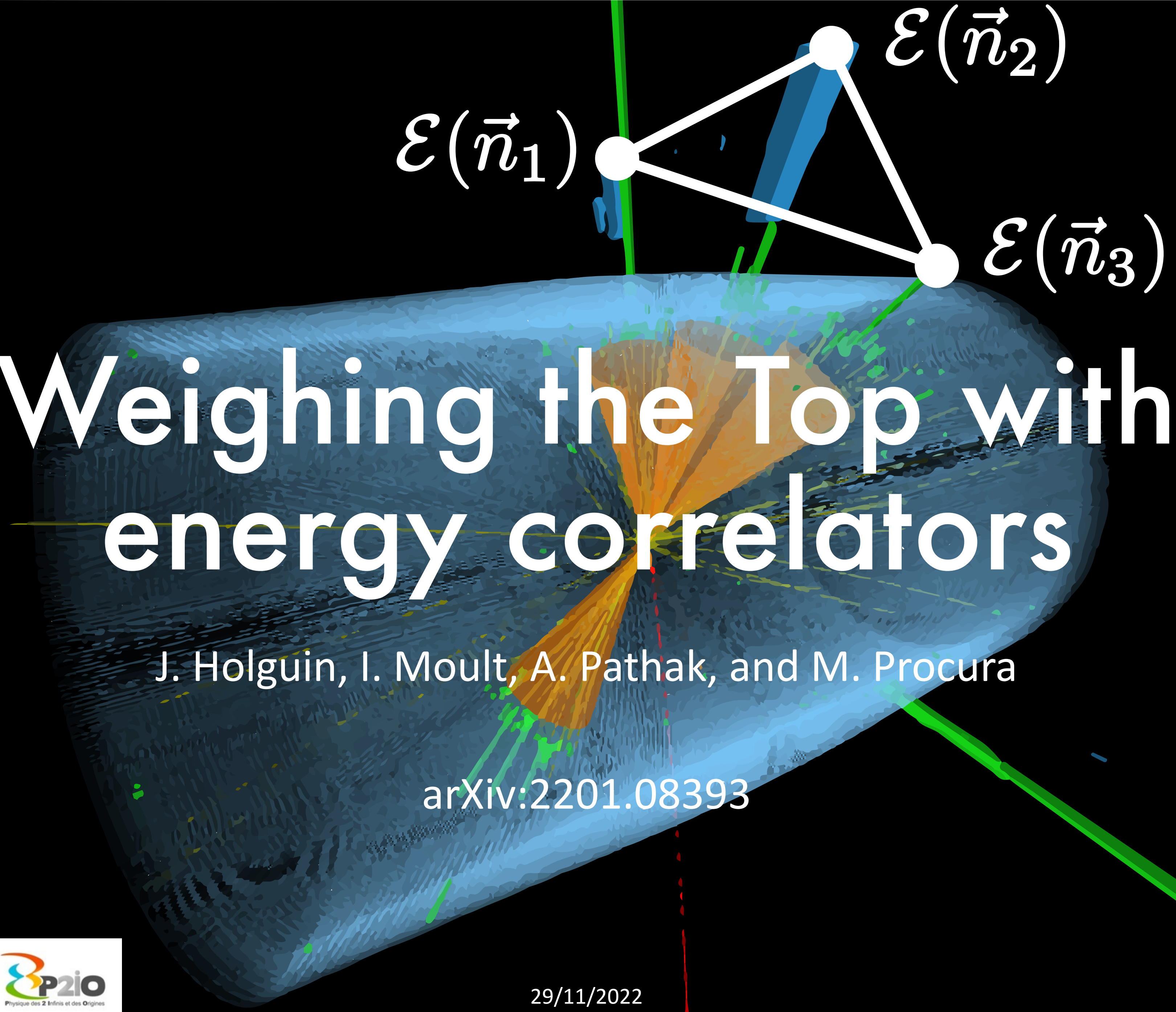

Weighing the Top with energy correlators

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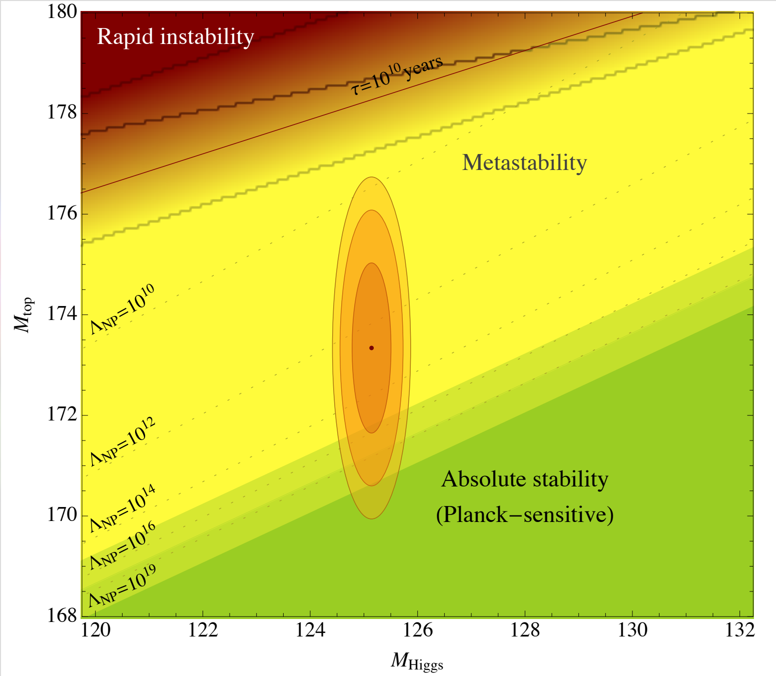

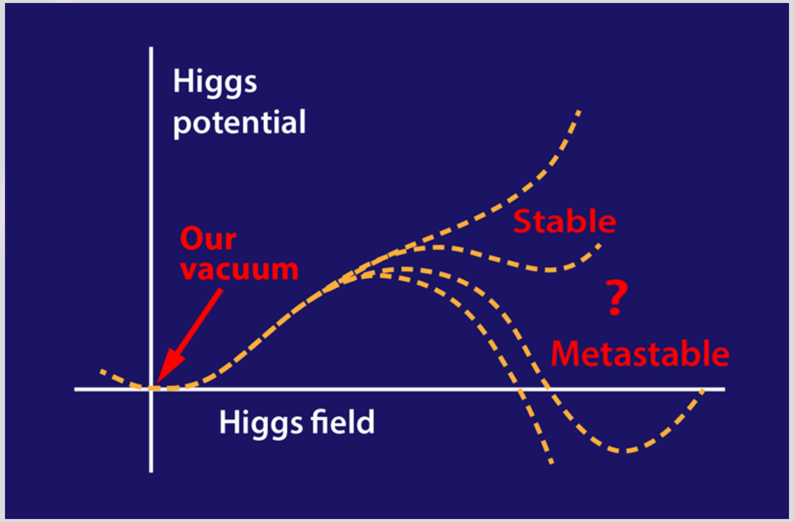

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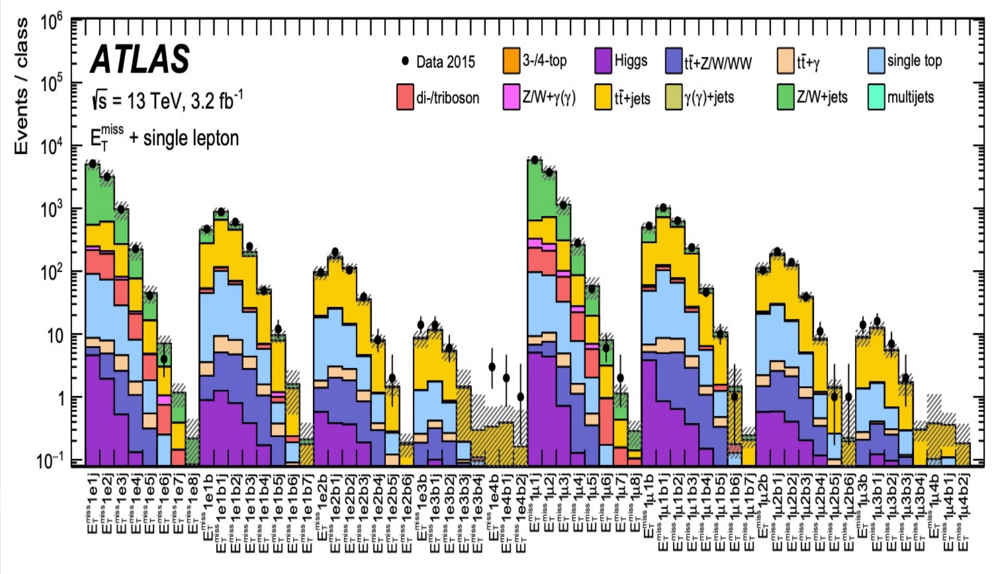

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Current status of top mass measurements

- Current world average (HL-LHC projection ~ 200 MeV)
  - $m_t = 172.76 \pm 0.30$ GeV 10.1093/ptep/ptaa104
  - An impressive uncertainty ~ 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 [a,b] (S = 1.2)
Mass (from cross-section measurements) $m = 162.5^{+2.1}_{-1.5}$ GeV [a]
Mass (Pole from cross-section measurements) $m = 172.5 \pm 0.7$ GeV

An orthogonal approach?

A completely orthogonal measurement would be useful to help resolve discrepancies/debates.

What do we have to work with?

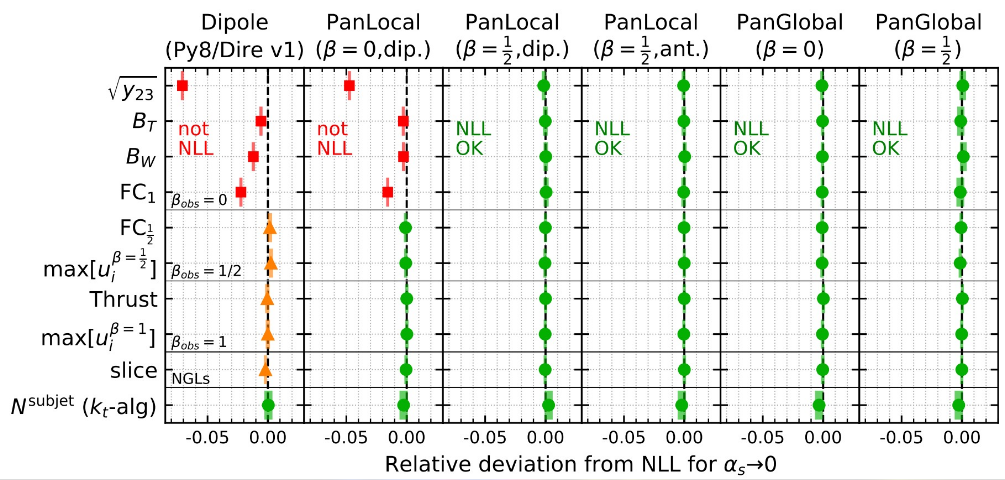
- A (partial*) kinematic breakdown of the particles in each jet.
- A lot of statistics!
  - The HL-LHC will be a top factory.
  - It is forecast that 3Billion ttbar events and 800Million mono-top events will be measured. 1902.04070

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

*neutrinos, pile up, fine grained detectors

The current approach

There has been an exceptionally successful program of precision QCD with event shape observables and algorithmic substructure. Current direct measurements all use this paradigm.



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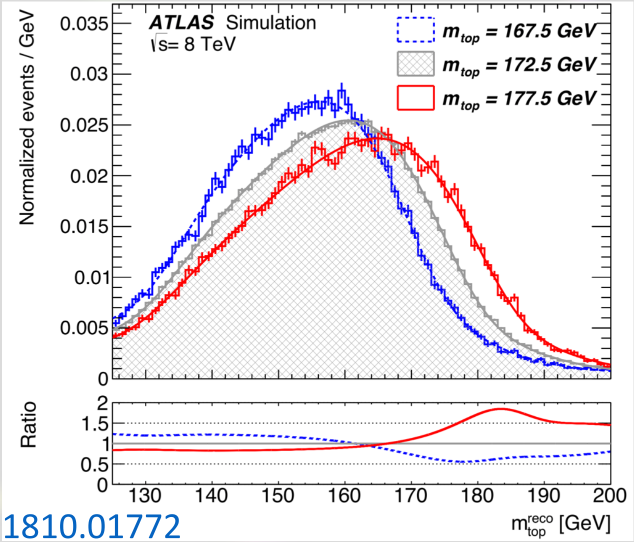

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PDG 2021 global average of direct measurements

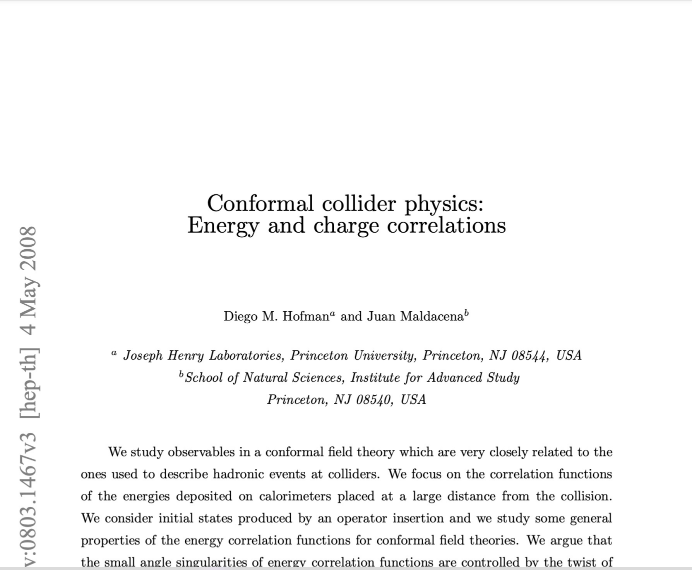
$$m_t = 172.76 \pm 0.30 \text{ GeV}$$

What else is there?

However, there is an interesting disconnect between much of the developments in precision QCD phenomenology and formal theory.

The middle ground

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



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Conformal collider physics:
Energy and charge correlations

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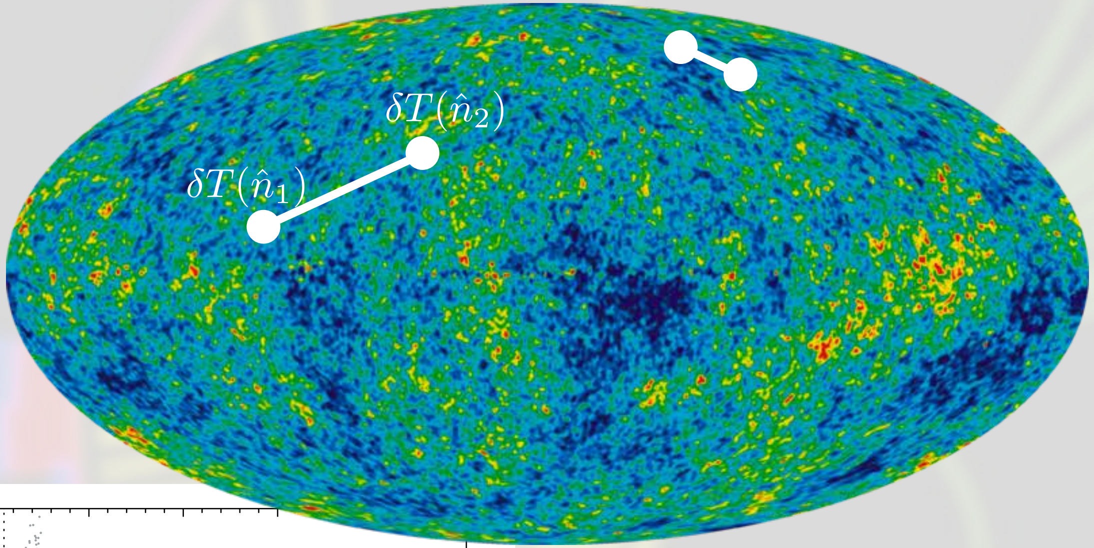
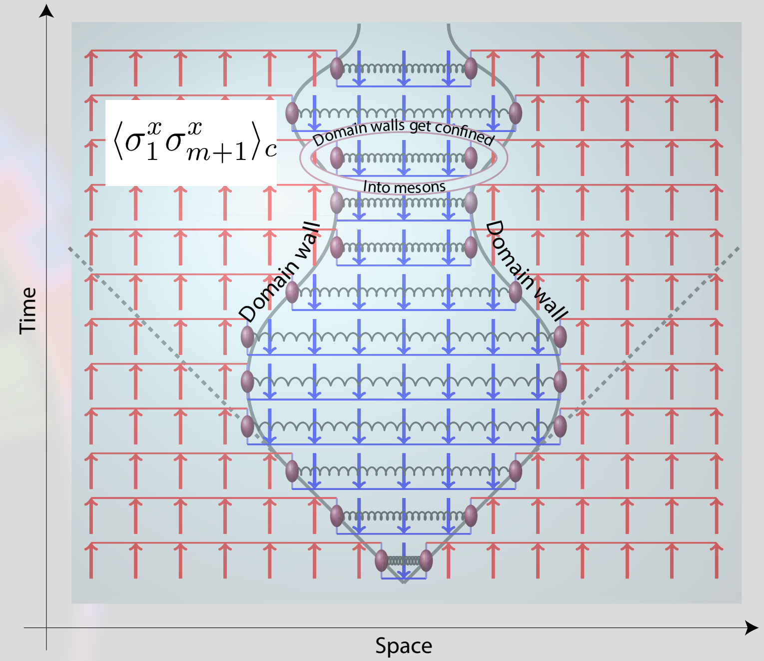
We study observables in a conformal field theory which are very closely related to the ones used to describe hadronic events at colliders. We focus on the correlation functions of the energies deposited on calorimeters placed at a large distance from the collision. We consider initial states produced by an operator insertion and we study some general properties of the energy correlation functions for conformal field theories. We argue that the small angle singularities of energy correlation functions are controlled by the twist of

The energy flow operator is an ANEC operator, it can be computed directly in CFTs admitting many new computational techniques.

Its correlation functions are also directly a collider observables – Energy Correlators.

