

Towards a ATLAS + CMS pole mass combination

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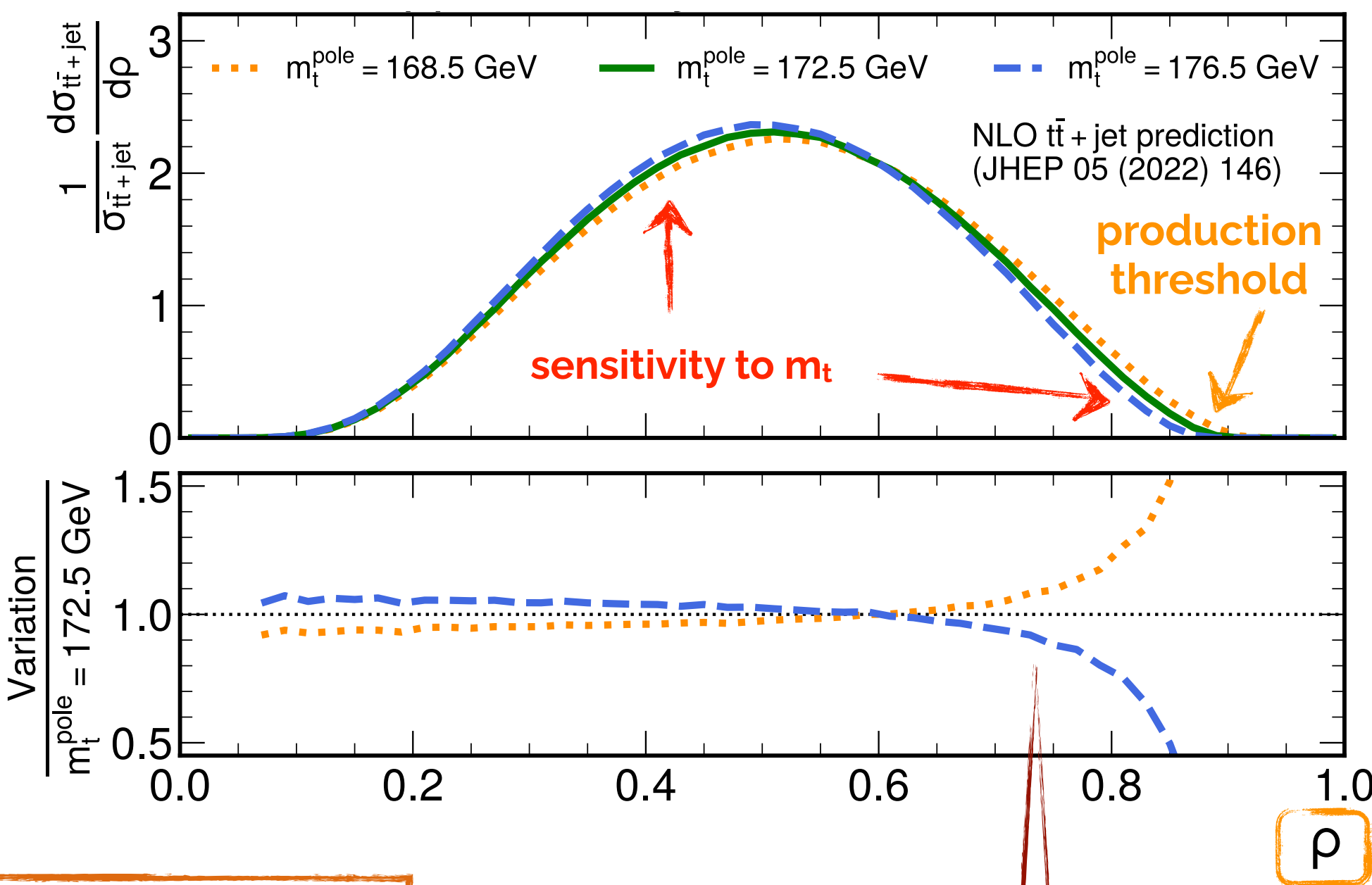
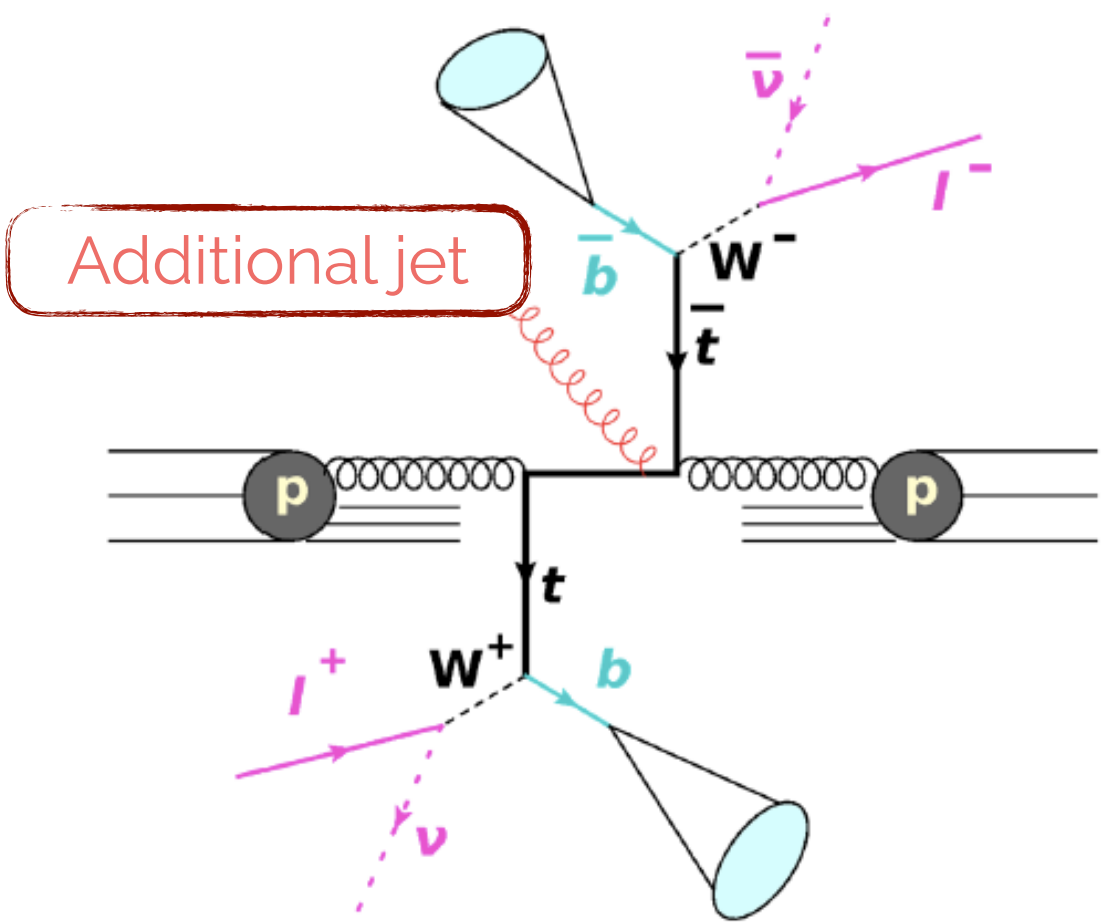
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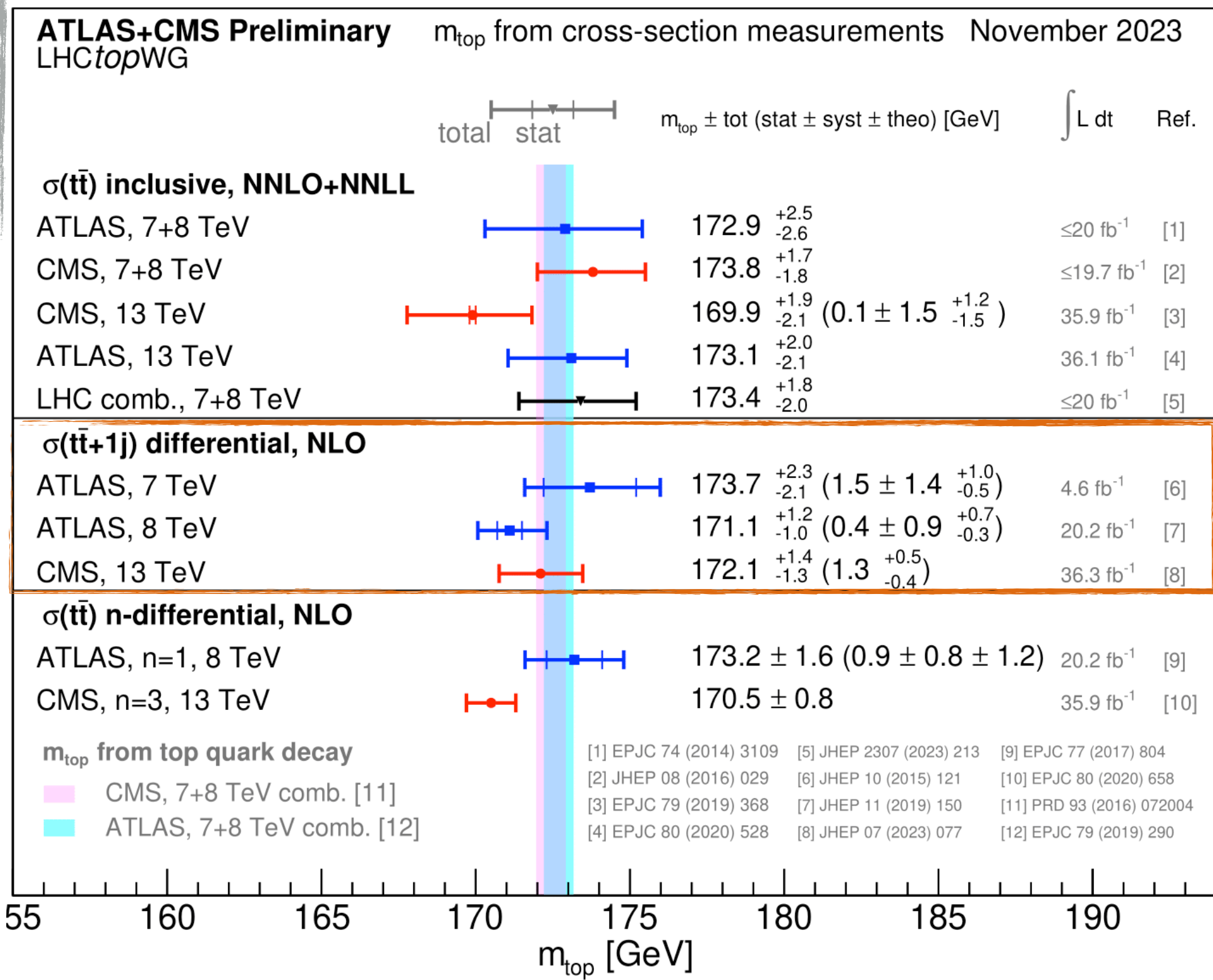
$$\rho = \frac{340\text{GeV}}{m_{t\bar{t}+\text{jet}}}$$

High sensitivity at low energies, close to production threshold

Introduction - m_t^{pole} from $t\bar{t}$ +jet

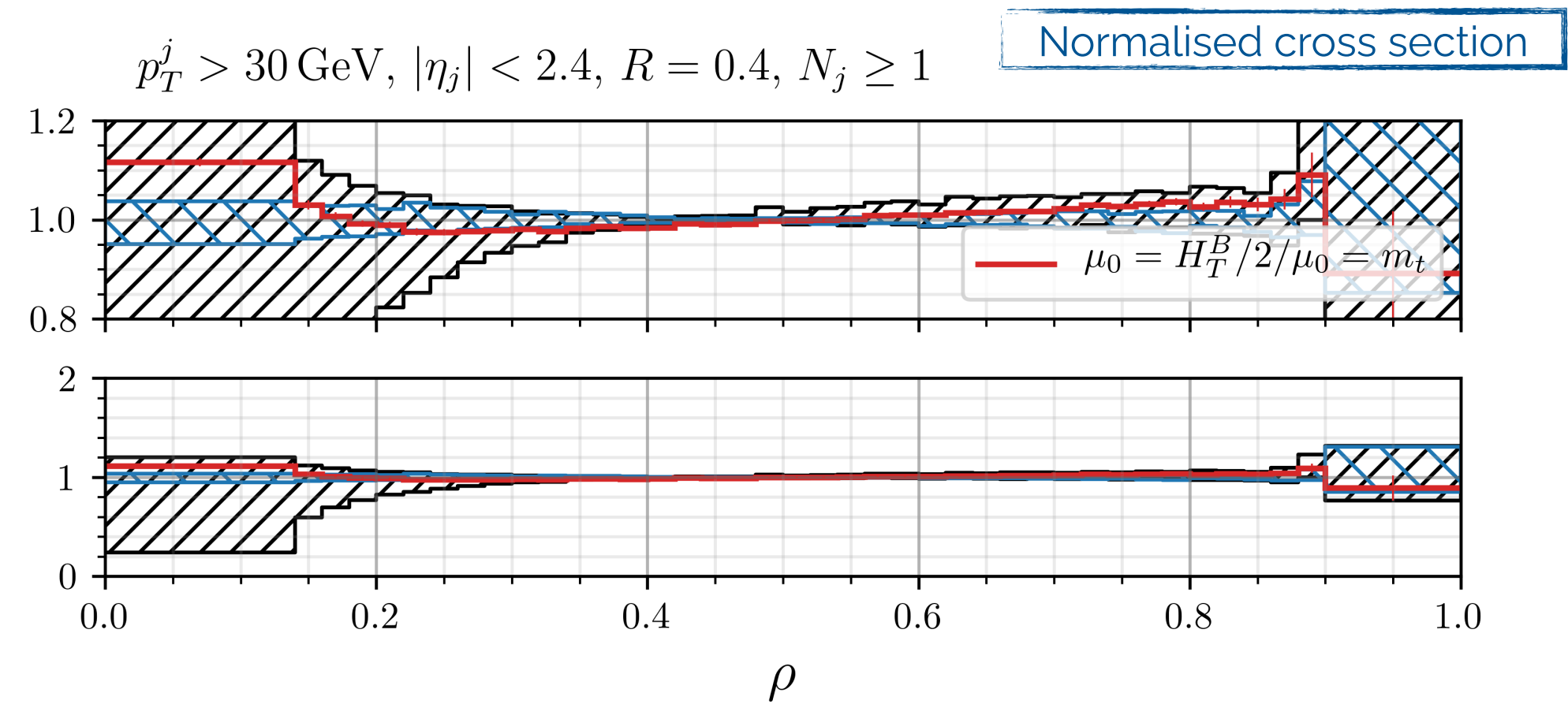
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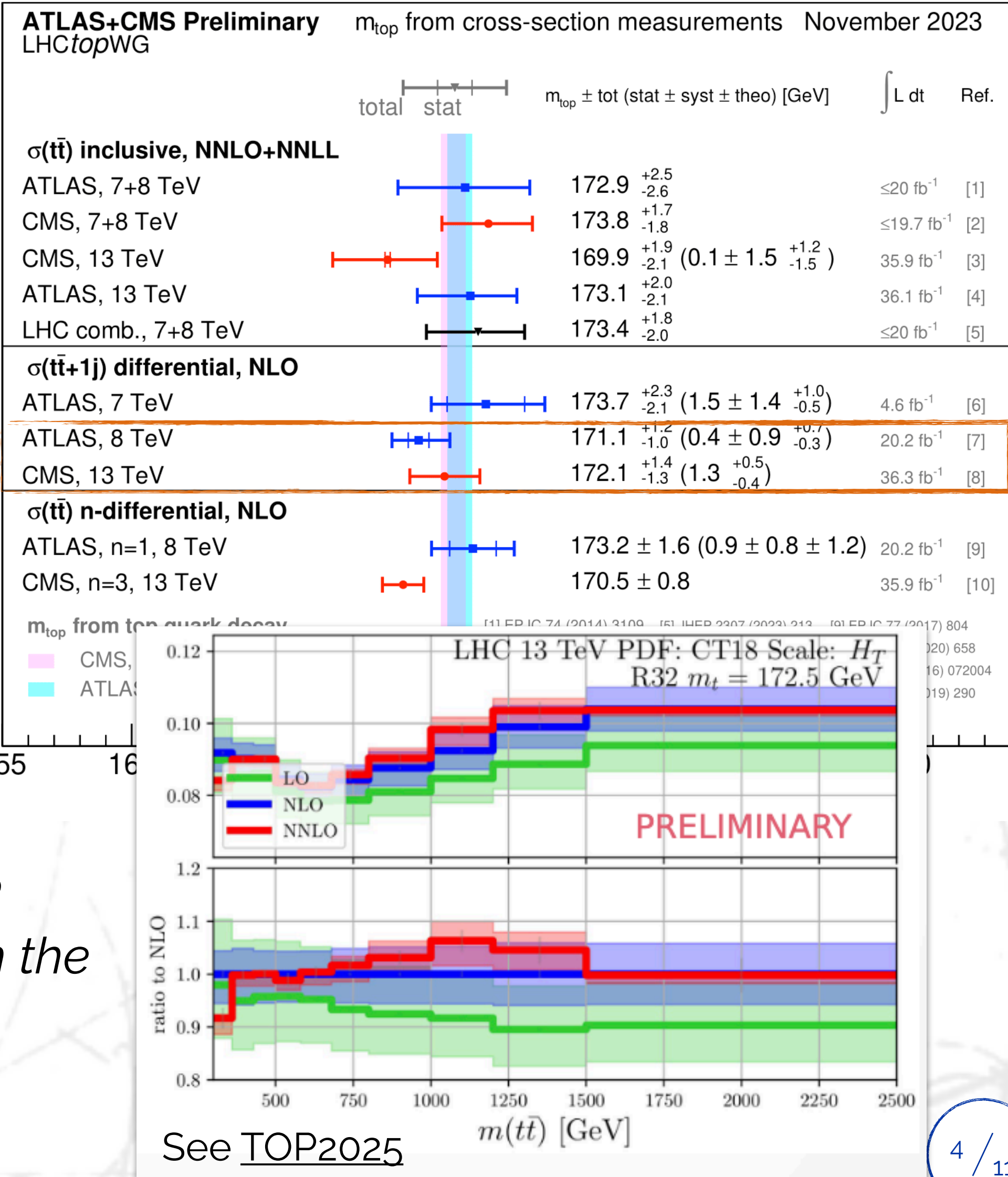


Why should we combine them?

- Three of the most precise measurements of m_t^{pole}
- Largely uncorrelated uncertainties
 - 8 vs 13 TeV
 - Dilepton vs. lepton+jets channel
- “Simple” to reinterpret: 1D differential distribution
- Less affected by $t\bar{t}$ threshold
- Profit from the fact that authors are still around!
- ATLAS 7/8TeV with “old” theor. prediction:
 - New predictions using dynamical scale [JHEP 05 \(2022\) 146](#)



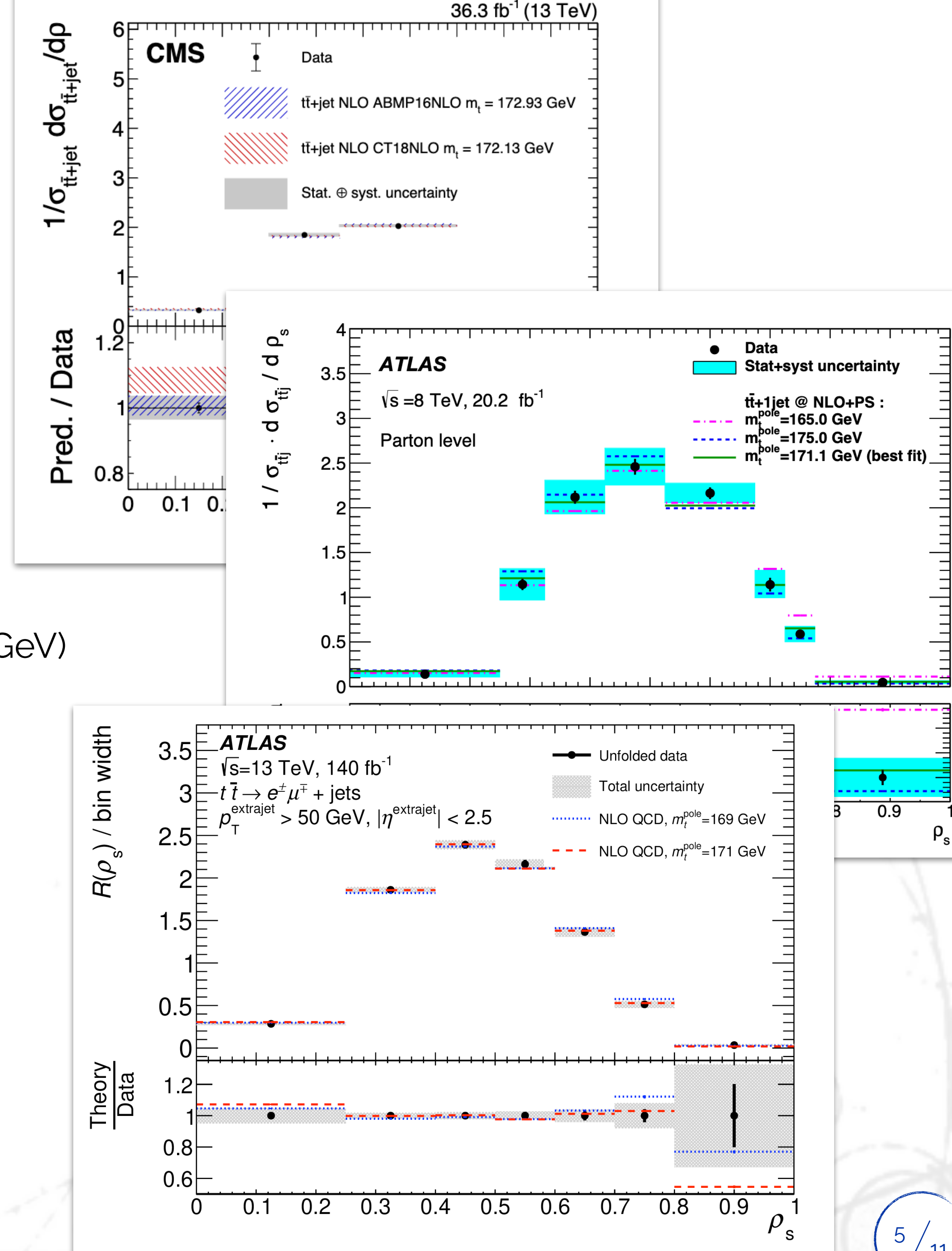
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*Even NNLO?
In exchange with the
authors*

How can we combine them?

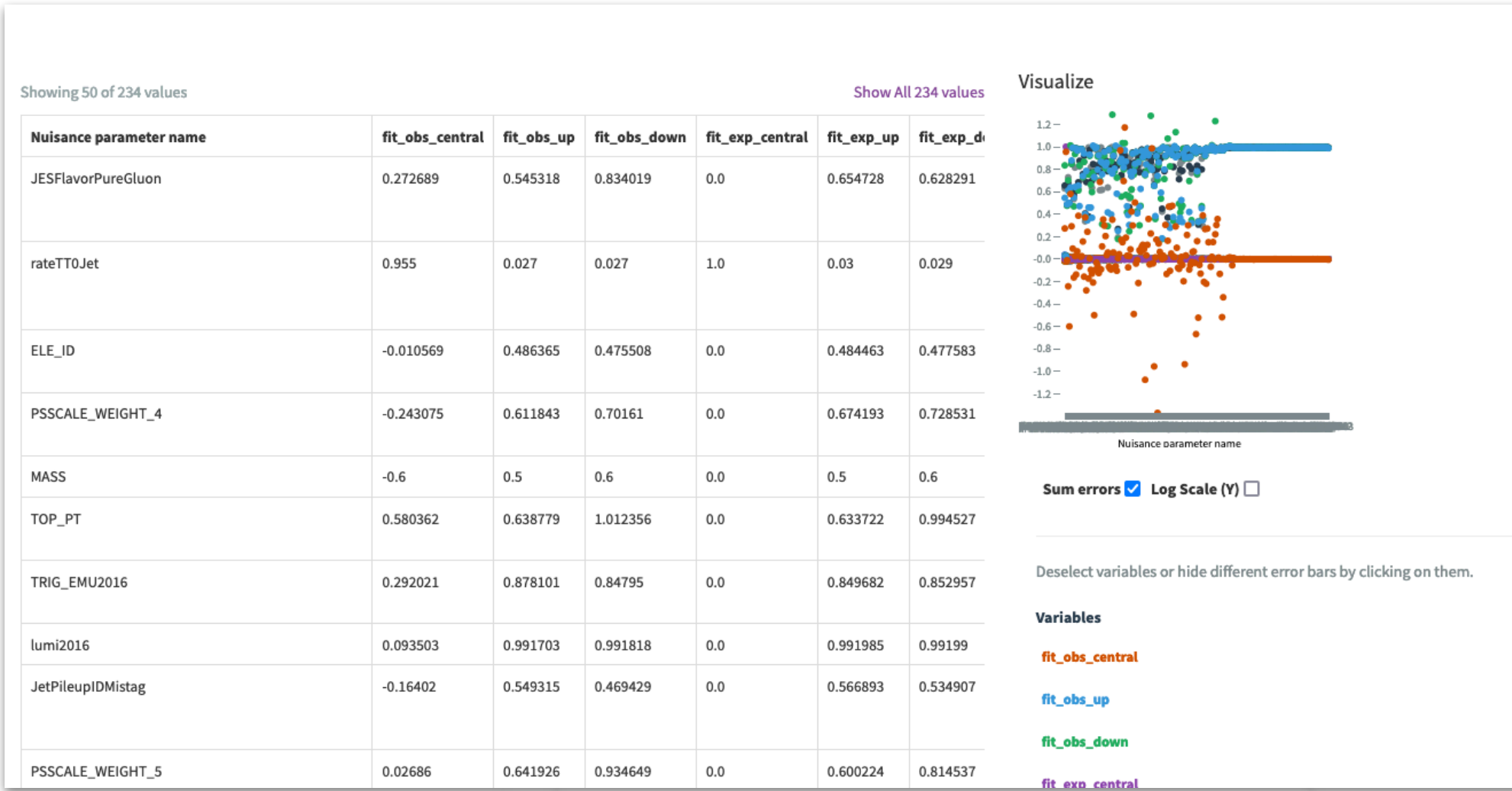
- Combination of ATLAS 8/13 TeV + CMS 13 TeV measurements
 - 7 TeV result basically superseded (*and 2 GeV unc.*)
 - Establish a setup in which new results could be added
- Possible issues:
 - Different binning in p (4 vs. 8 vs. 7 bins)
 - Different CME (8 vs 13 TeV)
 - Different object definition at parton level (add. Jet p_T : 50 vs. 30 GeV)
 - Different theoretical prediction (fixed vs. dyn. scale)
 - Combination at top mass level is unfeasible
- Perform a combined extraction using the same theor. predictions for 8 and 13 TeV measurements
 - Needs a combined cross section
 - But also allows for reinterpretations



Combining the differential cross sections

- Same problems here: binning, ρ definition, CME, ...
- But, we can correlate the uncertainties and get three “combined” distributions
 - Means introducing 4+8+7 POIs in the combination
 - Needs ideally a full uncertainty breakdown
- CMS cross section based on likelihood unfolding:
 - Has nuisance parameters with correlations (constraints/pulls)
 - Provides the full covariance matrix, pulls, constraints, impacts, correlations, prefit and post fit on HEPData ([link](#))
- ATLAS result based on classical unfolding:
 - Auxiliary material only provides total normalised cov. matrix
 - Recently: ATLAS provided updated breakdown

CMS results on HEPData



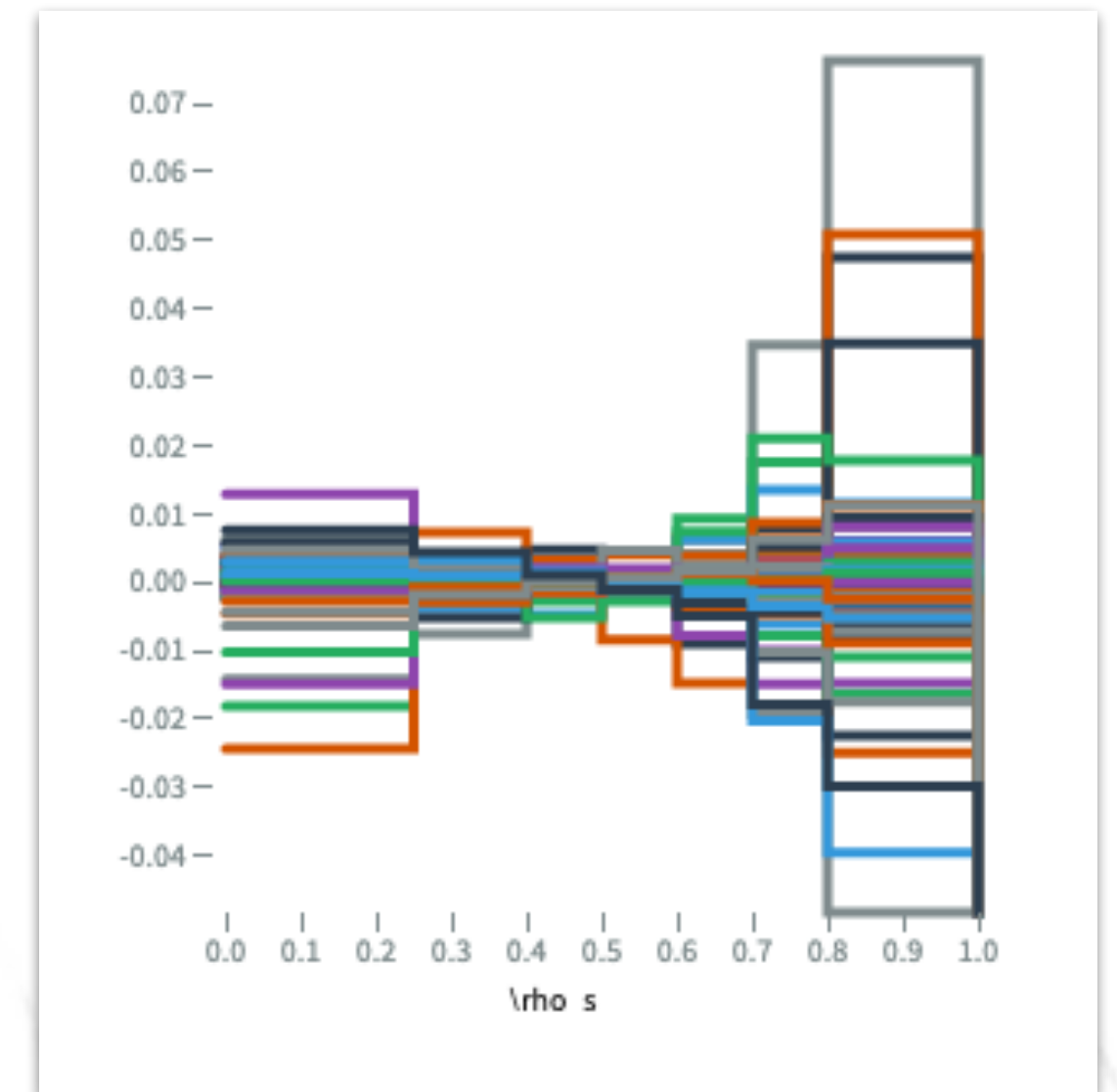
ATLAS covariance

ρ_s range	0.000 - 0.250	0.250 - 0.325	0.325 - 0.425	0.425 - 0.525	0.525 - 0.675	0.675 - 0.725	0.725 - 0.775	0.775 - 1.000
0.000 - 0.250	331.4	-187.6	95.9	30.8	-62.5	-3.7	-10.6	-5.4
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0.325 - 0.425	95.9	-569.8	2966.9	-1080.7	101.0	177.7	-3.4	-26.2
0.425 - 0.525	30.8	242.9	-1080.7	4737.8	-1082.2	-210.4	63.5	81.9
0.525 - 0.675	-62.5	-66.9	101.0	-1082.2	4286.1	-301.3	-248.7	-98.0
0.675 - 0.725	-3.7	-62.5	177.7	-210.4	-301.3	940.1	95.9	-75.8
0.725 - 0.775	-10.6	39.5	-3.4	63.5	-248.7	95.9	192.9	45.3
0.775 - 1.000	-5.4	34.8	-26.2	81.9	-98.0	-75.8	45.3	123.0

