

A visualization of a particle collision event simulation. It shows a central point from which numerous lines radiate outwards. The lines are colored red, yellow, and green, representing different particles or energy flows. The lines are dense and chaotic, with some extending further than others, creating a starburst or explosion-like pattern.

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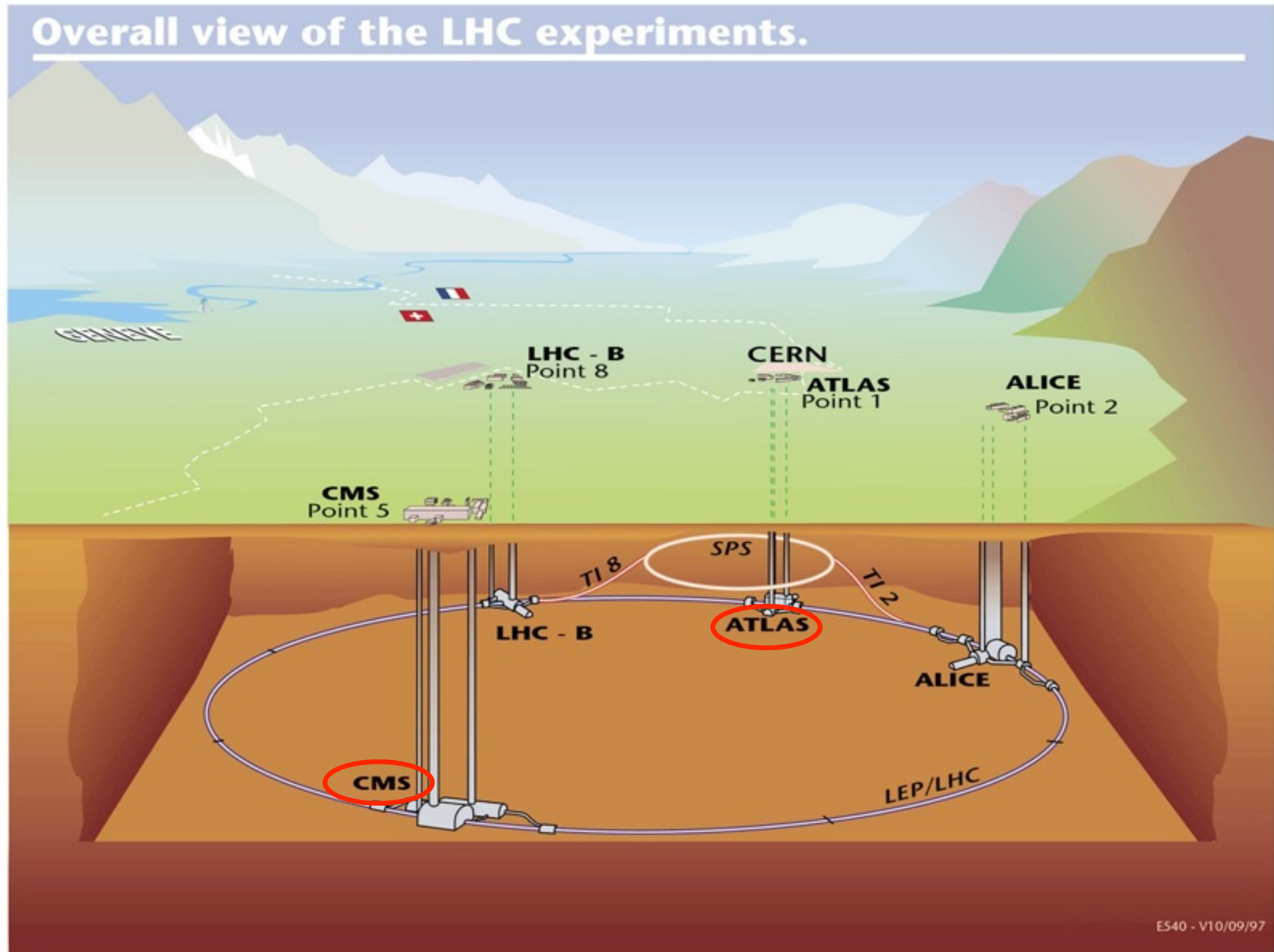
- Monte Carlo event generation:
 - ✧ theoretical status and limitations
- Recent improvements:
 - ✧ perturbative and non-perturbative
- Overview of results:
 - ✧ W, Z, top, Higgs, ... (+jets)

Monte Carlo Event Generation

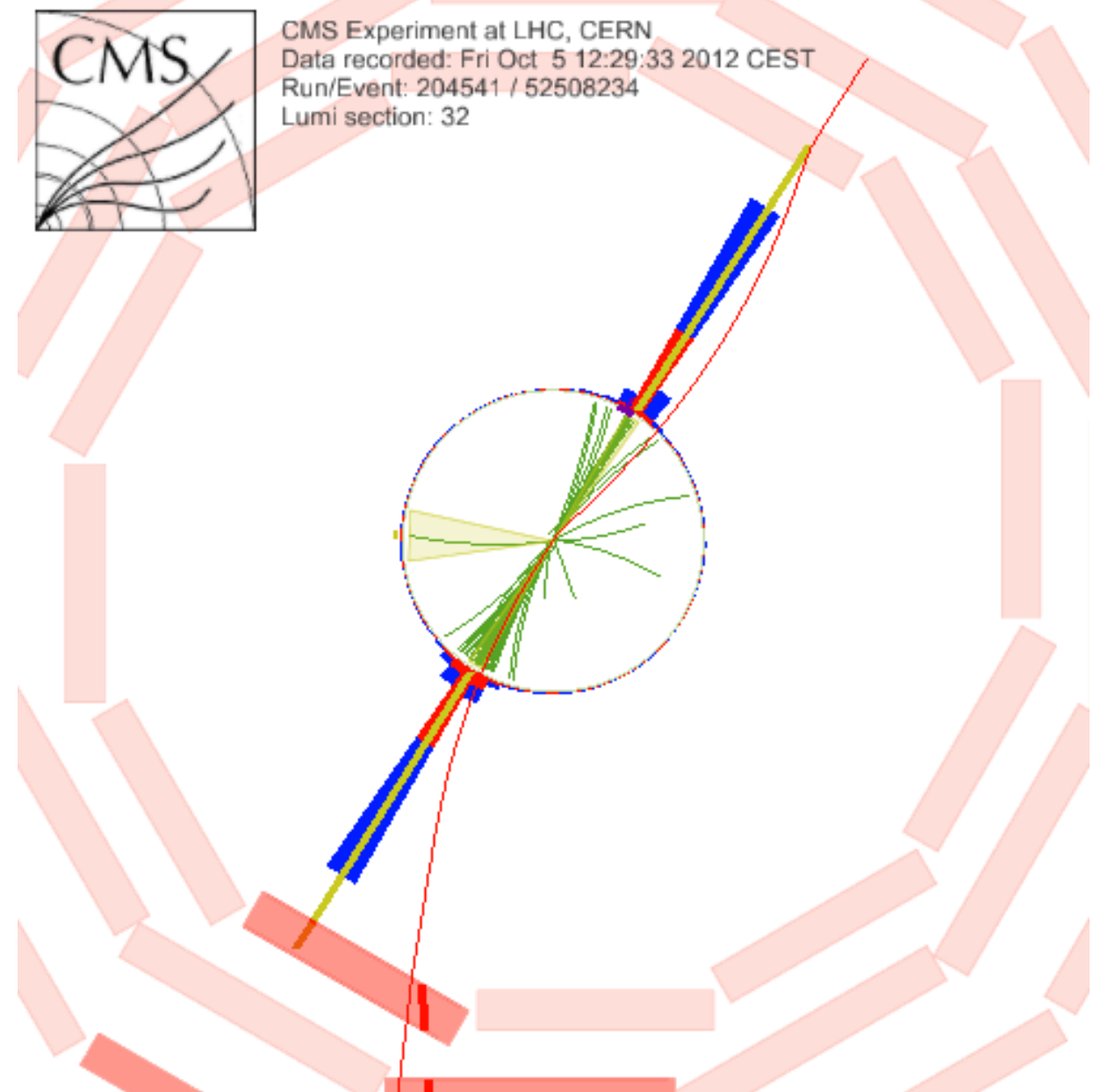
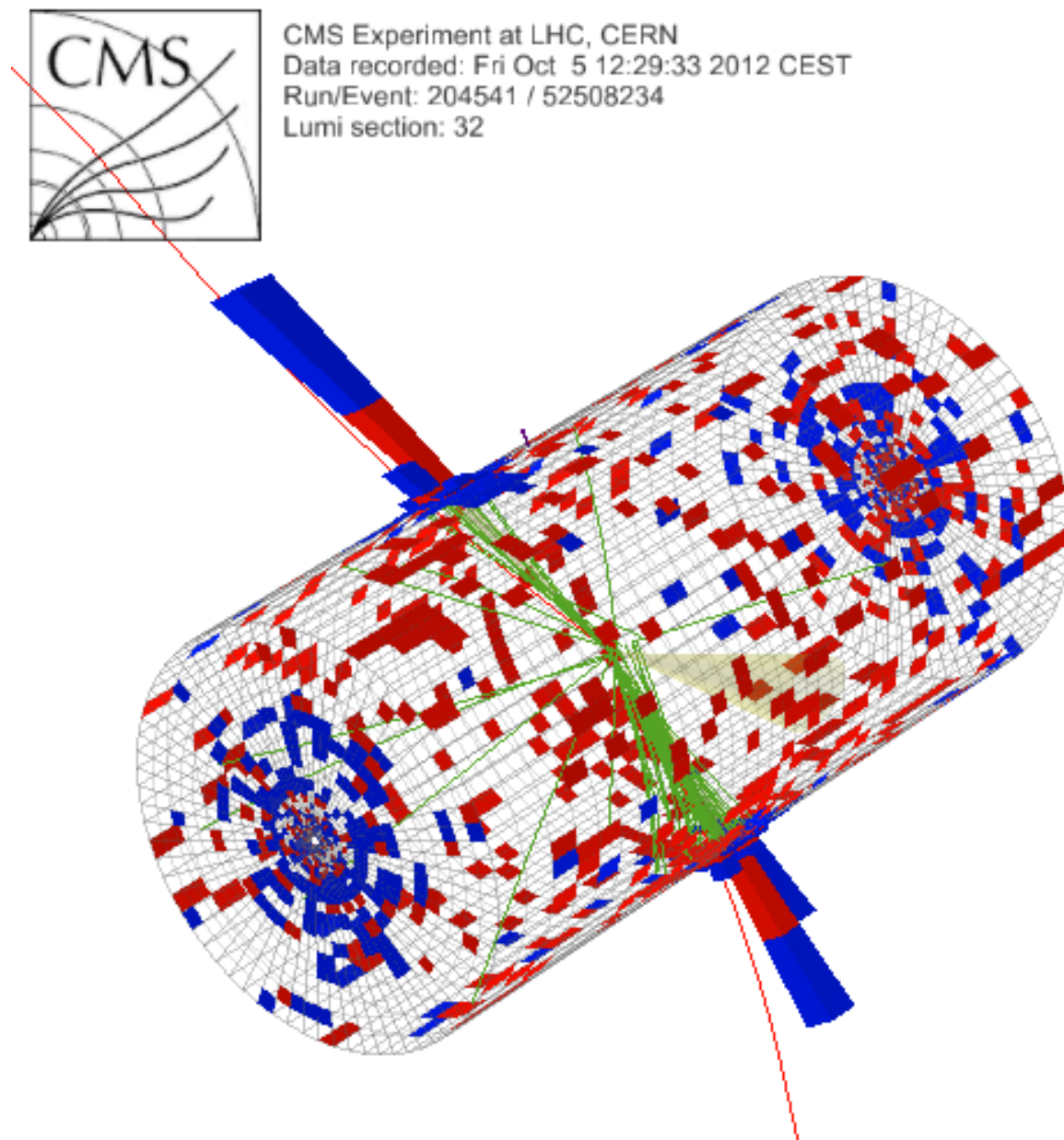
Monte Carlo Event Generation

- Aim is to produce simulated (particle-level) datasets like those from real collider events
 - ✧ i.e. lists of particle identities, momenta, ...
 - ✧ simulate quantum effects by (pseudo)random numbers
- Essential for:
 - ✧ Designing new experiments and data analyses
 - ✧ Correcting for detector and selection effects
 - ✧ Testing the Standard Model and measuring its parameters
 - ✧ Estimating new signals and their backgrounds

Overall view of the LHC experiments.



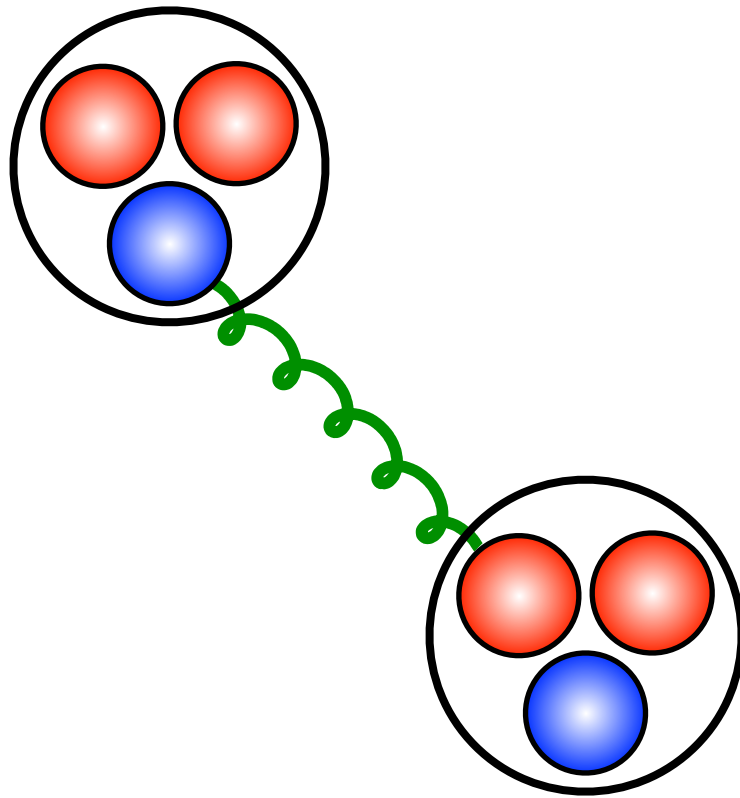
A high-mass dijet event



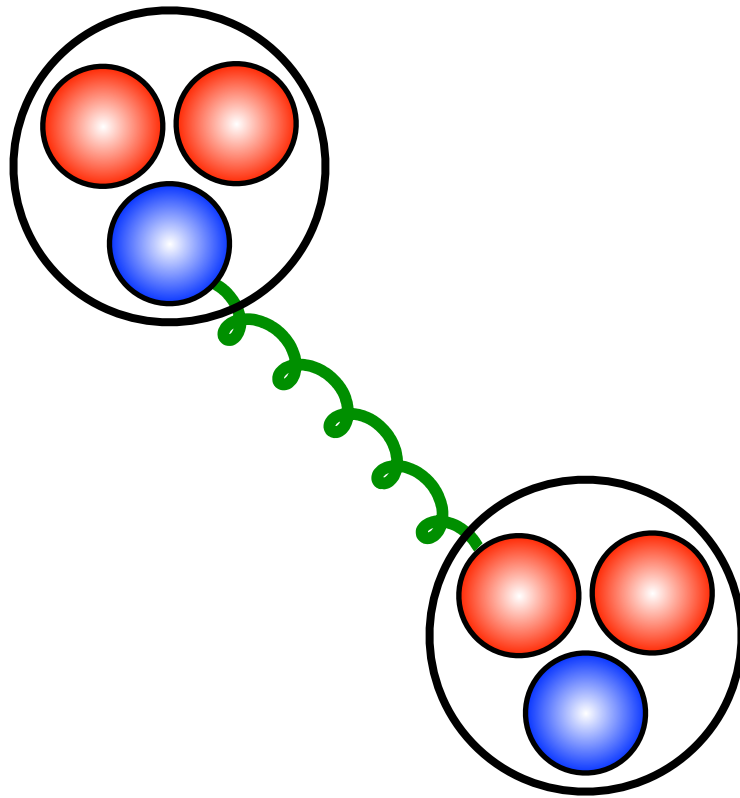
● $M_{jj} = 5.15 \text{ TeV}$

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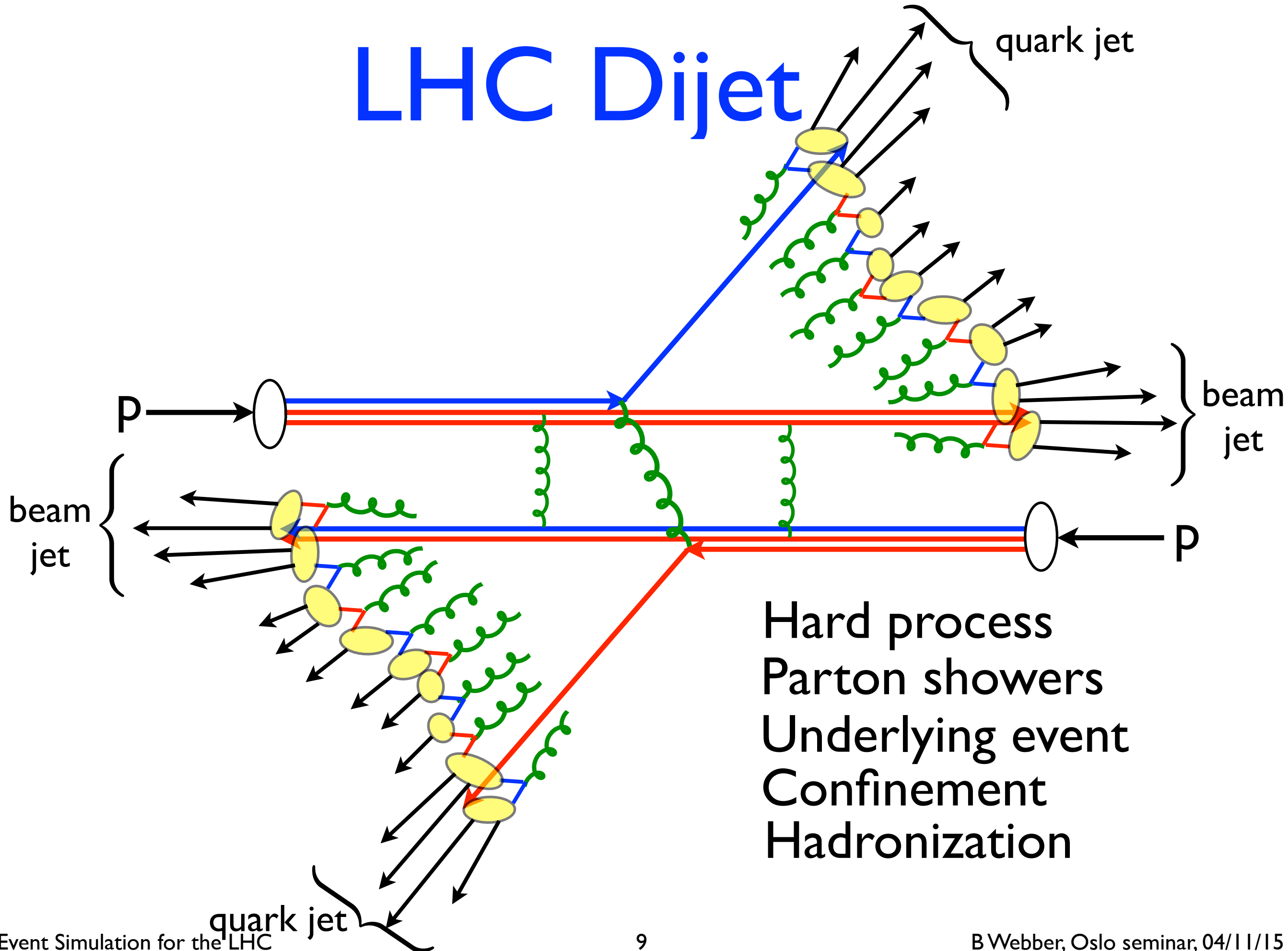
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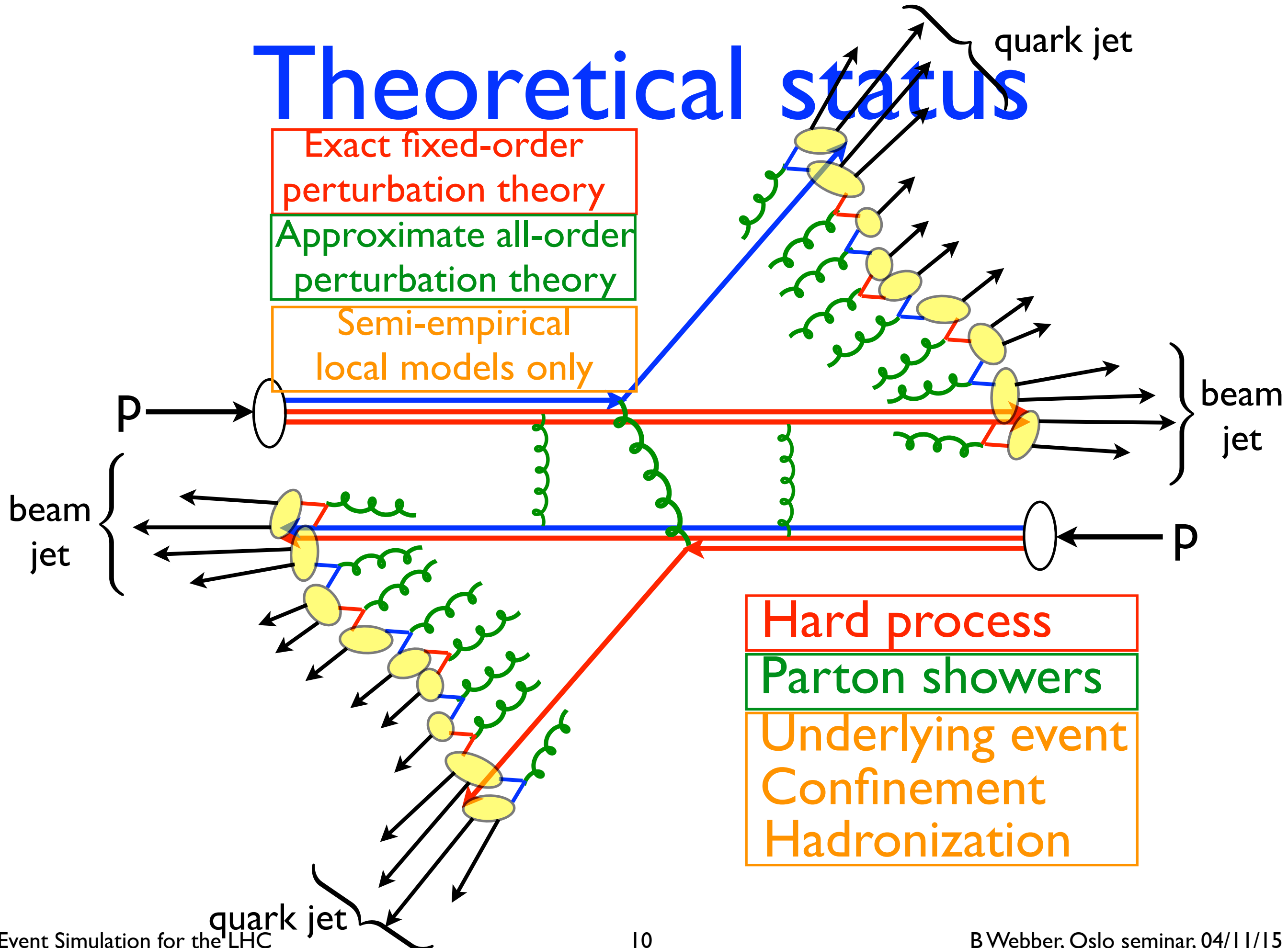
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Theoretical status



QCD Factorization

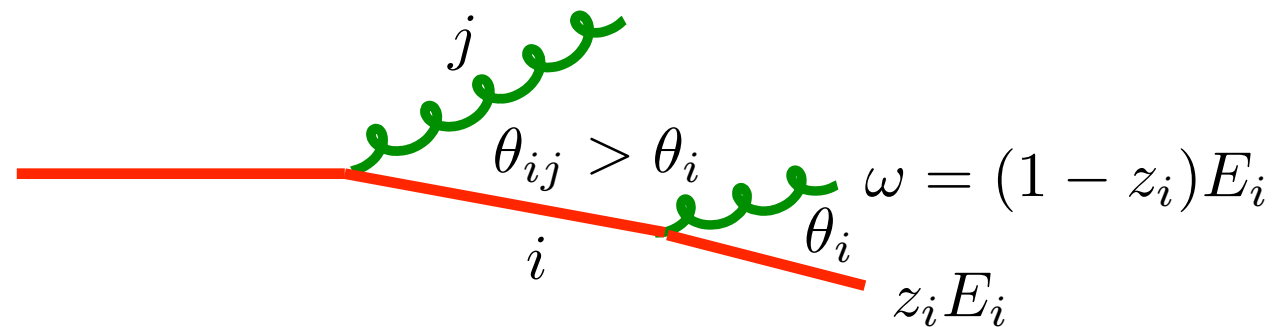
$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow X}(E_{pp}^2) = \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \underbrace{f_i(x_1, \mu^2) f_j(x_2, \mu^2)}_{\substack{\text{parton} \\ \text{distributions} \\ \text{at scale } \mu^2}} \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow X}(x_1 x_2 E_{pp}^2, \mu^2)}_{\substack{\text{hard process} \\ \text{cross section}}}$$

momentum fractions

- Jet formation and underlying event take place over a much longer time scale, with unit probability
- Hence they cannot affect the cross section
- Scale dependences of parton distributions and hard process cross section are perturbatively calculable, and cancel order by order

Parton Shower Approximation

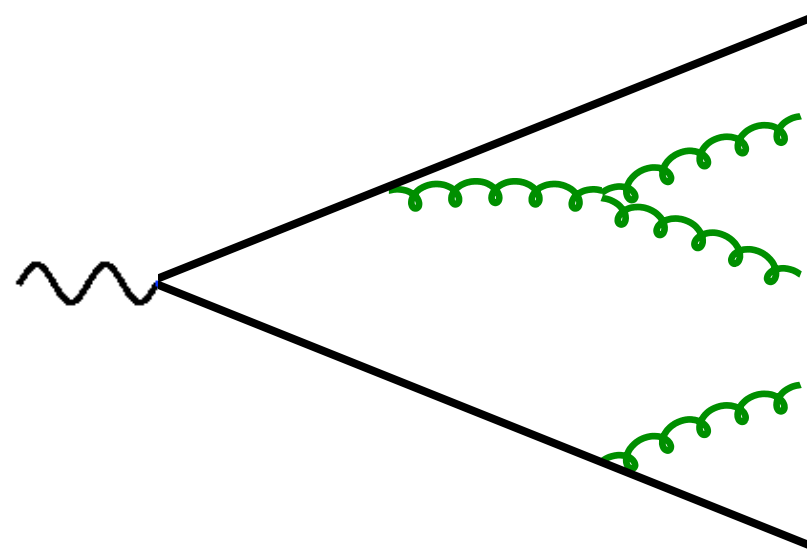
- Keep only most singular parts of QCD matrix elements:
- **Collinear** $d\sigma_{n+1} \approx \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sum_i P_{ii}(z_i, \phi_i) dz_i \frac{d\xi_i}{\xi_i} \frac{d\phi_i}{2\pi} d\sigma_n$ $\xi_i = 1 - \cos \theta_i$
- **Soft** $d\sigma_{n+1} \approx \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sum_{i,j} (-\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j) \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{p_i \cdot k p_j \cdot k} \omega d\omega d\xi_i \frac{d\phi_i}{2\pi} d\sigma_n$
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 $\approx \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sum_{i,j} (-\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j) \Theta(\xi_{ij} - \xi_i) \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{d\xi_i}{\xi_i} d\sigma_n$



➔ Angular-ordered **parton shower** (or **dipoles**)

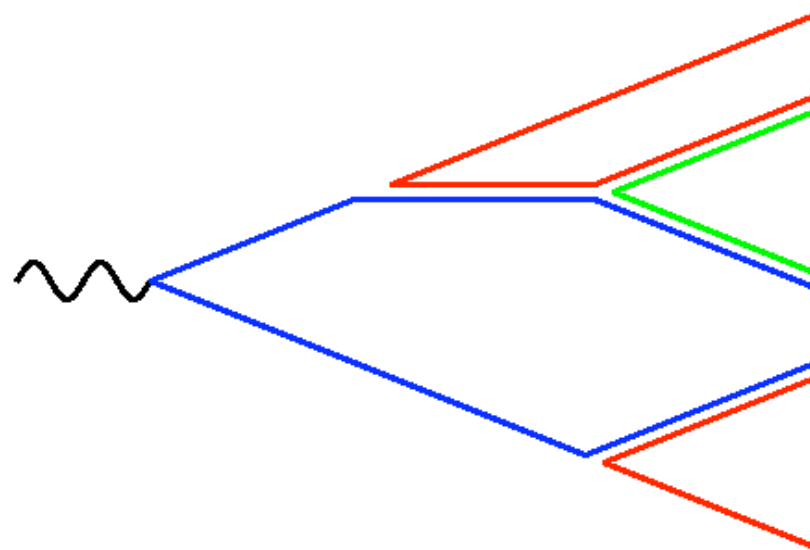
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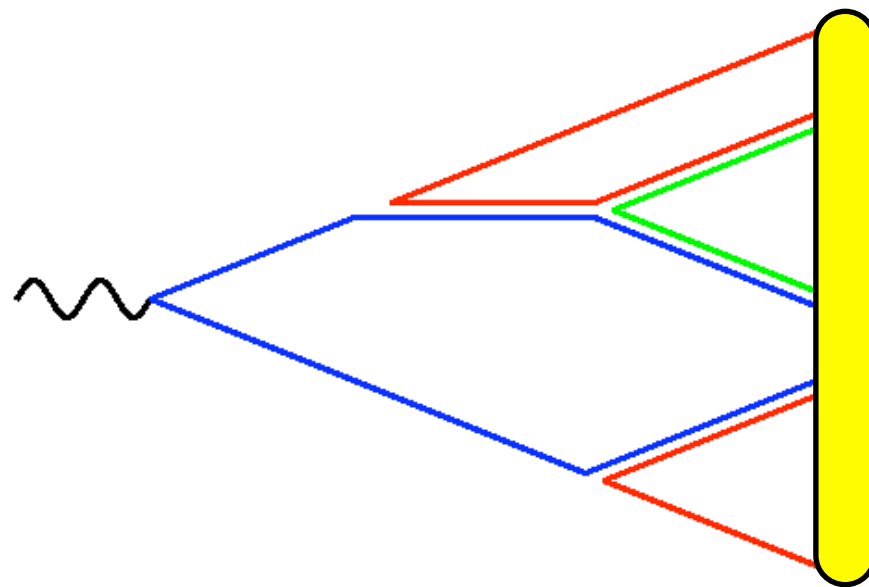
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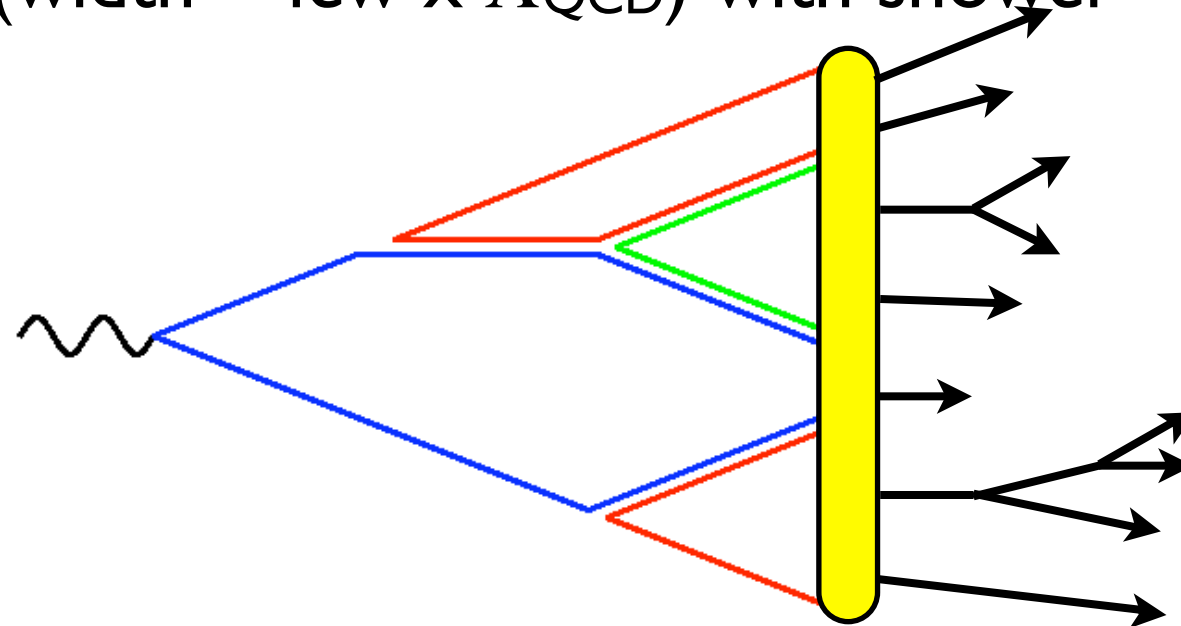
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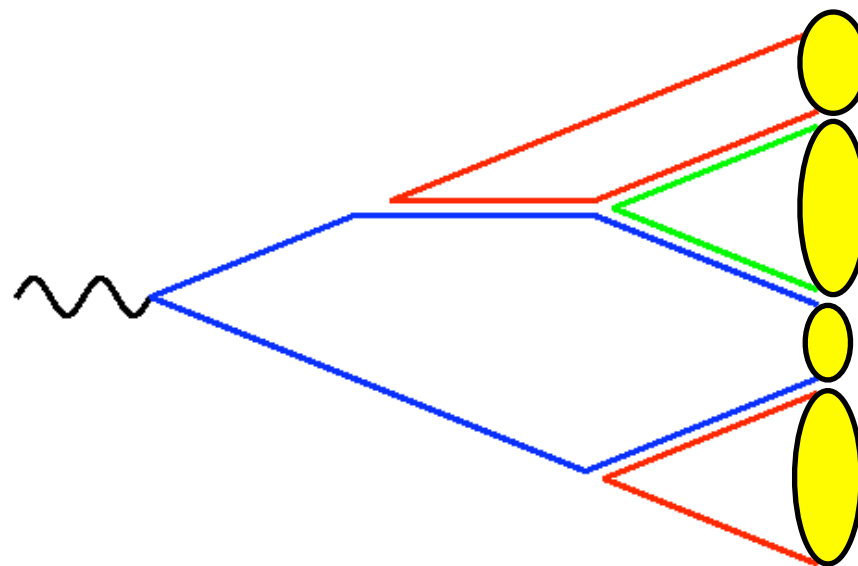
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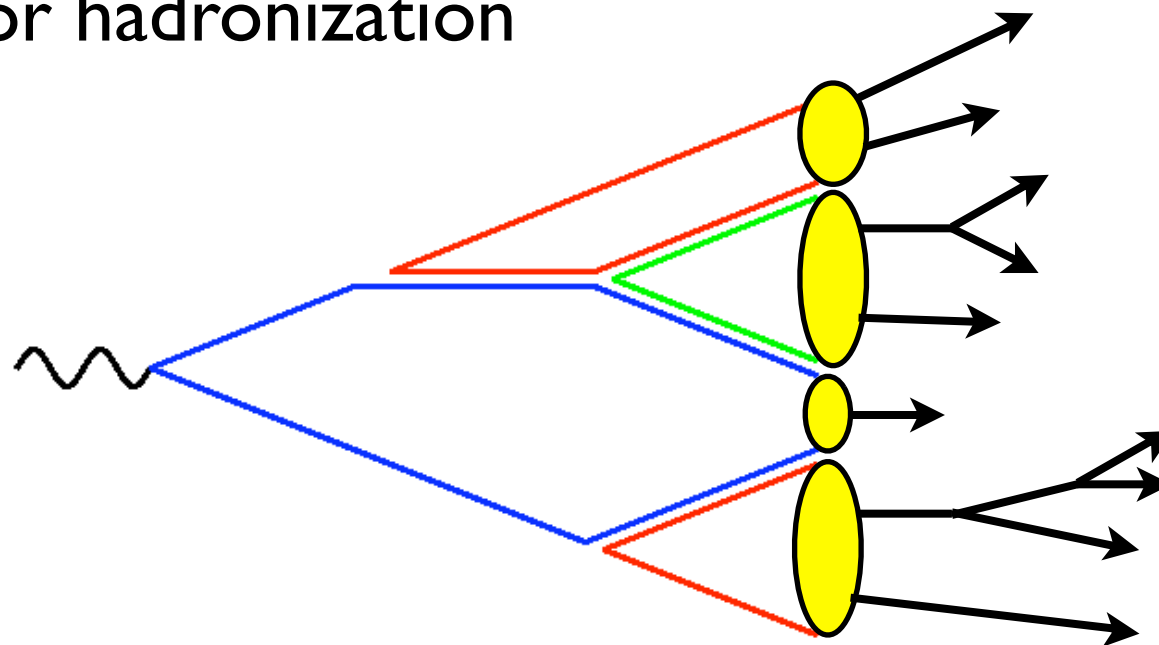
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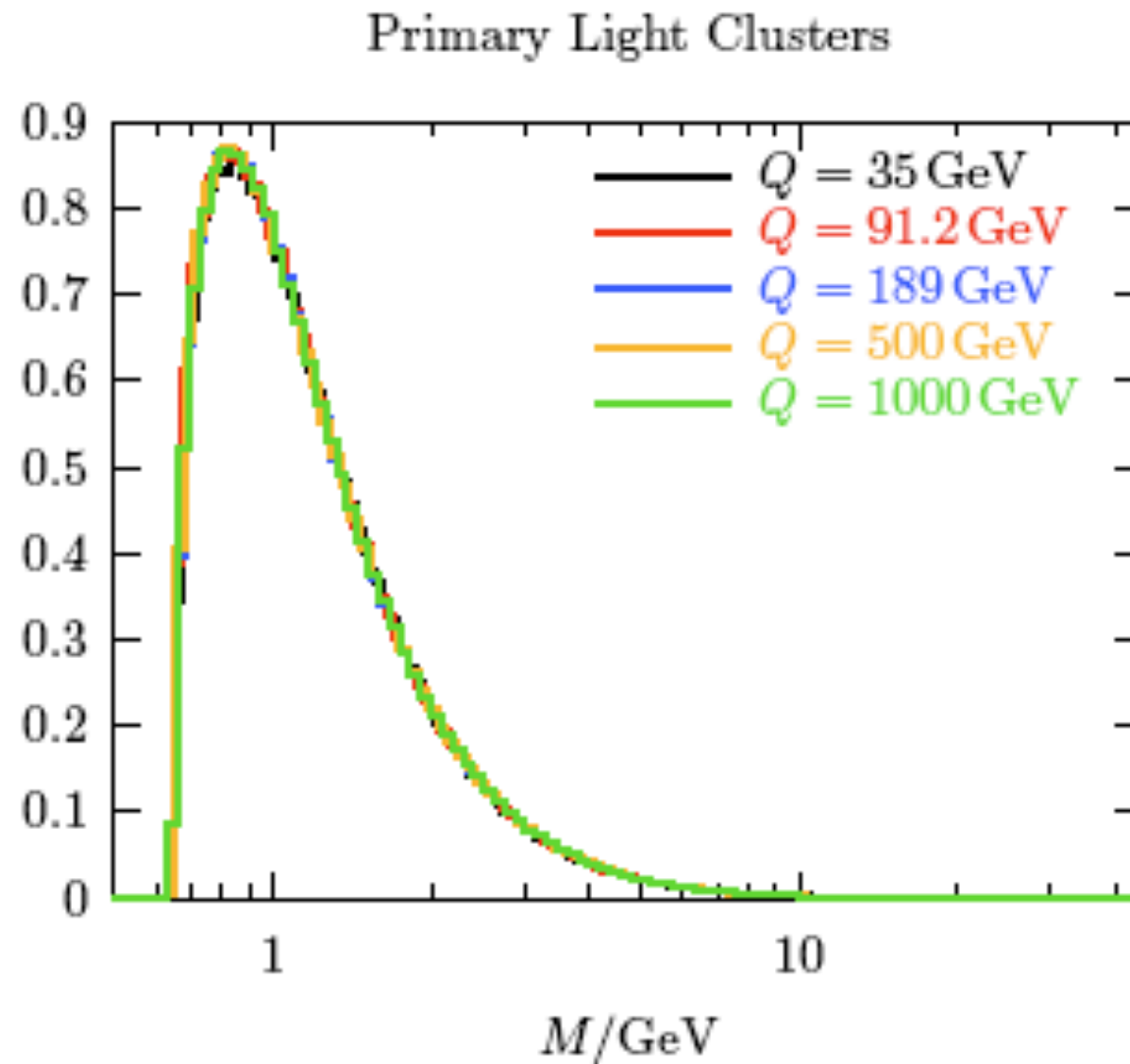


