

Studies of Top Quark Monte Carlo Modelling with the ATLAS Detector

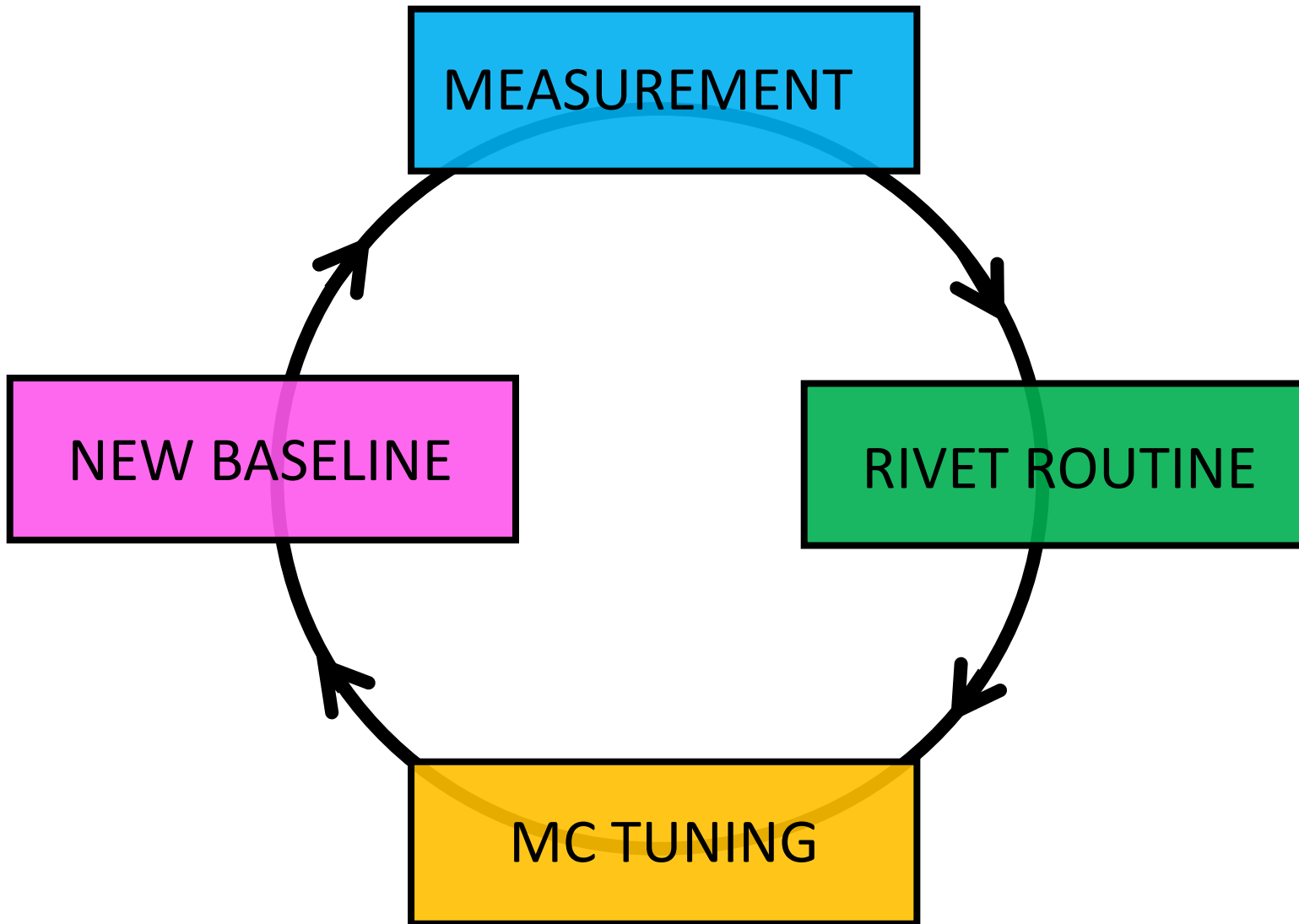
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Monte Carlo Modeling Cycle



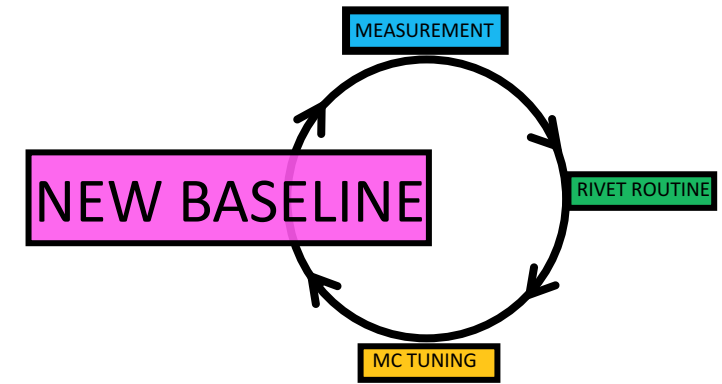
A huge amount of work has been done in determining the current baseline generator setup used by ATLAS for $t\bar{t}$.

This talk focuses on 13 TeV $t\bar{t}$ measurements using the latest baseline, and discusses ongoing work for the next cycle.

Baseline Setup

Current: Powheg + Pythia8 with A14 tune (based on 7 TeV data)

(Pythia8 models soft radiation better than Pythia6)

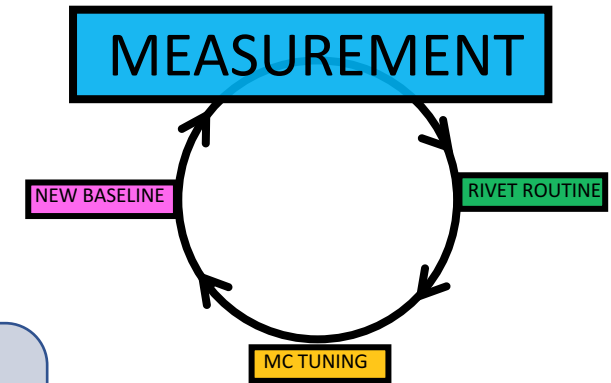


Monte Carlo Choices:

| ☐ PDF | ☐ Matrix Element | ☐ Parton Shower | ☐ Afterburner |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| ★ NNPDF3.0NLO | ★ Powheg BOX (v2 r3026) | ★ Pythia8.186 (A14) | ★ EvtGen (1.2.0) |
| ⚙ NNPDF2.3LO | ⚙ MG5_aMC@NLO (2.2.3.p1) | ⚙ Pythia6.427 (Perugia 2012c) | |
| ⚙ CT10, CT10f4 | ⚙ Sherpa (2.2.1) | ⚙ Herwig7 (H7UE) | |
| ⚙ PDF4LHC15 | | ⚙ Herwig++ 2.7.1 (UE-EE-5) | |
| | | ⚙ Sherpa (author tune) | |

Baseline choice *must* allow consistent set of uncertainties.

