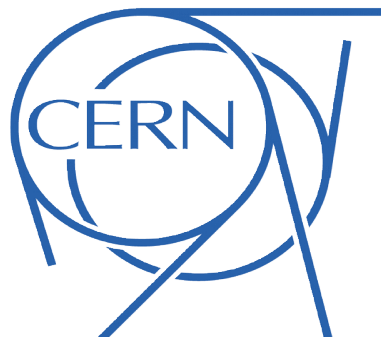


# Recent QCD results from ATLAS



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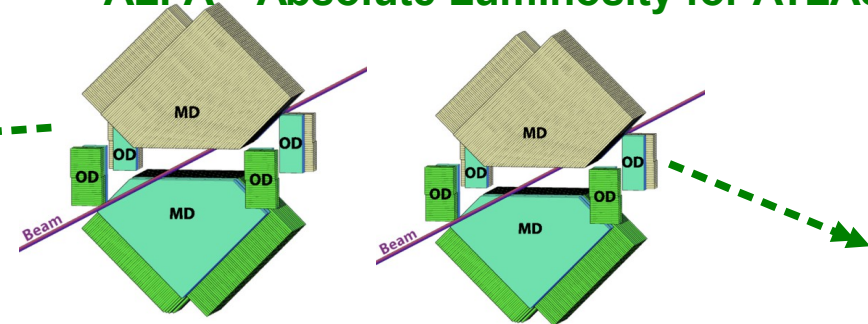
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# Overview

- Experiment ATLAS: Brief Description
- Samples of ATLAS QCD results
  - Measurements of underlying events
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  - $\phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+ K^-$  cross section
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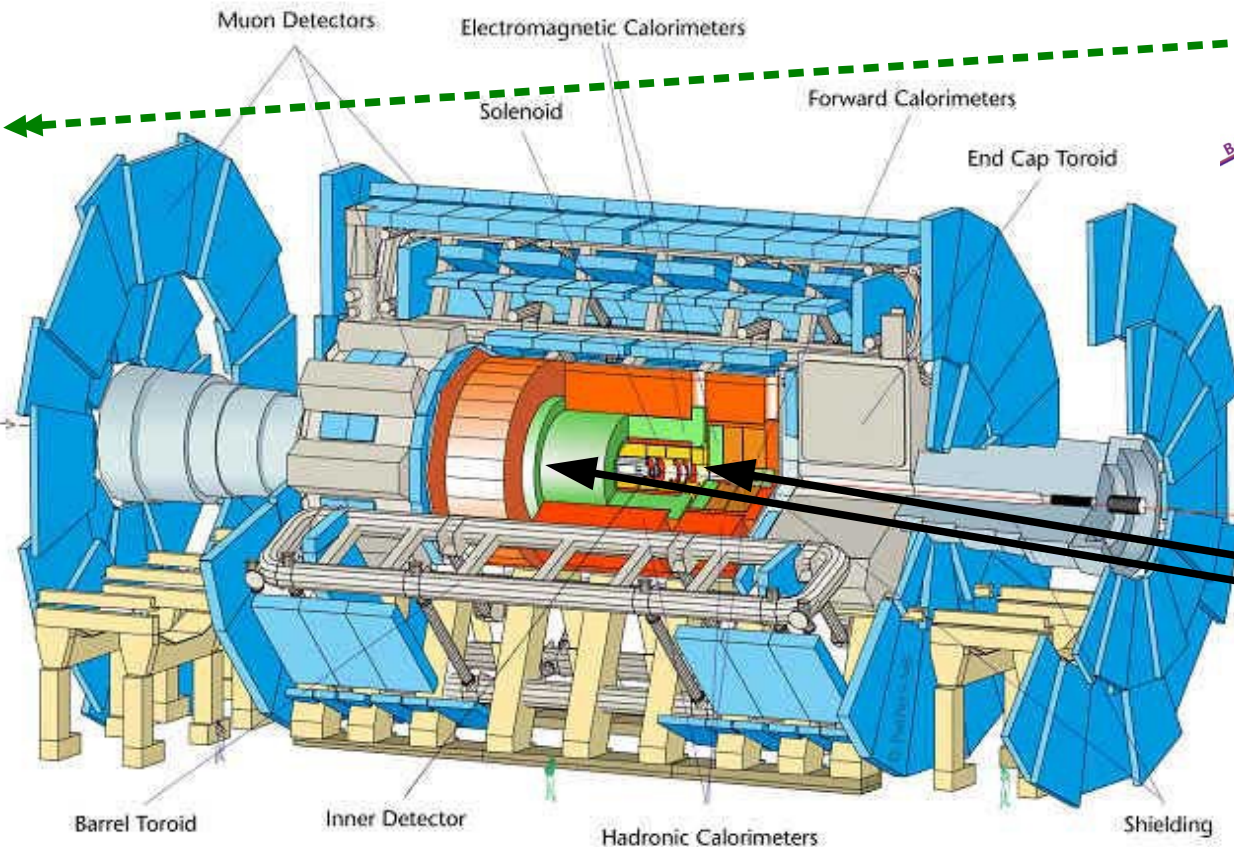
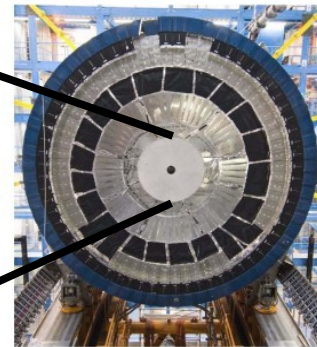
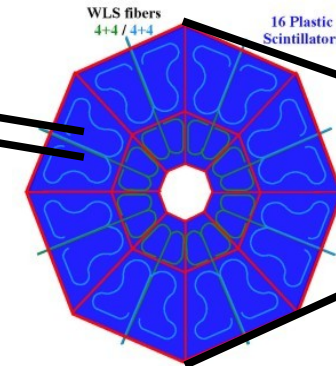
# The ATLAS Detector

## ALFA – Absolute Luminosity for ATLAS



- 240m afar from the interaction point
- measurement of elastic pp scattering

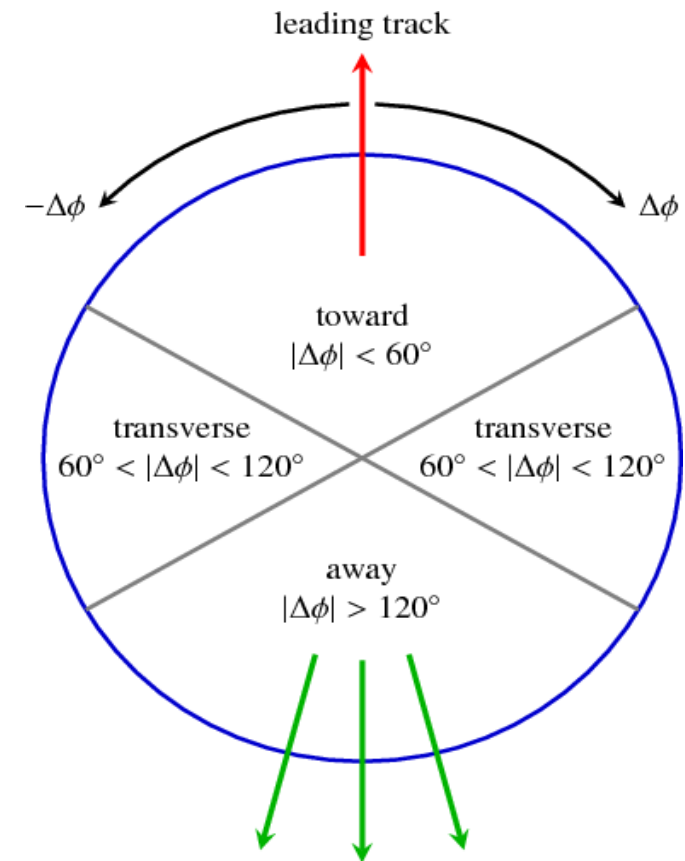
## MBTS



- The key component of the ATLAS for direct inelastic cross section measurement and as a trigger for inelastic processes is the **Minimum Bias Trigger Scintillator (MBTS)**
  - is located in front of the Endcap calorimeters
  - consists from two rings of 8 counters on each side of detector
  - covers pseudorapidity  $|\eta|$  2.09 – 2.82, 2.82 – 3.84