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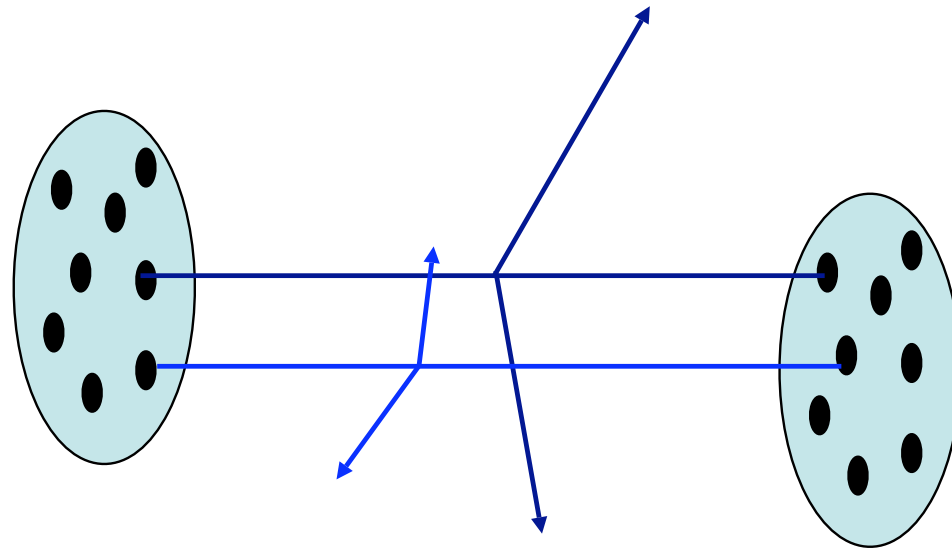


- Mass distribution of preconfined clusters is universal
- Phase-space decay model for most clusters
- High-mass tail decays anisotropically (string-like)

Hadronization Status

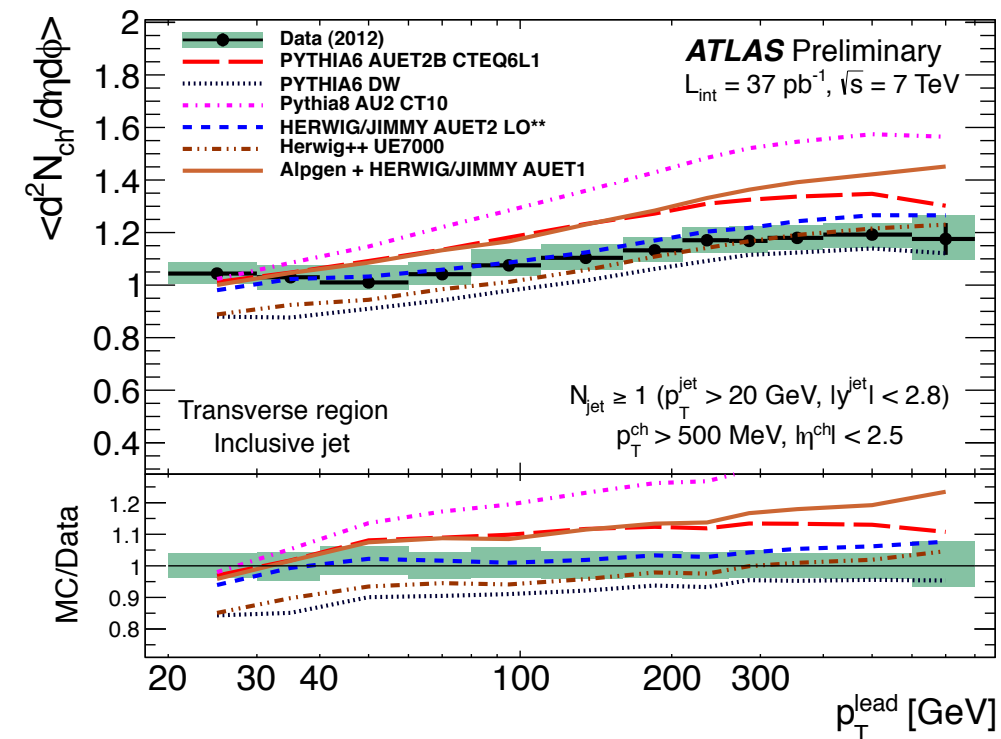
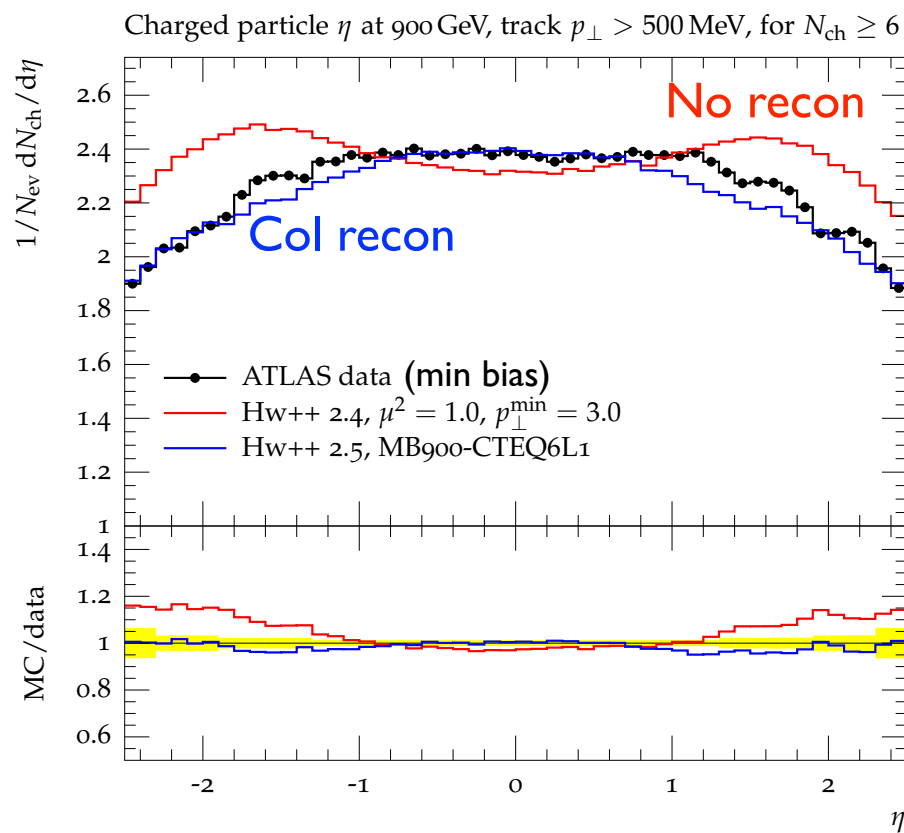
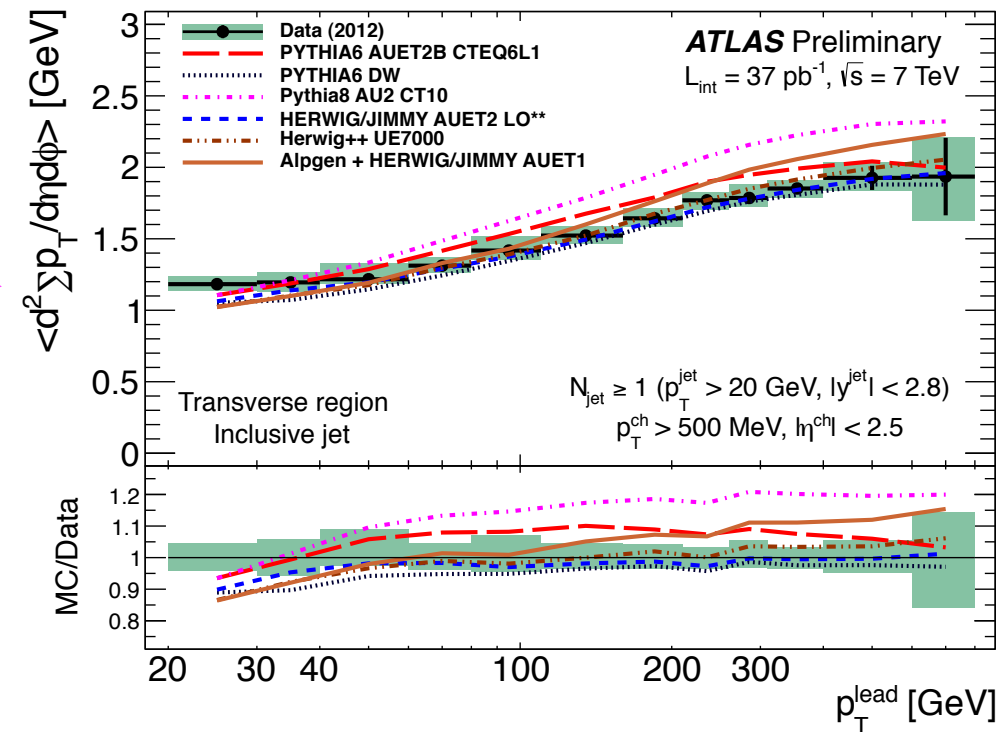
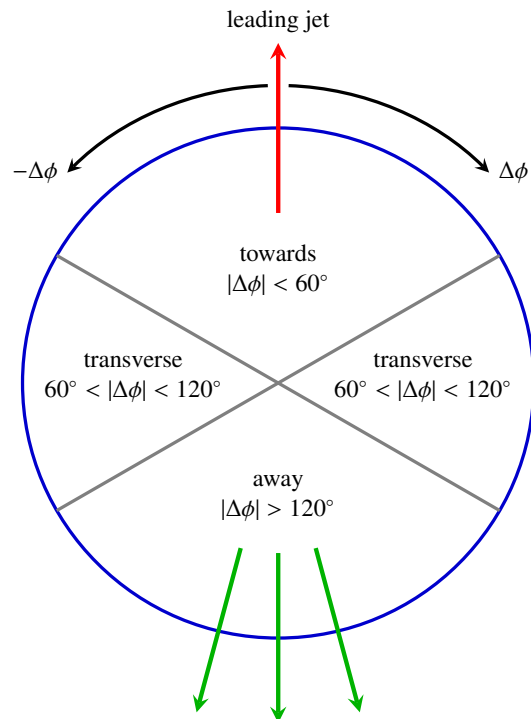
- No fundamental progress since 1980s
 - ✦ Available non-perturbative methods (lattice, AdS/QCD, ...) are inapplicable
- Less important in some respects in LHC era
 - ✦ Jets, leptons and photons are observed objects, not hadrons
- But still important for detector effects
 - ✦ Jet response, heavy-flavour tagging, lepton and photon isolation, ...

Underlying Event



- Multiple parton interactions in same collision
 - ✧ Depends on density profile of proton
- Assume QCD 2-to-2 secondary collisions
 - ✧ Need cutoff at low p_T
- Need to model colour flow
 - ✧ Colour reconnections are necessary

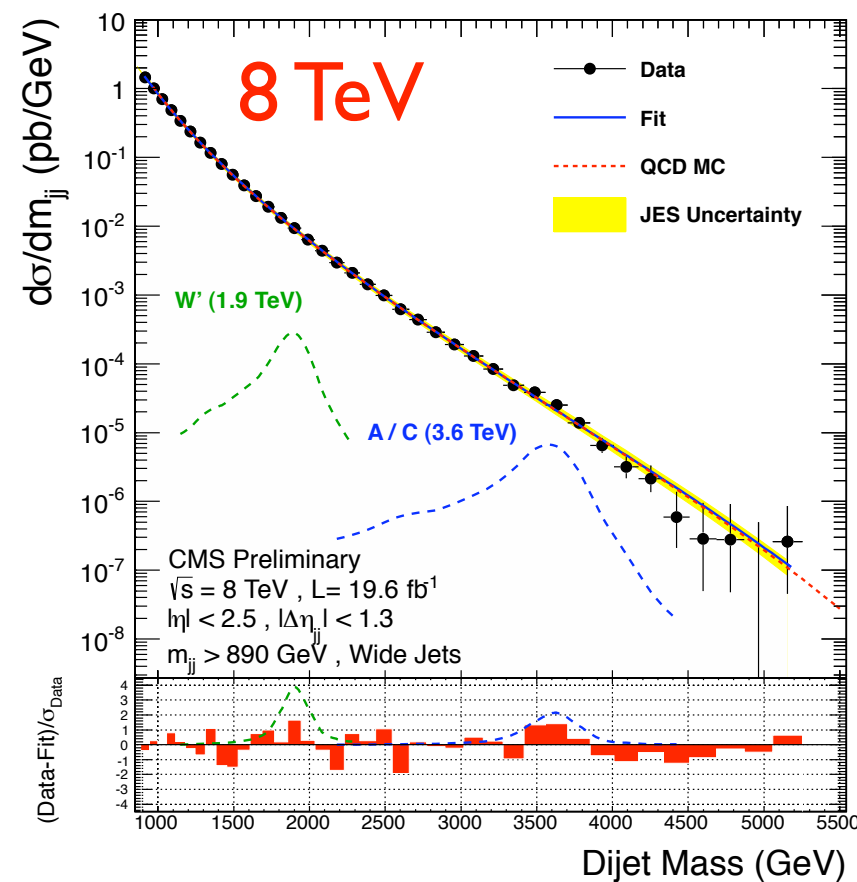
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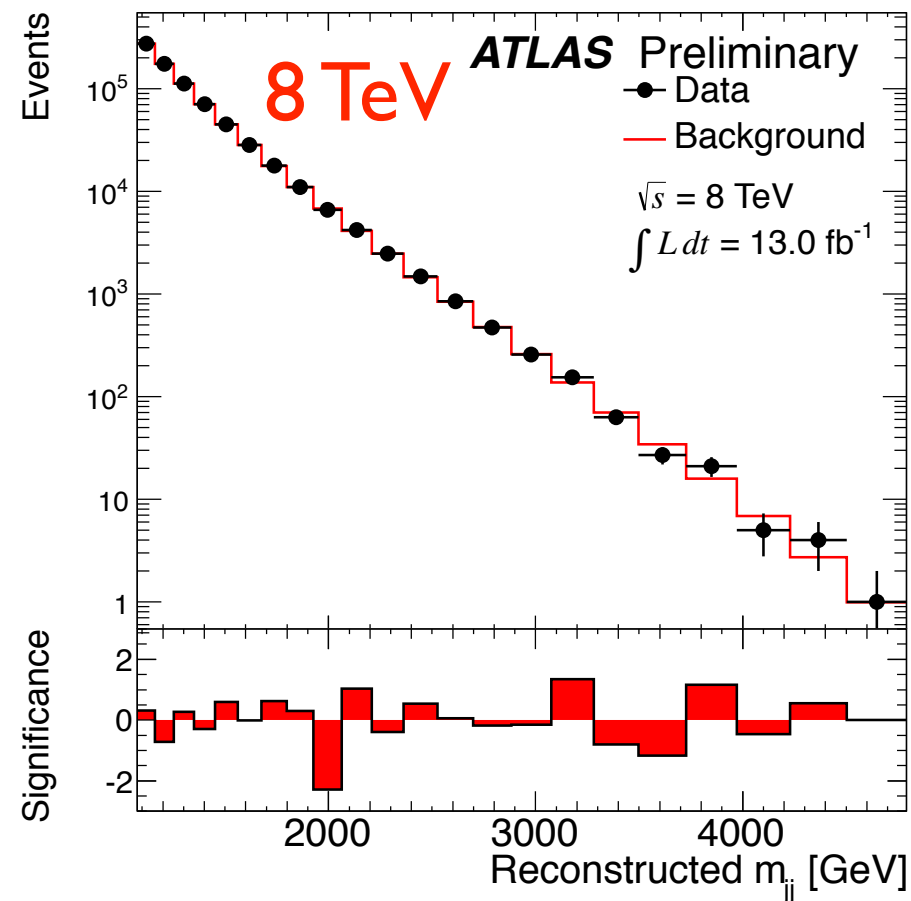
Gieseke, Röhr, Siódmok, arXiv:1206.2205

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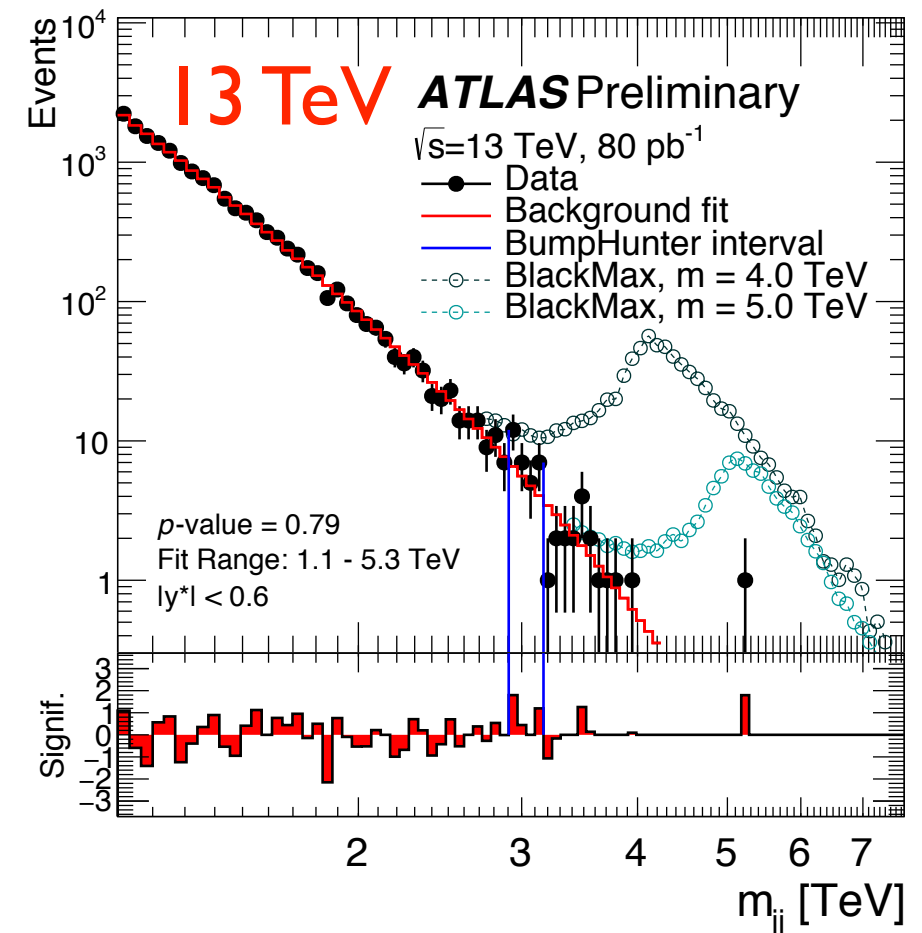
Dijet Mass Distribution



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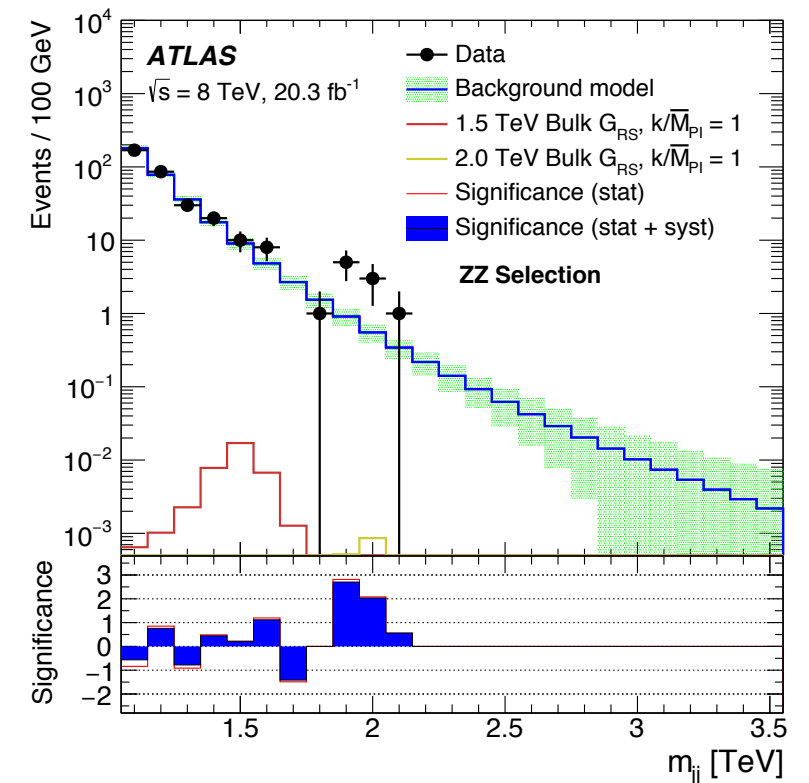
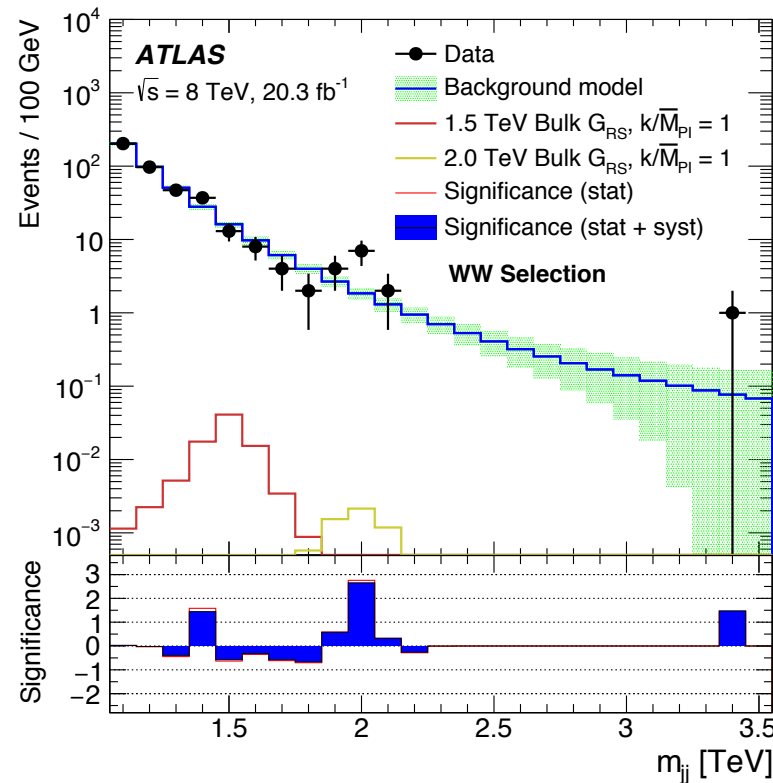
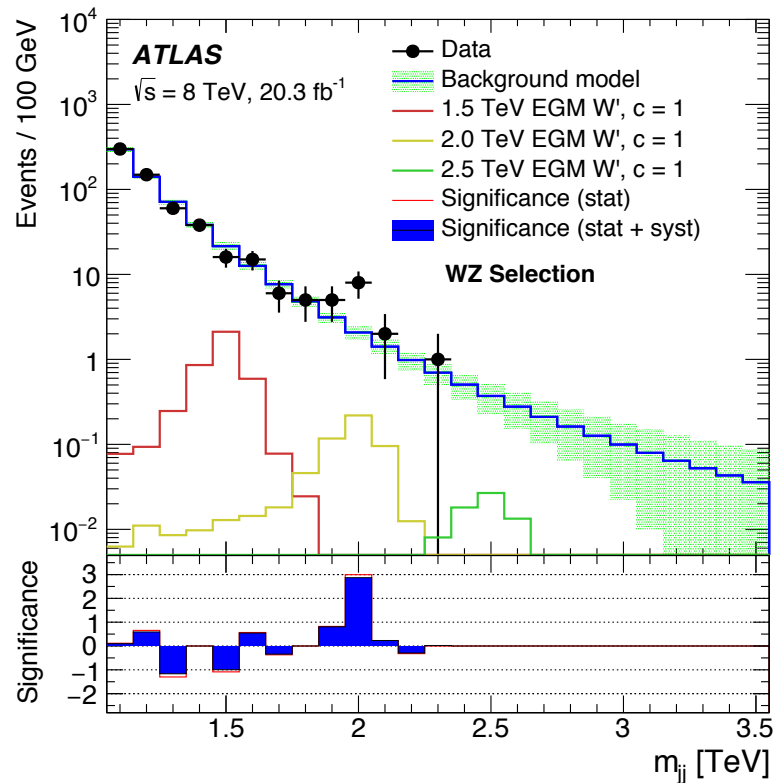
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- No significant deviation from Standard Model (yet)
- But ...

Diboson selection



ATLAS, arXiv:1506.00962

- Each jet selected for hadronic W or Z decay
- WZ, WW and ZZ selections overlap

MC Event Generators

● HERWIG

<http://projects.hepforge.org/herwig/>

- ➔ Angular-ordered parton shower, cluster hadronization
- ➔ v6 Fortran; Herwig++

● PYTHIA

<http://www.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html>

- ➔ Dipole-type parton shower, string hadronization
- ➔ v6 Fortran; v8 C++

● SHERPA

<http://projects.hepforge.org/sherpa/>

- ➔ Dipole-type parton shower, cluster hadronization
- ➔ C++

“General-purpose event generators for LHC physics”,
A Buckley et al., arXiv:1101.2599, Phys. Rept. 504(2011)145

Other relevant software

(with apologies for omissions)

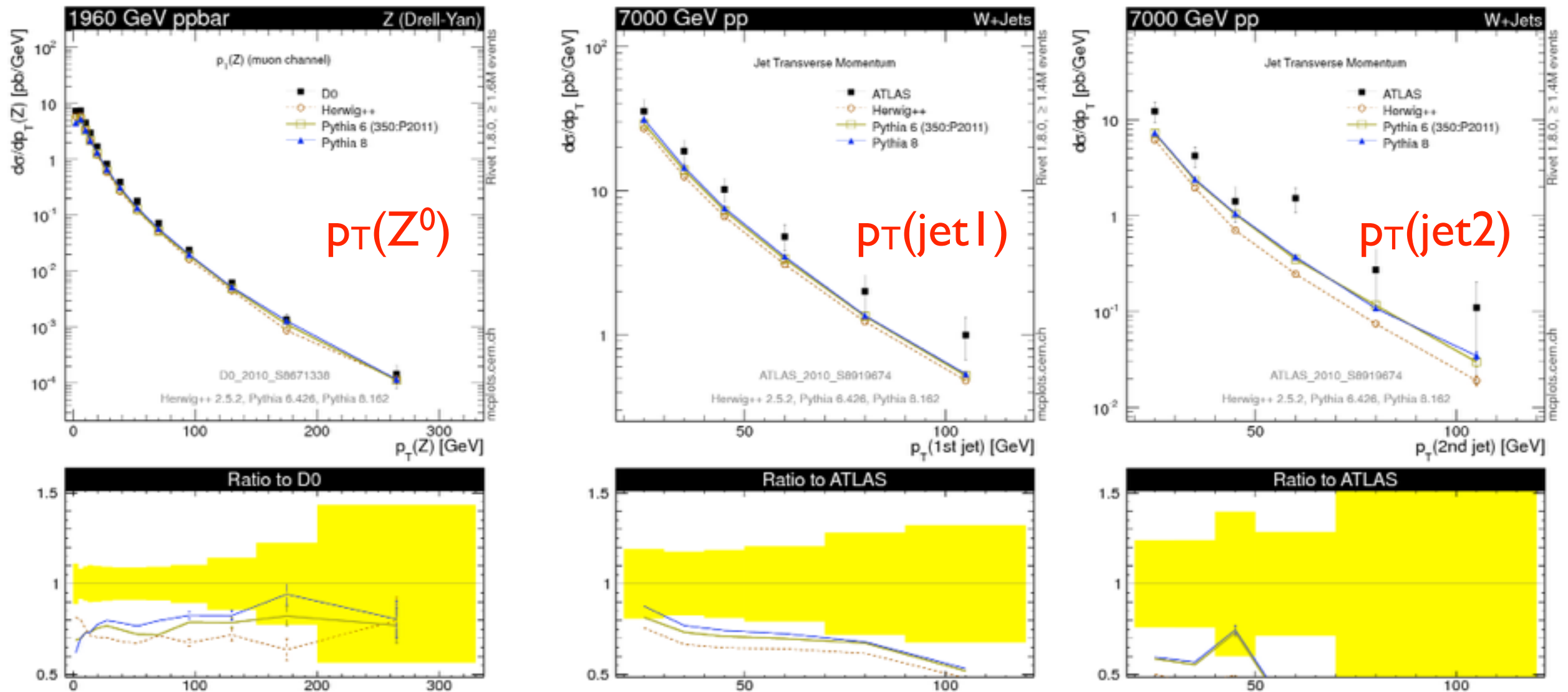
- Other event/shower generators: PhoJet, Ariadne, Dipsy, Cascade, Vincia
- Matrix-element generators: MadGraph/MadEvent, CompHep, CalcHep, Helac, Whizard, Sherpa, GoSam, aMC@NLO
- Matrix element libraries: AlpGen, POWHEG BOX, MCFM, NLOjet++, VBFNLO, BlackHat, Rocket
- Special BSM scenarios: Prospino, Charybdis, TrueNoir
- Mass spectra and decays: SOFTSUSY, SPHENO, HDecay, SDecay
- Feynman rule generators: FeynRules
- PDF libraries: LHAPDF
- Resummed (p_{\perp}) spectra: ResBos
- Approximate loops: LoopSim
- Jet finders: anti- k_{\perp} and FastJet
- Analysis packages: Rivet, Professor, MCPLOTS
- Detector simulation: GEANT, Delphes
- Constraints (from cosmology etc): DarkSUSY, MicrOmegas
- Standards: PDF identity codes, LHA, LHEF, SLHA, Binoth LHA, HepMC

Sjöstrand, Nobel Symposium, May 2013

Parton Shower Monte Carlo

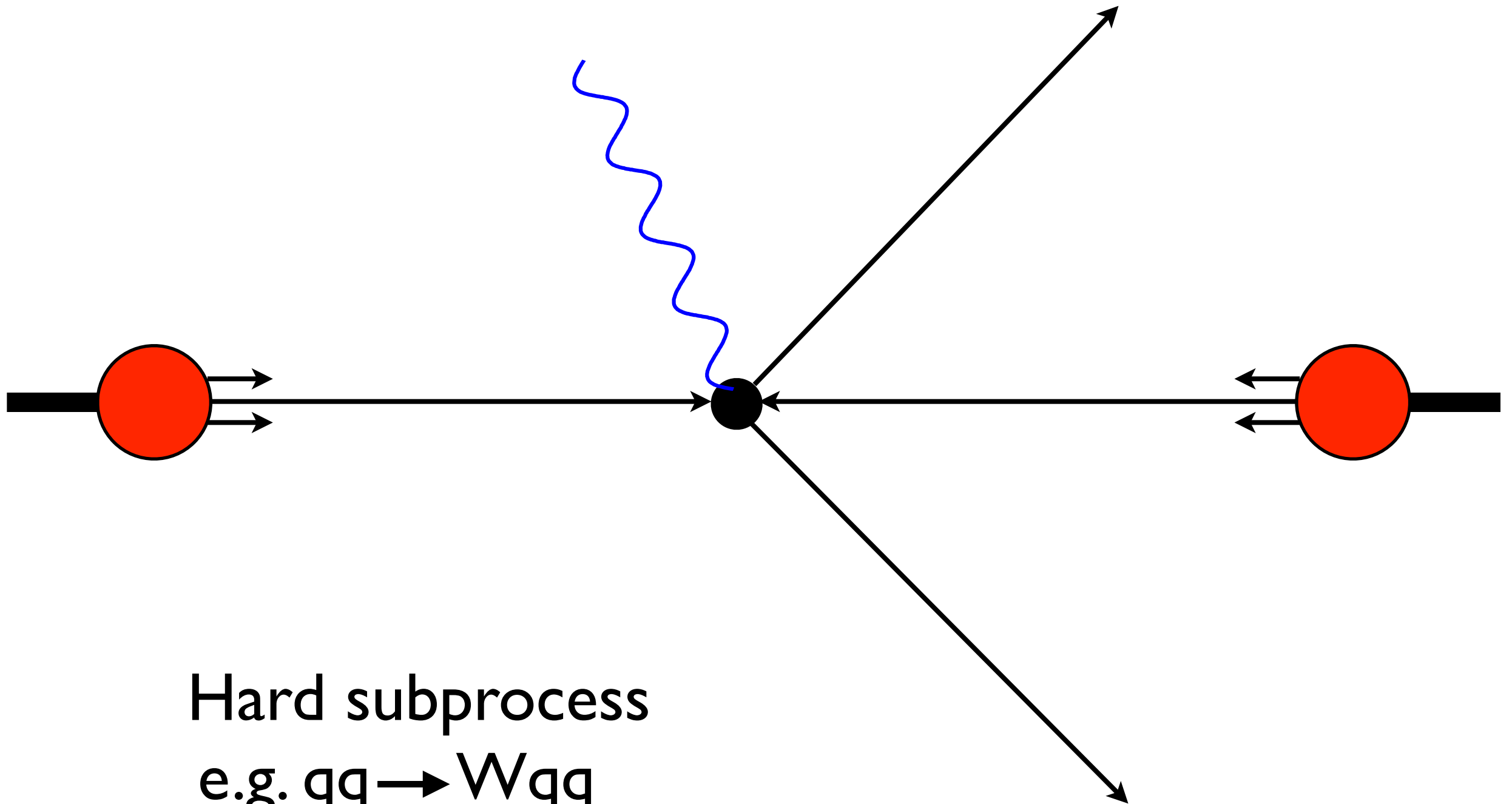
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- Hard subprocess: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z^0/W^\pm$

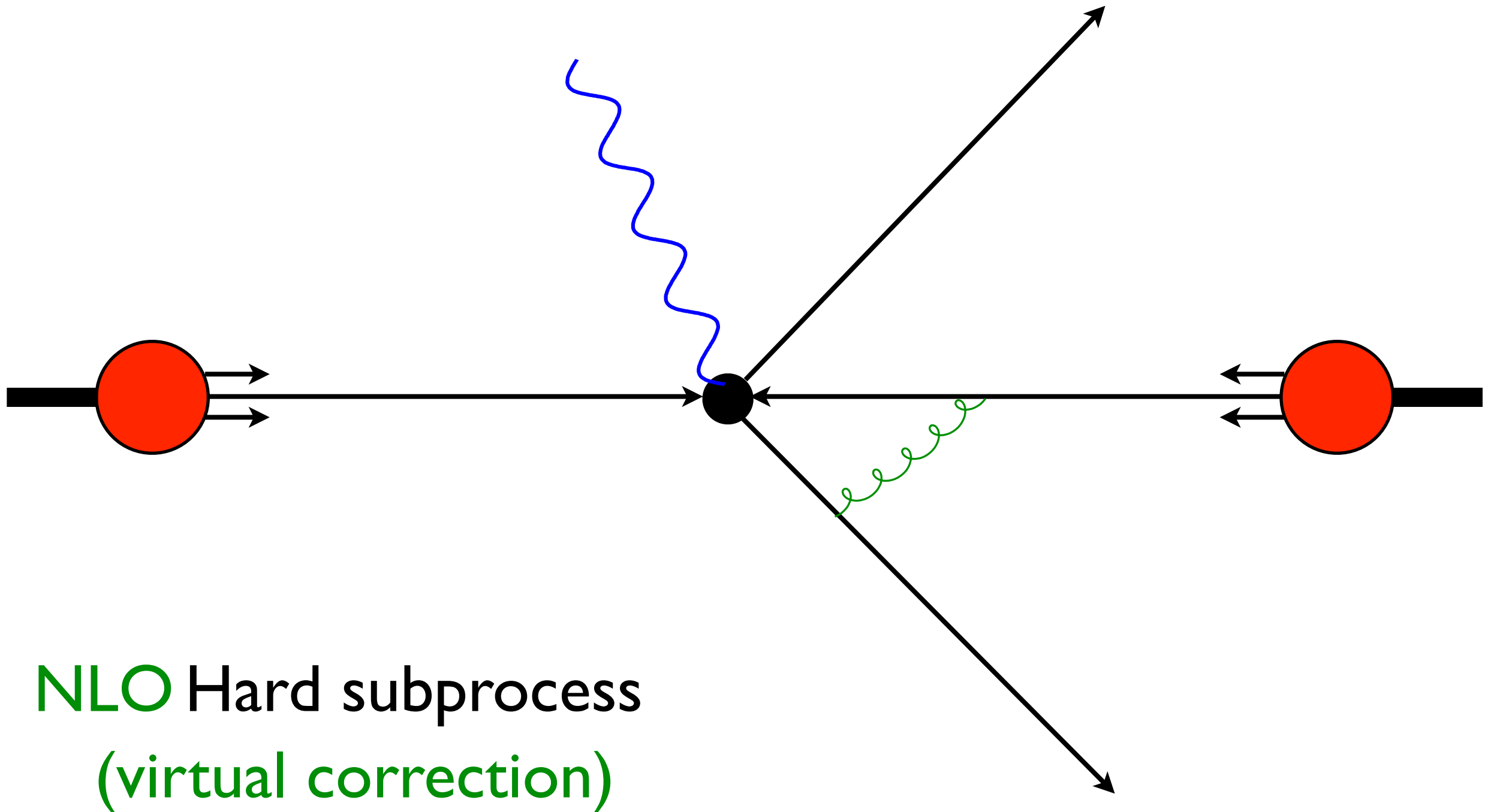


- Leading-order (LO) normalization \Rightarrow need next-to-LO (NLO)
- Worse for high p_T and/or extra jets \Rightarrow need multijet merging

