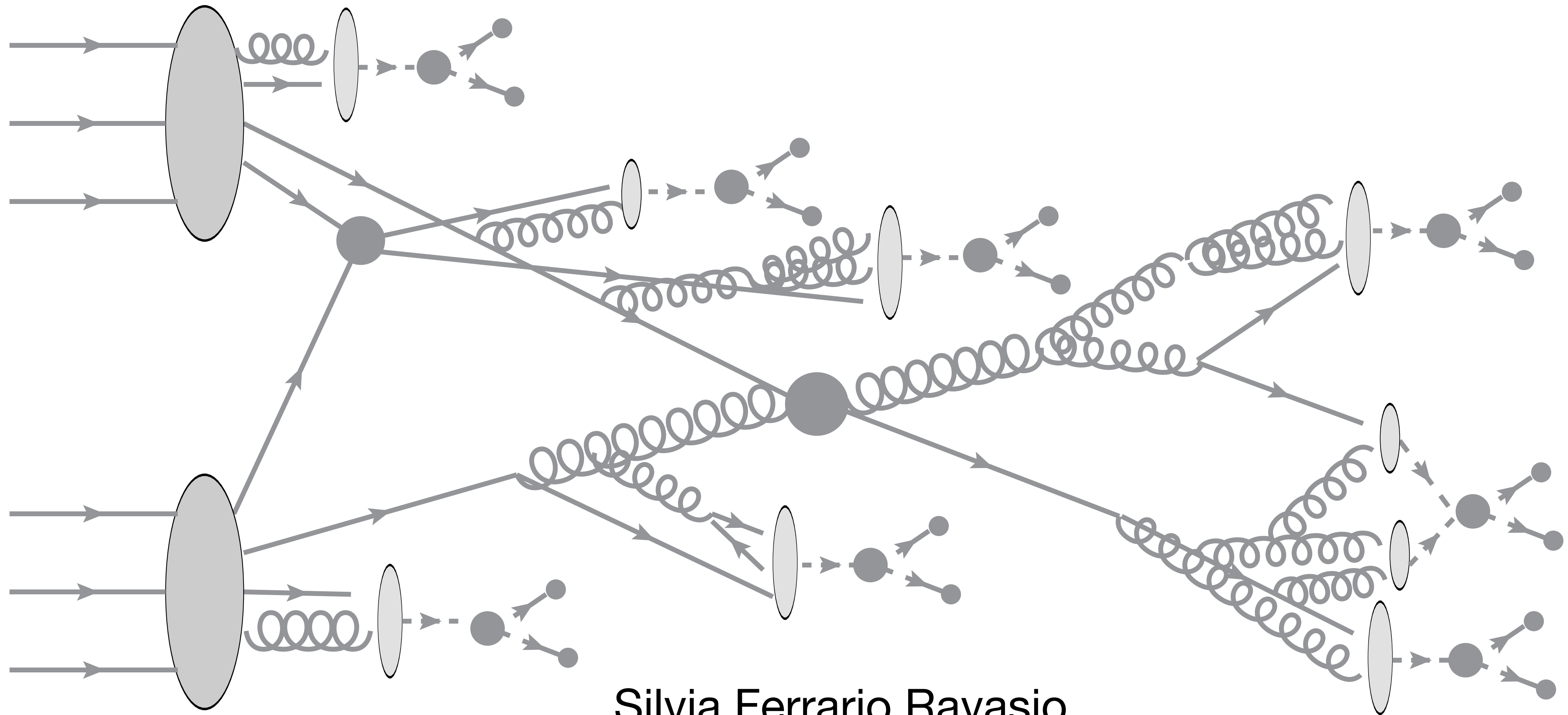


Developments in Monte Carlo Event Generators



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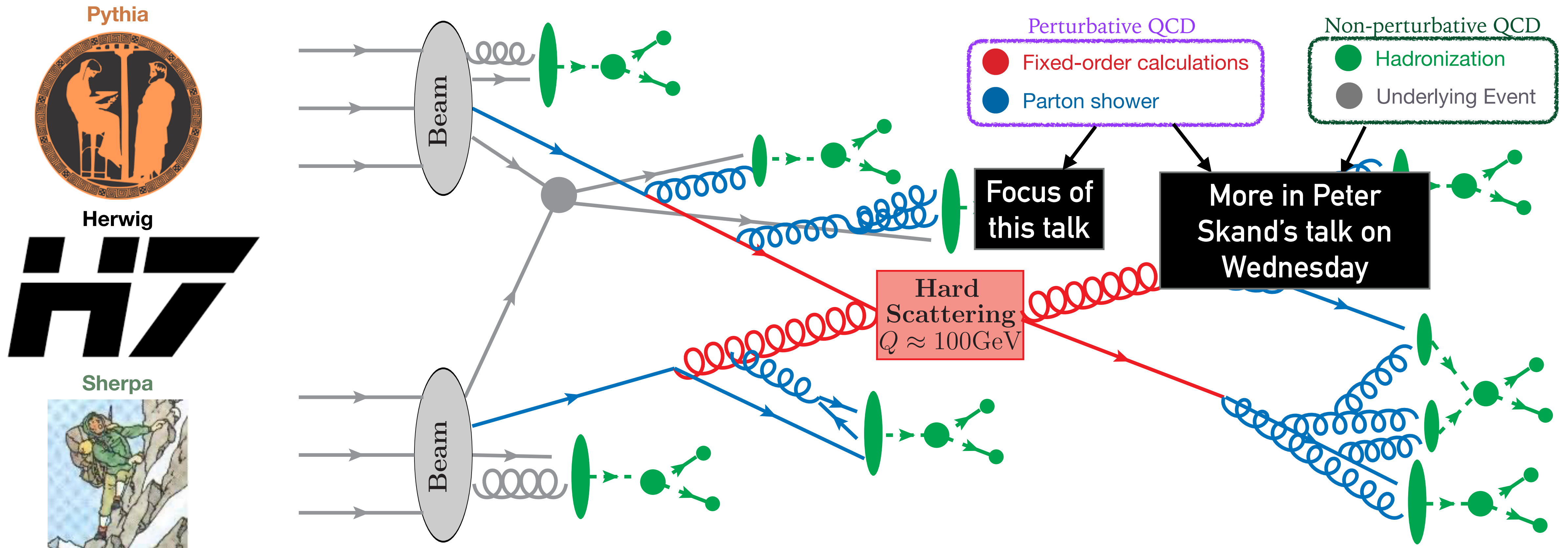
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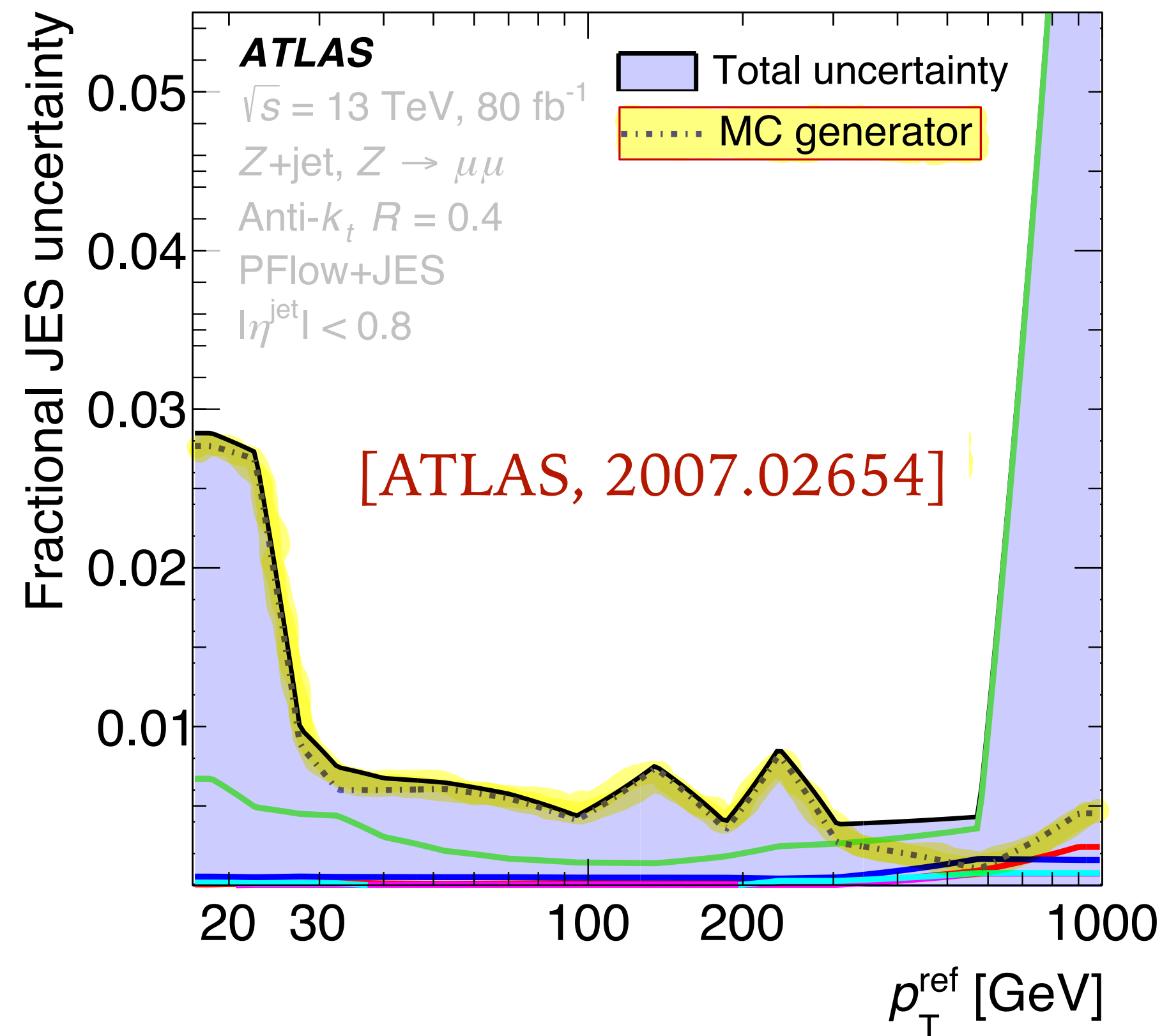
- Shower Monte Carlo generators have all the ingredients necessary to model complex collider events and are the **default tool** for interpreting collider data