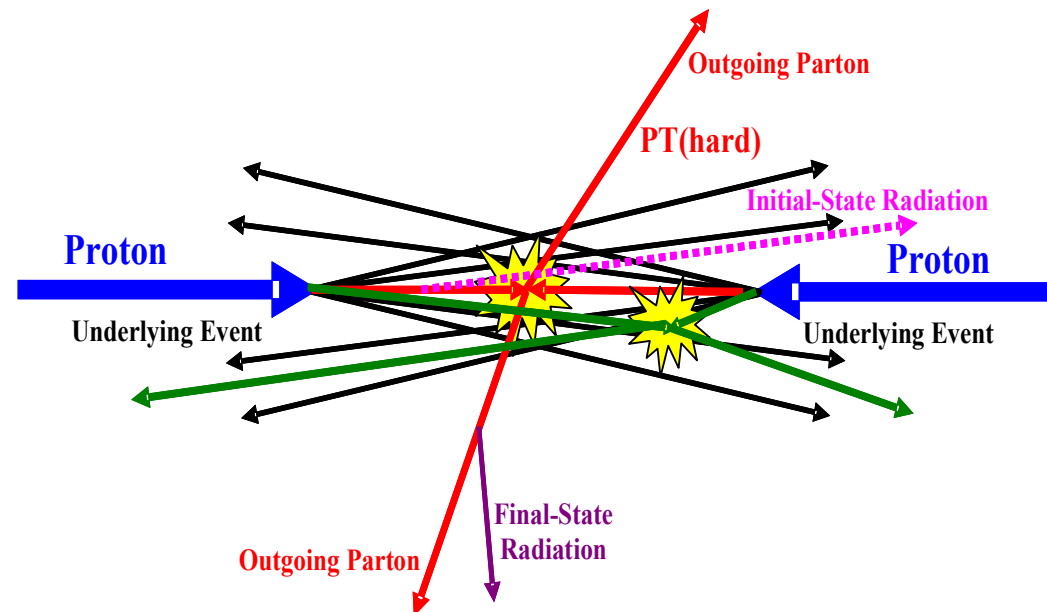
# Measurement of Underlying Events

- UE: soft processes accompanying hard parton-parton interaction in proton-proton collisions
  - no way to unambiguously distinguish between signals from the hard process and from the UE
- $\eta, \phi$  plane divided into regions around leading object (the highest  $p_T$  object):
  - $|\Delta\phi| < 60^\circ$  - **toward**
  - $60^\circ < |\Delta\phi| < 120^\circ$  - **transverse**
    - event-by-event distinguishing to “**trans-min**” and “**trans-max**” sides
  - $|\Delta\phi| > 120^\circ$  - **away**



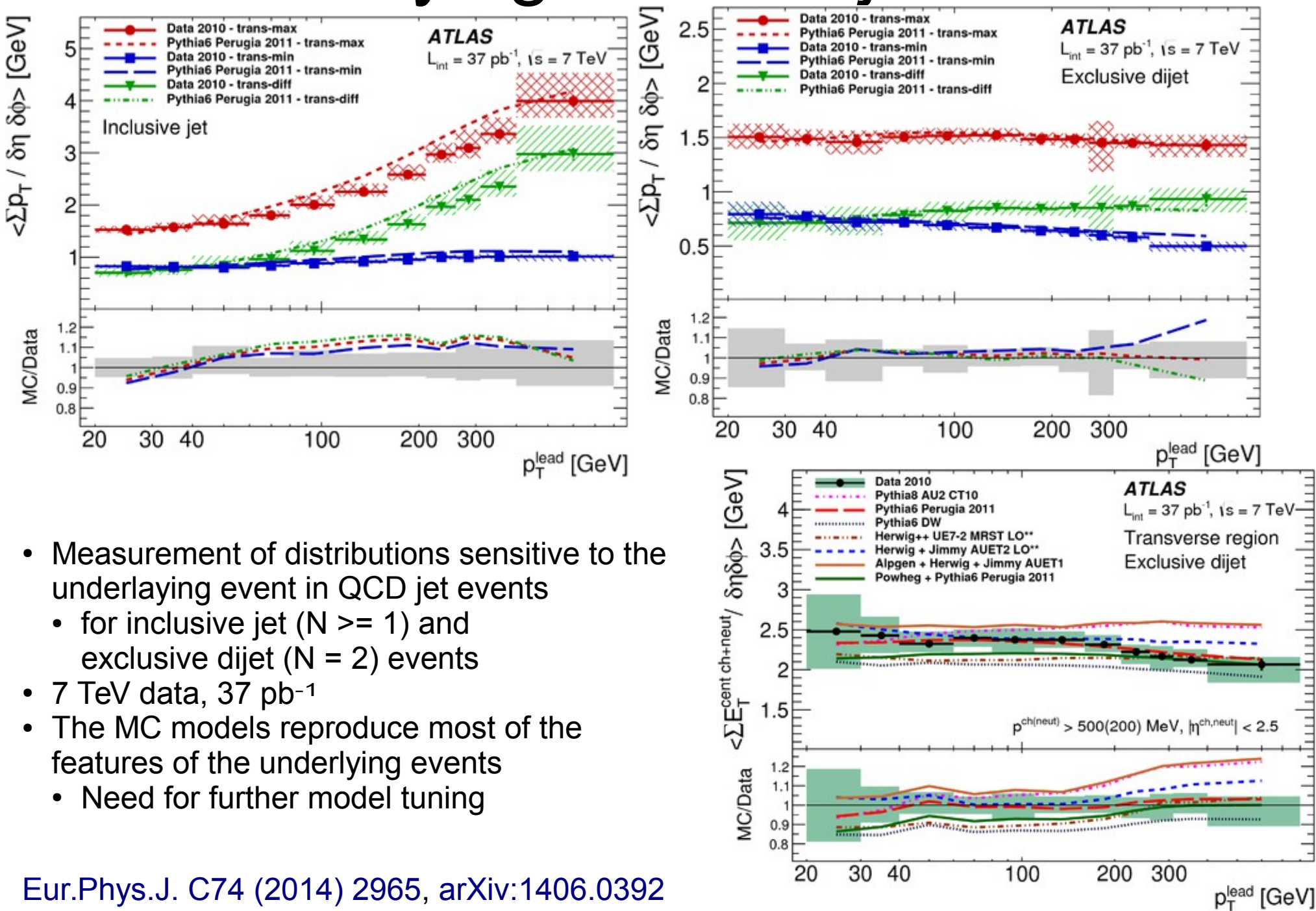
## Observables:

- charged particles multiplicity vs.  $p_T^{\text{lead}}$
- scalar  $p_T$  sum vs.  $p_T^{\text{lead}}$
- $\langle p_T \rangle$  vs.  $p_T^{\text{lead}}$
- $\langle p_T \rangle$  vs.  $N_{\text{ch}}$
- $\Delta\phi$  distribution of multiplicity
- $\Delta\phi$  distribution of  $p_T$  sum



