

Energy correlator measurements at the CMS experiment

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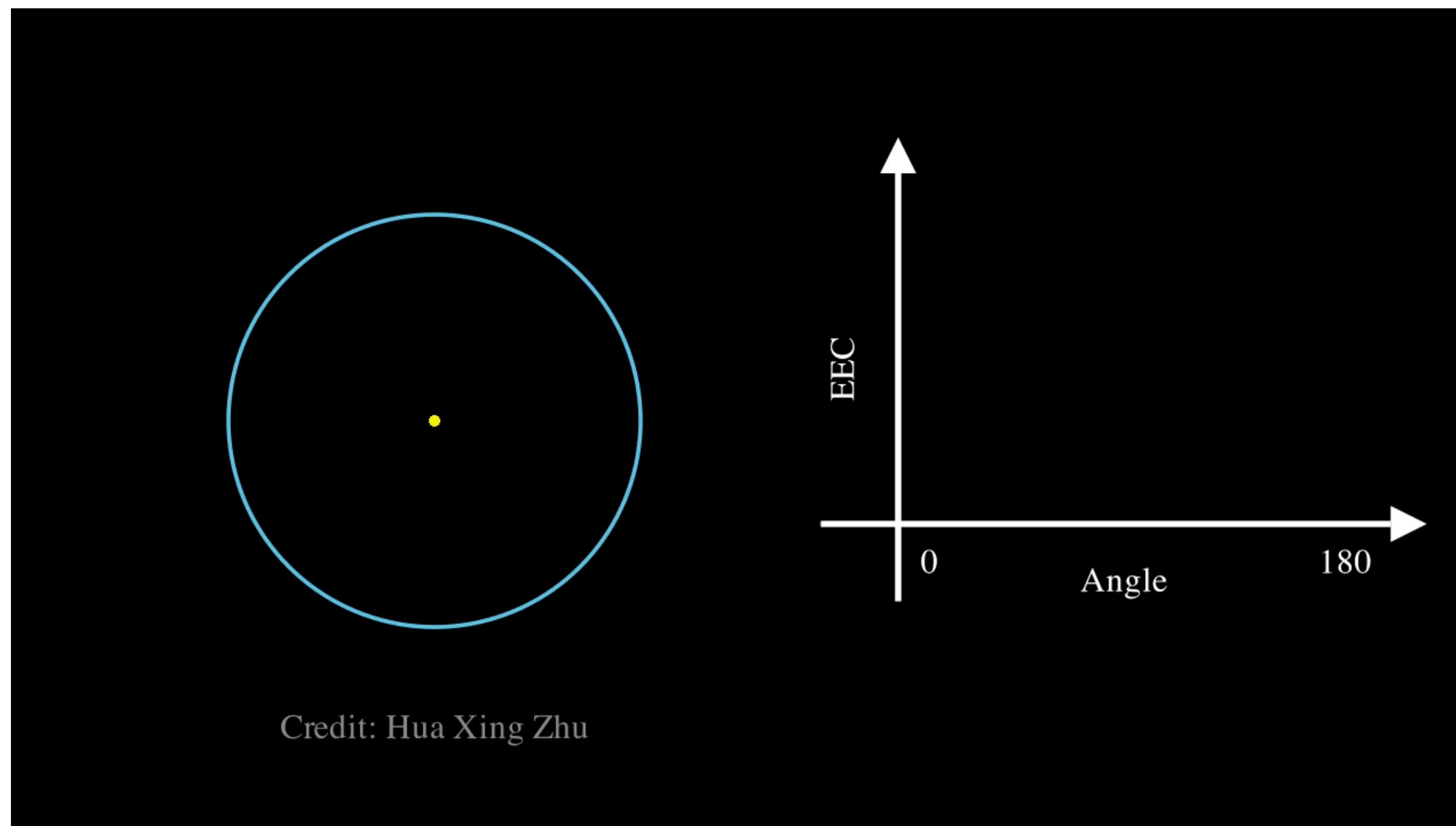


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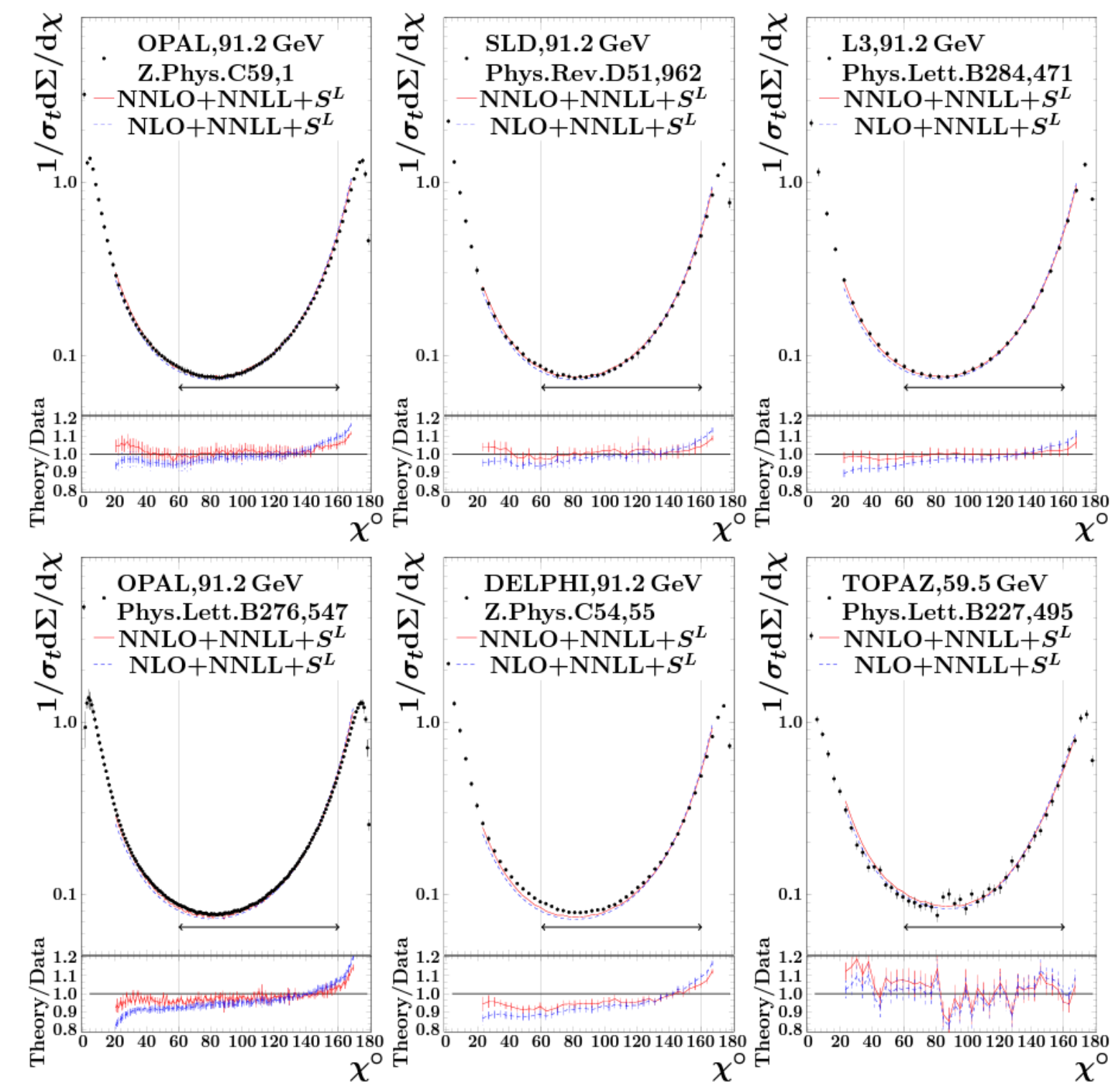
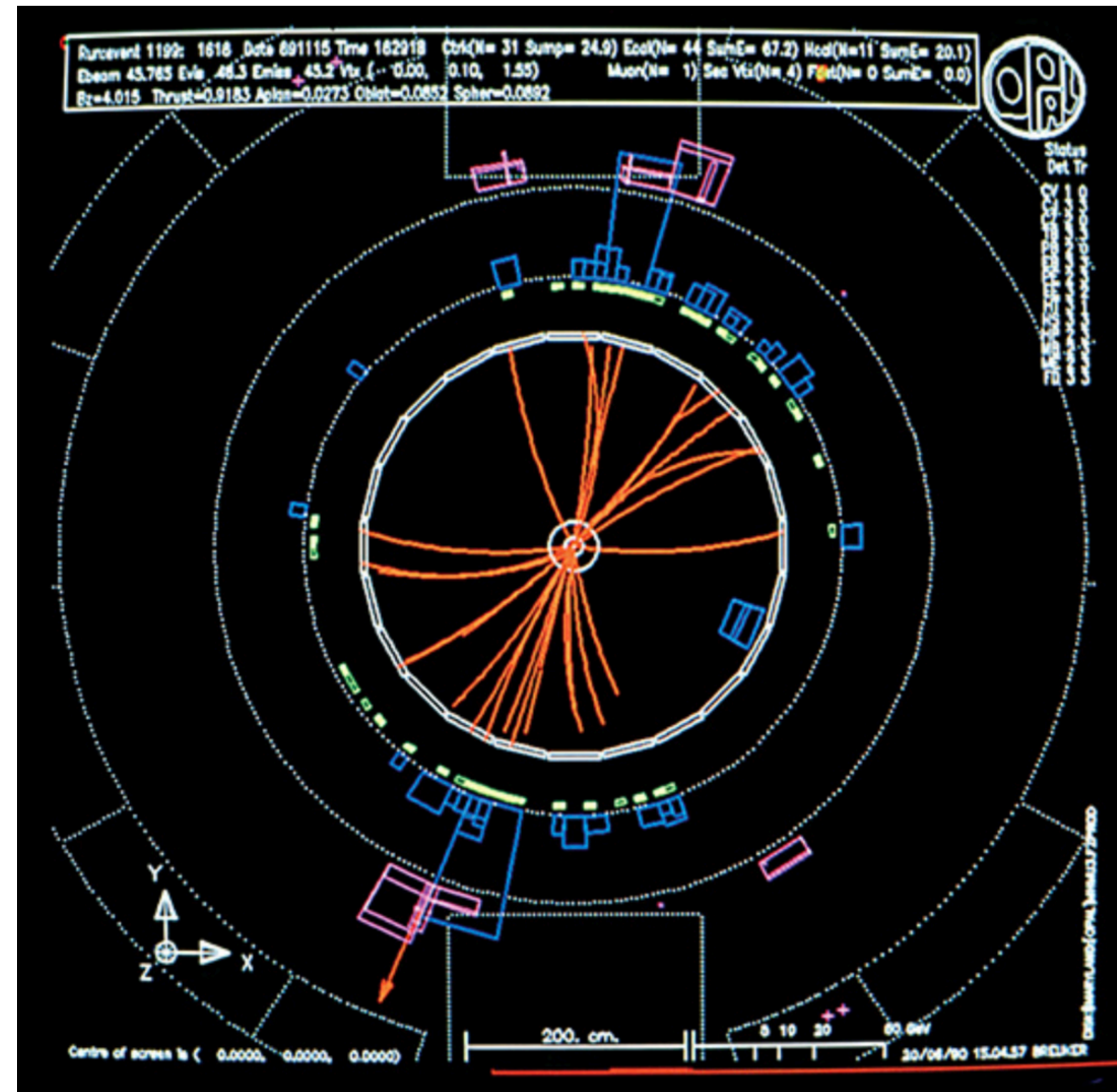


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Widely measured at e⁺e⁻

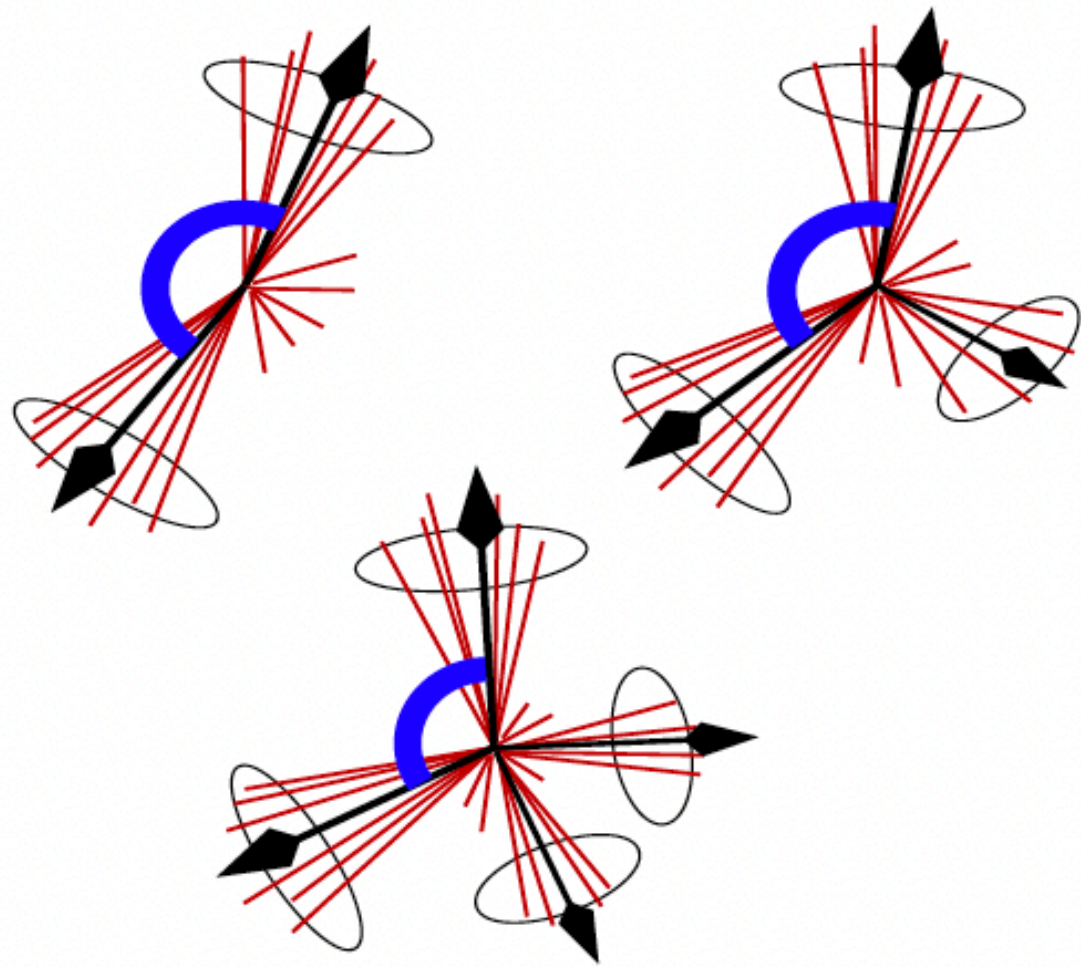
Extract α_s at NNLO+NNLL
 ~ 2% precision
[\[arXiv:1804.09146\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.09146).

Energy-energy correlator at LHC

Adaptions for hadron collider

Transverse EEC (TEEC)
PLB 141 (1984) 447

Angular correlation between jets in an event



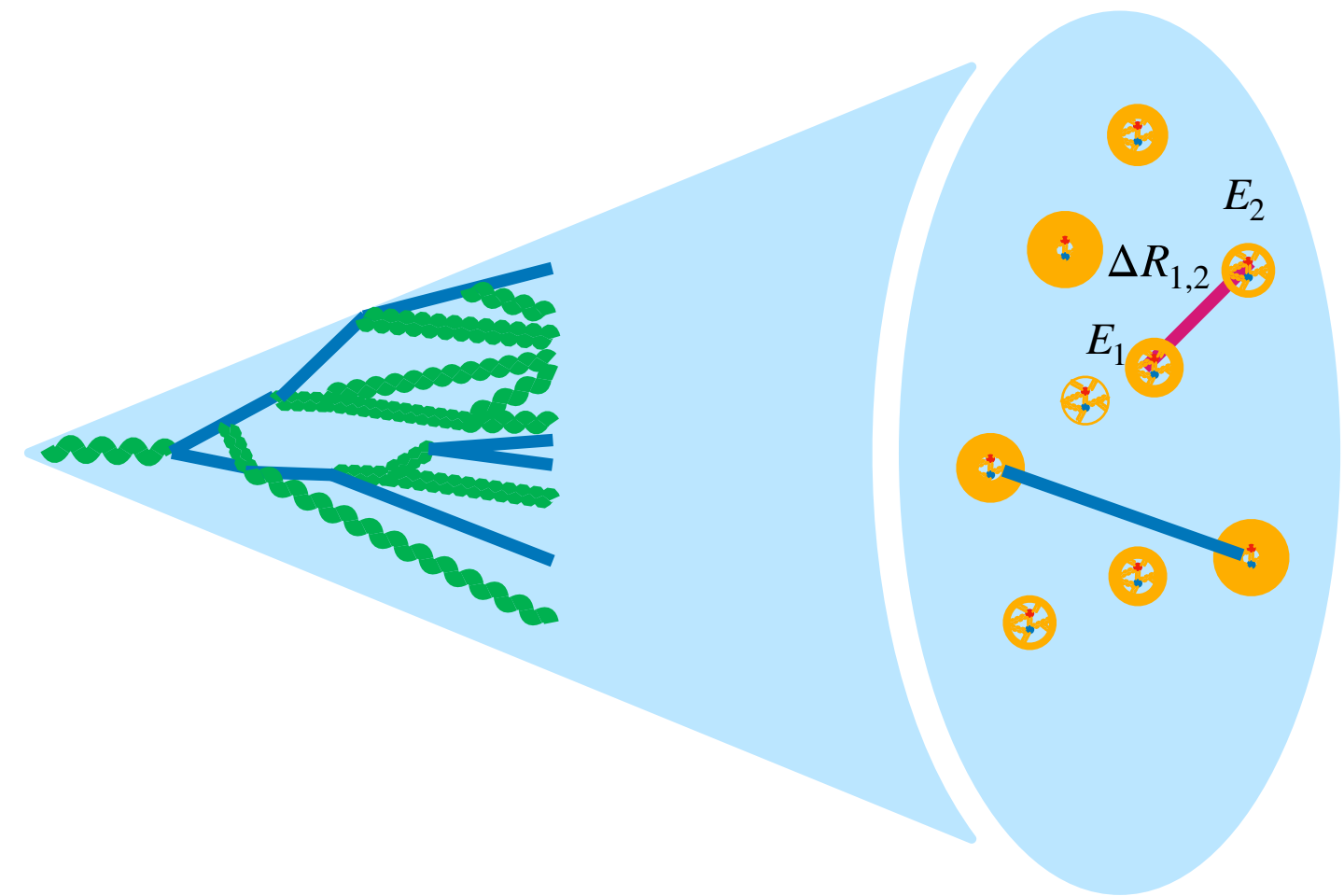
All jets

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{A=1}^N \sum_{ij} \frac{E_{Ti}^A E_{Tj}^A}{\left(\sum_k E_{Tk}^A \right)^2} \delta(\cos \phi - \cos \varphi_{ij}),$$

Transverse energy weight

EEC inside jets
arXiv:2004.11381

Angular correlation between particles in a jet



All particles inside a jet

$$\sum_{ij}^n \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j}{E^2} \delta(x_L - \Delta R_{i,j}),$$

