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# INCLUSIVE JET NON-PERTURBATIVE CORRECTIONS

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## ABSTRACT

We review the present literature, as well as present our preliminary results for the derivation of the Non-perturbative (NP) corrections for the inclusive jet cross section. All results are replicable and the code is open source on [https://github.com/AliAlkadhimi/NPC\\_Jets](https://github.com/AliAlkadhimi/NPC_Jets).

## 1 Introduction and Literature Review

The transverse momenta of the produced partons can be very small below the perturbative regime, and the total jet cross section can be dominated by non-perturbative (NP), or soft, components.

- **PRL 101, 062001 (2008)**, which is a D0 Measurement of Inclusive Jet Cross Section @ 1.96 TeV. They use Pythia QW tune with CTEQ6.5M PDFs. They say the following "These nonperturbative corrections to theory extend from +10% to +20% at  $p_T$  50 GeV between  $|y| < 0.4$  and  $2.0 < |y| < 2.4$ . The corrections are of order +5% for  $p_T$  100 GeV, and smaller than +2% above 200 GeV." Translation: They see the highest effects at very low  $p_T$  and in the lowest and highest rapidity bins, where the corrections are between 10-20 %. They show no plots
- **PRL 107, 132001 (2011)**, which is a CMS measurement of inclusive jet cross section @ 7TeV. They use PYTHIA 6.422 and HERWIG++ 2.4.2. The correction is defined as the average of the models, and the associated theoretical uncertainty is assumed to be half of the difference between the two predictions. For low- $p_T$  jets, the NP correction can be as large as 30%, with a relative uncertainty of 100%." They show no plots.
- Our analysis, from the Patrick Connor Note (AN-19-167-temp), where the corrections are shown in 2. They use PYTHIA8 with different tunes (CP1, CP5, 4C), HERWIG ++ and/or HERWIG 7, and SHERPA. "In the context of the R scan analysis by Suman with 2016 data, NP correction factors extracted from POWHEG + PYTHIA ( POWHEG + HERWIG ++ ) were found to be very similar to PYTHIA ( HERWIG ++ ) standalone, and are not extracted here."
- DOI 10.1140, which is a CMS inclusive Jet cross section measurement at 1 TeV. The plots post fitting are shown in 1, the paper is on <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1140/epjc/s10052-016-4286-3.pdf>.
- The familiar paper "Measurement and QCD analysis of double-differential inclusive jet cross sections in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV has the arxiv label "2111.10431". The data for this study can be found at <https://gitlab.cern.ch/fitters/xfitter-datafiles/-/tree/master/lhc/cms/jets/2111.10431> and the results are directly compared to ours.

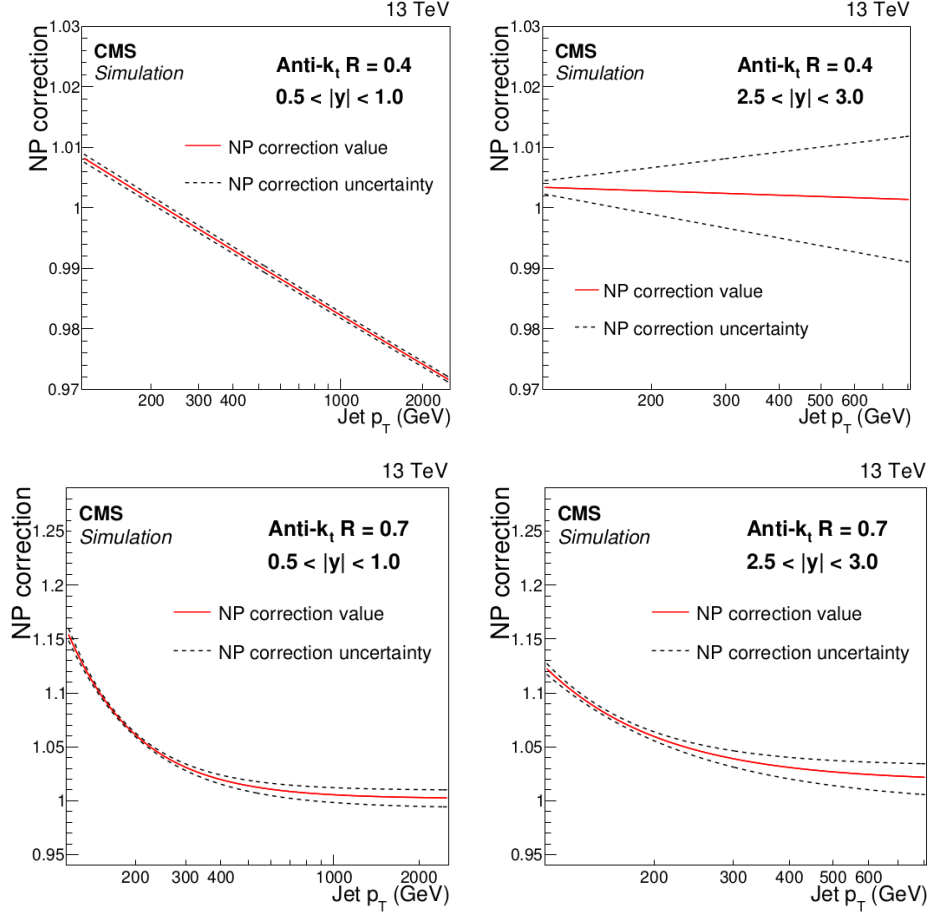


Figure 1: DOI 10.1140 (CMS Incl JEt @ 13 TeV). Pythia8 CUETS1-CTEQ6L1, CUETS1-HERAPDF, and CUETM1. Fit is power-law function of jet  $p_T$ . <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1140/epjc/s10052-016-4286-3.pdf>

## 2 POWHEG-BOX

Dijet production is by far the most frequently-occurring of all hard scattering processes in hadronic collisions.

