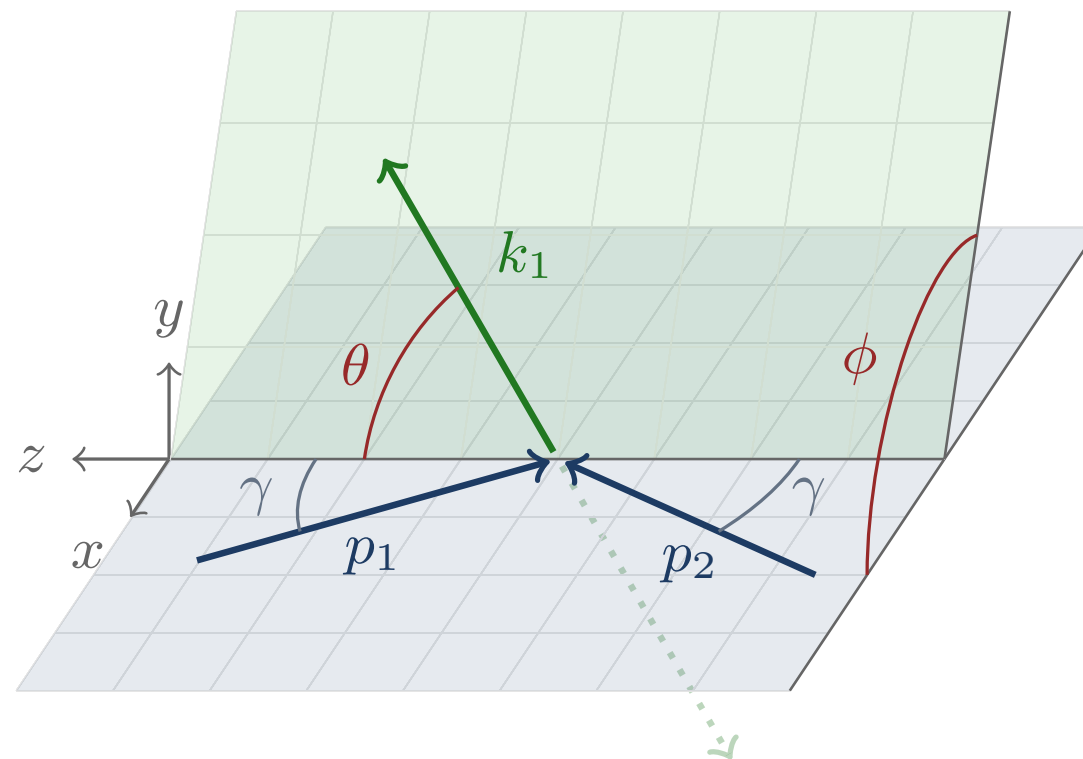


# Angular coefficients in Z boson production

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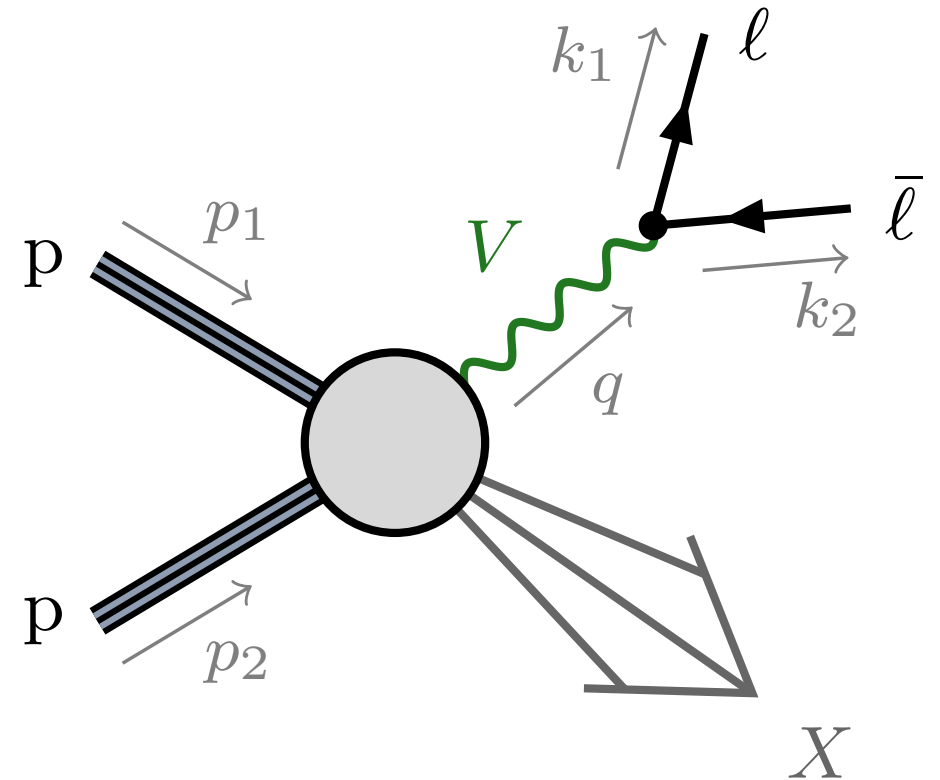


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# overview of talk

- **Introduction:**

- experimental summary
- theoretical framework

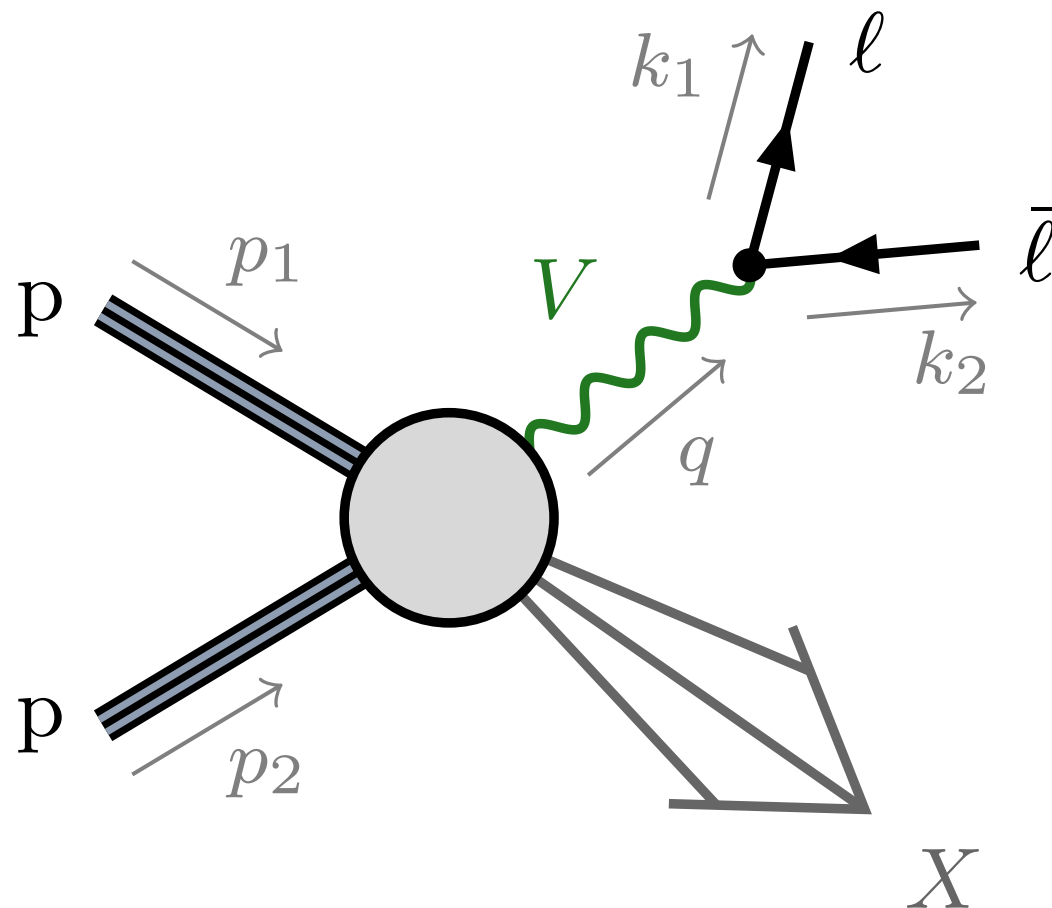


- **Results:**

- Comparison to ATLAS and CMS data
- Discussion of Lam-Tung violation
- (Prospects for LHCb)

- **What insight do results offer for W bosons?**

# general statements



- i) Precise Z boson measurements: PDFs, Luminosity,  $Z \bar{f} f$
- ii) Case study for W bosons (both leptons reconstructed for Z)
- iii) QCD production dynamics of Z bosons at non-zero  $p_{T,Z}$   
*(as encoded by angular coefficients)*

# general set-up

$$p(p_1) + p(p_2) \rightarrow V(q) + X \rightarrow \boxed{\bar{\ell}(k_1) + \bar{\ell}(k_2)} + X$$

Defining lepton kinematics in  $V(q)$  rest frame

$$k_{1,2}^\mu = \frac{\sqrt{q^2}}{2} (1, \pm \sin \theta \cos \phi, \pm \sin \theta \sin \phi, \pm \cos \theta)^T$$

Decompose cross section in terms of spherical polynomials  $f_i(\theta, \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d^4q \cos \theta d\phi} = \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{unpol.}}}{d^4q} & \left\{ (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2} A_0 (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta) \right. \\ & + A_1 \sin(2\theta) \cos \phi + \frac{1}{2} A_2 \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi) \\ & + A_3 \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_4 \cos \theta + A_5 \sin^2 \theta \sin(2\phi) \\ & \left. + A_6 \sin(2\theta) \sin \phi + A_7 \sin \theta \sin \phi \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$A_{0,...,7}(q)$

Encode QCD dynamics

$f_i(\theta, \phi)$

Lepton pair kinematics

$l = 0$

$m = 0$

$l = 1$

$m = -1, 0, 1$

$l = 2$

$m = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

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Total of 9 terms

# some context

Angular coefficients  $A_0, A_1, A_2$  first measured in low-mass Drell-Yan

\* Measurements by Na10/E615 in late 80s (Pion beams on Tungsten)

\* Measurements by NuSea '06/'08 (pp and pd collisions)

(see ref. [27-30] of [arXiv:1708.00008](#))

At LHC and TeVatron, measurements performed around Z-boson mass  
(sensitive to  $A_3, A_4$ )

\* CDF measurement - [arXiv:1103.5699](#)

\* ATLAS/CMS measurements - [arXiv:1606.00689](#) / [arXiv:1504.03512](#)

Measurement of angular coefficients (polarisation) in W production

\* ATLAS/CMS measurements - [arXiv:1203.2165](#) / [arXiv:1104.3829](#)

( $p_{T,W} > 30/50$  GeV)

Enters  $m_W$  extraction through a weighting of angular variables

$$w = \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta + \sum_i A'_i(p_T, y) P_i(\cos \theta, \phi)}{1 + \cos^2 \theta + \sum_i A_i(p_T, y) P_i(\cos \theta, \phi)},$$

# predictions for angular coefficients

projection via spherical polynomials to obtain angular coefficients

$$\langle f(\theta, \phi) \rangle \equiv \frac{\int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi d\sigma(\theta, \phi) f(\theta, \phi)}{\int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi d\sigma(\theta, \phi)}.$$

**practically:** run  $pp > ll+X$ , perform projection in Collins-Soper frame

fill histograms (w.r.t.  $m_{\ell\ell}, y_{\ell\ell}, p_T^{\ell\ell}$ ) weighted by  $f(\theta, \phi)$   
**(lab-frame)**

