



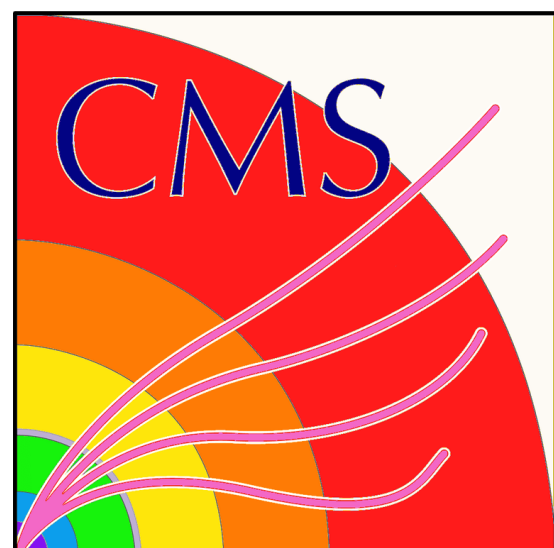
Testing the strong force with photons and jets

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*LHC Jet & Photon Physics
(Selected Run 2 results)*



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FIXED-ORDER PREDICTIONS

SOFT + COLINEAR RADIATION
RESUMMED PREDICTIONS

NON-PERTURBATIVE RADIATION
**MODELS OF HADRONISATION, COLOUR
RECONNECTION, MPI/VE, ETC.**

- Photon and jet cross-section measurements are **stringent tests of QCD predictions**, both analytical and Monte Carlo.
- Typically, **multi-faceted measurements** that probe multiple aspects of our understanding across a wide range of energy scales.

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... A LOT OF ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA DURING RUN 2!



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Inclusive jets

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ATLAS, CMS
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TODAY, I'LL FOCUS MOSTLY ON MEASUREMENTS THAT ARE BEING USED TO IMPROVE MODELS OF PERTURBATIVE QCD.



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RELATED TALKS
AT SM@LHC!

Christian Baldenegro Barrera (CMS),
Jet substructure & fragmentation at the LHC
Monday, 11h00

Joey Huston (CTEQ, ATLAS)
Status overview of global PDF fits
Wednesday, 9h00

Francesco Giuli (ATLAS),
 α_s from p_T, Z and $2 \rightarrow 3$ jet predictions @NNLO
Wednesday, 8h00

Florian Herren (Sherpa)
Progress on Parton Showers
Wednesday, 9h30

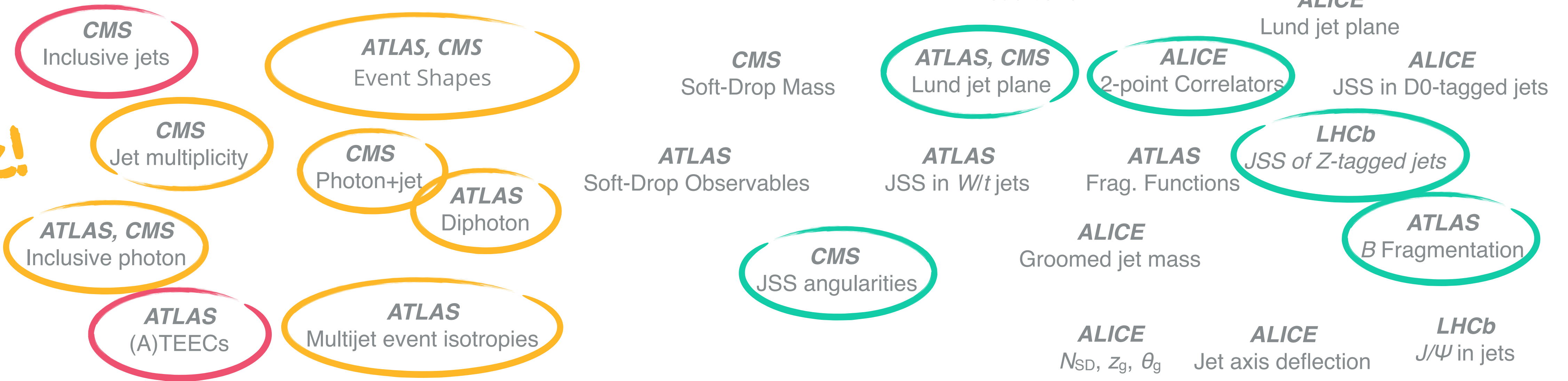


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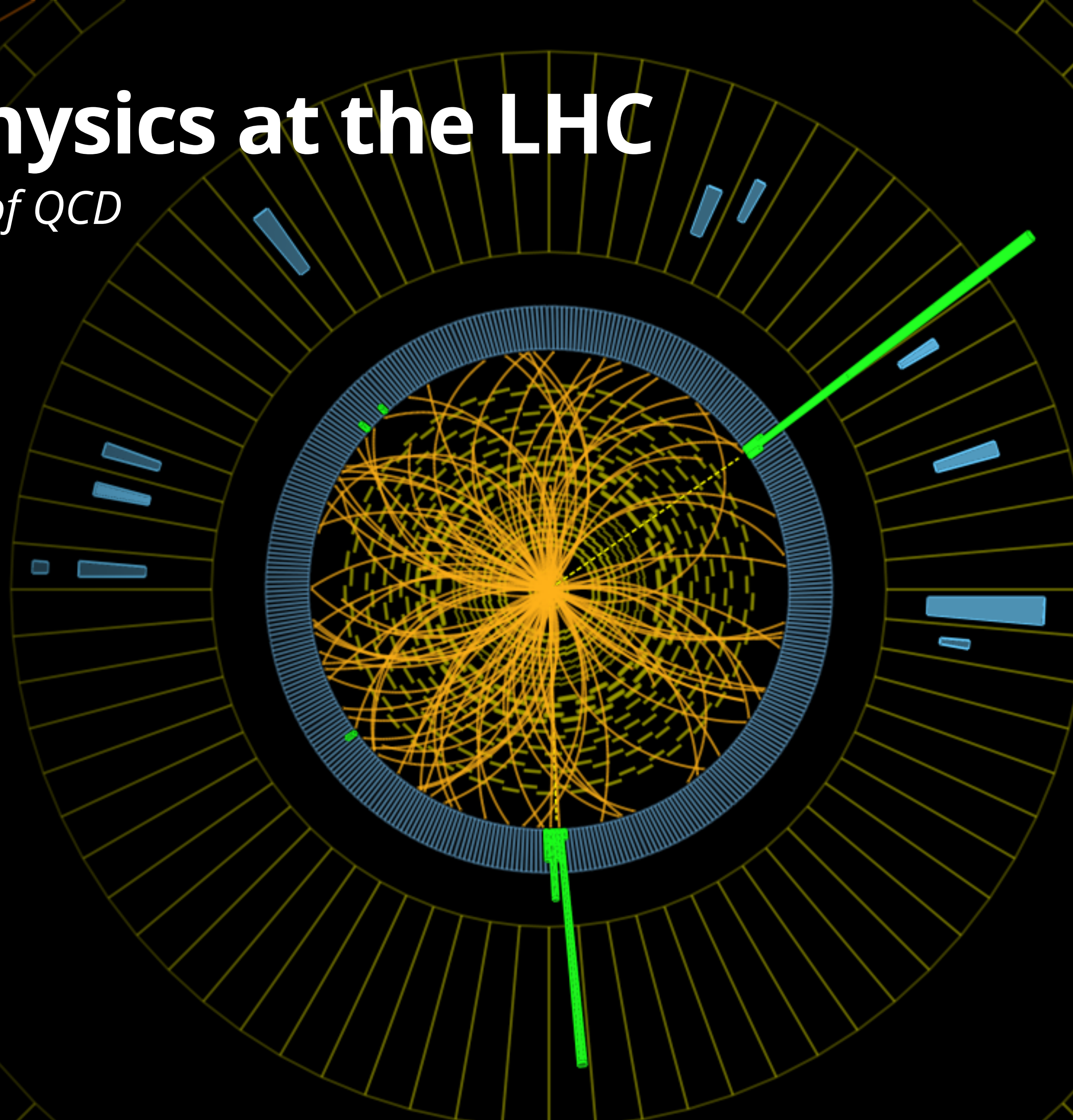
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Photon physics at the LHC

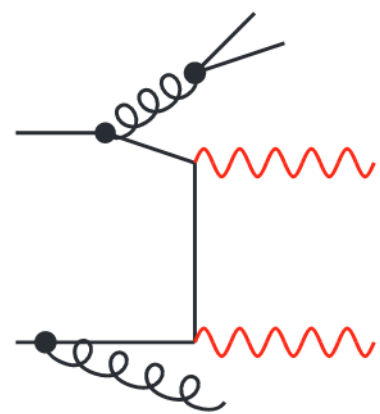
Colourless probes of QCD



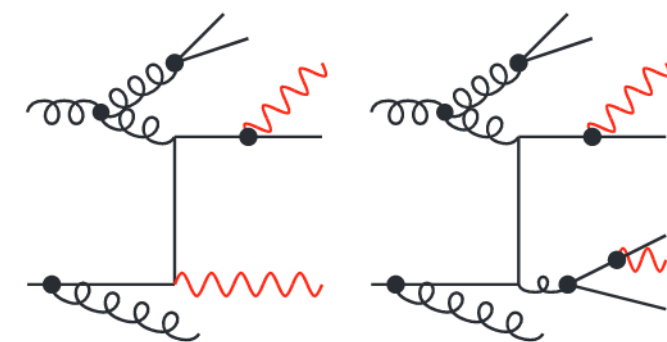
Inclusive/isolated γ

ATLAS 2302.00510, CMS 1807.00782.

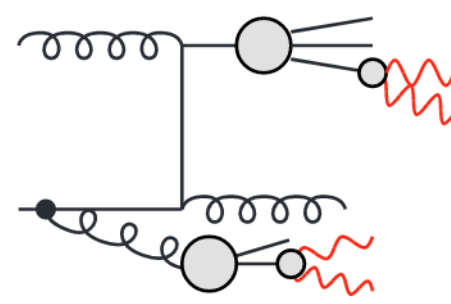
- Photon production tests QCD while minimising sensitivity to non-perturbative processes (hadronisation, colour reconnection, etc.)
- Major experimental challenge for photon cross-section measurements: estimation of multijet background (high- p_T π^0 decays).



✓ Direct Photons



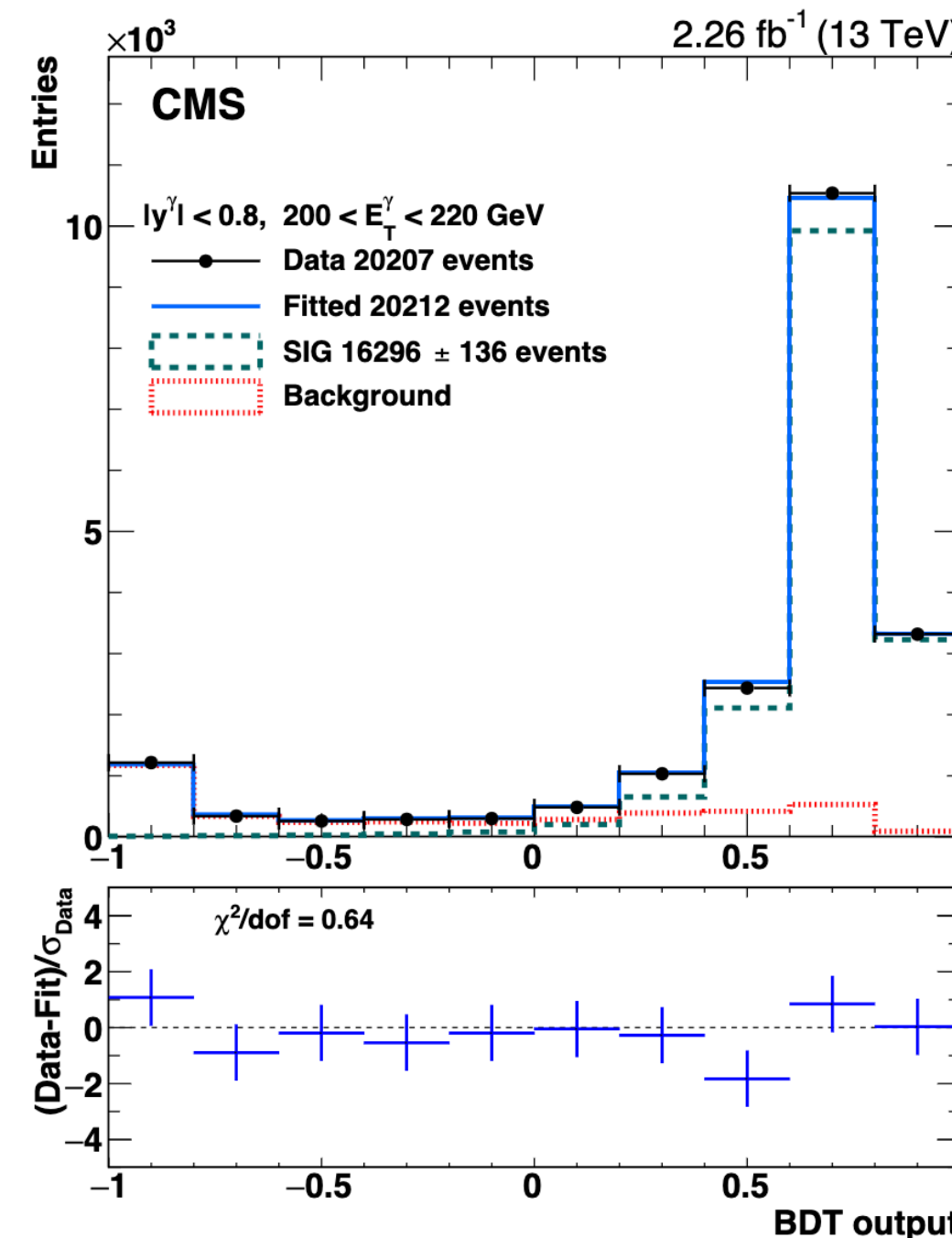
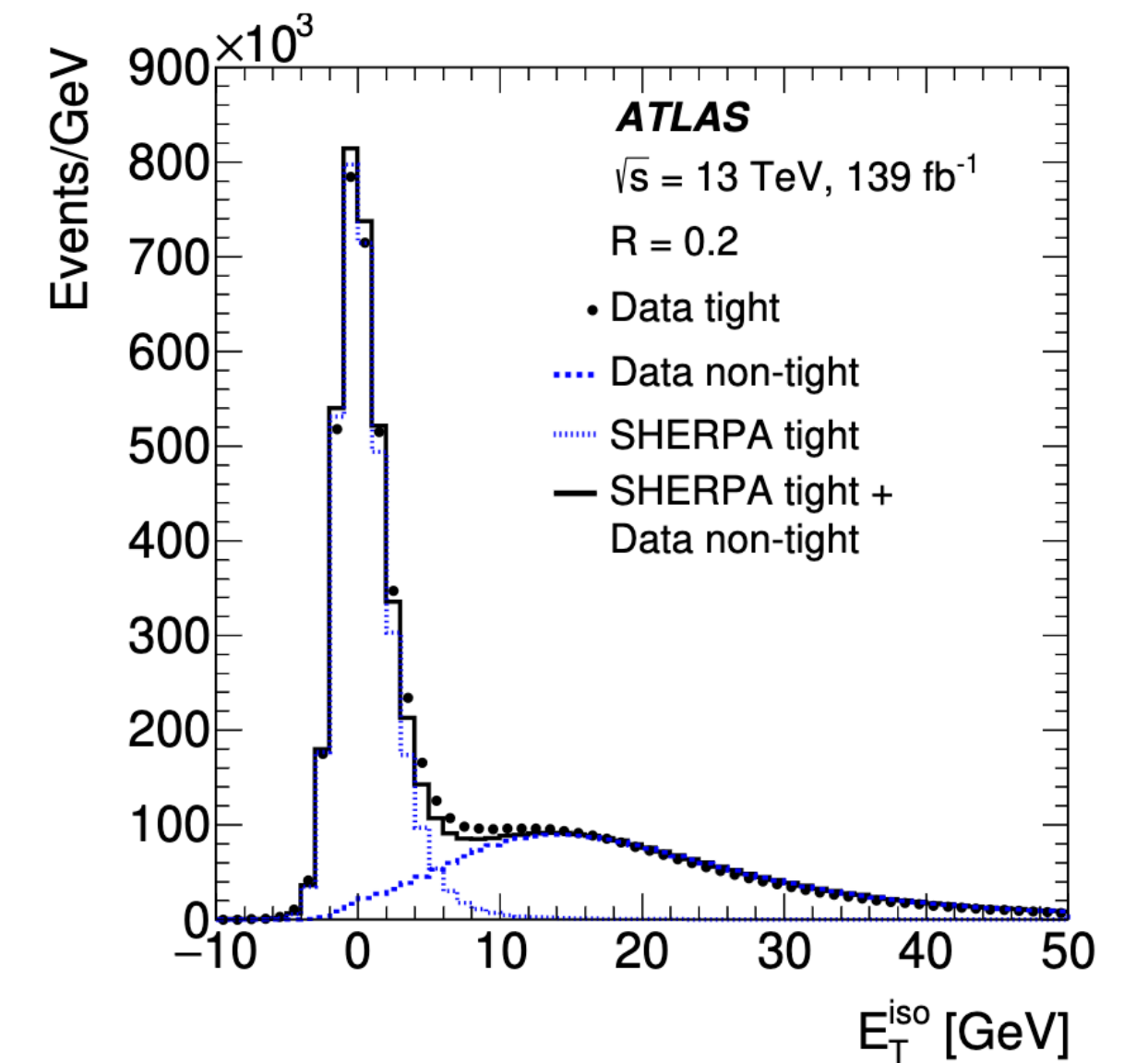
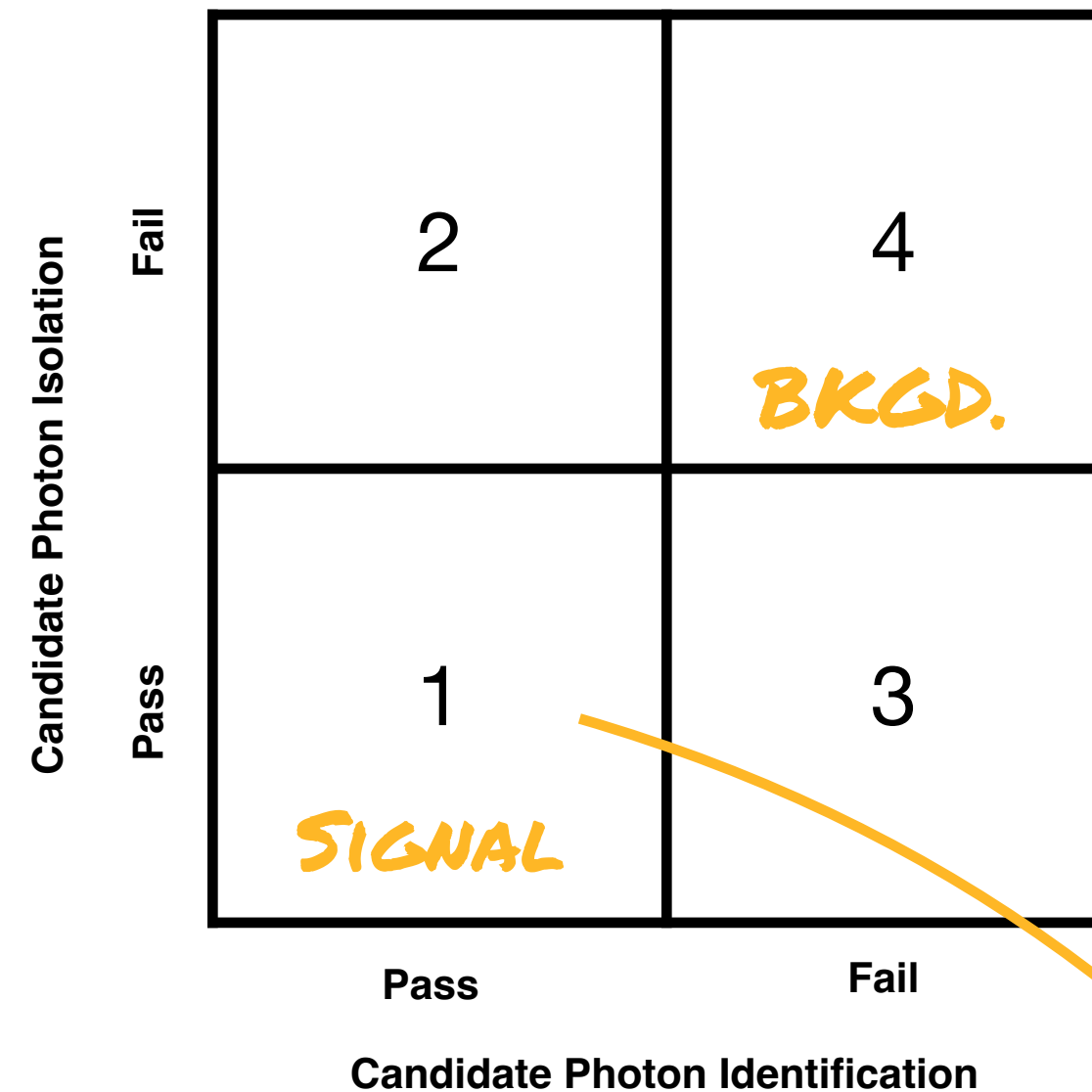
✓ Fragmentation Photons



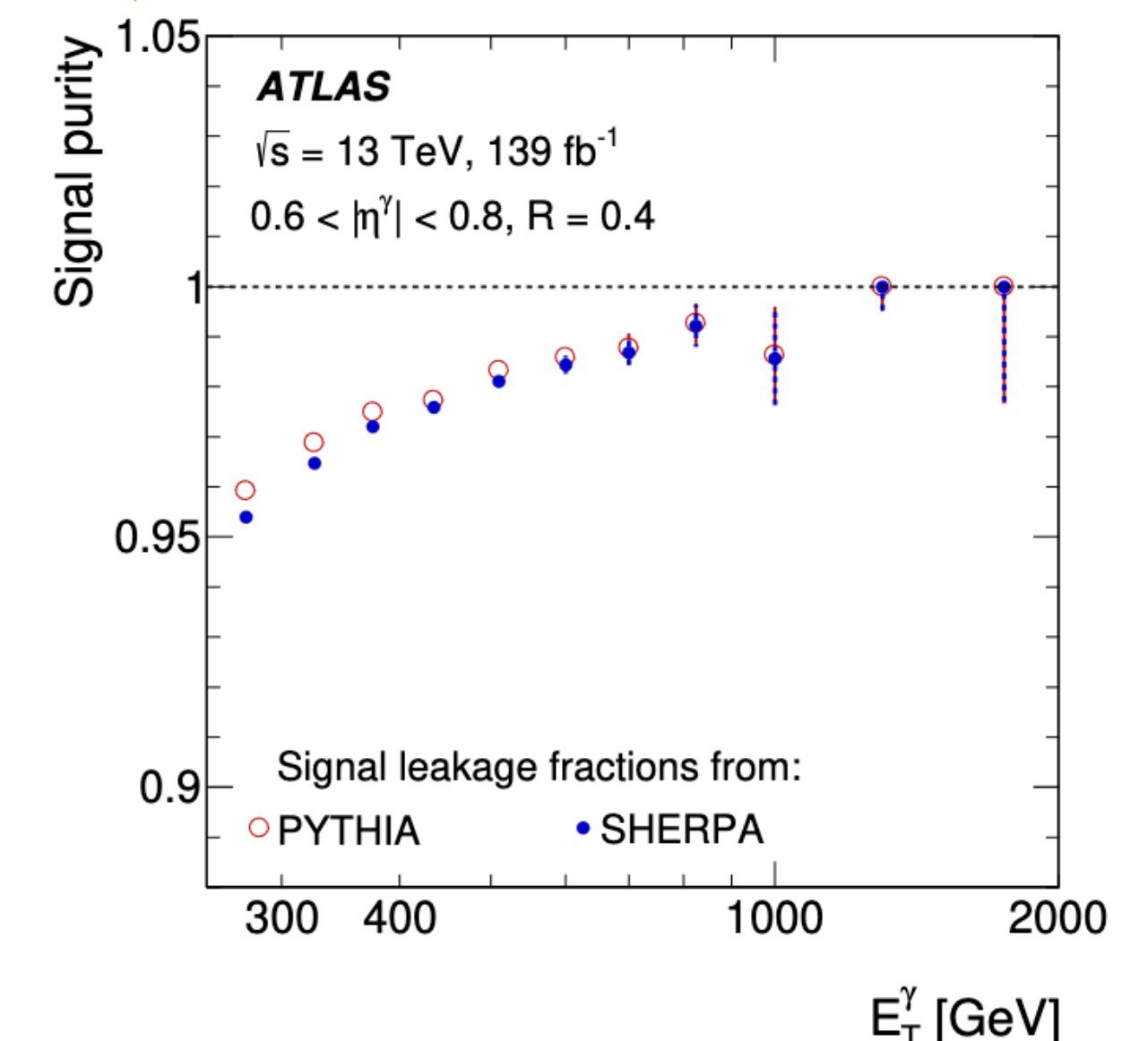
✗ "Non-prompt" Photons ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

- Double-sideband estimation in photon **identification** and **isolation** used by both ATLAS and CMS.

- *Subleading backgrounds: electrons faking photons, pile-up photons.*



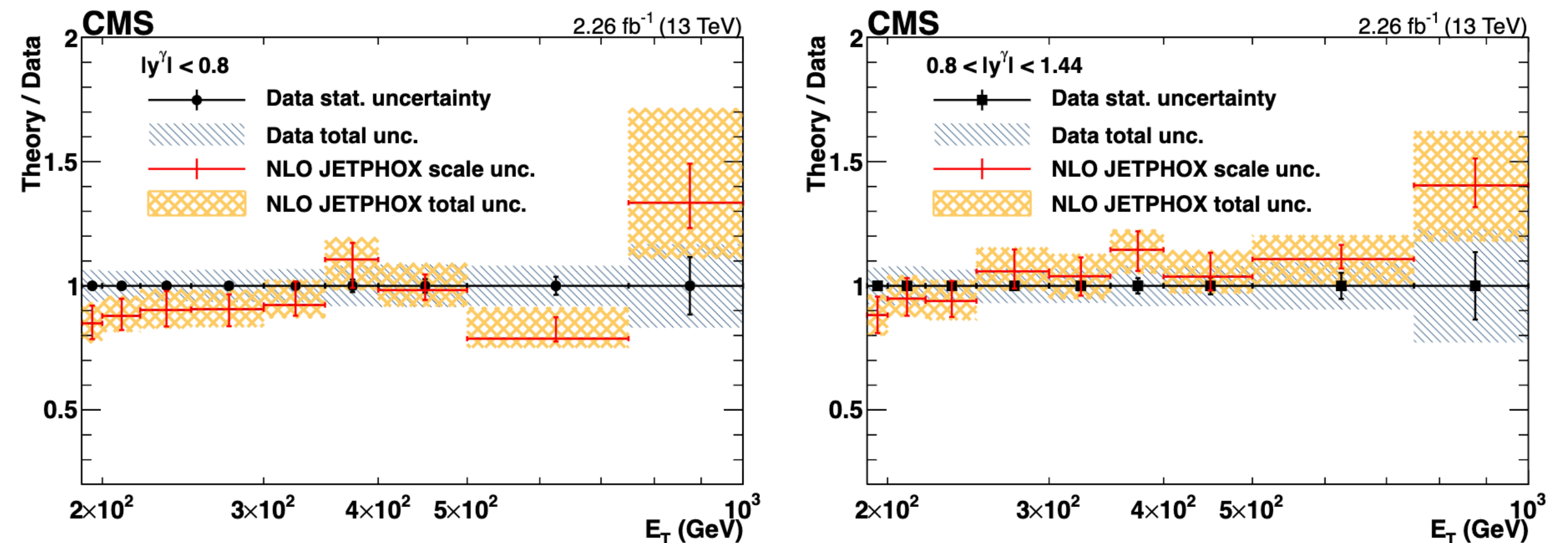
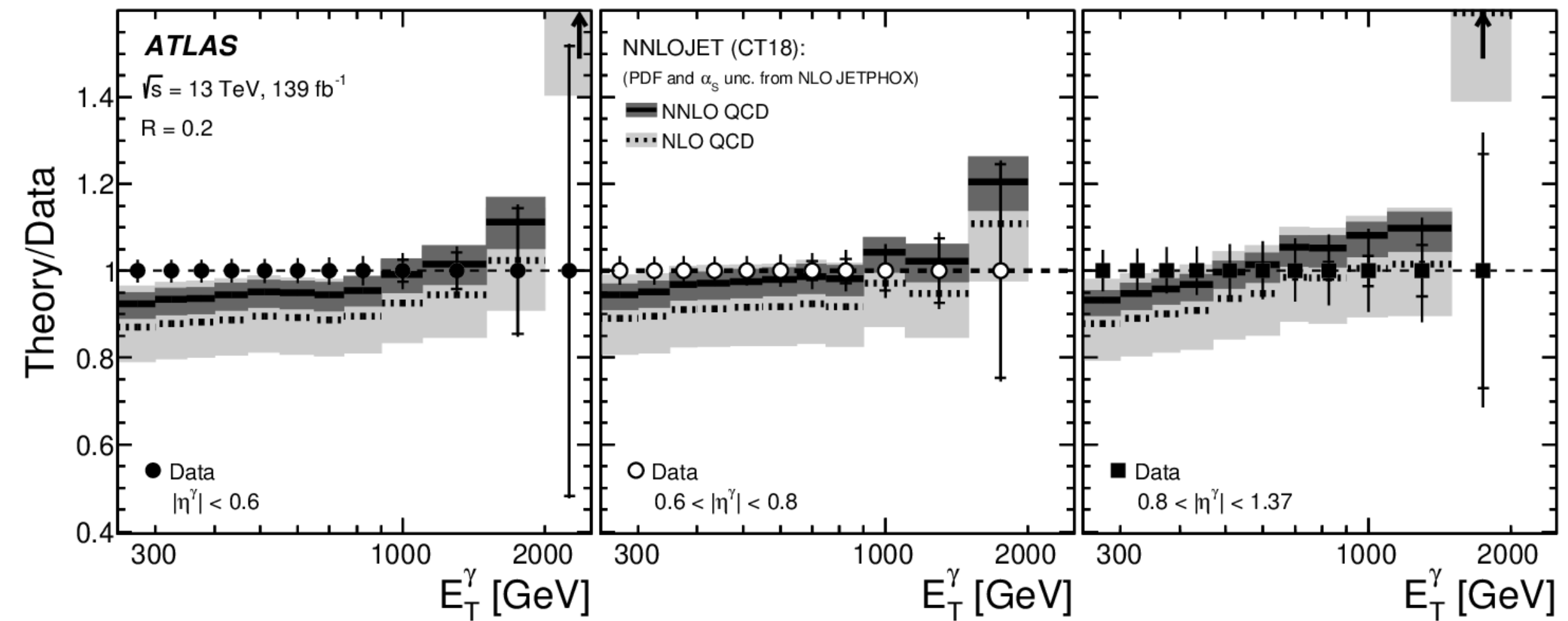
"SIGNAL LEAKAGE FRACTIONS" FROM MC ACCOUNT FOR SIGNAL CONTAMINATION IN ATLAS CONTROL REGIONS



