

ggF Stage 1.2 Uncertainty scheme

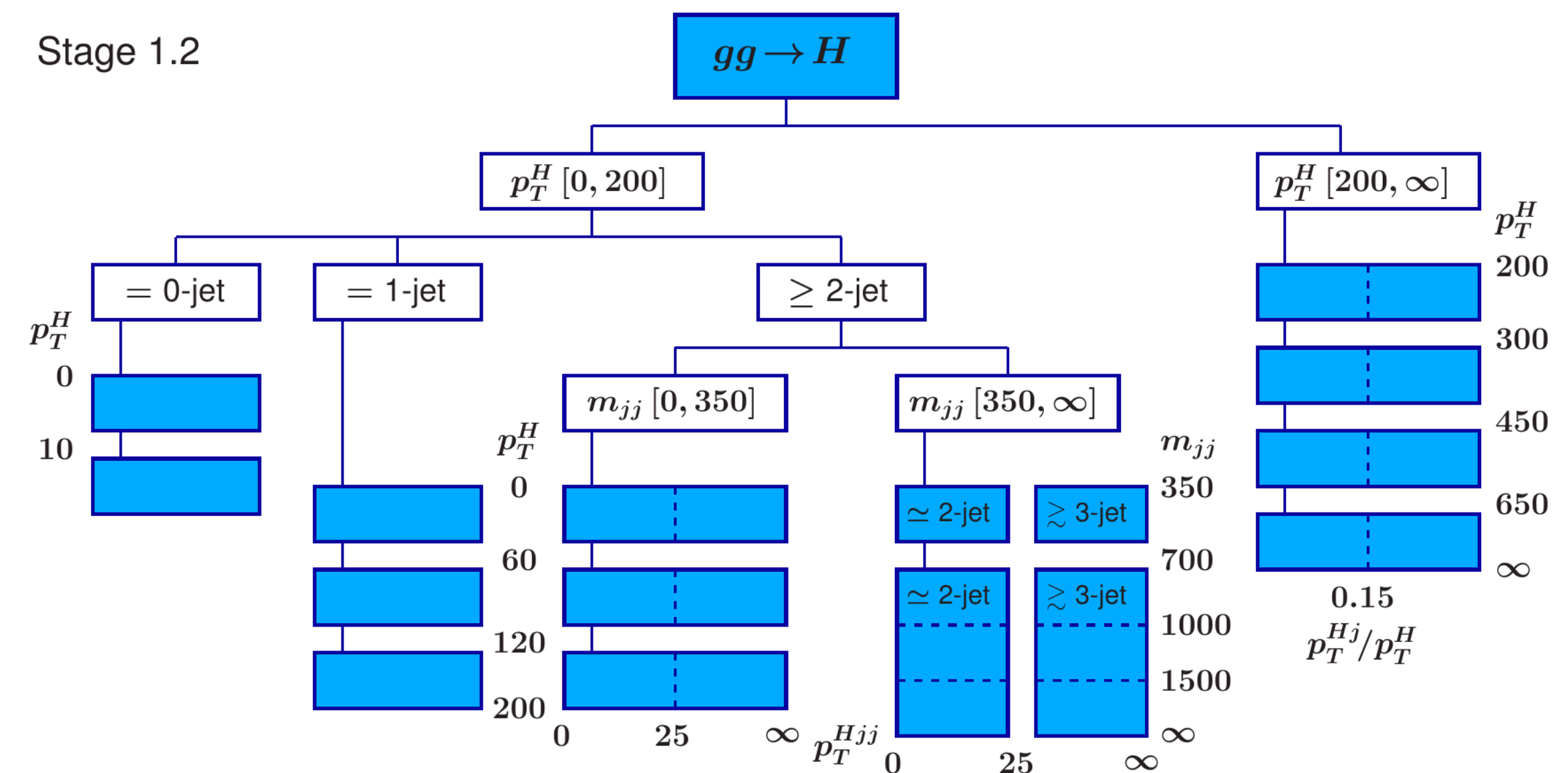
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Introduction

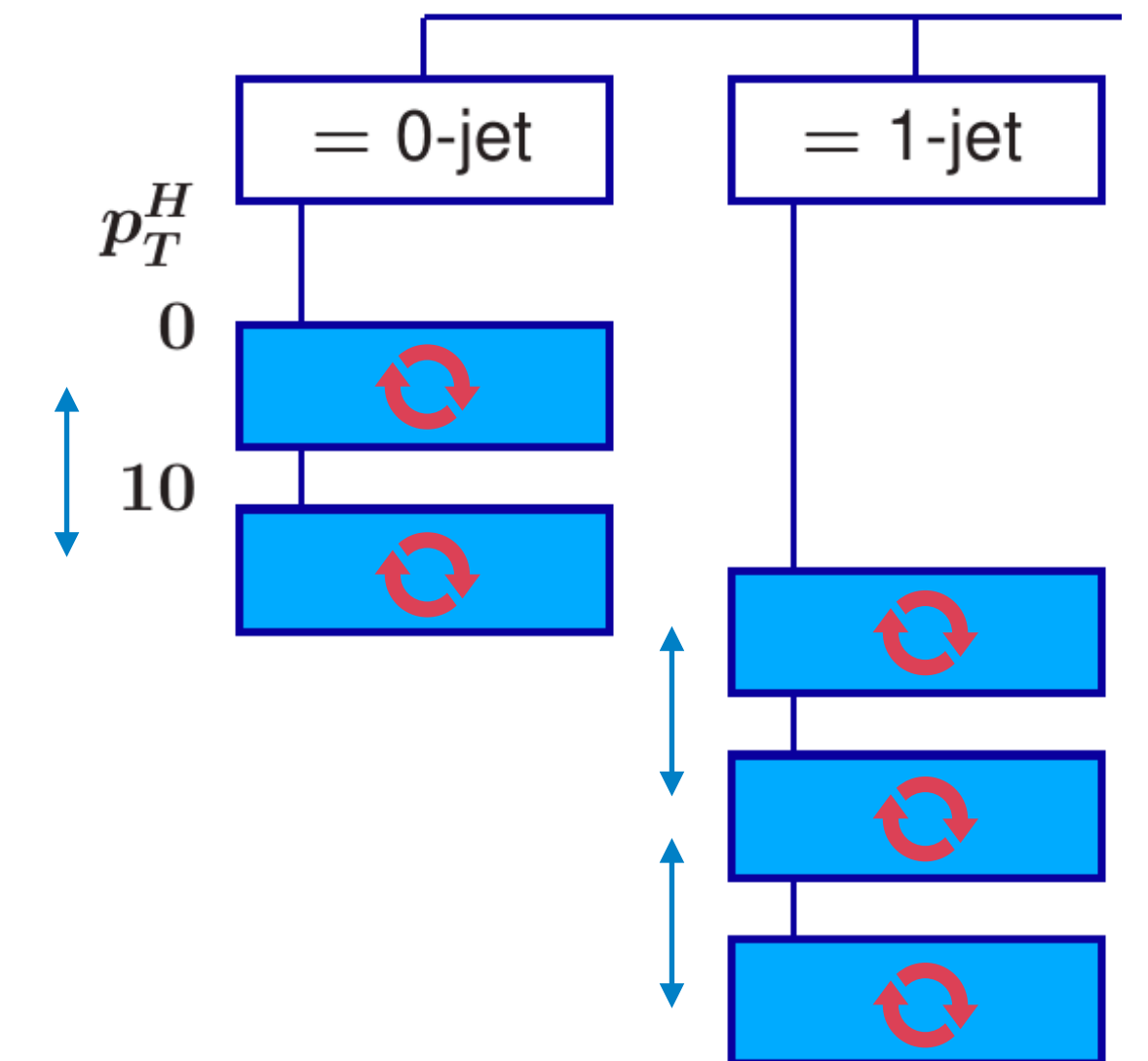
- STXS measurements are very common in the Higgs group + provide a convenient way to parametrize the uncertainties
- STXS recommendations have two parts - bin definition + associated uncertainty
- Other production modes - **Finalized with their respective uncertainties**
 - qq2Hqq - [Link](#), [Link](#)
 - VH-lep - [Link](#), [Link](#)
 - ttH - [Link](#)
- **ggF Stage 1.2 had a preliminary systematic scheme**
 - Tons of work put into the defining a new scheme - ~ year long collaboration with people from ATLAS, CMS & theorists all involved
 - Collaborations across various LHC XS WGs!
 - Results documented @ [Link](#), working on releasing a LHC HWG document



Uncertainty scheme - ggF

- Couple of **key ingredients** that need to be defined for such a scheme:
 - **Common default MC** - ATLAS: Powheg & CMS: MG5 - Both with NNLOPS reweighting
 - Talks on harmonizing this even further for Run 3
 - **List of NPs to parametrize the uncertainty**
 - All stakeholders need to agree on this - defines how to correlate the systematics
 - Many meetings within the LHC XS WG - Finalized a common scheme @ [Link](#)
 - The method to numerically evaluate impacts across bin boundaries
 - Year long collaboration on the methodology - an evolution of the ST method settled as the main choice - used for other production modes as well
 - **Final numbers** evaluated by applying this methodology - can be updated as better calculations come
 - Systematics impacting the acceptance - **shapes within an STXS bin**
 - Largely agreed to leave this up to each analysis as there are too many possibilities
 - But there is proposal on how to cover for this - Not covered in this talk

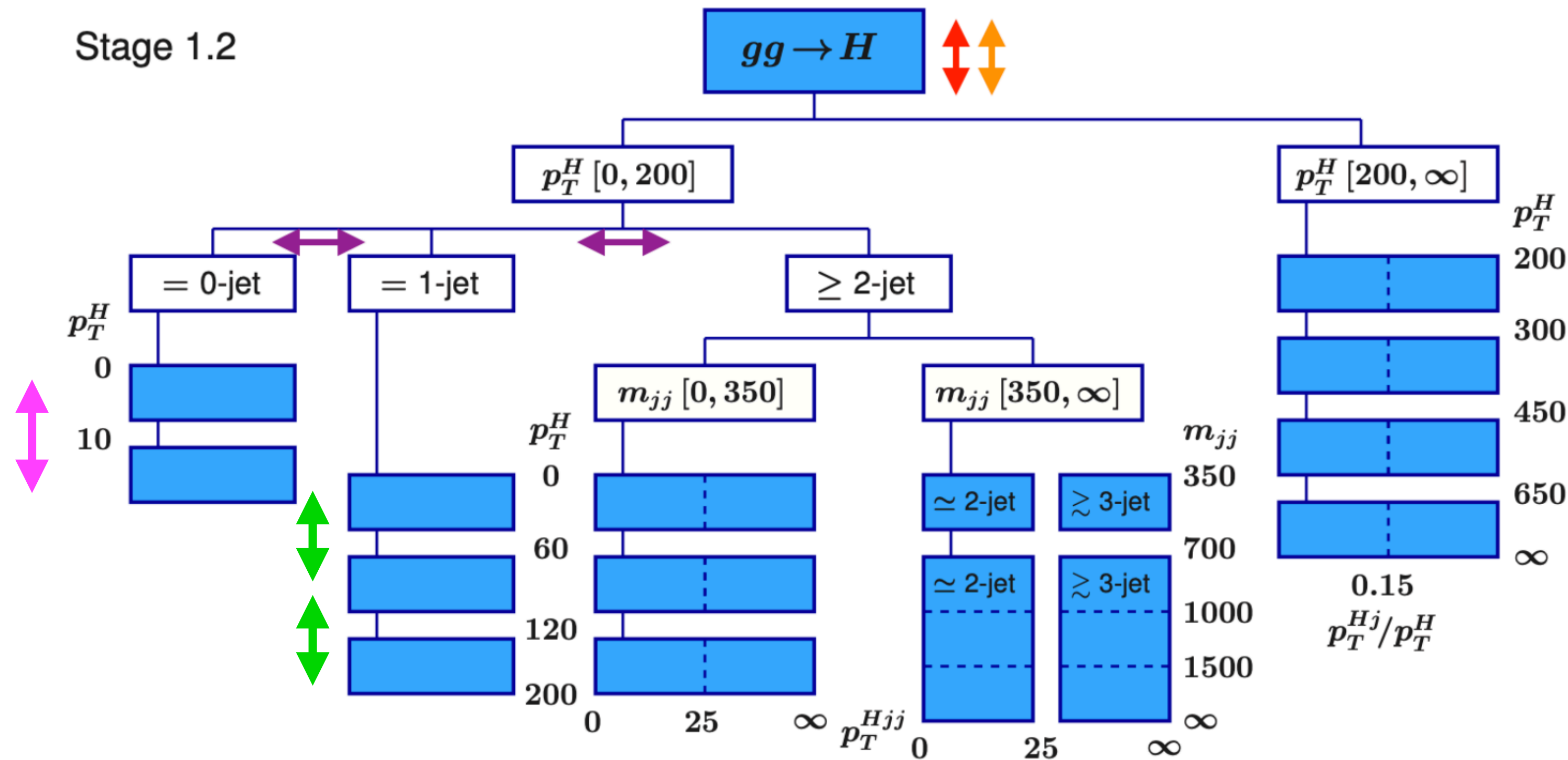
Stage 1.2



Parameter Scheme

NP scheme

- Final decision from discussions documented @ [Link](#)
- This is an evolution of the Stage 1 theory scheme with many common parts taken directly
- Overall, 18 NPs have been decided upon to parameterize the uncertainties