- The flexibility of these tools comes at a cost of a **poor formal accuracy** that causes systematic **uncertainties** entering thousands of papers from the LHC

SMC as limiting factor in HEP: Jet Measurements

Any jet physics analysis ($\mathcal{O}(1k)$ papers!!) at colliders requires the jet energy scale calibration



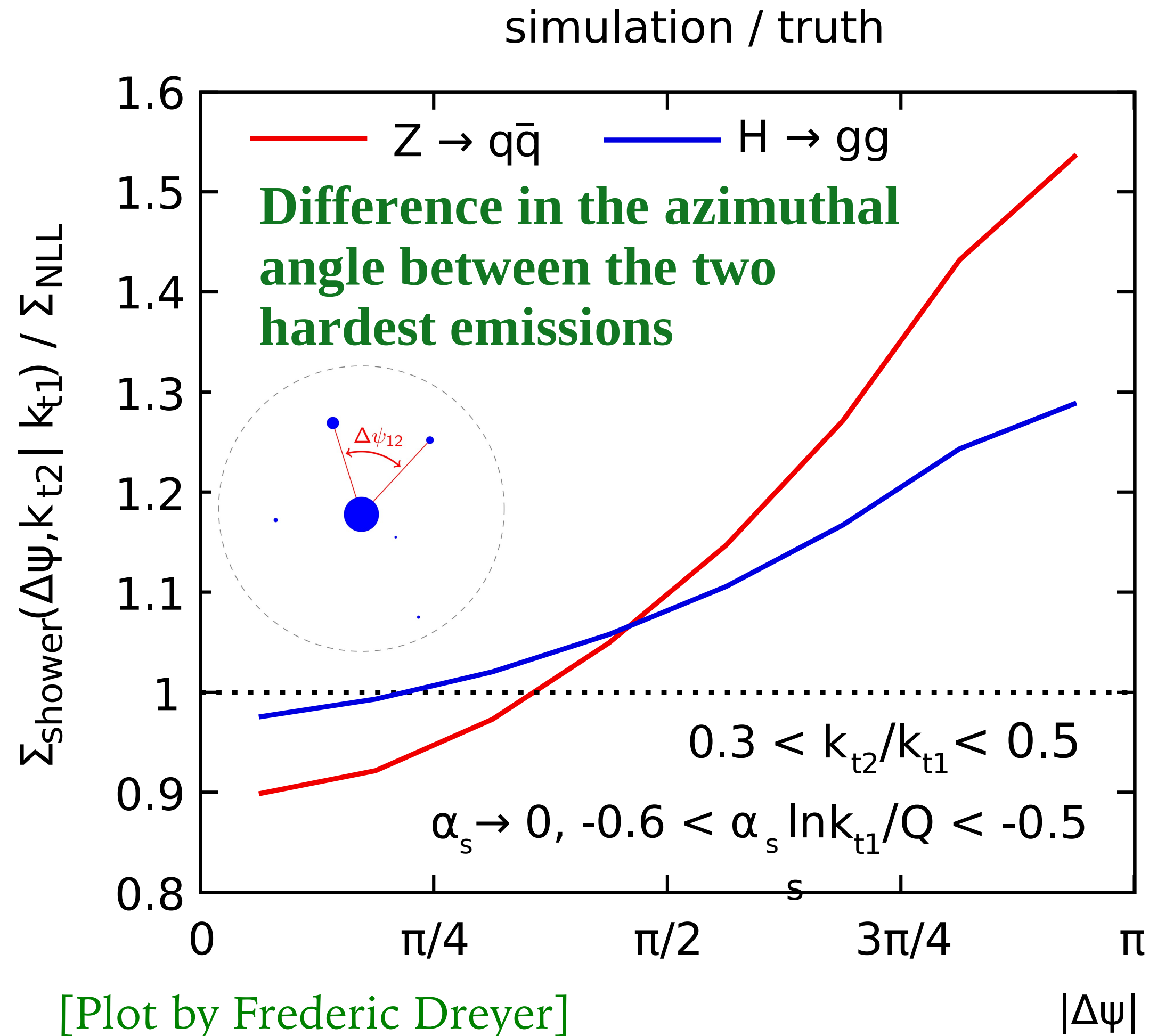
[CMS,
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JES largest
uncertainty in **top-**
mass extractions

Parton shower (and its interplay with hadronisation)
leading source of systematic uncertainty of JES

| Source | Uncertainty [GeV] |
|---|------------------------|
| Trigger | 0.02 |
| Lepton ident./isolation | 0.02 |
| Muon momentum scale | 0.03 |
| Electron momentum scale | 0.10 |
| Jet energy scale | 0.57 |
| Jet energy resolution | 0.09 |
| b tagging | 0.12 |
| Pileup | 0.09 |
| $t\bar{t}$ ME scale | 0.18 |
| tW ME scale | 0.02 |
| DY ME scale | 0.06 |
| NLO generator | 0.14 |
| PDF | 0.05 |
| $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ | 0.09 |
| Top quark p_T | 0.04 |
| ME/PS matching | 0.16 |
| UE tune | 0.03 |
| $t\bar{t}$ ISR scale | 0.16 |
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| $t\bar{t}$ FSR scale | 0.07 |
| tW FSR scale | 0.02 |
| b quark fragmentation | 0.11 |
| b hadron BF | 0.07 |
| Colour reconnection | 0.17 |
| DY background | 0.24 |
| tW background | 0.13 |
| Diboson background | 0.02 |
| W+jets background | 0.04 |
| $t\bar{t}$ background | 0.02 |
| Statistical | 0.14 |
| MC statistical | 0.36 |
| Total m_t^{MC} uncertainty | +0.68 -0.73 |

