

# Latest highlights by ATLAS

## *Precision measurements and simulations*

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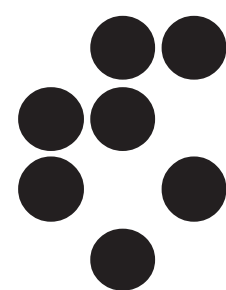
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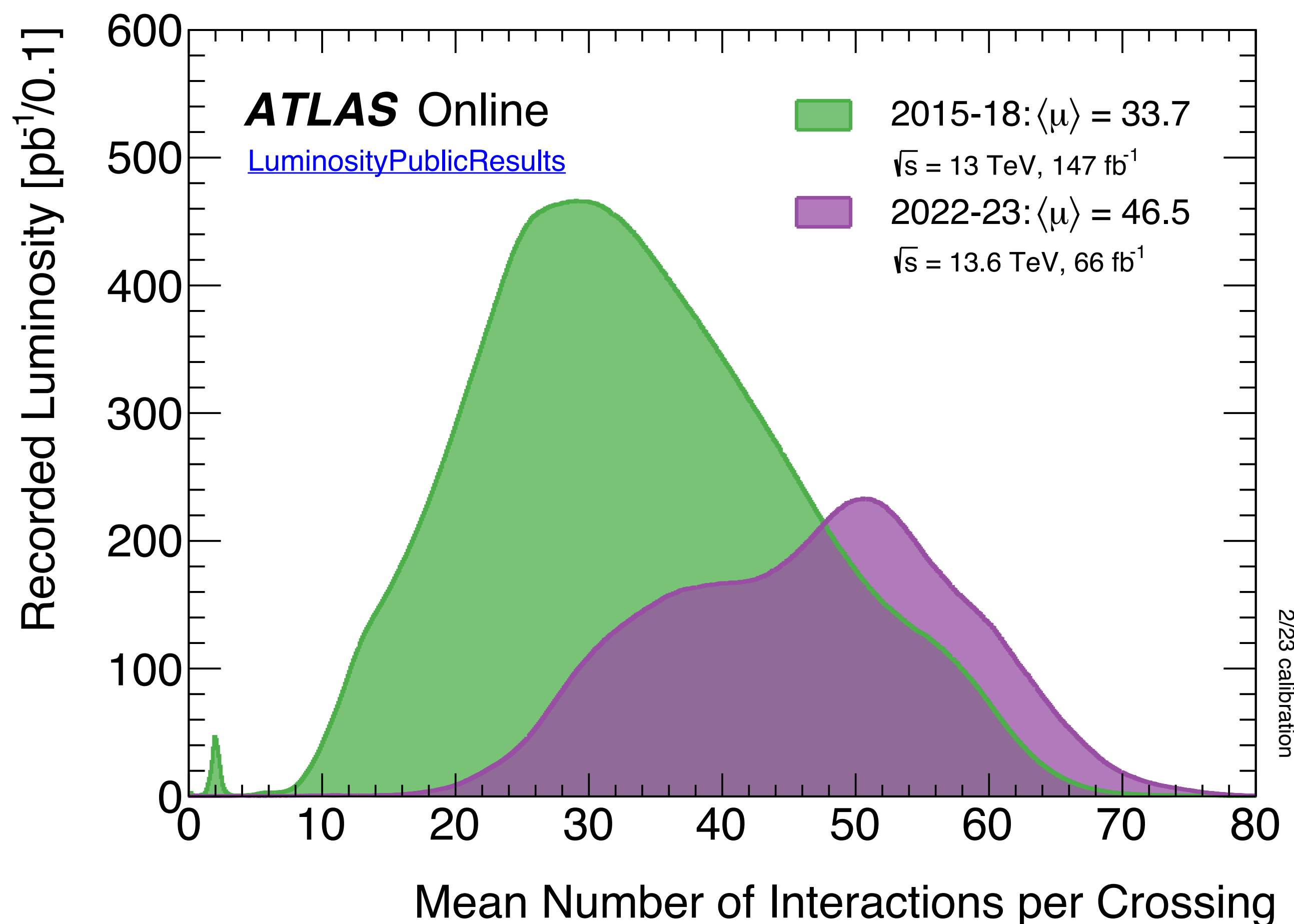
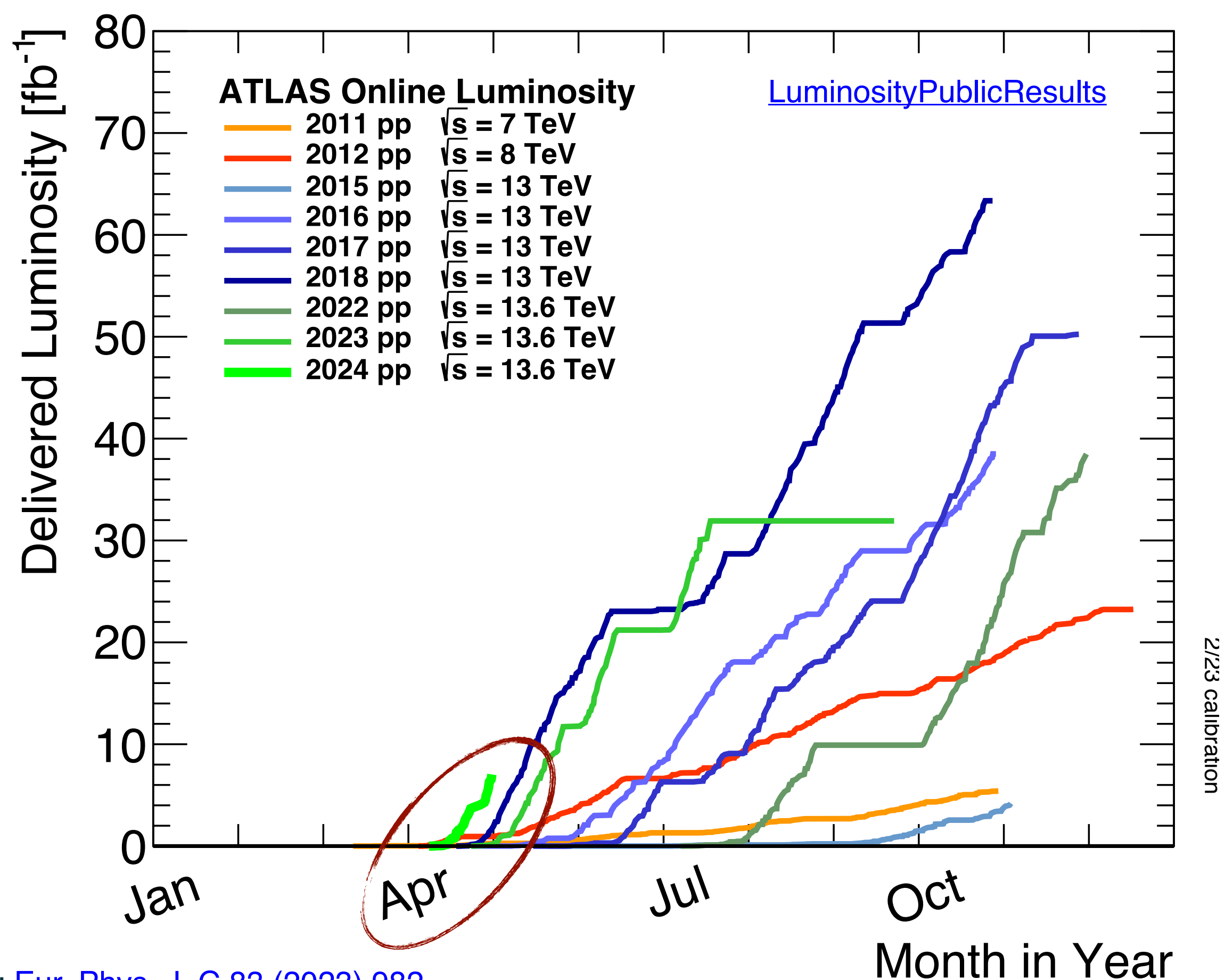


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- Final ATLAS integrated luminosity for Run 2  $pp$  collisions at 13 TeV:  $140.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (**0.83% precision**)\*
  - Very well understood detector performance and calibrations— crucial for precision measurements
- Run 3 data taking at 13.6 TeV underway— about  $70 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  collected so far
  - Expected to continue through 2025 with a total integrated luminosity of  $\sim 250 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Higher pileup than in Run 2, but comparable detector performance thanks to upgrades (e.g. NSW)

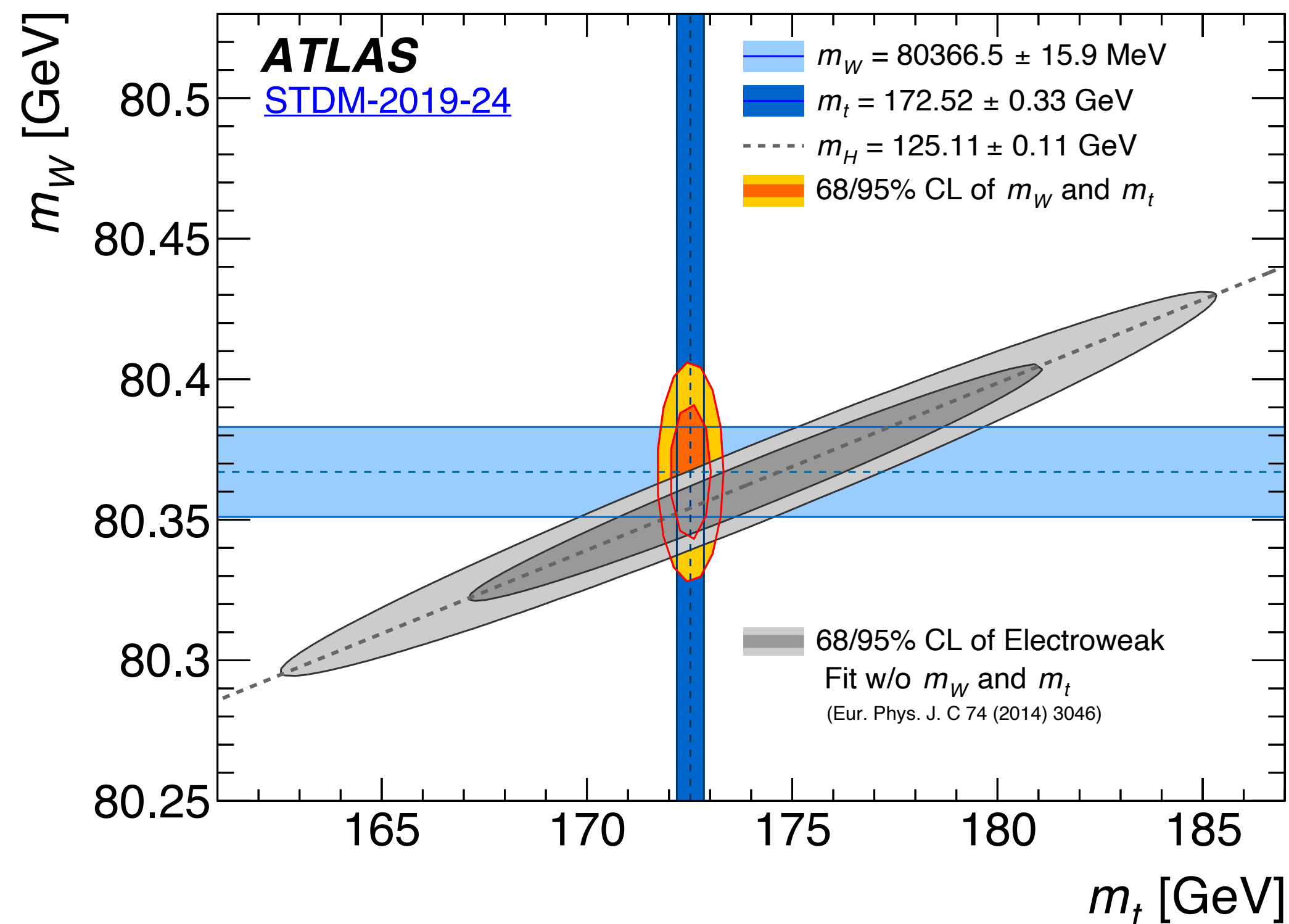
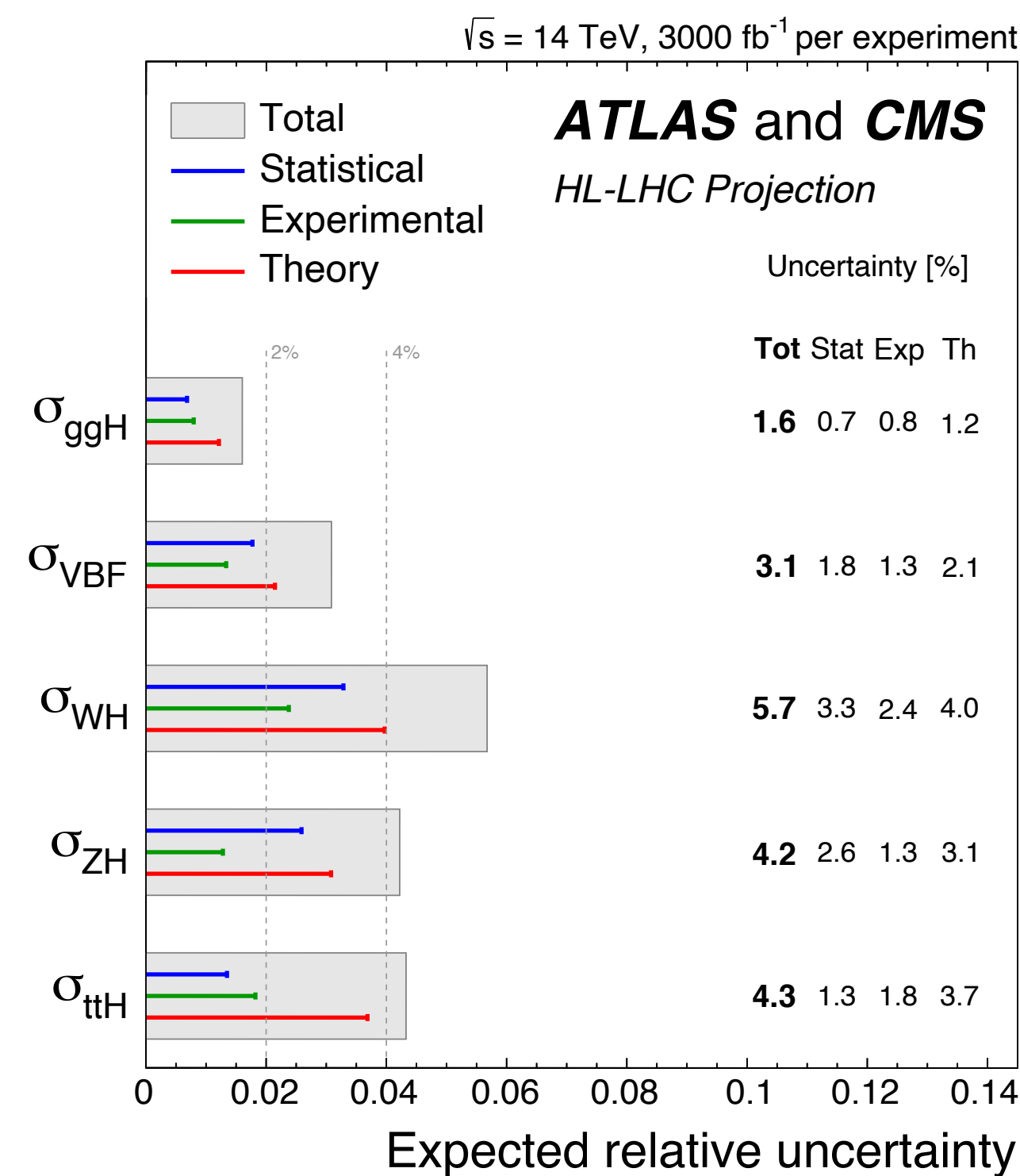
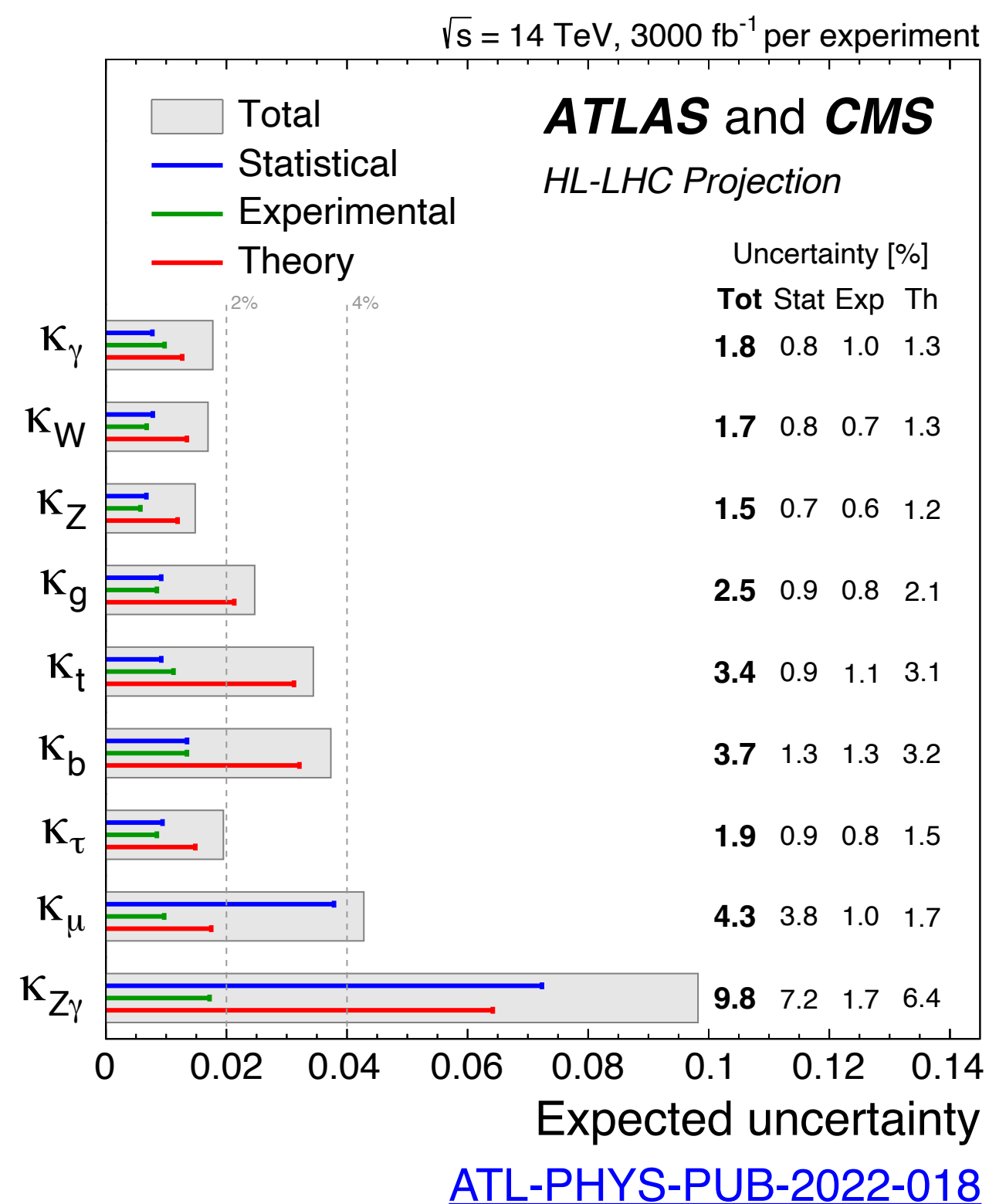
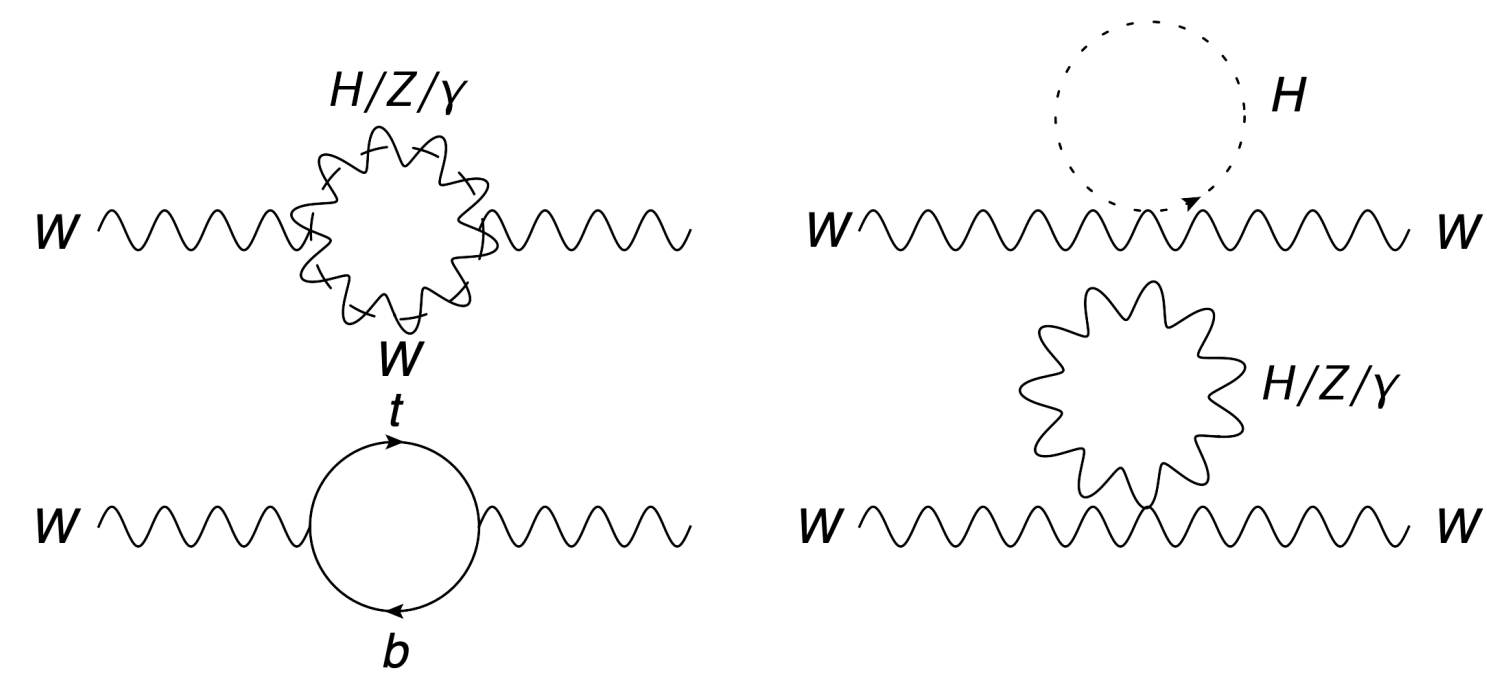


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# Why precision measurements?



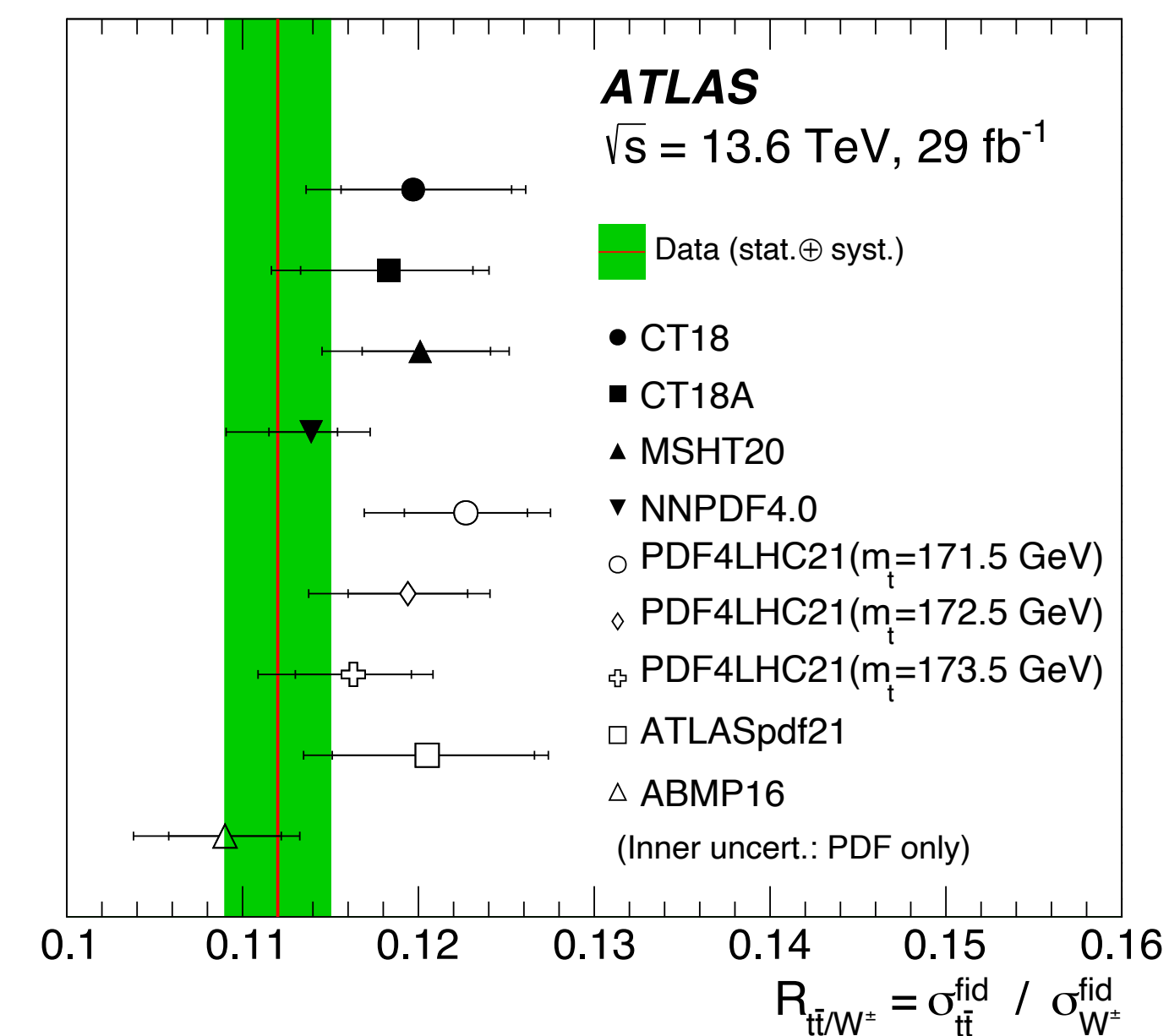
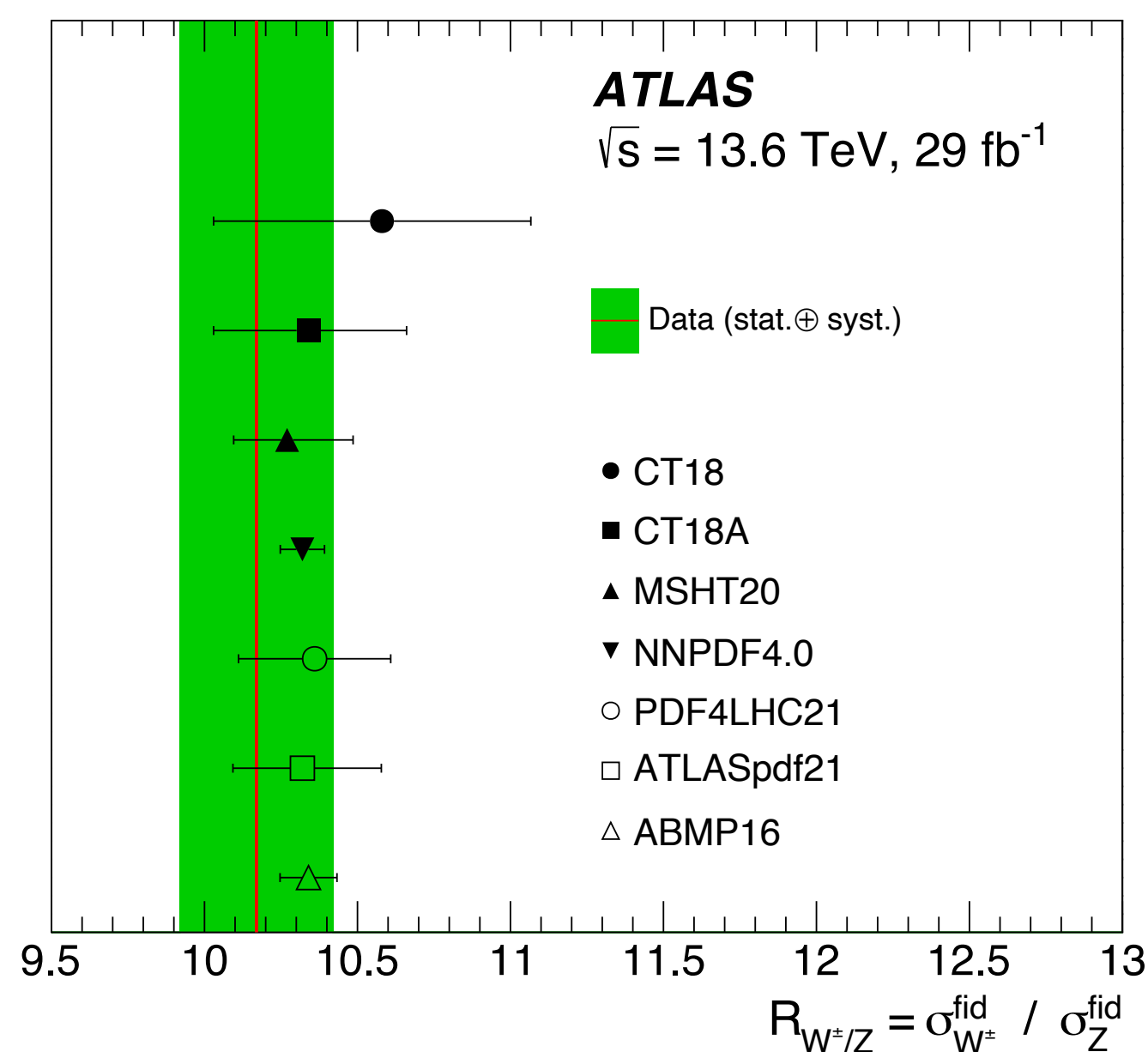
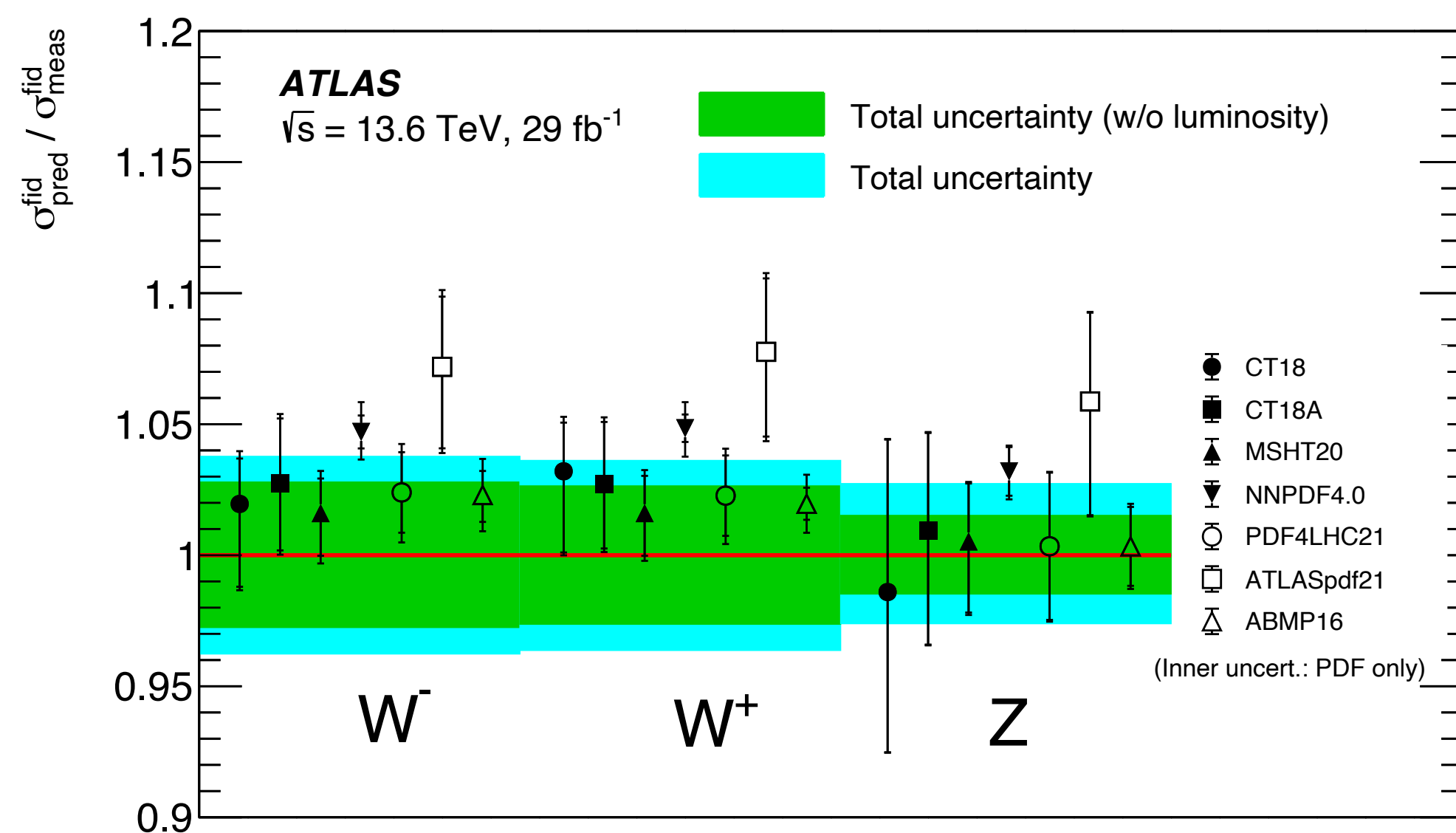
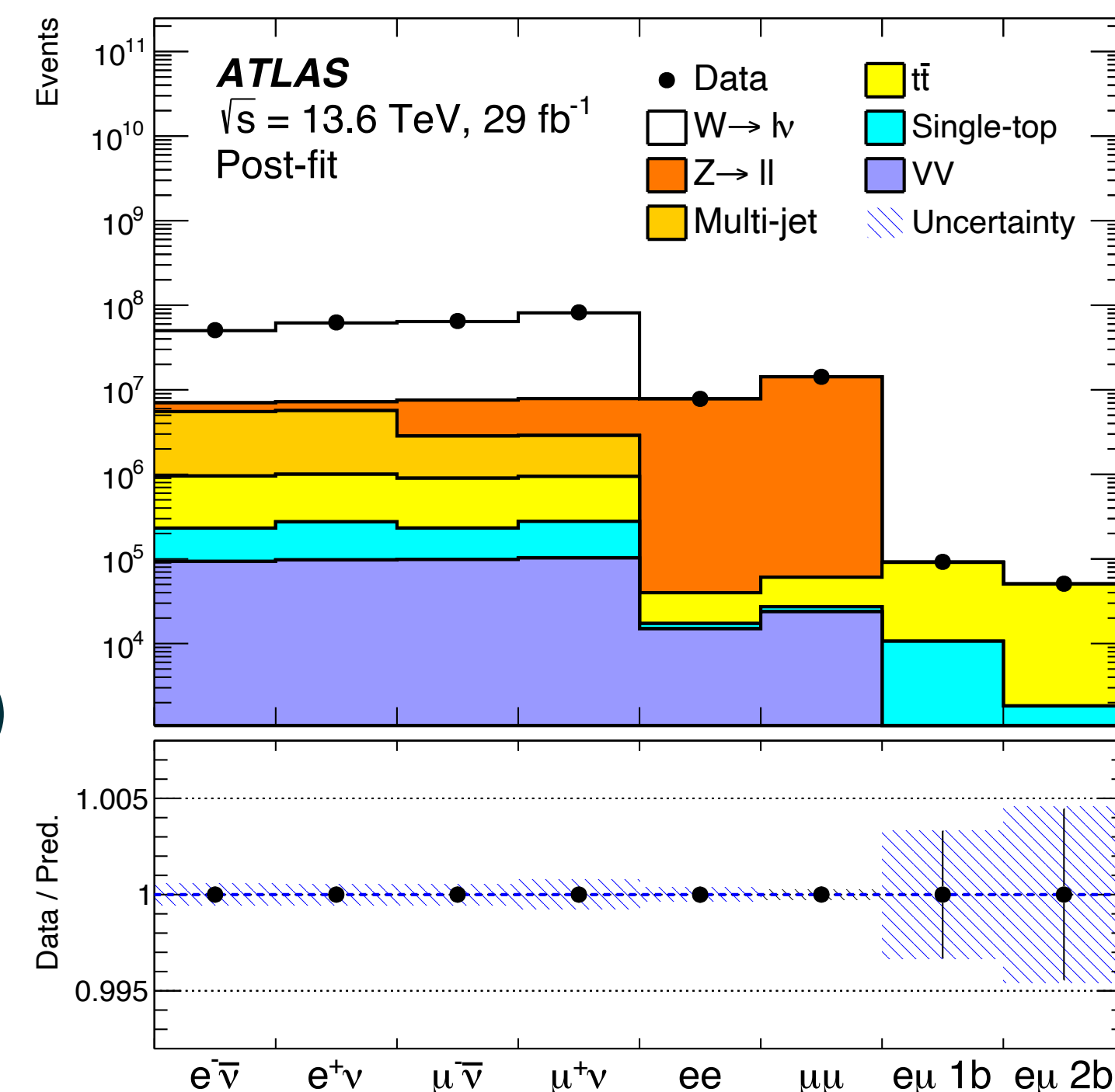
- Precision measurements play a major role in the search for New Physics (NP) at the LHC and HL-LHC
  - Direct sensitivity to New Physics (e.g. electroweak parameters via loop corrections)
  - Input to simulations and PDF fits—indirectly improves sensitivity to NP
- Substantial improvements in the precision of  $pp$  collision simulations needed to unlock the discovery potential of the HL-LHC
  - E.g. theory uncertainty (sig. & bkg.) expected to be dominant for Higgs production and decay measurements even though they have already been halved in the projections



# Run 3 Highlights



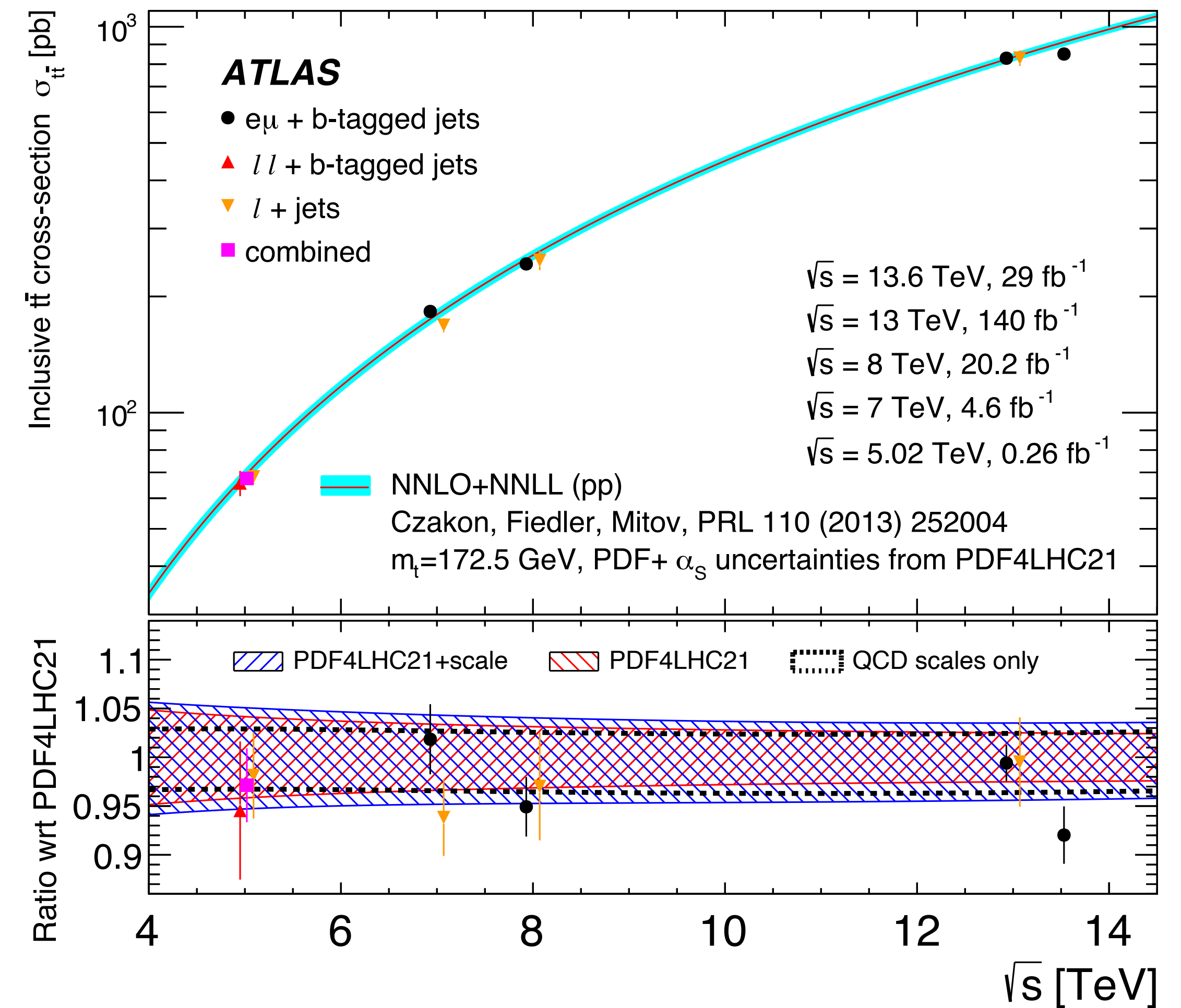
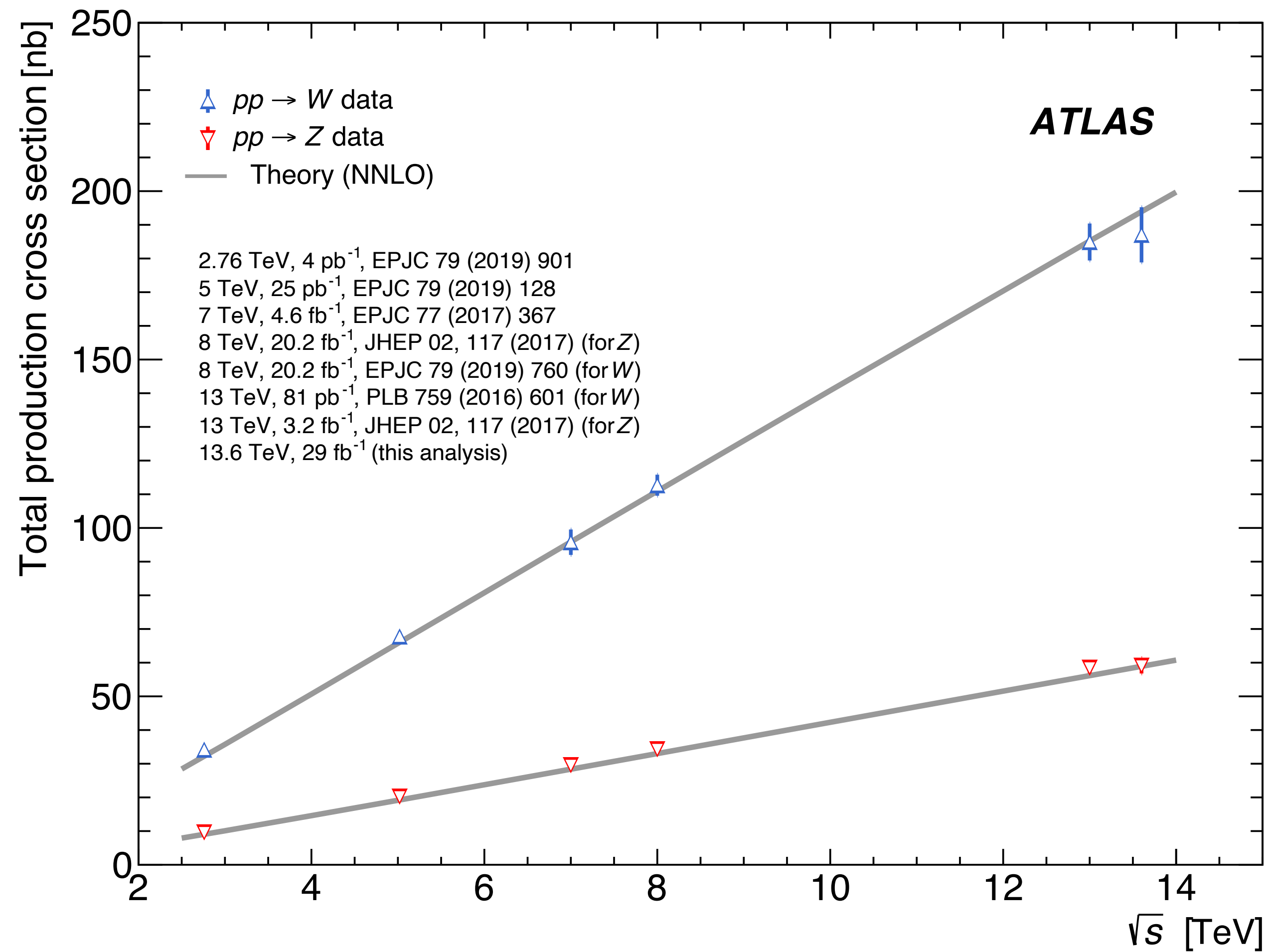
- Simultaneous measurement of W and Z cross section and their ratios
  - $\sigma_{W^+}, \sigma_{W^-}, \sigma_Z, \sigma_{W^+} / \sigma_{W^-}, \sigma_{W^\pm} / \sigma_Z$
- Using 29 fb<sup>-1</sup> of the 2022 data taking; 2023 / 2024 data not included
- For the first time also provided the  $t\bar{t}/W^\pm$  cross section ratio\*
- Cross sections extracted with a likelihood fit (systematics profiled)
- Dominated by experimental uncertainties (lepton ID, multi-jet, luminosity)
- Generally good agreement with predictions for most PDFs



\*: [Phys. Let. B 848 \(2024\) 138376](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.01111)