Combining the differential cross sections

- ATLAS provided the 8 and 13 TeV results consistent format:
 - All uncertainties and their impacts on the absolute cross section
 - With the full covariance matrix for the stat. uncertainty
→ We can now combine the CMS +ATLAS absolute cross section directly!
- Consistent 8 + 13 TeV predictions
 - PDF4LHC, CT18 **done**
 - MHSTW, ABMP, NNPDF31 **planned** PDFs
 - + uncertainties/mass variations
- We use [Convino](#) (Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77: 792)
 - Approximates the full likelihood
 - Can deal with externalised uncertainties (ATLAS) or nuisance parameters (CMS)
 - Was also used as a cross-check for the Run 1 mass combination (wrt. BLUE)

ATLAS also on HEPData



A method and tool for combining differential or inclusive measurements obtained with simultaneously constrained uncertainties

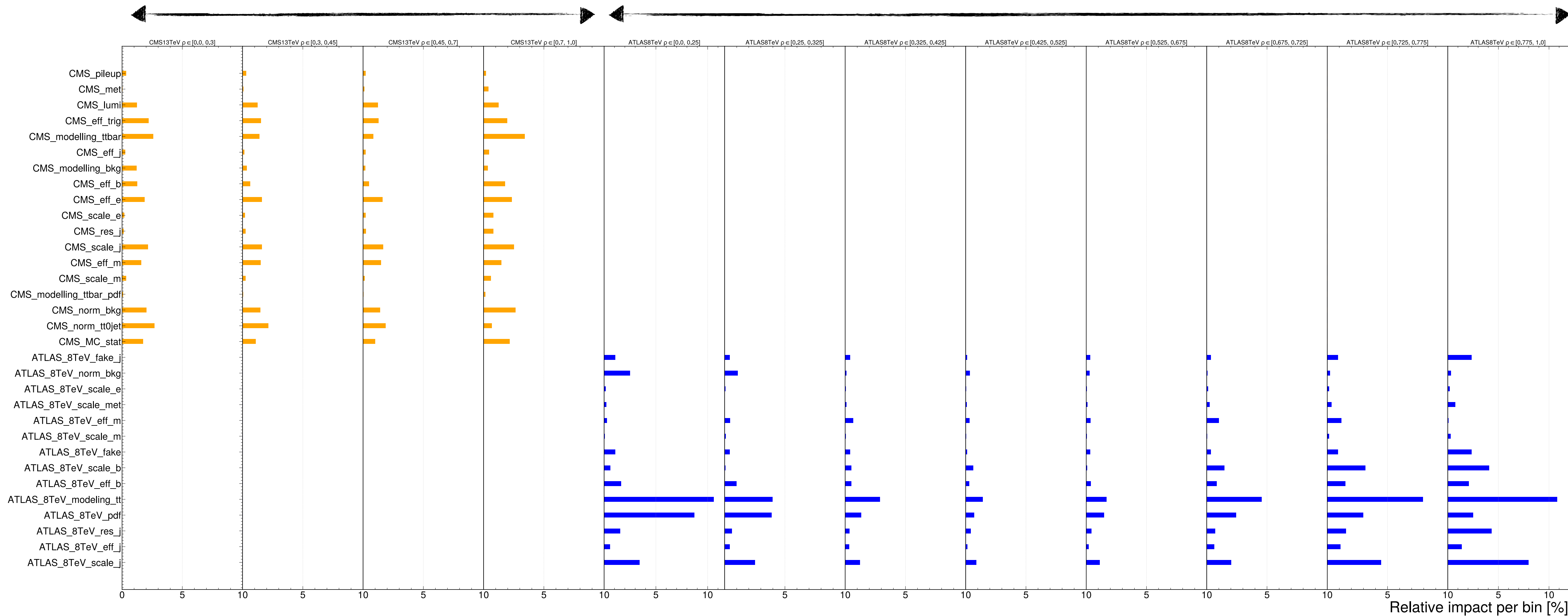
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Looking at some impacts: no correlation setup

CMS bins

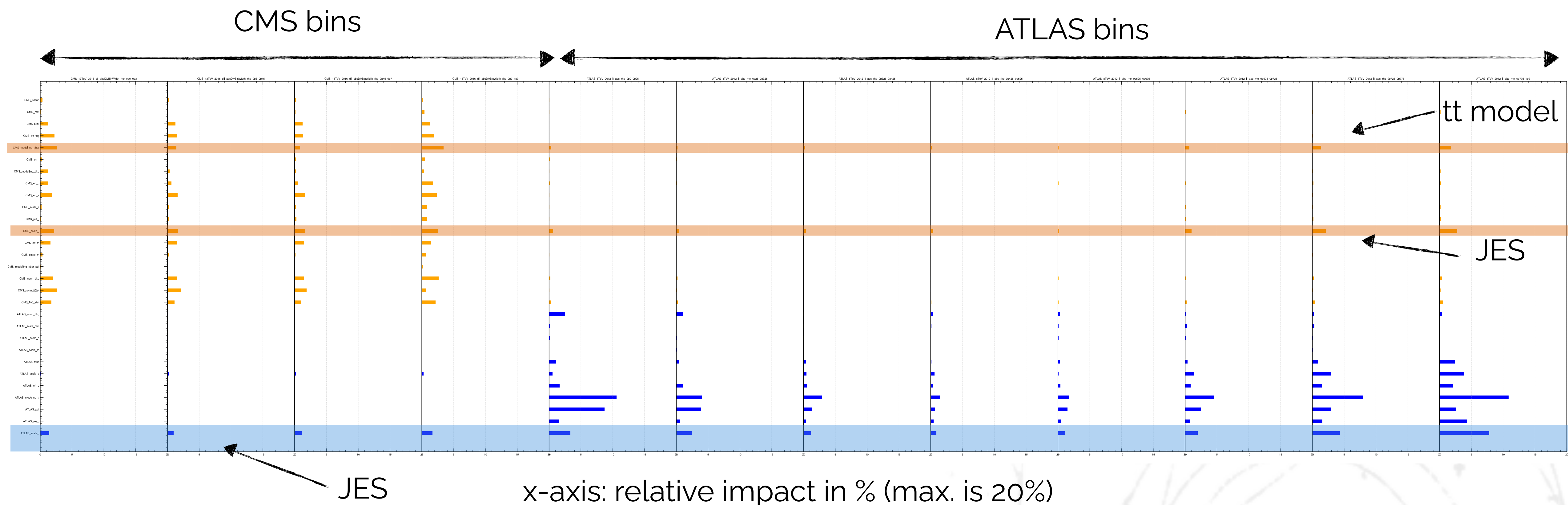
ATLAS bins



- As expected, no cross-impacts

CMS uncertainties, grouped
ATLAS uncertainties, grouped

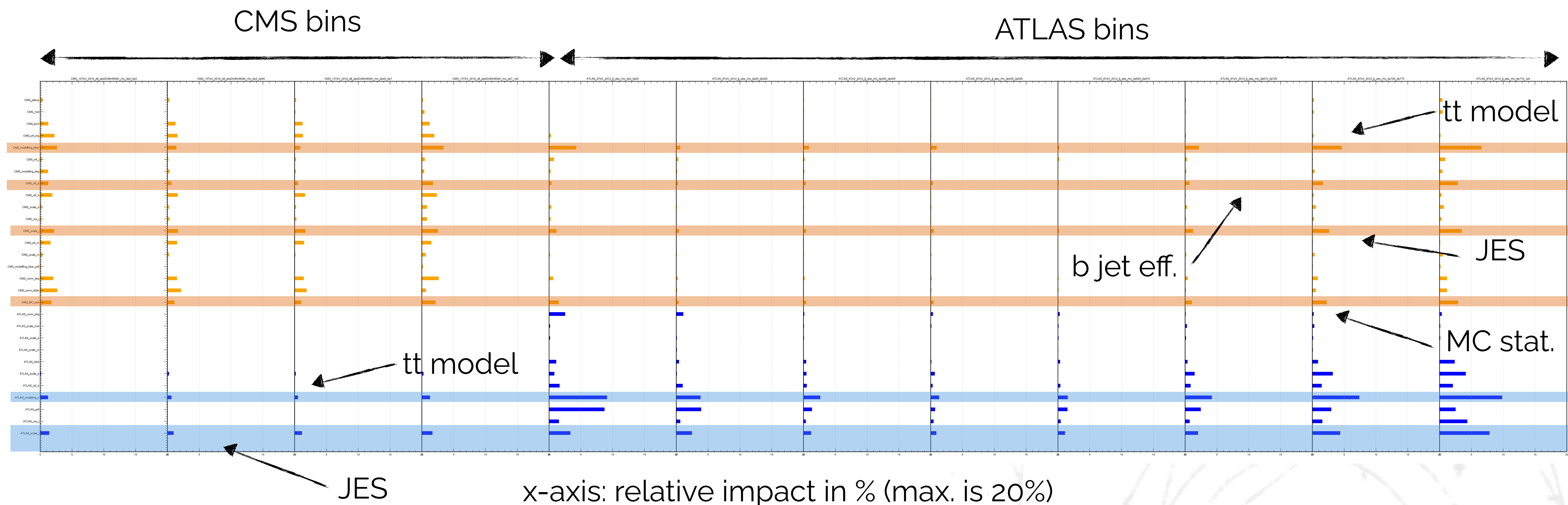
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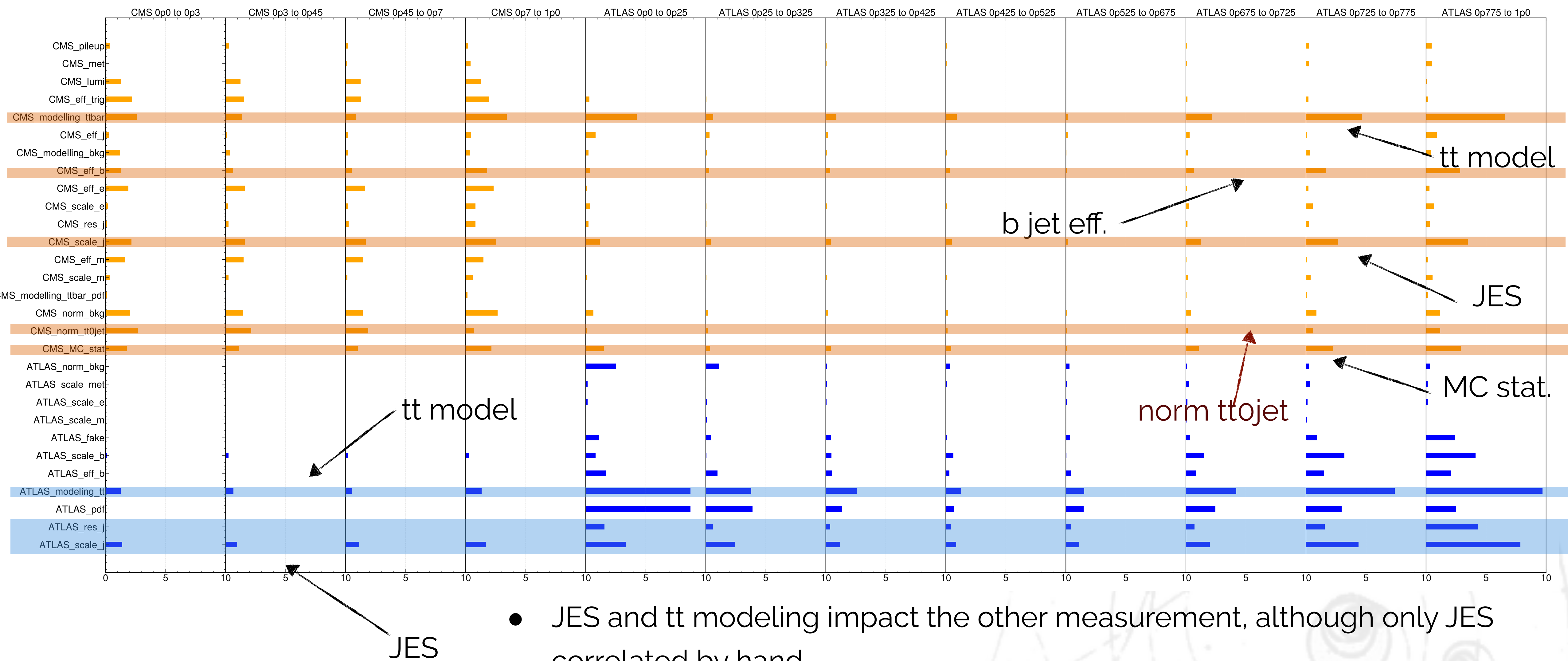
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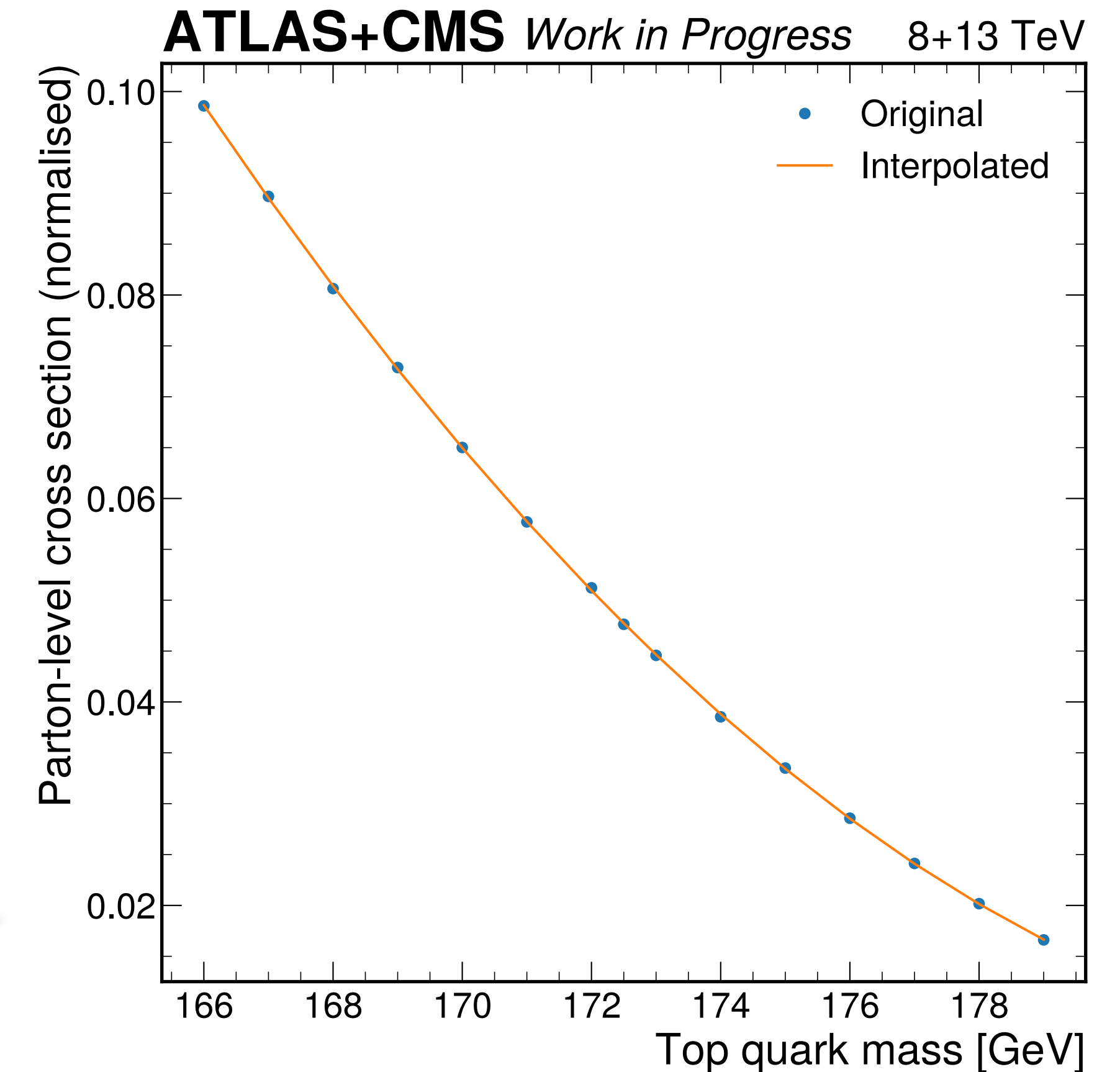
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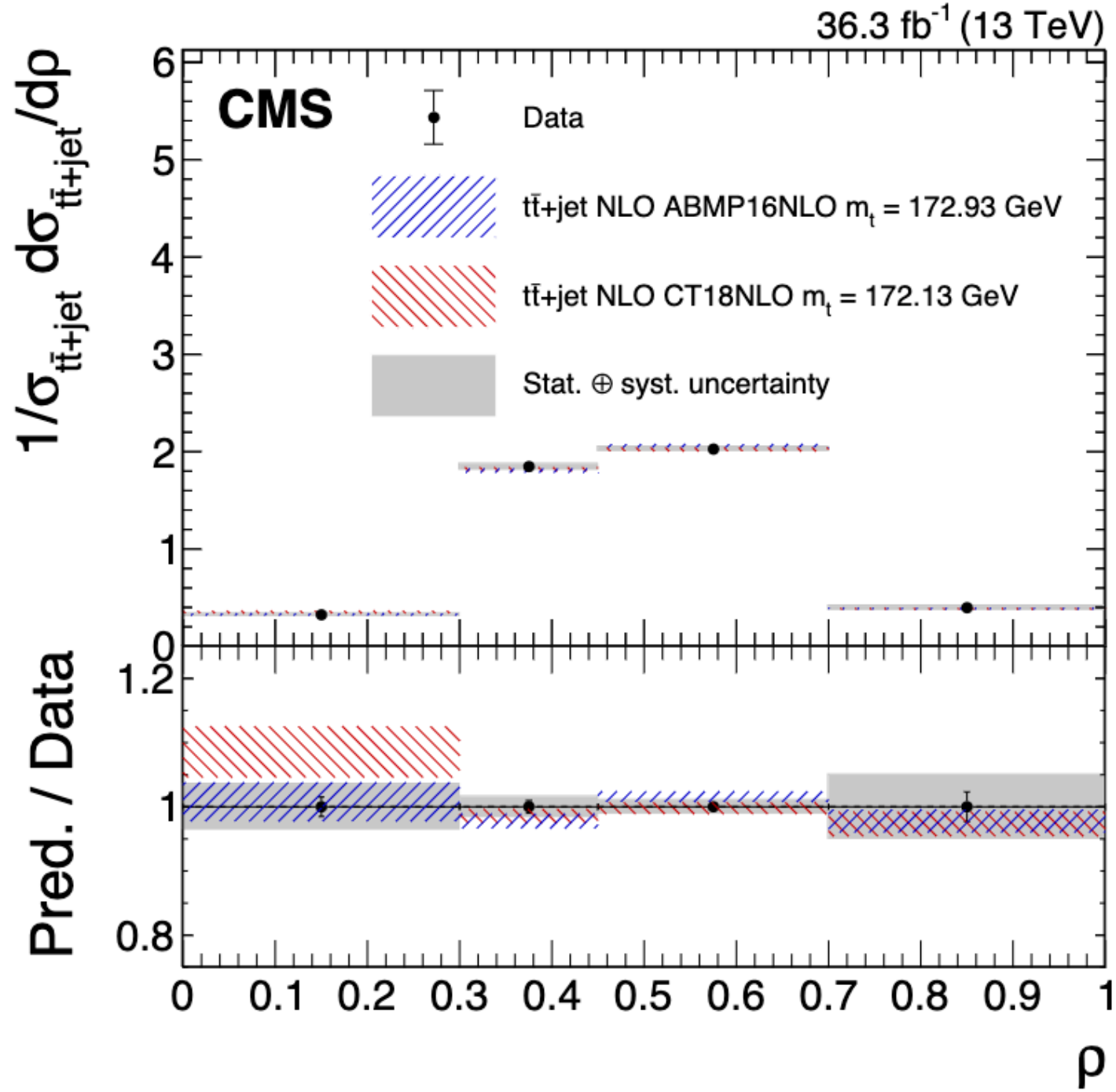
Technical implementation - fitting setup

Thanks mostly to Matteo!

- Flexible setup in place: repository [here](#)
 - Fit “individual” measurements or combined 8+13 TeV cross sections
 - Consistent correlation of PDF uncertainties between centre-of-mass energies
 - Correlated/uncorrelated variation of ME scales
 - Freezing PDFs, different minimisers, ...
- Using consistent NLO tt+j calculations (Thanks to Andrej!)
 - Powheg FO, $\alpha_S = 0.118$, **scale = $ET/2$**
 - Effectively smoothing theory prediction via polynomial interpolation of x-sec vs mass in each rho bin
- NB: For all results shown, I use the CT18NLO PDF set
- More to come soon (predictions for 8 TeV are running..)



Cross-check: CMS 13 TeV



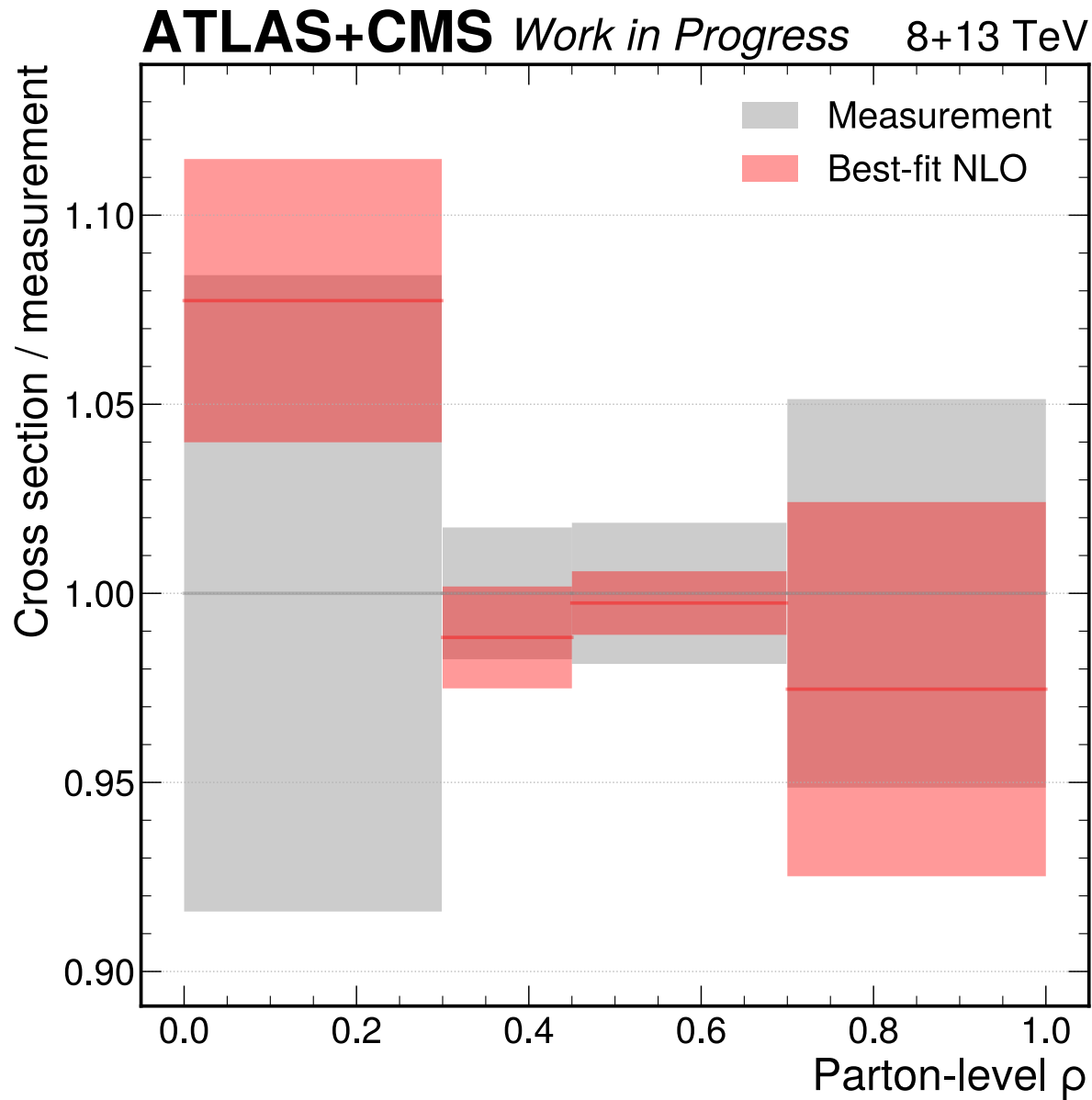
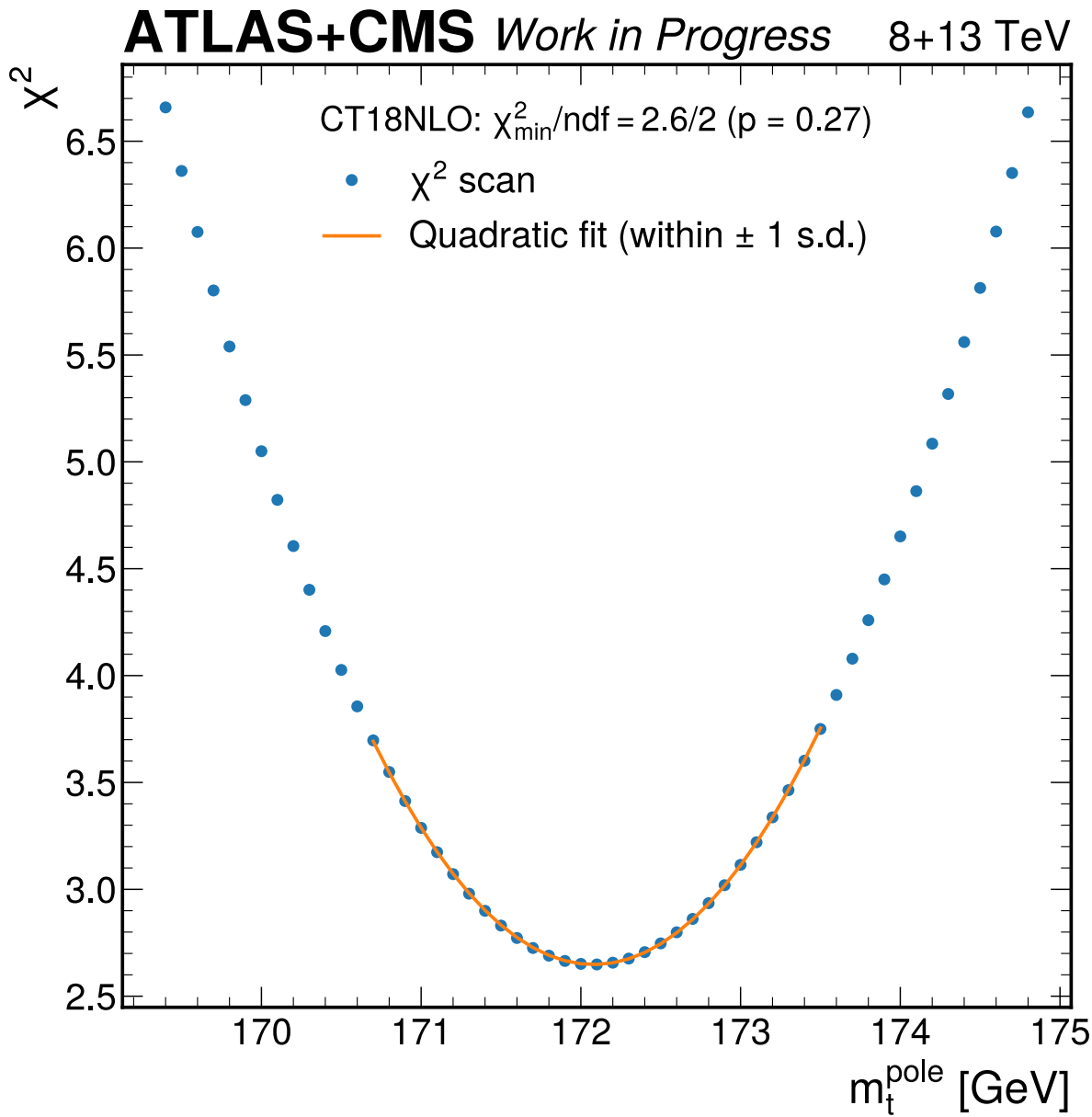
Published result

CT18 NLO (scale = HT/2)

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 172.13 \pm 1.34 \text{ (fit)} {}^{+0.50}_{-0.40} \text{ (scale) GeV}$$

- Using the HEPData public info in the same setup as used for the combination
 - But, profiling the PDFs as in m_t running paper
 - **$m_t = 172.08 \pm 1.29 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.41 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$**
 - Scale uncertainty = +0.32 -0.43 GeV
 - Good closure and consistent results (within 50 MeV!)

