

# **A new approach to QCD evolution in processes with massive partons**

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# Introduction

**Heavy flavour production** studied in multiple contexts:

**Calculations at FO, NLL, FONLL:** Cacciari, Frixione, Houdeau, Mangano, Nason, Ridolfi, ... [[arXiv:1205.6344](#), [hep-ph/0312132](#), [hep-ph/9801375](#), [NPB373\(1992\)295](#), [NPB373\(1992\)295](#), ...]

**Particle-level Monte Carlo:** Norrbin, Sjöstrand, Gieseke, Stephens, Webber, Schumann, Krauss, Gehrmann-deRidder, Ritzmann, Skands, ... [[hep-ph/0010012](#), [hep-ph/0010012](#), [hep-ph/0310083](#), [arXiv:0709.1027](#), [arXiv:1108.617](#)]

**Matching & merging of (N)LO PS:** Frixione, Nason, Webber, Mangano, Moretti, Pittau, ... [[hep-ph/0305252](#), [arXiv:0707.3088](#), [hep-ph/0108069](#)]

**This talk:** generalise the Alaric shower to account for massive evolution

**Required for** proper description of bottom and charm jet production and quark fragmentation functions

# Subtleties of heavy flavour evolution

Both **high-energy** and **threshold** regime require accurate descriptions

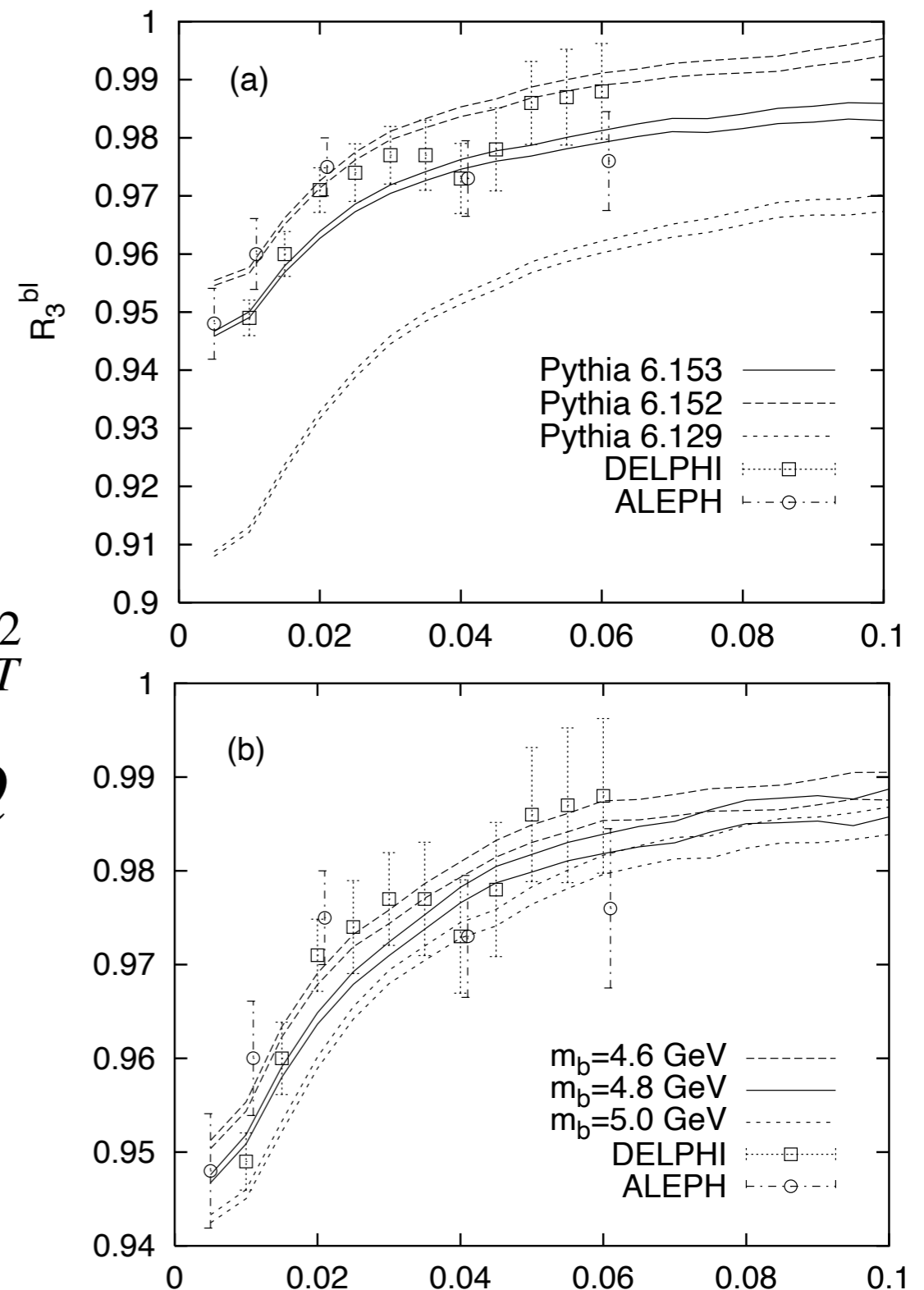
## Various challenges:

IR finite prediction for  $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$  choice of splitting function semi-arbitrary

Soft gluon emission off light/heavy quarks associated with  $\alpha_s(k_T^2) \Rightarrow$  'correct' scale is  $k_T^2$

No such scale-setting argument for  $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} \Rightarrow$  HQ production rate not very stable parton shower variations [Amati et al.]

Multiple prescriptions varying success in describing experiments [Norrbin, Sjöstrand], [Gieseke, Stephens], [Schumann, Krauss], [Gehrmann-deRidder, Ritzmann, Skands]



# Soft-collinear matching

Squared amplitude factorizes in **quasi-collinear** limit:

$$\sum_{\lambda, \lambda' = \pm} \langle 1, \dots, \check{i}(ij), \dots, \check{j}, \dots, n \left| \frac{8\pi\alpha_s P_{(ij)i}^{\lambda\lambda'}(z)}{(p_i + p_j)^2 - m_{ij}^2} \right| 1, \dots, \check{i}(ij), \dots, \check{j}, \dots, \check{j}, \dots, n \rangle$$

**Splitting function:**  $P_{ab}(z, \epsilon) = \delta_{ab} C_a \left( \frac{2z}{1-z} - \frac{m_i^2}{p_i p_j} \right) + C_{ab}(z, \epsilon)$

**Soft gluon** limit:

$$-8\pi\alpha_s \sum_{i, k \neq j} \langle 1, \dots, \check{j}, \dots, n \left| \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_k W_{ik,j} \right| 1, \dots, \check{j}, \dots, n \rangle$$

Soft radiator in terms of energies and angles [\[Marchesini, Webber\]](#)

$$W_{ik,j} \rightarrow \frac{2p_i p_k}{(p_i p_j)(p_j p_k)} - \frac{p_i^2}{(p_i p_j)^2} - \frac{p_k^2}{(p_k p_j)^2} = \frac{2W_{ik,j}}{E_j^2}$$

**Angular radiator** function:

$$W_{ik,j} = \frac{1 - v_i v_k \cos \theta_{ik}}{(1 - v_i \cos \theta_{ij})(1 - v_k \cos \theta_{jk})} - \frac{(1 - v_i^2)/2}{(1 - v_i \cos \theta_{ij})^2} - \frac{(1 - v_k^2)/2}{(1 - v_k \cos \theta_{jk})^2}$$

# Soft collinear matching

**Exposing** individual collinear singularities by partial fractioning

$$W_{ik,j} = \bar{W}_{ik,j}^i + \bar{W}_{ki,j}^k \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{W}_{ik,j}^i = \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ik}}{(1 - \cos \theta_{ij})(2 - \cos \theta_{ij} - \cos \theta_{kj})} W_{ik,j}$$