SMC as limiting factor in HEP: BSM searches



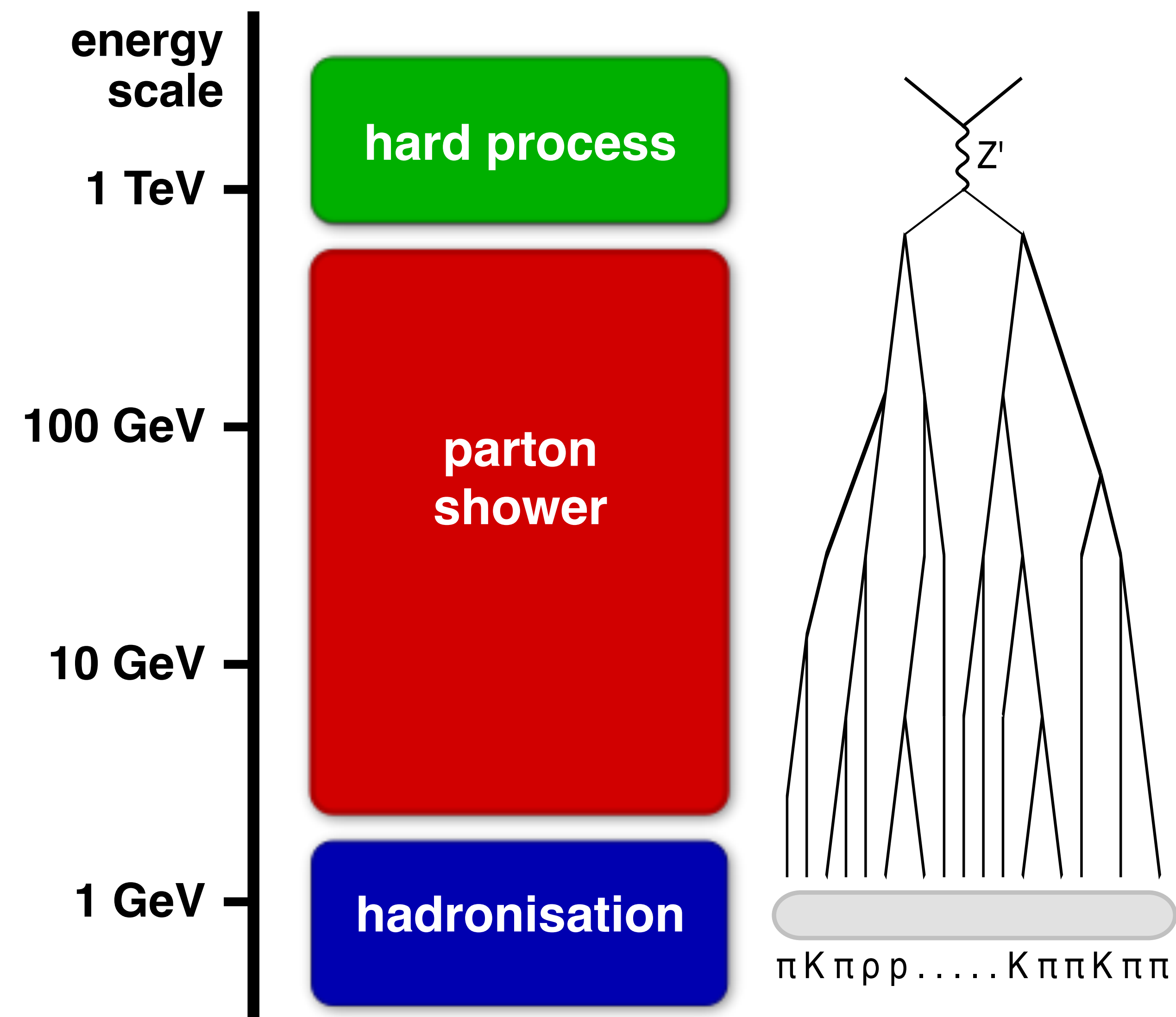
[Plot by Frederic Dreyer]

Unphysical differences in the **radiation pattern** from quark and gluon jets induced by parton showers jeopardizes **Machine Learning** applications for boosted objects tagging, limiting **new physics** searches

Unless you are highly confident in the information you have about the markets, you may be better off ignoring it altogether

Harry Markowitz (1990 Nobel Prize in Economics)

What should a Parton Shower achieve?



► **Parton showers** evolve collider events from $Q \approx \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$ to $\Lambda \approx 1\text{GeV}$

► During this evolution, large logarithms $L = \log Q/\Lambda$ will arise.

► Logarithmic accuracy to assess showers

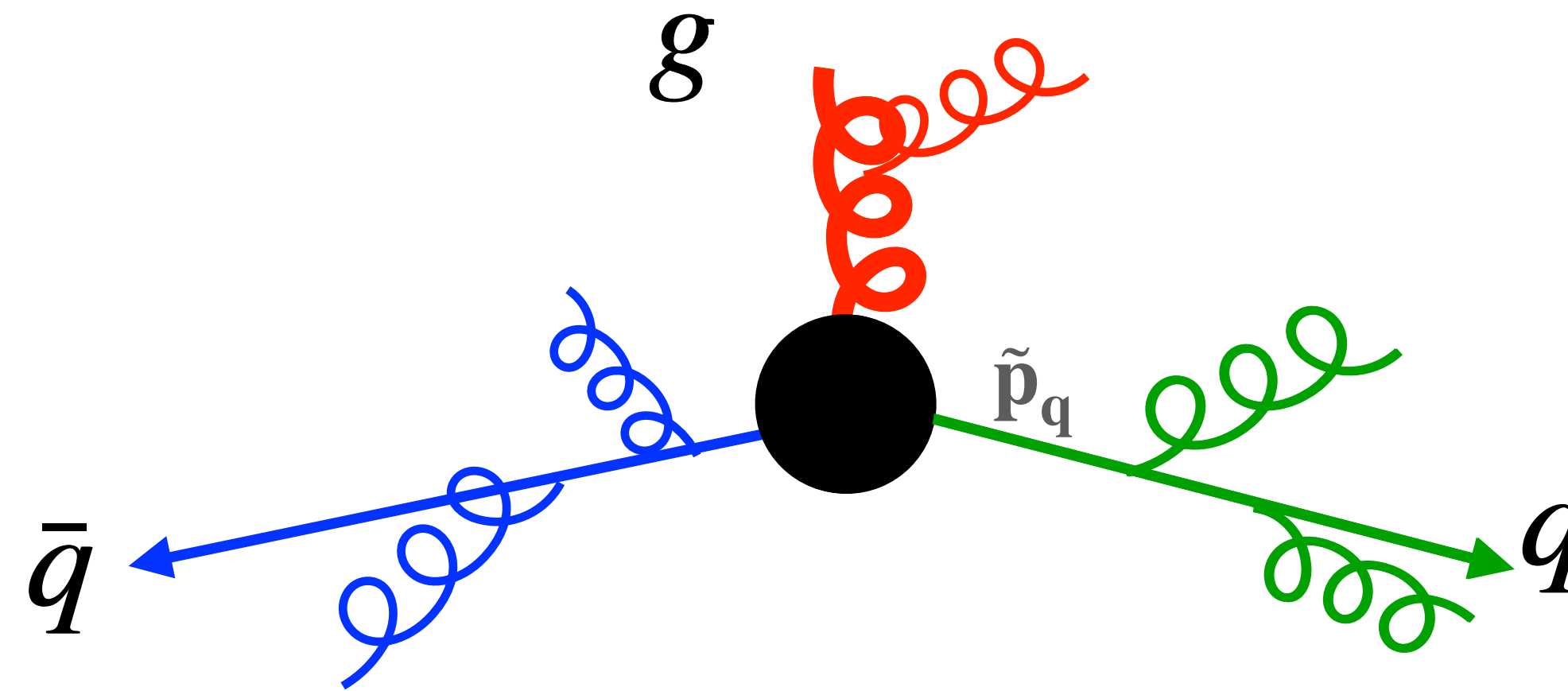
$$\Sigma(\log O < L) = \exp\left(\underbrace{Lg_{\text{LL}}(\alpha_s L)}_{\text{leading logs}} + \underbrace{g_{\text{NLL}}(\alpha_s L)}_{\text{next-to LL}} + \dots \right)$$

E.g. $O = \frac{p_{\perp,Z}}{m_Z}$ and $p_{\perp,Z} \approx 1\text{ GeV}$,

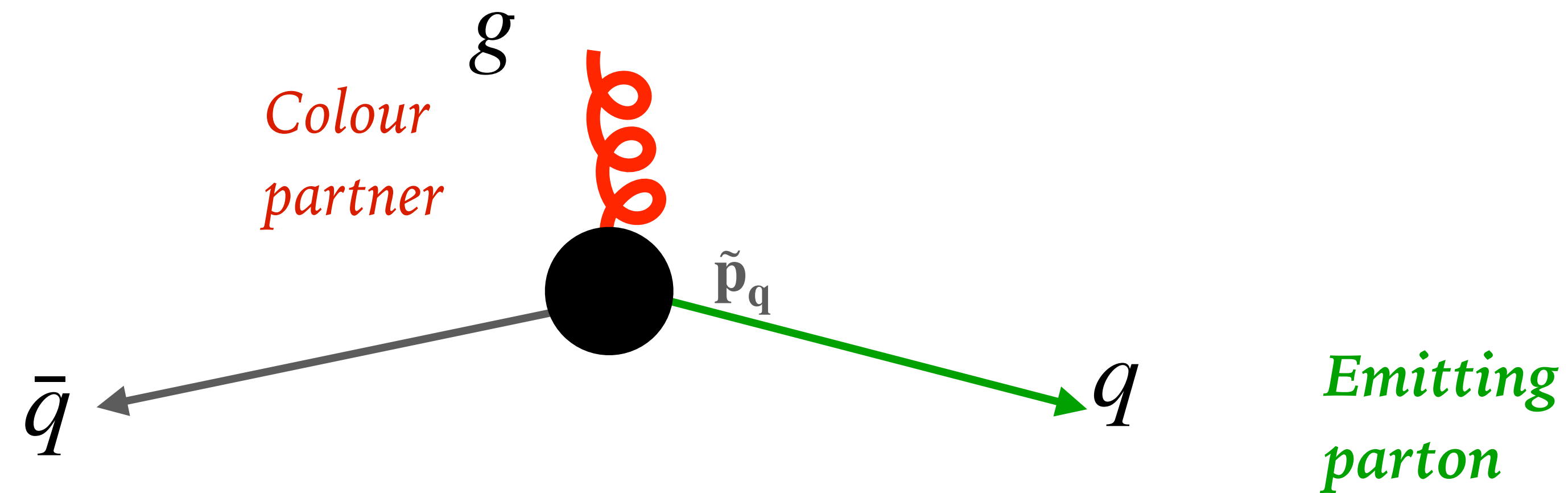
$|\alpha_s L| = 0.55$:

Next-to-Leading Logarithms are $\mathcal{O}(1)$

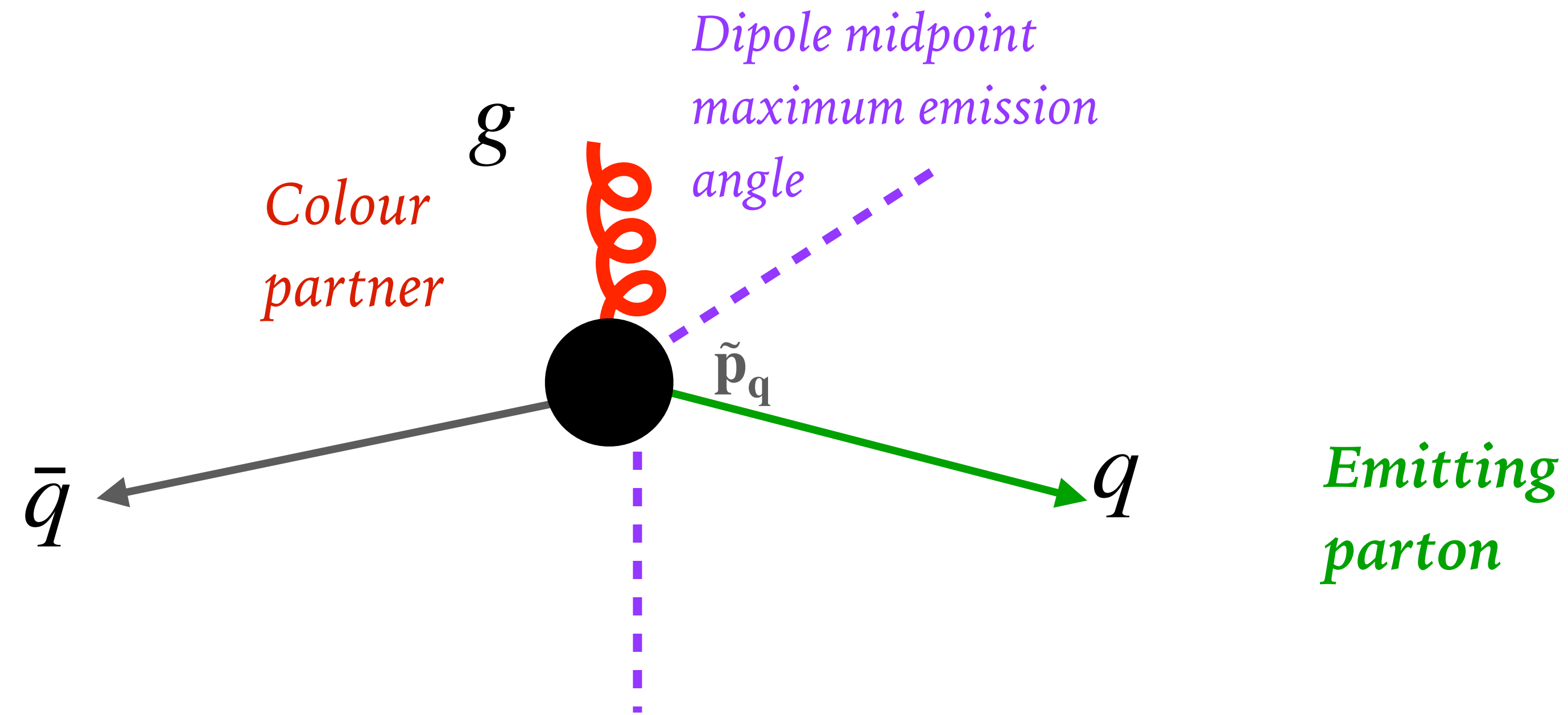
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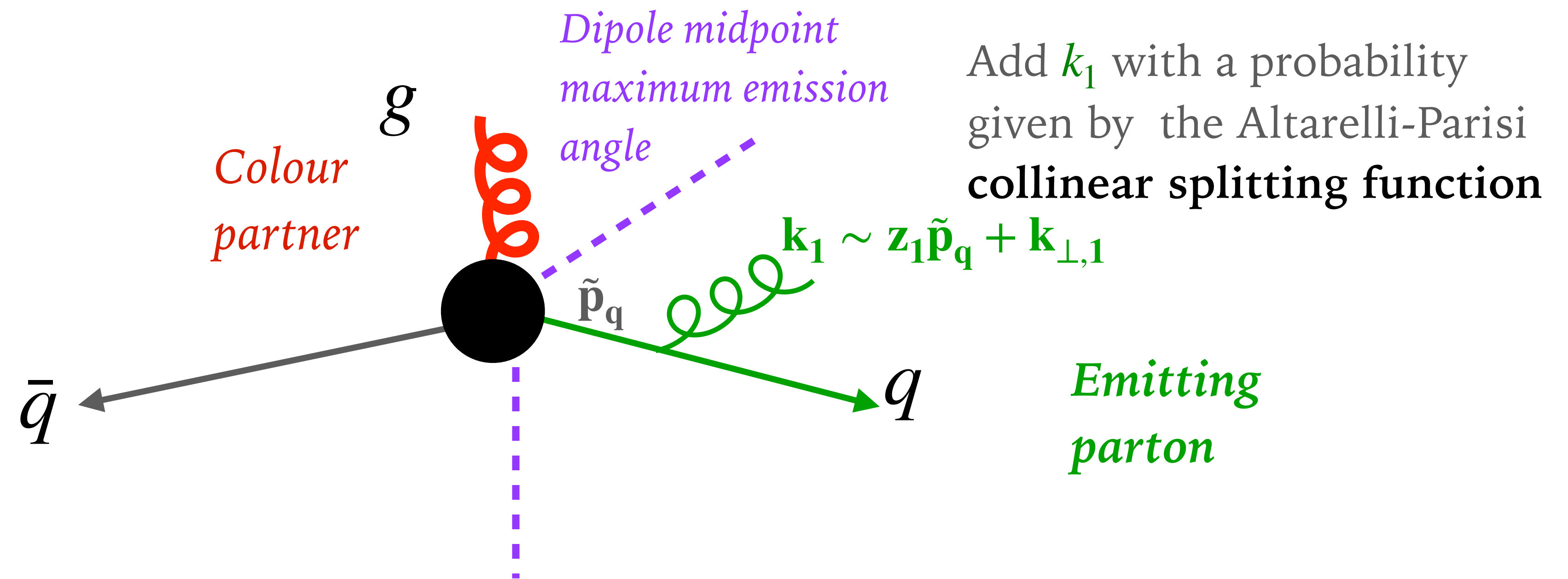
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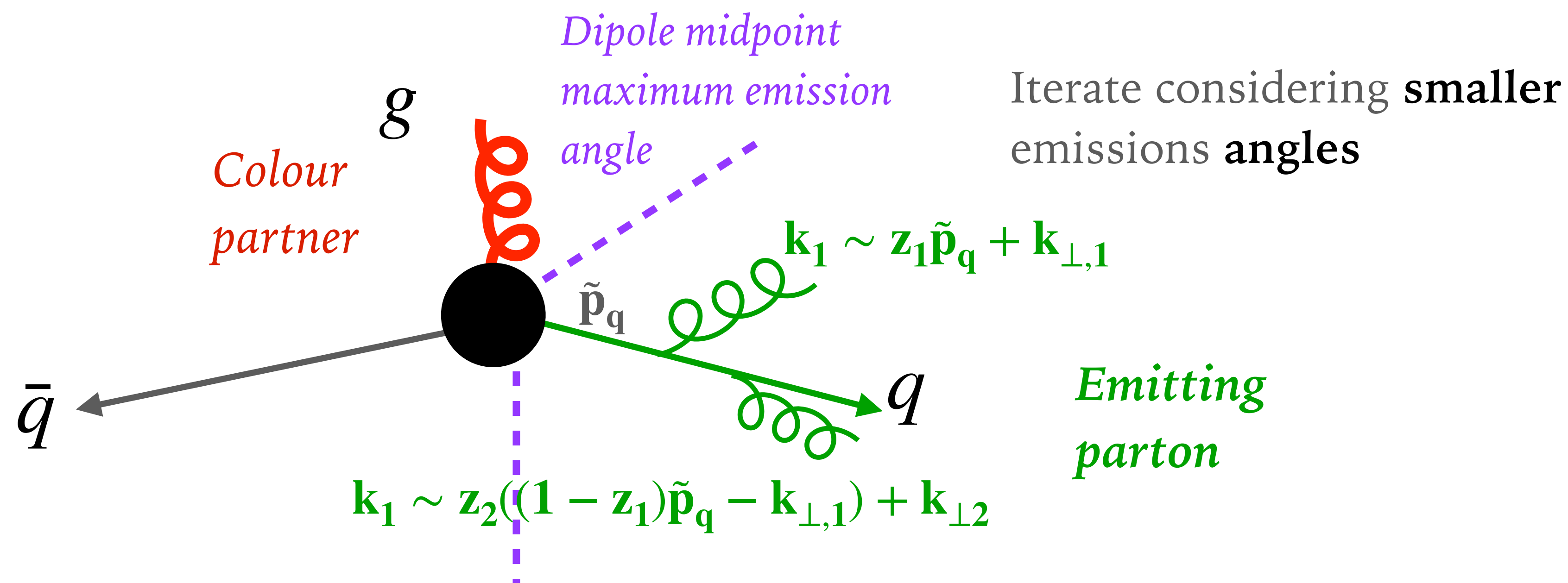
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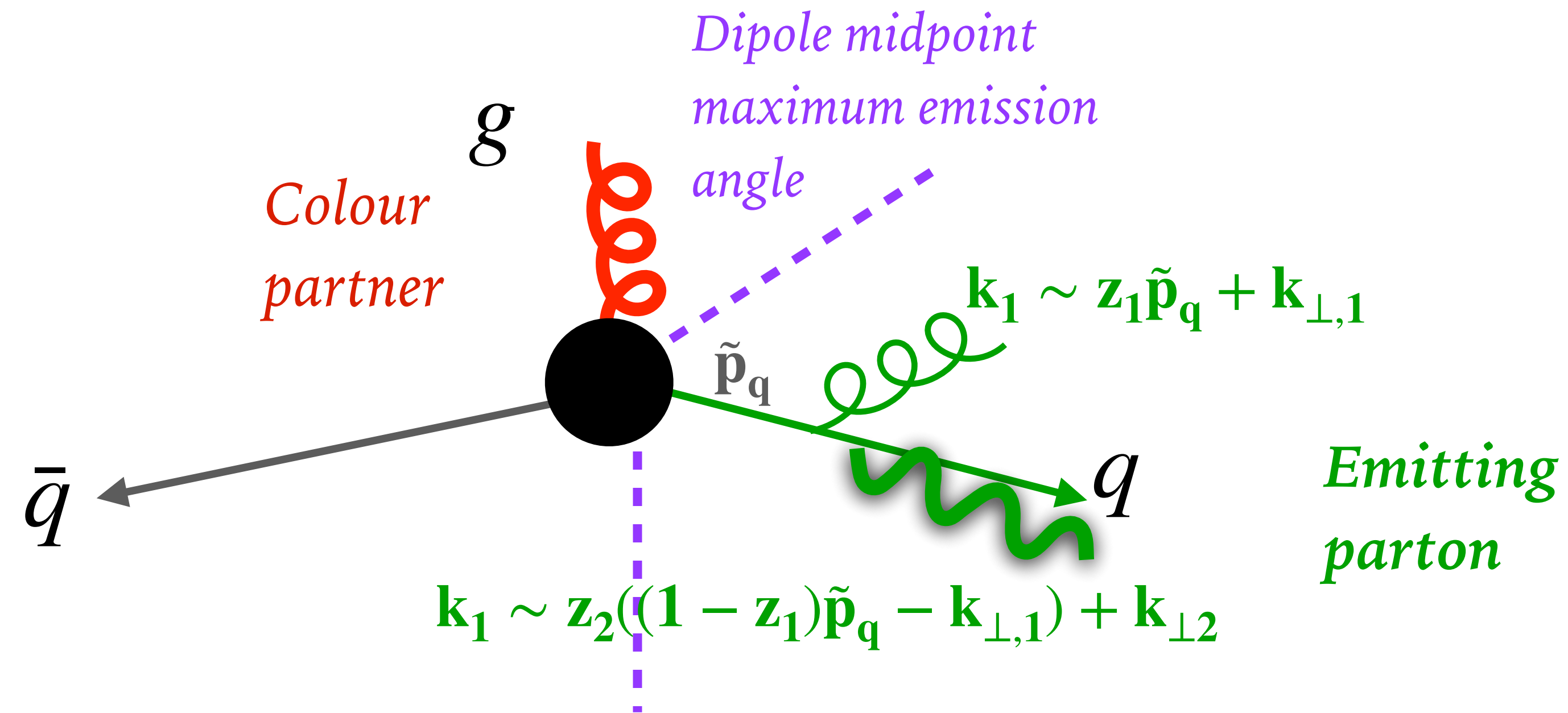