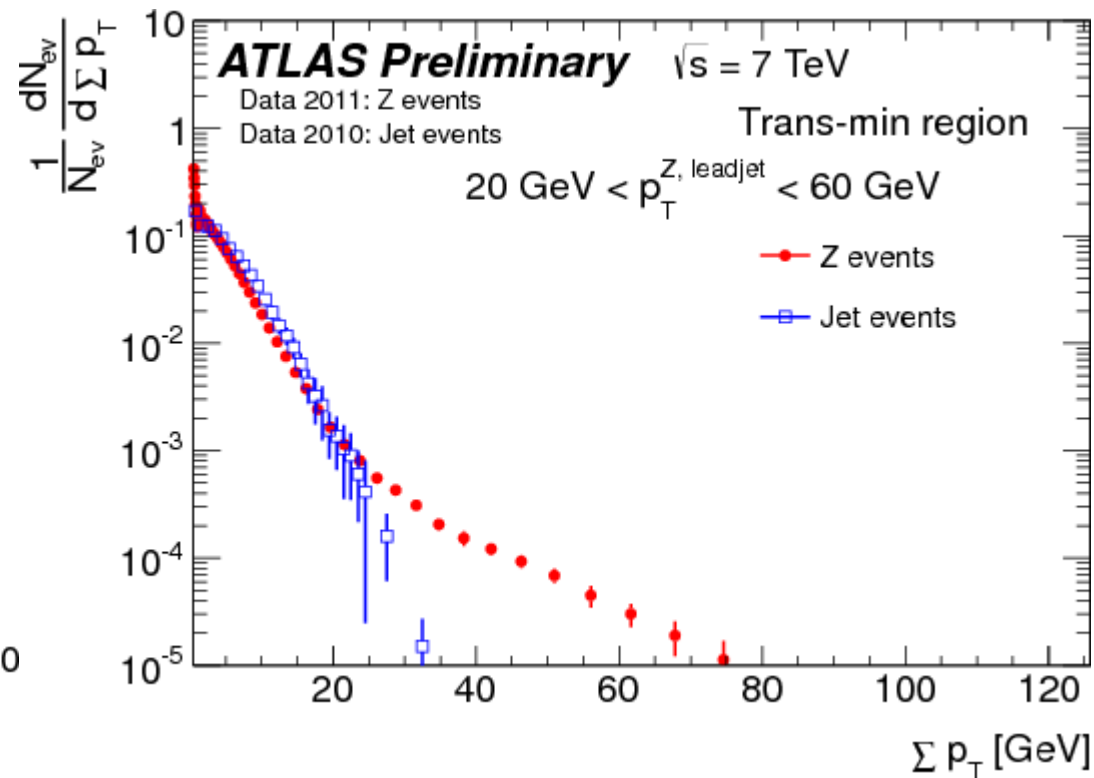
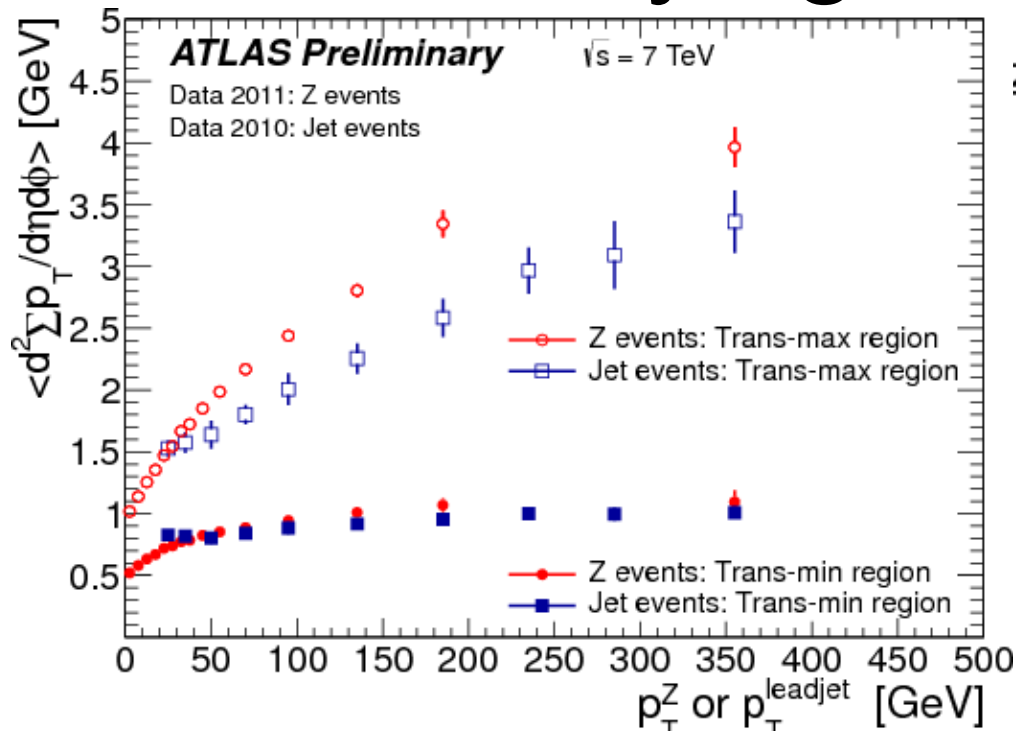


# Underlying event in jet events

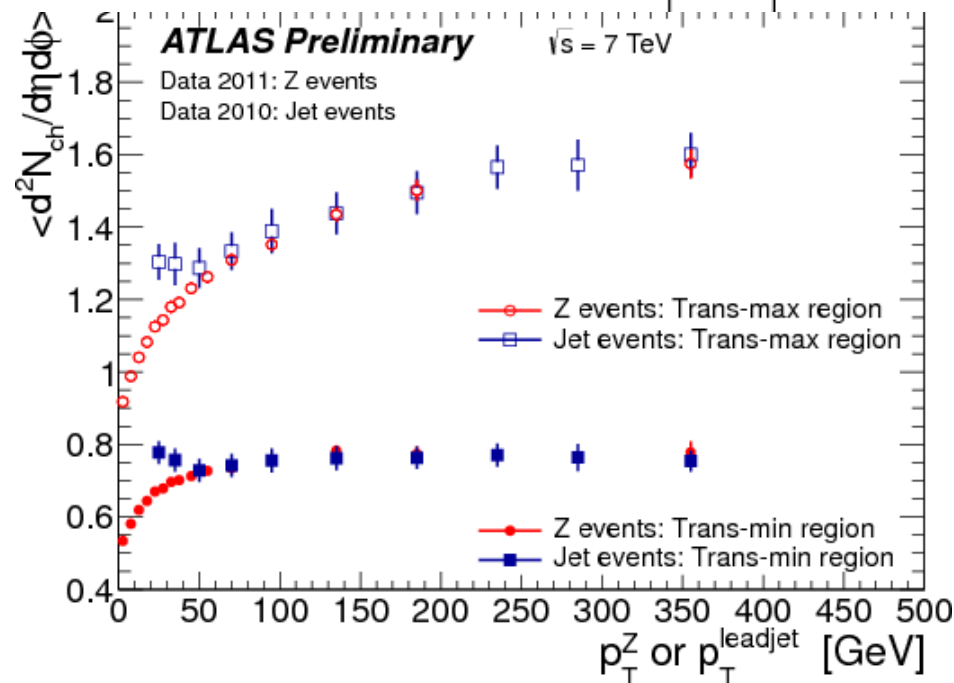


- Measurement of distributions sensitive to the underlying event in QCD jet events
  - for inclusive jet ( $N \geq 1$ ) and exclusive dijet ( $N = 2$ ) events
- 7 TeV data,  $37 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- The MC models reproduce most of the features of the underlying events
  - Need for further model tuning

# Underlying event in Z events



- $pp \rightarrow Z + X, Z \rightarrow e^+ e^- / \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Inclusive Z events
- Very similar to UE in inclusive jet events, up to kinematic selection bias as jets with  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > p_T^Z$  are allowed in inclusive Z selection, hence the long  $\Sigma p_T$  tail

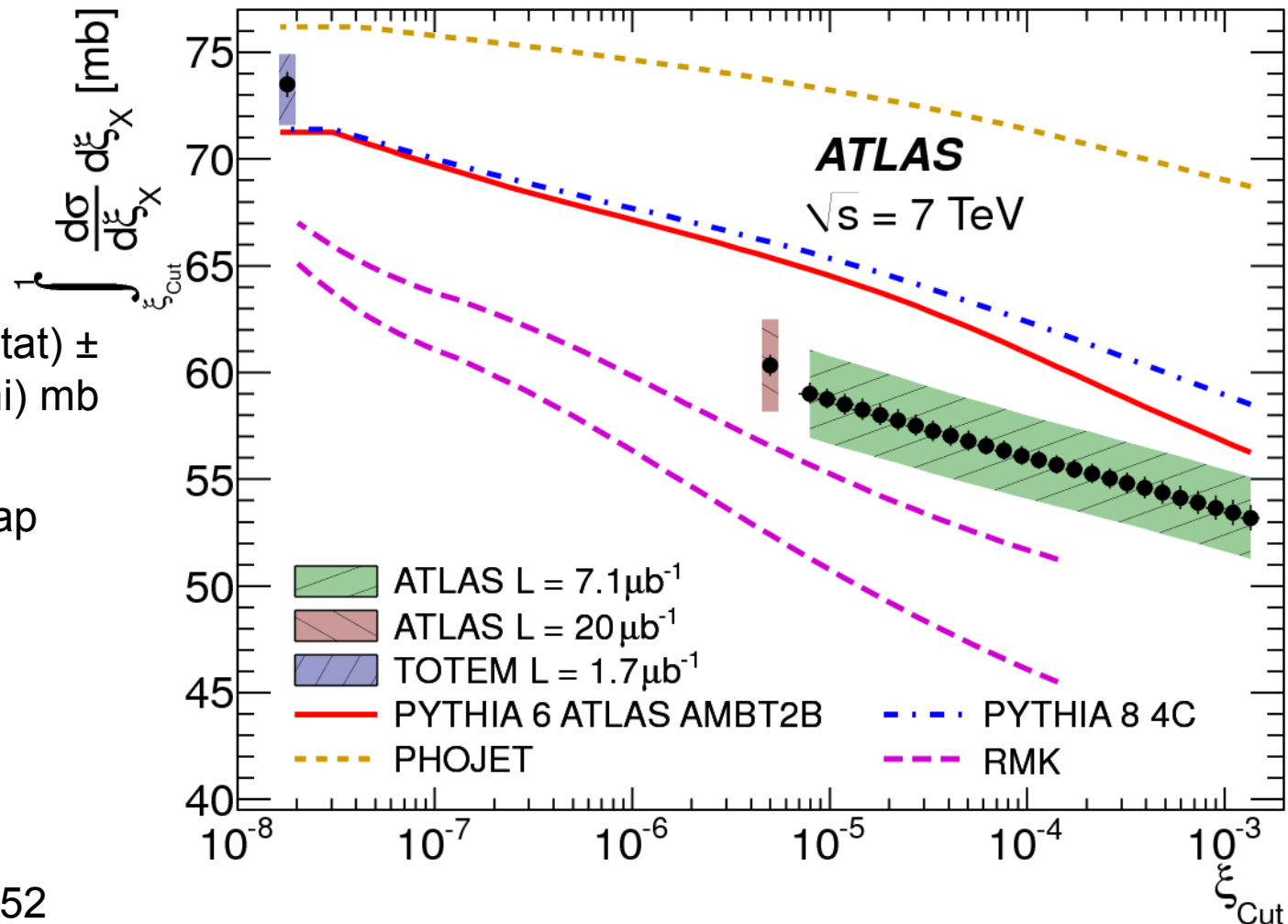


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# Inelastic cross section using minimum bias events

