

# MEPS@NLO

## Multijet merging at NLO

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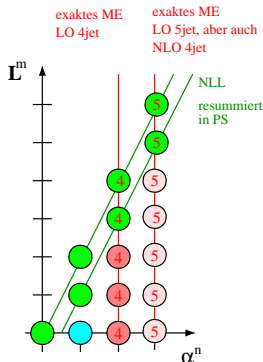
# Multijet merging

# Multijet merging: basic idea

- parton shower resums logarithms  
fair description of collinear/soft emissions  
jet evolution (where the logs are large)
- matrix elements exact at given order  
fair description of hard/large-angle emissions  
jet production (where the logs are small)
- combine (“merge”) both:
  - separate phase space with jet definition
  - correct multijet Born ME to log accuracy
  - veto hard emissions in PS

result: “towers” of MEs with increasing number of jets evolved with PS

But: cross section at Born accuracy



## Why it works: jet rates with the parton shower

- Consider jet production in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$   
Durham jet definition: relative transverse momentum  $k_\perp > Q_J$
- fixed order: one factor  $\alpha_S$  and up to  $\log \frac{E_{\text{c.m.}}}{Q_J}$  per jet
- use **Sudakov form factor** for resummation:



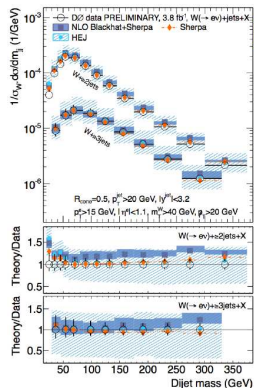
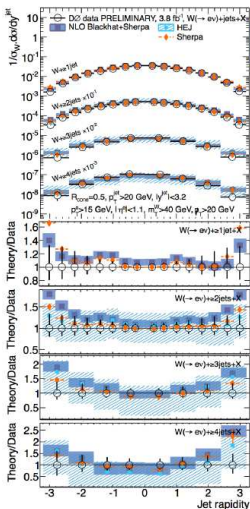
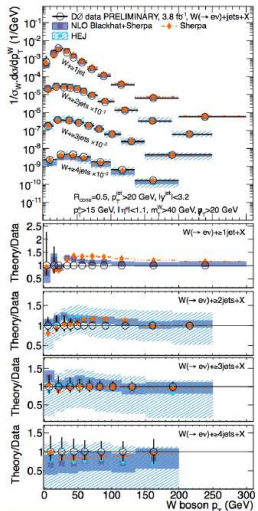
$$\mathcal{R}_2(Q_J) = [\Delta_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}^2, Q_J^2)]^2$$



$$\mathcal{R}_3(Q_J) = 2\Delta_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}^2, Q_J^2) \int_{Q_J^2}^{E_{\text{c.m.}}^2} dk_\perp^2 \left[ \frac{\alpha_S(k_\perp^2)}{2\pi} dz \mathcal{K}_q(k_\perp^2, z) \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{\Delta_q(E_{\text{c.m.}}^2, Q_J^2)}{\Delta_q(k_\perp^2, Q_J^2)} \Delta_q(k_\perp^2, Q_J^2) \Delta_g(k_\perp^2, Q_J^2) \right]$$

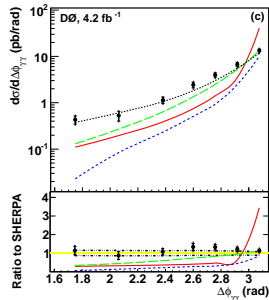
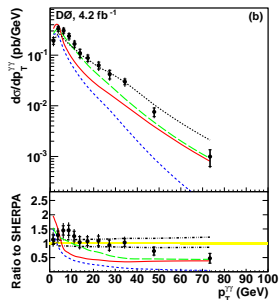
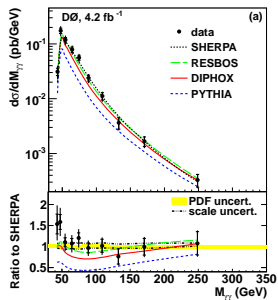
# $W + \text{jets}$ @ $D\bar{D}$ : $p_{\perp, W}$ and $y_{\text{jet}}$

(From D.Price's talk at PLHC, Vancouver 2012)