**reality:** integrating highly oscillating functions...

**solutions:** clever reweighting of P.S. + many integrand evaluations..

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= 4 - 10 \langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle, & A_1 &= 5 \langle \sin(2\theta) \cos \phi \rangle, & A_2 &= 10 \langle \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi) \rangle, \\ A_3 &= 4 \langle \sin \theta \cos \phi \rangle, & A_4 &= 4 \langle \cos \theta \rangle & & \textbf{(relevant angular coefficients)} \end{aligned}$$

# numerical set-up (boring stuff)

study the region:  $p_{T,Z} > 10 \text{ GeV}$   
accuracy: NNLO (from Z+jet @ NNLO)  
input scheme:  $G_\mu$ -scheme  
PDF set: PDF4LHC NNLO asMZ0118  
scale:  $\mu_0 = \sqrt{m_{\ell\ell}^2 + p_{T,\ell\ell}^2}$



## scale variation (arbitrary stuff)

$$1/2 < \mu_F / \mu_R < 2$$

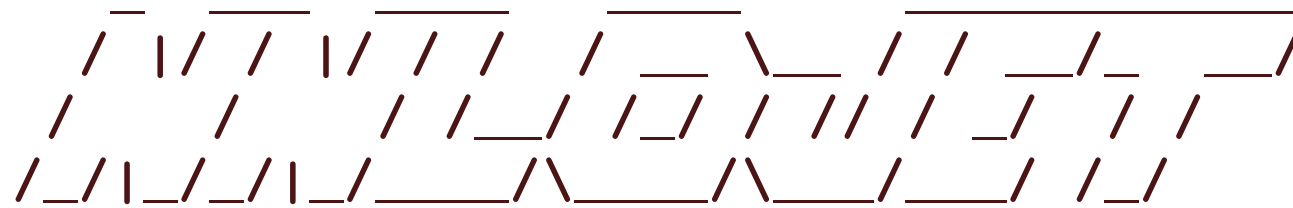
If you correlate numerator and denominator, 'artificial' cancellation  
**No  $\mu_R$  dependence at all at LO**

We independently vary in numerator/denominator, such that  
**31-point scale variation**

$$1/2 < \mu_a^i / \mu_b^j < 2$$

i, j = num. or den.  
a, b = fac. or ren.





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## Common framework for NNLO corrections

- parton level Monte Carlo generator
- basis: Antenna Subtraction formalism  
**Gehrmann(-De Ridder), Glover - arXiv:0505111**
- In progress: APPLfast-NNLO interface  
**PDF fitting with full NNLO calculations**
- Z+jet at NNLO QCD  
**Gehrmann-De Ridder et al. - arXiv:1507.02850**

### Processes:

$$pp \rightarrow V \rightarrow l\bar{l} + 0, 1 \text{ jets}$$

$$pp \rightarrow H + 0, 1, 2 \text{ jets}$$

$$pp \rightarrow \text{dijets}$$

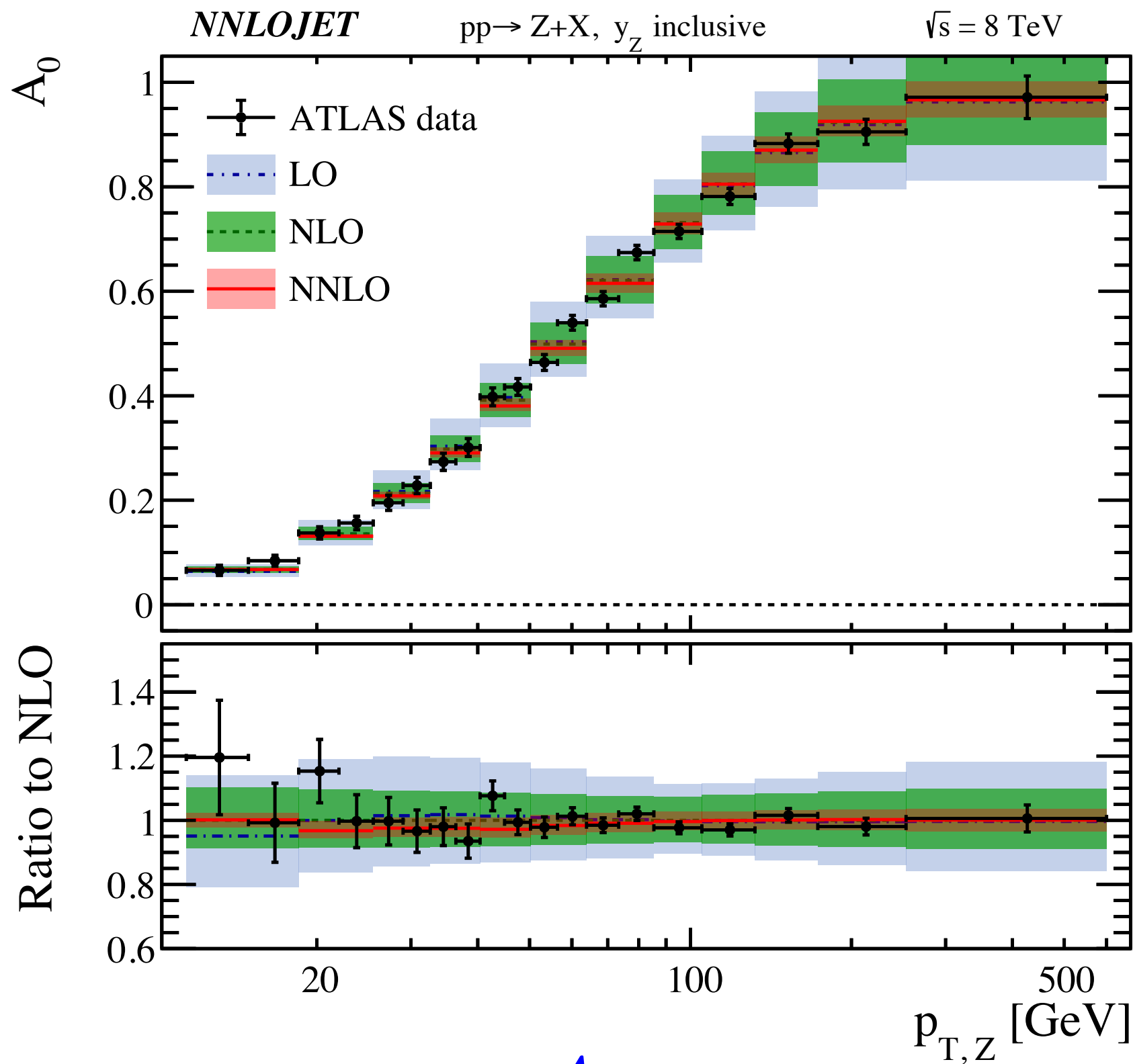
$$ep \rightarrow 1, 2 \text{ jets}$$

$$e\bar{e} \rightarrow 3 \text{ jets}$$

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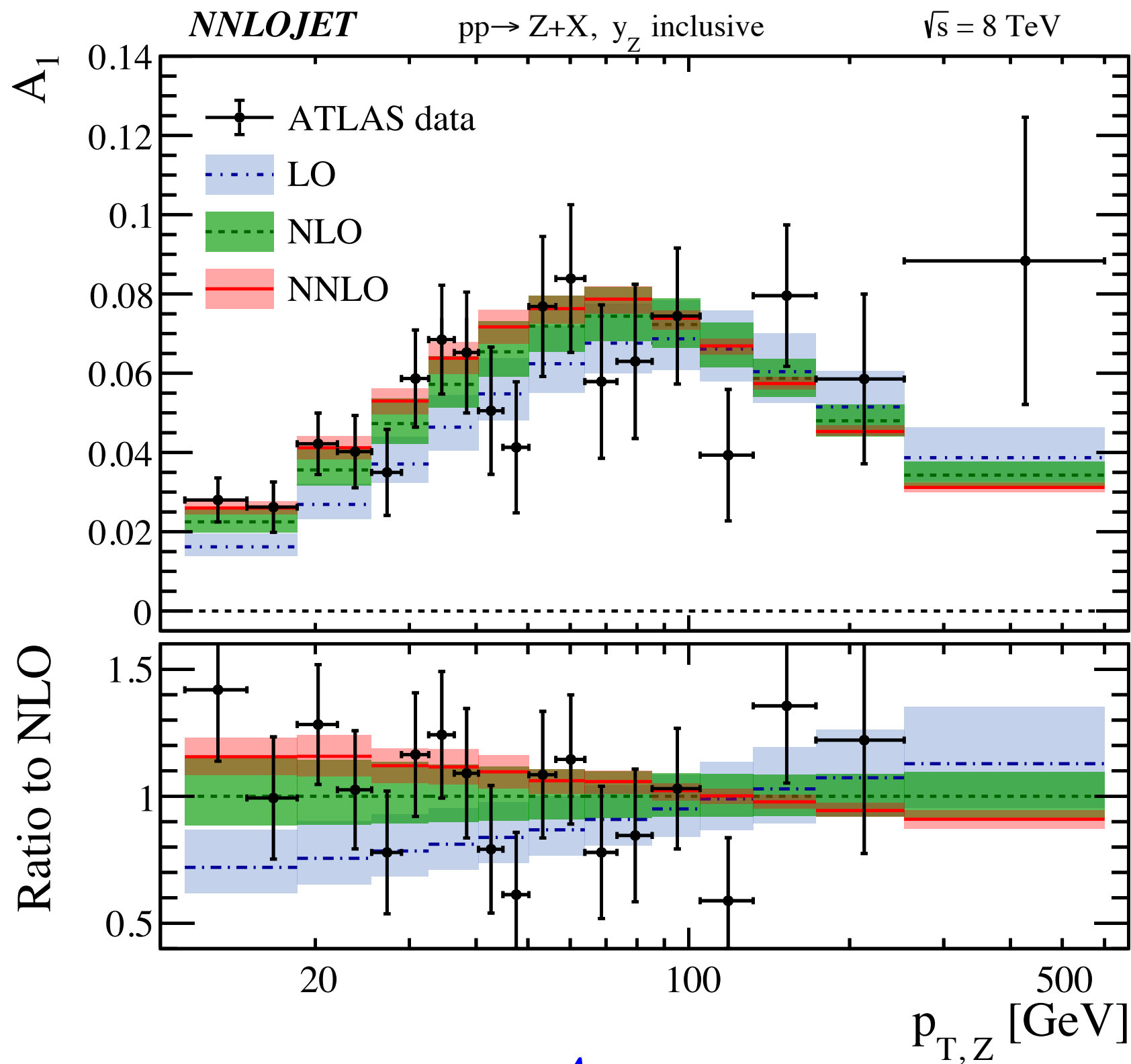