- $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV March 2010 data  
1.2e6 ev.,  $20.3 \pm 0.7 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- Acceptance region (MBTS)
  - $\xi = M_X^2 / s > 5 \times 10^{-6}$
  - $M_X > 15.7$  GeV
- $\sigma_{\text{inel}}(\xi > 5 \times 10^{-6}) = 60.3 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst}) \pm 2.1(\text{lumi}) \text{ mb}$

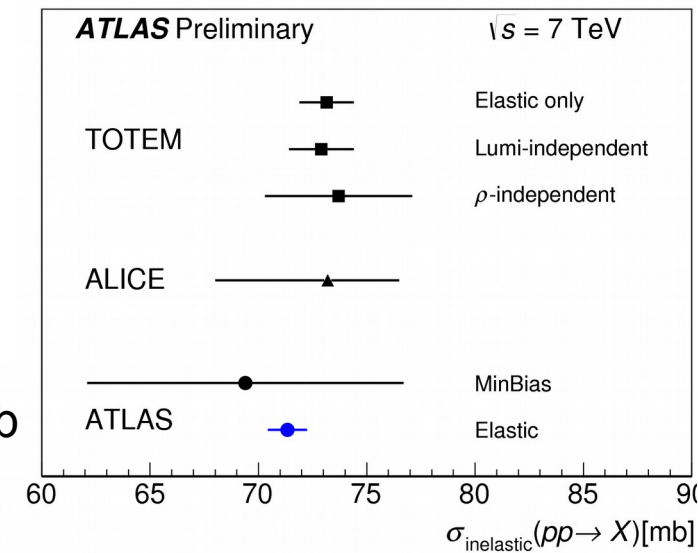
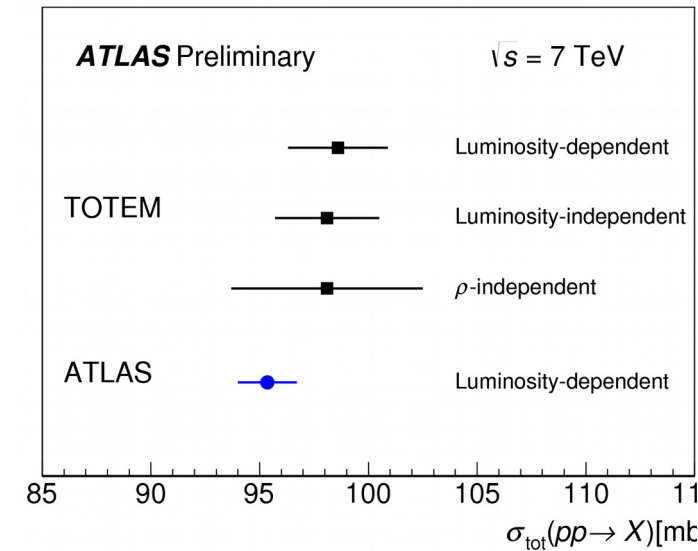
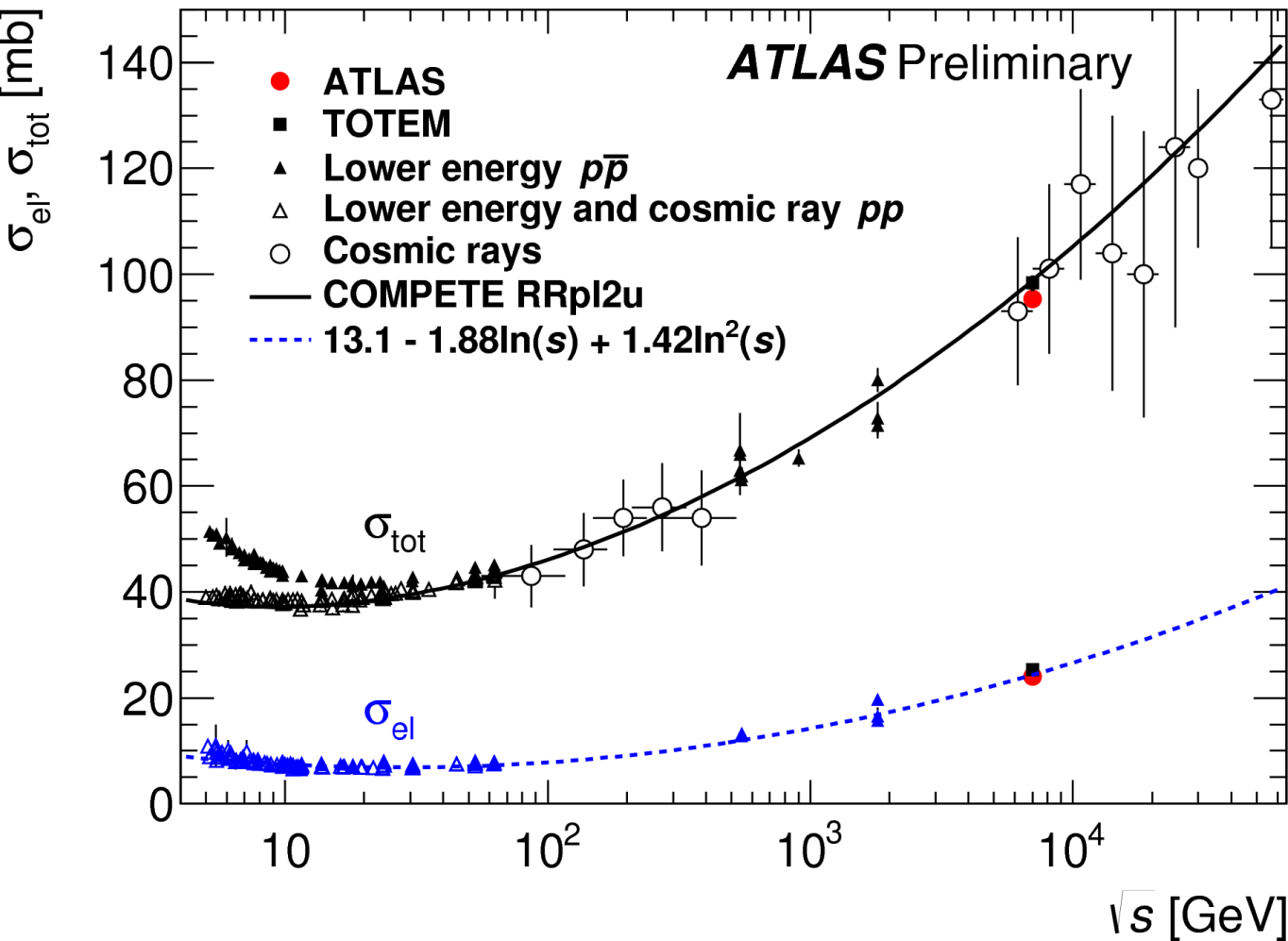
- **Differential** cross-section for gap size  $\Delta\eta$
- $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV March 2010 data  
 $7.1 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- Acceptance region
  - $|\eta| < 4.9, \Delta\eta < 8$
  - $\log_{10}\xi_{\text{Cut}} = -0.45 \Delta\eta_{\text{Cut}} - 1.52$
- The results from both studies are consistent



Nature Commun. 2 (2011) 463, arXiv:1104.0326

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# Total, elastic cross-sections with ALFA

