

# Weighing the Top with energy correlators

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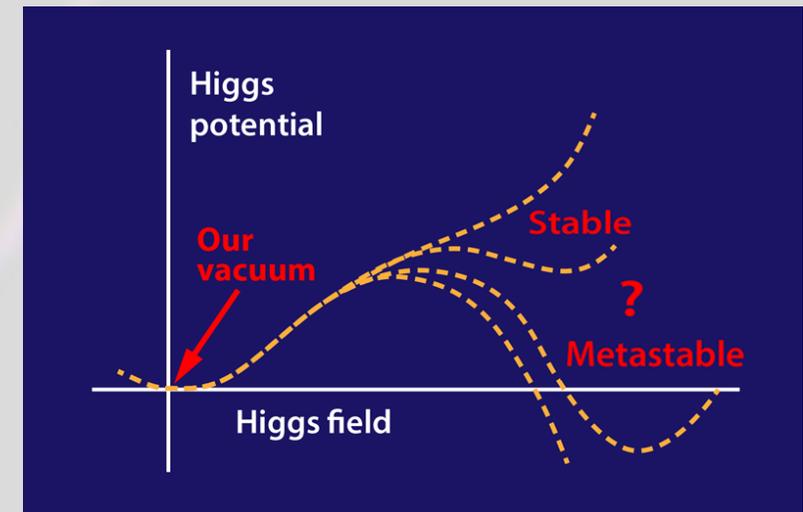
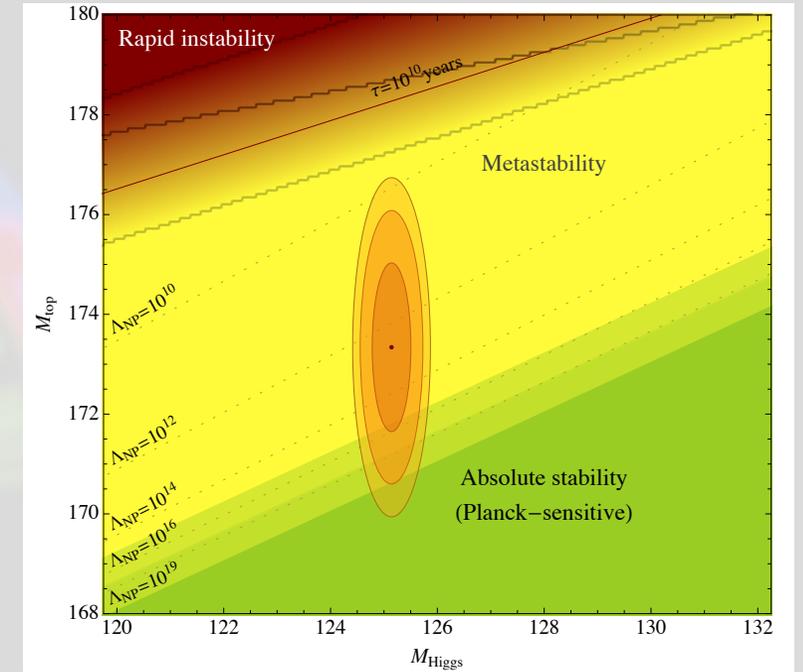
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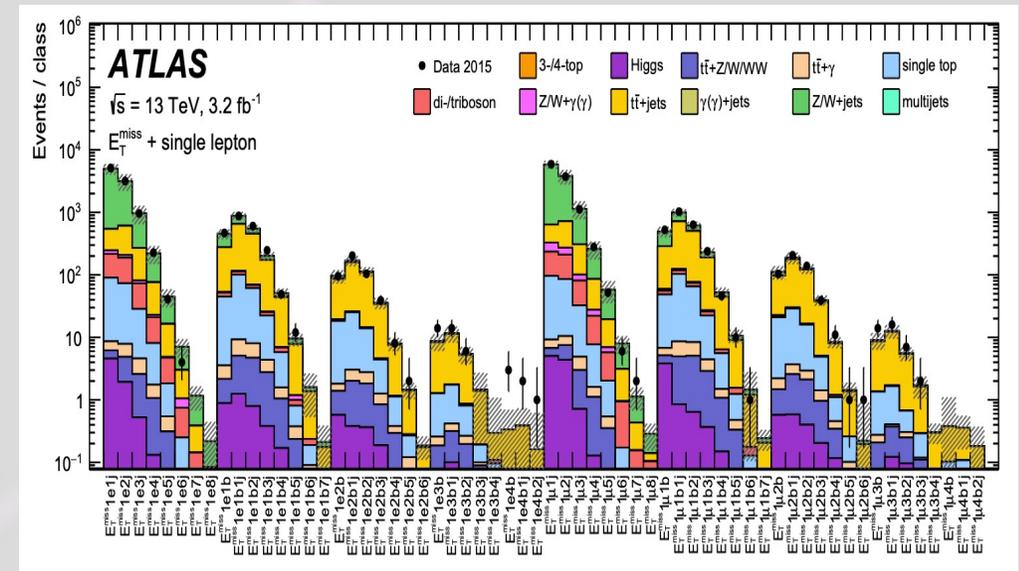
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- We are in an unprecedented era of high statistics collider physics!
  - Top measurements have transitioned from discovery to precision.



# Current status of top mass measurements

- Current world average (HL-LHC projection  $\sim 200$  MeV)

- $m_t = 172.76 \pm 0.30$  GeV [10.1093/ptep/ptaa104](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1093/ptep/ptaa104)

- An impressive uncertainty  $\sim 0.2$  %!

- Some of the numbers that enter this world average:

- $m_t = 172.67 \pm 0.48$  GeV ATLAS, 1810.01772

- $m_t = 172.26 \pm 0.61$  GeV CMS, 1812.06489

- $m_t = 174.34 \pm 0.64$  GeV Tevatron, 1407.2682

- $m_t = 170.5 \pm 0.8$  GeV CMS, 1904.05237

The only quark with **three masses in PDG**:

Mass (direct measurements)  $m = 172.76 \pm 0.30$  GeV <sup>[a,b]</sup> (S = 1.2)

Mass (from cross-section measurements)  $m = 162.5^{+2.1}_{-1.5}$  GeV <sup>[a]</sup>

Mass (Pole from cross-section measurements)  $m = 172.5 \pm 0.7$  GeV

# A new approach

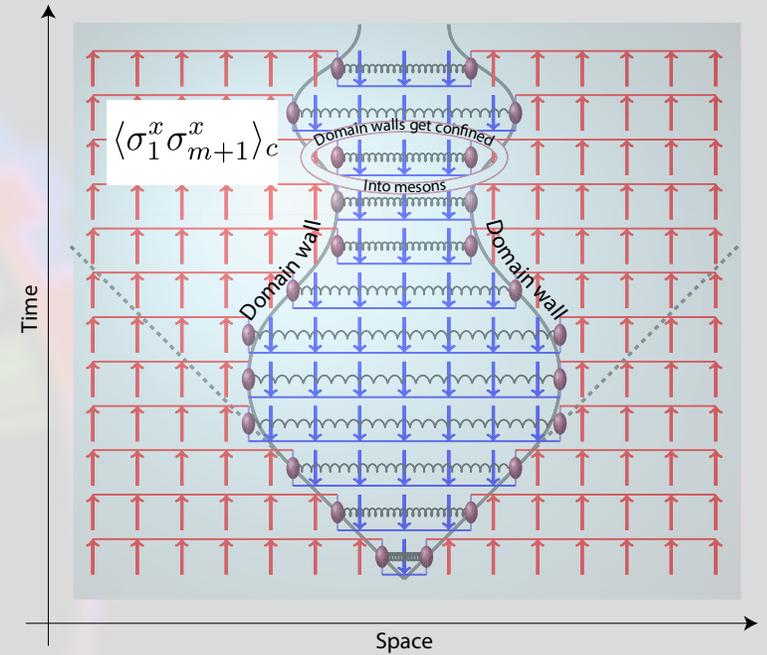
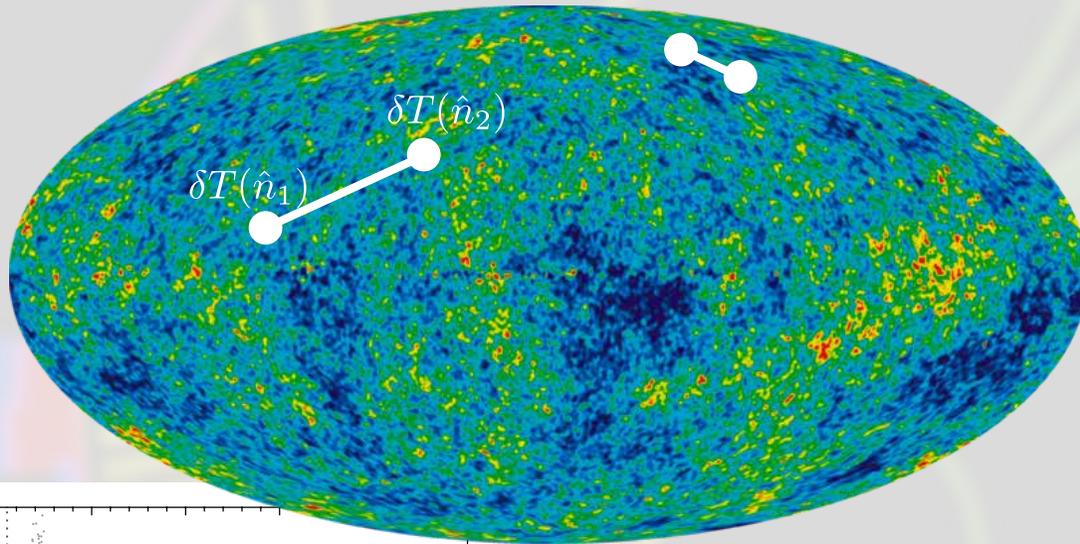
Let us re-think the problem somewhat. What do we have to work with?

- A (partial\*) kinematic breakdown of the particles in each jet.
- A lot of statistics!
  - The HL-LHC will be a top factory.
  - It is forecast that 3Billion ttbar events and 800Million mono-top events will be measured. [1902.04070](#)

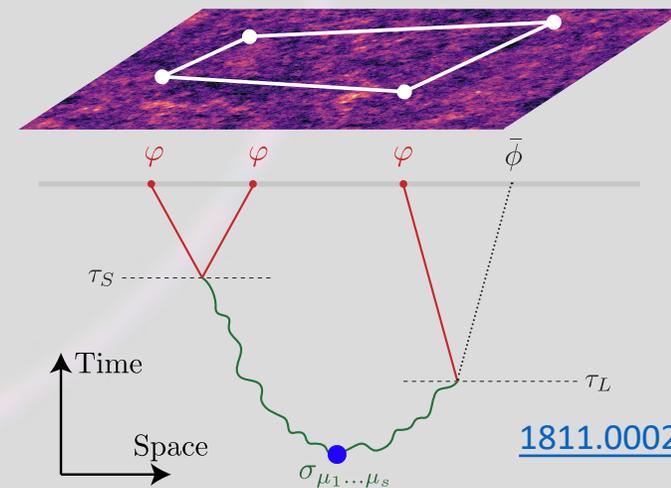
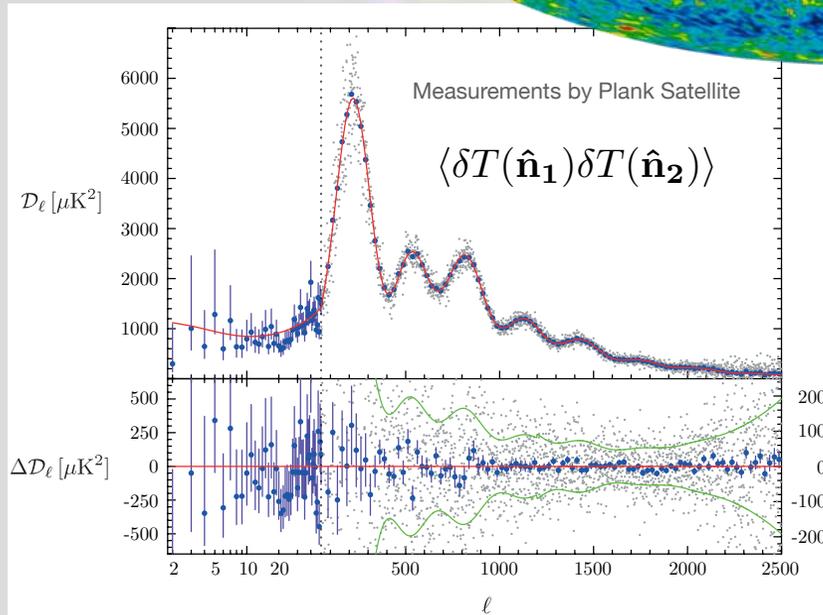
What observables do other fields of physics use when trying to extract simple properties from complicated environments with high statistics?

Correlation functions!

# Correlation Functions



[1604.03571](#)



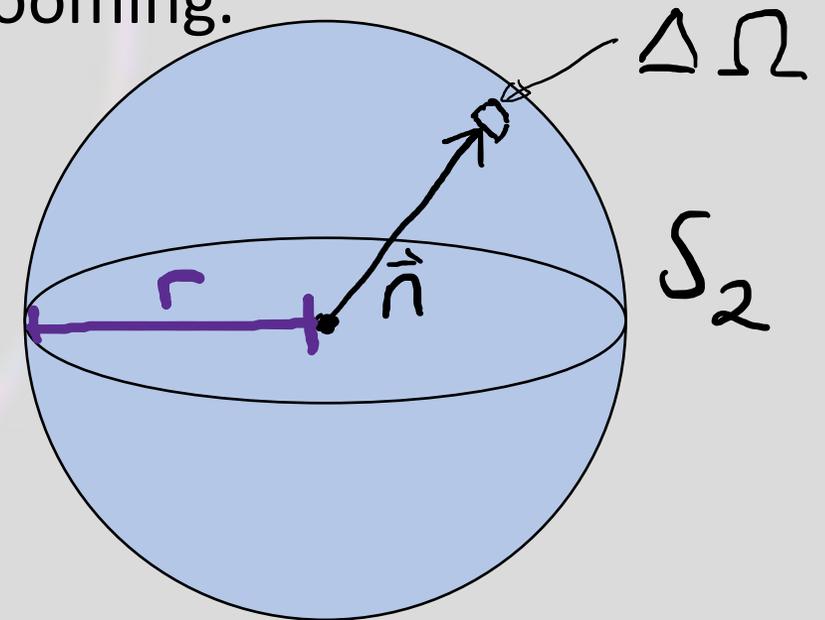
[1811.00024](#), [1503.08043](#)

# Correlation Functions

- Generally one can define correlators of any quantum charge or conserved quantity.
- For QCD, correlators of energy flux are usually of most interest – these naturally remove soft physics without grooming.

