

#### Parton Distributions for the LHC 2015, Feb 15 -- Feb 21

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#### Plans for PDF measurements at Run II and role of PDFs in MC tuning in ATLAS

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#### The LHC measurements from Run1

#### Successful run in 2010 - 2012 at the LHC confirmed and tested SM

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|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|---|
| pp<br>total                           | $\sigma = 95.35 \pm 0.38 \pm 1.3 \text{ hackb} \text{ (data)} \\ \text{COMPETE RRpi2u 2002 (theory)}$                                  |               | <b>\$</b>  | 4             | 8×10 <sup>-8</sup>           | ATLAS-CONF-2014-040                         |
| Jets R=0.4                            | $\sigma = 563.9 \pm 1.5 + 55.4 - 51.4 \text{ nb (data)} \\ \text{NLOJet++, CT10 (theory)}$   |               | 0.1 < p <sub>T</sub> < 2 TeV                       | 2             | 4.5                          | ATLAS-STDM-2013-11                          |
| <b>Dijets R=0.4</b><br>y <3.0, y*<3.0 | $\sigma = 86.87 \pm 0.26 + 7.56 - 7.2 \text{ nb (data)} \\ \text{NLOJet++, CT10 (theory)}$   |               | 0.3 < m <sub>jj</sub> < 5 TeV                      |               | 4.5                          | JHEP 05, 059 (2014)                         |
| <b>W</b><br>total                     | $\sigma = 94.51 \pm 0.194 \pm 3.726 \text{ nb (data)} \\ \text{FEWZ+HERA1.5 NNLO (theory)}$  |               | 4  | 4             | 0.035                        | PRD 85, 072004 (2012)                       |
| Z                                     | $\sigma=27.94\pm0.178\pm1.096~\mathrm{nb}~\mathrm{(data)}\\ \mathrm{FEWZ}\mathrm{+HERA1.5~NNLO}~\mathrm{(theory)}$                     |               | 4  | 4             | 0.035                        | PRD 85, 072004 (2012)                       |
| tī                                    | $\sigma = 182.9 \pm 3.1 \pm 6.4 \text{ pb (data)}$<br>top++ NNLO+NNLL (theory)   | ¢             |  | <b>D</b>      | 4.6                          | arXiv:1406.5375 [hep-ex]                    |
| total                                 | $\sigma = 242.4 \pm 1.7 \pm 10.2 \text{ pb (data)} \\ \text{top++ NNLO+NNLL (theory)}$   | 4             | 4  | 4             | 20.3                         | arXiv:1406.5375 [hep-ex]                    |
| t <sub>t-chan</sub>                   | $\sigma = 68.0 \pm 2.0 \pm 8.0 \text{ pb (data)}$ NLO-NLL (theory) $\sigma = 82.6 \pm 1.2 \pm 12.0 \text{ pb (data)}$ NLO-NLL (theory) | <u>ې</u>      |  |               | 4.6<br>20.3                  | arXiv:1406.7844 [hep-ex]                    |
| WW+WZ                                 | or = 72.0 ± 9.0 ± 19.8 pb (data)<br>MCFM (theory)  | •             | ATLAS Preliminary                                  | •             | 4.7                          | ATLAS-CONF-2012-157                         |
| ww                                    | $\sigma = 51.9 \pm 2.0 \pm 4.4 \text{ pb (data)}$ MCFM (theory) $\sigma = 71.4 \pm 1.2 + 5.5 - 4.9 \text{ pb (data)}$ MCFM (theory)    | ¢<br>A        | Run 1 $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$ TeV                        |               | 4.6<br>20.3                  | PRD 87, 112001 (2013)                       |
| total                                 | $\sigma = 19.0 + 6.2 - 6.0 + 2.6 - 1.9 \text{ pb} (data)$  |               |  |               | 4.8                          | ATLAS-CONF-2014-033<br>ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-00 |
| H ggF<br>total                        | LHC-HXSWG (theory)<br>$\sigma = 25.4 + 3.6 - 3.5 + 2.9 - 2.3 \text{ pb} (data)$  |               |  |               | 20.3                         | ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-00                        |
|                                       | LHC-HXSWG (theory)<br>$\sigma = 16.8 \pm 2.9 \pm 3.9 \text{ pb} (\text{data})$   | 0             | LHC pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV                          |               | 2.0                          | PLB 716, 142-159 (2012                      |
| Wt                                    | NLO+NLL (theory)<br>$\sigma = 27.2 \pm 2.8 \pm 5.4 \text{ pb (data)}$  | <b>~</b>      | Theory   |               | 20.3                         | ATLAS-CONF-2013-100                         |
|                                       | $\sigma = 19.0 + 1.4 - 1.3 \pm 1.0 \text{ pb (data)}$ MCFM (theory)  | \$            | Data   |               | 4.6                          | EPJC 72, 2173 (2012)                        |
| WZ<br>total                           | $\sigma = 20.3 + 0.8 - 0.7 + 1.4 - 1.3 \text{ pb} \text{ (data)}$<br>MCFM (theory)   | Å             | stat<br>stat+syst                                  | 🕺             | 13.0                         | ATLAS-CONF-2013-021                         |
|                                       | $\sigma = 6.7 \pm 0.7 + 0.5 - 0.4 \text{ pb (data)}$<br>MCFM (theory)  | ۰,            | Stat+Syst  |               | 4.6                          | JHEP 03, 128 (2013)                         |
| ZZ<br>total                           | $\sigma = 7.1 + 0.5 - 0.4 \pm 0.4 \text{ pb} (data)$   | Ā             |  |               | 20.3                         | ATLAS-CONF-2013-020                         |
| HVBF                                  | $\sigma = 2.6 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.5 - 0.4 \text{ pb (data)}$ LHC-HXSWG (theory)  | A             | <b>LHC pp</b> $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$<br>Theory |               | 20.3                         | ATL-PHYS-PUB-2014-00                        |
| tīW                                   | $\sigma = 300.0 + 120.0 - 100.0 + 70.0 - 40.0 \text{ fb (data)}$   |               | ▲ Data<br>stat<br>stat+syst                        |               | 20.3                         | ATLAS-CONF-2014-038                         |
| tīZ                                   | σ = 150.0 + 55.0 − 50.0 ± 21.0 fb (data)<br>HELAC-NLO (theory)   |               |  |               | 20.3                         | ATLAS-CONF-2014-038                         |
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|                                       |  |               | $\sigma$ [pb]                                      | data/theory   |                              |   |

| – 0.05/fb   | (7 | TeV,2010) |
|-------------|----|-----------|
| – 4.6/fb    | (7 | TeV,2011) |
| – 20.3 / fb | (8 | TeV,2012) |