Theory band includes PDFs + m_t^{pole} post-fit uncertainty

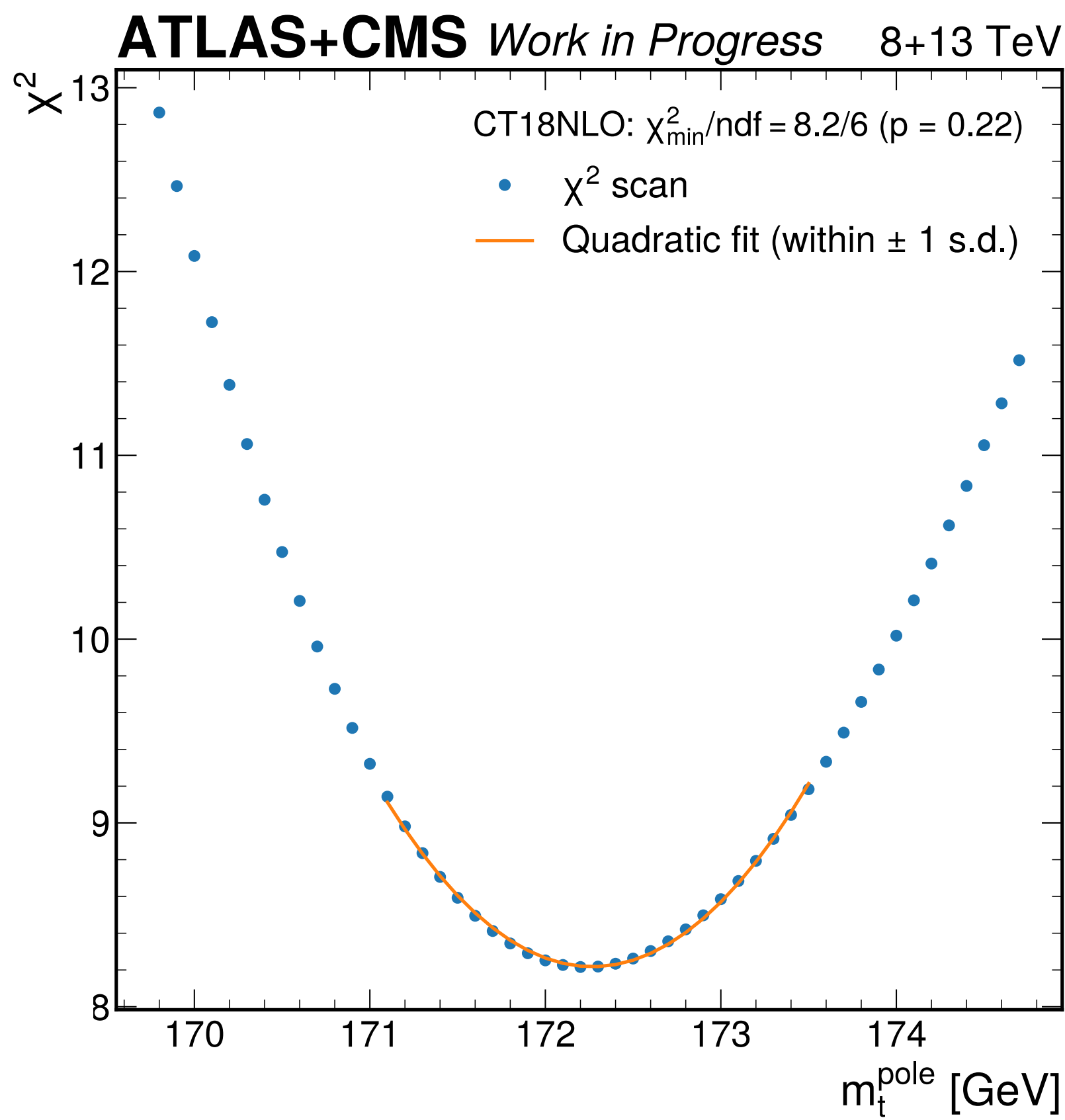
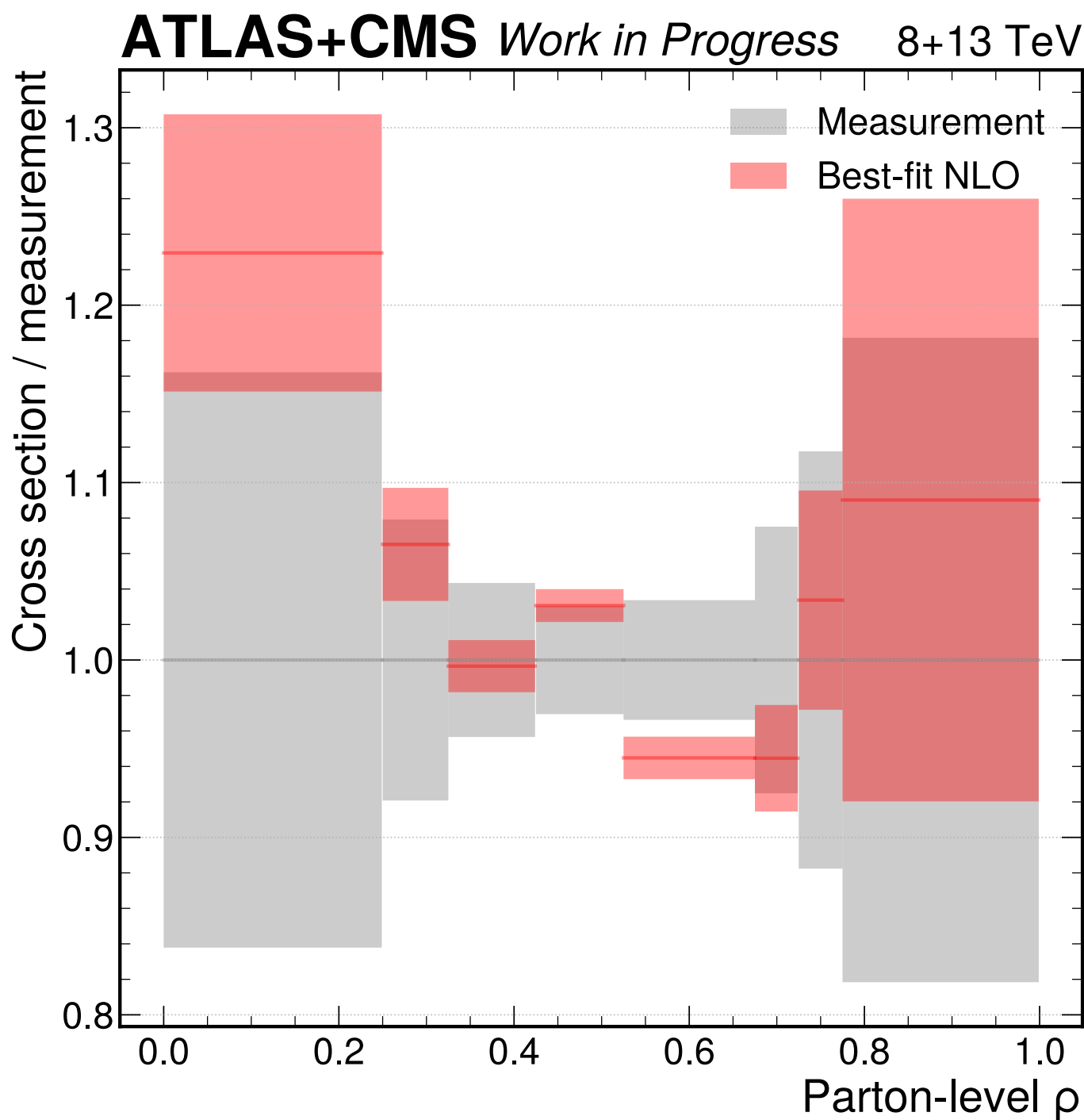


ATLAS reinterpretation

- Results not directly comparable:
 - Different theory prediction (dyn. scale)
 - Different fit setup (PDF and systematics in the chi2 fit)
 - **$m_t = 172.23 \pm 1.19$ (exp) ± 0.27 (PDF) GeV**
 - Scale uncertainty = +0.11 -0.02 GeV
 - Changes reproducible with original analysis setup and new fit strategy

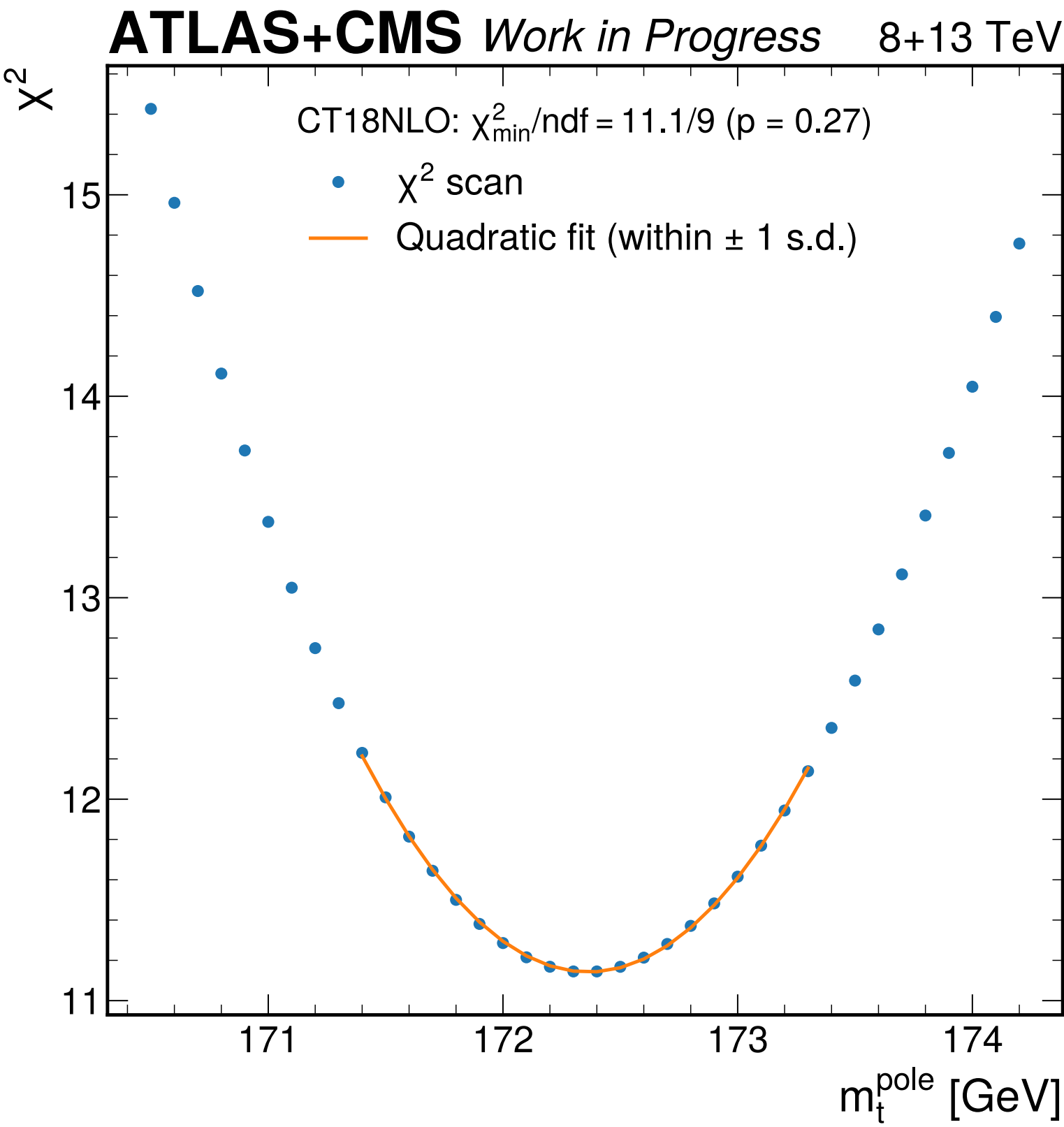
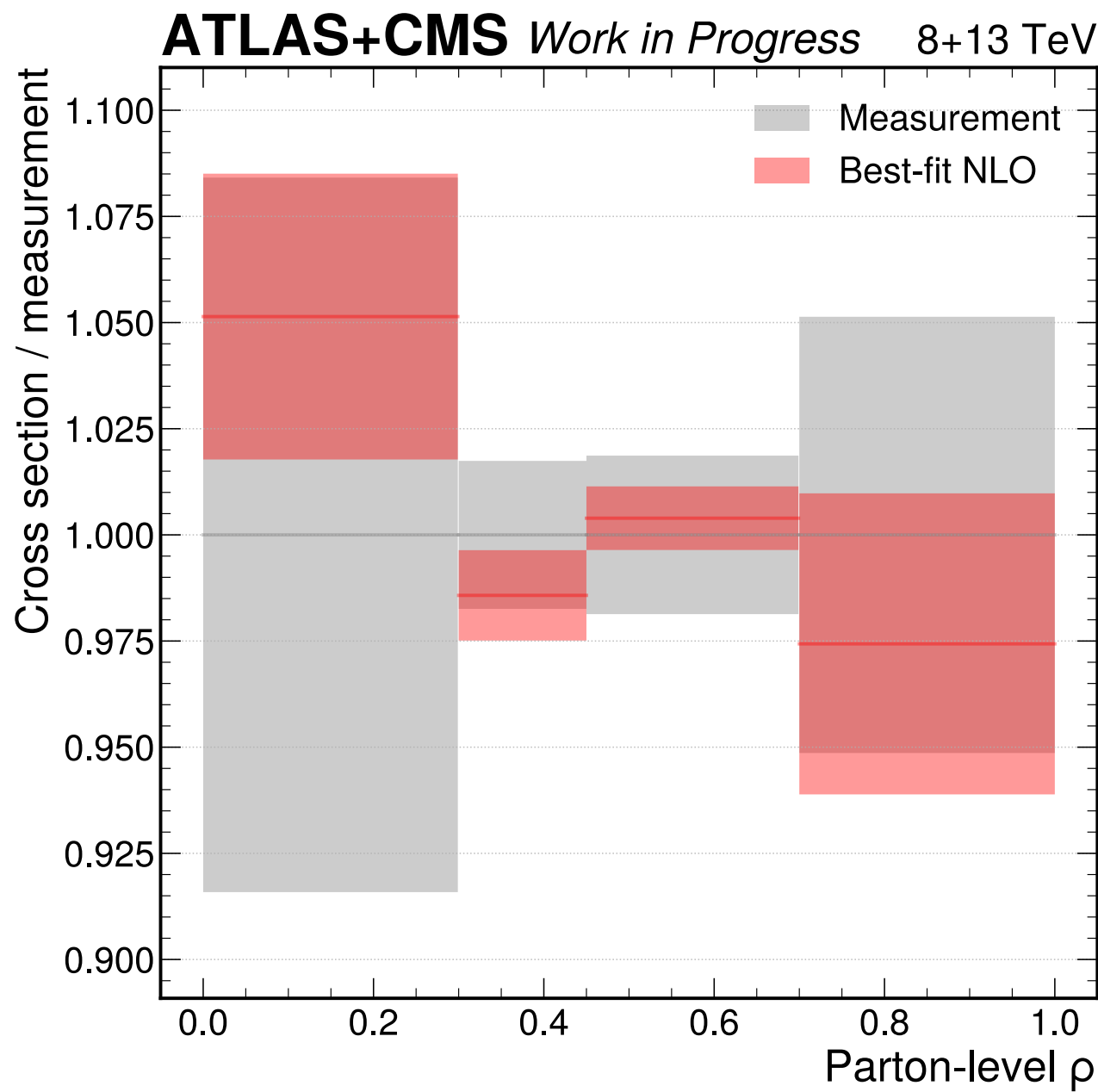
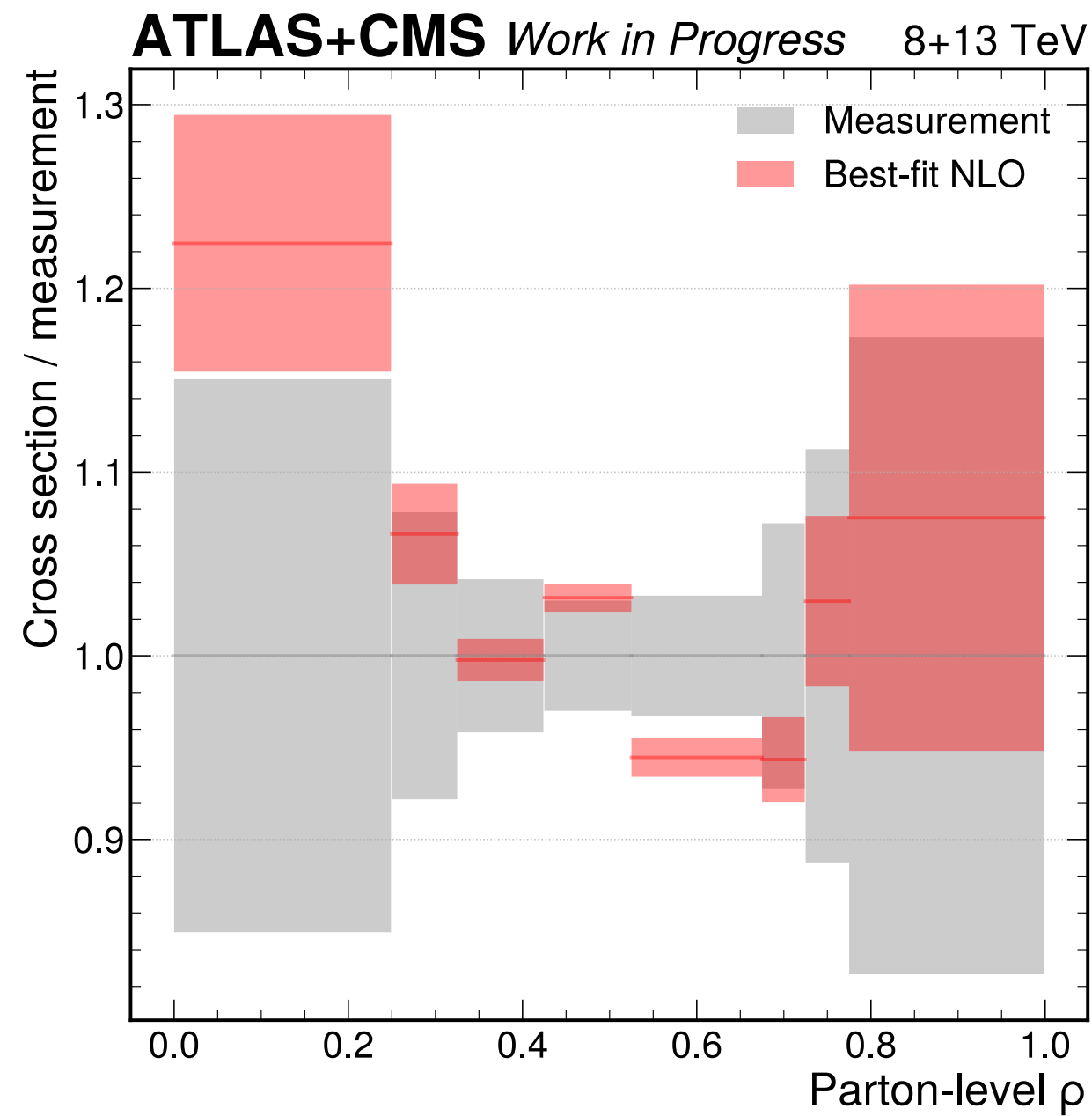
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$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 171.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.9 \text{ (syst)} {}^{+0.7}_{-0.3} \text{ (theo) GeV}$$

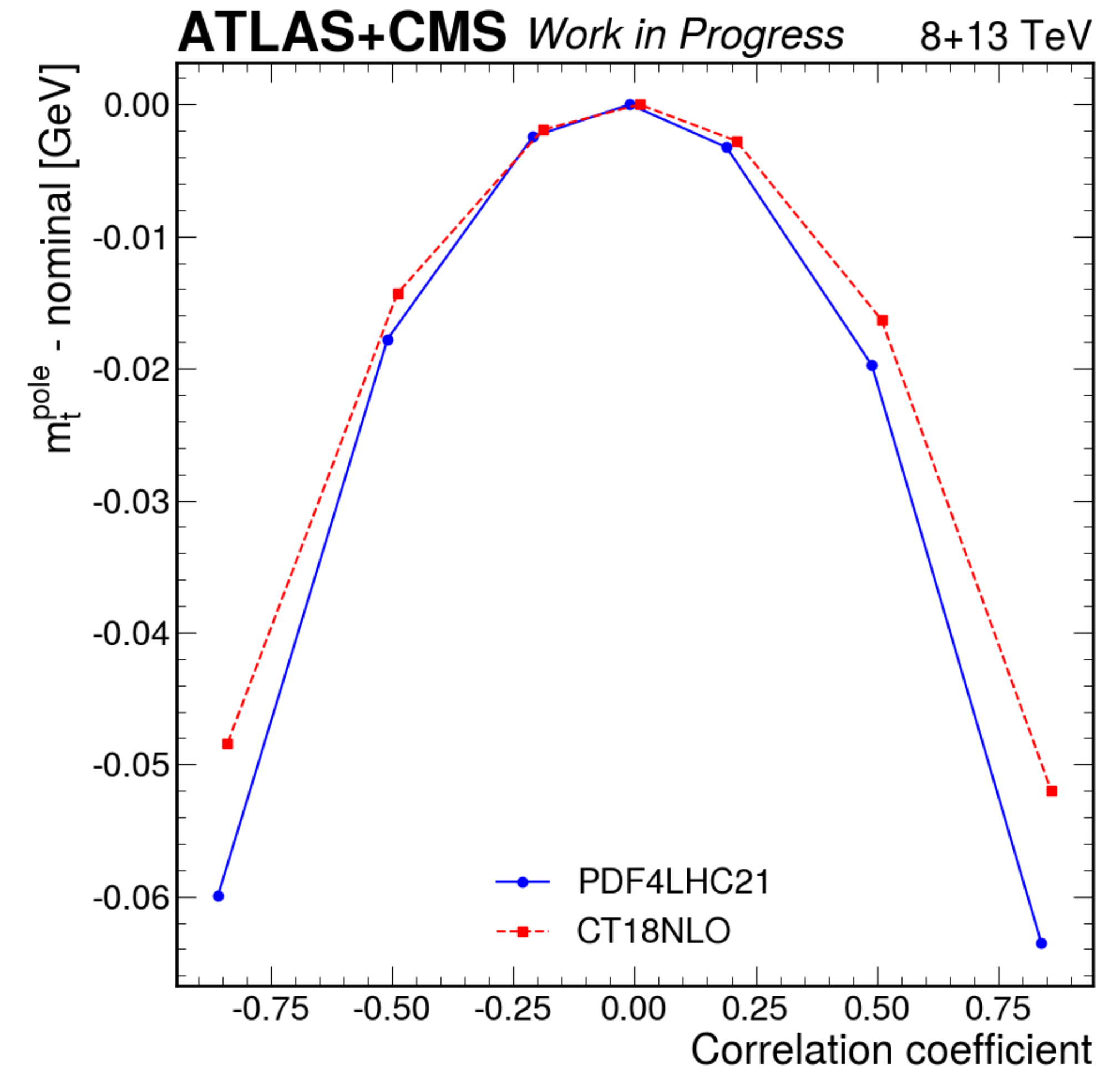
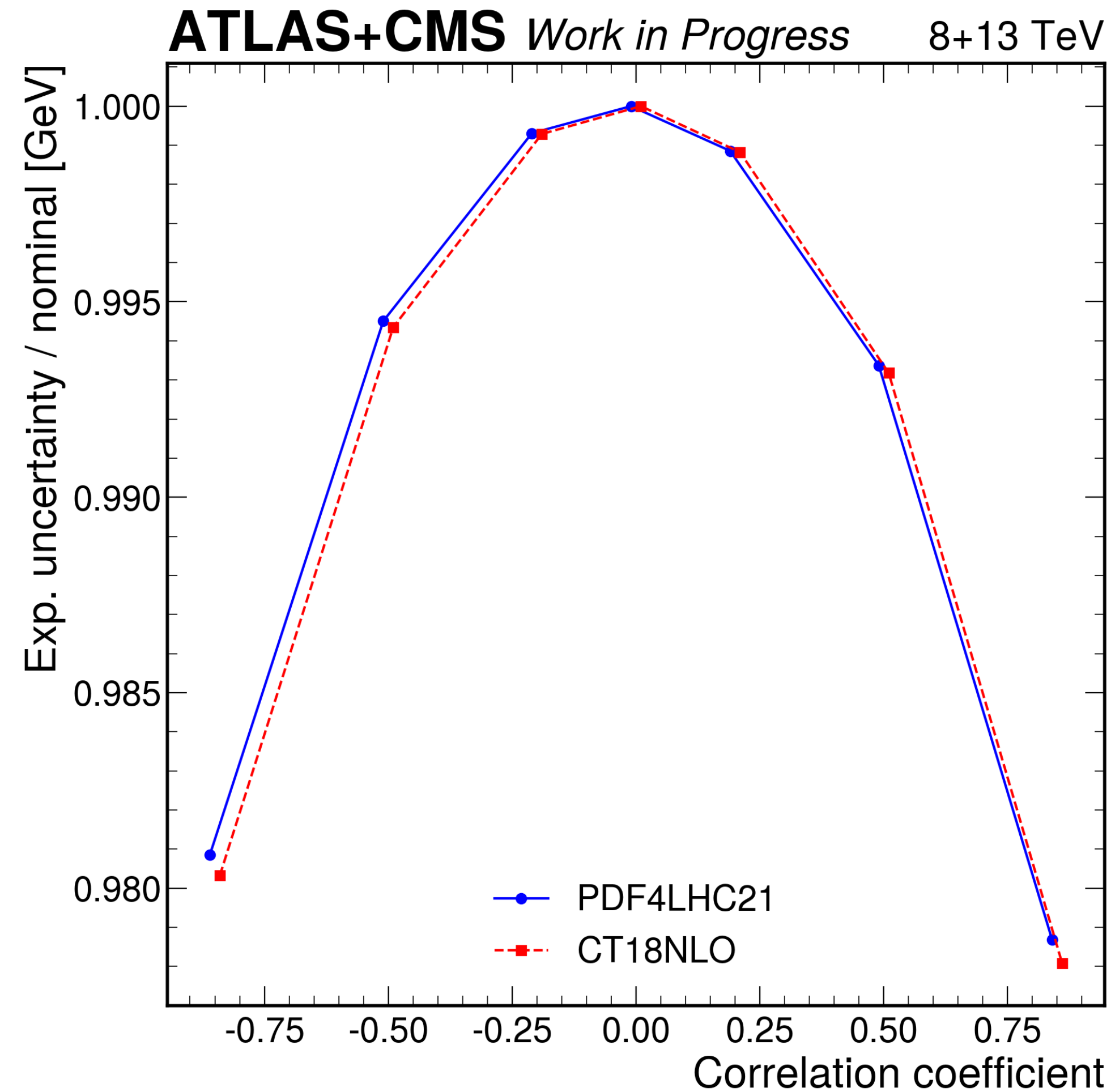


Combination results v1: CMS - ATLAS 8 TeV

- $m_t = 172.25 \pm 0.87 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.28 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ GeV}$
 - $\rightarrow 0.91 \text{ (exp+PDF)} \text{ GeV}$
 - Correlated scale uncertainty = $+0.18 \text{ } -0.19 \text{ GeV}$
 - Uncorrelated scale uncertainty = $+0.14 \text{ } -0.18 \text{ GeV}$
 - \rightarrow more than 20% improvement wrt. most precise input (ATLAS)
- 0.92 GeV total**



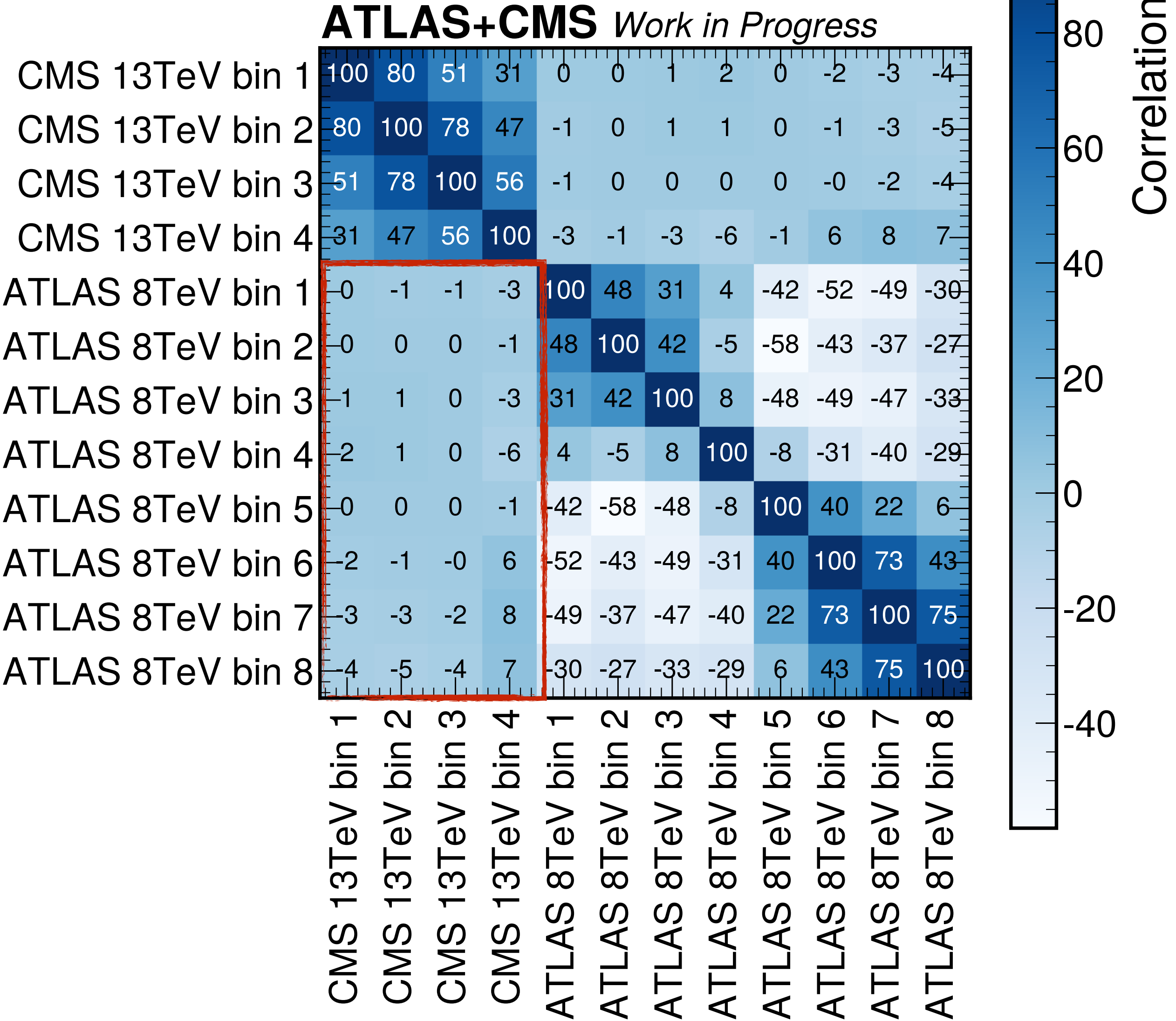
Combination results v1: dependence on tt+0jet corr. assumptions



- Negligible effect for 8 TeV combination (focusing on dominant ME uncertainty)
- 60 MeV effect on central value, uncertainty changes less than 2%

Combination results v1: post-fit correlations

- Mild correlations:
 - Maximum effect is 8%
- → Results should be stable wrt. changes in the correlation scheme