# predictions vs. data



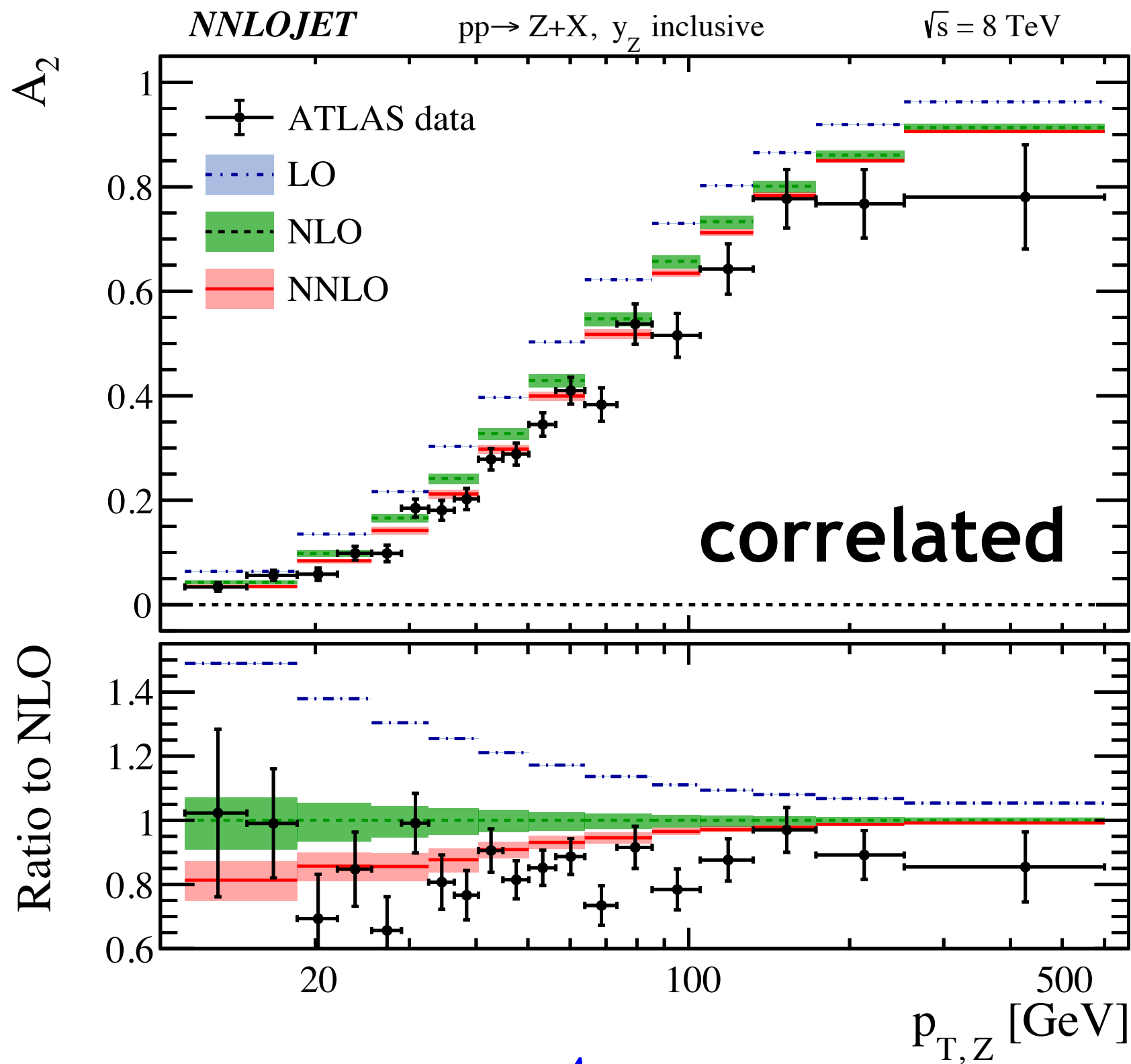
$A_0$

# predictions vs. data



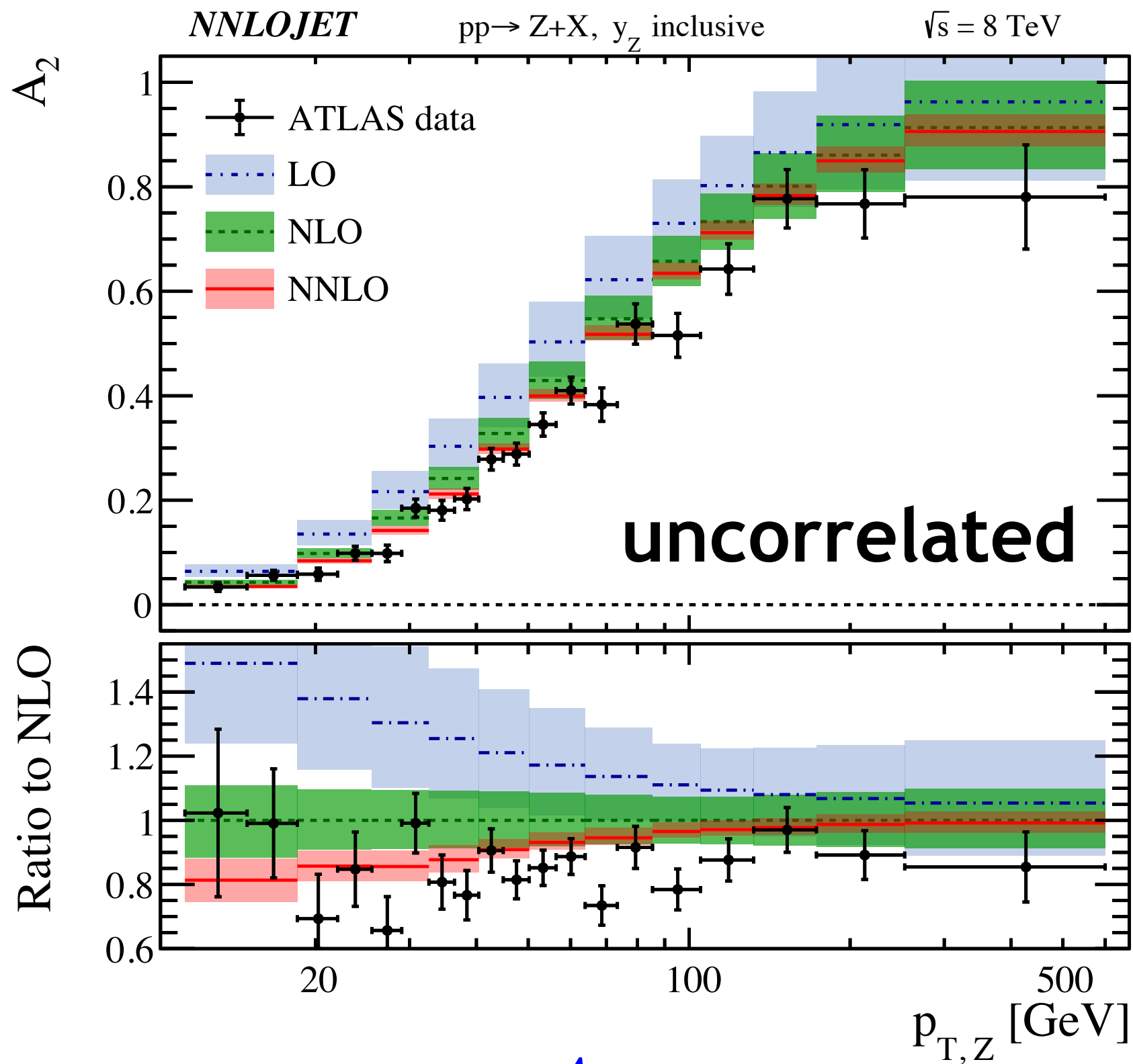
$A_1$

# predictions vs. data



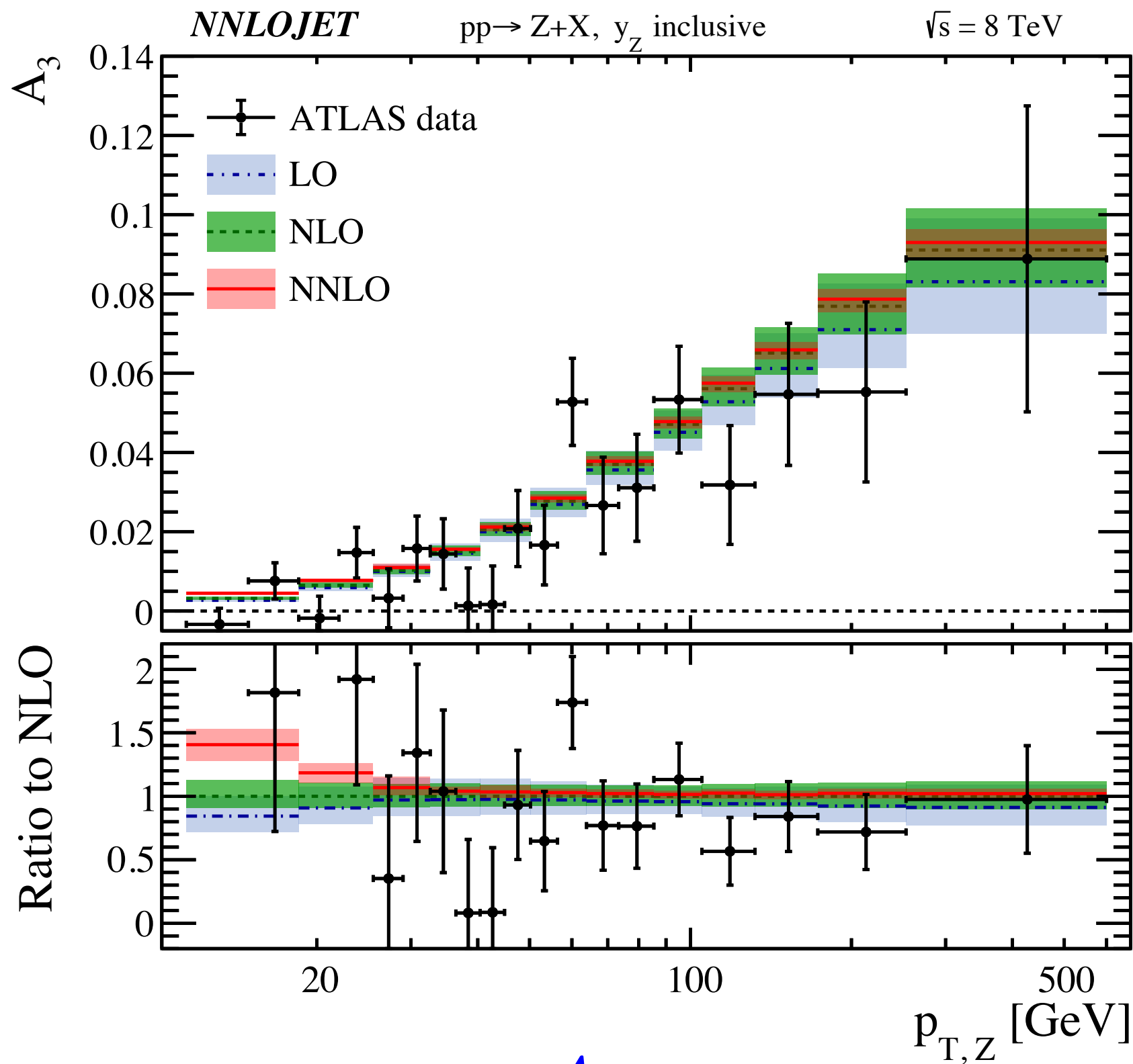
$A_2$

# predictions vs. data



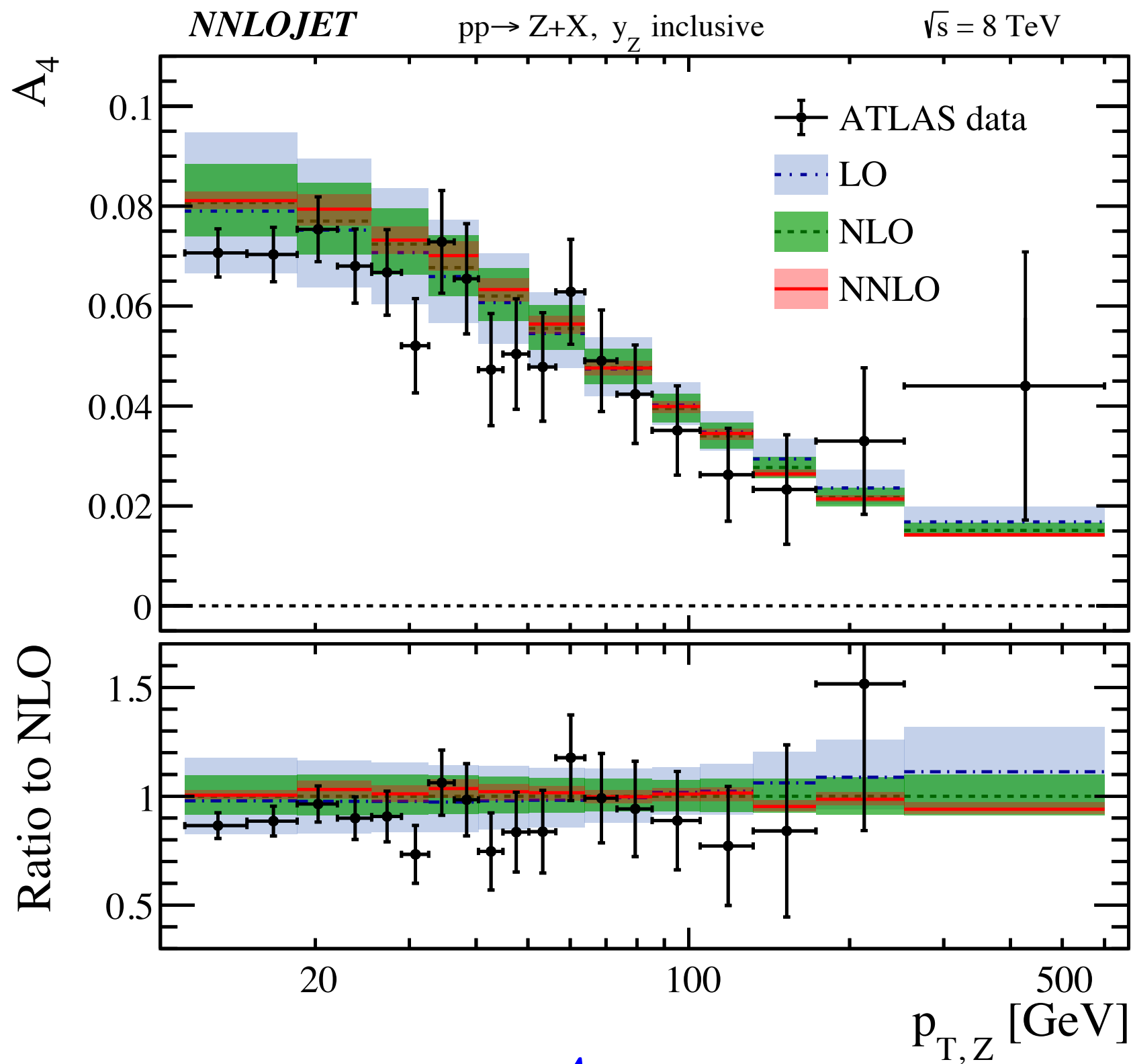
$A_2$

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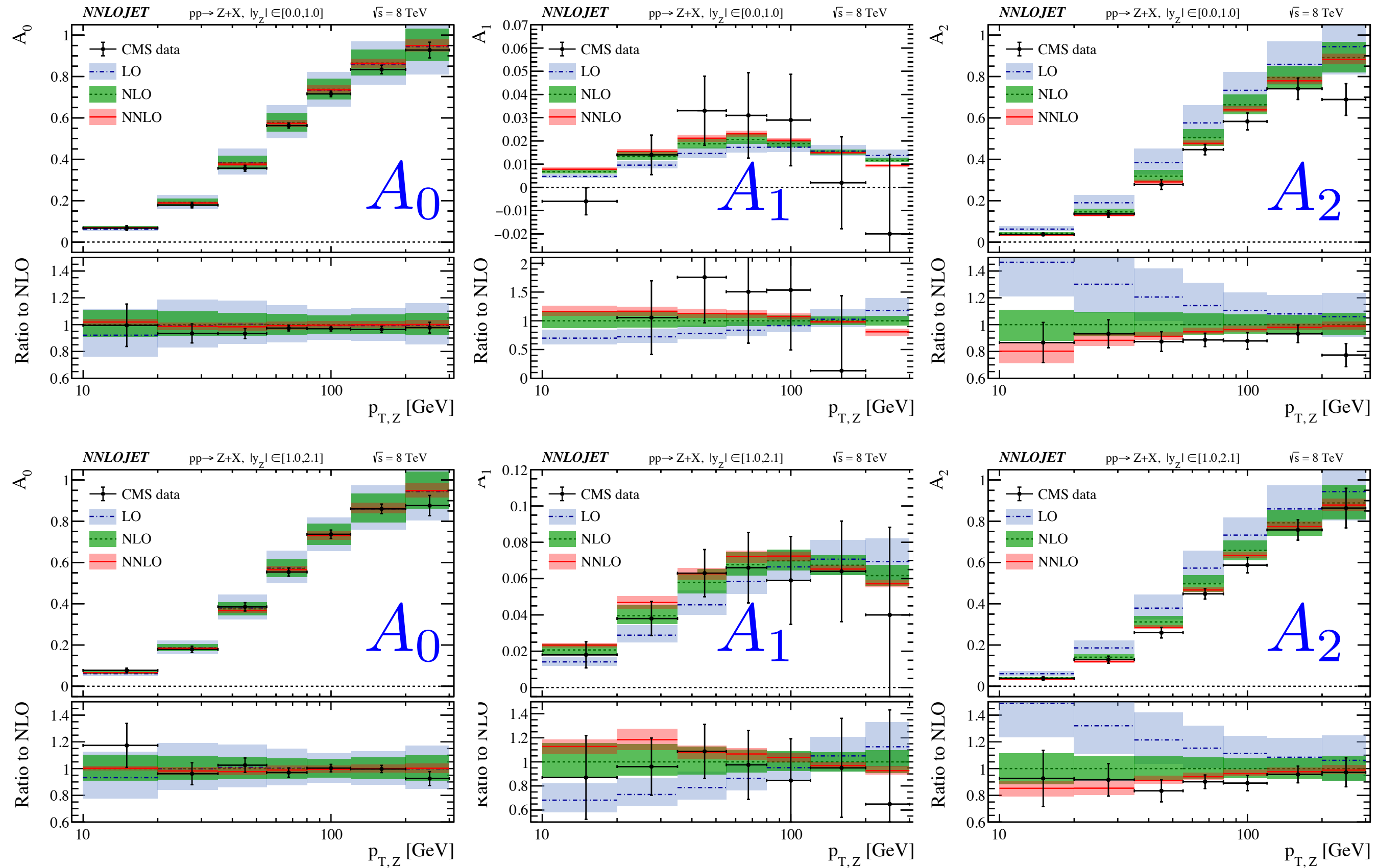
$A_3$

# predictions vs. data



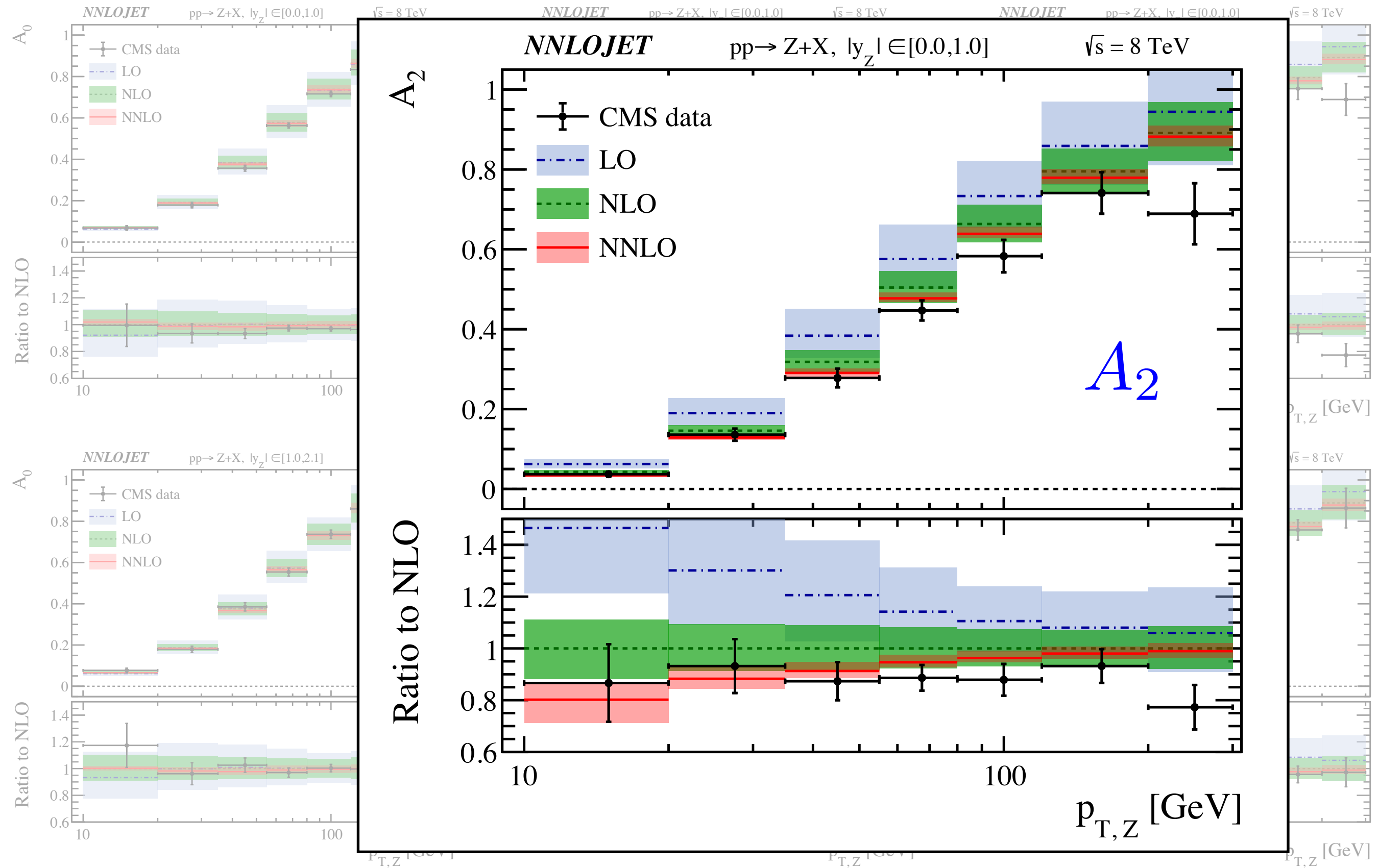
$A_4$

# predictions vs. data (CMS)





# predictions vs. data (CMS)



# intermediate conclusions

1) Uncorrelated scale uncertainties more conservative

\* Leads to similar uncertainties @ NNLO as correlated

2) Shapes of  $A_0, A_1, A_2$  distributions altered @ NNLO

\* Leads to better description of ATLAS/CMS data

3) Shapes of  $A_3, A_4$  distributions not altered @ NNLO

\* To accuracy of data, central NLO prediction adequate

\*\*PDF and EW effects to be considered if data improves

# encore: assessing Lam-Tung violation

In Collins-Soper reference frame, a relation (in FO) between  $A_0, A_2$ :

$$A_0 = A_2, \text{ valid to } \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

