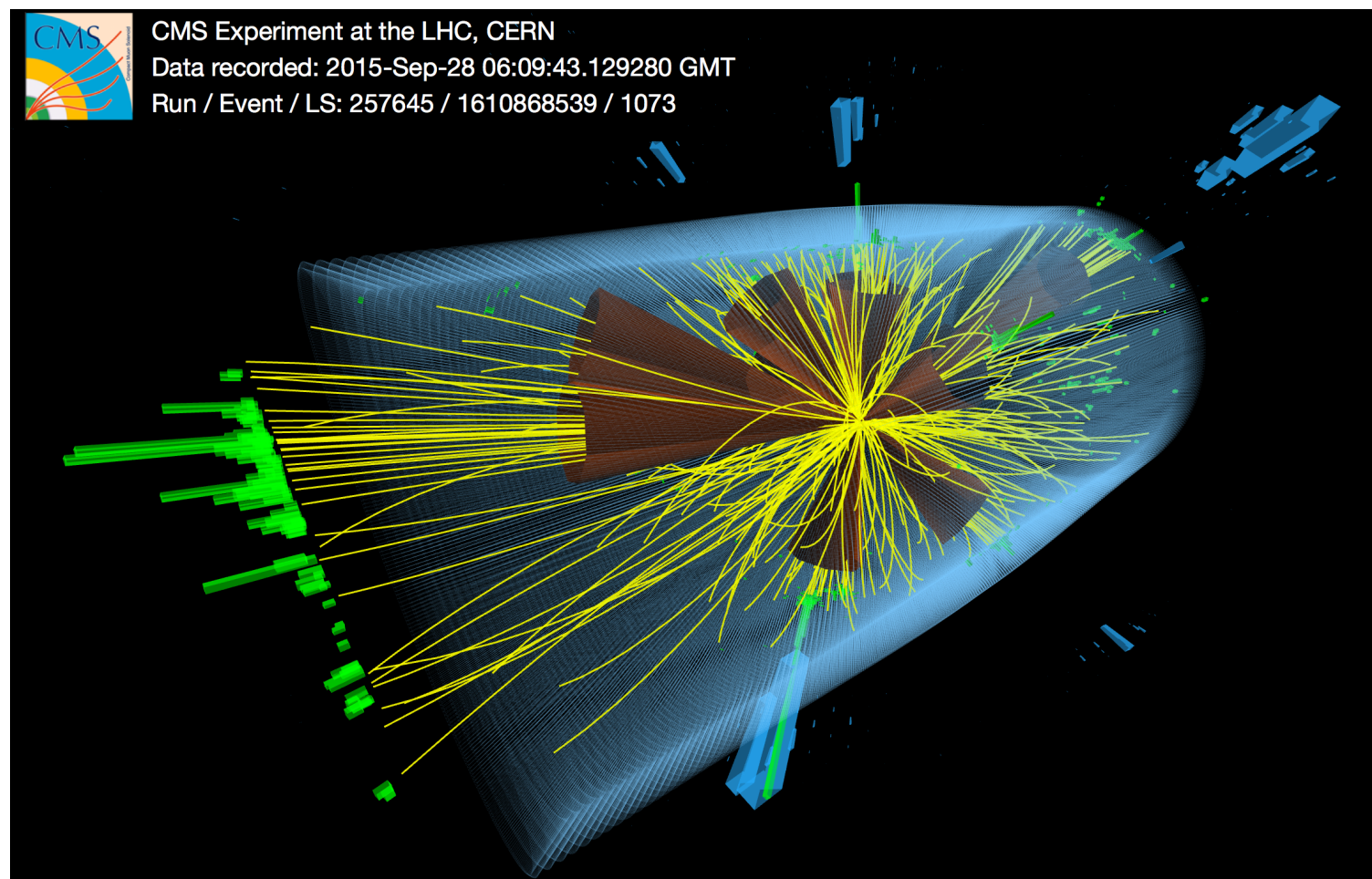


# High Energy Jets (HEJ)



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- Not just many jets, but also many scales: very difficult for theoretical descriptions.
- Phase space probed in Higgs boson analyses and searches for new physics put us right into the most difficult regions:

Large rapidity separations or large invariant mass enhance (multi-)jet production (e.g. VBF)

see **ATLAS 1107.1641, D0 1302.6508, ...**



# QCD at High Energy



- Extra power of  $\alpha_s$  compensated by large phase space and large logarithms - **even more at 13 TeV, 100 TeV...**
- Already at the LHC,  $(n+1)$ -jet rates are not small compared to  $n$ -jet rates [0.2 rising to 0.3 after VBF cuts]
- Stability associated with NLO fails in difficult regions of phase space — demands a new approach





