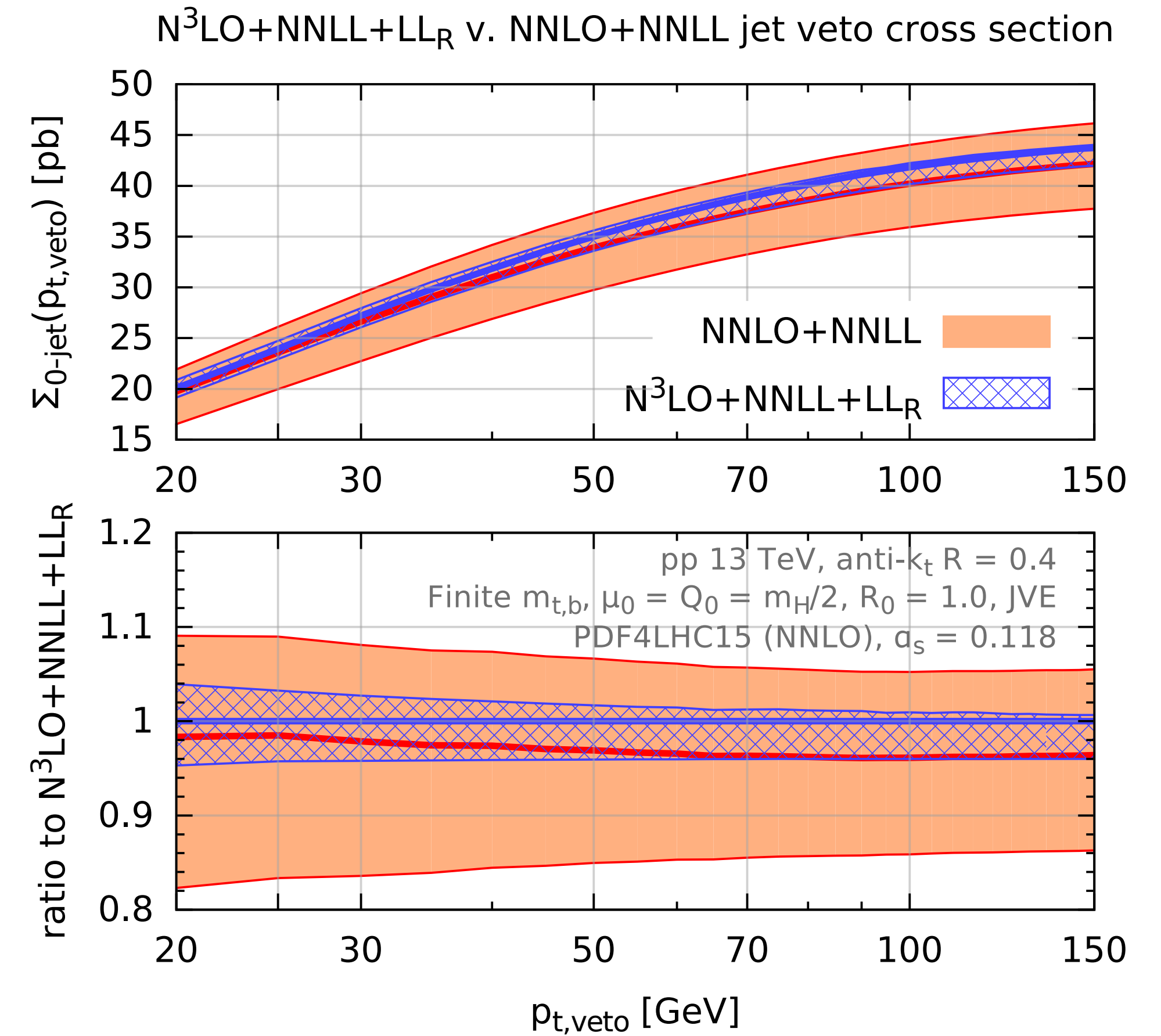
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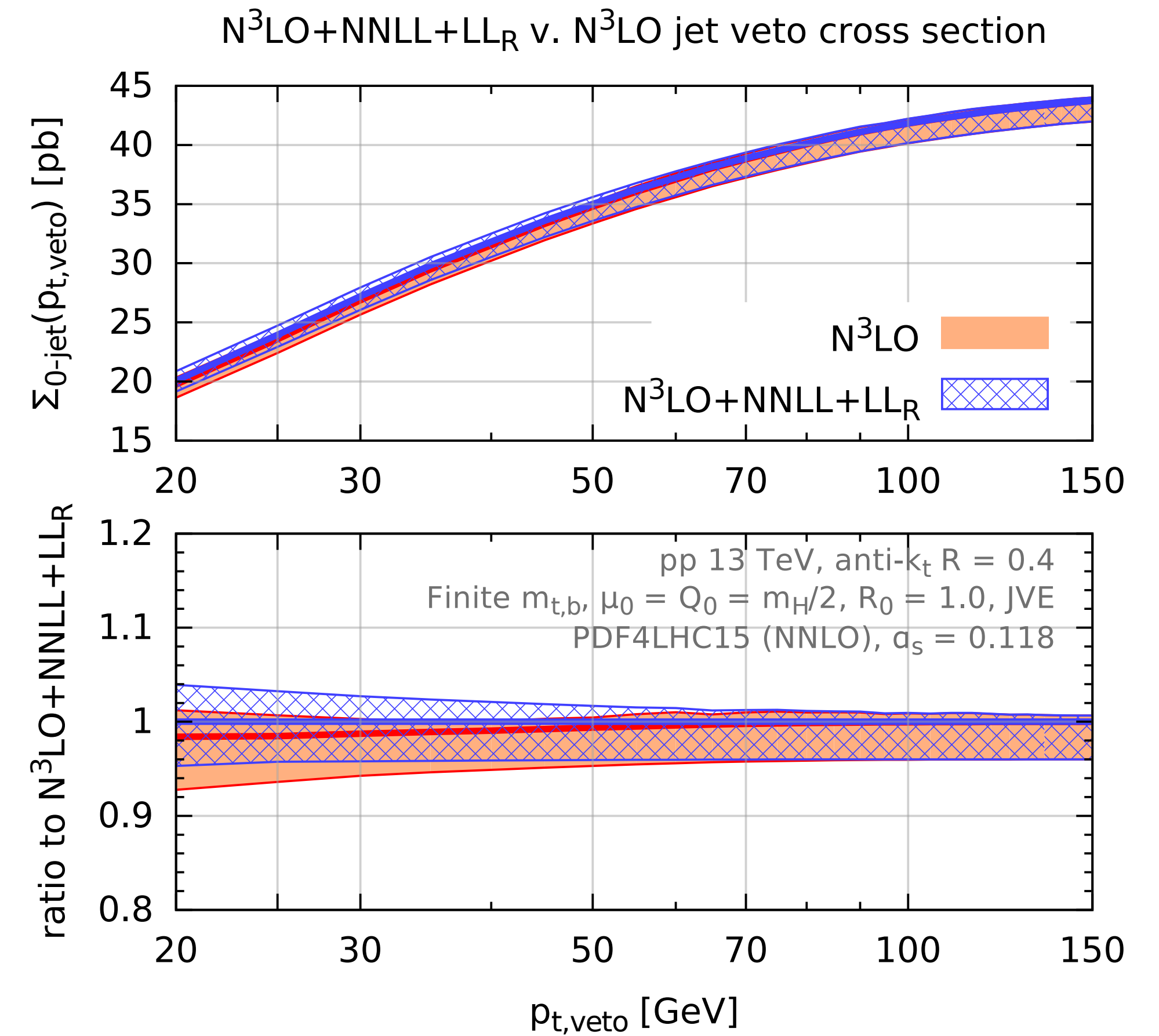
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## 2 KINDS OF EFFECT IN SUCH PROCESSES ?

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

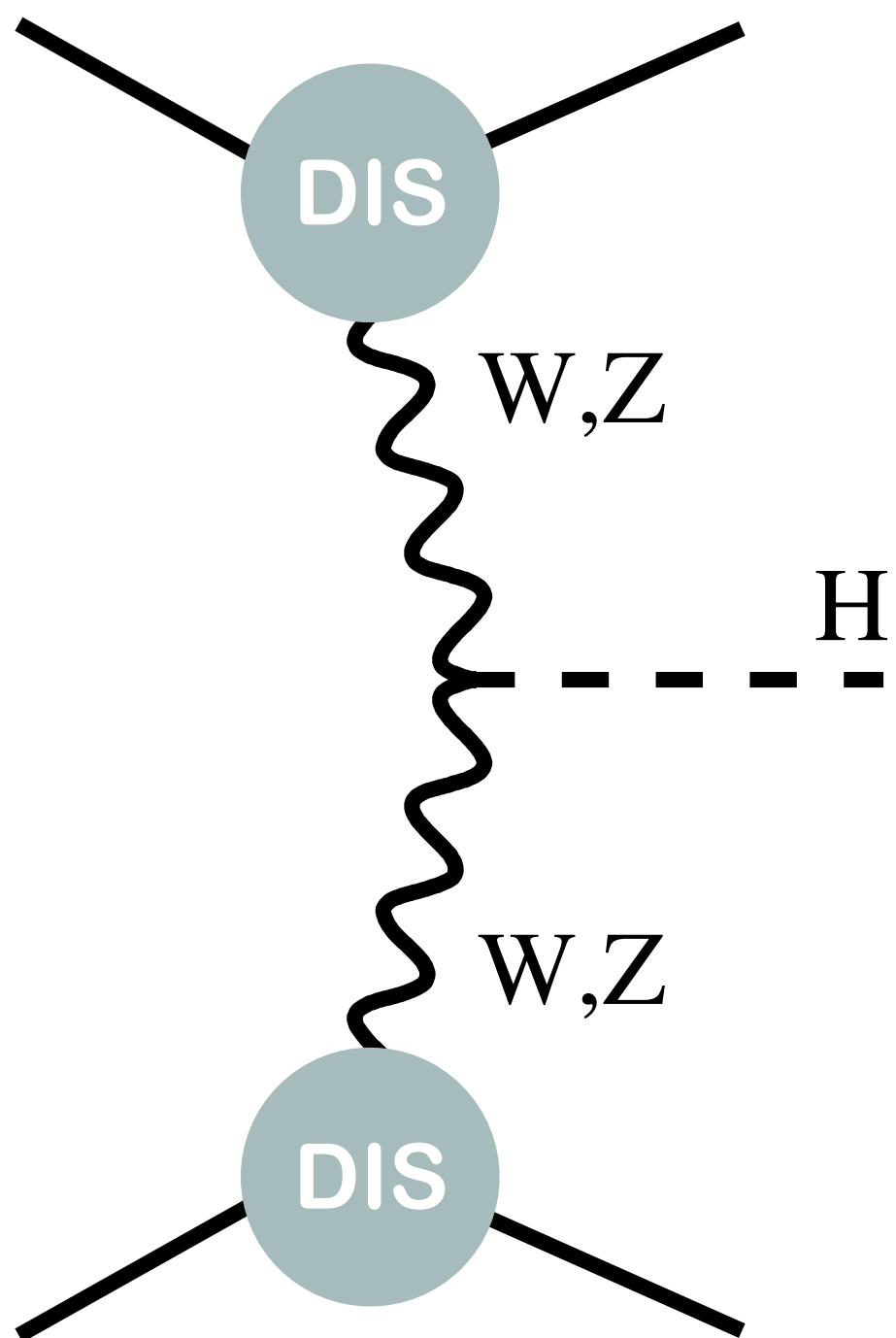
**Can we make such a distinction more meaningful?**



