

b-fragmentation studies in $t\bar{t}$ events in ATLAS and CMS



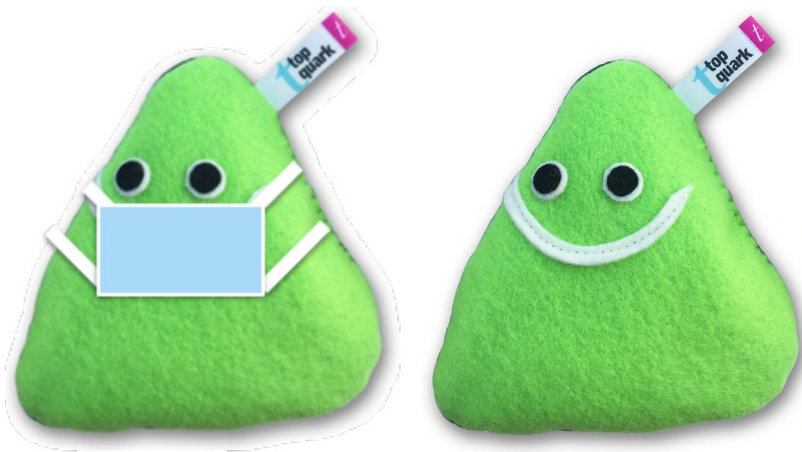
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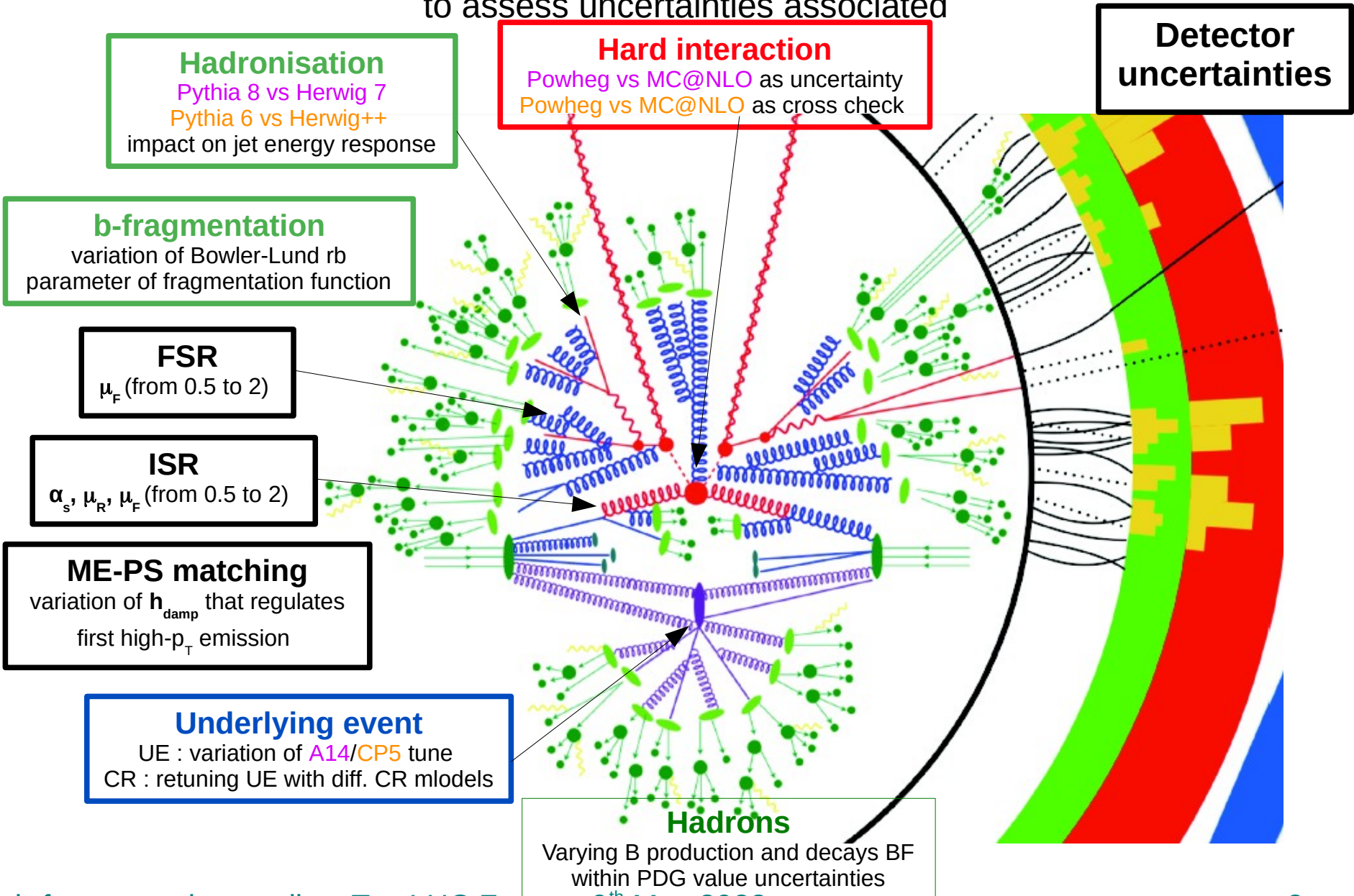


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- motivations
- r_b measurements
- using $t\bar{t}$ pairs for tuning
- analytic calculations

Modelling of tt events

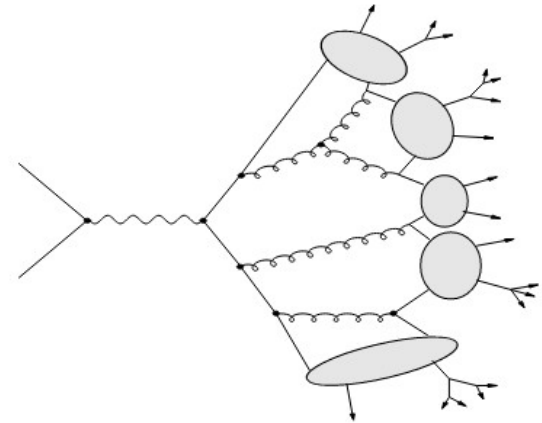
ATLAS and CMS use same generators but different settings and procedures to assess uncertainties associated



After the parton shower, due to confinement, the partons start to create stable hadrons

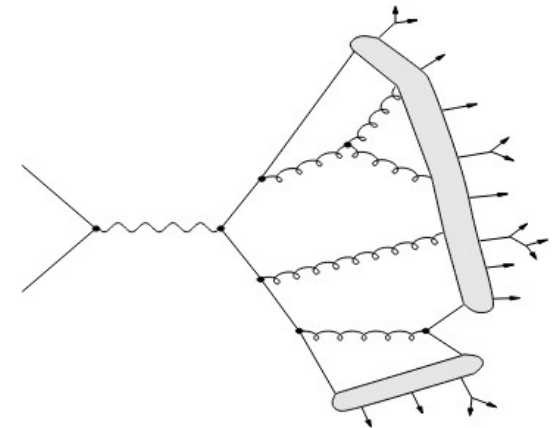
- **Cluster model (used by HERWIG)**

- perturbative evolution ends at $Q^2 = Q_0^2$
- partons clustered in colourless groups
⇒ colour preconfinement
- forced gluon splitting ($q\bar{q}$) at the end of the parton shower
- colour-singlet clusters decay into the observed hadrons



- **String model (used by PYTHIA)**

- for q and \bar{q} moving in opposite direction
- the colour field collapses into a string, with uniform energy density
- virtual gluons produced ⇒ colour confinement
- new $q\bar{q}$ pairs are produced
- the string breaks into the observed hadrons