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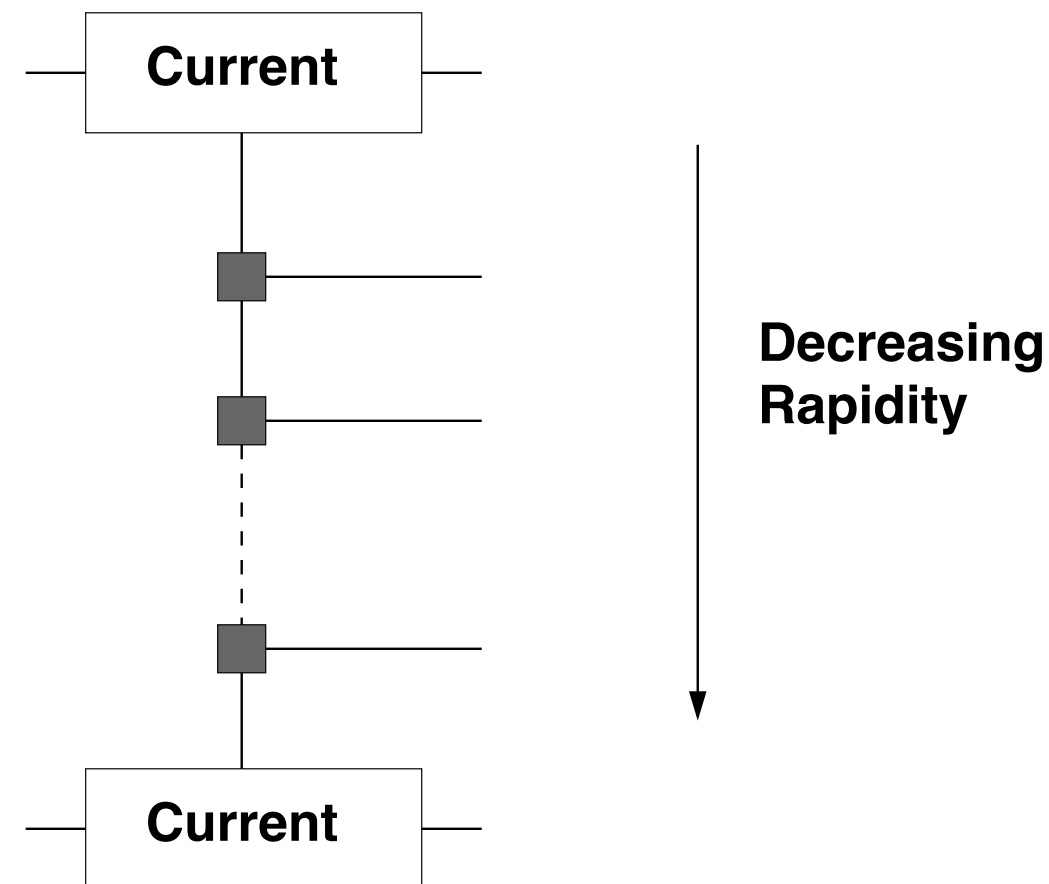


However, amplitudes themselves become simpler in the “high energy” limit

$$\Delta y_{ij} \rightarrow \infty, \quad |p_{Ti}| \text{ finite}$$

Use this simpler structure to make an efficient event generator for arbitrary numbers of quarks/gluons.

Applies to loop diagrams too: gives leading log terms at all orders in  $\alpha_s$





# HEJ Principles

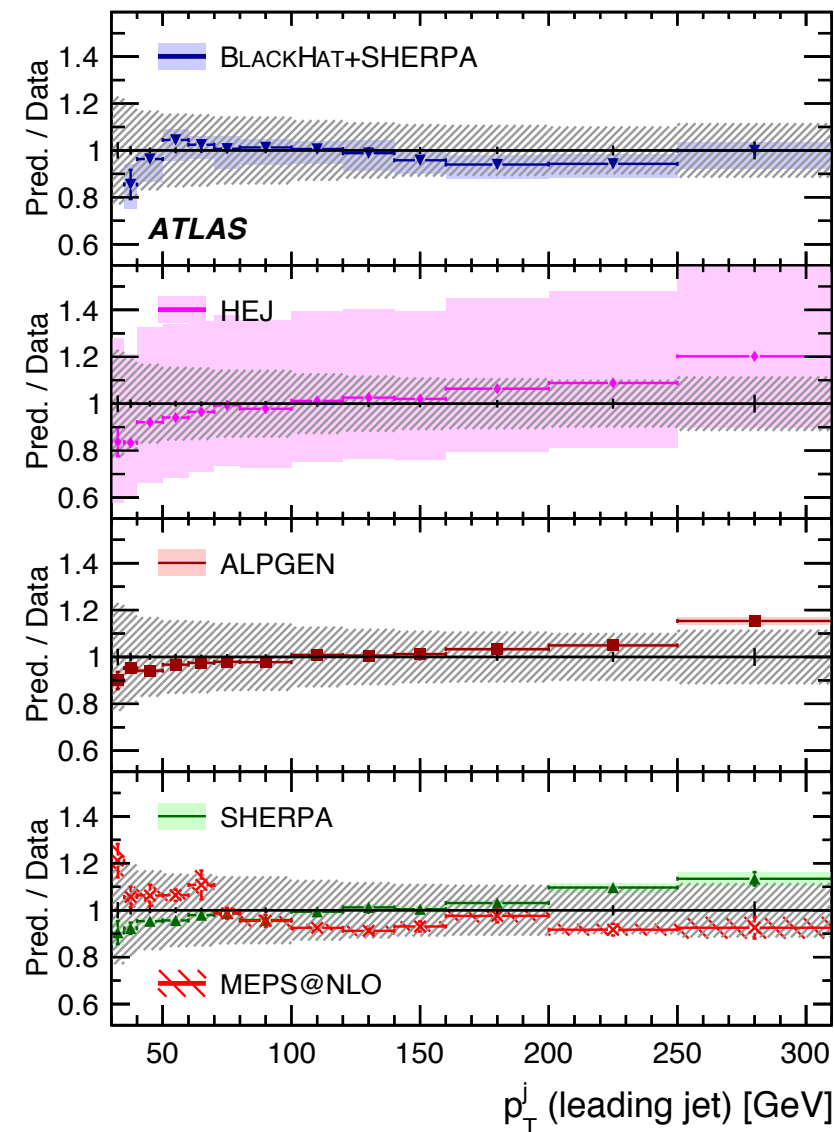
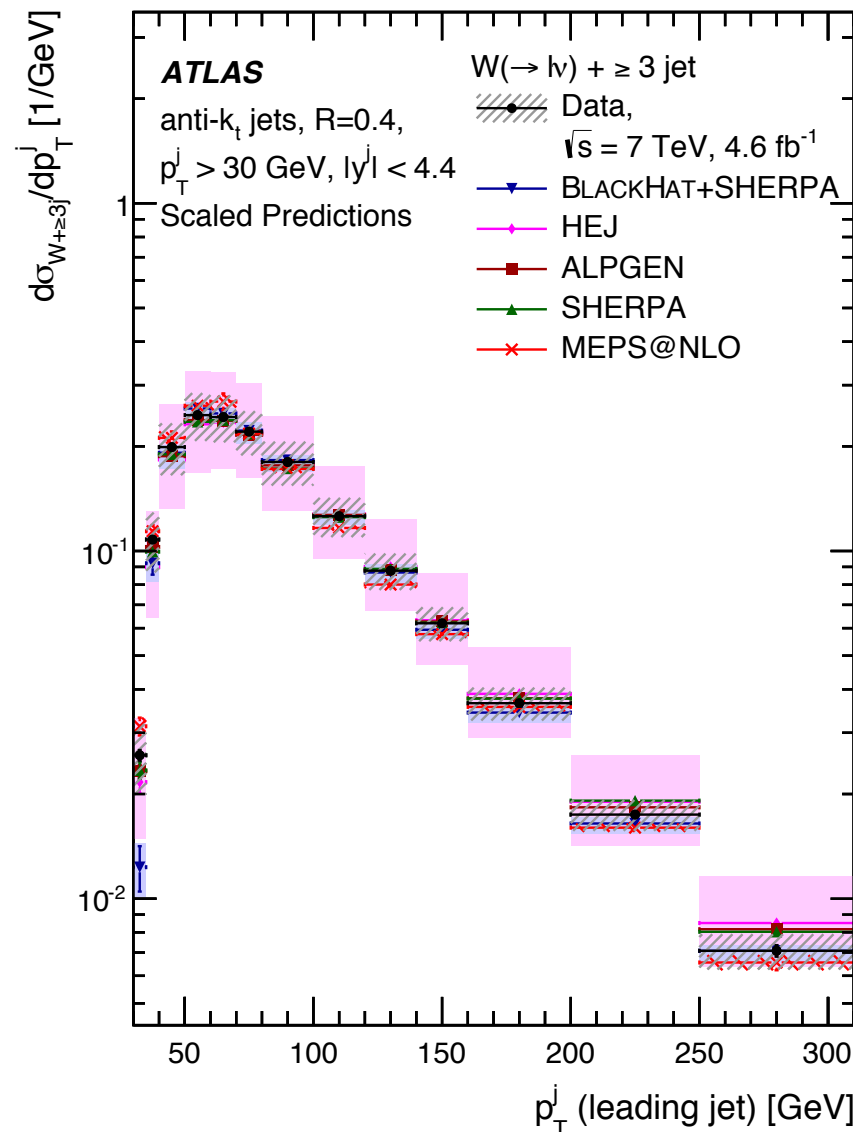


