

A PYTHIA-8 Underlying Event Tune from RHIC to the LHC

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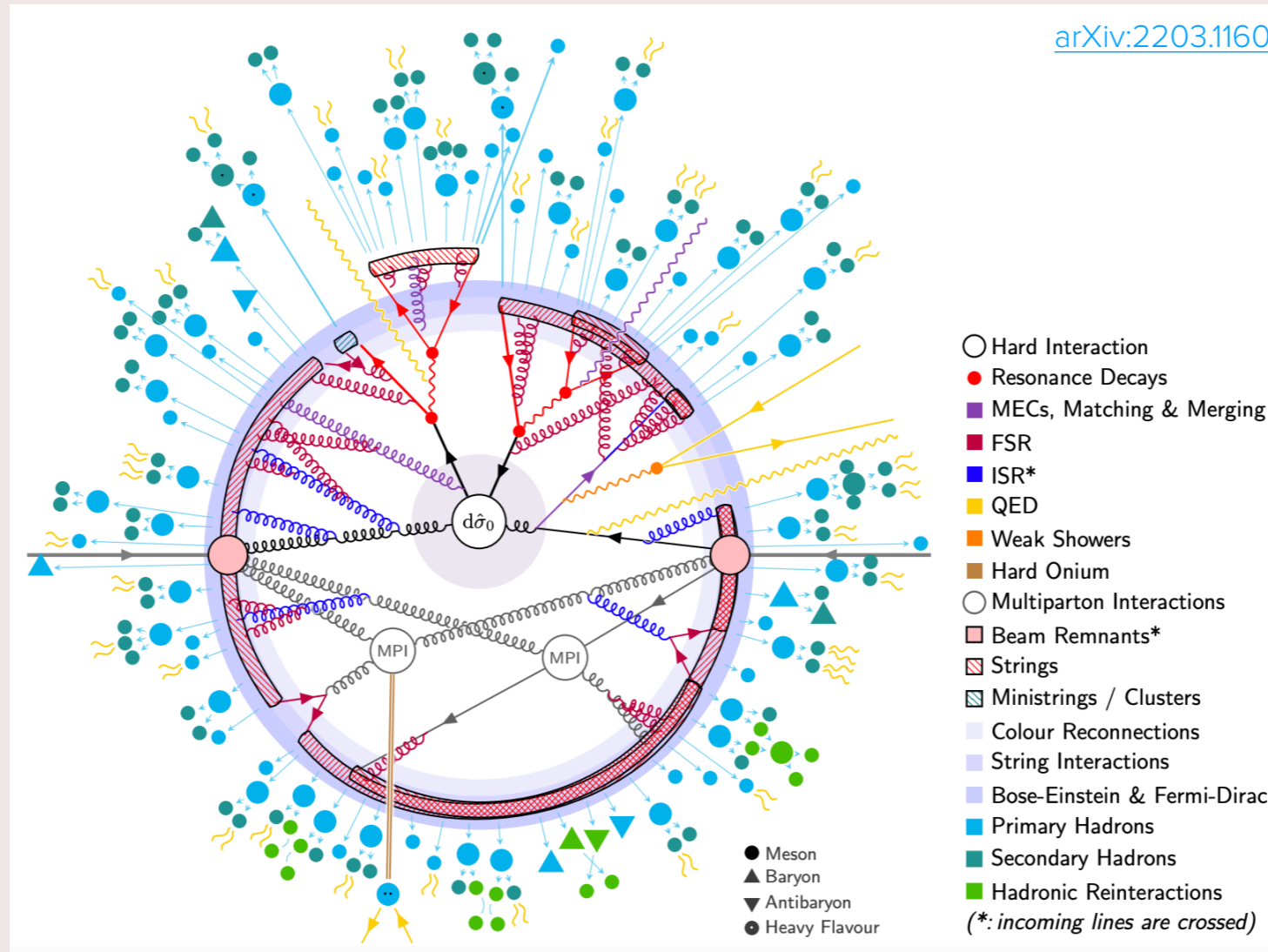
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Monte Carlo event generators



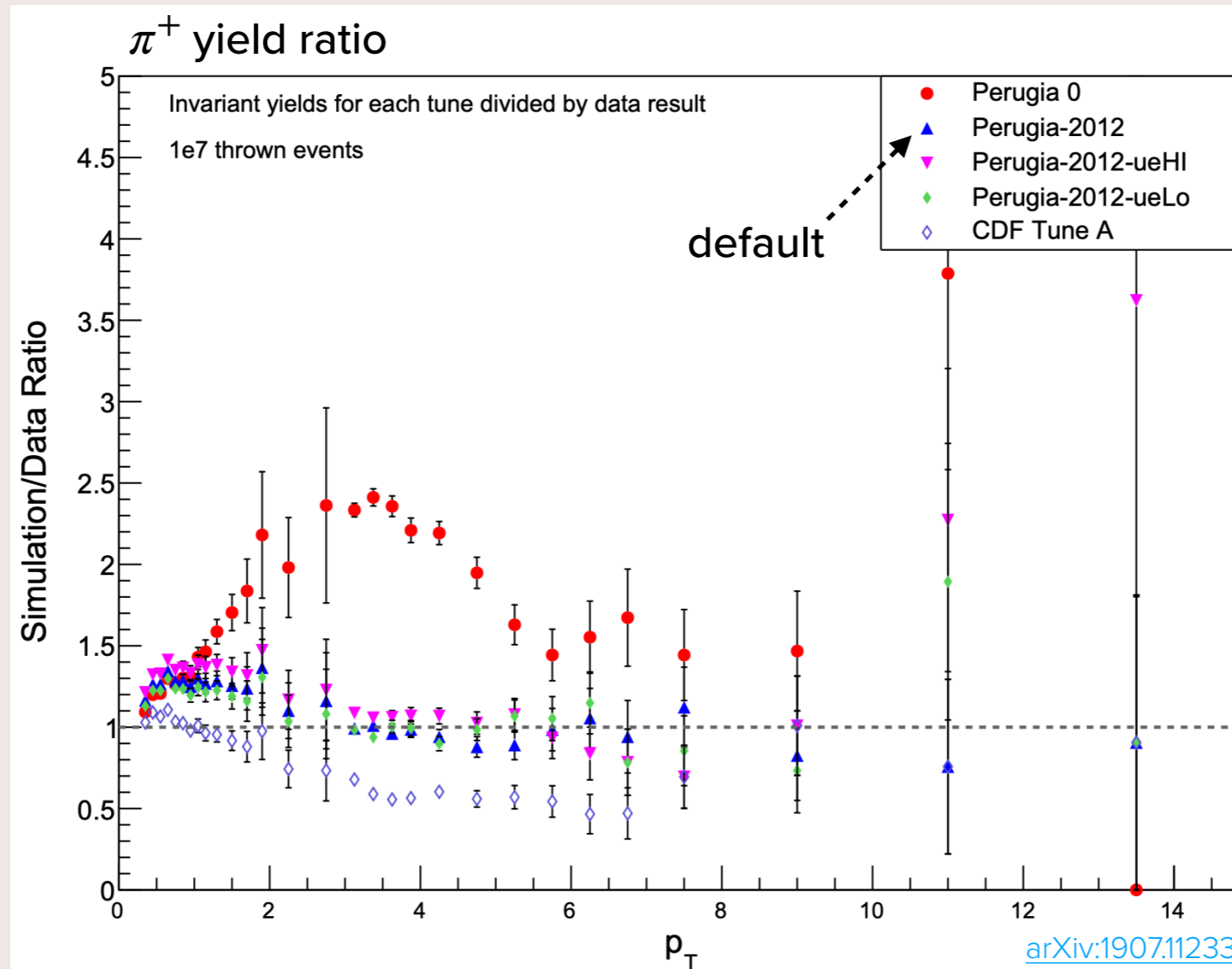
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Full picture of pp collision including soft underlying event is complicated!
 Universal applicability requires extrapolation between kinematic regimes →

PYTHIA: $p_{T,0} = p_{T,0}^{\text{ref}} \left(\sqrt{s} / \sqrt{s}_{\text{ref}} \right)^{\text{ecmPow}}$ — phenomenological low- p_T MPI regularizer

Universal?

