

# Standard Model theory for collider processes

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# Open questions

Today, we face many open questions some driven by experimental data (they have an answer), most driven by theoretical curiosity and ambition (they might have an answer)

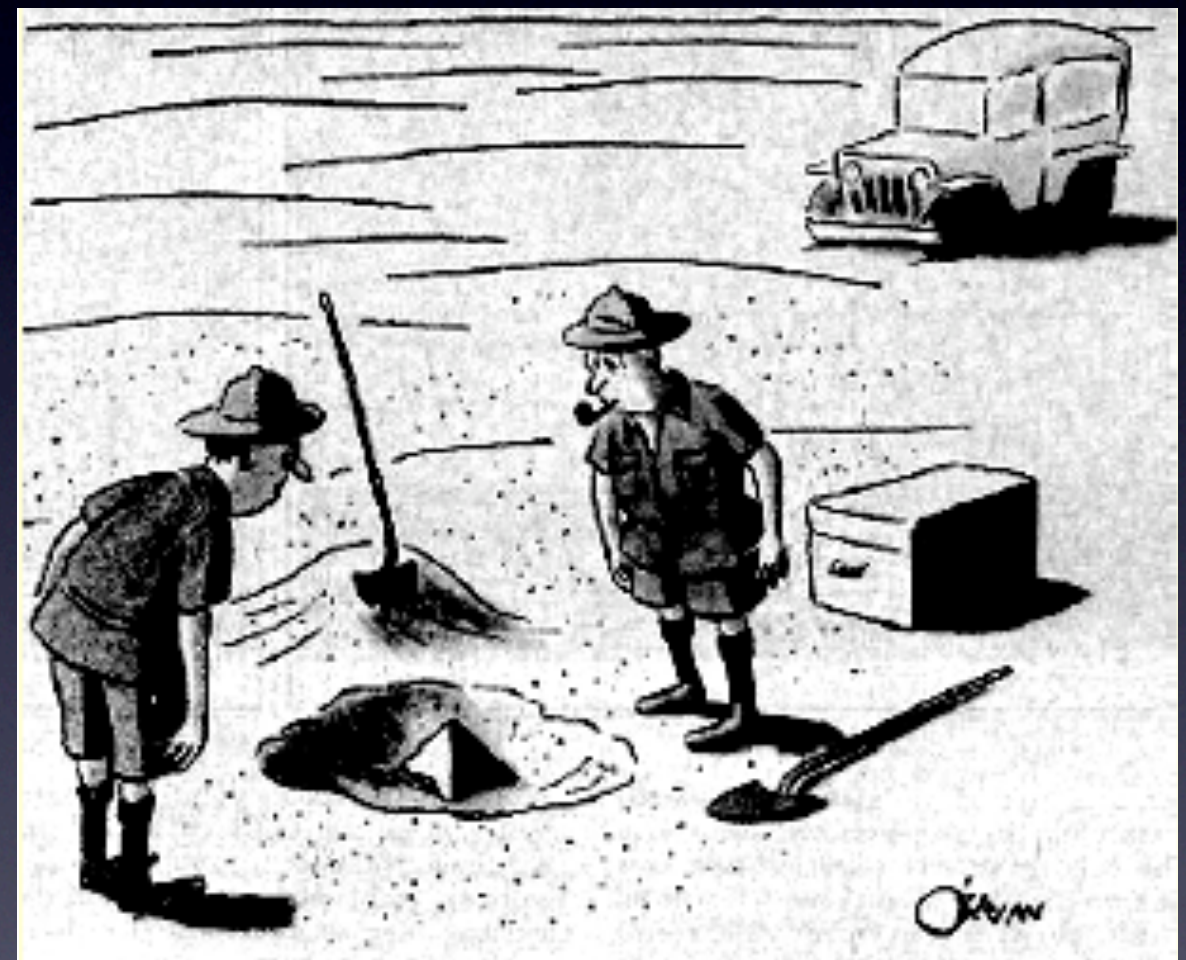
My top 10:

1. What is the dynamics of electroweak symmetry breaking?
2. What is the nature of dark matter?
3. What causes the hierarchy of fermion masses and mixings?
4. Why three generations?
5. At what scale are neutrino masses set?
6. What resolves the strong CP problem?
7. What is the origin of the matter-antimatter asymmetry?
8. What physics is associated with the vacuum energy?
9. How does gravity enter the picture?
10. Are these the good questions to ask ...?



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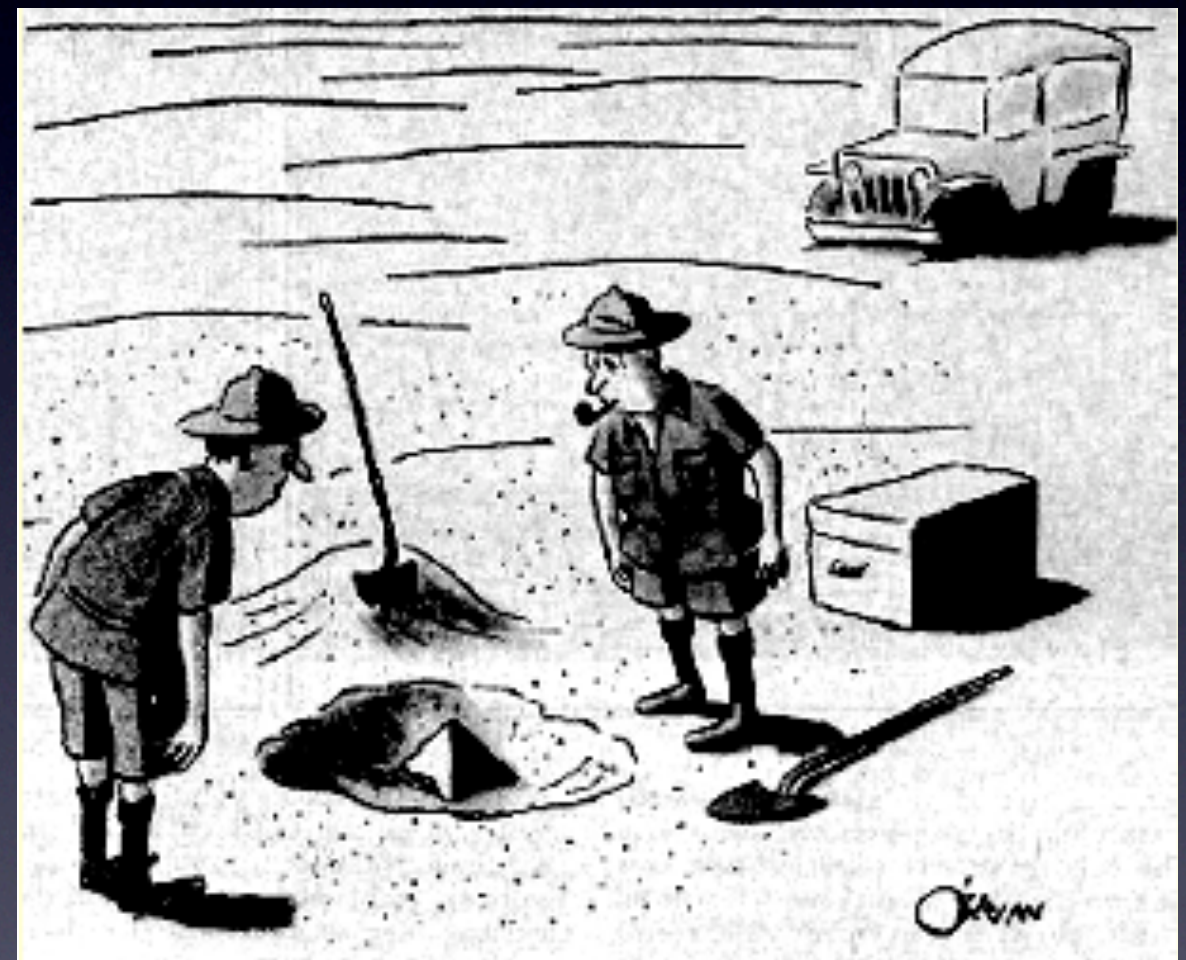


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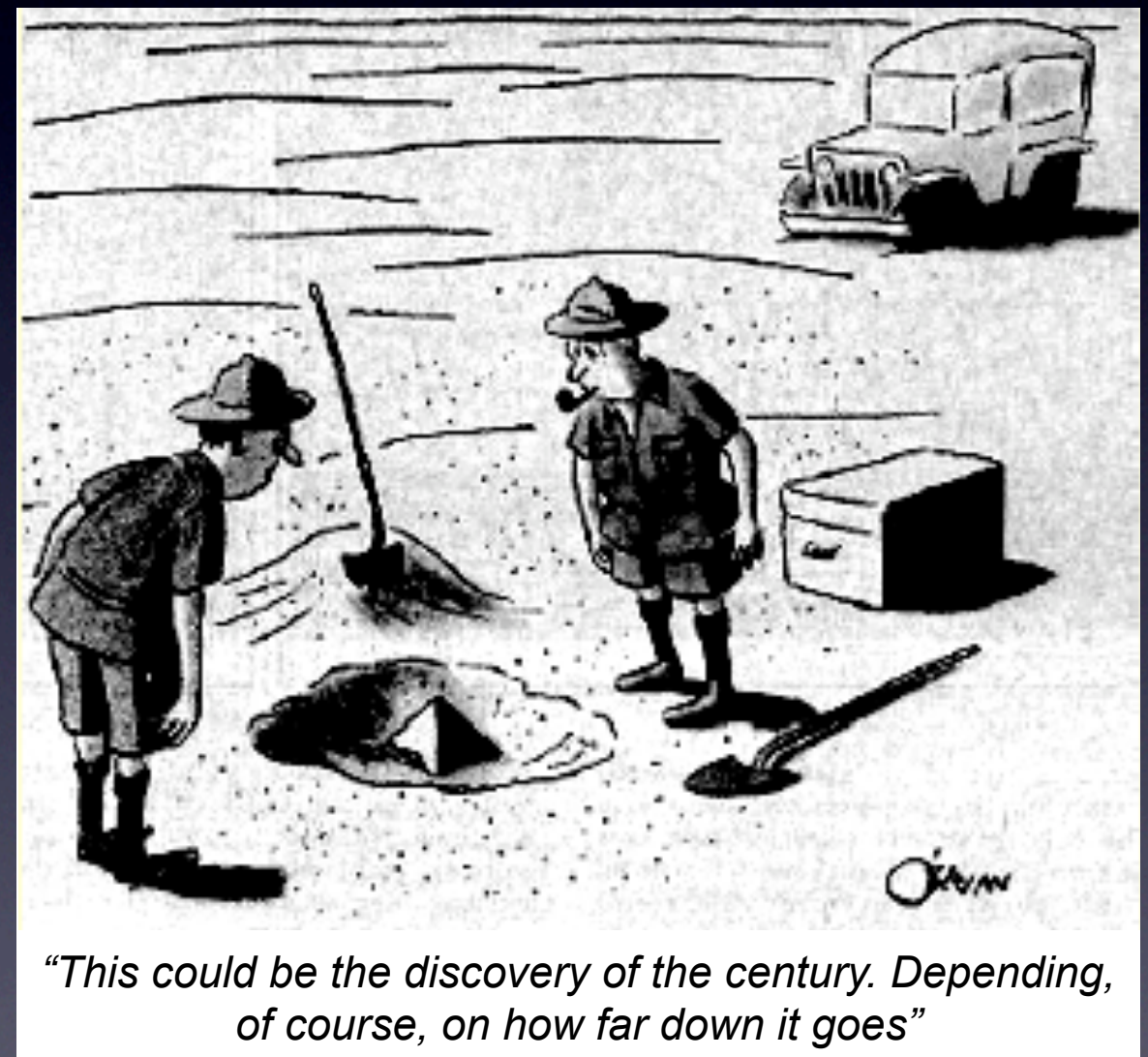


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- It is a great time to be a particle physicist





# LHC status

## 2010 data: $\sim 45 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

- commissioning and calibration
- $O(100)$  ATLAS and CMS paper [ $\sim 55$  ATLAS +  $\sim 65$  CMS]
- all major Standard Model processes have been re-established  
(inclusive jet, inclusive photon, charged hadrons, heavy mesons, electroweak and top processes, single top, di-bosons ...)
- entering new territory

## 2011 data [July]: $> 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- $O(100)$  presentations here from ATLAS and CMS, most of them with  $O(0.2-0.9) \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [ $\sim 60$  ATLAS,  $\sim 50$  CMS] given here
- searches with sensitivities already exceeding those of LEP and Tevatron  
(Higgs, SUSY, Heavy bosons  $W'$  and  $Z'$ , leptoquarks, long-lived particles ...)

*The 2010 - 2011 run was much more successful than any theorist expected!*

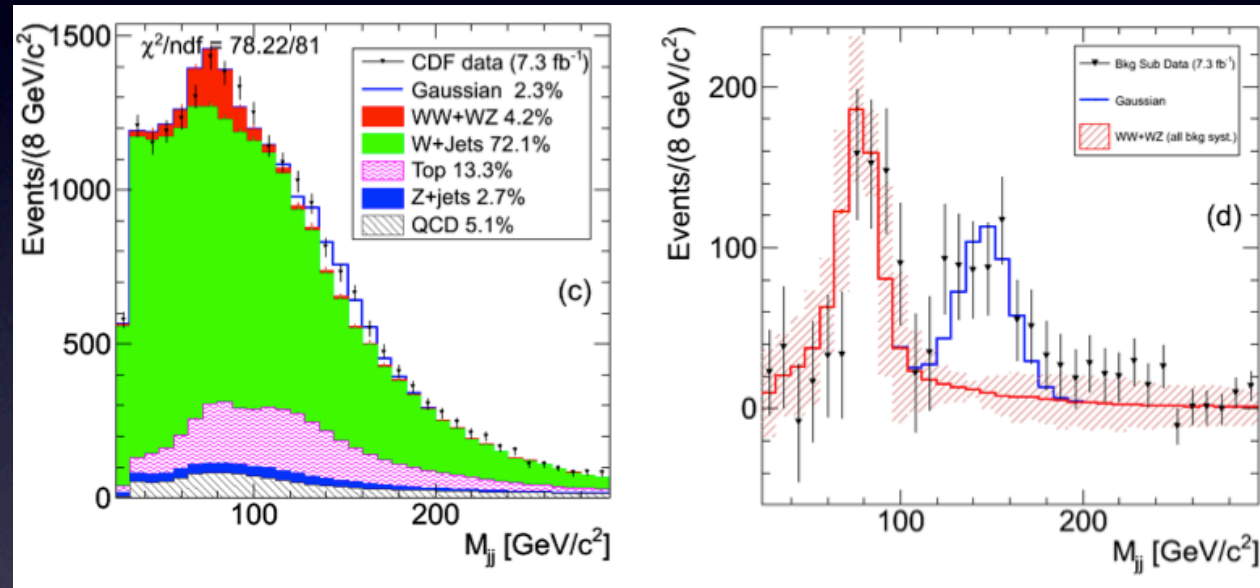


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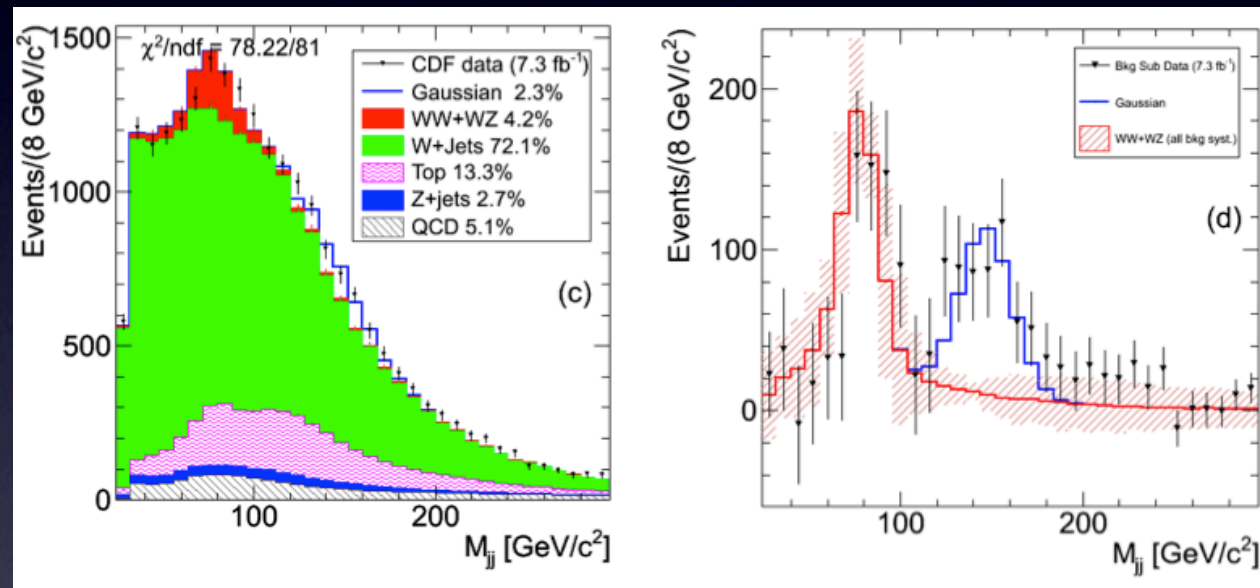


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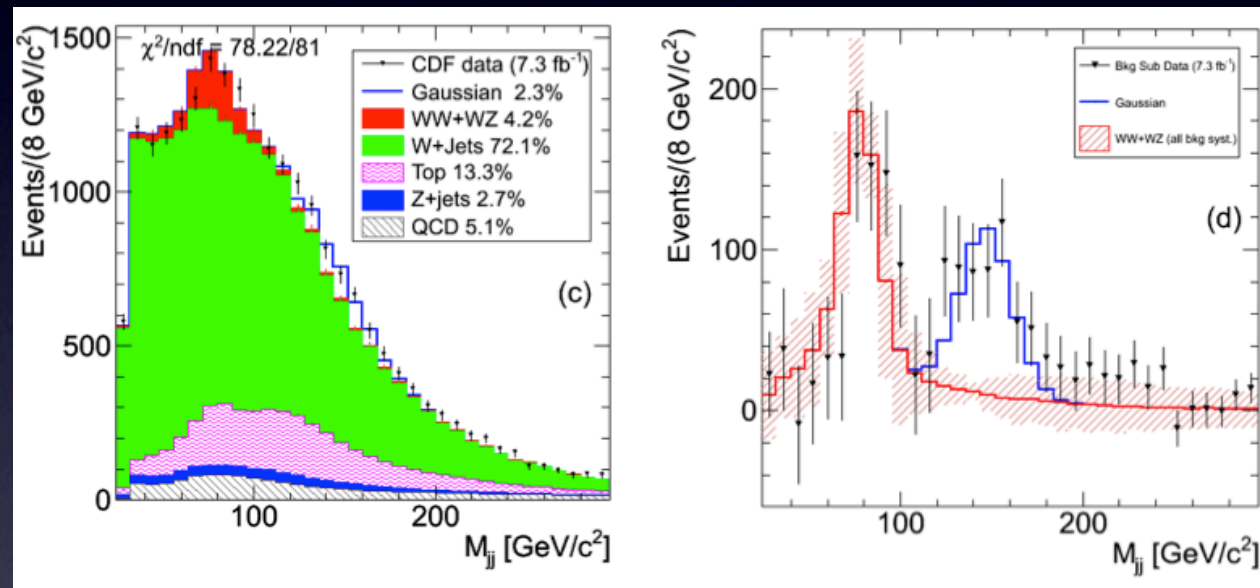


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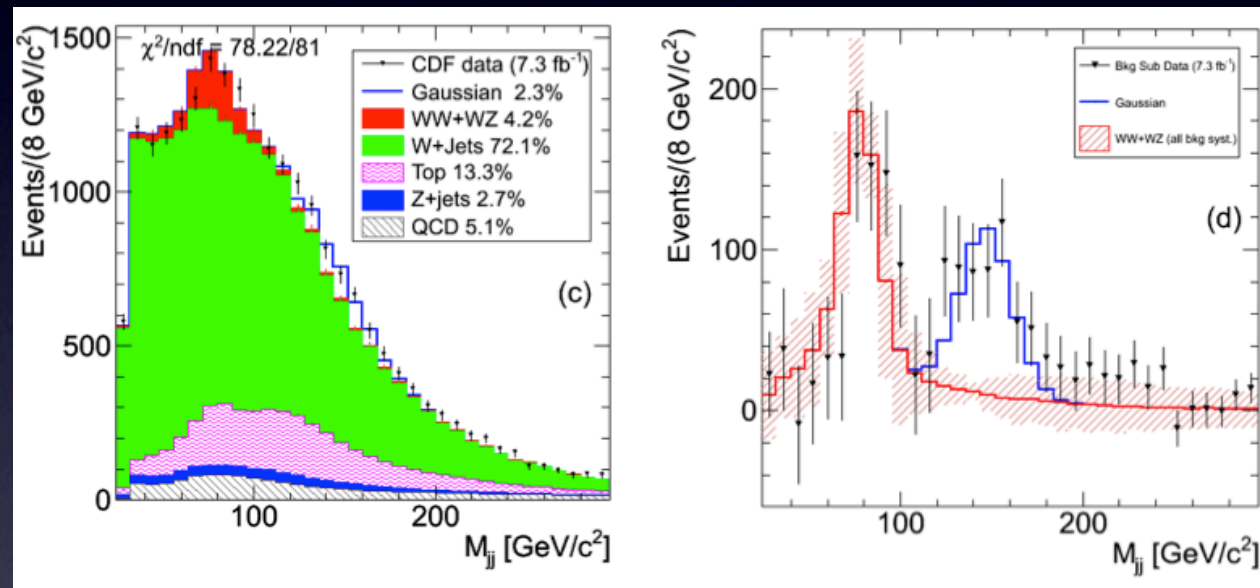