The HEJ description is:

- exact for simple processes (2 to 2 (+X))
- gauge invariant in all phase space
- sufficiently fast for numerical integration (up to 30 gluons)
- accurate to leading logarithm in  $s/t$
- merged with LO samples for 2j, 3j and 4j

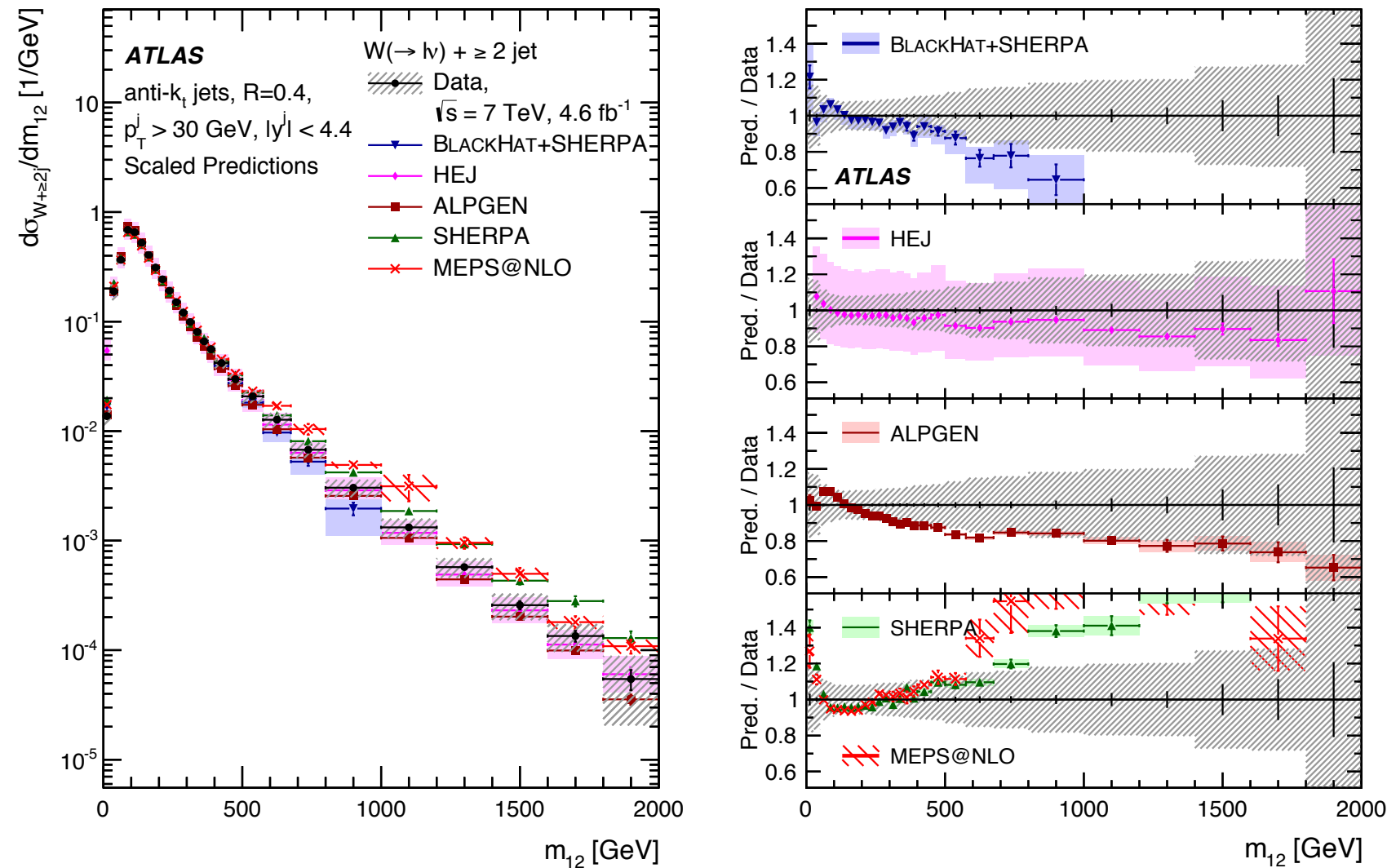
**Result:** fully flexible (exclusive) MC event generator for  
**jets, W+dijets, H+dijets, Z+dijets**  
compatible with LHAPDF, Rivet, fastjet, ...