Overall yield and jet migration (4 NPs):

- 1 NP for overall fixed-order effects
- 1 NP for overall resummation effects
- 1 NP for 0-1 jet bin migration
- 1 NP for 1-2 jet bin migration

pTH migrations (3 NPs):

- 1 NP for p_T^H migration in 0 jet
- 2 NP for p_T^H migration at the 60/120 boundary
Correlated across 1-2 jet bins

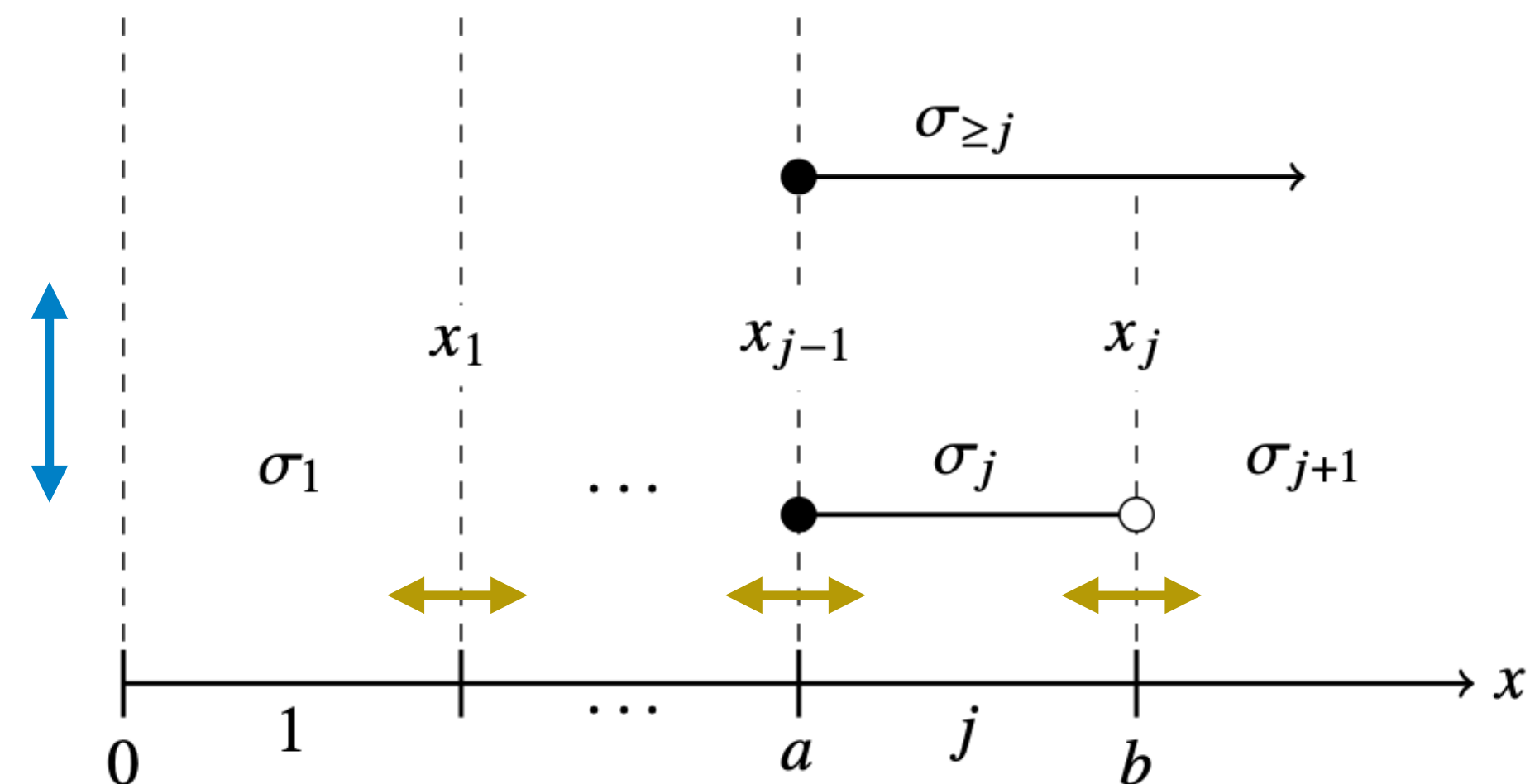
No change from Stage 1
for these NPs

Uncertainty evaluation

Long range ST method

- Many ways to evaluate - all involve varying the muR & muF scales and using the XS variations
- Build upon the ST method to remove some of its limitations - LR ST method collaboratively developed
 - Evaluate the yield variations inclusively and replace with better calculation if available
 - Distribute the migration sys across all 'higher' bins
- Leads to double counting - if we apply the same method in $m_{JJ} > 350$ and $m_{JJ} > 700$, double counting in the upper region
 - Introduce ρ scaling param to prevent this - no clear way to estimate this correlation theoretically
 - Nominal choice of $\rho = 0.5$ chosen to ensure that total variation is \sim equal to the scale variations in that bin

Bin definitions



Long range ST method

Take the max scale variation inclusive region and apply as yield NP for all bins

$$\theta^y(j) \left\{ \delta^y = \max |\Delta_\mu| / \sigma \text{ (Replaced by state-of-the-art number when available)}, \right.$$

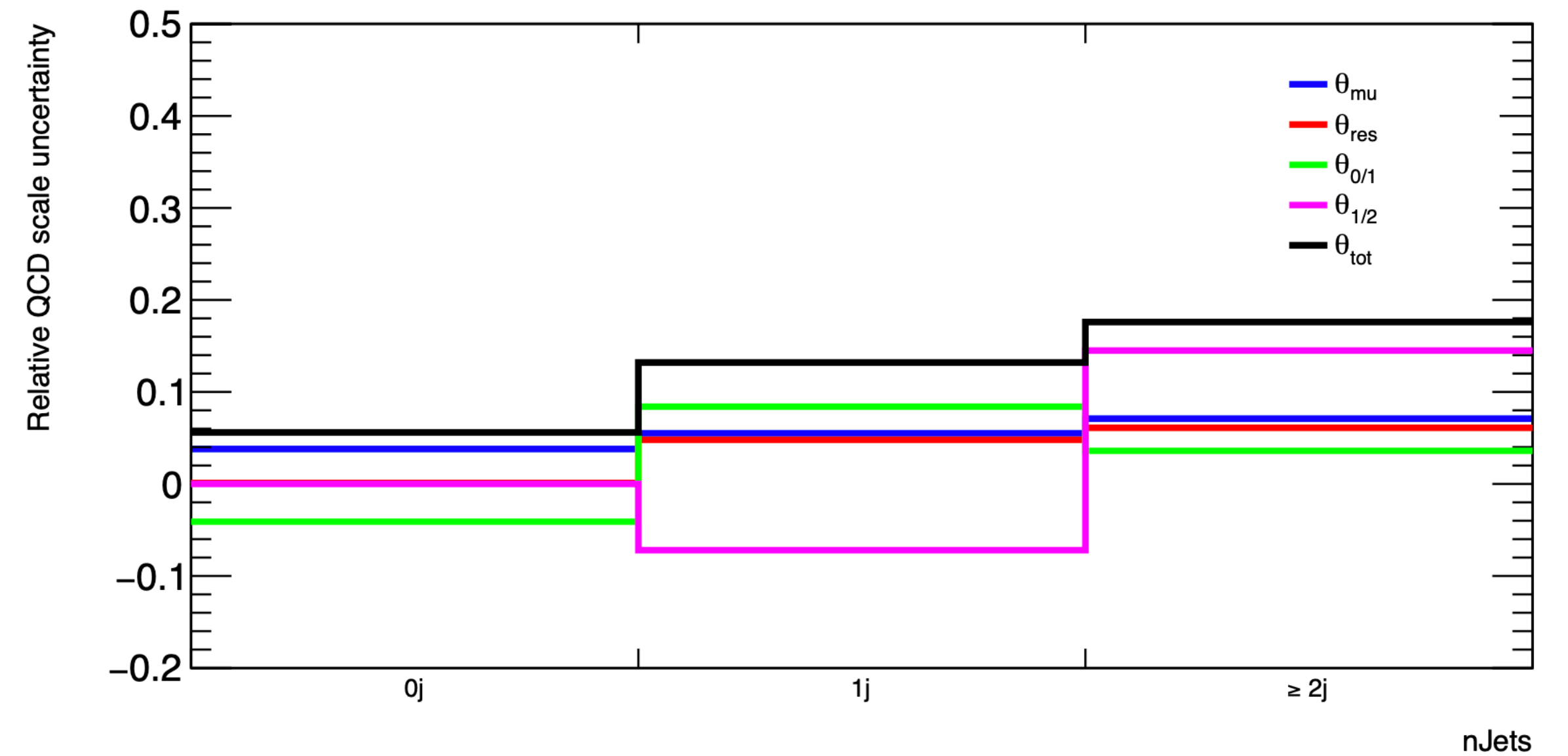
$$\theta_{x_k}^{\text{mig}}(j) \begin{cases} 0 & : j < k \\ \rho \times (\delta_k^- \equiv -\max |\Delta_{\mu, \geq k+1}| / \sigma_k) & : j = k \\ \rho \times (\delta_k^+ \equiv +\max |\Delta_{\mu, \geq k+1}| / \sigma_{\geq k+1}) & : j \geq k + 1 \end{cases}$$

Take the max scale variation in $\geq k+1$ region and apply as migration NP between k and $\geq k+1$ bins