**Bounded** by  $(1 - \cos \theta_{ij}) \bar{W}_{ik,j}^i < 2$  and strictly positive

**Maintains** PD interpretation  $\leftrightarrow$  efficient MC implementation

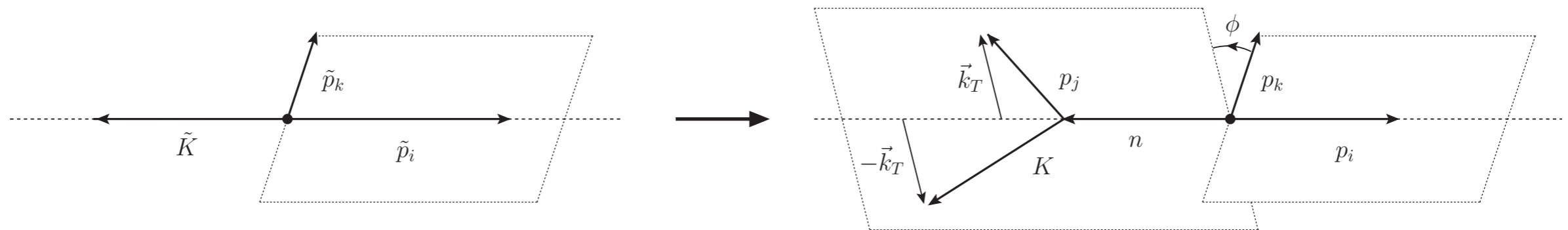
Taking quasi-collinear limit

$$W_{ik,j} \xrightarrow[m_i \propto p_i p_j]{i \parallel j} W_{ik,j}^{(\text{coll})}(z) = \frac{1}{2p_i p_j} \left( \frac{2z}{1-z} - \frac{m_i^2}{p_i p_j} \right) = \frac{P_{aa}(z, \epsilon) - C_{aa}(z, \epsilon)}{C_a 2p_i p_j}$$

ID'd with the **leading term** in  $(1 - z)$  of splitting functions  $P_{aa}(z, \epsilon)$

# Kinematics mapping – Soft emissions

**Collinear NLL safe** inspired by ID particle CS algorithm [Catani,Seymour: hep-ph/9605323] (Florian's talk - arXiv:2208.06057)



**Rescale** emitter momentum with  $z$  ( $n$  aux vector) maintain collinear safety

$$p_i \xrightarrow{i||j} z \tilde{p}_i, \quad p_j \xrightarrow{i||j} (1 - z) \tilde{p}_i \quad \text{where} \quad z = \frac{p_i n}{(p_i + p_j) n}$$

**Compensating** remaining recoil by hard momentum  $\tilde{K}$

$$p_j = (1 - z) \tilde{p}_i + v(\tilde{K} - (1 - z + 2\kappa) \tilde{p}_i) + k_\perp, \quad K = \tilde{K} - v(\tilde{K} - (1 - z + 2\kappa) \tilde{p}_i) - k_\perp$$

Recoil effects on  $\tilde{K}$  scale with  $k_\perp^2 / \tilde{K}^2$

# Kinematics mapping – Soft emissions

**Massive case:** using collinear safety and NLL constraints

$$p_i^\mu = \bar{z} \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu + \frac{\mu_i^2 - \bar{z}^2 \mu_{ij}^2}{\bar{z} v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}} \left( \tilde{K}^\mu - \bar{k} \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu \right)$$

$$p_j^\mu = \frac{1 - z + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2}{v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}} \zeta} \left( \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu - \bar{\mu}_{ij}^2 \tilde{K}^\mu \right)$$

$$+ \bar{v} \frac{1 + v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}}{2v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}} \left[ \left( \tilde{K}^\mu - \bar{k} \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu \right) - \frac{1 - \bar{z} + \bar{k}}{\zeta} \left( \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu - \bar{\mu}_{ij}^2 \tilde{K}^\mu \right) \right] + k_\perp^\mu$$

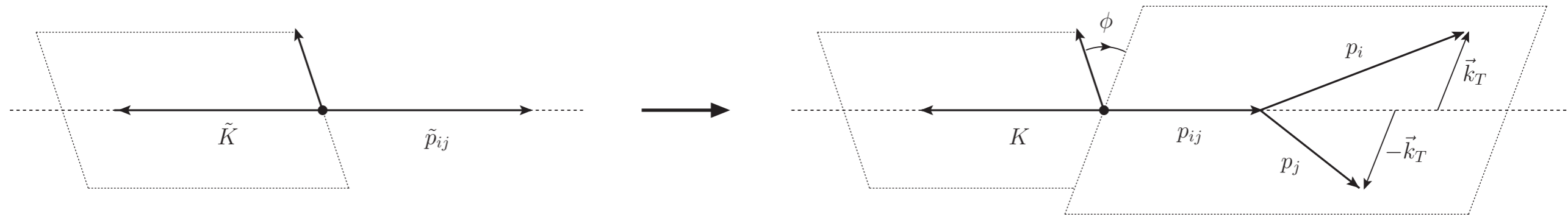
with massive analogues to  $z$ ,  $v$  and  $k_\perp$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{z + 2\mu_i^2}{1 + v_{\tilde{p}_i\tilde{K}} + 2\mu_i^2} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{z + 2\mu_i^2}{1 + v_{\tilde{p}_i\tilde{K}} + 2\mu_i^2} \right)^2 - \frac{2\mu_i^2(1 + \bar{k})}{1 + v_{\tilde{p}_i\tilde{K}} + 2\mu_i^2}}, \quad \bar{v} = \frac{\frac{2vz}{1 + v_{\tilde{p}_i\tilde{K}}} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_i^2}{\bar{z}} \left( 1 - \bar{z} + \bar{k} - \frac{\bar{k}}{\zeta} \right)}{\bar{z} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_i^2}{\bar{z}} \frac{1 - \bar{z} + \bar{k}}{\zeta}},$$

$$k_\perp^2 = \tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}(1 + v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}) \bar{v} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\bar{v}}{\zeta} \right) (1 - \bar{z}) - \frac{1 - \zeta + \bar{v}}{\zeta} \bar{k} + \frac{\bar{\mu}_j^2}{\zeta} \right] - m_j^2$$

# Kinematics mapping – Collinear splittings

Kinematics of **purely collinear** components of splitting functions



**Compensating** longitudinal recoil by hard momentum  $\tilde{K}$  and transverse recoil by splitter

$$p_i^\mu = z \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu + y(1 - \bar{z}) \tilde{K}^\mu + k_\perp^\mu, \quad p_j^\mu = (1 - \bar{z}) \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu + y \bar{z} \tilde{K}^\mu - k_\perp^\mu$$

Not NLL safe for massless  $\tilde{K}$  [Dagupta et al., arXiv:1805.09327]



# Kinematics mapping – Collinear splittings

**Massive case:** Using CDST kinematics with hard momentum  $\tilde{K}$   
[\[Catani, Dittmaier, Seymour, Trocszanyi: hep-ph/0201036\]](#)

$$p_i^\mu = \bar{z} \frac{\tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu - \bar{\mu}_{ij}^2 \tilde{K}^\mu}{\bar{z}_{ij} v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}}} + \left( y(1 - \bar{z})(1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2) - \bar{z}(\mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2) + 2\mu_i^2 \right) \frac{\tilde{K}^\mu - \bar{\kappa} \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu}{v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}} / z_{ij}} + k_\perp^\mu$$

$$p_j^\mu = (1 - \bar{z}) \frac{\tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu - \bar{\mu}_{ij}^2 \tilde{K}^\mu}{\bar{z}_{ij} v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}}} + \left( y \bar{z}(1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2) - (1 - \bar{z})(\mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2) + 2\mu_j^2 \right) \frac{\tilde{K}^\mu - \bar{\kappa} \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu}{v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}} / z_{ij}} - k_\perp^\mu$$

Can show that longitudinal recoil effects scale as  $k_\perp^2 / \tilde{K}^2$

Transverse recoil irrelevant at NLL if applied to collinear branching only

**NLL accuracy:** analysis based final-state resummation technique  
[\[Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi, hep-ph/0407286\]](#) (Florian's talk - massless case)