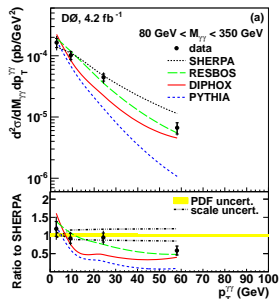
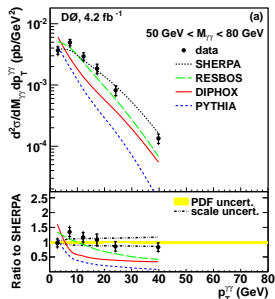
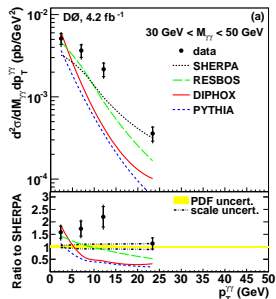
# Di-photons @ $D\bar{D}$ : $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ , $p_{\perp,\gamma\gamma}$ , & $\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma}$

(Update to Phys. Lett. B 690, 108 (2010), from analysis homepage)



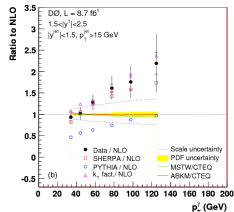
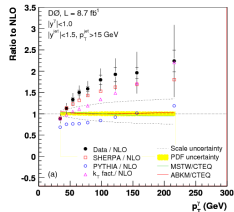
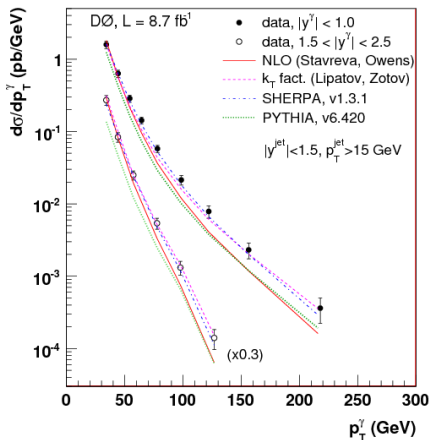
# Di-photons @ $D\bar{D}$ : $p_{\perp,\gamma\gamma}$ in different mass bins

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# Photons+ $b$ @ $D\bar{D}$ : $p_{\perp,\gamma}$ in different rapidities

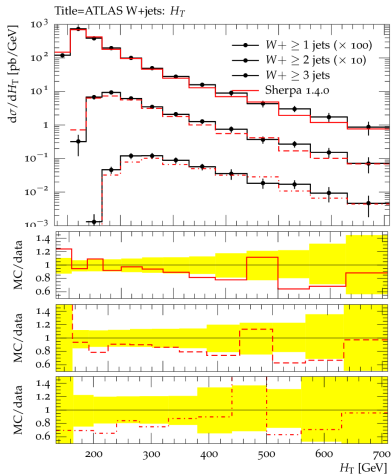
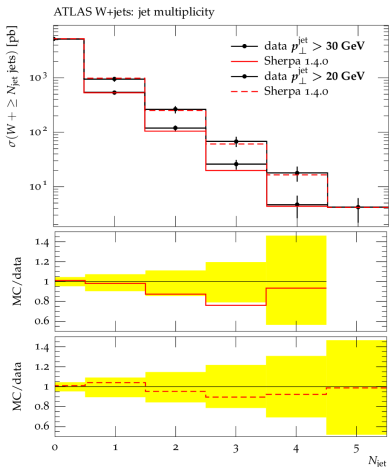
(arXiv:1203.5865 [hep-ex])





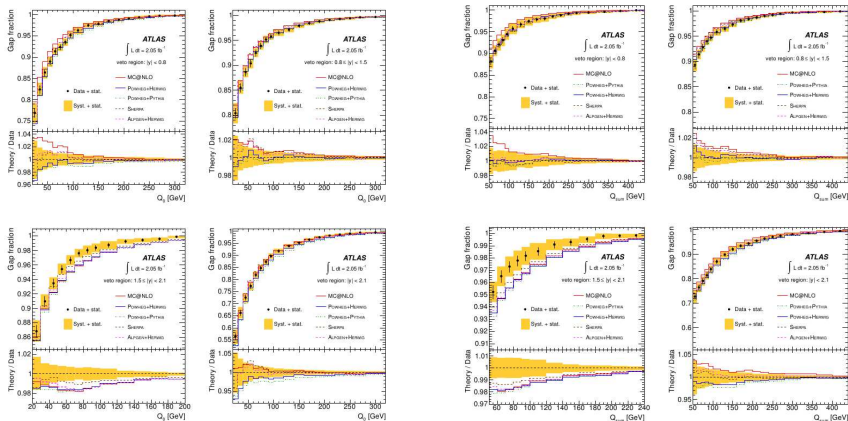
# $W + \text{jets}$ @ ATLAS: an update

(arXiv:1201.1276 [hep-ex], SHERPA 1.3.1 was not very good . . . )



