

Energy-energy correlations in heavy-ion collisions

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CA, Dominguez, Elayavalli, Holguin, Marquet, Moul, [2209.11236](#)

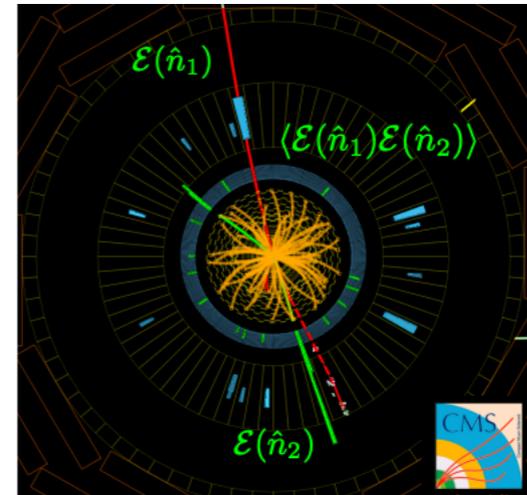
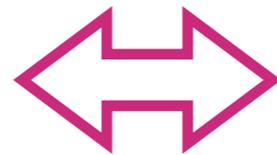
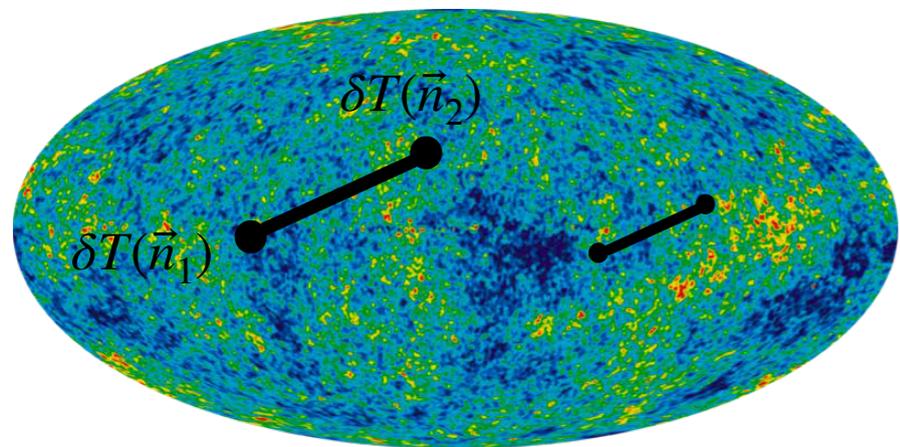
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Energy Correlators

- Fundamental objects that encode the dynamics of the underlying theory

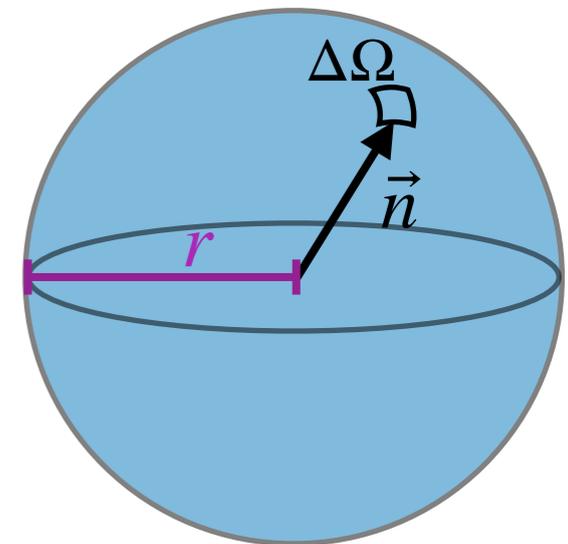


- Correlators $\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1)\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$ of the **energy flux**:

Sterman, Korchemsky,
Nucl. Phys.
B 555 (1999) 335

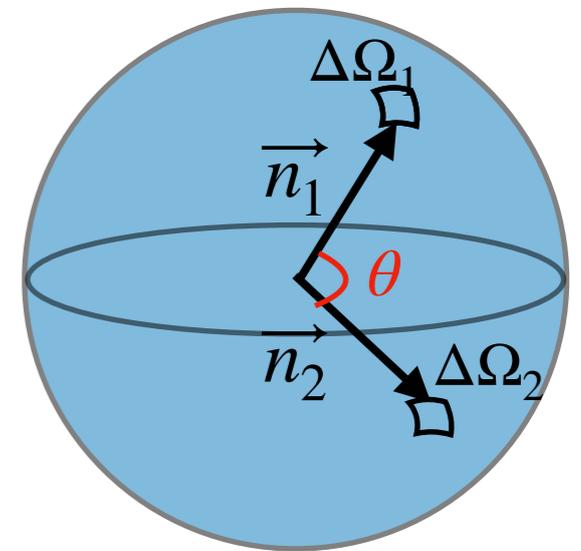
$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) |X\rangle = \sum_i E_i \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n} - \vec{n}_i) |X\rangle$$



- 1-point correlator: $\langle X | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) | X \rangle \propto \sum_i E_i$ Total energy flux through an area element

Two-point correlator



- **2-point correlator (EEC):**

$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{E}^n(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}^n(\vec{n}_2) \rangle}{Q^{2n}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{ij} \int \frac{d\sigma_{ij}}{d\vec{n}_i d\vec{n}_j} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n}{Q^{2n}} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_i - \vec{n}_1) \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_j - \vec{n}_2)$$

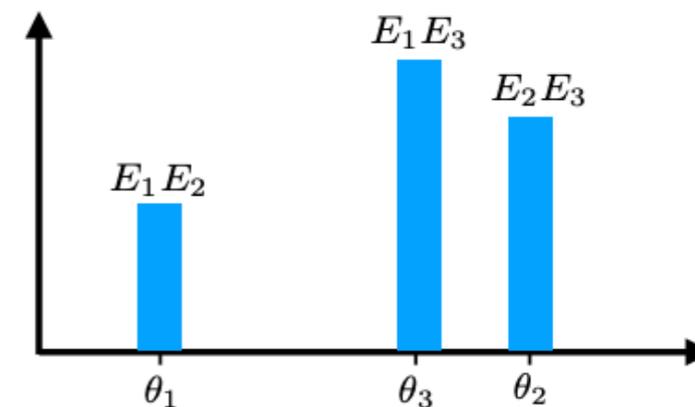
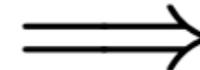
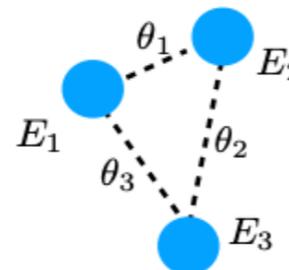
Hard scale of the process

Inclusive cross section to produce two particles i and j

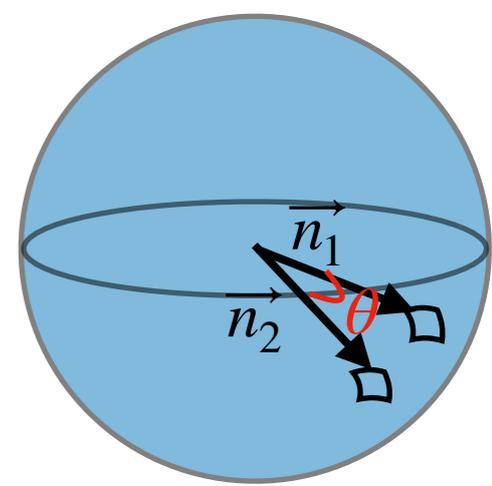
- As function of the **relative angle** only:

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(n)}}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i,j} \int dE_{i,j} \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta dE_i dE_j} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n}{Q^{2n}}$$

See also:
Barata, Milano, Sadofyev
[2308.01294](#)

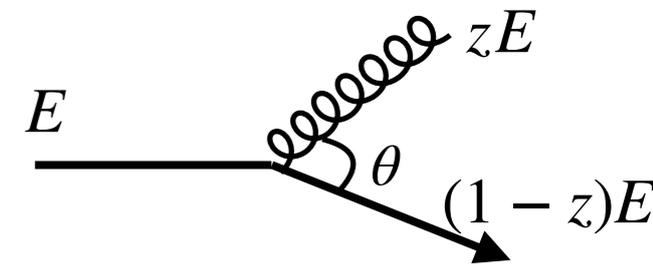


EEC within p-p jets



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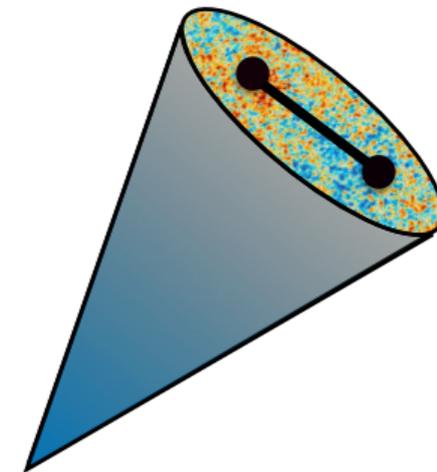
- EEC for a massless **quark** jet in **vacuum** at LO:



$$\frac{d\sigma_{qg}^{\text{vac}}}{dzd\theta} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F \sigma}{\pi} \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z\theta} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2, \theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta} \propto \frac{1}{\theta}$$

- Within jets: **collinear** (or OPE) limit of EECs

$$\langle X | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) | X \rangle \xrightarrow{\theta \rightarrow 0} \sum_i \theta^{(\tau_i - 4)/2} \mathcal{O}_i(\vec{n}_1)$$



Power-law scaling according to CFT!

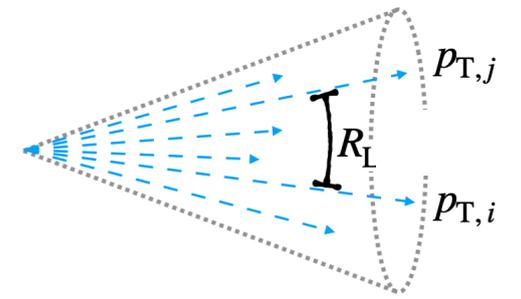
Hoffman, Maldacena, [0803.1467](https://arxiv.org/abs/0803.1467)

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta} \propto \frac{1}{\theta^{1-\gamma(3)}}$$

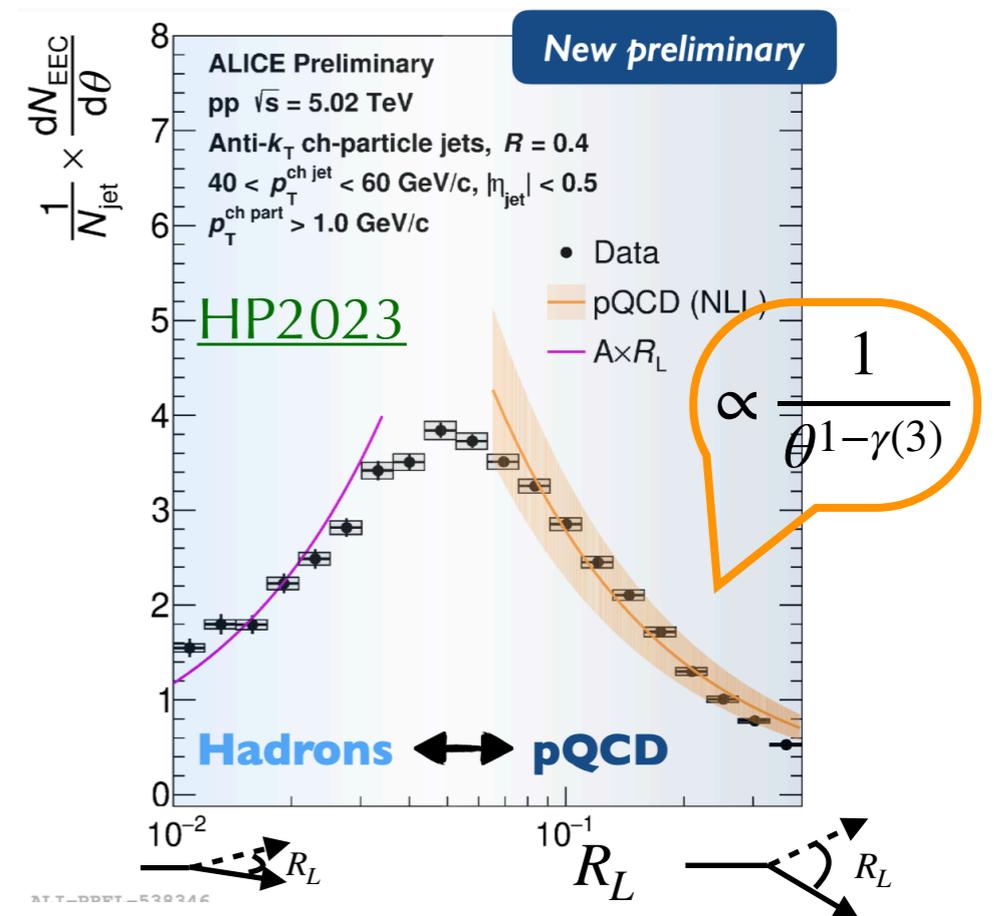
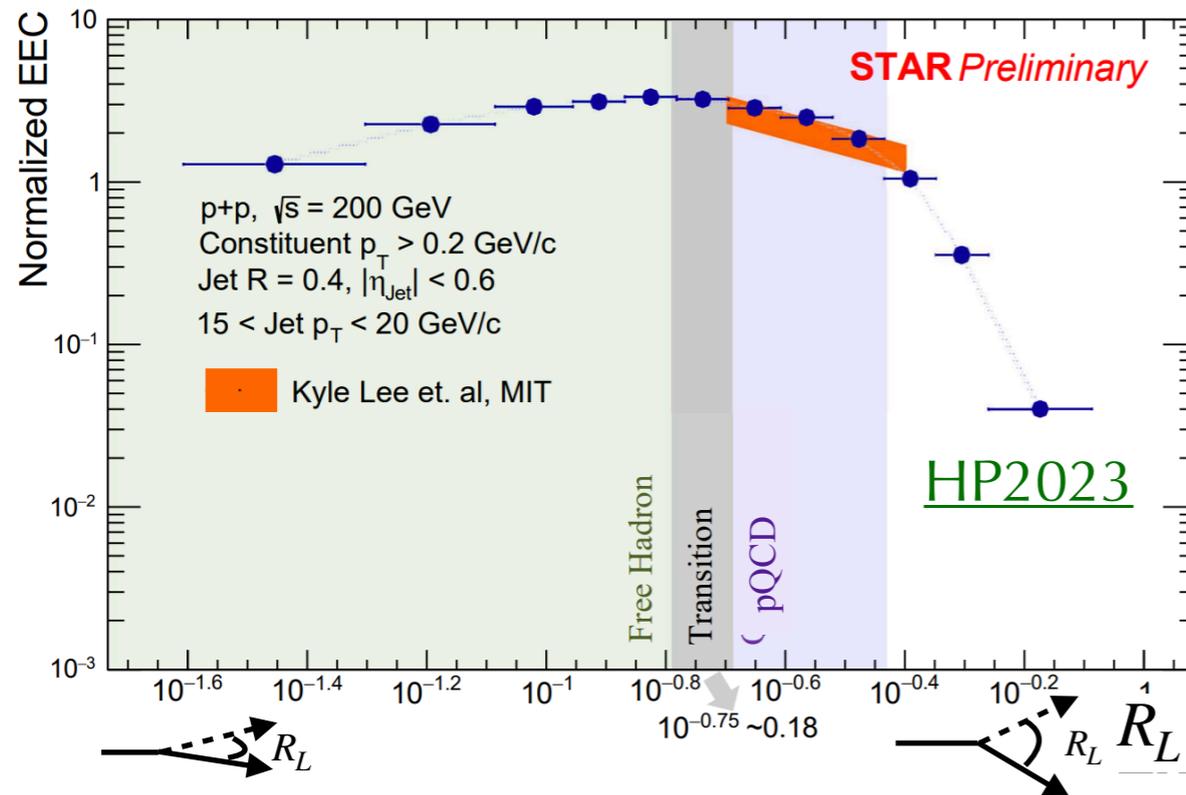
$\gamma(3)$: twist-2 spin-3 QCD anomalous dimension

EEC in vacuum

$$R_L = \sqrt{\Delta\phi^2 + \Delta\eta^2}$$



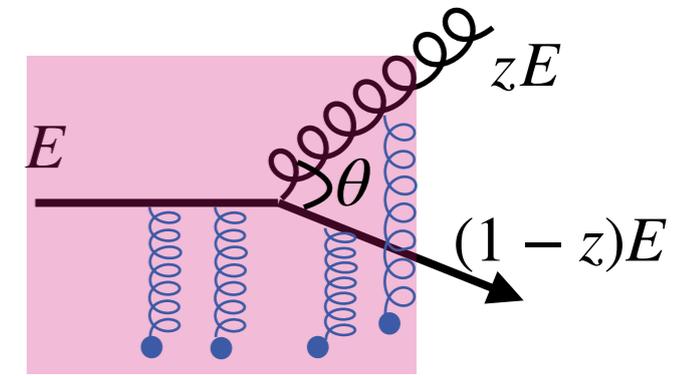
- **First measurements** of the EEC in **p-p collisions** announced in HP2023



- ✓ Clear **separation** between **perturbative** and **non-perturbative**
- ✓ p-p baseline under control (good agreement with pQCD predictions)
- ✓ Reduced sensitivity to soft

Komiske, Mout, Thaler, Zhu [2201.07800](#)

EEC in HICs



- EEC for a **heavy-ion** jet initiated by a **massless quark**:

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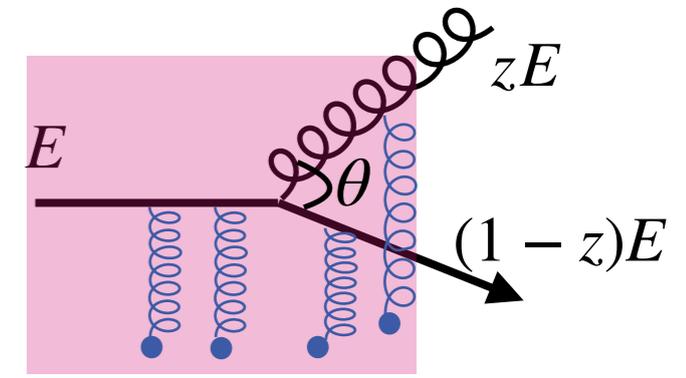
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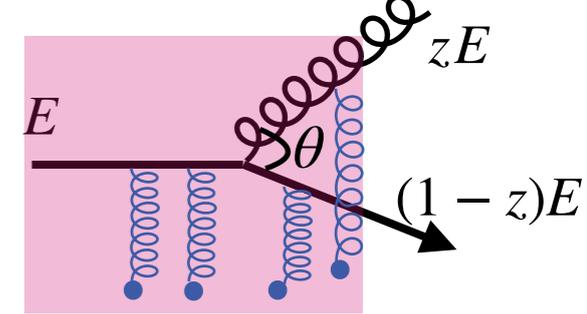
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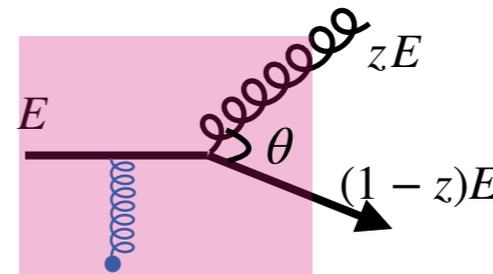
Our idealized models



