

# Impressions from UE&MC working group

- discussion on what is Min Bias
  - experimental aspects ... trigger
  - how to treat diffraction
- Model builders view ...
- what can be learned from forward region
- program for fitting and tuning....

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## Minimum Bias and Underlying Event Working Group

chaired by Michelangelo Mangano (CERN)

from Monday 01 March 2010 at 08:00 to Tuesday 02 March 2010 at 18:00 (Europe/Zurich)  
at CERN ( TH Theory Conference Room )

**Description** BOOKED a meeting in EVD.

*Title: Minimum Bias and Underlying Event Working Group*

*Description: Minimum Bias and Underlying Event Working Group*

*Community: Universe*

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### Monday 01 March 2010

- 09:30 - 13:00 **Minimum Bias, LHC experimental results**  
Convenor: Michelangelo Mangano (CERN)
- 09:30 **Welcome coffee 30'** (TH common room )  
Served in the TH common room, on the floor under the TH Auditorium, in front of the TH secretariat
- 10:00 **Introduction 20'**  
Setting the goals for the meeting  
Speakers: Michelangelo Mangano (CERN)  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 10:20 **ALICE 40'**  
Speakers: Jan Plete Grosse-Oetringhaus (CERN)  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 11:00 **ATLAS 40'**  
Speakers: Emily Nurse, William H. Bell (Universit  de Gen ve)  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 11:40 **CMS 40'**  
Speakers: Edward Allen Wenger (Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (MIT))  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 12:20 **LHCb 40'**  
Speakers: Michael Schmelling  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 13:00 - 14:00 lunch break
- 14:00 - 18:30 **Modeling of MB and diffraction**
- 14:00 **Min-Bias Models - The modeling of SD, DD, and ND 40'**  
Speakers: Peter Skands (CERN)  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 14:45 **Discriminating power of forward calorimetric observables for MB&UE modeling 20'**  
Speakers: Hannes Jung  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 15:05 **Discussion 30'**  
- First assessment of the inputs from the available LHC data  
- Overview of additional observables providing inputs for the understanding of MB data: correlations  $p_T$  versus  $N_{ch}$ , etc), forward observables, input from TOTEM, etc.  
Material: [Slides](#)
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- Remarks from ATLAS 15'  
Speakers: Emily Nurse
- 16:00 coffee break 30'

16:30 - 18:30 **Modeling of MB and diffraction: Impact of MC modeling on the extraction of luminosity from MB triggers**

16:30 **MC studies 20'**

Speakers: Beate Heinemann (LBNL and UC Berkeley)

Material: [Paper](#)

### Tuesday 02 March 2010

- 09:00 - 10:30 **Underlying event issues**
- 09:00 **Current status of our understanding of the UE and its relationship to MB 40'**  
Speakers: Richard D. Field  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 09:40 **On the characterisation of the underlying event 20'**  
Speakers: Sebastian Sapeta  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 10:00 **Discussion 30'**
- 10:30 - 11:00 coffee break
- 11:00 - 13:00 **Tuning issues**
- 11:00 **Introduction 15'**  
Speakers: Michelangelo Mangano (CERN)  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 11:15 **Remarks from ATLAS 15'**  
Speakers: Judith K tzy (DESY, HAMBURG)  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 11:30 **Remarks from CMS 20'**  
Speakers: Paolo Bartalini  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 11:50 **Remarks from LHCb 20'**  
Speakers: Raluca Muresan  
Material: [Slides](#)
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 - 18:30 **Executive session**  
Meeting of the WG convenors  
Location: 40-R-818

**Primary areas of interest and goals**

- Determination of general properties of the structure of final states in MB events and in the UE of hard collisions
- Definition of common observables, to be used for comparison across the experiments
- Discussion of MC event-generator tools, definition of common benchmarks
- Global tuning of MC parameters

**WG composition**

ALICE	Jan Fiete Grosse-Oetringhaus
ATLAS	Kevin Einsweiler/Stefan Tapprogge
CMS	Rick Field
LHCb	Raluca Muresan/Michael Schmelling
TOTEM	Ken Österberg/Valentina Avati
LPCC	Michelangelo Mangano

plus experts from the experiments and TH, as consultants

# Format/**Goals** of this meeting

- Open sessions on Monday full day and Tuesday morning
  - Mon-AM: Overview of 2009 results
  - Mon-PM:
    - Review of theory models
    - **Discussion of proposals** for common observables and distributions
    - Impact of MC modeling on luminosity determination: **discussion of proposals** for common tools for the relative rate determination
  - Tue-AM:
    - Review of UE modeling, and proposals for common observables
    - Tuning: **discussion of possible strategies** for a joint global tuning of MC parameters related to MB
- Executive session (WVG members and consultants) on Tuesday afternoon:
  - **prepare the recommendations** from this meeting
  - **define the targets** for the next meeting

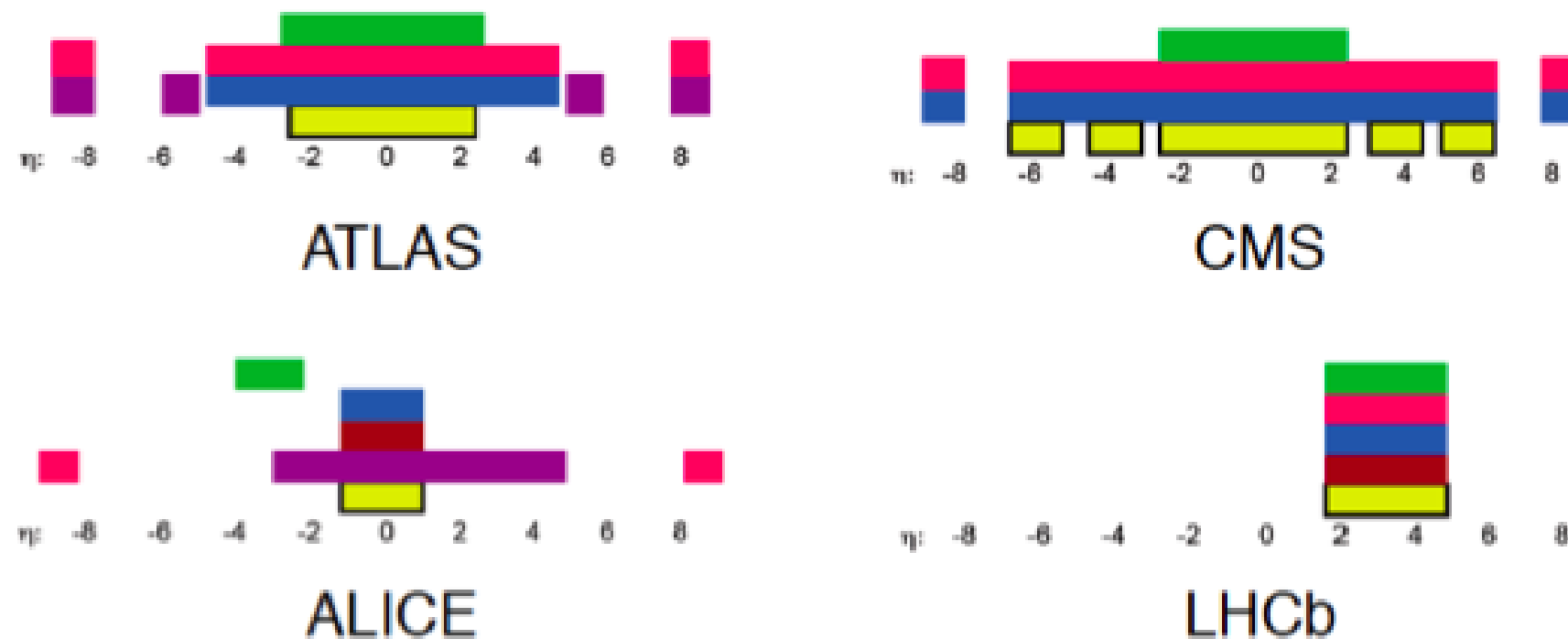
**What is minimum bias ?**

**How to trigger ?**

**How to define on hadron level ?**

# Angular Coverage

→ range in  $\eta$  covered by the LHC experiments



tracking, ECAL, HCAL, counters lumi, muon, hadron PID

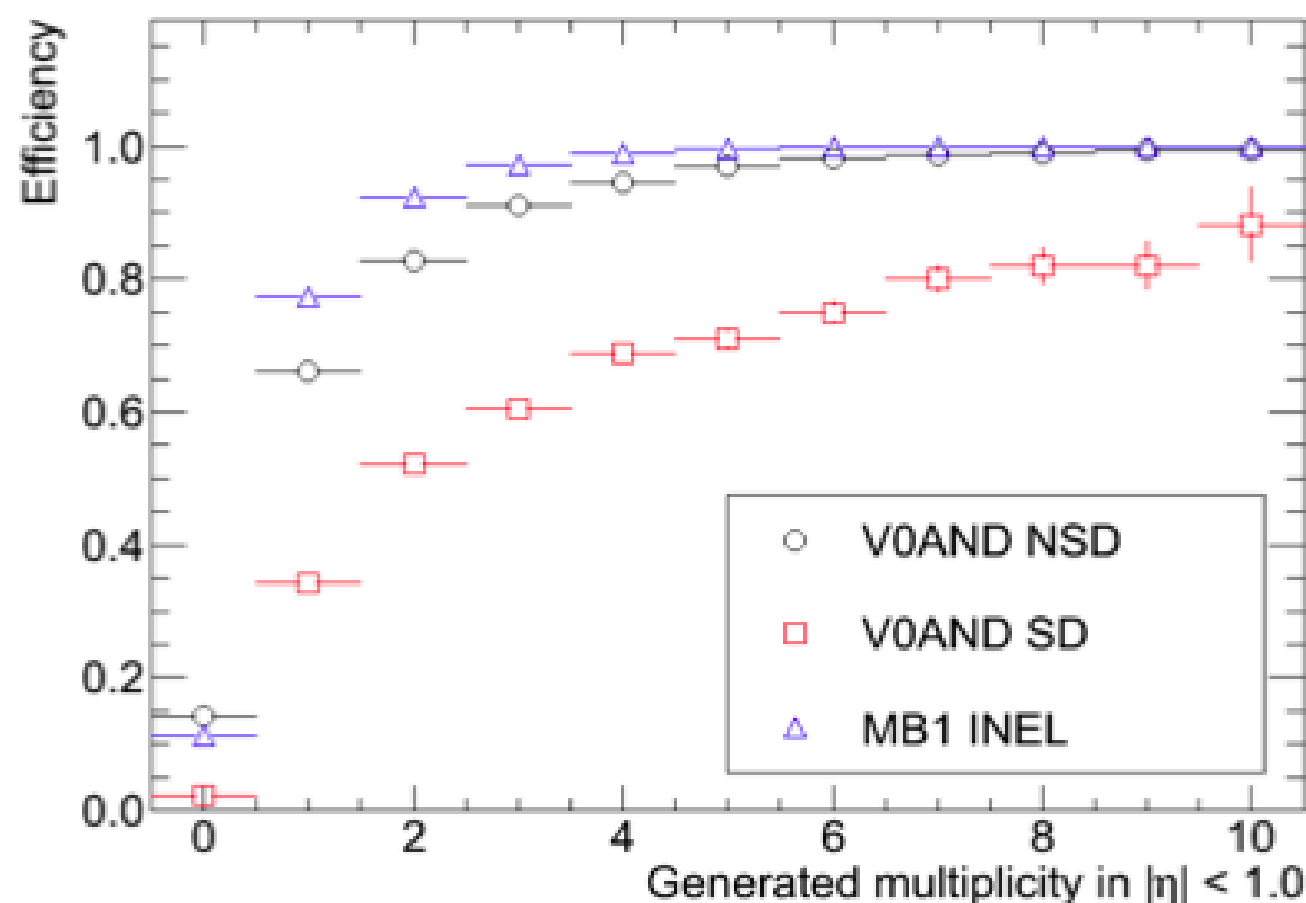
## specifics of LHCb

- tracking, particle-ID and calorimetry in full acceptance
- particle identification for hadrons (also ALICE)
- no dedicated lumi counters
- no acceptance in very forward region

# Trigger for MB Physics

- ALICE measures MB properties for all inelastic (INEL) and non single-diffractive (NSD) events
  - "MB1" trigger for INEL: central pixel hit (SPD) or forward scintillator (V0)
    - One particle in 8  $\eta$  units
    - (Trigger-)sensitive to 96-98% of the inelastic x-section
  - "V0AND" trigger for NSD: both forward scintillators
- Possible ND trigger V0AND + several hits centrally
  - 90% ND and 20% SD/DD

900 GeV		ND	SD	DD
Pythia	MB1	100	77	92
	V0AND	98	29	49
Phojet	MB1	100	86	98
	V0AND	98	34	66

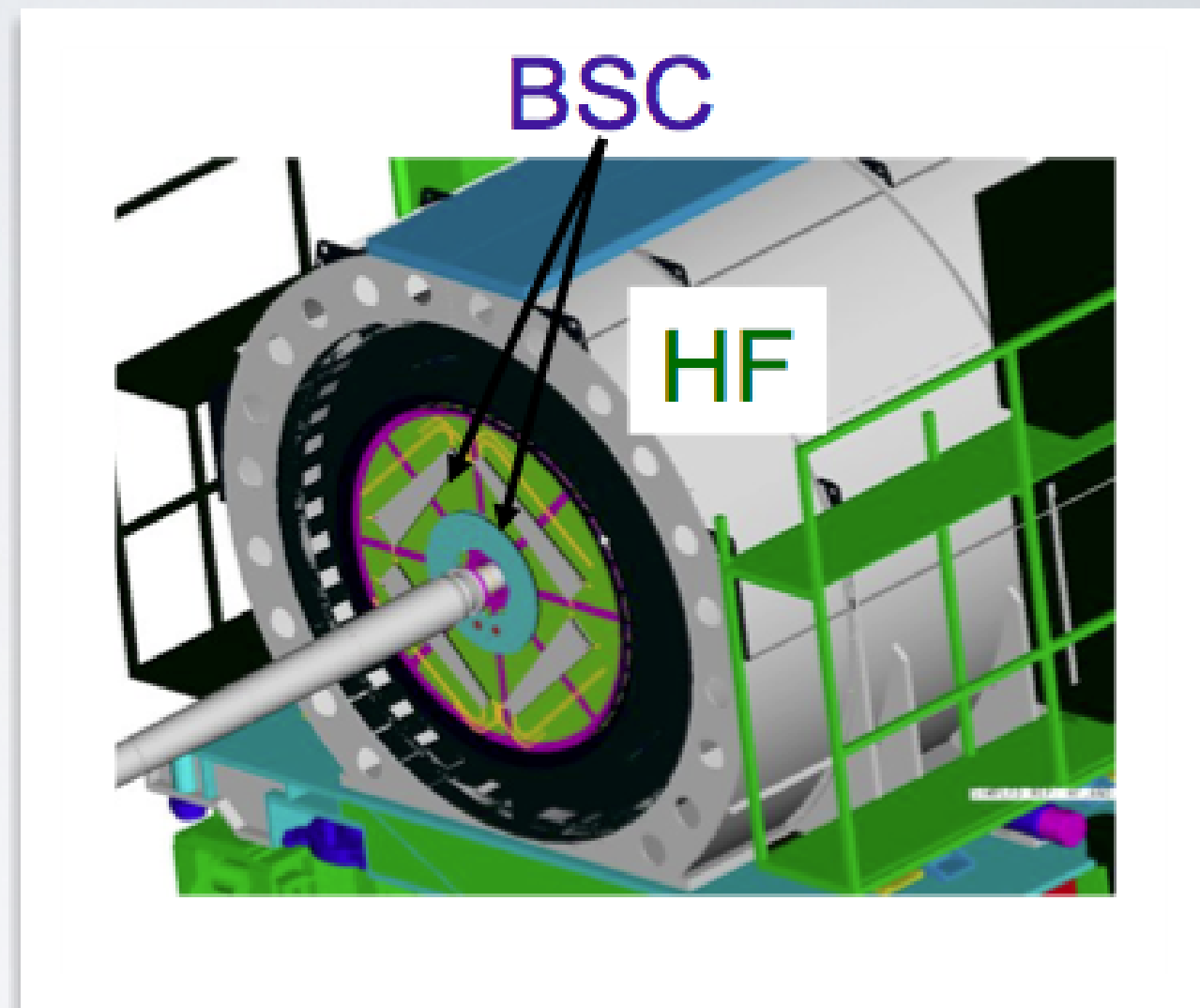


# TRIGGER FOR DATA-TAKING

- Data collected Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>
- $\approx 10$  Hz collision rate (no pileup)

## Trigger:

- Single hit in Beam-Scintillator Counters (BSC)
- In time with both beams crossing interaction point: Beam Pickups (BPTX)



BSC:  $3.23 < |\eta| < 4.65$

HF:  $2.9 < |\eta| < 5.2$



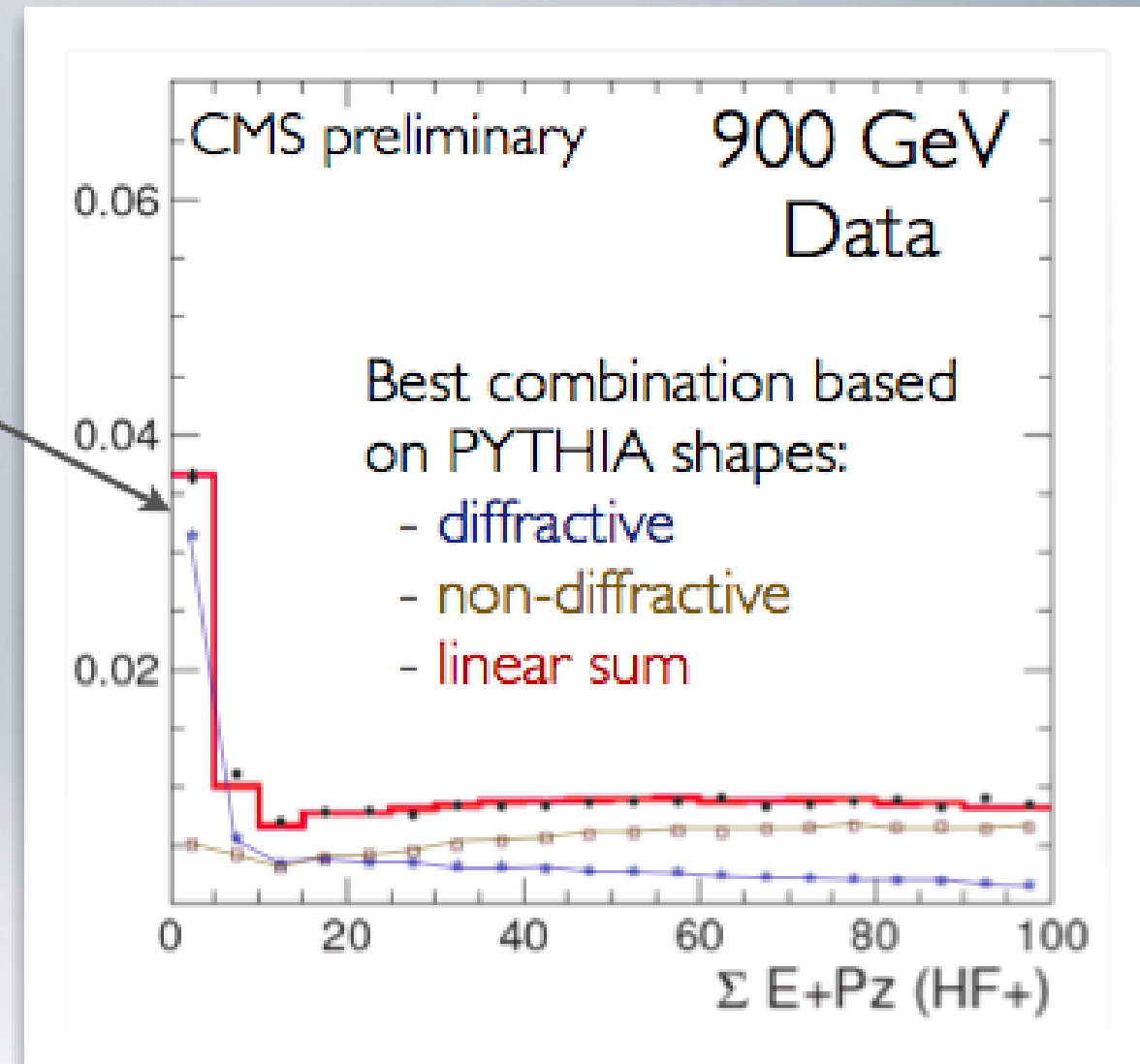
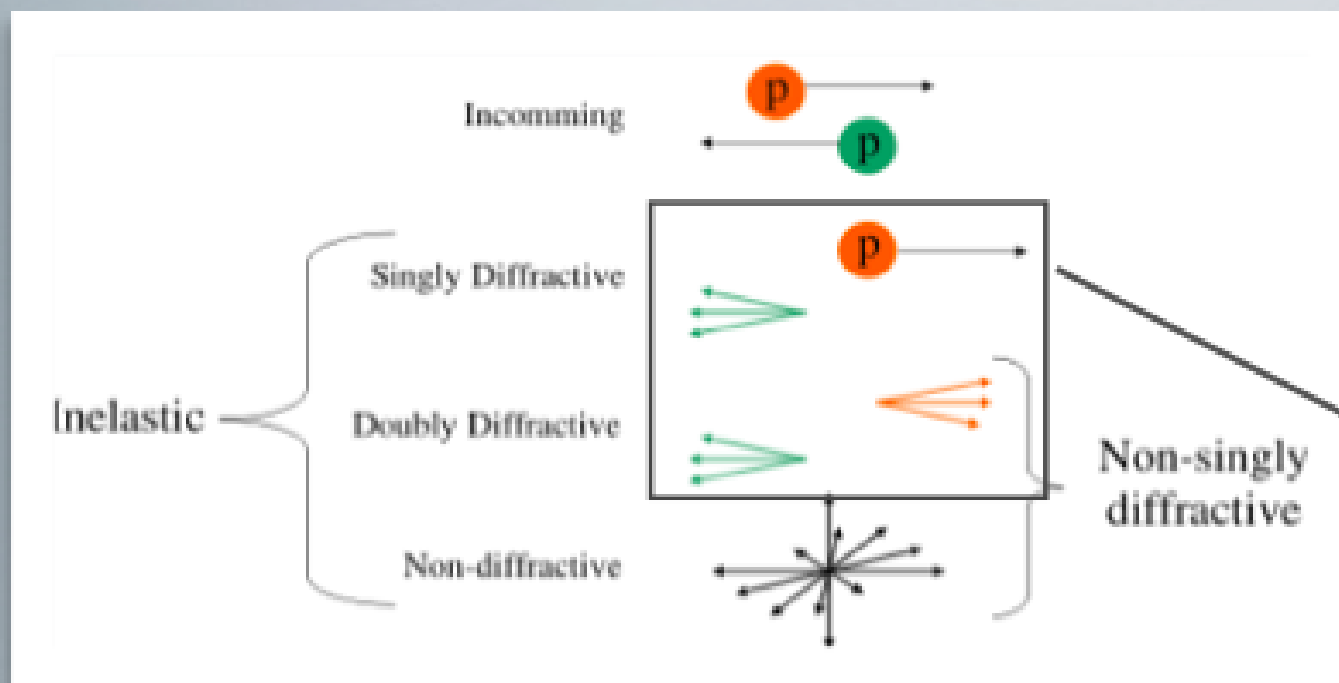
# Diffractive Treatment Single Diffraction

- Use MC generator for corrections per process type (SD, DD, ND)
- Combine using measured weights
- Replay measurement conditions
  - $M^2/s < 0.05$  for UA5 measurement
  - Weight SD such that replayed fraction matches measurement
  - Experiments have corrected for non-SD contribution in their measurements

SD, 900 GeV	Pythia	Phojet
MC fraction	22.3%	19.1%
Replay	18.9%	15.2%
Measurement	$(15.3 \pm 2.3)\%$	

\*UA5: Z. Phys. C33, 175, (1986)  
derived from ratio of SD/NSD

# DIFFRACTIVE COMPONENT



HF calorimeter energy distribution in data used to constrain SD+DD fraction using PYTHIA (PHOJET) event shapes.