Inclusive and Jet migrations

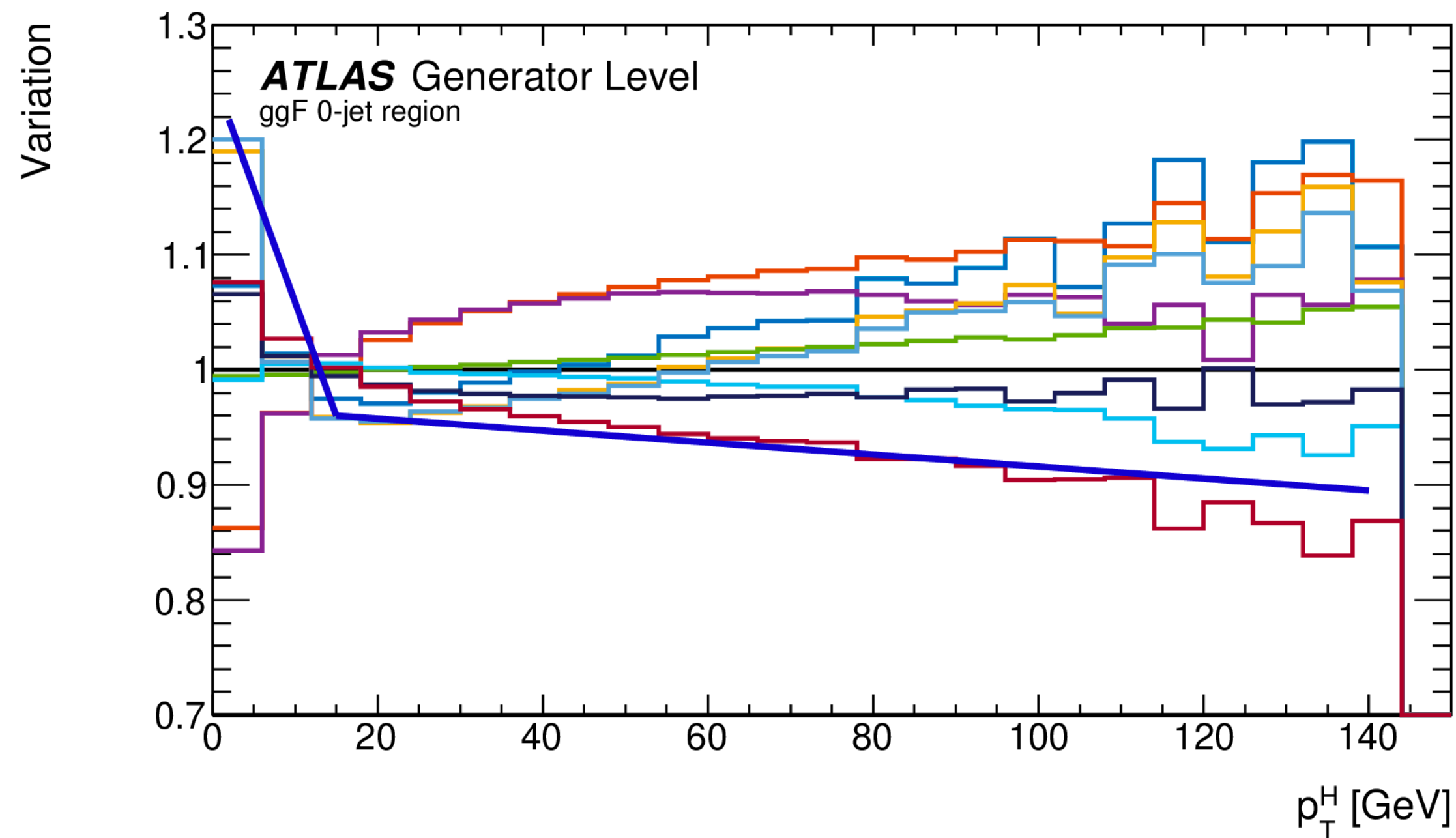
- No change from the Stage 1 scheme
- Use BLPTW method from the YR4
 - These end up being the ‘yield’ uncertainties when we evaluate other uncertainties

Uncertainty [%]	jet bin		
	σ_0	σ_1	$\sigma_{\geq 2}$
θ_μ	3.8	5.2	7.9
θ_{res}	0.1	4.5	7.9
$\theta_{0/1}$	-4.2	7.9	3.9
$\theta_{1/2}$	-	-6.8	16.1
Total	5.6	12.5	19.9



Low p_T^H region - 0 jet topology

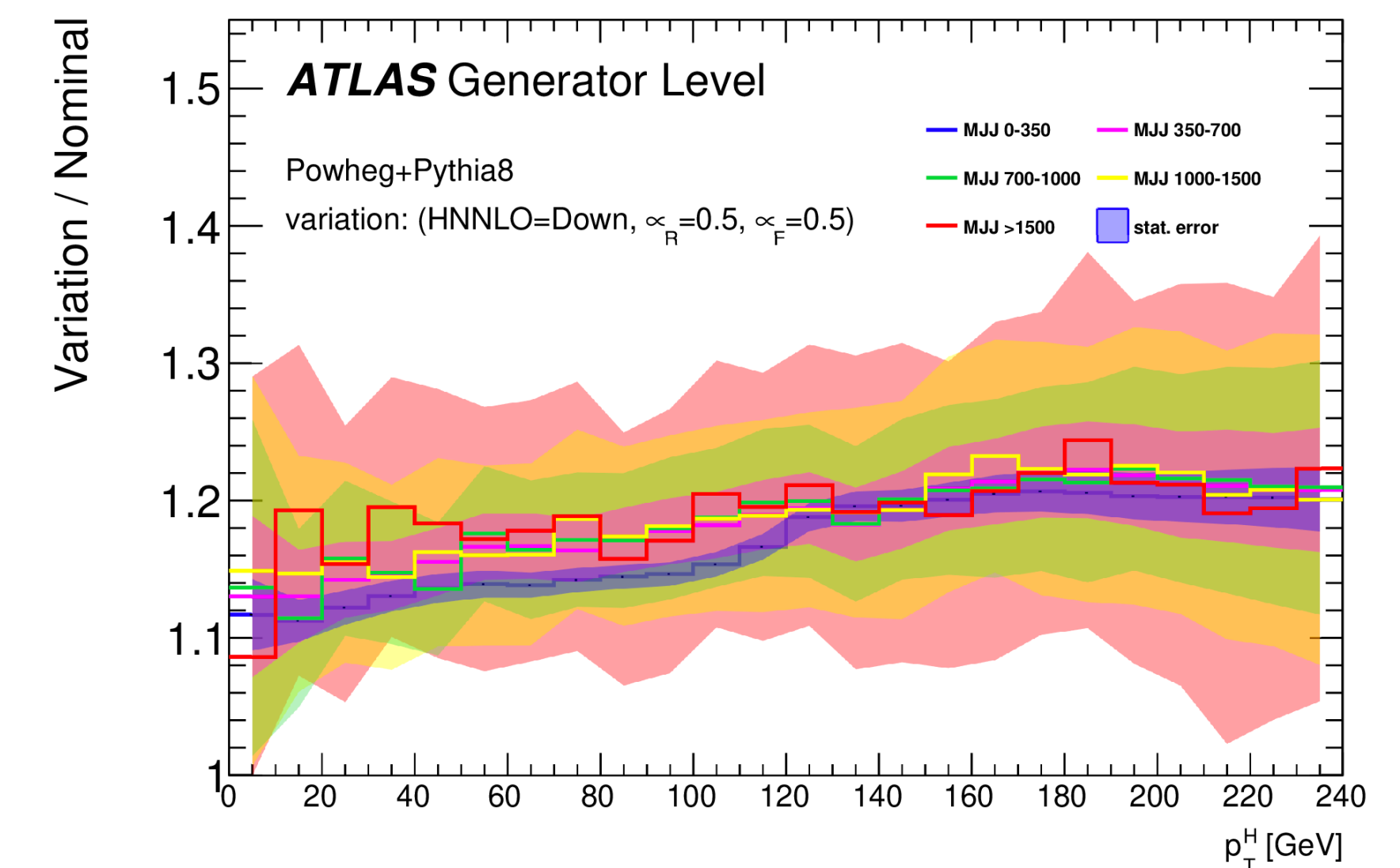
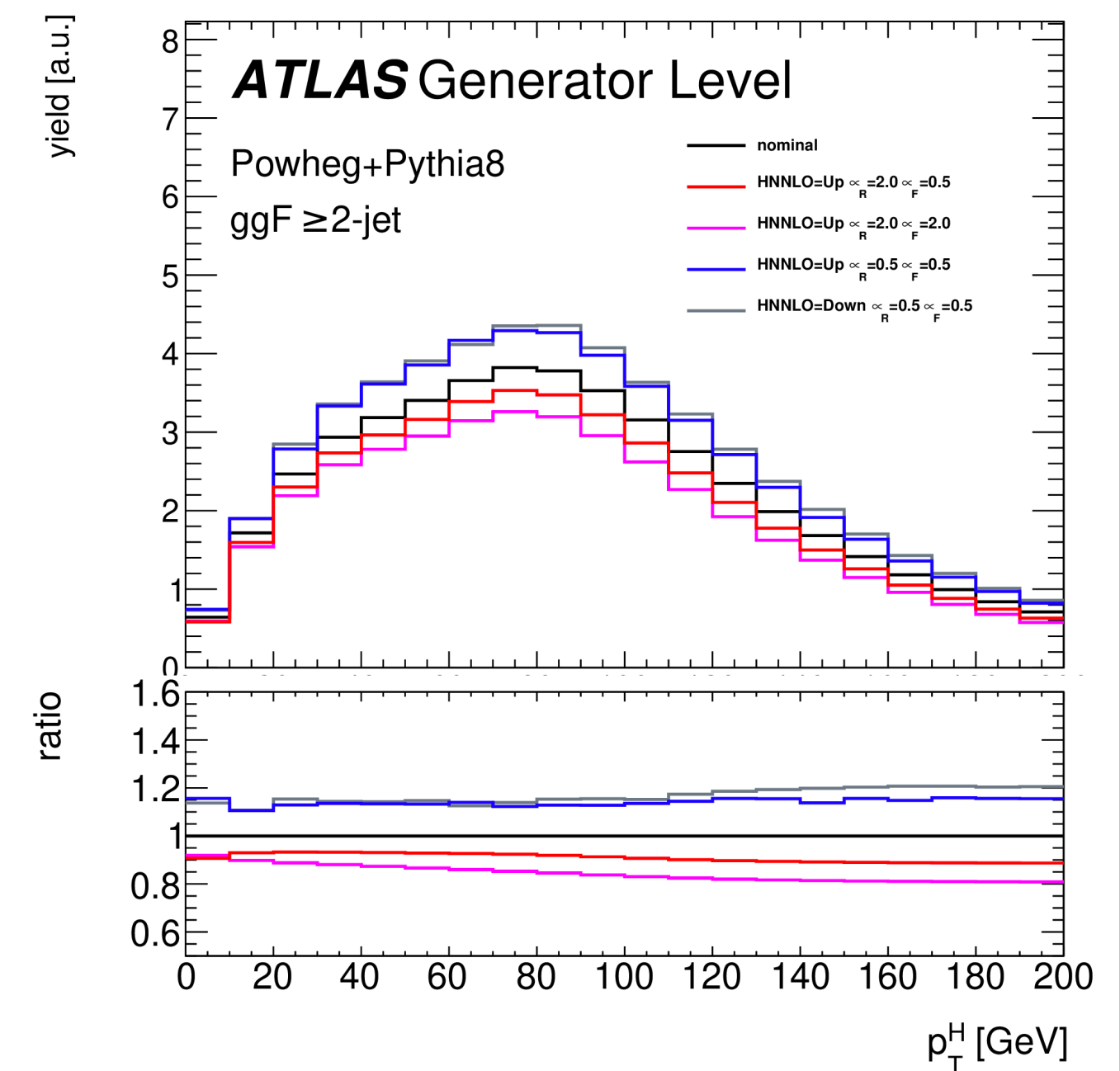
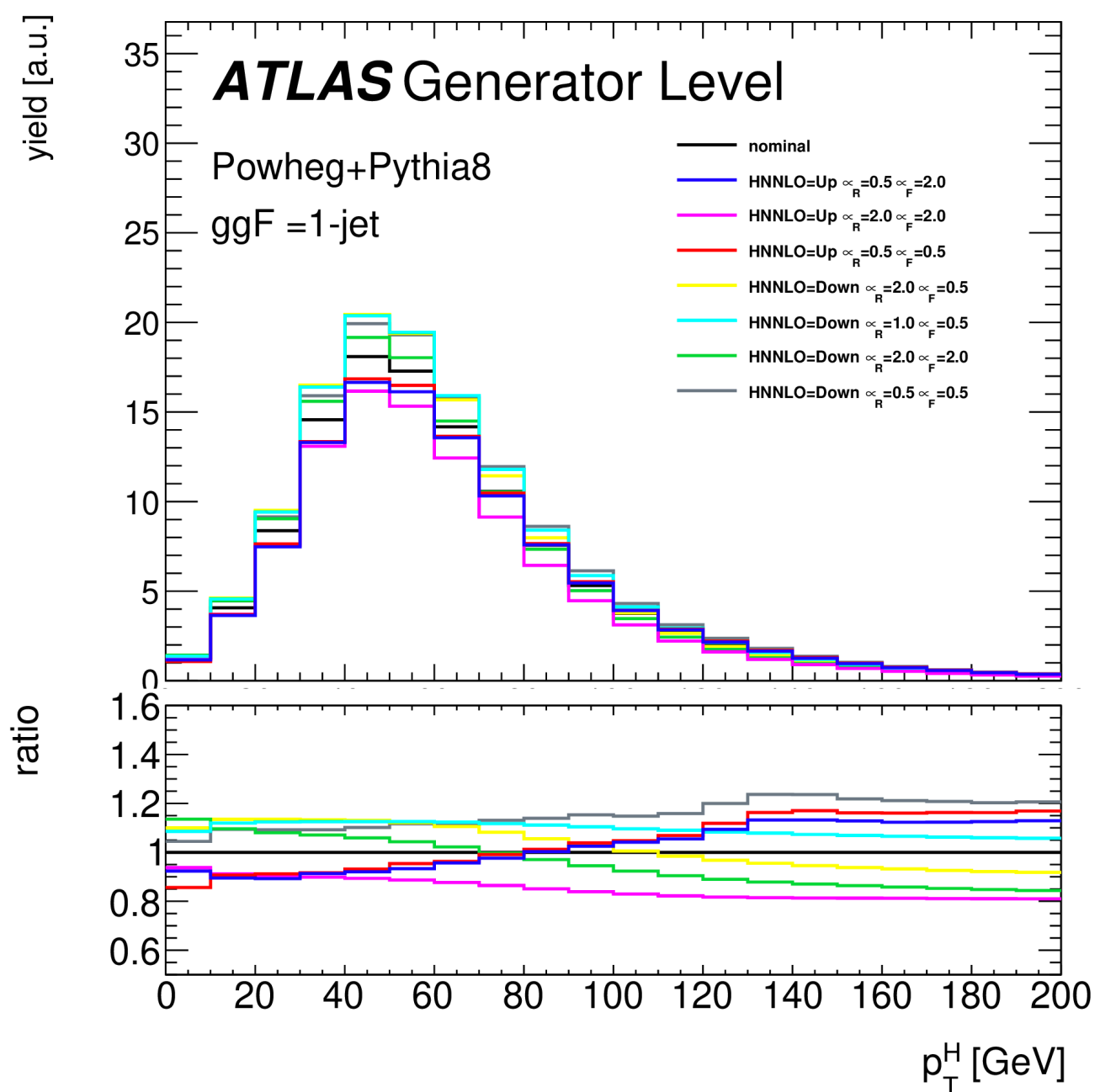
- [Scheme developed a few years ago](#) - approved as part of the Stage 1.1 scheme - [Link](#)
 - Envelop of HNNLO NNLOPS/muR/muF scale taken as the sys
- No application of long range method - only one bin boundary
 - Dominant effects are from low p_T resummation
 - Care taken to ensure that uncertainty in the regions are in line with calculations