- Remarkable agreement with SM predictions
- Measurements can be used for PDF improvements

- 1. W and Z production
- 2. W+c production
- 3. Drell-Yan: low and high invariant mass
- 4. Inclusive Jet, Di-Jet and Tri-jet production
- 5. Prompt Photon + Jets
- 6. Top, ttbar
  - . W,Z +jets or ZpT

- --> valence, light sea quarks
- —> strange
- $\longrightarrow$  sea quarks at high-x, test evolution formalism at low x
- --> gluon and alphas
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[see talk of S. Cheatham]

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#### Why do we still care about PDFs?

#### Discovery of new exciting physics relies on precise knowledge of proton structure.

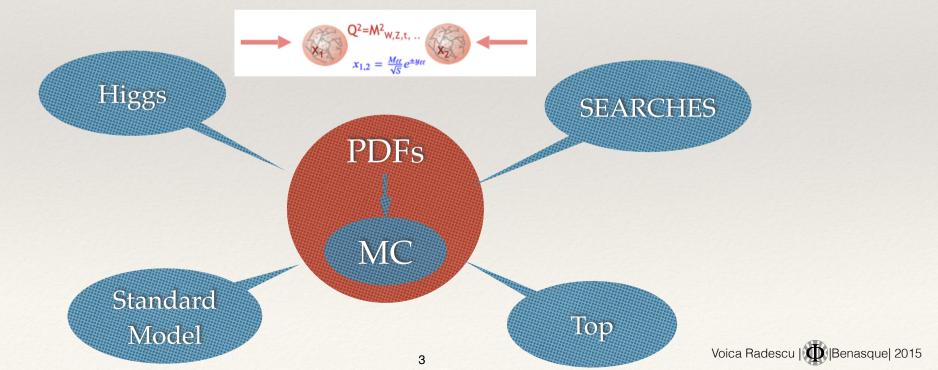
- PDFs are one of the main theory uncertainties in Mw measurement
- PDFs are one of main theory uncertainties in Higgs production
- PDF uncertainties very large (>100%) for new heavy particle production

#### **Factorisation theorem:**

Cross section can be calculated by convoluting short distance partonic reactions (calculable in pQCD) with PDFs:

$$\mathrm{d}\sigma(\mathrm{h_1h_2} 
ightarrow cd) = \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x_1 \mathrm{d}x_2 \sum_{a,b} f_{a/\mathrm{h_1}}(x_1,\mu_F^2) f_{b/\mathrm{h_2}}(x_2,\mu_F^2) \mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}^{(ab 
ightarrow cd)}(Q^2,\mu_F^2)$$

 PDFs cannot be calculated in perturbative QCD, however they are process independent (universal) and their evolution with the scale is predicted by pQCD:

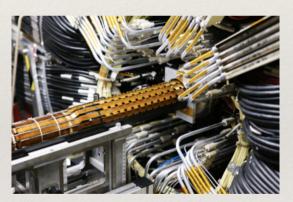


### ATLAS for Run 2

- Experimental environment for Run 2 will be more stressful:
  - higher pile-up
  - larger trigger rate
  - larger data

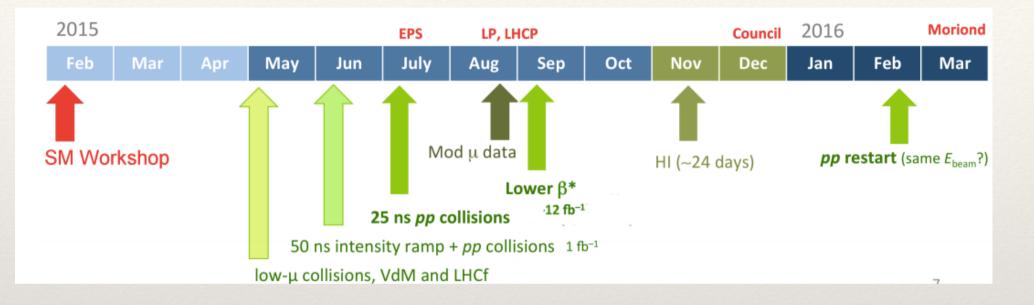
<u>LHC Run 1 conditions:</u>  $\sqrt{s}=900$  GeV, 7 TeV, 8TeV L: up to 7x10<sup>33</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Pileup: up to 35 Int. Lum ~30 fb<sup>-1</sup> Expected LHC Run 2 conditions:  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV L: up to 1.6x10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> Pileup: up to ~50 Int. Lum ~150 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- LHC detector upgrades during the long shut down period:
  - \* The ATLAS Insertible B Layer (IBL):
    - Additional layer of pixels (built/installed during 2013-2014)
    - Improved impact parameters
    - Insurance against radiation damage
    - More robust B tagging
  - \* The Fast Track Trigger (FTK):
    - With luminosity increase, trigger must be more selective
    - Requires dedicated hardware track finder
  - \* Jet Reconstruction Improvements:
    - Discriminate jets from hard-scatter and pile-up
    - Improve jet resolution



### LHC Run 2 Schedule

First beam foreseen on Monday 23 March.