In Powheg each event is built first by producing the underlying Born configuration, here a QCD 2-> 2 scattering. They use the  $p_T$  of the underlying Born configuration as the  $\mu_R = \mu_F$  in obtaining fixed order NLO predictions.

The cross section falls very sharply as the transverse momentum of the leading jet increases

$$\sigma(p_{T, jet\ 1}) \propto p_{T, jet\ 1}^{-6} \quad (1)$$

Therefore if we generate events with equal weights, the high  $p_T$  regions will not be populated. With a positive  $k_{T, supp}$  factor, the cross section is weighted such that

$$\sigma_{weighted}(k_T) = \mathcal{S}(k_T) \sigma(k_T) = \left( \frac{k_T^2}{k_T^2 + k_{T, supp}^2} \right)^3 \sigma(k_T) \quad (2)$$

Where  $\text{bornsupp} = k_{T, supp}$ . Essentially events are weighted according to weight. To learn more about this, please visit the POWHEG-BOX Dijet paper [https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/JHEP04\(2011\)081.pdf](https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/JHEP04(2011)081.pdf). [1]

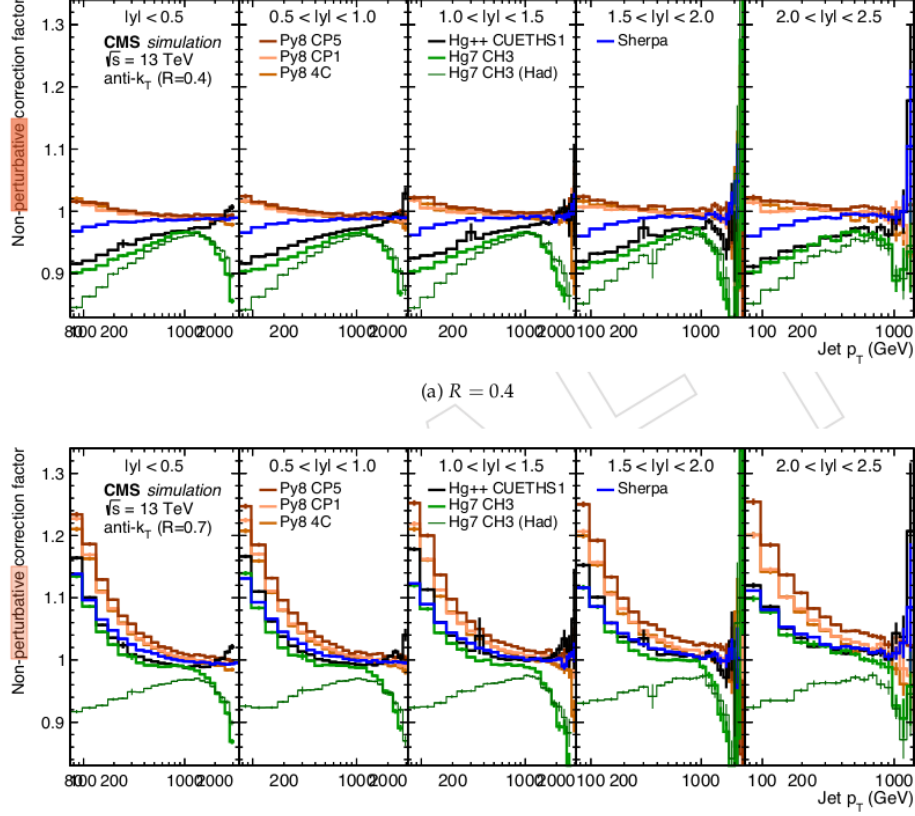
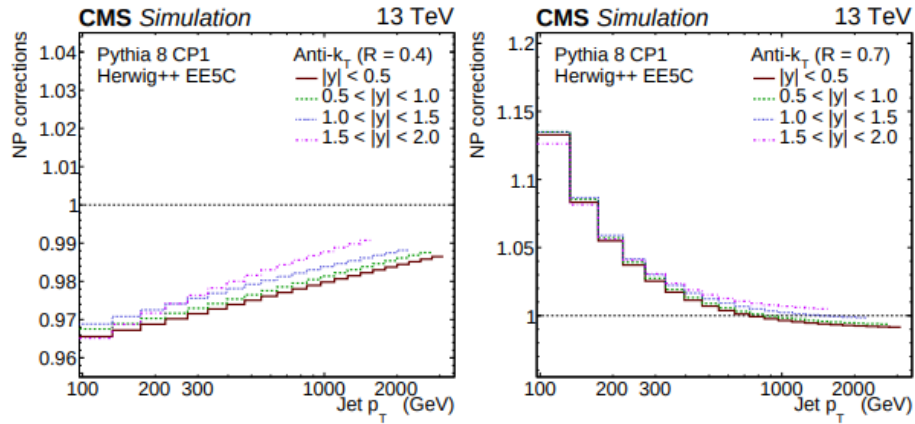


Figure 2: Our analysis, from the Patrick Connor Note (AN-19-167-temp)

Figure 3: The familiar CMS paper <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2111.10431.pdf>. They use Pythia Tune: CUETP8M1-NNPDF2.3LO, and fit a smooth function  $a_0 + a_1/p_T^{a_2}$ .