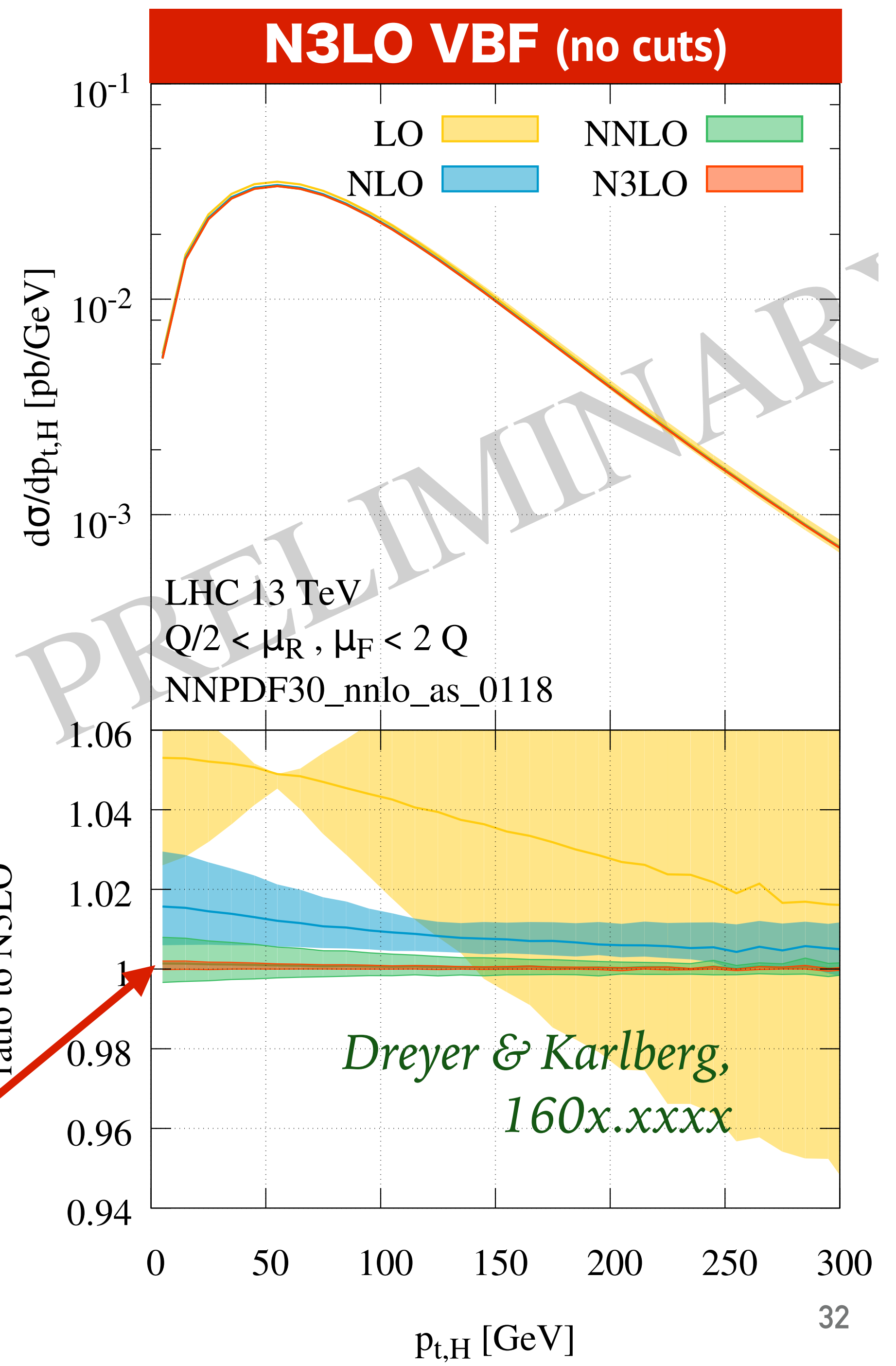
# VECTOR-BOSON FUSION → HIGGS

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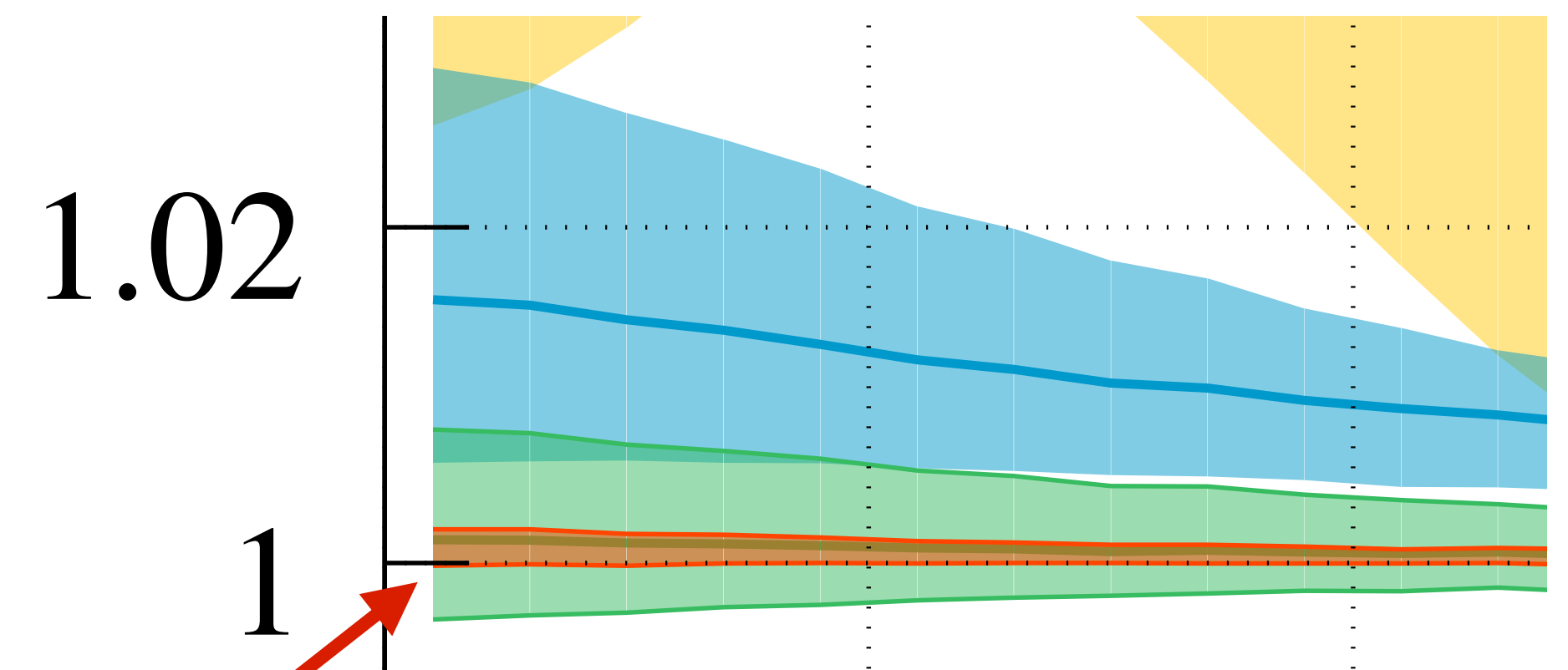
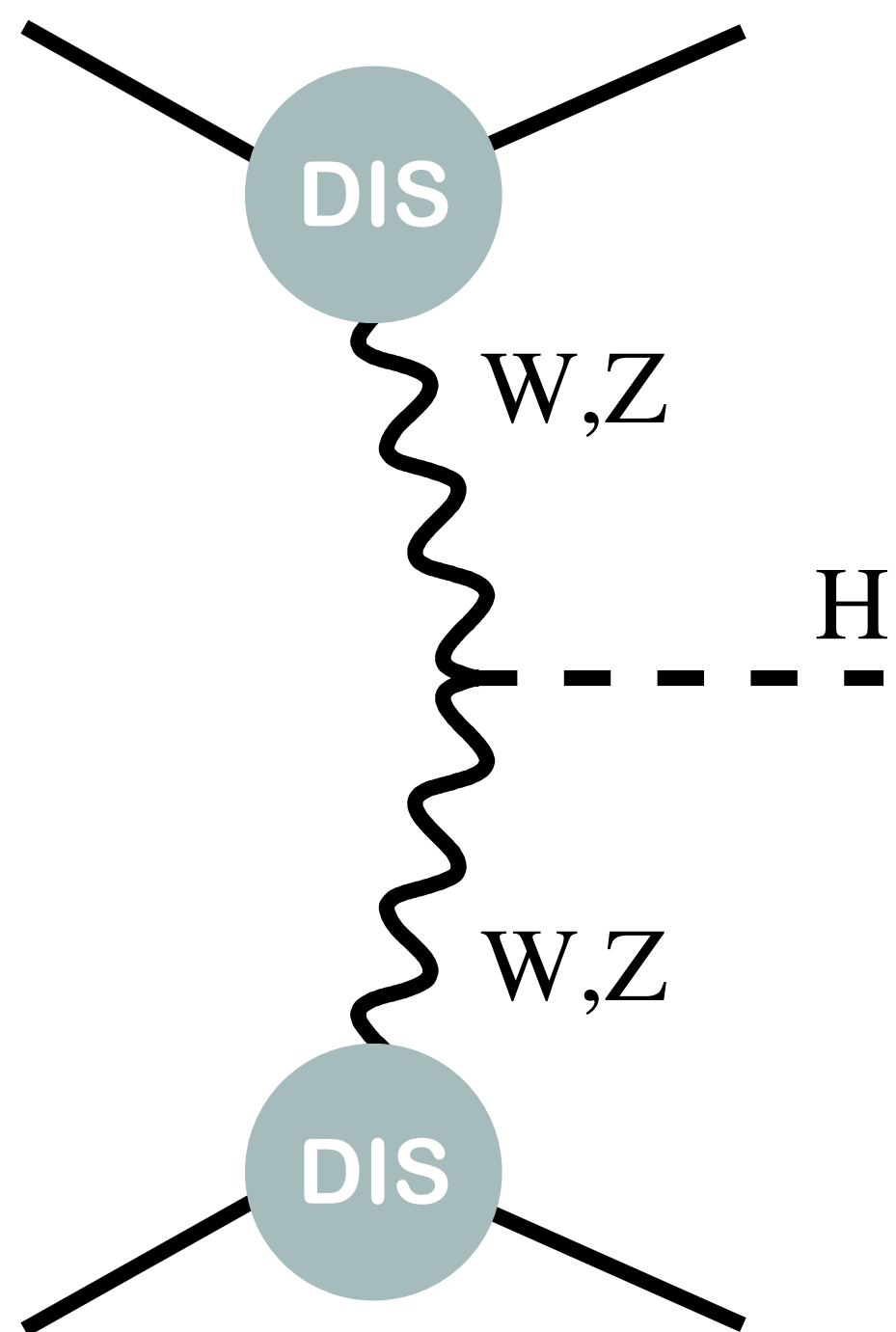
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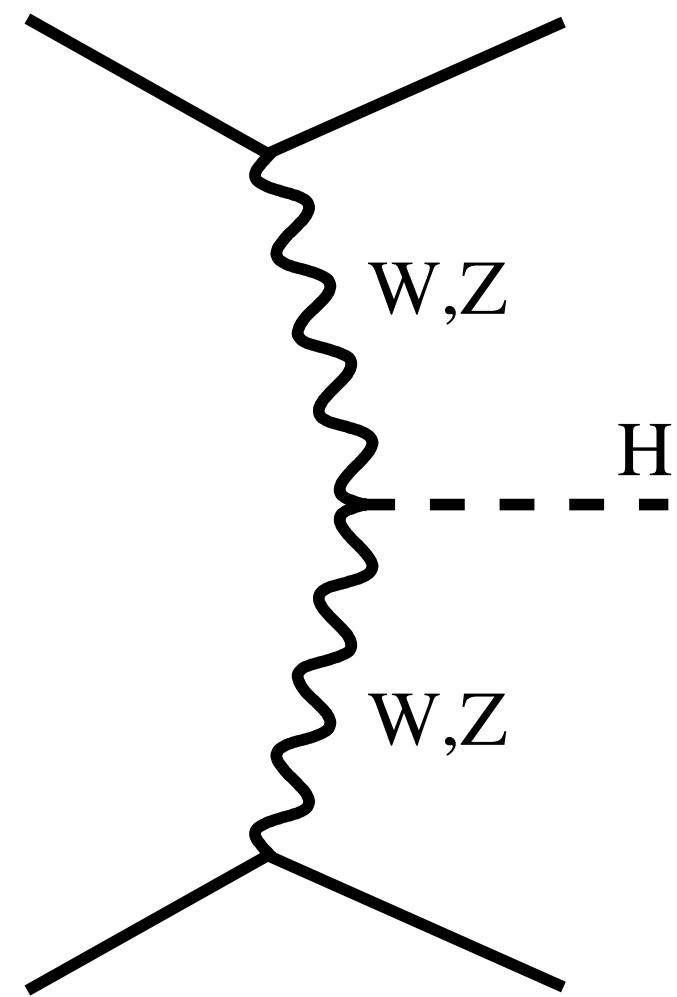
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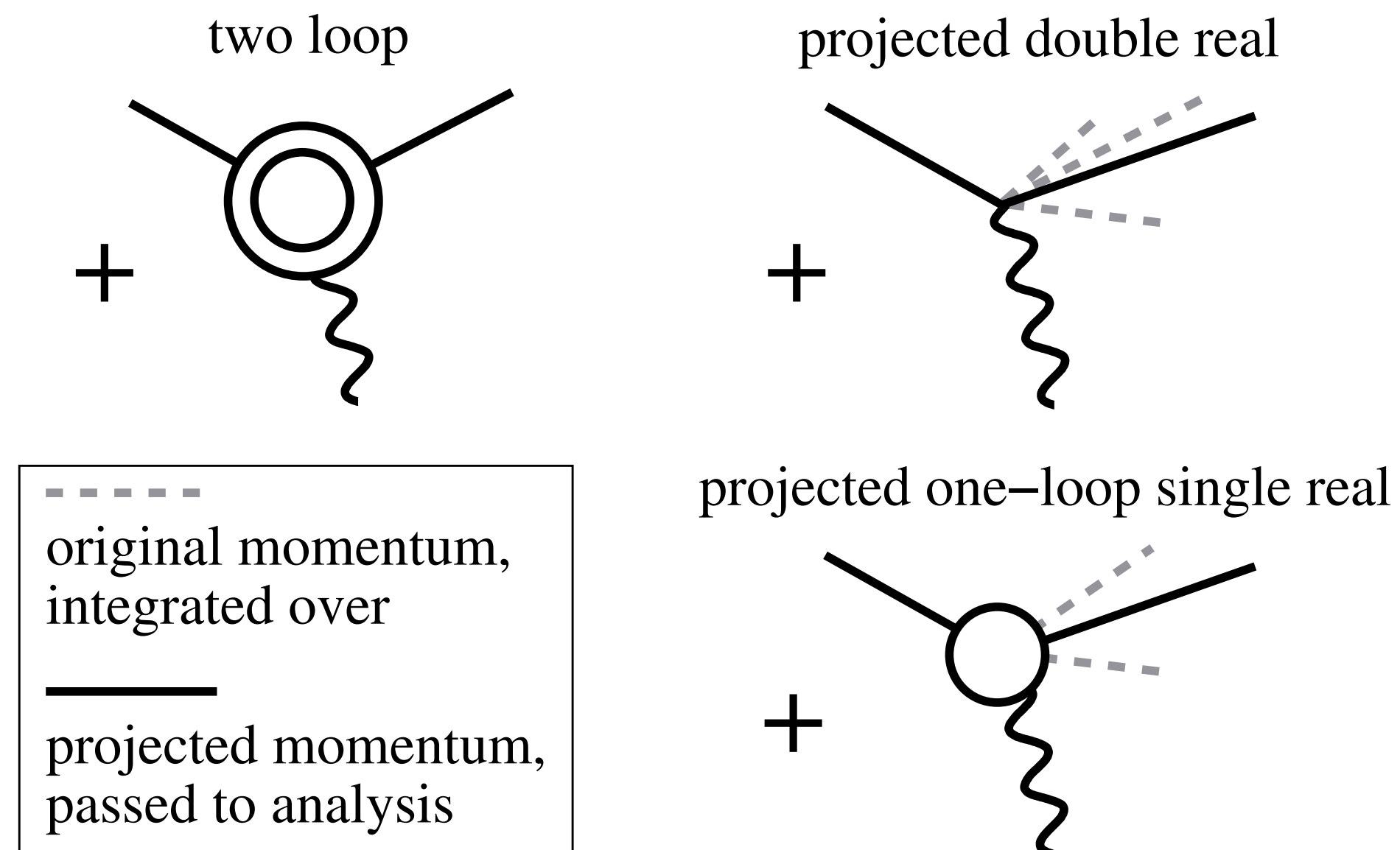
# VBF with cuts on jets: Projection to Born method

*Cacciari, Dreyer, Karlberg, GPS & Zanderighi, 1506.02660*

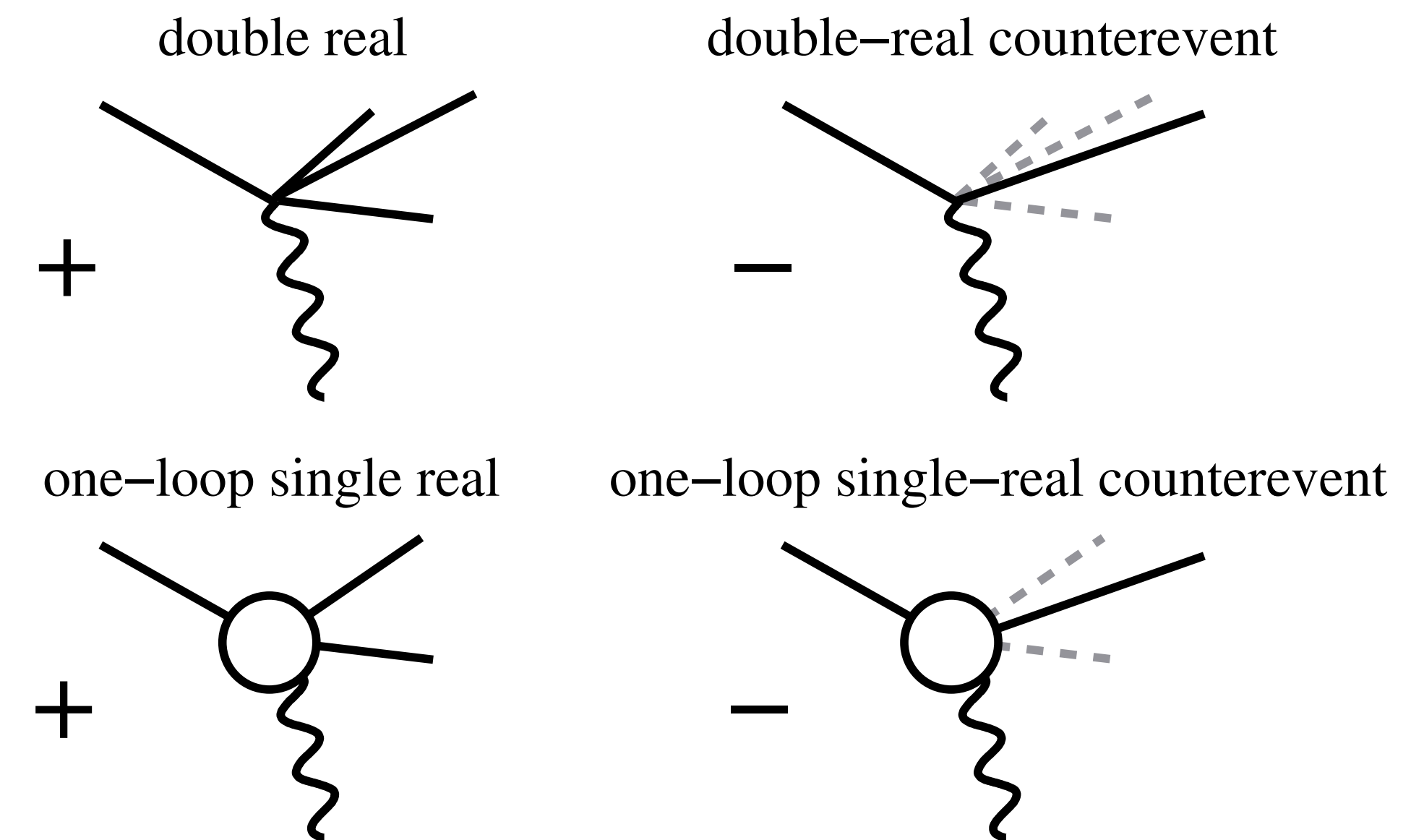
(a) Born VBF process



(b) NNLO "inclusive" part (from structure function method)



