

# Overview of Monte Carlo tuning to LHC data

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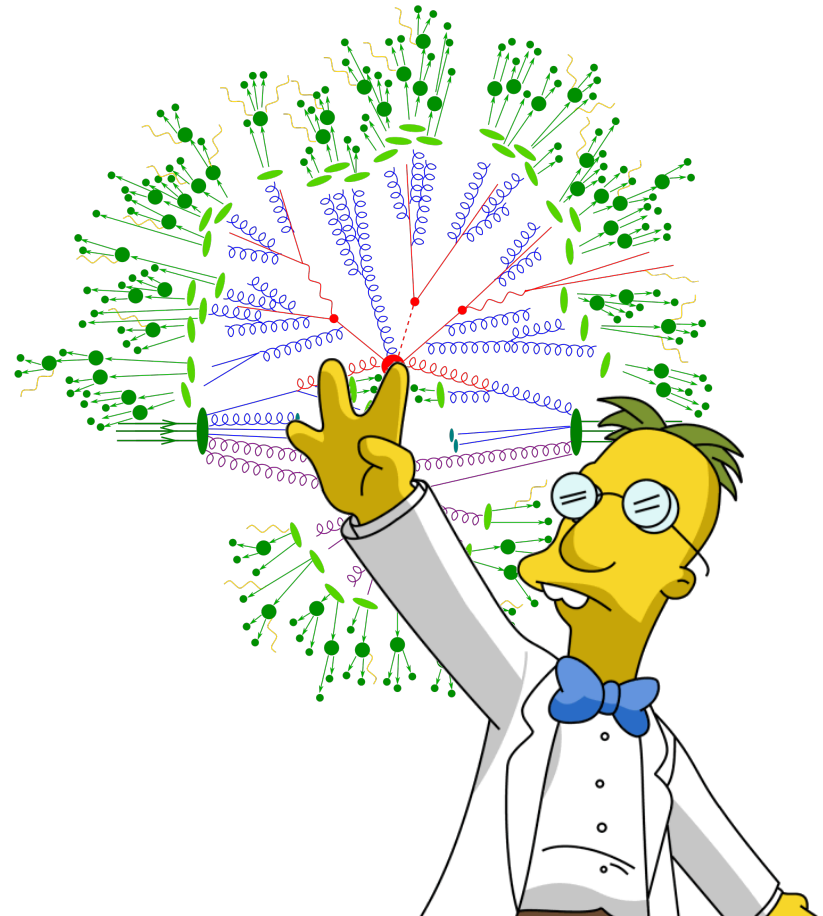


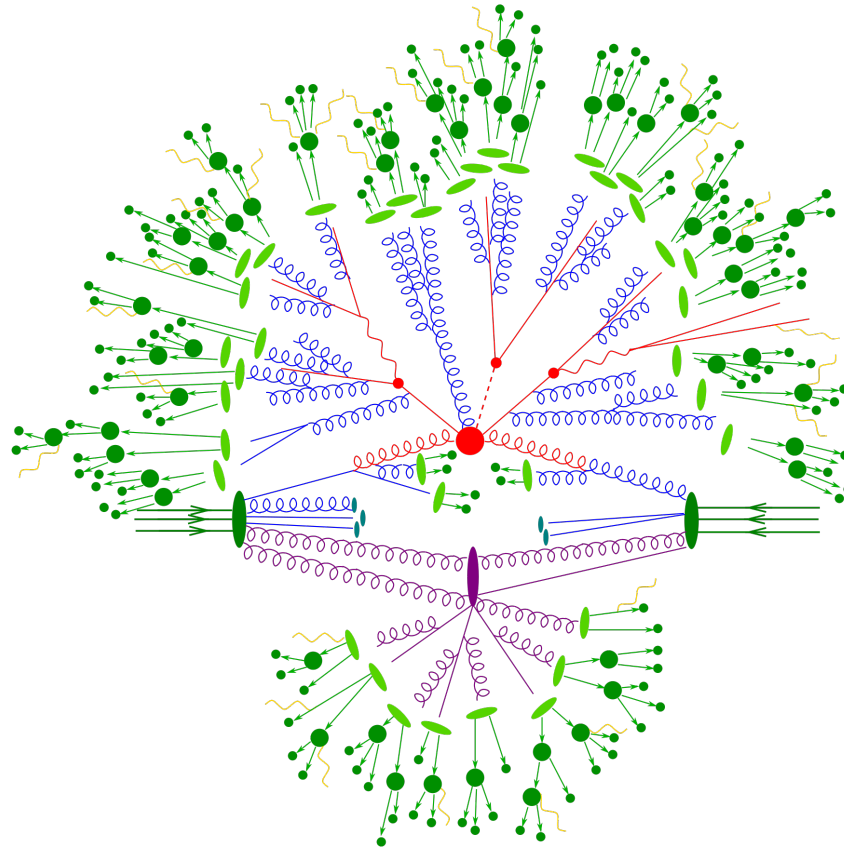
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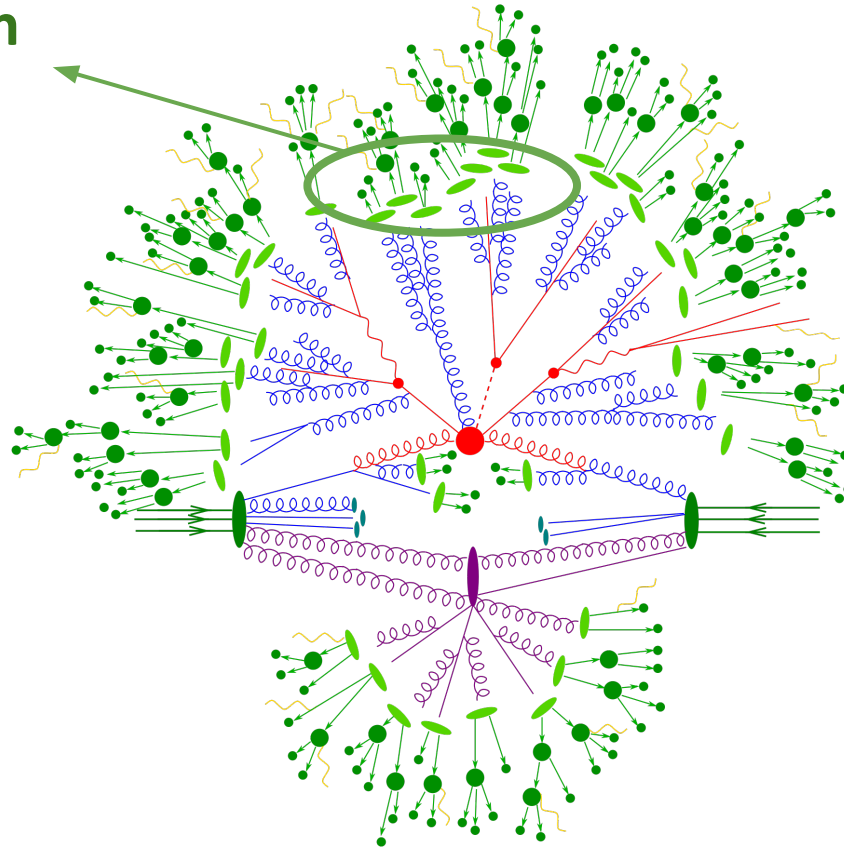
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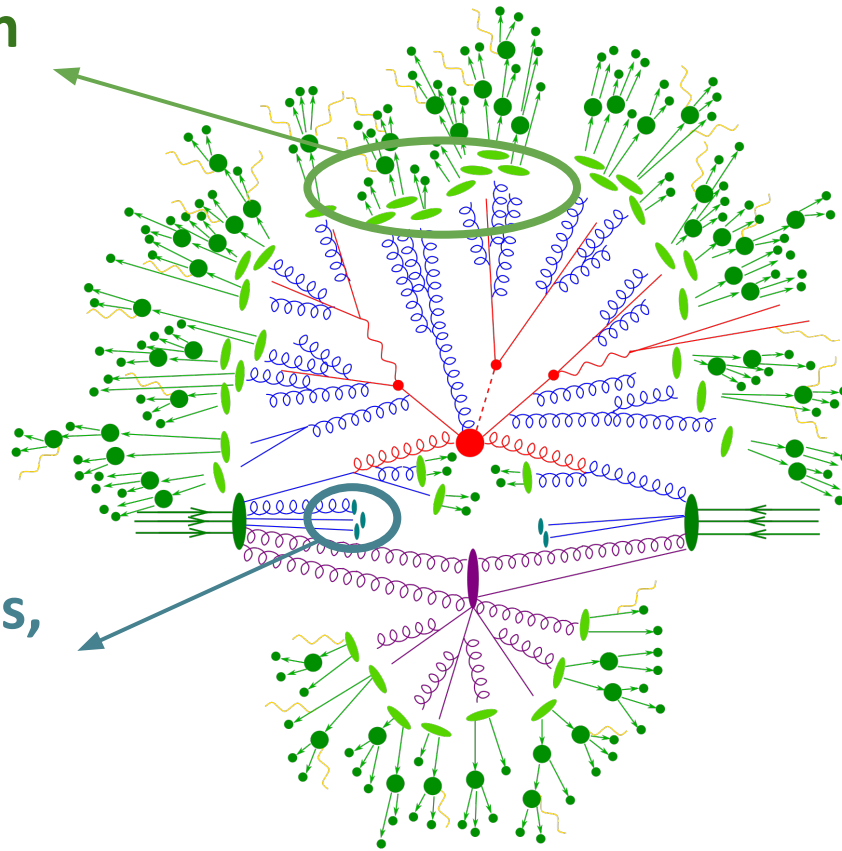