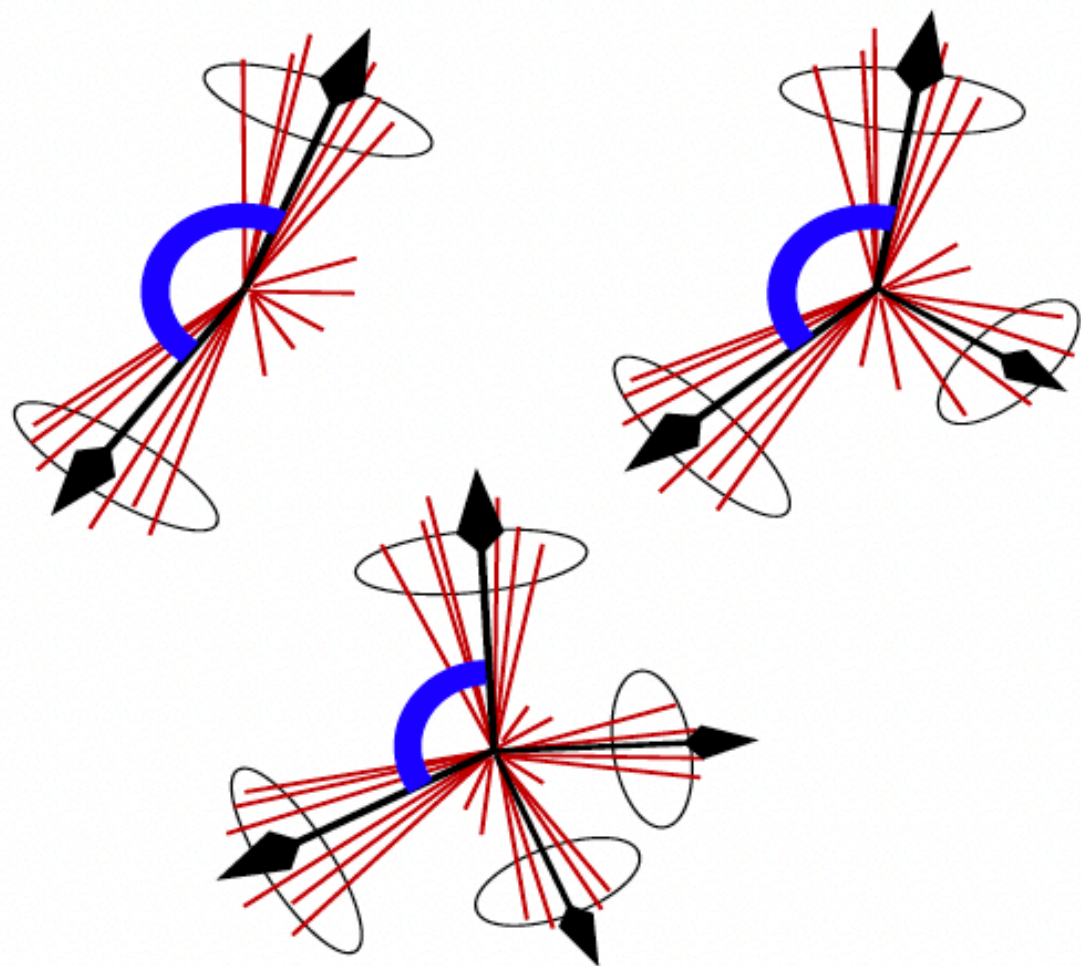
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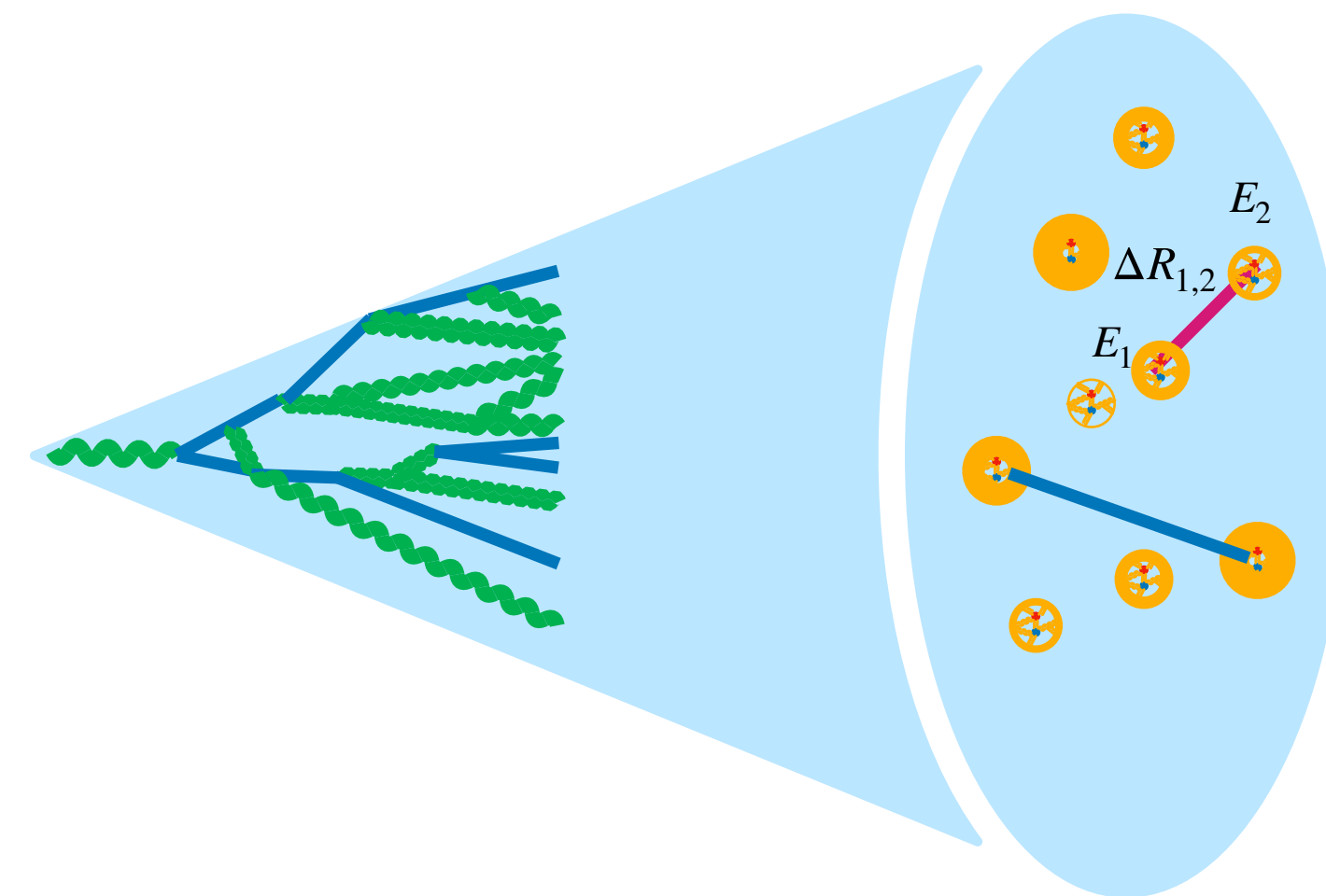
Energy scale $Q \sim \mathbf{O}(\text{TeV})$

Fixed order QCD dominant

NNLO pQCD available [JHEP 03 (2023) 129]

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Energy scale $Q \sim p_T * \Delta R \sim \mathbf{O}(10 \text{ GeV})$

Collinear QCD dominant

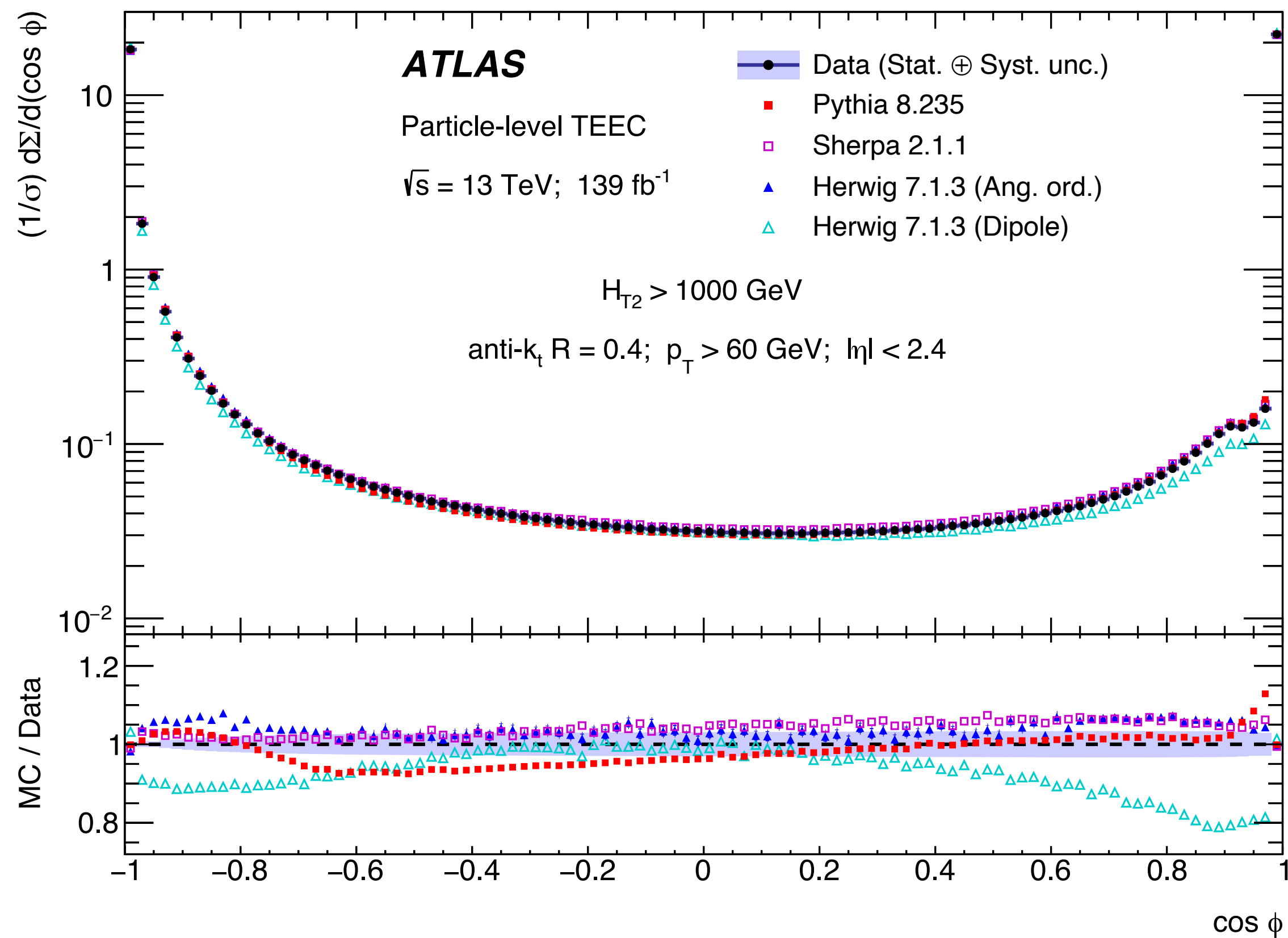
NLO+NNLLapprox, arXiv:2307.07510

Measurement of TEEC

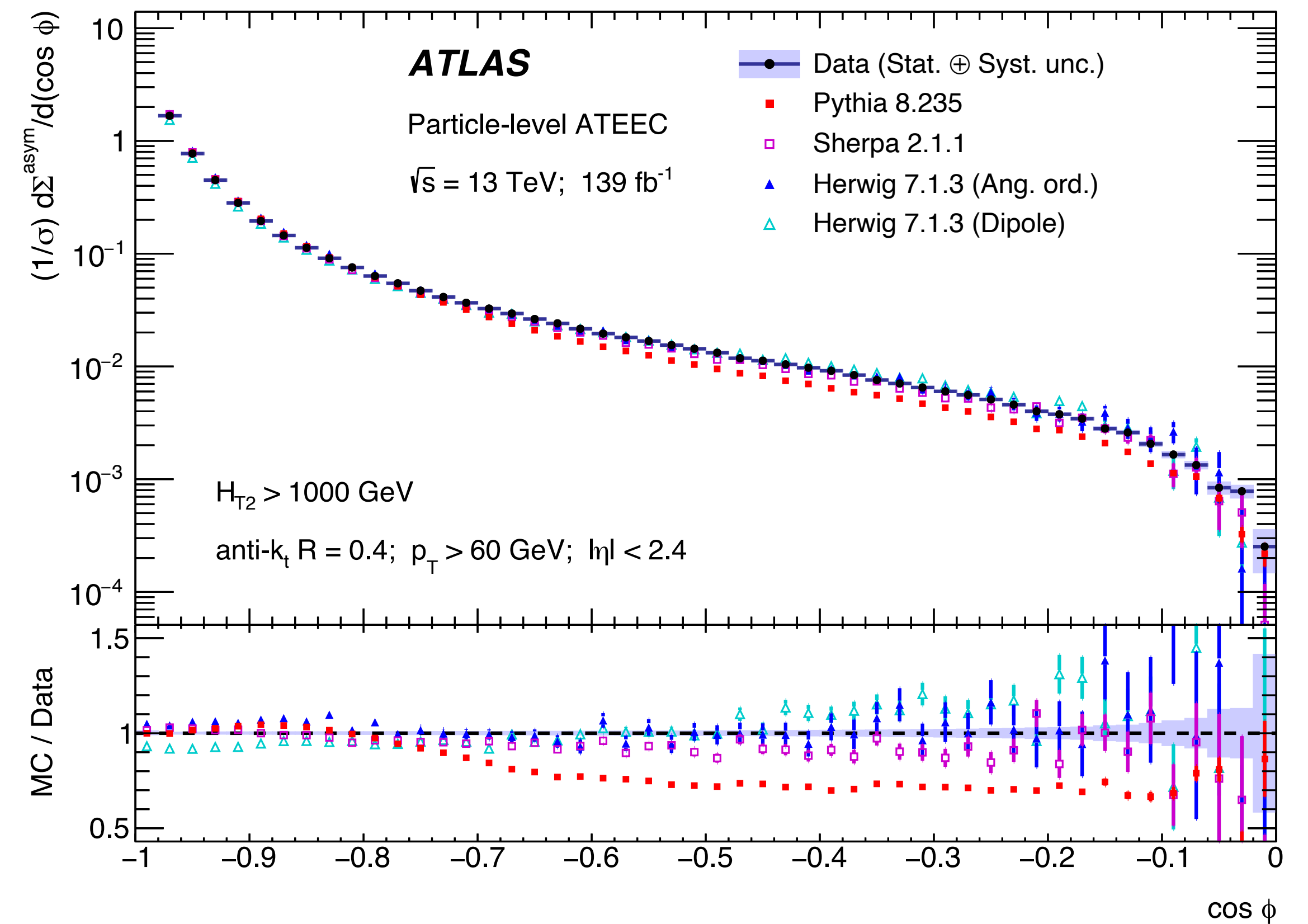
Anti-kt jets, $R = 0.4$

$H_T = p_{T1} + p_{T2}$: [1, 3.5] TeV

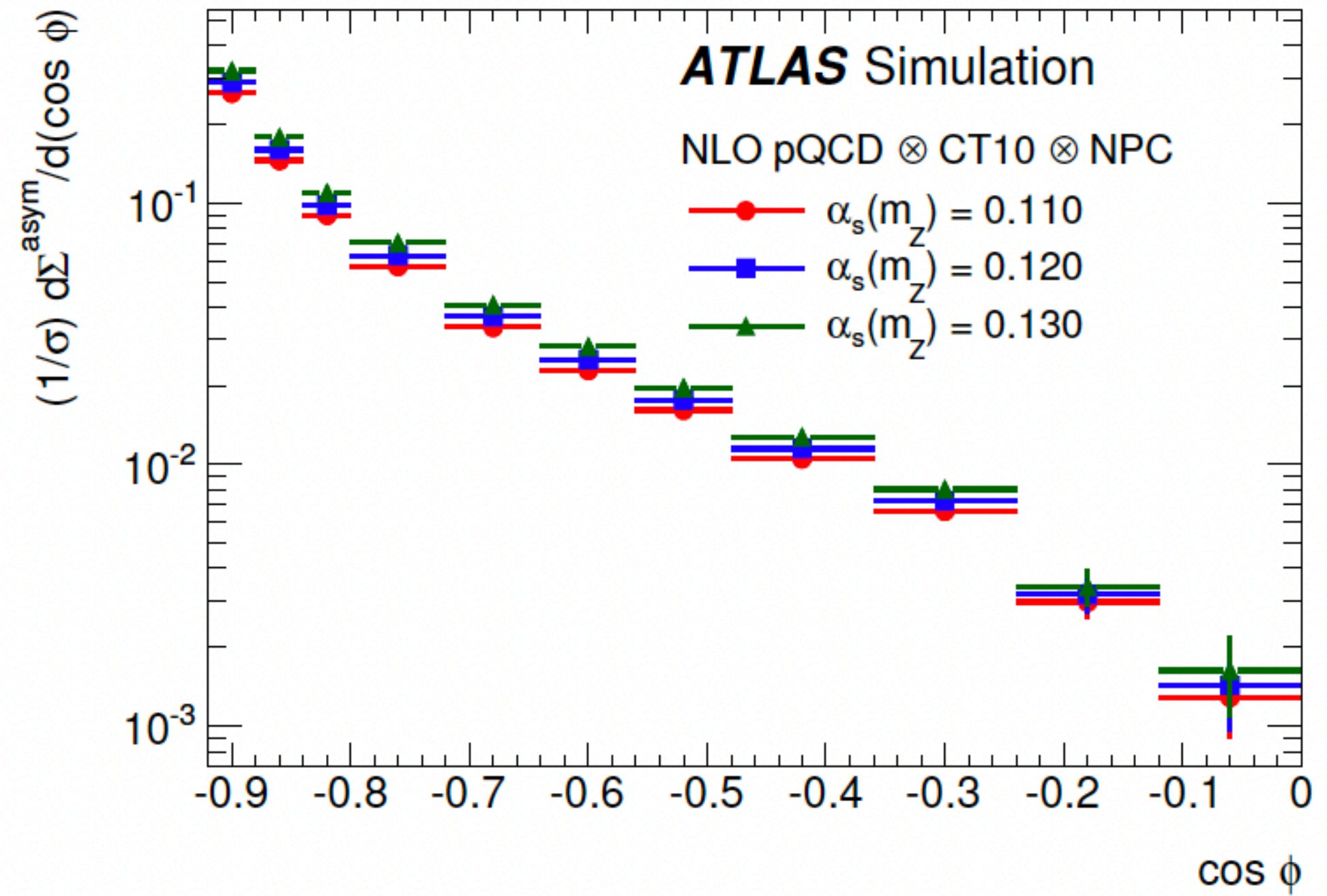
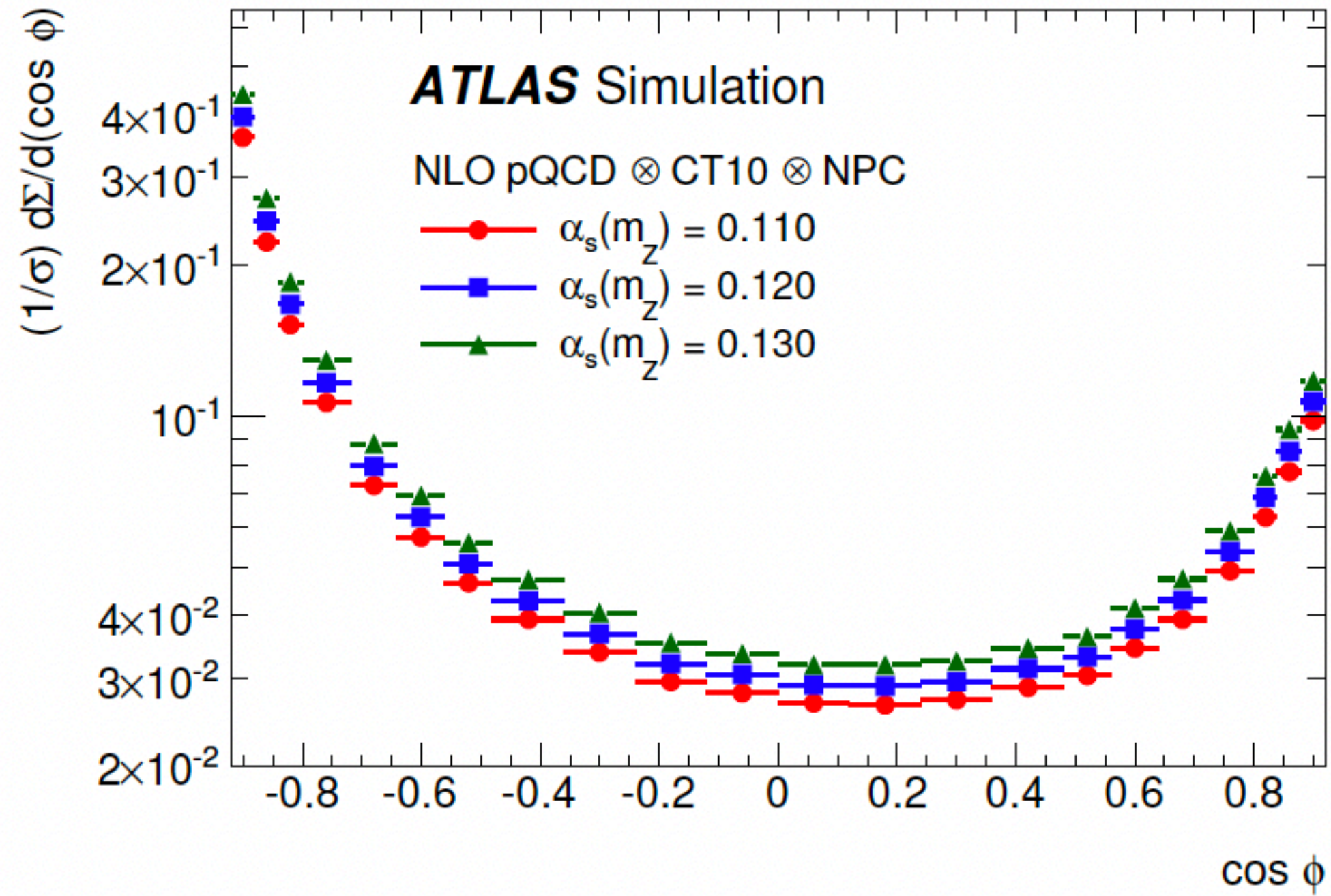
TEEC



$$\text{ATEEC} \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\Sigma^{\text{asym}}}{d(\cos \phi)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\Sigma}{d(\cos \phi)} \Big|_{\phi} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\Sigma}{d(\cos \phi)} \Big|_{\pi - \phi}$$