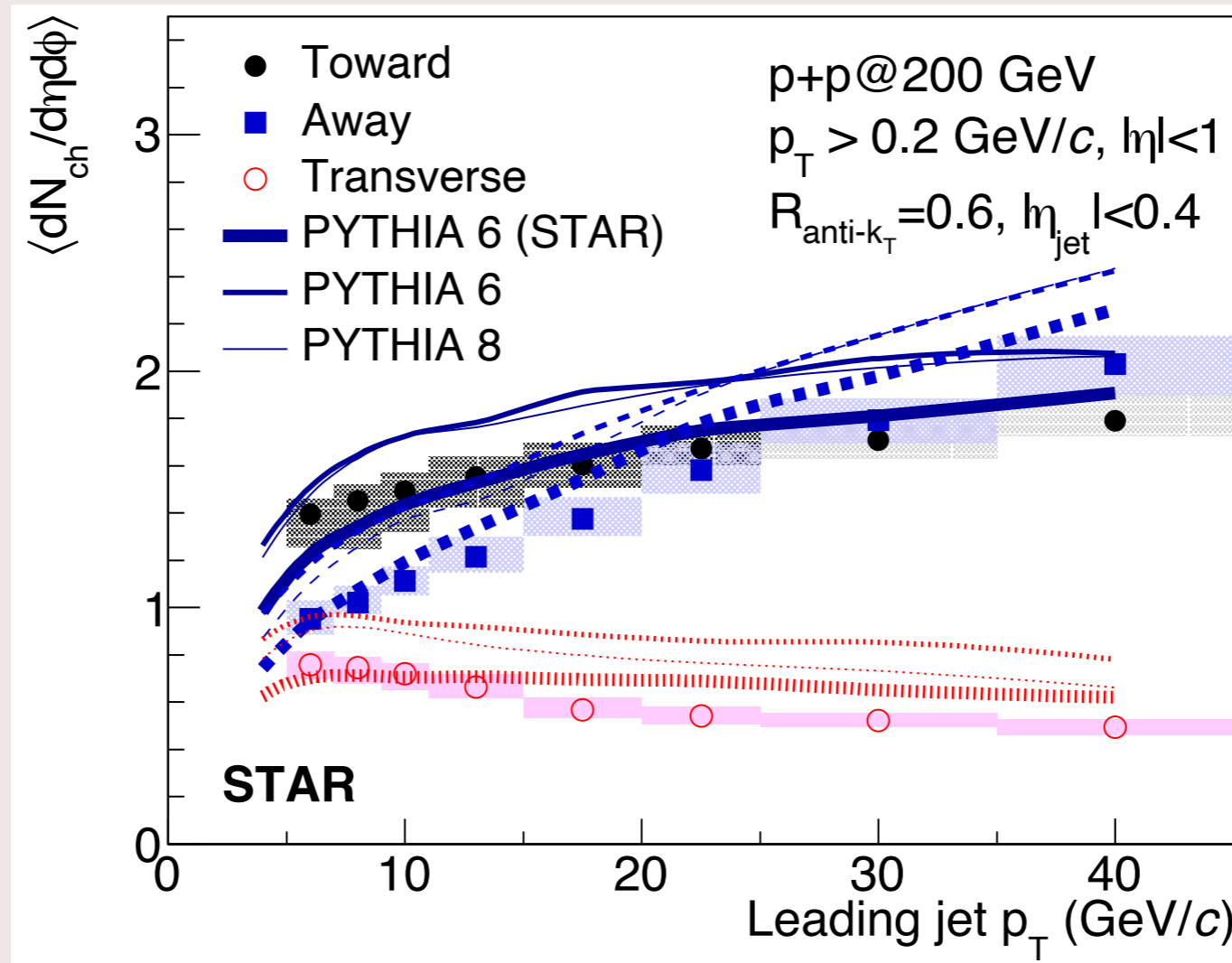
Confronting with RHIC data



Before ecmPow adjusted: PYTHIA-6 default tune disagreed with STAR pion yields by up to 30%

STAR-tuned PYTHIA-6

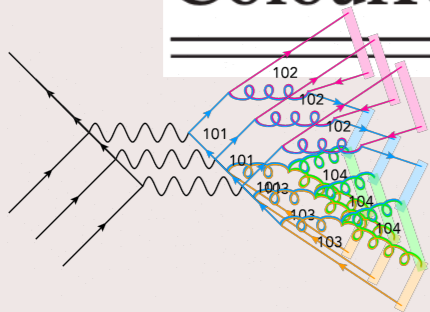
STAR, [PRD 101 \(2020\) 5, 052004](#)



After: “STAR-tuned” PYTHIA-6 (ecmPow: 0.240 \rightarrow 0.213) in excellent agreement with underlying event (UE) observables (better than PYTHIA-8!)

PYTHIA-8 tuning parameters

Setting	Monash	New
PDF:pSet	NNPDF 2.3	NNPDF 3.1
MultipartonInteractions:ecmRef	7 TeV	200 GeV
MultipartonInteractions:bprofile	exp overlap	double Gauss
Tuning Parameter	Monash	Range
MultipartonInteractions:pT0Ref	2.28 GeV	0.5–2.5 GeV
MultipartonInteractions:ecmPow	0.215	0.0–0.25
MultipartonInteractions:coreRadius	0.4	0.1–1.0
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ColourReconnection:range	1.8	.0–9.0



Tuned exclusively using MPI parameters

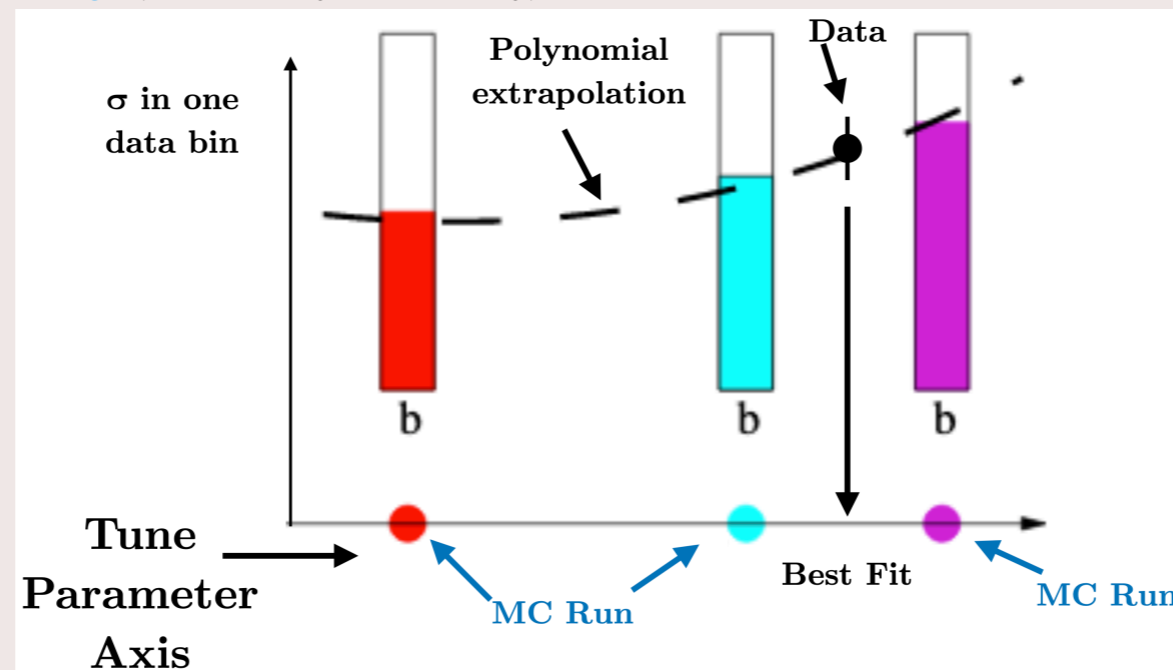
\sqrt{s}_{ref} set to RHIC energy, for minimal extrapolation