13 TeV ATLAS Measurements



Measurement of jet activity produced in top-quark events with an electron, a muon and two b -tagged jets in the final state in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

[arXiv:1610.09978](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.09978)
[TOPQ-2015-17](#)
[\(Eur. Phys. J. C77 \(2017\) 220\)](#)

(May 2017)

Measurements of top-quark pair differential cross-sections in the lepton+jets channel in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV using the ATLAS detector

[arXiv:1708.00727](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.00727)
[TOPQ-2016-01](#)
[\(JHEP 11 \(2017\) 191\)](#)

(August 2017)

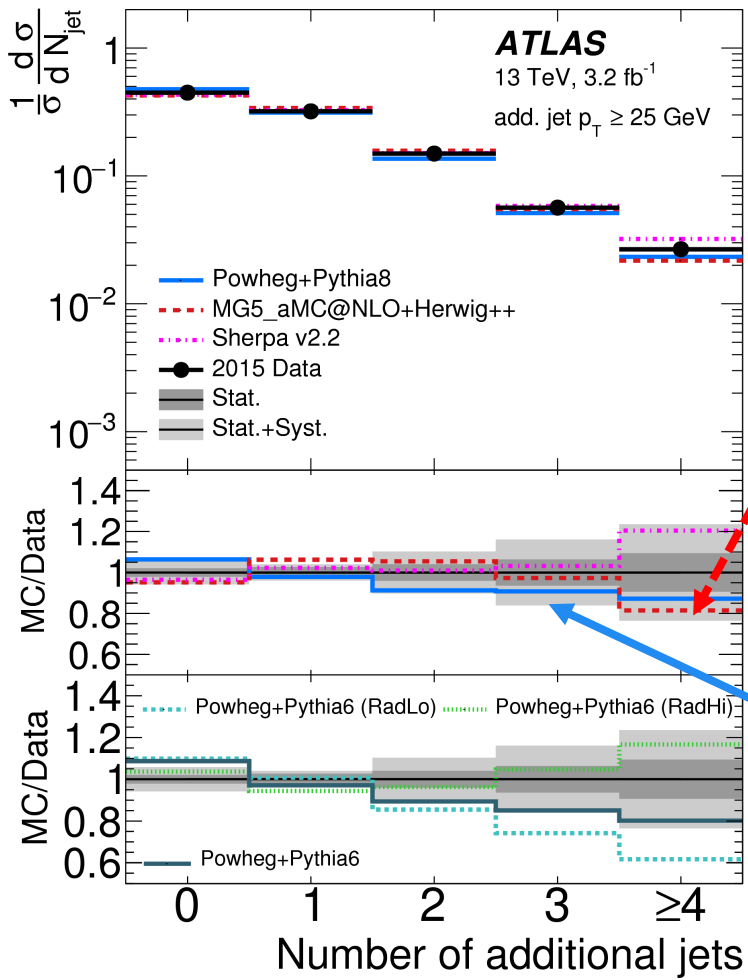
Measurement of colour flow using jet-pull observables in $t\bar{t}$ events with the ATLAS experiment at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

[ATLAS-CONF-2017-069](#)

(September 2017)

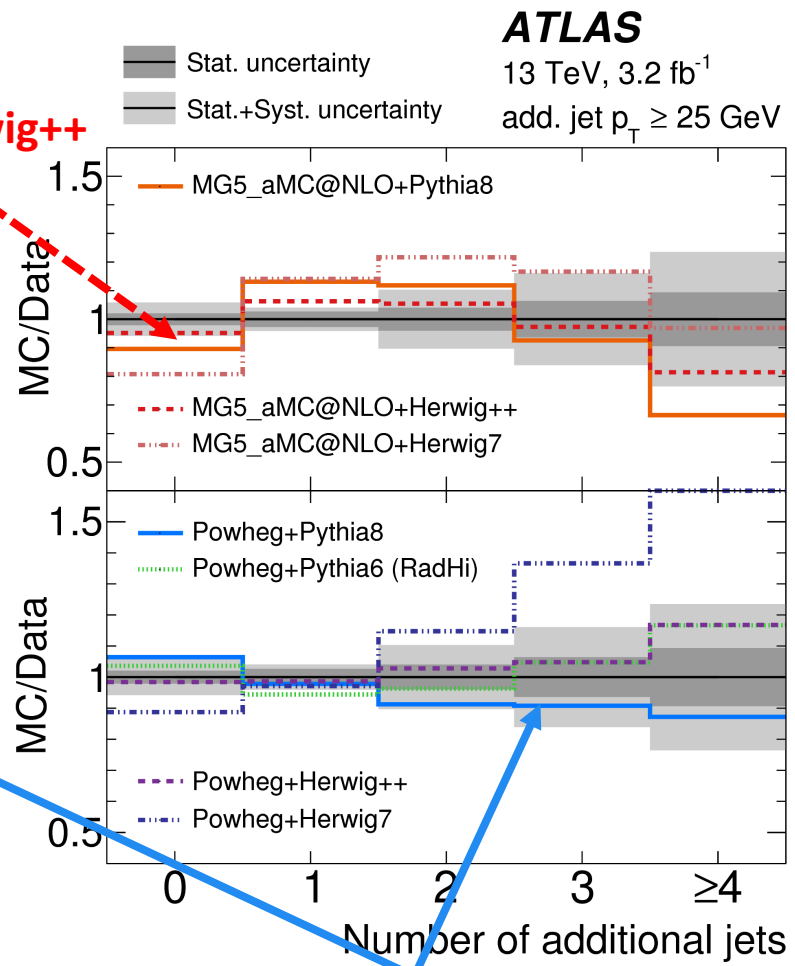
Jet Multiplicity

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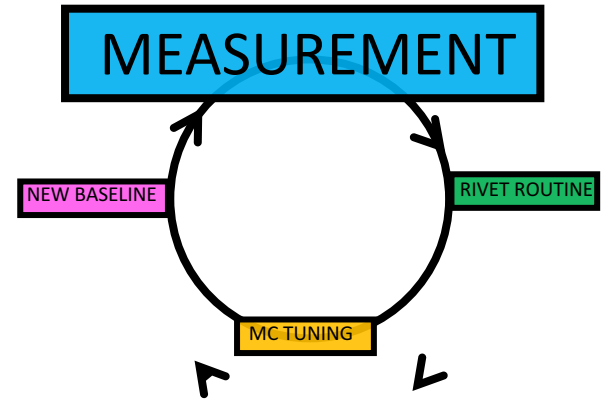