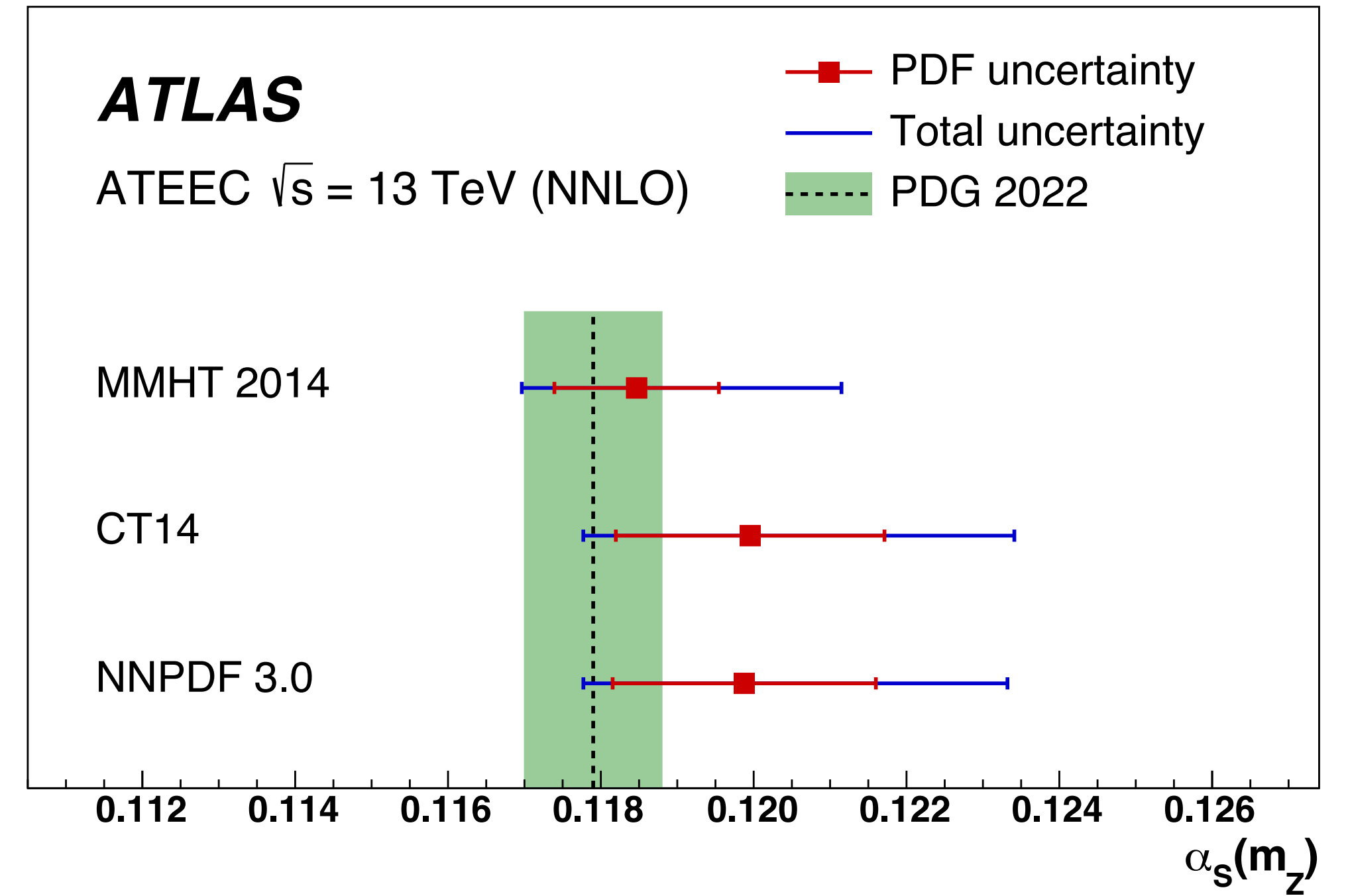
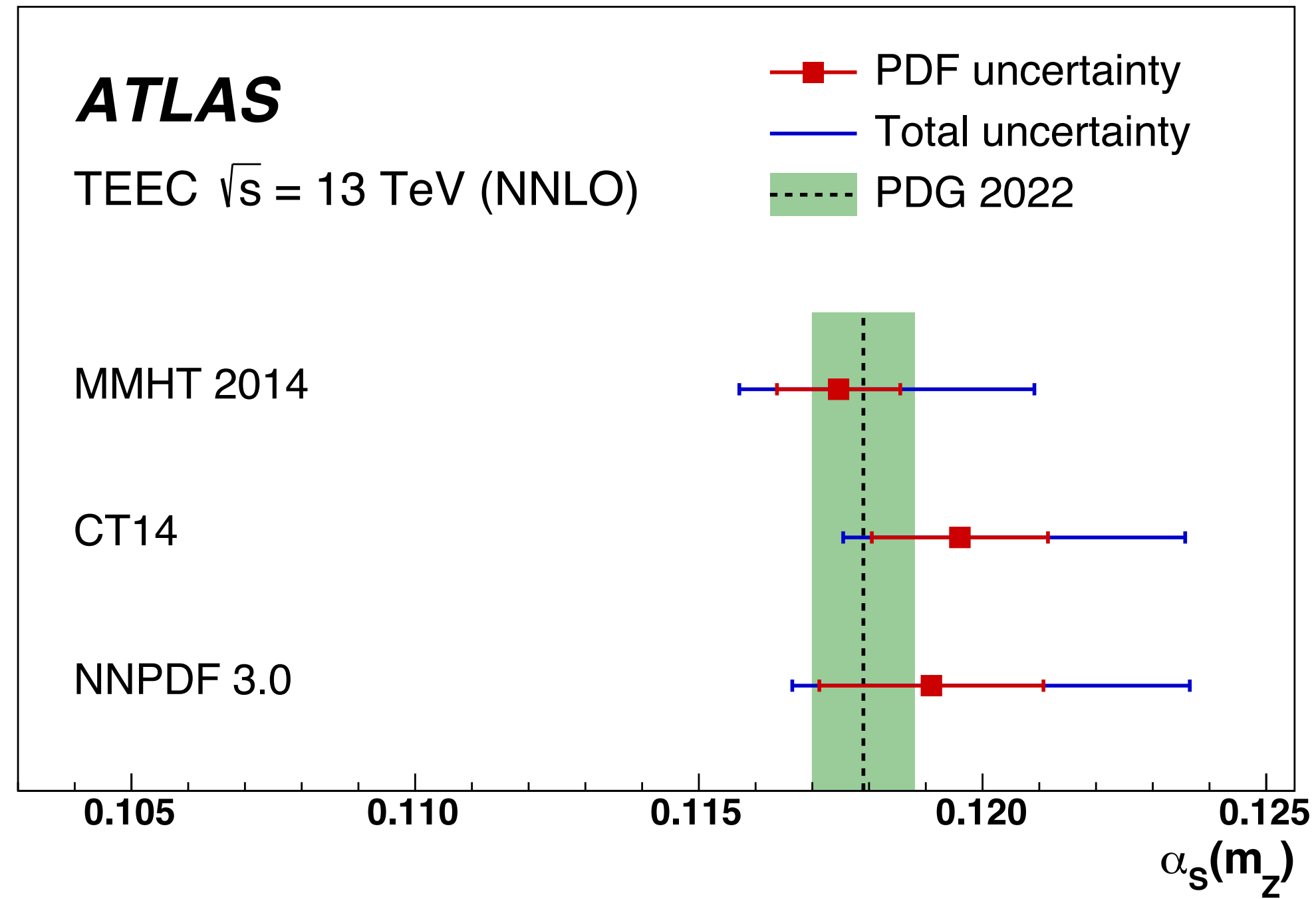
α_s extraction from TEEC



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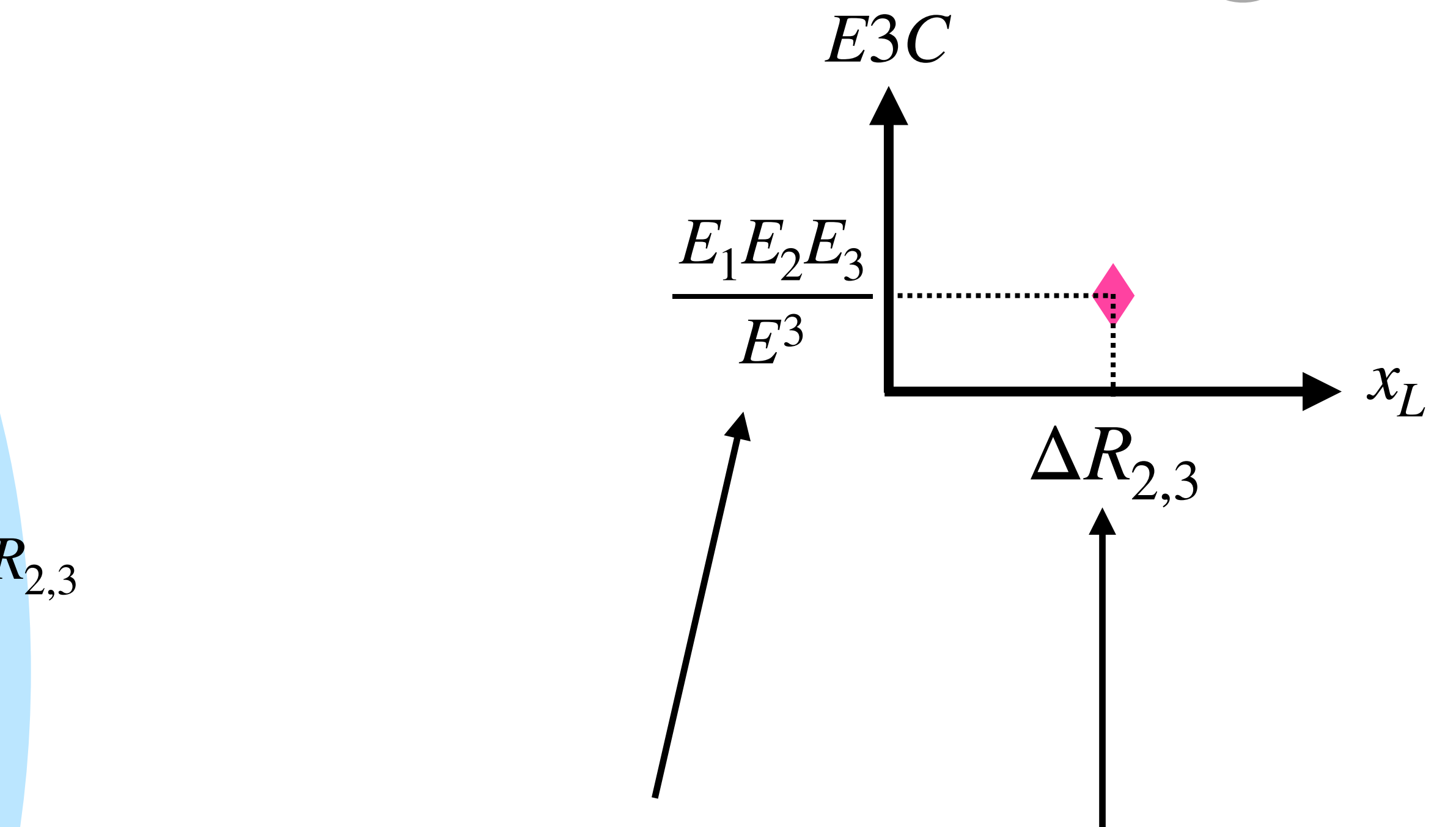
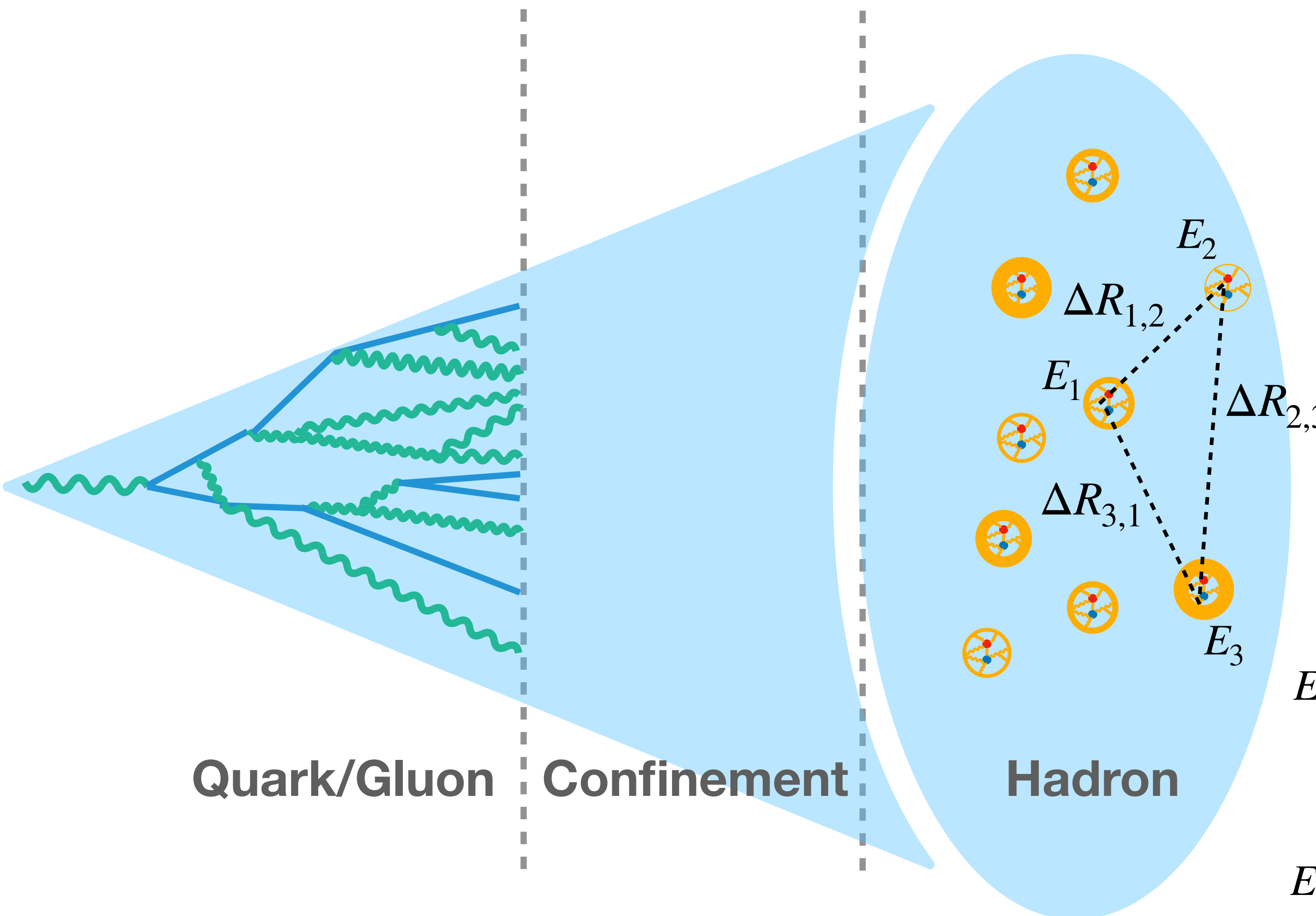


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Highest energy scale in α_s extraction
 Highest precision in beyond TeV scale

Energy correlators in jets: E2C & E3C

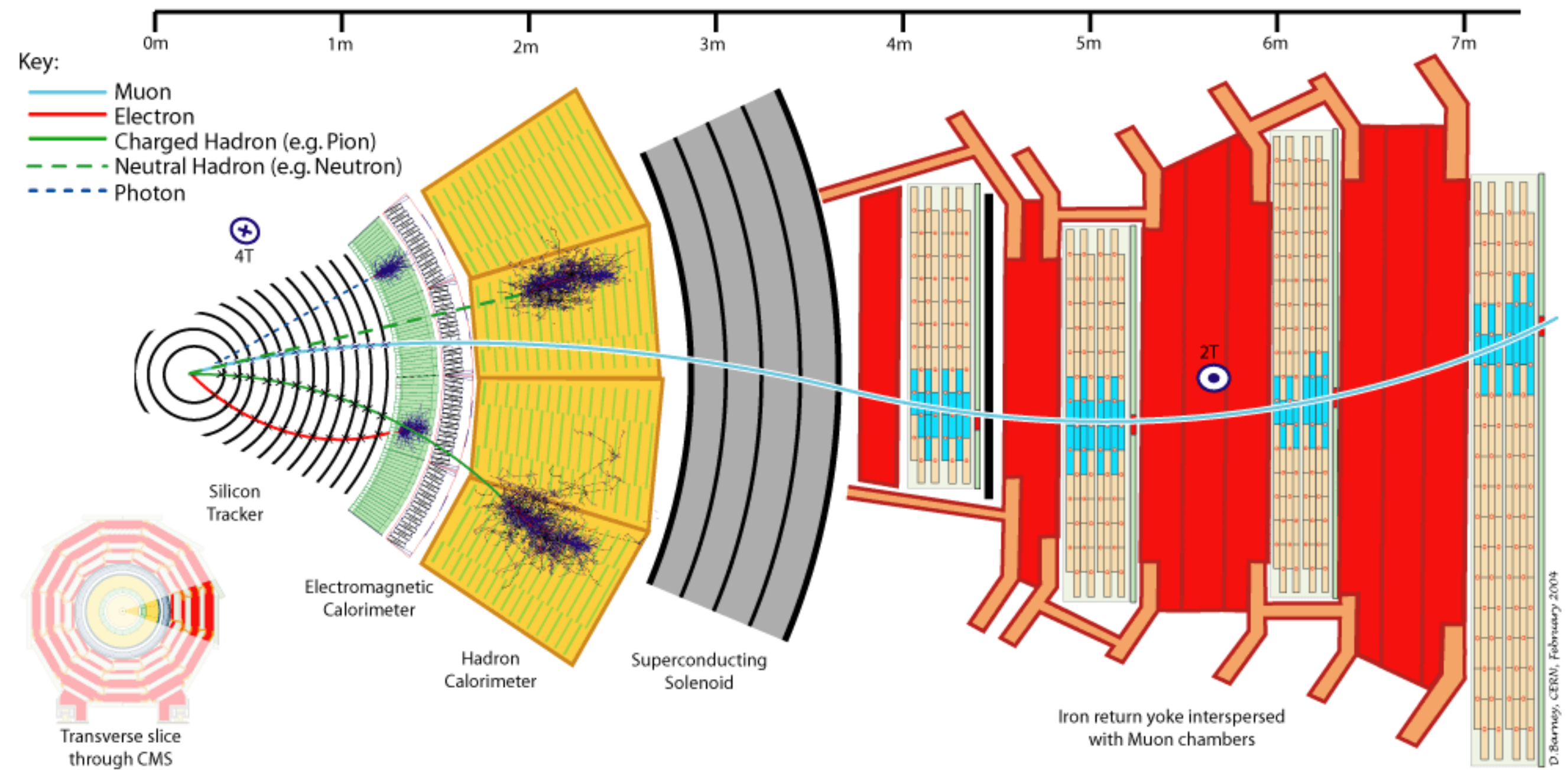
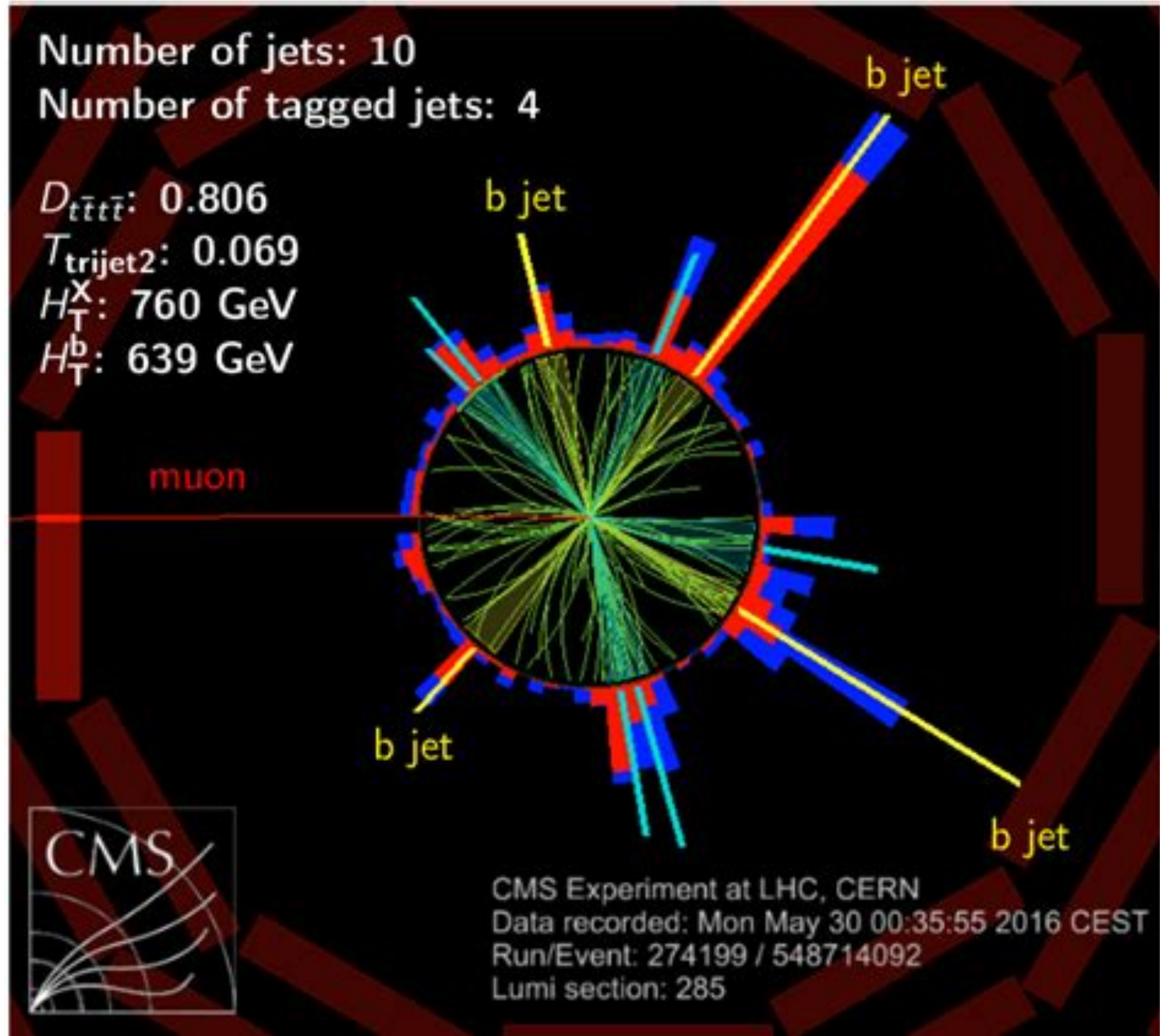