# Kinematical effect on NLL corrections

**Massive extension:** given observable to be re-summed  $V(\{p\}, \{k\})$

**Parametrizing** hard  $p_{i,j}$  and soft momenta  $k$

$$k = (z_{i,j} - \bar{\mu}_j^2 z_{j,i}) p_i + (z_{j,i} - \bar{\mu}_i^2 z_{i,j}) p_j + k_{T,ij}$$

$$k_{T,ij}^2 = 2p_i p_j \frac{2v_{p_i p_j}}{1 + v_{p_i p_j}} z_{i,j} z_{j,i}$$

with rapidity  $\eta_{ij} = 1/2 \ln(z_{i,j}/z_{j,i})$

Observable can be expressed as

$$V(k) = d_l \left( \frac{k_{T,l}}{Q} \right)^a e^{-b_l \eta_l} g_l(\phi_l)$$

with  $k_{T,l} = k_{T,lj}$ ,  $\eta_l = \eta_{lj}$  for  $j \nparallel l$  in collinear limit

# Kinematical effect on NLL corrections

**Quasi-collinear limit:** constant  $z_{i,j}, z_{j,i}$  and small  $k_T$  gluon momentum

$$k \xrightarrow[m_{ij}^2 \propto k_T^2]{k_T^2 \ll p_i p_j} z_{i,j} p_i + z_{j,i} p_j + k_{T,ij} + \mathcal{O}(k_T^2)$$

**equal to massless case**  $\Rightarrow$  value of observable unchanged

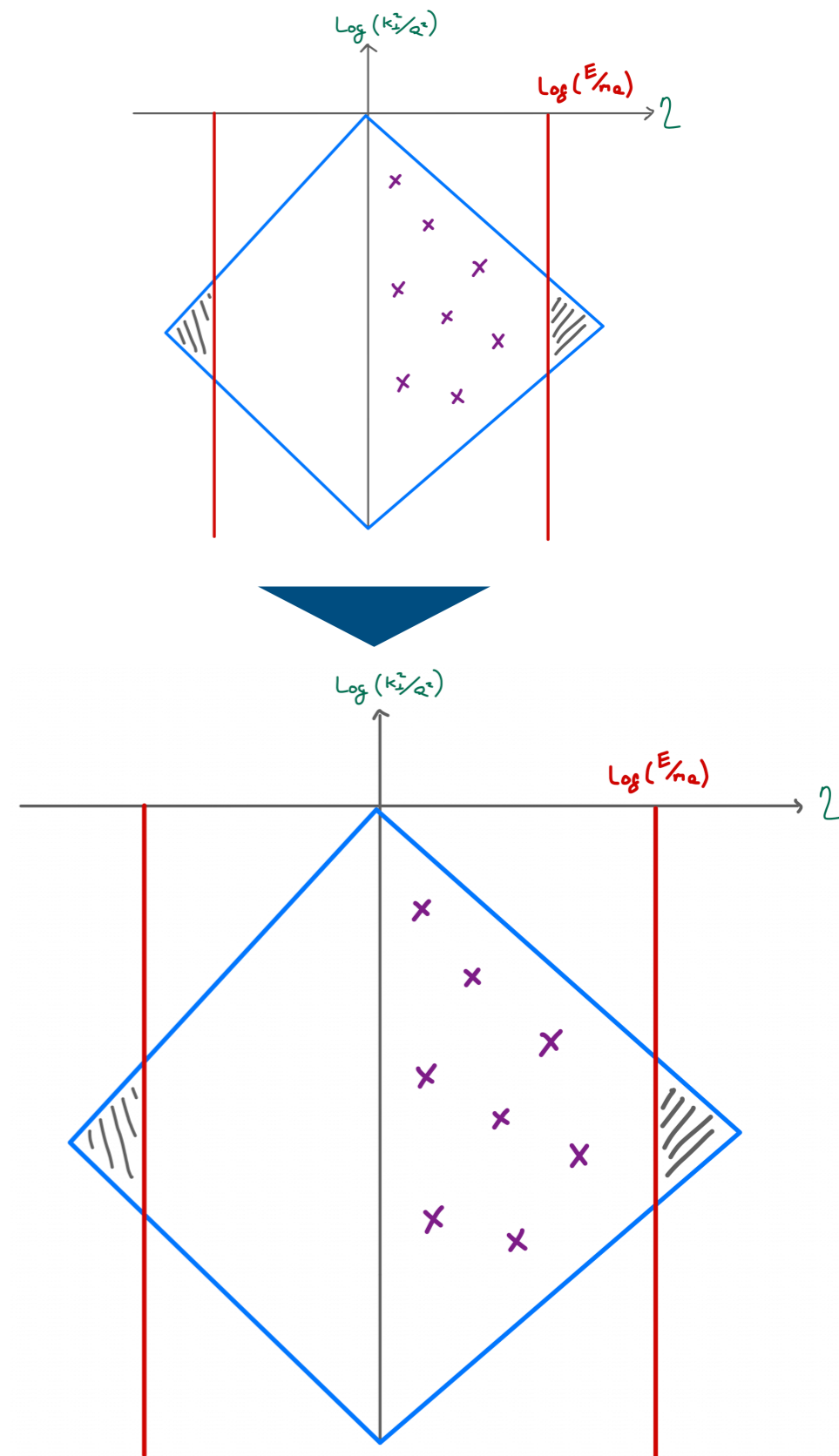
Both Sudakov and  $\mathcal{F}$  change due to massive splittings and integration boundary effects

Gluon emission off a dipole containing massive quark with  $(m, E)$  has rapidity bound (**dead-cone**) at  $\eta = \ln(E/m)$

