



Heavy-Flavor Production and B -Hadron Lifetime Measurements in ATLAS

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- **Despite being a general purpose detector, competitive at flavor physics.**
 - Large statistics, \sim full coverage \rightarrow phase space complements LHCb, good muon performance, often constrained by trigger, however, constantly optimizing! :)

Differential Production Cross-Section of J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$

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Motivation

- **Two sources of quarkonia production:**
 - **Prompt:** Coming from short-lived QCD processes.
 - **Non-prompt:** Coming from decays of b -hadrons.
- **Understanding quarkonium production in hadronic collisions still incomplete:**
 - Perturbative QCD can describe the non-prompt production well but not prompt production.
 - NRQCD approach to build a universal library of LDMEs has achieved mixed success.
 - Color Evaporation Model is simpler in terms of parameters but faces its own problem in describing data.
- **This analysis:**
 - Provides experimental data in **previously unmeasured kinematic range** of quarkonia production!
 - Can help theoretical models with **qualitatively new information**.

Experimental Strategy

□ Kinematic range extension:

□ J/ψ : $p_T < 100 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow p_T < 360 \text{ GeV}$

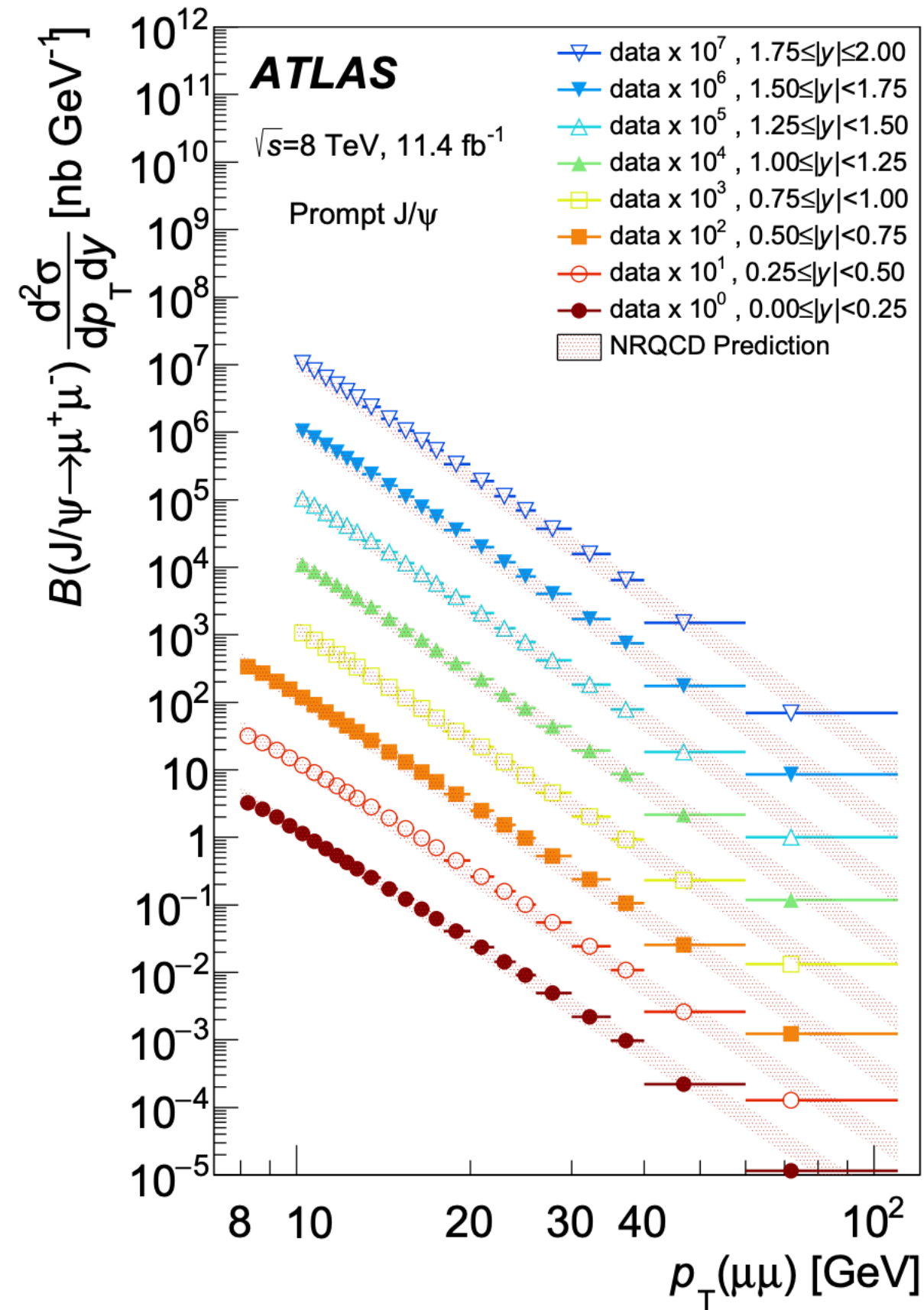
□ $\psi(2S)$: $p_T < 100 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow p_T < 140 \text{ GeV}$

□ Possible due to updated trigger-strategy!

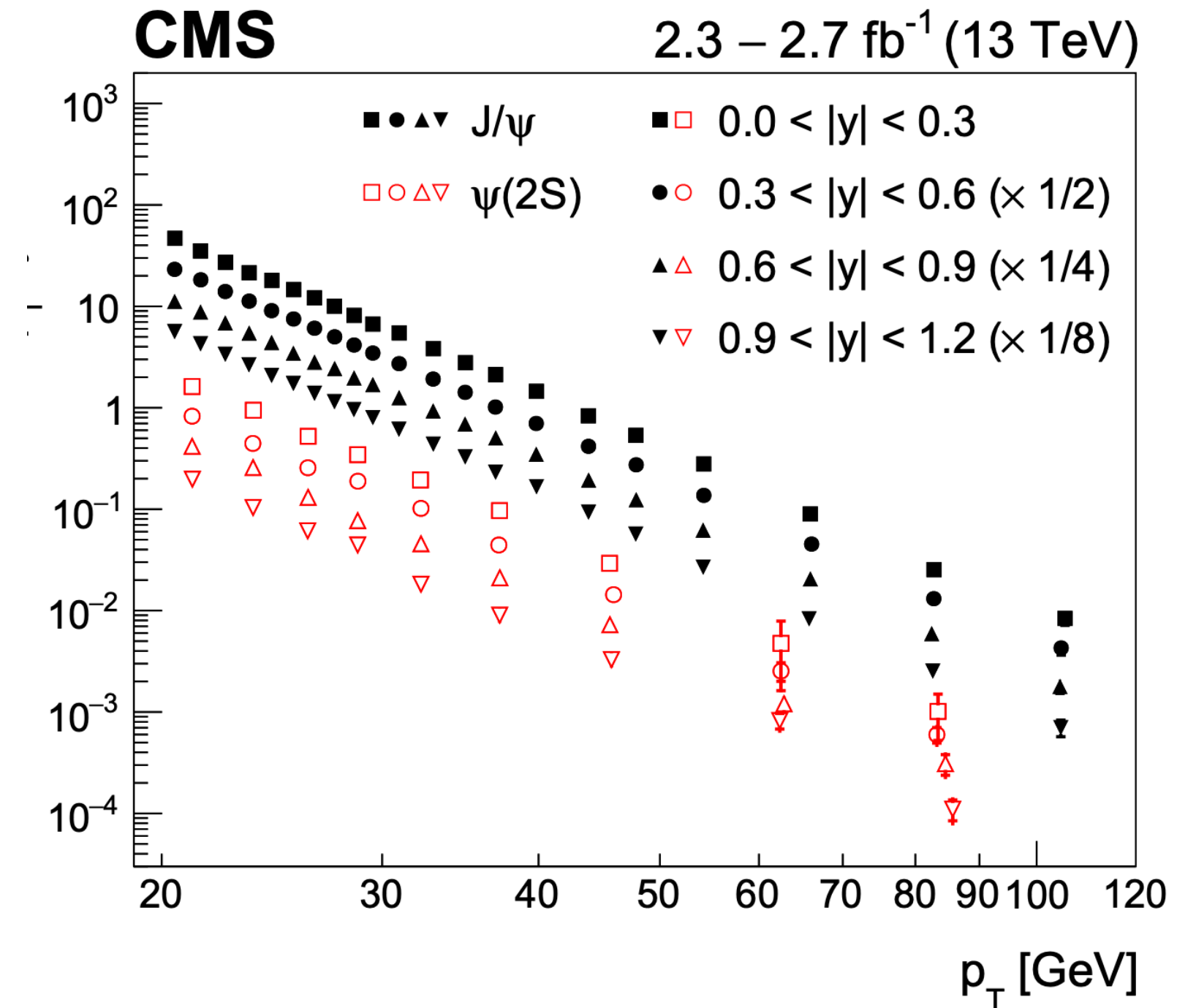
□ Angular resolution of dimuon triggers not sufficient to resolve highly boosted muons coming from charmonia with $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$.

□ Instead, trigger on a single muon trigger with high muon p_T threshold ($\sim 50 \text{ GeV}$)!

□ Dimuon triggers still used to cover lower charmonia p_T phase space.



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Analysis Strategy

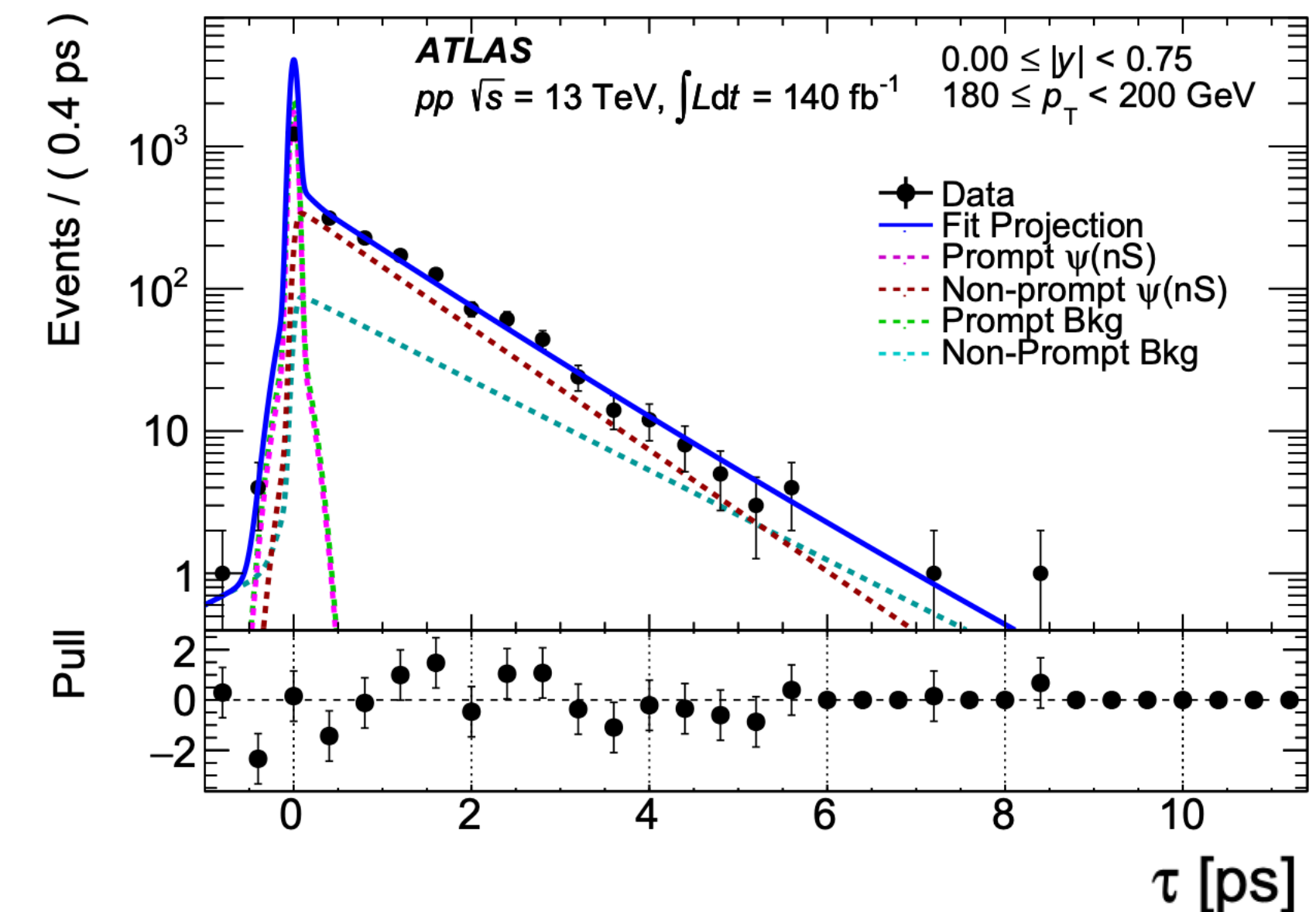
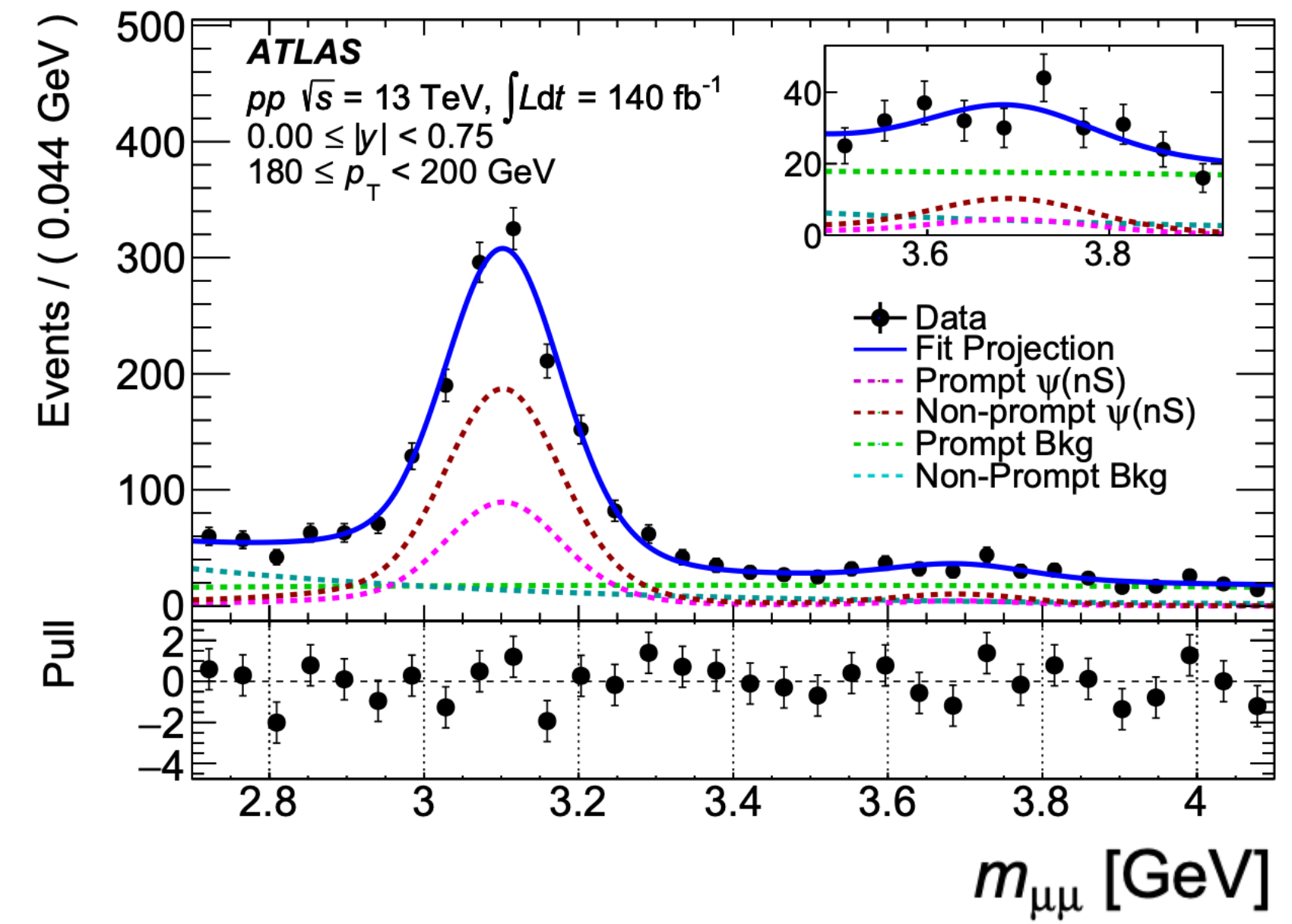
- Prompt and non-prompt contributions separated using the reconstructed pseudo proper lifetime

$$\tau = \frac{m_{\mu\mu} L_{xy}}{p_T c}$$

- Measured signal yield extracted from **simultaneous fits to reconstructed mass and pseudo proper lifetime** — in bins of p_T and y .
- Differential cross-section measured from the measured yield as:

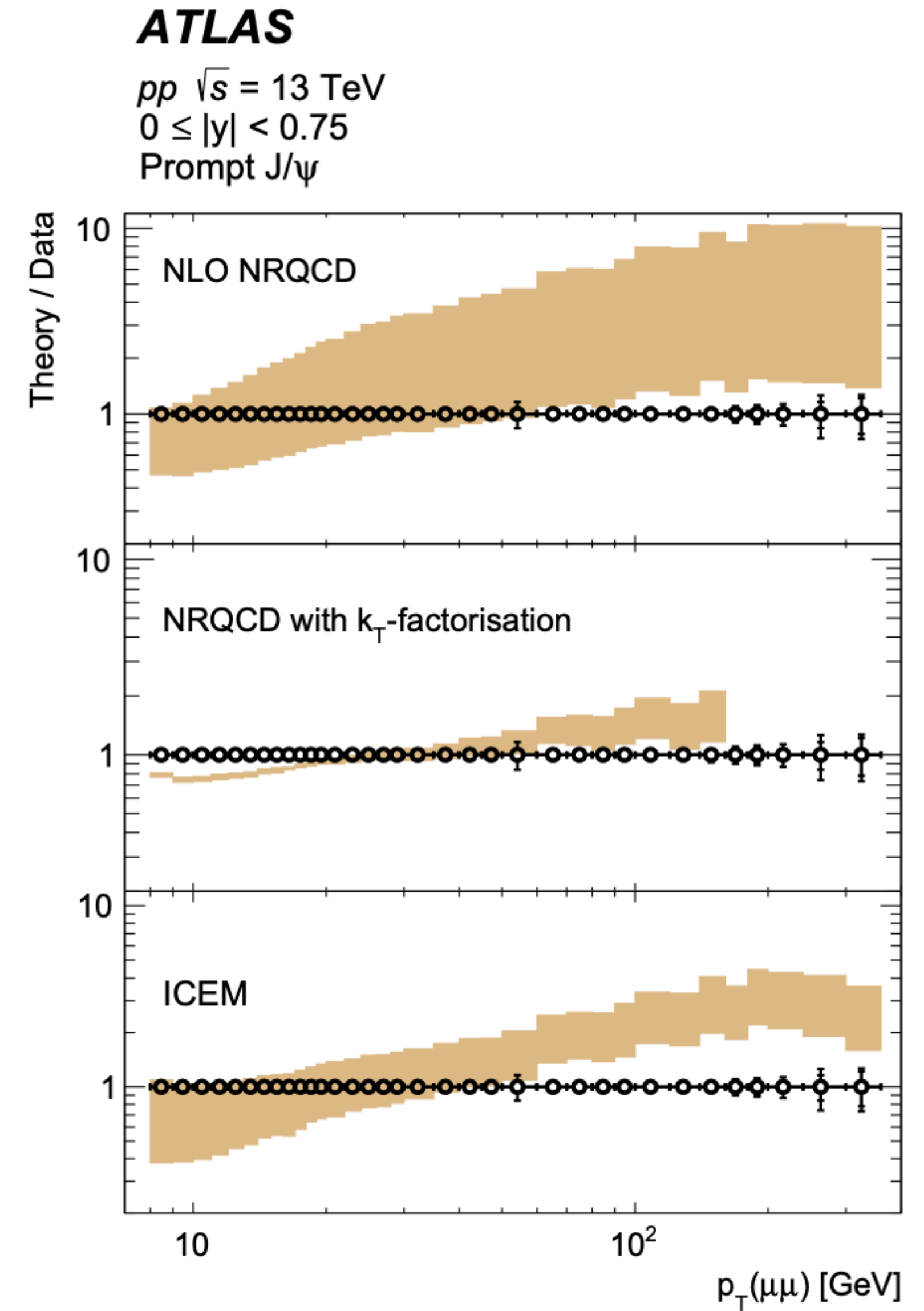
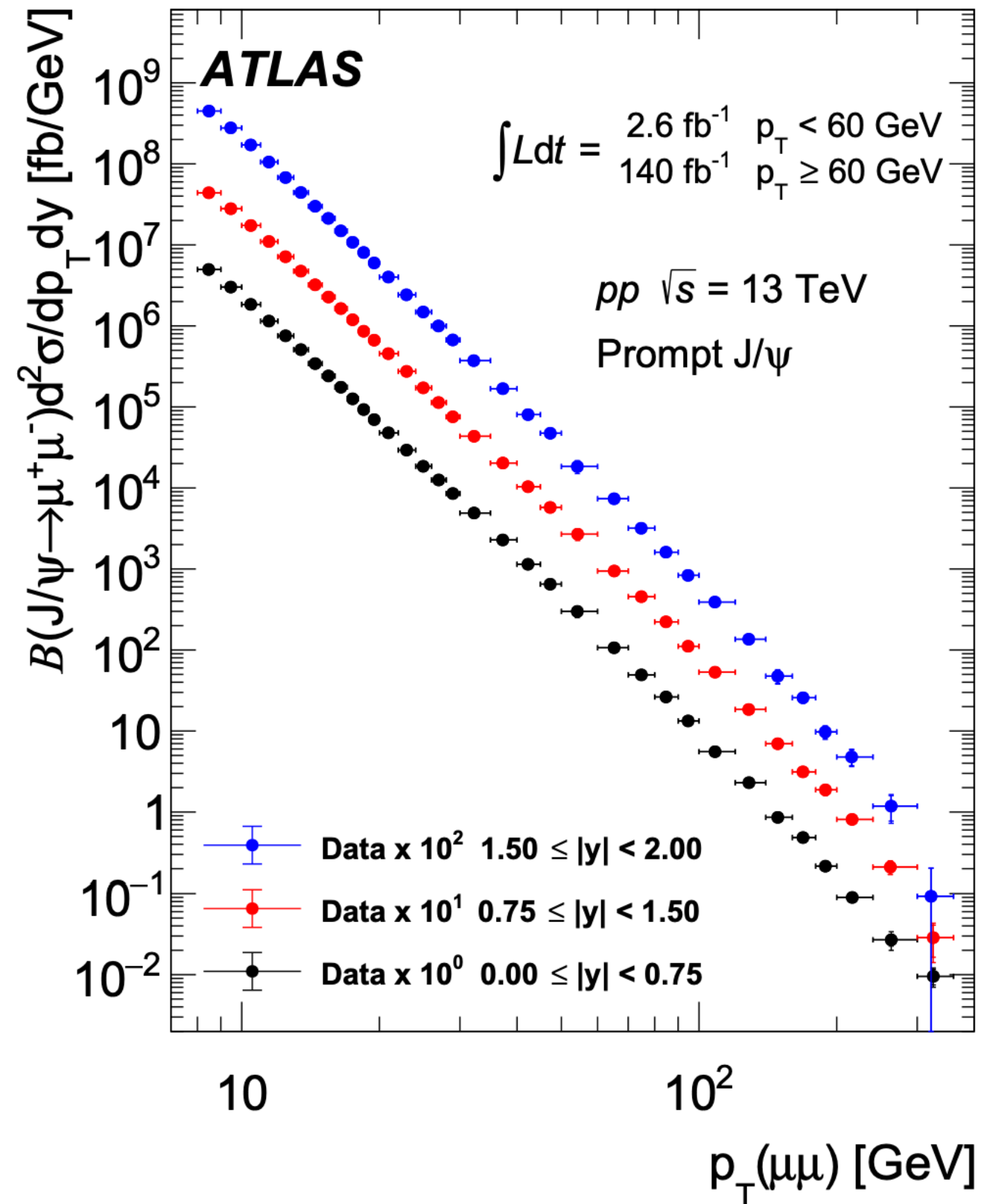
$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{\text{P,NP}}(pp \rightarrow \psi)}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{B}(\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu) \int \mathcal{L} dt} \cdot \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}(\psi)\epsilon_{\text{trig}}\epsilon_{\text{reco}}\text{SF}_{\text{trig}}\text{SF}_{\text{reco}}} \cdot \frac{N_{\psi}^{\text{P,NP}}}{\Delta p_T \Delta y}$$