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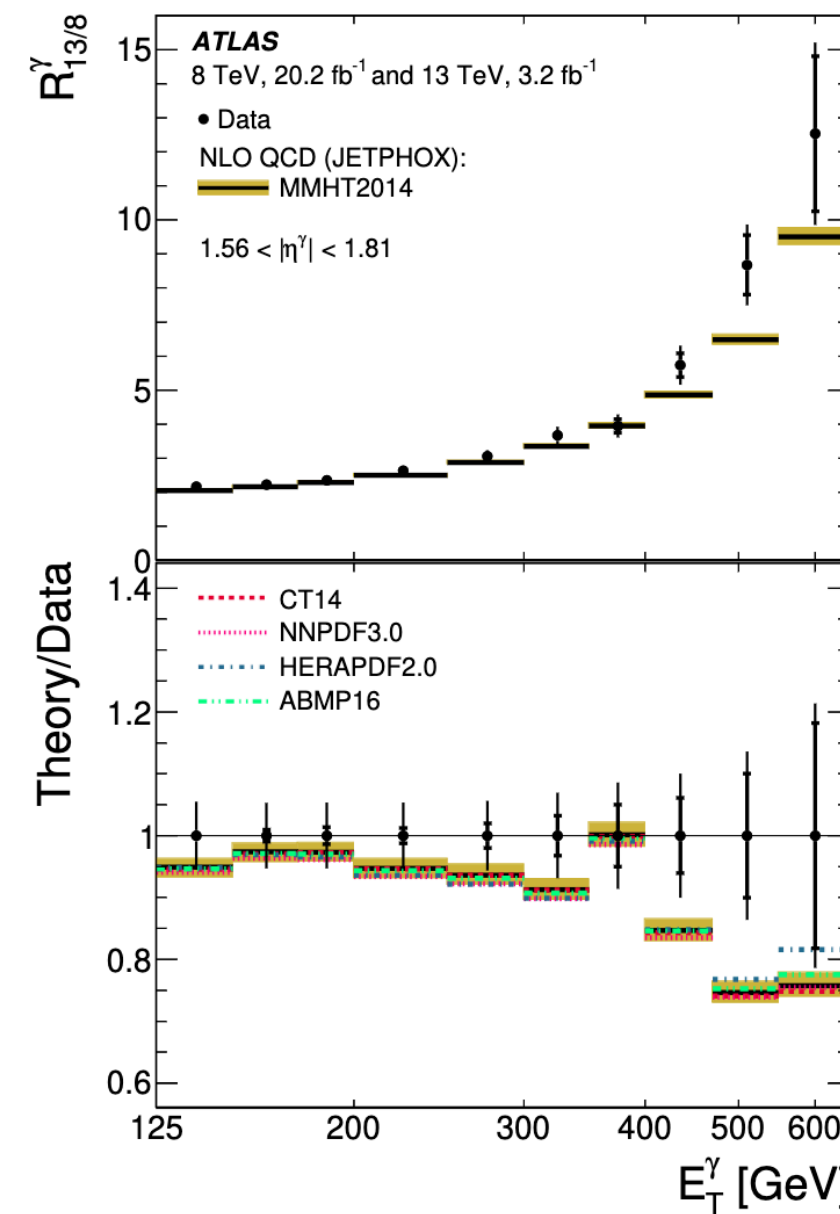


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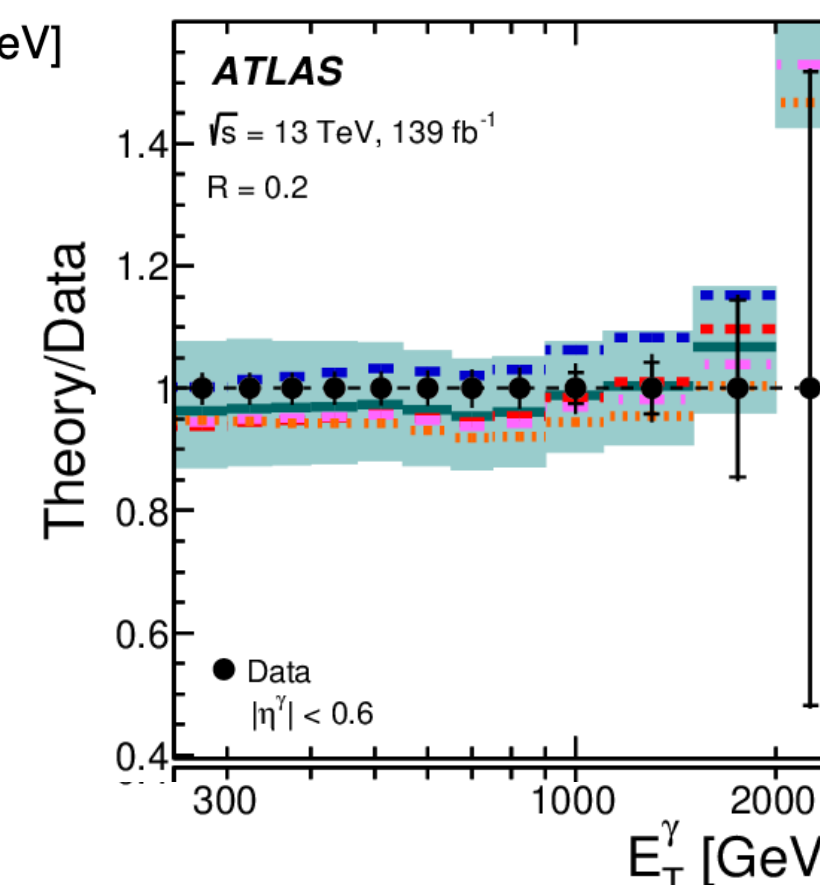
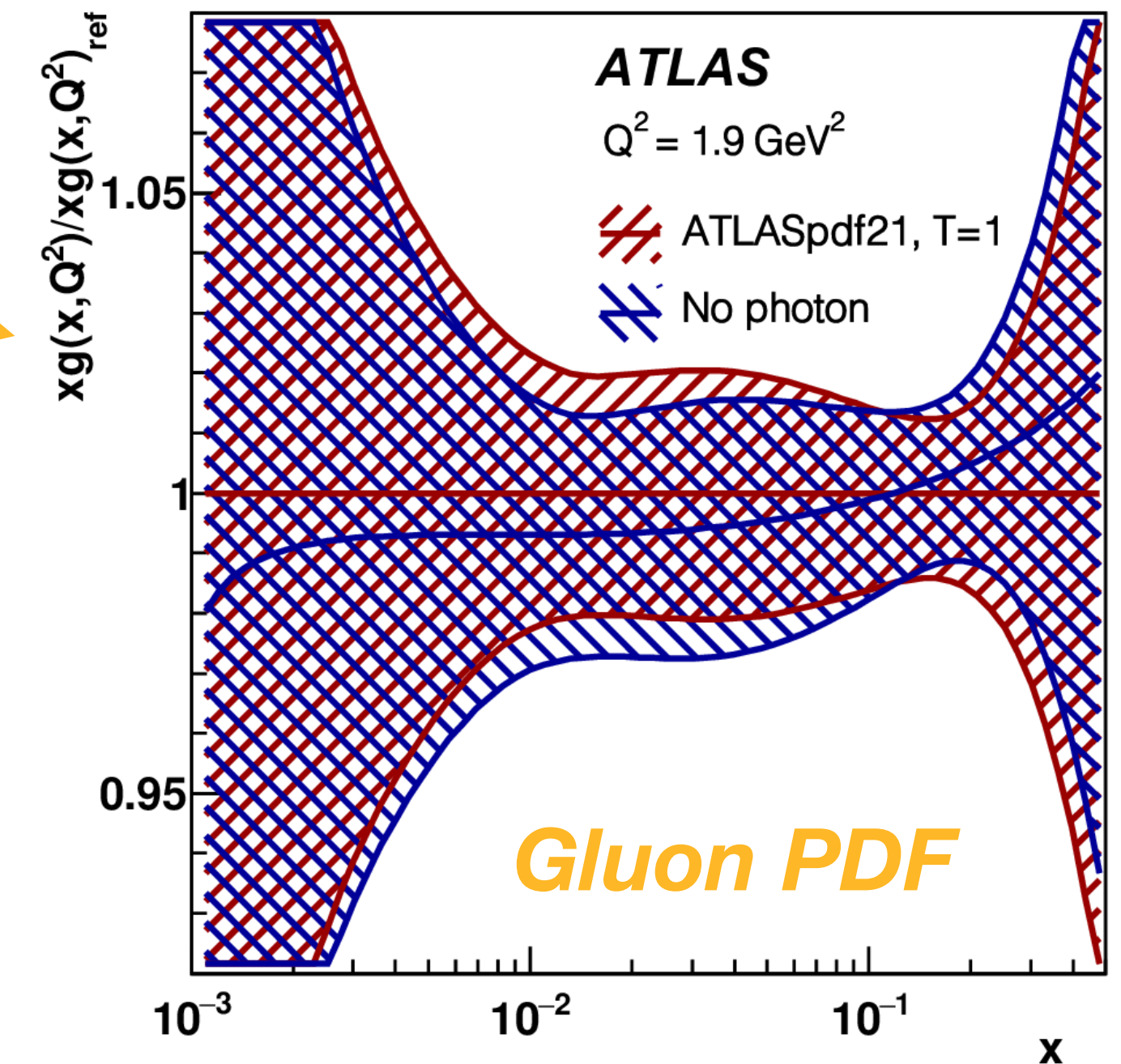
ATLAS [2302.00510](#), CMS [1807.00782](#).

For more on PDFs: ATLAS [2112.11266](#), 13 TeV / 8 TeV photon cross-section ratio: [1901.10075](#)

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- Main production mechanism $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$, leads to gluon PDF sensitivity.
 - Measured data no longer in tension with other inputs to global PDF fits (20+ year tension)!



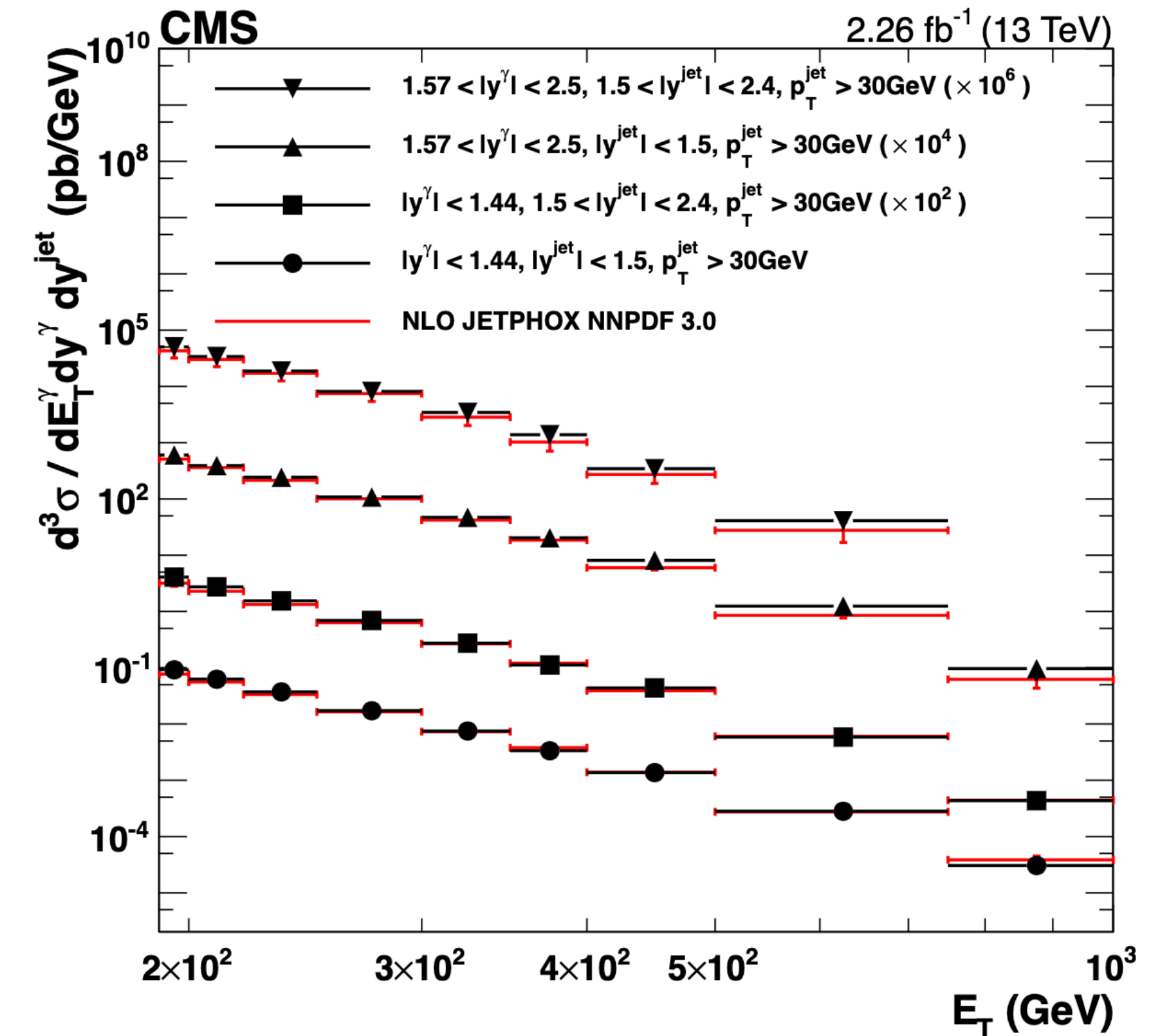
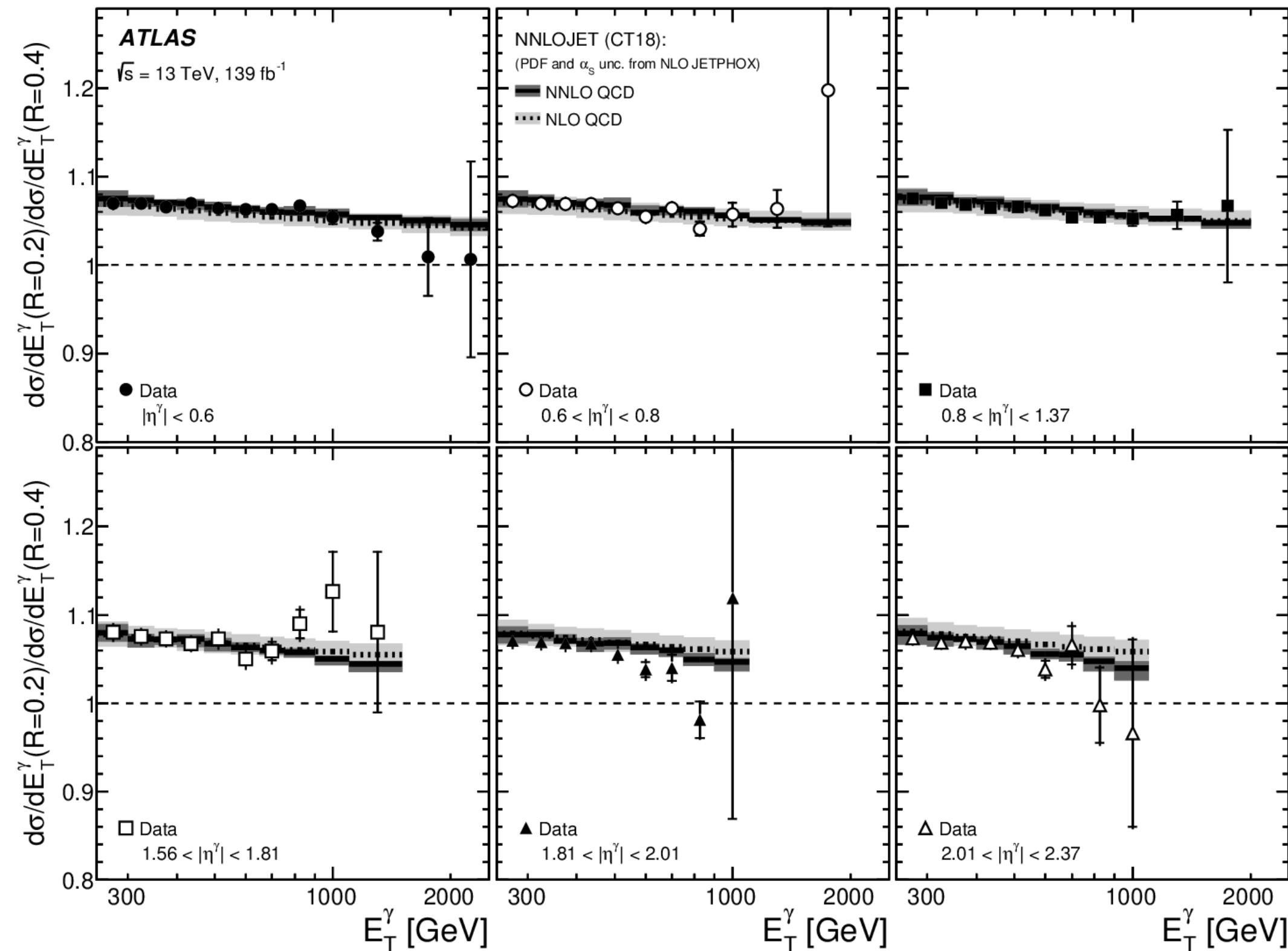
13 TeV / 8 TeV cross-section ratio had only 3.2 fb⁻¹ of 13 TeV data!



Full Run 2 impact?
Improved statistical power
& experimental precision!

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ATLAS : cross-section vs. isolation radius R

Investigates dependence of fiducial cross-section on isolation-cone radius R .

No R -dependence at LO \rightarrow direct test of higher-order contributions!

CMS measured γ +jet cross-section at 13 TeV

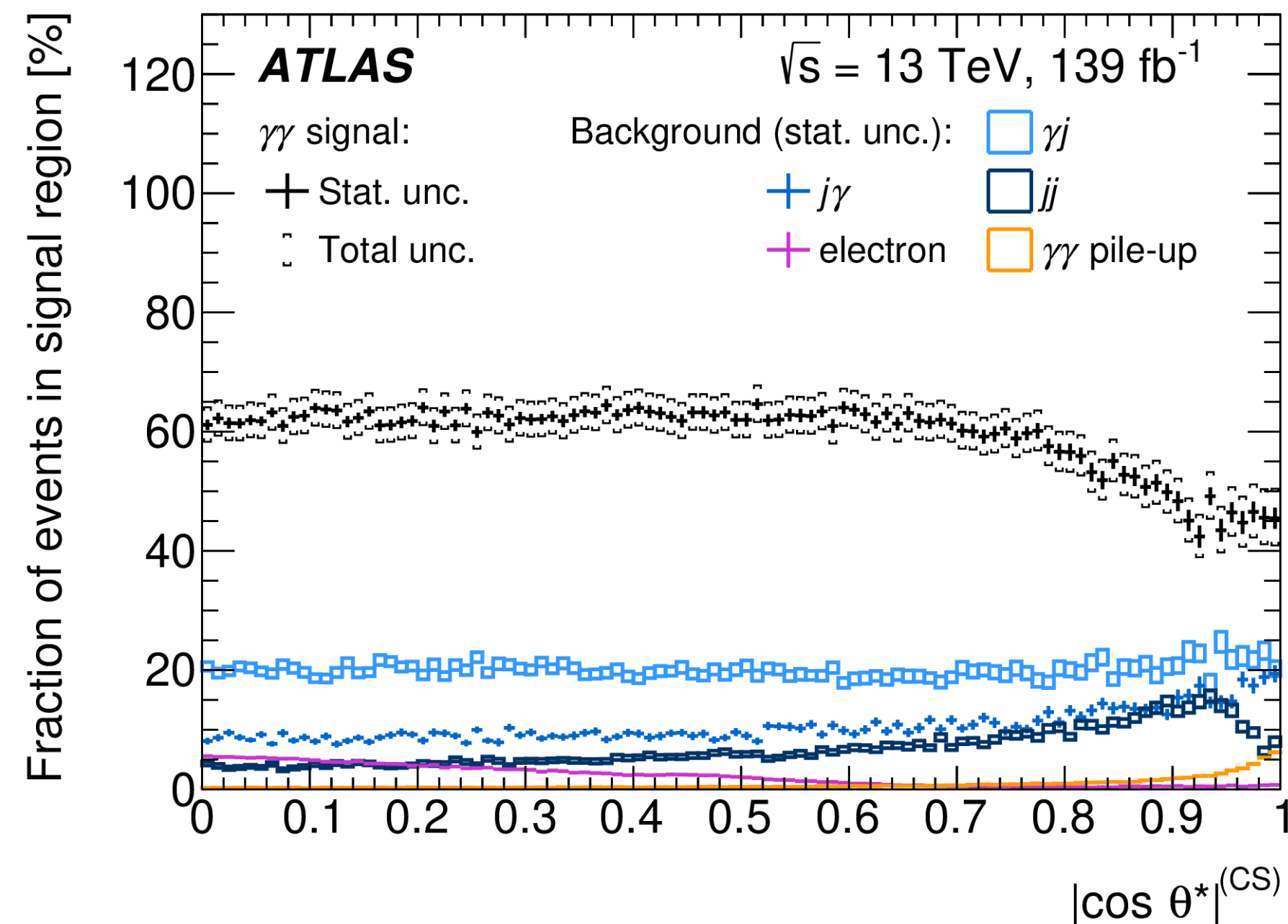
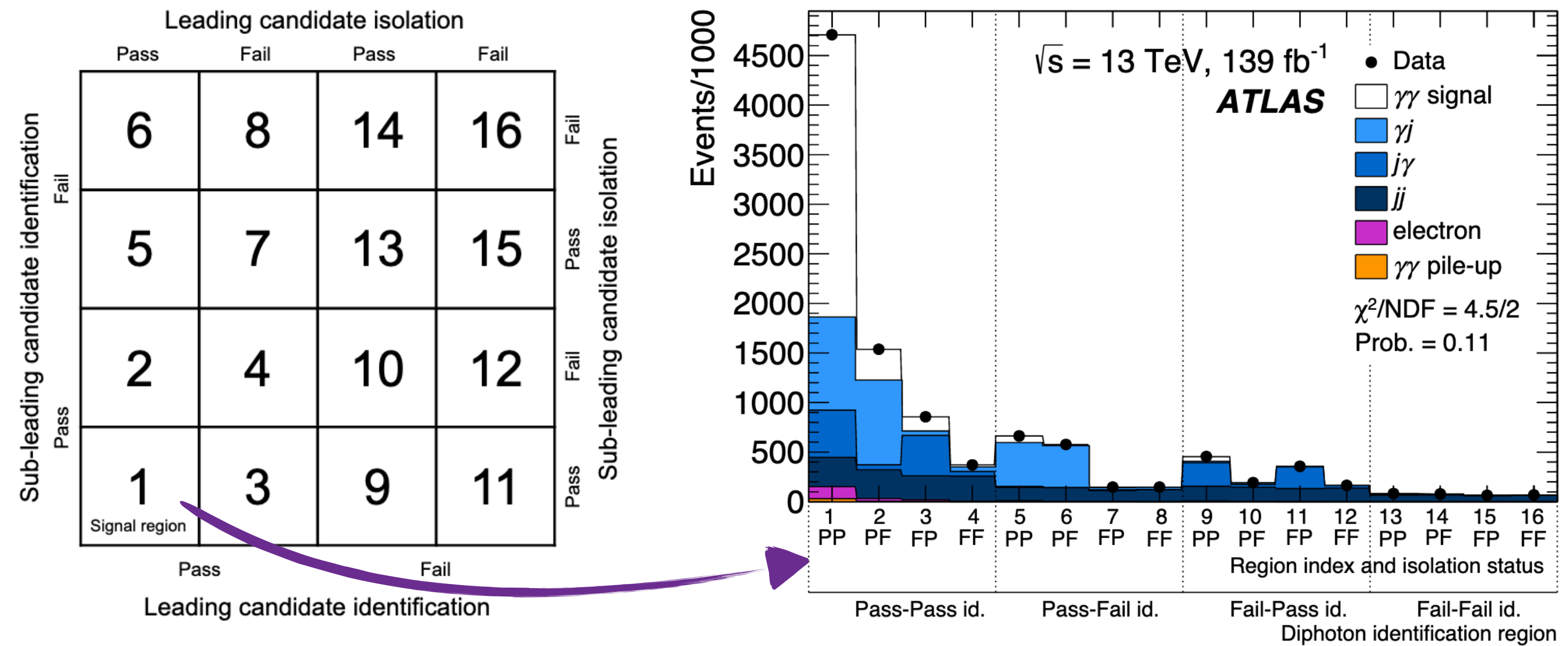
Run 2 centre-of-mass energy greatly extends kinematic reach of measurement vs. 7 TeV results (previously ended at 400 GeV)

\rightarrow good agreement between data & NLO in central region!