Shown by Lam, Tung for DY('78,'79,'80), known as Lam-Tung relation

However, in FO this relation is broken at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ , by real and virtual

$$A_0 - A_2 \neq 0$$

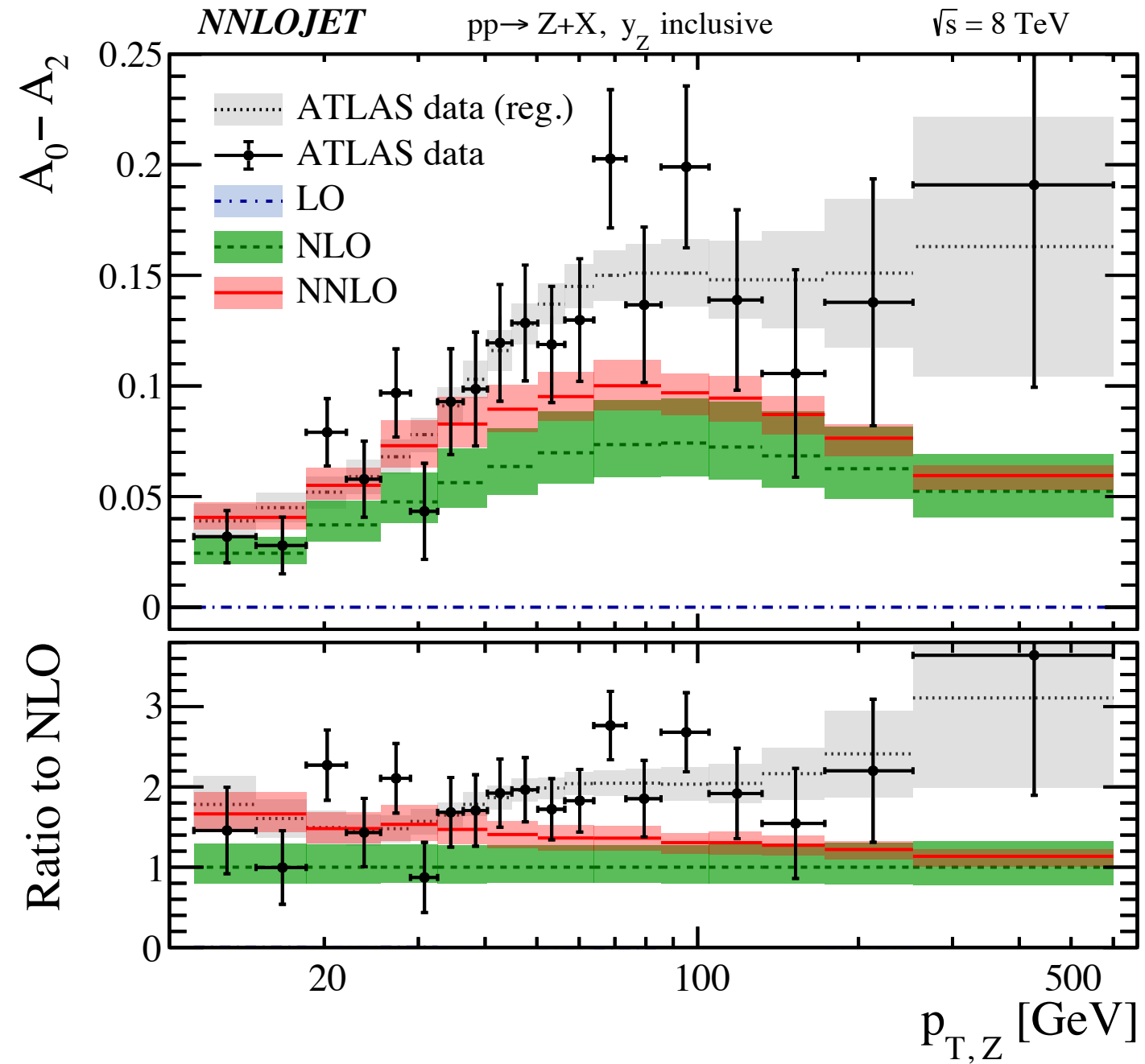
$$\Delta^{\text{LT}} = 1 - \frac{A_2}{A_0}$$

**(dependence on unpol. sigma cancels)**

Can quantify agreement with data with chi-squared test to  $A_0 - A_2$

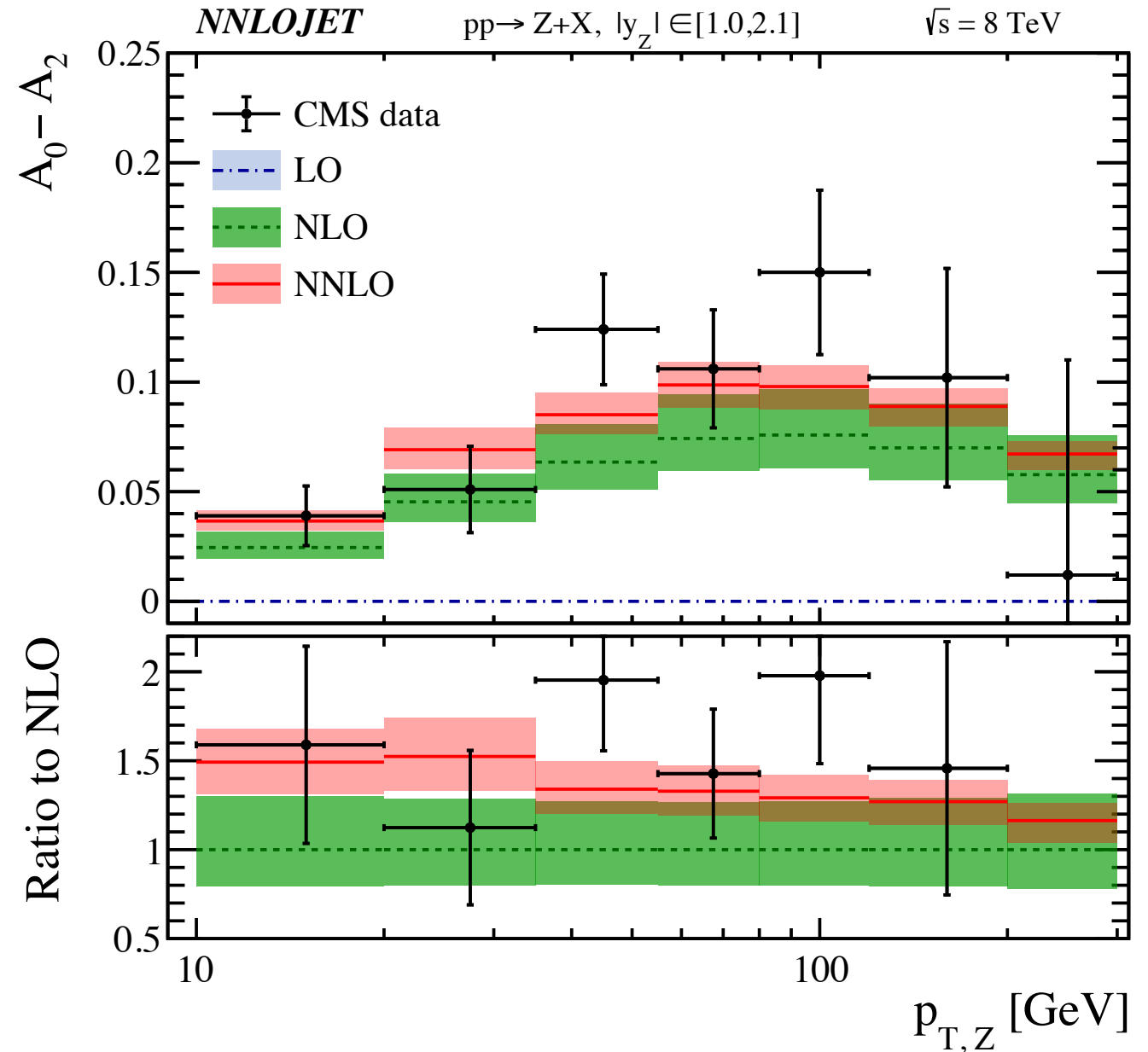
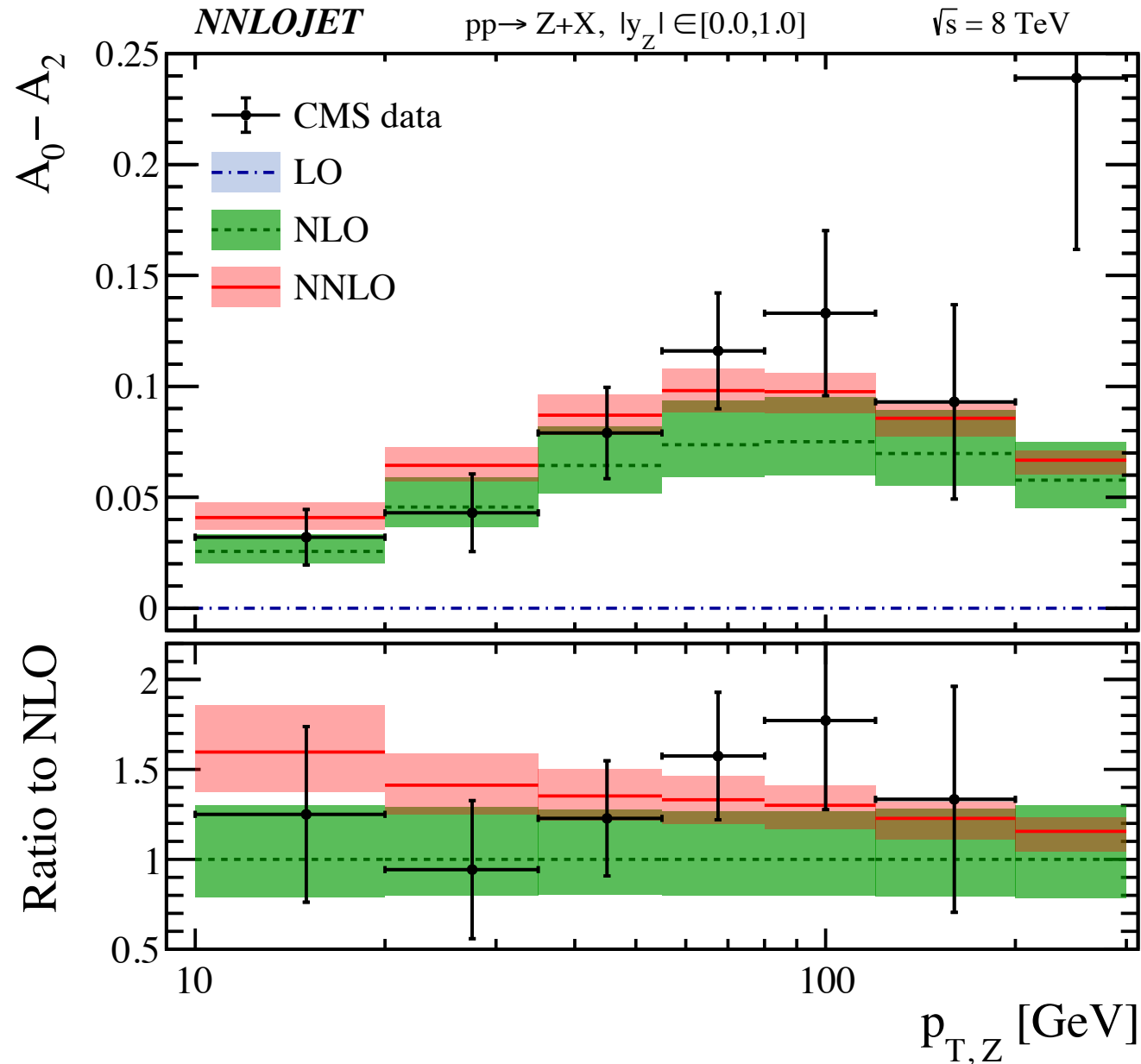
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j}^{N_{\text{data}}} (O_{\text{exp}}^i - O_{\text{th.}}^i) \sigma_{ij}^{-1} (O_{\text{exp}}^j - O_{\text{th.}}^j),$$