- Fraction of non-prompt production F_{ψ}^{NP} and $\psi(2S)$ -to- J/ψ production ratios $R^{\text{P,NP}}$ also **extracted** with partial cancellations of uncertainties!



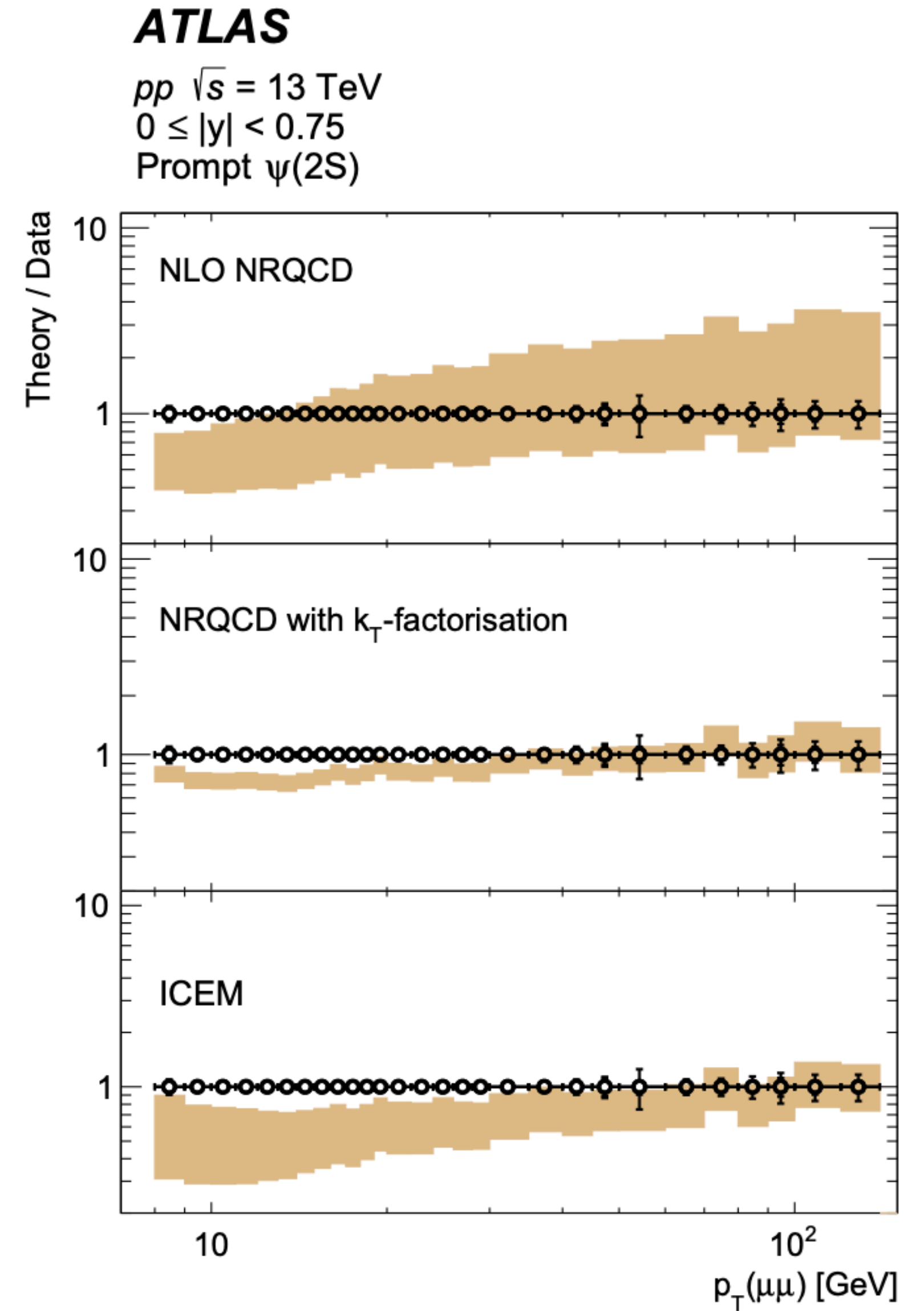
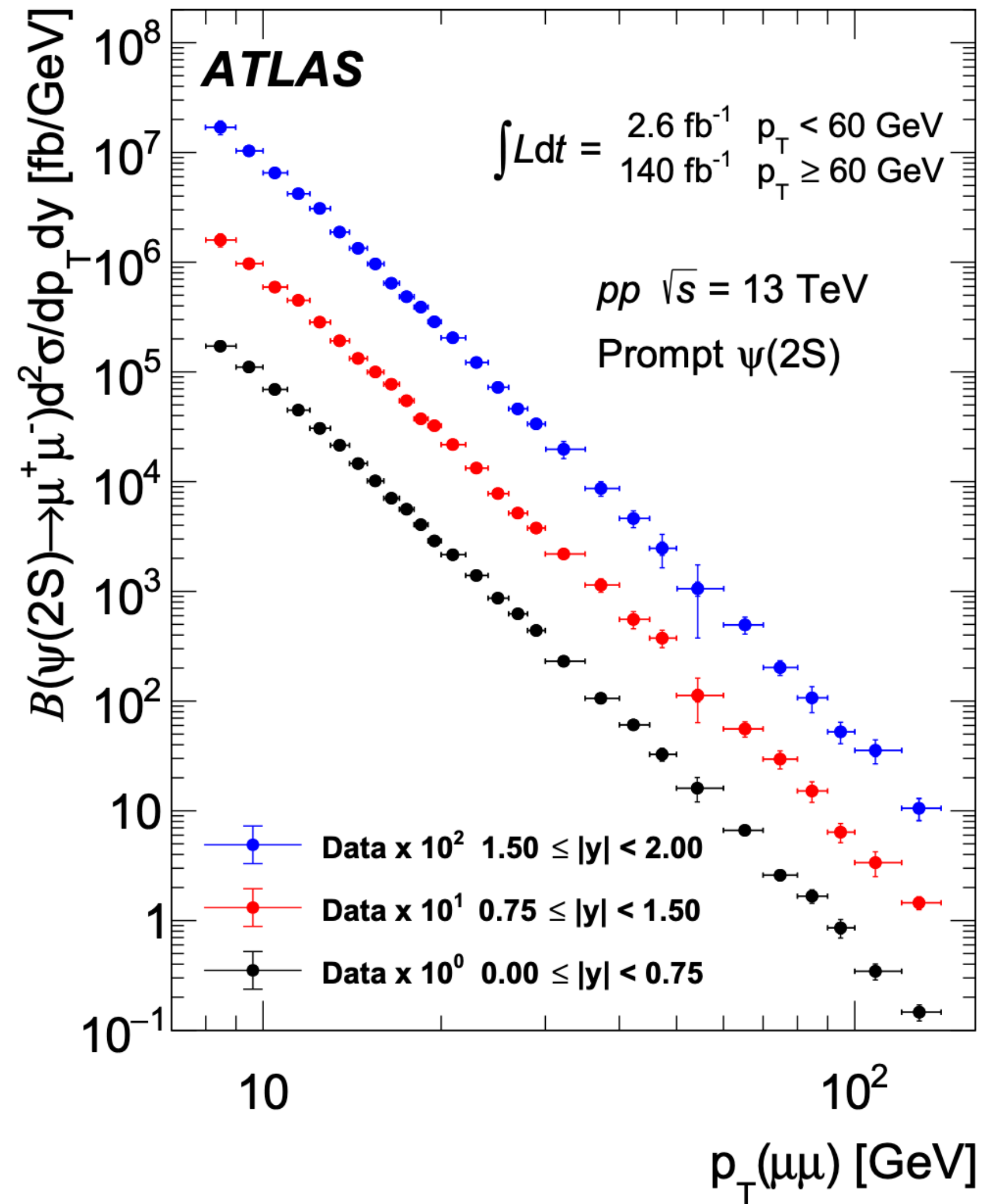
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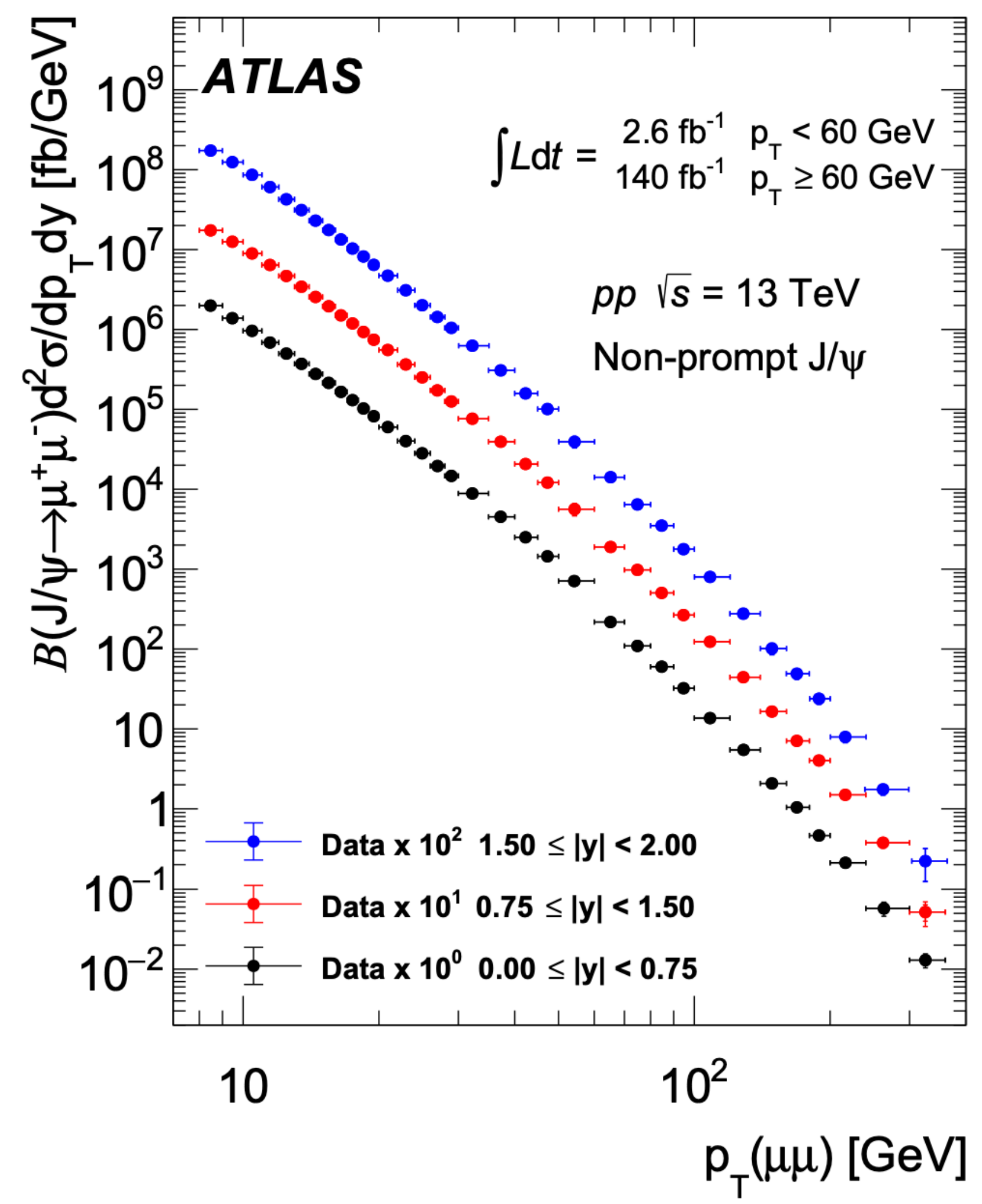
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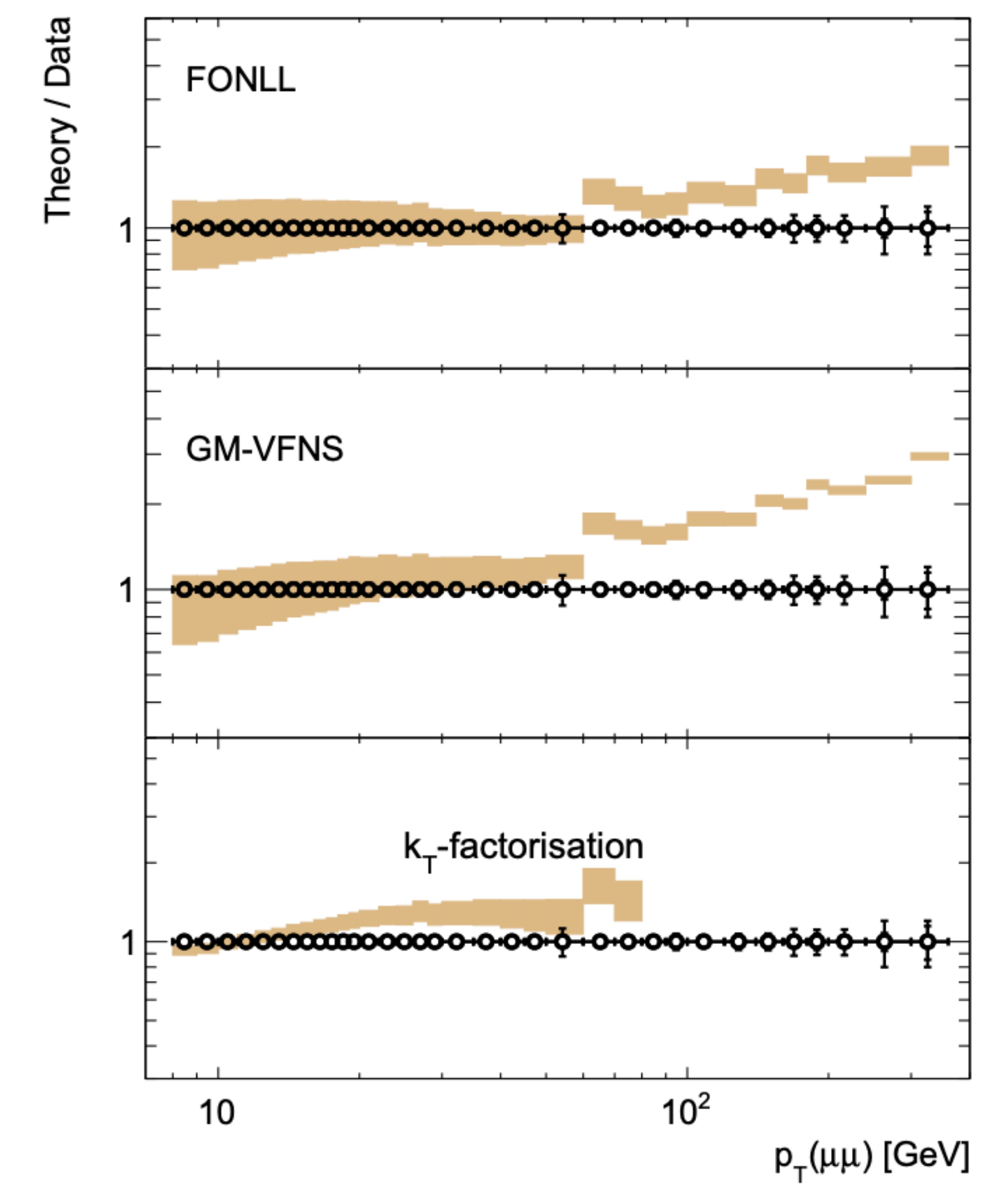
Results: Non-Prompt J/ψ Production

- FONLL and GM-VFNS seem to overestimate the high- p_T production.
- k_T -factorization limited in availability at high- p_T .