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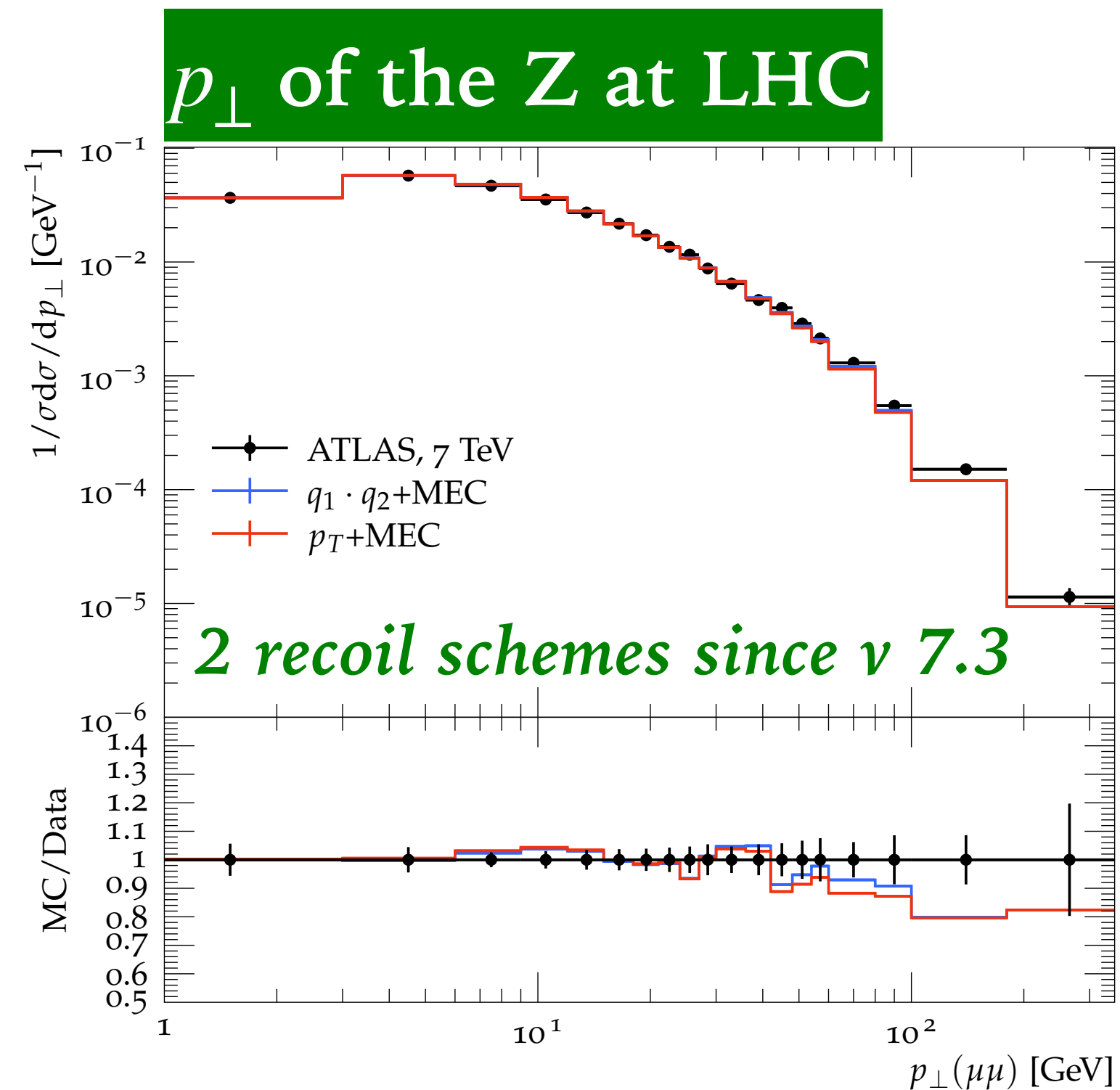
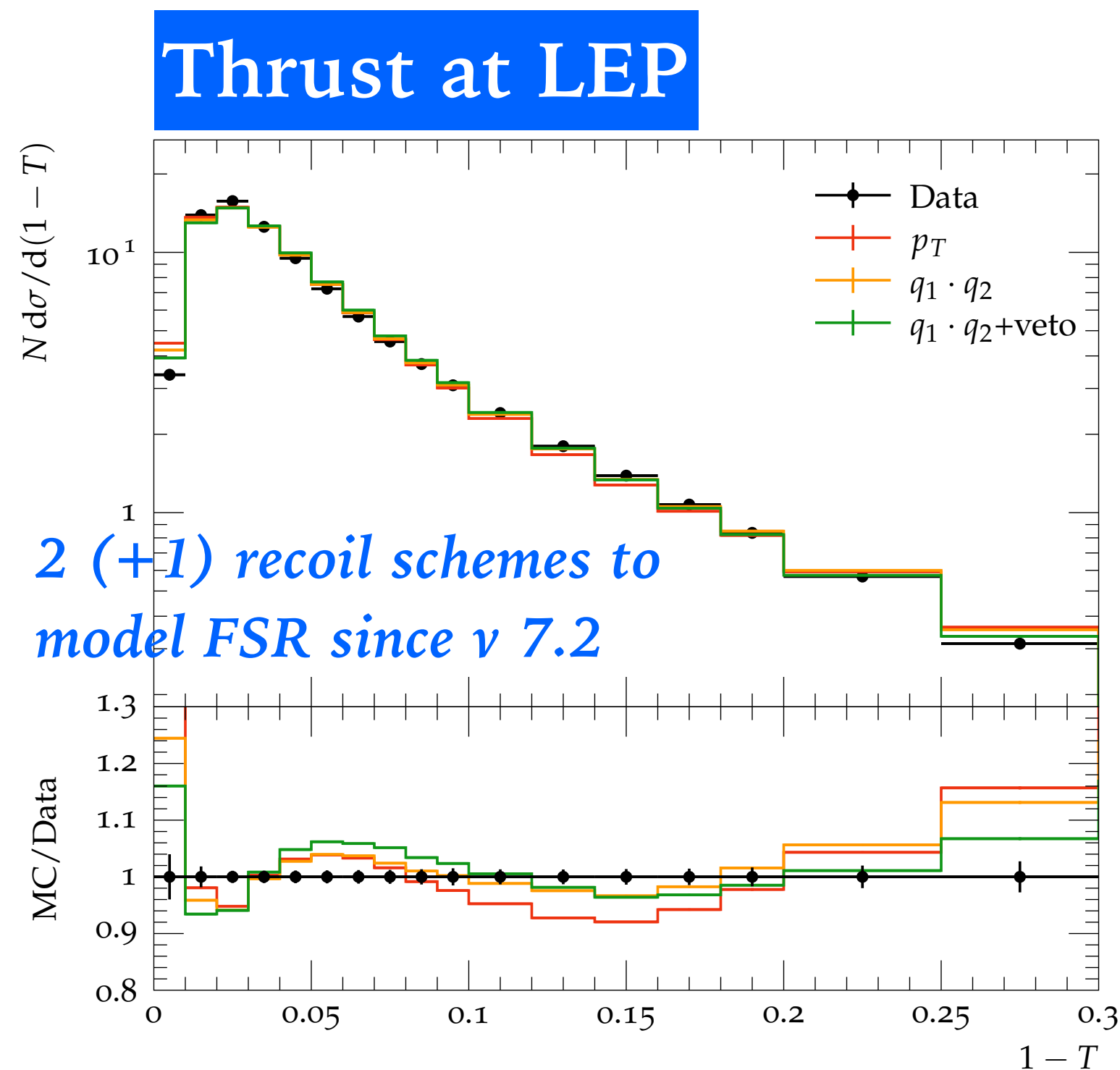
It is straightforward to include **QED** [since v 7.0 [1512.01178](#)], **Electro-Weak** [Masoumnia, Richardson, [2108.10817](#); available since v 7.3 [2312.05175](#)], **Dark sectors** [Lee, Masouminia, Seymour, Yang, [2312.13125](#); will be available in v 7.4]