[Image](#)

Tuning procedure

PROFESSOR

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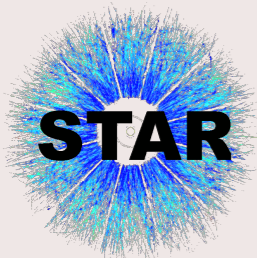
Randomly sample param. values → run event gen. → histograms for all observables

$$\text{Interpolate: } MC_b(\mathbf{p}) \approx f^{(b)}(\mathbf{p}) = \alpha_0^{(b)} + \sum_i \beta_i^{(b)} p_i + \sum_{i \leq j} \gamma_{ij}^{(b)} p_i p_j$$

$$\text{Minimize } \chi^2 = \sum_{\mathcal{O}} w_{\mathcal{O}} \sum_{b \in \mathcal{O}} \frac{(f^{(b)}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathcal{R}_b)^2}{\Delta_b^2}$$

Data used for tuning

Experiment	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	Observable	Reference
STAR	200	π^\pm cross sections vs p_T	PLB 637 (2006) 161-169
PHENIX	200	Dimuon pairs from Drell-Yan vs di-muon p_T	PRD 99 (2019) 7, 072003
STAR	200	Average charged particle multiplicities and p_T vs leading jet p_T in the forward, transverse, and away regions	PRD 101 (2020) 5, 052004
CDF	300, 900, 1960	Charge particle density and $\sum p_T$ vs leading hadron p_T in transverse region	PRD 92 (2015) 9, 092009
STAR	200	SoftDrop groomed jet substructure (z_g and R_g)	PLB 811 (2020) 135846
STAR	200	Inclusive and groomed jet mass	PRD 104 (2021) 5, 052007



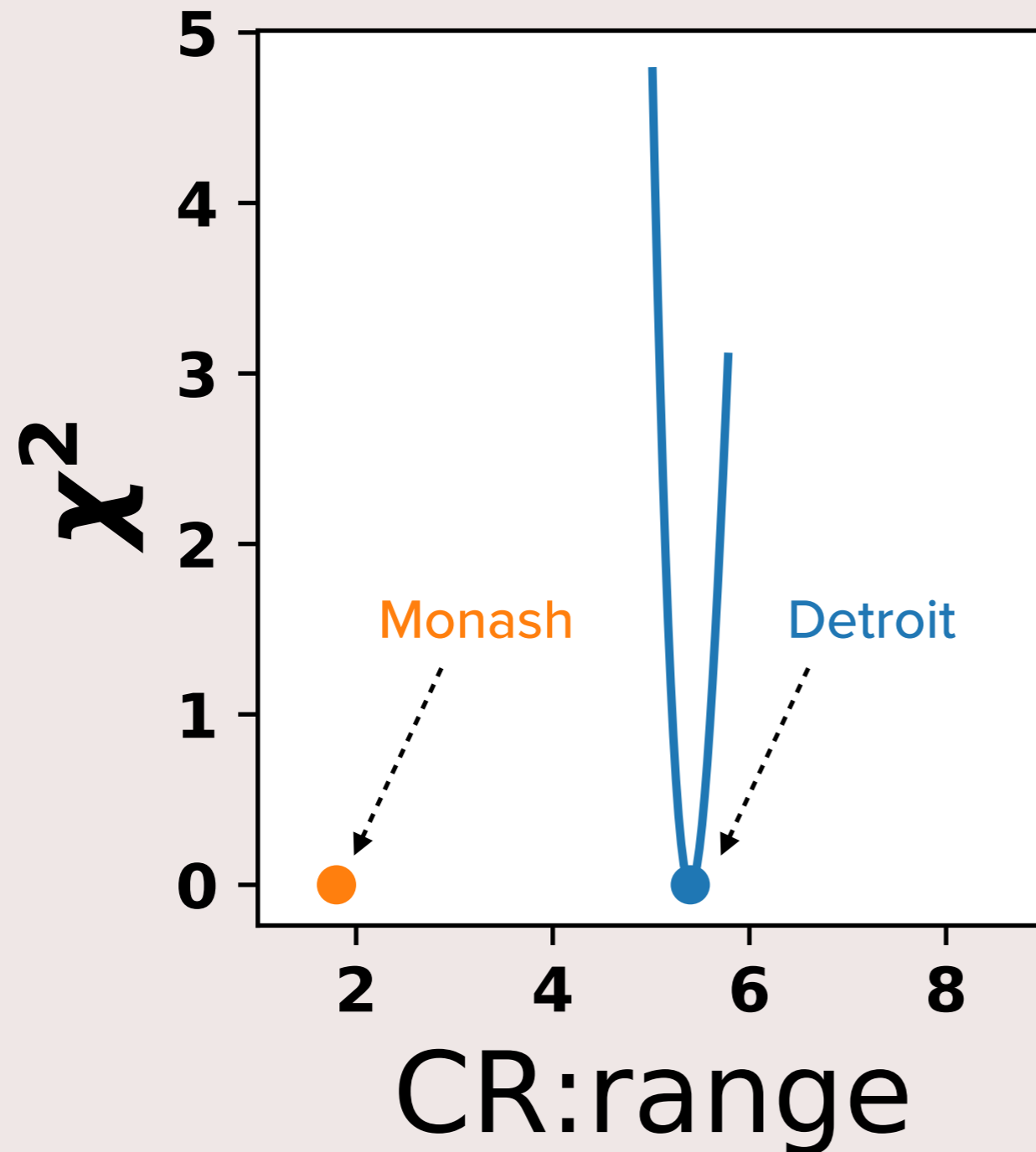
A representative sample of hard and soft physics observables from RHIC and Tevatron energies

STAR analyses now included in RIVET¹!

<https://github.com/star-bnl/star-PYTHIA8-tune>

Introducing the “Detroit” Tune

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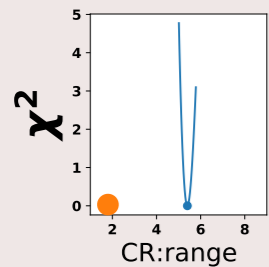


