

# EVENT SHAPE VARIABLES IN PP COLLISIONS IN CMS

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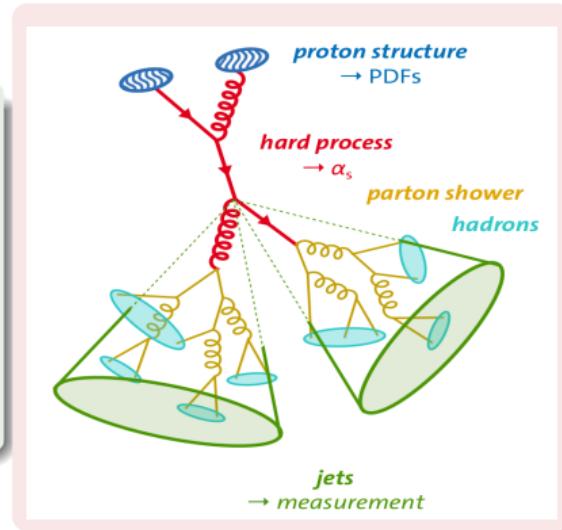
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- Conclusions

# QCD at the LHC

- **Hard and Soft QCD** → dominant production methods at the LHC
- Crucial for understanding → **proton structure & strong interaction**
- All LHC observations → depend on the **modelling of the QCD**
- Provides essential experimental input for improving theoretical models → **parton showers, hadronization etc.**



- Several Jet measurements in CMS, studied for understanding QCD –
  - **Event Shape Variables (ESV)**
  - **Differential Jet Cross Sections**
  - **Primary Lund Jet Plane Density**
  - **Energy Correlators**
  - **Jet Charge**
  - ...

# Why study ESVs ?

**Event shape variables** (ESVs) → defined as **ratios of momenta of the final state objects** (particles, jets ...)

Sensitive to various aspects of QCD –

- **Hard scattering part** – analytically calculable with good accuracy

- *Complement of Transverse Thrust ( $\tau_{\perp}$ )*
- *Third-Jet Resolution Parameter ( $Y_{2,3}$ )*
- *Sphericity ( $S$ ), Transverse Sphericity ( $S_{\perp}$ )*

- **Hadronization part** – described by phenomenological models

- *Jet broadening ( $B_T$ )*
- *Total jet mass ( $\rho_{Tot}$ ), Total transverse jet mass ( $\rho_{Tot}^T$ )*
- *Particle multiplicity and  $p_T$  in event, jets*

- Sensitive → **geometrical properties of energy flow**
- **collinear and infrared divergences** → robust and safe

- Discriminate → **SM & New Physics**
- Tests → **parton shower & hadronization models**
- **Tune** → MC event generators

# ESV Measurements

## Before LHC

- Determination of the  $\alpha_s$  : In  $e^+e^-$  **LEP experiments** [J. Phys. G 30 (2004)]
- Studied in **Deep Inelastic** (DIS) ep collisions at **HERA** [Eur.Phys.J.C 46, 343-456 (2006)]
- Measurement in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV [**Phys. Rev. D** 83, 112007]

## ESVs at LHC

- **CMS** made the first study of the ESVs at the LHC with **jets as inputs** – [Phys. Lett. B 699 (2011)]
- Several studies of different ESVs have been done at **CMS** and **ATLAS** with jets as inputs at  $\sqrt{(s)} = 7$  TeV and 13 TeV – [JHEP12(2018)117], [JHEP01(2021)188]
- **ATLAS** and **ALICE**, have also examined ESVs with **charged particles** – [PhysRevD.88.032004], [Eur.Phys.J.C 72 (2012)]

## Recent study of ESVs in CMS → This Talk

- *Measurement of event shape variables using charged particles inside jets in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV* [**CMS-PAS SMP-22-004**]
- *Measurement of event shapes in minimum bias events from pp collisions at 13 TeV* [**CMS-PAS SMP-23-008**]

# Measurement of event shape variables using charged particles inside jets in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

CMS-PAS SMP-22-004

# Introduction & Motivation

- Five ESVs are calculated – *Complement of Transverse Thrust ( $\tau_{\perp}$ )*, *Third-jet Resolution Parameter ( $Y_{2,3}$ )*, *Total Jet Broadening ( $B_T$ )*, *Total Jet Mass ( $\rho_{Tot}$ )*, *Total Transverse Jet Mass ( $\rho_{Tot}^T$ )*
- Compared with MC predictions → PYTHIA8, HERWIG7, MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO
- Finding the scope for → MC tuning & theoretical understanding

## Charged particles as inputs

- Improved event reconstruction and particle identification(PF) → possible to have particle information in jets with good amount of details
- Reduces globalness issues, offers a finer view of shower development and energy flow
- ESVs are safe from → PU and UE effect

## Data & Event Selection

- Data : Full Run-2 –  $\mathcal{L} = 138 fb^{-1}$
- Events Selection –
  - $N_{Jets} \geq 2$
  - Jets →  $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta| < 2.1$
  - Charged particles →  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- Data sample divided into 8  $H_{T,2}$  ranges based on trigger efficiency  
$$H_{T,2} = \frac{1}{2}(p_{T,jet1} + p_{T,jet2})$$