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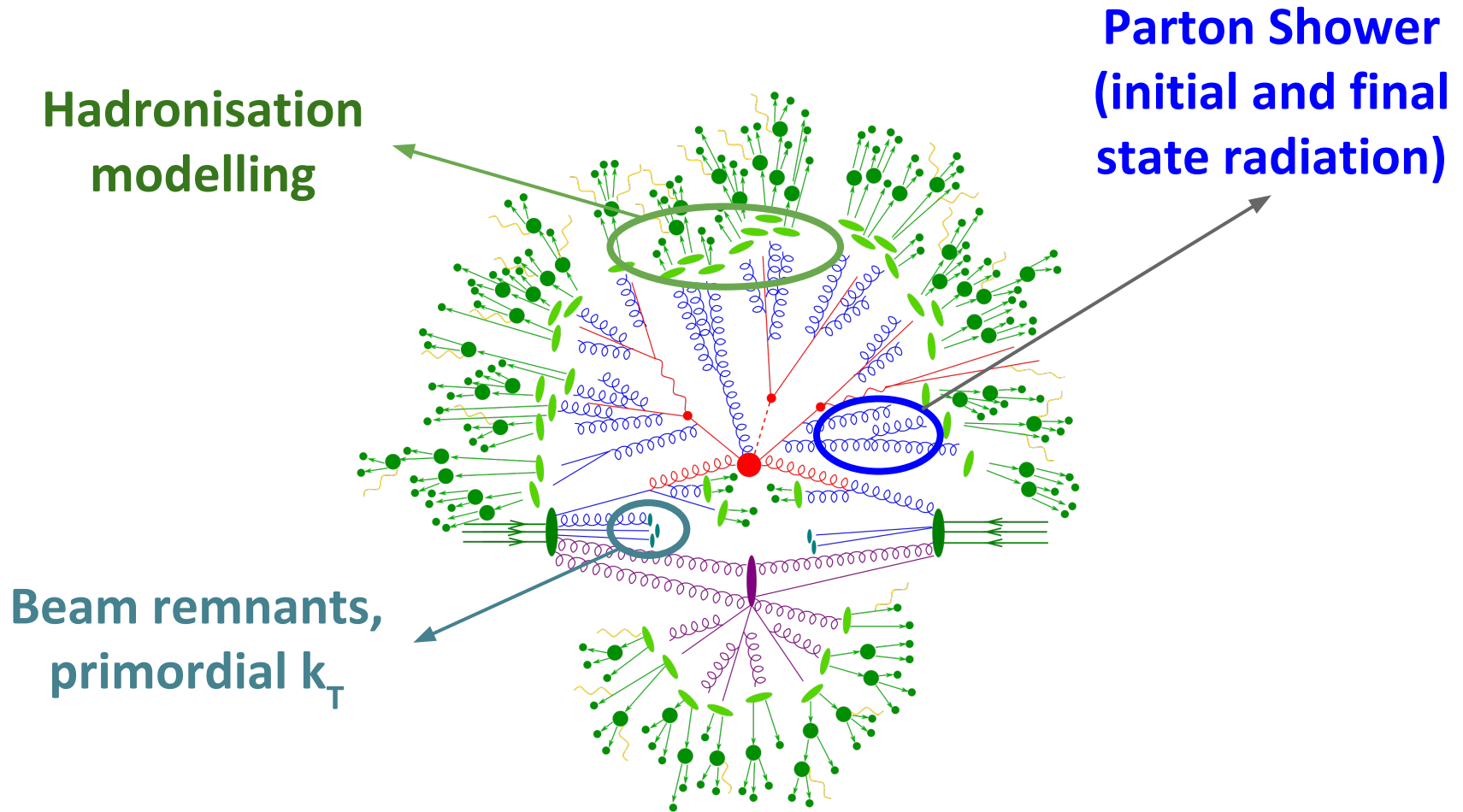


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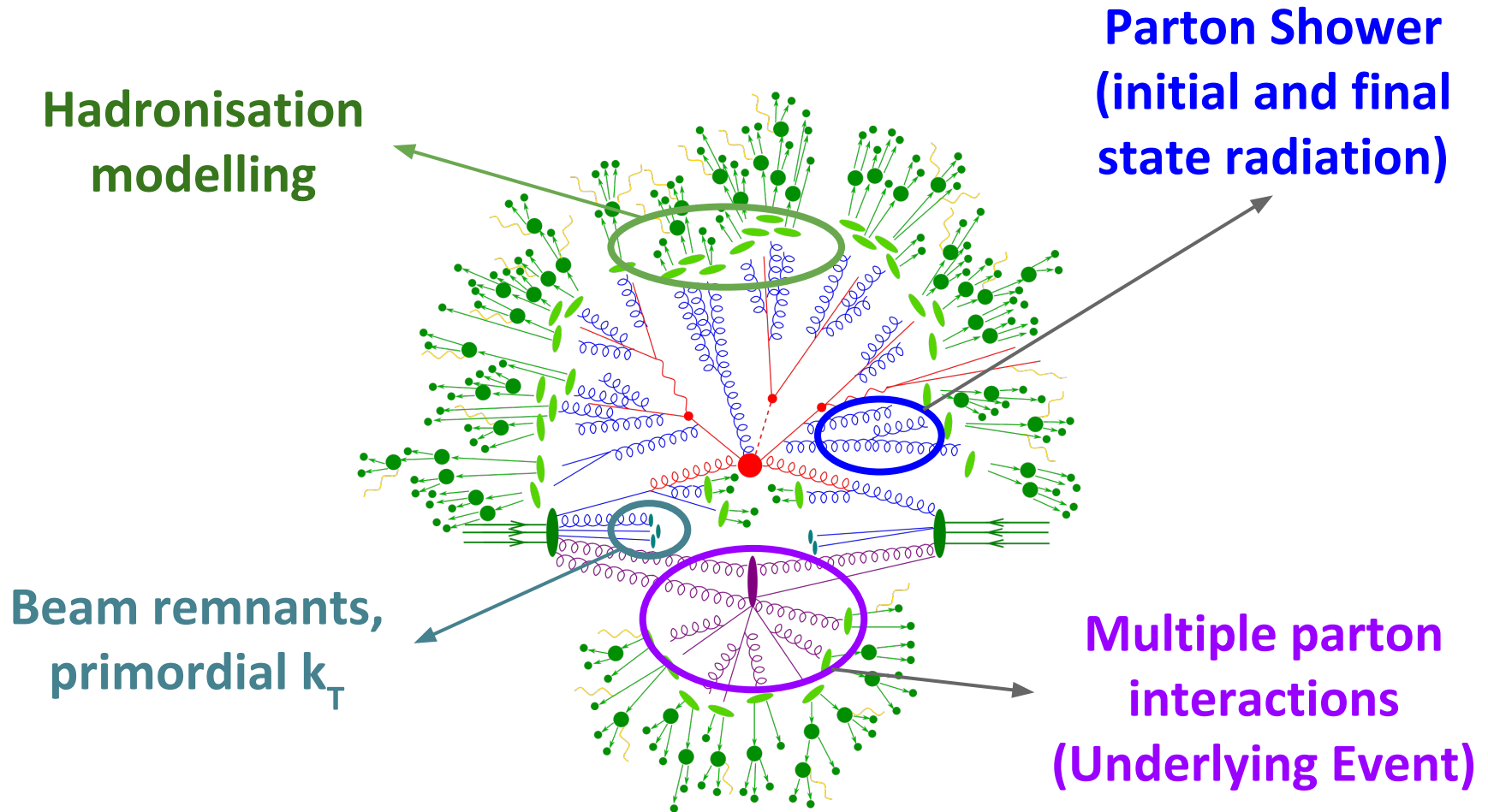


Beam remnants,  
primordial  $k_T$

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- ▶ Pile-up simulation
  - **multiple simultaneous proton-proton collisions** modelled with event generators for **very inclusive inelastic collisions**
  - tuning to data obtained with very inclusive triggers (**minimum bias**)
- ▶ Calibration
  - e.g. **jet/tau** identification and reconstruction (substructure)
- ▶ Unfolding
  - correction for detector effects using generator truth vs. full detector simulation
  - **dependence on truth model** typically small, but still adds to systematic uncertainties → need reliable tunes
- ▶ Background estimates in analyses
  - analyses use **background subtraction from MC generators** directly or via extrapolation from control regions
  - reliable tuning of non-perturbative aspects necessary for precision measurements and discoveries!



## Basic tuning workflow

1. choose **generator**  
**parameter** ranges
2. choose relevant  
**experimental data**
3. sample parameter space
4. **generate and analyse**  
events
5. **interpolate** generator  
response
6. data/MC difference  
**minimisation over full**  
**parameter space**

## Example toolchain

▶ **Human thinking**

▶ **Rivet toolkit**

- particle-level analysis  
framework



▶ **Professor toolkit**

- random sampling of  
parameter space
- interpolation of generator  
response
- minimisation procedure



# Bread and Butter: Minimum Bias Tuning



- ▶ Mainly relevant for **pile-up simulation**
- ▶ Very inclusive event generator setup for **inelastic collisions**, dominated by:
  - soft jet production, including multiple parton interactions (MPI)
  - single diffraction
  - double diffraction
- ▶ Data from events passing **minimum bias trigger**
- ▶ Main generators: **Pythia 8, Herwig++, Epos**
- ▶ **Closely related** to tuning of “Underlying Event”
  - MPI parameters tuned in both cases
  - ATLAS: separate dedicated tunes for Min Bias and Underlying Event
  - CMS: common tuning from UE data used also for Min Bias events in pile-up simulation

- ▶ “**A2**” = dedicated Pythia 8 tuning used for pile-up
- ▶ Update of existing ATLAS MB tunes using new x-dependent proton size in Pythia 8.153

$$\rho(r, x) \sim \frac{1}{a^3(x)} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{a^2(x)}\right)$$

$$a(x) = a_0(1 + a_1 \ln(1/x))$$

- ▶ ATLAS data at **900 GeV** and **7 TeV** was used
  - modelling previously shown to be incapable of describing three different energy points in a simultaneous tune  
→ Tevatron data ignored here
  - main weight on track quantities at 7 TeV for tracks with  $p_T > 500$  MeV
- ▶ Based on tune 4C (Sjöstrand, Corke) with variation of beam remnant parameters (`reconnectRange`) and MPI cut-off

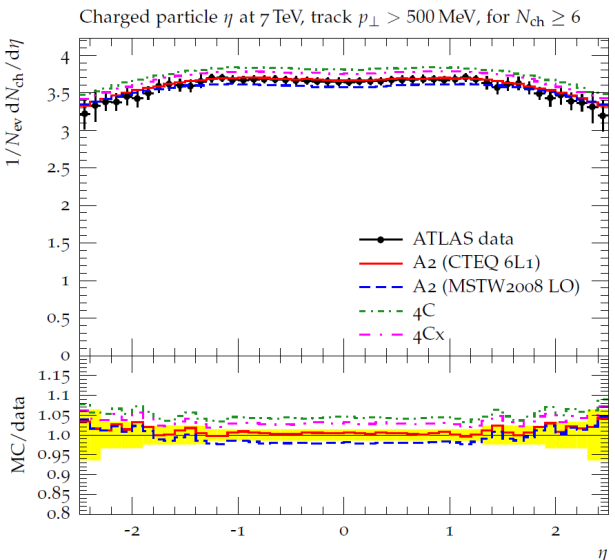
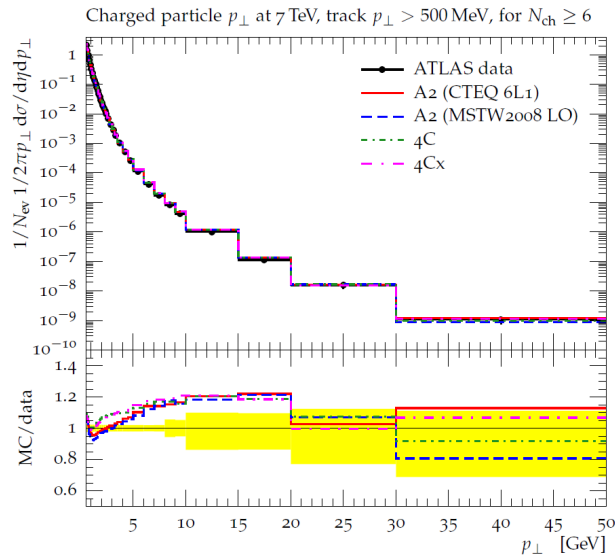
$$p_{T,0}(\sqrt{s}) = p_{T,0}^{\text{ref}} \times (\sqrt{s}/1800 \text{ GeV})^{\text{ecmPow}}$$