#### \* ~1 fb-1 @ 13TeV, 50ns:

- \* accumulate about half of 2011 dataset of W,Z
- \* test SM in new kinematic regime, re-establish standard candles, help to re-commission ATLAS

#### \* ~10 fb-1 @ 13TeV, 25ns:

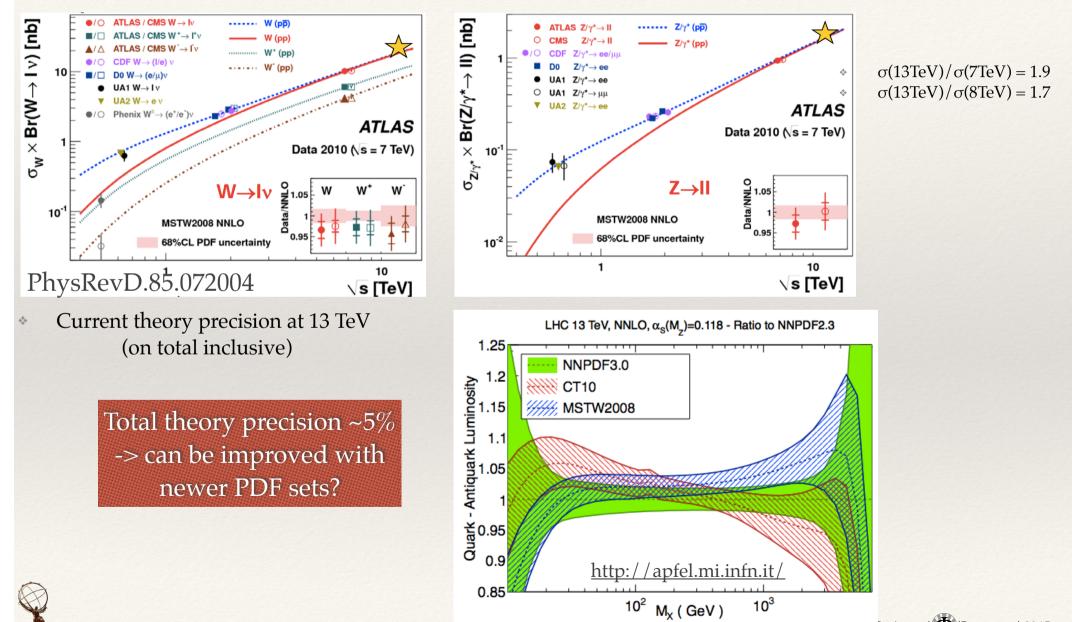
- \* accumulate about the size of 2012 dataset , ~ 4x2011 dataset of W,Z
- use abundant data for ultimate precision



### Dependence on $\sqrt{s}$

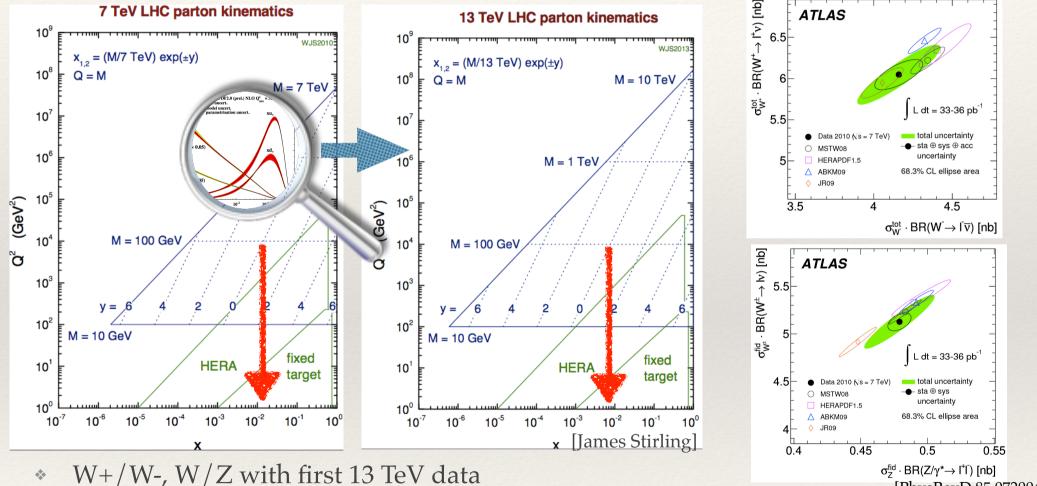
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 $W \rightarrow l\nu$ ,  $Z \rightarrow ll$ : Inclusive NNLO cross-sections from FEWZ with MSTW2008NNLO)



#### W, Z inclusive with early data at 13 TeV

- Worthwhile to measure inclusive W, Z cross sections:
  - access to a different kinematic region in x which provides different PDF sensitivity



[PhysRevD.85.072004]

- implicitly obtained when keeping track of correlations (many systematic cancel out)
- > Inclusive fiducial & total W,Z cross-section measurements and ratios

#### Inclusive cross sections of W,Z at different $\sqrt{s}$

- The 13 TeV measurements would complement the measurement at 7 TeV, and 8 TeV
   [JHEP08(2012)010]
  - \* Cross section ratios: process X at different  $\sqrt{s}$  = E1,E2: R(X)

$$R_{E_2/E_1}(X) \equiv \frac{\sigma(X, E_2)}{\sigma(X, E_1)}$$

- \* Less sensitive to variations of e.g.  $\alpha_s$ , PDF, scales
- Reduction or cancellations of common exp. uncertainties
- \* Super ratios processes X, Y at different  $\sqrt{s}$ : R(X,Y)

$$R_{E_2/E_1}(X,Y) \equiv \frac{\sigma(X,E_2)/\sigma(Y,E_2)}{\sigma(X,E_1)/\sigma(Y,E_1)} \equiv \frac{R_{E_2/E_1}(X)}{R_{E_2/E_1}(Y)}$$

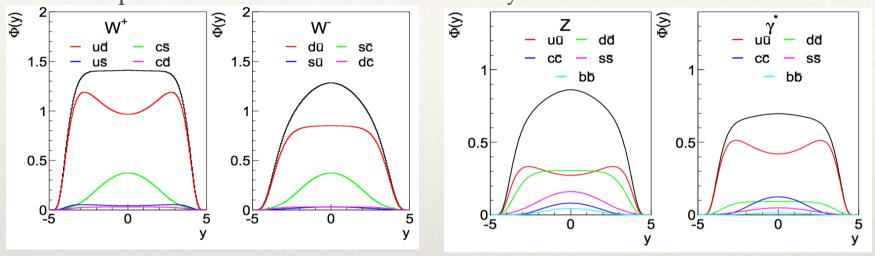
ttbar / Z, ttbar, Z, W+, W-:

- \* Ratios with W, Z require extra considerations:
  - \* same lepton selection, trigger selection, use of similar MC (PDFs and PS uncertainties)



### W, Z inclusive with Run 2 data

Inclusive cross sections of W and Z are well understood theoretically at NNLO
 exploit different PDF flavour sensitivity:



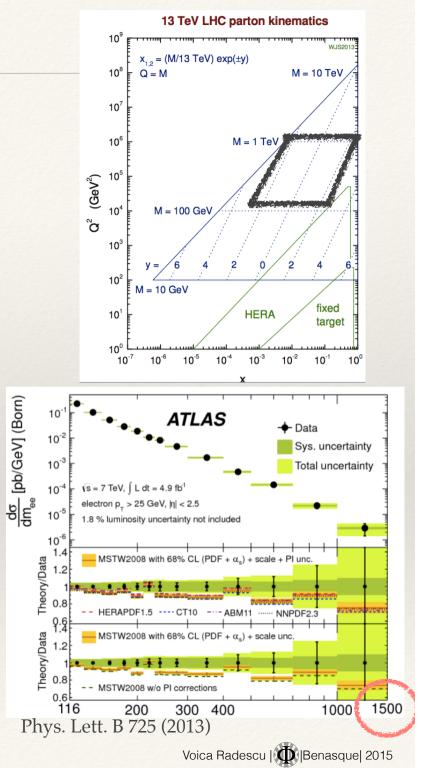
- \* With 13 TeV we access different x range compared to the 7, 8 TeV, respectively
  - \* W/Z on-shell differential (W+, W-, Z, differential cross sections, ratios  $13/\sqrt{s}$ )
- \* What precision do we want for our measurements?
  - \* Aim to have better experimental uncertainties than theoretical precision:
    - \* Theory precision is ~5% for  $m_{ll}$  < 400 GeV
    - \* huge theory uncertainty for  $m_{ll} < 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Early Run2 measurements with 2015 data may not yet be competitive with precision Run1 results

### HM DY measurement

- High Mass DY measurement with the 13 TeV centre of mass energy can extend the di-lepton mass distribution up to 3 TeV:
  - differential measurements in m<sub>ll</sub>, y

—> an extra in lever arm in x for constraining PDFs

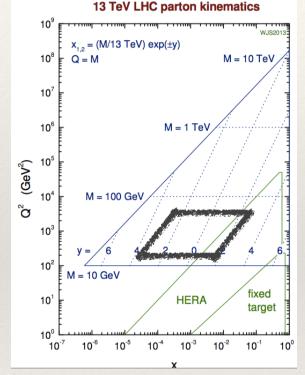
- The photon induced piece if not subtracted from the signal, measurement provides sensitivity to the photon PDF:
  - ✤ 4% signal fraction at m<sub>ll</sub> ~ 300 GeV at high m<sub>ll</sub>
- \* 13 TeV data can bring considerable improvement in the statistical uncertainty compared to Run 1
  - Statistical uncertainty dominates for m<sub>ll</sub> > 400
- \* An important cross check analysis for the Z' searches



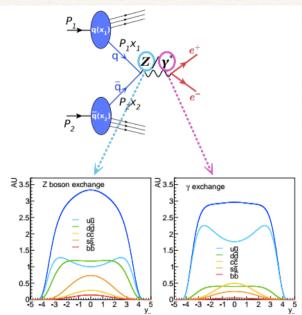


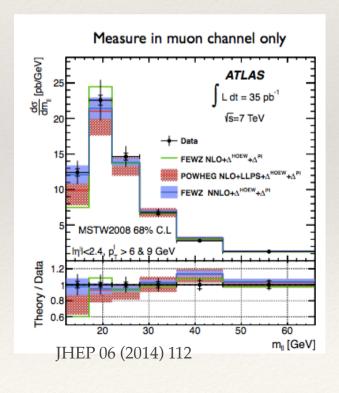
### LM DY measurement

- \* The LM DY is an interesting measurement as it accesses with its low mass ranges  $12 < m_{II} < 60$  GeV PDFs down to x ~  $10^{-4:}$ 
  - \* exploit the interference effects between Z and  $\gamma^*$  (u,d)
  - sensitivity to the low x effects?



- \* 13 TeV data could provide an increased experimental precision in the lower mass bins of m<sub>II</sub> distribution
  - Theoretical uncertainty can be reduced when using lower pt muon cuts and resummed calculations

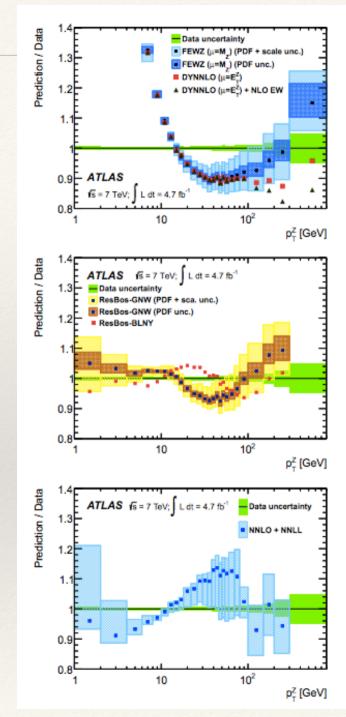




# $Z P_T / \phi^*$

- \*  $Z P_T$  (> 40 GeV) an interesting observable:
  - \* Important because uniquely sensitive to  $\alpha_{S x}$  gluon x quark
  - In principle, theoretically clean as it is free of large logs, and also precise experimentally (with uncertainties < 1%)</li>
  - measurement compared to pQCD and resummed predictions
  - 2-σ discrepancy in region where (N)NLO should be reliable that needs to be understood.