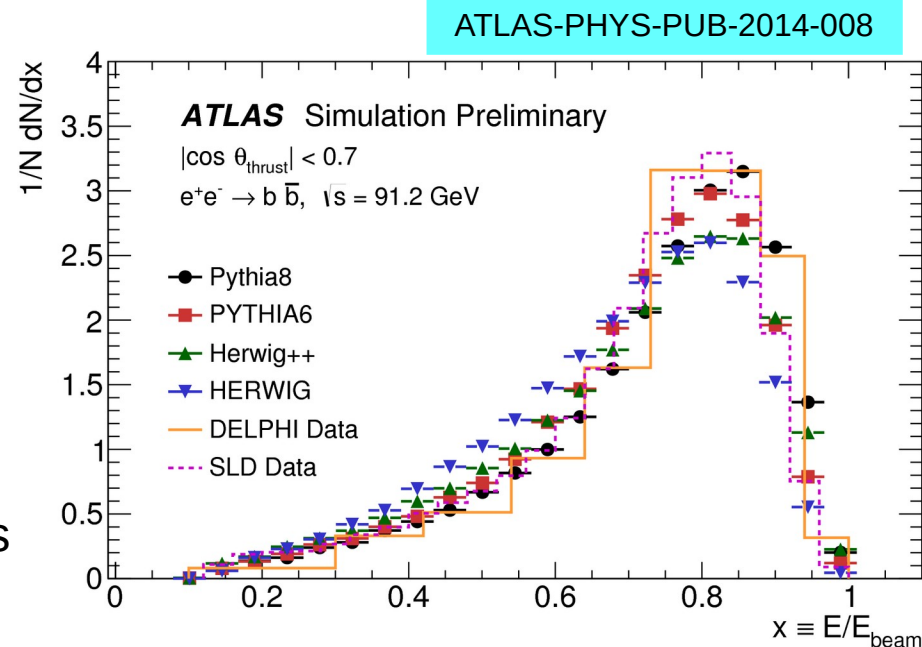
Cluster and string models also used in conjunction with other Monte Carlo programs (MadGraph, ALPGEN, POWHEG, SHERPA, aMC@NLO)

• Motivations

- the fragmentation of b-quarks into hadrons is of interest for many reasons
- b-hadrons leave a striking experimental signature and ...
- a unique correspondence to the originating b-quarks
 - ergo a precise probe of QCD

• Lund-Bowler model

- feasibility of PYTHIA to use Peterson, Kartvelishvili, Lund-Bowler models
- standard analyses use tuning to $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ data and best-fit parameters to predict b-fragmentation in hadron collisions, such as top events
 - events in a clean environment with back-to-back events : production of $b\bar{b}$ colour singlets, no colour reconnection to the beam or underlying events
- then extrapolated to the LHC environment
 - to what degree is this correct ?
 - tuning Monte Carlo models directly to LHC data, e.g. $t\bar{t}$, $b\bar{b}$ or $\gamma/Z+b$ not yet carried out, but can be useful to validate Monte Carlo programs and test hadronization models and factorization



some tension between $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ measurements of b-fragmentation

parton-shower generators, using same tunes as at LHC, are also not in good agreement

• Lund-Bowler parametrization

- cannot be calculated by theory, can only be modelled
- analytic description in PYTHIA

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1+br_b m_b^2}} (1-z)^a \exp(-bm_T^2/z)$$

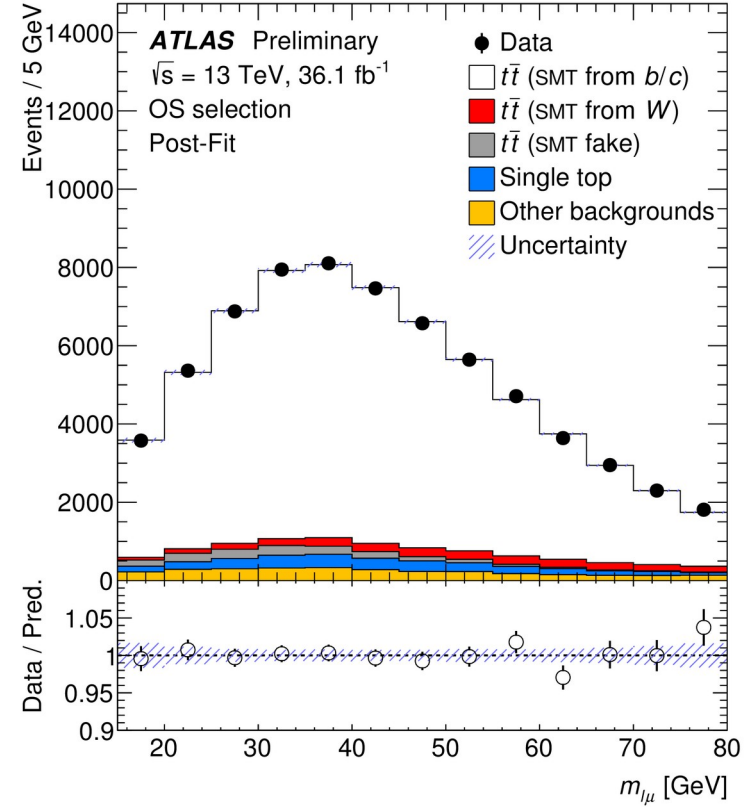
- standard r_b value used in ATLAS with A14 tune* : $r_b = 0.855$, $\alpha_s(\text{FSR})=0.127$

• r_b tuning

- refit of the b-fragmentation function to improve the modelling in POWHEG+PYTHIA with the A14 tune, using data from LEP and SLD, and lead to an optimal value $r_b = 1.05 \pm 0.02$
- new A14- r_b tuning used to estimated systematic uncertainties from « PS and hadronization » and « b-fragmentation »

• used for m_t with $b \rightarrow \mu X$

- $m_t = 174.48 \pm 0.40$ (stat) ± 0.67 (syst) GeV
- $\sigma(\text{PS and hadronization}) = 0.07 \pm 0.07$ GeV
- $\sigma(\text{b-fragmentation}) = 0.19 \pm 0.02$ GeV



$b \rightarrow \mu$ momentum transfer key for new top mass measurements, which rely on precise $b \rightarrow B$ prediction

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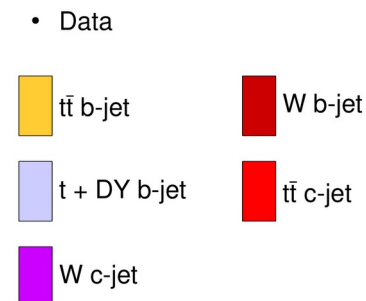
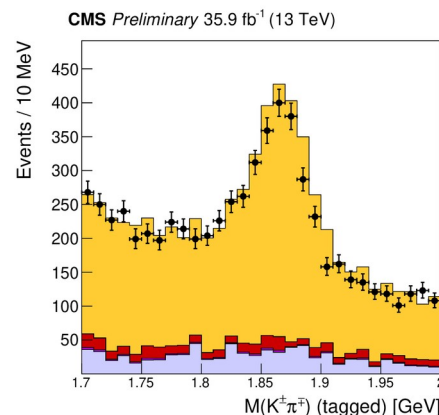
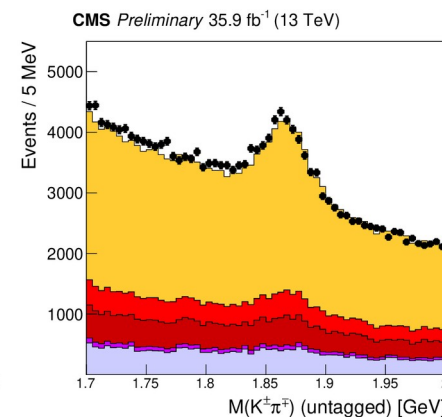
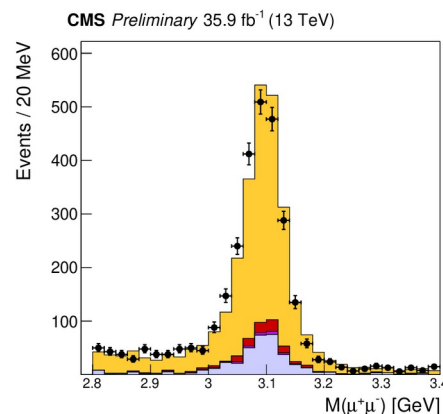
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- standard r_b value used in CMS with CP5 tune* : $r_b = 0.855$, $\alpha_S(\text{FSR})=0.118$

• using J/ψ and D^0 mesons

- explicit reconstruction of the two mesons
 - two muons $p_T > 3$ GeV, $2.8 < m_{\mu\mu} < 3.4$ GeV
 - for D^0 , with and without a muon-tagged decay, requiring the presence of a nonisolated muon with $p_T > 3$ GeV in the same jet as the $K^\pm \pi^\mp$ pair