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1.8 → 5.4

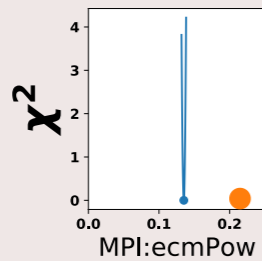
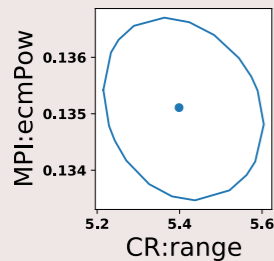
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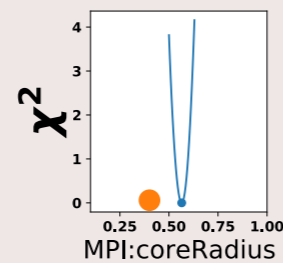
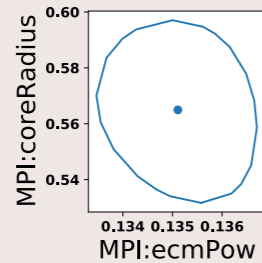
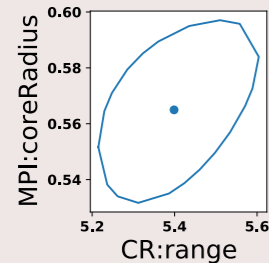
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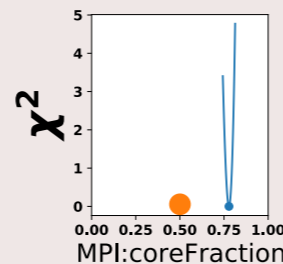
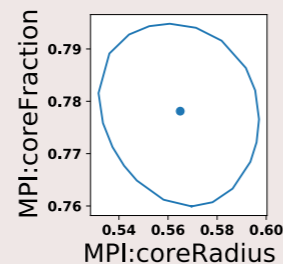
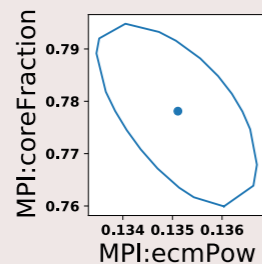
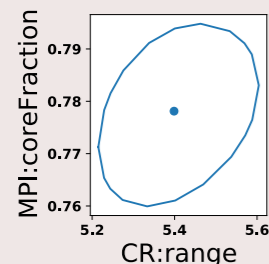
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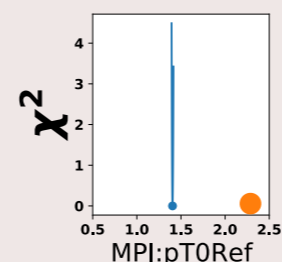
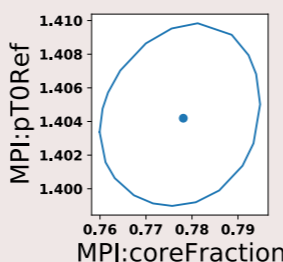
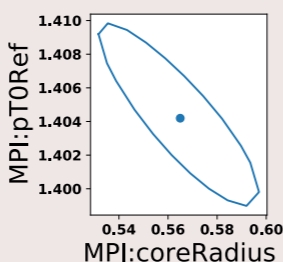
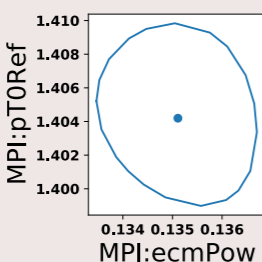
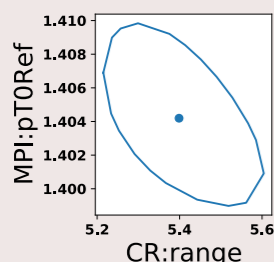
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0.4 → 0.56



MultipartonInteractions:coreFraction
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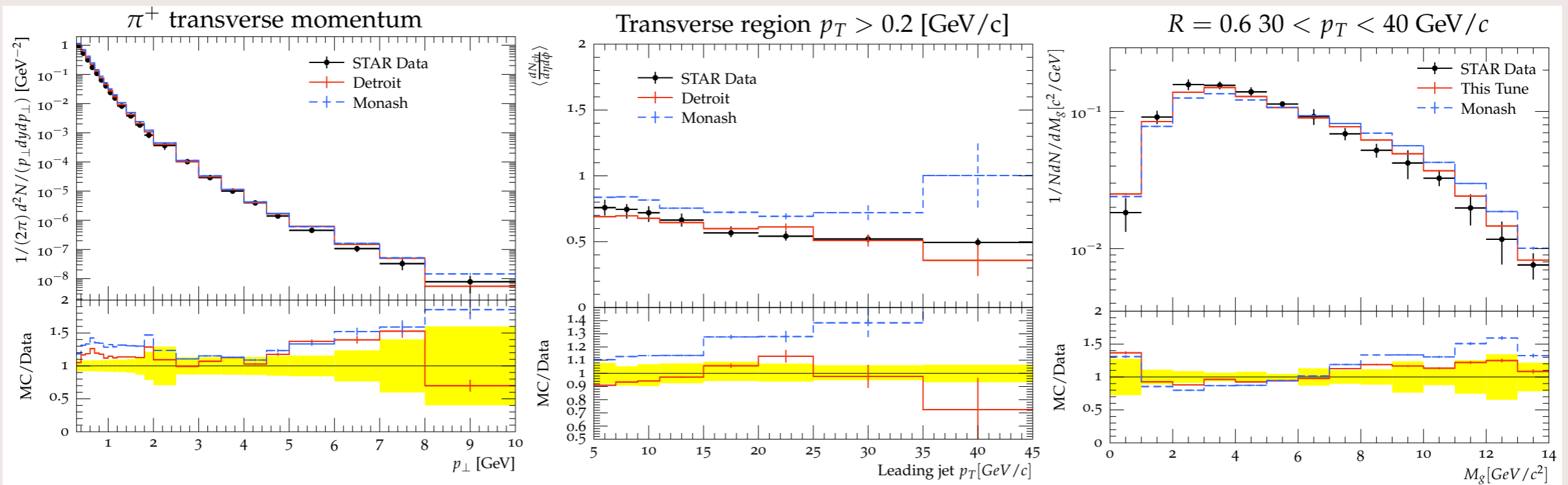


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2.28 → 1.40 GeV

representative sample

Comparison to data

RHIC – 200 GeV

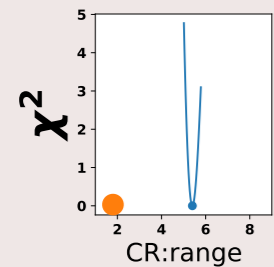
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Detroit outperforms **Monash** consistently for UE observables and low- p_T yields as expected, but also for jet substructure observables

