

# B-jet Fragmentation Measurements using the ATLAS Detector

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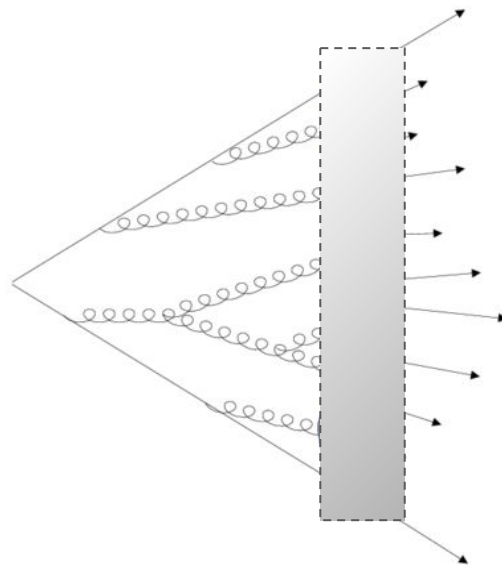
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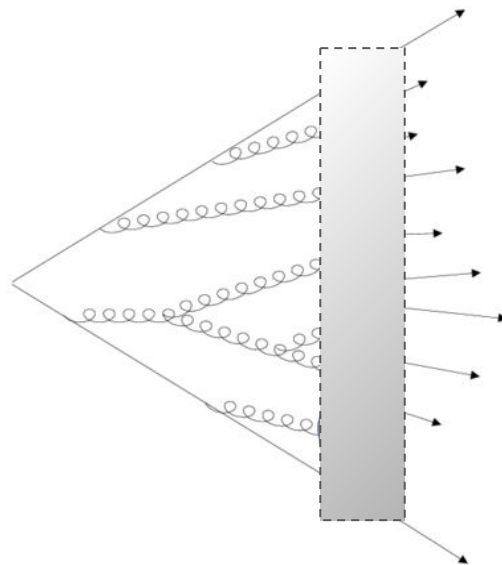
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- ★ charged-particle fragmentation observables measured in events with top quark pairs

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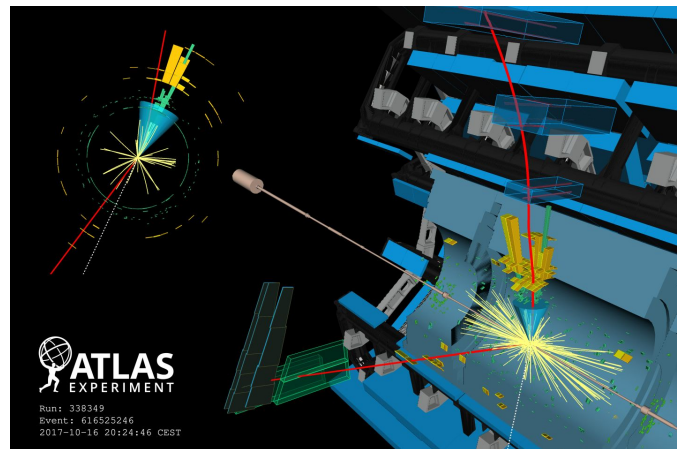
# Physics Analysis point of view

Many physics analyses affected by heavy quark fragmentation modelling

- ★ Higgs boson, top quark, their associated production
- ★ Uncertainties on modelling can be a limiting factor for precision measurements (top mass)
- ★ Extends to future searches, e.g.  $HH \rightarrow 4b$

Adapting MC description for LHC

- ★ Mostly tuned on measurements in  $e^+e^-$  collisions
  - ★ Differences at LHC
    - higher center-of-mass energy
    - no well-defined partonic center-of-mass or energy scale (focus on final state)
    - complex color flow in hadron-collider processes affects fragmentation observables
- crucial to investigate more with specific LHC measurements

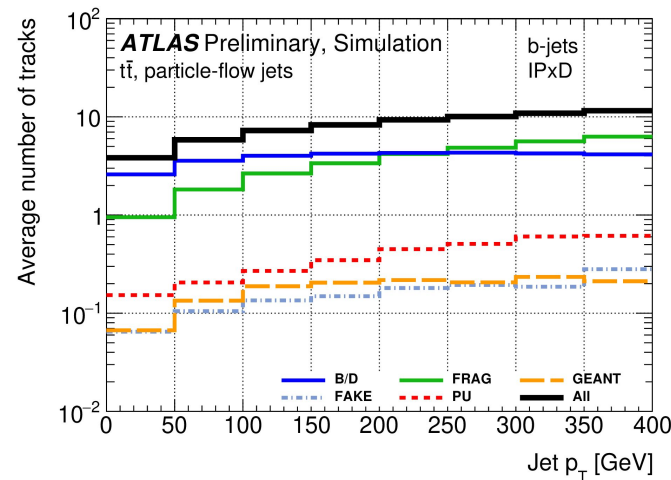
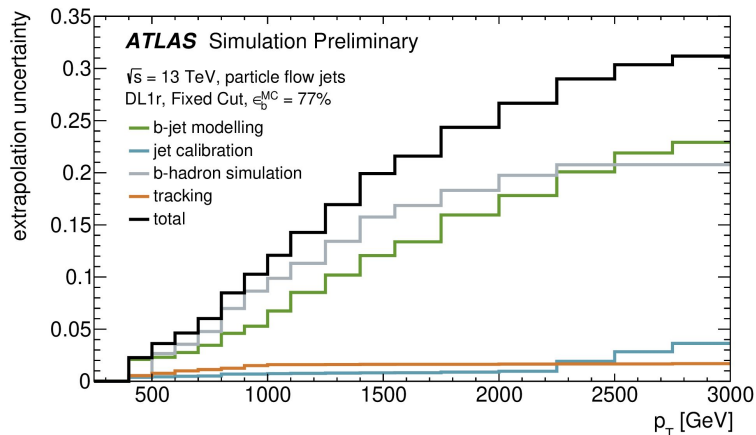




# Flavour Tagging point of view (where my heart beats)

Flavour Tagging identifies jets from heavy quarks

- ★ largely based on charged particle tracks
  - tracks from fragmentation play a key role
- ★ uses discriminants directly tied to fragmentation
  - e.g. fraction of jet energy carried by tracks from  $b$



- ★ calibrations required at high  $p_T$  (e.g. searches)
  - no data available for direct calibration
  - MC-based extrapolation uncertainty
  - leading contributions from MC modelling (fragmentation plays a big role here)

# Measuring $b$ -jet fragmentation with $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi + K^\pm$ decays

## The approach

- ★ reconstruct jets with anti- $k_T$  on PFlow objects and  $R=0.4 \rightarrow$  measure momentum  $\vec{p}_j$
- ★ find  $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu) + K^\pm$  candidates in the jets  $\rightarrow$  measure momentum  $\vec{p}_B$

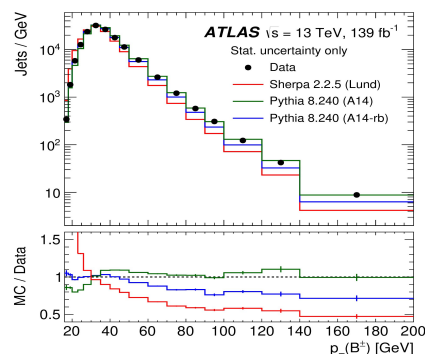
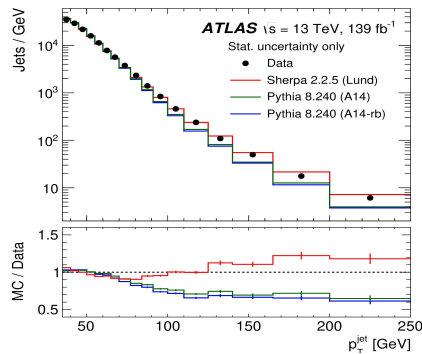
Muons:  $p_T > 6 \text{ GeV}$

$$2 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu} < 9 \text{ GeV}$$

Kaon:  $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$

$$\text{common vertex } \chi^2/N_{\text{dof}} < 2.0$$

Cuts on masses and  $B$  pseudo-proper lifetime



- ★ build longitudinal ( $z$ ) and transverse ( $p_T^{\text{rel}}$ ) momentum profiles; compare with MC

$$z = \frac{\vec{p}_B \cdot \vec{p}_j}{|\vec{p}_j|^2}$$

$$p_T^{\text{rel}} = \frac{|\vec{p}_B \times \vec{p}_j|}{|\vec{p}_j|}$$

- ★ **caveats:** sensitive to fragmentation, but also other MC choices (e.g. ME and PS) and presence of **gluon splitting** (not always resolved into two different  $b$ -jets)