- ▶ 200 runs with 1M events each
- ▶ 2 different LO PDF sets considered: CTEQ6L1, MSTW2008LO
- ▶ Results:

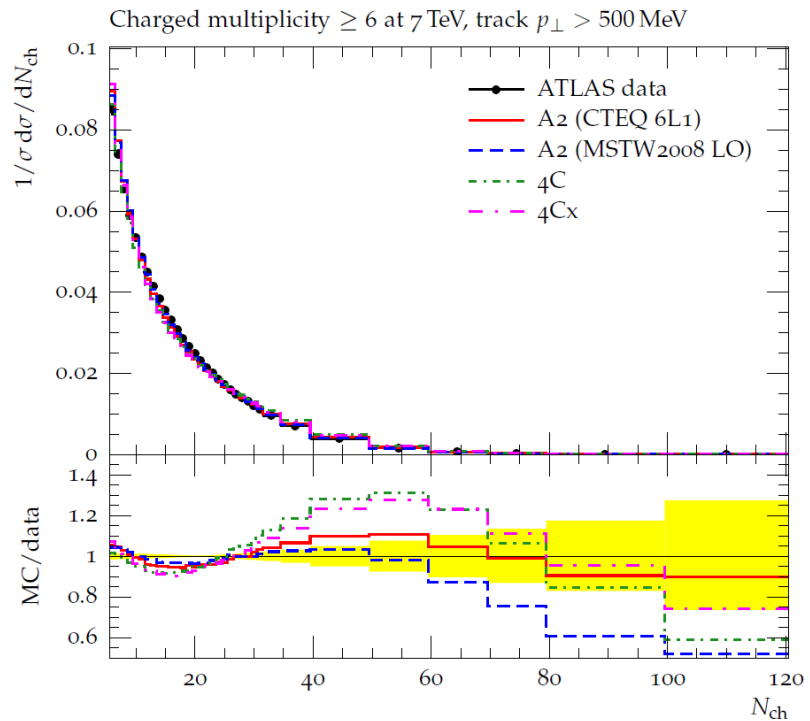
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MultipleInteractions:pT0Ref	1.5 - 2.8	2.18	1.90
MultipleInteractions:ecmPow	0.14 - 0.30	0.22	0.30
MultipleInteractions:a1	0.00 - 1.00	0.06	0.03
BeamRemnants:reconnectRange	0.00 - 9.00	1.55	2.28

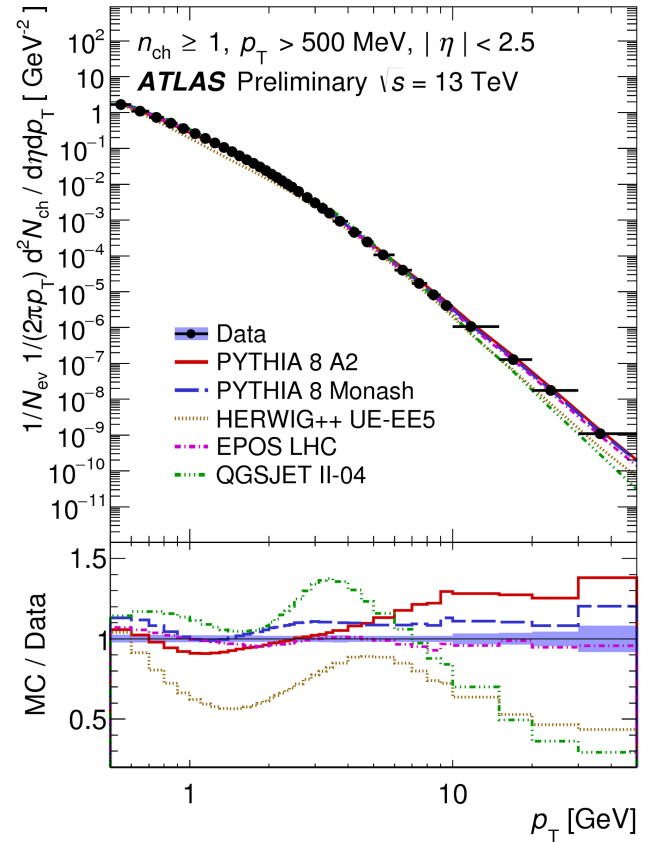
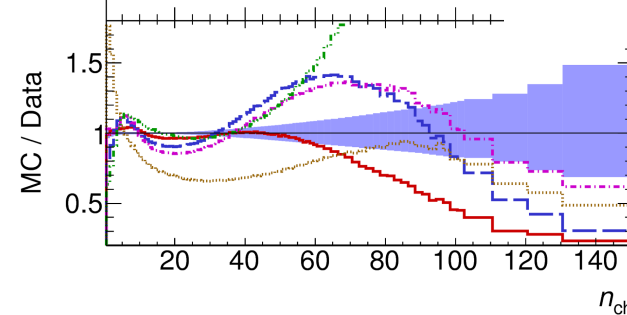
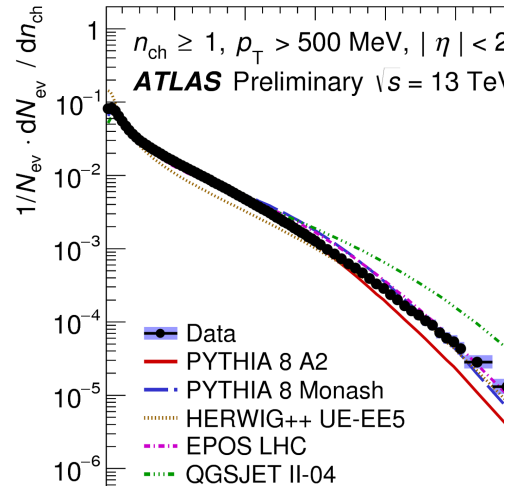
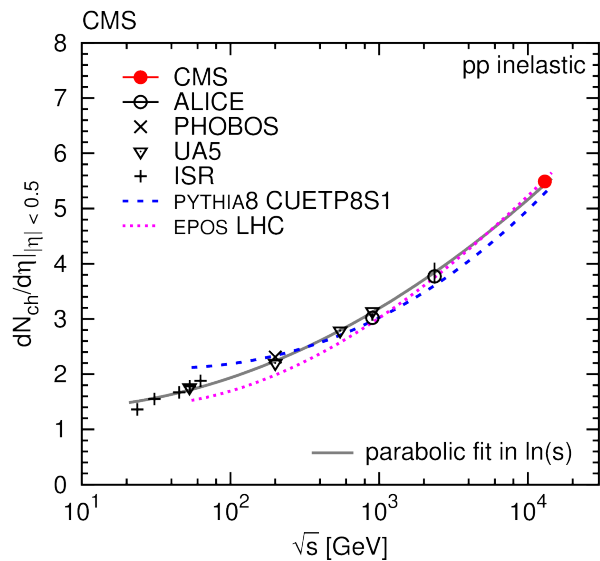
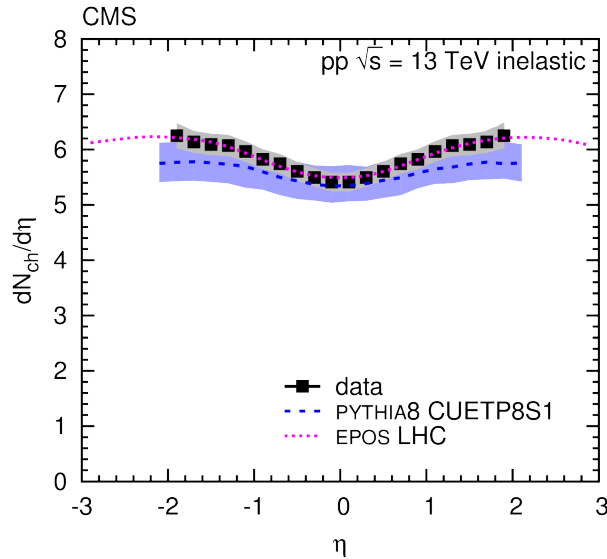
- ▶ Very low values for  $a_1$  = **small x-dependence** of matter profile





- ▶ Comparisons with author tunes
- 4C(x) shows **improvement** for min-bias measurement
- improved pile-up simulation





# + Lettuce & Tomato: Underlying Event Tuning

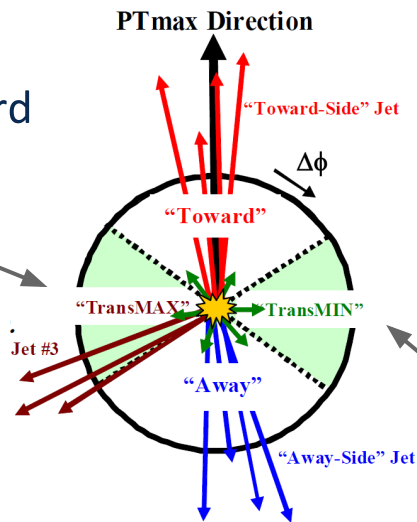


- Underlying Event at generator level:

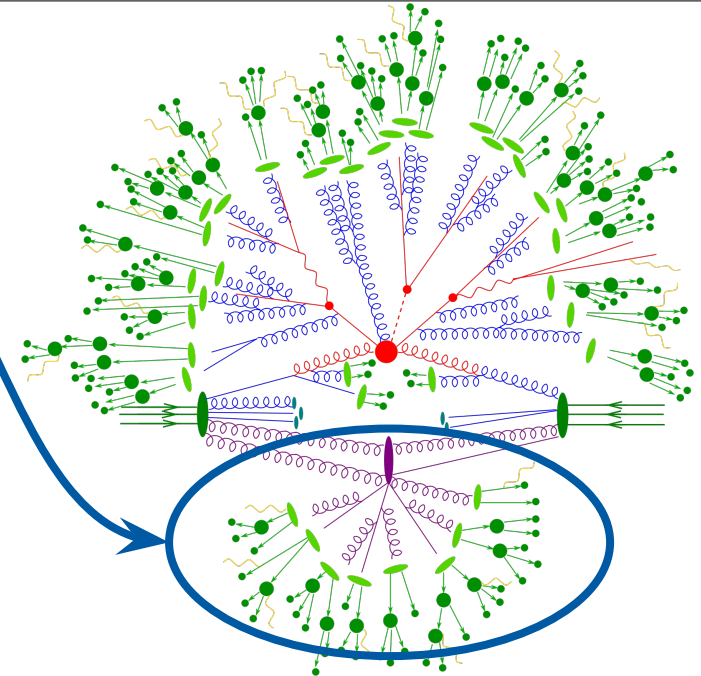
## Multiple Parton Interactions

- Typical measurements of UE activity:

Sensitive to hard additional QCD radiation and MPI



Sensitive to MPI



- Both ATLAS and CMS measure the energy flow in these **transverse regions**

= Main input for UE tune

- ▶ Pythia 8 tune based again on tune 4C
- ▶ PDF sets considered: CTEQ6L1 and HERAPDF1.5LO
- ▶ typical **MPI parameter variation**, similar to ATLAS MB tune but with old matter profile (**expPow** parameter)

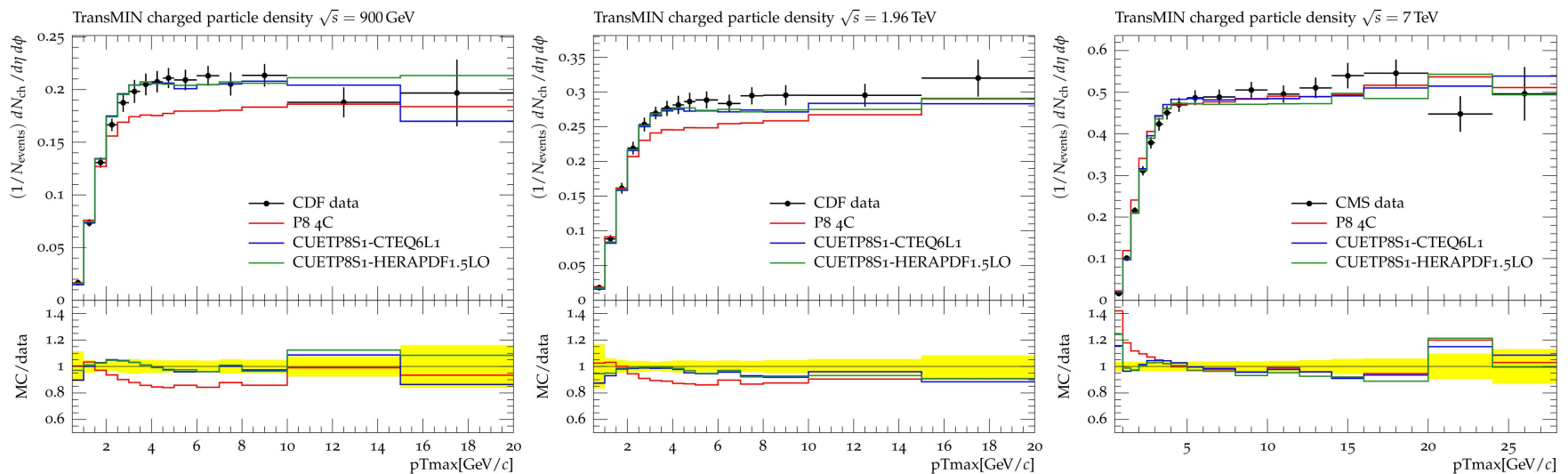
Parameter	Sampling range	Result (CTEQ6L1)	Result (HERAPDF1.5LO)
MultipleInteractions:pT0Ref	1.0 - 3.0	3.1006	2.0001
MultipleInteractions:ecmPow	0.0 - 0.4	0.2106	0.2499
MultipleInteractions:expPow	0.4 - 10.0	1.6089	1.6905
BeamRemnants:reconnectRange	0.00 - 9.00	3.3126	6.0964


 ATLAS: 1.55

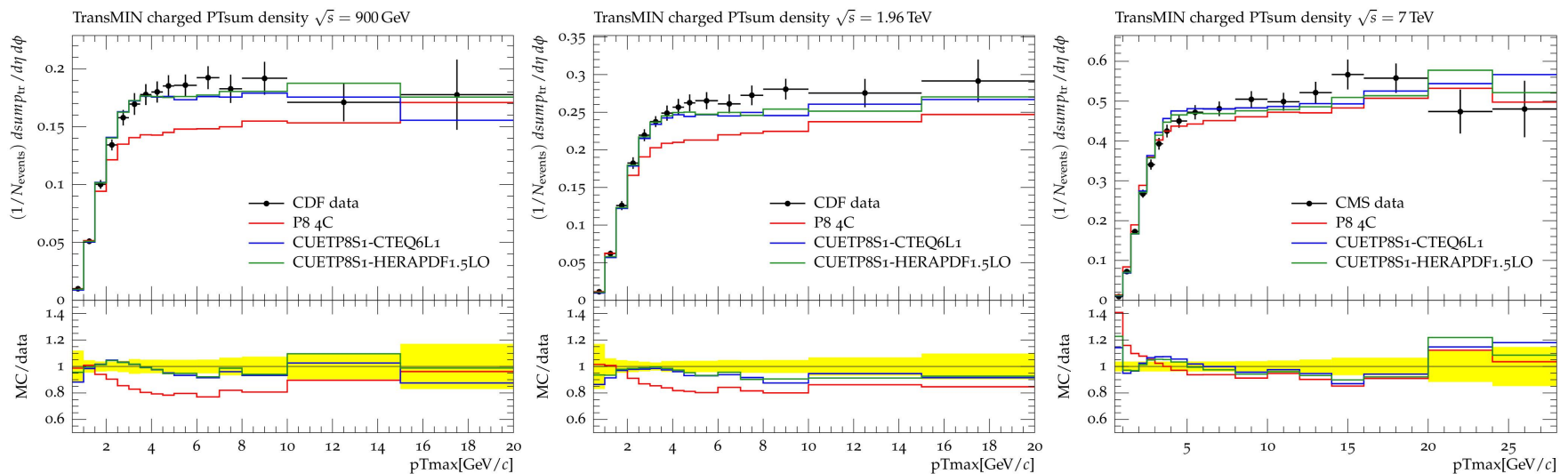
- ▶ **reconnectRange** higher than in ATLAS MB tune
- ▶ updated tune based on Monash (CUETP8M1) available



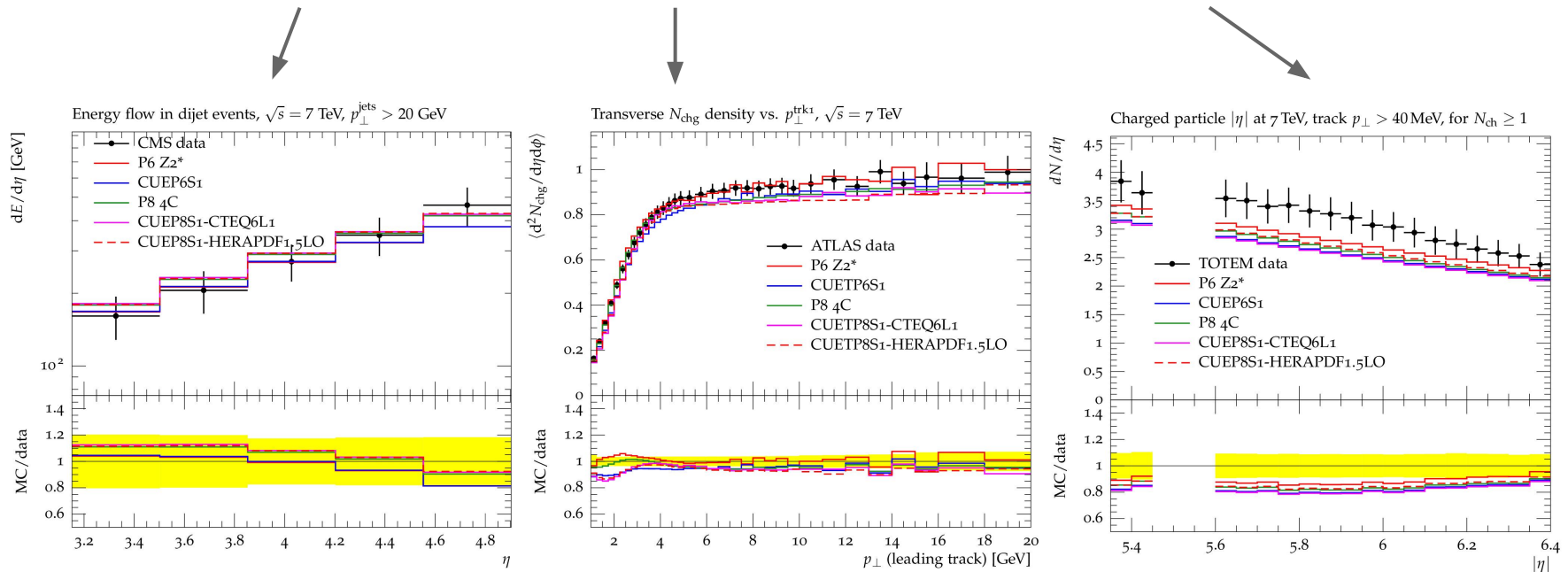
- ▶ **Energy extrapolation** tuned using CDF and CMS data at 900, 1960 and 7000 GeV
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- ▶ **Validation** with other measurements:  
dijet events, ATLAS UE data, and minimum bias



- ▶ **Good agreement** for most compared measurements
- ▶ Slightly low min-bias activity in the forward region

- ▶ Interesting offshoot from multiple parton interaction picture:  
**Double Parton Scattering** with two hard scatterings A, B
- ▶ Description with **effective cross section**

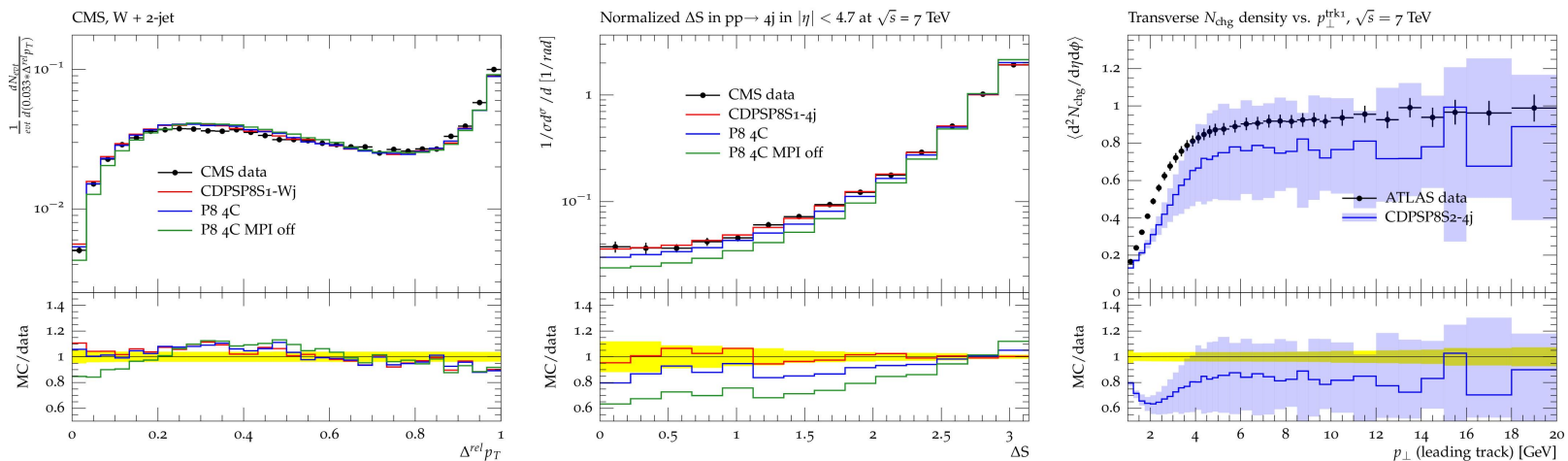
$$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{\sigma_A \sigma_B}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