# ESV Definitions : $\tau_{\perp}$ & $Y_{2,3}$

- **Complement of transverse thrust ( $\tau_{\perp}$ ) –**

measure of how highly collimated the momenta in an event along one particular axis –

$$\tau_{\perp} \equiv 1 - T_{\perp}$$

Where, thrust in the transverse plane –

$$T_{\perp} = \max_{\hat{n}_T} \left( \frac{\sum_i |\vec{p}_{T,i} \cdot \hat{n}_T|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_{T,i}|} \right), \quad 0 \geq \tau_{\perp} \geq 1 - 2/\pi$$

- $\vec{p}_{T,i} \rightarrow$  transverse momentum of the  $i^{th}$  final state object
- $\hat{n}_T \rightarrow$  thrust direction

- **Third-Jet Resolution parameter ( $Y_{2,3}$ ) –**

$$Y_{2,3} = \frac{\max \left( p_{T,3}^2, \left\{ \min(p_{T,i}, p_{T,j})^2 \cdot \frac{(\Delta R_{ij})^2}{R^2} \right\} \right)}{P_{12}^2}$$

- $(\Delta R_{ij})^2 = (\eta_i - \eta_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$
- $p_{T,3} \rightarrow$  transverse momentum of the third object
- $P_{12} \rightarrow$  scalar sum of the transverse momentum of the two remaining object

# ESV Definitions : $B_T$ , $\rho_{Tot}$ & $\rho_{Tot}^T$

- **Total Jet Broadening ( $B_T$ )** – measure of the fraction of energy perpendicular to the thrust axis –

$$B_T \equiv B_U + B_L, \text{ where}$$

$$B_X = \frac{1}{2P_T} \sum_{i \in C_X} p_{T,i} \sqrt{(\eta_i - \eta_X)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_X)^2},$$

$$\eta_X = \frac{\sum_{i \in C_X} p_{T,i} \eta_i}{\sum_{i \in C_X} p_{T,i}}, \quad \phi_X = \frac{\sum_{i \in C_X} p_{T,i} \phi_i}{\sum_{i \in C_X} p_{T,i}}$$

- Each event can be divided into two parts –

Upper part (U):  $\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{n}_T > 0$

Lower part (L):  $\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{n}_T < 0$

- $P_T \rightarrow$  scalar sum of the transverse momentum of all the input objects

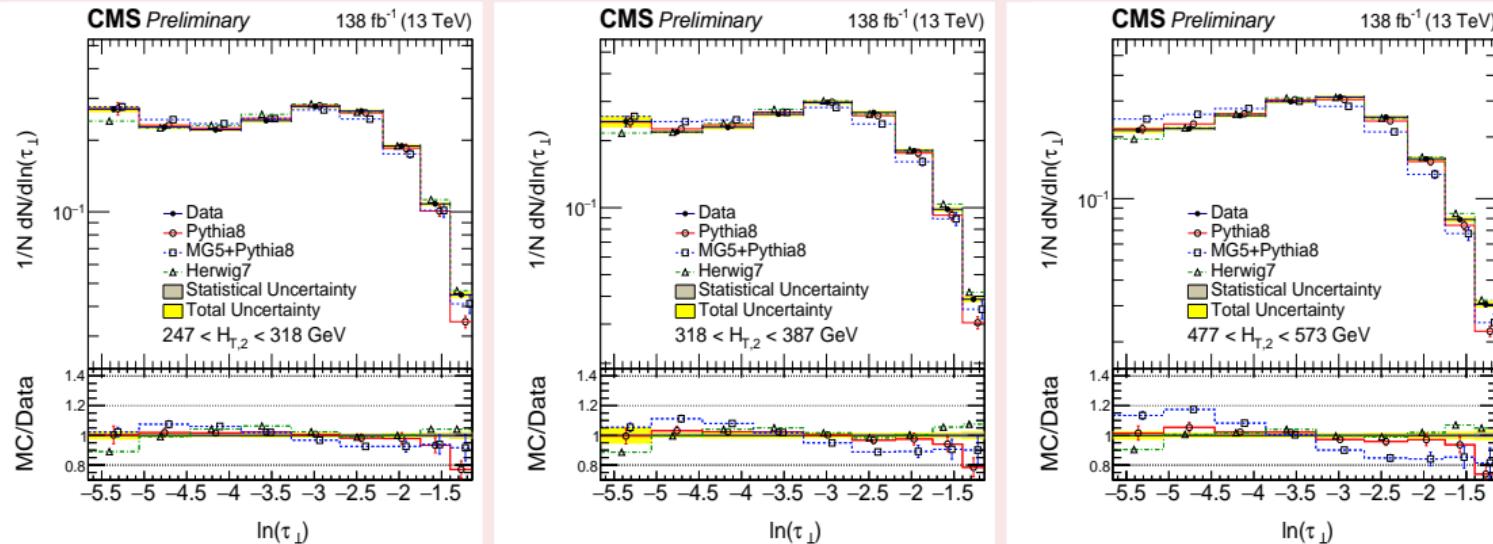
- **Total Jet Mass ( $\rho_{Tot}$ )** –

$$\rho_{Tot} \equiv \rho_U + \rho_L$$

- **Total Transverse jet mass ( $\rho_{Tot}^T$ )** → Transverse component of the  $\rho_{Tot}$