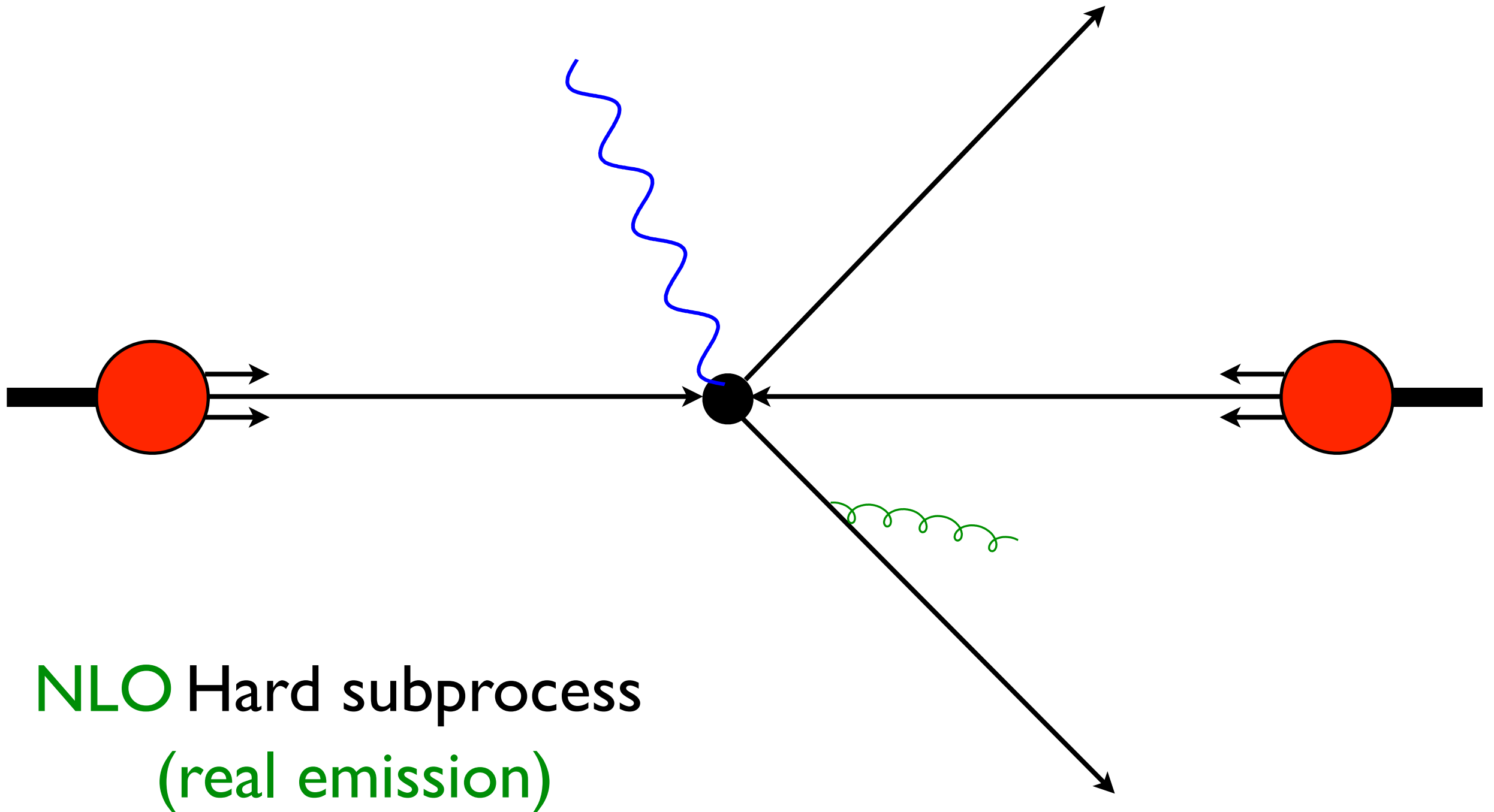
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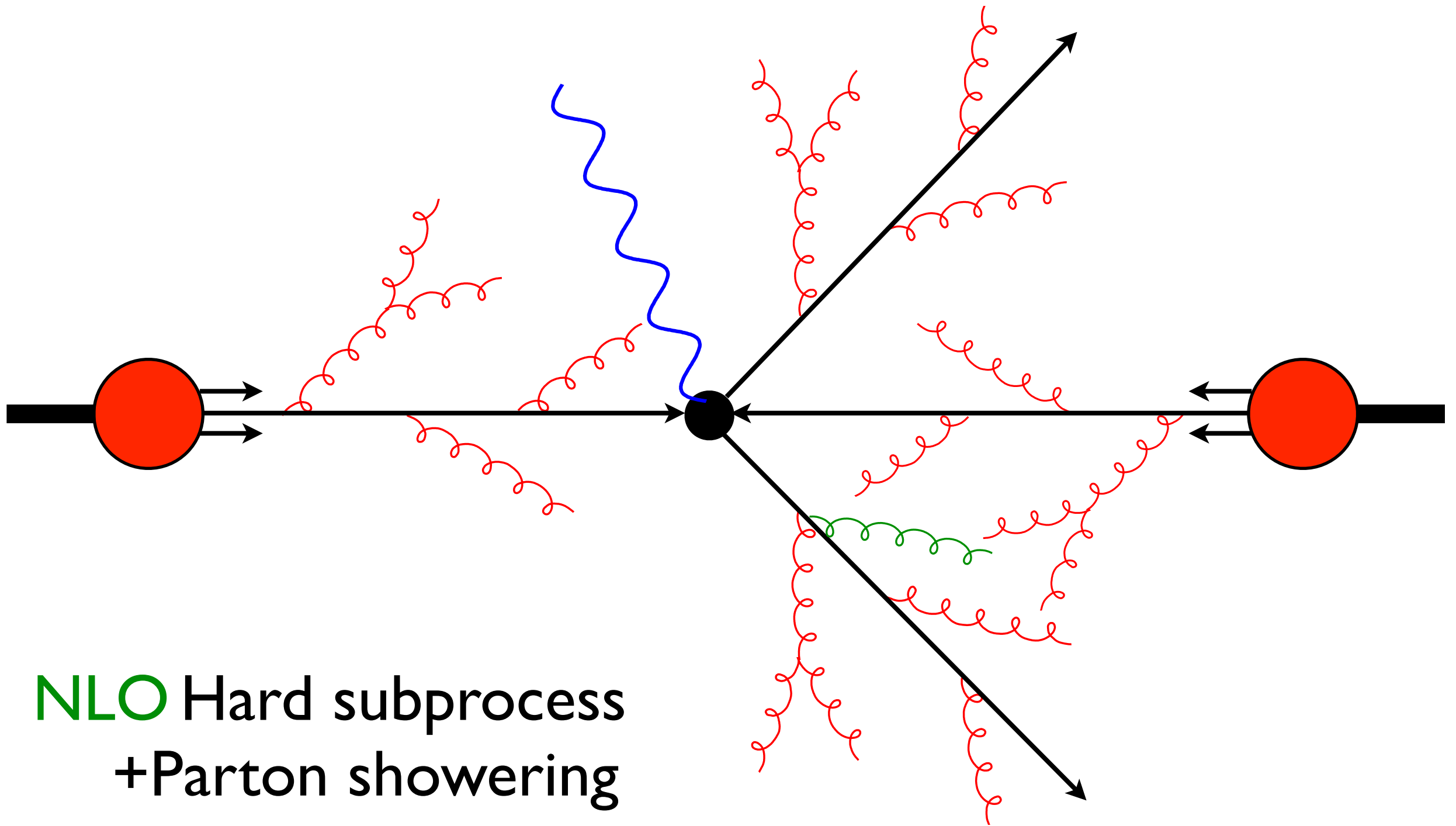
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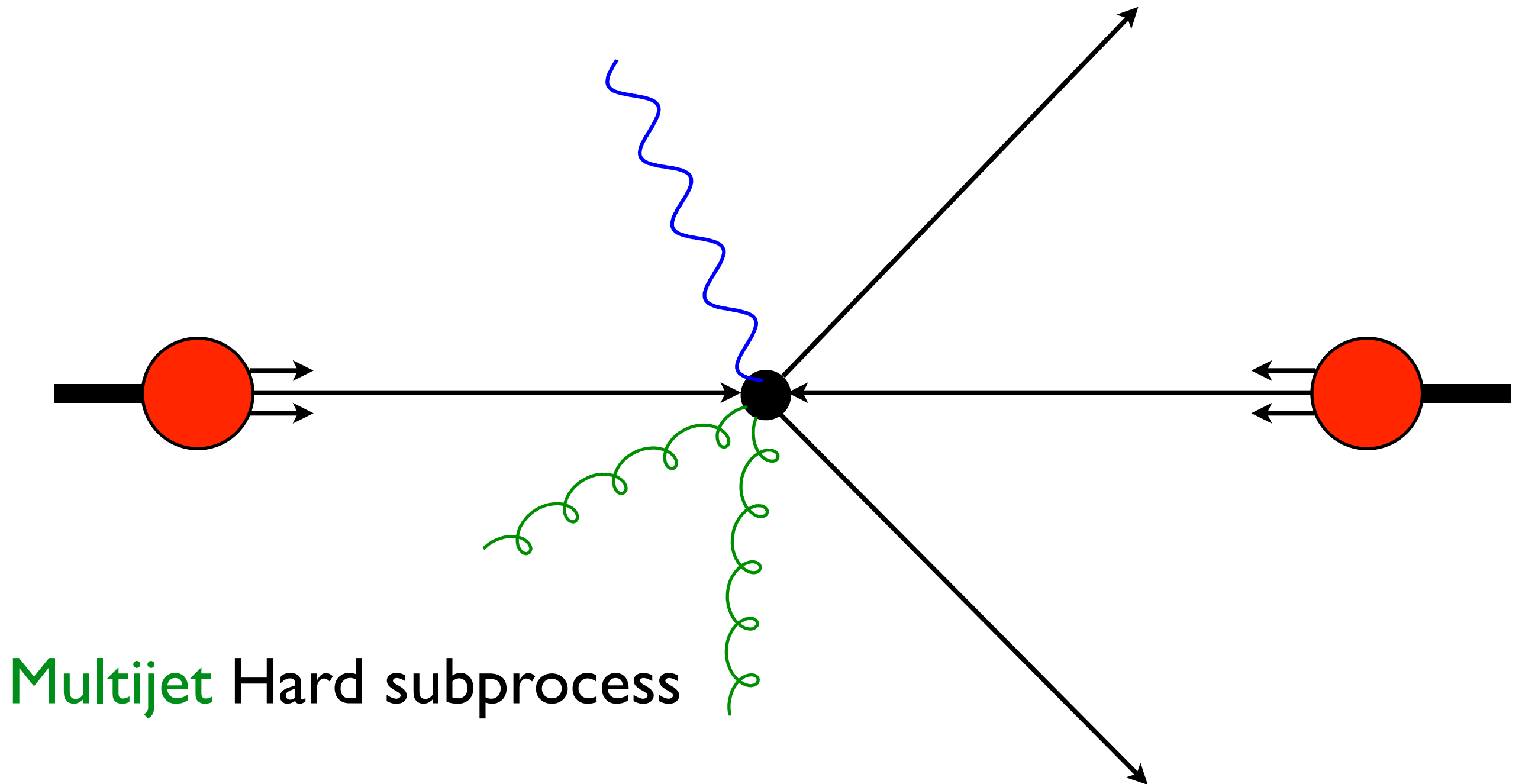


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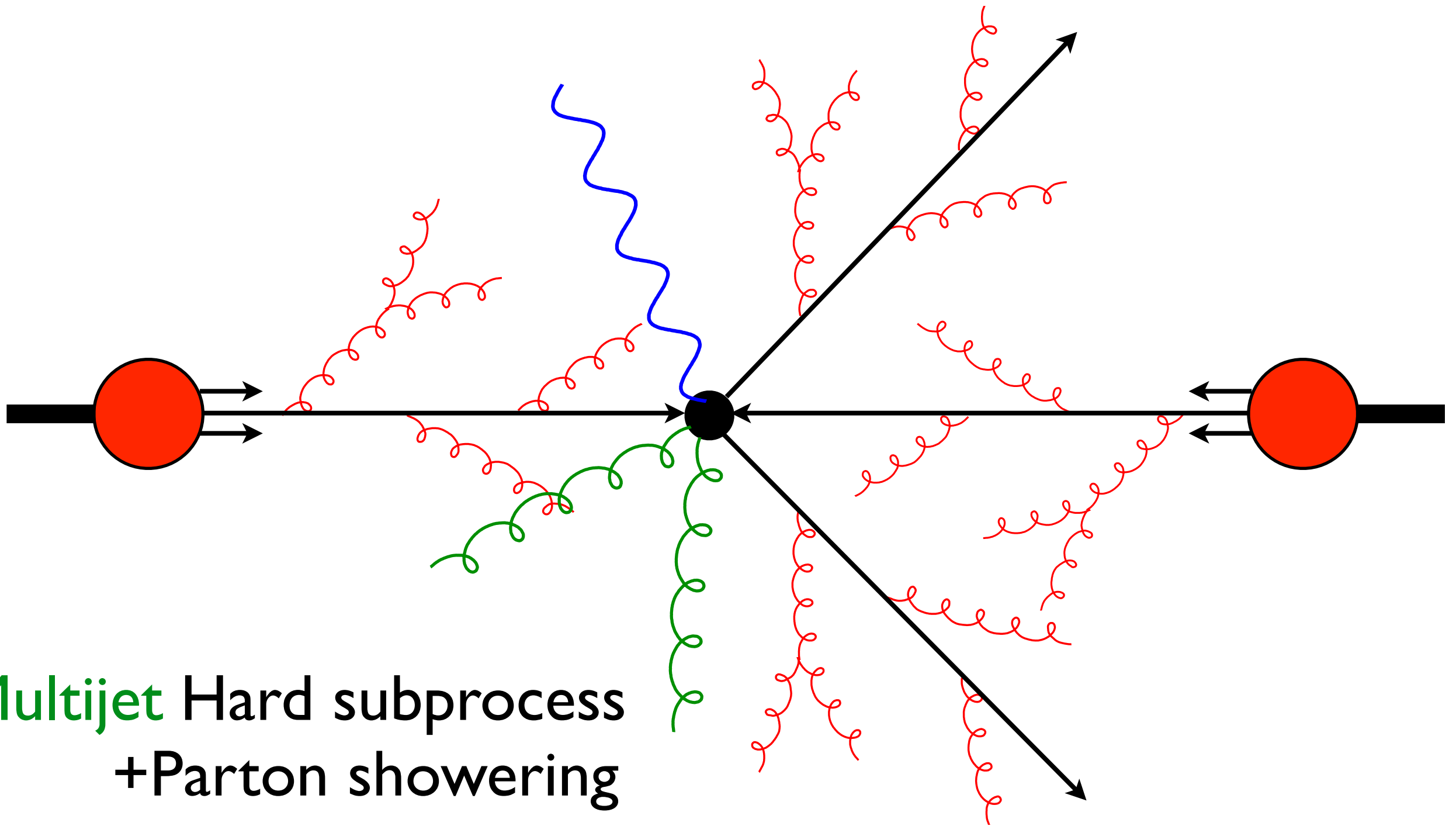


NLO Hard subprocess
+ Parton showering
= Double counting??

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Multijet Hard subprocess
+ Parton showering
= Double counting??

Matching & Merging

- Two rather different objectives:
- Matching parton showers to **NLO** matrix elements, without double counting
 - ✧ MC@NLO Frixione, BW, 2002
 - ✧ POWHEG Nason, 2004
- Merging parton showers with **LO n-jet** matrix elements, minimizing jet resolution dependence
 - ✧ CKKW Catani, Krauss, Kühn, BW, 2001
 - ✧ Dipole Lönnblad, 2001
 - ✧ MLM merging Mangano, 2002

MC@NLO matching

S Frixione & BW, JHEP 06(2002)029

- Compute parton shower contributions (real and virtual) at NLO
 - ✧ Generator-dependent
- Subtract these from exact NLO
 - ✧ Cancels divergences of exact NLO!
- Generate modified no-emission (LO+virtual) and real-emission hard process configurations
 - ✧ Some may have negative weight
- Pass these through parton shower etc.
 - ✧ Only shower-generated terms beyond NLO

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finite virtual

divergent

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma_{\text{NLO}} &= \left[B(\Phi_B) + V(\Phi_B) - \int \sum_i C_i(\Phi_B, \Phi_R) d\Phi_R \right] d\Phi_B + R(\Phi_B, \Phi_R) d\Phi_B d\Phi_R \\ &\equiv \left[B + V - \int C d\Phi_R \right] d\Phi_B + R d\Phi_B d\Phi_R \end{aligned}$$

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finite $\gtrsim 0$

MC starting from no emission

MC starting from one emission

- Expanding gives NLO result

POWHEG matching

P Nason, JHEP 11(2004)040

- POsitive Weight Hardest Emission Generator
- Use exact real-emission matrix element to generate hardest (highest relative p_T) emission configurations
 - ✧ No-emission probability implicitly modified
 - ✧ (Almost) eliminates negative weights
 - ✧ Some uncontrolled terms generated beyond NLO
- Pass configurations through parton shower etc

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$$d\sigma_{\text{PH}} = \bar{B}(\Phi_B) d\Phi_B \left[\Delta_R(0) + \frac{R(\Phi_B, \Phi_R)}{B(\Phi_B)} \Delta_R(k_T(\Phi_B, \Phi_R)) d\Phi_R \right]$$

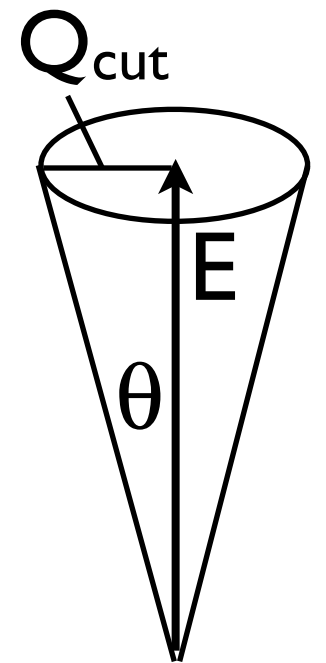
$$\bar{B}(\Phi_B) = B(\Phi_B) + V(\Phi_B) + \int \left[R(\Phi_B, \Phi_R) - \sum_i C_i(\Phi_B, \Phi_R) \right] d\Phi_R$$

$$\Delta_R(p_T) = \exp \left[- \int d\Phi_R \frac{R(\Phi_B, \Phi_R)}{B(\Phi_B)} \theta(k_T(\Phi_B, \Phi_R) - p_T) \right]$$

- NLO with (almost) no negative weights arbitrary NNLO
- High p_T always enhanced by $K = \bar{B}/B = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

Multijet Merging

- Objective: merge LO n-jet matrix elements* with parton showers such that:
 - ✧ Multijet rates for jet resolution $> Q_{\text{cut}}$ are correct to LO (up to N_{max})
 - ✧ Shower generates jet structure below Q_{cut} (and jets above N_{max})
 - ✧ Leading (and next) Q_{cut} dependence cancels



* ALPGEN or MadGraph, $n \leq N_{\text{max}}$

CKKW: Catani et al., JHEP 11(2001)063

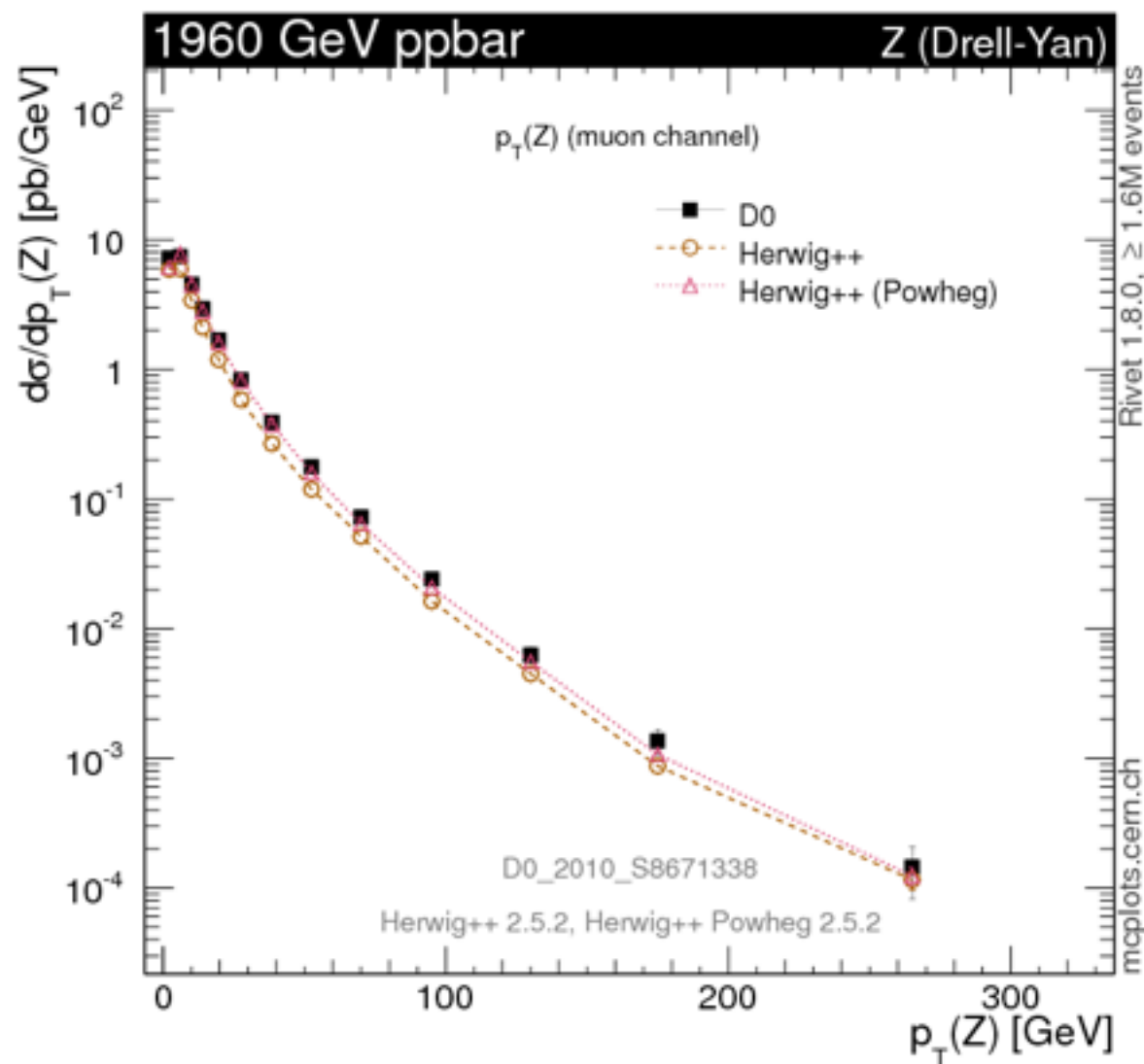
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MLM: Mangano et al., NP B632(2002)343

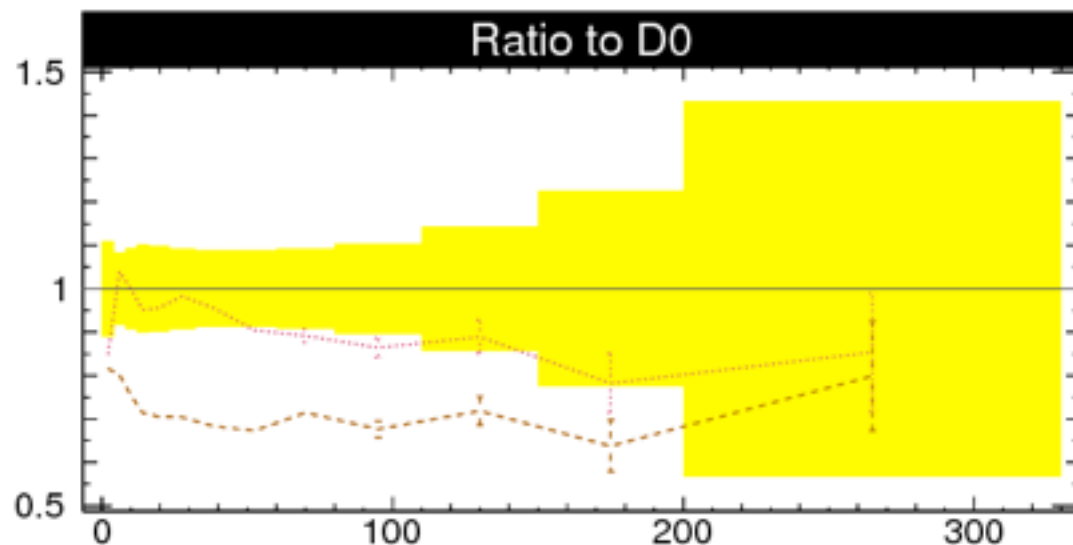
Vector boson production

Z^0 at 2 TeV (Tevatron)

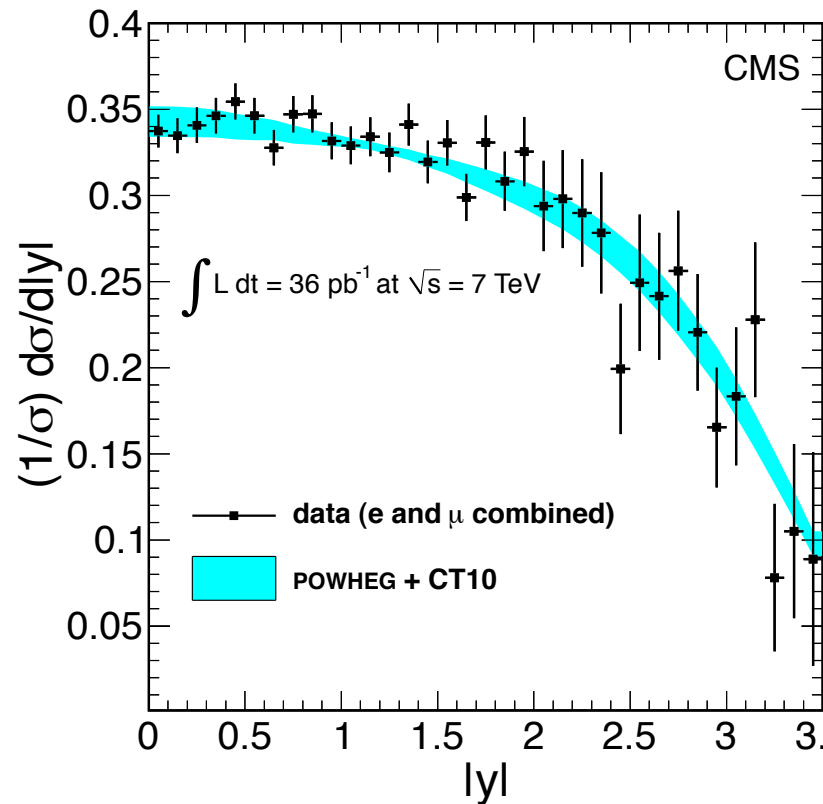
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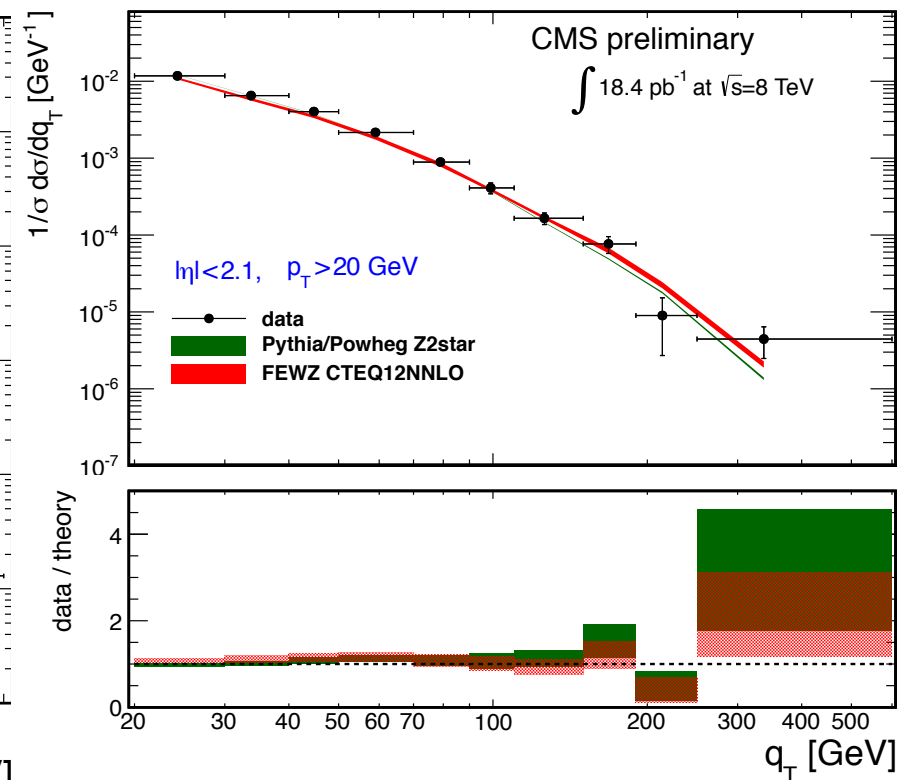
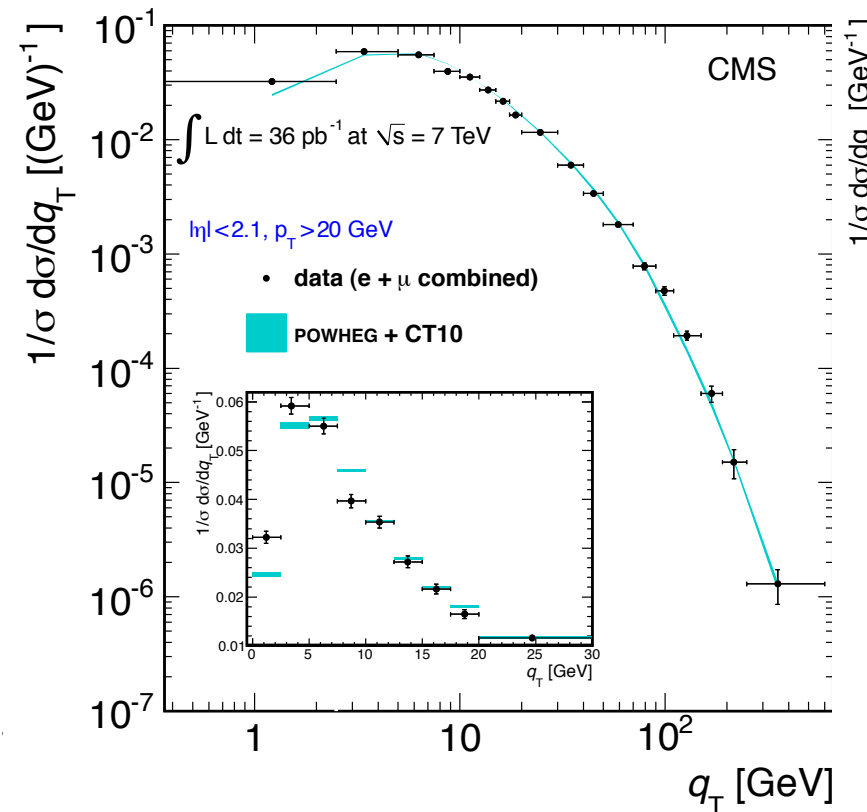
- Absolute normalization: LO too low
- POWHEG agrees with rate and distribution



Z^0 at 7,8 TeV (LHC Run I)