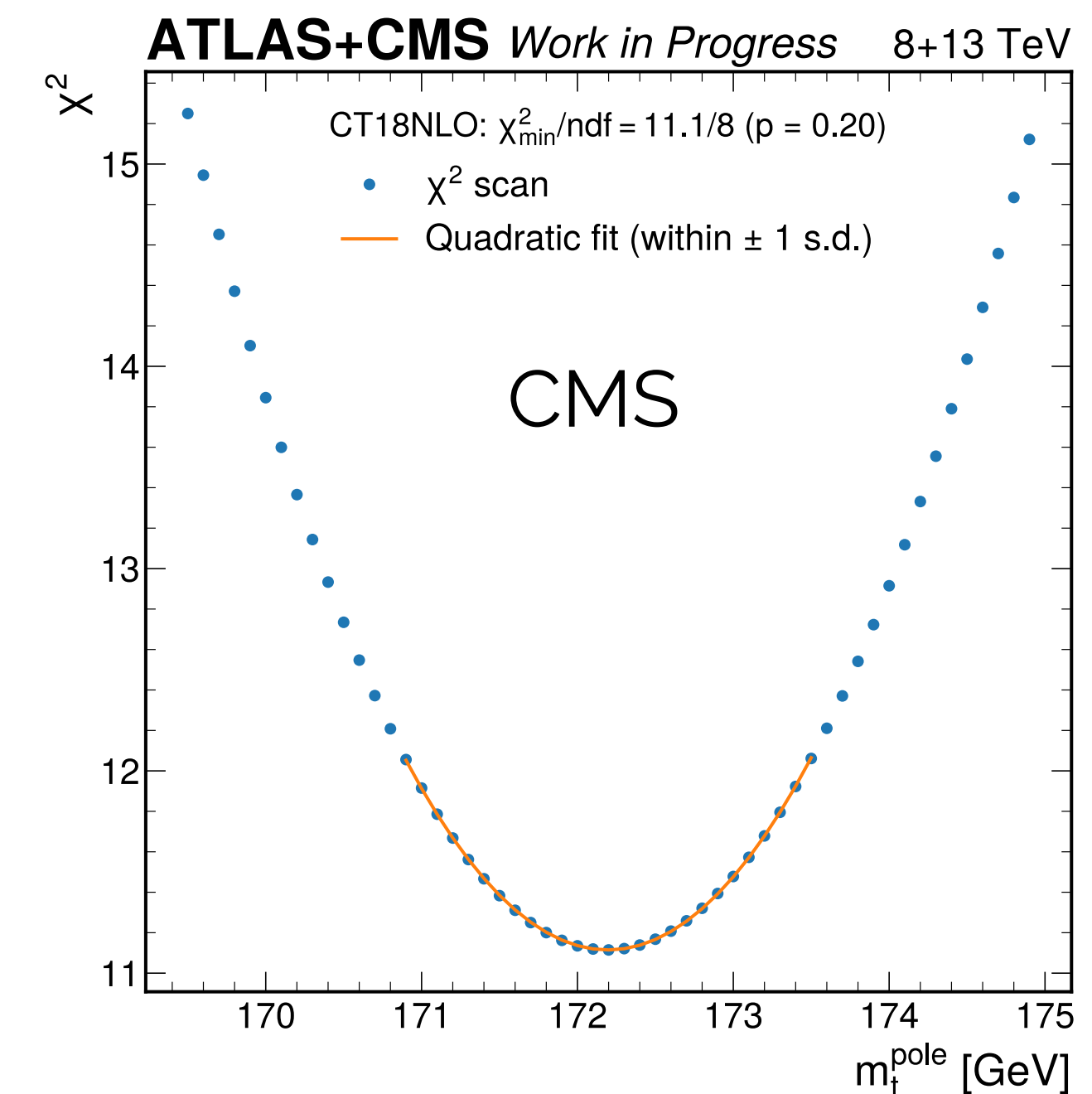
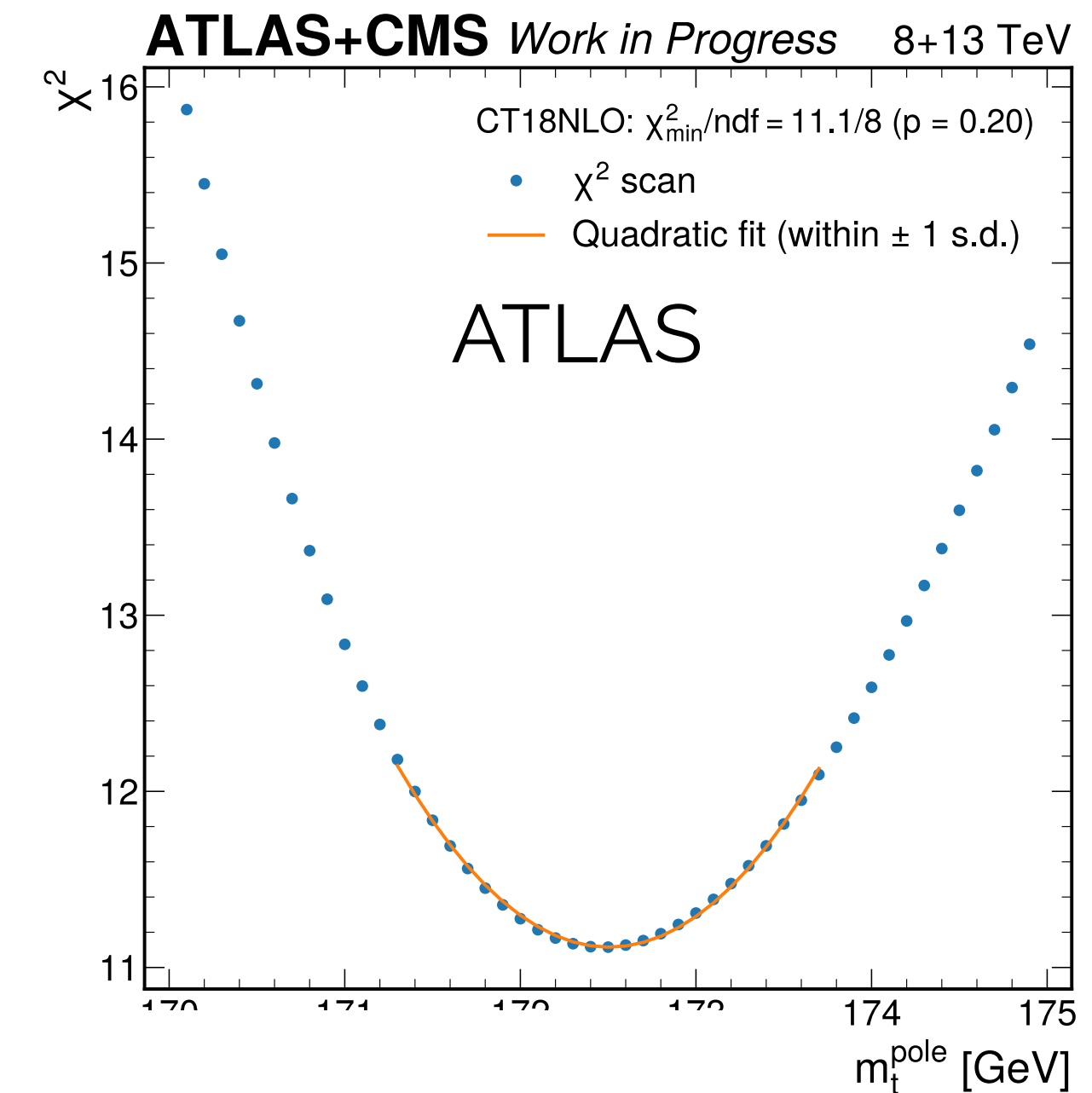


Consistency check: one parameter per experiment

- Two separate mass parameters fit *simultaneously* to ATLAS and CMS, taking correlations into account
- Correlation includes experimental (tt+oj, JES, modelling) and PDFs
- Mass values compatible within uncertainties

m_t CMS = 172.19 ± 1.28 (exp) ± 0.40 (PDF) GeV
 m_t ATLAS = 172.47 ± 1.16 (exp) ± 0.24 (PDF) GeV
Correlation = 12.1 %
Difference = -0.3 ± 1.7 GeV
Ratio = 0.998 ± 0.010

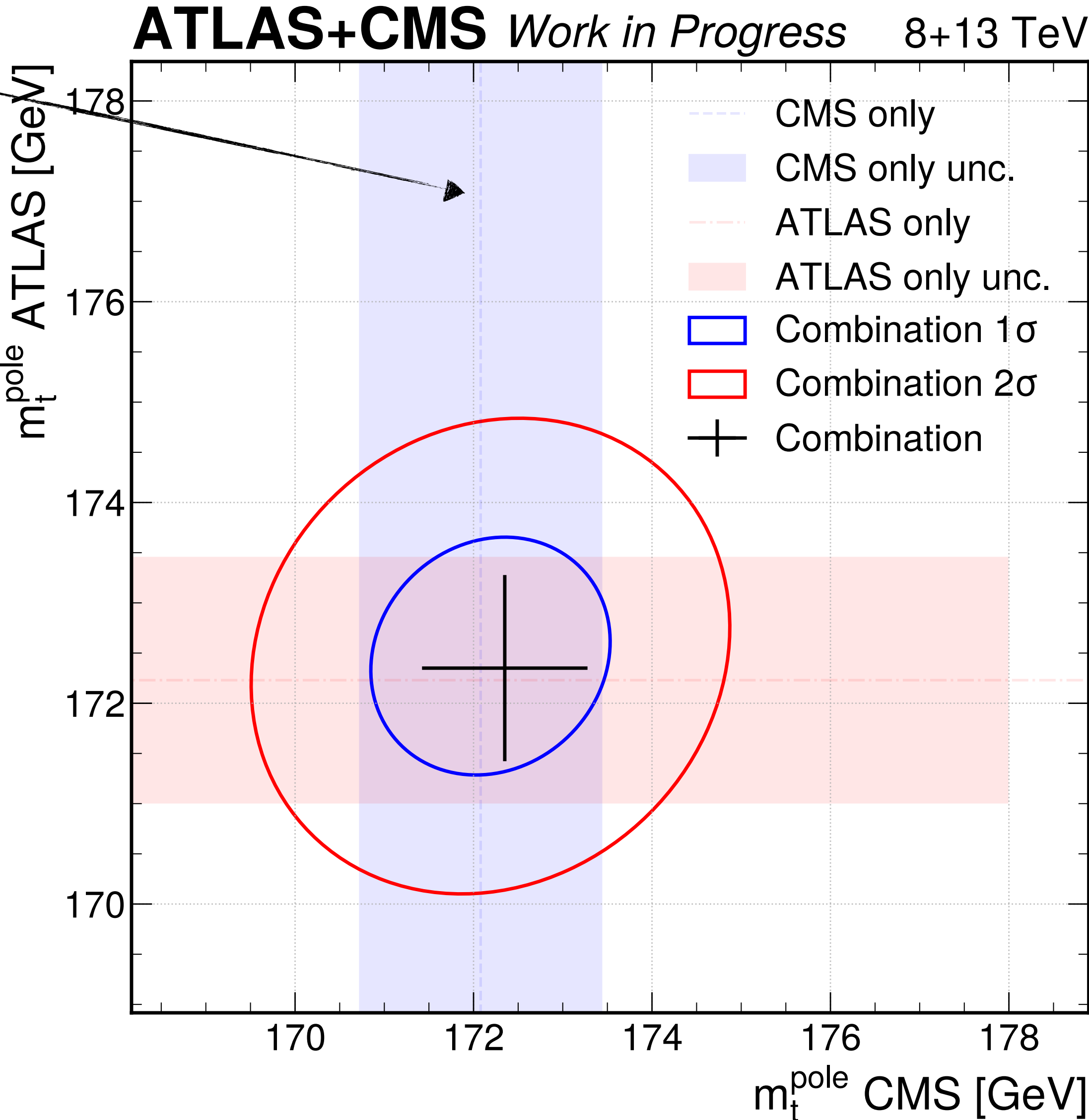
p=0.27 (2 POI) vs. 0.60 (1 POI)



Everything in one plot

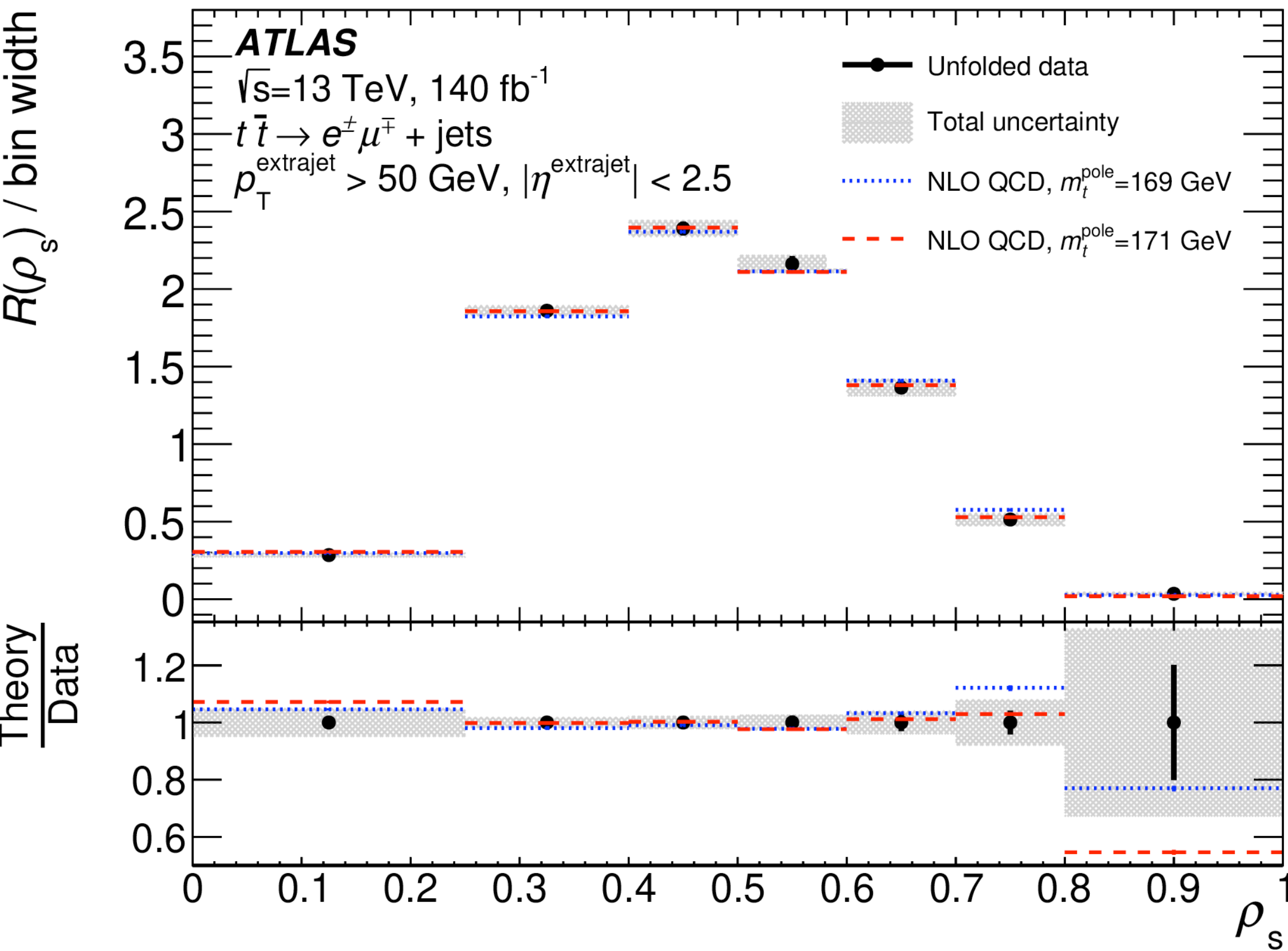
Standalone CMS

Contour from the 2D fit



Standalone ATLAS

The new player in the game...



- New uncertainties bring a challenge
 - Large impact
 - No experience in previous combinations
 - Precedent for LHCTopWG?

Uncertainty source	Δm_t^{pole} [GeV]	MC stat. unc. [GeV]
Data statistics	0.33	-
Detector unc.		
<i>b</i> -tagging and mistag	0.44	0.06
Jets	0.65	0.06
Leptons	0.25	0.06
Others	0.18	0.06
Modeling unc.		
MC statistical uncertainty	0.08	-
Backgrounds normalization	0.02	-
Single-top modeling	0.03	0.06
m_t^{MC} dependence	0.10	0.09
PS Recoil model	0.68	0.06
Parton shower	0.43	0.14
Underlying event	0.39	0.12
Color reconnection	0.13	0.08
ME+PS matching: $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{hard}}$	0.09	0.06
ME+PS matching: h_{damp}	0.26	0.06
ME+PS matching: line shape	0.38	0.12
3D NNLO reweight	0.21	0.06
PDF	0.26	0.06
Initial-state radiation	0.24	0.06
Final-state radiation	0.04	0.16
Factorization scales	0.09	0.06
Renormalization scales	0.03	0.06
Theory unc.		
Scale variations	+0.34 -0.28	+0.05 -0.06
PDF $\oplus \alpha_s$	0.24	+0.06 -0.06
Total	+1.47 -1.44	-

The new player in the game...

- Needs discussion
- Do we have any additional guidance for ATLAS/CMS 13 TeV correlations?
→ best estimate and scan?

Systematic effect	Run 1 naming	Run 2 naming	Correlation (Strong scenario)	Correlation (Weak scenario)
<i>b</i> -tagging efficiency	ATLAS_eff_b*	ATLAS_eff_b*	0%	0%
Electron energy scale	ATLAS_scale_e*	ATLAS_scale_e*	0%	0%
Electron energy resolution	ATLAS_res_e*	ATLAS_res_e*	0%	0%
Electron identif. efficiency	ATLAS_eff_e*	ATLAS_eff_e*	0%	0%
Muon energy scale	ATLAS_scale_m*	ATLAS_scale_m*	0%	0%
Muon energy resolution	ATLAS_res_m*	ATLAS_res_m*	0%	0%
Muon identif. efficiency	ATLAS_eff_m*	ATLAS_eff_m*	0%	0%
E_T^{miss} scale	ATLAS_scale_met*	ATLAS_scale_met*	0%	0%
E_T^{miss} resolution	ATLAS_res_met*	ATLAS_res_met*	0%	0%
MC normalization	ATLAS_norm_*	ATLAS_norm_*	100% for <i>t</i> W, Z+jets 0% for others	100% for <i>t</i> W, Z+jets 0% for others
Non-prompt leptons	ATLAS_fake.j*	ATLAS_fake.j_norm	0%	0%
Pileup-jet tagger	ATLAS_eff.j.jvf	ATLAS_eff.j.jvt	100%	0%
	ATLAS_scale.j.Stat*	ATLAS_scale.j.NPStatistical*	0%	0%
	ATLAS_scale.j.Model*	ATLAS_scale.j.NPModelling*	100%	0%
	ATLAS_scale.j.Det*	ATLAS_scale.j.NPDetector*	100% for Det1 and [Det3,NPDetector2] 0% for Det2 (to be checked)	0%
	ATLAS_scale.j.Mix*	ATLAS_scale.j.NPMixed*	100%	0%
	ATLAS_scale.j.Det*	ATLAS_scale.j.NPDetector*	100% for [Mix1,NPMixed] 0% otherwise	0%
	Jet energy scale	ATLAS_scale.j.EtaIntercalibration*	100% for modelling 0% otherwise	0%
		ATLAS_scale.j.PunchThrough	100%	0%
		ATLAS_scale.j.SinglePart	100%	0%
		ATLAS_scale.j.Pileup*	100%	0%
		ATLAS_scale.b*	0%	0%
	ATLAS_scale.j.flavor*	ATLAS_scale.j.Flavor*	0%	0%
		ATLAS_scale.j.PerJet*		
Jet energy resolution	ATLAS_res.j.*	ATLAS_res.j.*	100% for [np0, EffectiveNP1] 0% otherwise	0%
Parton shower	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_PartonShower	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_Herwig	100%	100%
Underlying event	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_UnderlyingEvent	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_A14Var1Up	100%	0%
Color reconnection	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_ColorReconnection	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_ATLCR2	100%	0%
Initial- and final-state radiation	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_Radiation	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_isrmuRfac1.0fsrmuRfac0.5	0% (50% maybe possible, as for CMS)	0%
		ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_hdamp3mt		
		ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_Var3cUp		
Powheg ME&matching	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_MatrixElement	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_TtbarNNLOReweight	0%	0%
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		ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_PtHard1		
Top-quark decay modelling	-	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_lineshape	0%	0%
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Others	-	ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_mTopMC	0%	0%
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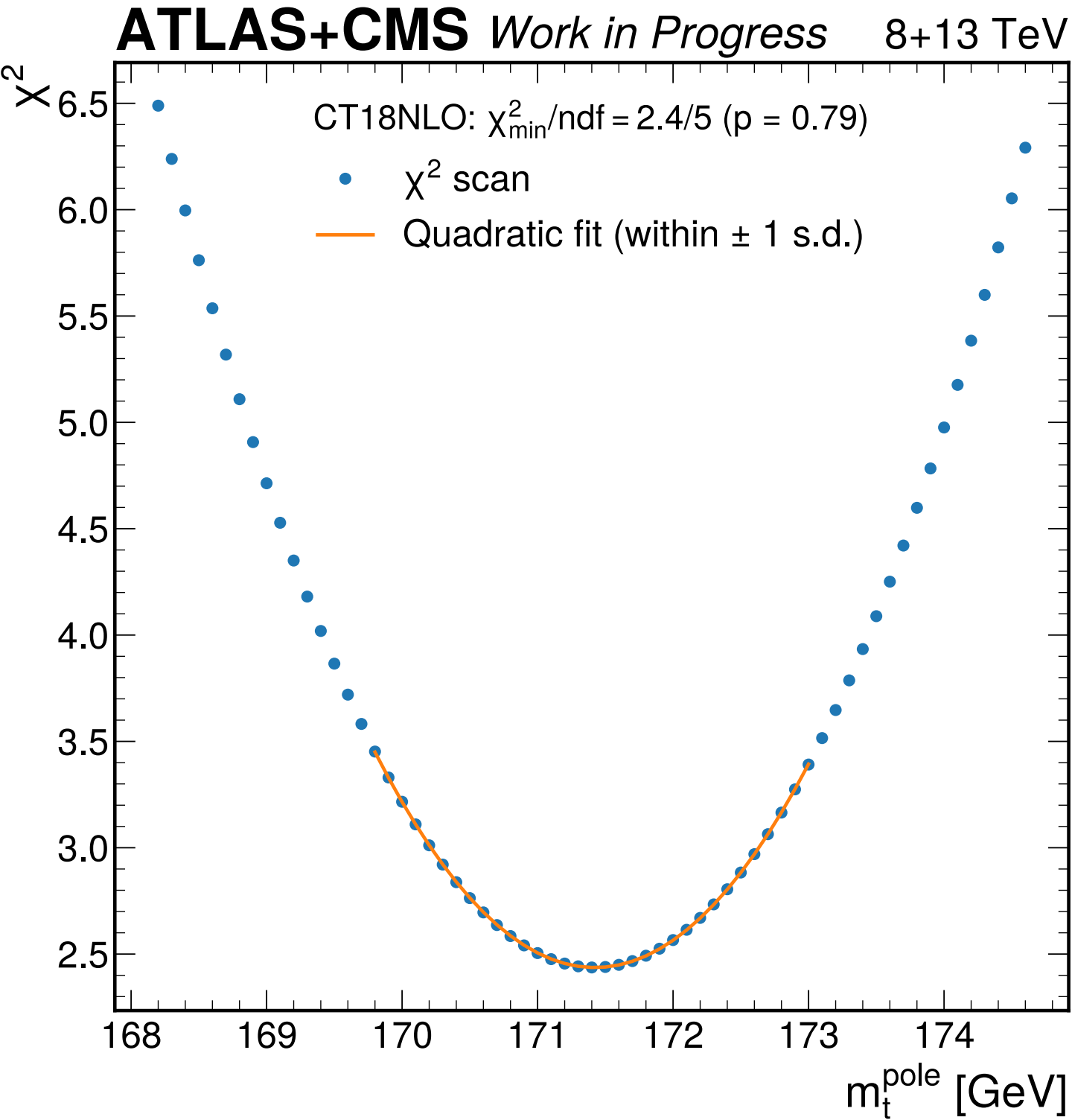
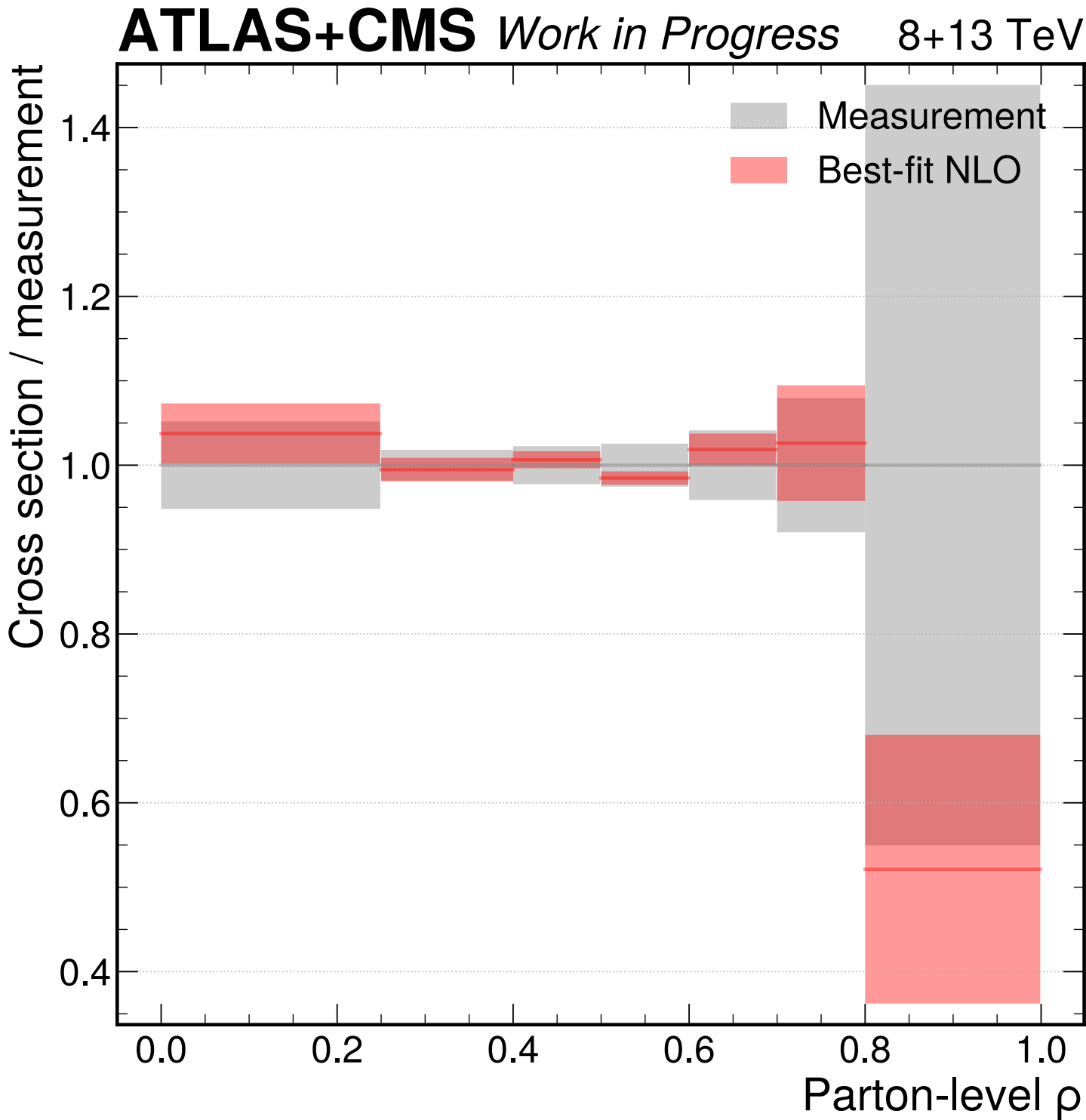
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Let's discuss!