Correlation Functions





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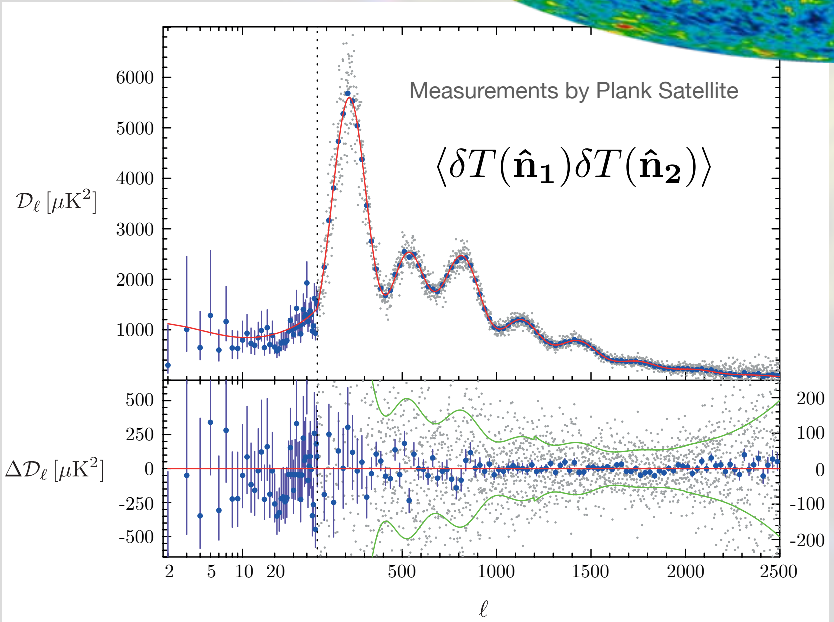

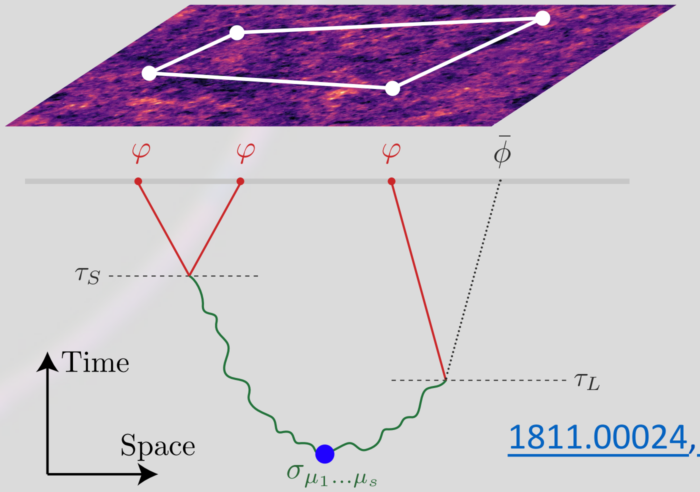

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Correlation Functions

Recap

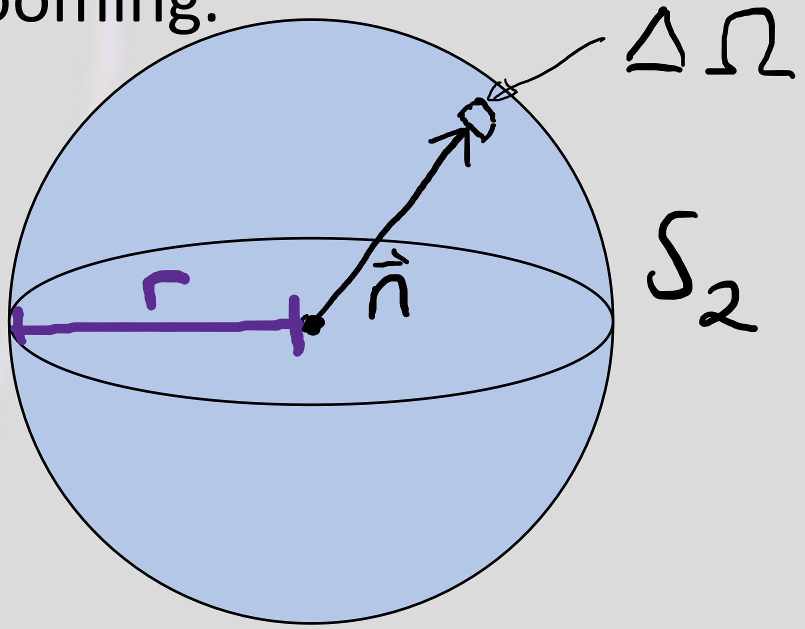
- Correlation functions in statistics:
  - $\mathrm{Corr}_2(X,Y) = \langle XY \rangle - \langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle$ (also just the covariance)
  - $\mathrm{Corr}_3(X,Y,Z) = \langle XYZ \rangle - \langle X \rangle \big(\langle Y \rangle \langle Z \rangle - \mathrm{Corr}_2(Y,Z) \big)$
  - …
- In physics we usually refer to $\langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$ as an n point correlator. This is just conventional and has origins in that often $\langle X_i \rangle = 0$.
- Time ordered QFT correlators (propogators) relate back to these statistical correlators through the path integral and statistical mechanics…

Energy Correlators

- 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.

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

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



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Energy Correlators

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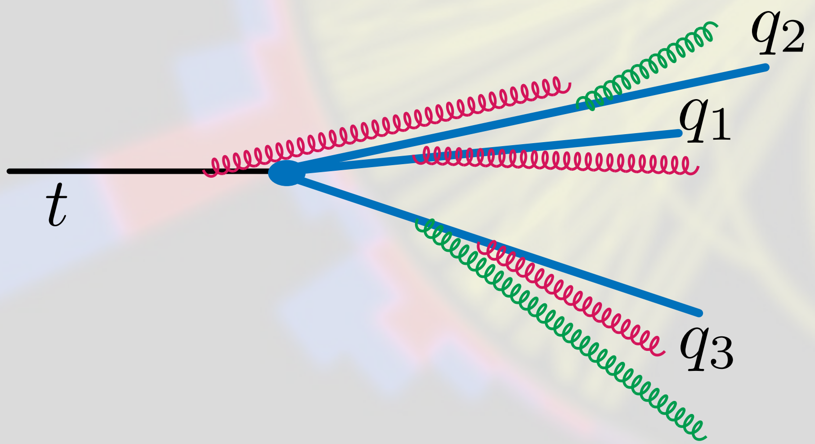
inclusive cross section to produce two particles, i,j, and anything else!



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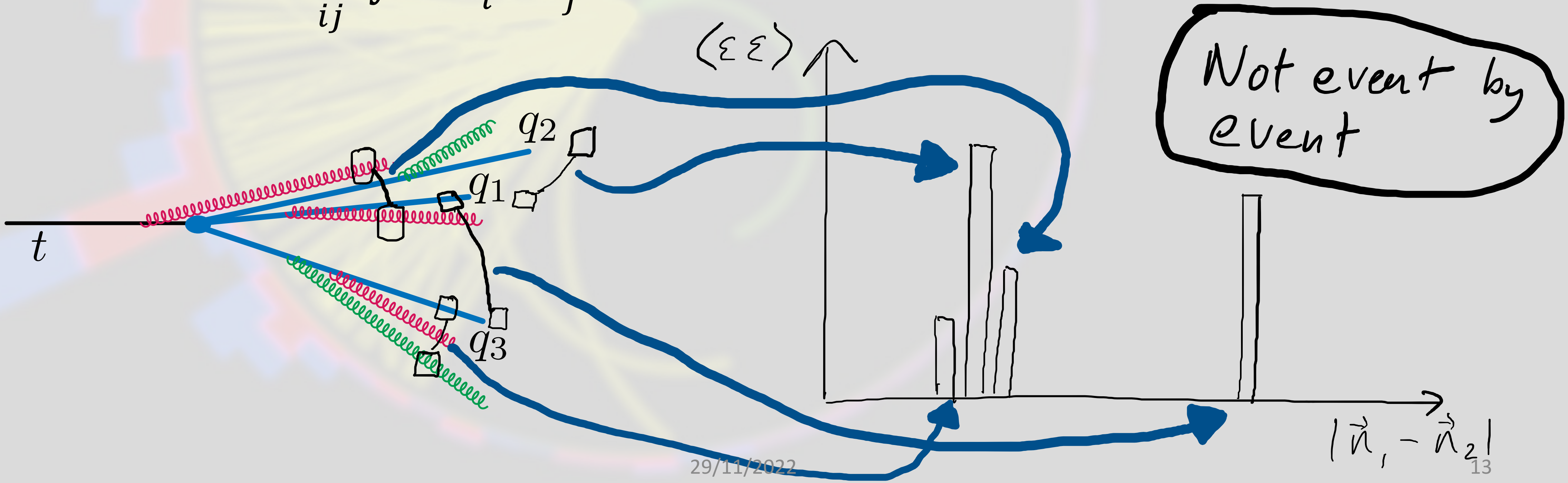


Energy Correlators

Pros:

- Defined on inclusive cross-sections and can be made insentive to soft radiation. Textbook example of where pp CSS factorisation can be used without any violation. 2109.03665

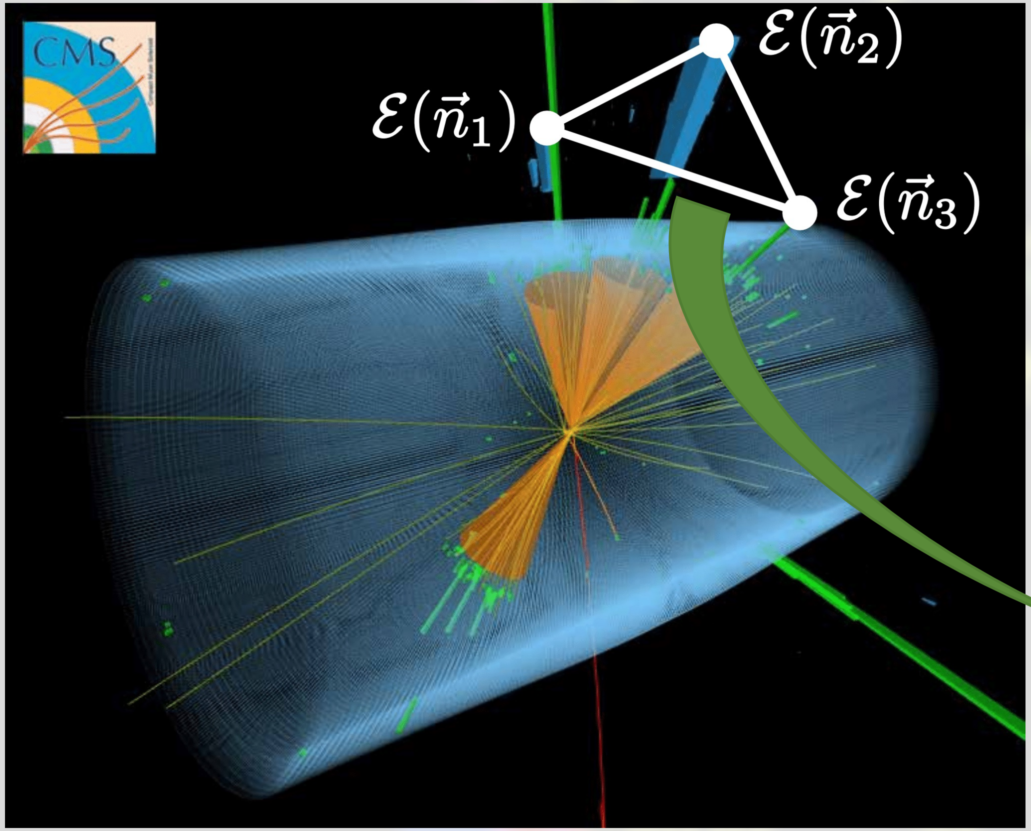
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\zeta} = \int dE_J\, E_J^2 H(E_J) J_{\mathrm{EEC}}(\zeta, E_J) + \text{power corrections}\,,$$

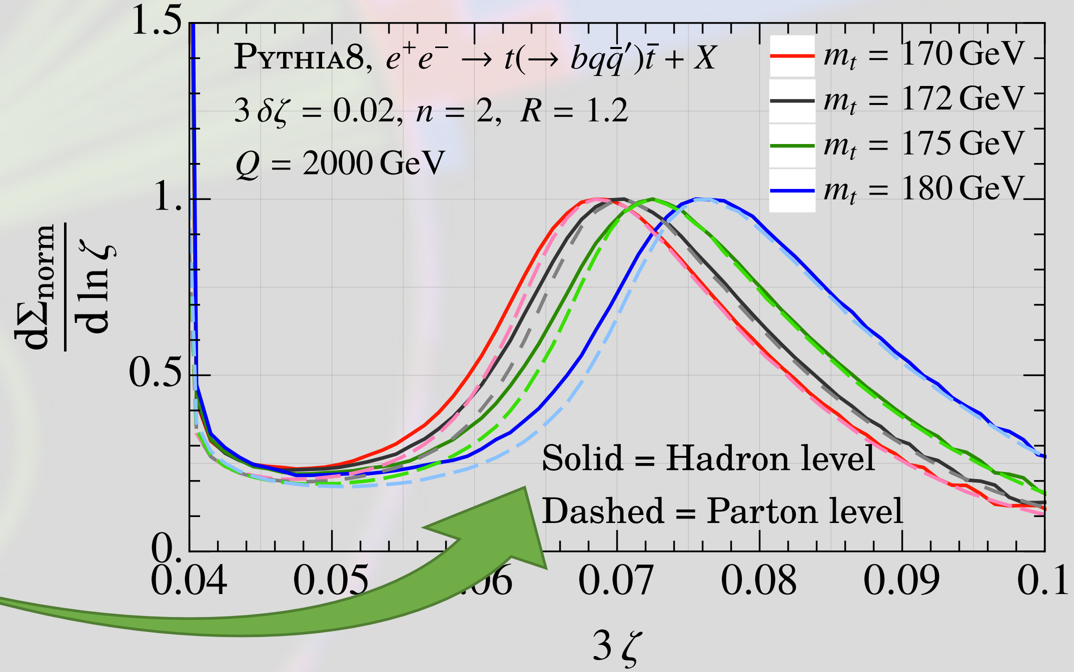
- Well studied by CFT community. Powerfull techniques exist for calculations: light-ray OPE, celestial Blocks, lorentzian inversion. 2202.04085

Cons:

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

Part 3: Energy Correlators for Tops





Energy Correlators for Tops

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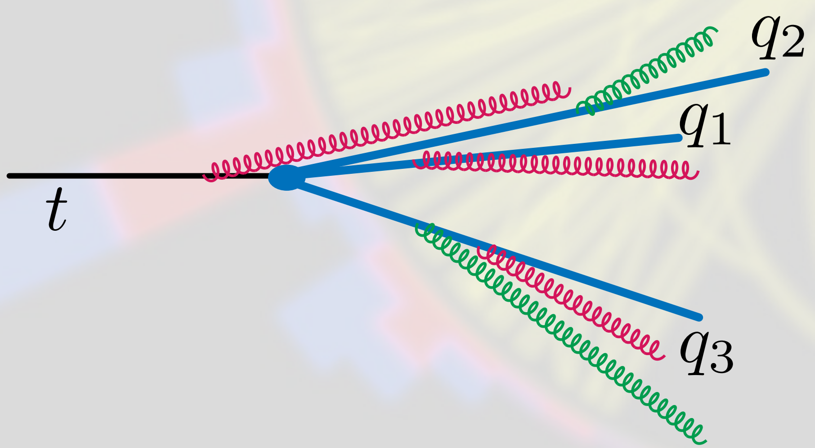

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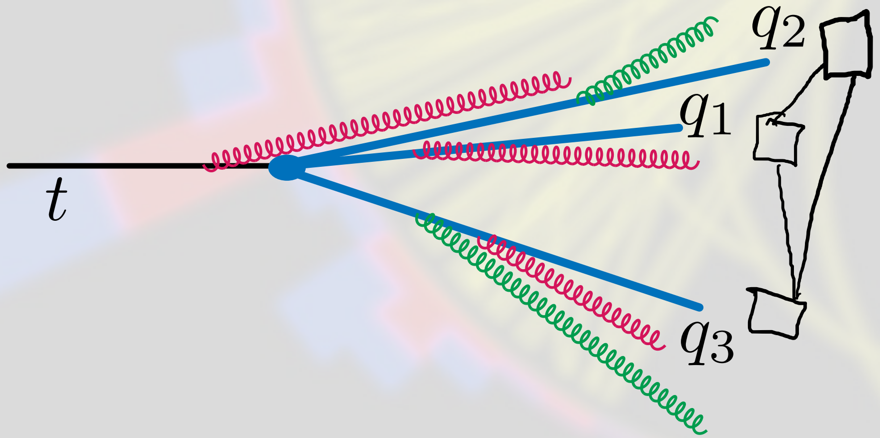

Energy Correlators for Tops

The correlator is sensitive to the angles between the decay products. What angles do we expect to see at fixed order?

