

Precision jet event shapes for DIS in Soft-Collinear Effective Field theory (SCET)

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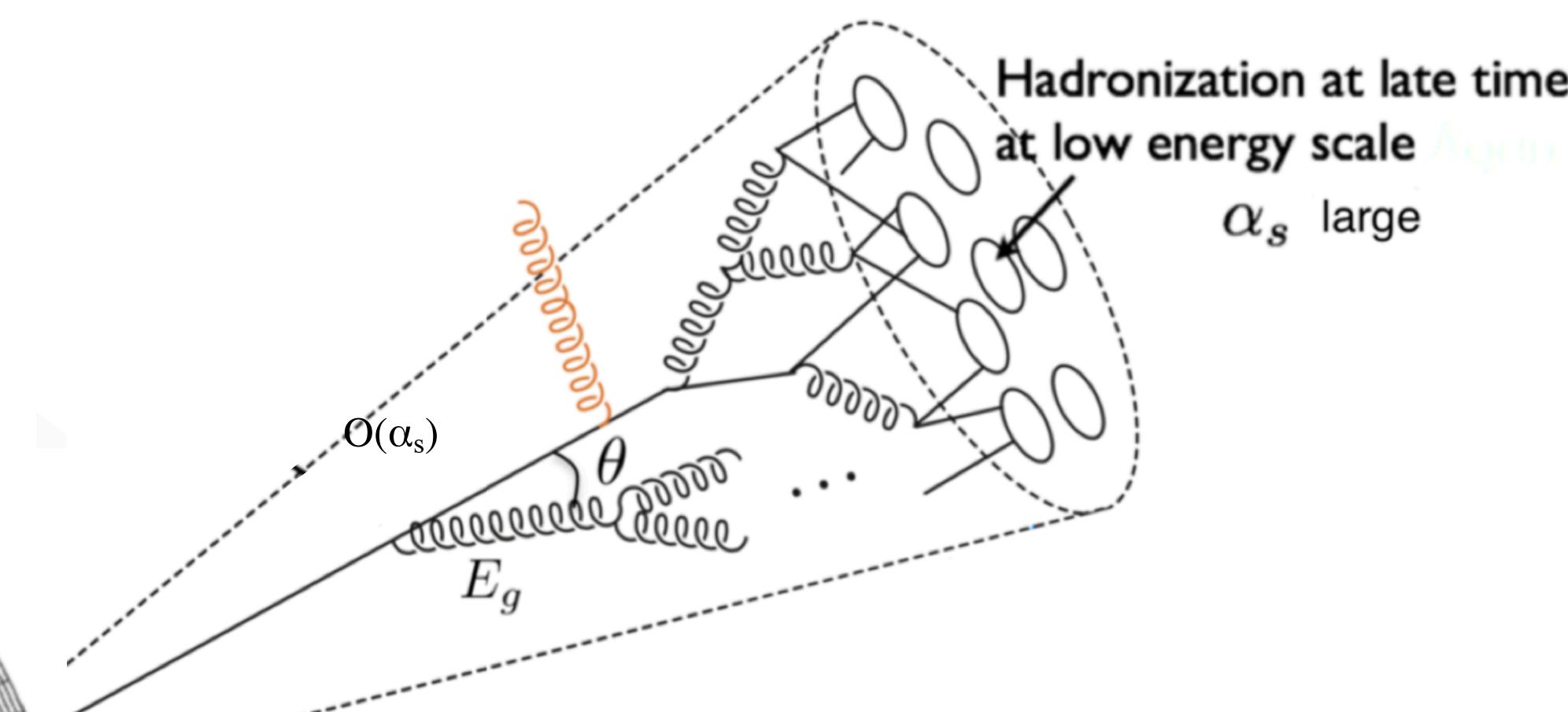
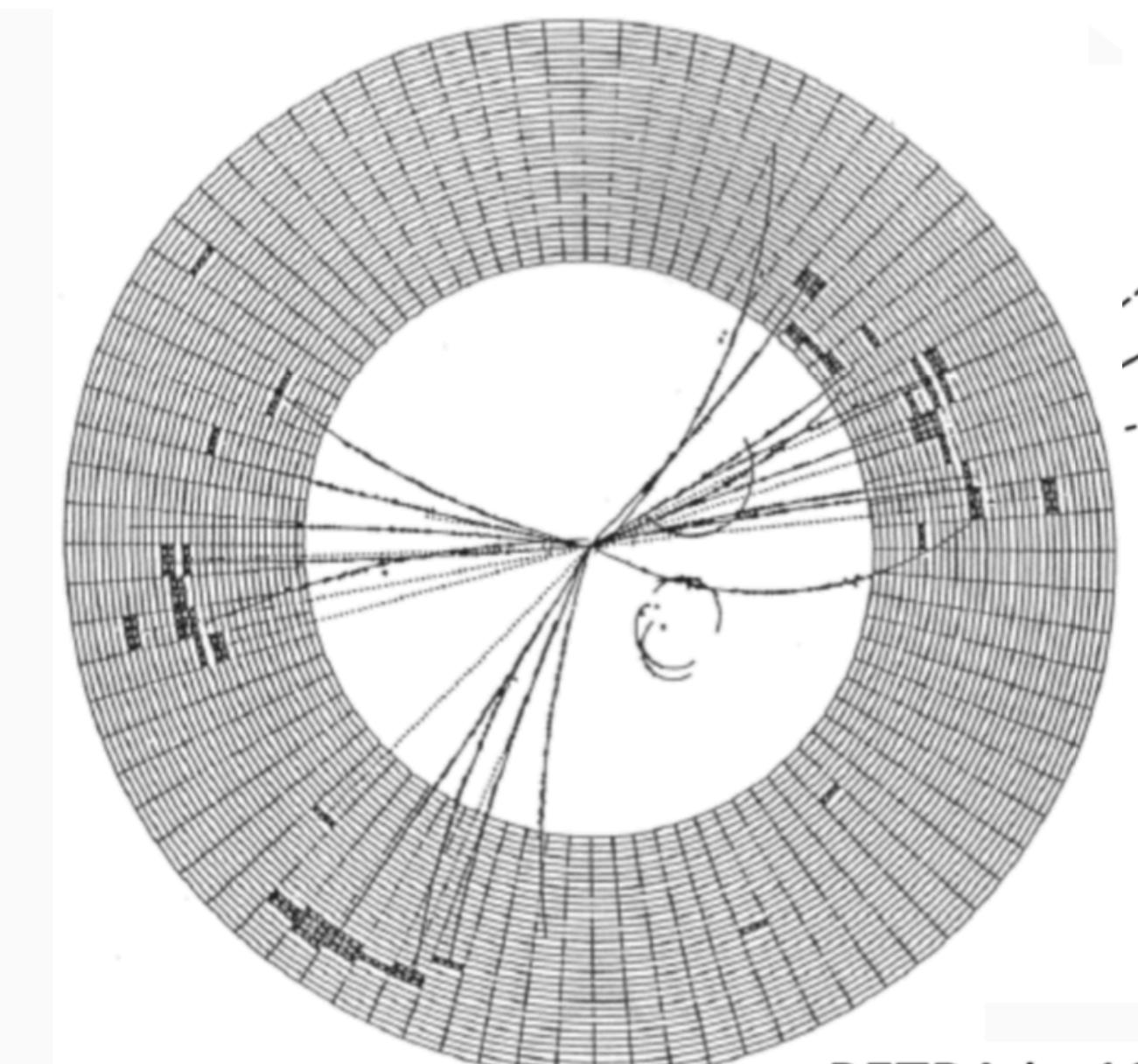
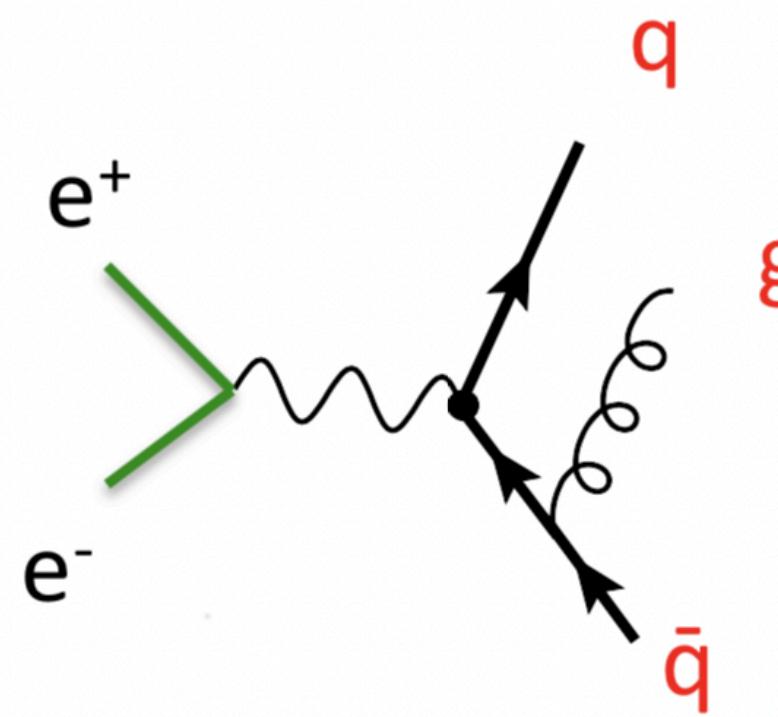
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Talk organized as...

- Motivation
- Jet Event Shapes and angularity for deep inelastic scattering (DIS)
- Angularity beam functions at next-to-next-to-leading log (NNLL)
- Angularity differential cross-section at NNLL
- Prediction & Remarks

Jets and jet event shapes

The most common final states are collimated branches of strongly interacting particles, called jet.



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 d\tau_a} = ??$$

**Jet Observables are called
Event Shapes
e.g., Thrust, Jet Broadening,
Angularity...**

Thrust event shape

Most extensively studied event shape

$$\tau = \frac{2}{Q} \sum_{i \in \chi} |p_\perp^i| e^{-|\eta_i|}$$

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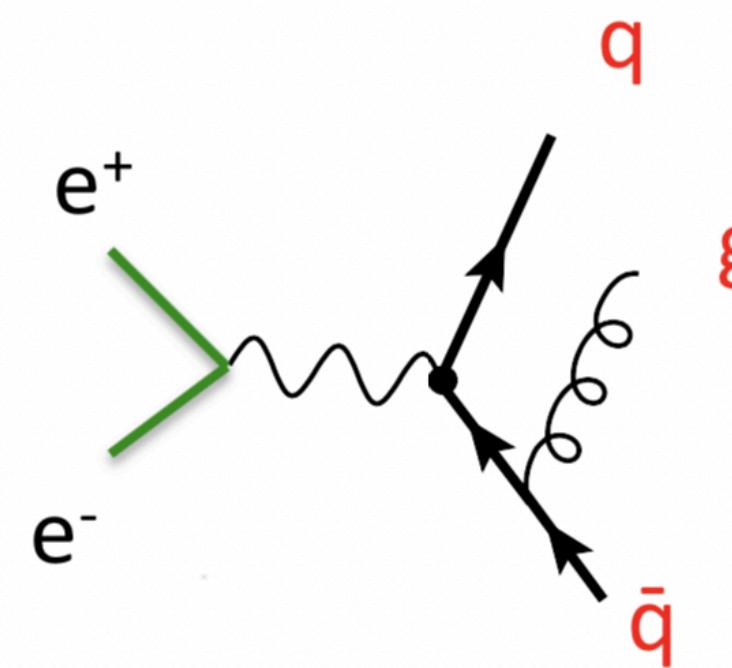
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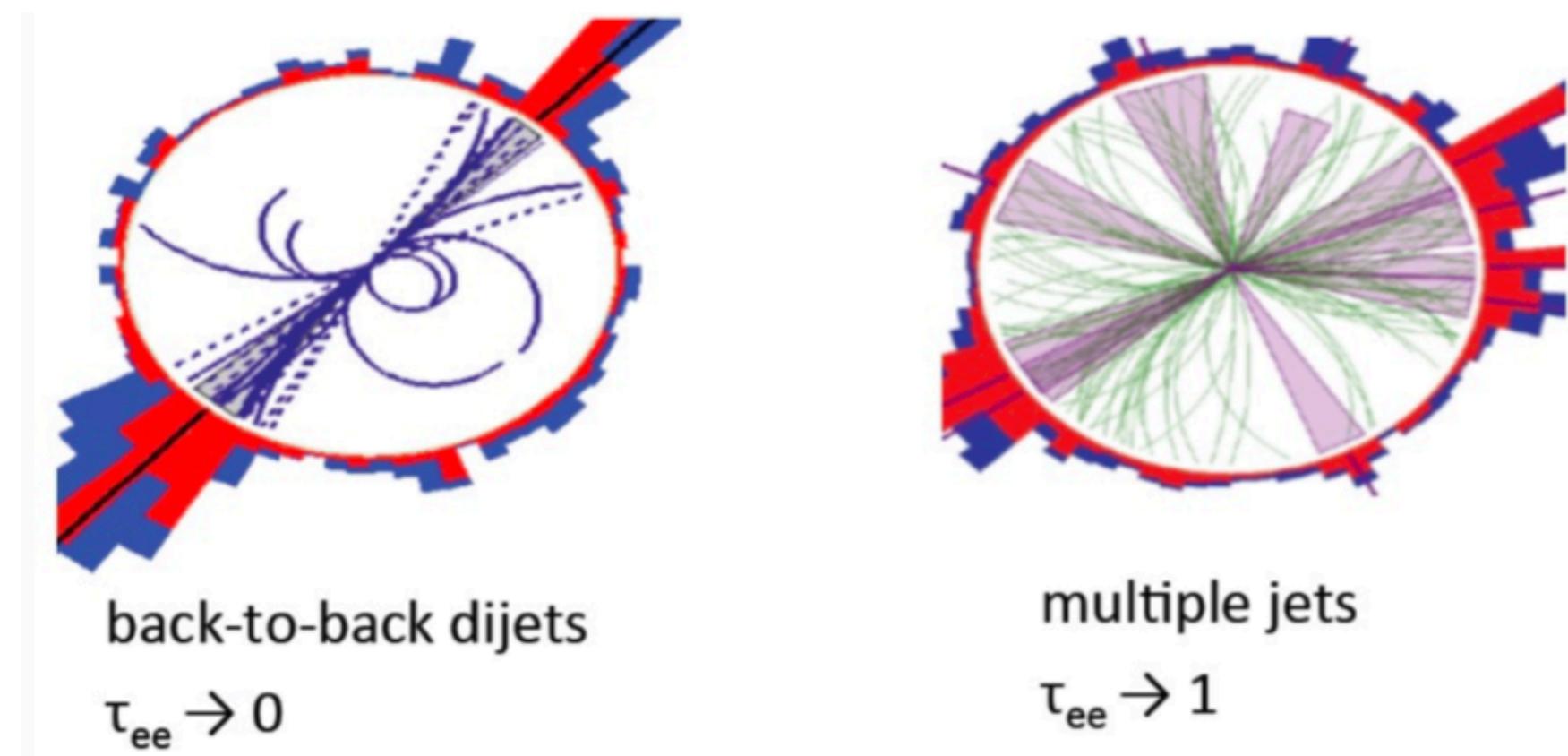
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An example:



$$\begin{aligned} n &= (1, 0, 0, 1) \\ \bar{n} &= (1, 0, 0, -1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{ee} = \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_{i \in \chi} \min\{p_i \cdot n, p_i \cdot \bar{n}\}$$



Thrust characterizes the geometry of collision!