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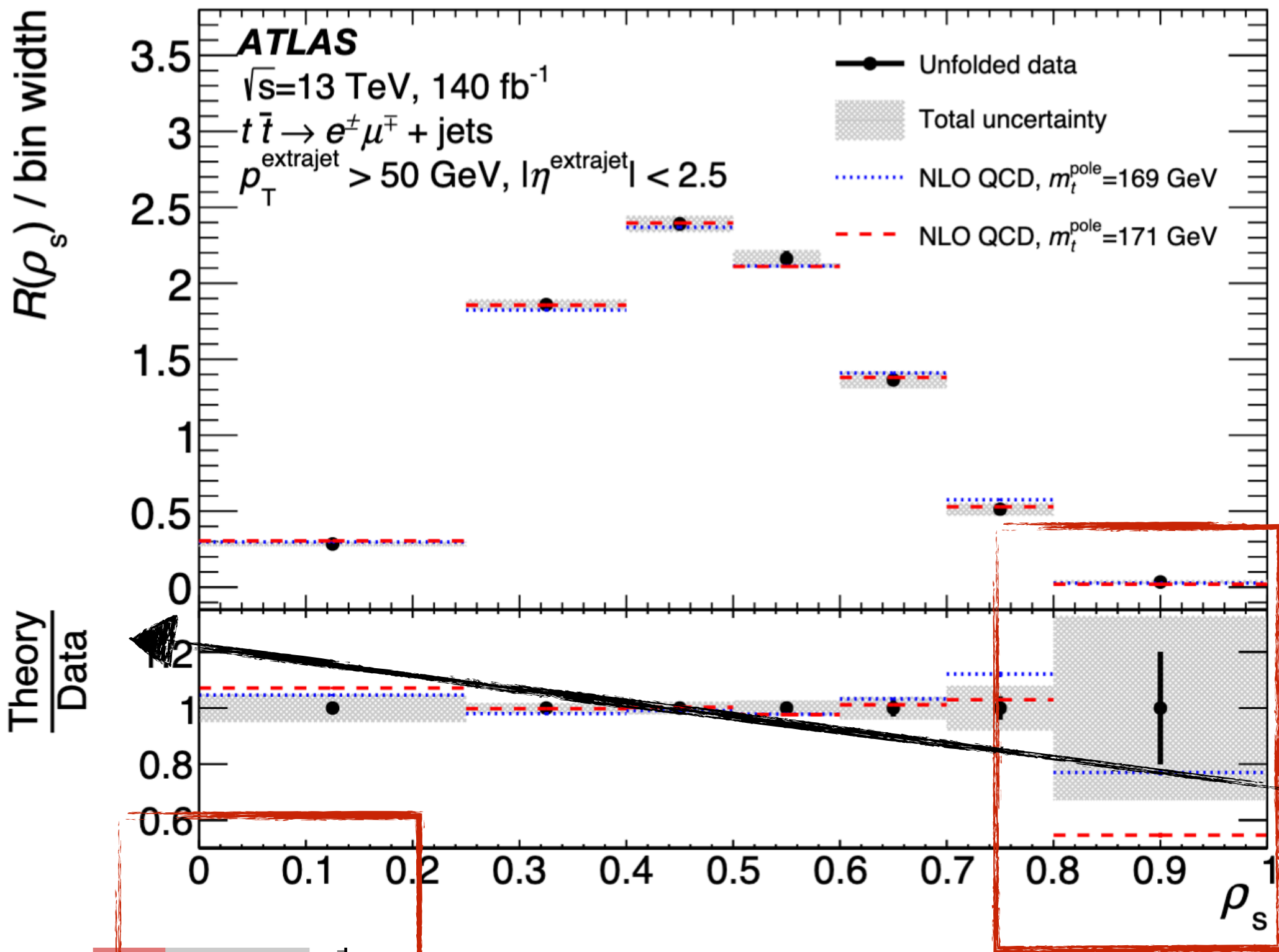
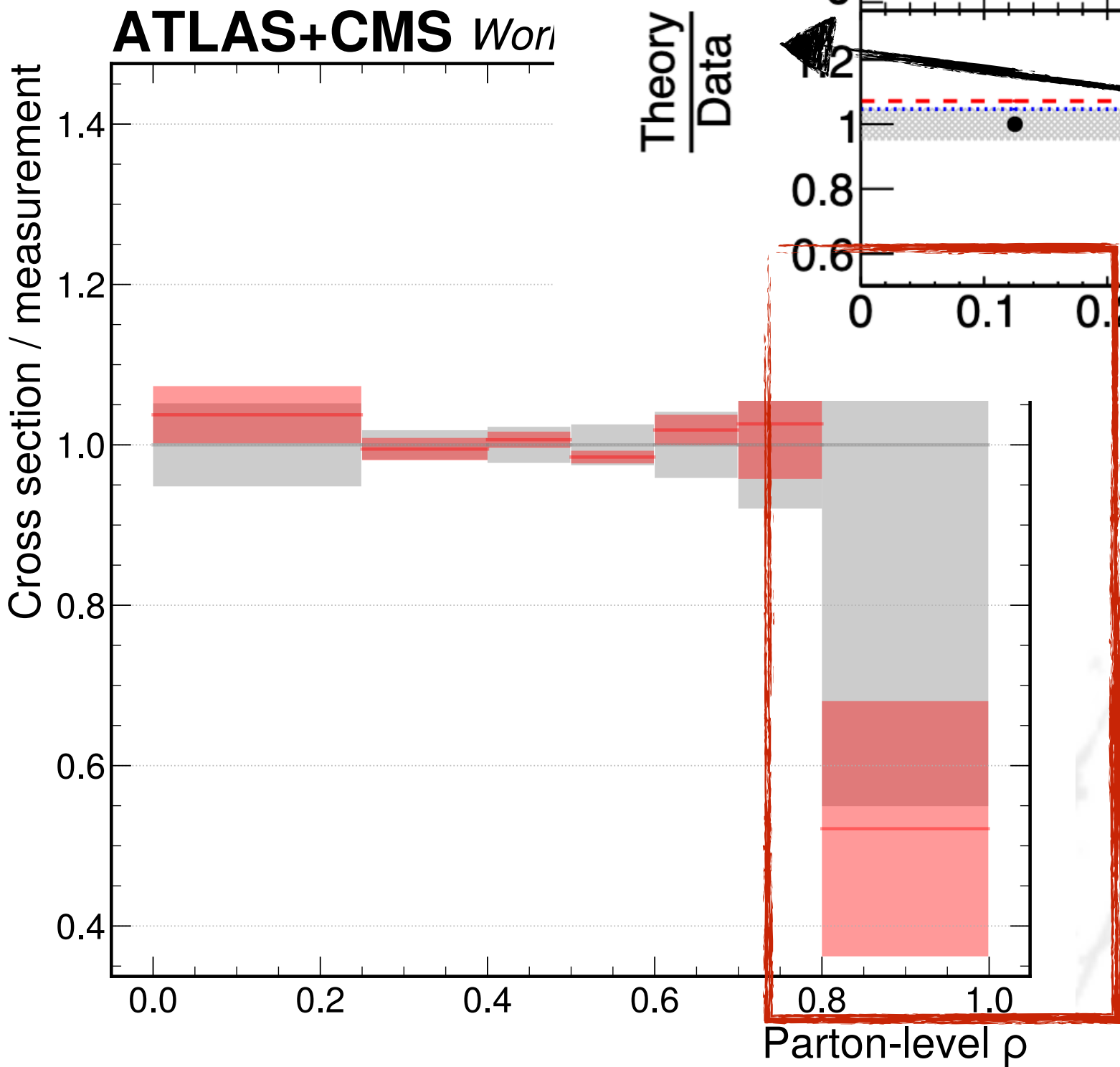
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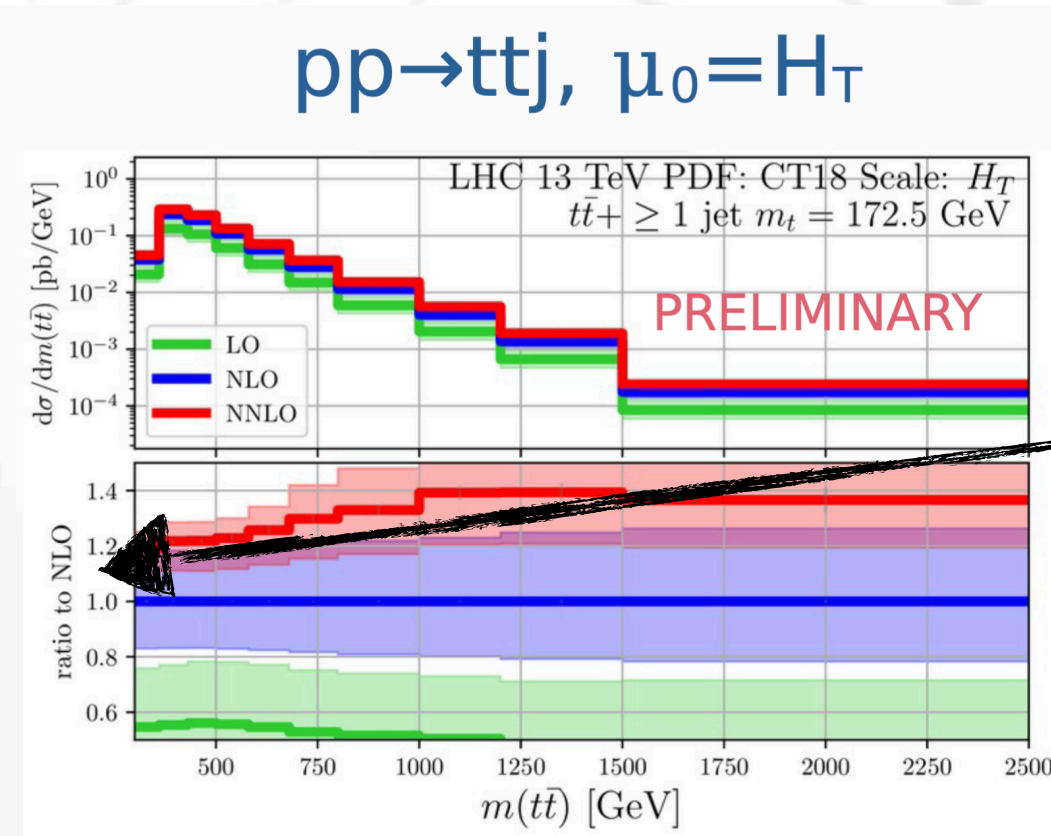
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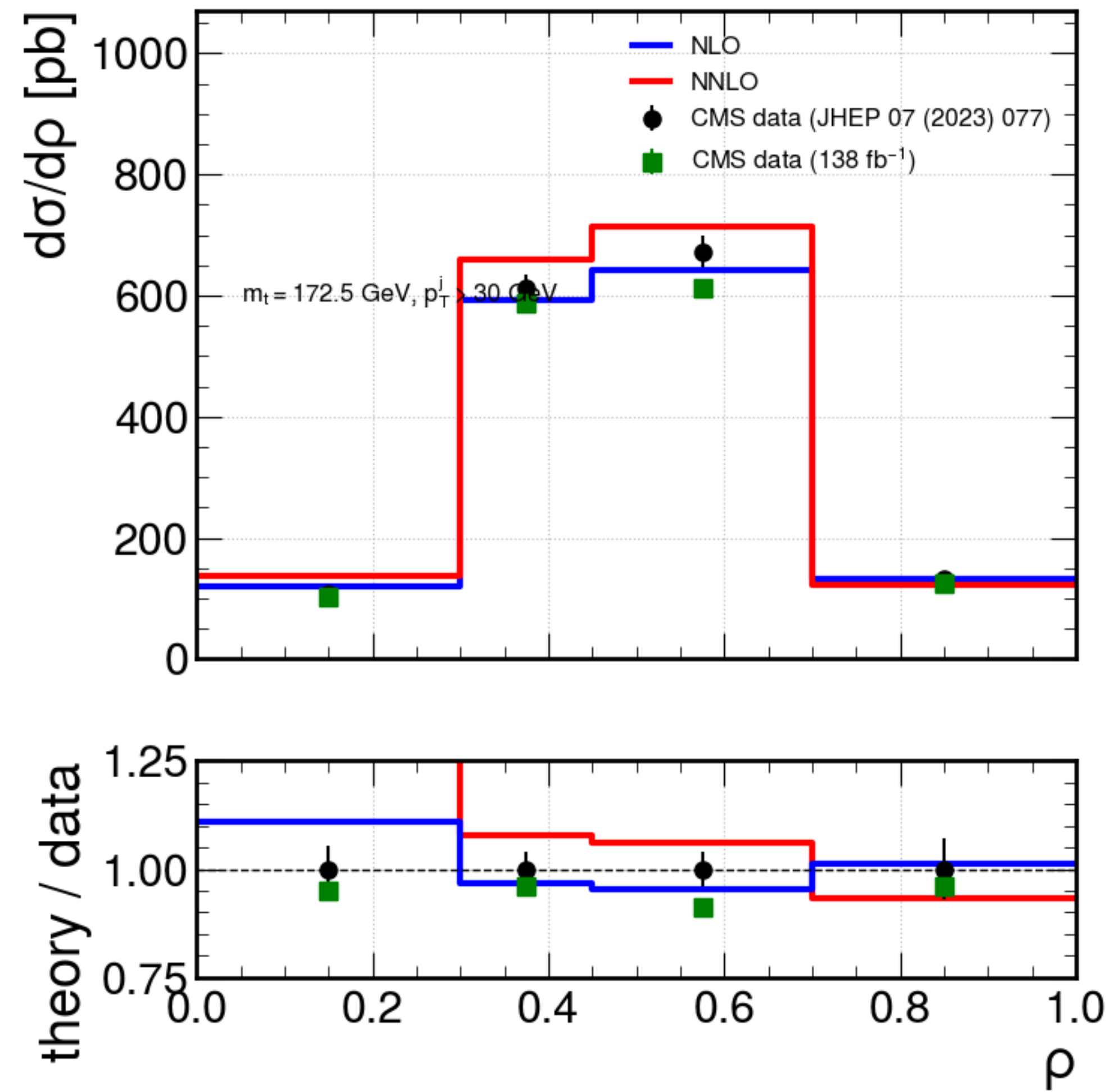
Disagreement, worrying?



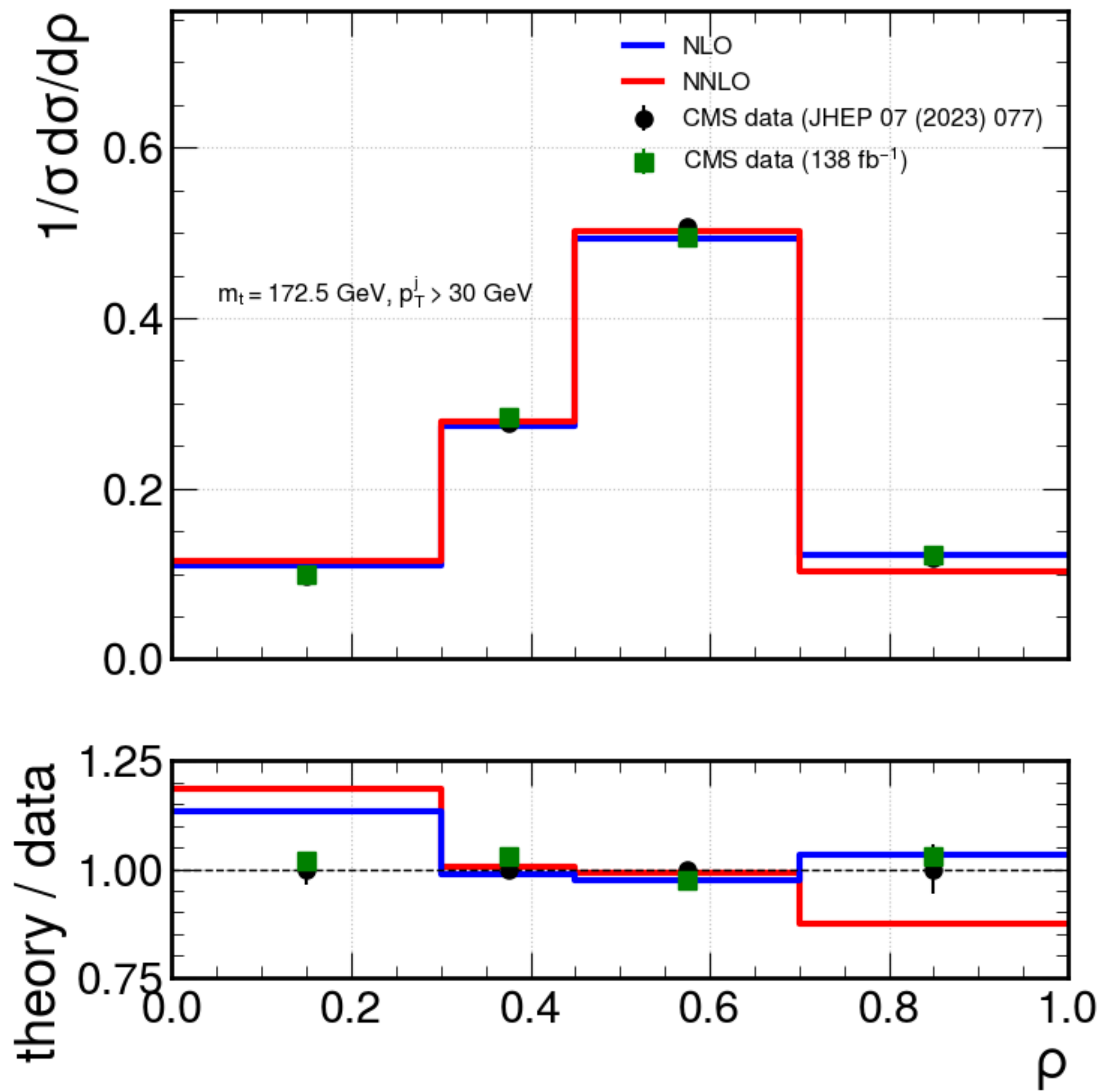
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Thanks Colomba!

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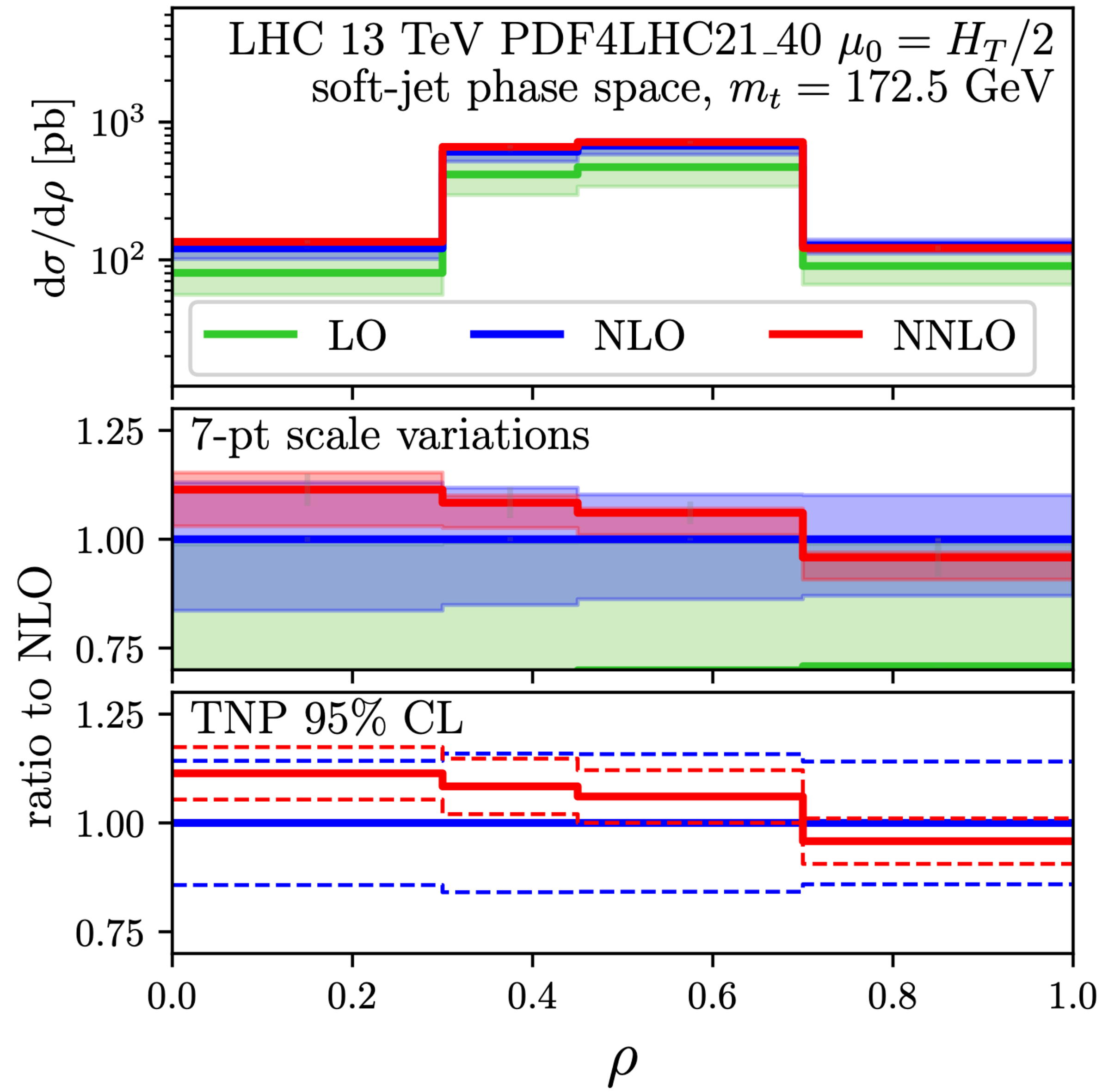


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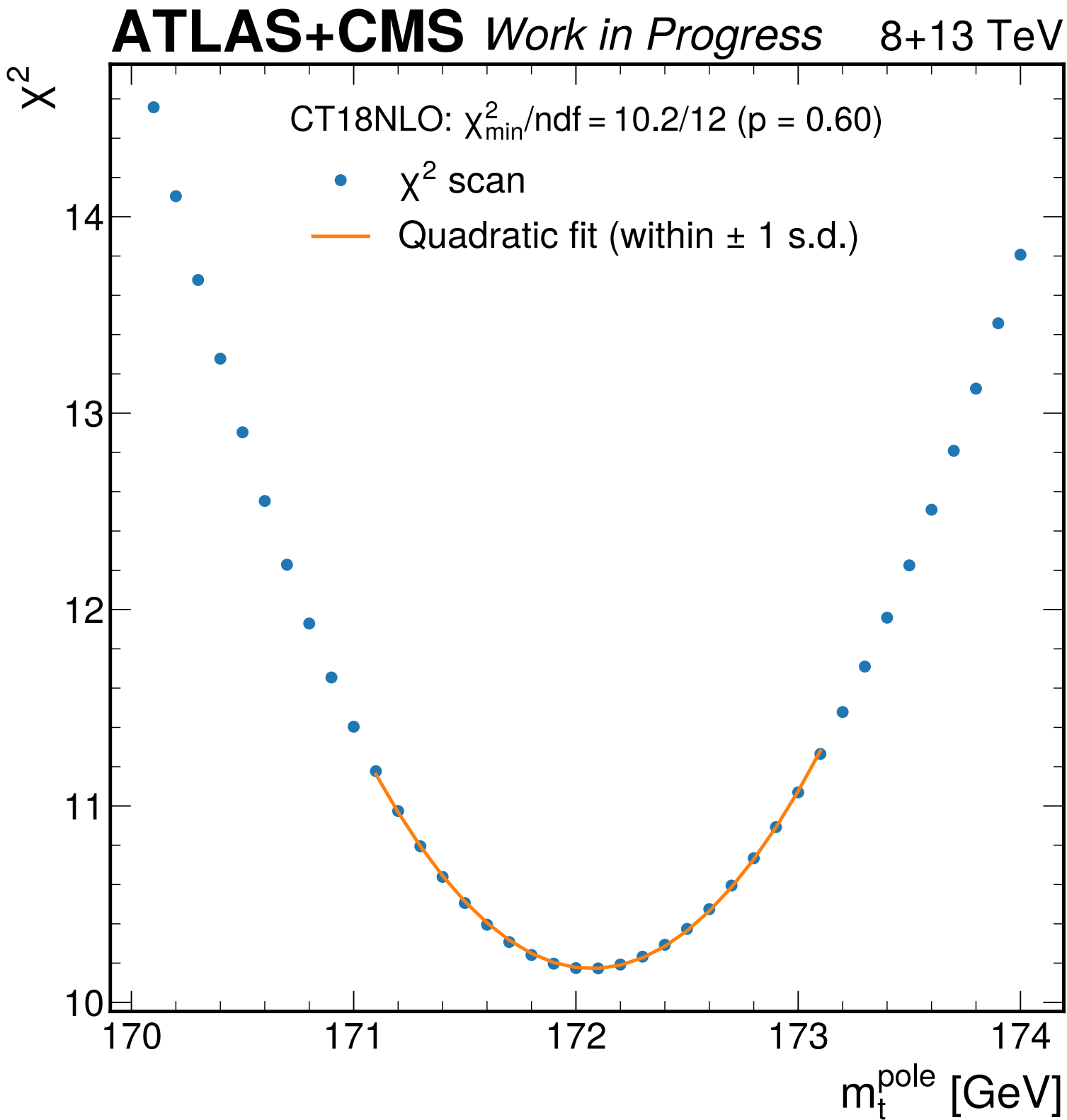
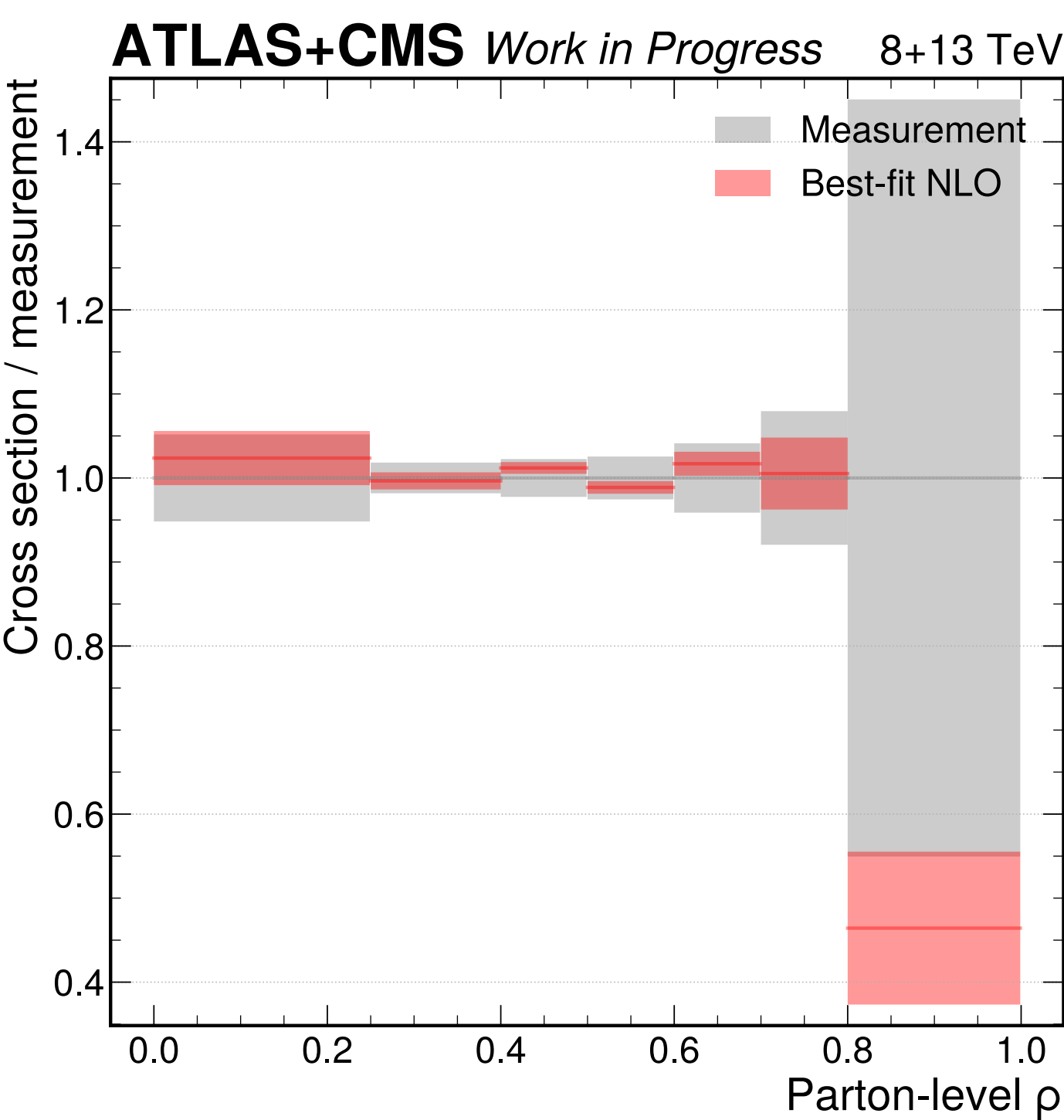
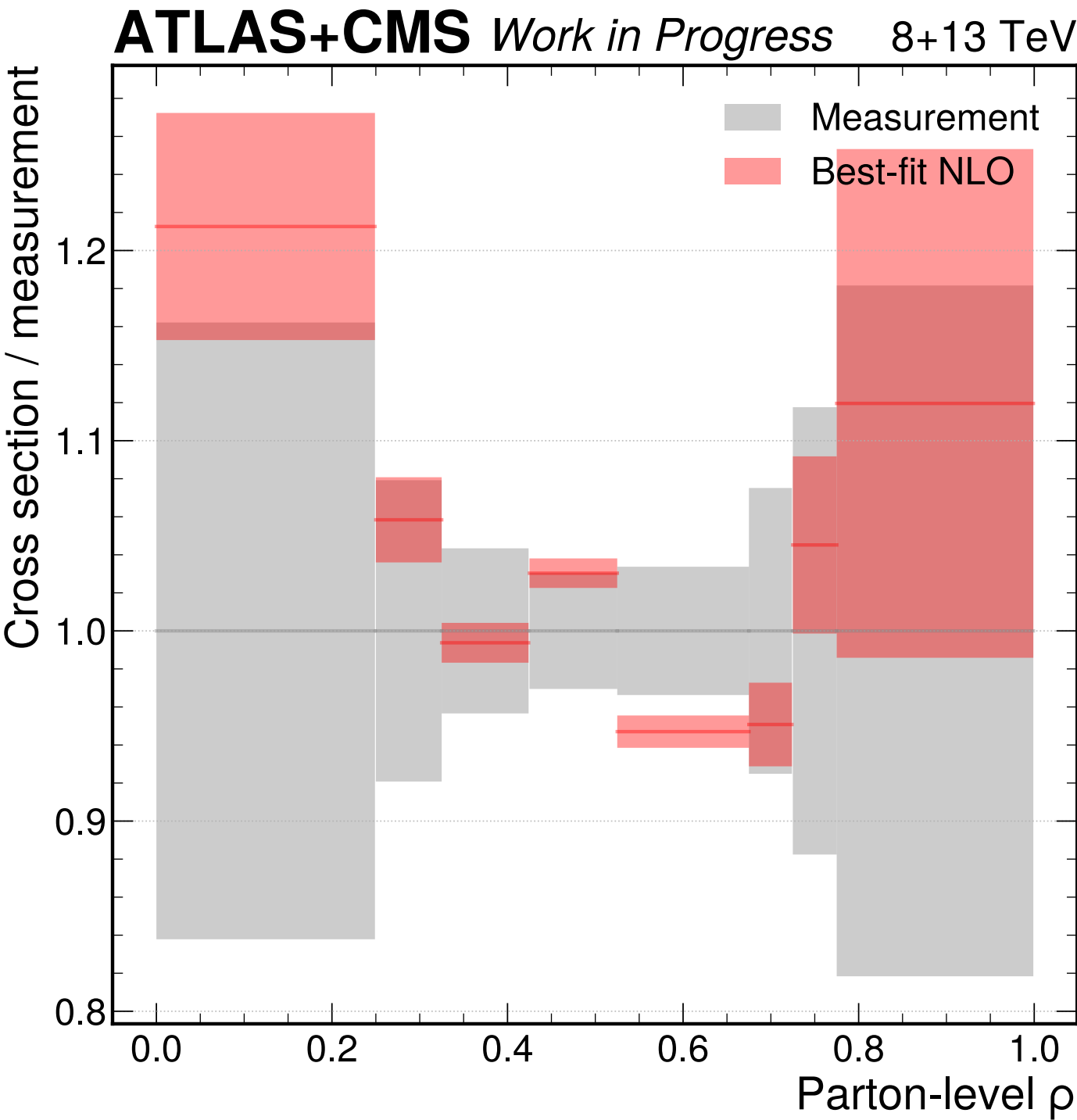
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We can get theory nuisance parameters..?
See [arXiv:2412.14910](https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.14910)

ATLAS 8 - ATLAS 13 combination - uncorrelated

- $m_t = 172.06 \pm 0.91 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.34 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ GeV}$
- Scale uncertainty = $+0.14 -0.12 \text{ GeV}$
- Seems largely driven by the 8 TeV result



ATLAS 8 - ATLAS 13 combination - with correlations

Correlated *tt* modeling

$m_t = 172.05 \pm 0.86 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.24 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ GeV}$