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

3-body kinematics

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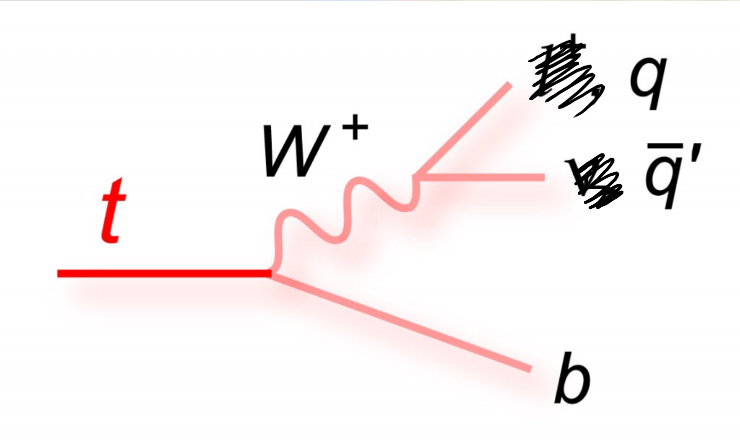

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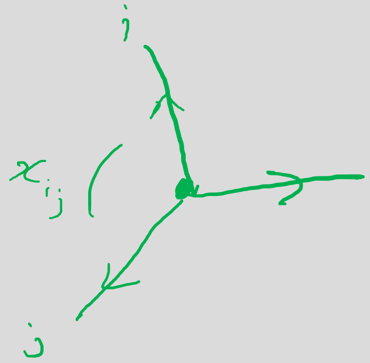
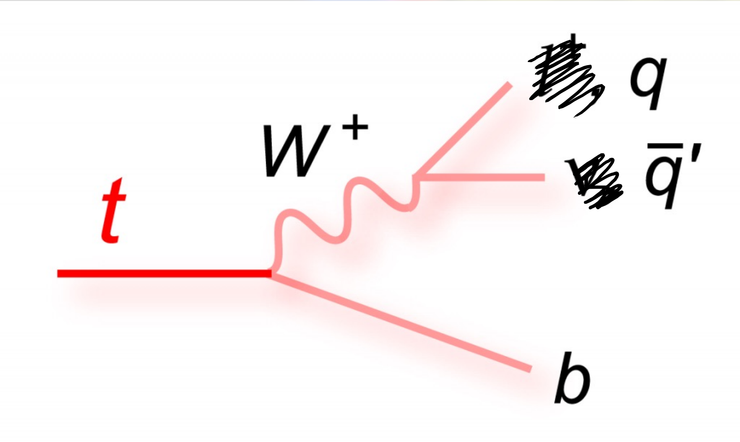


In the Top rest frame

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



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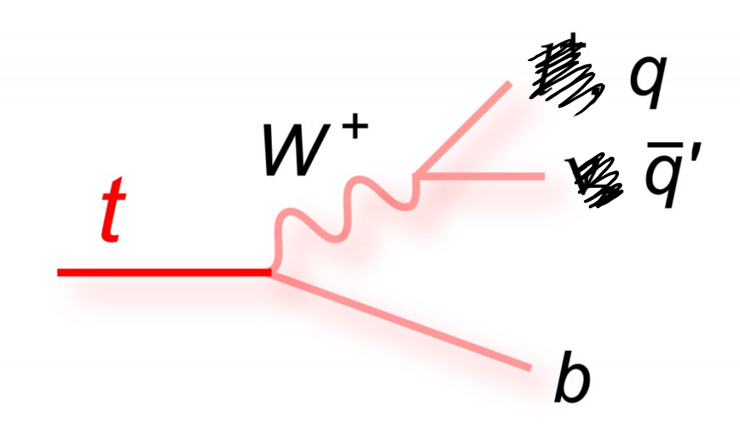
One can find the boost from the Top rest frame to the lab frame where we measure angles $\tilde{\zeta}_{ij}$. We find that

$$\boxed{\sum_{i,j} \tilde{\zeta}_{ij} \simeq \left(\frac{m_t}{Q}\right)^2 \sum_{i,j} \zeta_{ij}}$$



Building the observable

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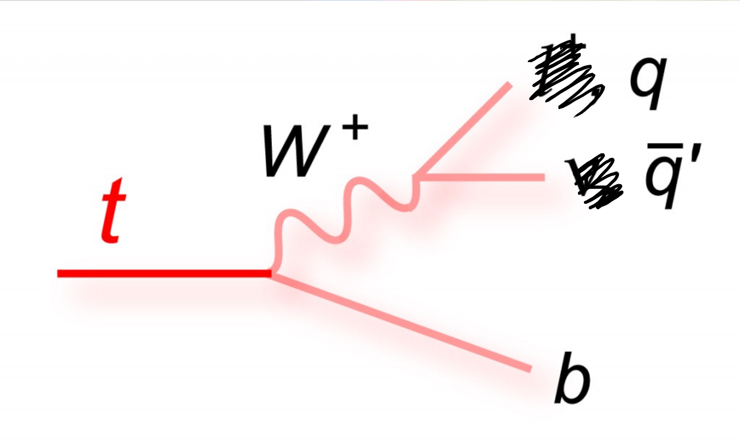
Fixed order teaches us that look at

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

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

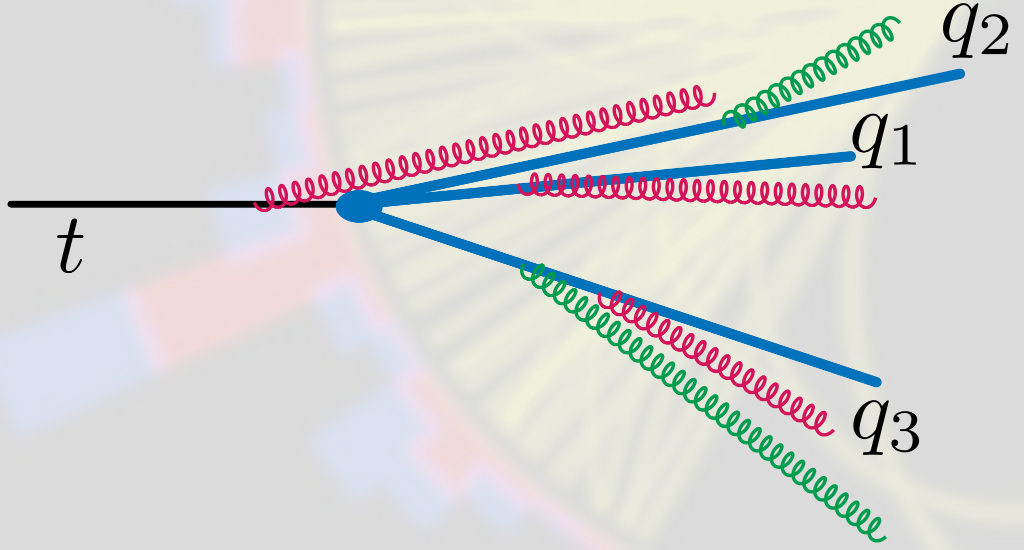


Doing the average over $\vec{n}_i$

we find $\langle \zeta \rangle \simeq 3\,\dfrac{m_t^2}{Q^2}$

Building the observable

What about higher order perturbative corrections?



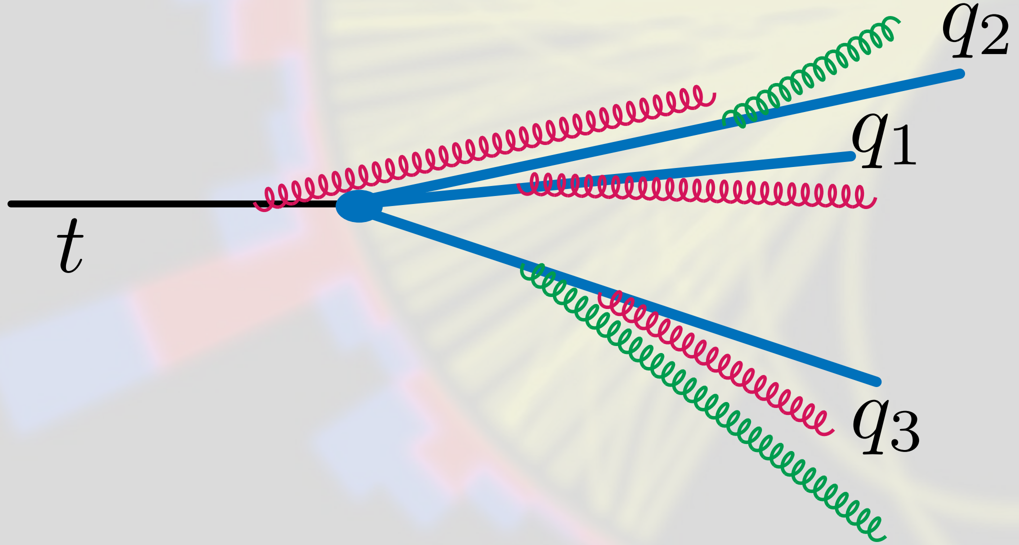
We want to preserve the $\langle \zeta \rangle = 3\frac{m_t^2}{Q^2}$ dependence!

Energy correlators not sentive to soft physics, but will pick up collinear.

How to minimise?

Building the observable

What about higher order perturbative corrections?



Solution:

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

that way we never have a small angle in the sum over ζ_{ij} around $\zeta = \frac{3m_t^2}{Q^2}$.

Building the observable

In all, we have…

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Sigma(\delta\zeta)}{\mathrm{d}Q\mathrm{d}\zeta} = \int \mathrm{d}\zeta_{12}\mathrm{d}\zeta_{23}\mathrm{d}\zeta_{31} \int \mathrm{d}\sigma \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}_{\triangle}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}, \zeta, \delta\zeta)\,, \tag{4}$$

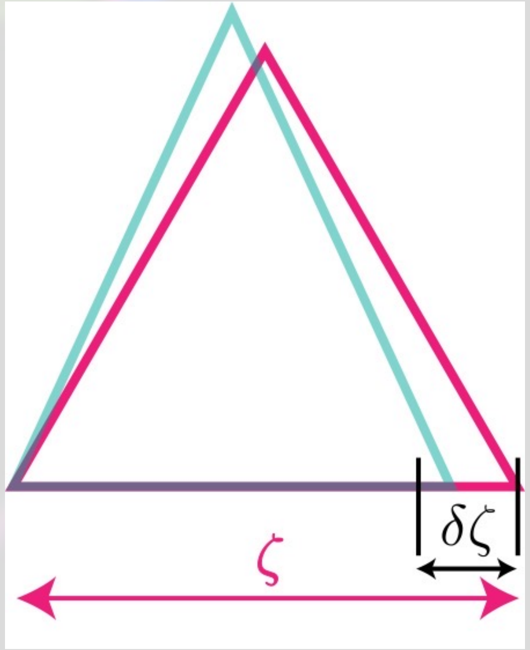
where the measurement operator $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}_{\triangle}$ is

$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}_{\triangle}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}, \zeta, \delta\zeta) = \widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}) \tag{5}$$

$$\times\, \delta(3\zeta - \zeta_{12} - \zeta_{23} - \zeta_{31}) \prod_{l,m,n\in\{1,2,3\}} \Theta(\delta\zeta - |\zeta_{lm} - \zeta_{mn}|)\,.$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12}, \zeta_{23}, \zeta_{31}) = \tag{2}$$

$$\sum_{i,j,k} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n E_k^n}{Q^{3n}} \delta\left(\zeta_{12} - \hat{\zeta}_{ij}\right) \delta\left(\zeta_{23} - \hat{\zeta}_{ik}\right) \delta\left(\zeta_{31} - \hat{\zeta}_{jk}\right)\,.$$



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 addative power law. Effectively a change in normalisation.

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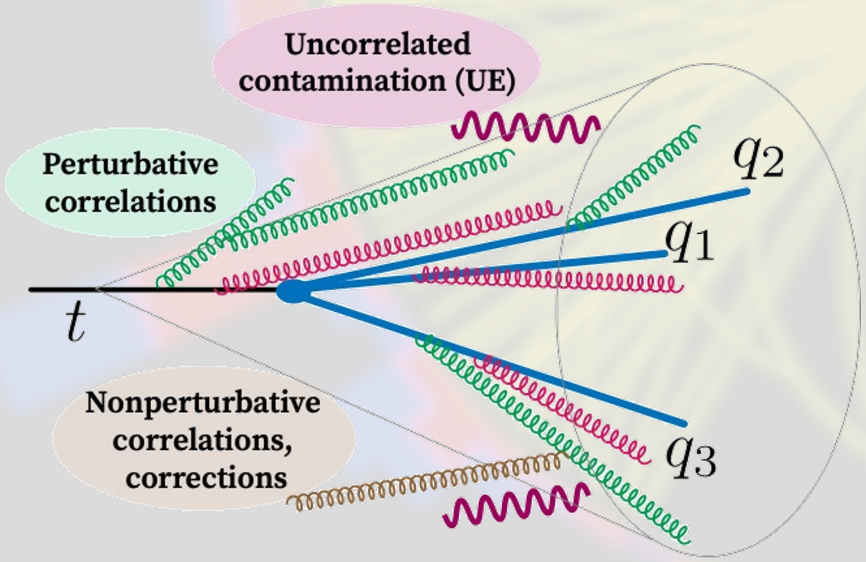
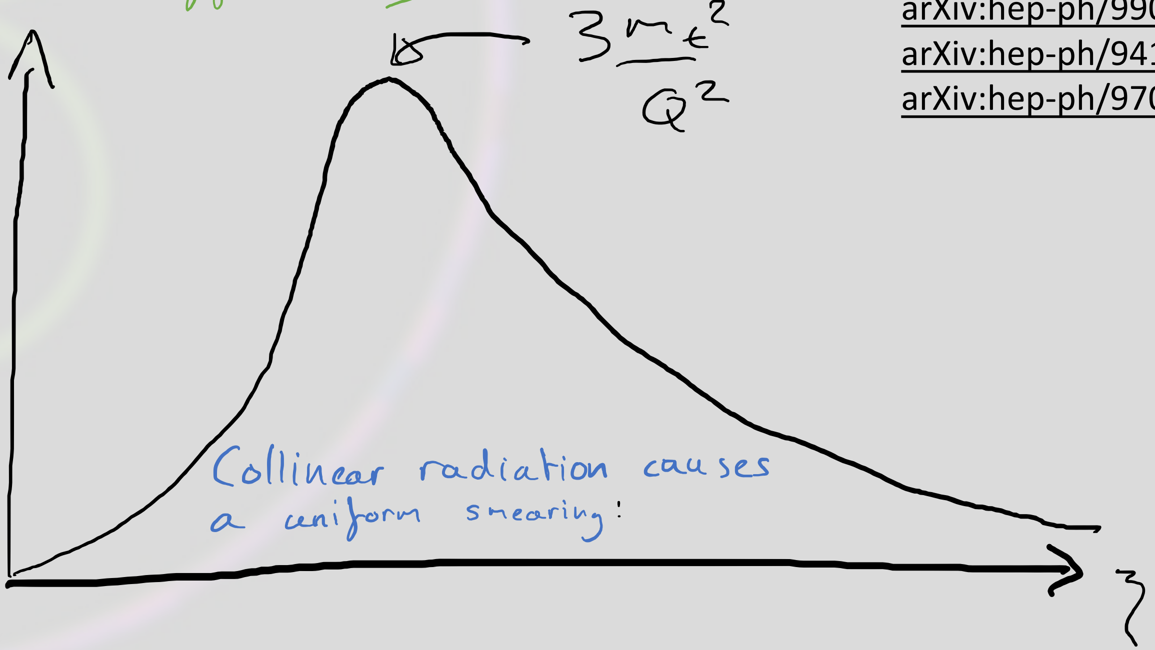
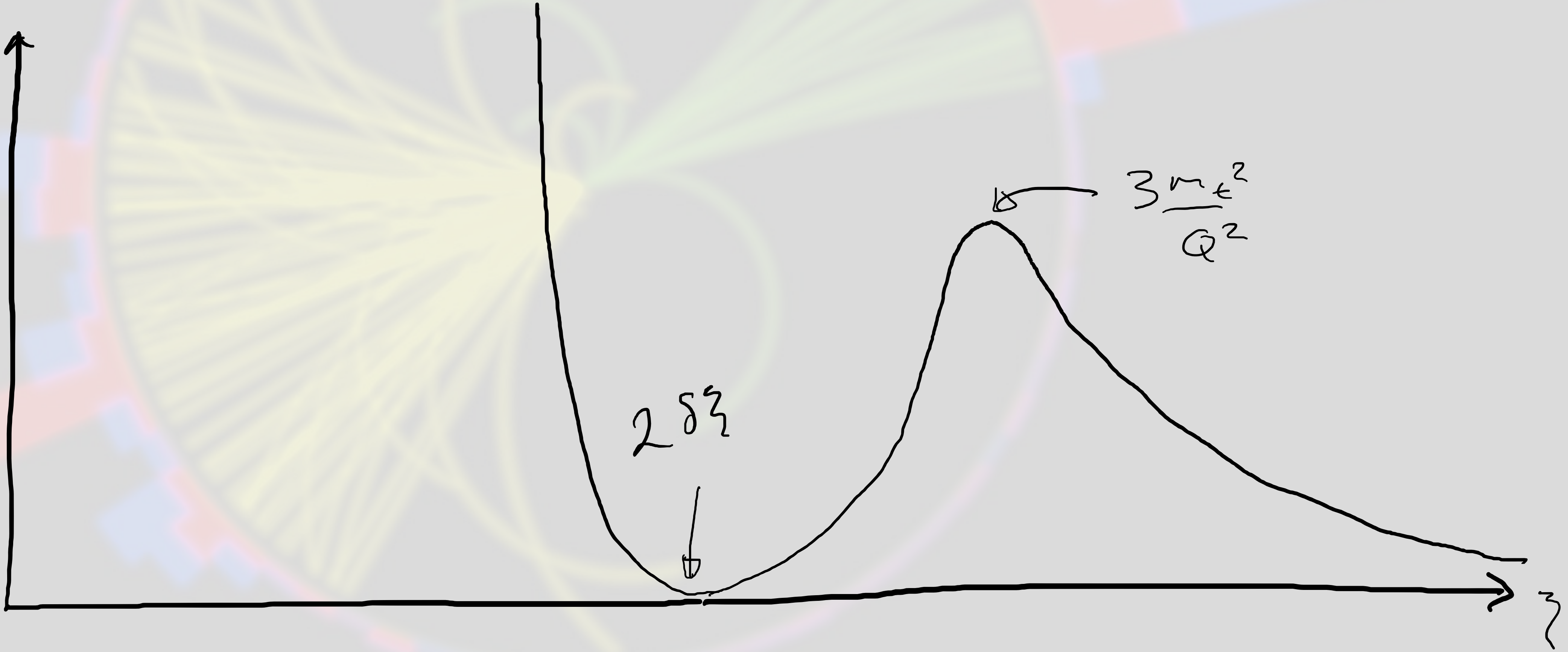




Understanding the distribution

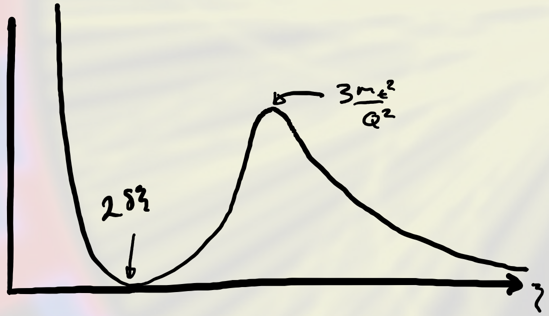
What is the effect of the asymmetry in the triangle?