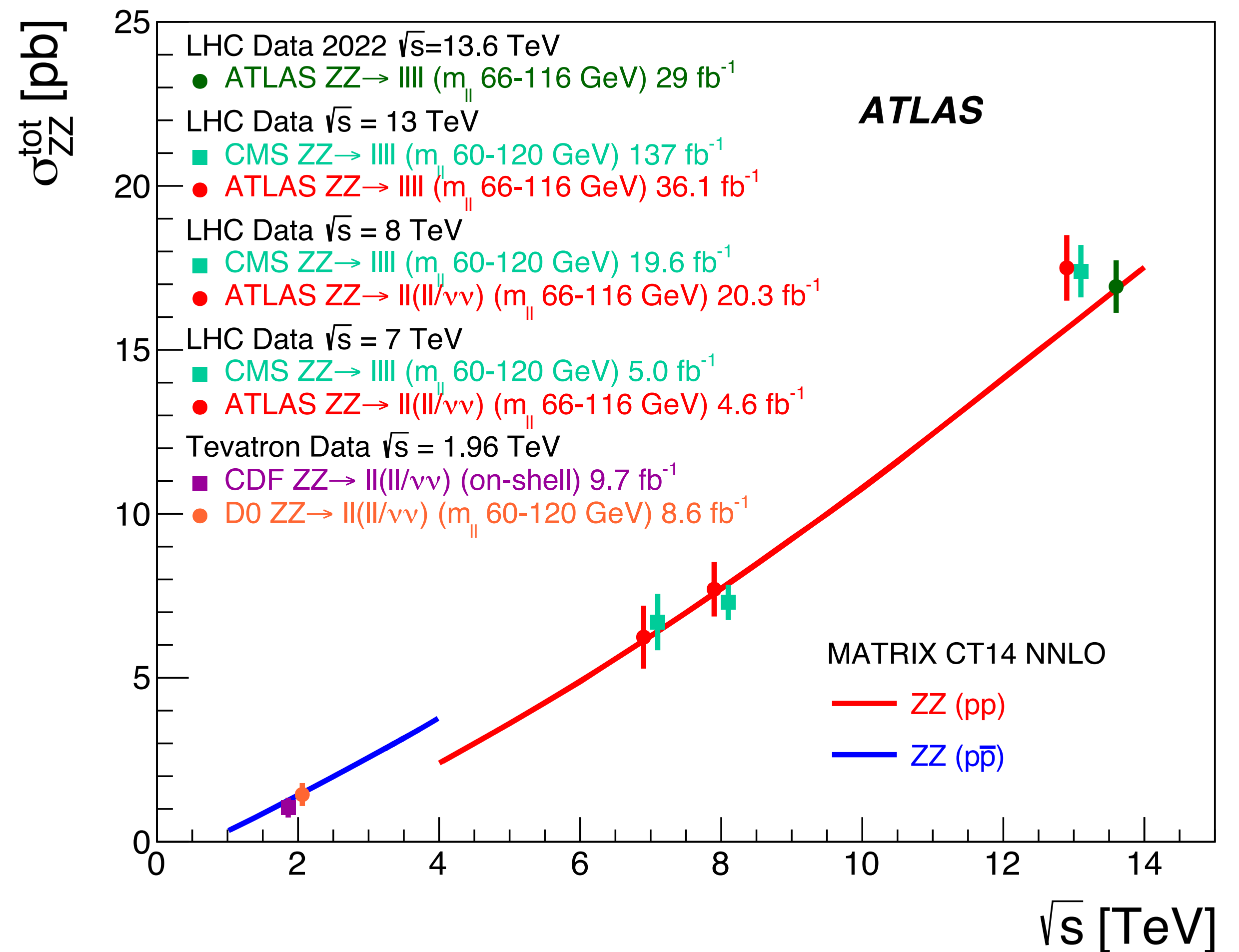
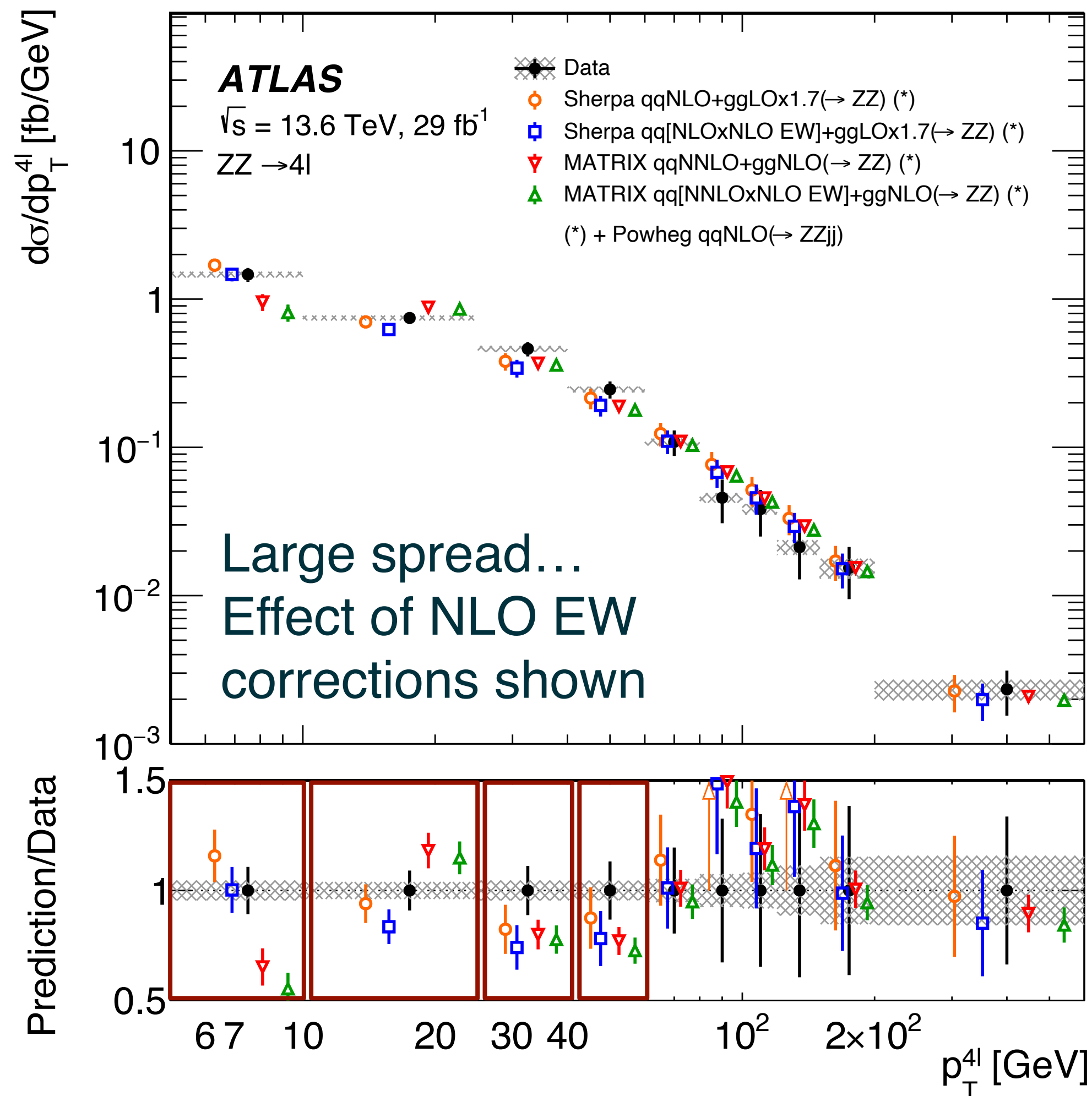


- Good agreement with NNLO and NNLO+NNLL predictions from 2.76 TeV to 13.6 TeV
- Precision can be improved in the future with consolidated lepton and luminosity calibrations
- Important first look into the 13.6 TeV data, validating the detector performance





- The four-lepton final state used:  $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$
- Measurement dominated by data statistical uncertainty and lepton efficiency calibrations
- Iterative bayesian unfolding for **fiducial differential cross sections**  $m(4\ell)$  and  $p_T(4\ell)$
- Extrapolated to the **total phase space** with a requirement of  $66 < m_Z < 116$  GeV



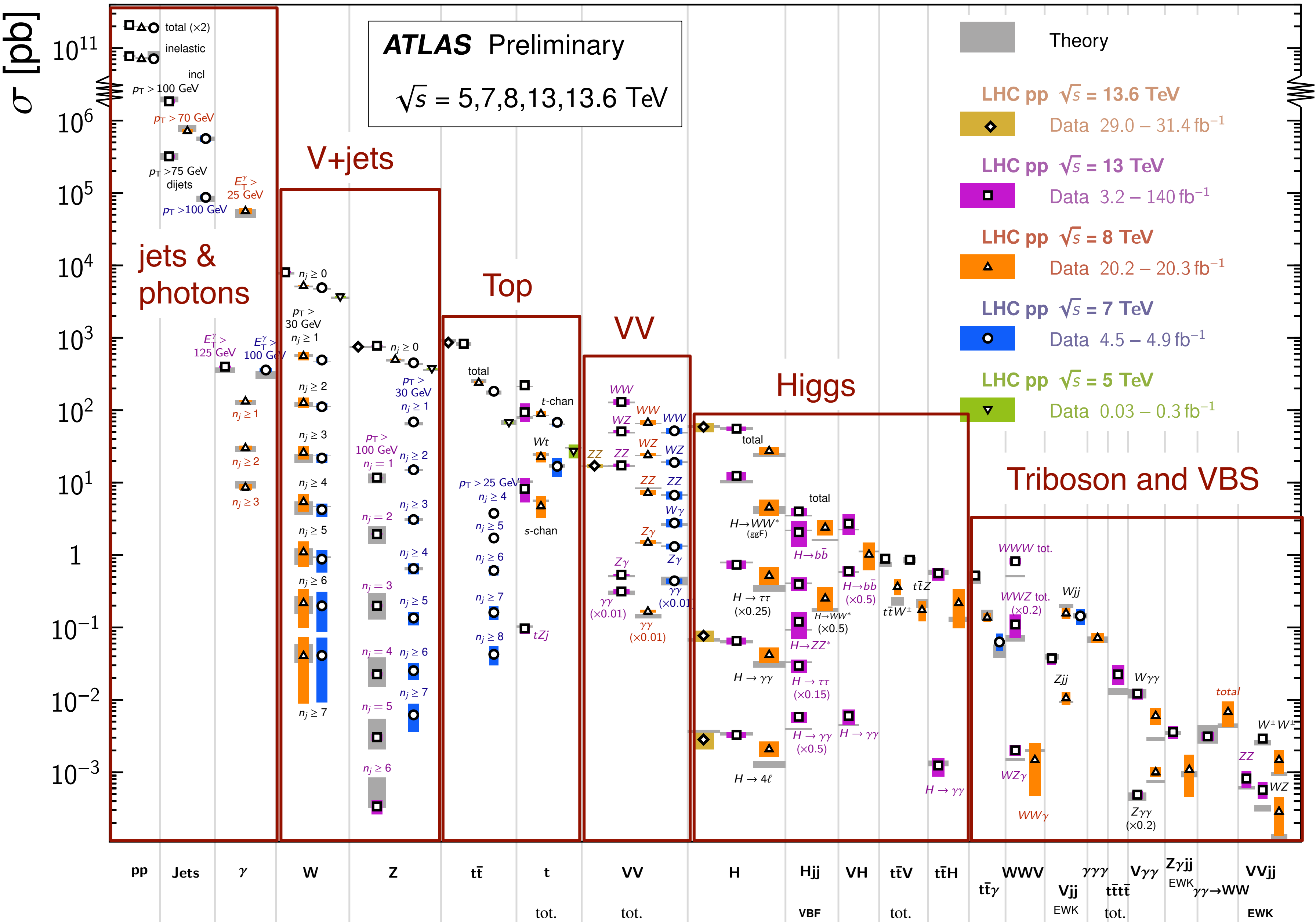
# Run 1 & Run 2 Highlights





## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

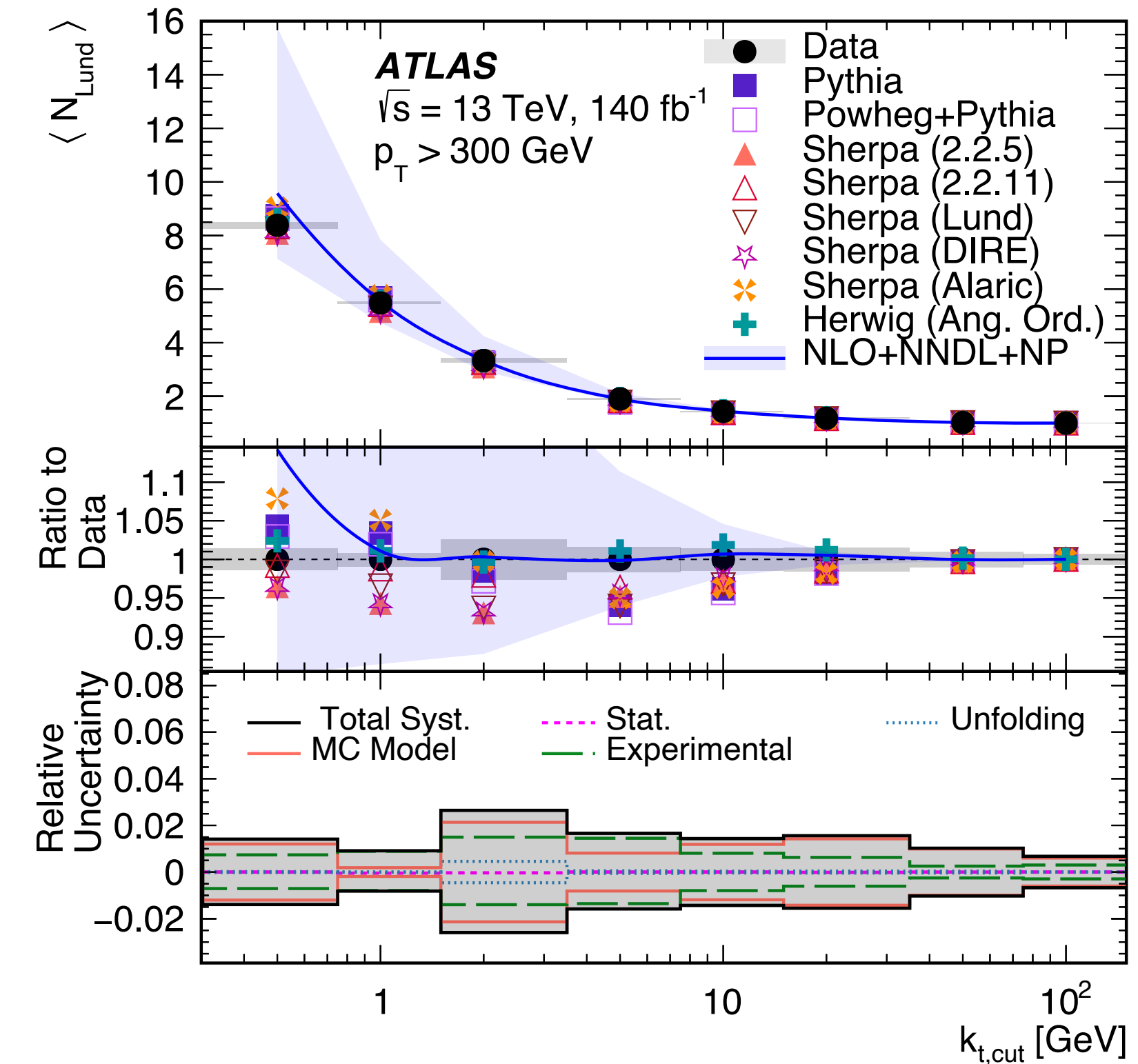
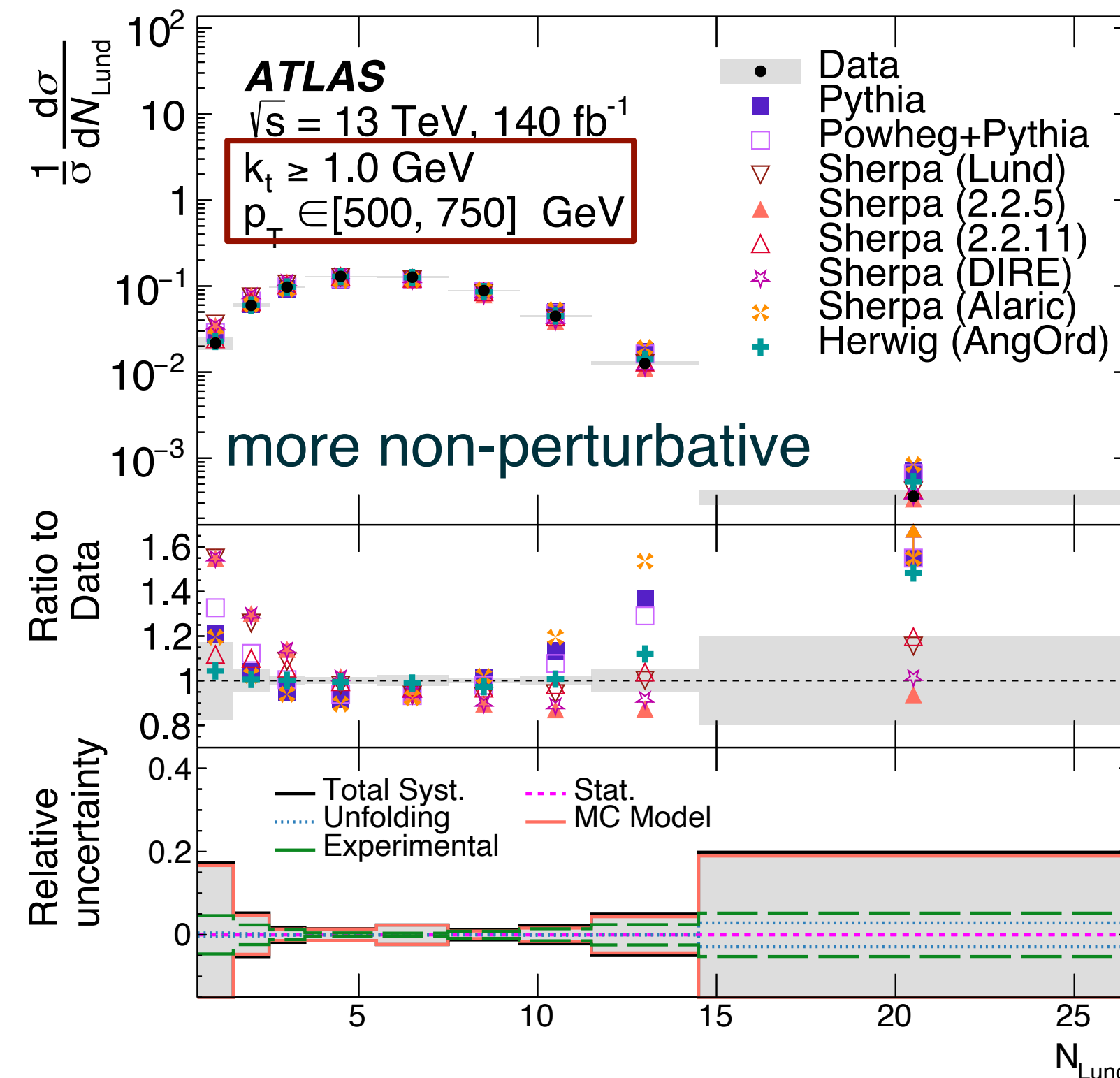
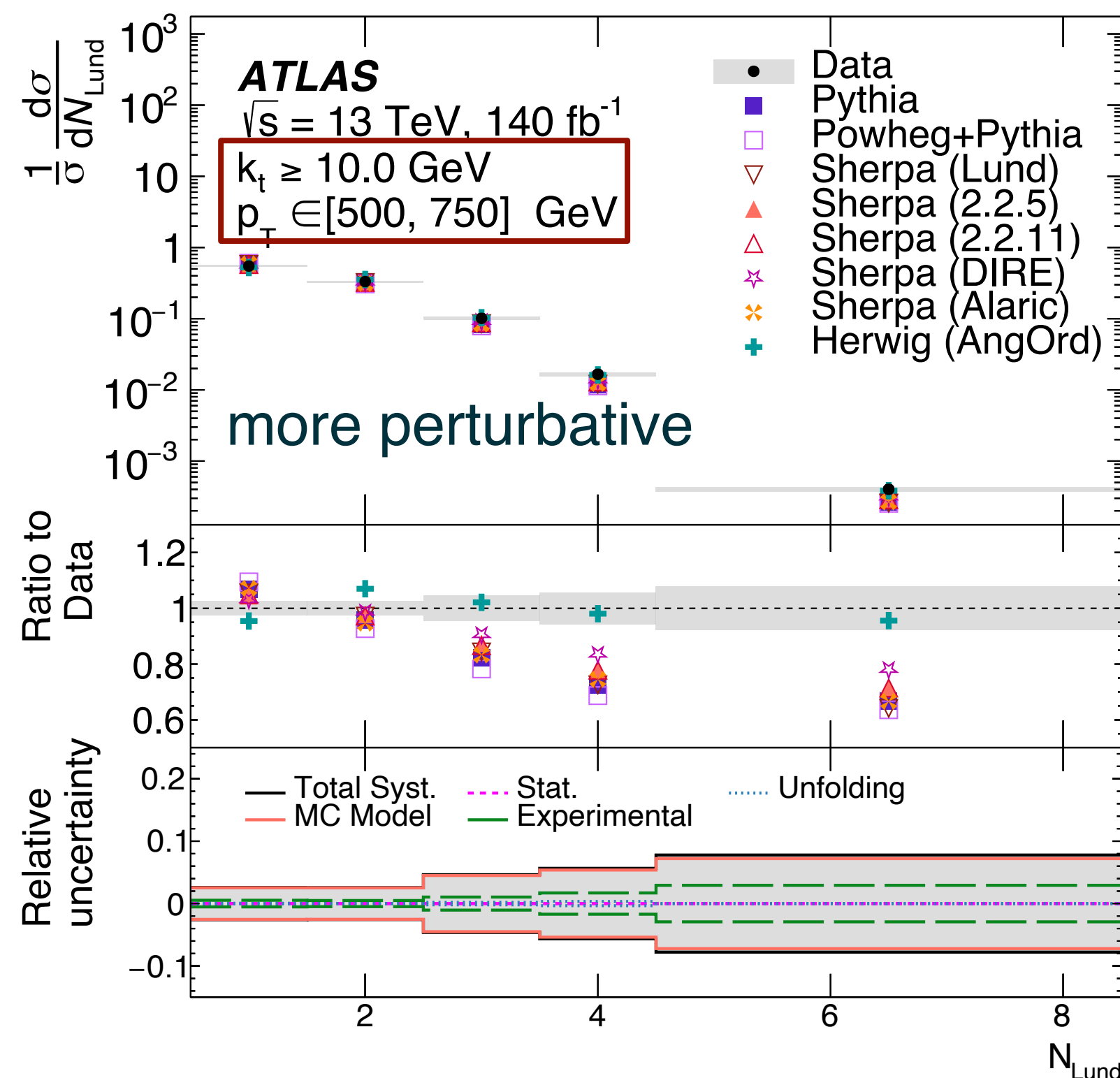
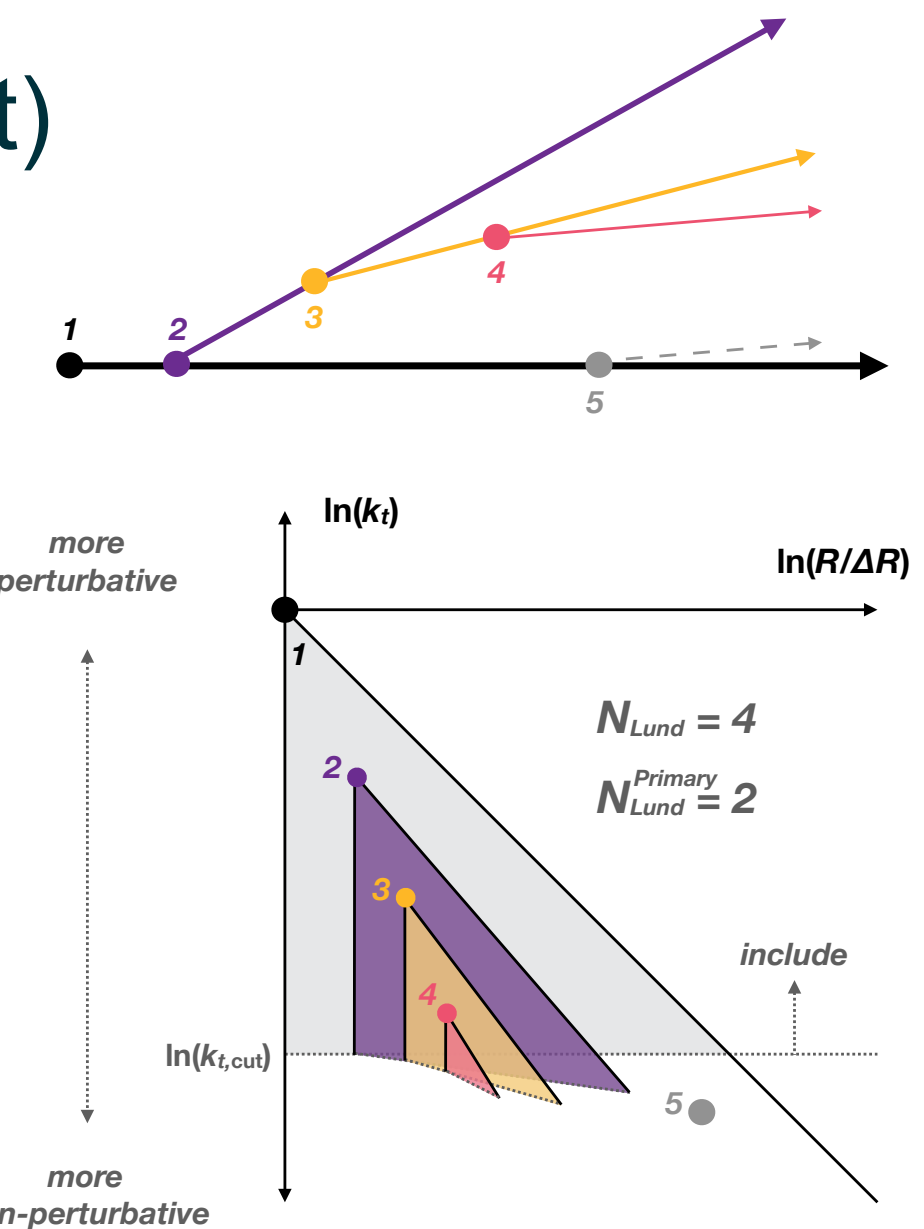
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# Multi-jet measurements

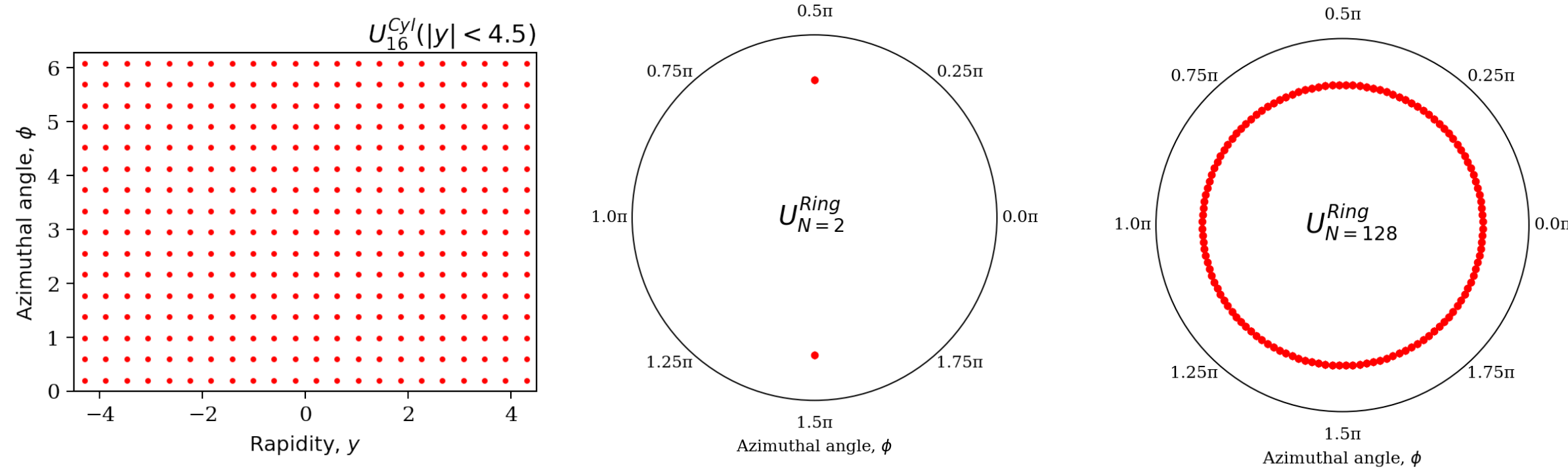


- Measure number of emissions above a specified energy ( $k_T$  [GeV]) for a jet with  $p_T(\text{jet})$ 
  - Reclustering jet constituents with the **Cambridge-Aachen** (C/A) algorithm
- Sensitive to higher-order effects in parton showers; important for NLL showers
- Comparisons with NLO+NNDL+NP analytical calculations ([JHEP 04 \(2023\) 104](#))
- Herwig gives the best overall description of multiplicities; Sherpa best when non-perturbative emissions allowed

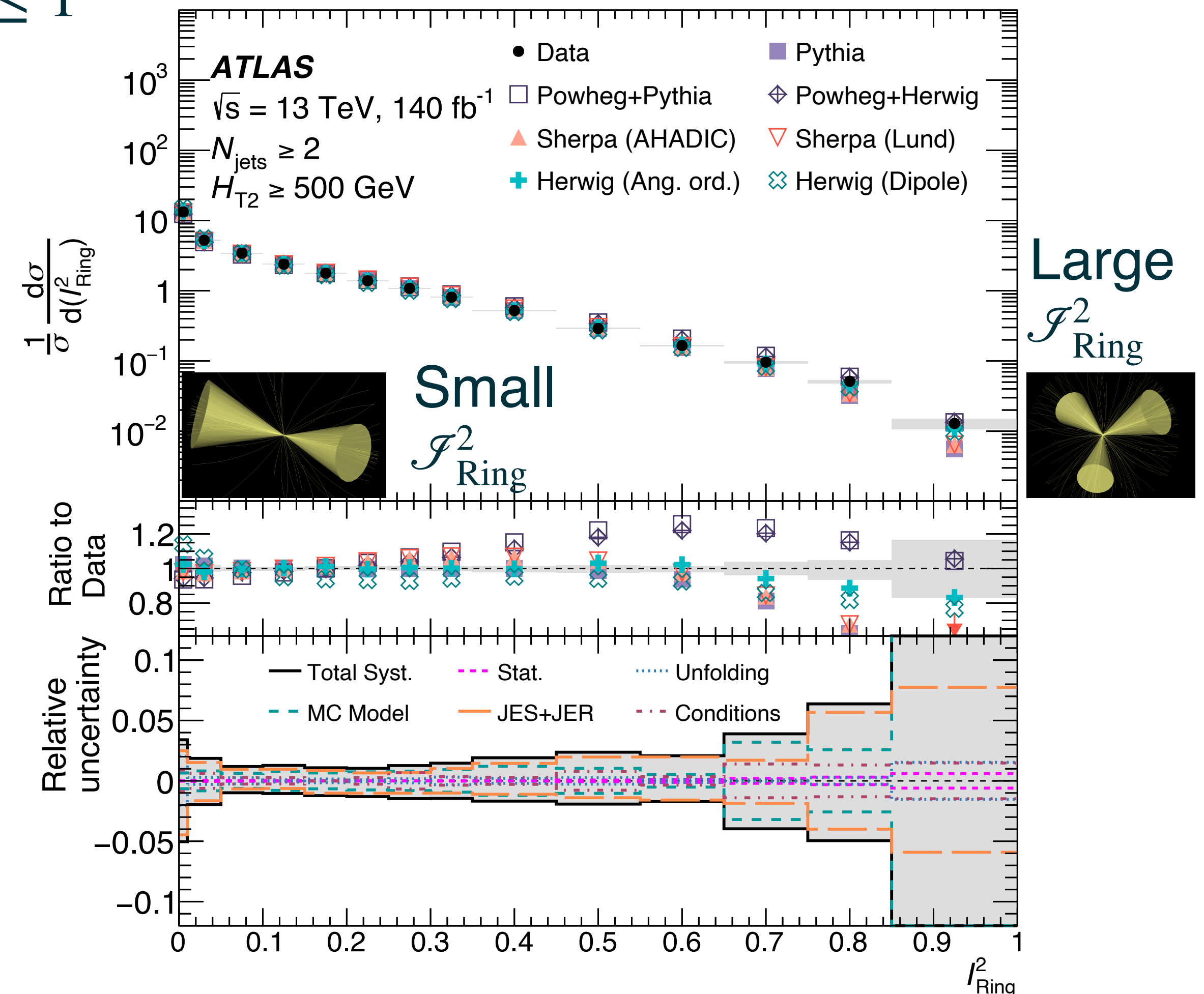




- Family of observables which characterize the event topology and/or energy flow in collider events
  - Unified through a geometric language [JHEP07 \(2020\) 006](#)
- Event isotropies— how far is a collider event  $\mathcal{E}$  from a symmetric radiation pattern  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \text{EDM}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{U})$ 
  - Earth mover's distance EDM— minimal amount of work to rearrange one event  $\mathcal{E}$  into another  $\mathcal{E}'$
  - Completely isotropic:  $\mathcal{I} = 0$  and in general  $0 \leq \mathcal{I} \leq 1$

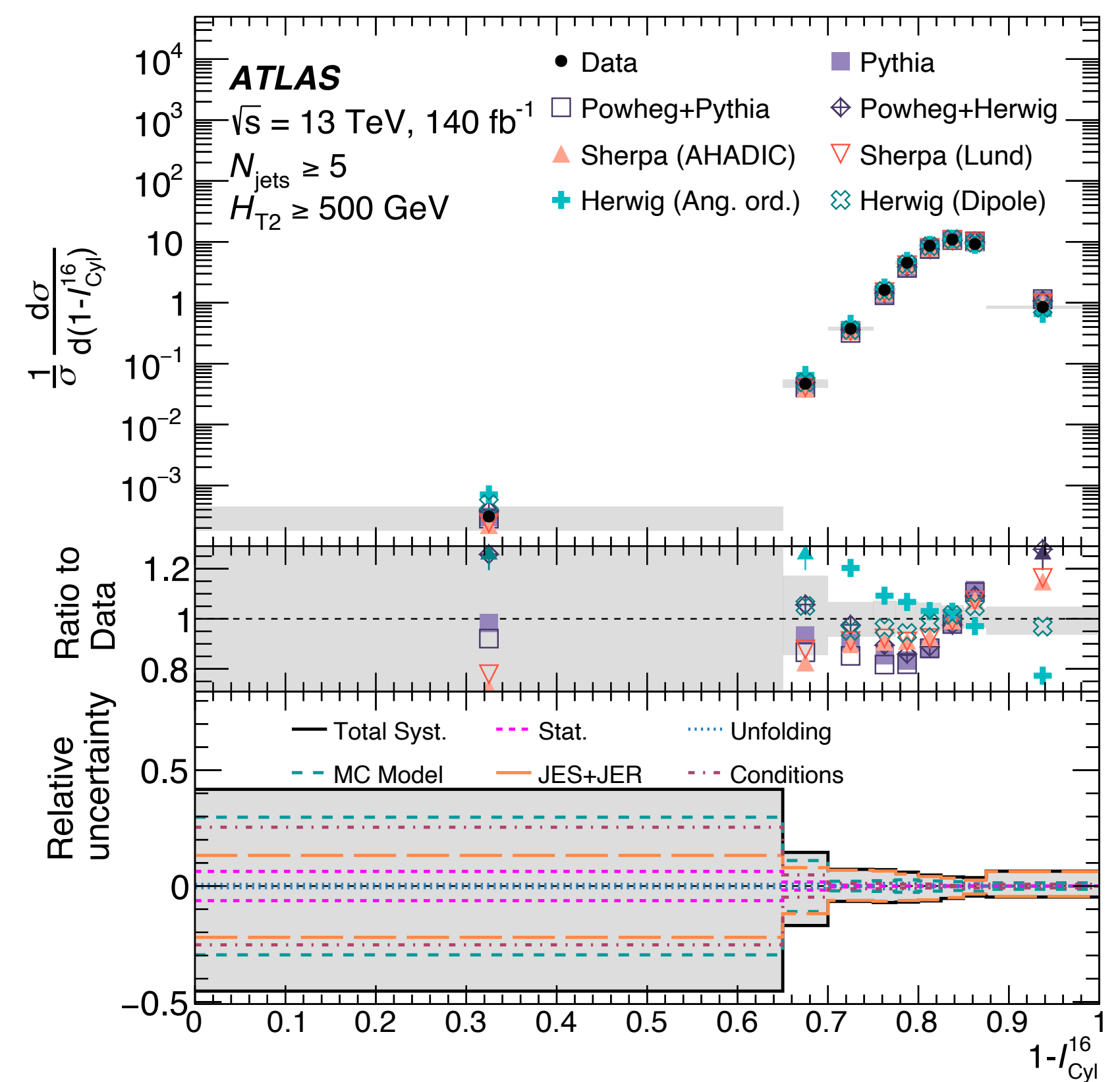
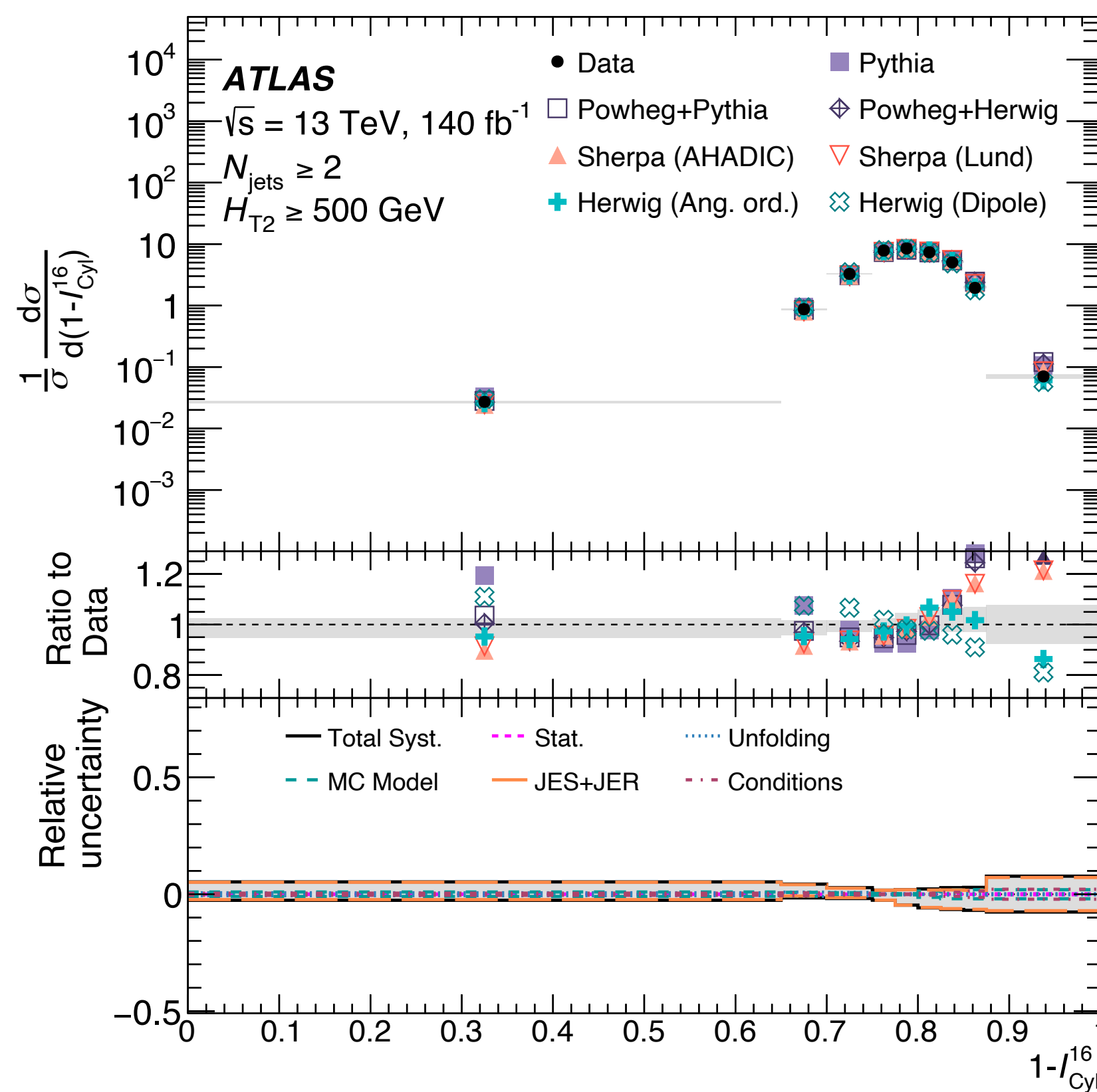
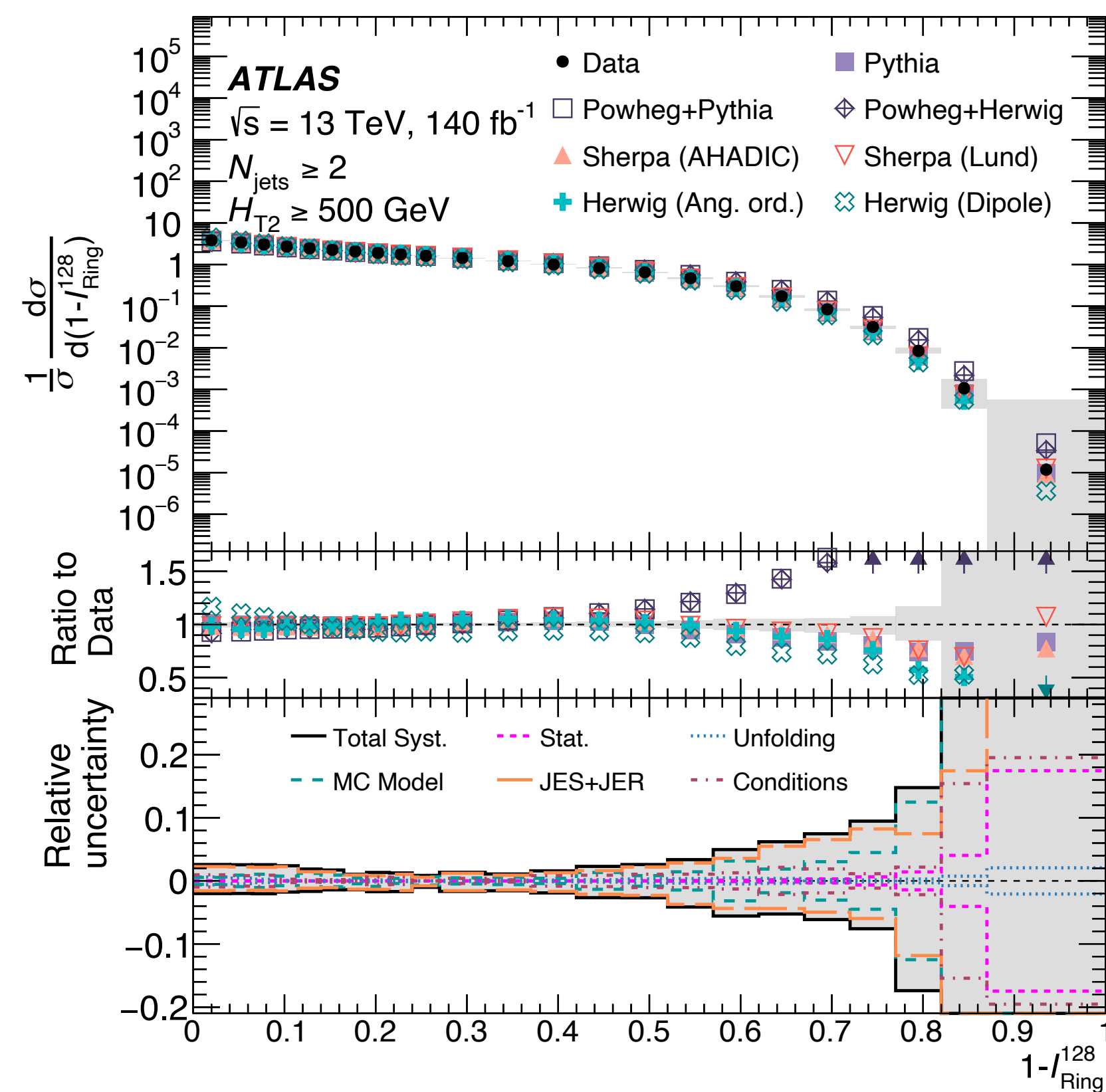


$\mathcal{I}$	$\mathcal{I}$ binning	$N_{\text{jet}}$ binning	$H_{T2}$ binning [GeV]
$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Cyl}}^{N=16}$	0.0, 0.65, 0.7, 0.75, 0.775, 0.8, 0.825, 0.85, 0.875, 1.0	2+, 3+, 4+, 5+	400+, 500+, 1000+, 1500+
$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Ring}}^{N=2}$	0.0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.45, 0.55, 0.65, 0.75, 0.85, 1.0	2+, 3+, 4+, 5+	400+, 500+, 1000+, 1500+
$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Ring}}^{N=128}$	0.0, 0.040, 0.065, 0.09, 0.115, 0.14, 0.165, 0.190, 0.215, 0.240, 0.270, 0.320, 0.370, 0.420, 0.470, 0.520, 0.570, 0.620, 0.670, 0.720, 0.770, 0.820, 0.870, 1.0	2+, 3+, 4+, 5+	400+, 500+, 1000+, 1500+





- Powheg+Pythia/Herwig (NLO ME) significantly overestimates the isotropic multi-jet events ( $\mathcal{F}^{128} = 0$ )
- Relatively large differences between Herwig Dipole and Herwig Angular Ordered predictions
- No significant differences observed between the cluster and Lund string hadronisation models