Uncertainty [%]	p_T^H [GeV] region in 0j		
	$\sigma_{=0j}$	$\sigma_{<10}$	$\sigma_{\geq 10}$
$\theta_{p_T^H=10}$		11.2	-3.6

Low p_T^H region - 1/2 jet topology

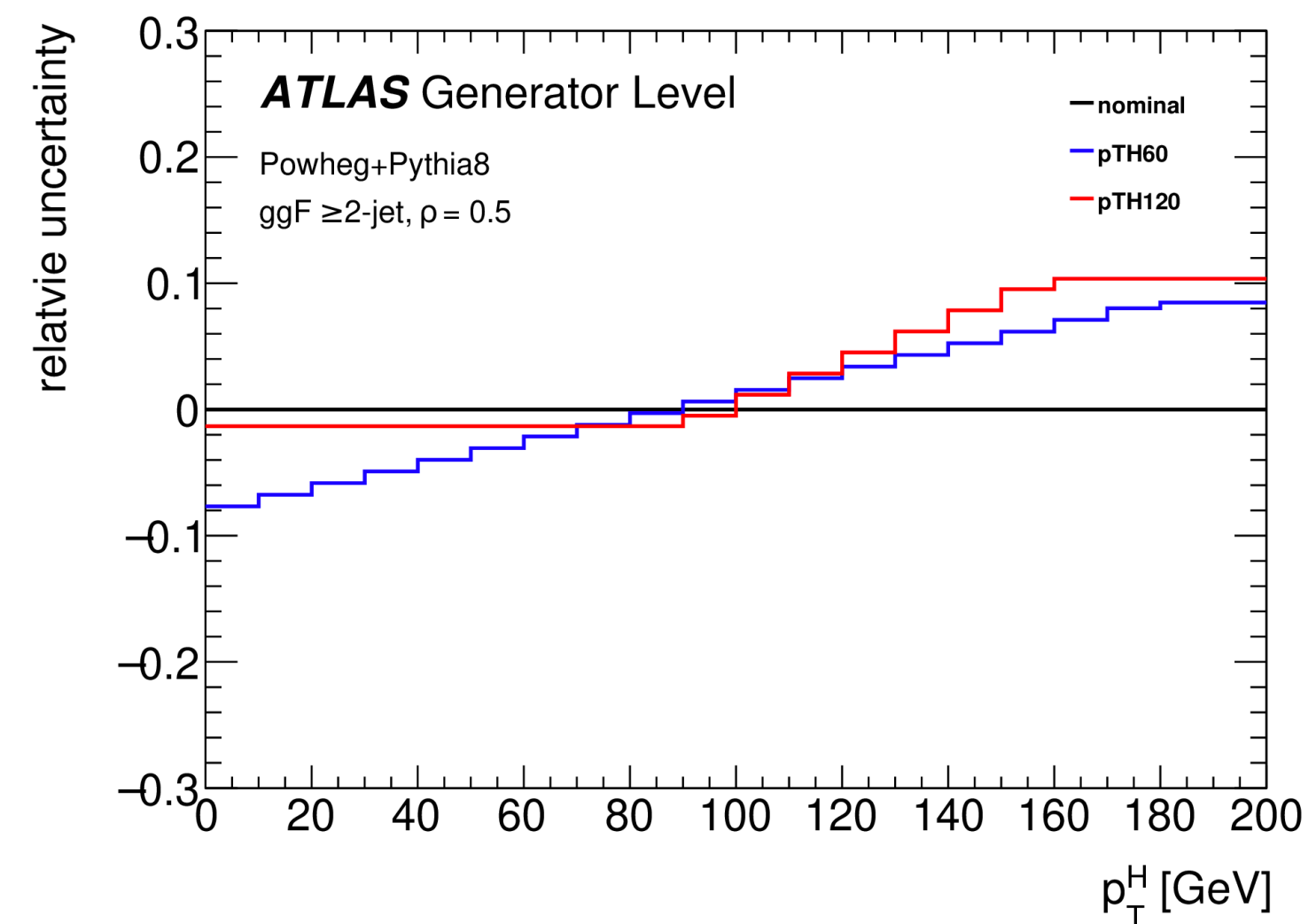
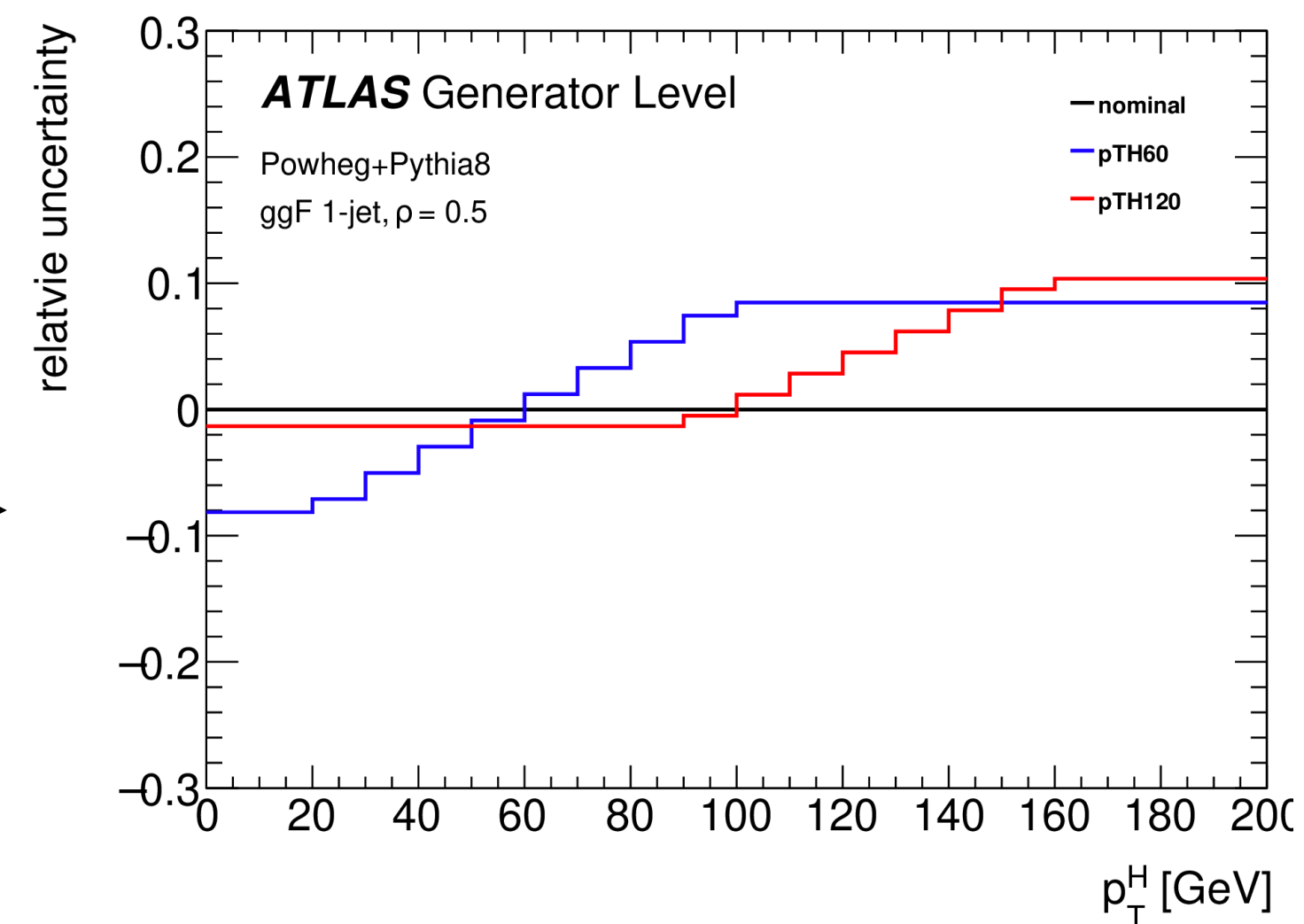
- Similar as 0 jet - but dominant uncertainty source expected to be covered by μ_R/μ_F /HNNLO variations
- Following a [similar procedure to Stage 1 scheme](#) - but applying LR ST method in the middle
- Also checked the scale variations in m_{jj} bins - consistent within the statistical error
 - Assume for now, p_T^H uncertainty is independent of m_{jj}



Low p_{T^H} region - 1/2 jet topology

- Derive the results in ≥ 1 jet region
 - Since p_{T^H} shape changes in jet regions, apply a different smoothing function to distribute the XS impact evenly across p_{T^H}
- Only place where smoothing is applied - p_{T^H} is typically correlated with acceptance effects due to analysis selection
 - Smoothing allows to get the impact of these acceptance effects
 - Non-trivial to parameterize other variables once p_{T^H} has been smoothed - tackle in the next iteration of the scheme