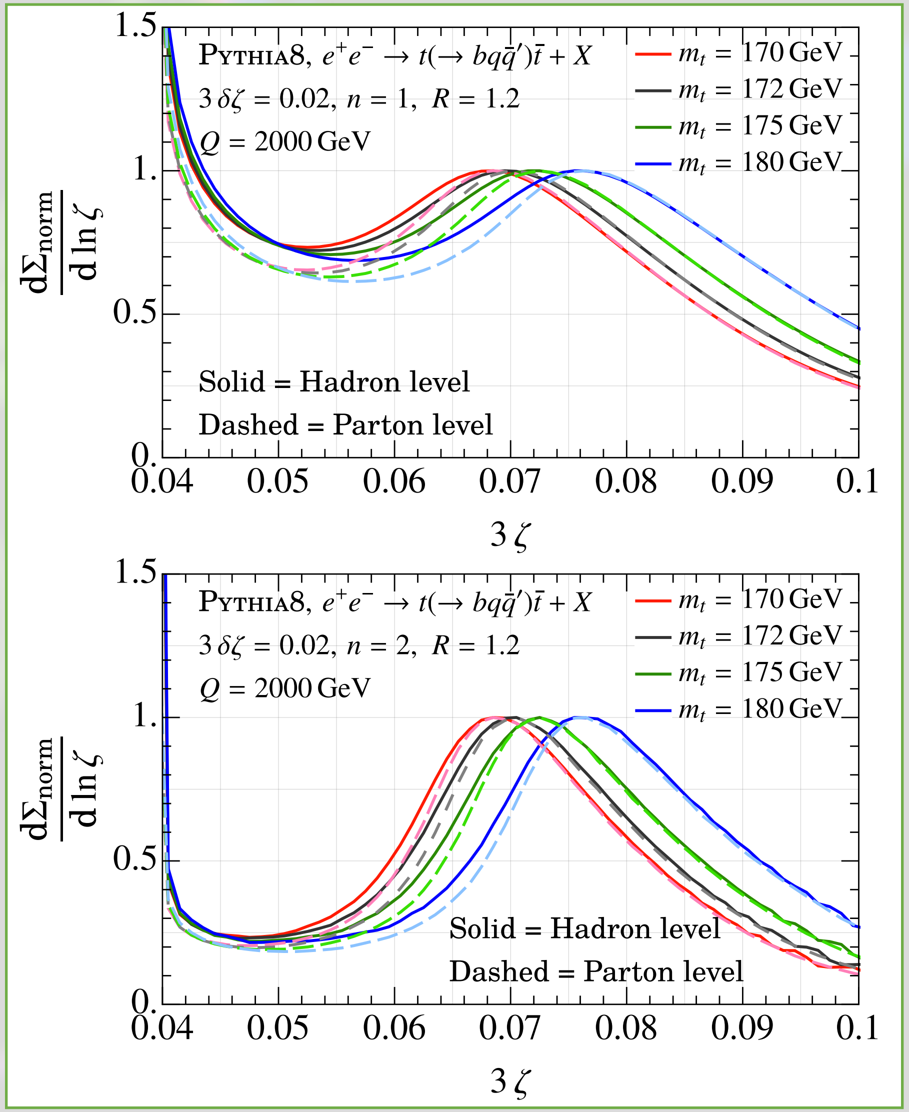
Simulation in Pythia8

We did a complete simulated pp analysis, however for this talk consider e^+e^- where the hard scale Q is just half the CoM Energy.

- Key features exactly as expected.



- Peak is sentive to Top mass.
- Very low sentivity to hadronisation. The shift is equivelant to $\Delta m_t = 150 \pm$ 50MeV.



Simulation in Pythia8

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

- Q is now (initially) 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.

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

- Now must consider underlying event.
- Can we measure on tracks? (Yes)

$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}(\zeta_{12},\zeta_{23},\zeta_{31}) = \sum_{i,j,k}\frac{E_i^n E_j^n E_k^n}{Q^{3n}}\delta\left(\zeta_{12}-\hat{\zeta}_{ij}\right)\delta\left(\zeta_{23}-\hat{\zeta}_{ik}\right)\delta\left(\zeta_{31}-\hat{\zeta}_{jk}\right). \tag{2}$$

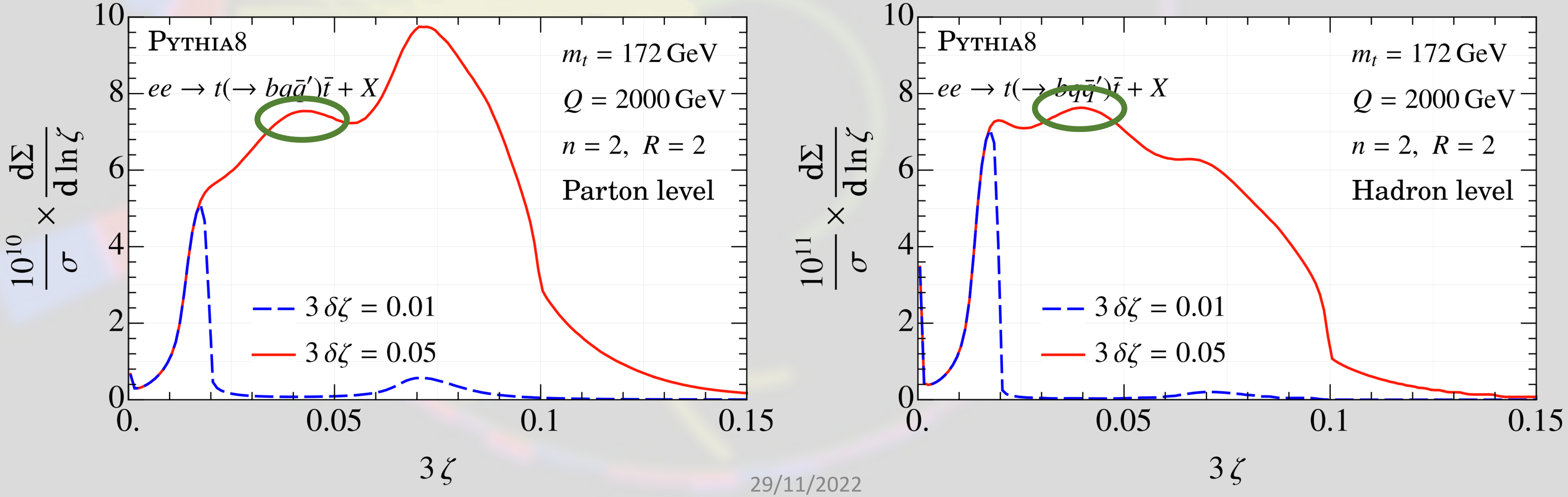
$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}^{(n)}_{(pp)}(\zeta_{12},\zeta_{23},\zeta_{31}) = \sum_{i,j,k\,\in\,\mathrm{jet}}\frac{(p_{T,i})^n(p_{T,j})^n(p_{T,k})^n}{(p_{T,\mathrm{jet}})^{3n}} \times\delta\left(\zeta_{12}-\hat{\zeta}^{(pp)}_{ij}\right)\delta\left(\zeta_{23}-\hat{\zeta}^{(pp)}_{ik}\right)\delta\left(\zeta_{31}-\hat{\zeta}^{(pp)}_{jk}\right),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

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

Further improved?

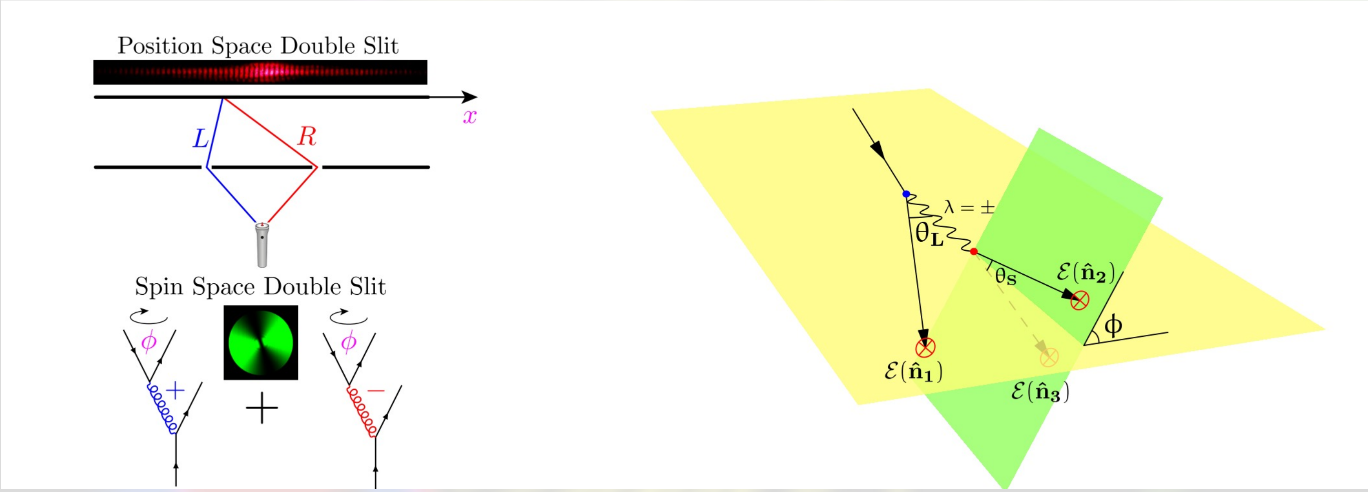
Using the equalatorial configuration we projected onto the top peak. However the W also imprints on the correlator in a diferent part of the parameter space.

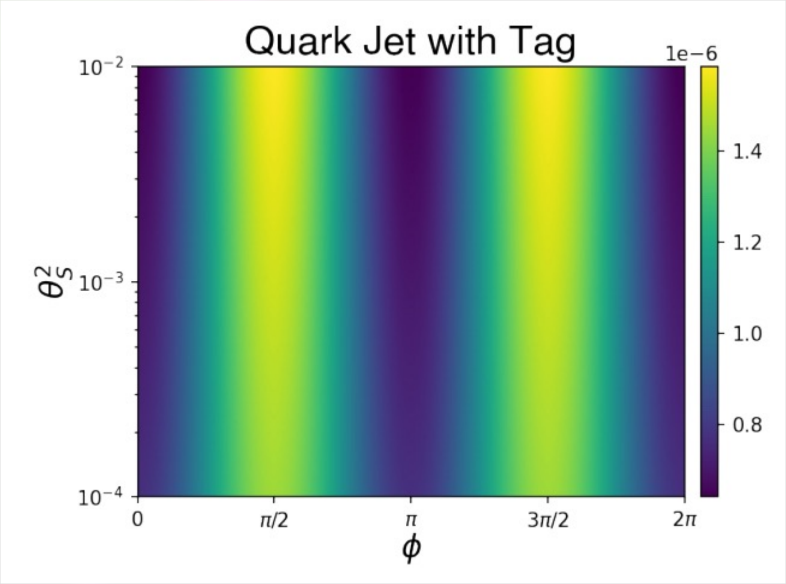
The distrobution $\frac{\mathrm{d}\Sigma(\delta\zeta)}{\mathrm{d}\zeta_W \mathrm{d}\zeta}$ is independent of the pt distrobution, gives $m_t(m_W)$.



More than just mass?

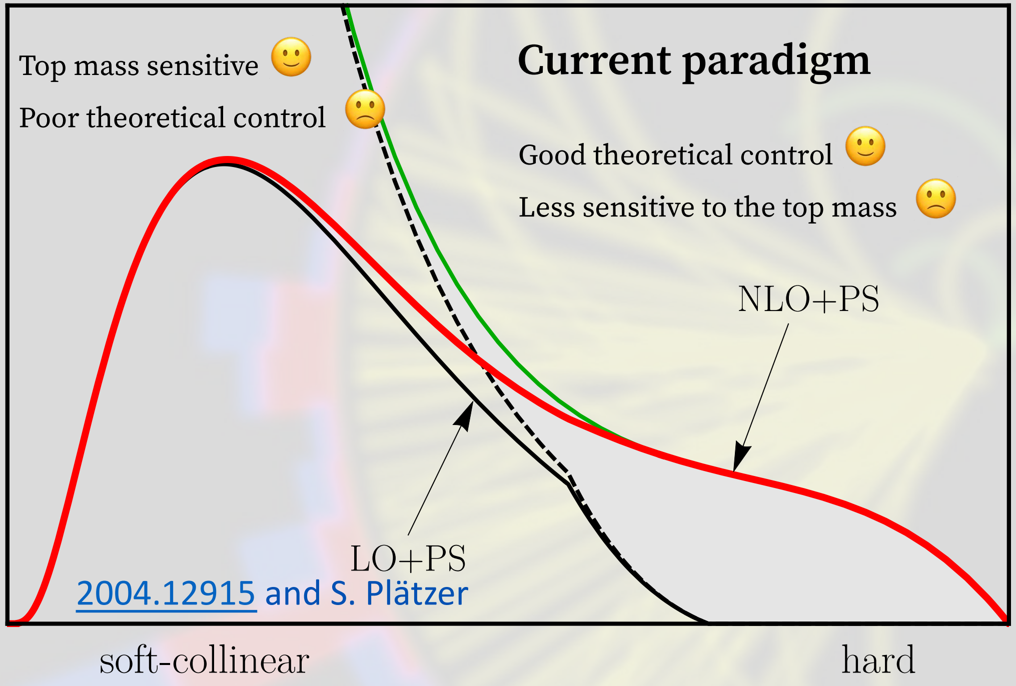
- 3-point correlator is sensitive to spin.

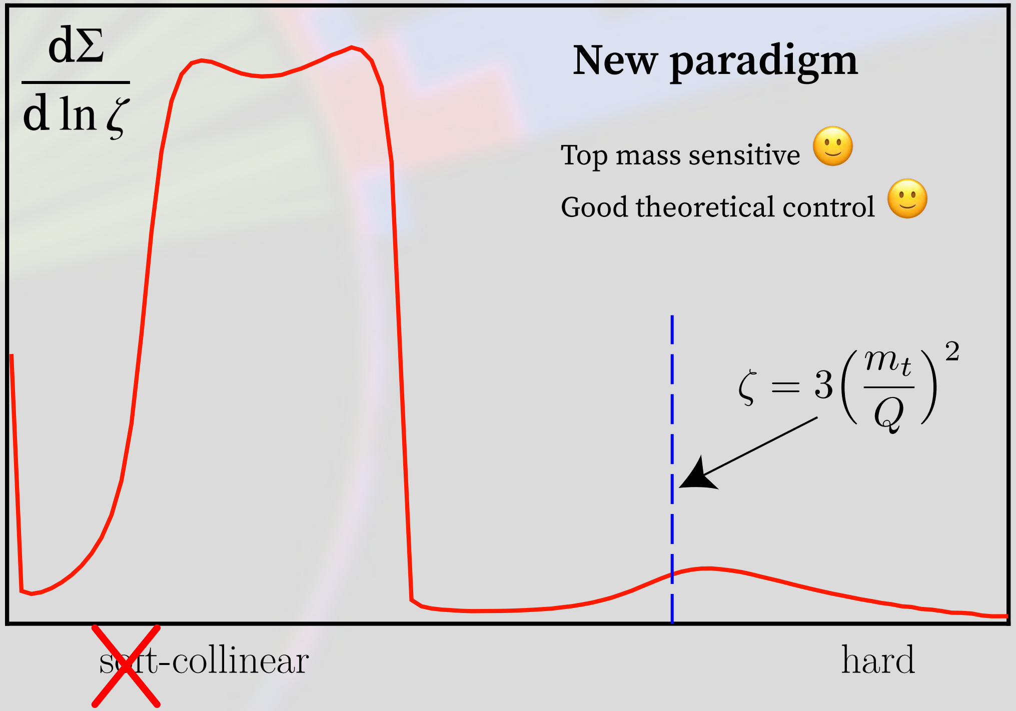




Chen et al. arXiv:2011.02492

Conclusions





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

Outlook

- The three-point energy correlator shows promise as a top mass sentive observable with theoretical control comparable to the current precision of direct measurements.

- So far studies have been proof-of-concept. Experimental feasibility study is underway, as are precision calculations.
    - Much of the ingredients needed for a precission calculation already exist. Missing pieces are the EEEC jet function and a broader study of factorisation.

- Other studies possible: spin correlations, new physics?

Supplementary material

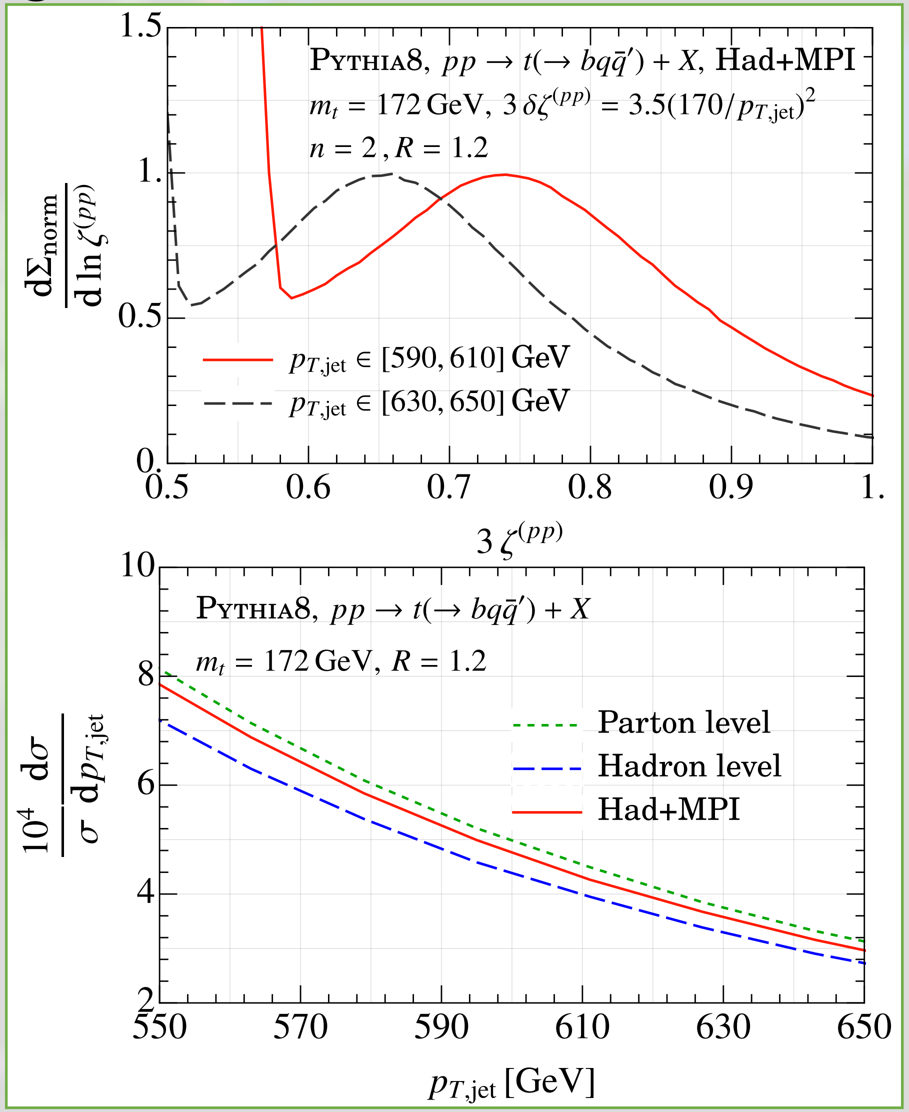
Let us study the hadron collider environment in two parts.