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ATLAS 2107.09330

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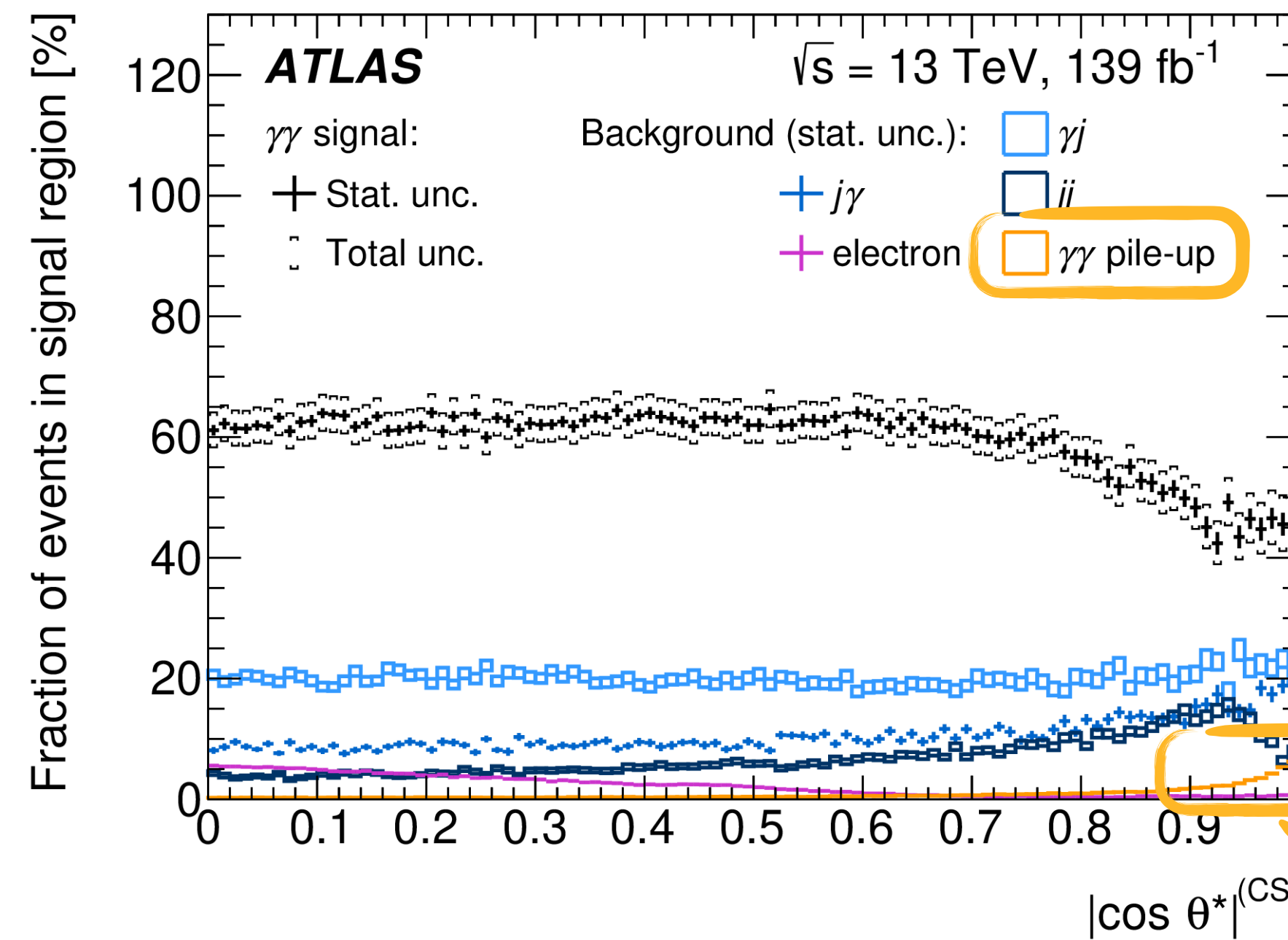
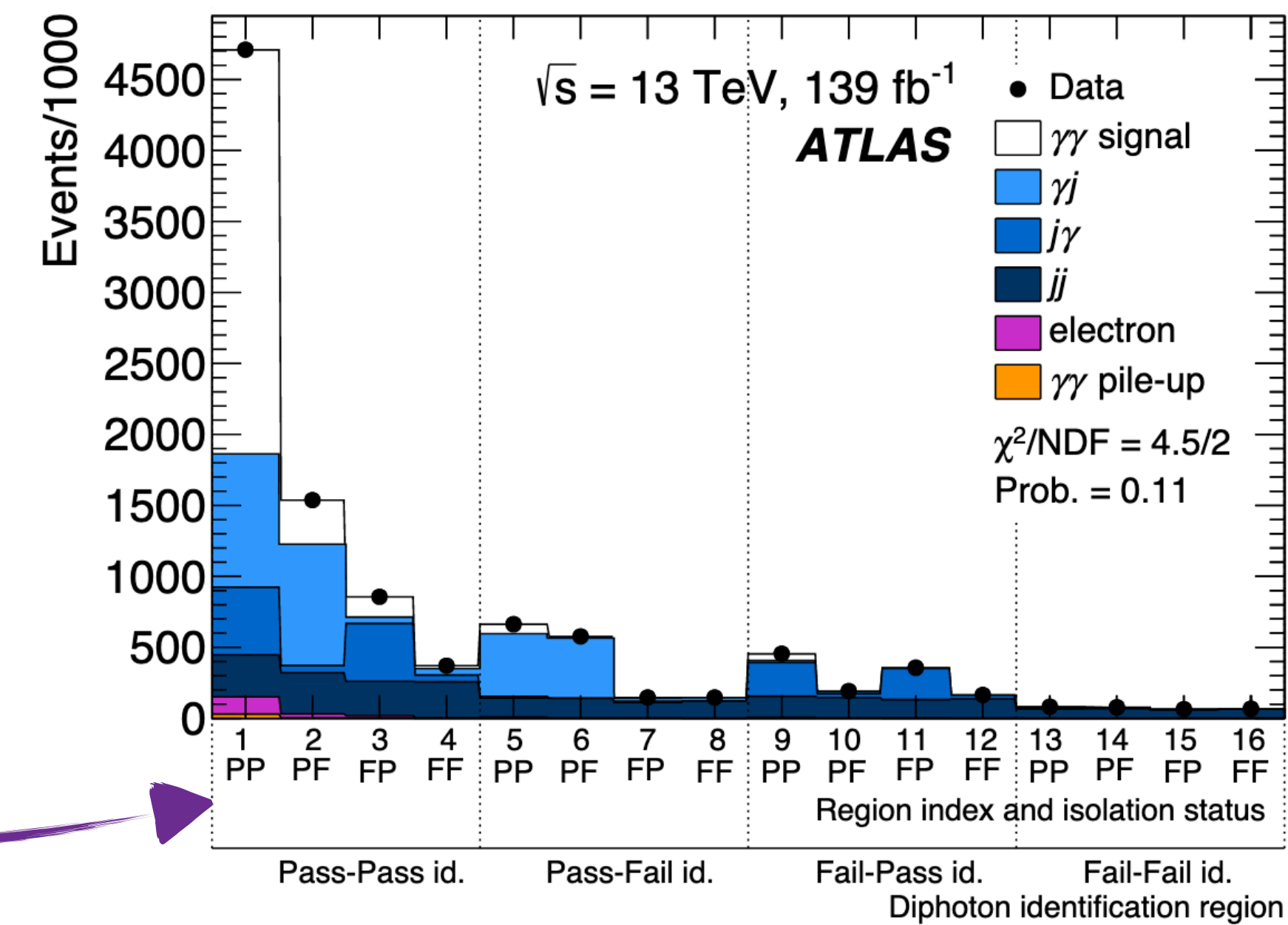
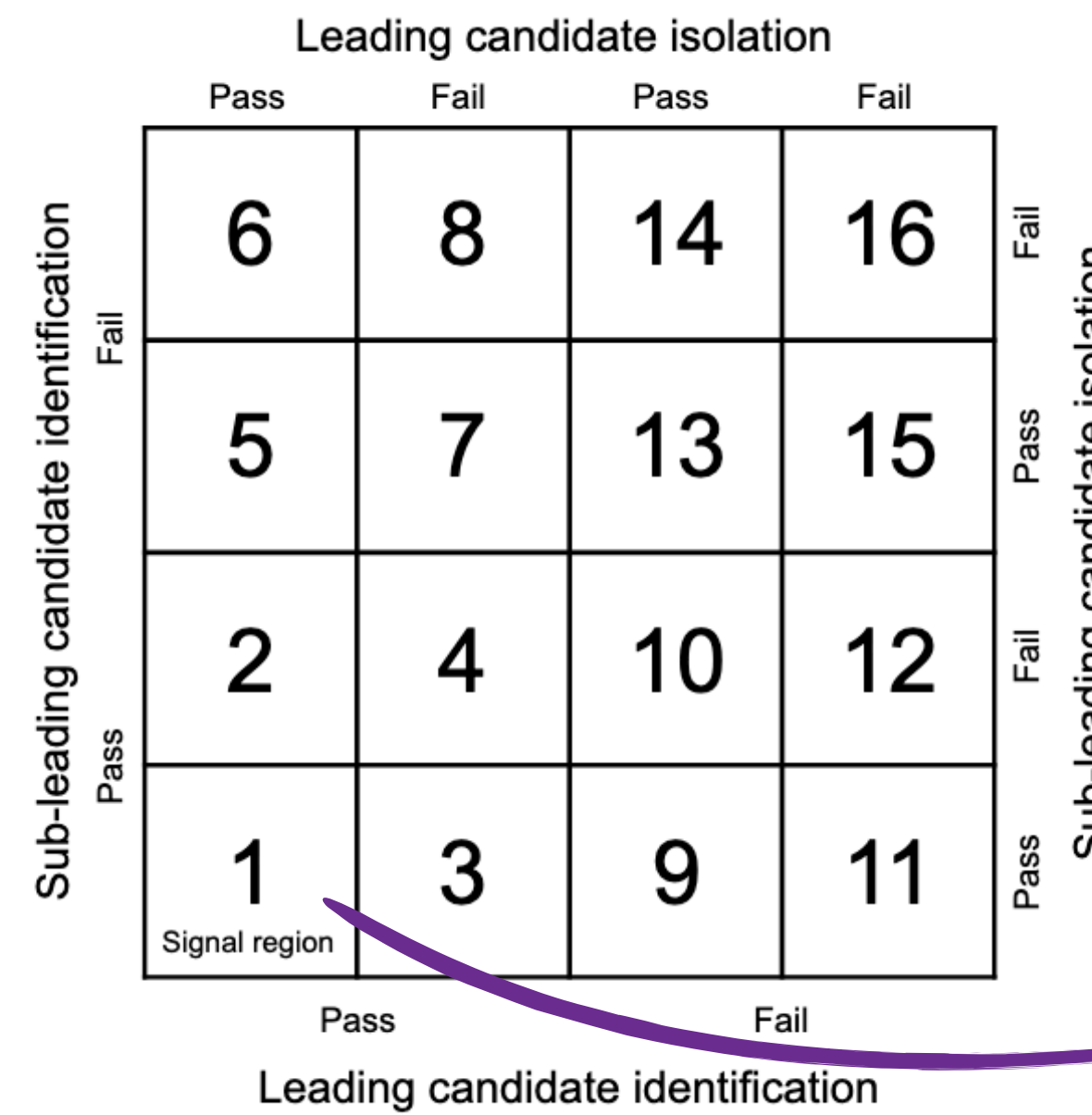
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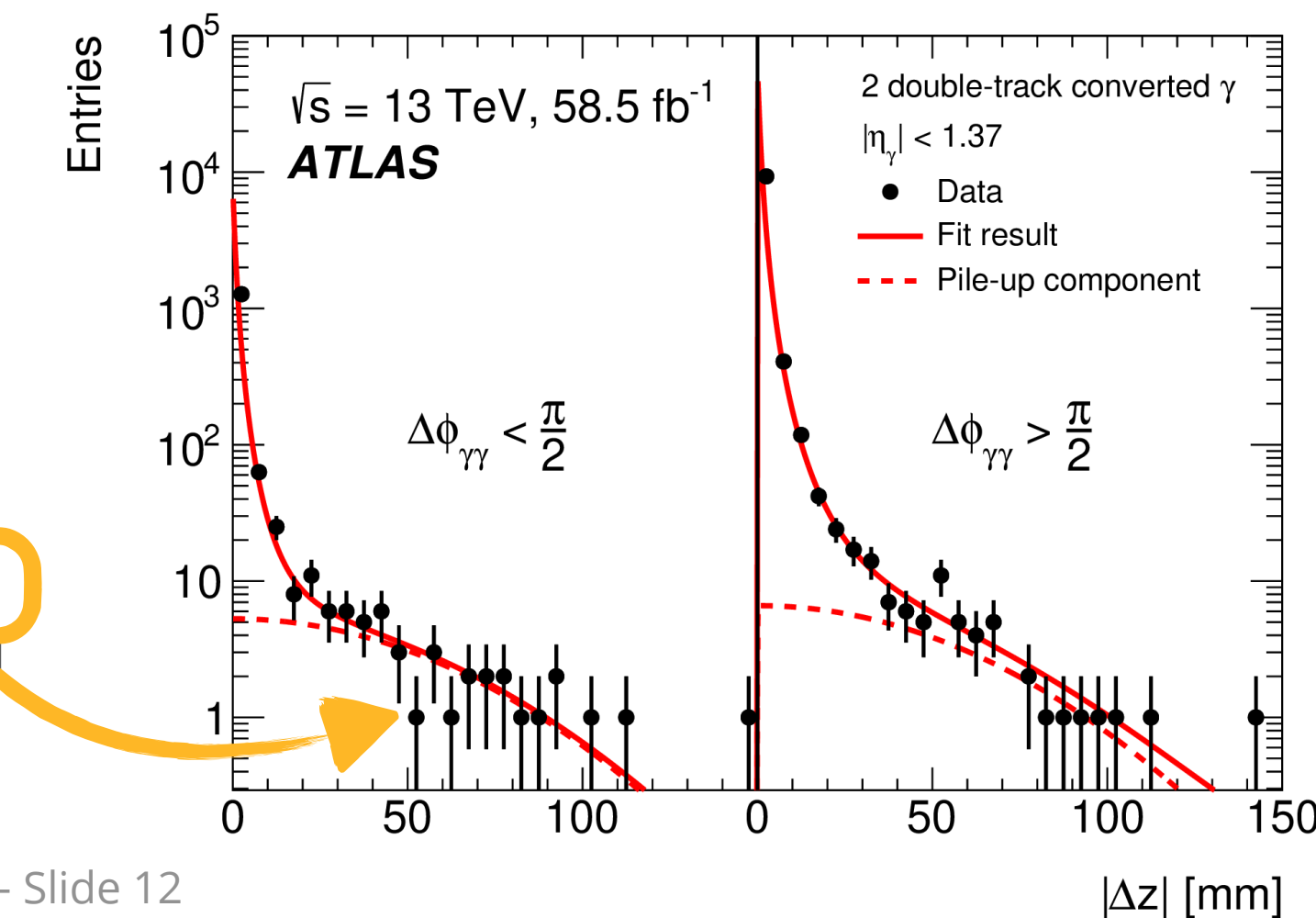
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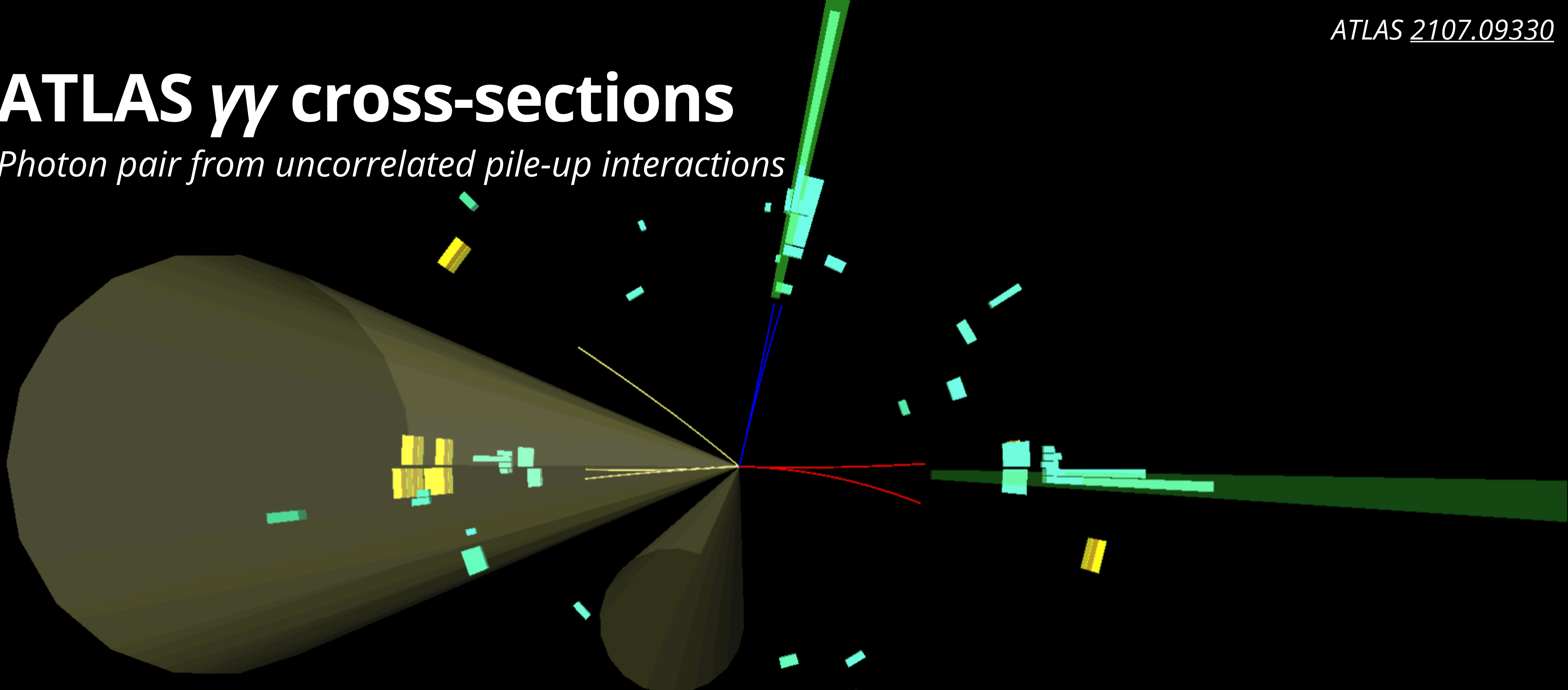


Uncorrelated pile-up $\gamma\gamma$: largest contribution $\sim 6\%$ at high $|\cos \theta^*|^{(\text{CS})}$



ATLAS $\gamma\gamma$ cross-sections

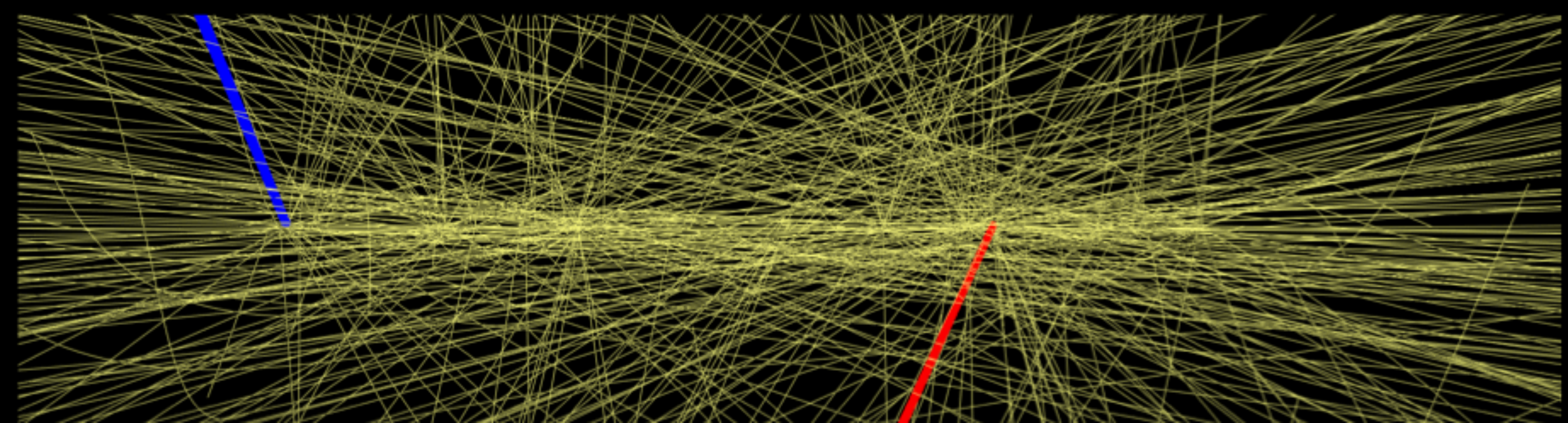
Photon pair from uncorrelated pile-up interactions



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Event: 680807571

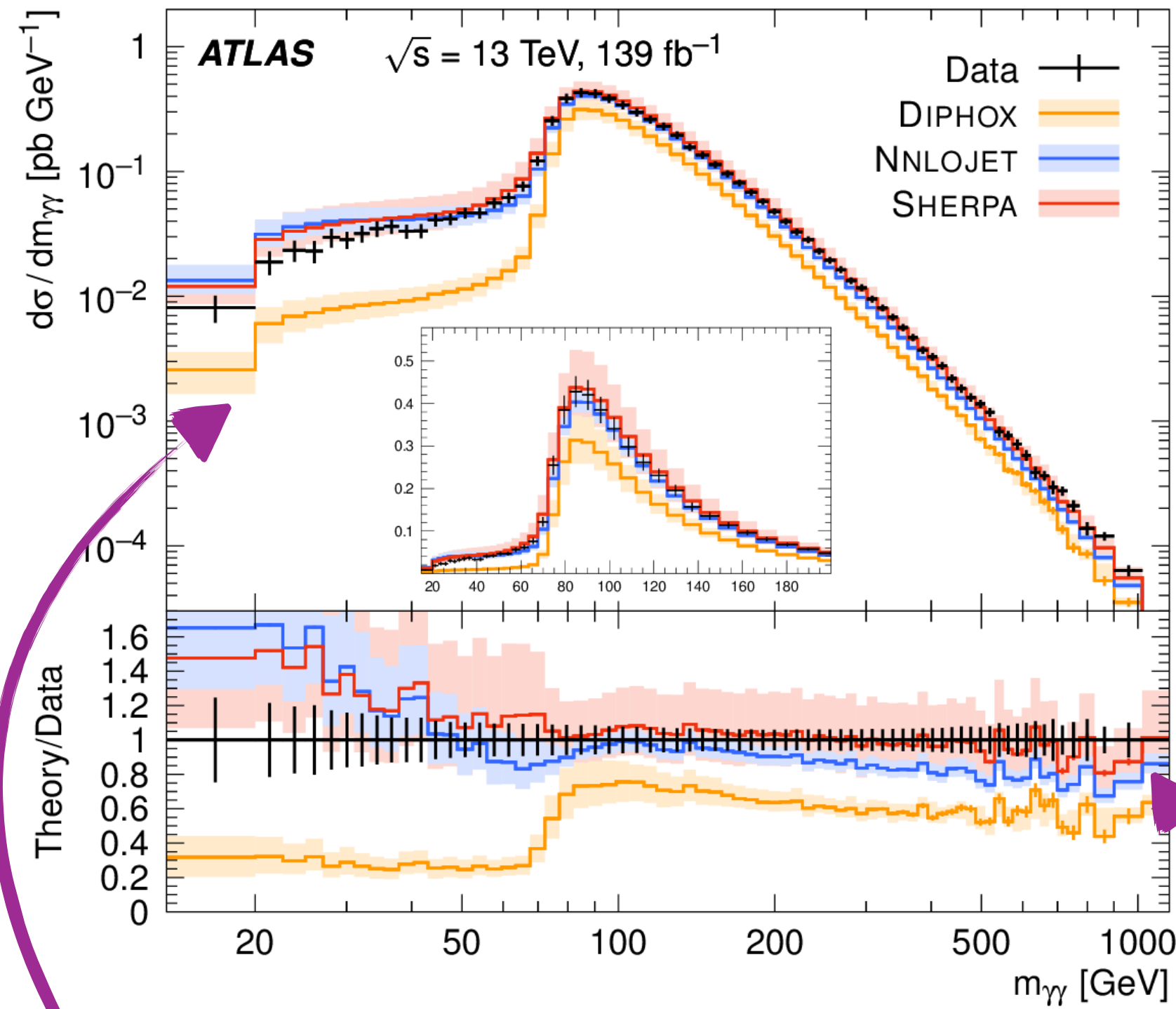
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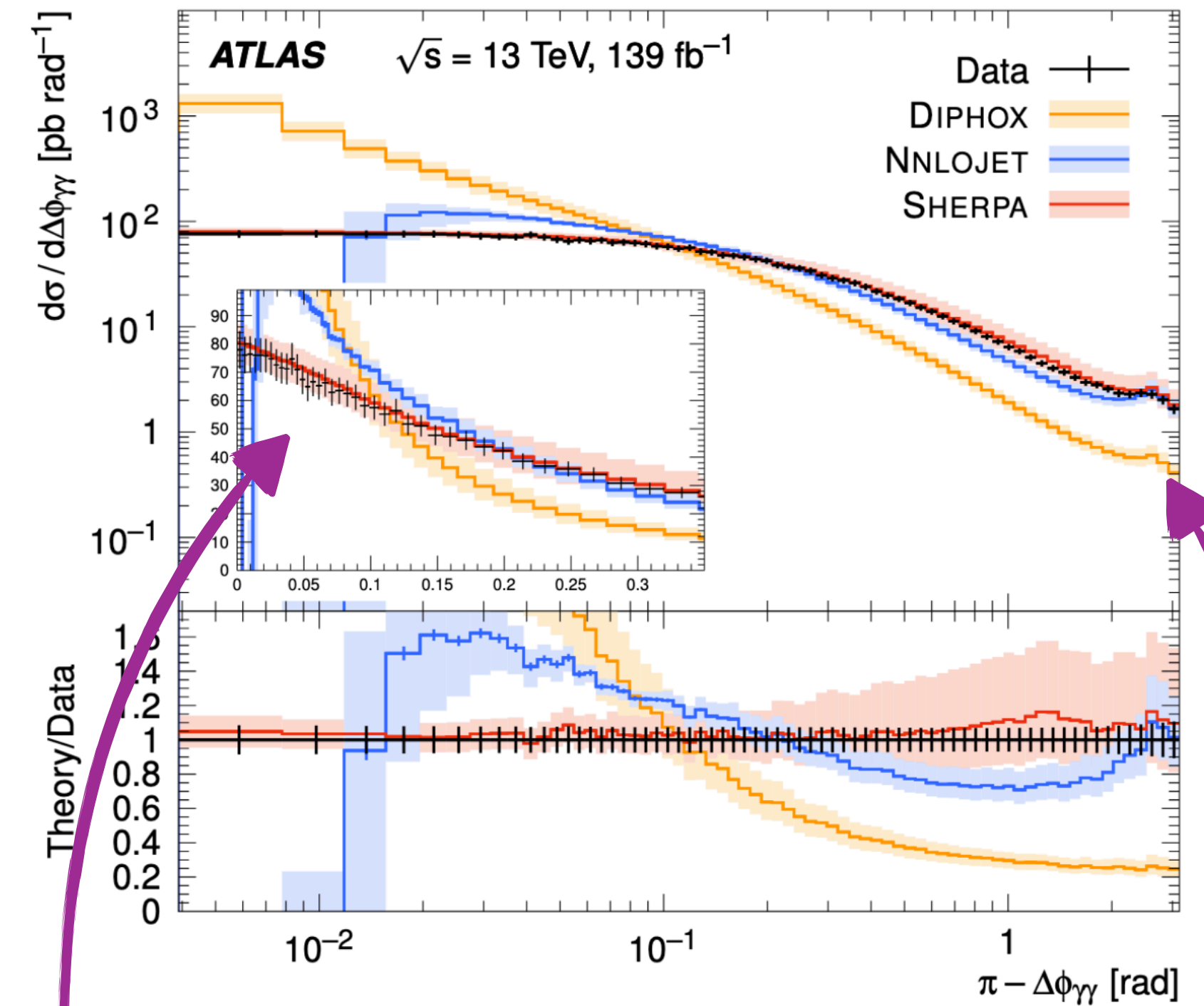
$\gamma\gamma$: results

ATLAS 2107.09330

| | Fixed-order accuracy | | | | | $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ | Fragmentation | | QCD res. | NP effects |
|---------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|------------|
| | $\gamma\gamma$ | +1j | +2j | +3j | + $\geq 4j$ | | single | double | | |
| DIPHOX | NLO | LO | - | - | - | LO | NLO | | - | - |
| NNLOJET | NNLO | NLO | LO | - | - | LO | - | - | - | - |
| SHERPA | NLO | | LO | | PS | LO | ME+PS | | PS | ✓ |



Main systematics from background fit.
Statistically-limited in distribution tails.



Low $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ region kinematically suppressed, populated by $\gamma\gamma$ +multijets.

Benefits greatly from NNLO & multi-leg Sherpa treatment.

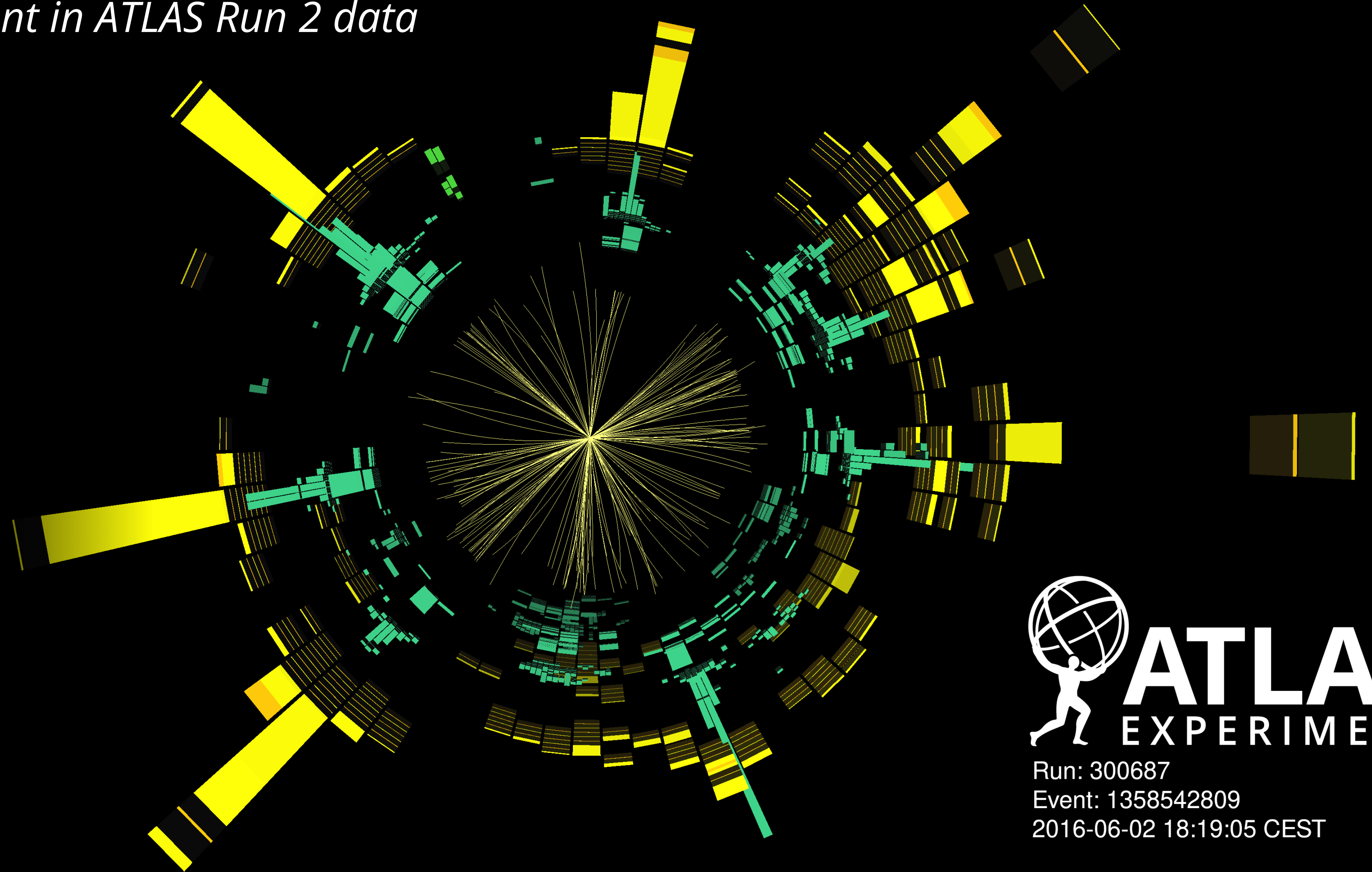
NNLO & NLO predictions underestimate high- $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ region.

Back-to-back : sensitive to soft/collinear emissions.
PS resummation in Sherpa needed to reliably model.

NNLO improves agreement for larger azimuthal decorrelations.

Multijet cross-section measurements

Most 'isotropic' event in ATLAS Run 2 data



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Event: 1358542809
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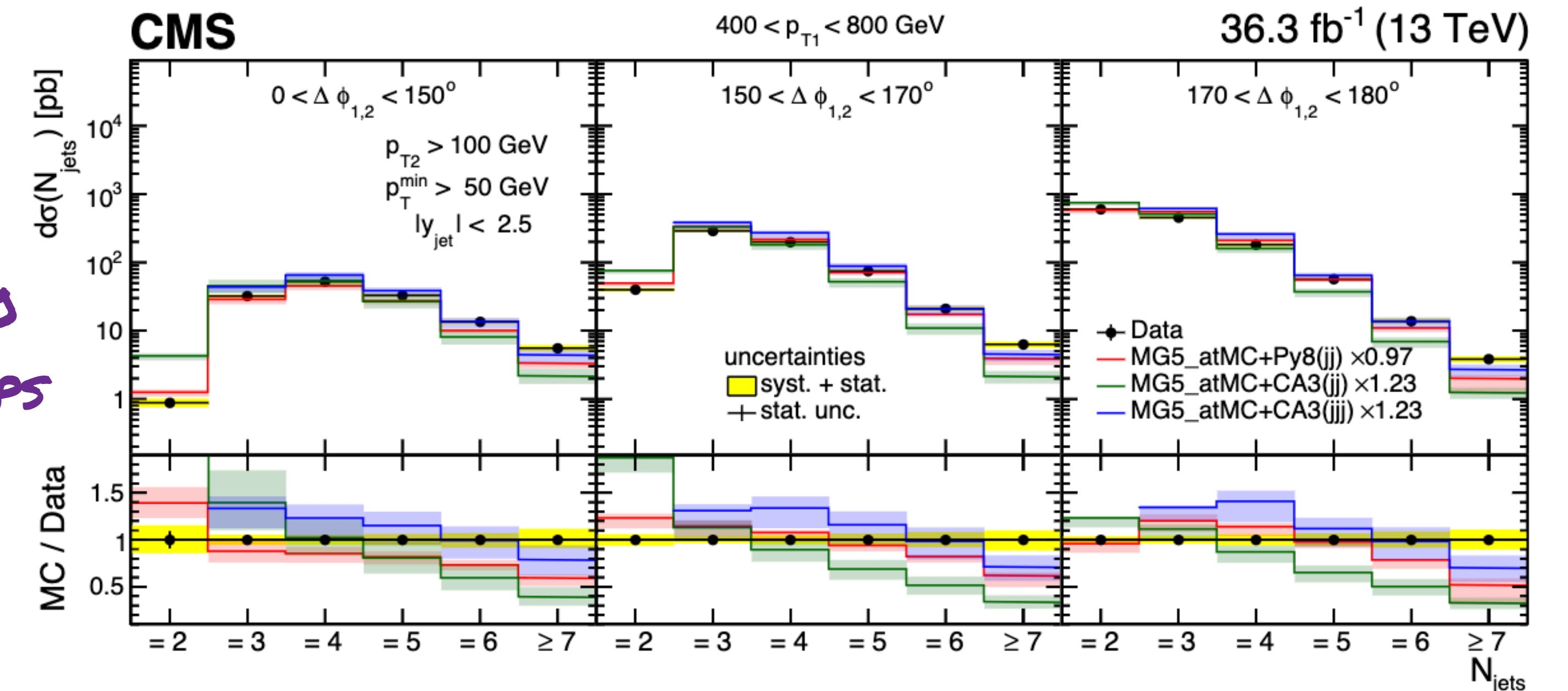
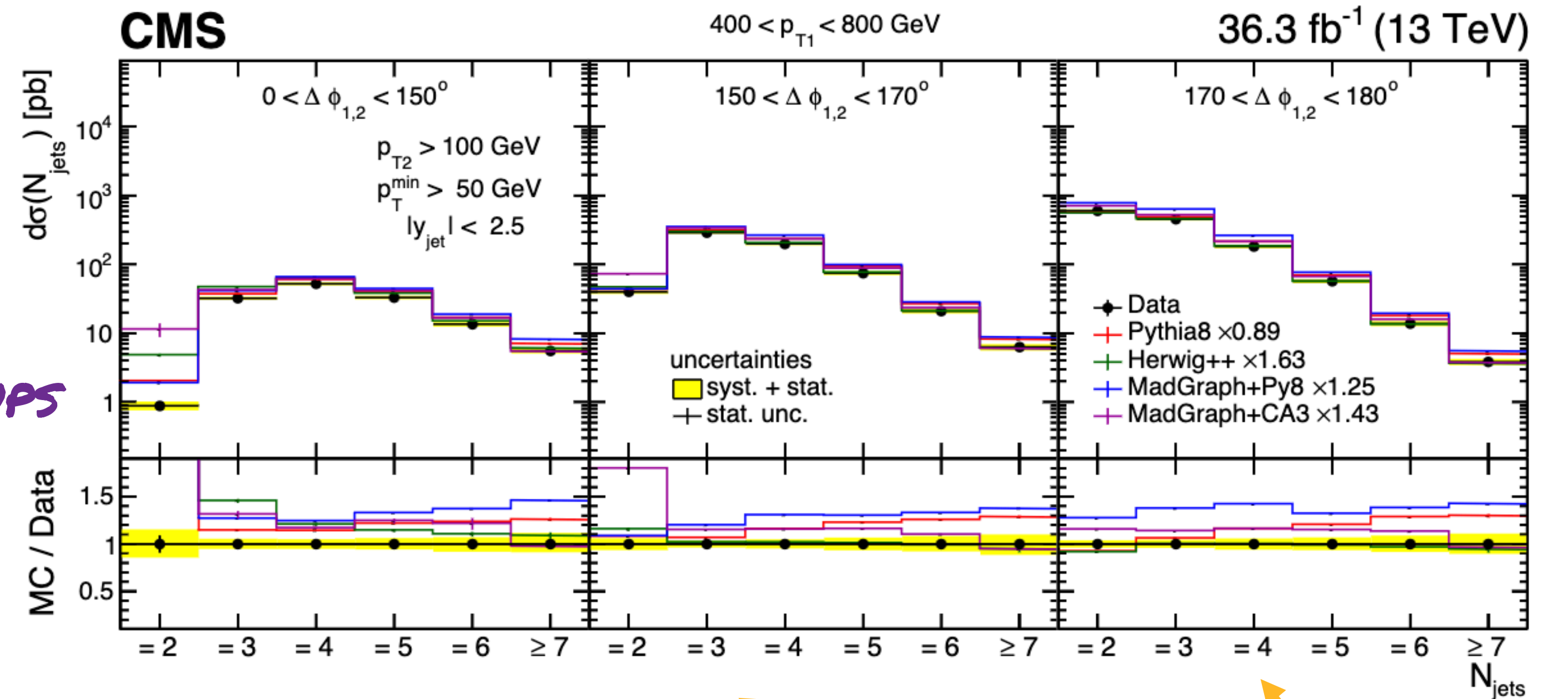
$N_{\text{jets}} & p_{\text{T}}$

CMS 2210.13557

- Measurement of **jet multiplicity and p_{T}** in multijet events, **differential in leading jet p_{T} and dijet azimuthal separation** (shown).
 - Interpolating between 2- and 3+-jetty topologies.
 - Sensitive to higher-order QCD effects
- **Compared to LO & NLO MC setups.**
 - **LO Herwig++** performs well for more collimated topologies!
 - **LO & NLO MG5_atMC+CA3** predictions include **transverse-momentum dependent parton densities (PB-TMD) & PS**
 - fewer tuneable parameters than other MC setups.
- Experimental **Jet Energy Scale** most relevant source of uncertainty.