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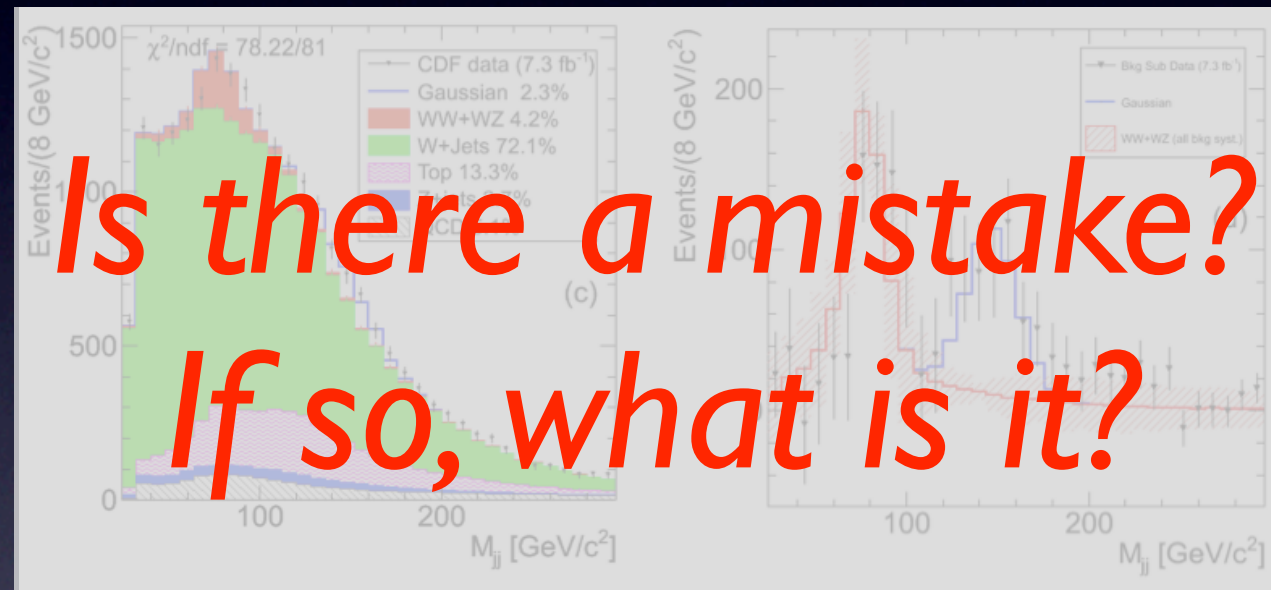


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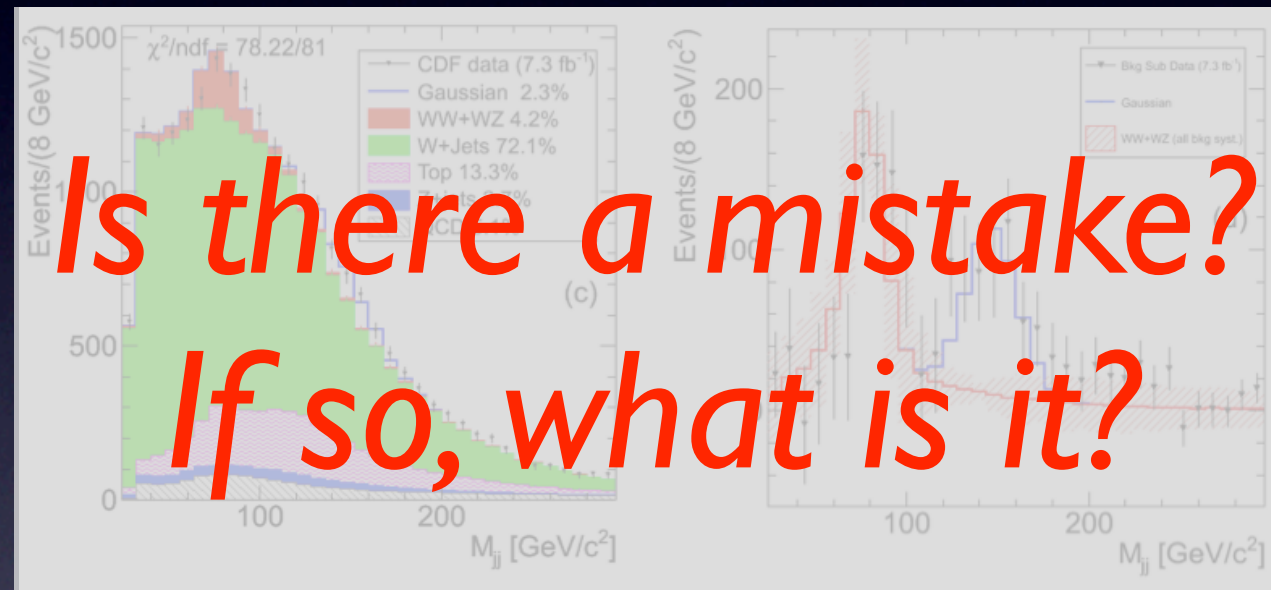


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At the LHC expect many similar cases

- need confirmation by independent experimental group
- best possible SM predictions and solid BSM predictions very helpful



# Toolkit

- Parton shower (PS) [e.g. Pythia, Herwig, Ariadne, ...]
- Matrix elements (ME) generators, usually + PS [e.g. Alpgen, Helac, Madgraph, Sherpa ...]
- NLO [BlackHat, Cuttools, MCFM, NLOjet++, Samurai, Rocket, VecBos ...]
- NLO+ PS [(a)MC@NLO and POWHEG]
- NLO + NLL (NNLL) analy. resummations [CAESAR, ResBos + observable specific predictions, sometimes from effective theories]
- NLO QCD+EW [iHixs, RGHiggs, various calculations ...]
- approx. NNLO [e.g. Hathor ...]
- inclusive NNLO [e.g. iHixs, VH@NNLO ...]
- exclusive NNLO with flexible cuts [FEHIP, H@NNLO, FEWZ, DY@NNLO]
- NNLO + NNLL analy. resummations [e.g. thrust in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\text{jets}$  ...]
- ...



increasing difficulty with loops or legs  
available for lower multiplicities



# Monte Carlos



Essentially every LHC analysis will make use of one or more Monte Carlo simulations for

- the signal
- the background
- underlying event / non-perturbative corrections
- pile-up
- efficiency studies / detector response

Yet, level of sophistication is such that today almost no sophisticated study uses “just Pythia/Herwig”. To describe hard QCD radiation need, at least, exact matrix elements [Madgraph, Sherpa, Alpgen ... ]



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Fast progress in various directions

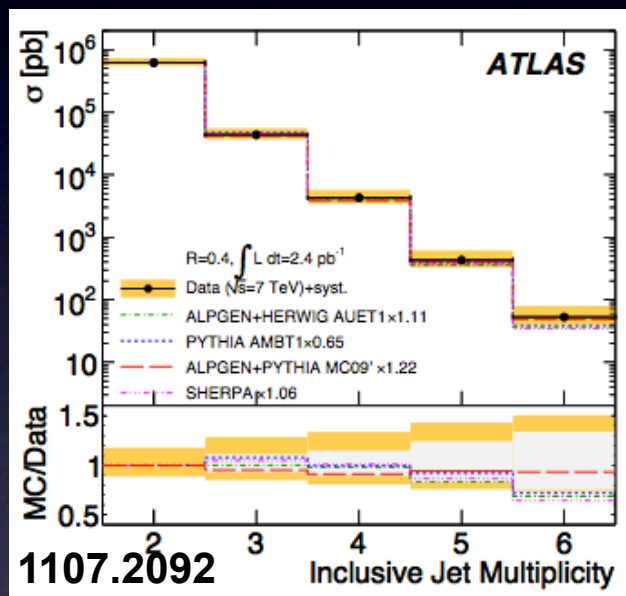
These codes will undergo continuous stress test in the coming years.