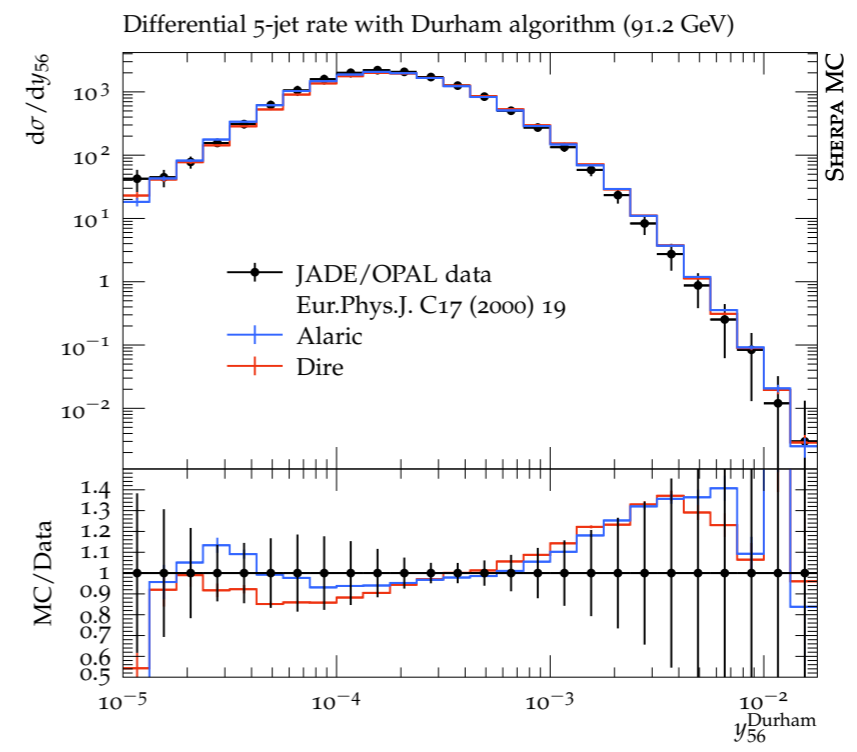
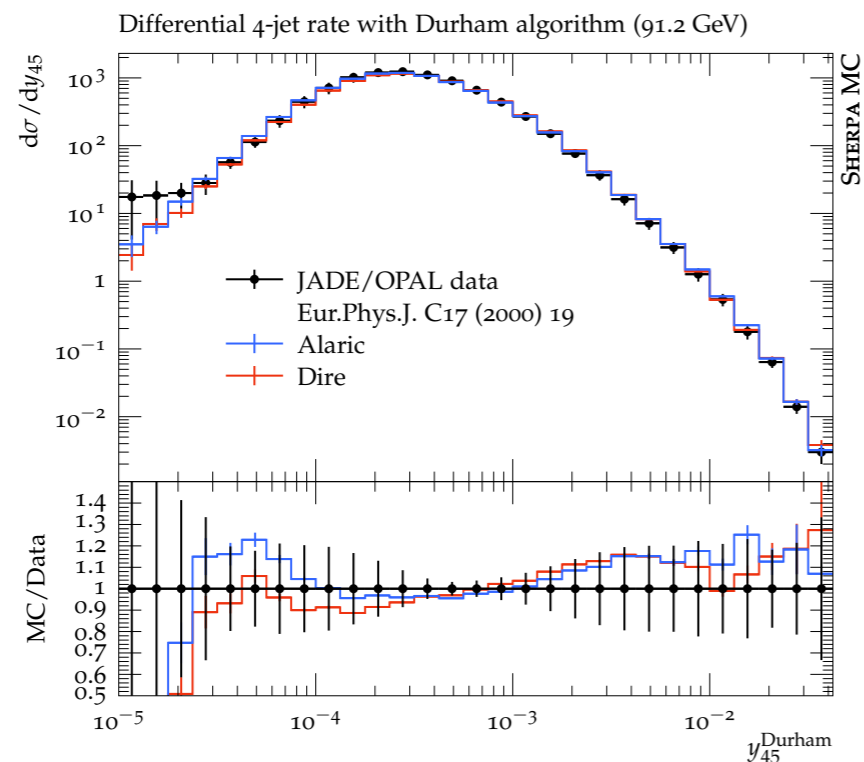
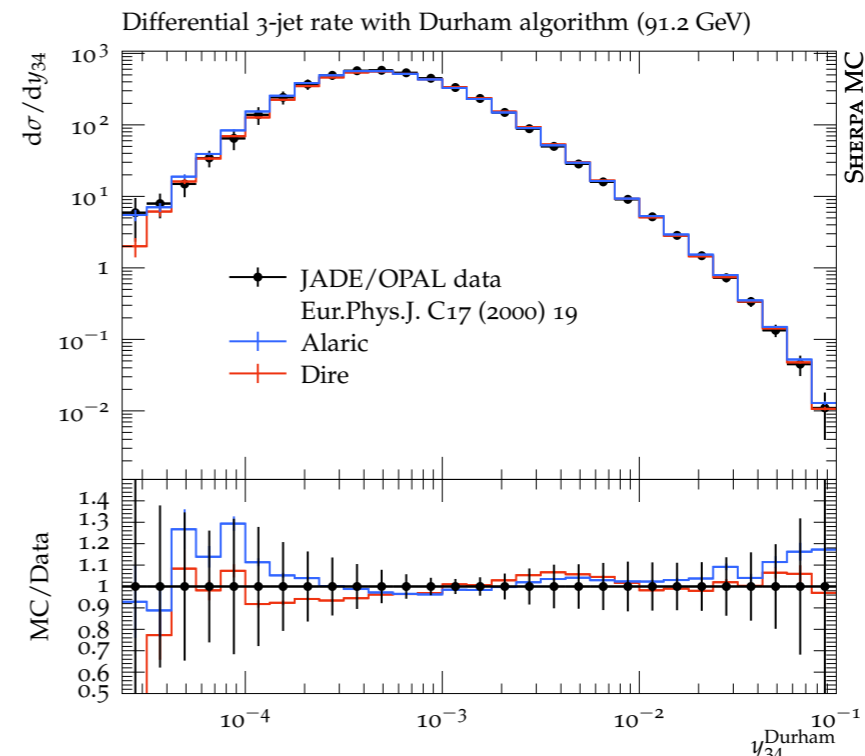
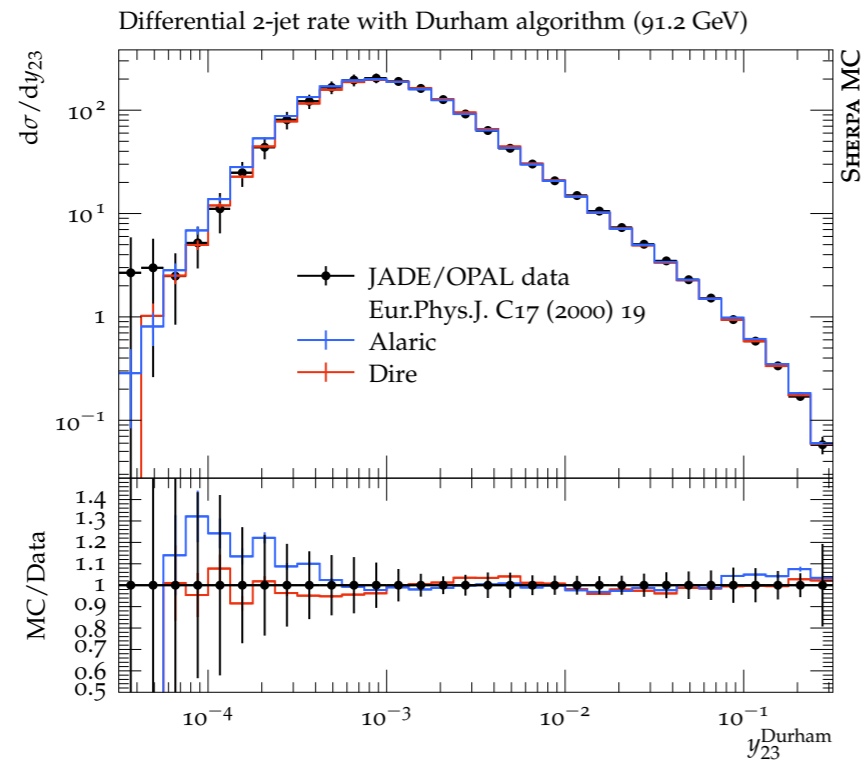
**Also showed** hard (quasi-)collinear emissions do **not** generate LTFs that change momenta by more than