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) \approx \int_0^{\infty} dt E_{\text{flux through } \Delta\Omega}(t)$$

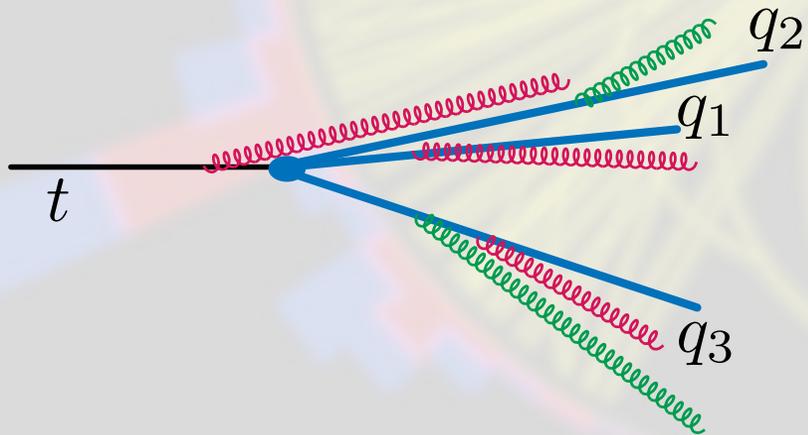


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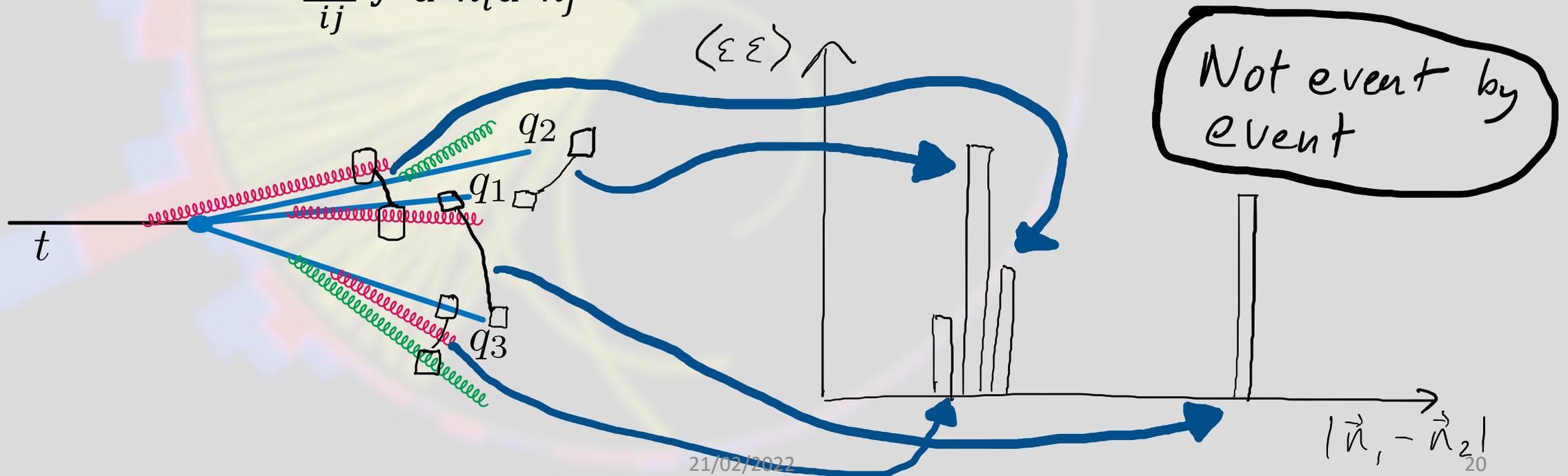
*inclusive cross section to produce two particles,  $ij$ , and anything else!*



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# Correlation Functions

Pros:

- Defined on inclusive cross-sections and can be made insensitive to soft radiation. Textbook example of where  $pp$  CSS factorisation can be used without any violation. [2109.03665](#)

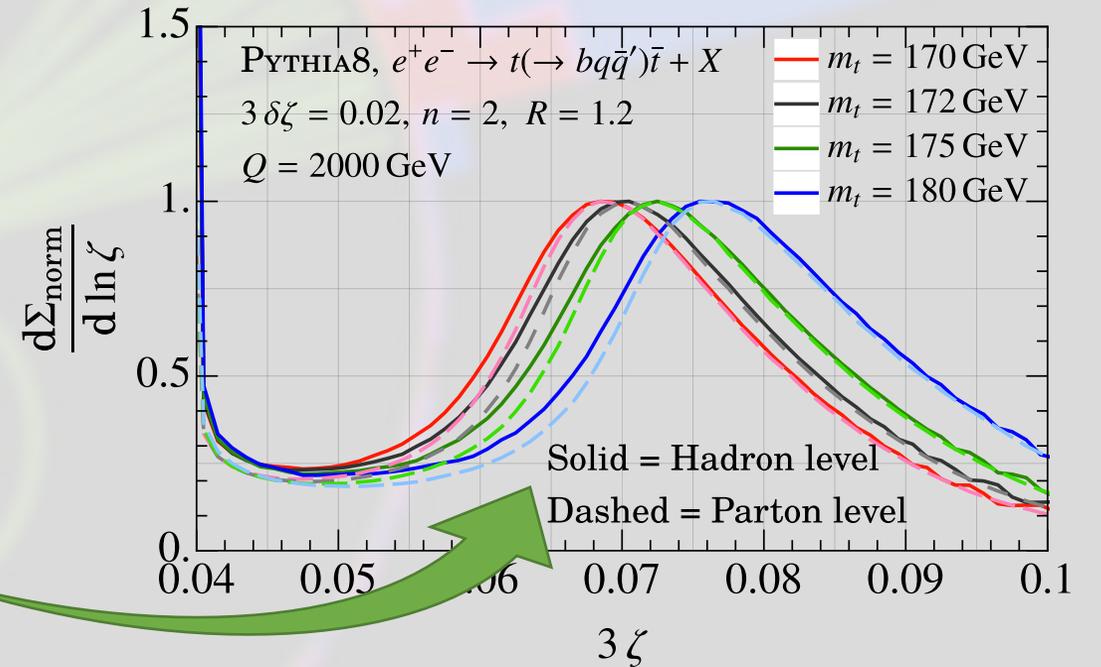
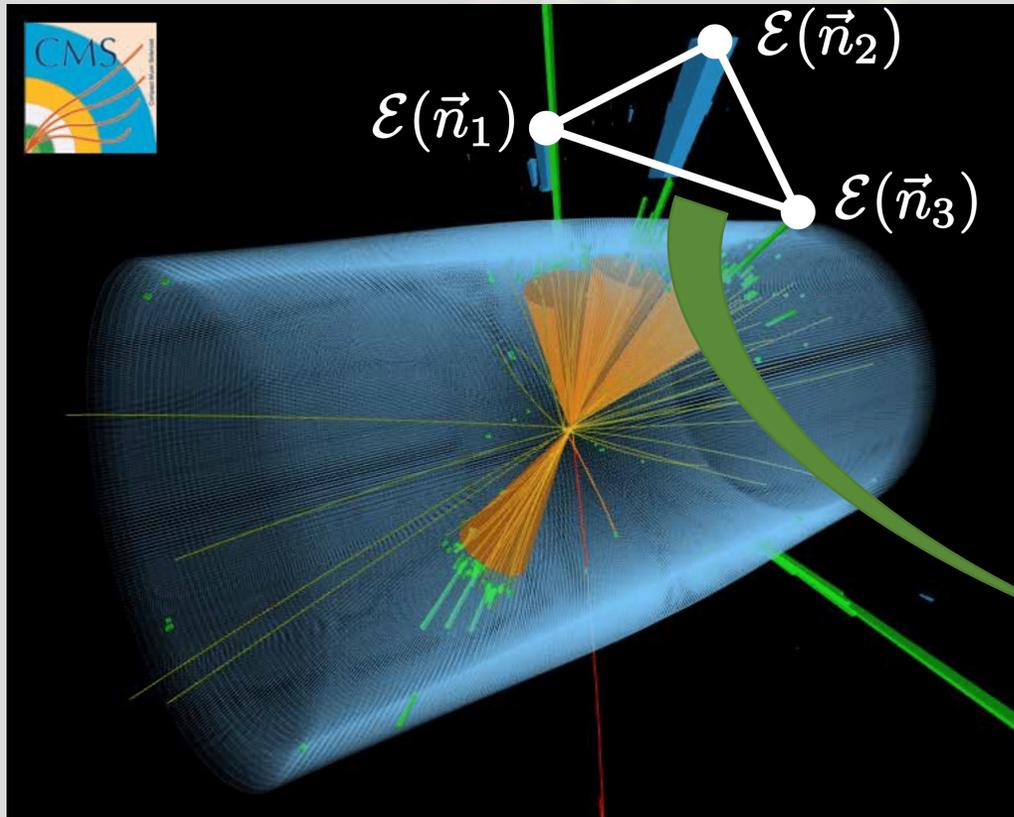
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\zeta} = \int dE_J E_J^2 H(E_J) J_{\text{EEC}}(\zeta, E_J) + \text{power corrections},$$

- Well studied by CFT community. Powerful techniques exist for calculations: light-ray OPE, celestial Blocks, lorentzian inversion. [2202.04085](#)

Cons:

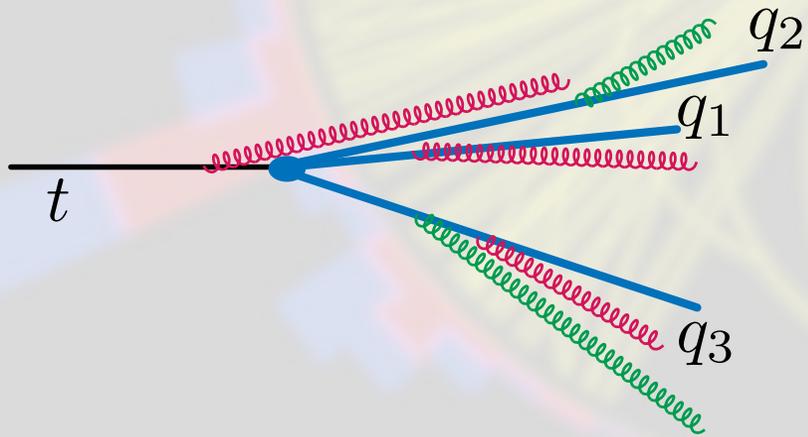
- Reliant on high stats. A precision tool, not a typical discovery tool.
- Not event-by-event so cannot be directly used to tag.

# Part 3: Energy Correlators for Tops



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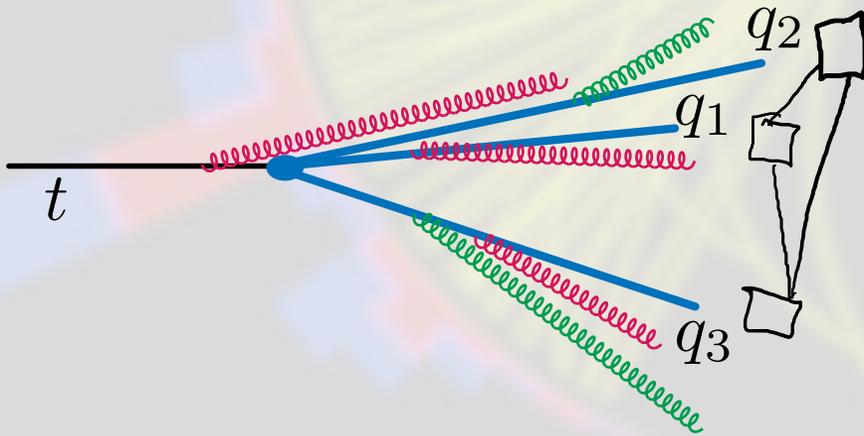
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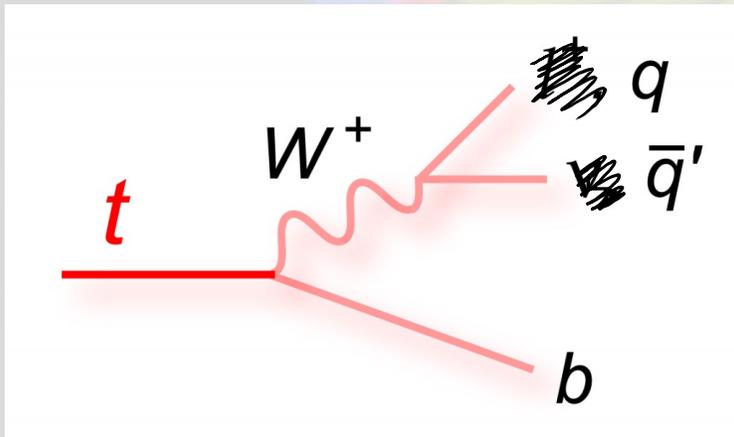
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I'm going to sketch a 'back of the envelope' calculation which gives intuition for the observable.

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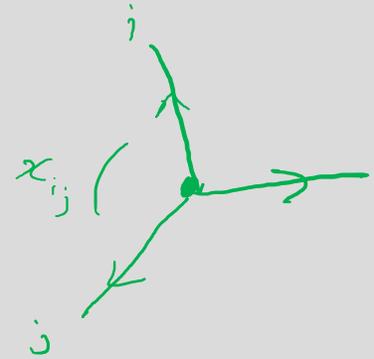
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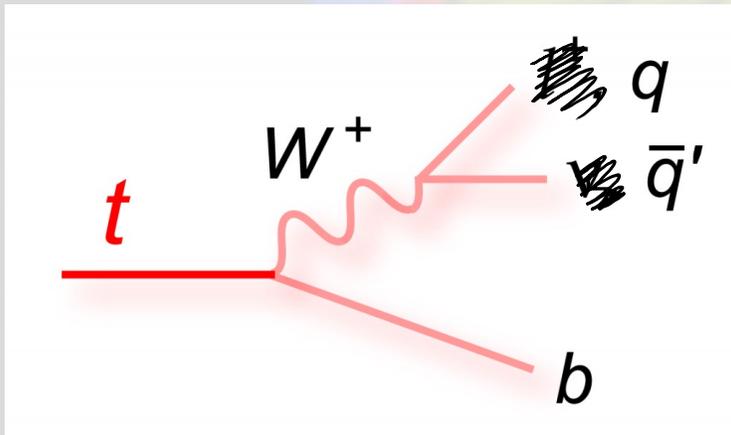
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In the Top rest frame

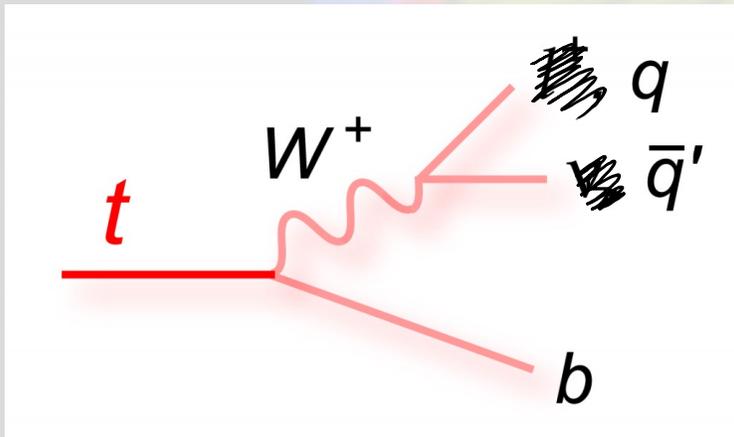
$$\{ 12 + \{ 23 + \{ 31 \in [2, 2.25]$$



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One can find the boost from the Top rest frame to the lab frame where we measure angles  $\tilde{\zeta}_{ij}$ . We find that



$$\sum_{ij} \tilde{\zeta}_{ij} \approx \left(\frac{m_t}{Q}\right)^2 \sum_{ij} \zeta_{ij}$$