LO
SETUPS

NLO
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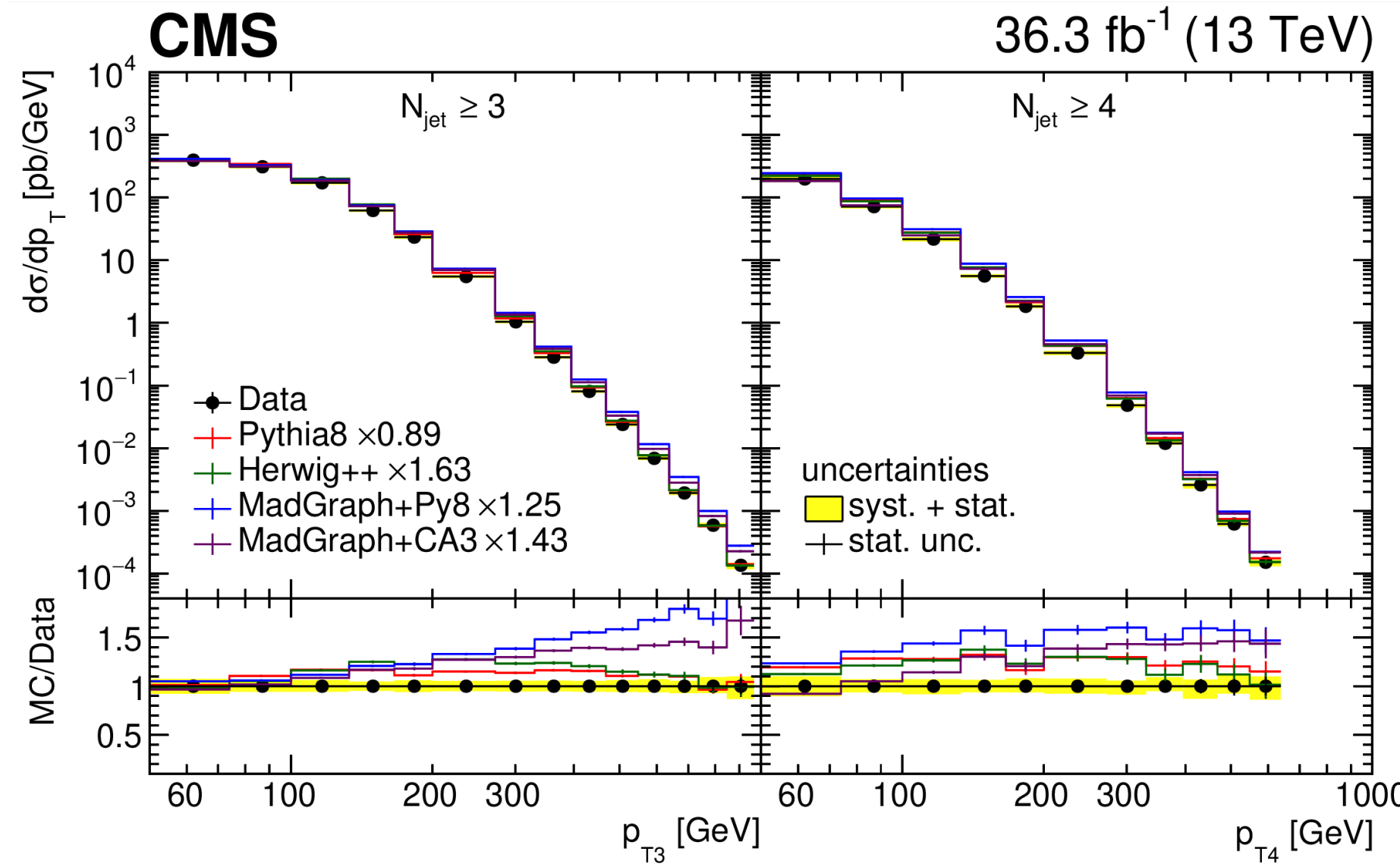
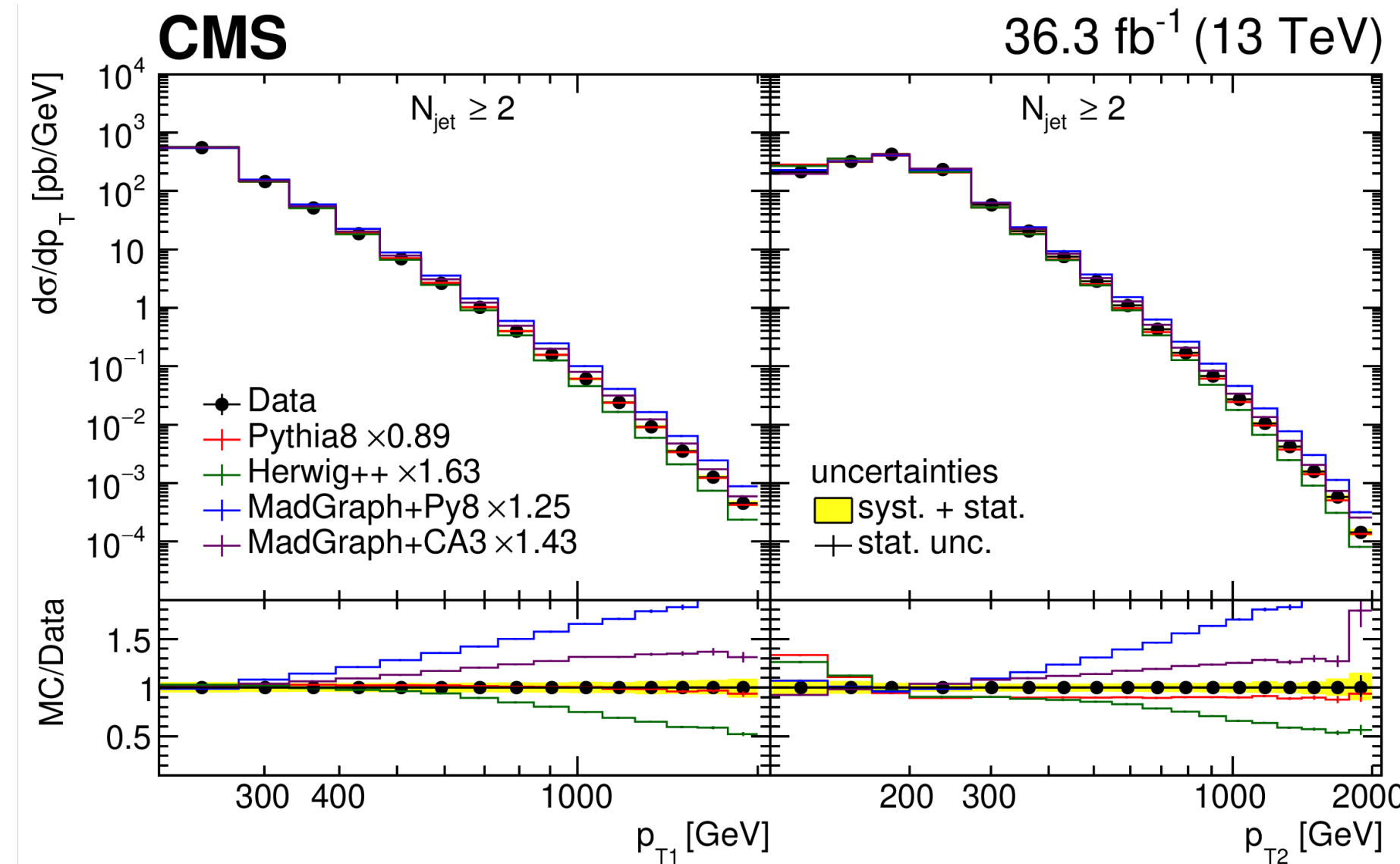


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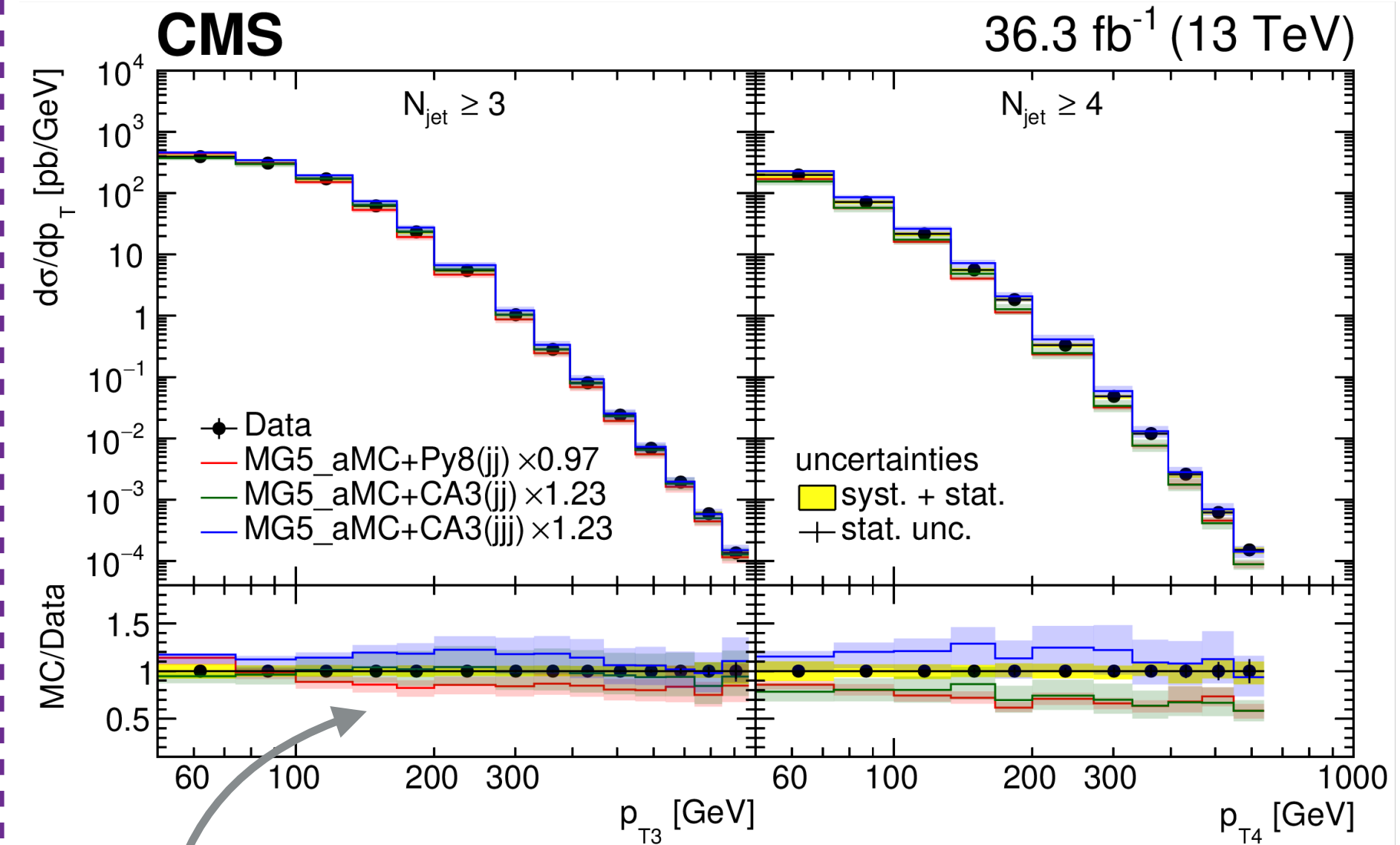
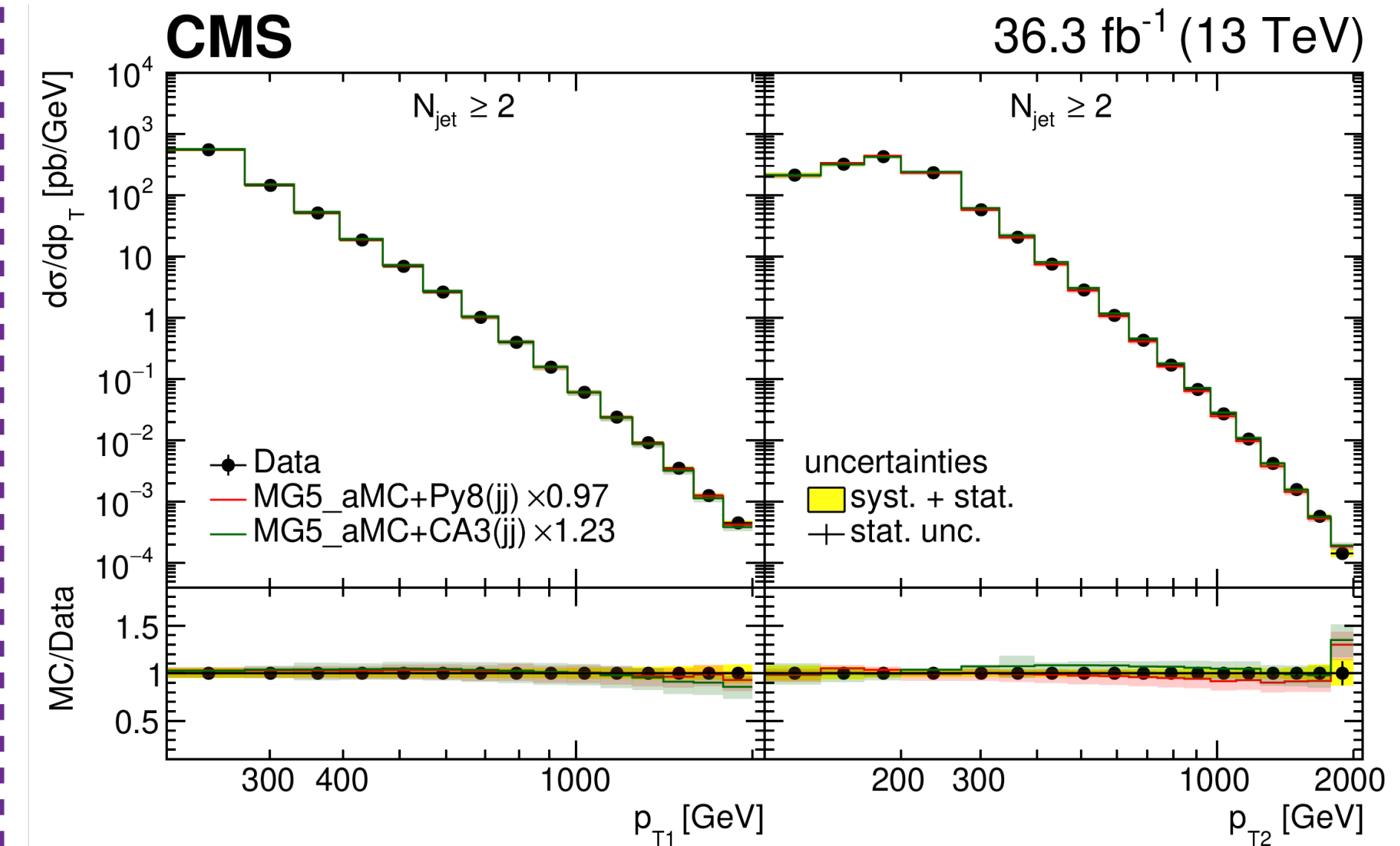
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- Comparison of **measured p_{T} spectra for four leading jets** to LO (left) and NLO (right) predictions.
 - **NLO MG5_aMC+Py8** prediction provides accurate estimate of normalisation ($SF 0.97x$).
 - 3-jet NLO **MG5_aMC+CASCADE3** describes radiation beyond leading jet pair “very well”!
 - Uncertainties from μ_R, μ_F variations in NLO predictions cover data/MC differences.
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LEADING-ORDER MC SETUPS



NEXT-TO-LEADING-ORDER MC SETUPS



Bands on NLO predictions indicate uncertainty from μ_R, μ_F variation.

EVENT SHAPES

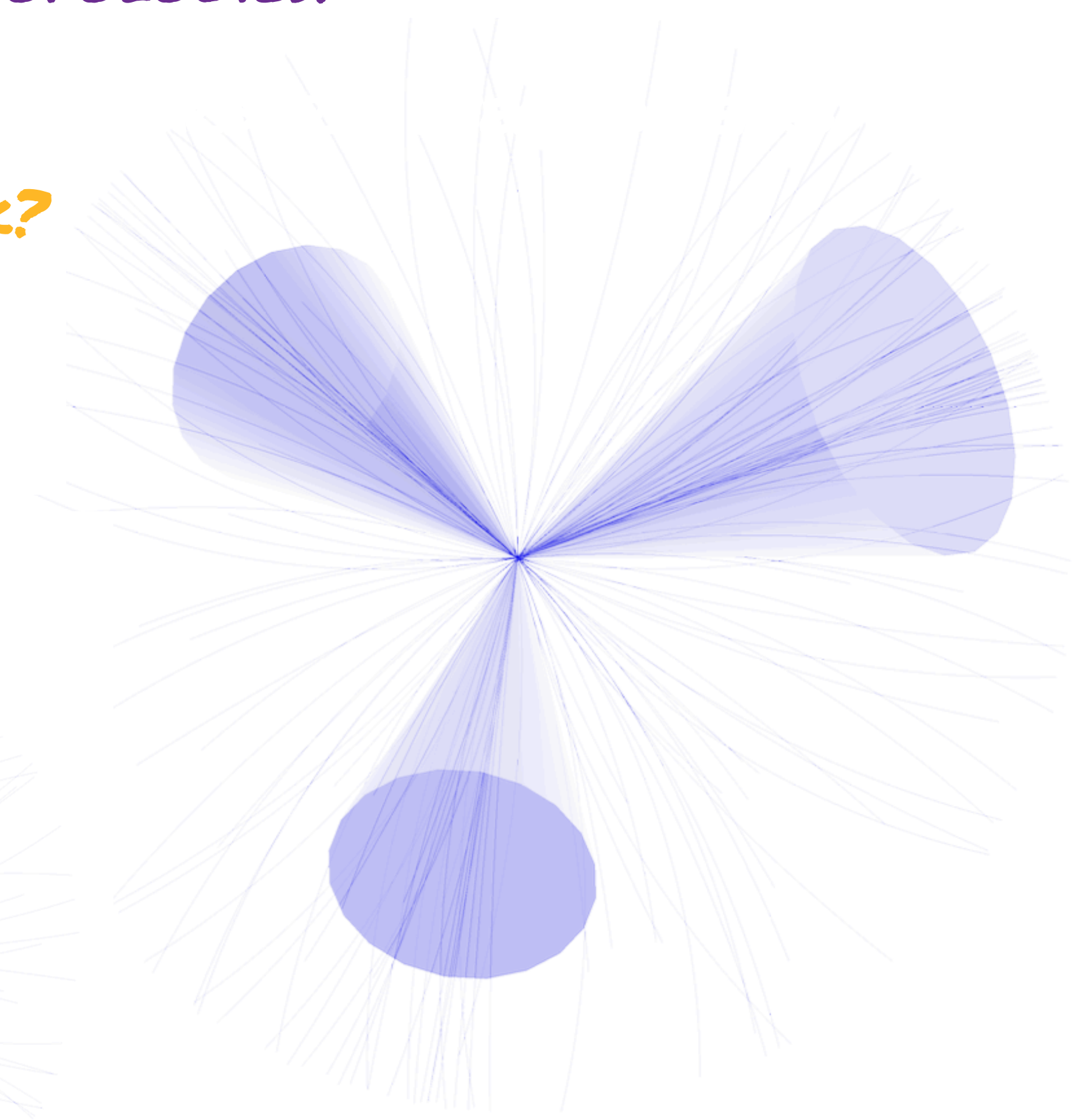
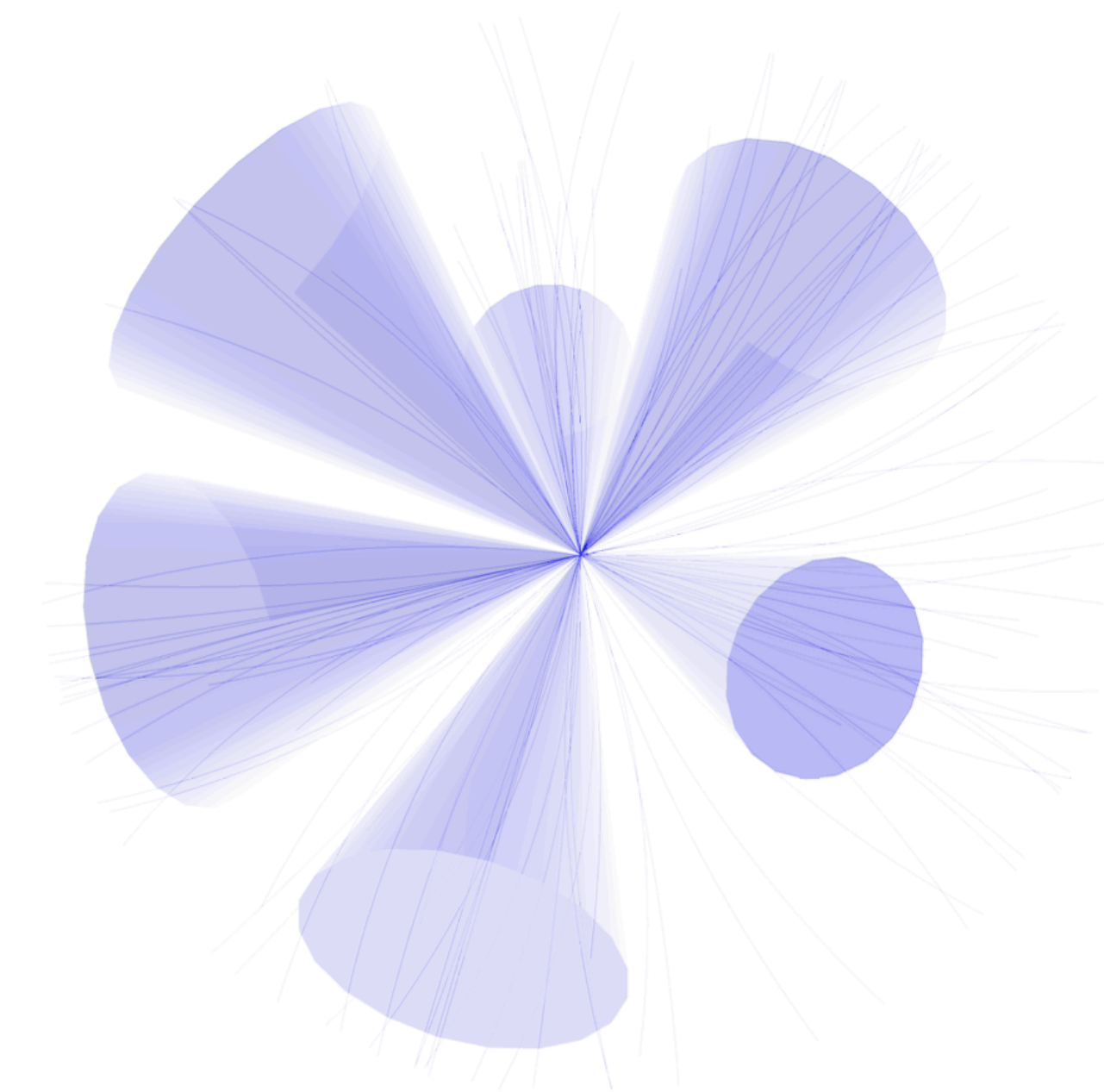
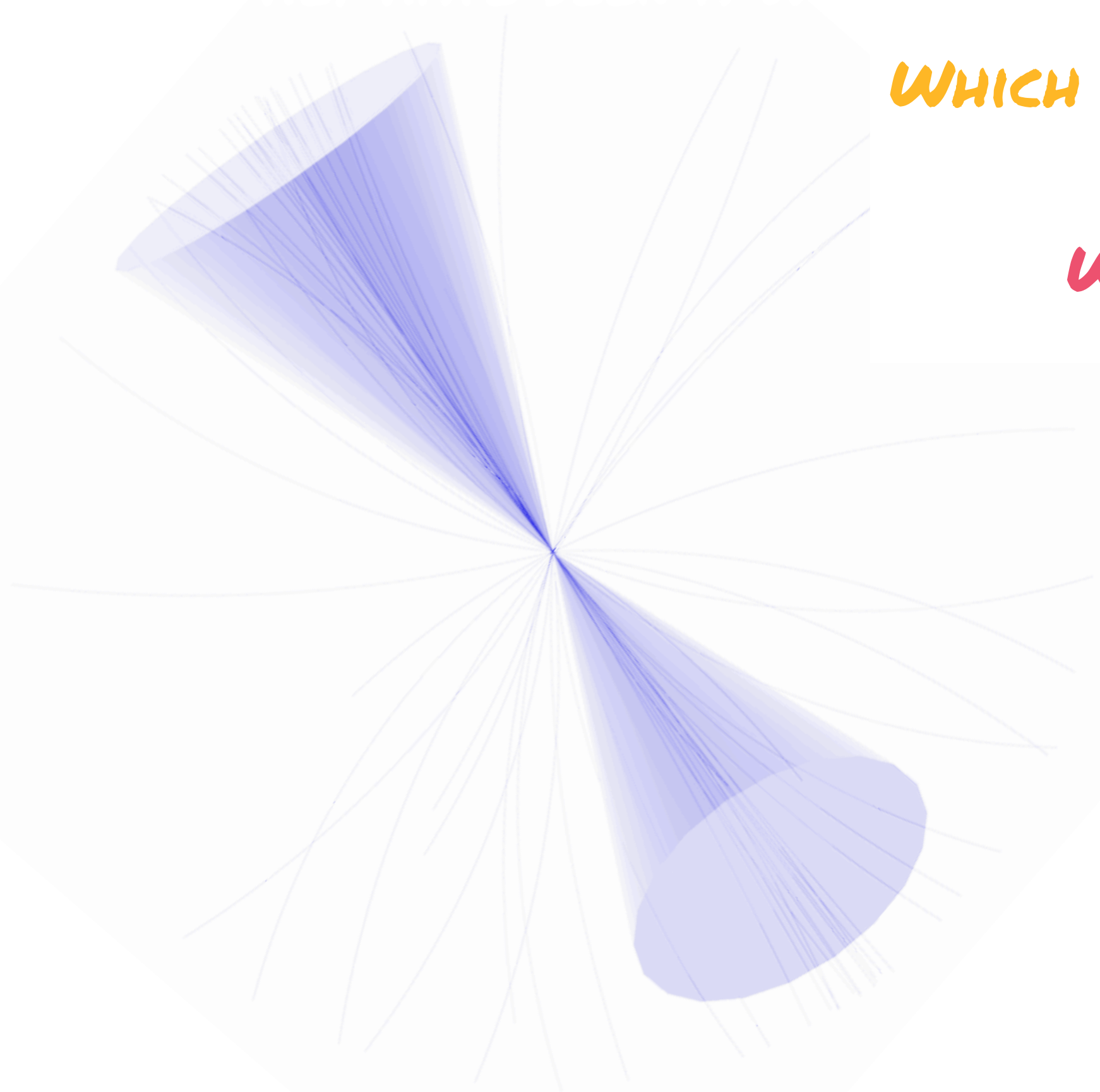
... DESCRIBE EVENT-WIDE ENERGY FLOW.

... INTERPOLATE BETWEEN COLLIDER EVENT TOPOLOGIES.

WE HAVE SEEN A LOT

WHICH EVENT IS MOST BACK-TO-BACK?

WHICH IS MOST ISOTROPIC?



Event Shapes

CMS 1811.00588, ATLAS 2007.12600

- A staple of QCD, event shapes describe the energy flow in particle collisions.
 - Widespread applications over 50 years, including gluon observation @ PETRA, α_s extractions at LEP, MC tuning and improvement, *etc., etc.*
 - Testbed data for theoretical predictions and Parton Shower Monte Carlo (PSMC) programs.
- ATLAS and CMS have both revisited Event Shapes during Run 2.
 - Larger dataset allows **multi-differential measurements**.
 - Both measurements using **calibrated R=0.4 jets** as inputs to Event Shape calculations.
 - Good precision due to **excellent jet performance!**
 - *For latest, see e.g. ATLAS 2303.17312 (new!)*

| | <i>ATLAS</i> | <i>CMS</i> |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Inputs | Calibrated jets | Calibrated jets |
| Differential binning | H_{T2} , N_{jet} (incl. & excl.) | H_{T2} |
| Dataset | 140 fb ⁻¹ | 2.2 fb ⁻¹ |
| Transverse Thrust | ✓ | ✓ |
| Transverse thrust (minor) | ✓ | |
| Transverse Sphericity | ✓ | |
| C-parameter | ✓ | |
| D-parameter | ✓ | |
| Total jet broadening | | ✓ |
| Total jet mass | | ✓ |
| Total transverse jet mass | | ✓ |

Aplanarity

ATLAS 2007.12600

“How planar is the event?”