The  $k_T$  dependence of the suppression factor in the above equation is such that the generation of low transverse momentum events is relatively damped, while the whole transverse momentum region is nearly uniformly populated up to momenta of the order of  $k_{T,supp}$ .

In PYTHIA, the  $p_T$  of MPI scattering is set to be quite high, much above the scale of the hard process under examination. In jet production this may lead to overcounting. PYTHIA inhibits this behavior when it generates jets, by limiting the MPI scale to that of the jets of the primary interaction. But when interfacing with pythia through POWHEG, there is no way for pythia to know that it is showering a jet process, therefore the user should tell PYTHIA to limit the scale of the MPI to the hardness of the primary interaction: this can be done with `MSTP(86)=1`.

For the POWHEG-BOX generation of les Houches events, we use PDF set `NNPDF31_nnlo_as_0118`.

## 2.1 Showering, Pythia, Tunes

The next step in the chain of derivation of NP corrections is using parton showering programs. We use Pythia 8.306, and later we plan to use Herwig7 for the showering, since they have different showering models, and it might be good to compare them as other papers have done. As of Pythia 8.2, the default Pythia tune is Monash 2013.

Different tunes can be changed in pythia by simply doing "TUNE:pp=N", where N corresponds to the tune, which can be found in the "Tunes" page of <https://pythia.org/latest-manual/welcome.html>. See a discussion on the CMS Pythia tunes here <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1512.00815.pdf>.

- We use Pythia Tune `CUETP8M1-NNPDF2.3LO`, since that is the standard one for CMS that others use, so that we can directly compare with the NPCs plotted in the literature review. Our results for one of the slices with this Tune is in Fig 6.
- We should also use We use Tune `CUETP8S1-CTEQ6L1`, but somehow that is currently not working on naf.
- We should also use `CUETP8S1-HERAPDF1.5LO`
- We should also shower with Herwig 7.

## 3 Results

$$C^{NP} = \frac{d^2\sigma_{MC}^{PS+MPI+HAD}/dp_T dy}{d^2\sigma_{MC}^{PS}/dp_T dy} \quad (3)$$

Or, for simplicity,

$$CNP(p_T^{jet}) = \frac{\sigma_{PS+MPI+HAD}}{\sigma_{PS}}. \quad (4)$$

The uncertainty in the NP correction factors  $\Delta_{CNP}$  were propagated from the uncertainties in the post-hadronization and pre-hadronization cross sections, assuming the post and pre-hadronization cross sections are uncorrelated (i.e. their covariance matrix has zero off-diagonal elements)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{NP} &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial CNP}{\partial \sigma_{PS}} \Delta_{\sigma_{PS}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial CNP}{\partial \sigma_{PS+MPI+HAD}} \Delta_{\sigma_{PS+MPI+HAD}}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_{PS+MPI+HAD}}{\sigma_{PS}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta_{\sigma_{PS+MPI+HAD}}}{\sigma_{PS+MPI+HAD}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta_{\sigma_{PS}}}{\sigma_{PS}}\right)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

### 3.1 Individual Slices

Many Individual "slices" were computed, where a slice denotes a choice of the pair  $(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})$ .

A few individual slices are presented in the figure, for illustration purposes. Notice that some  $(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})$  combinations yield very unreasonable results, as in the (0, 10) combination, whereas others yield more uniform factors around 1.0, such as the (11000, 1250) slices. and others fluctuate around between 0.9 and 1.1, such as the (800, 600) slices.

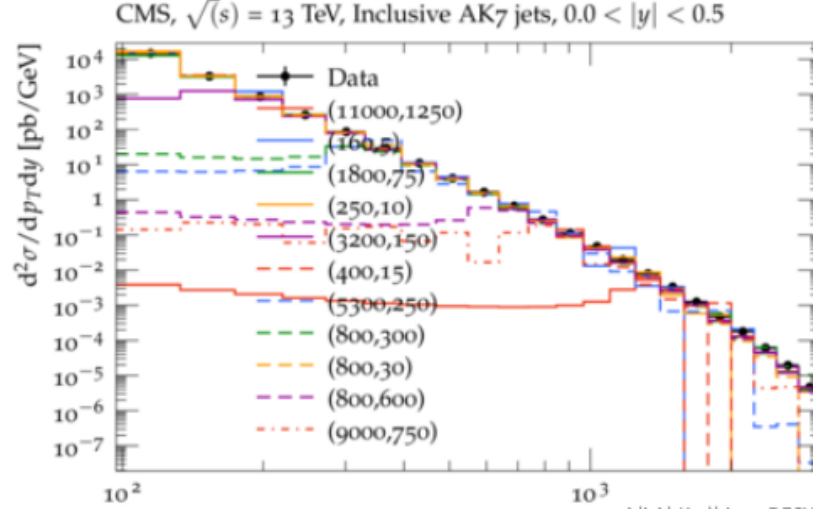


Figure 4: The differential cross section evaluated with 12 total  $(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})$  "slices". We see that the slices are mostly doing what they are supposed to do, i.e. populate the spectrum at different ranges in  $p_T^{jet}$ .