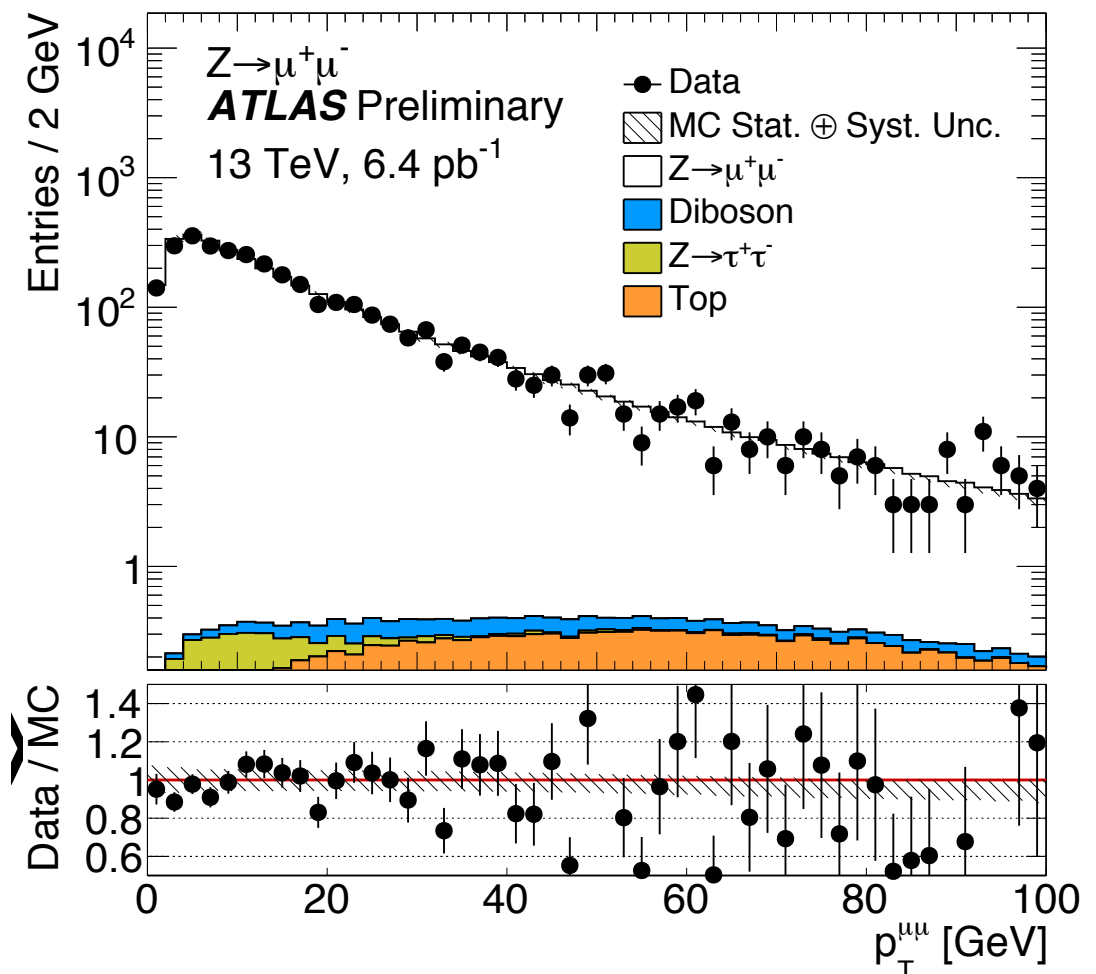
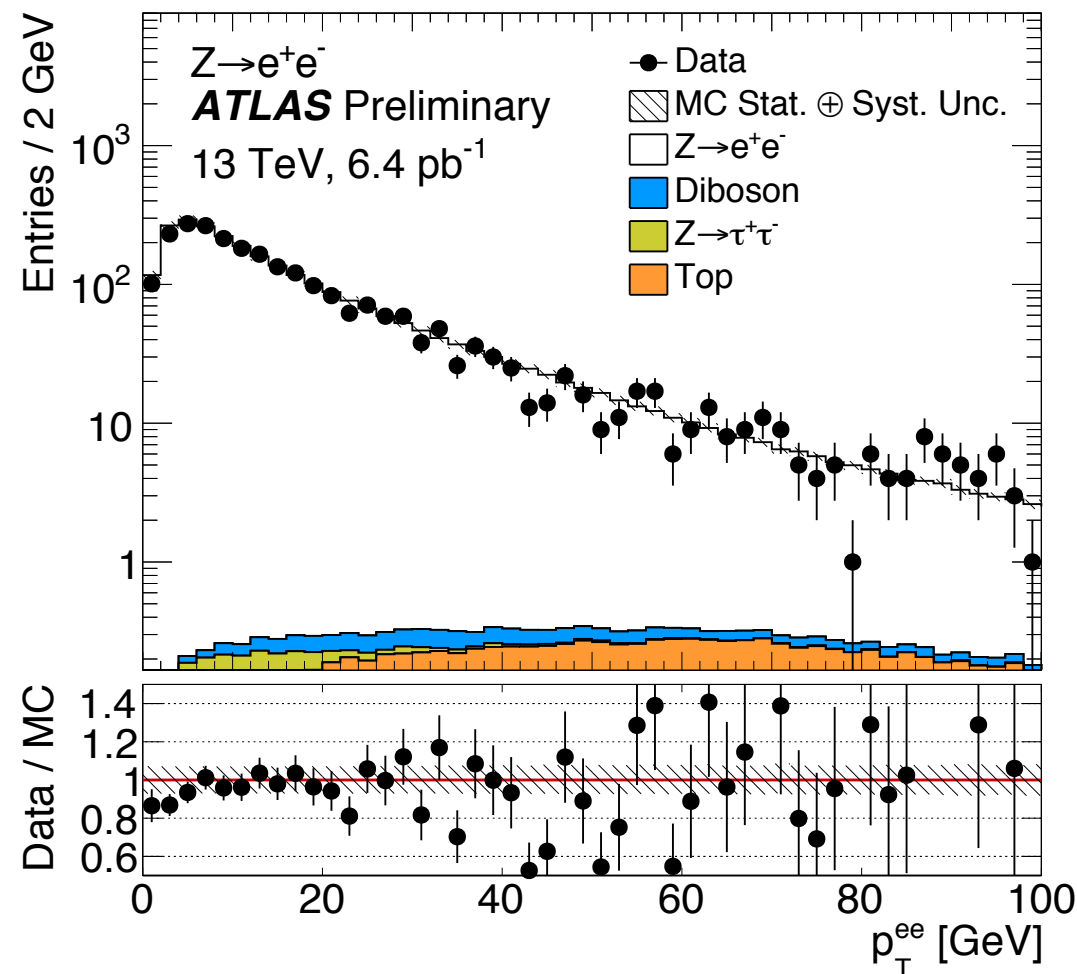
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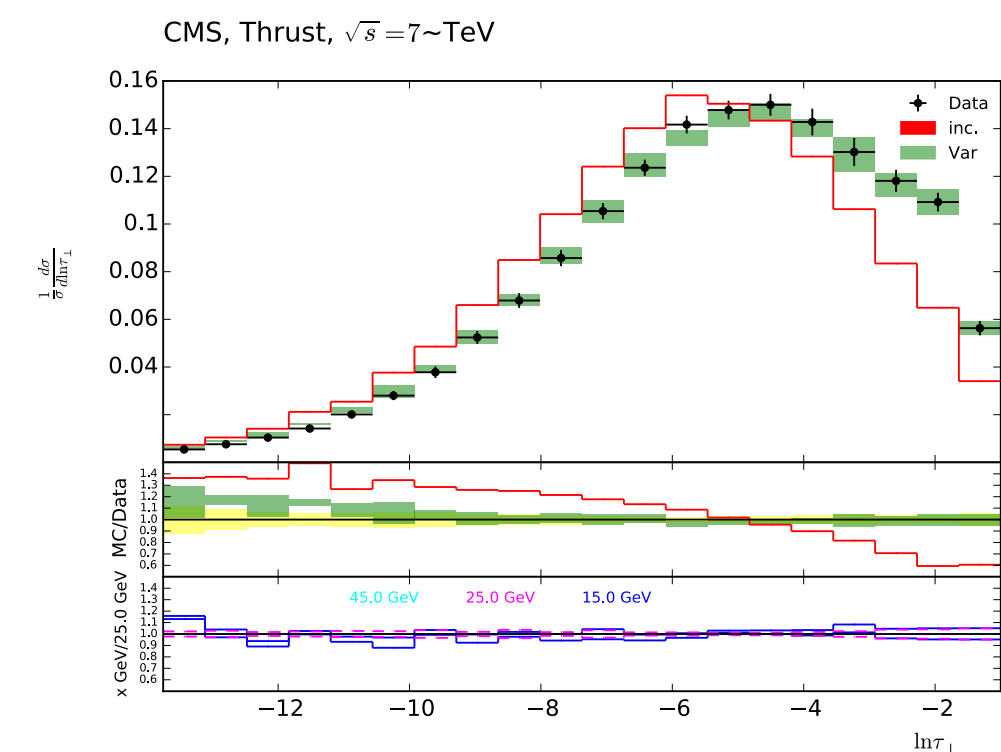
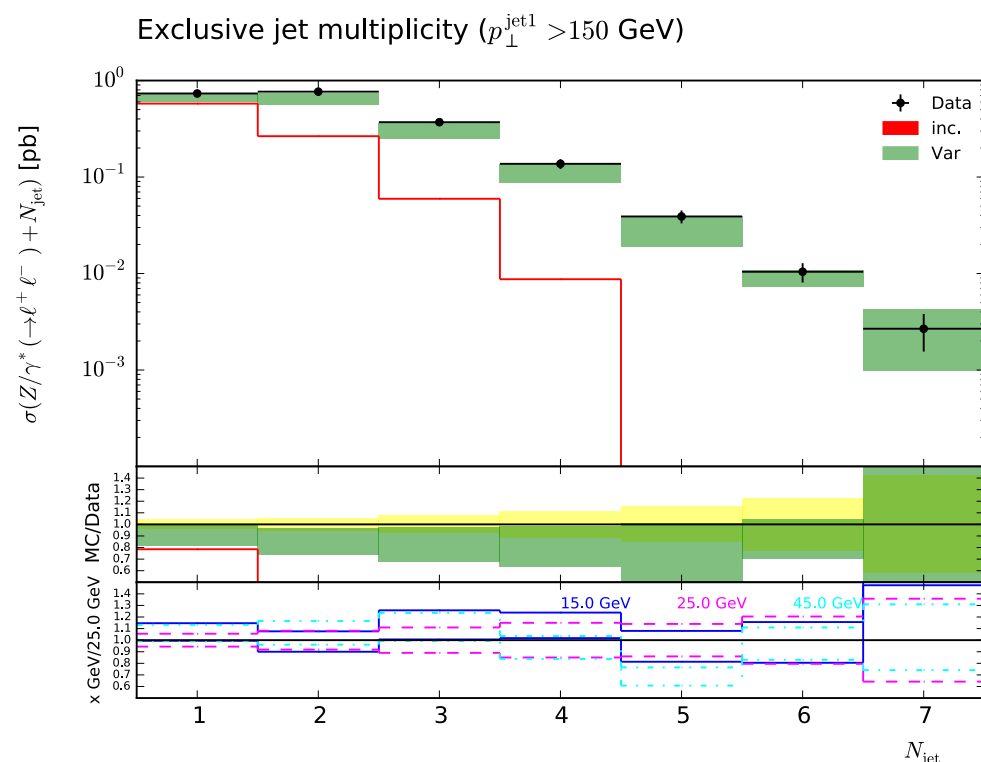
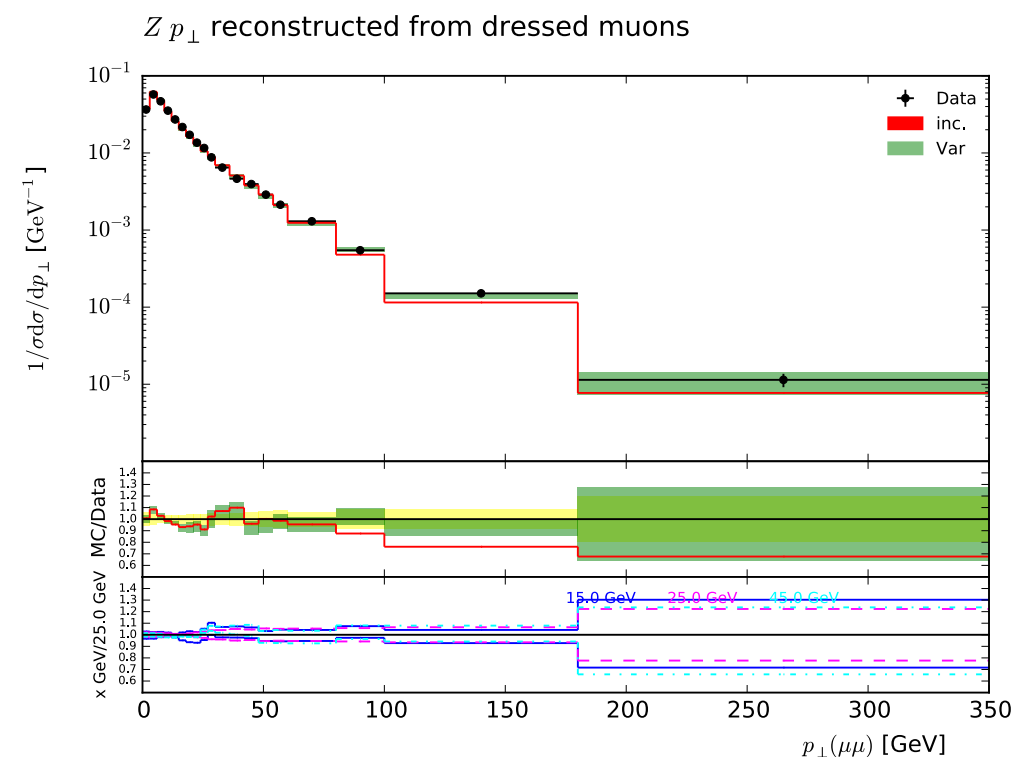
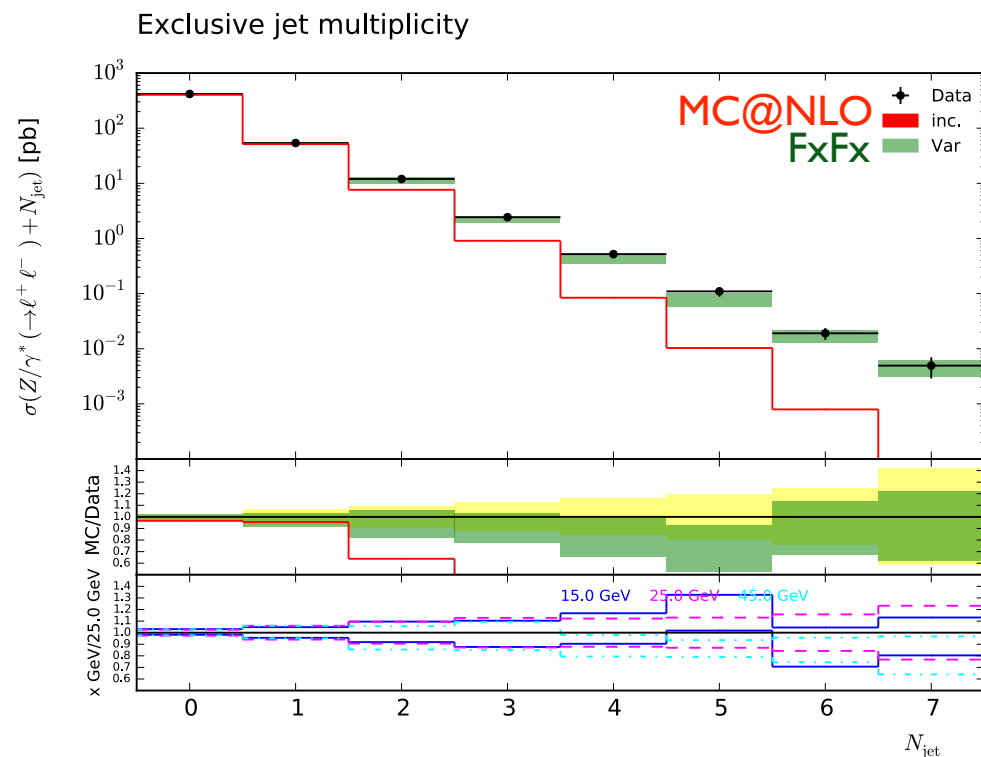
- Normalized to data
- Rapidity $y = \log[(E + p_L)/(E - p_L)]/2$
- POWHEG agrees with distribution (and NNLO)

Z^0 at 13 TeV (LHC Run 2)



- Normalized to data again
- So far, good agreement

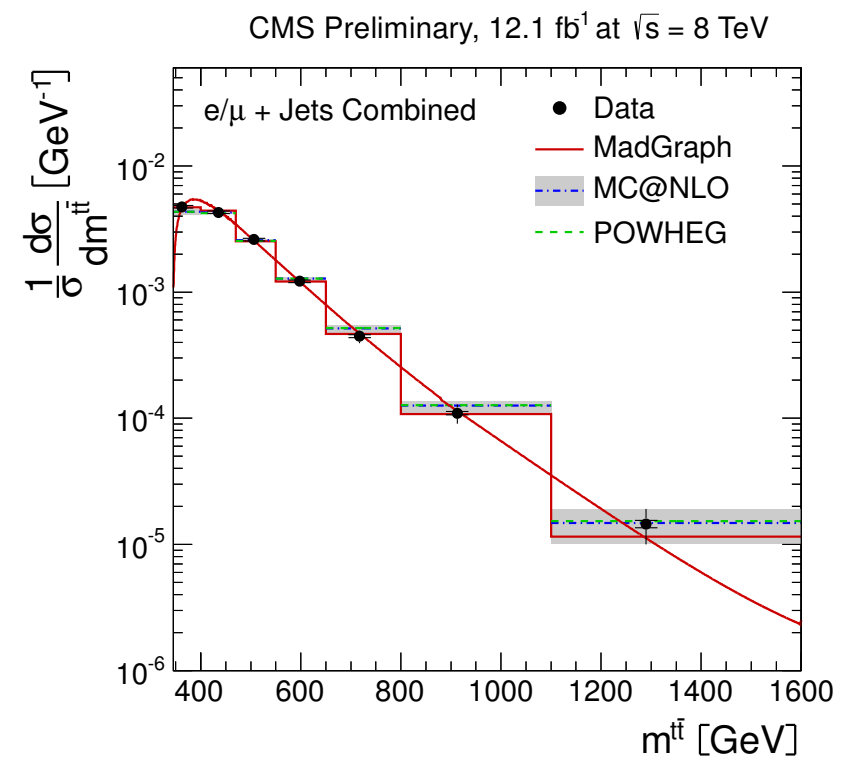
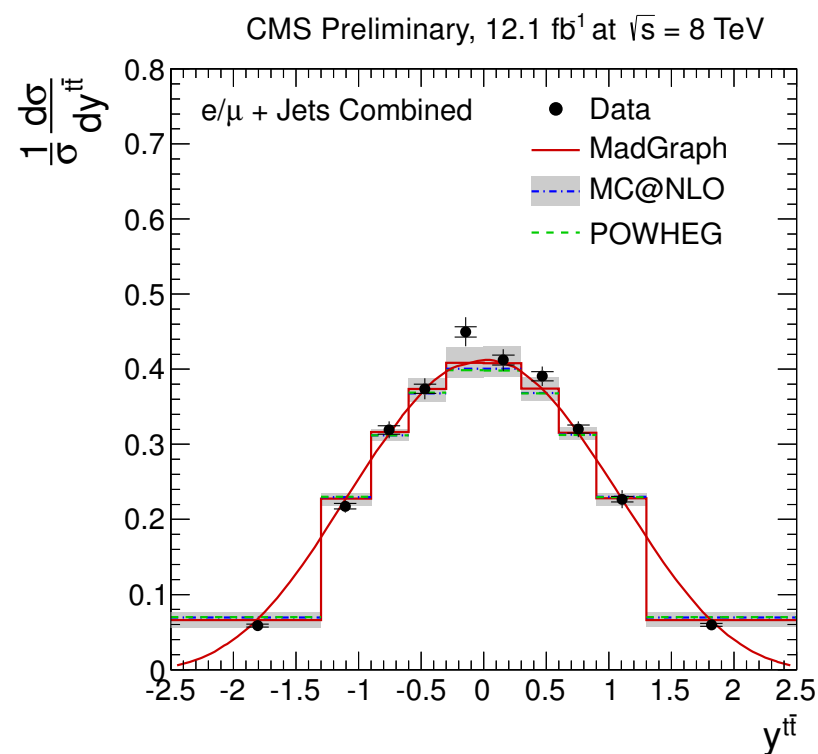
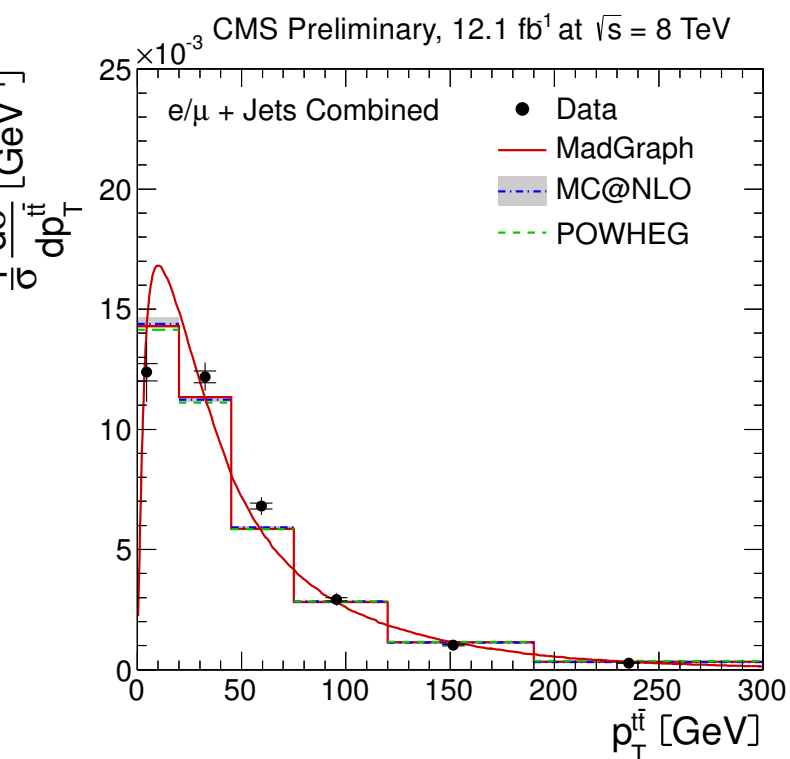
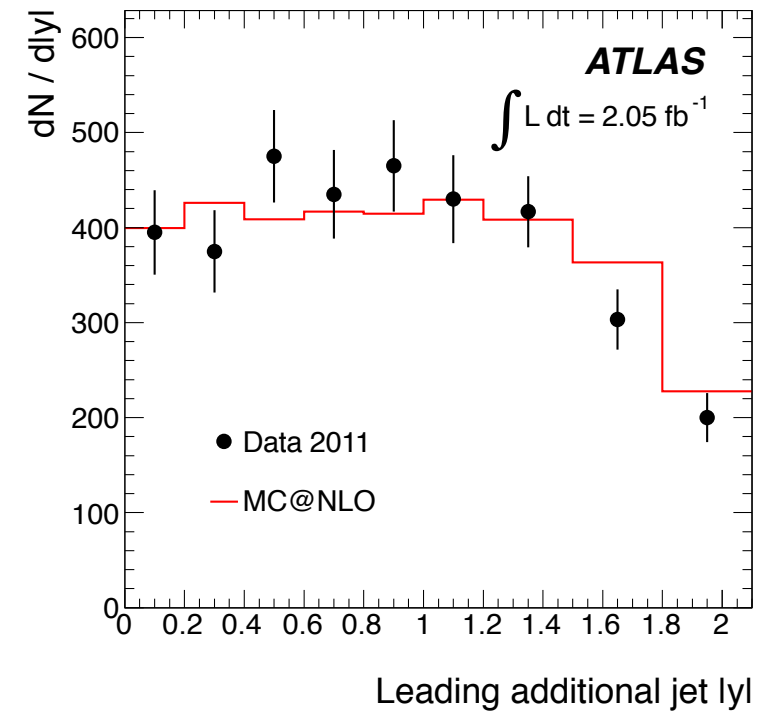
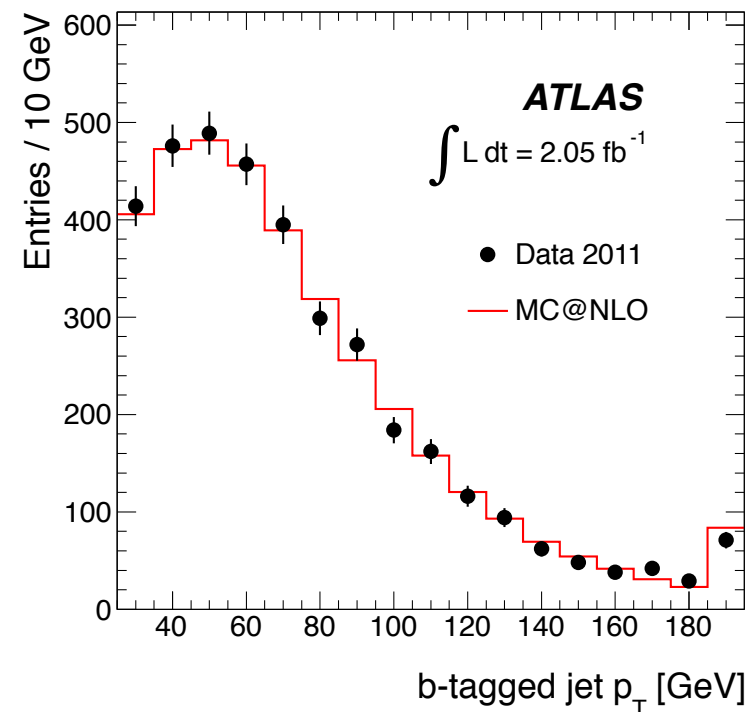
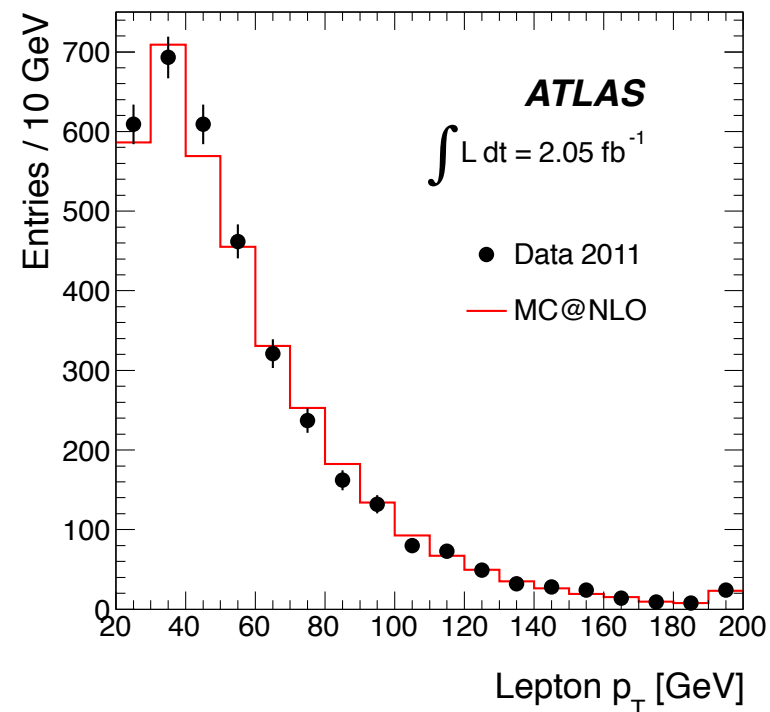
Combined matching+merging



Frederix, Frixione, Papaefstathiou, Prestel, Torrielli, arXiv:1511.00847 (today!)

Top quark pair production

Top quark distributions



ATLAS, arXiv:1203.5015

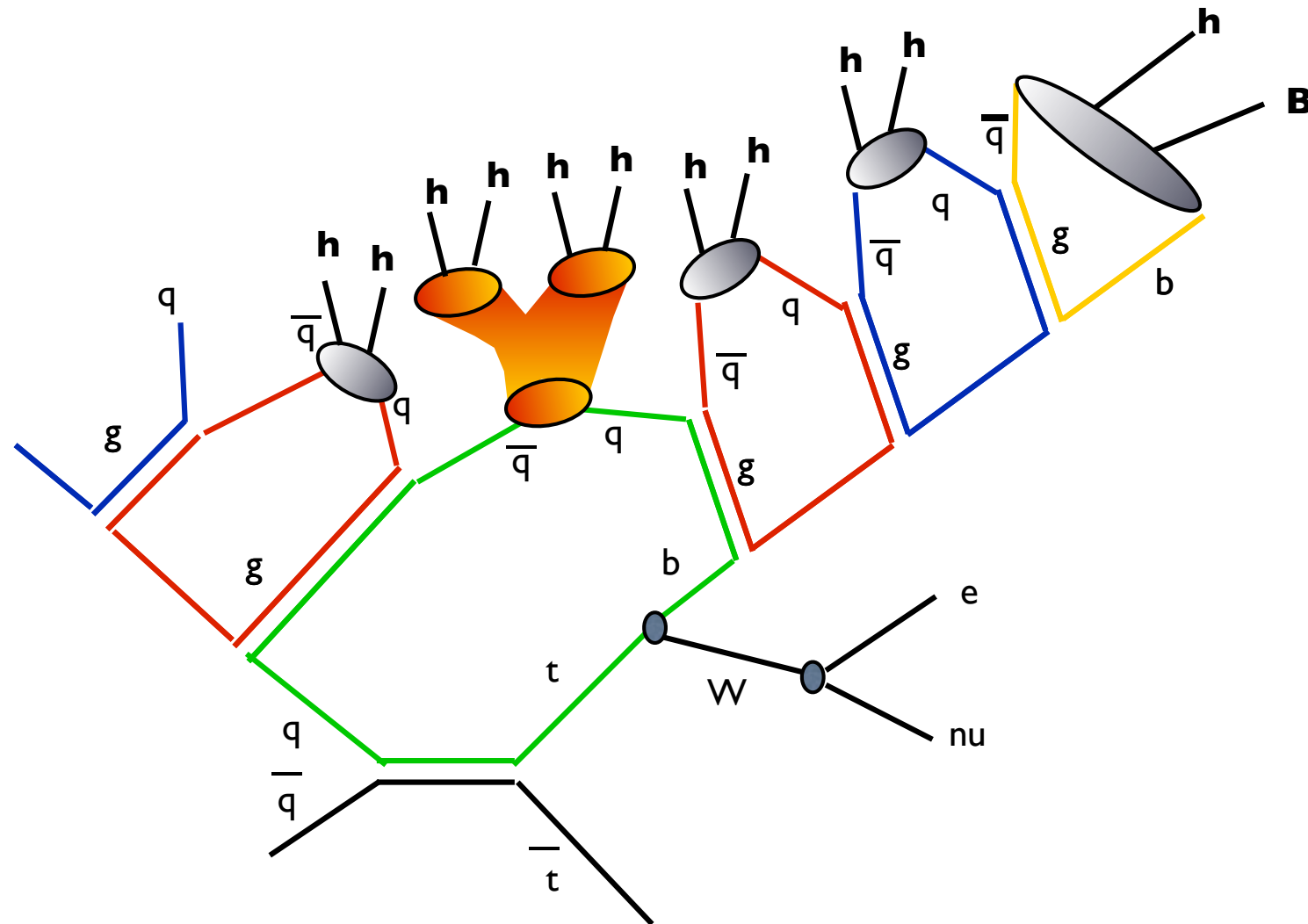
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Frixione, Nason, BW, JHEP 08(2003)007

Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re, JHEP 06(2010)043

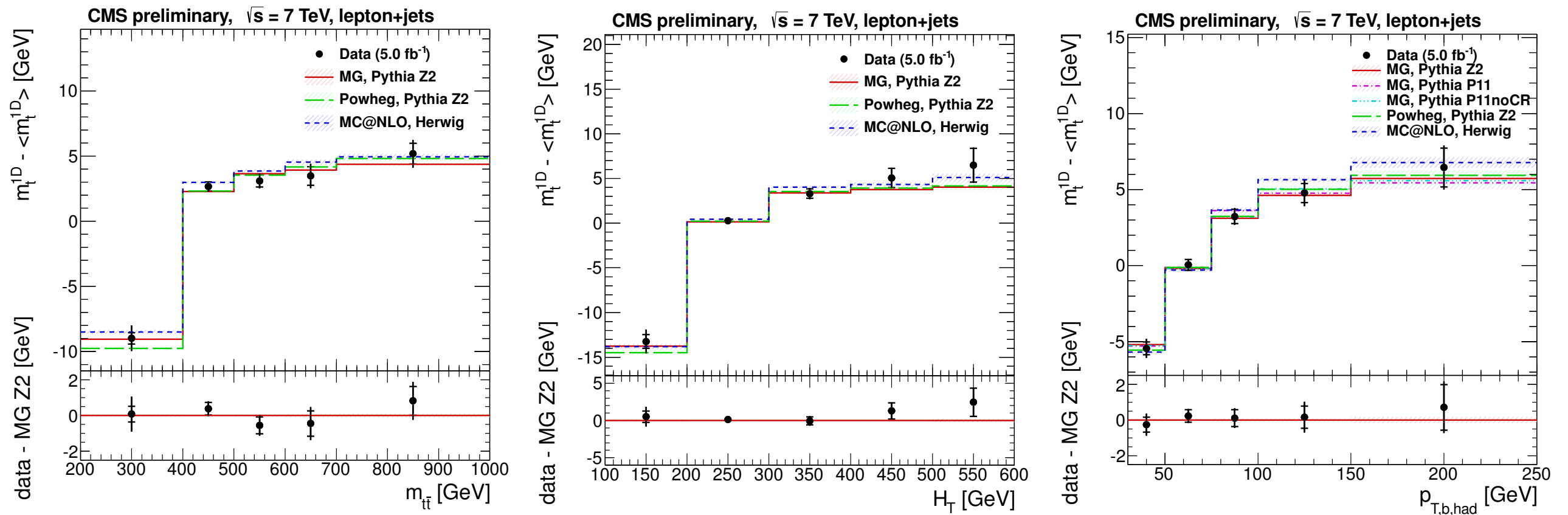
Top mass & hadronization

Mangano, Top LHC WG, July 2012



- Top decay linked to rest of event
- Reconstructed 'top mass' depends on kinematics
- Top mass has non-perturbative ambiguity

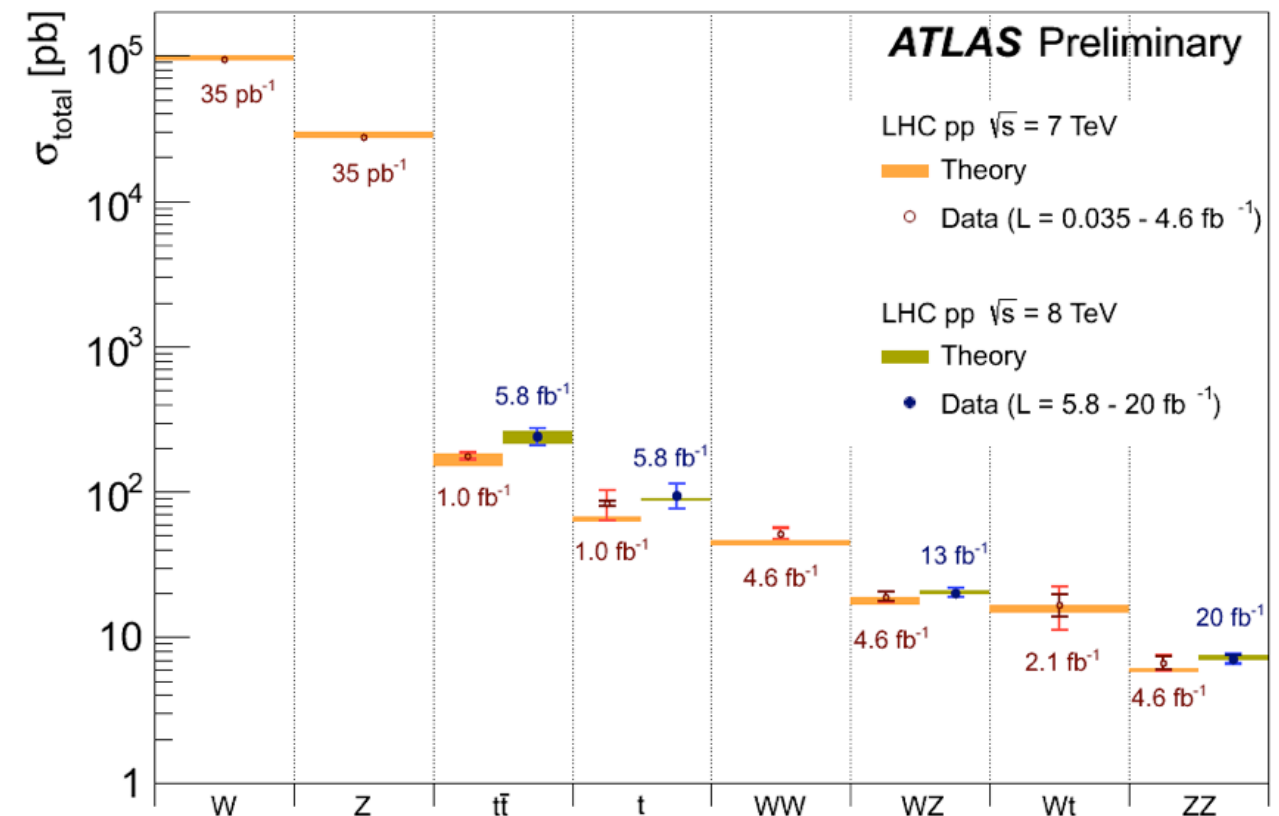
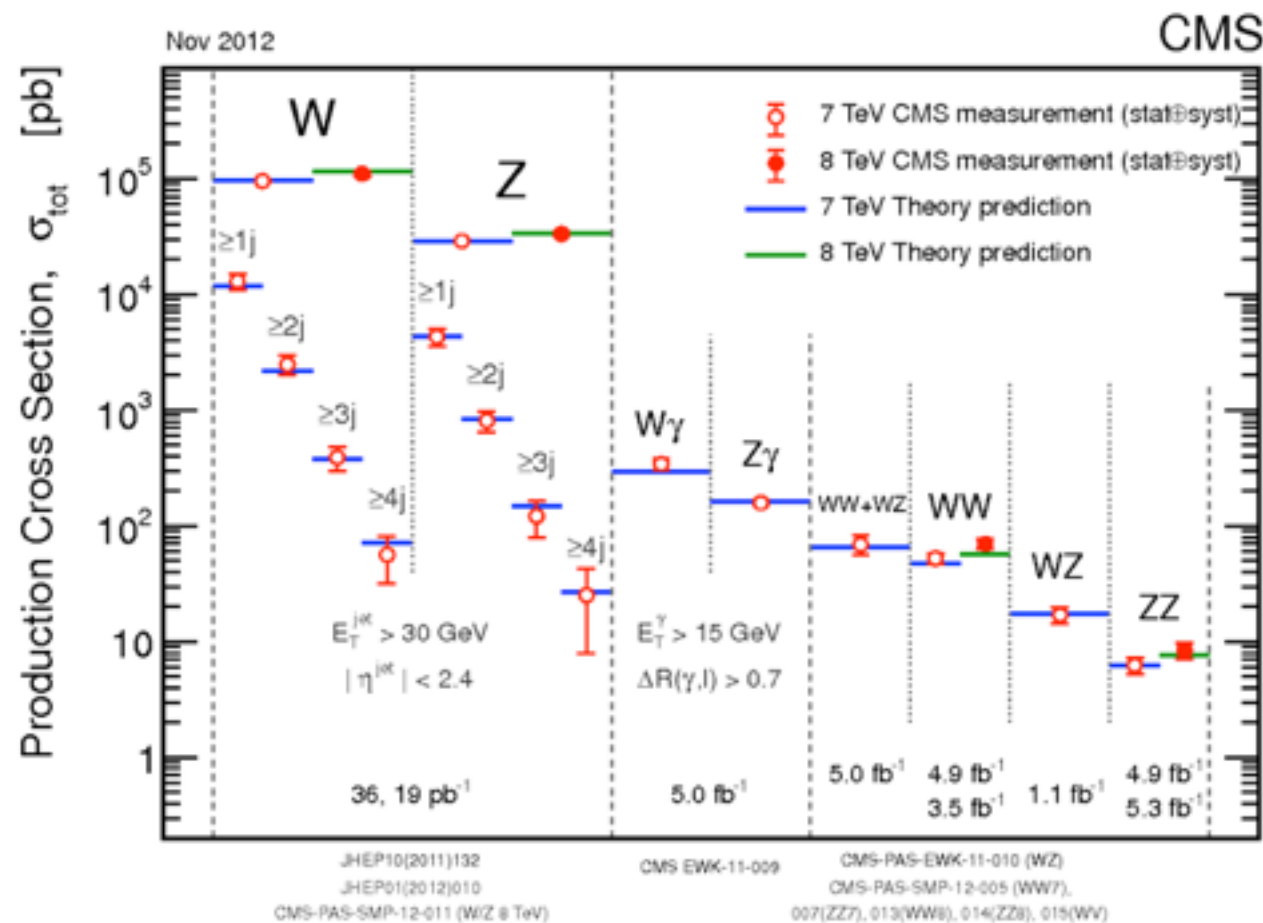
Top mass & kinematics



CMS PAS TOP-12-029

- Reconstructed top mass depends on kinematics
- But different generators track data well with a common input mass

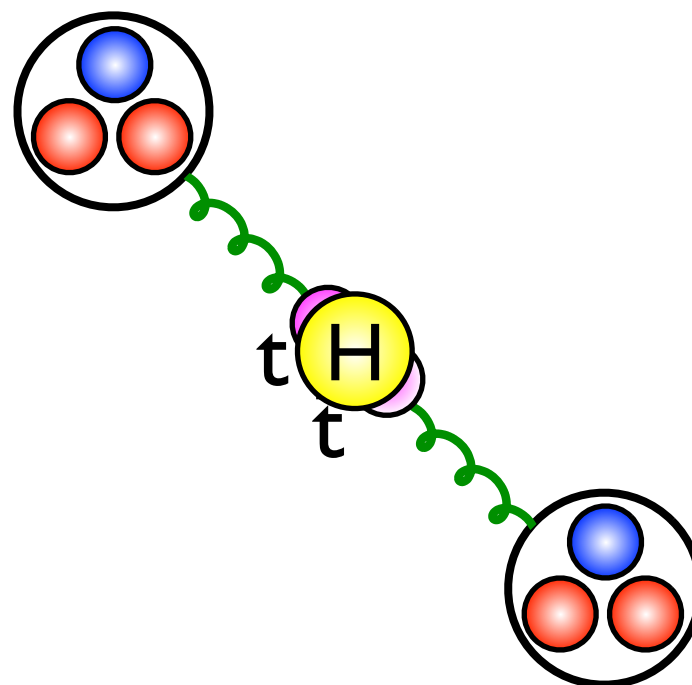
LHC Cross Section Summary



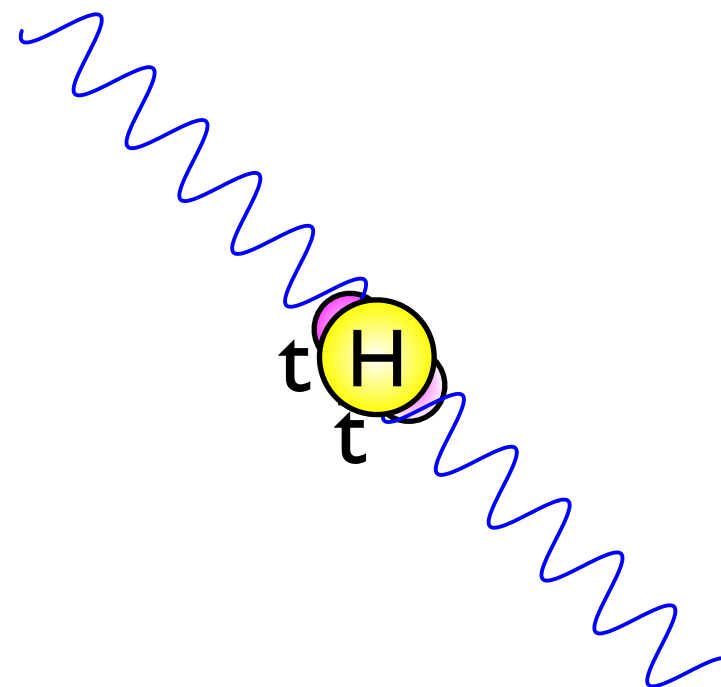
- Surprisingly good agreement
- No firm evidence of non-Standard-Model phenomena (in Run I)