$$E3C = \frac{d\sigma^{[3]}}{dx_L} = \sum_{i,j,k} \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j E_k}{E^3} \delta(x_L - \max(\Delta R_{i,j}, \Delta R_{i,k}, \Delta R_{j,k}))$$

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Jet substructure observable, sensitive to jet formation

Jets at the CMS



No particle ID at CMS, only see

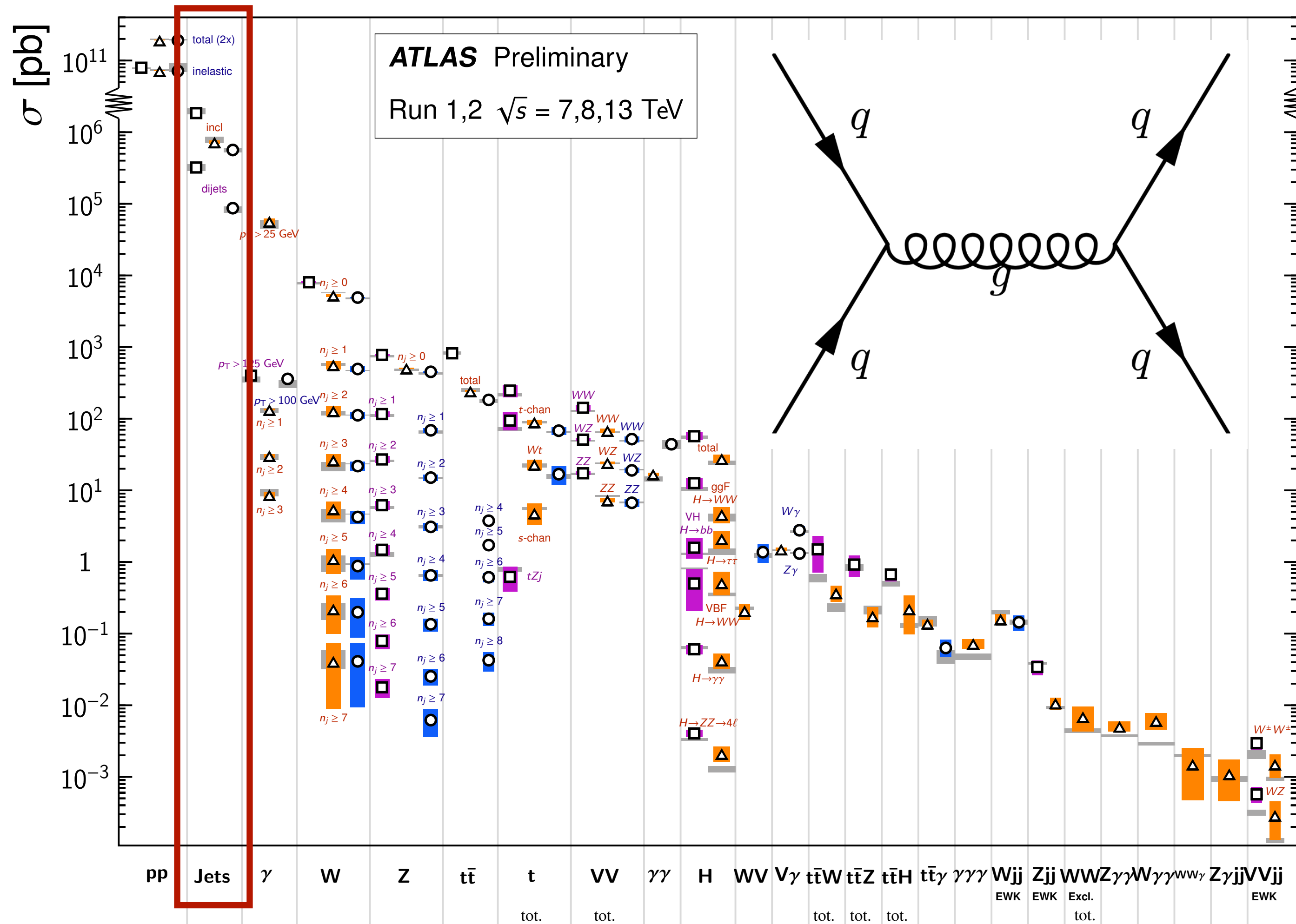
- Charged hadrons
- Neutral hadrons
- Photons

Jet \Leftarrow

Measurement in nutshell

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: July 2018



Dijet events in central region $|\eta| < 2.1$

- Large cross section

anti-kT with R = 0.4

Probe energy scale dependency

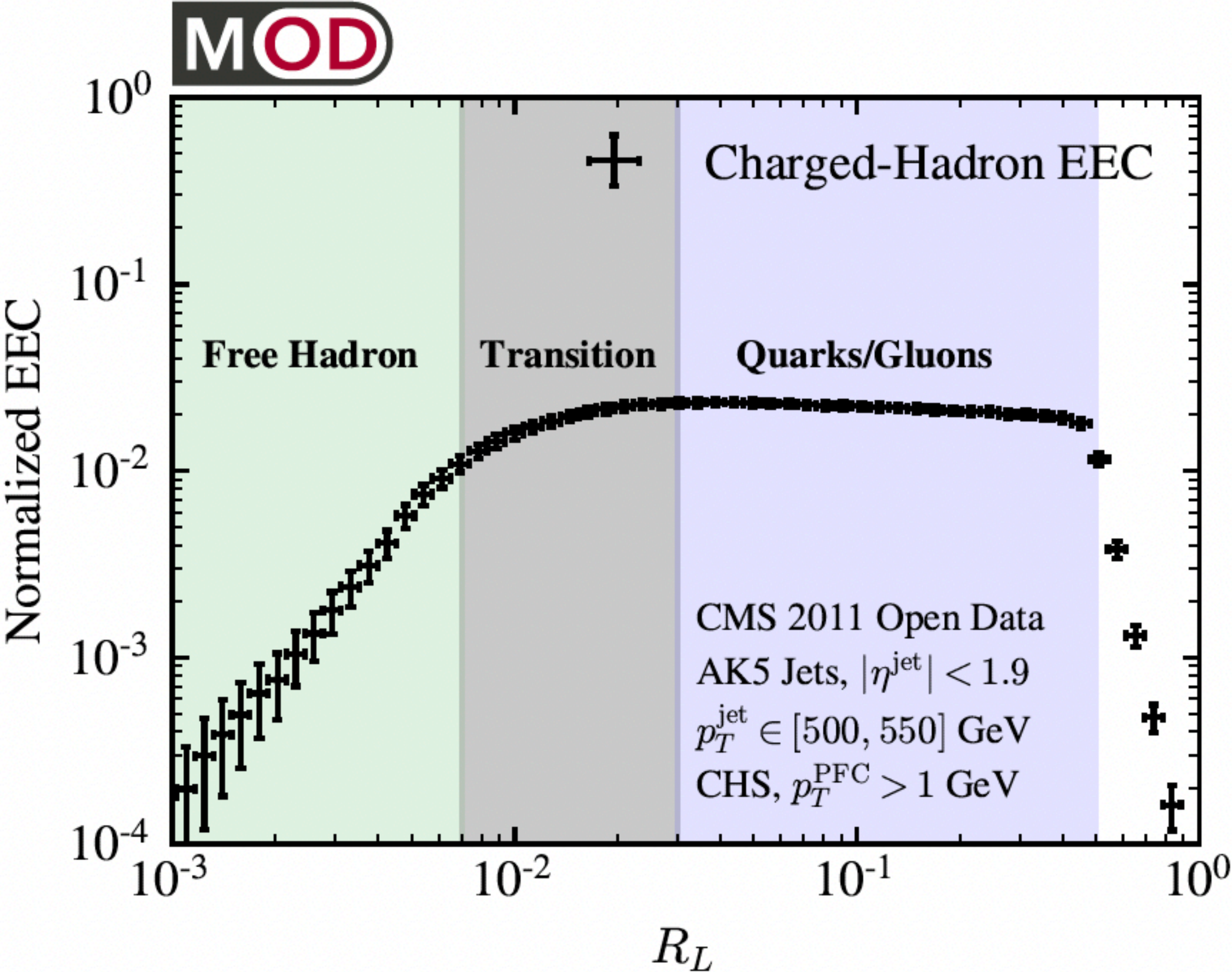
- $8 p_T^{jet}$ region in 97 ~ 1784 GeV

Neutral & charged & photon with $p_T > 1$ GeV

- All particles included

EEC reconstructed from open data

arXiv: 2201.07800



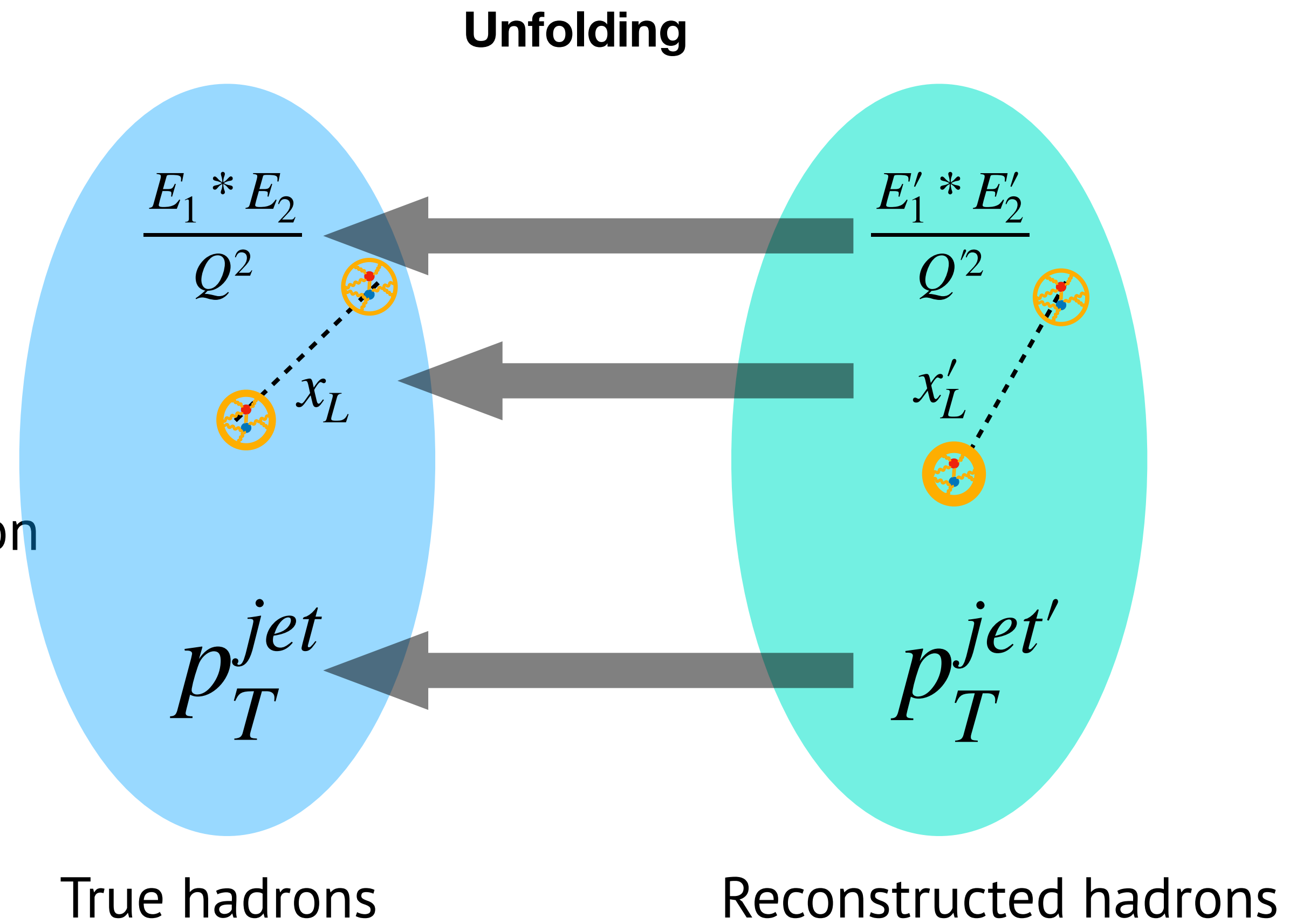
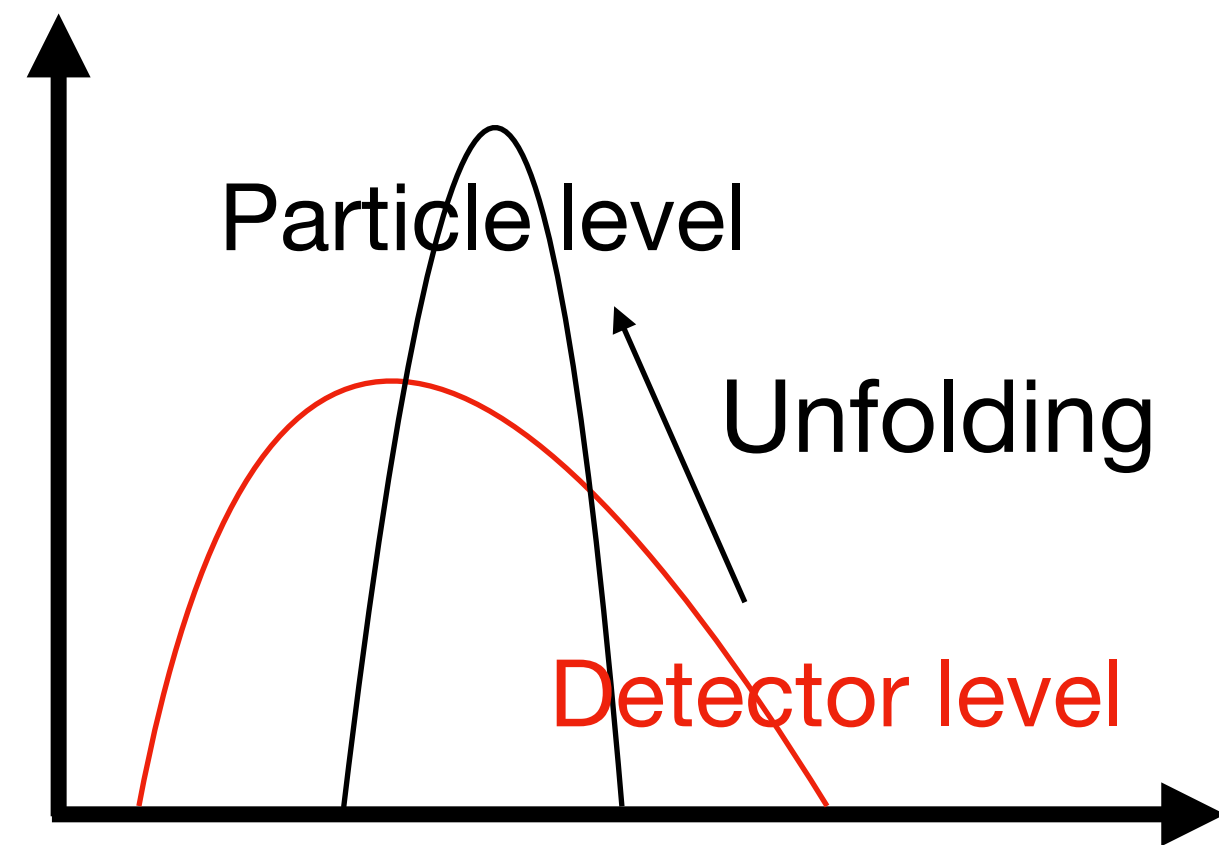
Theorists could do it too!