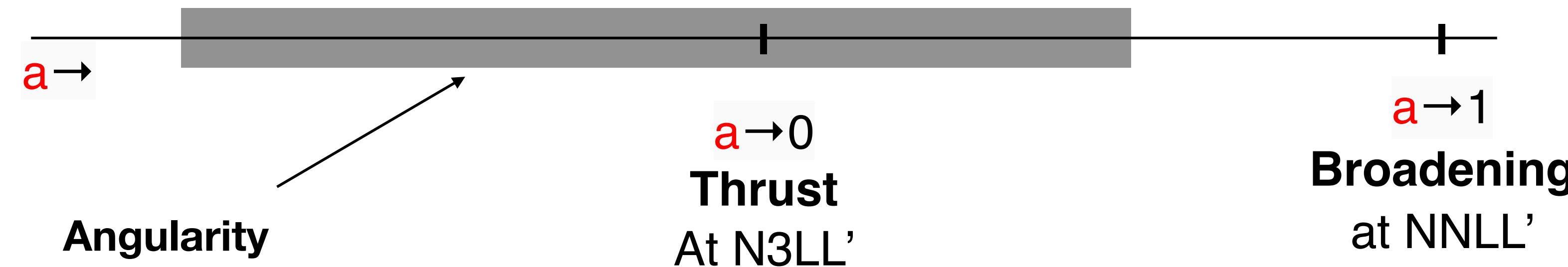
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—C. F. Berger, T. Kucs and G. F. Sterman' 2003

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provides access from thrust to jet broadening in continuous manner



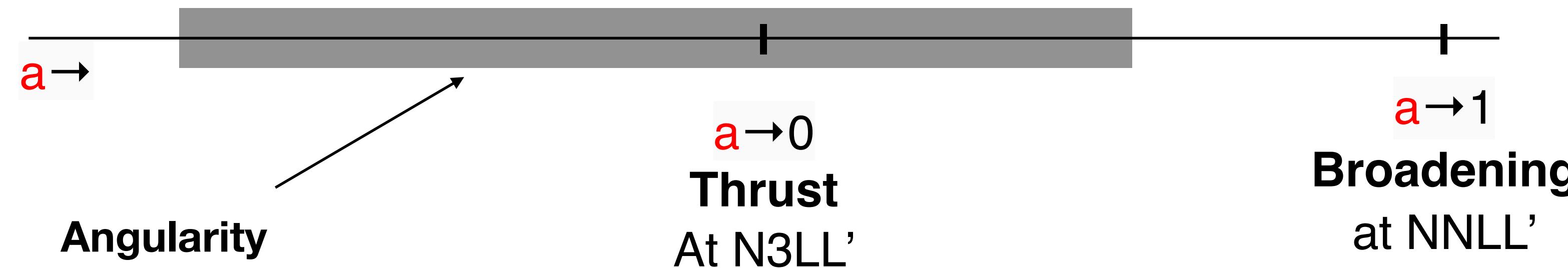
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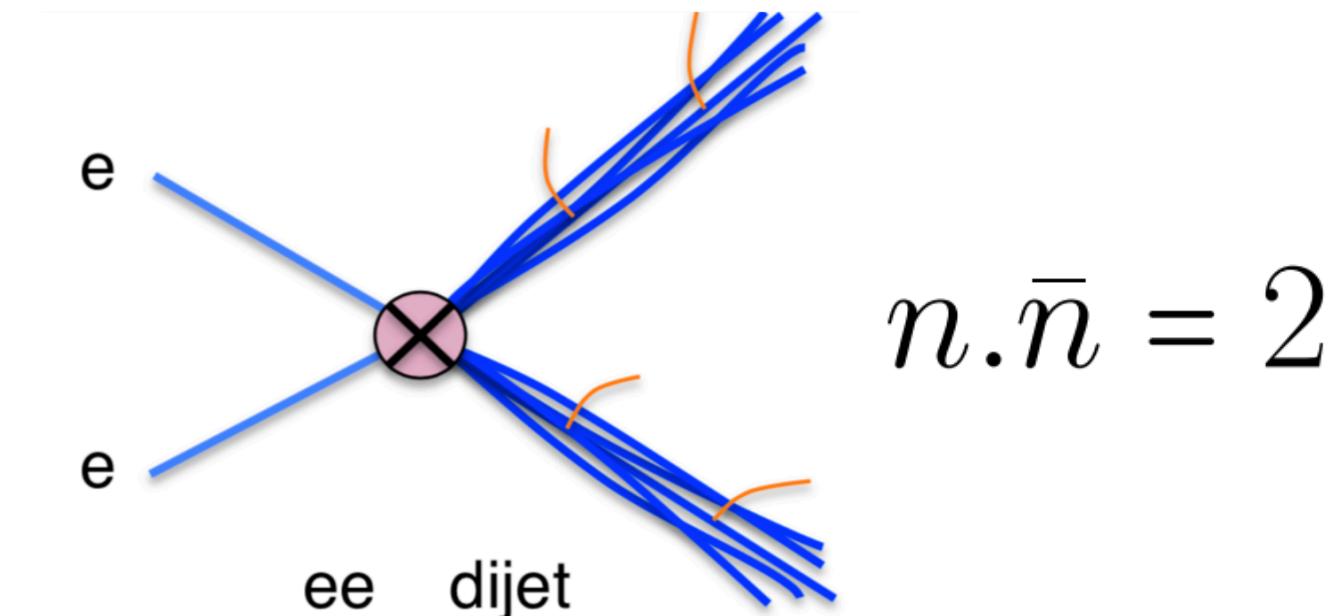
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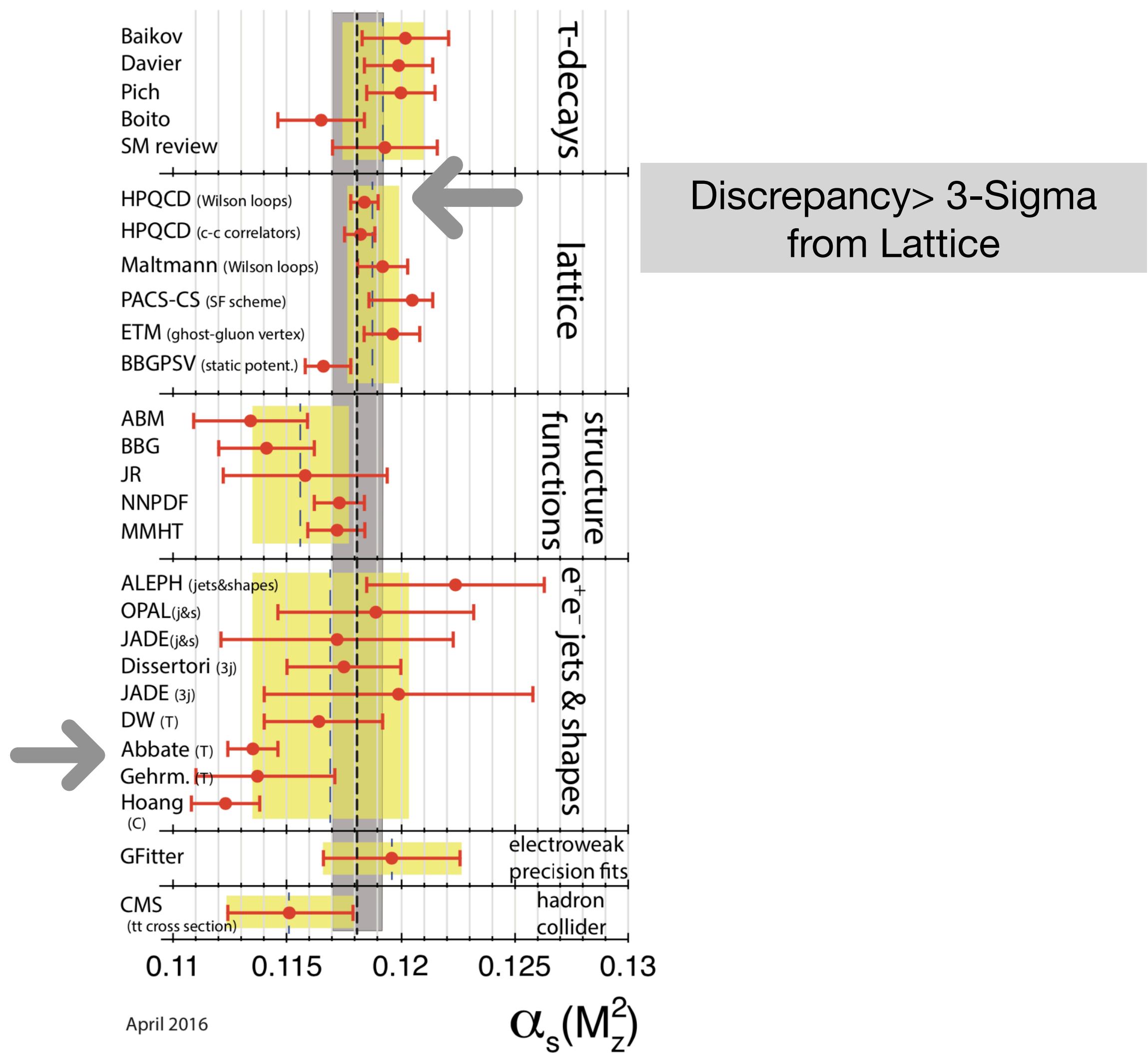


For $e^+e^- = \text{dijet}$

$$\tau_{ee}^a = \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_{i \in \chi} \min \left\{ (p_i \cdot n)^{a/2} (p_i \cdot \bar{n})^{(1-a/2)} \right\}$$

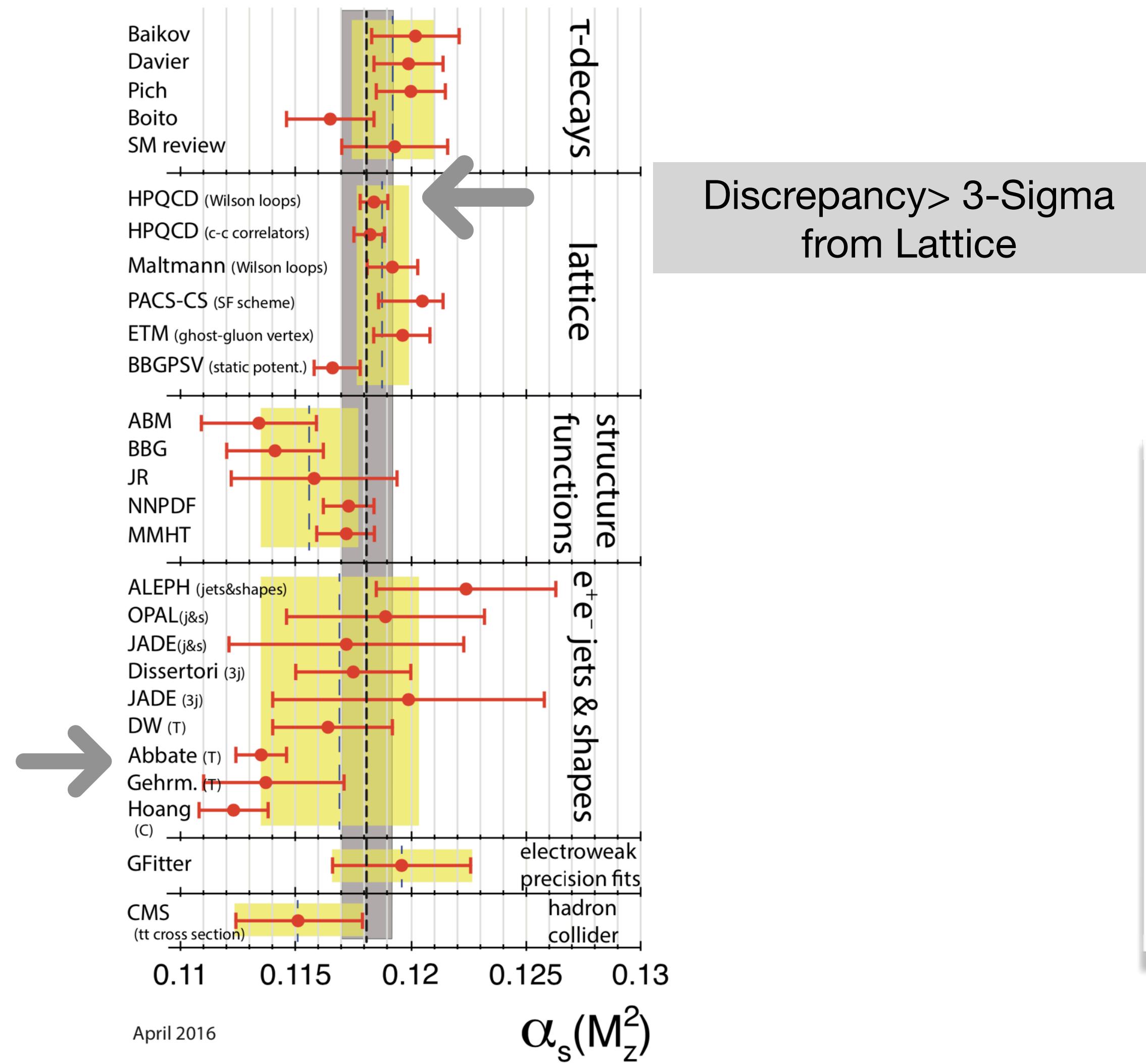


Why DIS angularity?

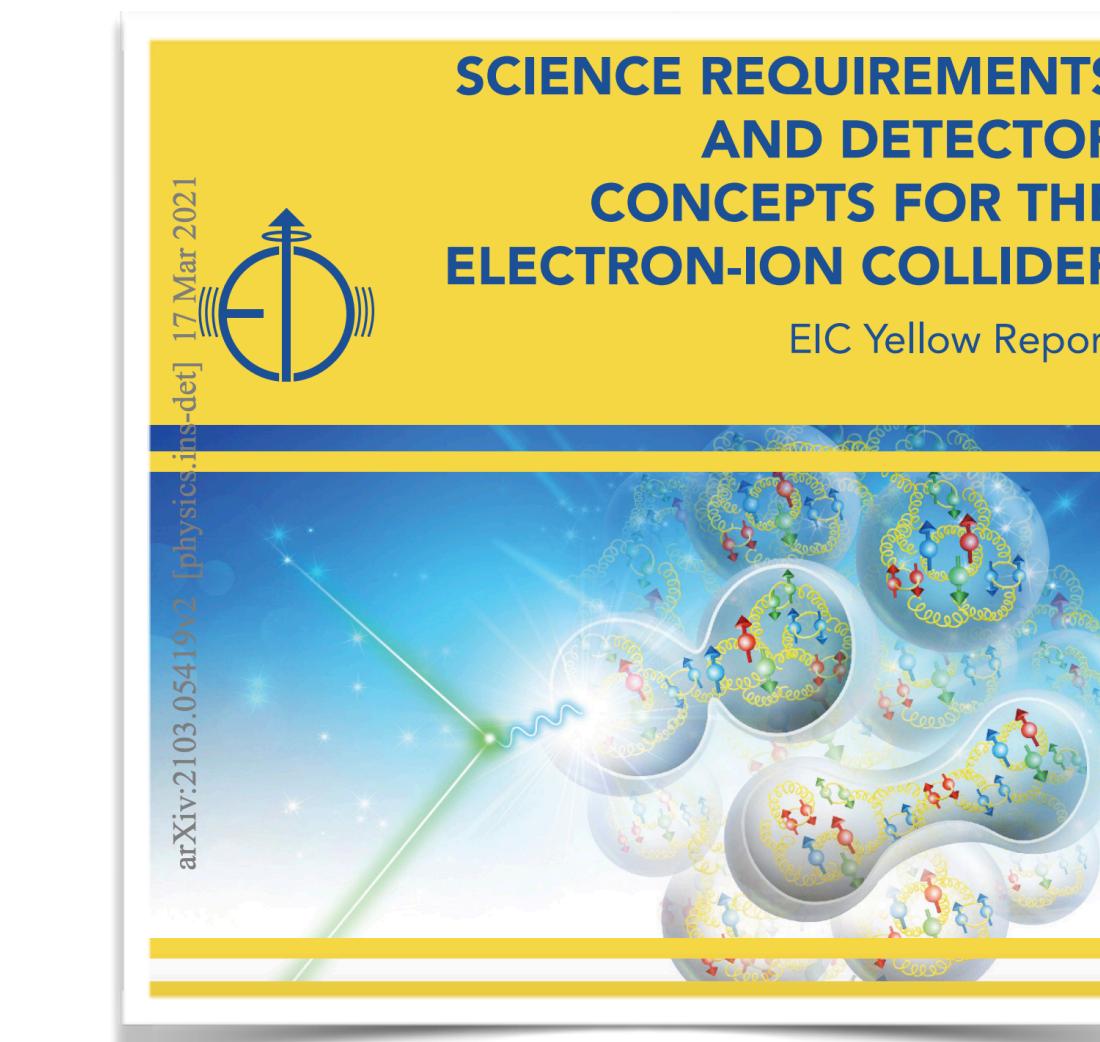


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Why DIS angularity?



DIS event shapes for **future Electron-Ion-Collider (EIC)** at BNL!!



process, although acceptance up to higher rapidity (for example, $\eta = 4.5$) would provide a longer lever arm allowing for more stringent tests of the small- x dynamics and the Pomeron. Apart from J/ψ production, the rapidity-gap production of ρ -mesons maybe also very promising, perhaps even over a broader $|t|$ -range.

7.1.7 Global event shapes and the strong coupling constant

Introduction

Event shapes [289] are global measures of the momentum distribution of hadrons in the final state of a collision, using a single number to characterize how well collimated the hadrons are along certain axes. This simple and global nature makes them highly amenable to high-precision theoretical calculations and convenient for experimental measurements. They then become powerful probes of QCD predictions, the strong coupling α_s , hadronization effects, etc.