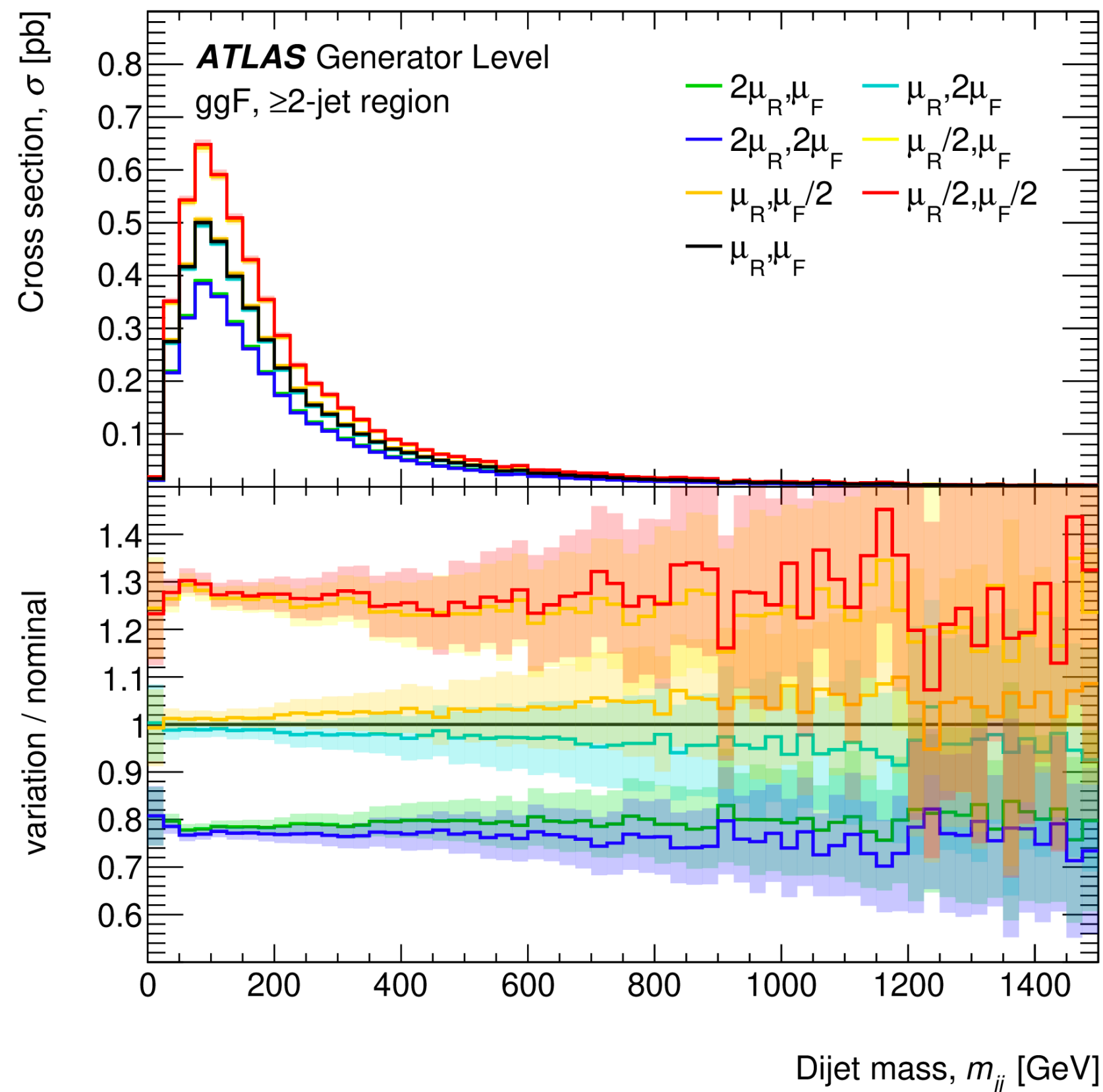
		Powheg NNLOPS			
Uncertainty [%]		p_T^H [GeV] region			
		$\sigma_{\geq 1}$	$\sigma_{[0,60)}$	$\sigma_{[60,120)}$	$\sigma_{[120,200)}$
θ_y		13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1
$\theta_{p_T^H=60}$			-8.1	+7.6	+7.6
$\theta_{p_T^H=120}$				-2.9	+10.3
Total		13.1	15.4	15.5	18.3



→ To be replaced with the BLPTW

2 Jet region - m_{jj}

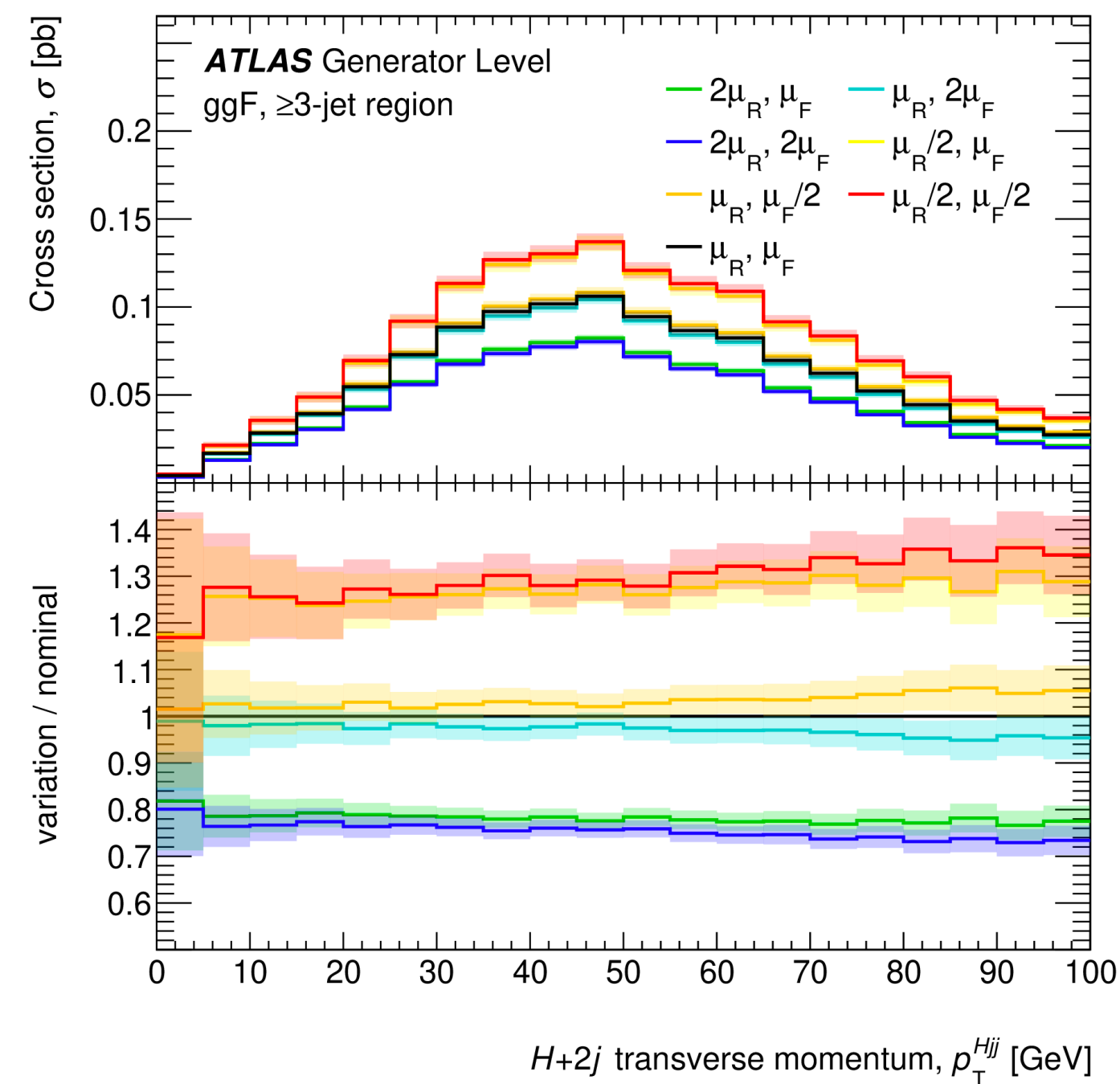
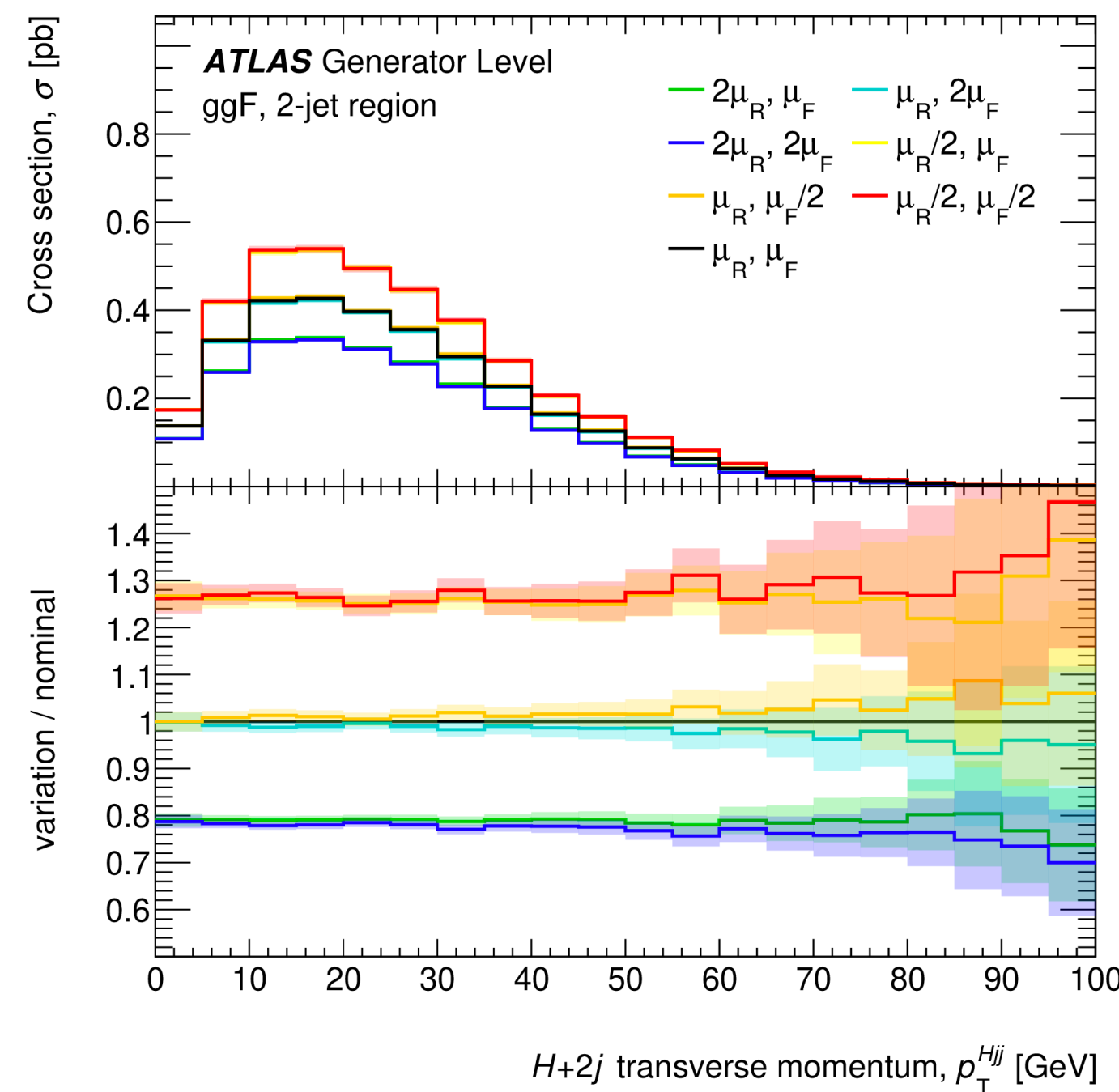
- Uncertainties for m_{jj} are a simple application of the long range method
- Scale variation from FxFx used as it is NLO @ 2j
- Cross-checked results with NNLOPS, MG5 H+2J and Hjj MiNLO
- Ensured that migration uncertainties cancel out when applied to NNLOPS



		$H + 0, 1, 2j$ MG5_AMC@NLO (FxFx)					
Uncertainty [%]	m_{jj} [GeV] region						
	$\sigma_{\geq 2j}$	$\sigma_{<350}$	$\sigma_{[350,700)}$	$\sigma_{[700,1000)}$	$\sigma_{[1000,1500)}$	$\sigma_{\geq 1500}$	
θ_y	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	
$\theta_{m_{jj}=350}$		-2.9	+11.8	+11.8	+11.8	+11.8	
$\theta_{m_{jj}=700}$			-5.7	+12.4	+12.4	+12.4	
$\theta_{m_{jj}=1000}$				-11.1	+12.6	+12.6	
$\theta_{m_{jj}=1500}$					-6.8	+13.0	
Total	23.0	23.2	26.5	30.7	32.0	33.9	

2 Jet region - p_T^{Hjj}

- p_T^{Hjj} is an indirect probe for N_{jet} ($p_T^j > 30$ GeV) - there is **significant** leakage at the $p_T^{Hjj} = 25$ GeV boundary
- Consistently found the same behaviour across generators
- Need a better probe for $N_{\text{jet}} = 2 \leftrightarrow N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$ migrations
- Leads to an artificial increase in the systematic in the lower bin