(c) NNLO "exclusive" part (from VBF H+3j@NLO)

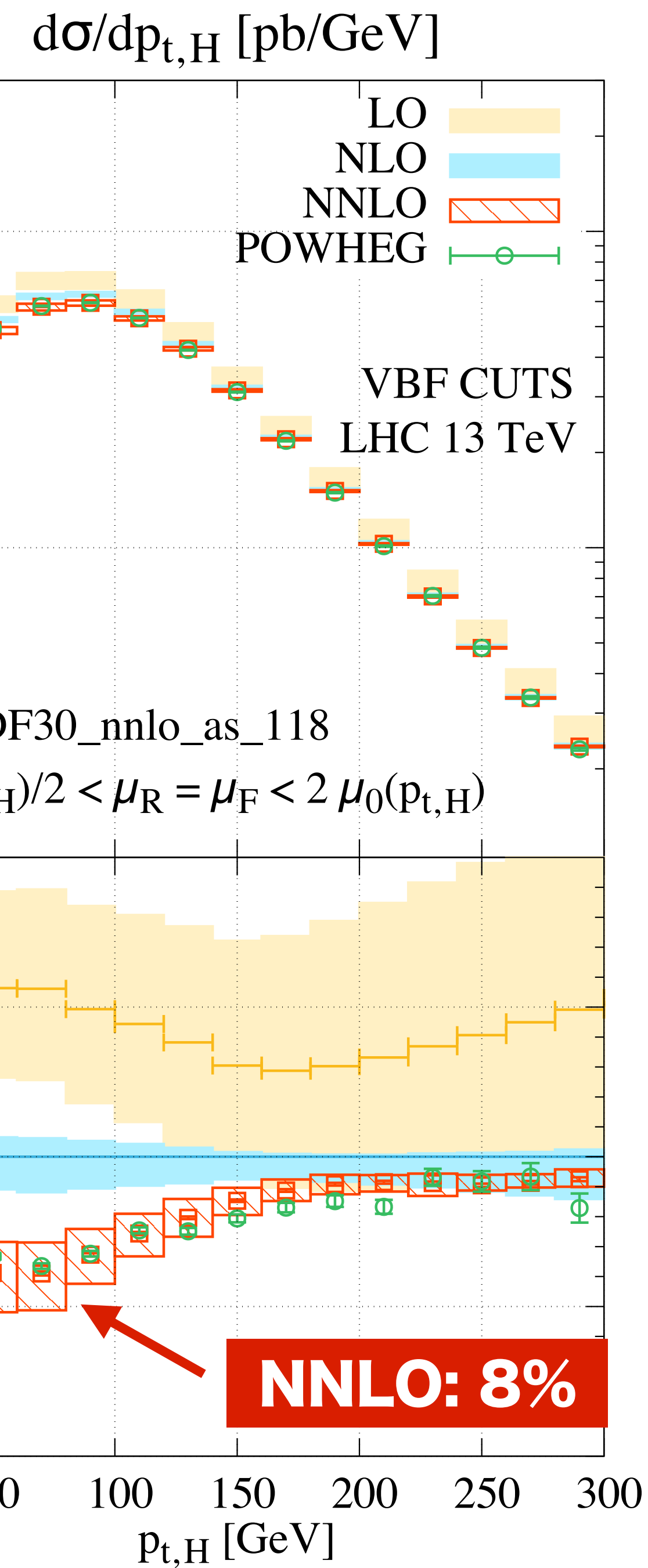
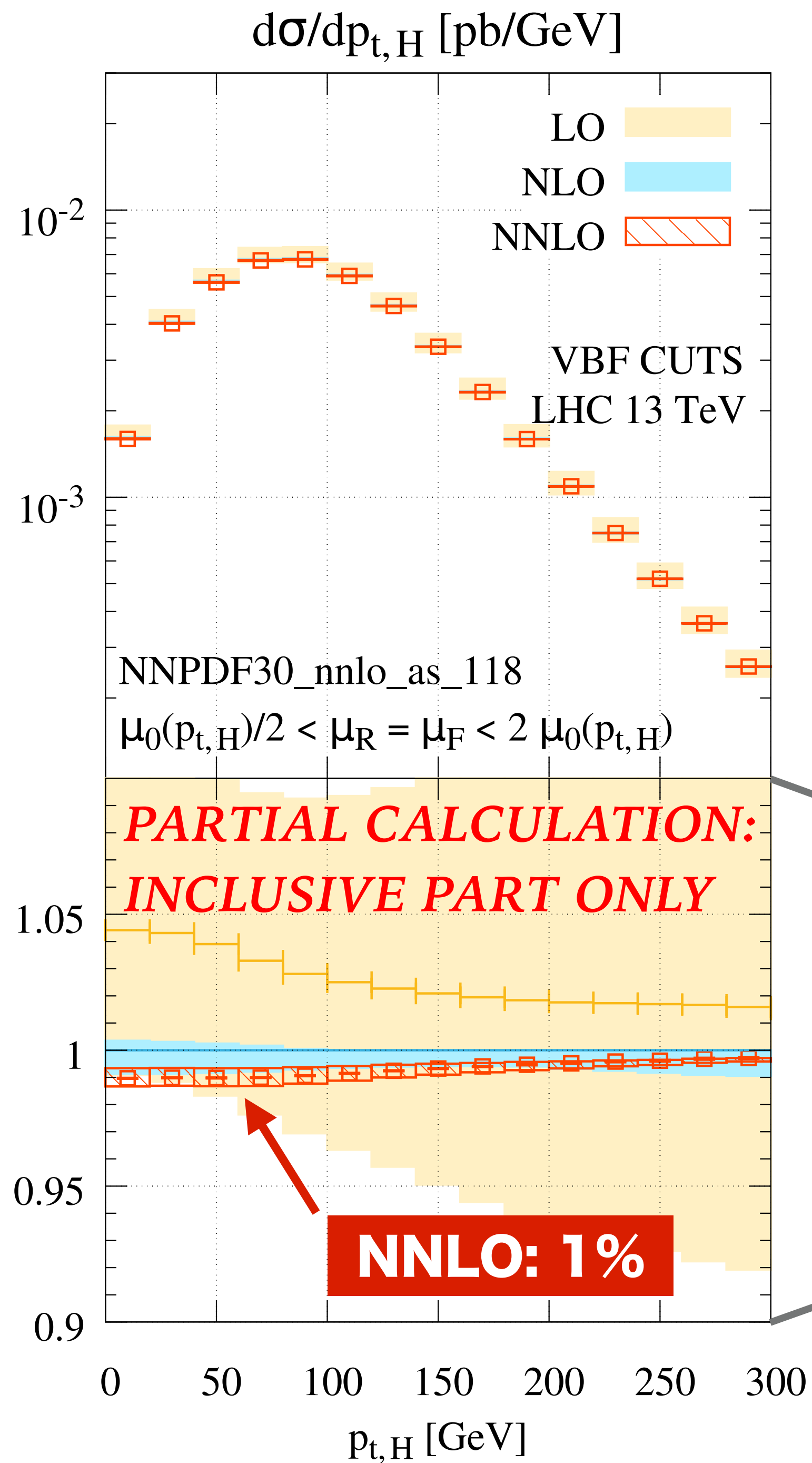


*using VBF 3-jet @ NLO from Jäger, Schissler & Zeppenfeld, 1405.6950*



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

# 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  $R_m = 1$  [*can be done with NLO 3-jet calc<sup>n</sup> from NLOJET++*]

*Dasgupta, Dreyer, GPS  
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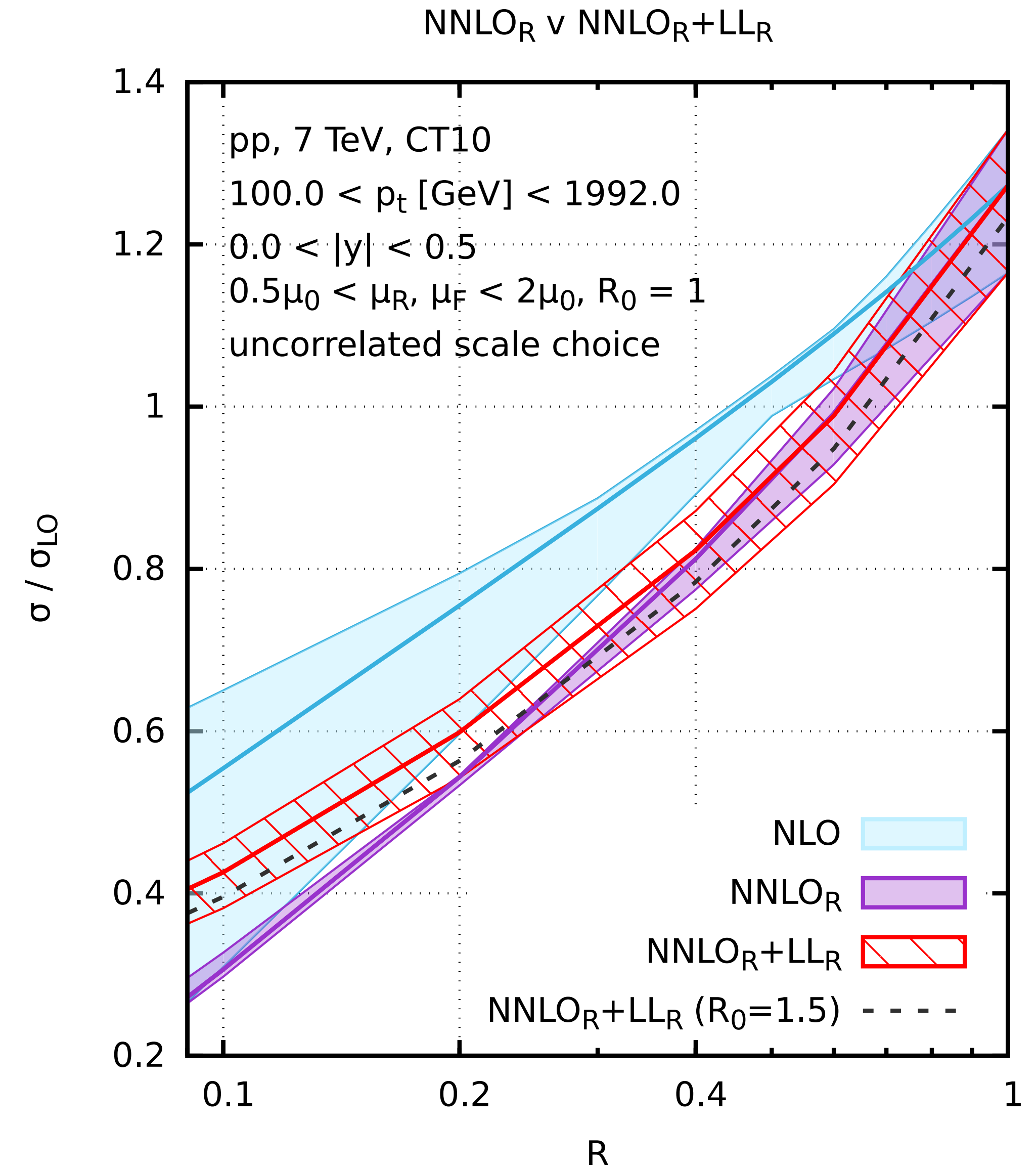
$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}_R(R, R_m) \equiv \underbrace{\sigma_0 + \sigma_1(R)}_{\text{NLO}} + \underbrace{[\sigma_2(R) - \sigma_2(R_m)]}_{\substack{R\text{-dependent piece of} \\ \text{NNLO, relative to } R_m}}$$

- 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)

# NNLO<sub>R</sub> & small-R resummation

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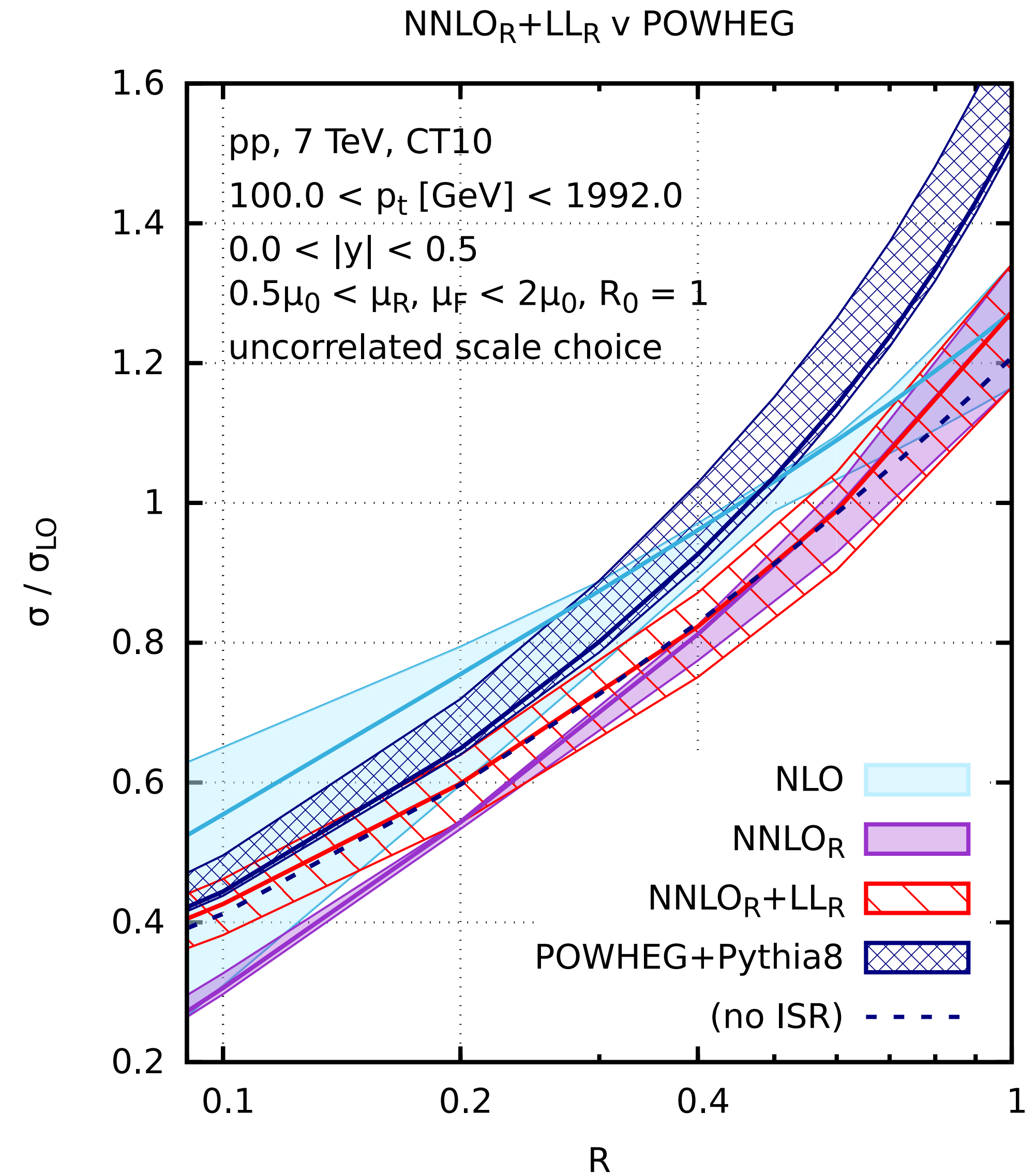