Pythia6 uses hdamp=m_t

MG5+Herwig++



Baseline Powheg+Pythia8

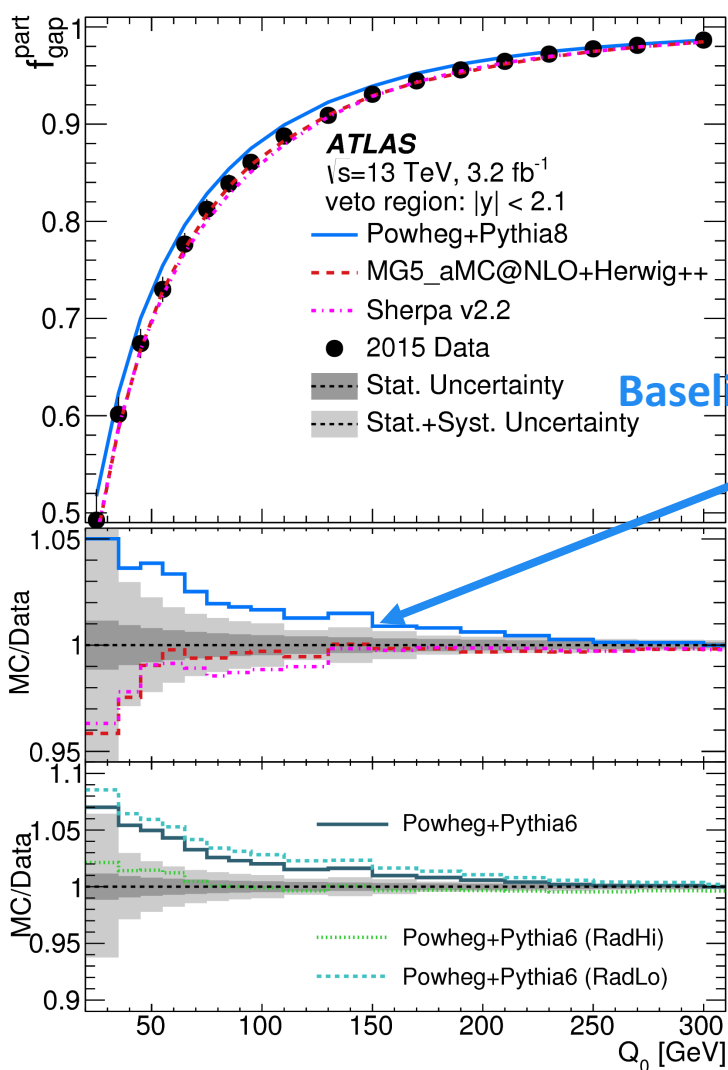
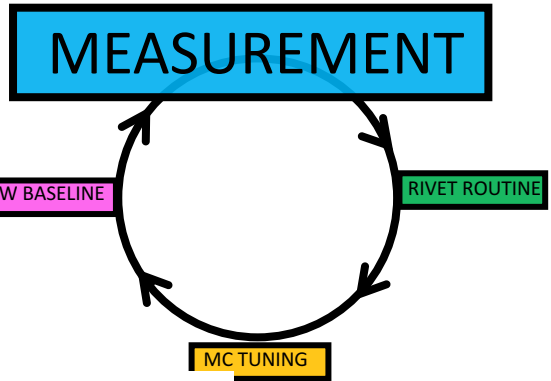


MG5_aMC@NLO : Vary PS only
 Pythia8 (red solid line)
 Herwig++ (red dashed line)
 Herwig7 (red dash-dotted line)

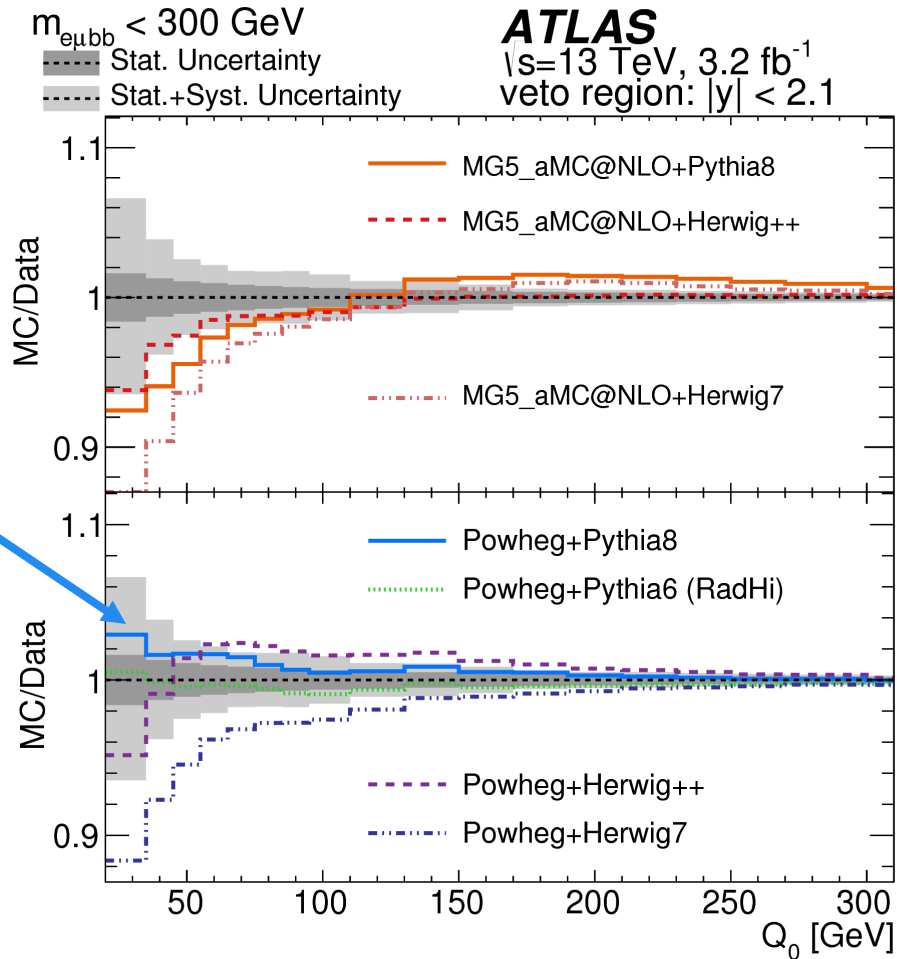
Powheg : Vary PS only
 Pythia8 (blue solid line)
 Herwig++ (blue dashed line)
 Herwig7 (blue dash-dotted line)

Jet Fraction in $|y| < 2.1$ above Q_0

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Baseline Powheg+Pythia8



Had Top p_T and $m_{t\bar{t}}$

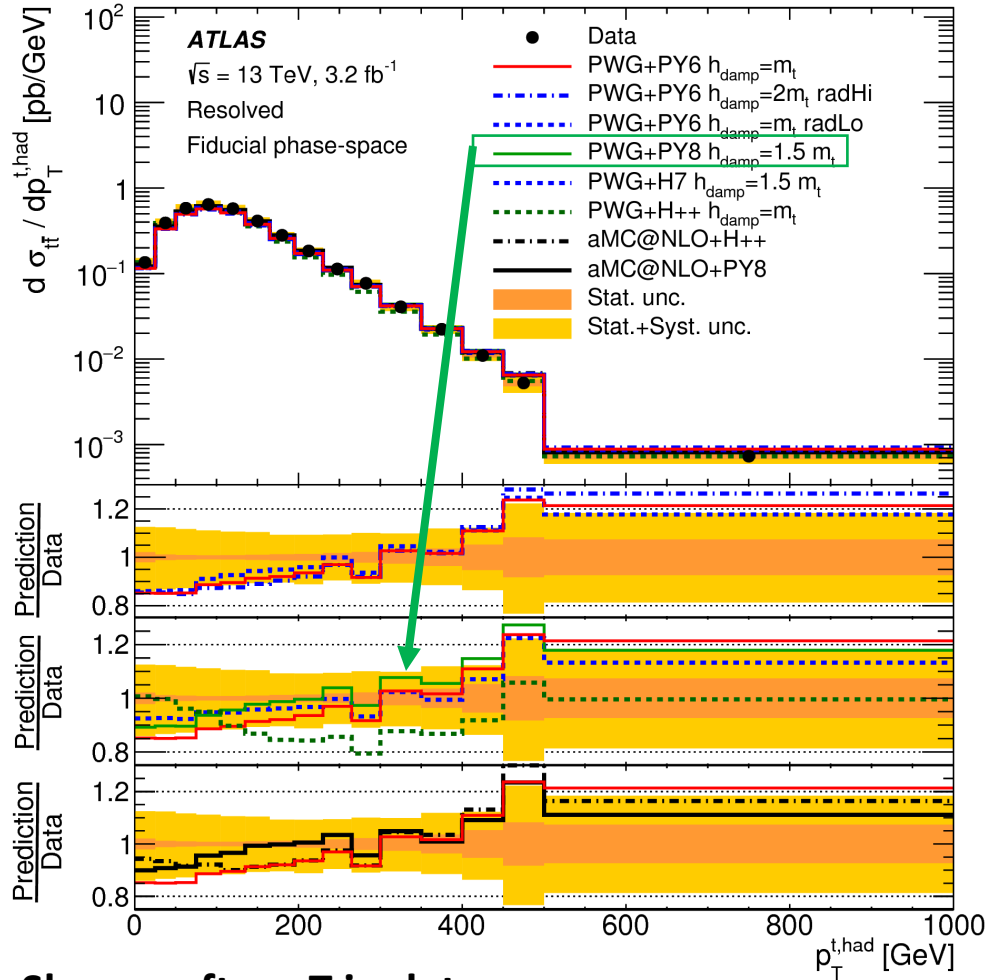
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MEASUREMENT