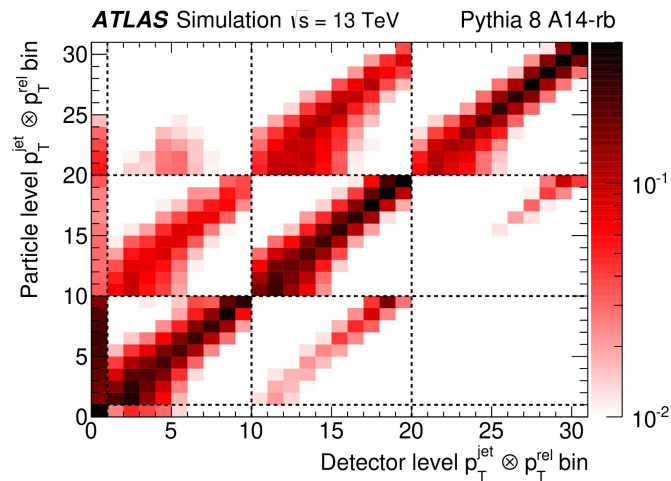
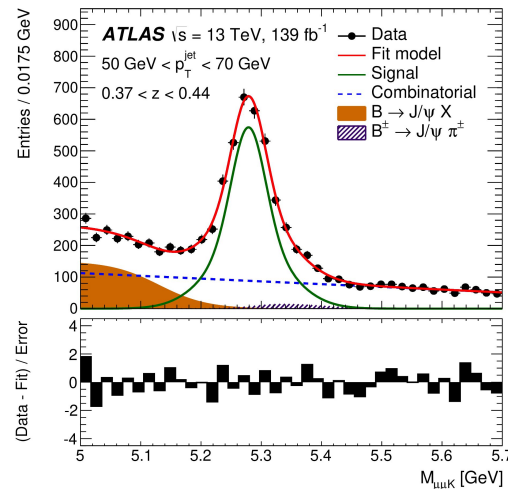
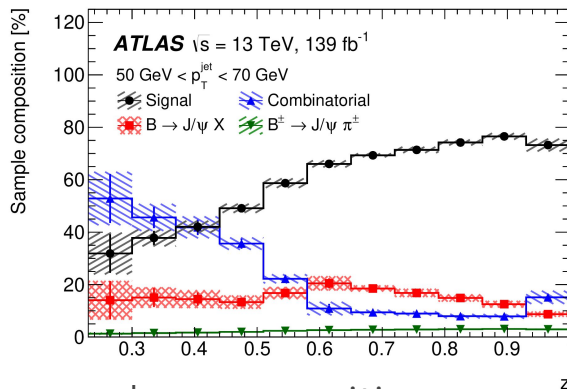
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## Binning

- ★ three jet  $p_T$  bins above 50 GeV
- ★ adjusted range / bins for  $z$ ,  $p_T^{rel}$

## Handling backgrounds

- ★ binned ML fit to the invariant mass of  $B^\pm$  candidates  $\rightarrow$  extract sample composition



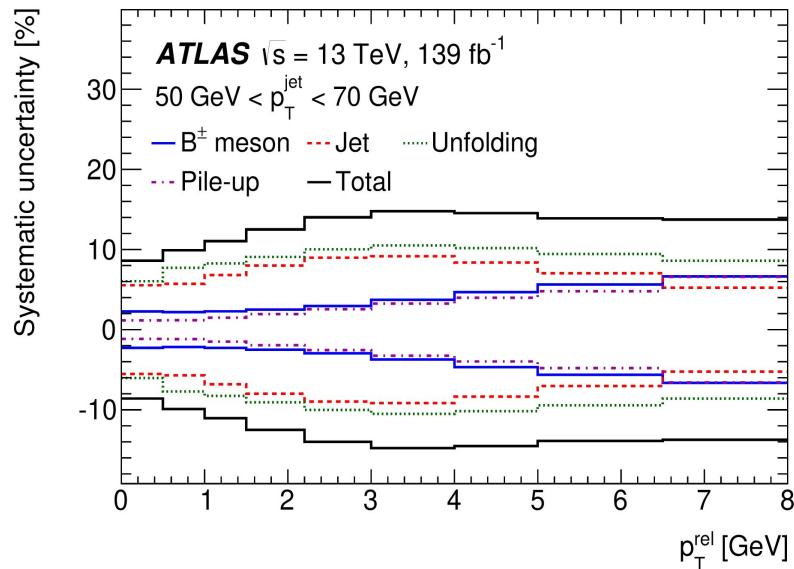
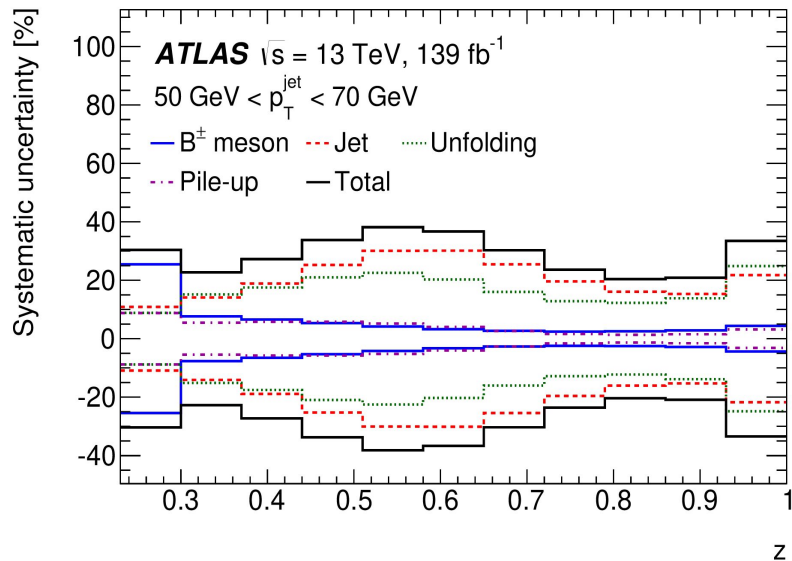
## Unfolding $B^\pm$ candidates and jets at particle level

- ★ correct detector inefficiency and resolution
- ★ migration matrix obtained with bayesian unfolding to Pythia 8 samples
- ★ larger migrations observed for  $p_T^{rel}$

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Systematics grouped in four categories