Scale ± 0.08

$\rho = +0.5$

Correlated *JES*

$\rho = +0.9$

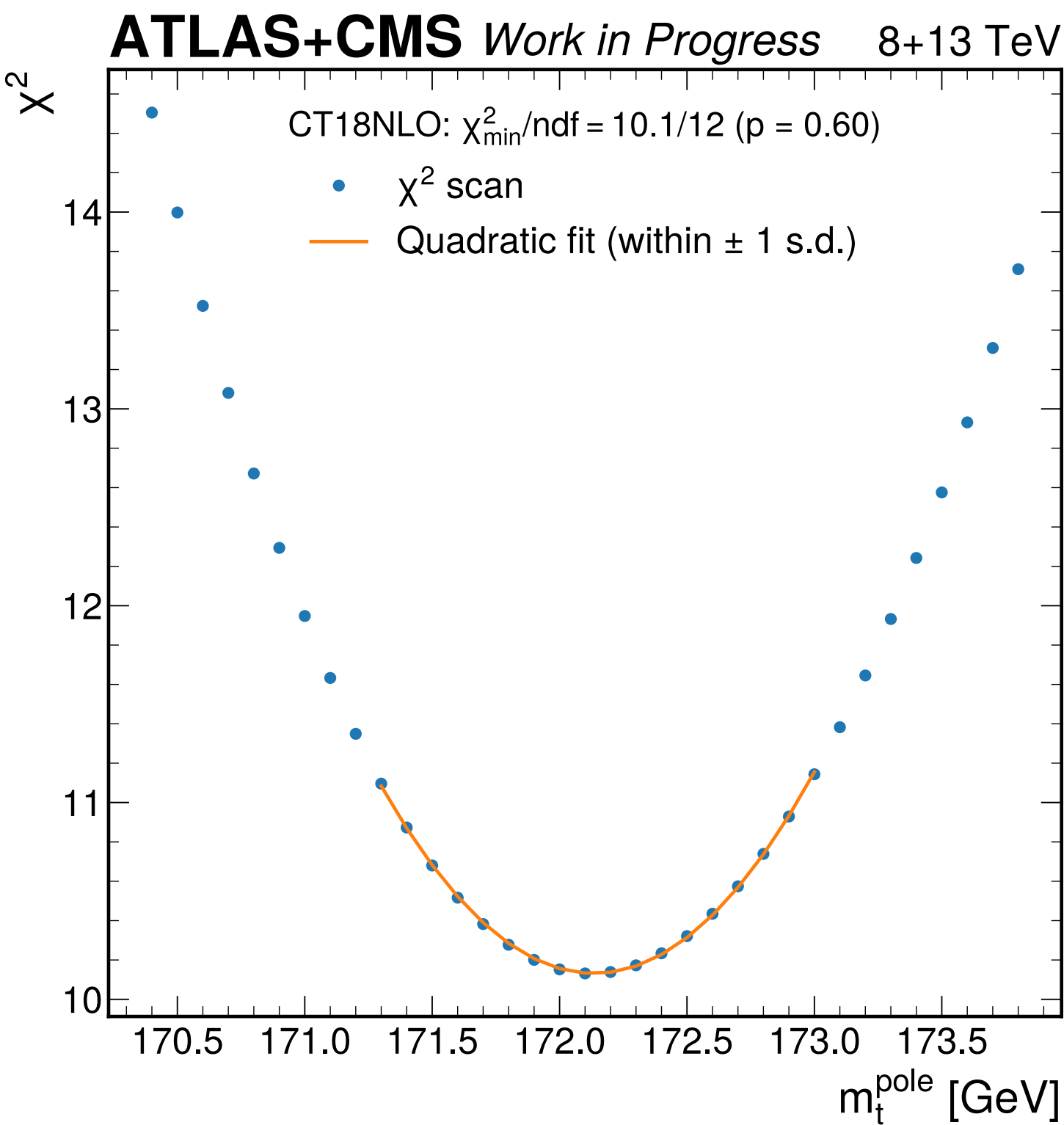
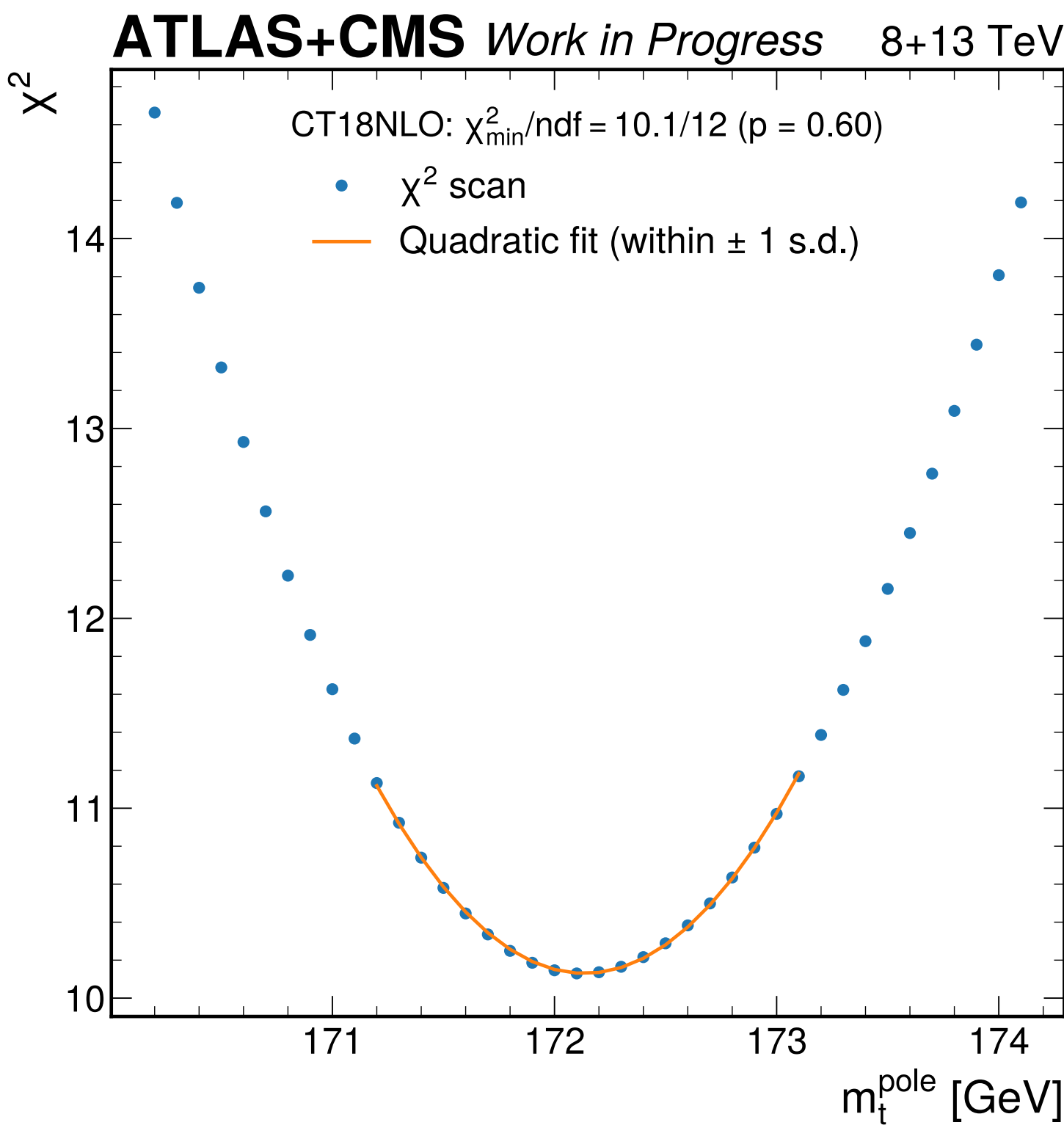
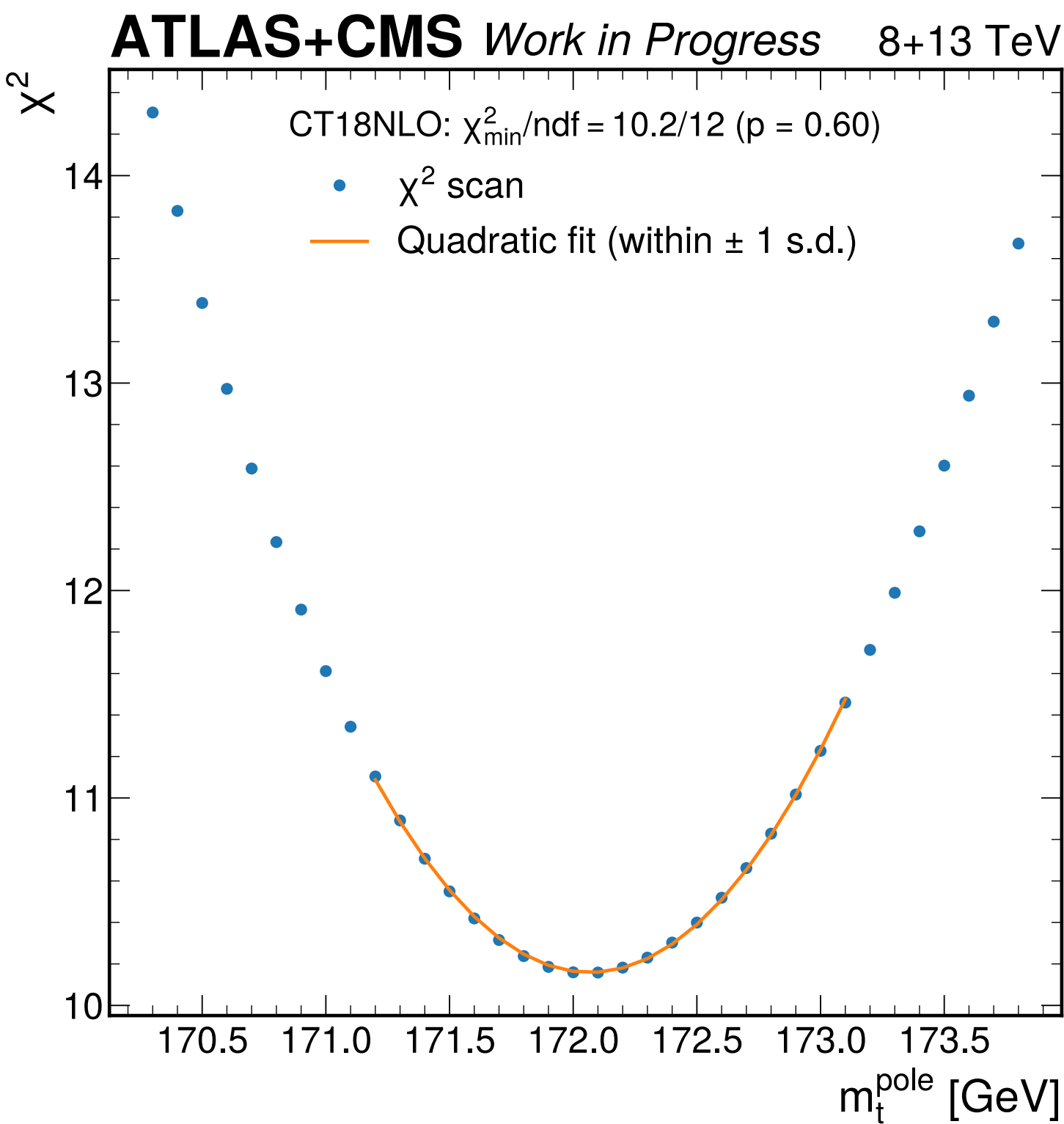
$m_t = 172.12 \pm 0.88 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.33 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ GeV}$

Scale ± 0.12

Correlated *tt* modeling+*JES*

$m_t = 172.12 \pm 0.82 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.22 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ GeV}$

Scale ± 0.08



ATLAS 8 - ATLAS 13 combination - with correlations

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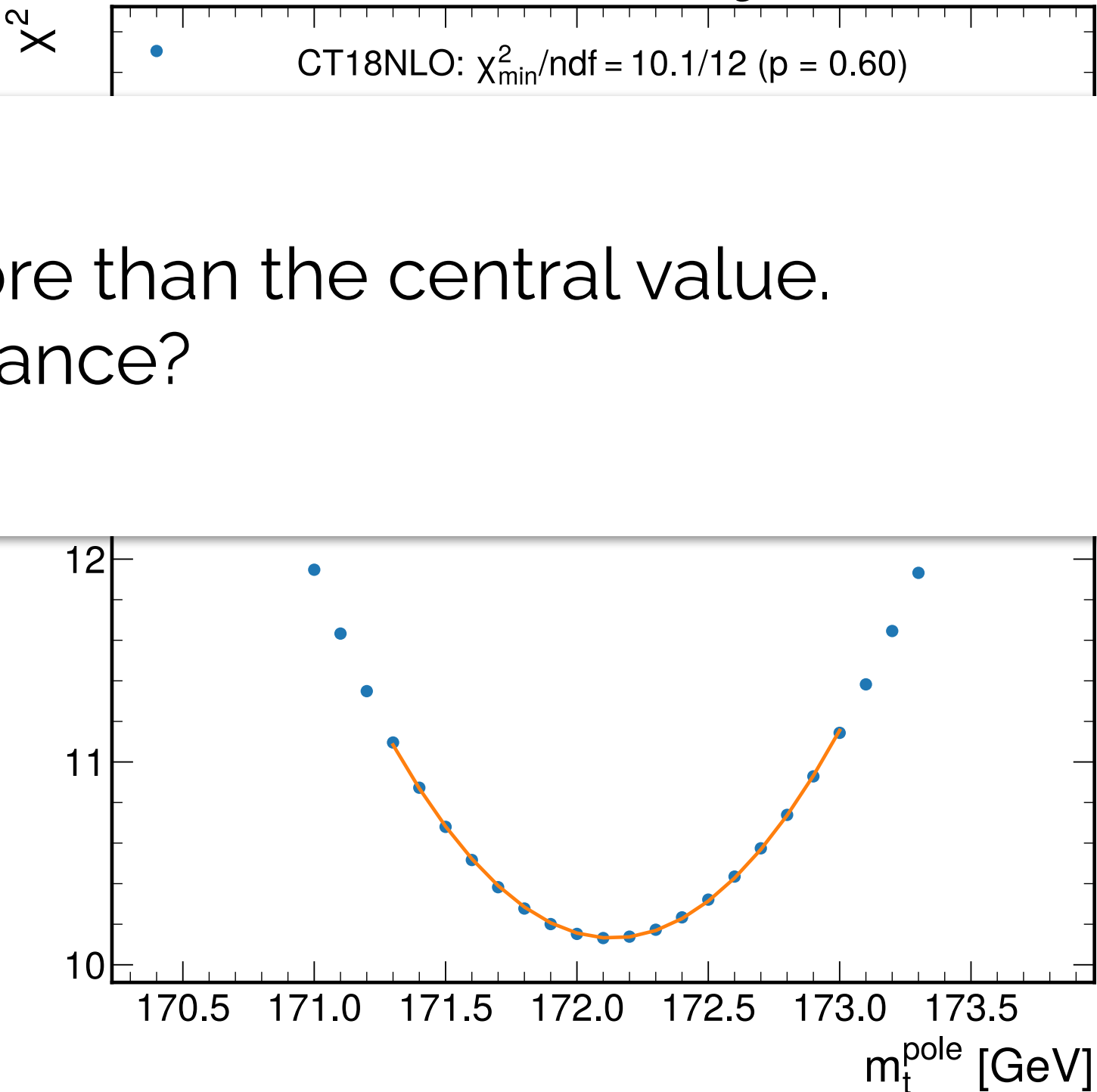
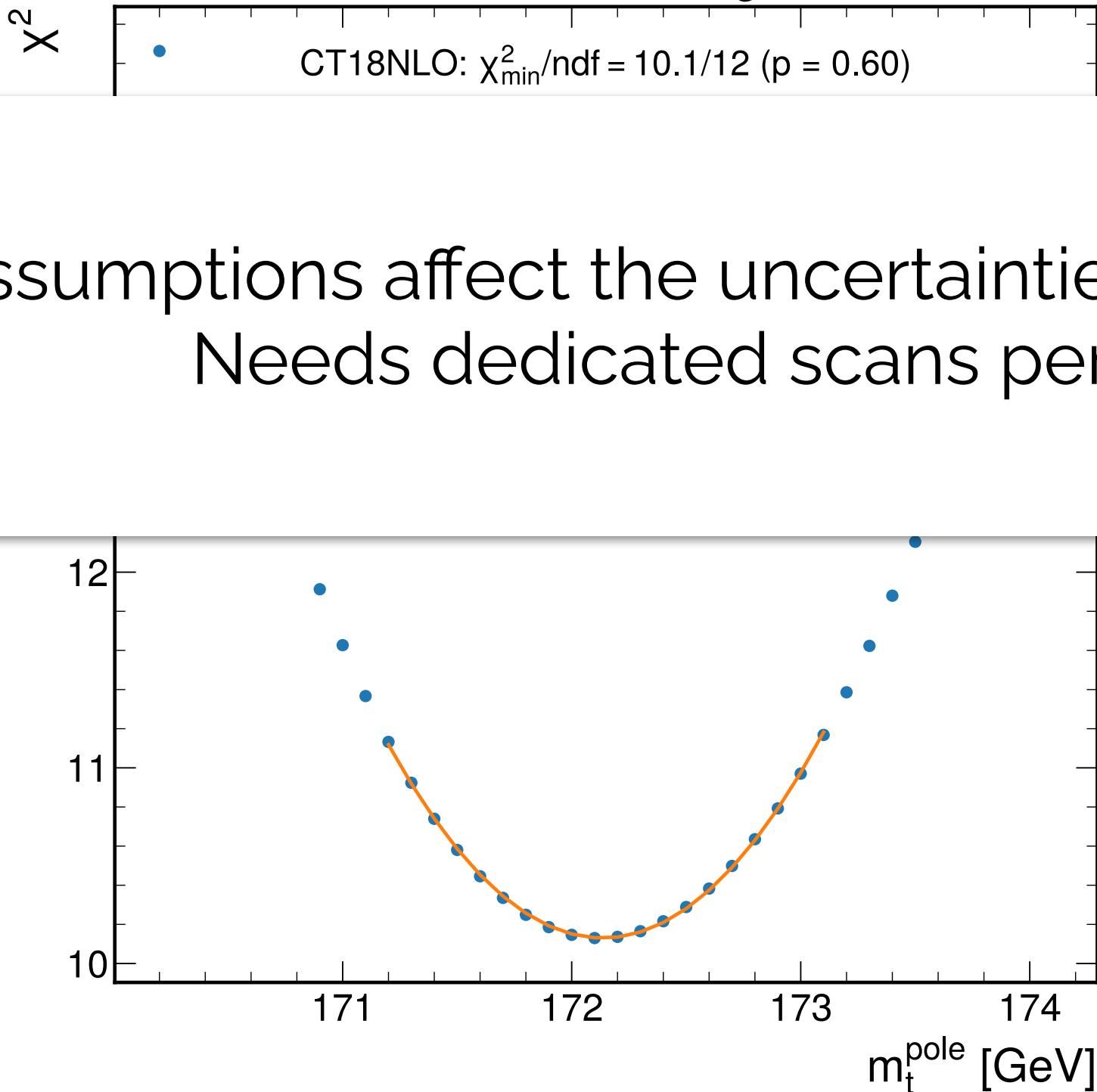
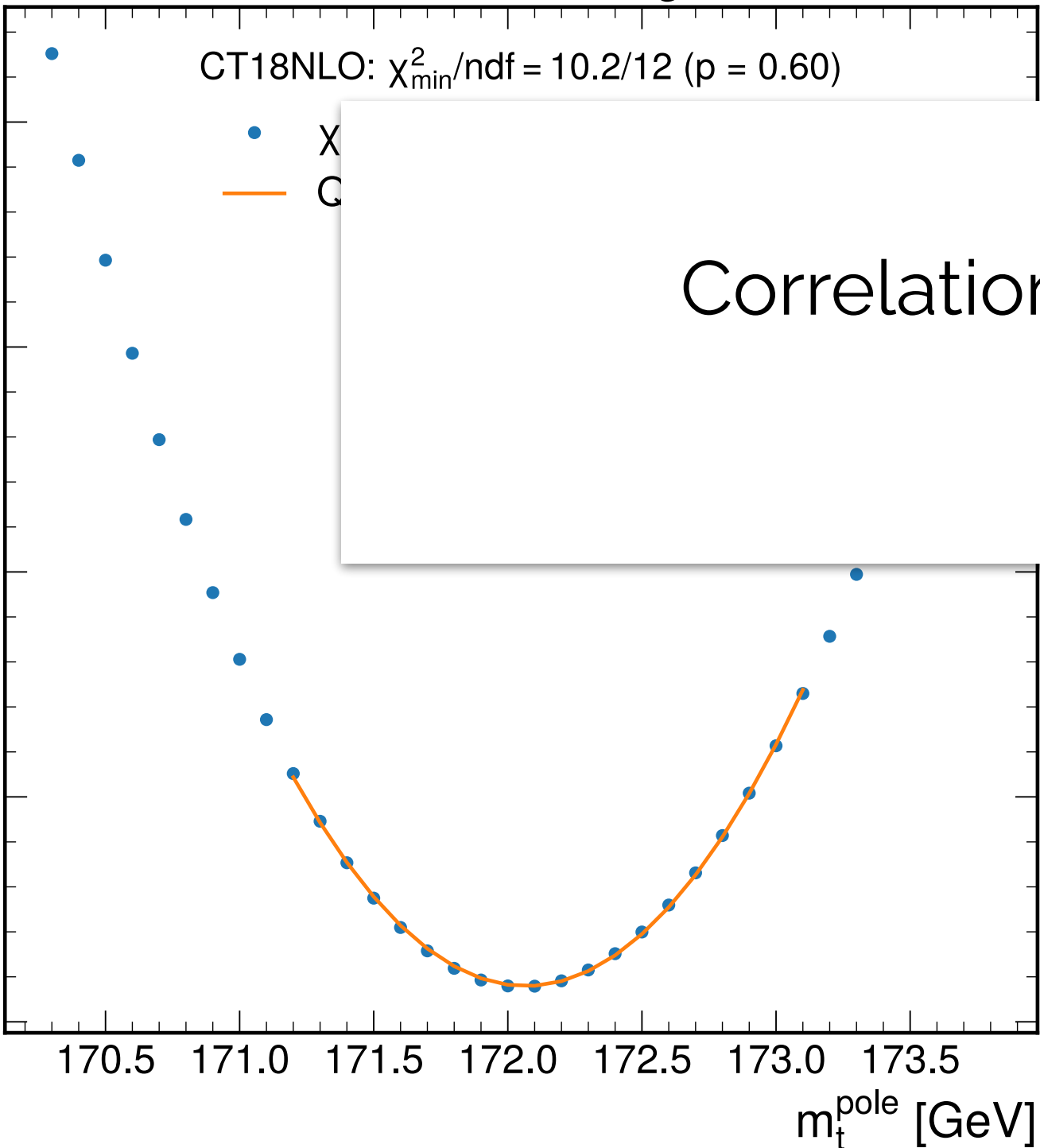
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ATLAS+CMS Work in Progress 8+13 TeV

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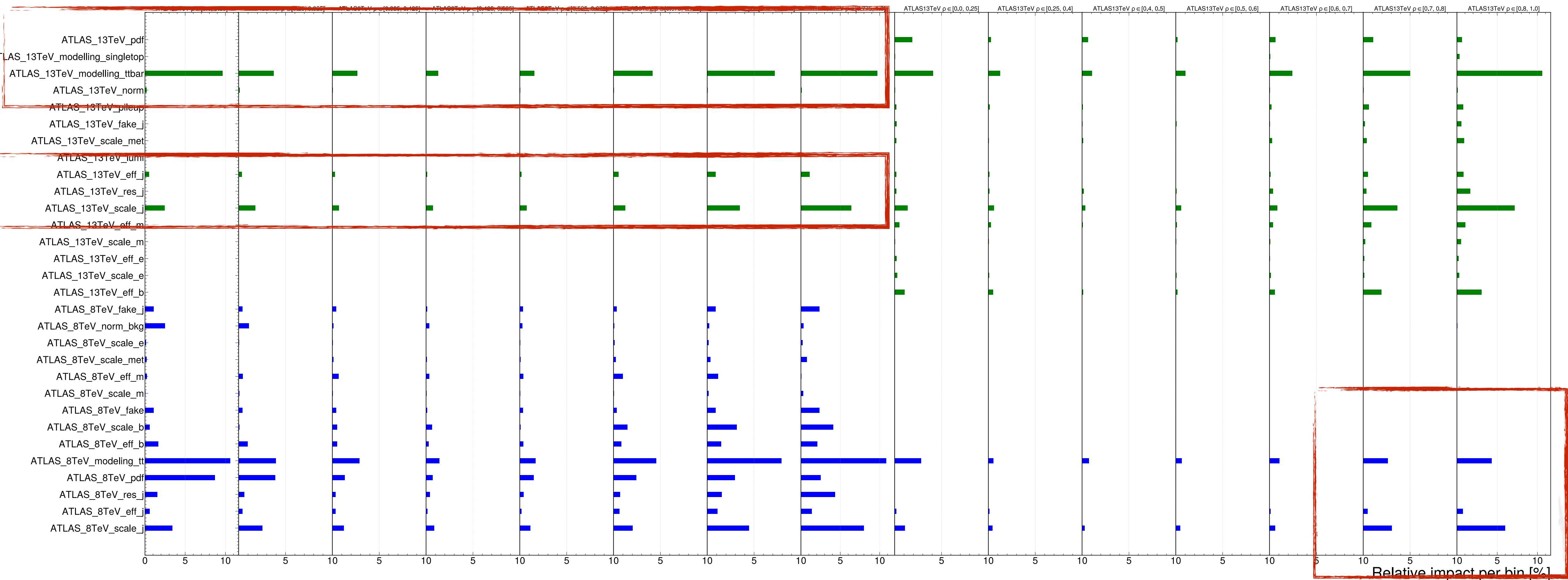
ATLAS+CMS Work in Progress 8+13 TeV



Correlation assumptions affect the uncertainties more than the central value.
Needs dedicated scans per nuisance?

ATLAS 8 - ATLAS 13 combination - with correlations

13 TeV JES and tt large effect on 8 TeV results - ~10%



ATLAS 8 TeV uncertainties, grouped

ATLAS 13 TeV uncertainties, grouped

*8 TeV JES and tt each 7% effect on 13 TeV,
last bins*

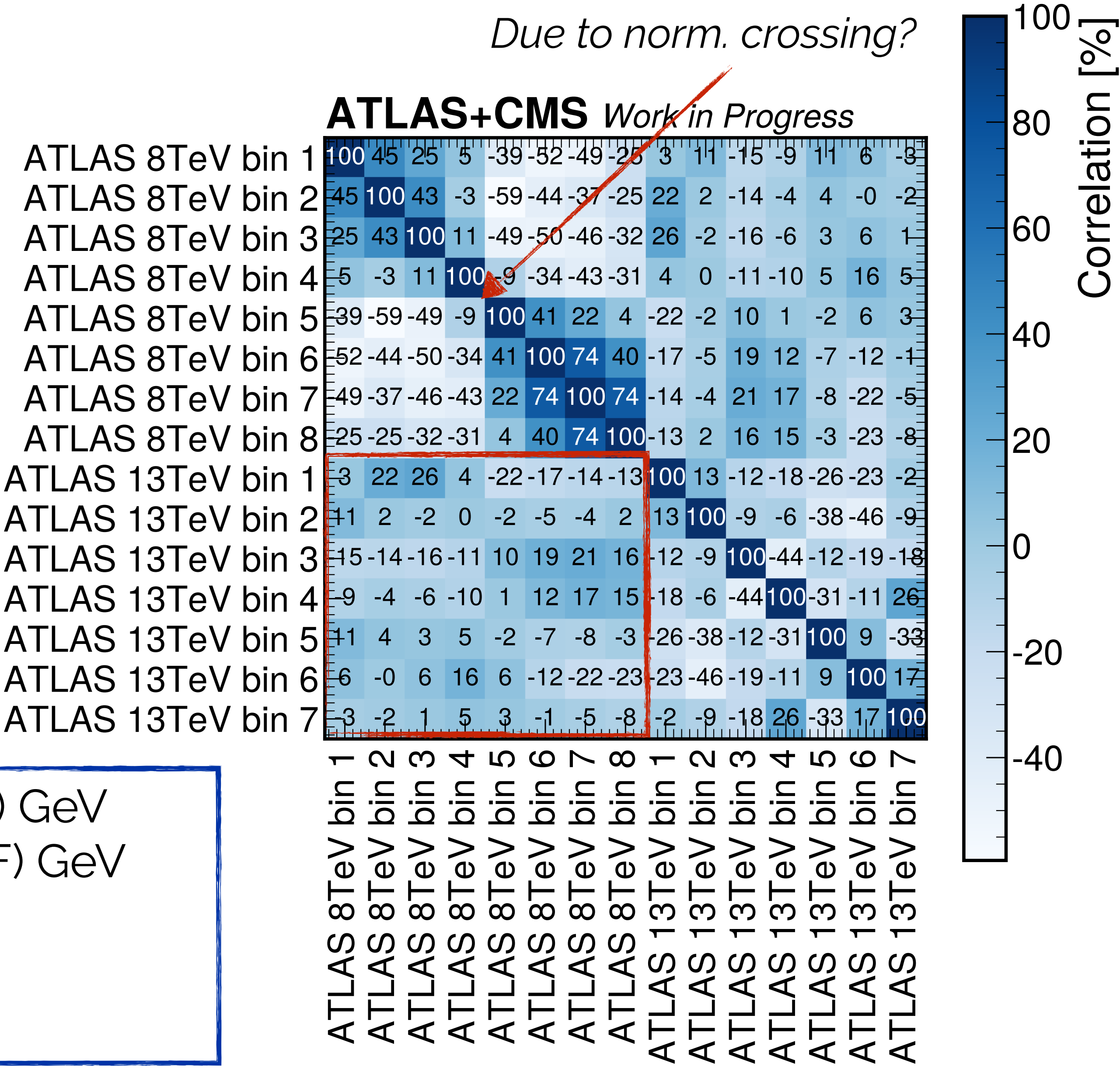
ATLAS 8 - ATLAS 13 combination - with correlations

- Explainable by post-fit correlation matrix
 - Up to -23 / + 26 percent correlations
 - Mostly between first bins:
 - Driving normalization?
 - Same crossing structure as in 8 TeV data alone

If we fit 2 POIs:

$$m_t \text{ 8 TeV} = 172.29 \pm 1.15 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.22 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$$
$$m_t \text{ 13 TeV} = 171.84 \pm 1.46 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.62 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$$
$$\text{Correlation} = -16.8 \%$$
$$\text{Difference} = 0.4 \pm 2.1 \text{ GeV}$$
$$\text{Ratio} = 1.003 \pm 0.012$$

p=0.52 (2 POI) vs. 0.60 (1 POI)



Combining CMS + ATLAS 13

Uncorrelated

$m_t = 171.86 \pm 0.97 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.44 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$

Scale $\pm \sim 0.30$

Correlated JES+modeling

$\rho = +0.5$

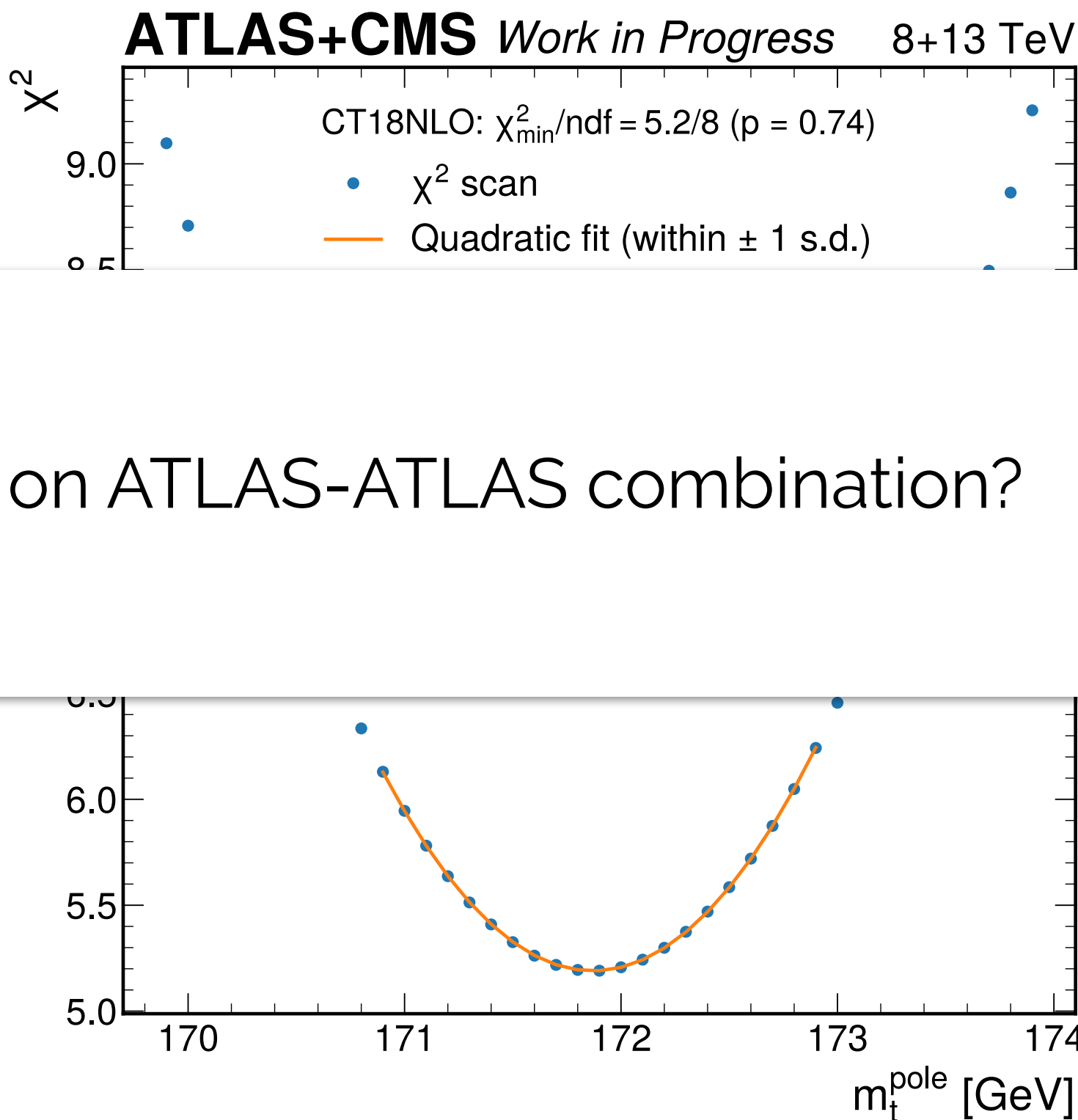
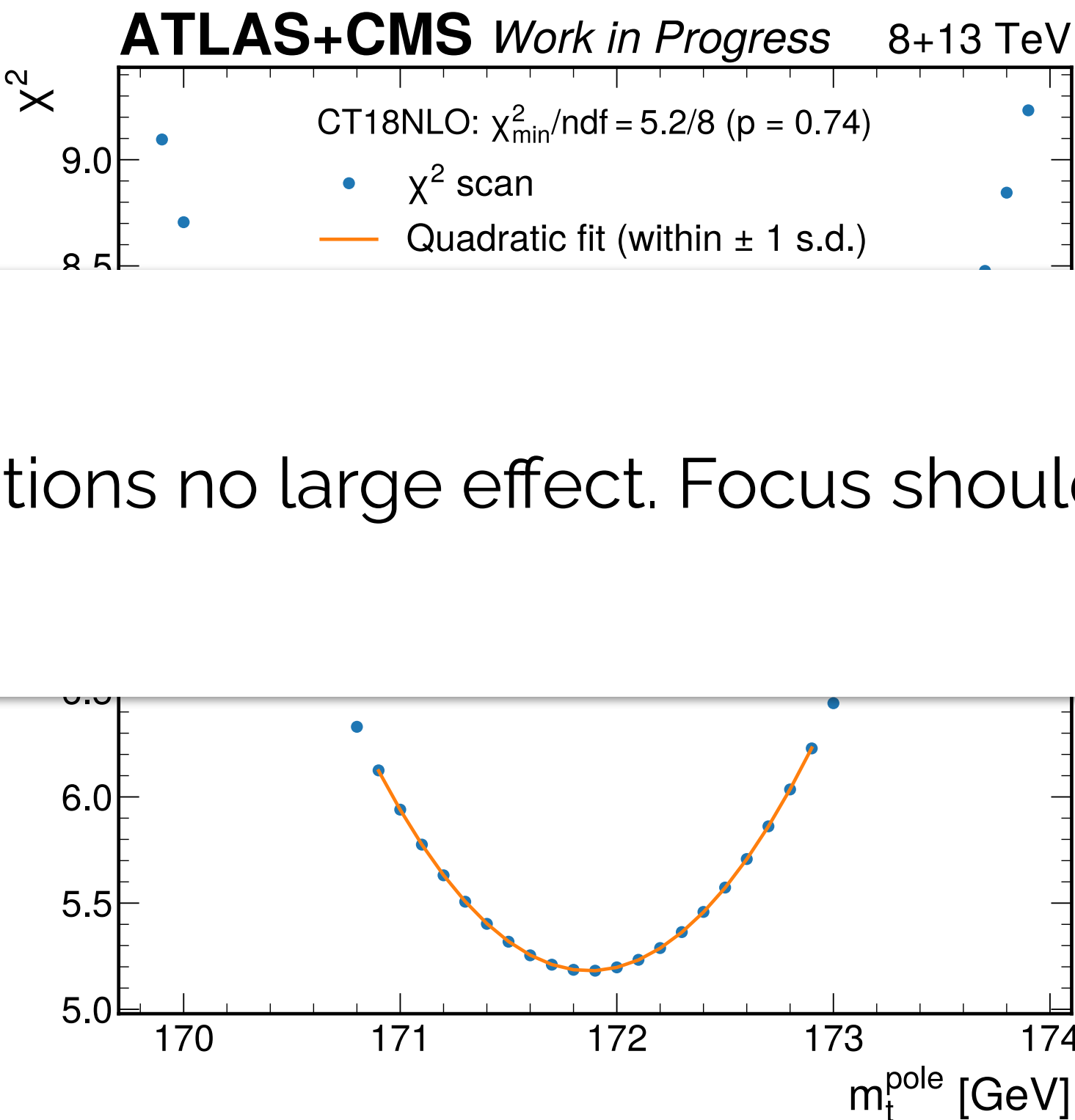
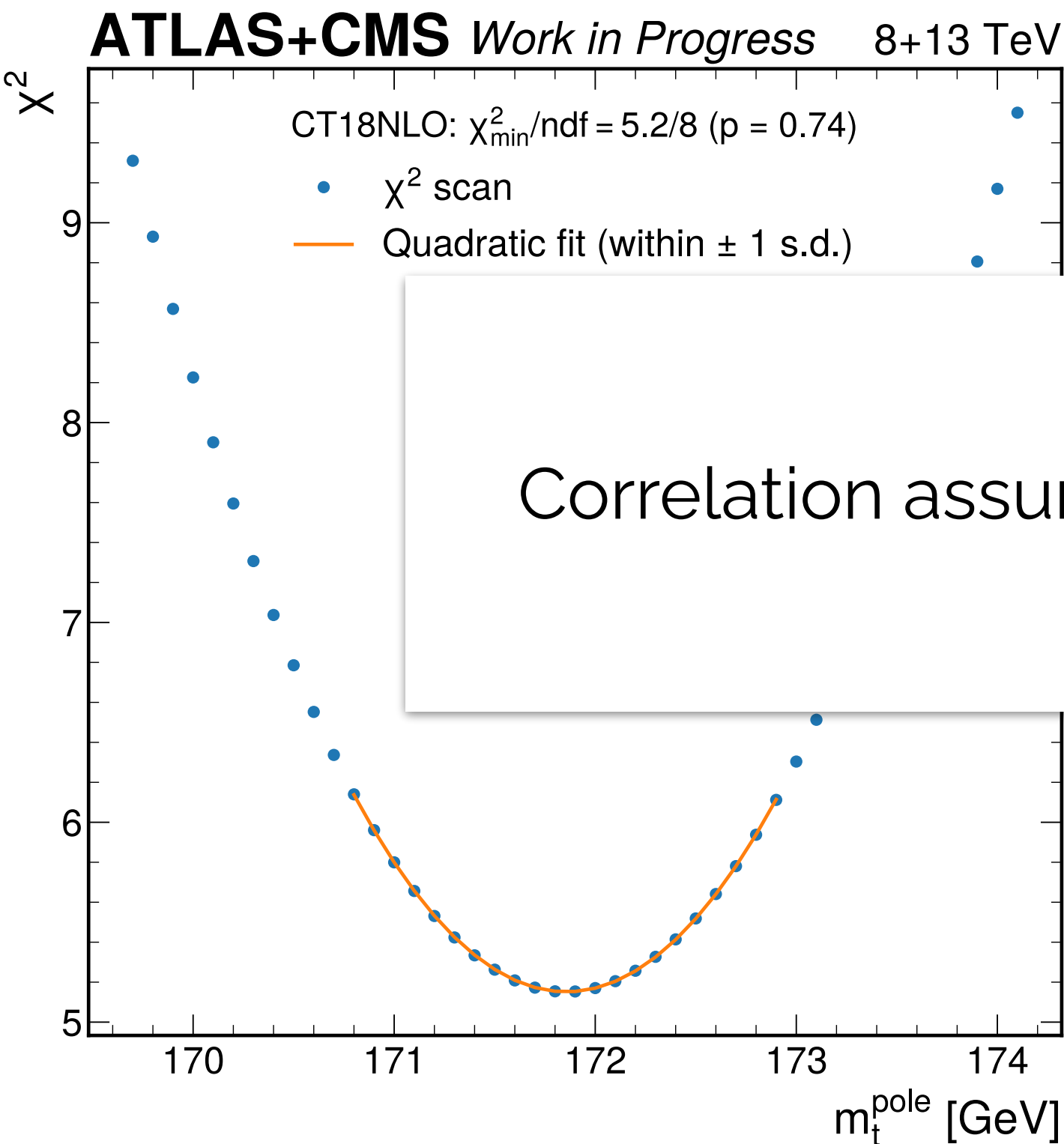
$m_t = 171.87 \pm 0.91 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.42 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$