# encore: assessing Lam-Tung violation



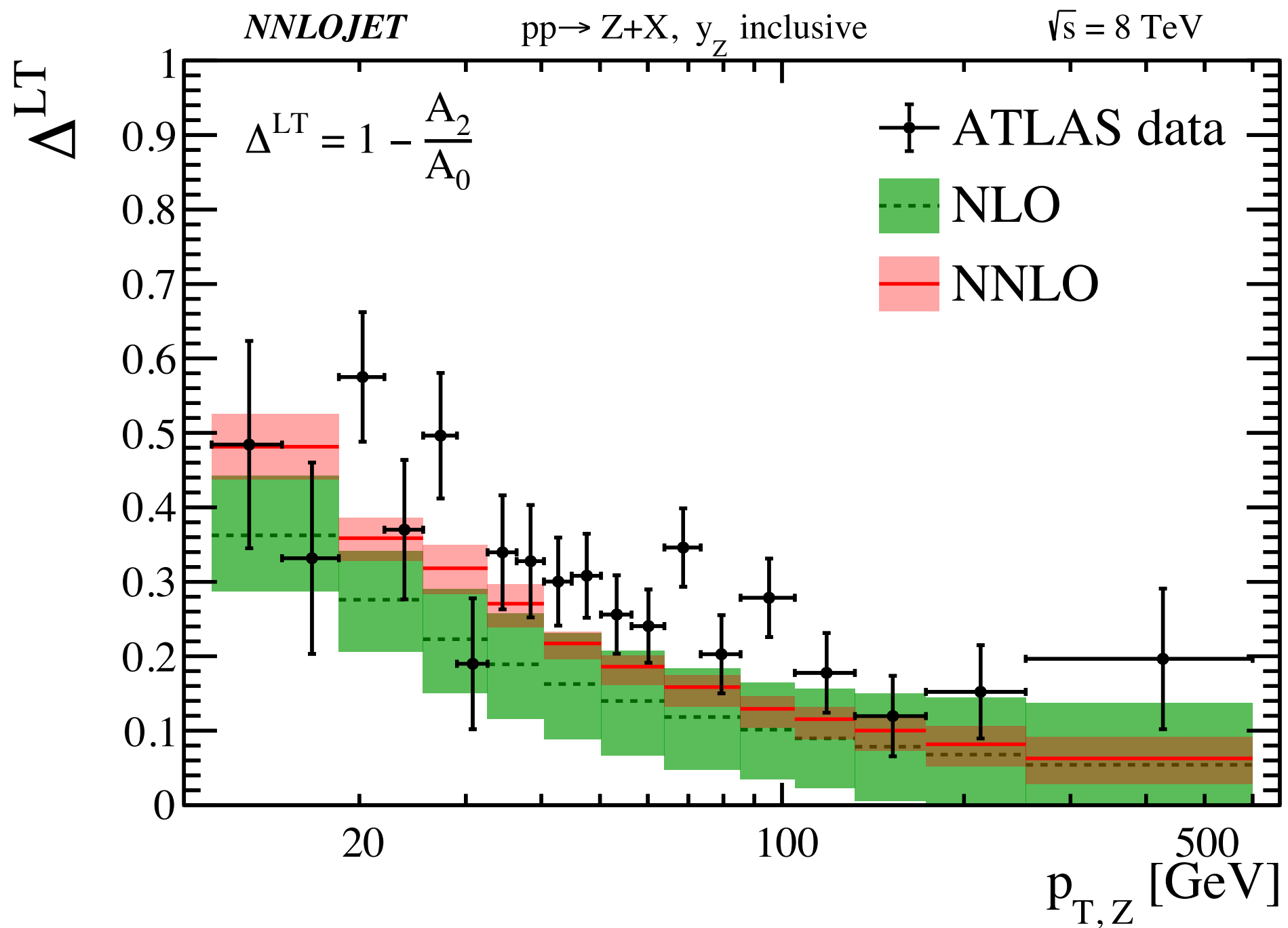
NLO (ATLAS):  $\chi^2/N_{\text{data}} = 185.8/38 = 4.89,$   
 NNLO (ATLAS):  $\chi^2/N_{\text{data}} = 68.3/38 = 1.80.$

# encore: assessing Lam-Tung violation



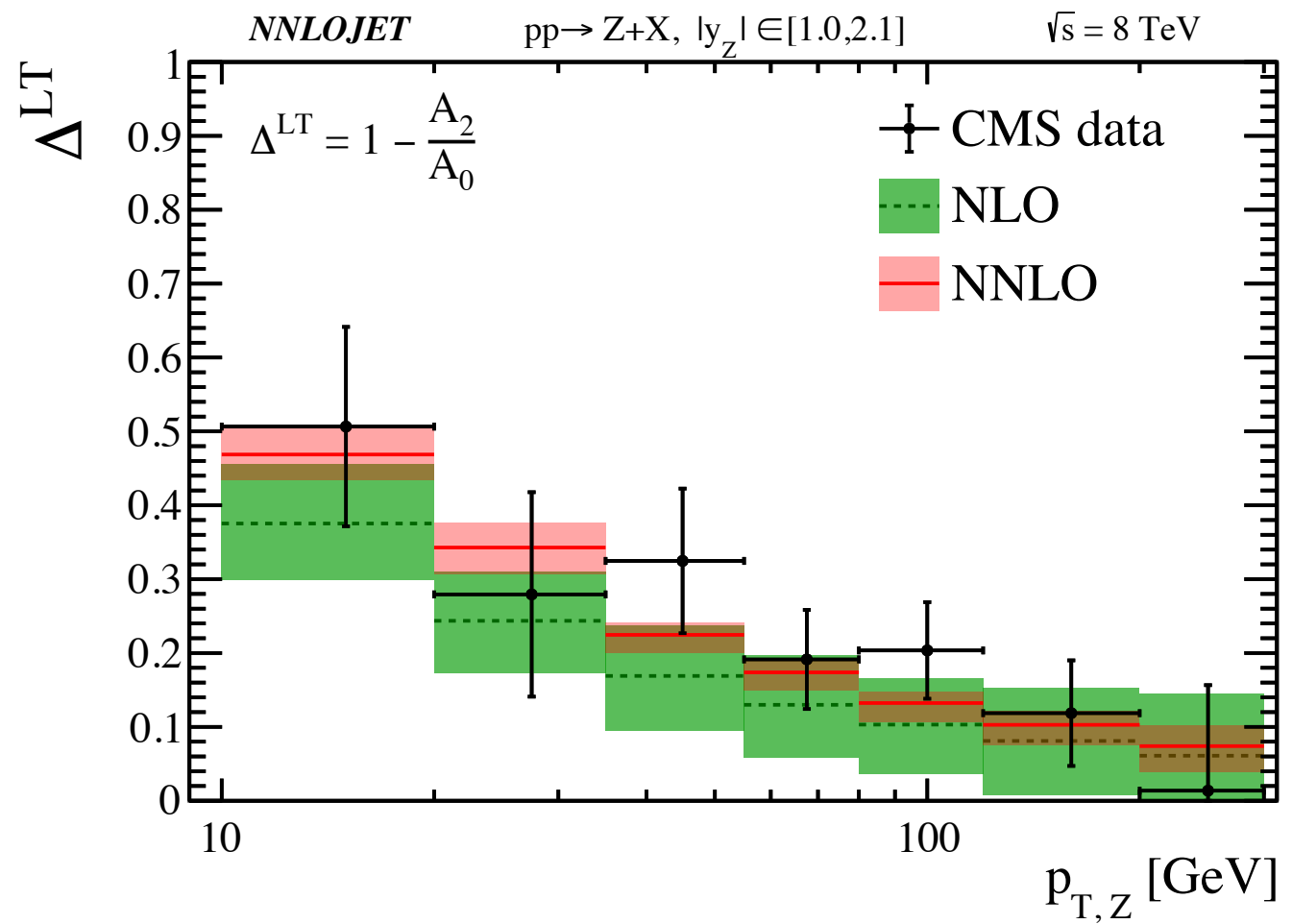
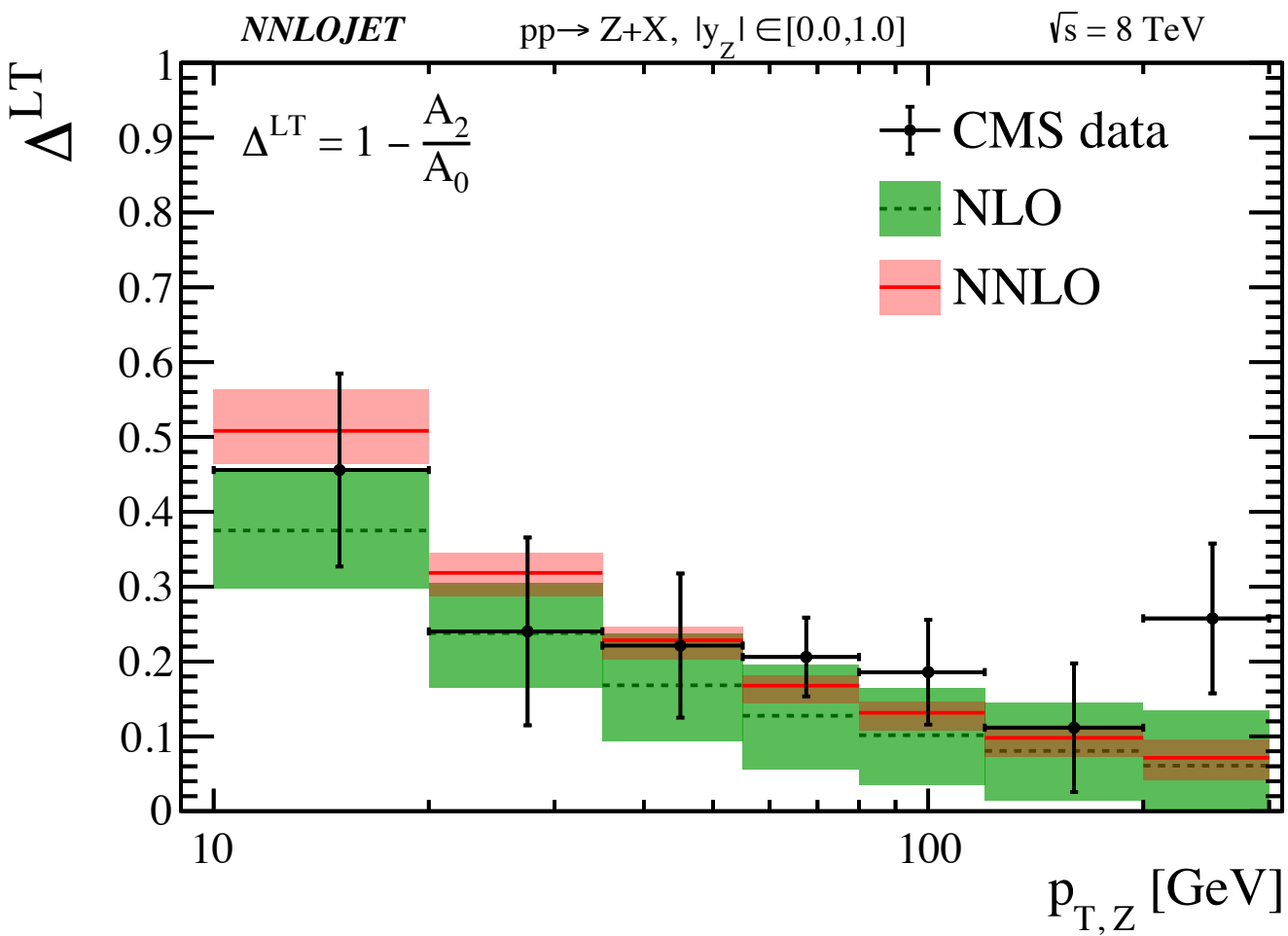
NLO (CMS):  $\chi^2/N_{\text{data}} = 24.5/14 = 1.75,$   
 NNLO (CMS):  $\chi^2/N_{\text{data}} = 14.2/14 = 1.01.$

# encore: assessing Lam-Tung violation



$$\Delta^{\text{LT}} = 1 - \frac{A_2}{A_0}$$

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# conclusions/discussion points

- Have provided NNLO corrections to ang. distr. for  $p_{T,Z} > 10$  GeV
  - \* Important impact for  $A_0, A_1, A_2$  distributions
  - \* Central NLO prediction for  $A_3, A_4$  accurate
- NNLO more accurate (and consistent with available data)
- NNLO corrections largest to  $A_1, A_2$  - not probed in W measurement
- Uncorrelating scales in extraction of Angular coefficients
  - > Introduces sensitivity to normalisation of unpolarised cross-section
  - > Also accounting for this in reweighting of  $d\sigma/dp_T/dy$ ?
- Propagation of uncertainties from ‘regularised’ Z boson data?