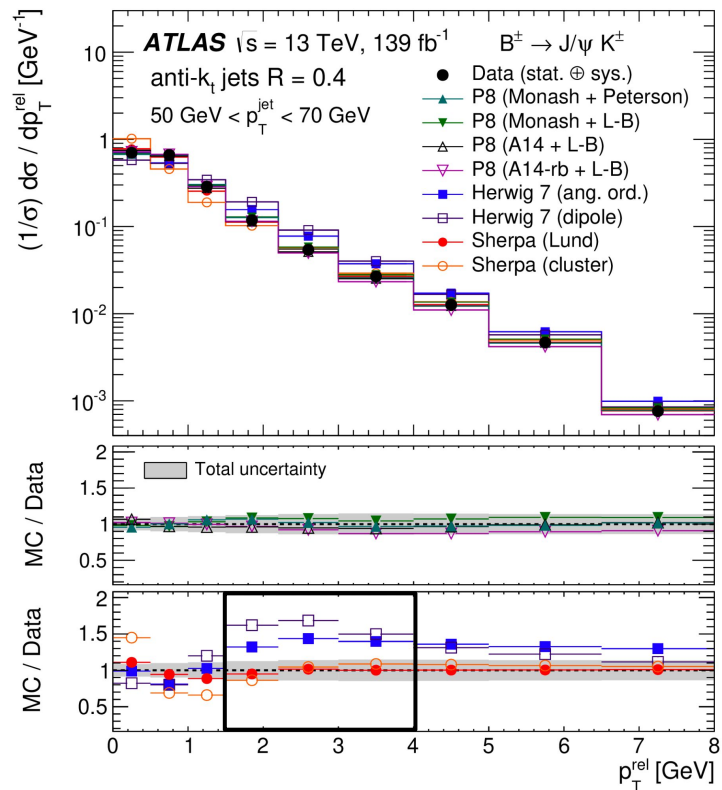
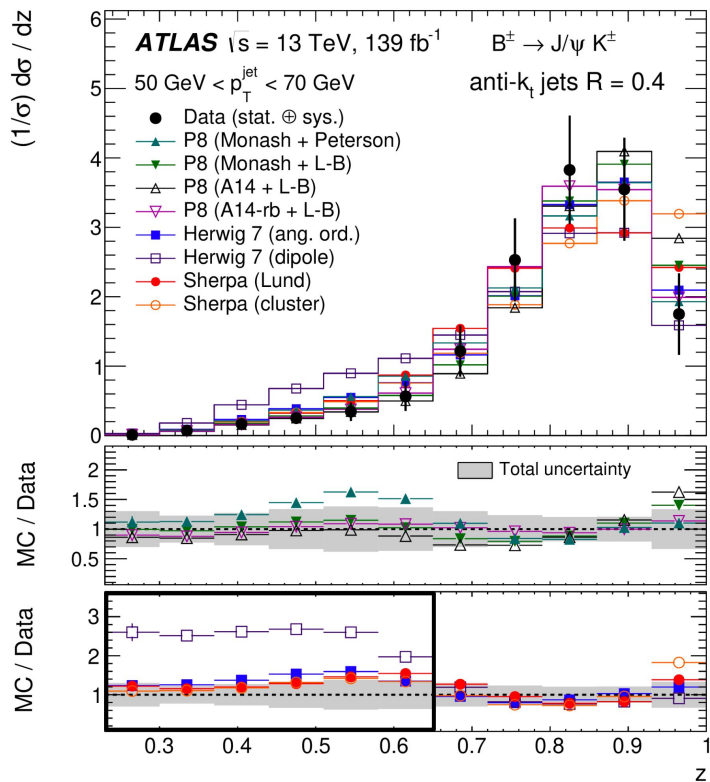
- ★ identification of  $B^\pm$  mesons: includes muon reco calibration and fit for purity
- ★ jet reconstruction: includes JES, JER, angular resolution and jet vertex tagging
- ★ unfolding procedure: includes uncertainty and mismodelling for the MC reference
- ★ pile-up: includes effects due to the MC description of pile-up dependence



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Differential measurements in  $z$  and  $p_T^{rel}$

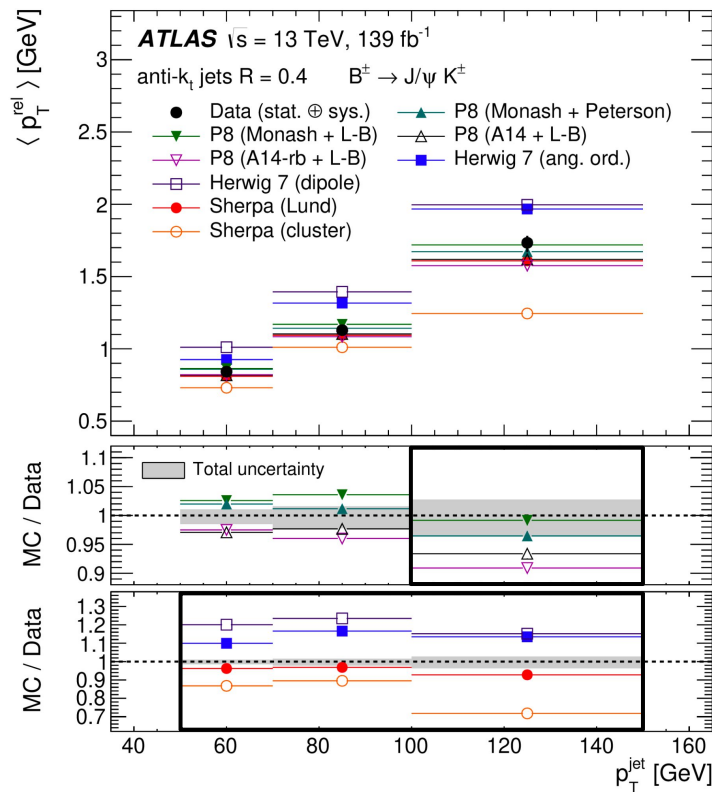
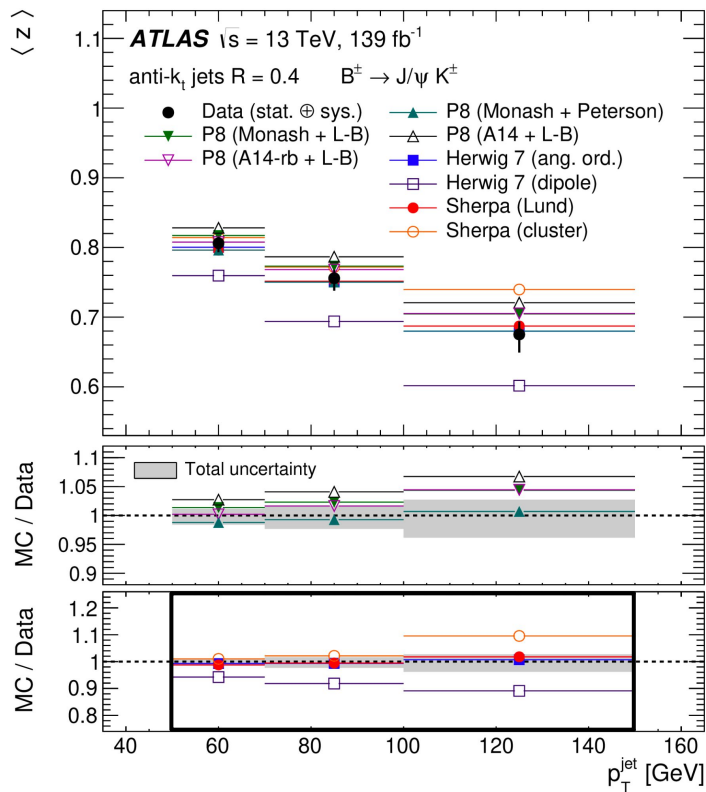
★ large deviations from data for Herwig 7 and Sherpa (cluster)



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Average  $z$  and  $p_T^{\text{rel}}$  values as a function of jet  $p_T$