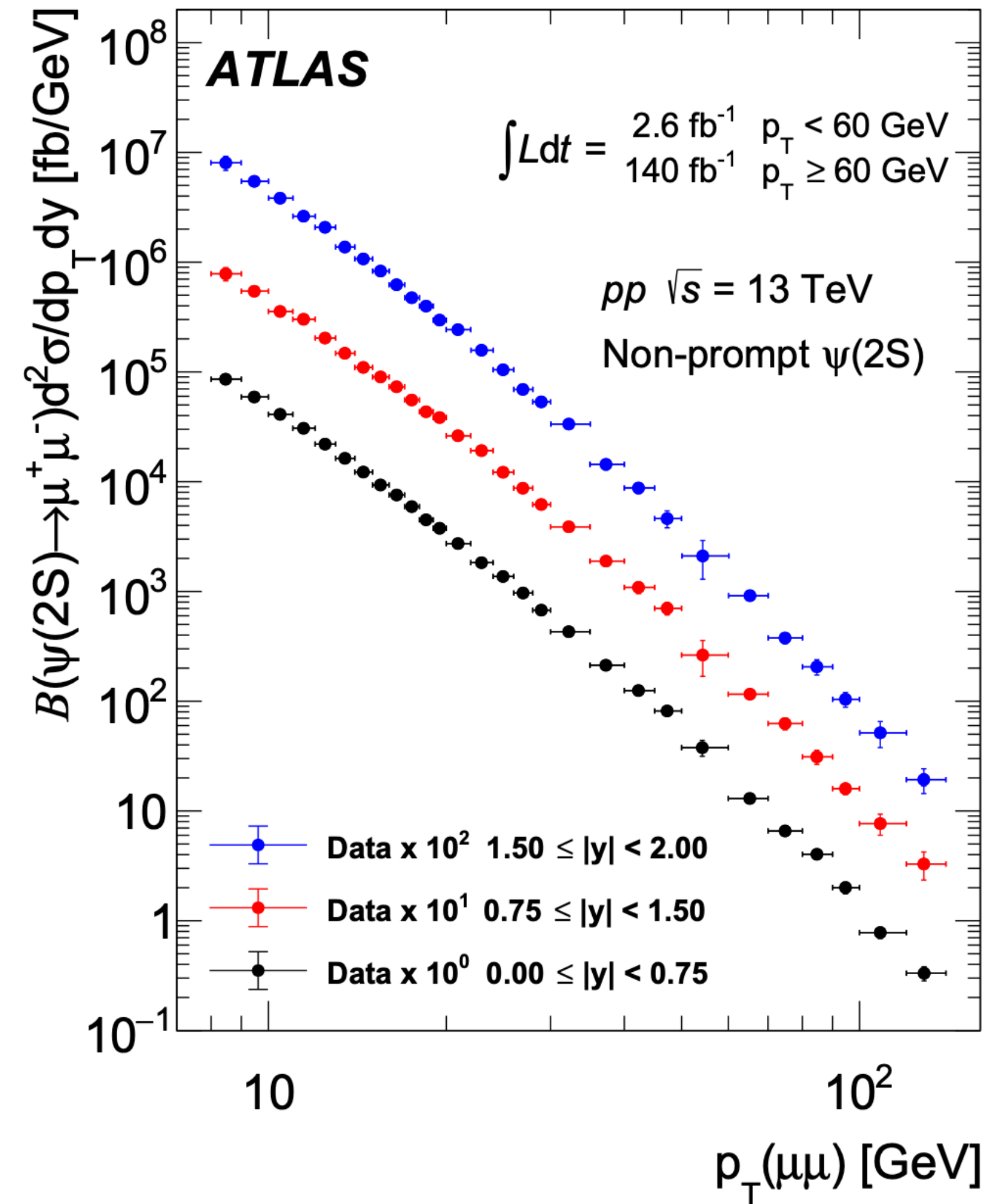
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$pp \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
 $0 \leq |y| < 0.75$
 Non-prompt J/ψ



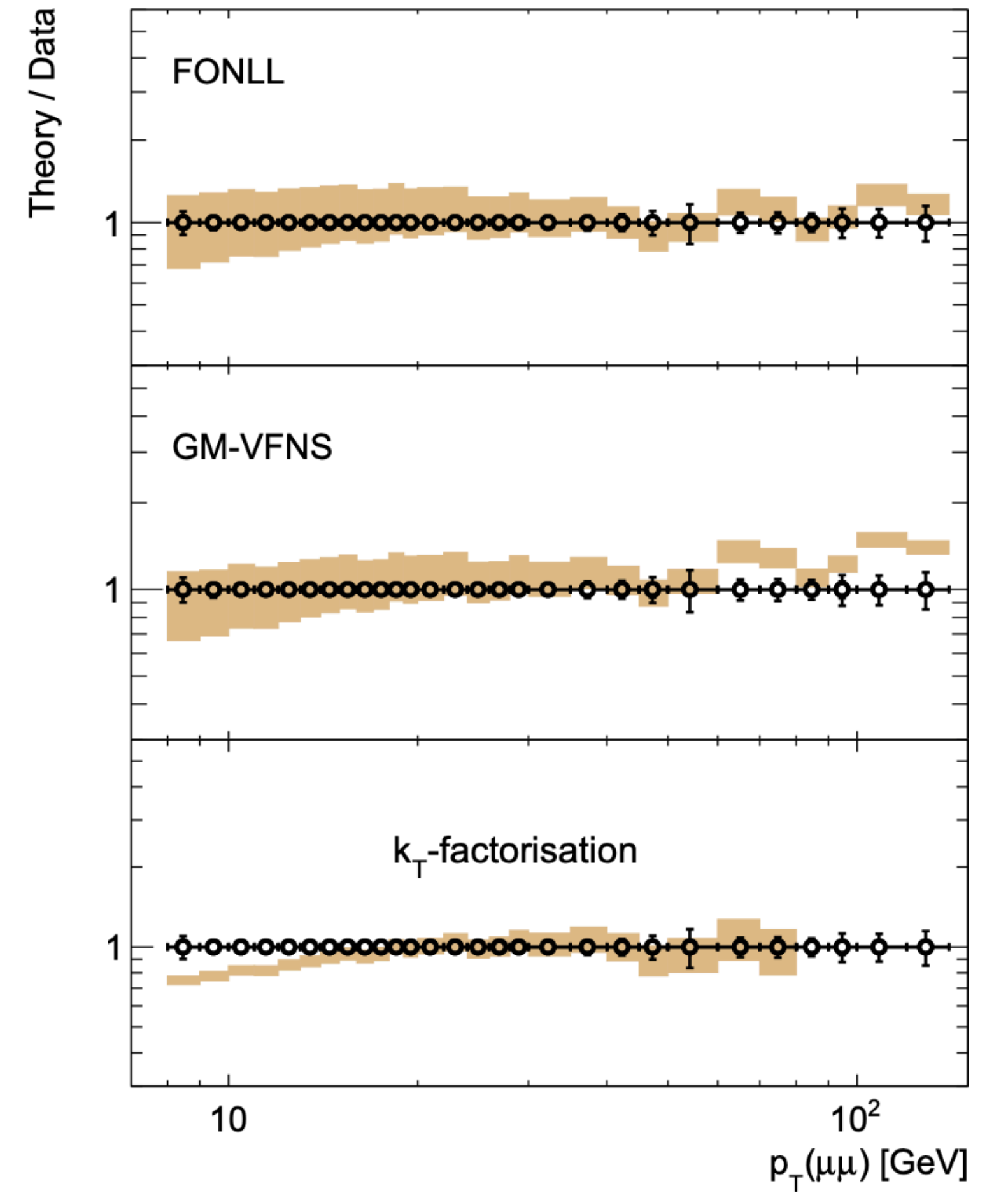
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Search for Di-Charmonium Resonances in 4μ Final States

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Motivation

More broadly:

Color-confinement allows for exotic bound states of quarks other than baryons and meson: $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$, $qqqq\bar{q}$.

BSM also predicts resonances in di-quarkonia spectrum.

LHCb observed a narrow $X(6900)$ structure in $m(J/\psi J/\psi)$ in 2020!

[2006.16957](#)

Consistent with a charming tetraquark $T_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}}$.

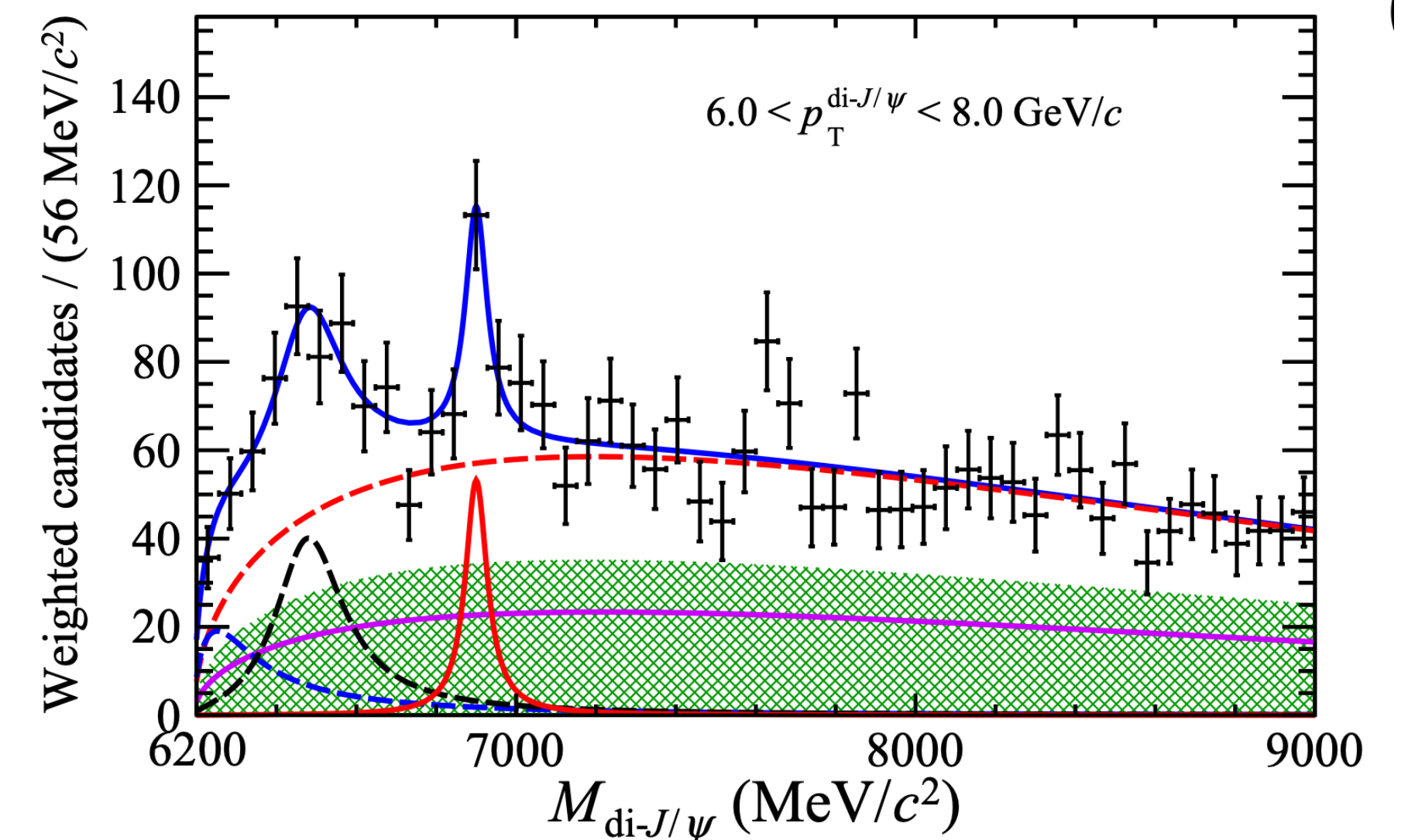
This analysis:

Corroborate the LHCb discovery in **a quite different phase space.**

Make sense of the **additional enhancement near di- J/ψ mass threshold** that LHCb observed.

Search for di-charmonium excesses in $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ **channel!**

LHCb [2006.16957](#)



Analysis Strategy

□ Search for 4μ final state produced via

- $J/\psi + J/\psi$ Channel
- $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ Channel

□ Data

- Full Run2 dataset with $L = 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- Trigger on low- p_T dimuon or trimuon triggers requiring an oppositely charged muon pair.

□ Event Selection

- 4μ vertexing followed by two $\mu^+\mu^-$ vertexings with J/ψ or $\psi(2S)$ mass-constraints in events with two pairs of $\mu^+\mu^-$.
- Background rejection via stringent cuts on the quality of the 4μ vertex fit and on the angle b/w the charmonia candidates.

□ Background Modeling

- **Prompt Di-Charmonia:** SPS and DPS events. Modeled with MC corrected with data in mass sidebands.
- **Non-Prompt Di-Charmonia:** b -Hadron Decays. Modeled with MC corrected with data in sidebands of vertexing quality and/or displacement of $\mu^+\mu^-$ vertices.
- **One Charmonium + Non-Resonant $\mu^+\mu^-$:** Mostly due to fake muons. Purely data-driven fake estimation.

Signal Modeling for the Fits

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□ $J/\psi + J/\psi$ Channel

□ FeedException from $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ channel signal fit taken as background

□ **Model A:** 3 interfering BW resonances

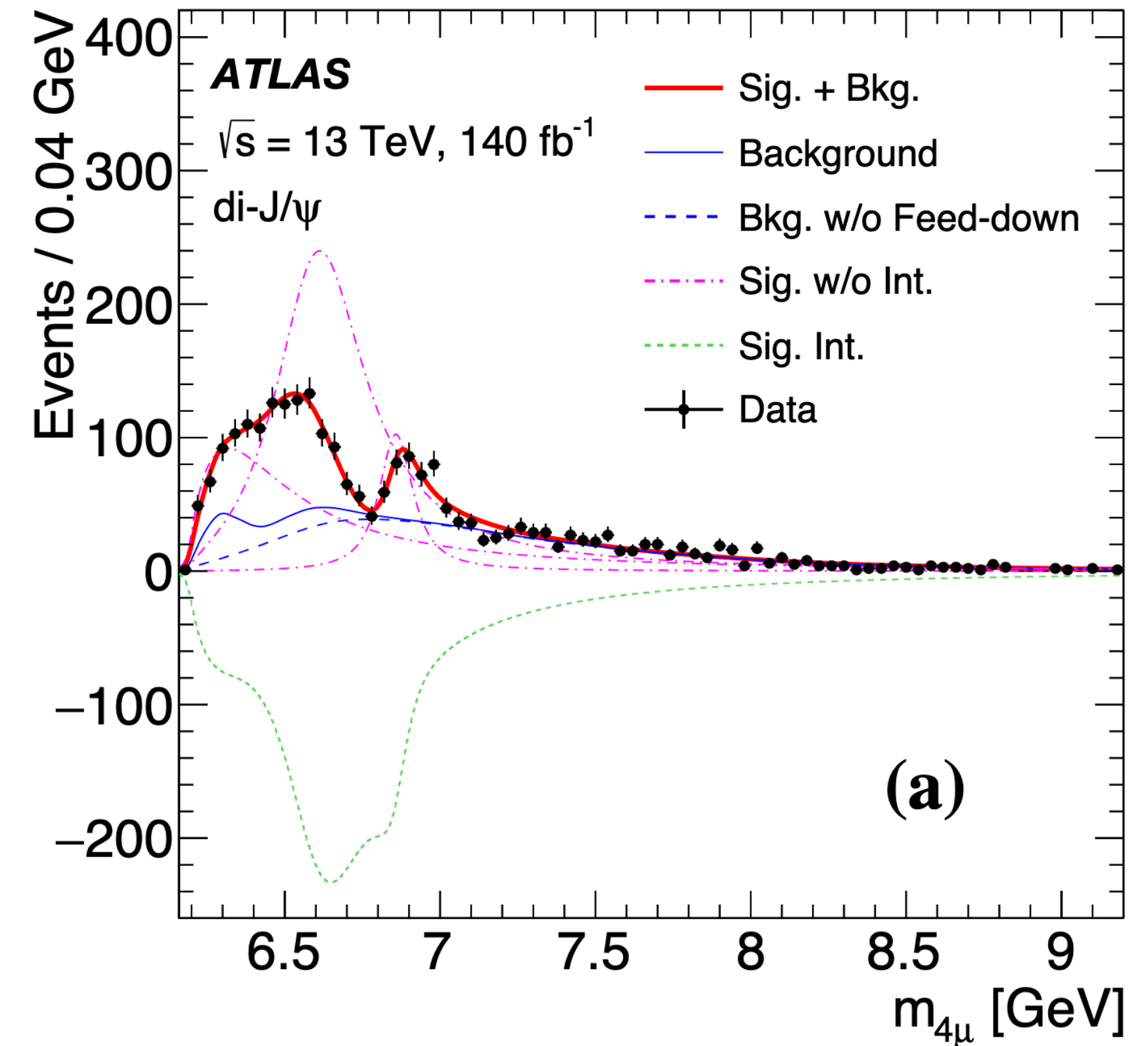
□ **Model B:** 2 BW where the lower resonance interferes with the SPS background

□ $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ Channel

□ **Model α :** 3 interfering BW resonances of Model A + standalone 4th BW resonance

□ **Model β :** Only 1 BW resonance

□ Other models considered but excluded in favor of these with the most promising of the excluded ones used to calculate systematics associated with the models.



Results: $J/\psi + J/\psi$ Channel

Significance for both models far exceeds 5σ

The mass of the m_2 resonance consistent with the LHCb mass as well as with the CMS search now: [2306.07164](#)

The broad structure at lower mass can still be from other effects such as feeddown from higher dicharmonium resonances.

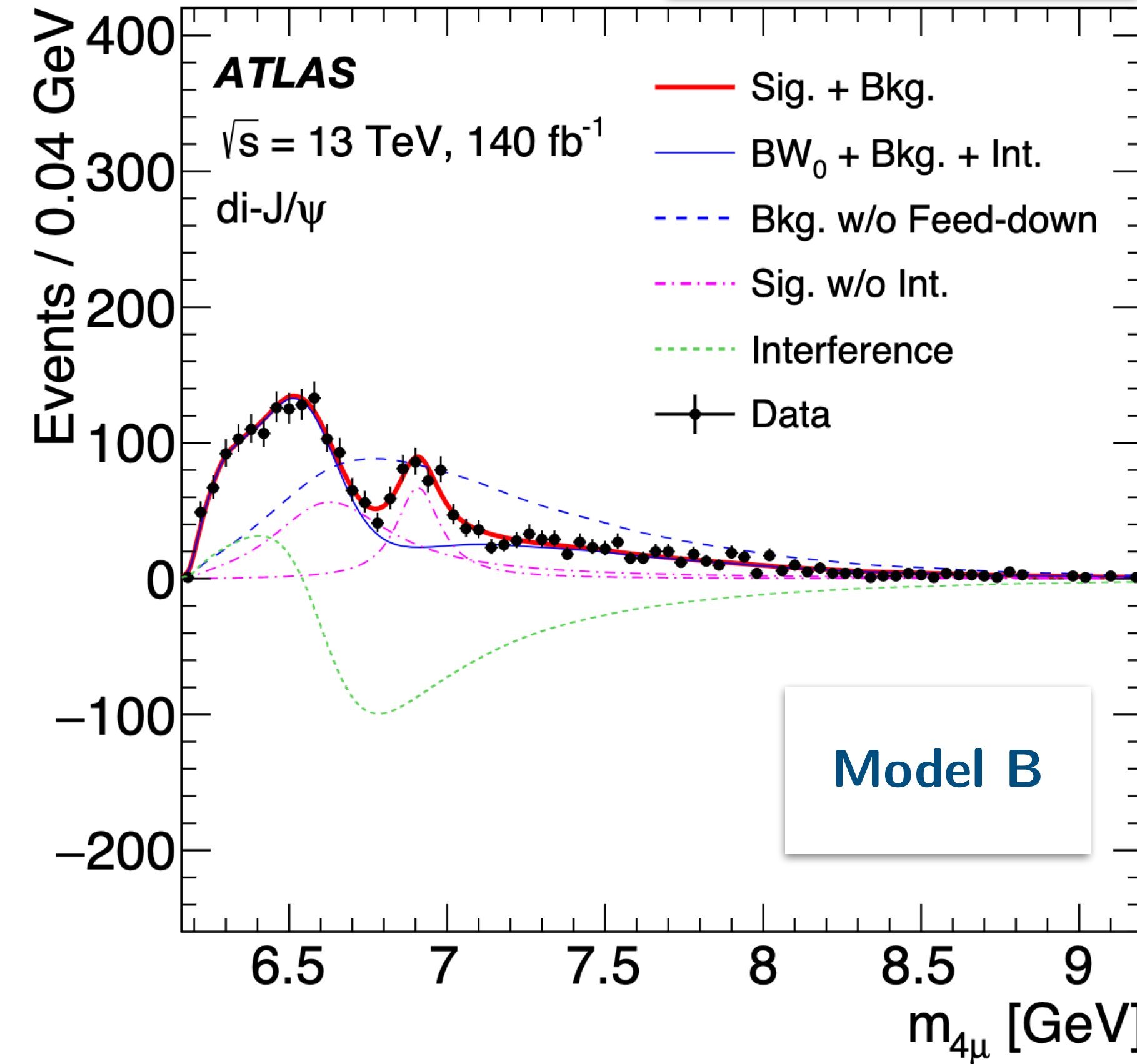
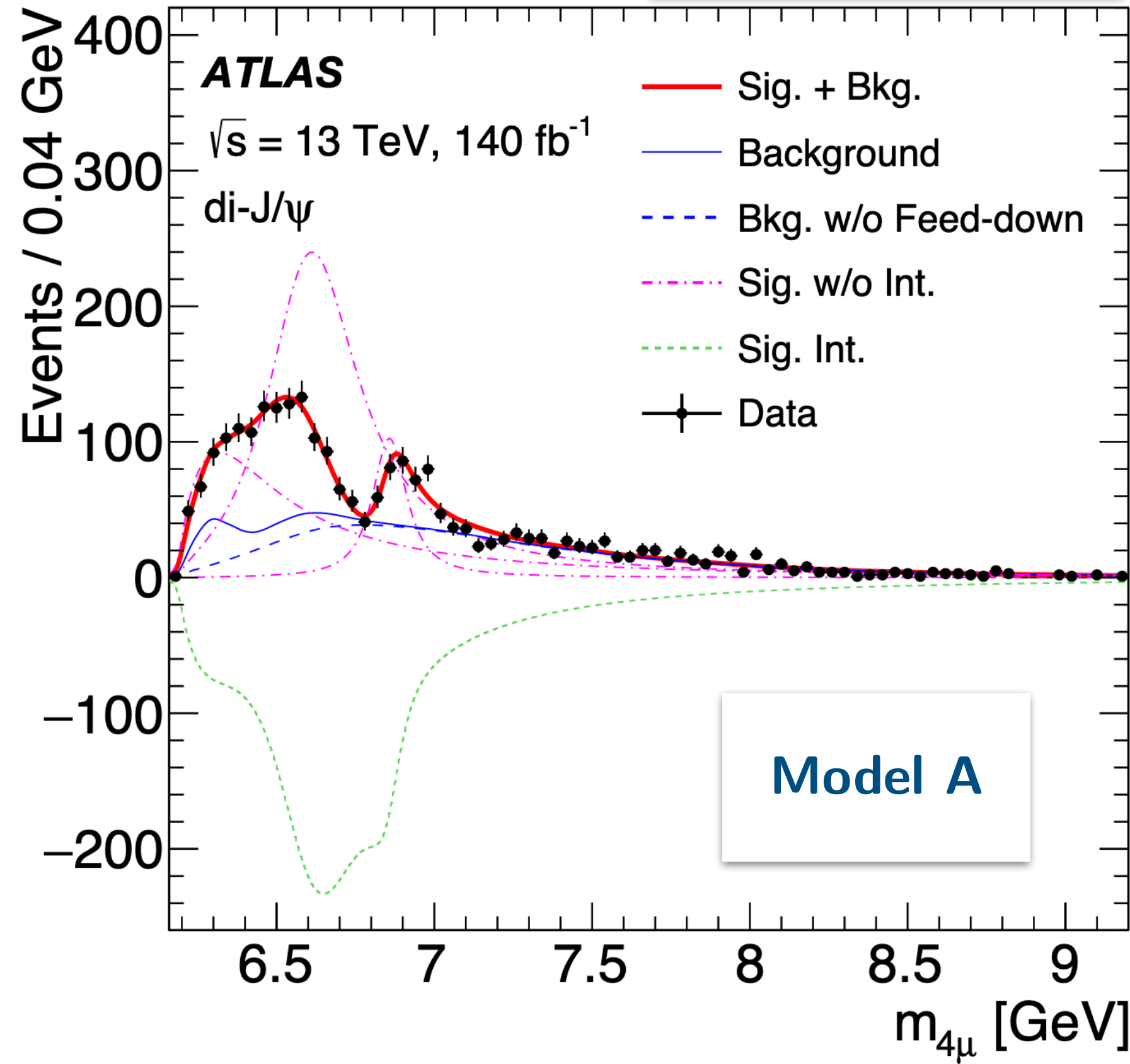
$$T_{cc\bar{c}\bar{c}} \rightarrow \chi_{cJ'}\chi_{cJ'} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi \gamma\gamma$$