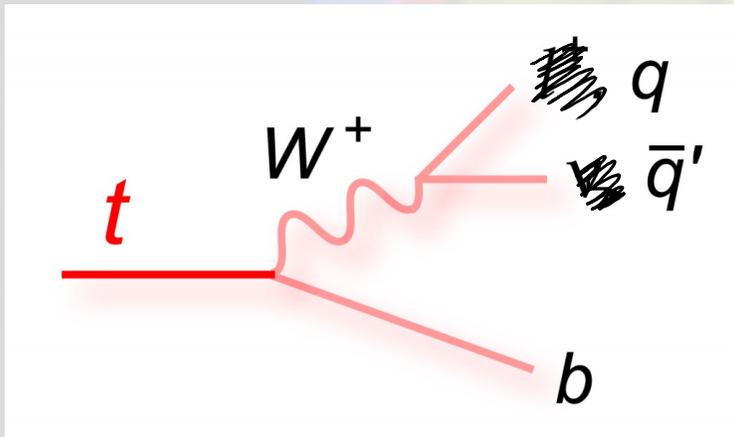
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Fixed order teaches us that look at

$$G(\{ \}) = \int d^2 \vec{n}_1 d^2 \vec{n}_2 d^2 \vec{n}_3 \langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_3) \rangle$$

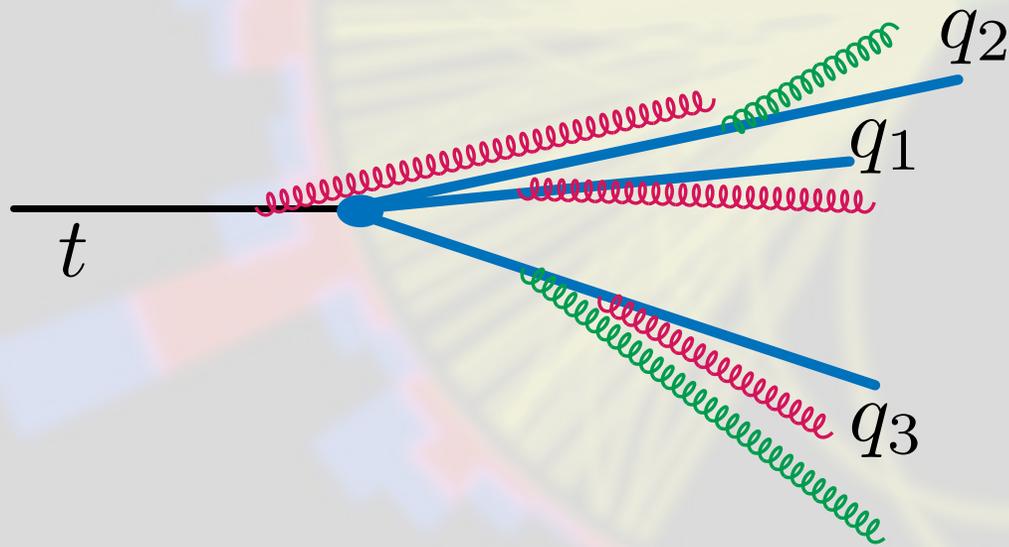
$$\times \delta(\{ \} - |\vec{n}_1 - \vec{n}_2| - |\vec{n}_2 - \vec{n}_3| - |\vec{n}_3 - \vec{n}_1|).$$



Doing the average over  $\vec{n}_i$   
we find  $\langle \{ \} \rangle \approx 3 \frac{m_c^2}{Q^2}$

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What about higher order perturbative corrections?



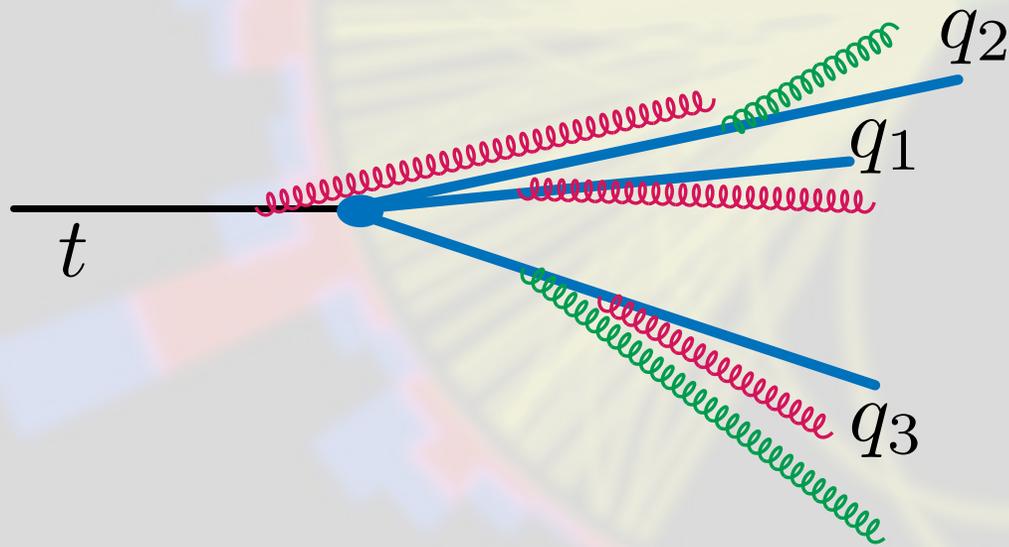
We want to preserve  
the  $\langle \mathcal{Z} \rangle = 3 \frac{m_t^2}{Q^2}$  dependence!

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Energy correlators not  
sensitive to soft physics,  
but will pick up collinear.  
How to minimise?

# Building the observable

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Solution :

require  $|\vec{n}_1 - \vec{n}_2| \approx |\vec{n}_2 - \vec{n}_3|$   
 $\approx |\vec{n}_3 - \vec{n}_1|$

that way we never have  
a small angle in the sum  
over  $i, j$  around  $\xi = \frac{3m^2}{Q^2}$ .

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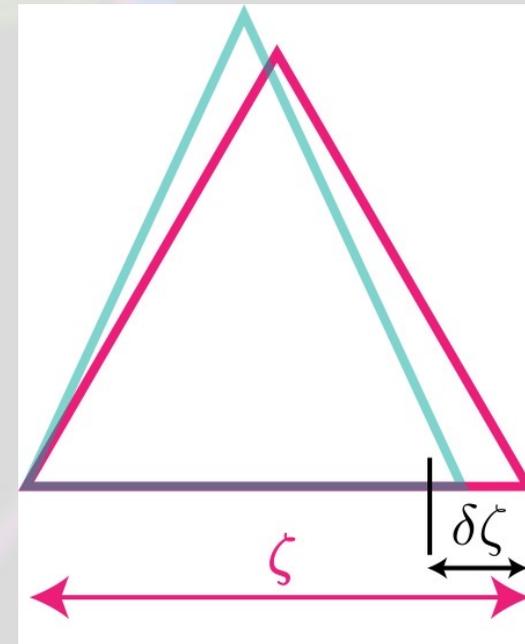
In all, we have...

$$\frac{d\Sigma(\delta\zeta)}{dQd\zeta} = \int d\zeta_{12}d\zeta_{23}d\zeta_{31} \int d\sigma \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{\Delta}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}, \zeta, \delta\zeta), \quad (4)$$

where the measurement operator  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{\Delta}^{(n)}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{\Delta}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}, \zeta, \delta\zeta) &= \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}) \quad (5) \\ &\times \delta(3\zeta - \zeta_{12} - \zeta_{23} - \zeta_{31}) \prod_{l,m,n \in \{1,2,3\}} \Theta(\delta\zeta - |\zeta_{lm} - \zeta_{mn}|). \end{aligned}$$

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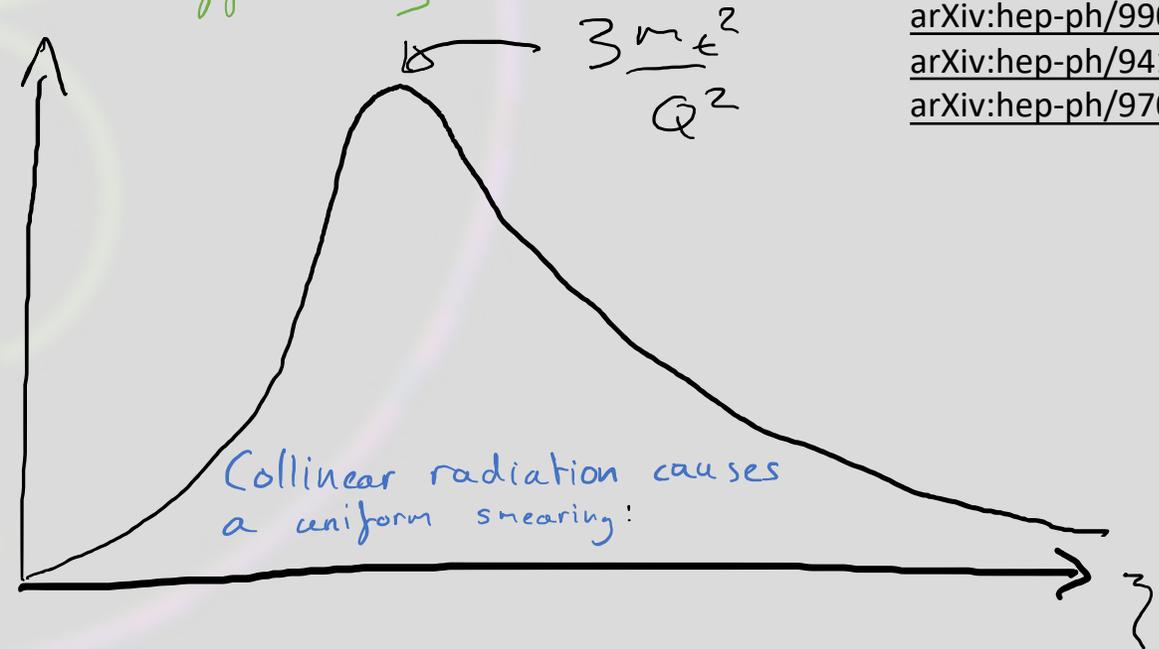
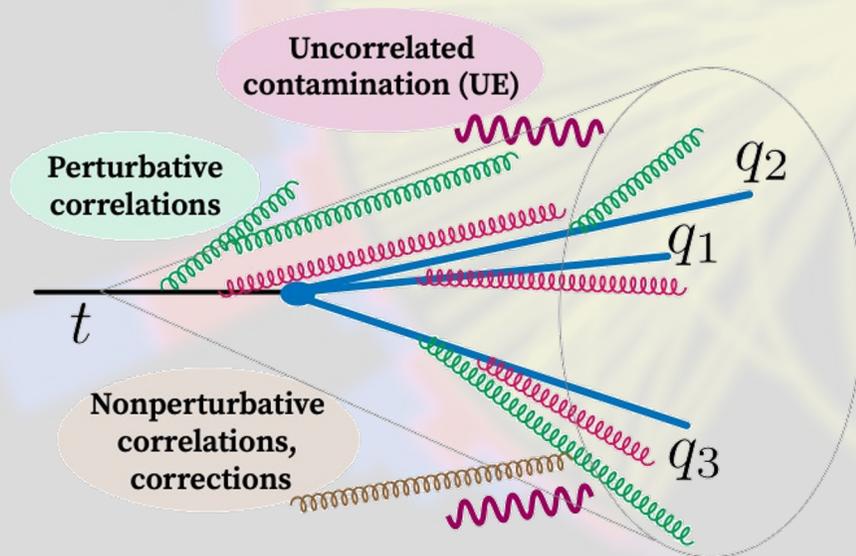


# Understanding the distribution

What will the distribution look like with N.P. corrections?

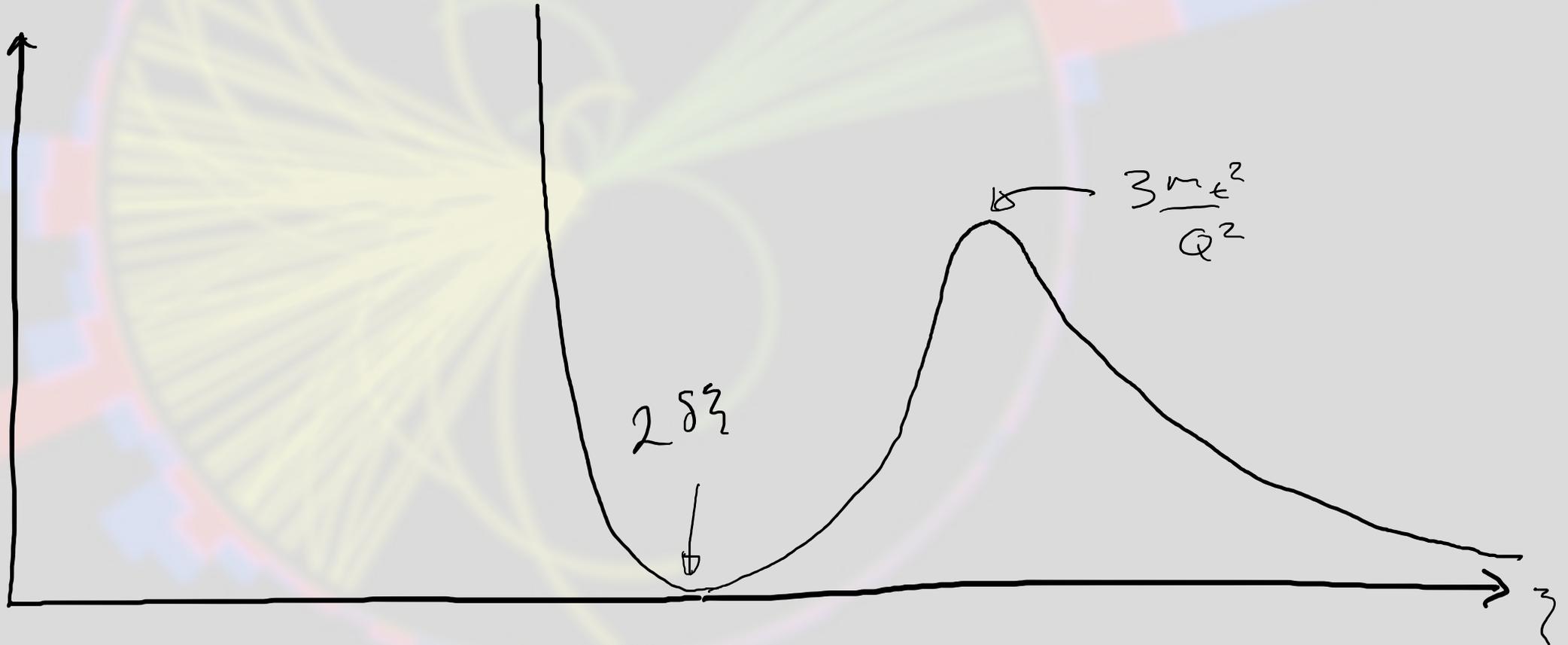
We know from other studies of energy correlators that N.P. corrections are an additive power law. Effectively a change in normalisation.

[arXiv:hep-ph/9902341](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9902341)  
[arXiv:hep-ph/9411211](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9411211)  
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What is the effect of the asymmetry in the triangle?



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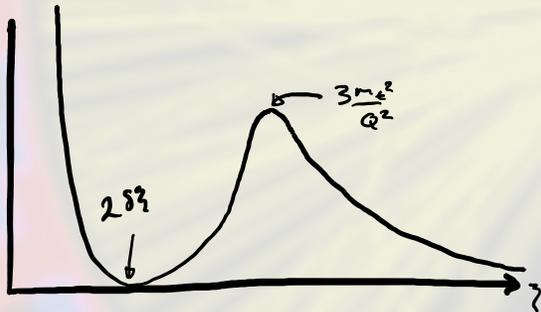
Enough sketching!