# **Back-up slides**

# Input parameters for Ang.Coeff.

PDFs: PDF4LHC NNLO Hessian 30 member set

Choice of electroweak input parameters:  $\{M_Z^{os}, M_W^{os}, G_F^\mu\}$

In this scheme  $s_w^{os,2}$  is a derived parameter:

$$s_w^{os,2} = 1 - \frac{M_W^{os,2}}{M_Z^{os,2}} \approx 0.223$$

Problem for observables proportional to vector coupling (A3,A4)

Cross section for these contributions is

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \frac{2}{3}g_V^{up} + \frac{1}{3}g_V^{do} \\ &\approx 0.031C [s_w^2 = 0.230] \\ &\approx 0.043C [s_w^2 = 0.223] \end{aligned}$$

Include the leading one- and two-loop universal corrections relating MW-MZ, allows for matching to EW corrections

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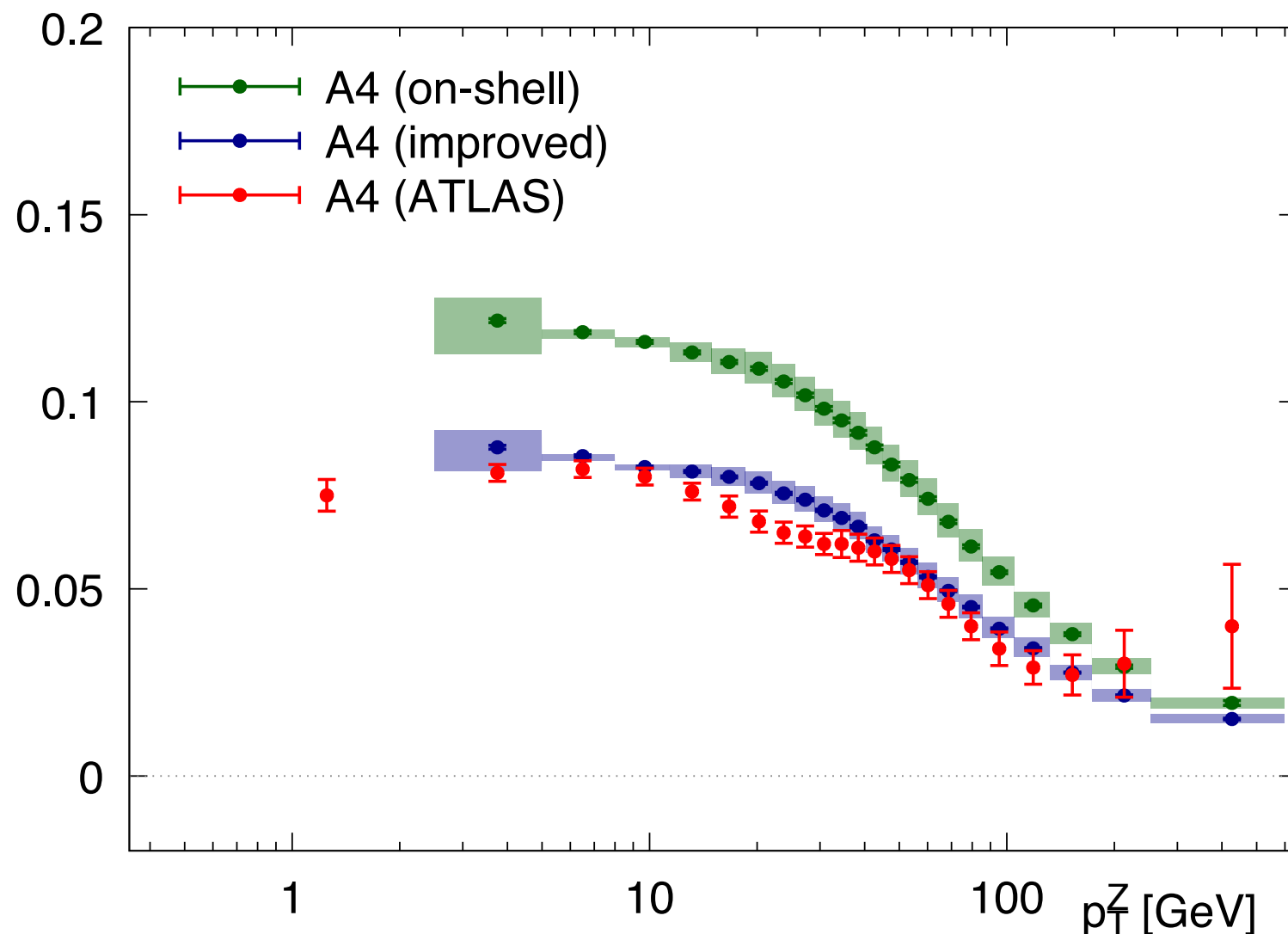
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coupling (A3,A4)

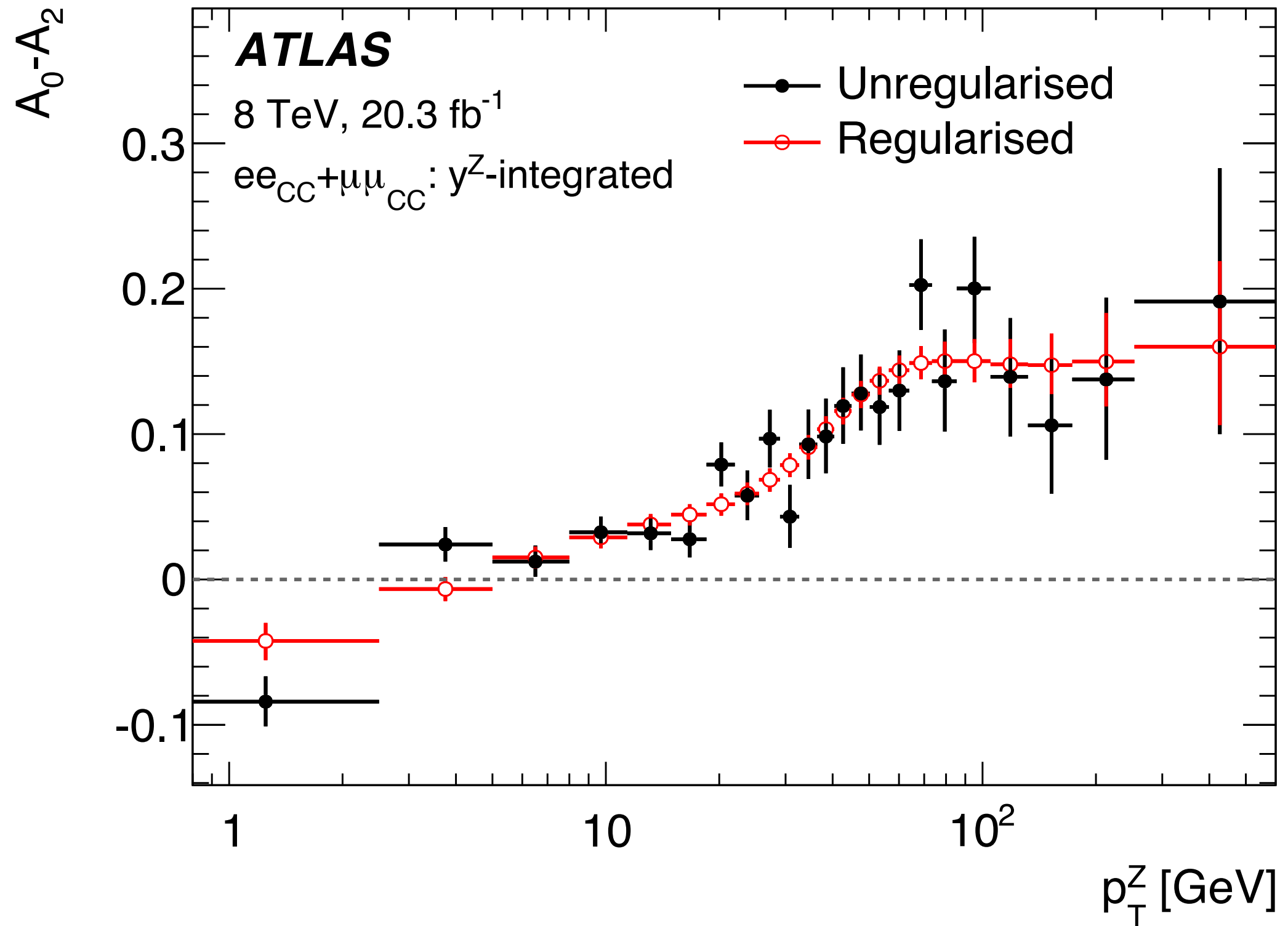
$$g_V^{up} + \frac{1}{3}g_V^{do}$$

$$31C [s_w^2 = 0.230]$$

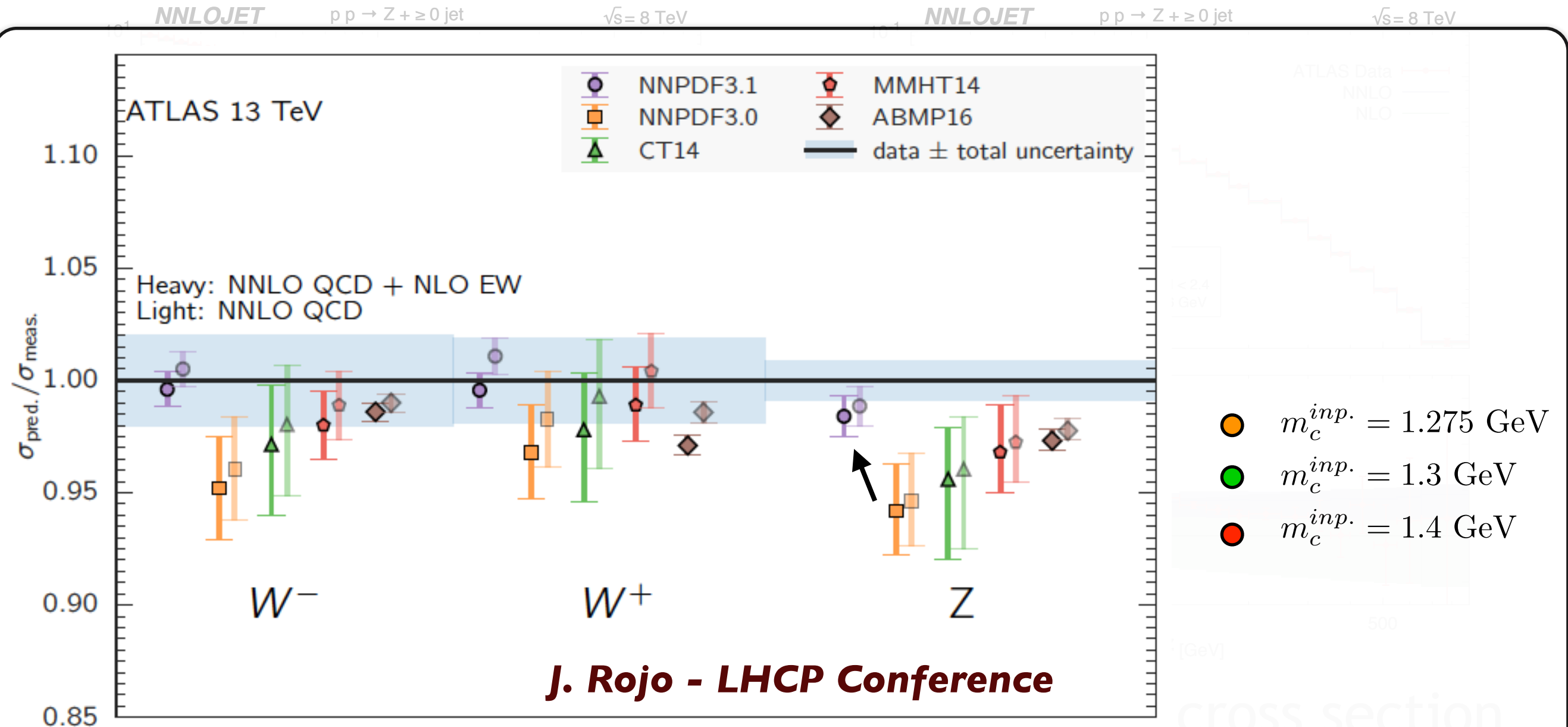
$$43C [s_w^2 = 0.223]$$

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# ATLAS, 'unregularised' A.C.