- expect independence from A and B, and so far also  $\sqrt{s}$
  - each tune corresponds to unambiguous value of  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$
- ▶ Alternative: Measure  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$  in double-scattering processes **directly**, e.g. in 4-jet or W + dijet production

Source	Pythia8 Tune 4C	CUETP8S1- CTEQ6L1	CUETP8S1- MSTW2008LO	ATLAS W+dijet arXiv:1301.6872	CMS W+dijet arXiv:1312.5729
$\sigma_{\text{eff}}$ [mb]	30.3	$27.8^{+1.2}_{-1.3}$	$29.1^{+2.3}_{-2.0}$	$15 \pm 3$ (stat) $^{+5}_{-3}$ (syst)	$20.7 \pm 0.8$ (stat) $\pm 6.6$ (syst)

- ▶ Direct measurements typically **lower than tunes!**

- ▶ Idea: What about  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$  in **MPI tunes** to the observables used in **DPS** measurements?
  - CMS prepared 2 tunes for W+dijet and 2 tunes for 4-jet DPS



Source	CDPSTP8S1-Wj	CDPSTP8S2-Wj	CDPSTP8S1-4j	CDPSTP8S2-4j
$\sigma_{\text{eff}}$ [mb]	$25.9^{+2.4}_{-2.9}$	$25.8^{+8.2}_{-4.2}$	$21.3^{+1.2}_{-1.6}$	$19.0^{+4.7}_{-3.0}$

- ▶ Better agreement with measurements but worse for UE data  
 → modelling not sufficient for **simultaneous description**



# + Cheese: Parton Shower Tuning



## ▶ Parton shower modelling

- contains parameters and ambiguities
- Example:  $\alpha_s$  values for initial/final state radiation vs.  $\Phi^*$

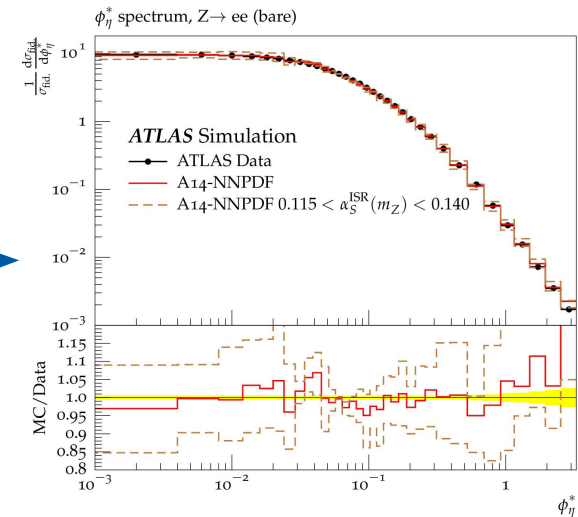
## ▶ So far only considered tuning of multiple parton interactions

- many observables sensitive to both
- even more so for Pythia 8 with interleaved shower+MPI
- **simultaneous** tuning necessary

## ▶ Tuning with **comprehensive ATLAS dataset**:

- UE with jets and track-jets
- jet structure (track jet properties; jet shapes, masses, substructure)
- jet production (jet multiplicities,  $\Delta\Phi$ , Z pT, gap fractions in ttbar)

→ Sensitivity to MPI, final and initial state radiation



- ▶ Tuning based on Pythia 8.186 Monash tune + simultaneous variation of **10(!) parameters**:

Parameter	Definition	Sampling range
<code>SigmaProcess:alphaSvalue</code>	The $\alpha_S$ value at scale $Q^2 = M_Z^2$	0.12 – 0.15
<code>SpaceShower:pT0Ref</code>	ISR $p_T$ cutoff	0.75 – 2.5
<code>SpaceShower:pTmaxFudge</code>	Mult. factor on max ISR evolution scale	0.5 – 1.5
<code>SpaceShower:pTdampFudge</code>	Factorisation/renorm scale damping	1.0 – 1.5
<code>SpaceShower:alphaSvalue</code>	ISR $\alpha_S$	0.10 – 0.15
<code>TimeShower:alphaSvalue</code>	FSR $\alpha_S$	0.10 – 0.15
<code>BeamRemnants:primordialkThard</code>	Hard interaction primordial $k_\perp$	1.5 – 2.0
<code>MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref</code>	MPI $p_T$ cutoff	1.5 – 3.0
<code>MultipartonInteractions:alphaSvalue</code>	MPI $\alpha_S$	0.10 – 0.15
<code>BeamRemnants:reconnectRange</code>	CR strength	1.0 – 10.0

damped  
shower  
for ttbar

`pTdampFudge`

- ▶ Parameter space sampled with 500 runs of 1M events
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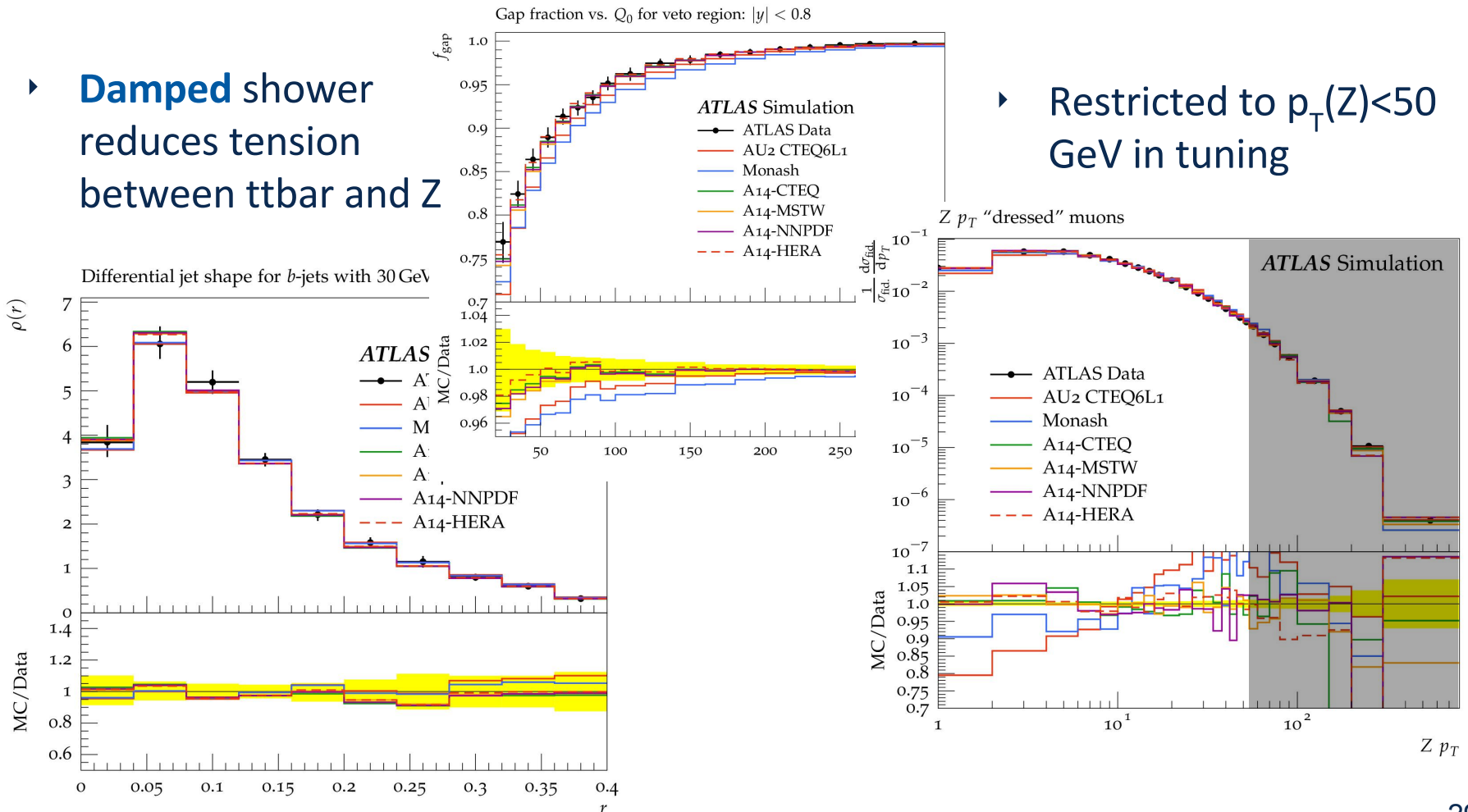
Parameter	Definition	Sampling range	CTEQ	MSTW	NNPDF	HERA
<code>SigmaProcess:alphaSvalue</code>	The $\alpha_S$ value at scale $Q^2 = M_Z^2$	0.12 – 0.15	0.144	0.140	0.140	0.141
<code>SpaceShower:pT0Ref</code>	ISR $p_T$ cutoff	0.75 – 2.5	1.30	1.62	1.56	1.61
<code>SpaceShower:pTmaxFudge</code>	Mult. factor on max ISR evolution scale	0.5 – 1.5	0.95	0.92	0.91	0.95
<code>SpaceShower:pTdampFudge</code>	Factorisation/renorm scale damping	1.0 – 1.5	1.21	1.14	1.05	1.10
<code>SpaceShower:alphaSvalue</code>	ISR $\alpha_S$	0.10 – 0.15	0.125	0.129	0.127	0.128
<code>TimeShower:alphaSvalue</code>	FSR $\alpha_S$	0.10 – 0.15	0.126	0.129	0.127	0.130
<code>BeamRemnants:primordialkThard</code>	Hard interaction primordial $k_\perp$	1.5 – 2.0	1.72	1.82	1.88	1.83
<code>MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref</code>	MPI $p_T$ cutoff	1.5 – 3.0	1.98	2.22	2.09	2.14
<code>MultipartonInteractions:alphaSvalue</code>	MPI $\alpha_S$	0.10 – 0.15	0.118	0.127	0.126	0.123
<code>BeamRemnants:reconnectRange</code>	CR strength	1.0 – 10.0	2.08	1.87	1.71	1.78

