

# Status of NNLO QCD corrections for process with one or more jets in the final state at the LHC

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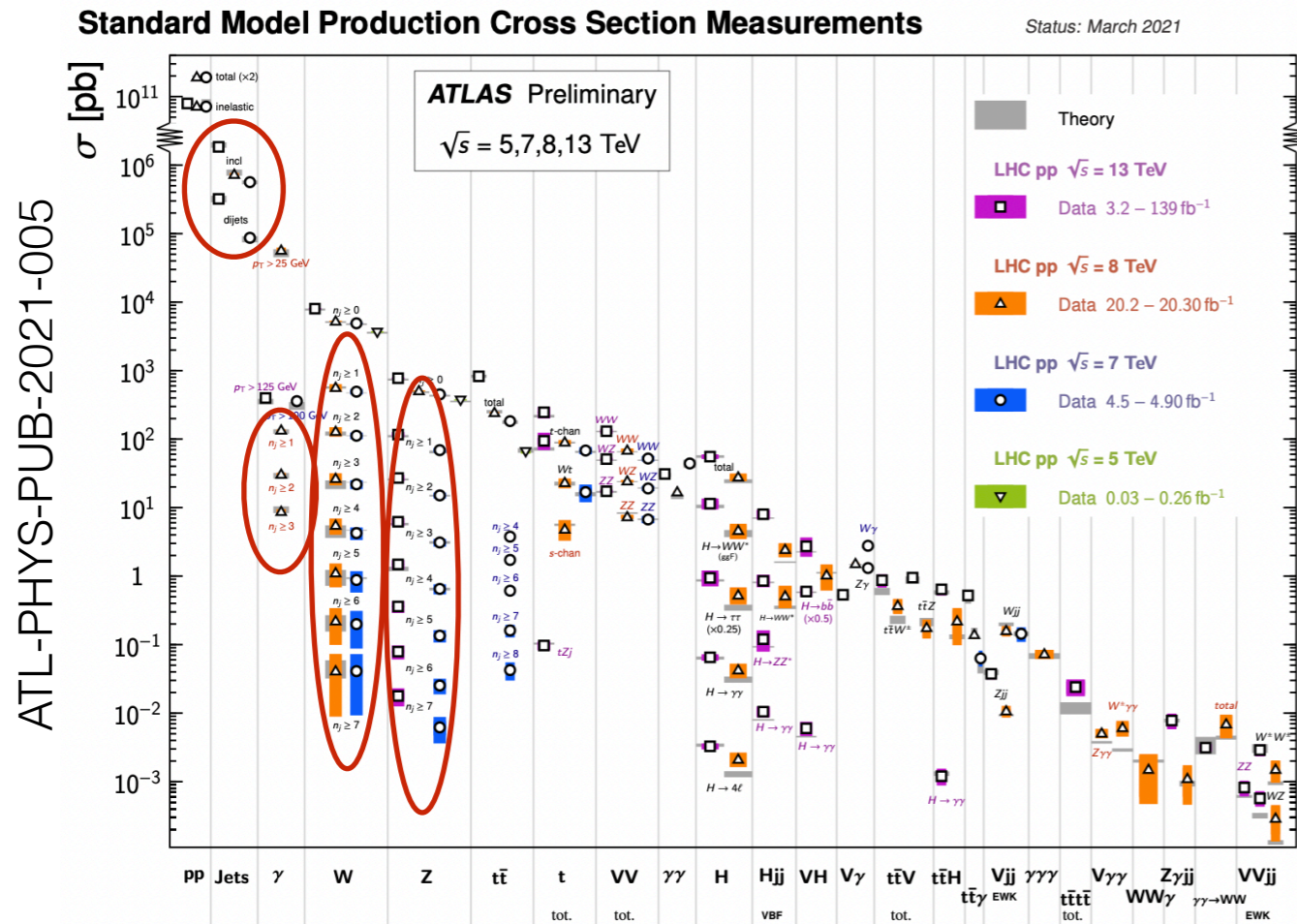
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# Introduction



- Summary of Standard Model cross section measurements at the LHC
- Understanding **jet production** is a **key ingredient** for several **physics measurements**





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- Sector decomposition

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- Antenna subtraction

Gehrmann, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover

- Sector-Improved Residue subtraction

Czakon; Boughezal, Melnikov, Petriello

- q<sub>T</sub>

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- N-jettiness

Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello; Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann, Walsh

- Color-full subtraction

Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi

- Nested soft-collinear subtraction

Caola, Melnikov, Rötsch

- Analytic local sector subtraction

Magnea, Maina, Pelliccioli, Signorile-Signorile,  
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- Projection to Born

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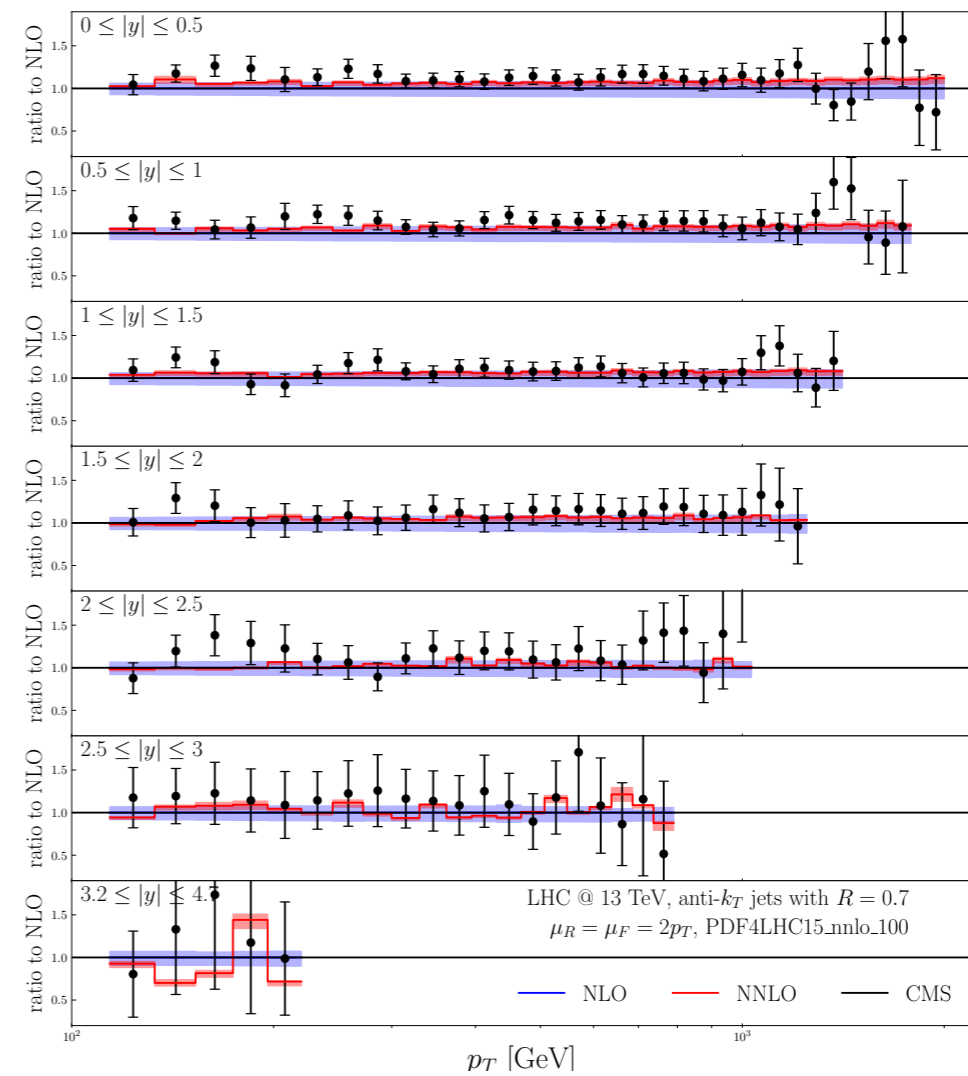
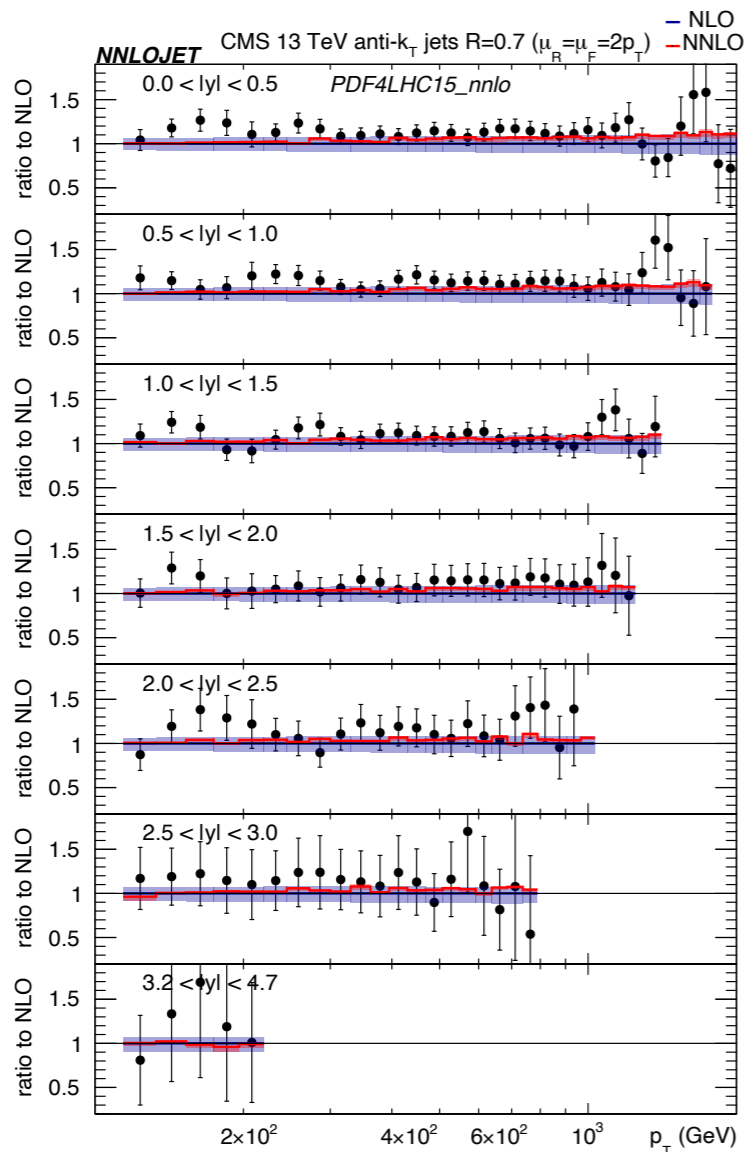
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Will present a selection of recent theory developments. Not all topics can be covered, apologies for all omissions

# Jet final states: $j+X$

- Single jet inclusive rates, jet production spectrum differential in jet  $p_T$  and rapidity
  - NNLO calculation with NNLOJET: J.Currie et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 118 (2017) 072002
  - NNLO calculation with Sector Improved Phase Space for Real Radiation: M.Czakon et al. JHEP 10 (2019) 262
- Sub-leading colour effects negligible