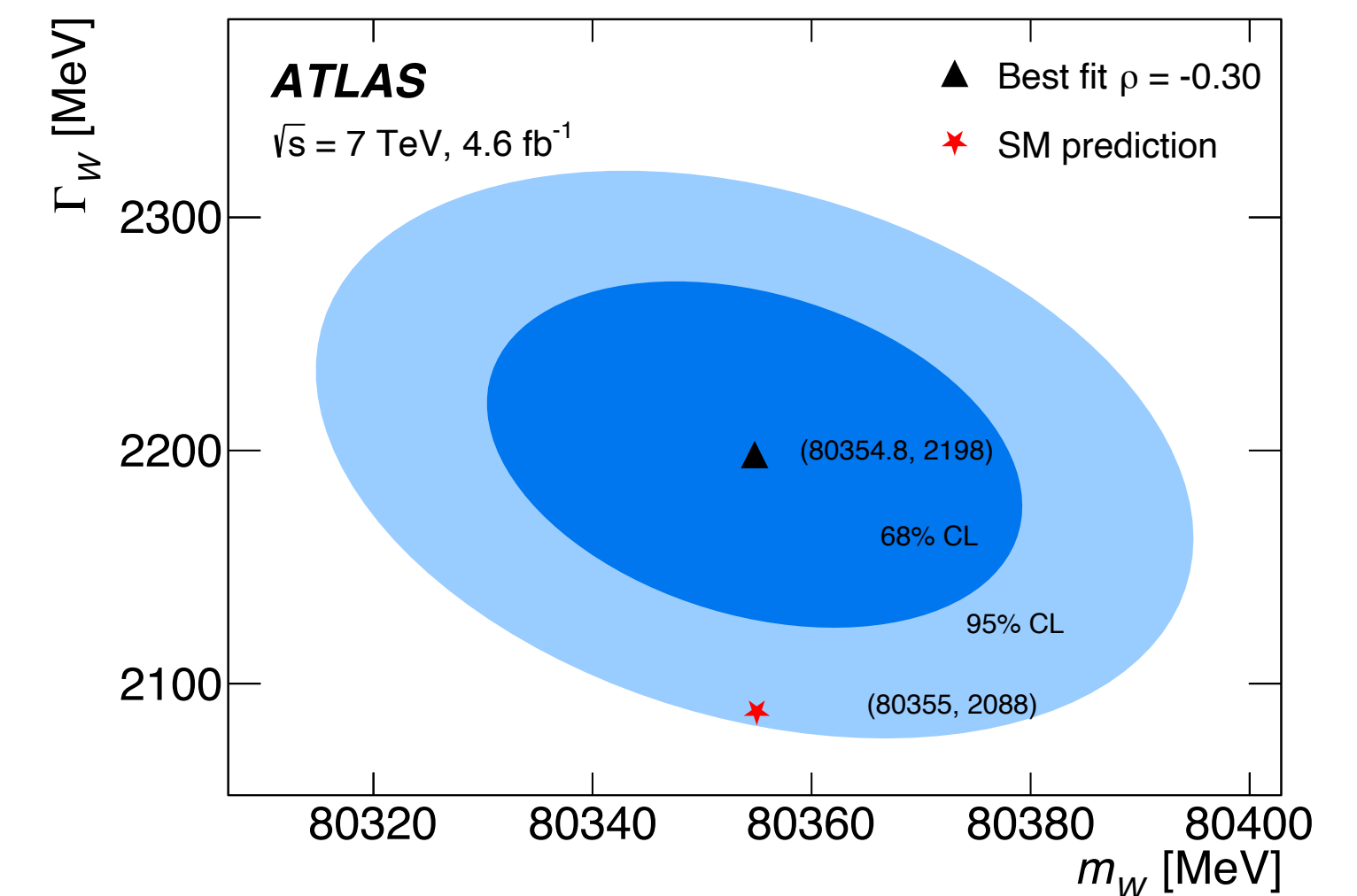
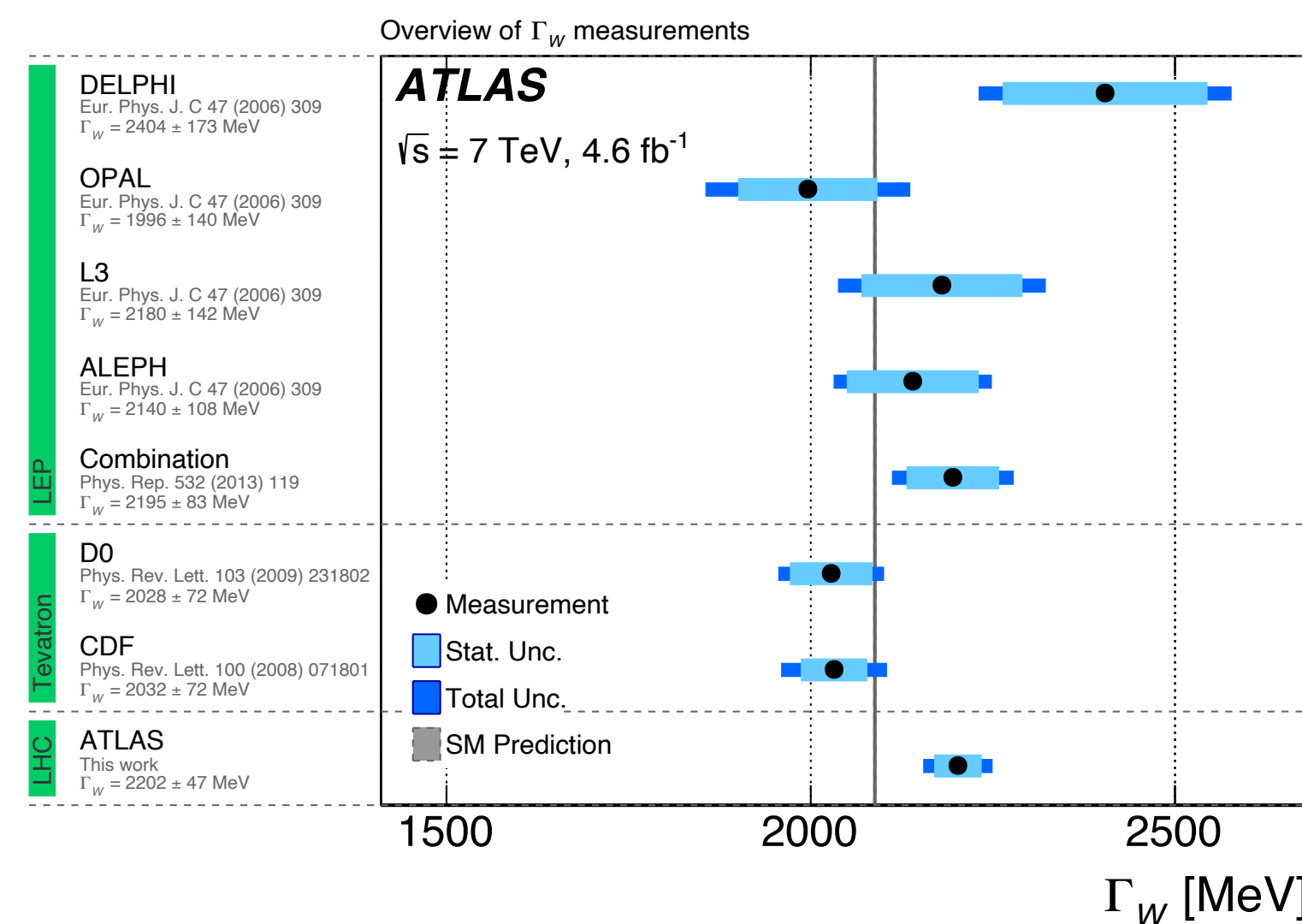
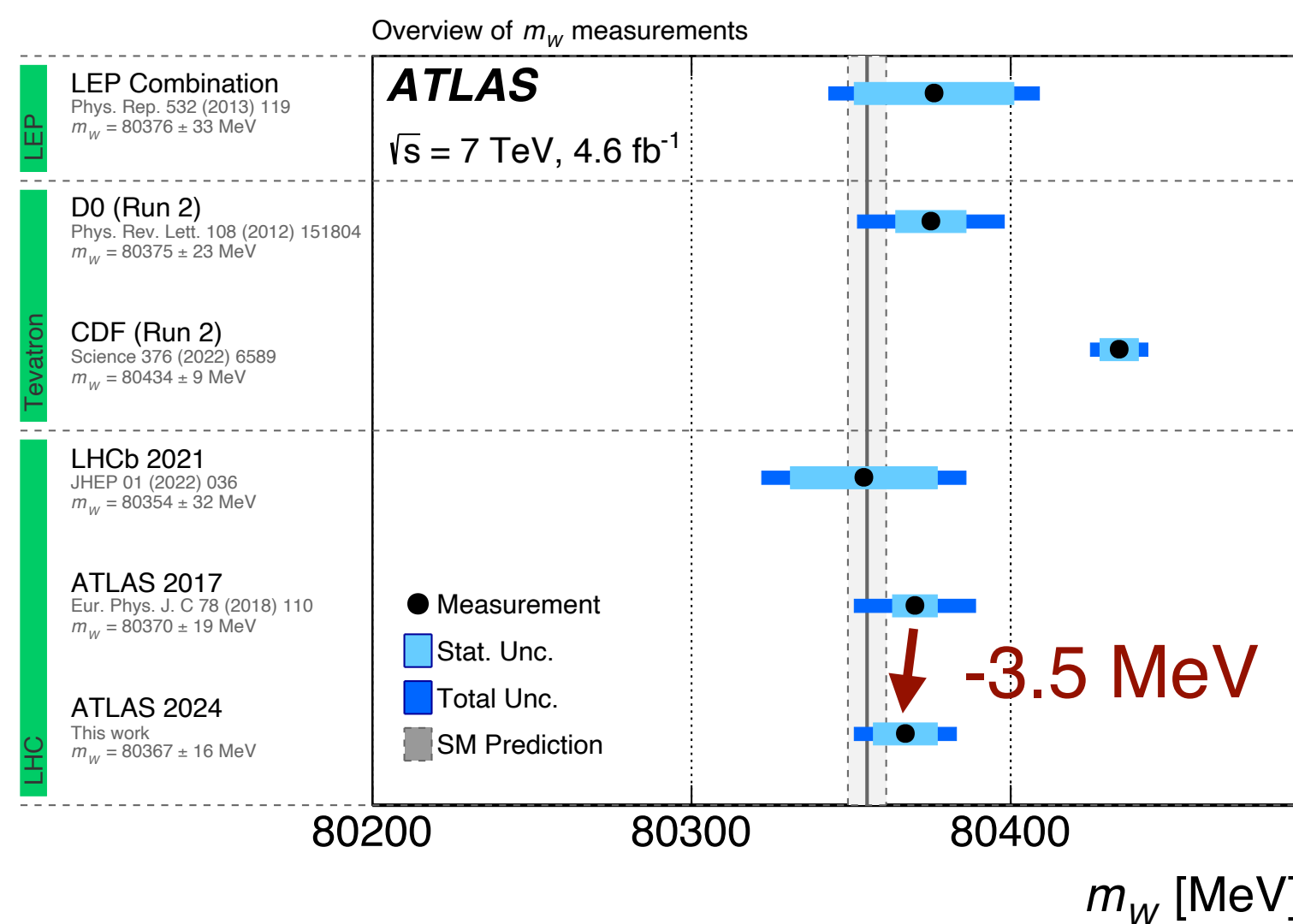
# Precision W/Z measurements



- Using the  $\sim 4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 2011 proton-proton collision data at 7 TeV (average pileup  $\sim 9$ )
- Several updates in comparison with the result published in 2018 using the same dataset:
  - Measure W boson width  $\Gamma_W$  along with the mass  $m_W$  (nominally either  $\Gamma_W$  or  $m_W$  is fixed to SM)
  - New baseline PDF (CT18 from CT10nnlo)
  - Mass and width extracted with a profile likelihood fit (theory / experimental unc. profiled)
- $m_W = 80366.5 \pm 9.8 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 12.5 \text{ (syst.) MeV} = 80366.5 \pm 15.9 \text{ MeV}$  (0.02% precision)
- $\Gamma_W = 2195.8 \pm 32.0 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 34.1 \text{ (syst.) MeV} = 2195.8 \pm 46.8 \text{ MeV}$  (2.1% precision)

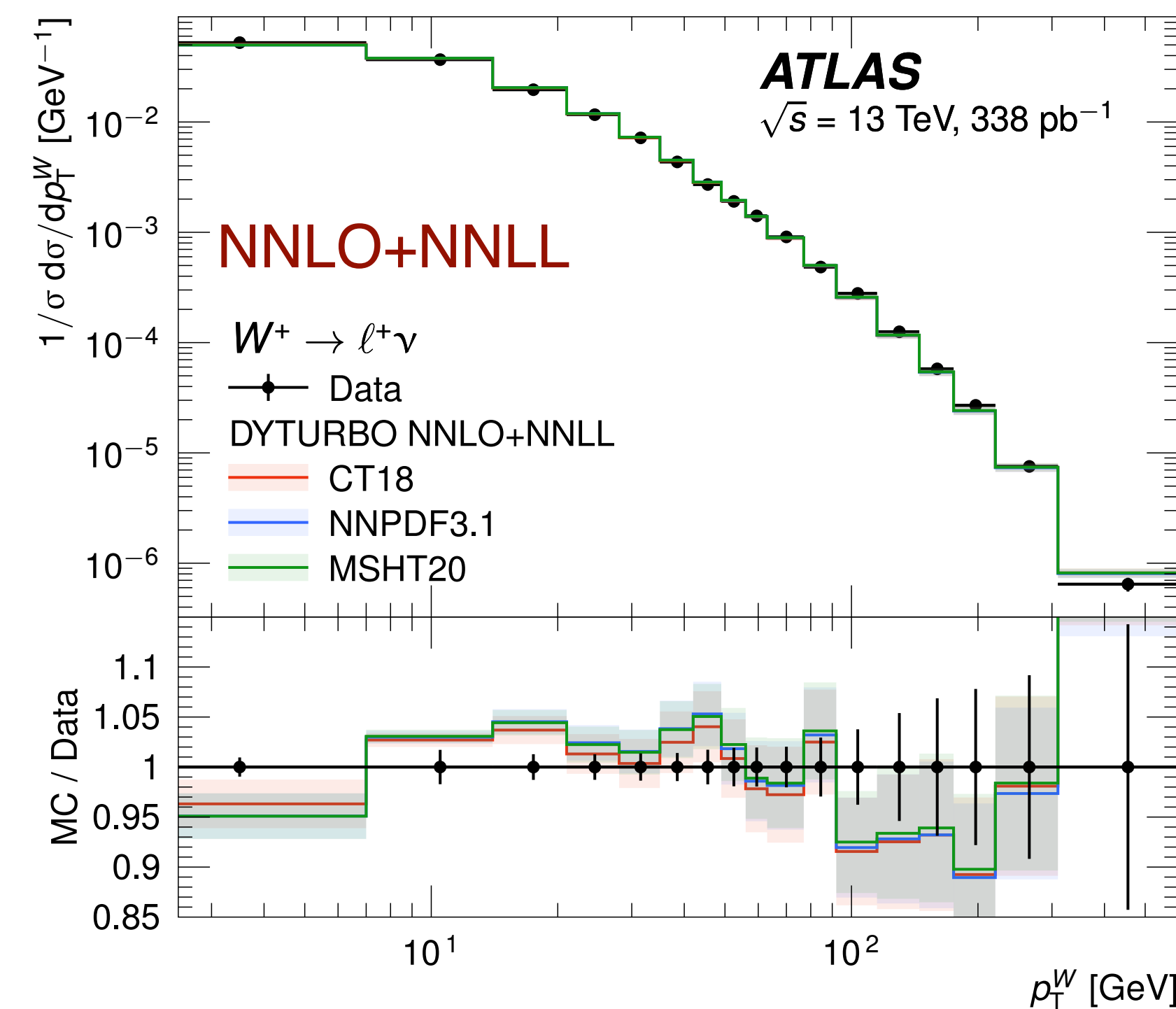
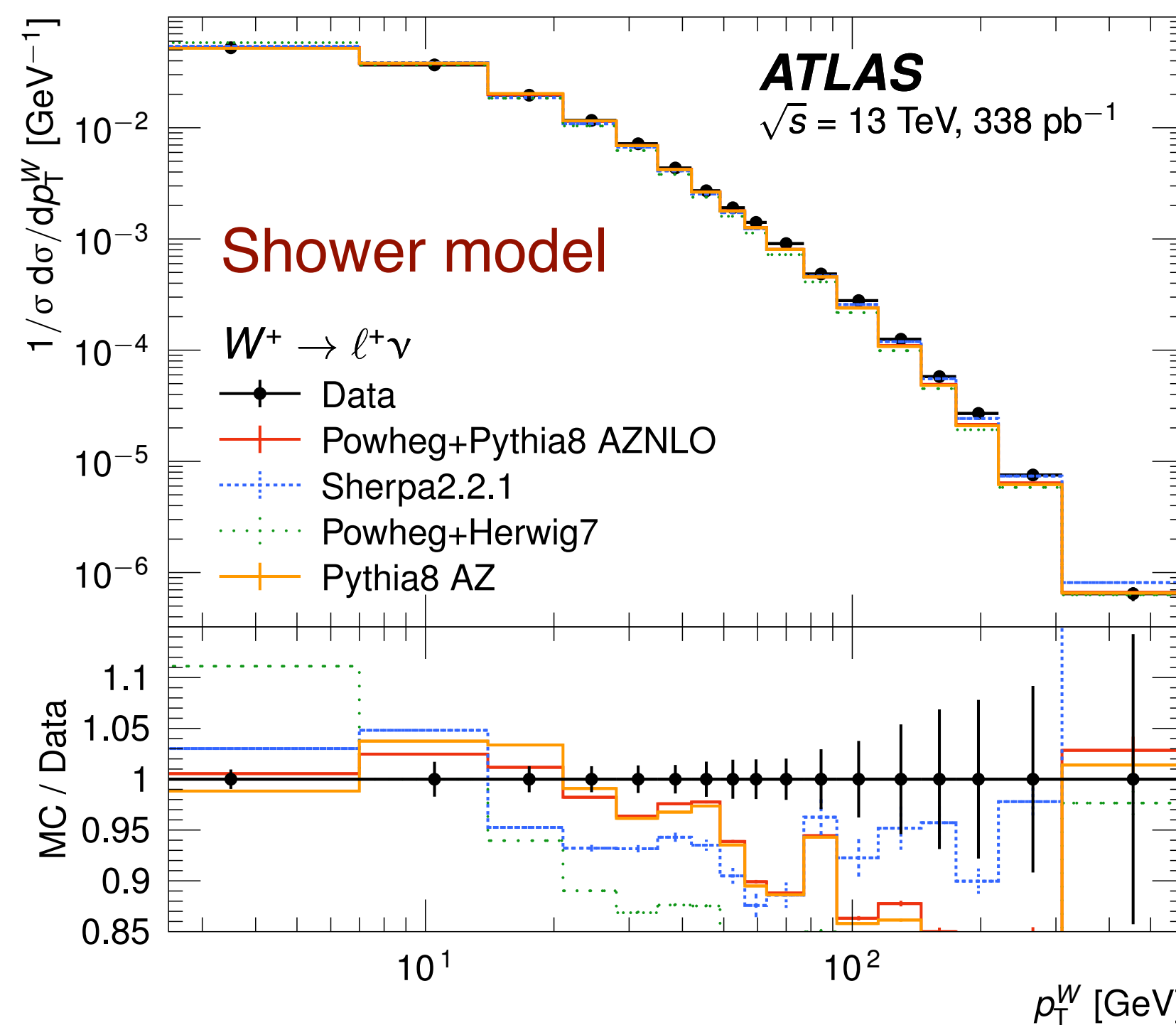
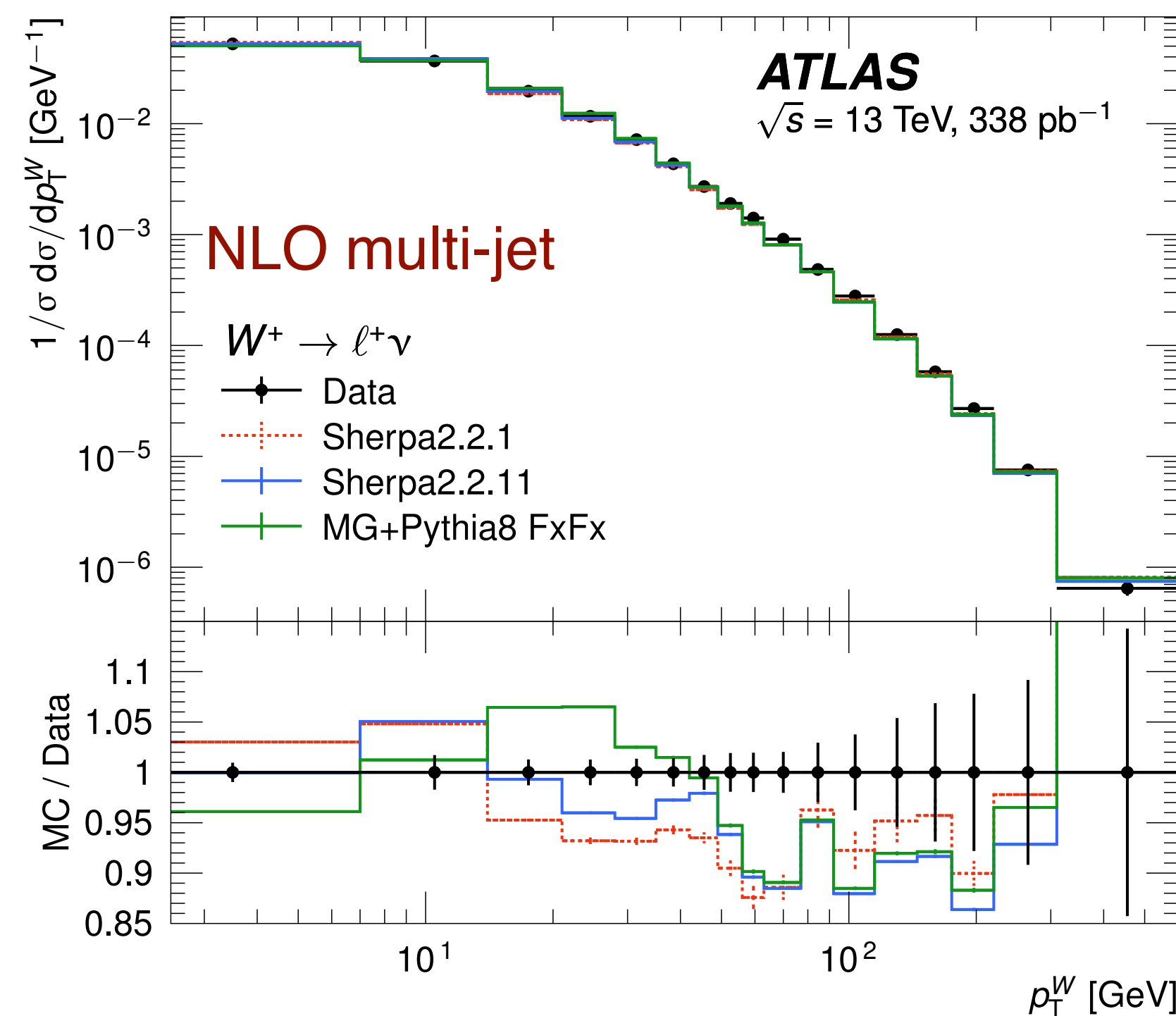
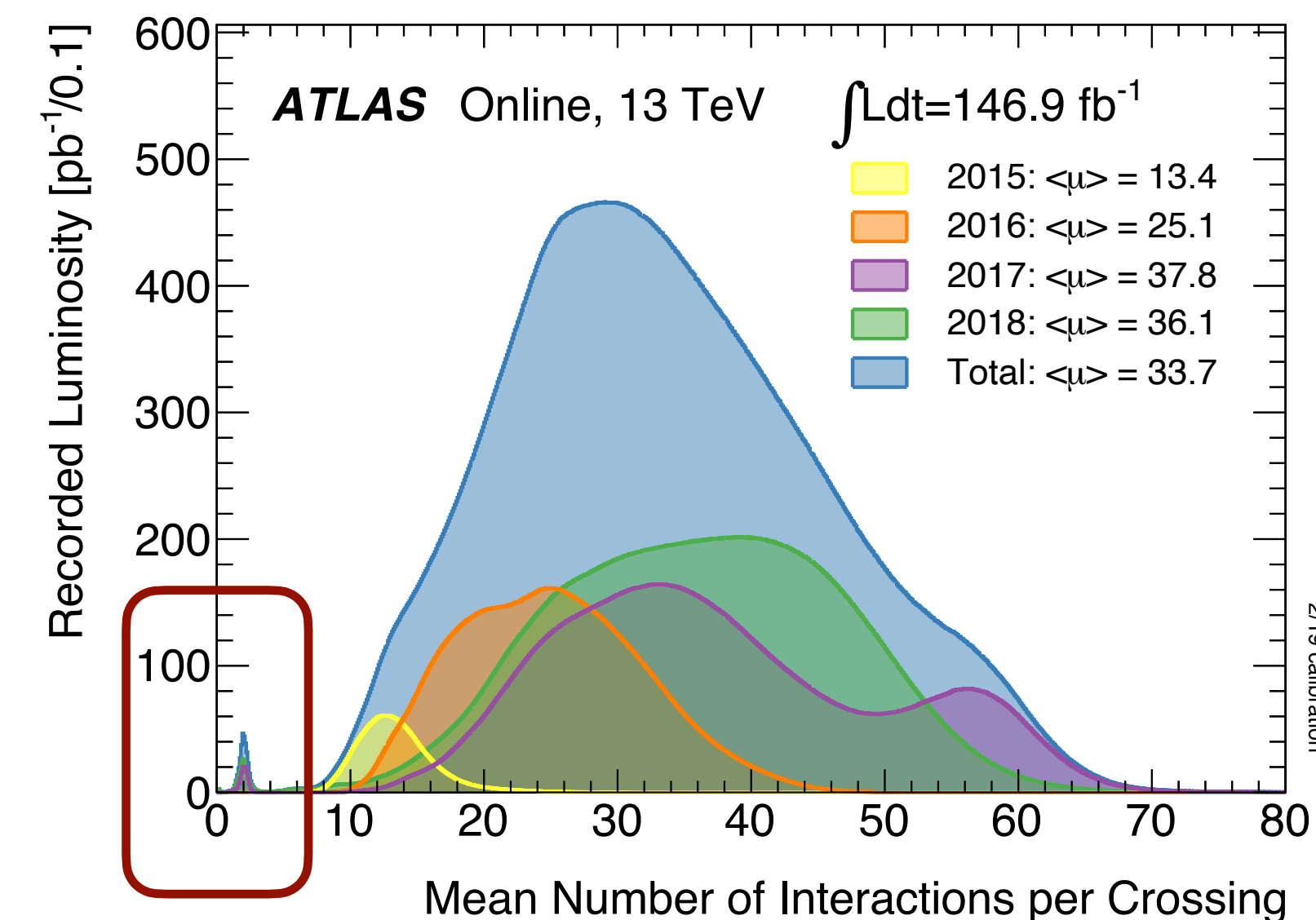
	Unc. [MeV]	Total	Stat.	Syst.	PDF	$A_i$	Backg.	EW	$e$	$\mu$	$u_T$	Lumi	$\Gamma_W$	PS
$m_W$	$p_T^\ell$	16.2	11.1	11.8	4.9	3.5	1.7	5.6	5.9	5.4	0.9	1.1	0.1	1.5
	$m_T$	24.4	11.4	21.6	11.7	4.7	4.1	4.9	6.7	6.0	11.4	2.5	0.2	7.0
	Combined	15.9	9.8	12.5	5.7	3.7	2.0	5.4	6.0	5.4	2.3	1.3	0.1	2.3

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$\Gamma_W$	$p_T^\ell$	72	27	66	21	14	10	5	13	12	12	10	6	55
	$m_T$	48	36	32	5	7	10	3	13	9	18	9	6	12
	Combined	47	32	34	7	8	9	3	13	9	17	9	6	18



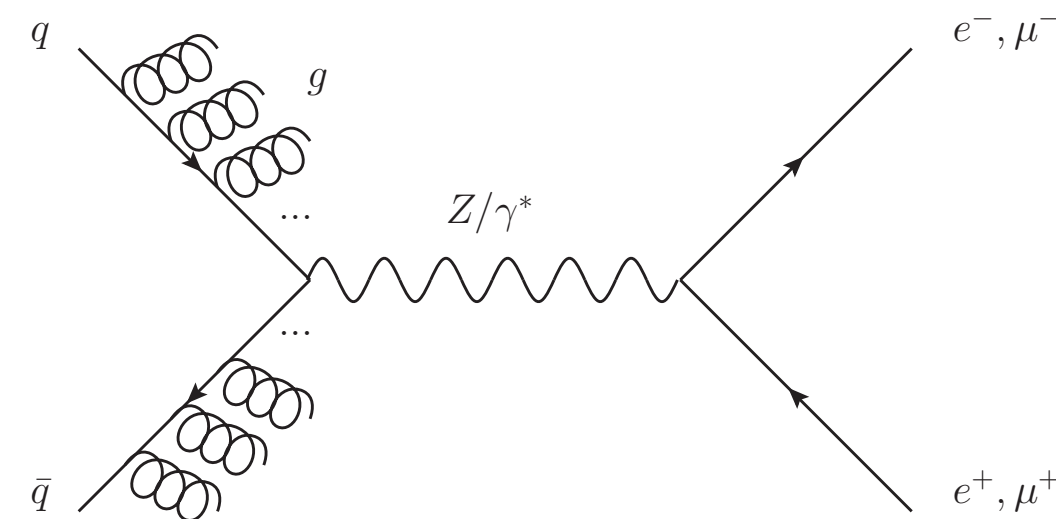
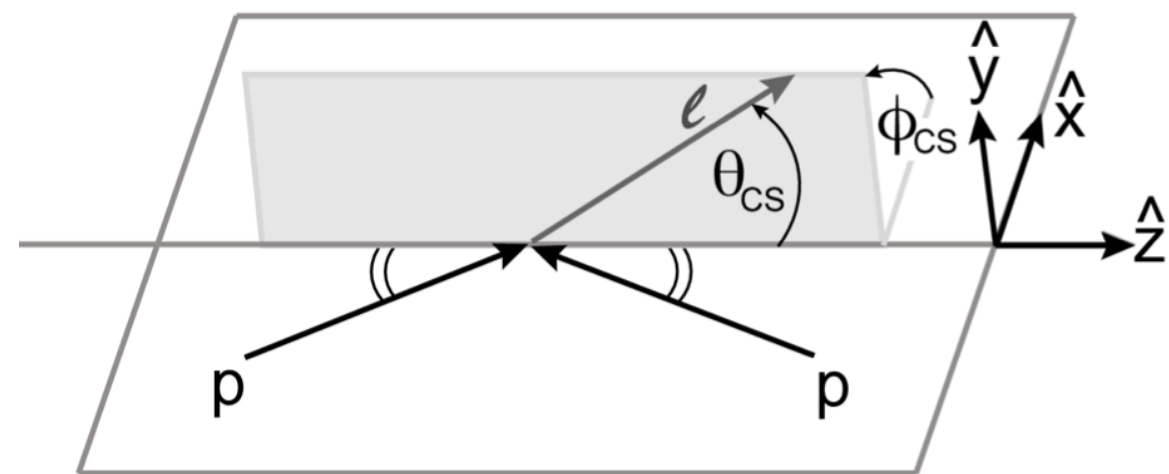


- Using the **low-pileup data** with  $\langle \mu \rangle \sim 2$  taken in 2017 and 2018
  - 255 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 5.02 TeV and 338 pb<sup>-1</sup> at 13.0 TeV
  - About 6M Z and 500k W-bosons after selection
- Uses the **hadronic recoil** to access  $p_T(W)$ 
  - Calibrated with  $p_T(Z) - p_T(\ell\ell)$  vs hadronic recoil
- $p_T(W)$  measurement can reduce the modeling uncertainty and theory assumptions in the  $m(W)$  measurements
- Compare to different generators / tunes / PDFs / ...



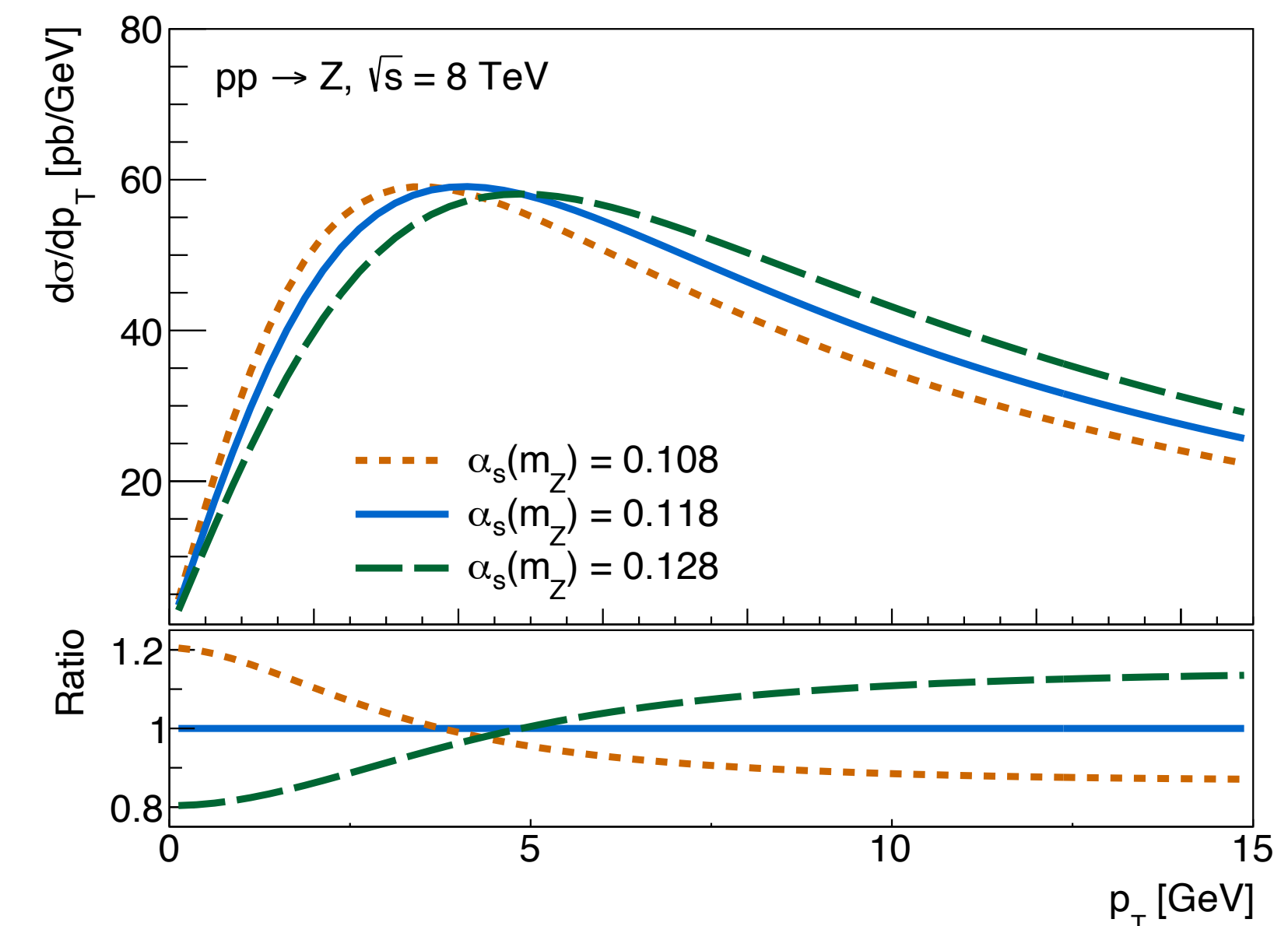
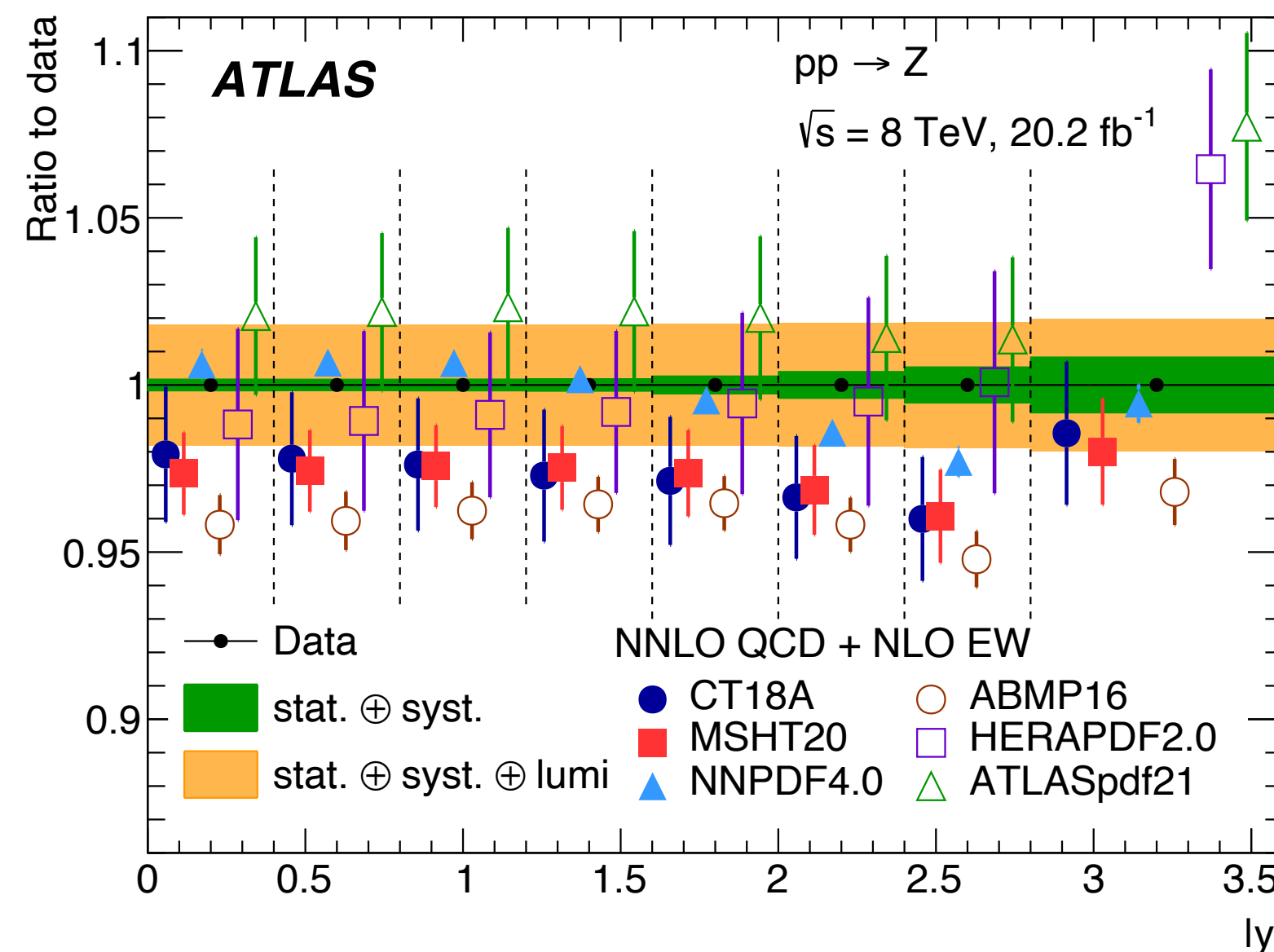
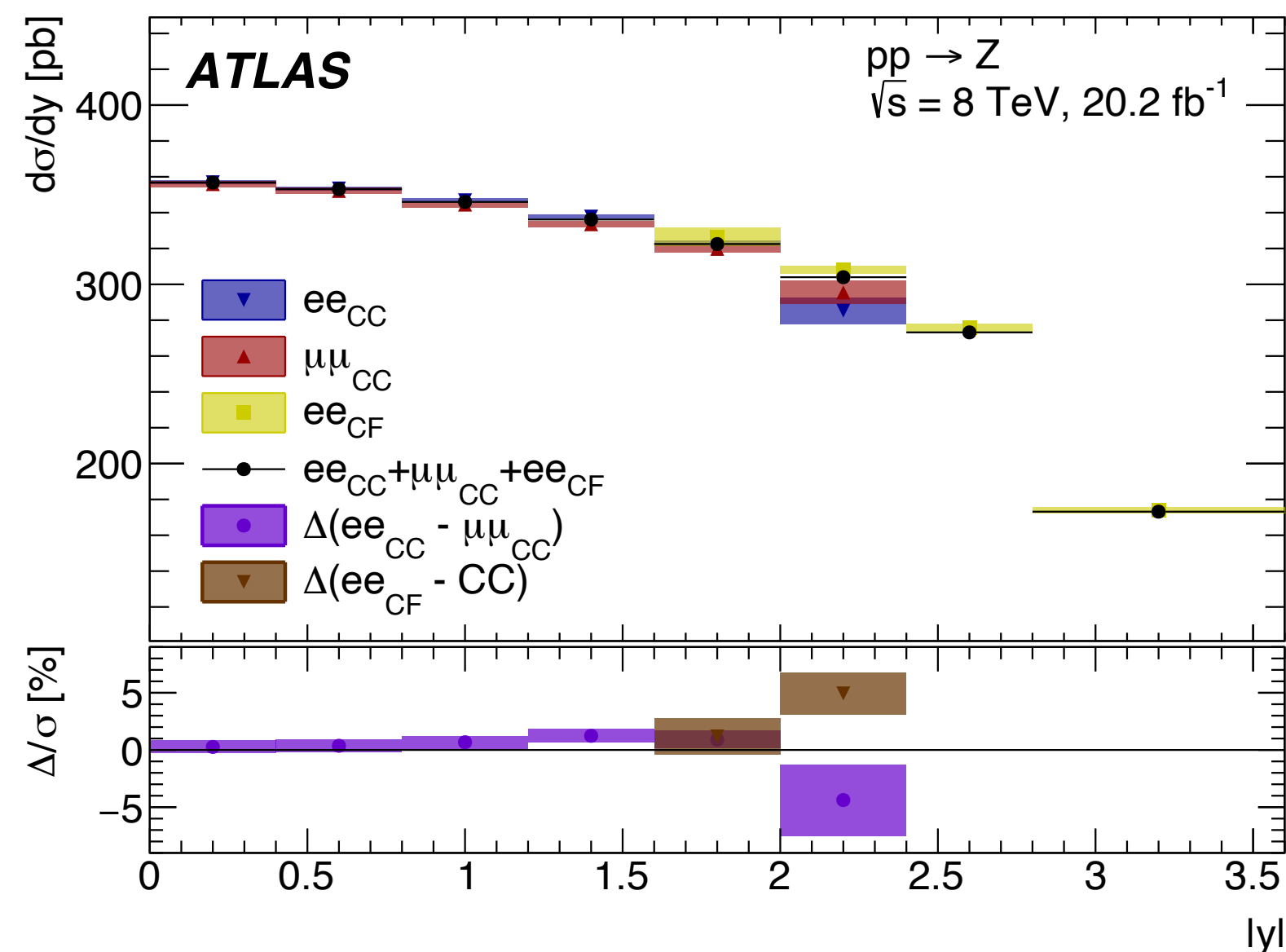
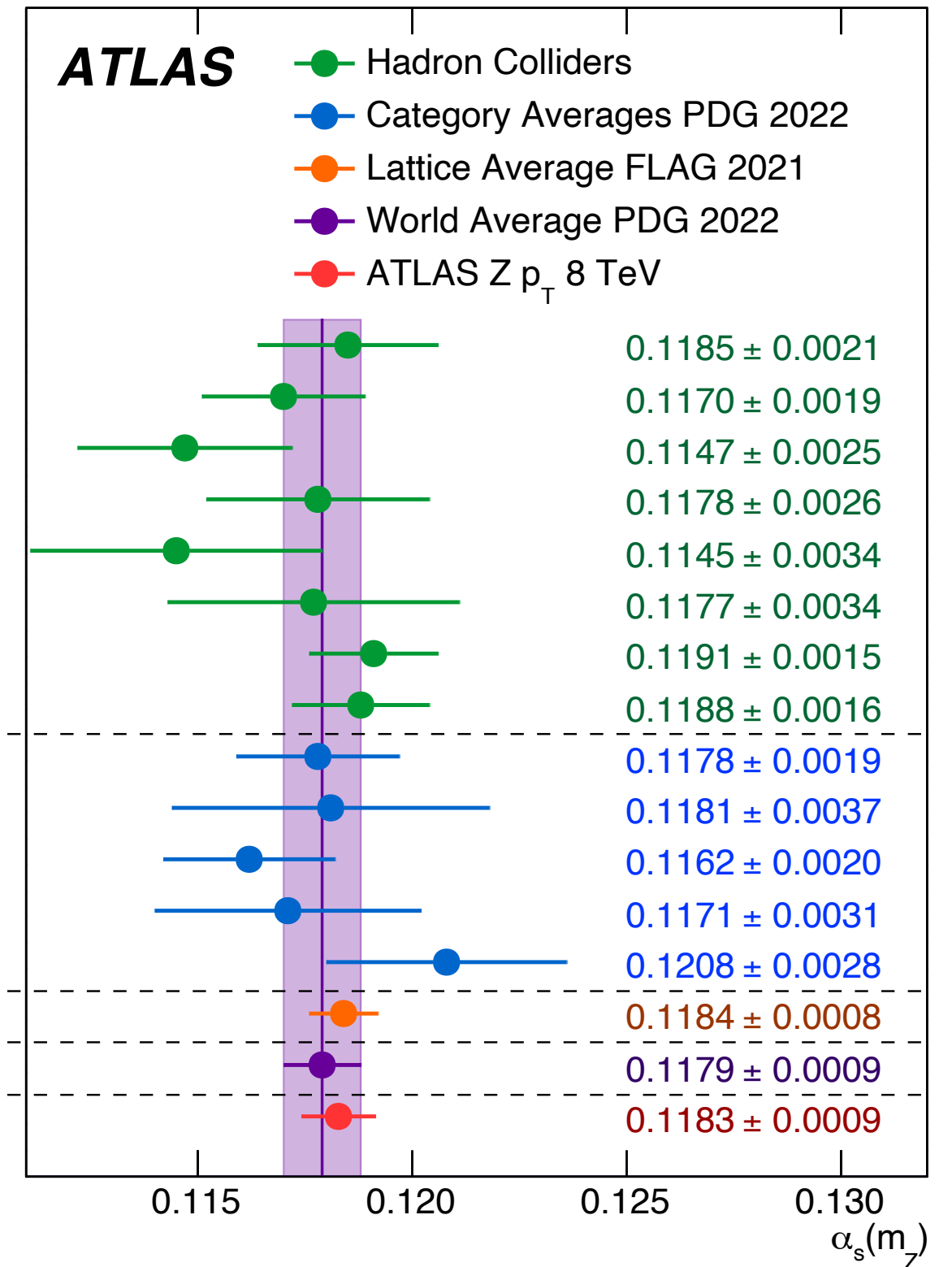


- 22,528 4D detector-level bins in  $(p_T(Z), y(Z), \cos\theta, \phi)$
- Extrapolated to full decay phase space by measuring the **angular coefficients** and  $d^2\sigma/(dp_T dy)$
- Extract  $\alpha_s$  with approximate **N<sup>3</sup>LO+N<sup>4</sup>LL**  $p_T(Z)$  predictions
  - With small enough scale uncertainty  $p_T(Z)$  shape sensitive to  $\alpha_s$  due to soft gluon radiation from initial-state quarks



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ATLAS ATEEC	0.1185 ± 0.0021
CMS jets	0.1170 ± 0.0019
H1 jets	0.1147 ± 0.0025
HERA jets	0.1178 ± 0.0026
CMS t-tbar inclusive	0.1145 ± 0.0034
Tevatron+LHC t-tbar inclusive	0.1177 ± 0.0034
CDF Z p_T	0.1191 ± 0.0015
Tevatron+LHC W, Z inclusive	0.1188 ± 0.0016
tau decays and low Q^2	0.1178 ± 0.0019
QQ bound states	0.1181 ± 0.0037
PDF fits	0.1162 ± 0.0020
e+e- jets and shapes	0.1171 ± 0.0031
Electroweak fit	0.1208 ± 0.0028
Lattice	0.1184 ± 0.0008
World average	0.1179 ± 0.0009
ATLAS Z p_T 8 TeV	0.1183 ± 0.0009