Extra experimental steps: unfolding

Unfolding: detector hadron -> true hadron

Unfold jet constituents:

- p_T^{jet} , x_L and energy weight, 3D unfolding
- $10 * 22 * 20 = 4400$ bins
- 4400×4400 migration matrix and regularization

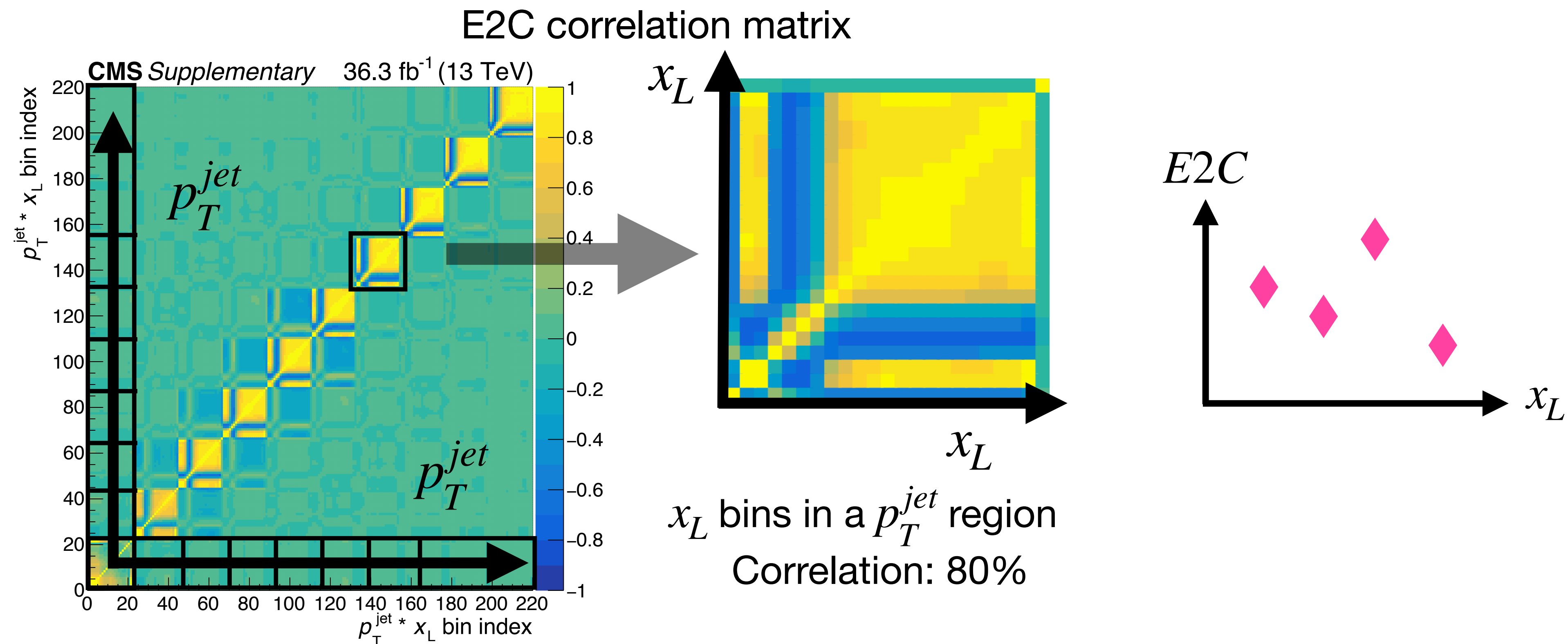


Extra experimental steps: statistical correlations

Multi entry distribution for every jet, statistical correlation important

Detector level => Unfolding => Normalization

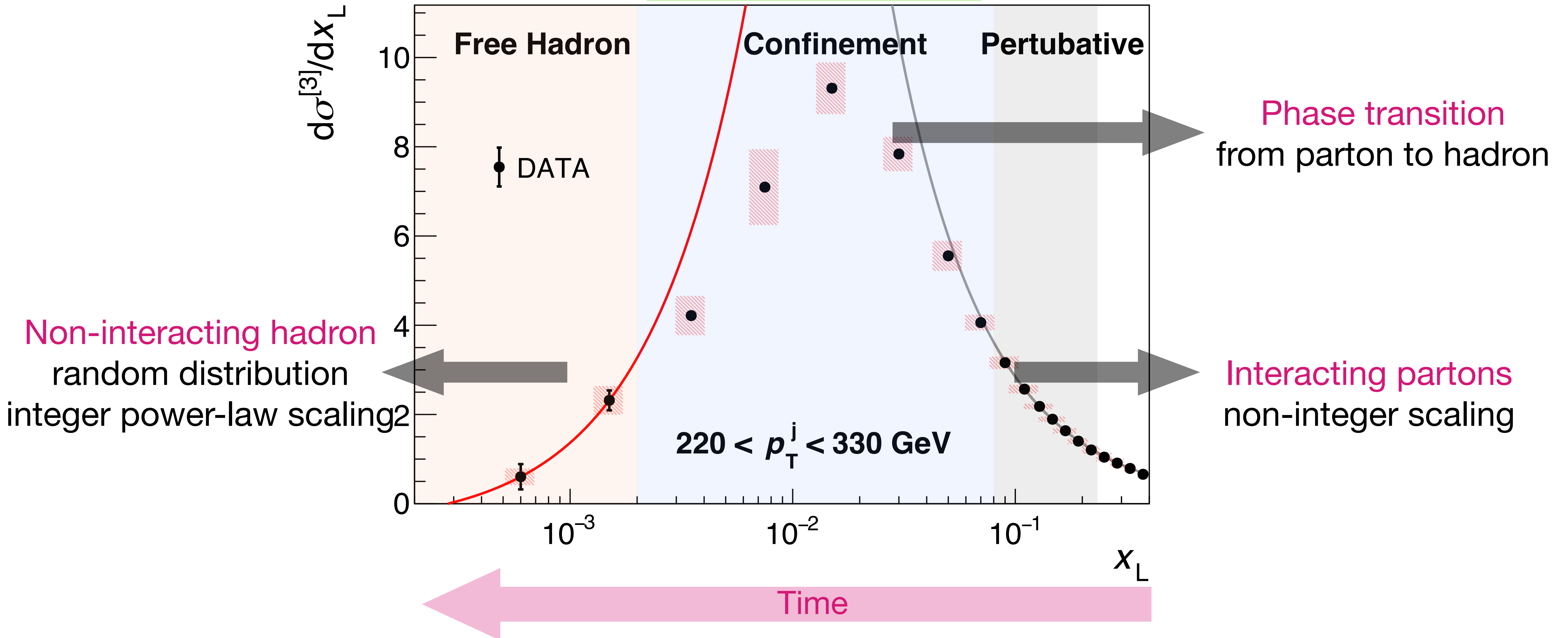
Independent statistics for E2C, E3C



E3C after unfolding

Using all neutral & charged hadrons $> 1\text{ GeV}$ in a jet

CMS, PRL 133 (2024), 071903

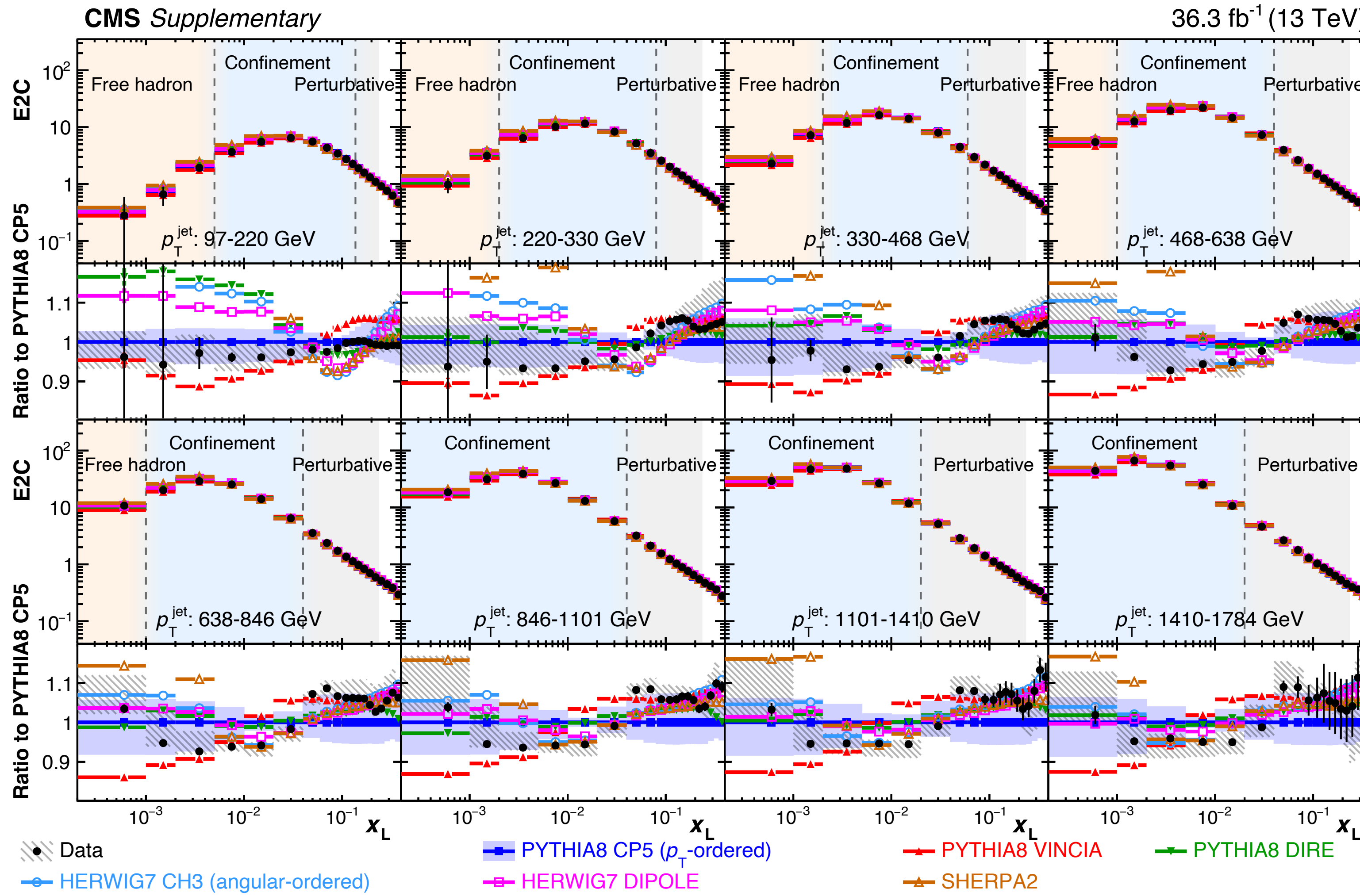


Unfolded E2C vs MC

97 ~ 1784 GeV

Data vs various parton shower model, difference ~ 10%

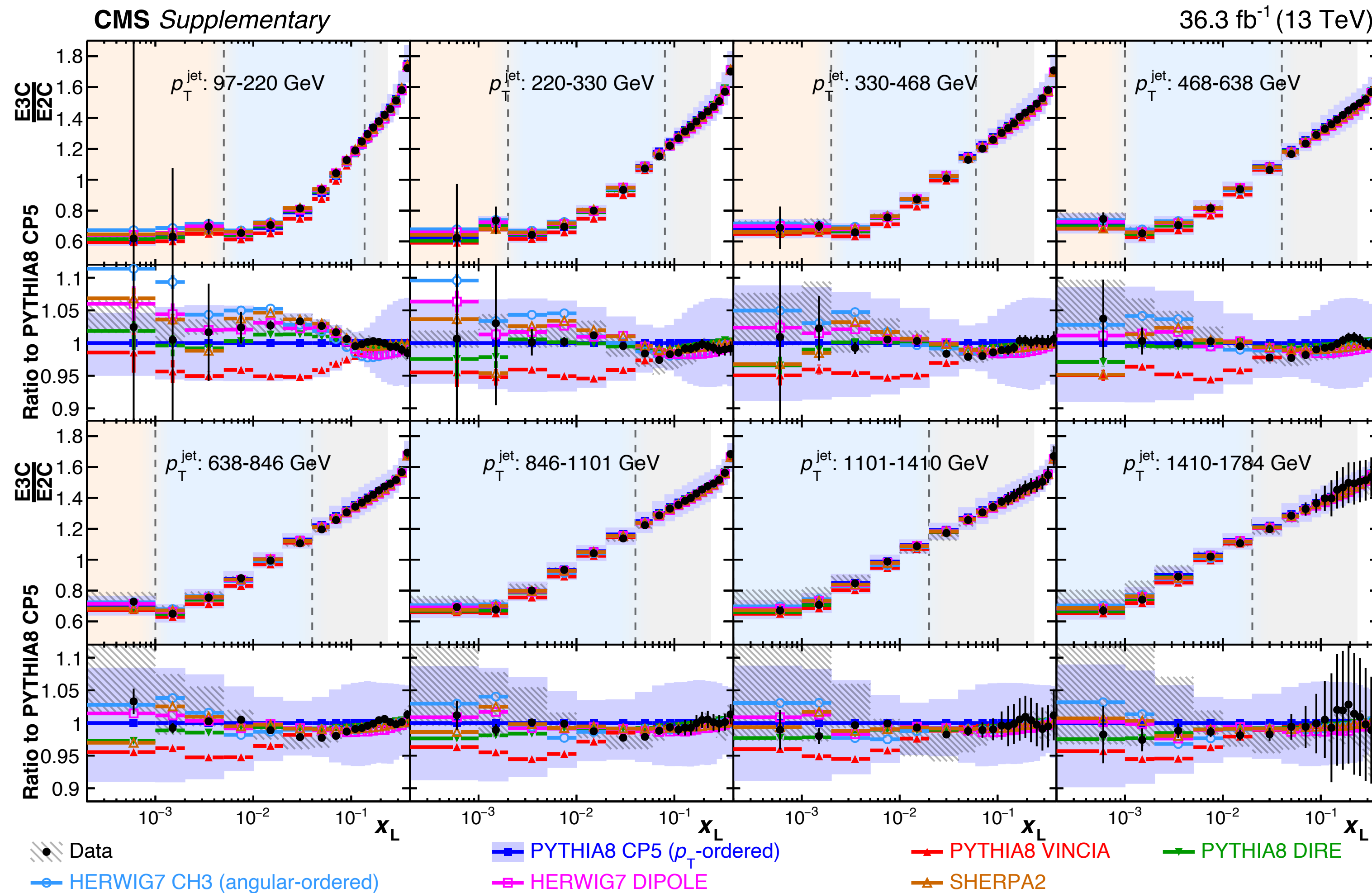
No model match data well in all p_t^{jet} region



● : Data stat error

▨ : Exp systematic

■ : Theo systematic

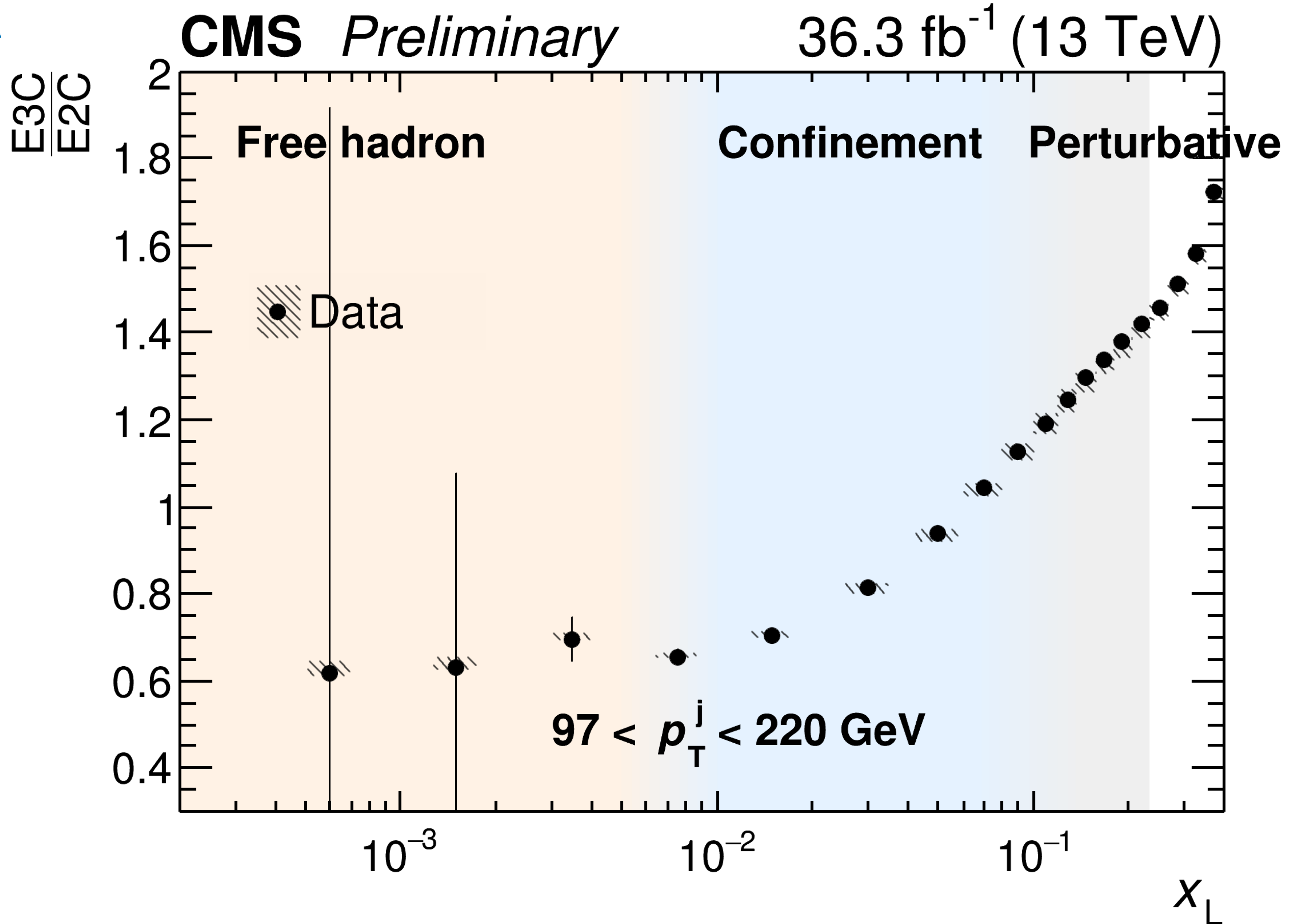


Benefit of taking ratio

- Data MC difference: $\sim 10\% \Rightarrow \sim 3\%$
- Exp sys: $\sim 8\% \Rightarrow \sim 3\%$