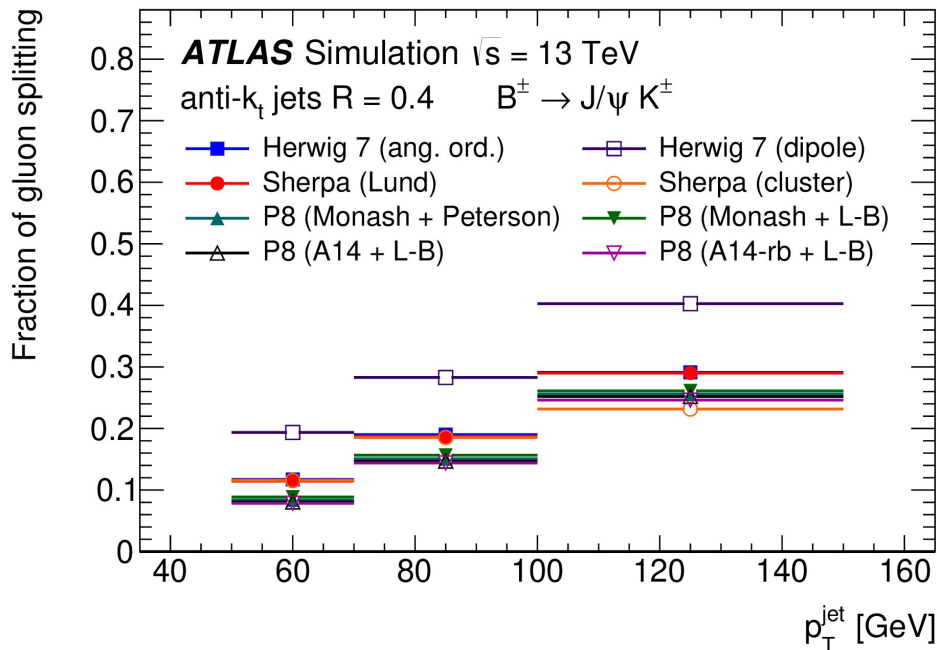
★ mismodelling as large as 10% in some bins for all generators, especially at high  $p_T$



# Measuring $b$ -jet fragmentation with $B^\pm \rightarrow J/\psi + K^\pm$ decays

Reminder: measurement affected by the presence of gluon splitting to beauty pairs

- ★ fraction of gluon splittings very differently modelled and increasing with jet  $p_T$
- ★ this affects fragmentation-sensitive variables, e.g. enhancing low  $z$  values
- ★ can at least partly explain the observed discrepancies (e.g. for Herwig 7 dipole)



# Measuring $b$ -jet fragmentation observables in $t\bar{t}$ events

## The approach

- ★ use  $t\bar{t}$  events, large source of  $b$ -jets  $\rightarrow$   $b$ -tag anti- $k_T$  jets using calo clusters and  $R=0.4$

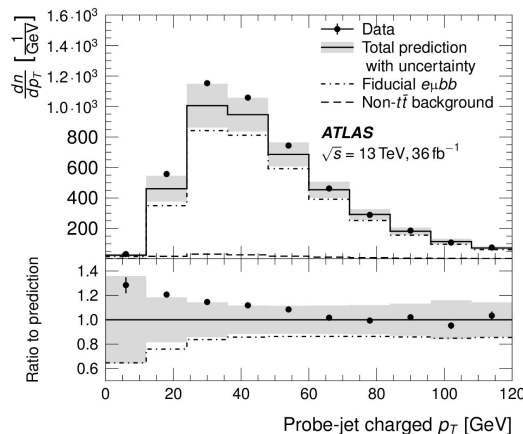
Di-leptonic  $t\bar{t}$  events: require **opposite sign  $\mu$  and  $e$**  + **exactly two jets with  $\Delta R > 0.5$**

Two-way **tag-and-probe**: if one jet is  $b$ -tagged, apply cuts and measure properties on the other

- ★ reconstruct **secondary vertex in probe-jet**  $\rightarrow$  charged-component proxy for  $B$ -hadron
- ★ build **variable-radius track jet within the probe-jet**  $\rightarrow$  charged-component of the jet
- ★ measure charged momenta of jet and  $B$ -hadron  $\rightarrow$  **extract fragmentation variables**

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

$$z_{T,b}^{\text{ch}} = \frac{p_{T,b}^{\text{ch}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ch}}}$$



- ★ compare kinematic of  $B$ -hadron and  $t\bar{t}$  system (leptons as proxy)
- ★ build variable sensitive to radiation in the top decay

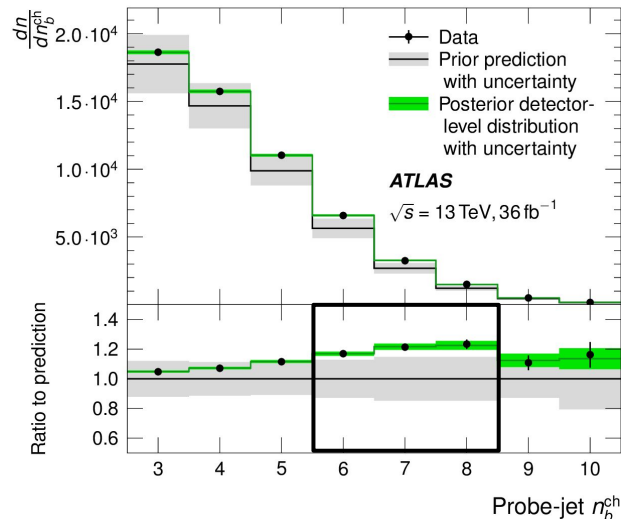
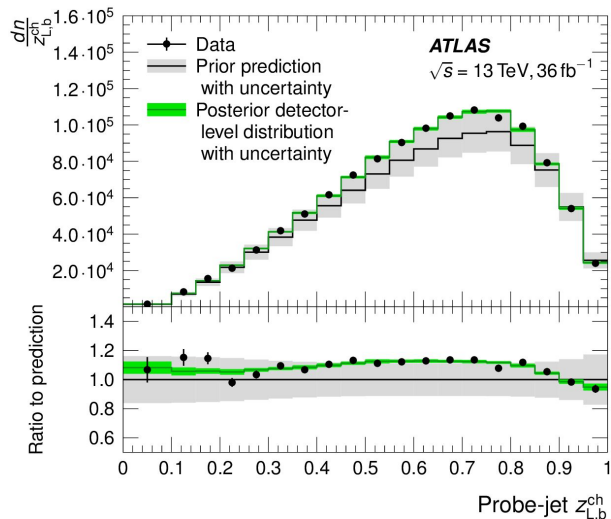
$$\rho = \frac{2p_{T,b}^{\text{ch}}}{p_T^e + p_T^\mu}$$



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Correcting for detector effects, backgrounds and unfolding to particle level

- ★ all tasks performed in a single pass, using Fully Bayesian Unfolding
- ★ also allows comparison of prior and posterior detector-level simulation w.r.t. data



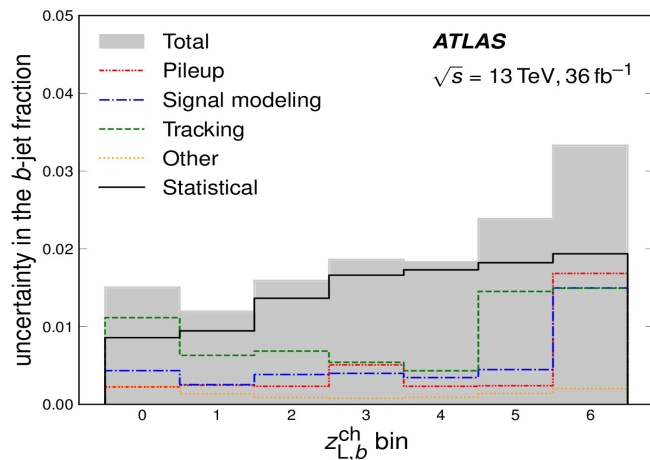
- ★ reasonable agreement between posterior detector-level simulation and data for main variables of interest

- ★ larger difference for number of tracks at the secondary vertex
- ★ extra syst: reweight  $n_b^{ch}$  in MC to data