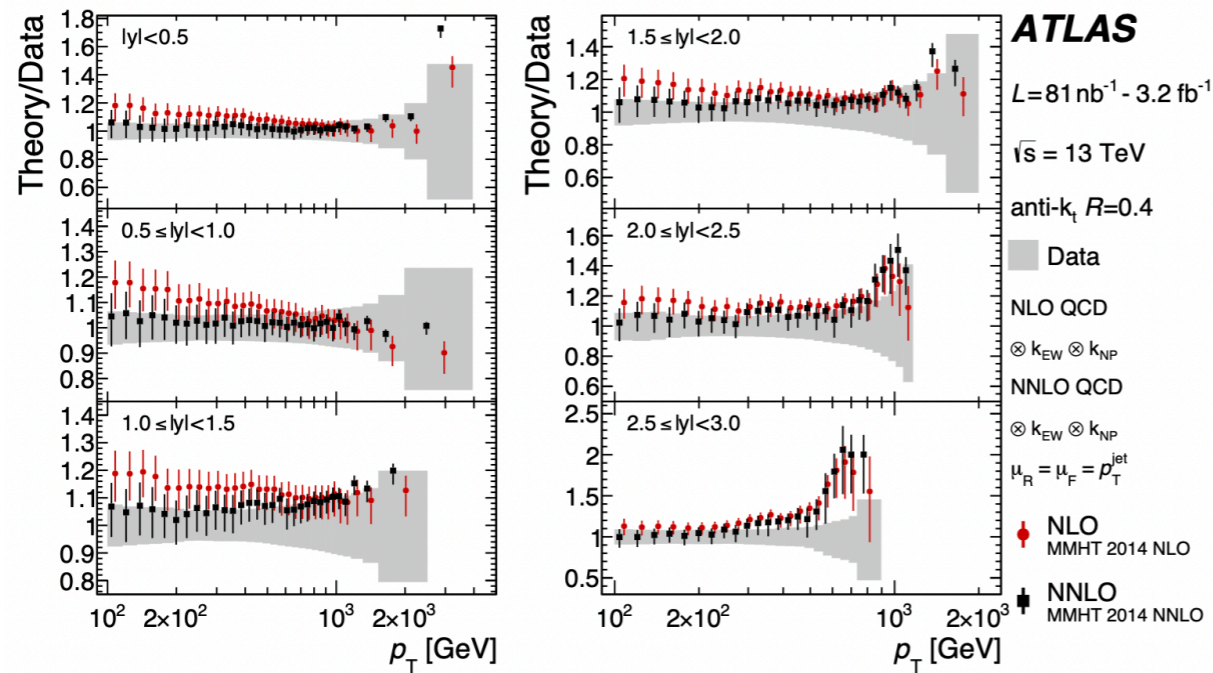
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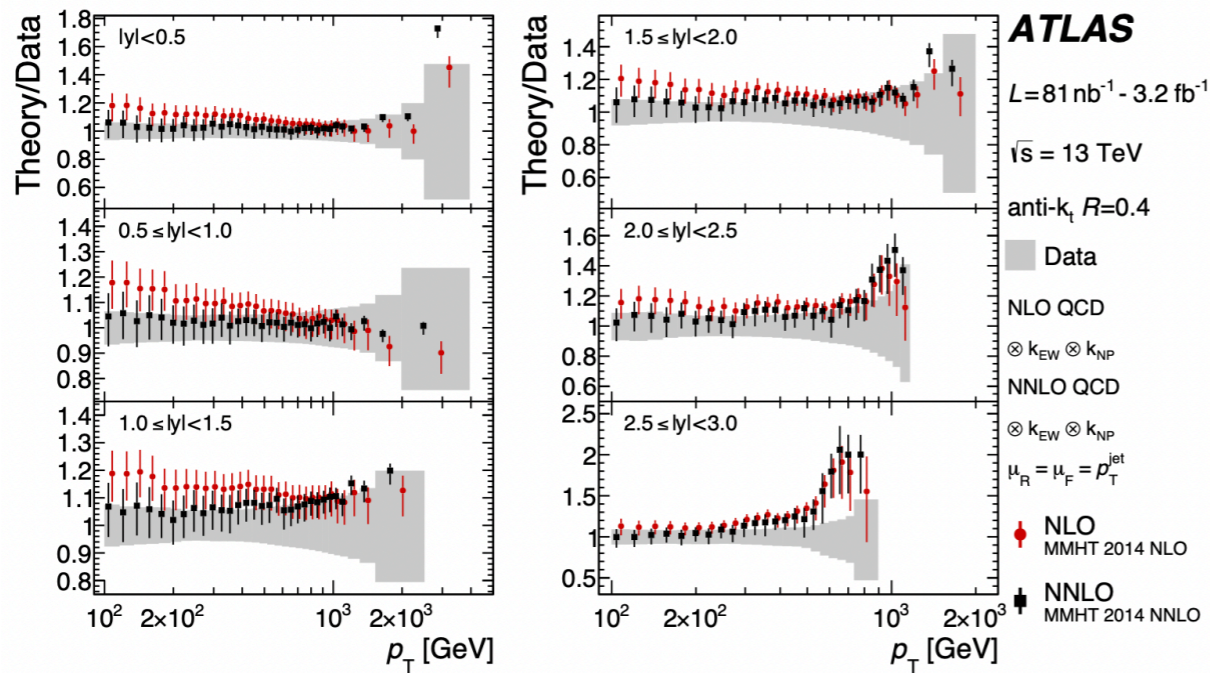


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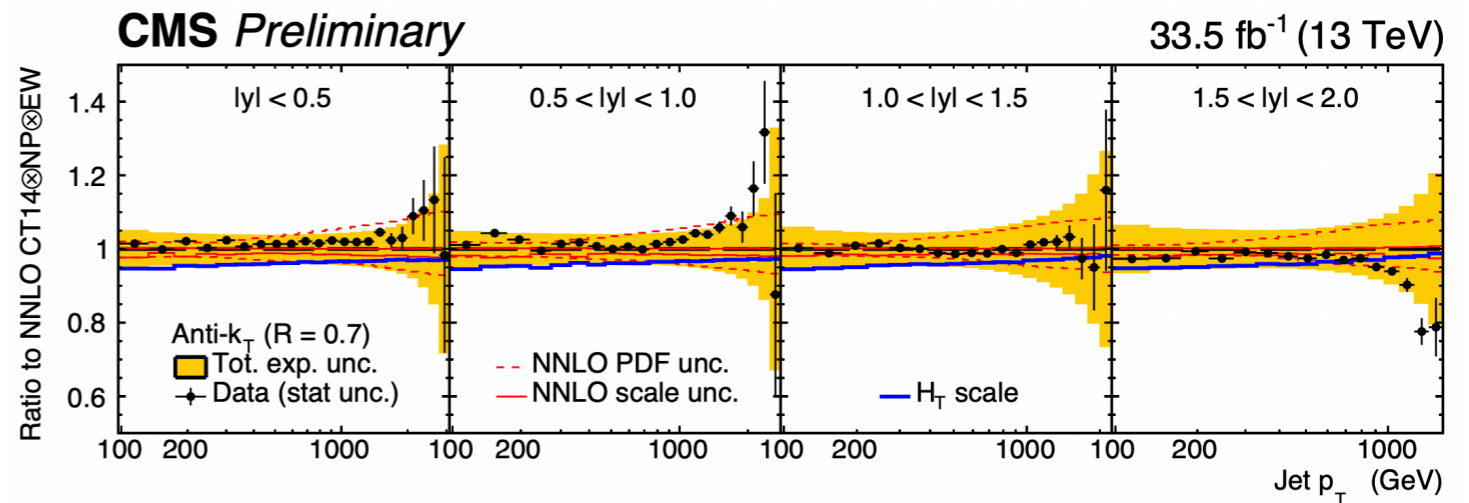
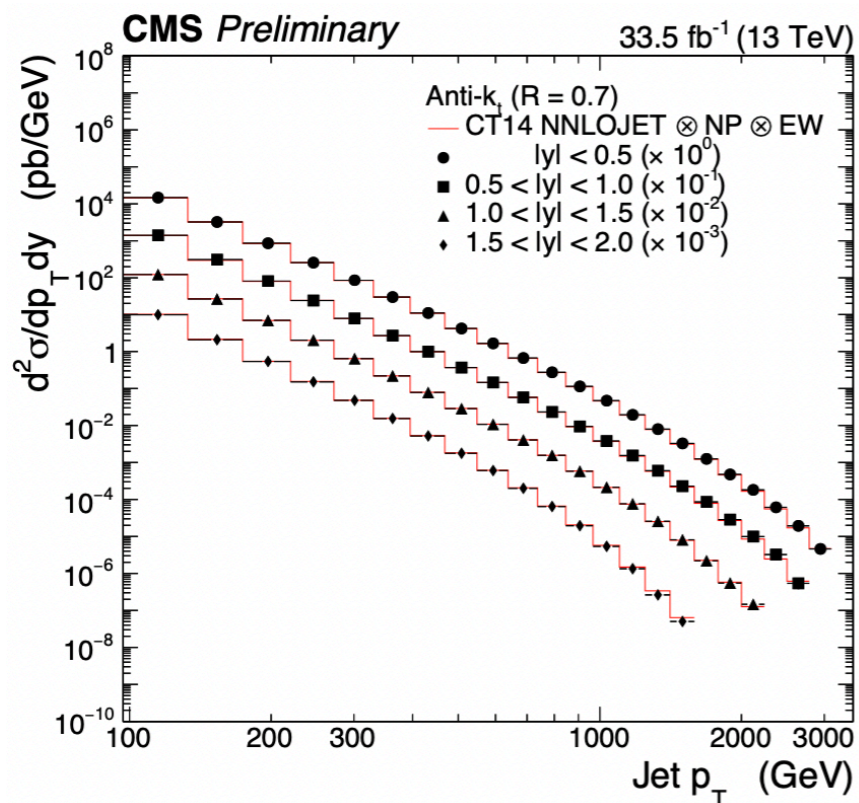
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- Smaller impact of higher-order corrections for  $R=0.7$
- Good description of the data at NNLO