- ▶ Parameter space sampled with 500 runs of 1M events
- ▶ 4 different leading-order PDF sets considered:
  - CTEQ6L1, MSTW2008LO, NNPDF23LO, HERAPDF15LO
- ▶  $\alpha_S$  tuning results **similar** for all PDFs
  - quite high in hard process (0.140-0.144)
  - lower in shower (0.125-0.130)

- ▶ Significant improvement over AU2 & Monash in **ttbar** and **Z**

- ▶ **Damped** shower reduces tension between **ttbar** and **Z**

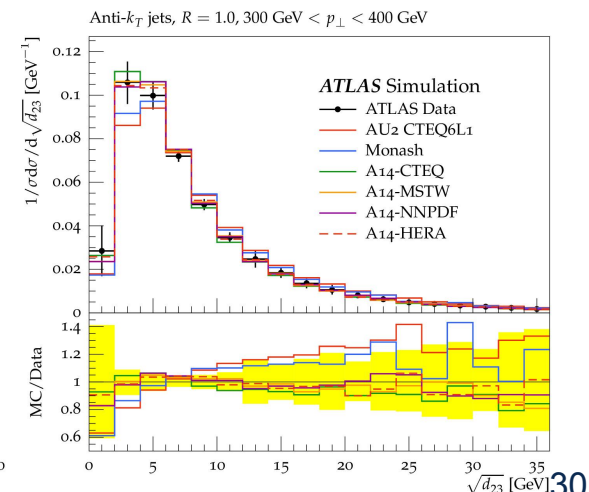
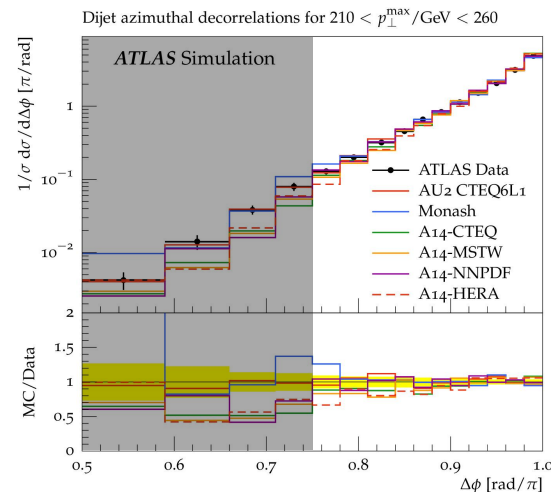
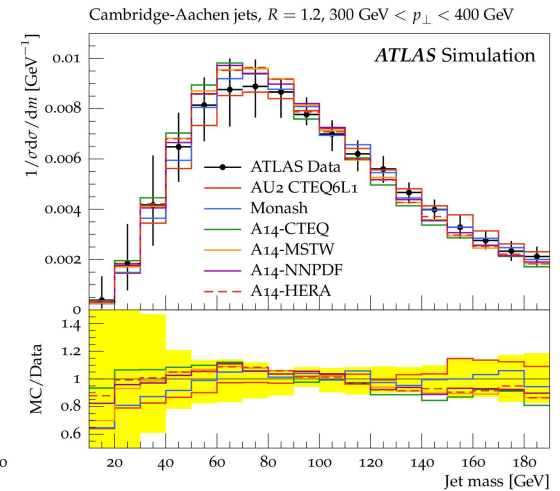
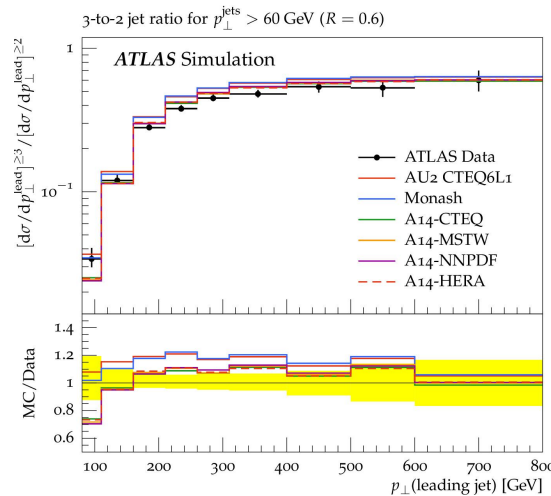
- ▶ Restricted to  $p_T(Z) < 50$  GeV in tuning



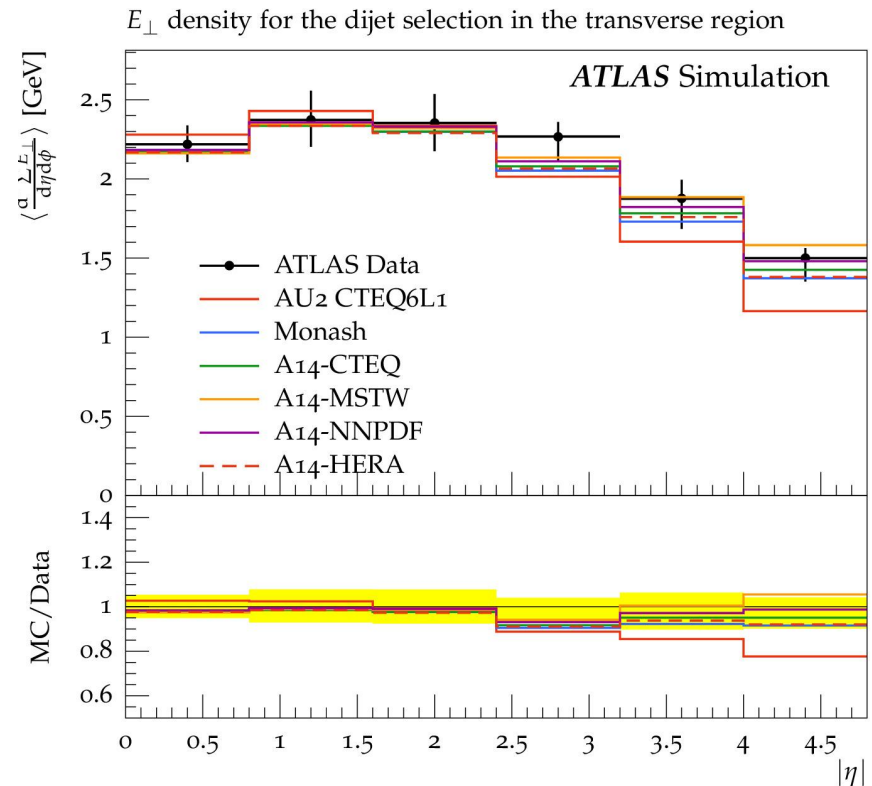
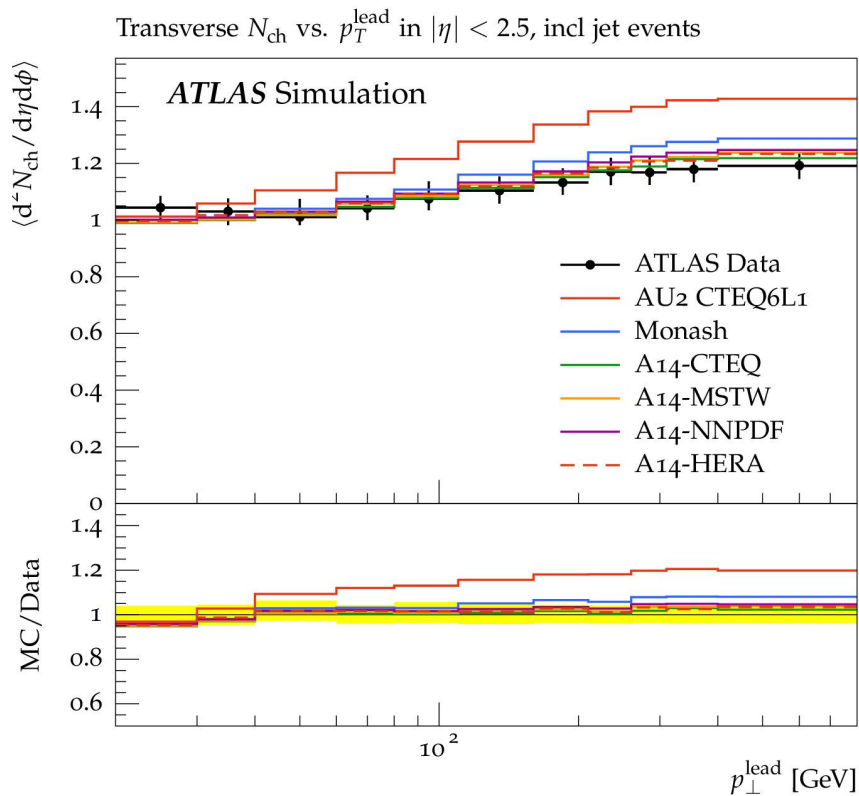
- ▶ **jet production/substructure** equally good or slightly improved

- ▶ 3/2-jet ratio: tension between description of soft/hard region, → focusing on hard region due to targeted use-case of **BSM simulations**

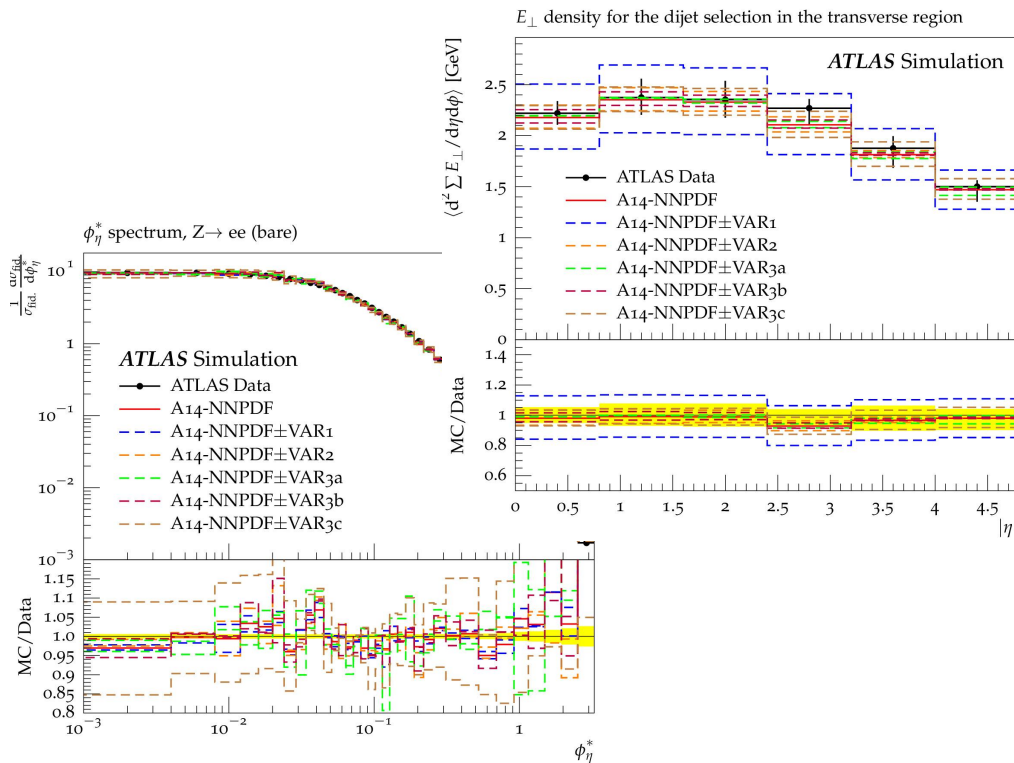
- ▶ Tuning restricted to back-to-back region  $\Delta\Phi > 0.75$  to avoid need for multi-jet MEs