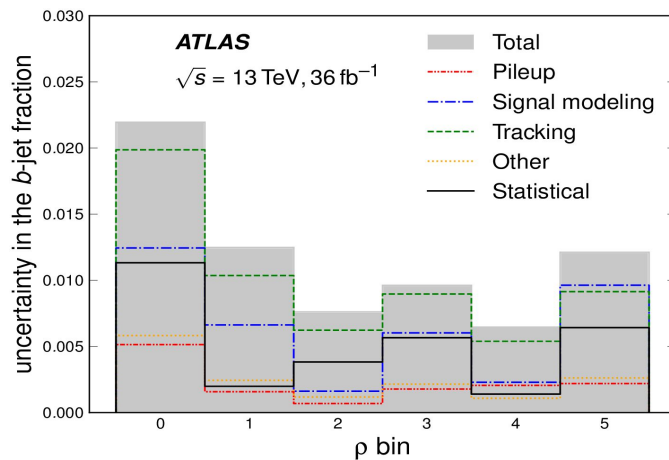
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- ★ **tracking**: from data-MC differences in alignment, track efficiency, fakes, IP resolution
- ★ **pile-up**: includes effects due to the MC description of pile-up dependence
- ★ **other experimental sources**: includes jet and flavour tagging calibrations



- ★ statistical uncertainty dominates for fragmentation variables

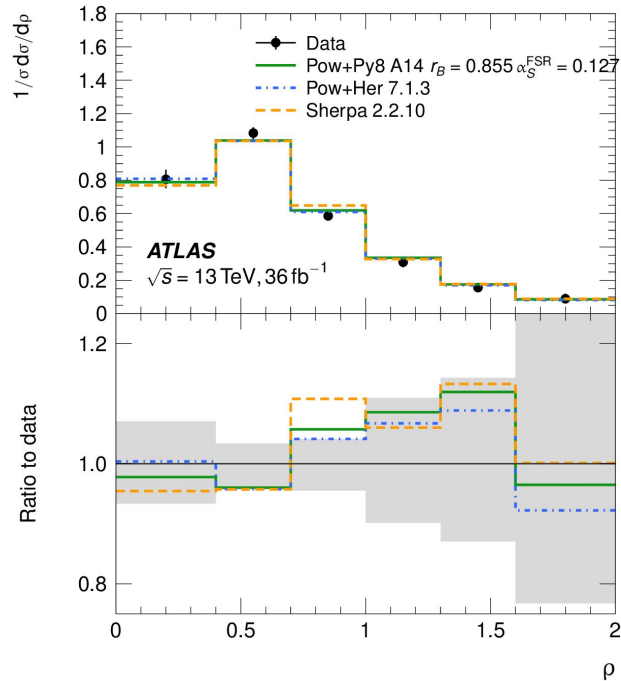
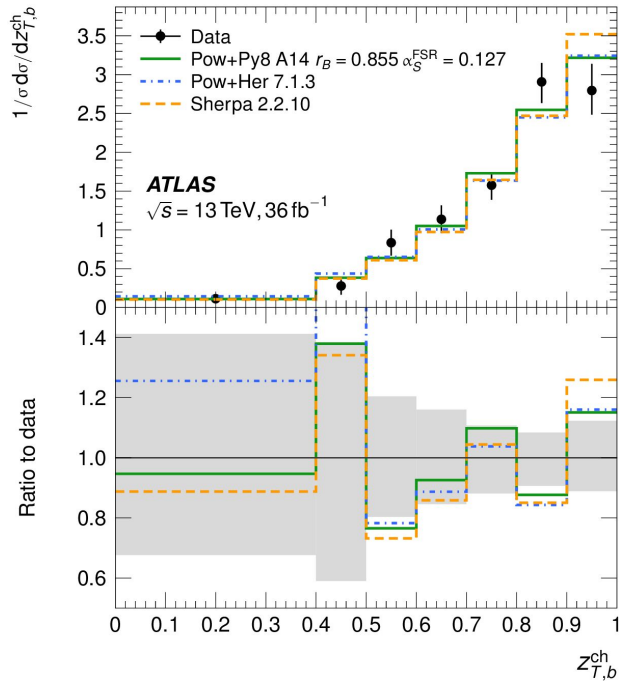
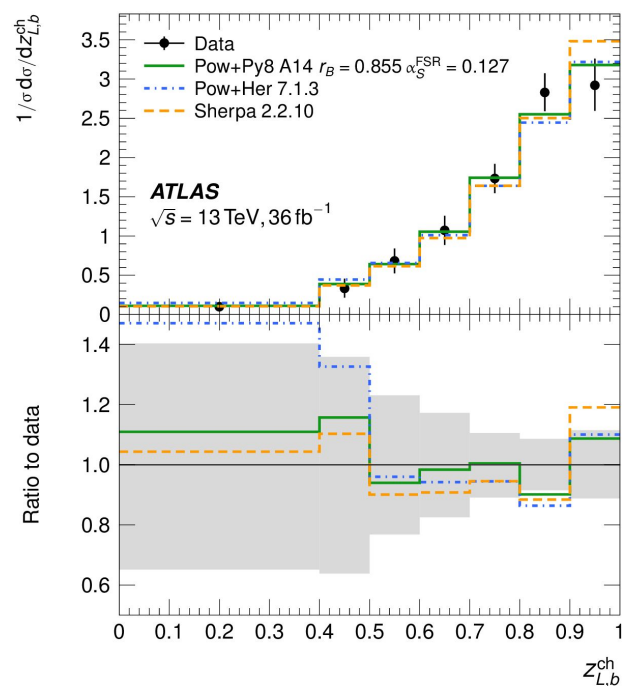


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Results for widely-used generator configurations

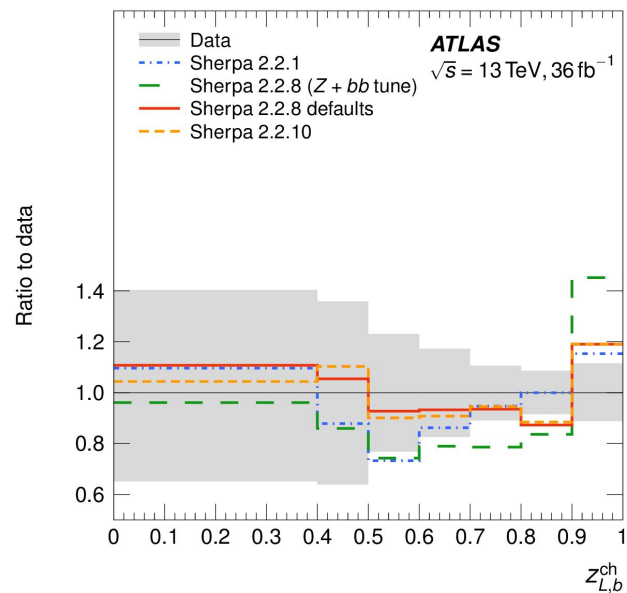
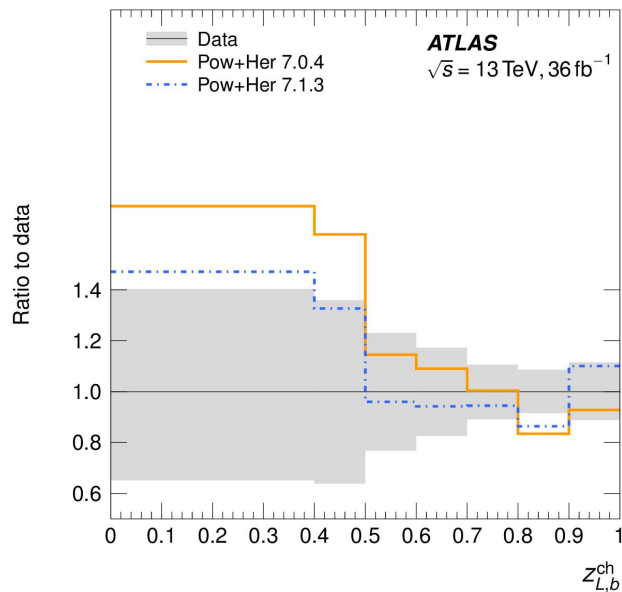
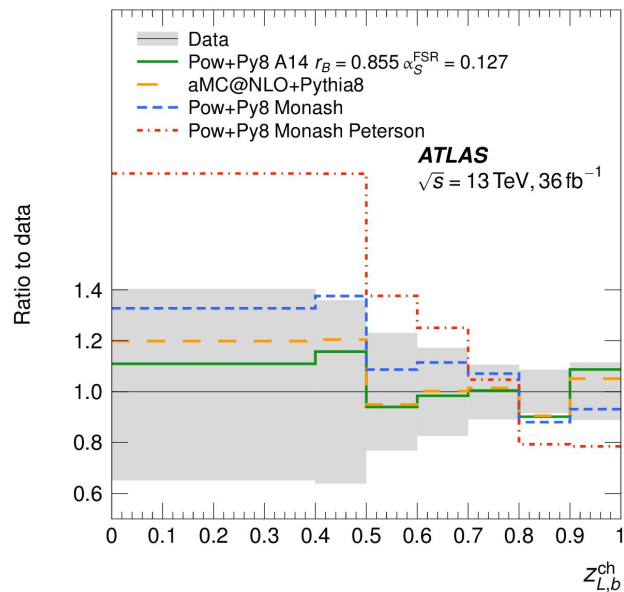
- ★ good agreement for all models on fragmentation-related and event-wide variables
- ★ largest (but still small) deviations observed for Powheg+Herwig