*How are they doing right now?*



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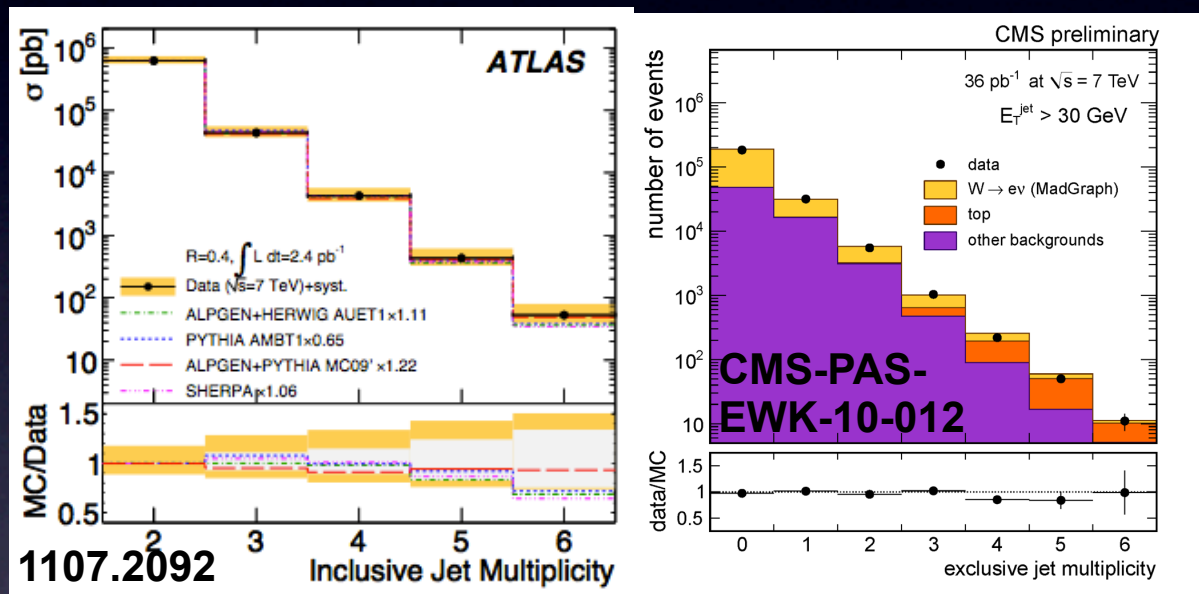
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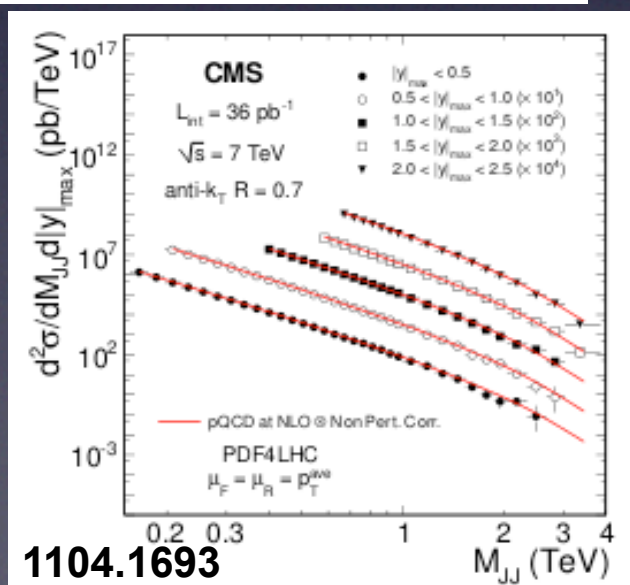
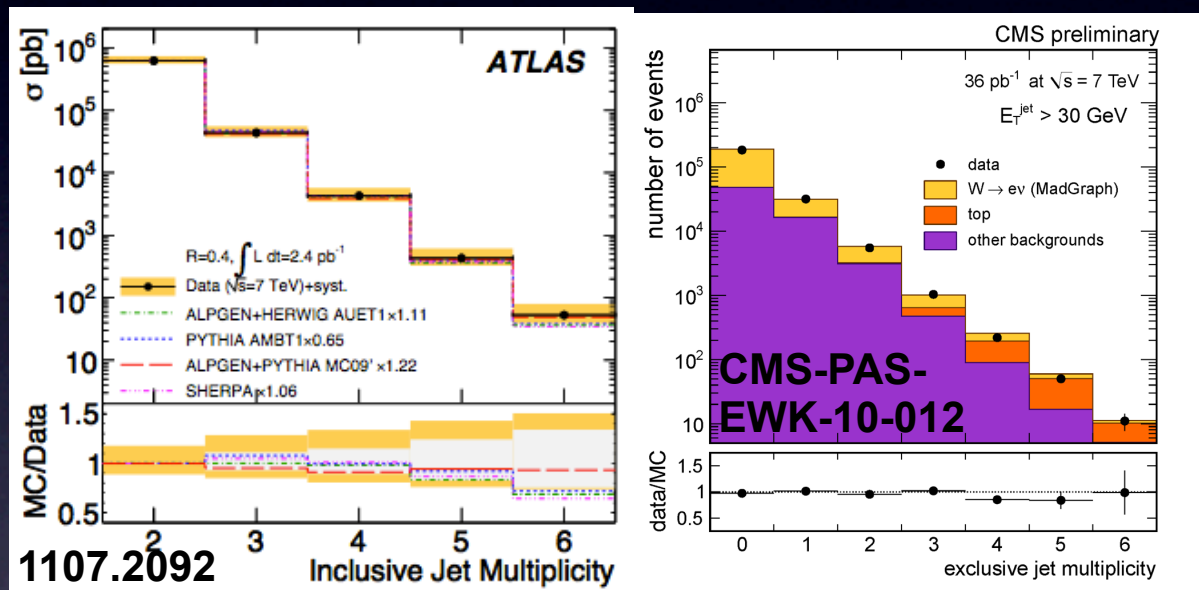
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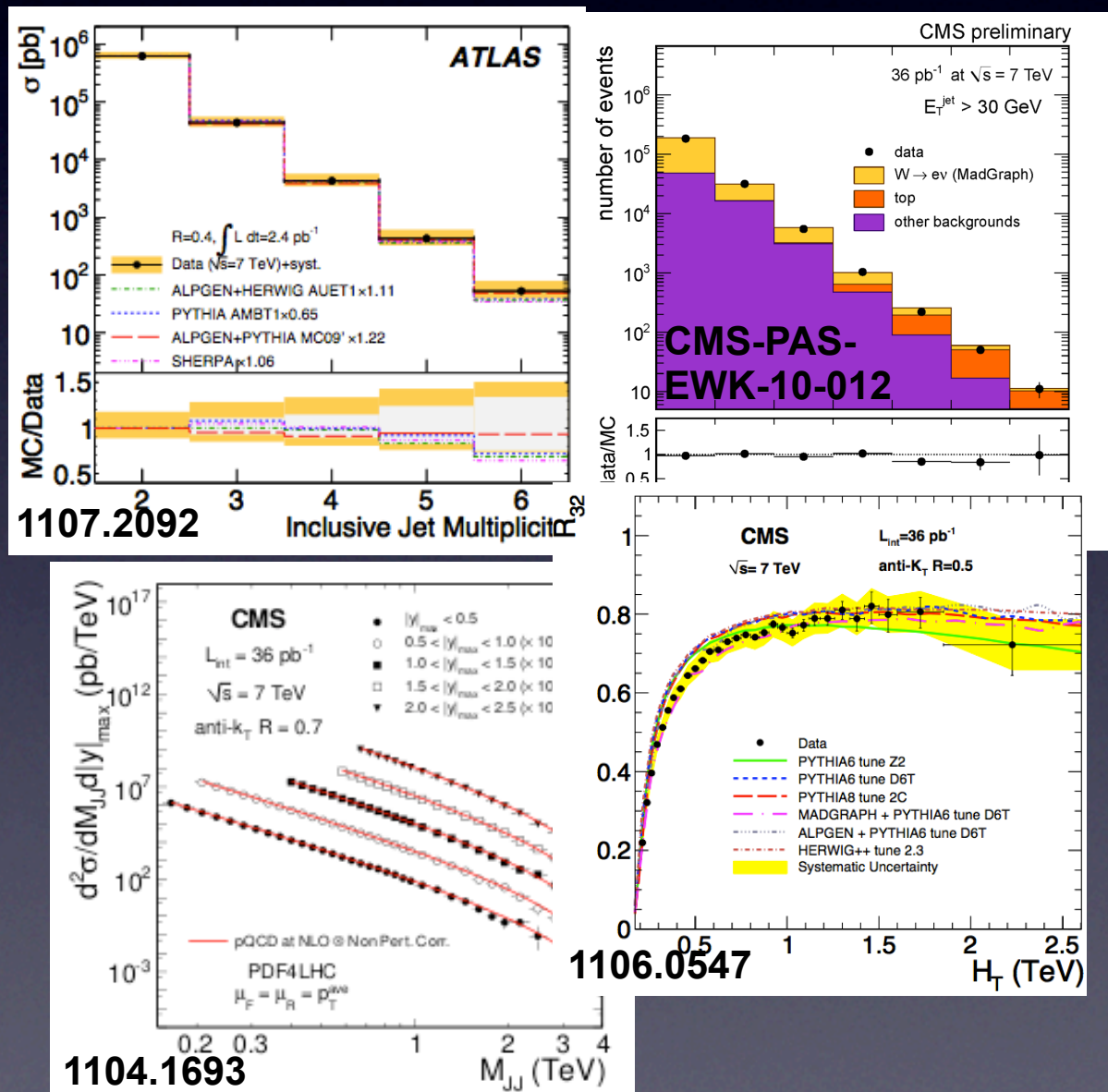
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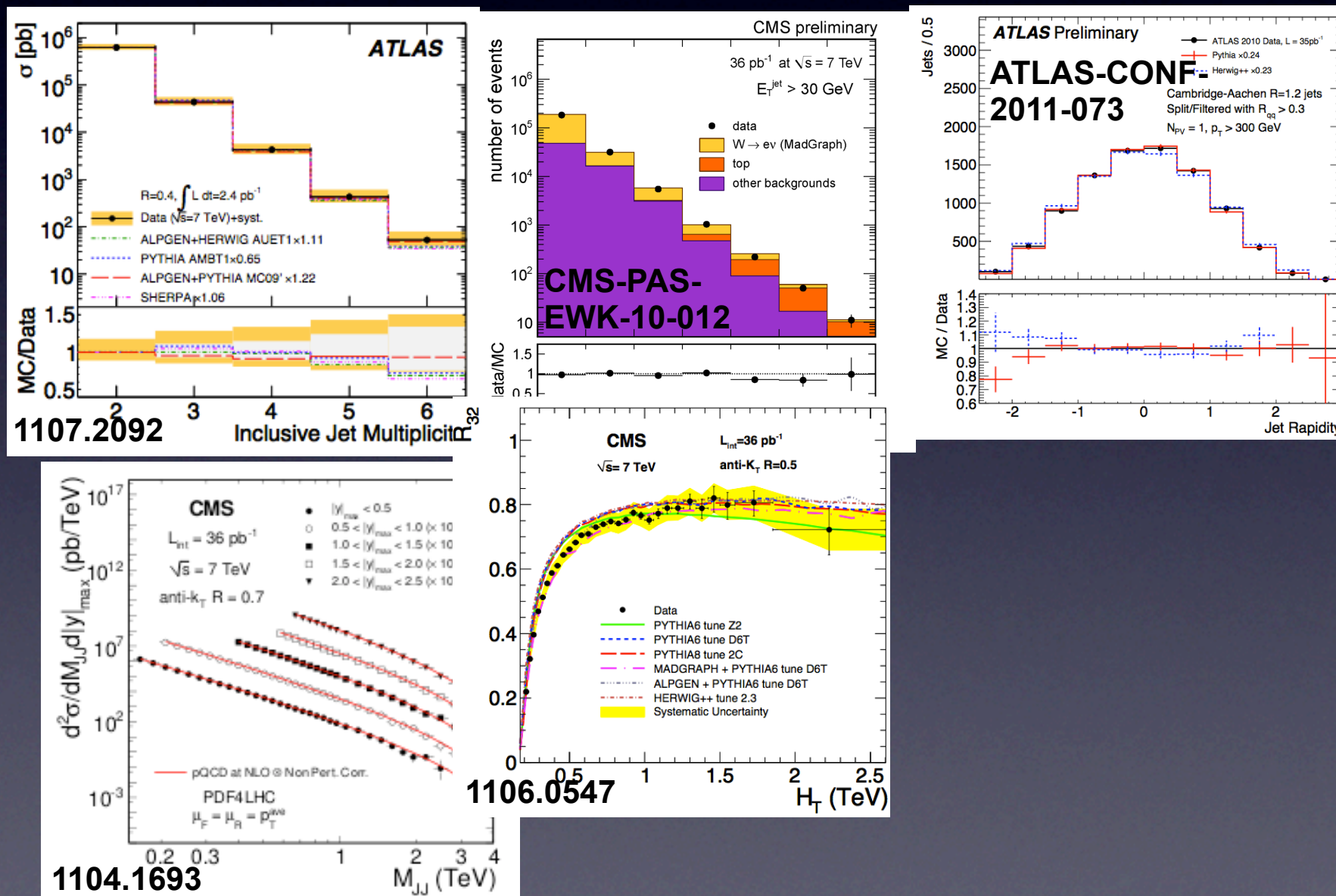
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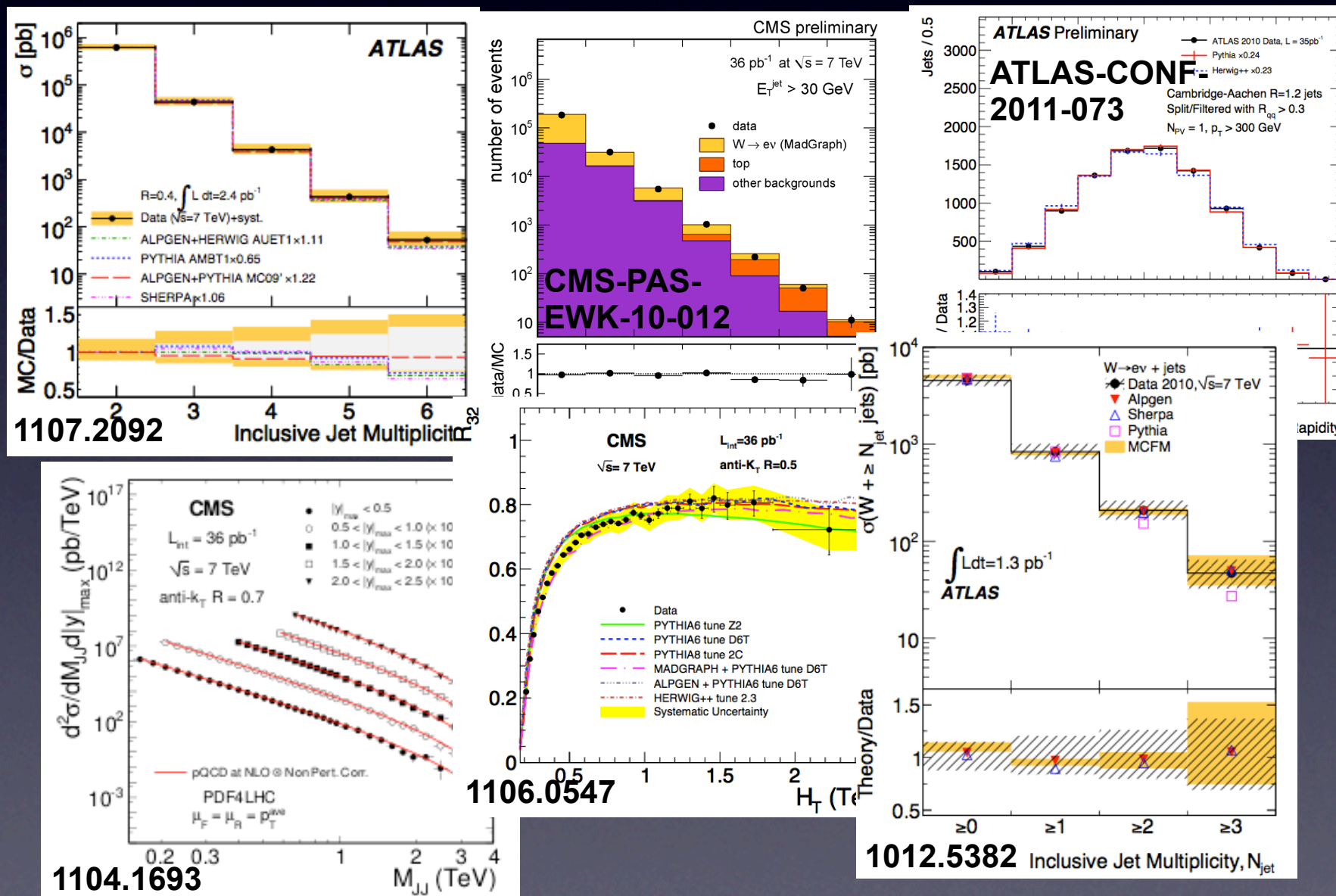
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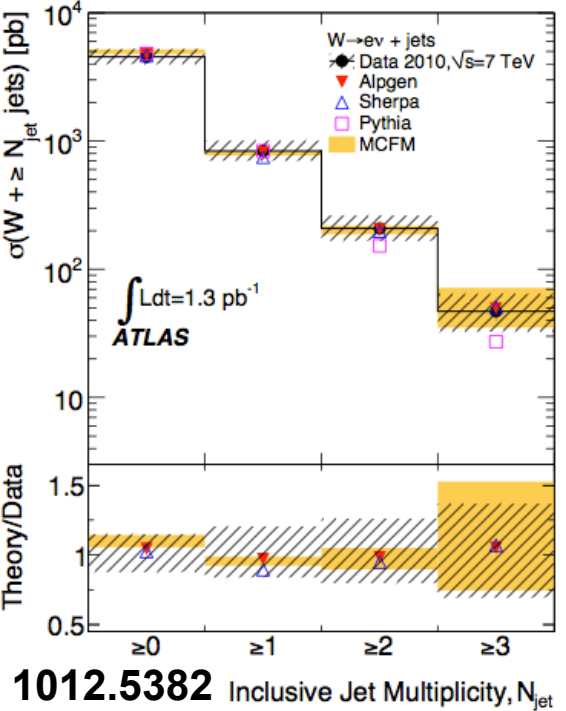
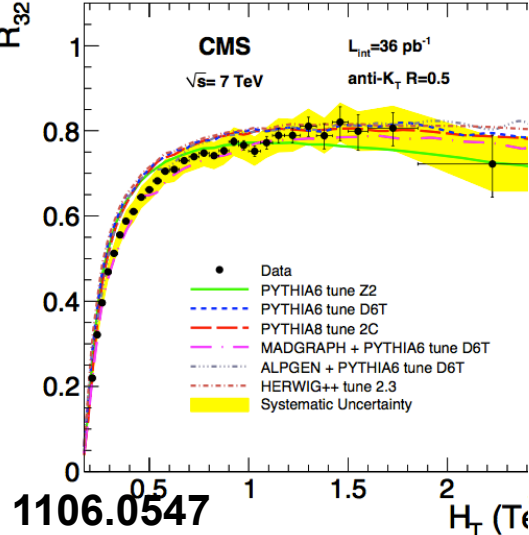
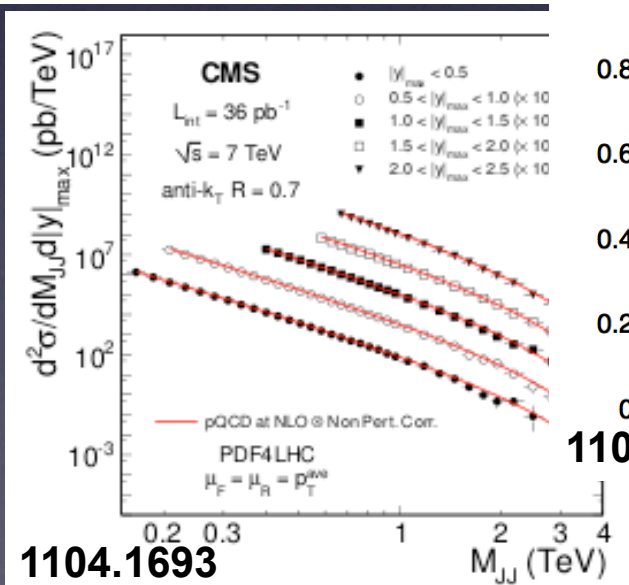
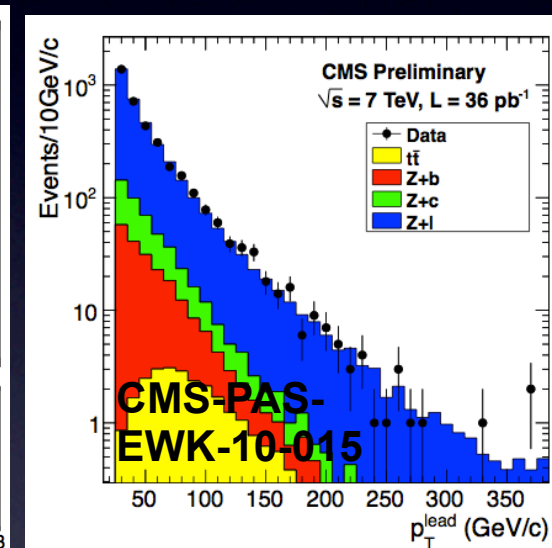
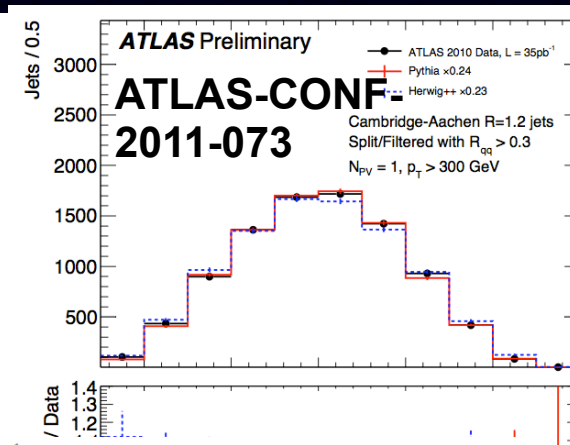
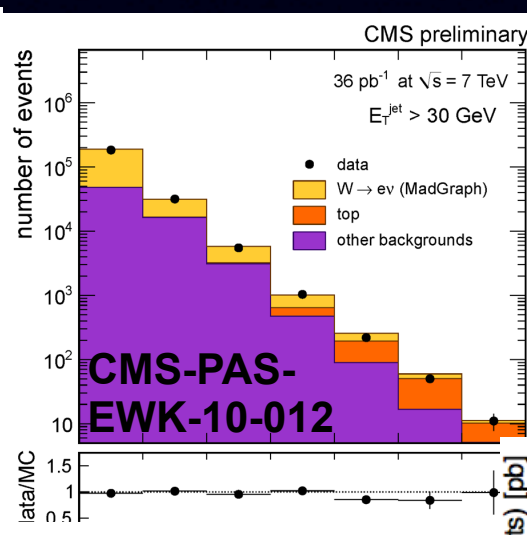
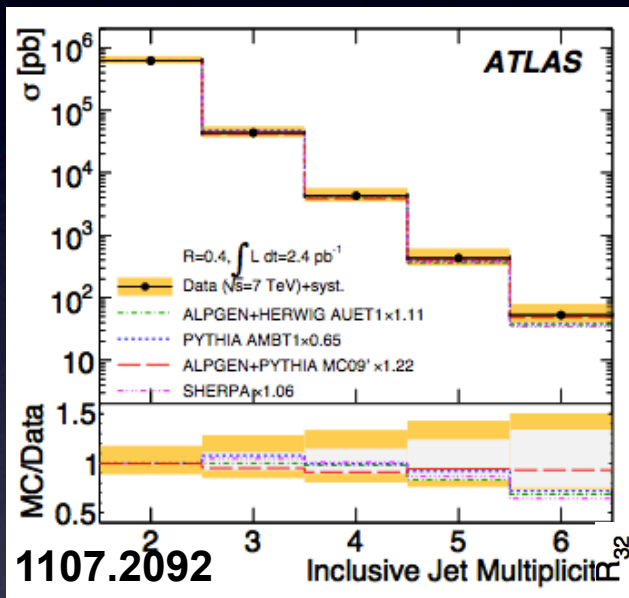
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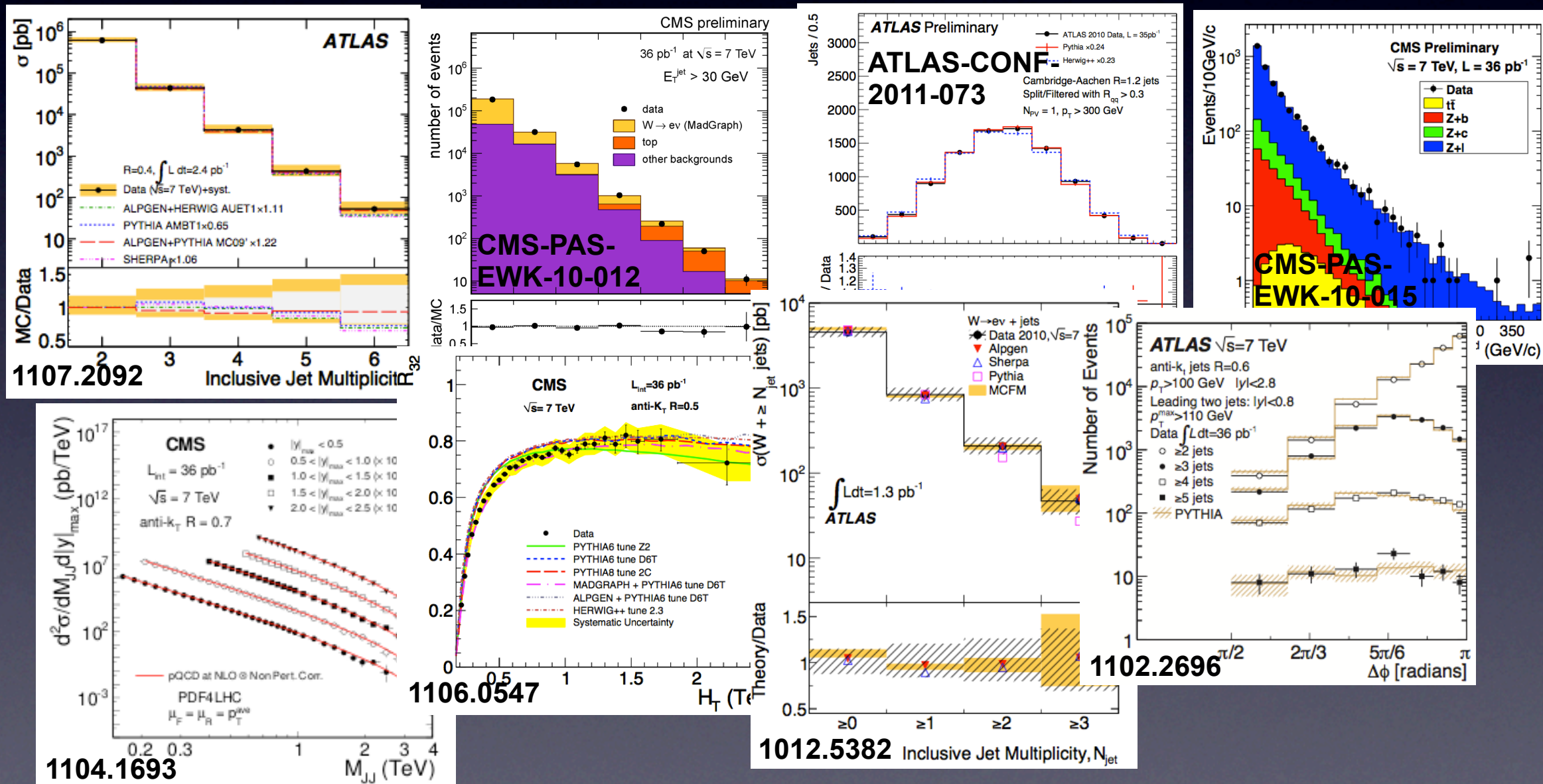