Higgs boson production

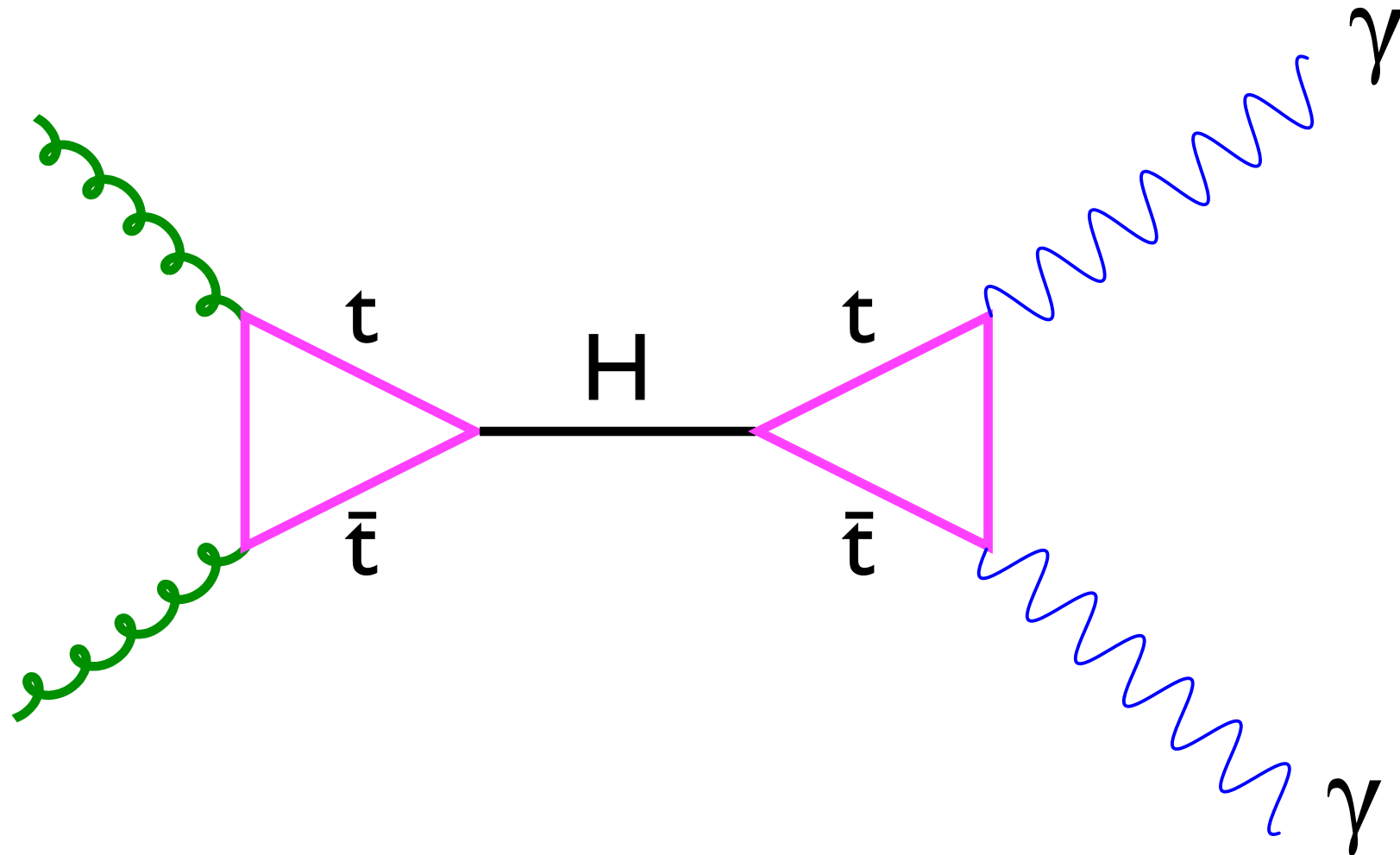
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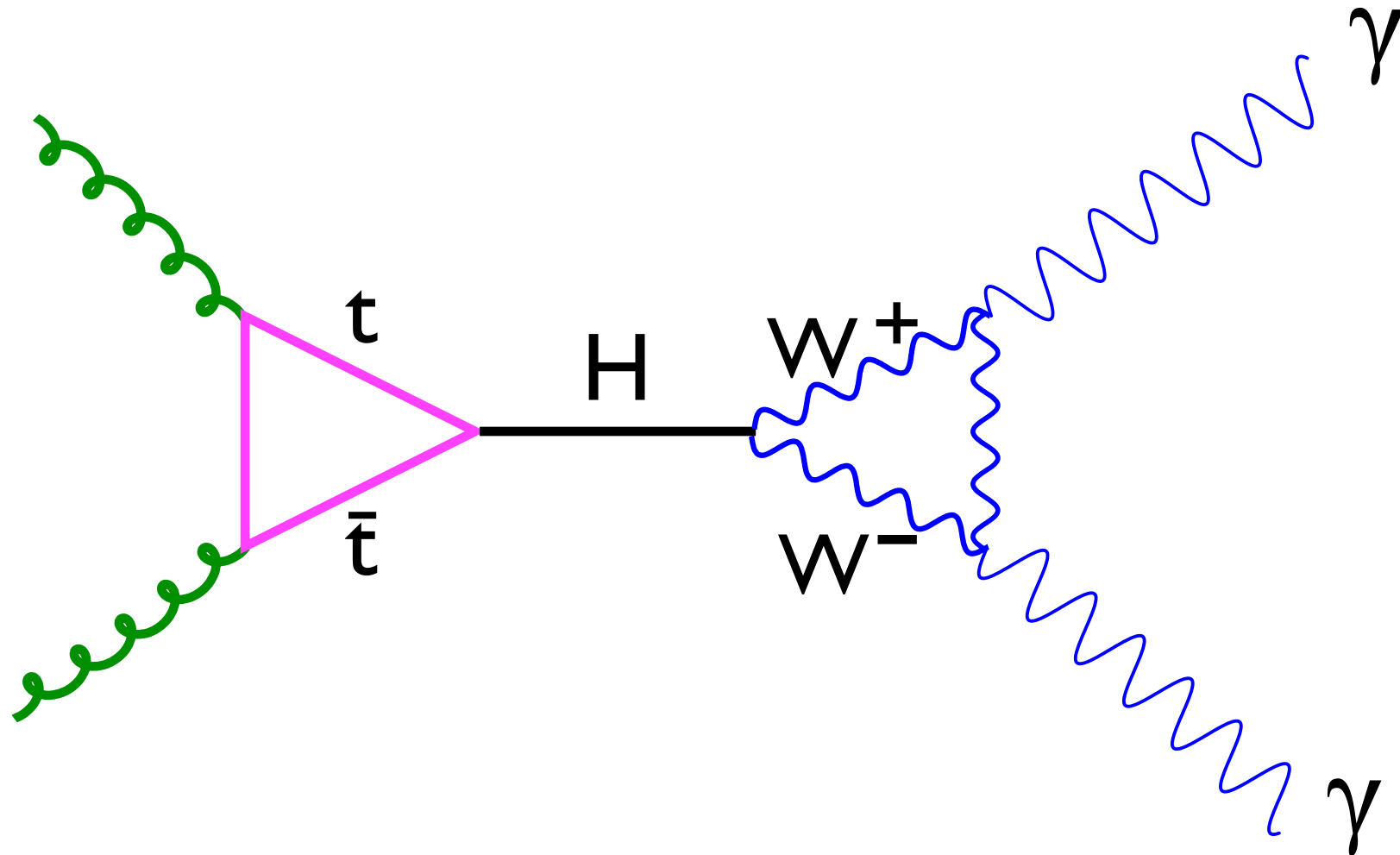
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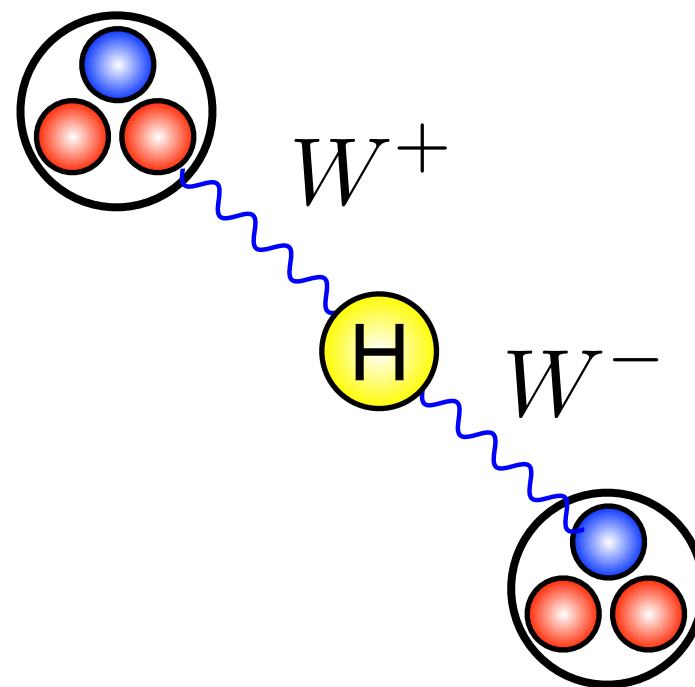
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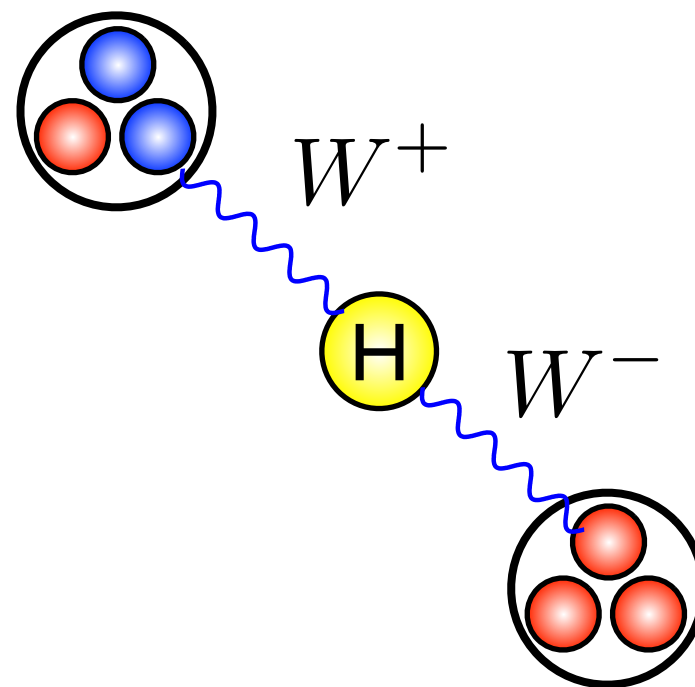
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Higgs Production by Vector Boson Fusion



Higgs Production by Vector Boson Fusion



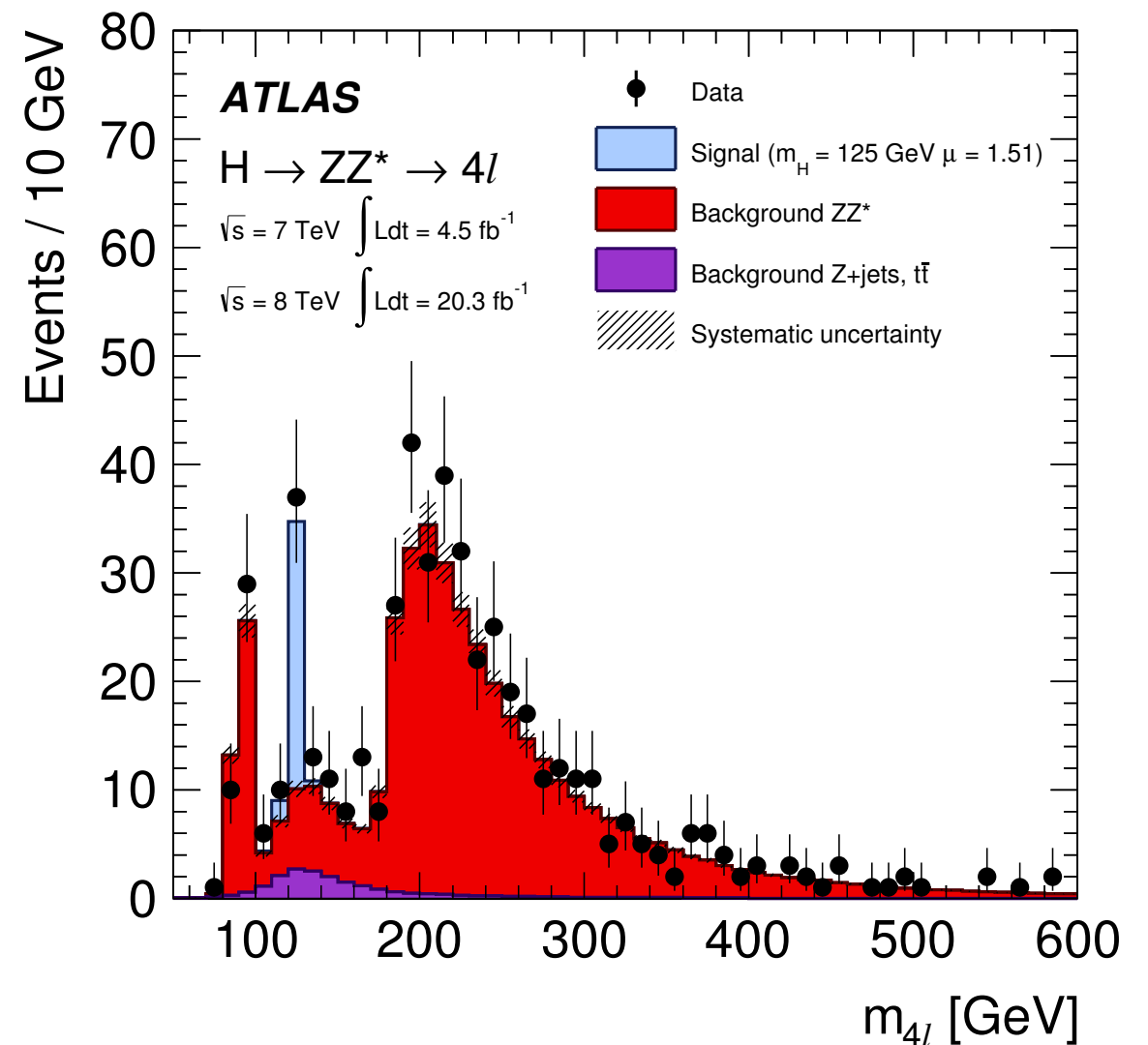
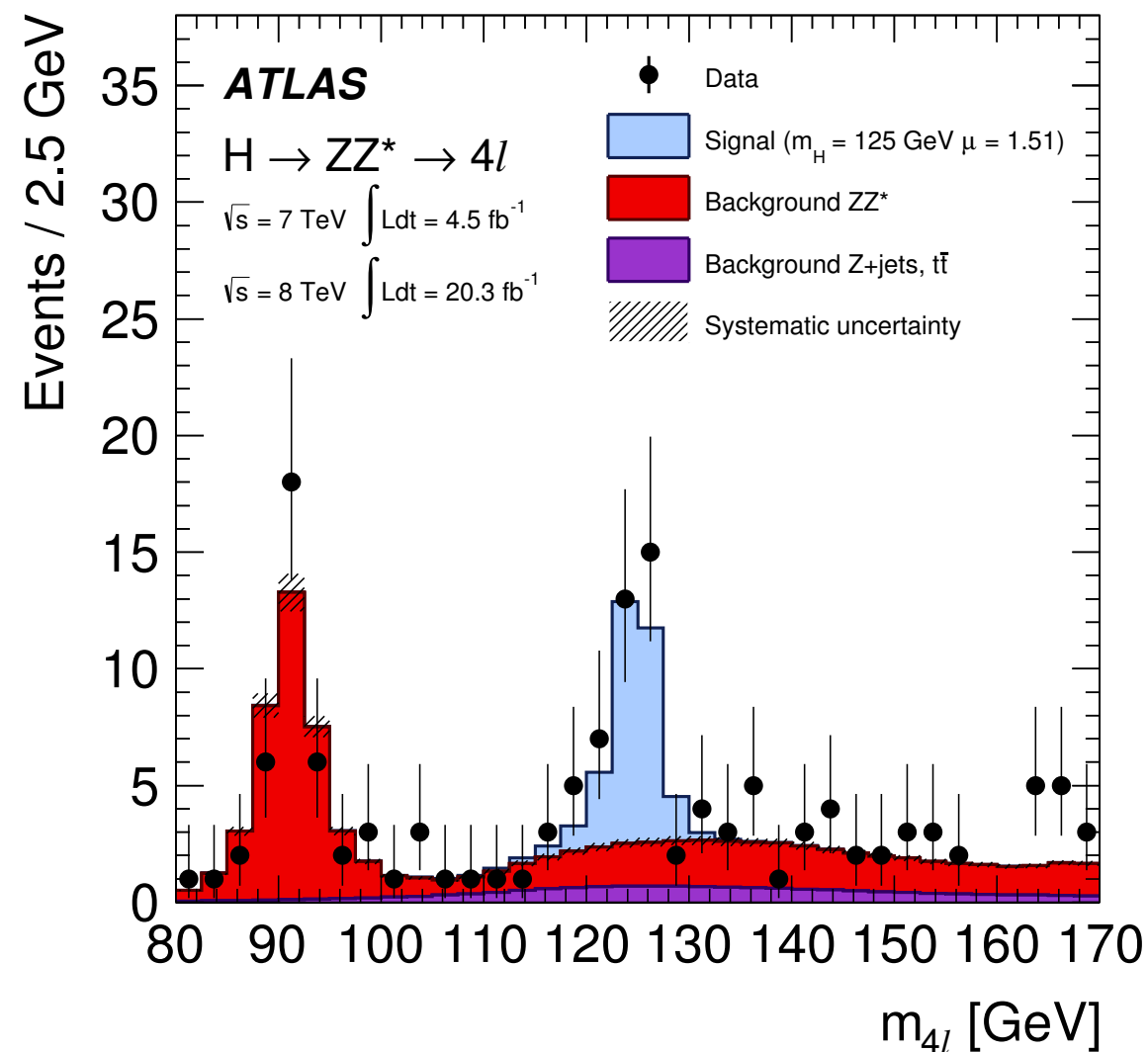
- Forward jets
- Few central jets
- Central jet veto increases S/B

Higgs Signal and Background Simulation

Process	Generator
ggF, VBF	POWHEG [57, 58]+PYTHIA
$WH, ZH, t\bar{t}H$	PYTHIA
W +jets, Z/γ^* +jets	ALPGEN [59]+HERWIG
$t\bar{t}, tW, tb$	MC@NLO [60]+HERWIG
tqb	AcerMC [61]+PYTHIA
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$	MC@NLO+HERWIG
$gg \rightarrow WW$	gg2WW [62]+HERWIG
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ$	POWHEG [63]+PYTHIA
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$	gg2ZZ [64]+HERWIG
WZ	MadGraph+PYTHIA, HERWIG
$W\gamma$ +jets	ALPGEN+HERWIG
$W\gamma^*$ [65]	MadGraph+PYTHIA
$q\bar{q}/gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	SHERPA

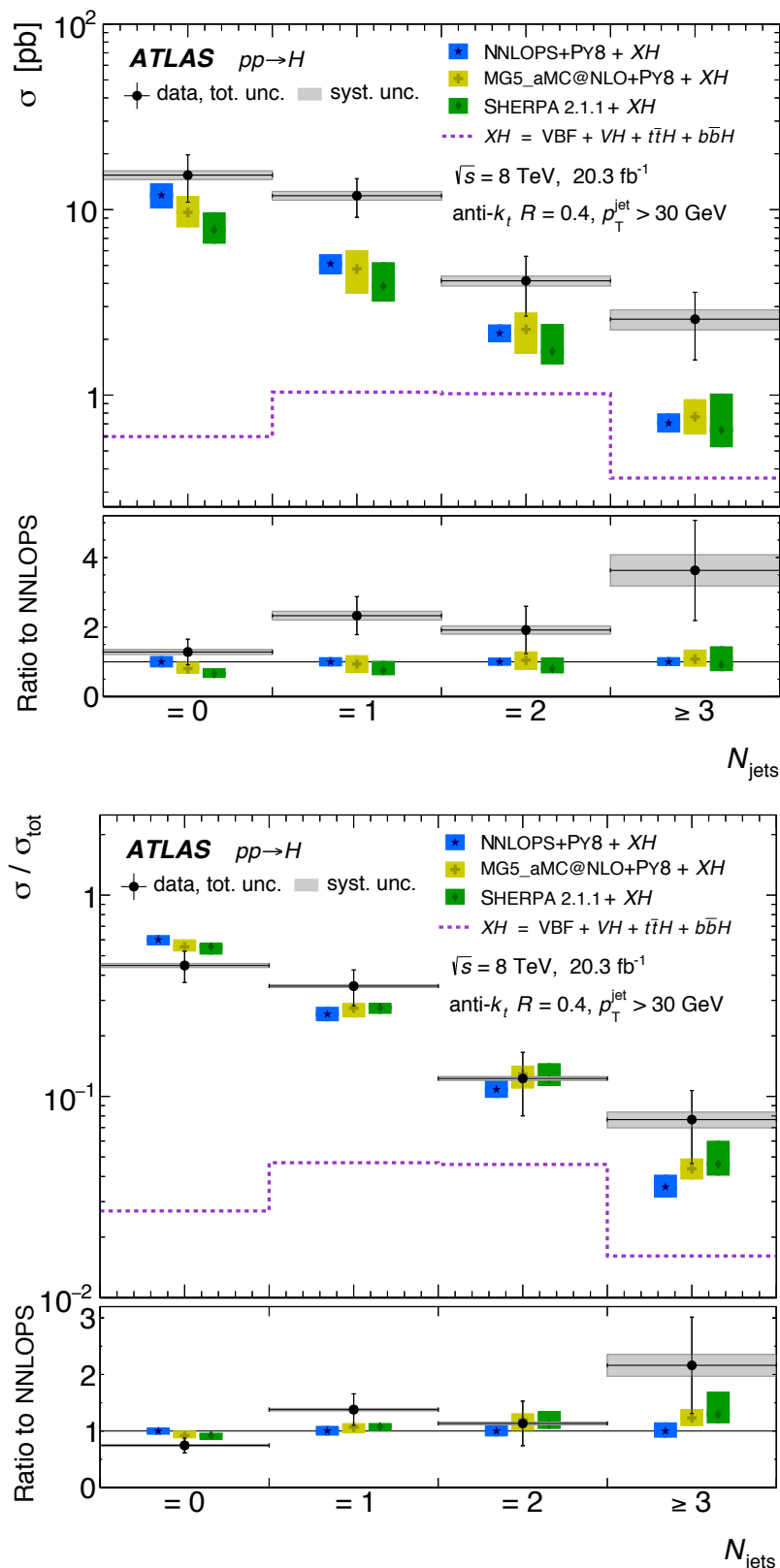
Discovery paper: ATLAS, Phys.Lett.B716(2012)1

Higgs \rightarrow 4 leptons Signal and Background



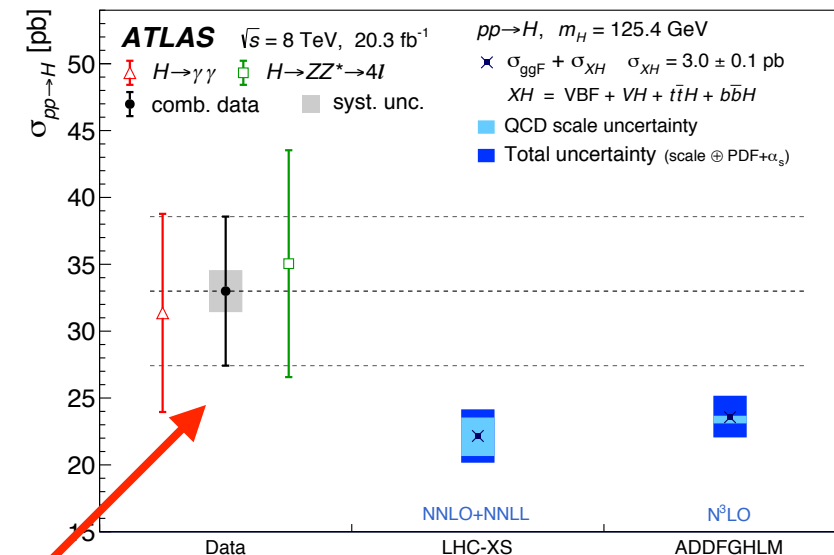
ATLAS, Phys.Rev.D91(2015)012006

Higgs + Multijets Rates



Monte Carlo event generators

SHERPA 2.1.1 [36, 37]	$H + 0, 1, 2 \text{ jets @NLO}^{i,j}$
MG5_aMC@NLO [38, 39]	$H + 0, 1, 2 \text{ jets @NLO}^{i,k,l}$
POWHEG NNLOPS [40, 41]	$\text{NNLO}_{\geq 0j}, \text{NLO}_{\geq 1j}^{e,l,m}$

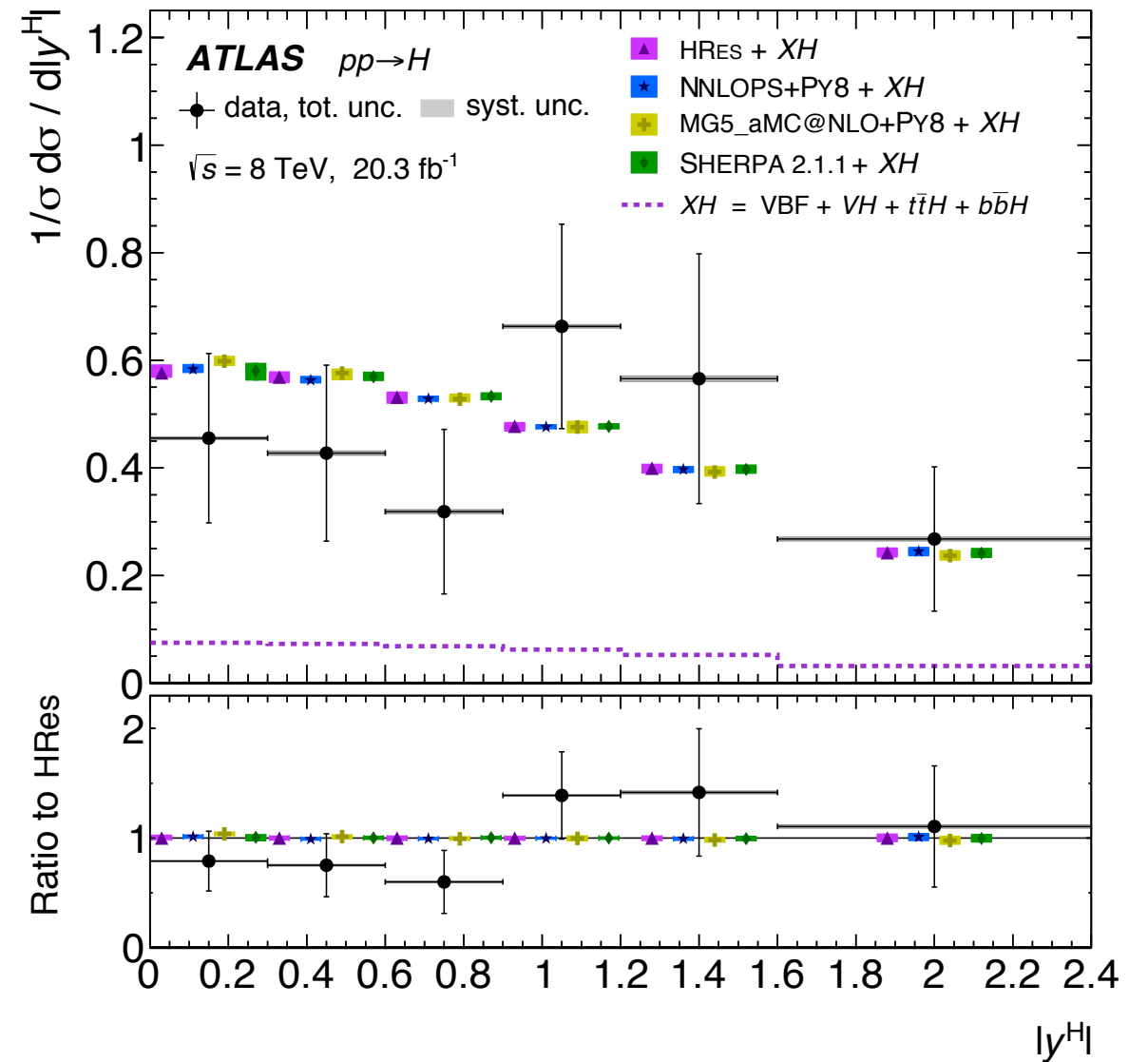
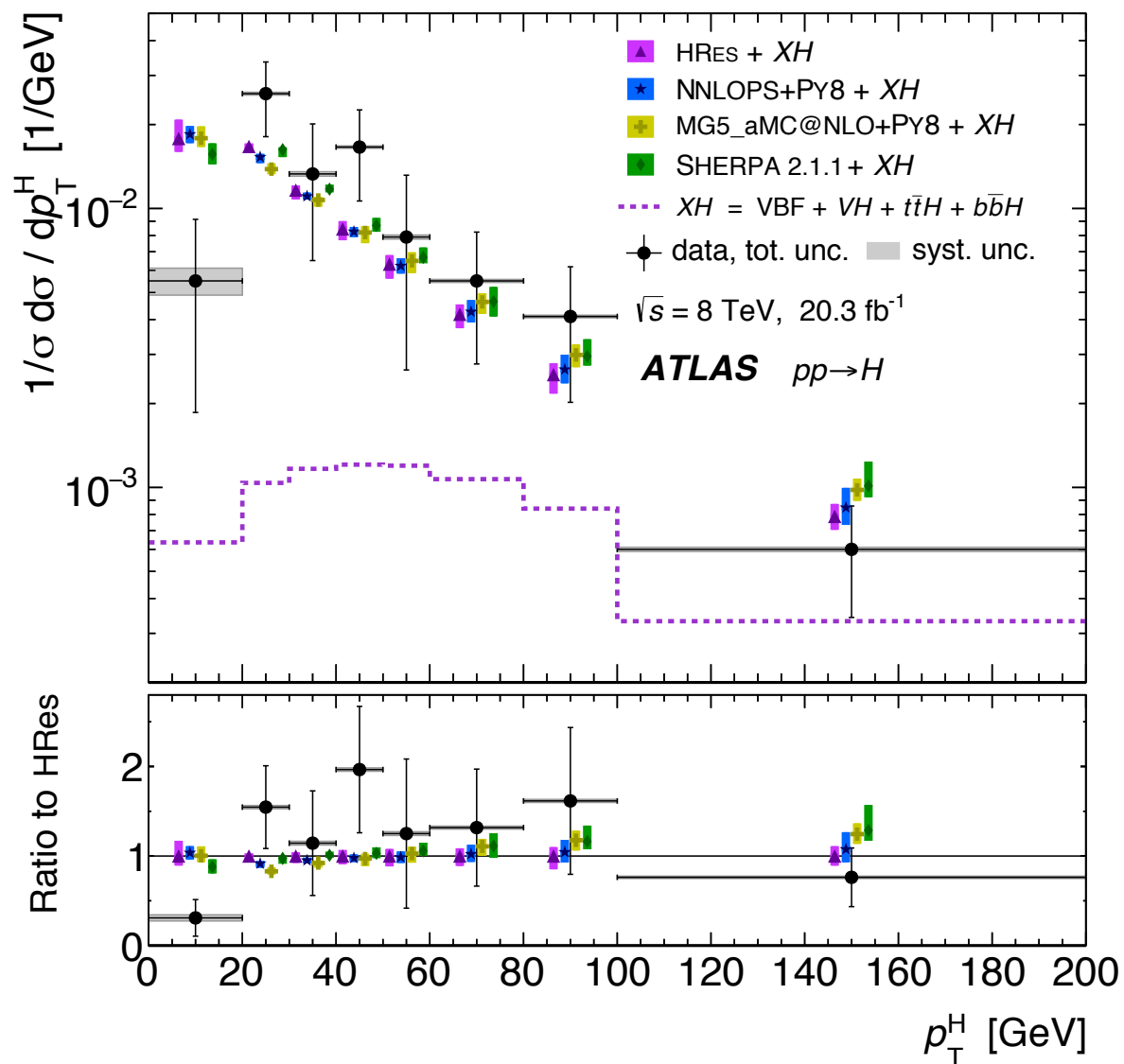


$pp \rightarrow H$ cross section is larger than predicted

Relative rates are as predicted

ATLAS, Phys.Rev.Lett. 115(2015)091801

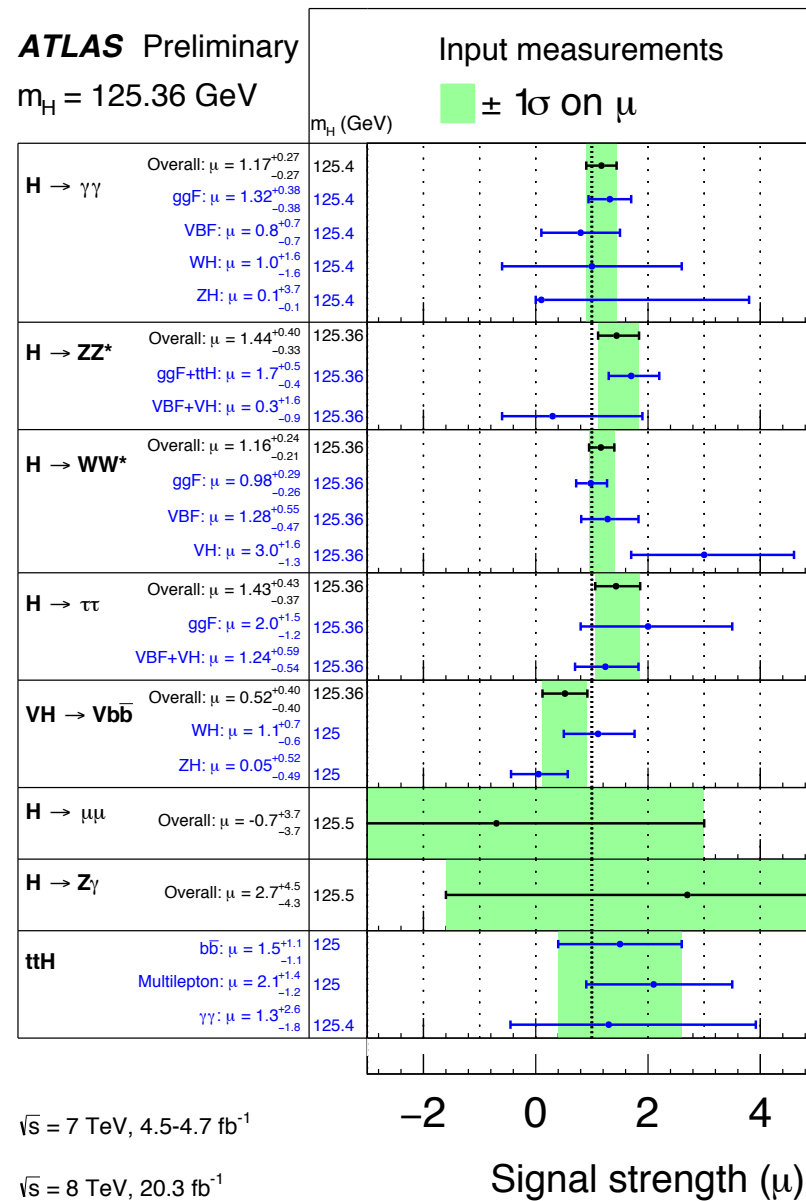
Higgs Differential Distributions



ATLAS, Phys.Rev.Lett. 115(2015)091801

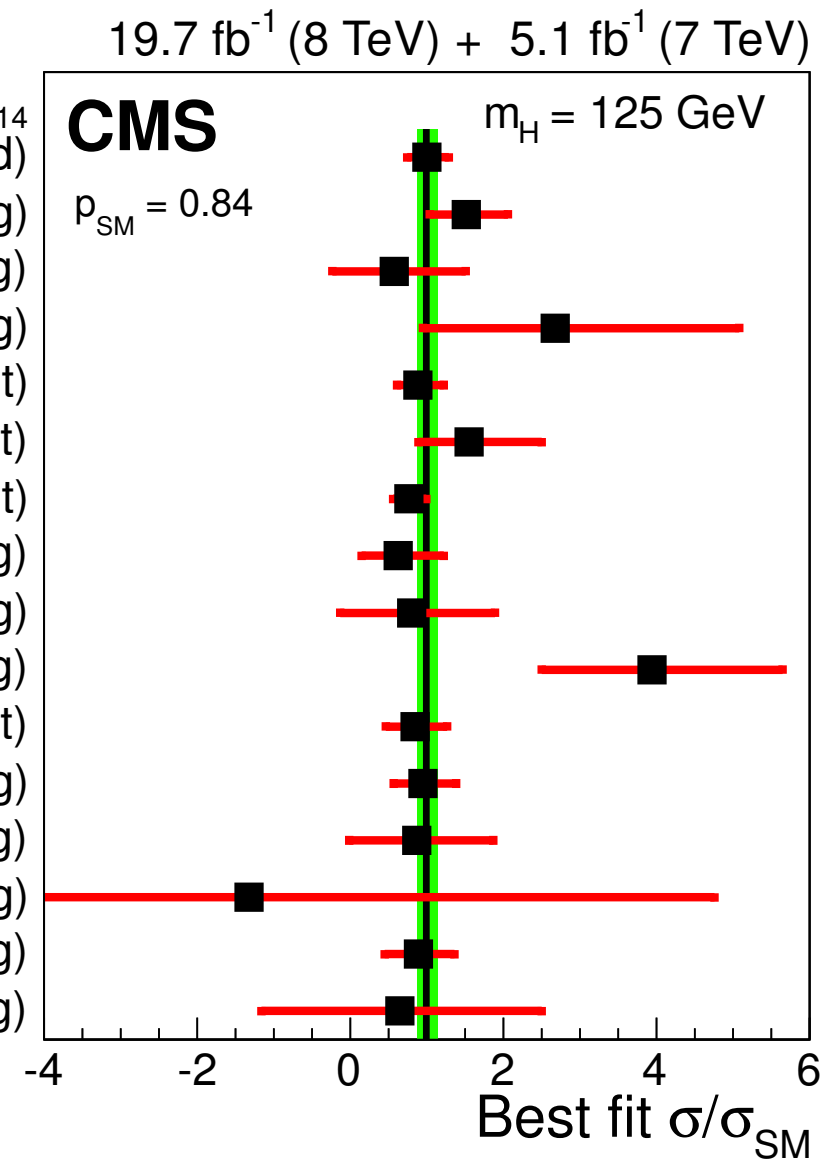
Higgs Decays

ATLAS Preliminary
 $m_H = 125.36 \text{ GeV}$



Combined
 $\mu = 1.00 \pm 0.14$

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (untagged)
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (VBF tag)
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (VH tag)
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (ttH tag)
 $H \rightarrow ZZ$ (0/1-jet)
 $H \rightarrow ZZ$ (2-jet)
 $H \rightarrow WW$ (0/1-jet)
 $H \rightarrow WW$ (VBF tag)
 $H \rightarrow WW$ (VH tag)
 $H \rightarrow WW$ (ttH tag)
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (0/1-jet)
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (VBF tag)
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (VH tag)
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (ttH tag)
 $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (VH tag)
 $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (ttH tag)