All mutually interfering

di- J/ψ	model A
m_0	$6.41 \pm 0.08^{+0.08}_{-0.03}$
Γ_0	$0.59 \pm 0.35^{+0.12}_{-0.20}$
m_1	$6.63 \pm 0.05^{+0.08}_{-0.01}$
Γ_1	$0.35 \pm 0.11^{+0.11}_{-0.04}$
m_2	$6.86 \pm 0.03^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$
Γ_2	$0.11 \pm 0.05^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
$\Delta s/s$	$\pm 5.1\%^{+8.1\%}_{-8.9\%}$

Interfering with SPS background

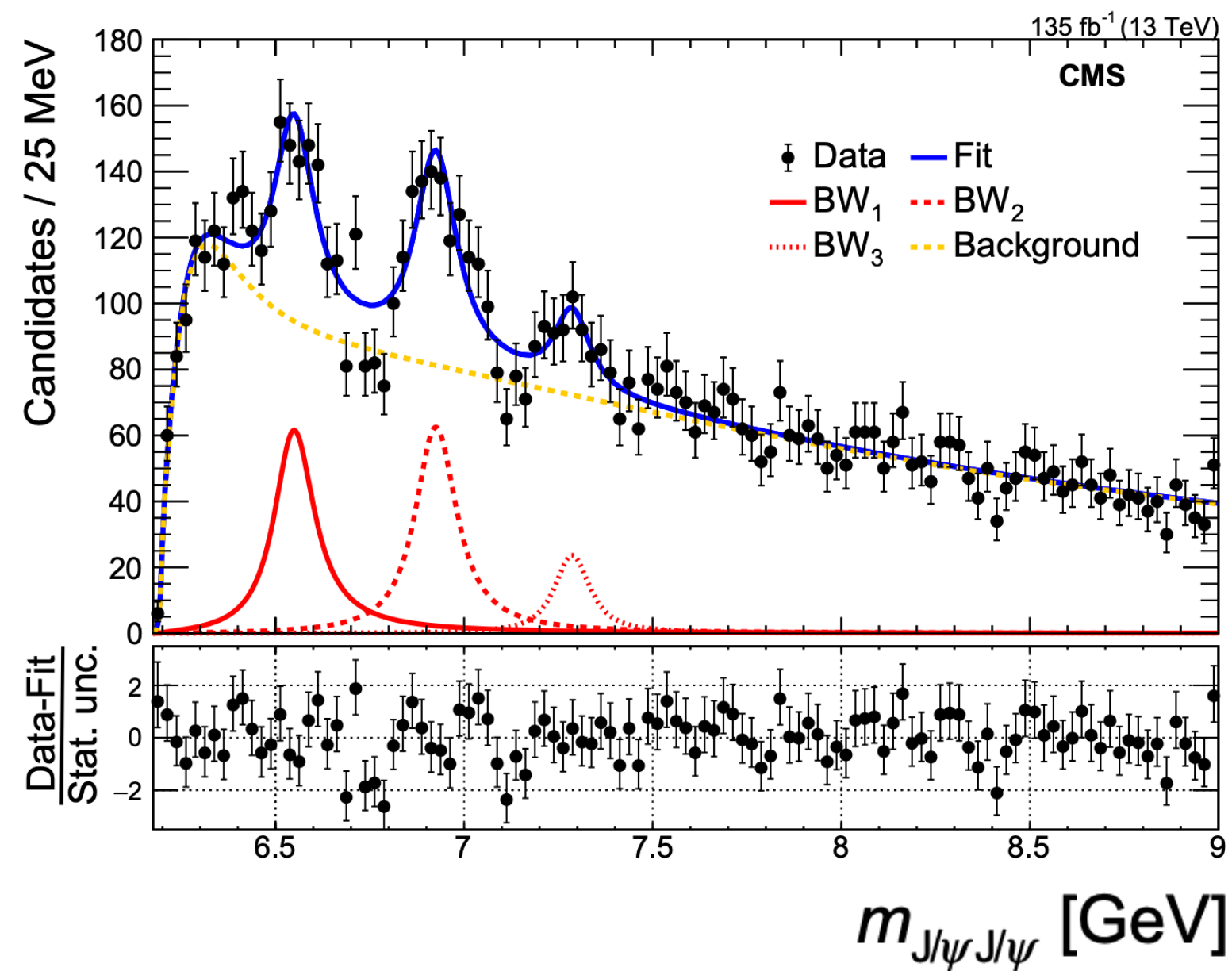
di- J/ψ	model B
m_0	$6.65 \pm 0.02^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$
Γ_0	$0.44 \pm 0.05^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$
m_1	—
Γ_1	—
m_2	$6.91 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.01$
Γ_2	$0.15 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01$
$\Delta s/s$	—



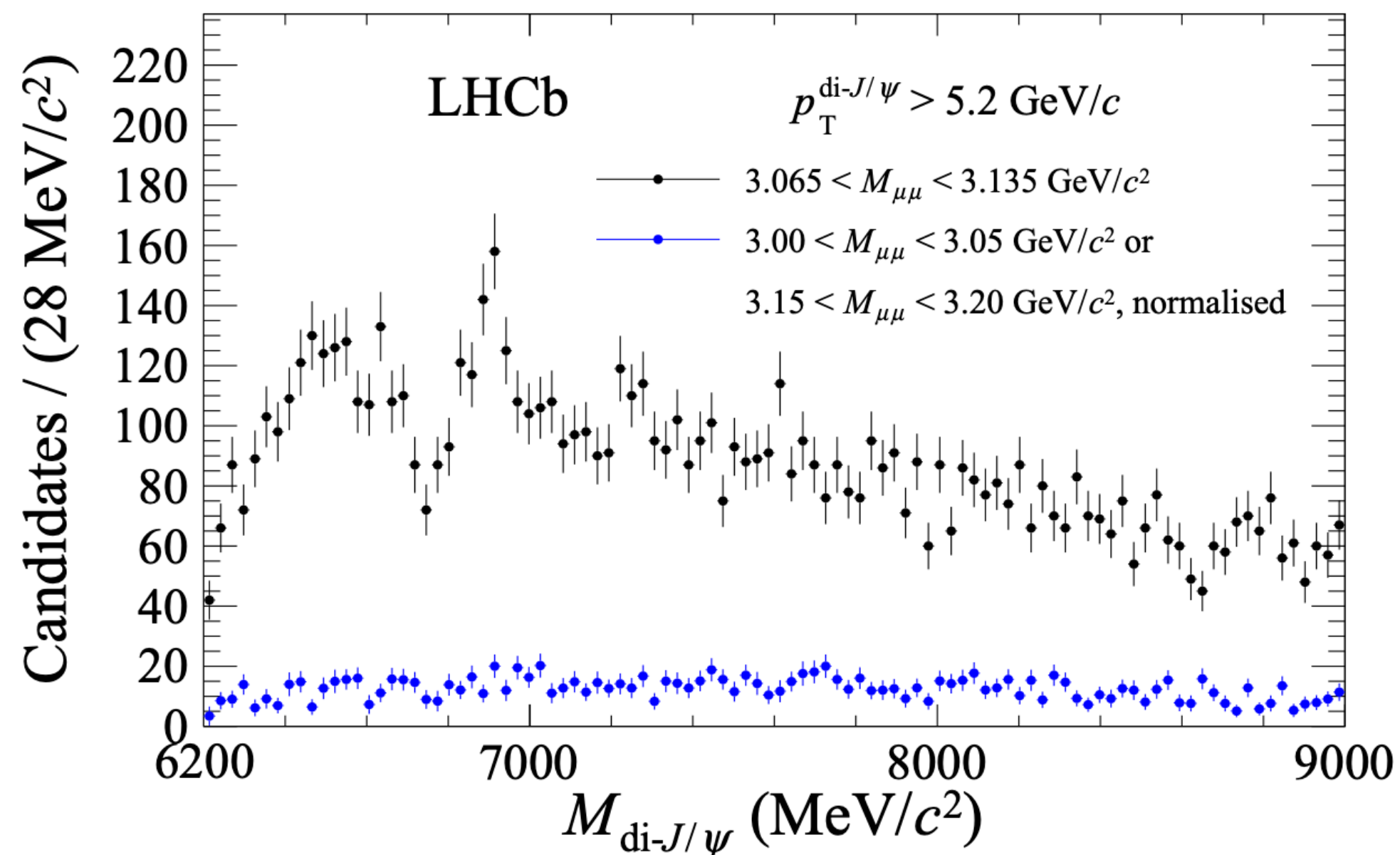
Brief Recap of Context for $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ Channel

- $X(6900)$ is just above $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ mass threshold!
 - So, we might expect an excess at the lower-end of $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ spectrum.
- Is there something going on also at ~ 7.2 GeV in the dicharmonia spectrum?
- Technical: To fit the feed-down background for $J/\psi + J/\psi$ channel.

CMS [2306.07164](#)



LHCb [2006.16957](#)



Results: $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$ Channel

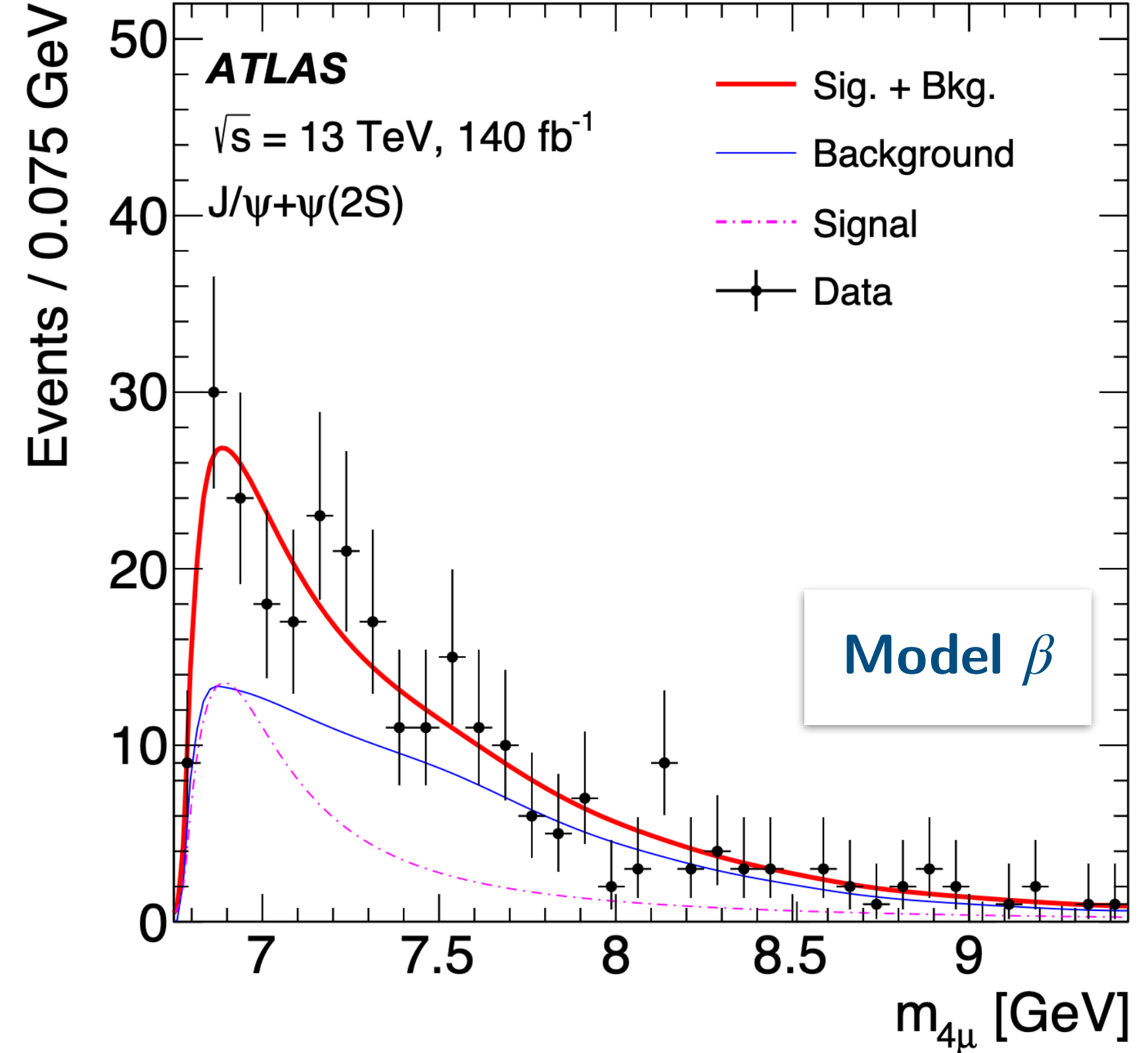
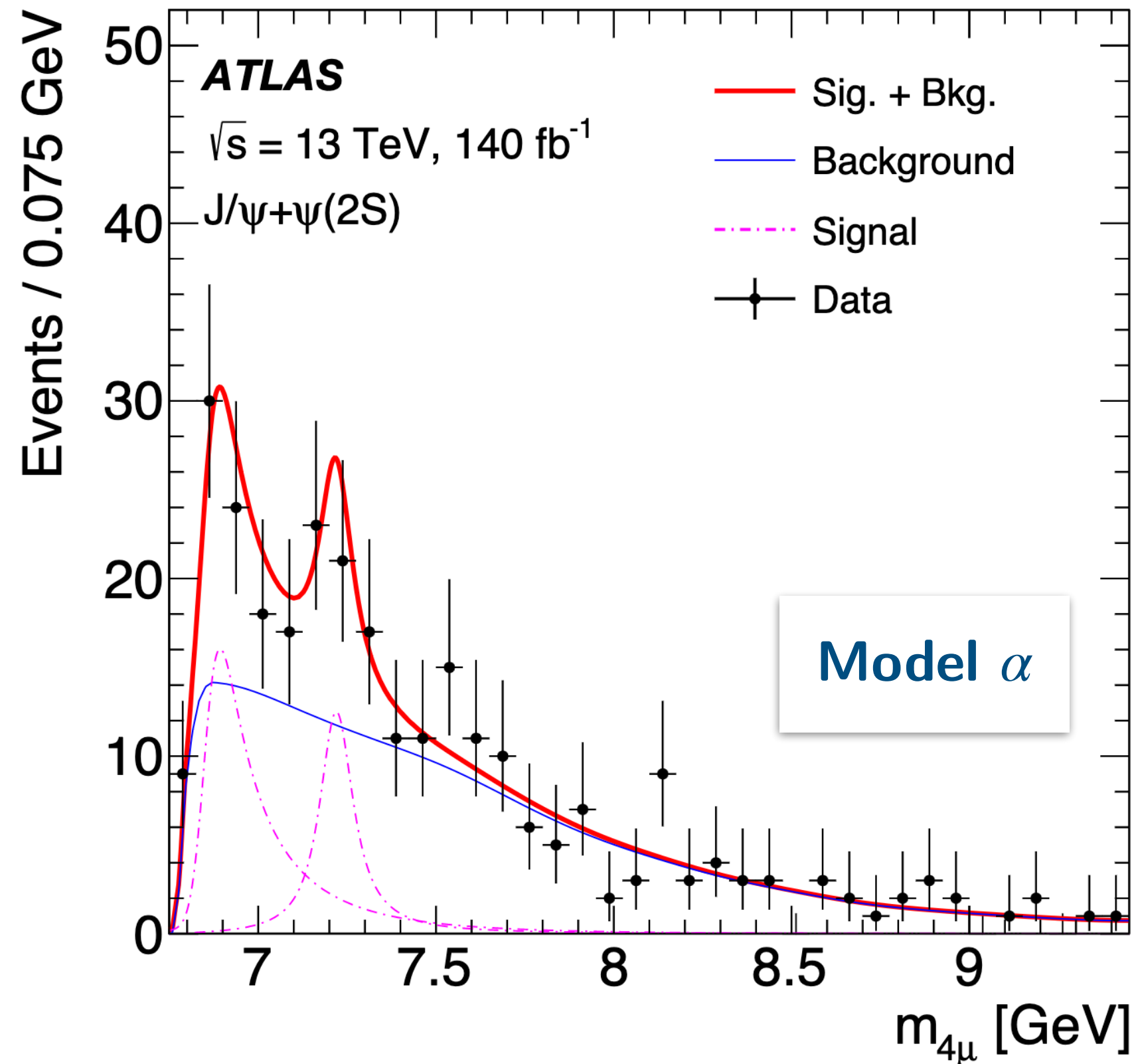
- Model α : 4.7σ
 - Significance for the second resonance alone at 3σ .
- Model β : 4.3σ

$J/\psi + \psi(2S)$	model α
m_3	$7.22 \pm 0.03^{+0.01}_{-0.04}$
Γ_3	$0.09 \pm 0.06^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$
$\Delta s/s$	$\pm 21\%^{+25\%}_{-15\%}$

$J/\psi + \psi(2S)$	model β
m_3	$6.96 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.03$
Γ_3	$0.51 \pm 0.17^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$
$\Delta s/s$	$\pm 20\% \pm 12\%$

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Search for $\Upsilon(1S) + \mu^+ \mu^-$ Resonance in 4μ Final States

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Motivation

- Theories of tetraquarks predict new resonances decaying to four lepton final states.
- BSM models also predict such new resonances.
- Where to search?
 - In the context of **search for BSM resonances**, the search for 4μ resonances usually performed in **high $m_{4\mu}$ phase-space**.
 - Searches by **LHCb and CMS** have set **relatively strong limits** on $\Upsilon(1S) + \mu^+\mu^-$ production at **low $m_{4\mu}$** , i.e., $m_{4\mu} < 27$ GeV.
 - **This analysis:** $m_{4\mu} \in [10 \text{ GeV}, 50 \text{ GeV}]$

Analysis Strategy

□ Data

Year	\sqrt{s}	Dimuon Triggers	Trimuon Triggers	Luminosity Collected
2012	8 TeV	2μ with $p > 4$ GeV, $m(\mu^+\mu^-) \in [2.5 \text{ GeV}, 12 \text{ GeV}]$, Unprescaled	3μ with $p > 4$ GeV, Unprescaled	20.3 fb^{-1}
2015-2017	13 TeV		3μ with $p > 4$ GeV, Prescaled	51.5 fb^{-1}
2018	13 TeV		3μ with $p > 4$ GeV, $m(\mu^+\mu^-) \in [8 \text{ GeV}, 12 \text{ GeV}]$, Prescaled	58.5 fb^{-1}

- Different trigger strategies in different data-taking periods makes this analysis quite complicated.