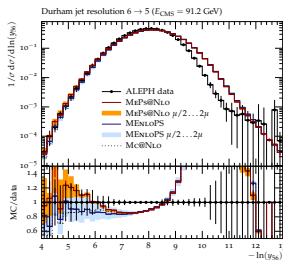
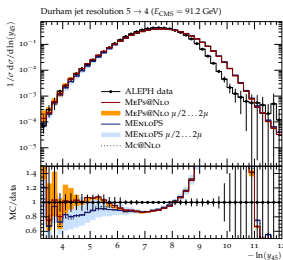
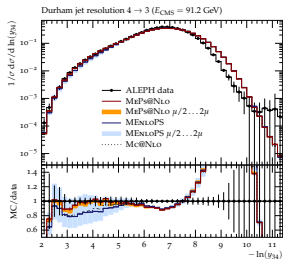
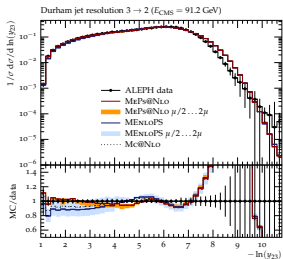
# Rapidity gaps in $t\bar{t}$ @ ATLAS: gap probabilities

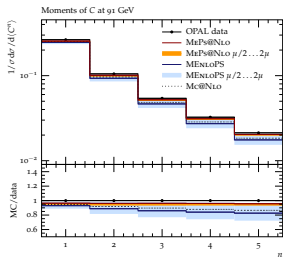
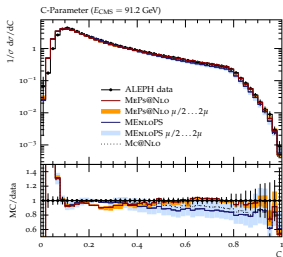
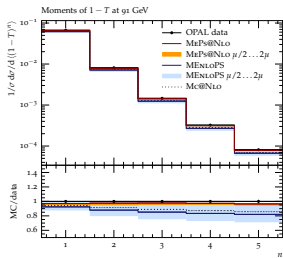
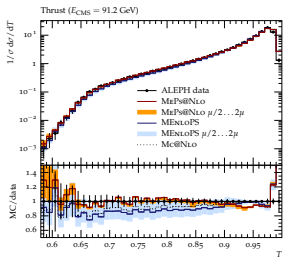
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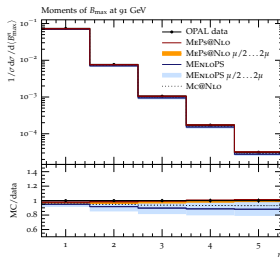
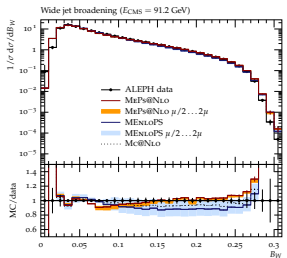
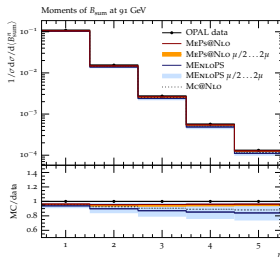
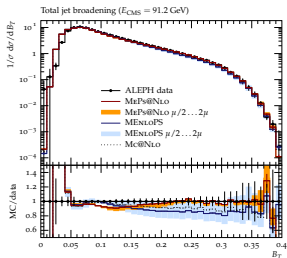


# Multijet merging at NLO in SHERPA

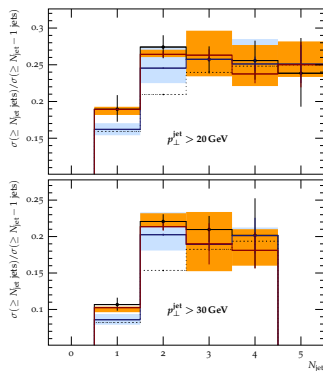
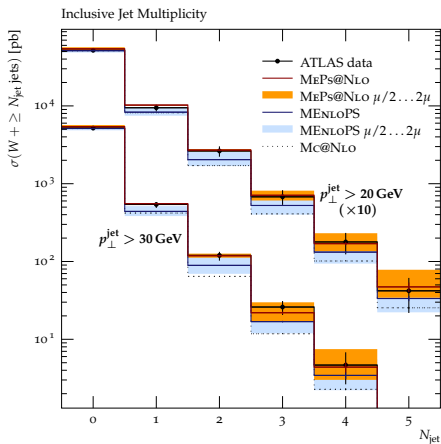
# MEPS@NLO: example results for $e^-e^+ \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