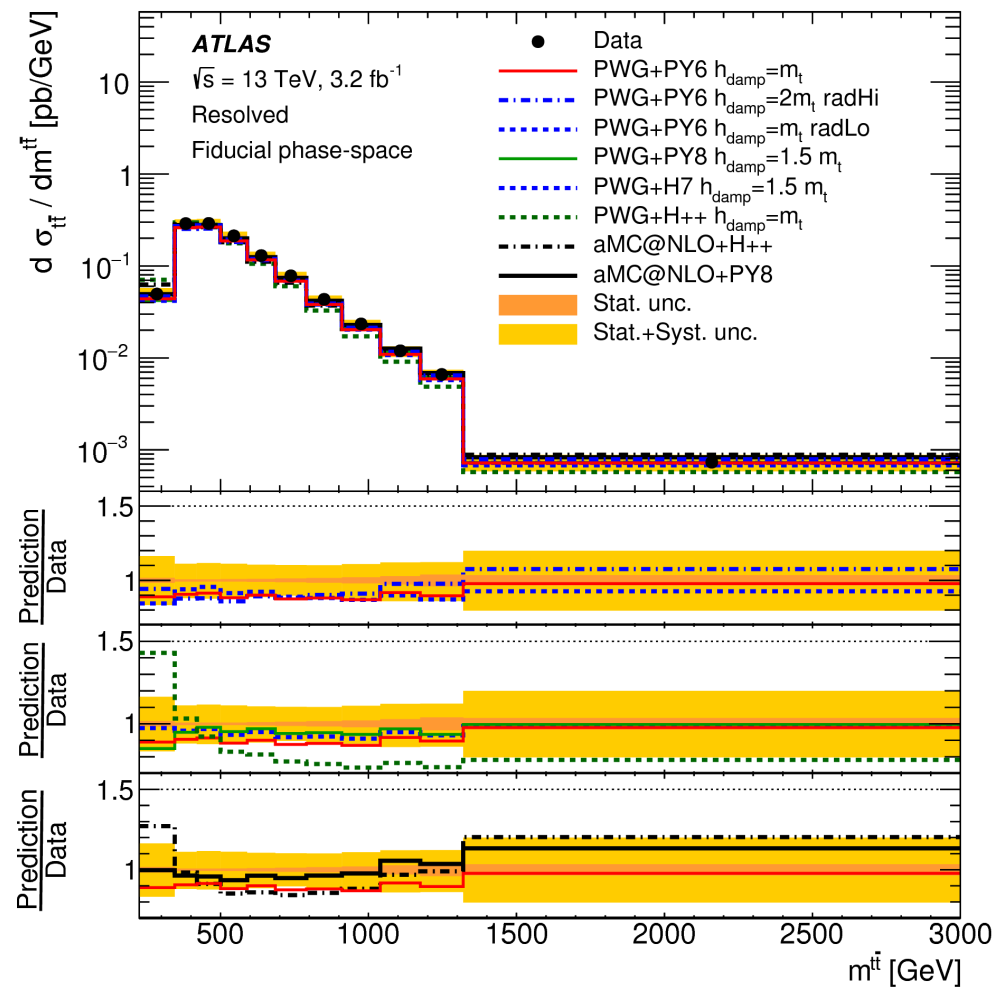
NEW BASELINE

RIVET ROUTINE

MCTUNING

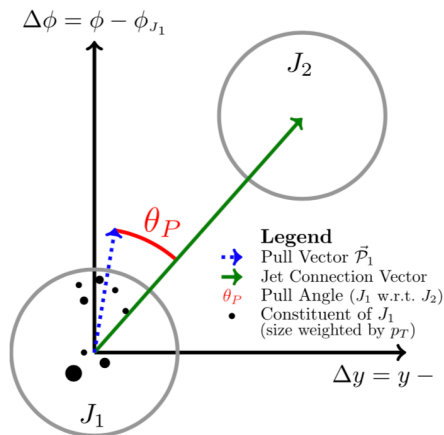


Slope: softer p_T in data

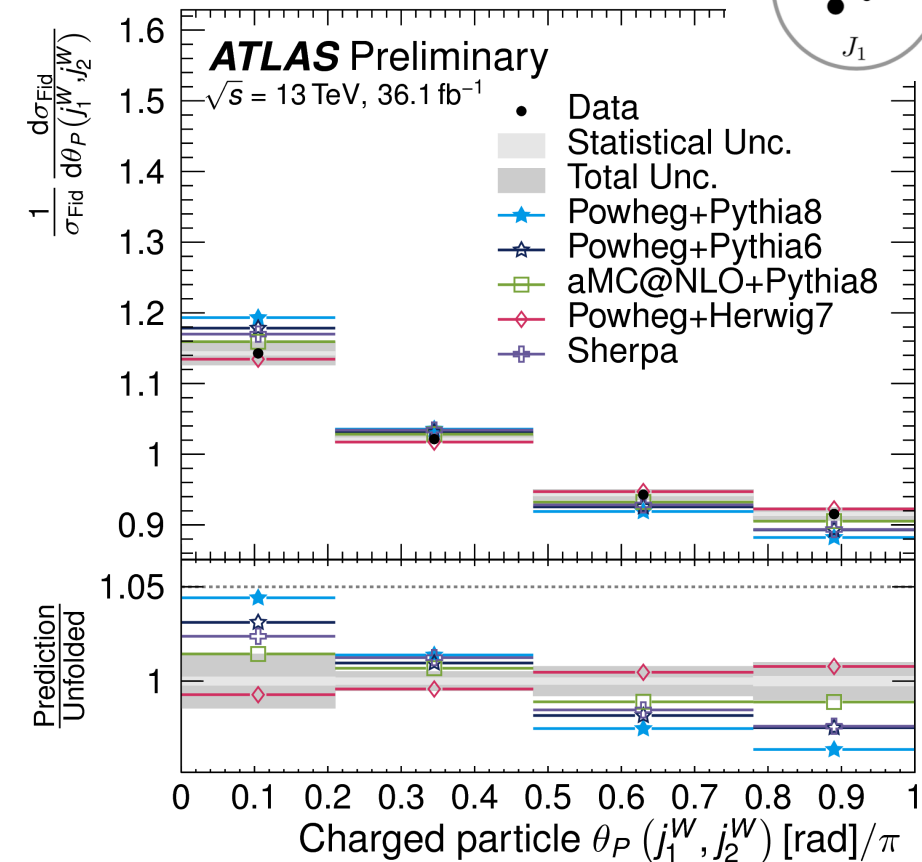


Jet pull angle

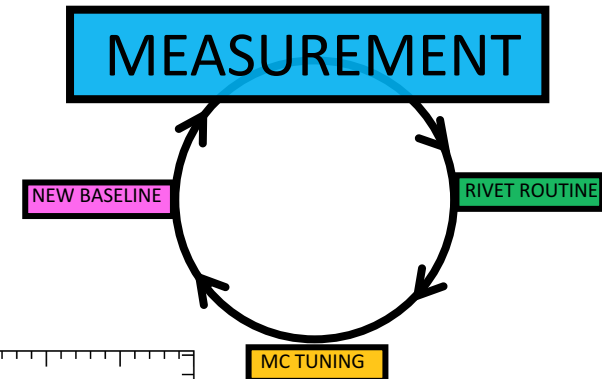
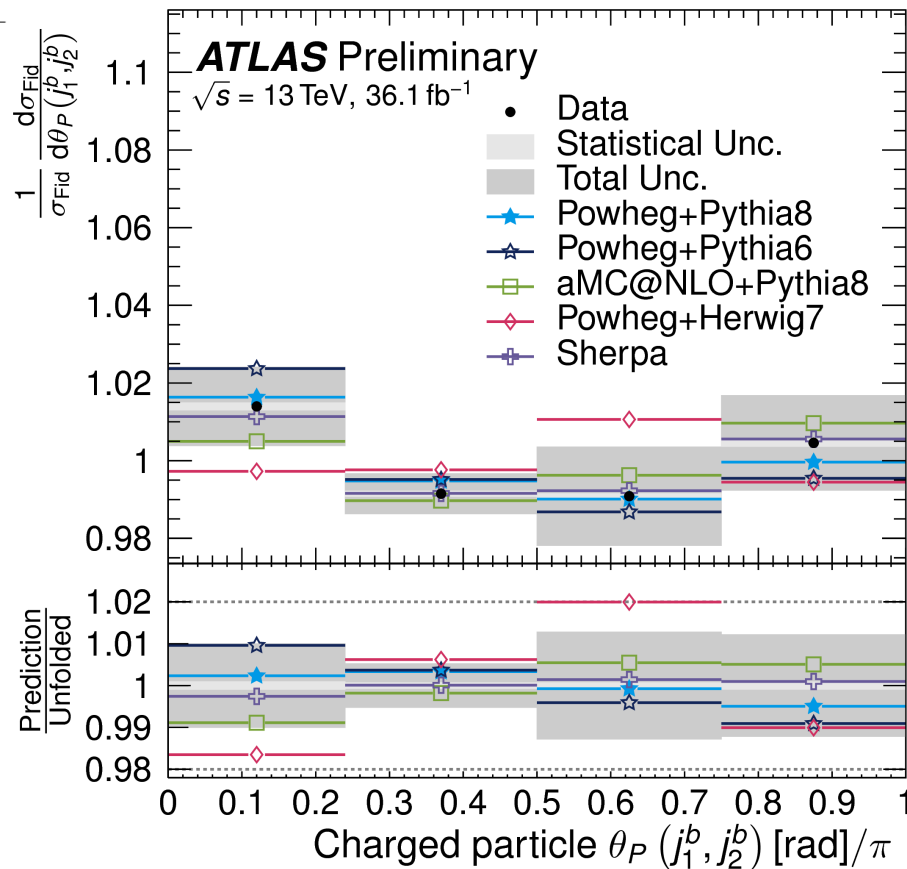
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Between W daughters

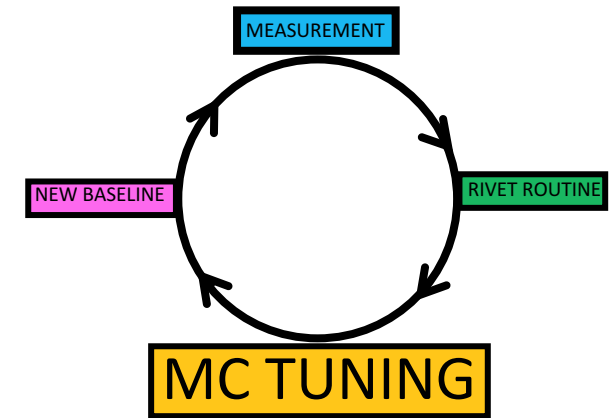


Between b-jets



Baseline Powheg+Pythia8 gives *worst* description of θ variable for W daughters.
 No generator describes all distributions.

Tuning with 13 TeV data



Studies on top-quark Monte Carlo modelling with Sherpa and MG5_aMC@NLO