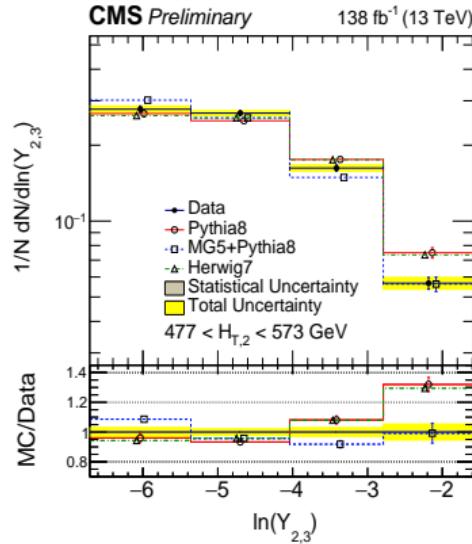
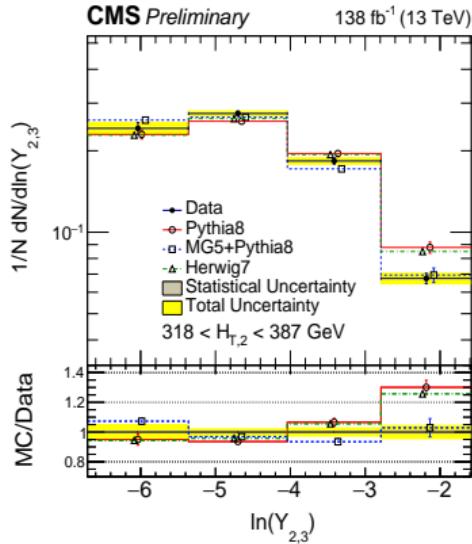
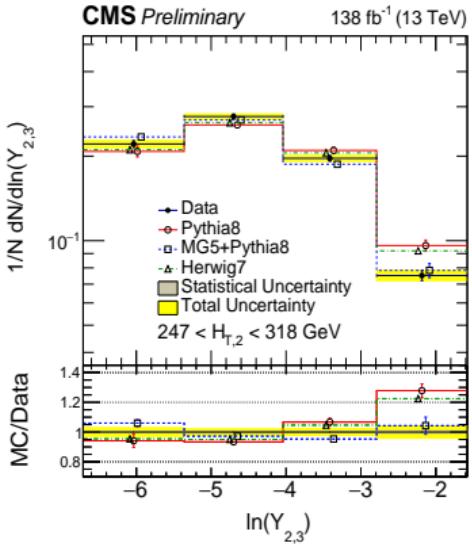
- $\rho_x \equiv \frac{M_x^2}{P^2}$
- $M_x \rightarrow$  Invariant mass of the constituents of the jets in X (X = U, L)
- $P \rightarrow$  scalar sum of  $\vec{p}$  of all constituents

# Results : $\tau_\perp$



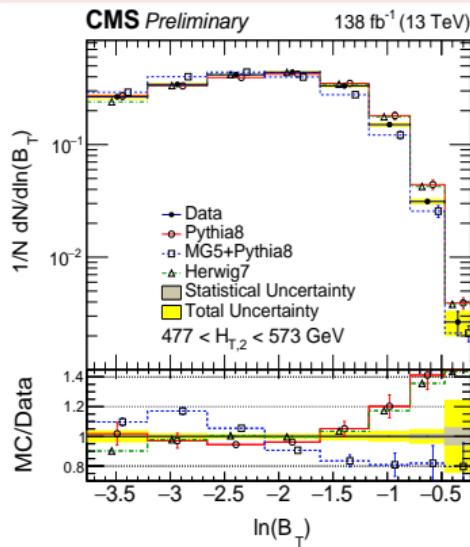
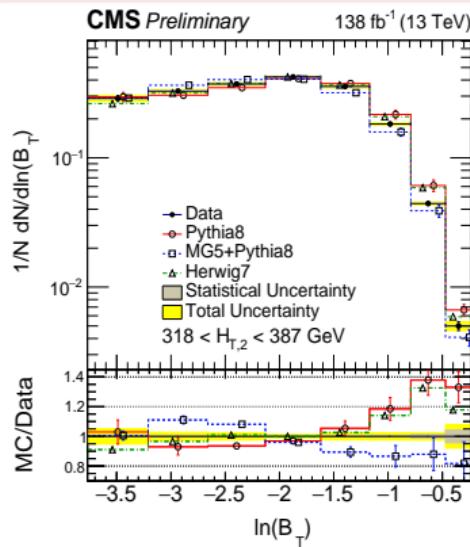
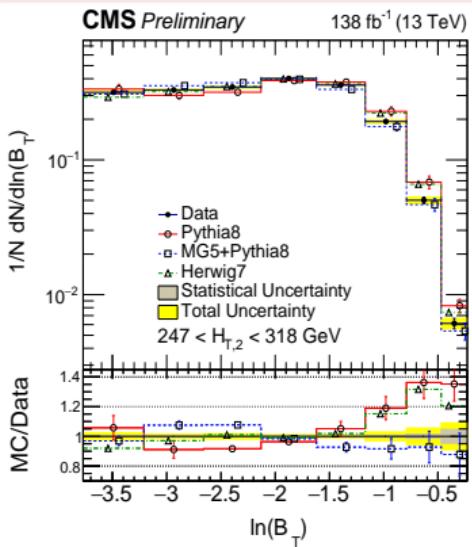
- **Pythia8** – Good agreement with data for both spherical and back-to-back jets regions
- **Herwig7** – Overestimates the multi-jet, spherical events
- **MG5+Pythia8** – Good agreement for lower  $H_{T,2}$ , underestimates the multi-jet, spherical events, for higher  $H_{T,2}$