Scale $\pm \sim 0.30$

Correlated JES+modeling+ttojet

$m_t = 171.87 \pm 0.91 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.42 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$

Scale $\pm \sim 0.30$



Correlation assumptions no large effect. Focus should be on ATLAS-ATLAS combination?

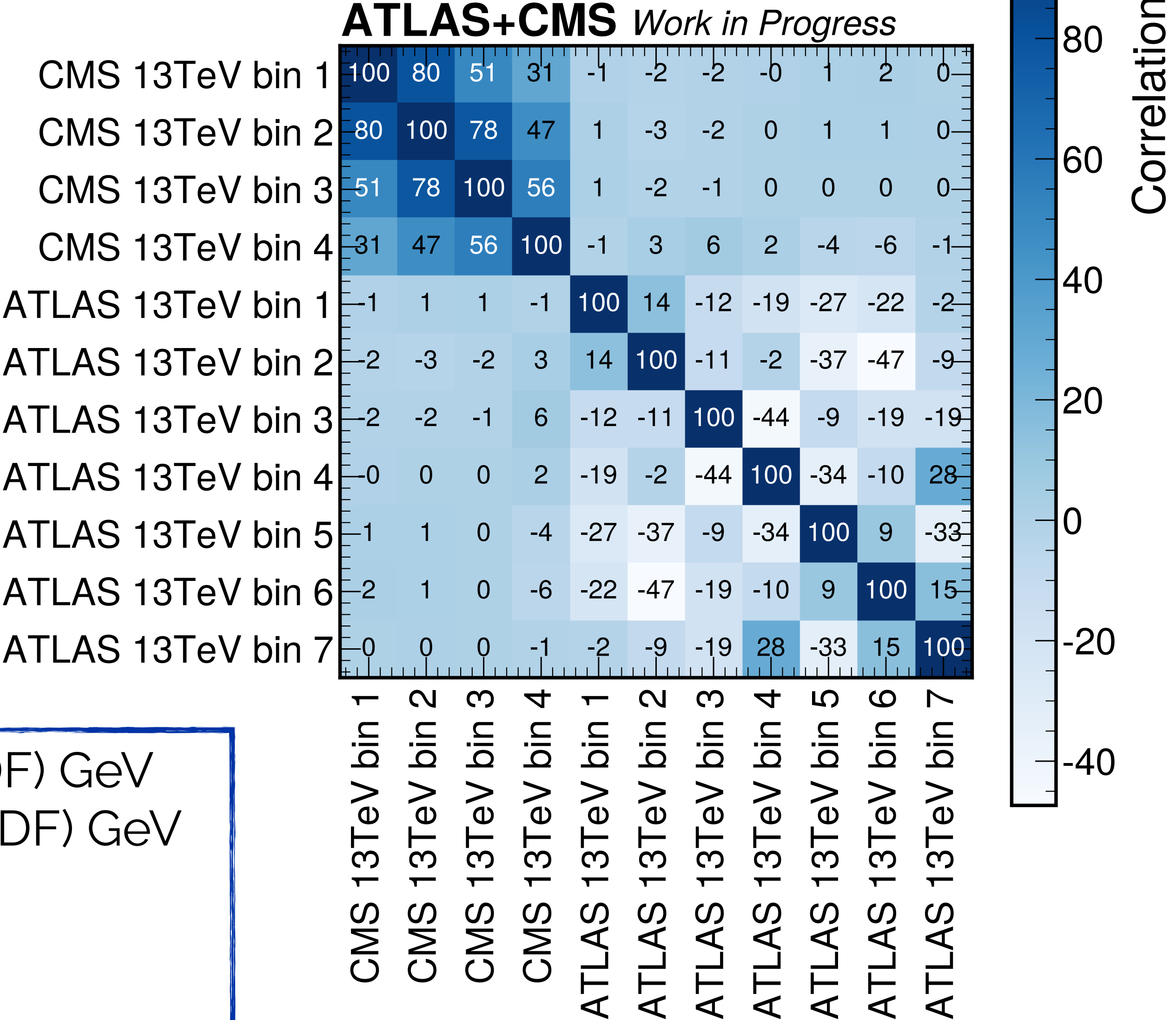
Combining CMS + ATLAS 13

- Mild correlations, as in 8 TeV case

If we fit 2 POIs:

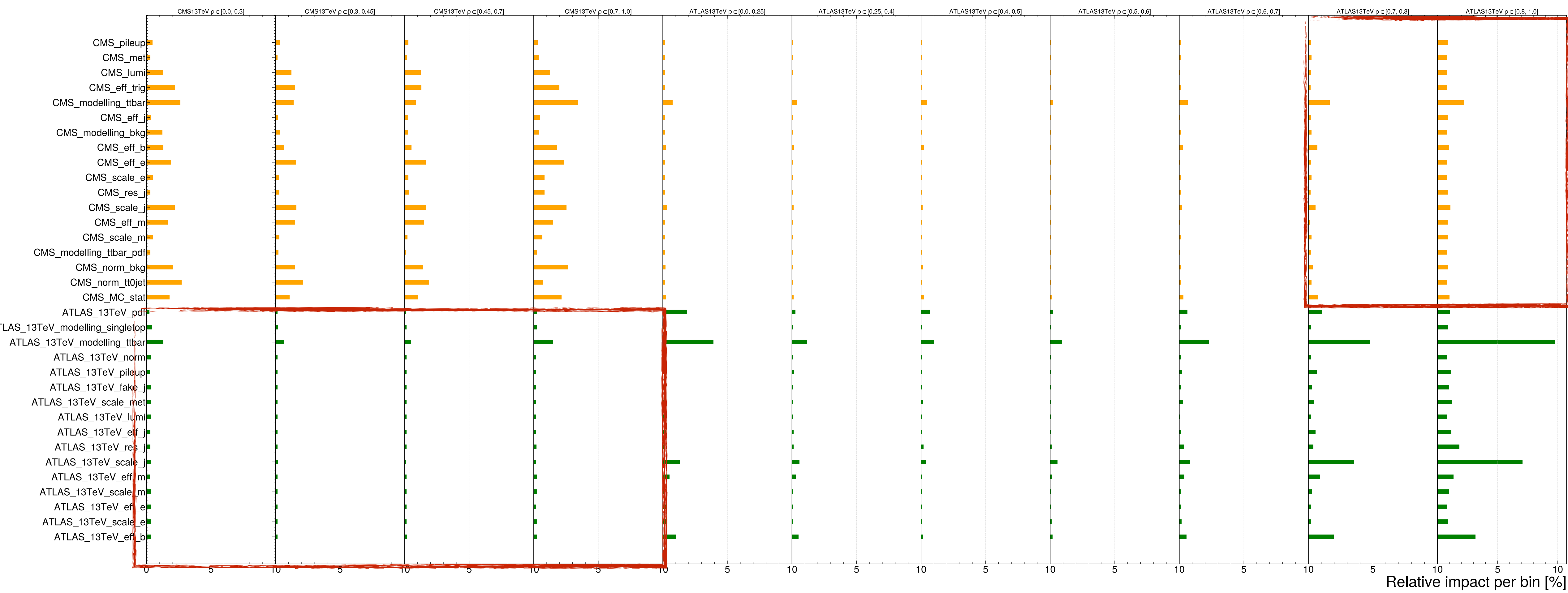
$$m_t \text{ CMS TeV} = 172.27 \pm 1.28 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.31 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$$
$$m_t \text{ ATLAS TeV} = 171.31 \pm 1.44 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.60 \text{ (PDF) GeV}$$
$$\text{Correlation} = -0.8 \%$$
$$\text{Difference} = 1.0 \pm 2.1 \text{ GeV}$$
$$\text{Ratio} = 1.006 \pm 0.012$$

p=0.66 (2 POI) vs. 0.74 (1 POI)



Combining CMS + ATLAS 13

CMS uncertainties affect flat 2% on last ATLAS bins



Mild impact from tt modelling - 2 % in the last bin

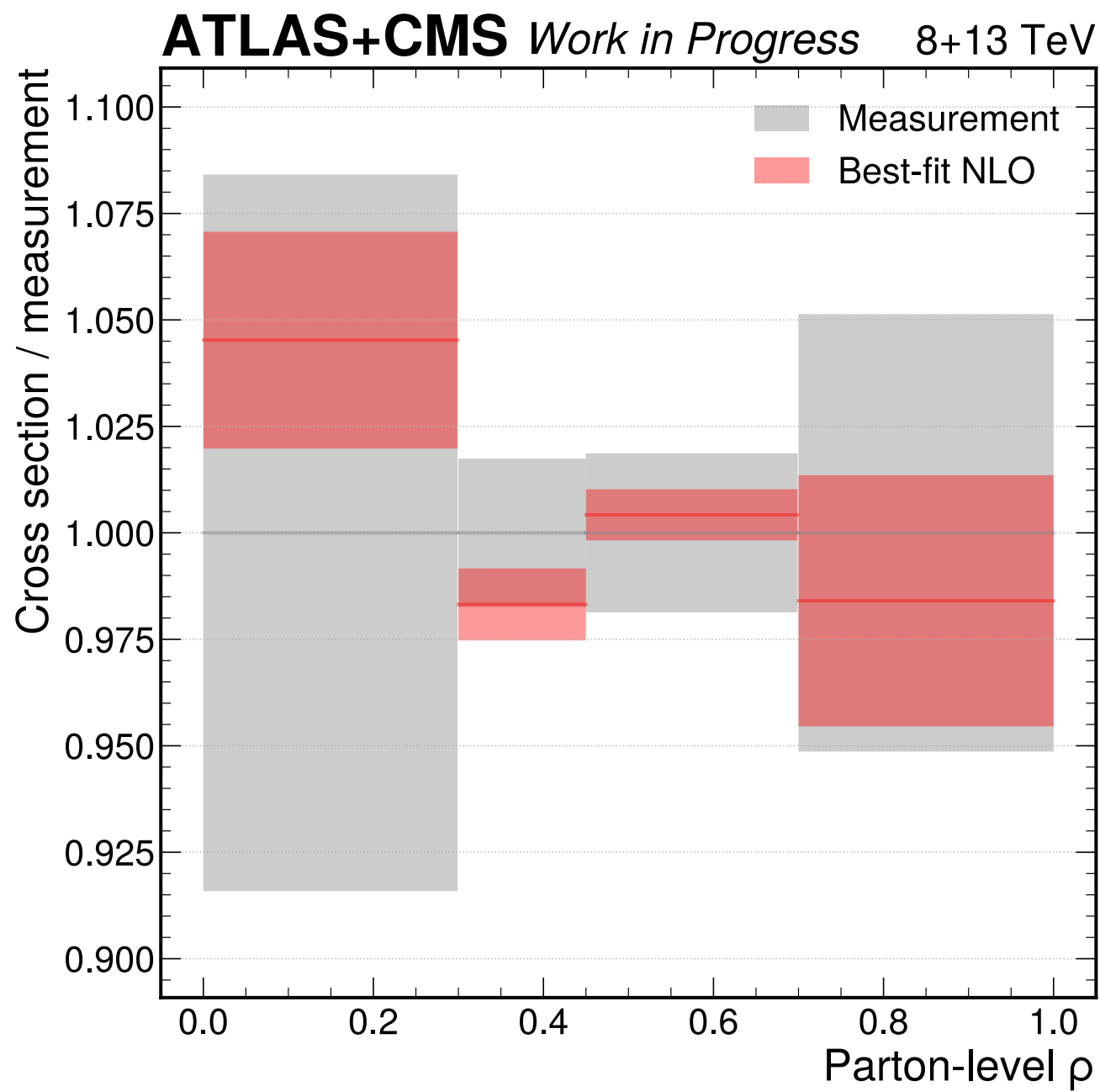
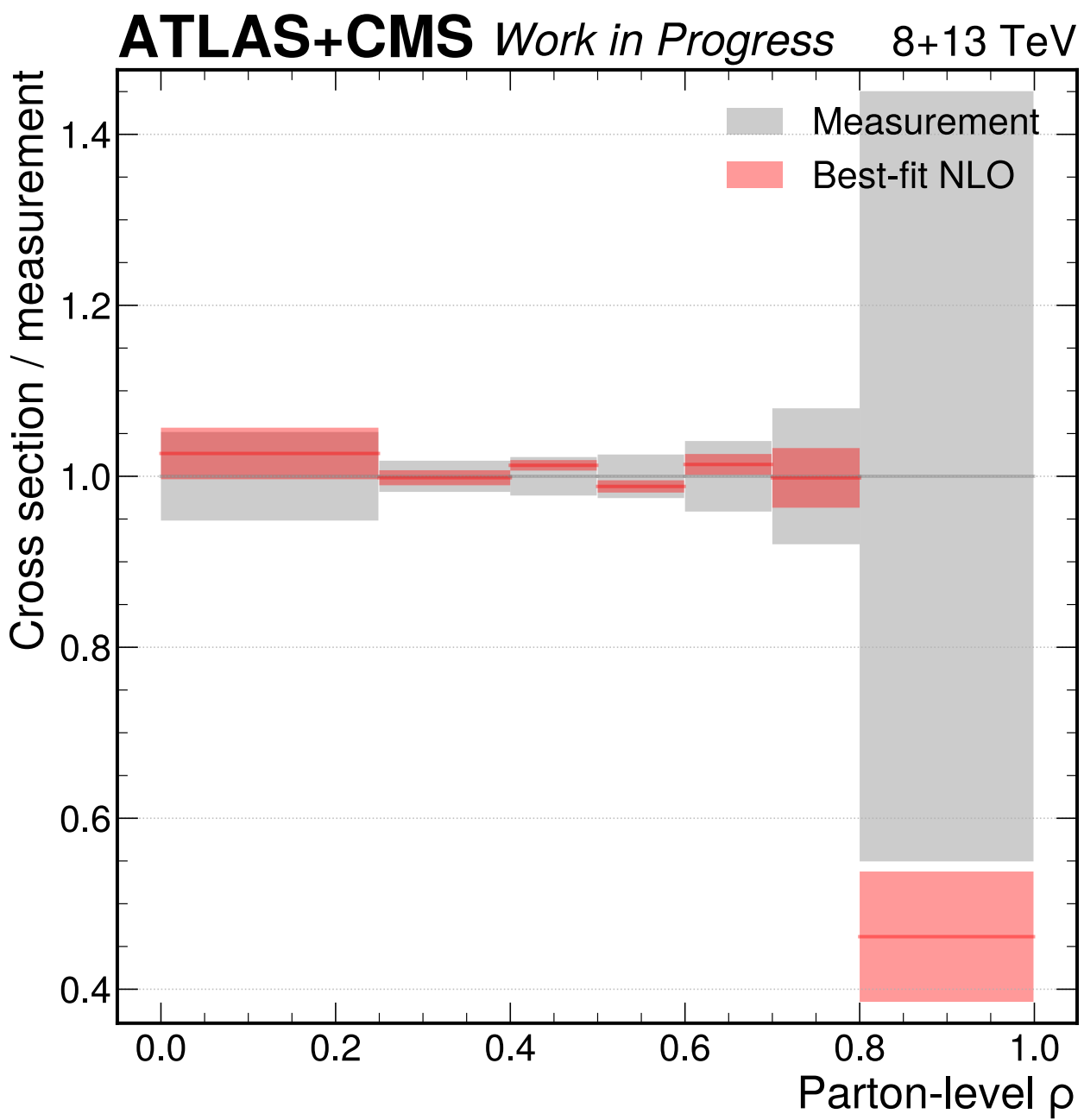
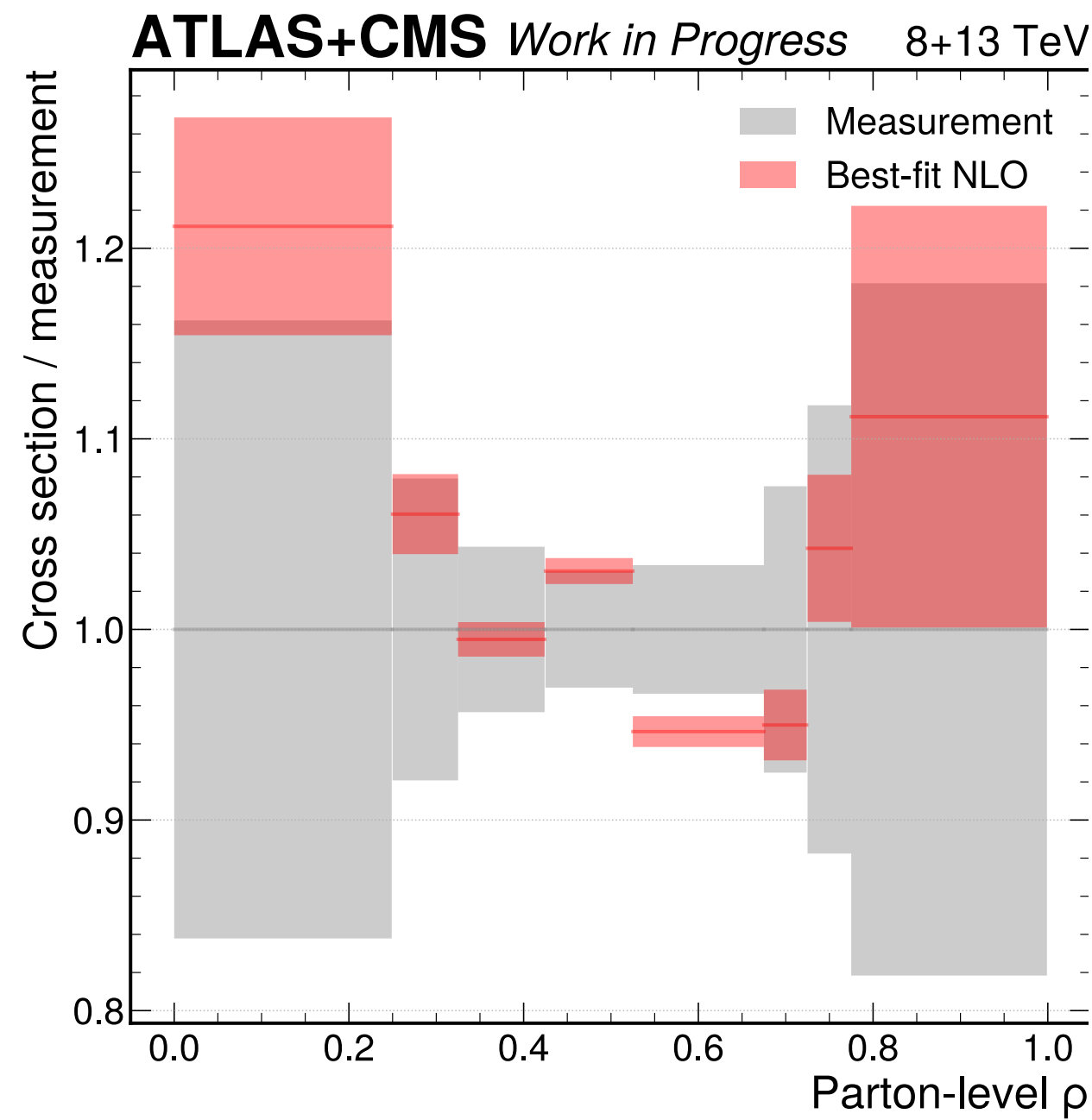
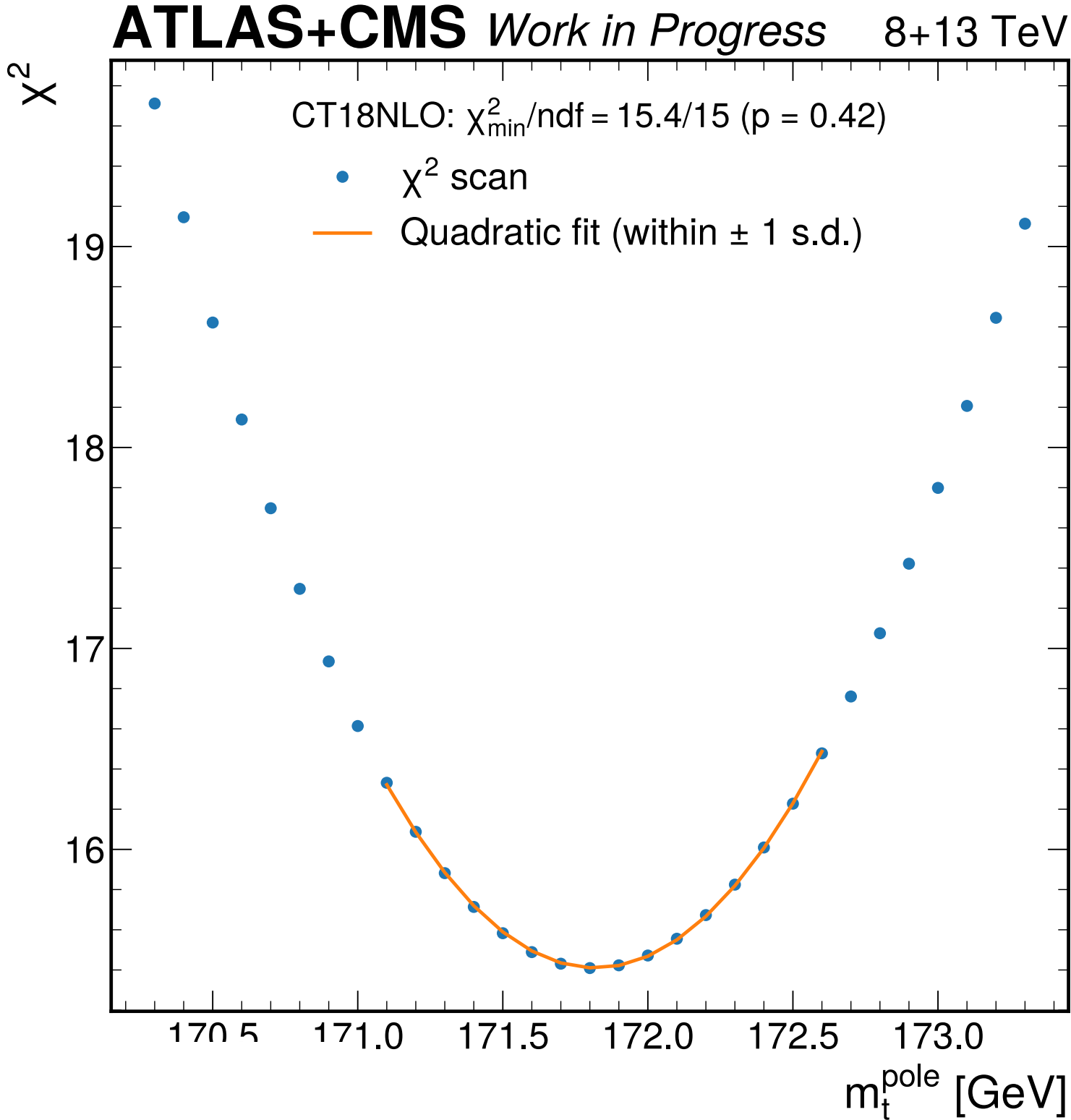
CMS uncertainties, grouped

ATLAS 13 TeV uncertainties, grouped

Grand combination - no correlations (yet)

- Good overall agreement
- $m_t = 172.12 \pm 0.75 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.31 \text{ (PDF)} \text{ GeV}$
- Scale uncertainty = $+0.16 -0.17 \text{ GeV}$

- Version with correlations unstable, coming from TBD
 - Trials with Convino take 1-2 days per setup...
 - Need separate configs...



$p=0.48$ (3 POI) vs. 0.42 (1 POI)

Correlations

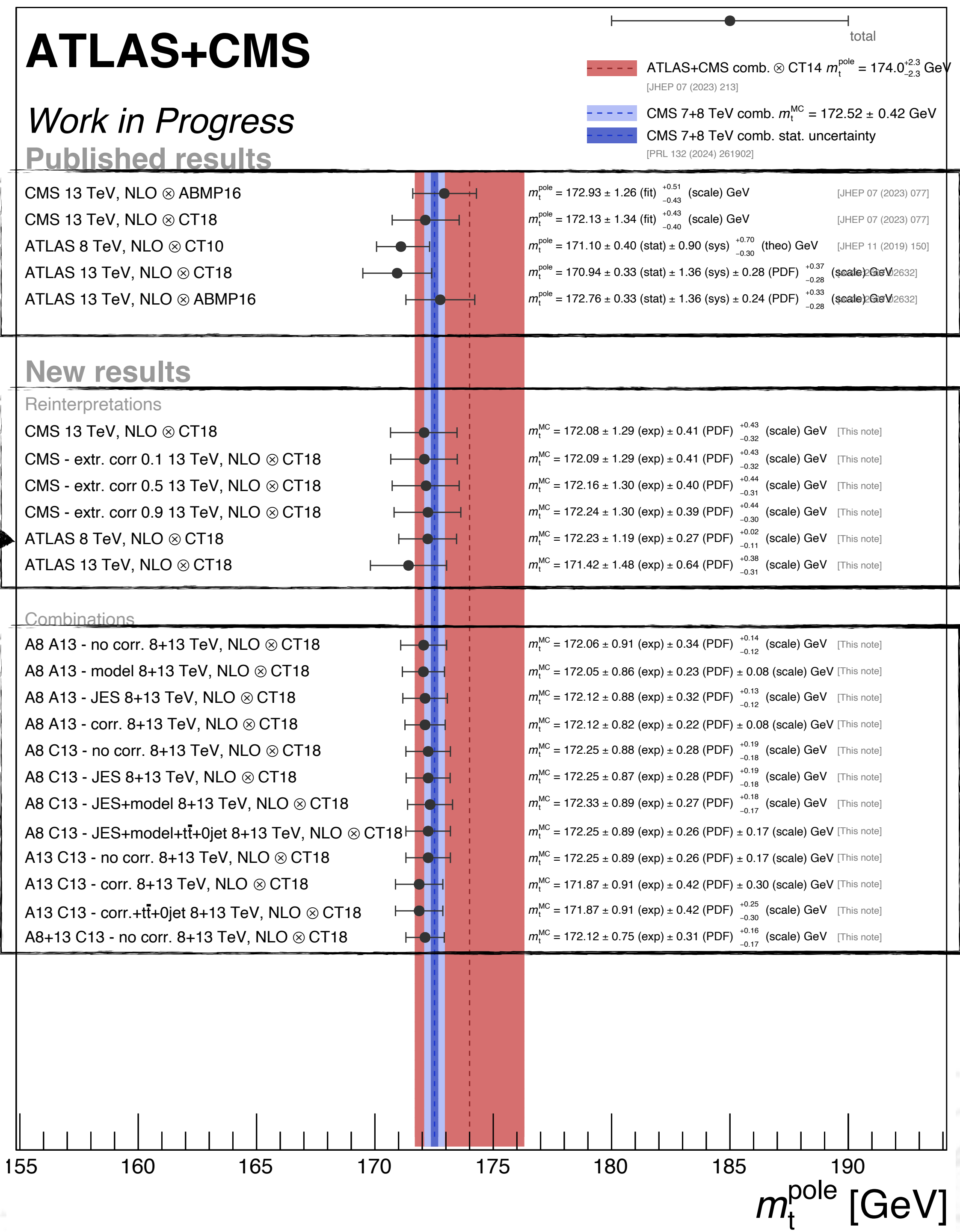
A8/A13: 3.2 %

A8/C13: 1.8%

A13/C13: 8.7 %

Let's put it in comparison

- Input measurements as published
 - ATLA 13 lower wrt. mean
- Reinterpretations standalone
 - CMS results closes within 50 MeV
- ATLAS 8 TeV result moves by 1.1 GeV towards CMS result
 - ~10% more precise
- ATLAS 13 different, see above
- Combinations:
 - Very compatible although different inputs
 - Driven by CMS / ATLAS 8 TeV?
 - Converging on ~172.1 w/ 0.7 GeV unc?