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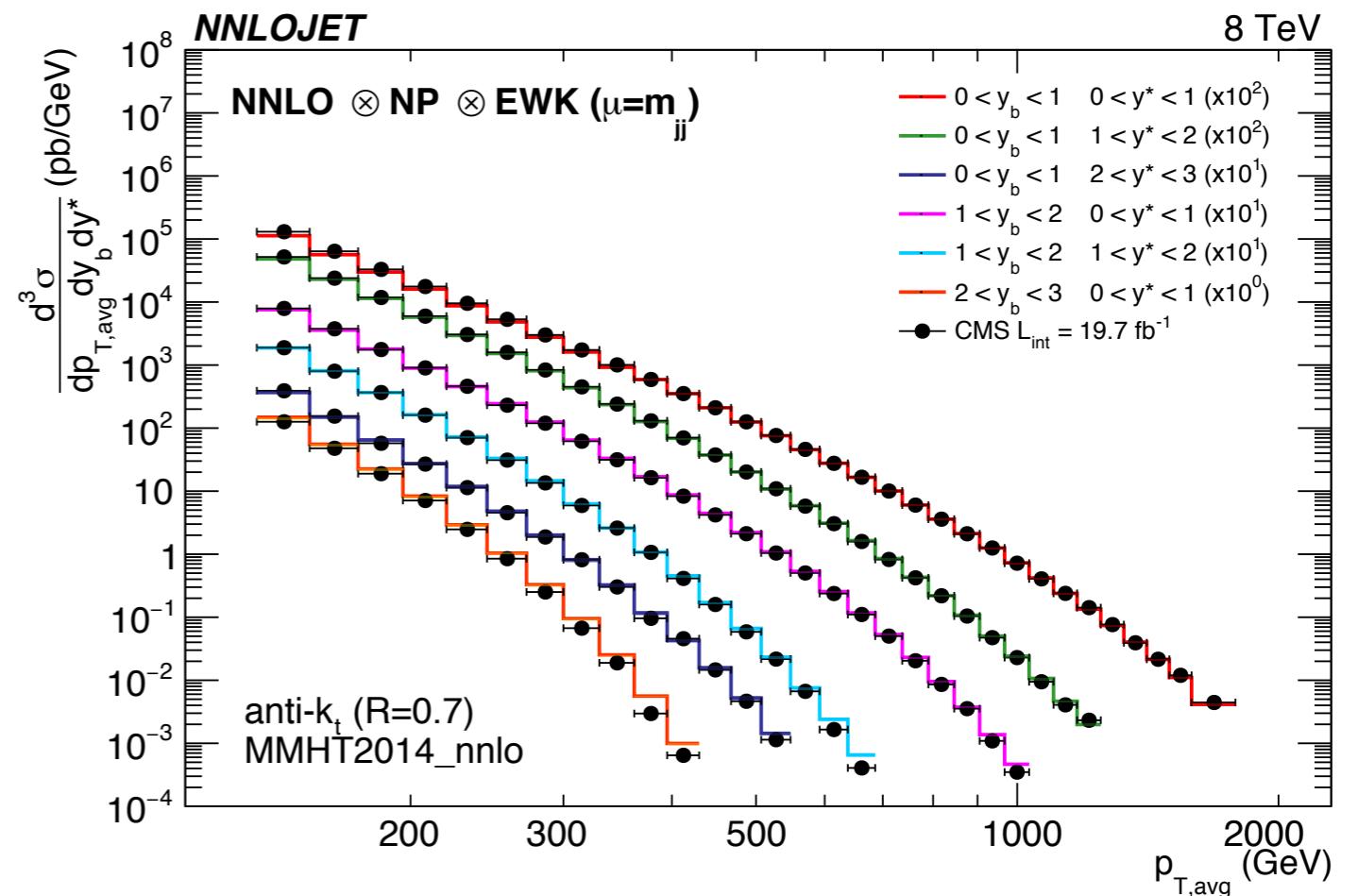
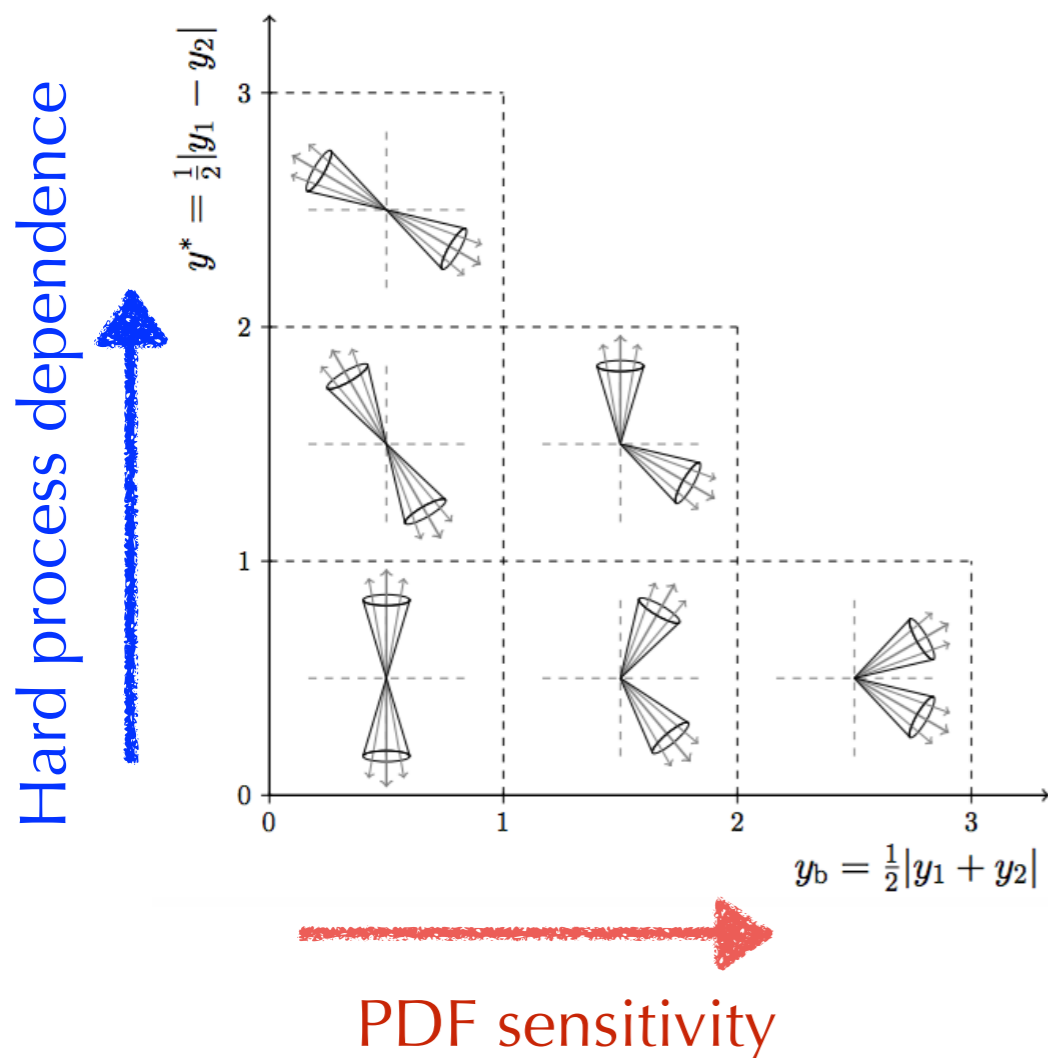
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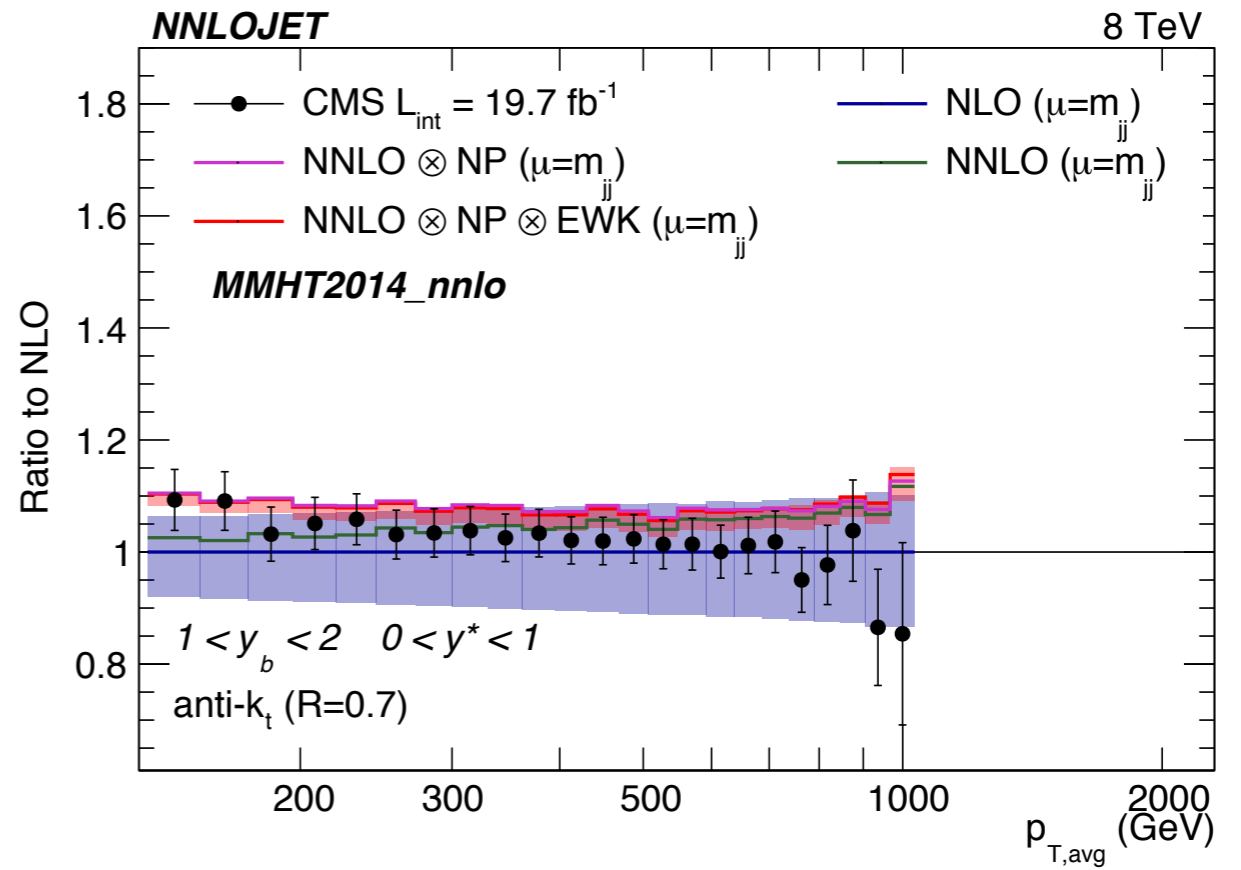
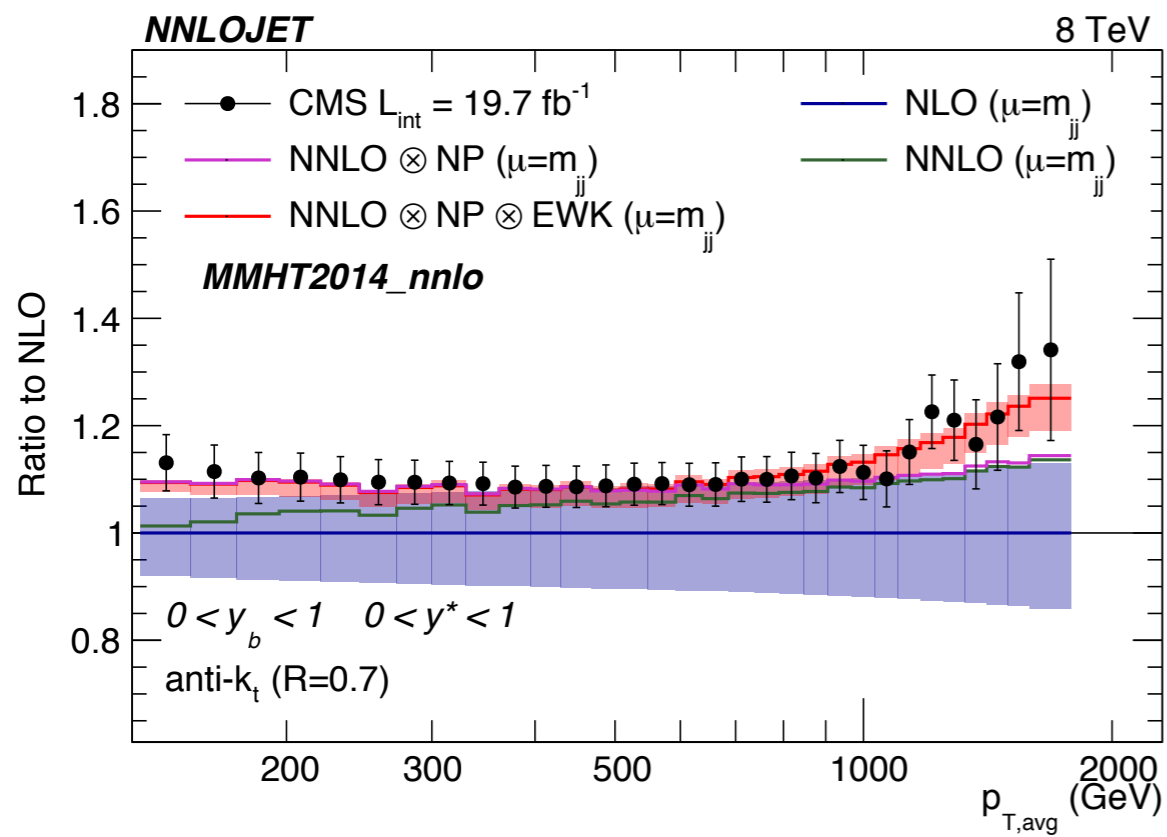
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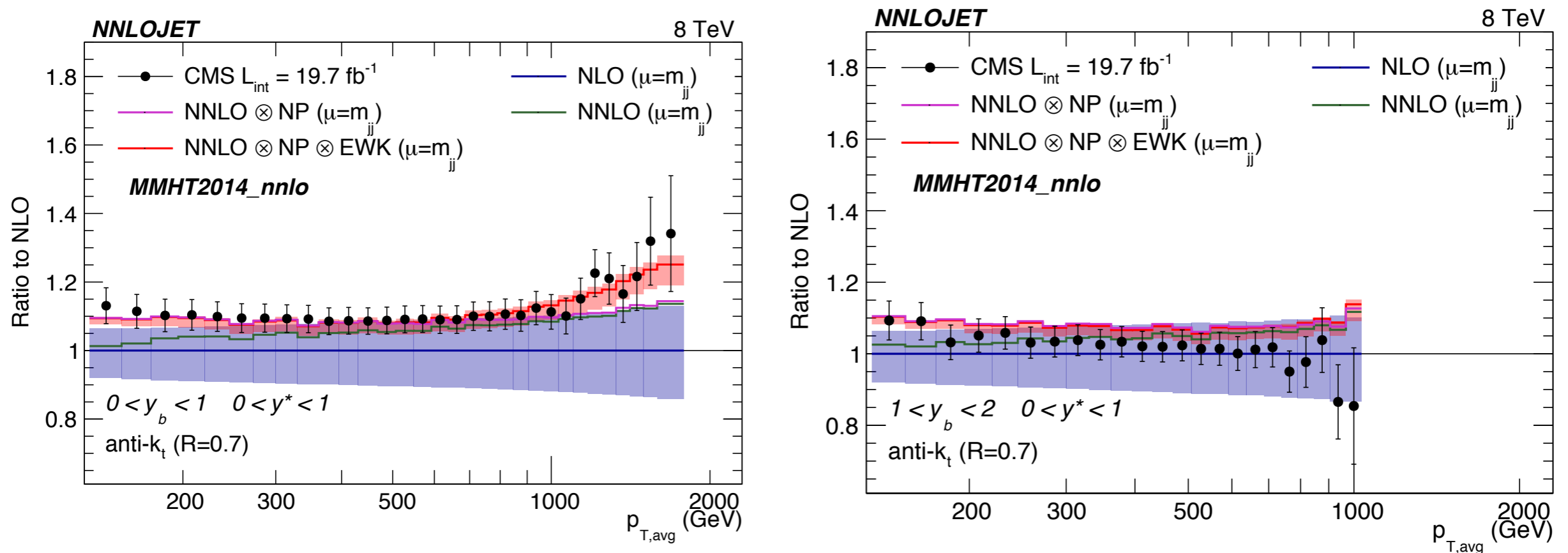
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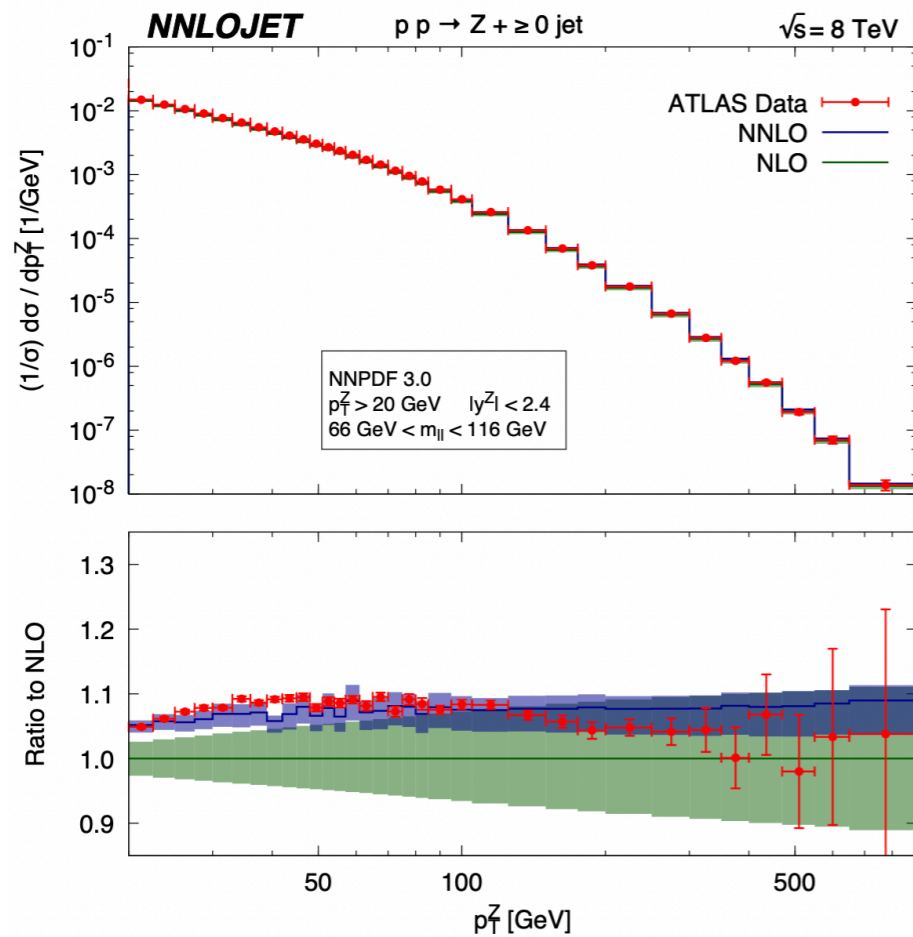