- ▶ **Underlying Event/transverse energy flow** improved over previous ATLAS UE tune (AU2), now similar to Monash



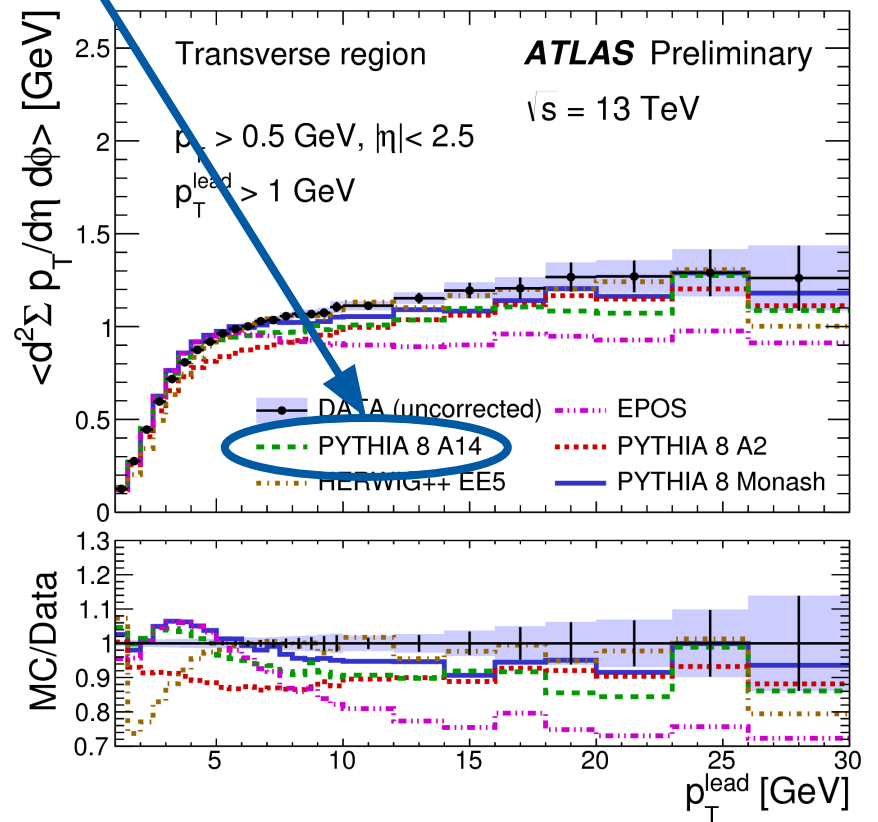
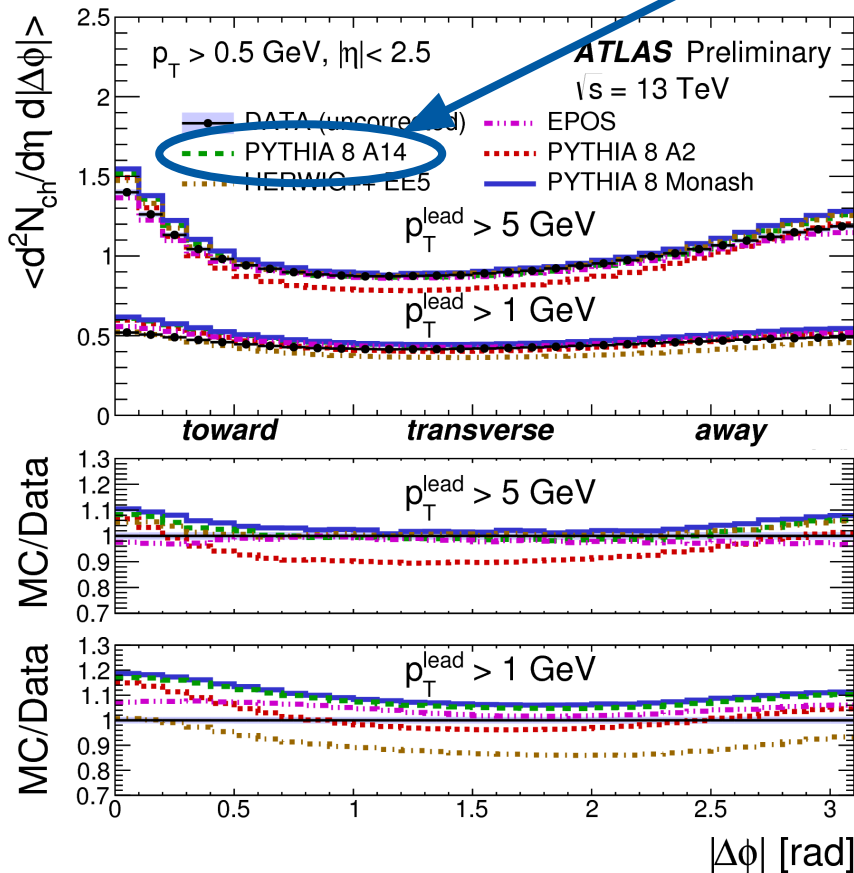
- ▶ Systematic variation tunes for A14-NNPDF done using Professor **eigentunes** approach
  - normally: 2 variations for each parameter (up/down), with fixed  $\Delta\chi^2$
- ▶ 20 variations too unwieldy → reduced to variation sets for **UE activity, jet structure, jet production** (3 options)



Param	+ variation	- variation
<b>VAR1: MPI+CR (UE activity and incl jet shapes)</b>		
BeamRemnants:reconnectRange	1.73	1.69
MultipartonInteractions:alphaSvalue	0.131	0.121
<b>VAR2: ISR/FSR (jet shapes and substructure)</b>		
SpaceShower:pT0Ref	1.60	1.50
SpaceShower:pTdampFudge	1.04	1.08
TimeShower:alphaSvalue	0.139	0.111
<b>VAR3a: ISR/FSR (<math>t\bar{t}</math> gap)</b>		
MultipartonInteractions:alphaSvalue	0.125	0.127
SpaceShower:pT0Ref	1.67	1.51
SpaceShower:pTdampFudge	1.36	0.93
SpaceShower:pTmaxFudge	0.98	0.88
TimeShower:alphaSvalue	0.136	0.124
<b>VAR3b: ISR/FSR (jet 3/2 ratio)</b>		
SpaceShower:alphaSvalue	0.129	0.126
SpaceShower:pTdampFudge	1.04	1.07
SpaceShower:pTmaxFudge	1.00	0.83
TimeShower:alphaSvalue	0.114	0.138
<b>VAR3c: ISR (<math>t\bar{t}</math> gap, dijet decorrelation and Z-boson <math>p_T</math>)</b>		
SpaceShower:alphaSvalue	0.140	0.115



- ▶ Example for application of A14 tune in ATLAS UE at 13 TeV



# + (Tofu) Bacon: Tuning in ME-improved shower simulations



- ▶ LO + parton shower often not good enough, e.g. ttbar
- ▶ **LHC measurements** of ttbar production for the first time accurate enough for tuning
  - can compare to **global** tuning, or **dedicated Z**, or even **LEP** tuning  
→ testimony to model universality (or not)
- ▶ Here: ATLAS measurements of **jet multiplicities/pT**, central jet **gap-fractions** and **jet shapes** in ttbar events
- ▶ Tuning in two steps
  - tuning of **standalone** Pythia 8.201 (normalised to data)
    - » first ISR/FSR separately, but observables sensitive to interplay  
→ combined tuning
  - application of tune to matched Powheg/aMC@NLO+Pythia8 simulation and adjustment of **matching parameters**
    - » Powheg damping factor for real-radiation exponentiation
    - » aMC@NLO upper scale for real-radiation subtraction

- ▶ Pythia **standalone** tune
  - “ATTBAR” tune, based on Monash tune, using NNPDF23LO
  - alternative based on 4C tune, using CTEQ6L1