$$\mathcal{O}((k_T^2/K^2)^{\tilde{\rho}})$$

Effect of LTF vanish even for **hard quasi-collinear** splittings

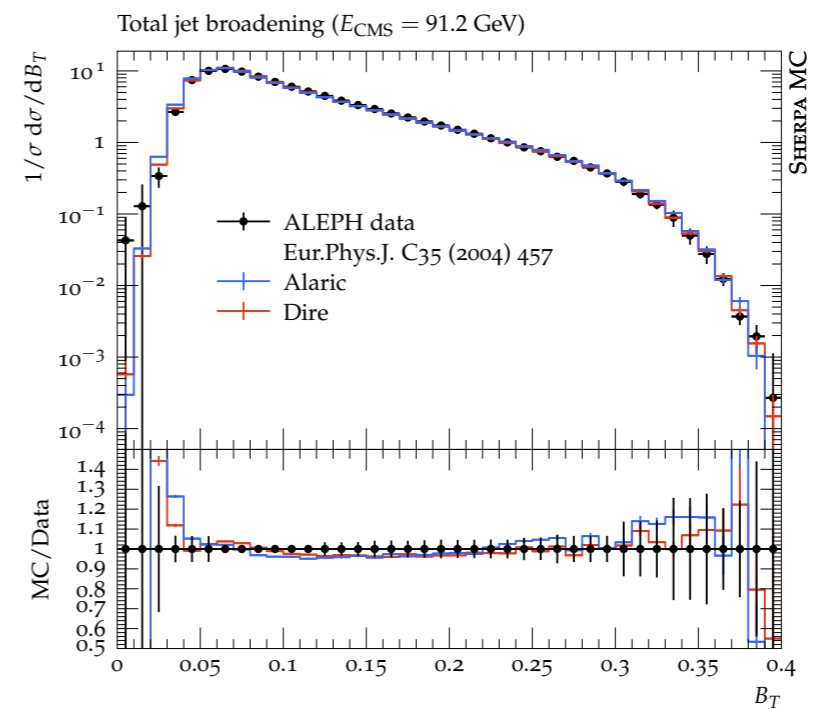
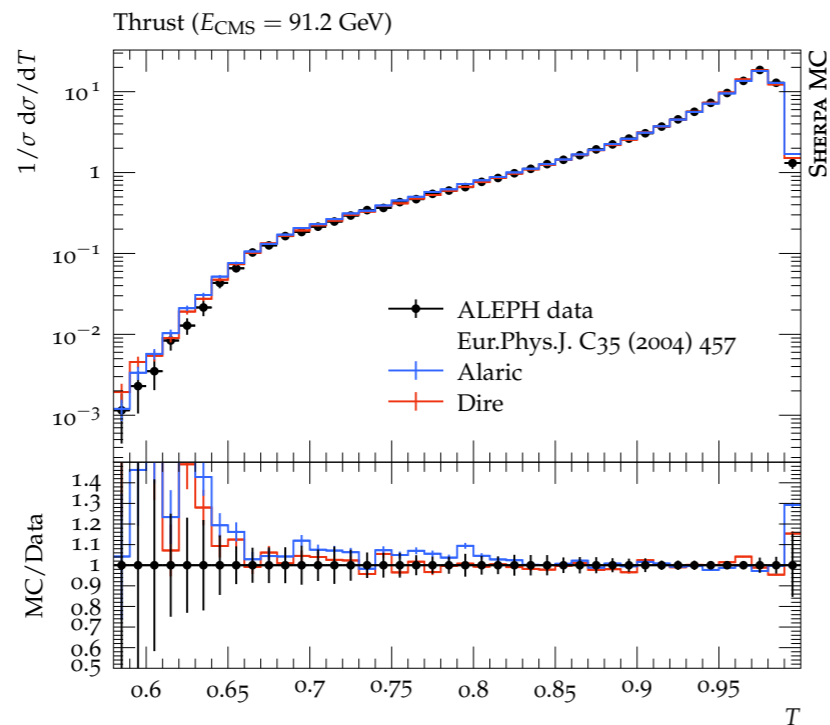
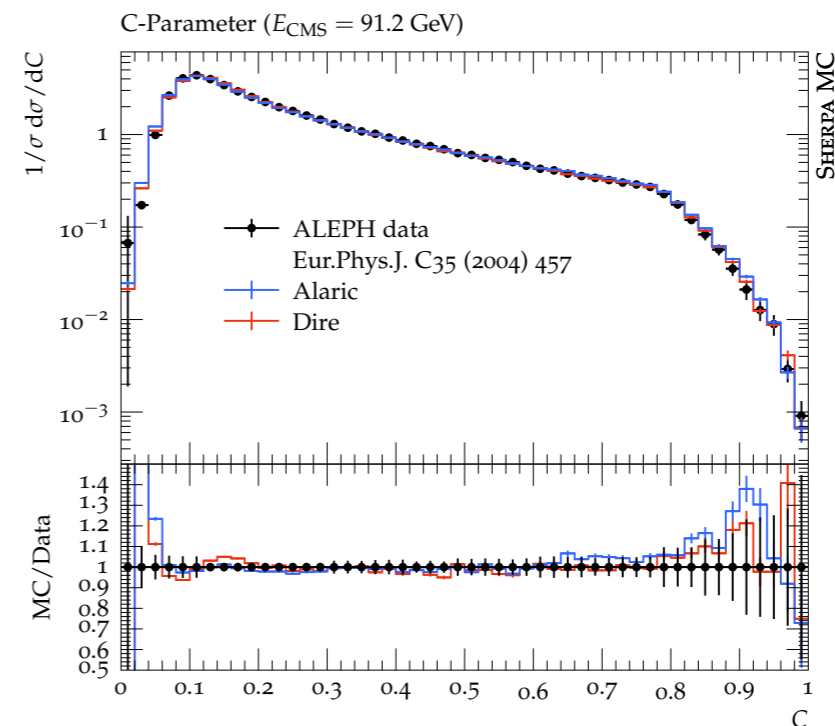
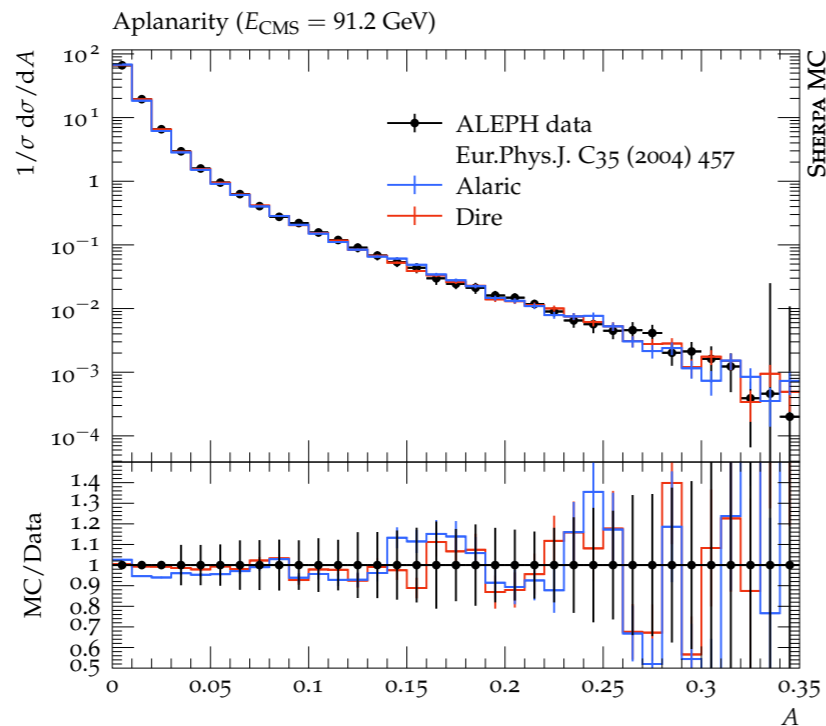