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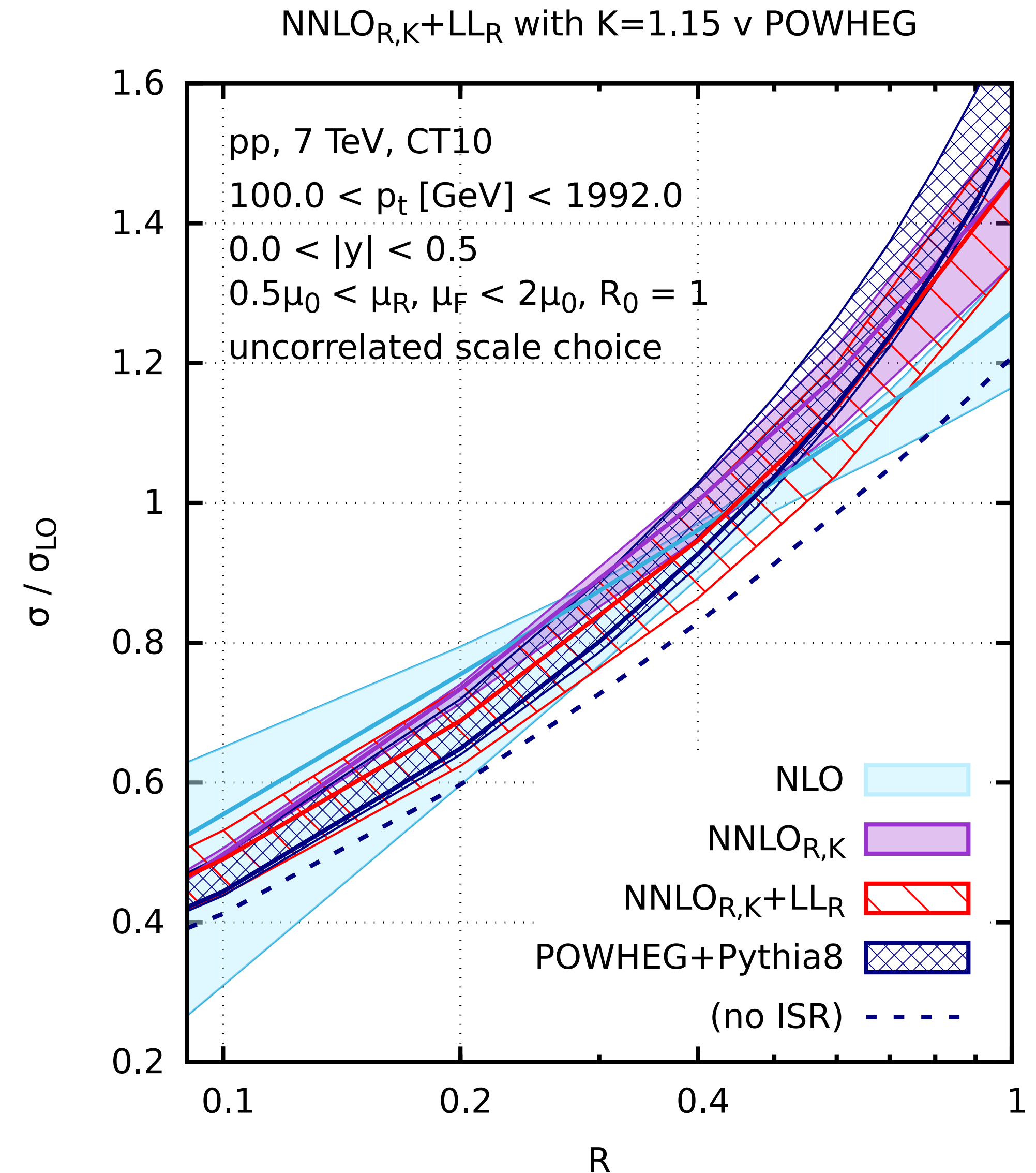
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# NON-PERTURBATIVE EFFECTS & JETS

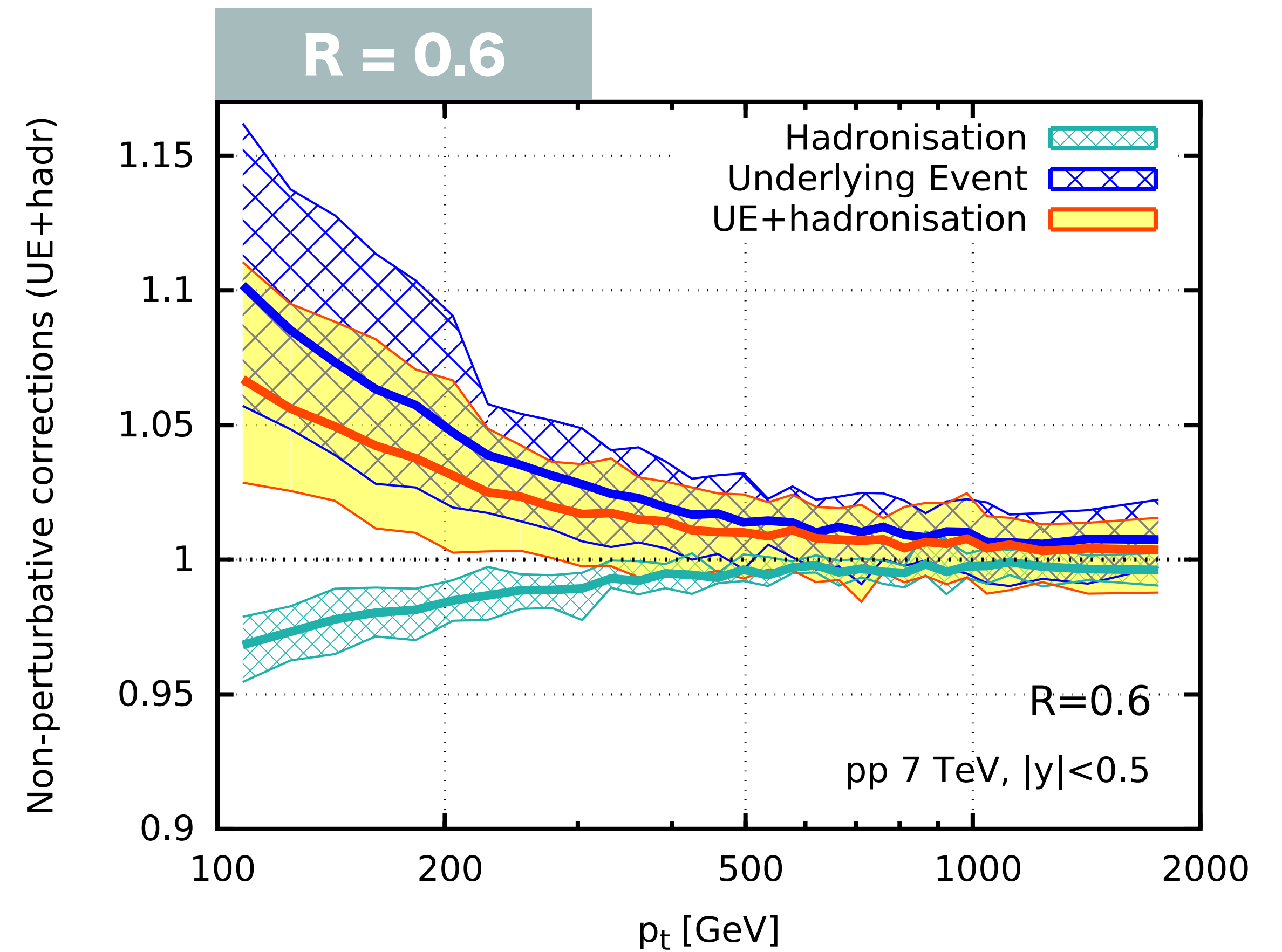
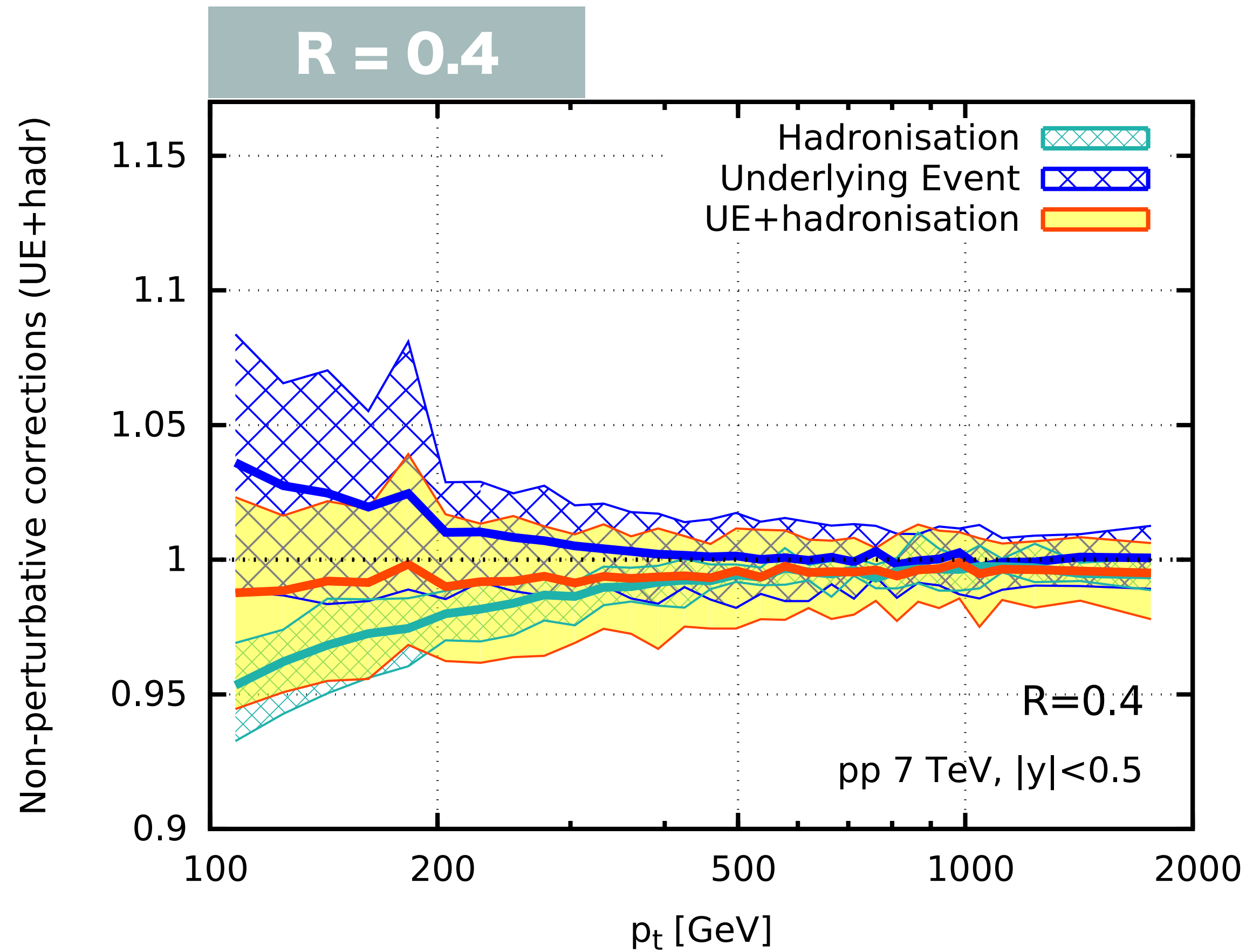
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*Often discussed for inclusive jet spectrum*  
*But relevant for any process involving jets*



# INCLUSIVE JETS

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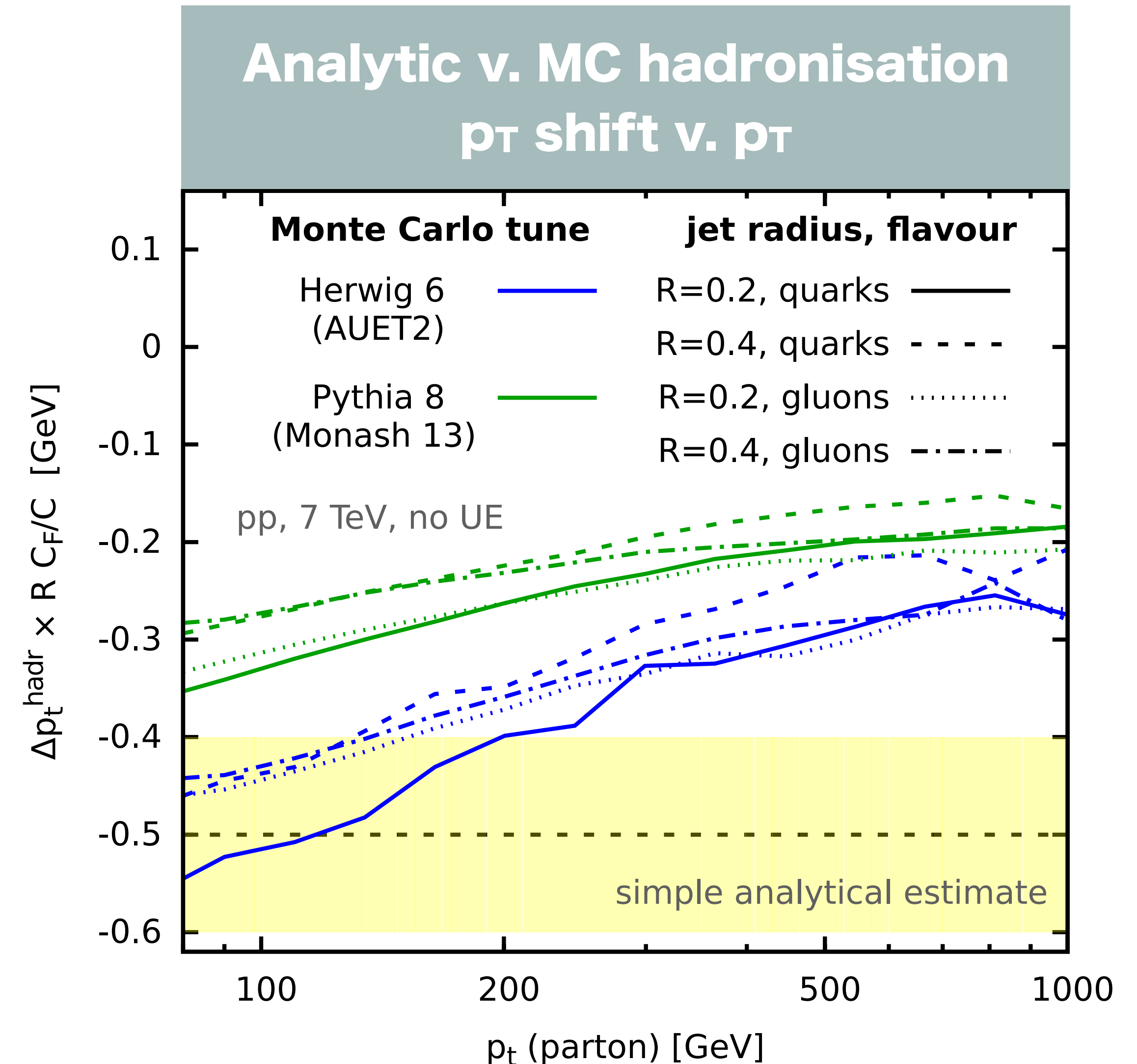


**Two effects: Hadronisation & “Underlying Event” (UE/MPI)  
5 - 15% effects, often of opposite signs**

# REMARKS

- Non-pert. effects are always relevant at accuracies we're interested in
- Watch out for cancellation between “hadronisation” and MPI/UE (separate physical effects)
- Definition of perturbative / non-perturbative is ambiguous
- Alternative to MC: analytical estimates. MC's have strong  $p_T$  dependence, missing in analytical estimates