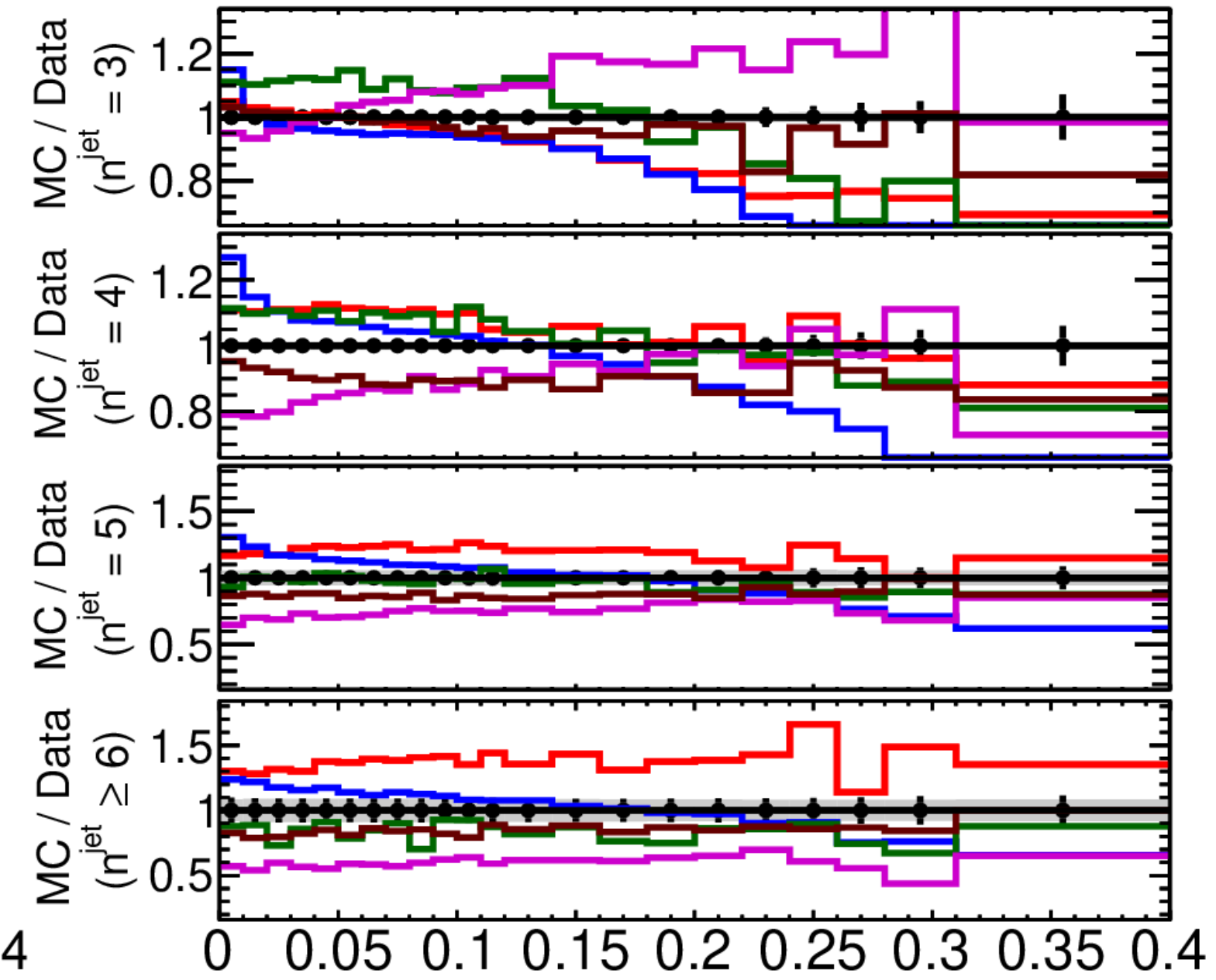
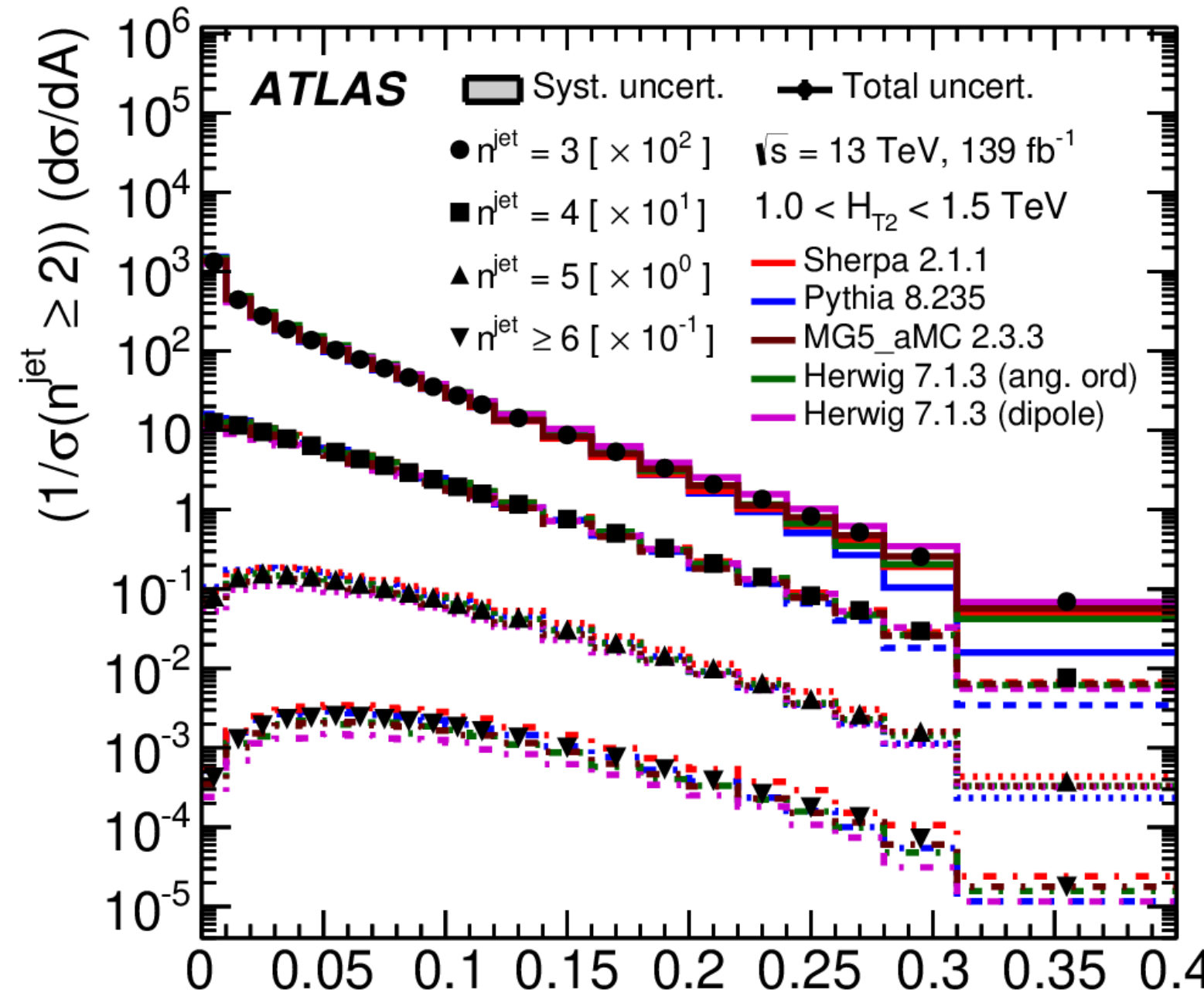
$$M_{xyz} = \frac{1}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|} \sum_i \frac{1}{|\vec{p}_i|} \begin{pmatrix} p_{x,i}^2 & p_{x,i}p_{y,i} & p_{x,i}p_{z,i} \\ p_{y,i}p_{x,i} & p_{y,i}^2 & p_{y,i}p_{z,i} \\ p_{z,i}p_{x,i} & p_{z,i}p_{y,i} & p_{z,i}^2 \end{pmatrix} S = \frac{3}{2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$$

EIGENVALUE OF LINEARISED SPHERICITY TENSOR:

$$A = \frac{3}{2}\lambda_3$$

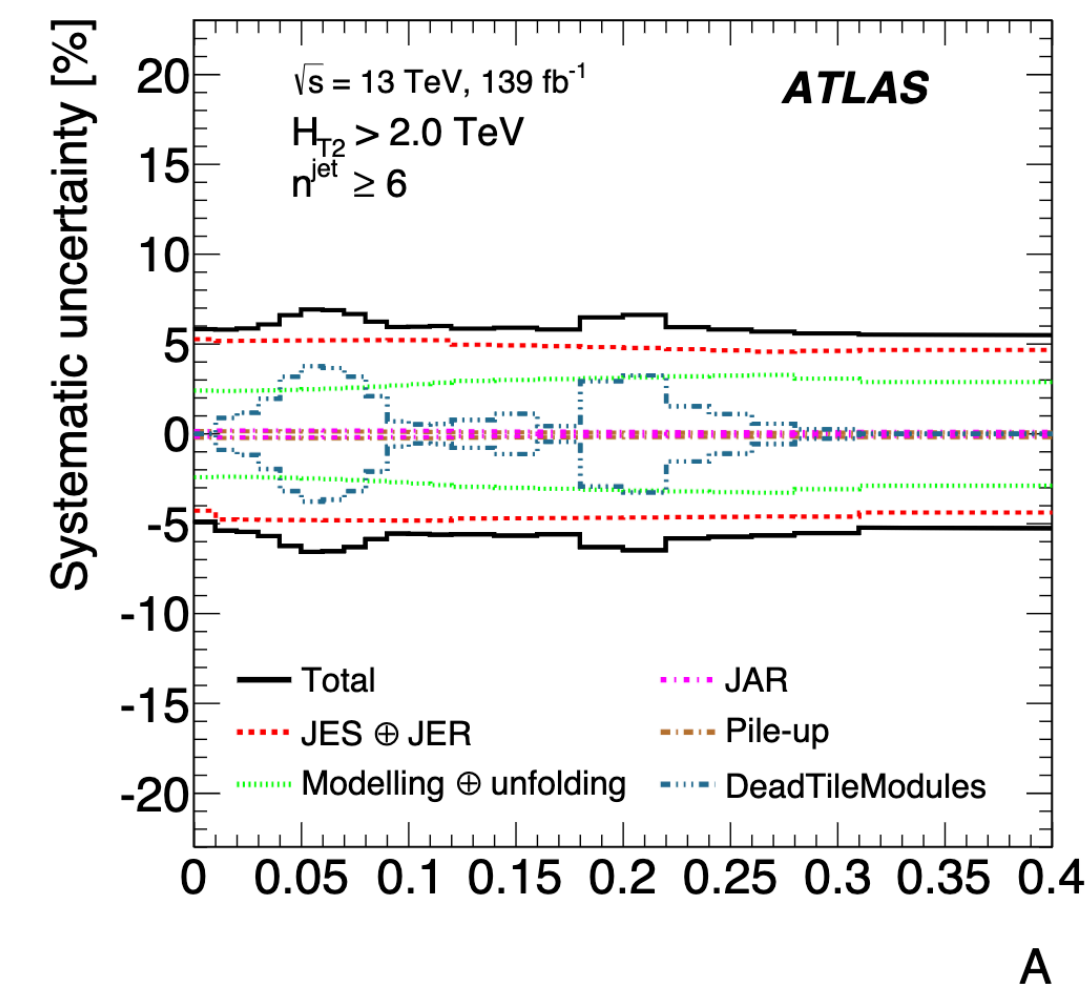
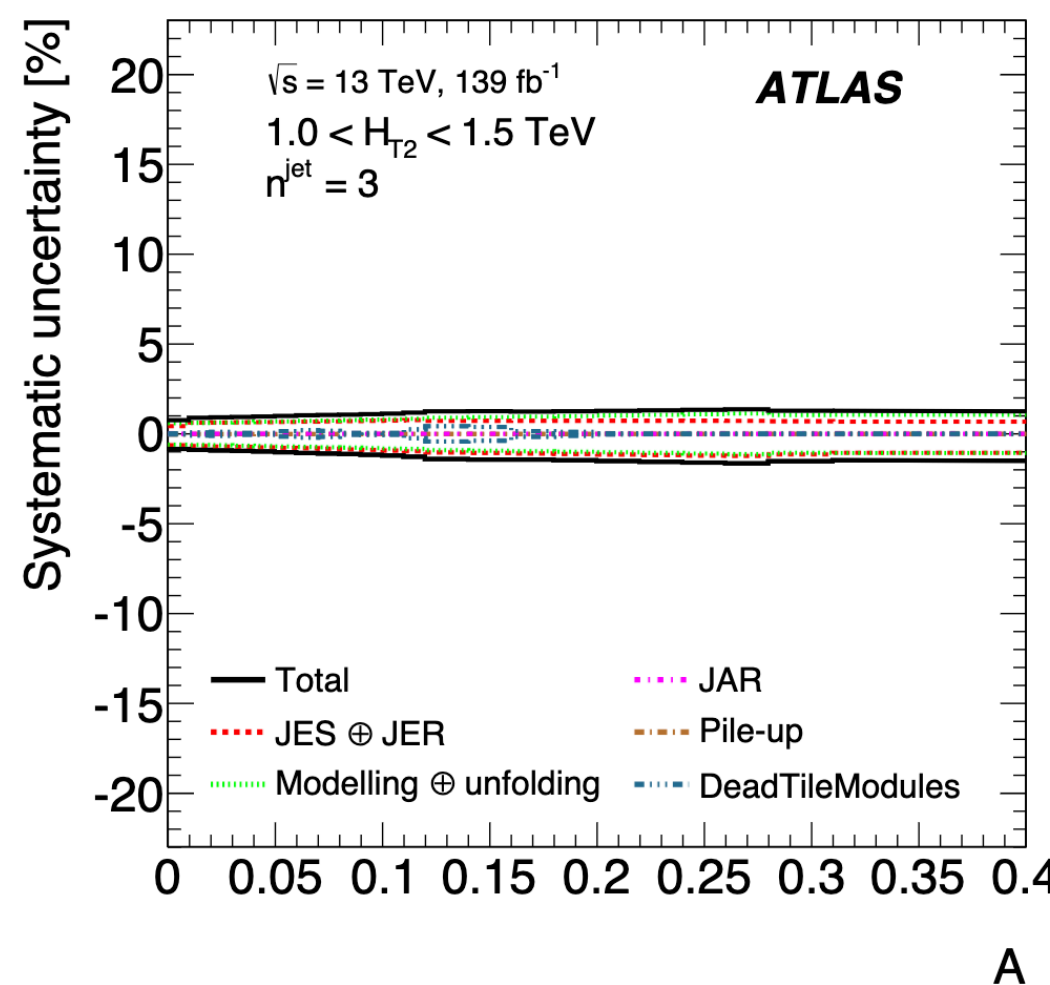
- Agreement in normalisation degrades as jet multiplicity increases (also seen for other observables).
- Sensitive to **perturbative physics** in PS alg.
 - NLO H7 **angle-ordered** and **dipole** showers disagree for both small & large values.
 - **Pythia** does not predict enough planar 3- and 4-jet events.
 - **MG5_aMC@NLO** performs well, even at higher N_{jet} !

“Planar” ← → “Not planar”



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Precision of Event Shape measurements generally limited by the Jet Energy Scale and choice of MC Model for unfolding.

Total jet broadening

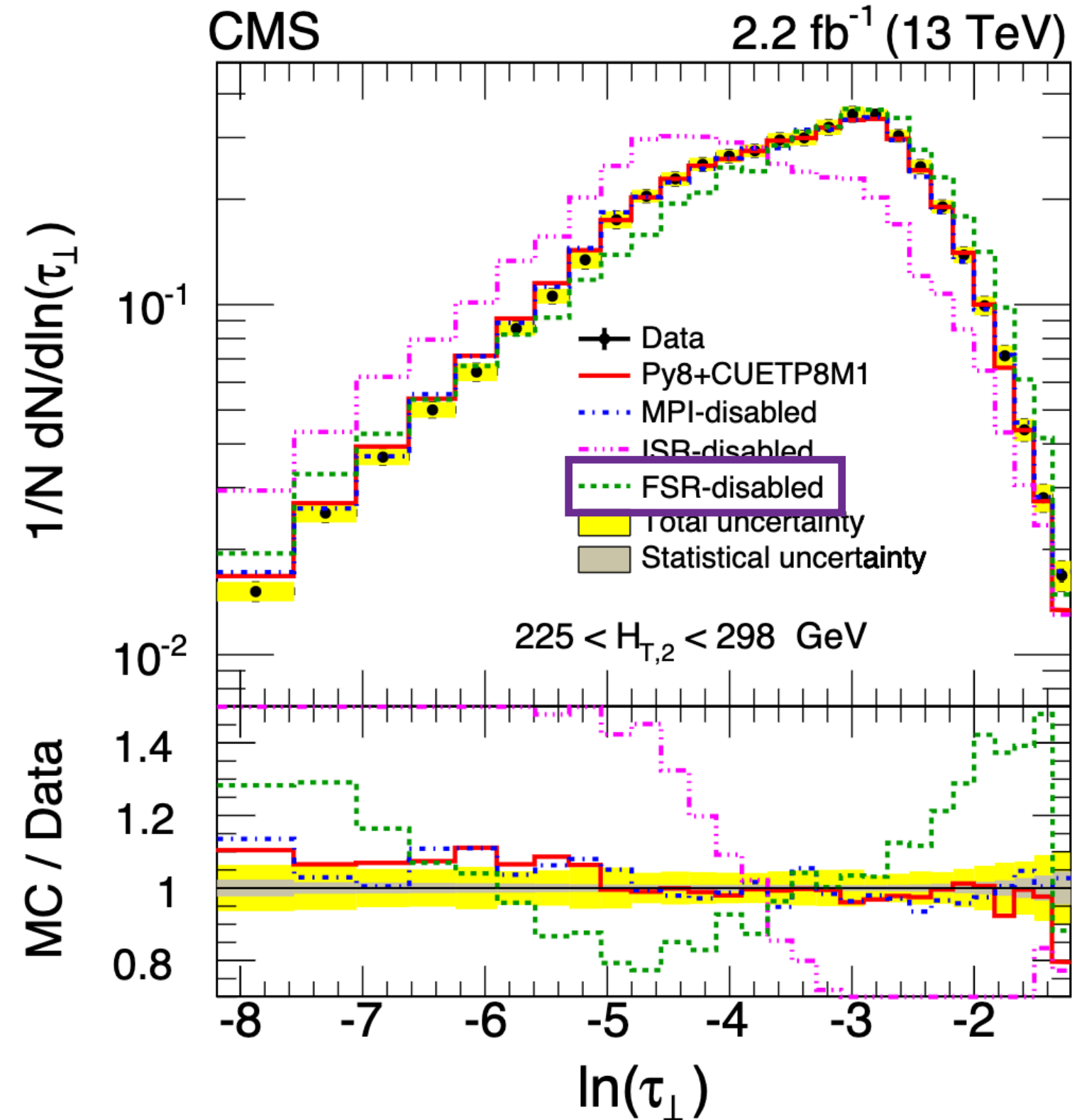
CMS 1811.00588

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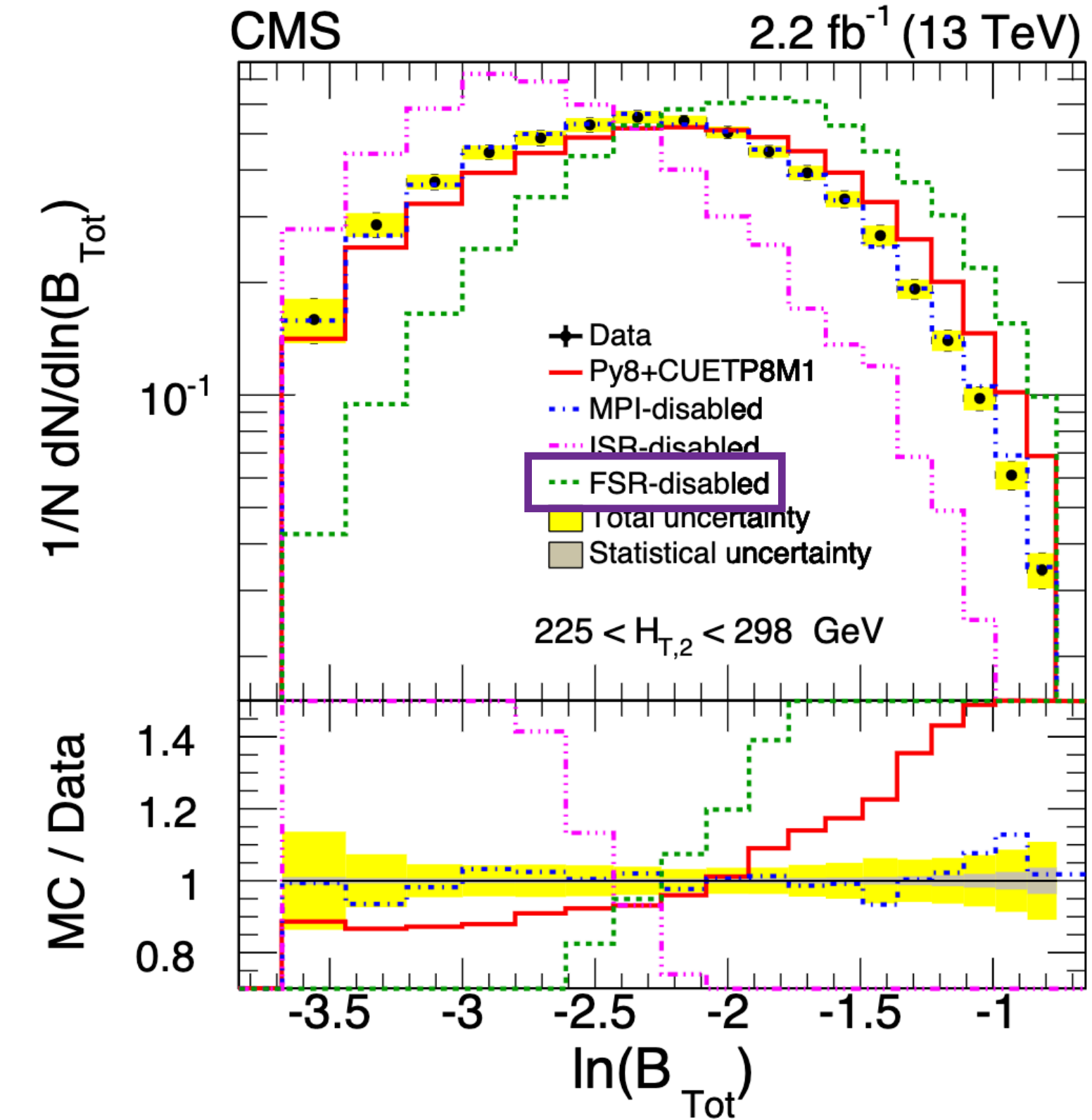
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TRANSVERSE THRUST



TOTAL BROADENING



BROADENING IS MORE SENSITIVE TO ISR/FSR TREATMENT!

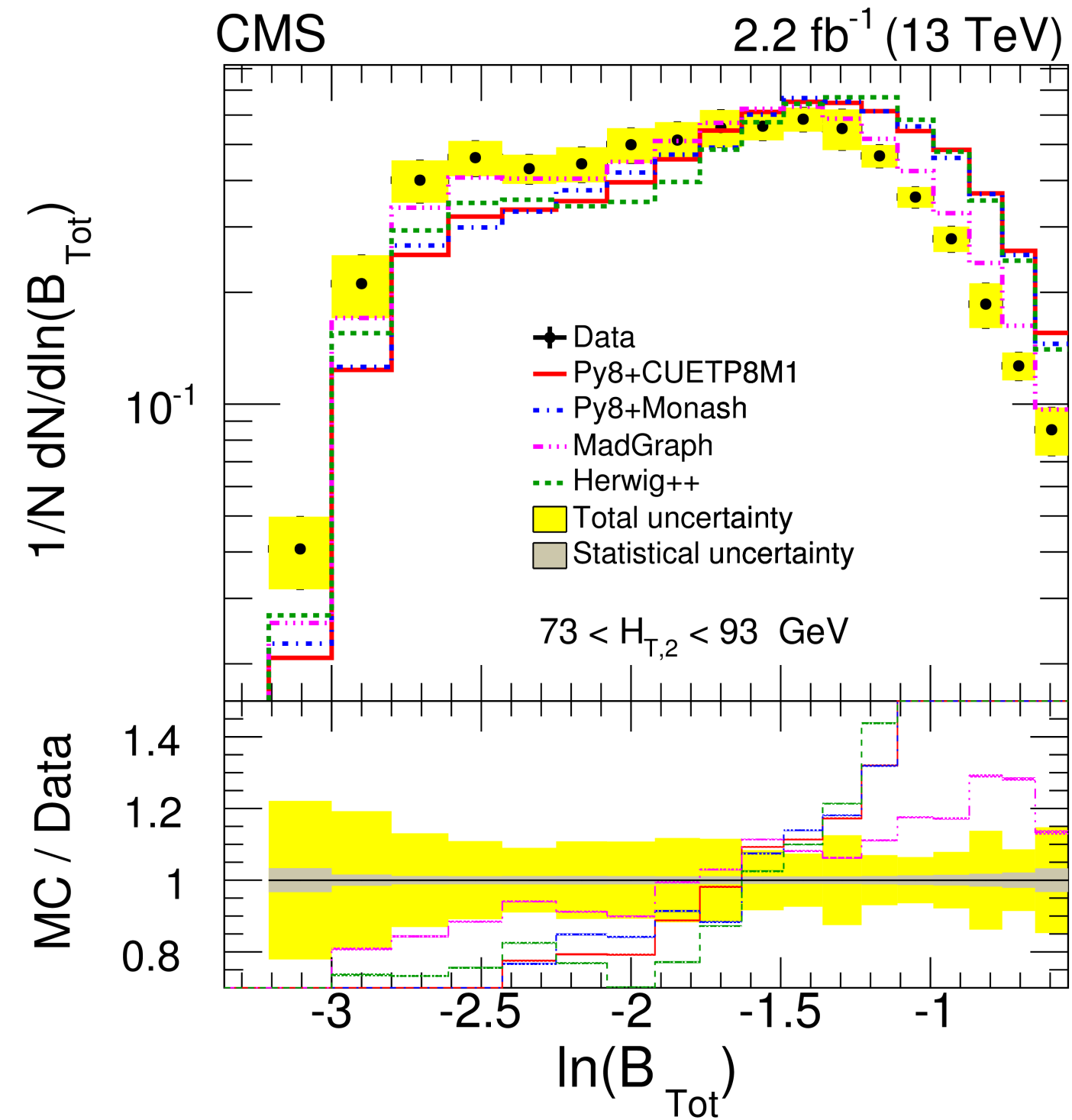
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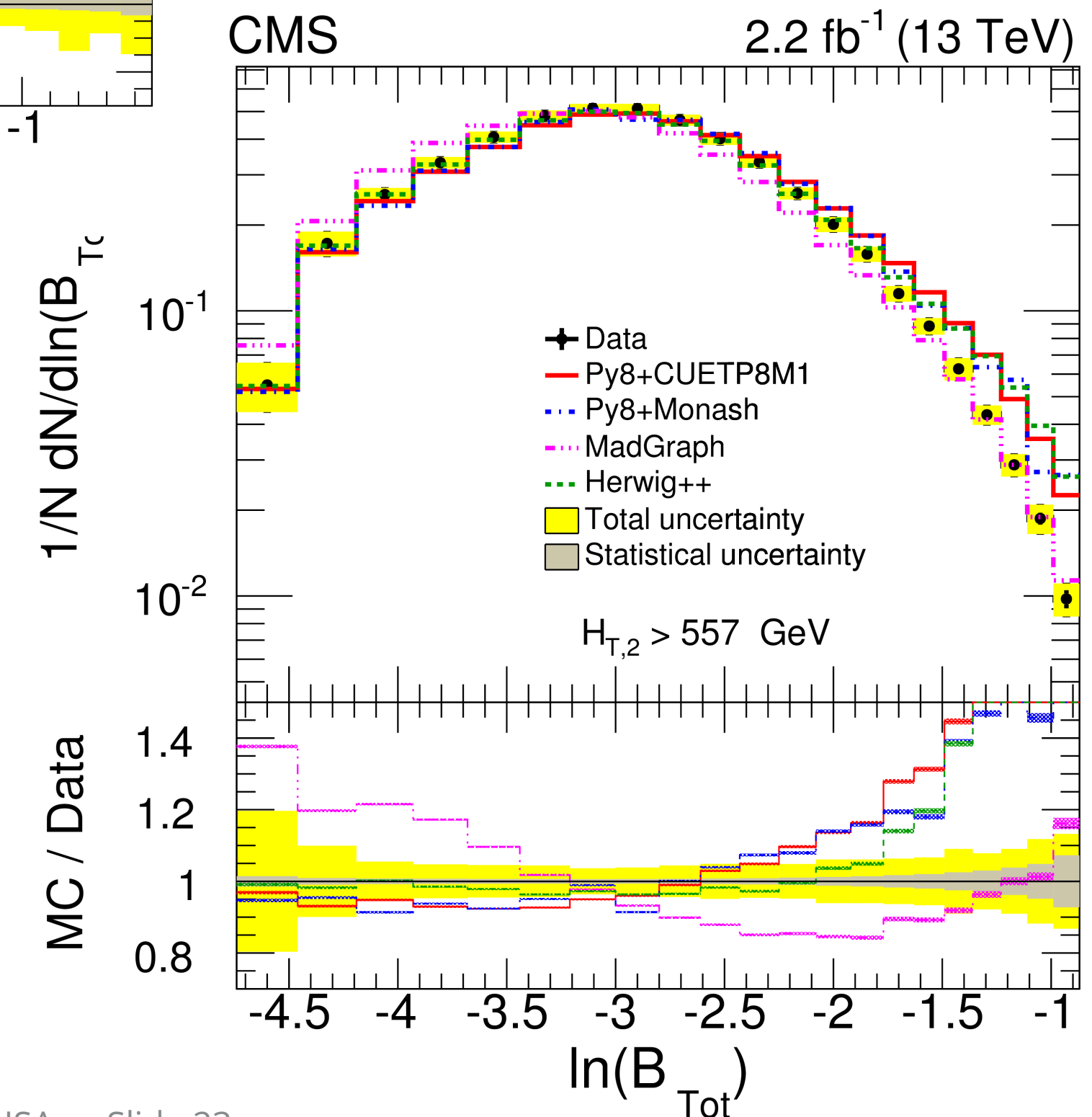
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INCREASE HTZ
 ... EVENT BECOMES MORE
 “BACK-TO-BACK”
BETTER DESCRIPTION!

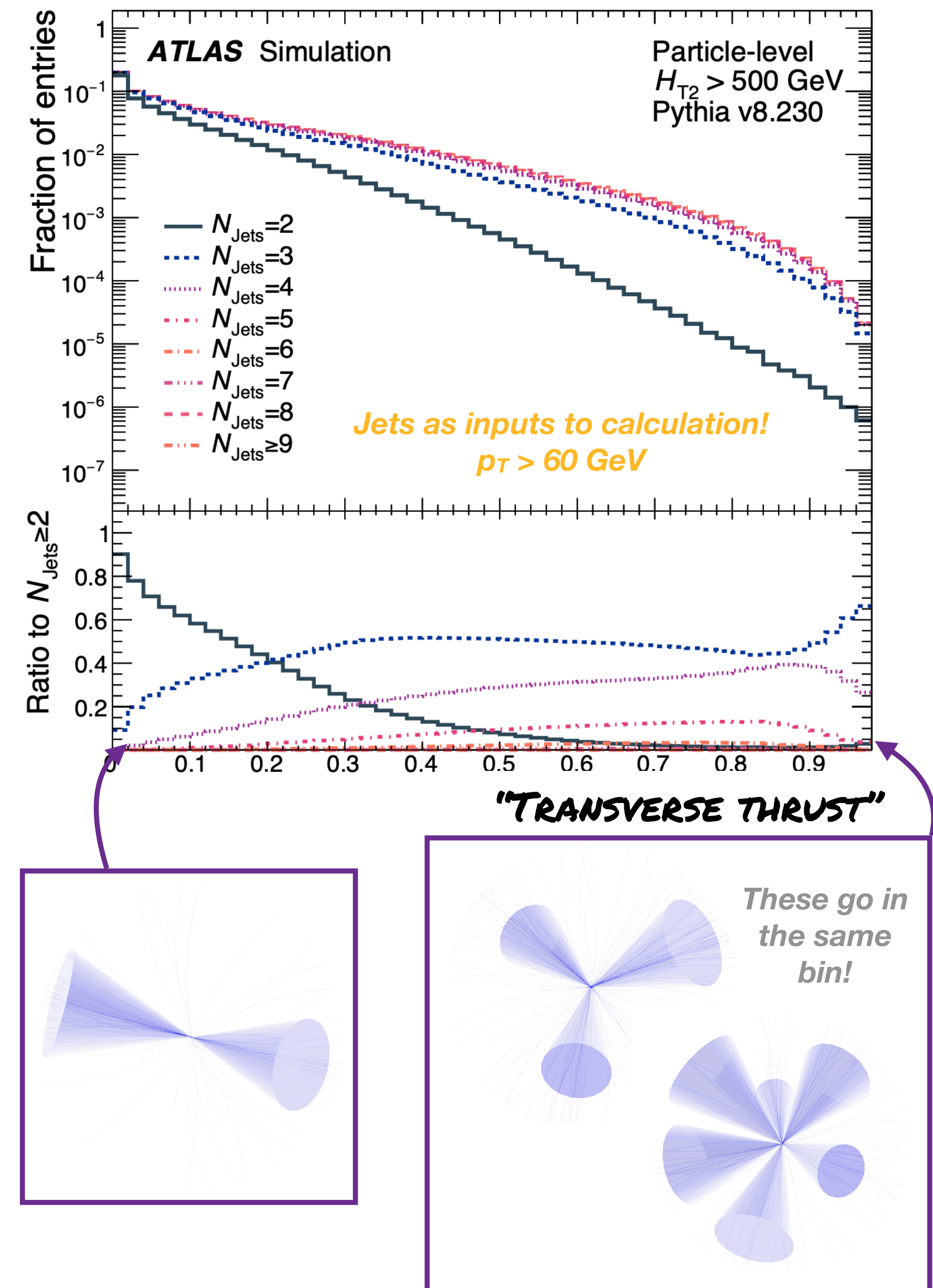


Energy-Mover's Distance (EMD)

Komiske, Metodiev & Thaler, [1902.02346](#), [2004.04159](#)

Cesarotti & Thaler, [2004.06125](#)

- Event shapes like Thrust identify back-to-back events, not isotropic ones.

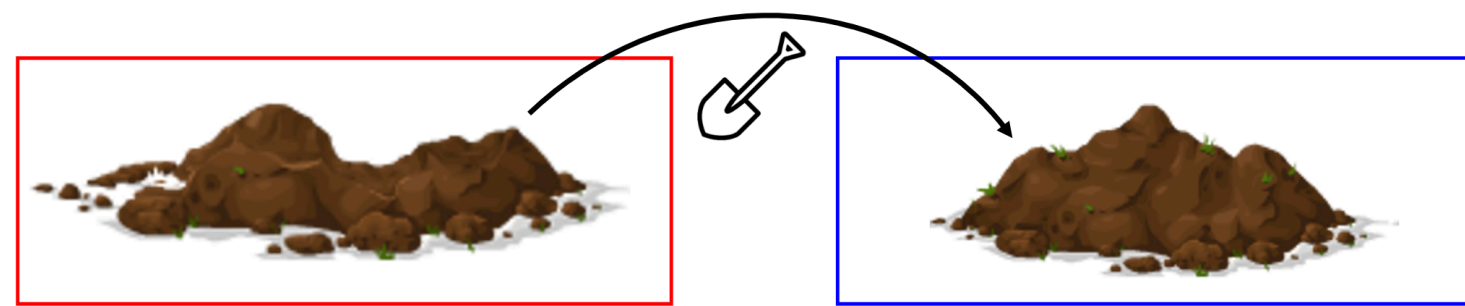


Energy-Mover's Distance (EMD)

Komiske, Metodiev & Thaler, [1902.02346](#), [2004.04159](#)

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- Event shapes like Thrust identify back-to-back events, not isotropic ones.
- To isolate rarer QCD configurations, we can use a new tool: an **IRC-safe distance metric** between collider radiation patterns.
- EMD defined as the **minimum 'work' required to re-arrange one event into another.**



$$\text{EMD}_\beta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') = \min_{\{f_{ij} \geq 0\}} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{M'} f_{ij} \theta_{ij}^\beta$$

- a.k.a. the **Earth-Mover's Distance** or **p-Wasserstein** class of metrics.