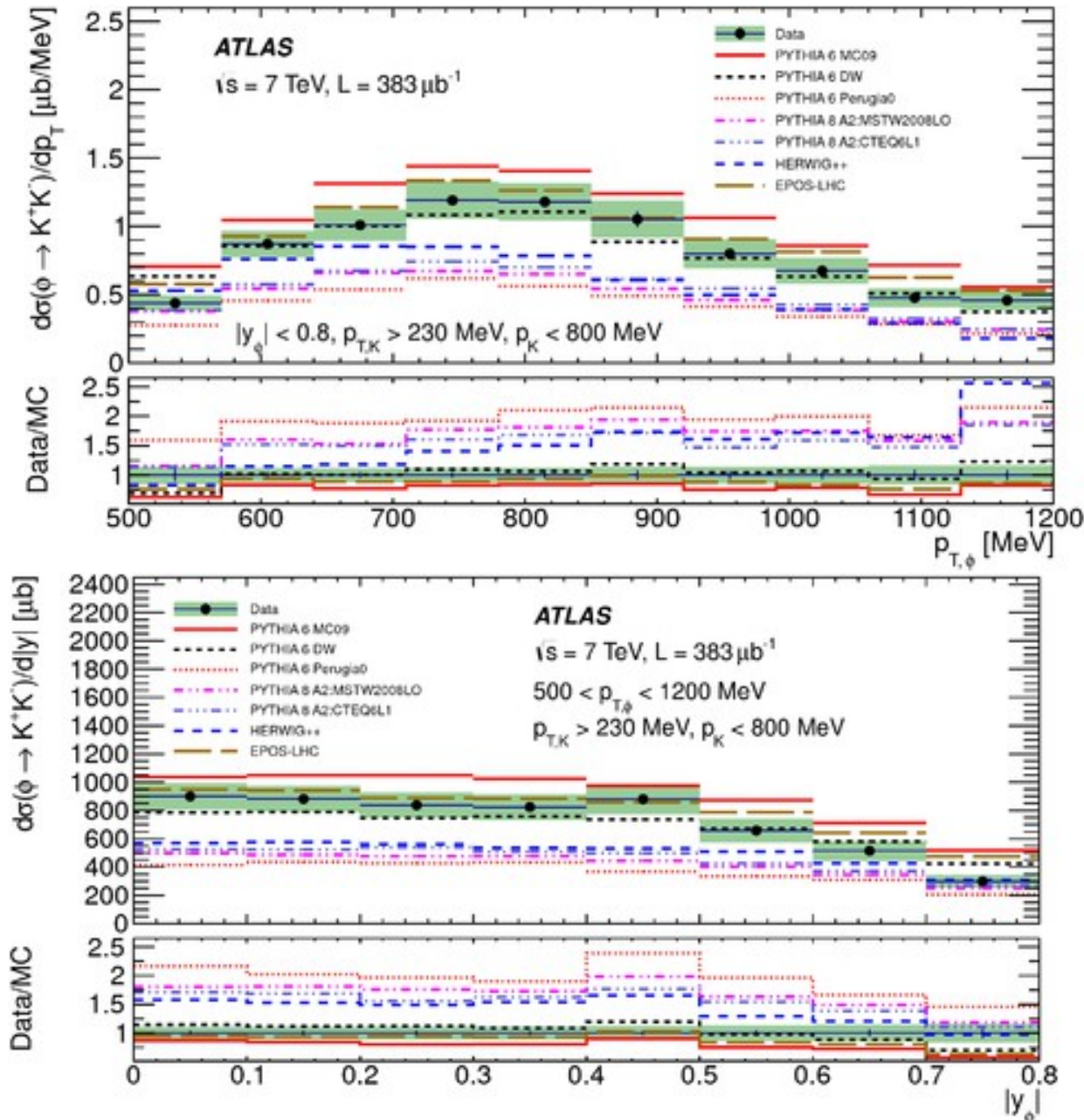


- 2011 7 TeV data  $80 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$  with high  $\beta^*$  optics
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow X) = 95.35 \pm 0.38 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.25 \text{ (exp.)} \pm 0.37 \text{ (extr.) mb}$
- The total cross section determined using the optical theorem

[arXiv:1408.5778](https://arxiv.org/abs/1408.5778)



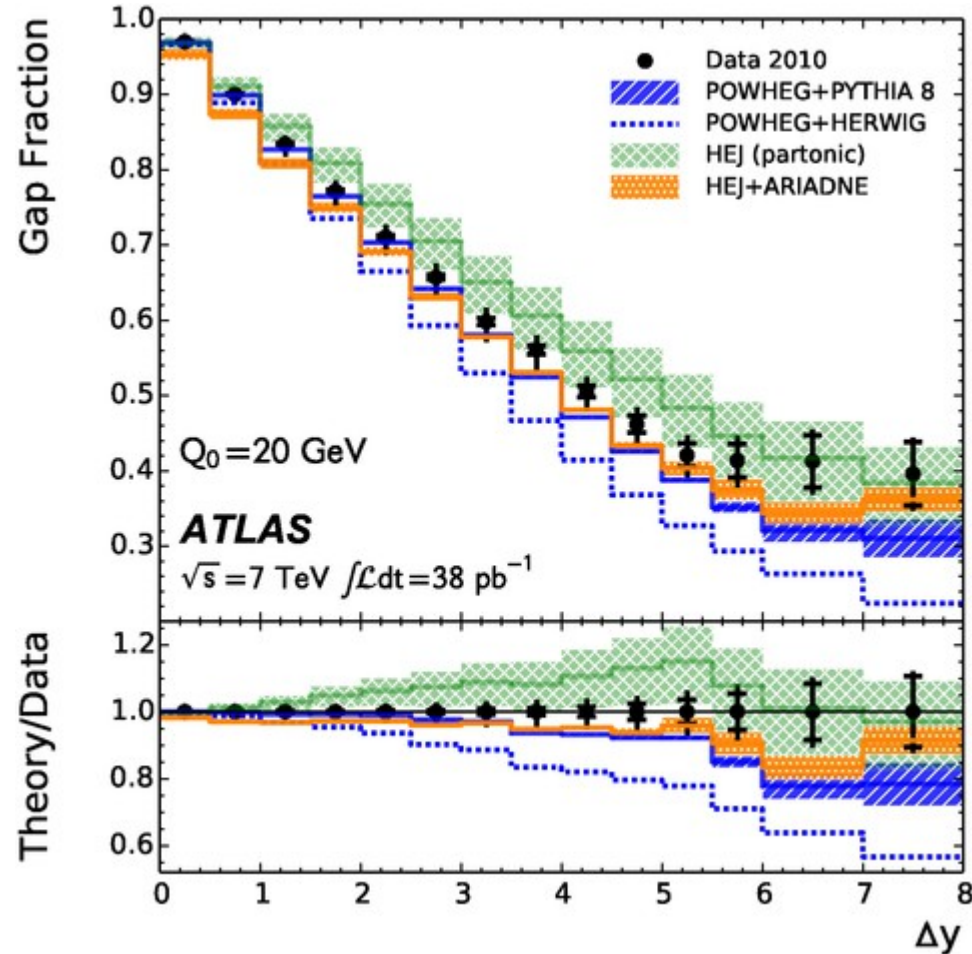
# $\phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ cross section



- Measurements of the  $\phi(1020)$ -meson probe strangeness production at a soft scale  $Q = 1$  GeV, which is sensitive to s-quark and low-x gluon densities
- Production of  $\phi(1020)$  mesons is also sensitive to fragmentation details
- The  $\phi(1020)$  measurements can constrain phenomenological soft hadroproduction models