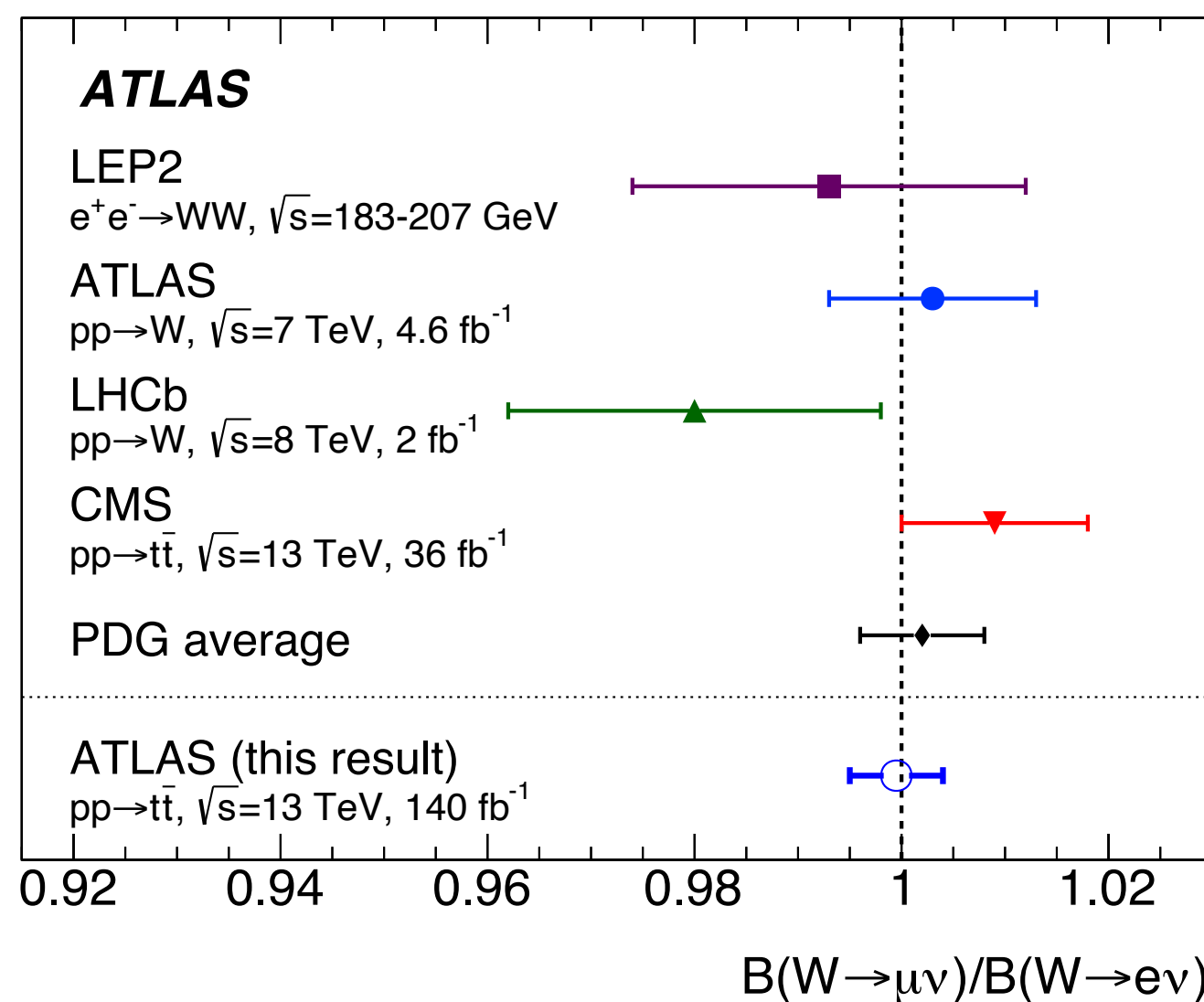




- Measure ratio  $R_W^{\mu e} = B(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)/B(W \rightarrow e\nu)$
- However, a direct measurement would be limited by the lepton efficiency uncertainties; instead:

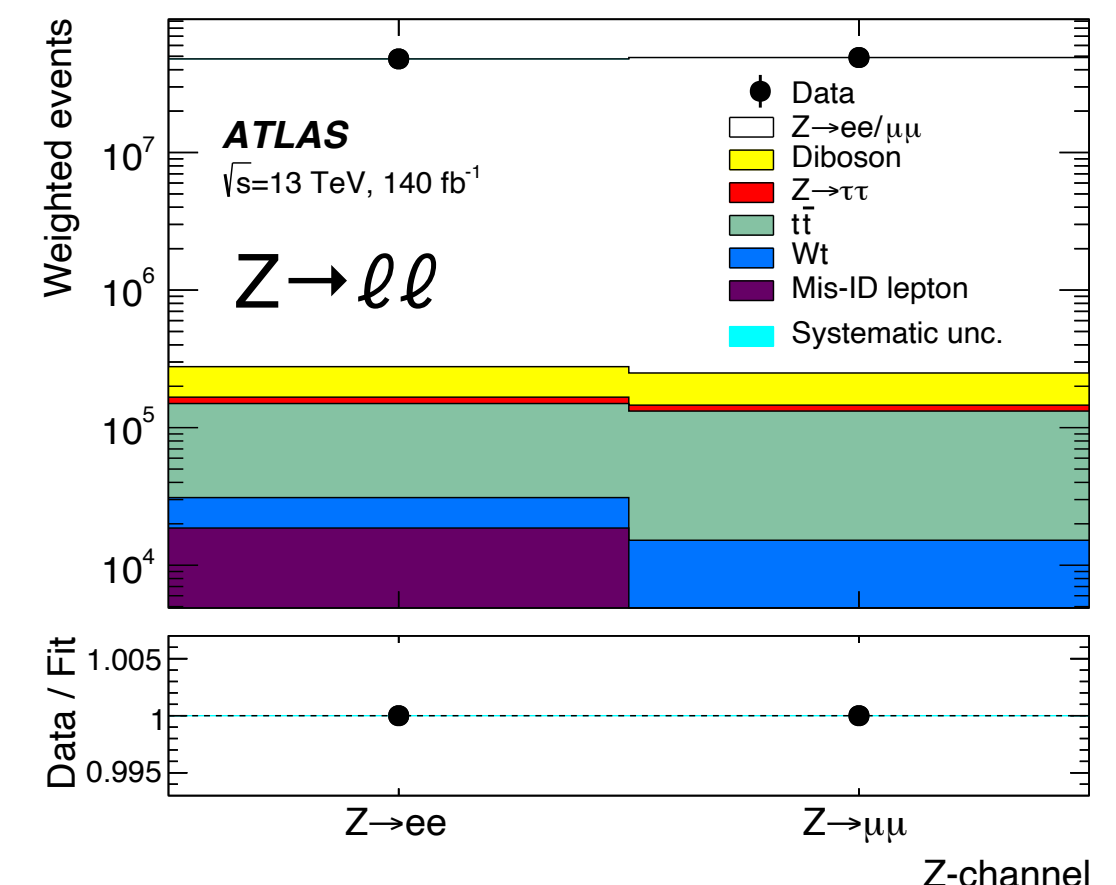
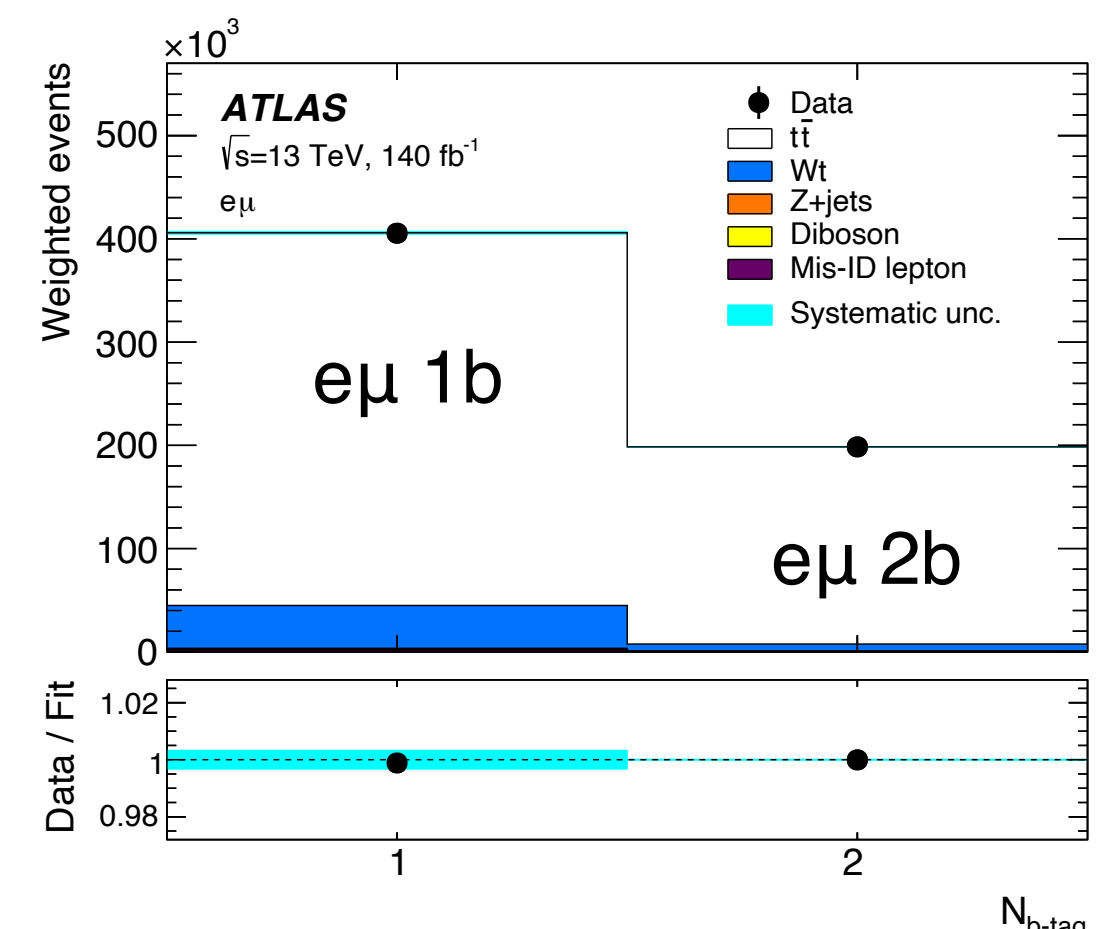
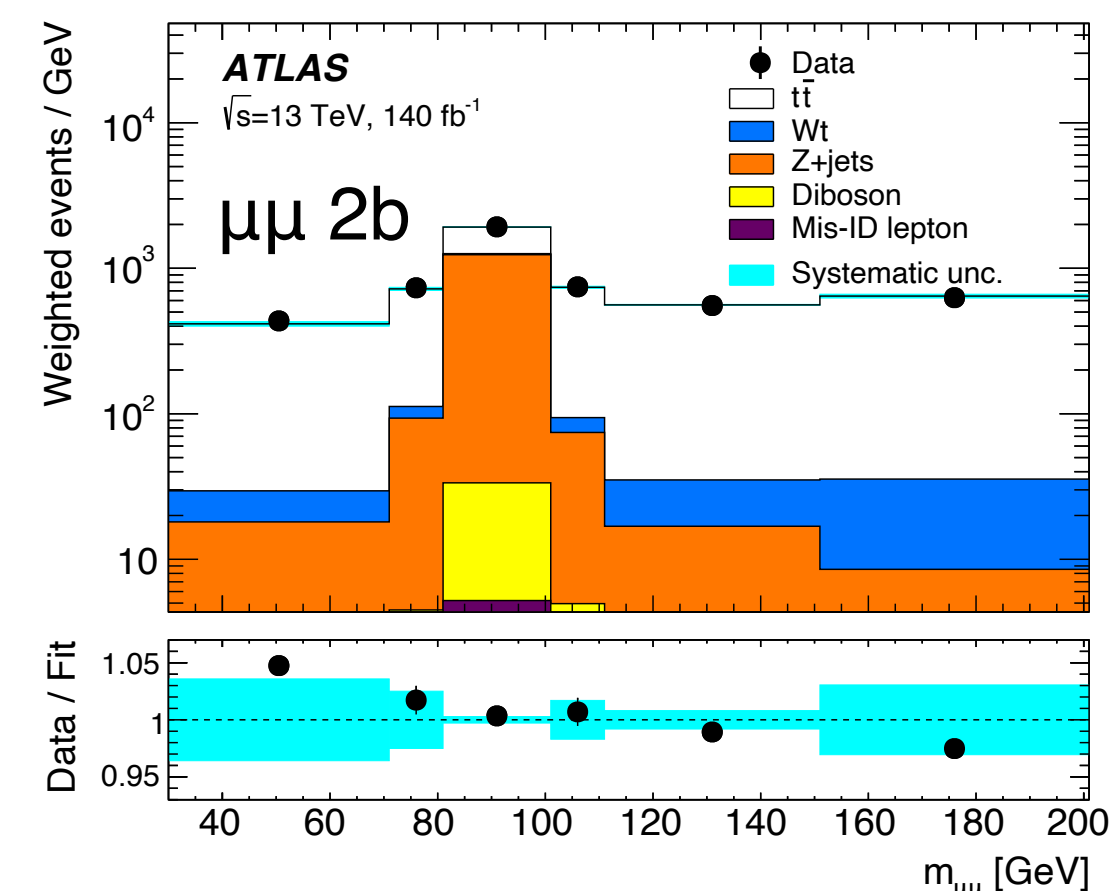
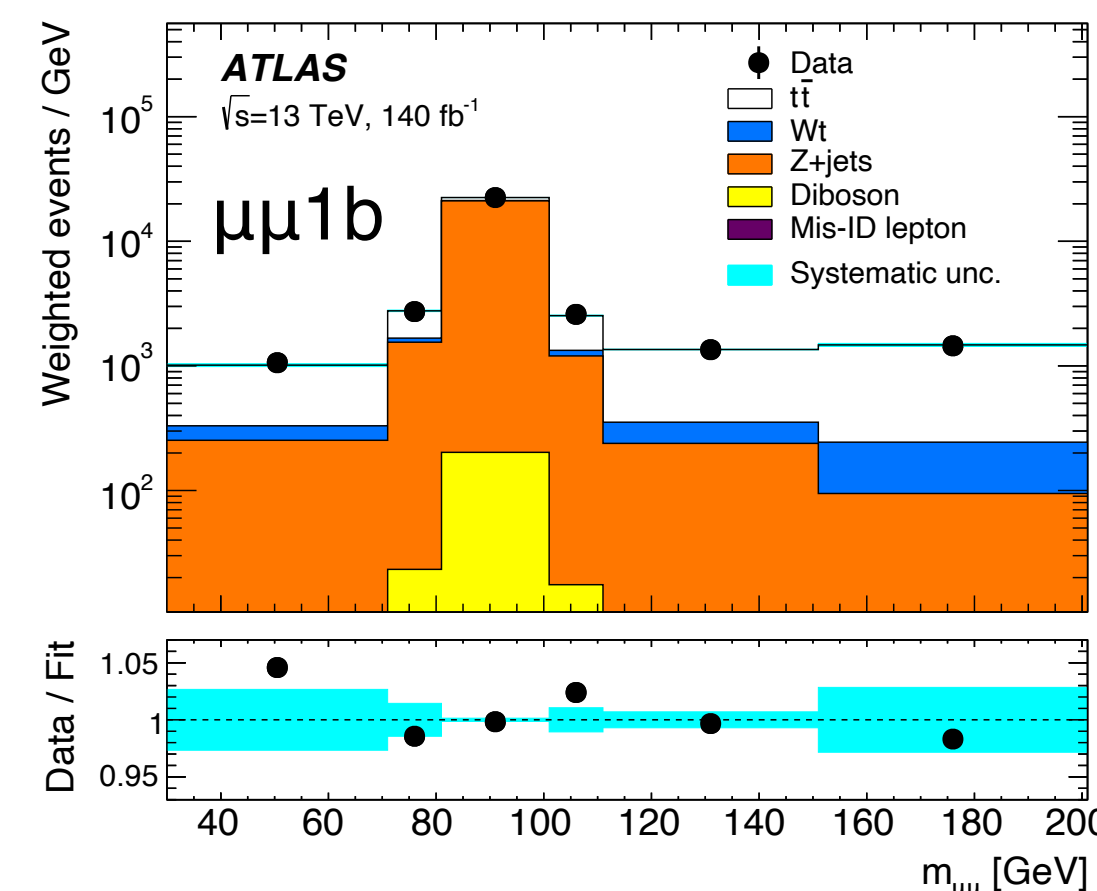
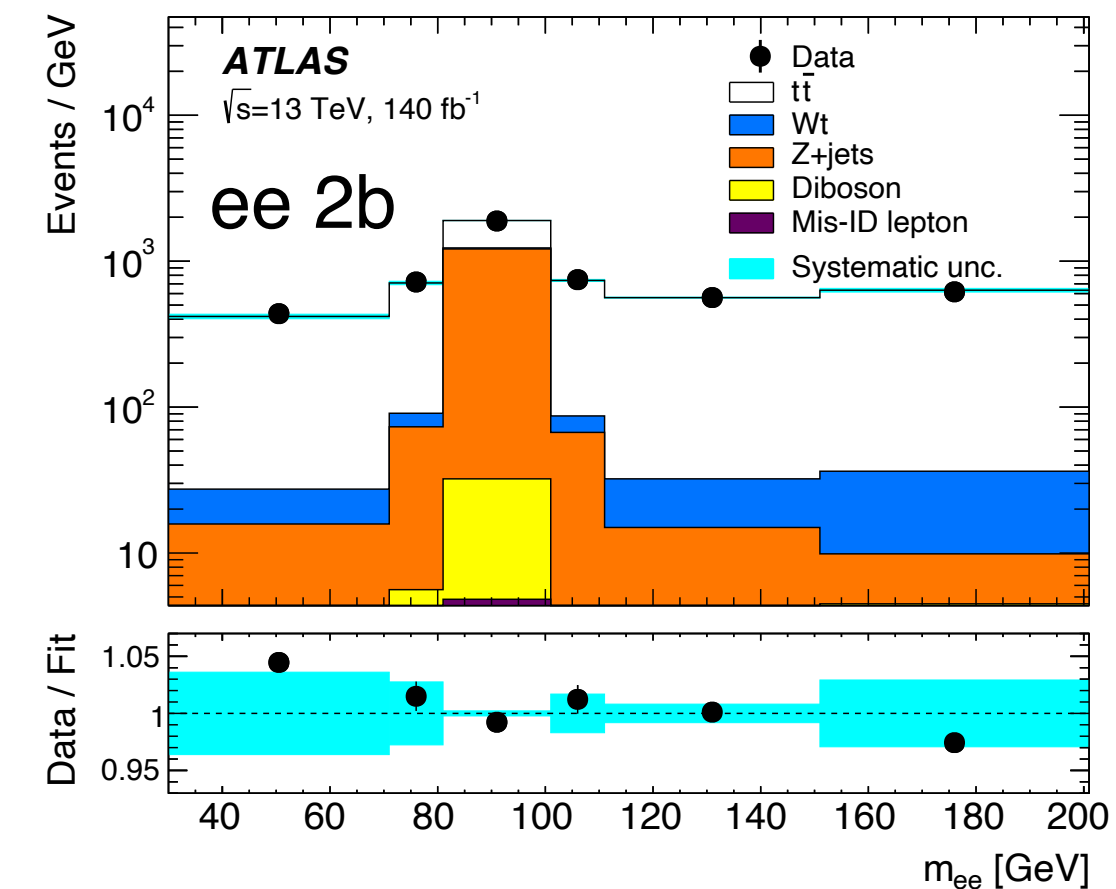
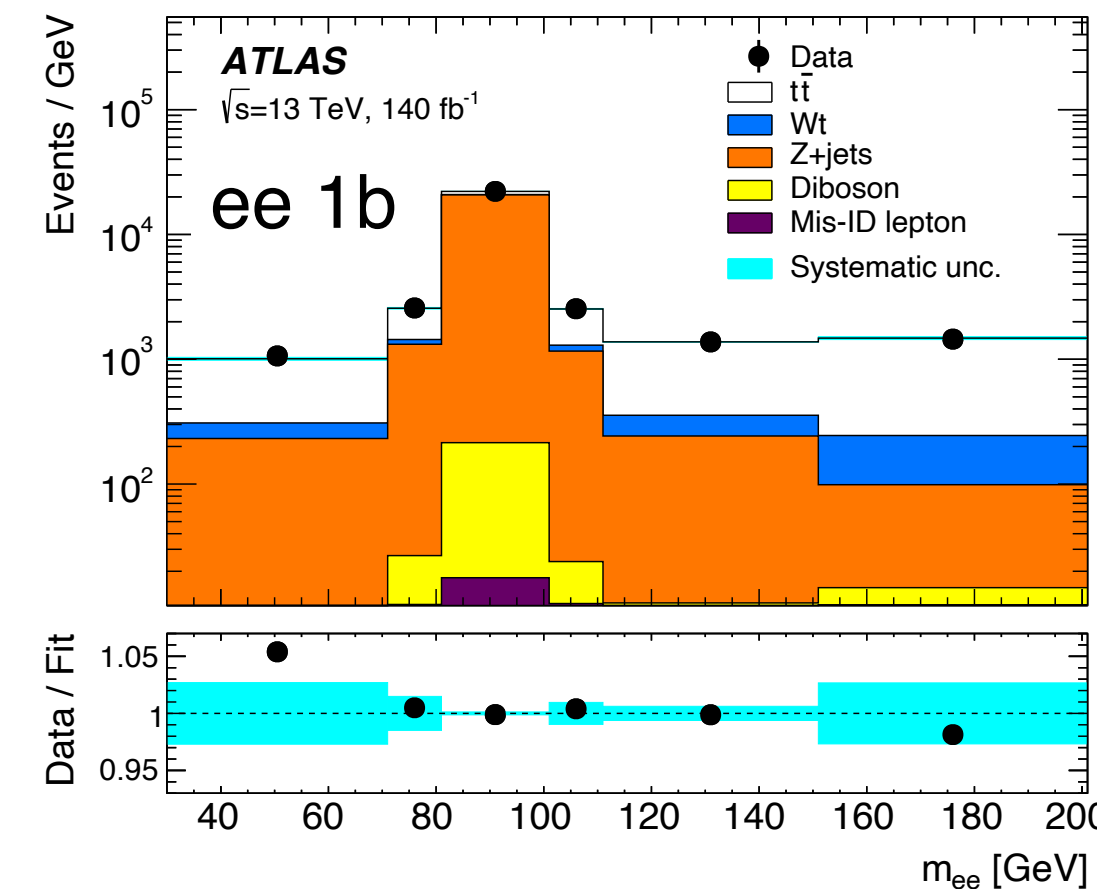
$$R_{WZ}^{\mu e} = \frac{R_W^{\mu e}}{\sqrt{R_Z^{\mu\mu ee}}} = \frac{B(W \rightarrow \mu\nu)}{B(W \rightarrow e\nu)} \sqrt{\frac{B(Z \rightarrow ee)}{B(Z \rightarrow \mu\mu)}}$$

- Extracted w/ a likelihood fit (28 bins in the right plots)
- Obtain  $R_W^{\mu e}$  by multiplying  $R_{WZ}^{\mu e}$  with the best independent value of  $R_Z^{\mu\mu ee} = 1.0009 \pm 0.0028$  LEP + SLD



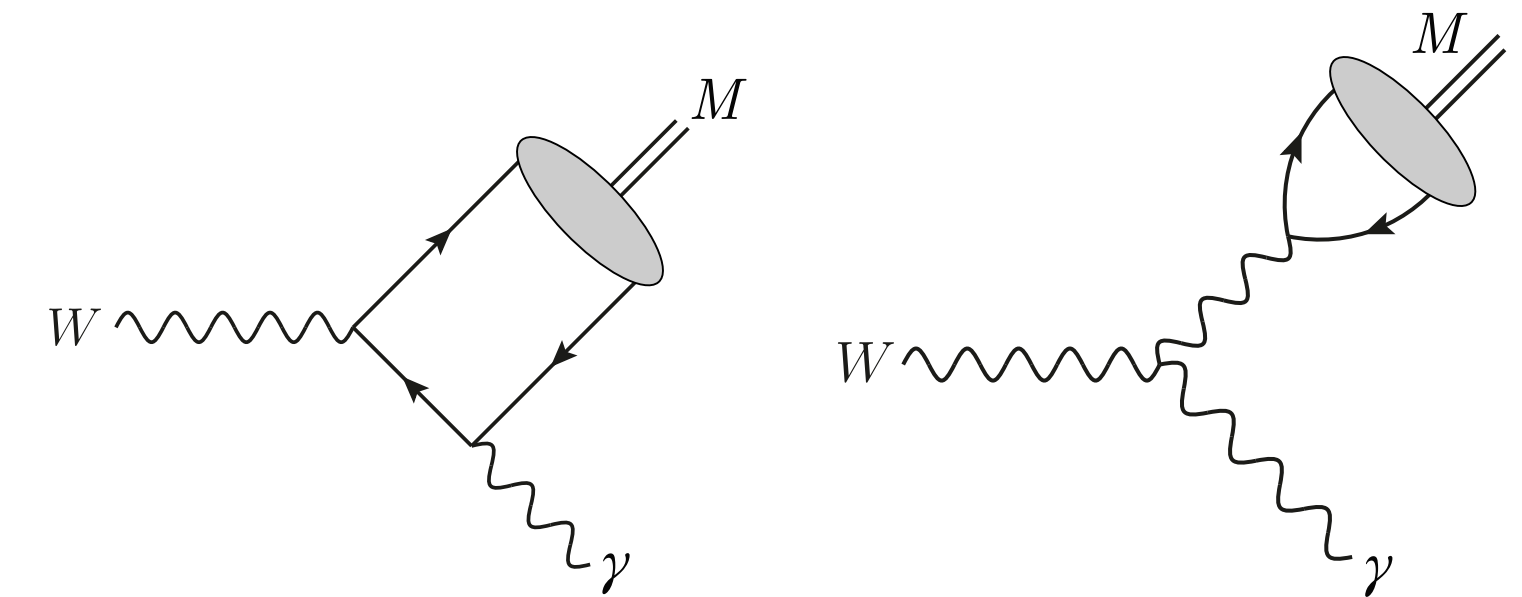
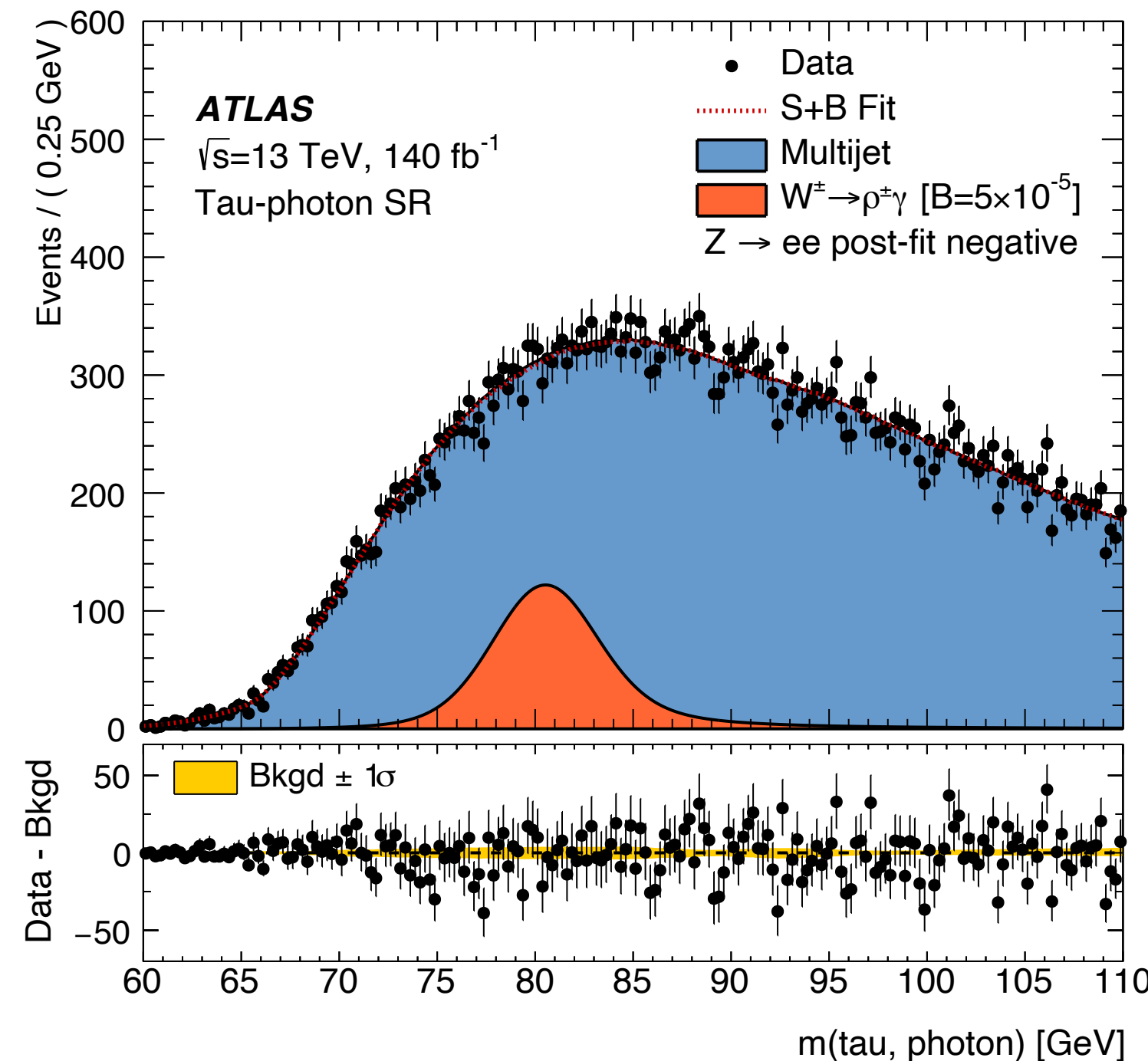
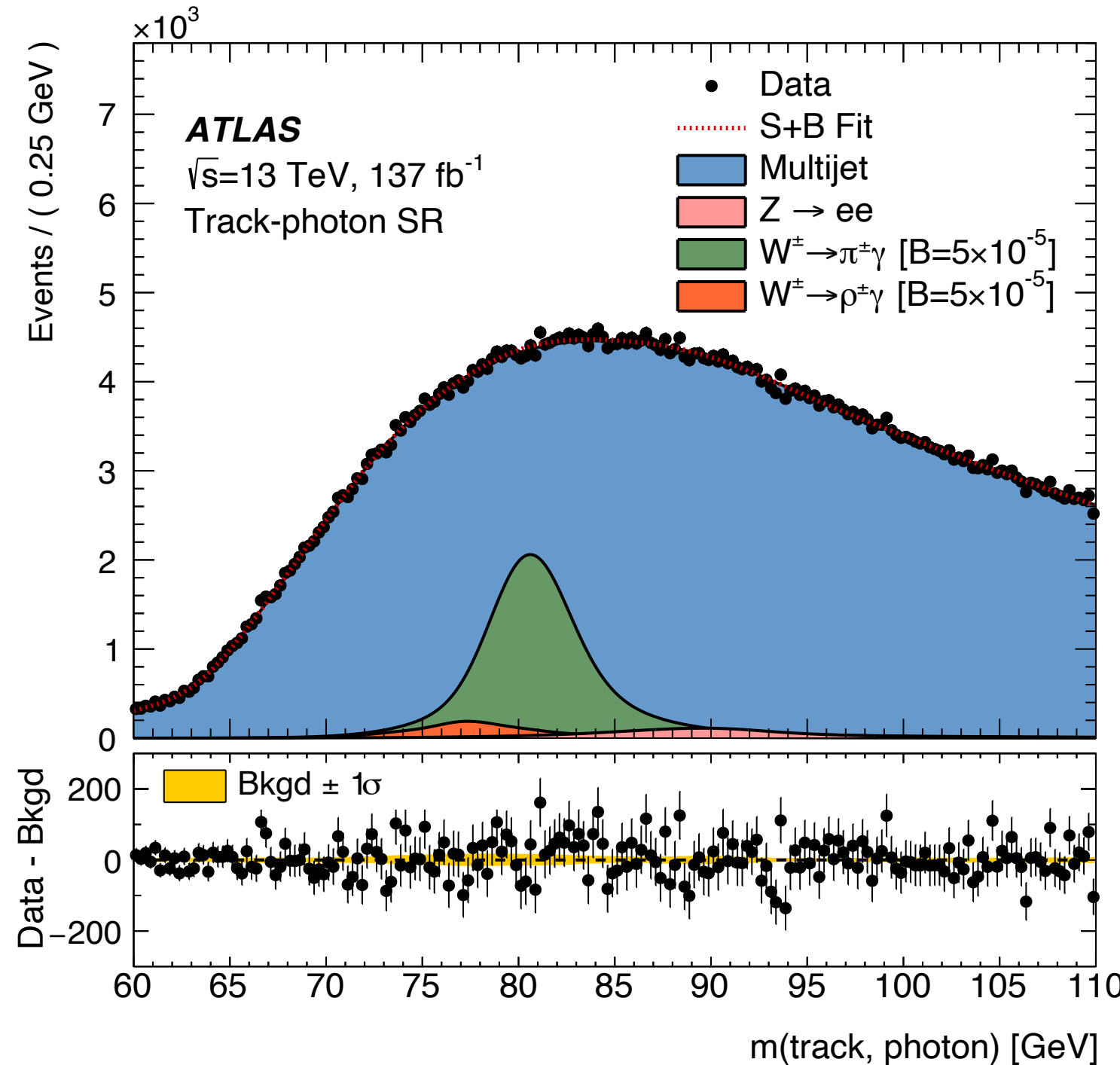
$$R_W^{\mu e} = 0.9995 \pm 0.0045$$

Single most precise measurement; no sign of lepton non-universality





- No exclusive hadronic decay mode of any boson has yet been observed
  - Potentially sensitive to exclusive had. W boson decays at the HL-LHC (not enough data in Run 2 + Run 3)
- Probe W boson coupling to different generations of quarks; testbed for QCD factorization
- Possible new channels for the direct measurement of the W boson mass
- Two final states experimentally probed with dedicated triggers for the track + photon final state:
  - Track + photon (sensitive to  $W \rightarrow \pi/K + \gamma$ )
  - Tau + photon (sensitive to  $W \rightarrow \rho(\rightarrow \pi\pi^0) + \gamma$ )

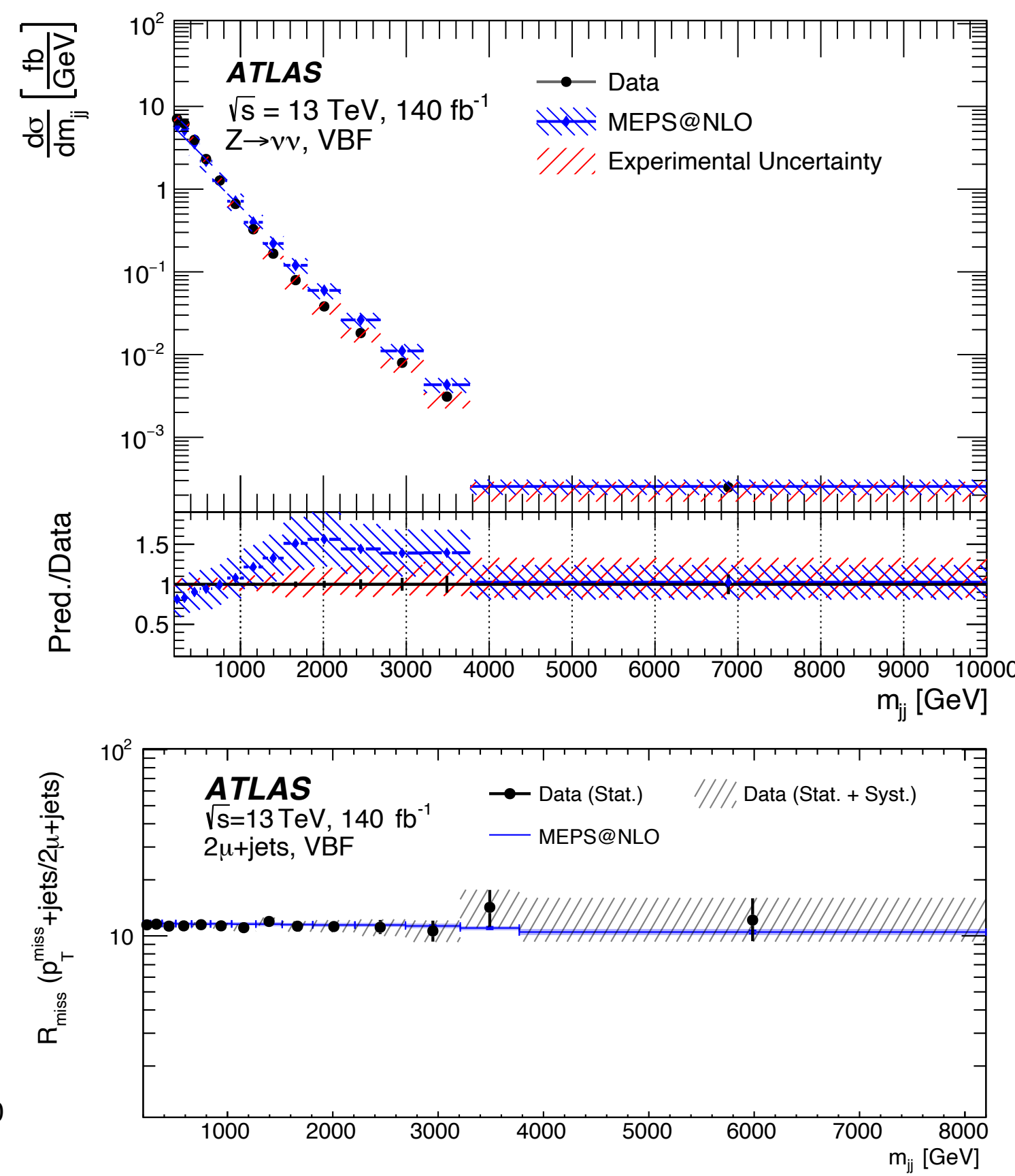
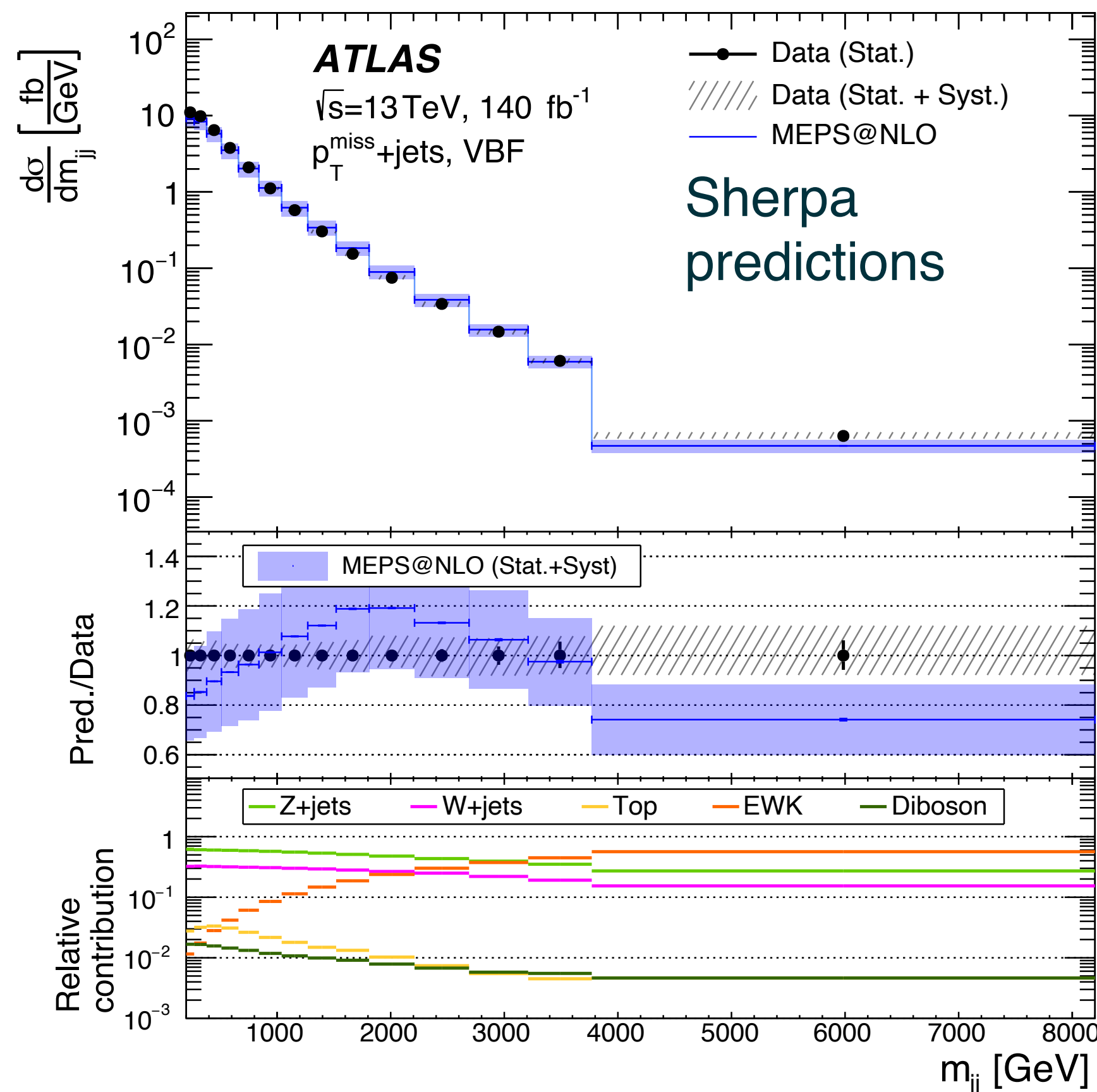


Branching fraction	95% CL upper limits	
	Expected $\times 10^{-6}$	Observed $\times 10^{-6}$
$\mathcal{B}(W^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \gamma)$	$1.2^{+0.5}_{-0.3}$	1.9
$\mathcal{B}(W^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \gamma)$	$1.1^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	1.7
$\mathcal{B}(W^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm \gamma)$	$6.0^{+2.3}_{-1.7}$	5.2

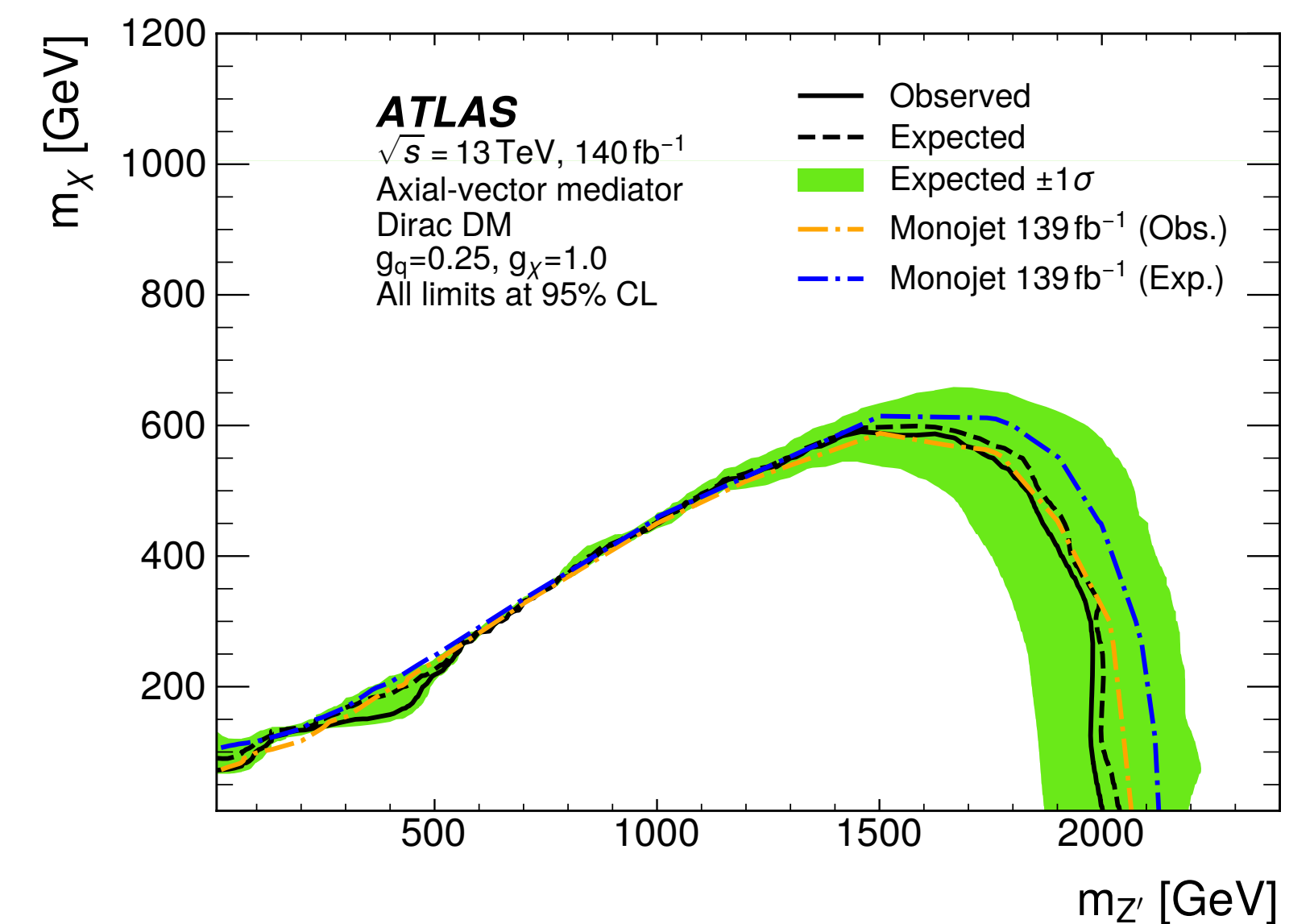
# V+jets measurements (including V+HF)



- Model independent measurement of differential cross sections for the  $p_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{jets}$  final state
  - Explicit measurement of  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + \text{jets}$  also made to ease the comparisons with the SM predictions
- Auxiliary measurements: hadronic recoil  $p_T^{\text{recoil}}$  together with isolated leptons and photons
  - Enables cross section ratio measurements where systematic uncertainties cancel out
- Inclusive  $\geq 1$  jet phase-space and VBF phase space (2 jets with large  $m_{jj}$ ) probed