### 3.2 Patched NPC

The  $CNP(p_T^{jet})$  was made by patching together different  $CNP$  based on different values of  $(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})$  to target different regions of the  $p_T^{jet}$ , and combined based on the the correction factors that yielded the lowest uncertainty in that  $p_T$  range (i.e.  $CNP = \sum_i \sim (k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min}) w_i^{(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})} C_{NP,i}^{(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})}$  where  $w_i^{(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min})} \propto 1/\Delta_{CNP,i}$  and  $i$  indexes the  $p_T$  bins).

## 4 The problem of large fluctuations

As you can see in the patched NPCs above, there is large fluctuations (esp at low  $p_T$ ) even with 1B events. Furthermore, there is much ambiguity about why certain slices yield large fluctuations, why some slices result is something completely unreasonable, and how best to combine all these samples to one spectrum. One should note that my slices with the least unceranties on the NPCs are plotted in Fig., and we note that they still show considerable fluctuations (even with  $10^9$  events!!). Furthermore, other groups have noted that you may need several billion events in order to get reasonable results. There are two possibilities here: either

1. Case 1: This is not a problem, and it is expected. One could argue that this should not seem like such an unexpected problem, since we have little published data to go off of, as most publications report the NP corrections after they fit it with a smooth function.
- Case 2: This is a legitimate problem. In that case, we should try to find the root of the problem, by isolating each part of the chain, and running tests. Since there are so many steps and software components to this measurement, the source of the issue could come from one of the steps in the chain. The cause can also be something more fundamental. Each possibility of failure along this chain should be investigated. The possible causes enumerate and manifest themselves themselves in the following manner:
  - (a) It is a problem with the (bornsuppfactor, bornktnmin). A sample in Fig. 5 was done to address this. As we see, defining them as zero exaserbates the problem.
  - (b) It is a problem with POWHEG altogether. A sample to address this, was generated with Pythia standalone to address this. This was done in "two runs", once with MPI/HAD on and once again with them off. ([https://github.com/AliAlkadhimi/NPC\\_Jets/blob/master/pythia\\_tutorials/pythia\\_stanalone\\_NP\\_tworuns\\_pre.cc](https://github.com/AliAlkadhimi/NPC_Jets/blob/master/pythia_tutorials/pythia_stanalone_NP_tworuns_pre.cc)).
  - (c) It is a problem with the yoda/riivet chain. The workflow is: rivet -> Fifo -> yoda. and the yoda files are then combined with yodamerge\_tmp.py to two .yoda files, one fore post and one for pre hadronization. Then rivet-cmhistos --mc-errs <file1.yoda> <file2.yoda> was called to compare the two files and generate a .dat file for each rapidity bin. However, the numbers

in the individual .dat files often differ than the numbers associated with the same histograms in the .yoda file. There is then ambiguity whether one should use the .yoda file or the .dat files.

- (d) It relates to calculation of errors and their propagation to the ratio. A calculation was done with ROOT, and yoda2root executable.

This implies that we are all doing something fundamentally wrong, because we shouldn't need more than hundreds of thousands of counts per bin in order to get good fluctuations/uncertainties.

#### 4.1 Weighted Average of Slices

A note that was raised by Harrison Prosper is that We should treat this as analogous to the problem of triggers, where we have no biasing of the data at all. It is analogous in the sense that the data has different thresholds, all the events have different weights, and we just patch them together. One way could be to use a weighted average, such that the complete  $CNP(p_T; y)$  is the a weighted sum of the correction factors of each  $p_T$  bin, such that there is no biasing of the different slices. The correction factor at one rapidity bin  $y$  and a  $P_T$  bin can be written as

$$CNP^{p_T \text{ bin}}(p_T^{jet}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{slices}} w_i CNP_i^{p_T \text{ bin}}(p_T^{jet}) \quad (6)$$

Where the weight of slice  $i$  at the same  $p_T$  and  $y$  bins is

$$w_i = \frac{1/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{slices}} 1/\sigma_i^2} \quad (7)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the variance, which can be approximated as the relative uncertainty of the correction factor  $\Delta_{NP}$  (at a given  $p_T$  and  $y$  bin). Although this would not bias any slice more than another, there is ambiguity on which slices to include or exclude and why.

#### 4.2 Pythia Standalone

To assess whether the problem is with POWHEG altogether, as outlined in the possible sources of error, the NP corrections were derived with Pythia8 standalone and is shown in Fig. 9, using  $10^6$  events, via the "two runs", i.e. once with MPI and Hadronization turned off and once again with them turned on. The samples were generated with [https://github.com/AliaAlkadhimi/NPC\\_Jets/blob/master/pythia\\_tutorials/pythia\\_standalone\\_NP\\_tworuns\\_pre.cc](https://github.com/AliaAlkadhimi/NPC_Jets/blob/master/pythia_tutorials/pythia_standalone_NP_tworuns_pre.cc) and analyzed with [https://github.com/AliaAlkadhimi/NPC\\_Jets/blob/master/pythia\\_tutorials/analyze\\_tworuns\\_NP.py](https://github.com/AliaAlkadhimi/NPC_Jets/blob/master/pythia_tutorials/analyze_tworuns_NP.py).