● No sign of deviations from Standard Model

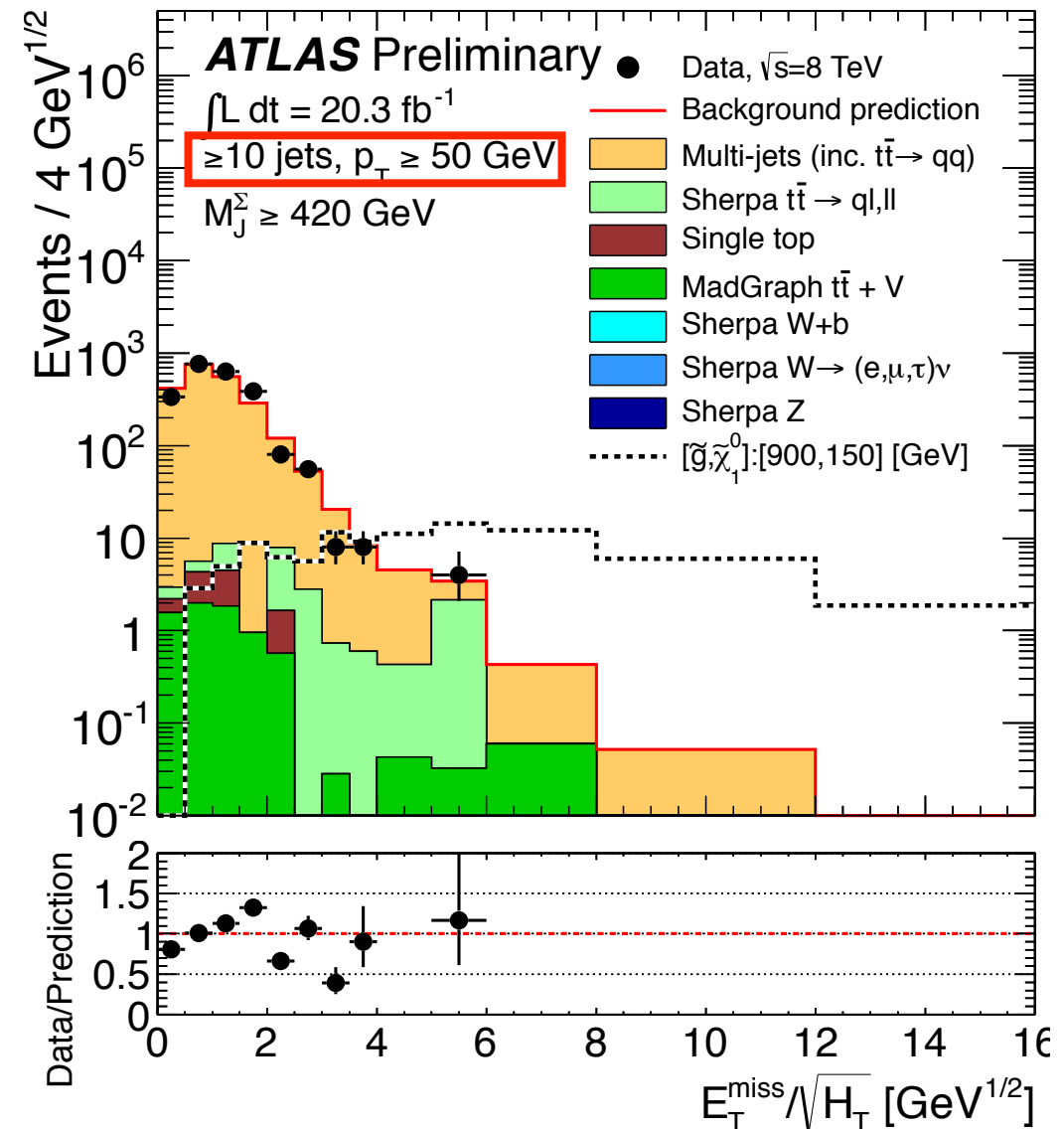
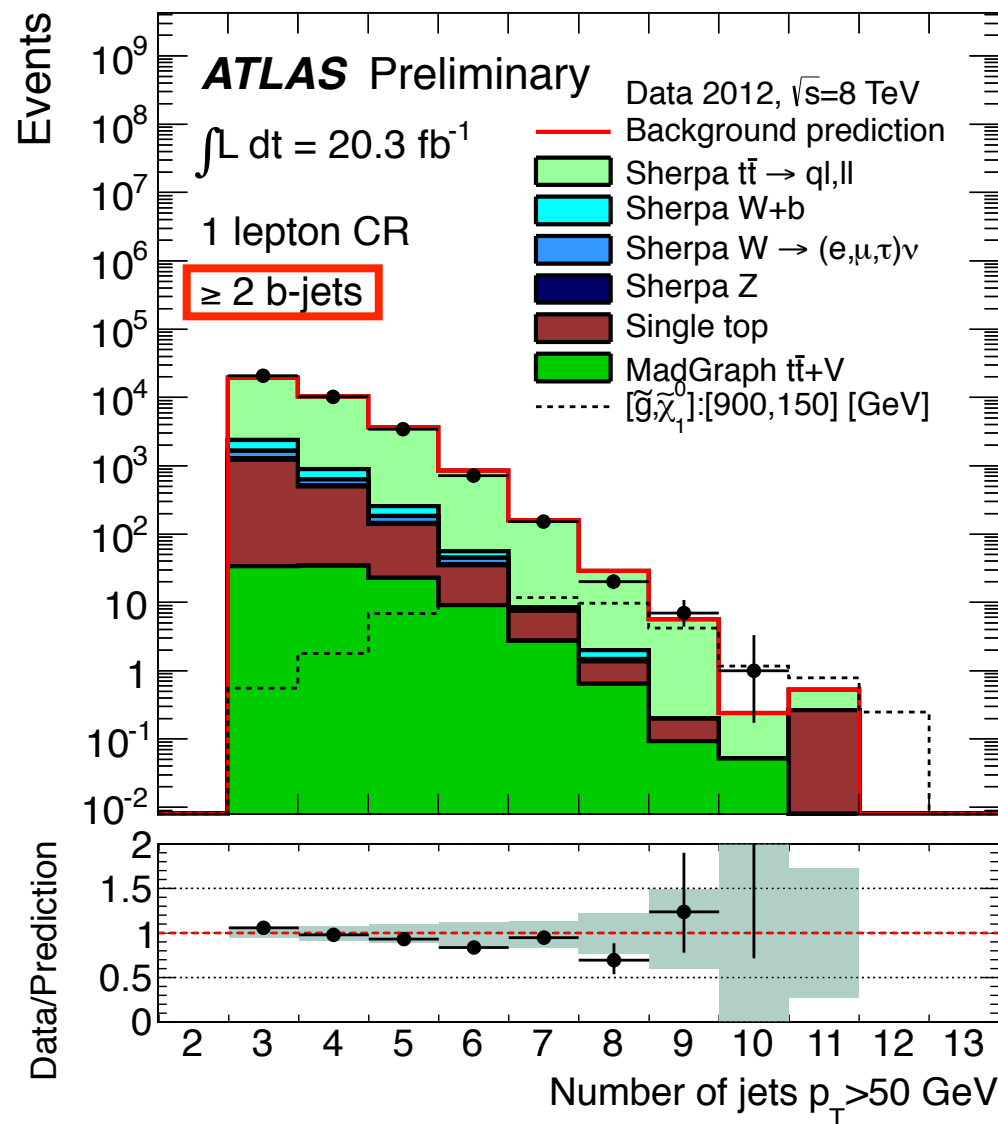
Beyond Standard Model Simulation

BSM Simulation

- Main generators have some BSM models built in
 - ✧ Pythia 6 has the most models
 - ✧ Herwig++ has careful treatment of SUSY spin correlations and off-shell effects
- Trend is now towards external matrix element generators: FeynRules + MadGraph, ...
- QCD corrections and matching/merging still needed

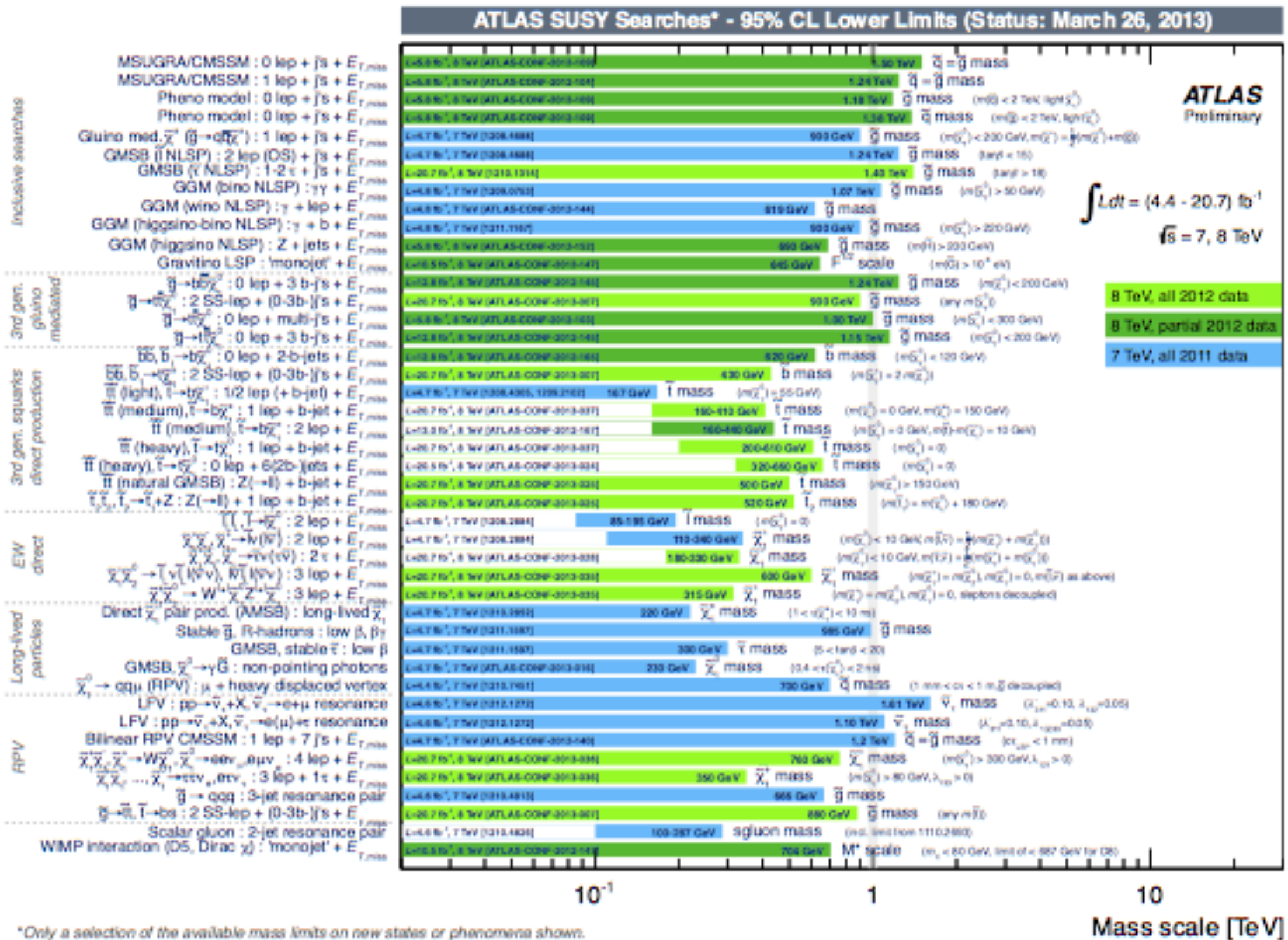
Searching for new signals

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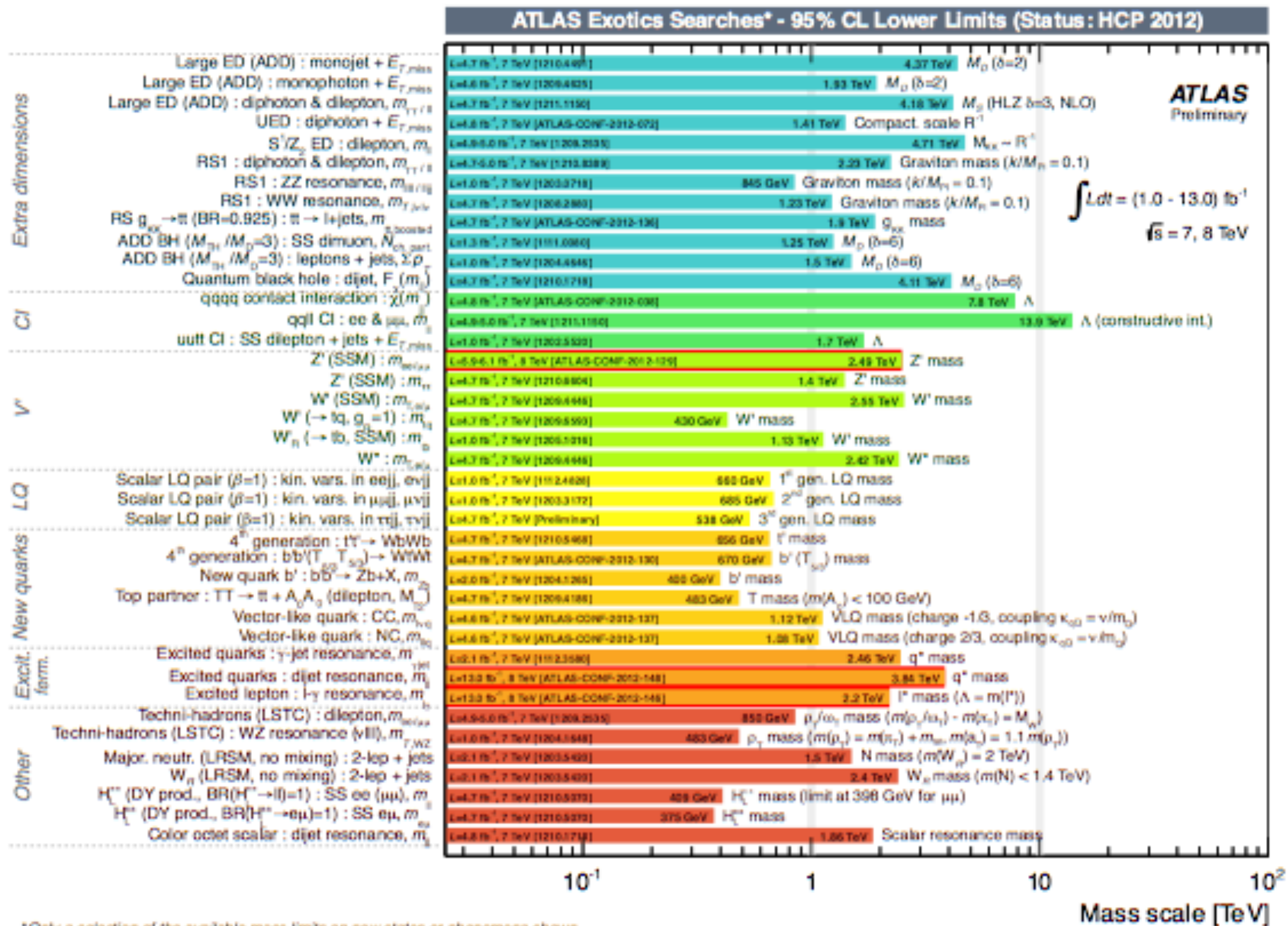


- Dashed = Herwig++ $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow t + \bar{t} + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- Background: mostly Sherpa LO multijet merging

ATLAS SUSY Search

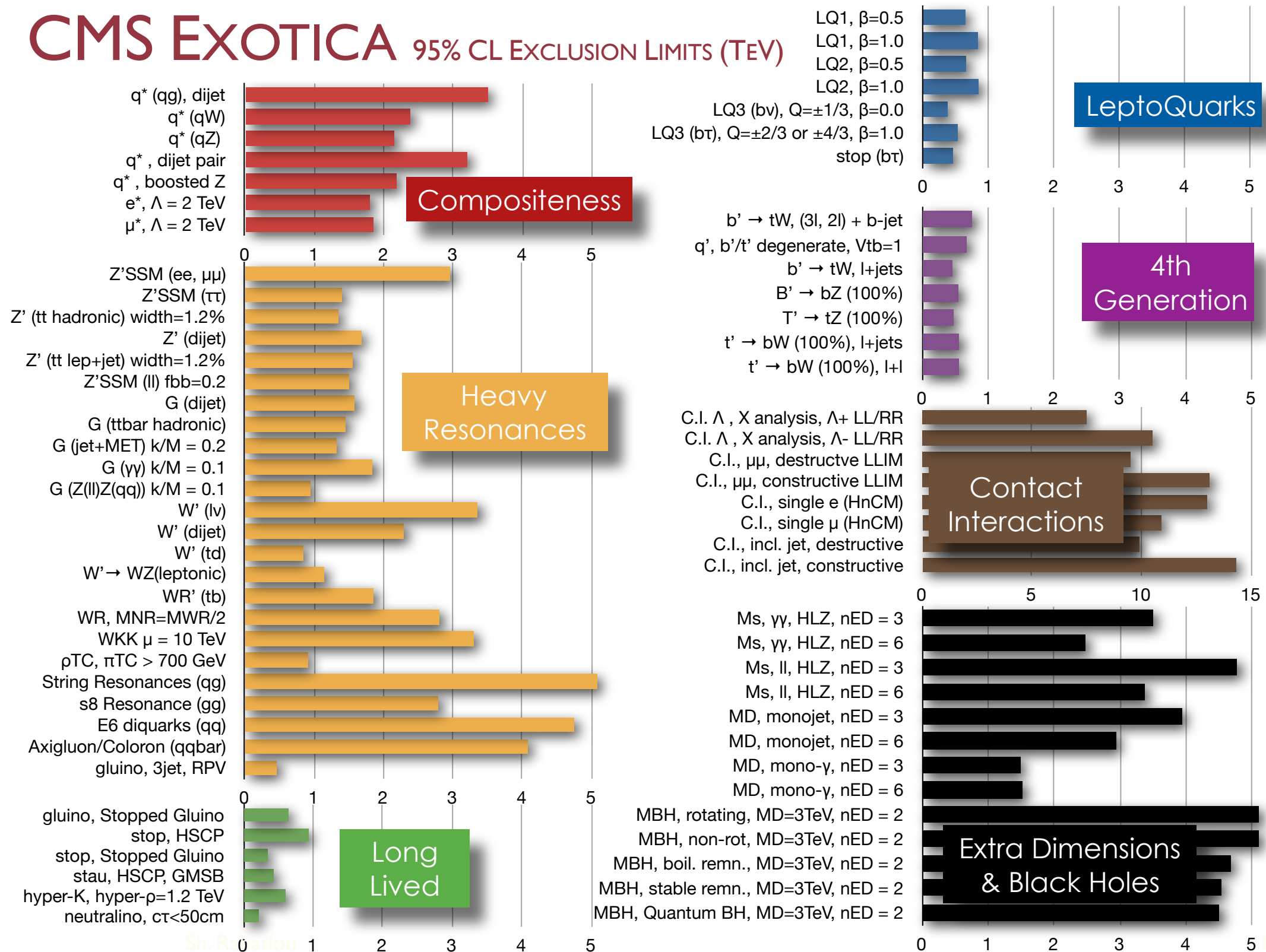


ATLAS Exotica Search



CMS Exotica Search

CMS EXOTICA 95% CL EXCLUSION LIMITS (TeV)



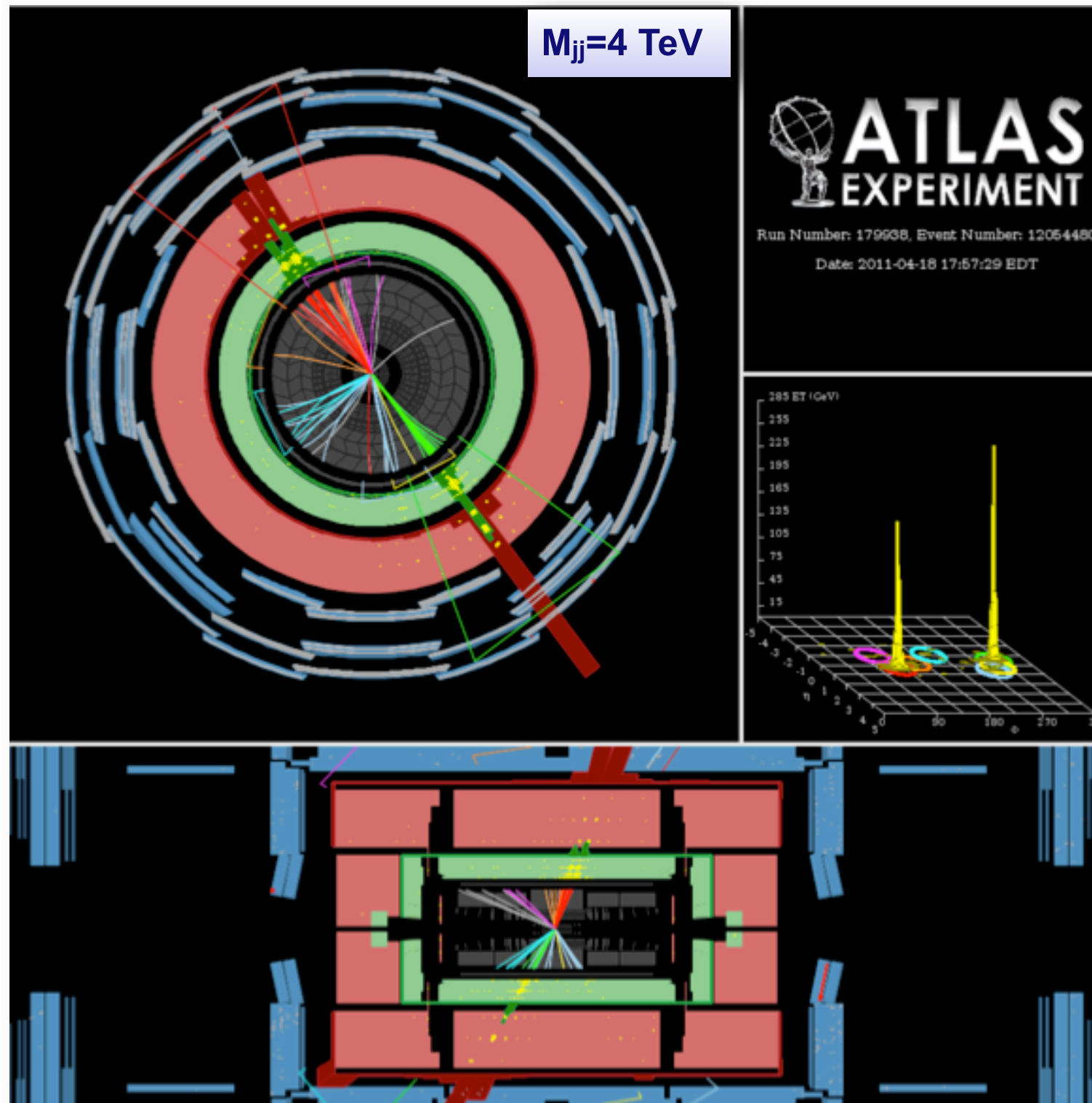
Conclusions and Prospects

- Standard Model has (so far) been spectacularly confirmed at the LHC
- Monte Carlo event generation of (SM and BSM) signals and backgrounds plays a big part
- Matched NLO and merged multi-jet generators have proved essential
 - ✦ Automation and NLO merging in progress
 - ✦ NNLO much more challenging
- Still plenty of scope for new discoveries!

Thanks for listening!

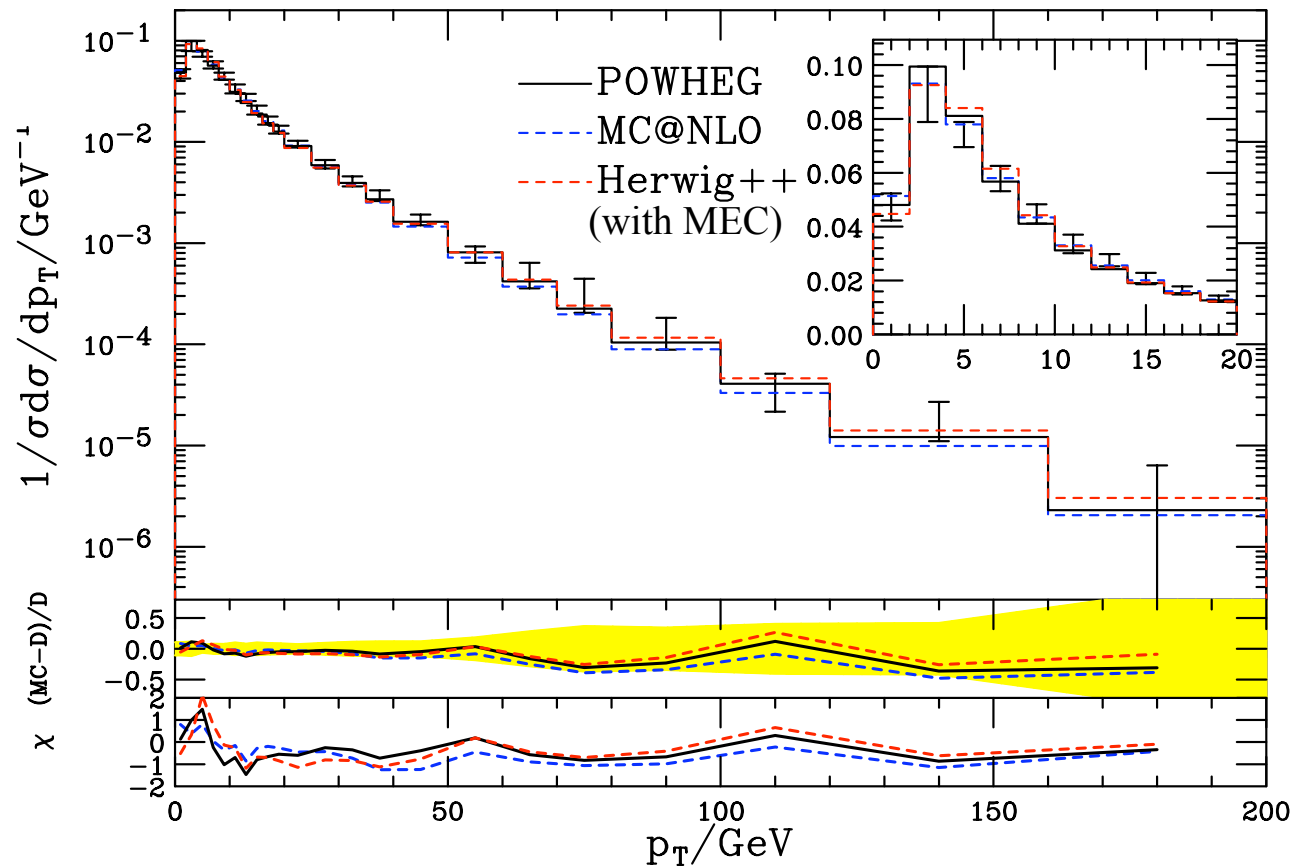
Backup

A high-mass dijet event

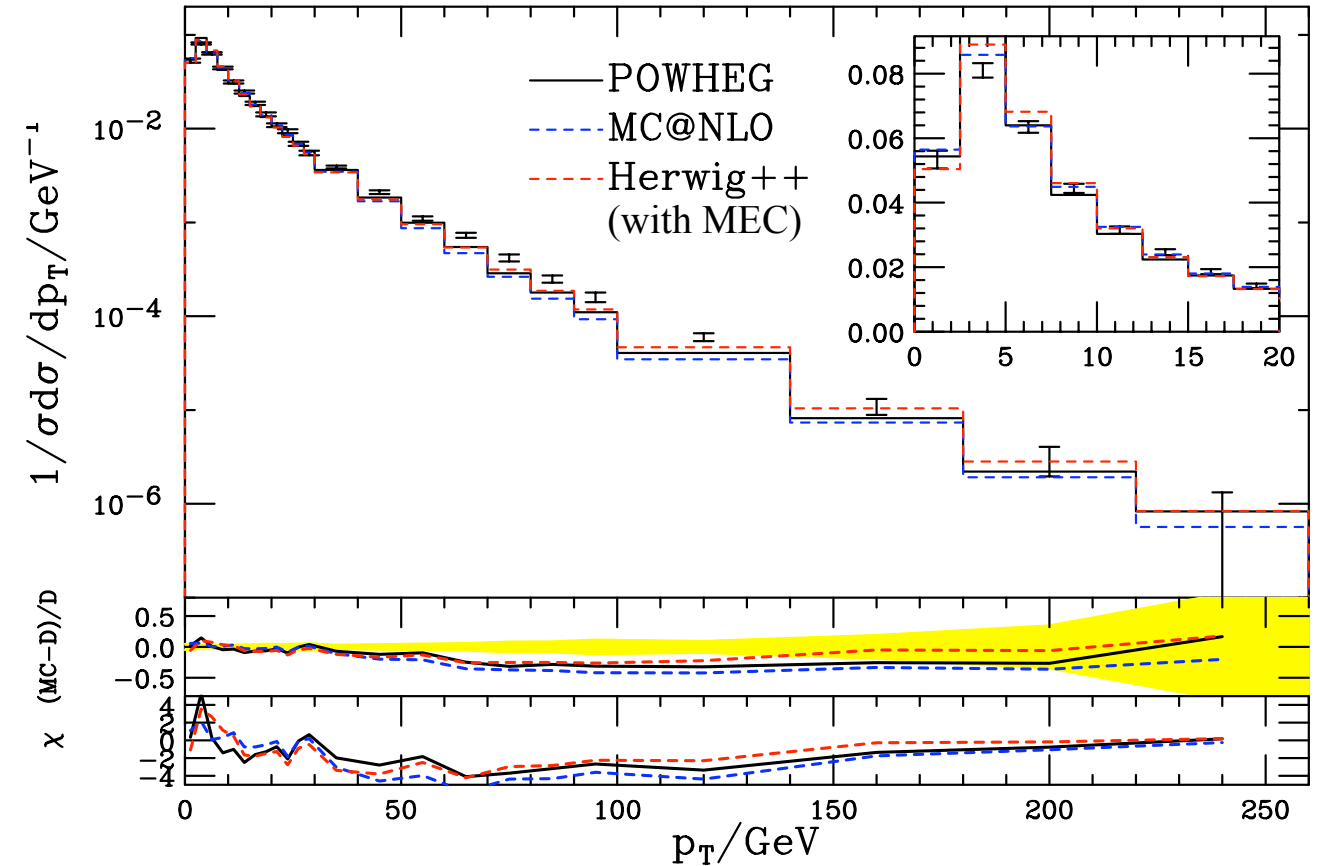


W & Z⁰ at Tevatron

D0 Run I: W



D0 Run II: Z⁰



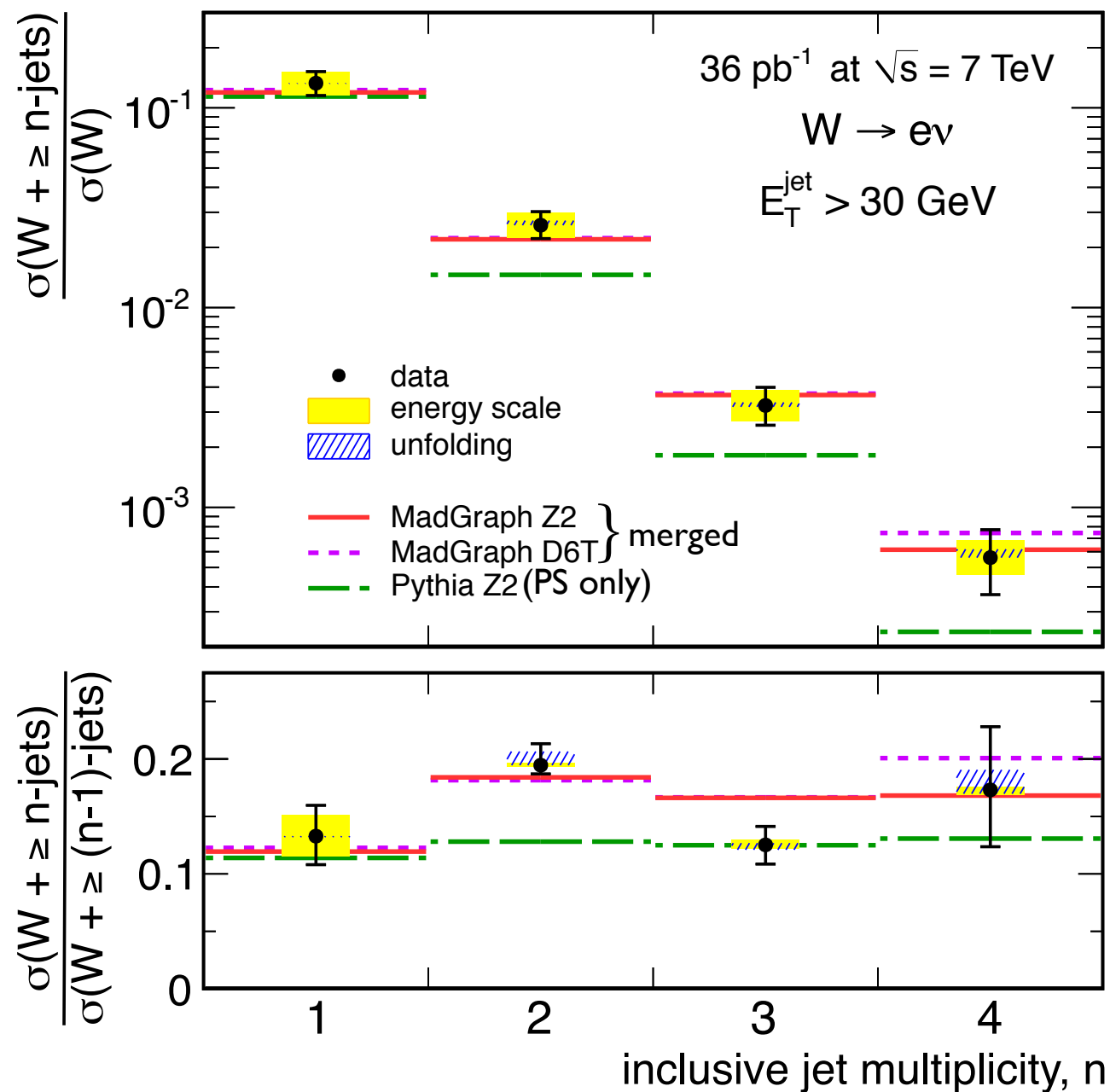
- Herwig++ includes W/Z+jet (MEC)
- All agree (tuned) at Tevatron
- Normalized to data