Selection Efficiency:

NSD: ~86%

SD: ~19%

DD: ~34%

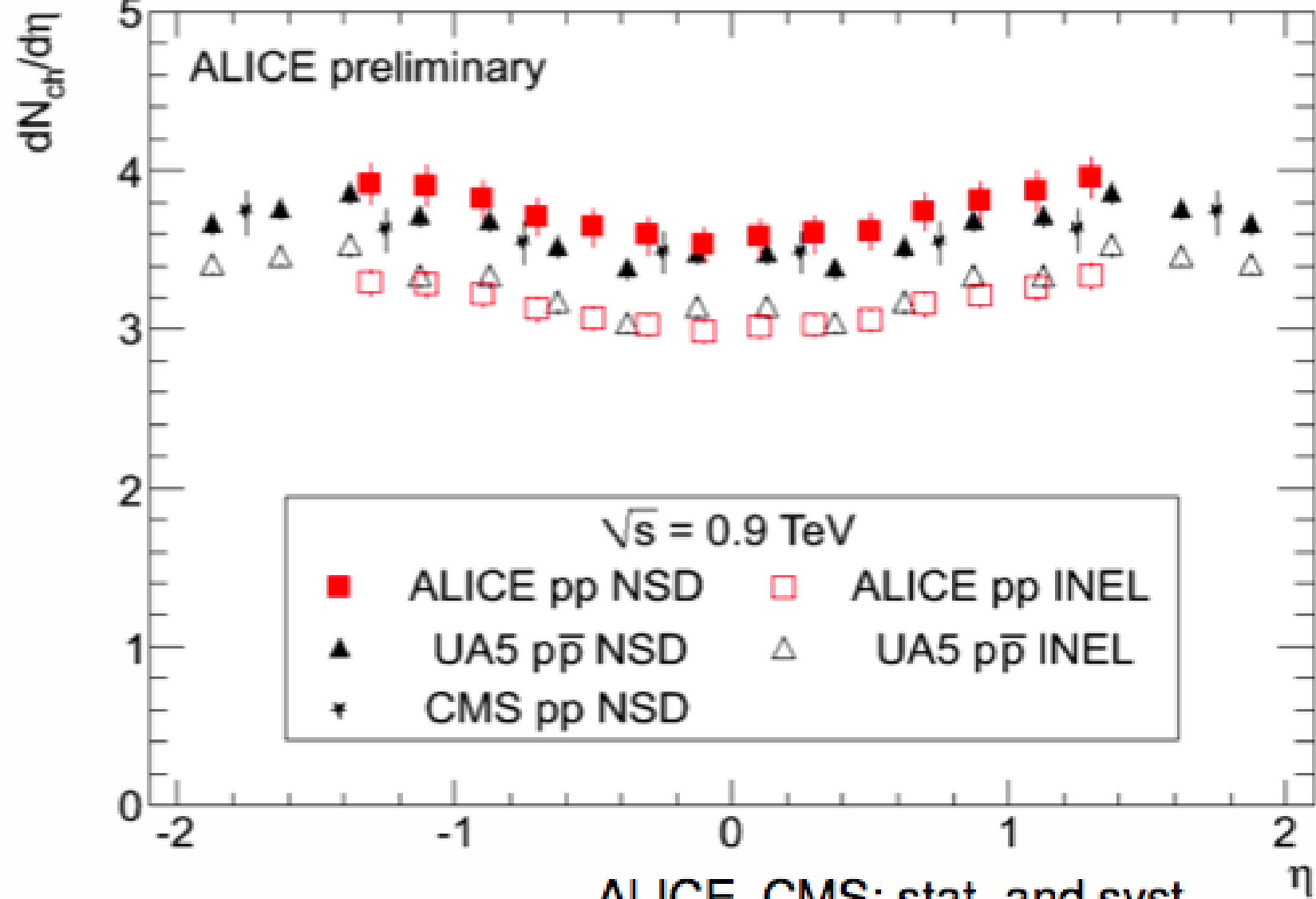
# Towards a Hadron-Level Definition for SD

- ALICE plans to use a hadron-level definition for SD (for the correction to NSD)
  - Study difference between MC flags and hadron-level definition
- Use the UA5 definition
  - $M^2/s < 0.05$
- First observations
  - The SD bin gets other contributions
    - Small contribution from DD, ND
    - Central diffraction flows to 90% into SD (Phojet)



$$dN_{ch}/d\eta$$

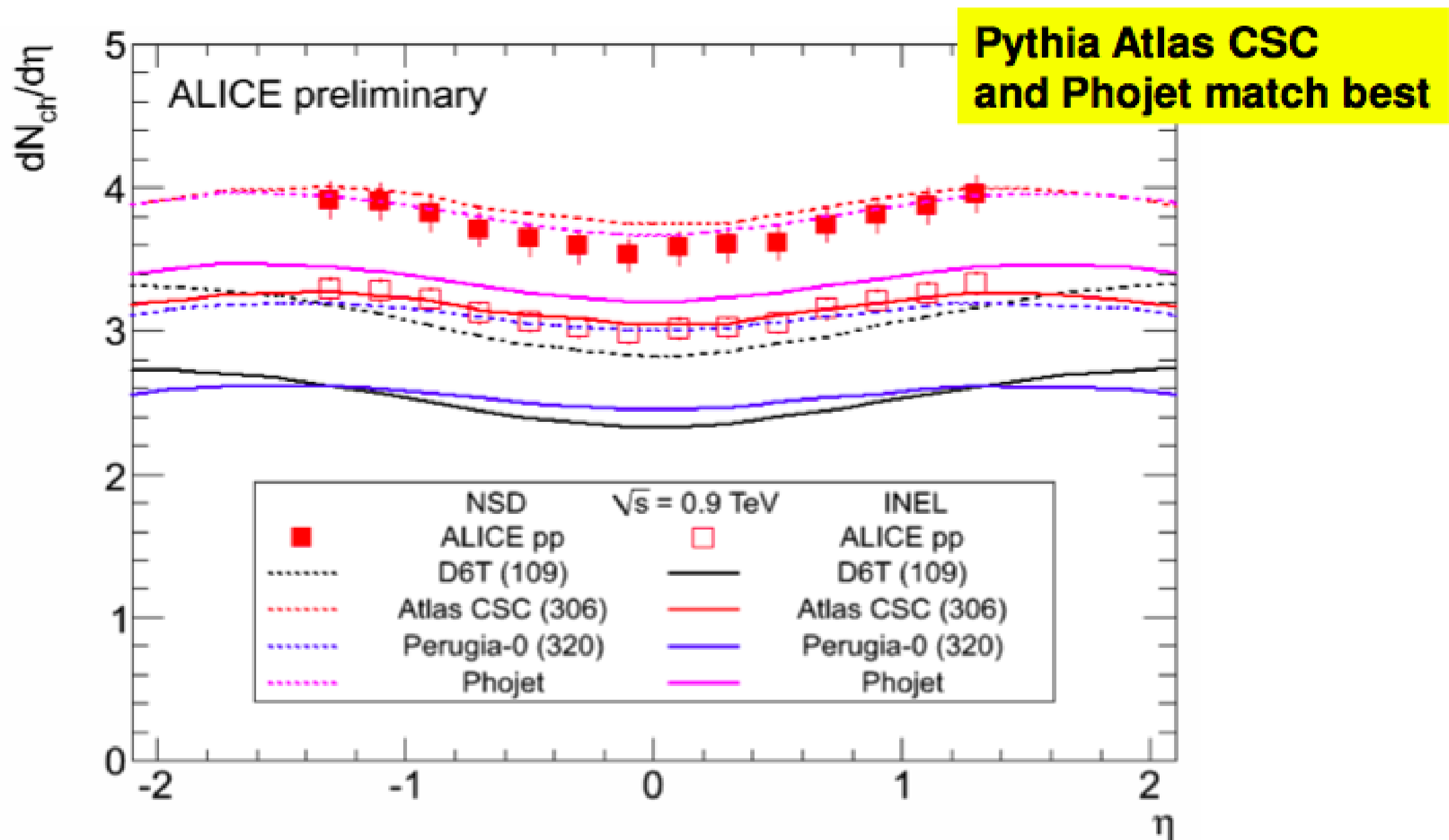
- 900 GeV
- High-statistics measurement (90k events)
- Different triggers for NSD and INEL



ALICE, CMS: stat. and syst. uncertainty added in squares

	INEL	NSD
ALICE preliminary	$3.02 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.07$	$3.58 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.11$
ALICE published	$3.10 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.22$	$3.51 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.25$
UA5 Z. Phys. C33 1 (1986)	$3.09 \pm 0.05 \pm ?$	$3.43 \pm 0.05 \pm ?$
CMS JHEP 02 (2010) 041		$3.48 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.13$

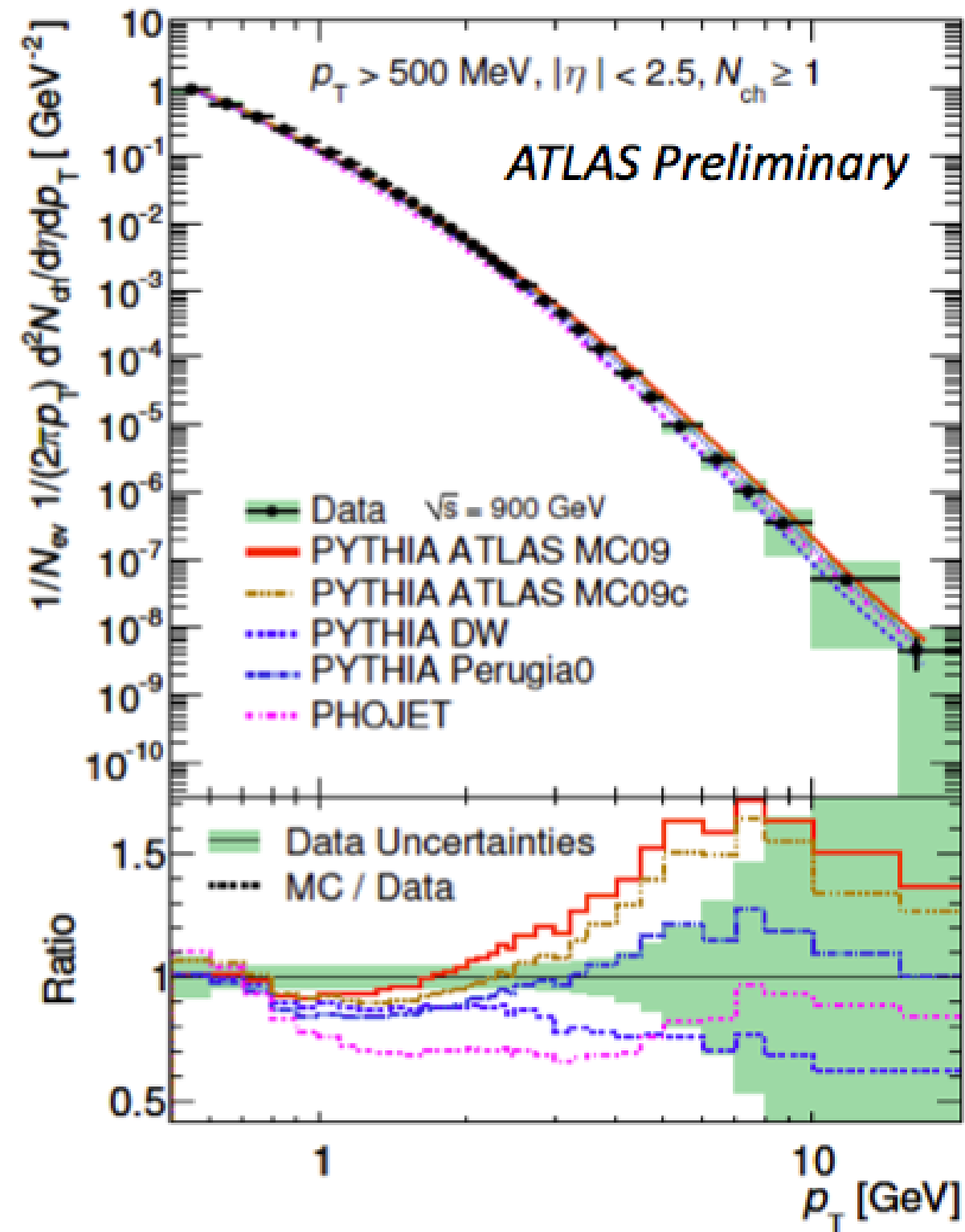
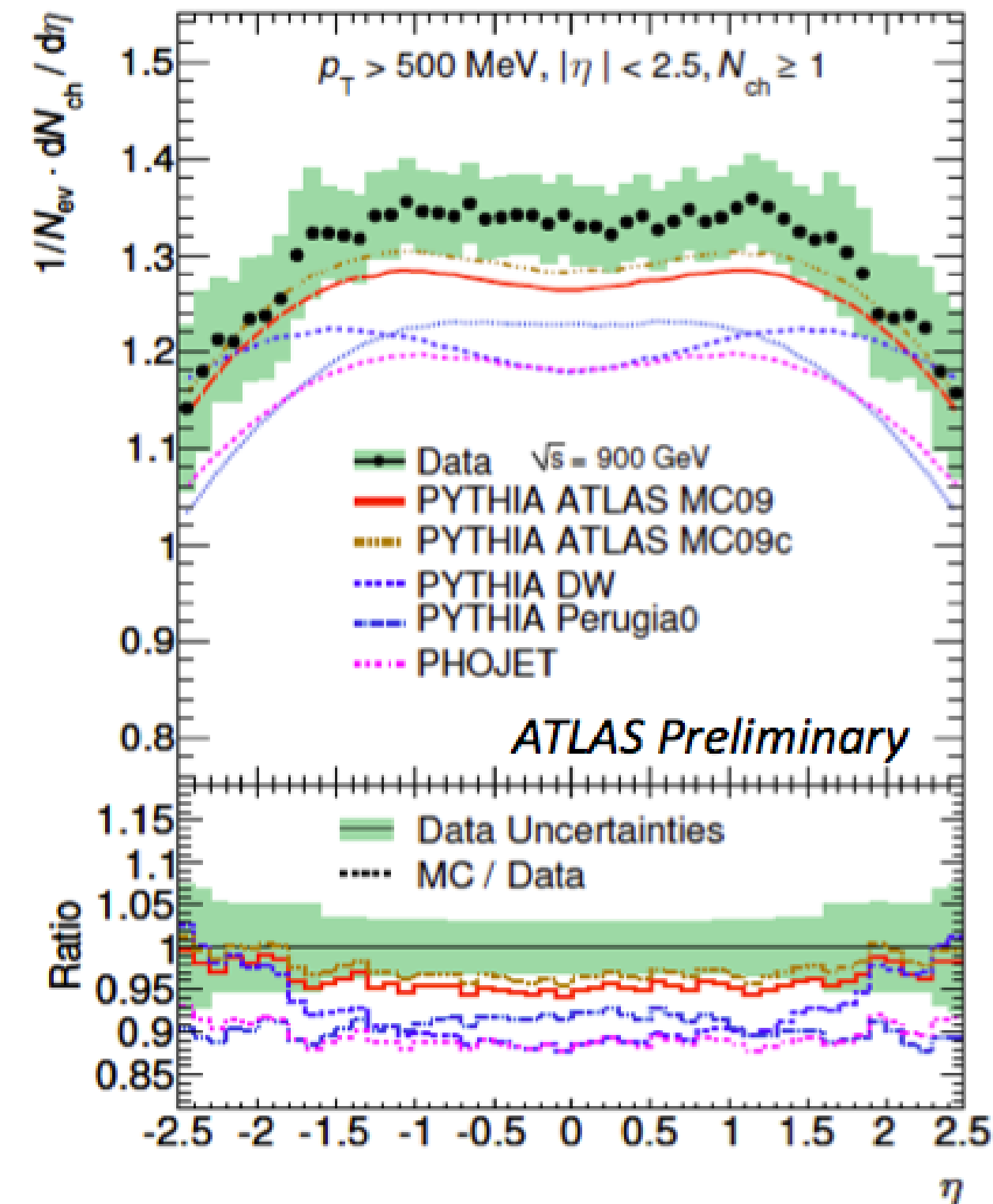
# Comparison to MC



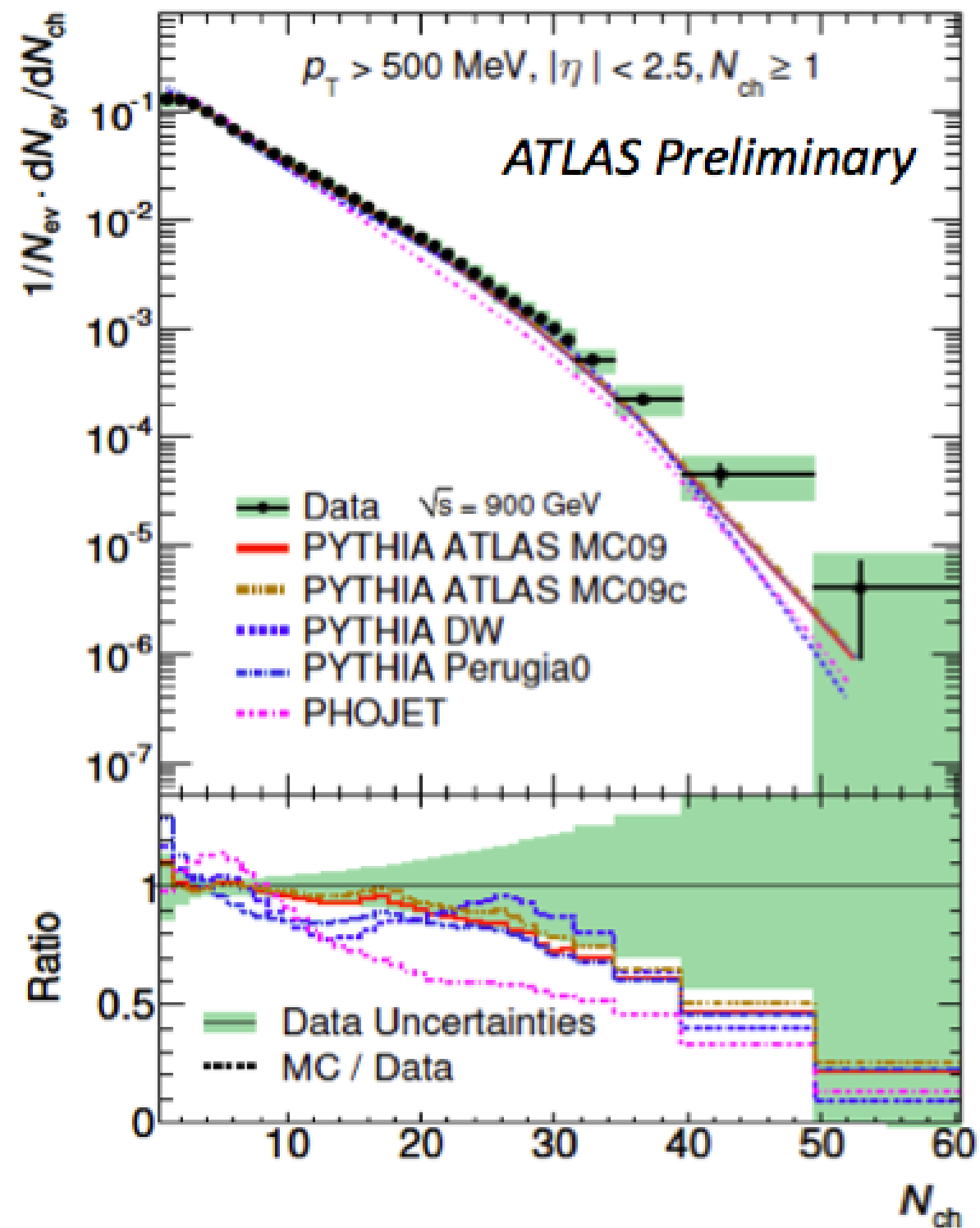
D6T/Atlas: Pythia 6.4.14 - Perugia-0: Pythia 6.4.21 - Phojet 1.12 with Pythia 6.2.14