--> interesting measurement for 13 TeV





#### http://arxiv.org: 1406.3660.

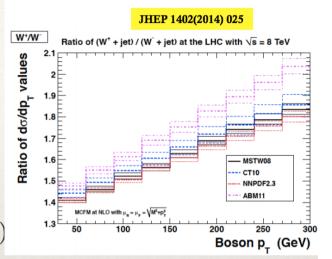
### W/Z + jets measurements

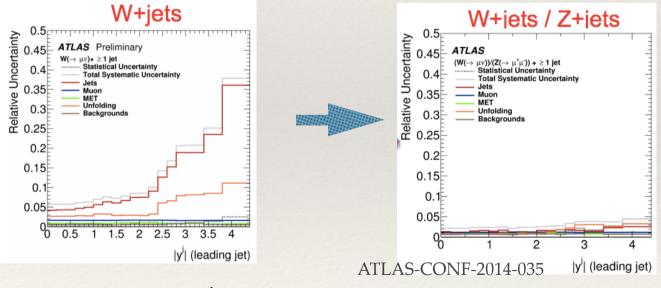
- \* W/Z +jets (inclusive) probe different aspects of QCD:
  - \* it provides a precision test of pQCD (NLO) in the new regime at 13 TeV
  - \* it is a background to SM measurements, Higgs and possible new phenomena
  - it provides grounds for validation of the ME+PS MCs:
    - scale choice, ME-PS matching, flavour scheme
  - \* it has the potential to impact PDFs understanding (measurements in fiducial region)
    - \* W/Z + jets inclusive: d/u ratio
- \* With 13 TeV, the background control will represent an important challenge:
  - \* Signal is scaling with the increased energy from 8 TeV to 13 TeV by approx factor 2
  - \* EW background from tau decay is expected to scale as signal
  - \* Top bkg will hugely increase:  $\sigma(13\text{TeV}) \sim 3.5 \sigma(8 \text{ TeV})$
- \* Theory:
  - ▶ W/Z+jets available at NLO up to 5 jets, while NNLO calculations are still missing
  - \* NLO EW corrections available but not included in MCs:
    - \* HO QCD and EW effects important at high jet pT
    - At 13 TeV larger phase space available for parton radiation



# Ratio Measurements for W/Z+jets

- \* Ratio measurements allow for cancellations of uncertainties (exp. and theory)
  - Ex: jet calibration uncertainties, lumi etc.
- \* Different combination of ratios can enhance different effects:
  - R=W<sup>+</sup>+jets/W<sup>-</sup>+jets:
    - large spread in theory predictions
    - sensitive to PDF: interesting input for u/d at large x
    - insensitive to high-order QCD and EW corrections
  - \* Rjets = W+jets/Z+jets:
    - High precision test of pQCD (cancellation of systematics)



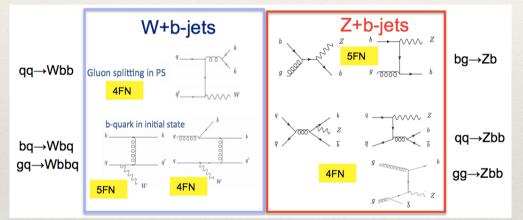


- \* Ratio 13 TeV/8 TeV:
  - \* exploiting different reach in kinematics
  - requires careful consideration of correlations

# W/Z + heavy flavours in Run 2

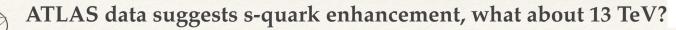
#### W/Z+heavy flavour affected by larger theoretical uncertainties:

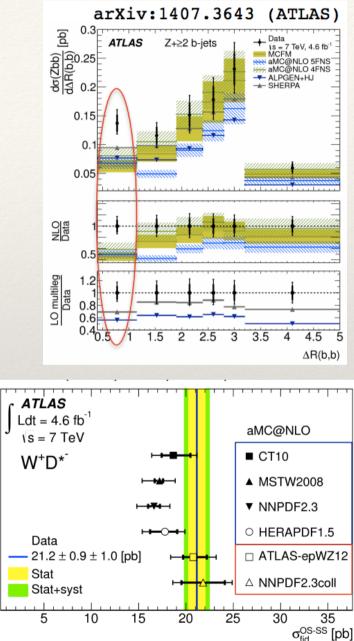
- heavy-quark content in the proton
- modelling of gluon splitting (initial state, final state)
- dealing with the heavy flavour schemes
- W,Z+b-jet measurements interesting to explore the heavy flavour scheme dependencies:



W+c-jets and W+ D\* —> important constraint on strange

- 2011 analysis: statistically dominated
- \* 13 TeV 2015 data could reduce stat. unc. by a factor 2
  - insertion of IBL could allow the widening of the phase space toward lower pT tracks

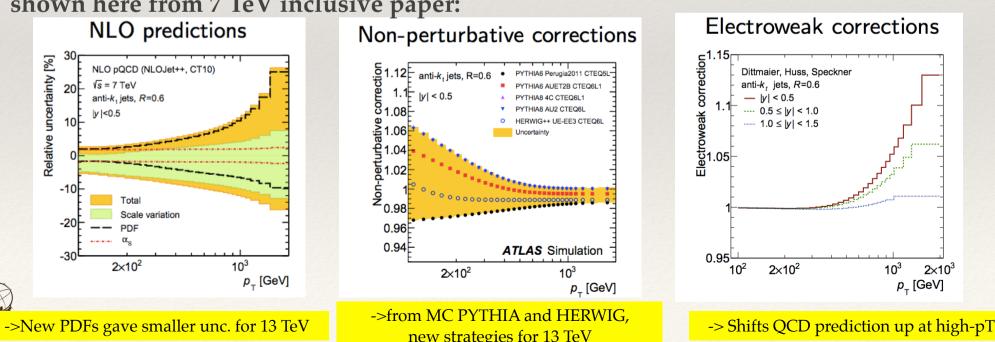




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- Jet measurements can provide the following answers to:
  - \* is there any new physics?
  - do we have a good control of the underlying QCD?
- Early 13TeV data will likely lack the precision for SM free parameter constraints, but will be \*\* an important step in preparation for potential new physics phenomena:
  - Control of the JER/JES precision an important task for the jet cross section measurements
- Available theory predictions/tools: •
  - Grid generation (NLOJet++), Convolution with PDFs (APPLgrid), \*
  - Will jet NNLO calculation become available for 2015? \*\*