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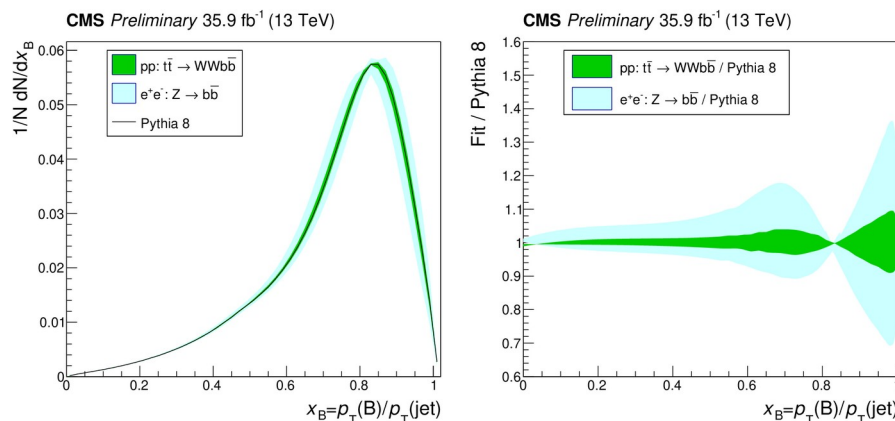
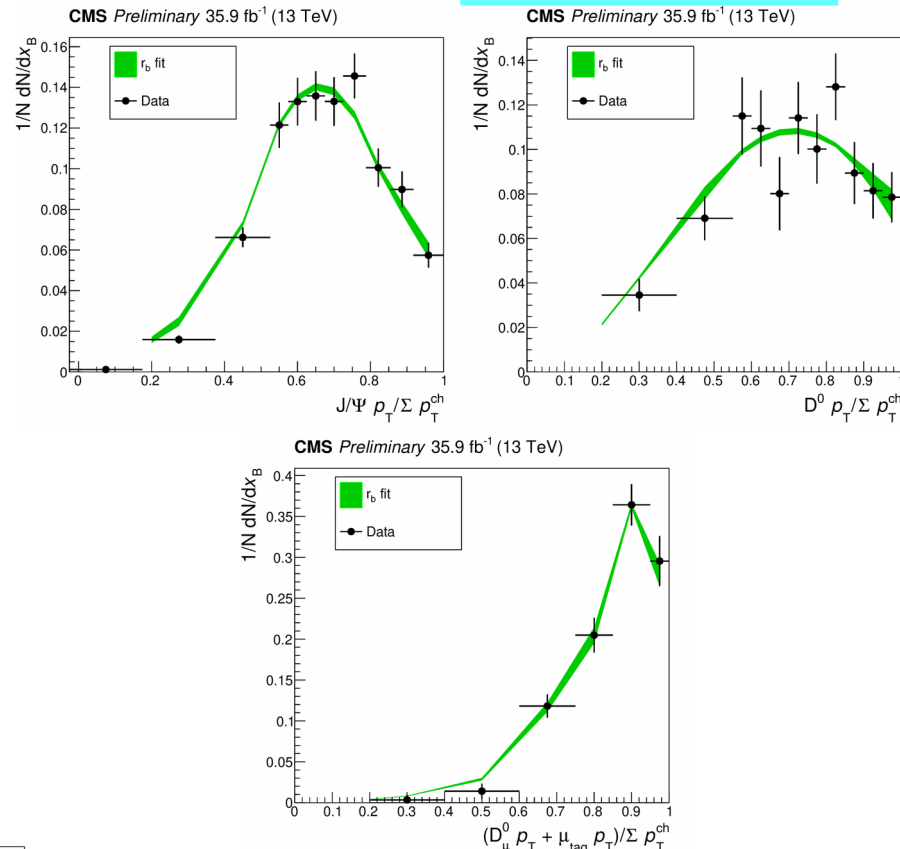
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● Observables

- use mesons as final-state proxies for the decayed b-hadron
- distributions of momentum fractions used to fit r_b
 - the input to the fit is a set of thirteen simulated x_B templates with values of r_b between 0.655 and 1.055
 - PYTHIA 8 generator-level calculations, which were used to reweight fully reconstructed simulated event

● Result

- $r_b = 0.858 \pm 0.037$ (stat) ± 0.031 (syst)



- agreement with the e^+e^- data
- significant precision improvements wrt LEP/SLD Z-pole tunes
- no evidence for an environmental dependence of the fragmentation function

● Analysis

- explicit reconstruction of $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi K$
 - two muons $p_T > 6$ GeV, $2 < m_{\mu\mu} < 9$ GeV
 - third track, cut on vertex χ^2 & pair/triplet

● Unfolding

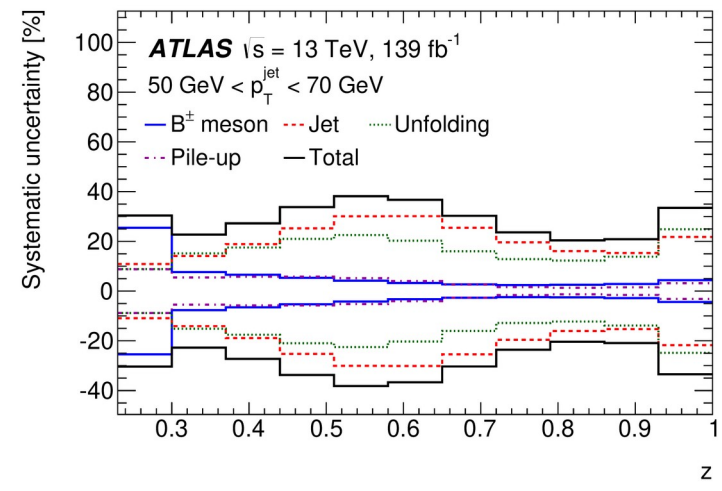
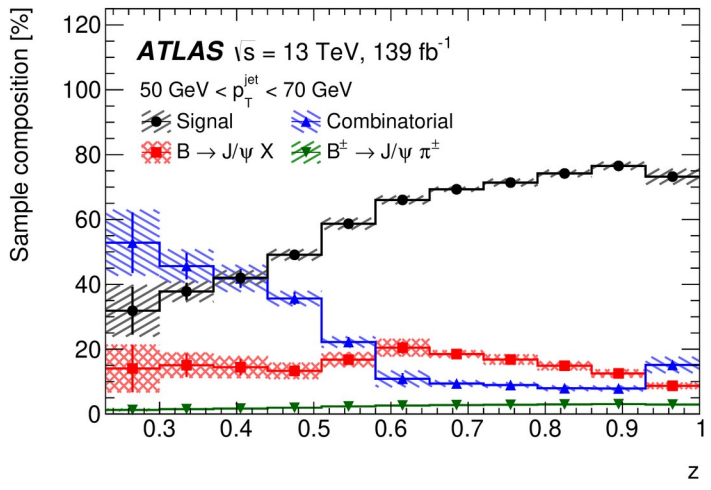
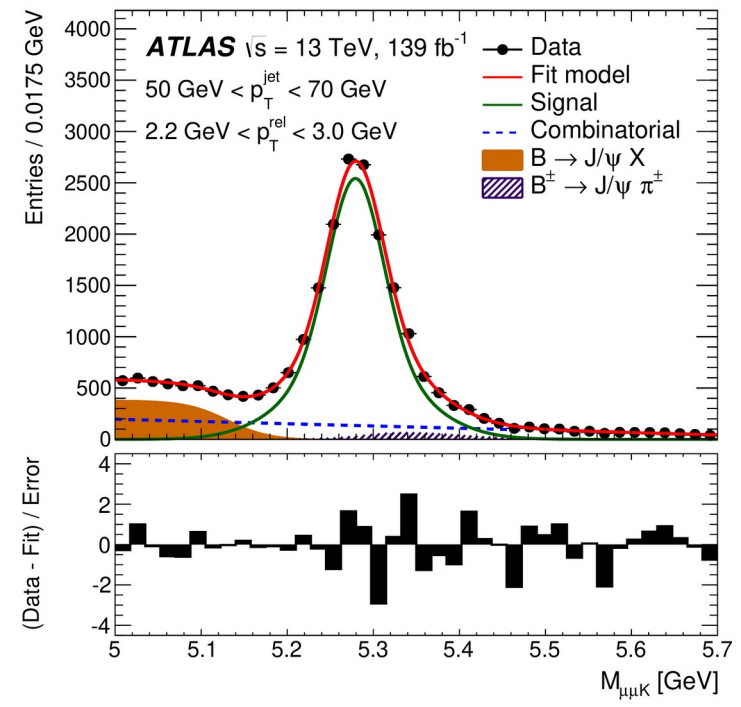
- unfold to particle level with kinematic cuts on μ and K p_T

$$z = \frac{\vec{p}_B \cdot \vec{p}_j}{|\vec{p}_j|^2}; \quad p_T^{\text{rel}} = \frac{|\vec{p}_B \times \vec{p}_j|}{|\vec{p}_j|},$$