- Two available approaches to compute the in-medium splitting:

- **1 single scattering (GLV)**

Ovanesyan, Vitev [1103.1074](#), [1109.5619](#)



- ***Tilted Wilson lines (multiple scatterings resummed):***

- Assumes semi-hard splittings (z not too small)
- All partons propagate along straight line trajectories
- Neglects broadening

Dominguez, Milhano, Salgado, Tywoniuk, Vila, [1907.03653](#)

Isaksen, Tywoniuk [2107.02542](#)

- **Static brick** with length L

- **Harmonic oscillator** (HO) approximation employed $n\sigma(r) \approx \hat{q}r^2/2$

- The strength of the interactions is encoded in the **jet quenching parameter** \hat{q} , which measures the average transverse momentum transferred per unit length

Time and angular scales (HO)

- For a static medium of length L within the HO one can read off the relevant scales directly from the formulas:

2 competing angular scales: θ_L and θ_c

- (Vacuum) formation time:

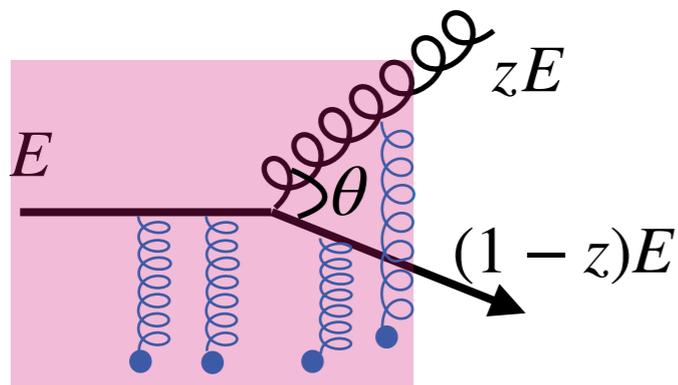
$$t_f = \frac{2}{z(1-z)E\theta^2} \xrightarrow{t_f \leq L} \theta_L \sim (EL)^{-1/2}$$

Below θ_L all emissions have a formation time larger than L

- Decoherence time:

$$S_{12}(\tau) = e^{-\frac{1}{12}\hat{q}(1+z^2)\theta^2\tau^3} \quad t_d \sim (\hat{q}\theta^2)^{-1/3} \xrightarrow{t_d \leq L} \theta_c \sim (\hat{q}L^3)^{-1/2}$$

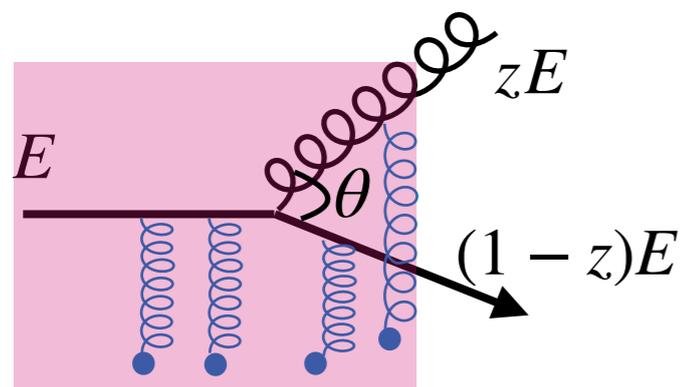
Below θ_c splittings do not color decohere and the medium does not resolve them



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Can be extended to include a more **realistic interactions or expanding media**, but then we would not know the scales directly from the equations



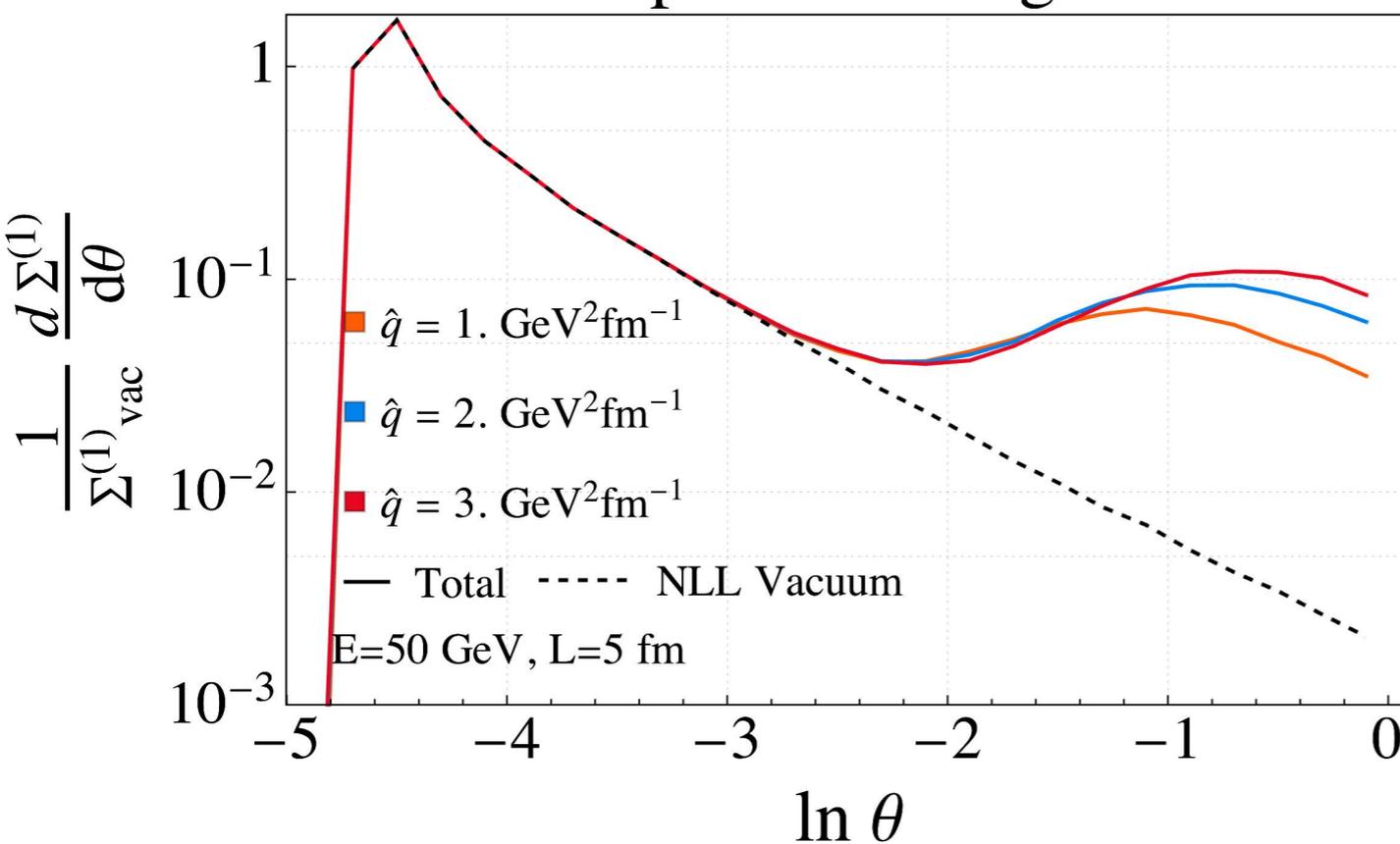
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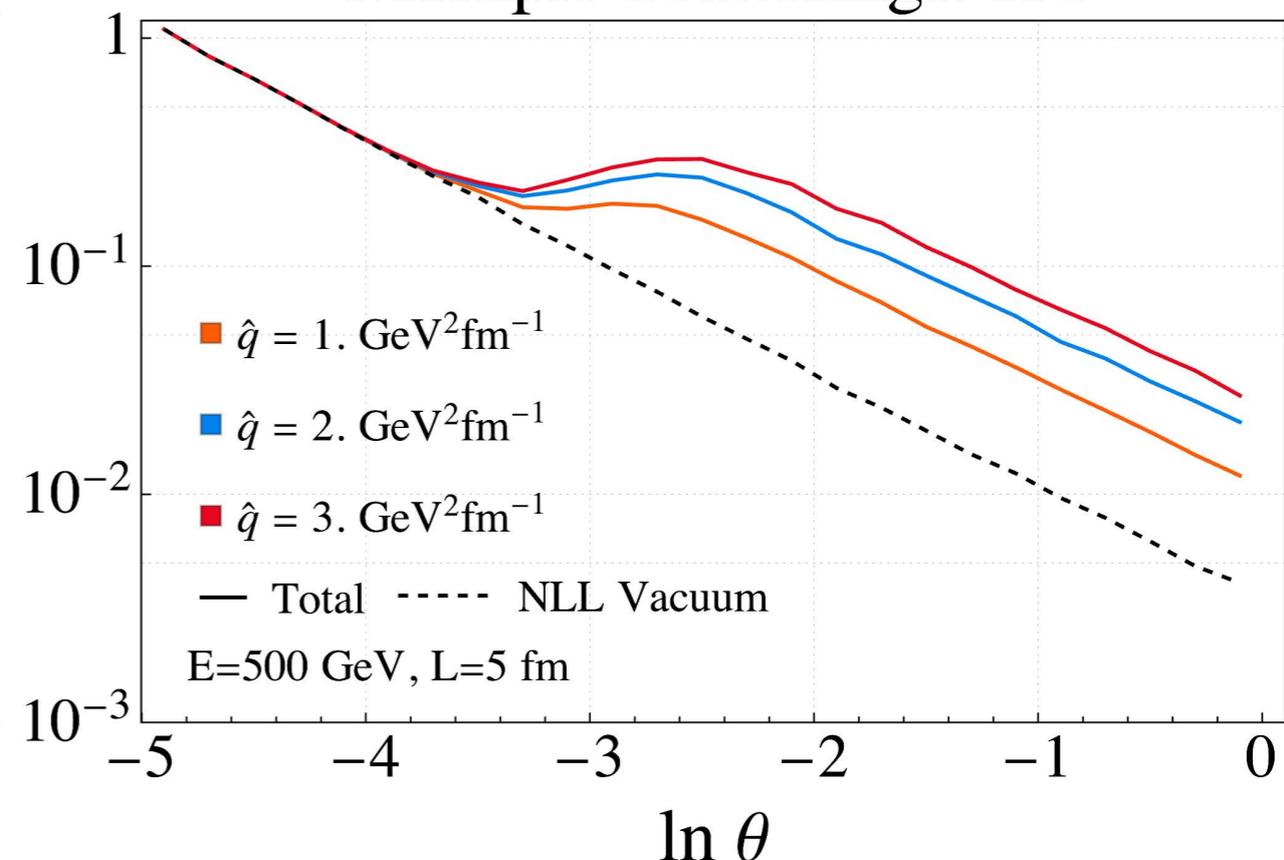
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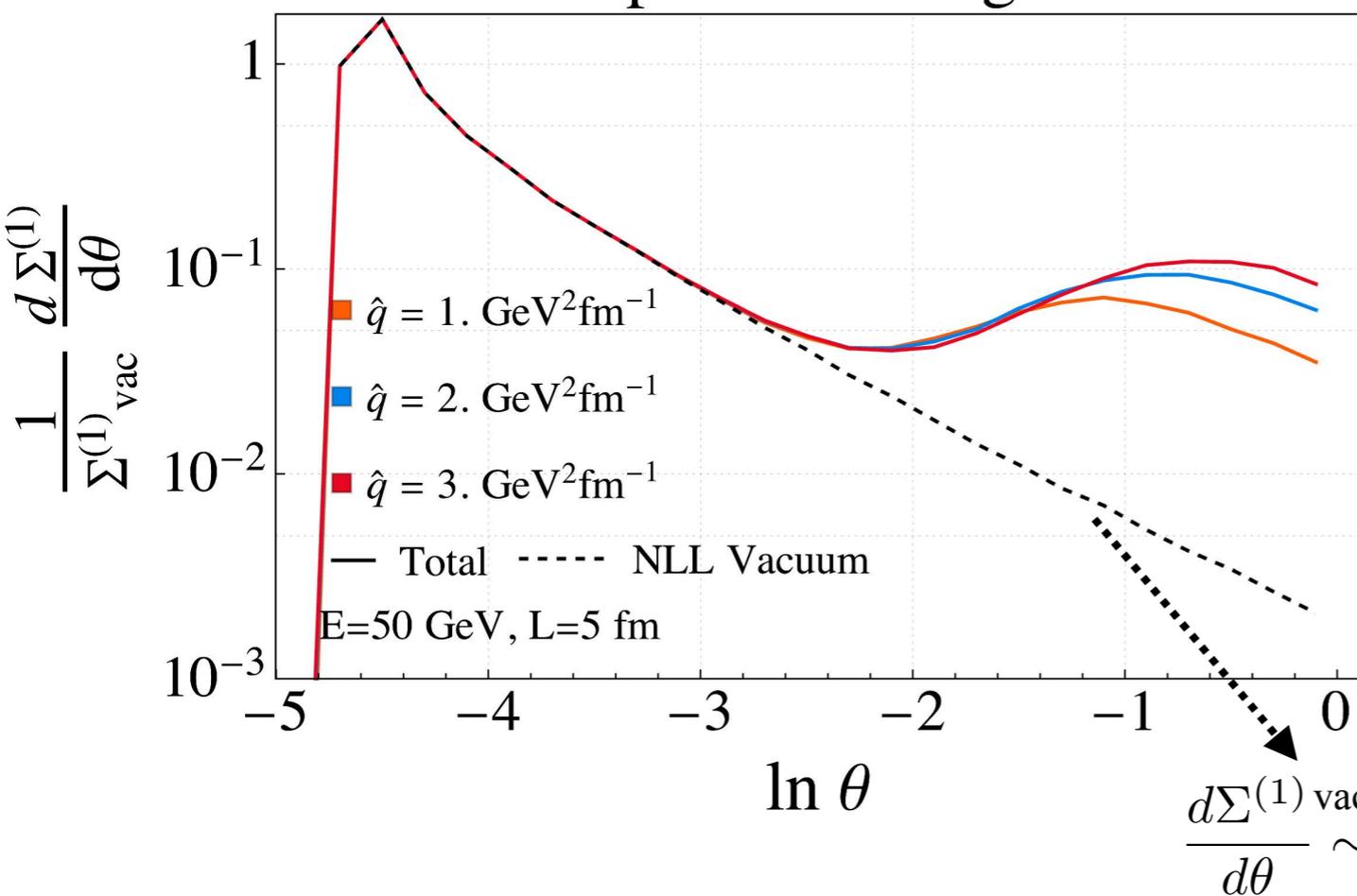