<http://cern.ch/hej>



In this distribution ( $p_T$  of the leading jet in inclusive 3j events), the theory predictions show similar levels of agreement. BlackHat+Sherpa is best.

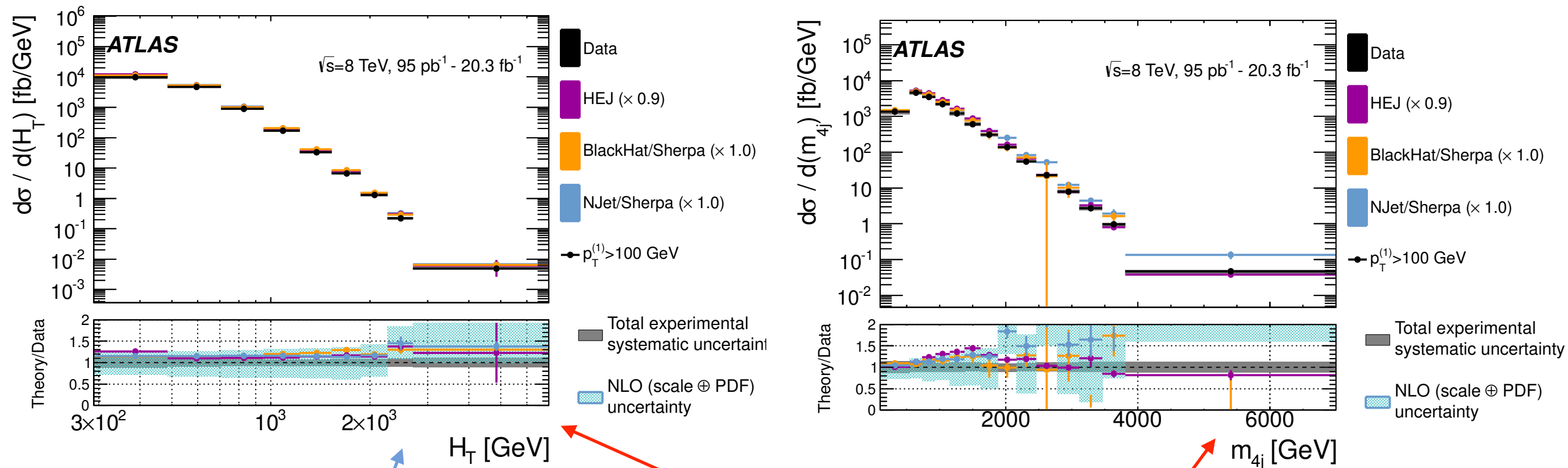
Only top two have scale variations included. HEJ is basically LO scale var.



The logs uniquely described in HEJ become increasingly important as  $m_{12}$  increases. Seen here where the HEJ prediction remains flat while others deviate.

Some distributions show worse agreement with HEJ, but are improved by including sub-leading corrections (ongoing work).

