



# HIGH-PRECISION PREDICTIONS FOR LHC PHYSICS

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# TOM VAN BAAK'S GRE<sup>2</sup>AT EXPERIMENT

Physics Today 2007 (16)

Four cesium clocks, three kids and a mountain

Day 0 to 3: Atomic clocks celebration

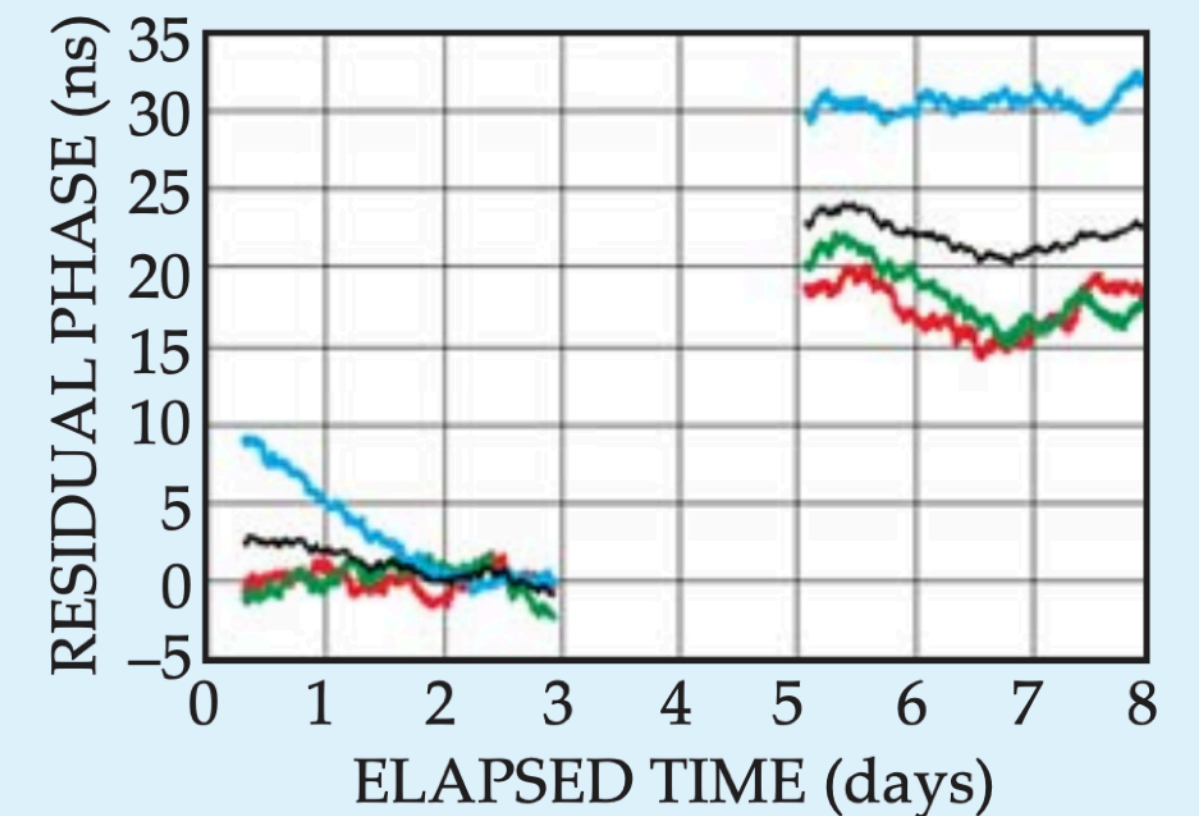
Day 3 to 5: Camping at Mount Rainier

Day 5 to 8: Compare time dilation of clocks

Altitude difference in day 3 to 5 is +1340 m



Kids, Clocks, and Relativity on Mt. Rainier  
Three Cesium Clocks: Red Green Blue & Mean