- comparison with triple differential CMS dijet 8 TeV measurement [arXiv:1705.02628]
  - NNLO correction changes both the shape and normalisation of the NLO result
  - Significant reduction in theory uncertainty going from NLO to NNLO
  - $0 < y_b < 1$  : good agreement with NNLO $\otimes$ NP $\otimes$ EWK
  - $1 < y_b < 2$  : data below NNLO theory prediction
  - PDF effect since matrix element contribution invariant under  $y_b$  variation

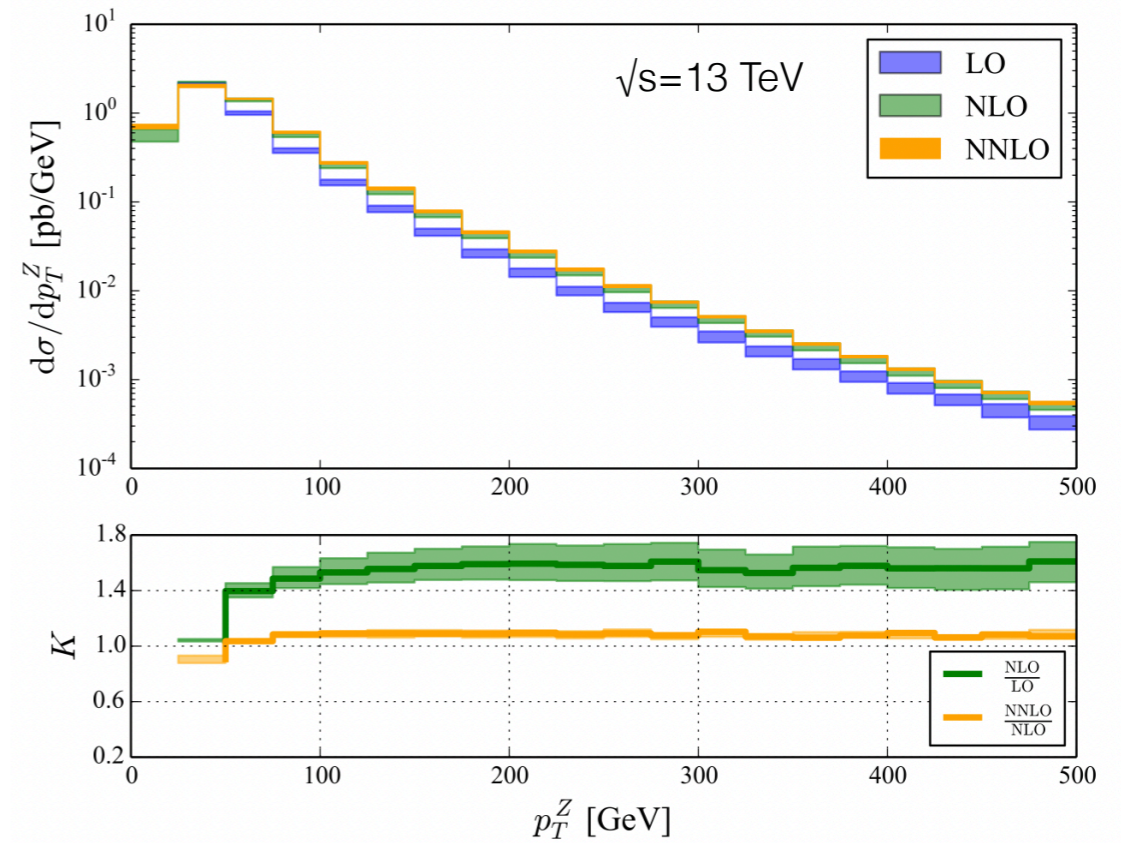


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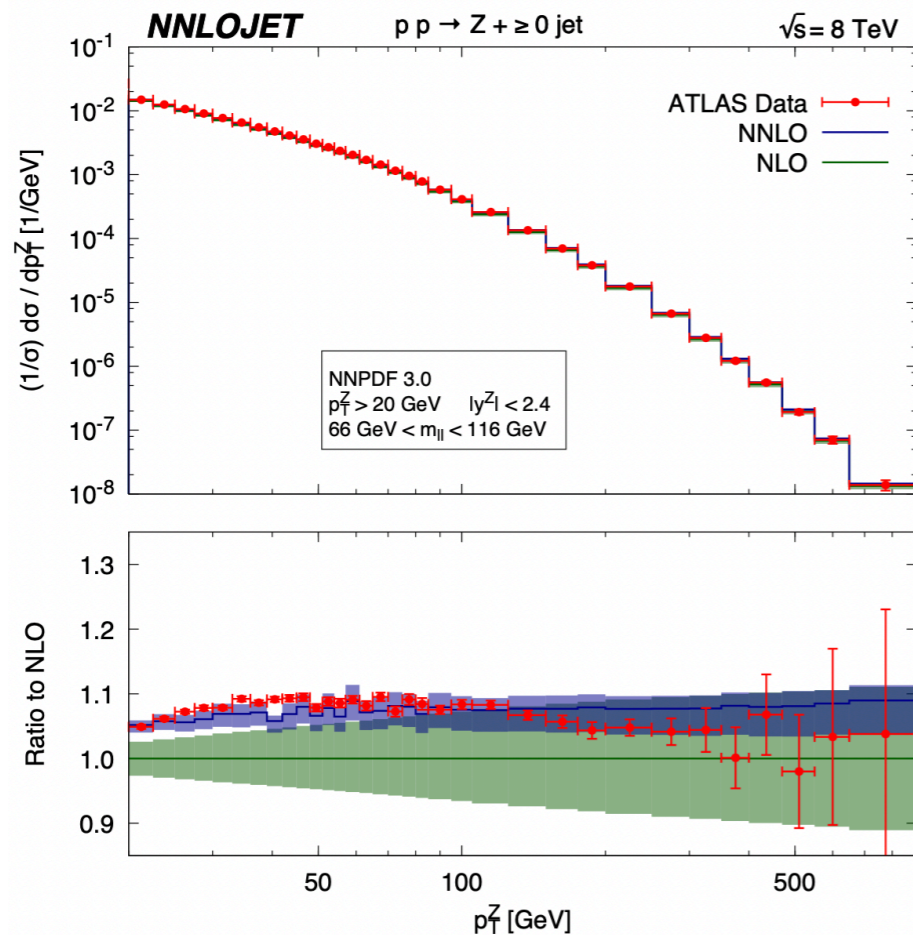
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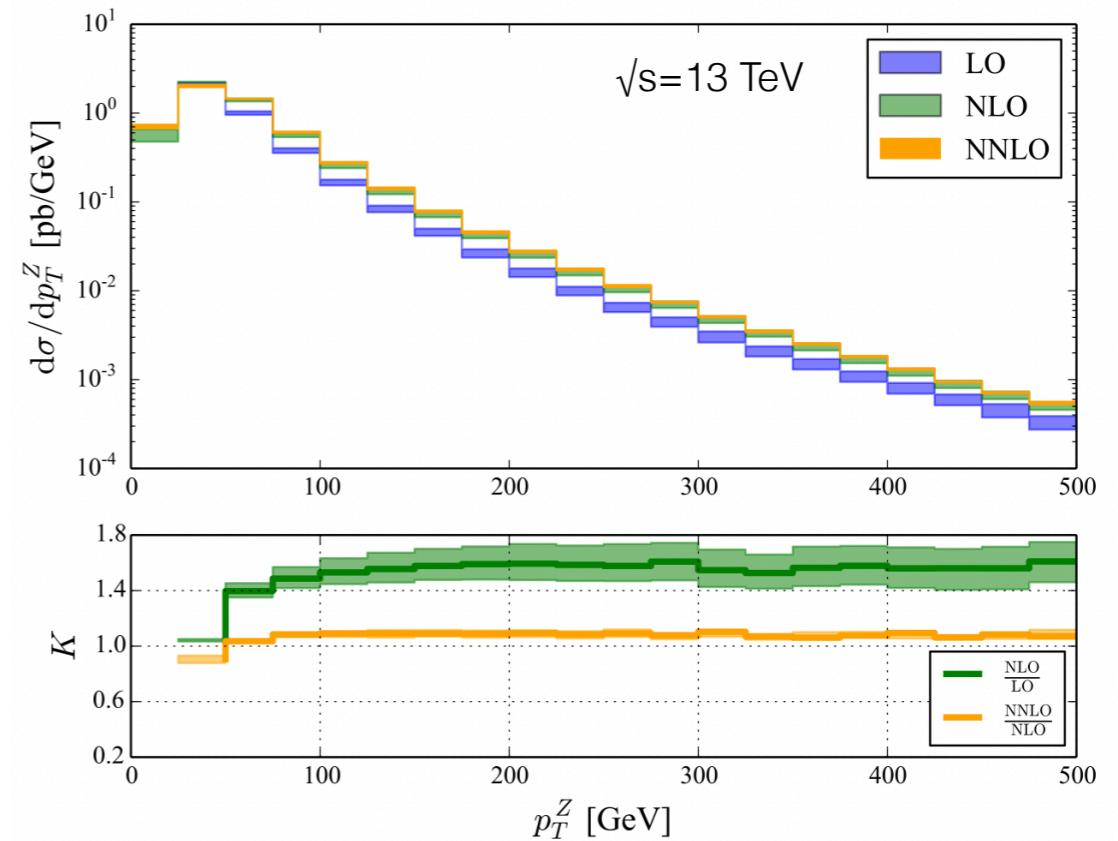
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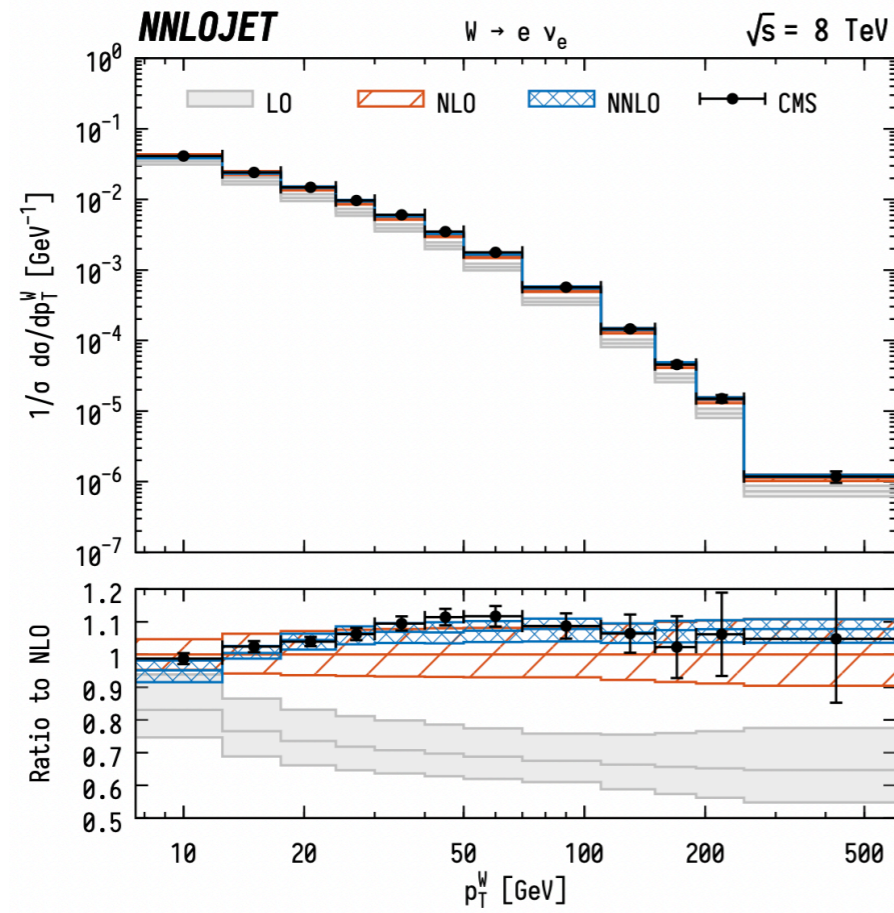
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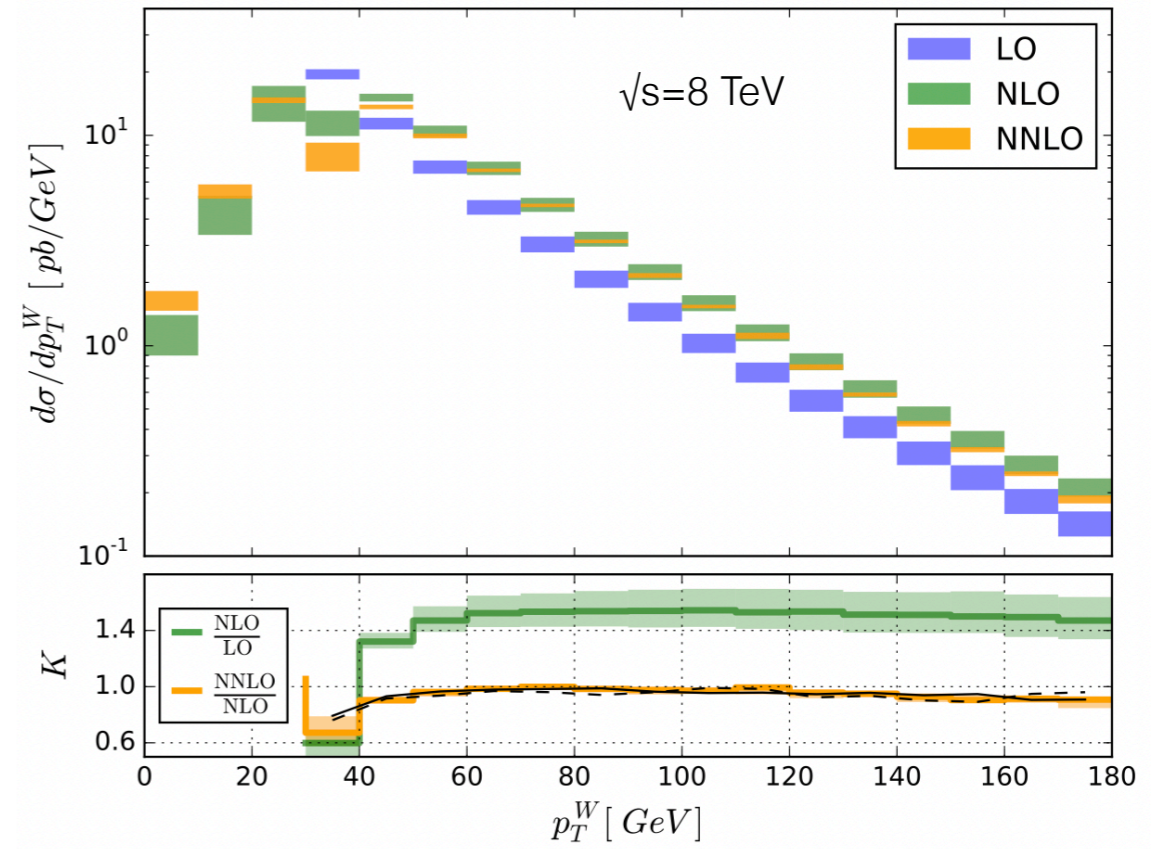
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- Excellent **convergence** of the **perturbative expansion**
- NNLO** correction below **10%** and **large reduction** in the **scale uncertainty** of the **NNLO** prediction
- Significant **improvement** in the **Data vs Theory** comparison at **NNLO**
- Agreement** between two NNLO **calculations** from NNLOJET and N-jettiness subtraction