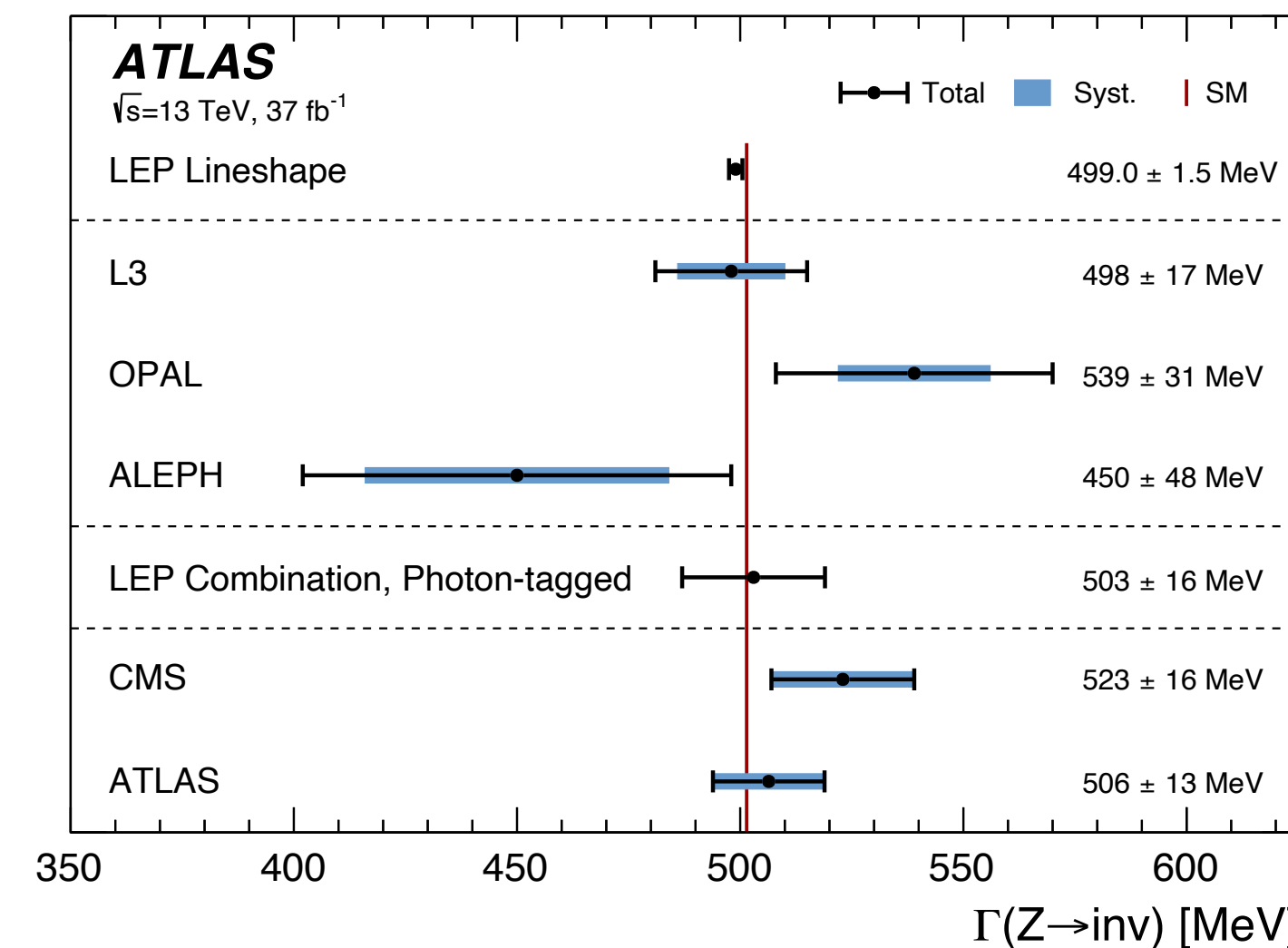
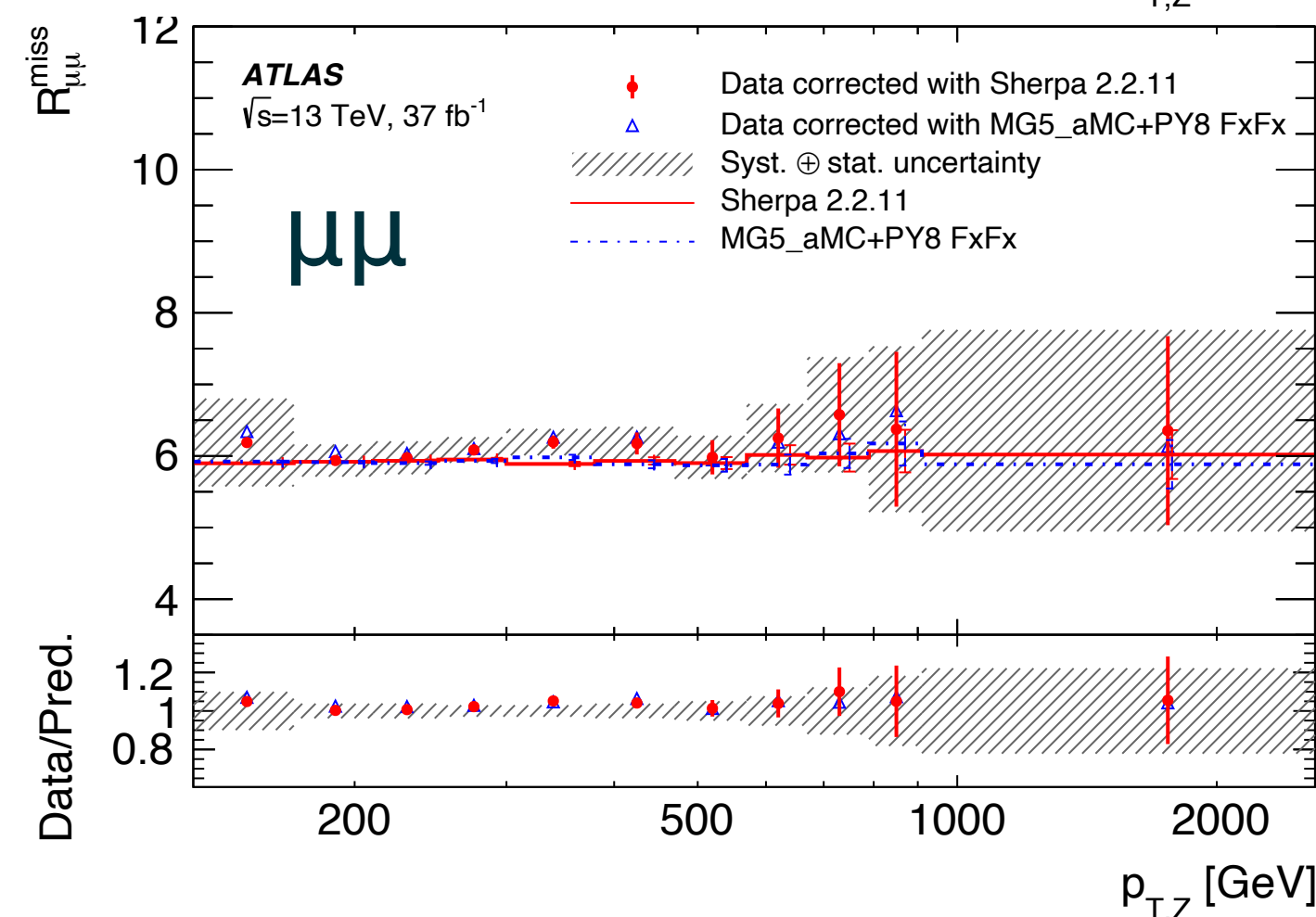
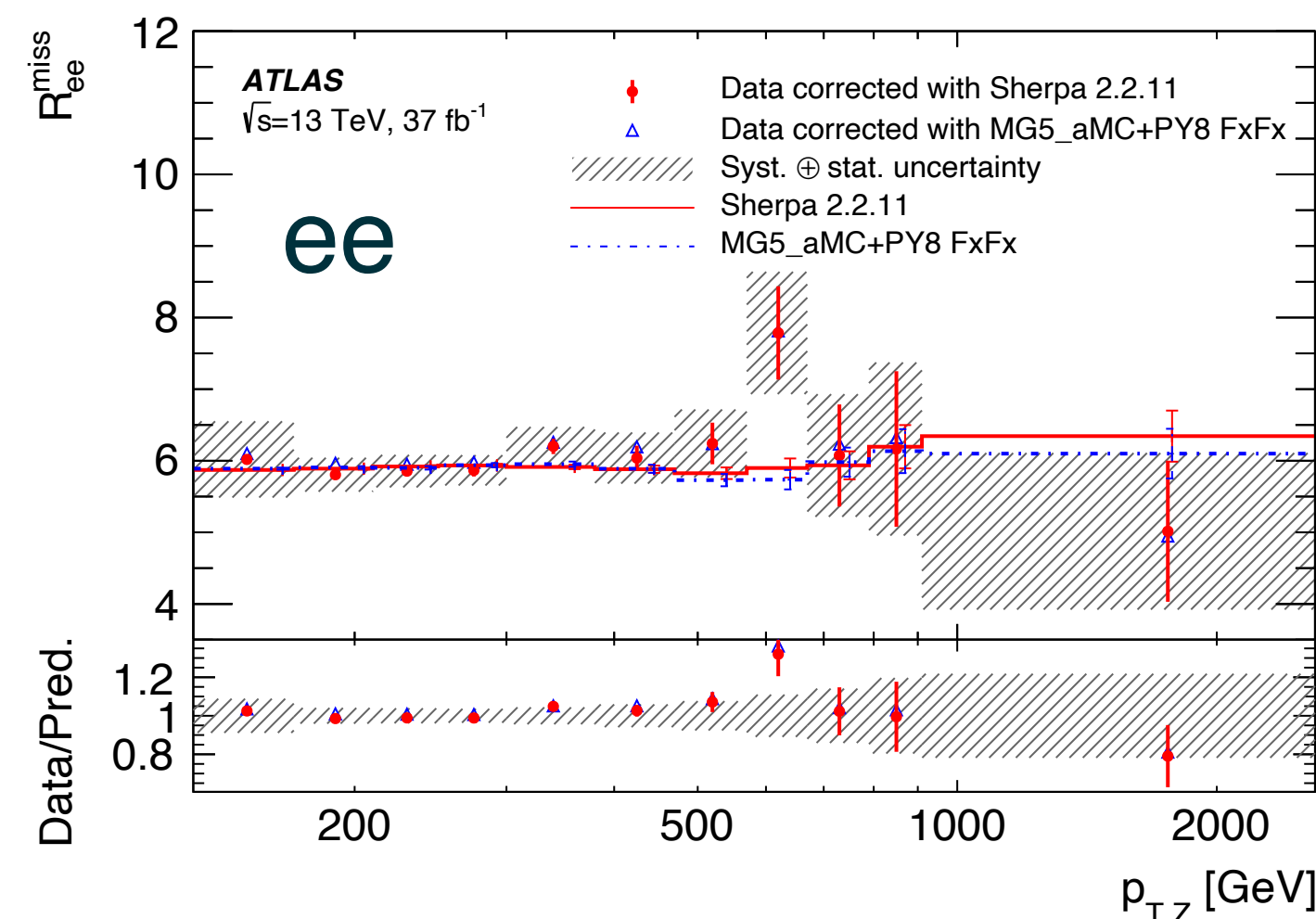


Data can also be used to set limits on Dark Matter BSM models. Comparable sensitivity to direct searches!

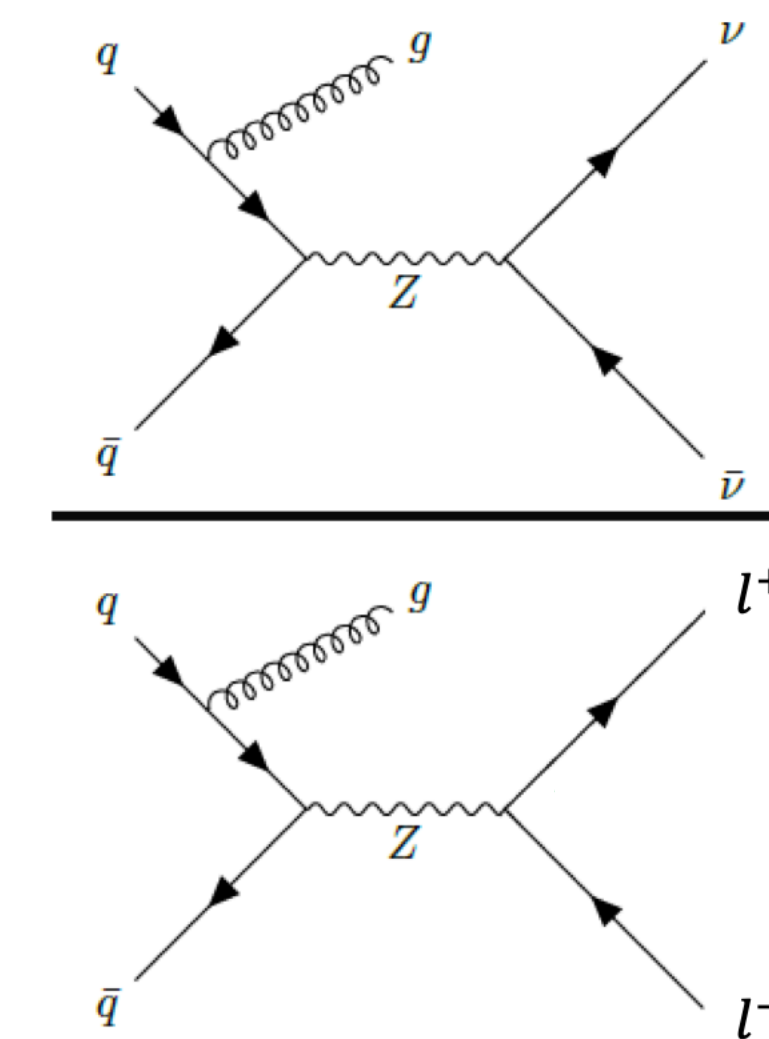




- Z boson invisible width  $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{inv})$  related to the number of lepton generations and potential BSM effects
- Measurement performed with partial Run 2 data— measure the ratio of  $p_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{jets}$  vs  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell + \text{jets}$ 
  - The ratio  $R^{\text{miss}}$  can be determined very precisely as most systematic uncertainties cancel out
- $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{inv})$  is determined by multiplying  $R^{\text{miss}}$  with the independent value of  $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell\ell)$  from LEP



Systematic Uncertainty	Impact on $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{inv})$ in [MeV]	in [%]
Muon efficiency	7.4	1.5
Renormalisation & factorisation scales	5.9	1.2
Electron efficiency	4.9	1.0
Detector correction	4.4	0.9
QCD multijet	3.2	0.6
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	2.4	0.5
$Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu) + \text{jets}$ misid. lepton estimate	1.9	0.4
Jet energy resolution	1.6	0.3
$W(\rightarrow \ell\nu) + \text{jets}$ normalisation	1.5	0.3
Dilepton reweighting	1.5	0.3
<b>Systematic</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Statistical	2	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.5</b>



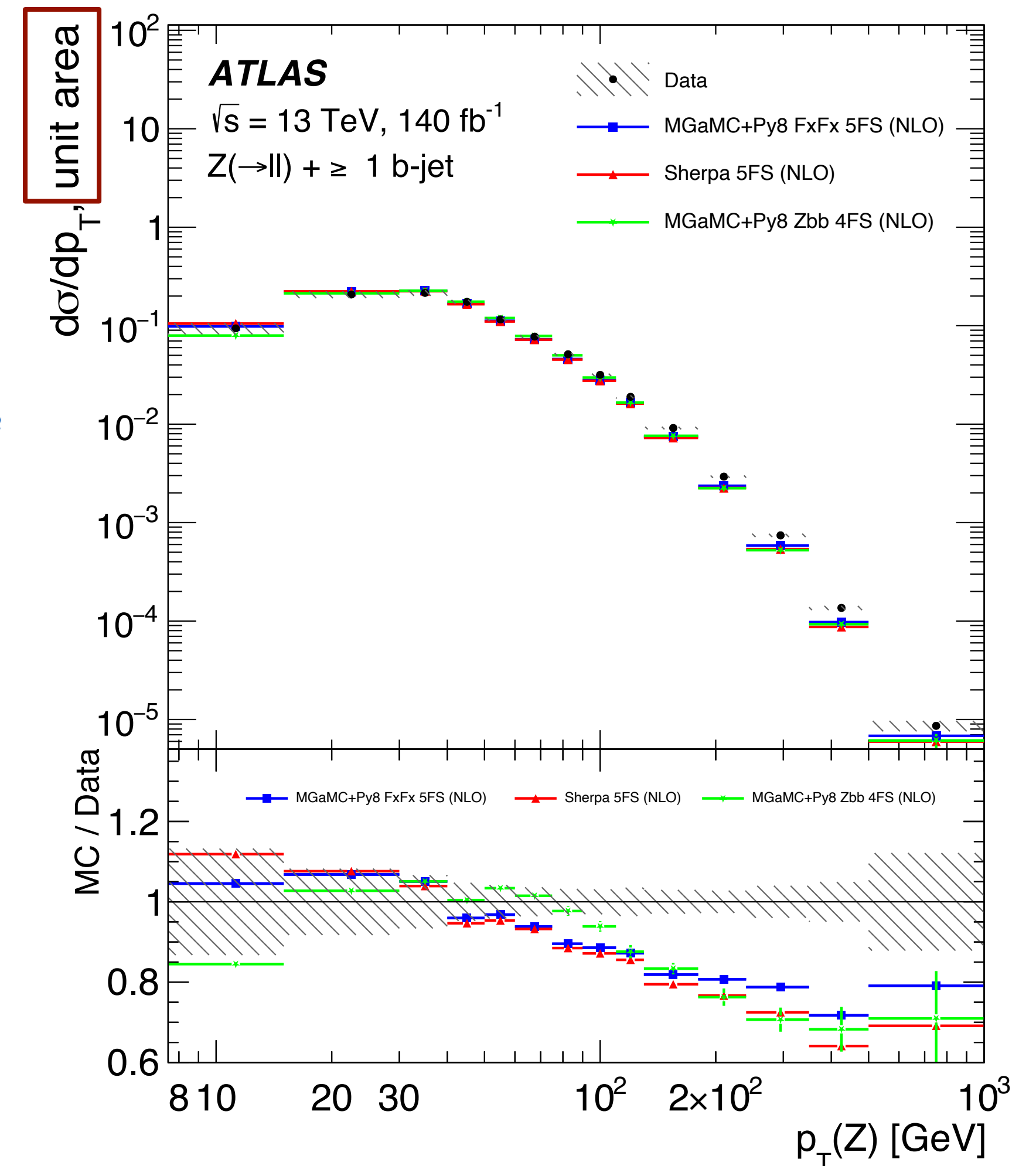
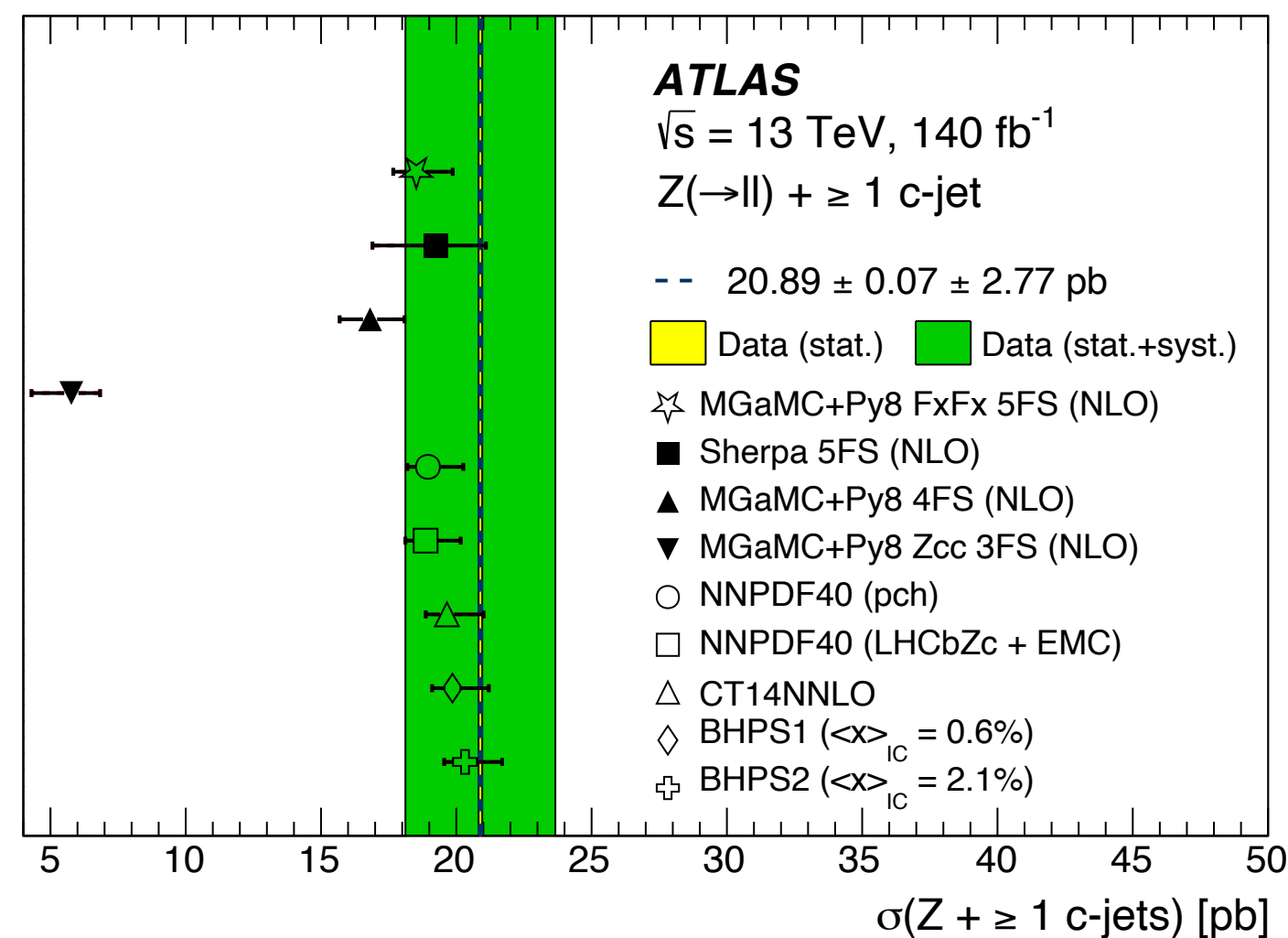
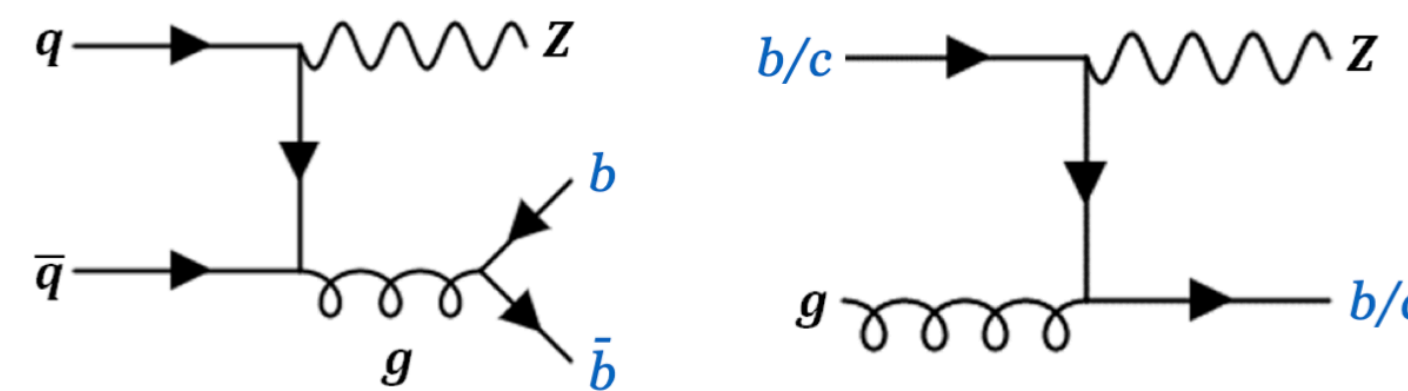
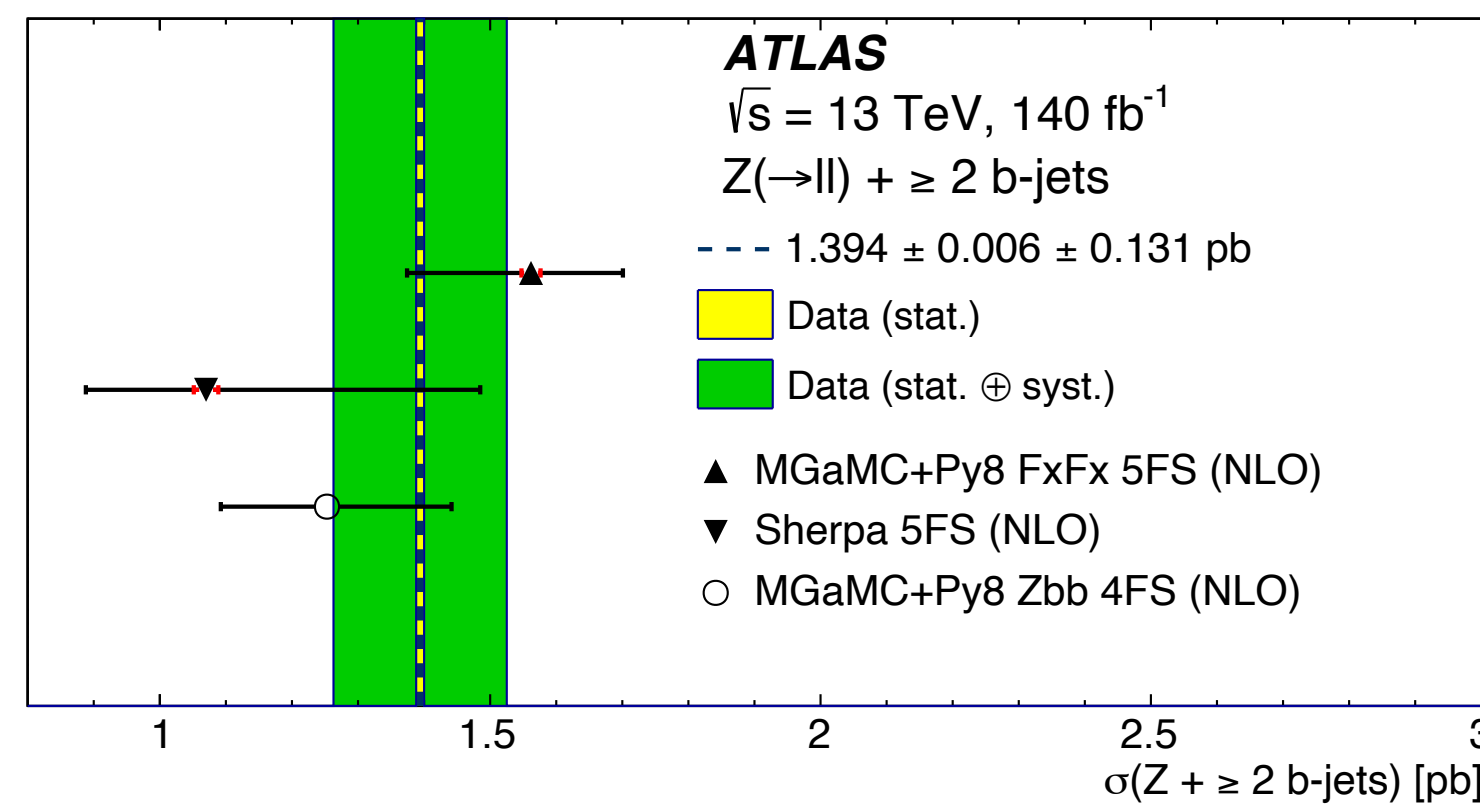
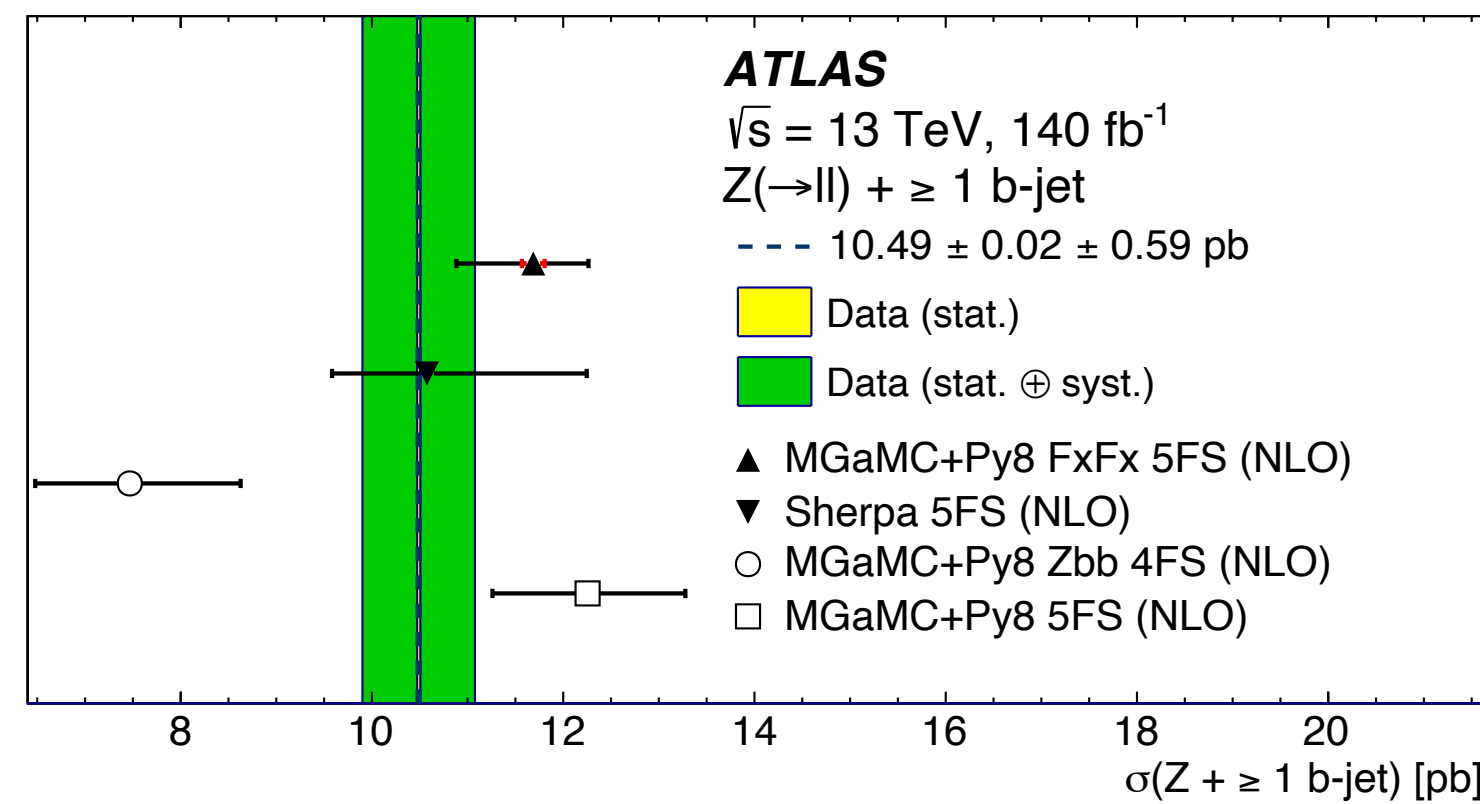
$$R^{\text{miss}} = \frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{inv})}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell\ell)}$$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{inv}) = 506 \pm 2 (\text{stat.}) \pm 12 (\text{syst.}) \text{ MeV}$$

Most precise single “recoil based” measurement; dominated by systematic uncertainties in lepton efficiencies.

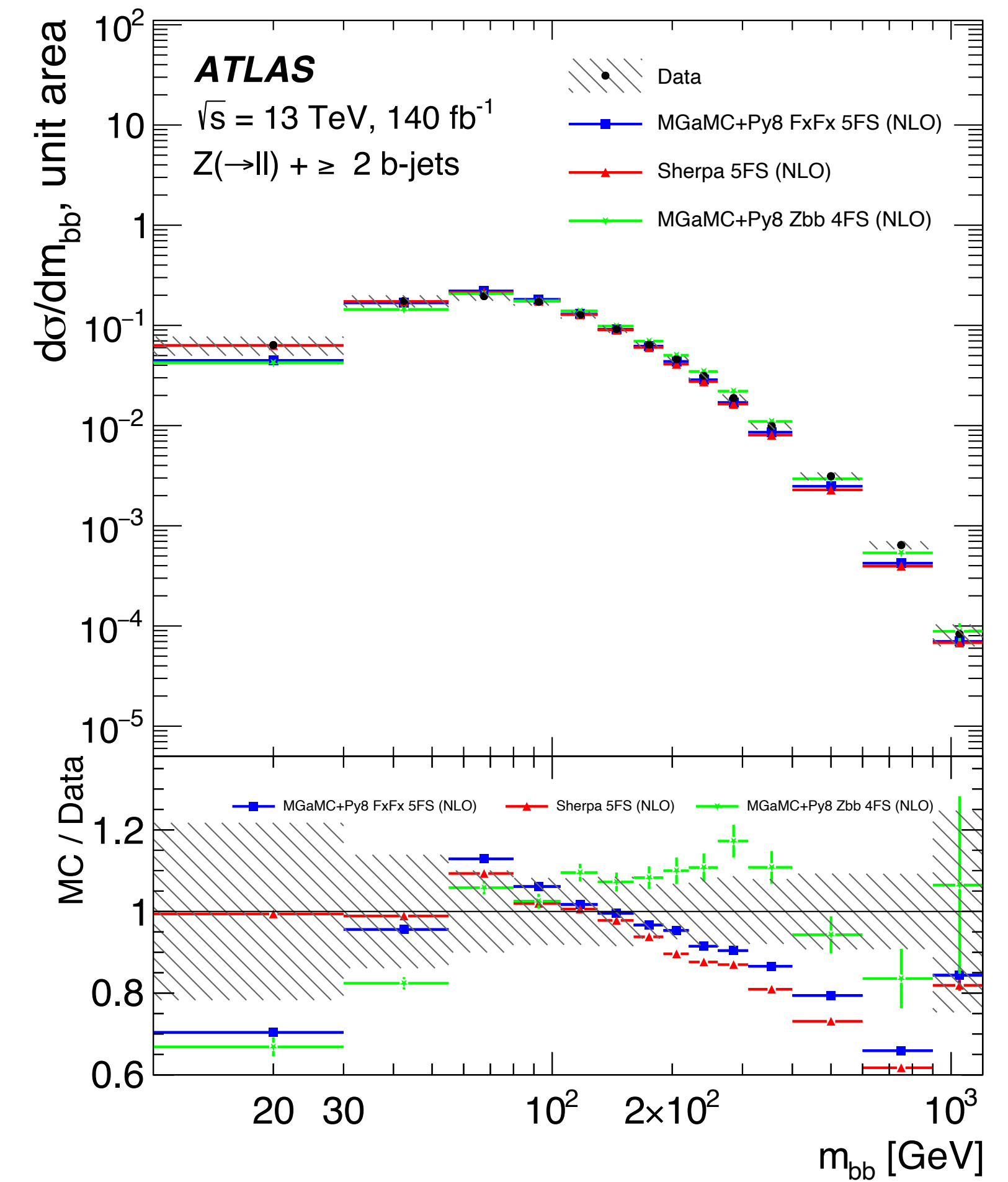
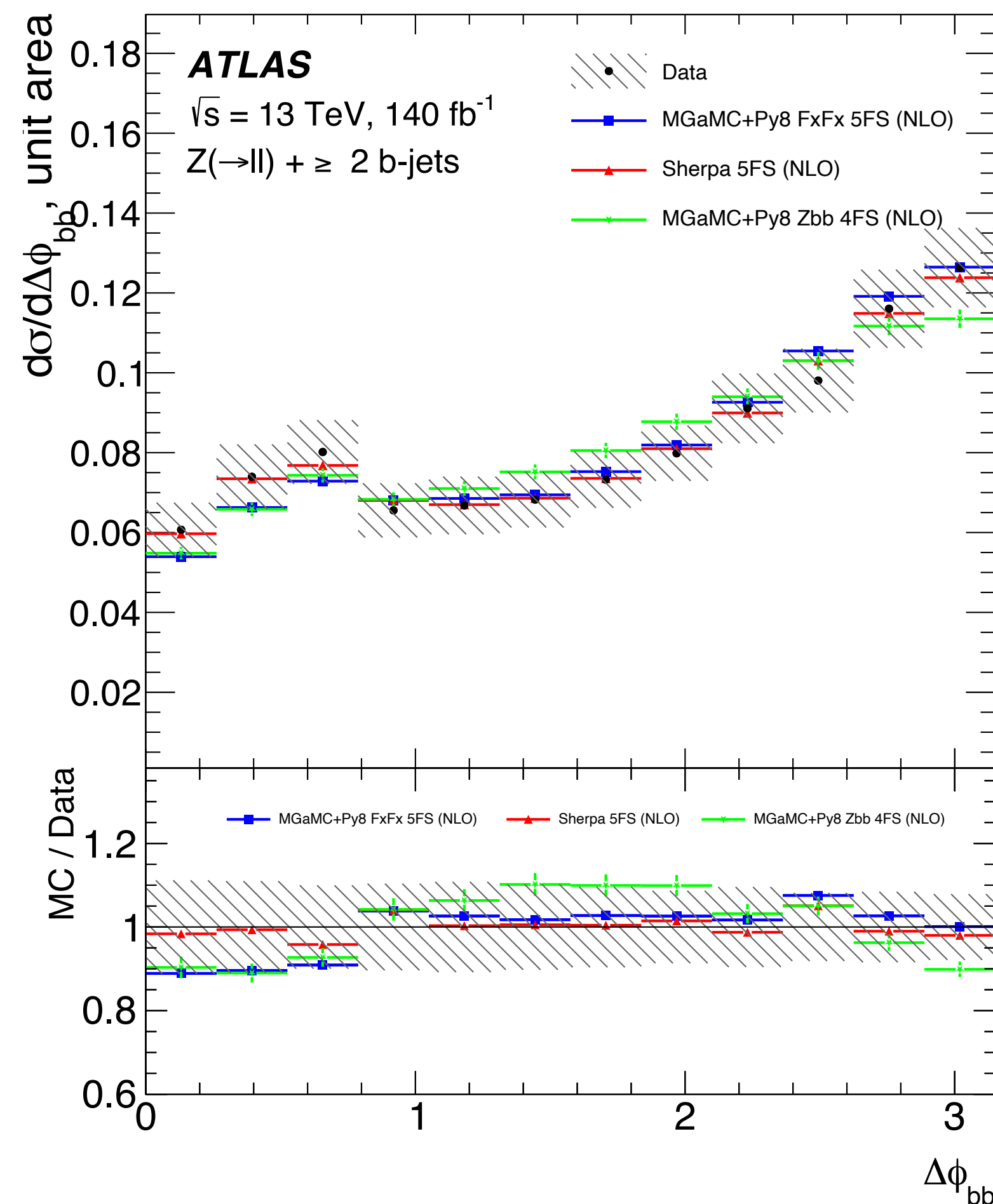
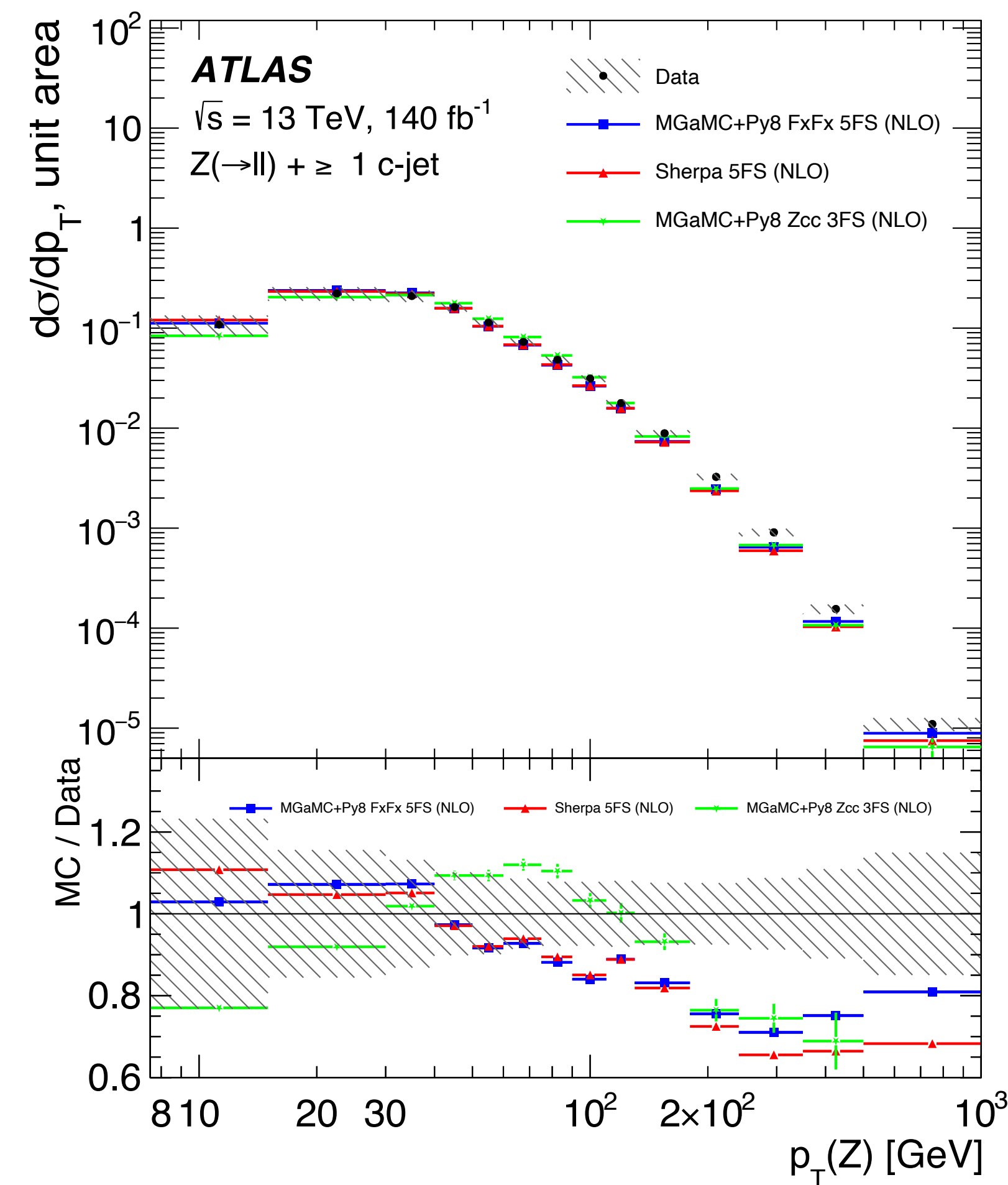


- Measurement performed with “particle flow” jets using ML-based flavor tagging (FTAG) algorithms
- Events split into  $\geq 1b$ -jet,  $\geq 2b$ -jet, and  $\geq 1c$ -jet regions; corresponding FTAG uncertainties: 3.6%, 5.7%, 10%
- Very important for MC tuning as V+HF are major background in many searches (e.g.  $H \rightarrow bb/cc$ )
  - Sensitive to pQCD, PDFs (strange, charm, bottom), different Flavor Number Schemes in simulations
- Differential cross sections measured for many variables:
  - $p_T(Z)$ ,  $p_T(\text{jet})$ ,  $\Delta R(Z,b)$ ,  $\Delta\phi(b,b)$ ,  $m(b,b)$ ,  $x_F(c\text{-jet})$





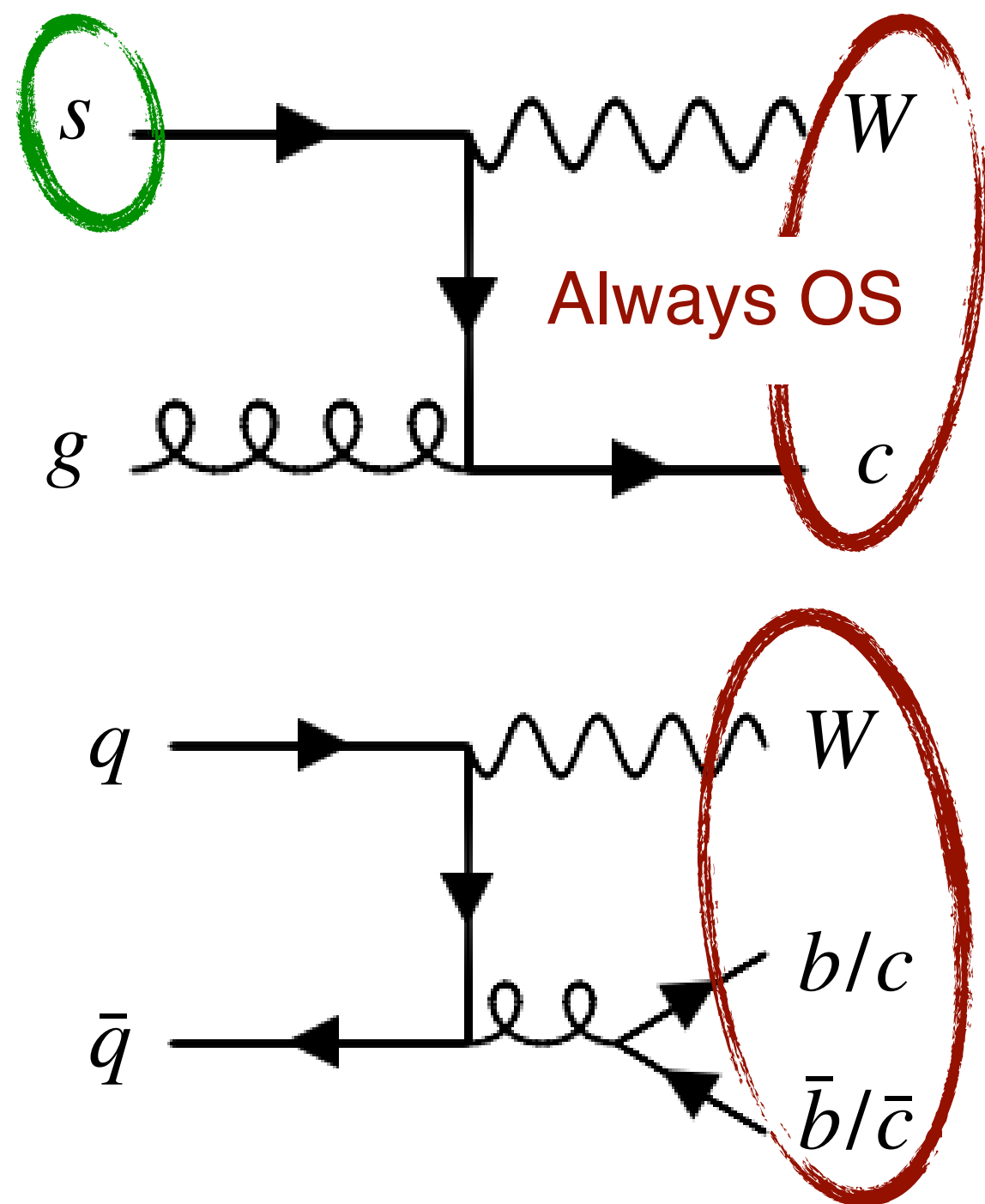
- NLO multi-jet merged simulations generally describe the data well in the bulk of the phase-space
  - However, some issues observed e.g.:  $p_T(Z)$  modeling and low  $\Delta R(bb) / m(bb)$
  - Currently we need to be very careful in designing our searches for new physics in a way to not be sensitive to these effects— e.g. in-situ fit  $p_T(Z)$  shape; de-correlate uncertainties across  $\Delta R(bb)$ , etc.
- Generally reduces sensitivity; will not be good enough for HL-LHC with 10x larger statistics