Let us simulate.

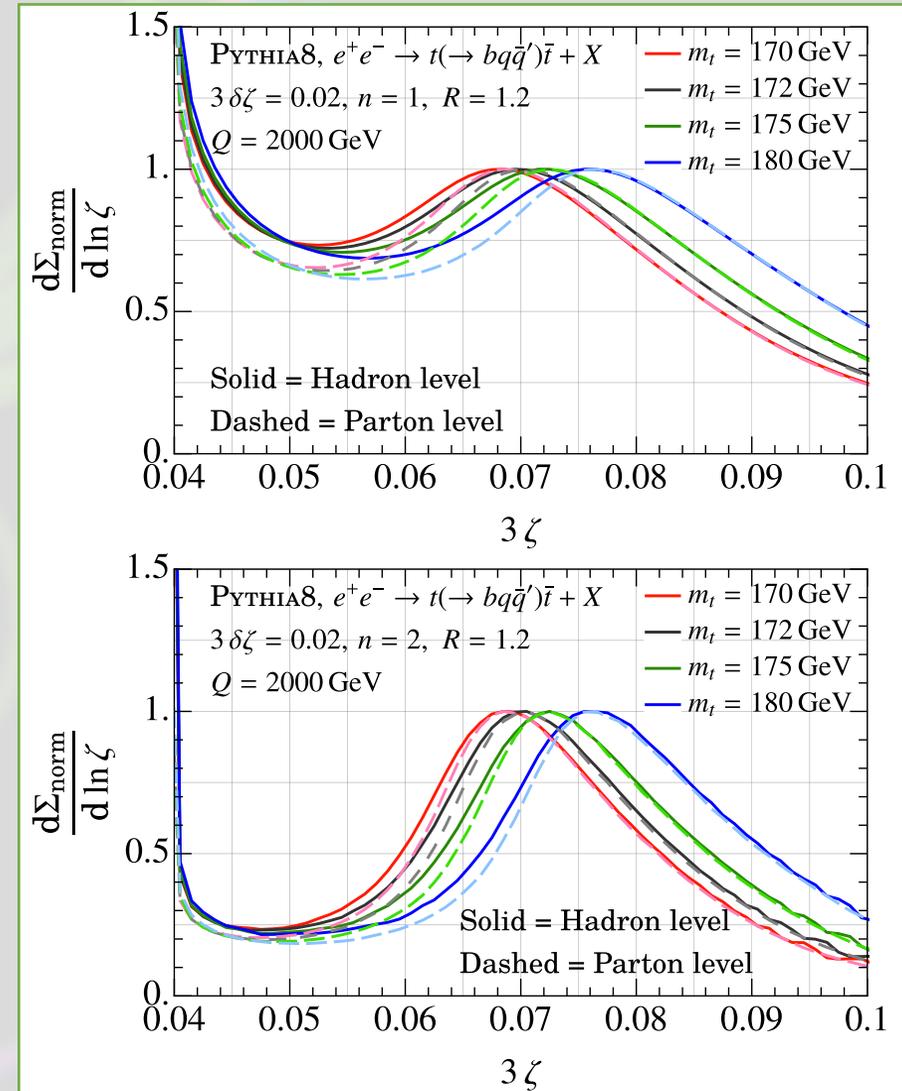
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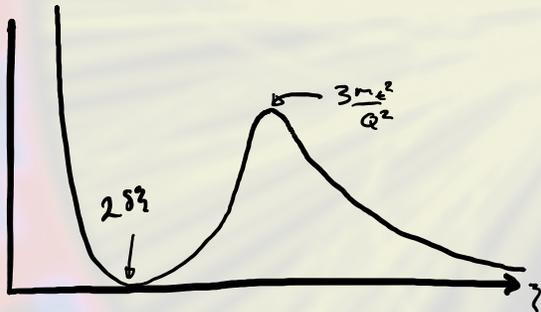
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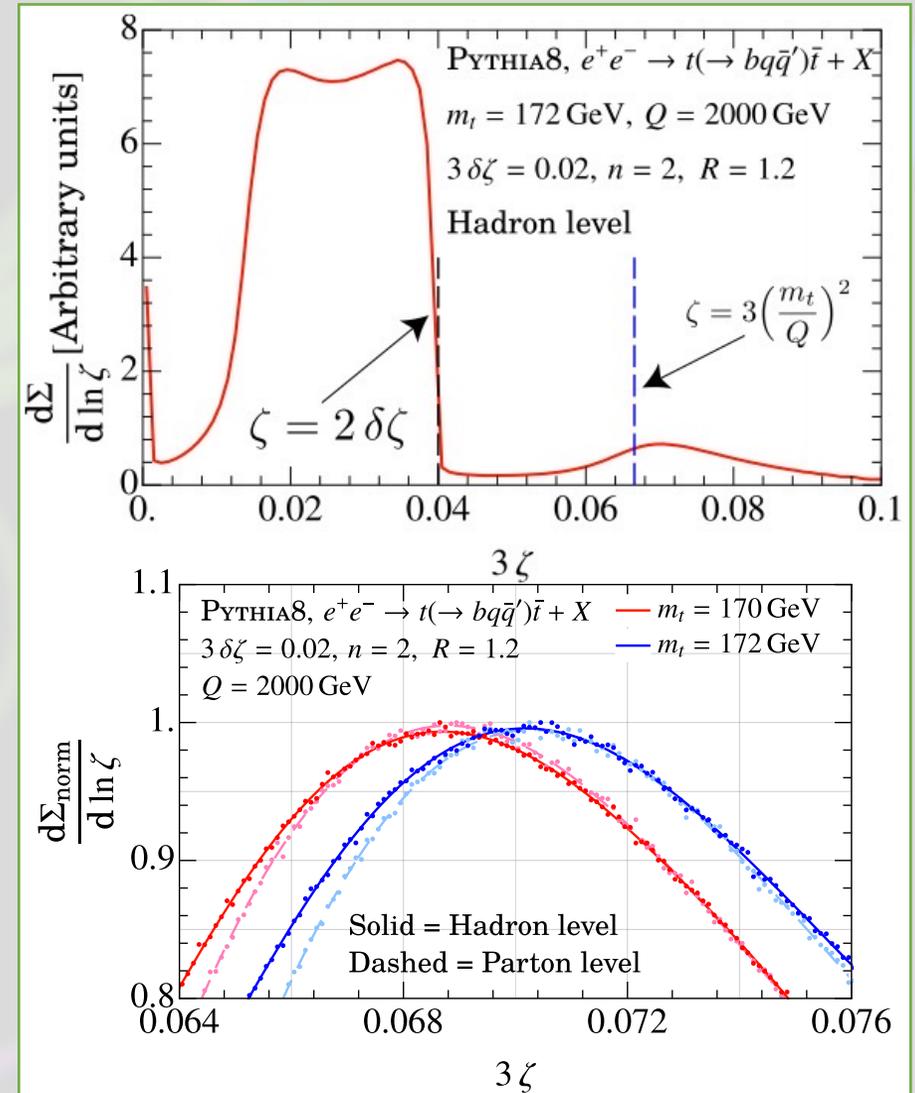
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Now consider hadron colliders. Must now use boost invariant quantities.

- $Q$  is now the partonic Top  $p_T$ . This is not a measurable quantity. Instead we have the  $p_T$  of the Top jet. This adds a little complexity.

$$\frac{d\Sigma(\delta\zeta)}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}d\zeta} = \frac{d\Sigma(\delta\zeta)}{dp_{T,t}d\zeta} \frac{dp_{T,t}}{dp_{T,\text{jet}}}$$

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$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_{(pp)}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}) = \sum_{i,j,k \in \text{jet}} \frac{(p_{T,i})^n (p_{T,j})^n (p_{T,k})^n}{(p_{T,\text{jet}})^{3n}} \times \delta(\zeta_{12} - \hat{\zeta}_{ij}^{(pp)}) \delta(\zeta_{23} - \hat{\zeta}_{ik}^{(pp)}) \delta(\zeta_{31} - \hat{\zeta}_{jk}^{(pp)}), \quad (7)$$

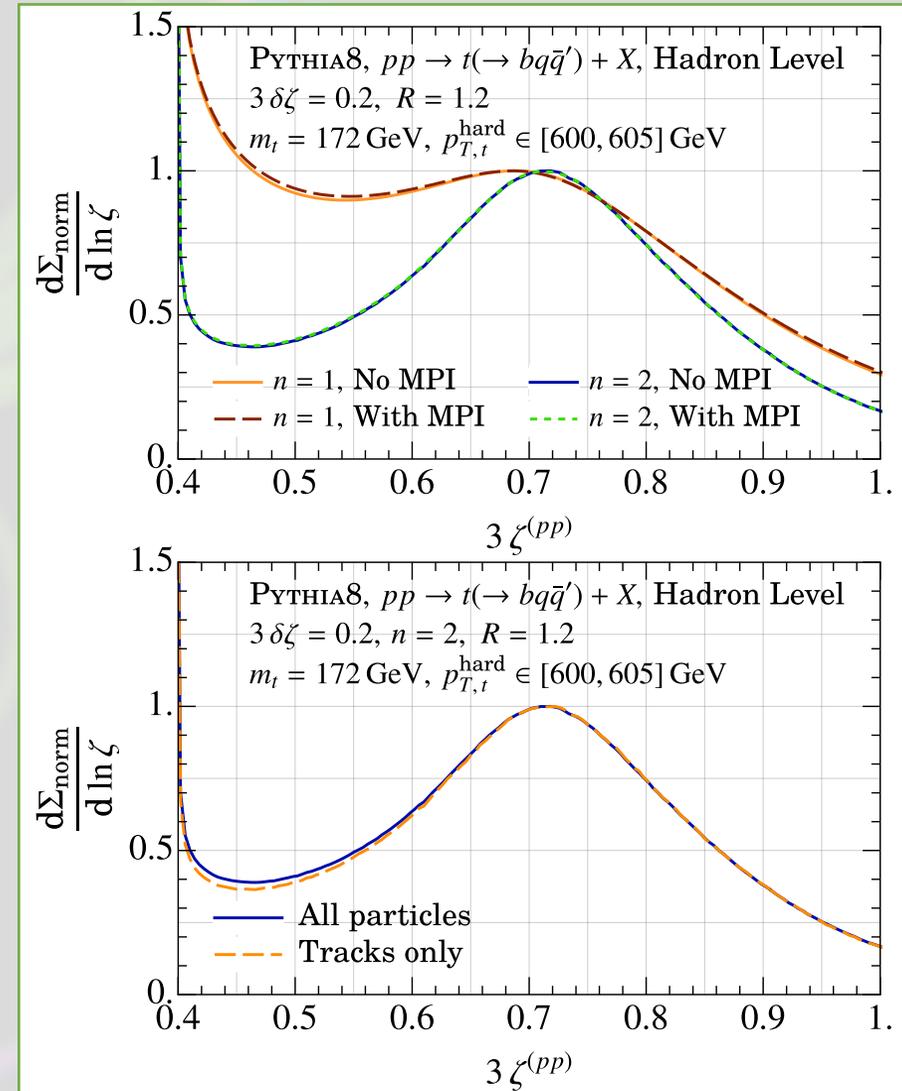
where  $\hat{\zeta}_{ij}^{(pp)} = \Delta R_{ij}^2 = \sqrt{\Delta\eta_{ij}^2 + \Delta\phi_{ij}^2}$ , with  $\eta, \phi$  the standard rapidity, azimuth coordinates.

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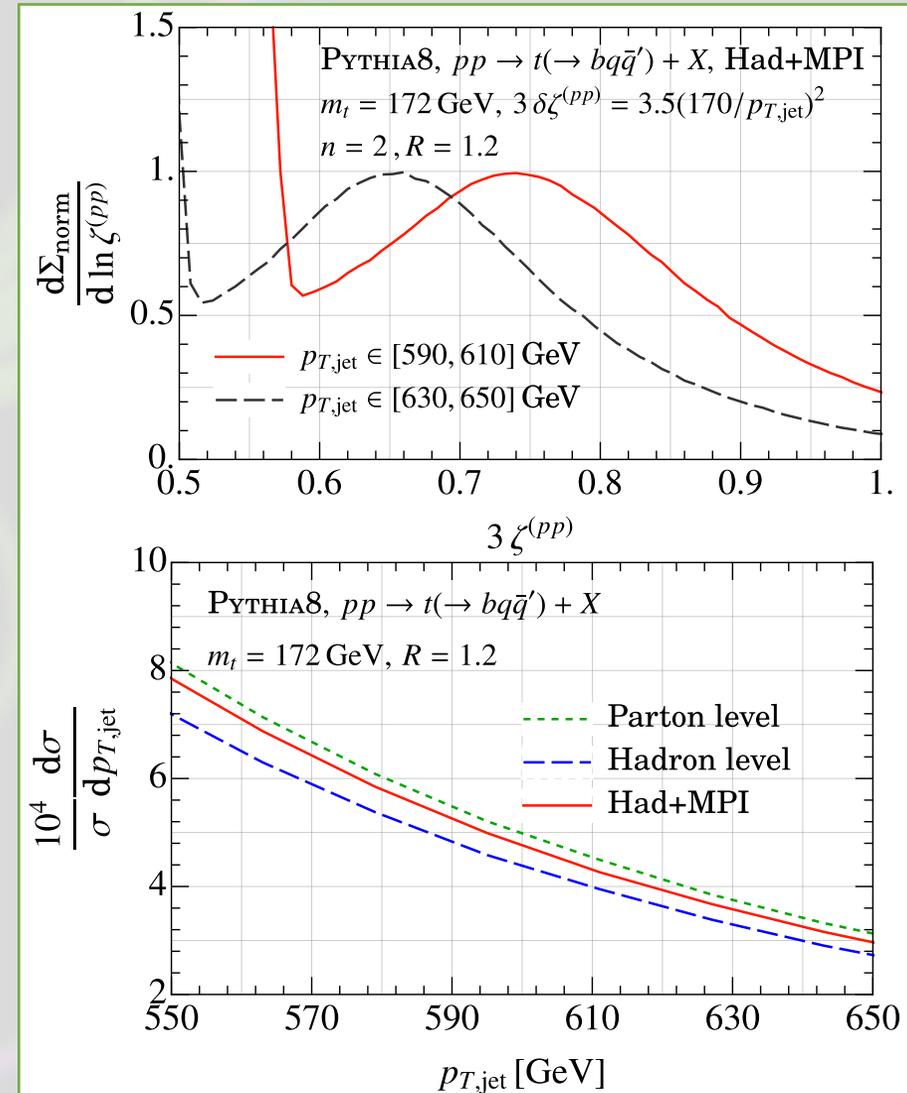