□ Event Selection

Candidate object	Requirements
Muons	$p_T(\mu) > 3$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$, $ z_0 \sin \theta < 1$ mm and $ d_0/\sigma_{d_0} < 6$
Muon quadruplet	≥ 3 muons passing LowPt selection criteria, $\sum q_\mu = 0$, four-muon vertex fit $\chi^2/N_{\text{d.o.f}} \leq 10$, $10 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{4\mu} \leq 50 \text{ GeV}$
Muon doublet	di-muon vertex fit $\chi^2 < 3$
$\Upsilon(1S)$ candidate	OS muon doublet with $p_T(\mu_{1,2}) > 4$ GeV, $9.2 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\mu^+\mu^-} \leq 9.7 \text{ GeV}$
$\Upsilon(1S) + \mu^+\mu^-$ candidate events	$\Upsilon(1S)$ candidate plus OS muon doublet with $m_{\mu^+\mu^-} > 1$ GeV, both muon doublets point to a common PV

If multiple such candidates, one with lowest χ^2 chosen.

Rejects muon background from B -decays

This coincides with the PV selected by maximizing $\sum p_T^2$ in 99% of events

Results

Run1: 2012

- Excess at 18 GeV with global (local) significance of $1.9\sigma - 5.4\sigma$ ($3.6\sigma - 6.3\sigma$).

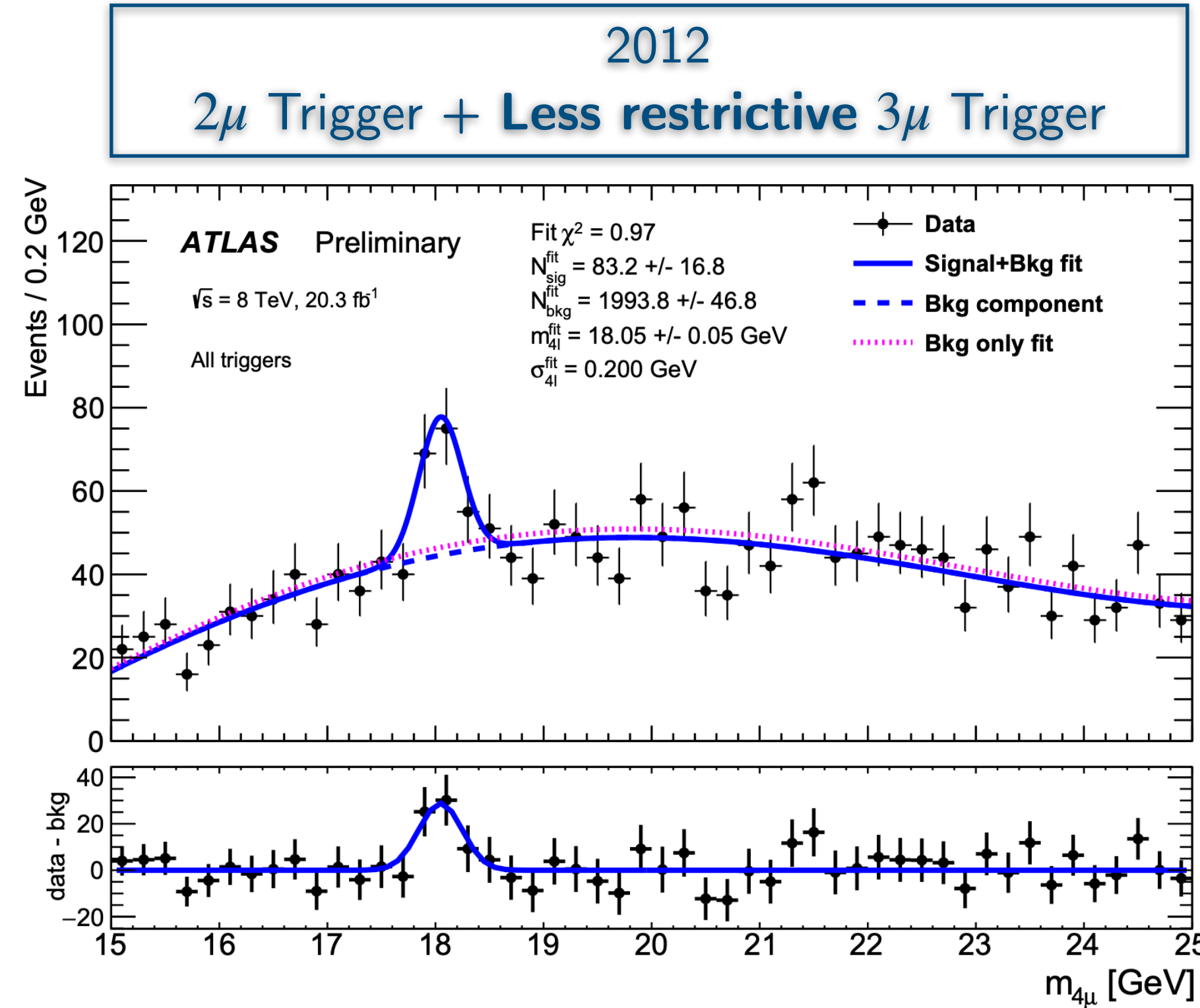
- Variation in the significance arising from the variation in fit-range and selection cuts.

Run2: 2015-2017

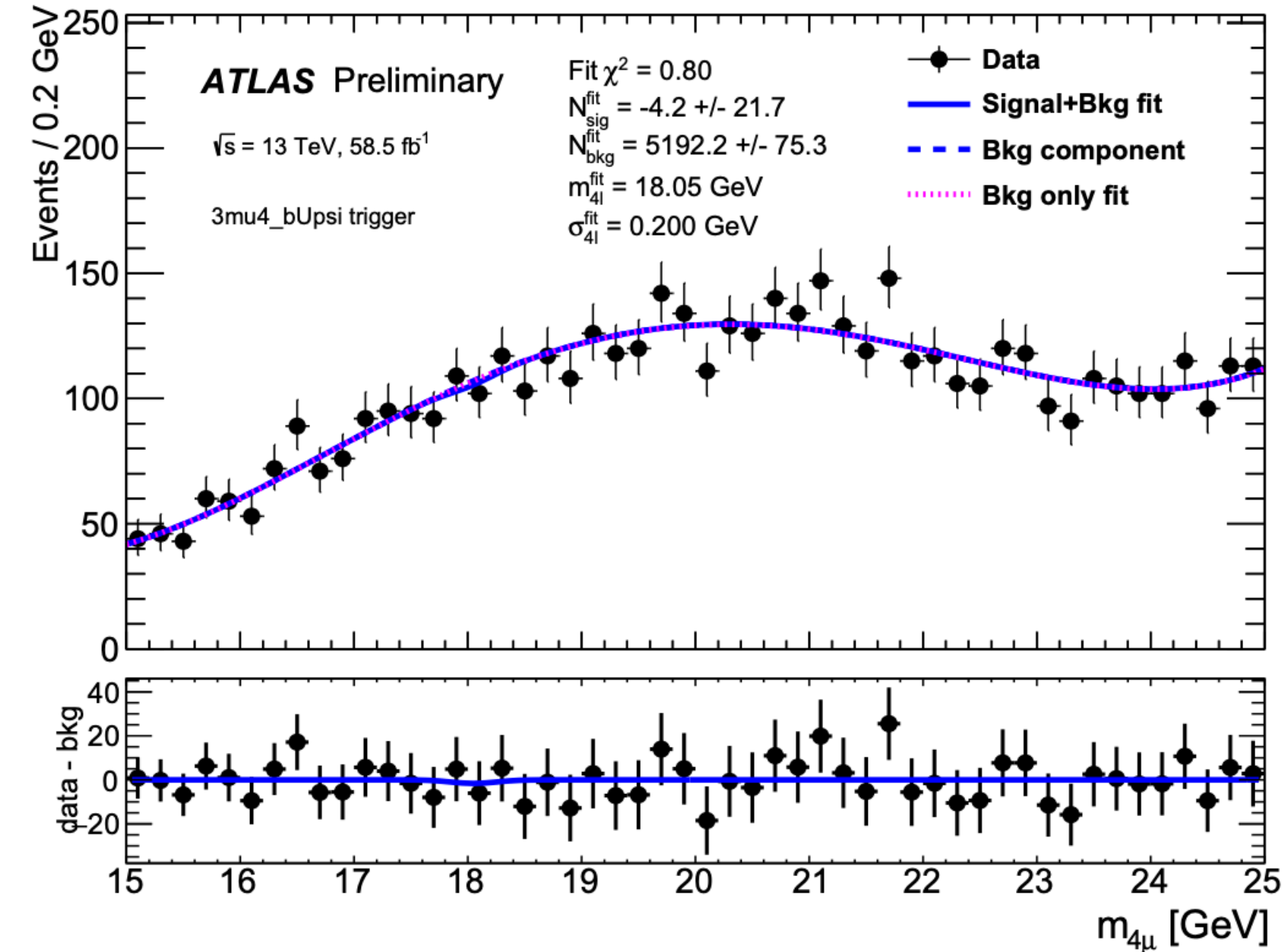
- Excess at the same 18 GeV with a significance of 1.9σ .

Run2: 2018

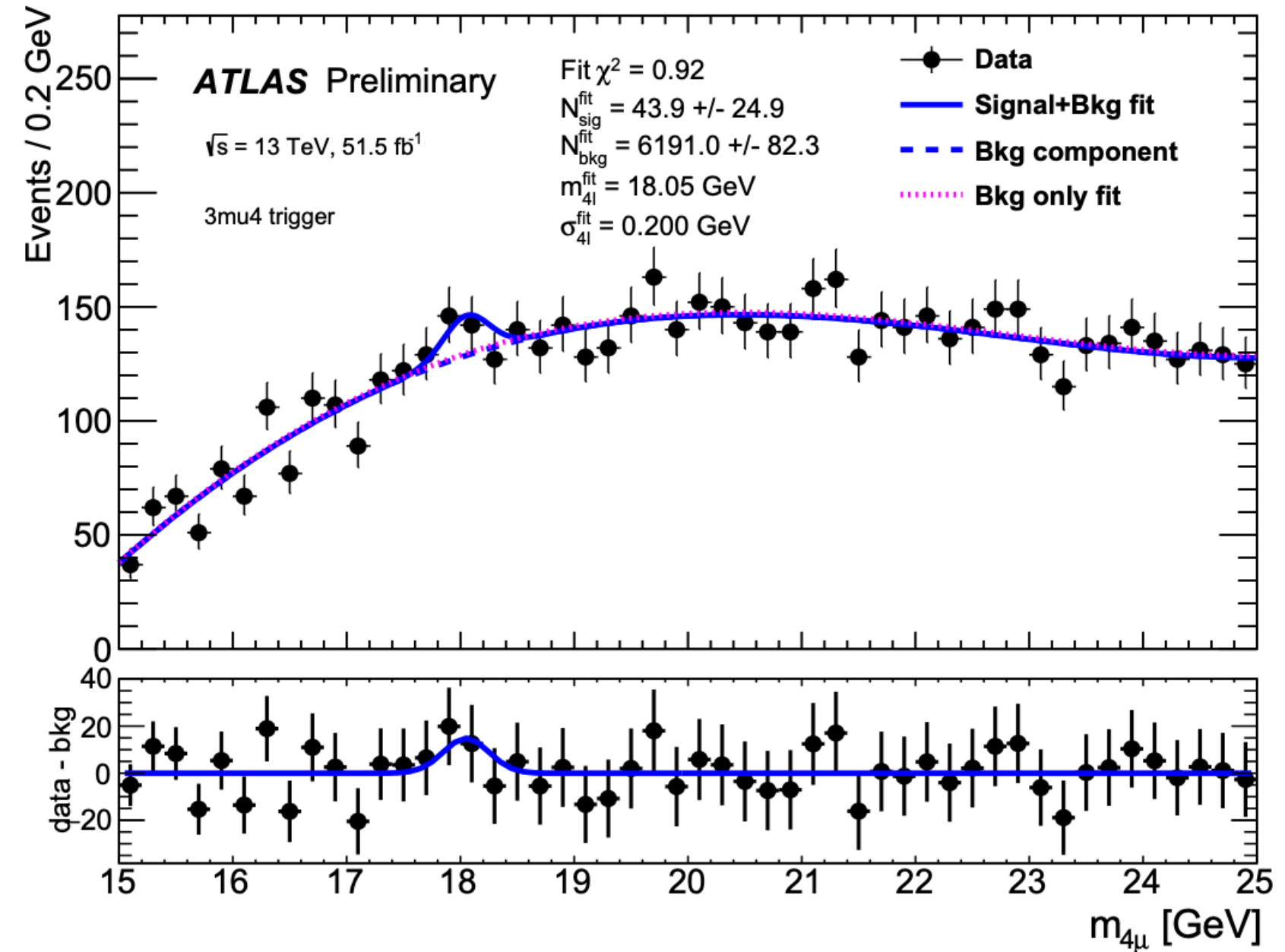
- No excess found!



2018
More restrictive 3μ Trigger



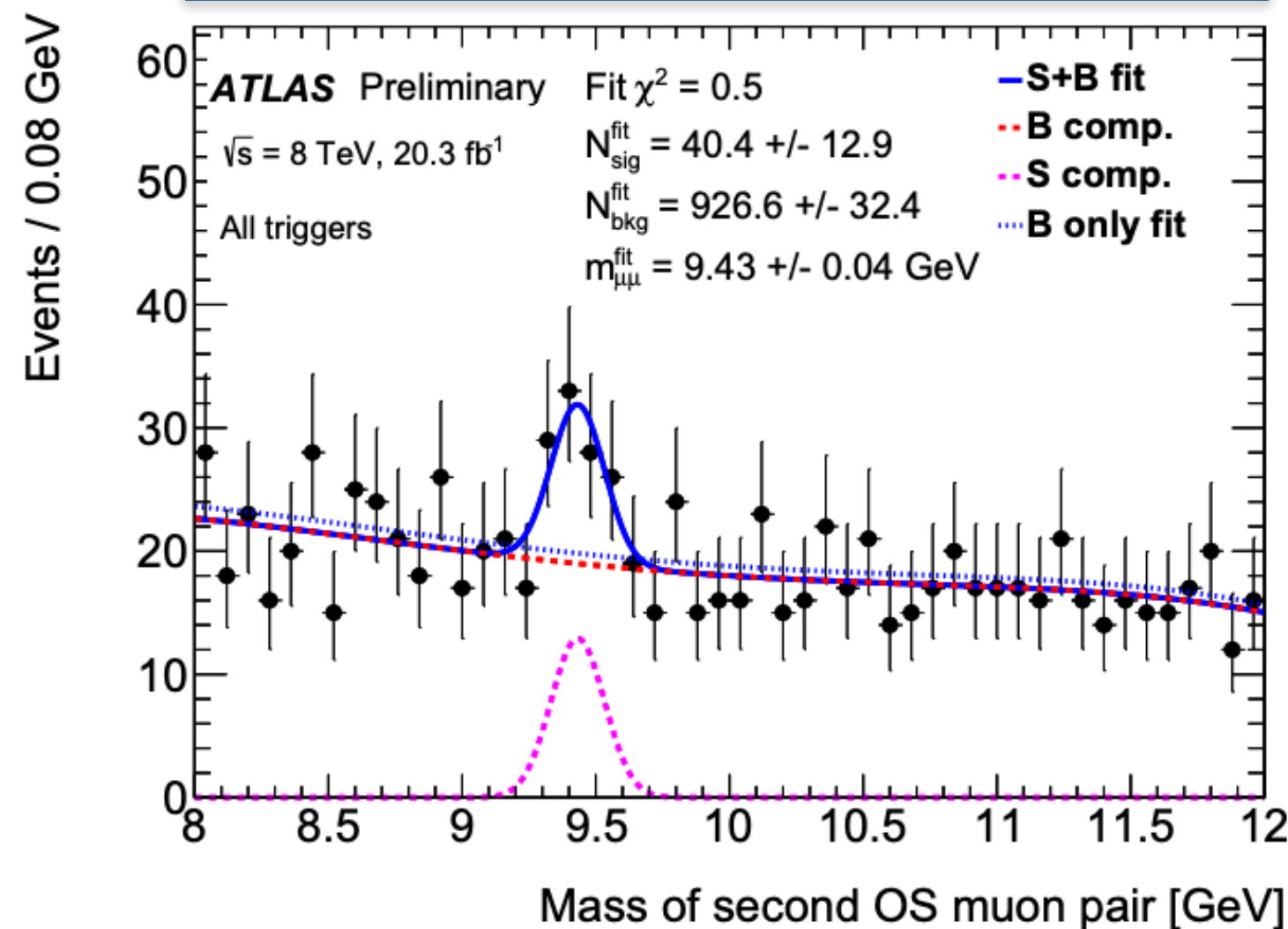
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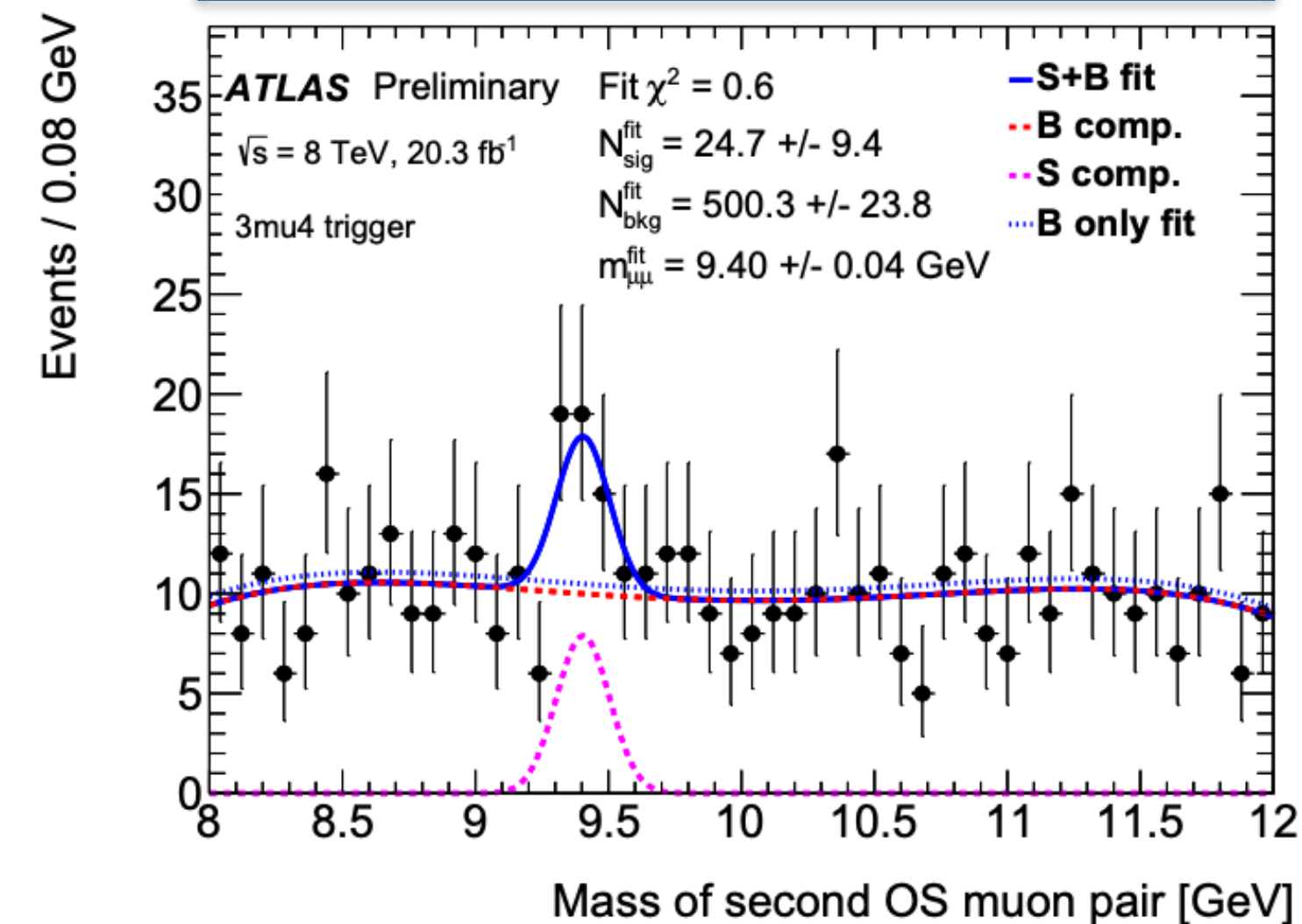
Cross-Checks with di- $\Upsilon(1S)$

- Use associated production of di- $\Upsilon(1S)$ as a validation channel.
 - Apply selections identical to the main analysis.
 - Look at the mass-spectrum of the second OS muon pair.
- Reduction in the signal yield of di- $\Upsilon(1S)$ from 2012 to 2018 consistent with MC expectations.
- Even after taking into account such reductions in signal sensitivity, 2.7σ tension b/w Run1 and Run2 results for the $\Upsilon(1S) + \mu^+\mu^-$ search.
- Also check if the di- $\Upsilon(1S)$ events cause the $m_{4\mu}$ peaks.
 - Found to be flat!