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2 recoil schemes that achieve **NLL accuracy** for global event shapes (difference can be used to estimate shower uncertainties)

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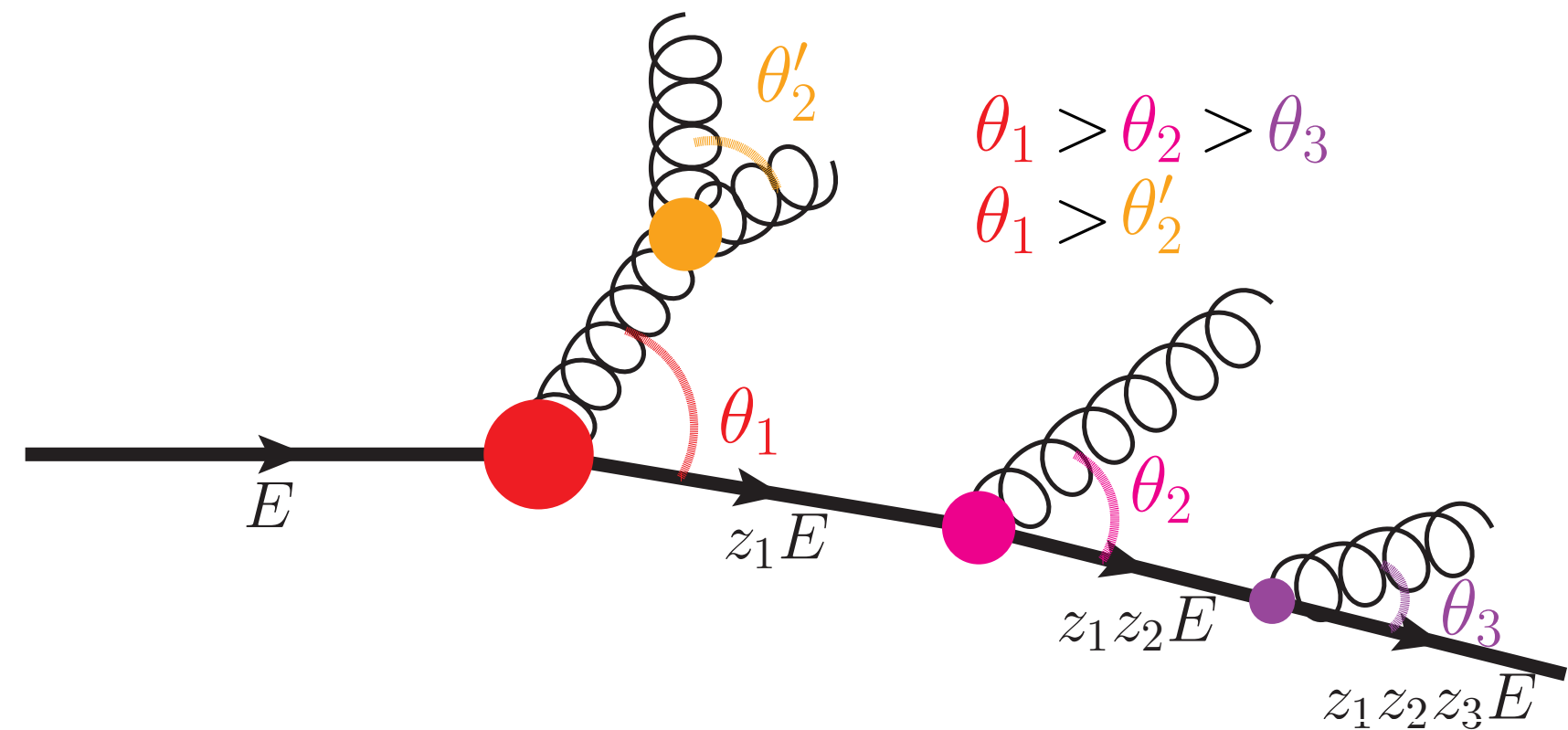
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QED and EW logs in other SMC tools

- **SHERPA**: soft QED logs implemented with the **YFS formalism** [Krauss, Price, Schönherr, [2203.10948](#)]; one-loop virtual **EW Sudakov Logs** [Bothmann, Napoletano [2006.14635](#)]
- **PYTHIA** (and **VINCIA**): see P. Skand's talk!