# Experimental comparisons



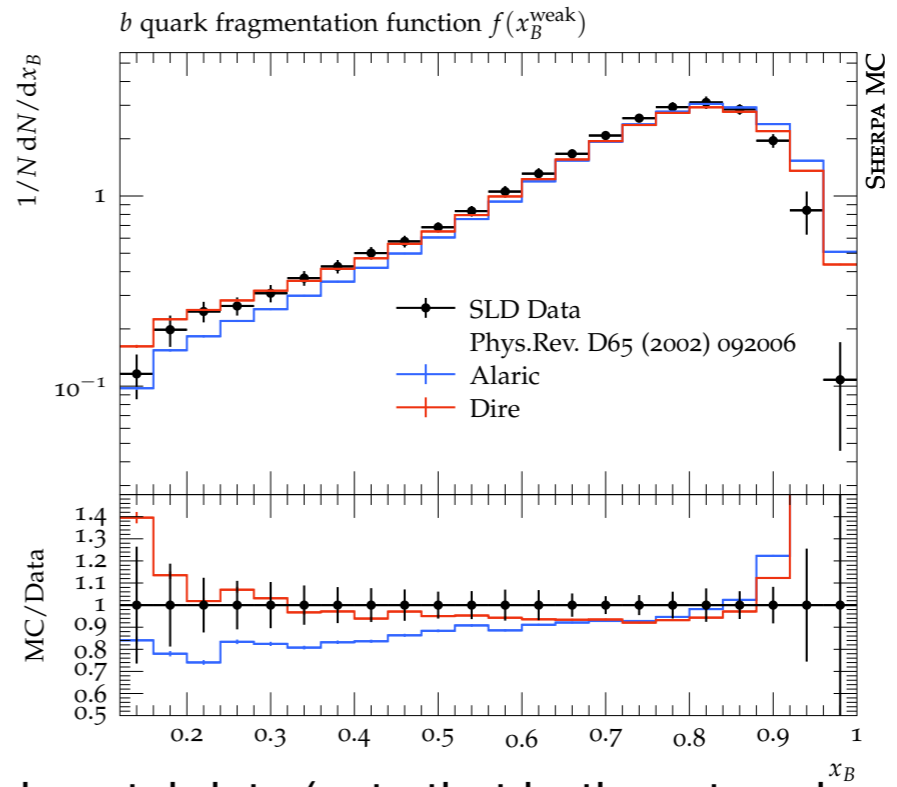
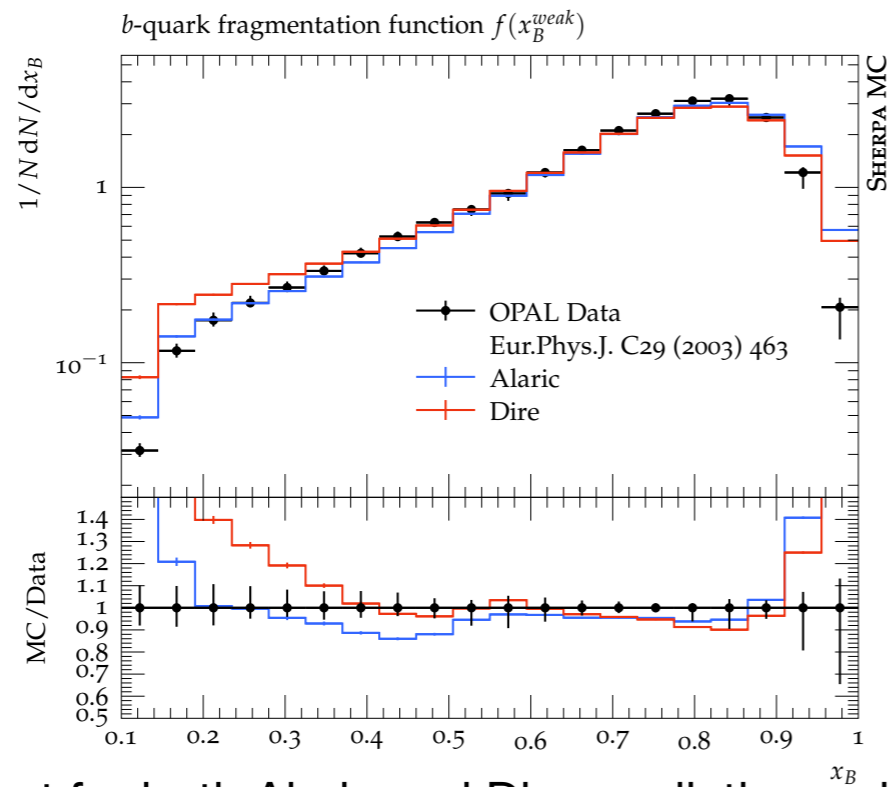
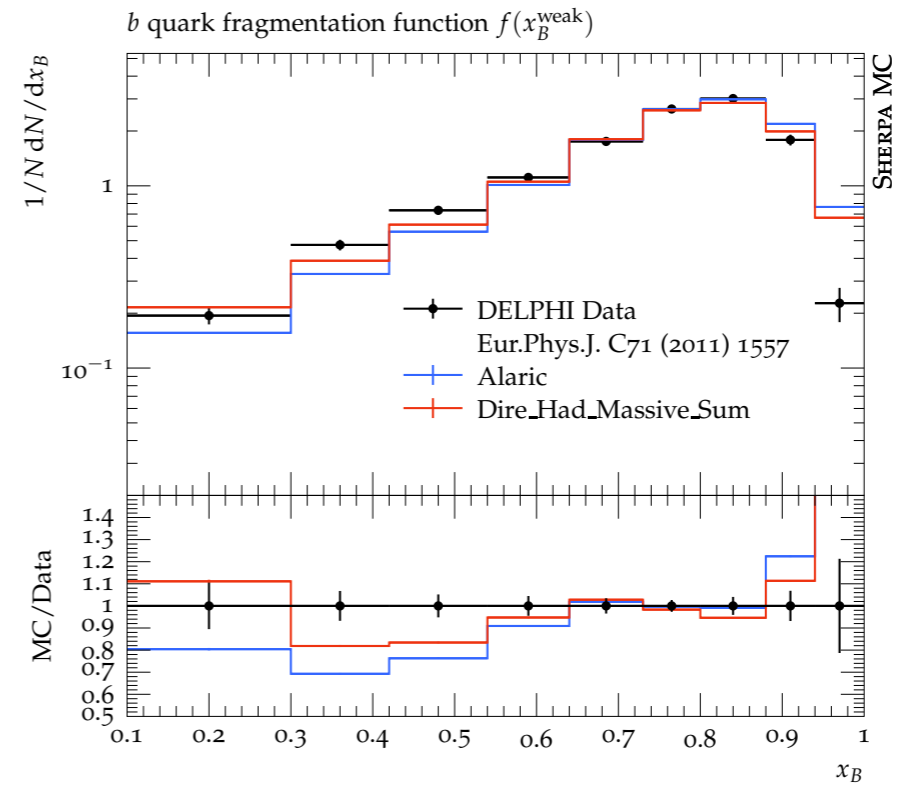
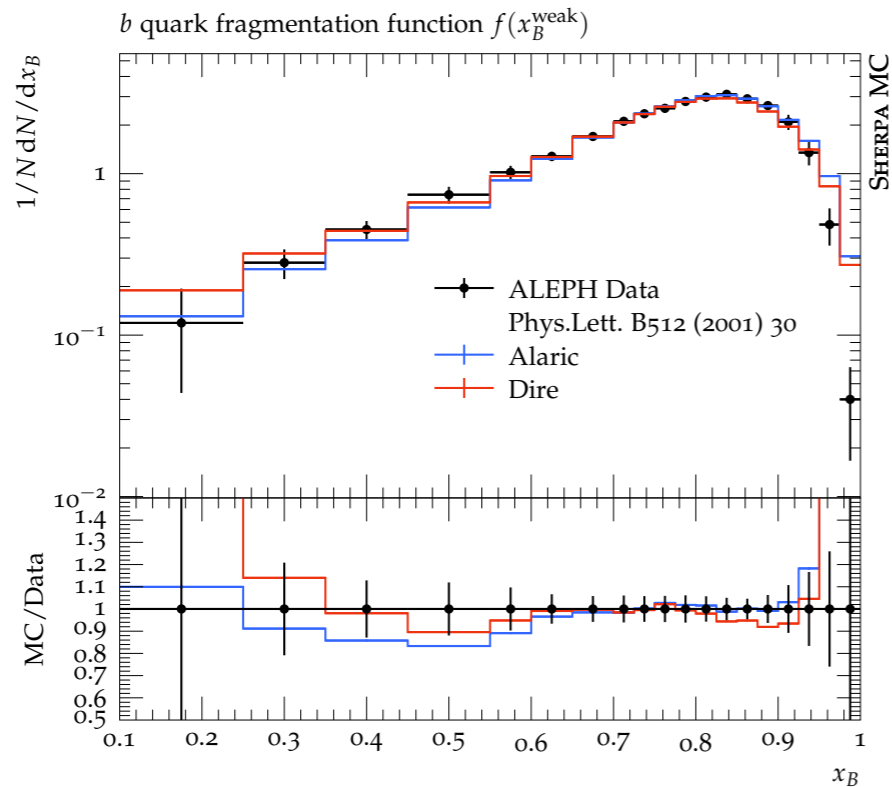
**Strong agreement** with data hadronization effects dominate predictions below  $\sim 10^{-4}$  and quality of prediction similar to [\[Herren et al.\]](#) where HQ effects were modeled by threshold effects

# Experimental comparisons



Again **agreement** and comparable to [\[Herren et al.\]](#) **expected** that numerical predictions will improve upon including matrix-element corrections or merging the parton shower with higher-multiplicity FO calculations