- observables

● Systematic uncertainties

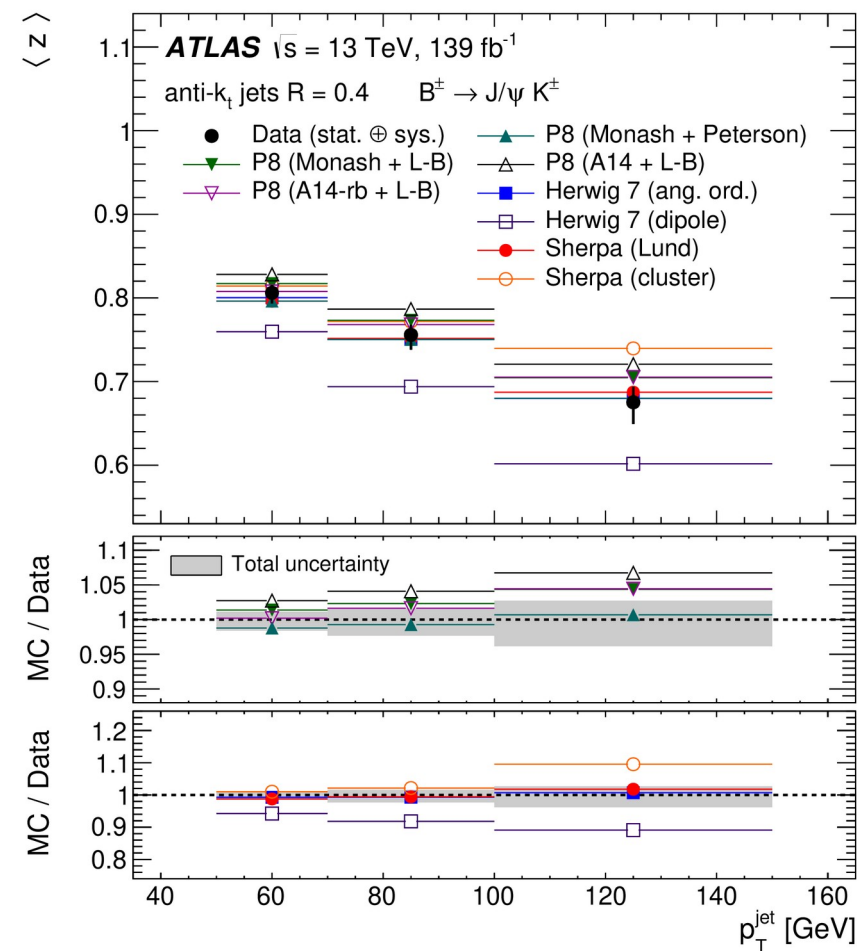
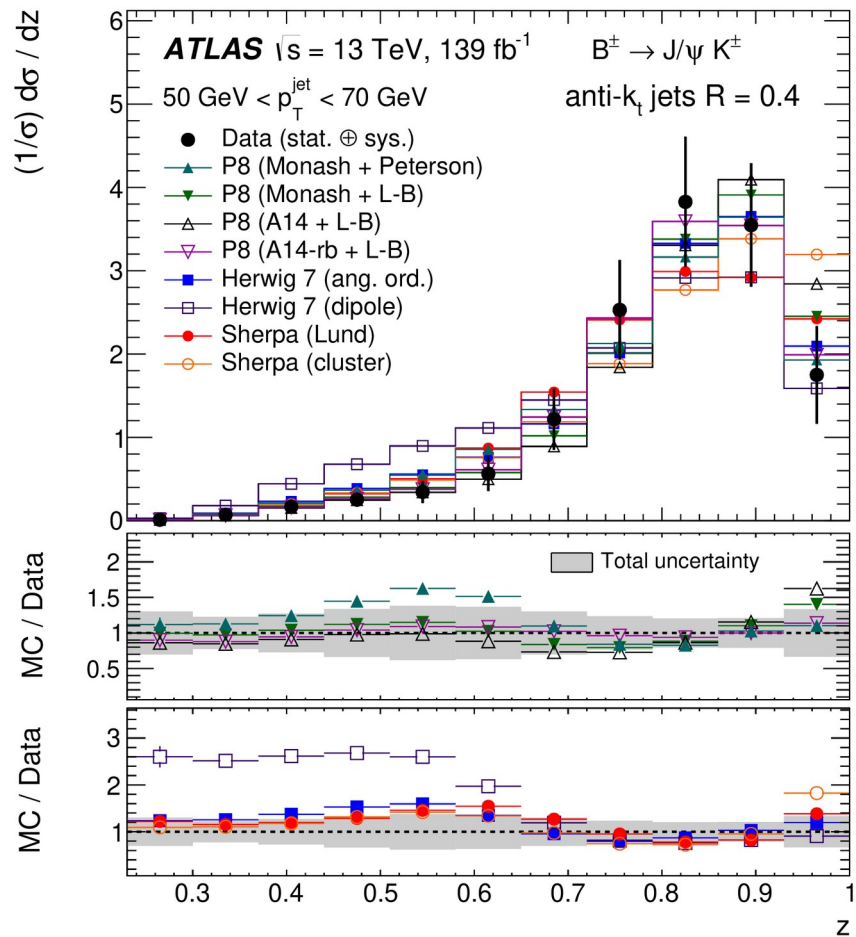
- unfolding more limited by transfer resolution for p_T^{rel} than z
 - limiting systematics a balance between B reco, jet reco and unfolding uncertainties



• Results

- longitudinal and transverse fragmentation functions in jet- p_T bins
 - Herwig 7 showers and Sherpa cluster hadronisation show deviations wrt data
- average values of fragmentation functions vs jet p_T
 - flags around 10% mismodelling

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ATLAS b-quark fragmentation in $t\bar{t}$ events

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● Analysis

- measurements of b-jet moments sensitive to b-quark fragmentation in $t\bar{t}$ events ($e\mu$ channel, 2015-2016 data)

● Unfolding

- observables are relative to the jet and use information from associated charged tracks
 - sensitive to momentum of b-hadron relative to the local hadronic activity and parameters r_b , α_s (FSR)