#### 4.3 Effective Count

One of the problems that could give rise to this is that the number of counts of the cross sections in each bin is not what we expect them to be. Since we are using  $10^9$  events for each slice, we expect to see hundreds of thousands of counts in each bin, which means that the relative uncertainty at low  $p_T$  should not be as high as the plots in Fig. 8 indicate. We can approximate the effective counts per bin by a consideration of the weights and uncertainties per bin. We can also simply plot a distribution of the weights. If it has a long tail (ie large variance), then one could easily destroy the precision of the data. This is because the standard deviation per bin,  $\sigma$ , is given as the sum of weights for that bin  $\sigma^2 = \sum w_i^2$  and the mean per bin,  $\mu = \sum w_i$ . We can then effective count  $N_{eff}$  from

$$\frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{effective}}} \Rightarrow N_{eff} = \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum w_i^2}{\sum w_i}. \quad (8)$$

The effective counts based on the equation above can be seen in Fig. 10.

### 5 Presentations

- [https://indico.cern.ch/event/1184925/contributions/4978573/attachments/2484854/4266334/NPC\\_Update\\_Jul25.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1184925/contributions/4978573/attachments/2484854/4266334/NPC_Update_Jul25.pdf)

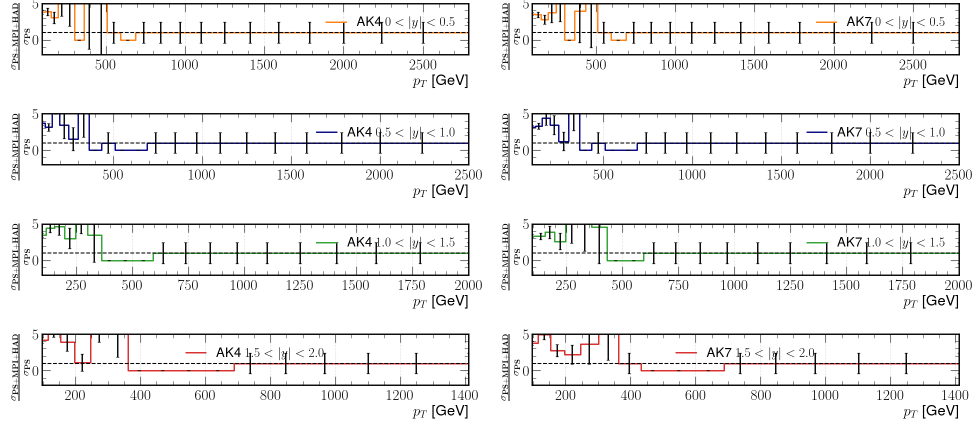
## 6 Planed Studies

- 6.1 Seeing the impact of the NP Correction Variations on xFitter Fits of  $\alpha_S$
- 6.2 The corrections as a 2-d transfer matrix
- 6.3 Defining our own Pythia Tune, which targets hadronization parameters, and doing variations on the parameters
- 6.4 Complete Likelihood fit of pythia parameters  $\vec{\theta}$  and propagating them to the cross section  $\sigma(\vec{\theta})$

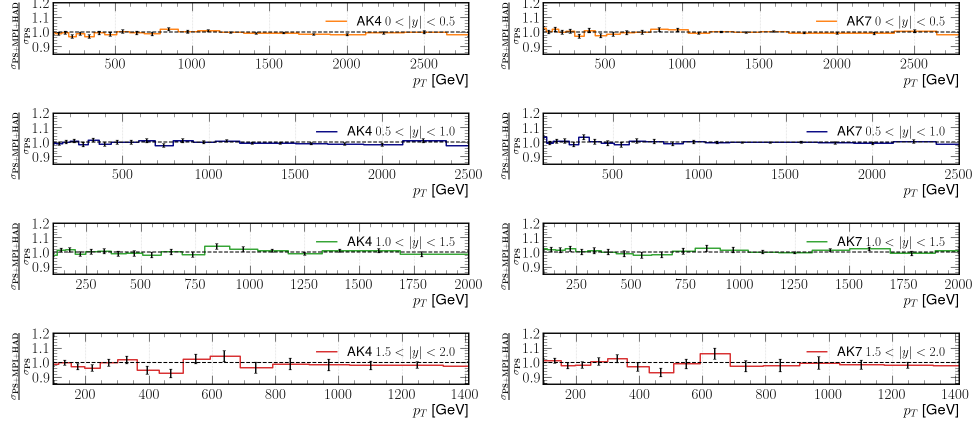
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suppr=0, ktmin=10, 500M events, Monash2013



bornktmin 1,250, bornsuppfact 11,000, MSTP(86)=1, 1B events



(800,600),  $10^9$  events, Monash2013

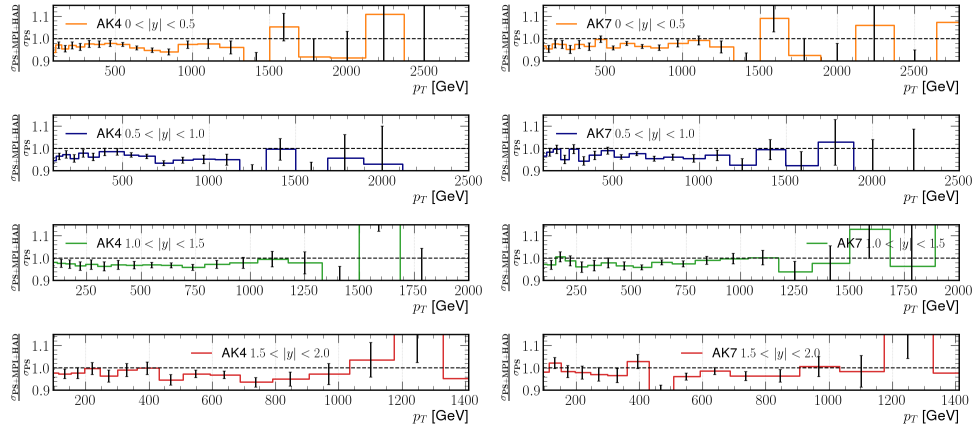


Figure 5: The NP corrections for some individual example slices using the Default Pythia Tune Monash2013. Different choices of slices lead to varying levels of fluctuations and uncertainties.