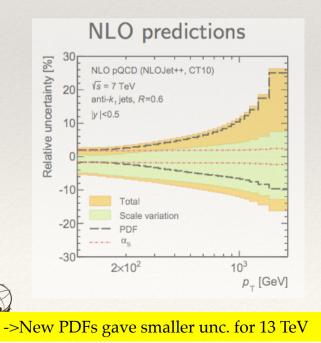


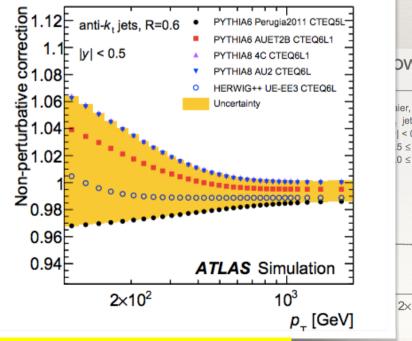
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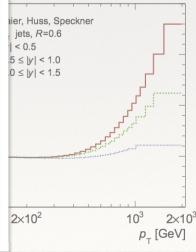
#### How to treat non pQCD uncertainties in the PDF fits?

- Grid generation (NLOJet++), Convolution with PDFs (APPLgrid)
- Q: Will jet NNLO calculation become available for 2015 Non-perturbative corrections







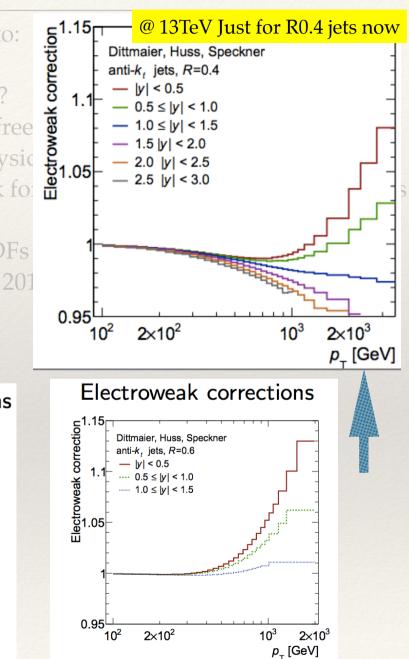


->from MC PYTHIA and HERWIG, new strategies for 13 TeV

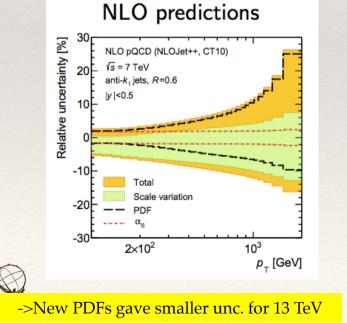
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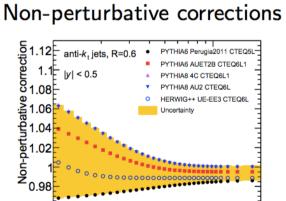
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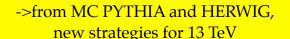
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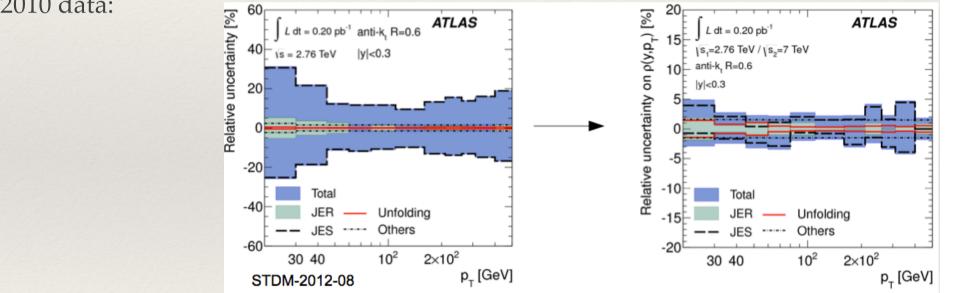
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-> Shifts QCD prediction up at high-pT

- Precise understanding of systematic uncertainties is essential if we want to use inclusive jet measurements in the PDF fits
- Jet measurements of 2015 bring a new kinematic reach with jet p<sub>T</sub> up to 3.5 TeV, interesting to observe if it will help to further constrain PDFs
- Exploiting ratio measurements to better control the dominant JES uncertainty, as done for 2010 data:

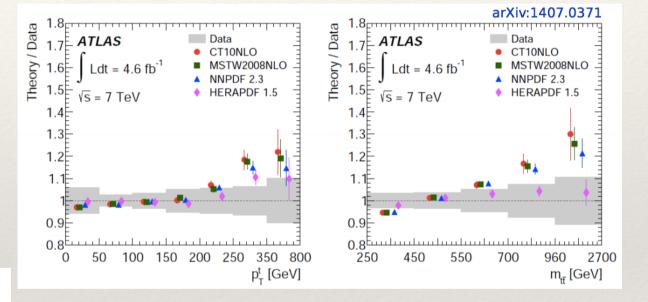


- Other measurements:
  - Dijet invariant mass,
  - multijet measurements, etc..

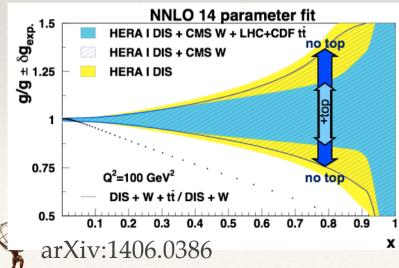


#### Sensitivity to PDFs from Top Production

- Top-quark pair production at the LHC probes high-x gluon (x ≈ 0.1):
   —> there is a strong correlation between g(x), αs and the top-quark mass mt
   Precise measurements of the total and differential (normalised and absolute) cross section of ttbar pair production can constrain and de-correlate αs, gluon, mt
  - compared with theory (NLO) using different PDFs
  - NNLO theory calculations are becoming available ...