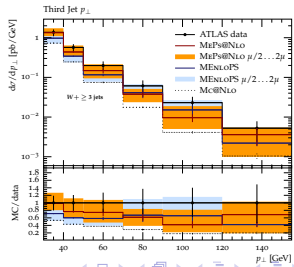
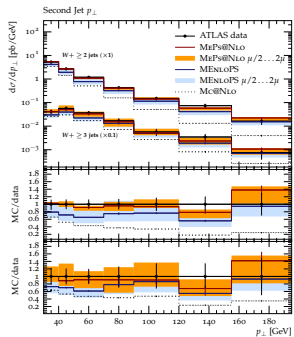
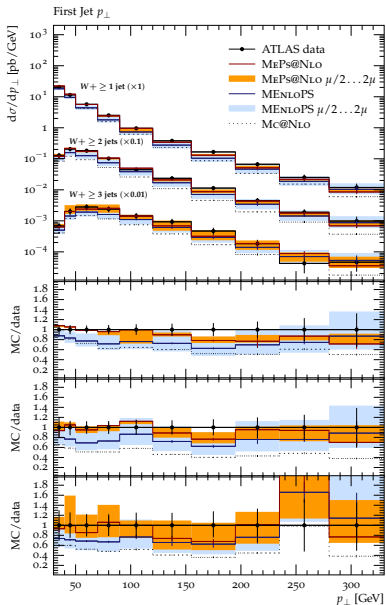




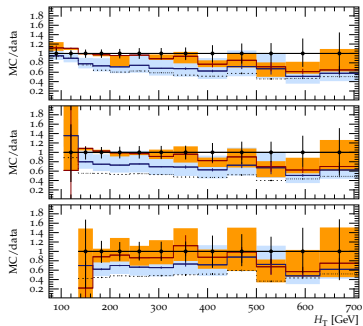
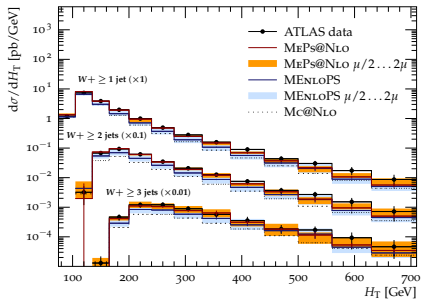


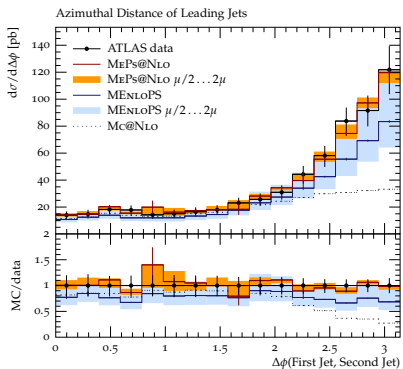
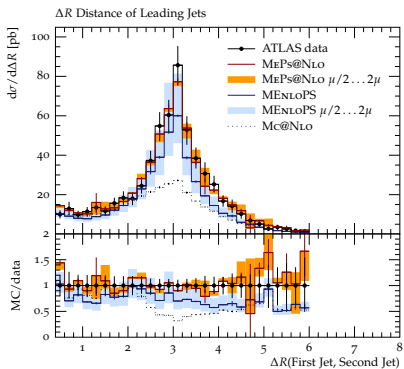
# MEPS@NLO: example results for $W + \text{jets}$











# Summary

- Systematic improvement of event generators by including higher orders has been at the core of QCD theory and developments in the past decade:
  - **multijet merging** (“CKKW”, “MLM”)
  - **NLO matching** (“MC@NLO”, “POWHEG”)

(methods are well understood and used in experiments)

- Multijet merging now also at NLO (**MEPS@NLO**) -  
need more tests before release.
- multijet merging an important tool for many relevant signals and backgrounds, will become **precision tool** now -  
LO and NLO algorithms have been pioneered by **SHERPA**