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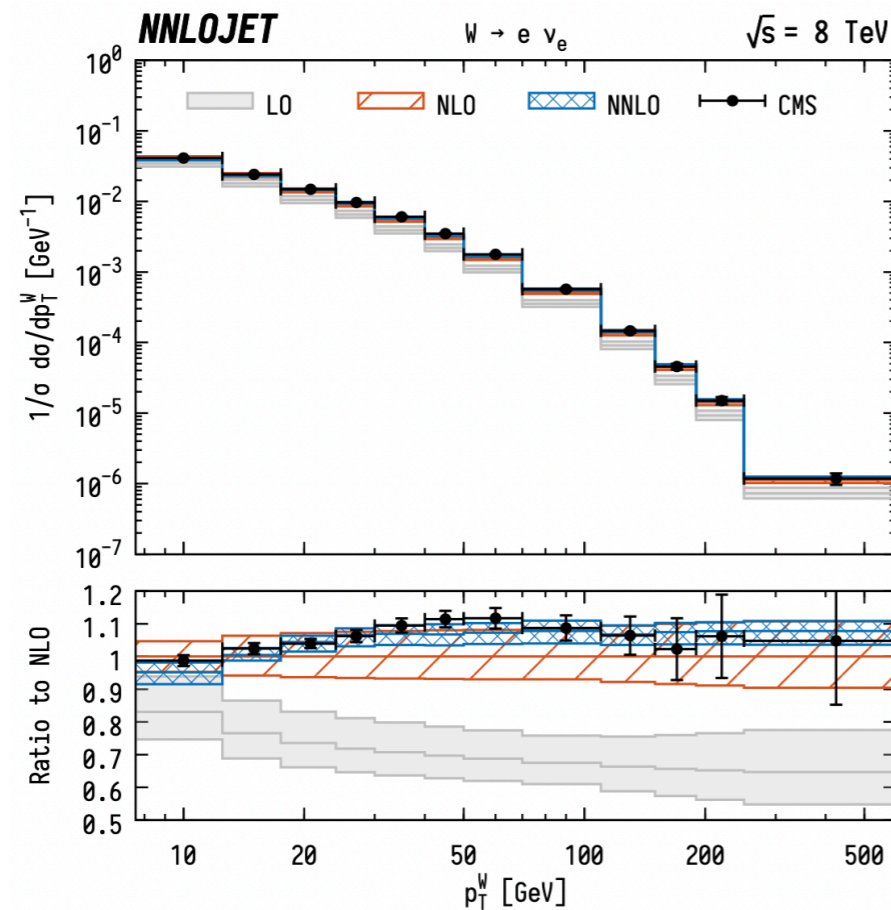


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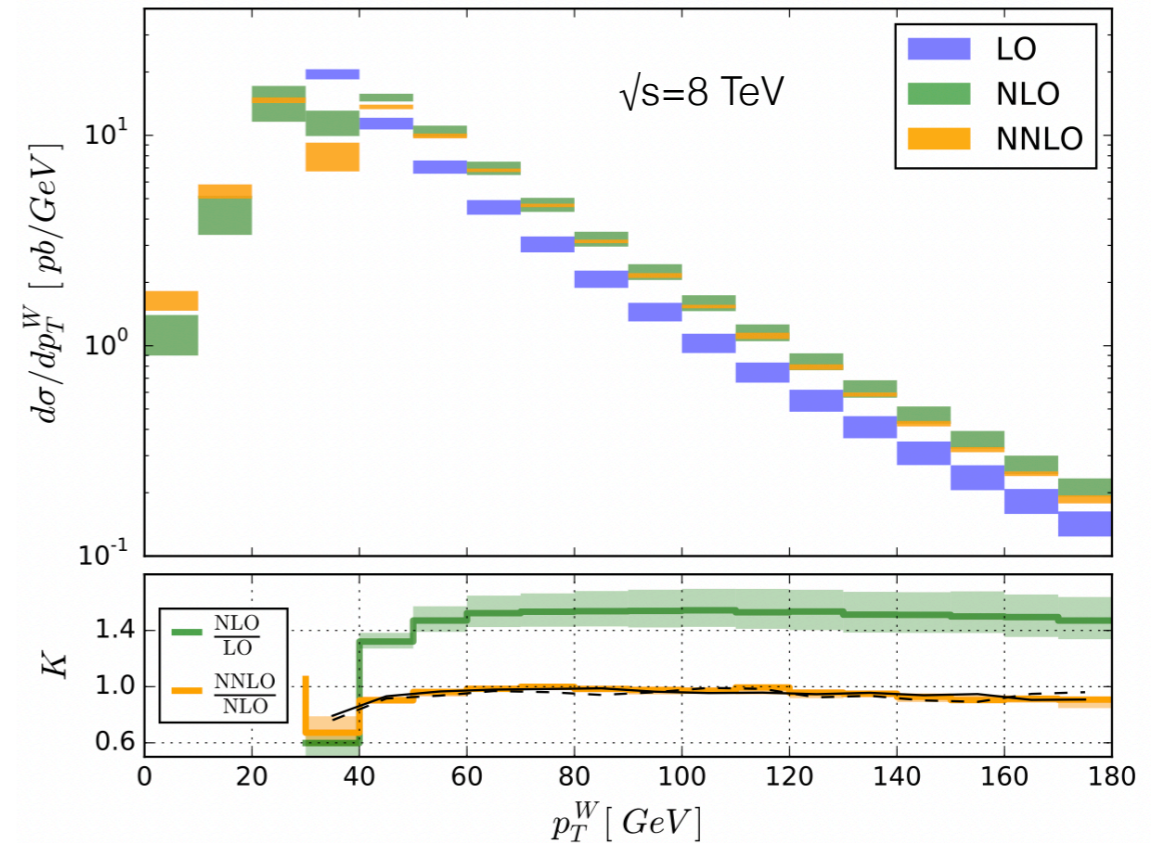