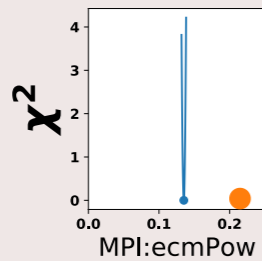
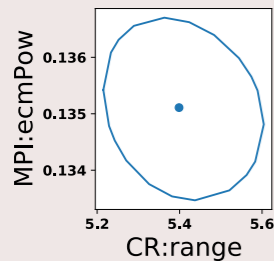
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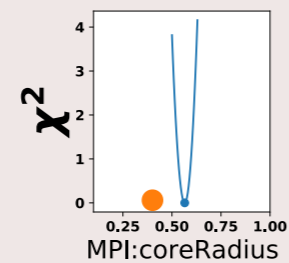
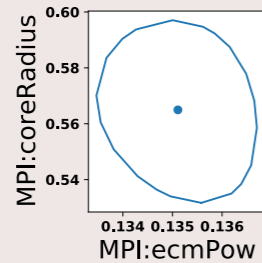
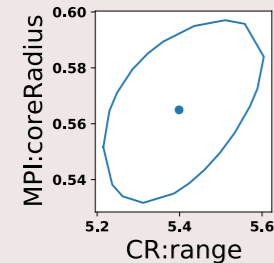
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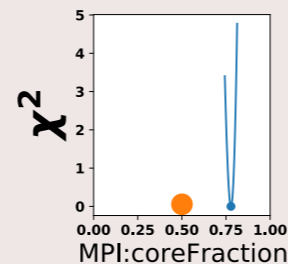
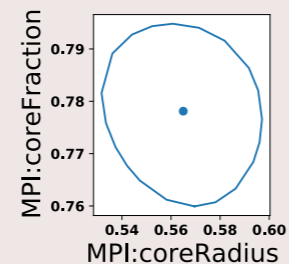
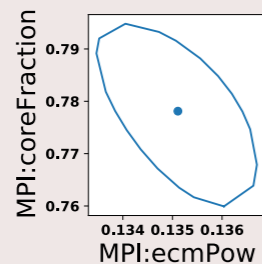
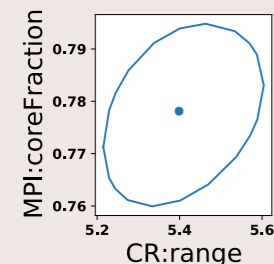
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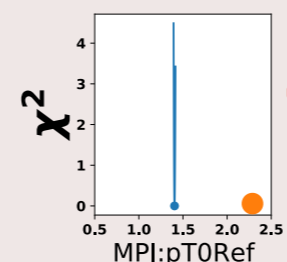
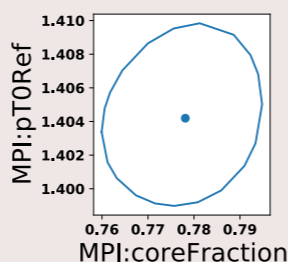
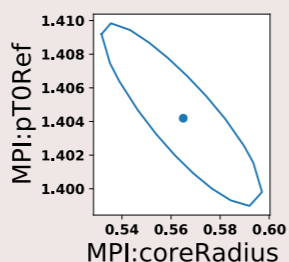
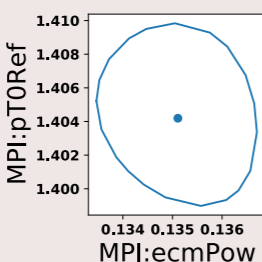
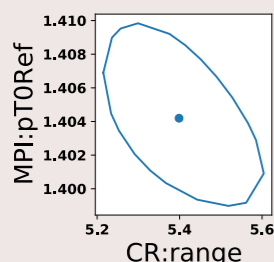
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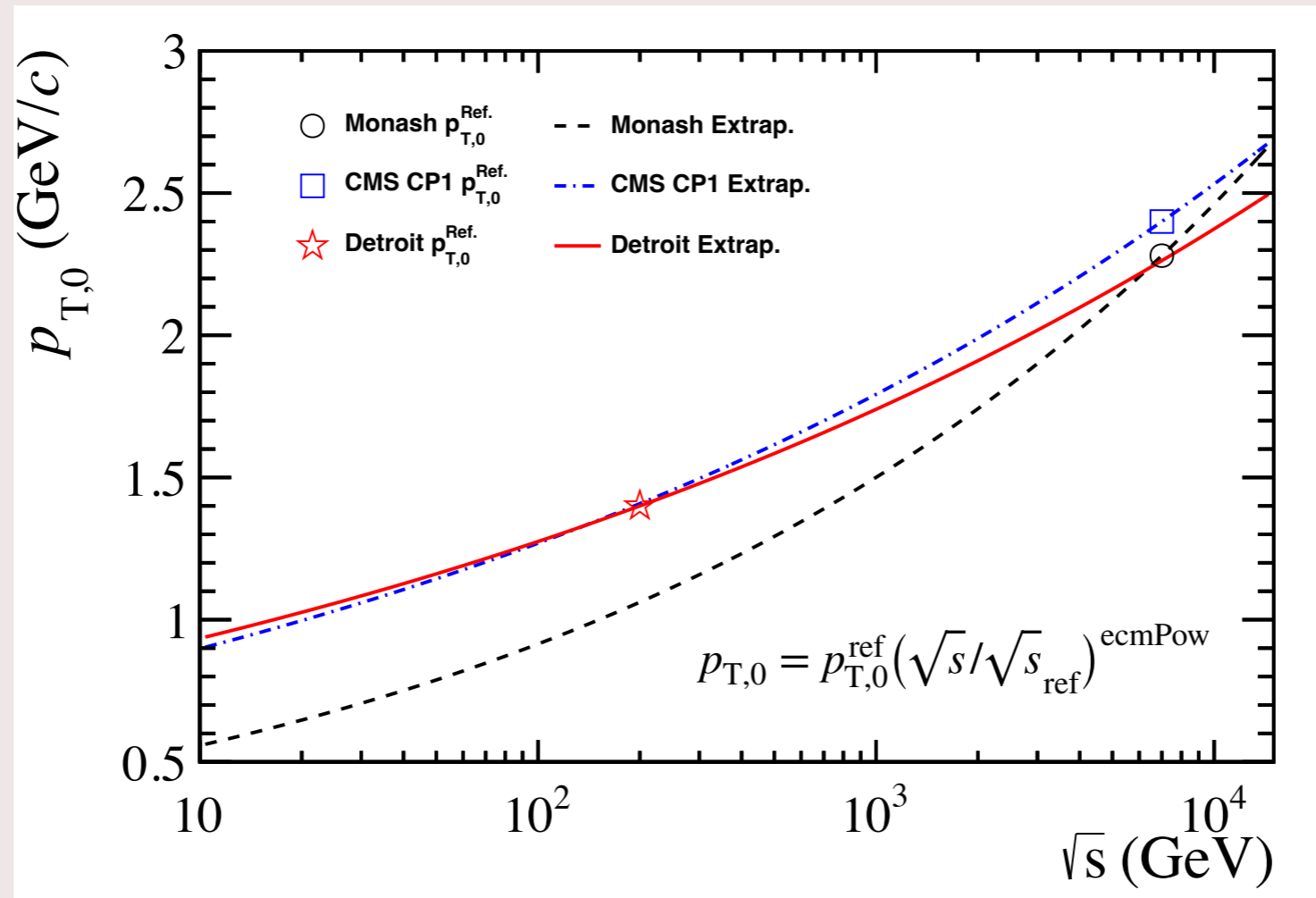
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Energy extrapolation

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Disagreement with Monash $\sim 30\%$ at 200 GeV/c

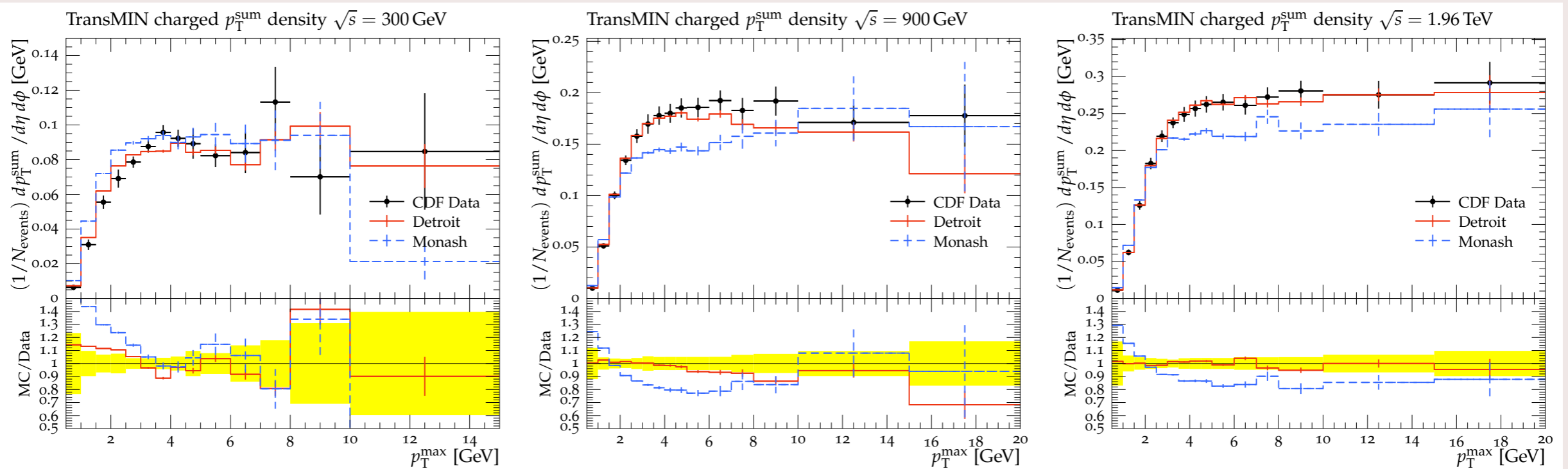
CMS CP1 tune's $p_{T,0}$ varies more rapidly with energy

Comparison to data



Tevatron – 0.3 to 1.96 TeV

CDF, [PRD 92 \(2015\) 9, 092009](#)