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-007](#)

(May 2017)

Studies on top-quark Monte Carlo modelling for Top2016

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2016-020](#)

(October 2017)

A study of different colour reconnection settings for Pythia8 generator using underlying event observables

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2017-008](#)


(May 2017)

Deepak's talk

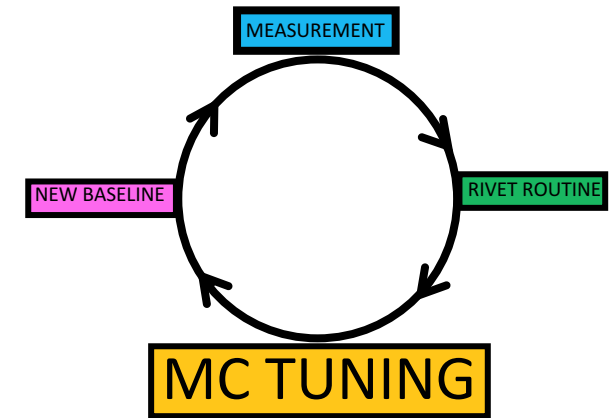
Full list of PUB notes: <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/MCPublicResults>

Radiation and Scale Variations

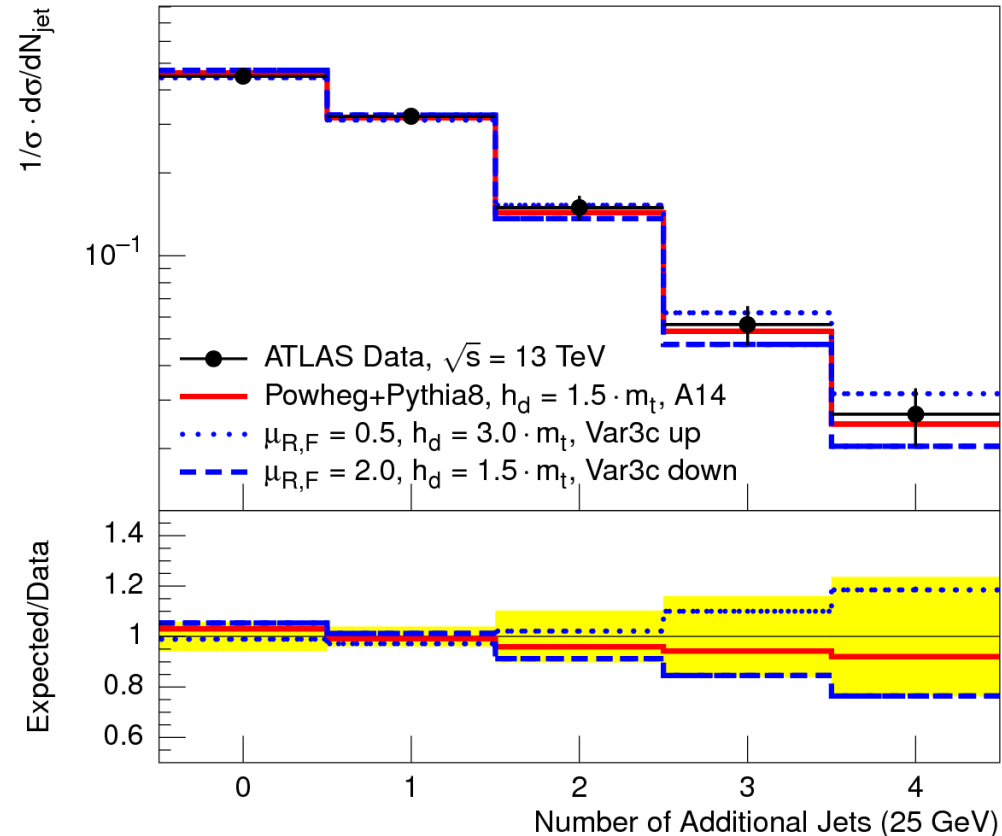
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Vary simultaneously:

h_{damp} {1.5 - 3 m_{top} } (**1.5 m_{top}**) α_s {0.115 - 0.140} (**0.127**) and $\mu_{F,R}$ {0.5, 2.0}

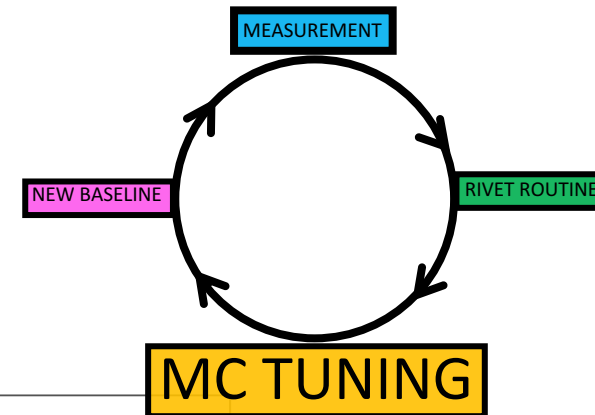


| Source | ATLAS |
|--|---|
| Radiation/scale | Simultaneous $\mu_{R,F}$, h_{damp} , α_s^{ISR} variations |
| Shower/ Hadronisation/ Fragmentation | Pythia8 vs Herwig7 |
| ME Generator | Powheg vs MG5_aMC@NLO |
| Non-pertubative | A14 tune variations |

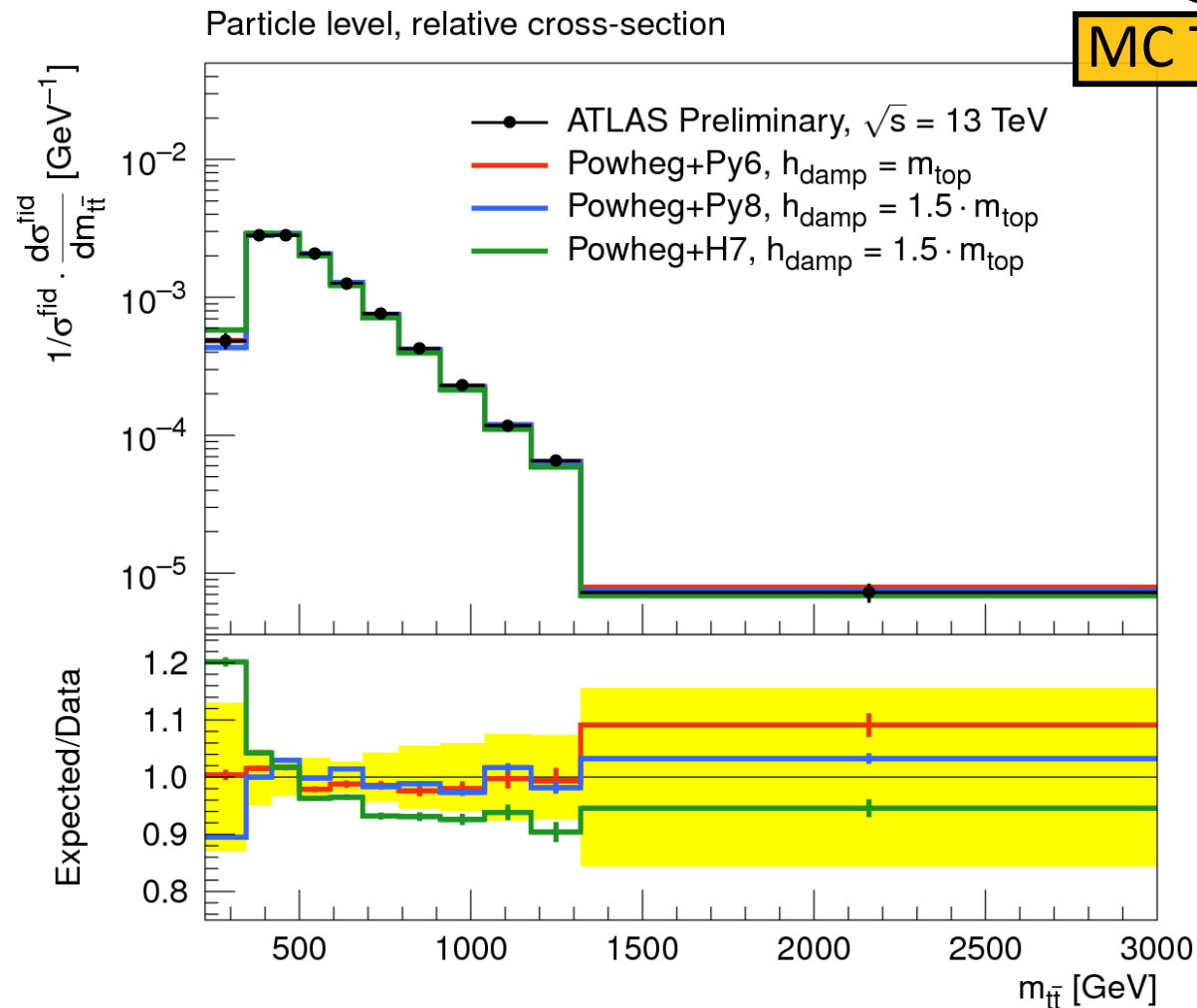


Parton Shower Variations

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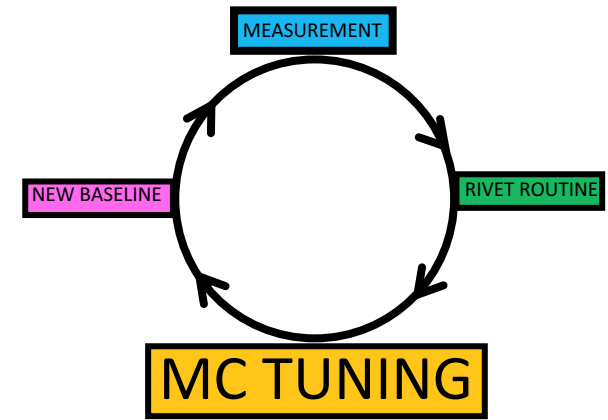