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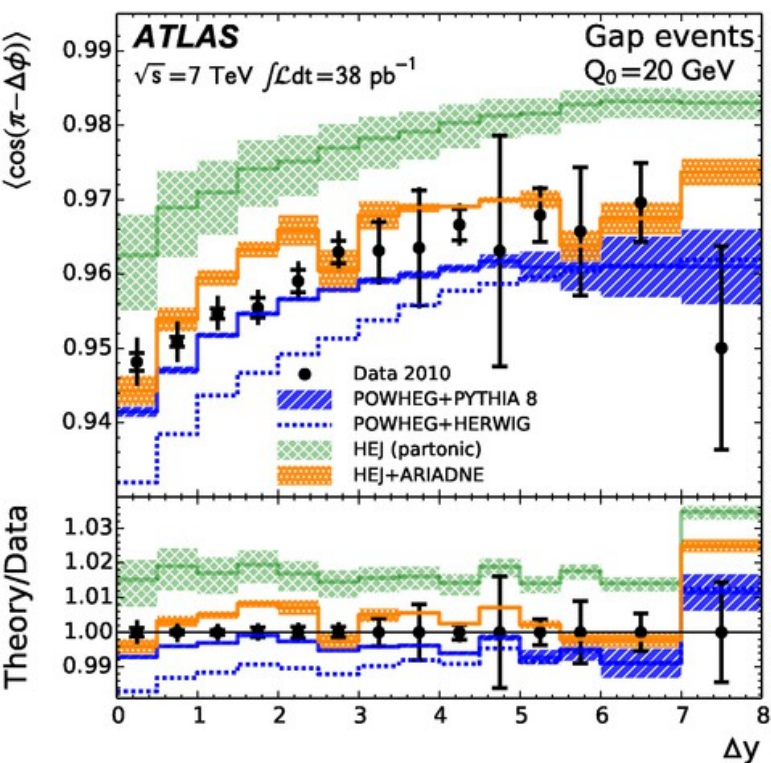
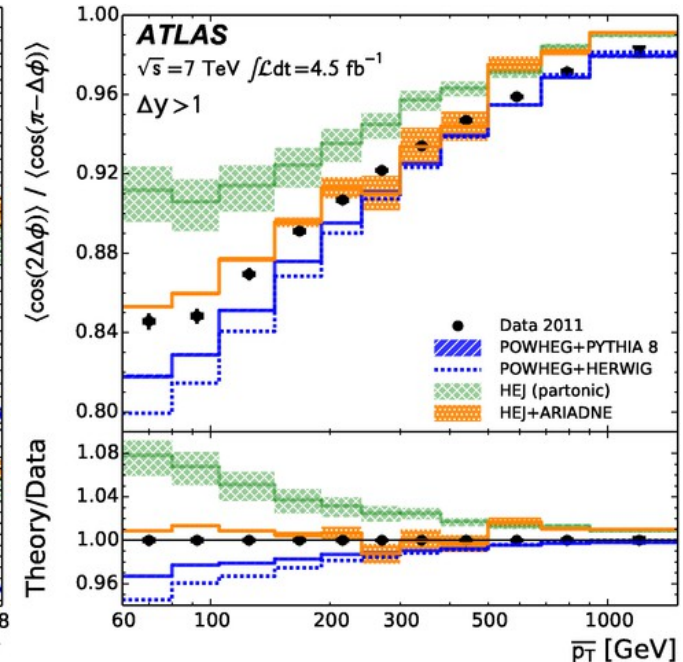
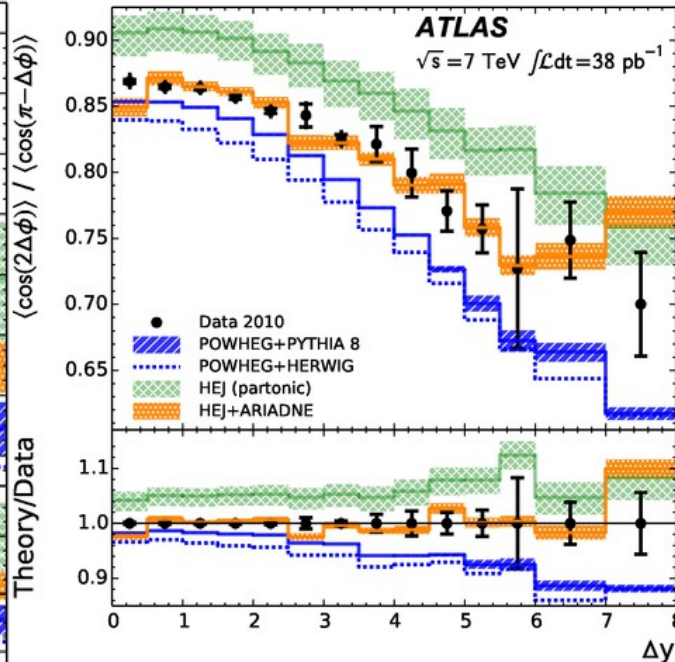
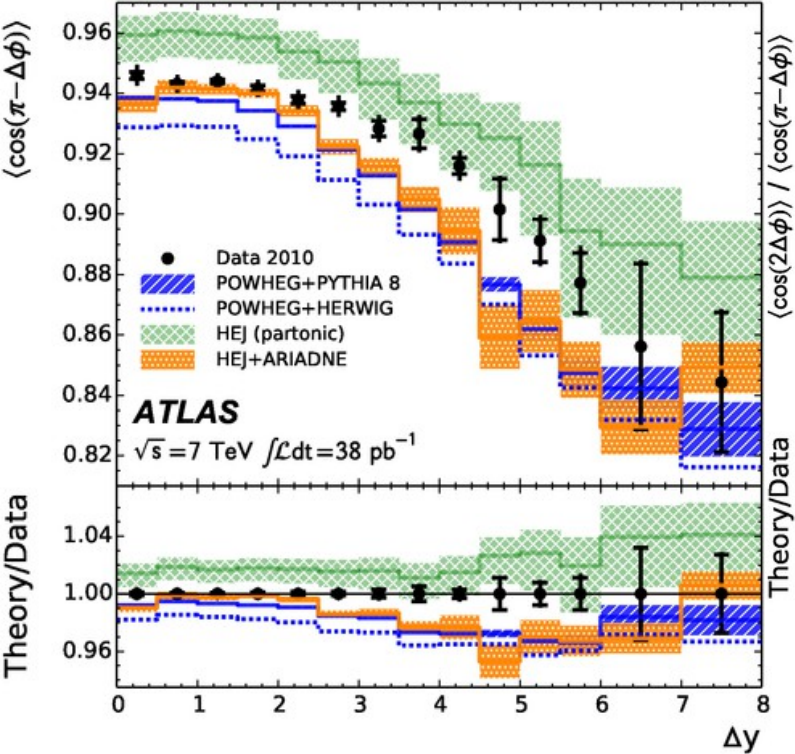
# Jet vetoes and azimuthal decorrelations in dijet events



- Testing of perturbative QCD theoretical predictions in extreme regions of phase space
- In situations of large rapidity separation of jets or when a veto of additional jet activity is applied, higher order corrections become increasingly important
- The plateau at high  $\bar{p}_T$  is qualitatively reproduced by theoretical predictions
- None of the theoretical models predicts the plateau at high  $\Delta y$

[arXiv:1407.5756](https://arxiv.org/abs/1407.5756)

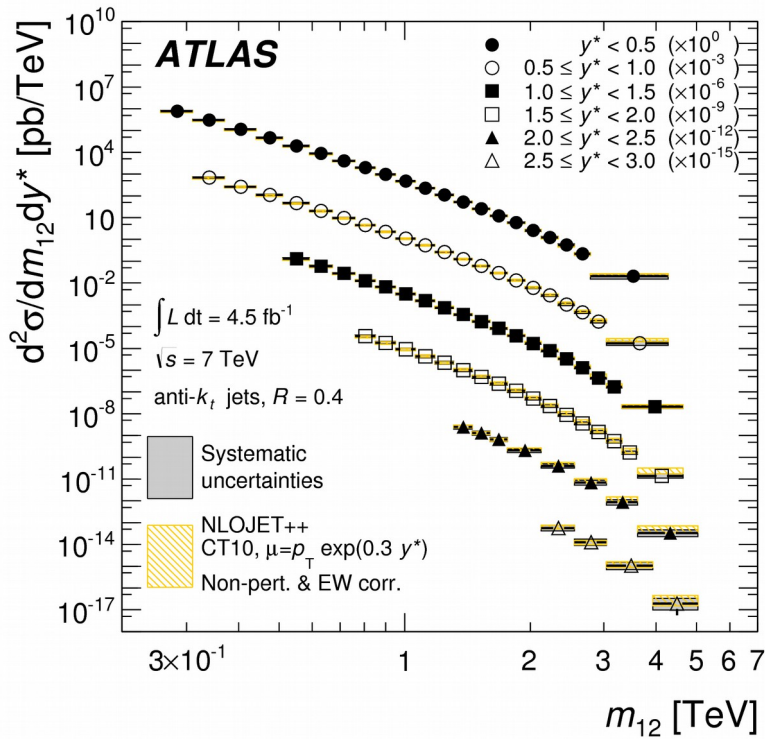
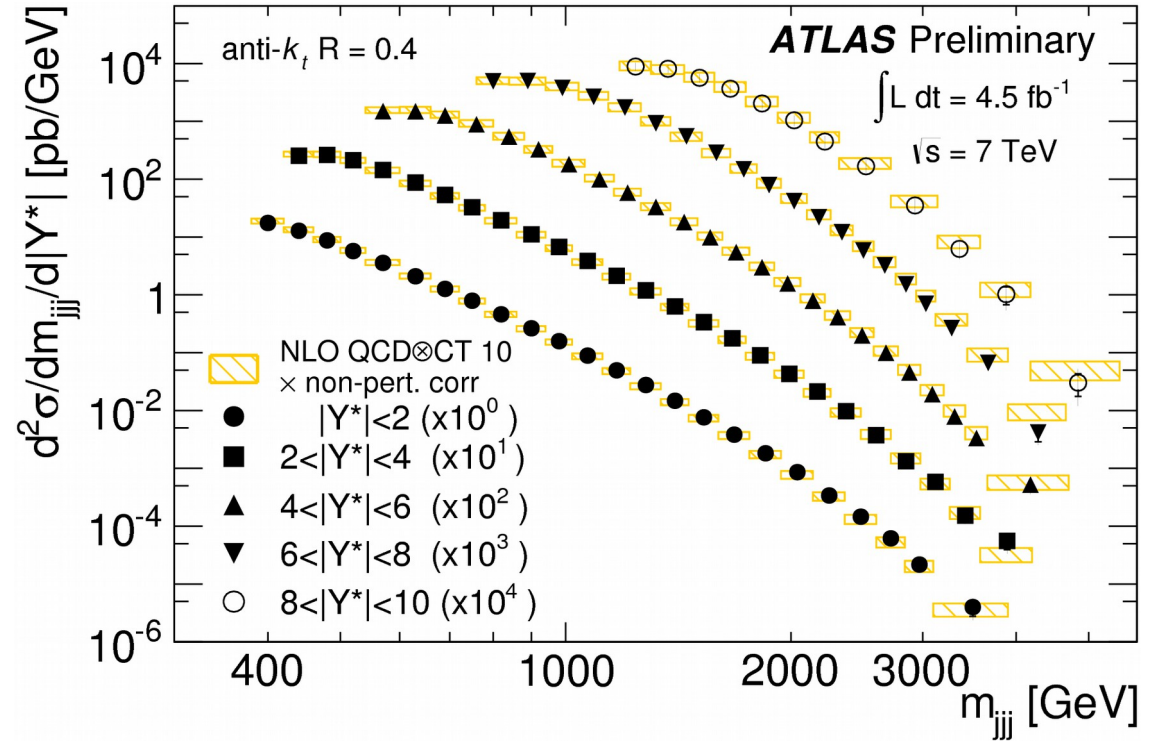
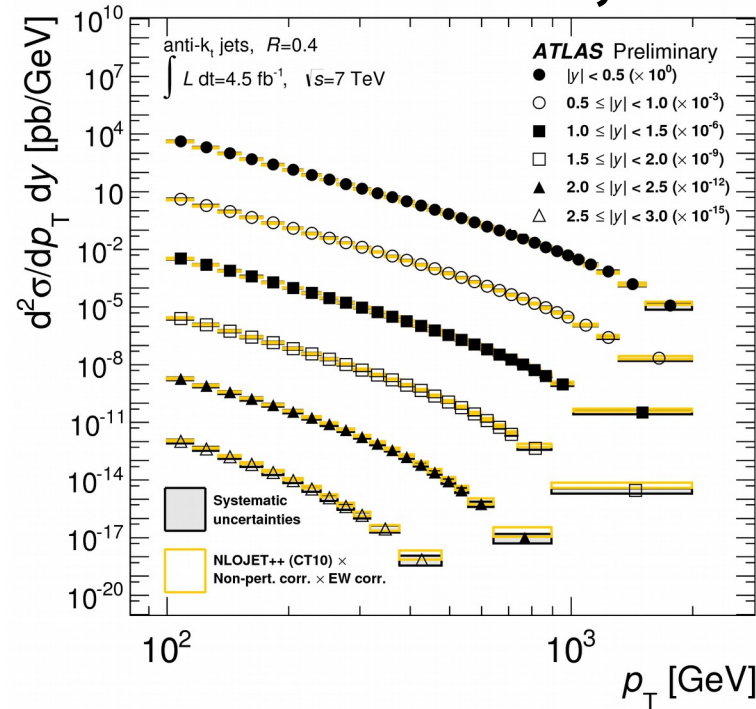