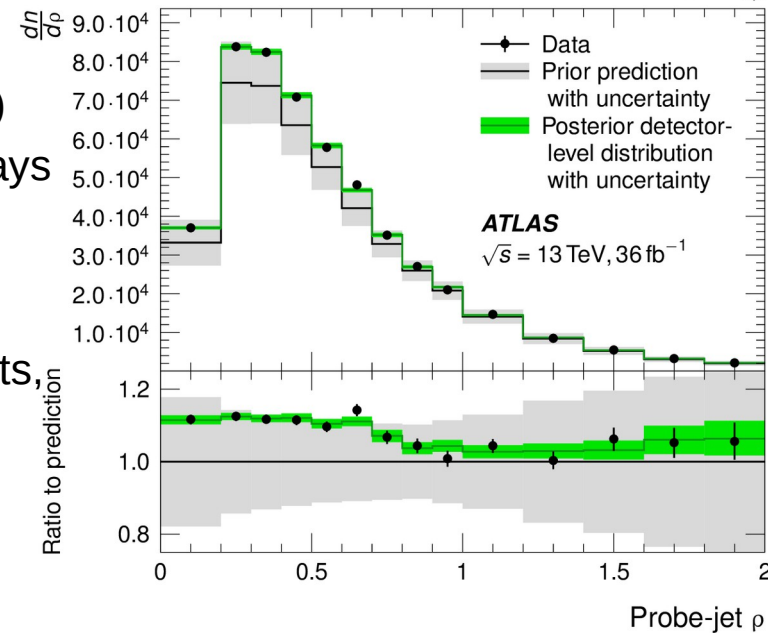
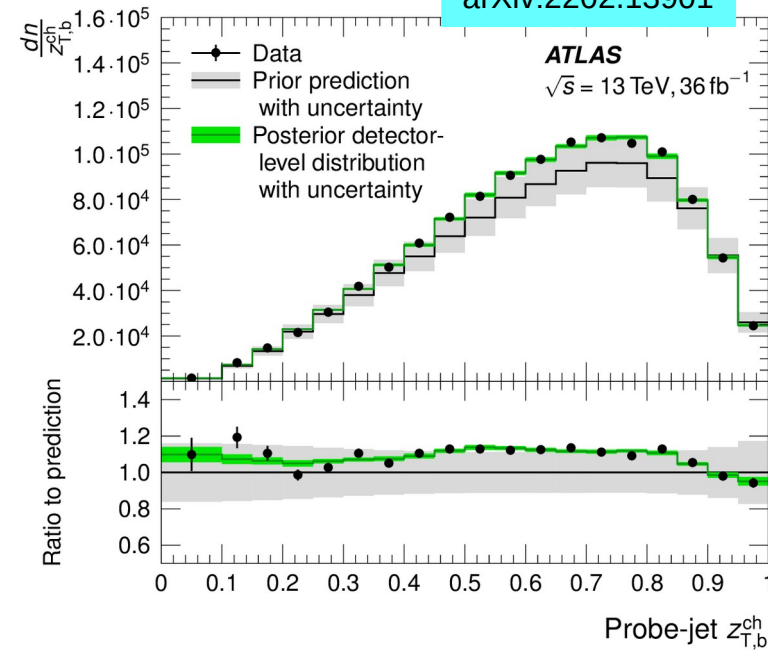
$$z_{T,b}^{\text{ch}} = \frac{p_{T,b}^{\text{ch}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}} \quad z_{L,b}^{\text{ch}} = \frac{\vec{p}_b^{\text{ch}} \cdot \vec{p}_{\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}}{|p_{\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}|^2}$$

- transverse momentum of b-hadron relative to the average p_T of the leptons, to the choice of α_s (FSR) but not α_s (ISR), to wide-angle radiation in top decays

$$\rho = \frac{2p_{T,b}^{\text{ch}}}{p_T^e + p_T^\mu}$$

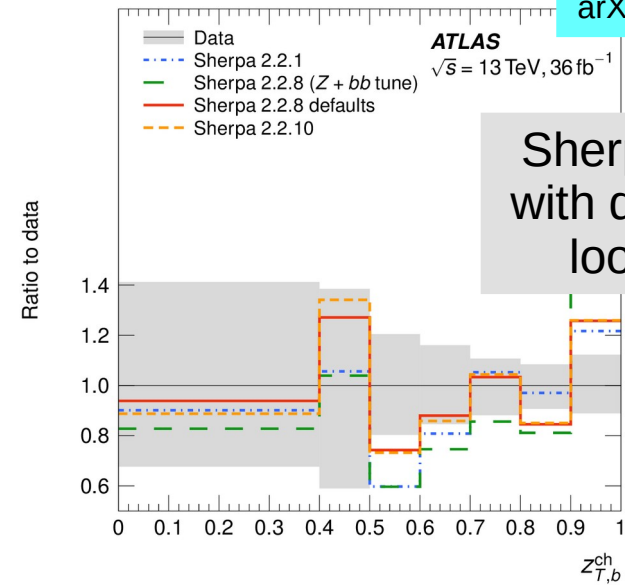
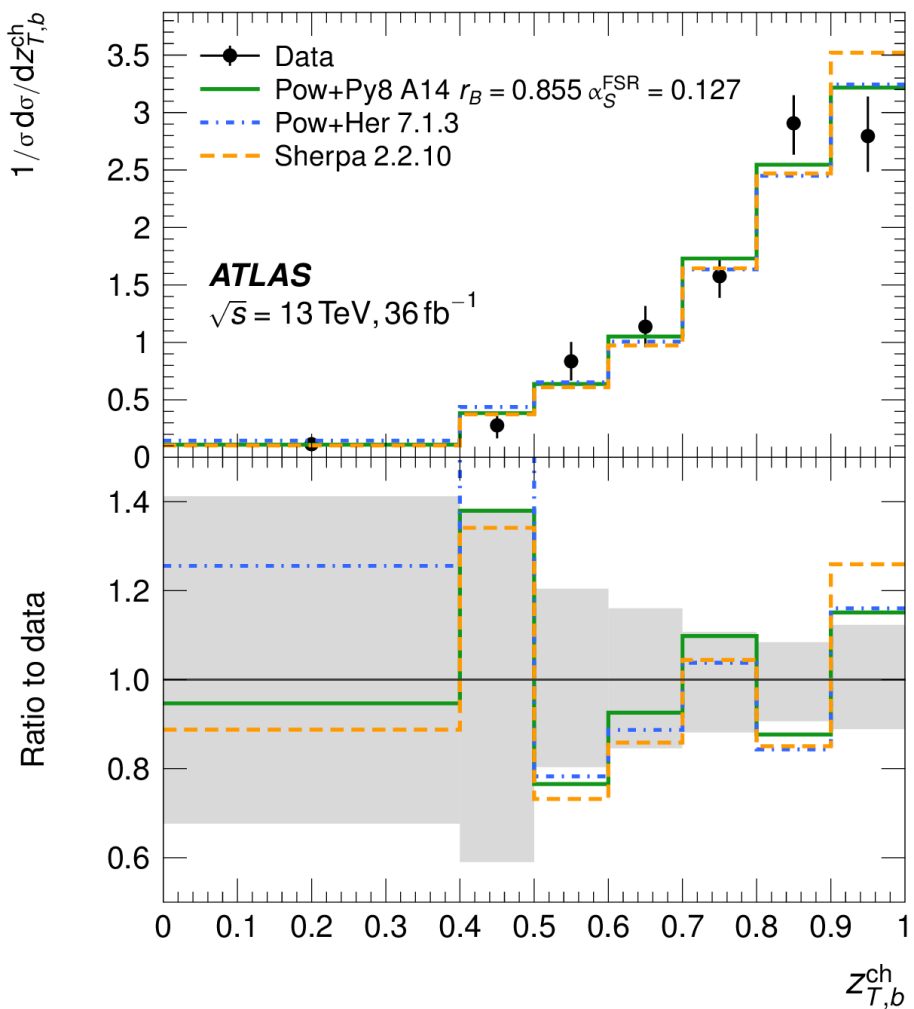
- number of charged, stable b-hadron decay products, sensitive to the b-hadron species production rates

$$n_b^{\text{ch}} = \text{number of fiducial } b\text{-hadron children.}$$

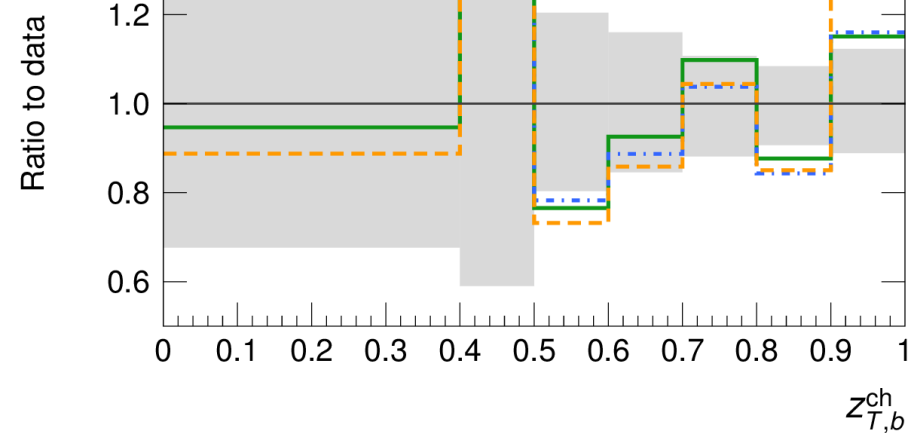


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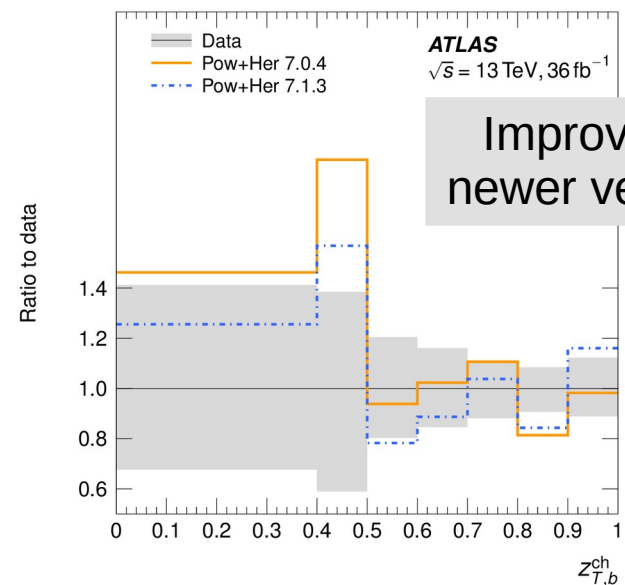