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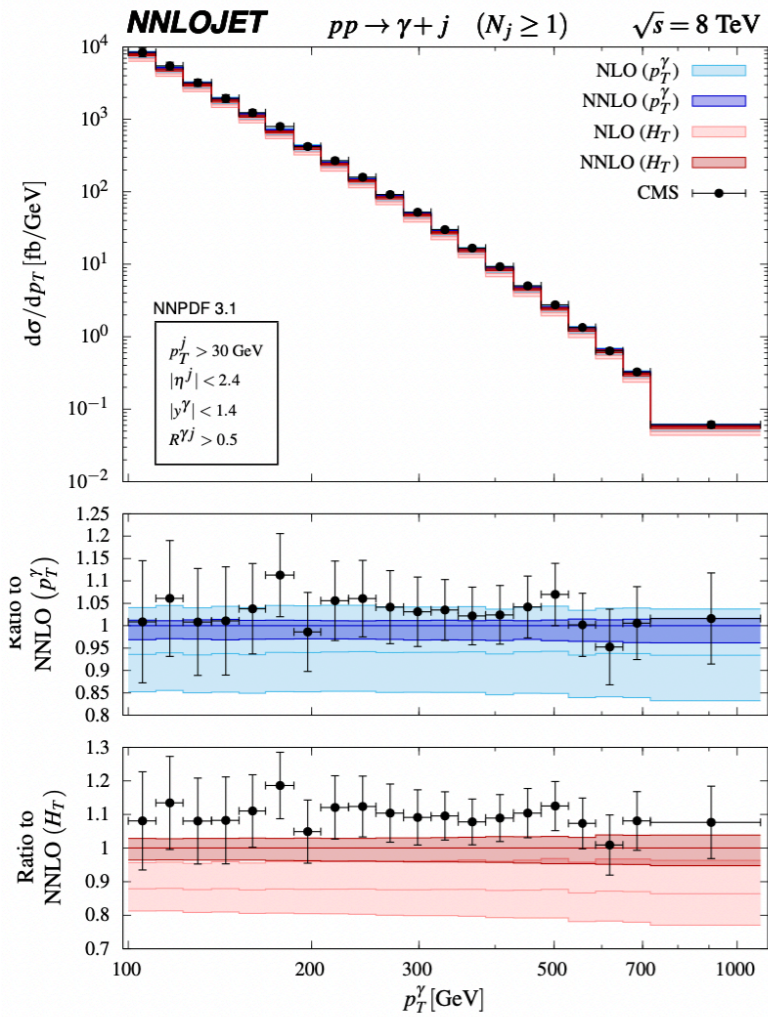
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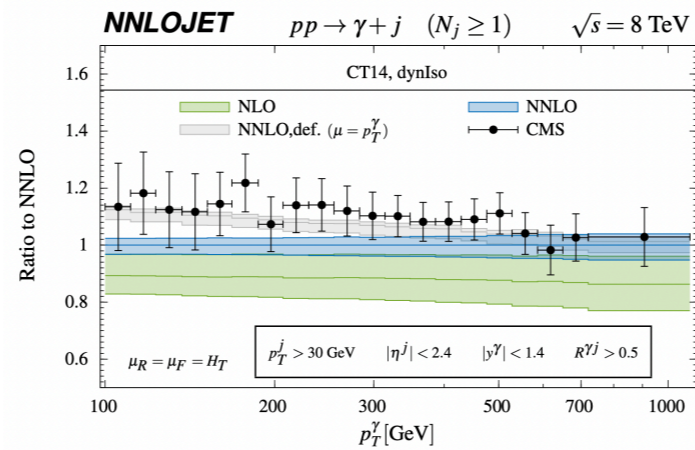
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- **NLO** corrections between **10–40%** with residual **scale uncertainties** at the level of around  $\pm 10\%$
- **NNLO** corrections at the **5%** level change the **shape** of the **NLO result** improving the description of the data
- **NNLO** scale uncertainties at the  $\pm 2\%$  level and overlap with the **NLO** result  $\rightarrow$  good **convergence** of the **perturbative expansion**
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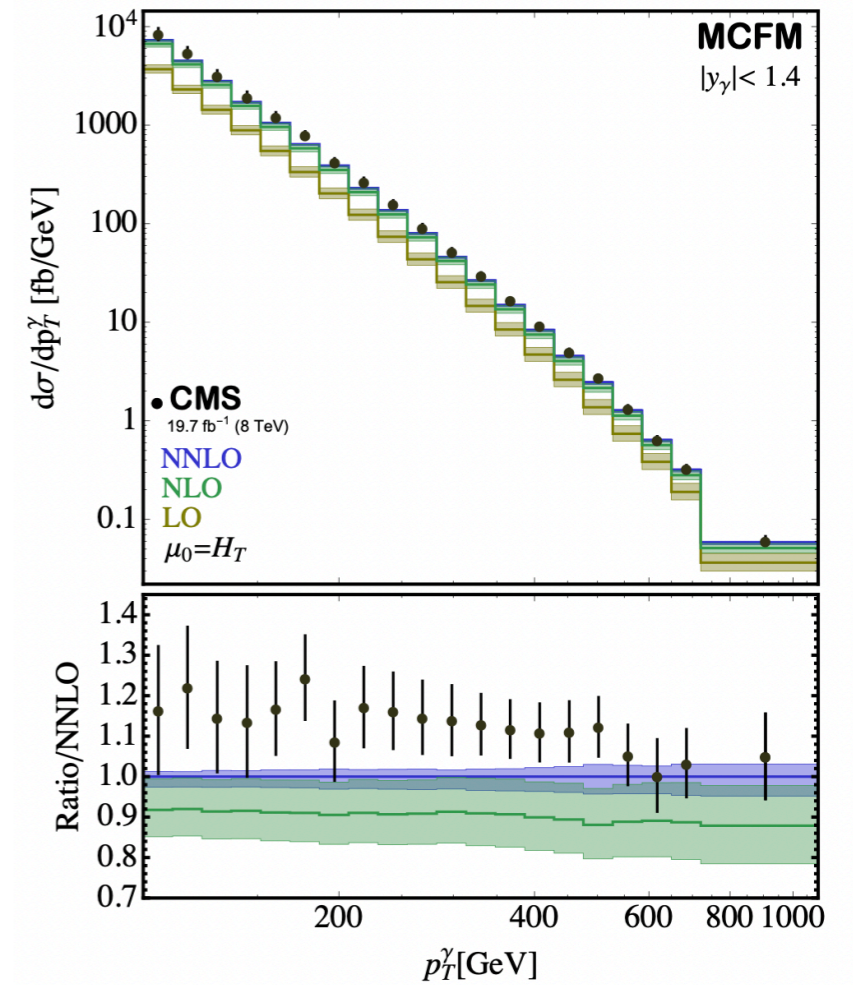
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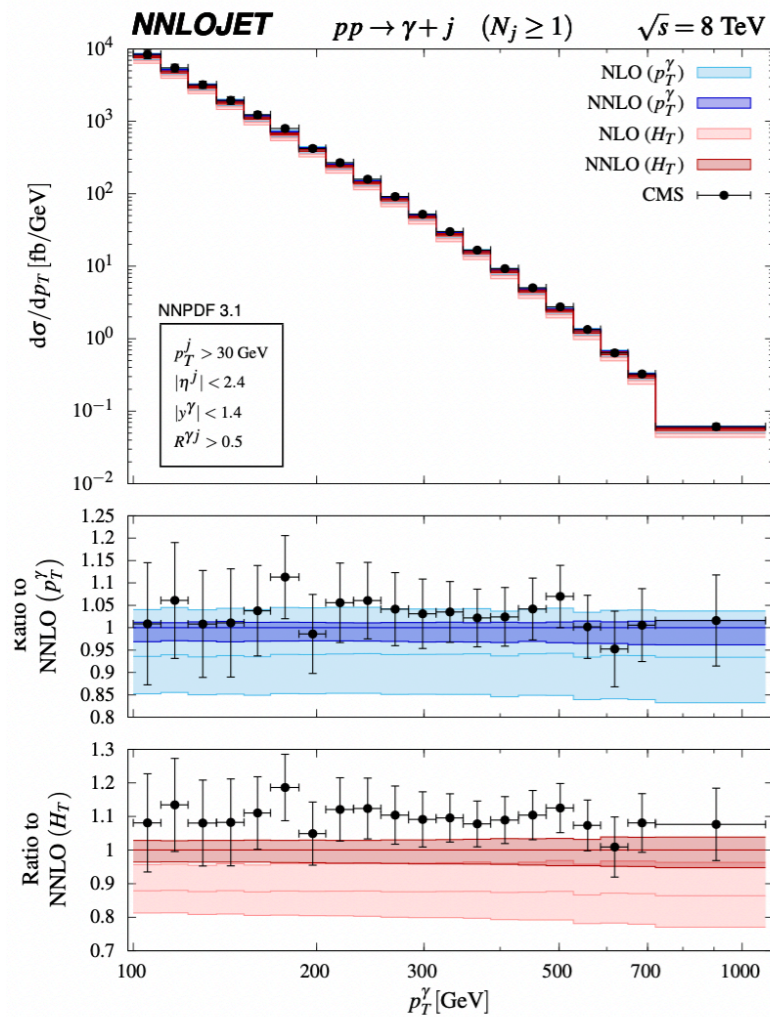


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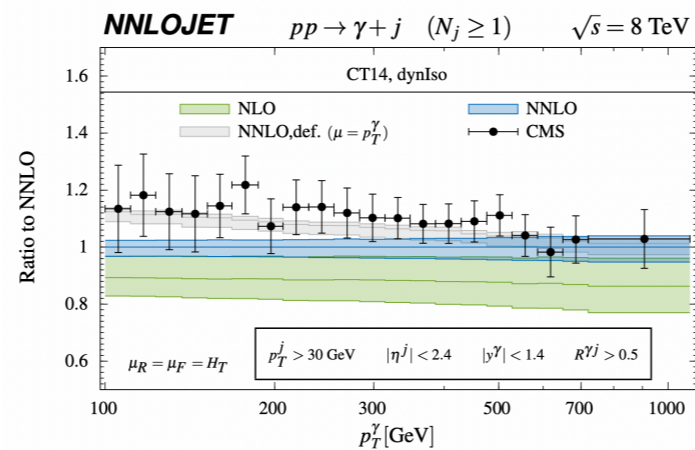


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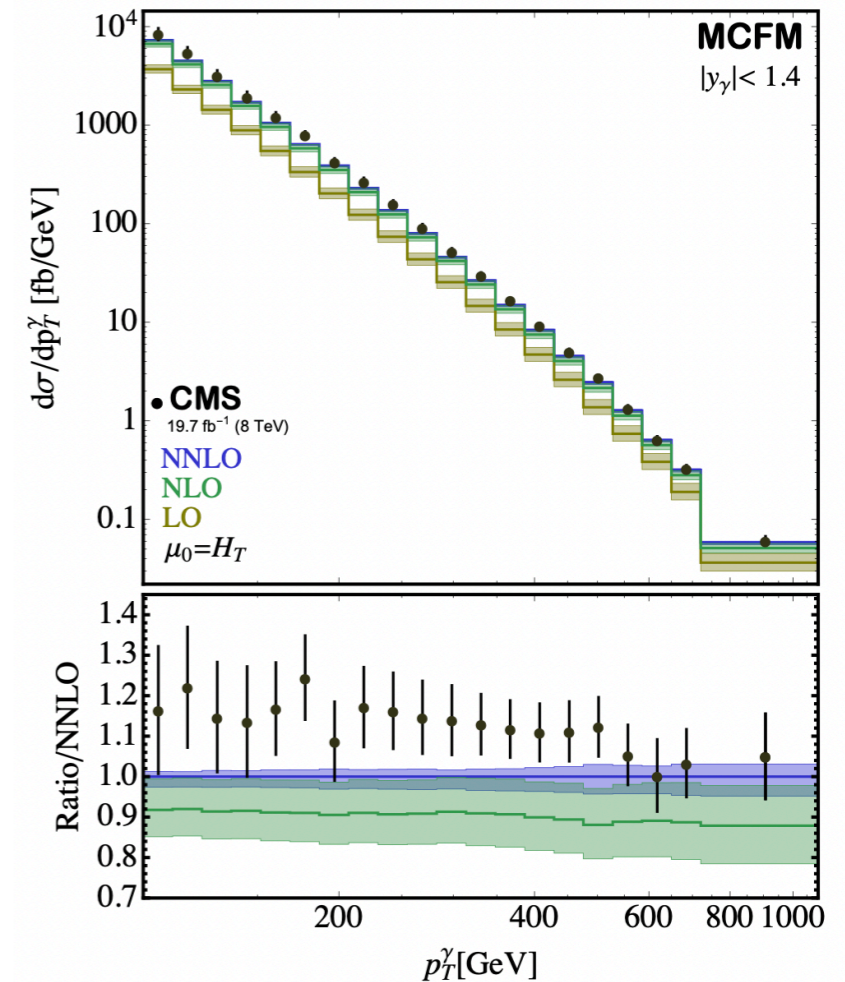
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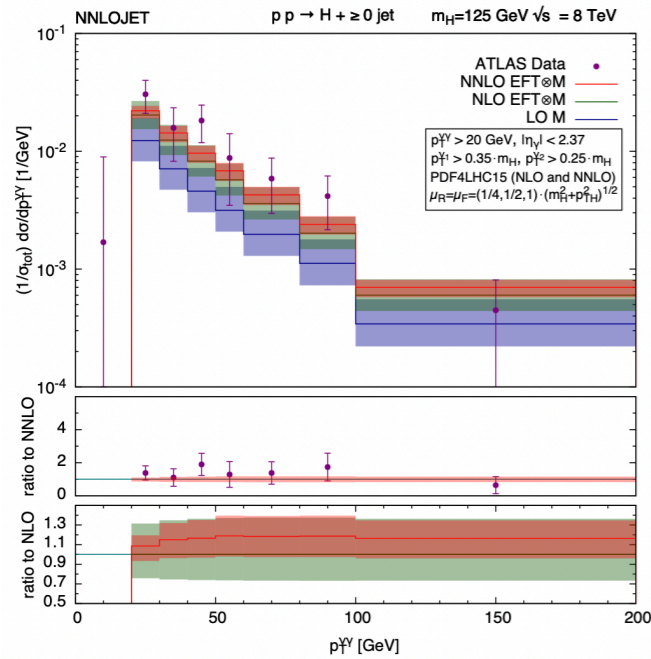
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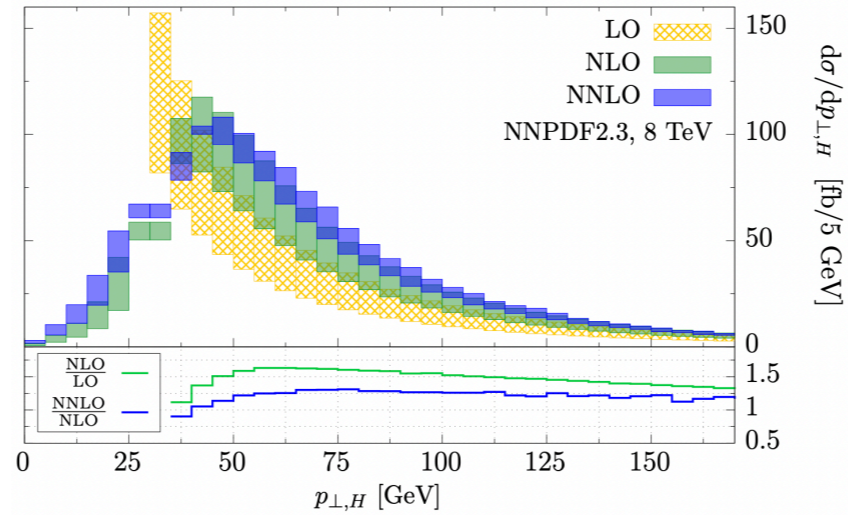
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- Smooth cone isolation in MCFM, smooth and hybrid isolation in NNLOJET matching the fixed-cone
- Agreement between two NNLO calculations when using same input settings
- $\mu = p_{T,\gamma}$  favoured as central scale choice in terms of perturbative stability
- Residual scale uncertainties at NNLO typically at the level of 3%
- All V+jet processes now to NNLO QCD