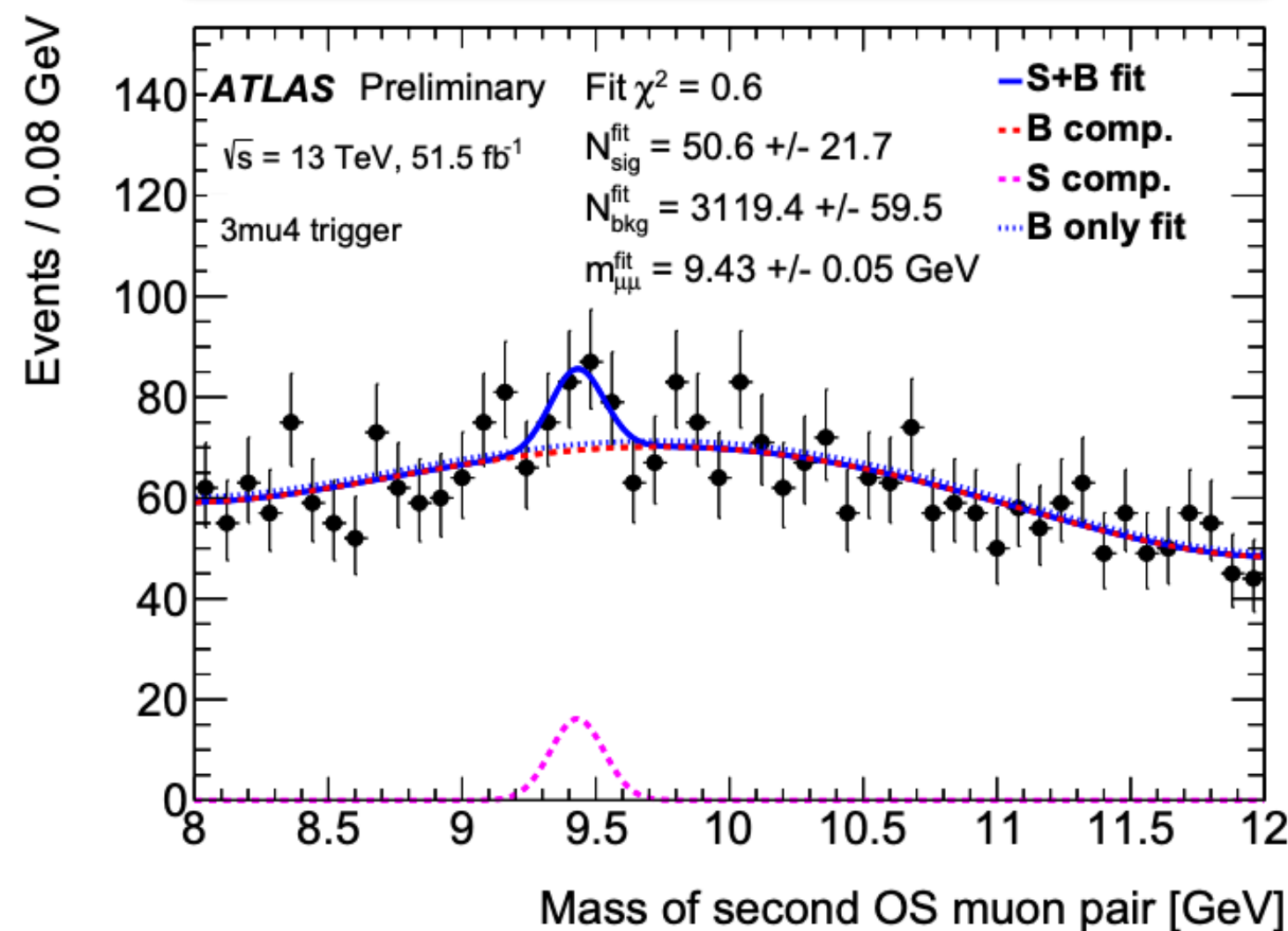
2012
2 μ Trigger + Less restrictive 3 μ Trigger



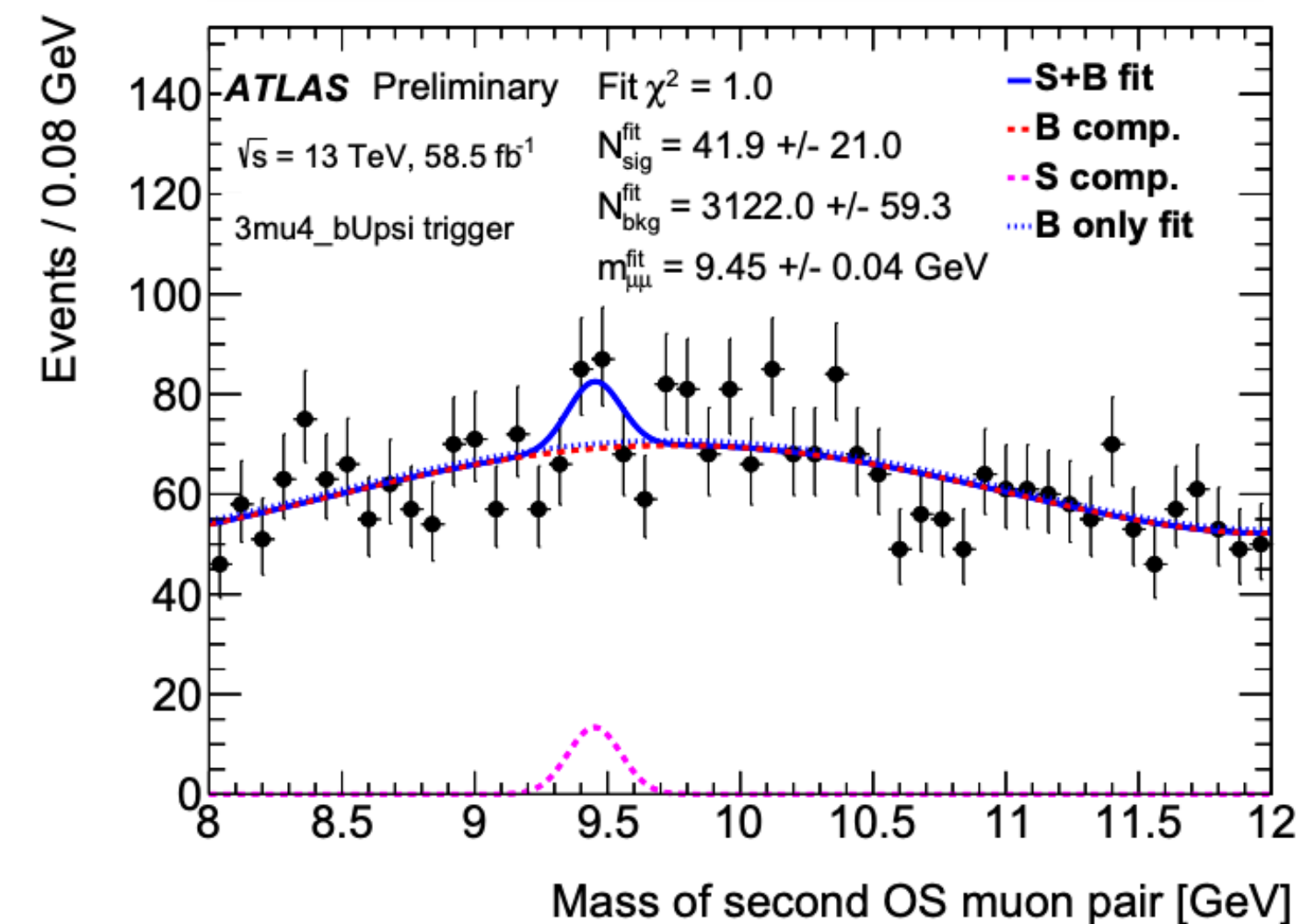
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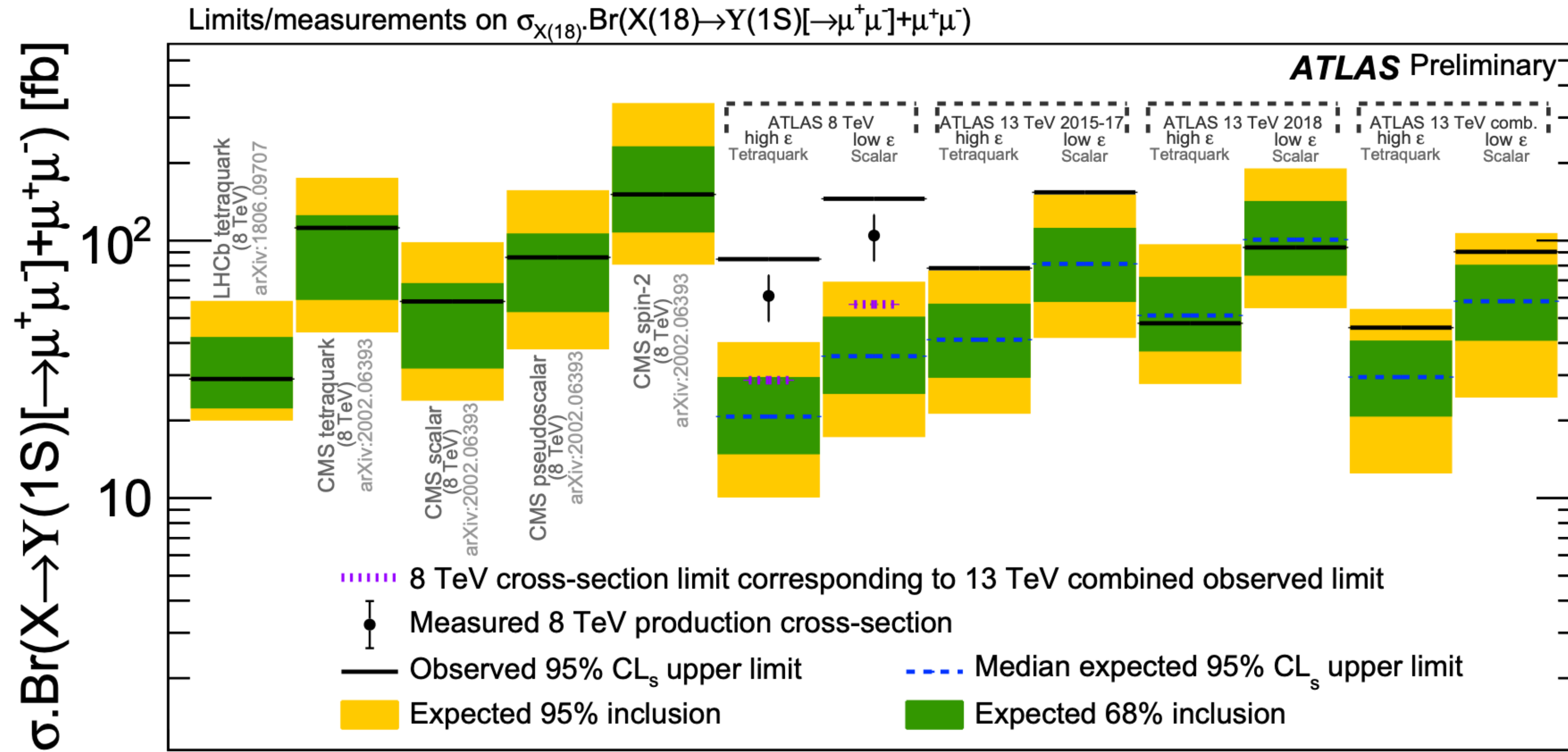


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Less restrictive 3 μ Trigger



2018
More restrictive 3 μ Trigger





□ Note: LHCb and CMS did not find any excess at 18 GeV in their spectrum of $\Upsilon(1S) + \mu^+ \mu^-$.

□ CMS: 2002.06393, LHCb: 1806.09707

Effective Lifetime of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decay

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Motivation

□ Effective lifetime: $\tau_{\mu\mu} = \frac{\int dt t \cdot \langle \Gamma(B_s(t) \rightarrow \mu\mu) \rangle}{\int dt \langle \Gamma(B_s(t) \rightarrow \mu\mu) \rangle}$

□ Related to the mass-eigenstate asymmetry:

$$A_{\Delta\Gamma}^{\mu\mu} = \frac{\Gamma(B_{sH}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) - \Gamma(B_{sL}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)}{\Gamma(B_{sH}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) + \Gamma(B_{sL}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)} = \frac{1}{y_s} \left[\frac{(1-y_s^2)\tau_{\mu\mu} - (1+y_s^2)\tau_{B_s}}{2\tau_{B_s} - (1-y_s^2)\tau_{\mu\mu}} \right]$$



1 in SM

$$y_s = \frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{2\Gamma_s} \quad \tau_{B_s} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_s}$$

SM Prediction: 1.624 ± 0.009 ps

□ **Uniquely sensitive to BSM contributions that might mediate $B_{sL}^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$!**

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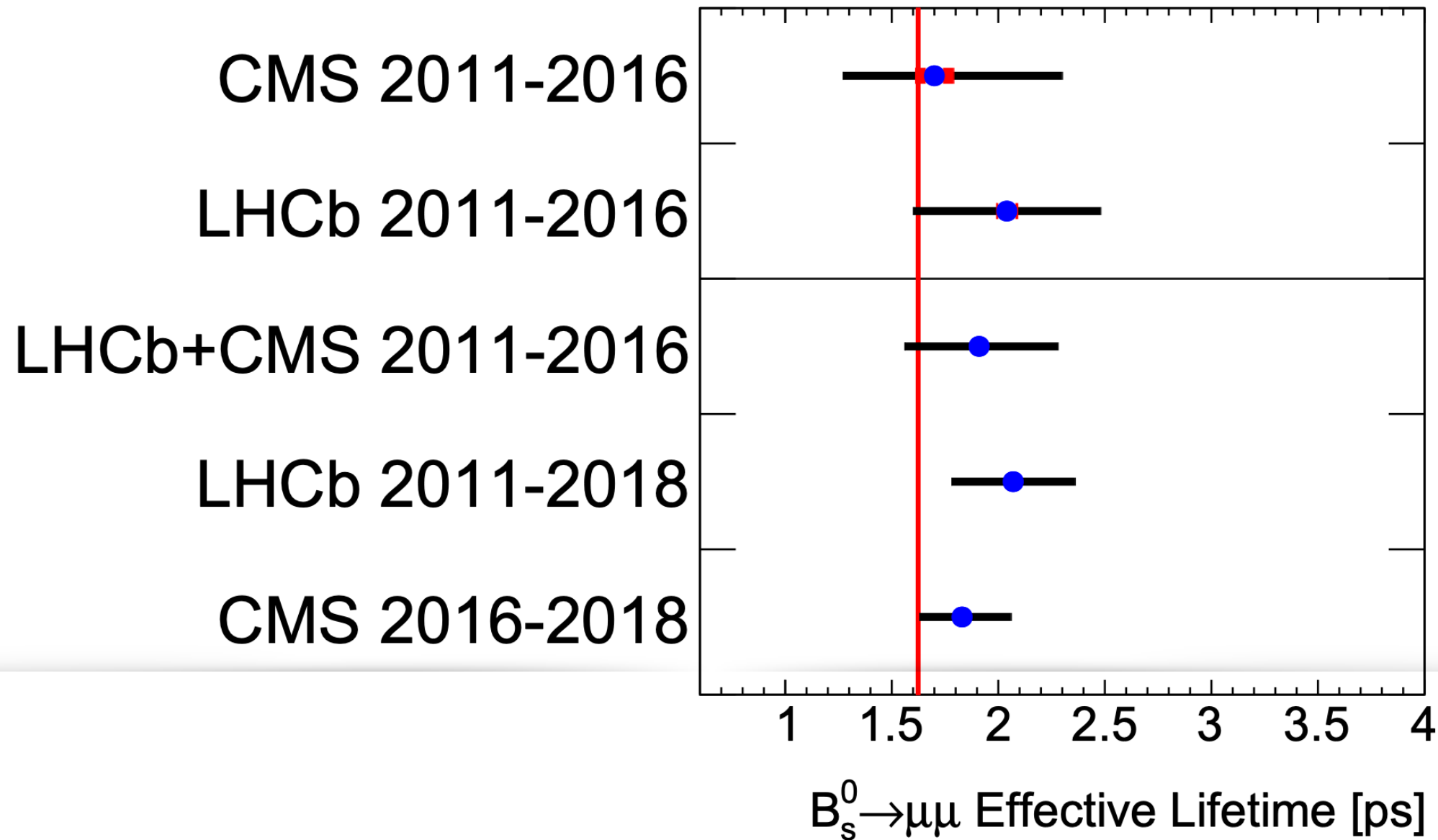
$$\int dt t \cdot \langle \Gamma(B_s(t) \rightarrow \mu\mu) \rangle$$

Before this analysis...

□ Effective

□ Related

$$A_{\Delta\Gamma}^{\mu\mu} = \frac{\Gamma_{\mu\mu}}{\Gamma_s}$$



$$\frac{\Gamma_{\mu\mu} - (1 + y_s^2) \tau_{B_s}}{(1 - y_s^2) \tau_{\mu\mu}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_s}$$

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Analysis Strategy

□ Data

- Early Run2 data (2015, 2016) with effective $L = 26.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$.

□ Event Selection

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay vertex using two muon tracks.
- Primary Vertex selected to minimize Δz w.r.t. the decay vertex ($\sim 99\%$ accurate).

→ $t_{\mu\mu}^i = \frac{1}{c} \frac{L_{xy}^i}{p_T^i(B_s^0)} m_{B_s^0}^{\text{PDG}}$ and $m_{\mu\mu}^i$ extracted per candidate using “combined” muons.

- BDT selections applied to reduce the large combinatorial background.

□ $\tau_{\mu\mu}$ Measurement

- **Signal $t_{\mu\mu}$ distributions in data** extracted with *sPlot technique* where unbinned extended maximum likelihood fits to $m_{\mu\mu}$ distribution are used to discriminate the signal against background.
- $\tau_{\mu\mu}$ is measured by **minimizing the binned χ^2** between the **extracted signal $t_{\mu\mu}$ distribution in data and MC templates with varying $\tau_{\mu\mu}$** .