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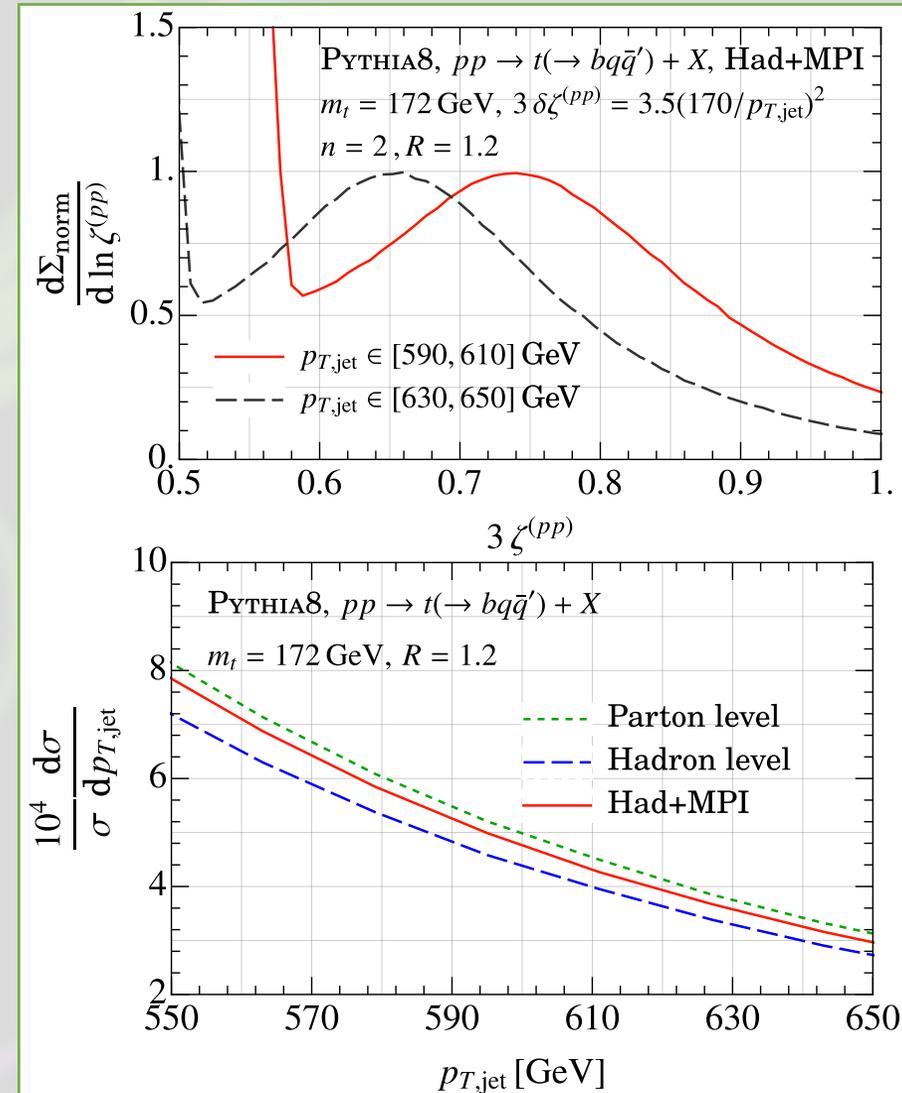
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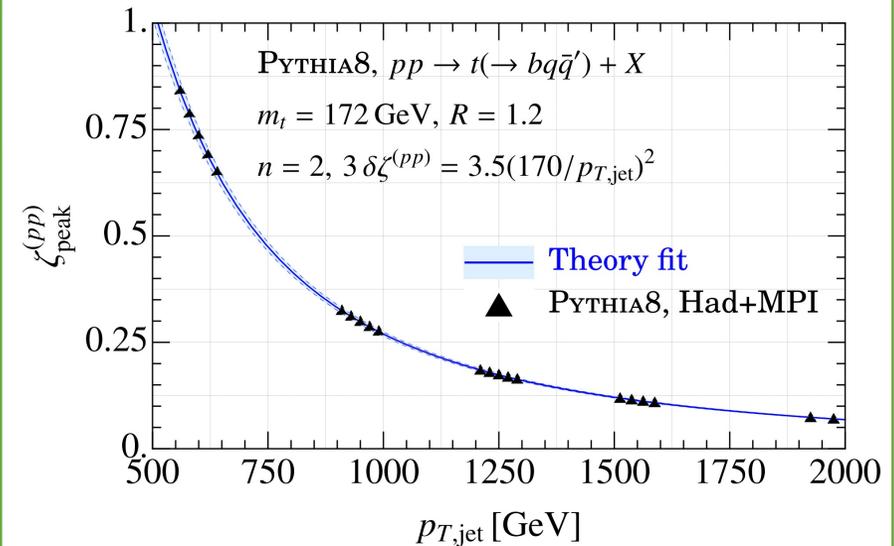
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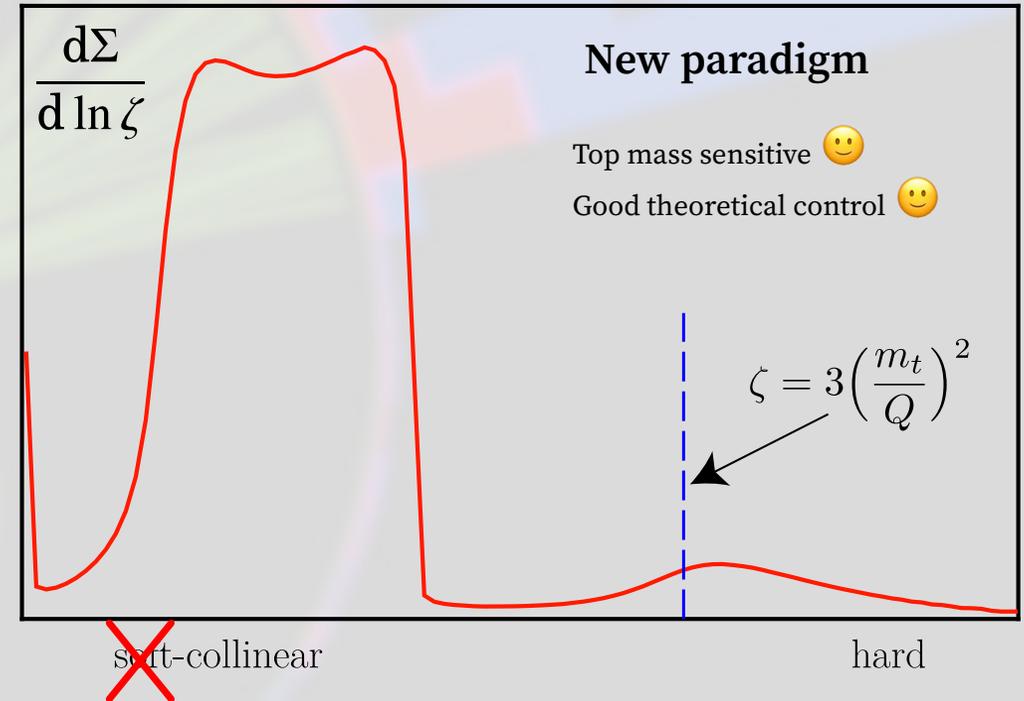
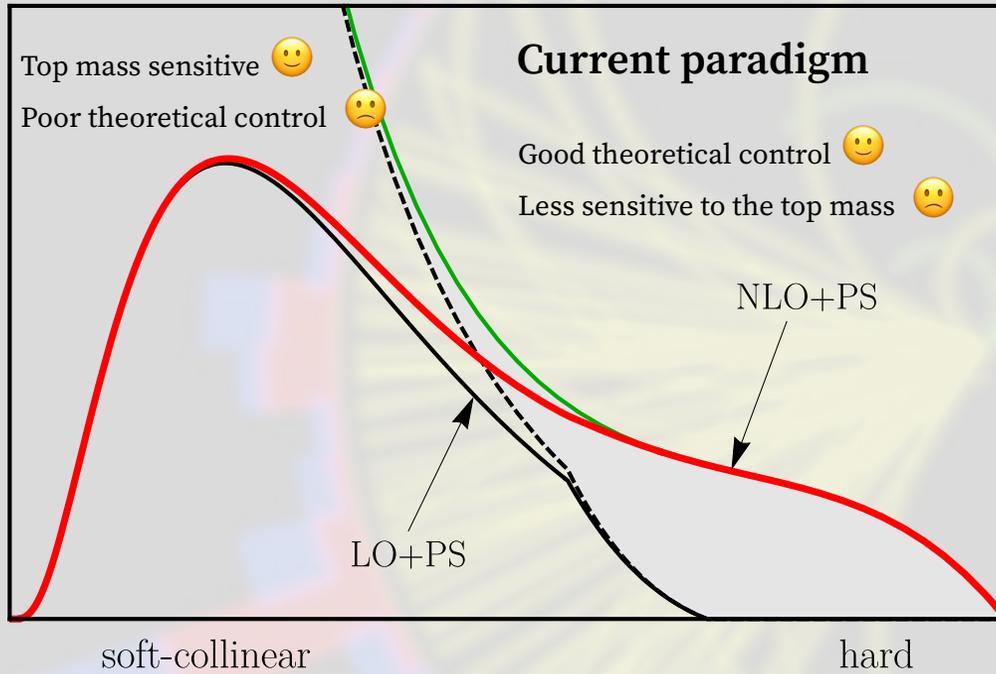
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PYTHIA8 $m_t$	Parton $\sqrt{F_{\text{pert}}}$	Hadron + MPI $\sqrt{F_{\text{pert}}}$
172 GeV	$172.6 \pm 0.3$ GeV	$172.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4$ GeV
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175 GeV	$175.5 \pm 0.4$ GeV	$175.1 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4$ GeV
173 – 172	$0.9 \pm 0.4$ GeV	$1.3 \pm 0.6$ GeV
175 – 172	$2.9 \pm 0.5$ GeV	$2.8 \pm 0.6$ GeV

TABLE I: Values of the effective parameter  $F_{\text{pert}}(m_t)$  extracted at parton level, and hadron+MPI level. The consistency of the two approaches provides a measure of our uncertainty due to non-perturbative corrections.



# Conclusions



$$\frac{d\Sigma}{dp_{T,\text{jet}} d\eta d\zeta} = f_i \otimes f_j \otimes H_{i,j \rightarrow t} \left( z_J; p_{T,t} = \frac{p_{T,\text{jet}}}{z_J}, \eta \right) \\ \otimes J_{t \rightarrow t}(z_J, z_h; R) \otimes J_{\text{EEEC}}^{\text{[tracks]}}(n, z_h, \zeta; m_t; \Gamma_t)$$

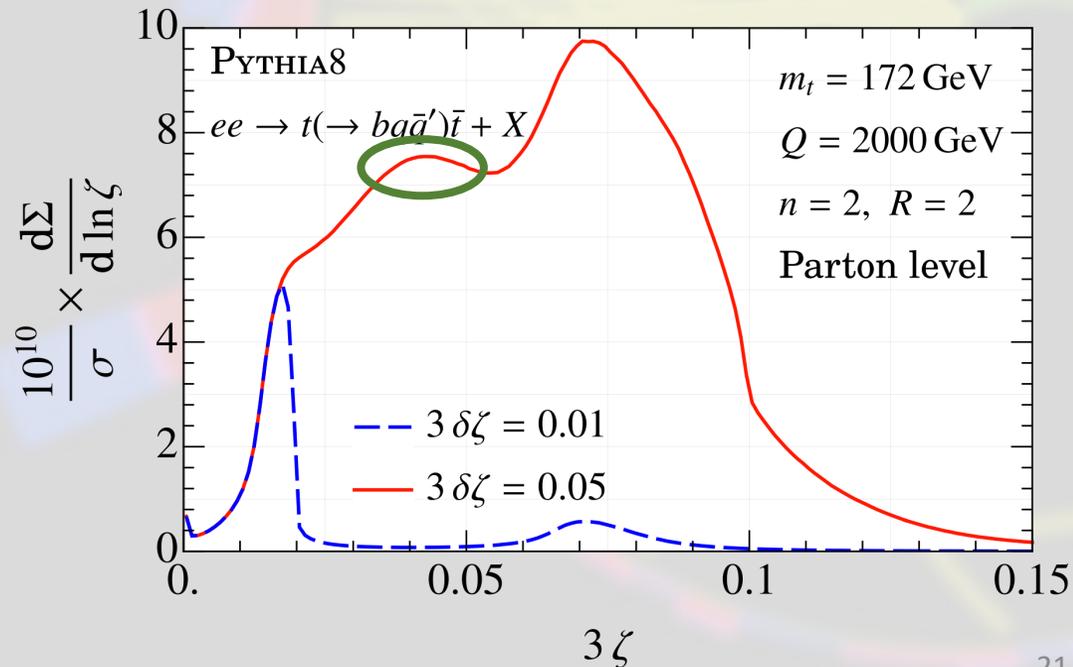
# Outlook

- The three-point energy correlator shows promise as a top mass sensitive observable with theoretical control comparable to the current precision of direct measurements.
- So far studies have been proof-of-concept. An experimental feasibility study would be prescient.
- Much of the ingredients needed for a precision calculation already exist. Missing pieces are the EEE jet function and a broader study of factorisation.

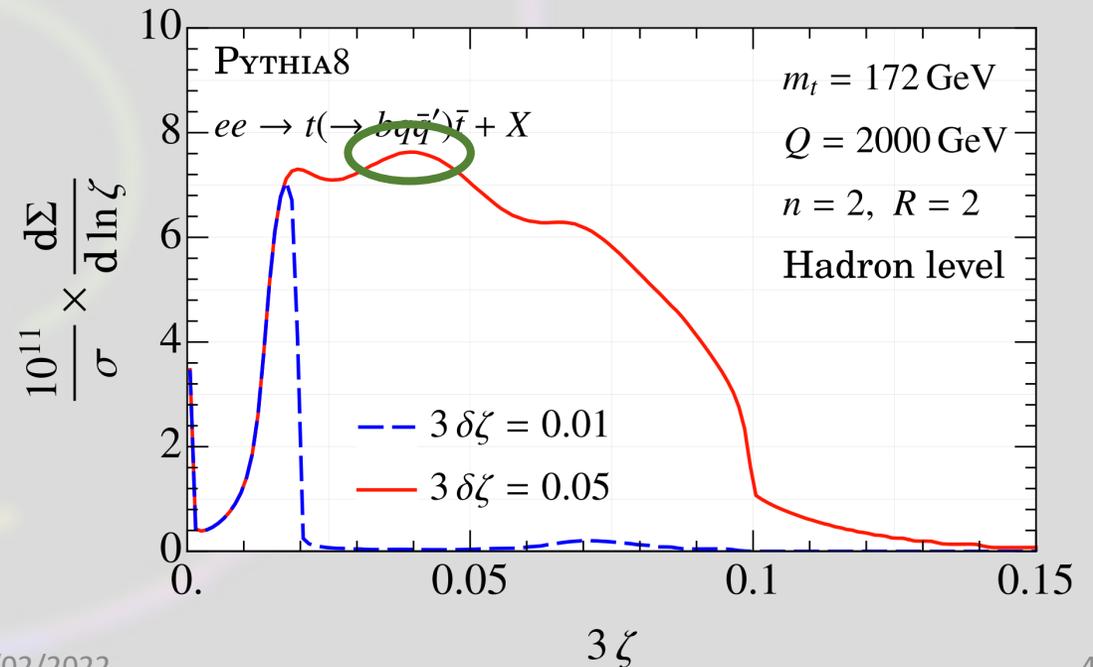
# Further improved?

Using the equatorial configuration we projected onto the top peak. However the  $W$  also imprints on the correlator in a different part of the parameter space.

The distribution  $\frac{d\Sigma(\delta\zeta)}{d\zeta_W d\zeta}$  is independent of the  $pt$  distribution, gives  $m_t(m_W)$ .