# $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

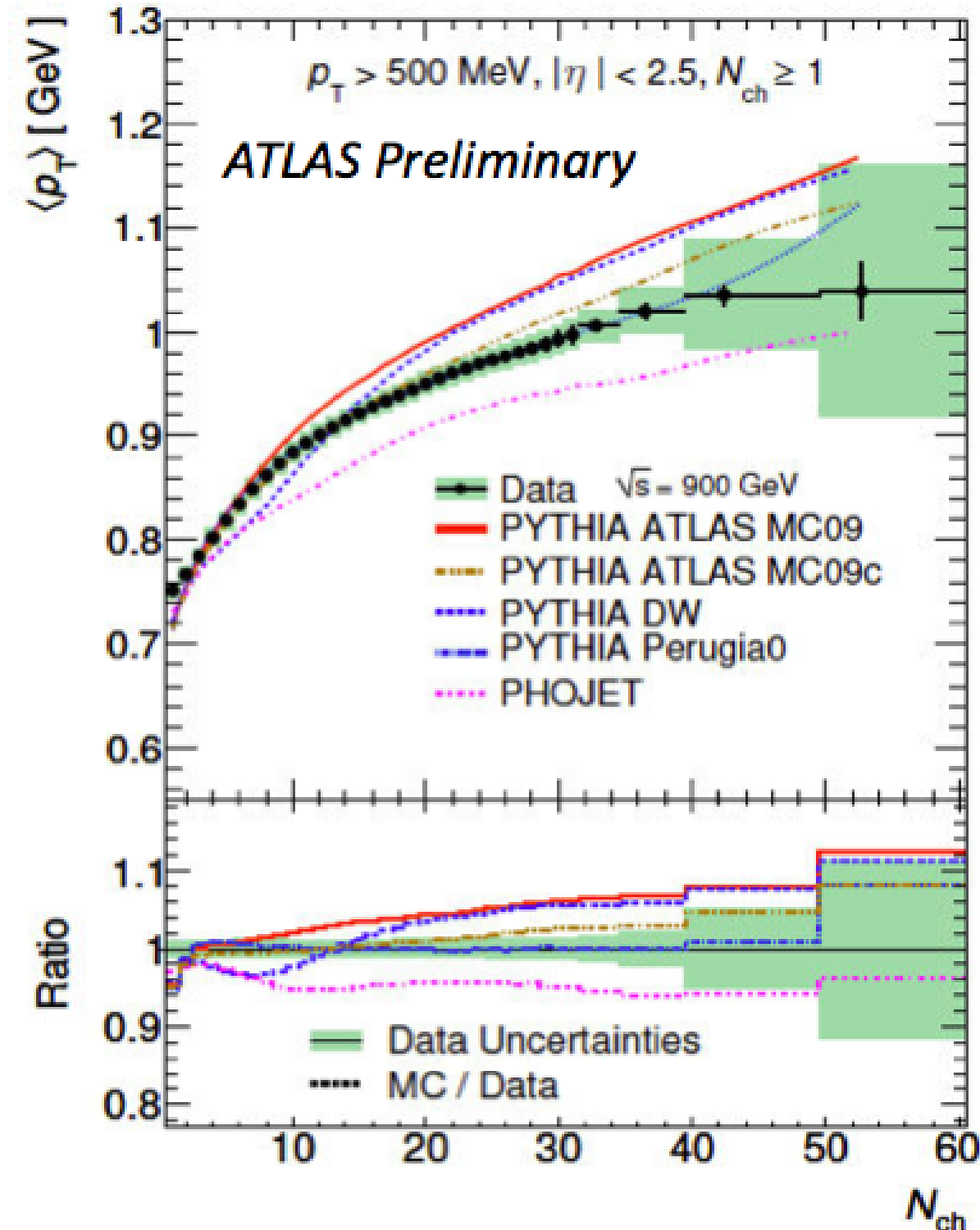
# $1/p_T dN_{ch}/dp_T$



$$dN_{ev}/dN_{ch}$$



$$\langle p_T \rangle \text{ vs } N_{ch}$$

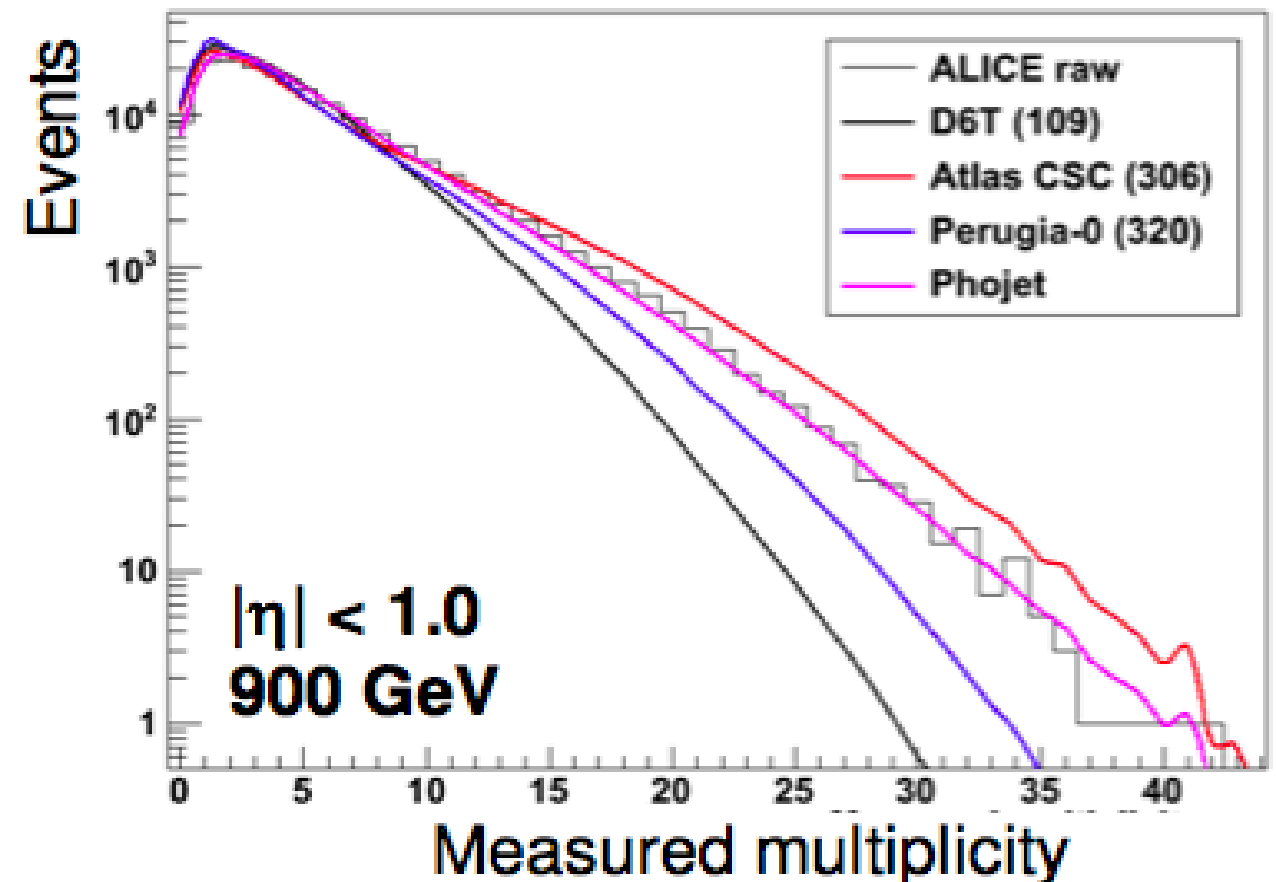
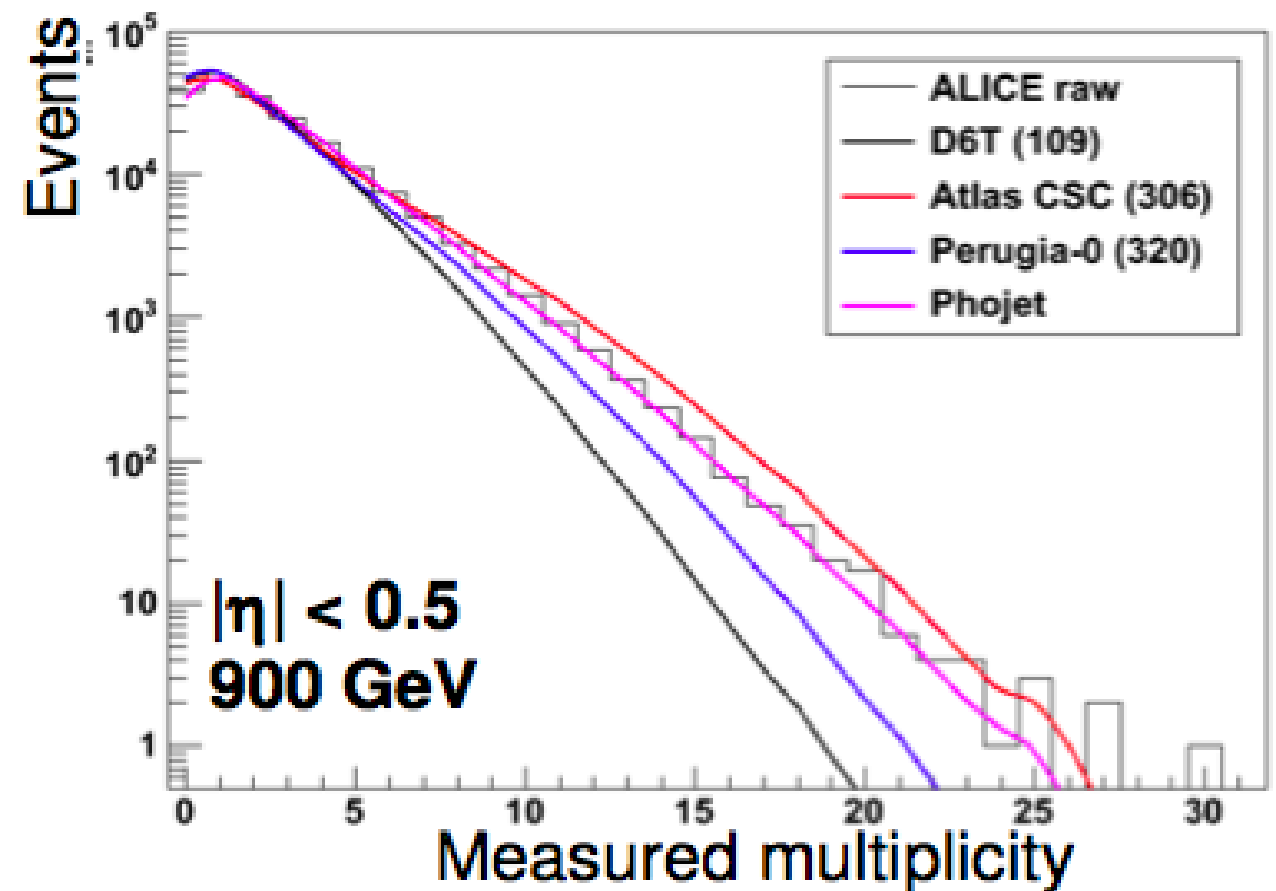




# Multiplicity Distributions

- 900 GeV
- Work in progress
- RAW spectra
- MCs propagated through detector response

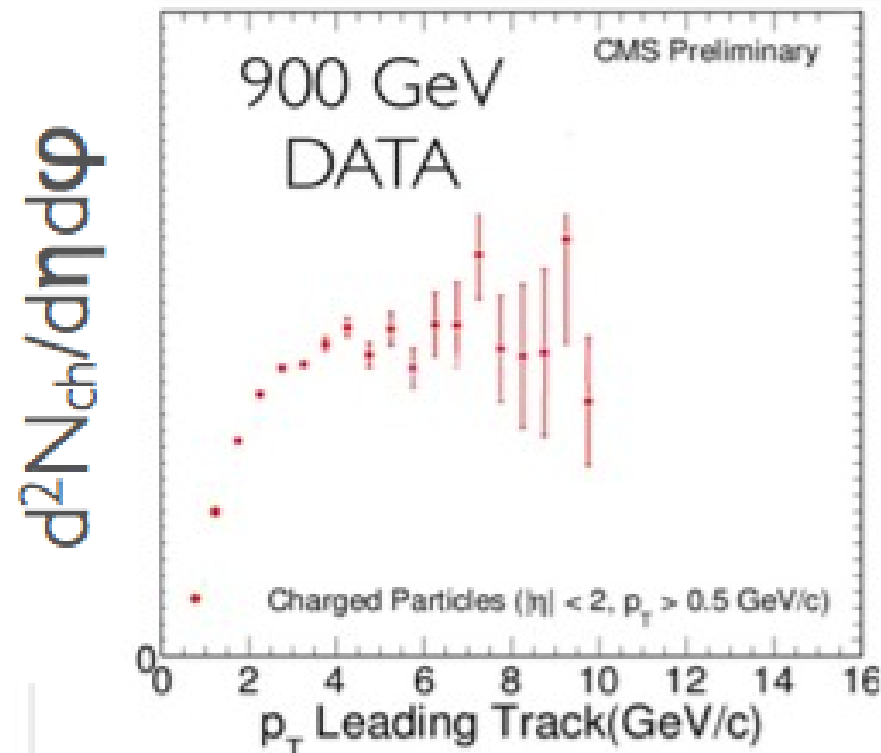
**Phojet remarkably close to data**



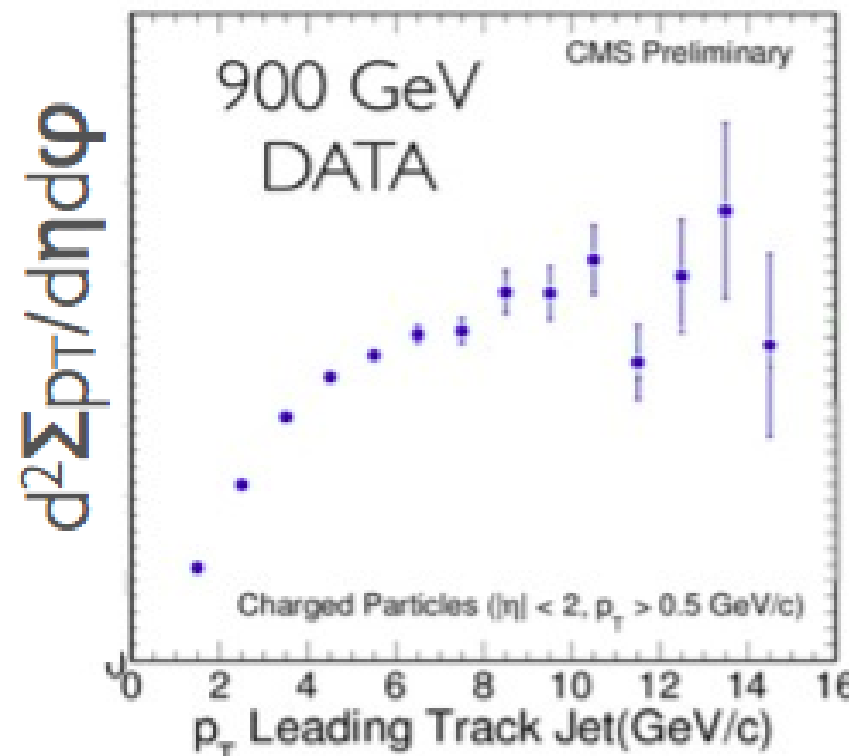
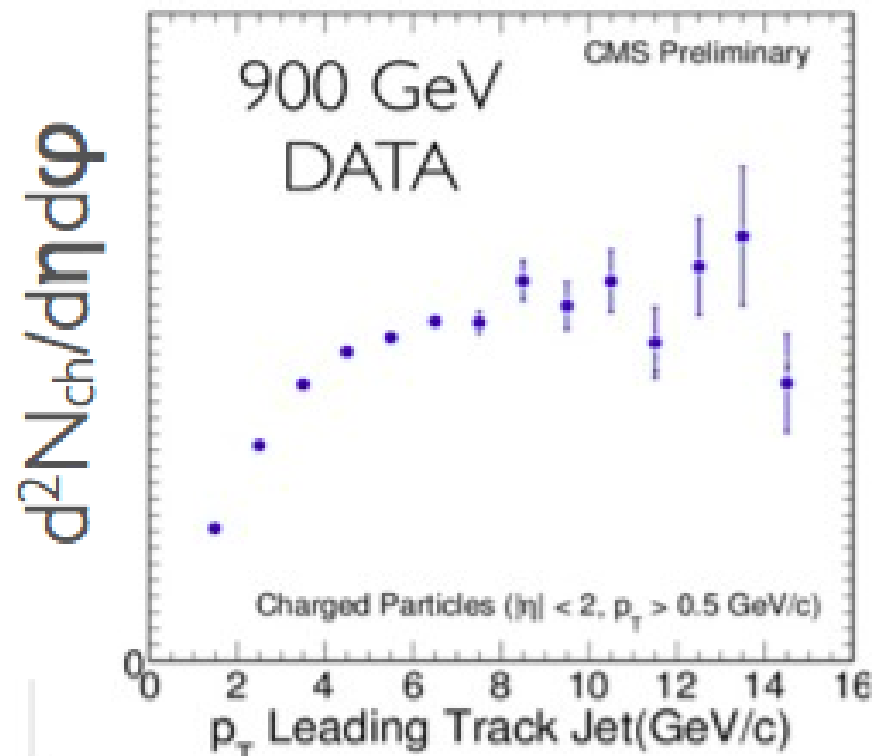
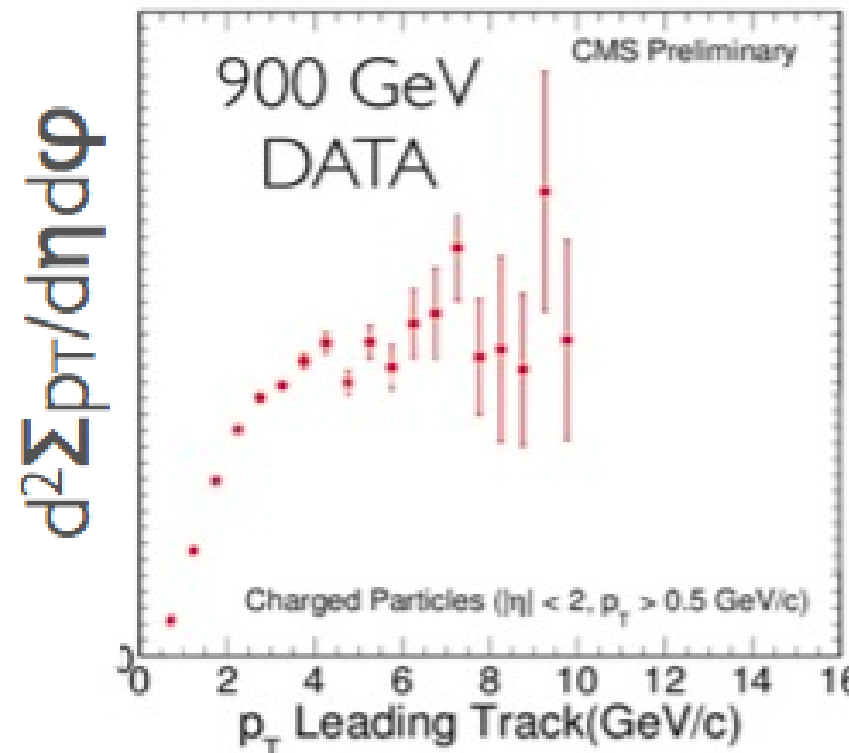


# UNDERLYING EVENT

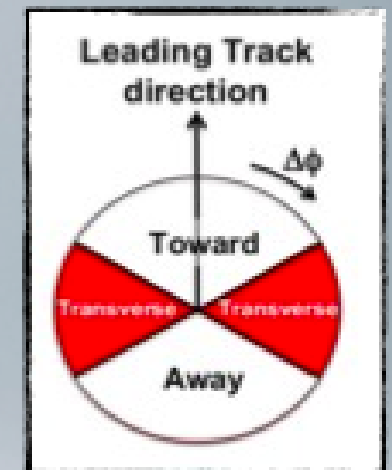
# charged particles



sum transverse momentum



Leading track



Leading jet  
from tracks

most similar to  
DW tune

# Min-Bias Models

## The Modeling of ND, SD, DD

Peter Skands (CERN PH-TH)

UE/MB Meeting, CERN, March 1, 2010

# Charged Multiplicity

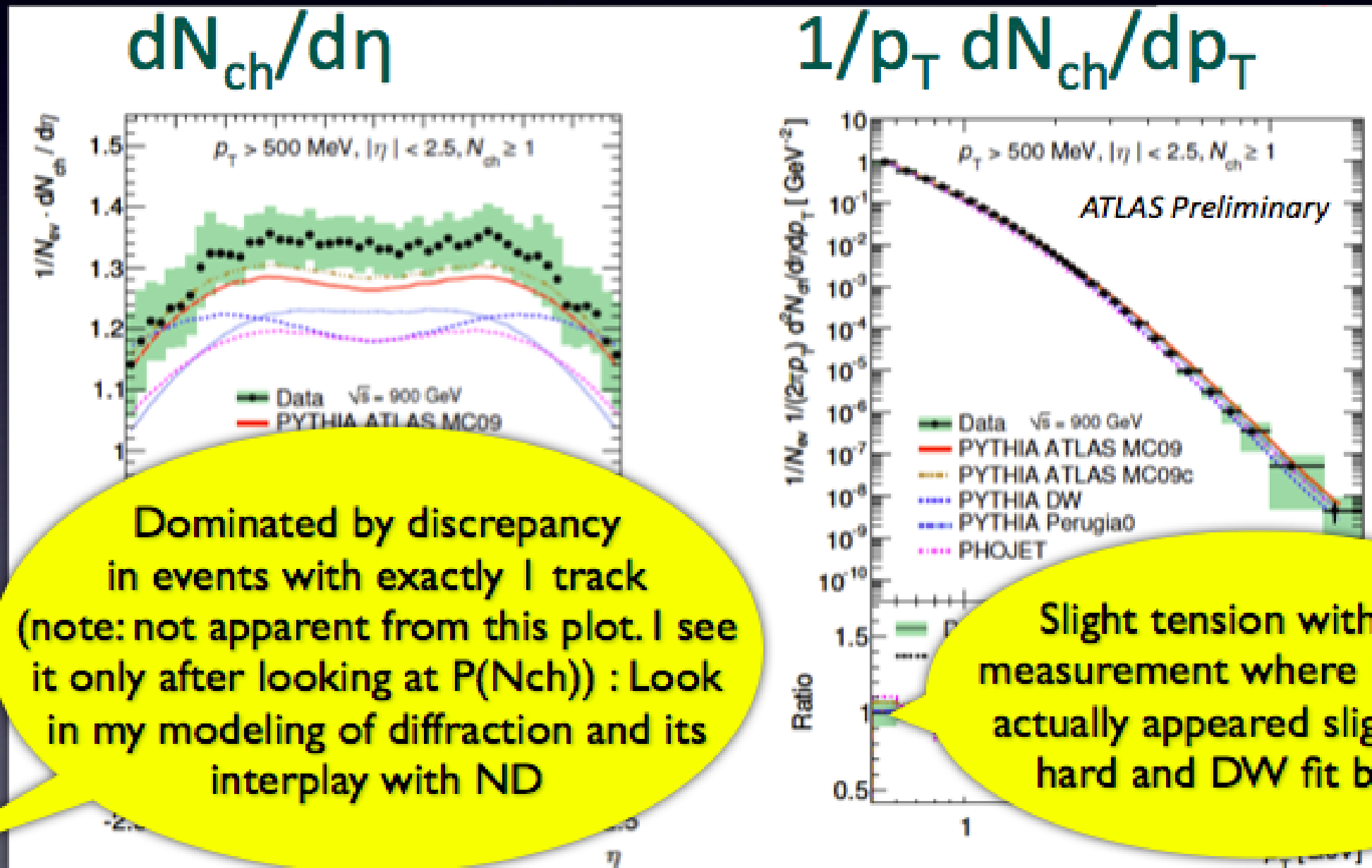
- One of the most fundamental quantities to measure
  - But fundamental does not imply easy
  - **Experimental Complications:**  
**Corrections** for Trigger Bias, Diffraction, Zero Bin, Long-Lived particles, Extrapolations from raw measurement to: hadron-level (with acceptance cuts) and/or to: hadron-level (full phase space), ...