Detroit: excellent agreement with CDF data across wide range of energy

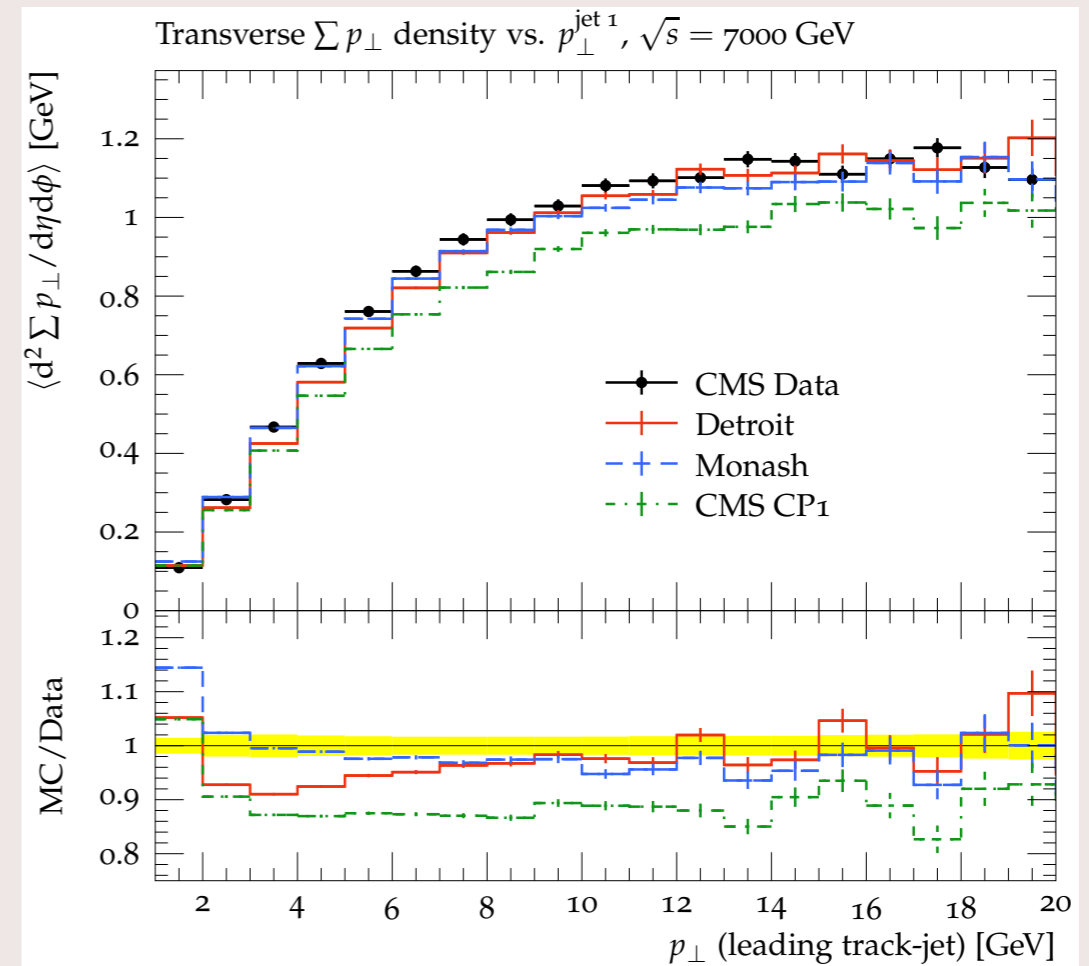
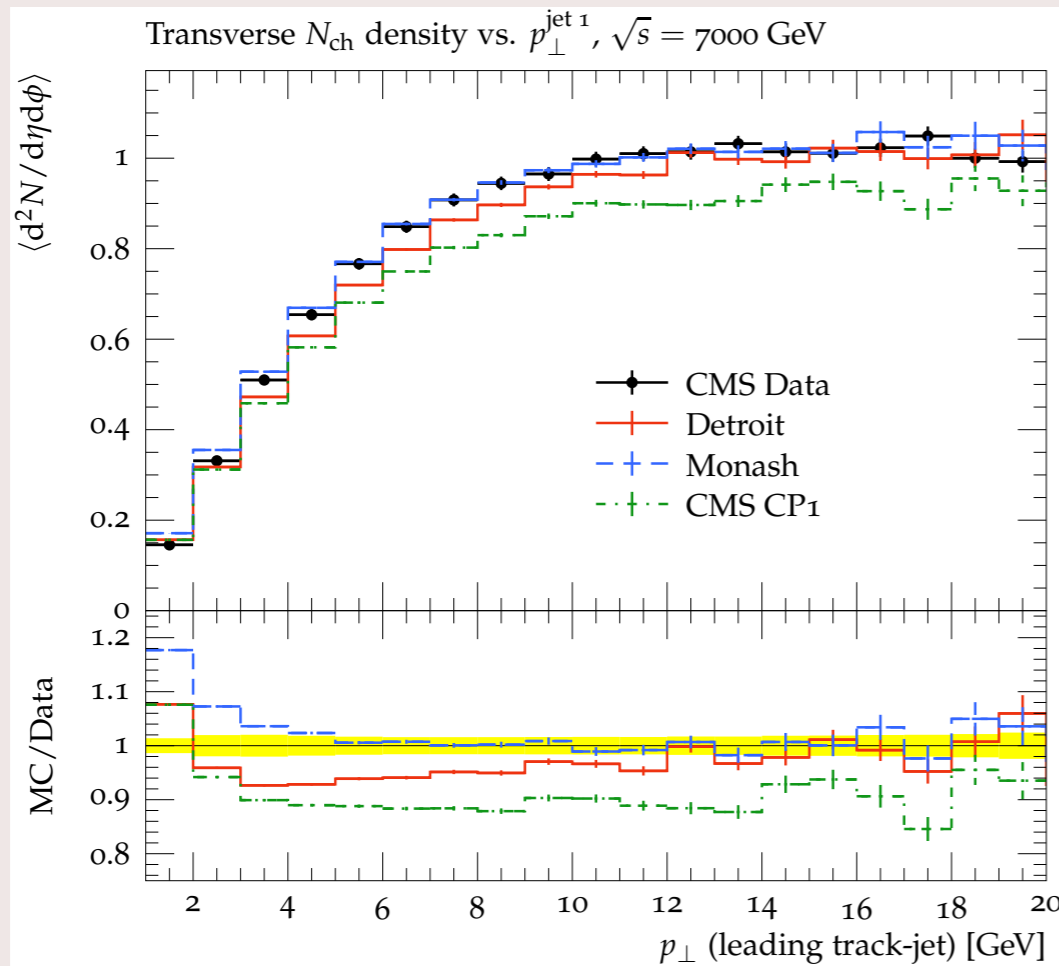
Monash: disagreement at, respectively, low-, mid-, and high- p_T^{\max} as \sqrt{s} increases

Comparison to data



LHC – 7 TeV

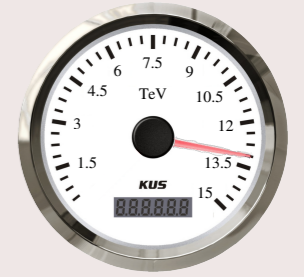
CMS, [JHEP 09 \(2011\) 109](#)



Monash tune gives best description of UE data for low p_T
 For higher p_T , **Detroit** is consistent with data
CMS CP1¹ underpredicts the data for all p_T