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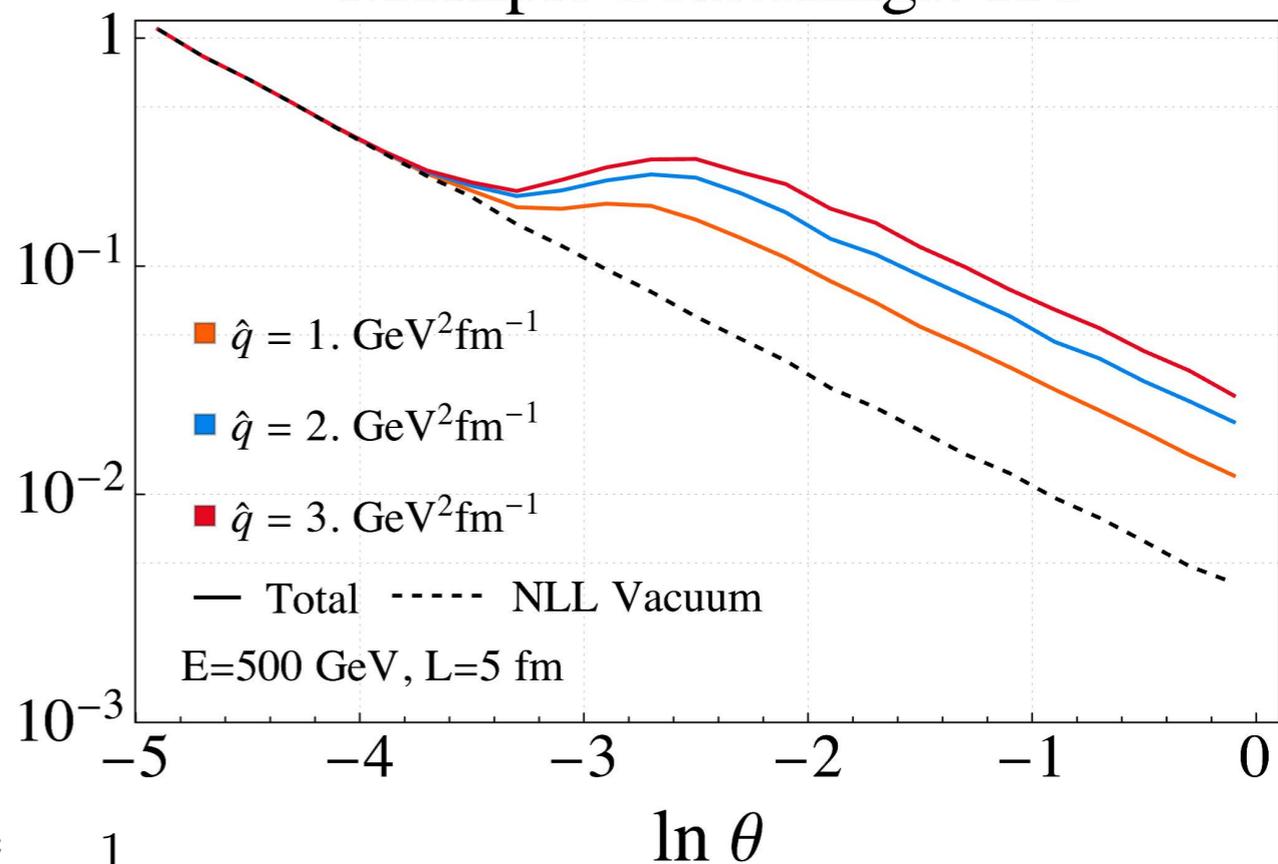
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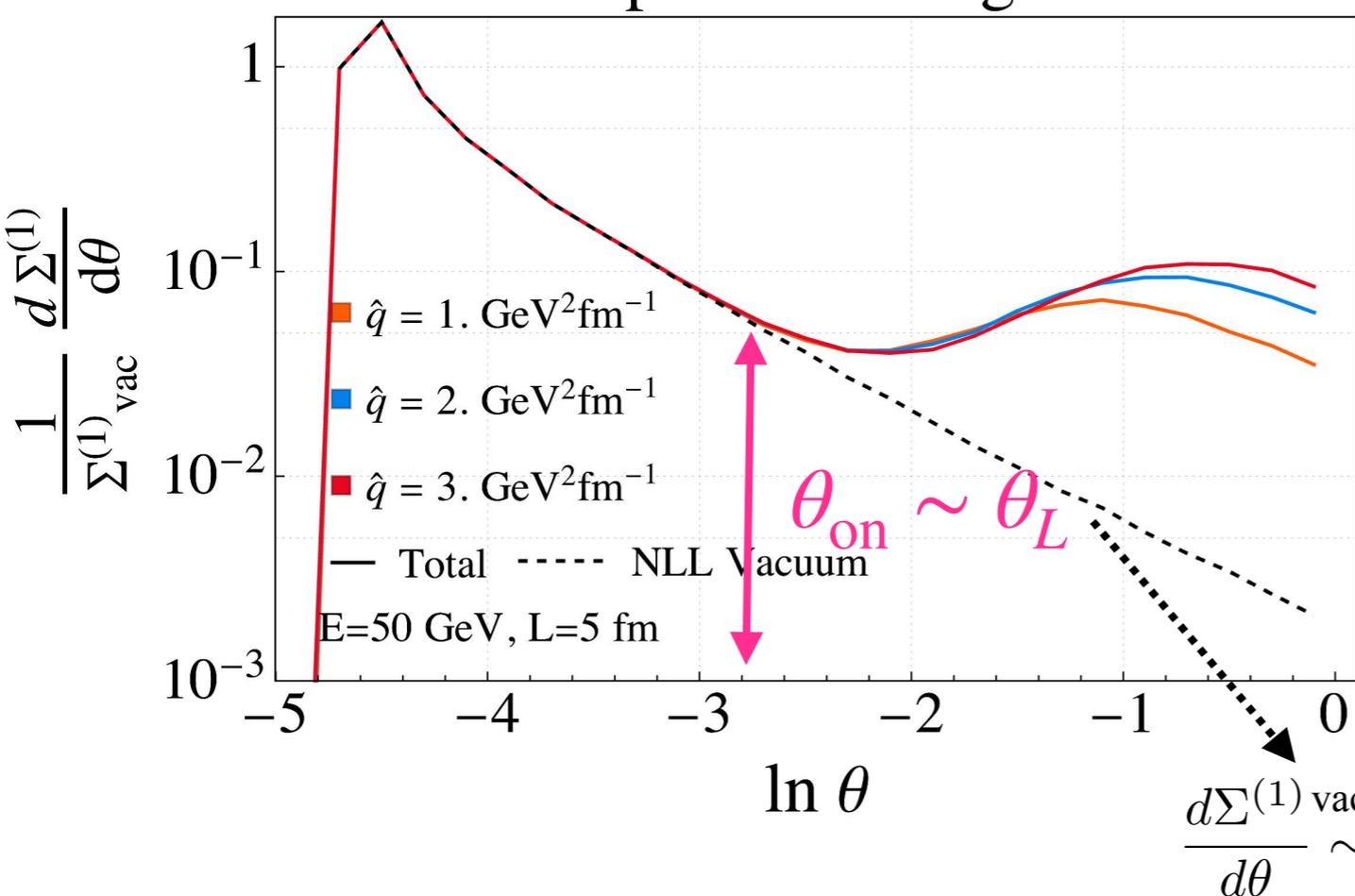
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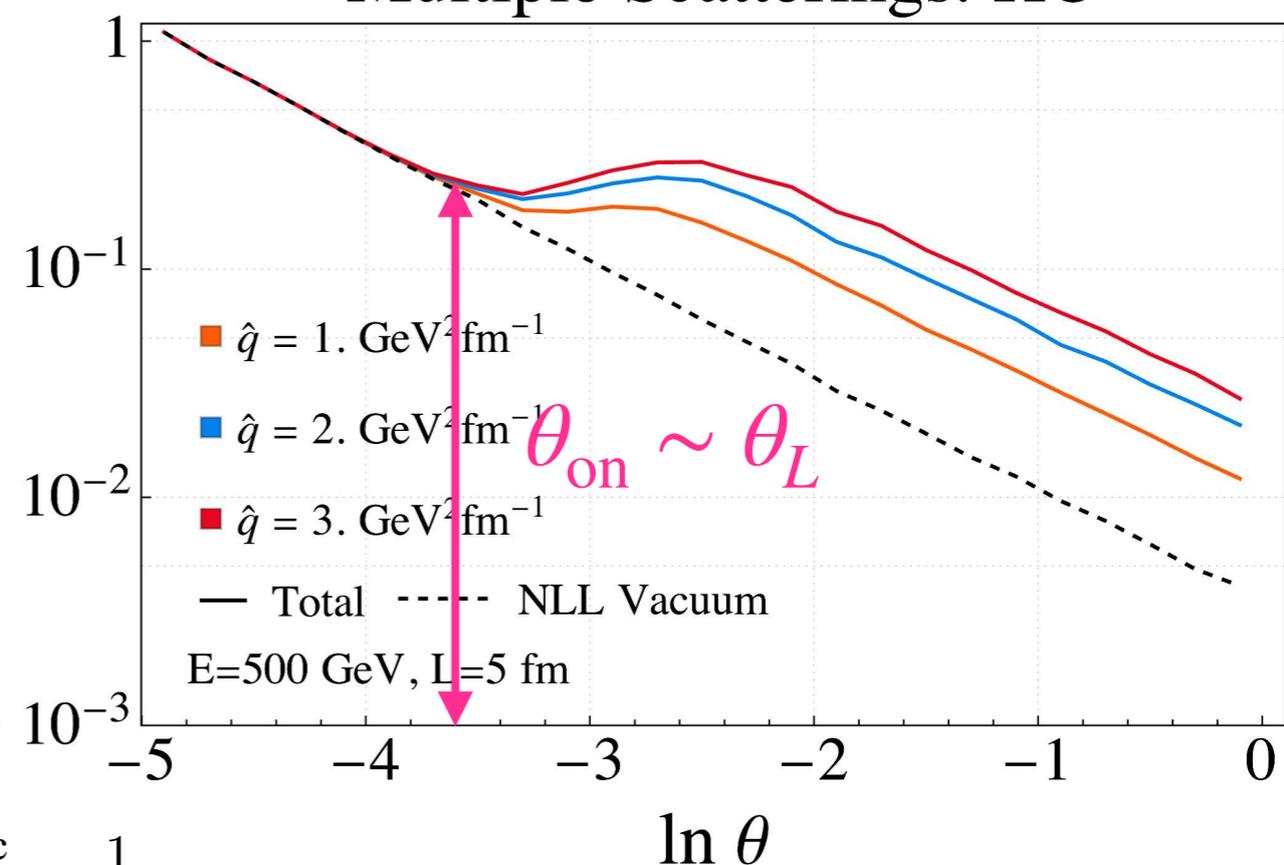
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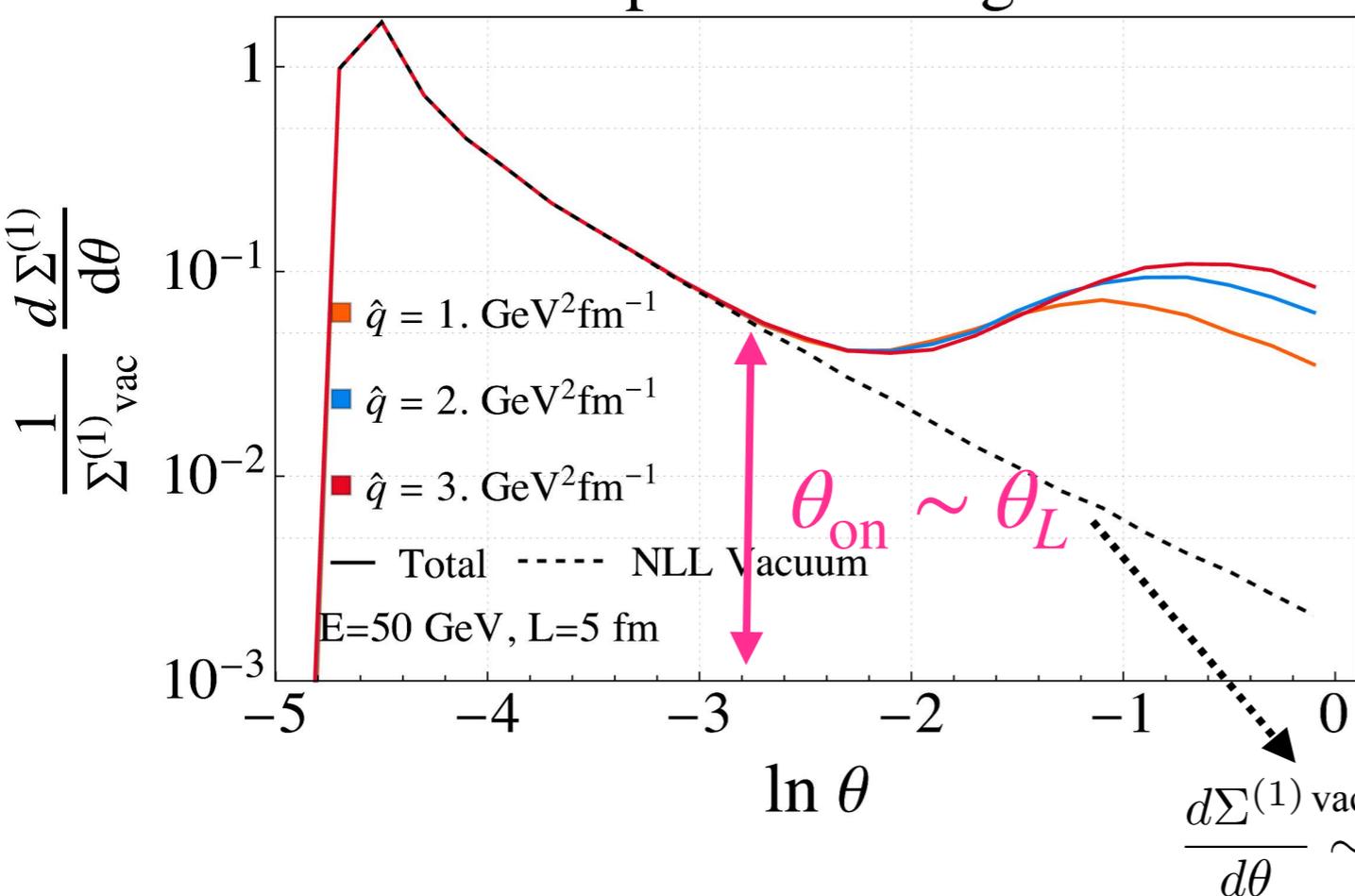
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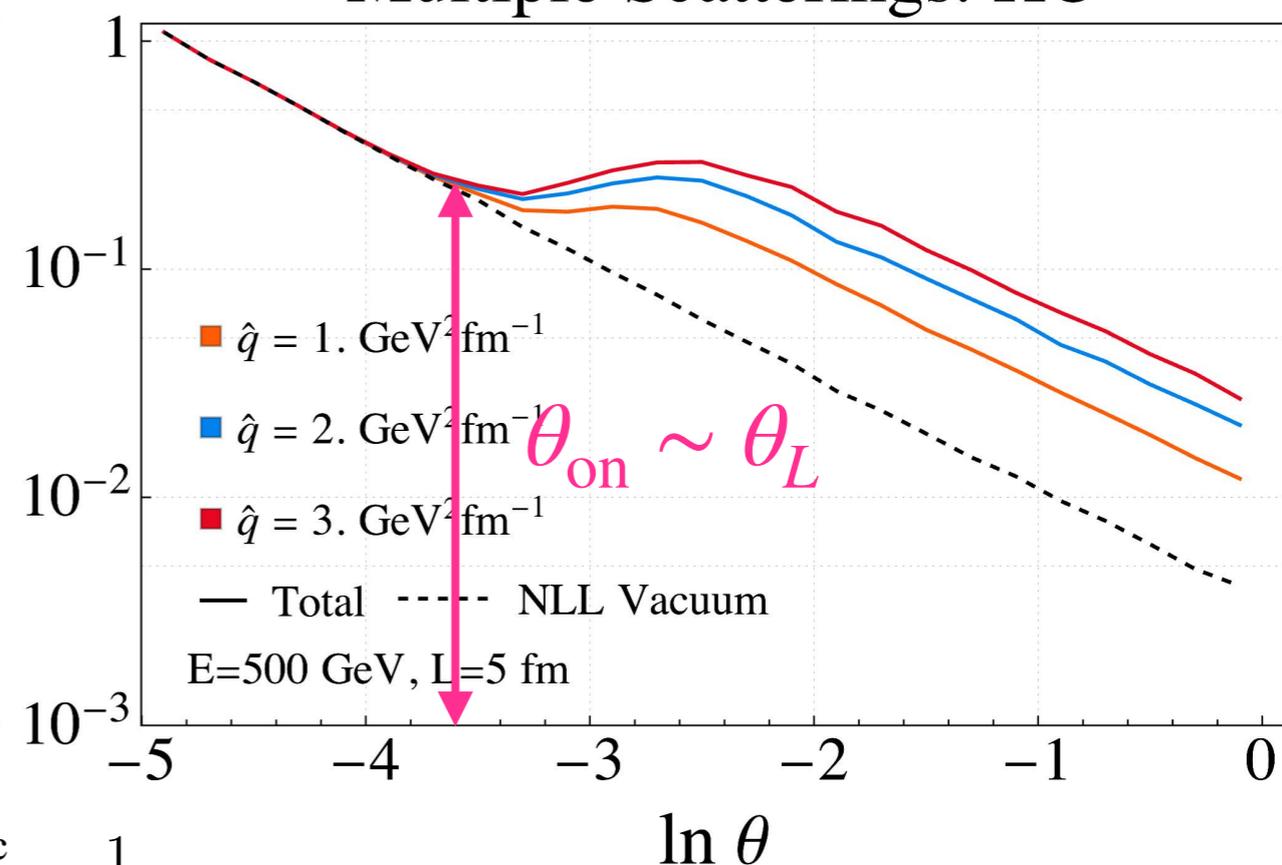
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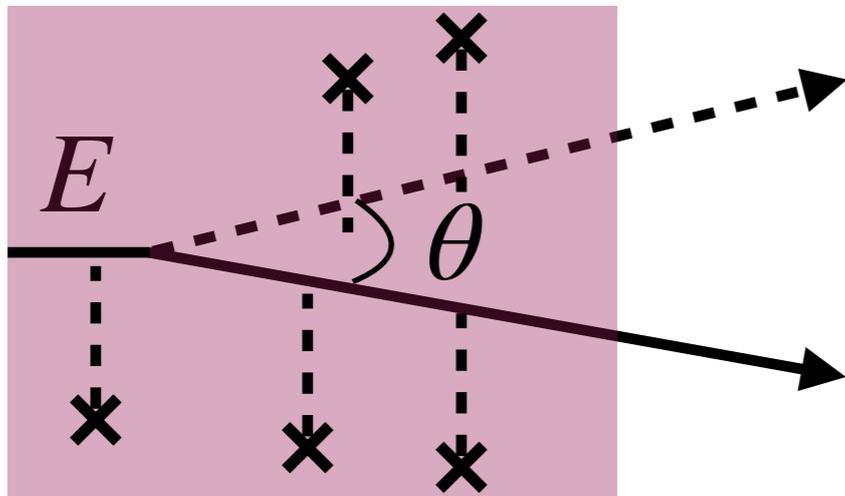
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- Varying \hat{q} has different effects in the two regimes

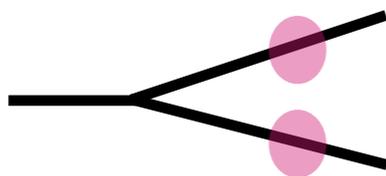
Interpretation

$$\theta_L \gg \theta_c \quad (E \ll \hat{q}L^2)$$

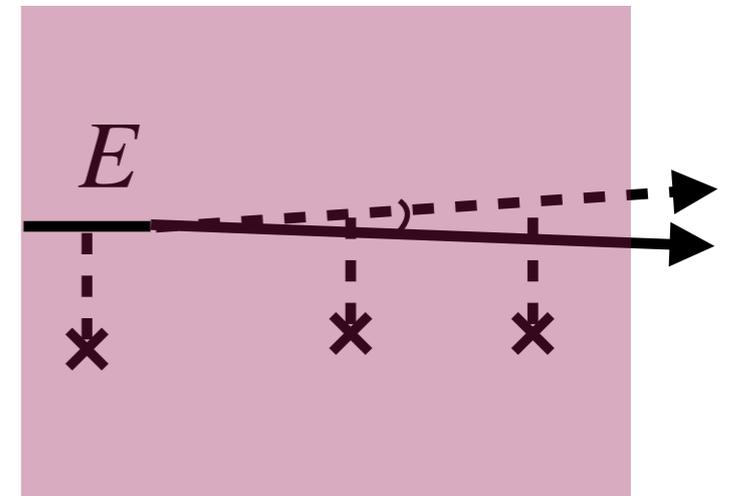


For $\theta \gg \theta_L \Rightarrow \theta \gg \theta_c$

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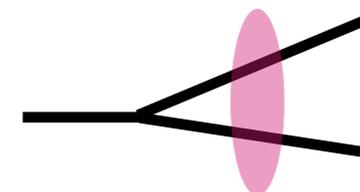


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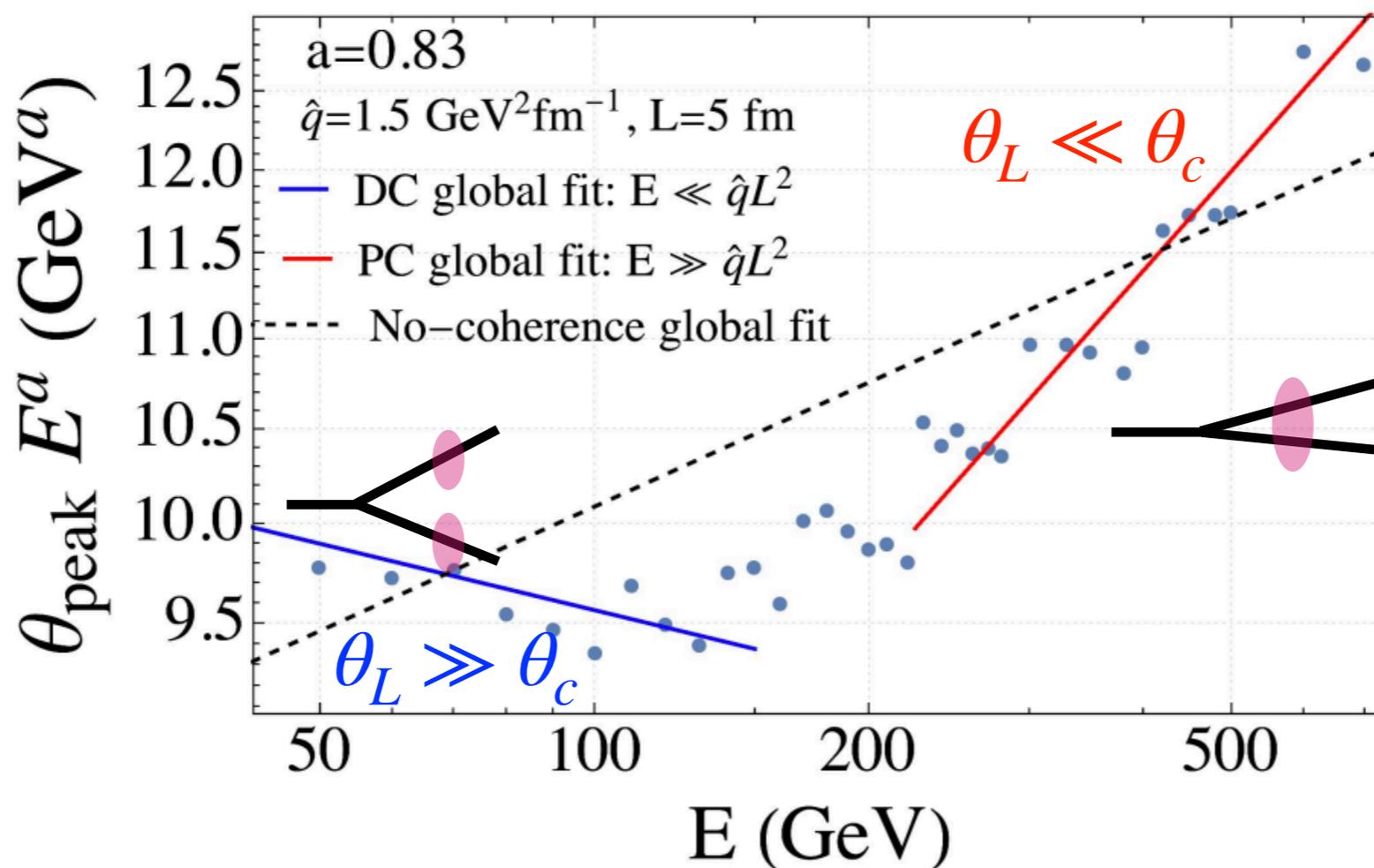
For $\theta_c \gg \theta \gg \theta_L$:

The medium does NOT resolve the emission



Coherence transition

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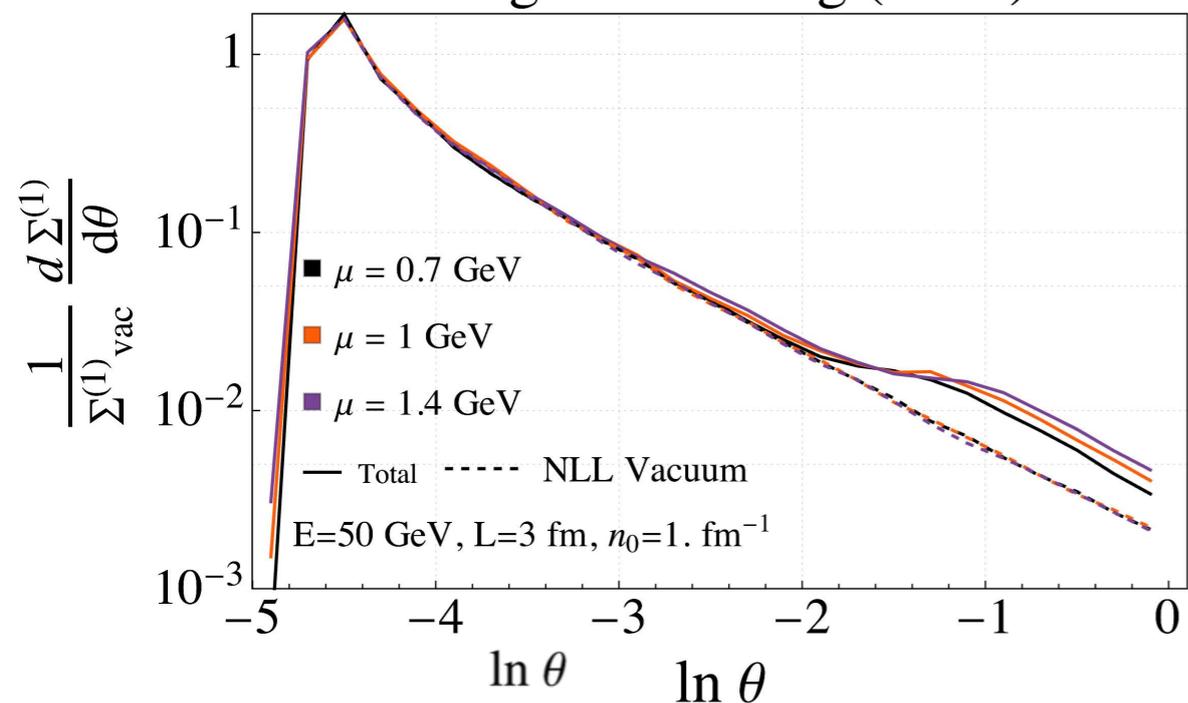


- Extracted the peak angle θ_{peak} for 332 sets of parameters with $E \in [50, 700] \text{ GeV}$, $L \in [0.2, 10] \text{ fm}$, $\hat{q} \in [1, 3] \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$
- Performed **separate fits in the two different regions** for the scaling behavior of the peak angle with respect to the 3 parameters

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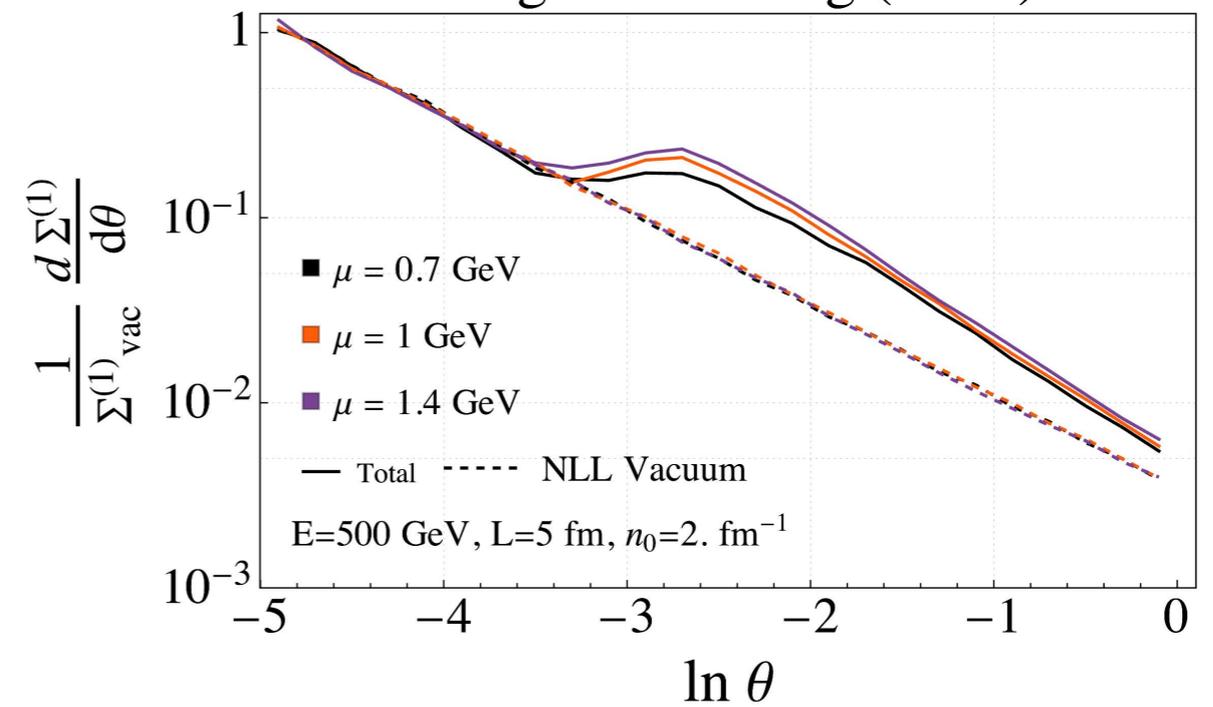
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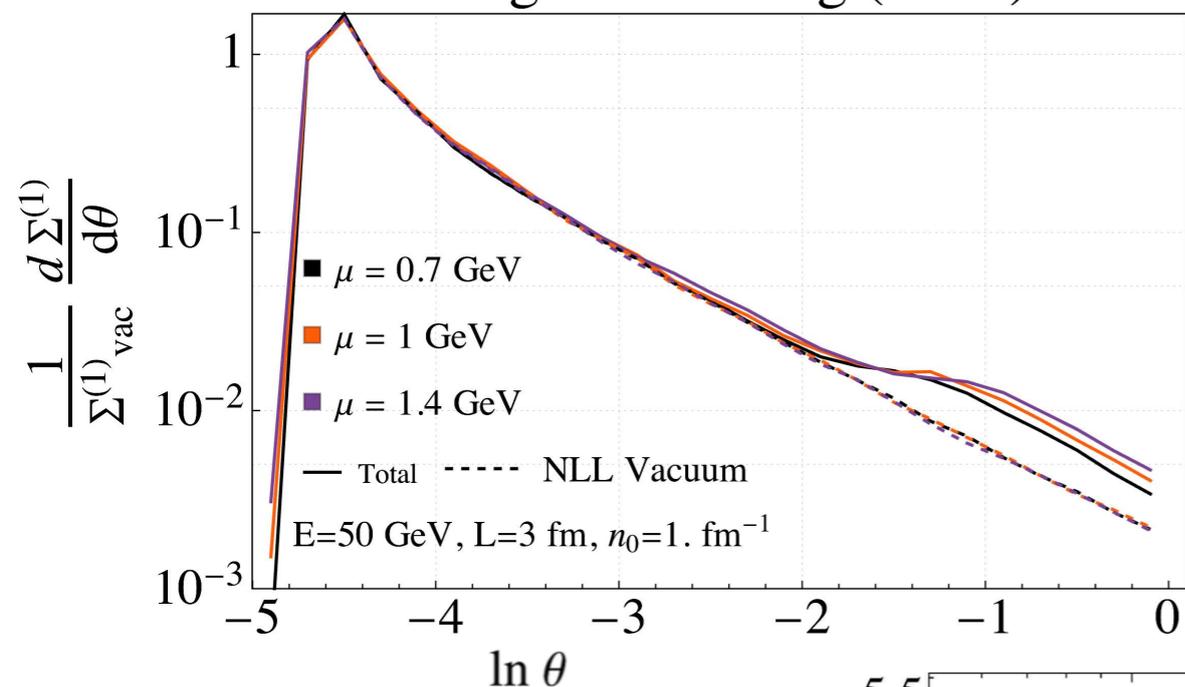


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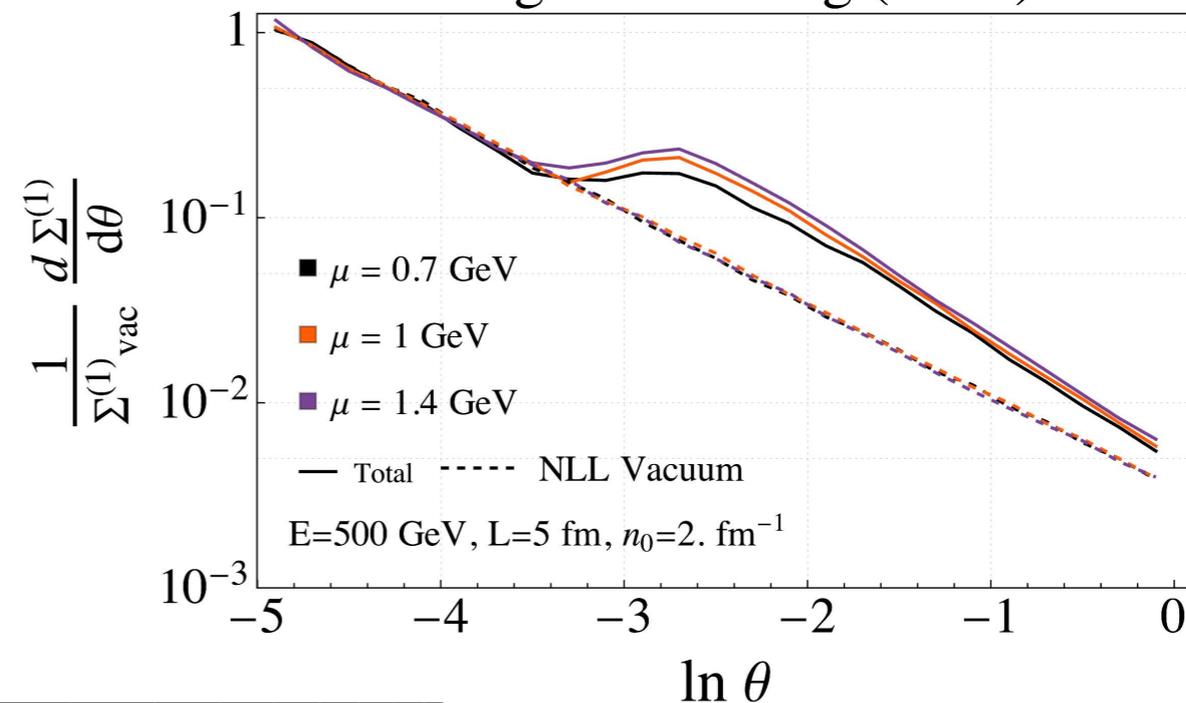
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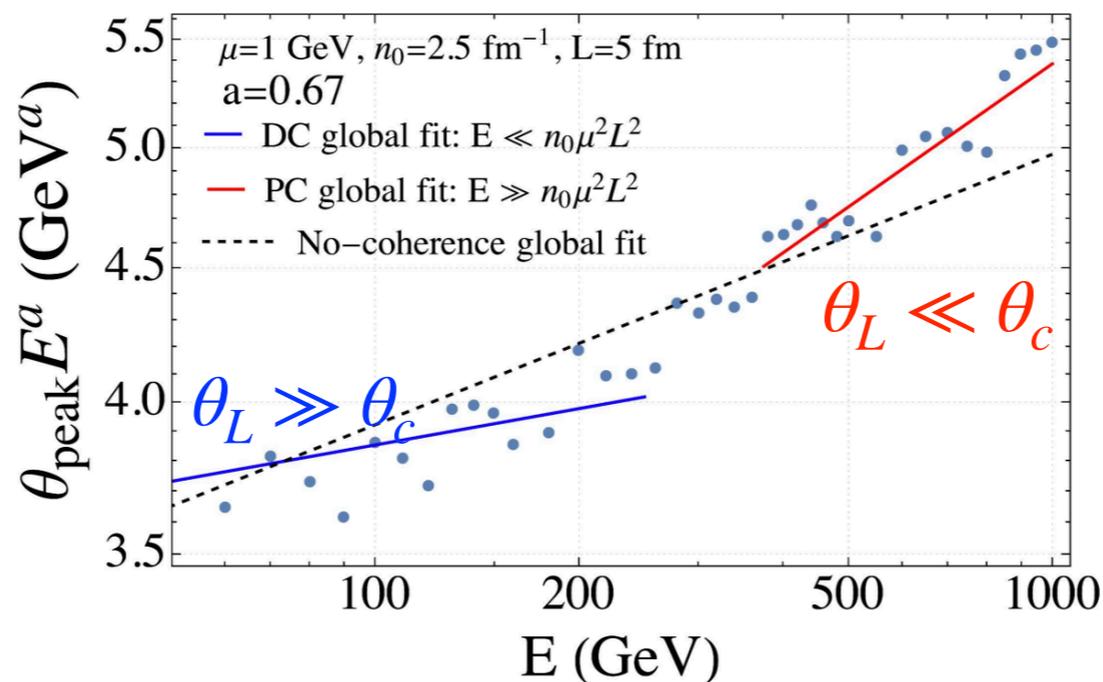


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Coherence
transition not as
clearly observed **as**
in the **multiple**
scattering case

Heavy-flavor jets

CA, Dominguez, Holguin, Marquet, I. Moul, [2307.15110](#)

HF jets

- Same formalism:

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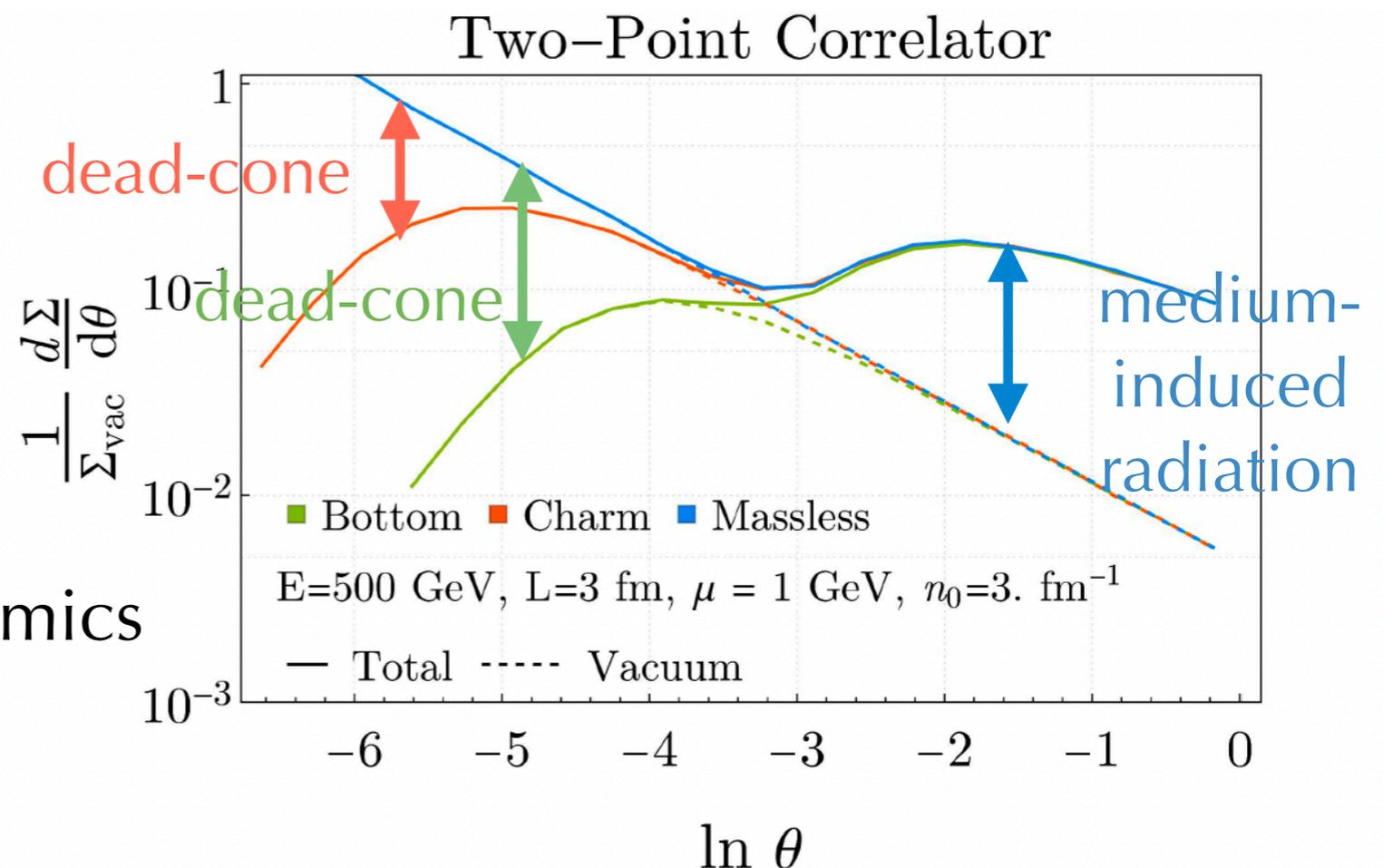
$$t_f = \frac{2}{z(1-z)E\theta^2} \Rightarrow t_f = \frac{2}{z(1-z)E \left(\theta + \frac{\Theta_0}{1-z} \right)^2}$$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ $Q \rightarrow Qg$
collinear splitting
function