# Results : $Y_{2,3}$



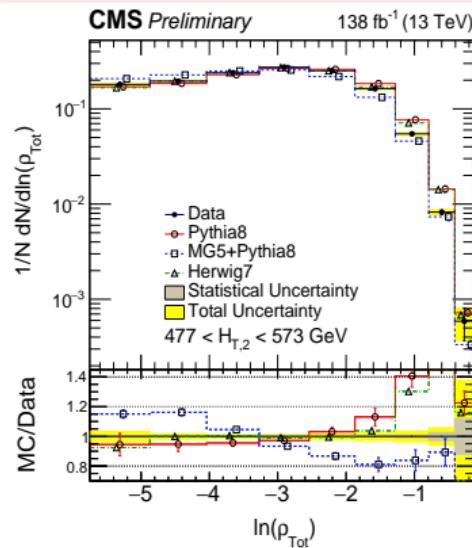
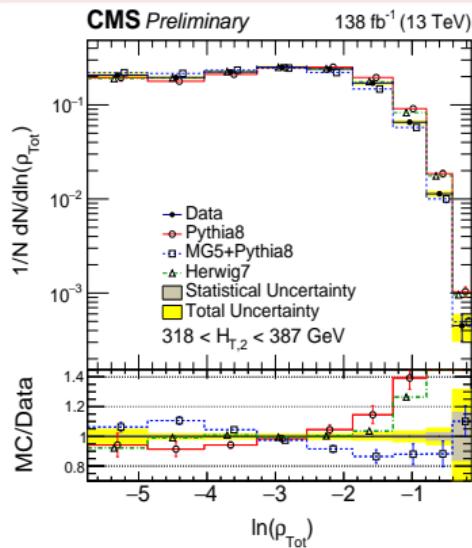
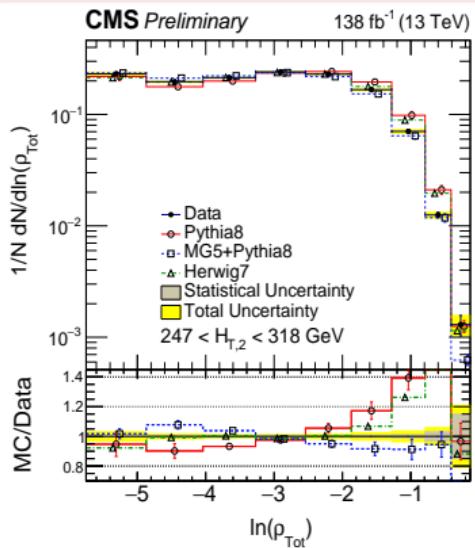
- **PYTHIA8** – Overestimates the multi-jet regions
- **HERWIG7** – Overestimates the multi-jet regions
- **MG5+PYTHIA8** – Smaller disagreement, reduces for higher  $H_{T,2}$

# Results : $B_T$



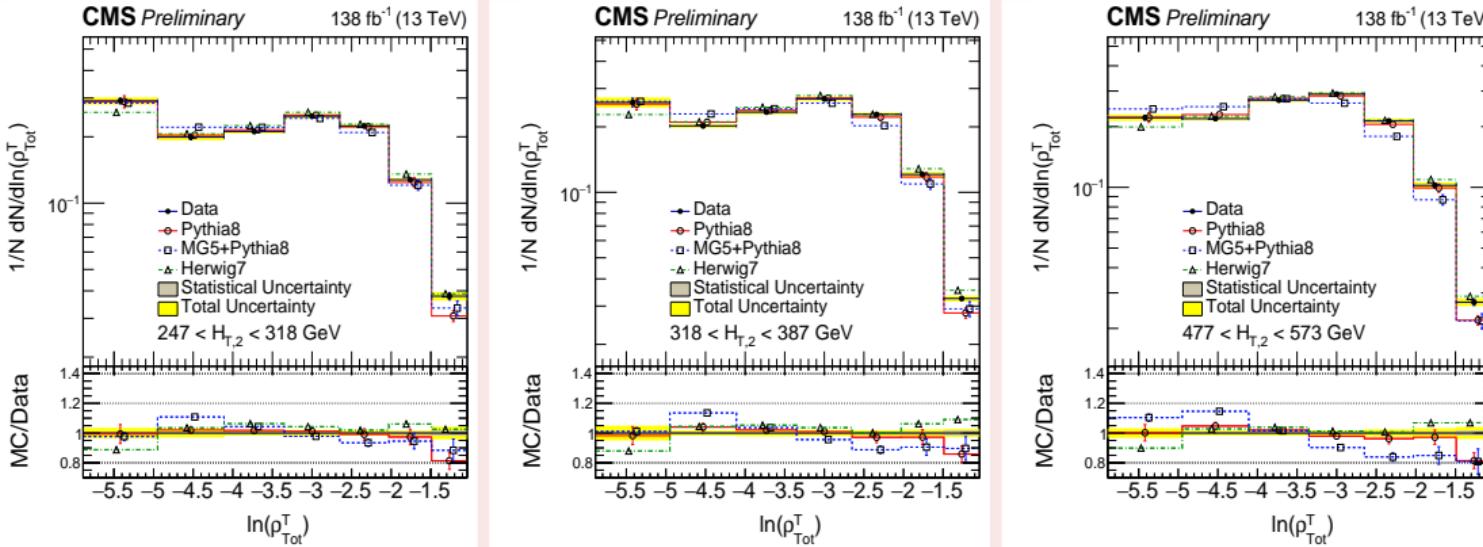
- **PYTHIA8** – Overestimates the multi-jet regions
- **HERWIG7** – Overestimates the multi-jet regions
- **MG5+PYTHIA8** – Good agreement for the low  $H_{T,2}$ , underestimates spherical events for higher  $H_{T,2}$