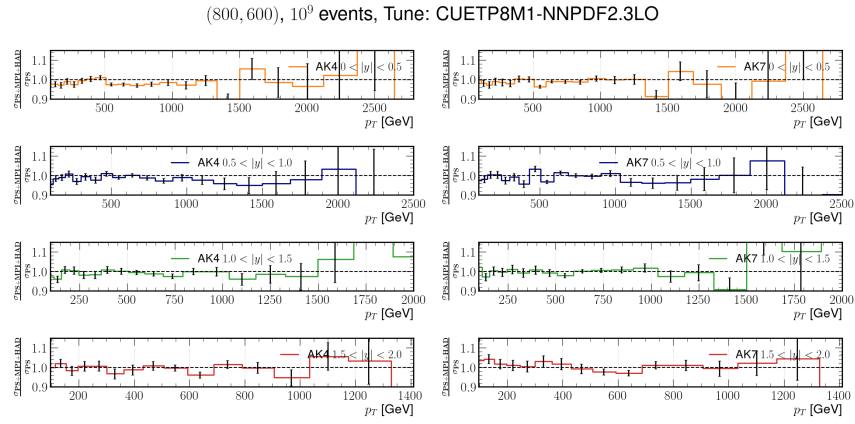
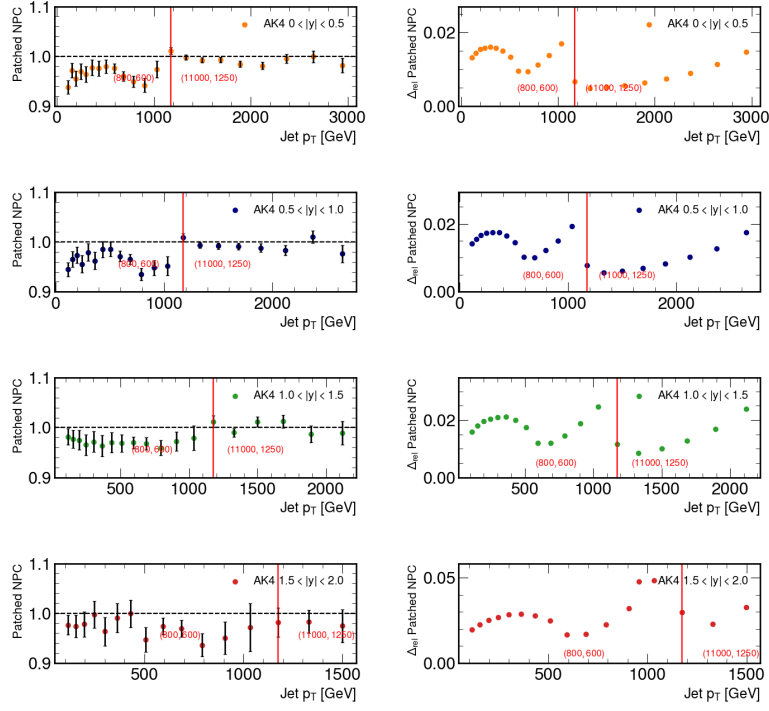


Figure 6: The (800, 600) Slices, showered with Pythia's popular CMS Tune CUETP8M1-NNPDF2.3LO.