Terrestrial blueshift predicted by GR is  $z = \frac{g}{c^2} \Delta h$

Two days at Mount Rainier converts to **+22** ns

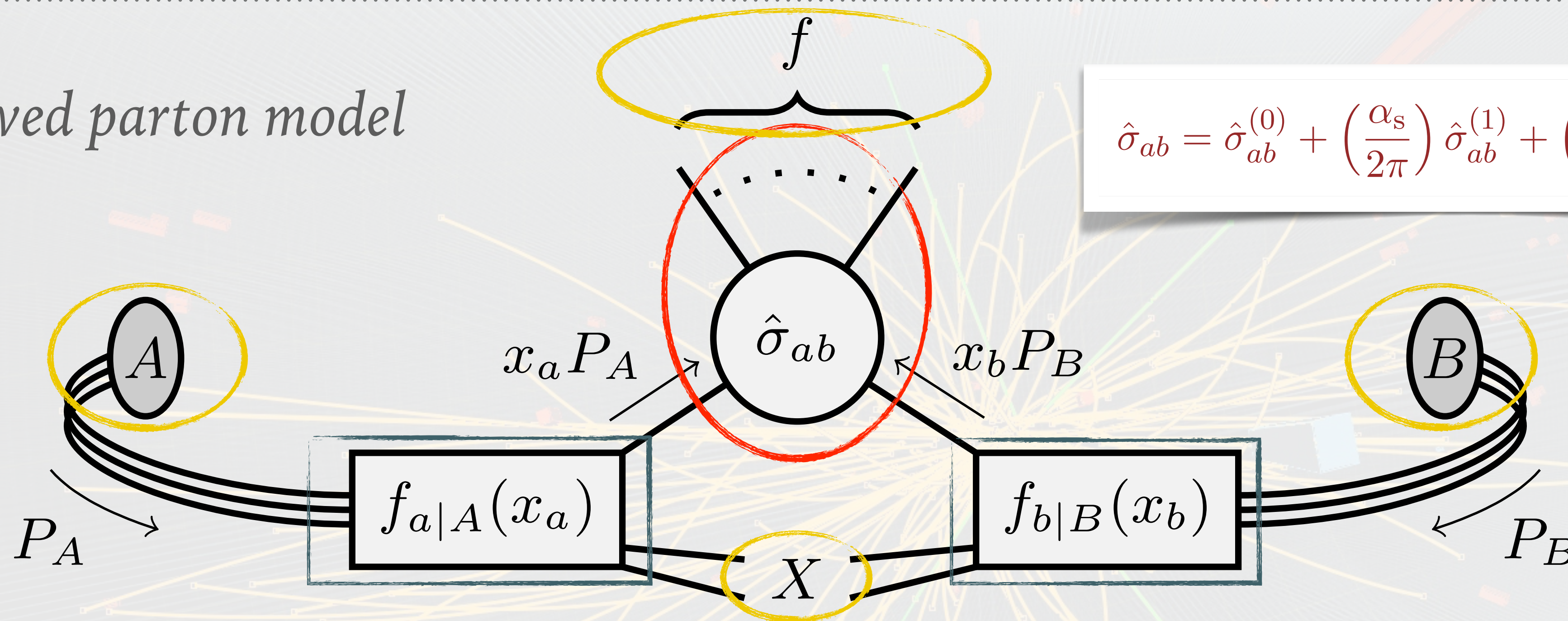
Experiment reveals **+23** ns time dilation!

116 years after Einstein's first paper on relativity

66 years since Essen's first cesium clock

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QCD improved parton model



$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab} = \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 \hat{\sigma}_{ab}^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$\sigma_{AB} = \sum_{ab} \int_0^1 dx_a \int_0^1 dx_b f_{a|A}(x_a) f_{b|B}(x_b) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q))$$

Parton distribution functions  
(Energy evolution from all exp.)