# Results : $\rho_{Tot}$



- **PYTHIA8** – Overestimates the spherical events
- **HERWIG7** – Overestimates the spherical events
- **MG5+PYTHIA8** – Underestimates back-to-back two-jet events for lower  $H_{T,2}$  ranges but overestimates for higher  $H_{T,2}$

# Results : $\rho_{Tot}^T$



- **PYTHIA8** – Good agreement with data
- **HERWIG7** – Slightly overestimates the multi-jet region
- **MG5+PYTHIA8** – Underestimates spherical events, agreement deteriorates for higher  $H_{T,2}$

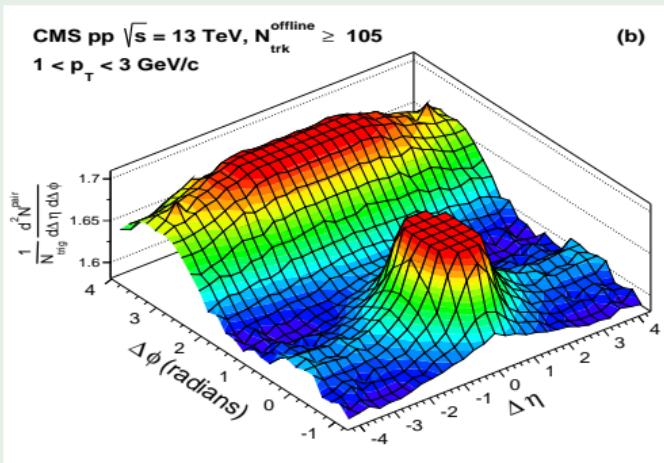
# Summary : SMP-22-004

- **Unfolded results** are compared with MC predictions → **PYTHIA8**, **HERWIG7**, **MADGRAPH5 \_AMC@NLO**
- **Total uncertainty** → 5-10%
- Major source of uncertainty → **JES** and **MC Models**
- **PYTHIA8** : Overall good agreement with data –  $\tau_\perp$  and  $\rho_{Tot}^T$ . Slightly overestimates the multijet region for  $Y_{23}$ ,  $\rho_{Tot}$  and  $B_T$
- **HERWIG7** : Overall good agreement with data for the all ESVs. Agreements are similar to **PYTHIA8**
- **MADGRAPH5 \_AMC@NLO** : Overall good Agreement with data, slightly better compared to **PYTHIA8** & **HERWIG7**. Disagreements observed for multijet events for  $Y_{23}$ ,  $\rho_{Tot}$  and  $B_T$  opposite compared to **PYTHIA8** & **HERWIG7**
- **Unfolded results** can be used for **MC generator tuning**

# Measurement of event shapes in minimum bias events from pp collisions at 13 TeV

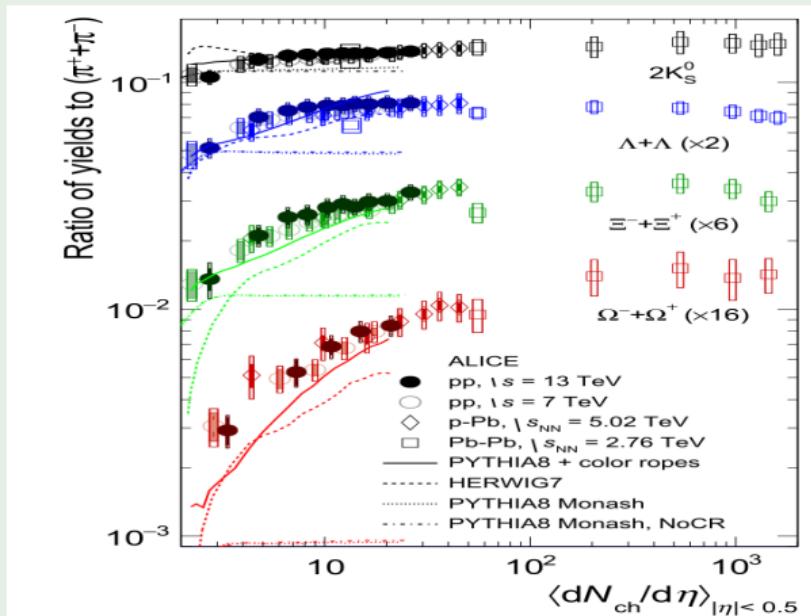
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# Introduction & Motivation