# Charged Multiplicity

- One of the most fundamental quantities to measure
- **Theoretical Complications:**
  - $N_{ch}$  is very **IR sensitive** ...A model that fits  $N_{ch}$  but fails on  $p_T$  is getting the overall energy flow wrong > agreement on  $N_{ch}$  alone may be deceptive
- Need to test several distributions, in several phase space regions, to get complete picture
  - Who breaks down and where : can see patterns and ask why
  - *(Note: a 10% agreement with an IR sensitive number is usually pretty good...)*

# The Overall Picture


- How does a model builder look at this?



# Measured Results

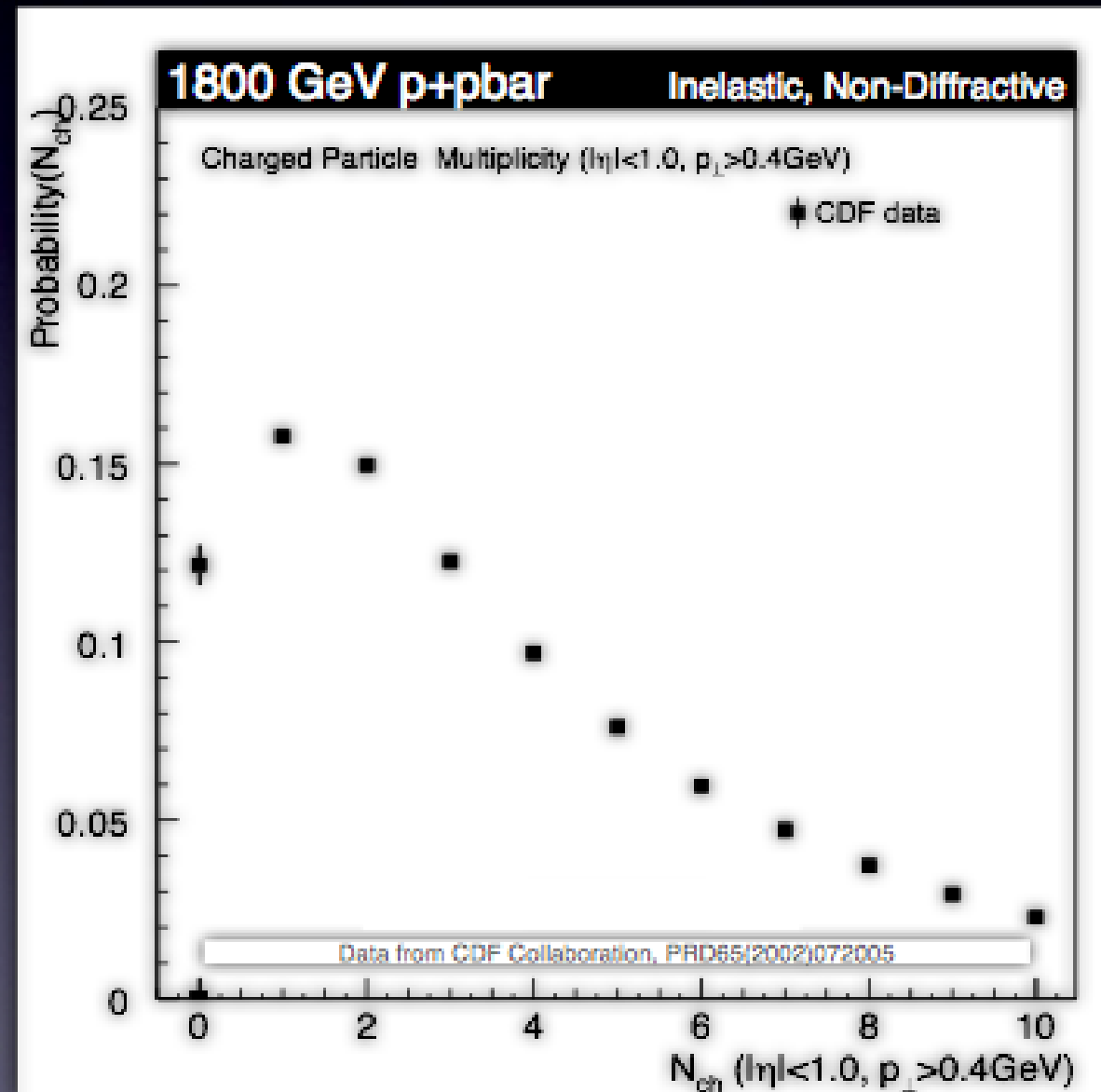
- **How to Compare to Older Measurements?**
  - Bubble chambers etc extrapolated to full phase space
  - More model-dependent at Tevatron and LHC experiments
- **How to Compare to Theory?**
  - **Inelastic** > **'NSD'** > Inelastic Non-Diffractive, ... ?
    - For all: Define event set in terms of hadron-level cuts (model-inspired, yes, but not model-dependent)
  - Model constraints not helped by filling up unmeasured region with some model/fit (especially if it is some other guy's model) – **Keep main measured result as close to raw acceptance as possible.**  
**Extrapolate only to do comparisons (inflates uncertainties)**

# Low Multiplicities: Correcting for Diffraction

- Diffractive processes
  - Large part of total cross section  cf. Beate's talk
  - Populate the low-multiplicity bins: lower  $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$
  - Characteristic rapidity spectrum with large rapidity gaps: affect  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$
  - Impossible to interpret min-bias spectra without knowing precisely how diffraction was treated

# Low Multiplicities: Correcting for Diffraction

- CDF Run-I Data
  - Corrected to  $p_T > 0.4$  GeV instead of full PS: less model dependence
  - First few bins corrected for diffraction (also affects average  $N_{ch}$  and  $dN/d\eta$ )





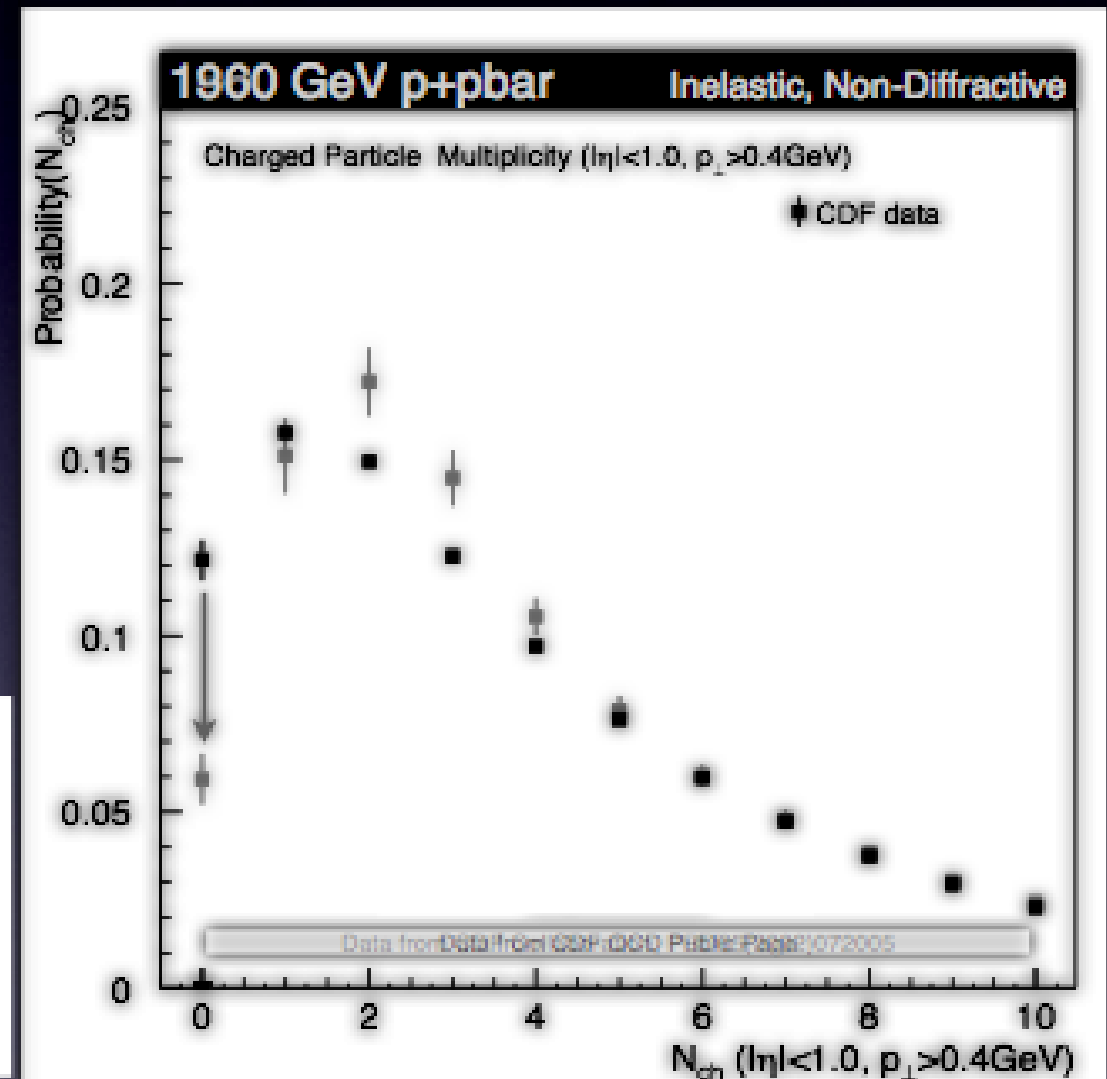
# The Zero Bin

- The most problematic is the **zero bin**: the event was triggered, but no fiducial tracks
- E.g. was it a diffractive event with no tracks, or an inelastic non-diffractive event, with no tracks? Or ... ?

Predictions for Mean Densities of Charged Tracks

	$\frac{\langle N_{ch} \rangle   N_{ch} \geq 0}{\Delta\eta\Delta\phi}$	$\frac{\langle N_{ch} \rangle   N_{ch} \geq 1}{\Delta\eta\Delta\phi}$	$\frac{\langle N_{ch} \rangle   N_{ch} \geq 2}{\Delta\eta\Delta\phi}$	$\frac{\langle N_{ch} \rangle   N_{ch} \geq 3}{\Delta\eta\Delta\phi}$
LHC 10 TeV	$0.40 \pm 0.05$	$0.41 \pm 0.05$	$0.43 \pm 0.05$	$0.46 \pm 0.06$
LHC 14 TeV	$0.44 \pm 0.05$	$0.45 \pm 0.06$	$0.47 \pm 0.06$	$0.51 \pm 0.06$

PS, Perugia Proceedings, arXiv:0905.3418 [hep-ph]



Redefine the event sample to include at least one fiducial track?

→ ATLAS

# Ways Out

A) Trust the theorists. Correct to specific set of fundamental processes → NSD, INEL, ...

“Traditional” strategy.  
Employed by most previous experiments.

Also used in the first two LHC papers  
ALICE Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C65 (2010) 111  
CMS Collaboration, JHEP 02 (2010) 041



However, it lacks a clear definition at the particle level

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1	p+	0.38955	-0.09031	-444.18188	<del>444.18305</del>	<del>0.93827</del>	
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3	pi+	-0.10520	0.04623	21.97324	21.97398	0.13957	
4	pi-	-0.36420	0.20220	79.60000	79.60121	0.13957	
5	pi+	0.18465	-0.31136	44.33333	44.33503	0.13957	
6	pi-	-0.65347	0.35445	10.76828	10.79481	0.13957	
7	pi+	-0.31719	-0.18864	4.89293	4.90881	0.13957	
8	pi-	0.18684	-0.24438	0.75472	0.82687	0.13957	
9	pi+	0.01778	0.47298	1.28424	1.37578	0.13957	
10	pi-	0.28540	-0.36795	2.98245	3.02181	0.13957	
11	K+	0.01880	0.15742	2.95334	2.99849	0.49360	
12	pi-	0.07232	0.23225	6.16625	6.17263	0.13957	
13	pi+	-0.37412	0.04117	0.68340	0.79257	0.13957	
14	pi-	0.12547	0.33701	2.03239	2.06867	0.13957	
15	pi+	0.03865	0.05823	0.98258	0.99490	0.13957	
16	pi-	0.16134	0.03535	4.09086	4.09657	0.13957	
17	pi-	-0.06906	0.08845	1.96279	1.97095	0.13957	
18	pi+	0.11852	-0.32616	3.70555	3.72438	0.13957	
sum(p). mass:		0.27097	0.16745	-136.87069	751.99084	739.42987	

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13	pi+						
14	pi-						
15	pi+						
16	pi-						
17	pi-						
18	pi+						
sum(p). ma							

MC "Truth" : Double Diffractive

Minimal Conclusion: gap definition not foolproof if we see charged only

I	particle/jet	P(I,1)	P(I,2)	P(I,3)	P(I,4)	P(I,5)
1	p+	0.18101	-0.23124	427.60408	427.60521	0.93827
2	p+	-0.06244	-0.10079	-231.29111	231.29304	0.93827

**Moral: What some theorist/model defines as SD, DD, etc, is *not itself a physical observable!***

**Tails of one are *indistinguishable* from the other (even with a perfect detector with full PID)**

**If no physical measurement can tell the difference, it does not make sense to correct back to**

25	K L0	-0.45356	0.56332	4.42730	4.51350	0.49767
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**And this is even assuming we had the perfect model on which everyone agrees ...**

33	pi+	0.29351	-0.13195	0.09074	0.36231	0.13957
	sum momentum	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	900.00000	900.00000

# Ways Out

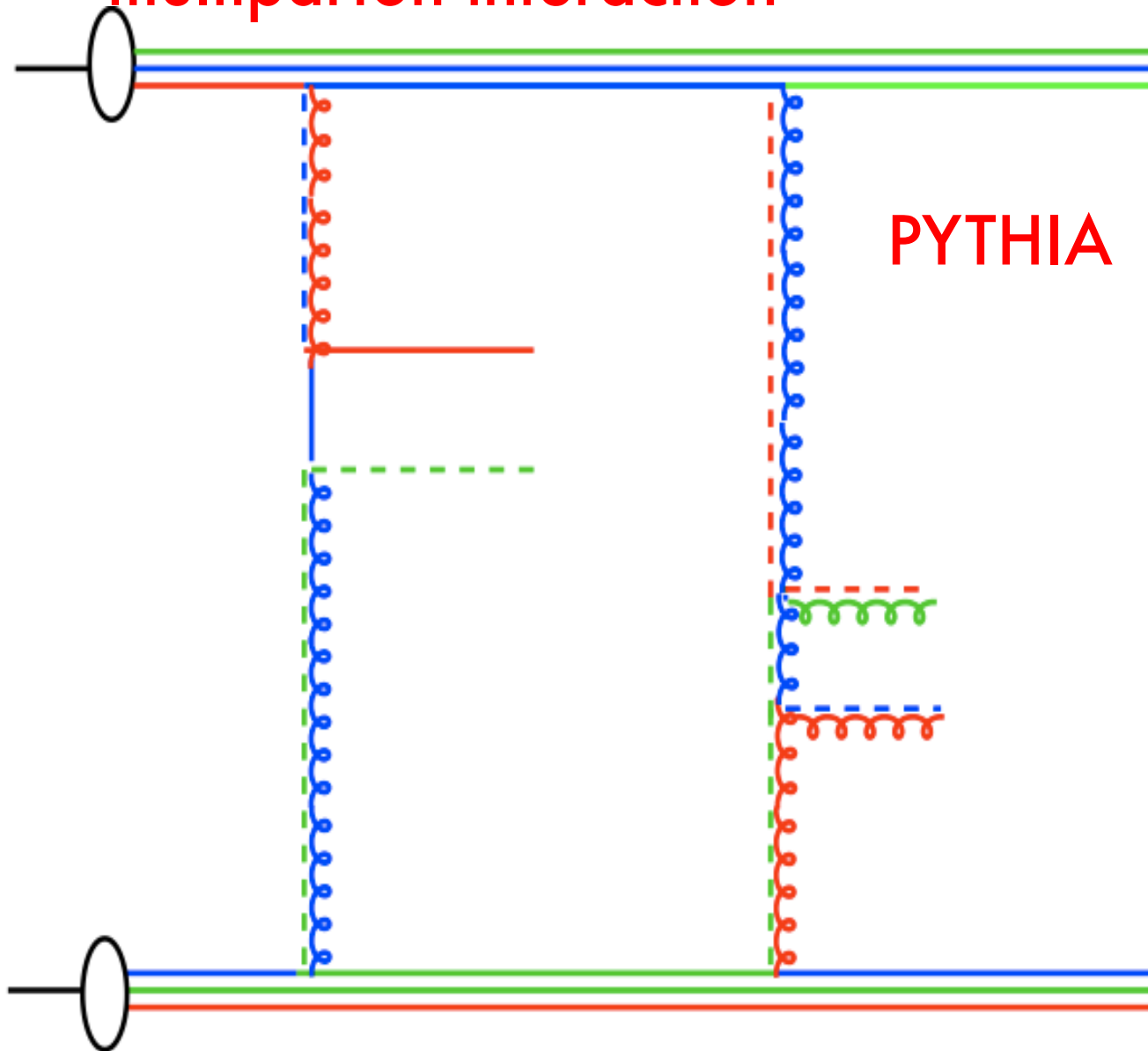
- A) Trust the theorists. Correct to specific set of fundamental processes → NSD, INEL, ...
- B) Report a measurement with a given set of hadron-level cuts → MB

Employed in the third LHC paper  
ATLAS Collaboration, preliminary  
(see talk this morning)

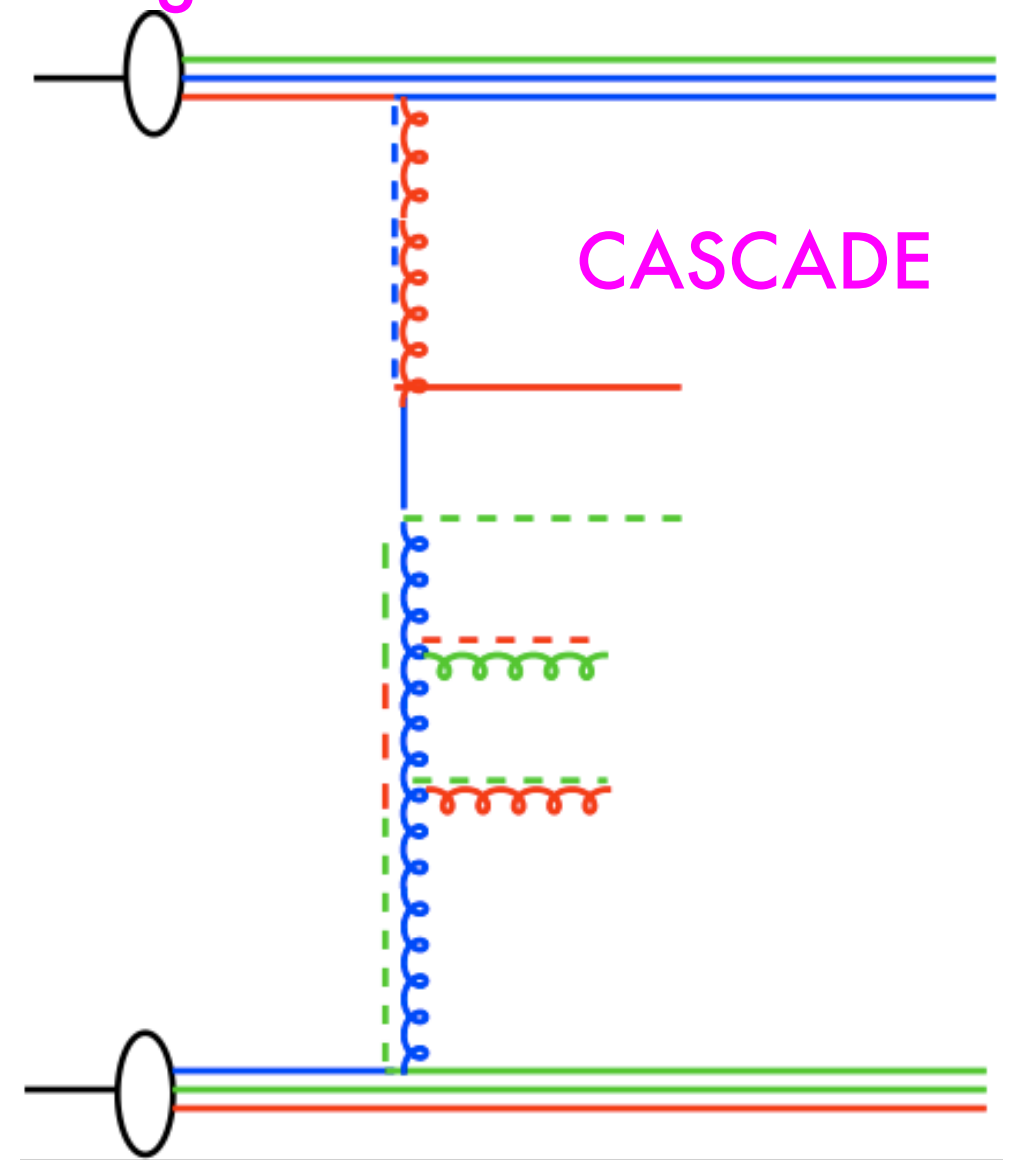
# Can we tell MPI from parton radiation ?