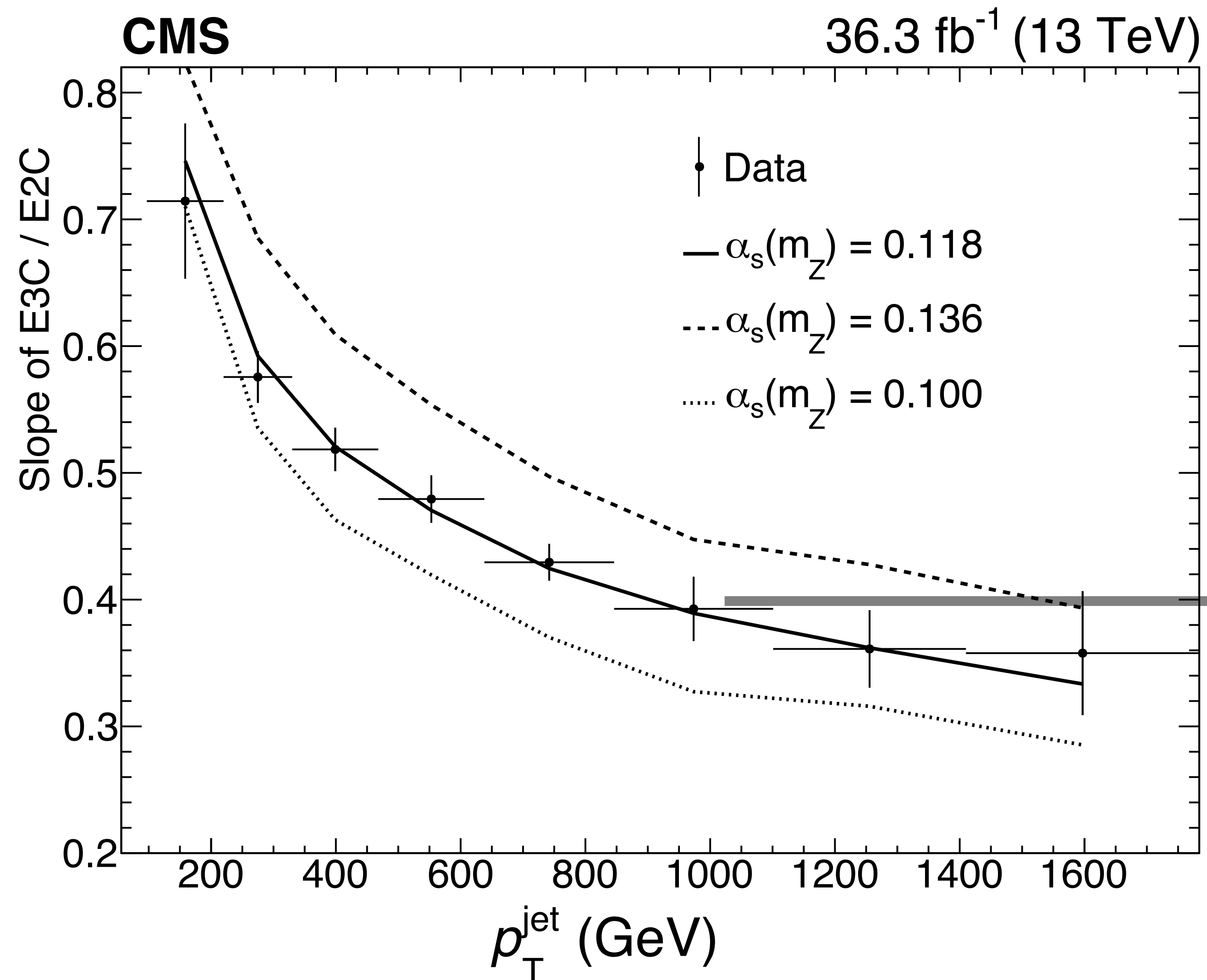
All models agree well

$p_T^{jet} \uparrow$, Slope \sim as \downarrow



Animated E3C/E2C in multiple pT regions

Direct observation of asymptotic freedom

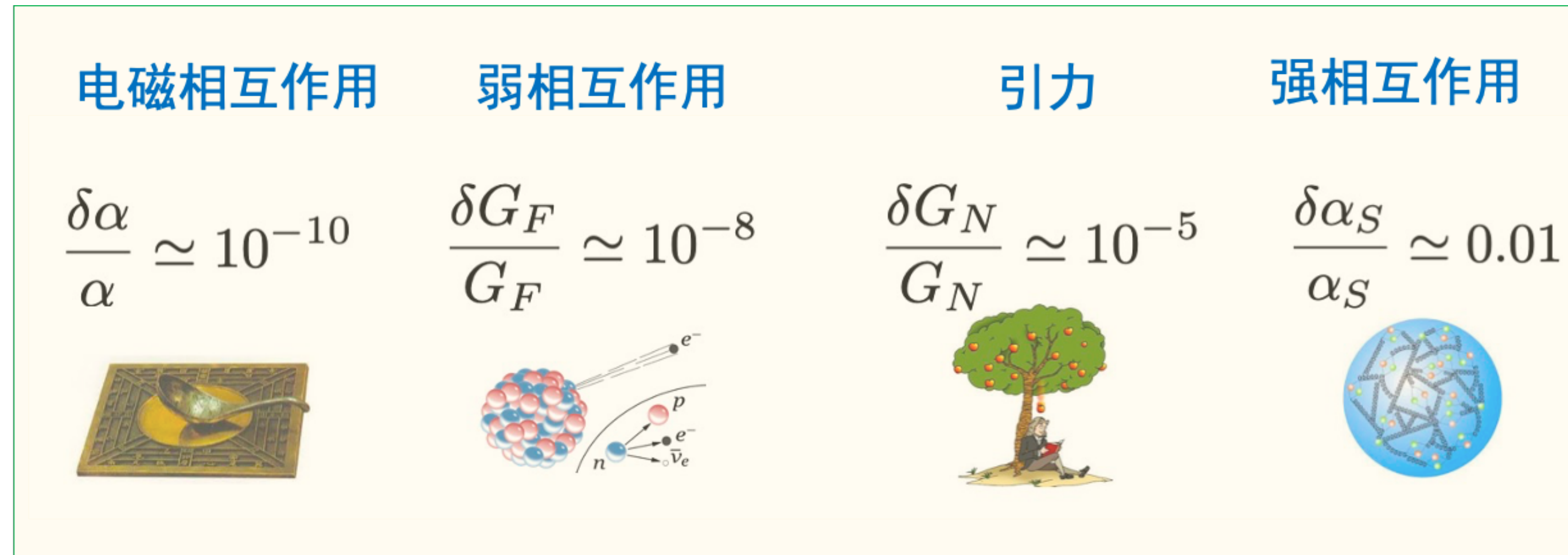


$p_T^{\text{jet}} \uparrow$ $Q \uparrow$

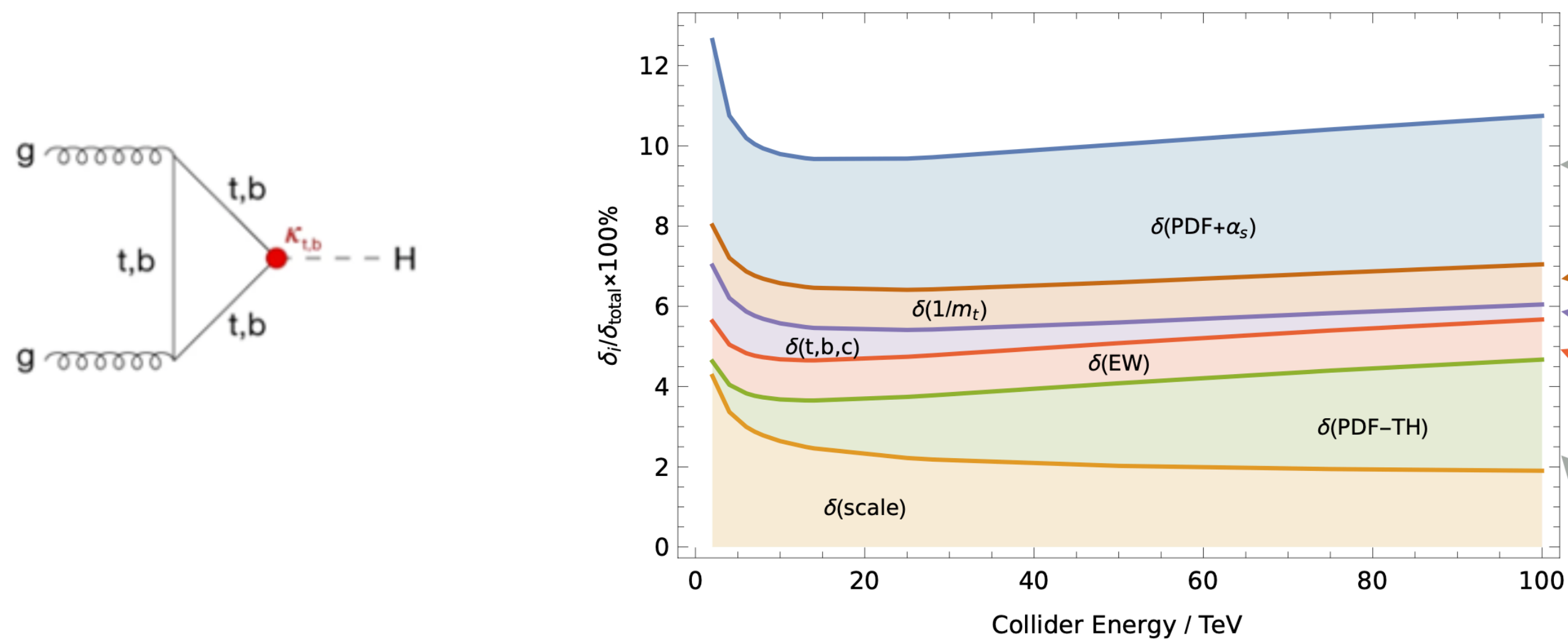
Slope \downarrow $\alpha_s(Q) \downarrow$

Data point: slope fitted
in a p_T^{jet} region

Extraction of α_S

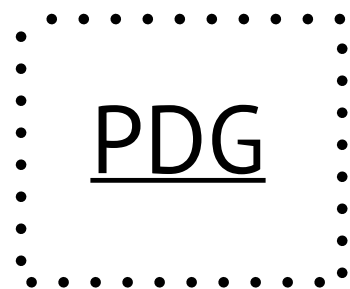


An important uncertainty source of LHC theoretical calculations



Current status of α_S

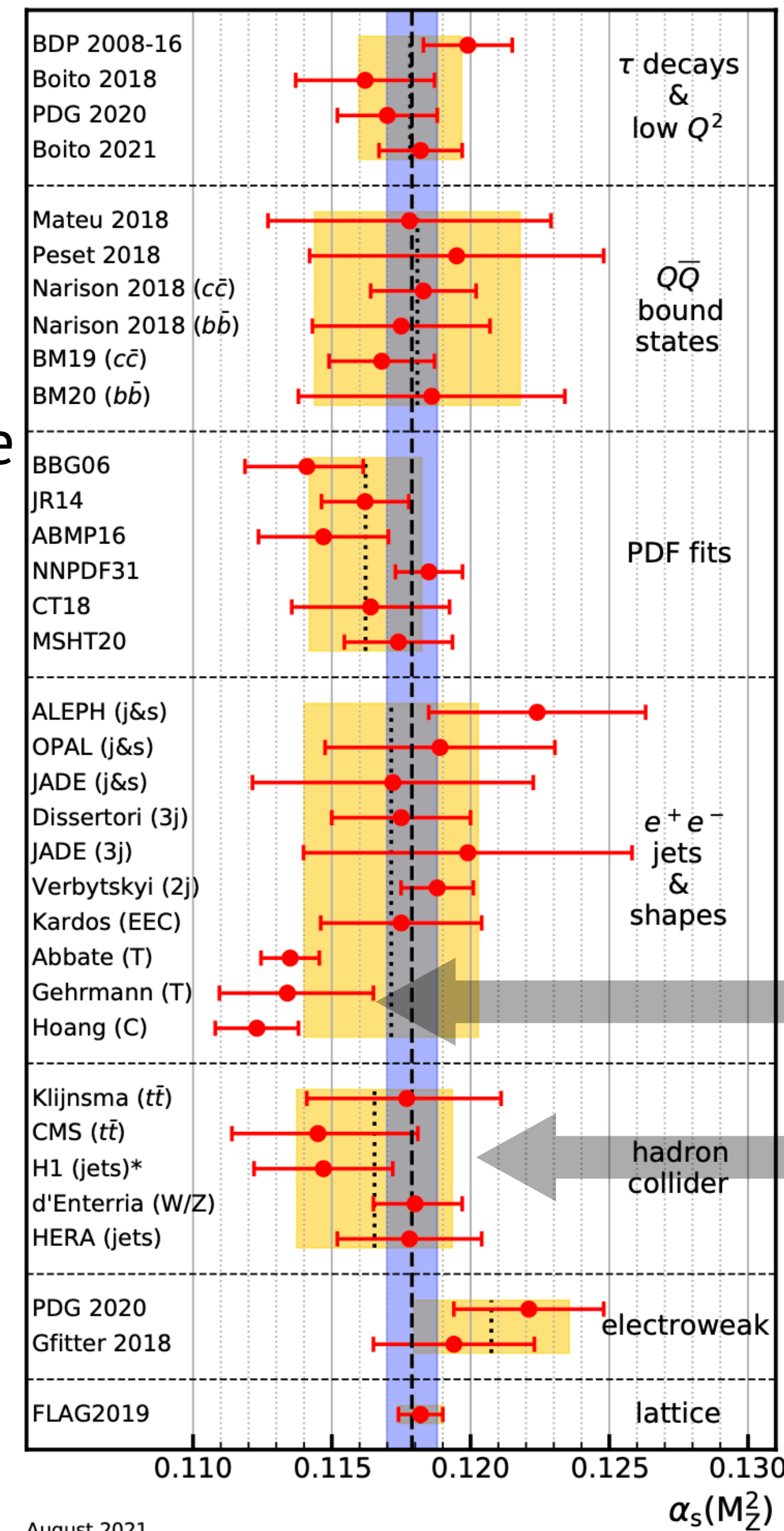
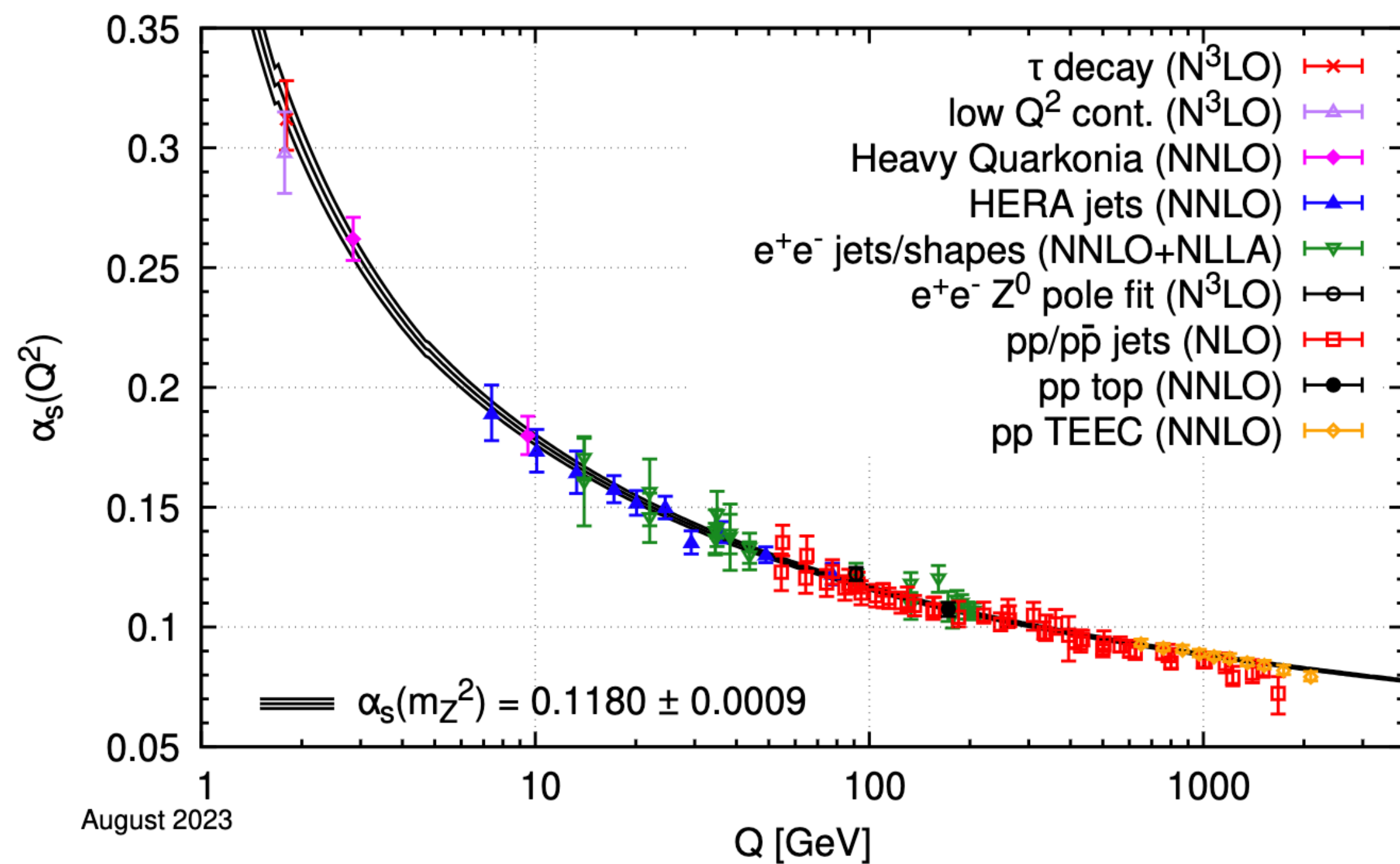
World average: $\alpha_S(m_Z) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$



LEP at collinear region: not consistent with world average

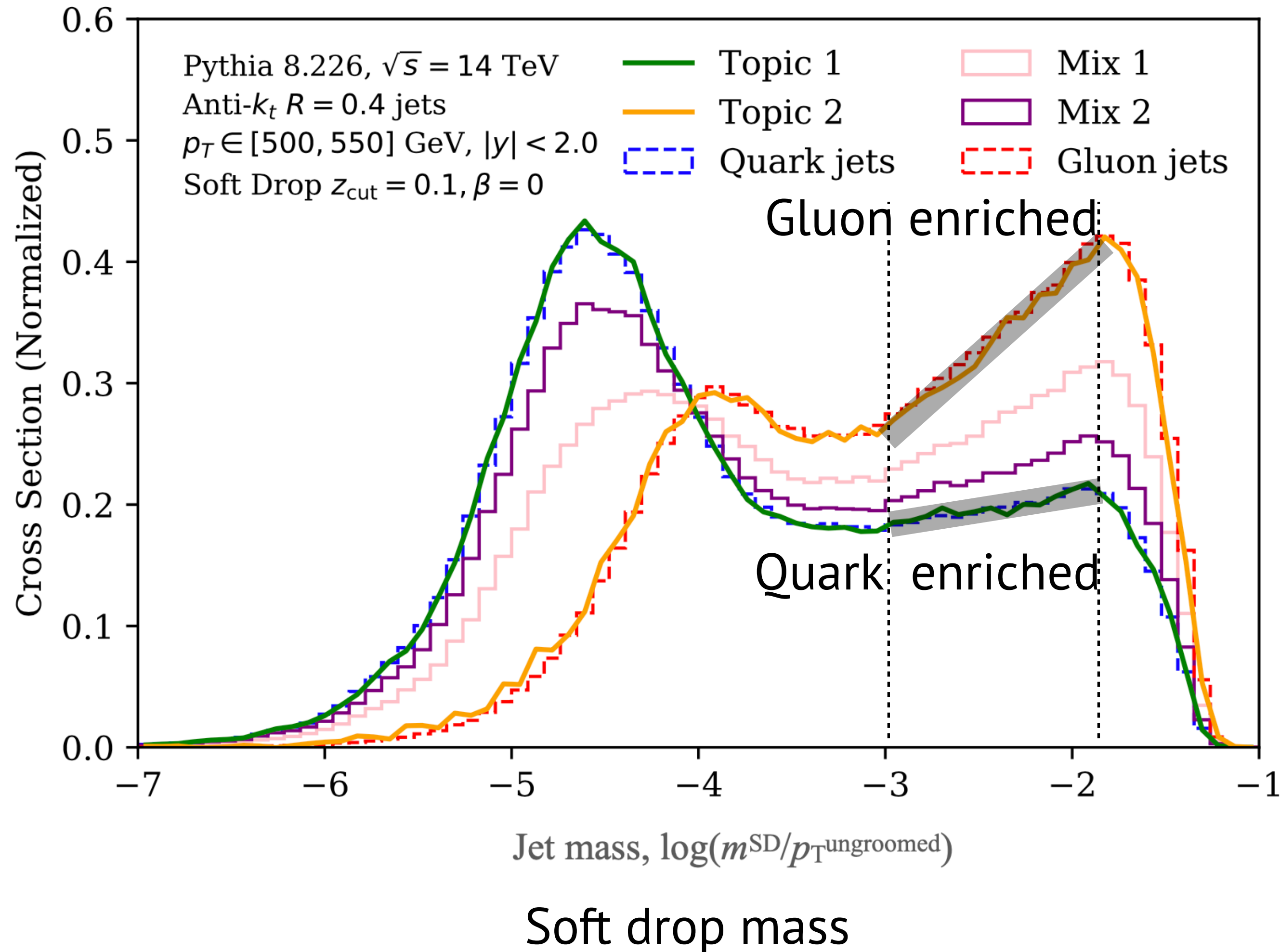
LHC: cross section measurement

$Q: O(100\text{GeV}) \sim O(\text{TeV})$



Extraction of α_S using jet substructure

A collinear region probe, low Q



Common problem

$\alpha_S \sim \text{slope}$

q/g fraction C_F/C_A

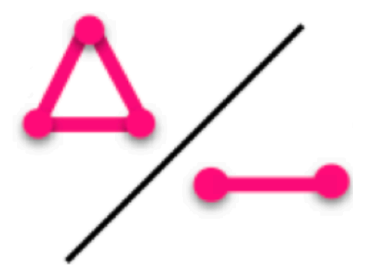
PDF uncertainty dominant

Matt, Benjamin, Christof, [arxiv:2206.10642](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.10642)

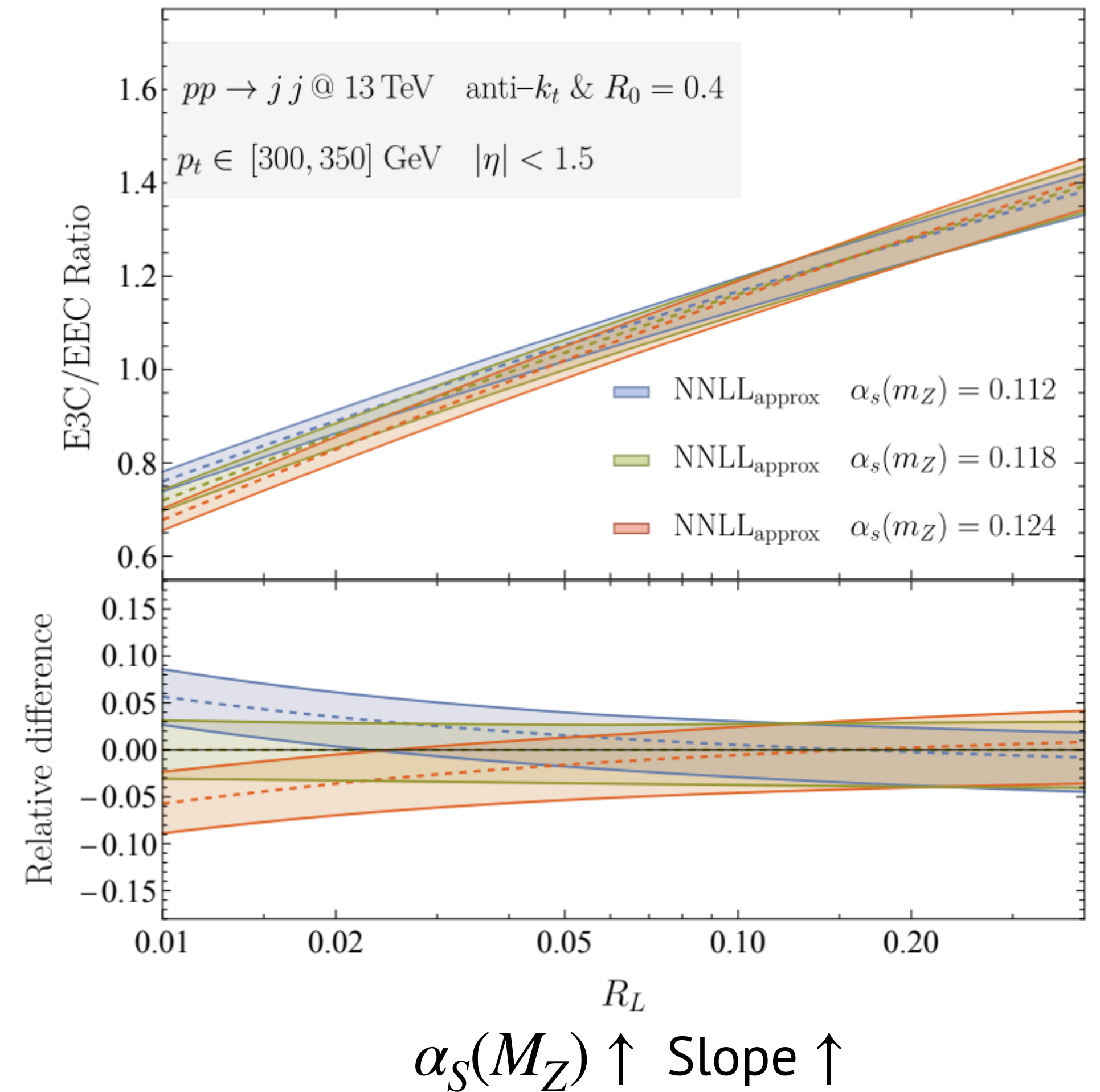
E3C/E2C: a new way to extract α_s

Chen, Gao, Li, Xu, Zhang, Zhu,
[arXiv:2307.07510](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.07510)