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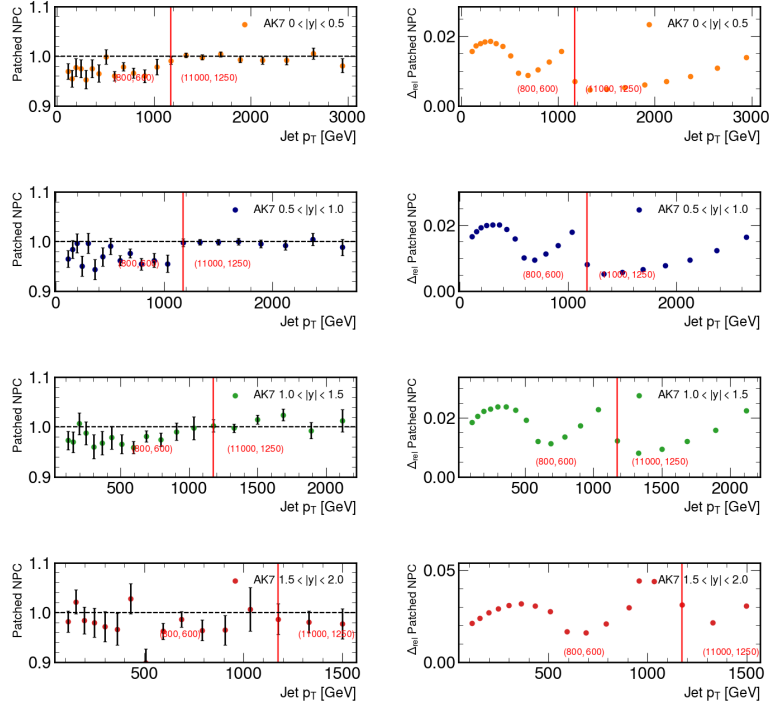
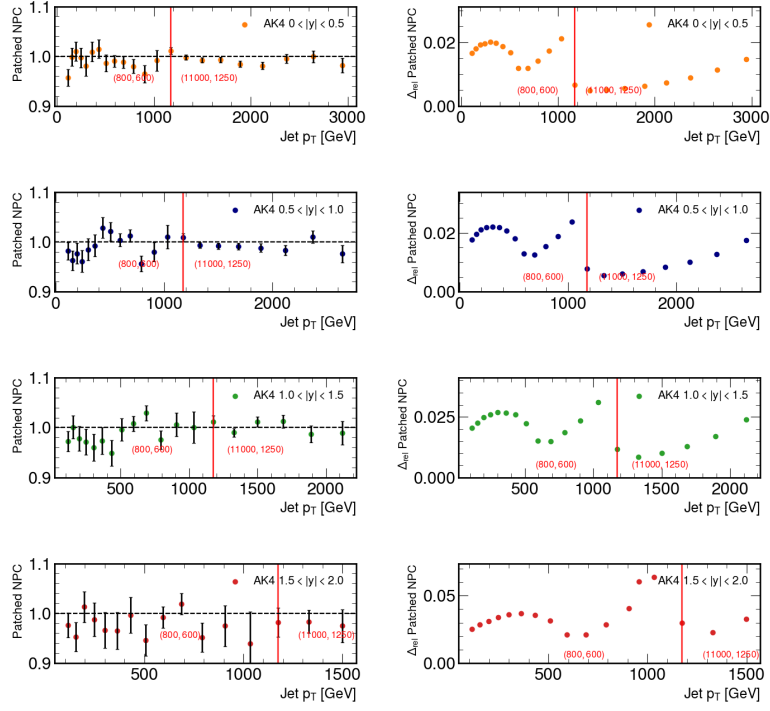


Figure 7: "Patched" Non-perturbative corrections based on two slices  $(k_T^{supp}, k_T^{min}) = (800, 600)$  for low  $p_T$  and  $(11000, 1250)$  for high  $p_T$ . The relative uncertainties on the right plots are simply  $\Delta_{NP}/NPC$  from Eq. 5.

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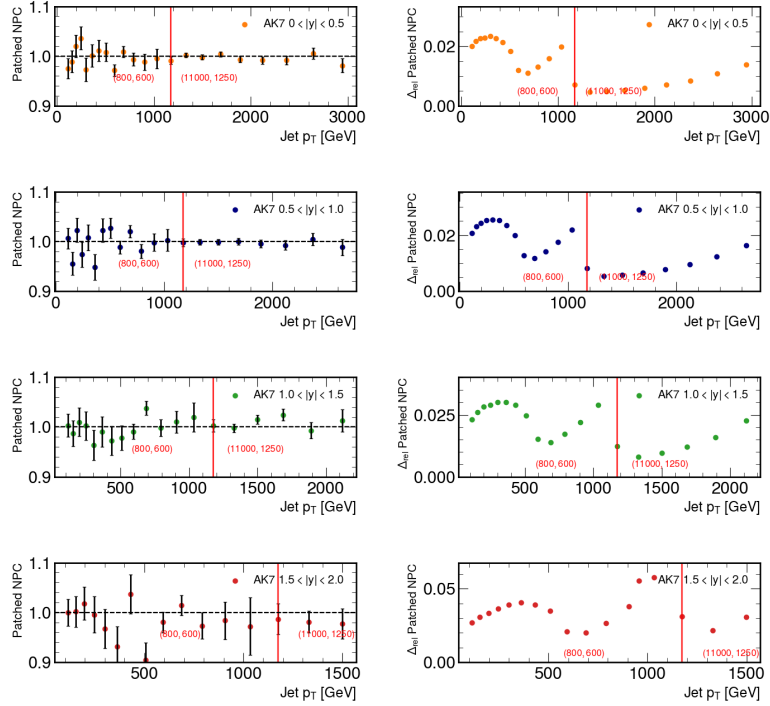