- parton radiation in forward region:

multiparton interaction



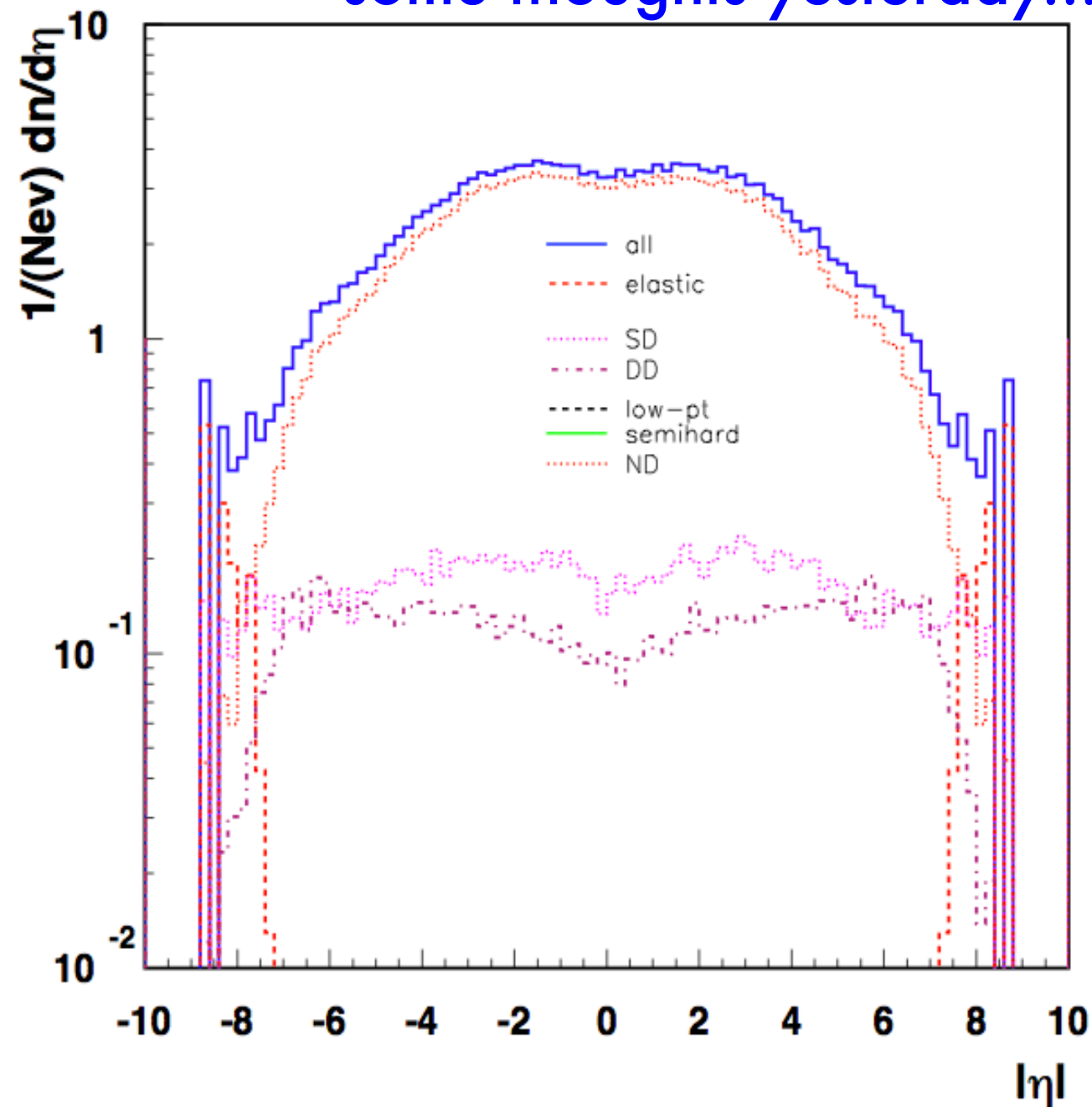
single chain at small x



- which of the two is correct or are they both describing the same ... ???

# charged particle multiplicity

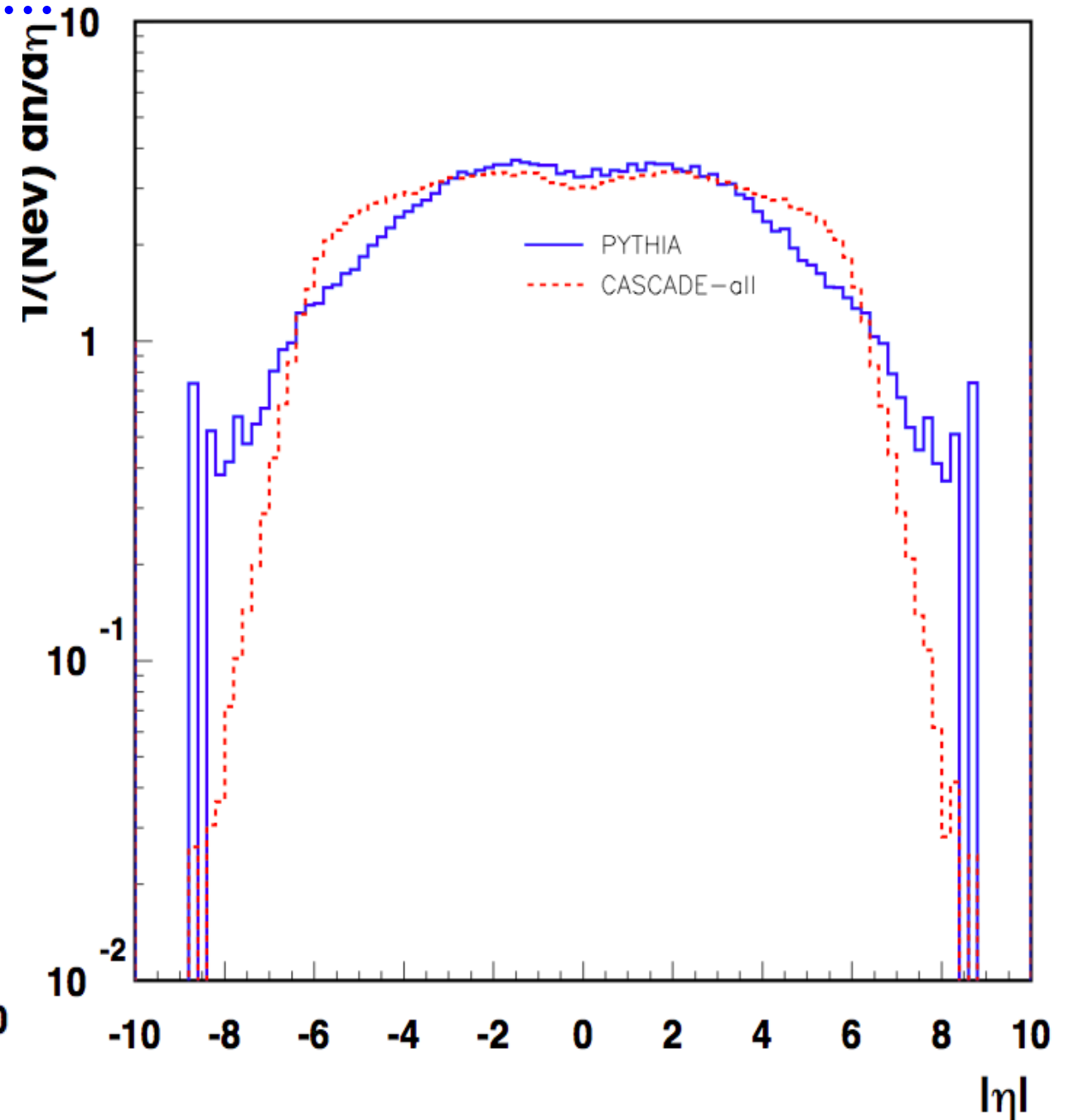
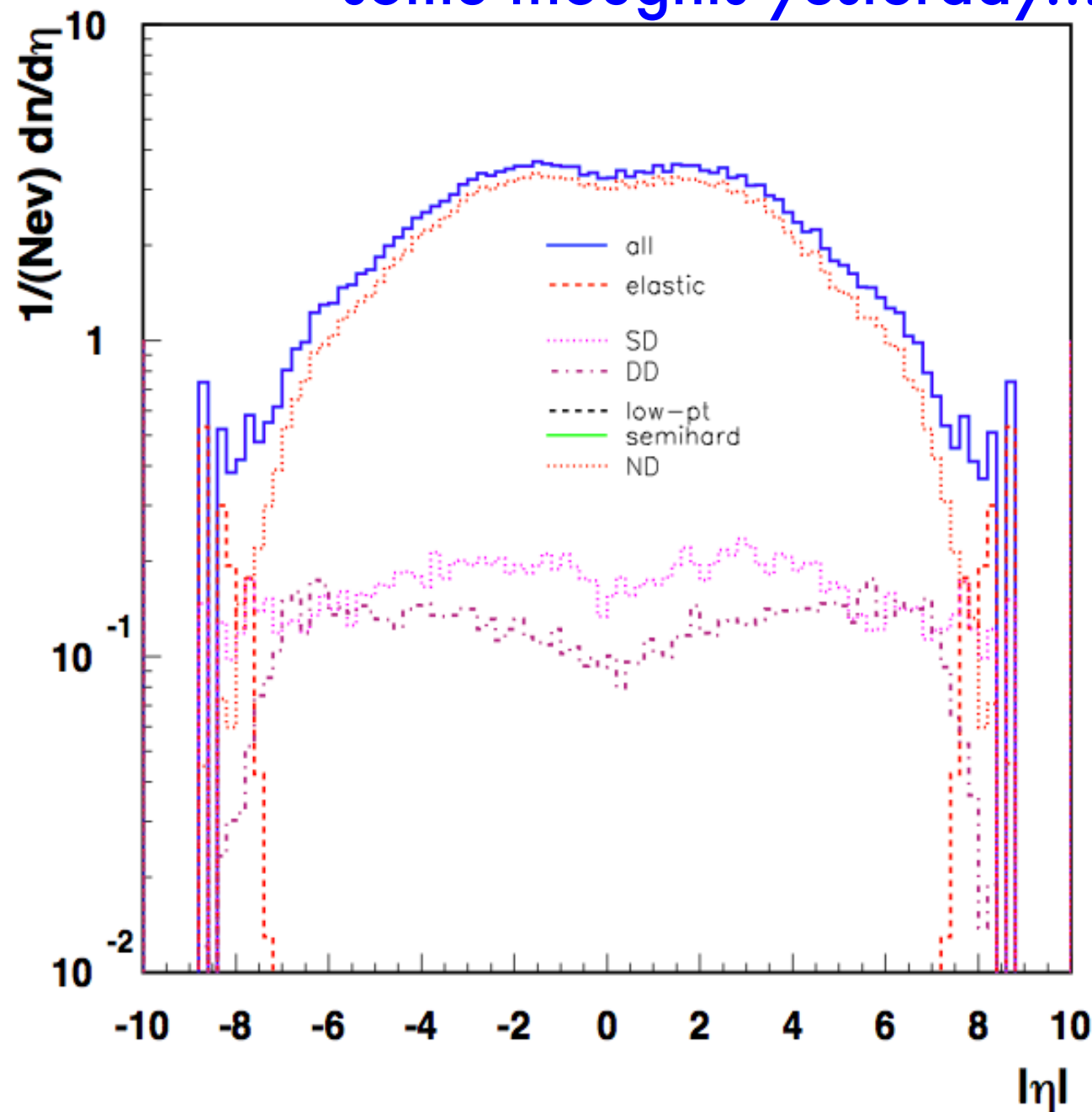
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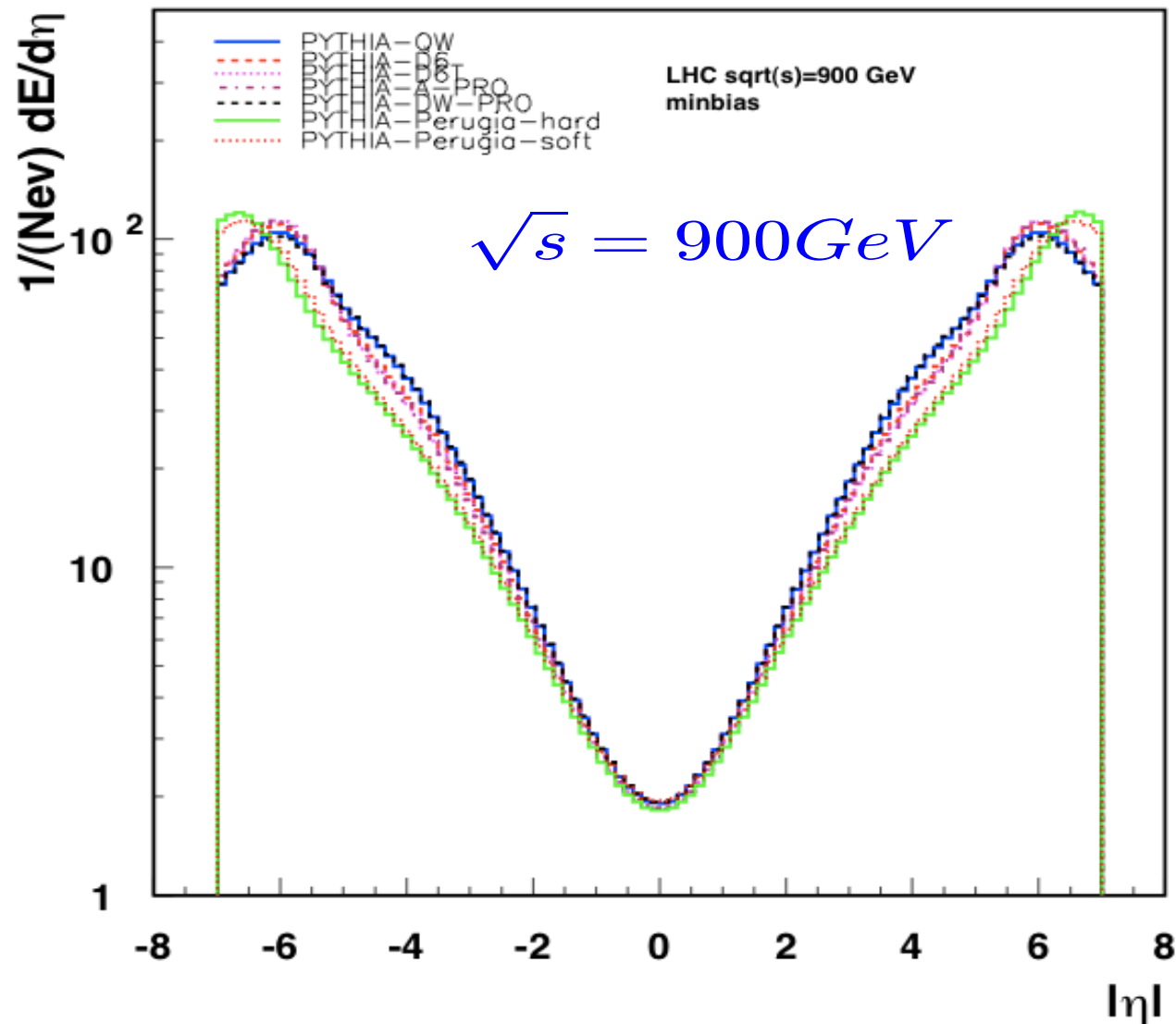


- **CASCADE** without tuning.....
- hmmm.... in  $|\eta| < 2$  **CASCADE** does as well as PYTHIA

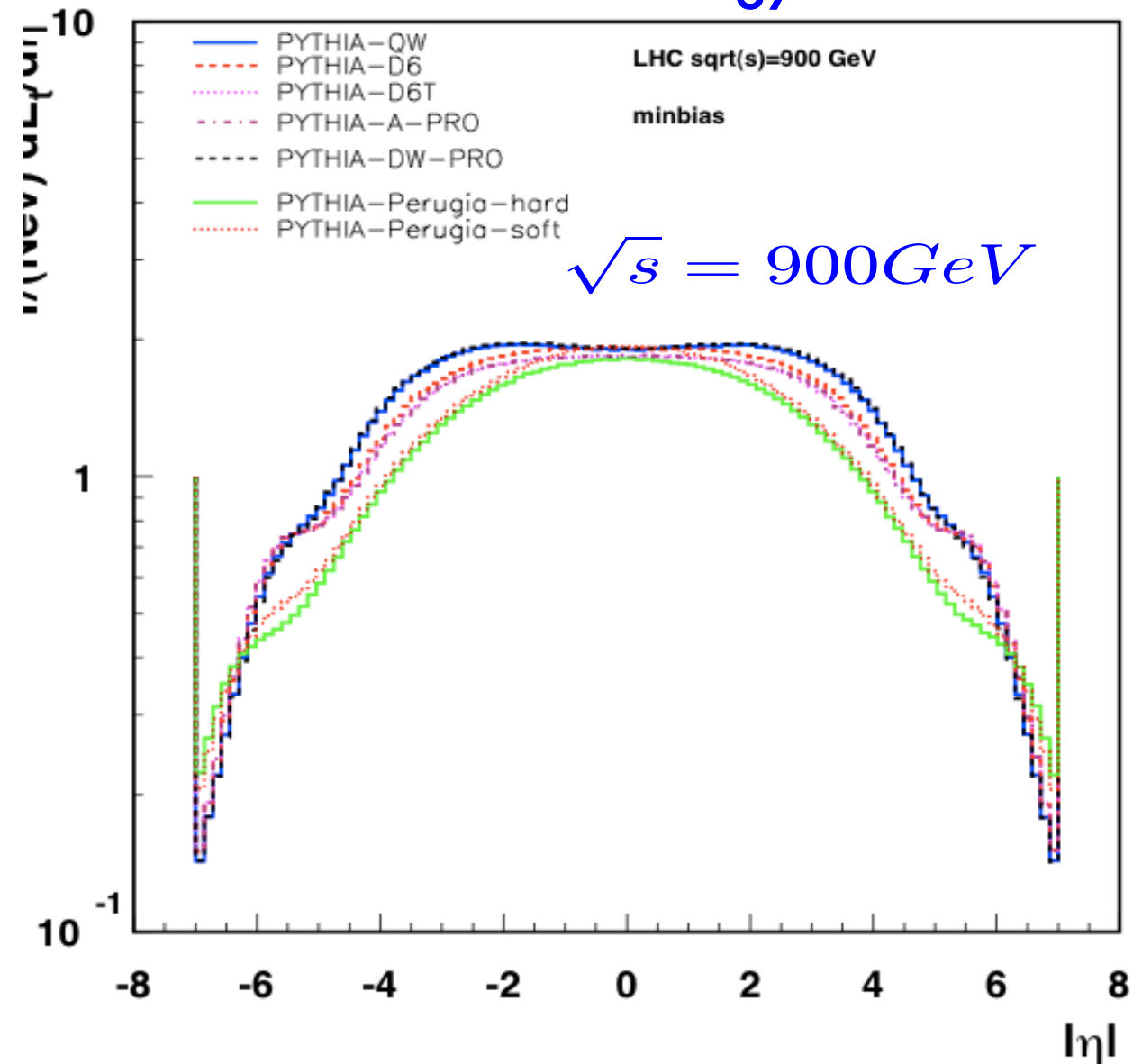
# What happens in the forward region ?