The classic example, for collisions $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$, is thrust [290,291],

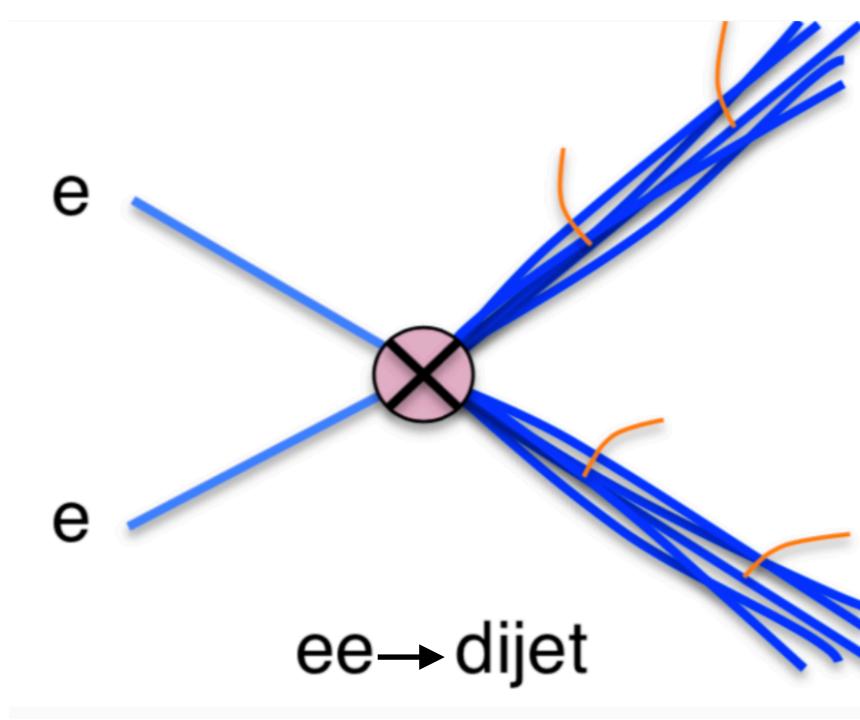
$$\tau = 1 - T, \quad \text{where} \quad T = \frac{1}{Q} \max_{\hat{t}} \sum_{i \in X} |\hat{t} \cdot \mathbf{p}_i| = \frac{2}{Q} p_z^A, \quad (7.13)$$

at a center-of-mass collision energy Q , summing the three-momenta \mathbf{p}_i of all final-state hadrons $i \in X$ projected onto the thrust axis \hat{t} , which is defined as the axis maximizing the sum. It is customary to use $\tau = 1 - T$, whose $\tau \rightarrow 0$ limit describes pencil-like back-to-back two-jet events, and which grows as the jets broaden, up to the limit $\tau = 1/2$ for a spherically symmetric final state. Other examples of two-jet event shapes in e^+e^- are broadening B [292], C-parameter [293], and angularities [294,295].

Need a new test from an independent experiment and new event shapes!

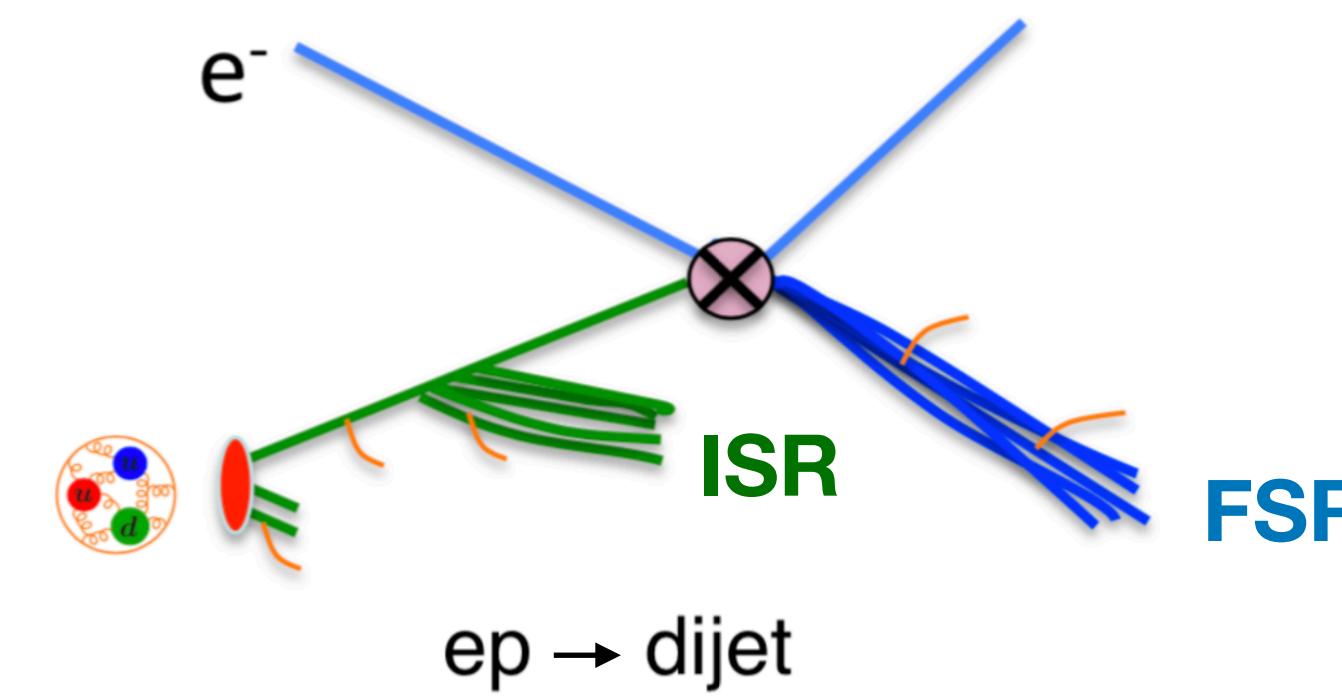
Could be an early milestone!

Angularity for DIS



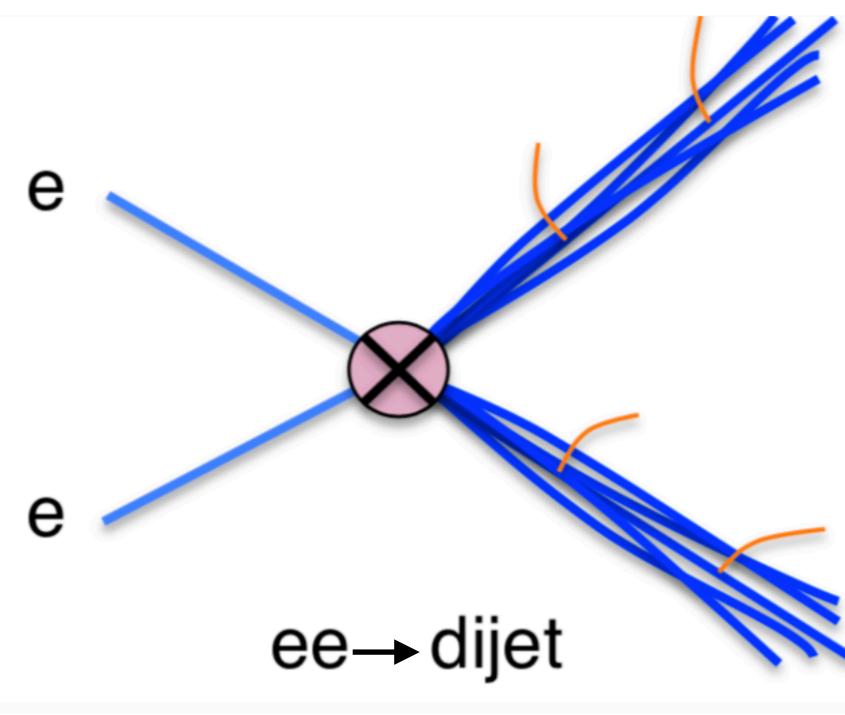
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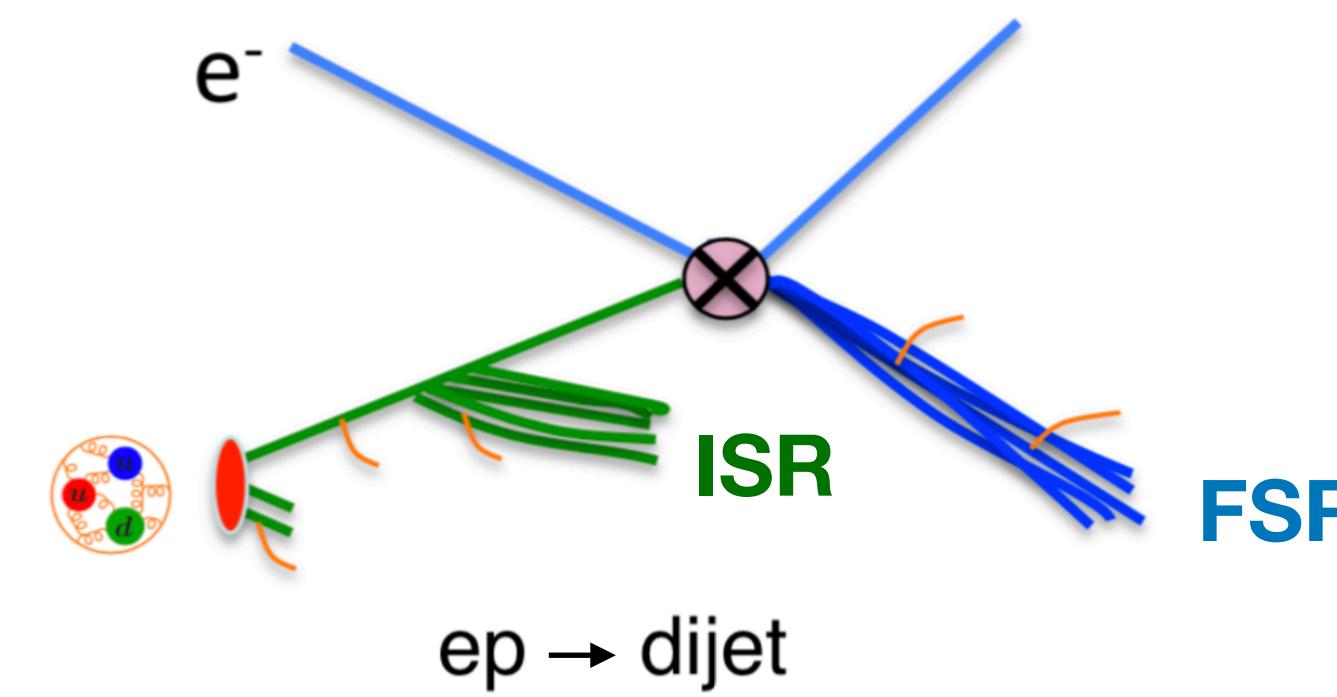
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Axis Choice: $q_B = xP$, $q_J = \text{jet axis}$

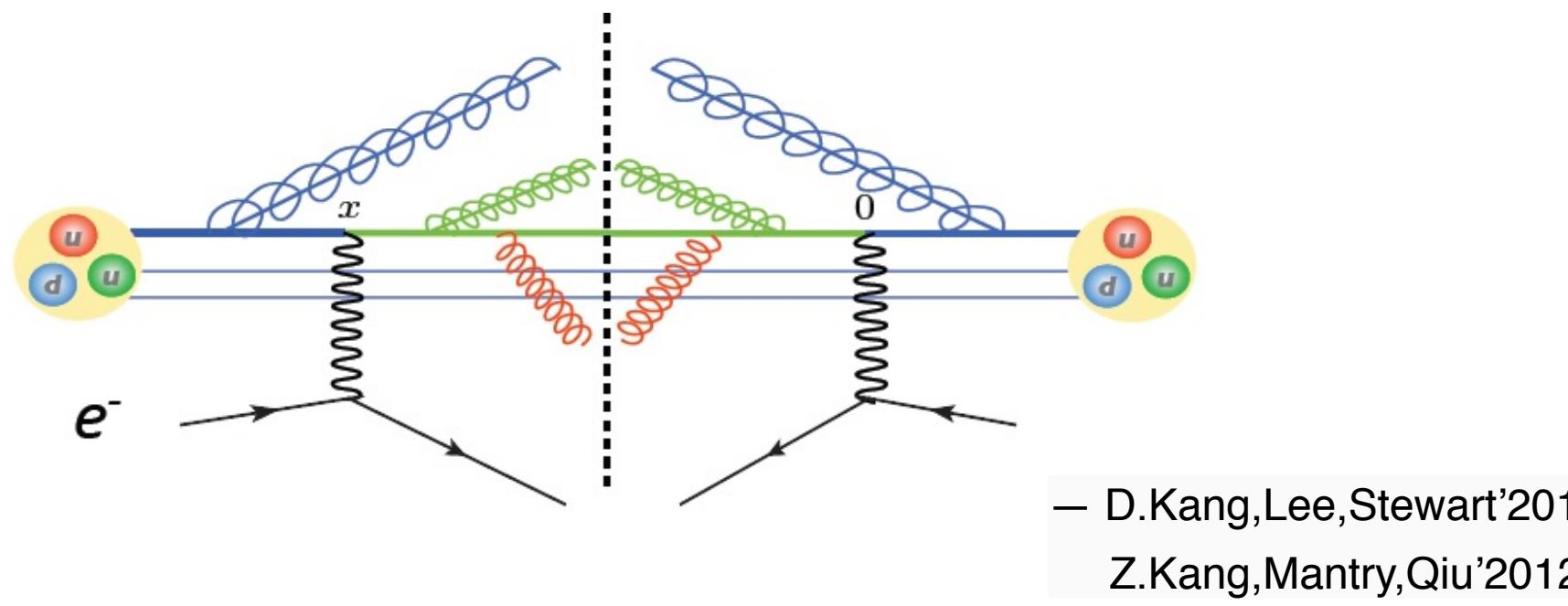
$$q_B^\mu = \omega_B \frac{n_B^\mu}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad q_J^\mu = \omega_J \frac{n_J^\mu}{2} \quad \text{with} \quad n_i \cdot \bar{n}_i = 2$$

we obtain $\omega_B = \bar{n}_B \cdot q_B$ and $\omega_J = \bar{n}_J \cdot q_J$

$$\tau_a = \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{X}} \min \left\{ (q_B \cdot p_i) \left(\frac{q_B \cdot p_i}{q_J \cdot p_i} \right)^{-a/2}, (q_J \cdot p_i) \left(\frac{q_J \cdot p_i}{q_B \cdot p_i} \right)^{-a/2} \right\}$$

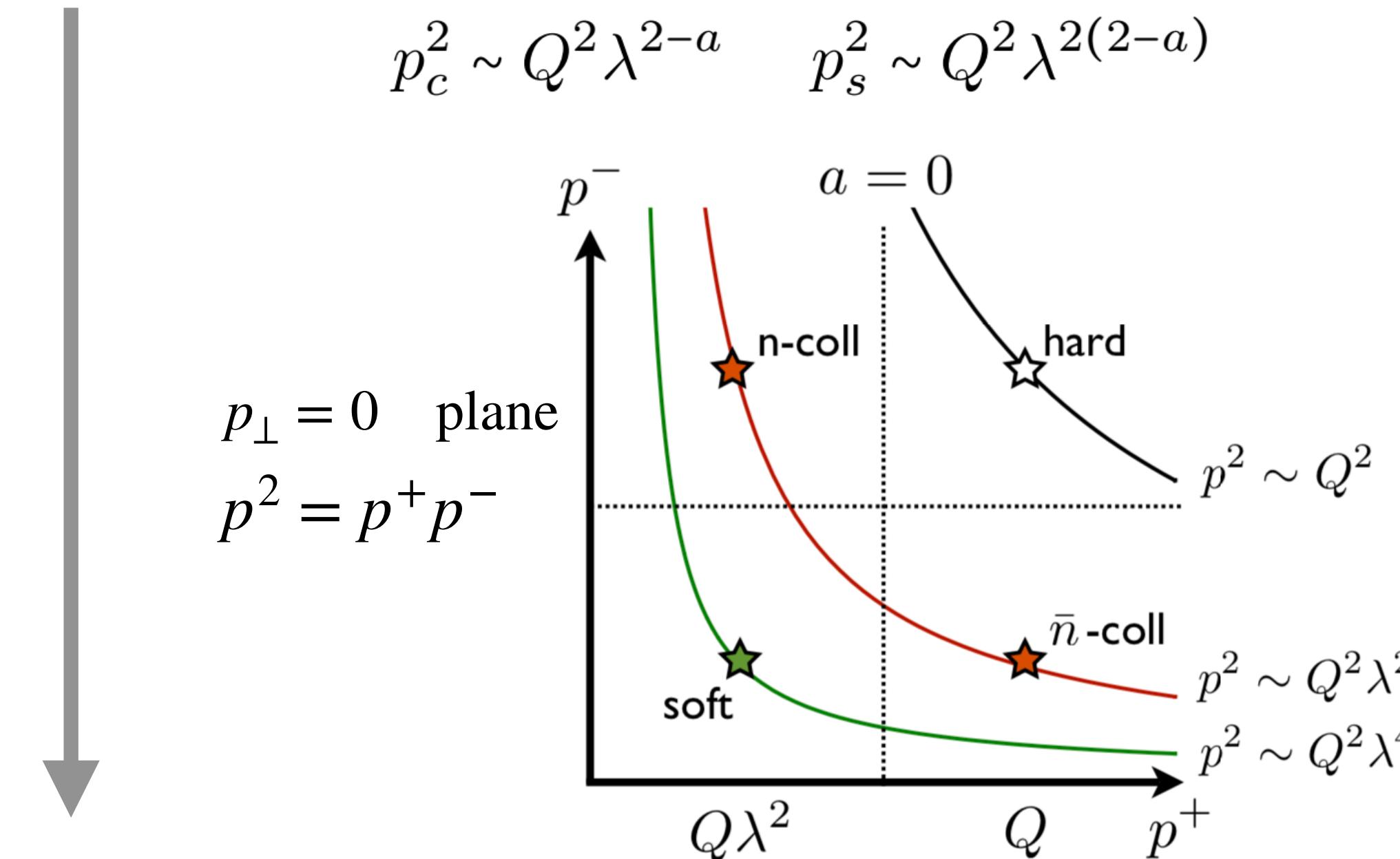
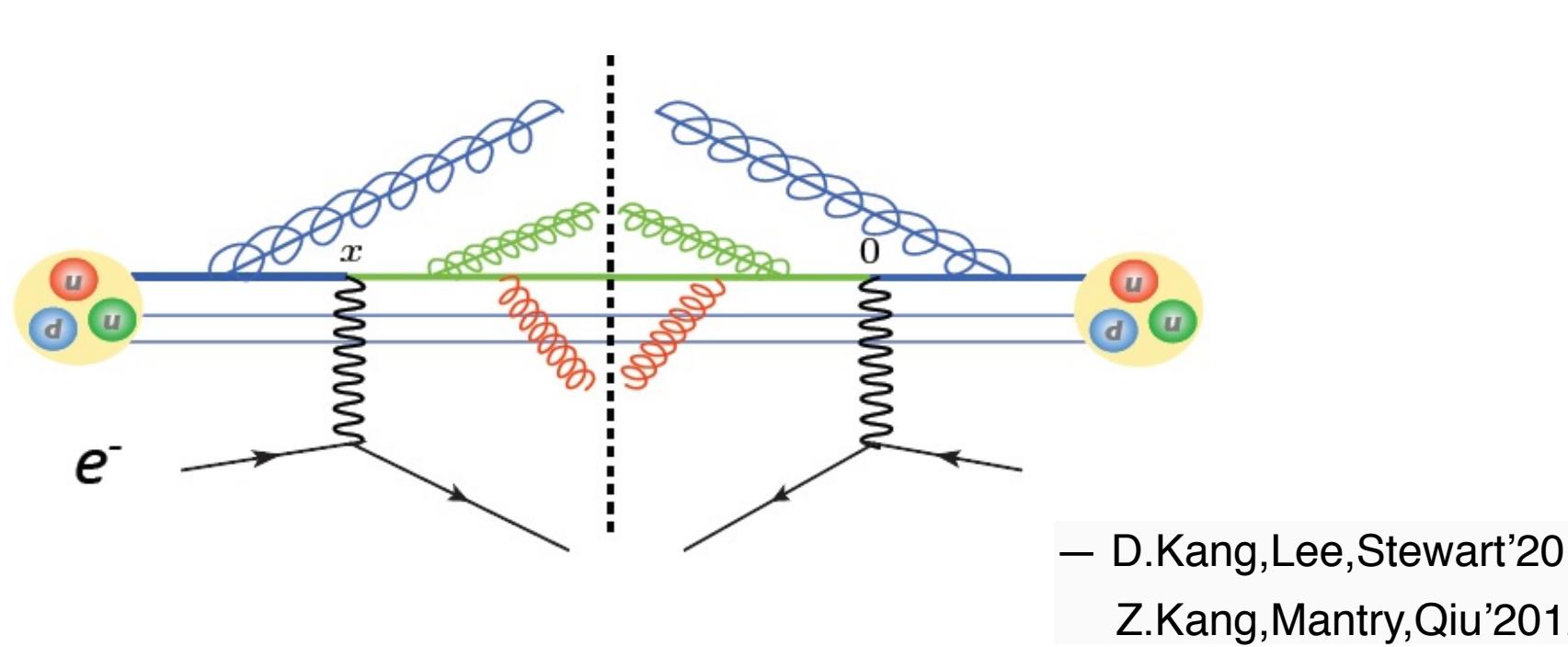
SCET factorization: Angularity diff. cross-section for DIS