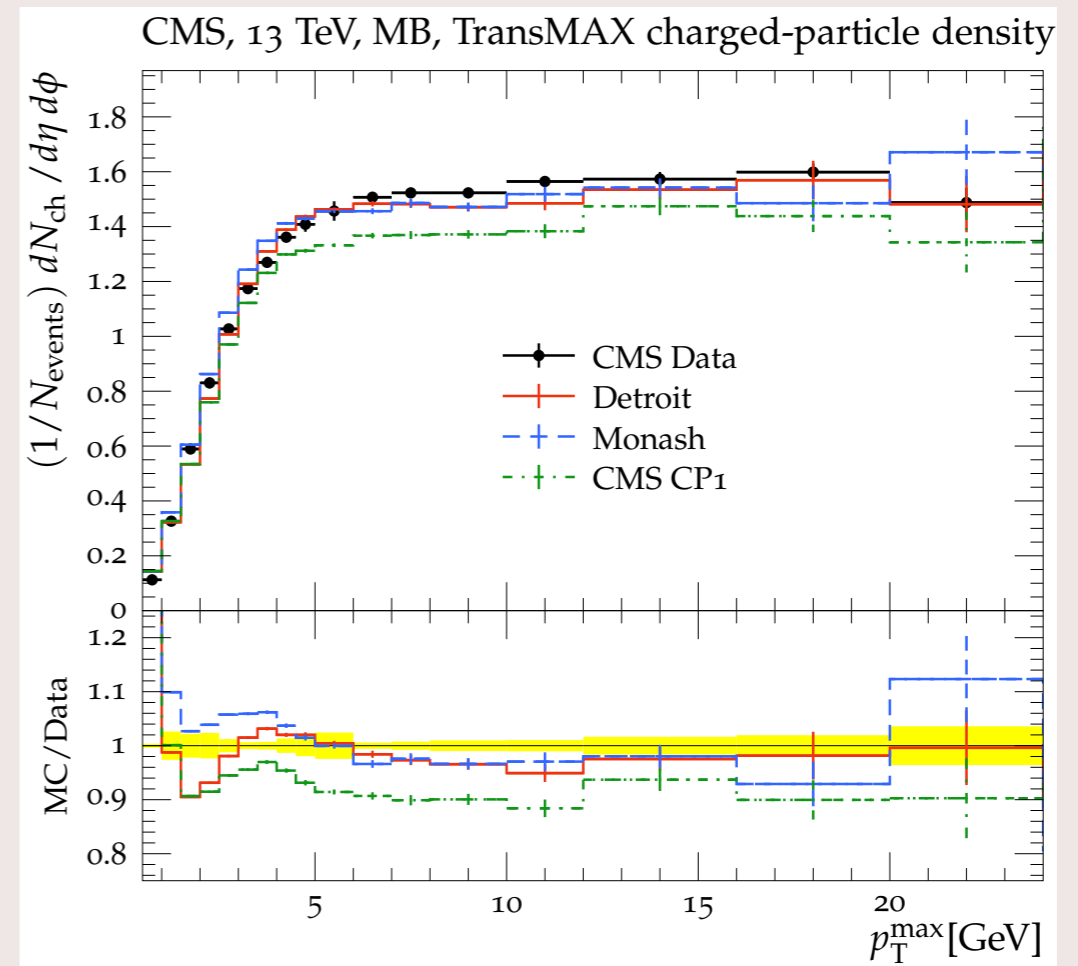
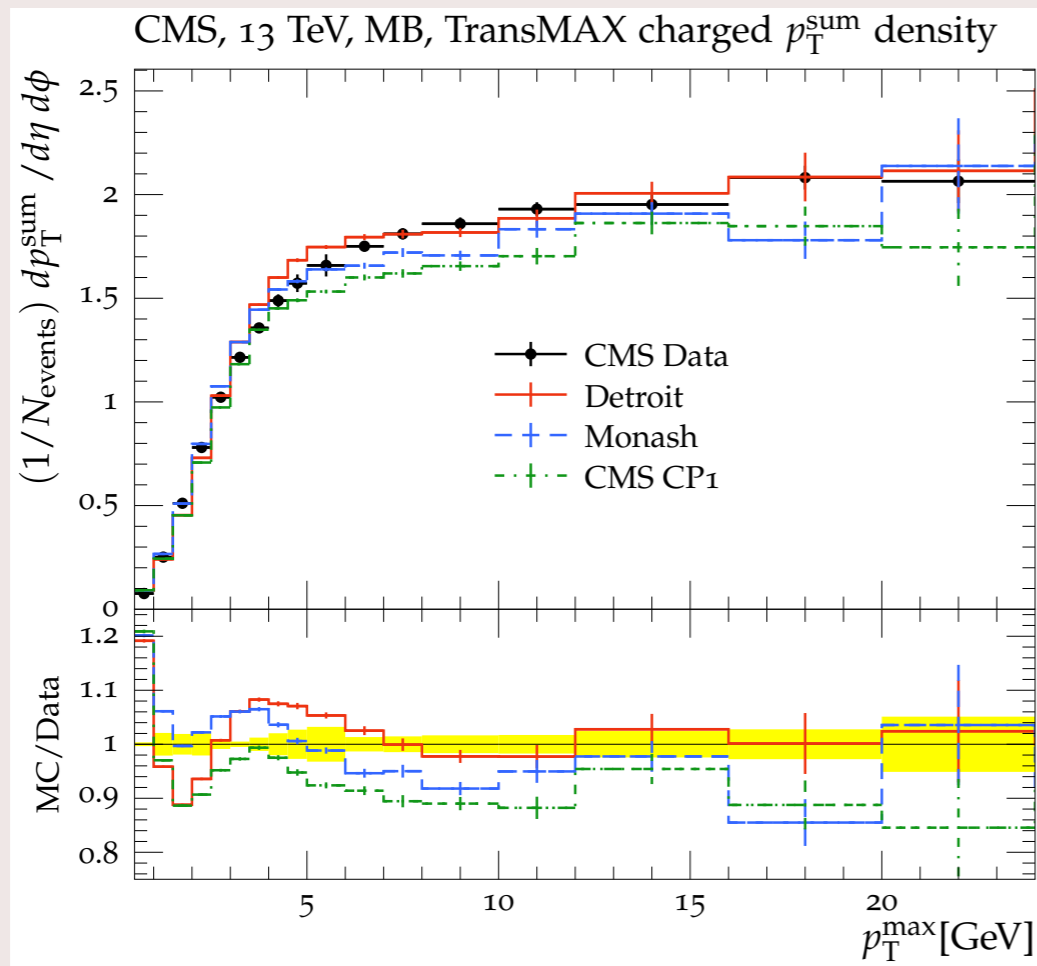
¹CMS, [EPJC 80 \(2020\) 1, 4](#)

Comparison to data



LHC – 13 TeV

[CMS-PAS-FSQ-15-007](#)



At high- p_T^{max} , **Detroit** performs better than or equal to **Monash**
 At low- p_T^{max} , **Detroit** shape varies more due to proton shape function used
CMS CP1 still underpredicts the data significantly

Summary

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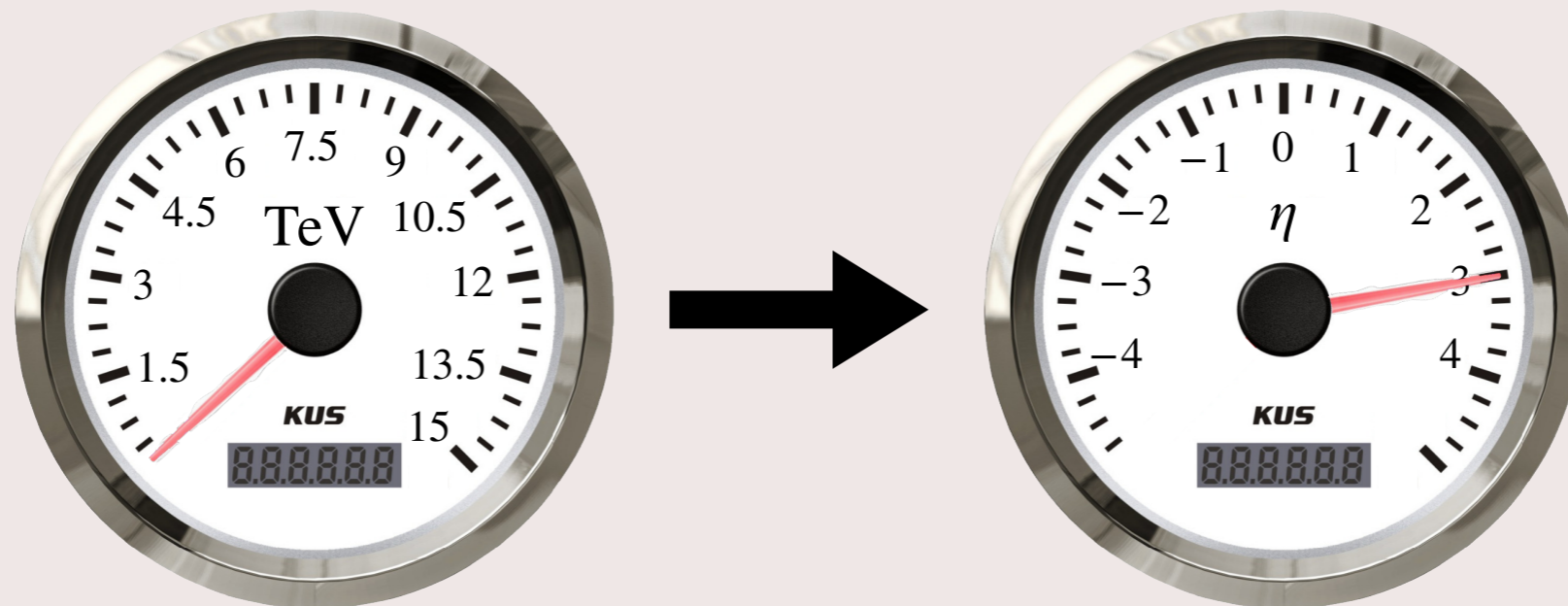
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Predictions for some LHC data are better than **CMS CP1** and at least as good as **Monash** at higher- p_T