1. First study the observable whilst unphysically fixing the partonic Top p_T. This is to answer:

- Now must consider underlying event.
- Can we measure on tracks? (Yes)

2. Then study the physical observable and in conjunction with the p_T spectrum.

Stage 2



Supplementary material

Let us study the hadron collider environment in two parts.

1. First study the observable whilst unphysically fixing the partonic Top p_T. This is to answer:

- Now must consider underlying event.
- Can we measure on tracks? (Yes)

2. Then study the physical observable and in conjunction with the p_T spectrum.

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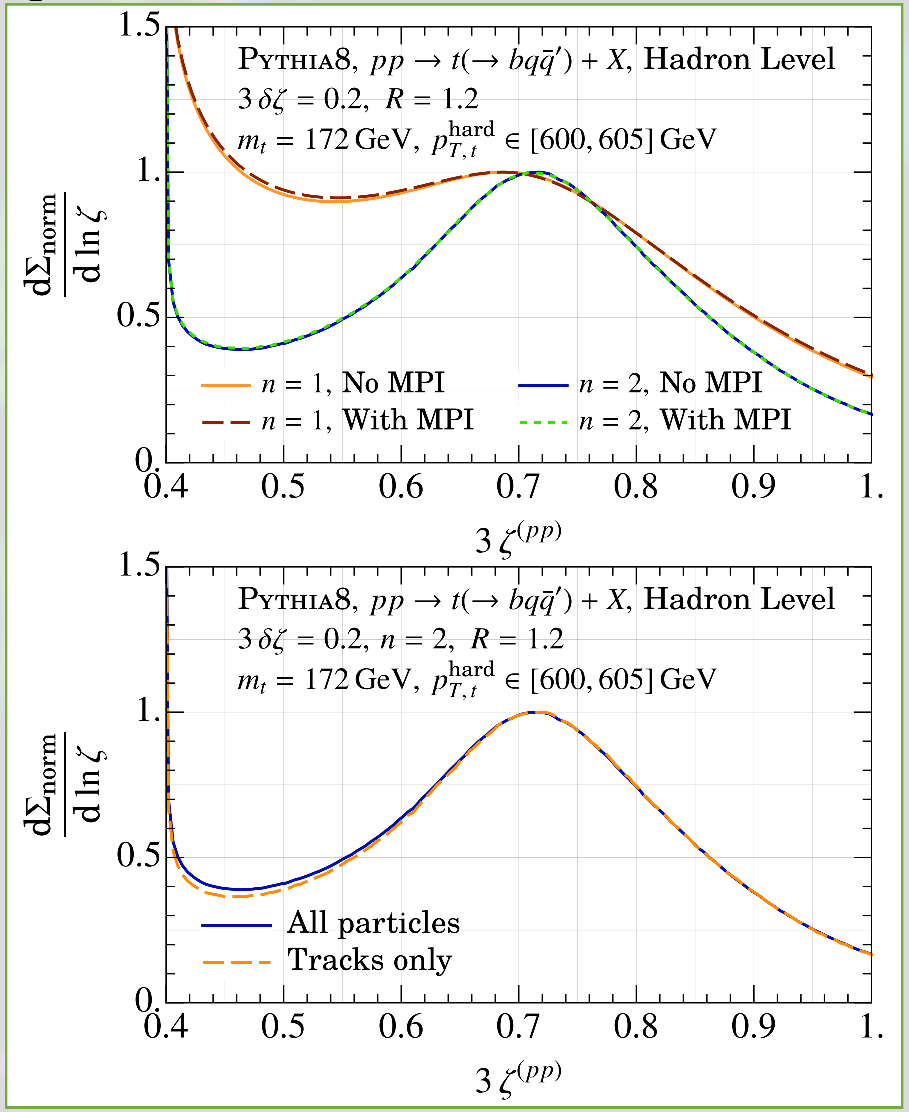

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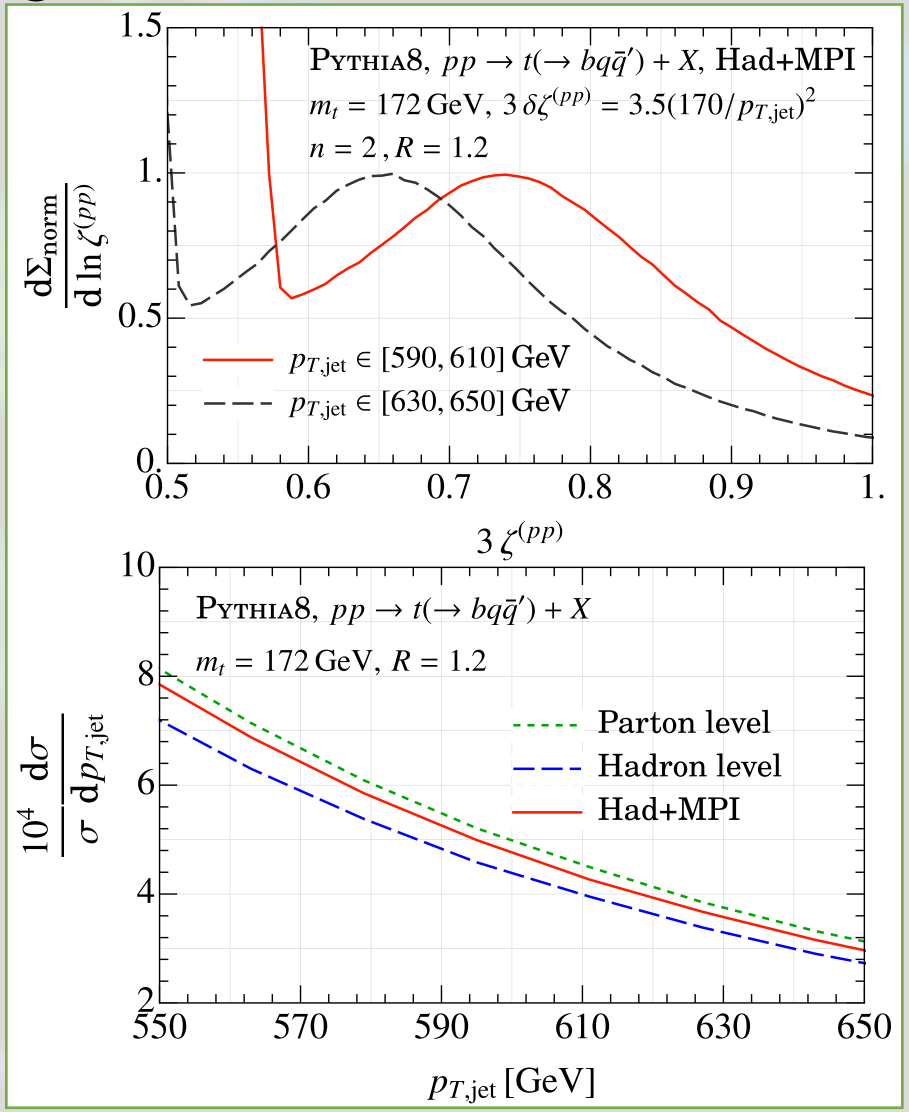

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PYTHIA8 m_t	Parton $\sqrt{F_{\text{pert}}}$	Hadron + MPI $\sqrt{F_{\text{pert}}}$
172 GeV	172.6 ± 0.3 GeV	$172.3 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.4$ GeV
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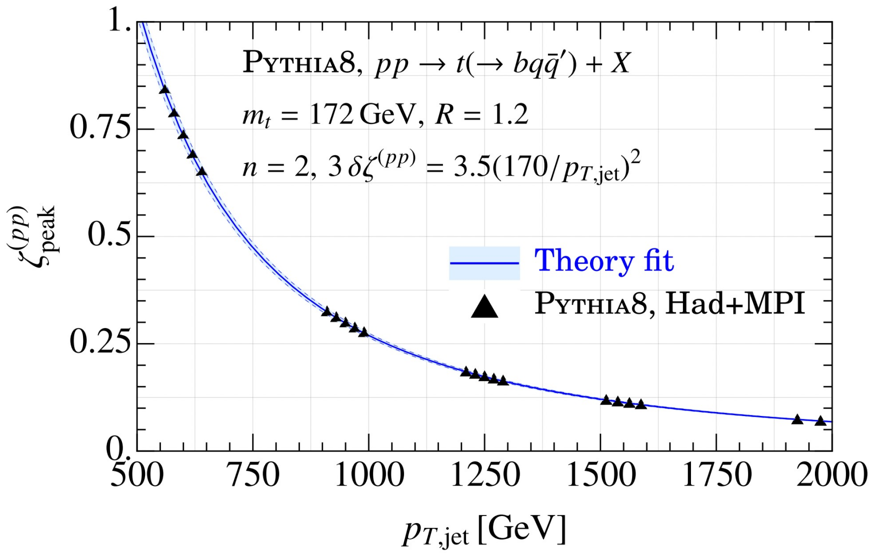
175 GeV	175.5 ± 0.4 GeV	$175.1 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4$ GeV
$173 - 172$	0.9 ± 0.4 GeV	1.3 ± 0.6 GeV
$175 - 172$	2.9 ± 0.5 GeV	2.8 ± 0.6 GeV

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.



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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

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

3. Define

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

4. Solve for ρ:

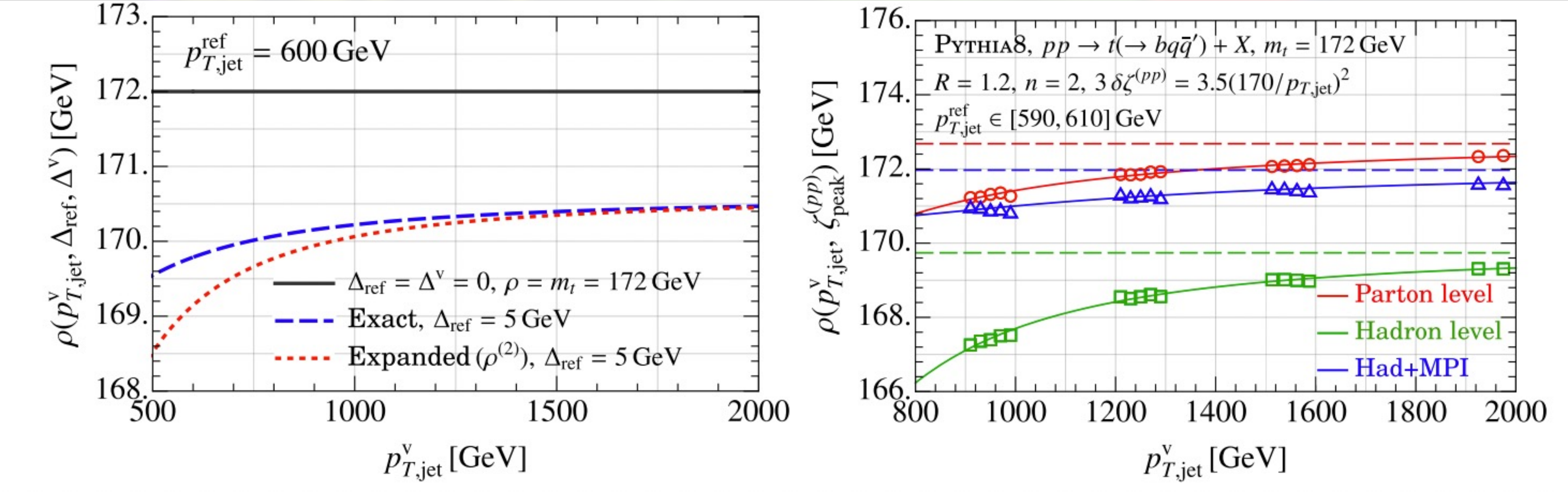
$$\rho(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{v}}, \Delta^{\text{ref}}, \Delta^{\text{v}}) = \sqrt{F_{\text{pert}}}\,\frac{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}} + \Delta^{\text{ref}}}\left(1 - \frac{2p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{ref}}\Delta^{\text{ref}} + (\Delta^{\text{ref}})^2}{2(p_{T,\text{jet}}^{\text{v}})^2}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

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

Supplementary material

Fit function:

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



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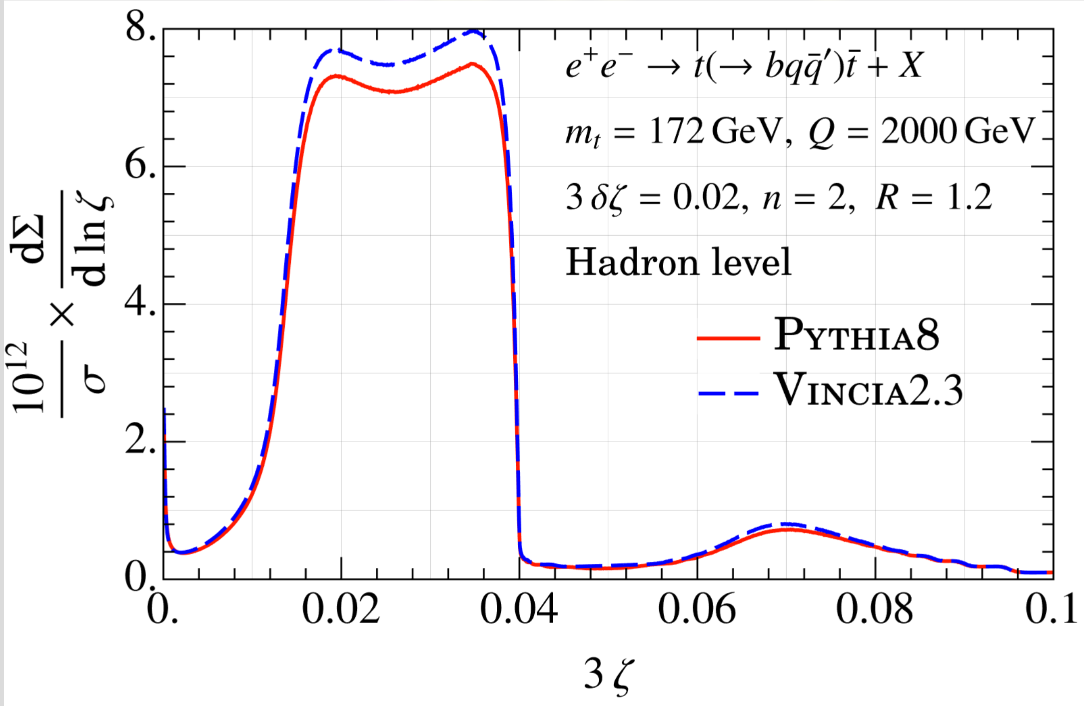

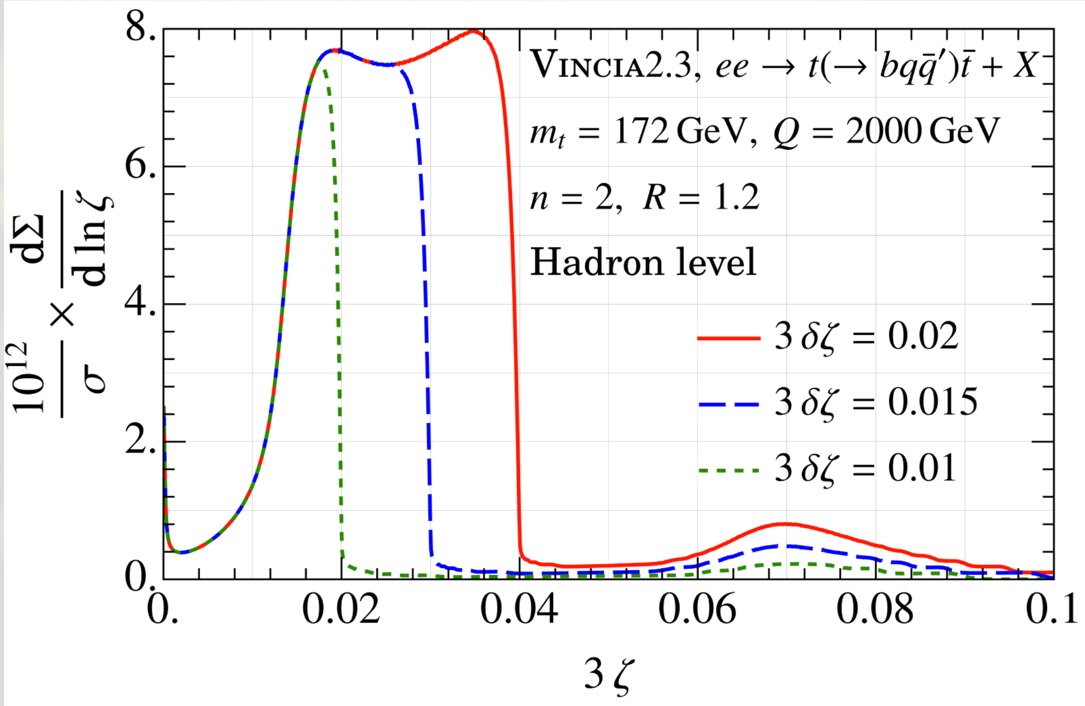

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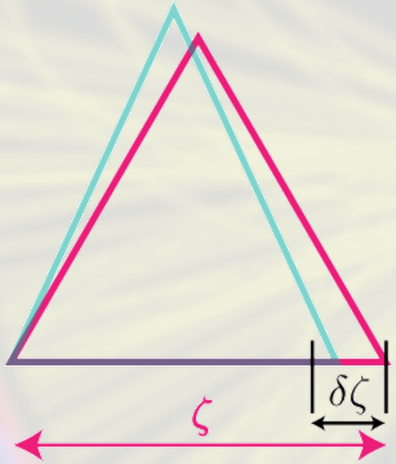
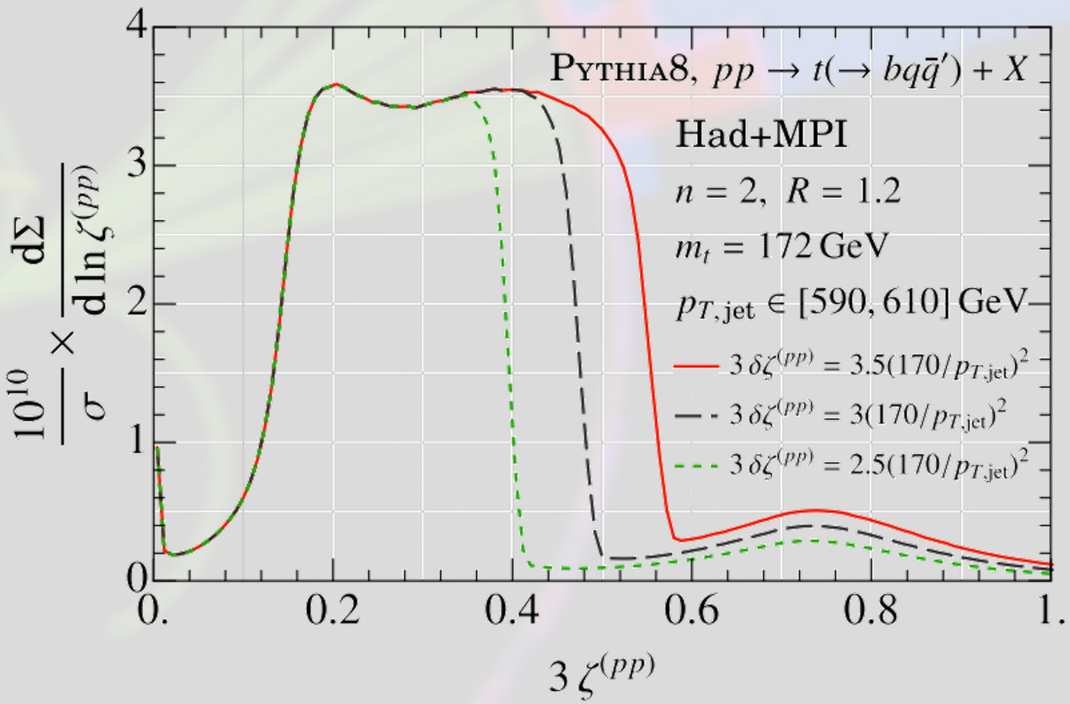
Asymmetry cut $\delta\zeta$ only constrains triangles with $\zeta > 2\delta\zeta$