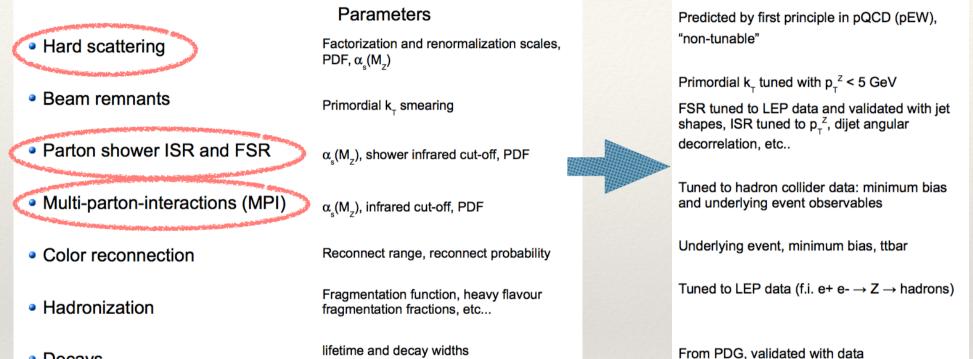


\* —> Expect improvement with 2015 data



# Roles of PDFs in MC tuning

- Long tradition of ATLAS tunes, mostly for Pythia6 and Pythia8 generators:
  - Most recent tune is a global tune of Pythia8, prepared for Run 2: the A14 Tune



- Decays
  - In general, we have to tune the non-perturbative parameters of the models, since they \*\*\* cannot be derived (yet) by first principles.
    - it is usually considered ok to adjust some of the perturbative parameters to reabsorb \*\* higher order corrections (ISR, FSR, and MPI renormalisation scales, which are adjusted through the corresponding values, and recently the POWHEG hdamp scale
    - MC parameters are expected to be universal, the same set of parameters, or Tune, should \* be able to describe various processes, various collider energies, different types of collider



## PDFs used in tuning PYTHIA8

- AU2 Tunes (previous Pythia8 standard):
  - Based on Pythia8 4C tune, but with x-dependent matter profile for MPI, as in 4Cx
- **AZ and AZNLO** Tunes (specific Z, W inclusive Tunes): \*
  - Based on Pythia8 4C Tune \*\*

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- A14 Tunes (new Pythia8 pre-recommendation) \*
  - A global tune of shower and MPI \*\*
  - Using only LO PDF, following authors' recommendation
    - Represent our best starting point for Run 2 MC samples

#### http://arxiv.org: 1406.3660. Z p<sub>T</sub> "dressed" muons $\phi_n^*$ spectrum, $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$ (dressed) 10<sup>-7</sup> ATLAS Simulation - 10 ATLAS Simulation 10 ATLAS Data ATLAS Data 10 AU<sub>2</sub> CTEO6L<sub>1</sub> AU<sub>2</sub> CTEO6L<sub>1</sub> 10-Monash Monash A14-CTEO A14-CTEC 10 A14-MSTW A14-MSTW A14-NNPDF A14-NNPDF 10 A14-HERA 10-2 10-3 1.1 1.15 1.05 1.0 1.1 MC/Data 1.05 0.0 0.05 0.0 0.9 0.75 0.85 0.8 10<sup>1</sup> $10^{2}$ $10^{-2}$ 10-3 $10^{-1}$ 1 $Z p_T$

#### PDFs used for tuning Pythia 8:

CTEQ6L1, MSTW2008LO, NNPDF23LO, and HERAPDF15LO —>a set of four tunes as the "A14" (ATLAS 2014) tune series. plan also inclusion of ATLAS PDF set?

- even if NLO and multileg are the standards it is still important to have a good shower: \*\*
  - For multijet matching the Sudakov factors typically are generated from showers. Therefore the accuracy \* of the matching is limited by the accuracy of the shower, and a correct high-pT behaviour has an impact, even if less so than the low-pT one.

### Generators for Run 2

- Baseline generators considered for W, Z:
  - \* Powheg+Pythia8 (NLO+PS)
    - main generator for W,Z inclusive (other generators for systematic assessment)
  - Sherpa (2.X)
  - \* Alpgen, Madgraph
- Improvement in tuning methodologies:
  - \* the chi2 method used in automatisation is not a well defined quantity:
    - \* how to account for correlations?
    - \* take example of chi2 used in PDFs?
      - eig-tune method is an approach to account for different variations, but it does not take into account the correlations.

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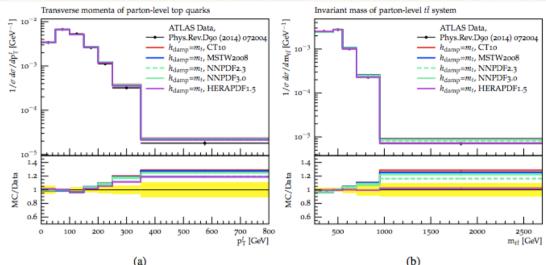
#### Modeling of final state particles in top production

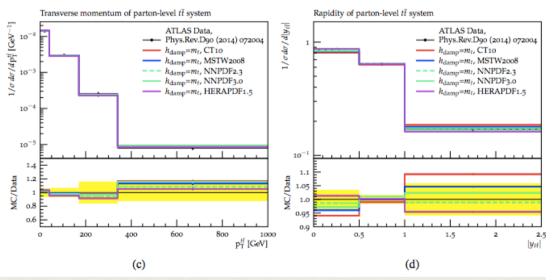
- MC modelling is one of the major systematic uncertainties in top quark cross sections and of top quark properties in Run 1 measurements
- The choice of the PDF can have a significant impact on the kinematics of the tt<sup>-</sup> process:
  - Powheg+Pythia6 samples with different PDF variations are compared to the transverse momentum of the top quark
    - PDF mainly changes the invariant mass and rapidity of the tt<sup>-</sup> system

The discrepancy between the prediction and the experimental data for high top quark pT cannot be solved by any of the used PDF sets.

#### Newer generators:

- \* Powheg+Pythia8
  - produces too many additional jets
- MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO+Herwig++
  - \* give a better description of the data





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### Summary

- \* The Run 2 will provide tests of the Standard Model in a new kinematic regime:
  - re-establishing the standard candle measurements
  - the early data will help to improve the machine performance to allow for precision physics
- \* The Run 2 is expected to impact PDFs by accessing a different kinematic region:
  - interplay of measurements at different centre of mass energy worth exploiting
  - use of super-ratios to enhance QCD effects

- \* MC modelling of data requires more studies:
  - \* choice of PDFs (as a free parameter in the tuning) is investigated for different cases
  - explore new methodologies to account for different variations and account for correlations?