Conclusions and outlook

- We have a good baseline setup ready:
 - Any CMS + single ATLAS combination is solid
 - Well documented in AN
- Correlations to be studied in detail:
 - ATLAS — ATLAS
 - CMS — ATLAS 13 TeV
 - Especially “new” uncertainties
- We need a solution for Convino/flexibility?
- Let's follow-up and get NNLO quickly :)

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**LHC combination of the ATLAS and CMS top quark pole
mass measurements using $t\bar{t}$ +jet events**

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Backup



Revisiting the ATLAS 8 TeV result

- Revisited the 8 TeV published result implementing systematic uncs in a global covariance matrix

- Results:

- Stat-only fit: 171.1 \pm 0.45 (stat) GeV
- Stat+syst fit: 172.1 \pm 1.16 (stat+exp syst) GeV

Change in central value is possible as the bins weighting in the χ^2 minimization changes when systematics are included

- Published result used a stat-only covariance matrix (i.e. expected same central value as stat-only fit) and evaluated systematic uncertainties with a different approach (fitted mass values), obtaining:

- Published value: 171.1 \pm 1.0 (stat+exp syst) GeV

- *Total exp unc reproduced with a 150/200 MeV precision.*
- *Same central value for same fit type*

N.B. In addition a smoothing procedure was implemented to reduce stat. Fluctuations in the systematic shapes

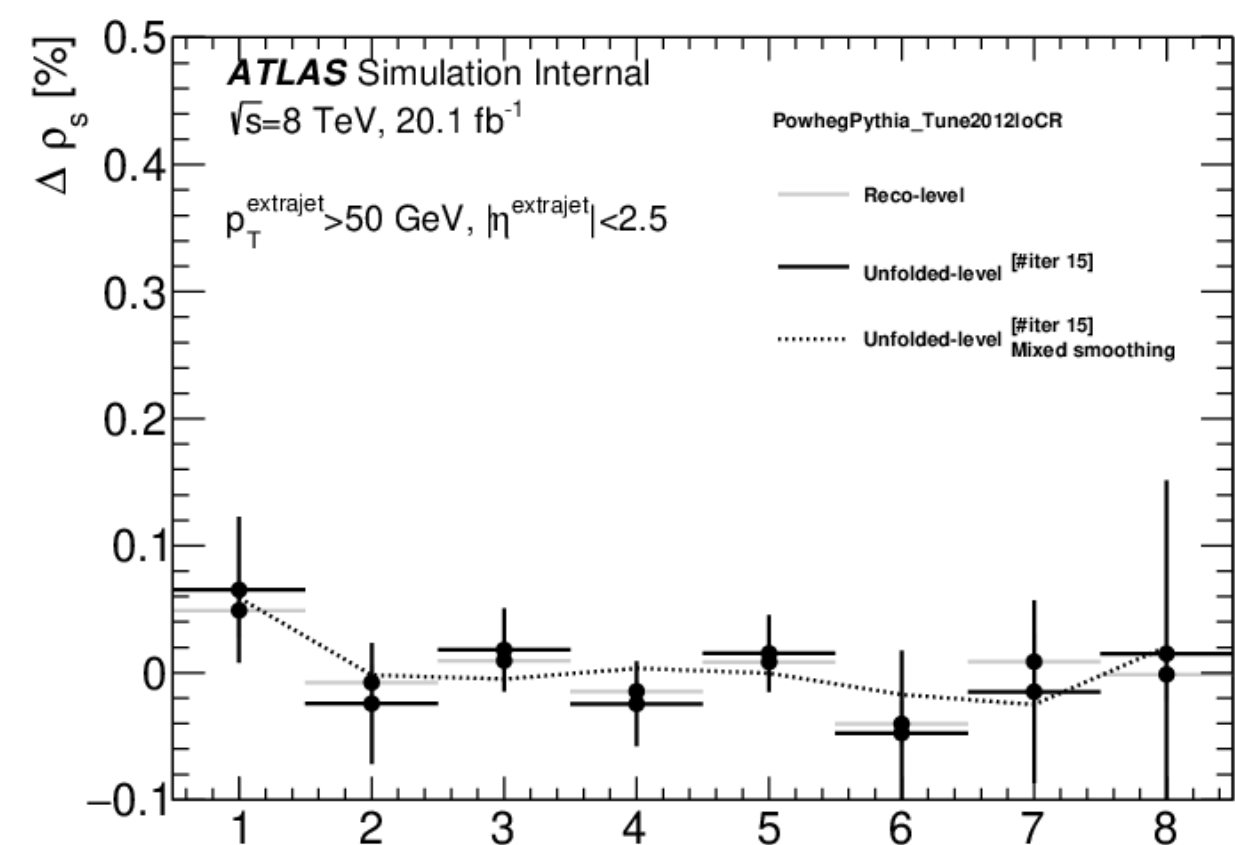
ATLAS tt+jet: re-visiting the 8TeV result

- Comparison of breakdown of uncertainties:
 - Breakdowns obtained with different methods:
 - Original 8TeV analysis: unfold and fit alternative distribution, compare mTsyst with ref.
 - Updated approach: do not add syst effect in the covariance matrix and get difference in uncertainty on mTop
 - Systematic uncs from alternative MC samples had associated statistical uncs up to 200MeV (per mTop extracted).

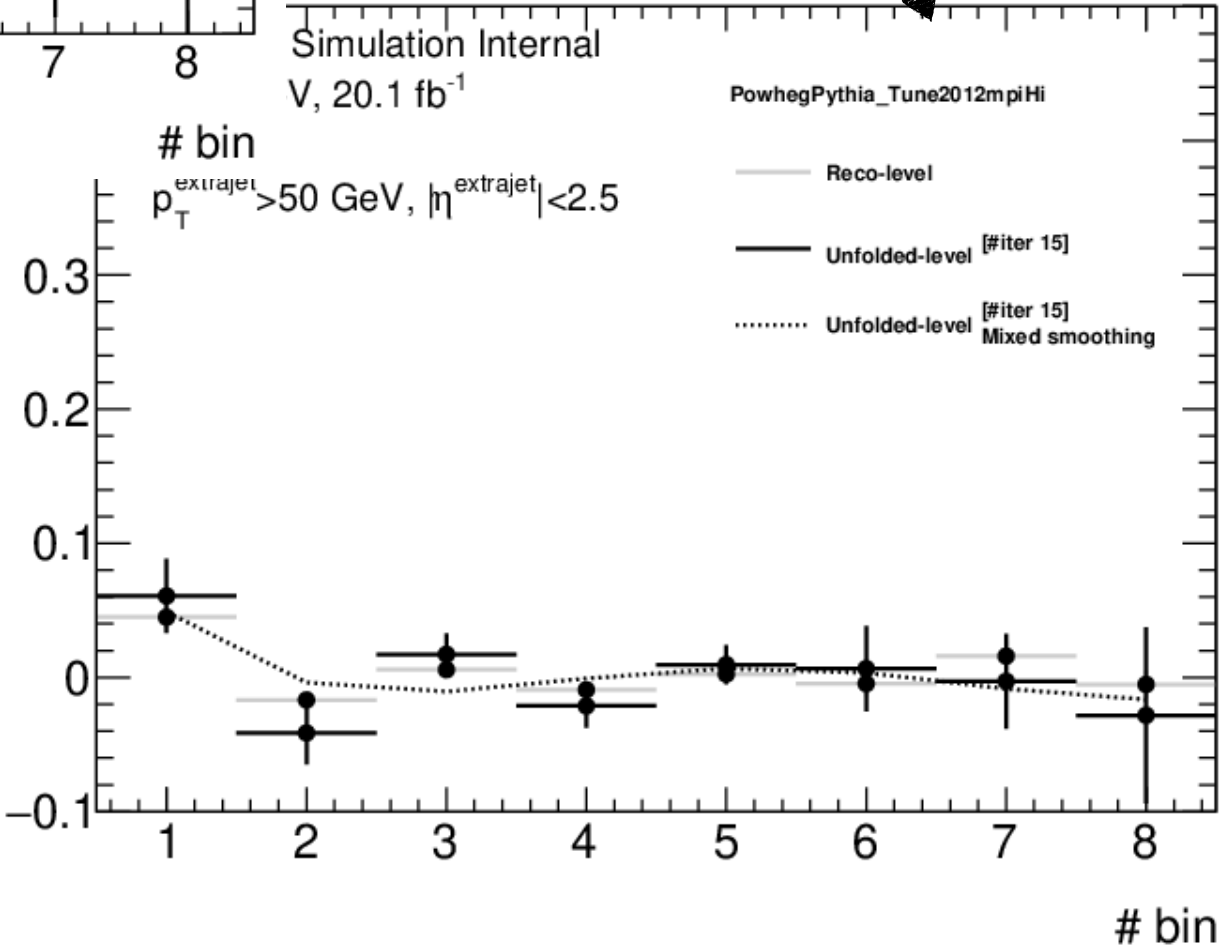
Description	Re-obtained value [GeV]	Ref. [7] value [GeV]
m_t^{pole}	172.11 (171.09 stat-only fit)	171.1
Total experimental uncertainty	1.20	0.9
Statistical uncertainty	0.45	0.4
Shower and hadronization uncertainty	0.32	0.4
Color reconnection uncertainty	0.2	0.4
Underlying event uncertainty	0.2	0.3
Signal Monte Carlo generator uncertainty	0.32	0.2
Proton PDF uncertainty	0.25	0.2
Initial- and final-state radiation uncertainty	0.47	0.2
Background uncertainty	0.07	<0.1
Jet energy and efficiency uncertainty	0.6	0.4
b-tagging efficiency and mistag uncertainty	0.13	0.1
Leptons and E_T^{miss} uncertainty	0.04	0.1

ATLAS tt+jet: re-visiting the 8TeV result

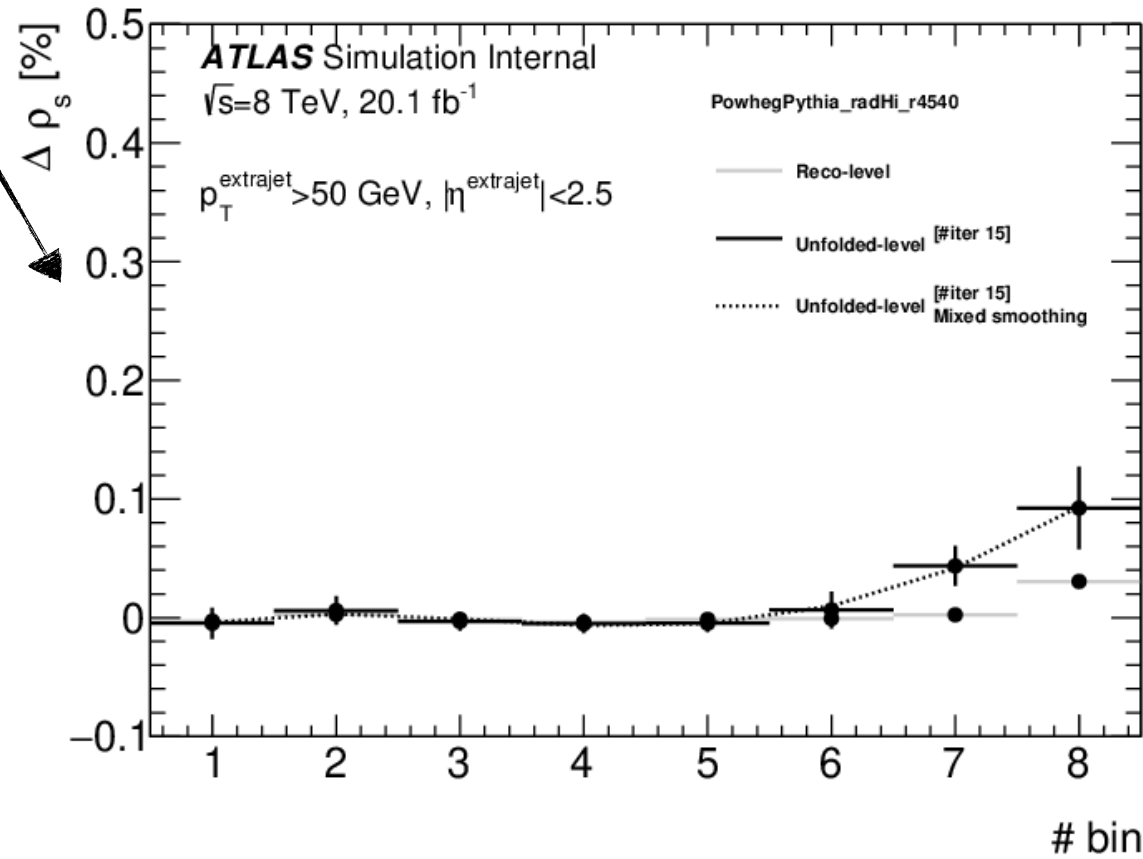
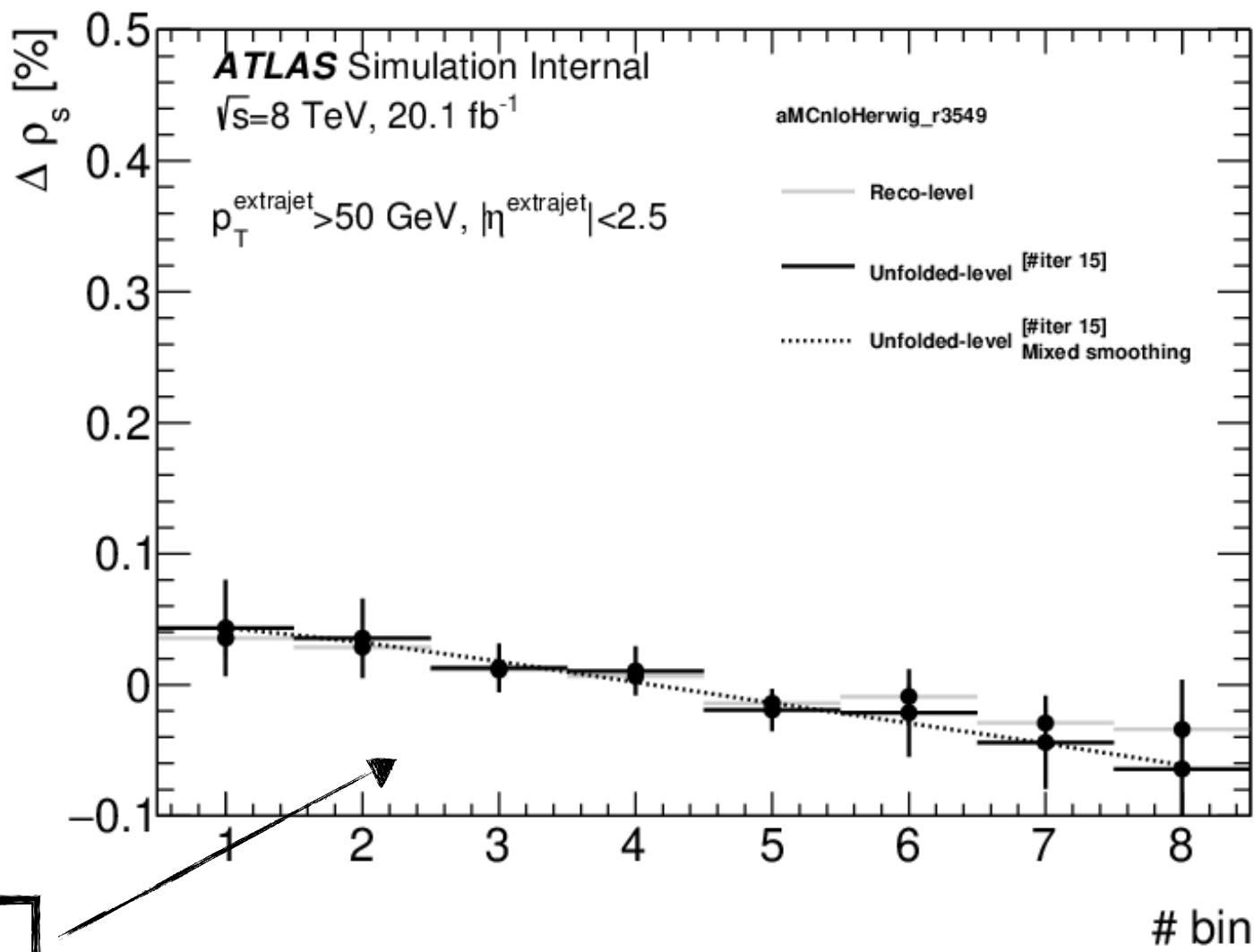
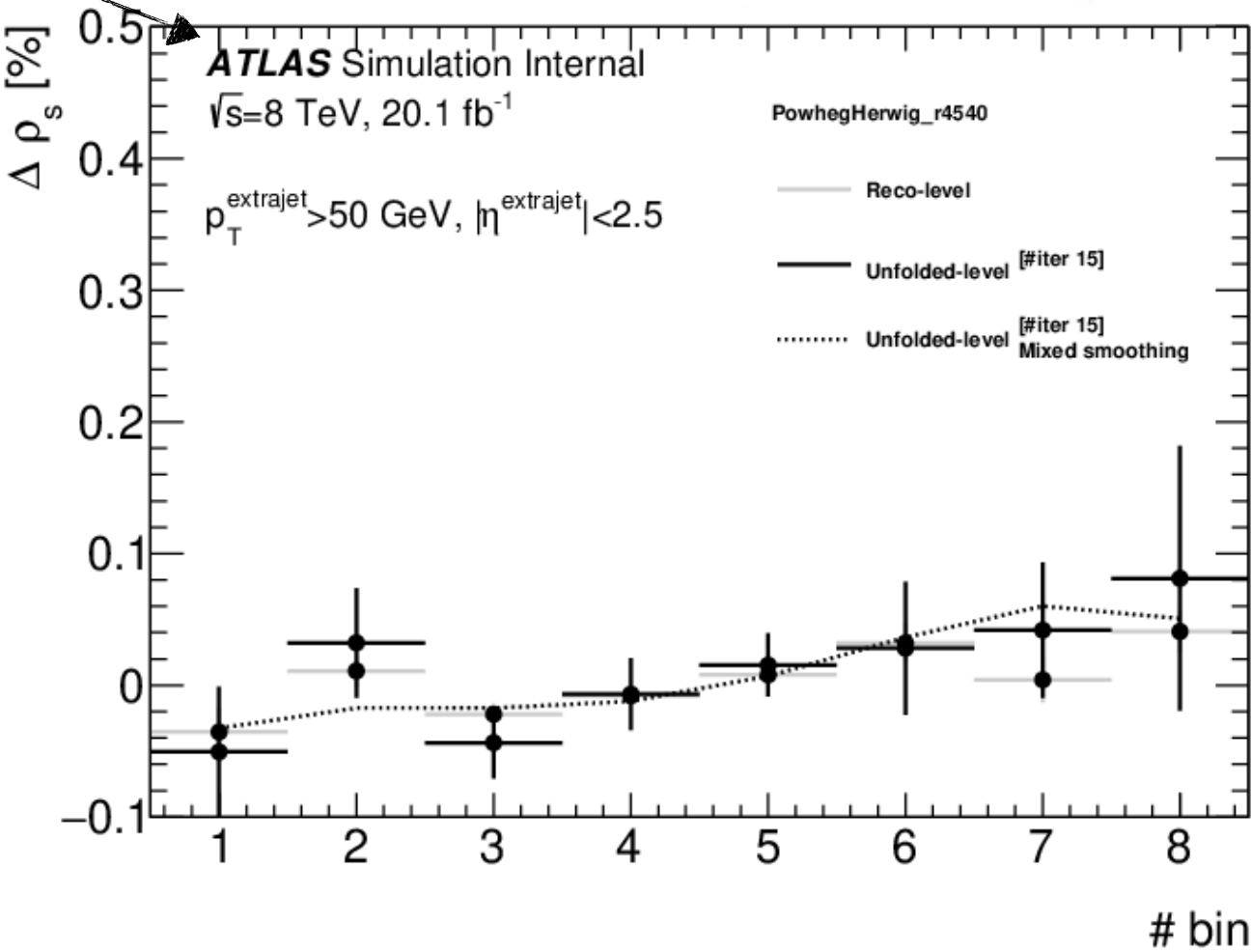
- New smoothing procedure:
 - Smoothing (dashed lines) applied to the shifts on the unfolded observable due to systematic effects
 - Mitigates the effect of statistical fluctuations



Smoothing cleans statistical fluctuations in other cases



Smoothing does nothing for some systematic shifts



Correlation assumptions: JES

- How do we decide on the correlations?
 - Work was ~already done: Run 1 direct top quark mass combination
 - → Fully applicable for JES and modeling
- Looking at TOPLHC NOTE: [link](#)

Implement it one to one:

Description	Components, CMS	Components, ATLAS	Corr. range
1a. Statistical <i>in situ</i> terms	AbsoluteStat, SinglePionHCAL, RelativeStat[FSR][EC2][HF]	[11] Z -jet balance stat./meth. terms (p_T), [13] γ -jet balance stat./meth. terms (p_T), [10] multi-jet balance stat./meth. terms (p_T), η -intercalibration statistical term (p_T, η)	0%
1b. Detector <i>in situ</i> terms	AbsoluteScale, SinglePionECAL, RelativeJER[EC1][EC2][HF], RelativePt[BB][EC1][EC2][HF]	Z -jet balance det. term, γ -jet balance det. term, [2] correlated Z / γ -jet balance det. terms (p_T)	0%
2. Absolute balance modeling	AbsoluteMPFBias	[7] Z -jet balance model + mixed terms (p_T), [4] γ -jet balance model + mixed terms (p_T), [2] correlated Z / γ -jet balance terms (p_T), [5] multi-jet balance model + mixed terms (p_T)	0-50%
3. Relative balance modeling	RelativeFSR	η -intercalibration modeling (p_T, η)	50-100%
4. <i>g</i> -jet fragmentation	FlavorPureGluon	Flavor response (p_T, η)	100%
5. <i>b</i> -jet fragmentation	FlavorPureBottom	<i>b</i> -jet response (p_T)	50-100%
6. Other fragmentation types	FlavorPureQuark, FlavorPureCharm	Flavor composition (p_T, η)	0%
7. Pileup	PileupDataMC, PileupPt[Ref][BB][EC1][EC2][HF]	N_{PV} offset (p_T, η, N_{PV}), $\langle \mu \rangle$ offset ($p_T, \eta, \langle \mu \rangle$), p_T term ($p_T, \eta, N_{PV}, \langle \mu \rangle$), ρ topology (p_T, η)	0%
8. High- p_T	Fragmentation	High- p_T (p_T)	0%
9. Single-experiment terms	TimeEta, TimePt	Fast simulation closure (p_T, η), punch-through ($p_T, \eta, N_{segments}$)	0%

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# Obvious ones from the JES mapping
ATLAS_scale_b = (0.75) CMS_scale_j_flavorBottom
ATLAS_scale_j_flavorresponse = (0.9) CMS_scale_j_flavorGluon
ATLAS_scale_j_EtaIntercalibrationModel = (0.75) CMS_scale_j_relativeFSR
CMS_scale_j_absoluteMPFBias = (0.25) ATLAS_scale_j_Mix1
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Table 4: The range of correlation coefficients to be used for each individual ATLAS and CMS JES uncertainty source and component grouping when combining measurements between the experiments. The variables used to parametrize each ATLAS uncertainty component are listed in parentheses. If more than one ATLAS uncertainty component matches a given classification, the corresponding number is listed at the start in square brackets. The variable named $N_{segments}$ is the number of segments in the muon system behind the jet, as described in Ref. [10].

Correlation assumptions: tt modeling

- Checking the analysis note of the Run 1 combination: [link](#)
- LHC Had: CMS b fragmentation and ATLAS Herwig vs Pythia

LHC HAD This term includes uncertainties associated with hadronisation. As discussed in Section 3, there are significant differences between ATLAS and CMS in the way the uncertainty is evaluated. The category is therefore treated as partially correlated (0.5).

- LHC Rad: ATLAS envelope of scales, hdamp, ISR/FSR
CMS split of the same uncertainties

LHC RAD This term includes uncertainties in the amount of extra QCD radiation in $t\bar{t}$ events. As the nominal MC setups are different between ATLAS and CMS, the category is treated as partially correlated (0.5).

- Color reconnection and UE: ATLAS sum, CMS breakdown

Color reconnection and underlying event For both these categories, ATLAS and CMS rely on simulated event samples. The nominal tunes differ between the experiments and the variations, while similar as discussed in Section 3 are not identical, and hence these categories are assumed to be partially correlated between ATLAS and CMS.

Implement it similarly:

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# Other ones taken from the Run 1 mass combination
CMS_modelling_ttbar_bfrag = (0.50) ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_ShowerHadronization
CMS_modelling_ttbar_bfragPythiaDefault = (0.50) ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_ShowerHadronization
CMS_modelling_ttbar_bfragPeterson = (0.50) ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_ShowerHadronization
CMS_modelling_ttbar_erdOn = (0.50) ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_ColorReconnection
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CMS_modelling_ttbar_tune = (0.50) ATLAS_modelling_ttbar_UnderlyingEvent
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Correlation assumptions

- Numbers taken from final table
 - Correlation scans need to be done

Uncertainty category	ρ	Scan range	$\Delta m_t/2$ [MeV]	$\Delta \sigma_{m_t}/2$ [MeV]
LHC JES 1	0	—	—	—
LHC JES 2	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	8	7
LHC JES 3	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	1	<1
LHC b-JES	0.85	[+0.5, +1]	26	5
LHC g-JES	0.85	[+0.5, +1]	2	<1
LHC l-JES	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	1	<1
CMS JES 1	—	—	—	—
JER	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	5	1
Leptons	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	2	2
b tagging	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	1	1
p_T^{miss}	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	<1	<1
Pileup	0.85	[+0.5, +1]	2	<1
Trigger	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	<1	<1
ME generator	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	<1	4
LHC radiation	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	7	1
LHC hadronization	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	1	<1
CMS B hadron BR	—	—	—	—
Color reconnection	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	3	1
Underlying event	0.5	[+0.25, +0.75]	1	<1
PDF	0.85	[+0.5, +1]	1	<1
Top quark p_T	—	—	—	—
Background (data)	0	[−0.25, +0.25]	8	2
Background (MC)	0.85	[+0.5, +1]	2	<1
Method	0	—	—	—
Other	0	—	—	—

Correlation assumptions

What matters?

Mass scheme	ATLAS	m_t^{pole} [GeV]	$m_t(m_t)$ [GeV]
Value		171.1	162.9
Statistical uncertainty		0.4	0.5
<i>Simulation uncertainties</i>			
Shower and hadronisation		0.4	0.3
Colour reconnection		0.4	0.4
Underlying event		0.3	0.2
Signal Monte Carlo generator		0.2	0.2
Proton PDF		0.2	0.2
Initial- and final-state radiation		0.2	0.2
Monte Carlo statistics		0.2	0.2
Background		<0.1	<0.1
<i>Detector response uncertainties</i>			
Jet energy scale (including b -jets)		0.4	0.4
Jet energy resolution		0.2	0.2
Missing transverse momentum		0.1	0.1
b -tagging efficiency and mistag		0.1	0.1
Jet reconstruction efficiency		<0.1	<0.1
Lepton		<0.1	<0.1
<i>Method uncertainties</i>			
Unfolding modelling		0.2	0.2
Fit parameterisation		0.2	0.2
Total experimental systematic		0.9	1.0
Scale variations		(+0.6, -0.2)	(+2.1, -1.2)
Theory PDF $\oplus\alpha_s$		0.2	0.4
Total theory uncertainty		(+0.7, -0.3)	(+2.1, -1.2)
Total uncertainty		(+1.2, -1.1)	(+2.3, -1.6)

Uncertainty Source	CMS	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\text{jet}}^1$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\text{jet}}^2$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\text{jet}}^3$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+\text{jet}}^4$ [%]
Experimental					
Muon identification		1.8	1.5	1.5	1.4
Muon energy scale and resolution		0.7	0.2	0.3	0.5
Electron identification		2.0	1.7	1.7	2.1
Electron energy scale and resolution		0.9	1.0	0.9	1.5
Jet energy scale		2.6	2.0	2.2	3.6
Jet energy resolution		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Jet identification		1.1	0.8	0.8	1.3
p_T^{miss}		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8
b jet identification		1.0	0.7	0.6	1.2
Trigger efficiency		1.8	1.2	1.1	1.8
Total		4.0	3.1	3.1	4.7
Background normalization					
$t\bar{t}+0$ jet		2.2	2.0	1.7	0.7
Z+jets		2.4	1.9	1.7	2.6
Single top quark		0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1
Total		3.1	2.5	2.4	2.7
Modeling					
Z+jets ME scale		0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3
Single top quark ME/FSR/ISR scales		1.2	0.6	0.4	0.1
$t\bar{t}$ PDF		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
$t\bar{t}$ ME scale		1.0	0.5	0.6	0.4
$t\bar{t}$ ISR scale		1.2	0.8	0.6	1.6
$t\bar{t}$ FSR scale		1.3	0.8	0.6	1.7
$t\bar{t}$ top quark p_T		2.0	1.3	0.1	1.2
b fragmentation		0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Color reconnection		0.5	0.6	0.2	0.7
$t\bar{t}$ matching scale		0.6	0.5	0.6	≤ 0.1
Underlying-event tune		0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5
Total		3.2	1.9	1.8	3.1
Integrated luminosity		1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2
m_t^{MC}		1.7	1.0	0.4	2.3
Finite size of simulated samples		2.0	1.4	1.3	2.2
Total systematic		5.0	3.4	3.2	5.6
Statistical		1.6	1.0	0.8	2.4
Total		5.2	3.6	3.3	6.1

Correlation assumptions

- Numbers taken from final table
 - Correlation scans need to be done
- Our expectations are:
 - They shouldn't really matter, besides maybe
 - b-JES (also Run 1 combination)
 - ttoJet normalization as it has a large impact for the CMS absolute measurement

What matters?

Uncertainty Source	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+jet}^1$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+jet}^2$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+jet}^3$ [%]	$\Delta\sigma_{t\bar{t}+jet}^4$ [%]
Experimental				
Muon identification	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.4
Muon energy scale and resolution	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.5
Electron identification	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.1
Electron energy scale and resolution	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.5
Jet energy scale	2.6	2.0	2.2	3.6
Jet energy resolution	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Jet identification	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.3
p_T^{miss}	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8
b jet identification	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.2
Trigger efficiency	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.8
Total	4.0	3.1	3.1	4.7
Background normalization				
$t\bar{t}+0\text{ jet}$	2.2	2.0	1.7	0.7
Z+jets	2.4	1.9	1.7	2.6
Single top quark	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1
Total	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.7
Modeling				
Z+jets ME scale	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3
Single top quark ME/FSR/ISR scales	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.1
$t\bar{t}$ PDF	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
$t\bar{t}$ ME scale	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.4
$t\bar{t}$ ISR scale	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.6
$t\bar{t}$ FSR scale	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.7
$t\bar{t}$ top quark p_T	2.0	1.3	0.1	1.2
b fragmentation	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Color reconnection	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.7
$t\bar{t}$ matching scale	0.6	0.5	0.6	≤ 0.1
Underlying-event tune	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5
Total	3.2	1.9	1.8	3.1
Integrated luminosity	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2
m_t^{MC}	1.7	1.0	0.4	2.3
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