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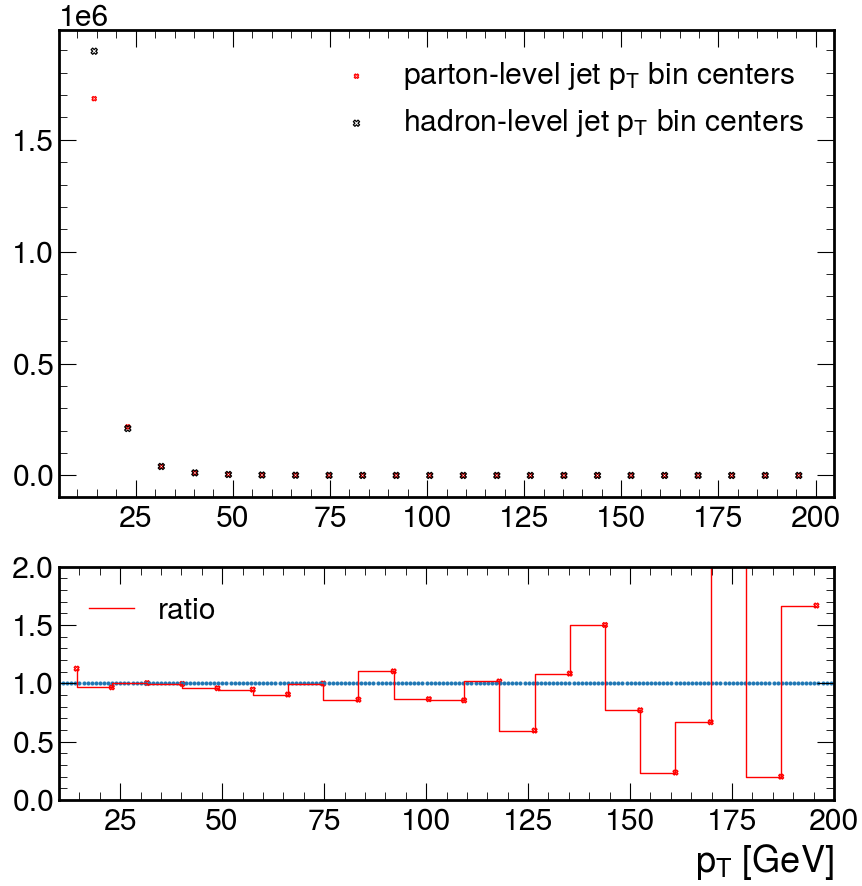
Pythia Standalone,  $10^6$  Events

Figure 9: NP Corrections with Pythia Standalone with  $10^6$  events, via the "two runs", i.e. once with MPI and Hadronization turned off and once again with them turned on. The samples were generated with [https://github.com/AliaAlkadhim/NPC\\_Jets/blob/master/pythia\\_tutorials/pythia\\_standalone\\_NP\\_tworuns\\_pre.cc](https://github.com/AliaAlkadhim/NPC_Jets/blob/master/pythia_tutorials/pythia_standalone_NP_tworuns_pre.cc) and analyzed with [https://github.com/AliaAlkadhim/NPC\\_Jets/blob/master/pythia\\_tutorials/analyze\\_tworuns\\_NP.py](https://github.com/AliaAlkadhim/NPC_Jets/blob/master/pythia_tutorials/analyze_tworuns_NP.py).

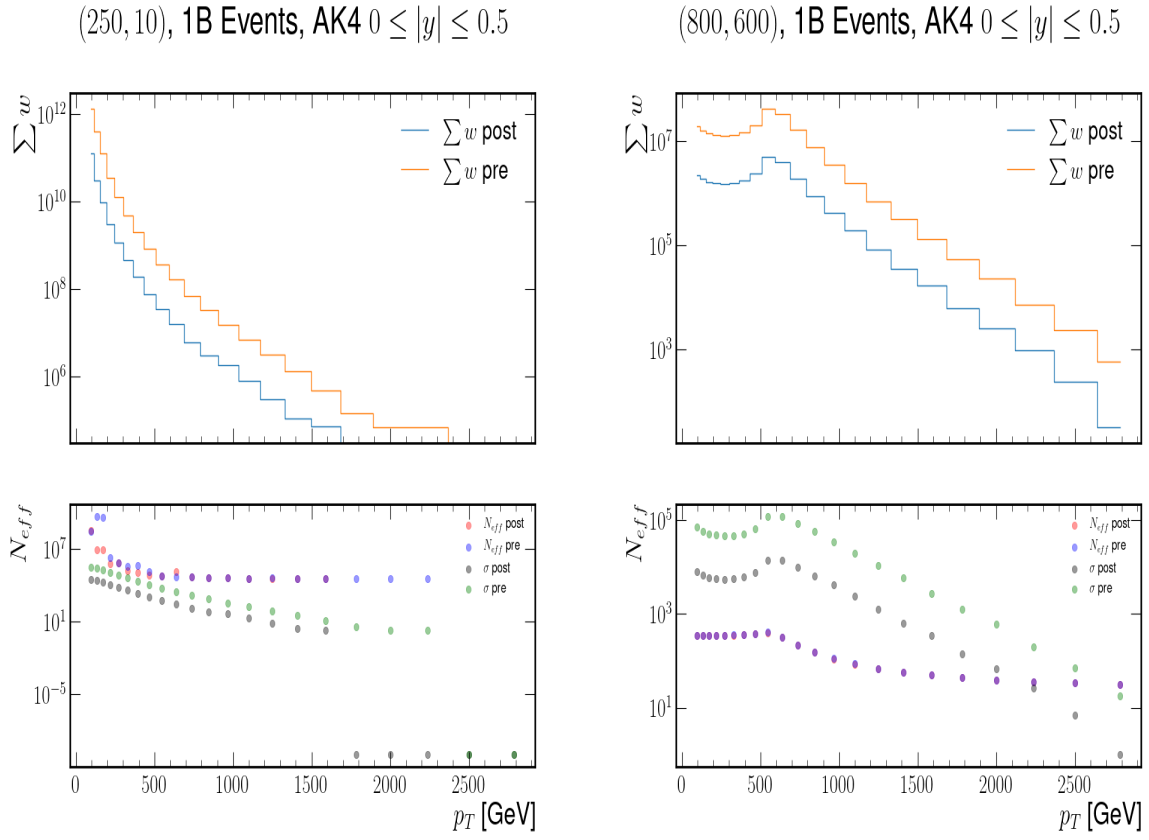


Figure 10: Sum of weights per bin  $\sum w$  and effective counts  $N_{eff}$ , based on Eq. 8.