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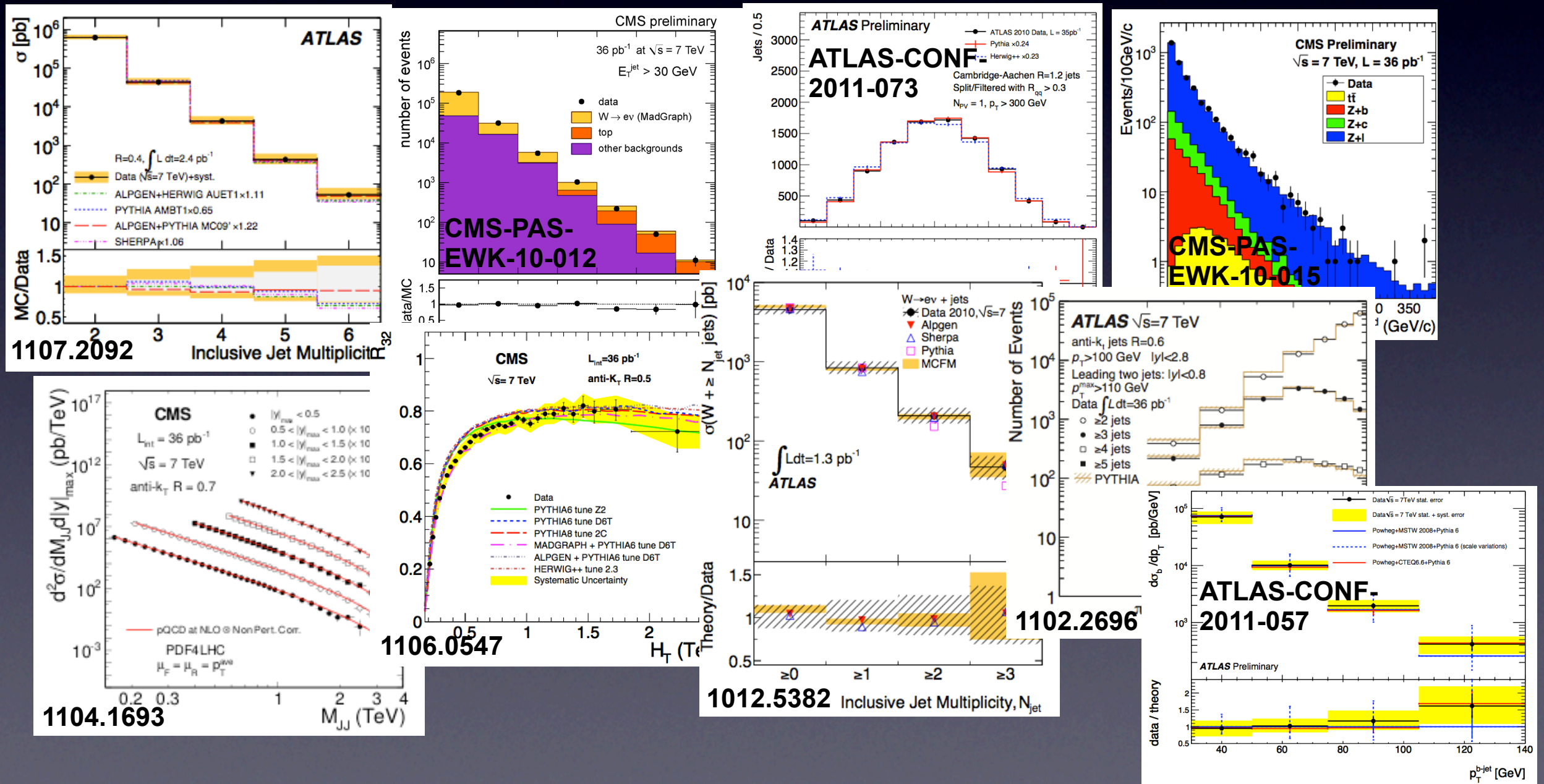
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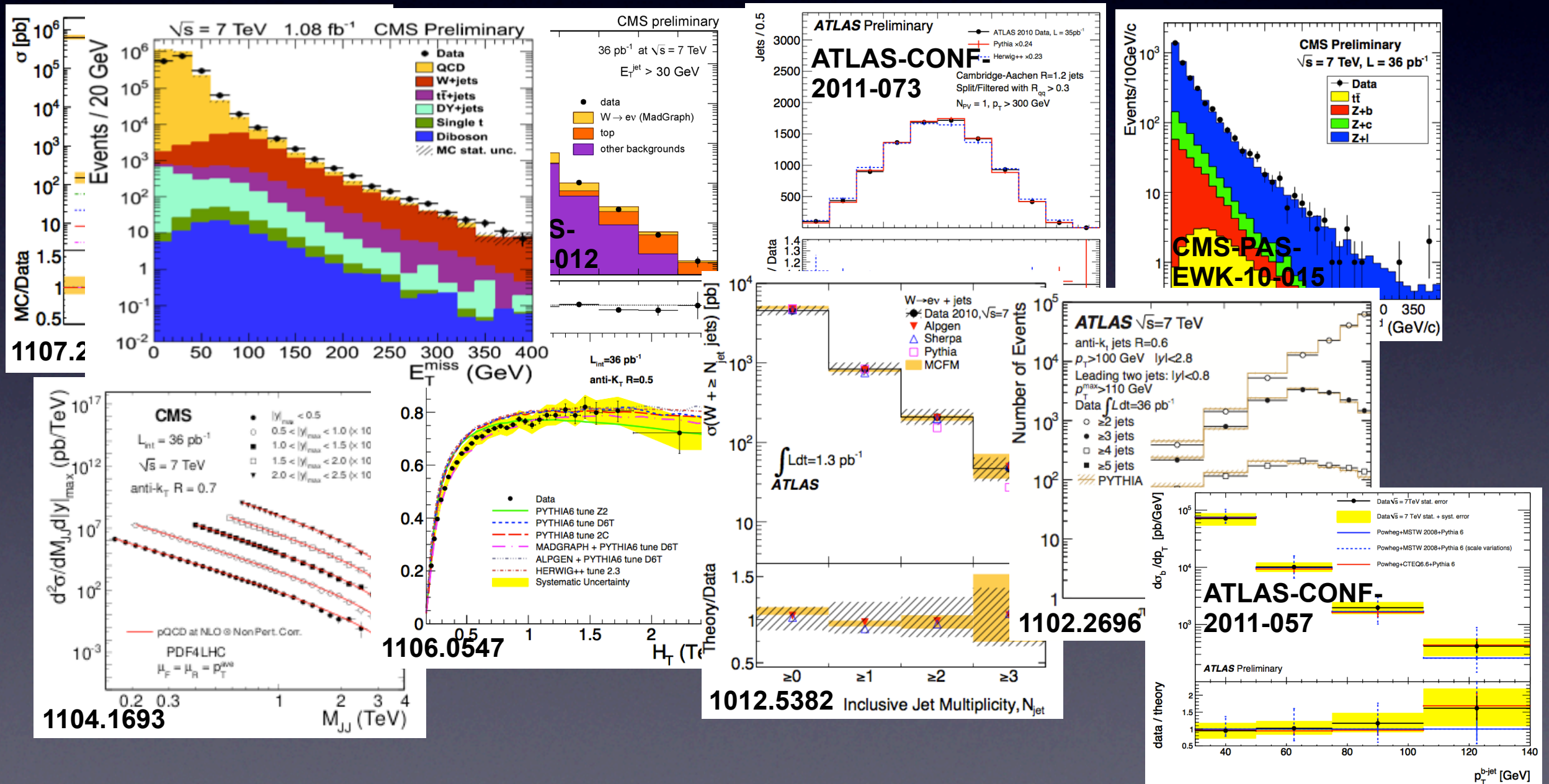
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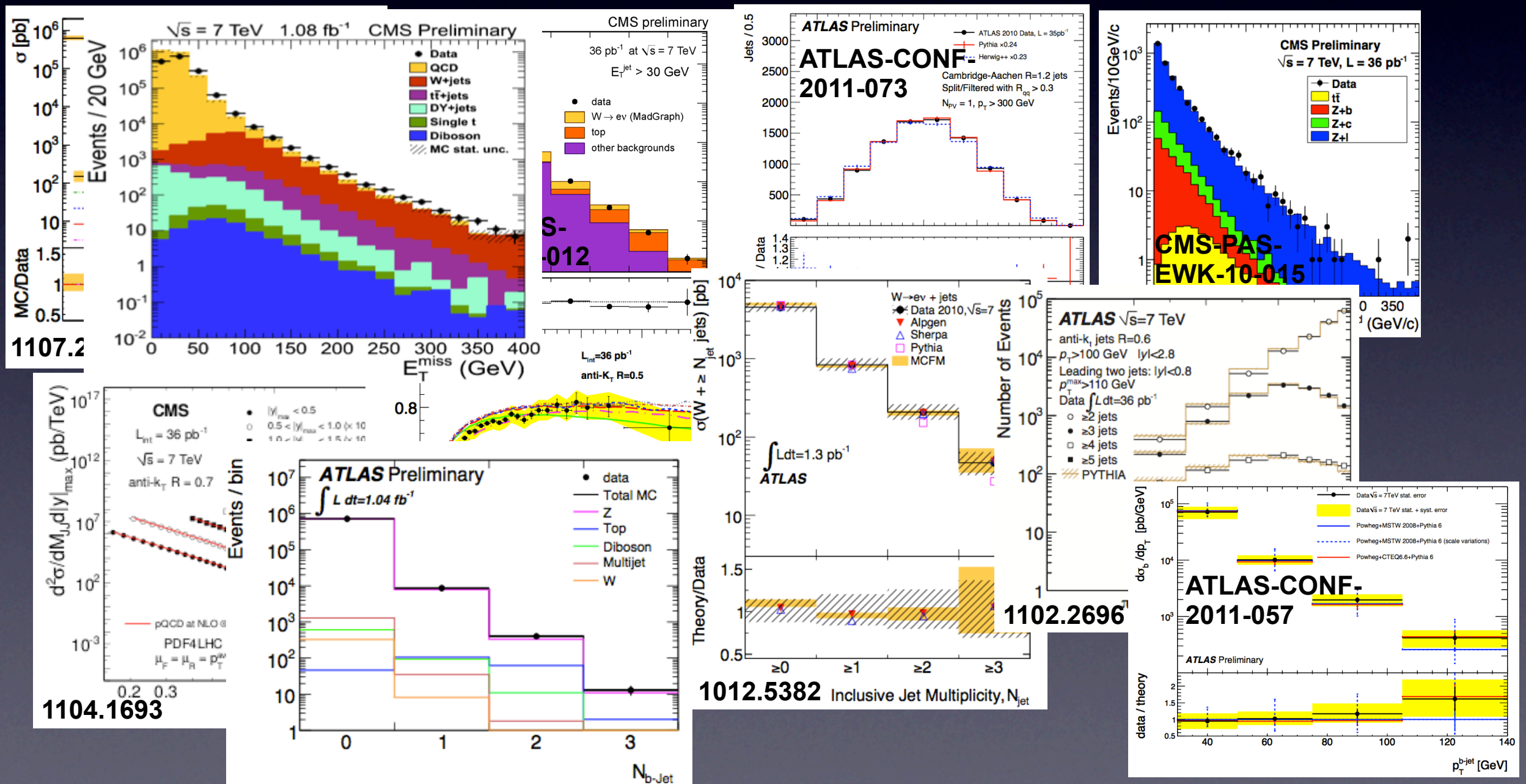
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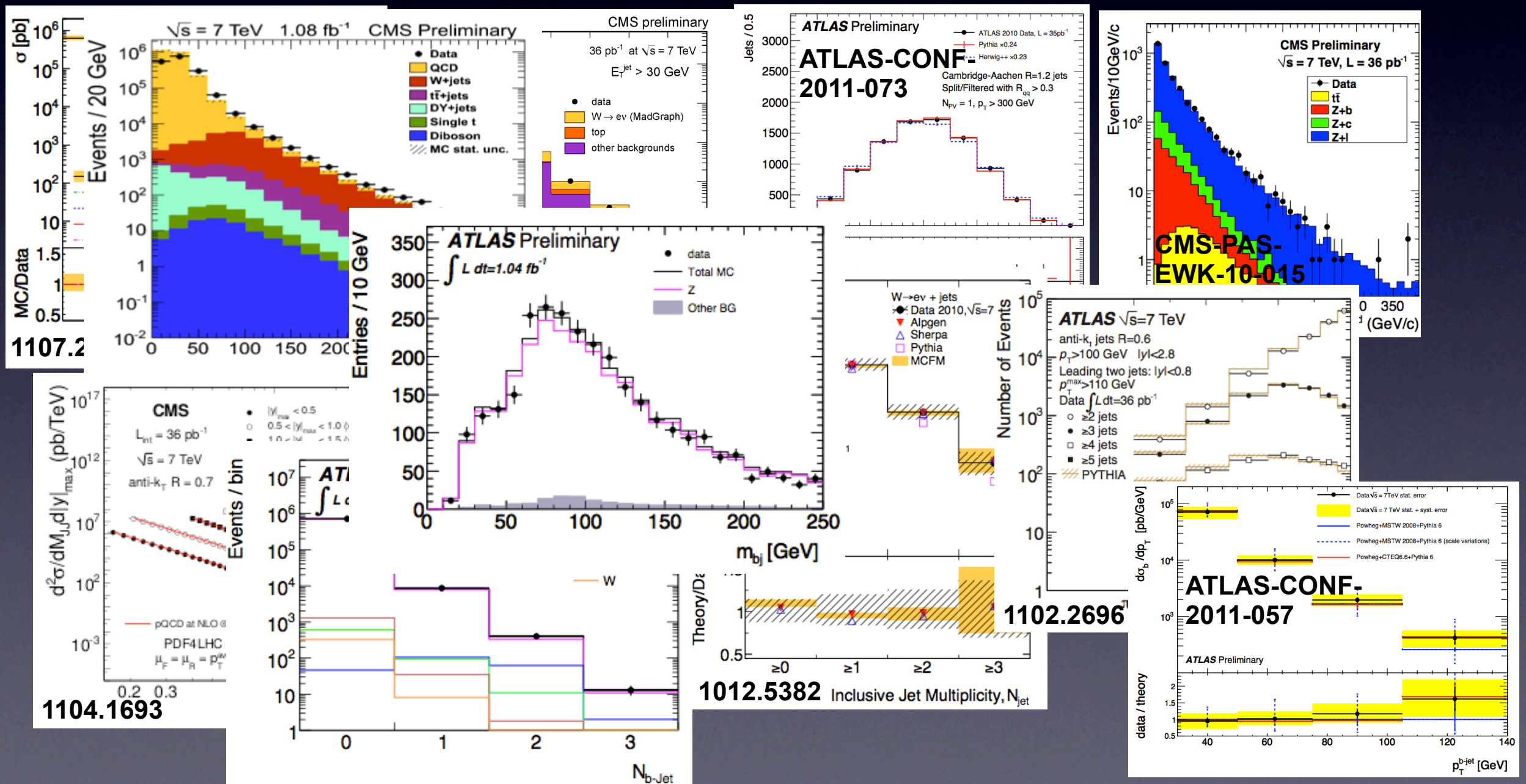
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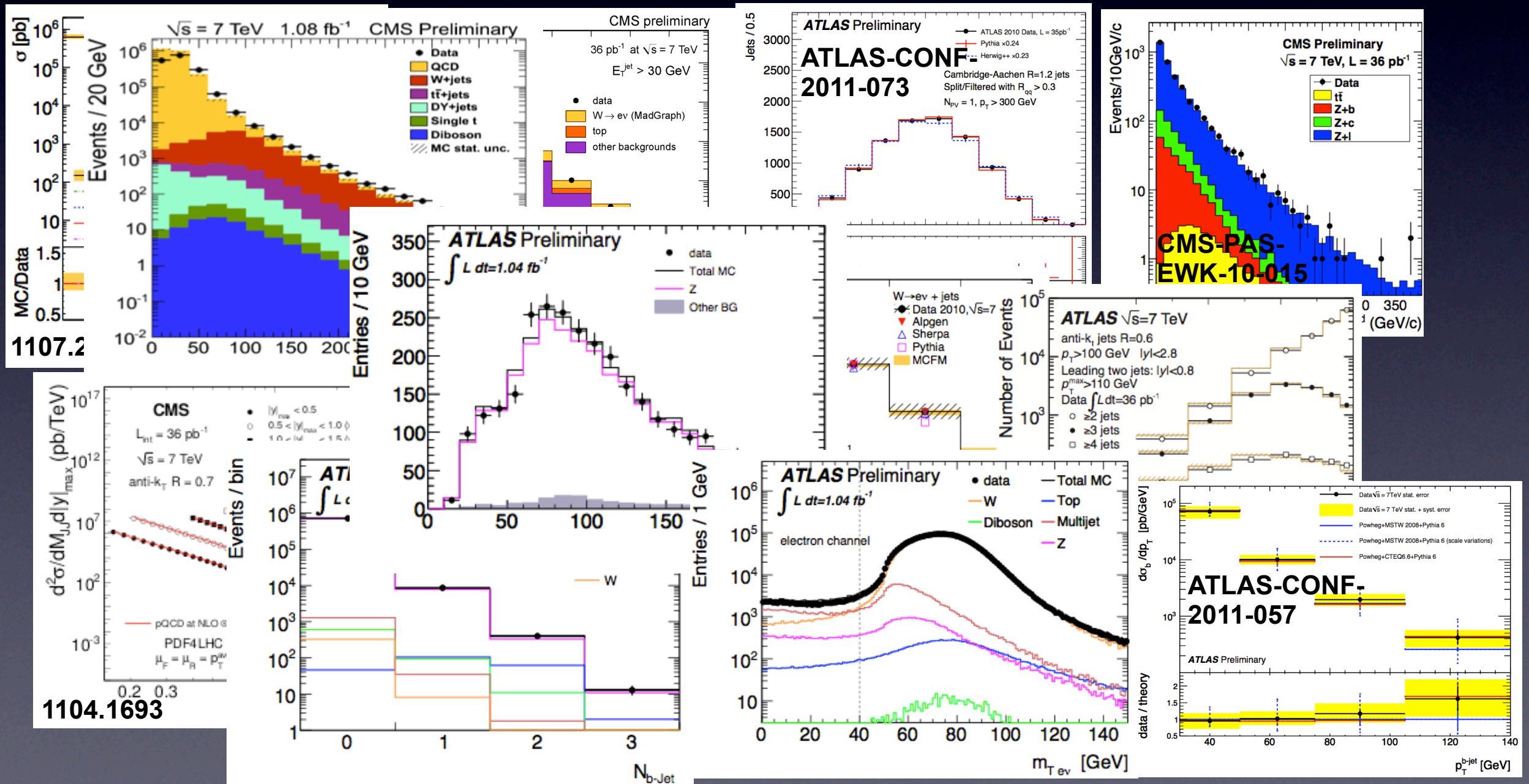
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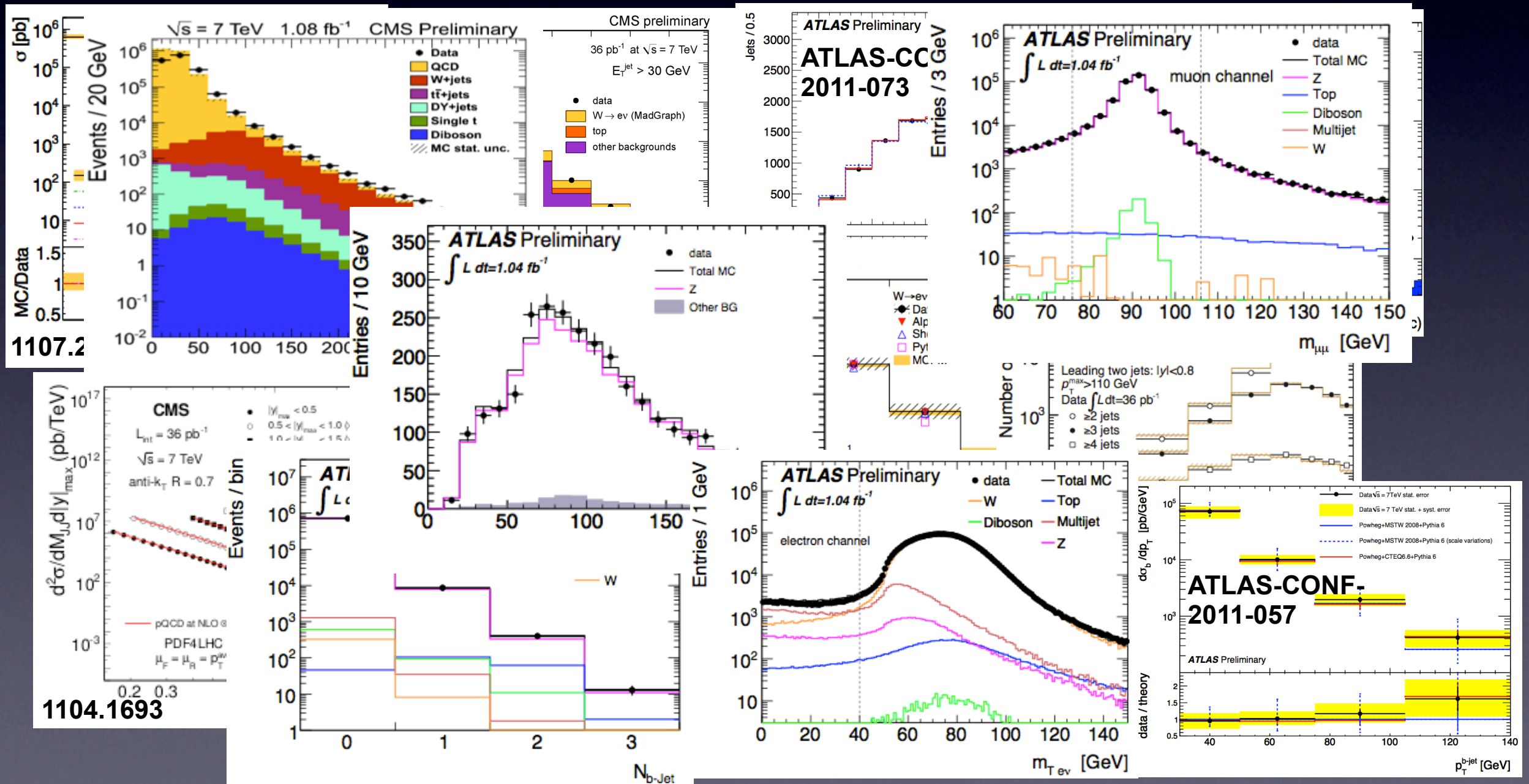
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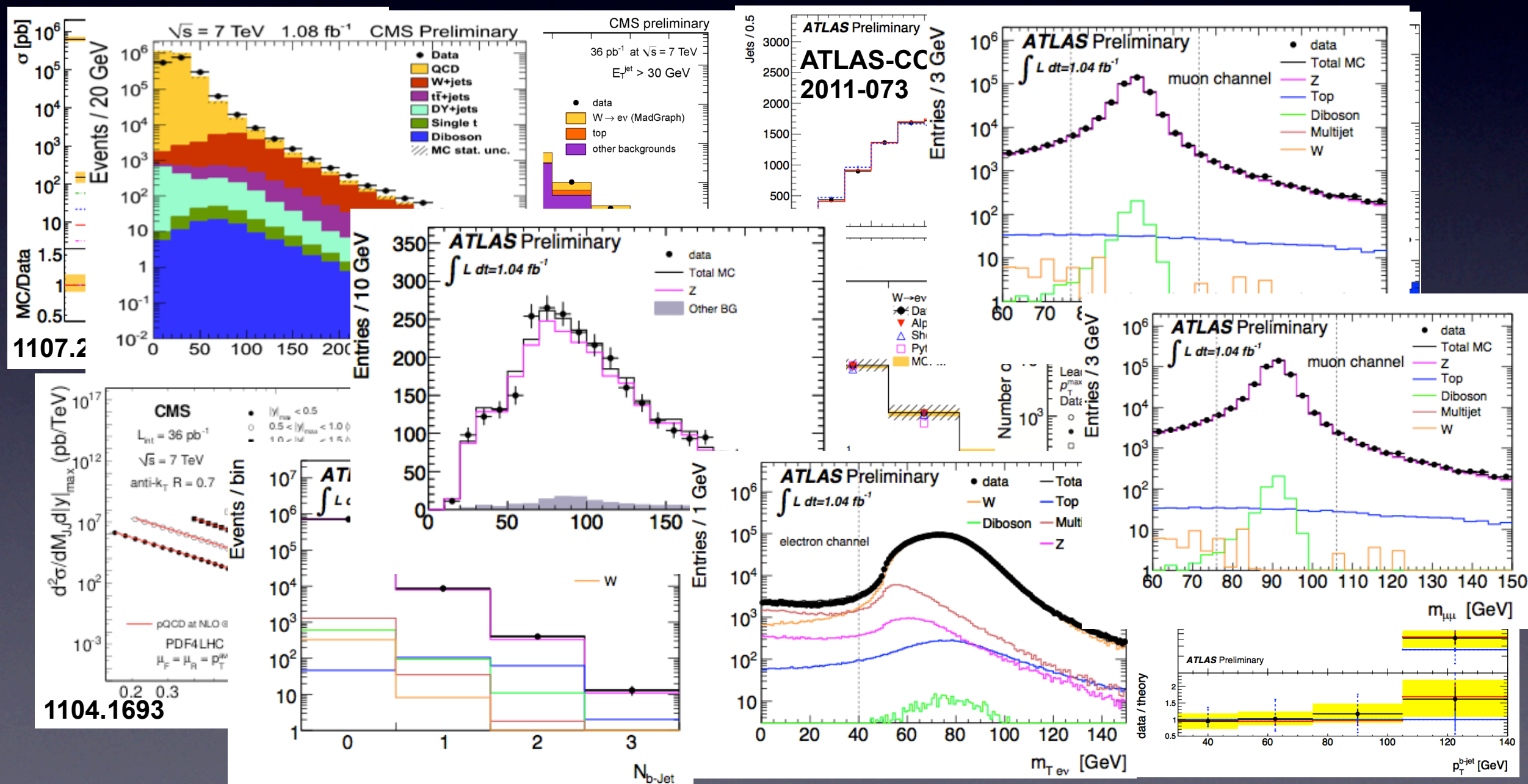
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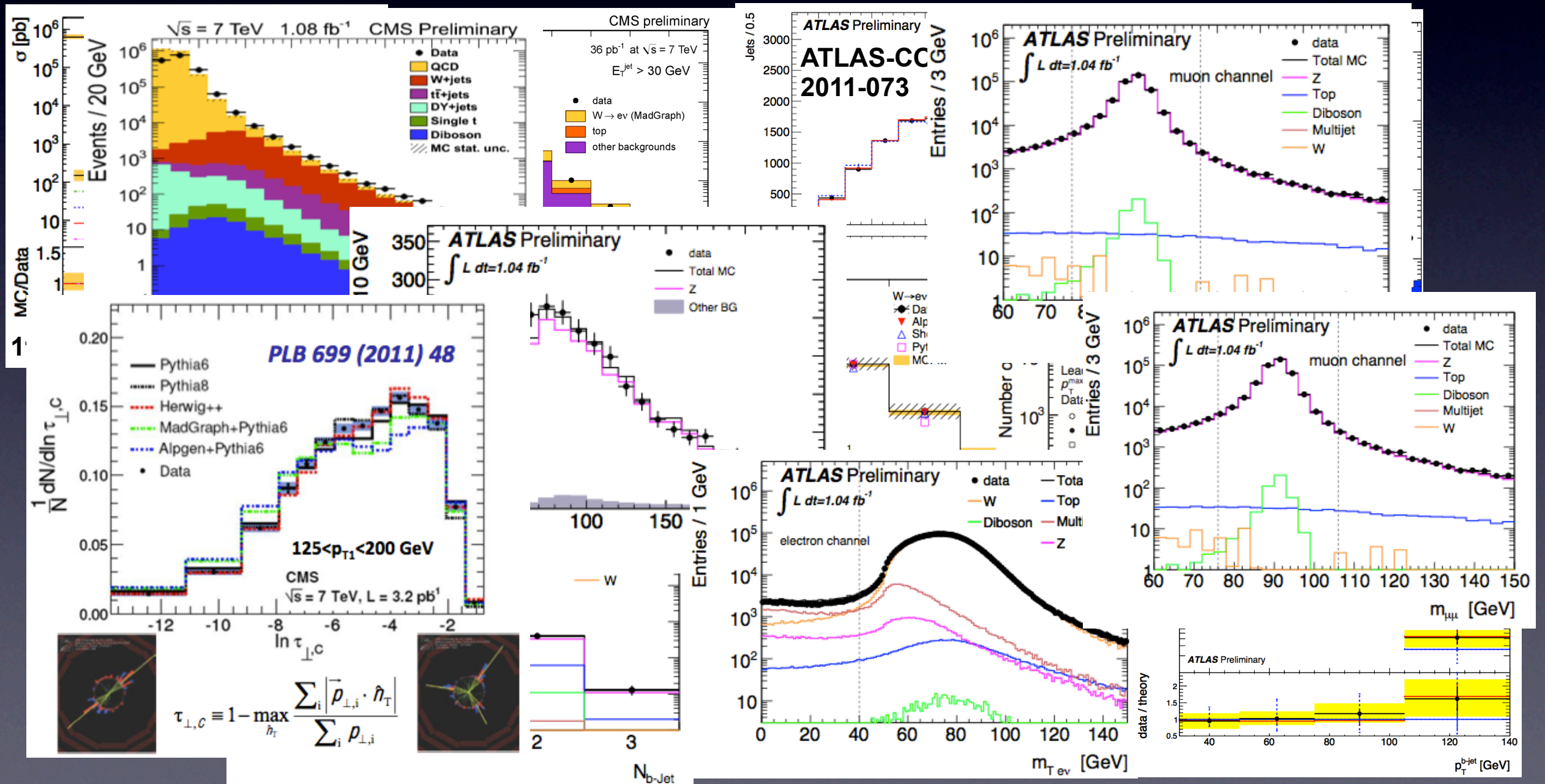
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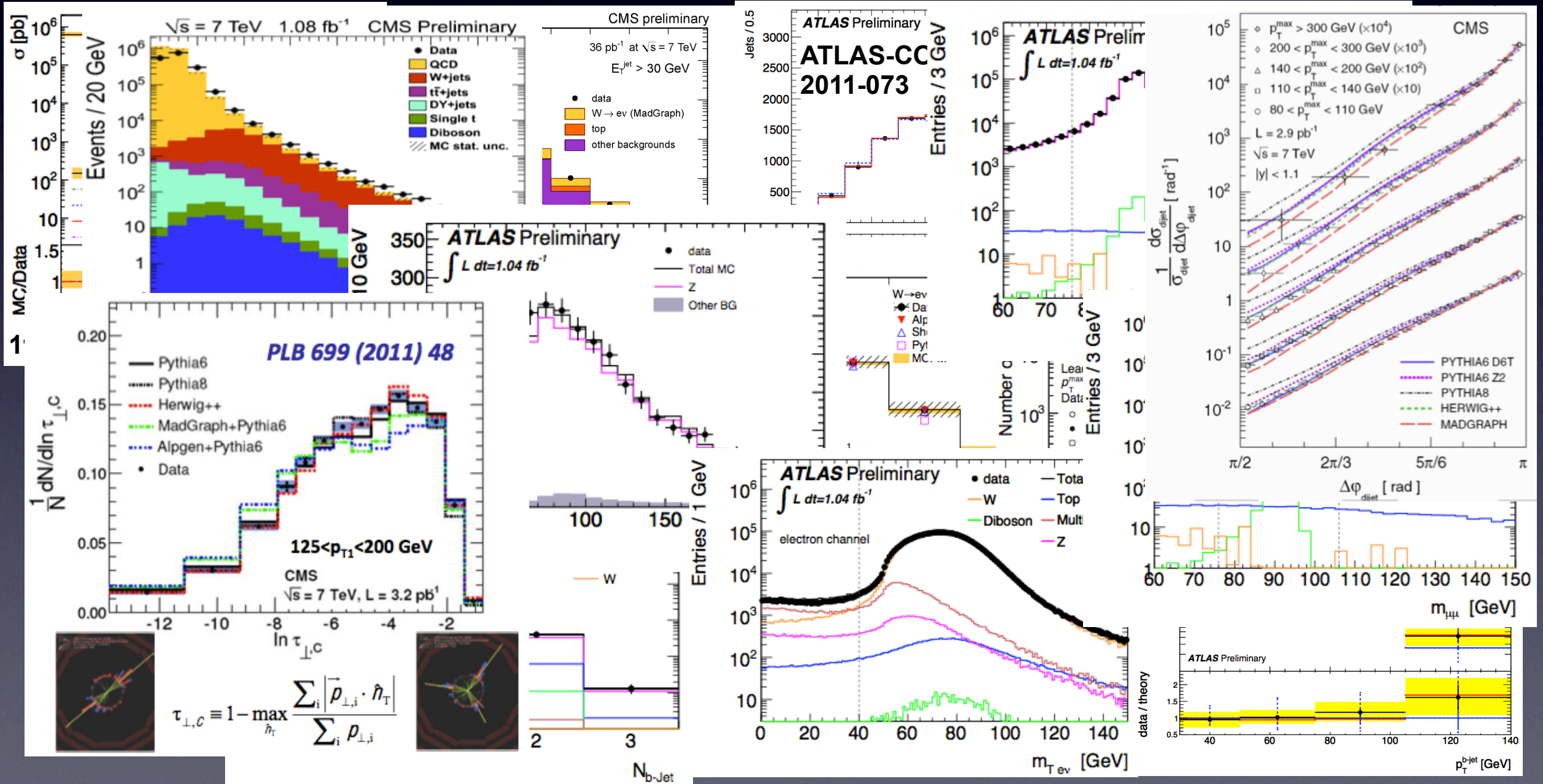
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## An industrial effort to compute NLO multi-leg processes