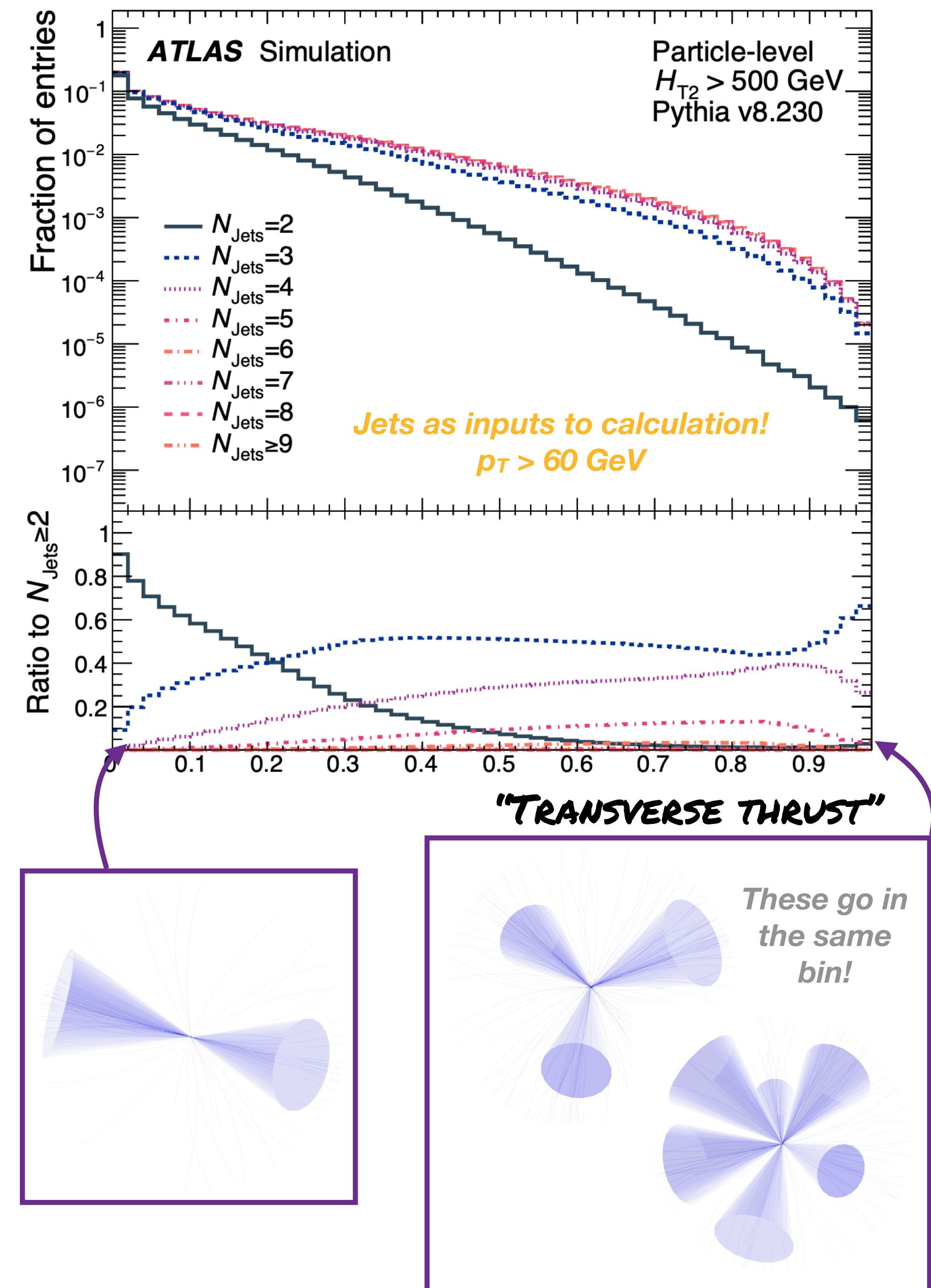
- **Interdisciplinary tool, used for QCD analysis!**

- EMDs used often in **computer vision**: problems solved w/ **Optimal Transport** techniques.

- Common tools/libraries... [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

- Some have been adapted for HEP! [4](#), [5](#)

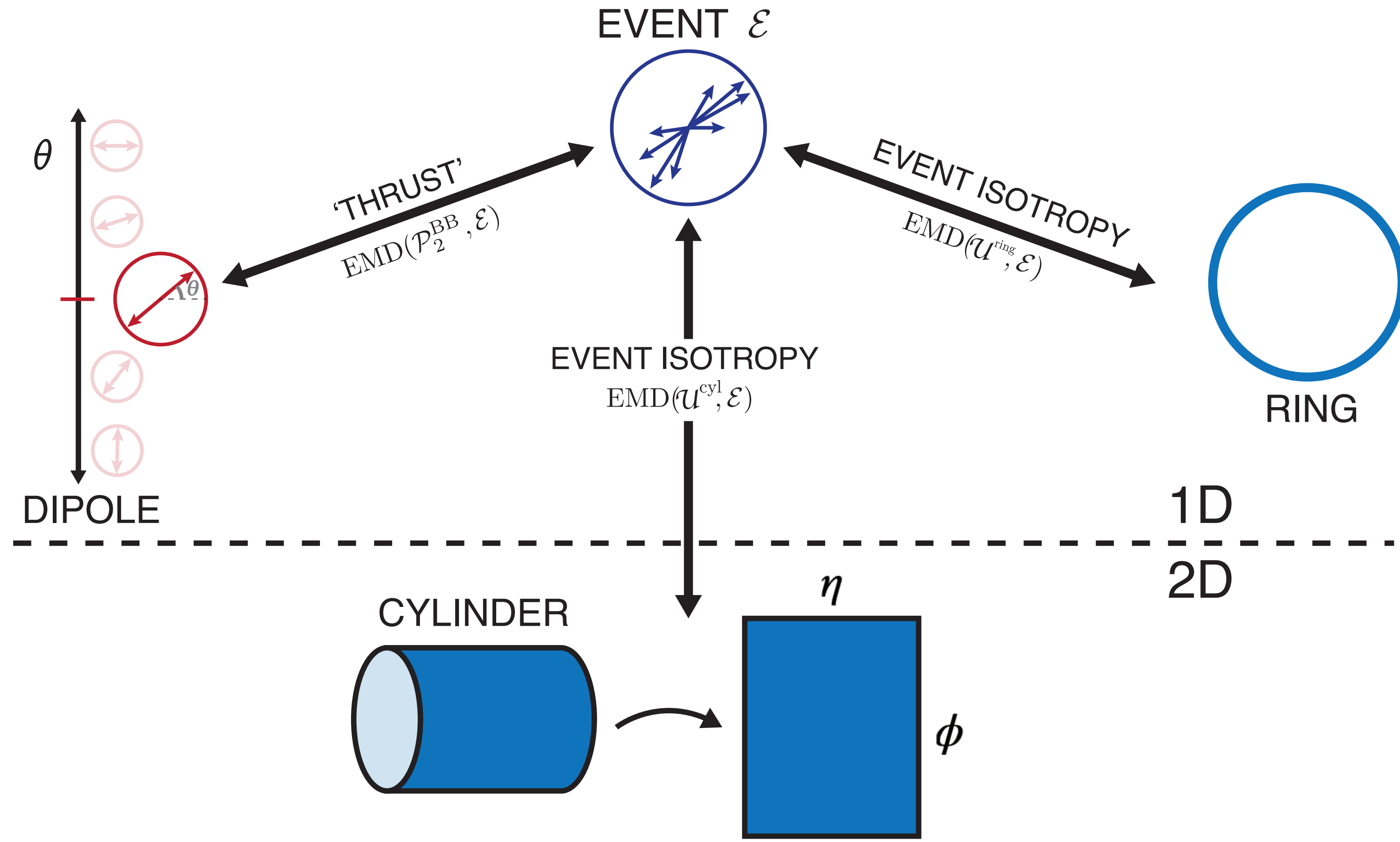
- EMDs used in [2004.06125](#) to **construct new event-shape observables** for certain BSM models ... *utility for QCD studies?*



Event Isotropy: event shapes via Optimal Transport (OT)

Cesarotti & Thaler, [2004.06125](#)

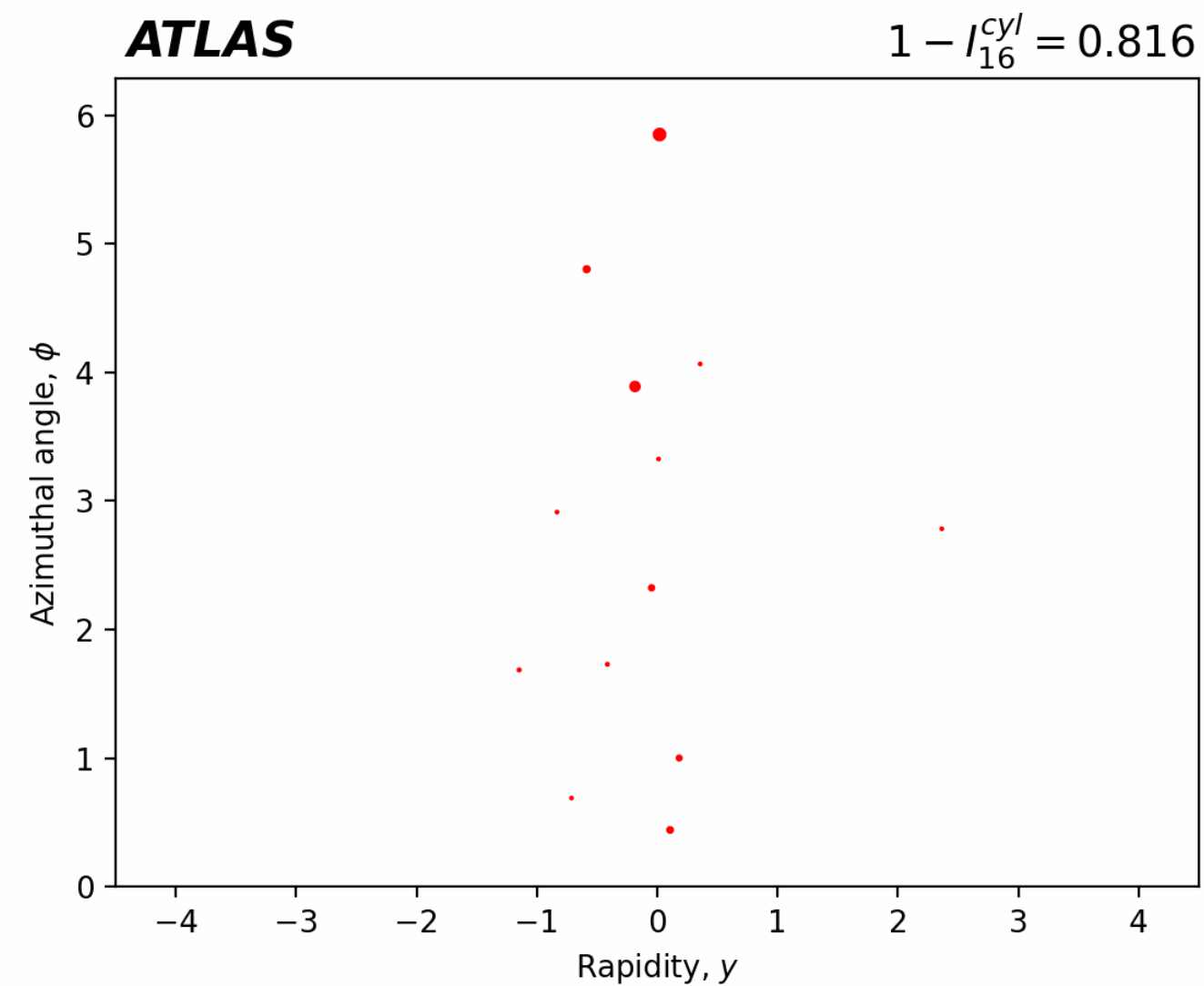
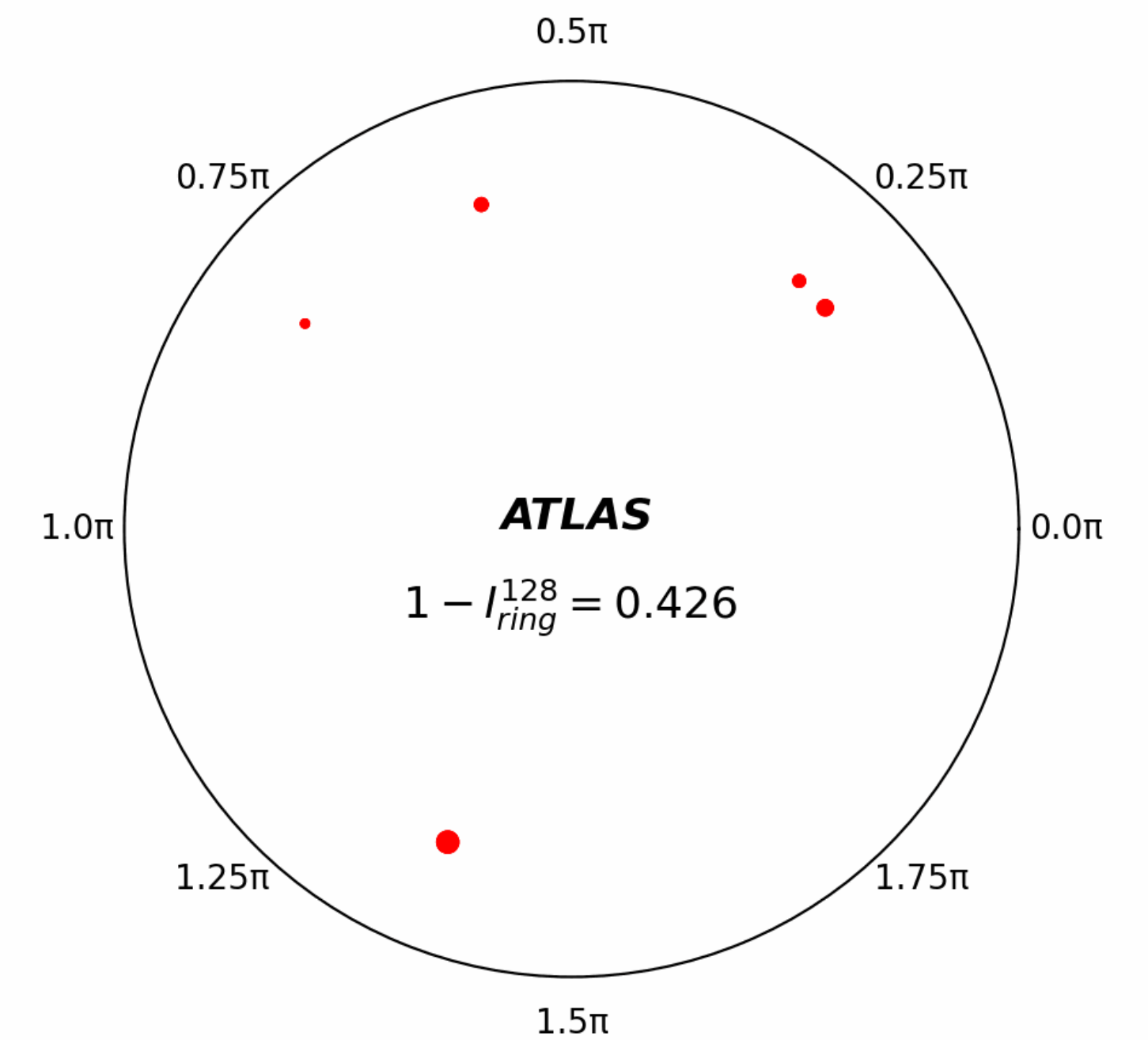
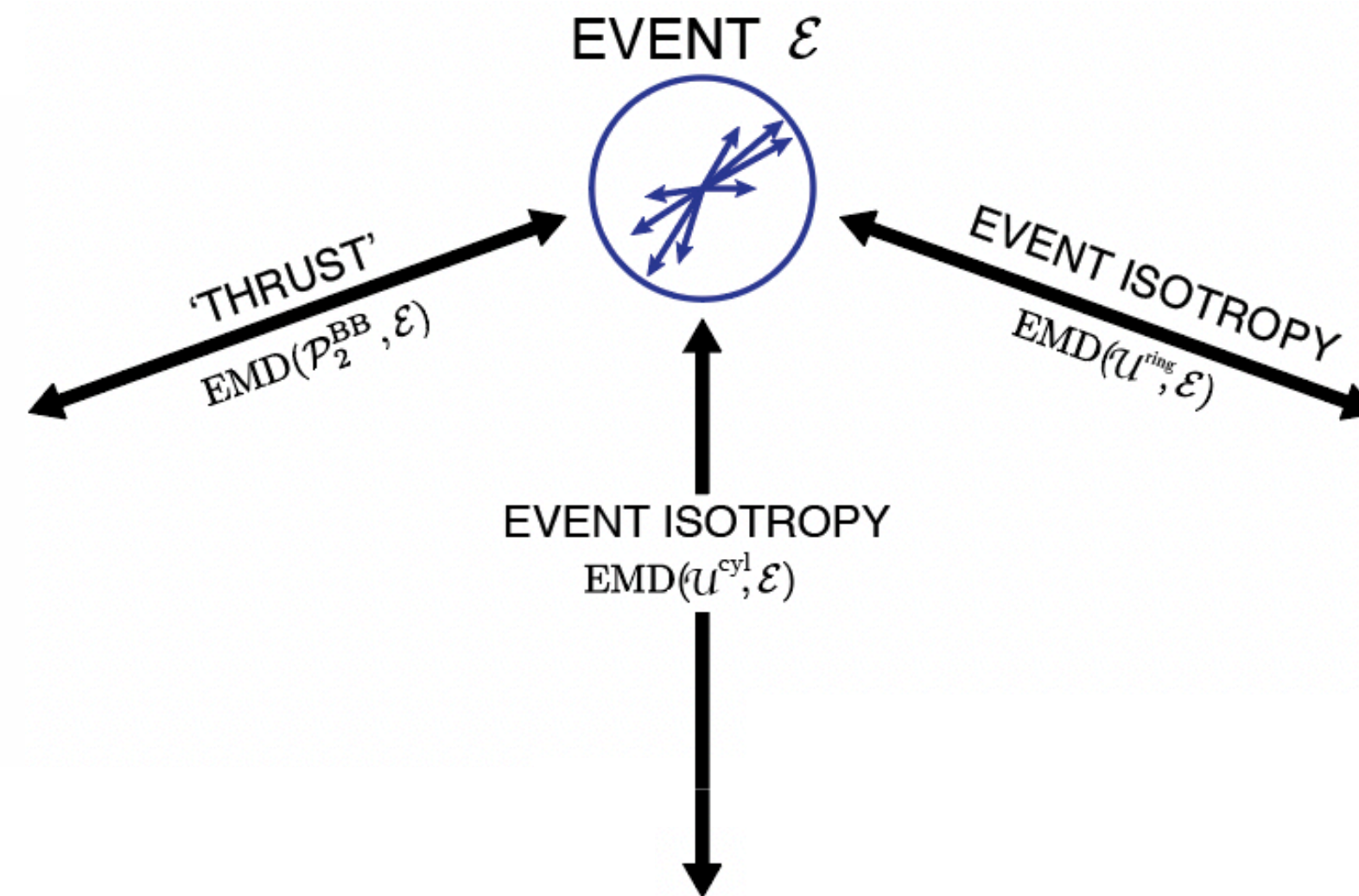
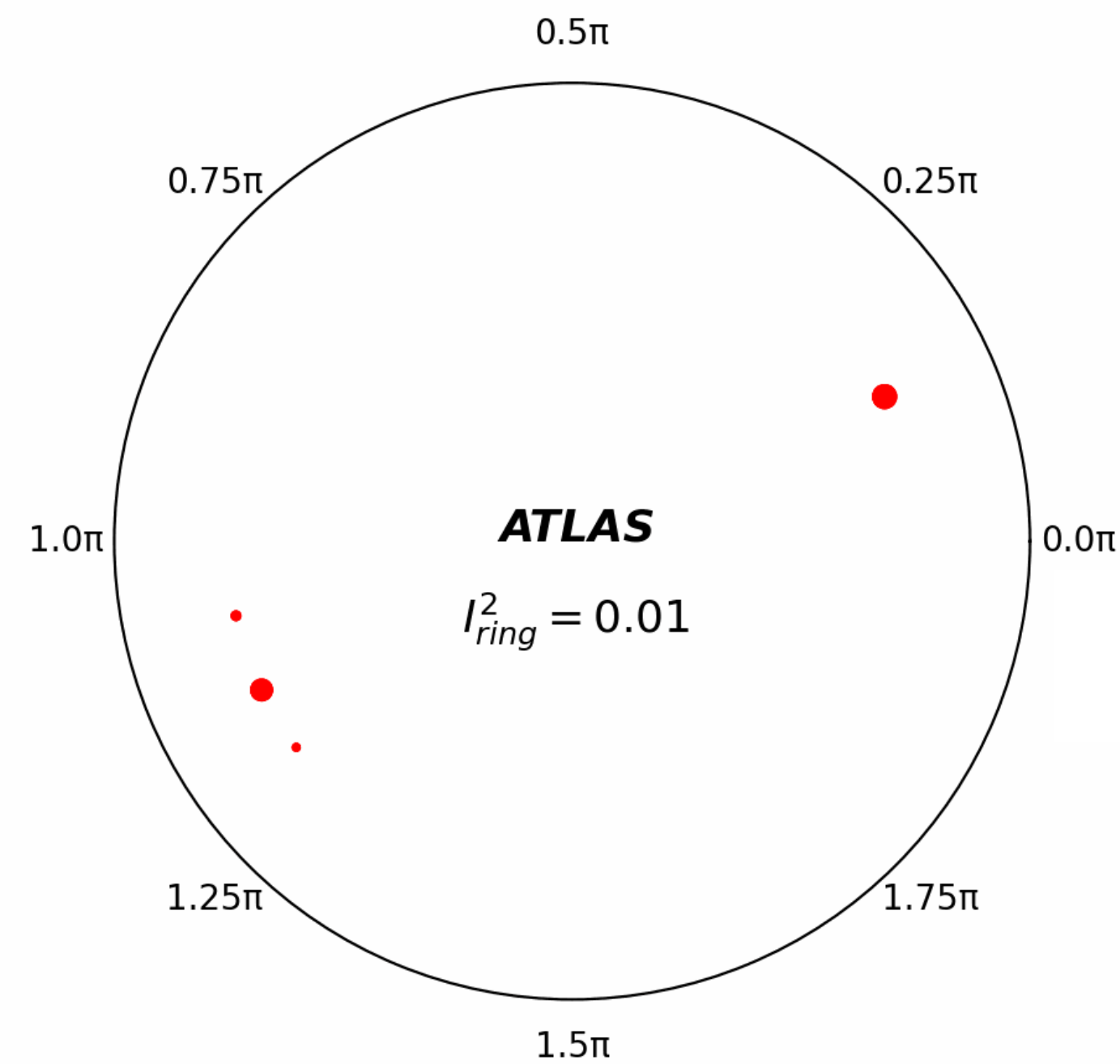
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- **3 EMDs measured per-event:**
 - Two most-distant 1D configurations conserving transverse momentum.
 - 2D extension of isotropy into rapidity-phi space (**IsoCyl16**).
- Used **$R=0.4$ PFlow jets** ($p_T > 60$ GeV, $|y| < 4.4$) as inputs to EMD calculations.
- Measurements in inclusive bins of **jet multiplicity** and **$H_{T2} = p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}$** .

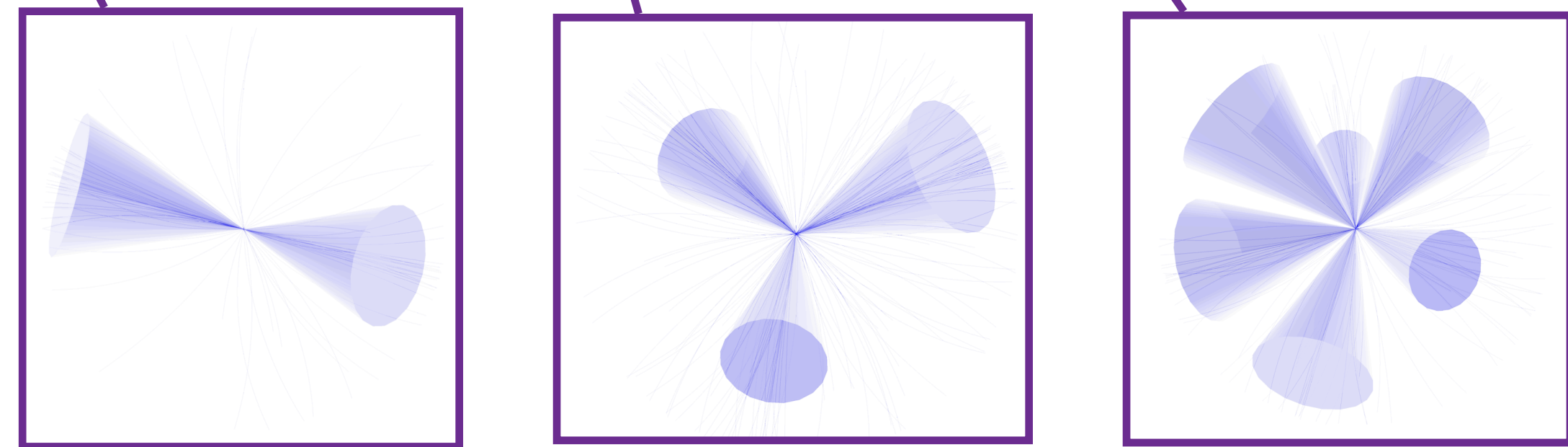
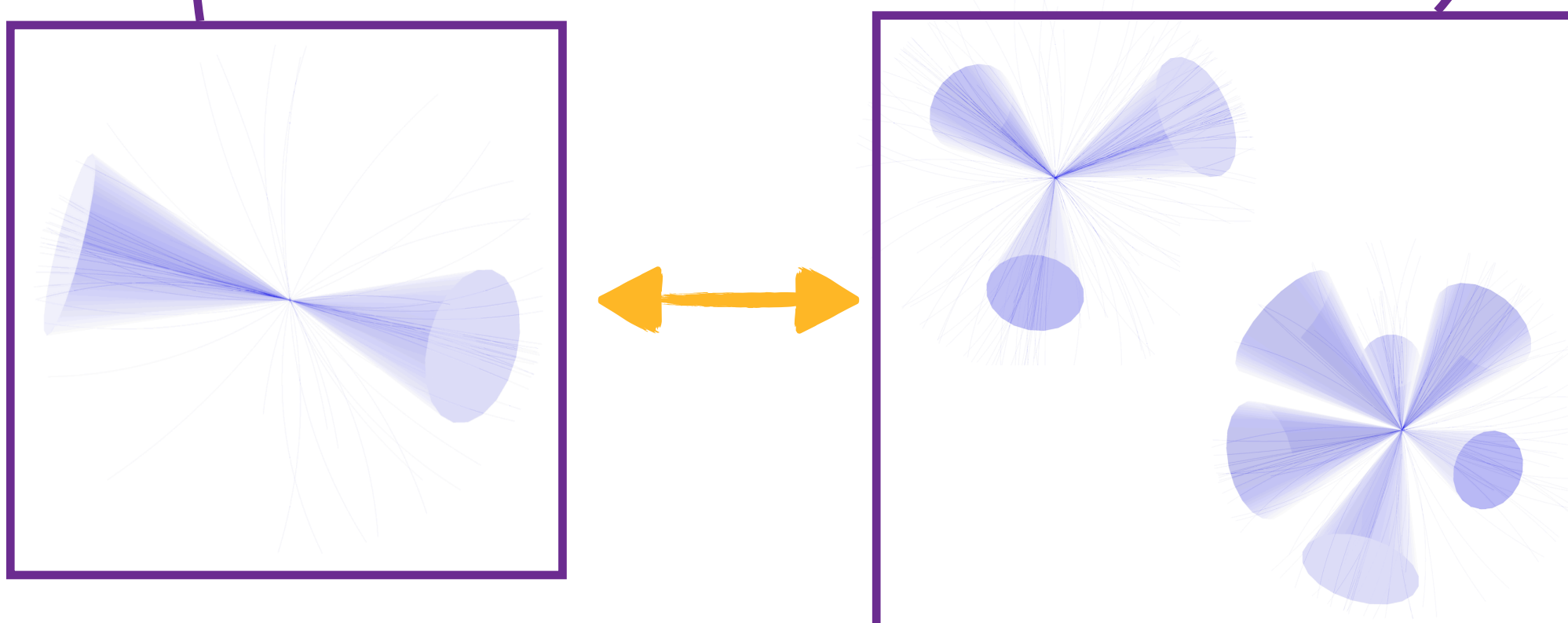
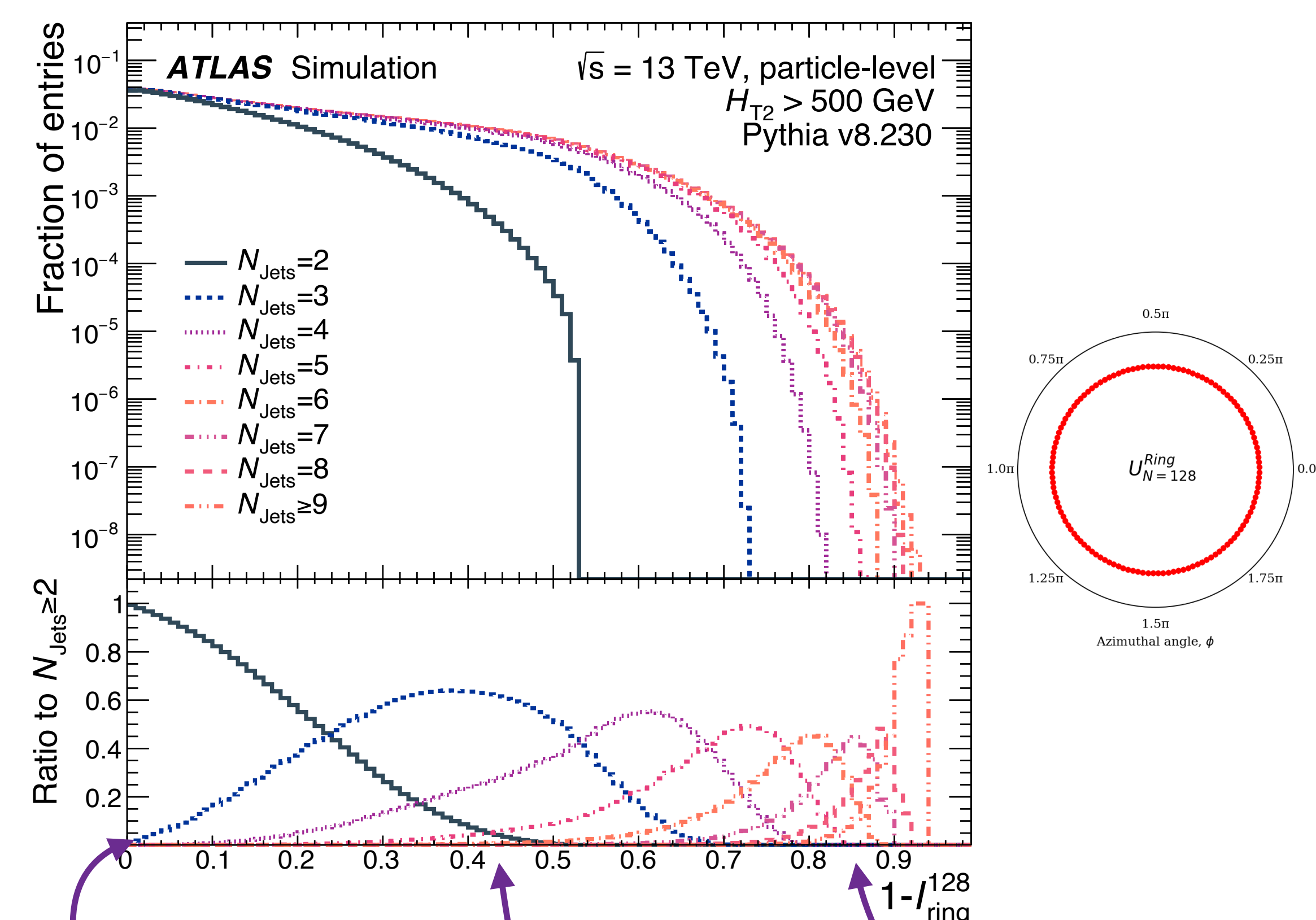
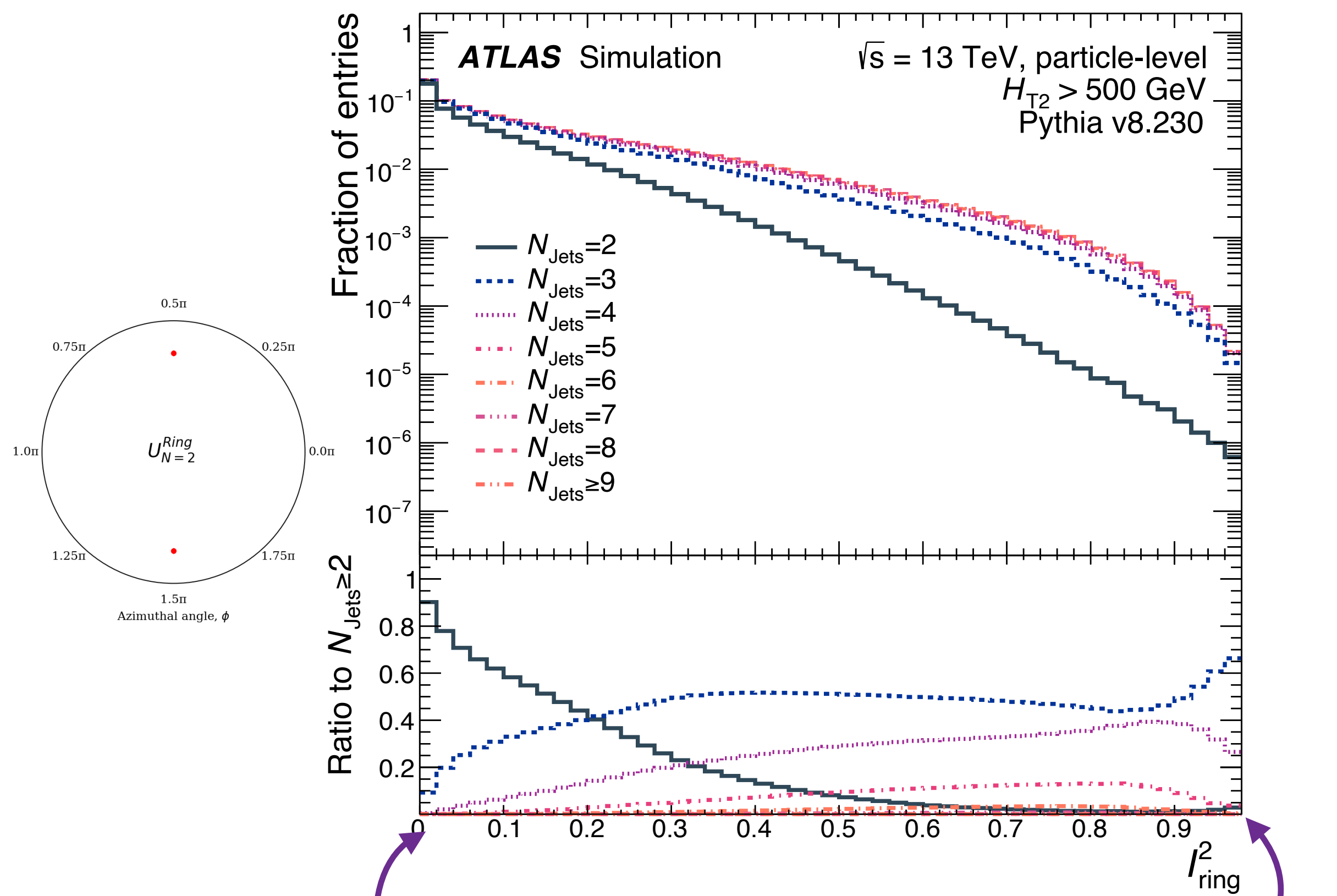
Visualisation of Optimal Transport calculations