Hamilton, Richardson, Tully JHEP10(2008)015

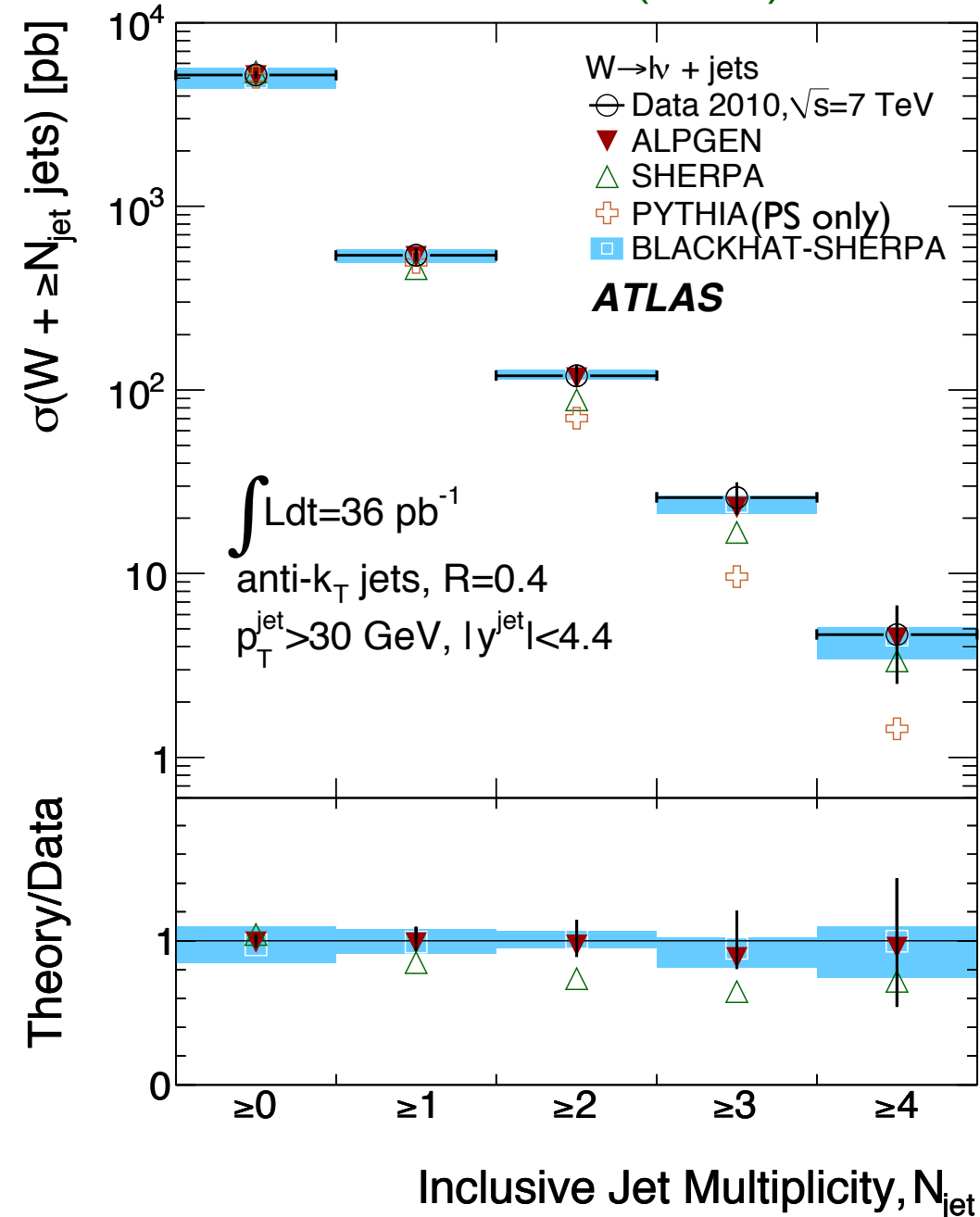
W+jets at LHC

CMS, JHEP01(2012)010

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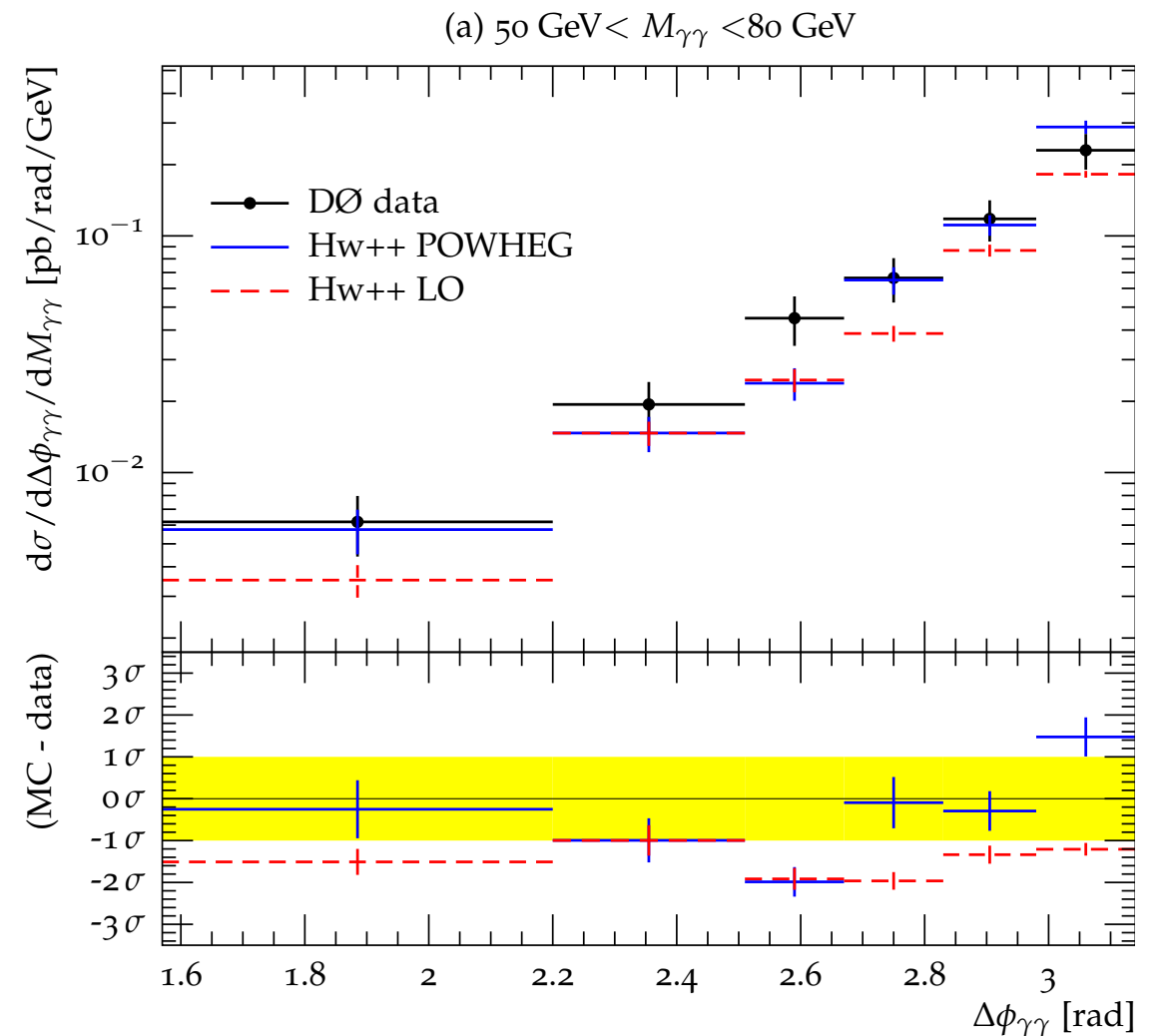
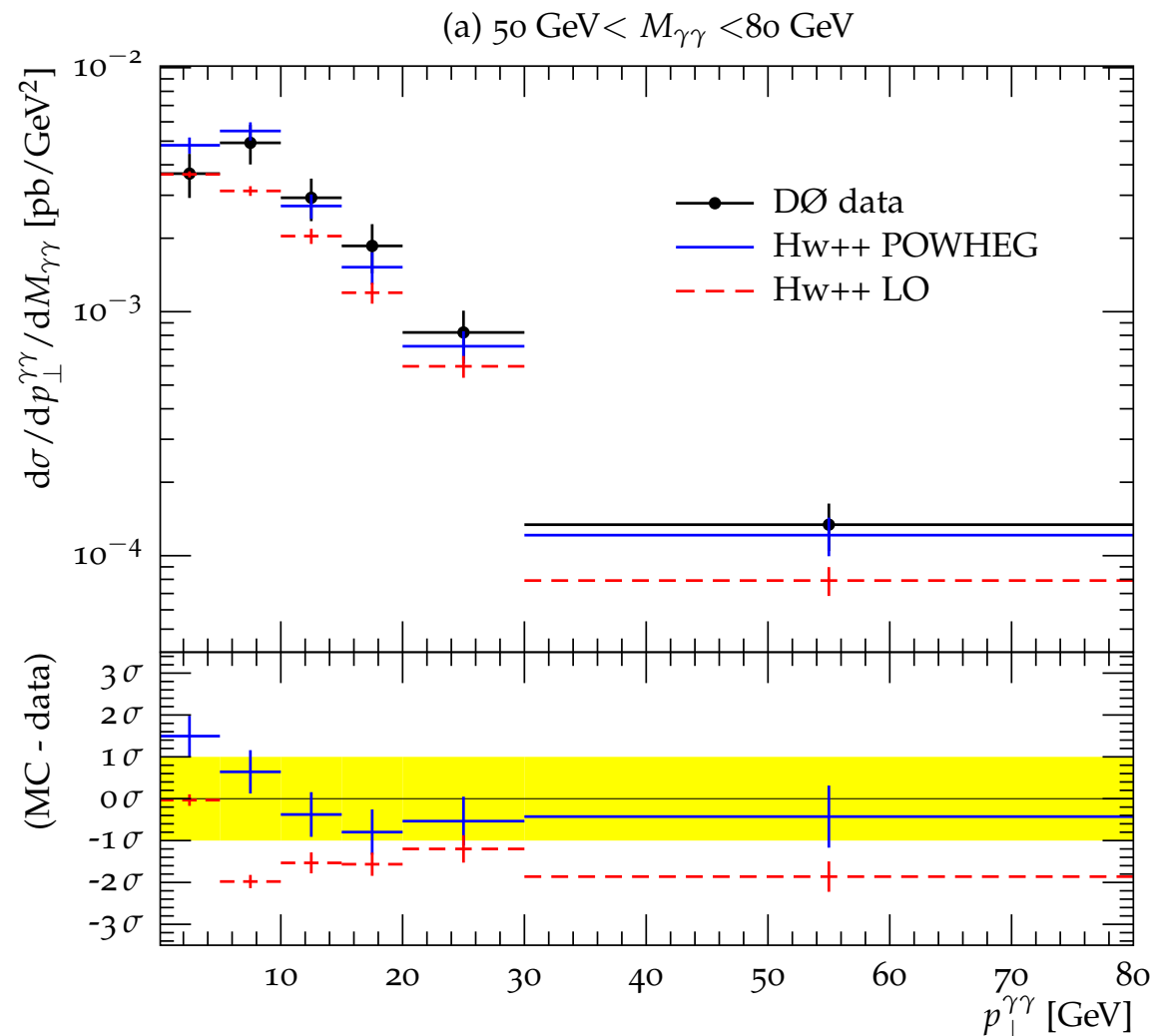


ATLAS, PRD85(2012)092002



- Very good agreement with predictions from merged simulations, while parton shower alone starts to fail for $n_{\text{jet}} \geq 2$

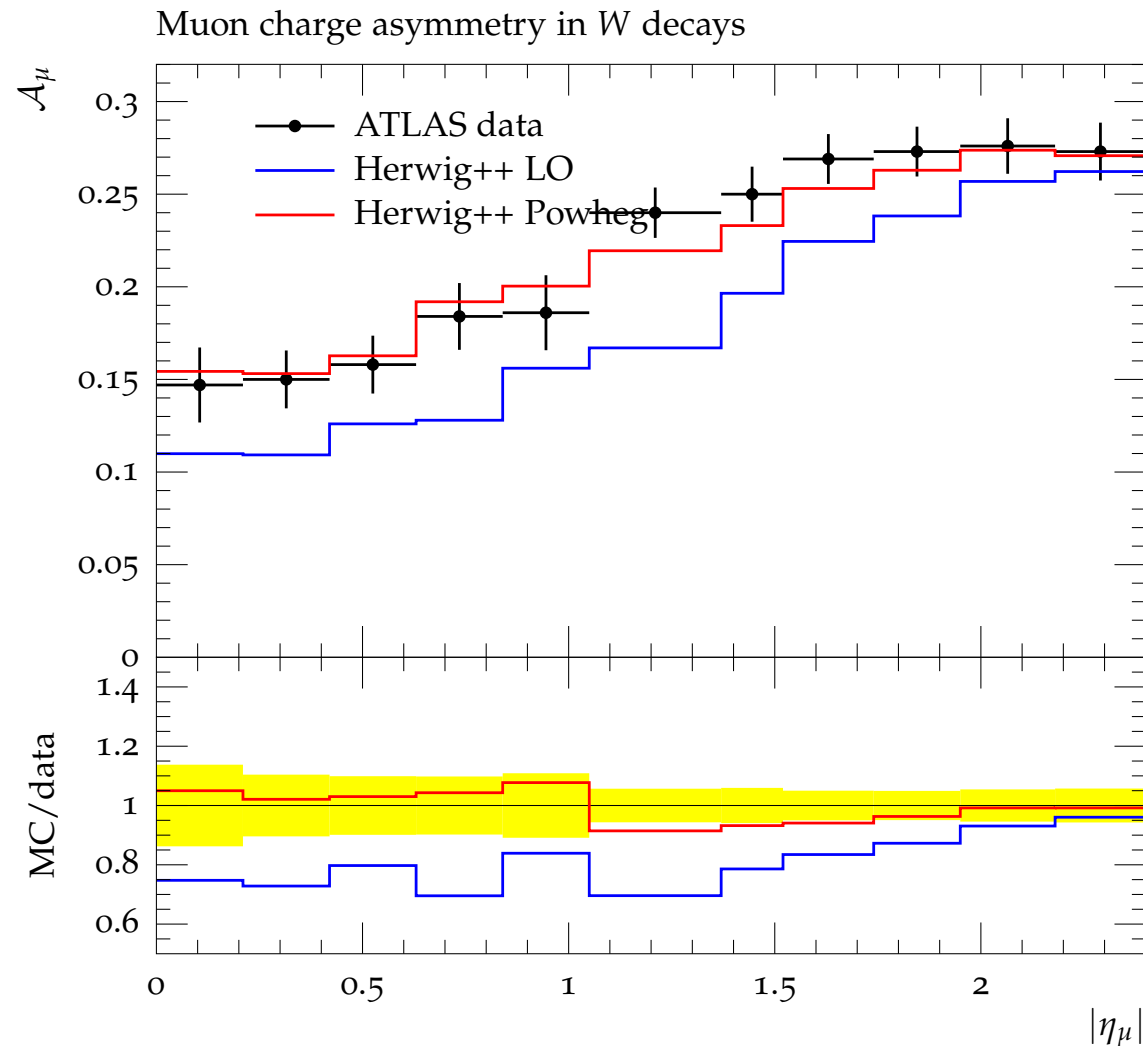
$\gamma\gamma$ at Tevatron



- Absolute normalization → LO too low
- POWHEG agrees with rate and distribution
- At LHC, important background for Higgs search

D'Errico & Richardson, JHEP02(2012)130

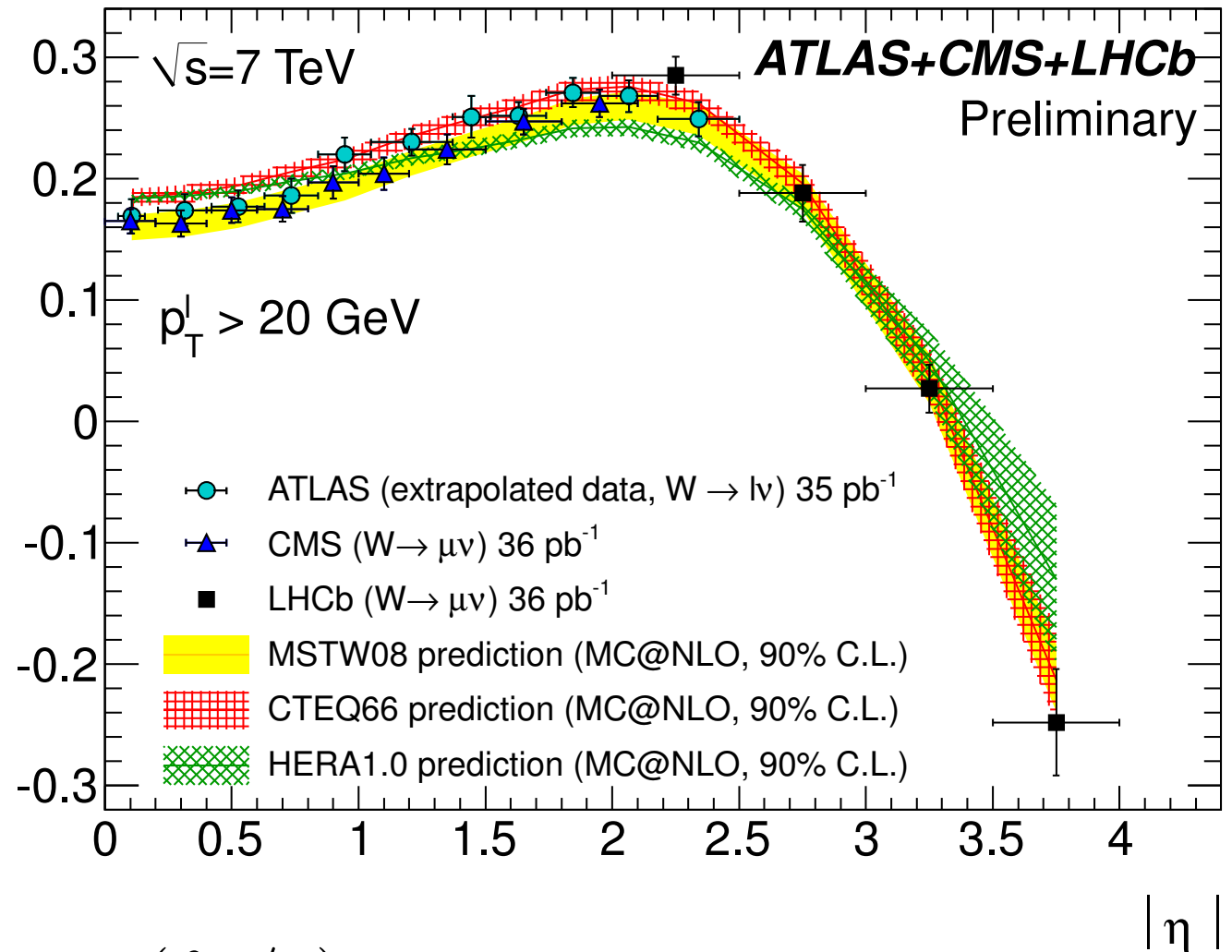
W asymmetry at LHC



$$A_\mu = \frac{N(\mu^+) - N(\mu^-)}{N(\mu^+) + N(\mu^-)}$$

$$\eta_\mu = \log \tan(\theta_\mu/2)$$

Lepton charge asymmetry

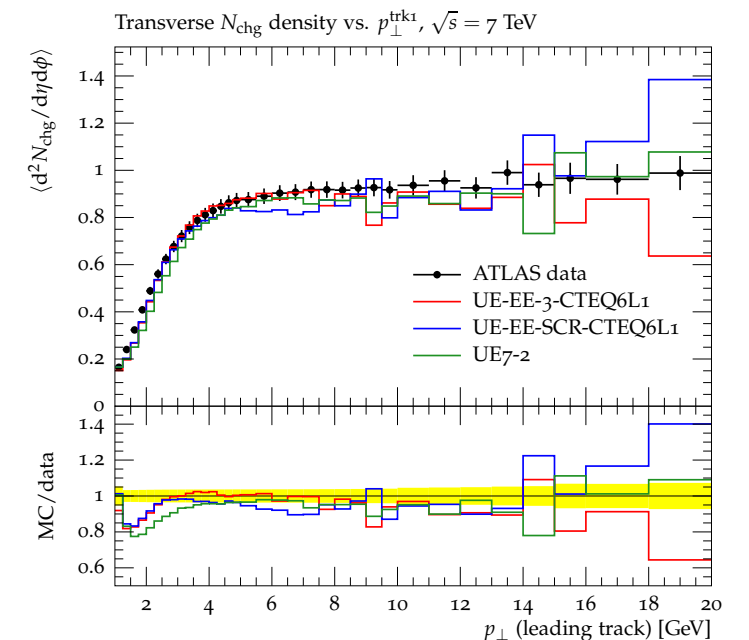
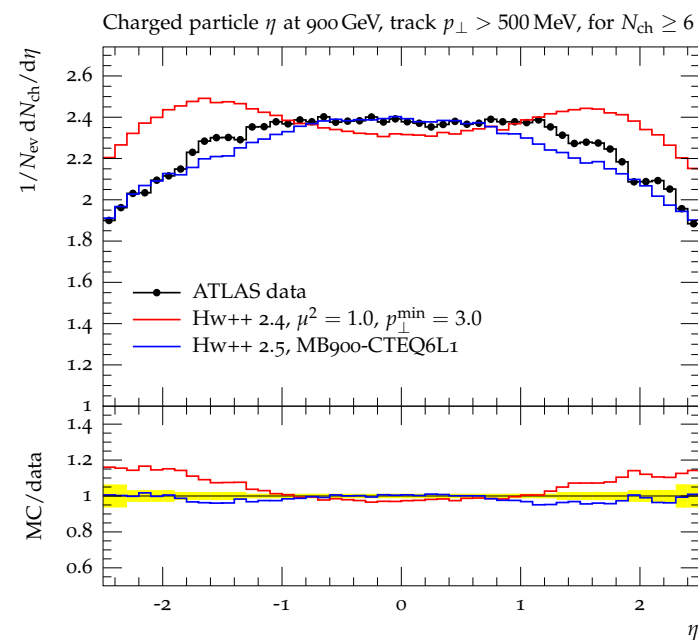
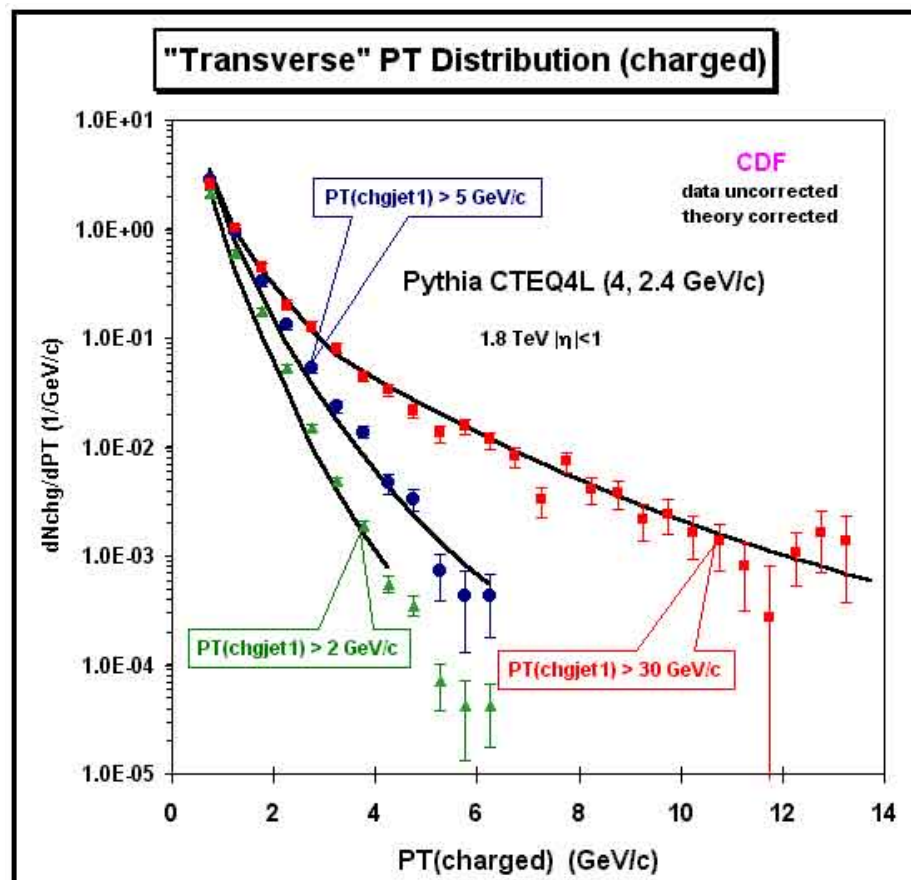
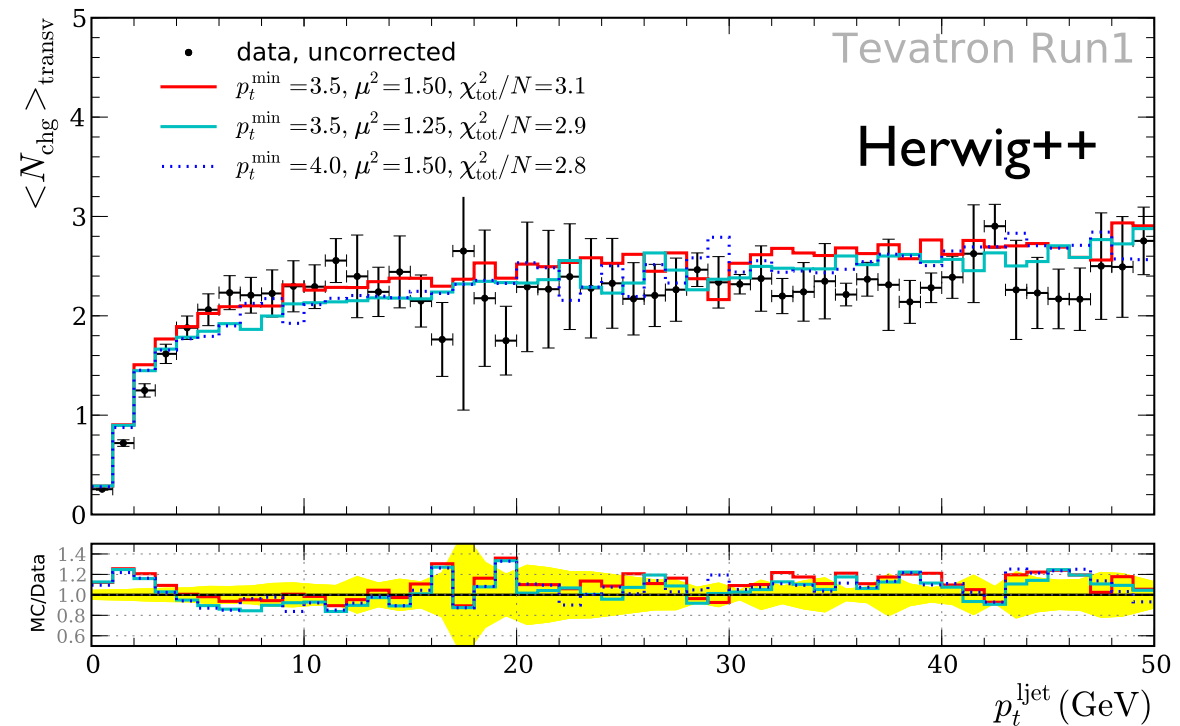
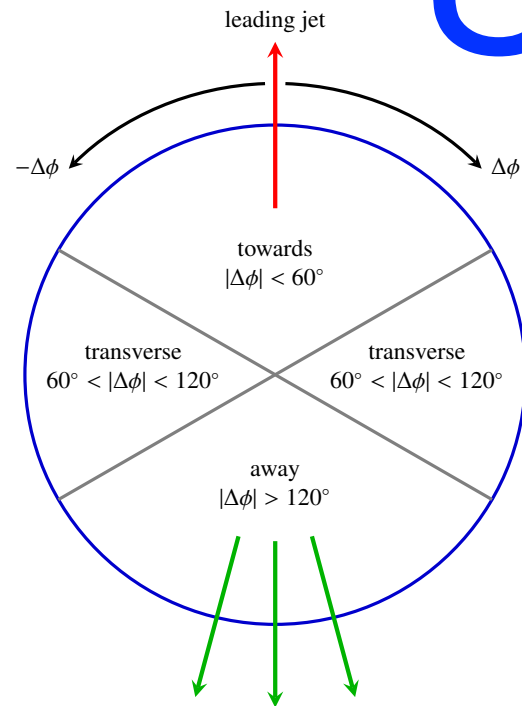


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- Asymmetry probes parton distributions

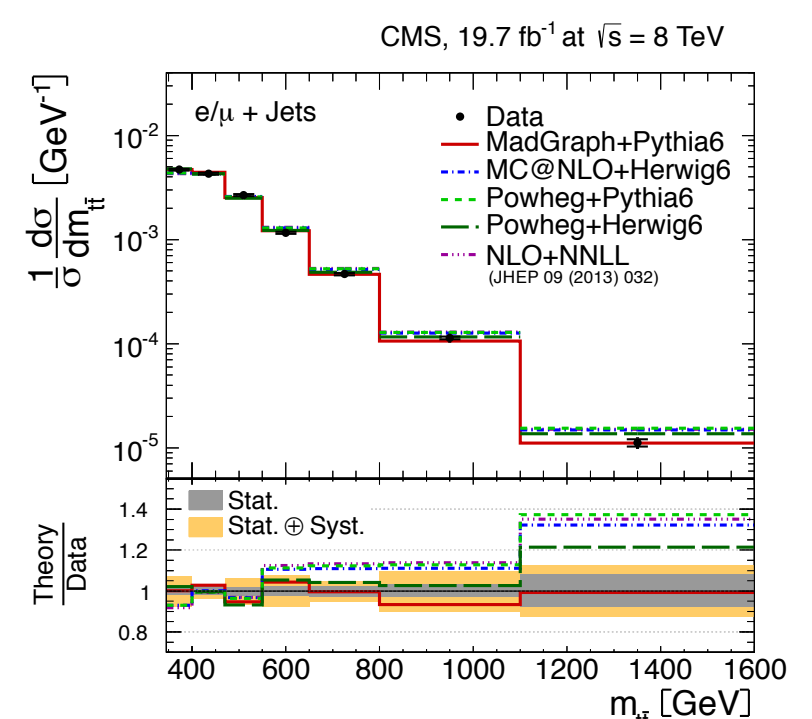
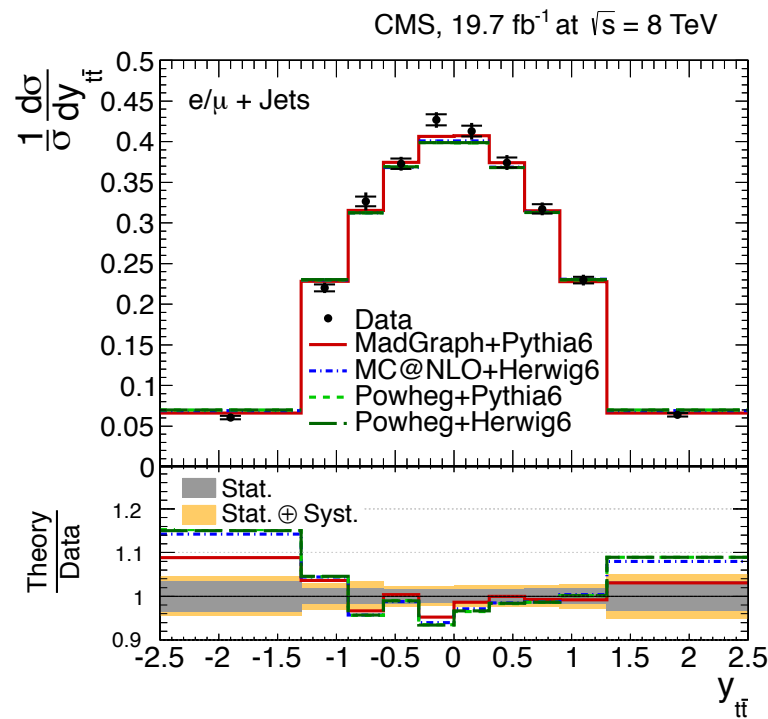
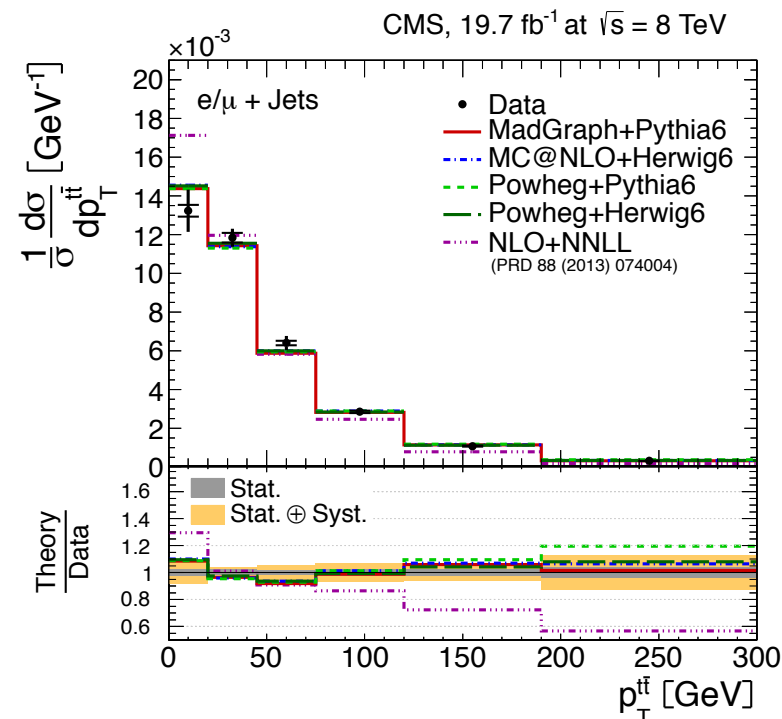
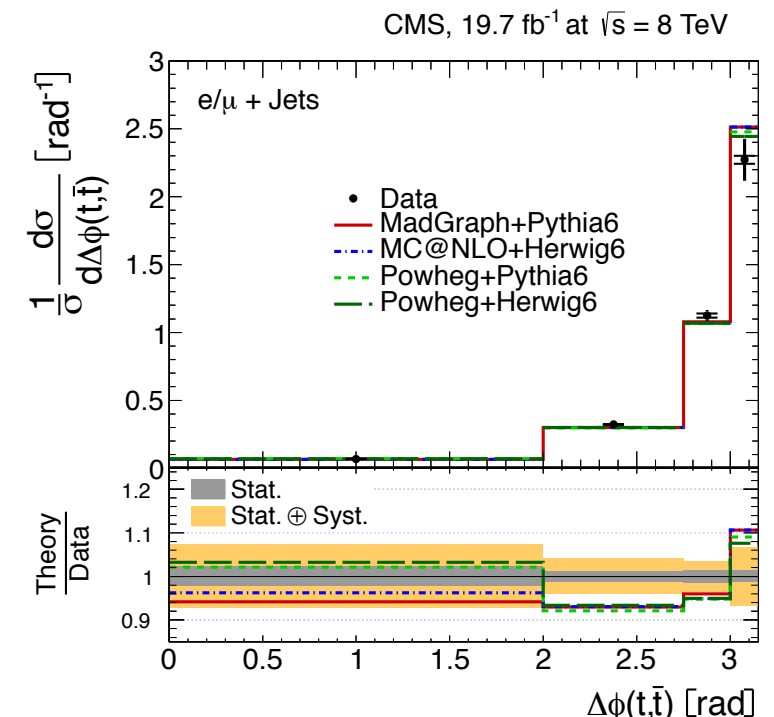
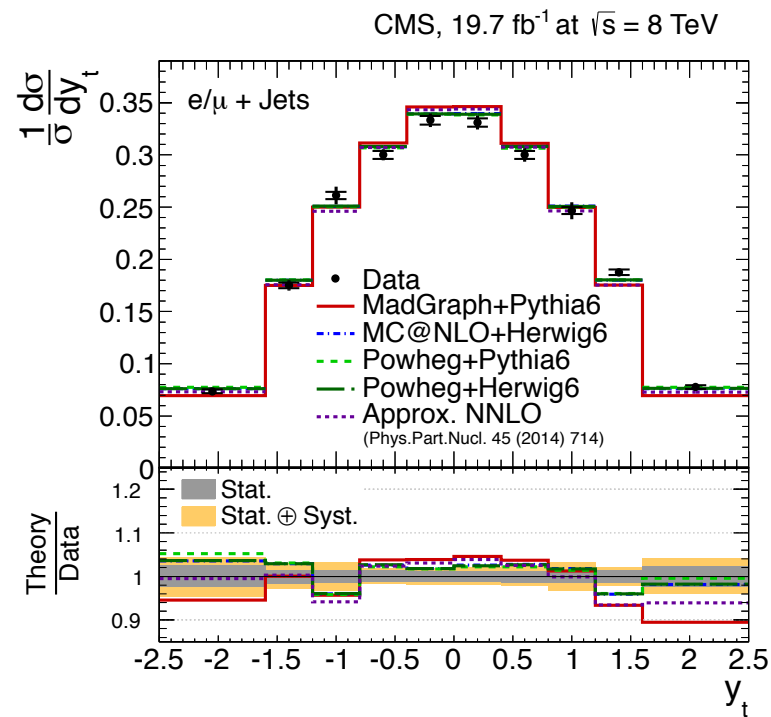
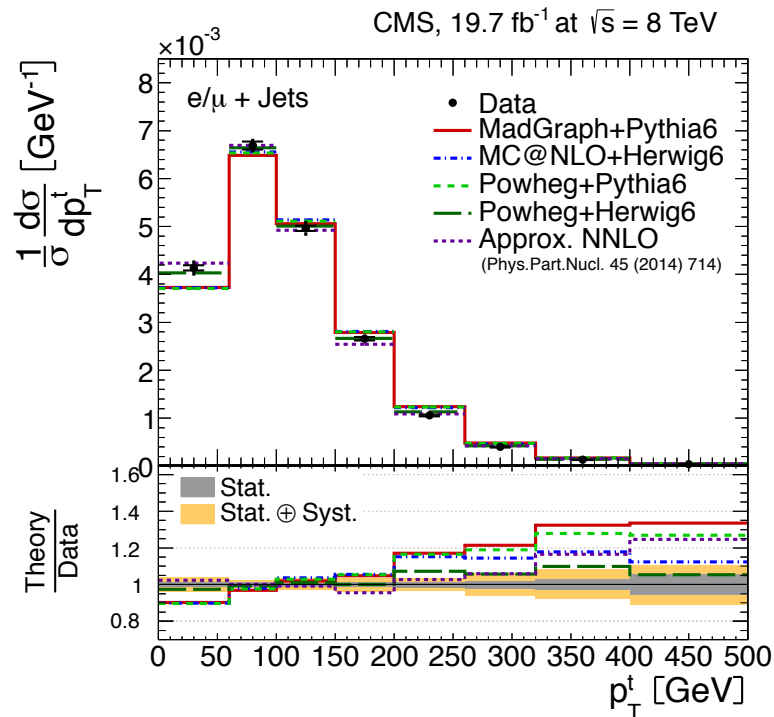
$$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \quad \text{vs} \quad d\bar{u} \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

Underlying Event



ATLAS PRD83(2011)12001
Gieseke, Röhr, Siódmok, arXiv:1206.2205

Top pairs at 8 TeV



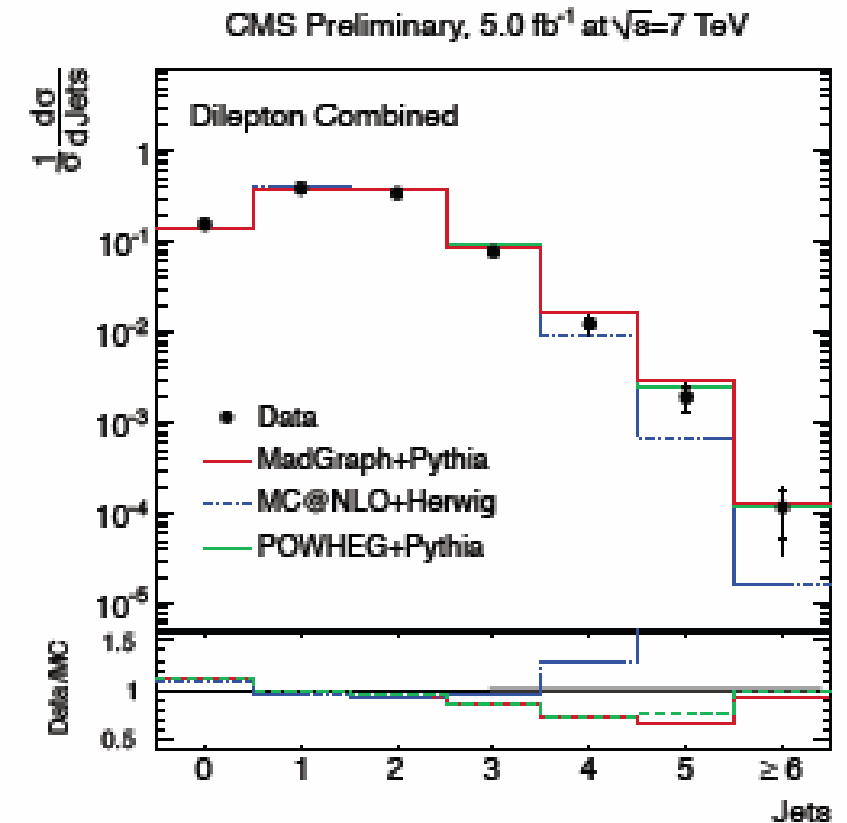
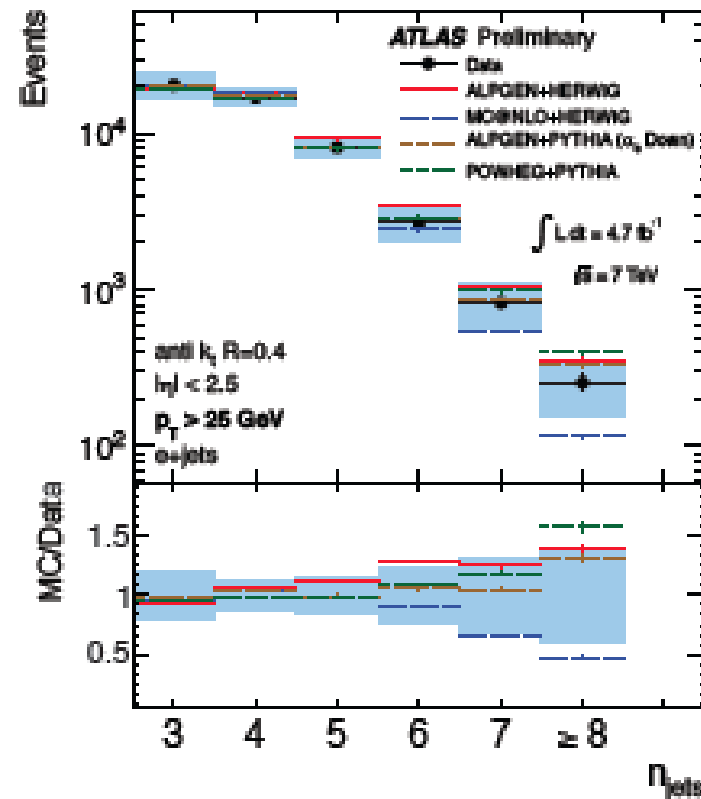
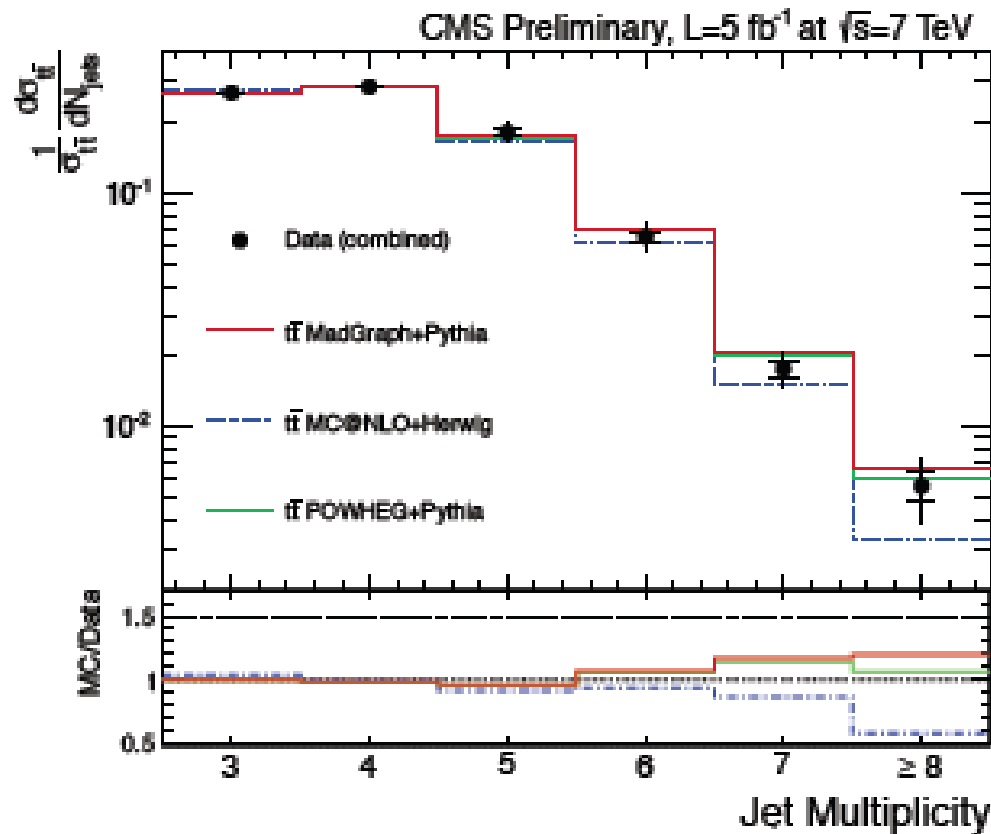
CMS, 1505.04480

Top+jets

CMS PAS TOP-12-018 (l+jets)
ATLAS-CONF-2012-155 (l+jets)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma(N_{jets})}{dN_{jets}}$$

CMS PAS TOP-12-023
 (dilepton)

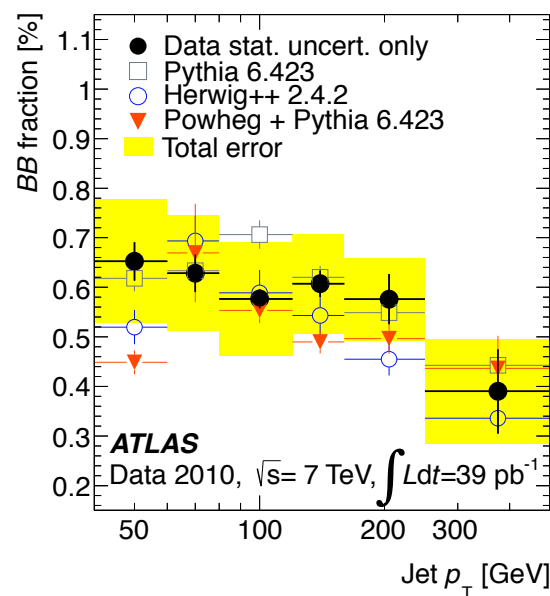


- Matched NLO not adequate for >2 extra jets
- Merged multijets better there (for $d\sigma/\sigma$)

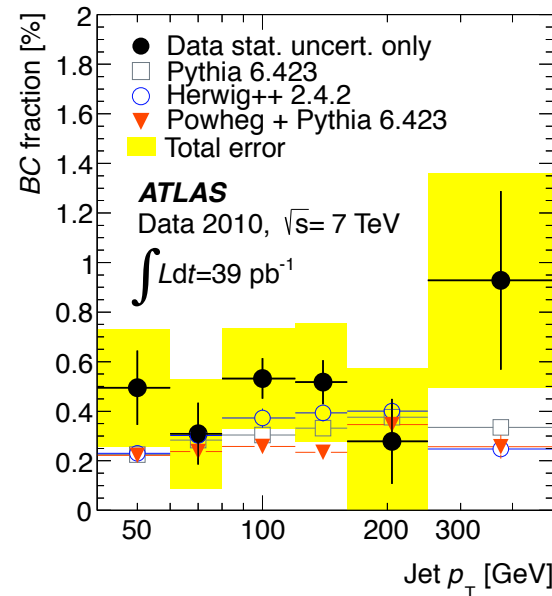
But all is not perfect ...