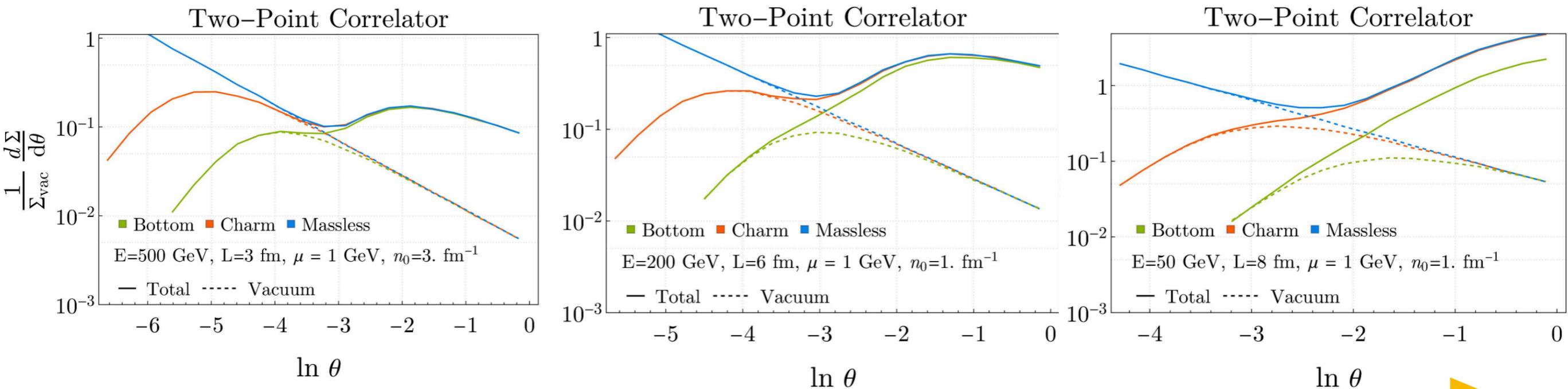
- Two competing scales:

$$\Theta_0 \propto \frac{m_Q}{E} \quad \theta_L \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{EL}}$$

If $\theta_L \gg \Theta_0$: two separate dynamics



HF jets: filling the dead-cone



$\frac{\theta_L}{\Theta_0} \rightarrow 1$: Filling the dead-cone

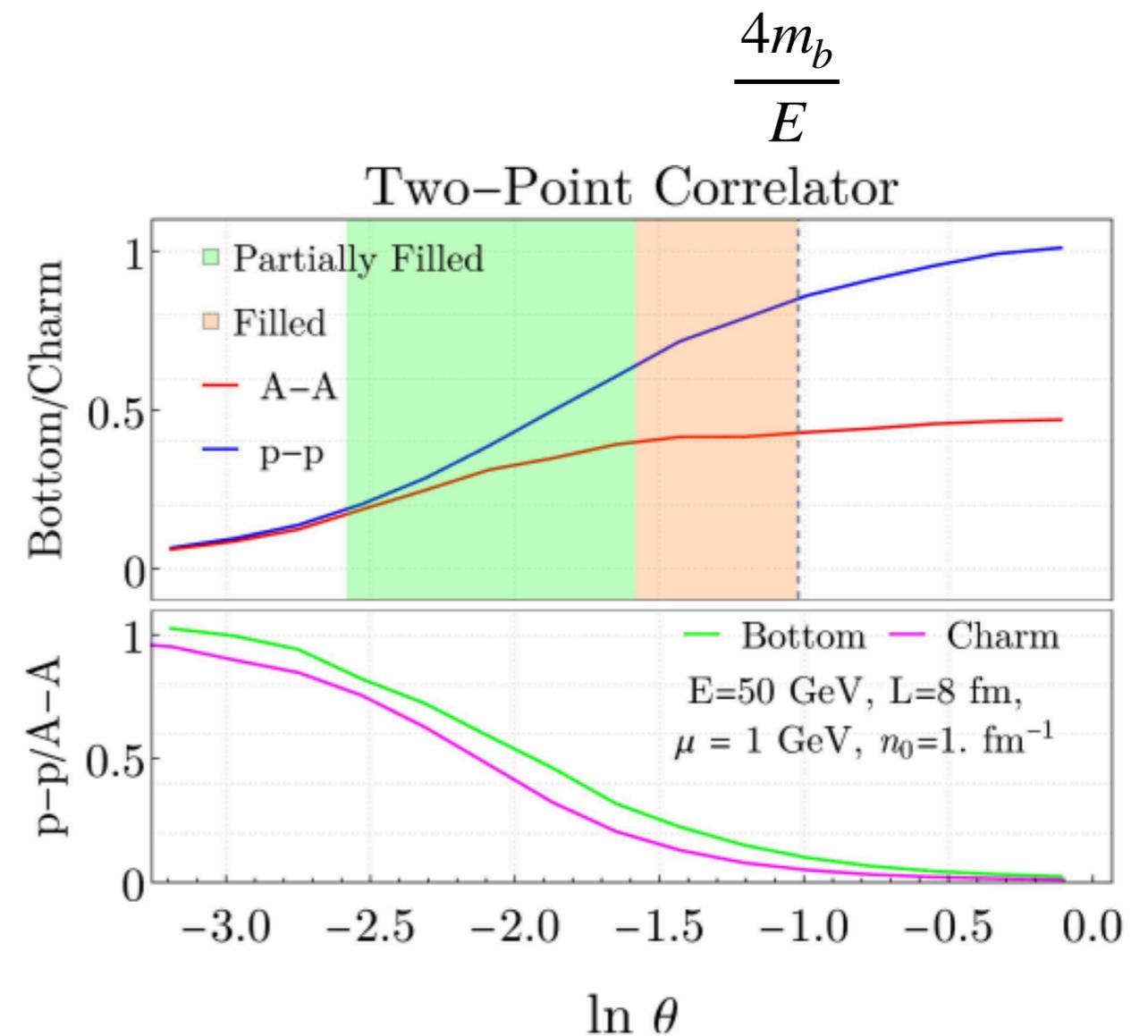
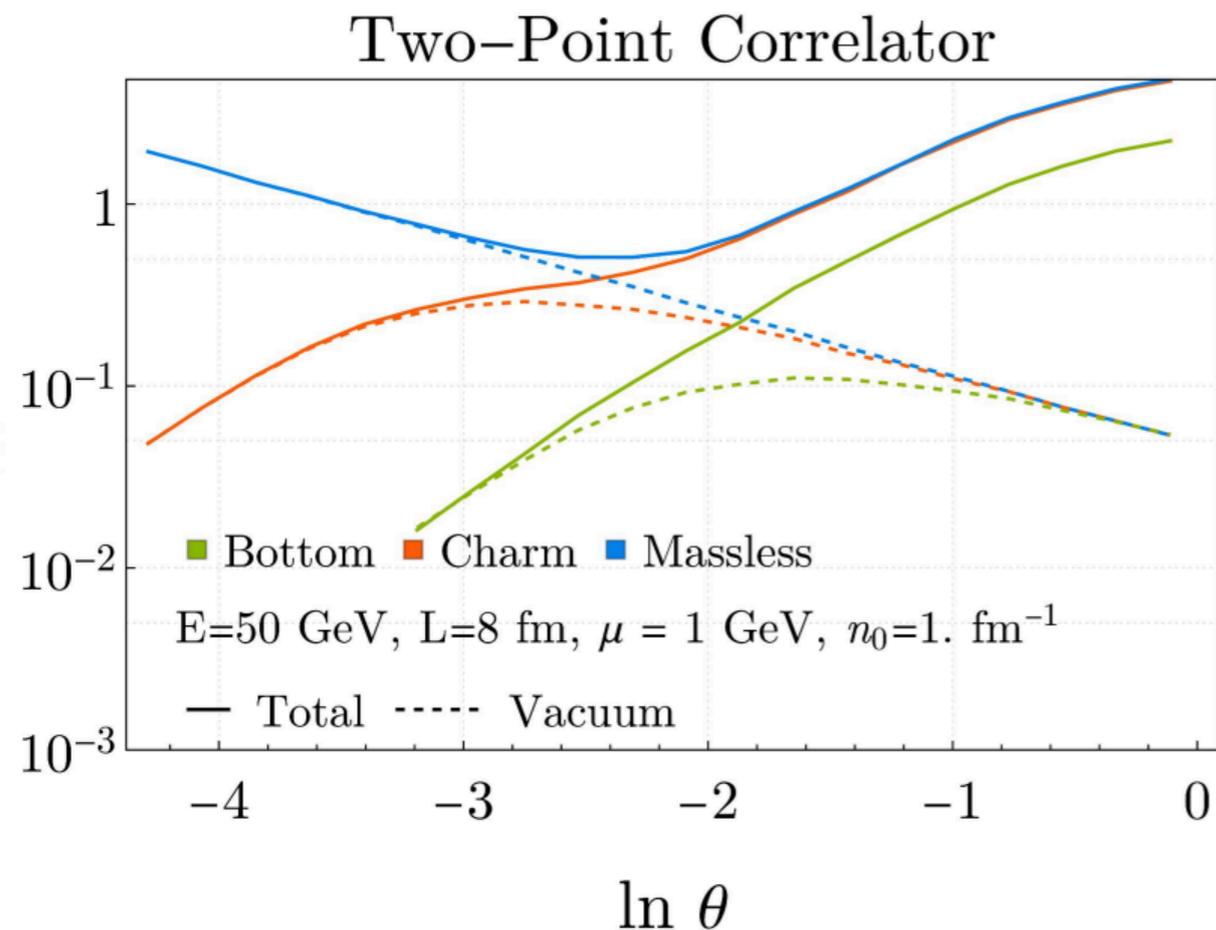
Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann,
[arXiv: hep-ph/0312106](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0312106)

EEC sensitive to the **dead-cone and its medium modifications**

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- Look at the b/c ratio:



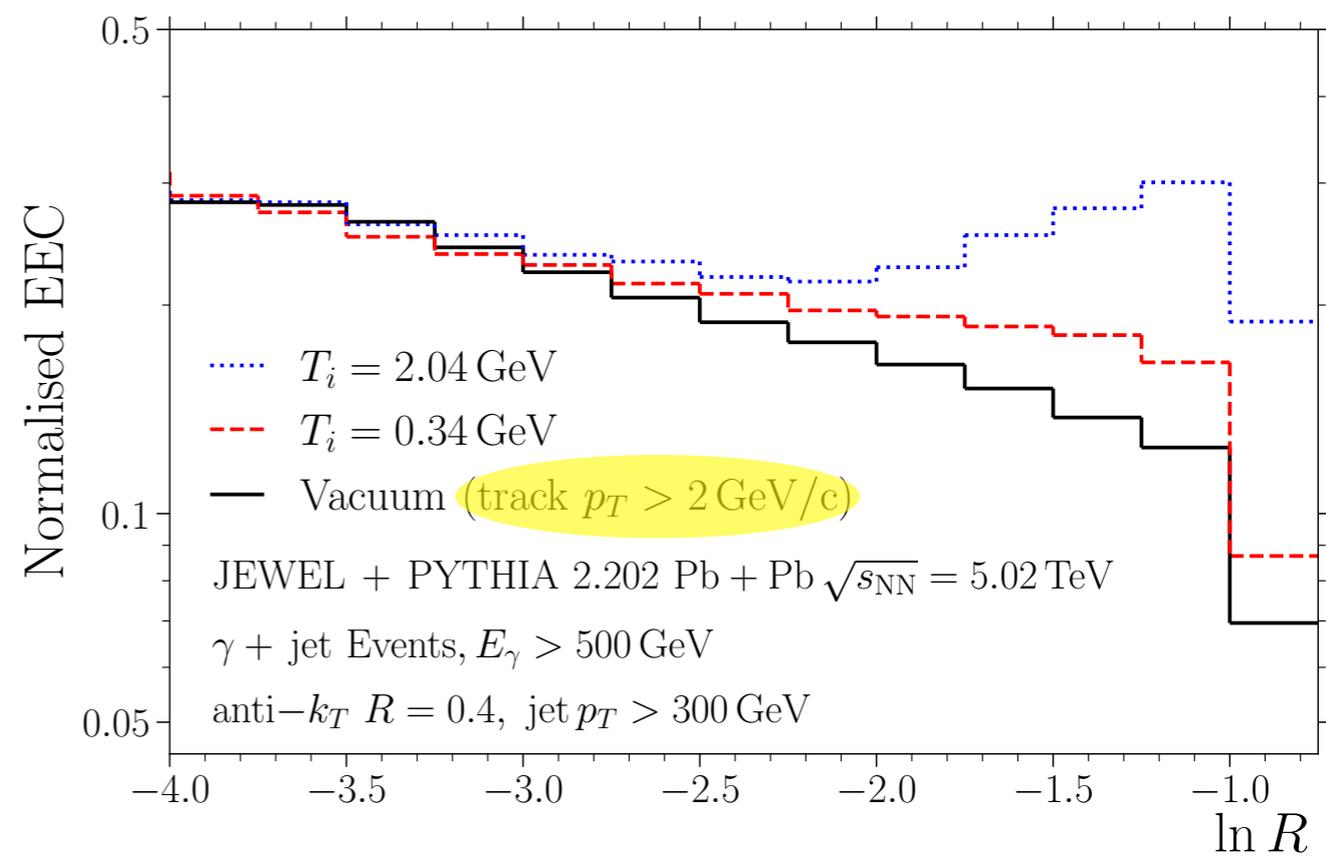
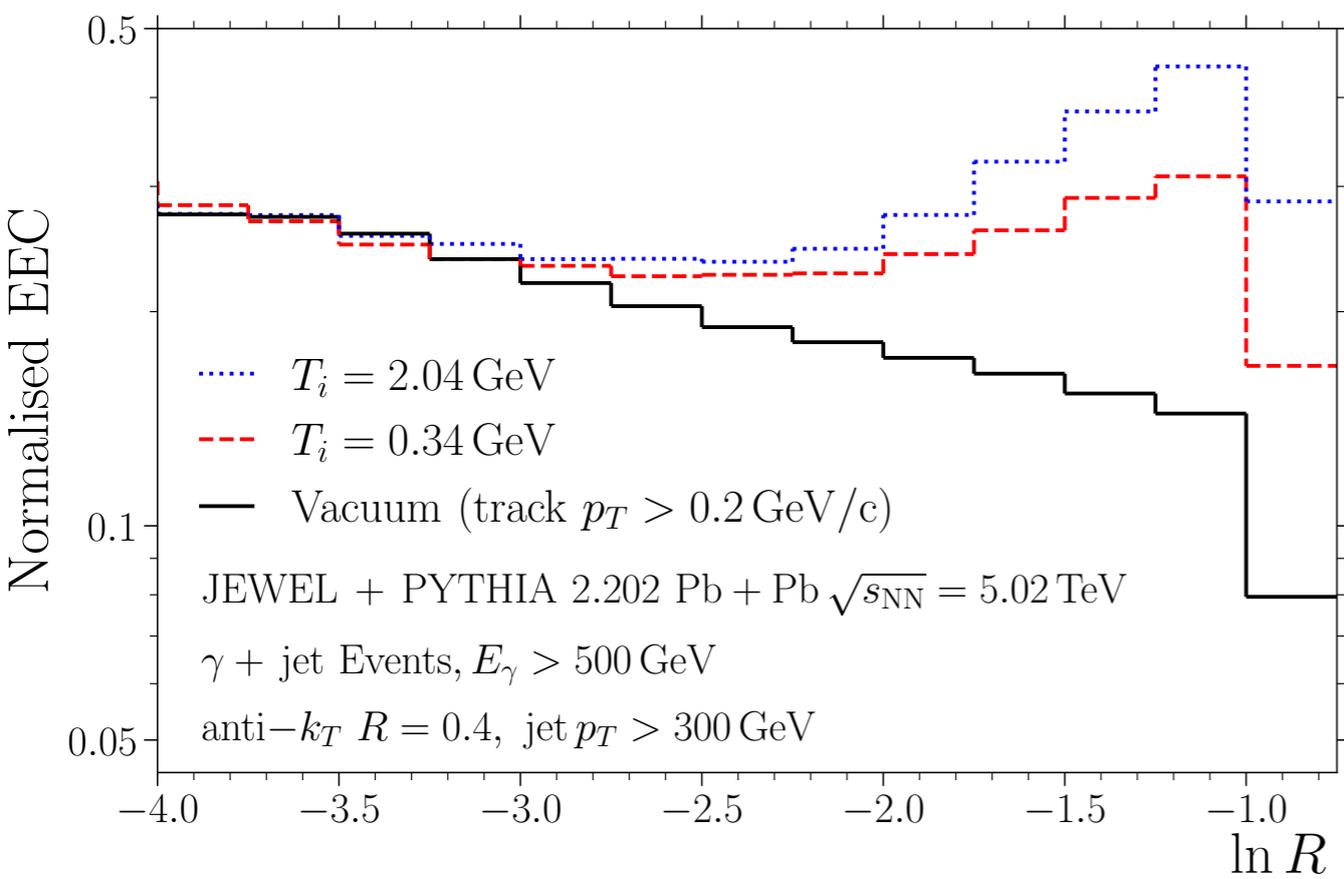
Conclusions

- **Energy Correlators** have **great potential for jet substructure** studies in HICs
 - Experimentally accessible
 - **No need of de-clustering**
 - Expected to be **less sensitive to soft physics** than traditional jet substructure observables: hadronization, and background are usually subleading
 - In **vacuum**: they can be computed perturbatively at very **high accuracy**
- Characteristic features of the calculation of the in-medium splittings are clearly imprinted in these observables
- **Many new developments to come!**

Thank you!