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» see talk of L. Dixon

## Breakthrough ideas

- sew together **tree** level amplitudes to compute **loop** amplitudes [on-shell intermediate states, cuts, unitarity ideas ...]
- **OPP**: extract coefficients of master integrals by evaluating the amplitudes at specific values of the loop momentum [algebraic method]
- full **D-dimensional unitarity** as a practical numerical tool

Bern, Dixon, Kosower; Britto, Cachazo, Feng; Ossola, Pittau, Papadopoulos; Ellis, Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov

For a pedagogical review on unitarity methods see Ellis, Kunszt, Melnikov, GZ '11



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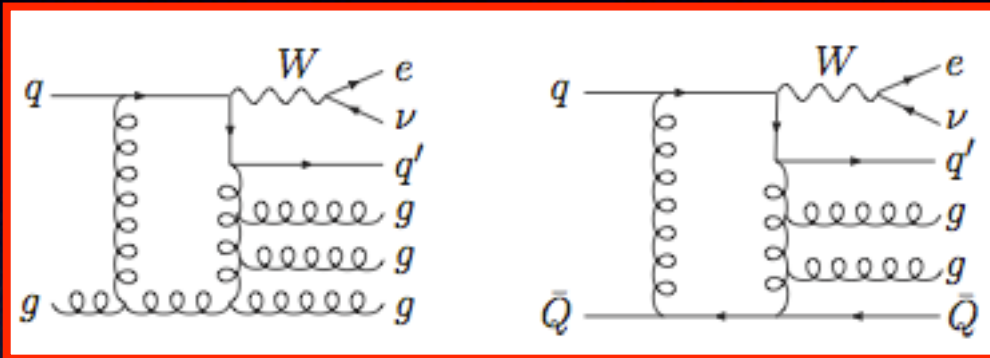
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*The revolution is not in the applications that we see today, rather in the prospect for **low-cost automated** NLO calculations even **beyond  $2 \rightarrow 4$**  in the near future*



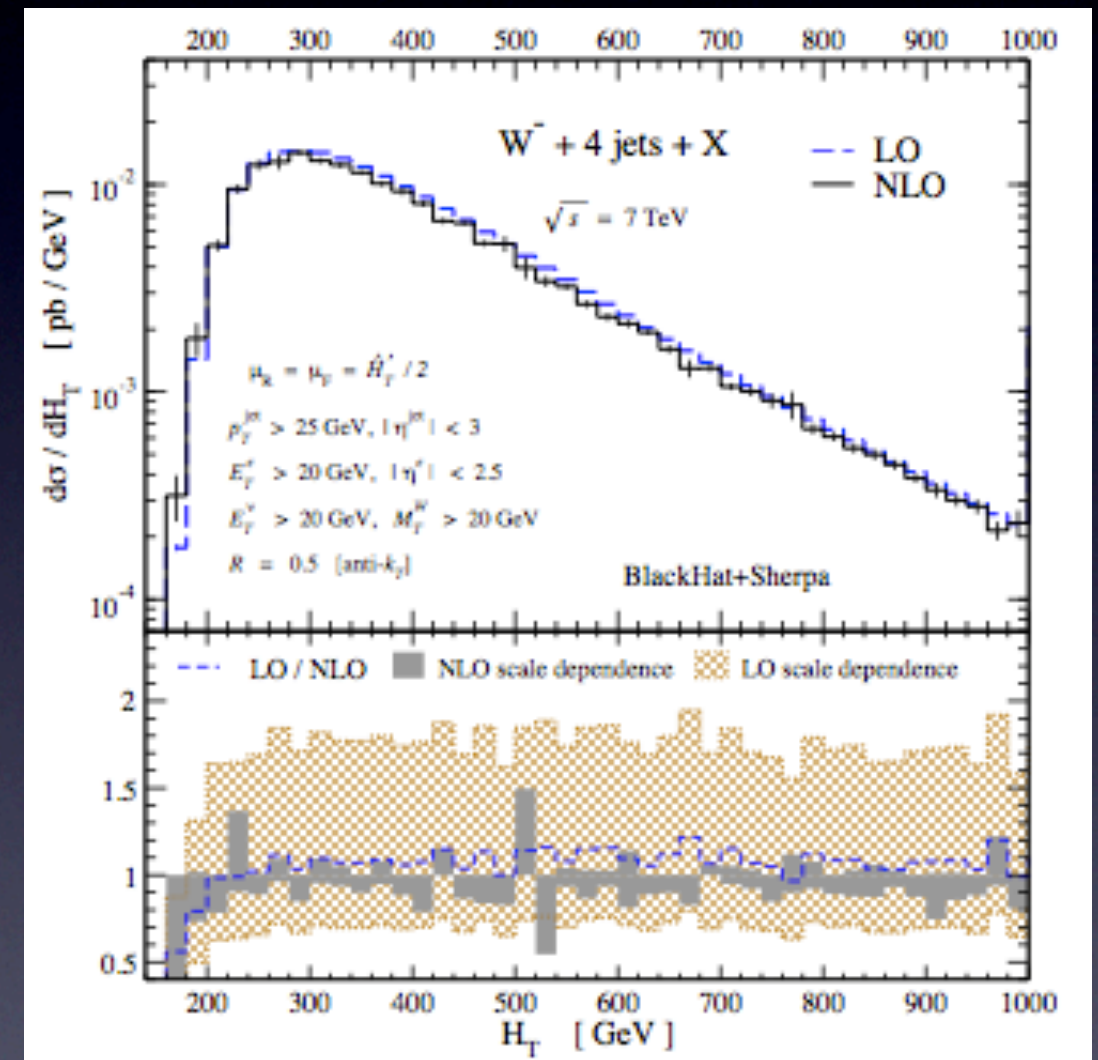
# W + 4jets at NLO

## Sample diagrams\*



- first pp  $\rightarrow$  5
- expected reduction of theoretical uncertainties
- key to top physics analyses: main background to tt in semi-leptonic channel
- Z + 4jets in progress ( $\Rightarrow$  SUSY)

Berger et al.'10



$$H_T = \sum_j p_{T,j} + p_{T,e} + p_{T,miss}$$

\*Leading color calculation (OK to within 3% for lower multiplicities); missing WW + 6q channels (also very small)



# MadLoop

Hirschi et al. [1103.0621](#)

## Automation of NLO

- cross-checks with  $2 \rightarrow 2, 3$
- Feynman diagrams (limited to relatively low multiplicities)
- OPP procedure for virtual
- FKS subtraction of divergences
- clever and efficient procedure for instabilities
- public code soon?

Very valuable even with these restrictions. Improvements and refinements expected soon.

Process		$\mu$	$n_{lf}$	Cross section (pb)	
				LO	NLO
a.1	$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$m_{top}$	5	$123.76 \pm 0.05$	$162.08 \pm 0.12$
a.2	$pp \rightarrow tj$	$m_{top}$	5	$34.78 \pm 0.03$	$41.03 \pm 0.07$
a.3	$pp \rightarrow tjj$	$m_{top}$	5	$11.851 \pm 0.006$	$13.71 \pm 0.02$
a.4	$pp \rightarrow t\bar{b}j$	$m_{top}/4$	4	$25.62 \pm 0.01$	$30.96 \pm 0.06$
a.5	$pp \rightarrow t\bar{b}jj$	$m_{top}/4$	4	$8.195 \pm 0.002$	$8.91 \pm 0.01$
b.1	$pp \rightarrow (W^+ \rightarrow) e^+ \nu_e$	$m_W$	5	$5072.5 \pm 2.9$	$6146.2 \pm 9.8$
b.2	$pp \rightarrow (W^+ \rightarrow) e^+ \nu_e j$	$m_W$	5	$828.4 \pm 0.8$	$1065.3 \pm 1.8$
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b.4	$pp \rightarrow (\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow) e^+ e^-$	$m_Z$	5	$1007.0 \pm 0.1$	$1170.0 \pm 2.4$
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# Merging NLO and PS

## Combine best features

Get correct rates (NLO) and hadron-level description of events (PS)

Difficult because need to avoid double counting

## Two working frameworks

### ► MC@NLO

Frixione & Webber '02 and later refs.

### ► POWHEG

Nason '04 and later refs.

## Processes implemented

- W/Z boson production
- WW, WZ, ZZ production
- inclusive Higgs production
- heavy quark production
- single-top
- dijets
- $W^+W^+$  + dijets ...
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[ ... ]



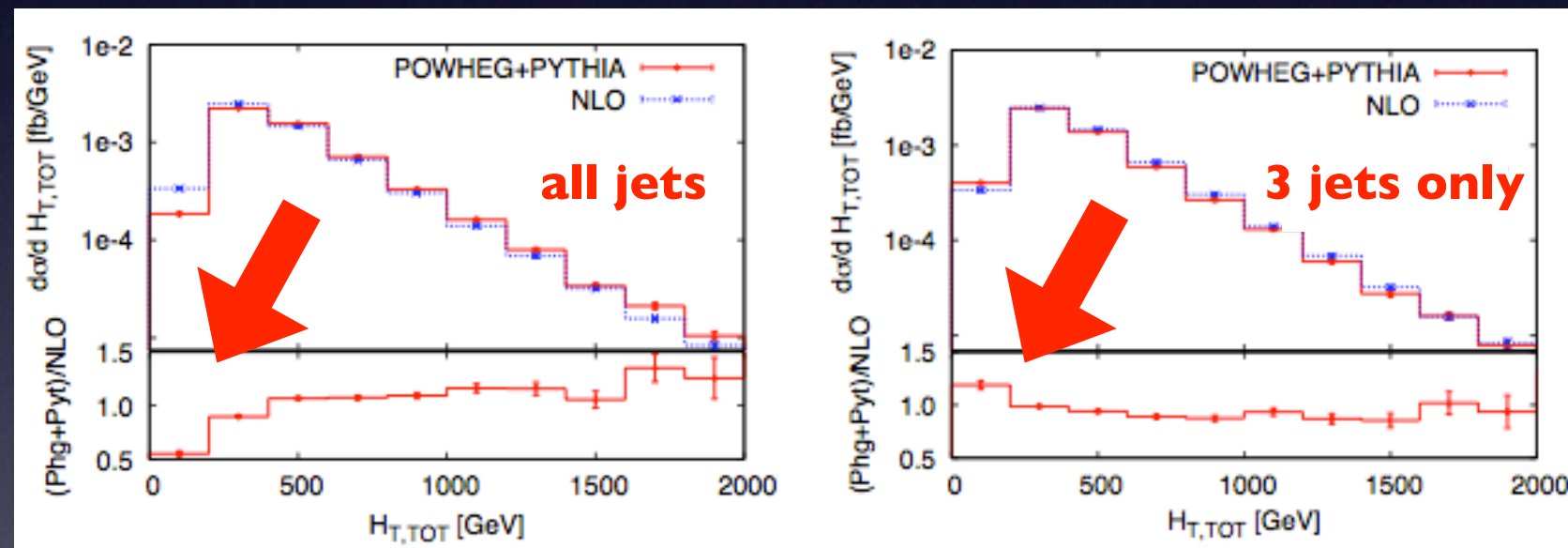
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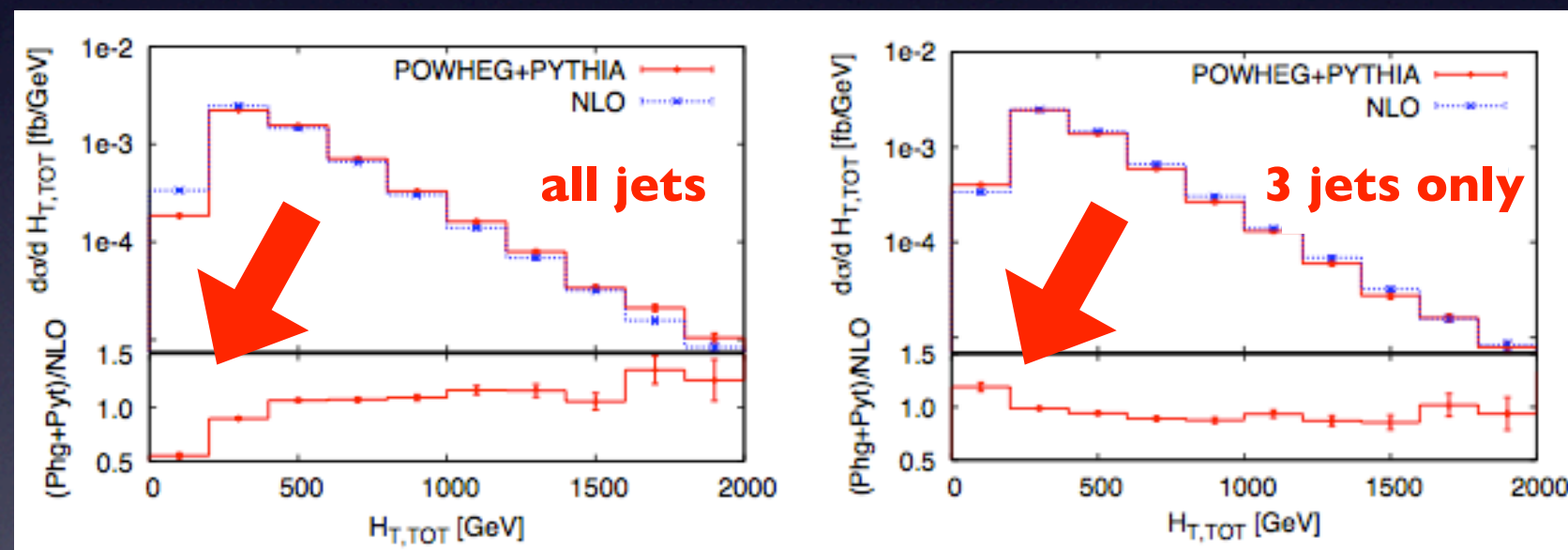
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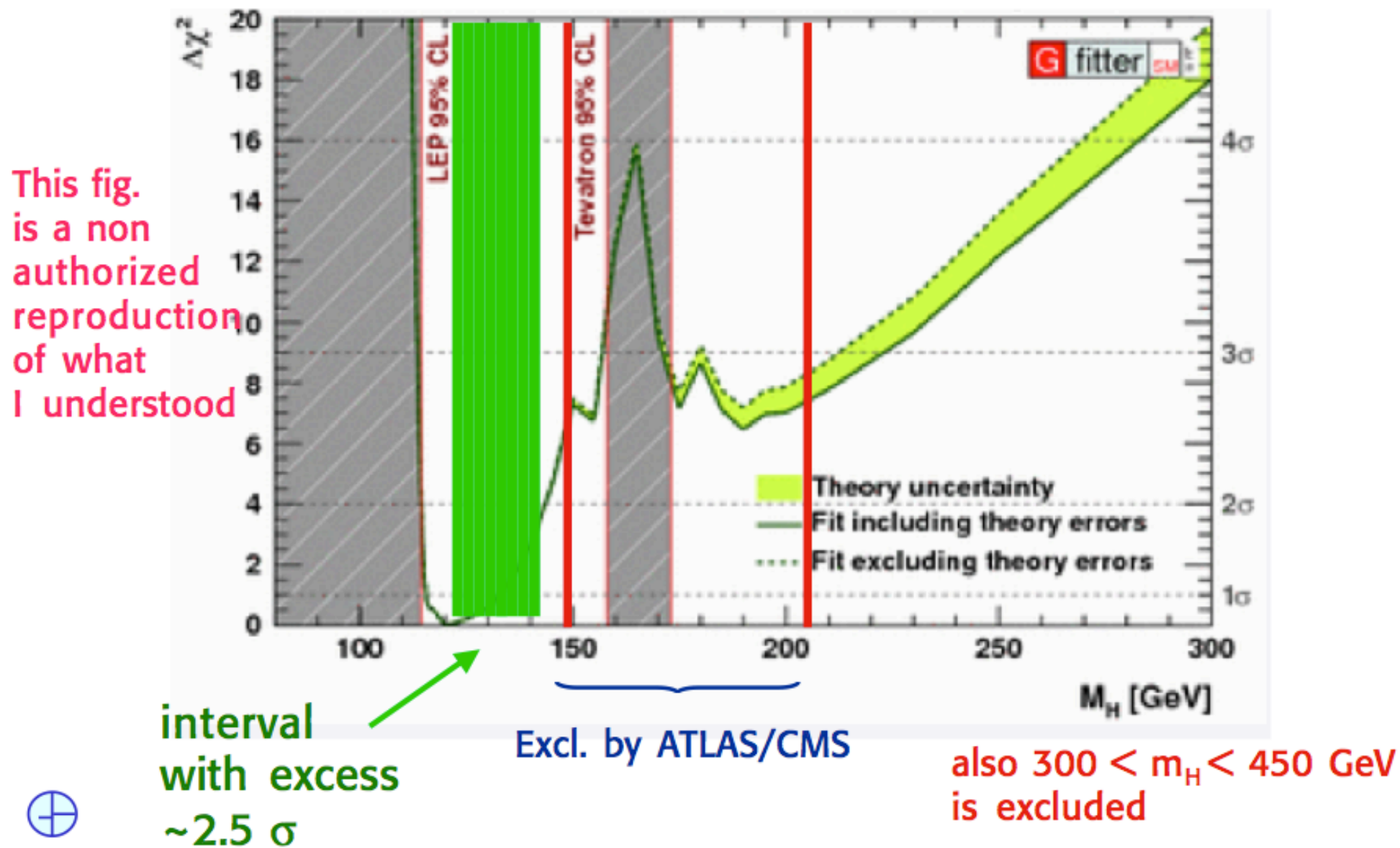
Hirschi et al. I104.5613