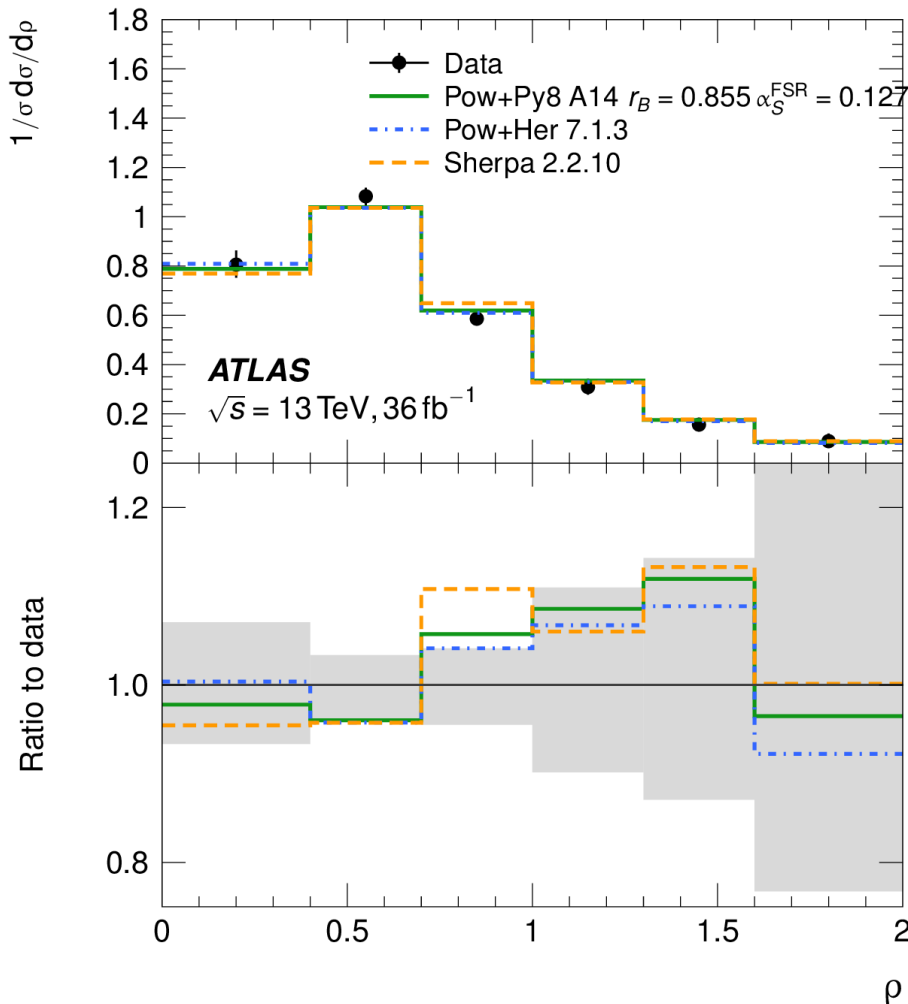
Sherpa : 2.2.10 with default tune looks good



Improvements in newer version of H7

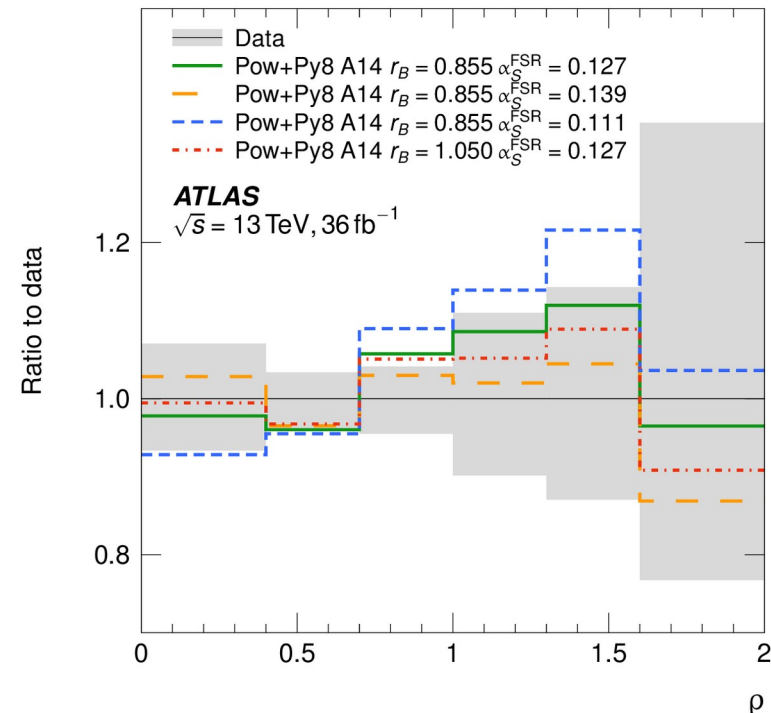
Recent generator tunes to $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ do a reasonable job





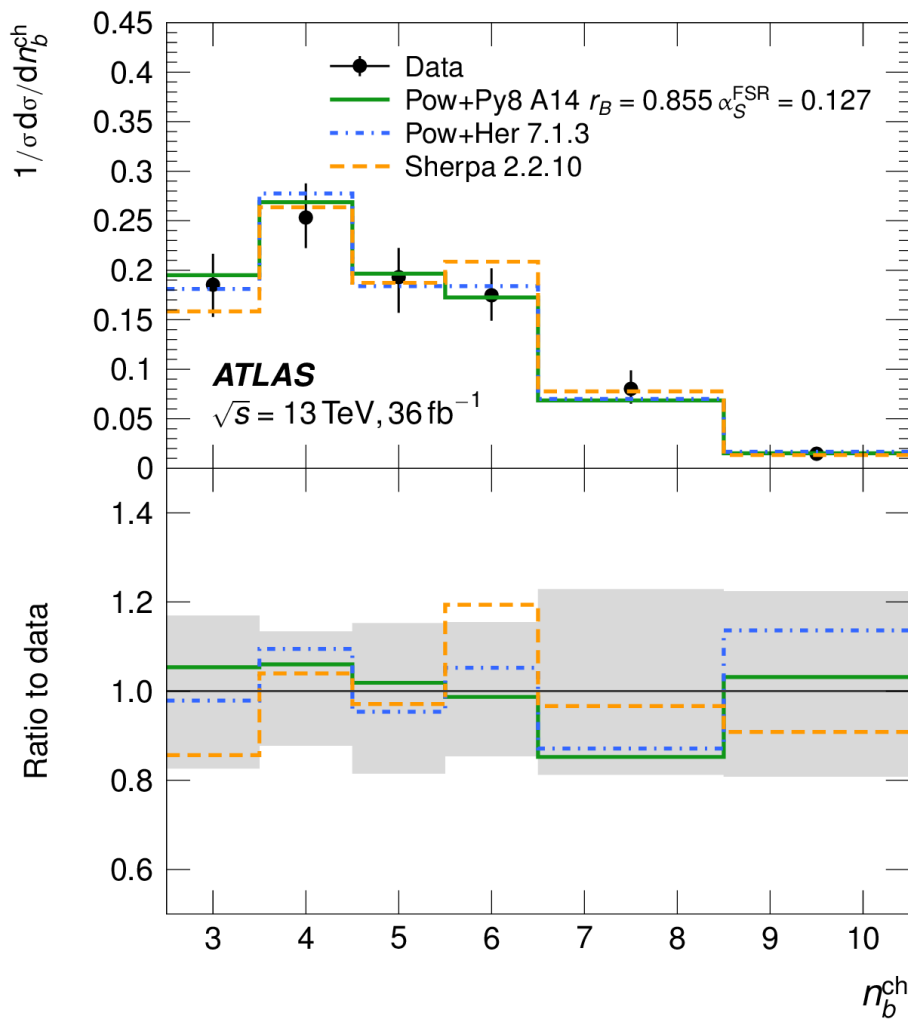
Large impact from A14 α_S (FSR) variations
no sensitivity to α_S (ISR)