$\tau_{\mu\mu}$ Measurement

Mass Fits

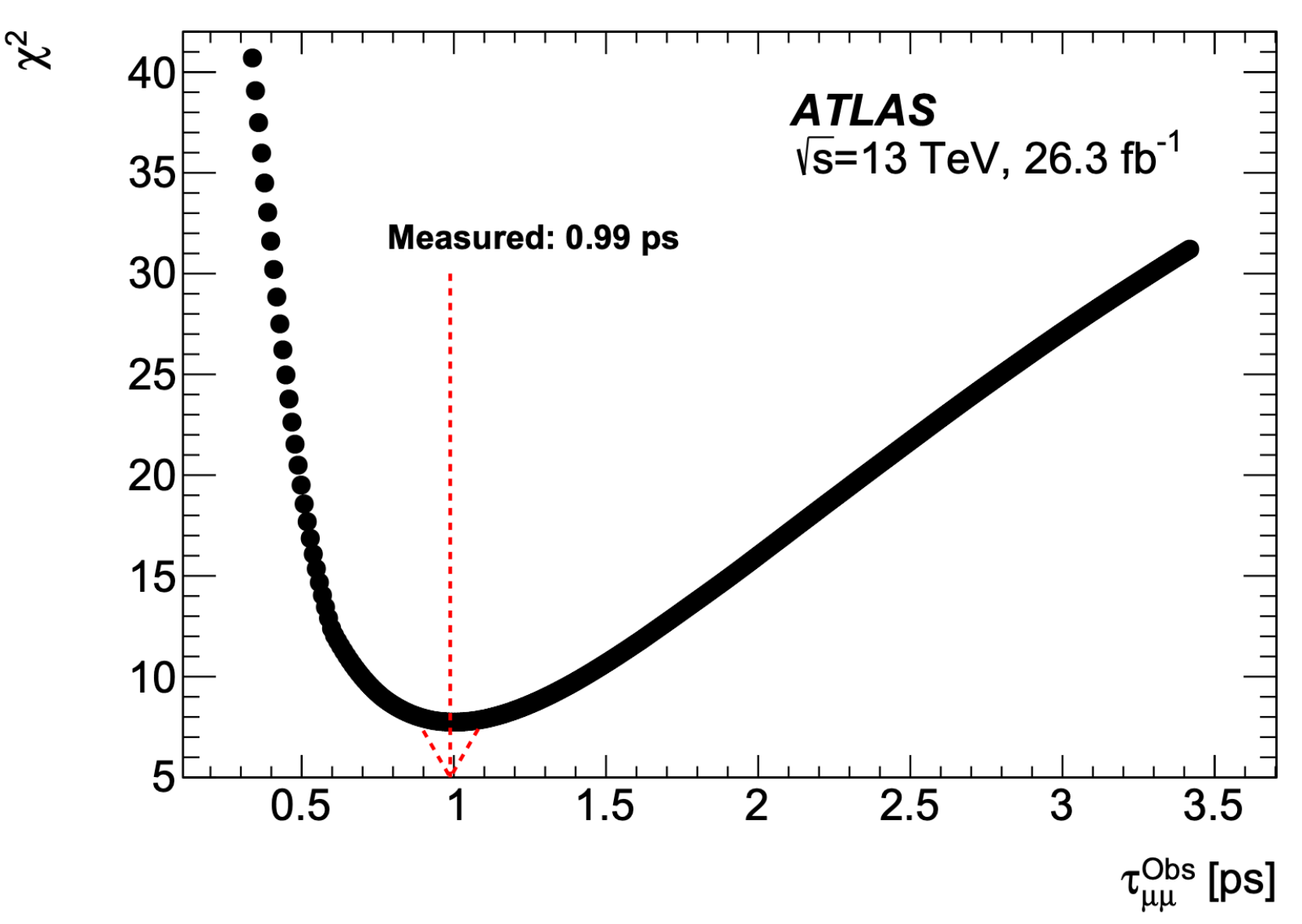
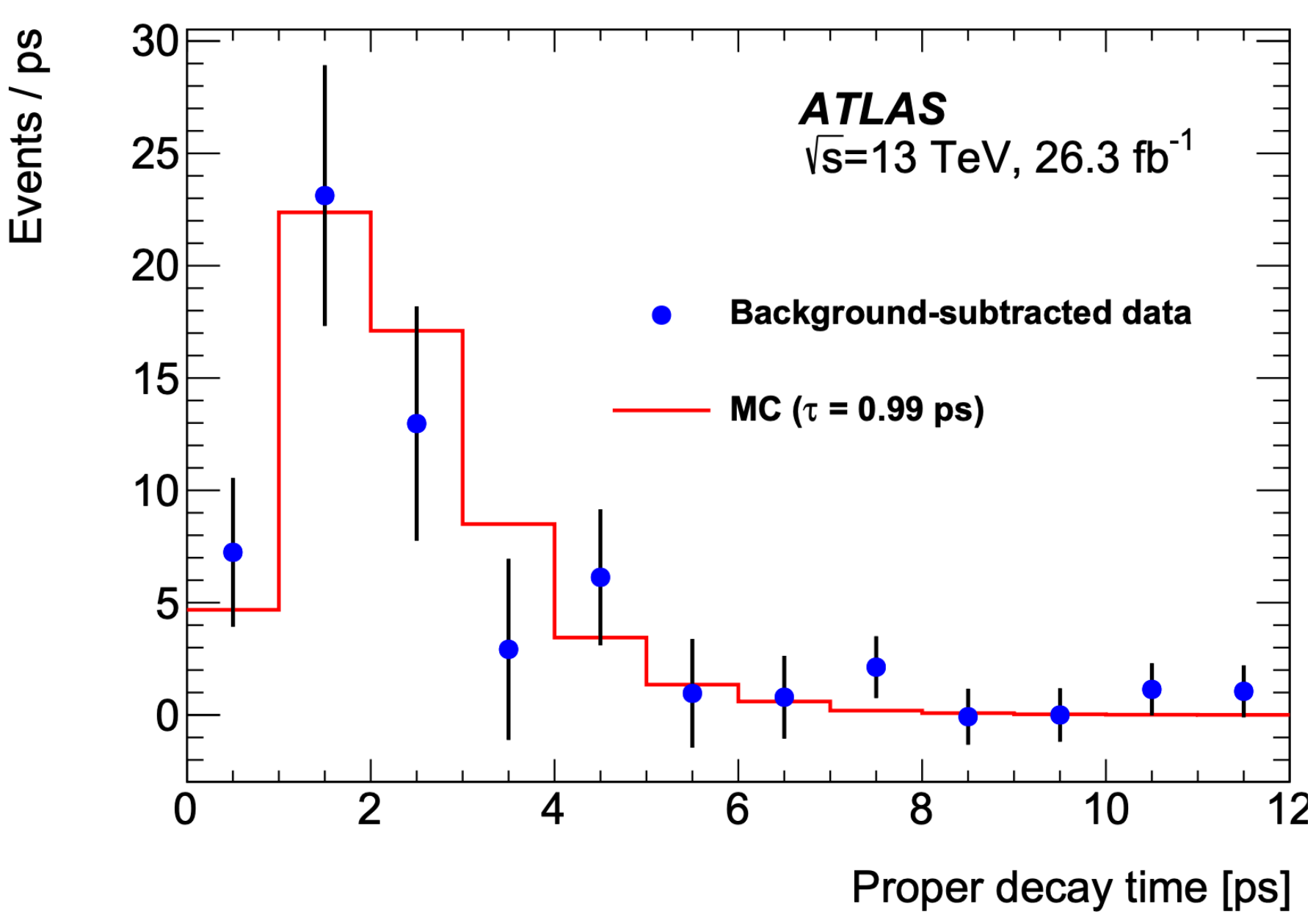
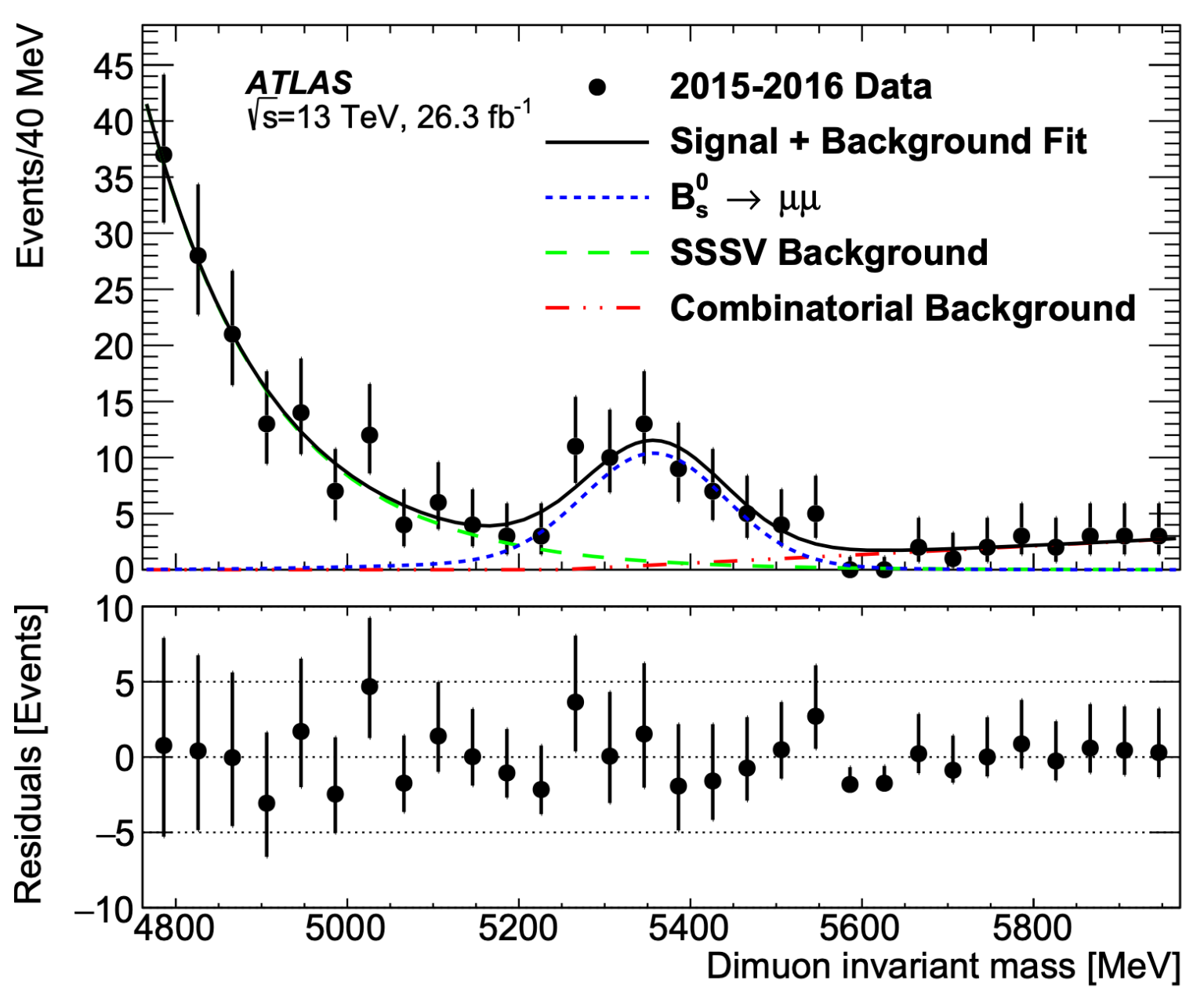
- **Signal:** Modeled as a double Gaussian. Shape fixed to MC $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ within detector resolution.
- **Background:**
 - **“SSSV”:** Muon pairs from B -hadron decays \rightarrow modeled as an exponential contribution.
 - **Combinatorial:** Random pairings of muons from $b\bar{b}$ decays \rightarrow modeled as a linear contribution.

□ **Fitted signal yield: 58 ± 13**

$\tau_{\mu\mu}$ Extraction

- **MC distributions for $\tau_{\mu\mu}$:** an exponential corrected for acceptance and cuts, convolved with resolution.

□ **Nominal value: $\tau_{\mu\mu} = 0.99$ ps**



Systematics

- Reference channel $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K^\pm$ used to correct for **data/MC discrepancies**.
 - However, due to the **topological and kinematic differences b/w the reference and the signal channels**, data/MC discrepancies remain the largest systematics.
- In addition to the mass shape mismodeling in mass fits, **correlations b/w lifetime and mass that can bias the $sPlot$ results** are accounted for in systematics.
- Potential background sources not modeled in the fit** are also taken as sources of systematics.

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\tau_{\mu\mu}^{\text{Obs}}$ [fs]
Data - MC discrepancies	134
SSSV lifetime model	60
Combinatorial lifetime model	56
B kinematic reweighting	55
B isolation reweighting	32
SSSV mass model	22
B_d background	16
Fit bias lifetime dependency and B_s^0 eigenstates admixture	15
Combinatorial mass model	14
Pileup reweighting	13
B_c background	10
Muon $\Delta\eta$ correction	6
$B \rightarrow hh'$ background	3
Muon reconstruction SF reweighting	2
Semileptonic background	2
Trigger reweighting	1
Total	174

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Result

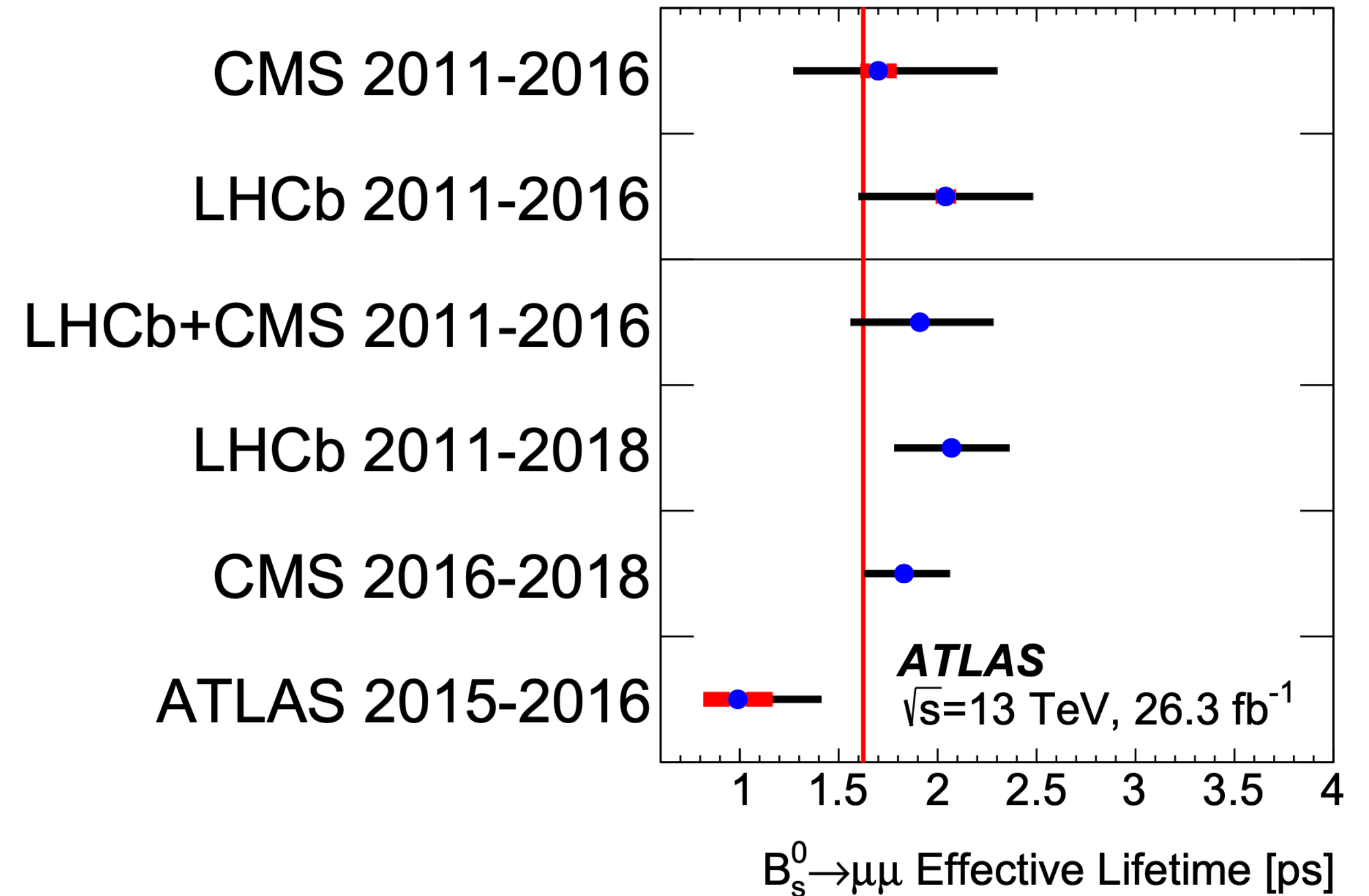
Measurement:

$$\tau_{\mu\mu} = 0.99^{+0.42}_{-0.07} \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.17 \text{ (syst.) ps}$$

Recall: fitted signal yield was 58 ± 13 .

Compatible with both the SM and previous measurements.

Statistically dominated → Full Run2 measurement will certainly help!



Outlook: Flavor Physics at ATLAS in This Talk and Beyond!

Production Cross-Sections & Spectroscopy

- Differential Production Cross-Section of J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$
 - Extended up to $p_T^{J/\psi} = 360$ GeV. A lot to work with for theoretical models!
- Search for Di-Charmonium Resonances in 4μ Final States
 - Corroborated the LHCb discovery of $X(6900)$ in di- J/ψ .
 - Look out for more work on the evidence of excess in $J/\psi + \psi(2S)$.
 - More work also needed to understand the low-mass broad structure observed, also by LHCb.
- Search for $\Upsilon(1S) + \mu^+\mu^-$ Resonance in 4μ Final States
 - The excess at 18 GeV in 2012 data appears to go away in 2018 data.
 - More work needed to resolve the tension b/w Run1 and Run2.

Measurements of Weak Decays

- Effective Lifetime of the $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ Decay
 - First measurement of effective $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ lifetime by ATLAS with early Run2 data.
 - Stay tuned for full Run2 analysis!

ATLAS Public Results

Thank You!

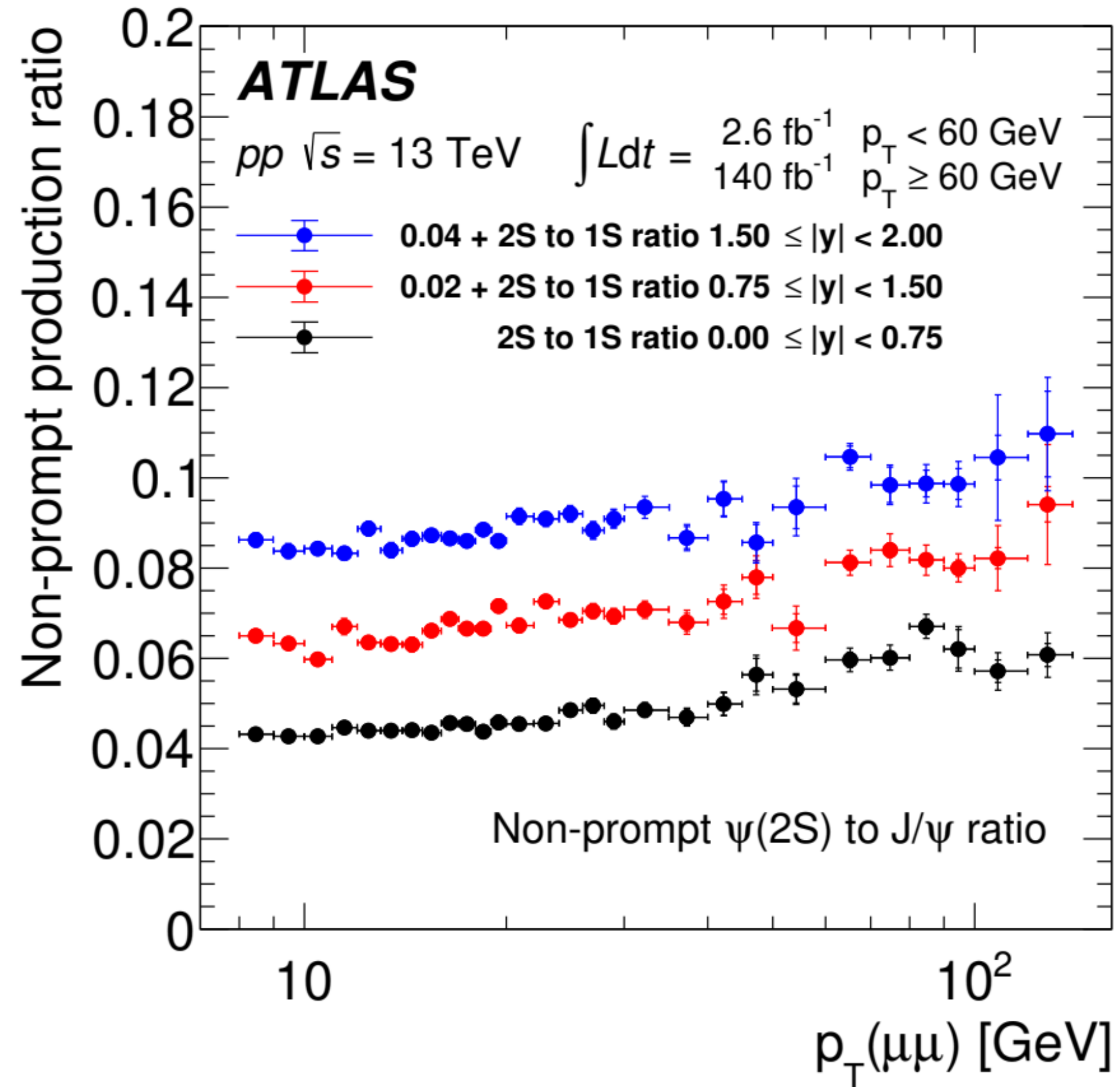
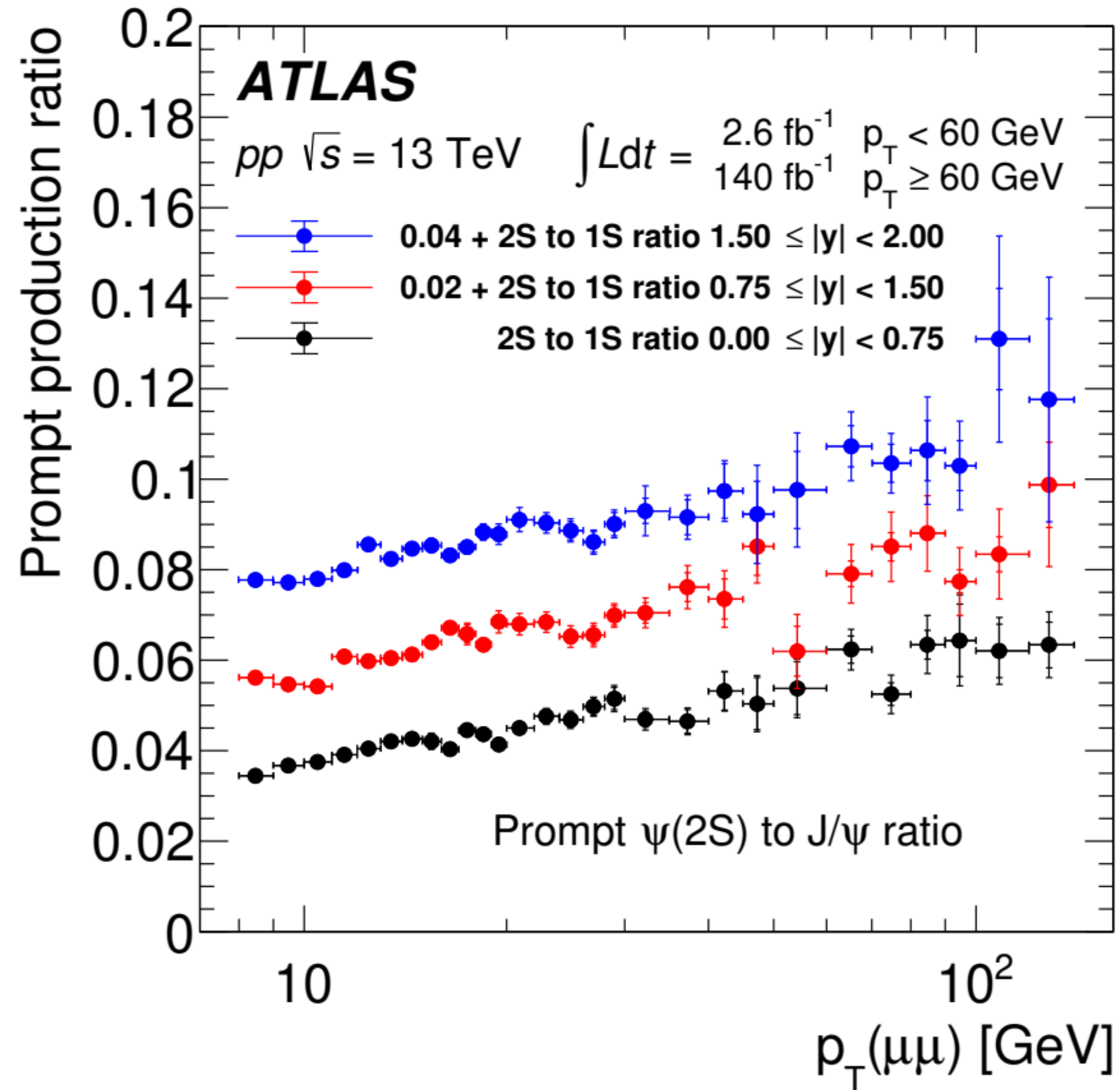
Back-Up