# Experimental comparisons



Agreement for both Alaric and Dire predictions with experimental data (note that both parton shower implementations use same hadronization tune)

# NLO matching

**MC@NLO:** choose subtraction terms to be evolution kernels  $\Rightarrow$  compute integrated terms with our momentum mapping [Frixione, Webber, hep-ph/0204244]

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int d\Phi_n \left[ B + V + \int d\Phi_{+1} S \right] + \int d\Phi_{n+1} [R - S]$$

**Combined integrated subtraction term** for identified parton production with a partonic frag. function [Höche, Liebschner, Siebert, 1807.04348]

$$\int_{m+1} d\sigma^S + \int_m d\sigma^C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=g,q,\bar{q}} \sum_{\iota=1}^m \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z^{2-2\epsilon}} \int_m d\sigma^B(p_1, \dots, \frac{p_i}{z}, \dots, p_m) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{I}}_i^{(\text{FS})}$$

with FS insertion operator  $\hat{\mathbf{I}}_i^{(\text{FS})} = \delta(1-z)\mathbf{I}_{ii} + \mathbf{P}_{ii} + \mathbf{H}_{ii}$

Require **factorization** of the differential  $n+1 \rightarrow n$  particle PS element

$$d\Phi_n(p_a, p_b; p_1, \dots, p_i, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_n) = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_i}{2p_i^0} \right] (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)} \left( p_a + p_b - \sum p_i \right)$$

The ratio of differential PS elements **after** and **before** mapping is **single emission PS element**

$$d\Phi_{+1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots, \tilde{p}_n; p_i, p_j) = \frac{d\Phi_n(p_a, p_b; p_1, \dots, p_i, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_n)}{d\Phi_{n-1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots, \tilde{p}_n)}$$

# PS factorization – Soft kinematics

Combining  $i, j \rightarrow \tilde{ij}$  the PS-element for underlying Born PS

$$d\Phi_{n-1} = \left[ \prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i, j}}^n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\tilde{p}_i}{2\tilde{p}_i^0} \right] \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\tilde{p}_{ij}}{2\tilde{p}_{ij}^0} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)} \left( \tilde{p}_a + \tilde{p}_b - \sum_{k \neq i, j} \tilde{p}_k - \tilde{p}_{ij} \right)$$

Soft/collinear **kinematics**  $\Rightarrow$  angular/energy integrals separately and combine

To derive FS emission PS in **radiation kinematics** use factorization formula

$$d\Phi_3(-K; p_i, p_j, q) = d\Phi_2(-K; p_j, -n) \frac{dn^2}{2\pi} d\Phi_2(-n; p_i, q)$$

Can **relate** PS factor  $d\Phi_2(-n; p_i, q)$  to underlying Born PS

$$\frac{d\Phi_2(-n; p_i, q)}{d\Phi_2(-\tilde{K}; \tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{q})} = \frac{\left(1 - 2\mu_{ij}^2(2(\kappa - \mu_i^2) - z + \sigma_{i,ij}(1 + 2\mu_{ij}^2))\right) [zv_{p_i, n}]^{1-2\epsilon}}{\left[\left(1 + 2\mu_{ij}^2(1 - \sigma_{i,ij})\right)^2 - 4\mu_{ij}^2(1 - z + \kappa + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2)\right]^{3/2-\epsilon}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the **2-body** PS element for production of  $n^\mu$  and  $p_j^\mu$

$$d\Phi_2(-K; n, p_j) = \frac{(2\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K})^{-\epsilon}}{(16\pi^2)^{1-\epsilon}} \frac{\left[(1 - z + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2)v_{p_j, n}\right]^{1-2\epsilon}}{2(1 - z + \kappa + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2)^{1-\epsilon}} d\Omega_{j, n}^{2-2\epsilon}$$



# PS factorization – Soft kinematics

Combining gives **single emission PS element**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d\Phi_{+1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots; p_i, p_j) \\
 &= \left( \frac{2\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}{16\pi^2} \right)^{1-\epsilon} \frac{\left( 1 - 2\mu_{ij}^2(2(\kappa - \mu_i^2) - z + \sigma_{i,ij}(1 + 2\mu_{ij}^2)) \right) [v_{p_i,n} v_{p_j,n}]^{1-2\epsilon}}{\left[ (1 + 2\mu_{ij}^2(1 - \sigma_{i,ij}))^2 - 4\mu_{ij}^2(1 - z + \kappa + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2) \right]^{3/2-\epsilon}} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{\left( z(1 - z + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2) \right)^{1-2\epsilon}}{(1 - z + \kappa + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2)^{1-\epsilon}} dz \frac{d\Omega_{j,n}^{2-2\epsilon}}{4\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

Simplifies in **massless case** to

$$d\Phi_{+1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots; p_i, p_j) = \left( \frac{2\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}{16\pi^2} \right)^{1-\epsilon} \frac{\left( z(1 - z) \right)^{1-2\epsilon}}{(1 - z + \kappa)^{1-\epsilon}} dz \frac{d\Omega_{j,n}^{1-2\epsilon}}{4\pi}$$

which agrees with previous result [\[Catani, Seymour, hep-ph/9605323\]](#)

# PS factorization – Collinear kinematics

**Splitting kinematics:** factorize with recoiler as remaining FS parton

$$d\Phi_3(q; p_i, p_j, K) = d\Phi_2(q; K, p_{ij}) \frac{dp_{ij}^2}{2\pi} d\Phi_2(p_{ij}; p_i, p_j)$$

Relating PS factor to underlying Born PS element  $d\Phi_2(q; \tilde{K}, \tilde{p}_{ij})$

$$\frac{d\Phi_2(q; K, p_{ij})}{d\Phi_2(q; \tilde{K}, \tilde{p}_{ij})} = (1 - y)^{1-2\epsilon} (1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2)^{1-2\epsilon} \left( \frac{v_{p_{ij}, K}}{v_{\tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}}} \right)^{1-2\epsilon}$$

Decay of intermediate off-shell parton associated with

$$d\Phi_2(p_{ij}; p_i, p_j) = \frac{(2\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K})^{-\epsilon}}{(16\pi^2)^{1-\epsilon}} \frac{(y^2(1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2)^2 - 4\mu_i^2\mu_j^2)^{1/2-\epsilon}}{2(y(1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2) + \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2)^{1-\epsilon}} d\Omega_{i,ij}^{2-2\epsilon}$$

# PS factorization – Collinear kinematics

Again combining to obtain the **single-emission PS element**

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\Phi_{+1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots, \tilde{p}_n; p_i, p_j) \\
 = \left( \frac{2\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}{16\pi^2} \right)^{1-\epsilon} (1-y)^{1-2\epsilon} (1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2)^{2-2\epsilon} \left( \frac{v_{p_{ij},K}}{v_{\tilde{p}_{ij},\tilde{K}}} \right)^{1-2\epsilon} \\
 \times \frac{(y^2(1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2)^2 - 4\mu_i^2\mu_j^2)^{1/2-\epsilon}}{(y(1 + \mu_{ij}^2 - \mu_i^2 - \mu_j^2) + \mu_i^2 + \mu_j^2)^{1-\epsilon}} dy \frac{d\Omega_{i,j}^{2-2\epsilon}}{4\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

We show **equivalence** to fully massive element of CDST [[hep-ph/0201036](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0201036)]

Again this simplifies dramatically in **massless limit**

$$d\Phi_{+1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots, \tilde{p}_n; p_i, p_j) = \left( \frac{2\tilde{p}_{ij}\tilde{K}}{16\pi^2} \right)^{1-\epsilon} (1-y)^{1-2\epsilon} y^{-\epsilon} dy \frac{d\Omega_{i,j}^{2-2\epsilon}}{4\pi}$$