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dxdQ^2d\tau_a} = L_{\mu\nu}(x, Q^2) W^{\mu\nu}(x, Q^2, \underline{\tau_a})$$



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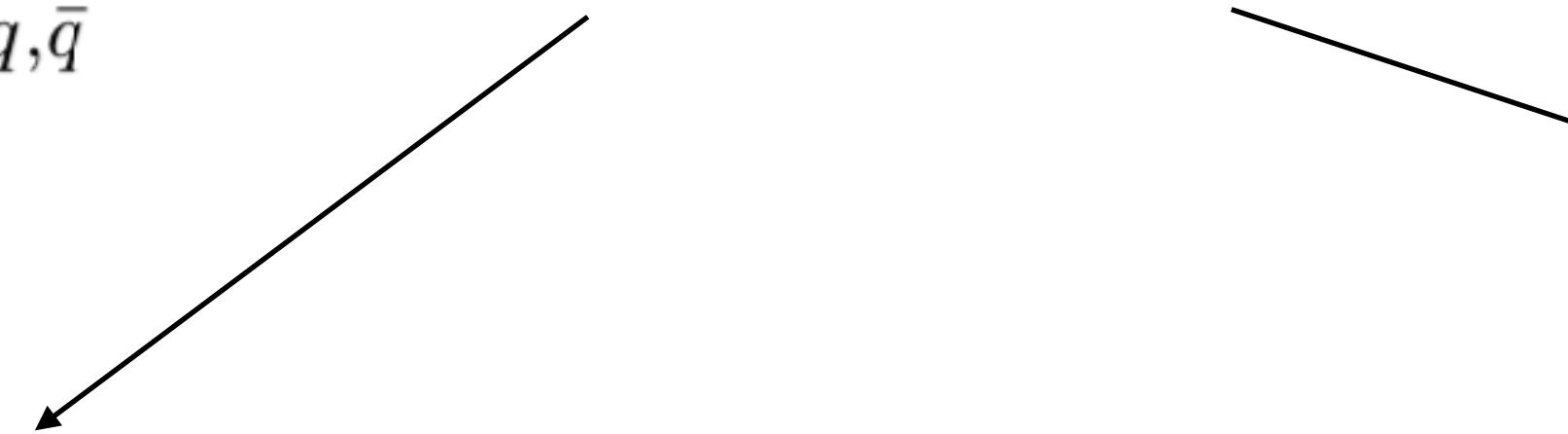
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$$\times \sum_{i=q,\bar{q}} H_i(Q^2, \mu) \mathcal{B}_i(\tau_a^B, x, \mu) \mathcal{J}(\tau_a^J, \mu) \mathcal{S}(\tau_a^S, \mu)$$

$a \leq 0.5$

Angularity Beam function

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$NP \quad LO \quad NLO \quad NNLO$

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— Hornig, Lee, Ovanesyan'09;
— Bell, Hornig, Lee, Talbert'18,

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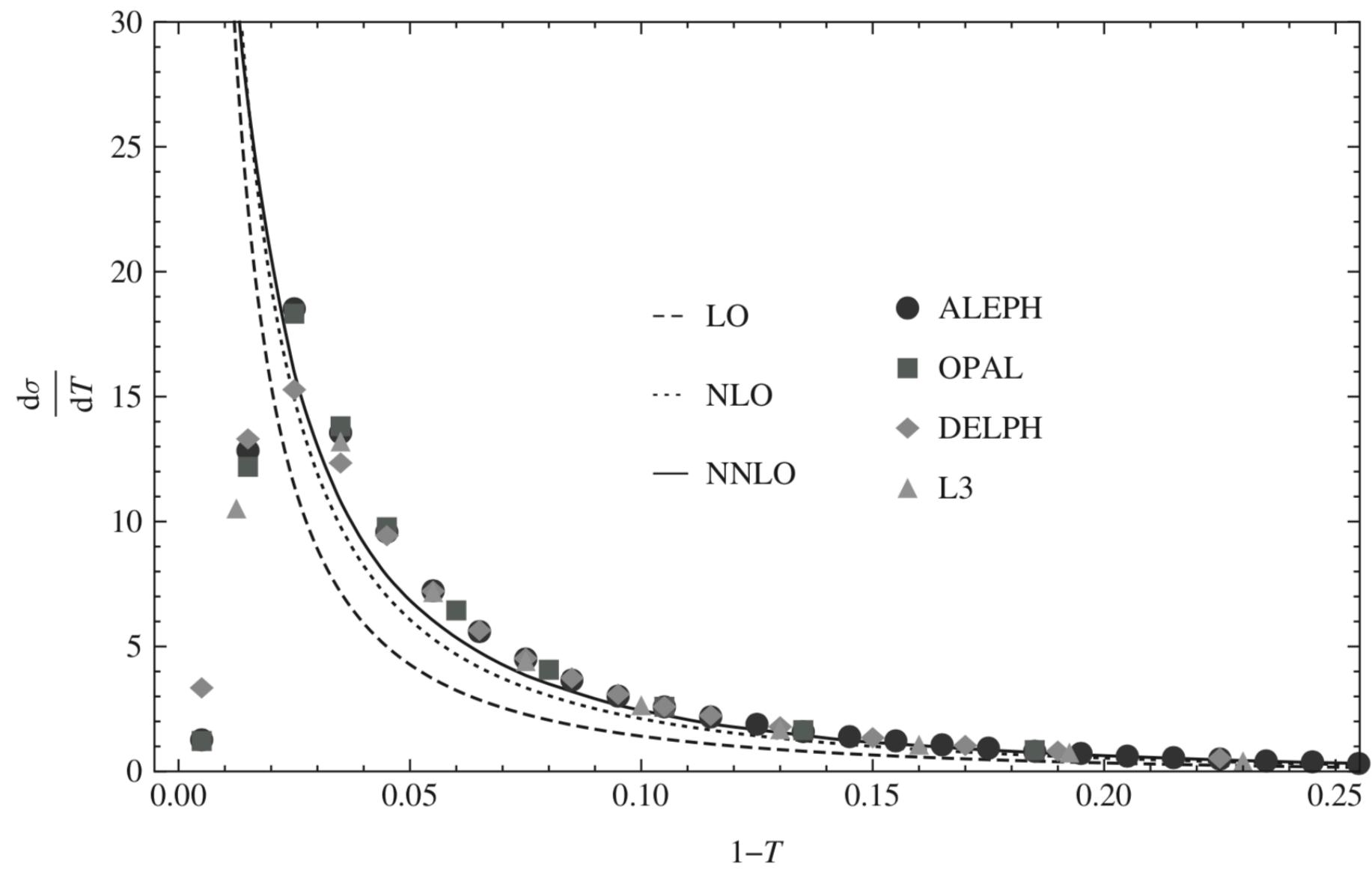
$$L_B(\tau_a) = \log \left[\frac{Q}{\mu_B} (\tau_a e^{-\gamma_E})^{1/j_B} \right]$$

With $j_B = 2-\alpha$

Large logs at threshold limit demands Resummation!

Resummation in Laplace space

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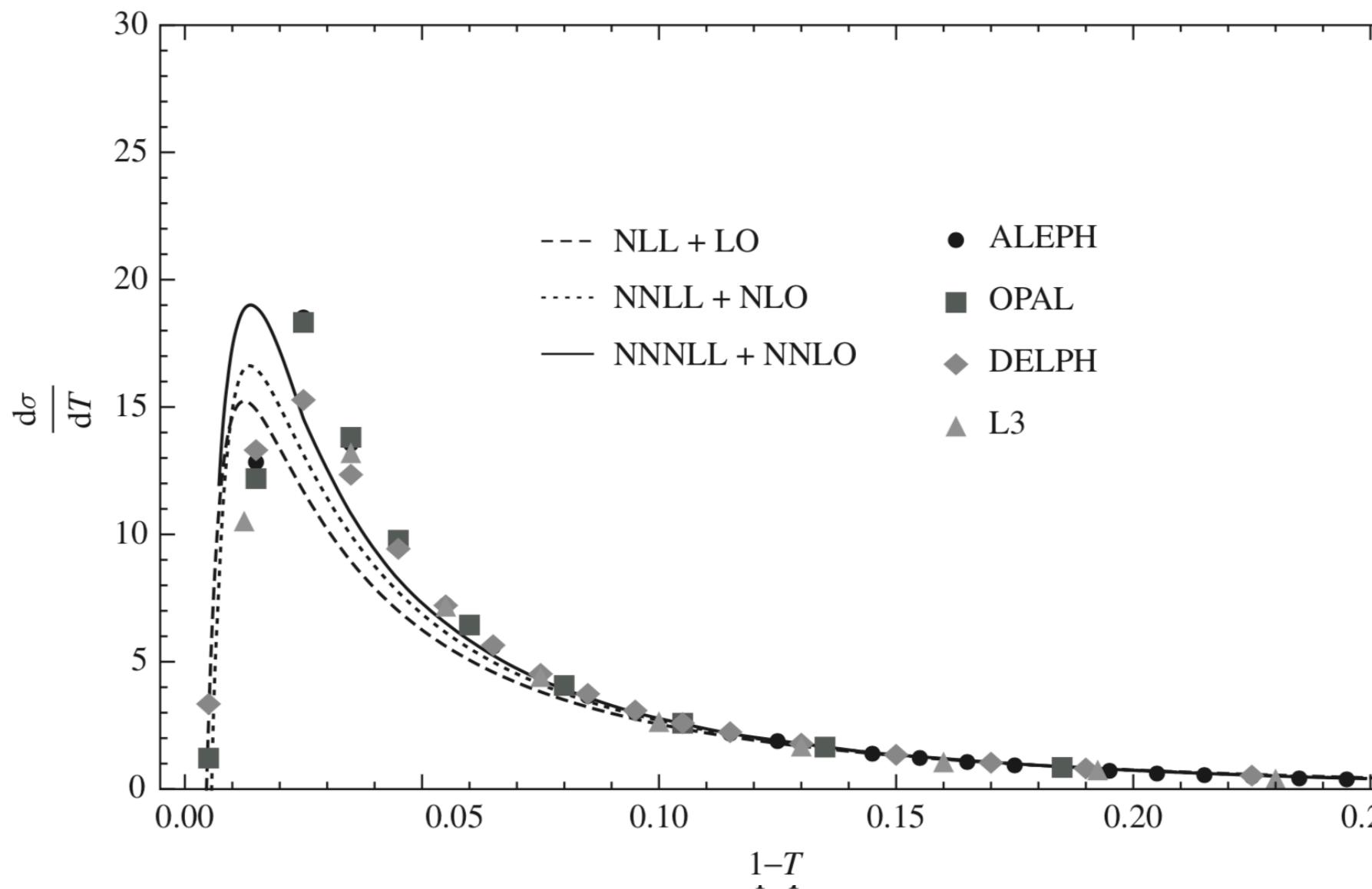


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$$K_B(\mu_B, \mu) = L_B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_s L_B)^k \text{ Leading Log (**LL**)} \quad$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_s L_B)^k \text{ Next-to-leading Log (**NLL**)} \\ + \dots \text{ Next-to-next-leading Log (**NNLL**)} \quad$$

Results

Angularity Differential Cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma^{DIS}}{dx dQ^2 d\tau_a} = ?$$

Angularity diff. cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 d\tau_a} = \frac{d\sigma_0}{dx dQ^2} \sum_v H_v(Q^2, \mu) \int d\tau_a^J d\tau_a^B dk_S J_q(\tau_a^J, \mu) B_{v/q}(\tau_a^B, x, \mu) \\ \times S(k_S, \mu) \delta\left(\tau_a - \tau_a^J - \tau_a^B - \frac{k_S}{Q_R}\right),$$

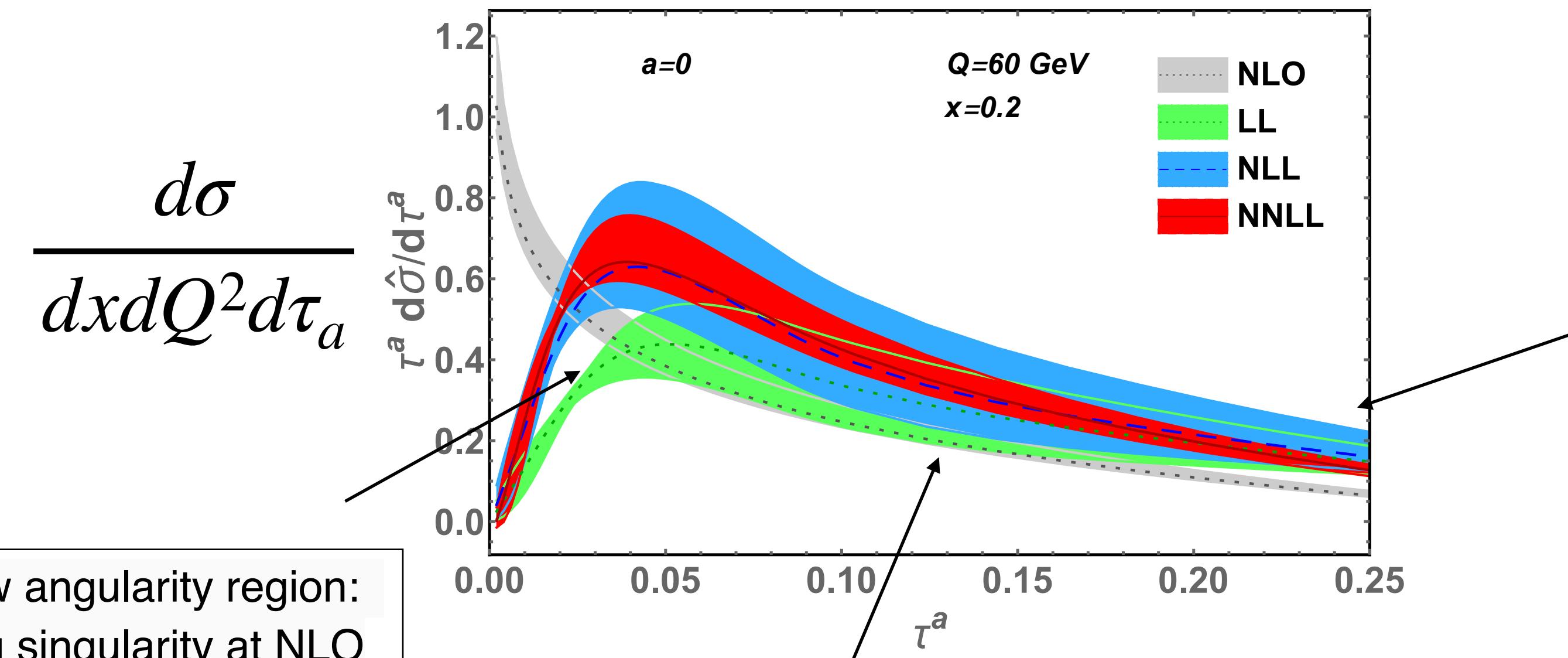
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Resummed result