At LL, E3C/E2C is a linear function of α_s


$$\propto \alpha_s(Q) \ln x_L + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

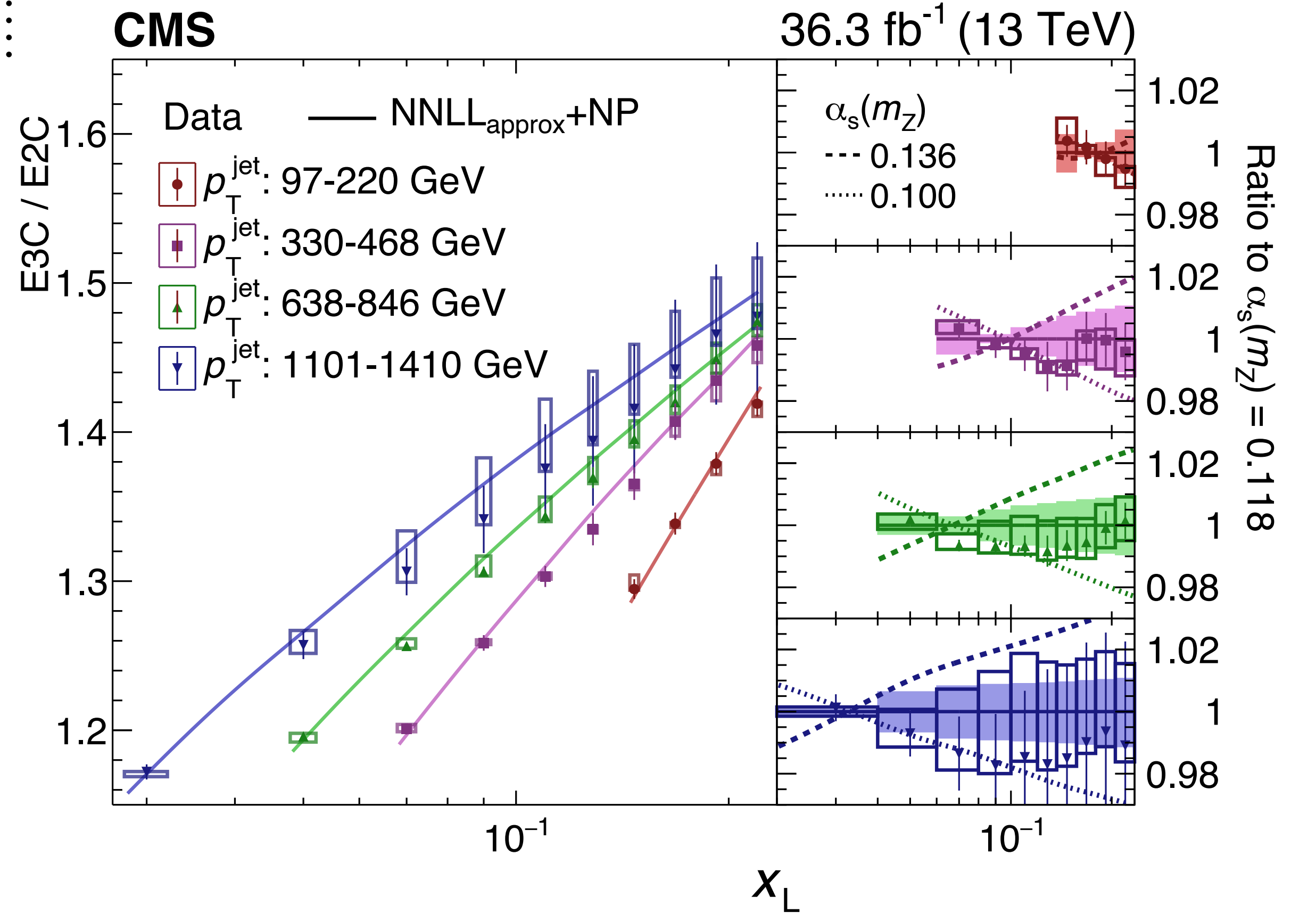
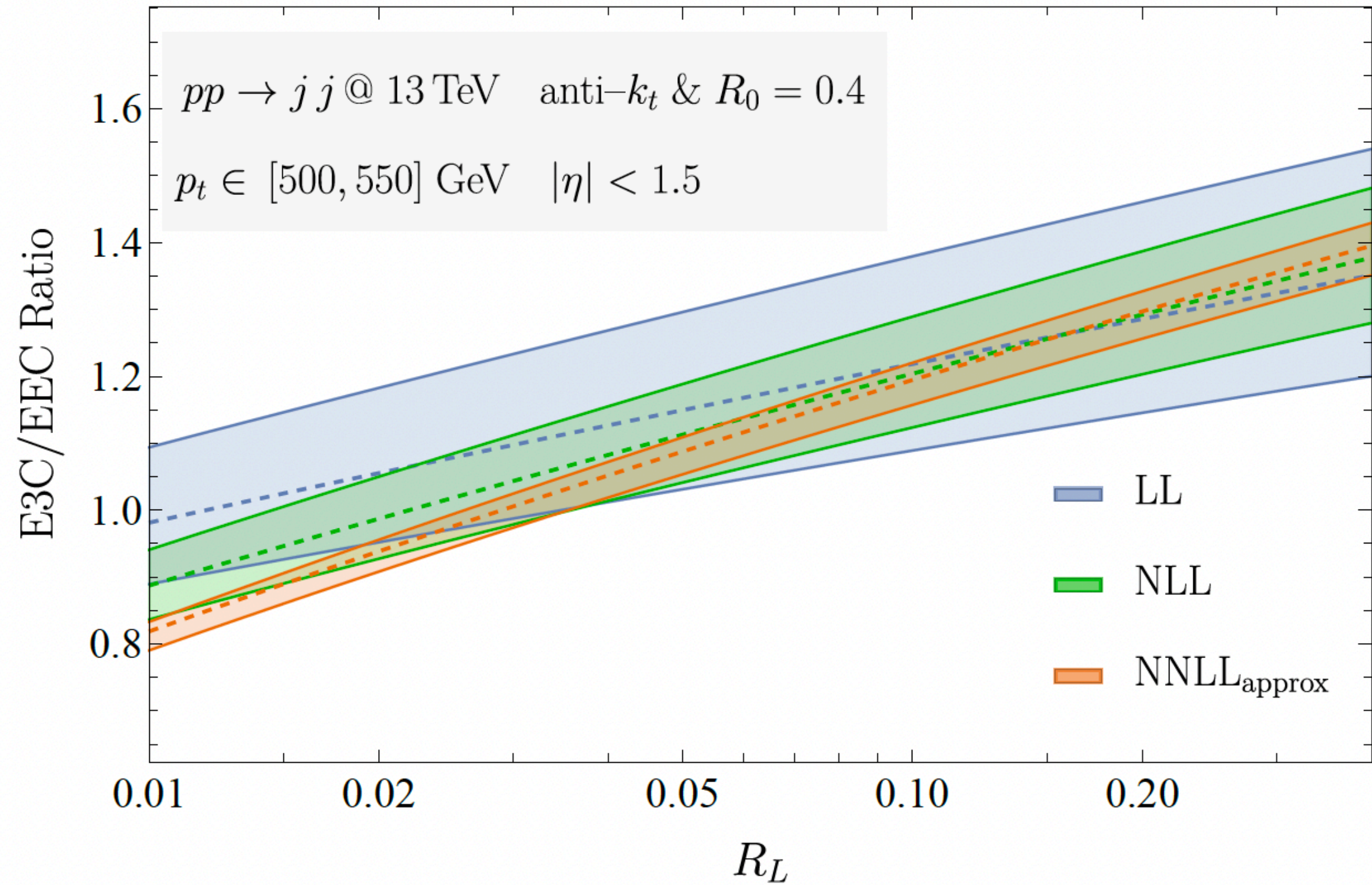
Ci factors enter E3C and E2C and partially cancel



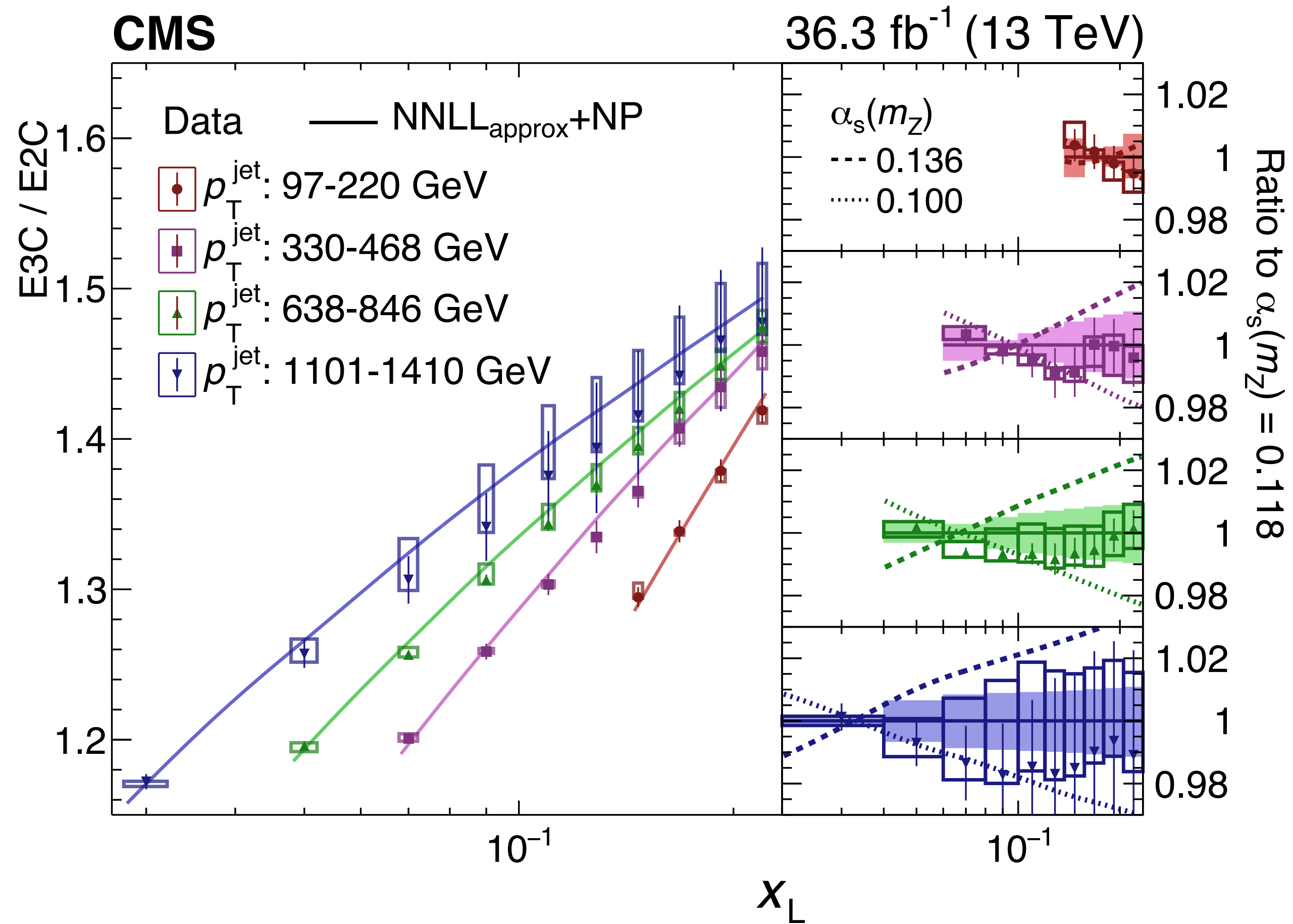
Unfolded E3C/E2C vs NNLL_{approx}

Initial proposal, Chen, Moult, Zhang, and Zhu, [arXiv:2004.11381](#)
 NLO+NLL, Lee, Meçaj, and Moult, [arXiv:2205.03414](#)
 NLO+NNLL_{approx}, Chen, Gao, Li, Xu, Zhang, and Zhu, [arXiv:2307.07510](#)

Data agrees with NNLL_{approx} within uncertainty



Unfolded E3C/E2C vs NNLL_{approx}



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1229^{+0.0040}_{-0.0050}$$

$$= 0.1229^{+0.0014(stat.)+0.0030(theo.)+0.0023(exp.)}_{-0.0012(stat.)-0.0033(theo.)-0.0036(exp.)}$$

major source

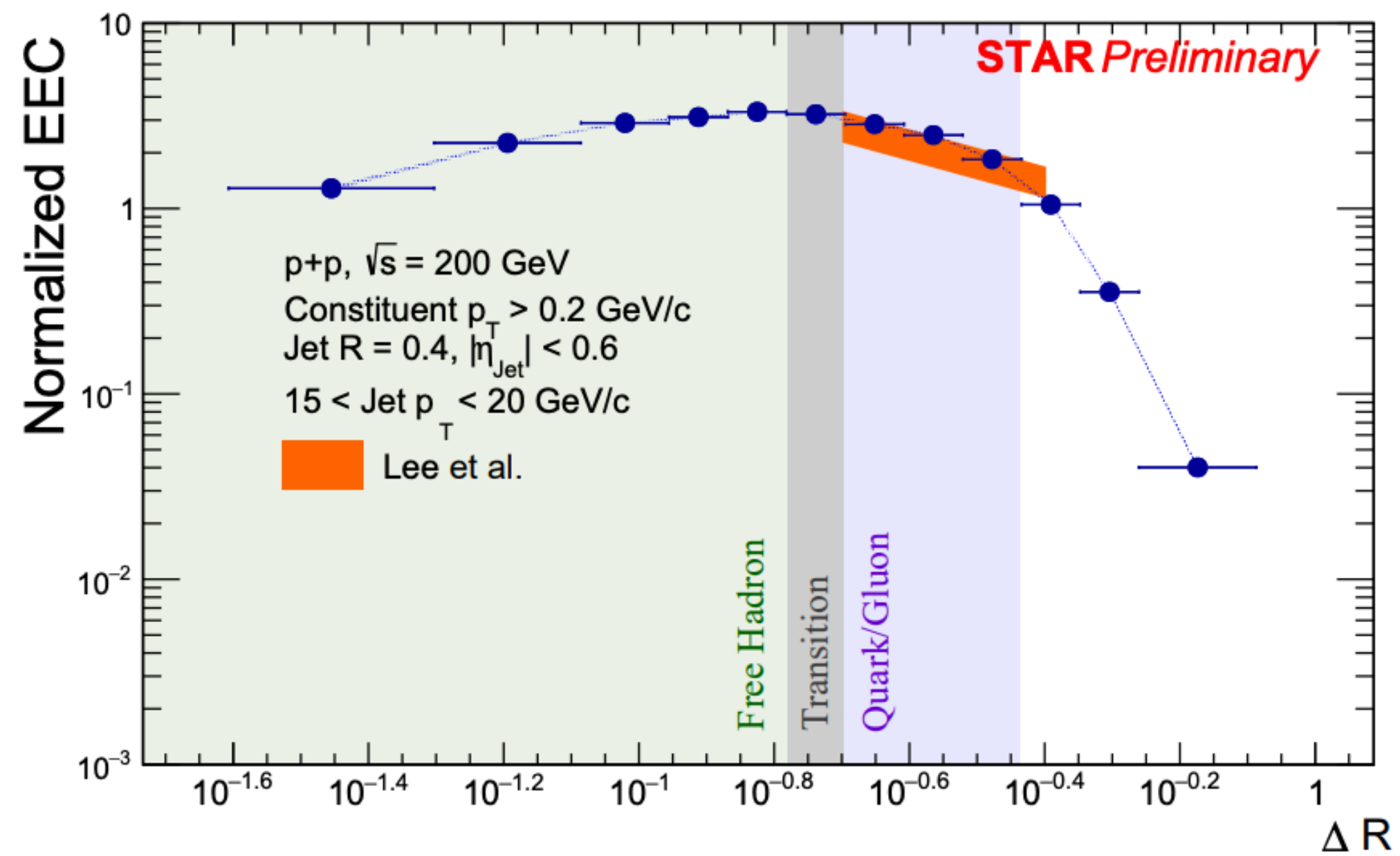
QCD scale of NNLL_{approx}

Neutral hadron energy scale

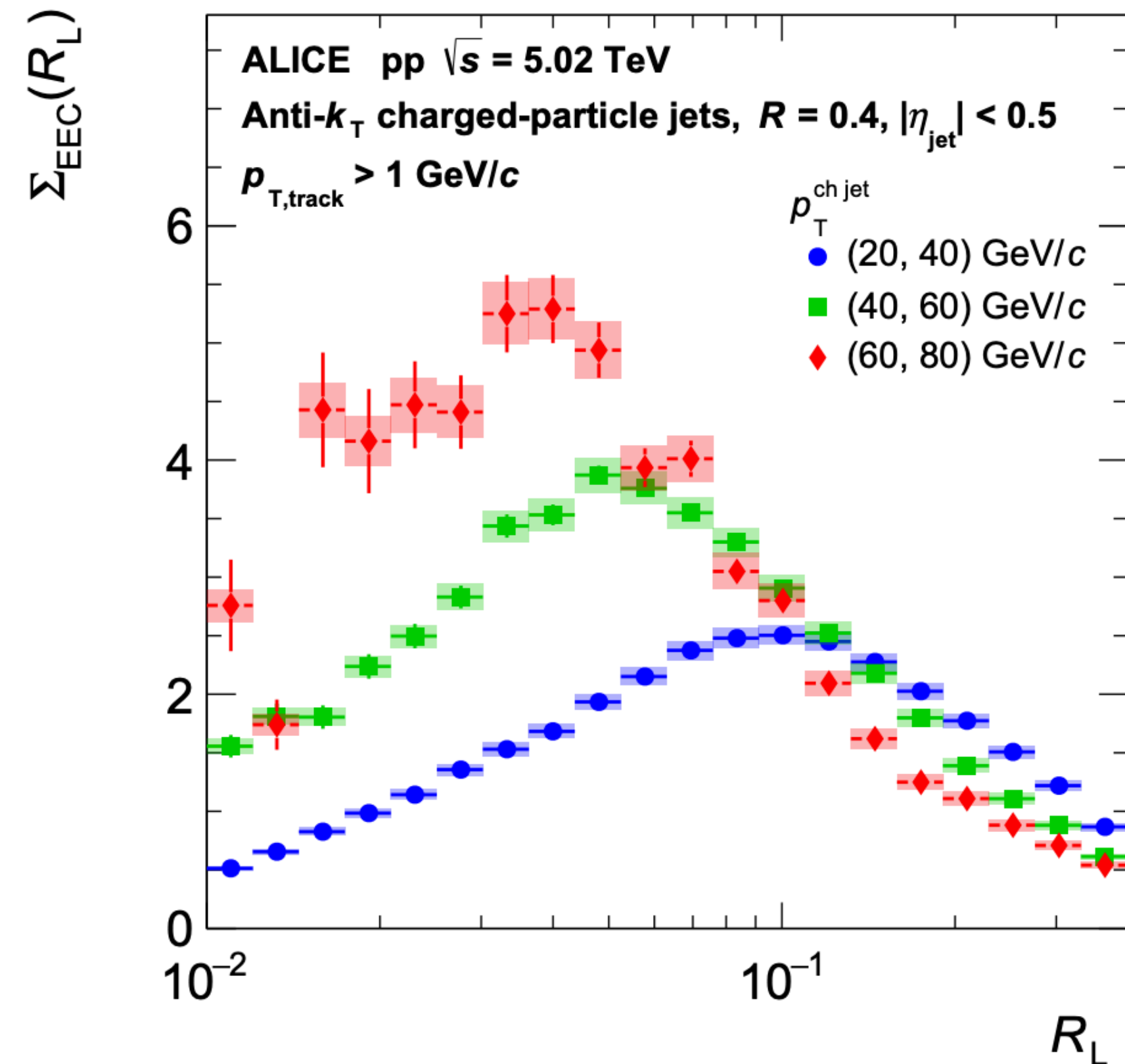
Uncertainty ~ 4%,
 Q ~ O(10) GeV, collinear regime
 Most precise from jet substructure to date