# Subtraction at NLO – Soft integrals

Upon factorizing we can compute the **angular** and **energy** integrals

The partial fractioned **soft Eikonal** can be written

$$\bar{W}_{ik,j}^i = \frac{1}{2l_i l_j} \left( \frac{l_{ik}^2}{l_{ik} l_j} - \frac{l_i^2}{l_i l_j} - \frac{l_k^2}{l_k l_j} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad l_{pq}^\mu = \sqrt{q^2} \frac{p^\mu}{pq}$$

In terms of **angular master integrals** (required to  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$  to due to **pole in Energy integral**)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Omega(2-2\epsilon)} \int d\Omega_j \bar{W}_{ik,j}^i &= I_{1,1}^{(2)} \left( \frac{l_i l_{ik}}{2}, l_i^2, \frac{l_{ik}^2}{4} \right) \frac{1 - v_i v_k \cos \theta_{ik}}{2} \\ &+ \frac{1 - v_i^2}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} I_{1,1}^{(2)} \left( \frac{l_i l_{ik}}{2}, l_i^2, \frac{l_{ik}^2}{4} \right) - I_2^{(1)}(l_i^2) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1 - v_k^2}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} I_{1,1}^{(2)} \left( \frac{l_i l_{ik}}{2}, l_i^2, \frac{l_{ik}^2}{4} \right) - I_{1,1}^{(2)}(l_i l_k, l_i^2, l_k^2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Recursion relations** from simpler integrals known [[Lyubovitskij, Wunder, Zhevlakov, arXiv:2102.08943](#)]

# Subtraction at NLO – Soft integrals

E.g. Integral with **two massive denominators** given by

$$I_{1,1}^{(2)}(v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{22}) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{v_{12}^2 - v_{11}v_{22}}} \left\{ \log \frac{v_{12} + \sqrt{v_{12}^2 - v_{11}v_{22}}}{v_{12} - \sqrt{v_{12}^2 - v_{11}v_{22}}} + \epsilon \left( \frac{1}{2} \log^2 \frac{v_{11}}{v_{13}^2} - \frac{1}{2} \log^2 \frac{v_{22}}{v_{23}^2} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + 2\text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{v_{13}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - v_{11}}} \right) + 2\text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{v_{13}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - v_{11}}} \right) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - 2\text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{v_{23}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - v_{22}}} \right) - 2\text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{v_{23}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - v_{22}}} \right) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right\}$$

**Massless limit** only one simpler integral [\[arXiv:2208.06057\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.06057)

$$I_{1,1}^{(1)}(v_{12}, v_{12}) = -\frac{\pi}{v_{12}^{1+\epsilon}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \epsilon \text{Li}_2(1 - v_{12}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right\}$$

# Soft-subtraction counter term

**Remainder:**  $z$ -dependence from energy denominator  $\Rightarrow$  expand integrand in Laurent series to obtain **soft subtraction counterterms**

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma_S^S &= -8\pi\alpha_s\mu^{2\epsilon} \sum_{\tilde{ij},k} d\Phi_{+1}(\tilde{p}_a, \tilde{p}_b; \dots, \tilde{p}_{ij}, \dots; p_i, p_j) \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{ij}} \mathbf{T}_k \frac{n^2}{(p_j n)^2} \bar{W}_{ik,j}^i \\
 &= -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \sum_{\tilde{ij},k} \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{ij}} \mathbf{T}_k}{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{ij}}^2} \left( \frac{4\pi\mu^2 (p_k n)}{2(p_k p_i)(p_i n)} \right)^\epsilon \left\{ -\frac{\delta(1-z)}{\epsilon} + \frac{2z}{[1-z]_+} - 4\epsilon z \left[ \frac{\log(1-z)}{1-z} \right]_+ \right\} \\
 &\quad \times \mathcal{F}_{ik}(z, \mu_i^2, \kappa) (l_{ik}^2)^\epsilon \frac{C_{\tilde{ij}}}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)^2}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \left[ \frac{d\Omega_{j,n}^{2-2\epsilon}}{\Omega(1-2\epsilon)} \bar{W}_{ik,j}^i \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Massless limit** is given by  $\mathcal{F}_{ik}(z, 0, \kappa) = 1$

All  $1/\epsilon$  **poles extracted**  $\Rightarrow$  can integrate over delta functions and plus distributions in  $z$

# Complete counterterm

To compute purely **collinear counterterm** use splitting kinematics

Combining soft + collinear  $\Rightarrow$  complete counterterm upon Laurent **expansion** (using CDST definitions [[hep-ph/0201036](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0201036)])

$$\int d\Phi_{+1}(q; \tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}; p_i, p_j) \frac{8\pi\alpha_s\mu^{2\epsilon} C_{ab}}{(p_i + p_j)^2 - m_{ij}^2}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon \frac{\Omega(3 - 2\epsilon)}{(4\pi)^{1-2\epsilon}} (1 - \hat{\mu}_i^2 - \hat{\mu}_j^2 - \hat{\kappa})^{2-2\epsilon} \lambda(1, \hat{\mu}_{ij}^2, \hat{\kappa})^{-1/2+\epsilon}$$

$$\times \int dy (1 - y)^{1-2\epsilon} \frac{[y(1 - \hat{\mu}_i^2 - \hat{\mu}_j^2 - \hat{\kappa}) + \hat{\mu}_i^2 + \hat{\mu}_j^2]^{-\epsilon}}{y(1 - \hat{\mu}_i^2 - \hat{\mu}_j^2 - \hat{\kappa}) + \hat{\mu}_i^2 + \hat{\mu}_j^2 - \hat{\mu}_{ij}^2} (z_+ - z_-)^{1-2\epsilon} \bar{\gamma}_{ab}(\epsilon)$$

with **purely collinear** anomalous dimension

$$\bar{\gamma}_{ab}(\epsilon) = \frac{\Omega(2 - 2\epsilon)}{\Omega(3 - 2\epsilon)} \left( \frac{z_+ - z_-}{2} \right)^{-1+2\epsilon} \int_{z_-}^{z_+} dz \left( (z - z_-)(z_+ - z) \right)^{-\epsilon} C_{ab}(\epsilon)$$

# Complete counterterm

First of **three variants** collinear splitting massive quark to quark & gluon ( $\hat{\mu}_i = \hat{\mu}_{ij} > 0$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_j = 0$ )

$$\int d\Phi_{+1}(q; \tilde{p}_{ij}, \tilde{K}; p_i, p_j) \frac{8\pi\alpha_s\mu^{2\epsilon}C_{qq}}{(p_i + p_j)^2 - m_{ij}^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{(1 - \hat{\mu}_i^2 - \hat{\kappa})}{\sqrt{\lambda(1, \hat{\mu}_i^2, \hat{\kappa})}}$$

$$\times \int \frac{dy}{y(1 - \hat{\mu}_i^2 - \hat{\kappa}) + \hat{\mu}_i^2} \sqrt{[(1 - y)(1 - \hat{\mu}_i^2 - \hat{\kappa}) + 2\hat{\kappa}]^2 - 4\hat{\kappa}} \bar{\gamma}_{qq}(0)$$

Result **IR finite** since poles arise in soft gluon emission accounted for by eikonal integral

Subtraction scheme has **manifest hierarchy** between soft and collinear enhancements properly classifying leading and sub-leading logs (matches NSCS scheme [\[Caola, Melnikov, Röntsch, 1702.01352\]](#))

**Remaining cases:** gluon split to 2 massive quarks ( $\hat{\mu}_i = \hat{\mu}_j > 0$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_{ij} = 0$ ) and collinear decay of massless parton to 2 massless partons ( $\hat{\mu}_i = \hat{\mu}_j = \hat{\mu}_{ij} = 0$ )



# Summary

Implemented NLL accurate massive parton extension to Alaric

Momentum mapping preserves directions of hard partons

Maintained strict positivity of evolution kernels

Determined of counterterms and integrals for NLO matching

# Outlook

Implement complete NLO matching and merging

Extension of algorithm to NNLL and NNLO matching feasible [\[arXiv:2108.07133\]](#)

Include spin correlations and dominant subleading color effects

Non-trivial color dependence at Born level e.g.  $t\bar{t}$ -production and inclusive jet/di-jet production at LHC