~1 tensions with recent generators
⇒ further investigation

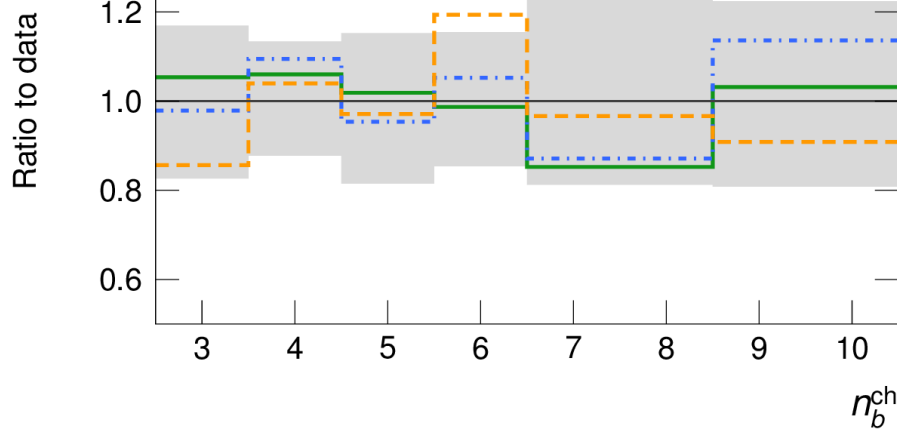


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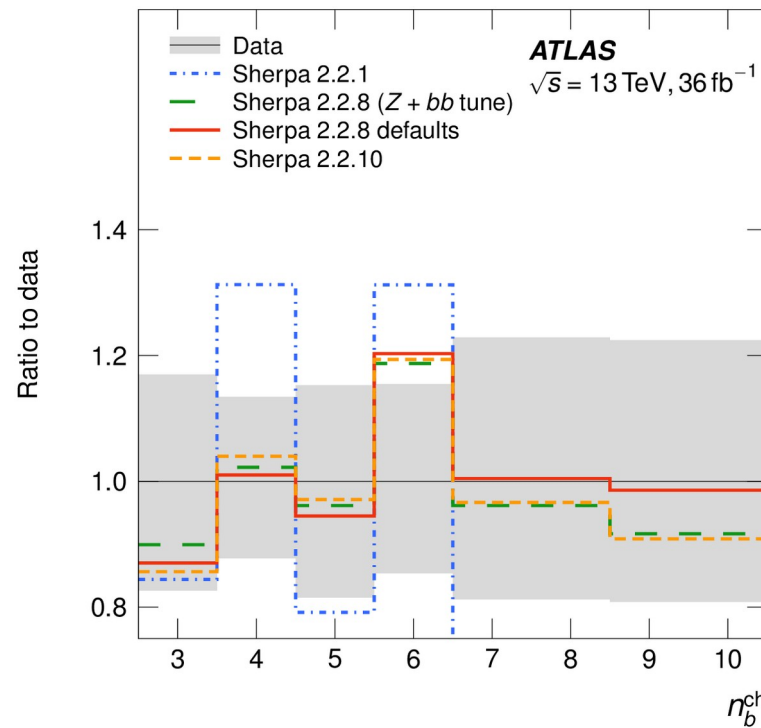
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Poor choice of heavy baryon enhancement in ATLAS's Sherpa 2.2.1 setup has now been fixed

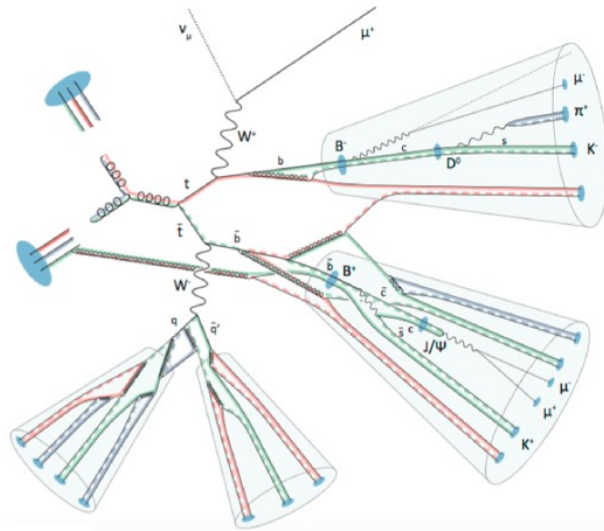


Py8/H7 + EvtGen and Sherpa 2.2.10 all perform admirably



ATLAS b-fragmentation in $t\bar{t}$ events with mesons

Study of $t\bar{t}$ pairs with in final state a B-hadron decaying in J/ψ ($b \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$) offers alternative channel to measure m_t using the sensitivity of $m_{l\mu\mu}$ to m_t



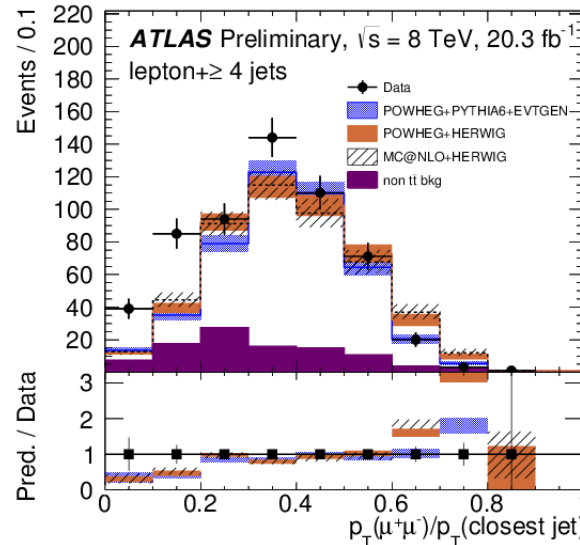
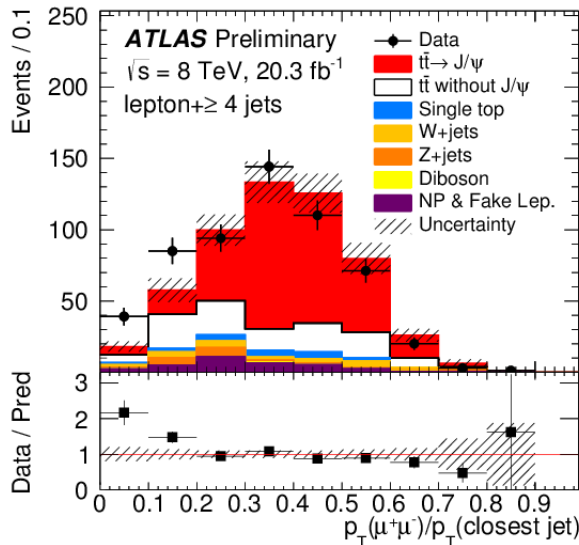
● Motivations

- purely leptonic/tracking observables less sensitive to JES than the ones from jet reconstruction
- sensitive to parton shower, hadronization, b-fragmentation effects...
- help to reduce the uncertainties in combination of all measurements

● Low BR final states

- $BR(b \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 6.8 \times 10^{-4}$