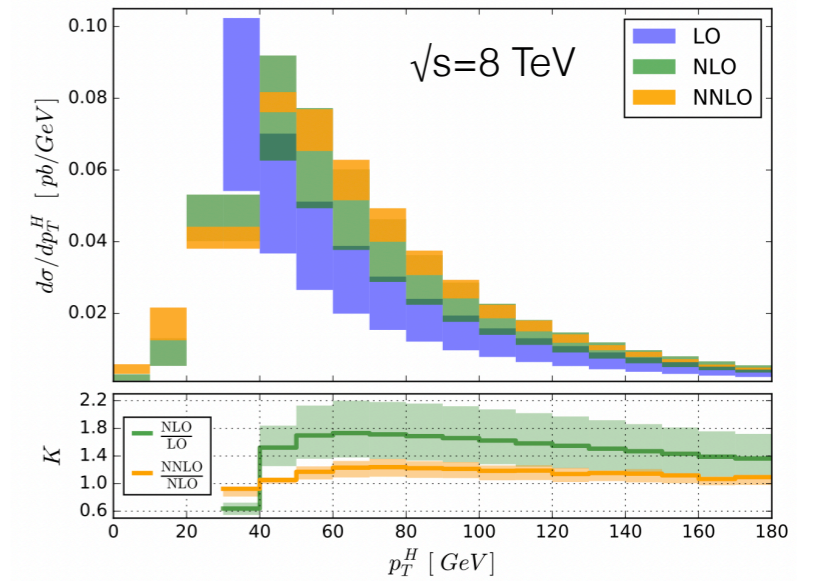
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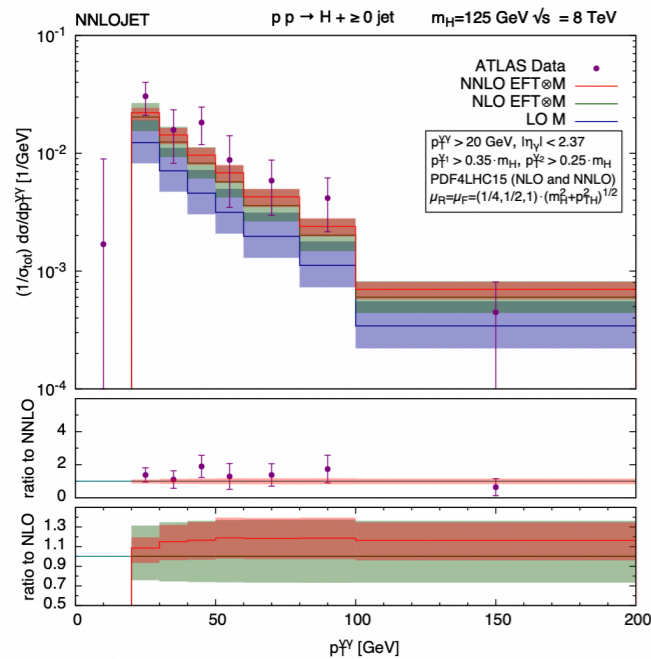


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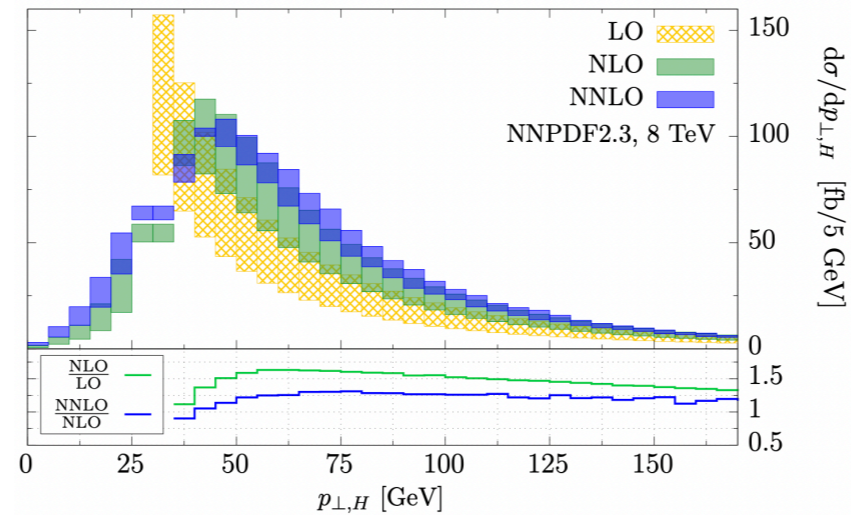


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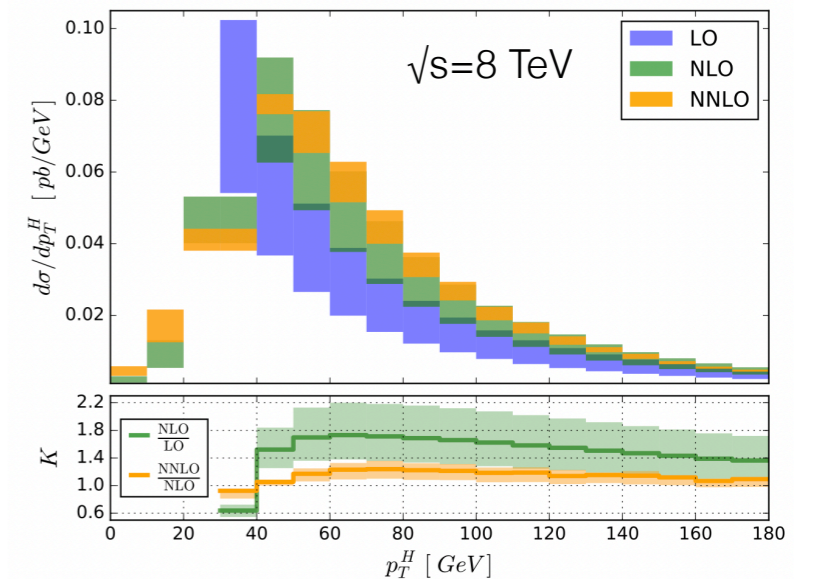
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- Improved **precision** of the **Higgs**  $p_T$  spectrum at **NNLO**
- Improved description of the **Higgs signal** under **jet cuts**, the discrimination power between different Higgs production modes, and background **suppression** through the application of **jet vetoes**
- Three different **NNLO accurate calculations** for **H+jet** final states performed in the HEFT ( $m_t \rightarrow \infty$  limit). Full top-quark mass dependence for **H+jet** known at NLO only
- Substantially **larger NNLO corrections observed** with respect to **V + jet**
- Good **agreement** between NNLO **prediction** reweighted by exact top-mass dependence at LO and **ATLAS** data normalized to the total inclusive **cross section**

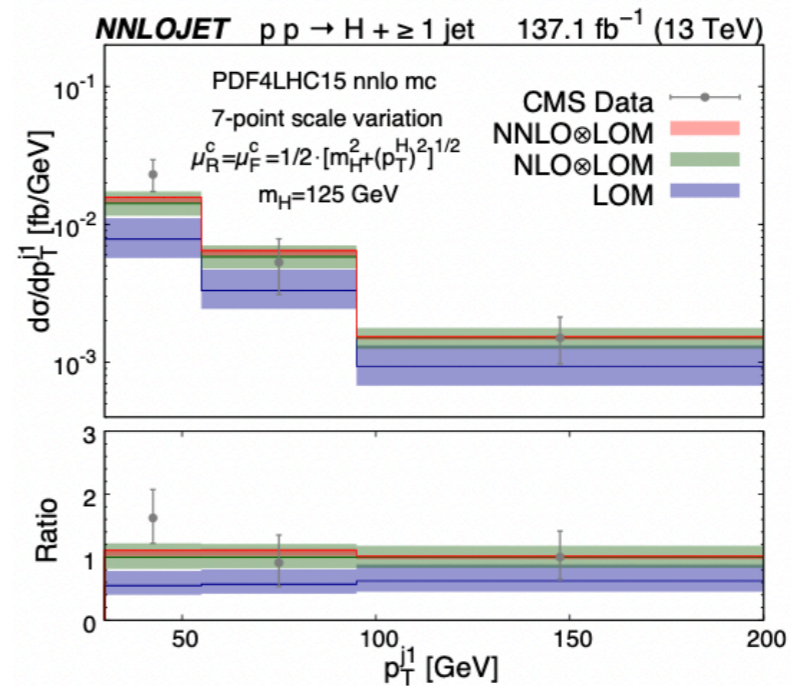
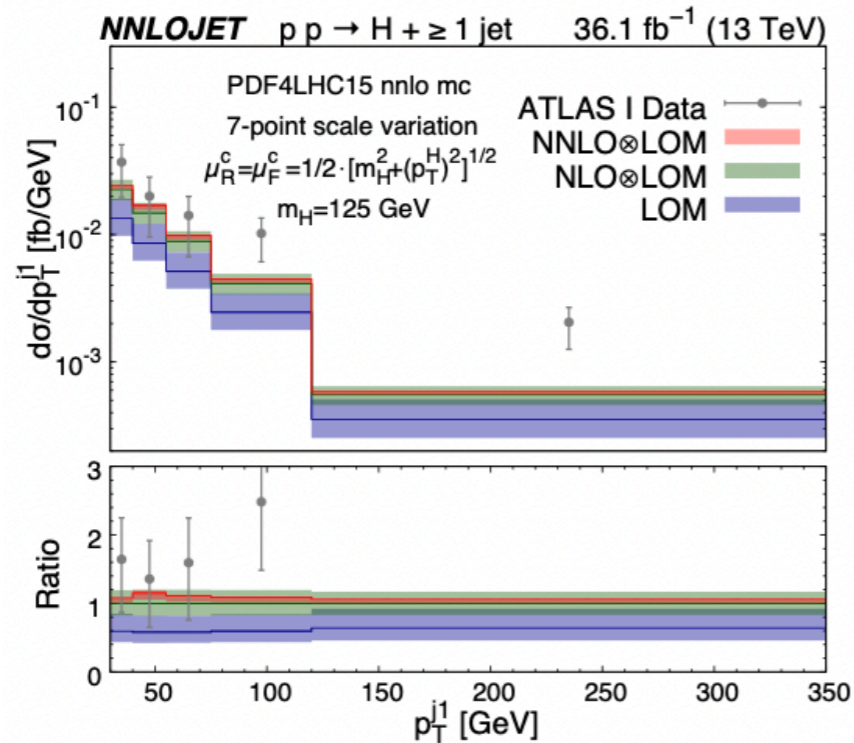
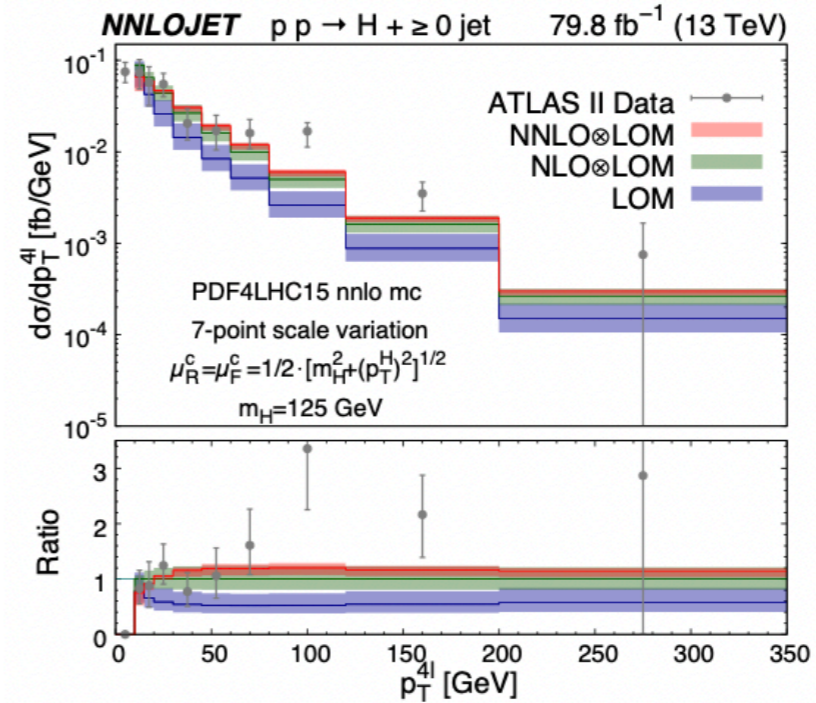
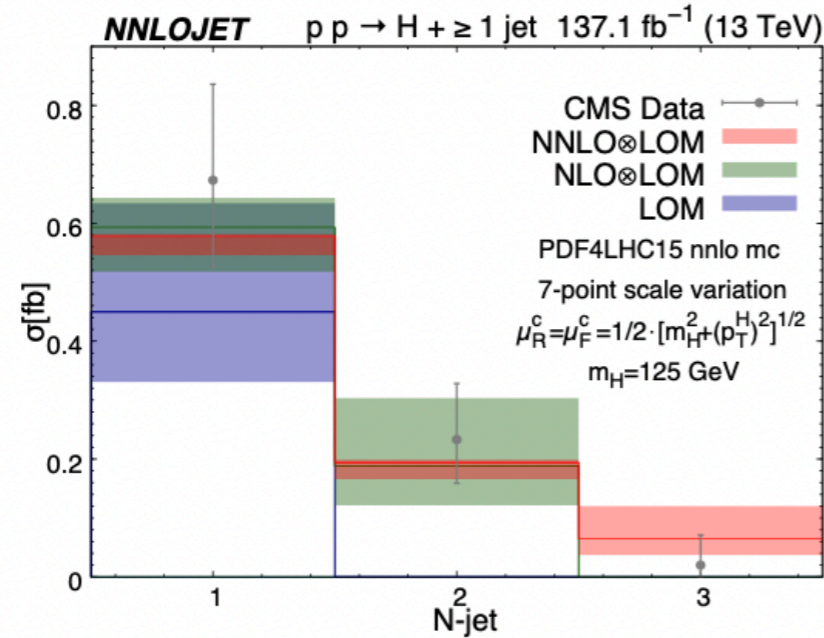