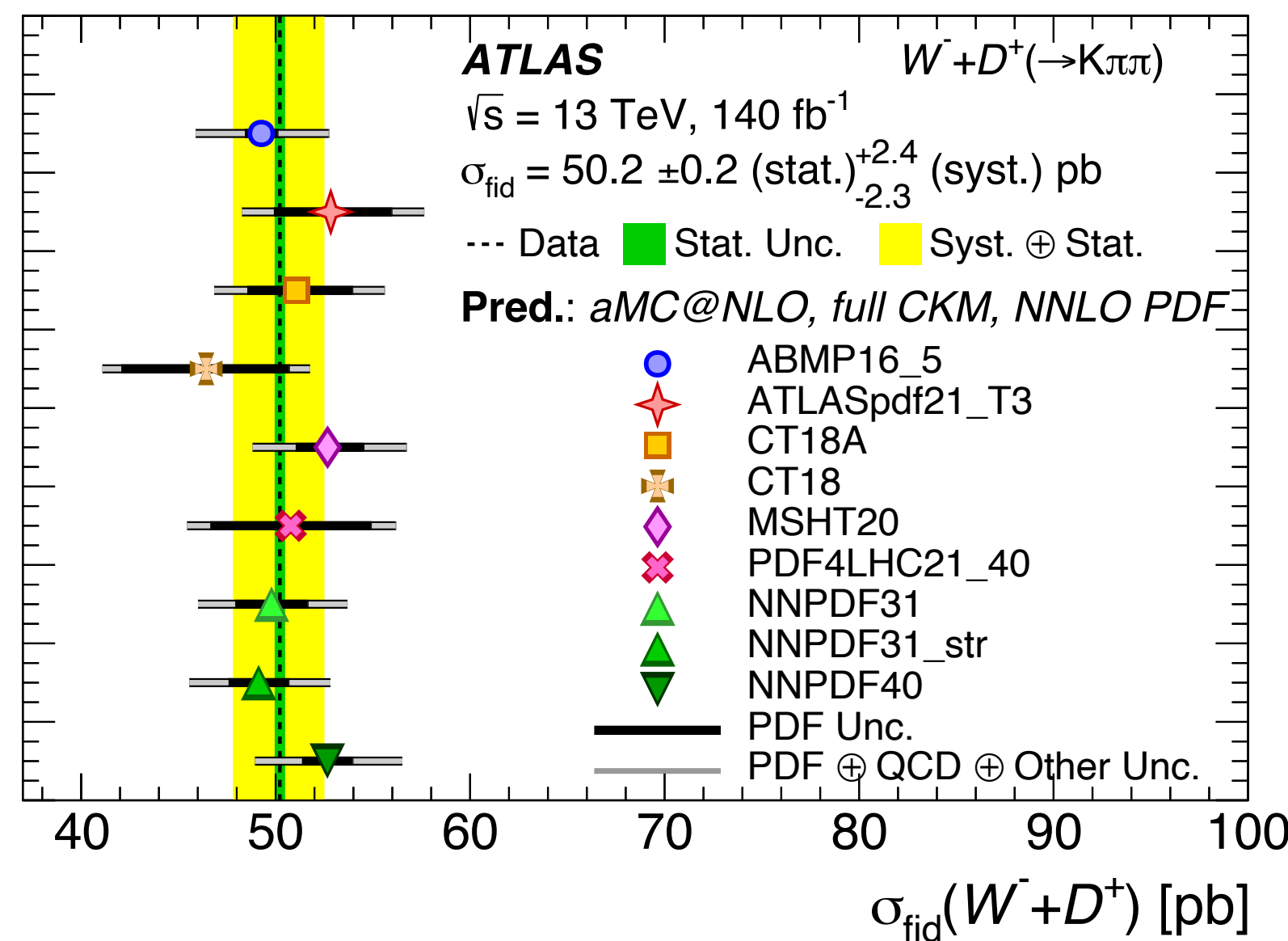




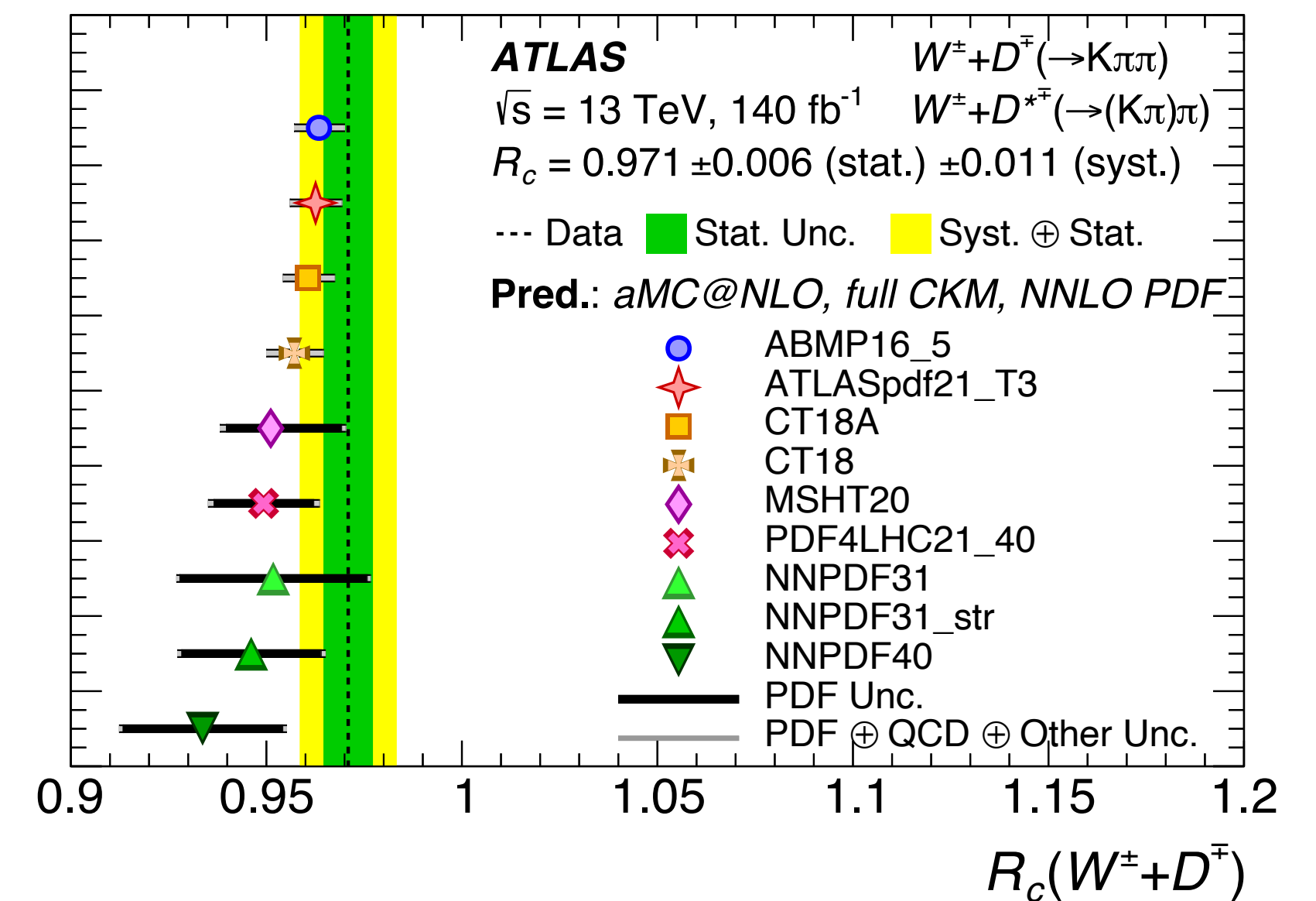
- Measurement performed without jets; c-quarks tagged by explicitly reconstructing the D-mesons:
- Two hadronic decay modes used:  $D^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm$  and  $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^\pm \rightarrow K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm$
- No systematic uncertainties due to jet reconstruction / flavor tagging, but larger statistical uncertainty
- Statistically remove the gluon splitting contribution  $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  with the “OS-SS” subtraction
  - Precise measurement of the  $sg \rightarrow Wc$  process; always has OS charge between  $D^{*\pm}$  and  $W^\mp \rightarrow \ell^\mp \nu$
- Provide differential cross section of  $p_T(D)$  for MC modeling and  $|\eta(\ell)|$  for PDF fits; sensitive to **s-quark PDF**



Cross sections measured for:  
 $W+D^-$ ,  $W-D^+$   
 $W+D^{*-}$ ,  $W-D^{*+}$

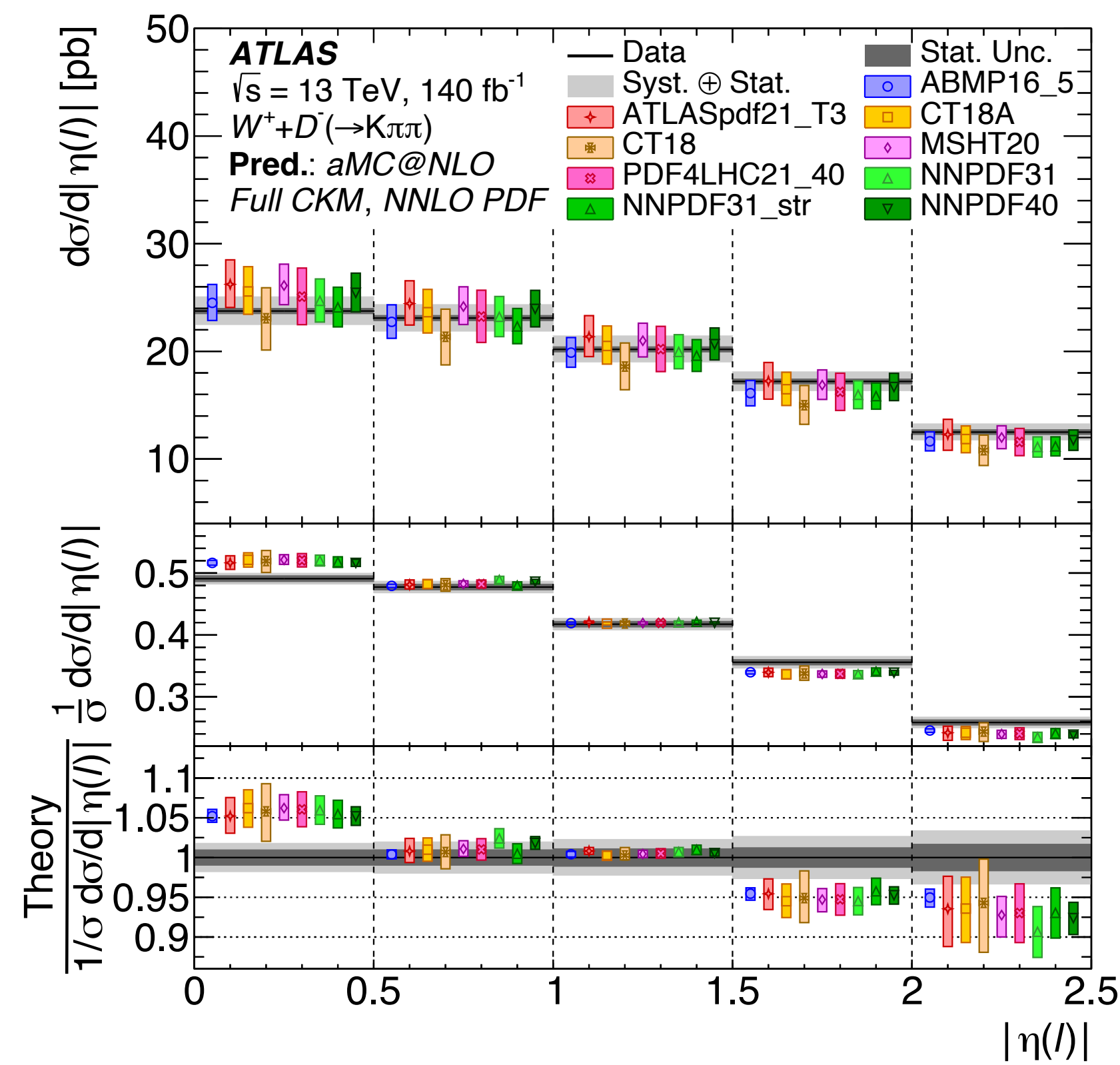
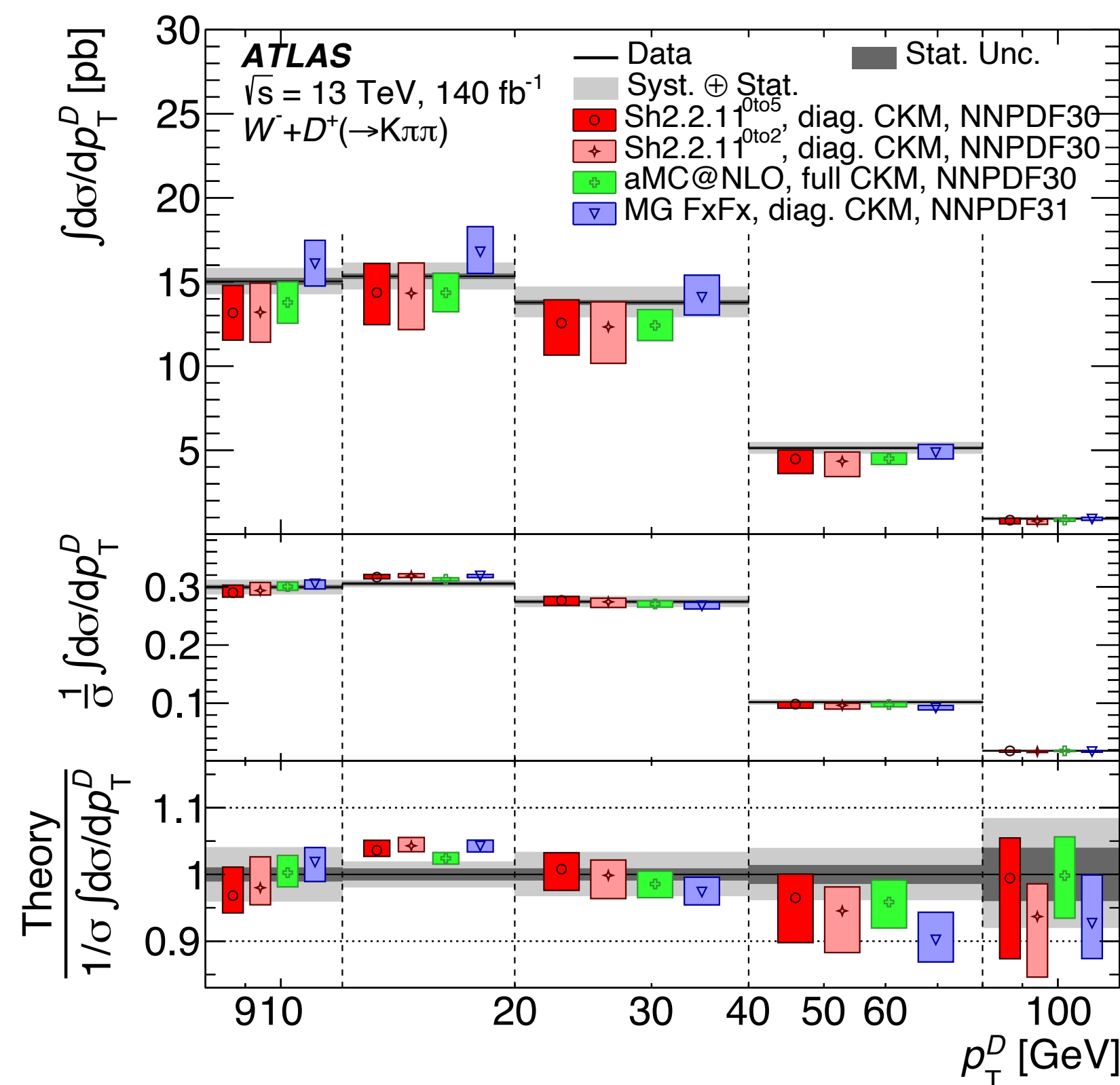


Cross section ratio  $R_c$  measured with  
 1% precision; compatible with NLO  
 predictions; no large s-sbar asymmetry





- Differential  $p_T(D)$  cross section compared to multi-jet merged simulations
  - Some shape differences visible, but mostly covered by the theory uncertainties
- aMC@NLO at NLO precision w/ a massive c-quark created with different **PDF sets for  $|\eta(\ell)|$  comparison**
  - Central values of NNLO PDFs generally do not match the data; but PDF uncertainties cover the difference
  - NLO PDFs perform better— more consistent setup with the ME prediction?
- However, at the moment difficult to include in PDF fits due to a lack of a NNLO W+D(\*) calculation
  - At the moment would need to parameterize the parton-level  $\leftrightarrow$  particle-level relation (large uncertainties?)



## NNLO PDFs

Channel	$D^+  \eta(\ell) $			
	Exp. Only	$\oplus$ QCD Scale	$\oplus$ Had. and Matching	$\oplus$ PDF
ABMP16_5_nnlo	7.1	11.8	12.9	19.8
ATLASpdf21_T3	9.0	9.7	11.5	84.7
CT18ANNLO	0.7	1.0	1.1	76.0
CT18NNLO	1.4	6.1	6.3	87.6
MSHT20nnlo_as118	2.7	2.9	3.3	45.6
PDF4LHC21_40	3.9	5.3	5.6	75.8
NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118_hessian	1.5	2.6	2.8	50.7
NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118_strange	9.1	14.7	15.2	59.9
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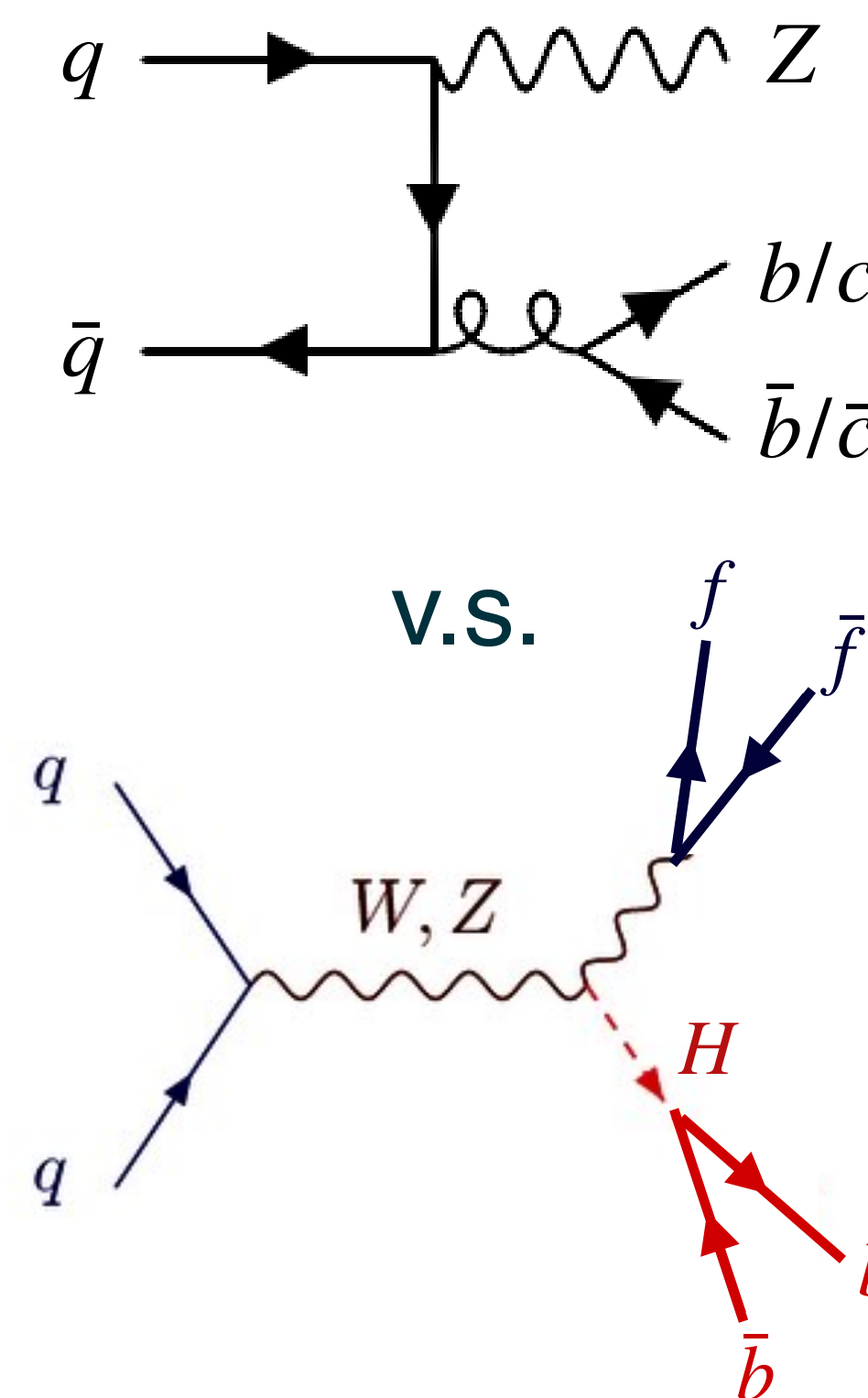
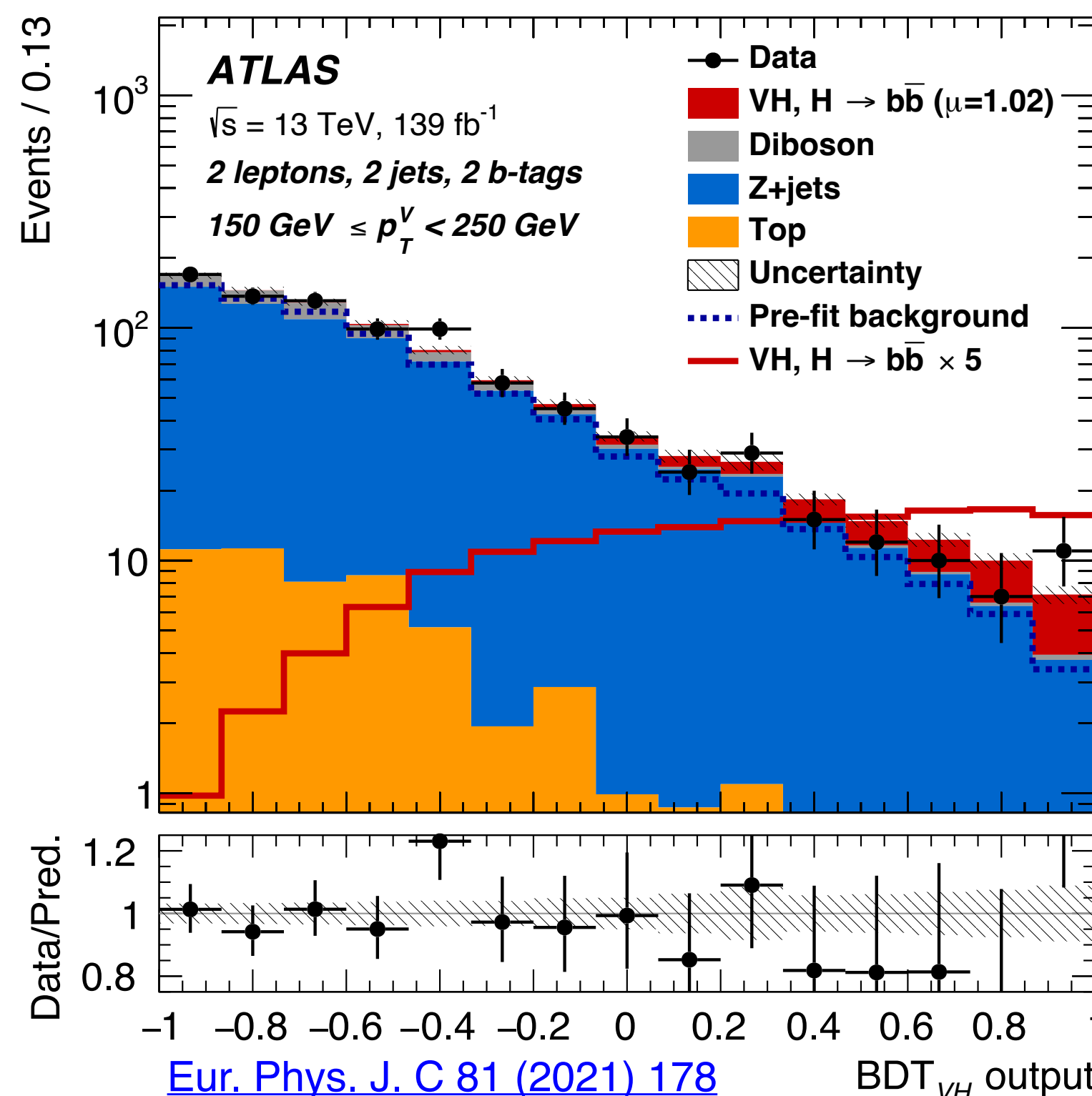
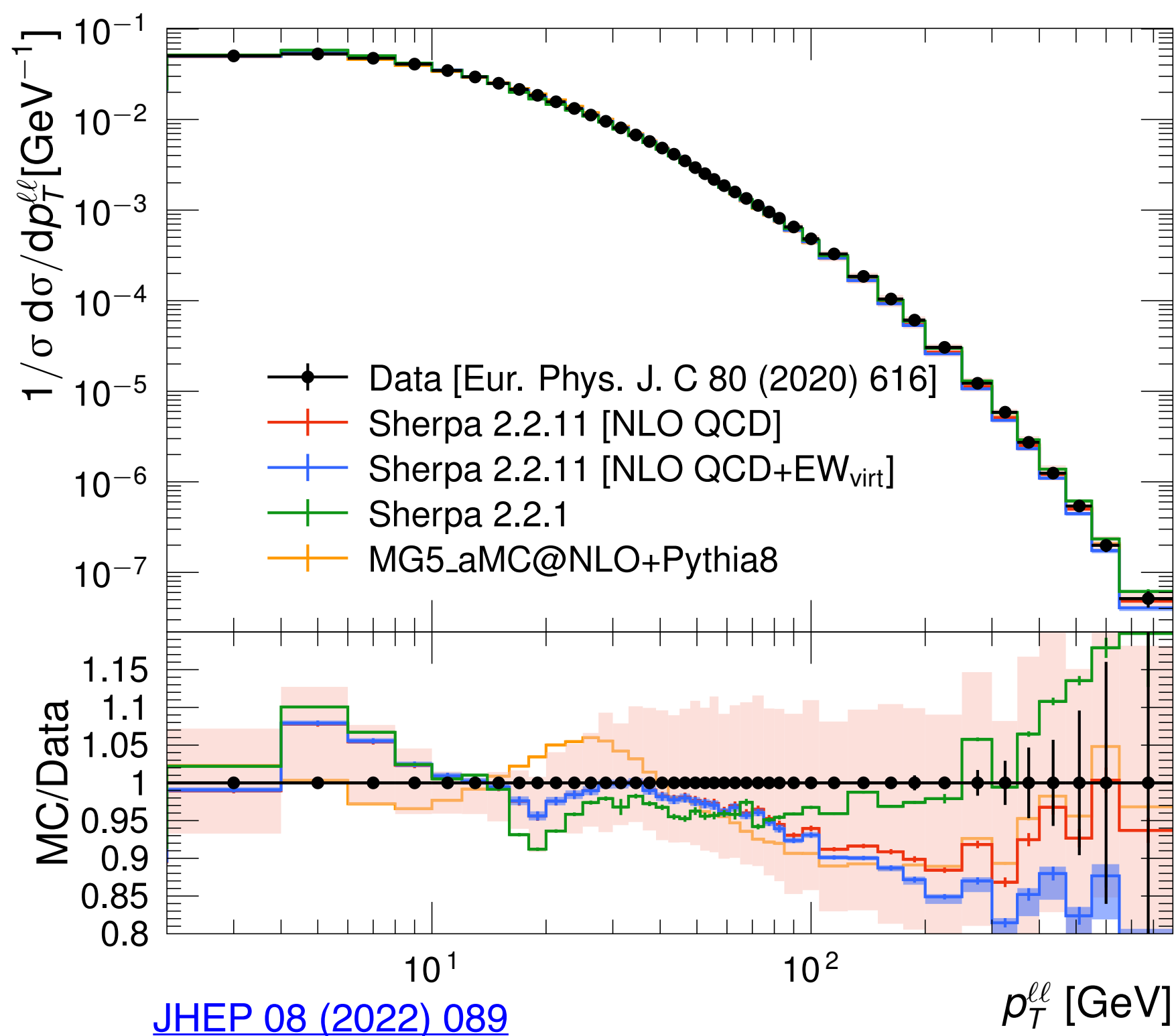
## NLO PDFs

Channel	$D^+  \eta(\ell) $			
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ABMP16_3_nlo	91.7	97.7	97.9	98.3
CT18ANLO	67.8	82.9	83.4	98.2
CT18NLO	19.0	53.5	53.6	88.9
MSHT20nlo_as118	75.4	87.8	87.9	96.8
NNPDF31_nlo_as_0118_hessian	1.0	2.4	2.5	38.9
NNPDF40_nlo_as_01180	8.3	10.7	10.7	46.3

# Discussion

QCD scale uncertainty (missing higher order effects)

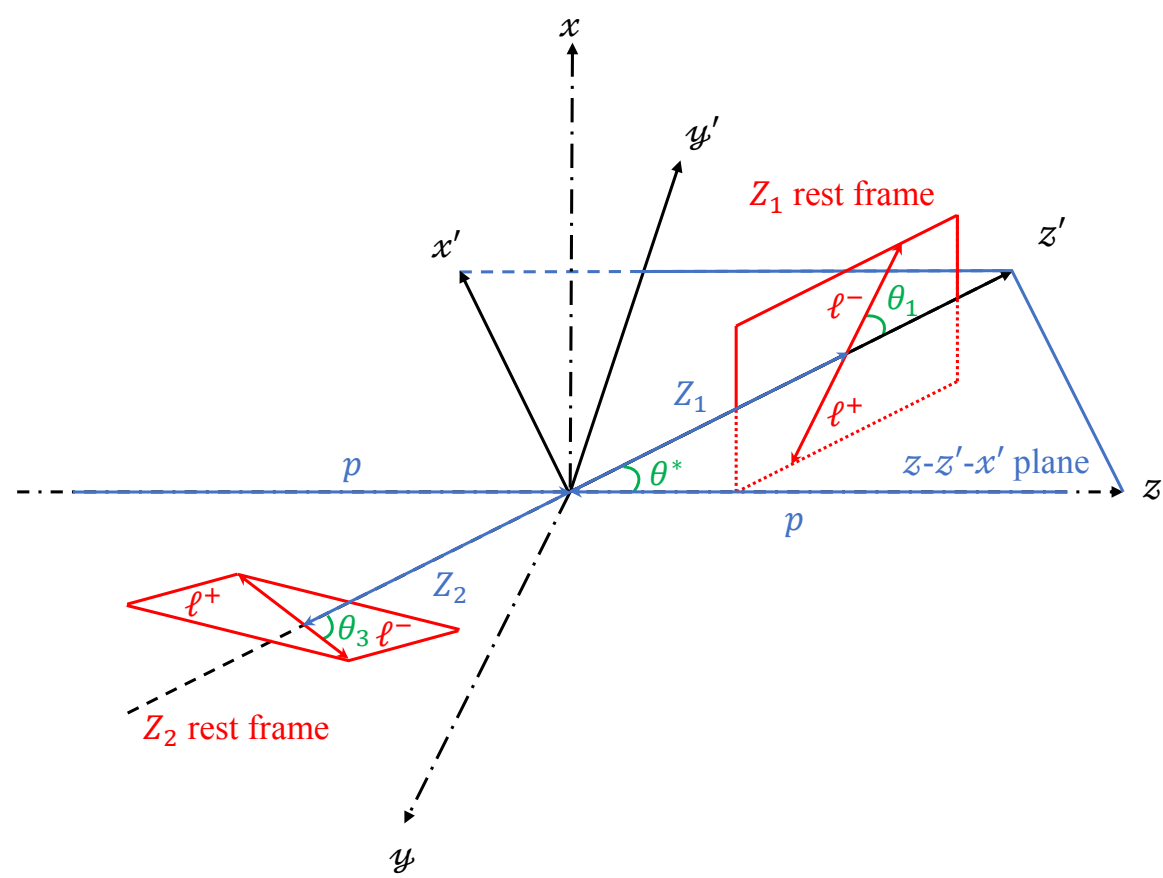
- Scale uncertainty in multi-jet merged samples estimated with the 7-point variations:  $[\mu_R, \mu_F] \times [0.5, 2.0]$
- **From theory:** any curve within the scale uncertainty “envelope” is valid
  - Typically 10-30% relative uncertainty per bin for V+HF processes (e.g. Z+bb)
- However, faithfully applying this uncertainty would significantly reduce sensitivity in many searches..
- Typically we extract background normalization from data (in CRs) and profile / reduce scale uncertainty
  - Assuming that the scale uncertainty is correlated across all bins (**not known from theory**)
- Danger of underestimating the uncertainty; need to add additional ad-hoc uncertainties to be conservative



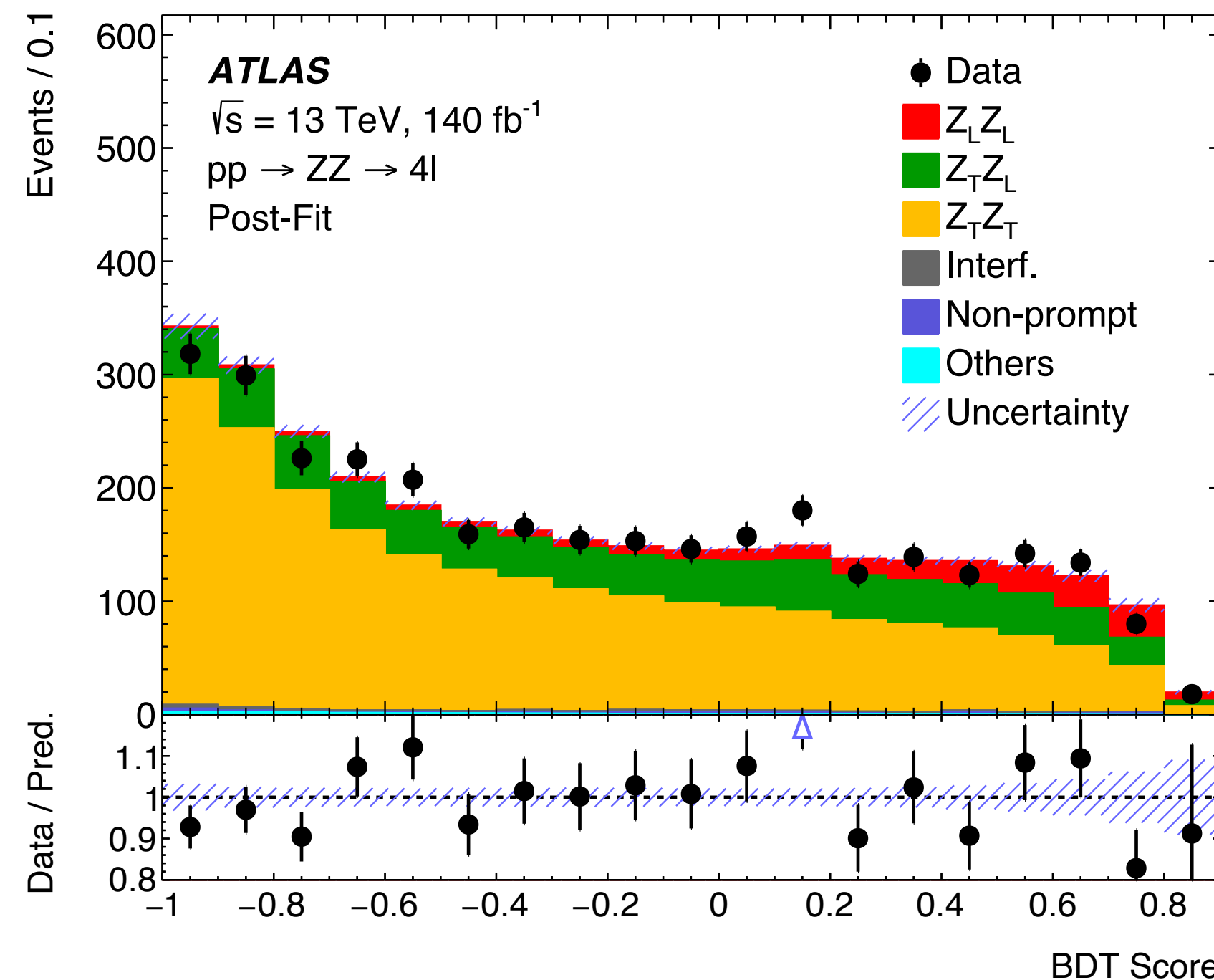
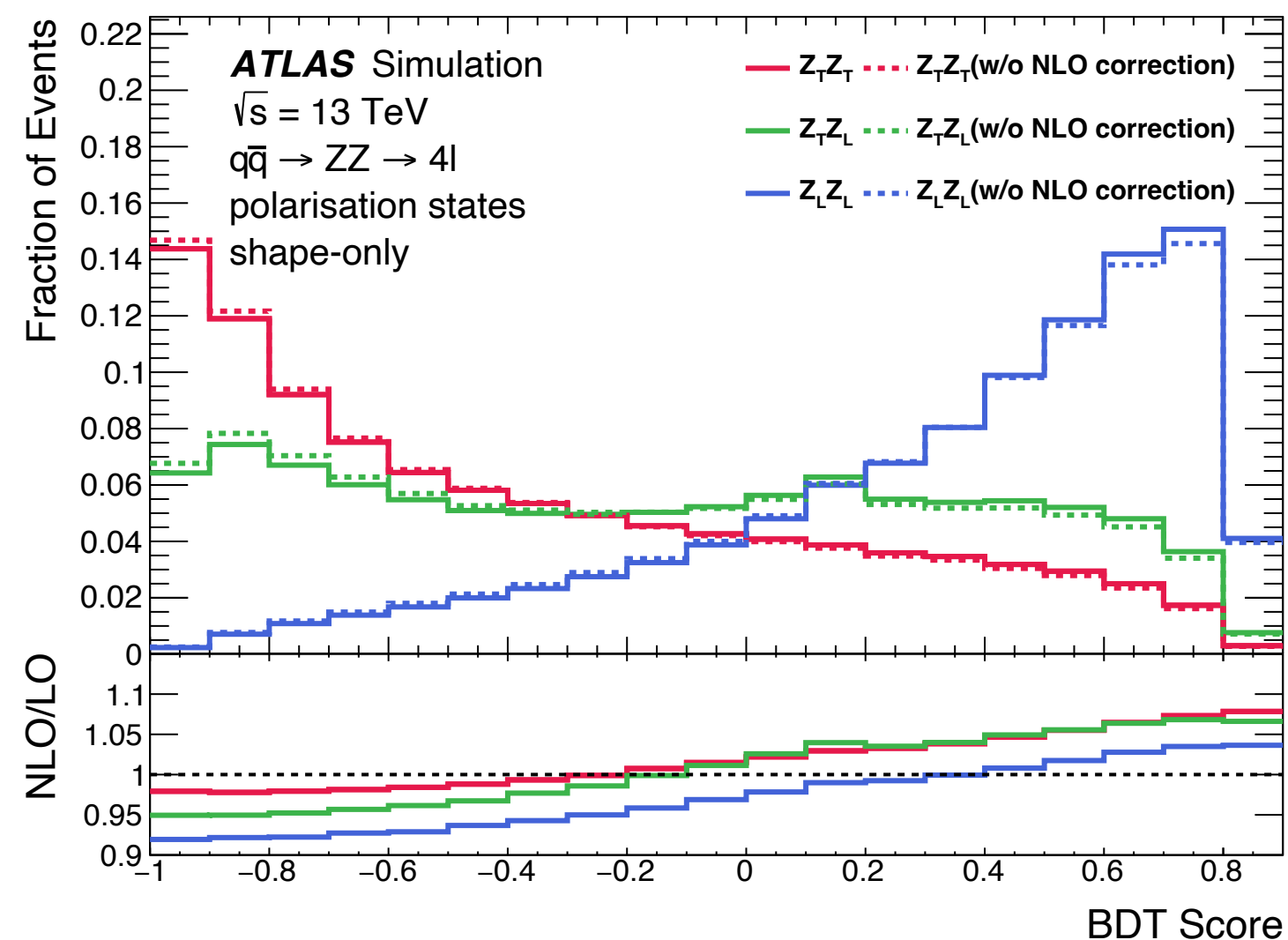
# Multiboson measurements (including VBS)



- Select ZZ via the four lepton final state  $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$
- Define angular variables sensitive to different polarization states:  $Z_T Z_T$ ,  $Z_T Z_L$ ,  $Z_L Z_L$
- Construct a multi-variate discriminant using boosted decision trees (BDT) to extract the  $Z_L Z_L$  component
- MC template fit to the data yields a  **$4.3\sigma$  significance** for the  $Z_L Z_L$  component
  - Fiducial cross section of  $2.45 \pm 0.60$  fb, compatible with the NLO predictions (MoCaNLO)



Stat. Uncertainty is dominant; followed by theory uncertainties in  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$  modeling (NLO reweight and interference effects)

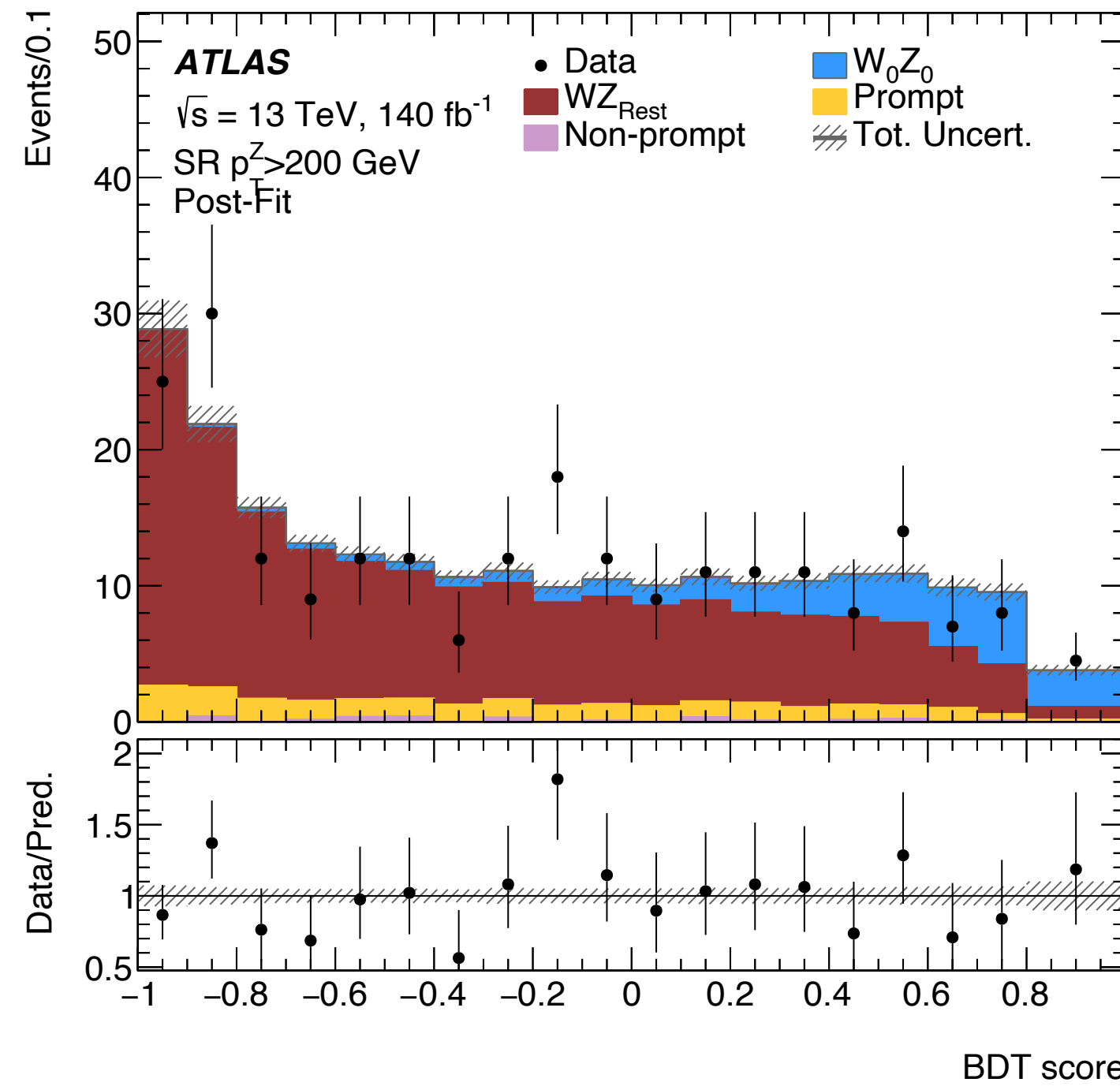
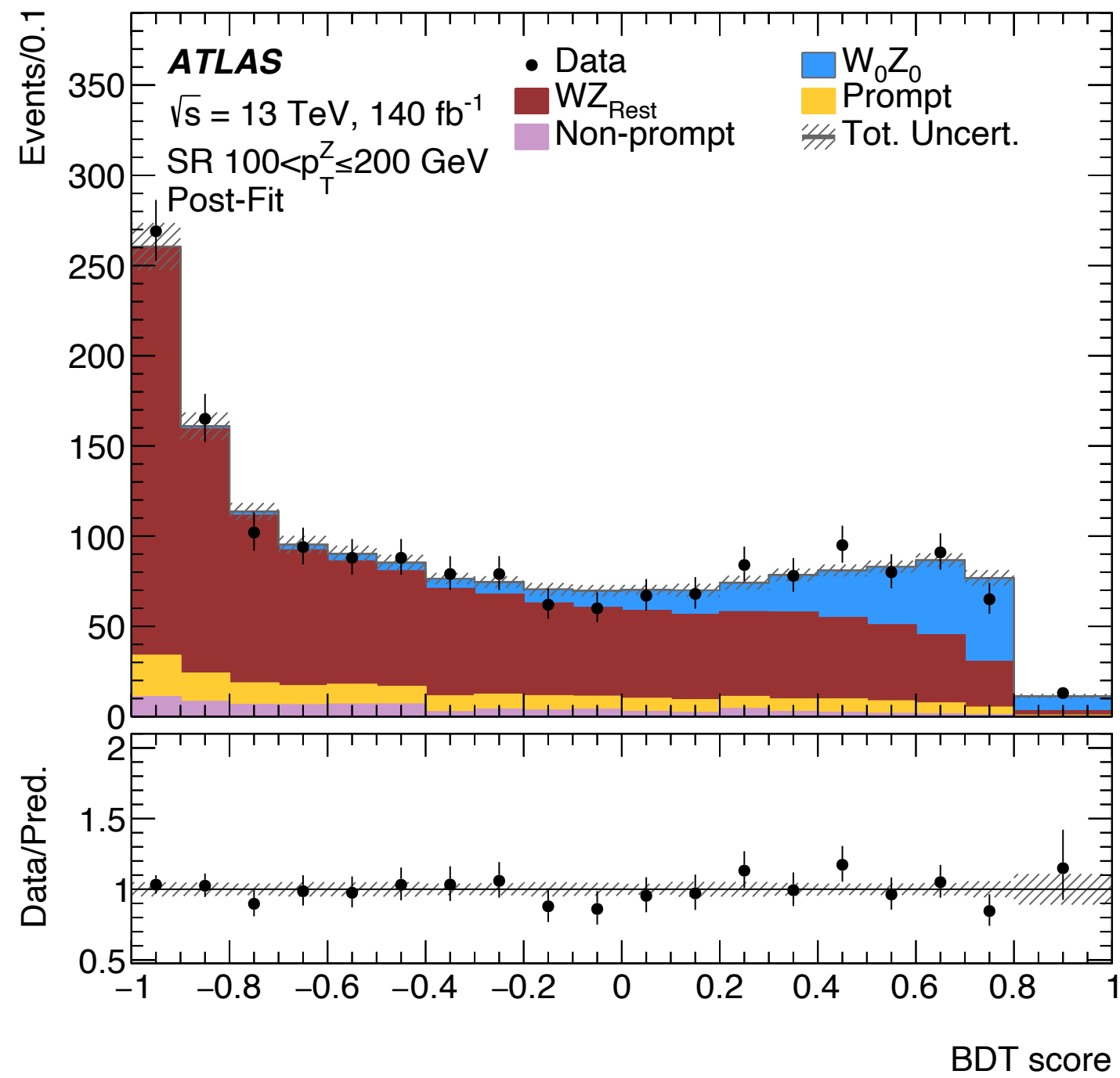