**non-perturbative effects may become a key limitation at 1%**



# POWERFUL HANDLE: EXPLORE A RANGE OF JET RADII

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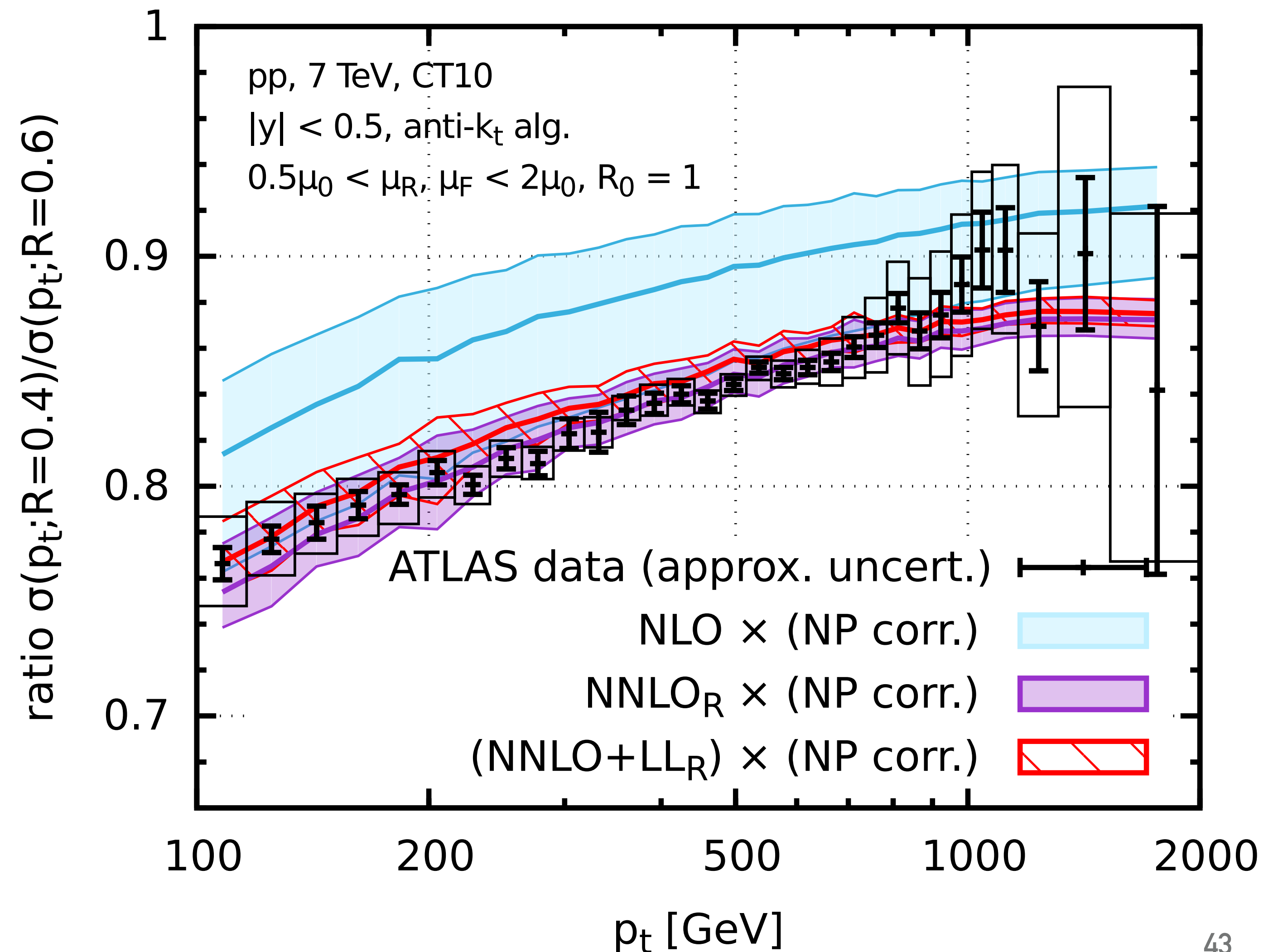
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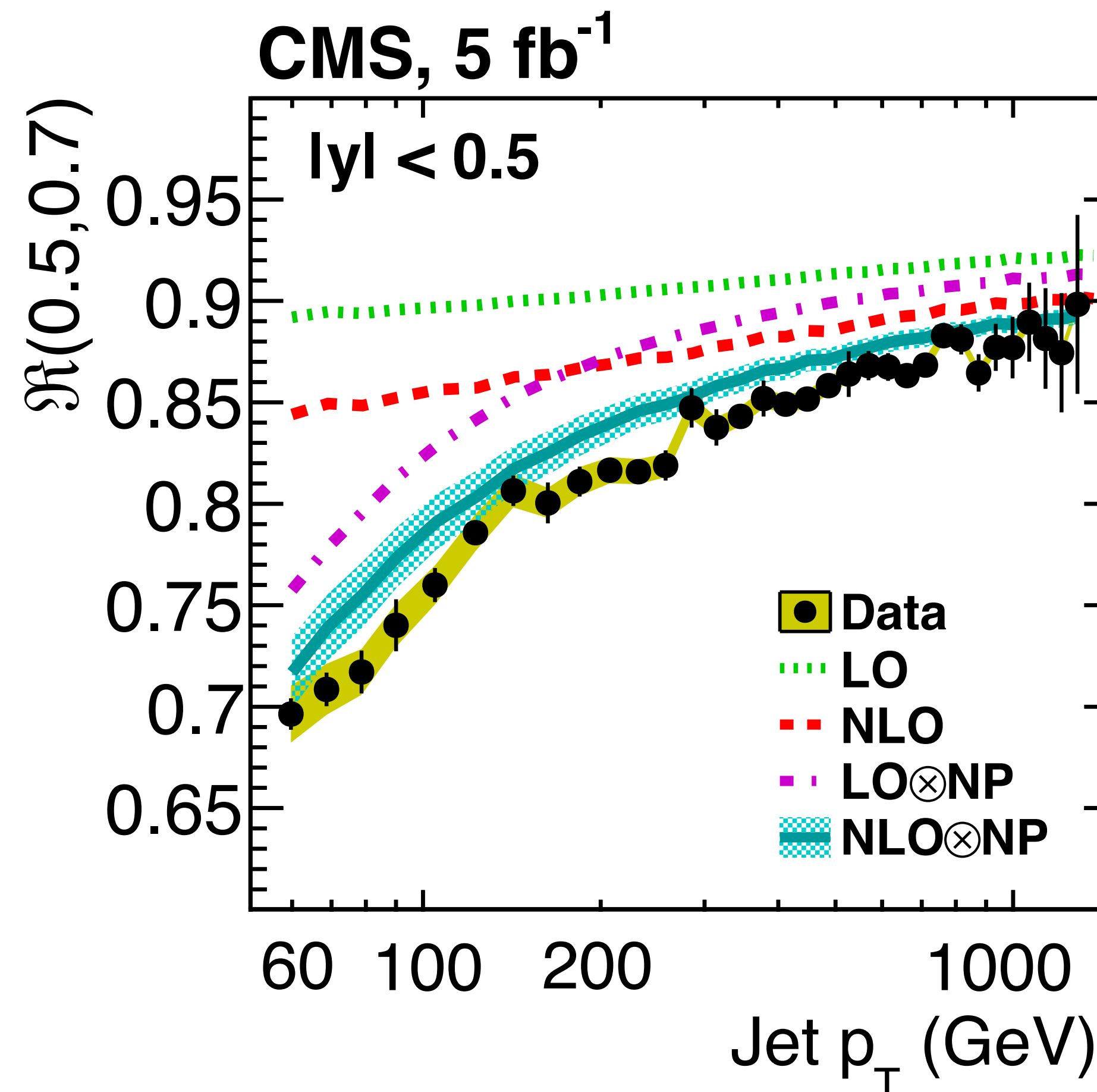
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*this uses ratio from Soyez 1101.2665  
(NLO is NLO 3-jet; NP is analytical)*

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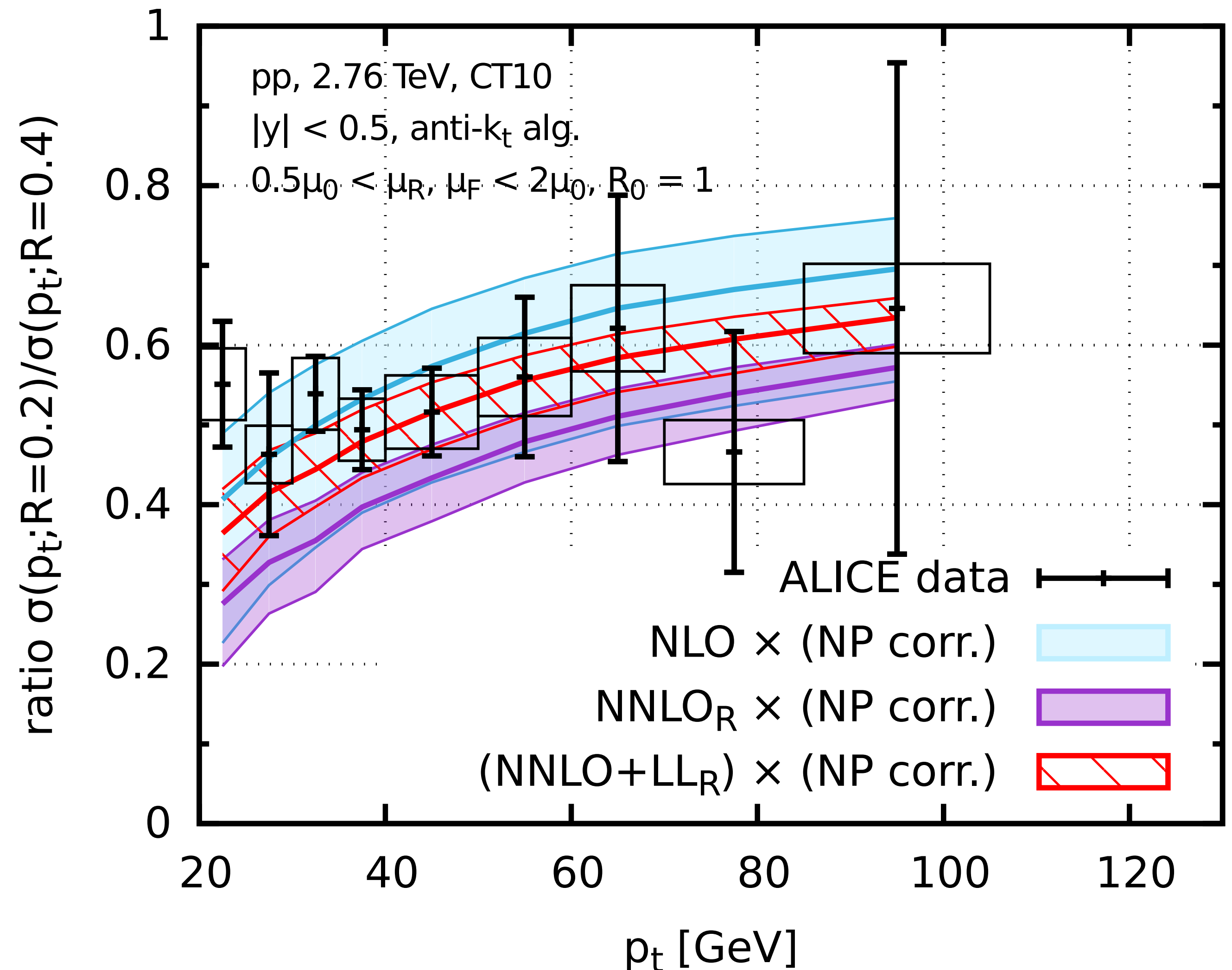
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This one usually missing (except ALICE); needs small-R resummation

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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  $\propto \alpha_s$  known with this precision)
- Even a Z can have non-perturbative corrections — framework for understanding these remains to be developed...
- Processes with jets need a dedicated effort to improve the precision