# Energy flow at 900 GeV

Energy flow



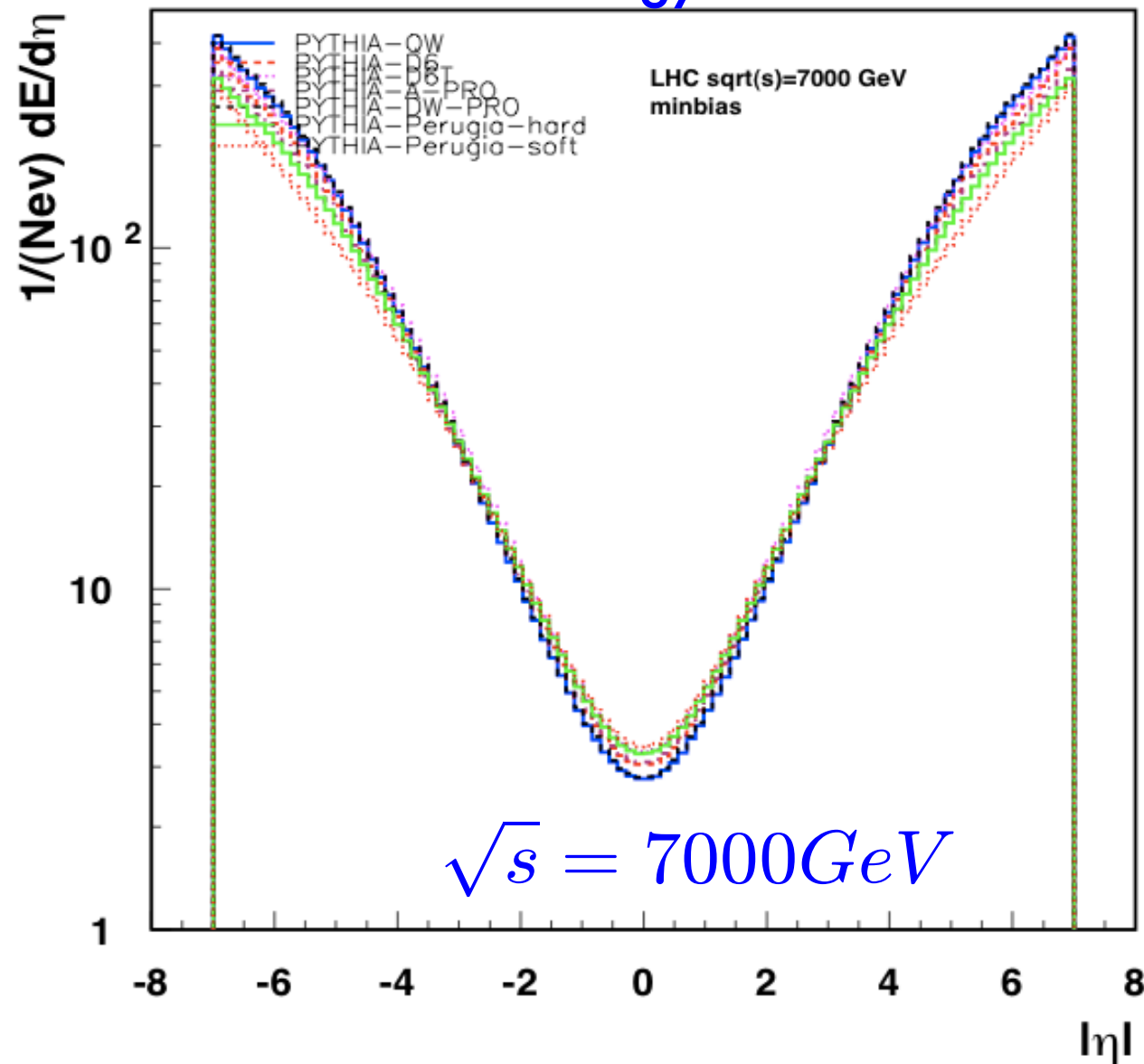
transverse Energy flow



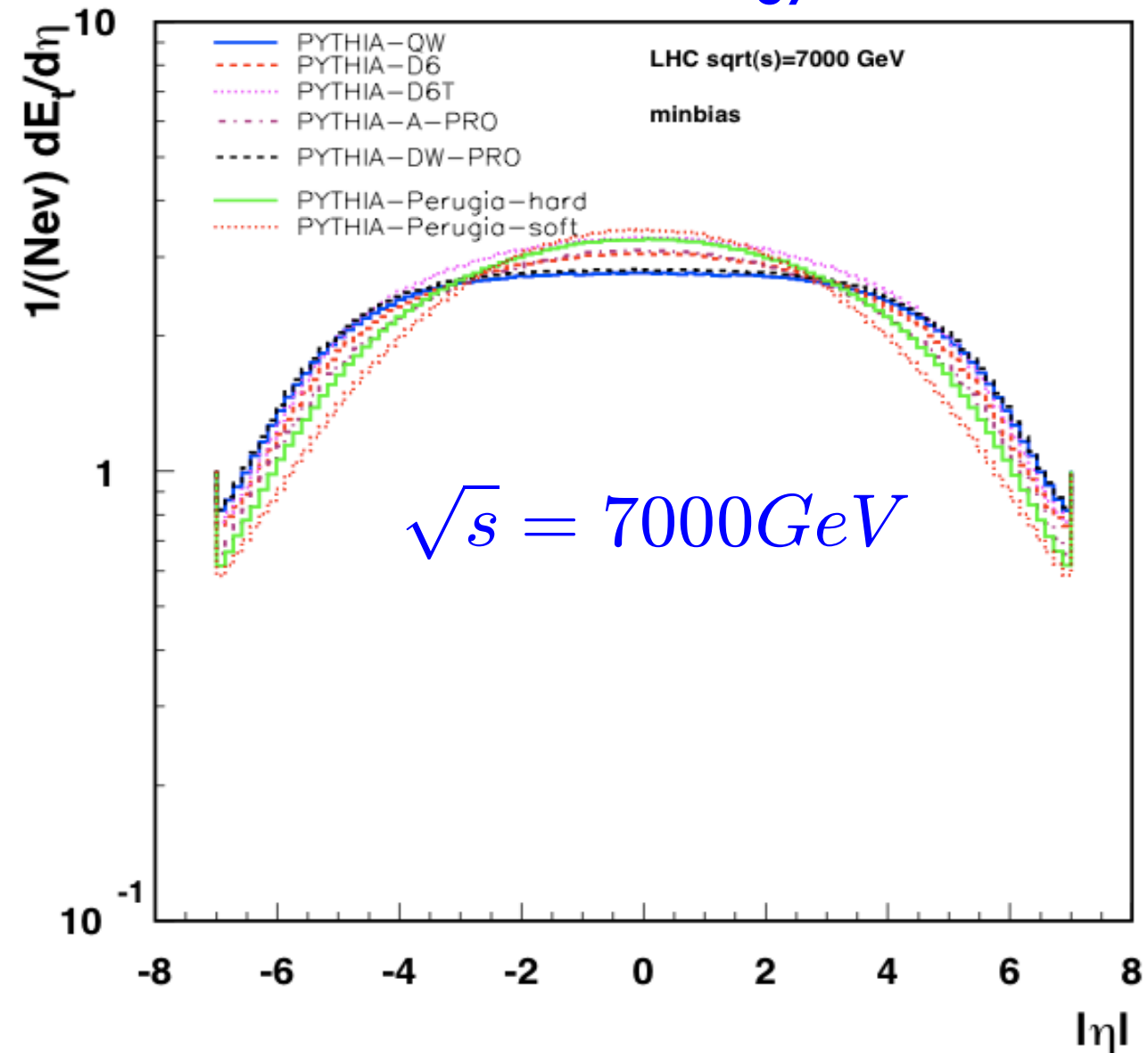
- energy flow in central region at low  $\sqrt{s}$  does not change much with tunes
- Significant effects visible in forward/backward region  $|\eta| > 2$
- use this for tuning of parameters ....

# energy flow at 7000 GeV

Energy flow

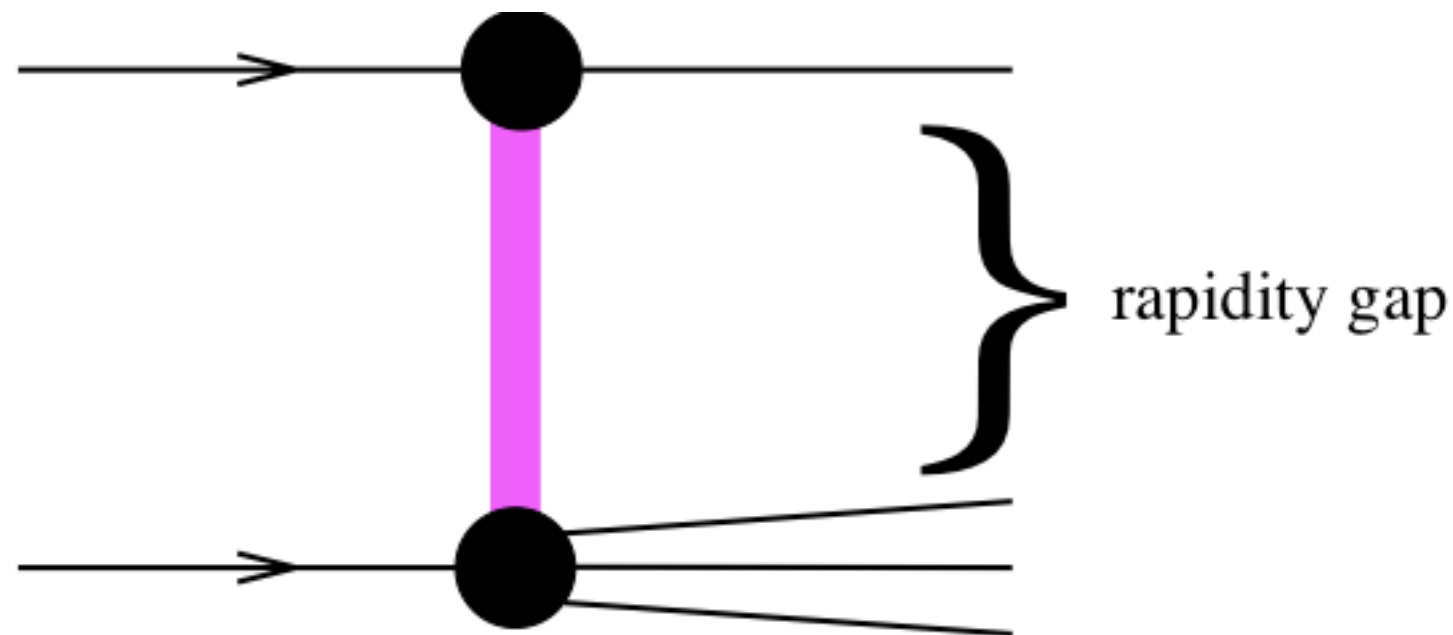


transverse Energy flow



- Energy flow in central region at large  $\sqrt{s}$  depends on tunes
- Still large effects visible in forward/backward region  $|\eta| > 2$
- “All” tunes give different results → use it for tuning

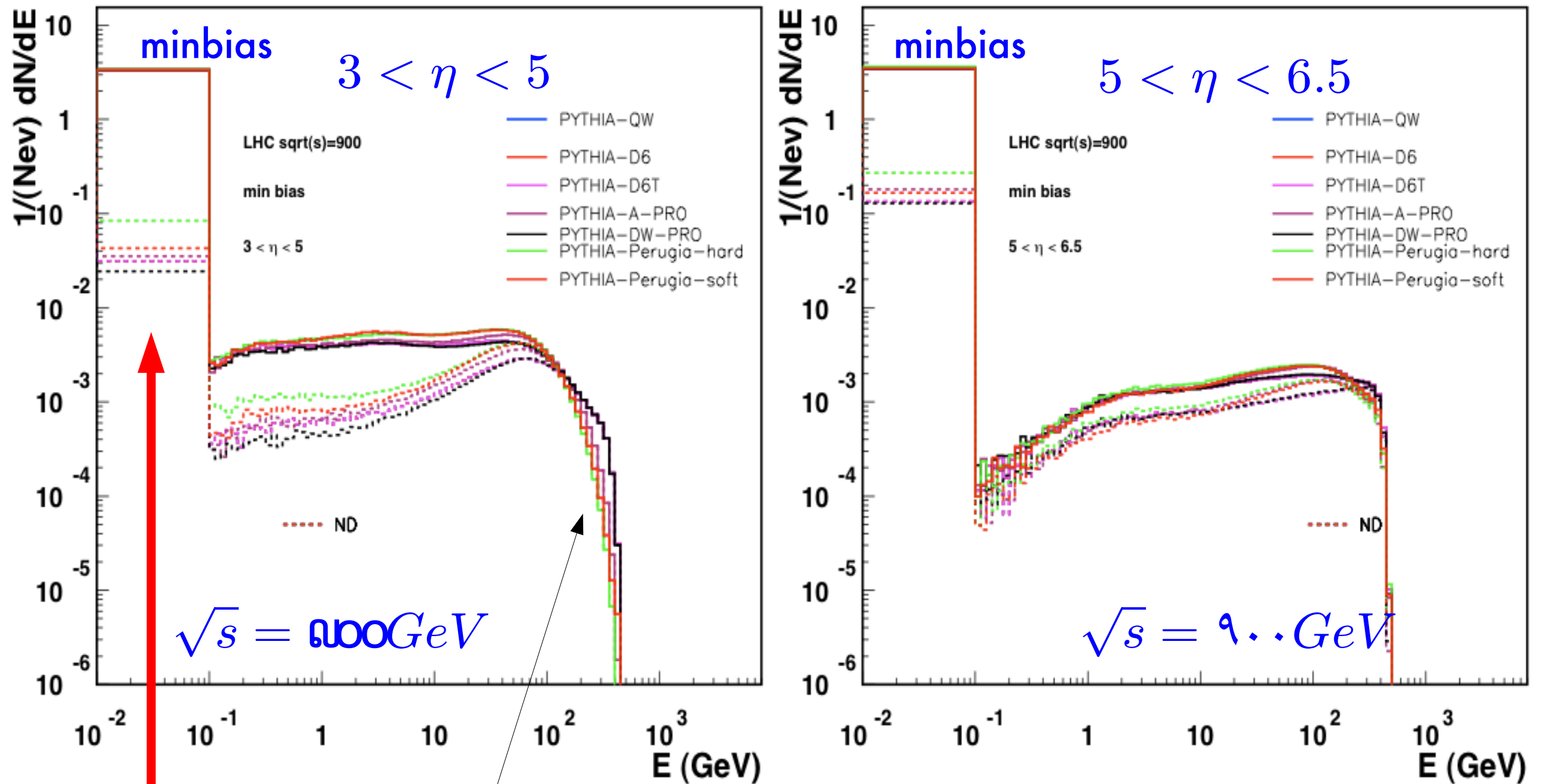
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diffraction:

- identified by rapidity gap
- little energy deposit in forward regions
- make use of forward calorimetric coverage

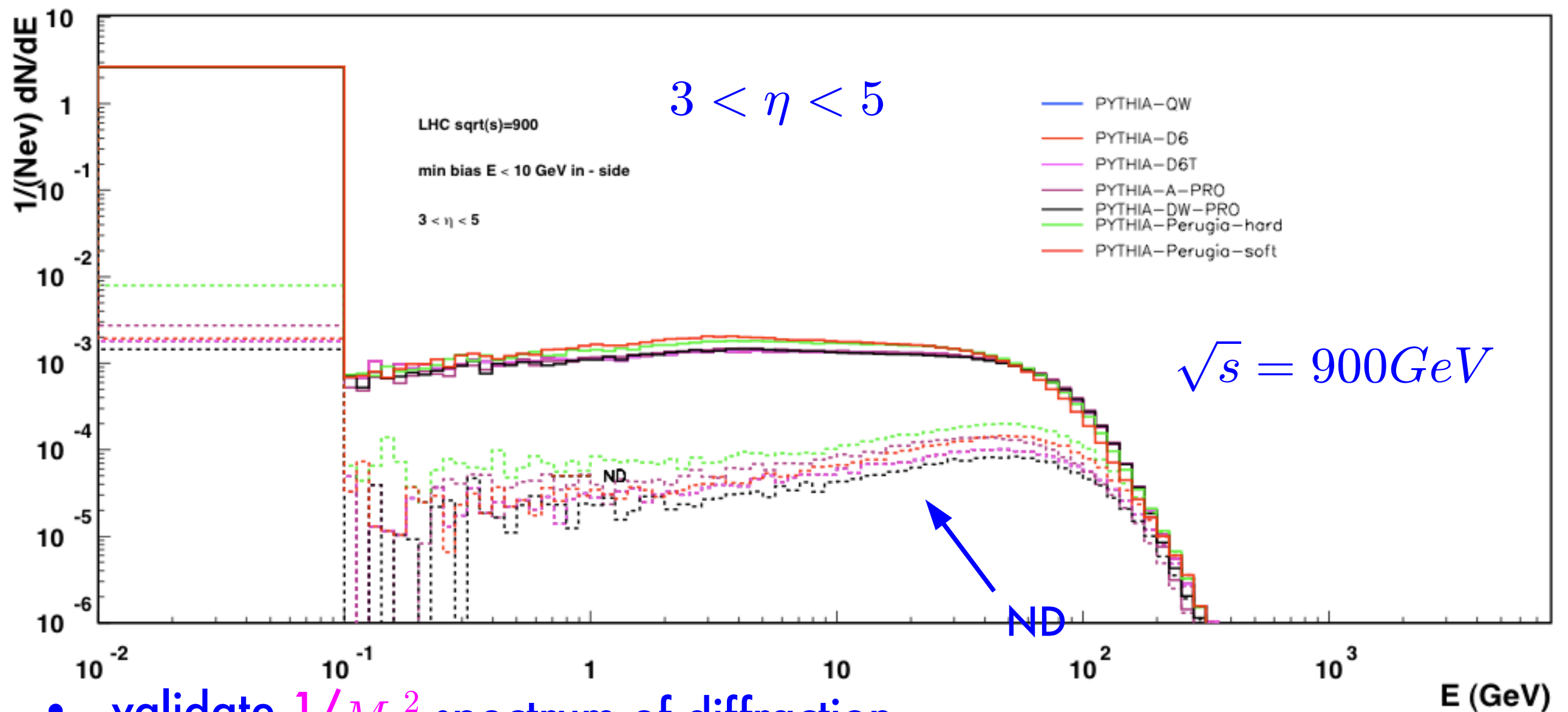
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- Diffraction: rapidity gaps  $\rightarrow$  no energy deposition in forward calos
- Amount of non-diffractive contribution changes with different tunes ....
- .... but also high energy region depends on tunes...