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- Unexpected **particle production** across  $\eta$ , with  $\Delta\phi \sim 0 \rightarrow$  in **high multiplicity jets**
- Mismodelling of **strangeness production** in pp collisions
- Increase in **strange particle** as a function of **particle multiplicity**  $\rightarrow$  not predicted by MC



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- Affects the **detector response**  $\rightarrow$  effects **ESVs**
- Indicates mismodelling in **hadronization** & potential **quark-gluon plasma effects**

# Introduction & Motivation

## Event shapes as functions of charged particle momentum

- Event shape observables:
  - Variables describing the “**shape**” of the events  
→ Functions of the **momentum of the final state particles**
- Eight ESVs are calculated – ***Charged particle multiplicity (N)***, ***Invariant mass of charged particles ( $\sqrt{s}$ )***, ***Sphericity (S)***, ***Transverse Sphericity ( $S_T$ )***, ***Broadening (B)***, ***Thrust (T)***, ***Transverse Thrust ( $T_T$ )***, ***Isotropy***
- **Unfolded results** are compared with **PYTHIA8**, **HERWIG7**, **EPOS-LHC** MC models

## Data & Event Selection

- **Data : 2018 low pileup run** →  $\mathcal{L} \sim 64 \mu b^{-1}$
- **Charged particles** →  $N_{trk} \geq 2$ ,  $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- No clustering

# ESV Definitions : $S$ , $S_T$ & $B$

- **Sphericity ( $S^{\alpha\beta}$ )** – measure of how isotropically the momenta are distributed

$$S^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\sum_i p_i^\alpha p_i^\beta}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|^2}$$

Sphericity constructed from two smallest eigenvalues  $\lambda_2$  &  $\lambda_3$ ;  $S = \frac{3}{2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$

- **Transverse Sphericity ( $S_T$ )** – Sphericity in the transverse plane

- $\alpha, \beta \in x, y, z \rightarrow$  cartesian coordinates

- **Broadening ( $B$ )** – measure of the fraction of energy perpendicular to the thrust axis –

$$B \equiv B_L + B_R, \text{ where}$$

$$B_L = \sum_{i \in L} \frac{|\vec{p}_i \times \vec{n}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|}, \quad B_R = \sum_{i \in R} \frac{|\vec{p}_i \times \vec{n}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|}$$

- Thrust axis defines left(L) and right(R) hemisphere of the event

# ESV Definitions : $T$ , $T_T$ & Isotropy

- **Thrust ( $T$ )** – measure of how highly collimated the momenta in an event along one particular axis

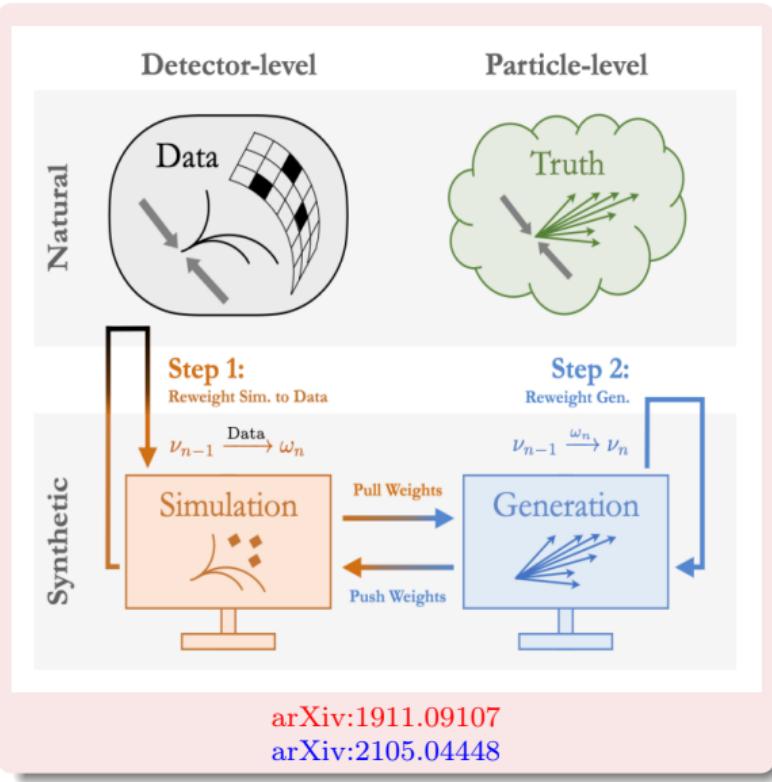
$$T = 1 - \max_{\hat{n}} \left( \frac{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i \cdot \hat{n}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|} \right)$$