The first exp. analysis where HEJ predictions include subleading corrections



Large momentum usually difficult region for HEJ: good description now

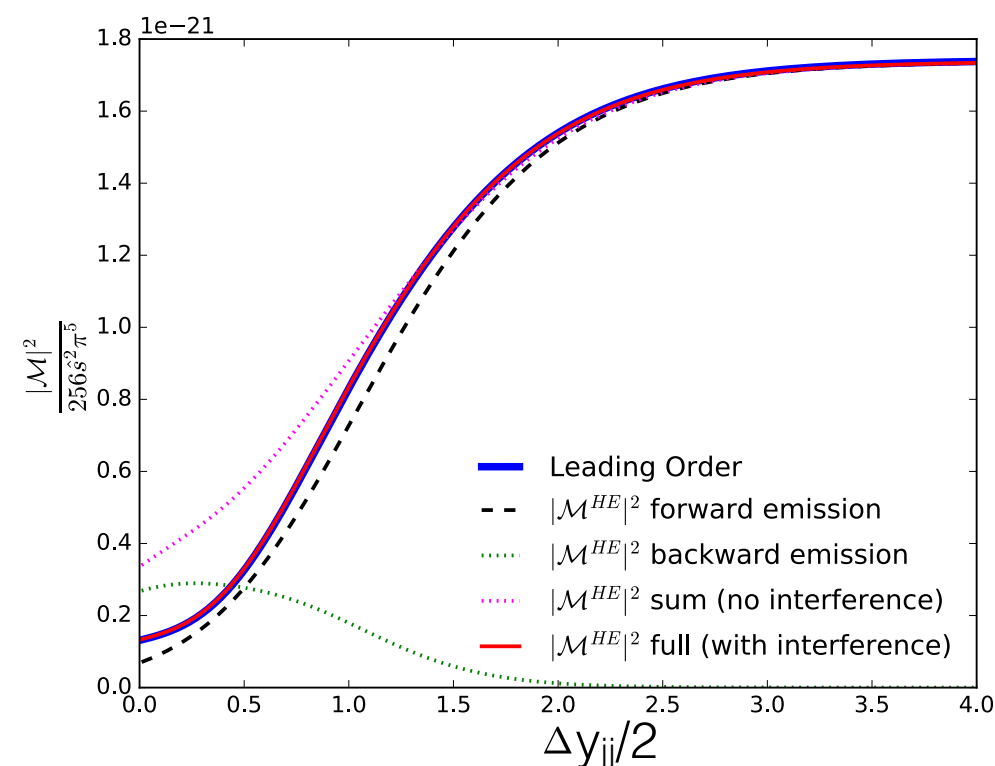
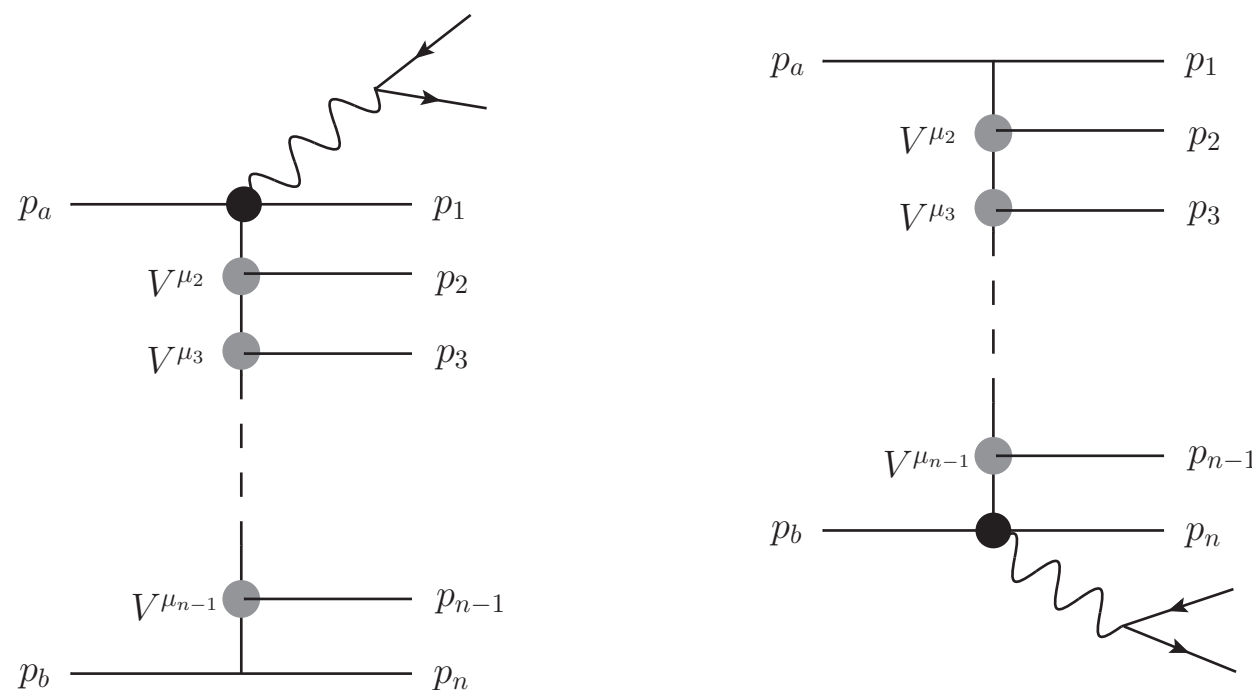
Very high energies measured (already at Run I)

# $Z/\gamma^* + \text{Jets}$

Interference effects from quark lines mean more complicated than  $W + \text{Jets}$

**New results** extend HEJ method to  $Z$  plus jets

Andersen, Medley, JMS [arXiv:1603.05460](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.05460)