$\pm 1\%$  at the LHC

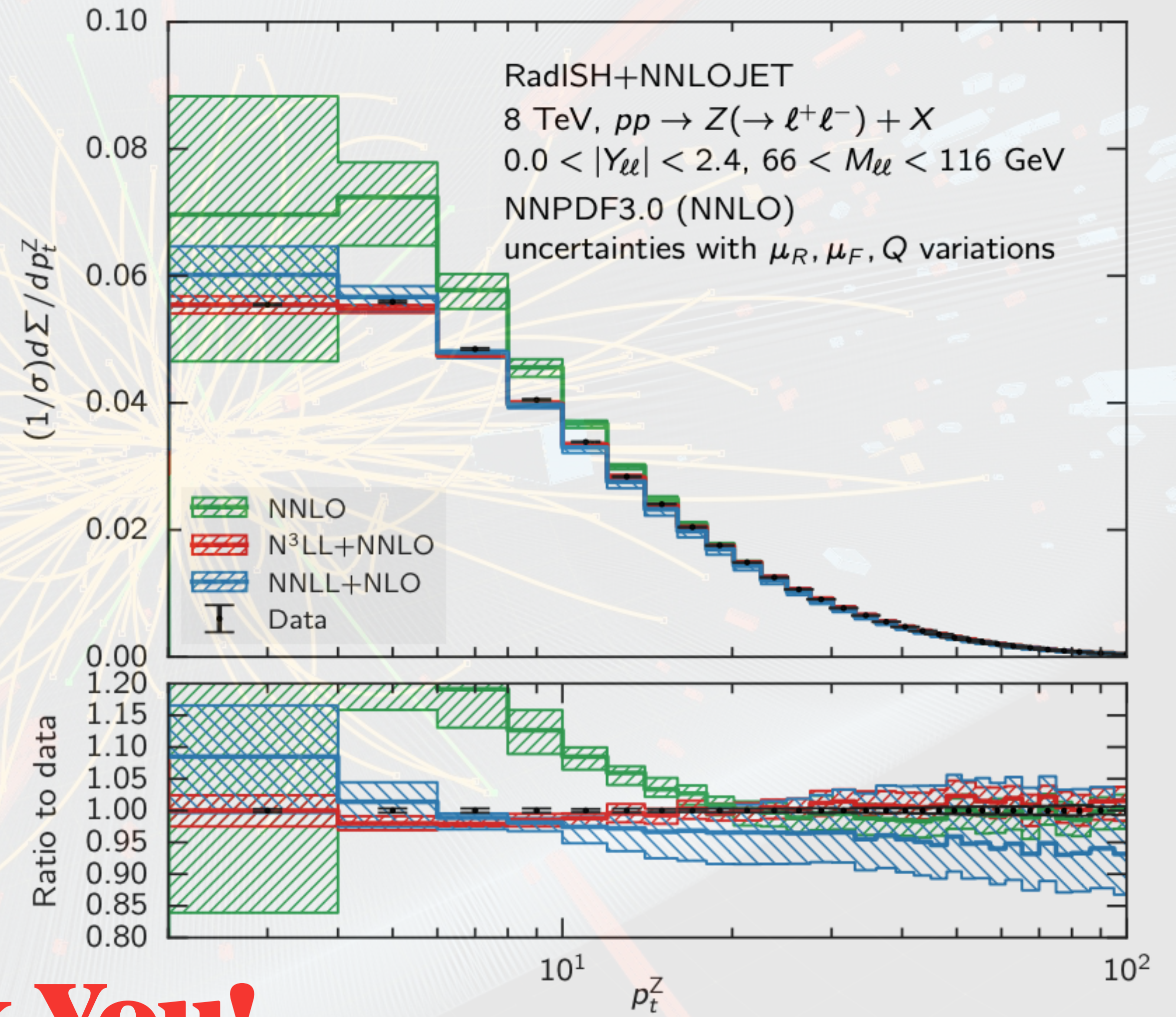
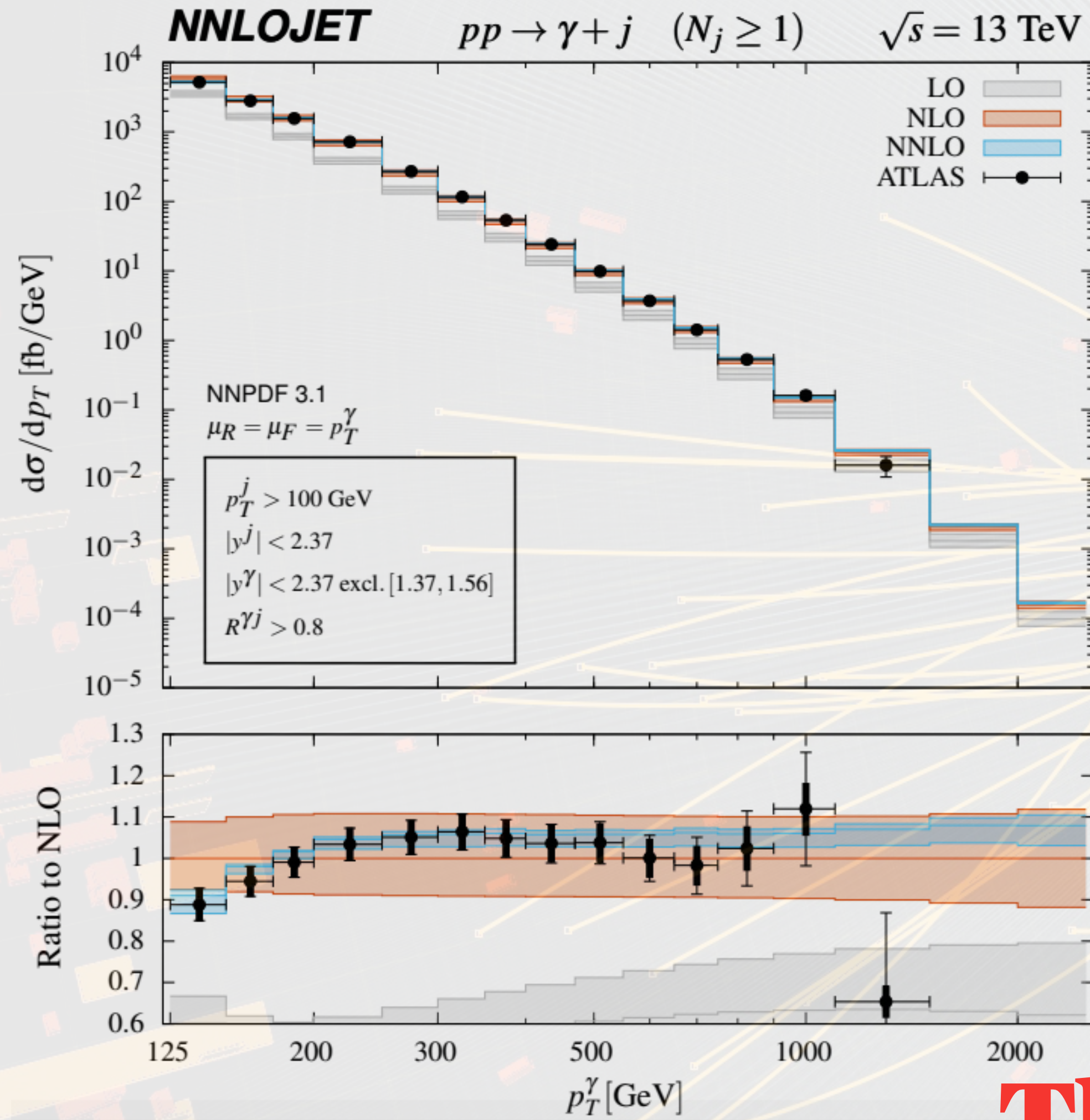
Hard scattering  
(Perturbative quantum field theory)

$\pm 10\%$  level!

non-perturbative effects  
(Fragmentation, lattice QCD)

$\pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}/13 \text{ TeV}$

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**Thank You!**

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