Contribution	Relative uncertainty [%]
Total	24
Data statistical uncertainty	23
Total systematic uncertainty	8.8
MC statistical uncertainty	1.7
Theoretical systematic uncertainties	
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$ interference modelling	6.9
NLO reweighting observable choice for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	3.7
PDF, $\alpha_s$ and parton shower for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	2.2
NLO reweighting non-closure	1.0
QCD scale for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	0.2
NLO EW corrections for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	0.2
$g\bar{g} \rightarrow ZZ$ modelling	1.4
Experimental systematic uncertainties	
Luminosity	0.8
Muons	0.6
Electrons	0.4
Non-prompt background	0.3
Pile-up reweighting	0.3
Triboson and $t\bar{t}Z$ normalisations	0.1



- Select WZ via the leptonic final states
- BDT trained to separate the polarization states
- Measure the fraction of polarization states vs  $p_T(Z)$

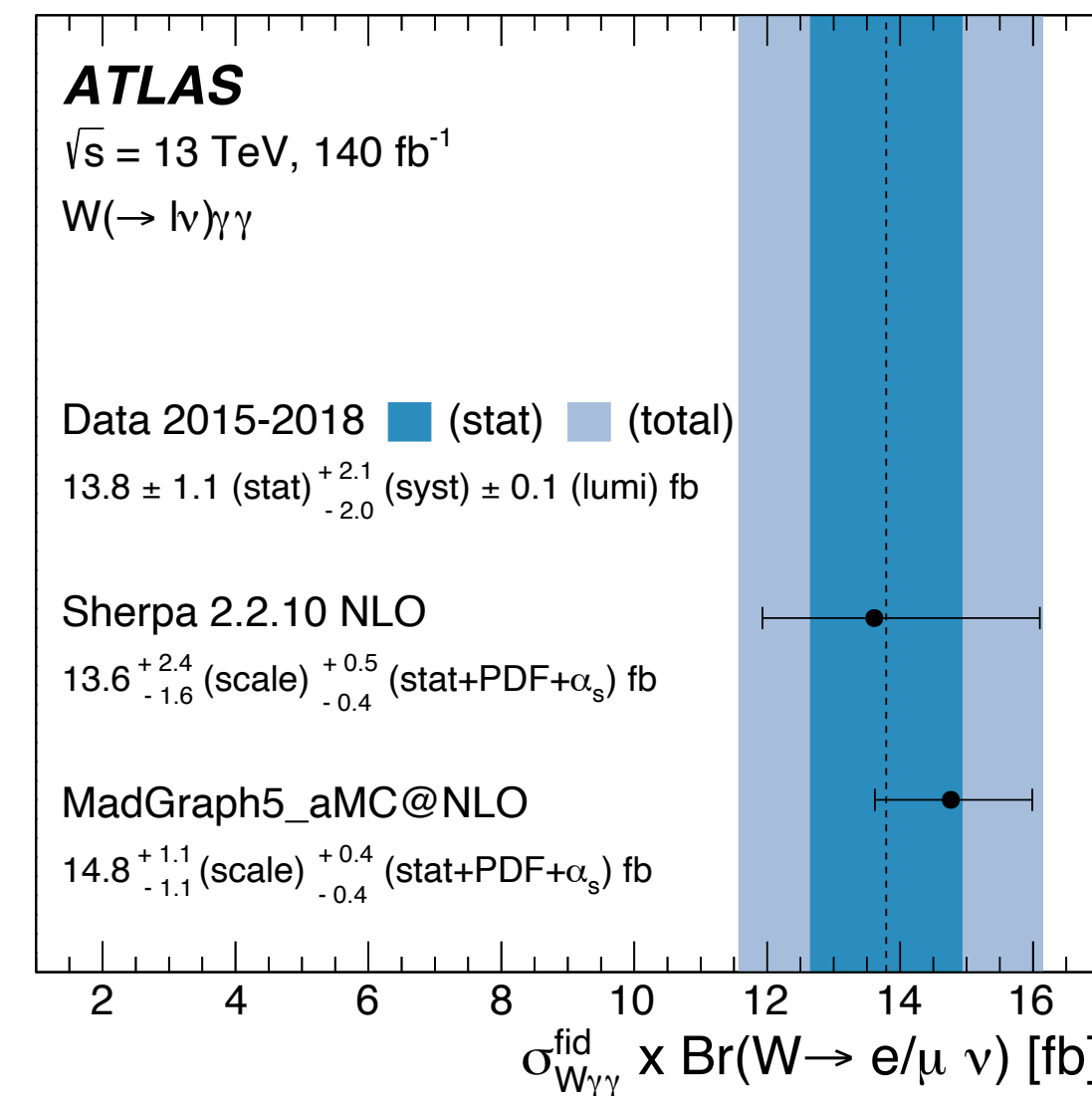
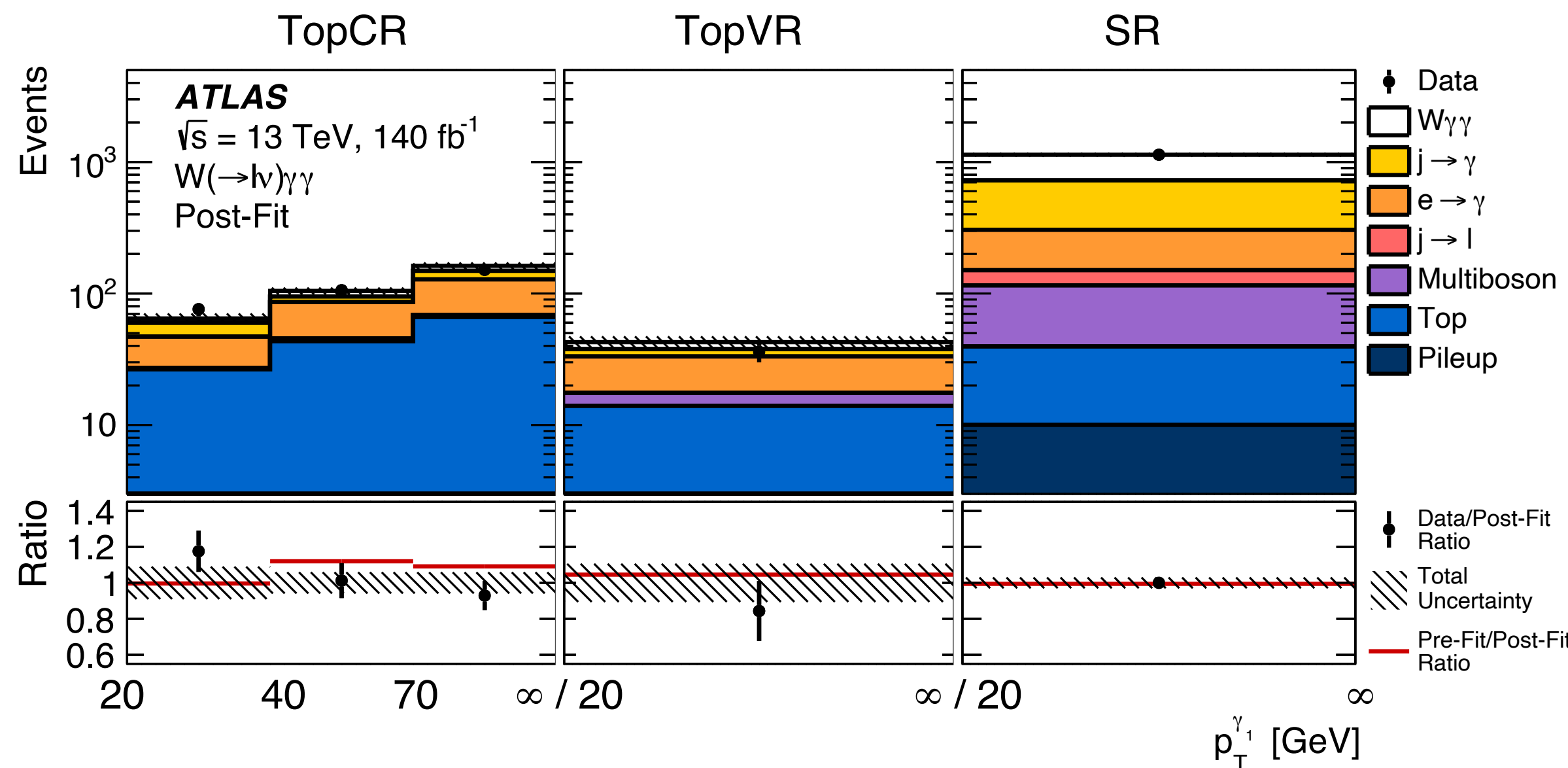
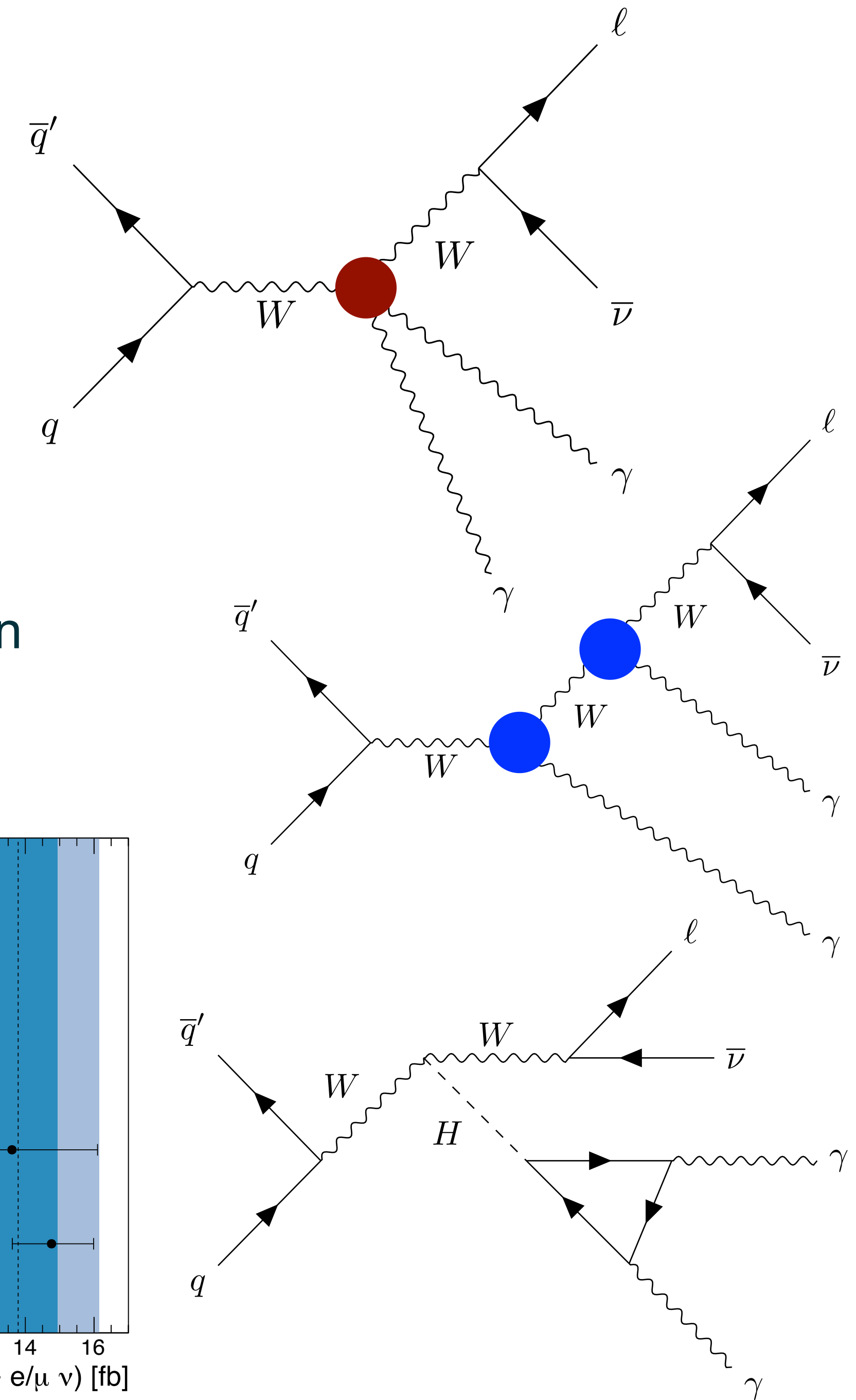
Training variable	Definition	BDT variables
$\Delta Y(\ell_W Z)$	Rapidity difference between the W lepton and Z boson	
$p_T^{WZ}$	Transverse momentum of the WZ system	
$p_T(\ell_W)$	Transverse momentum of the W lepton	
$p_T(\ell_Z)$	Transverse momentum of the subleading Z lepton	
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	Missing transverse momentum	
$\cos \theta_{\ell_Z}$	Cosine of the angle of the Z lepton in the WZ rest frame w.r.t the z-axis	
$\cos \theta_{\ell_W}$	Cosine of the angle of the W lepton in the WZ rest frame w.r.t. the z-axis	



- More than  $5\sigma$  sensitivity to the fully longitudinally polarized state at  $100 \text{ GeV} < p_T(Z) < 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Lower sensitivity at  $p_T(Z) > 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Consistent with SM predictions ([2302.03324](#)) at  $1\sigma$  level
- Dominated by statistical uncertainties; followed by modeling uncertainties

	Measurement		Prediction		
	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	$100 < p_T^Z \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^Z > 200 \text{ GeV}$	
$f_{00}$	$0.19 \pm_{0.03}^{0.03} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.13 \pm_{0.08}^{0.09} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.02}^{0.02} \text{ (syst)}$	$f_{00}$	$0.152 \pm 0.006$	$0.234 \pm 0.007$
$f_{0T+T0}$	$0.18 \pm_{0.08}^{0.07} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.05} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.23 \pm_{0.18}^{0.17} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.10}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$	$f_{0T}$	$0.120 \pm 0.002$	$0.062 \pm 0.002$
$f_{TT}$	$0.63 \pm_{0.05}^{0.05} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.04}^{0.04} \text{ (syst)}$	$0.64 \pm_{0.12}^{0.12} \text{ (stat)} \pm_{0.06}^{0.06} \text{ (syst)}$	$f_{T0}$	$0.109 \pm 0.001$	$0.058 \pm 0.001$
$f_{00} \text{ obs (exp) sig.}$	$5.2 \text{ (4.3)} \sigma$	$1.6 \text{ (2.5)} \sigma$	$f_{TT}$	$0.619 \pm 0.007$	$0.646 \pm 0.008$

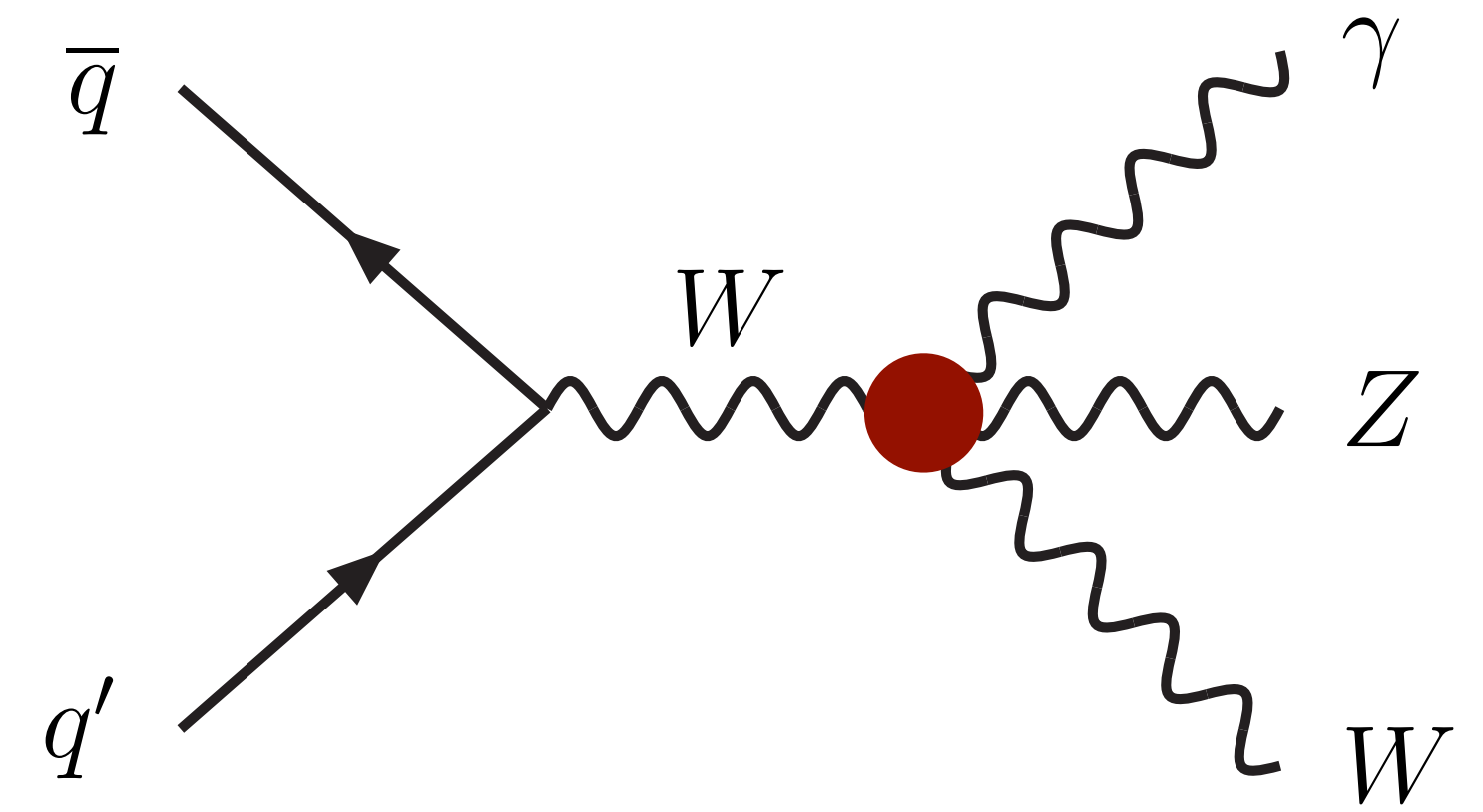
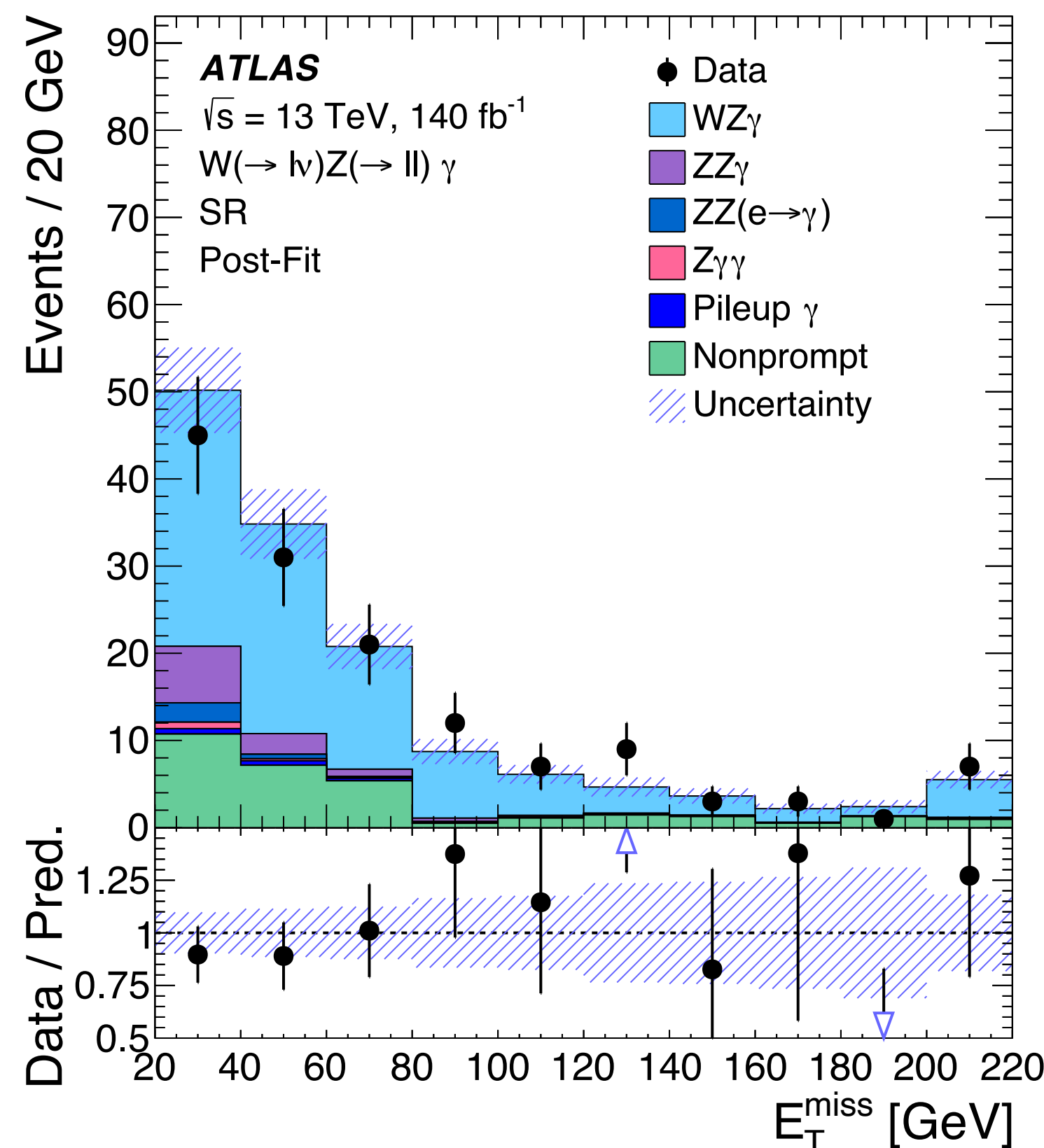
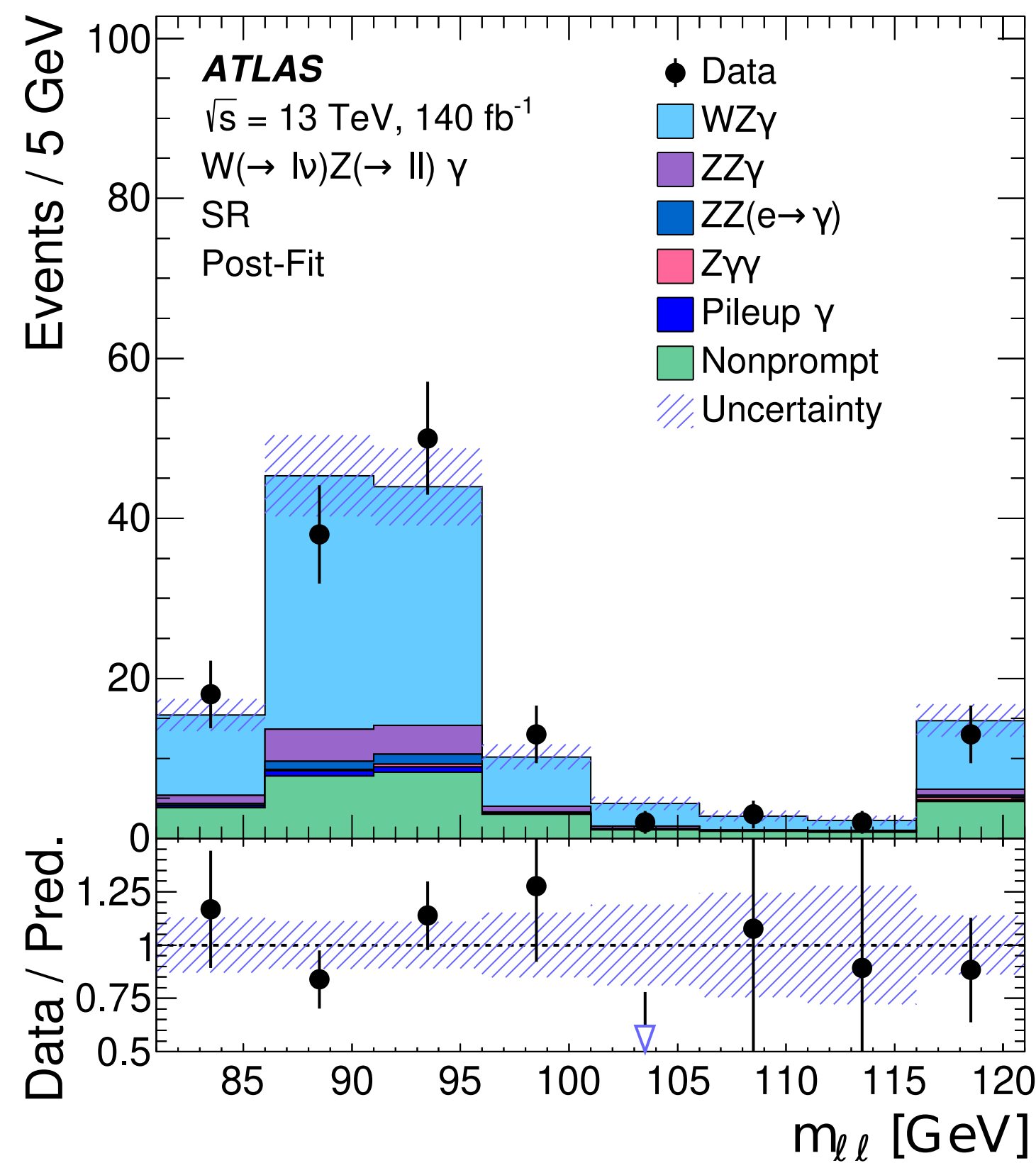
- Selected with two isolated photons, an isolated lepton, and MET
- Sensitive to **quartic** and **triple** gauge couplings ( $WW\gamma\gamma$ ,  $WW\gamma$ )
- Background from other multiboson processes (including  $WH(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)$ )
- $W\gamma\gamma$  process observed with  $5.6\sigma$  sensitivity
- Good agreement with simulations (Sherpa NLO, aMC@NLO)
- Dominated by statistical uncertainties and fake background estimation







- Selected with two leptons from  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ , isolated photon, lepton + MET
- Sensitive to **quartic** gauge coupling  $WWZ\gamma$
- Background from other multiboson processes and fakes
- $WZ\gamma$  process observed with  $6.3\sigma$  sensitivity
  - Consistent with SM predictions at  $1.5\sigma$  level (NLO Sherpa prediction)
- Dominated by statistical uncertainties

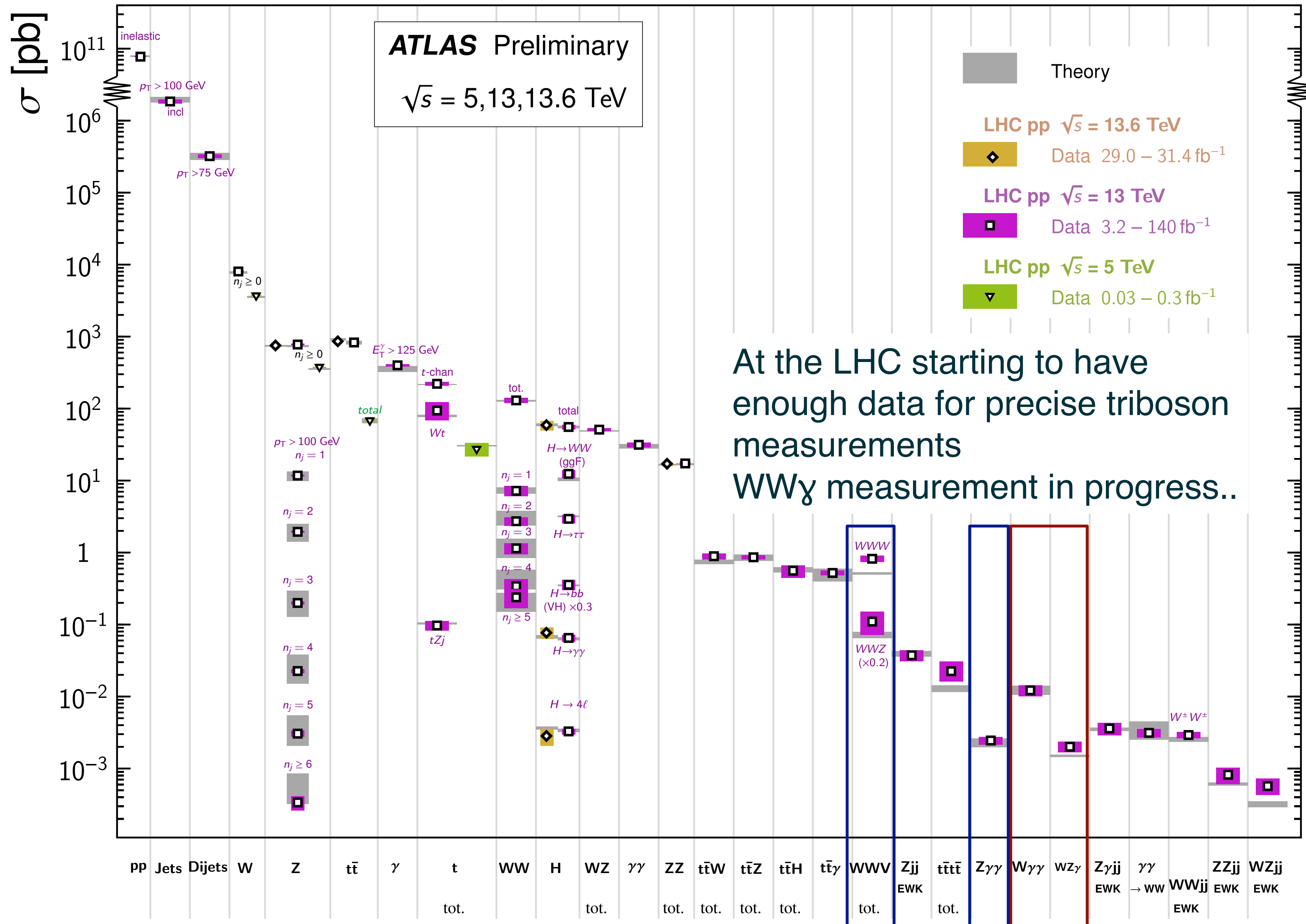


SR definition	
Lepton veto	no additional leptons with $p_T^{\ell_4} > 10 \text{ GeV}$
Z-leptons assignment	smallest $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $
$\Delta R$	$\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 0.4, \Delta R(\mu, e) > 0.2$
ZZ( $e \rightarrow \gamma$ ) rejection	$ m(e_W, \gamma) - m_Z  > 10 \text{ GeV}$
Missing $p_T$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
Z candidate mass	$m_{\ell\ell} > 81 \text{ GeV}$



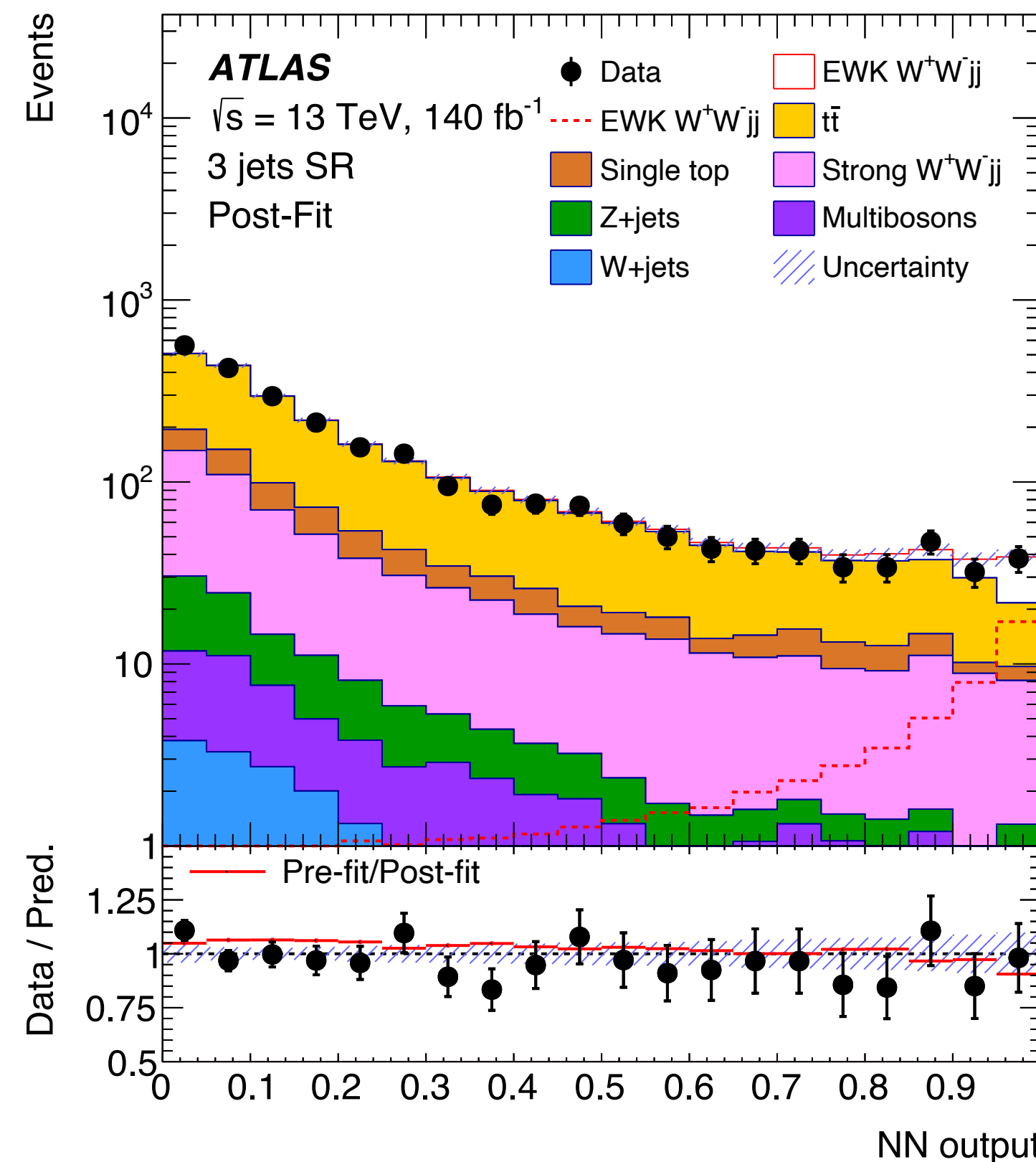
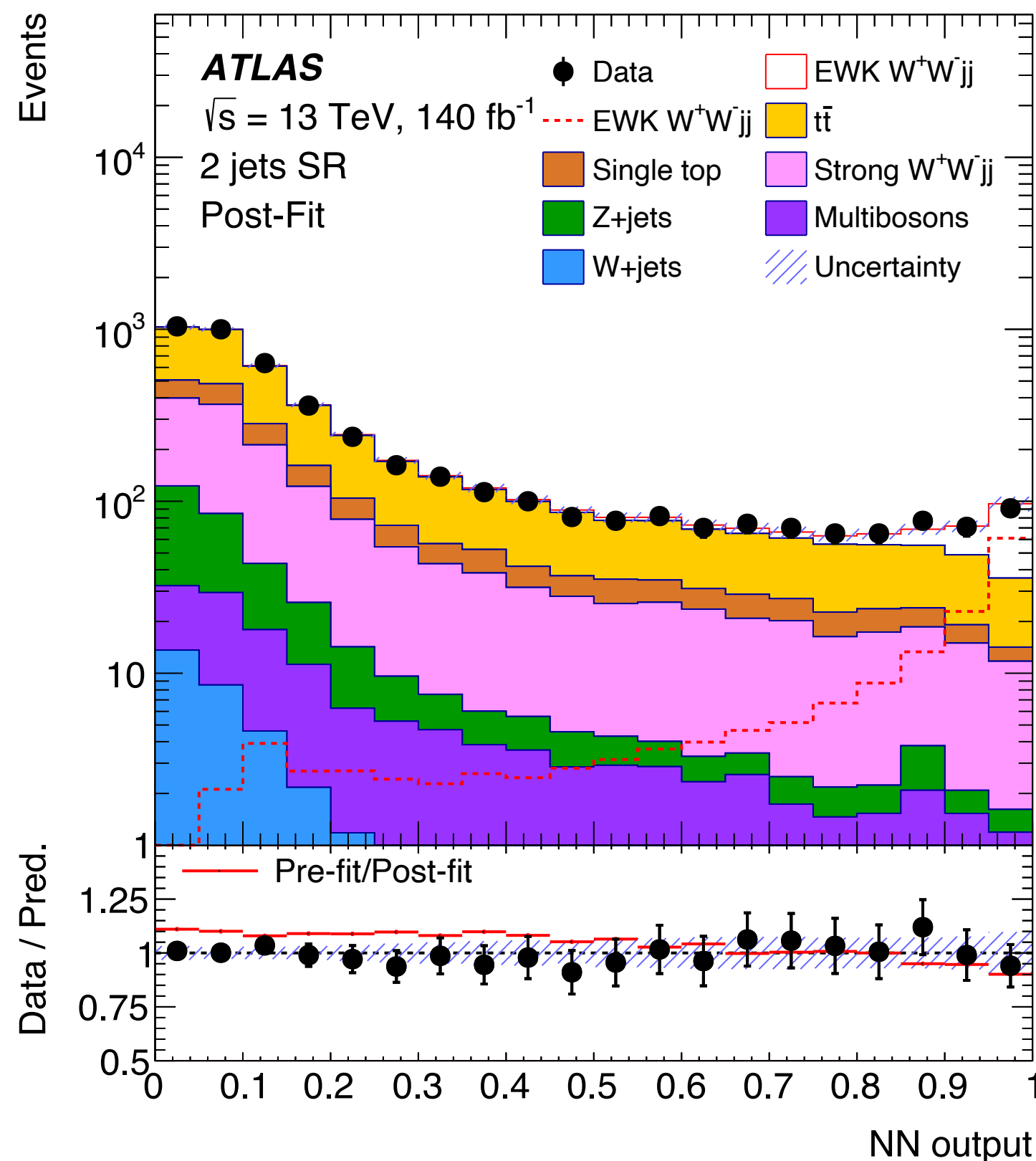
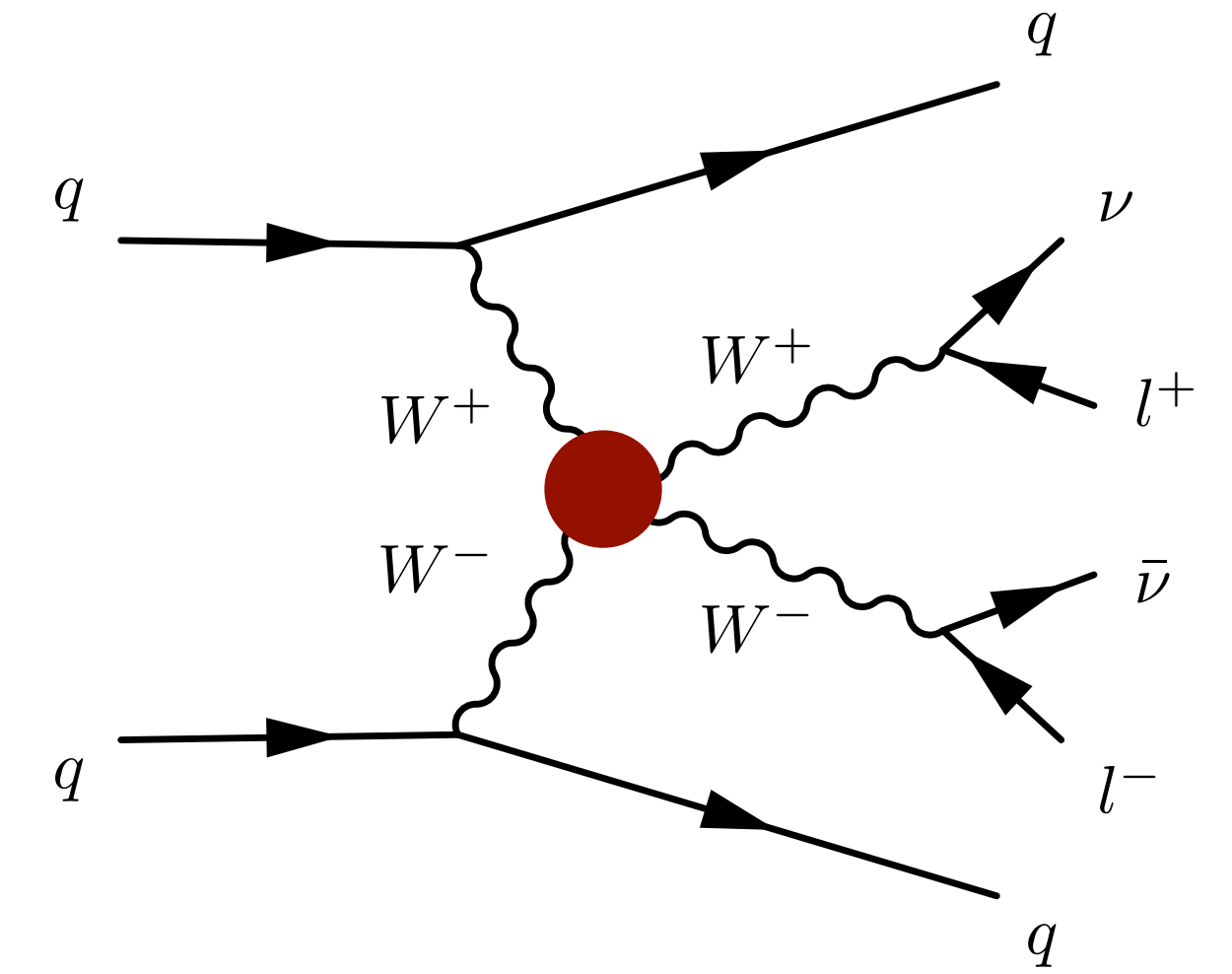
## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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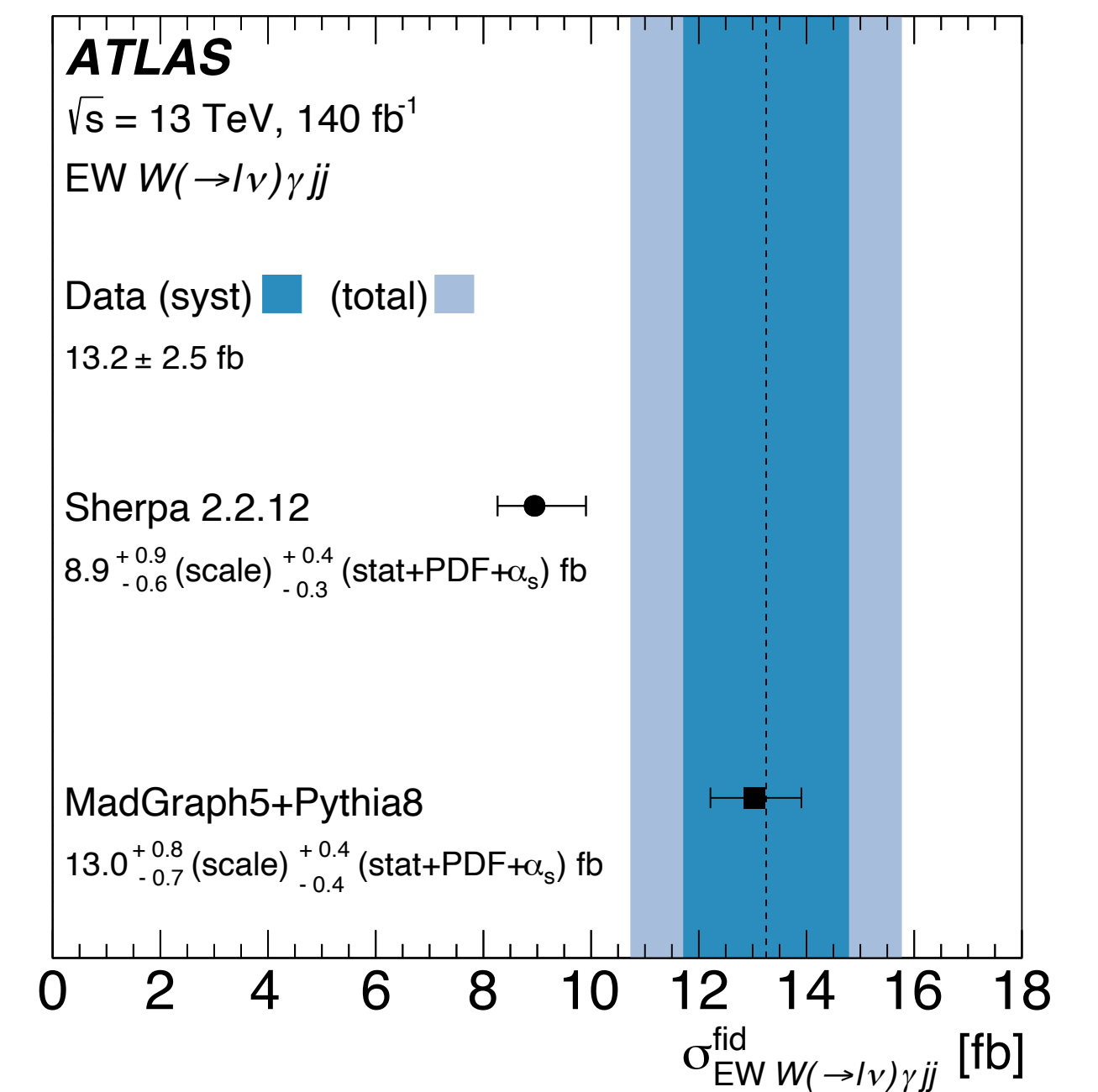
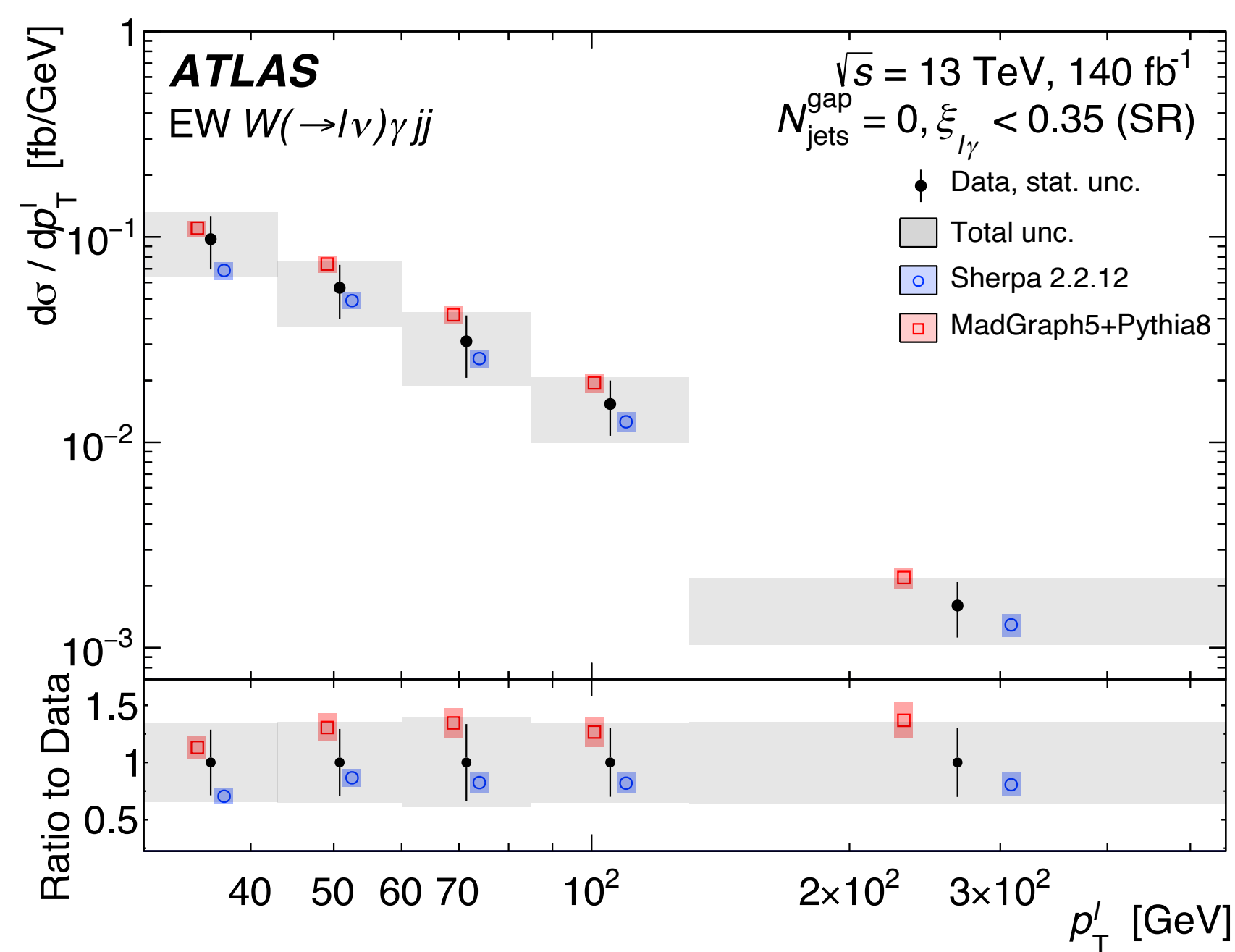
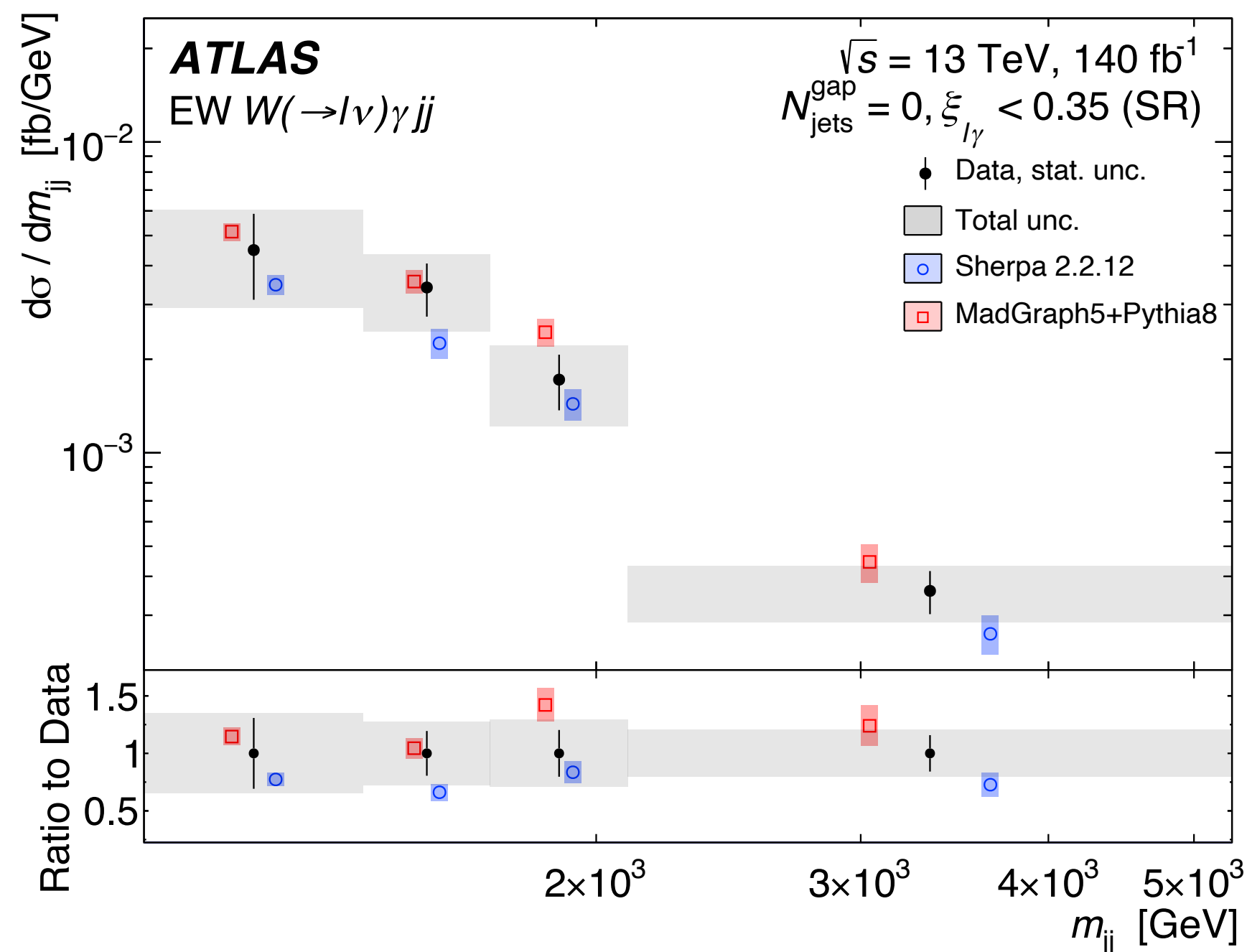
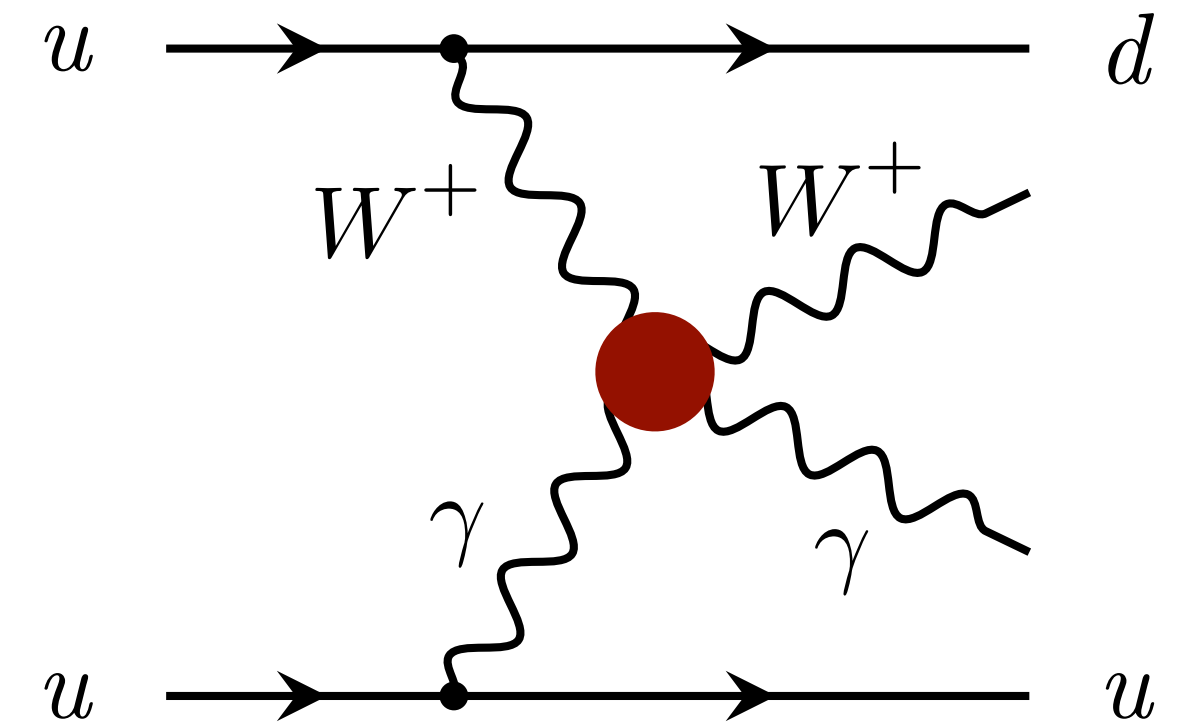
- Select with OS electron / muon pair, b-jet veto, and typical VBS selection
- Backgrounds from ttbar and strong WWjj production
- Split into two-jet and three-jet regions for better signal / background separation
  - Neural network trained to extract the EW W+W-jj component
- Dominated by statistical uncertainty; followed by top background modeling
- Signal simulated with Powheg+Pythia at NLO QCD
- Signal observed with  $7.1\sigma$  ( $6.2\sigma$  expected); fiducial cross section:  $2.7 \pm 0.5$  fb