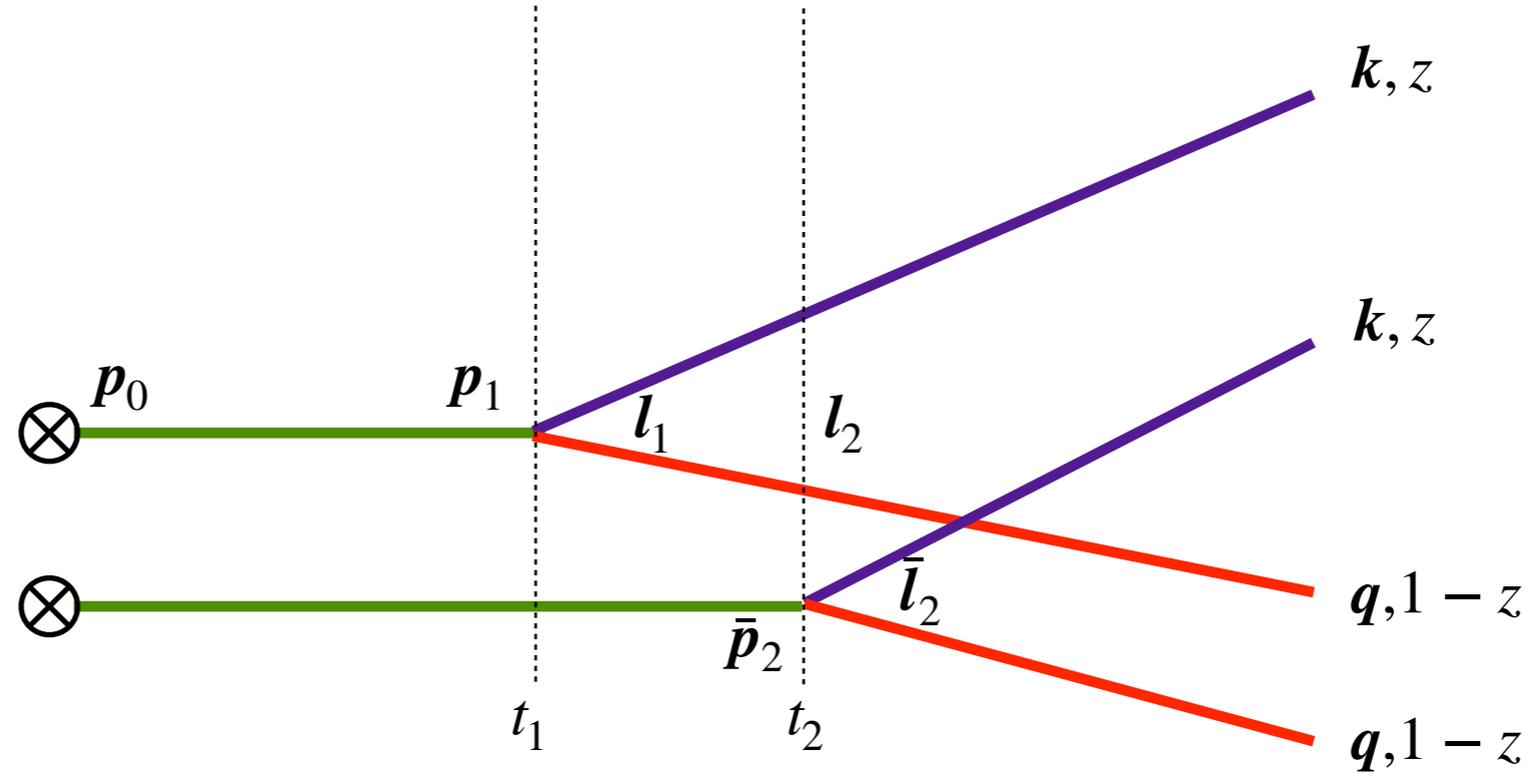
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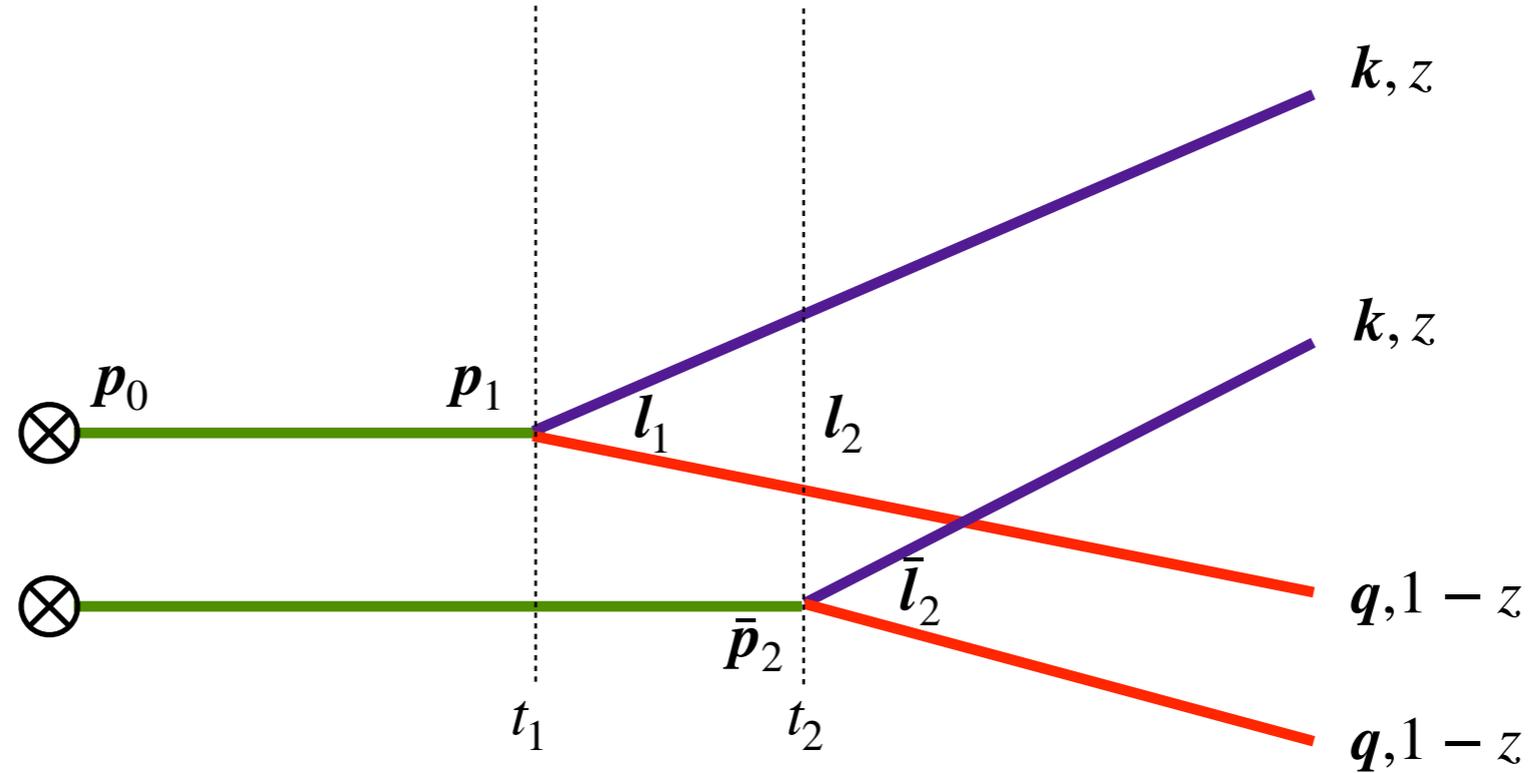
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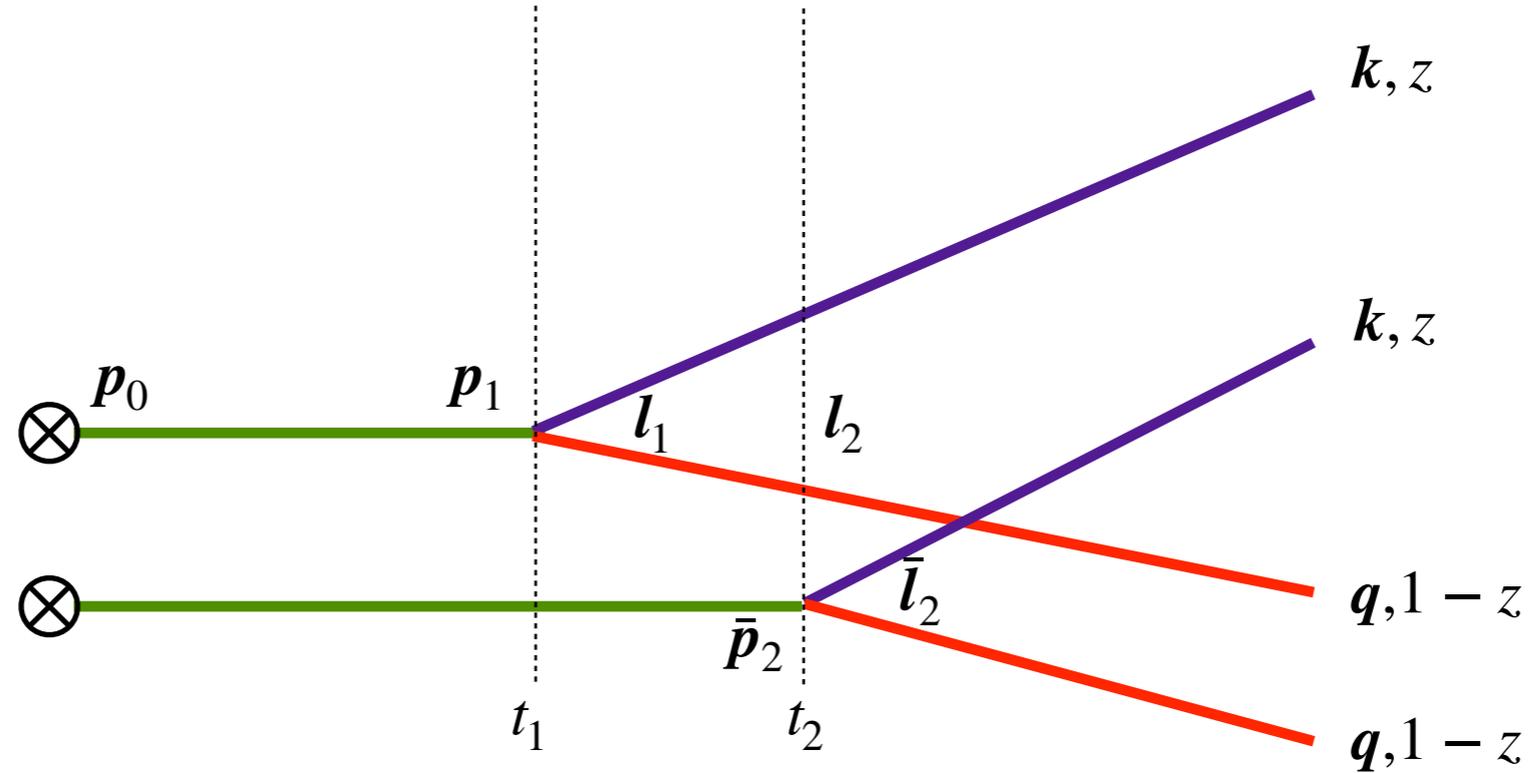
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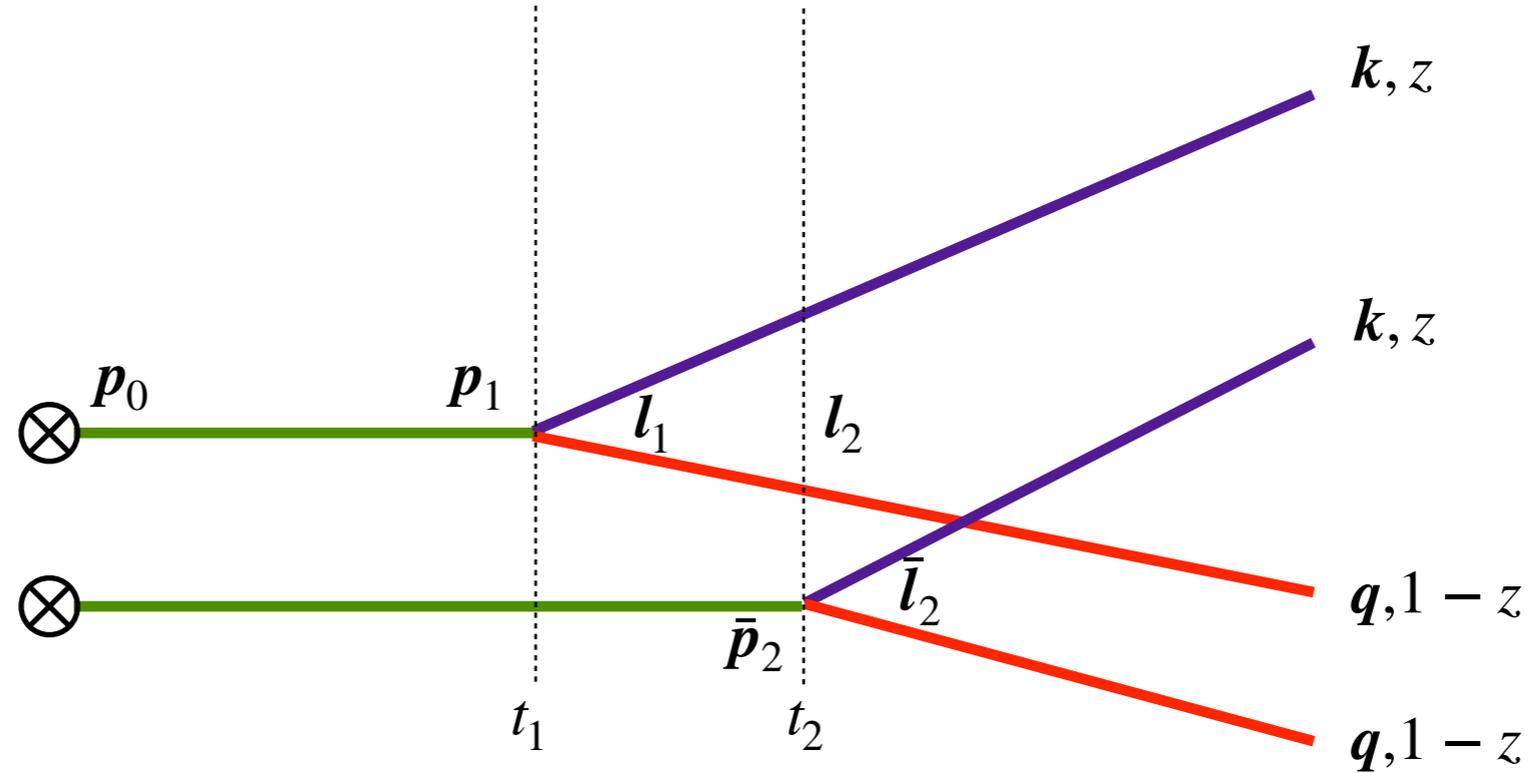
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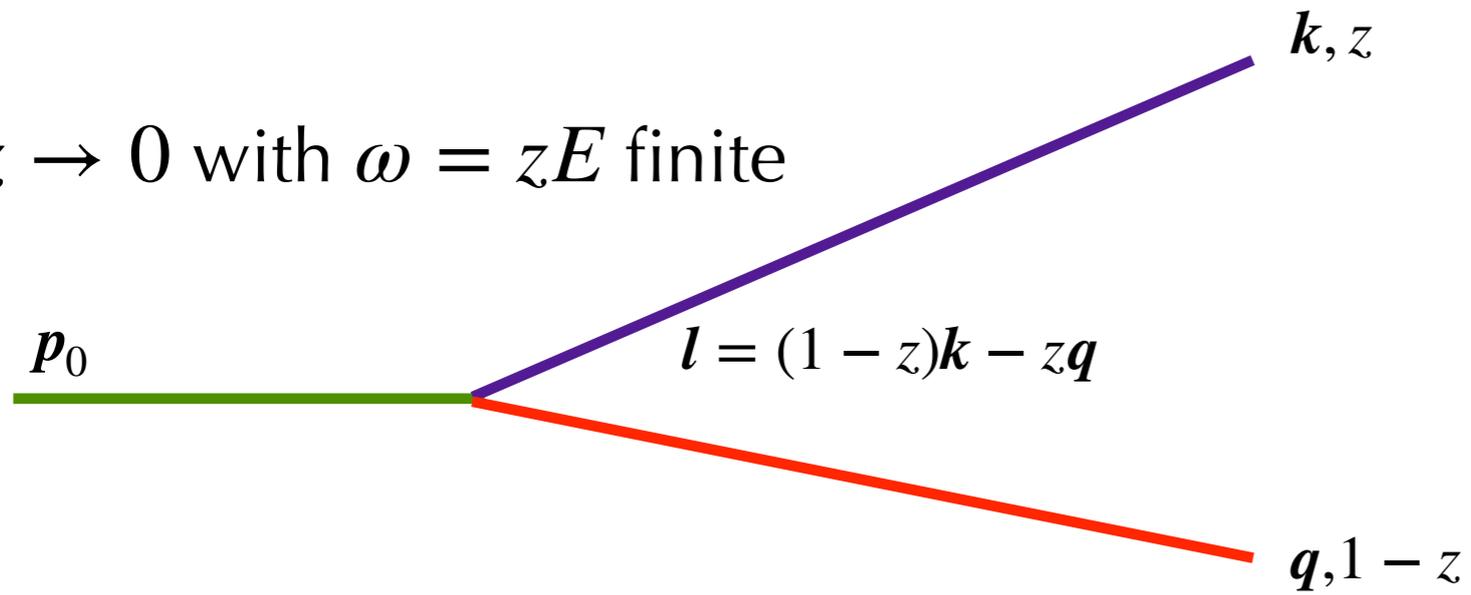
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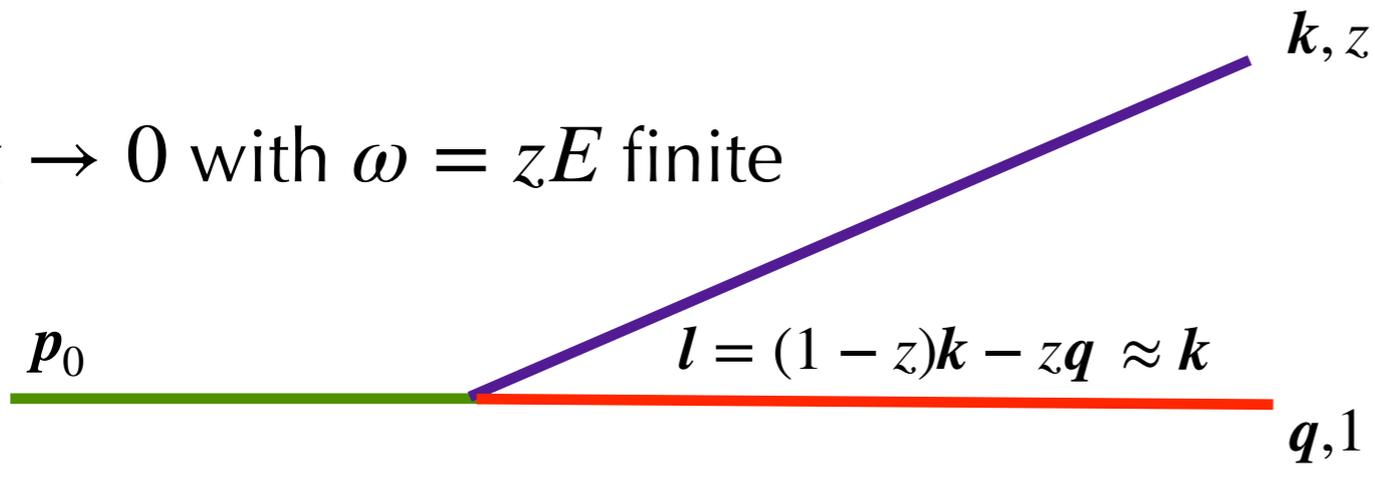
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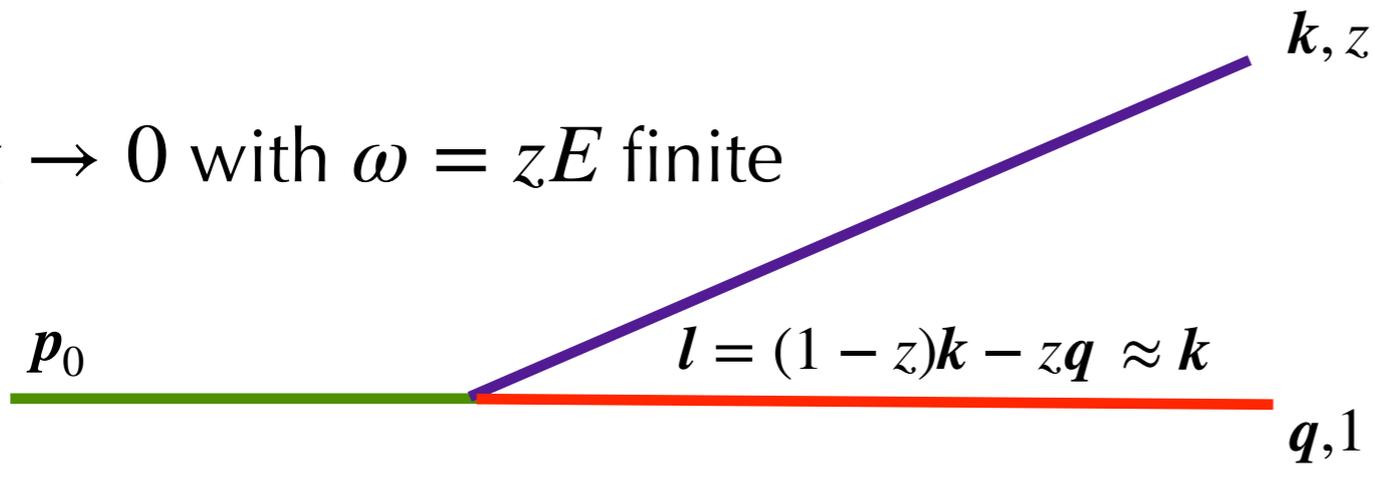
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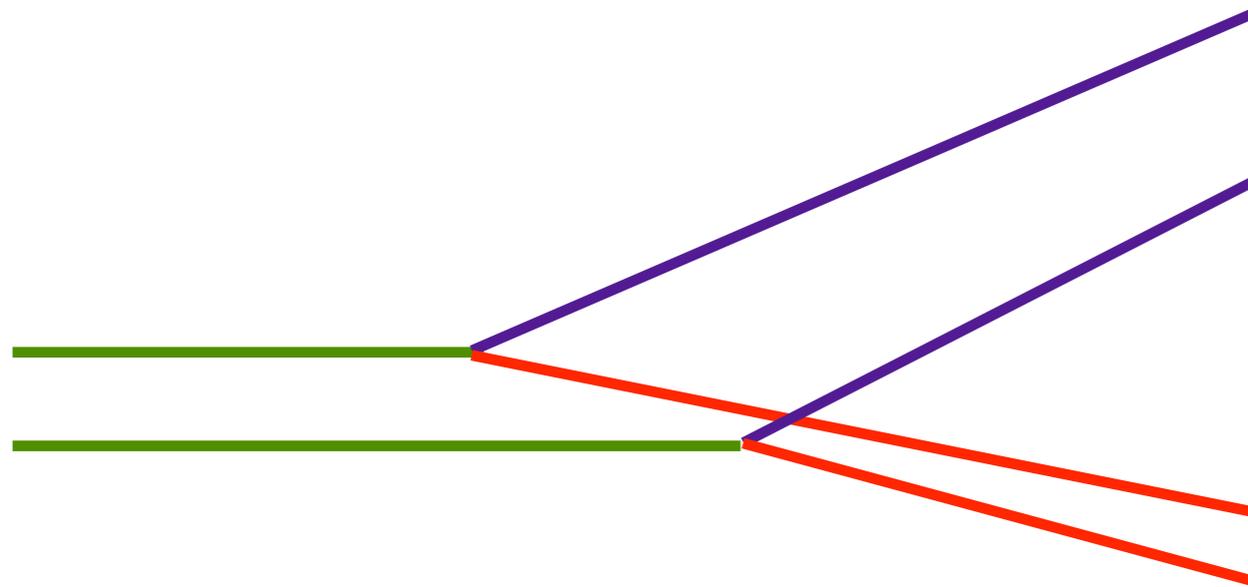
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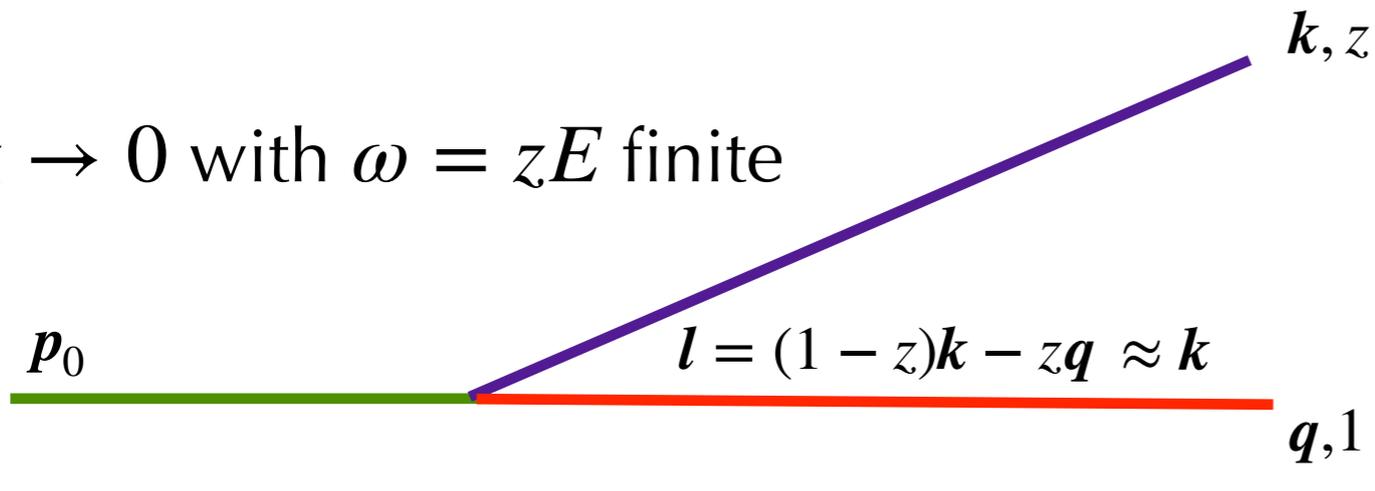