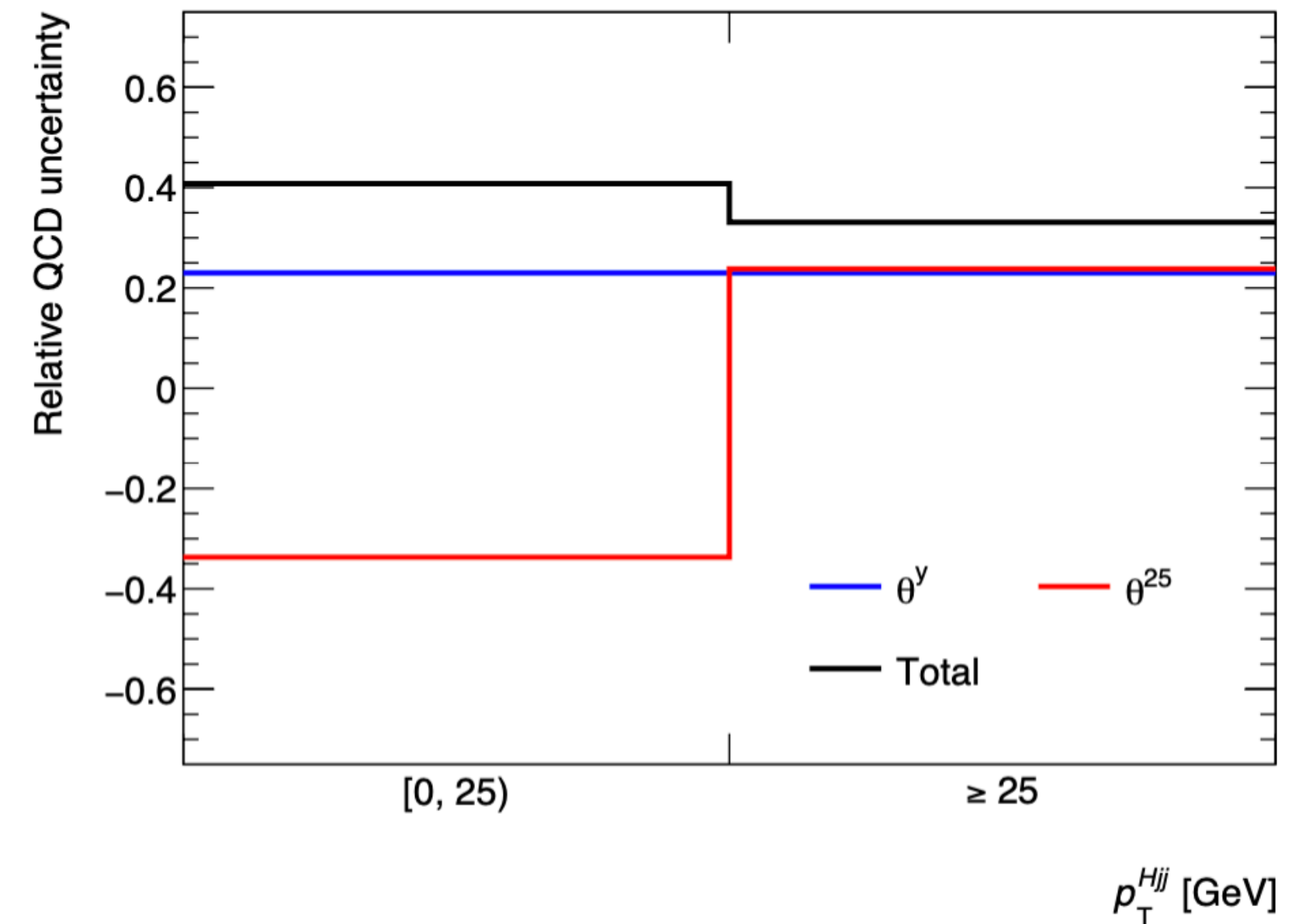
$H + 0, 1, 2j$ MG5_AMC@NLO (FxFx)		
Composition [%]	p_T^{Hjj} [GeV] region	
	$\sigma_{<25}$	$\sigma_{\geq 25}$
$N_{\text{jet}} = 2$	91	9
$N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$	55	45

2 Jet region - p_T^{Hjj}

- Due to differences in the p_T^{Hjj} shape at NLO (FxFx) vs LO (NNLOPS), the impact in the upper bin increased to O(30%) ensure the migration uncertainty cancel out overall
- **Cross-checked** results with NNLOPS, MG5 H+2J and Hjj MiNLO
- ρ set to 1 as there is only one bin

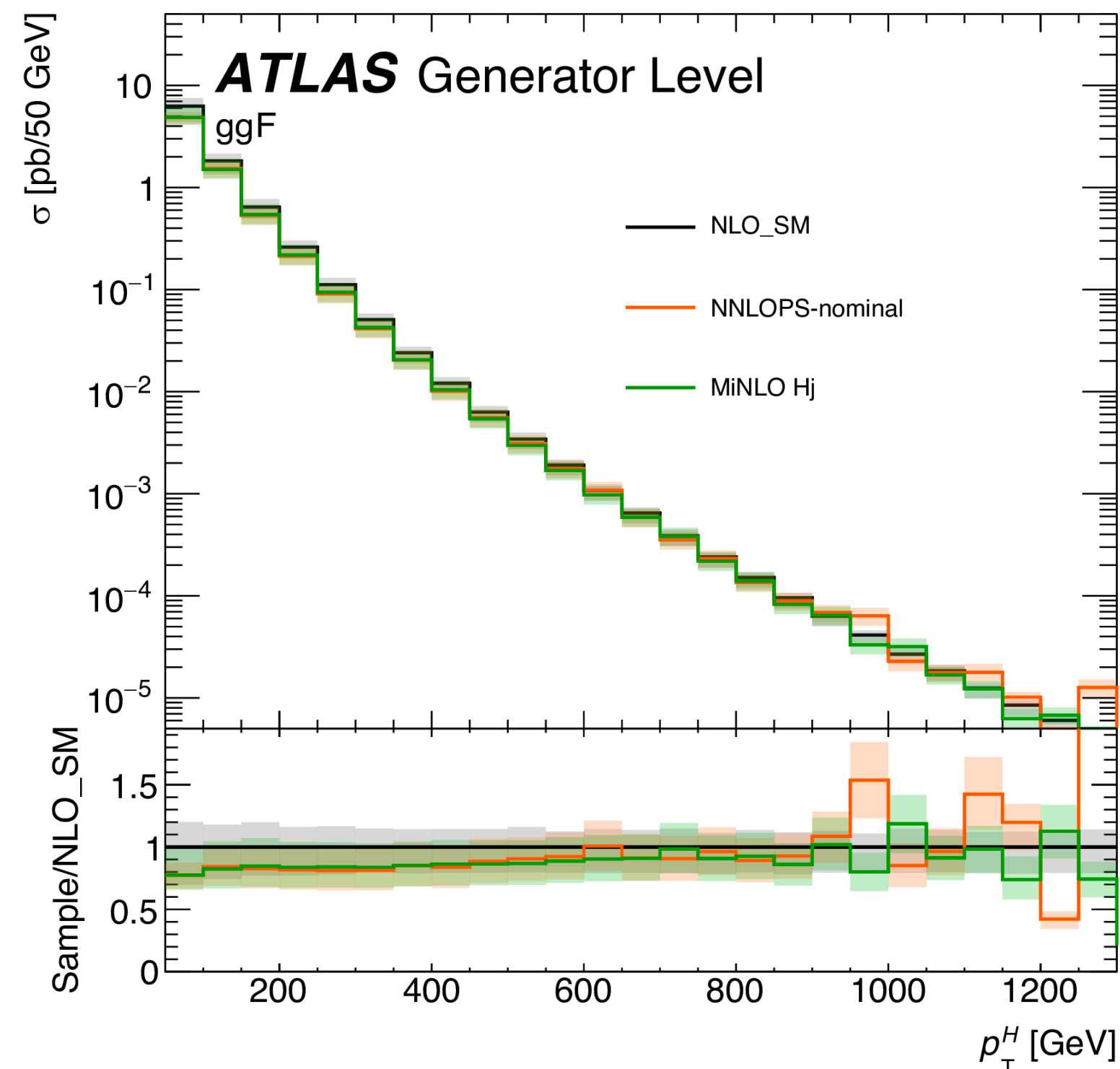
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Uncertainty [%]	p_T^{Hjj} [GeV] region		
	$\sigma_{\geq 2j}$	$\sigma_{<25}$	$\sigma_{\geq 25}$
θ^y	23.0	23.0	23.0
θ^{25}		-33.7	+30.0
Total	23.0	40.8	37.8

Increased from 23.8% to 30% to account for relative XS difference in PP8 + NNLOPS wrt MG5 FxFx

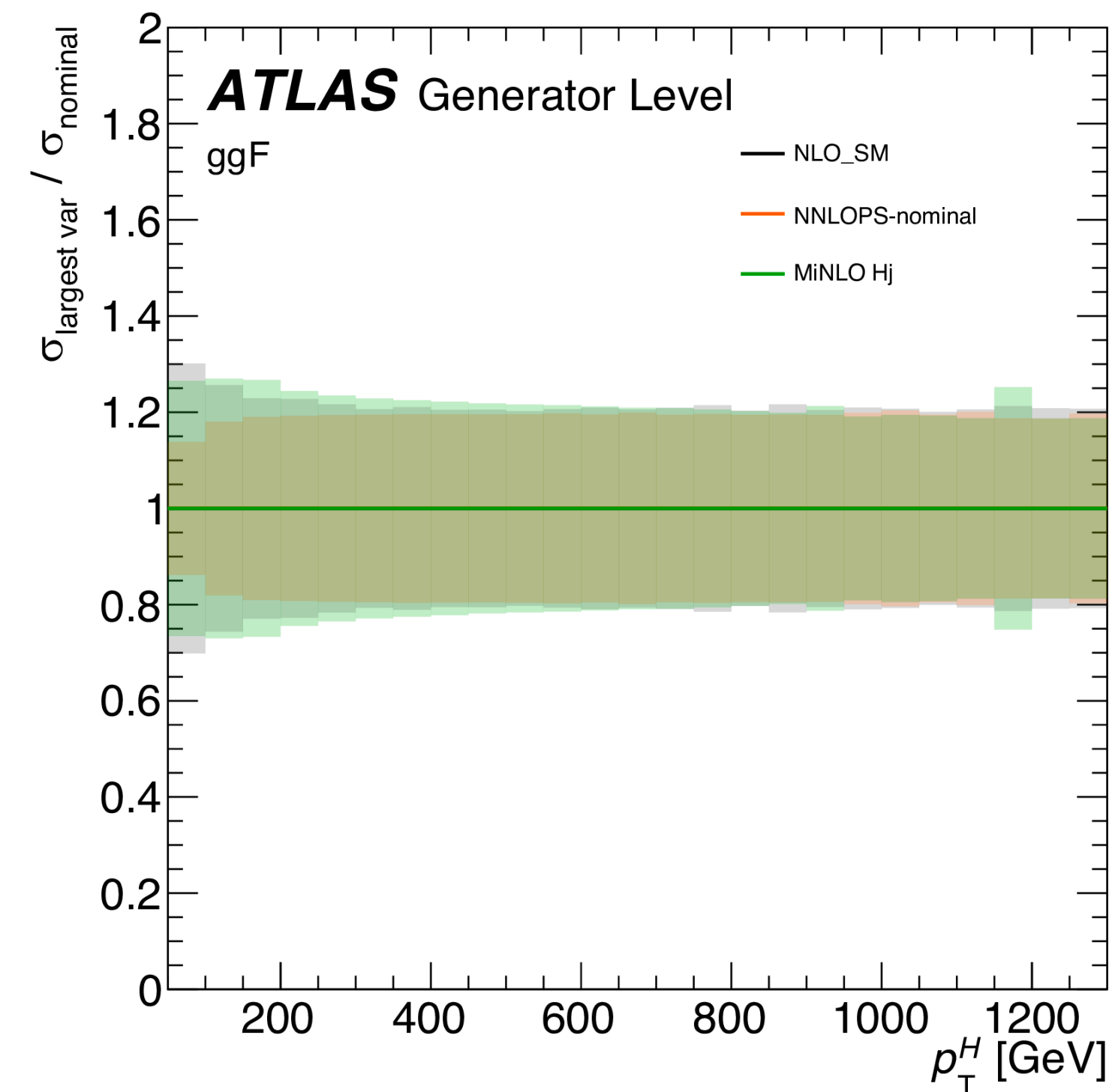


High p_T^H region - Scale variation

- Significant improvements to the uncertainty scheme in $p_T^H > 200$ GeV region
- Dedicated theoretical calculations and associated QCD scale uncertainty - [1802.00349](#)
- Matthias Kerner & Stephen Jones extended and provided results in the needed binning
- Ensured that these results are consistent with the NNLOPS results
- Very recently found that the top mass effect was overestimated - numbers will be updated ASAP