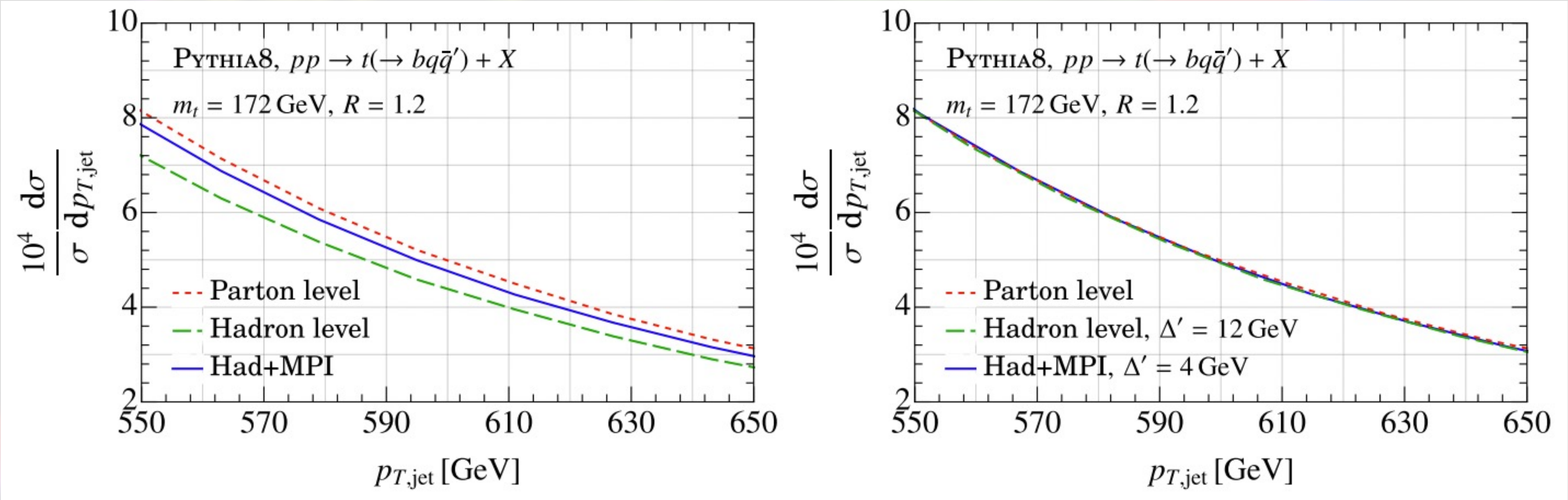


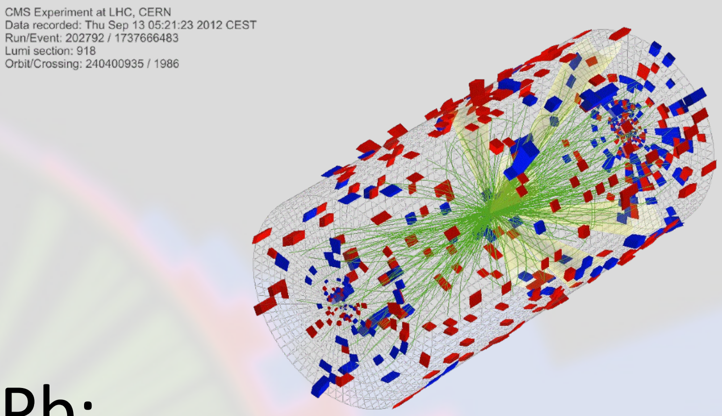


$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\zeta} \approx 4(\delta\zeta)^2\, G^{(n)}(\zeta,\zeta,\zeta;m_t)\,, \qquad \delta\zeta \ll \zeta$$

Supplementary material

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





Correlation Functions

- Case study from study of the QGP in Pb-Pb:

$$\langle N(\eta_1,\phi_1)N(\eta_2,\phi_2)\rangle = N_1N_2P(\eta_1,\phi_1,\eta_2,\phi_2)$$

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

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

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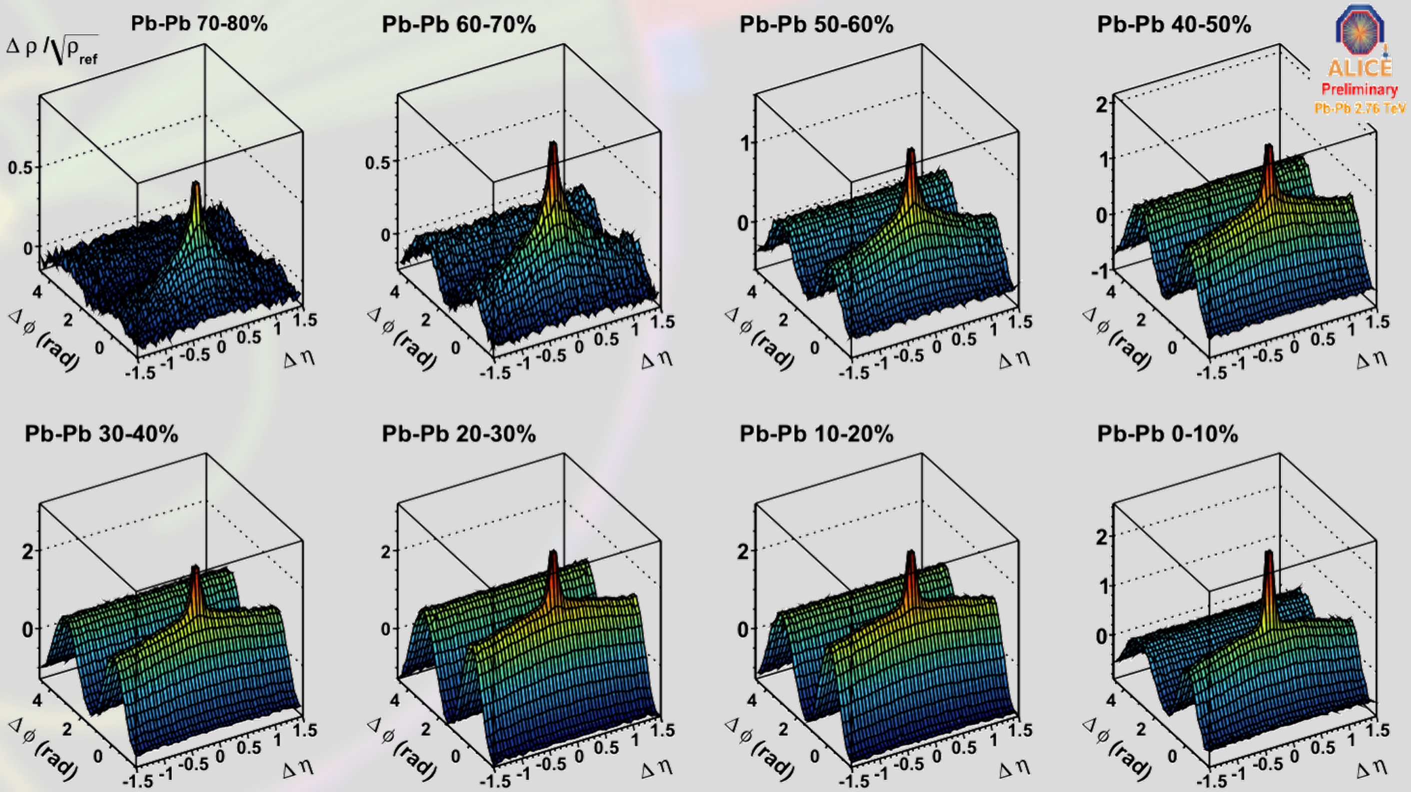

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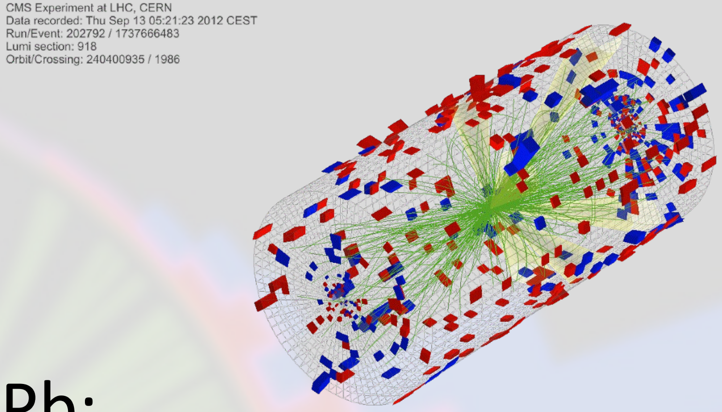

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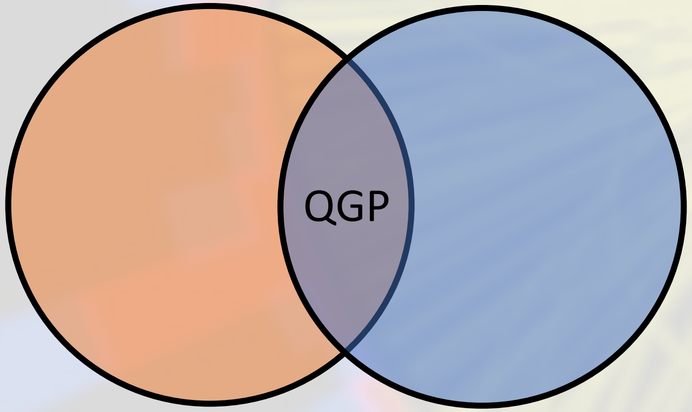

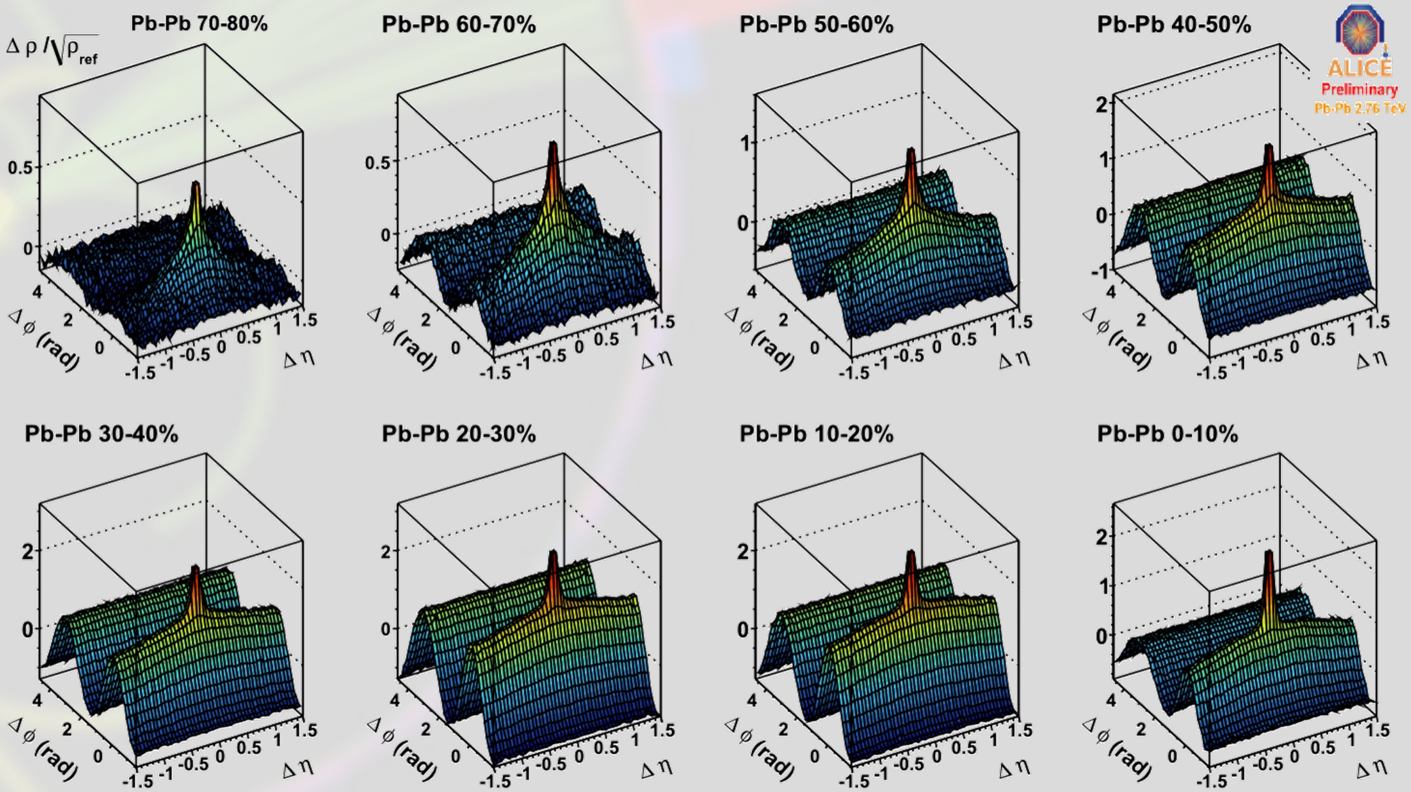

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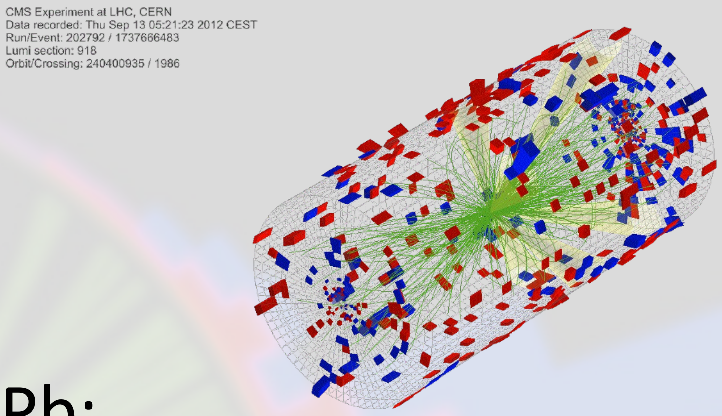

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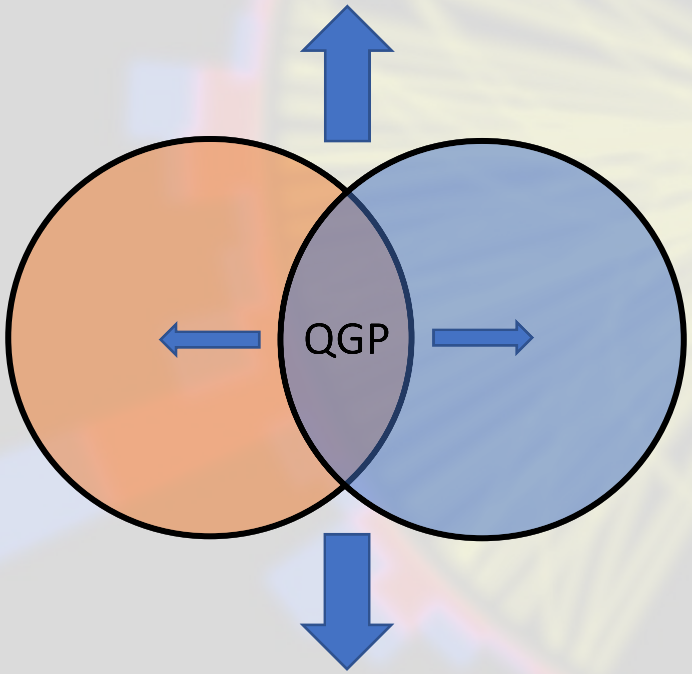