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## Results for different generator versions and tunes

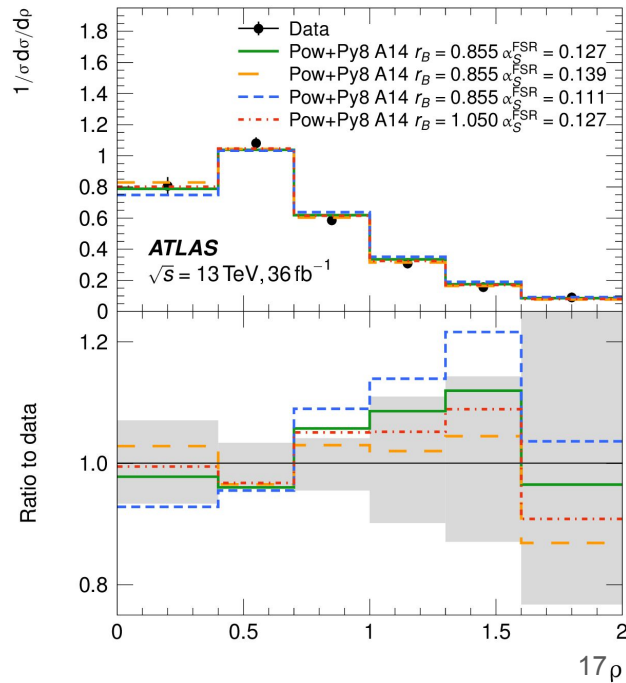
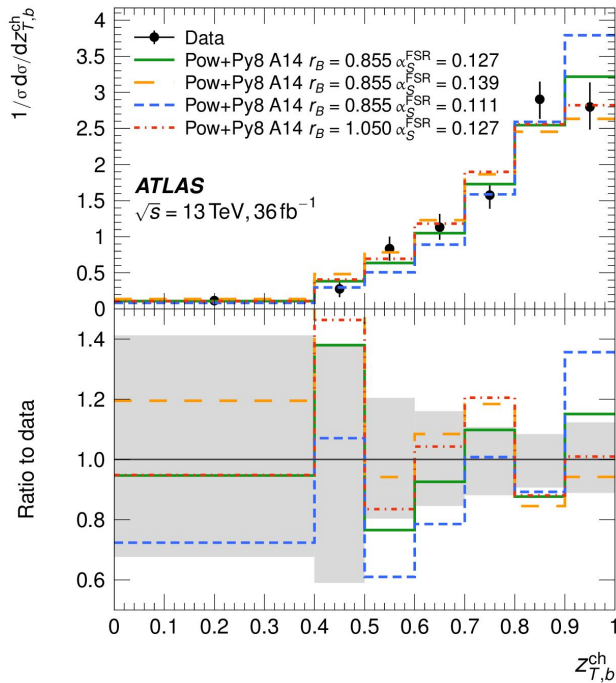
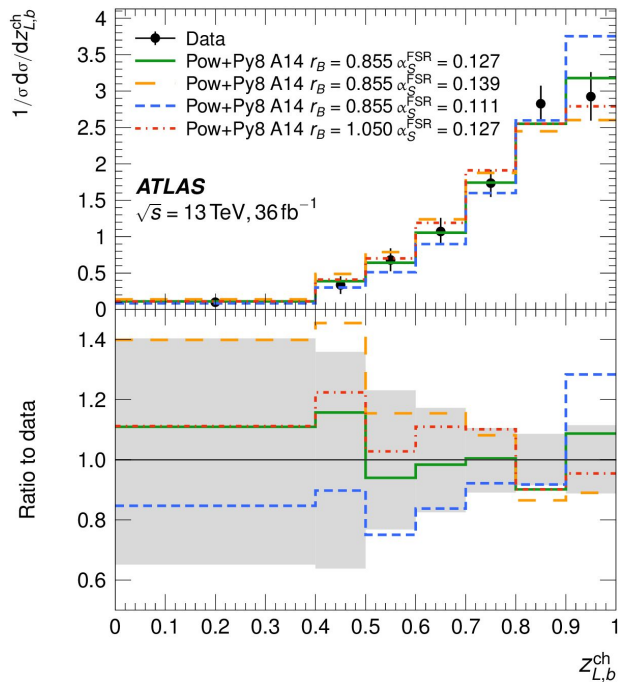
- ★ good agreement with data for different Powheg+Pythia configs, except Peterson tune
- ★ general improvements in newer versions for Powheg+Herwig and Sherpa



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Results for different values of non-perturbative MC parameters in Pythia 8

- ★ test the effect of modifying  $\alpha_s^{FSR}$  and  $b$ -quark mass re-scaling parameter  $r_B$
- ★ A14 Pythia 8 tune variations provide good uncertainty envelope for  $b$  fragmentation