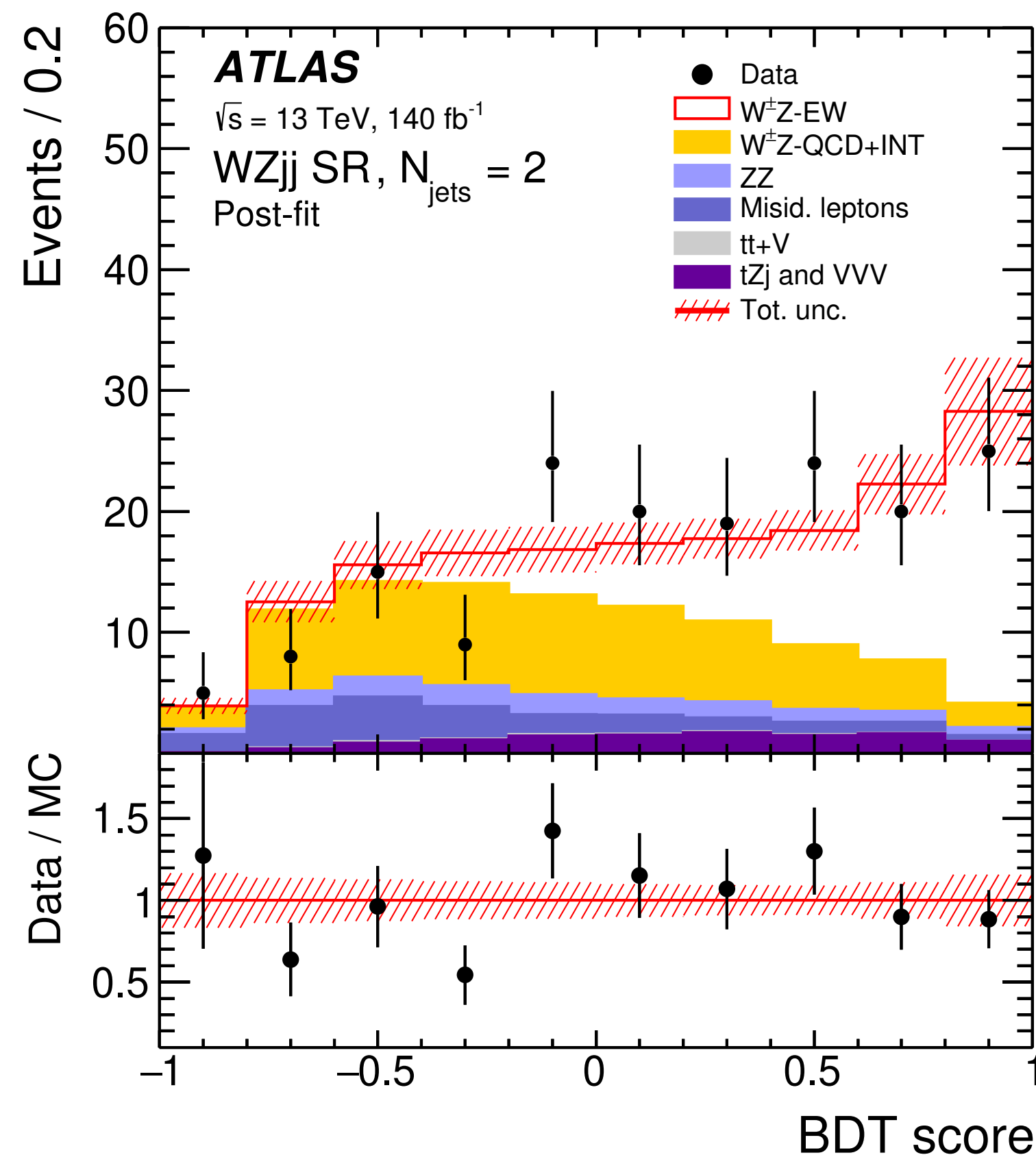
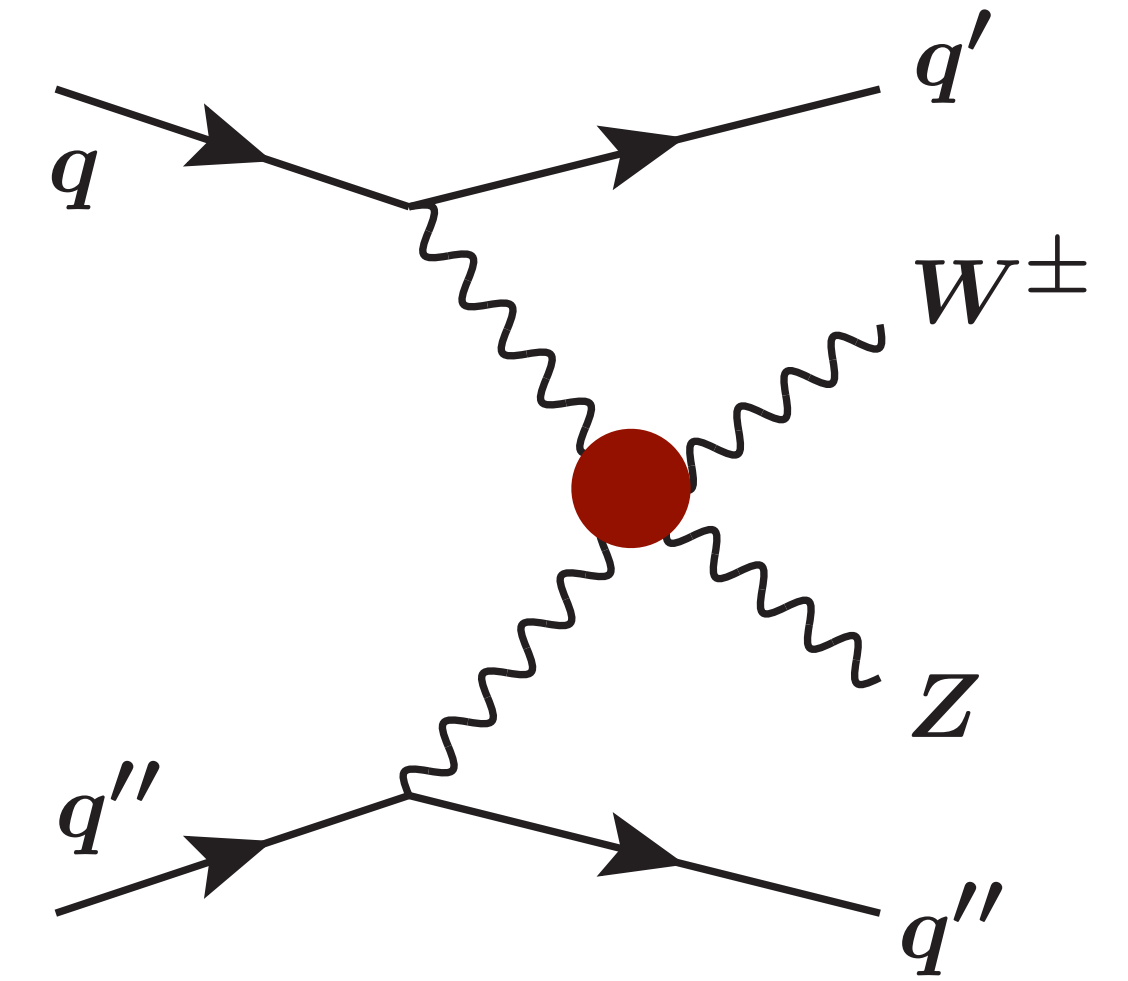
Sources	$\frac{\sqrt{(\Delta\mu)^2 - (\Delta\mu')^2}}{\mu}$ [%]
MC statistical uncertainty	7.7
Top quark theoretical uncertainties	6.3
Signal theoretical uncertainties	5.8
Jet experimental uncertainties	4.9
Strong $W^+W^-jj$ theoretical uncertainties	1.3
Luminosity	0.8
Misidentified lepton uncertainty	0.5
$b$ -tagging	0.4
Lepton experimental uncertainties	0.1
Others	0.3
Data statistical uncertainty	12.3
Top quark normalisation uncertainty	4.9
Strong $W^+W^-jj$ normalisation uncertainty	2.2
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>18.5</b>



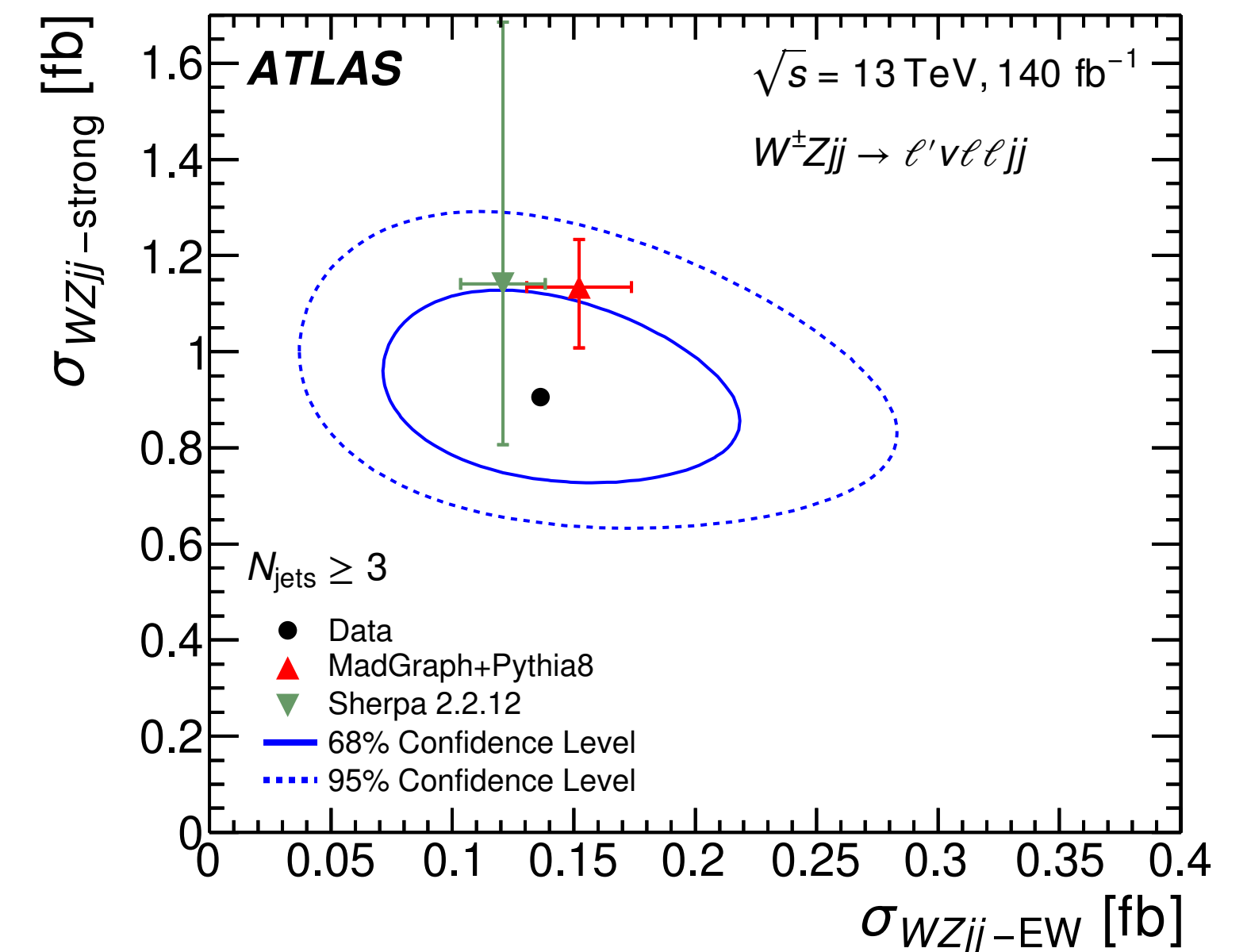
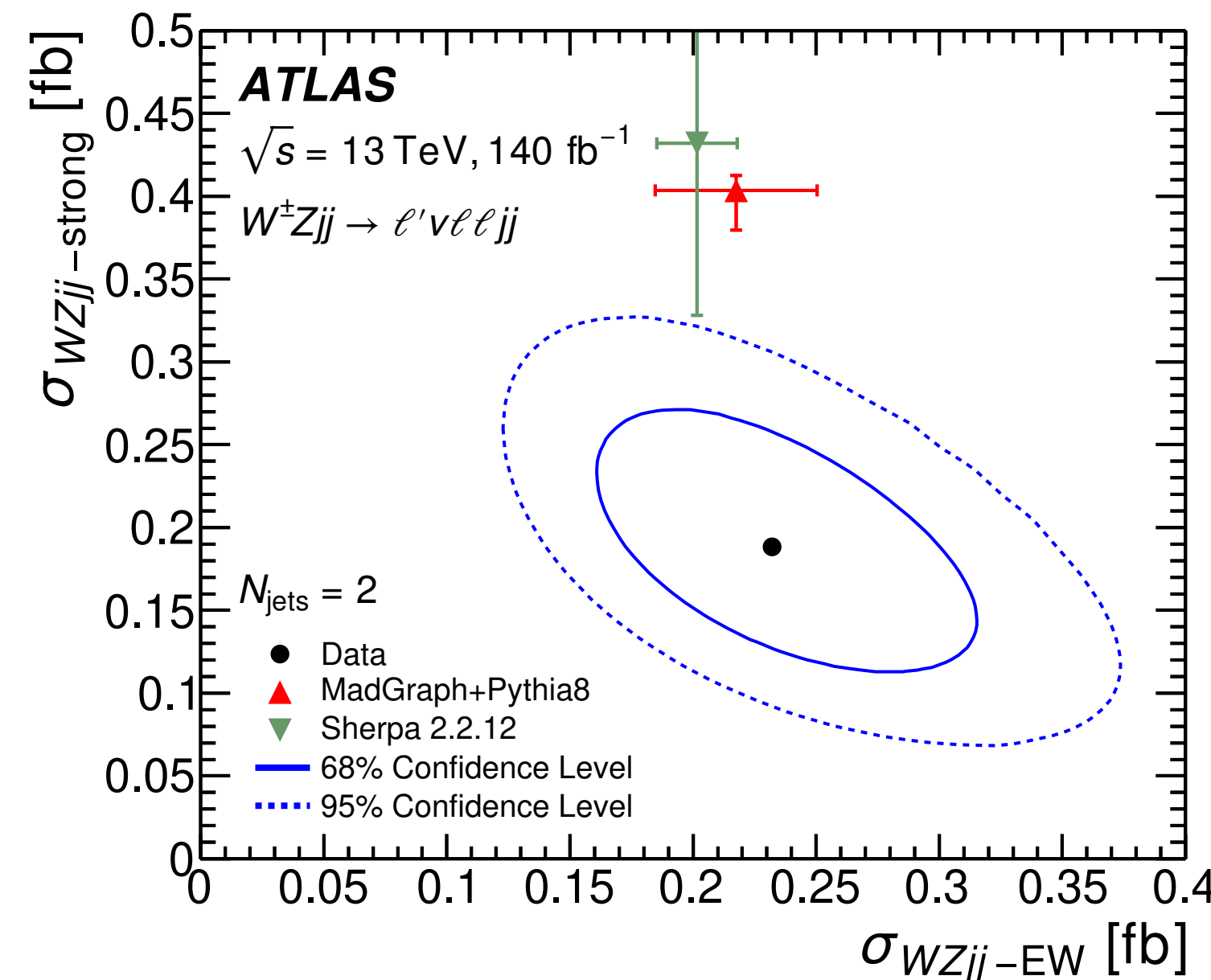
- Clean experimental signature with lepton + MET and an isolated photon
- Typical VBS-enhanced event selection performed
  - Neural network trained to separate EW component from strong production
- Differential cross section measurement for EW  $W\gamma jj$  process:
  - $m(jj)$ ,  $p_T(jj)$ ,  $\Delta\phi(jj)$ ,  $p_T(\ell)$ ,  $\Delta\phi(\ell\gamma)$ ,  $m(\ell\gamma)$
- Sherpa and aMC@NLO predictions (LO QCD) generally agree well with the data
  - Sherpa slightly underestimates the total fiducial cross section



- Selected with two leptons from  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ , lepton + MET, and VBS selection
- Split into two-jet and three-jet regions for better signal / background separation
- Backgrounds from strong WZjj production and ZZ+jets
  - Boosted decision tree trained to extract the EW WZjj component
- Predictions made with aMC@NLO+Pythia8 and Sherpa
  - LO QCD for the EW component and NLO QCD for the strong component

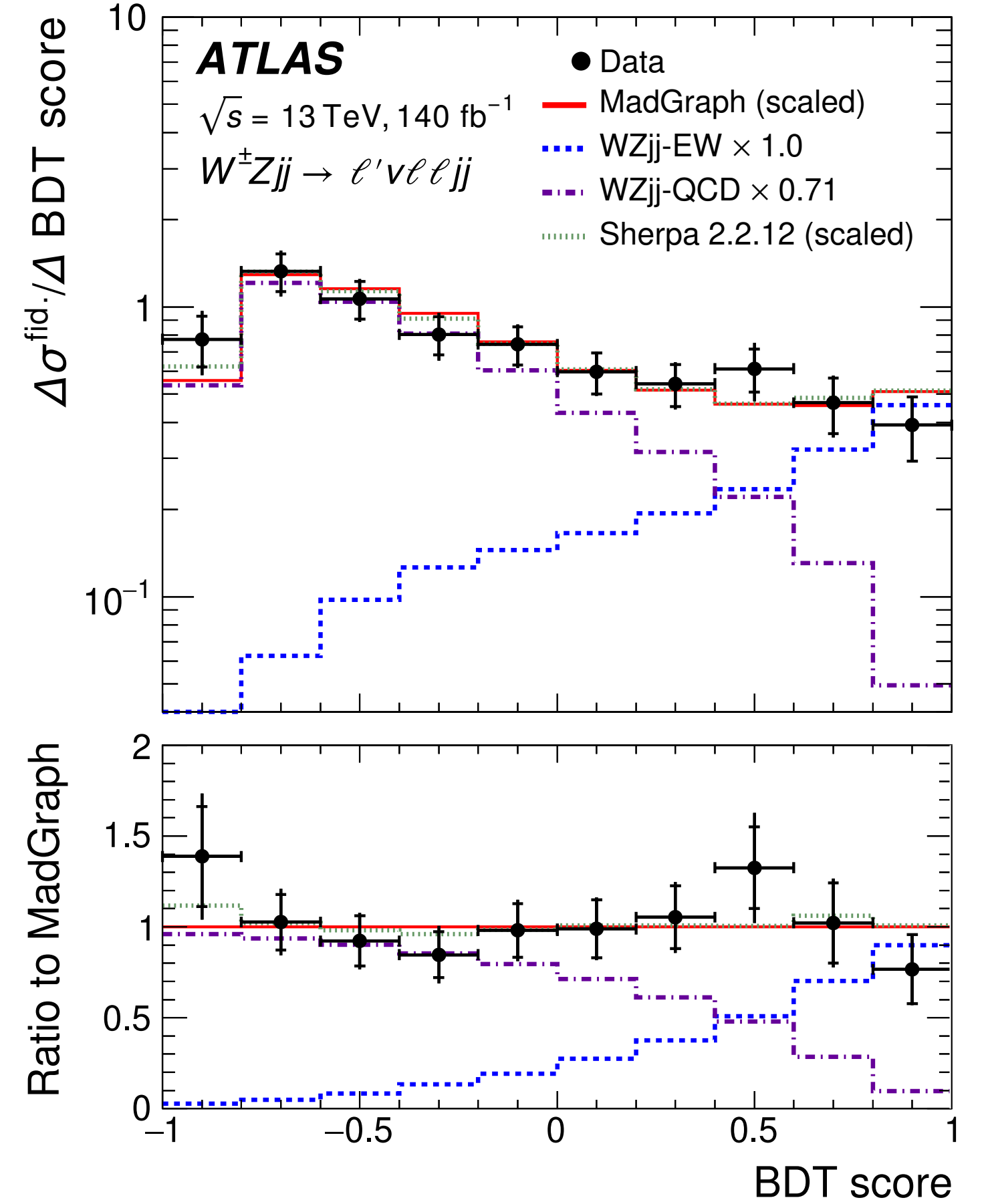
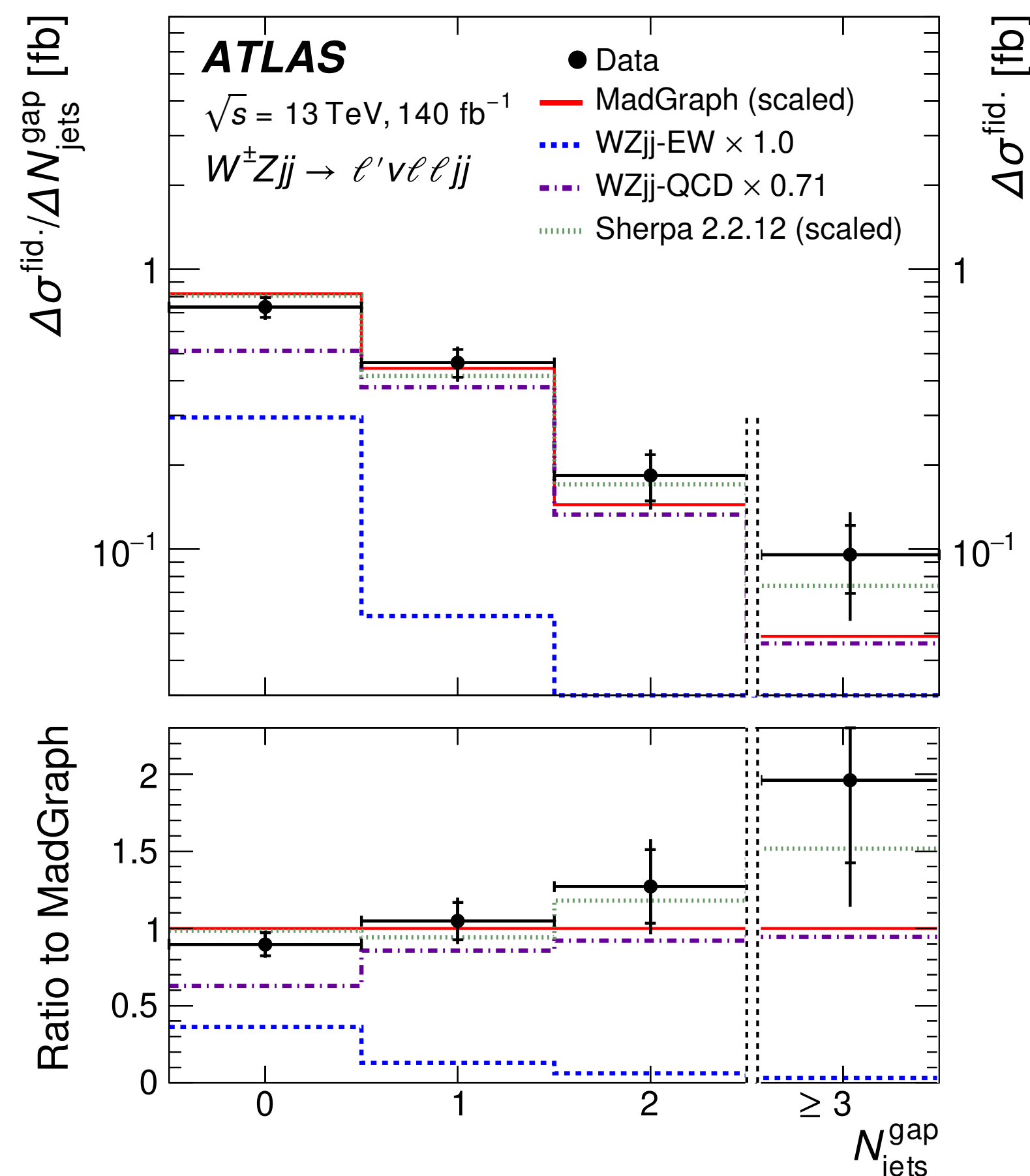
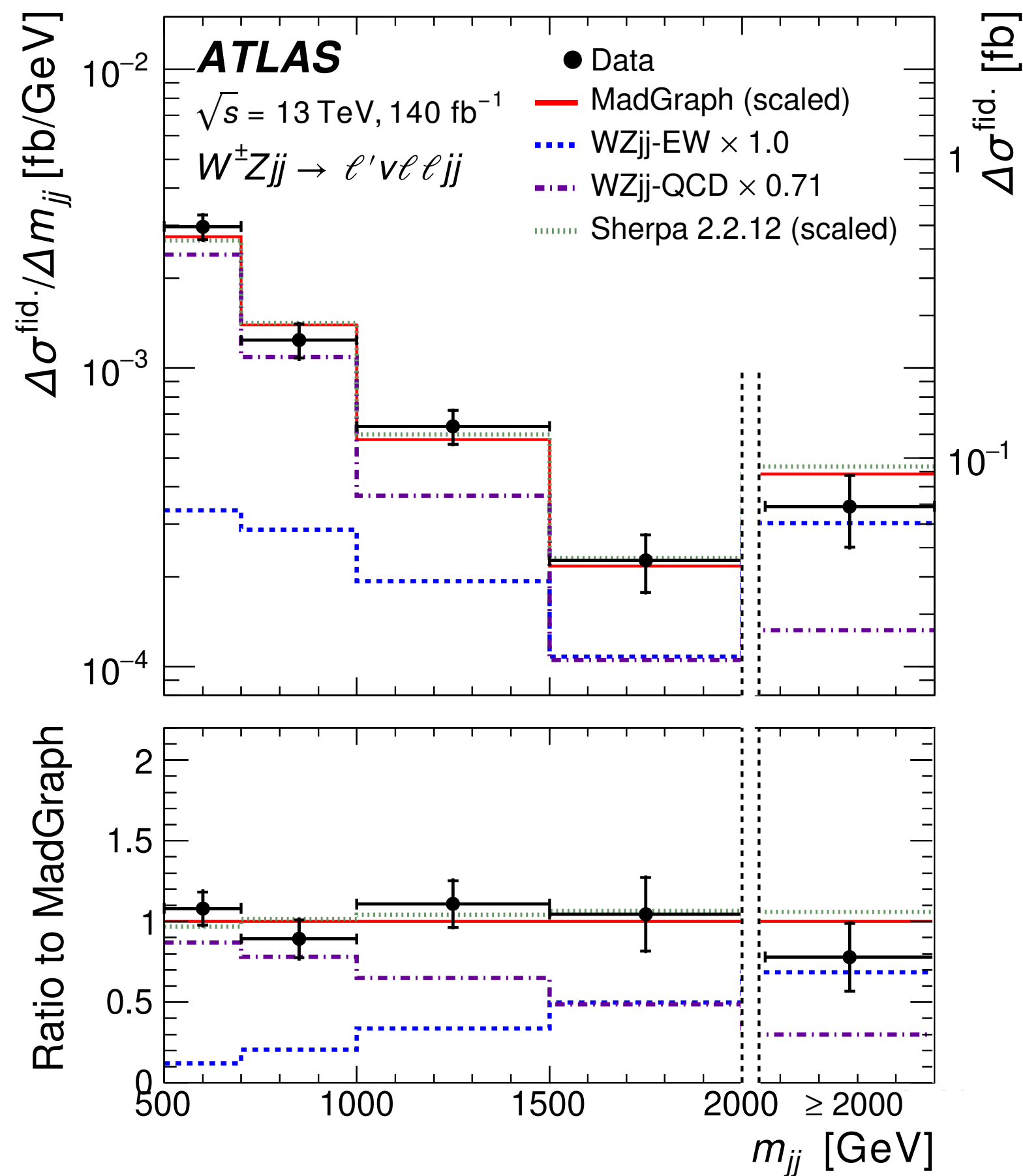


Measured EW WZjj cross section agrees with predictions;  
 strong WZjj cross section measurement below predictions  
 Overall  $\sim 1.8\sigma$  tension.





- Differential cross section measurements provided (including the BDT score)
- Generally good agreement with predictions after correcting the overall cross sections
  - Strong WZjj component rescaled to match the observed fiducial cross sections
- Measurement dominated by statistical uncertainties, followed by jet experimental uncertainties



# Summary and conclusions

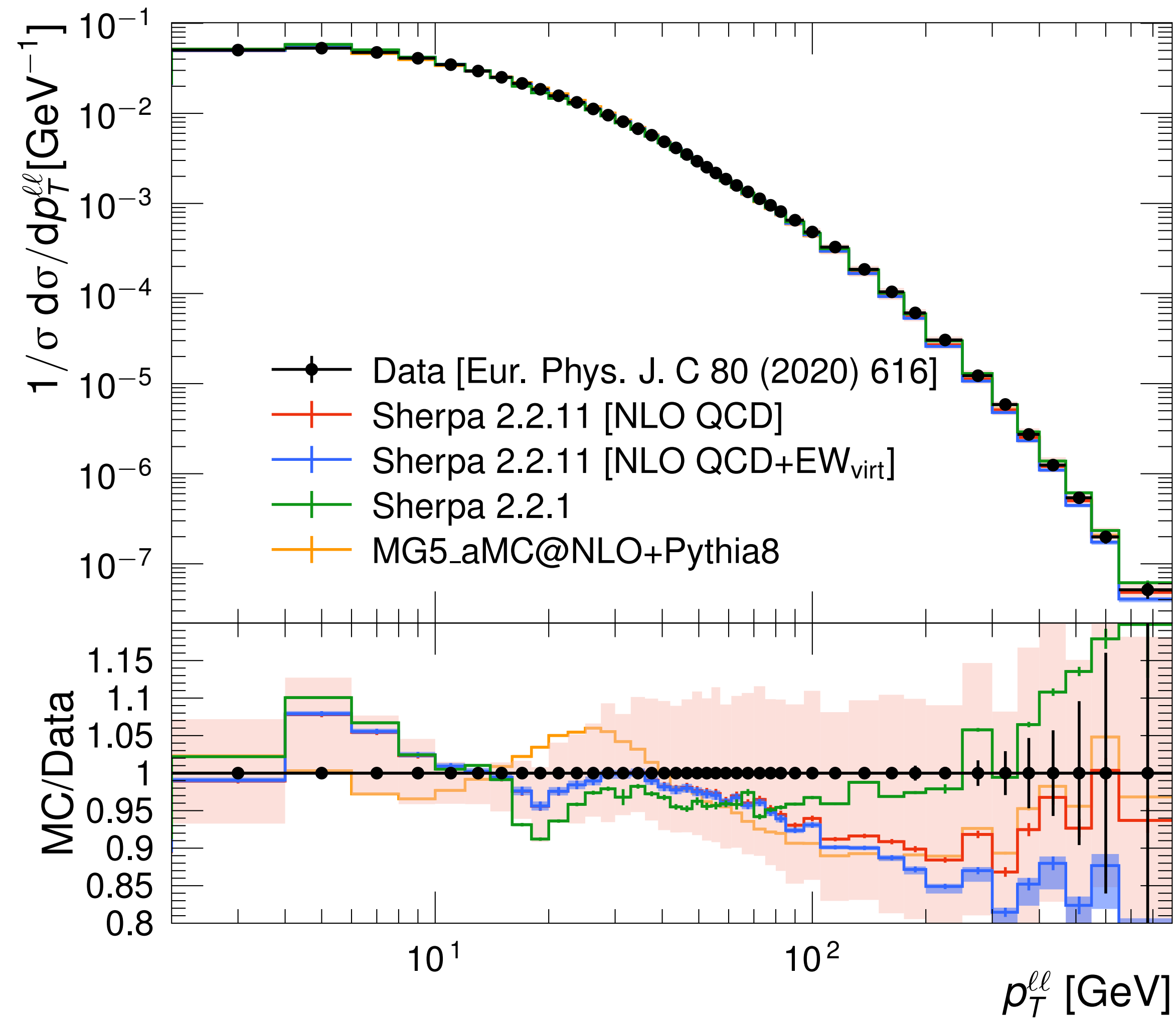


- LHC gives us a remarkable opportunity for precision measurements across many SM processes
- Stringent measurements of EW parameters surpassing LEP / Tevatron precision
- Observation of new processes that were inaccessible before the LHC
- Important tests of perturbative and non-perturbative QCD
- More and more advanced experimental methods used in precision measurements
  - E.g. machine learning classification to increase the signal / background separation
- Need to work with the theory community to improve the Monte Carlo simulations in time for HL-LHC
  - Theory uncertainties (e.g. PDF or background modeling) will pose a bottleneck otherwise



# Backup

MC Generator	Matrix Elements	Parton Shower	Hadronisation	PDFs
<b>Pythia 8.230 (Nominal)</b>	<b>2→2 LO</b>	Dipole-style $p_T$ -ordered	Lund string	NNPDF 2.3
<b>Powheg V2 +Pythia 8.235 (?)</b>	<b>2→2 NLO</b>	Dipole-style $p_T$ -ordered	Lund string	NNPDF30NLO
<b>Herwig 7.1.3 (MC Modelling Syst.)</b>	2→2 NLO 2→3 LO	<b>Angle-ordered</b>	Cluster	MMHT2014NLO
<b>Herwig 7.1.3</b>	2→2 NLO 2→3 LO	<b>Dipole</b>	Cluster	MMHT2014NLO
<b>Sherpa 2.2.5</b>	2→2 LO	CSS	<b>Cluster (AHADIC)</b>	CT14NNLO
<b>Sherpa 2.2.5</b>	2→2 LO	CSS	<b>Lund string (via Pythia 6.4)</b>	CT14NNLO
MG5_aMC@NLO +Pythia 8.212	2→2,3,4 LO	Dipole-style $p_T$ -ordered	Lund string	NNPDF30NLO
<b>Powheg+Herwig 7</b>	2→2 NLO	<b>Angle-ordered</b>	<b>Cluster</b>	NNPDF30NLO



Configuration	SHERPA 2.2.1	SHERPA 2.2.11
Generator version	SHERPA 2.2.1	SHERPA 2.2.11
PDF set	NNPDF3.0NNLO	NNPDF3.0NNLO
EW input scheme	Effective	$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$
QCD accuracy	0-2j@NLO+3,4j@LO	0-2j@NLO+3,4,5j@LO
NLO EW <sub>virt</sub> corrections	No	Yes
Subtraction scheme	Default	Modified Catani-Seymour
Special treatment for unordered histories	No	Yes
Scale for $H$ -events	STRICT_METS	$H'_T$
Gluon colour/spin exact matching	Yes	No
Core process for $K$ -factor	$2 \rightarrow 4$	$2 \rightarrow 2$
Phase-space strategy	Sliced in $\max(H_T, p_T^V)$	Analytic enhancement



- ATLAS measurement of the strong coupling from Energy-Energy Correlations in jet events
- Predictions for the TEEC function are calculated from the NNLO 3-jet x-secs: [PRL 129, 119901 \(2022\)](#)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\Sigma}{d \cos \phi} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i,j}^{\text{jets}} \int d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \text{jets}} \frac{E_{Ti} E_{Tj}}{E_T^2} \delta(\cos \Delta\varphi_{ij} - \cos \phi)$$