Comparison of central value

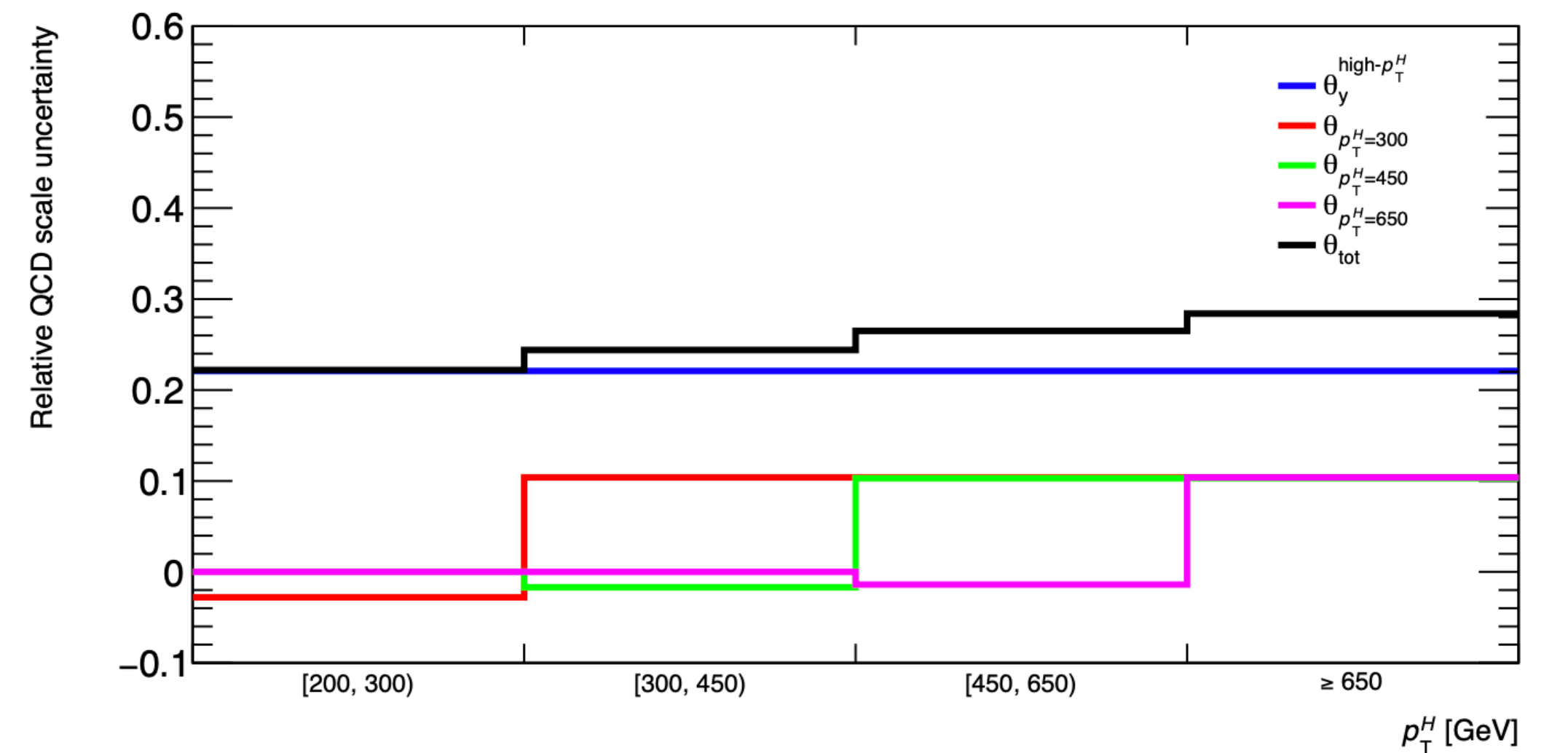


Comparison of uncertainty band

High p_T^H region - Scale variation

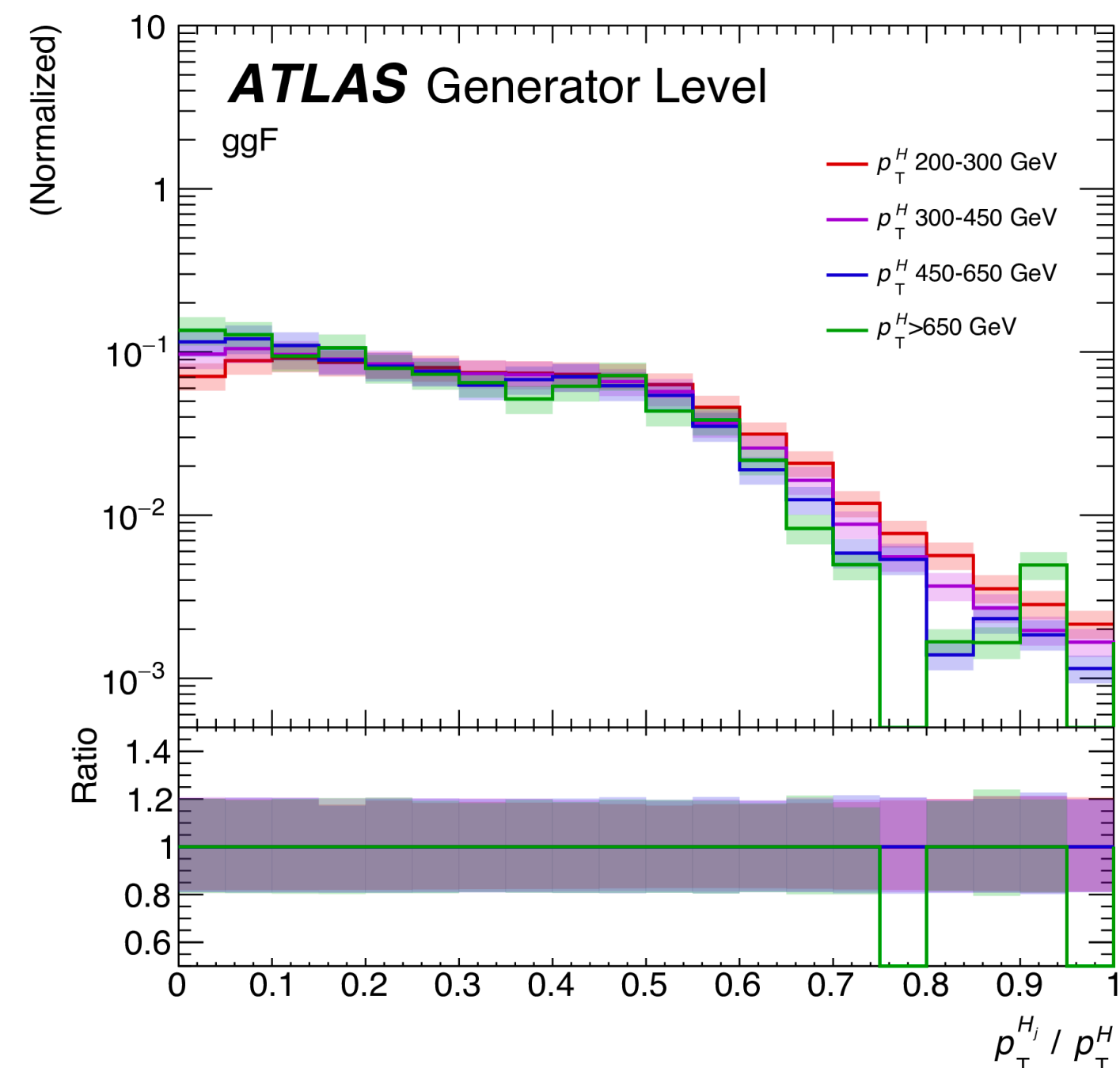
- Afterwards a normal application of the long range method
- In this case, yield migration is kept as a separate NP
 - BLPTW is not expected to cover this region

Uncertainty [%]	NLO_SM				
	p_T^H [GeV] region				
	$\sigma_{\geq 200}$	$\sigma_{[200,300)}$	$\sigma_{[300,450)}$	$\sigma_{[450,650)}$	$\sigma_{\geq 650}$
$\theta_{high-p_T^H}$	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.1
$\theta_{p_T^H=300}$	-	-2.8	10.4	10.4	10.4
$\theta_{p_T^H=450}$	-	-	-1.7	10.3	10.3
$\theta_{p_T^H=650}$	-	-	-	-1.4	10.4
Total	22.1	22.2	24.4	26.5	28.4



High p_T^H region - p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H

- p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H to account for $N_{\text{jet}} = 1 \leftrightarrow N_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$ migration
- Similar to p_T^{Hjj} probing $N_{\text{jet}} = 2 \leftrightarrow N_{\text{jet}} \geq 3$ at lower p_T^H
- Checked to ensure cut at 0.15 is a good probe for this effect
- ρ set to 1 as there is only one bin
- Results cross-checked with MG FxFx sample

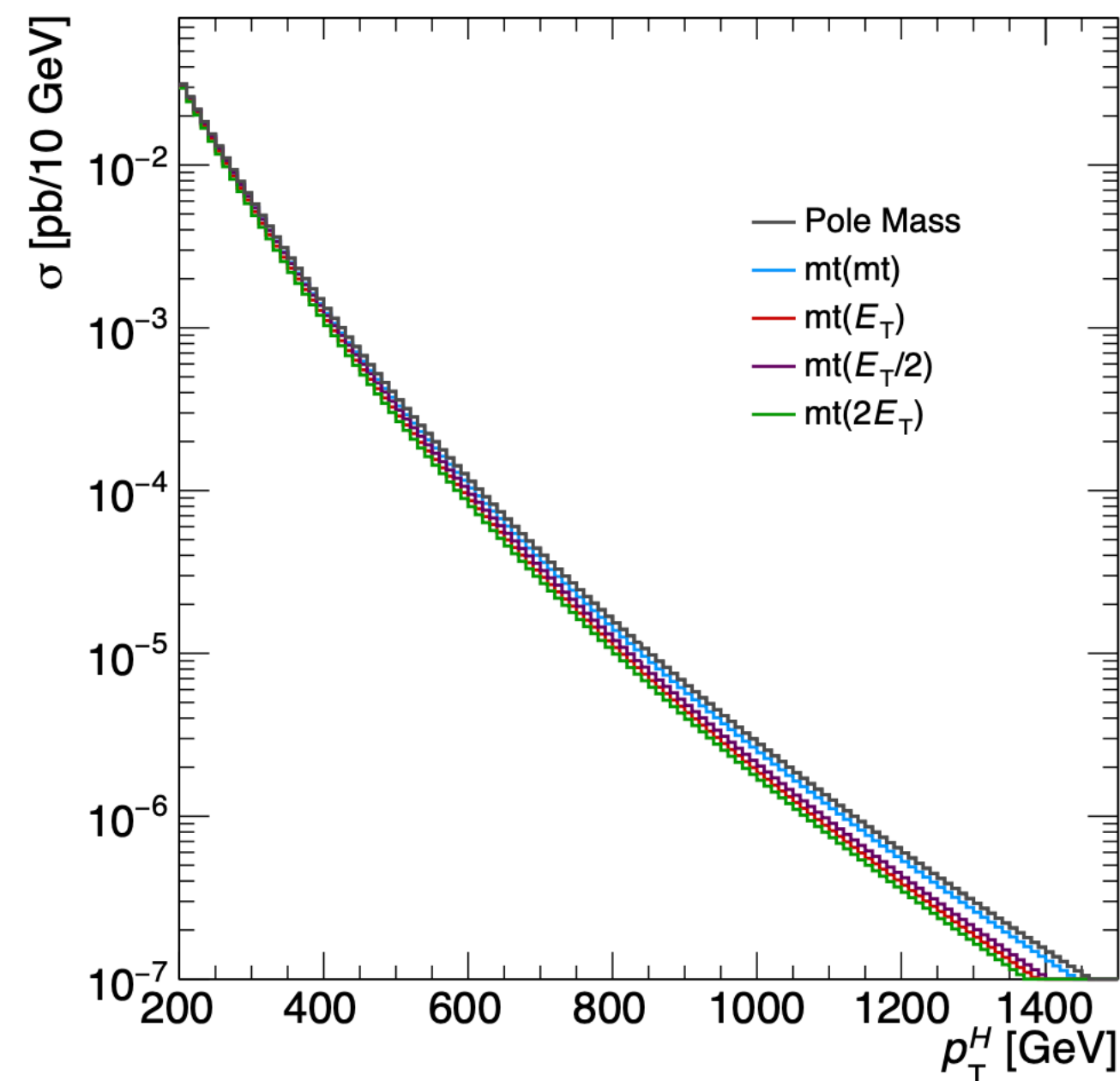


p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H variations are not p_T^H dependant