- Azimuthal correlations as a function of  $\Delta y$  and  $\bar{p}_T$
- No theoretical prediction provide good agreement with data in all observables over the whole phase space
  - The largest differences are for low  $\bar{p}_T$  and high  $\Delta y$
  - The HEJ + ARIADNE prediction gives a good description of the data for both low  $\bar{p}_T$  and  $\Delta y$

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# Inclusive, di- and three-jet cross sections



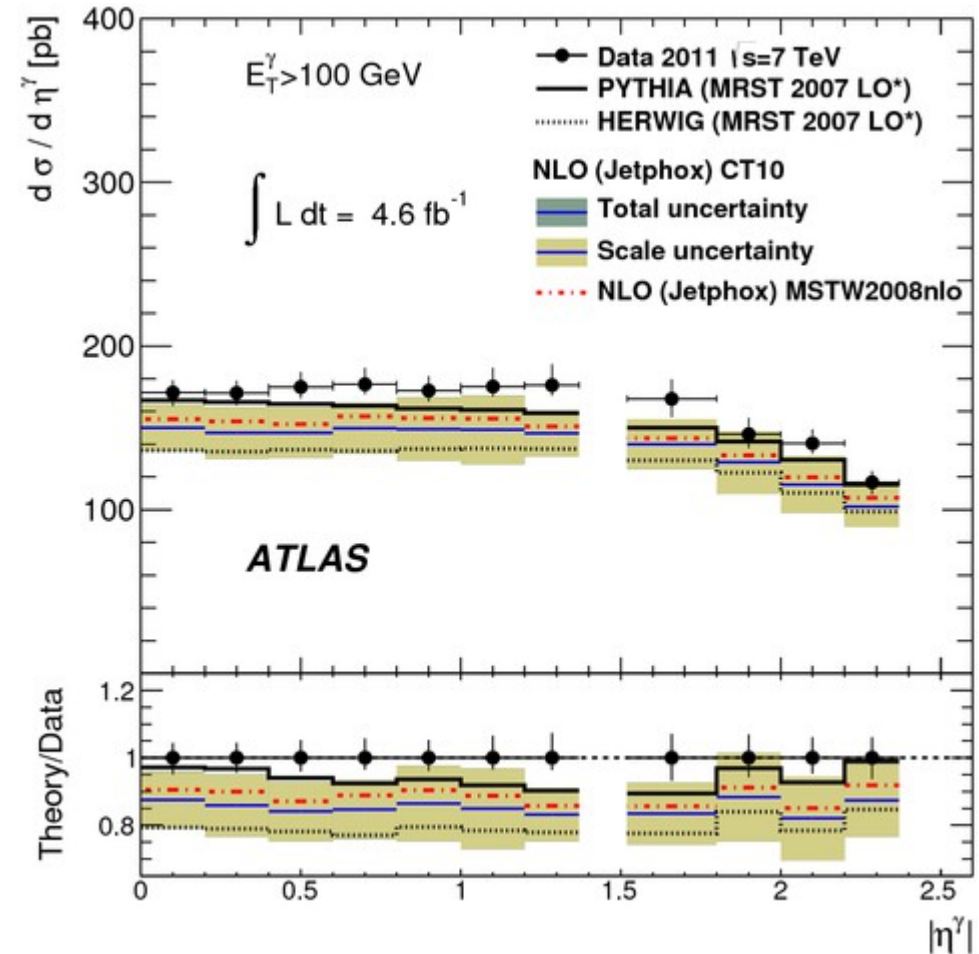
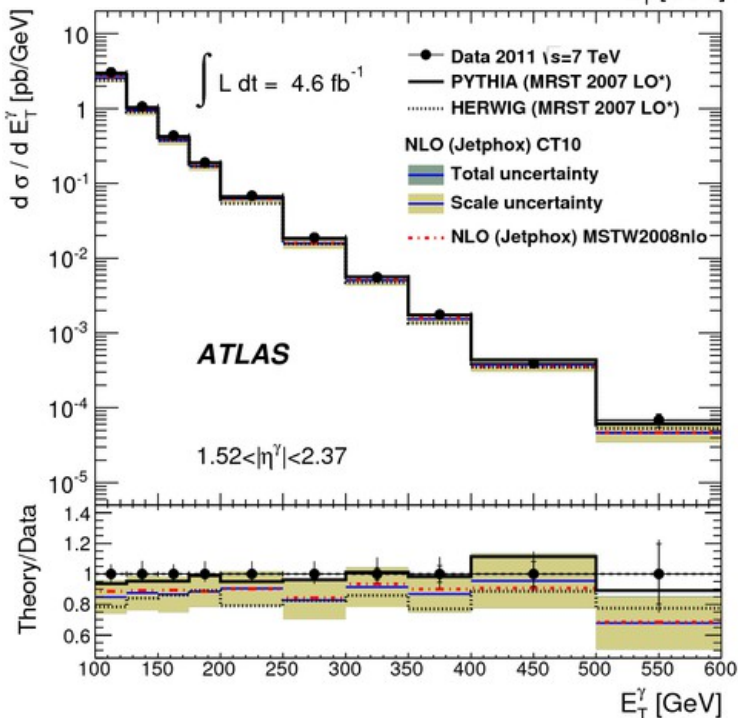
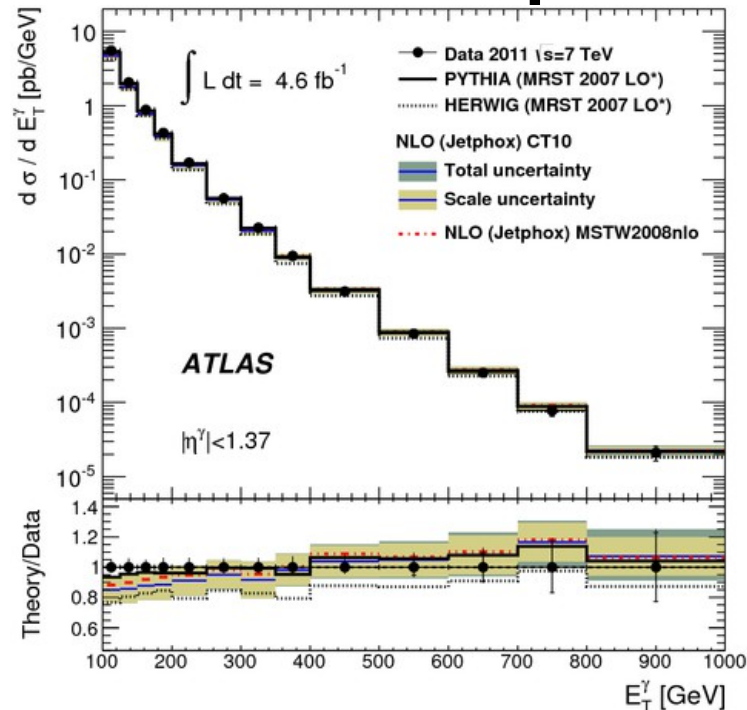
- 7 TeV ATLAS 2011 data,  $4.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- The measurements are corrected for detector effects to the particle level
- Good agreement is observed for the NLOJet++ theoretical predictions when using the CT10, NNPDF2.1 and MSTW 2008 PDF sets for the theoretical predictions