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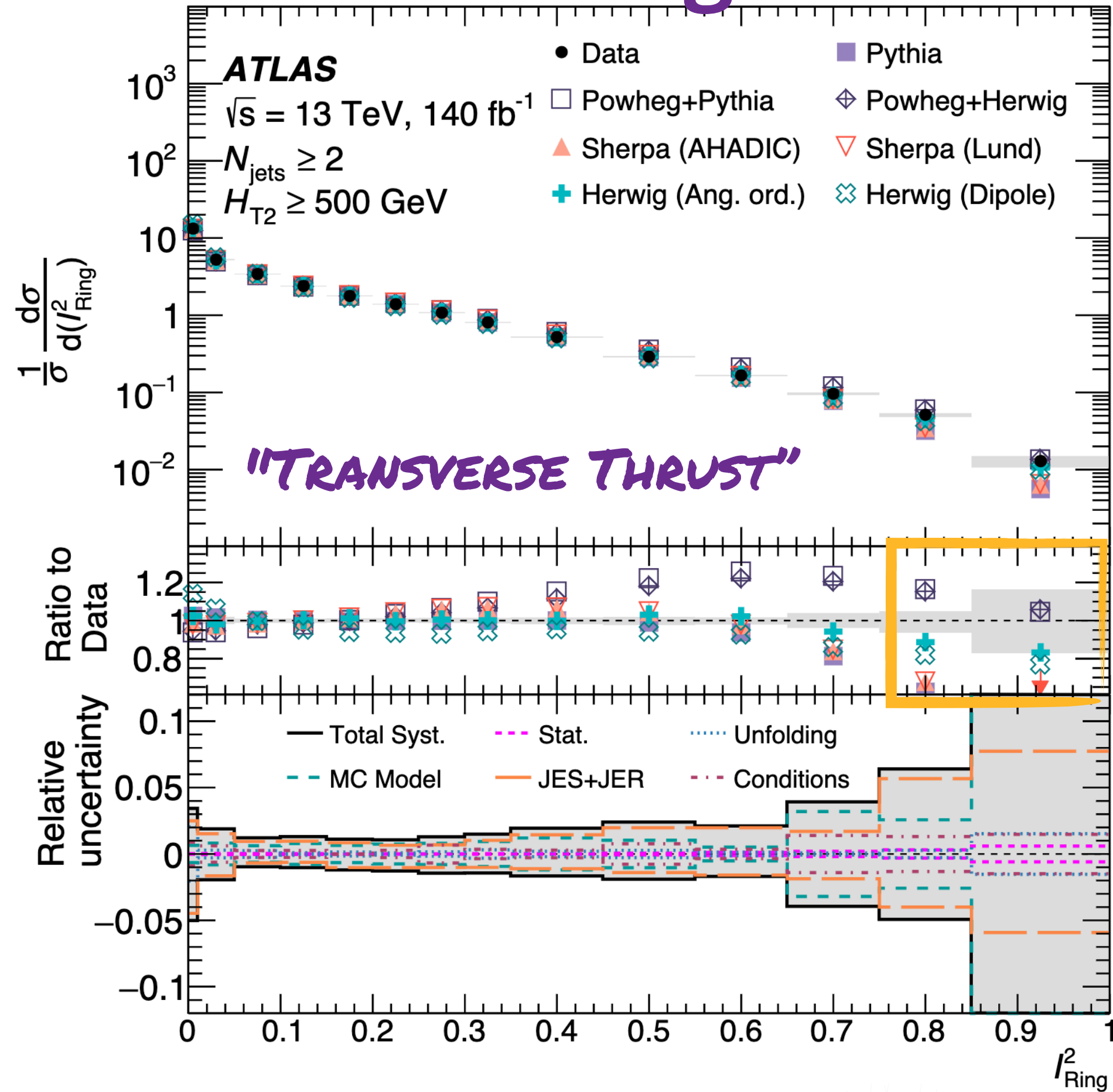
Animations are at this link :
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Phenomenology of different reference geometries...

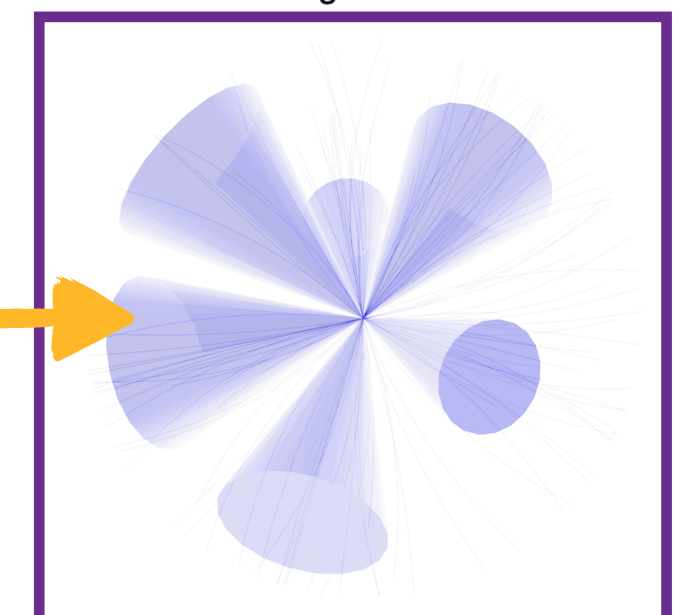
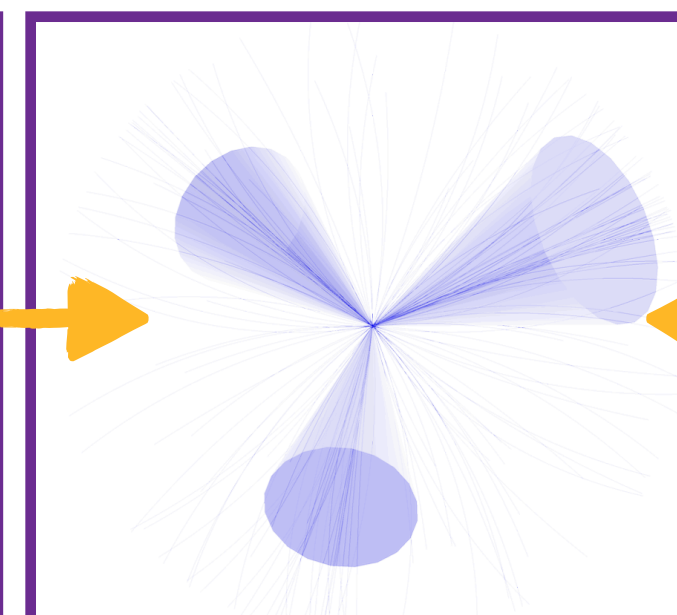
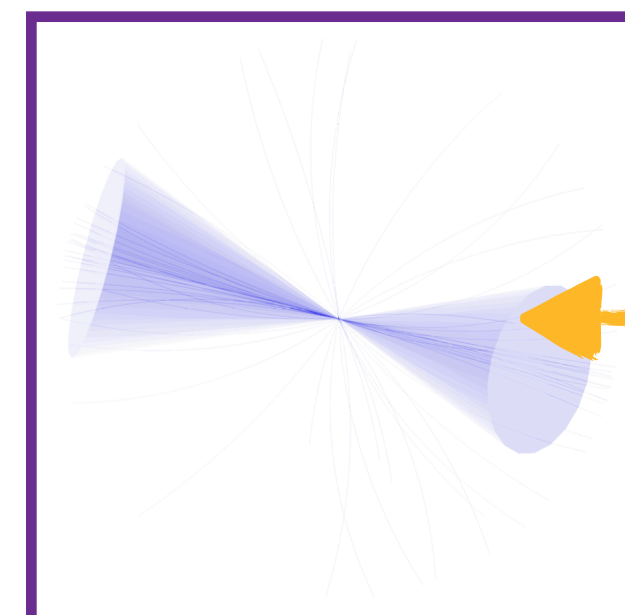
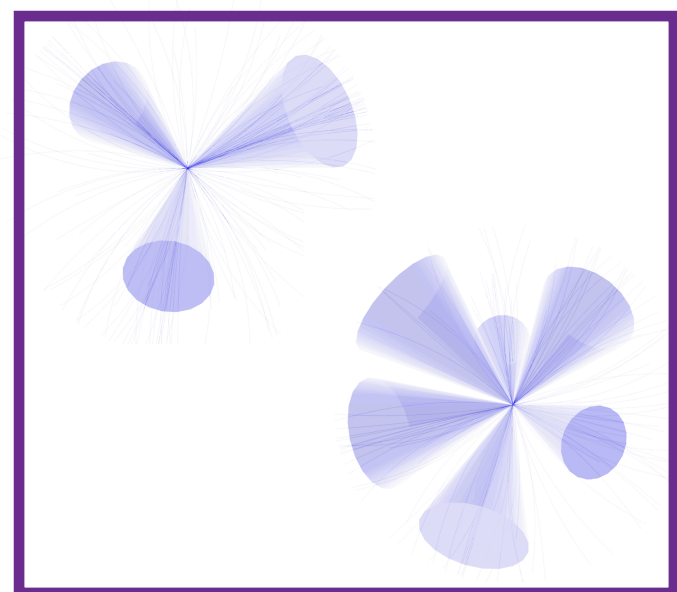
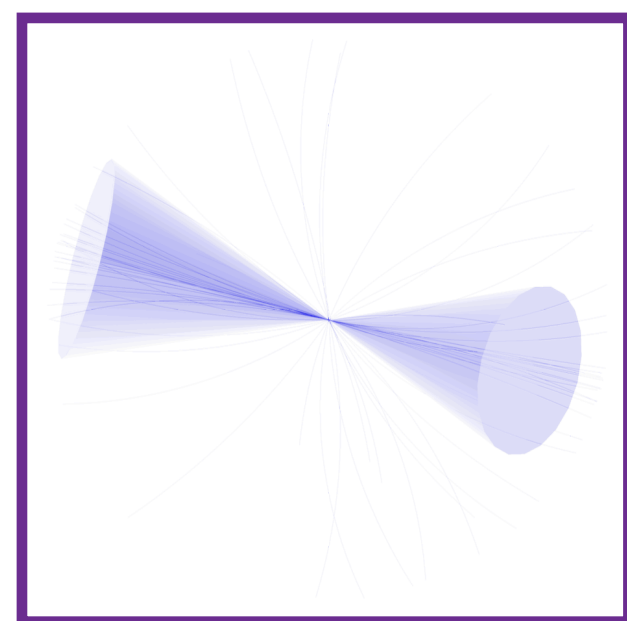
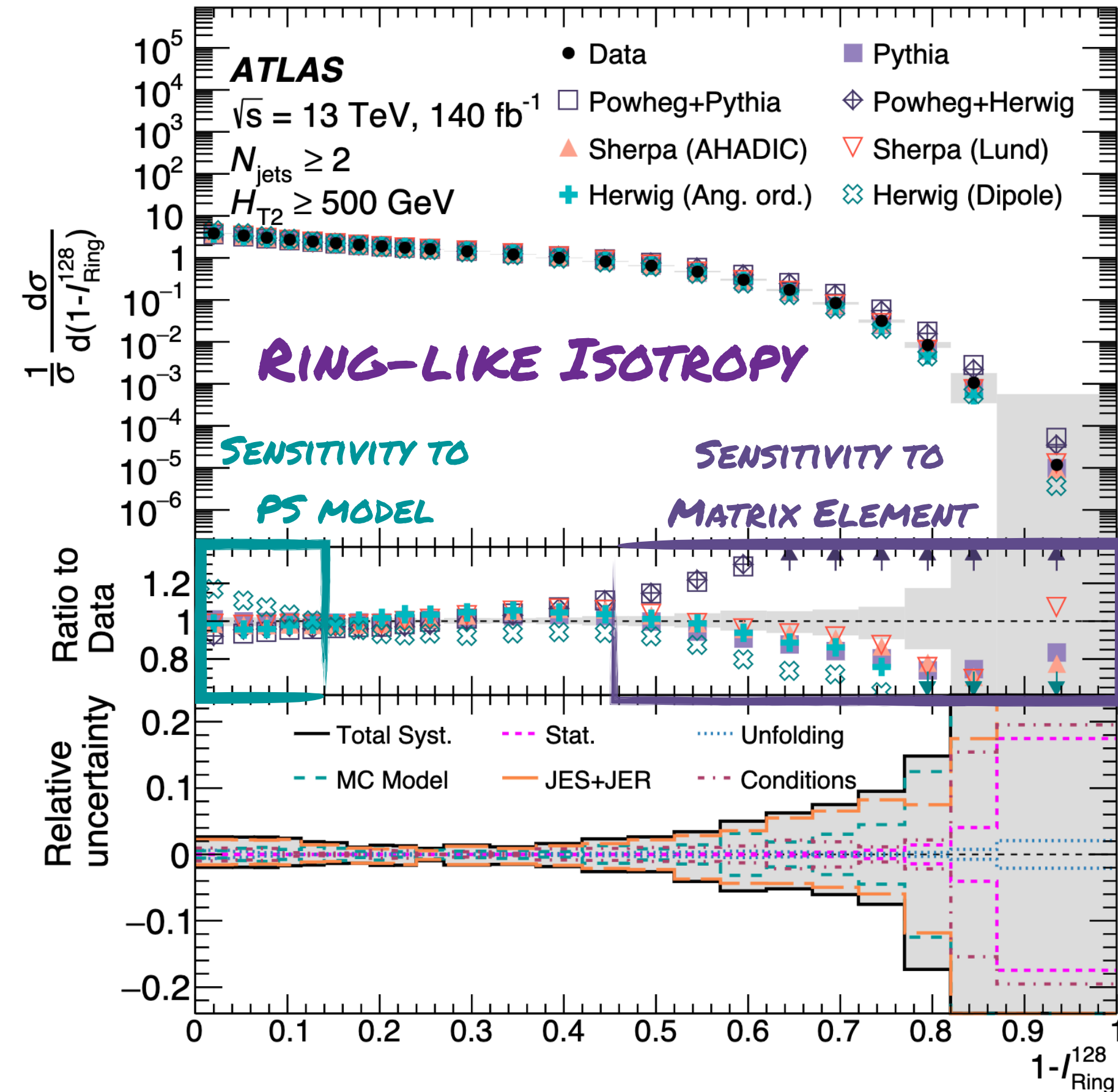


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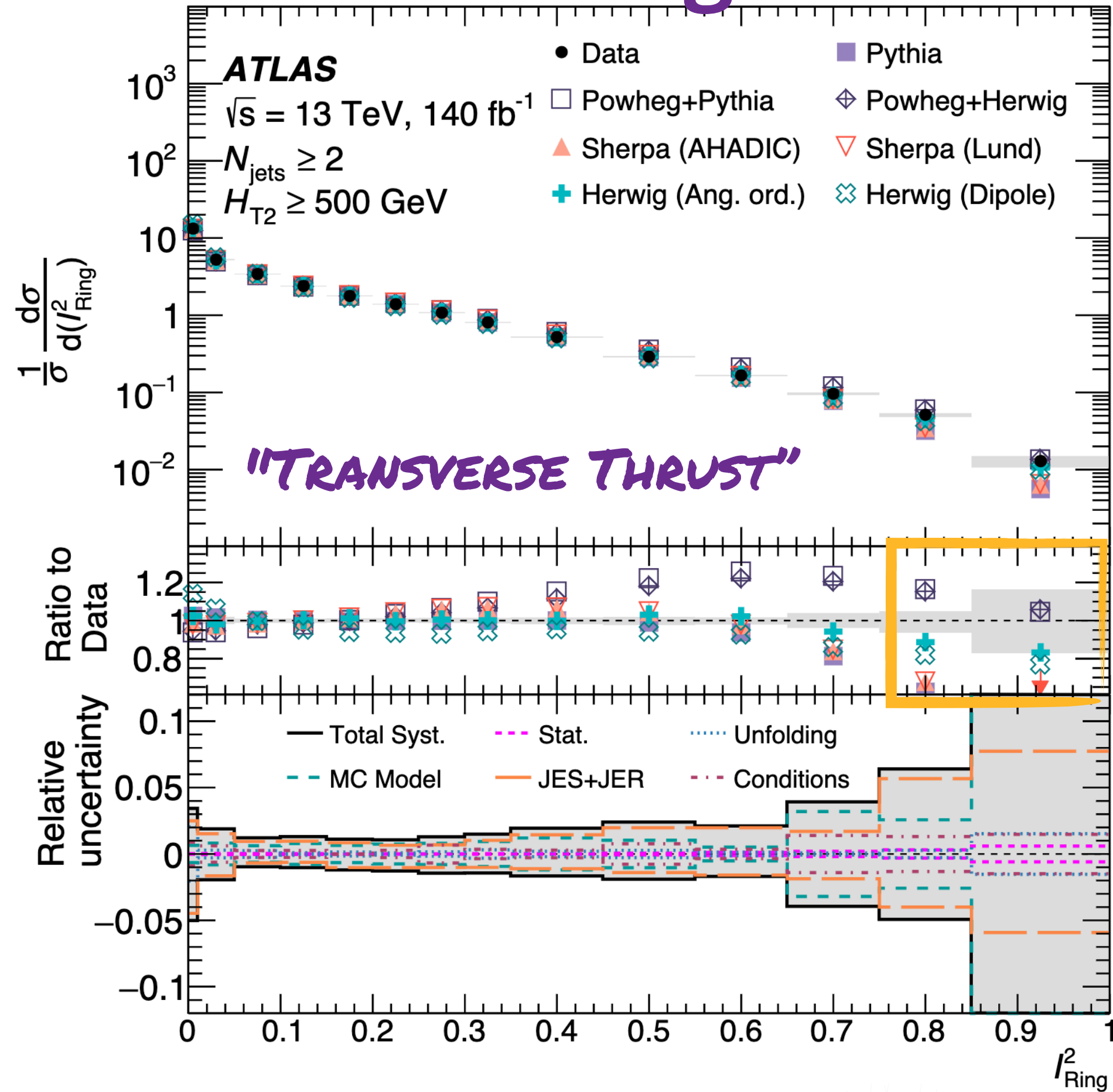


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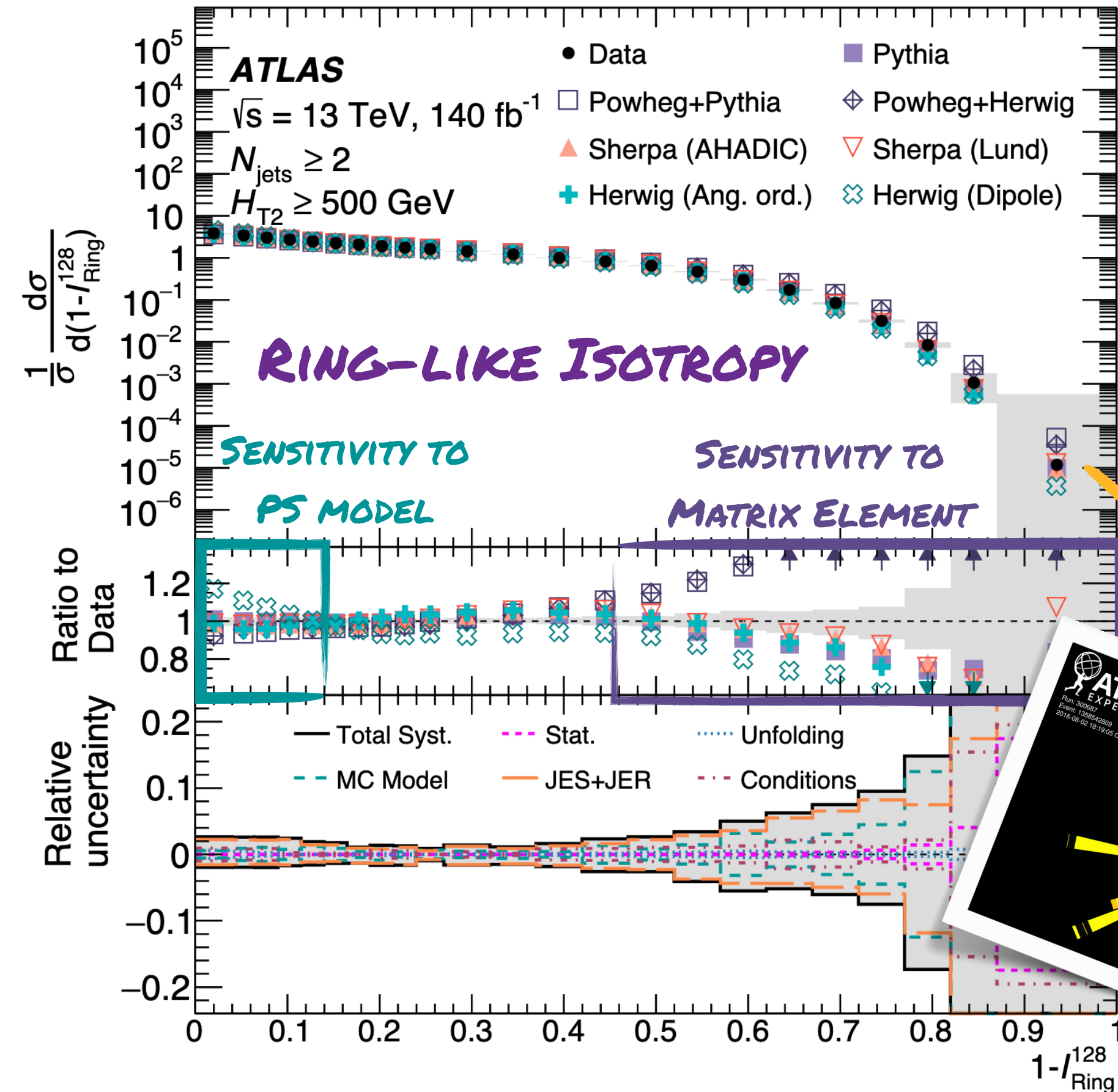


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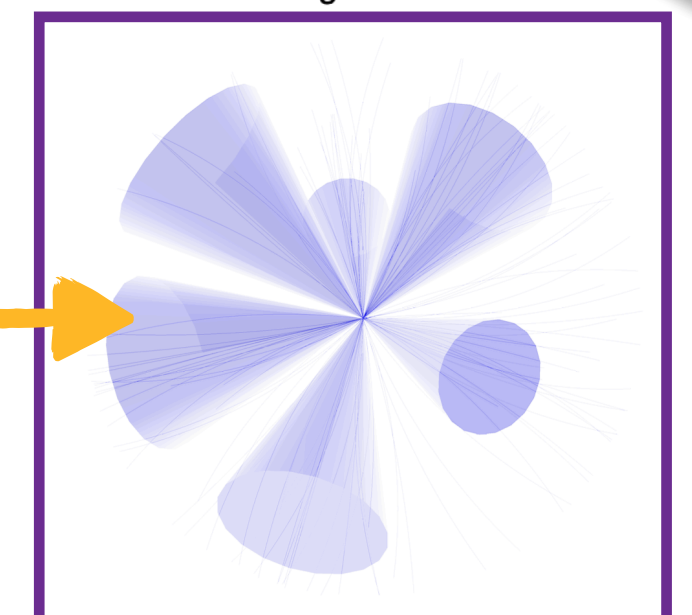
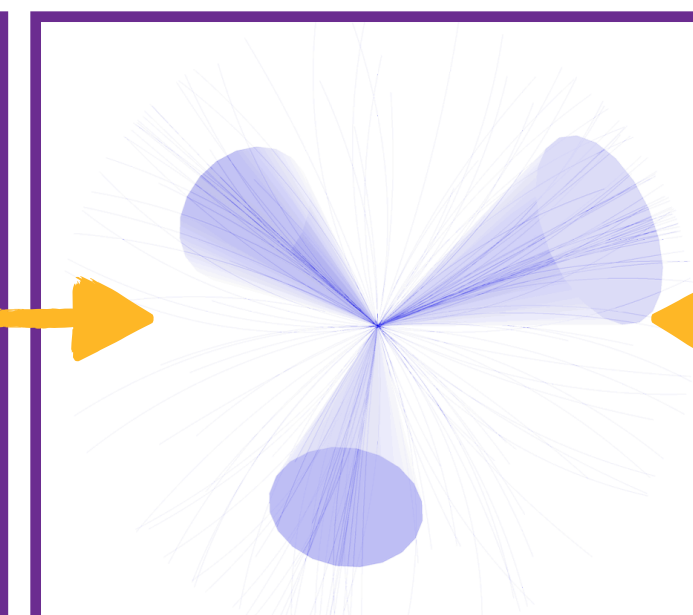
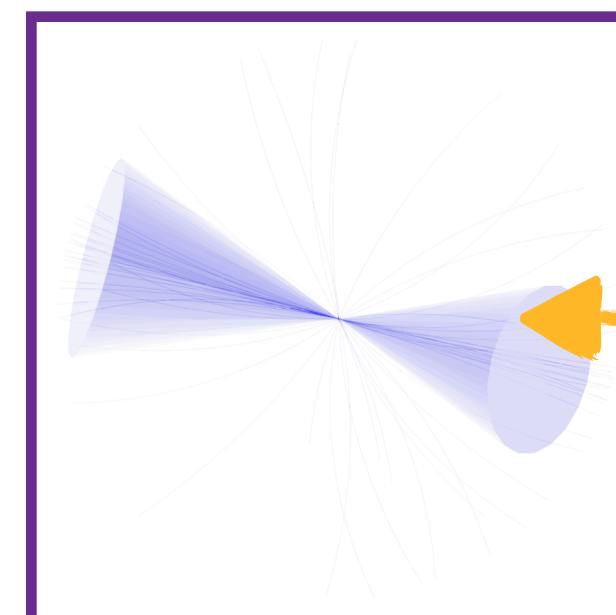
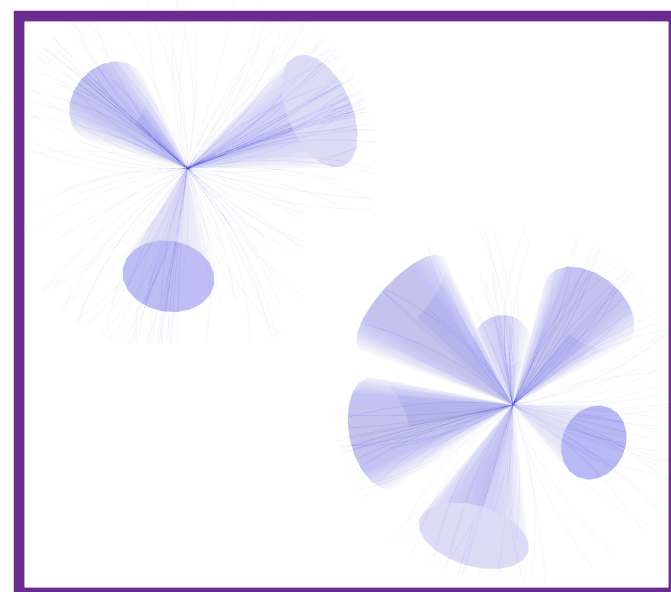
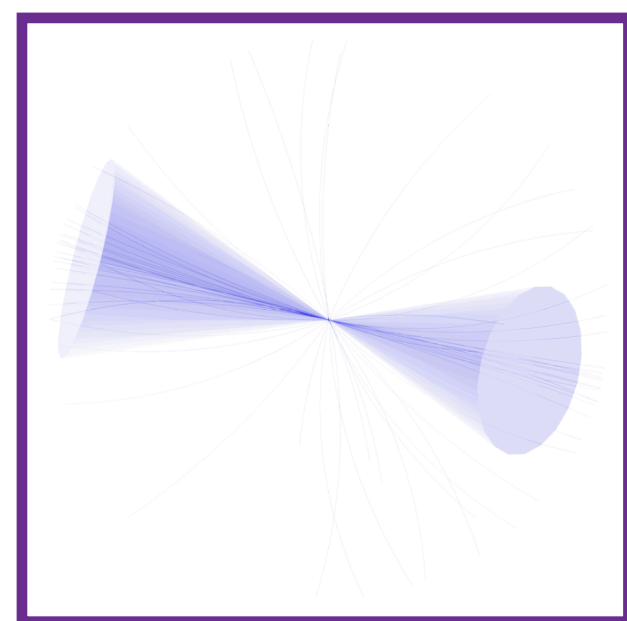
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LARGER "DYNAMIC RANGE"