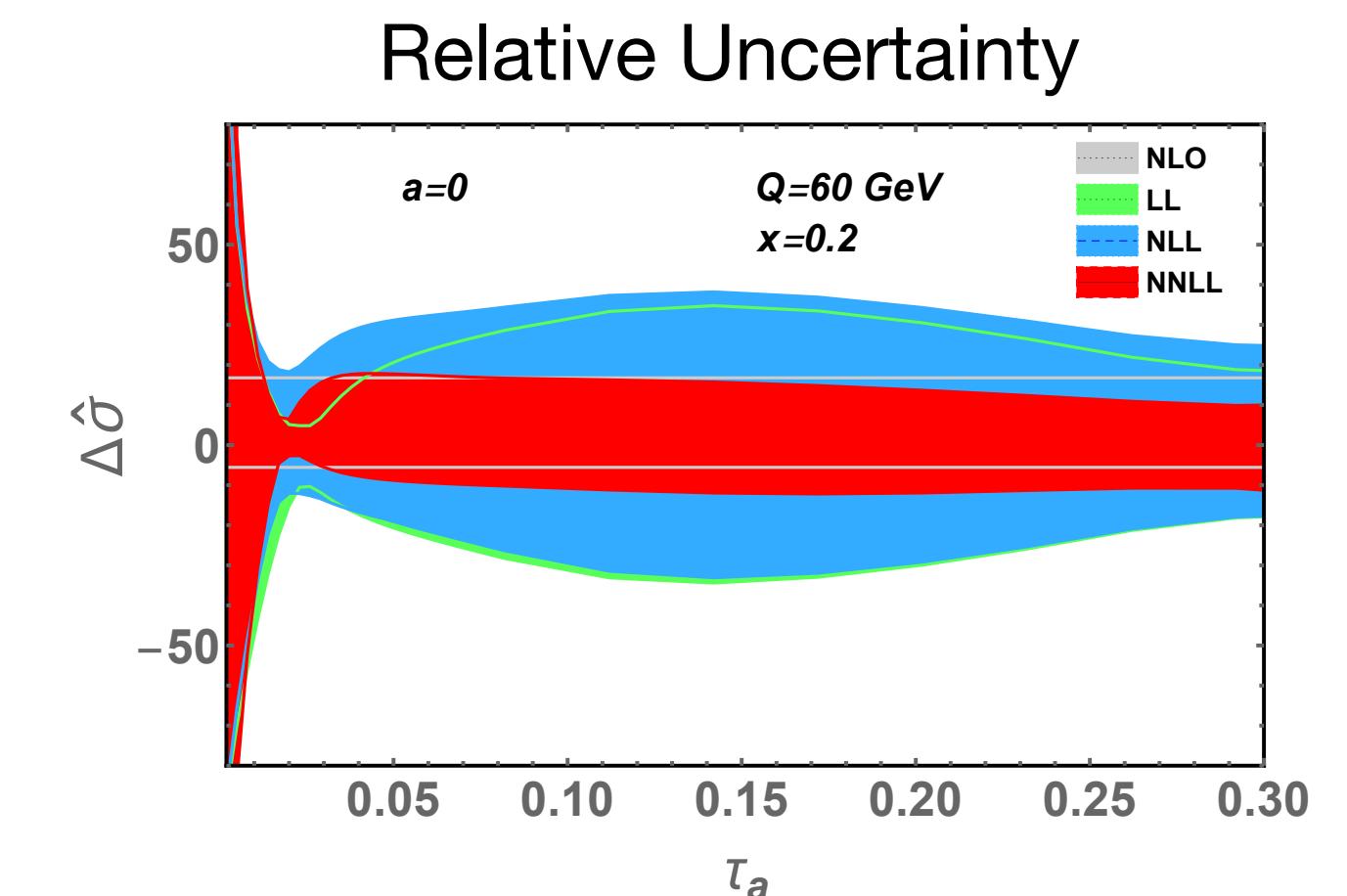
$$\sigma(x, Q^2, \tau_a, \mu) = \sigma_0(x, Q^2) \left(\frac{Q}{\mu_H} \right)^{\eta_H(\mu, \mu_H)} e^{\kappa(\mu_H, \mu_J, \mu_B, \mu_S, \mu)} \\ \times \left(\left(\frac{Q}{\mu_J} \right)^{2-a} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right)^{\eta_J(\mu, \mu_J)} \left(\left(\frac{Q}{\mu_B} \right)^{2-a} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right)^{\eta_B(\mu, \mu_B)} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_S} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right)^{2\eta_S(\mu, \mu_S)} \\ \times \tilde{j}_q \left(\partial_\Omega + \log \left(\frac{Q^{2-a}}{\mu_J^{2-a}} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right), \mu_J \right) \tilde{s} \left(\frac{1}{Q_R} \left(\partial_\Omega + \log \left(\frac{Q}{\mu_S} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right) \right), \mu_S \right) \\ \times \left[H_q(y, Q^2, \mu_H) \tilde{b}_q \left(\partial_\Omega + \log \left(\frac{Q^{2-a}}{\mu_B^{2-a}} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right), x, \mu_B \right) \right. \\ \left. + H_{\bar{q}}(y, Q^2, \mu_H) \tilde{b}_{\bar{q}} \left(\partial_\Omega + \log \left(\frac{Q^{2-a}}{\mu_B^{2-a}} \tau_a e^{-\gamma_E} \right), x, \mu_B \right) \right] \frac{1}{\tau_a \Gamma(\Omega)}$$

Angularity Cross-section at NNLL



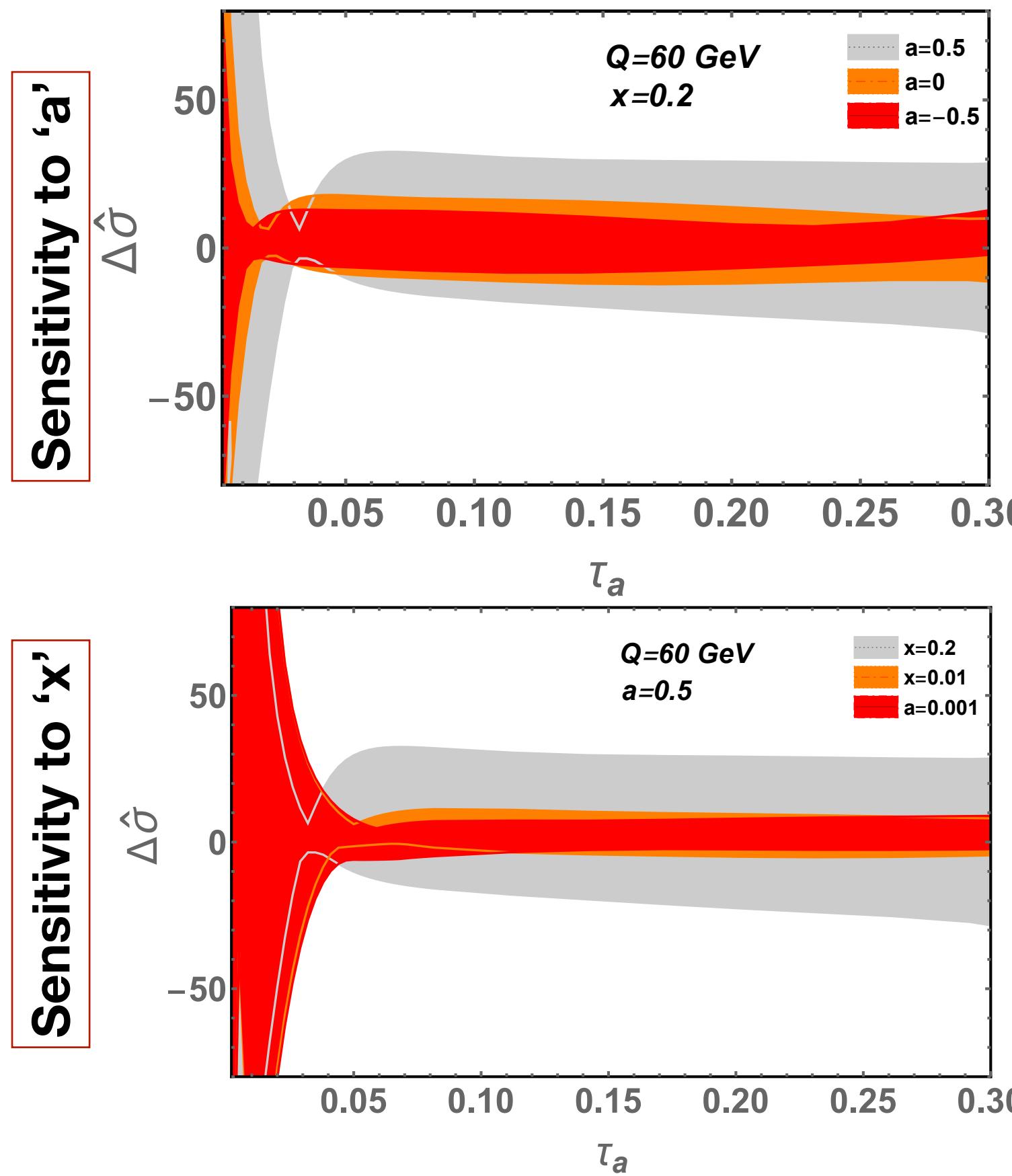
Tail region:
Resummation gives
convergence from LL to
NNLL

Far-tail region:
Need full QCD



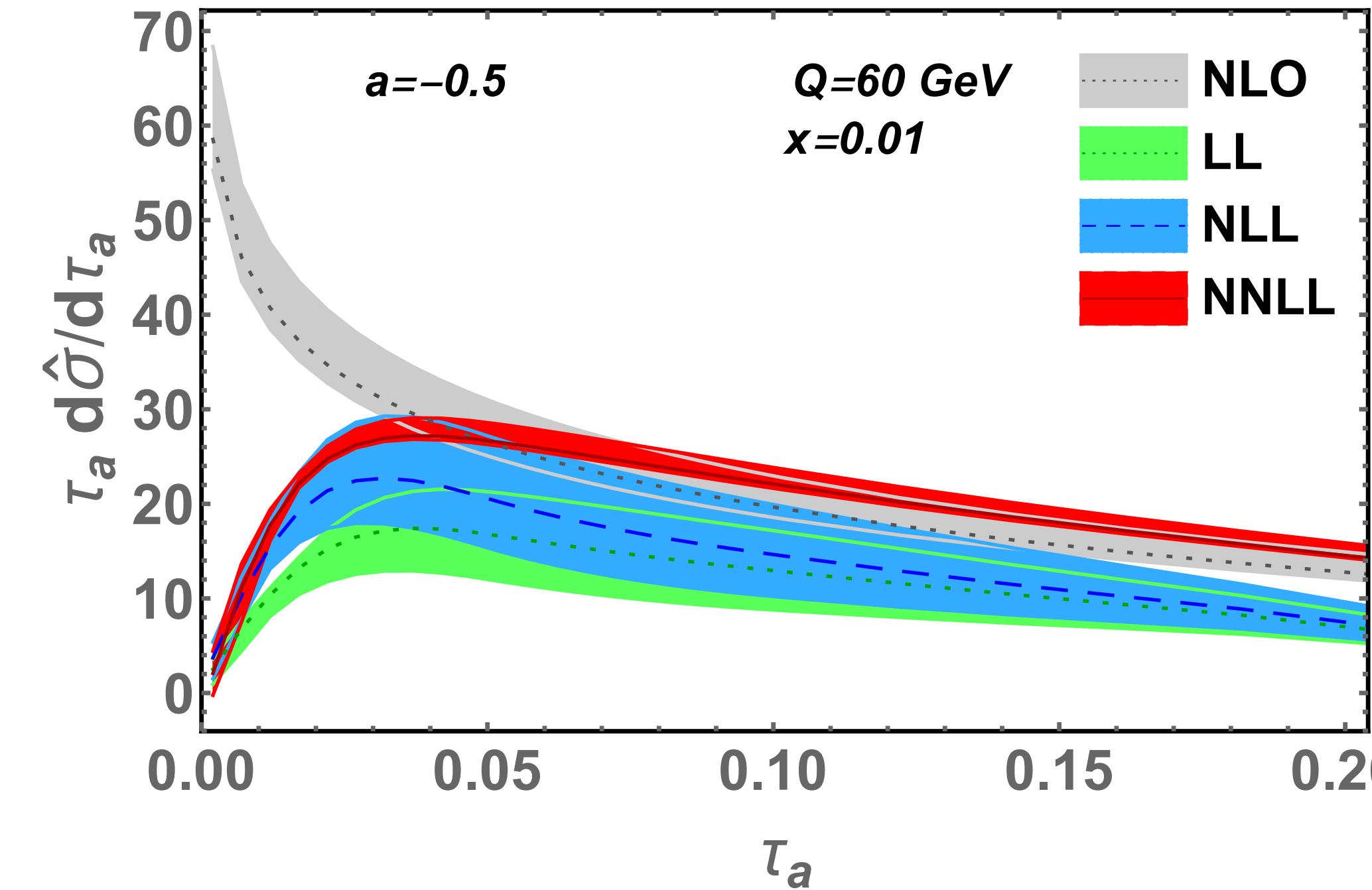
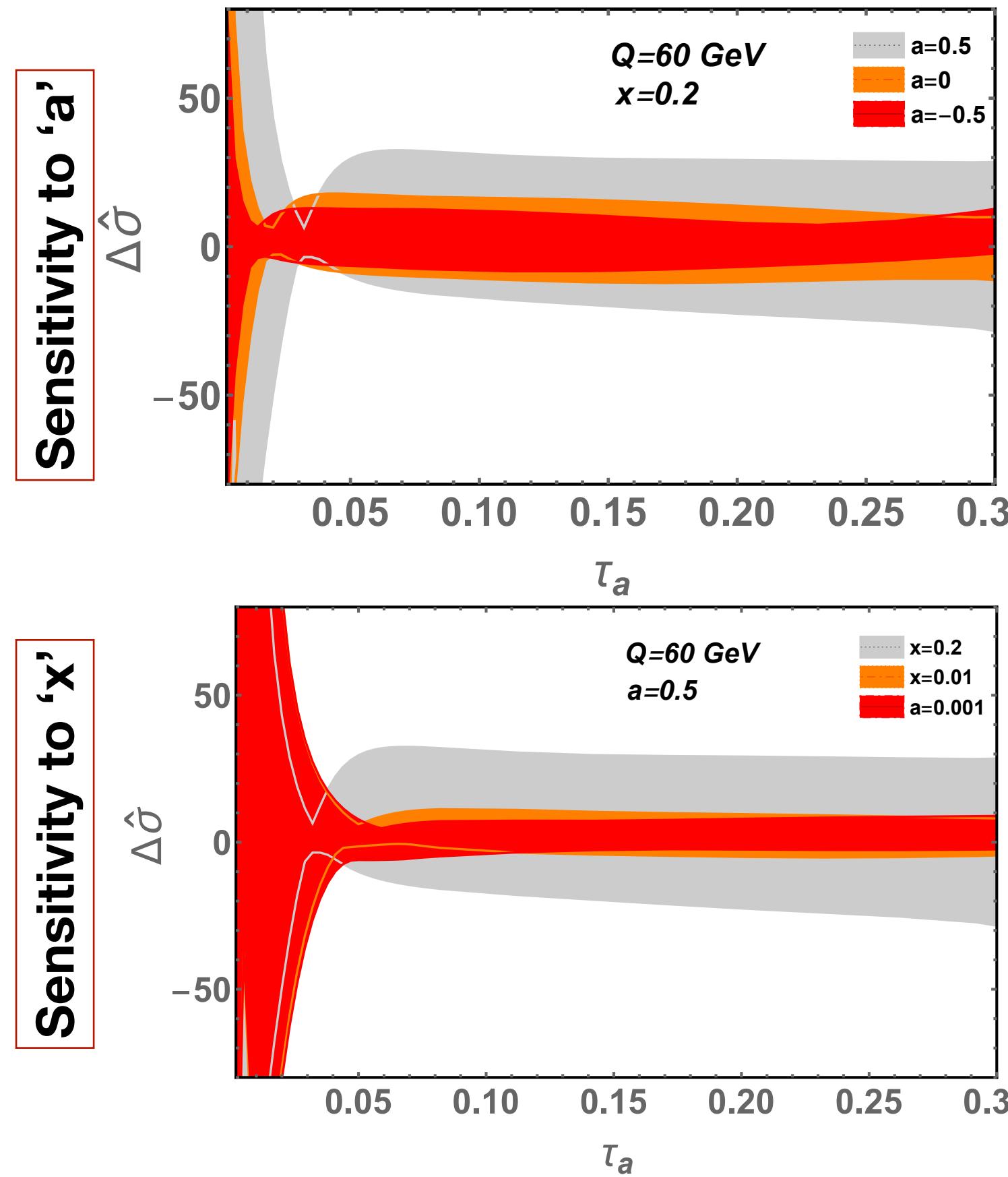
Angularity Cross-section for EIC

Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)



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Angularity measurement would be more precise for
 $a < 0$ & small- x

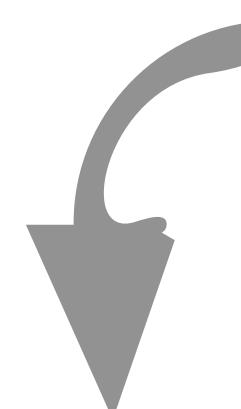
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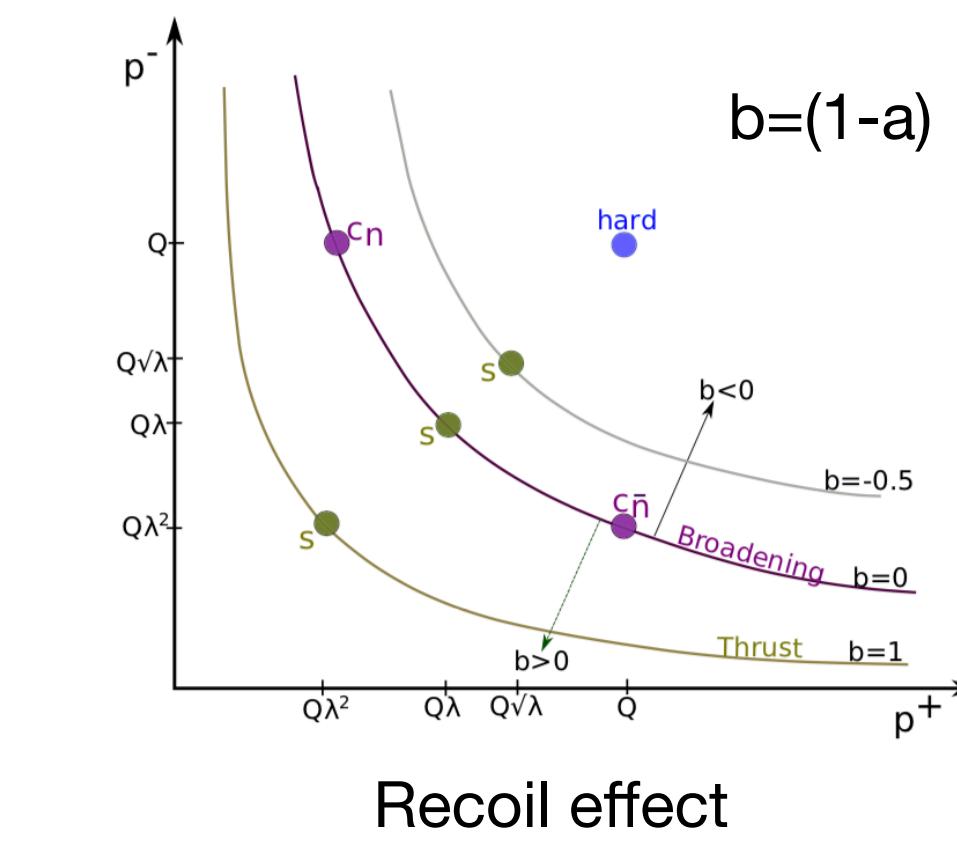
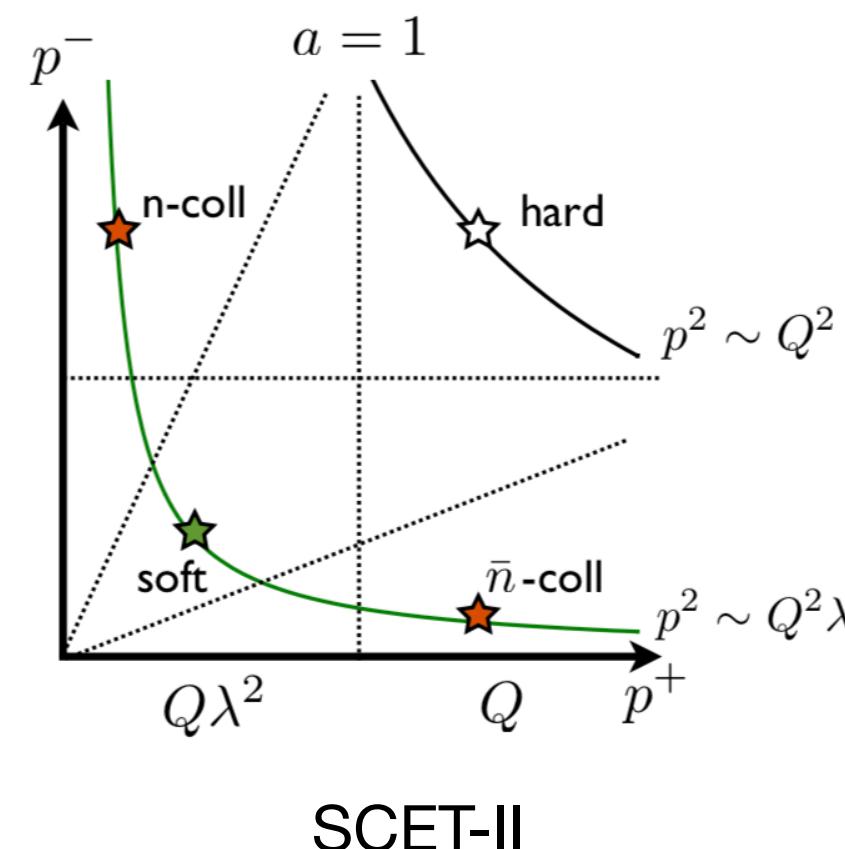
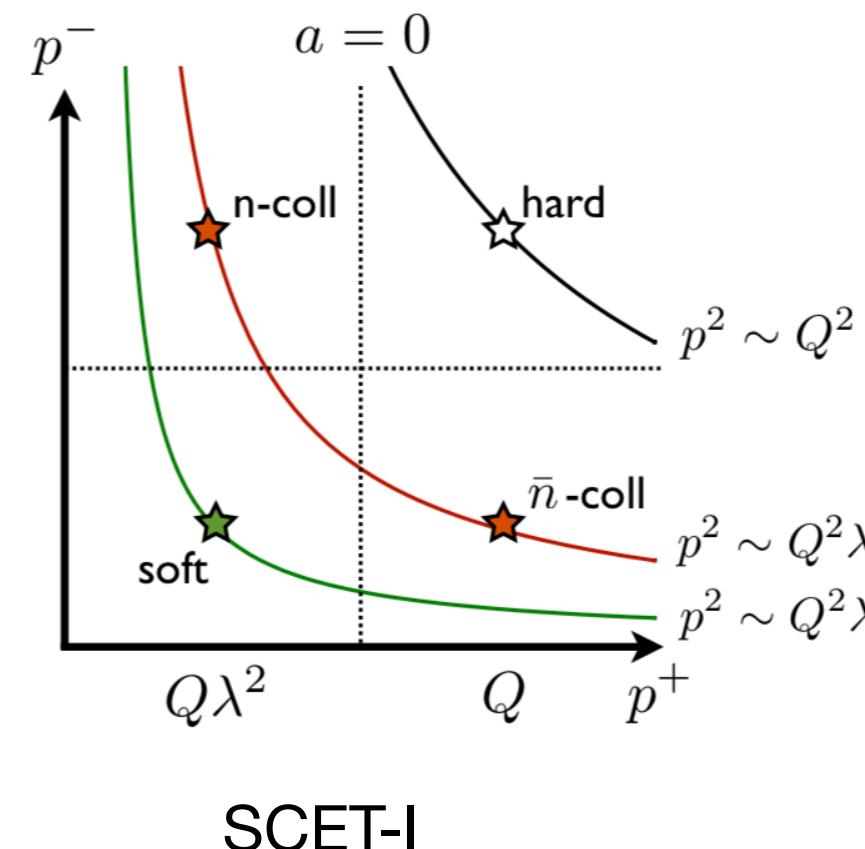
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Future direction



- An extension of this work to access the entire a space, specially $a \sim 1$ region, by incorporating the recoil effect.
- Uncertainty in the cross-section is sensitive to Q , ' a ' and 'x' and we need to find out a reasonable profile function for DIS angularity.



— Andrew Hornig, Christopher Lee, and Grigory Ovanesyan, JHEP 05 (2009) 122

— A. Budhraja, Ambar Jain and Massimiliano Procura, JHEP08(2019)144



—Quanta magazine

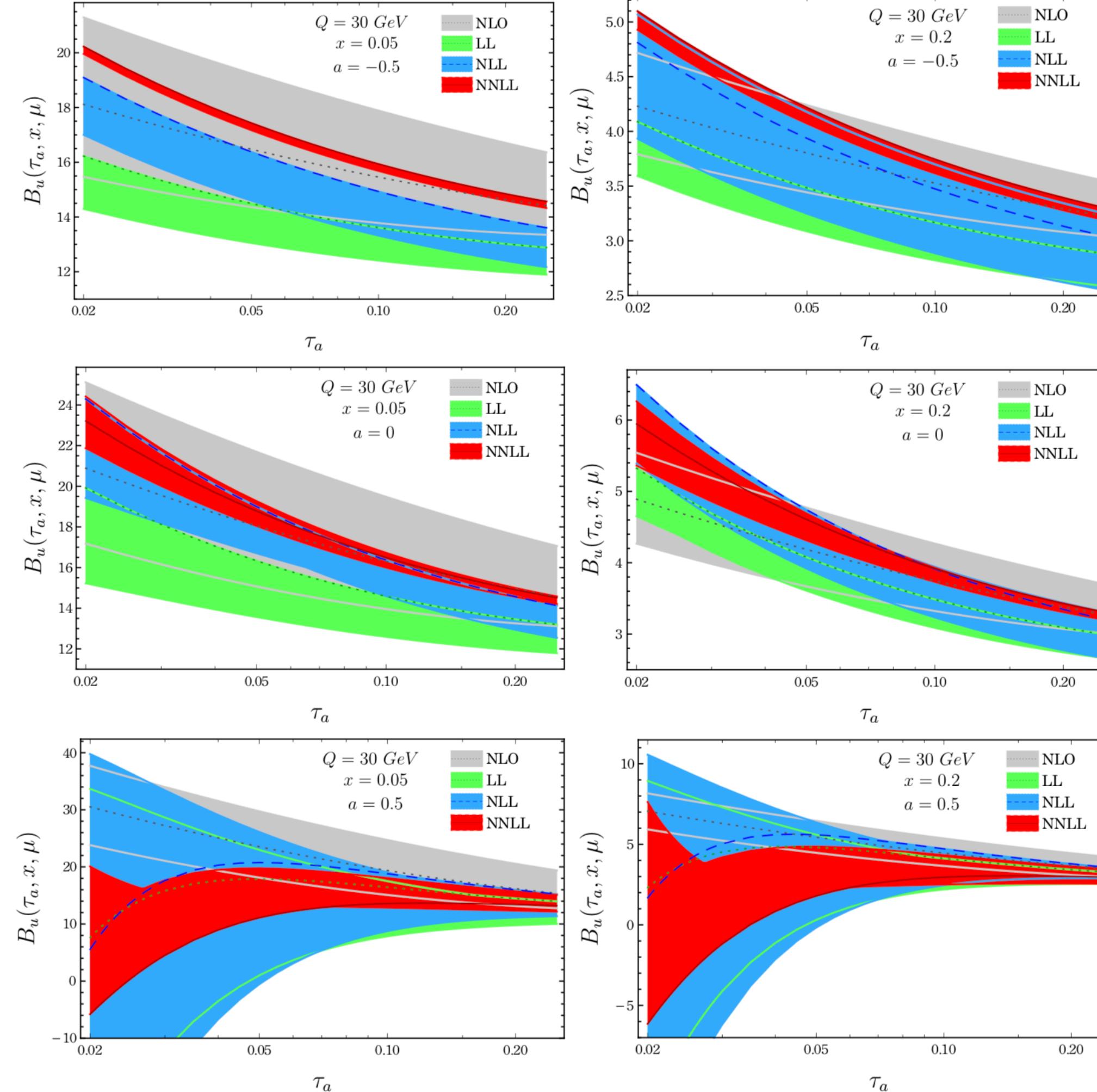
Thank you!

Back up

Results:
Angularity Beam function

$$B(\tau_a^B, x, \mu)$$

Angularity Beam function at NNLL



$\wedge\ a = -0.5$

Beam Func. & Fragmentation func.

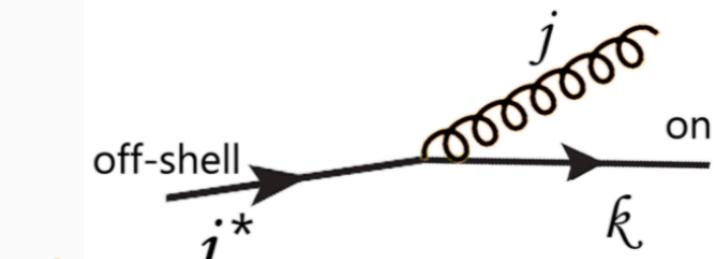
$\wedge\ \text{Thrust limit}$

Beam at NLO: $i \rightarrow k^* j$



Crossing Symmetry!

Fragmentation at NLO: $i^* \rightarrow k j$



[M.Ritzmann,W.J.Waalewijn,PRD90(2014)]

Splitting Function:

$$P_{i \rightarrow k^* j}(2pi.pj, x) \equiv (-1)^{\Delta_f} P_{k^* \rightarrow ij}(-2pi.pj, 1/x)$$

$\wedge\ a = 0.5$

$$I^{(1)} \sim \dots \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{2(1-a)}{2-a} \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \log(x)$$

Resummation in Laplace space

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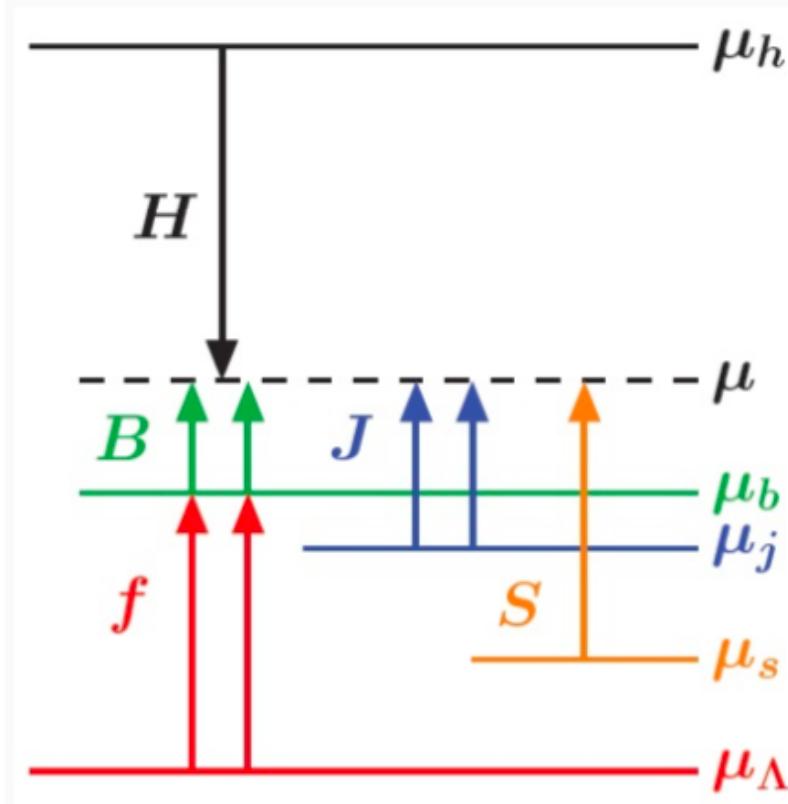


$$G(\nu, \mu) = \int_0^\infty d\tau_a e^{-\nu\tau_a} G(\tau_a, \mu)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_q(\nu) = H_q(Q^2, \mu) \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_q(\nu, \mu) \tilde{J}(\nu, \mu) \tilde{S}(\nu, \mu)$$