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# Supplementary material

1. Parameterize the all orders peak position:

$$\zeta_{\text{peak}}^{(pp)} = 3(1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)) \frac{m_t^2}{f(p_{T,\text{jet}}, m_t, \alpha_s, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^2} \equiv 3(1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)) \frac{m_t^2}{(p_{T,\text{jet}} + \Delta(p_{T,\text{jet}}, m_t, \alpha_s, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}))^2}$$

2. Work with

$$\rho^2(\zeta_{\text{peak}}^{(pp)v}, p_{T,\text{jet}}^v) = \left( \zeta_{\text{peak}}^{(pp)\text{ref}} - \zeta_{\text{peak}}^{(pp)v} \right) \left( \frac{3(1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s))}{(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v)^2} - \frac{3(1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s))}{(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}})^2} \right)^{-1},$$

3. Define

$$\Delta^{\text{ref}} \equiv \Delta(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}}, m_t, \alpha_s, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}), \quad \Delta^v(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v - p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}}, m_t, \alpha_s, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \equiv \Delta(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v, m_t, \alpha_s, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) - \Delta^{\text{ref}}$$

4. Solve for  $\rho$ :

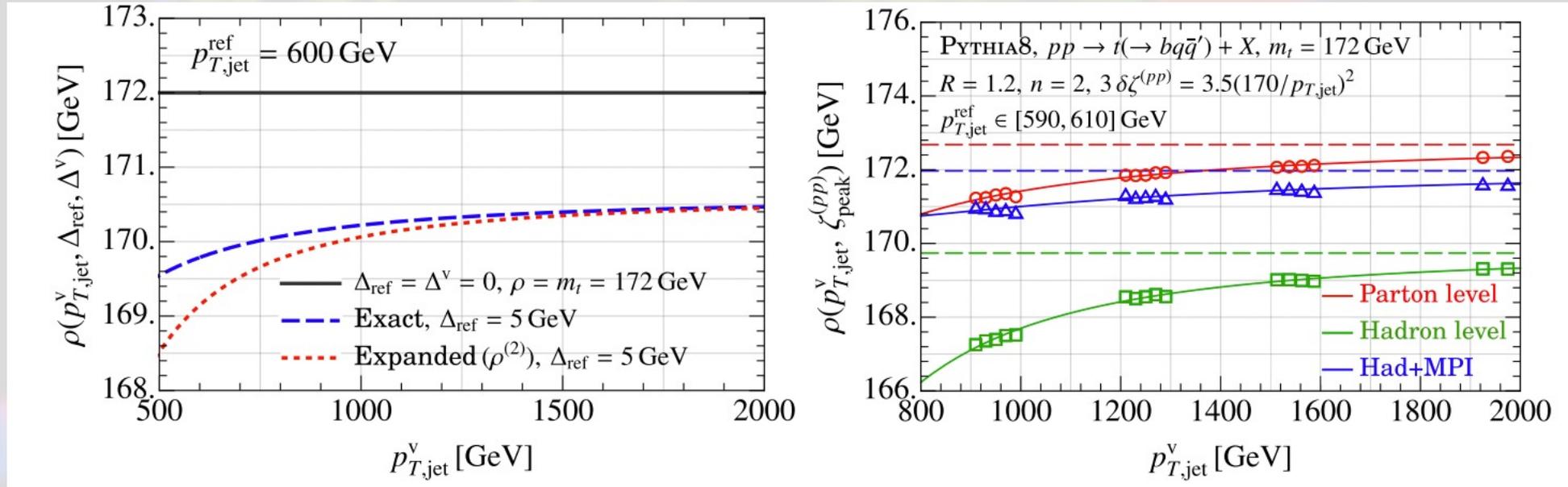
$$\rho(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v, \Delta^{\text{ref}}, \Delta^v) = \sqrt{F_{\text{pert}}} \frac{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}} + \Delta^{\text{ref}}} \left( 1 - \frac{2p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}} \Delta^{\text{ref}} + (\Delta^{\text{ref}})^2}{2(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v)^2} + \frac{(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}} + \Delta^{\text{ref}})^2 (\Delta^{\text{ref}} + \Delta^v)}{8(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v)^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(p_{T,\text{jet}}^v)^4}\right) \right)$$

5. The asymptotic value for  $p_{T,\text{jet}}^v$  depends only on  $m_t$  and  $\Delta^{\text{ref}}$ .

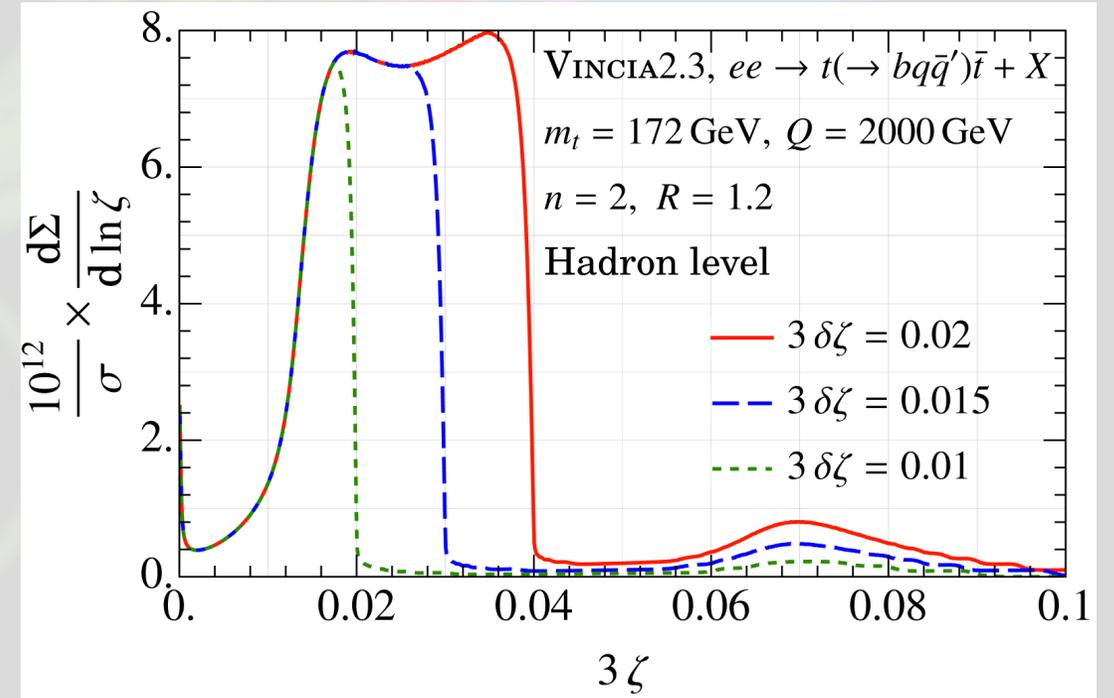
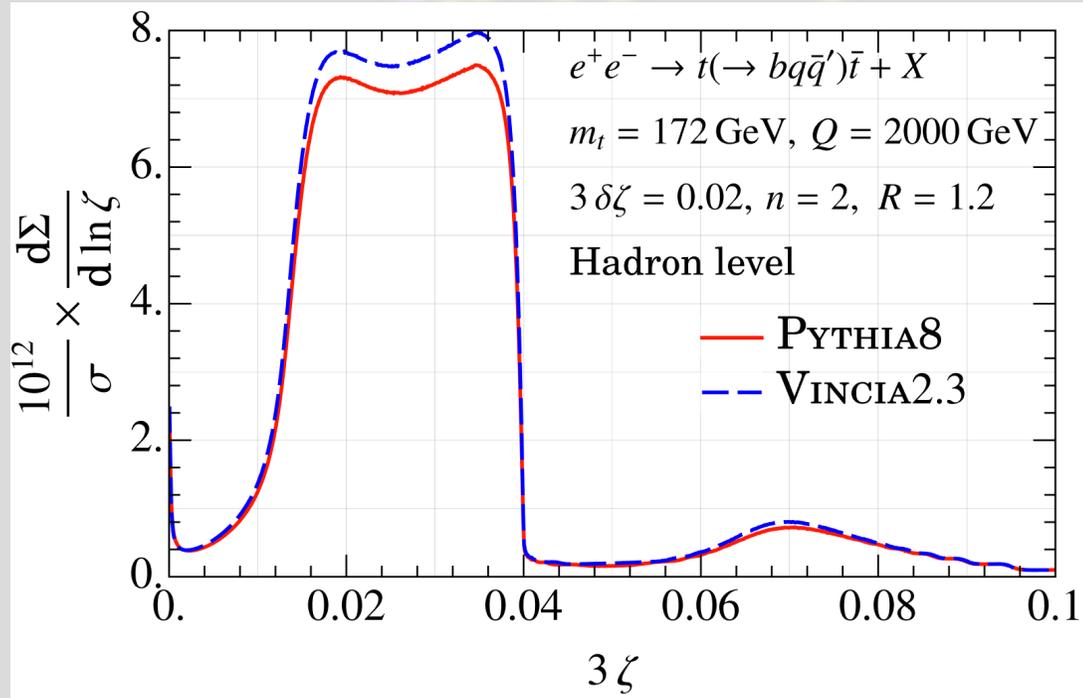
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Fit function:

$$\rho = \rho_{\text{asy}} + c_2 (p_{T,\text{jet}}^v)^{-2} + c_3 (p_{T,\text{jet}}^v)^{-3}$$

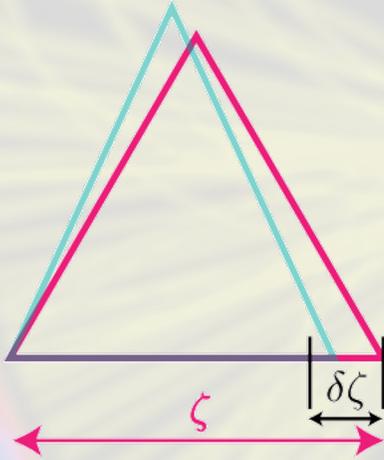


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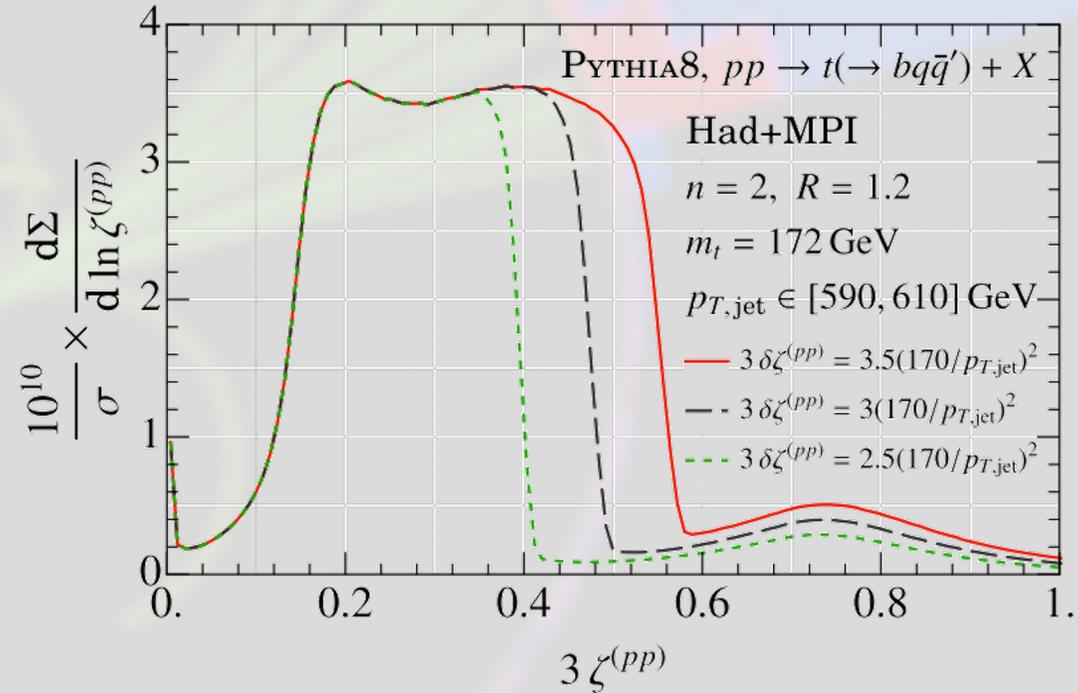


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Asymmetry cut  $\delta\zeta$  only constrains triangles with  $\zeta > 2\delta\zeta$

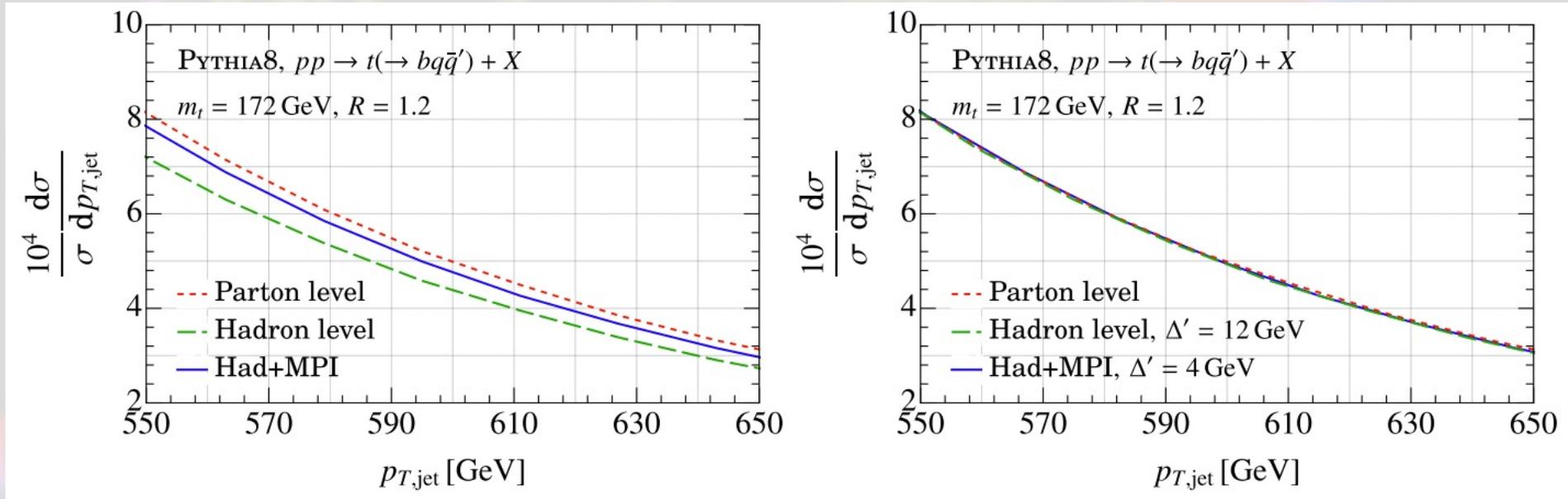


$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\zeta} \approx 4(\delta\zeta)^2 G^{(n)}(\zeta, \zeta, \zeta; m_t), \quad \delta\zeta \ll \zeta$$

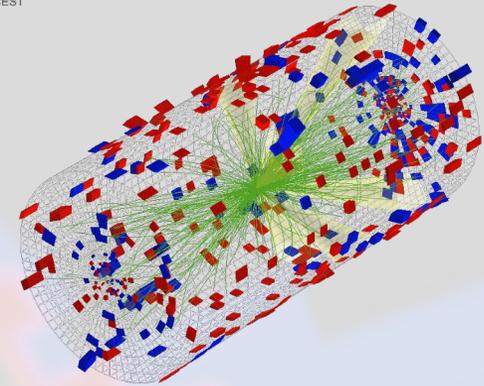


# Supplementary material

Here we show  $p_{T,\text{jet}}$  shifts relative to parton level:



# Correlation Functions



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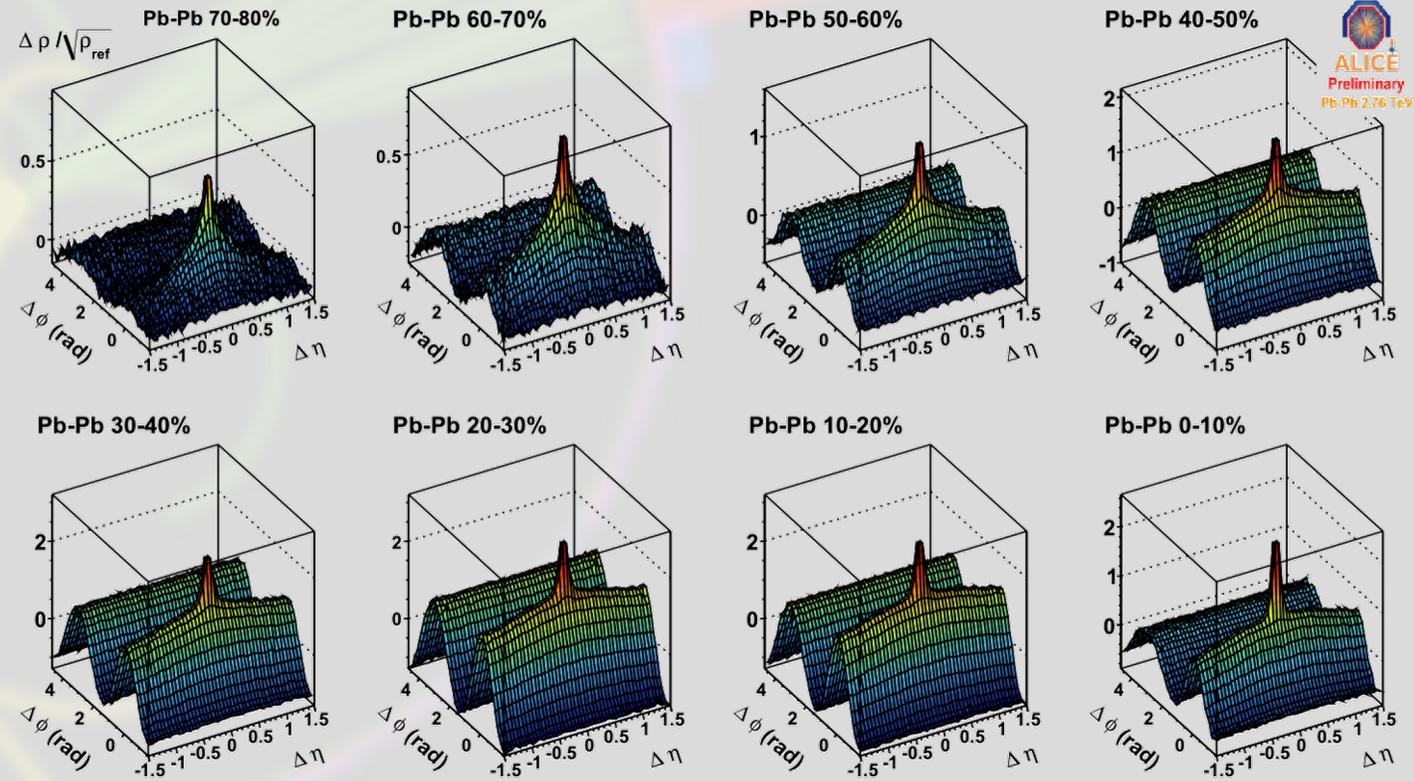
$$\langle N(\eta_1, \phi_1) N(\eta_2, \phi_2) \rangle = N_1 N_2 P(\eta_1, \phi_1, \eta_2, \phi_2)$$

$$\sim \sum_X N_X(\eta_1, \phi_1) N_X(\eta_2, \phi_2) \langle \text{Pb} - \text{Pb} | X \rangle \langle X | \text{Pb} - \text{Pb} \rangle$$

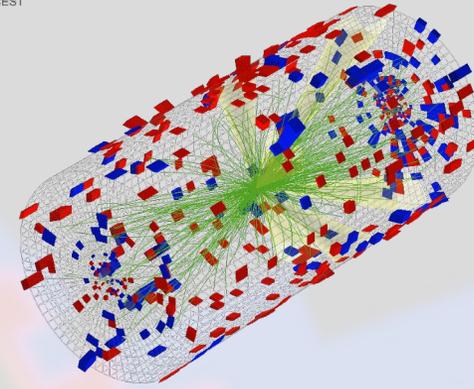
$$= \sum_X \langle \text{Pb} - \text{Pb} | \hat{N}(\eta_1, \phi_1) \hat{N}(\eta_2, \phi_2) | X \rangle \langle X | \text{Pb} - \text{Pb} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \text{Pb} - \text{Pb} | \hat{N}(\eta_1, \phi_1) \hat{N}(\eta_2, \phi_2) | \text{Pb} - \text{Pb} \rangle$$

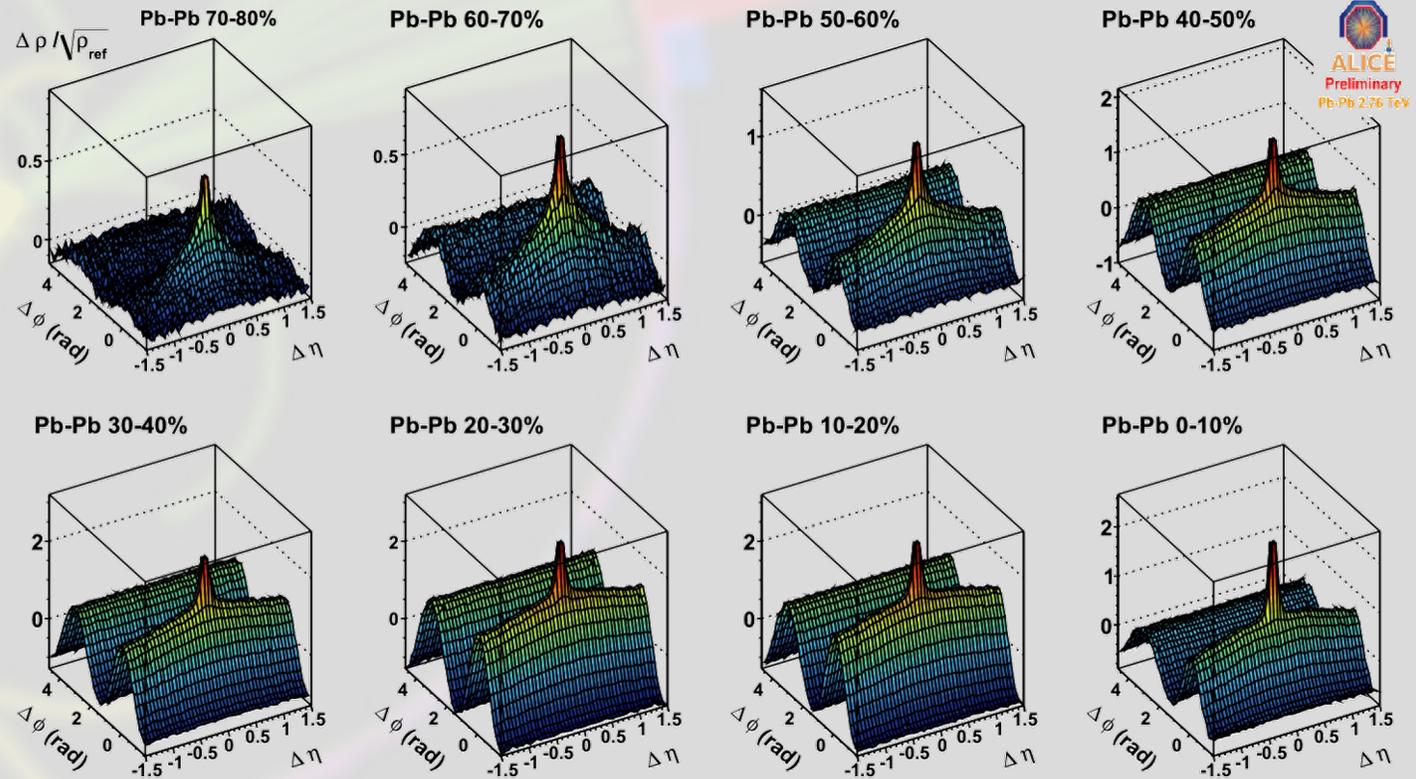
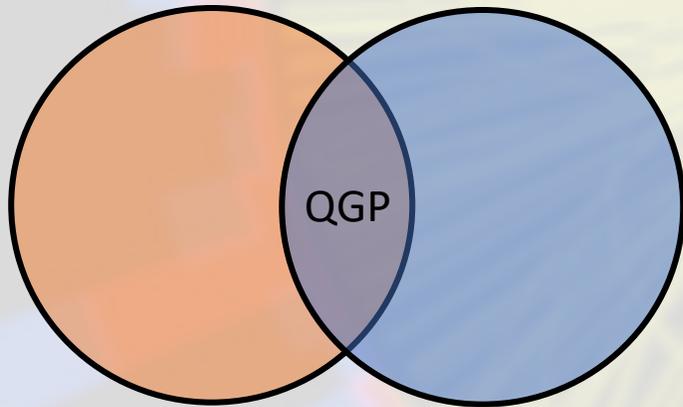
$$\frac{dN}{d^2 p d^2 k d\eta d\xi} = \langle \hat{\sigma}(k) \hat{\sigma}(p) \rangle_{P,T}$$



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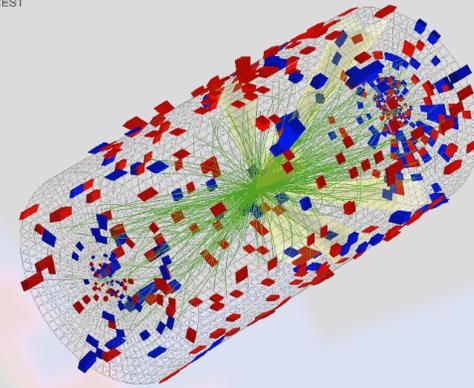


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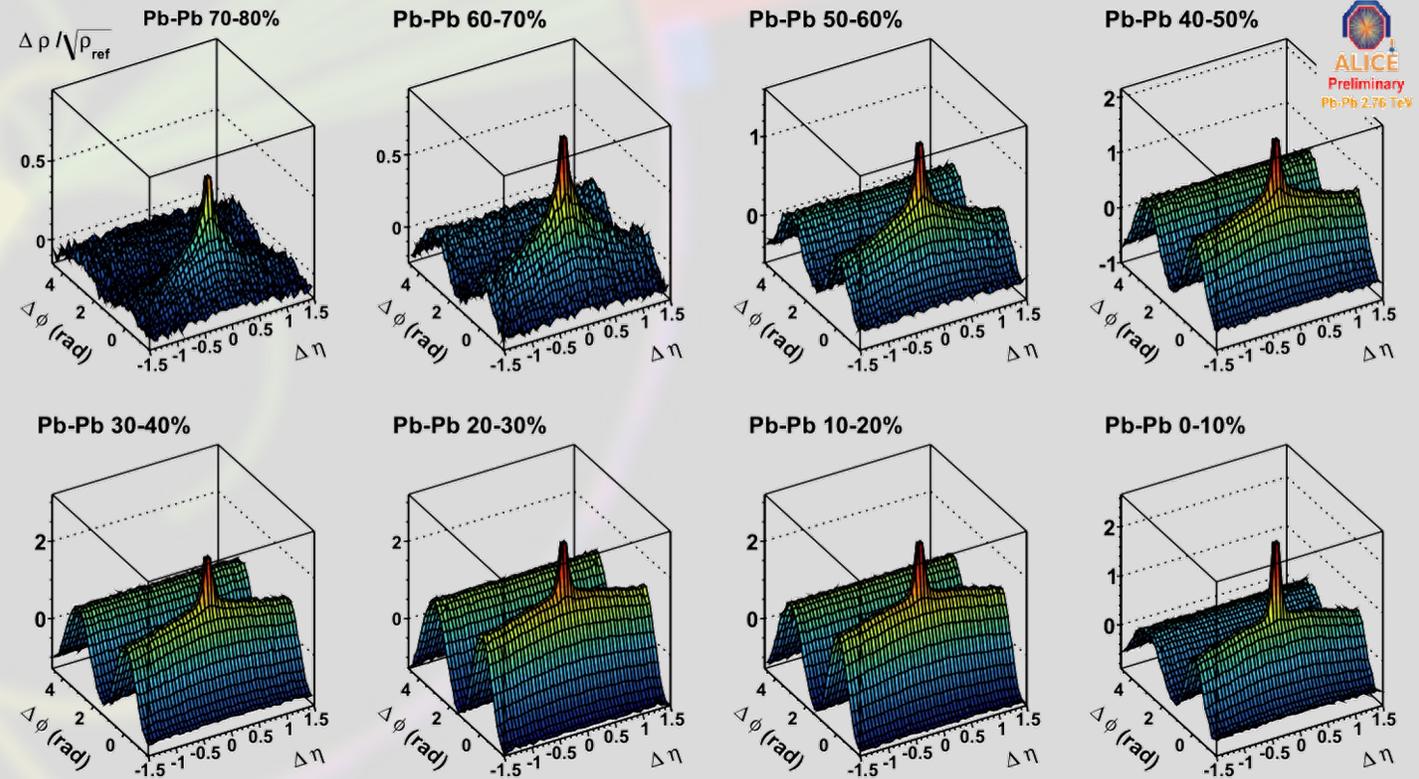
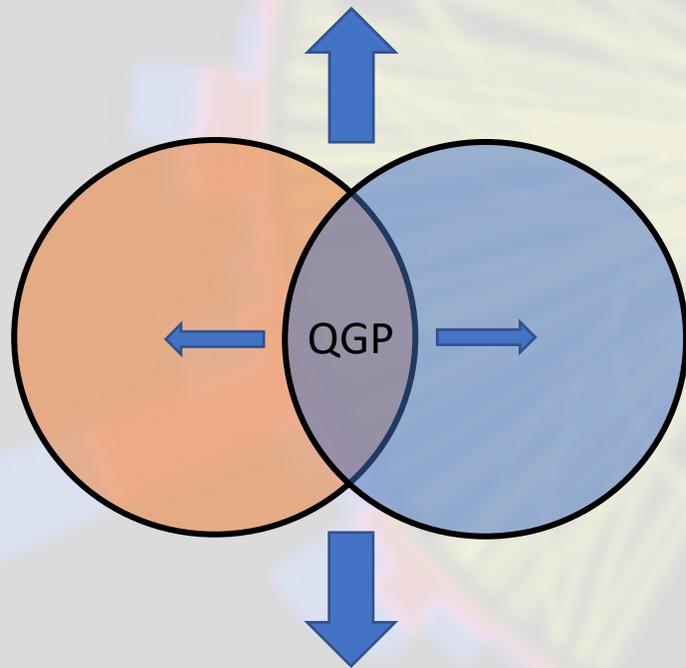