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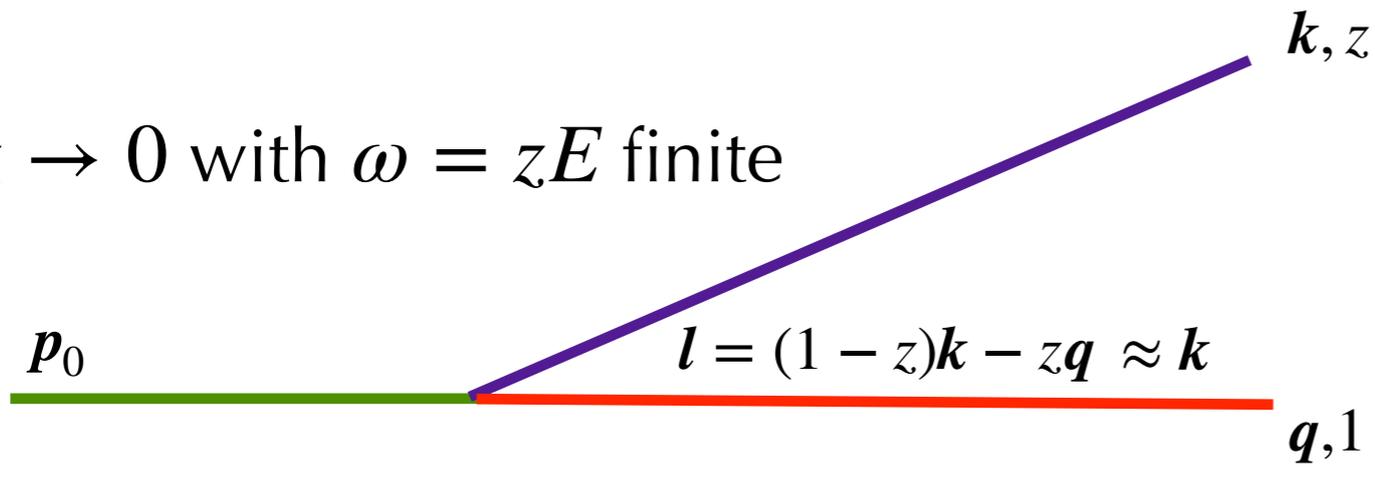
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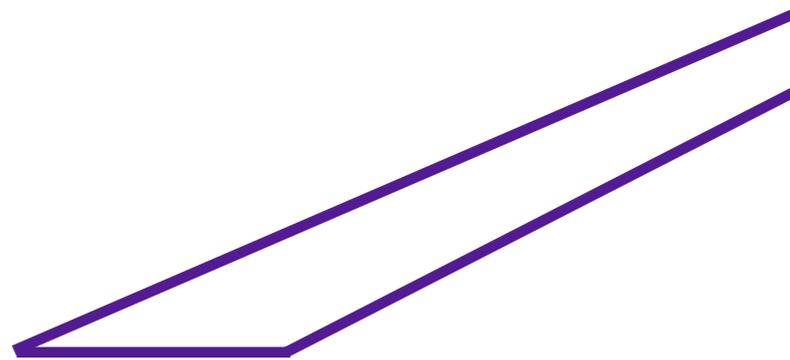
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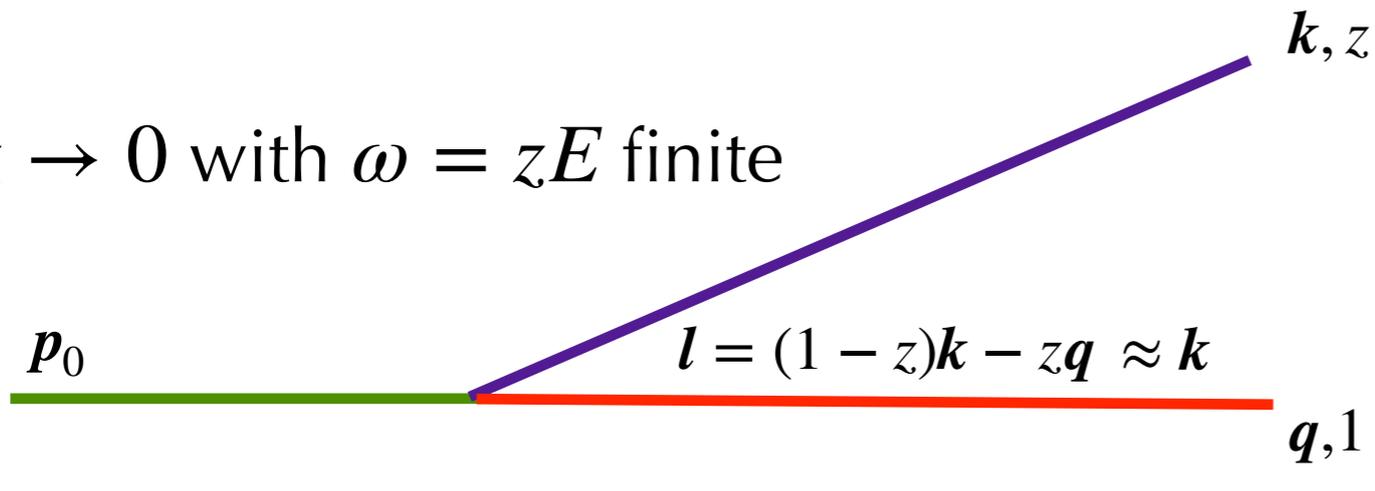
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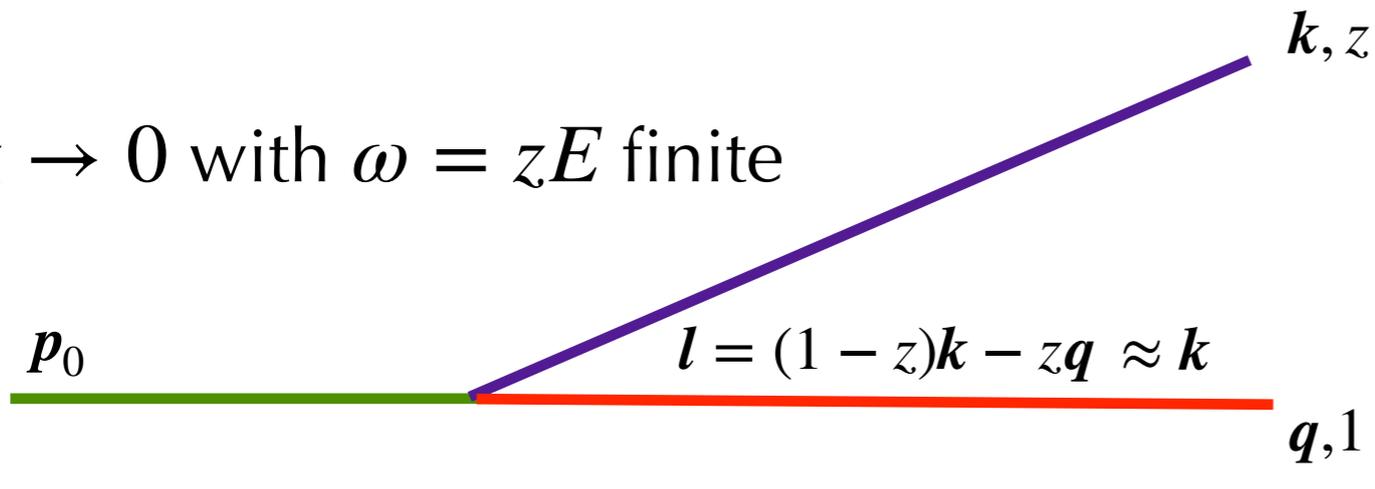


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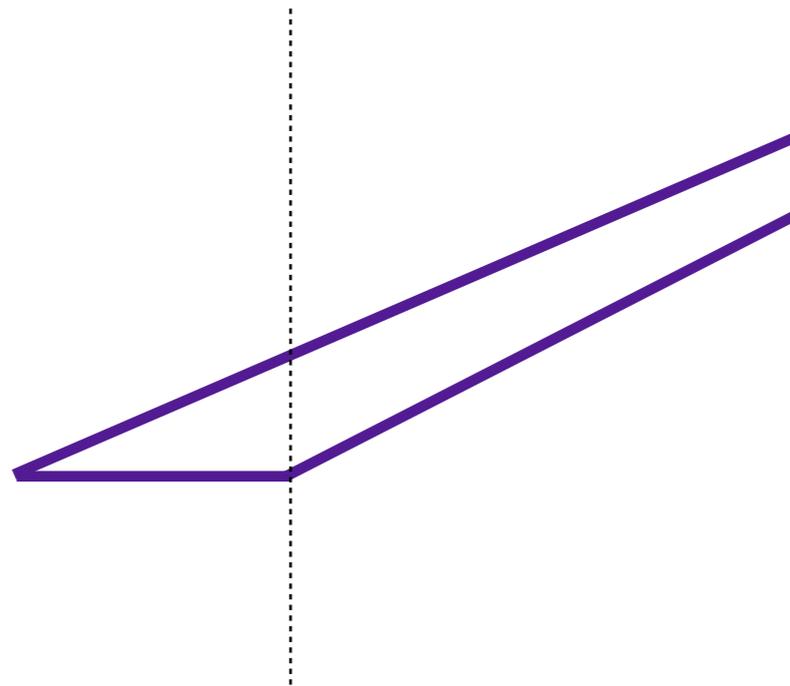
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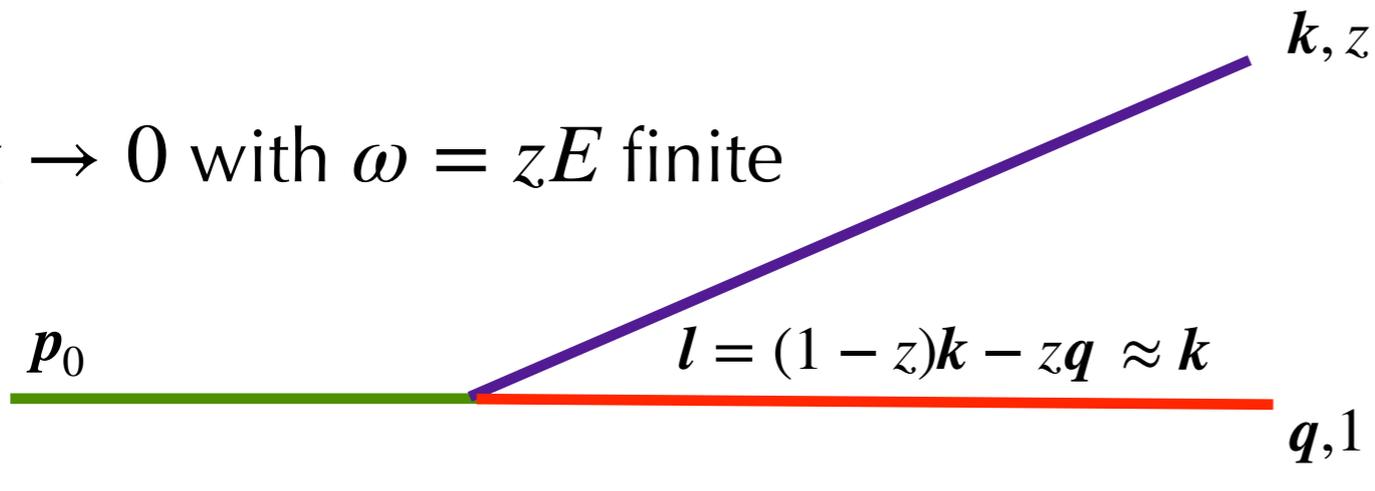