	NNLOPS		
Uncertainty [%]	p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H region		
	$\sigma_{\geq 0}$	$\sigma_{[0,0.15)}$	$\sigma_{\geq 0.15}$
θ_y	20.7	20.7	20.7
$\theta_{p_T^{Hj}/p_T^H=0.15}$	-	-51.0	18.1
Total	20.7	55.0	27.4

High p_T^H region - top mass scheme

- Various calculations show that top mass scheme can lead to different prediction in the high p_T^H region - source of uncertainty
- Calculations with **MSbar** and **pole mass** only available at LO - Michael Spira
- Calculations of other processes show $\sim 2x$ reduction in the difference between these schemes at NLO
- Take half of the difference for Higgs p_T^H as a systematic uncertainty
- Independent from the previous high p_T^H calculation - not impacted by the top mass issue



		LO finite top mass samples				
Uncertainty [%]	p_T^H [GeV] region					
		$\sigma_{\geq 200}$	$\sigma_{[200,300)}$	$\sigma_{[300,450)}$	$\sigma_{[450,650)}$	$\sigma_{\geq 650}$
$\theta_{m_{\text{top}}}$		3.7	2.8	6.4	10.3	14.1

Conclusion

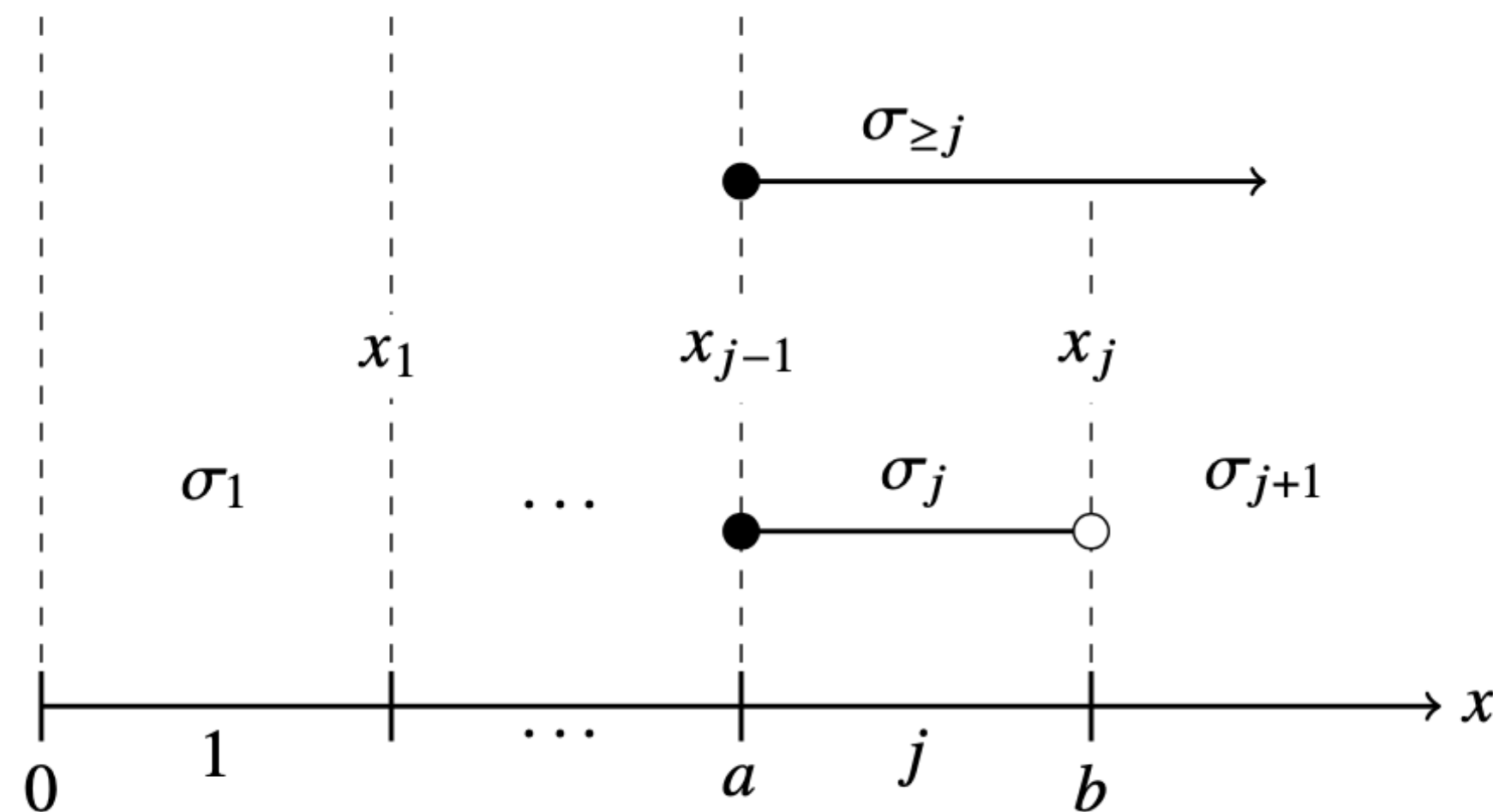
- Significant work has been invested in defining the uncertainty scheme for the ggF Stage 1.2 STXS scheme
 - Collaborative effort between ATLAS, CMS and theorists!
- Complete version of both the nuisance parameter scheme and the associated numbers available!
 - Small update to come for the high p_T scheme
 - Results documented @ [Link](#) which can be implemented by the analyses
- Plan to document these results in a LHC HWG note!
- Potential improvements to the scheme in the future
 - Account for systematics variations across multiple dimensions
 - Smooth parameterization across variables
 - Harmonization of the acceptance/with-bin uncertainties across ATLAS & CMS
- **However, next main critical uncertainty to tackle is the shower uncertainty**
 - It is the leading systematic across many analyses - impact will get even large with more data!
 - Need a consistent and unified approach to parametrize this uncertainty

Backup

Evaluating the uncertainty

- Many ways - all involve varying the renormalization & factorization scale and using the XS variations in some NP scheme
- Our current go-to is the ST method - One NP for overall yield variation and other NP for migration between categories
 - Removes the accidental cancellation of scale variations

Bin definitions



ST method

$$\theta^y(j) \begin{cases} 0 & : j < k \\ + \max |\Delta_{\mu, \geq k}| / \sigma_j & : j = k \\ 0 & : j \geq k + 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Take the max scale} \\ \text{variation in } \geq k \text{ region} \\ \text{and apply as yield NP in} \\ \text{k bin} \end{array}$$

$$\theta_{x_k}^{\text{mig}}(j) \begin{cases} 0 & : j < k \\ - \max |\Delta_{\mu, \geq k+1}| / \sigma_j & : j = k \\ + \max |\Delta_{\mu, \geq k+1}| / \sigma_j & : j = k + 1 \\ 0 & : j \geq k + 2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Take the max scale} \\ \text{variation in } \geq k+1 \text{ region} \\ \text{and apply as migration} \\ \text{NP in k and k+1 bin} \end{array}$$

- But this method **breaks down** in the case of many or small bin width - unphysical blow up of uncertainty if XS is small
- For continuous variables, like pTH, it makes no sense that migration will be only between two neighbouring bins

Long range ST method

Nuisance parameter	Kinematic observable x		
	$0 \leq x \leq a$	$a \leq x \leq b$	$x \geq b$
θ^y	$+\delta_y$	$+\delta_y$	$+\delta_y$
θ_a^{mig}	$\rho\delta_a^-$	$\rho\delta_a^+$	$\rho\delta_a^+$
θ_b^{mig}		$\rho\delta_b^-$	$\rho\delta_b^+$

ρ chosen to remove the overlap between $x > a$ and $x > b$ uncertainty values

θ^y as the max scale variation in the inclusive x region - $\delta_y = \max(\Delta_\mu)/\sigma$

θ_a^{mig} as the max scale variation in the $x > a$ region. First bin as the negative of this value as the uncertainty

$$\delta_a^+ = \max(\Delta_{x>a})/\sigma_{x>a}$$

$$\delta_a^- = -\max(\Delta_{x>a})/\sigma_{x<a}$$

θ_b^{mig} as the max scale variation in the $x > b$ region. Second bin as the negative of this value, with no sys applied to the first bin

$$\delta_b^+ = \max(\Delta_{x>b})/\sigma_{x>b}$$

$$\delta_b^- = -\max(\Delta_{x>b})/\sigma_{a<x<b}$$

Samples used for theory sys

Generated Samples						
Name	Description	Generator	Shower	PDF	Variations	Other Notes
POWHEG NNLOPS	H+0j@NNLO	POWHEG	PYTHIA 8, AZNLO tune	PDF4LHC15_nlo_30_pdfas	(μ_R, μ_F) variations (7-point NLO, 3-point NNLO)	NNLOPS reweighting Rescaled for quark mass effects
MiNLO HJ	H+1j@NLO	POWHEG	PYTHIA 8, AZNLO tune	PDF4LHC15_nlo_30_pdfas	7-point (μ_R, μ_F) variations	Rescaled for quark mass effects bornktmin=200
MiNLO HJJ	H+2j@NLO	POWHEG	PYTHIA 8, AZNLO tune	PDF4LHC15_nlo_30_pdfas	7-point (μ_R, μ_F) variations	Rescaled quark mass effects
H+1j MG5_AMC@NLO	H+1j@NLO	MG5_AMC@NLO	PYTHIA 8, AZNLO tune	NNPDF30_nlo_as_0118	7-point (μ_R, μ_F) variations	HC_NLO_X0-heft model $m_{top} = \text{inf}, m_b = 0$
H+0,1,2j MG5_AMC@NLO (FxFx)	H+0,1,2j@NLO	MG5_AMC@NLO	PYTHIA 8, AZNLO tune	NNPDF30_nlo_as_0118	7-point (μ_R, μ_F) variations	FxFx merging merging scale = 30 GeV HC_NLO_X0-heft model $m_{top} = \text{inf}, m_b = 0$
Calculations						
Name	Description	Reference		PDF	Variations	Other Notes
NLO_SM	H+1j@NLO with finite top mass	arXiv:1802.00349		PDF4LHC15_nnlo_mc	7-point variations of (μ_R, μ_F) around $E_T = \sqrt{m_H^2 + p_{T,H}^2}$	$m_t = 173.05$ GeV ≥ 1 jet with $p_T > 30$ GeV
Pole mass (and other top mass variations)	H+1j@LO with finite top mass	arXiv:2003.01700, arXiv:1811.05692 arXiv:2003.03227, arXiv:2008.11626		-	\overline{MS} mass variations $m_t(mt), m_t(E_T/2), m_t(E_T), m_t(2E_T),$ with $E_T = \sqrt{m_H^2 + p_{T,H}^2}$	

Acceptance effects + uncovered variables

Acceptance effect + other variables

- Almost all uncertainty numbers are applied flat in a STXS bin
 - If analysis selection shapes the acceptance or ML algorithm uses the variable, the uncertainty will **factorize**
 - Many other QCD sensitive variables not **covered** by this scheme
 - This leads to an underestimation
- Way around it - **provide** one scale variation (e.g. $\mu_F = \mu_R = 0.5$) as part of the implementation of the scheme
- To avoid ‘**significant**’ double counting, **normalize** scale variation in STXS bin to remove overall XS
 - Provided as one additional NP
- This proposal has some still has double counting
 - If NP is pulled/constrained/ranked highly - ask analysis to do detailed checks & make decisions on an case-by-case level
 - Leave this up to the collaboration to define how to implement this