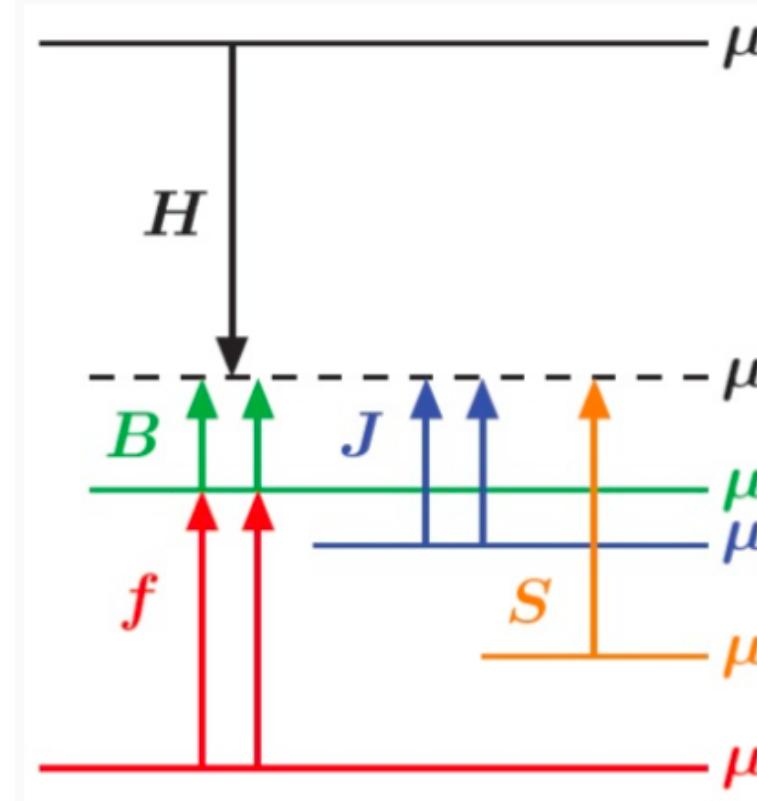
$$\begin{aligned}p_c &\sim Q(\lambda_c^2, 1, \lambda_c), & \tau_a^B(p_c) &\sim \lambda_c^{2-a} \\ p_s &\sim Q(\lambda_s, \lambda_s, \lambda_s), & \tau_a^B(p_s) &\sim \lambda_s\end{aligned}$$

Resummation of large logs



$$\mu_H = Q, \quad \mu_{J,B} = Q\tau_a^{1/(2-a)}, \quad \mu_S = Q\tau_a$$

Resummation of large logs



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Evolution Equation for beam function

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} B(\nu, \mu) = \gamma_G(\mu) B(\nu, \mu) ; \quad \text{similar to } J, S, H$$

Solution : $B(\nu, \mu) = B(\nu, \mu_B) e^{K_B(\mu_B, \mu) + j_B \eta_B(\mu_B, \mu) L_B}$,

- Jet and beam functions are defined by same collinear operator: $\gamma_J(\mu) = \gamma_B(\mu)$

$$K_B(\mu_B, \mu) = L_B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_s L_B)^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_s L_B)^k + \dots$$

LL
NLL

$\alpha_s L_B \sim 1$

$$L_B = \ln(\mu/\mu_B)$$

LL: Leading Log;
NLL: Next-to-Leading Log

Anomalous dimension

The universal cusp anomalous dimension $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s)$ and non-cusp anomalous dimension $\gamma_G(\alpha_s)$ are expressed in powers of α_s as

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=0} \Gamma_n \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1}, \quad \gamma_G(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=0} \gamma_n^G \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1}, \quad (4.15)$$

where Γ_n are given in appendix D and one-loop result for γ_n^G are given in [36]

$$\gamma_0^G = \{-12C_F, 0, 6C_F\} \quad G = \{H, S, J\}, \quad (4.16)$$

which again satisfies the consistency in eq. (4.13) at the order α_s . The two-loop hard anomalous dimension is well known [61, 63] and available up to three-loops [64]

$$\gamma_1^H = -2C_F \left[\left(\frac{82}{9} - 52\zeta_3 \right) C_A + (3 - 4\pi^2 + 48\zeta_3) C_F + \left(\frac{65}{9} + \pi^2 \right) \beta_0 \right]. \quad (4.17)$$

$$\gamma_G(\mu) = j_G \kappa_G \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) L_G + \gamma_G(\alpha_s), \quad (4.11)$$

where $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s)$ and $\gamma_G(\alpha_s)$ are the cusp and non-cusp anomalous dimensions. The characteristic logarithm L_G is defined as

$$L_G = \begin{cases} \ln\left(\frac{Q}{\mu}\right) & G = H, \\ \ln\left[\frac{Q}{\mu}(v e^{\gamma_E})^{-1/j_G}\right] & G = \{\tilde{S}, \tilde{J}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}\}, \end{cases} \quad (4.12)$$

The consistency relation followed by scale independence of cross section $d\sigma(\mu)/d\mu = 0$ is given by $\gamma_H(\mu) + \gamma_{\tilde{S}}(\mu) + 2\gamma_{\tilde{J}}(\mu) = 0$, which is valid for any values of Q, μ, v in eq. (4.11) and it turns into three consistency relations

$$\begin{aligned} j_H \kappa_H + j_S \kappa_S + 2j_J \kappa_J &= 0, \\ \kappa_S + 2\kappa_J &= 0, \\ \gamma_H(\alpha_s) + \gamma_S(\alpha_s) + 2\gamma_J(\alpha_s) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

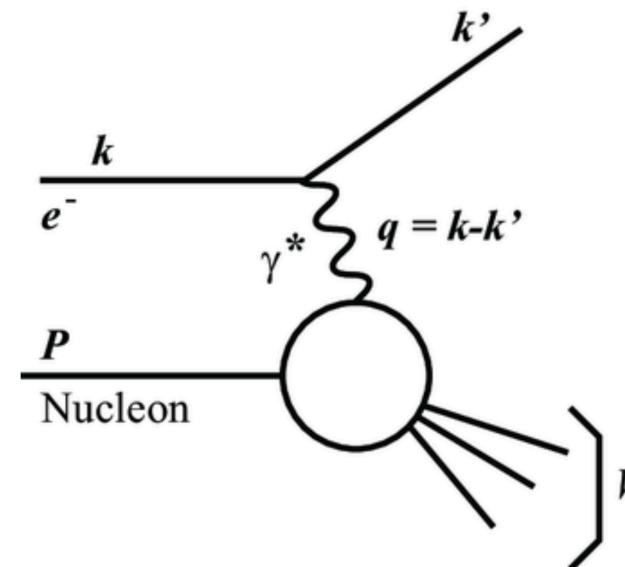
The constants j_G and κ_G are given by

$$\begin{aligned} j_G &= \{1, 1, 2 - a\}, \\ \kappa_G &= \left\{4, \frac{4}{1-a}, -\frac{2}{1-a}\right\}, \quad G = \{H, S, J\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

where $C_{qj} = C_F, T_F$ for $j = q, g$. One of the logarithmic terms L_B is associated with PDF with the splitting functions P_{qj}

$$\begin{aligned} P_{qq}(z) &= \left[\frac{\theta(1-z)}{1-z} \right]_+ (1+z^2) + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1-z) = \left[\theta(1-z) \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right]_+, \\ P_{qg}(z) &= \theta(1-z)[(1-z)^2 + z^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

DIS factorization in SCET



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dxdQ^2d\tau_a} = L_{\mu\nu}(x, Q^2) W^{\mu\nu}(x, Q^2, \tau_a)$$

The hadronic tensor defined by QCD current $J^\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi(x)$

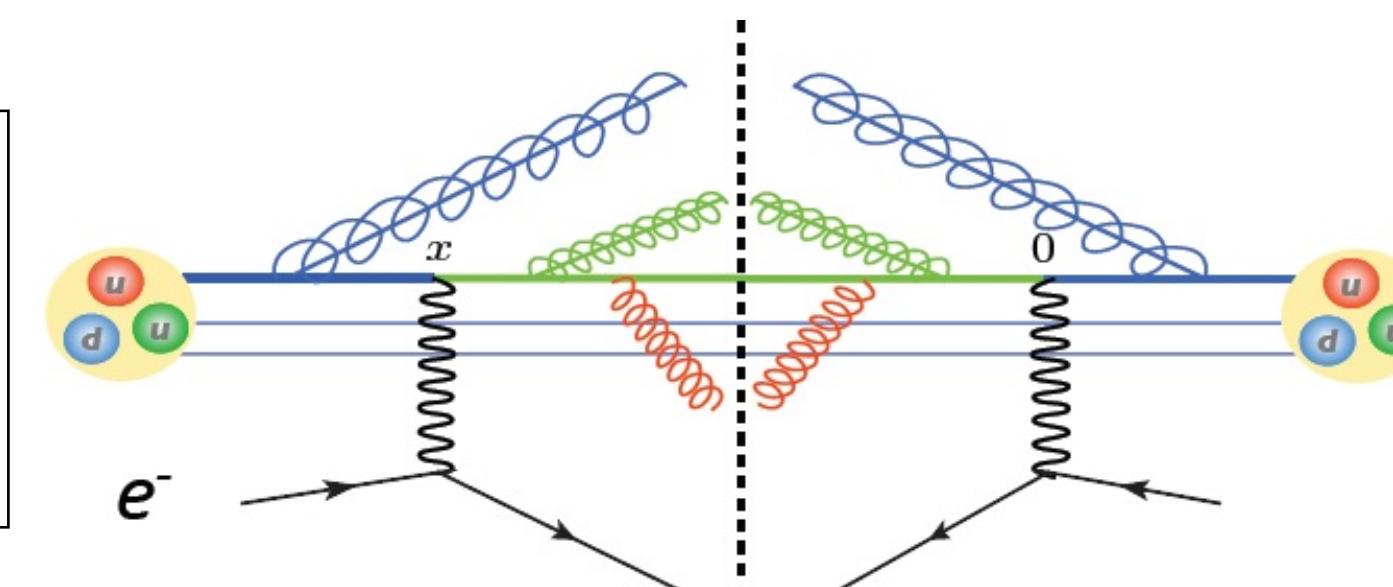
$$\begin{aligned} W^{\mu\nu}(x, Q^2, \tau_a) &= \sum_X \langle P|J^{\mu\dagger}|X\rangle\langle X|J^\nu|P\rangle (2\pi)^{(4)}\delta^4(P+q-p_X)\delta(\tau_a - \tau_a(X)) \\ &= \int d^4x e^{iq\cdot x} \langle P|J^{\mu\dagger}(x)\delta(\tau_a - \hat{\tau}_a)J^\nu(0)|P\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting the power correction $O(\lambda^2)$, we match the current $J^\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi(x)$ onto the operators in SCET and perform the field redefinition to have factorized form of the hadronic tensor as

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\mu\nu}(x, Q^2, \tau_a) &= \left(\frac{8\pi}{n_J \cdot n_B}\right) \int d\tau_a^J d\tau_a^B d\tau_a^S \delta(\tau_a - \tau_a^J - \tau_a^B - \tau_a^S) \\ &\quad \times H_{\mu\nu}(q^2, \mu) \mathcal{B}_i(\tau_a^B, x, \mu) J(\tau_a^J, \mu) S(\tau_a^S, \mu) \end{aligned}$$

Measurement operator: $\hat{\tau}_a = \hat{\tau}_a^{c_B} + \hat{\tau}_a^{c_J} + \hat{\tau}_a^S$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dxdQ^2d\tau_a} &= \frac{d\sigma_0}{dxdQ^2} \int d\tau_a^J d\tau_a^B d\tau_a^S \delta(\tau_a - \tau_a^J - \tau_a^B - \tau_a^S) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=q,\bar{q}} H_i(Q^2, \mu) \mathcal{B}_i(\tau_a^B, x, \mu) J(\tau_a^J, \mu) S(\tau_a^S, \mu) \end{aligned}$$

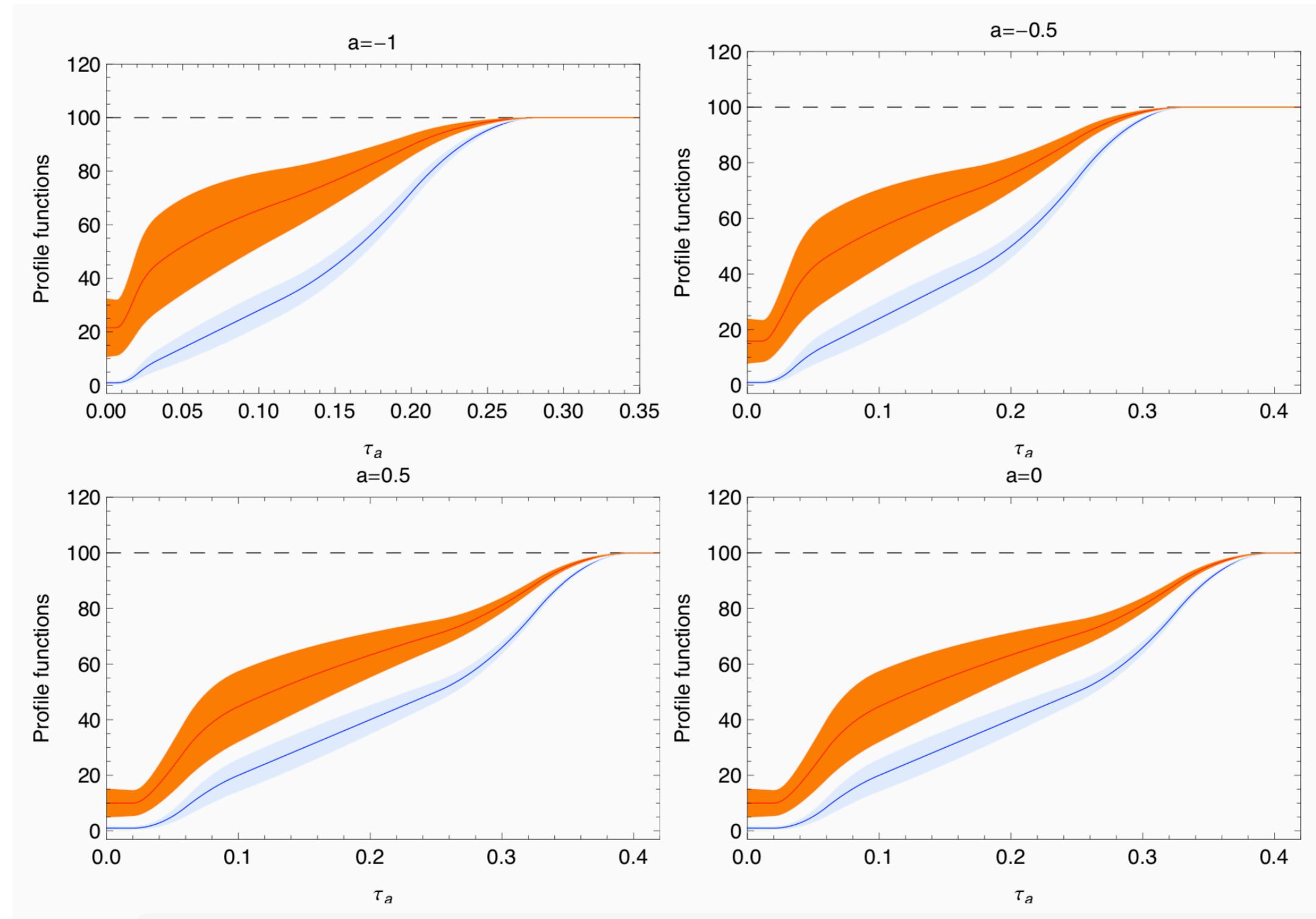


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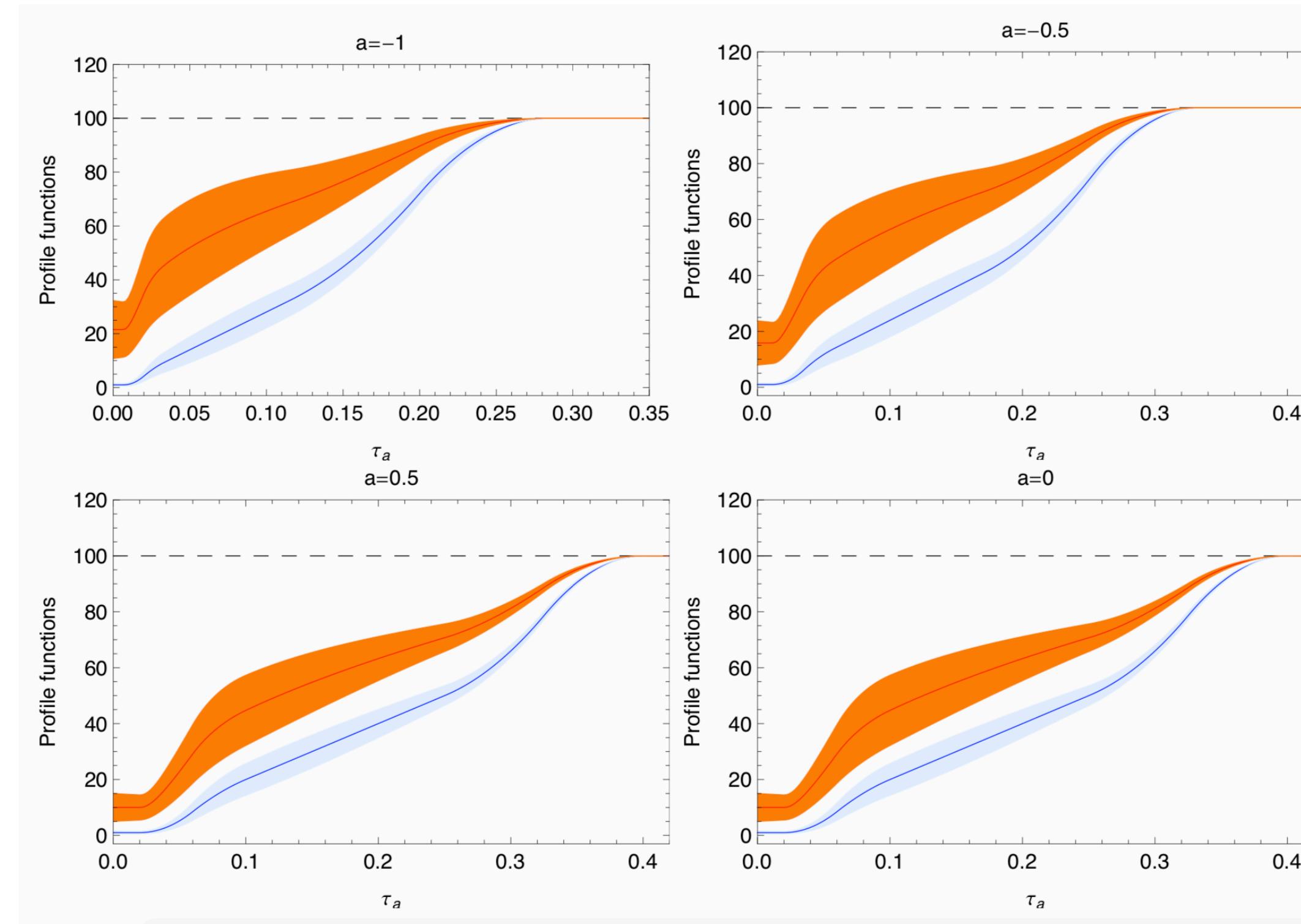
SCET facto.: $d\sigma = \text{Hard} \times \text{Beam} \otimes \text{Jet} \otimes \text{Soft}$