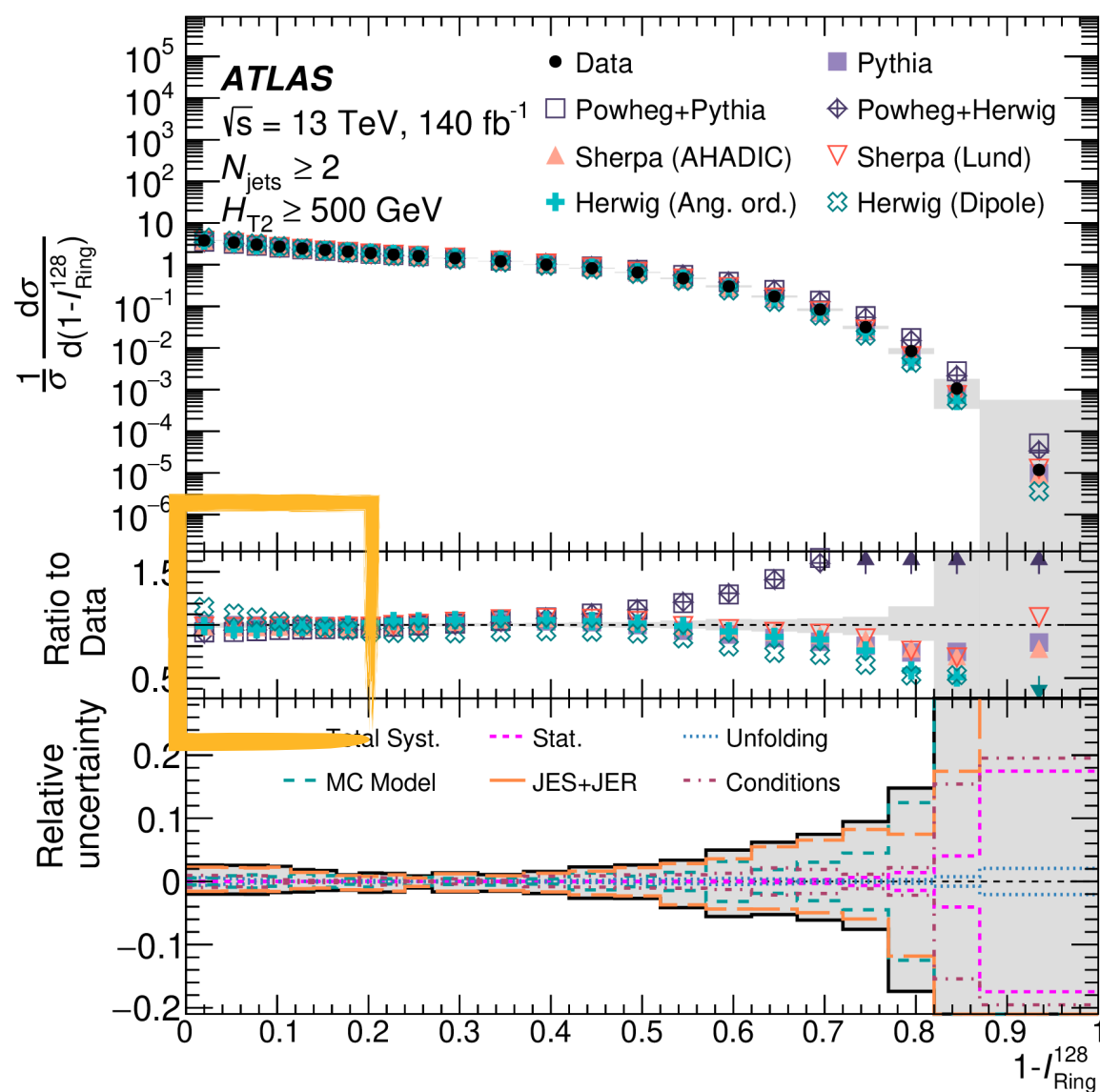
Results: $1/R_{\text{Ring}}^{128}$ vs. N_{jets}

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Increase minimum jet requirement

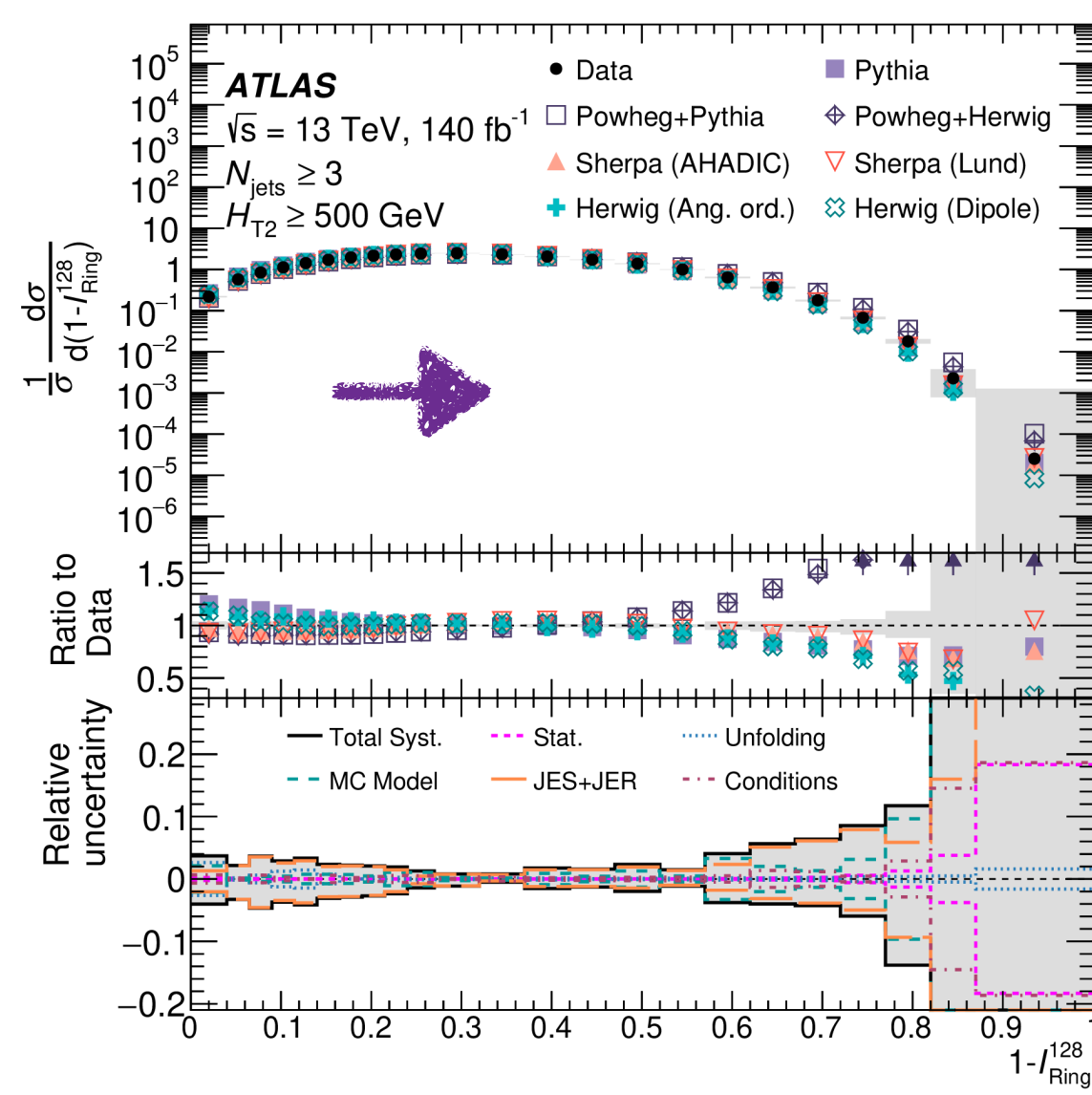
$N \geq 2$

13 TeV, 140 fb⁻¹



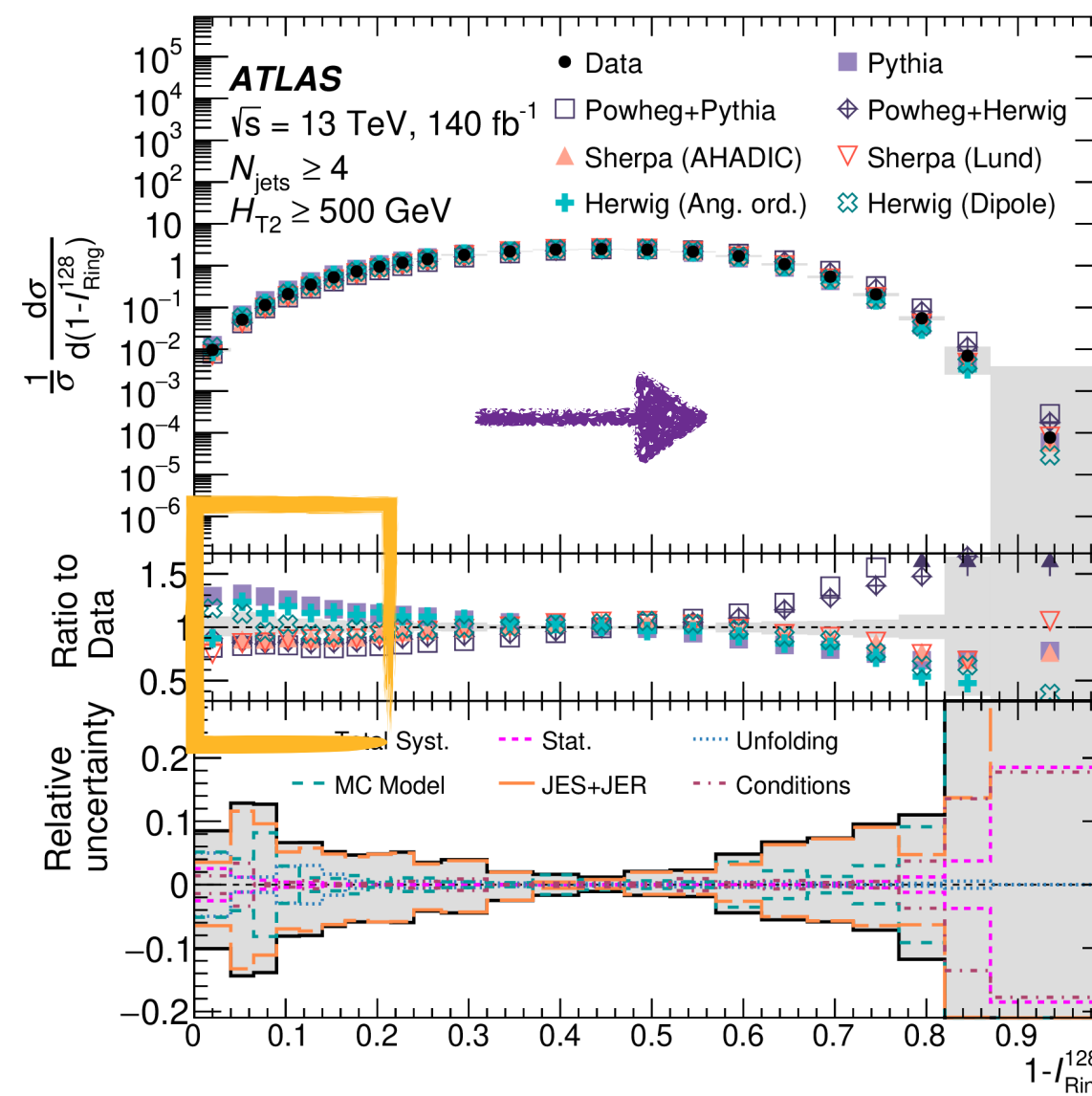
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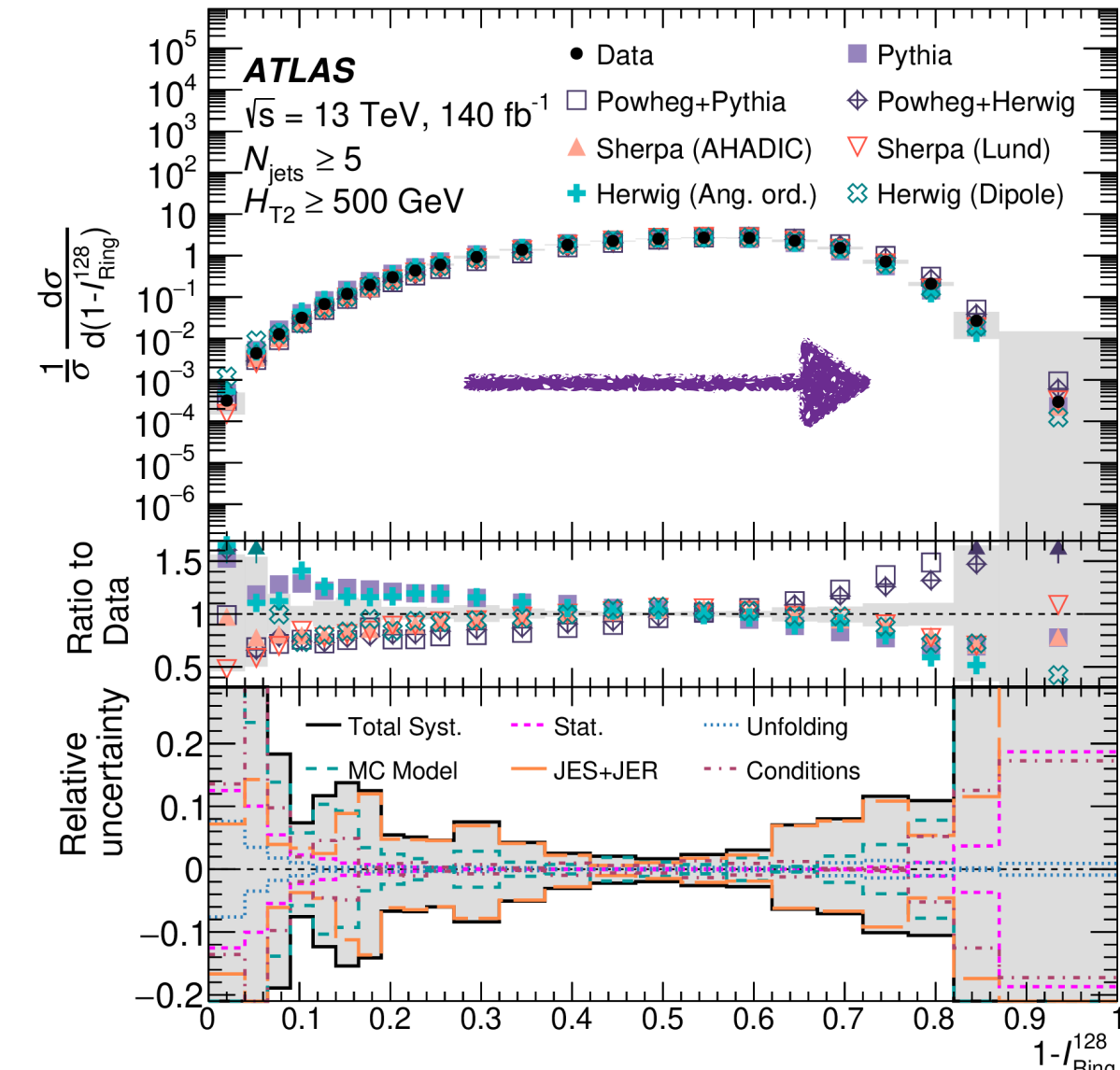
$N \geq 4$

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$N \geq 5$

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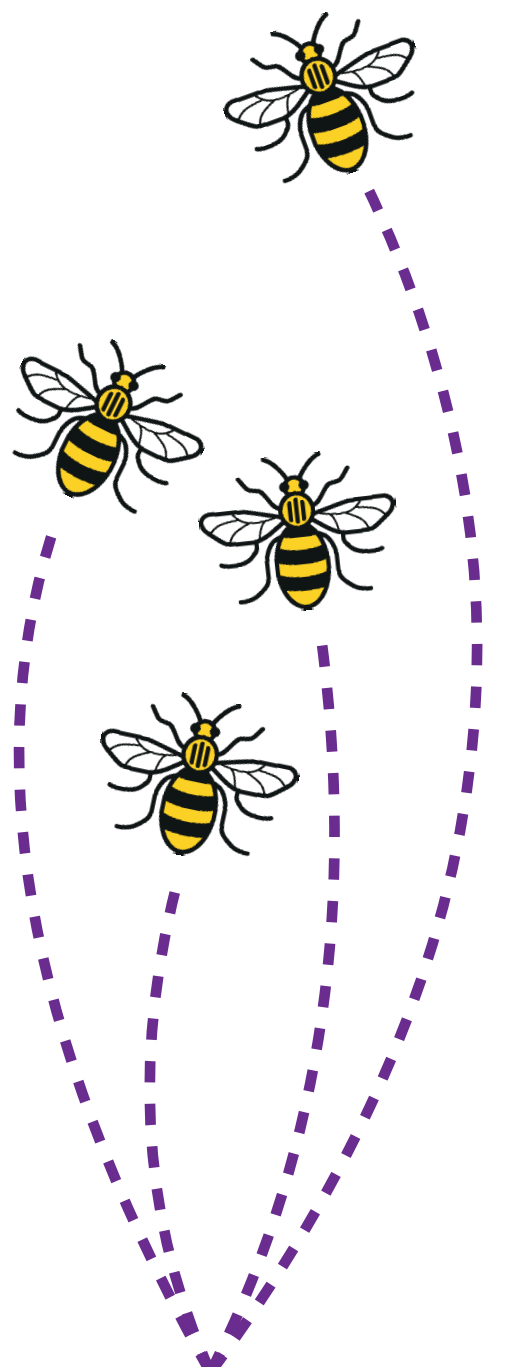
Data/MC disagreement deteriorates at “dijet-like” end: soft activity in the event increases difficulty for MC generators

Events become more isotropic as N_{jets} is increased (as expected!)

Concluding remarks

Testing the strong force with photons & jets

- **Photon and jet cross-section measurements provide stringent tests of QCD predictions.**
 - Typically, **multi-faceted measurements** that probe multiple aspects of our understanding:
 - Strong coupling, PDFs, MC modelling, analytic predictions (fixed-order, resummed), non-perturbative models (hadronisation), *etc.*
 - Be sure to check out **F. Giuli's talk about extractions of the strong coupling at the LHC** (Wed., 8h00) and **J. Huston's talk about Global PDF fits** (Wed., 9h00)!
 - Run 3 is an opportunity for **experimental & theoretical physicists to collaborate** and improve our understanding & tools **before the HL-LHC era starts!**
 - New analyses w/ novel properties resulting from direct collaboration between these communities.
 - Lots of theoretical activity towards **more accurate parton shower Monte Carlos :**
Report by F. Herren! (Wed., 9h30)
 - ... commissioning with experimental data will be an exciting opportunity!

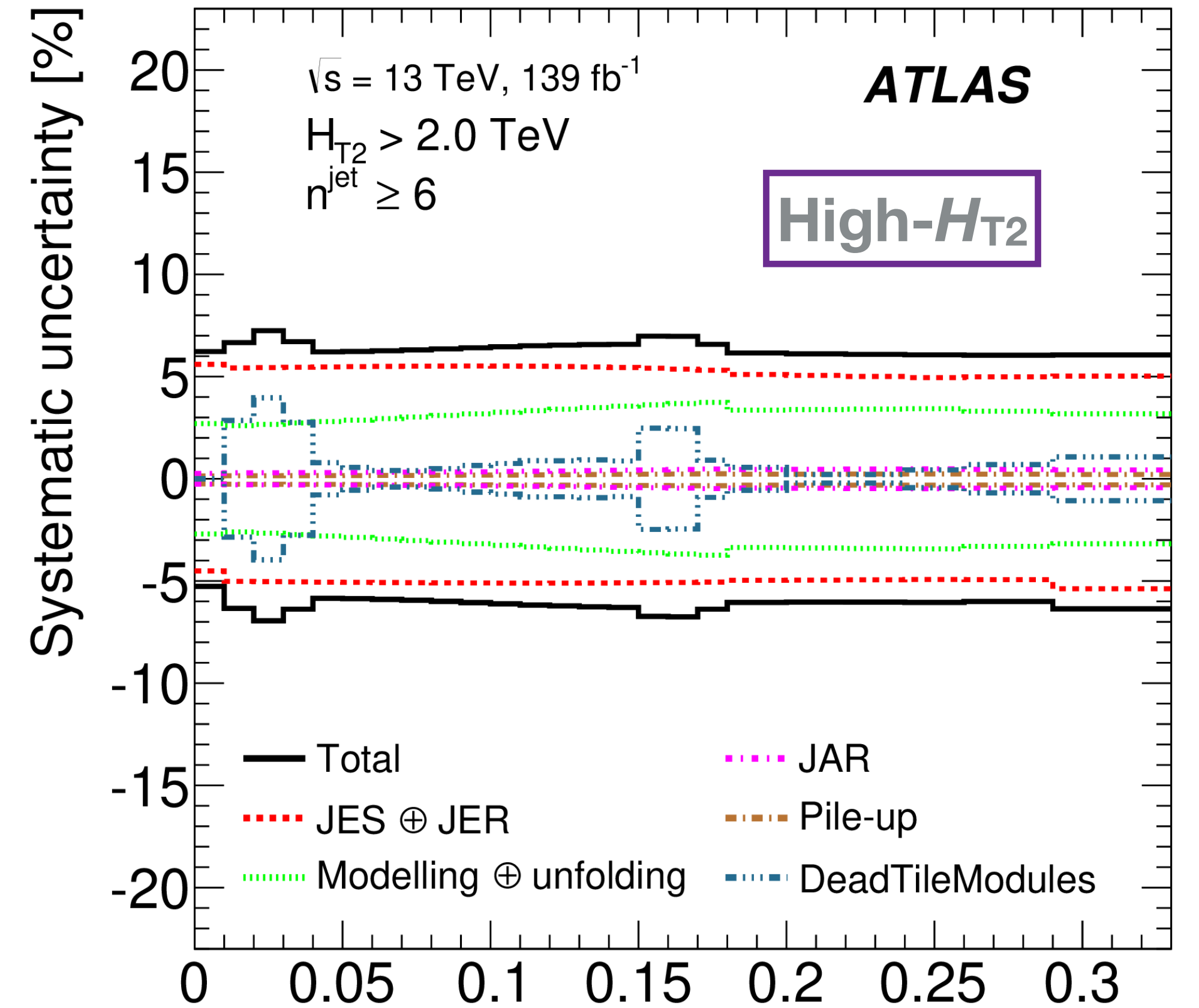
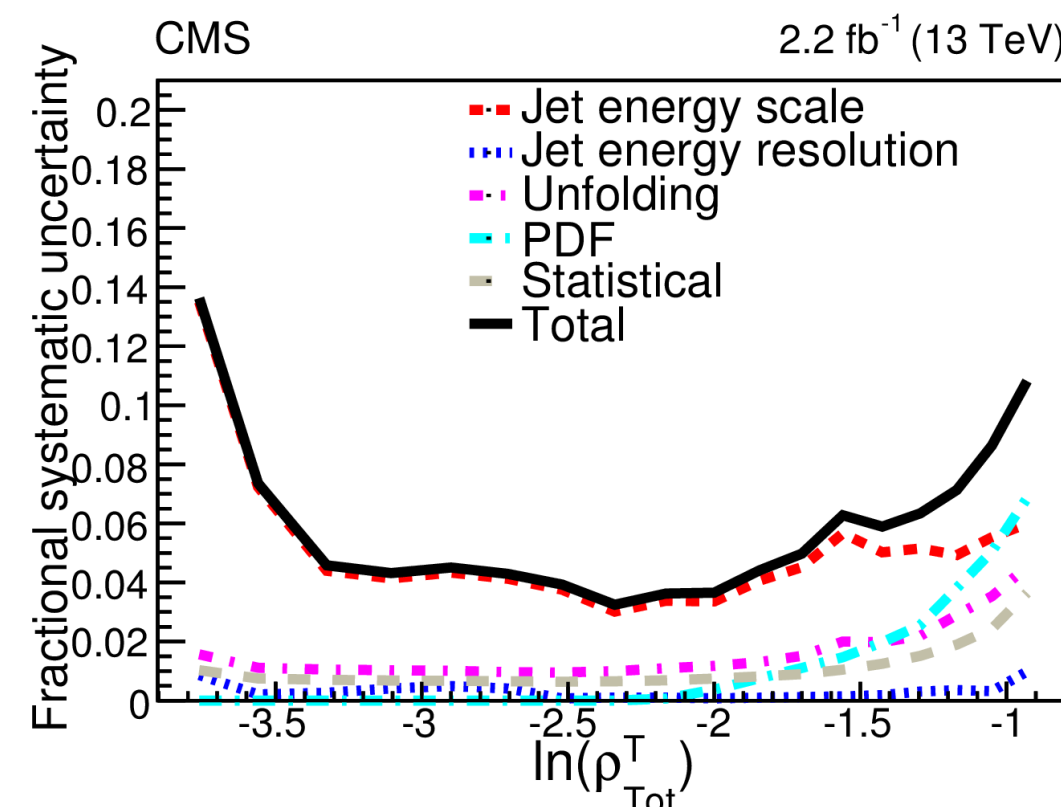
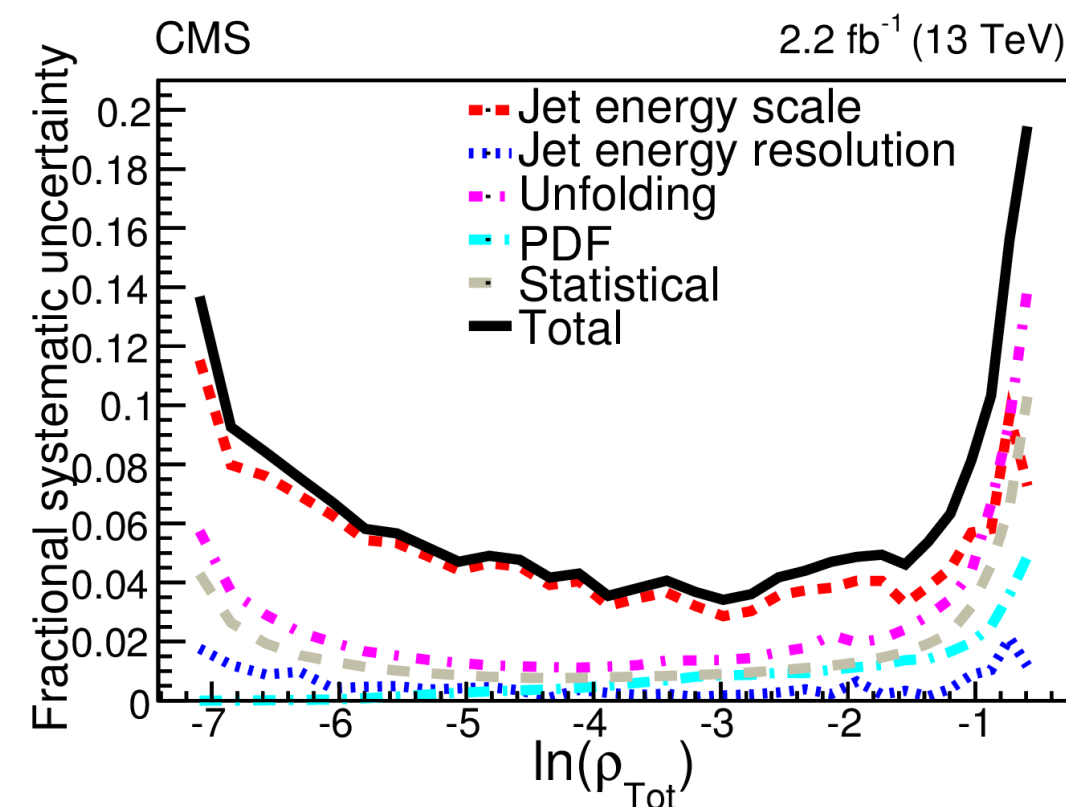
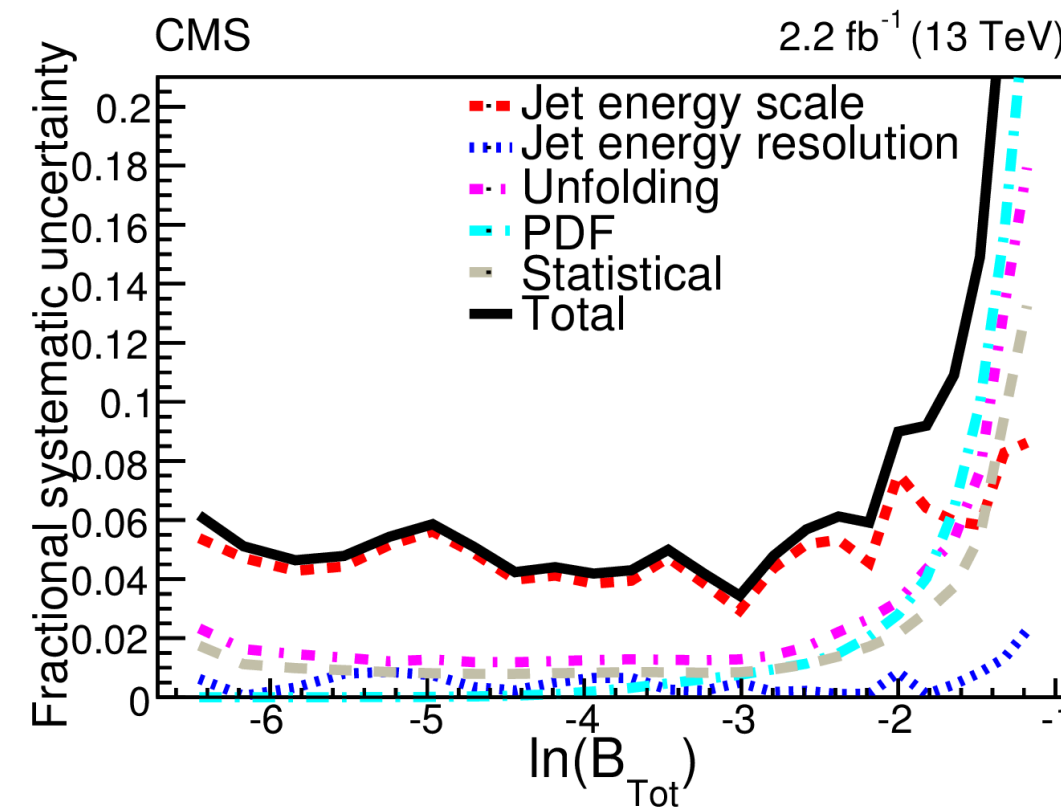
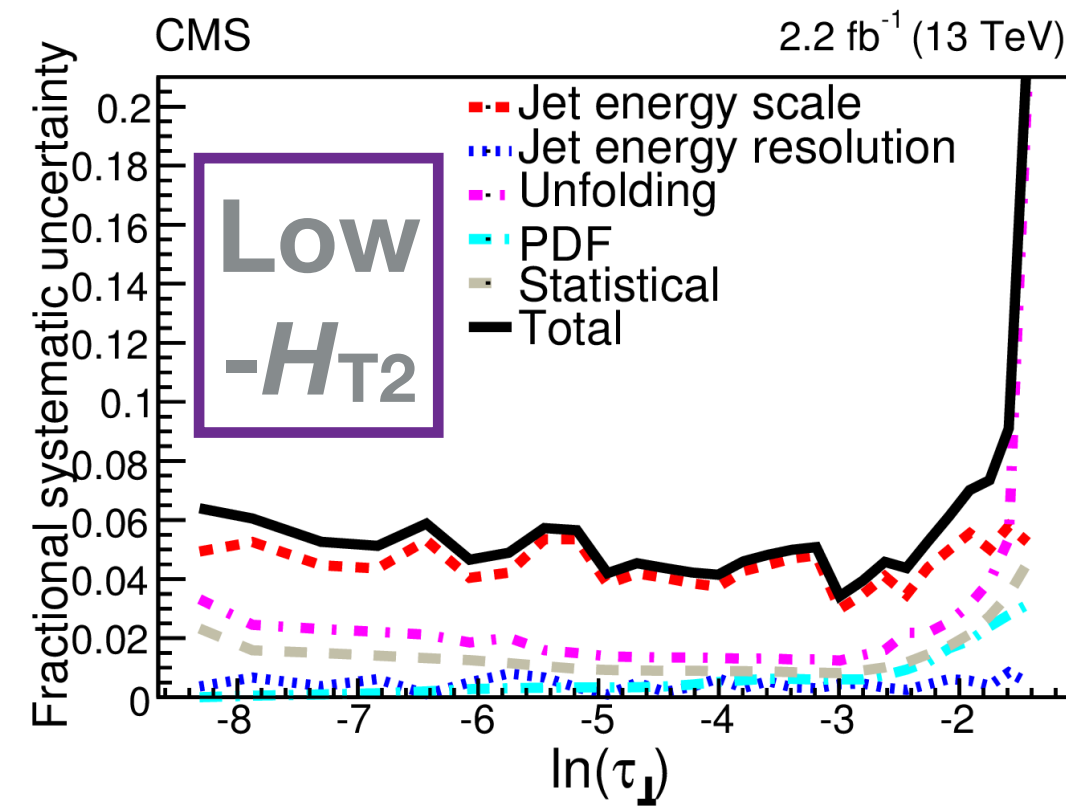




*Thanks for
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Event Shapes: Systematics

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Leading systematics consistently from **JES** (Driven by modelling differences in JES response) or **MC modelling** (differences in choice of generator for unfolding procedure).