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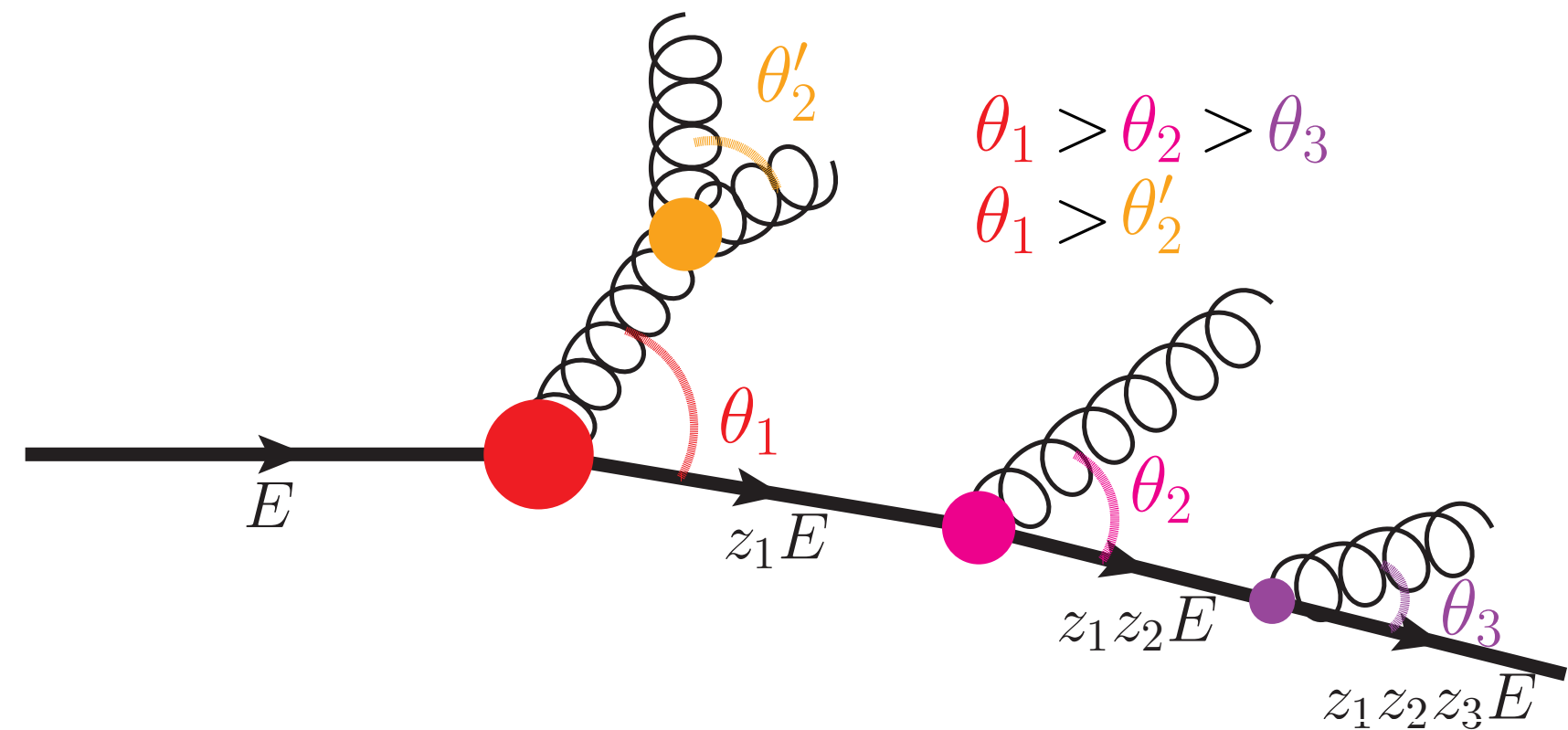
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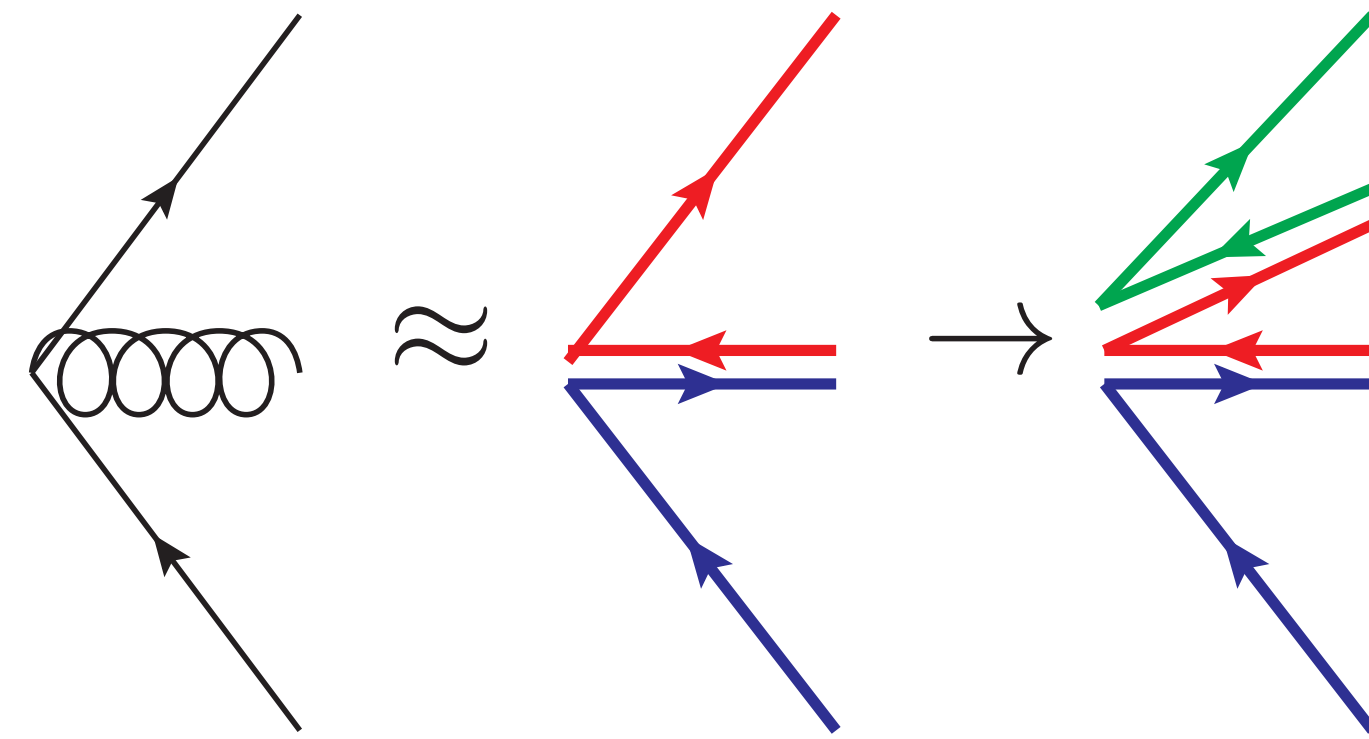


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Dipole shower (Pythia, Sherpa, Herwig)



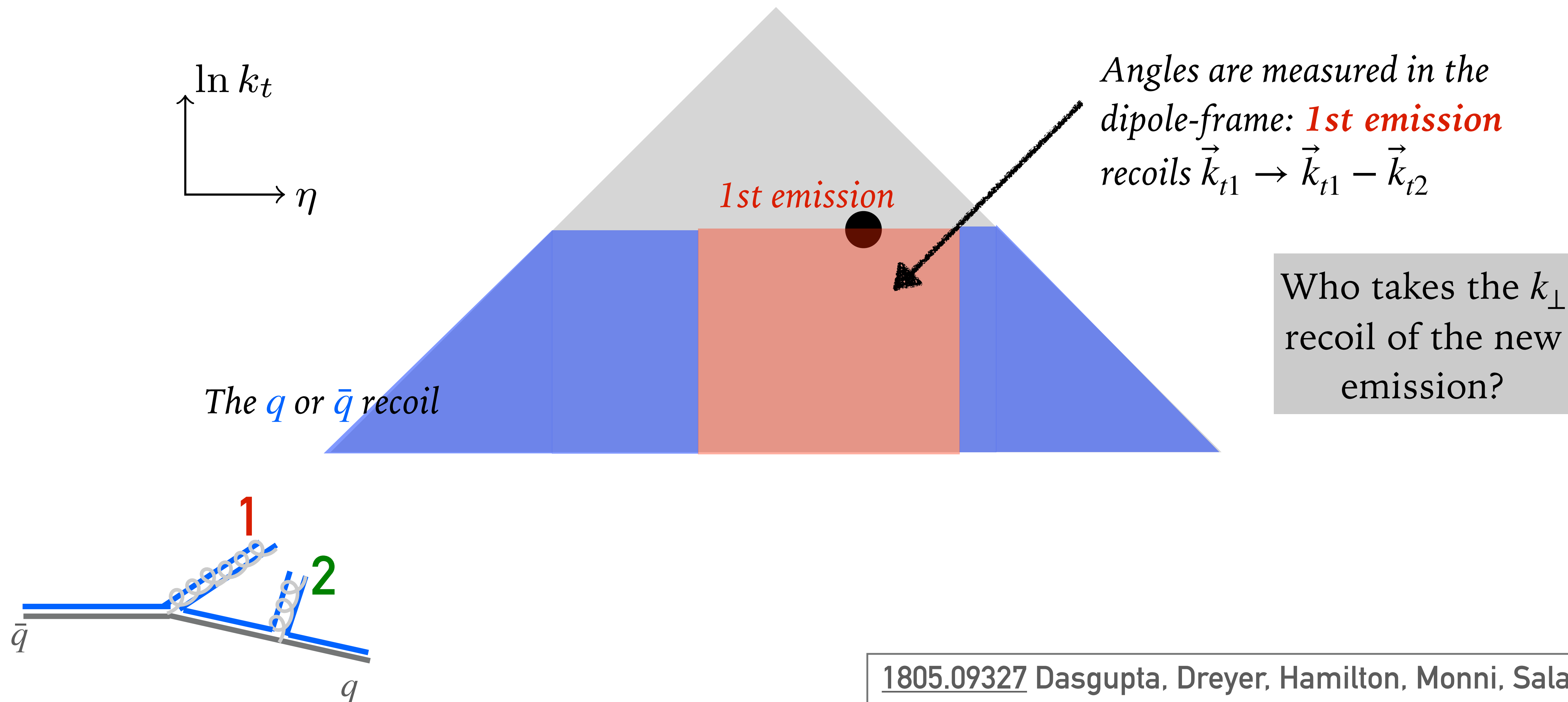
- Dipole showers are the more popular alternative to angular-ordered showers
[Gustafson, Pettersson '88]