Profile function

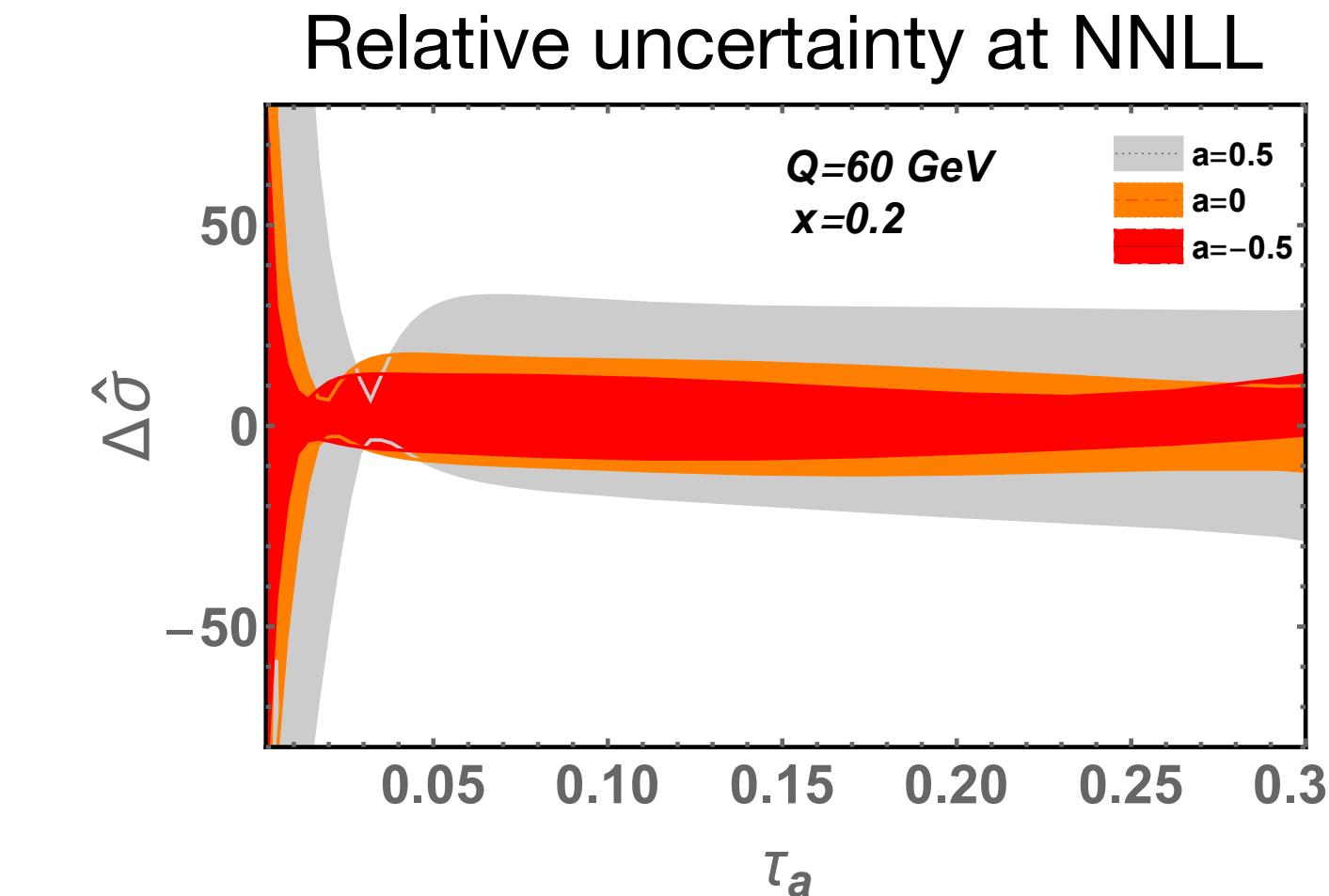
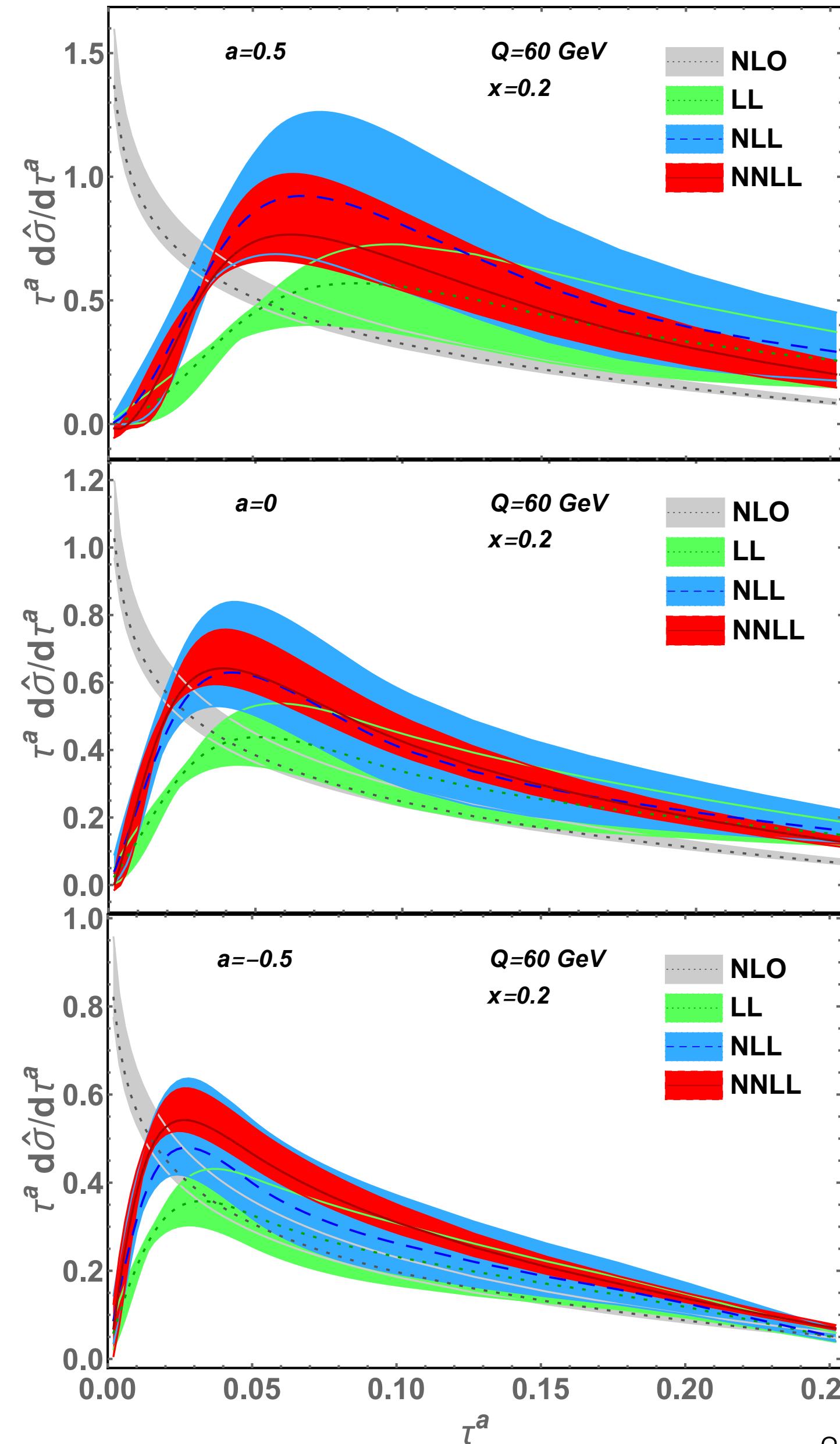


Profile function

- We adopt electron-positron angularity profile function from Bell, Hornig, Lee, Talbert, 18

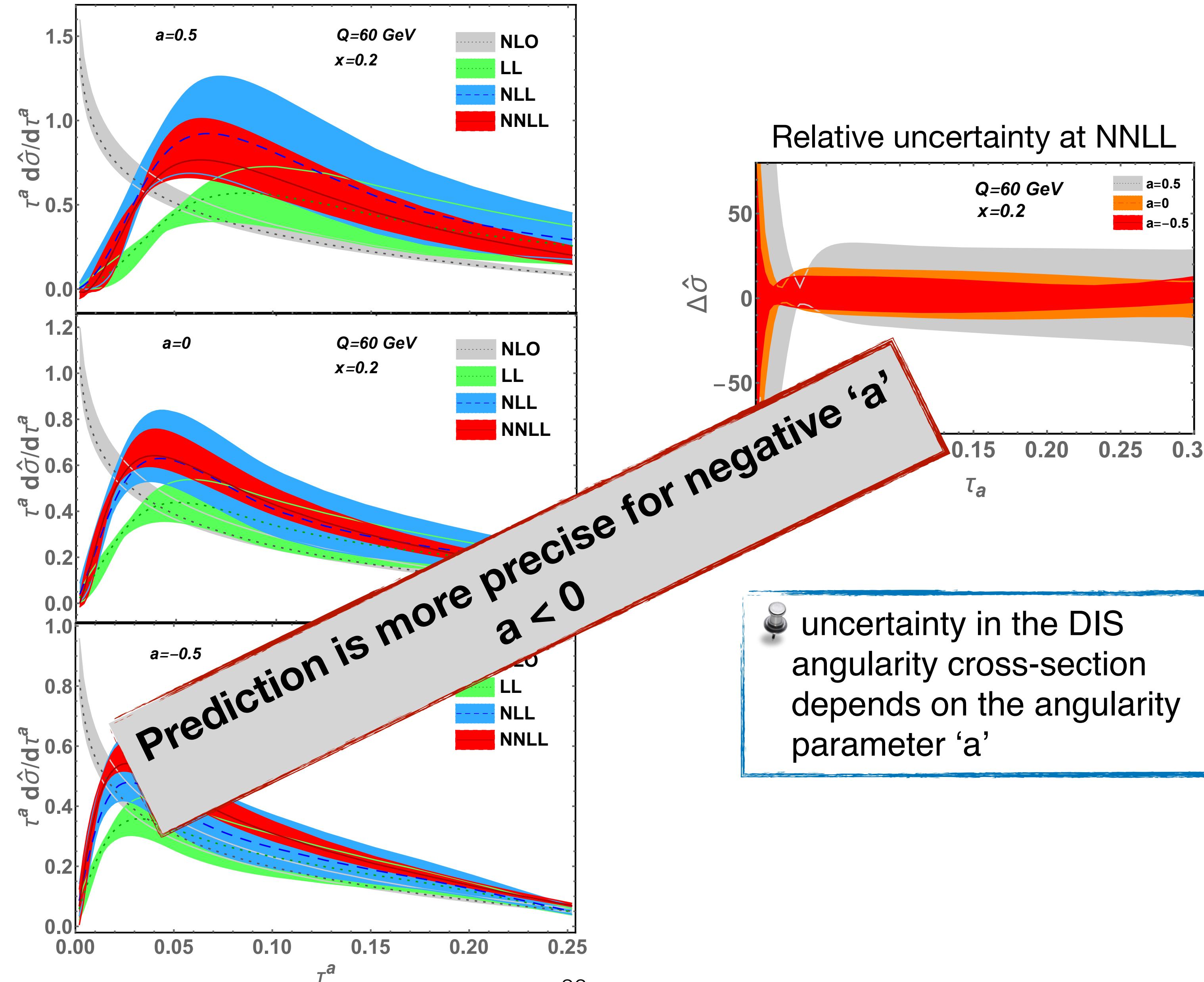


'a' dependency



📍 uncertainty in the DIS angularity cross-section depends on the angularity parameter 'a'

'a' dependency

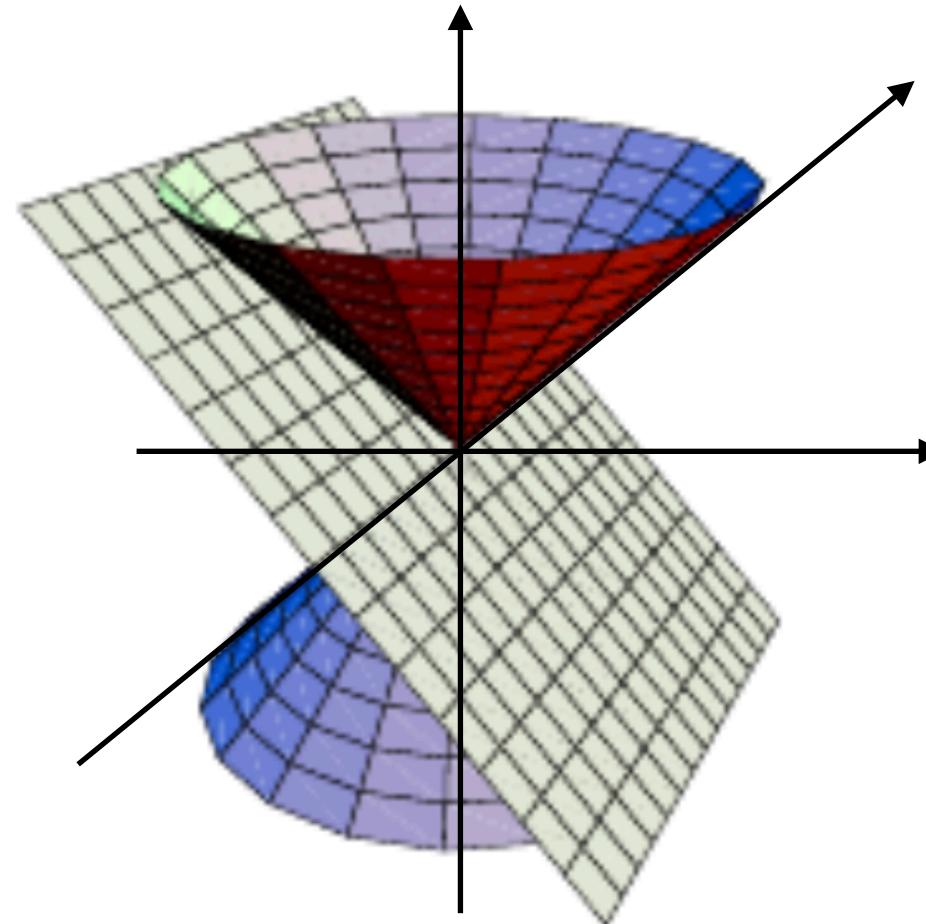


Tool: Light-front dynamics

$$(x^+, x^-, \mathbf{x}_\perp)$$

$$x^+ = x^0 + x^3$$

$$x^- = x^0 - x^3$$



Scalar product $x \cdot p = \frac{1}{2}x^+p^- + \frac{1}{2}x^-p^+ - \mathbf{x}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{p}_\perp$

Dispersion relation $p^2 = m^2 ; \quad p^- = \frac{p_\perp^2 + m^2}{p^+}$

- **Vacuum is trivial in the Light-Front theory:** $p_i^+ \geq 0$
- **Time order not Needed: backward going diagram vanishes**