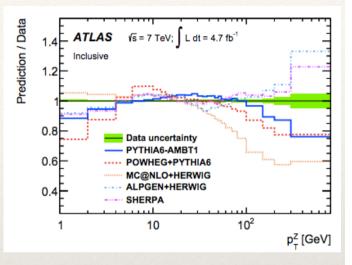


# back-up slides not necessarily useful ...

# $ZP_T/\phi^*$

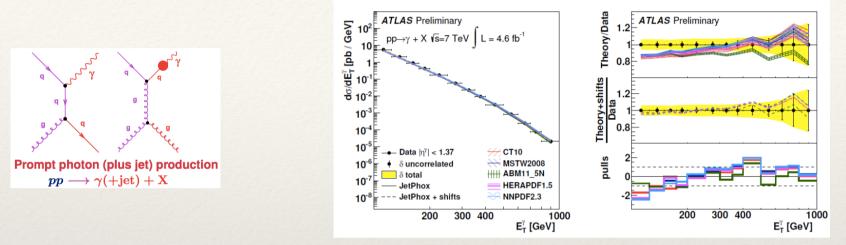
- \* ZPt is an ideal observable for tuning the ISR model parameters and the transverse momentum of the incoming partons,
  - \* The full ZpT range is sensitive to the shower evolution and can be used to tune the value of  $\alpha s(M_Z)$  for the initial state radiation
  - The data are compared to predictions from Pythia6-AUET2B, Powheg+Pythia6-AUET2B, MC@NLO, Alpgen and Sherpa.
  - measurement used to tune PS for the Pythia8 and Powheg +Pythia8 generators (restricted to low Pt where PS dominate)

--> interesting measurement to better control MC tunes

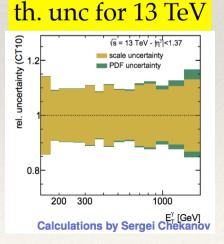


#### $Prompt \ Photon \ measurement \ from \ Run \ 2$

\* Measurements of the production of high pT prompt photons (in association with jets) and pairs of photons in hadron colliders could be interesting constraining gluon PDF



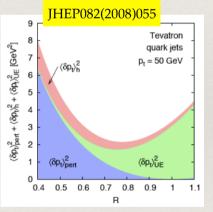
- input to understand QCD background to Higgs production and BSM searches via MC tuning of models
- \* However, the theoretical uncertainty dominated by missing higher orders —> NNLO?



- \* Measurements of ratio  $\sigma(13 \text{ TeV})/\sigma(8 \text{ TeV})$ :
  - \* SM test/PDF fits with reduced uncertainties?

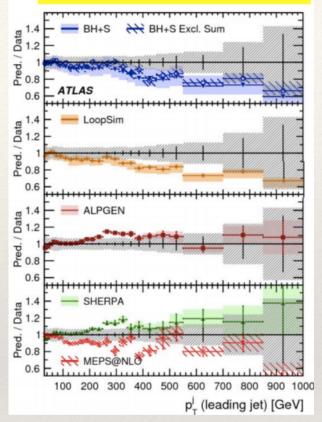
#### W/Z + jets as a probe in "extreme region"

- In Run 2 higher energy will allow to test higher pT region testing the validity of pQCD:
  - high Ht and Njets, or shapes with boosted boson and / or high jet pT in Z ...
- Measurements with different jet radii could reveal QCD effects:
  - could provide inputs for PS modelling and for the validity of the calculation



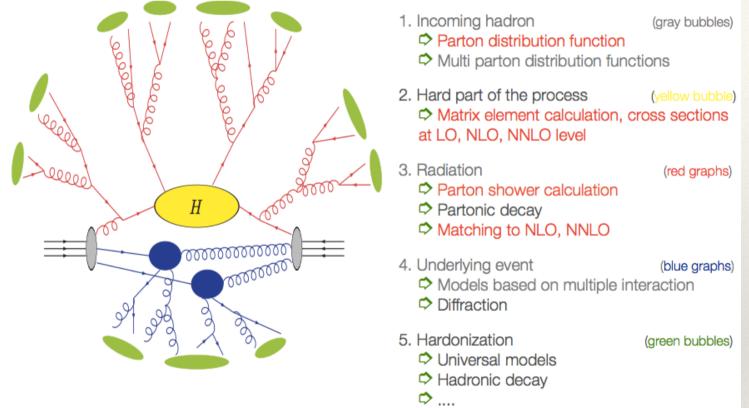
- Scale uncertainty for W/Z+n-jets can depend on jet size:
  - hadronisation effects become larger as R decreases —> restriction in the gluon phase space can affect the scale dependence

#### 2011 W+jets paper: arXiv:1409.8639



# Roles of PDFs in MC tuning

\* Structure of an event at the LHC (courtesy of Z. Nagy)



Perturbative framework:

\* LO: easy to calculate: several matrix element generators are available:

- \* ALPGEN, HELAC, MADGRAPH, SHERPA
- Strong dependence on the unphysical scales
- \* well defined with LO PDF

\* NLO is the New Standard: HELAC, MADGRAPH, SHERPA+BLACKHAT, AUTODIPOLE, TEVJET, AMC@NLO

The scale dependence can be still big in some processes

NNLO & NkLO: Resummation - Parton Showers: POWEHEG

### Pythia8 ATLAS tunes

- AU2 Tunes (previous Pythia8 standard):
  - \* Based on Pythia8 4C tune, but with x-dependent matter profile for MPI, as in 4Cx
- \* AZ and AZNLO Tunes (specific Z, W inclusive Tunes):
  - Based on Pythia8 4C Tune
- \* A14 Tunes (new Pythia8 pre-recommendation)
  - \* A global tune of shower and MPI
  - \* Using only LO PDF, following authors' recommendation
    - Represent our best starting point for Run 2 MC samples