# Summarizing

Exclusive and inclusive studies of fragmentation observables are a powerful tool

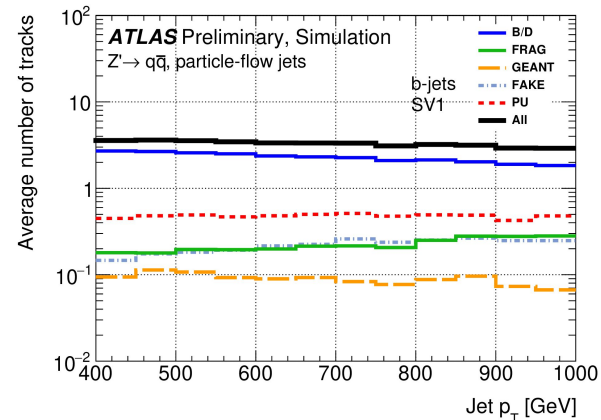
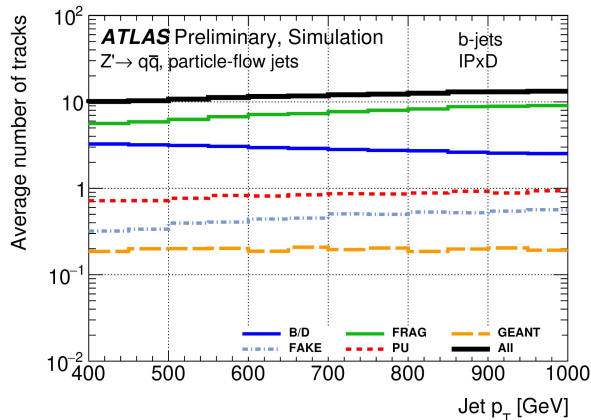
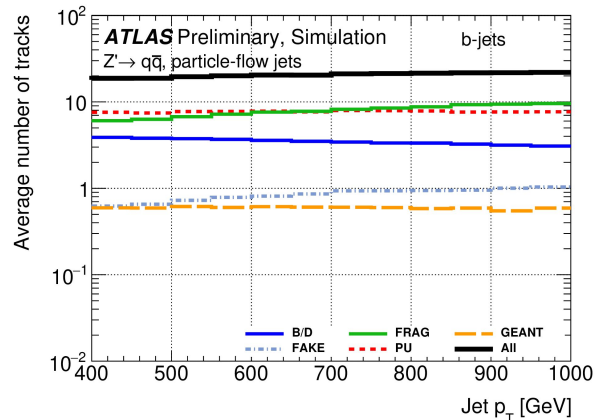
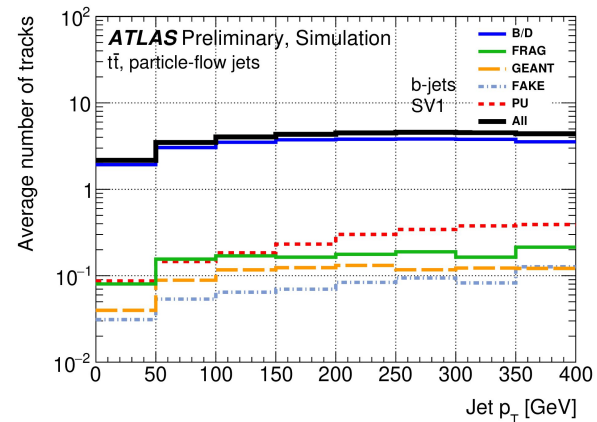
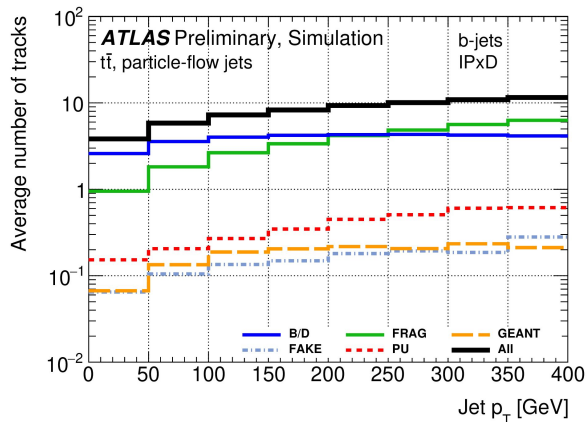
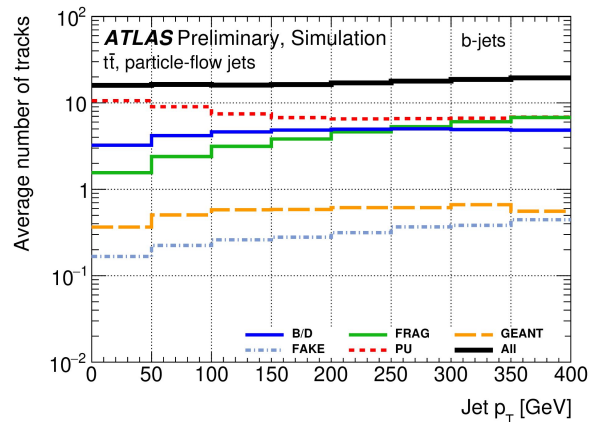
- ★ validate the application of measurements in  $e^+e^-$  collisions to LHC
- ★ enable to **spot models** and tunes leading to **large discrepancies** with data
- ★ allow to determine **reasonable tune variations** to build modelling systematics

Feedback welcome

- ★ possibly **more models** to compare with observables measured in data
- ★ new ideas on **building observables** sensitive to fragmentation of heavy quarks

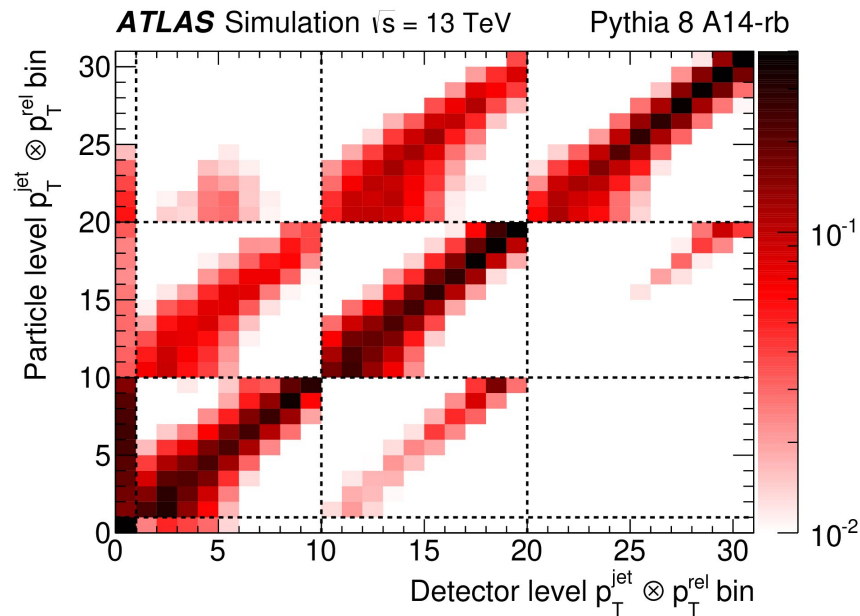
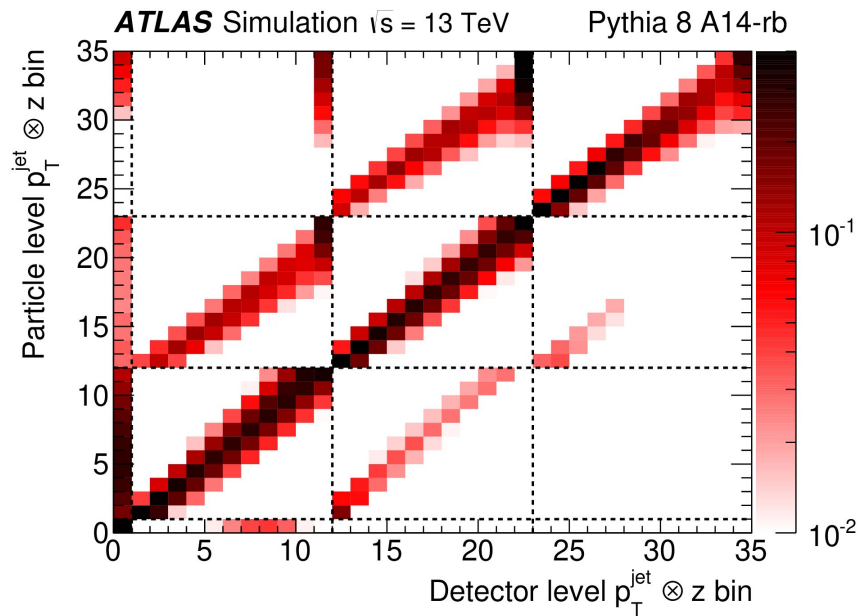
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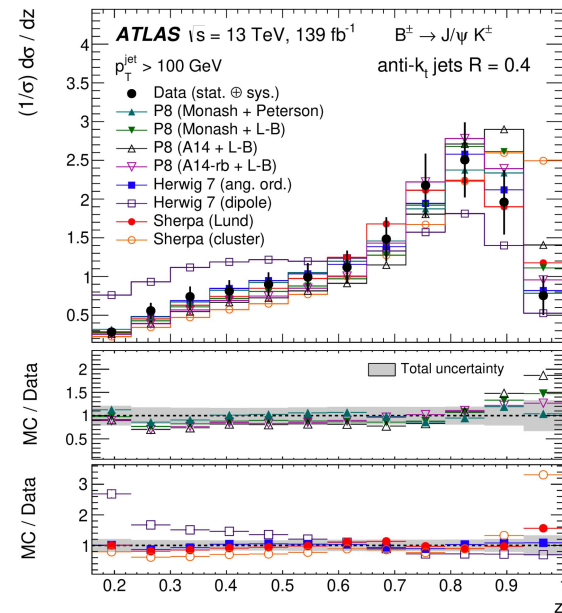
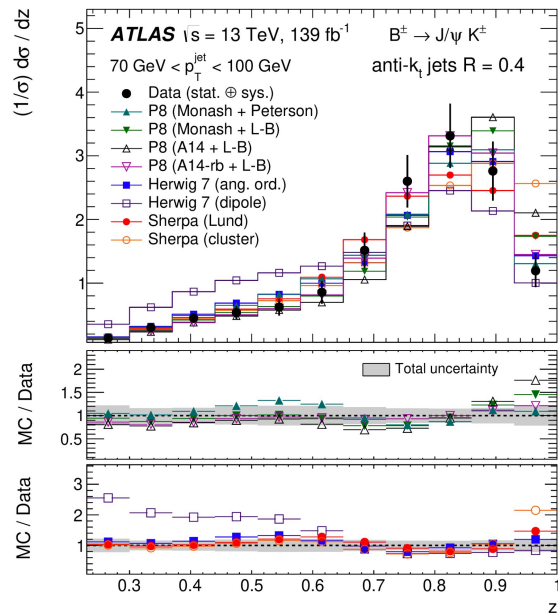
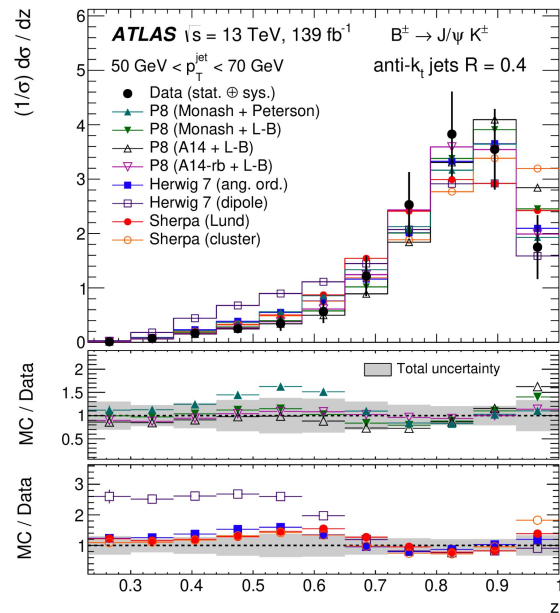