# Higgs searches

» see talks of E. James and W. Murray

The SM Higgs is close to be observed or excluded



slide taken from G. Altarelli



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The urge to understand EW symmetry breaking led to most advanced theoretical predictions, for instance, we know the main  $gg \rightarrow H$  production mechanism in the SM including

- NLO with exact top and bottom loop Djouadi, Graudenz, Spira, Zerwas '93,'95
- NNLO in large  $m_t$  limit Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven '03; Kilgore and Harlander '02  
Anastasiou, Melnikov '02
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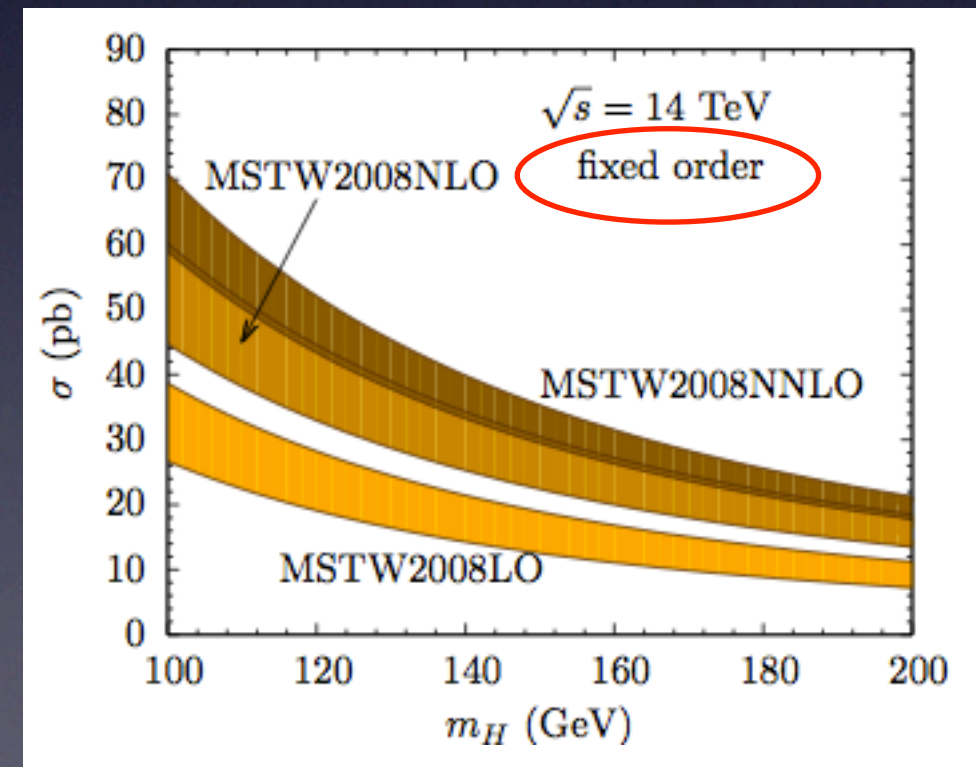
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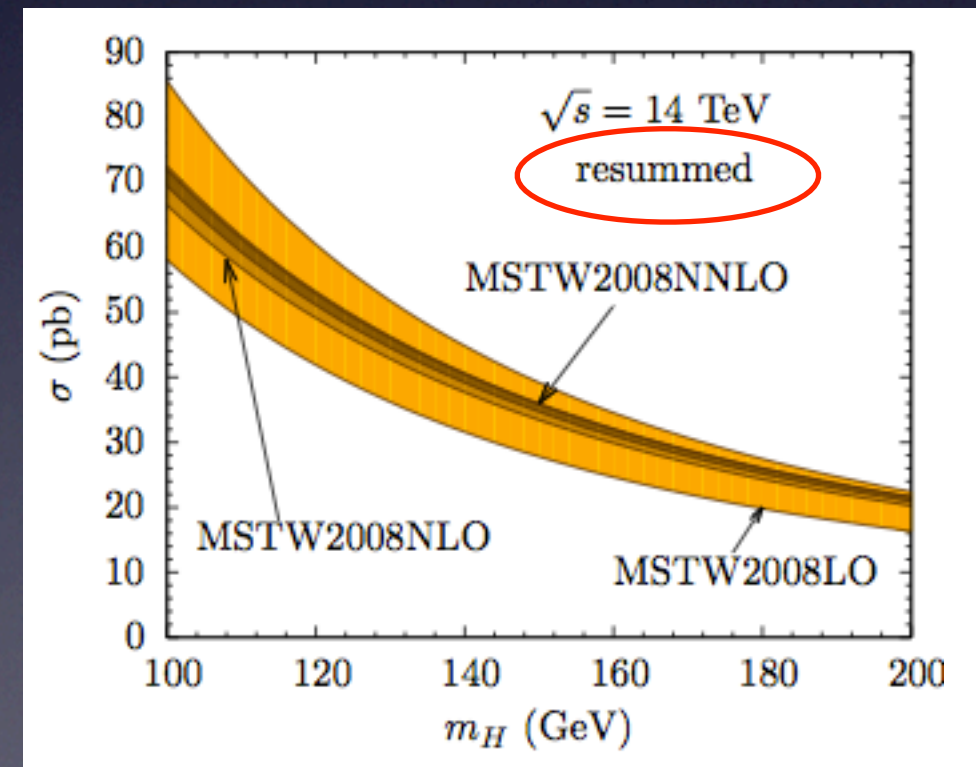
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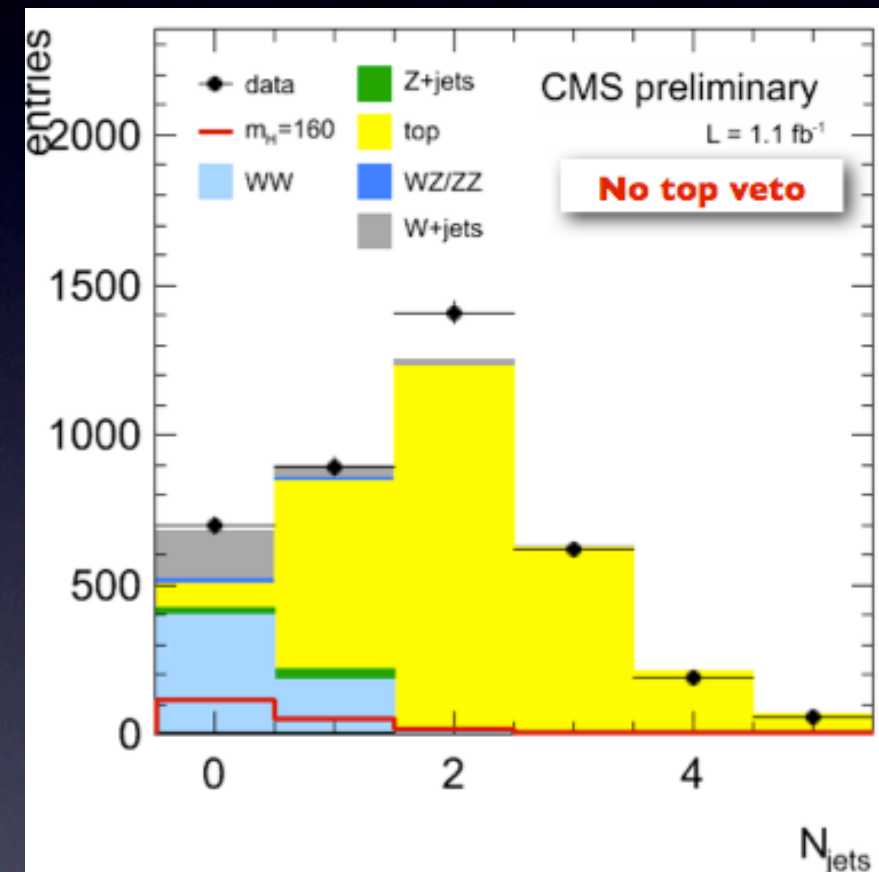
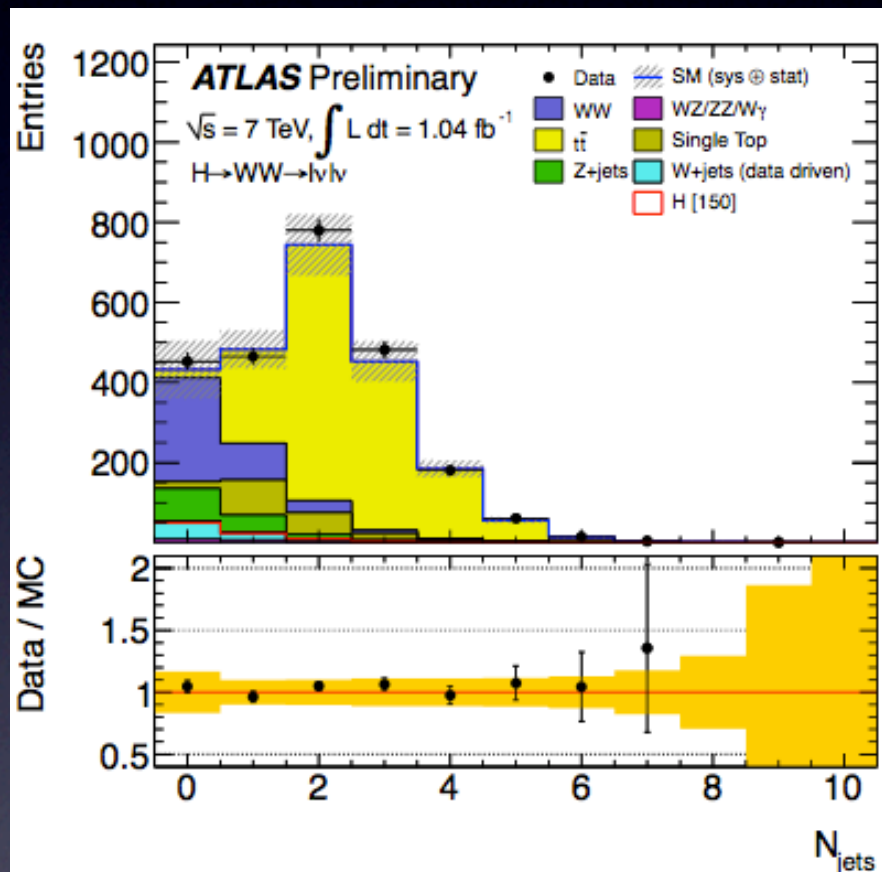


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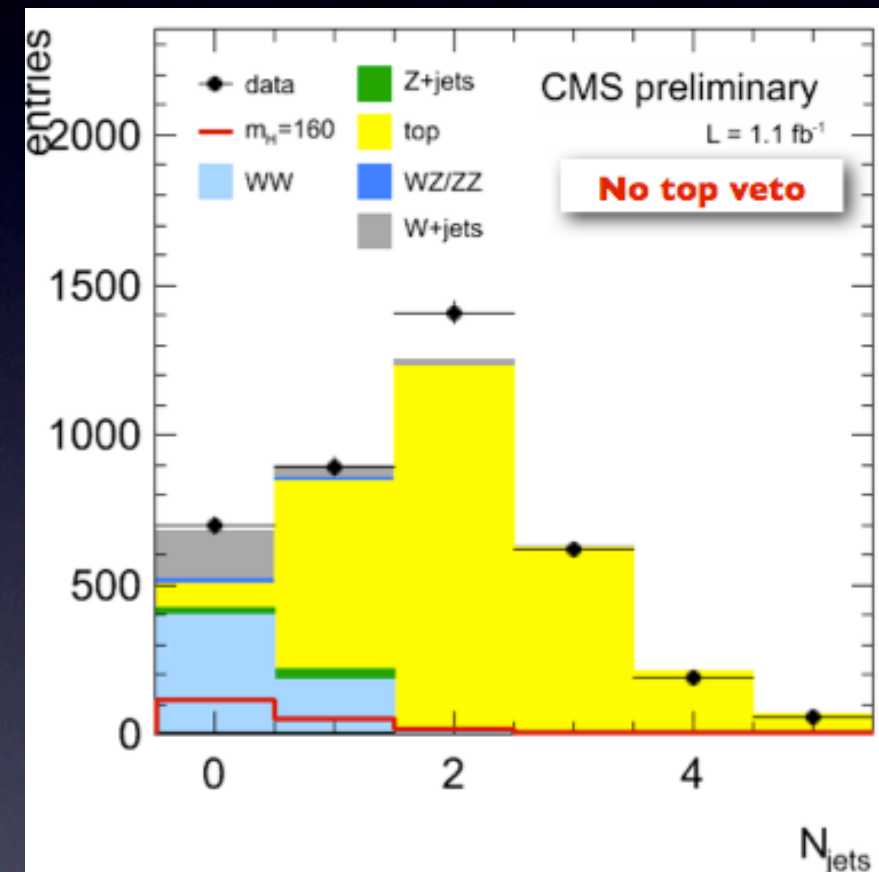
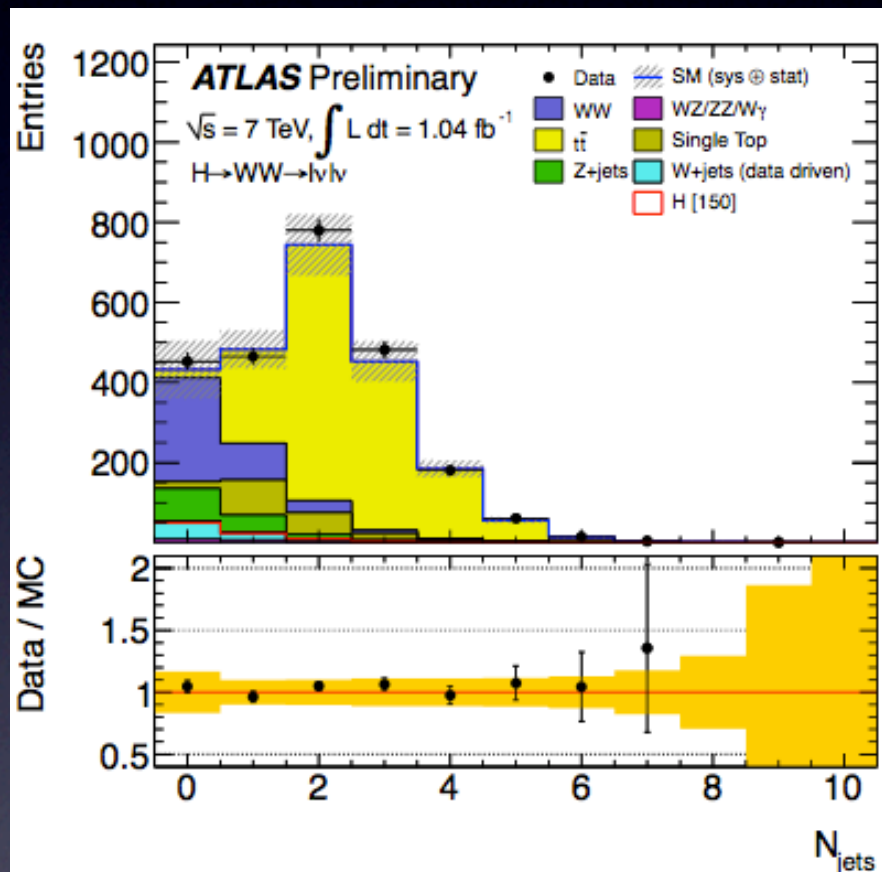
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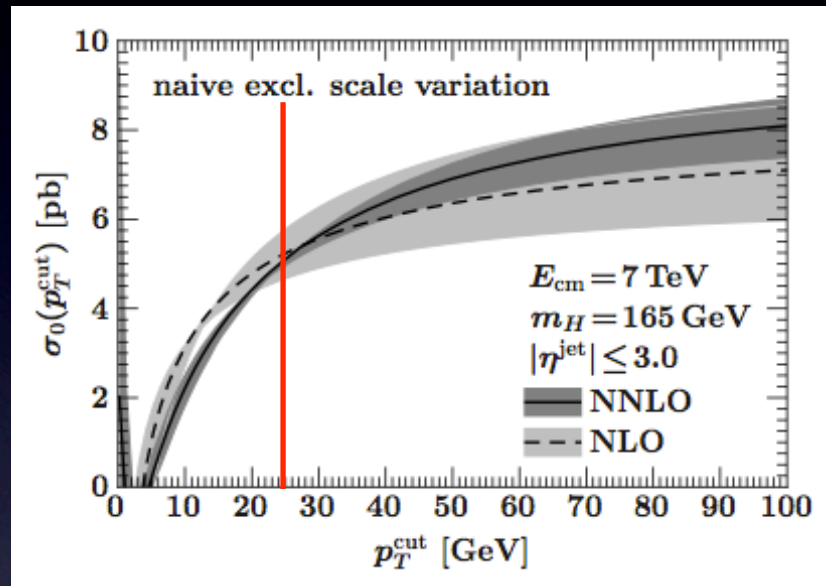
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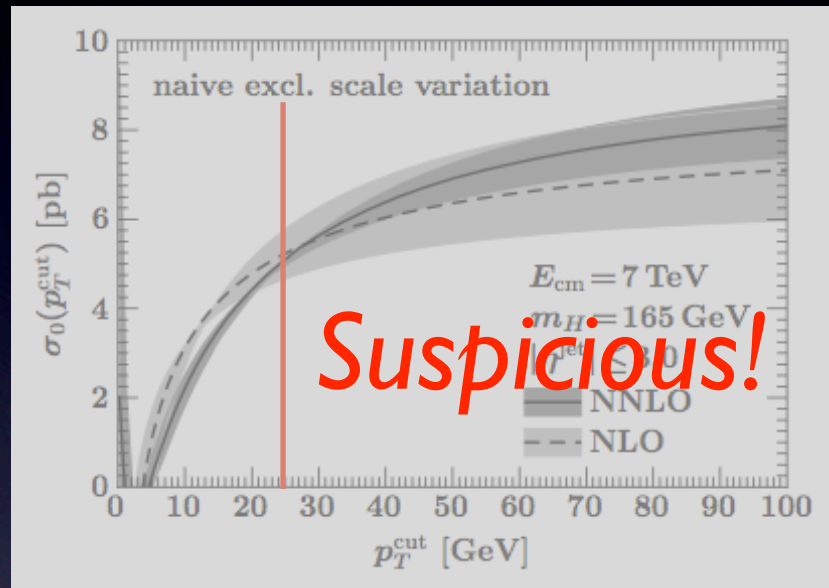
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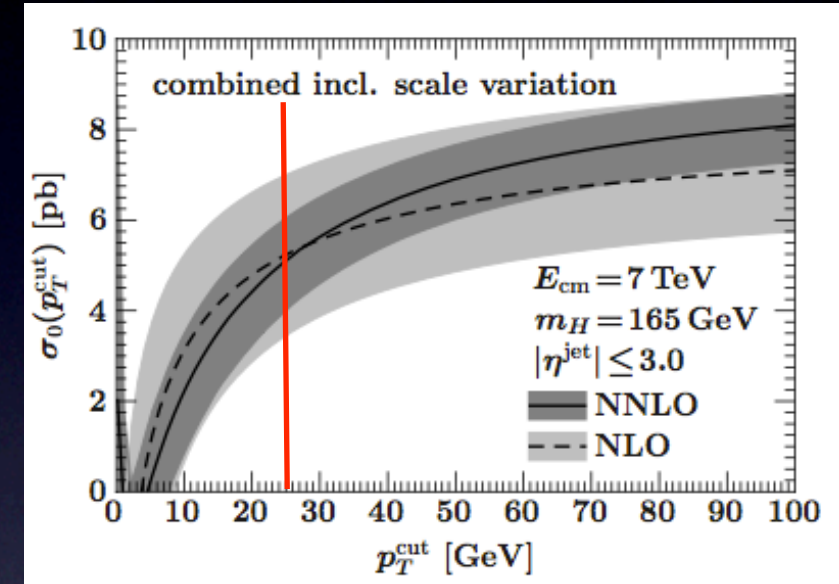
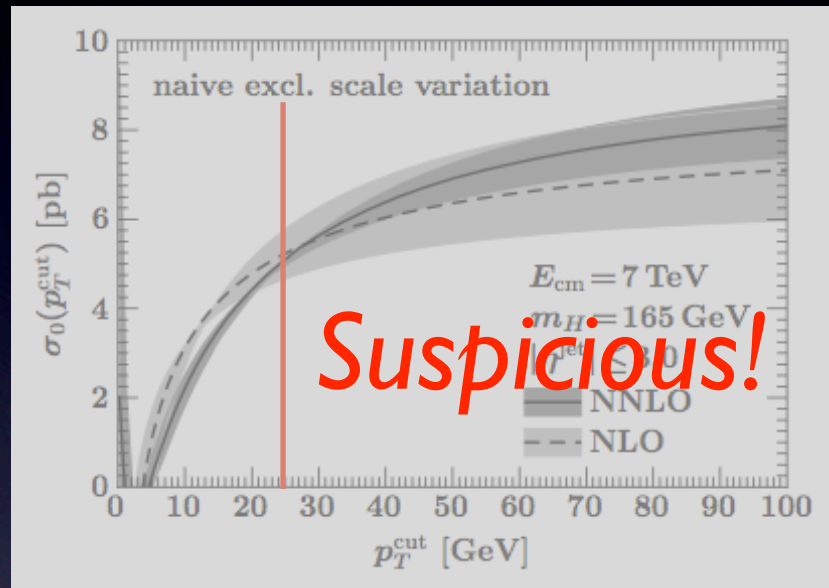
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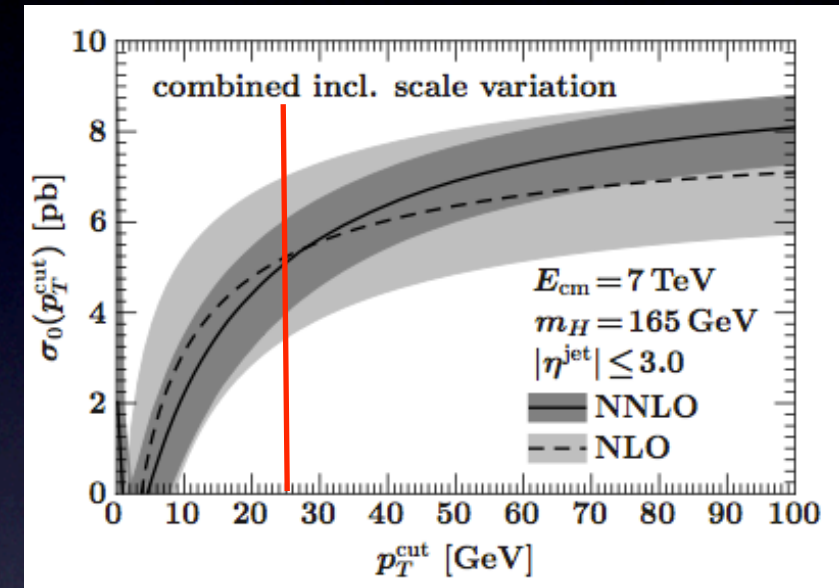
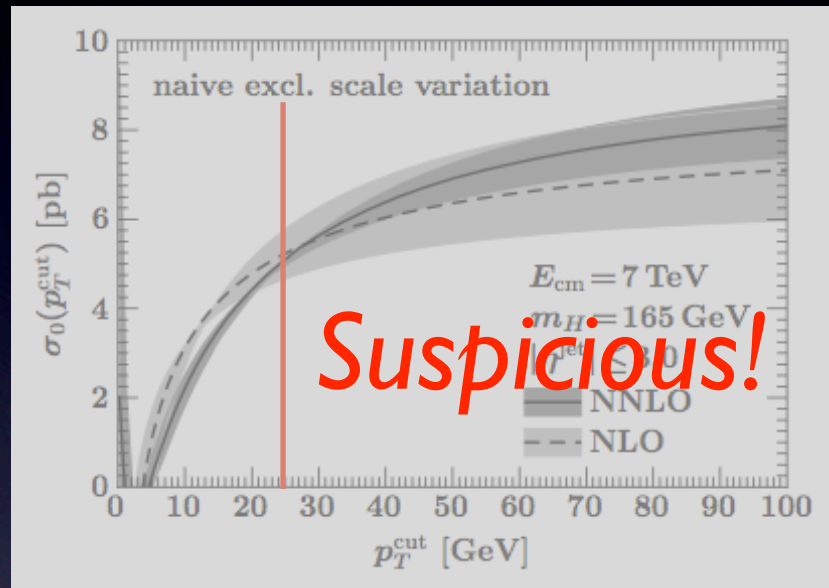
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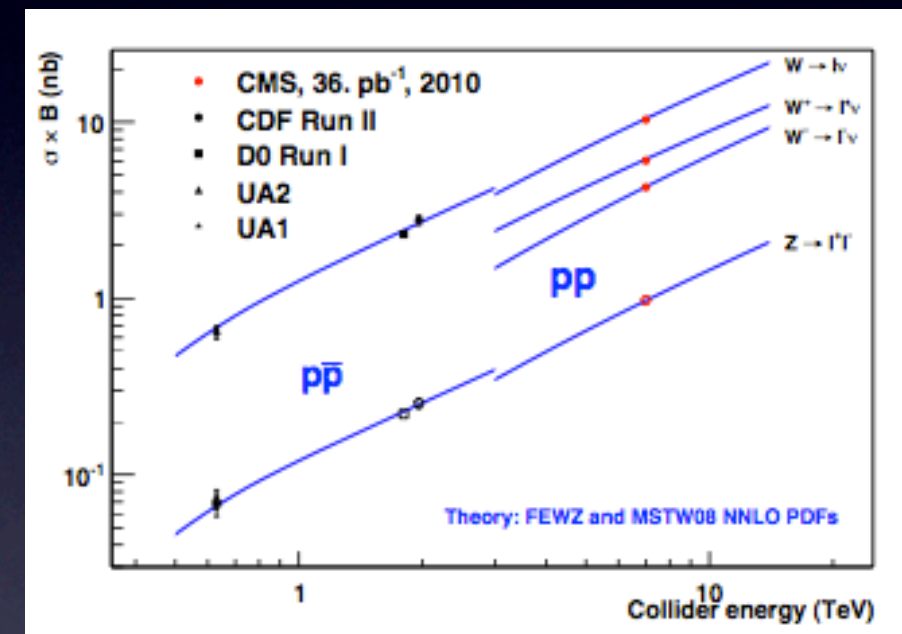
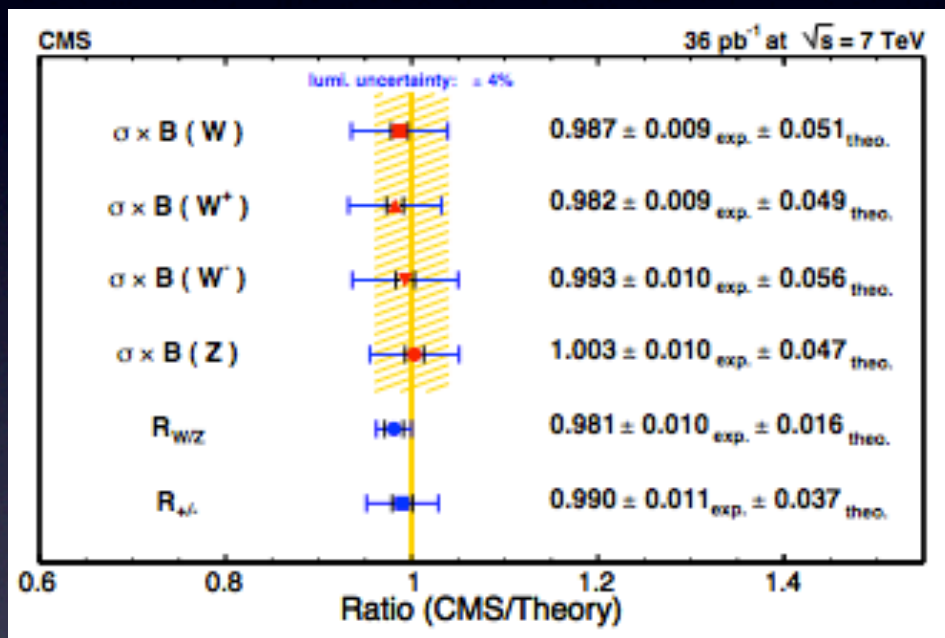
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# NNLO: DY