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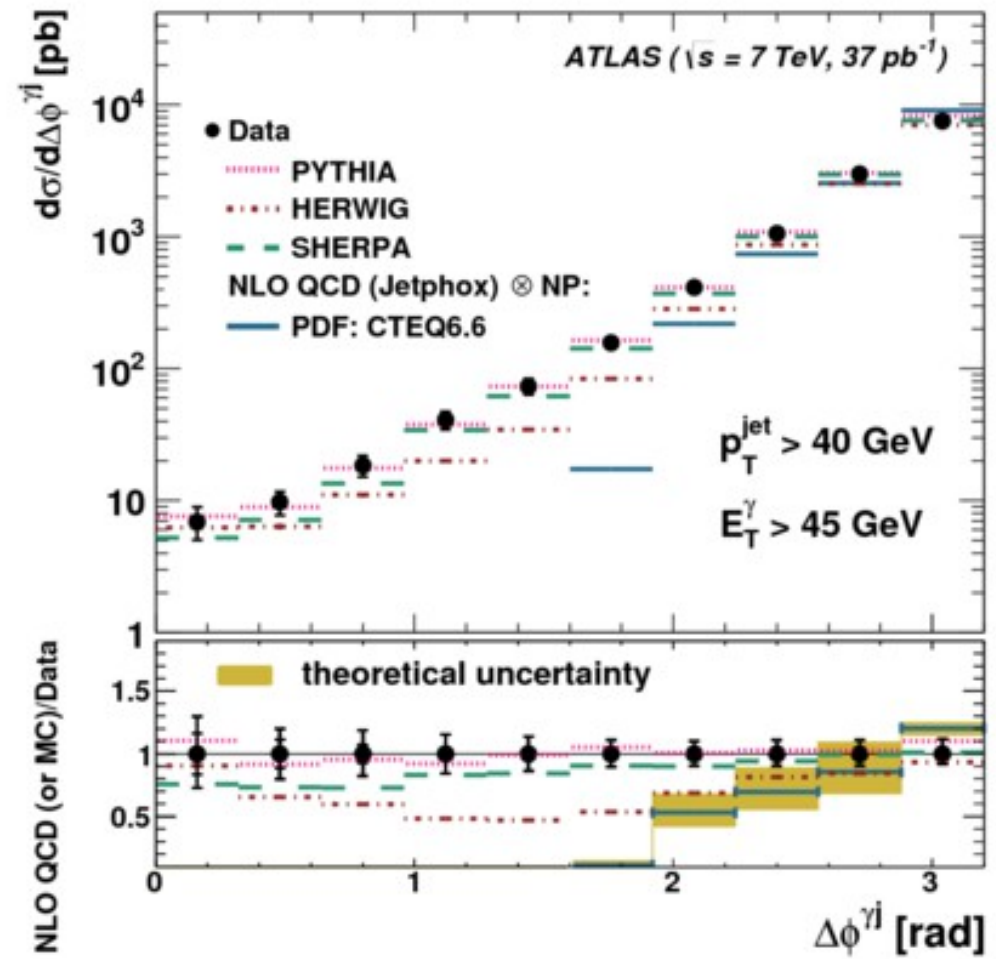
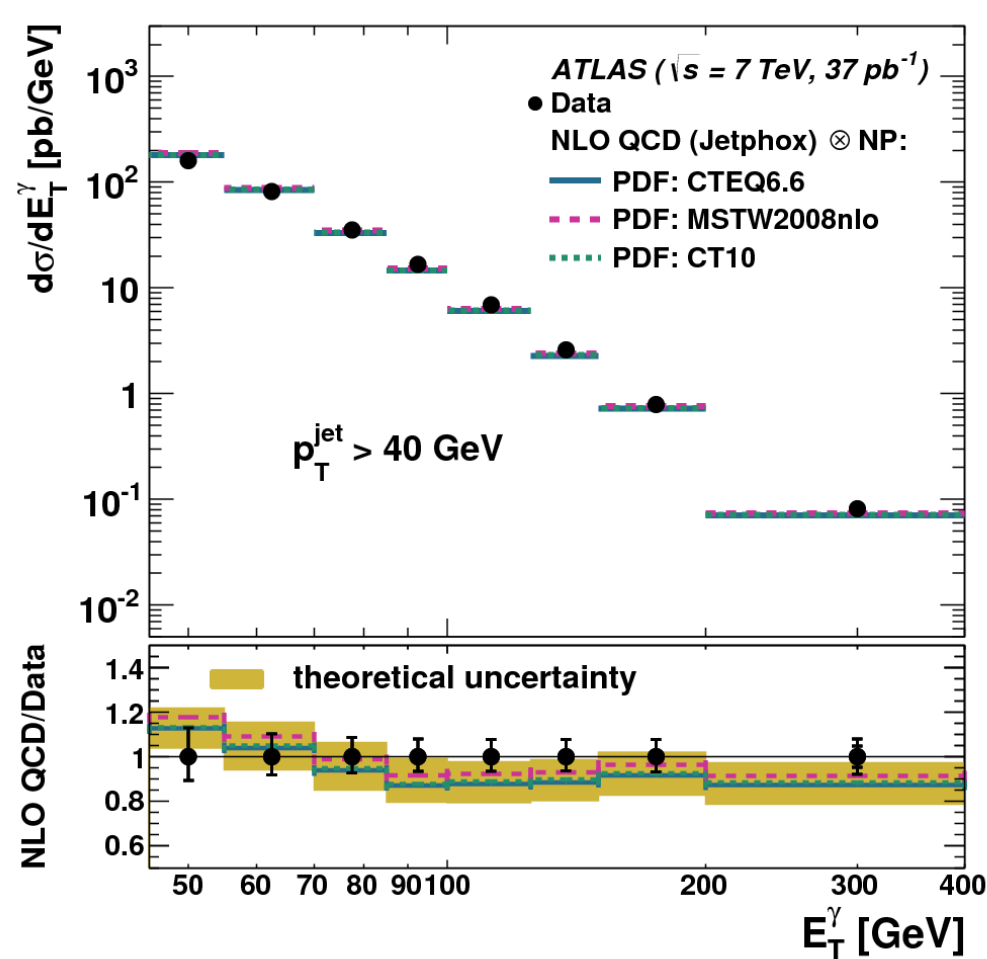
# Isolated prompt photon cross section



- The prompt photon production is sensitive to the gluon content of the proton ( $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ )
- ATLAS data compared to LO parton-shower MC models and NLO perturbative QCD calculations

Phys. Rev. D 89, 052004 (2014), arXiv:1311.1440

# Isolated photon and jet production



- The production of prompt photons in association with a jet in proton–proton collisions,  $pp \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet} + X$ , provides a testing ground for perturbative QCD in a cleaner environment than in jet production
- The NLO QCD calculations provide good description of the data, except of the azimuthal opening angle distribution of the cross-section

Nucl. Phys, B 875 (2013) 483-535, arXiv:1307.6795

# Conclusion

- Various measurements sensitive to the soft and perturbative Standard model including total proton-proton cross section, characteristics of the underlying events, isolated prompt photon, photon and jet production cross sections were presented and compared to the theoretical expectations.
- The results are used or have a potential to test and tune PDF, phenomenological model parameters
- More ATLAS QCD results are available here:  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/StandardModelPublicResults>