# Selecting diffraction

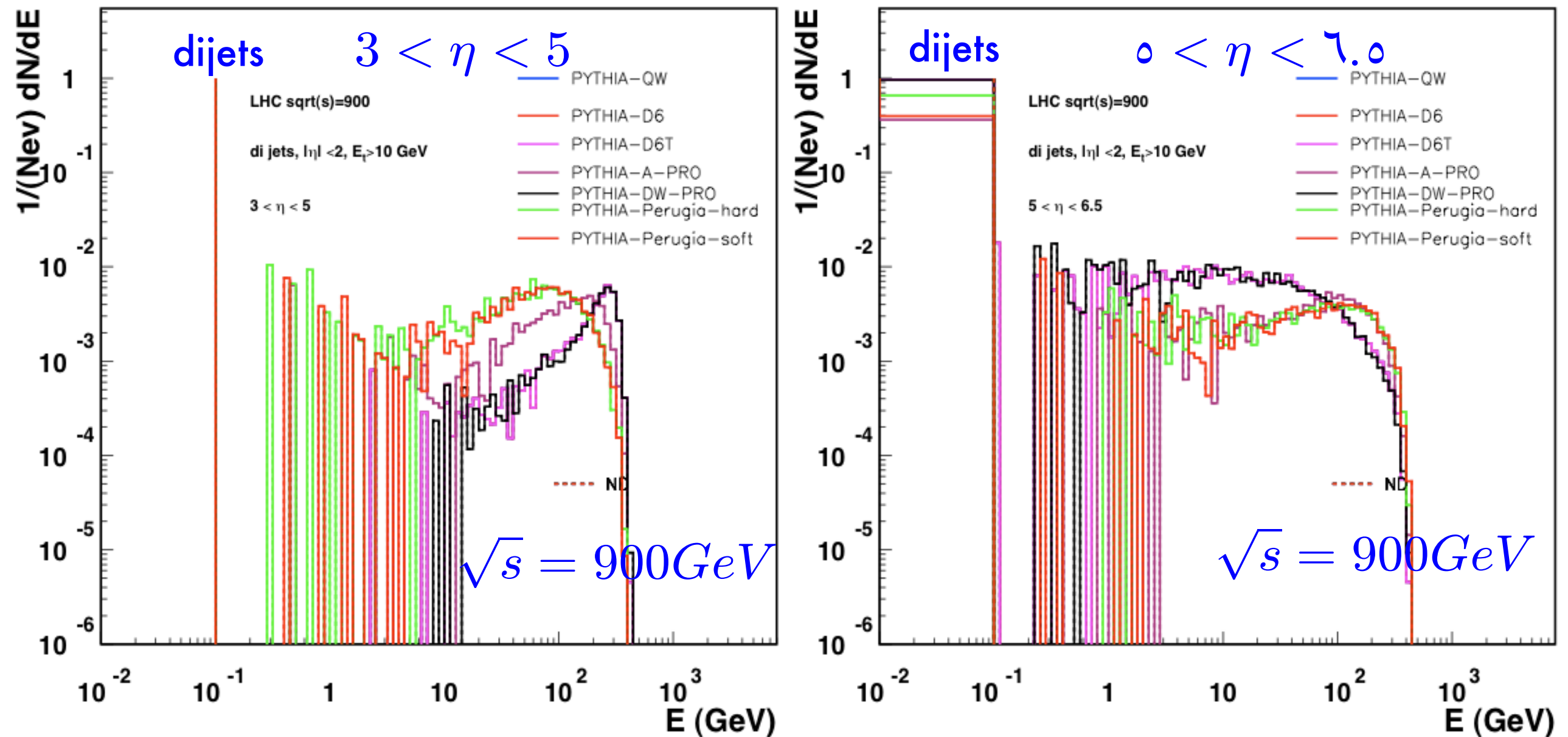
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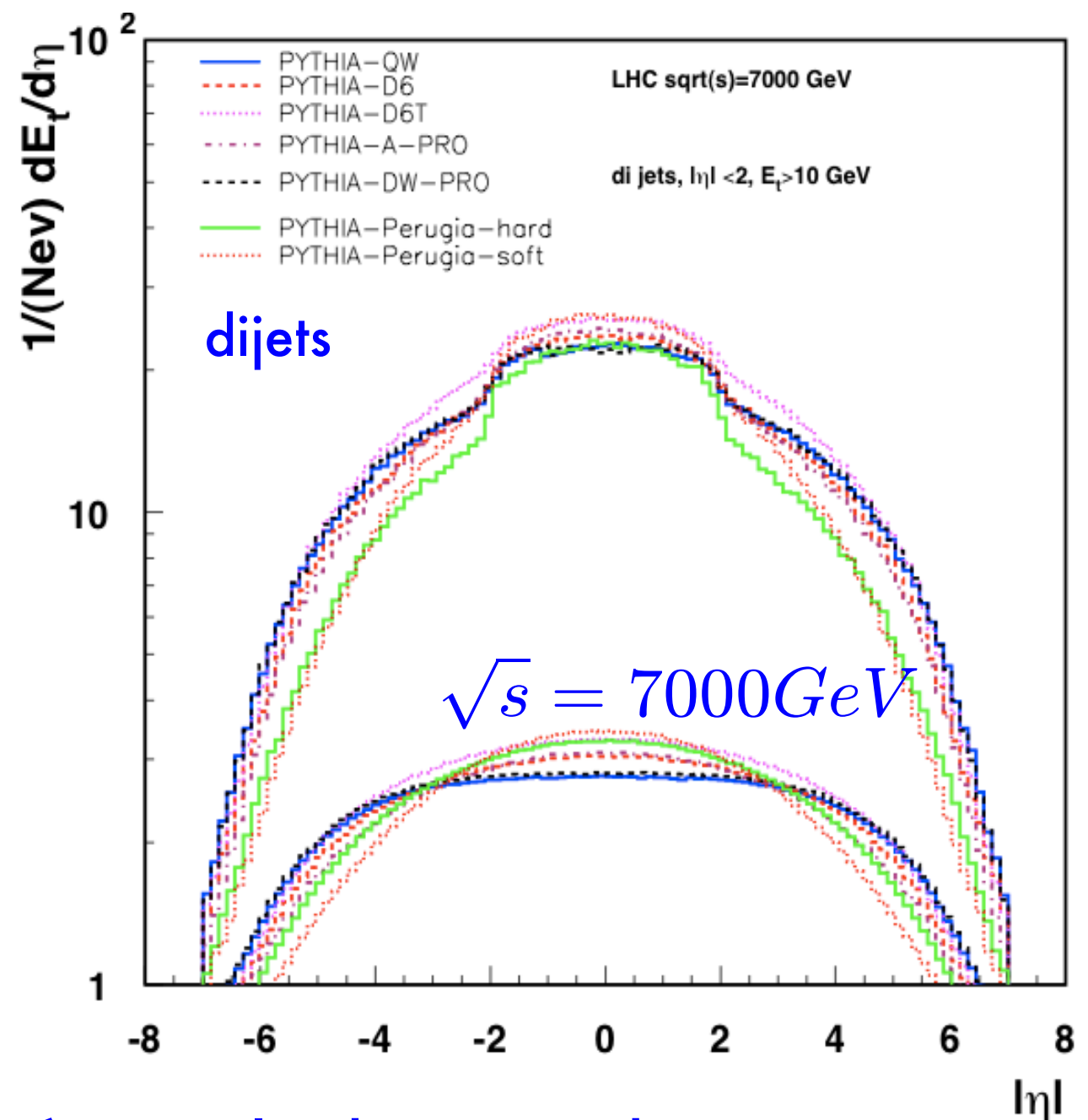
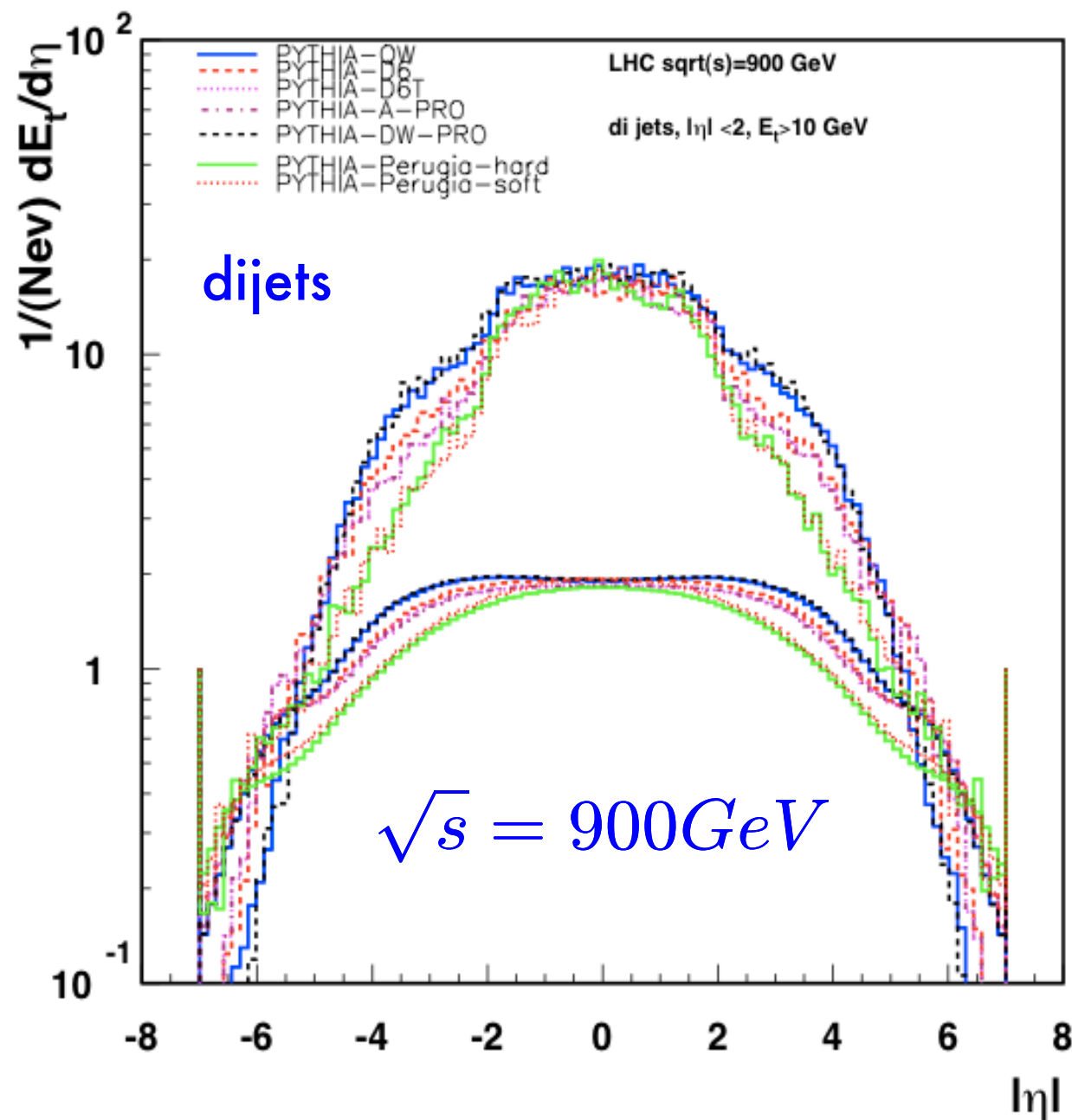
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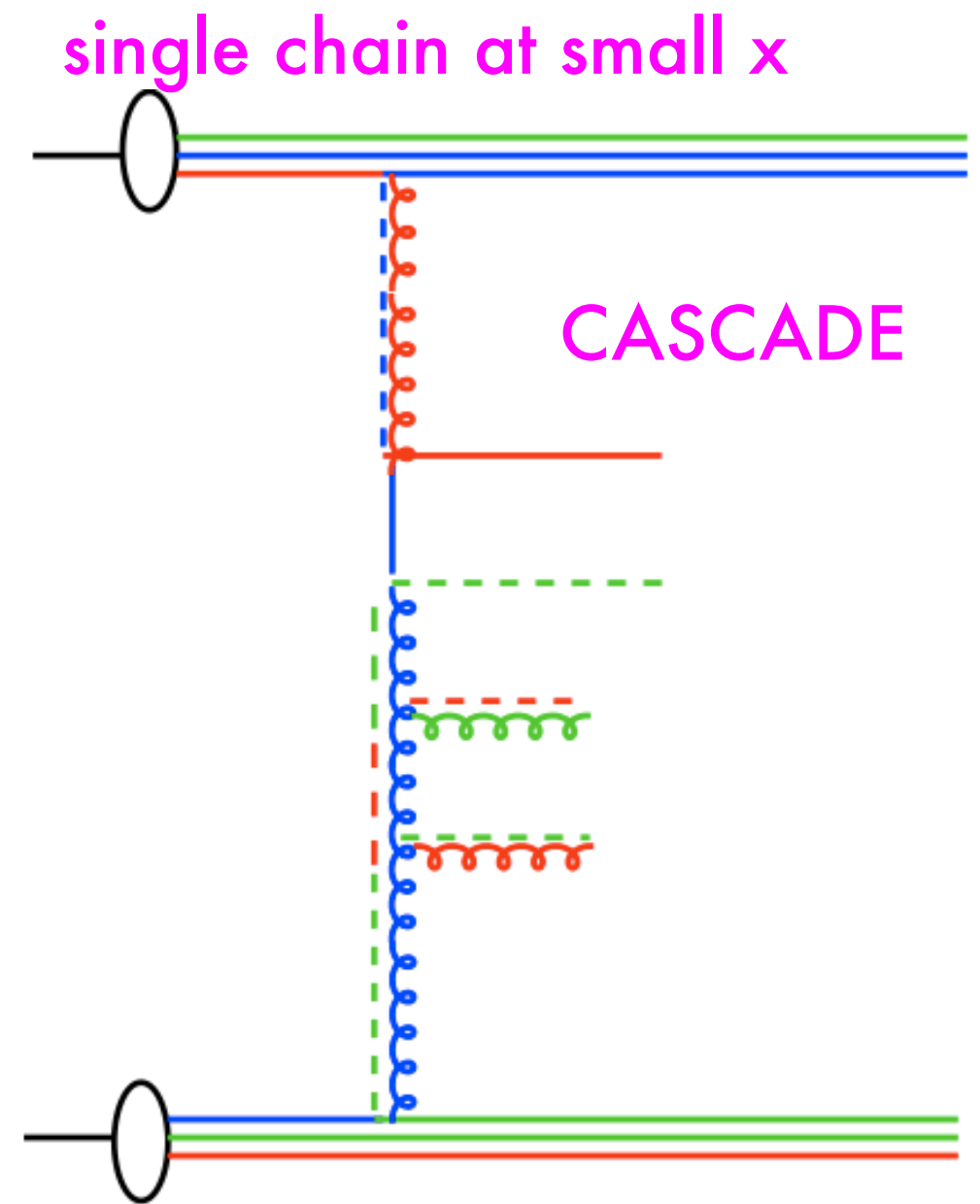
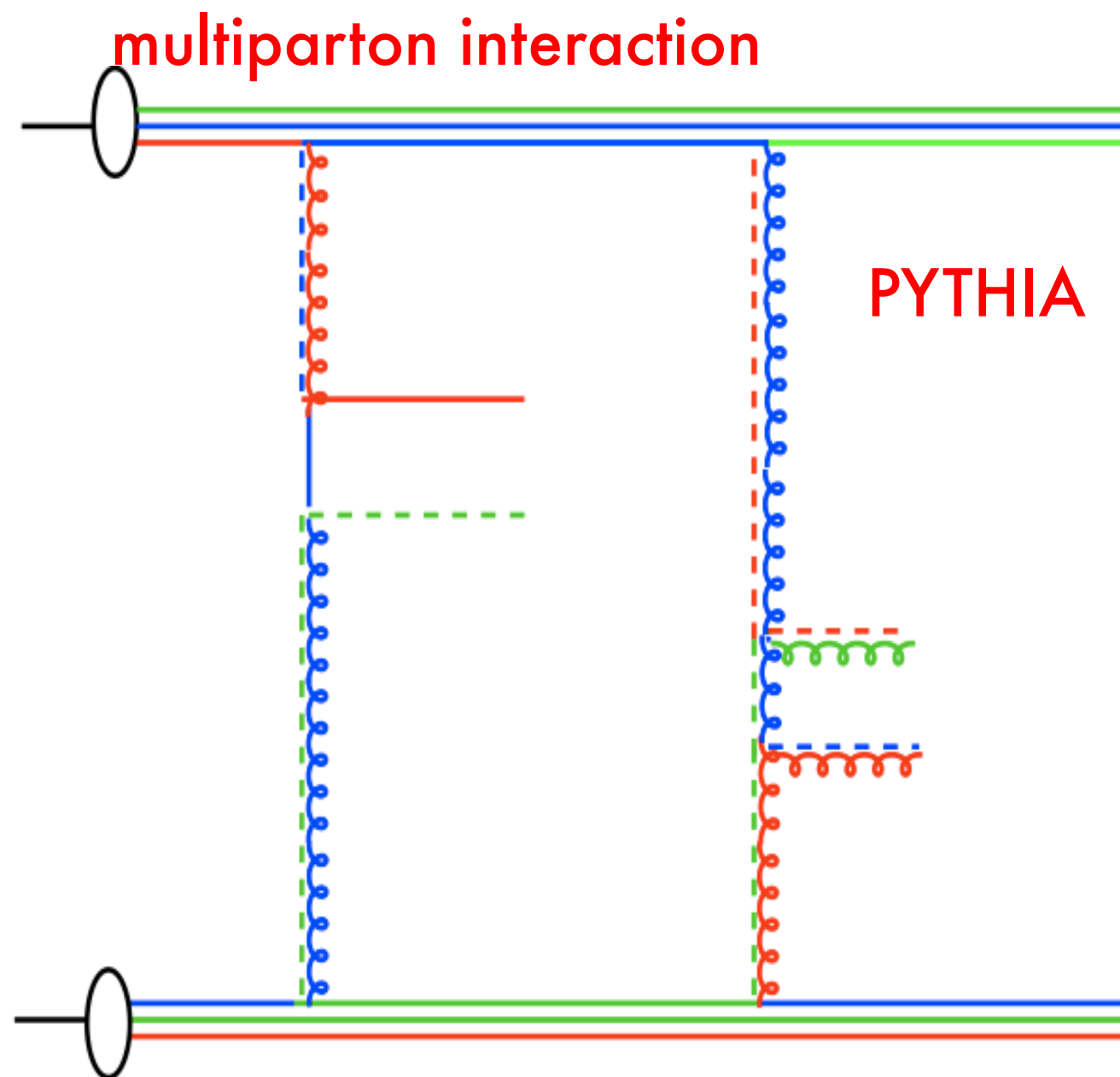
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- Et flow in central region ( $|\eta| < 2$ ) is similar between the tunes
- differences ( $\sim$  factor 2) show up in forward regions
- important especially low energies  $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$  !!!!!

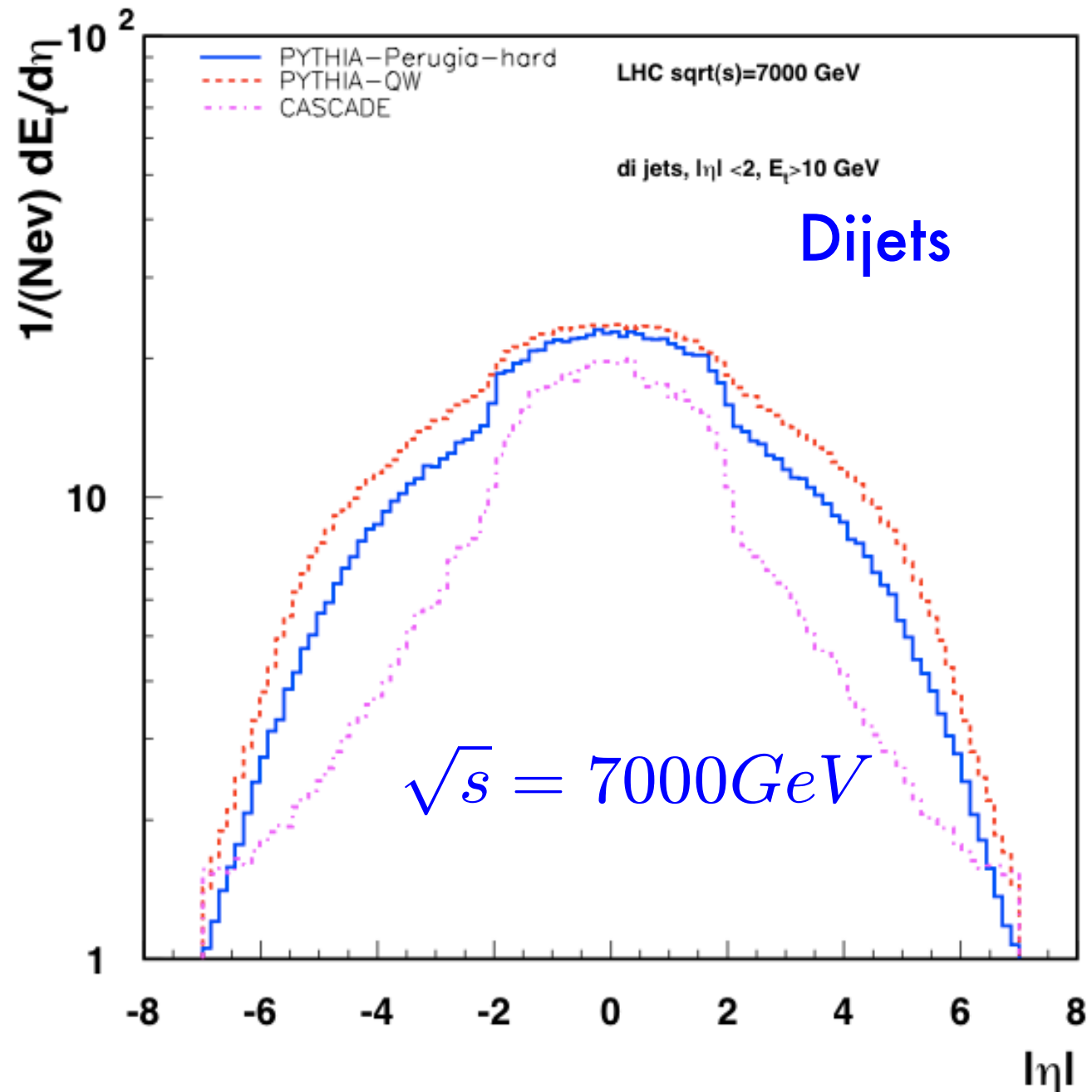
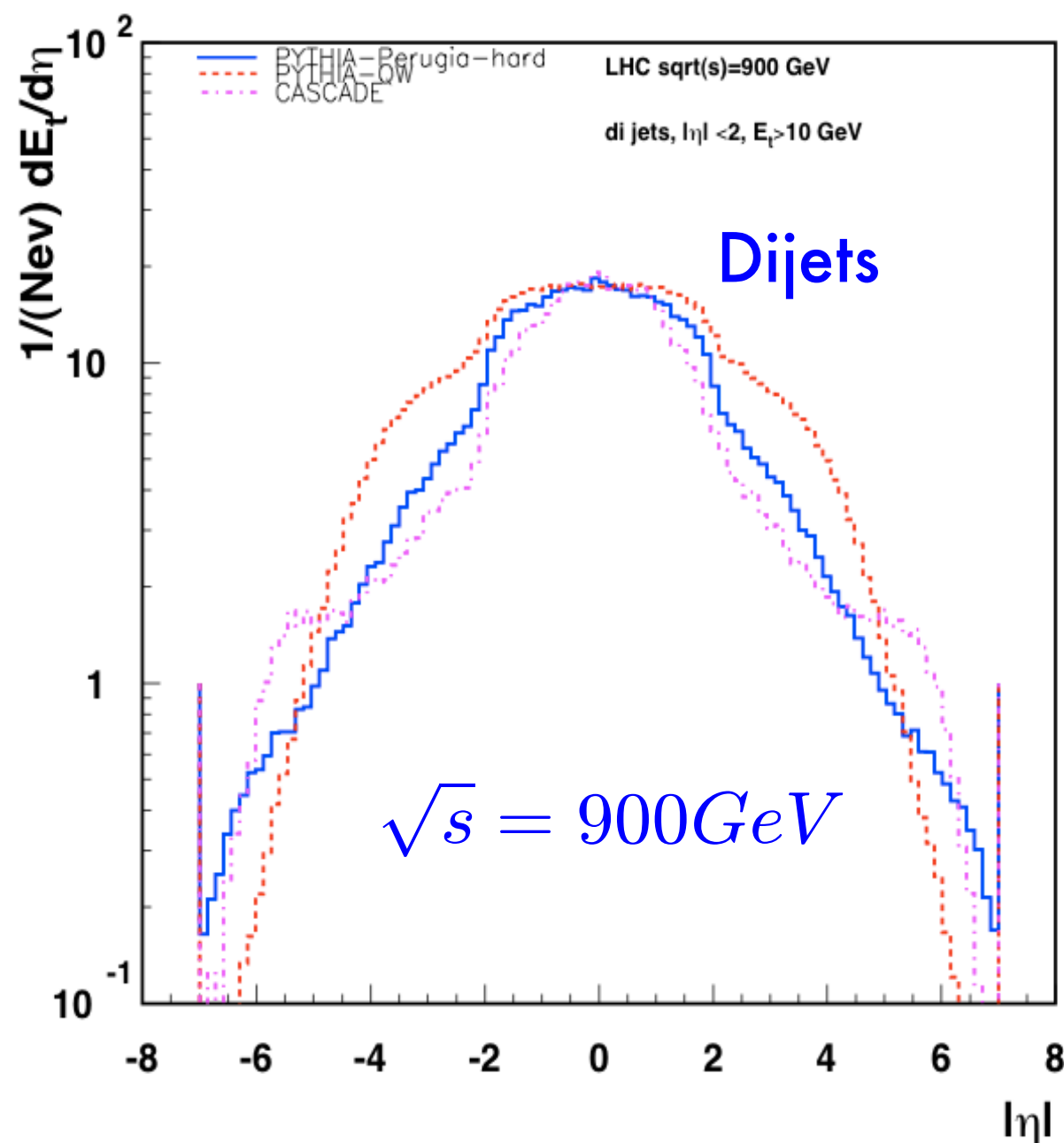
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- parton radiation in forward region:



- which of the two is correct or are they both describing the same ... ???