» see talk of J. Alcaraz

Impressive agreement between experiment and NNLO theory



Quantity	Ratio (CMS/Theory)			Lumi. uncert. (4%)
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CMS PAS EVK-10-005, similar results from ATLAS not shown here



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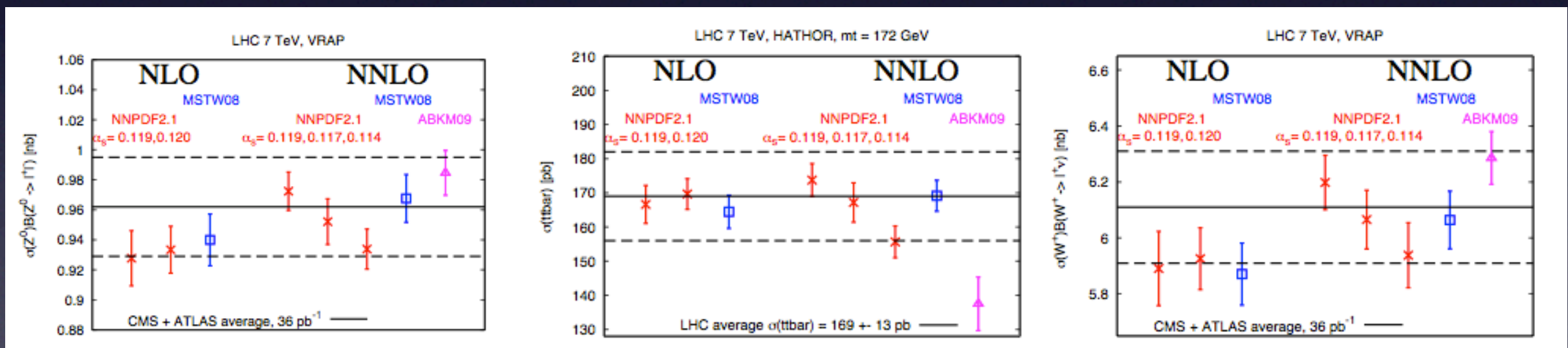


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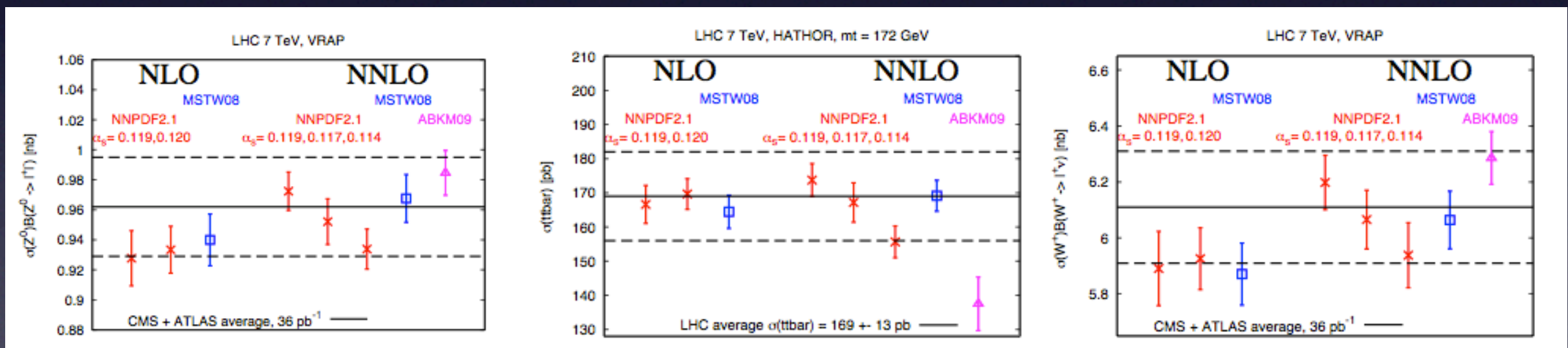


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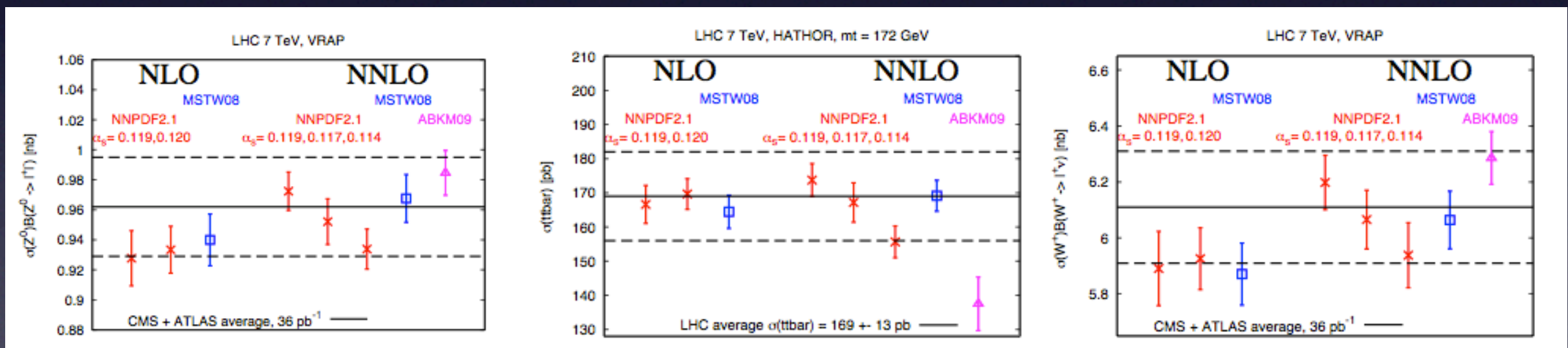


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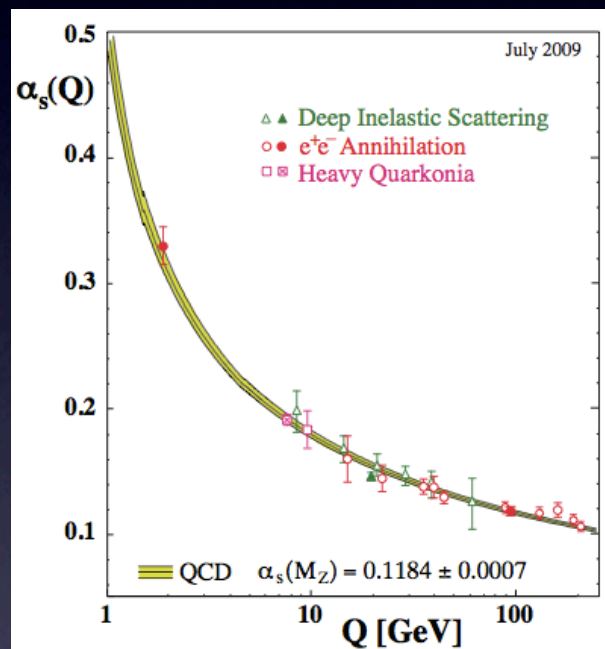
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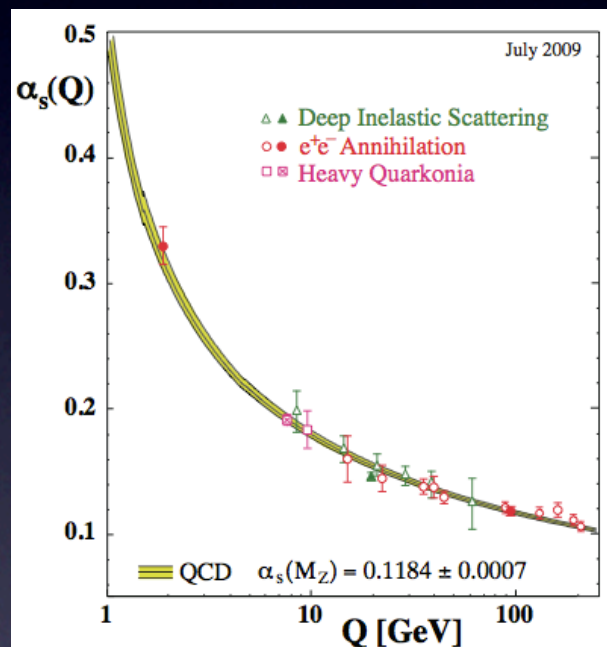
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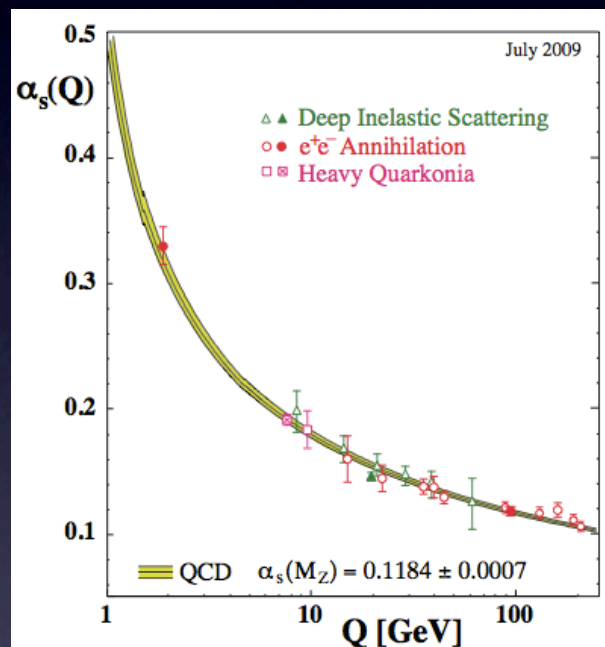


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Abbate et al. 1106.3080

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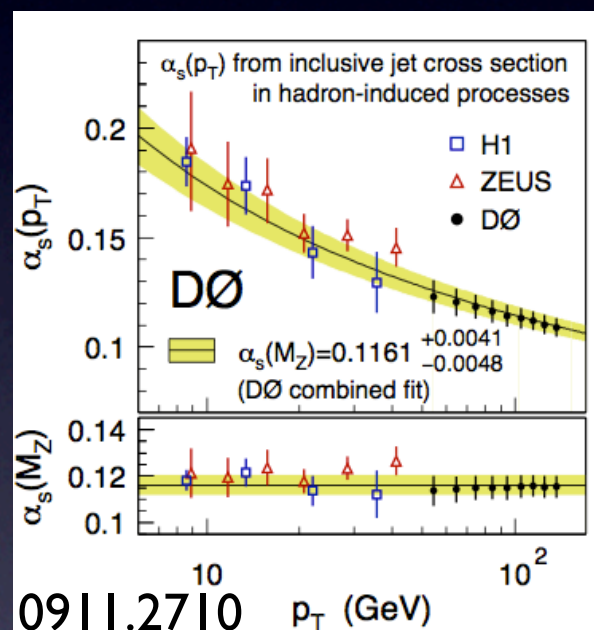
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$p\bar{p}$ incl. jets	50-145	$0.1161 \pm 0.0045$	$0.1183 \pm 0.0010$	0.4
$e^+e^-$ [ew prec. data]	91.2	$0.1193 \pm 0.0028$	$0.1182 \pm 0.0010$	0.4
$e^+e^-$ [jets & shps]	91 - 208	$0.1208 \pm 0.0038$	$0.1182 \pm 0.0011$	0.7
$e^+e^-$ [5-jet]	91 - 208	$0.1155^{+0.0041}_{-0.0034}$	$0.1183 \pm 0.0010$	0.6

$$\sigma_{\text{pert}} = \left( \sum_n \alpha_s^n c_n \right) \otimes f_1(\alpha_s) \otimes f_2(\alpha_s)$$

Open issue: treatment of very accurate outliers e.g.

$$\alpha_s = 0.1135 \pm 0.0010 \text{ [SCET, thrust at N}^3\text{LO]}$$

Abbate et al. 1106.3080

$$\alpha_s = 0.1213 \pm 0.0014 \text{ } [\tau\text{-decays}]$$

Pich 1001.0389

$$\alpha_s = 0.1122 \pm 0.0014 \text{ [NNLO DIS]}$$

Alekhin et al. 1001.0389

G. Zanderighi — Oxford University

Competitive measurements  
at the LHC? Combined fit  
with pdfs or use ratios?