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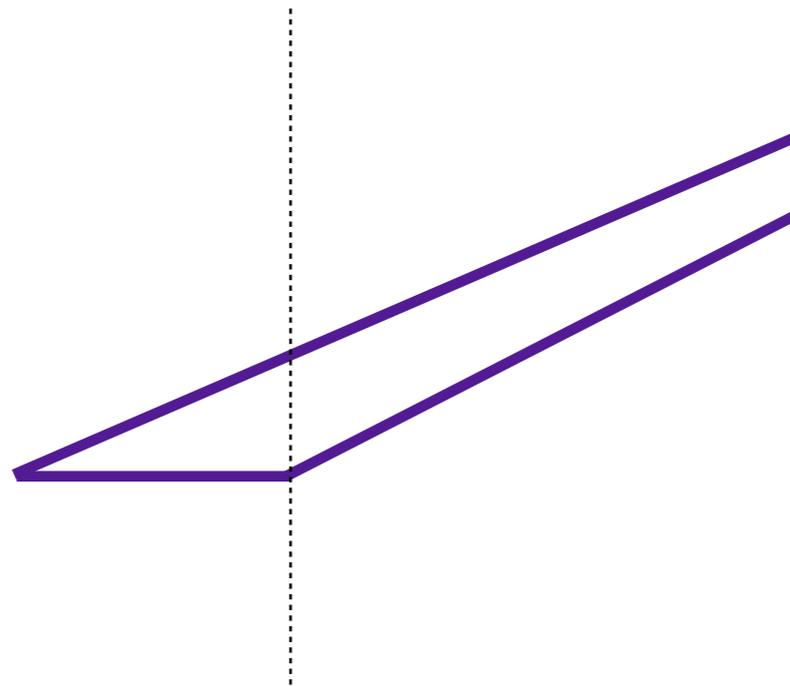
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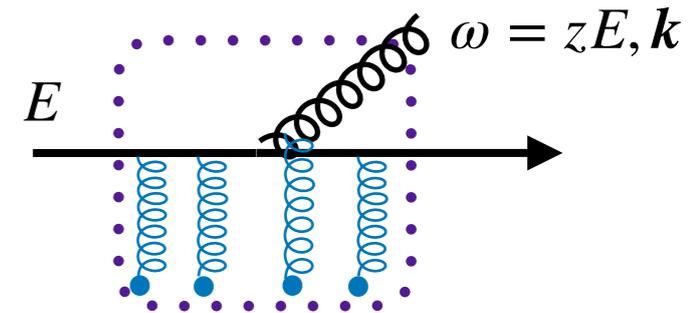
Recently evaluated numerically with multiple scatterings and realistic interactions

Andres, Apolinario, Dominguez [2002.01517](#)

Andres, Dominguez, Gonzalez Martinez [2011.0652](#)

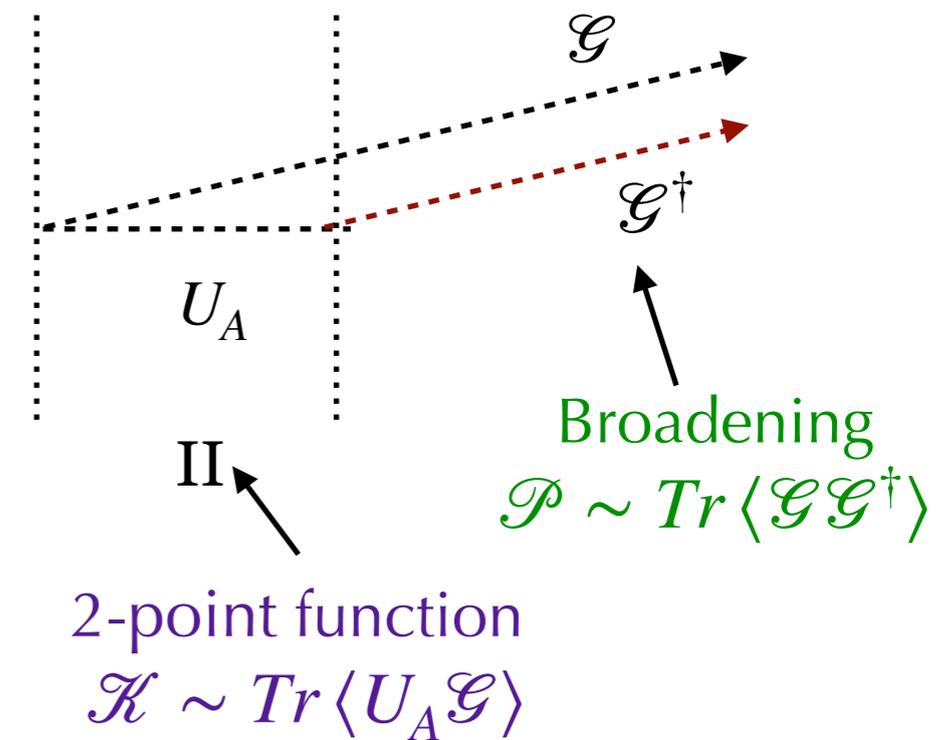
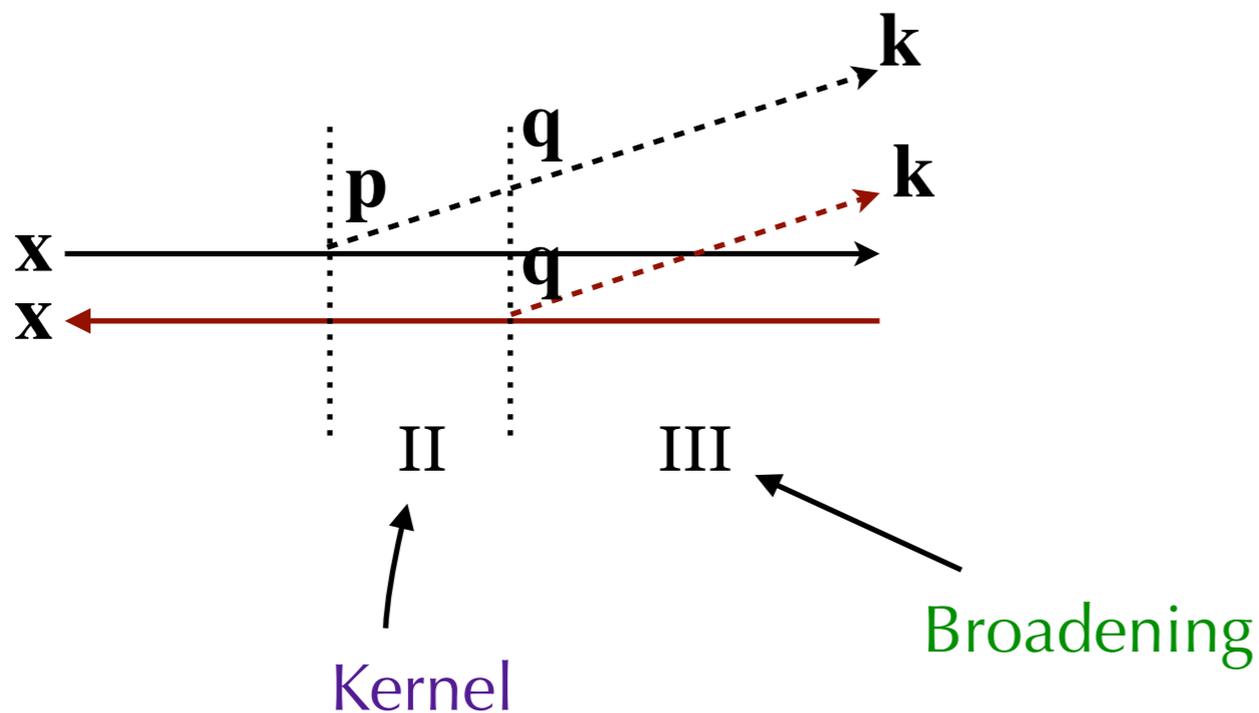
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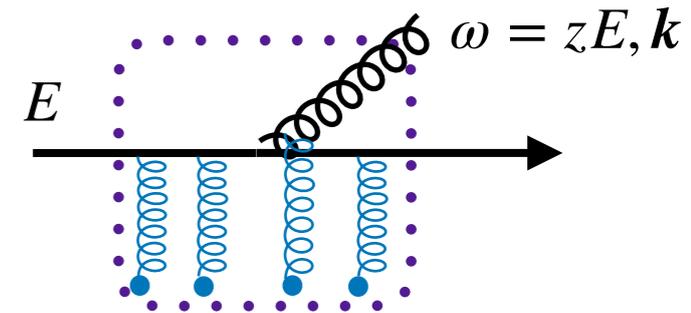
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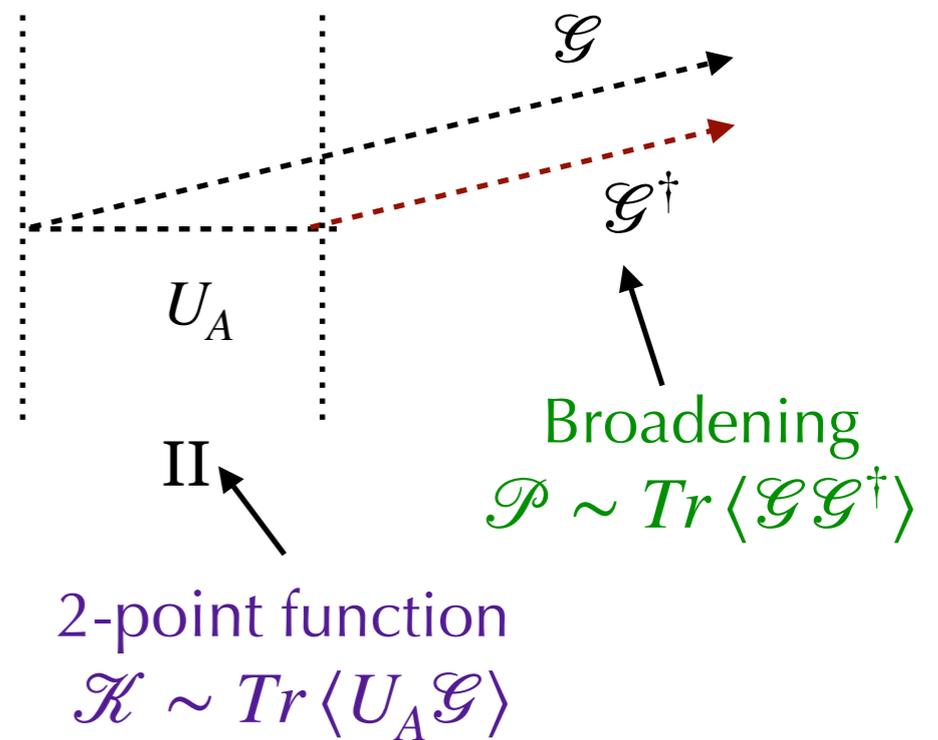
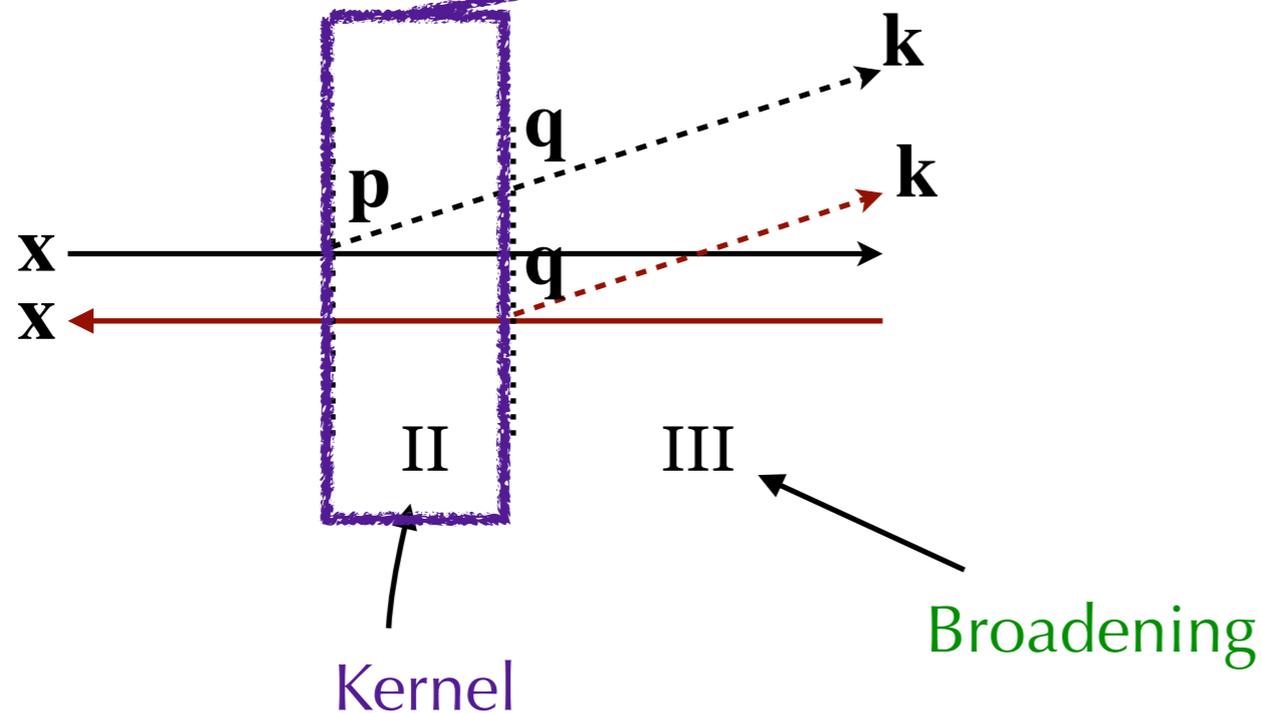
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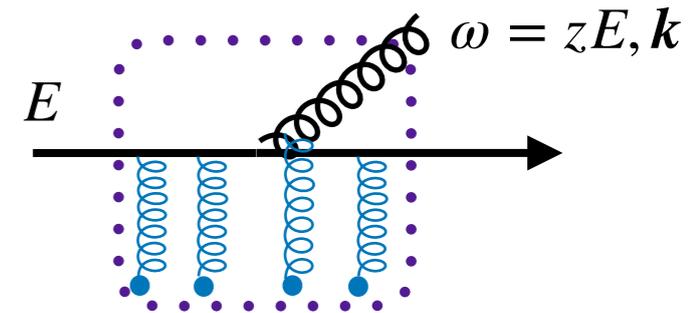
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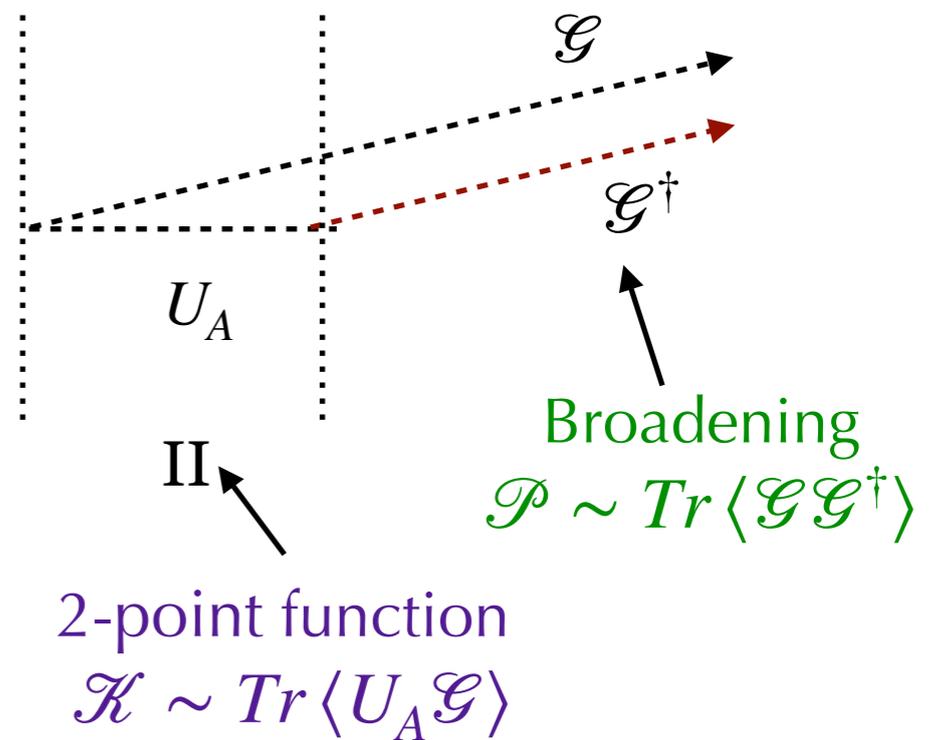
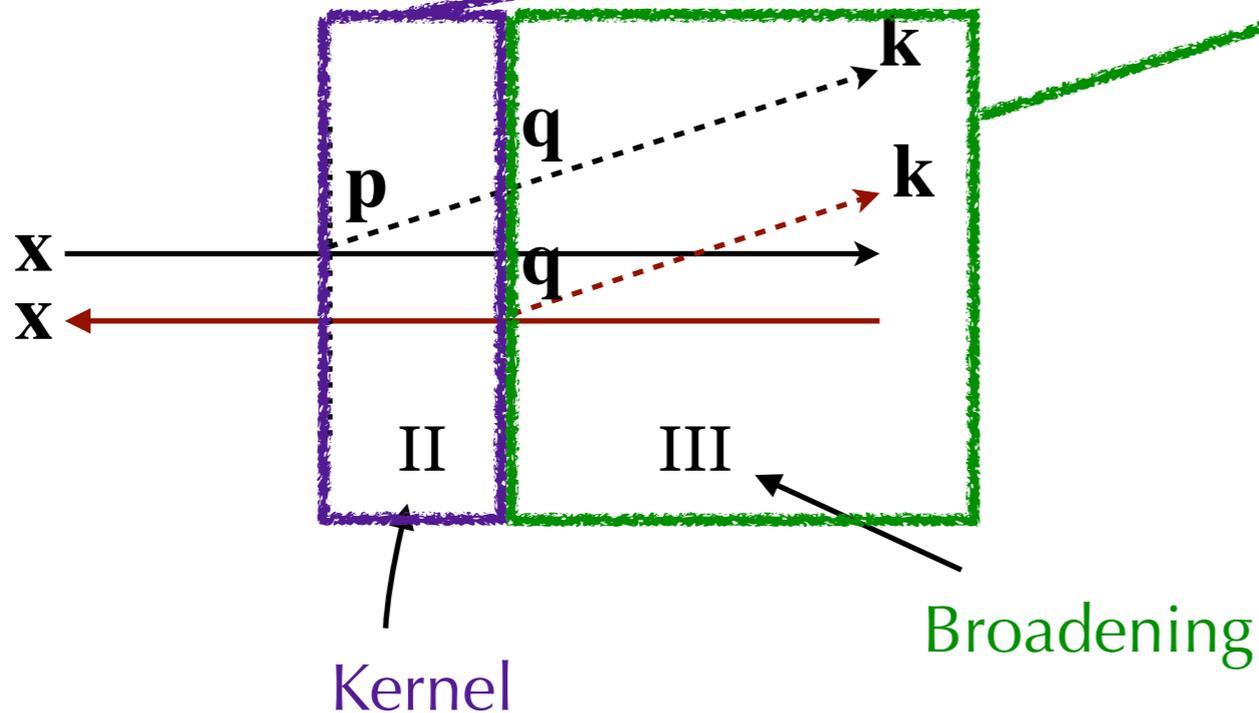
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Semi-hard approximation

Dominguez, Milhano, Salgado, Tywoniuk, Vila [1907.03653](#)
 Isaksen, Tywoniuk 2107.02542

- Use high-energy limit of propagators: vacuum propagator times a Wilson line in the classical trajectory

$$\mathcal{G}_R(t_2, \mathbf{p}_2; t_1, \mathbf{p}_1; \omega) \rightarrow (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) e^{-i \frac{p_2^2}{2\omega} (t_2 - t_1)} V_R(t_2, t_1; [\mathbf{n}t])$$

- Calculate averages of Wilson lines in the large- N_c limit (calculations also available for finite N_c). All averages can be expressed in terms of fundamental dipoles and quadrupoles