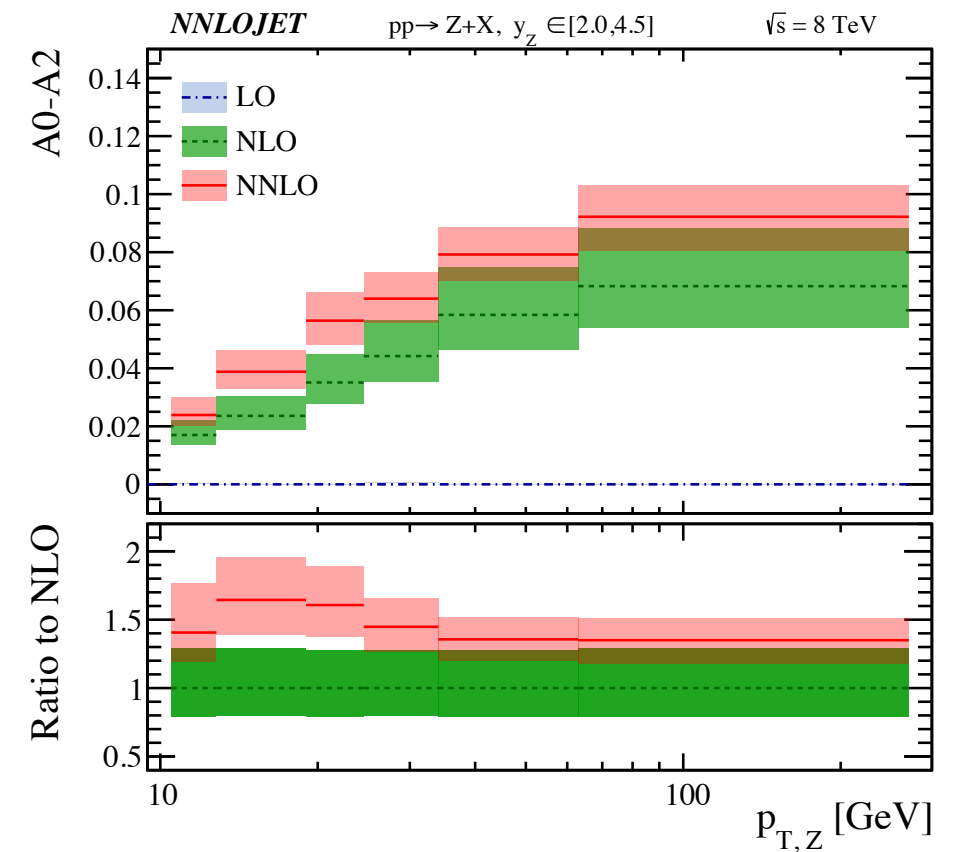
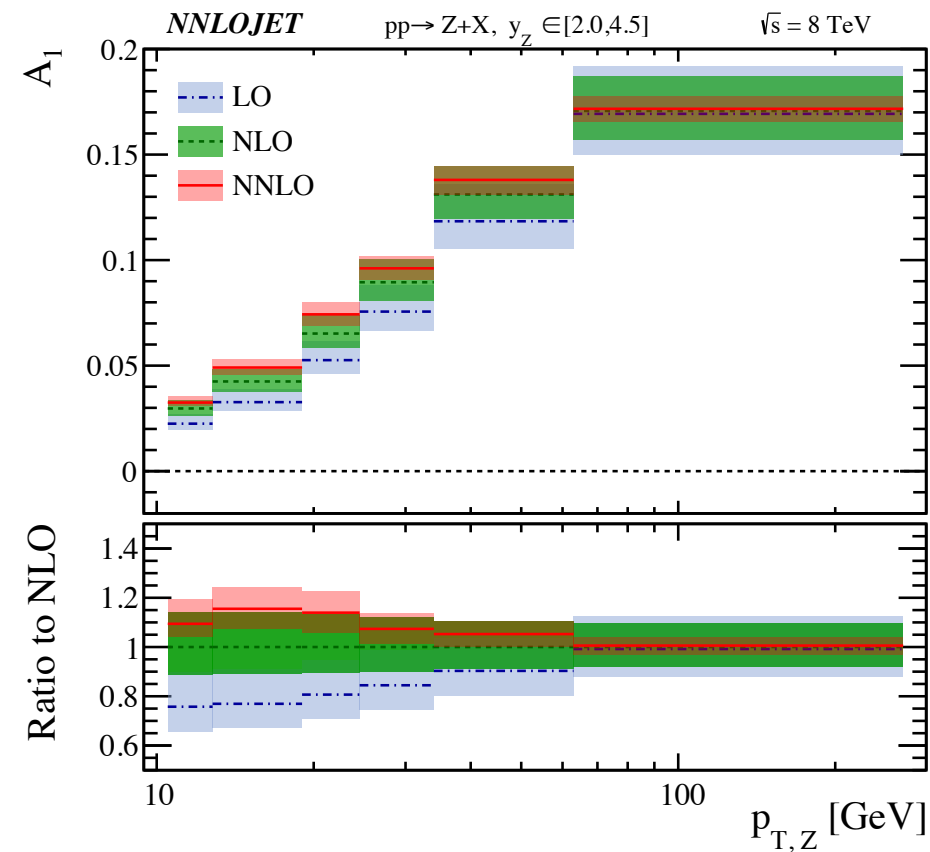
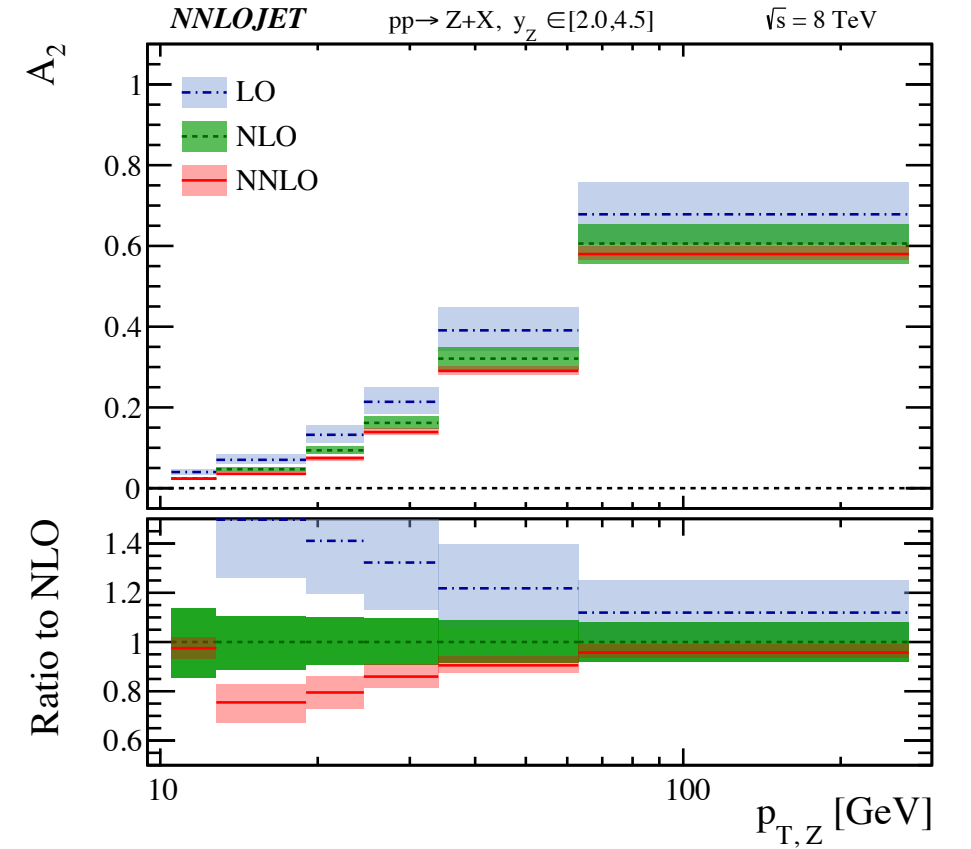
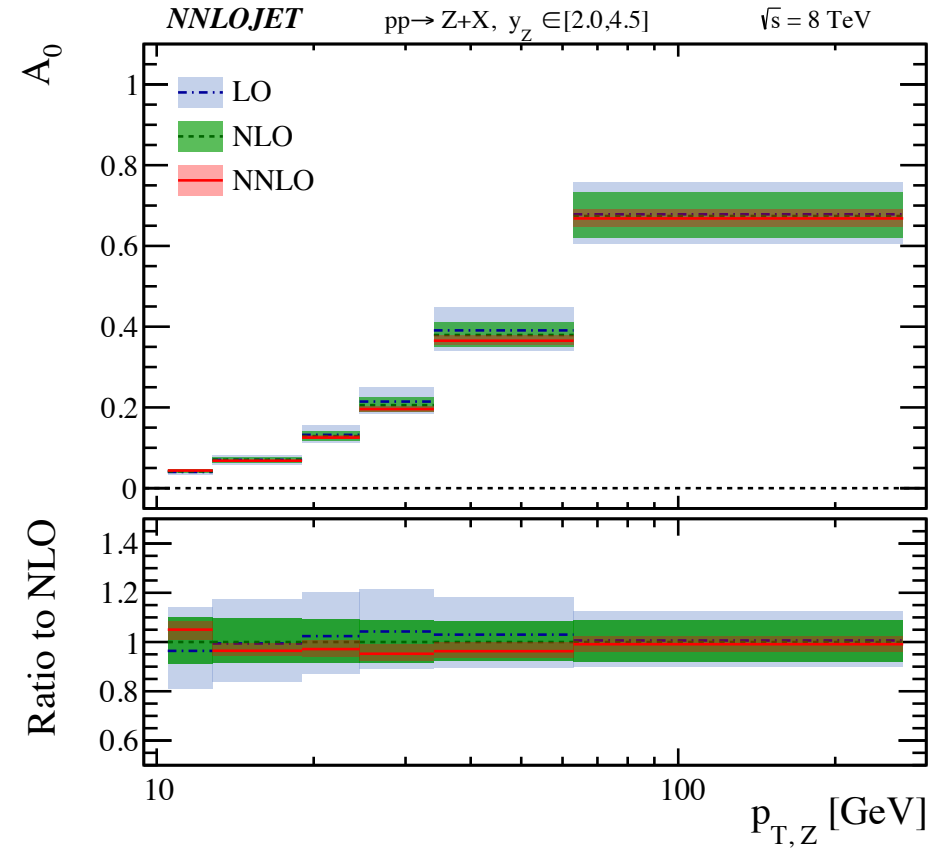
# inclusive $p_T^Z$ spectrum



- **NNPDF3.0**  $\rightarrow$  **NNPDF3.1**, fit non-perturbative charm

- **NNPDF3.0**  $\rightarrow$  **NNPDF3.1**,  $m_c^{\text{inp.}} = 1.275 \rightarrow 1.51$  GeV

# LHCb prospects





# CMS A3, A4