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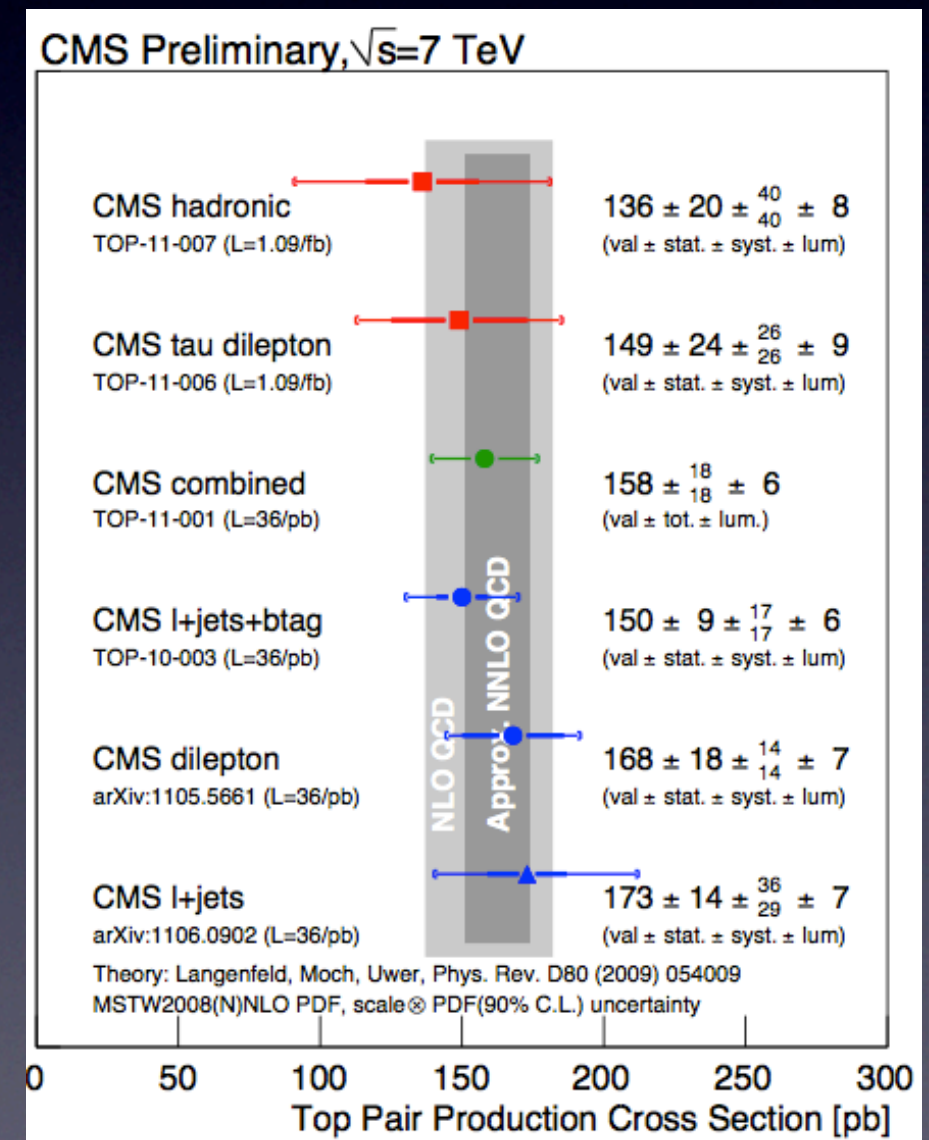
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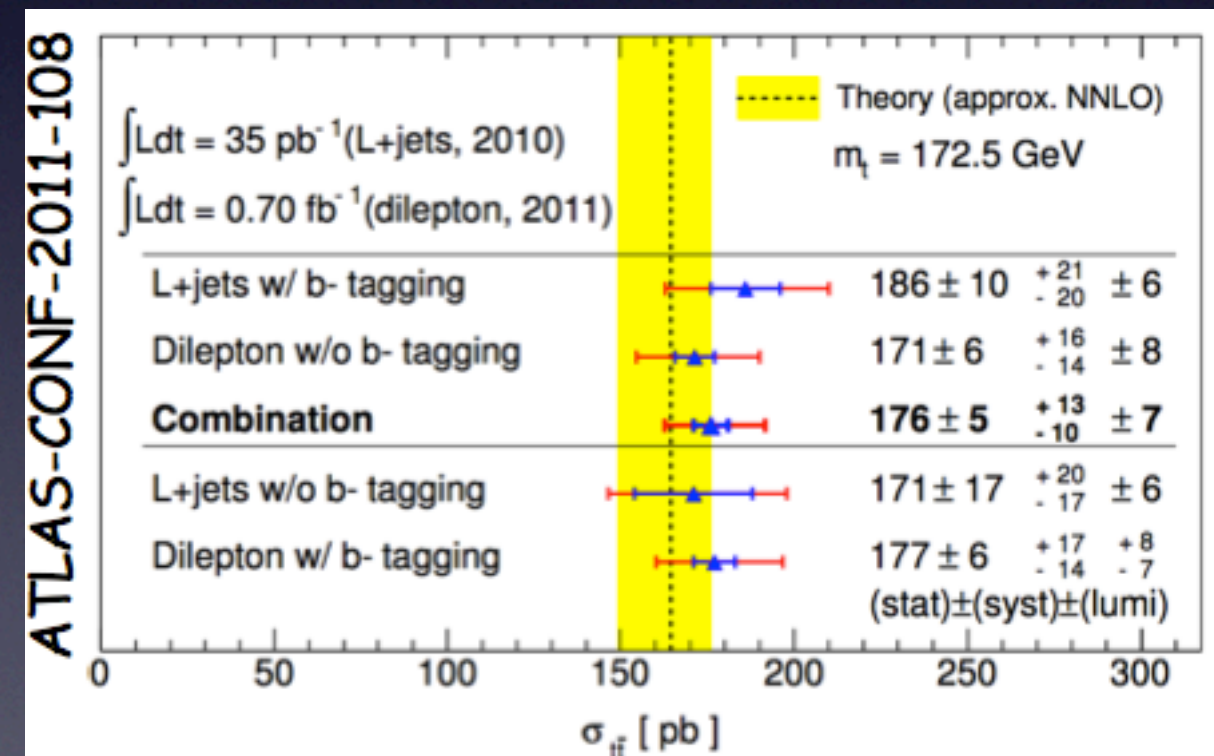
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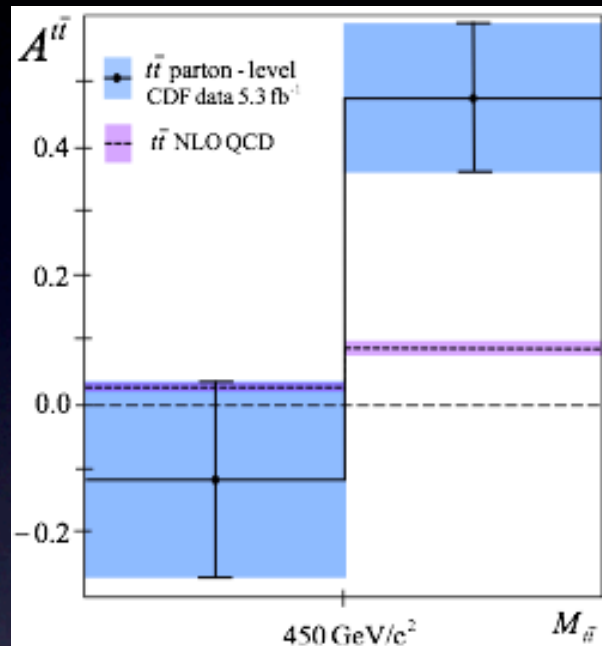
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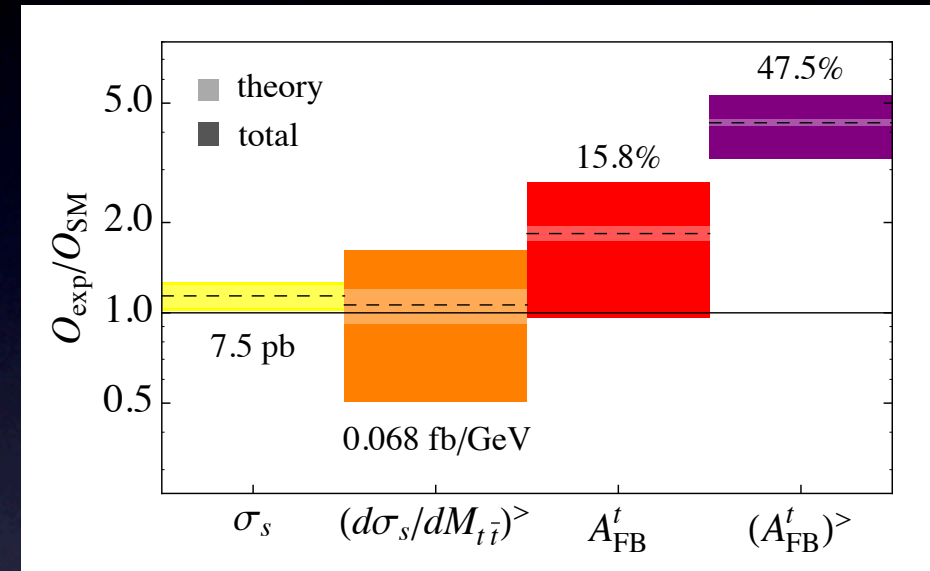


# Top charge asymmetry



CDF 1101.0034

Tension between sym. and asym.



see talk by S. Westhoff

$2.7\sigma$  /  $4.2\sigma$  away from the NLO+NNLL theory. Seen both by CDF and D0, CDF effect enhanced at large  $M_{tt}$ , also in dilepton channel

Asymmetry is 0 at LO, but theoretical arguments and partial higher orders suggest that NLO is robust under higher-order corrections

Almeida et al. 0805.1885; Melnikov and Schulze 1004.3284; Ahrens et al. 1106.6051 ...

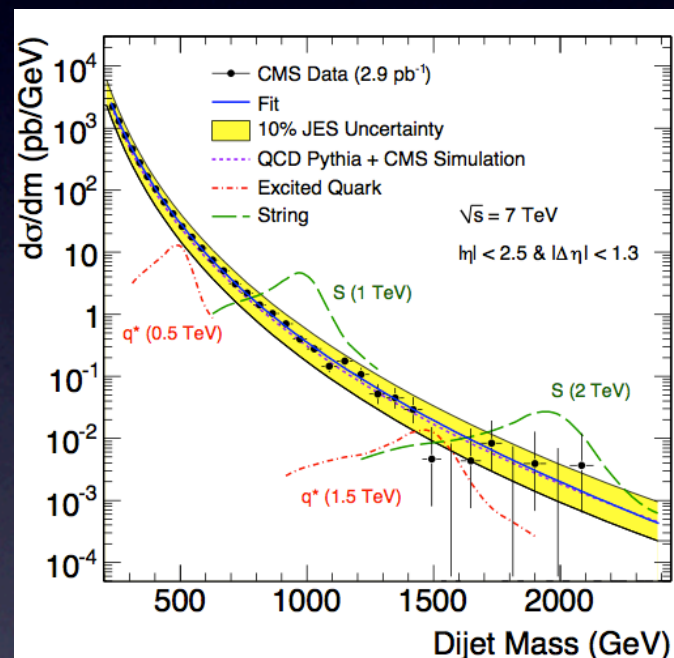
Various new models try to explain data, but difficult to preserve good agreement with symmetric cross-section, like-sign top decays, ...



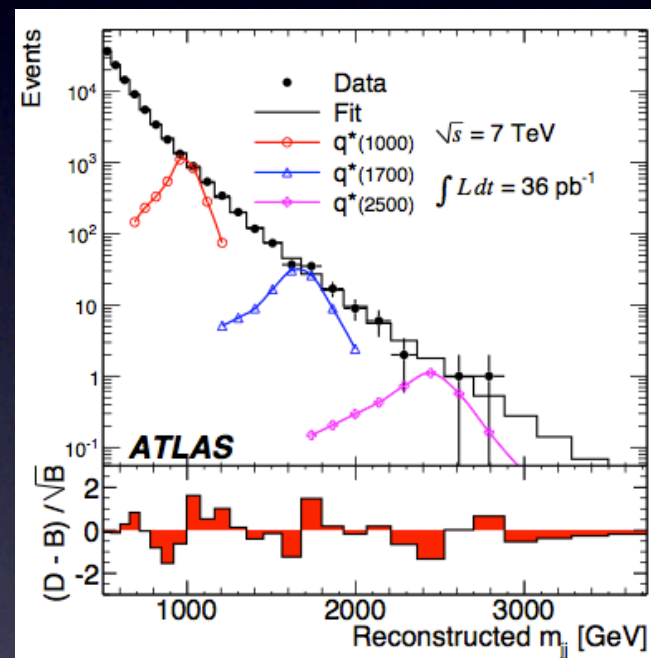
# Jet algorithms



ATLAS and CMS adopted as default jet-algorithm: **anti- $k_t$**



CMS PRL 105 (2010)



ATLAS New J. Phys 13 (2011)

$$d_{ij} = \frac{1}{\max(k_{ti}^2, k_{tj}^2)} \frac{\Delta R_{ij}}{R}$$

Cacciari, Salam, Soyez '08

So far, at the LHC  
jets could probe the  
highest energy scales  
**~ 4 TeV**

[Tevatron ~ 1 TeV]

Also used: Cambridge-Aachen (CA),  $k_t$  algorithm and SIScone

Catani et al. '92-'93; Ellis and Soper '93; Dokshitzer et al. '97; Salam and Soyez '08

*First time only infrared-safe algorithms are used systematically at a collider!*



# Inside jets

Today, we have a yet more sophisticated description of jets

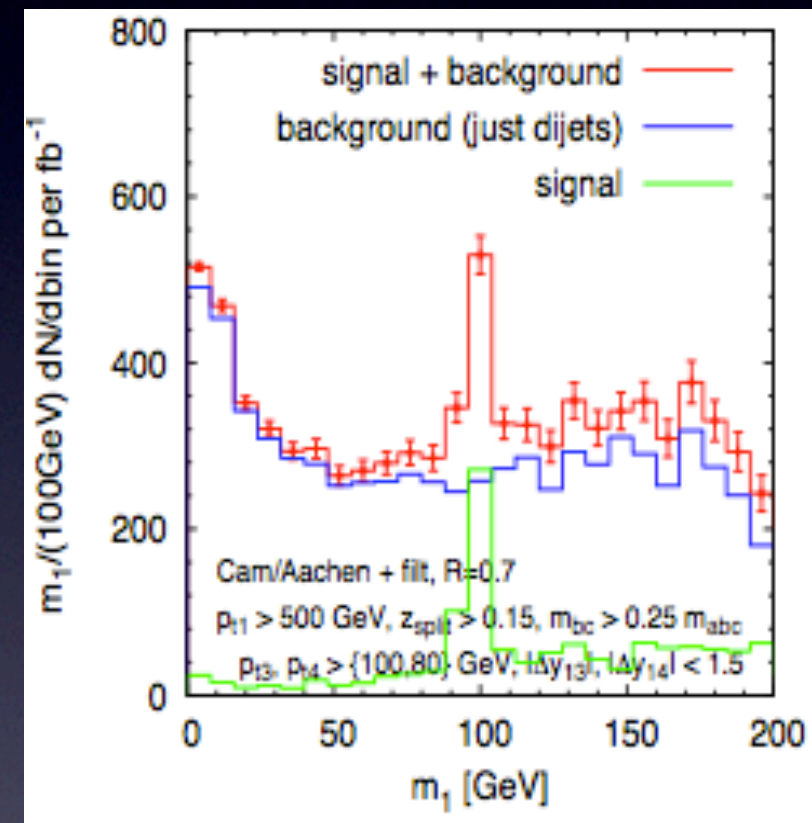
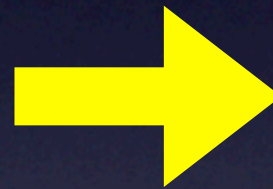
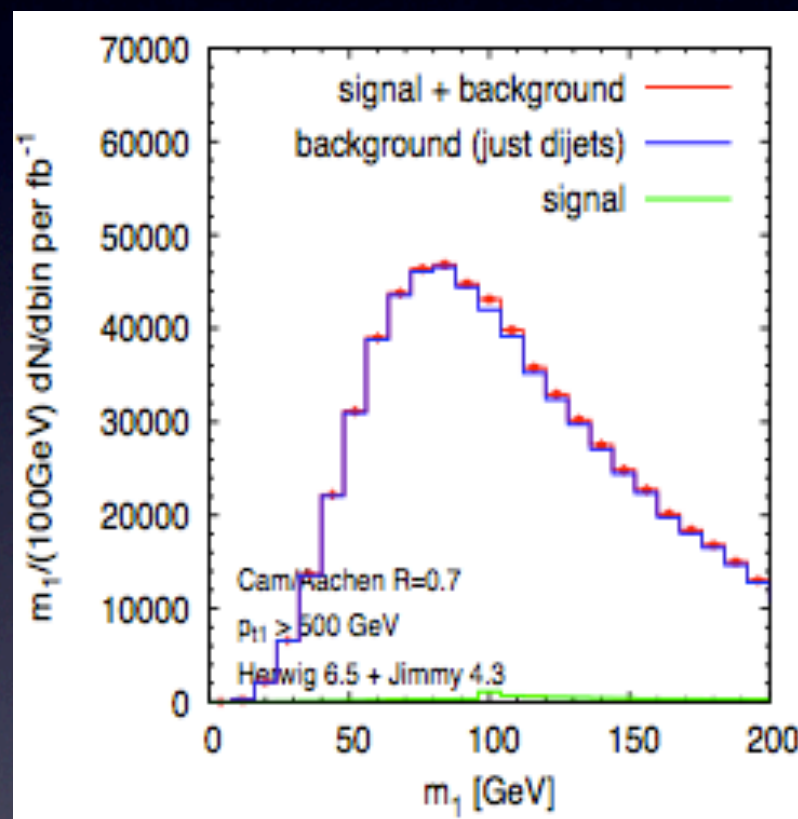
- boosted massive objects → **fat jets, with internal structure**
  - look inside a fat jet → **jet-substructure**
  - eliminate underlying event/pile-up from jet → **jet-grooming**
    - **filtering**: e.g. undo last recombinations and keep only few sub-jets
    - **pruning**: take a jet of interest and recluster it and veto asymmetric wide angle recombinations
    - **trimming**: discard regions in a jet with too little energy
- + big gain in sensitivity over traditional methods
- might lose many events with boosted regime and kinematical cuts

Almeida, Butterworth, Cacciari, Chen, Davison, Ellis, Falkowski, Han, Katz, Kim, Kribs, Krohn, Lee, Martin, Nojiri, Perez, Plehn, Raklev, Rehermann, Roy, Rojo, Rubin, Salam, Shelton, Sreethawong, Son, Soyez, Sung, Thaler, Tweedie, Schwartz, Seymour, Soper, Spannowski, Sterman, Virzi, Wang, Zhu, ...



# Jets in SUSY

SUSY with R-parity violating decays  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow qqq$  most difficult challenge



Look inside the jets with method of Butterworth et al. 0906.0728

Sophisticated jet studies a young field. No precise rules for systematically making discoveries easier. Potential demonstrated, more “work in progress”

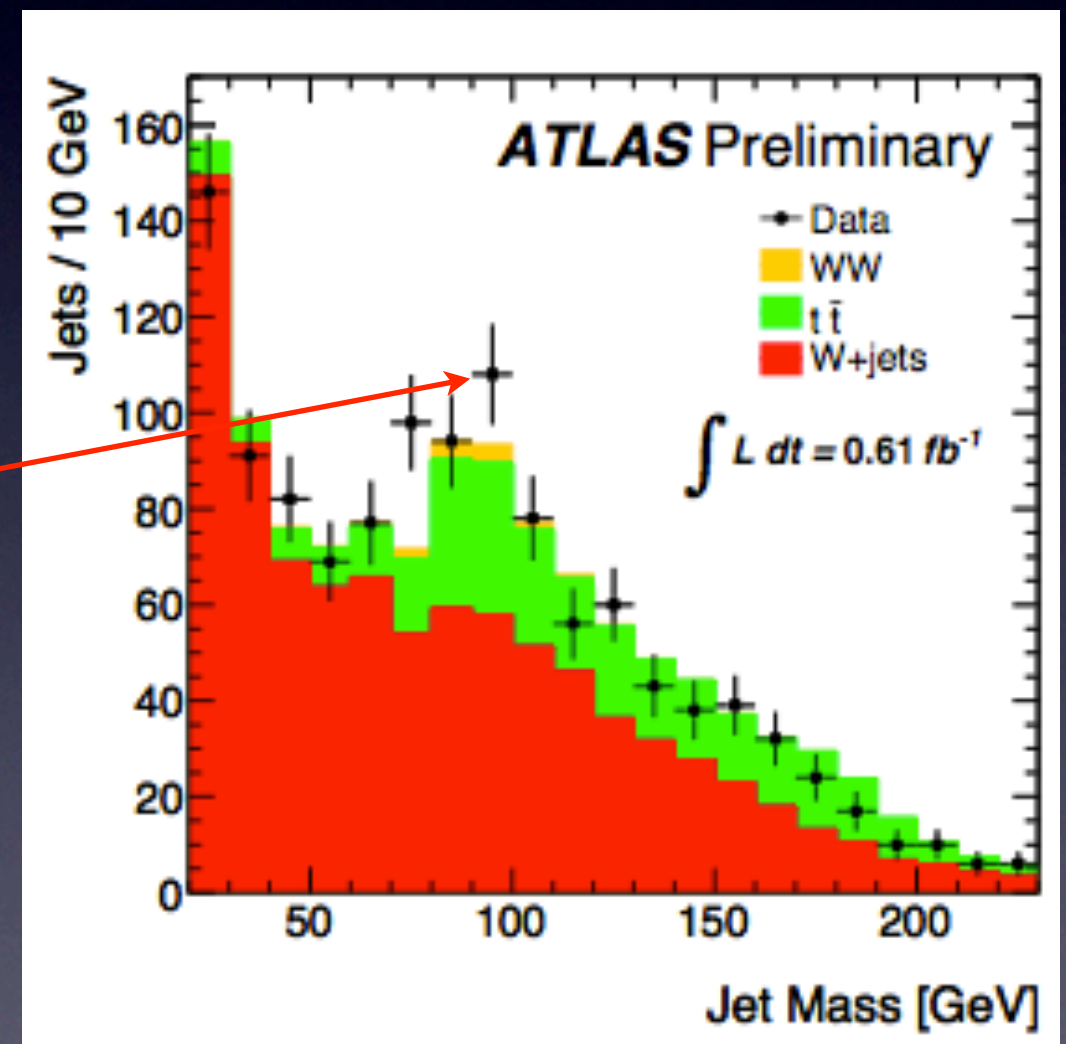


# Jets in SUSY

New methods already in use at the LHC

Example relevant for  $WH(\rightarrow bb)$ :  
single jet hadronic mass in  $W+lj$

Z peak evident. Very promising  
Expect many new results with boosted  
techniques at higher statistics soon





# Conclusions

SM/QCD is a very dynamic field. Enormous progress in recent years

- amazing technical achievements (higher multiplicities and/or loops)
- clever merging to catch best features of different calculations
- ingenuity in refining observables
- sophisticated techniques for looking inside jets
- also spectacular formal developments [IR/UV structures,  $\mathcal{N}=4$  or  $\mathcal{N}=8$  SYM, twistors, Wilson loops  $\Leftrightarrow$  amplitudes, symbols, ...]
- ...

⇒ see talk of L. Dixon

*“True genius resides in the capacity for evaluation of uncertain, hazardous, and conflicting information.”*

W. Churchill

Spectacular results presented here but there is still lots more to come out of the LHC. We are well prepared to get the most out of it.



# *Thank you for your attention*

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