Performance at large rapidity

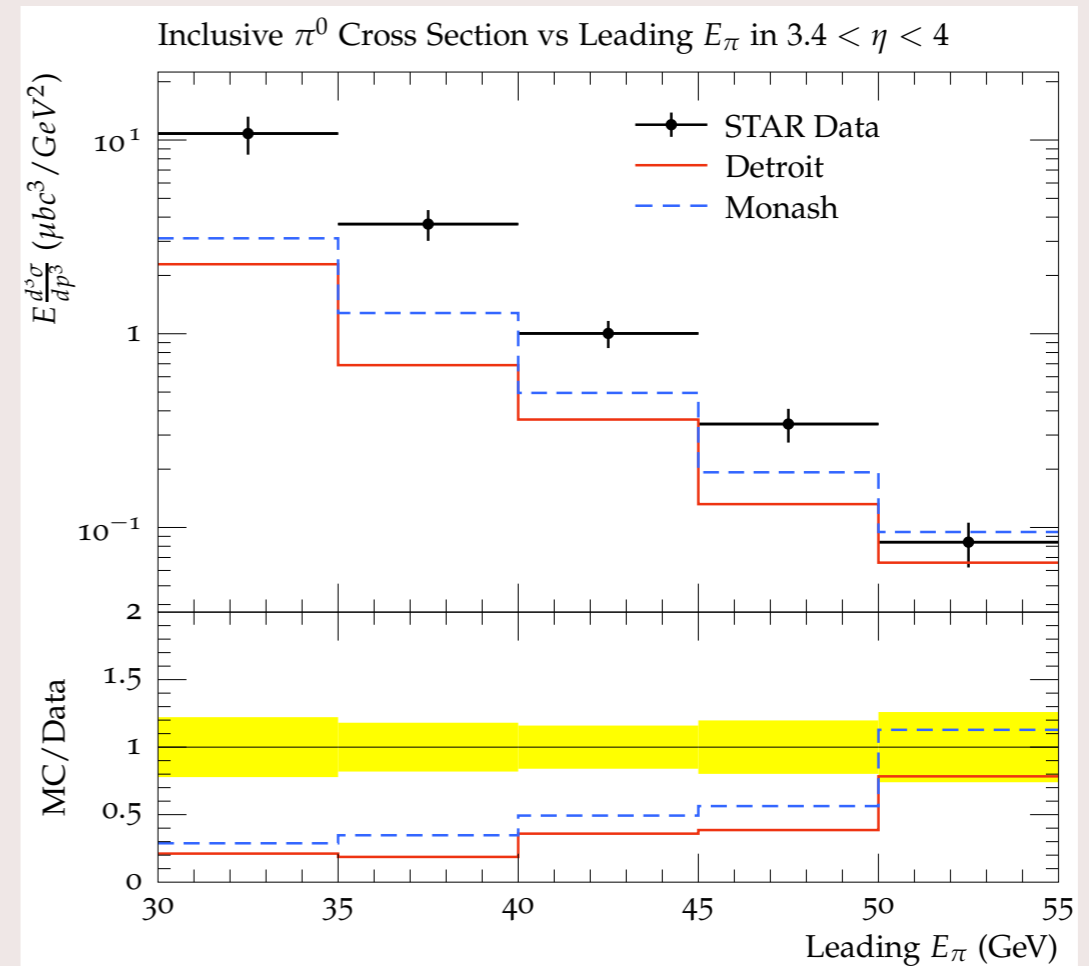
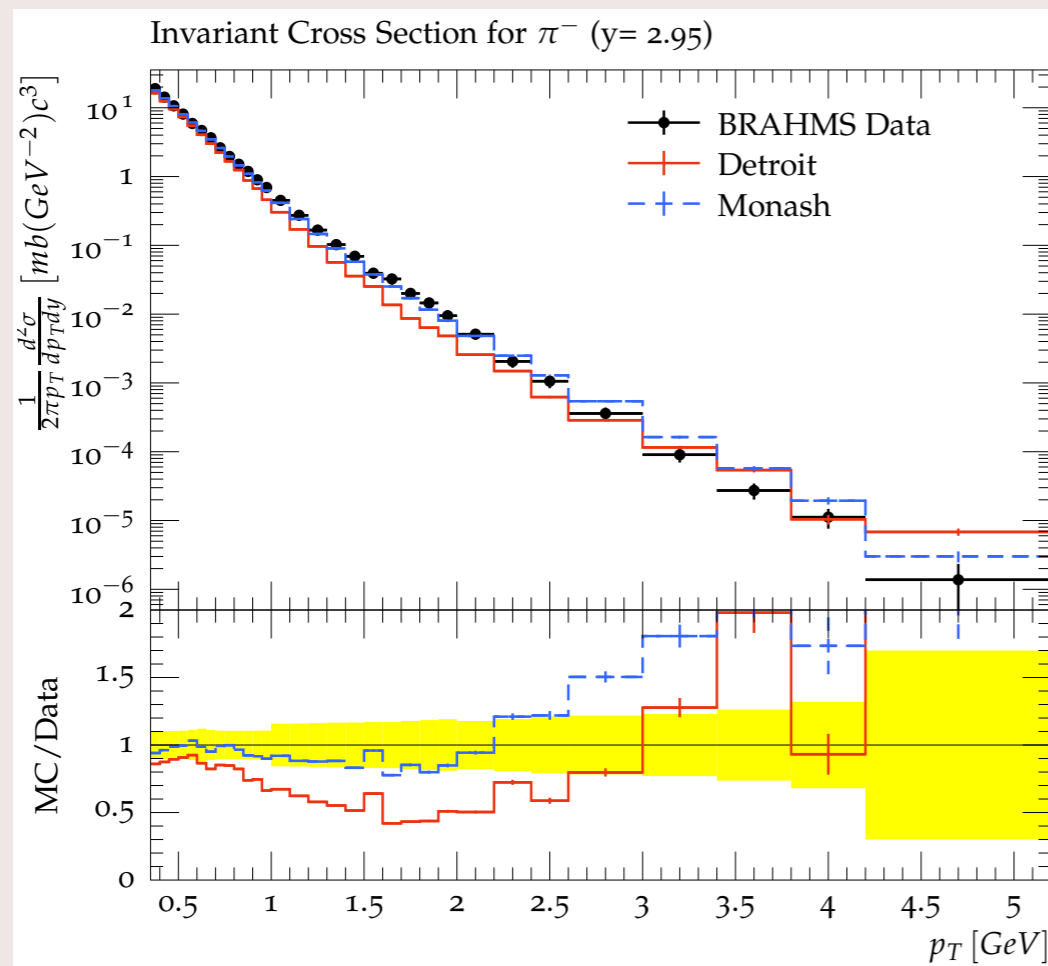


Comparison to data

Forward rapidity (200 GeV)

BRAHMS, [PRL 98 \(2007\) 252001](#)

STAR, [PRL 92 \(2004\) 171801](#)



Detroit underpredicts BRAHMS and STAR pion yields at large rapidities
 Better agreement from **Monash** at low- p_T

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But for the future, it will be important to simultaneously describe forward and mid-rapidity RHIC data (STAR 2022 forward upgrade; EIC), which is currently not possible!

Backup