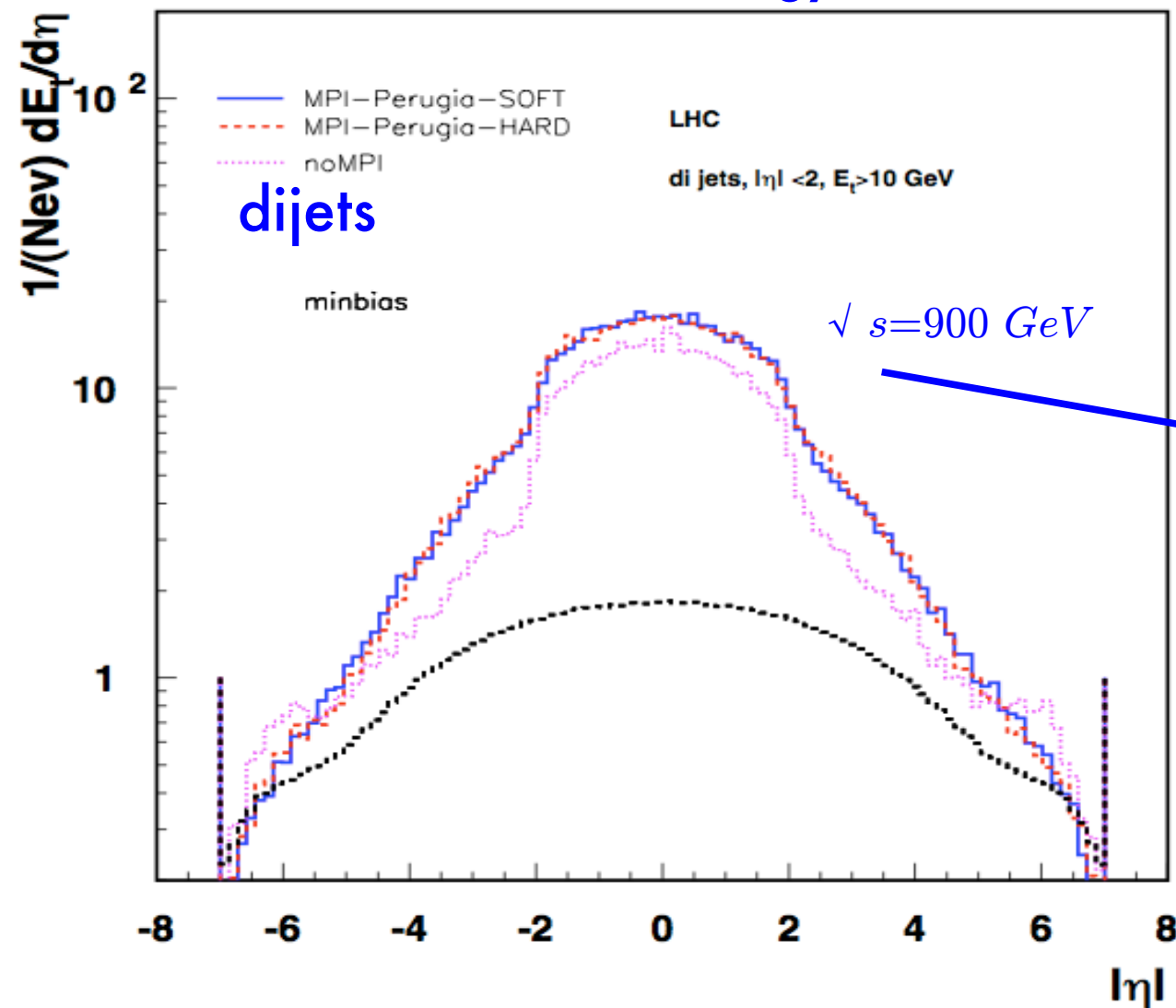
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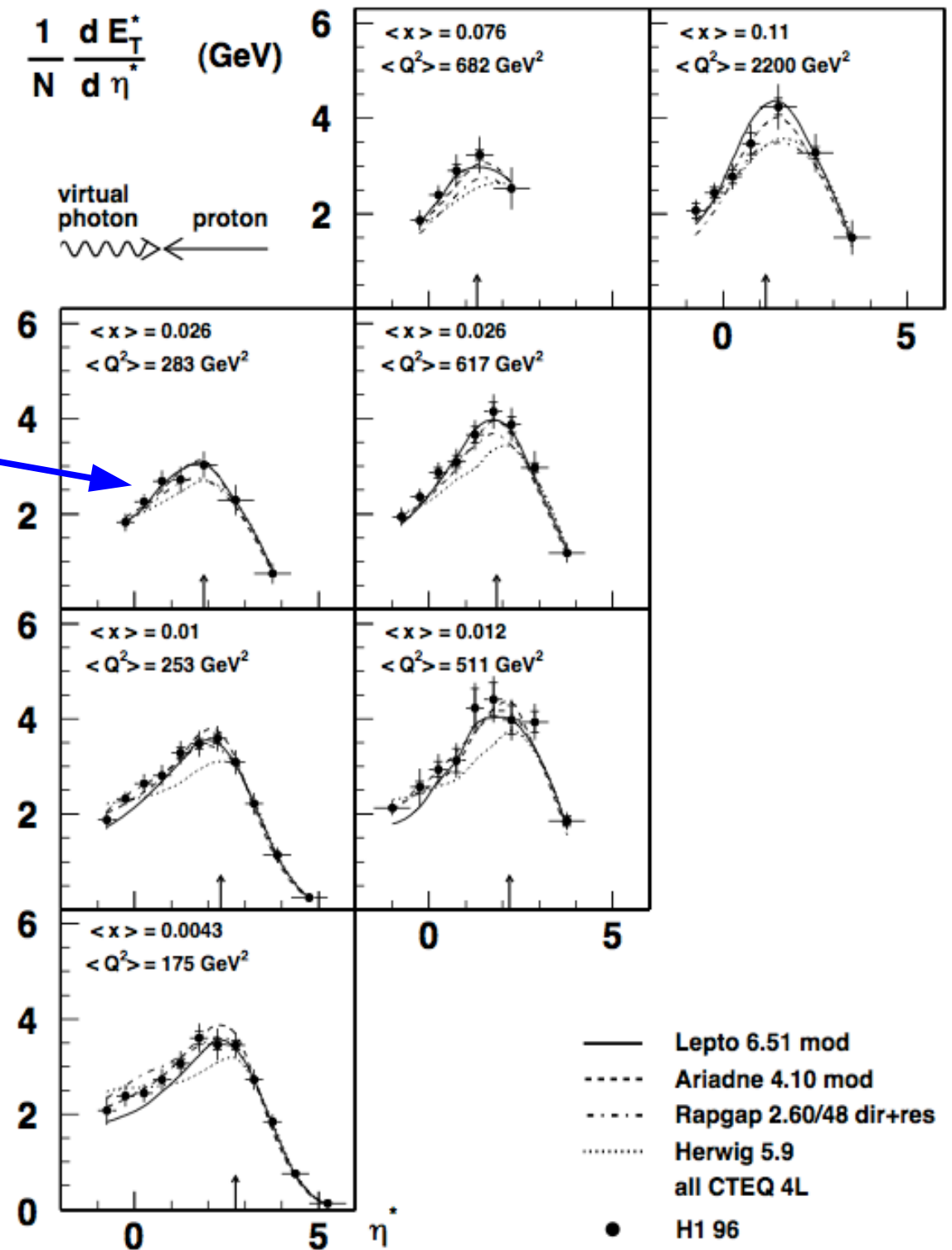
- Can additional radiation in forward region coming from different parton showering (not ordered in kt) ?
- How is the  $\sqrt{s}$  dependence of transverse energy flow ?

# trans. energy flow at 900 GeV - HERA

## transverse Energy flow



- Trans energy in central region does not change much with  $\sqrt{s}$
- Significant difference with  $\sqrt{s}$  seen in region of  $|\eta| > 2$



# Program for working group

# Define tuning goals for this WG

- Unlikely that we'll ever have an event generator that, with a single global tuning, can describe with comparable accuracy all aspects of all LHC final states
- This implies that, depending on the specific application (e.g. measurement of  $m_{top}$ , of  $m_W$ , of CP violation in B decays, etc), each experiment will likely need to develop specific, analysis- and experiment-dependent tunes, to optimize the data vs MC agreement
- Furthermore, in order to become available sooner, many tunings will be done on detector-level observables, after detector simulation of the MC events
- In spite of this, there is a premium in
  - approaching the above possible experiment-specific differences in a coherent way
  - performing global tunings of generic final-state properties, to be used as defaults for “generic” analysis, and as reference benchmarks for more specific tunings, or comparisons across experiments
- The WG should
  - focus on this class of tunings
  - contribute to set standards (tools, protocols, ...) and a discussion forum on physics issues for the more specific tunings that will eventually become necessary
- In particular, focus on MB/UE properties, incorporating (possibly at different stages) elements like:
  - inclusive charged-track/ET quantities (a la Field/Perugia)
  - SD/DD/ND separation
  - multiparticle correlations, identified particle spectra, etc
  - ....

# Possible approaches

1. MC developers do their own tuning
  - which input datasets? how to account for (un)correlated systematics from different exps?
2. Tuners do their own tuning
  - same as above, plus
  - if no good tune for given parameters, need input of MC developer to modify modeling
3. Experiments do their own individual tuning
  - same as above, plus
  - what if Pythia tune from ATLAS and CMS differ? What are the Pythia authors supposed to adopt as default tune for the next version?
4. **All key players play together**

My personal elaboration of discussions with P. Bartalini (CMS), J. Butterworth (ATLAS/Rivet), A. Buckley (ATLAS/Professor), H. Jung (CMS/Profit), J. Katzy (ATLAS), W. Pokorski (Genser), P. Skands (Pythia)

- Agree to support a global reference tuning for the MB/UE parameters, from a joint effort of the experiments and of interested MC developers
- Start by agreeing on common tuning tools:
  - Rivet is accepted as a de-facto standard in the area of its functionality. Agree?
  - Fitting has two tools, Professor and Profit. The respective proponents agree that they should both be pushed, to ensure cross-checks and better control of systematics, validation of systematic uncertainties, etc (see e.g. the parallel with the several independent PDF or CKM fitters). Agree? Anything else?
  - Hand-driven tunings can be part of the game as well, they could be useful for independent validation etc, but the final results should be reproducible with openly available tools. Agree?
- The “experts” define the distributions to be used for the tunings
- Genser & LPCC can support/host the efforts required to make the tools available to all experiments and MC developers, and support the overall infrastructure necessary for the global tuning task.
  - The authors of the tuning packages and generators, the Genser and LPCC management, and the MC coordinators and tuners of the exp's identify technical needs and resources.
  - The LPCC can provide whatever resource is necessary, host the “tuning team”, etc.



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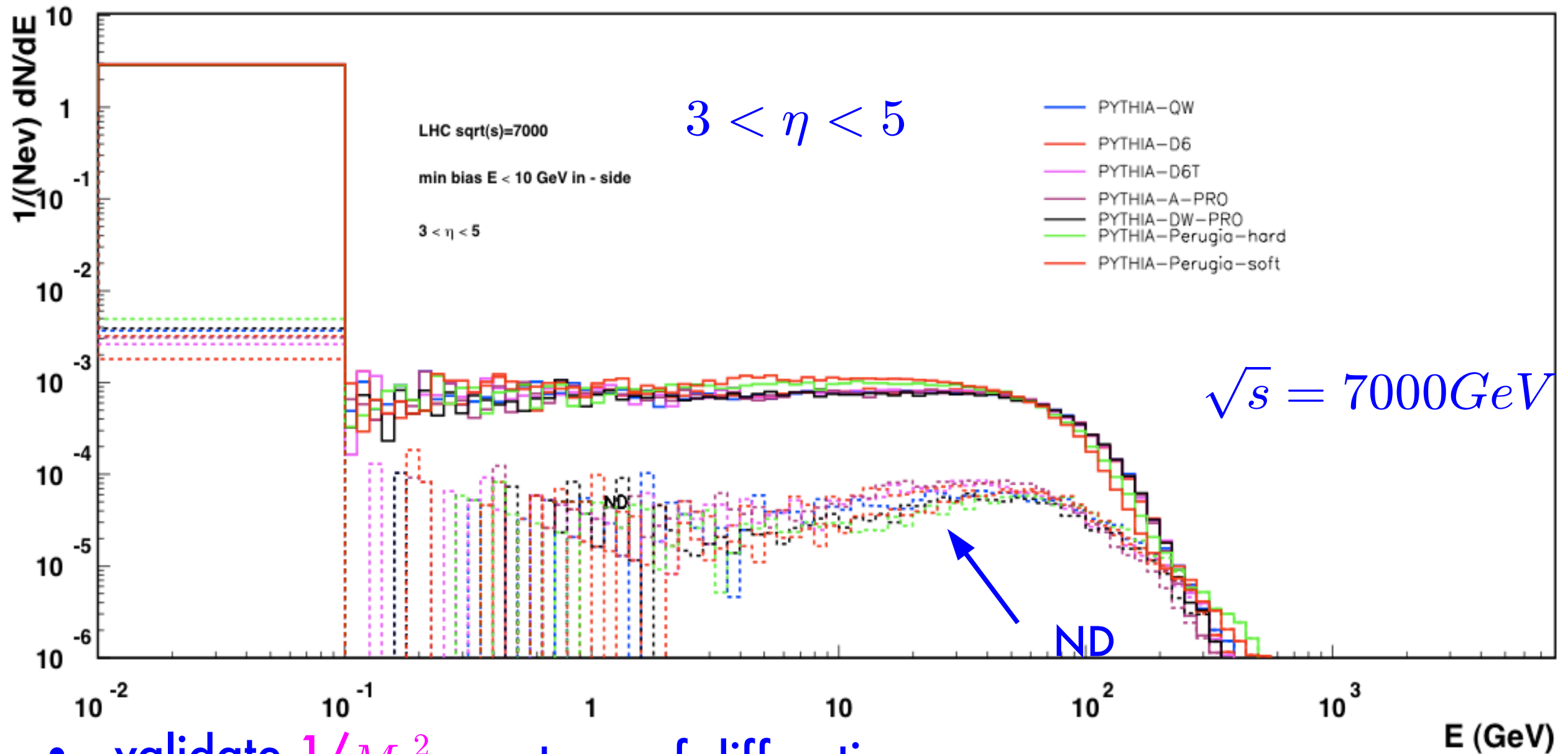
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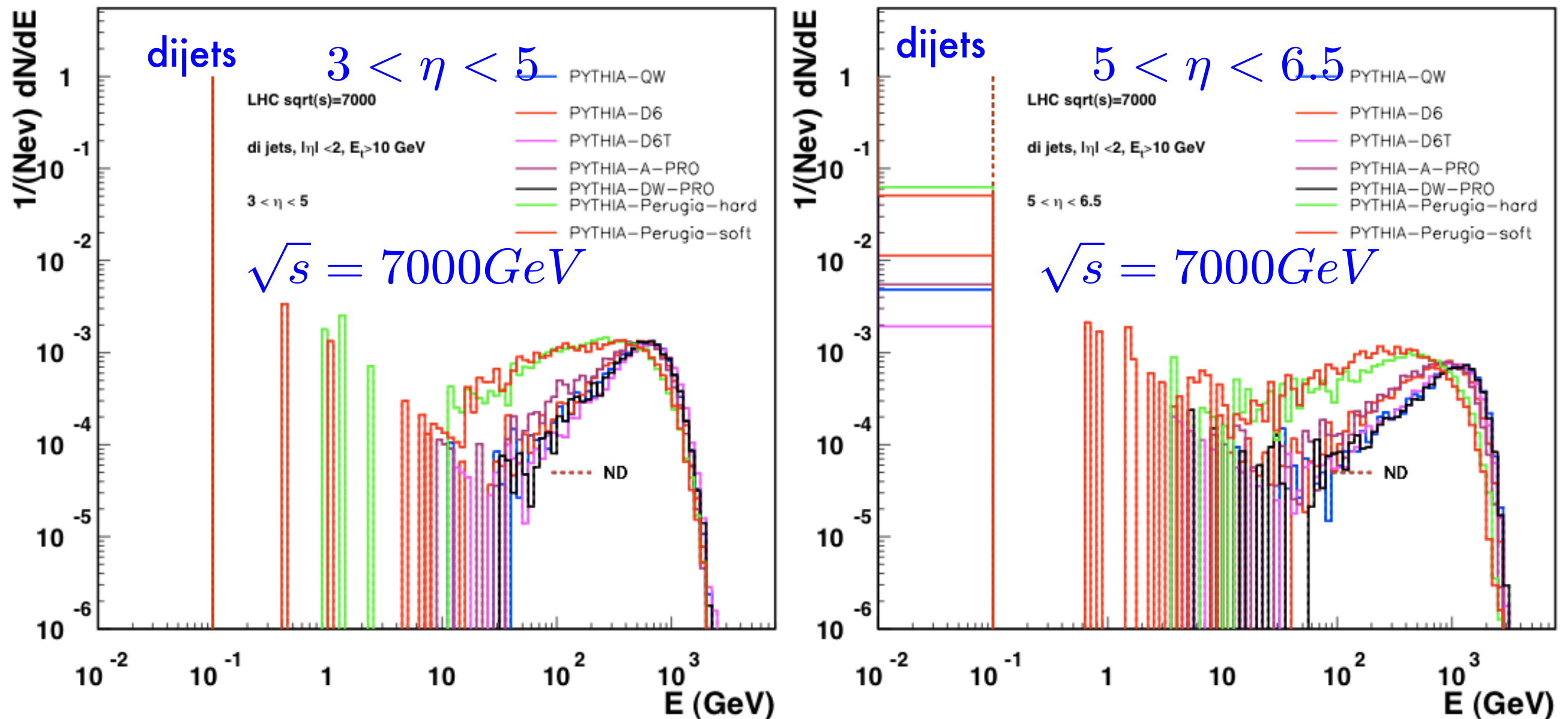
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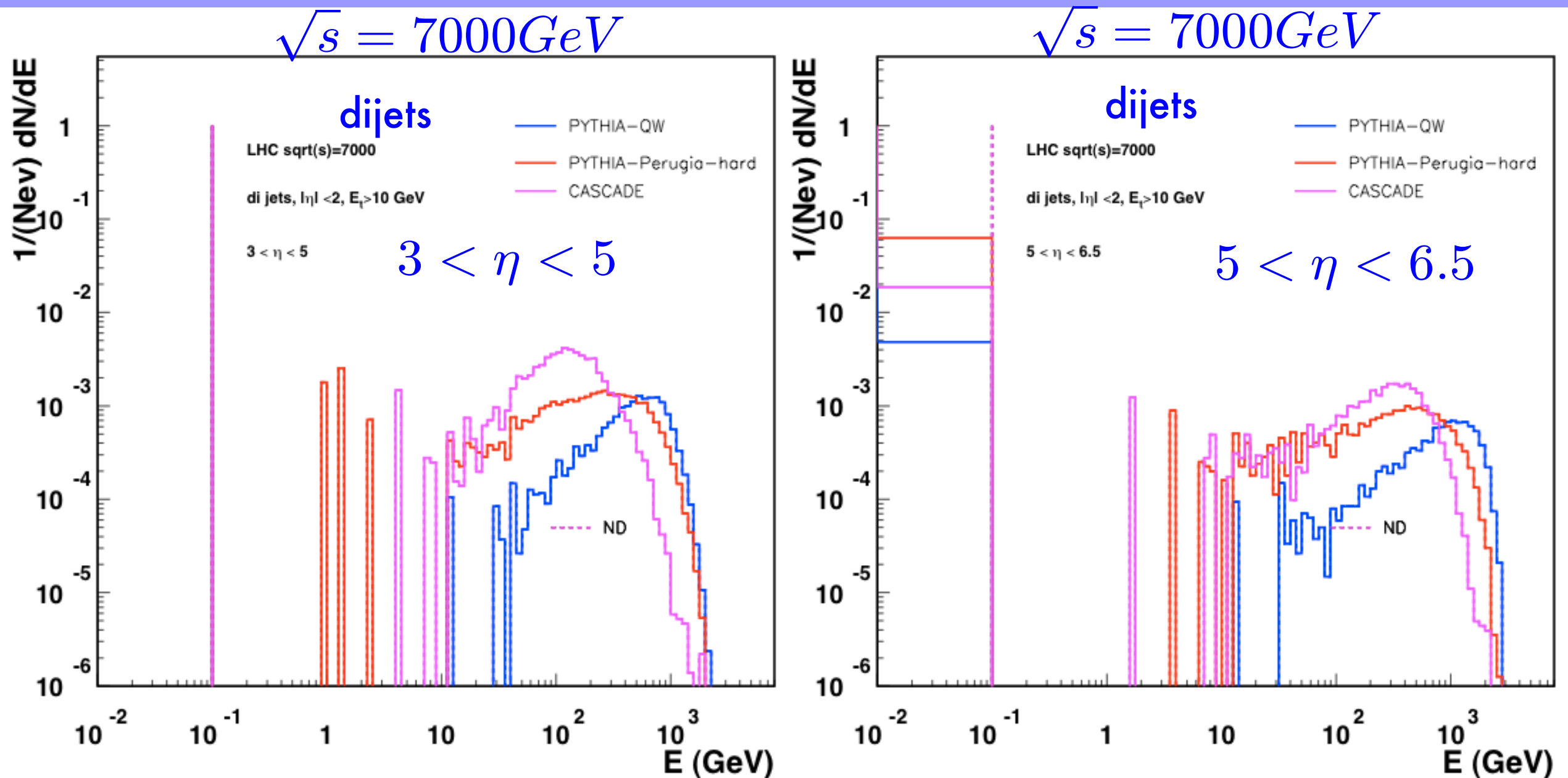
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# Parton radiation in forward region



from non-diffractive processes ?

- very forward region depends on parton showering etc ...