Many EEC measurements ongoing

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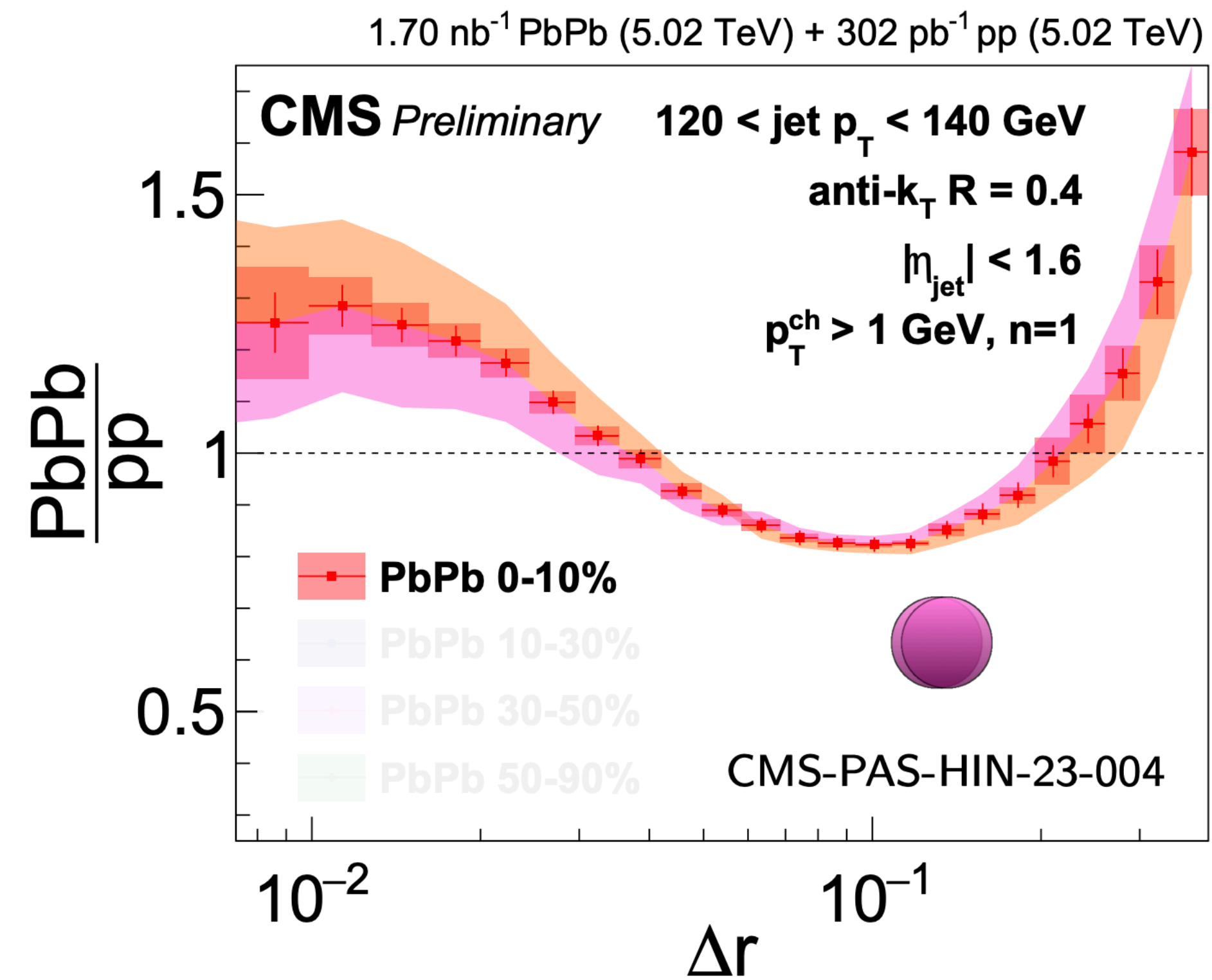
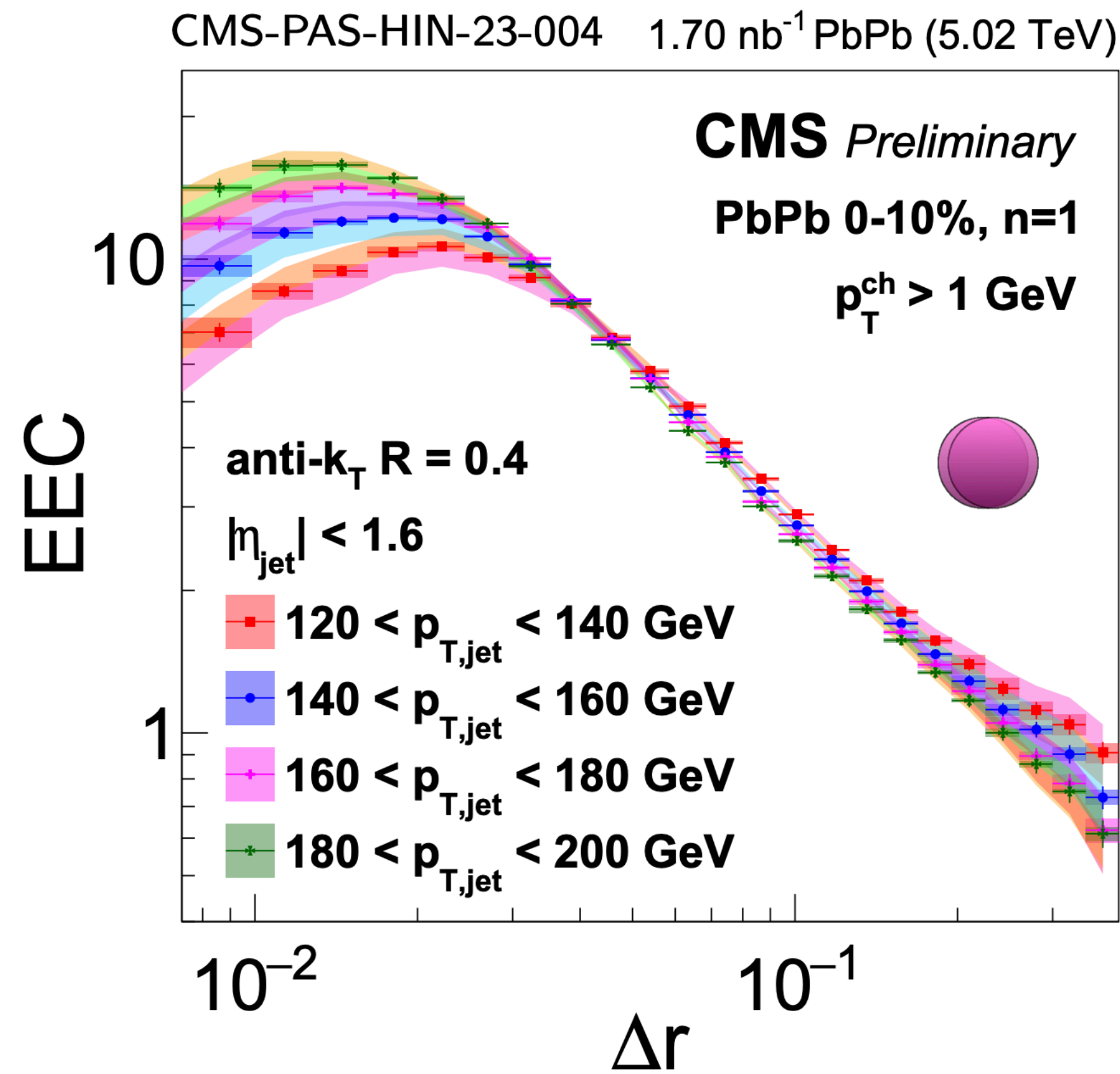


ALICE pp: arXiv:2409.12687



Many EEC measurements ongoing

CMS PbPb, CMS-PAS-HIN-23-004



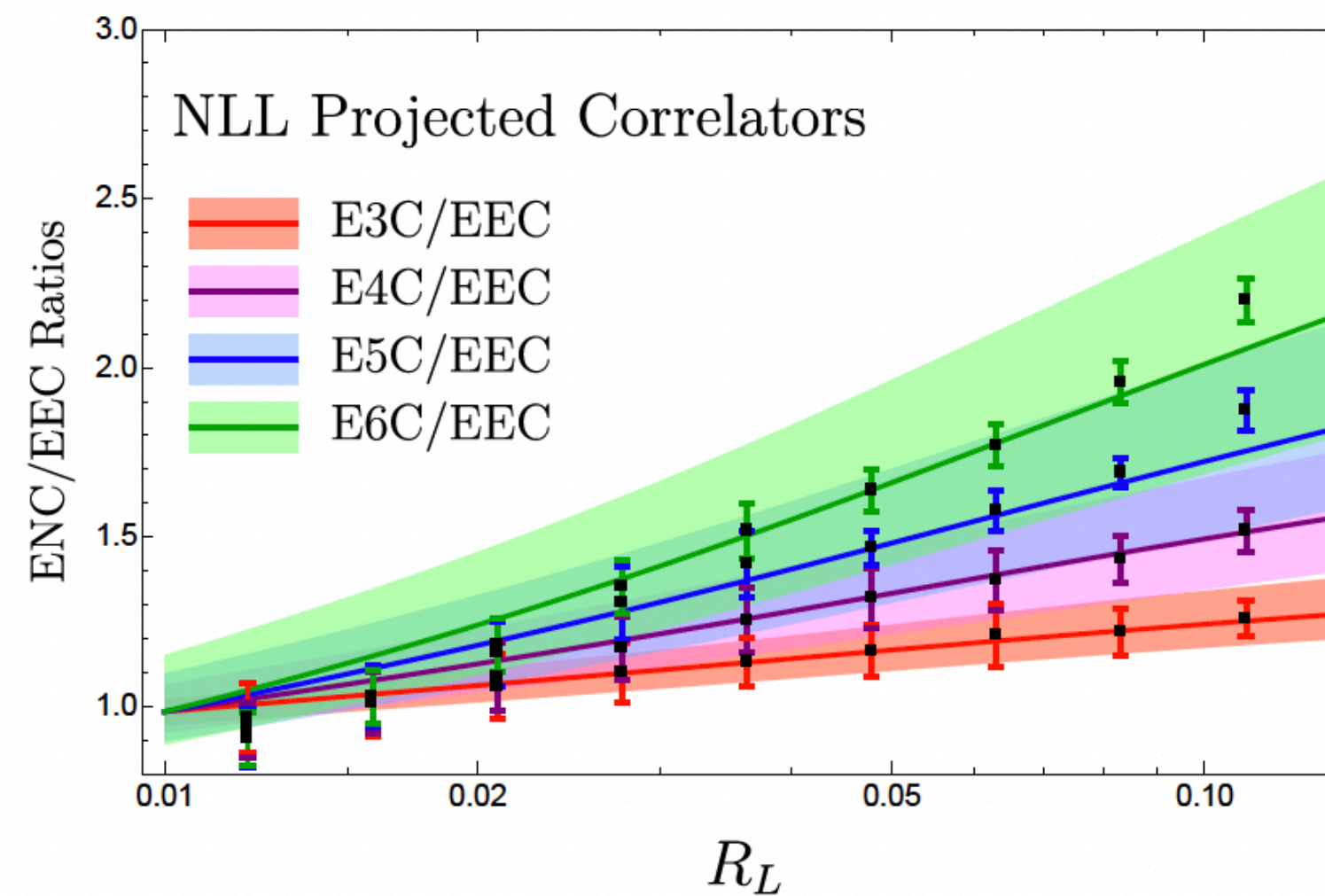
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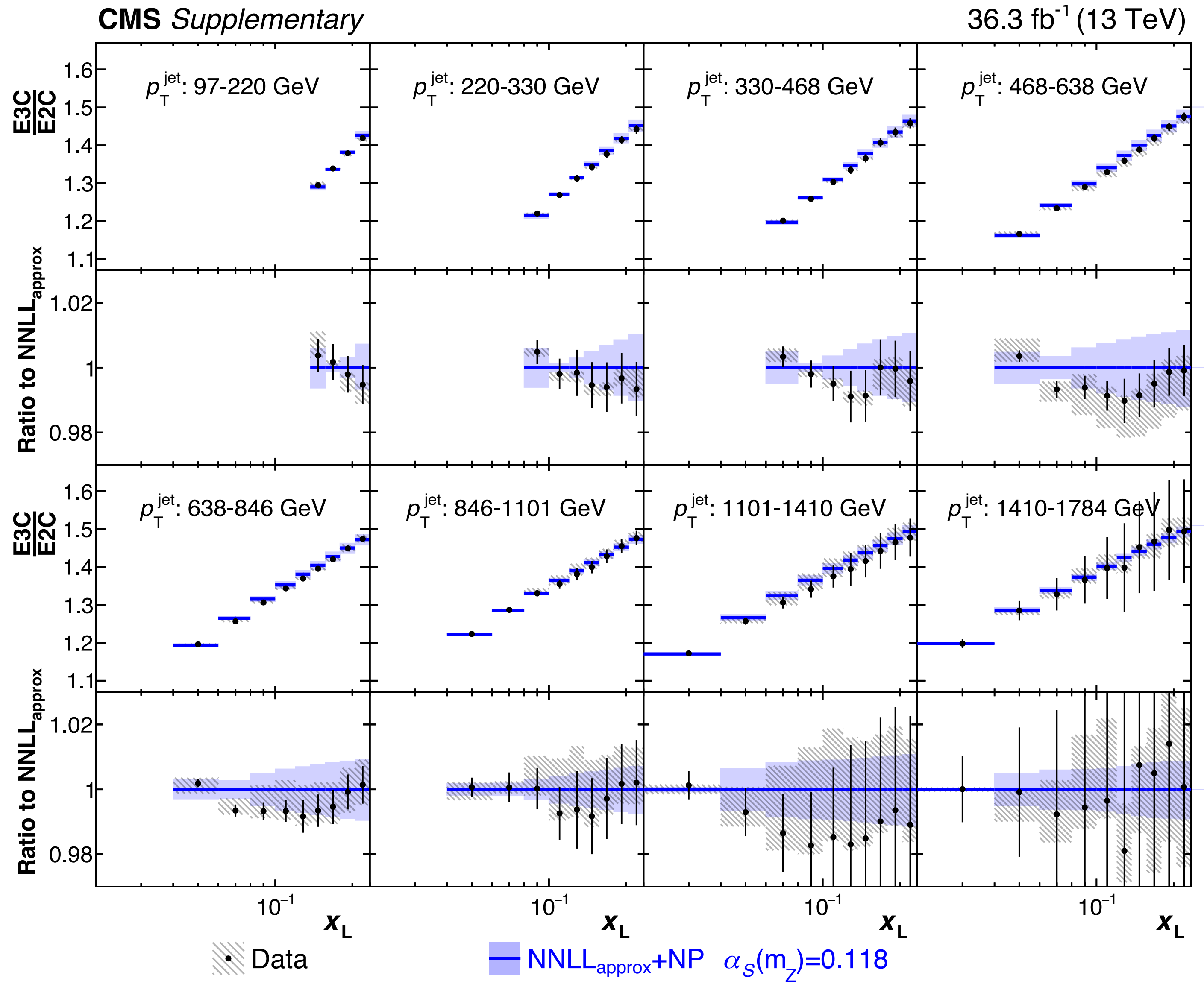
- Energy correlators revive at hadron colliders
- High precision experimental measurements on energy correlators
- Probe many fundamental properties of QCD
- Proven to be a powerful tool for precise α_s determination

From Ian Mout

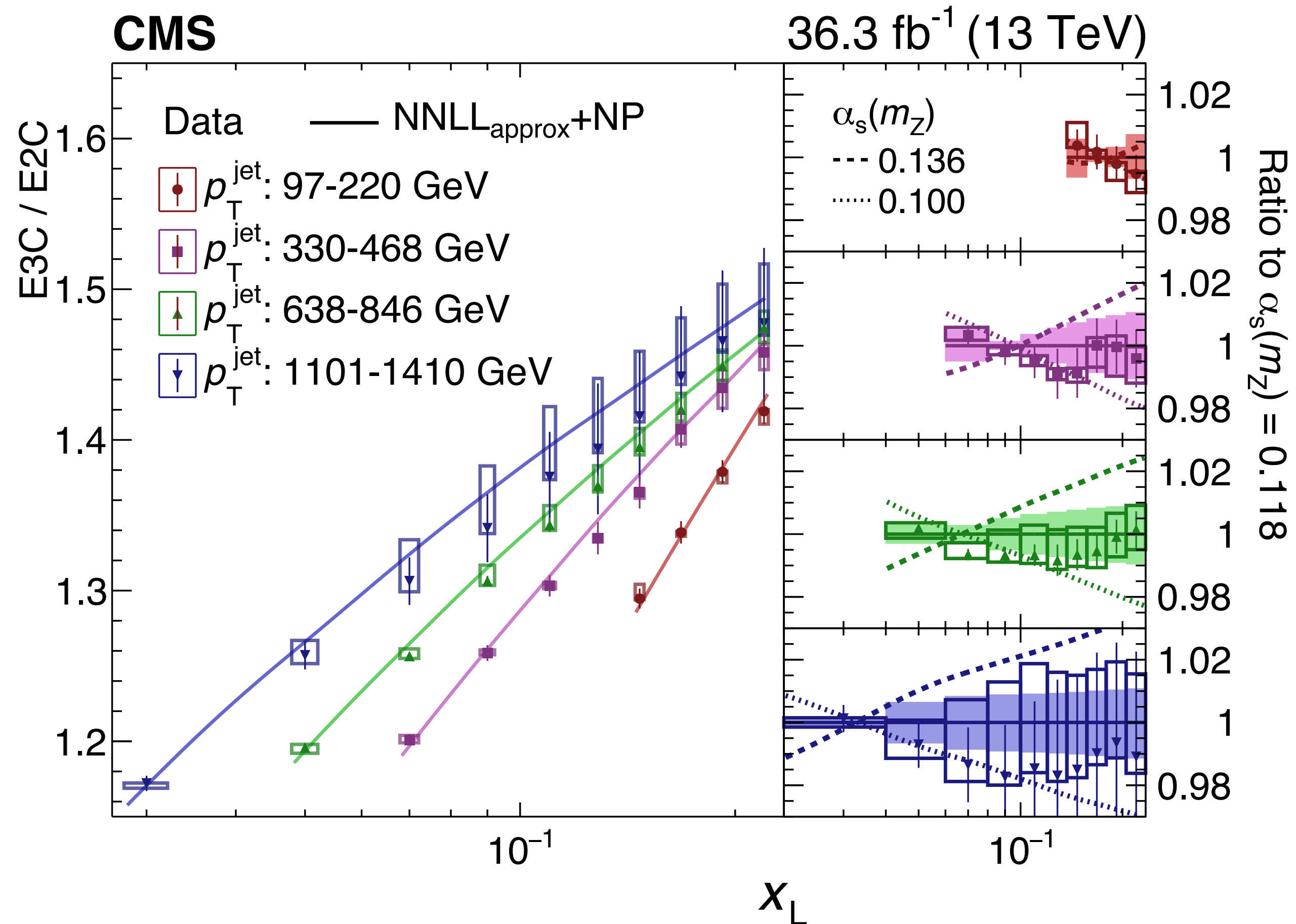
Improving the α_s measurement

- Measure on tracks.
- Measure the higher point ratios to over constrain α_s from quark gluon fractions.
- Go to highest possible energy.





Analytical predictions



- NNLL_{approx}: Parton level E3C/E2C
- NLO+NNLL_{approx} Chen, Gao, Li, Xu, Zhang, and Zhu, [arXiv:2307.07510](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.07510)
- Same phase space as the analysis

Hadronization factors

- Bin by bin factor
 - average of Pythia&Herwig
- E2C, E3C: 5 - 40%
- E3C/E2C: 3%

Theo sys:

(shape only, no normalization effect)

- QCD scale of NNLL_{approx} prediction
- Hadronization factors
- QCD scale in hard scattering
- Underlying event + parton shower tune
- PDF