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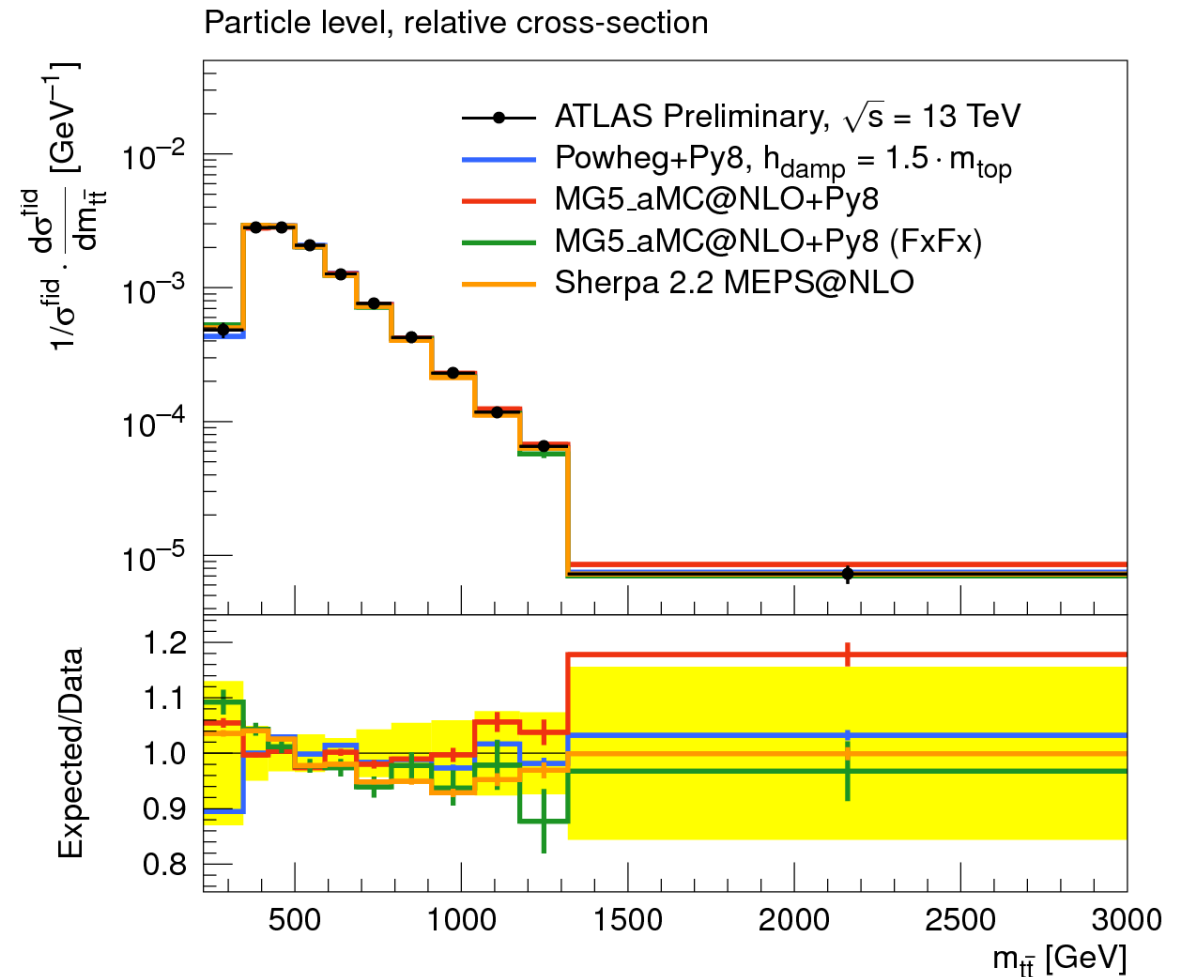
Matrix Element Variations

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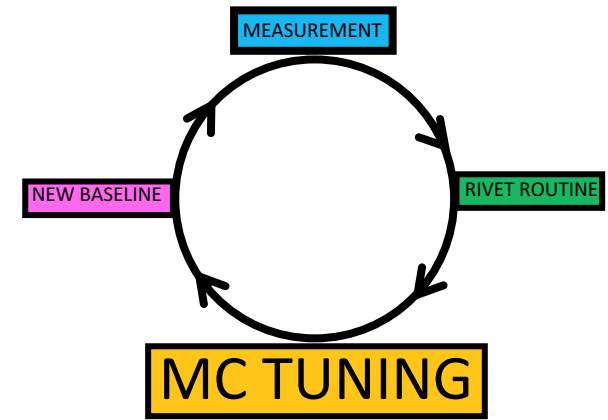
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| Non-pertubative | A14 tune variations |

Fairly consistent



Tune Variations

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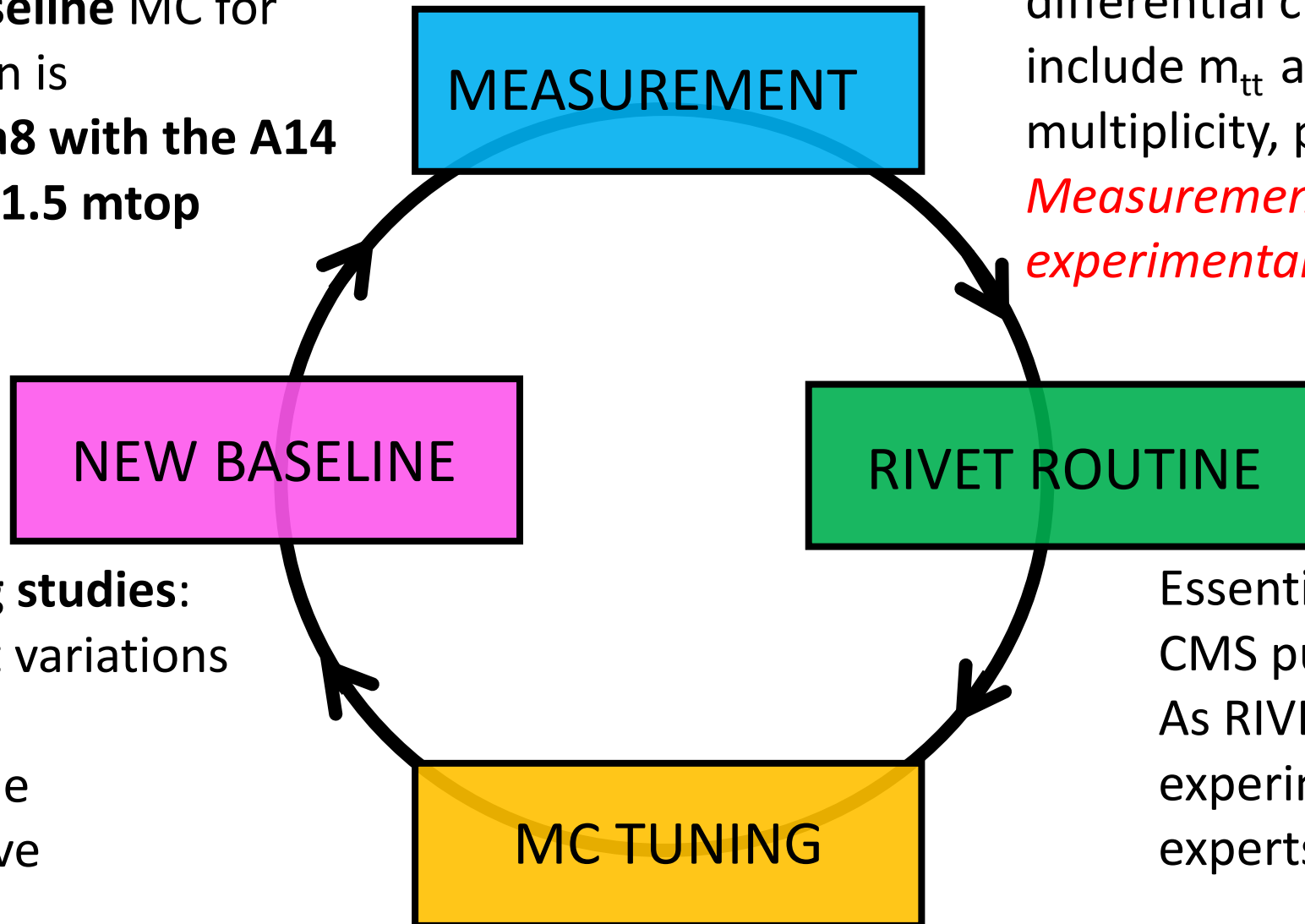


Deepak's talk, next!