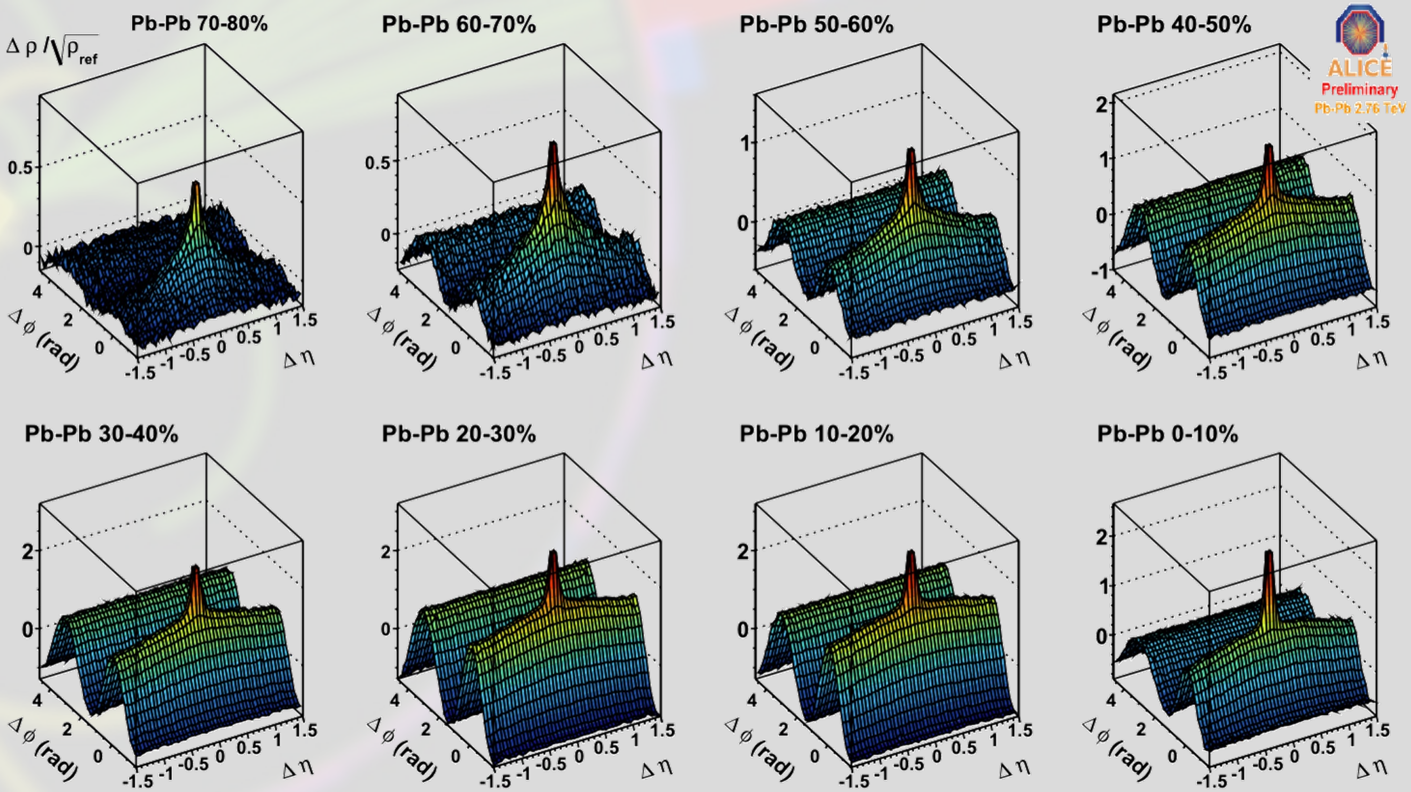

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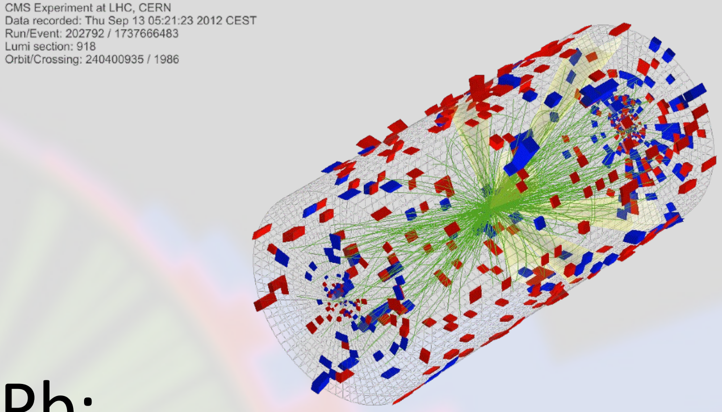

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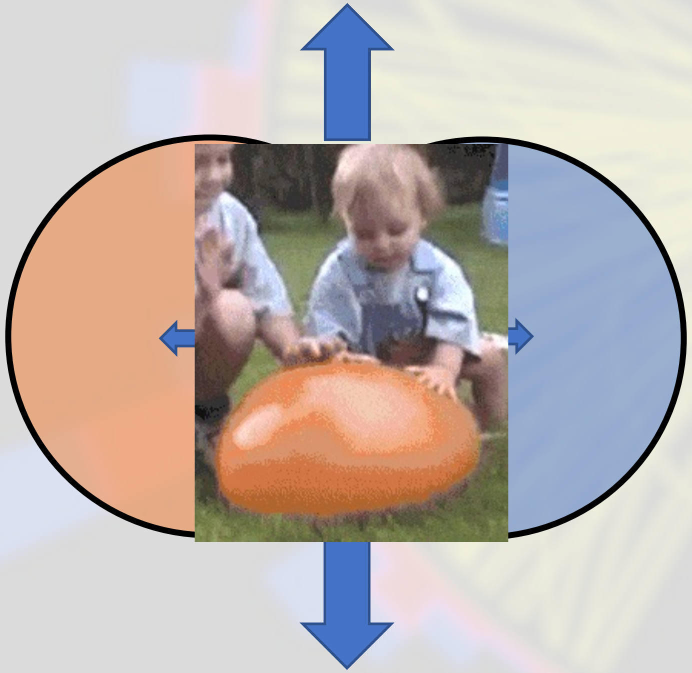

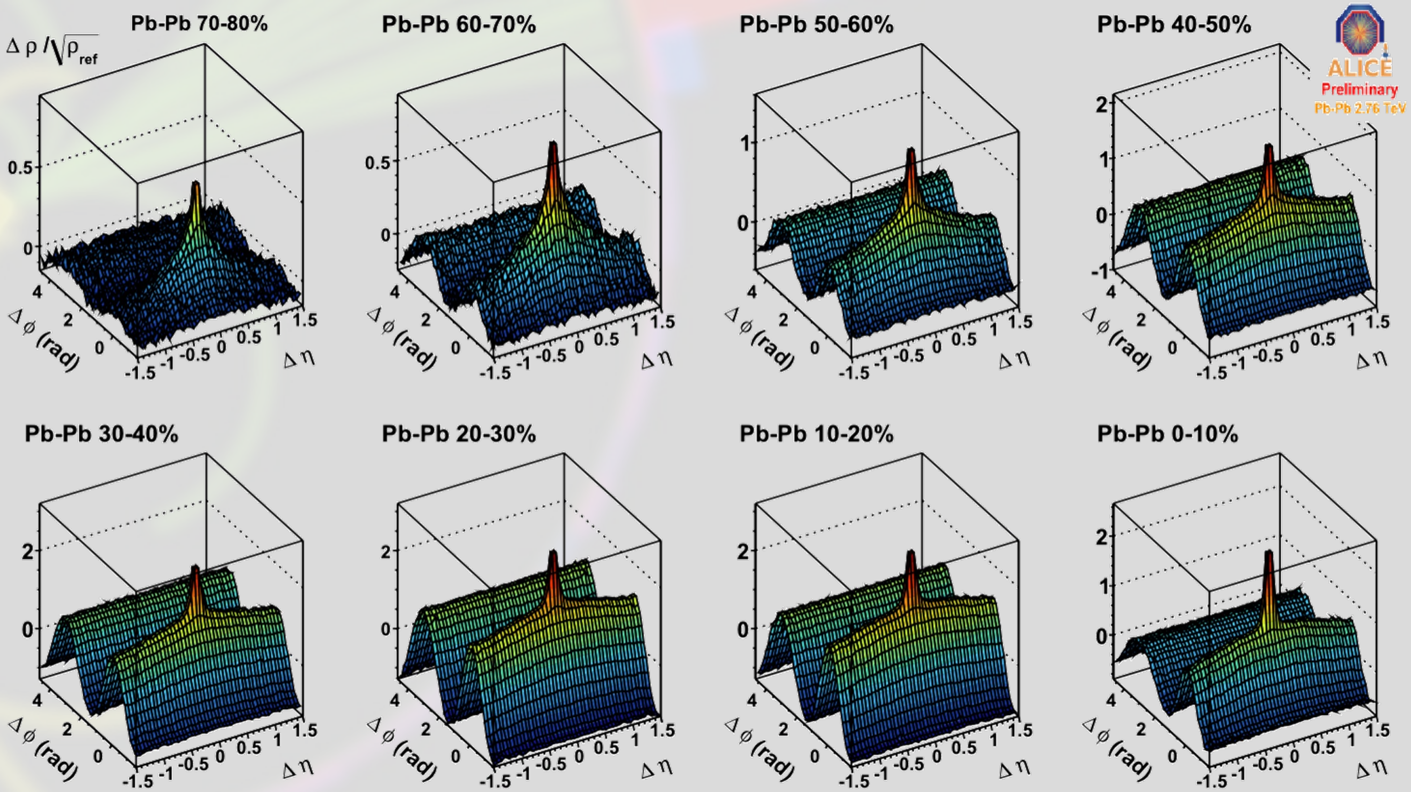

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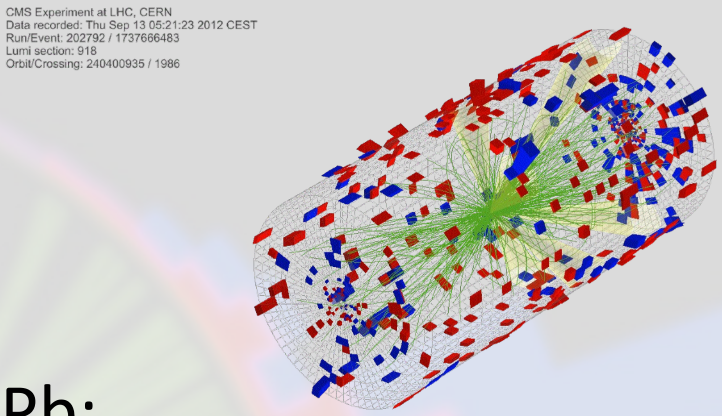

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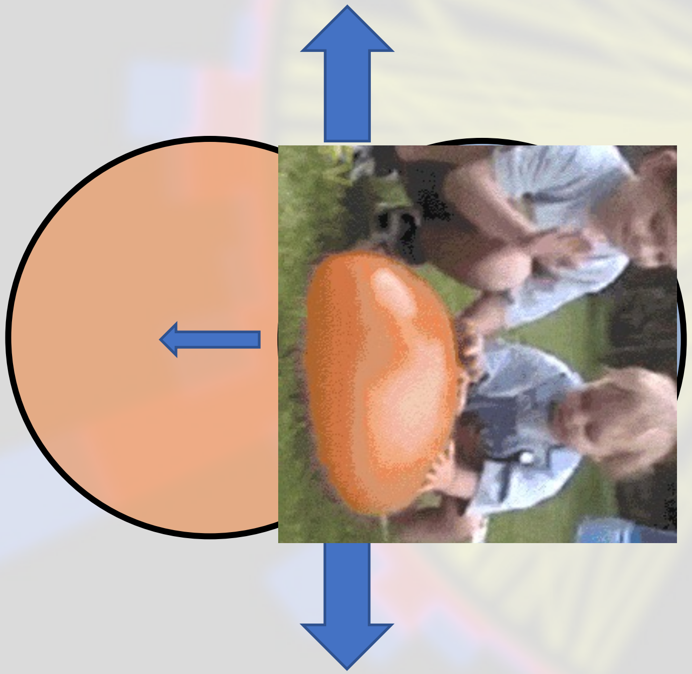

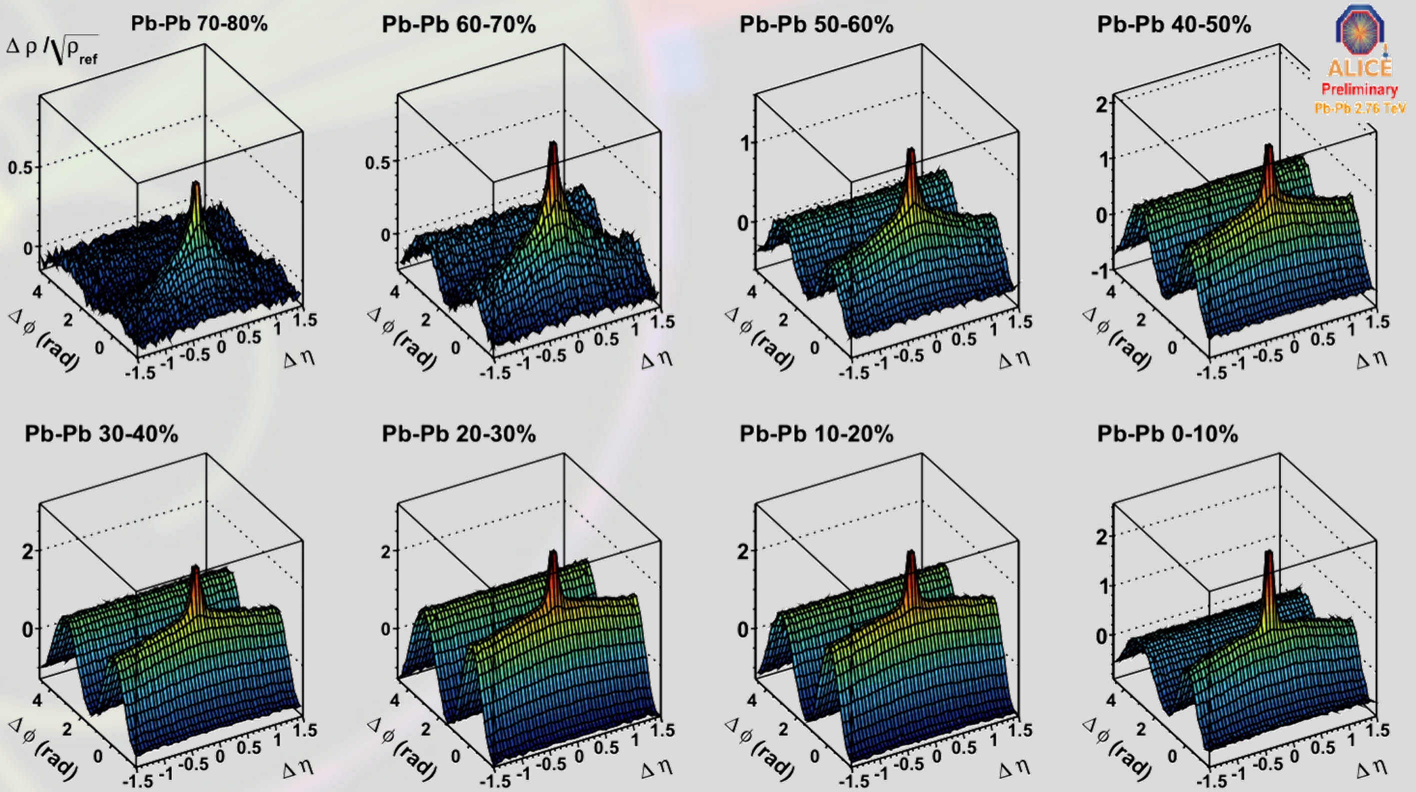

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$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r\to\infty} \int_0^\infty dt\ r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

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

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

i.e.

$S_{i\to j} = \langle j | i \rangle$ let $|j\rangle = O|\Omega\rangle$

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

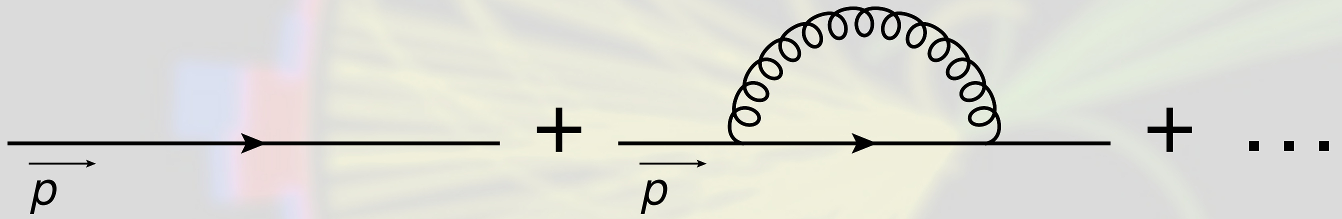
How to measure the Top mass*

- What we have access to at a collider is a set of events and a (partial) kinematic breakdown of each event into particles with 4-momenta.
- Methods we might use:
  - Simplest: count the number of tagged top events to find $\sigma(m_t)$.
  - Slightly more sophisticated: measure a distribution differential in the event kinematics.
  - Best precision: direct measurement using Monte Carlo to simulate the top events and compare for a mass extraction.

*please allow me to oversimplify for a little bit

...but what is the Top mass we measure?

- The top quark mass is not a physical observable but a Lagrangian parameter,



$$\sim \frac{i}{\not{p} - m_t^0 - \Sigma(p, m_t^0, \mu)}$$

and must be renormalized in a definite *mass scheme.*

- We gain access to this parameter through a sensitive physical observable: $\sigma^{\text{exp}}(m_t^X, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, Y) = \sigma^{\text{pert}}(m_t^X, \alpha_s, Y, \ldots) + \sigma^{\text{NP}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, Y, \ldots)$

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = m_t^X + \delta m_t^X$$

We will come back to this as it leads to complications!

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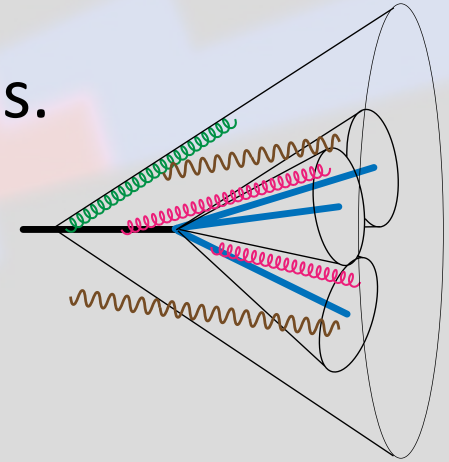
How to measure the Top mass

- Can measure many different differential distributions.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_t^{\text{reco}}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{bl}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{t\bar{t}}}, \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{t\bar{t}j}}$$



  - These can be computed from theory
    - Arguably best efforts for rigorous control over m_t use groomed jet masses: i.e.