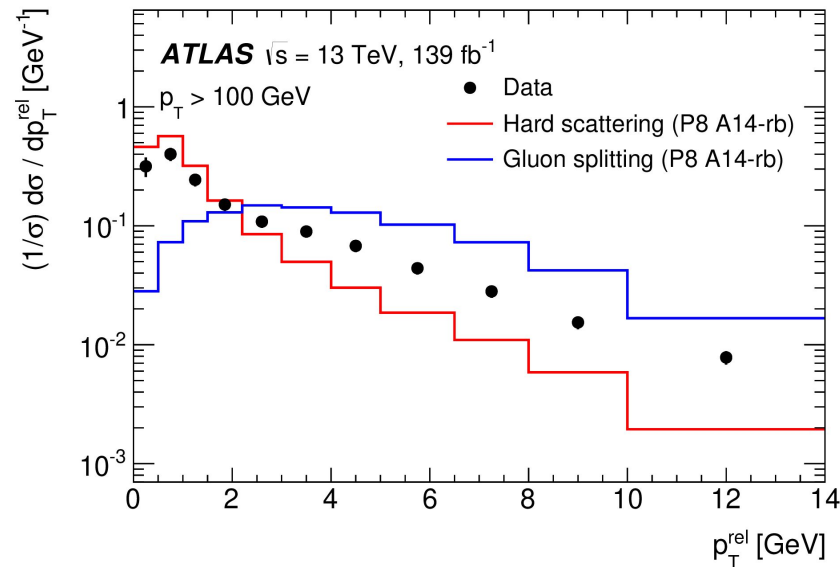
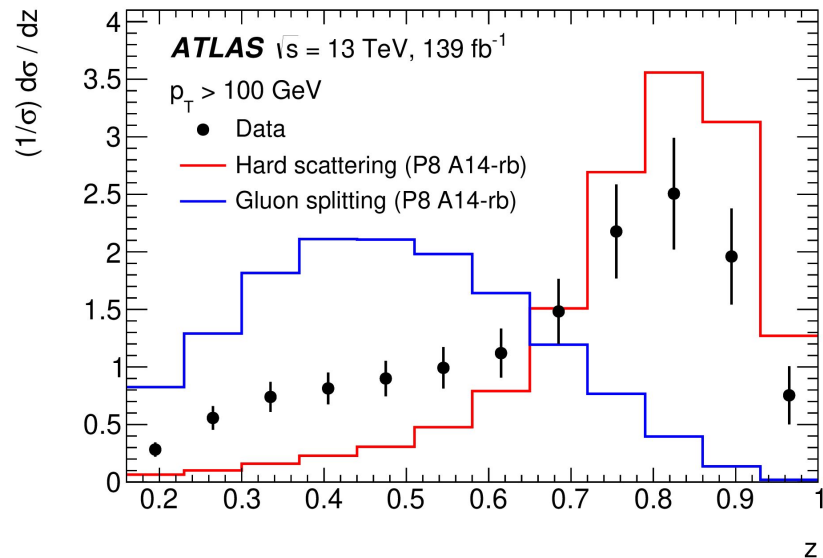
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Generator	ME order	Scales $\mu_r, \mu_f$	Parton shower	PDF set	Tune	Hadronisation
PYTHIA 8	$2 \rightarrow 2$ @ LO	$(m_{T3} \cdot m_{T4})^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$p_T$ -ordered	CTEQ6L1  NNPDF2.3	A14 A14-RB  Monash	Lund–Bowler Lund–Bowler  Lund–Bowler Peterson
SHERPA	$2 \rightarrow 2$ @ LO	$H(s, t, u)$	CSS (dipole)	CT14	–	Cluster model Lund string model
HERWIG 7	$2 \rightarrow 2$ @ LO	$\sqrt{\frac{2stu}{s^2+t^2+u^2}}$	Angle-ordered Dipole	MMHT2014	–	Cluster model

# $t\bar{t}$ events

	Events with $e\mu jj$ ( $\geq 1$ $b$ -tag)	Probe-jets
Process	Predicted yields	
Fiducial $t\bar{t}$	–	$44000 \pm 9000$
Nonfiducial $t\bar{t}$	–	$6700 \pm 1500$
Total $t\bar{t}$	$76000 \pm 12000$	$51000 \pm 9000$
Single top	$4400 \pm 1500$	$1580 \pm 600$
Z+jets	$125 \pm 45$	$13.0 \pm 5.1$
Diboson	$90 \pm 34$	$9.7 \pm 3.9$
Total non- $t\bar{t}$	$4600 \pm 1600$	$1600 \pm 600$
$b$ -jets	–	$52000 \pm 9000$
$c$ -jets	–	$180 \pm 60$
Other jets	–	$250 \pm 70$
Total prediction	$81000 \pm 13000$	$53000 \pm 9000$
	Observed yields	
Data	88511	57476