Only able to do this because we operate on the amplitudes and not amp-squared

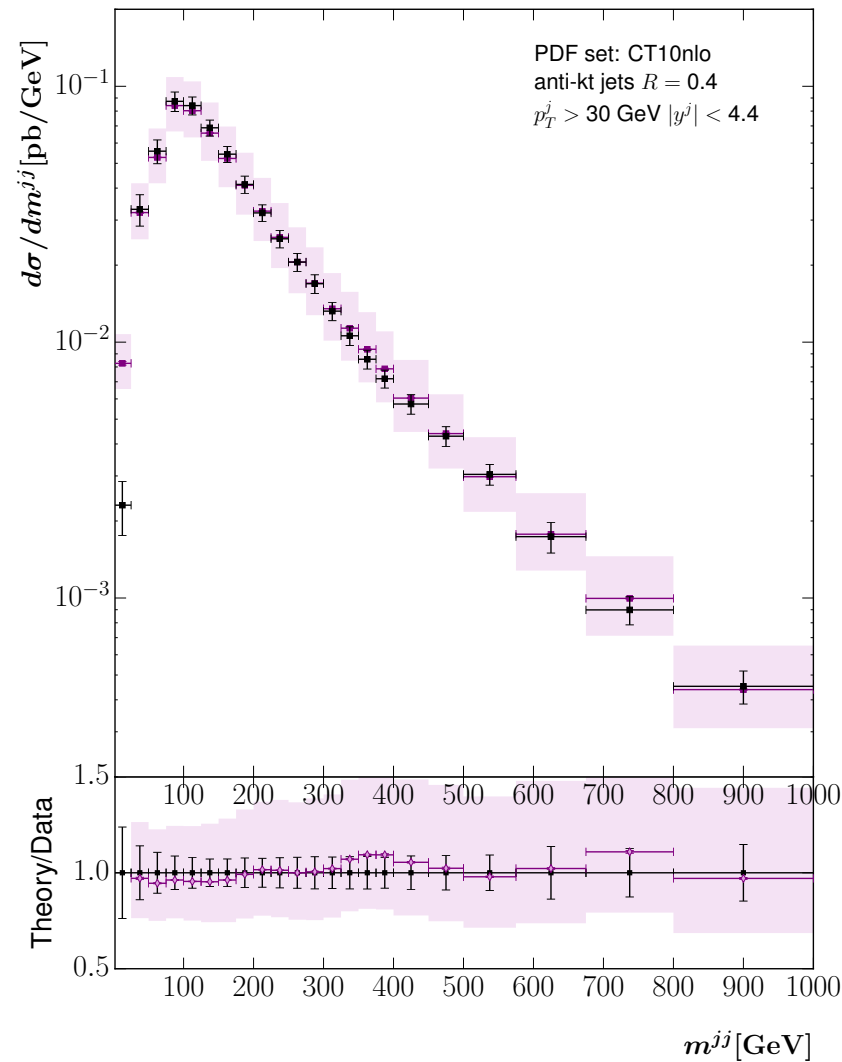
Includes interference terms missing in e.g. electroweak shower