Summary

The current **baseline** MC for $t\bar{t}$ production is **Powheg+Pythia8 with the A14 tune, hdamp = 1.5 mtop**

13 TeV data : unfolded differential cross-sections, vars include $m_{t\bar{t}}$ and $p_T^{t\bar{t}}, p_T^{t, \text{had}}$, jet multiplicity, pull angle, etc.
Measurements often limited by experimental uncertainties.



Ongoing **tuning studies**:
Matrix Element variations
Parton Shower
Radiation / Scale
Non Perturbative

Essential that ATLAS and CMS publish unfolded data As RIVET routines – for experimentalists and MC experts for tuning.

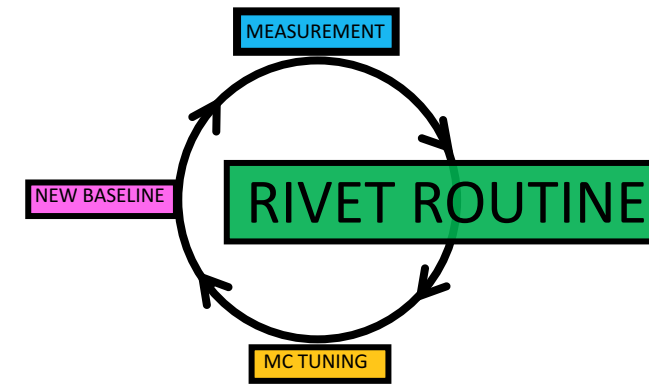
Here's to the next baseline!

...thank you for your attention.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Rivet

<http://rivet.hepforge.org/analyses>



7 TeV results:

- [Jet veto measurement \(arXiv:1203.5015\)](#)
- [Jet shapes in ttbar events \(arXiv:1307.5749\)](#)
- [ttbar+jets \(arXiv:1407.0891\)](#)
- [Differential ttbar cross-section, particle-level variables \(arXiv:1502.05923\)](#)

8 TeV results:

- [Colour flow measurement \(arXiv:1506.05629\)](#)
- [Differential ttbar cross-section of highly boosted top quarks as a function of top pT \(arXiv:1510.03818\).](#)
- [Fiducial cross-sections for ttbar production with one or two additional b-jets \(arXiv:1508.06868\).](#)
- [Measurement of the production cross-section of a single top quark in association with a W boson \(arXiv:1510.03752\).](#)
- [Measurements of top-quark pair differential cross-sections in the lepton+jets channel \(arXiv:1511.04716\)](#)

| Process | Generator | Type | Version | PDF | Tune ² |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| $t\bar{t}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 [13–15] +PYTHIA 8 [17] | NLO ME +LO PS | r3026 v8.186 | NNPDF 3.0 [16] NNPDF 2.3 [18] | – A14 / A14.v1 [†] / A14.v3c [†] [19] |
| Single top | POWHEG-Box v1 +PYTHIA 6 [21] | NLO ME +LO PS | r2819 v6.425 | CT10 [20] CTEQ6L1 [22] | – PERUGIA 2012C [23] |
| WW, WZ, ZZ | SHERPA [24–26] | LO/NLO multileg ME+PS | v2.1.1 | CT10 | Default |
| W/Z + jets | SHERPA | LO/NLO multileg ME+PS | v2.2.1 | NNPDF 3.0 | Default |
| $t\bar{t}W/Z$ | MG5_aMC@NLO [27] +PYTHIA 8 | NLO ME +LO PS | v2.3.3 v8.210 | NNPDF 3.0 NNPDF 2.3 | – A14 |
| $t\bar{t}H$ | MG5_aMC@NLO +PYTHIA 8 | NLO ME +LO PS | v2.2.3.p4 v8.210 | NNPDF 3.0 NNPDF 2.3 | – A14 |
| $t\bar{t}^{\dagger}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 +HERWIG 7 [28] | NLO ME +LO PS | r3026 v7.0.1.a | NNPDF 3.0 MMHT 2014 [29] | – H7UE |
| $t\bar{t}^{\dagger}$ | MG5_aMC@NLO +PYTHIA 8 | NLO ME +LO PS | v2.3.3.p1 v8.112 | NNPDF 3.0 NNPDF 2.3 | – A14 |
| $t\bar{t}^{\star}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 +PYTHIA 6 | NLO ME +LO PS | r2819 v6.428 | CT10 CTEQ6L1 | – PERUGIA 2012 |
| $t\bar{t}^{\star}$ | SHERPA | LO/NLO multileg ME+PS | v2.2.1 | NNPDF 3.0 NNLO | – |

NOMINAL

VARIATIONS

| Physics process | Event generator | Cross-section normalisation | PDF set for hard process | Parton shower | Tune |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| $t\bar{t}$ Nominal | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNLO+NNLL | CT10 | PYTHIA 6.428 | Perugia2012 |
| $t\bar{t}$ PS syst. | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNLO+NNLL | CT10 | HERWIG++v2.7.1 | UE-EE-5 |
| $t\bar{t}$ ME syst. | MADGRAPH5_ aMC@NLO | NNLO+NNLL | CT10 | HERWIG++v2.7.1 | UE-EE-5 |
| $t\bar{t}$ rad. syst. | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNLO+NNLL | CT10 | PYTHIA 6.428 | 'radHi/Lo' |
| Extra $t\bar{t}$ model | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNLO+NNLL | NNPDF3.0NLO | PYTHIA 8.210 | A14 |
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| Extra $t\bar{t}$ model | MADGRAPH5_ aMC@NLO | NNLO+NNLL | NNPDF3.0NLO | PYTHIA 8.210 | A14 |
| Single top t -channel | POWHEG-Box v1 | NLO | CT10f4 | PYTHIA 6.428 | Perugia2012 |
| Single top s -channel | POWHEG-Box v2 | NLO | CT10 | PYTHIA 6.428 | Perugia2012 |
| Single top Wt -channel | POWHEG-Box v2 | NLO+NNLL | CT10 | PYTHIA 6.428 | Perugia2012 |
| $t\bar{t}+W/Z/WW$ | MADGRAPH5_ aMC@NLO | NLO | NNPDF2.3LO | PYTHIA 8.186 | A14 |
| $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)+$ jets | SHERPA v2.1.1 | NNLO | CT10 | SHERPA | SHERPA |
| $Z(\rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell})+$ jets | SHERPA v2.1.1 | NNLO | CT10 | SHERPA | SHERPA |
| WW, WZ, ZZ | SHERPA v2.1.1 | NLO | CT10 | SHERPA | SHERPA |