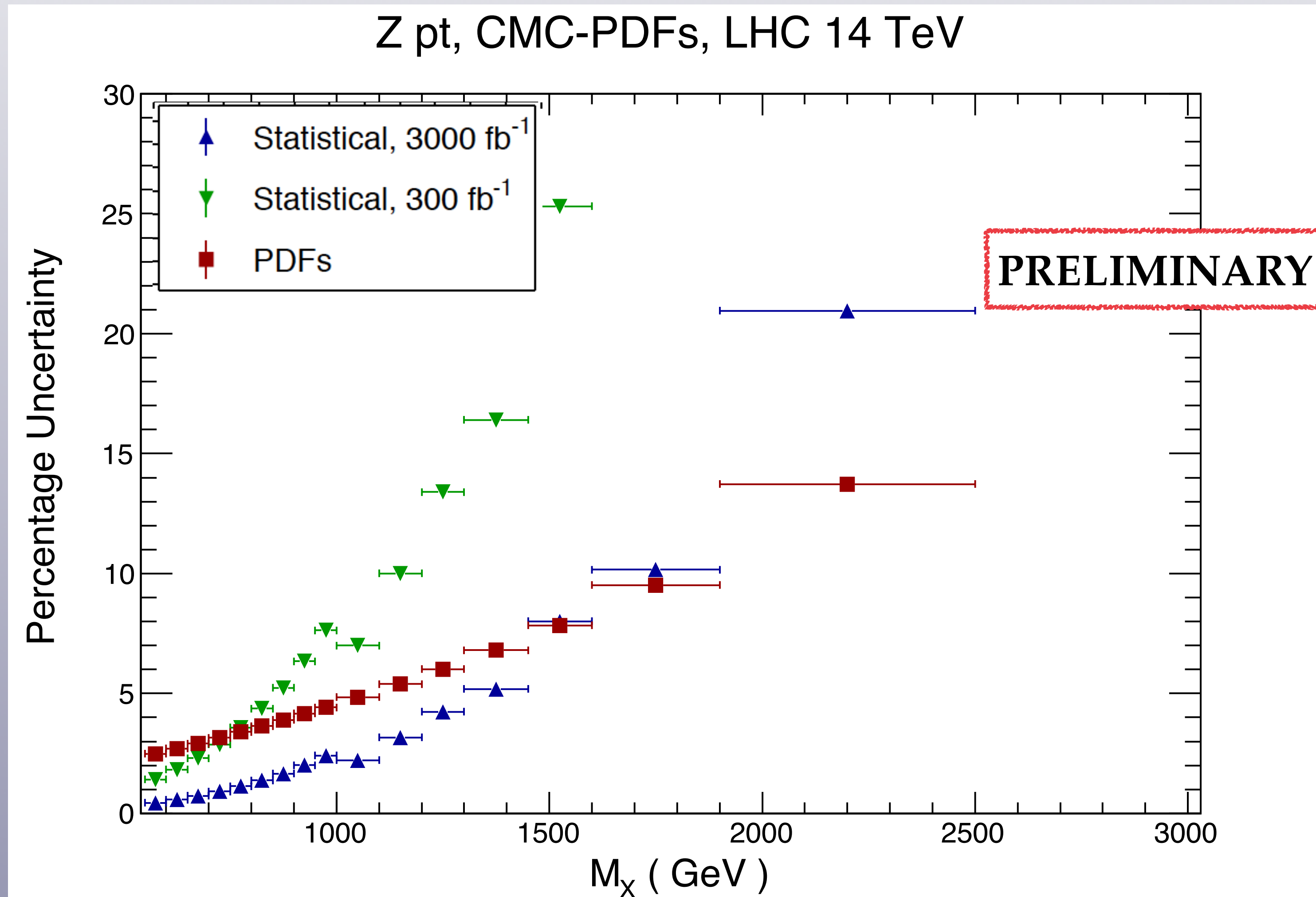


# BACKUP

# EXPERIMENTAL PERSPECTIVES

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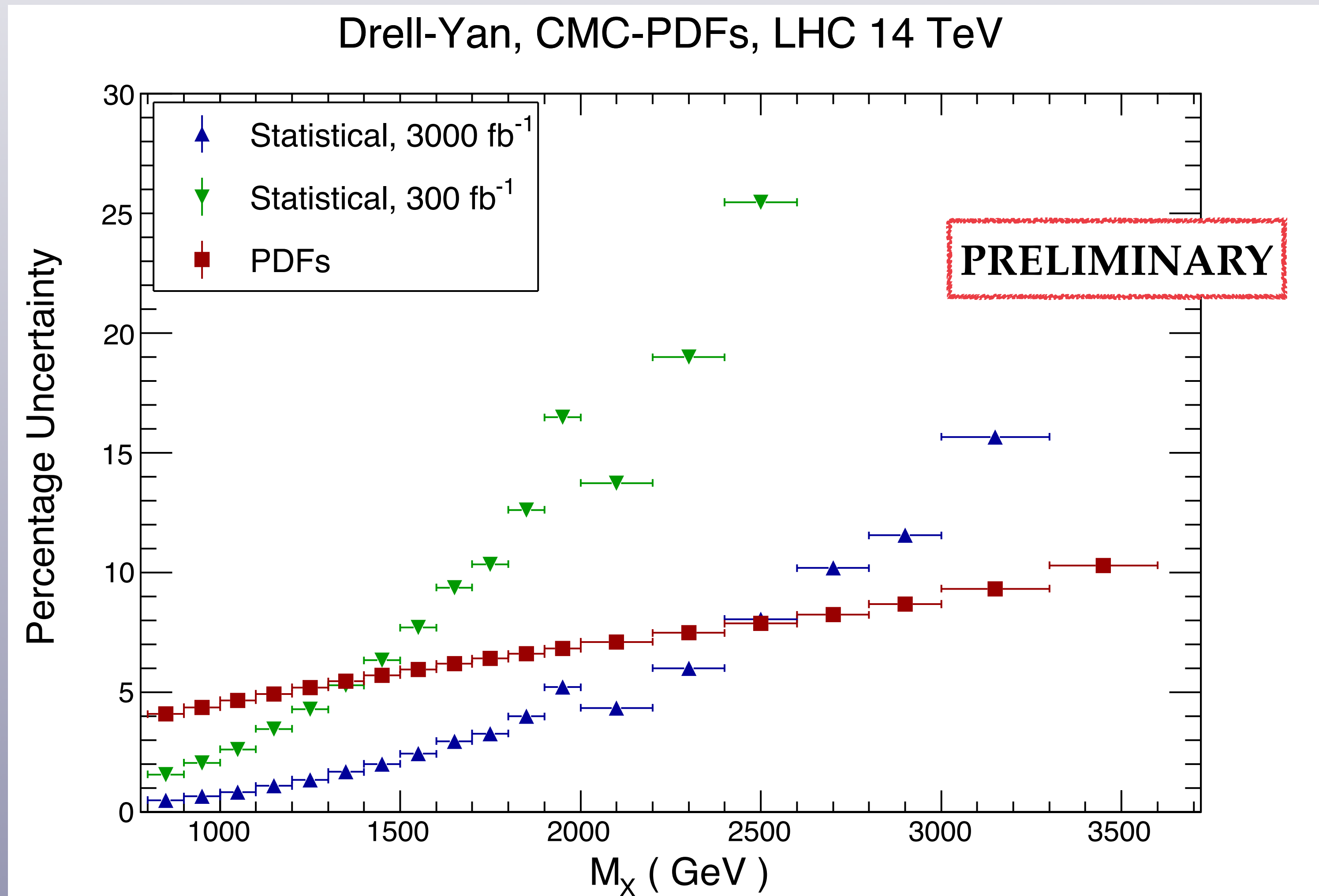
- Generate pseudo-data for the **transverse momentum distribution of Z bosons decaying into leptons**
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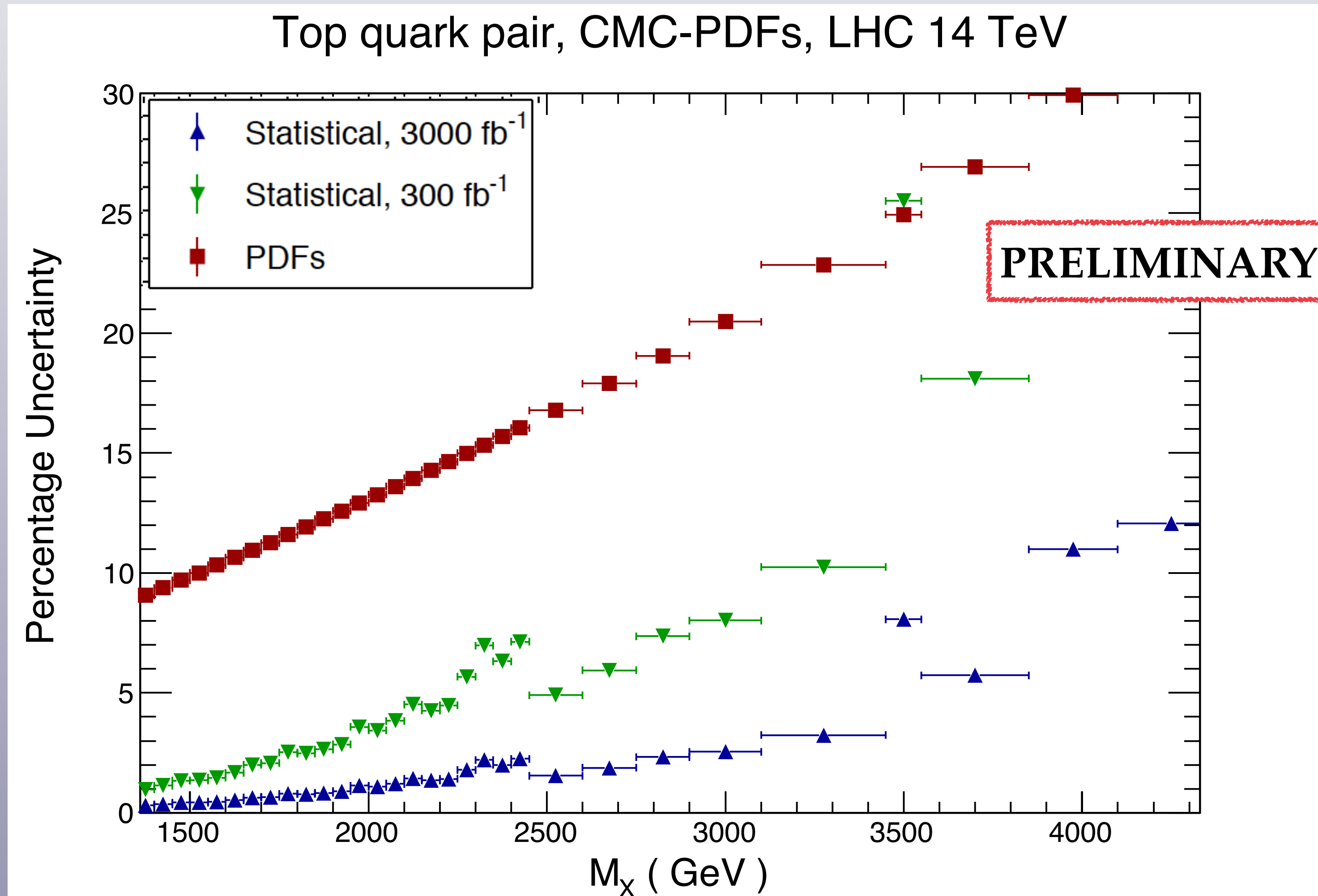
# Generation of pseudo-data: high-mass Drell-Yan

- Generate pseudo-data for the **invariant mass distribution** of **di-electrons** and **di-muons**
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# Generation of pseudo-data: top quark pair

- Generate pseudo-data for the **invariant mass distribution** in the **leptonic final state**
- Statistical uncertainties determined from **number of events per bin**, after a binning optimisation
- Added a **3% systematic uncertainty** to the statistical uncertainty



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

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Beam Imaging and Luminosity Calibration

arXiv:1603.03566v1 [hep-ex]

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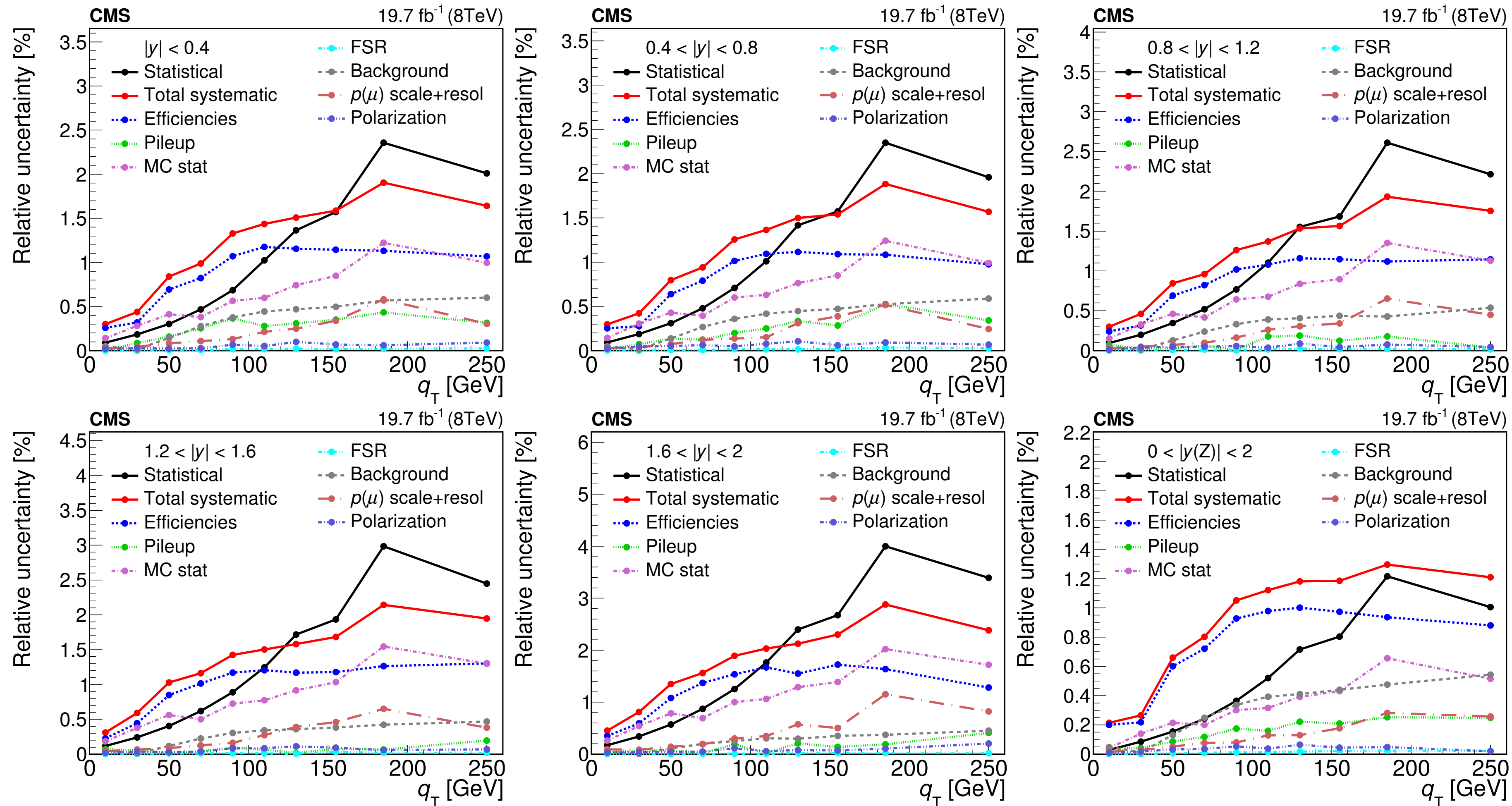
Markus Klute, Catherine Medlock, Jakob Salfeld-Nebgen  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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%.

**Z P<sub>T</sub>**



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



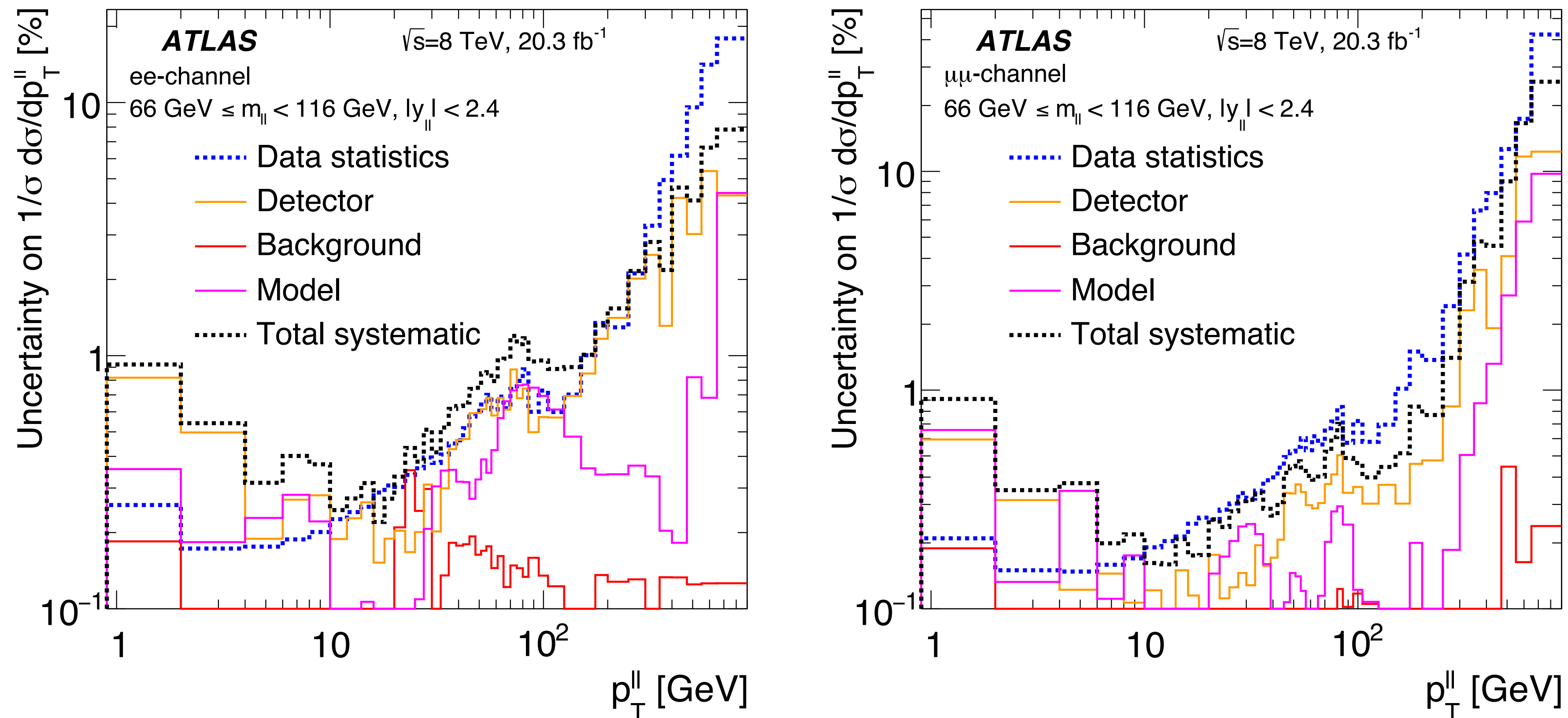
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Figure 1: Relative uncertainties in percent of the normalised fiducial cross section measurement. Each plot shows the  $q_T$  dependence in the indicated ranges of  $|y|$ .

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Figure 4: Uncertainty from various sources on  $(1/\sigma) d\sigma/d\phi_{\eta}^*$  (top) and  $(1/\sigma) d\sigma/dp_T^{\ell\ell}$  (bottom) for events with  $66 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 116 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|y_{\ell\ell}| < 2.4$ . Left: electron-pair channel at dressed level. Right: muon-pair channel at bare level.