# H + jet final states - fiducial cuts

	CMS	ATLAS I	ATLAS II
Lepton Kinematics			
1st lepton $p_T^{l_1}$ (GeV)	> 20	> 20	> 20
2nd lepton $p_T^{l_2}$ (GeV)	> 10	> 15	> 15
3rd lepton $p_T^{l_3}$ (GeV)	—	> 10	> 10
lepton $p_T^{e(\mu)}$ (GeV)	> 7(5)	> 7(5)	> 5
Rapidity $ y^{e(\mu)} $	< 2.5(2.4)	< 2.47(2.7)	< 2.7
Lepton Isolation			
Cone size $R^l$	0.3	—	—
$\sum_i p_T^i / p_T^l$ ( $i \in R^l$ )	< 0.35	—	—
$\Delta R^{\text{SF(DF)}}(l_i, l_j)$	> 0.02	> 0.1(0.2)	> 0.1
Invariant Mass (GeV)			
$Z_1$ candidate $m_{Z_1}$	[40, 120]	[50, 106]	[50, 106]
$Z_2$ candidate $m_{Z_2}$	[12, 120]	[12, 115]	[12, 115]
$m_{l+l'-}$ (SF+DF)	> 4	—	—
$m_{l+l-}$ (SF)	—	> 5	> 5
Four leptons $m_{4l}$	125	125	125
Jet Definition			
Algorithm	anti- $k_T$	anti- $k_T$	anti- $k_T$
Cone size R	0.4	0.4	0.4
$p_T^j$ (GeV)	> 30	> 30	> 30
Rapidity $ y^j $	< 2.5	< 4.4	< 4.4
$\Delta R(j, e(\mu))$	—	> 0.2(0.1)	> 0.1

- Fiducial cuts for final state leptons and jets for the four-lepton decay mode of the Higgs boson

# H + jet final states - fiducial cross sections at NNLO



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- NNLO corrections sizeable and kinematics dependent
- Substantial reduction of scale uncertainties with respect to NLO to a level of about 10% in most distributions

NNLO QCD jet-predictions  
beyond  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes

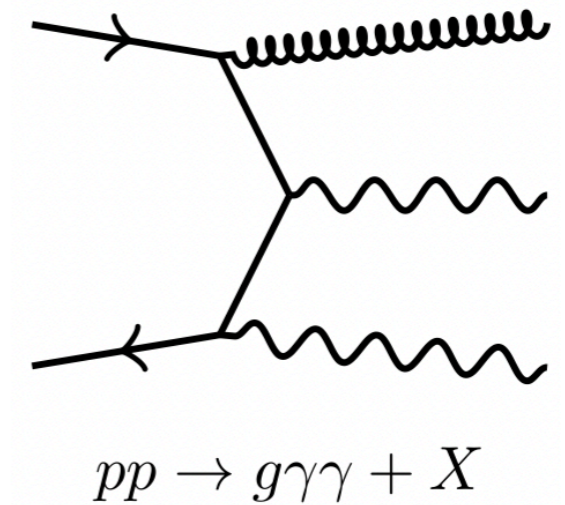
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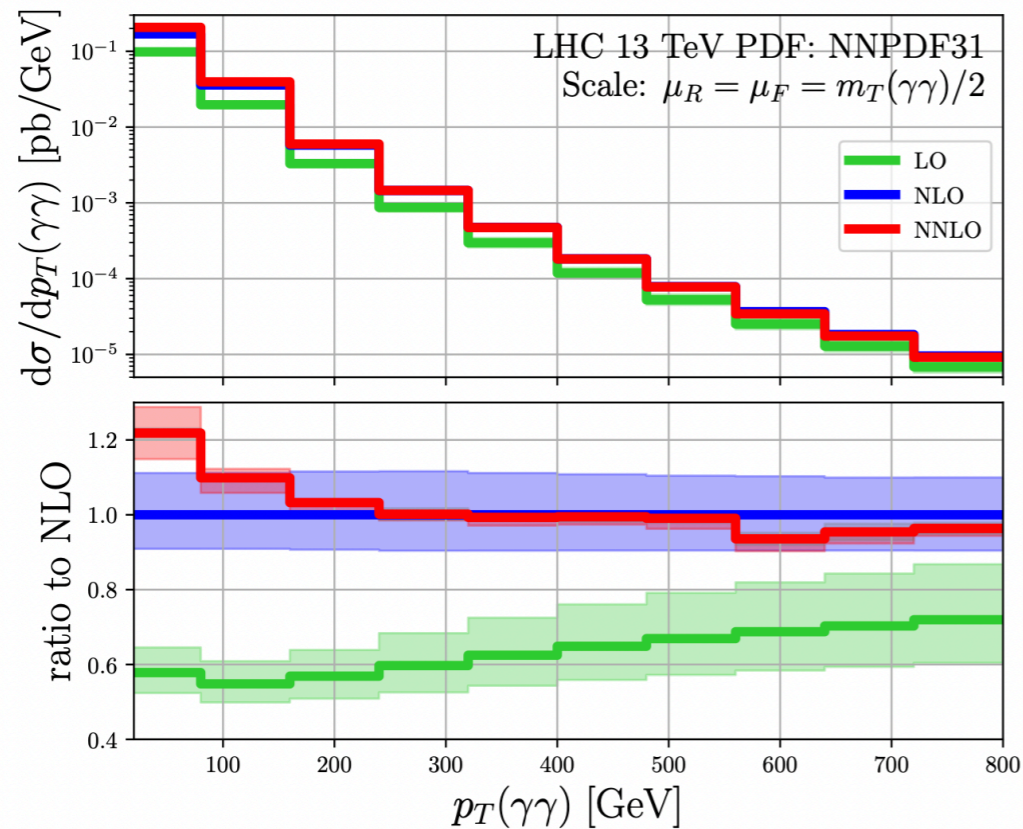
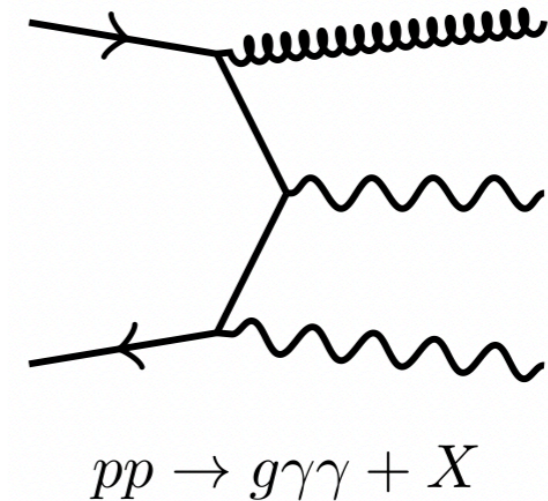


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- Reliable **prediction** achieved after the **inclusion** of **NNLO** effects
- Scale **uncertainty** at NNLO at the  **$\sim 1-2\%$**  level

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# Three-jet production final state

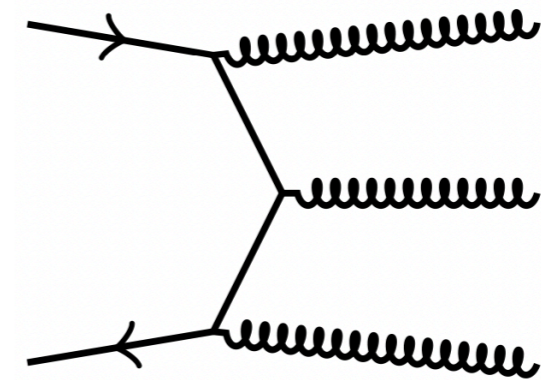
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- Experimental **analysis** limited by NLO **scale uncertainties**
- **NNLO** allows for **improved predictions** for jet **transverse momenta**, angular correlations, event-shape observables



$$pp \rightarrow ggg + X$$

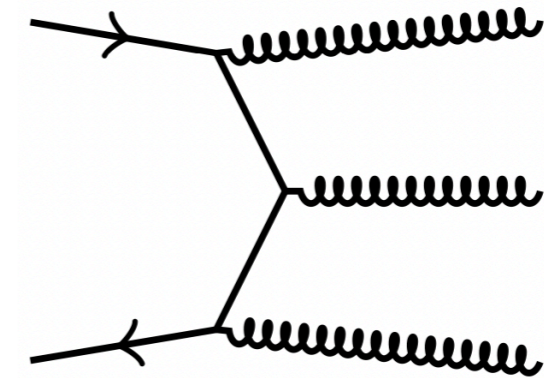
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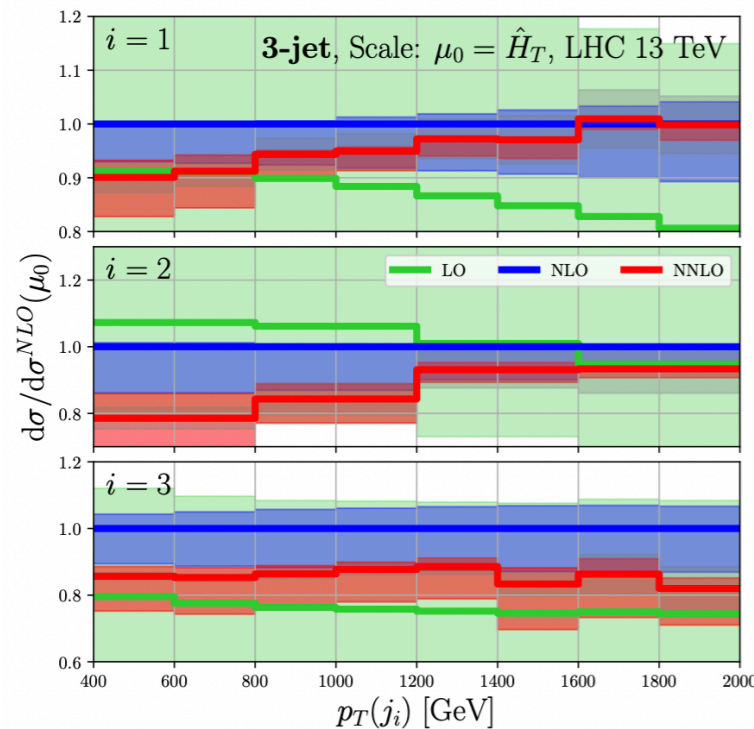
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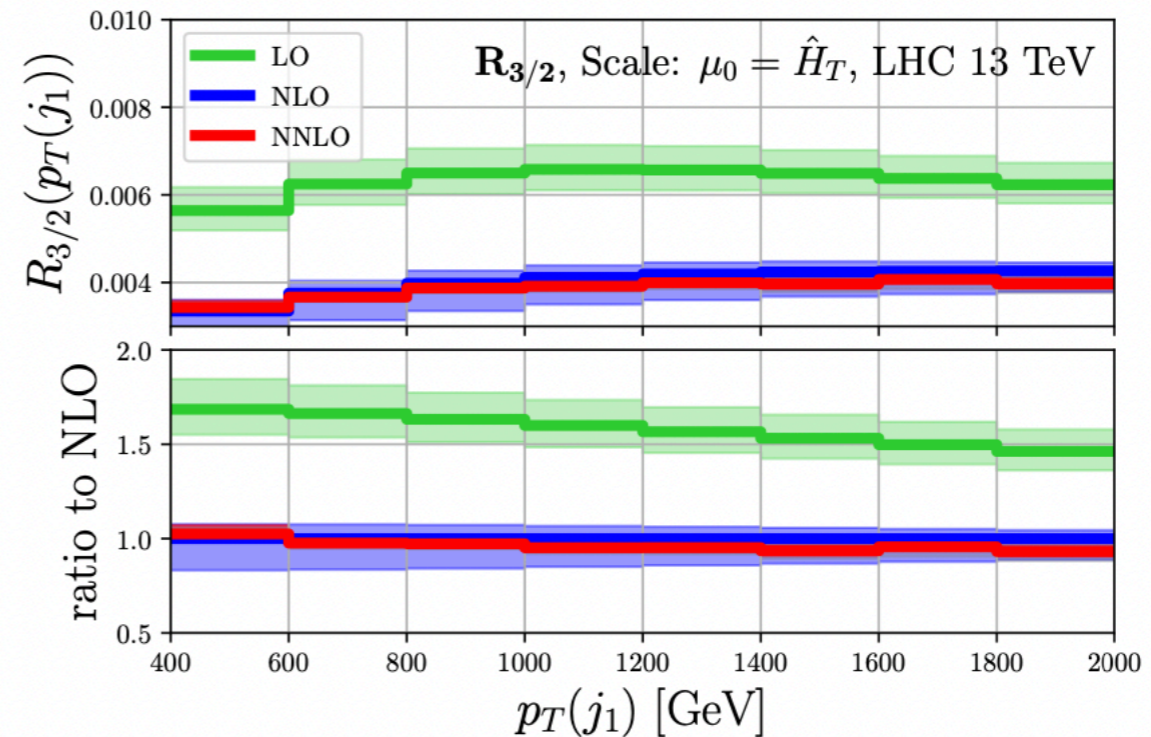
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$$pp \rightarrow ggg + X$$



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