Differential Production Cross-Section of J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$

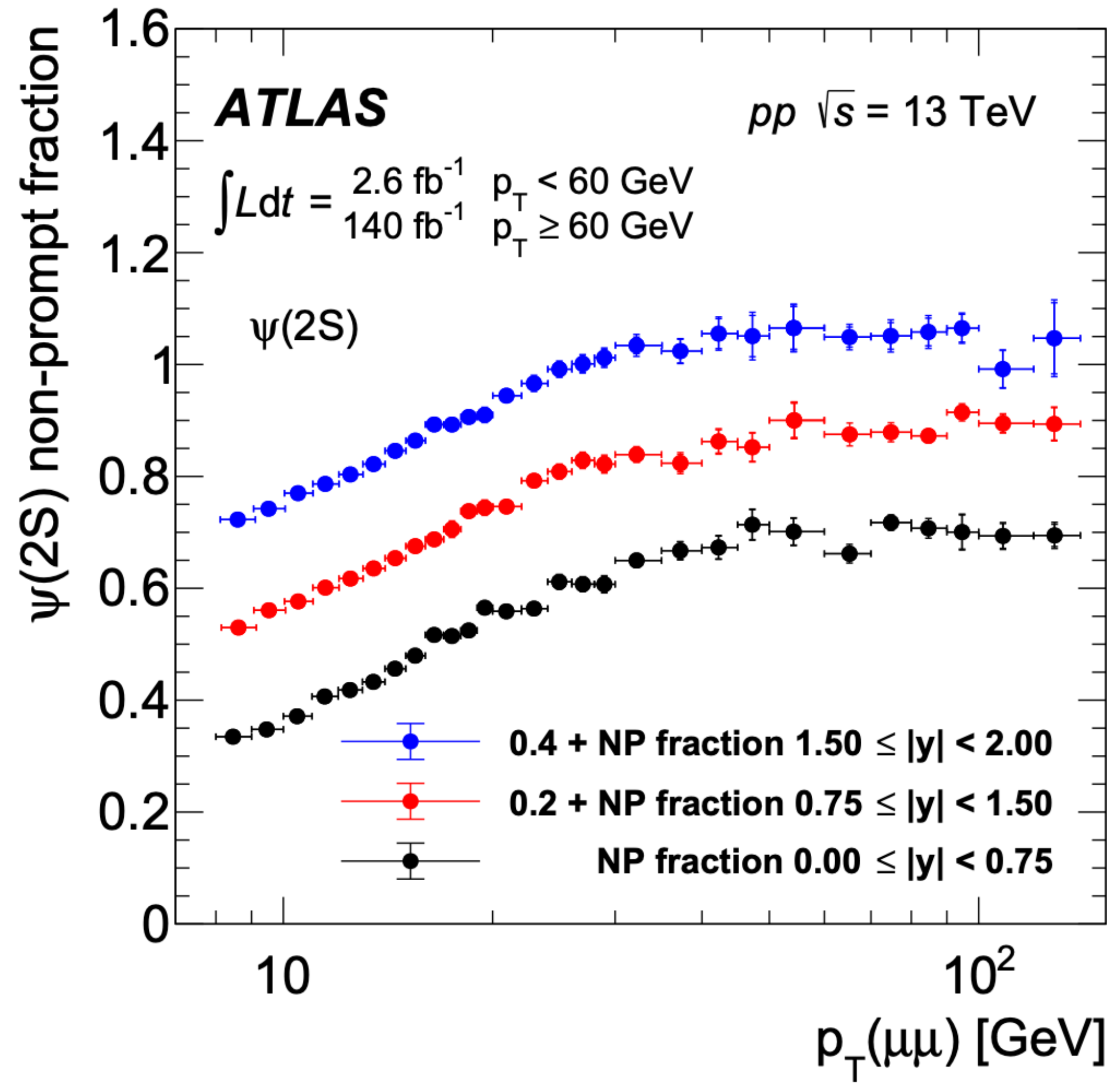
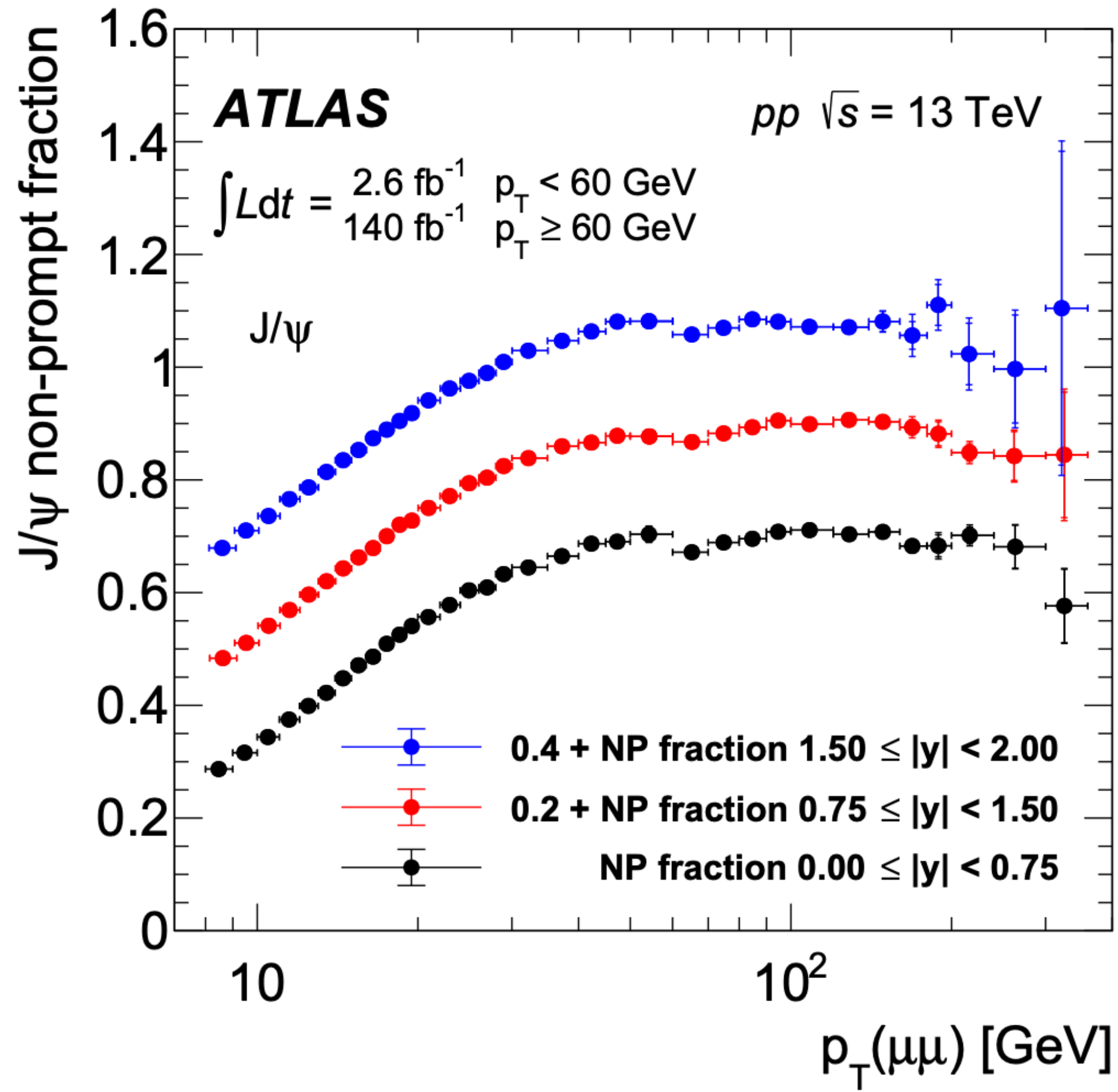
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Results: $\psi(2S)$ -to- J/ψ Production Ratios

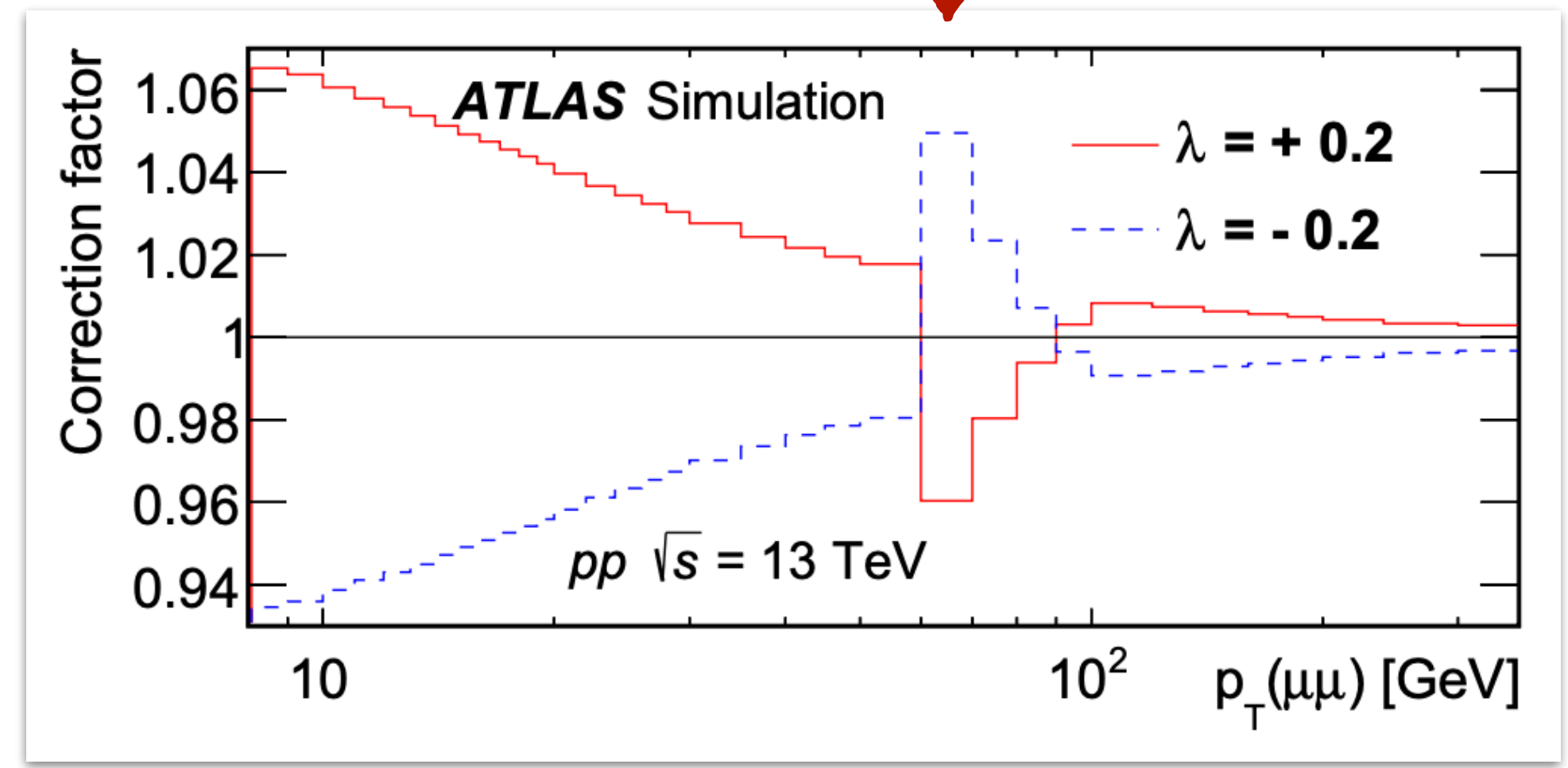


Results: Non-Prompt Production Fractions

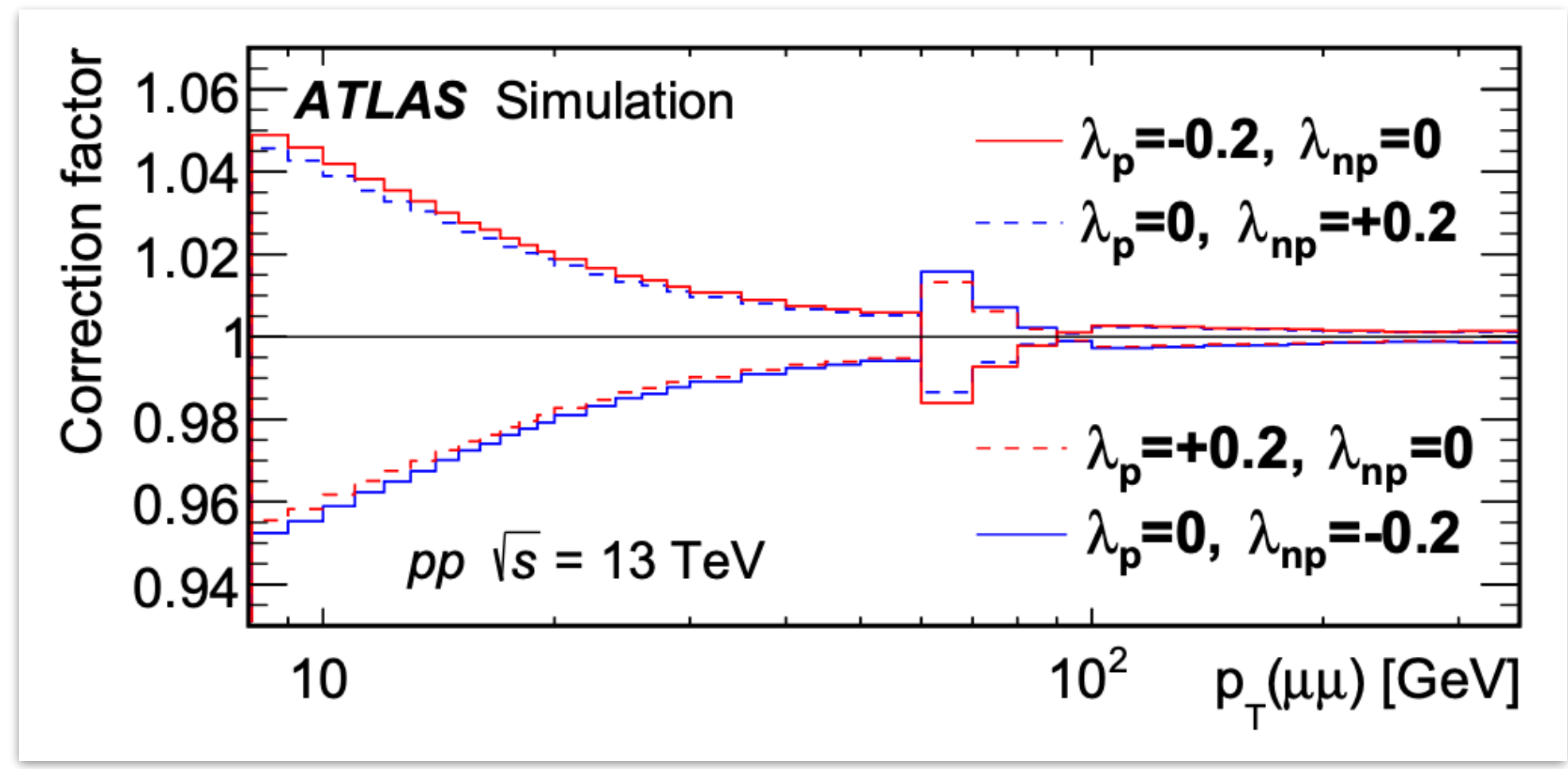


The Spin-Alignment Correction Factors

The switch in trigger strategy kicks in...
at 60 GeV

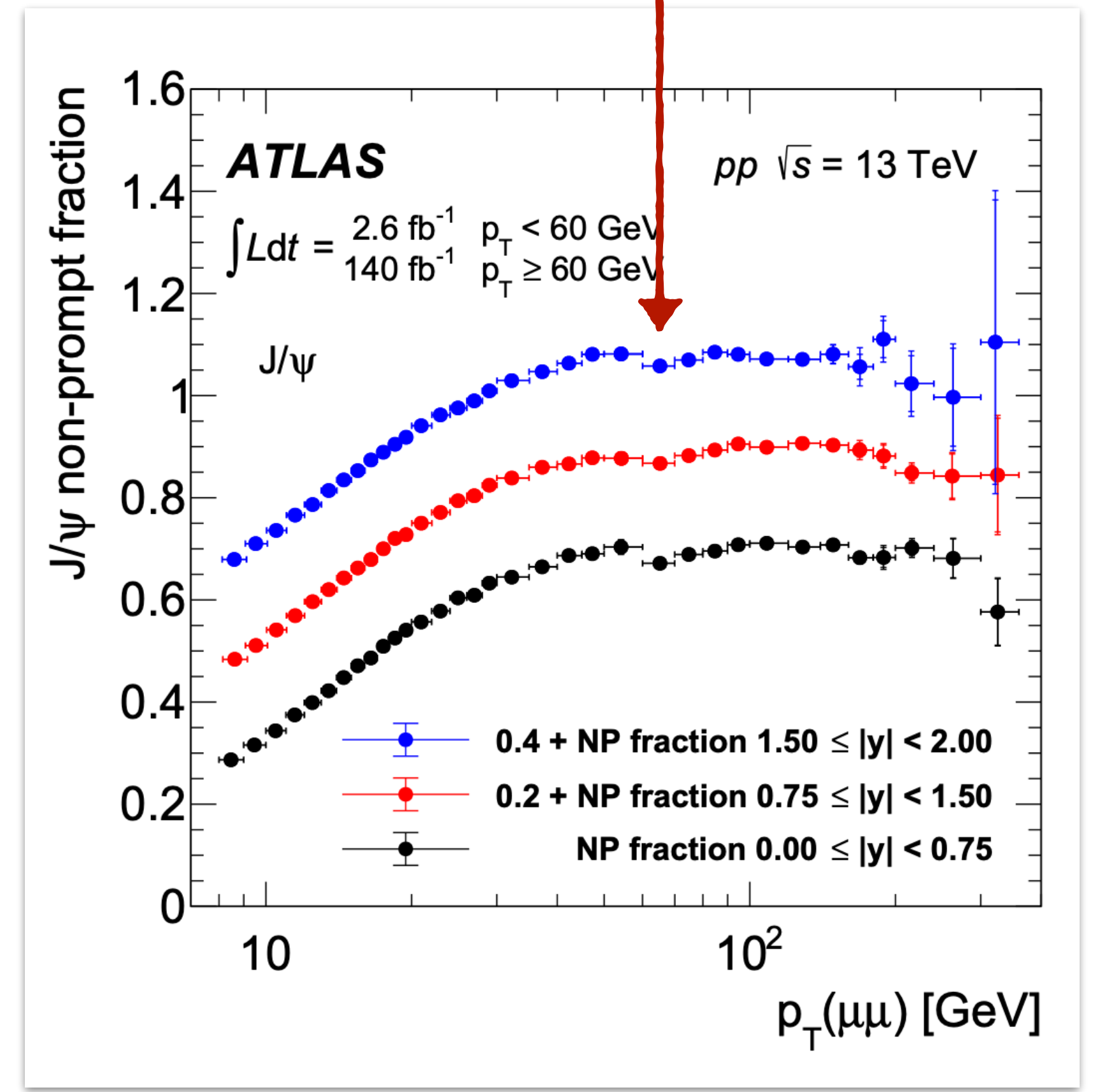


Prompt J/ψ



Non-Prompt J/ψ

Most dominant corrections to acceptance under the isotropic assumption, based on the best available data and theory, are taken as systematics.



Systematics

Partial Cancellation of Systematics