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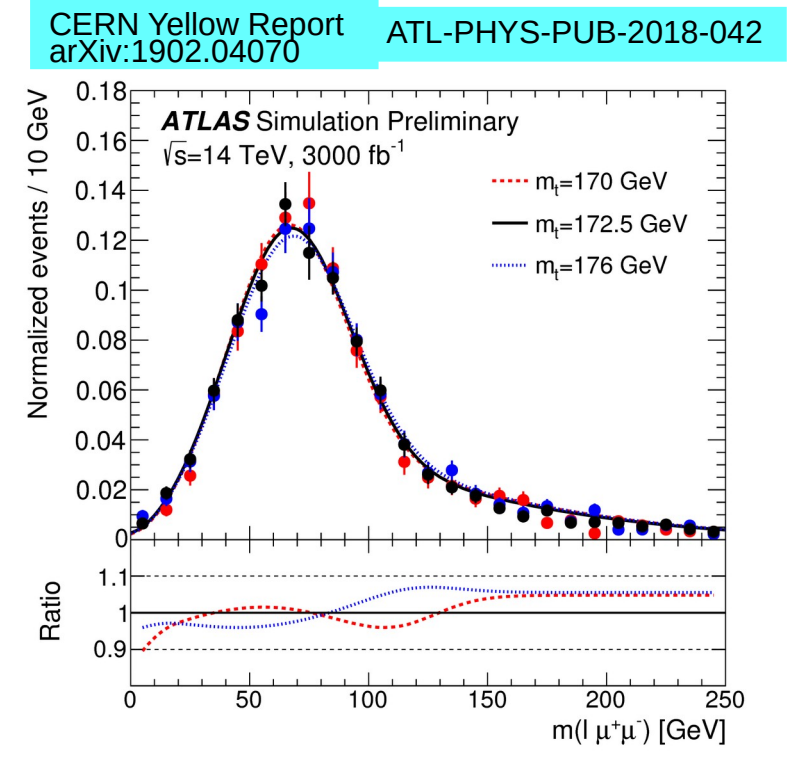
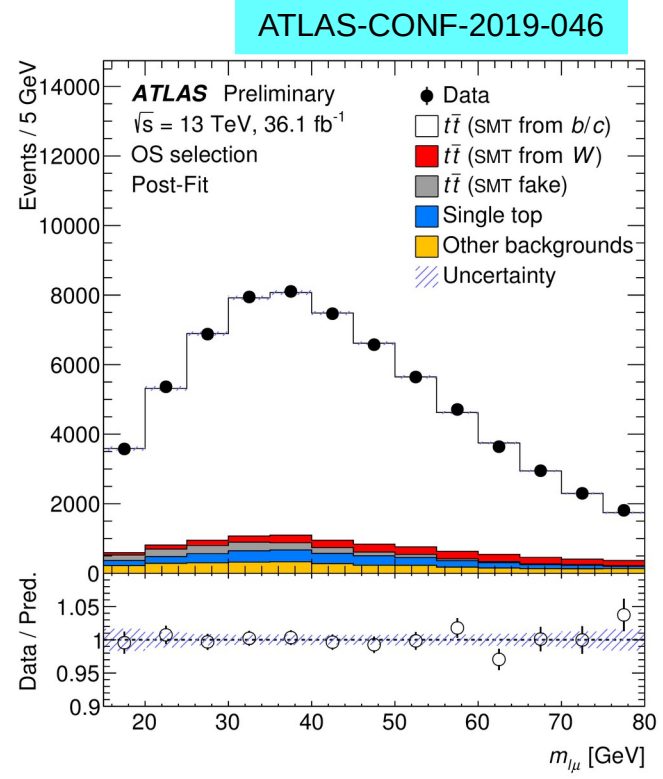
Old work done at LPNHE, currently ongoing with Run 2 data using J/ψ and D mesons to measure m_t and b-fragmentation studies

Impact for m_t measurements

at our current precision, generators well-tuned to e^+e^- predictions in $t\bar{t}$ events and top-quark decays

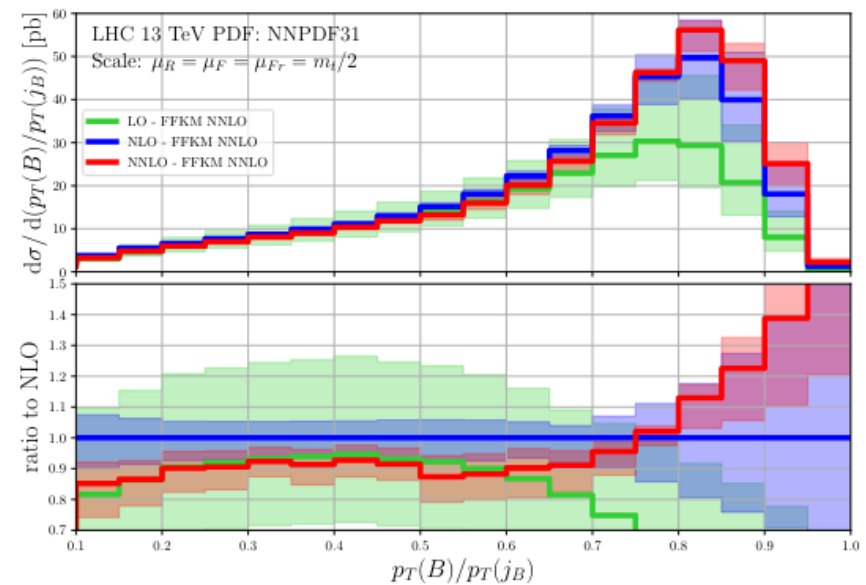
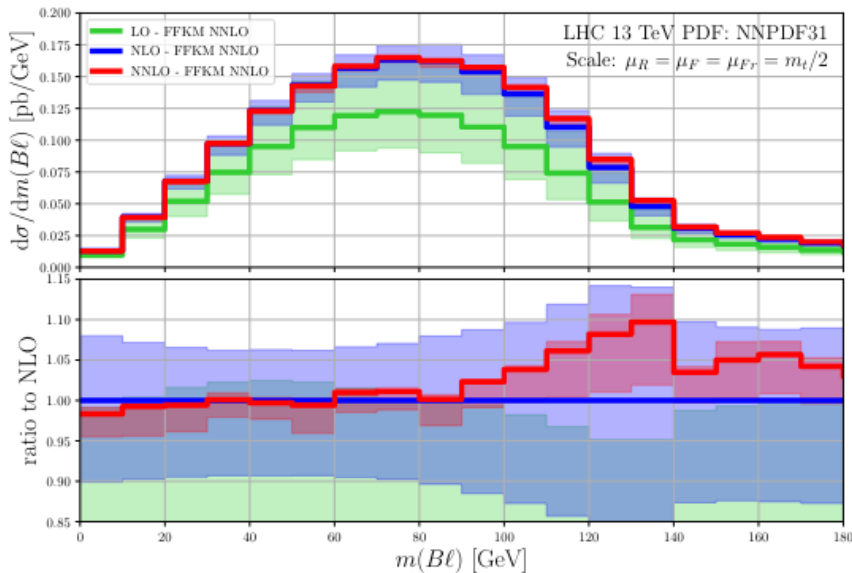
- we now have unfolded data to guide our choice of related uncertainties.
- precise b-fragmentation → smaller uncertainties on the b-quark to b-jet transfer
- a better understanding of $t \rightarrow b^{\text{quark}} \rightarrow b^{\text{hadron}}$ crucial for fully-leptonic template mass extractions ($m(\ell\mu)$ or $m(\ell, J/\psi)$)

joint fragmentation+mass measurements in leptonic modes should be investigated



- Mitov et al. showed the first quasi-analytic calculations of similar distributions at TOP2020 and did recent publication
- will be very interesting to compare to unfolded data
- challenges for comparison:
 - calculations are for production of exclusive B-hadron species
 - jets are defined at parton-level in calculation
 - cannot use observables based on charged particles

arXiv:2102.08267



- **Measurements sensitive to jet fragmentation have grown far beyond direct measurements**
 - a multiple of angularities, correlation functions, substructure observables from both ATLAS and CMS (not covered here !)
 - use of track-based and all-particle reconstructions and dig into jet-flavour dependence. Ghost-association of track-jets or reconstructed hadrons, esp. for b-quark studies
 - refitting r_b on LHC data
 - testing models using $t\bar{t}$ pairs
- **Ways to improve systematic uncertainties precision ?
Most analyses only 36/fb so far !**
- **First ~analytic calculations of b -quark fragmentation in top-quark decays are on the horizon for comparison !**
- **Dawn of Run 3 a good time to revisit 7 TeV MC tunes & studies**

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