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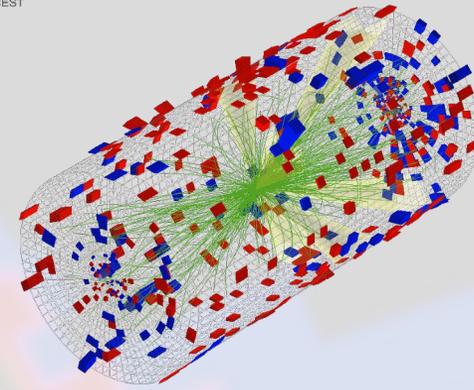


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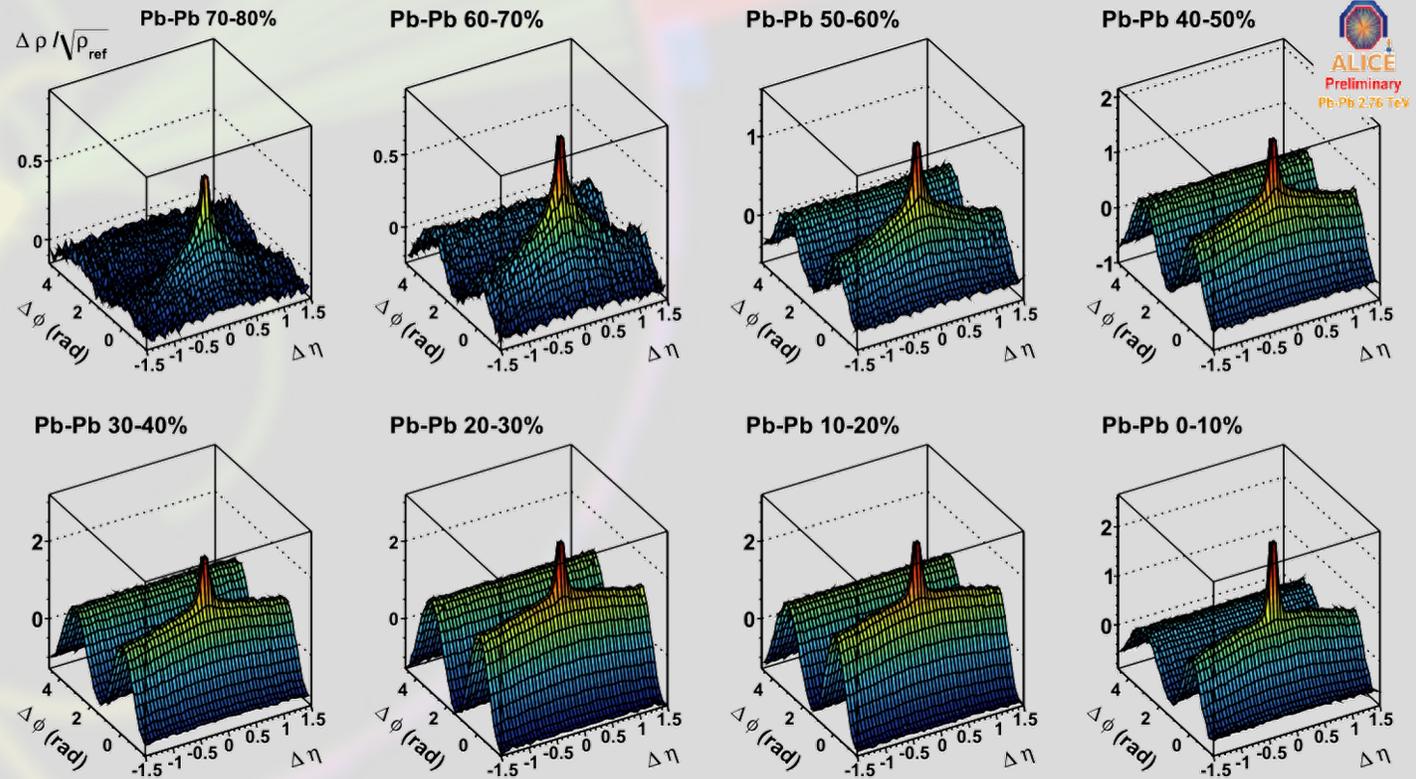
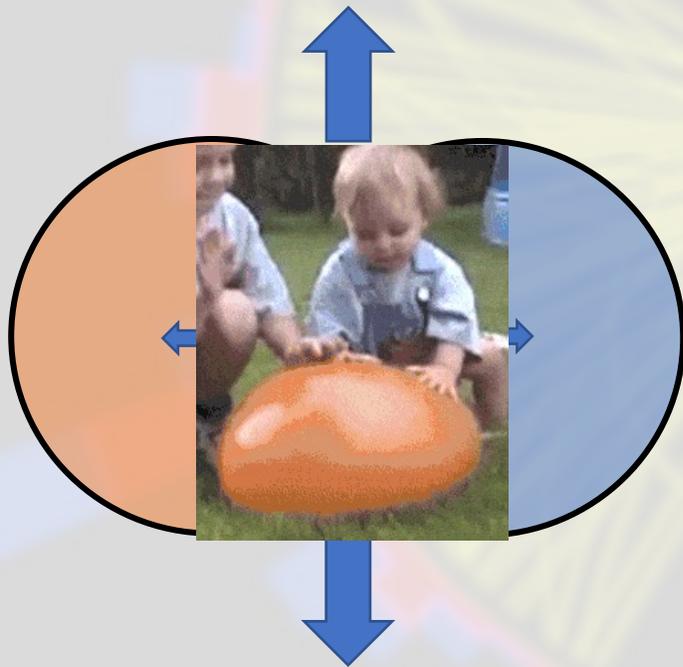


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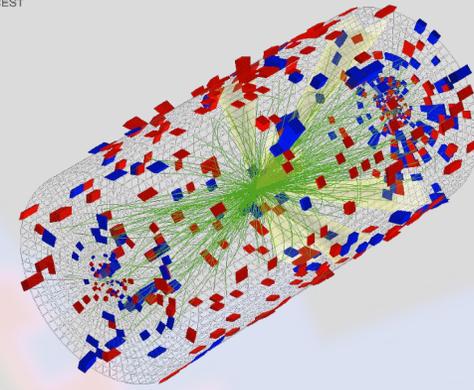


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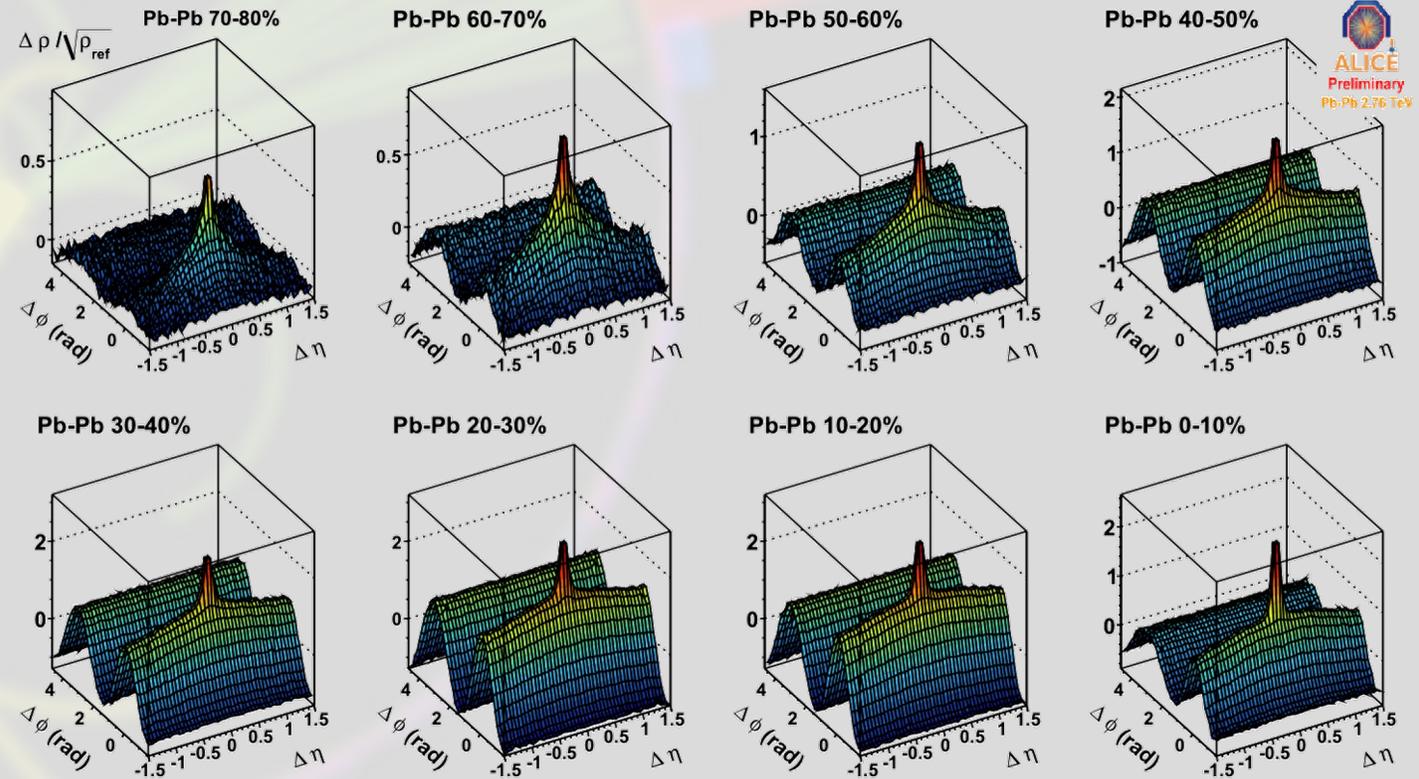
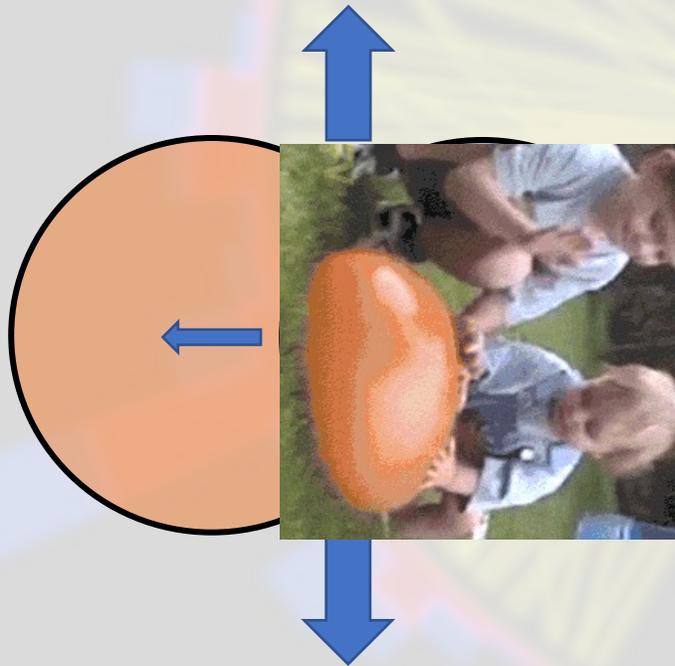


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$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

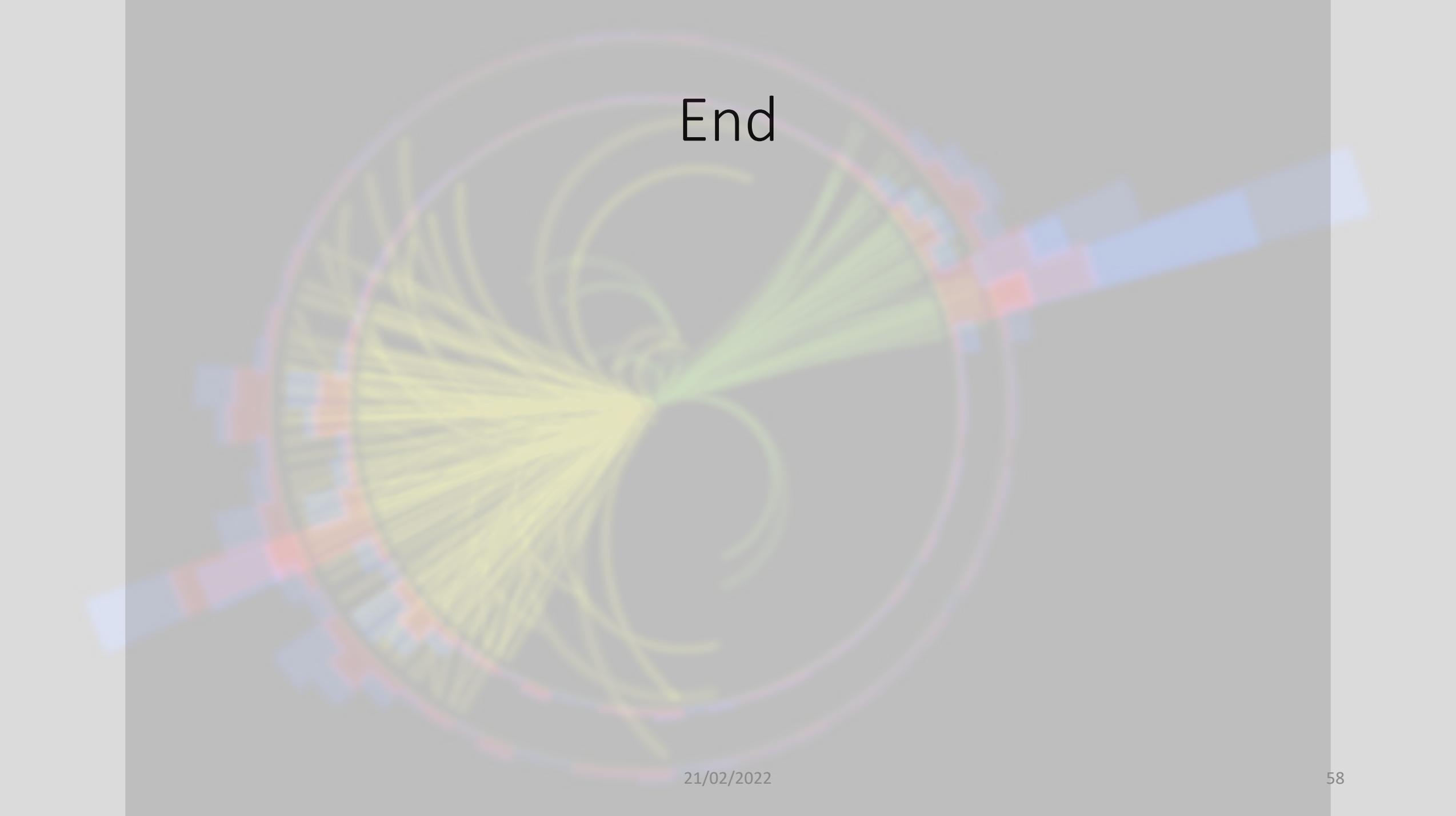
$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \rangle \leftarrow$  Not the QFT VEV.

Quantum mechanical expectation value, just as  $\langle \psi | \hat{p} | \psi \rangle = \langle p \rangle$ :

i.e.

$$\delta_{i \rightarrow j} = \langle j | i \rangle \quad \text{let } |j\rangle = \mathcal{O} | \Omega \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \rangle = N \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}^\dagger \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\vec{n}_1) \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\vec{n}_2) \mathcal{O} | \Omega \rangle$$

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