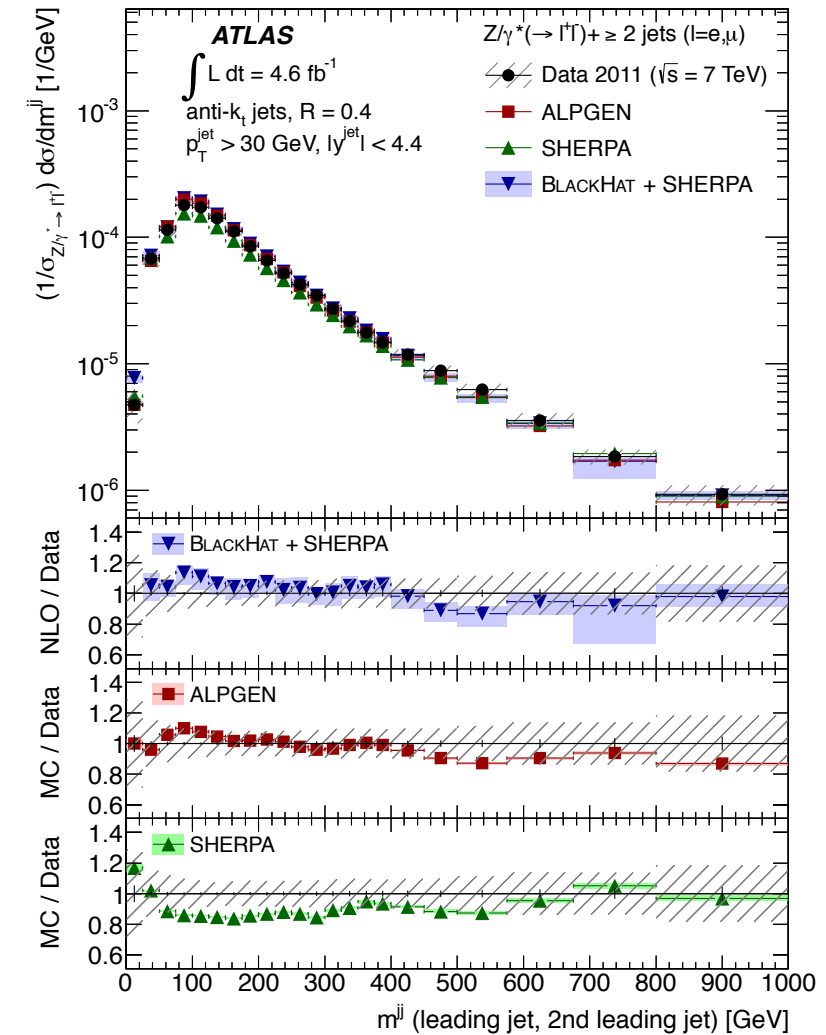
# Z+Jets vs Data

Andersen, Medley, JMS arXiv:1603.05460

ATLAS arXiv:1304.7098



HEJ gives good description  
in this process too

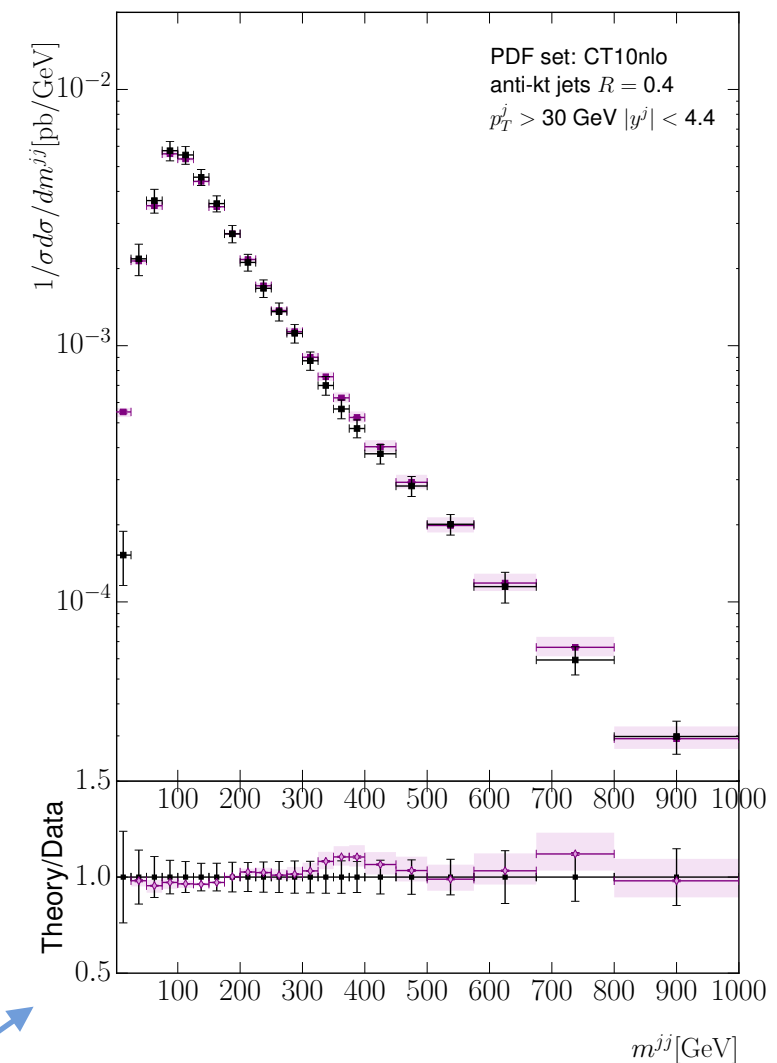
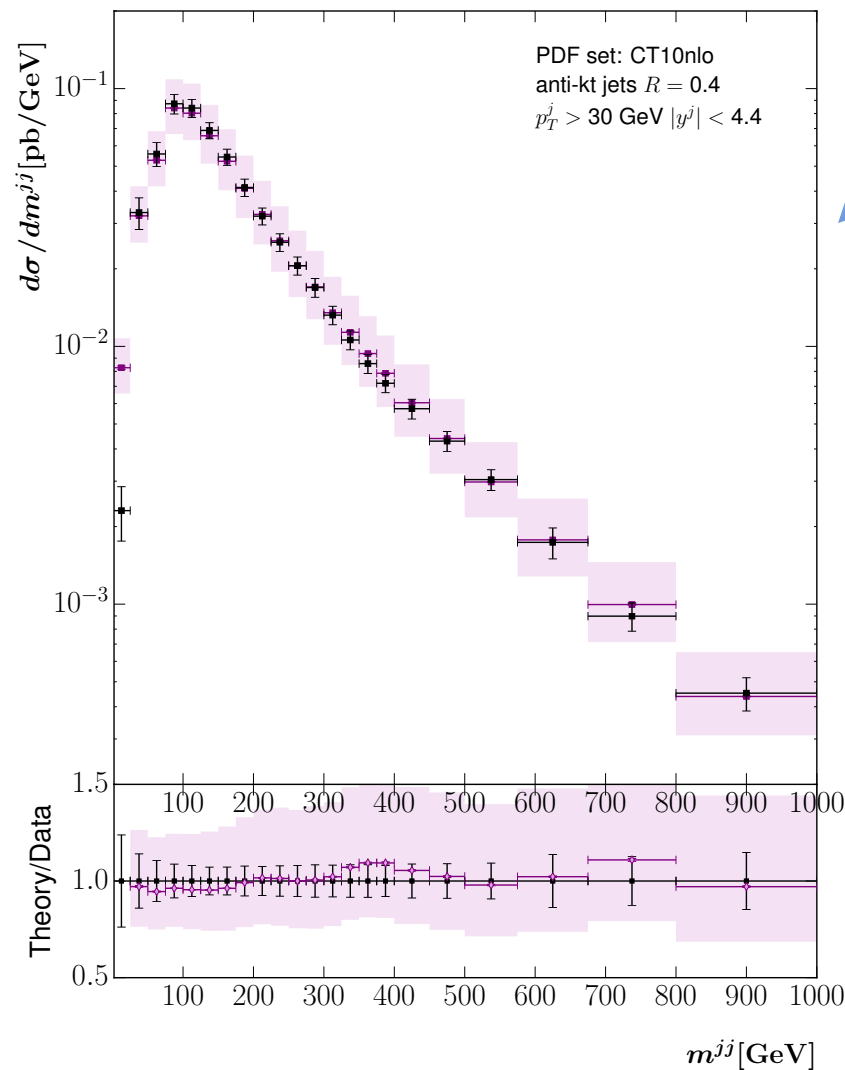