- Dijet flavours versus jet p_T

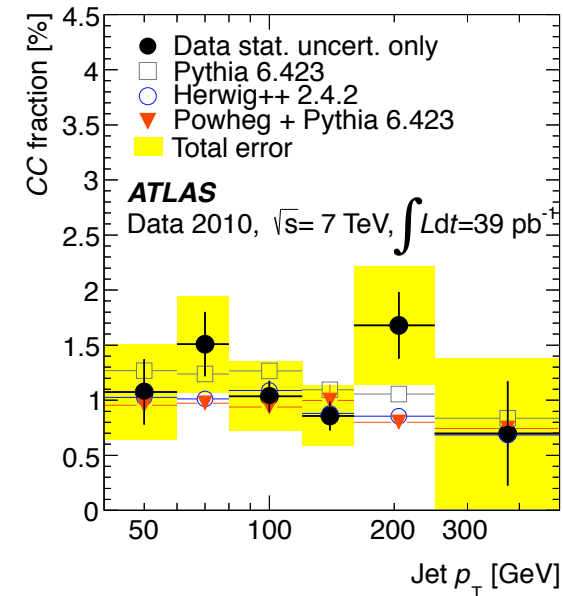
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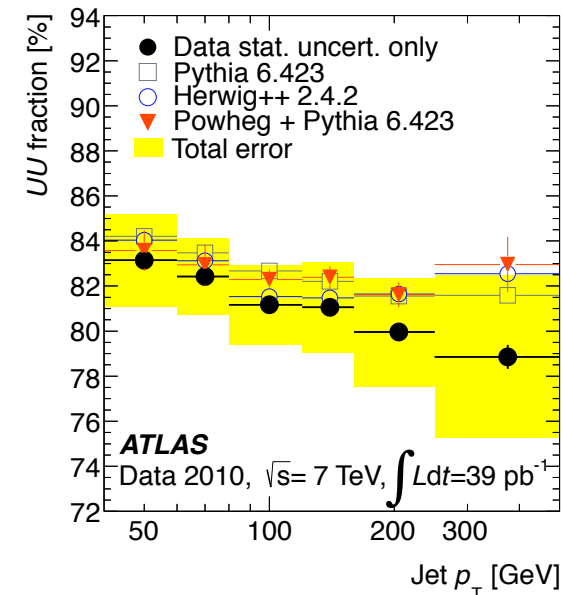
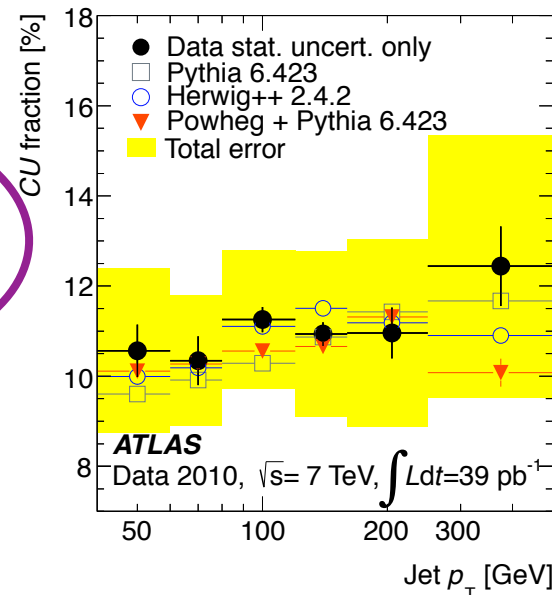
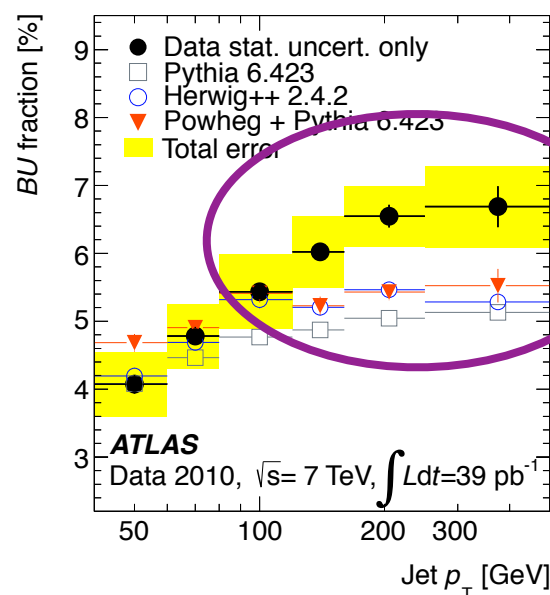
(a)



(b)



(c)



- Interesting excess of (single) b quark jets

Automatic NLO matching

- MC@NLO-type

- ✧ MadGraph5_aMC@NLO (MadLoop5)

Alwall et al., 1405.0301

- ✧ Sherpa+OpenLoops

Höche et al., 1111.1220; 1201.5882

- ✧ Herwig++ Matchbox+OpenLoops/GoSam

Plätzer, Gieseke, 1109.6256; Bellm et al., 1310.6877

- POWHEG-type

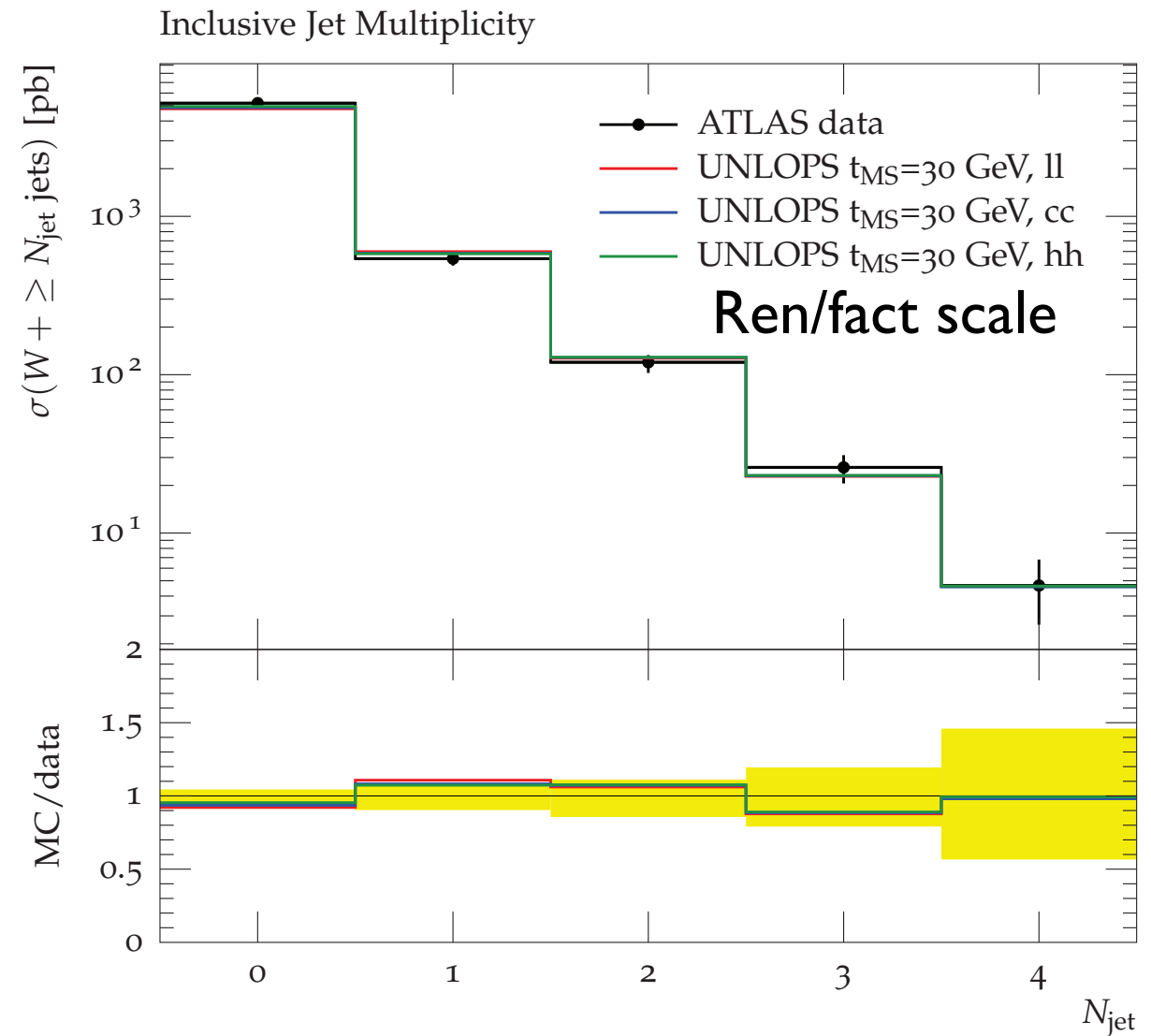
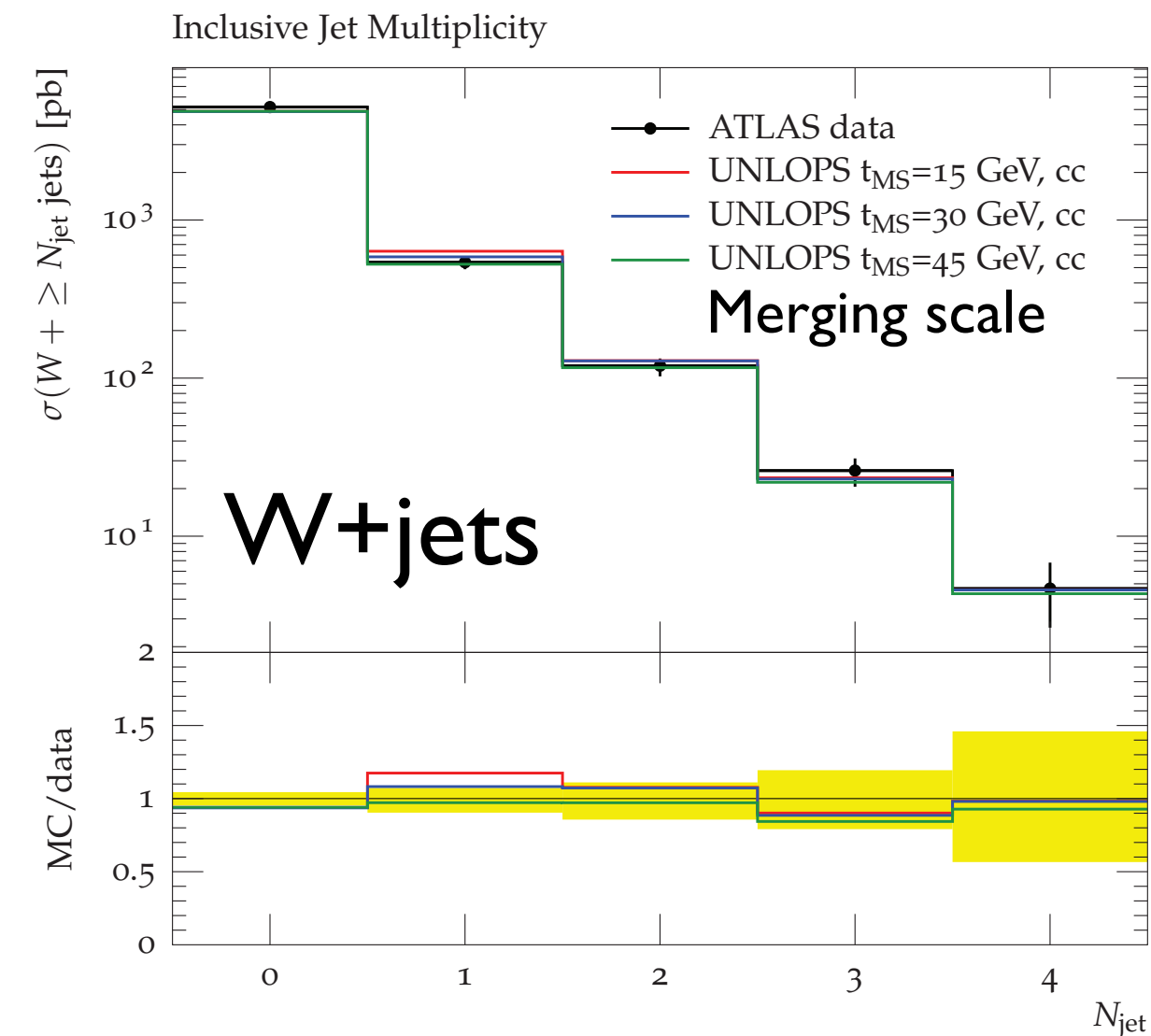
Combined matching+merging

- NLO calculations generally refer to **inclusive** cross sections e.g. $\sigma(W+\geq n \text{ jets})$
- Multijet merging does not preserve them, because of **mismatch** between exact real-emission and approximate (Sudakov) virtual corrections
- When correcting this mismatch, one can simultaneously upgrade them to NLO
- There remains the issue of merging scale dependence beyond NLO (large logs)

Combined matching+merging

- Many competing schemes (pp, under development)
 - ✧ MEPS@NLO (SHERPA)
 - ✧ FxFx (aMC@NLO) Frederix & Frixione, arXiv:1209.6215
 - ✧ UNLOPS (Pythia 8) Lönnblad & Prestel, arXiv:1211.7278
 - ✧ MatchBox (Herwig++) Plätzer, arXiv:1211.5467
 - ✧ MiNLO (POWHEG) Hamilton et al., arXiv:1212.4504
 - ✧ GENEVA Alioli, Bauer et al., arXiv:1212.4504
- Some key ideas in LoopSim Rubin, Salam & Sapeta, JHEP1009, 084

Combined matching+merging



UNLOPS: Lönnblad & Prestel, arXiv:1211.7278

- Scale dependences almost eliminated

MEPS@NLO

- W+0,1,2 jets at NLO

Höche et al., 1207.5030

- W+3,4 jets at LO

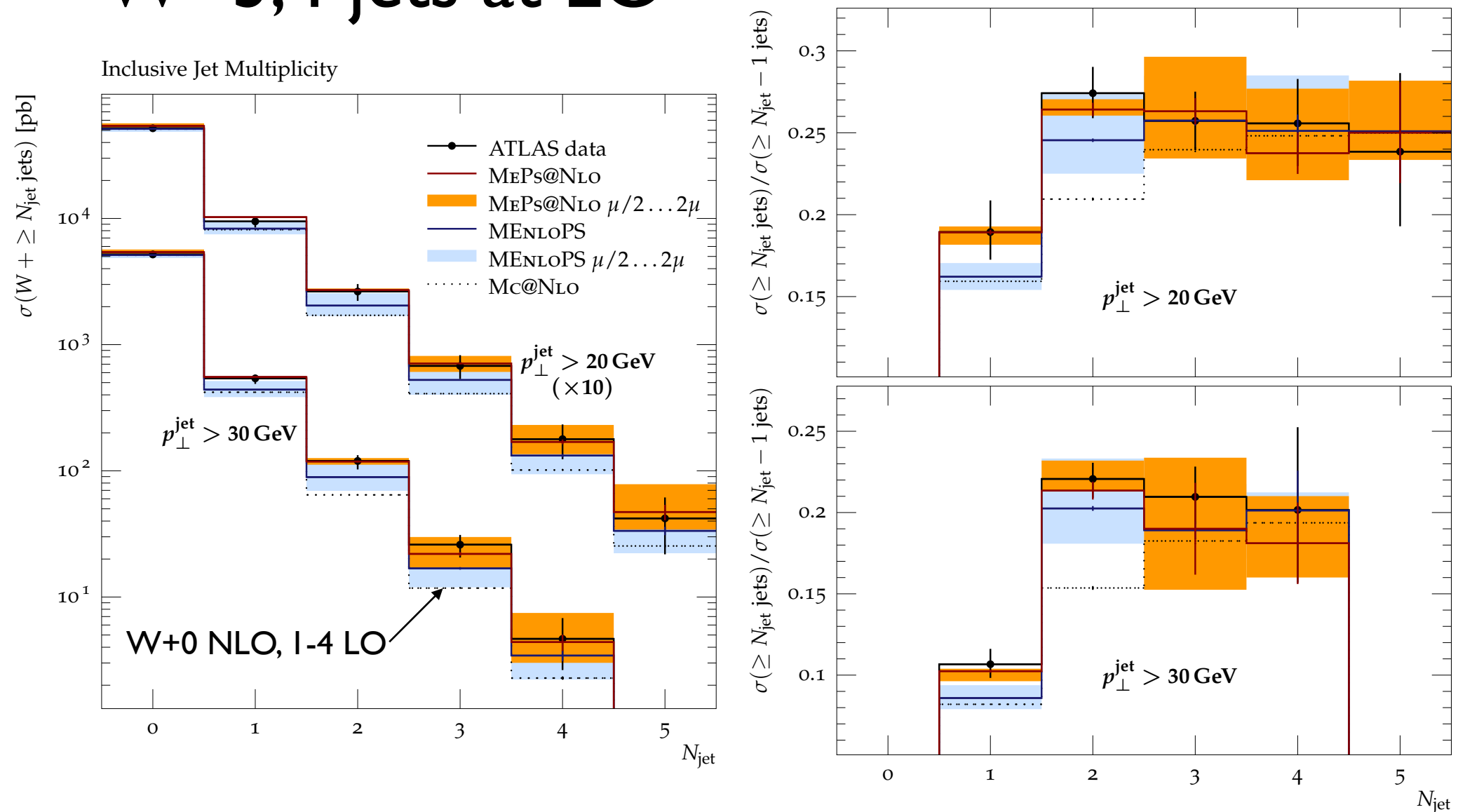
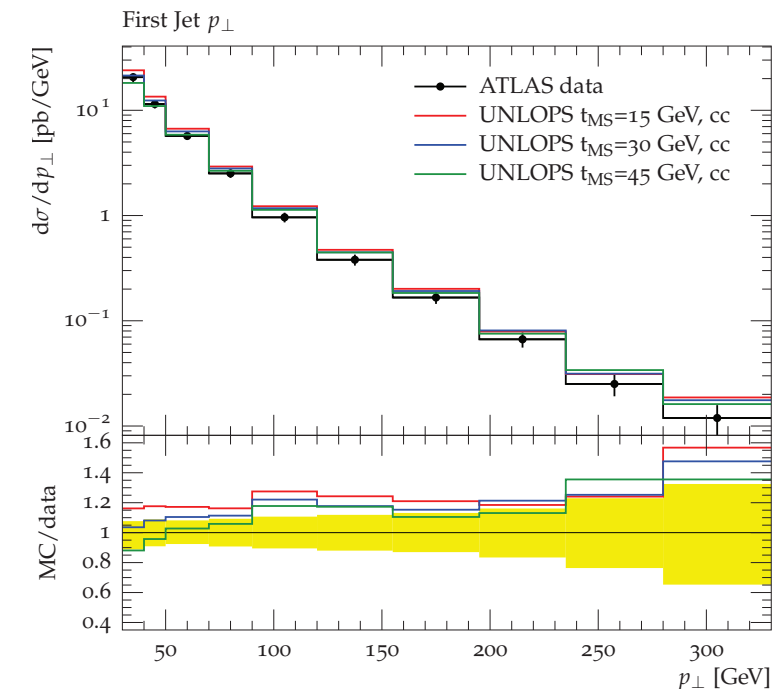
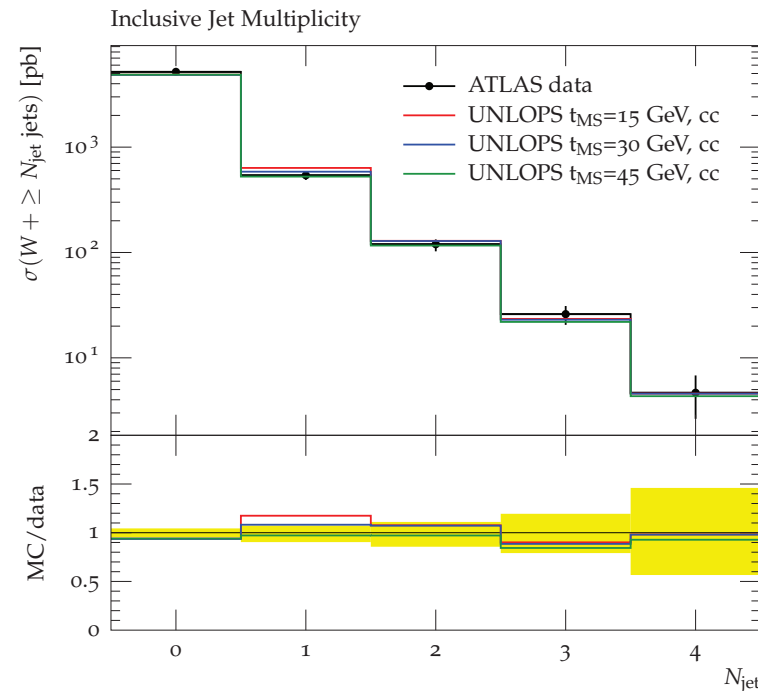


Figure 1: Cross section as a function of the inclusive jet multiplicity (left) and their ratios (right) in W +jets events measured by ATLAS [50].

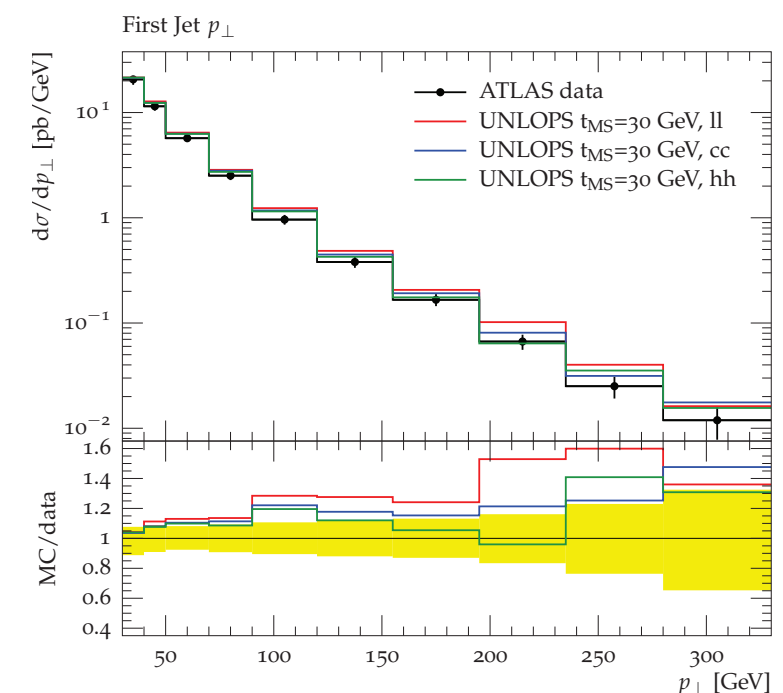
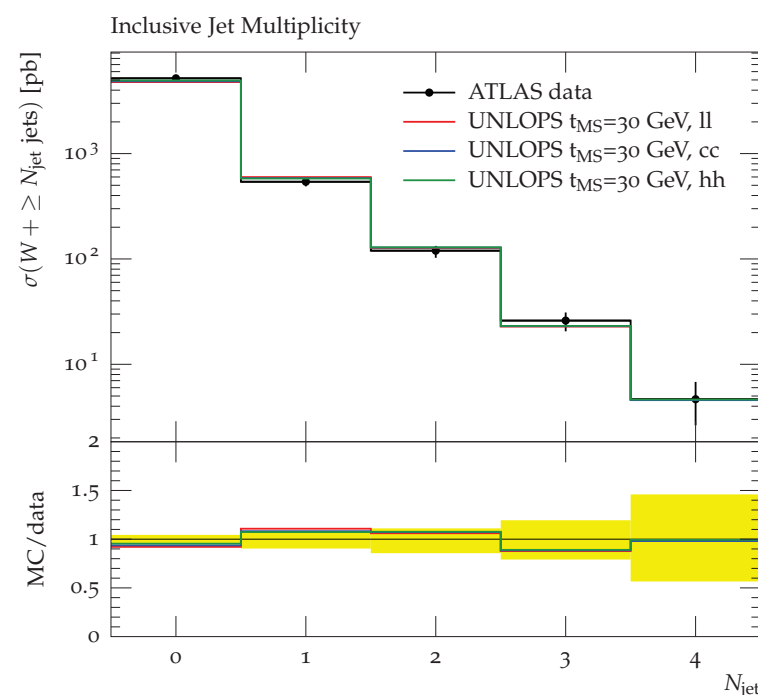
UNLOPS merging

- Merging scale dependence

Lönnblad, Prestel, 1211.7278



- Renorm'n/
factor'n scale
dependence



NNLO matching

- Fully inclusive NNLO, one extra jet NLO
- So far, limited to Drell-Yan & Higgs production (DY/H)

- ✧ MiNLO-NNLOPS

Hamilton et al., 1309.0017, 1407.3773

- ✧ UN²LOPS

Höche, Li, Prestel, 1405.3607, 1407.3773

Achievable Precision?

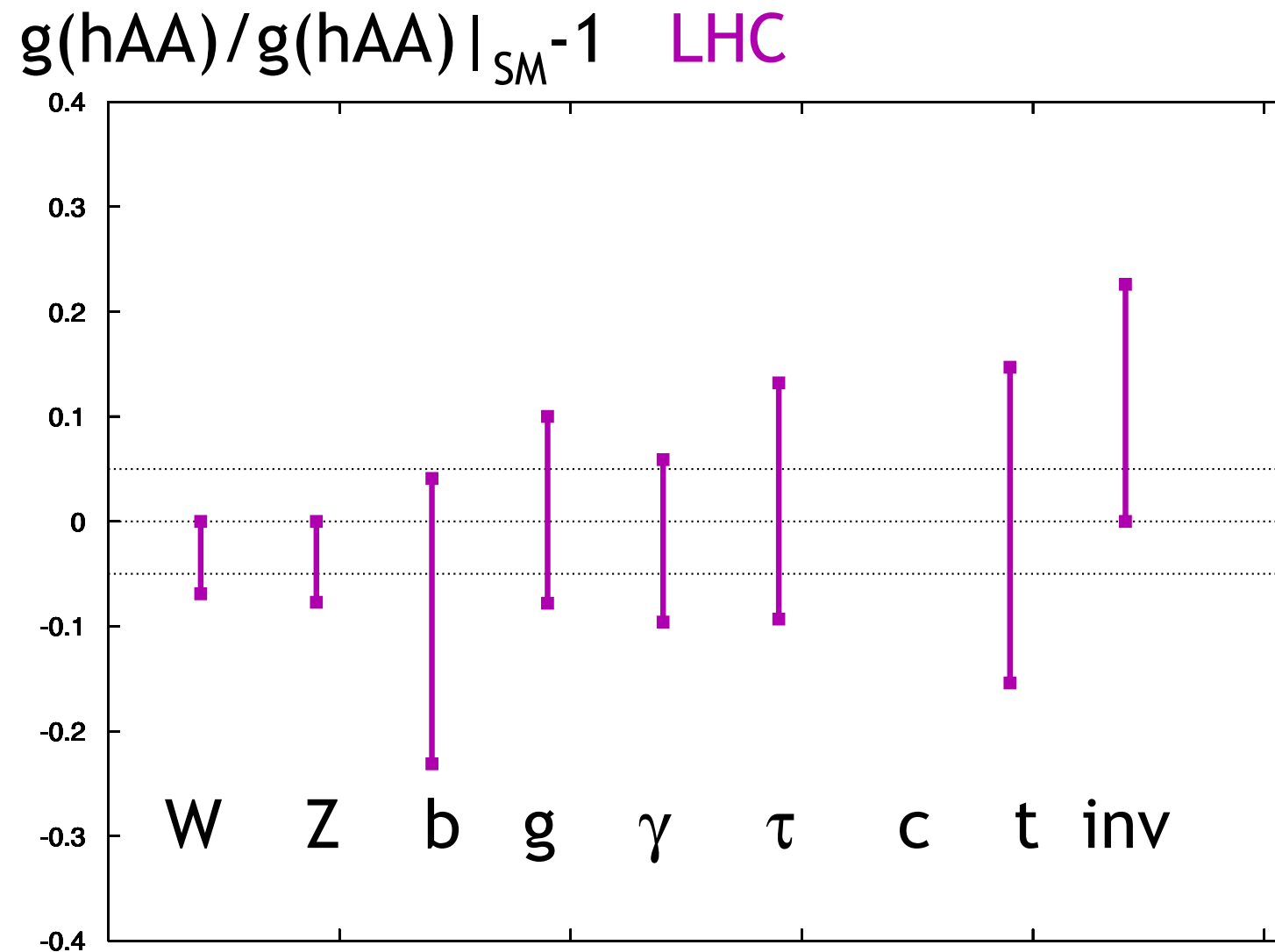


Figure 1: Capabilities of LHC for model-independent measurements of Higgs boson couplings. The plot shows 1σ confidence intervals for LHC at 14 TeV with 300 fb^{-1} . No error is estimated for $g(hcc)$. The marked horizontal band represents a 5% deviation from the Standard Model prediction for the coupling.

M Peskin, arXiv:1207.2516

Achievable Precision?

$g(hAA)/g(hAA)|_{SM}^{-1}$ LHC / ILC1 / ILC / ILCTeV

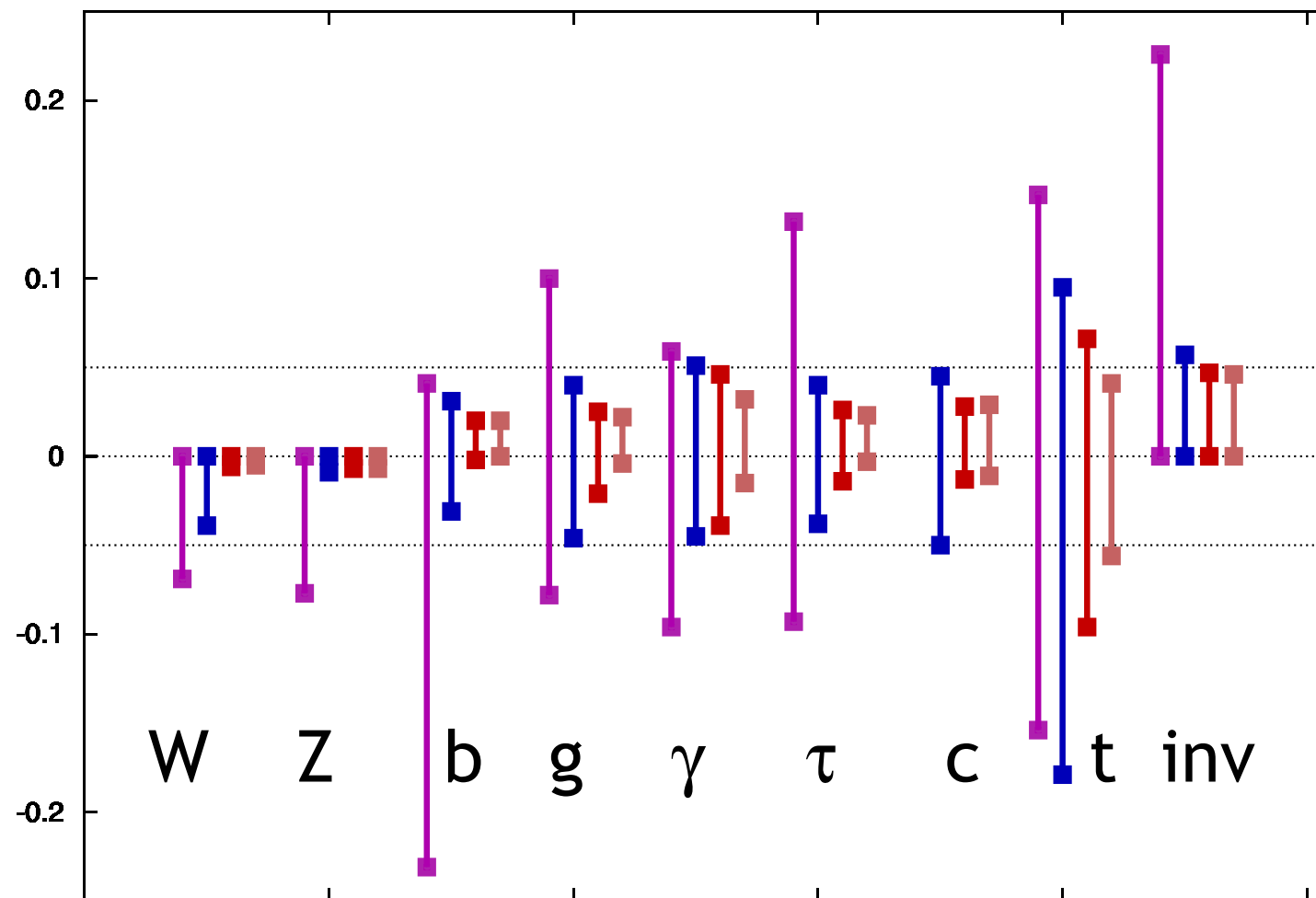


Figure 2: Comparison of the capabilities of LHC and ILC for model-independent measurements of Higgs boson couplings. The plot shows (from left to right in each set of error bars) 1σ confidence intervals for LHC at 14 TeV with 300 fb^{-1} , for ILC at 250 GeV and 250 fb^{-1} ('ILC1'), for the full ILC program up to 500 GeV with 500 fb^{-1} ('ILC'), and for a program with 1000 fb^{-1} for an upgraded ILC at 1 TeV ('ILCTeV'). The marked horizontal band represents a 5% deviation from the Standard Model prediction for the coupling.

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