# VBF HIGGS PRODUCTION

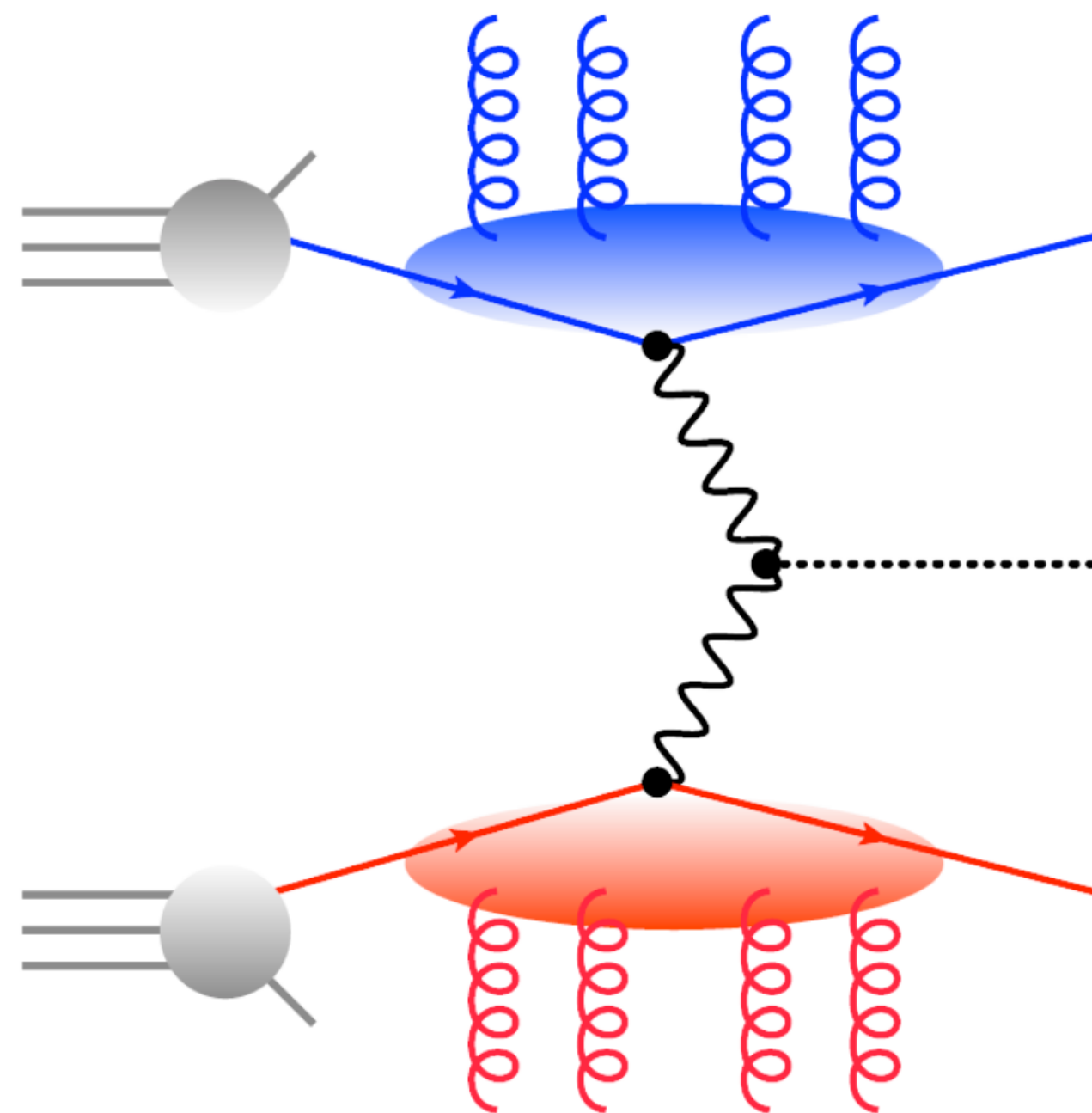
# Structure Function Approach

One can think of VBF Higgs production as a double Deep Inelastic Scattering ( $\text{DIS} \times \text{DIS}$ ) with no cross-talk between the upper and lower sectors.

[Han, Valencia, Willenbrock (1992)]

- this picture is accurate to more than 1%

[Bolzoni et al. (2012)], [Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier (2008)], [Andersen et al. (2008)]



- the factorisation of the two sectors is exact if one imagines two copies of QCD,  $\text{QCD}_1$  and  $\text{QCD}_2$ , respectively for the upper and lower sectors.
- all DIS coefficients are known to NNLO and almost all to  $\text{N}^3\text{LO}$ .
- as the DIS coefficients are inclusive over the hadronic final state, **the calculation cannot provide differential results.**

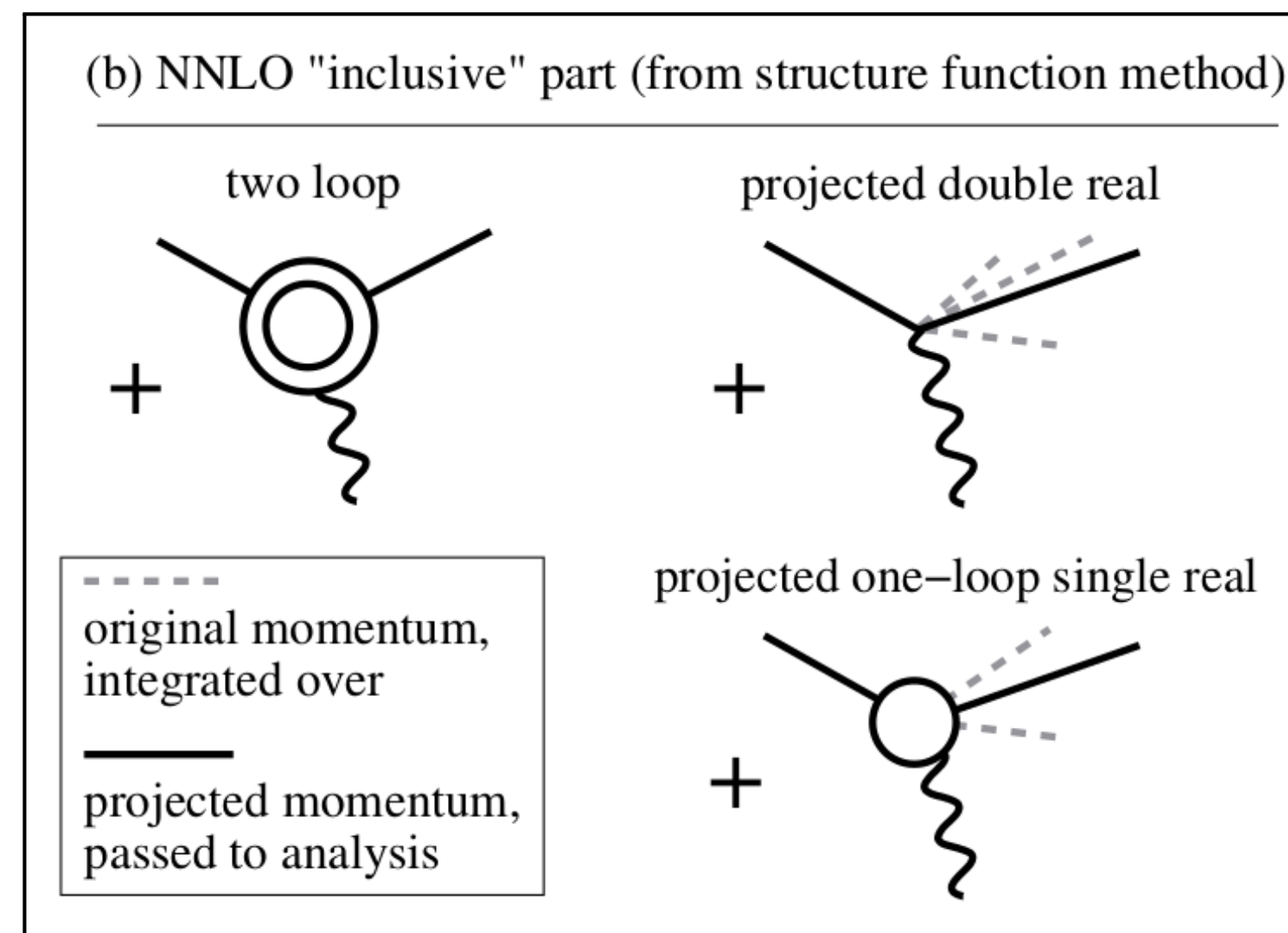


# Beyond the Structure Function Approach

The calculation is based on **two ingredients**:

1. An “inclusive” contribution

- use the Structure Function Approach and use four-vectors  $q_1, q_2$  to assign Born-like kinematics using the equations below
- use the projected Born-like momenta to compute differential distributions



$$p_{in,i} = x_i P_i$$

$$p_{out,i} = x_i P_i - q_i$$

$$x_i = \frac{q_i^2}{2q_i P_i}$$

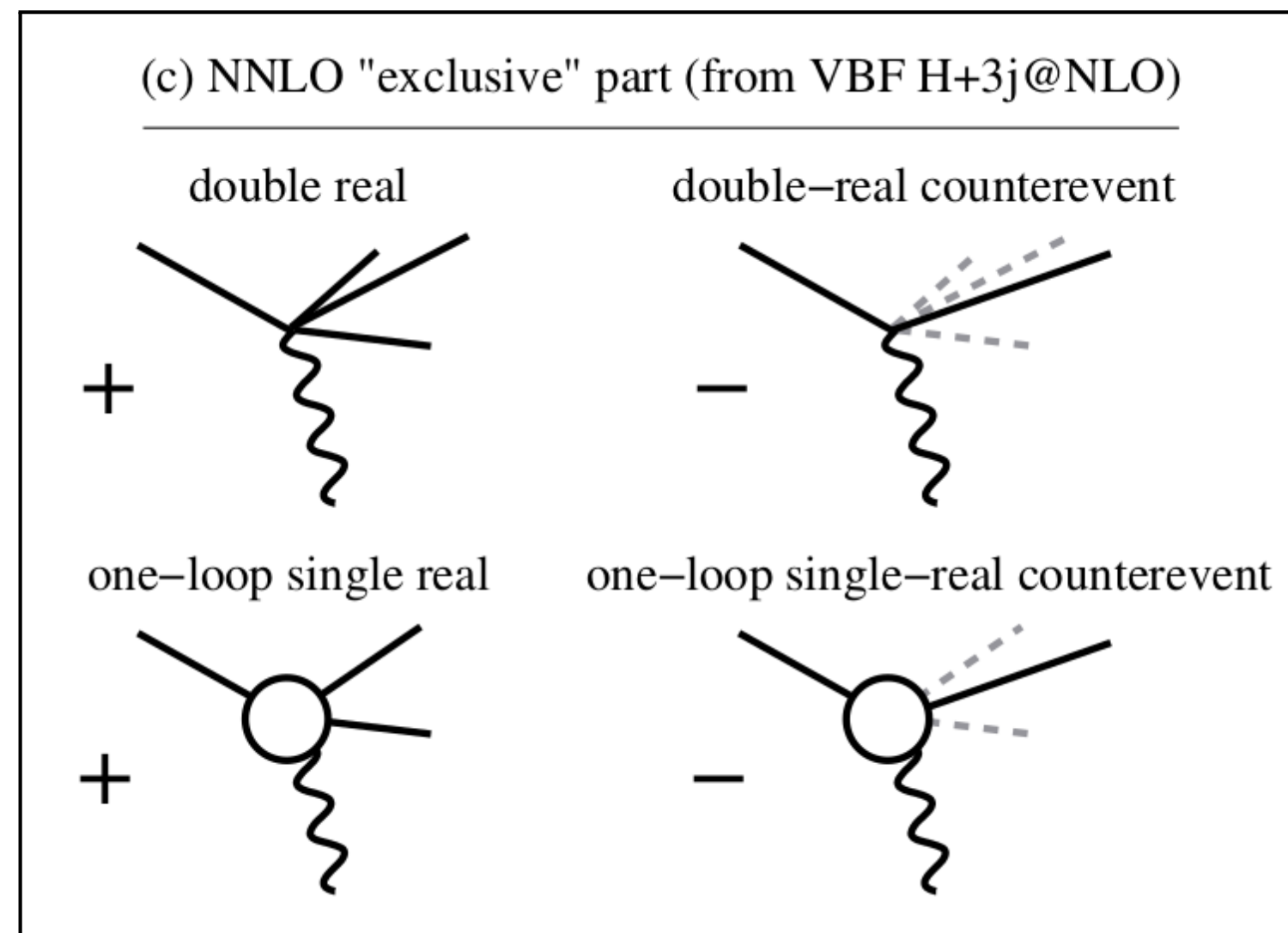
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- use the electroweak  $H + jjj$  NLO calculation in the factorized approximation

[Figy et al. (2007)], [Jäger et al. (2014)]



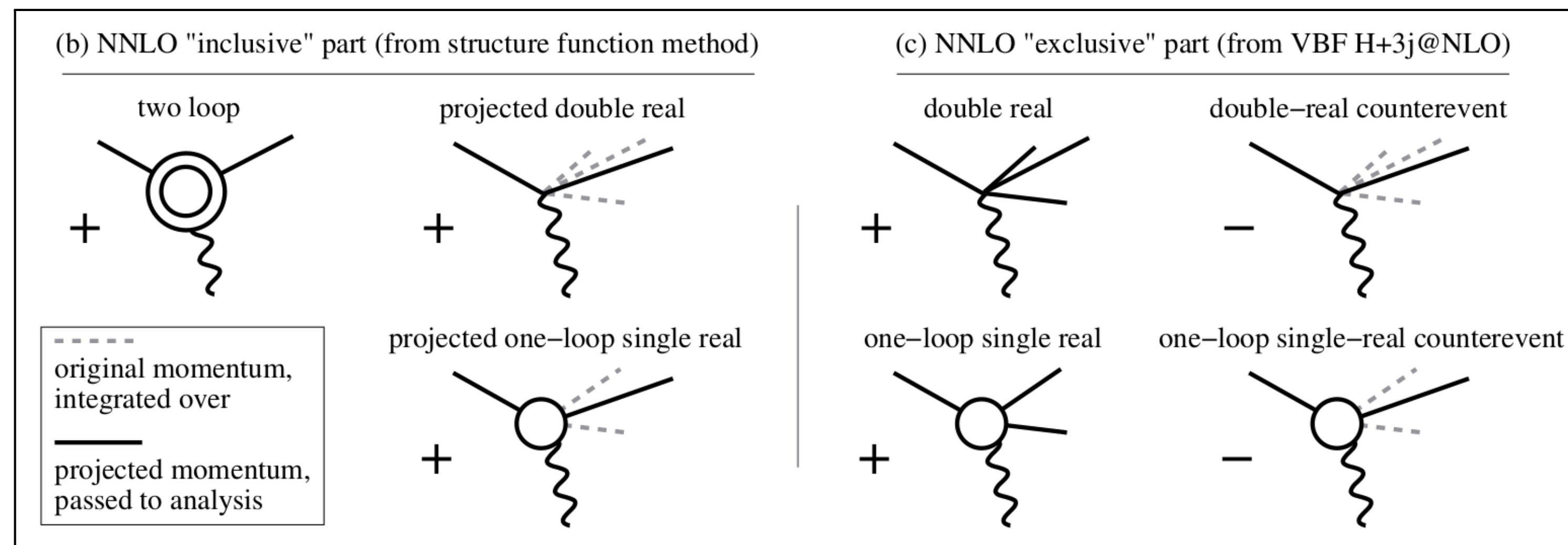
- for each parton, keep track of whether it belongs to the upper or lower sector, and compute vector-boson momenta  $q_1, q_2$
- for each event add **counter-event with projected Born kinematics** and opposite weight

The counter-events **cancel** identically with the projected terms from the “inclusive” contribution.