Note range is only half  
of earlier W + dijets

# Z+Jets

We don't need to normalise to give good agreement

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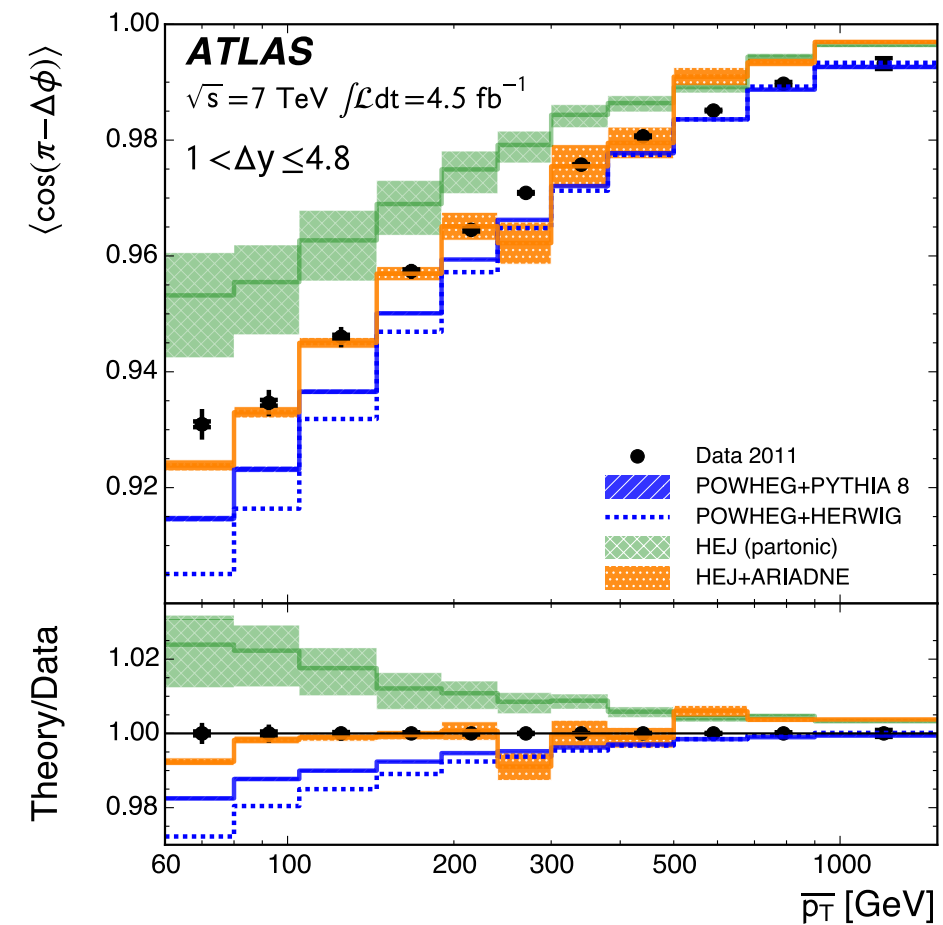
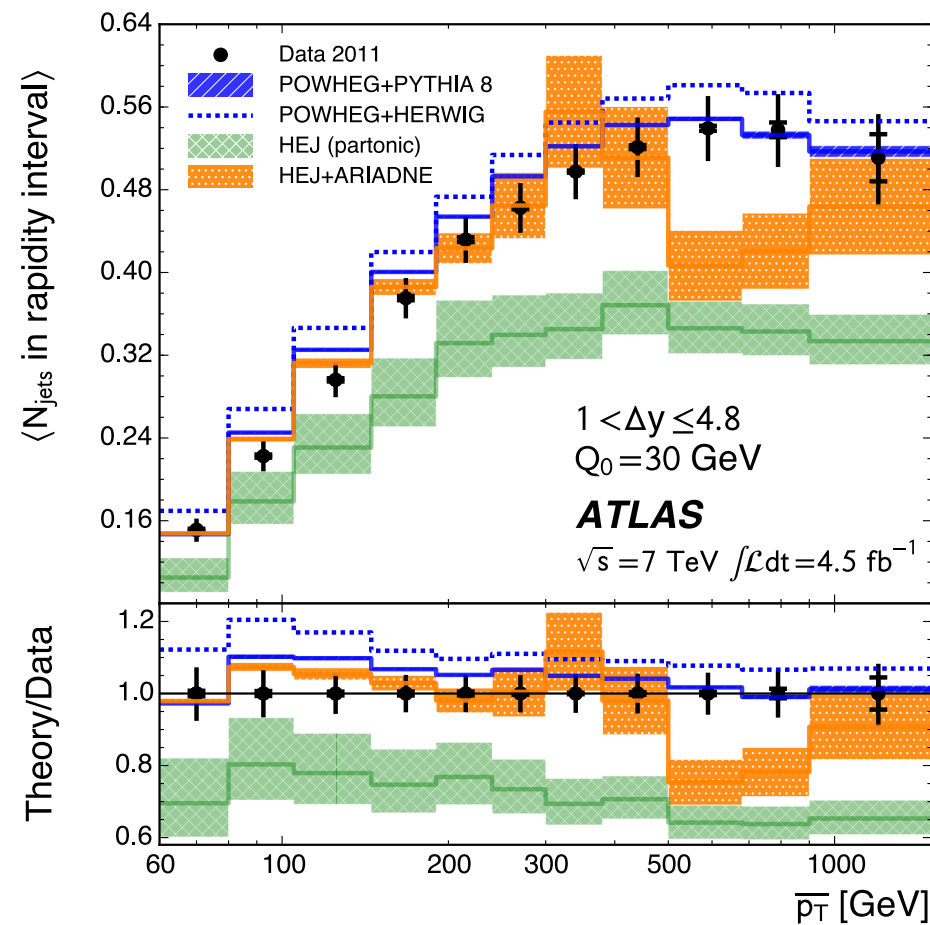


If normalise, theory uncertainty massively reduced; agreement still as good.  
Shows agreement of central line is significant despite large band

# Combining with Parton Shower

Green = “pure” HEJ, orange = HEJ + Ariadne (parton shower), blue = POWHEG

ATLAS arXiv:1405.5756



Analysis clearly testing shower effects as effects are large.  
But **also** clear still need HEJ corrections to describe some distributions.

See also ATLAS 1107.1641, CMS 1202.0704, 1204.0696, 1601.06713, D0 1302.6508

# Conclusions



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2015-Sep-28 06:09:43.129280 GMT

Run / Event / LS: 257645 / 1610868539 / 1073

- Huge phase space for extra hard jets, and for enhancements of higher-order coefficients which damage convergence of fixed-order expansion
- The effect is already seen in 7 TeV LHC data! Will be more important at 13 TeV and beyond
- We **must** allow for this in our theoretical predictions — High Energy Jets offers a solution (in flexible MC)
- This is a theory challenge, but interesting physics!