- $\vec{p}_i \rightarrow$  momentum of the  $i^{th}$  final state object
- $\hat{n} \rightarrow$  thrust direction

- **Transverse Thrust ( $T_T$ )** – Thrust in the transverse plane

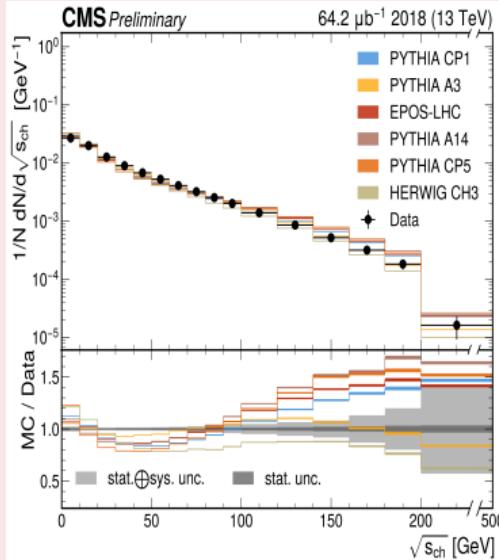
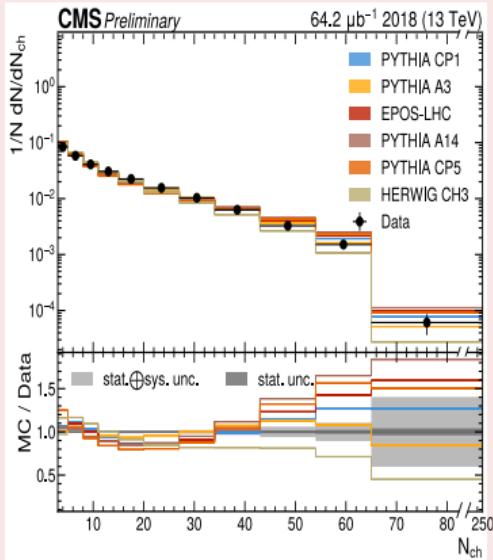
- **Isotropy** – Measure of the how isotropically energy is distributed in an event

# ML-based Unfolding



- **Unfolding** → **Machine Learning** based
- **Multi fold:**
  - **Input** → values of 8 observables for every event in simulation and data
  - **Output** → reweighted simulated events approximating data
  - Results are unbinned weighted events
- **Two steps of unbinned reweighting:**
  - Weight MC → data at detector level
  - Weight original MC → reweighted MC at generator level
  - Extra 2 steps added → deal with the selection efficiency and signal acceptance  
→ Repeat in iterations

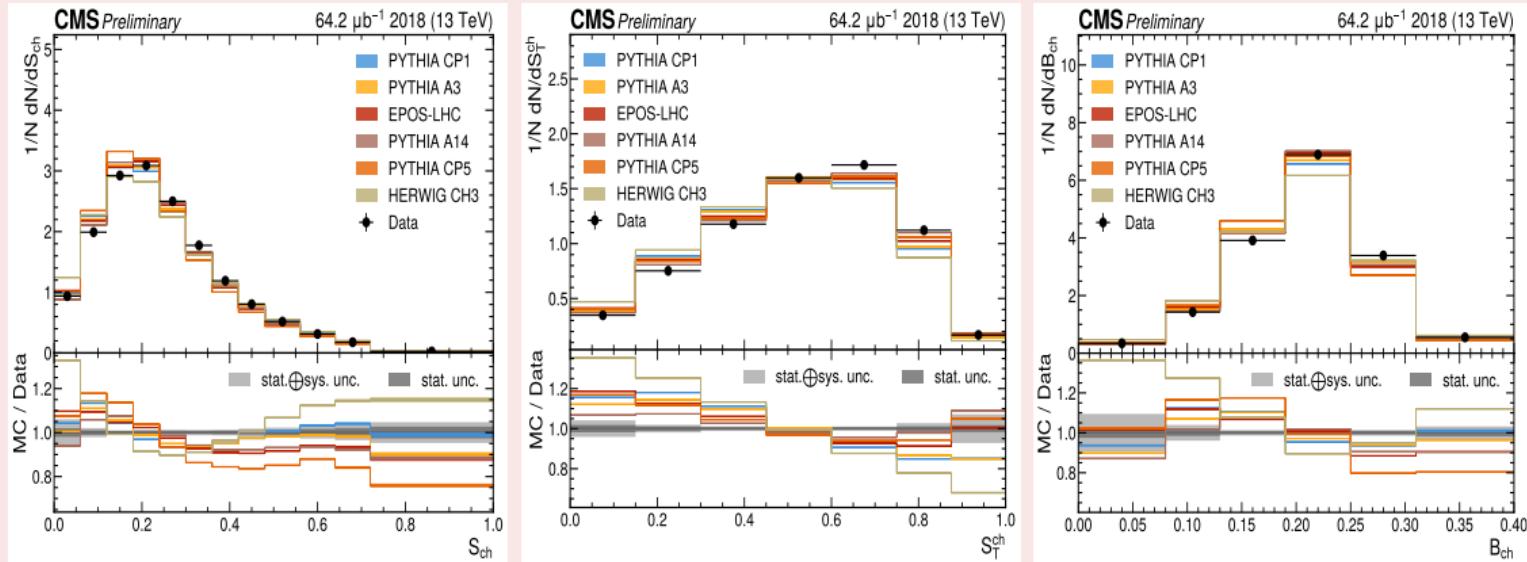
# Results : $N_{ch}$ & $\sqrt{s}_{ch}$



Uncertainty source	Relative uncertainty
Bias from regularization	1.2%
Mismodelling of the migration	1.6%
Track reconstruction efficiency	1.7%
MC statistics	0.26%
Data statistics	0.26%