# Beyond the Structure Function Approach

Schematically we express the “projection-to-Born” (P2B) method as

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma &= \int d\Phi_B (B + V) + \int d\Phi_R R \\
 &= \underbrace{\int d\Phi_B (B + V) + \int d\Phi_R R_{P2B}}_{\text{“inclusive” contribution}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_R R - \int d\Phi_R R_{P2B}}_{\text{“exclusive” contribution}}
 \end{aligned}$$



# Phenomenology

We study 13 TeV LHC collisions with  $M_H = 125$  GeV and NNPDF3.0\_nnlo\_as118. We use the following VBF cuts:

- Jets defined with anti- $k_t$ ,  $R = 0.4$  and  $p_t > 25$  GeV
- Two hardest jets within  $|y| < 4.5$
- High dijet invariant mass,  $M_{j_1j_2} > 600$  GeV, and separation,  $\Delta y_{j_1j_2} > 4.5$
- Hardest jets in opposite hemispheres,  $y_{j_1}y_{j_2} < 0$

We choose a central scale which approximates well  $\sqrt{Q_1 Q_2}$  and symmetrically vary by a factor 2 up and down

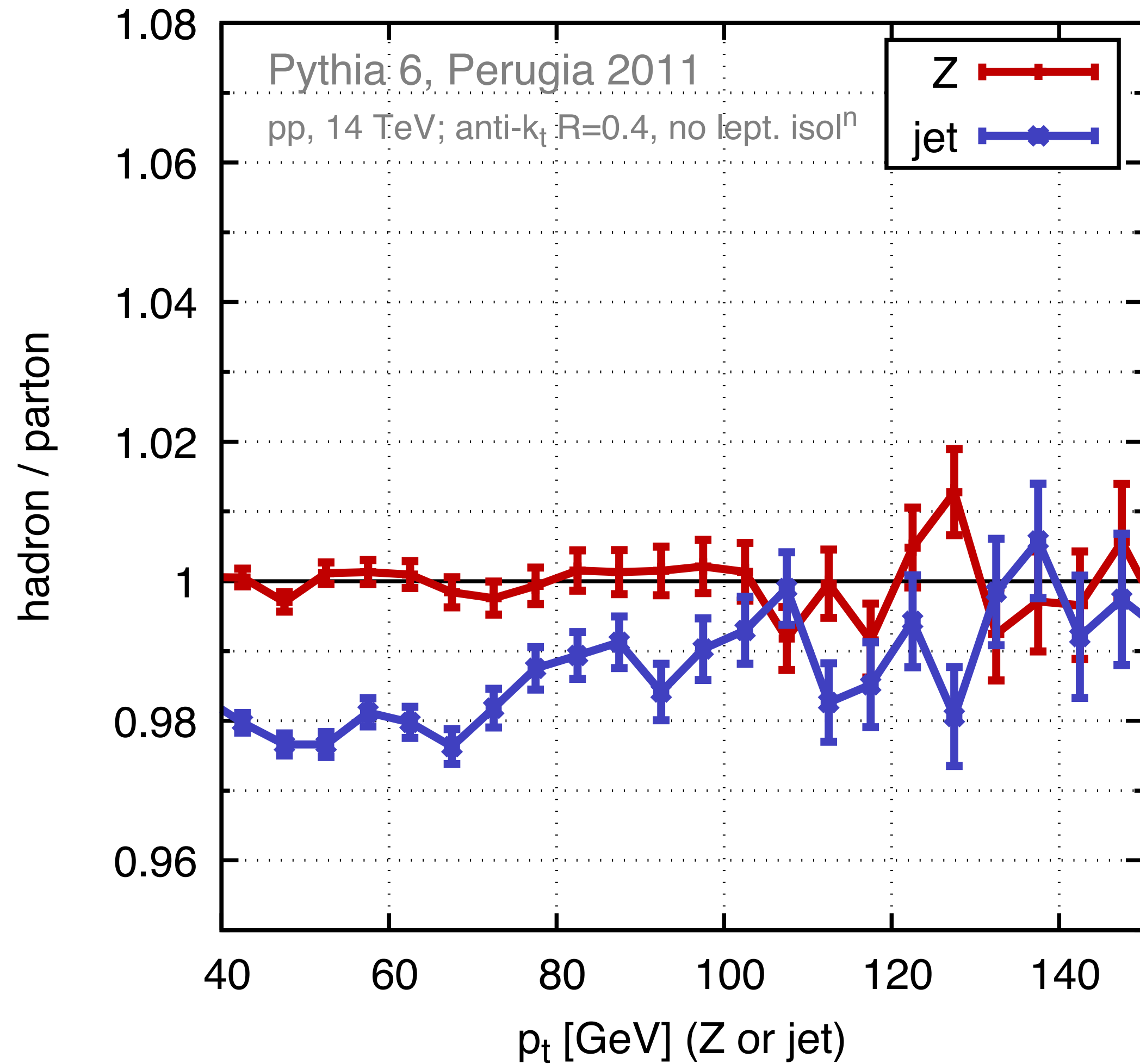
$$\mu_0^2(p_{t,H}) = \frac{M_H}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{M_H}{2}\right)^2 + p_{t,H}^2}$$



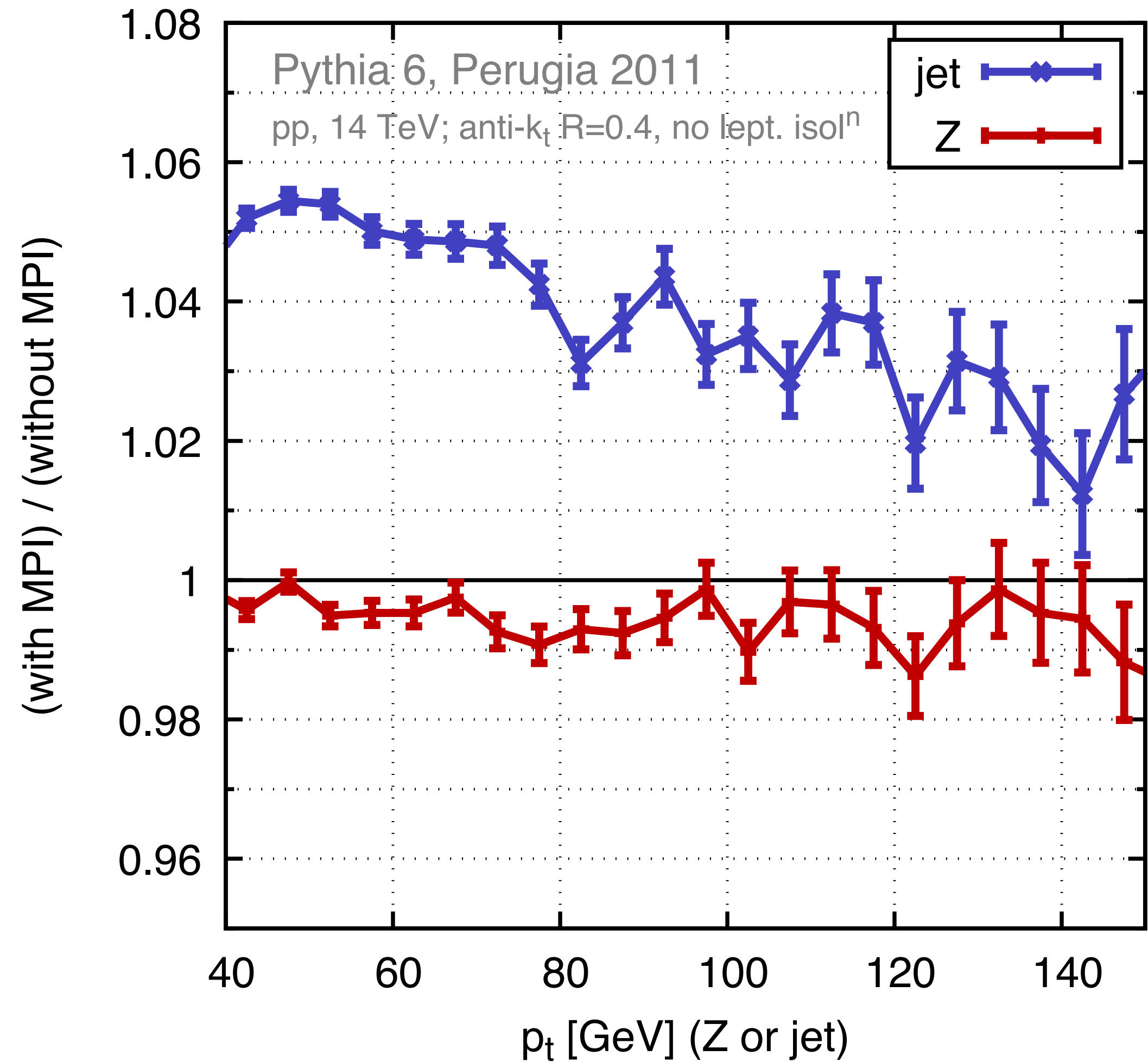
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# Jet v. Z in Z+jet process

impact of hadronisation



impact of MPI (UE)

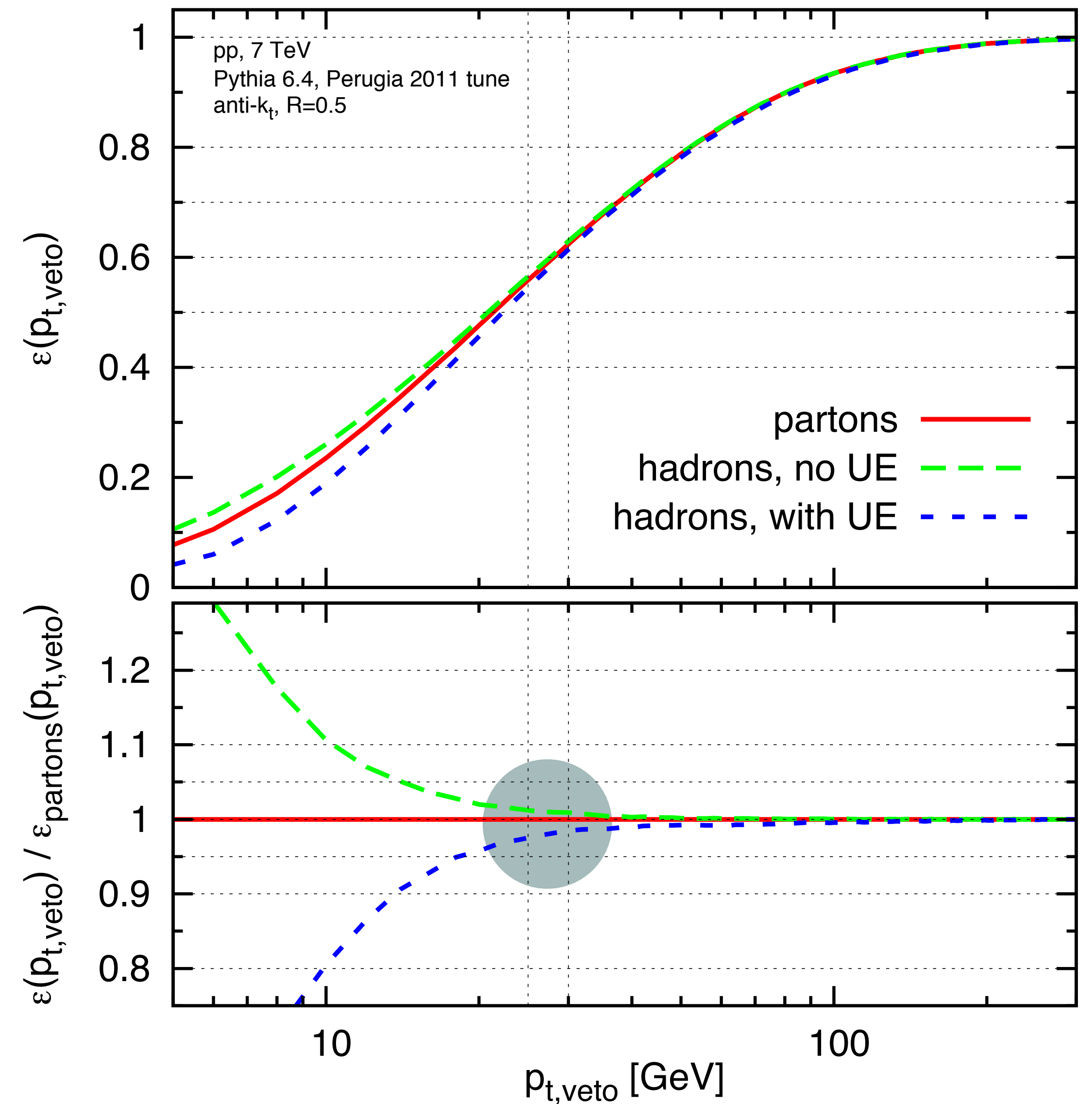


2 - 5% effects for jets

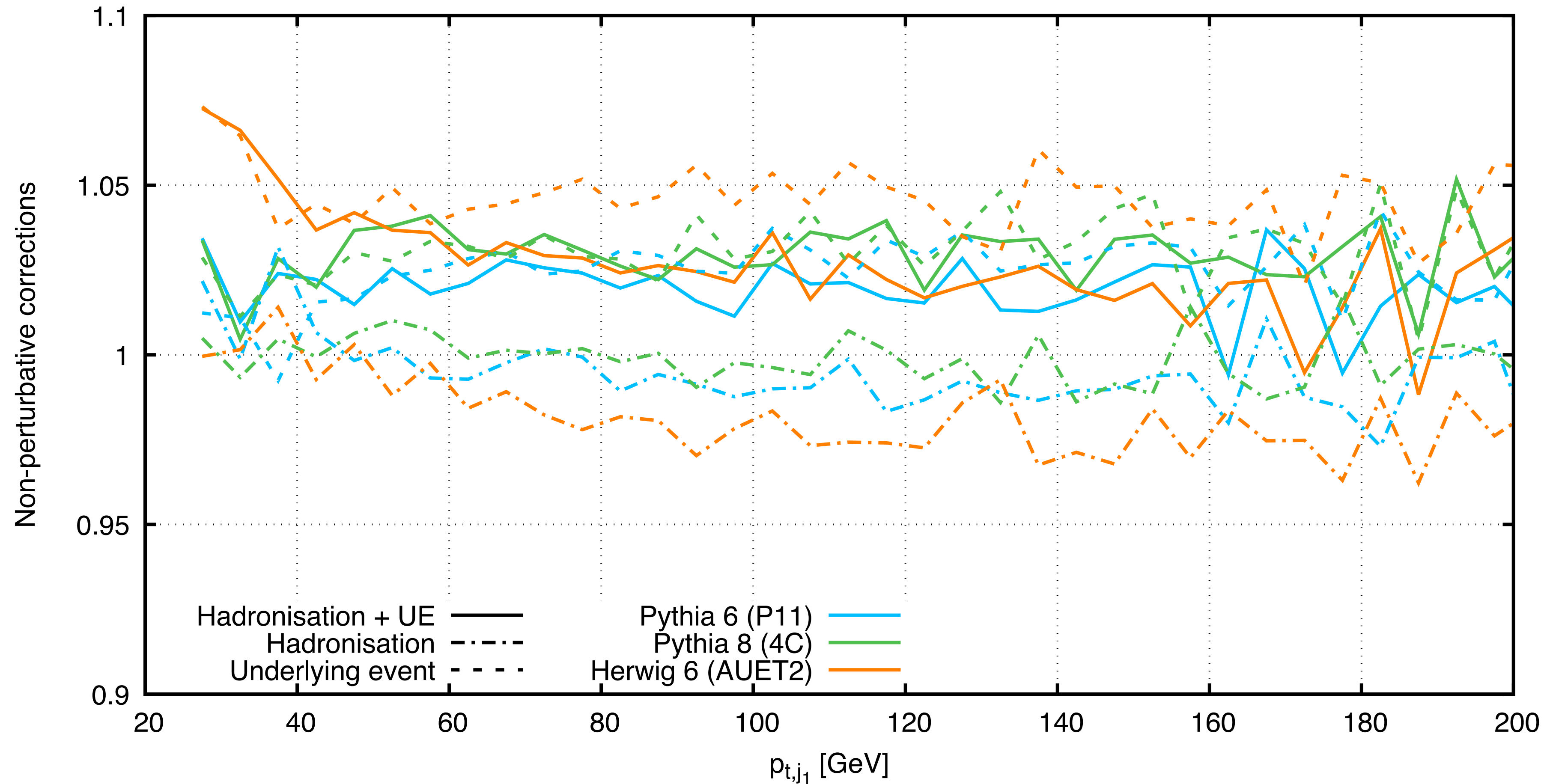
# Higgs jet veto

1 - 3% effects for jets

Higgs production ( $m_H = 125$  GeV), impact of hadronisation



# VBF (leading jet)



**3 - 5% effects**

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**SMALL-R**

# NLL SMALL-R TERMS