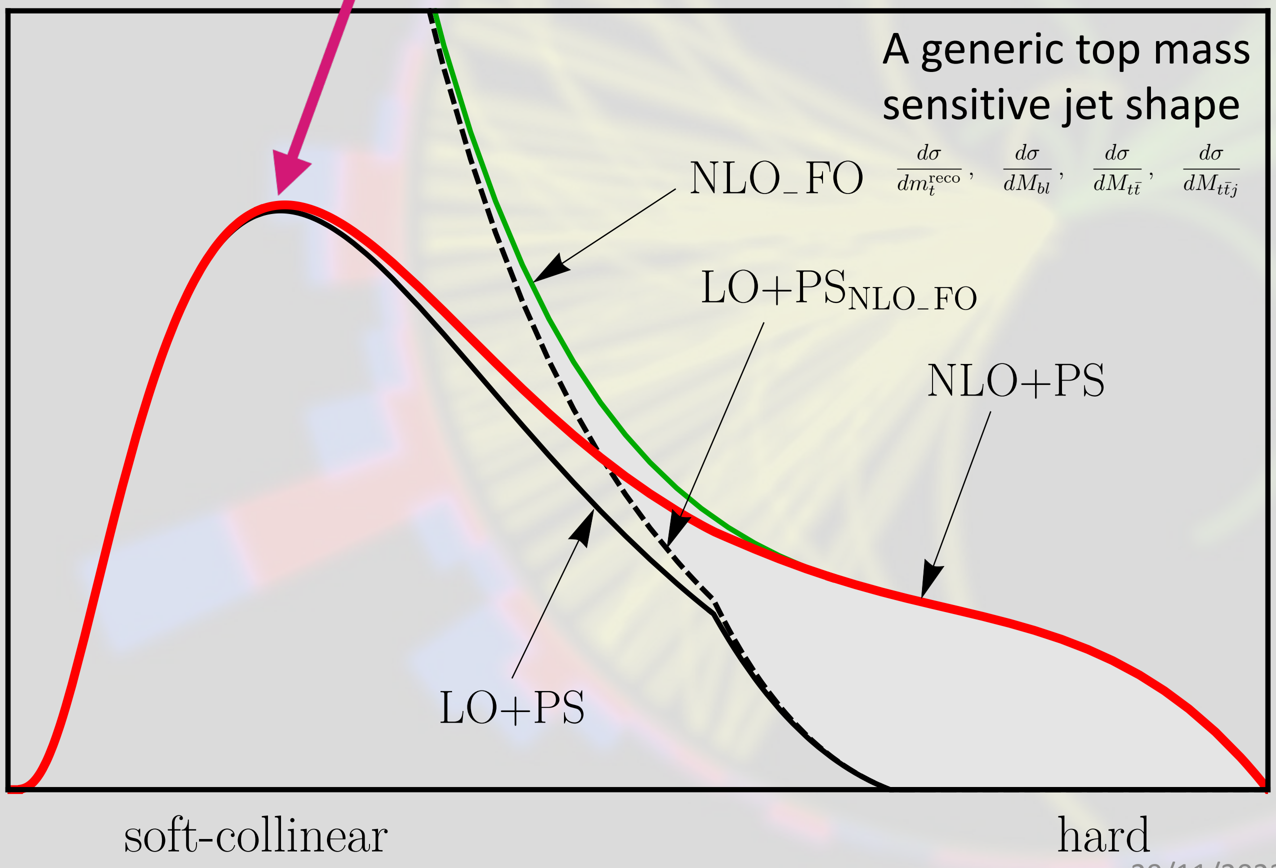
$(m_t)^2 = (\sum_i p_i)^2$ 0711.2079 and references therein $m_t = 172.6 \pm 2.5$ GeV A recent measurement in CMS 1911.03800

  - Or can be computed from Monte Carlo Event generators…
    - This is where best experimental precission has been achieved

We will come back to this in 2 slides

Why is measuring m_t hard theoretically?

Threshold structure sensitive to m_t



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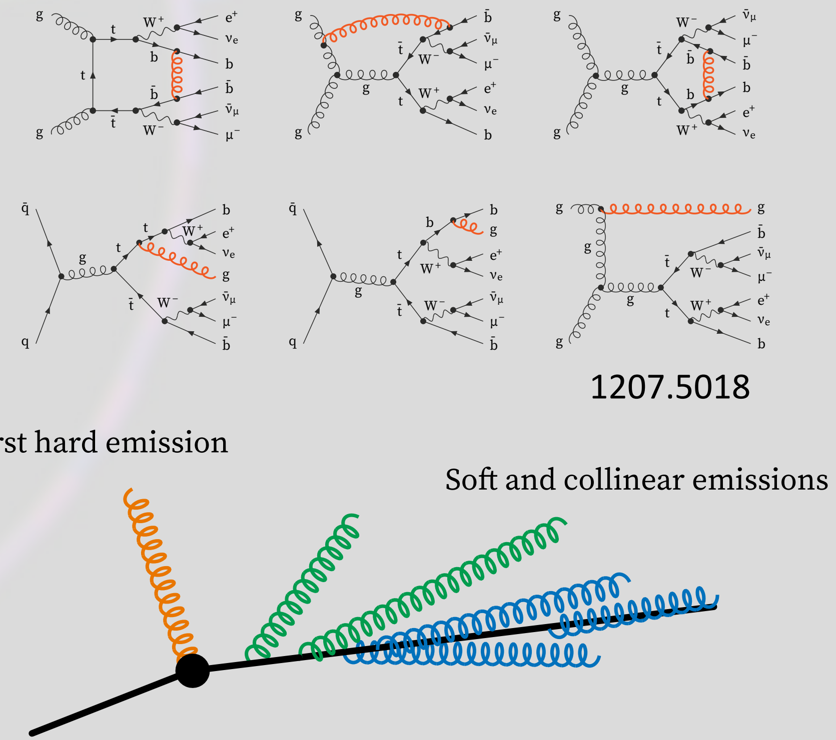
Top Production and decay at NLO, NNLO

Mazzitelli et al. 2012.14267; Cormier et al. 1810.06493; Frederix et al. 1603.01178; Jezo et al. 1607.04538; Hoeche et al. 1402.6293



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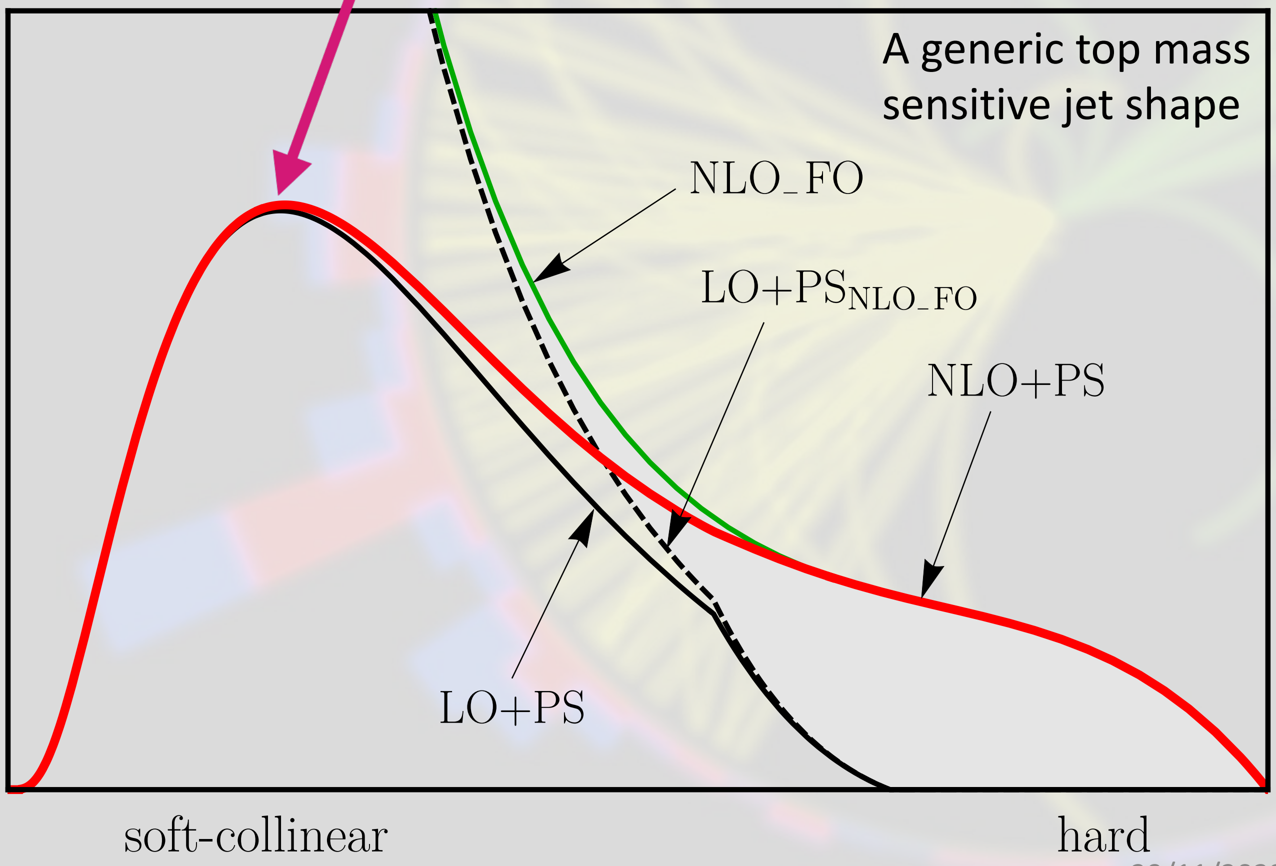

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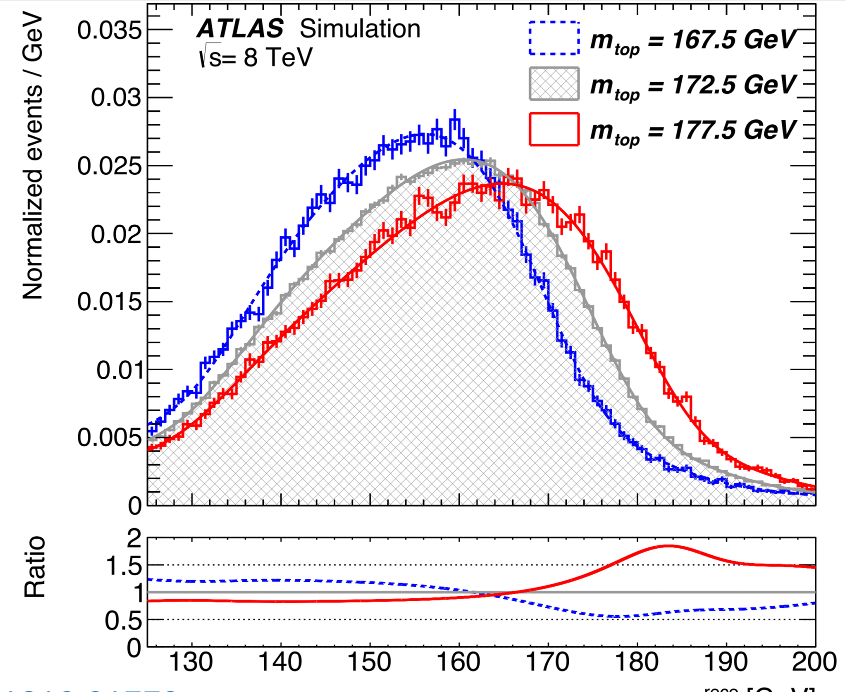
Observations:

- Threshold structure typically appears in the region where shape is dominated by soft-collinear radiation.
  - Almost entirely dependent on parton shower or complicated resummation.

- NLO corrections make an impact only in the tail.
  - High accuracy fixed order computations are only weakly m_t dependent.

Monte Carlo Top mass

- Event generator reconstruction of m_t has yielded the most precise measurements:



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PDG 2021 global average of direct measurements

$$m_t = 172.76 \pm 0.30 \text{ GeV}$$

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Order of magnitude better experimental precision than analytically calculable observables.

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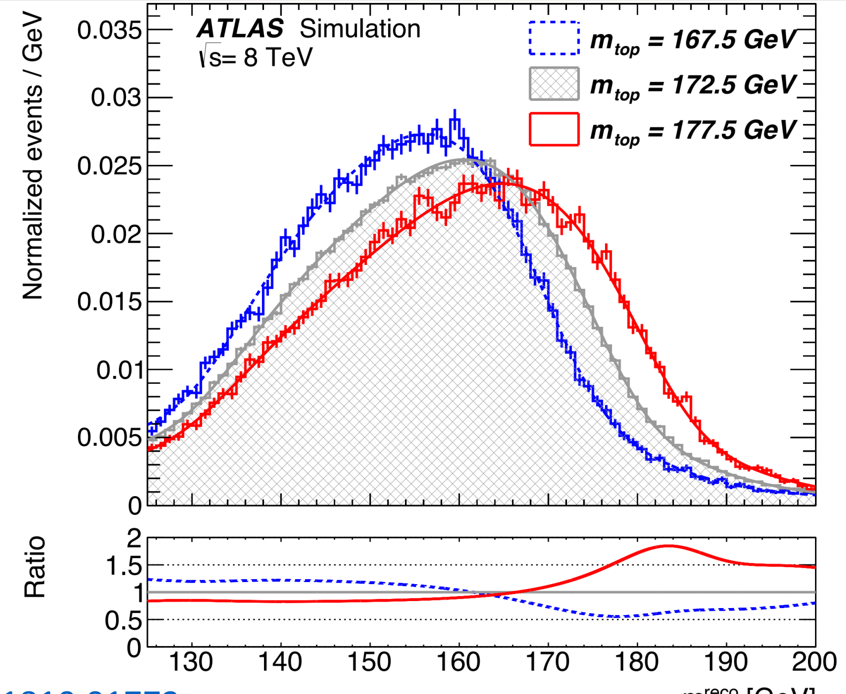

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The heavy dependence on Parton Shower Monte Carlo reduces theoretical control on this measurement.

Argued to induce a further $\mathrm{O}(1)\mathrm{GeV}$ error on the extracted Top mass in a given theory mass scheme.

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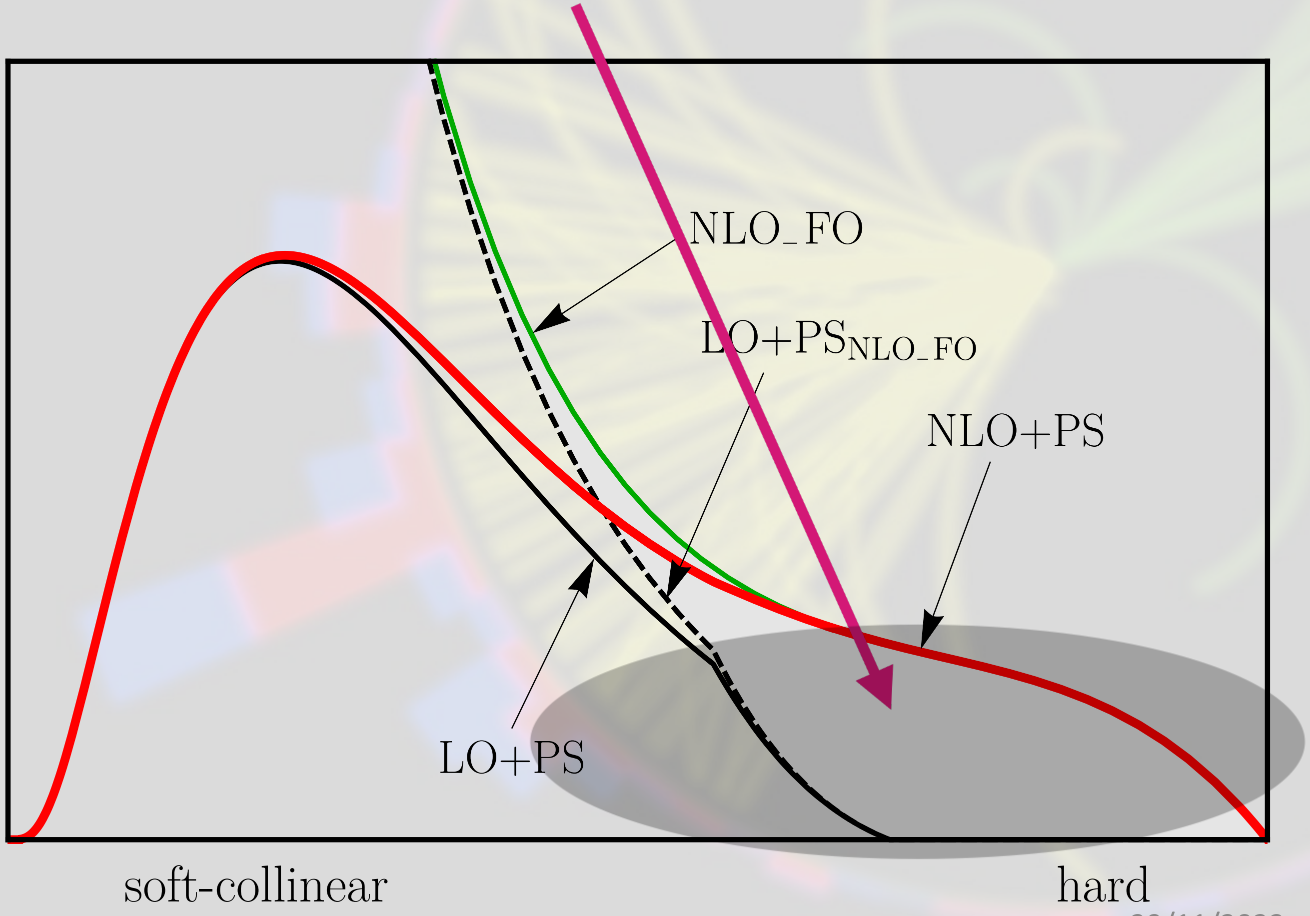
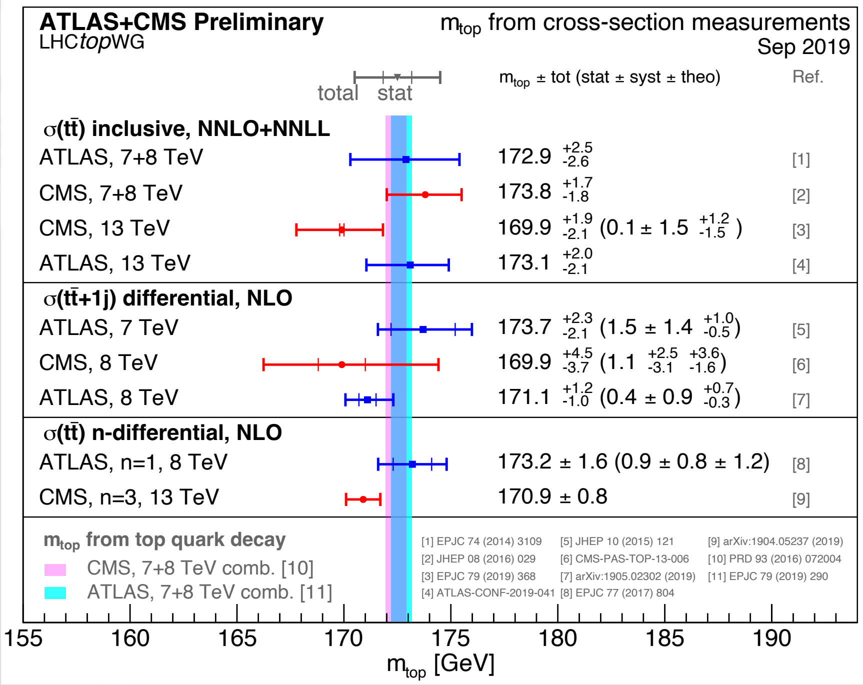
Summary: measuring m_t is challenging

Focus here for good theoretical control, here PS is not dominant but a well controlled small perturbation.





Unfortunately, poor sensitivity when not leveraging the threshold

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