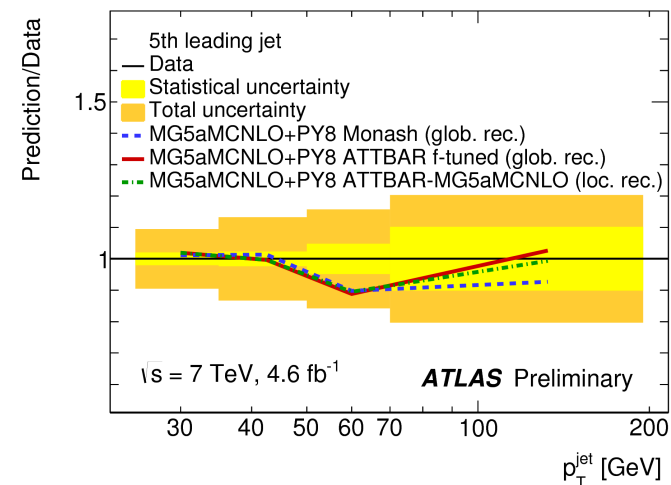
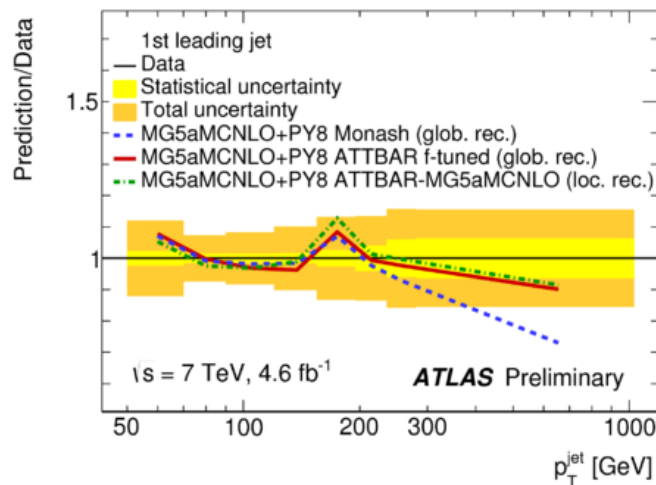
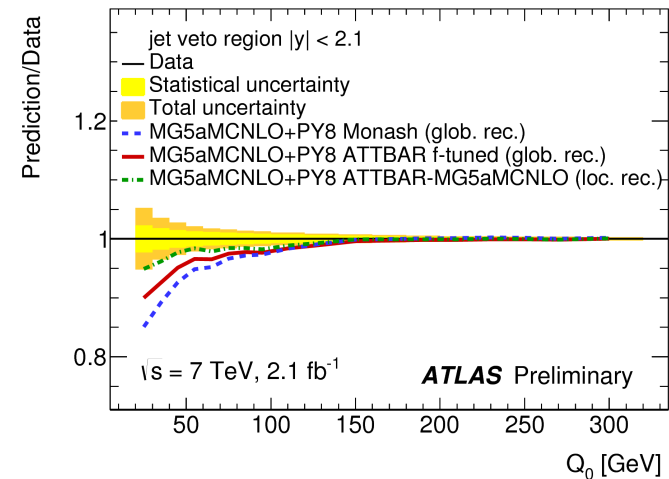
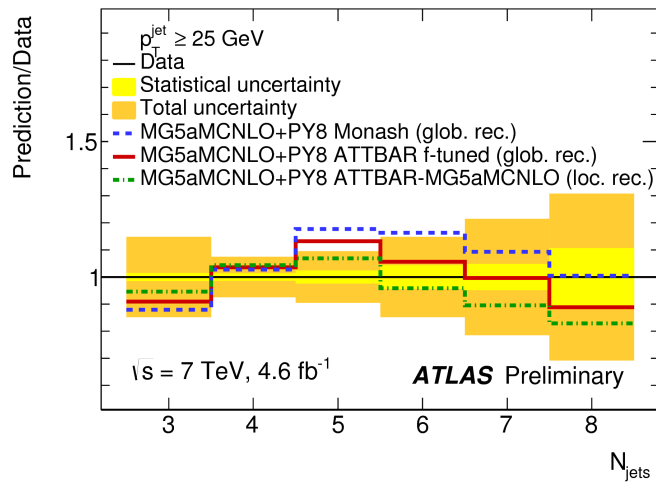
## ▶ **Correlation** of experimental uncertainties

- taken into account for the first time in MC tuning
- meaningful definition of  $\chi^2$
- reduced uncertainties for tuning parameters

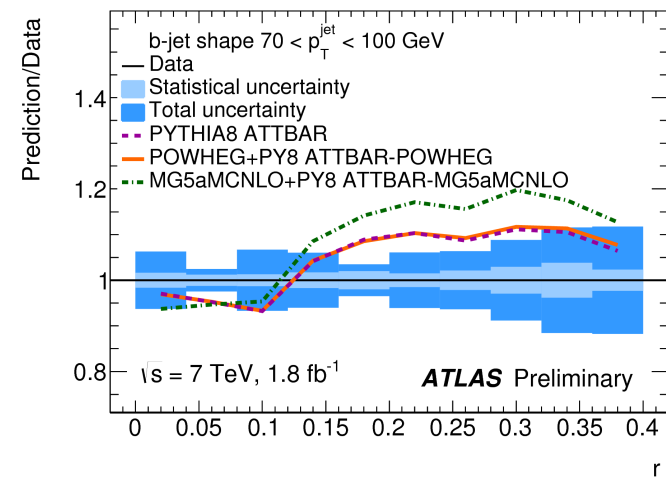
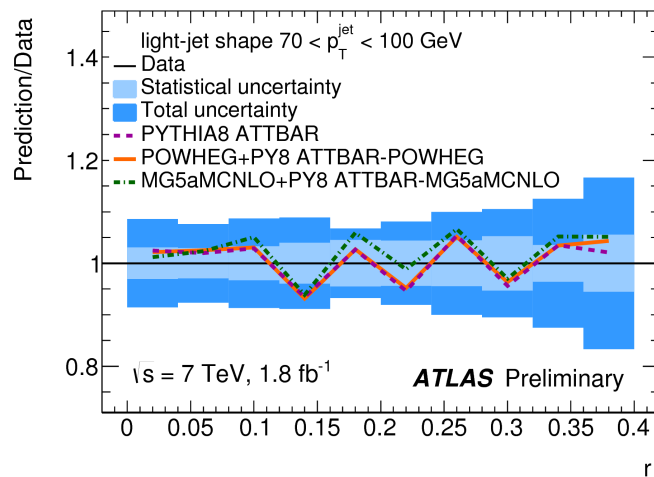
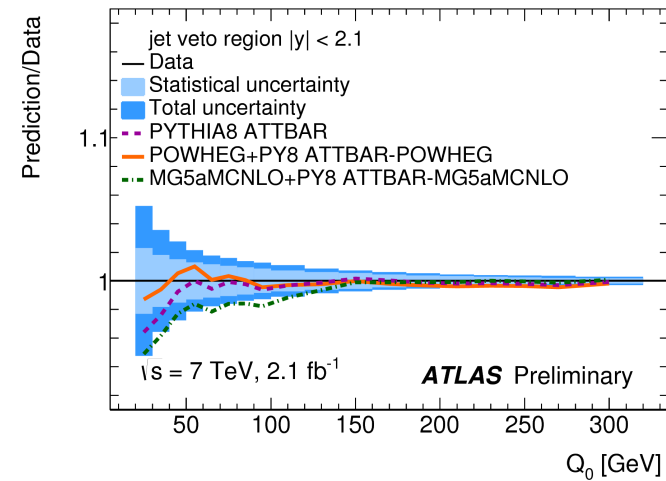
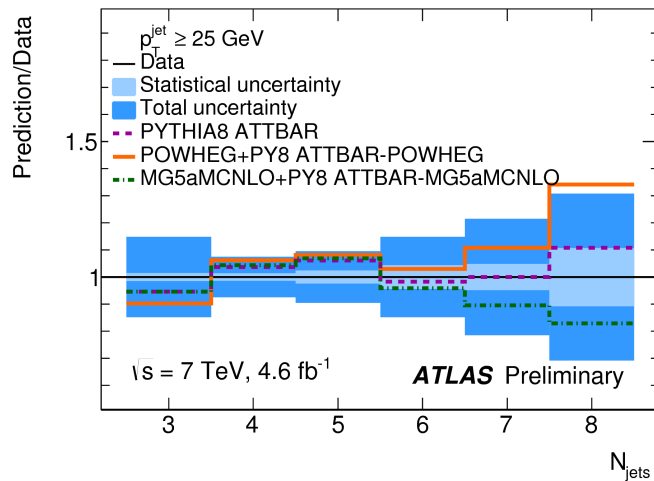
Parameter	ATTBAR	Tune without uncertainties correlations
$\alpha_s^{\text{ISR}}(m_Z)$	$0.121 \pm 0.004$	$0.118^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$
$p_{T,\text{damp}}^{\text{ISR}}$	$1.18^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	$1.17^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$
$\alpha_s^{\text{FSR}}(m_Z)$	$0.137 \pm 0.003$	$0.138^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$
$p_{T,\text{min}}^{\text{FSR}}$ [GeV]	$1.26 \pm 0.17$	$1.35 \pm 0.35$
$\chi^2_{\text{min}}/\text{dof}$	92/85	13/85

- ▶ MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO tuning (“ATTBAR-MG5aMCNLO”)
  - additional one-parameter tune of **f**  $\equiv$  **frac\_upp = frac\_down**
  - compatible for both global (recommended) and local **recoil** options:  
 $f_{\text{global}} = 0.57(3)$  vs.  $f_{\text{local}} = 0.54(3)$
- ▶ Powheg (“ATTBAR-POWHEG”)
  - additional one-parameter tune of **hdamp = h × m<sub>top</sub>** factor
  - result:  $h = 1.8^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$

## ▶ ATTBAR-MG5aMCNLO with **different recoil** options



► Comparison of ATTBAR, ATTBAR- $\{\text{POWHEG, MG5aMCNLO}\}$



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# Conclusions

- ▶ MC tuning is not rigorous, but **necessary**
- ▶ Basic toolkit provided by **Professor** and **Rivet** programs
- ▶ Used within both **ATLAS** and **CMS** to provide tunes for minimum bias, underlying event, and parton showers
  - CMS UE tune compared to double parton scattering measurements
  - global tuning of ATLAS data for UE, dijet, Z and  $t\bar{t}$  production
  - dedicated tunes for Z and  $t\bar{t}$  production, also in NLO+PS config's
- ▶ Ongoing efforts for tune validation and improvements in particular in **complex untunable processes** (diboson, Higgs, ...)
- ▶ Perfect tuning does not exist, but we are **prepared well for 13 TeV** simulations!





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# **The End**

## **Thanks for your attention!**

Thanks to the ATLAS and CMS MC tuning groups for their work and input!

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**Backup**

## ▶ Pythia standalone tune

Parameter	PYTHIA8 setting	Variation range	4C	Monash		
<b>0.127</b>	<b>0.121</b>	$\alpha_s^{\text{ISR}}(m_Z)$	SpaceShower:alphaSvalue	0.110 – 0.140	0.137	0.1365
<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.18</b>	ISR damping	SpaceShower:pTdampMatch	1 (fixed)	0	0
<b>0.139</b>	<b>0.137</b>	$p_{T,\text{damp}}^{\text{ISR}}$	SpaceShower:pTdampFudge	0.8 – 1.8	-	-
<b>0.85</b>	<b>1.26</b>	$\alpha_s^{\text{FSR}}(m_Z)$	TimeShower:alphaSvalue	0.110 – 0.150	0.1383	0.1365
		$p_{T,\text{min}}^{\text{FSR}}$ [GeV]	TimeShower:pTmin	0.1 – 2.0	0.4	0.5

» based on Monash tune, using NNPDF23LO ( $\equiv$  “ATTBAR”)

» based on 4C tune, using CTEQ6L1

## ▶ Correlation of experimental uncertainties taken into account

» meaningful definition of  $\chi^2$

» reduced uncertainties on tuning parameters

Parameter	ATTBAR	Tune without uncertainties correlations
$\alpha_s^{\text{ISR}}(m_Z)$	$0.121 \pm 0.004$	$0.118^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$
$p_{T,\text{damp}}^{\text{ISR}}$	$1.18^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$	$1.17^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$
$\alpha_s^{\text{FSR}}(m_Z)$	$0.137 \pm 0.003$	$0.138^{+0.006}_{-0.005}$
$p_{T,\text{min}}^{\text{FSR}}$ [GeV]	$1.26 \pm 0.17$	$1.35 \pm 0.35$
$\chi^2_{\text{min}}/\text{dof}$	92/85	13/85