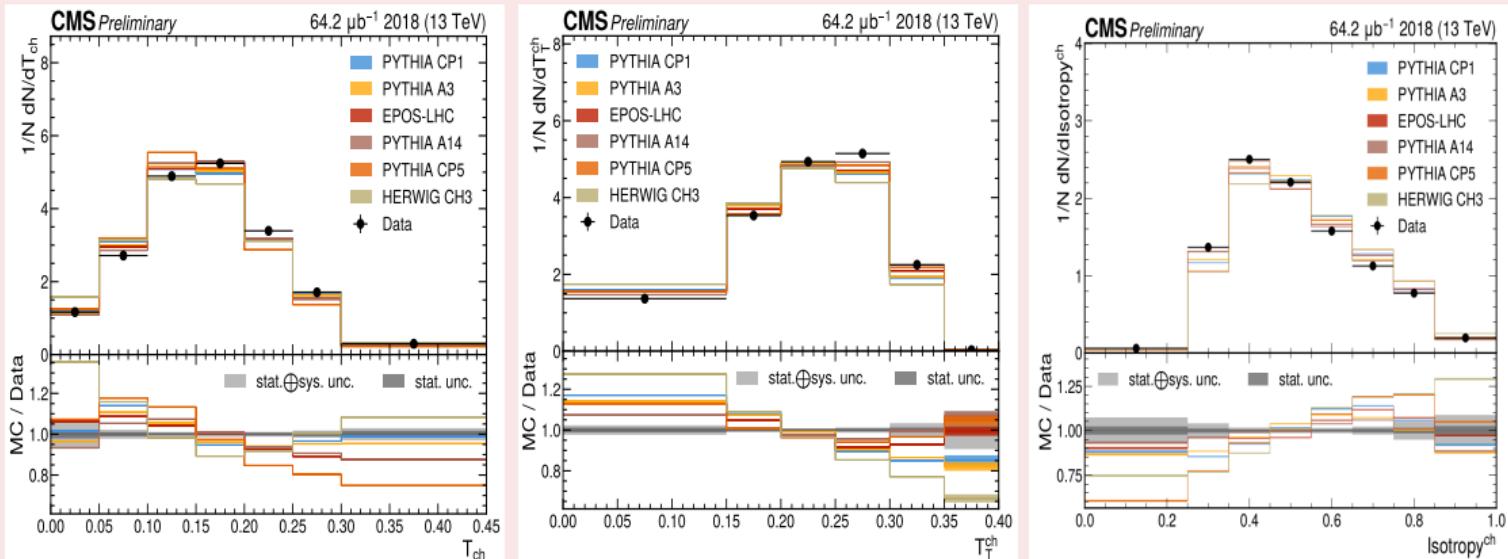
- Unfolded  $N_{ch}$  &  $\sqrt{s}_{ch}$  are compared with different MC predictions
- Data is more accumulated in the middle  $N_{ch}$  region ( $\sim 20$ )

# Results : $S_{ch}$ , $S_T^{ch}$ & $B_{ch}$



- Unfolded  $S_{ch}$ ,  $S_T^{ch}$  &  $B_{ch}$  are compared with different MC predictions
- Mismodelling observed for all ESVs

# Results : $T_{ch}$ , $T_T^{ch}$ & Isotropy $^{ch}$



- Data-MC **discrepancy is largest** in the **middle  $N_{ch}$**  region
- For  $N_{ch} \lesssim 10$  and **low  $\sqrt{S_{ch}}$**  → all generators **overestimate** the fraction of events
- For **high  $N_{ch}$**  and **high  $\sqrt{S_{ch}}$**  → predictions of the MC generators **diverge**

# Summary : SMP-23-008

- **Minimum bias** collisions may be the home of **interesting physics at the LHC**
- Eight different **ESVs** are **unfolded** and compared with **MC predictions**
- **Mismodelling** is observed for **all ESVs**
- **Unfolded results** can be used for **further investigations**

# Conclusions

- CMS provided many measurements to understand QCD using Run-2 data – event and jet shapes, charged particle production, ...
- The measurements focus on different aspects of particle production in hadron (and nuclear) collisions
- Presented two recent event shape measurements –
  - Measurement of event shape variables using charged particles inside jets in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
  - Measurement of event shapes in minimum bias events from pp collisions at 13 TeV
- Unfolded results can be used for further theoretical predictions & generator tuning
- Study with Run-3 data in its way
- Many more exciting results are coming soon