- **Matching beyond NLO and multi-jet merging** much simpler as hardest emissions come first
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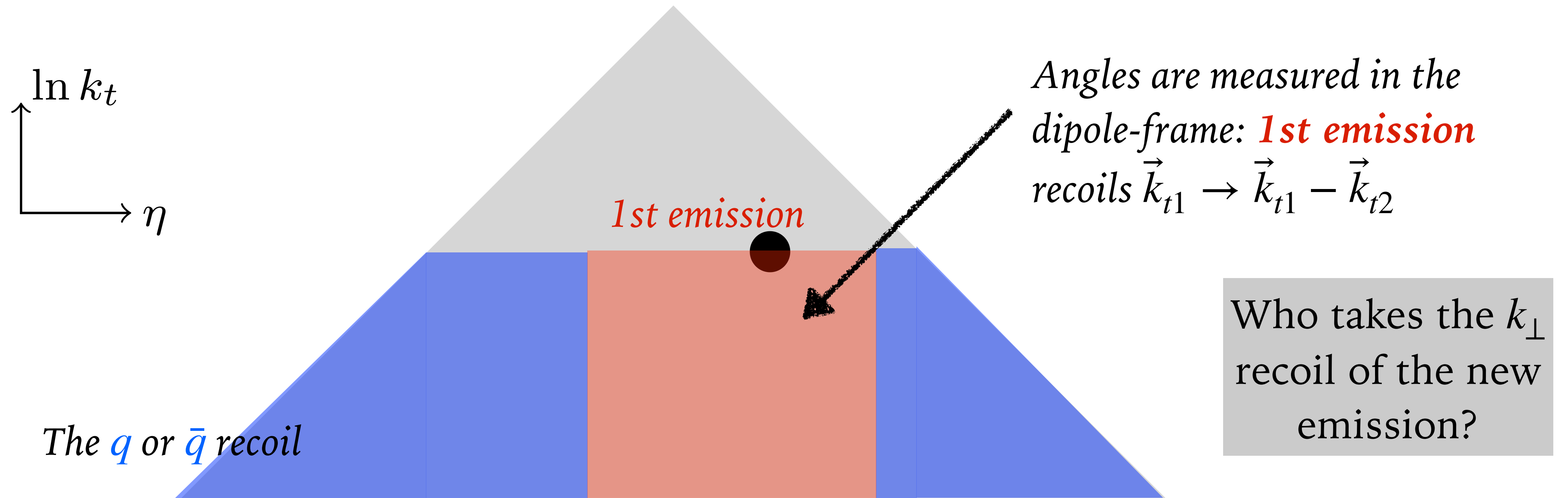
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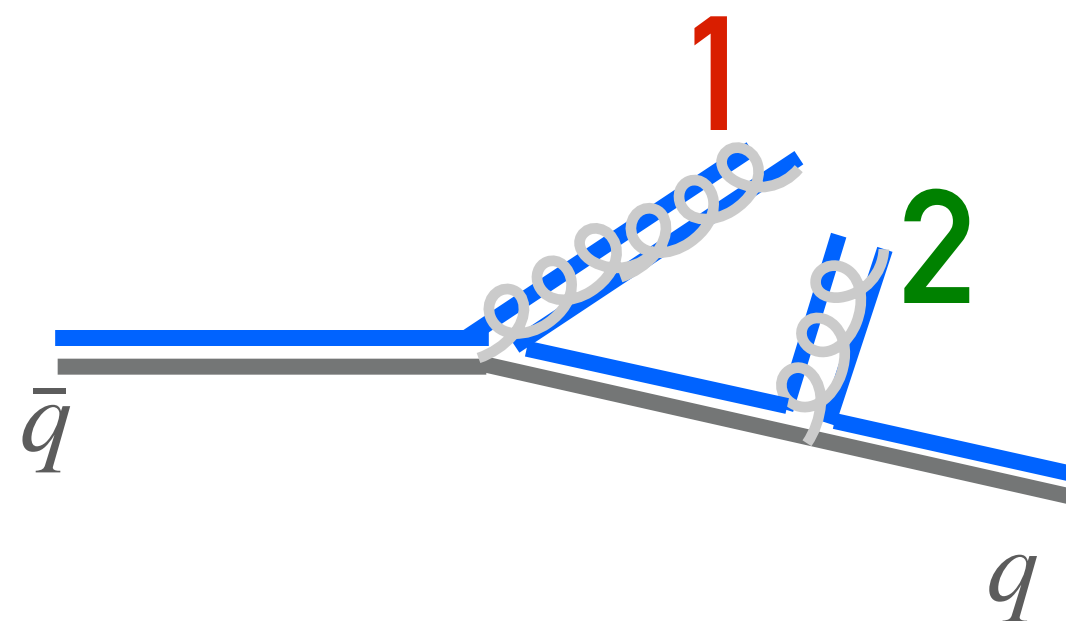


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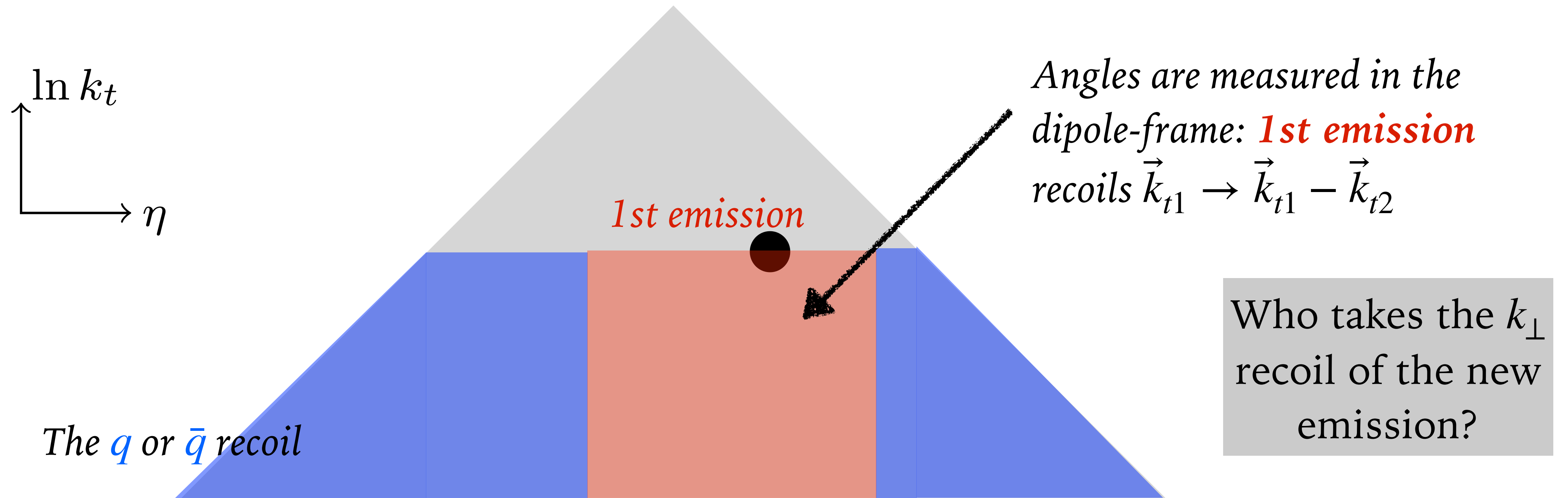
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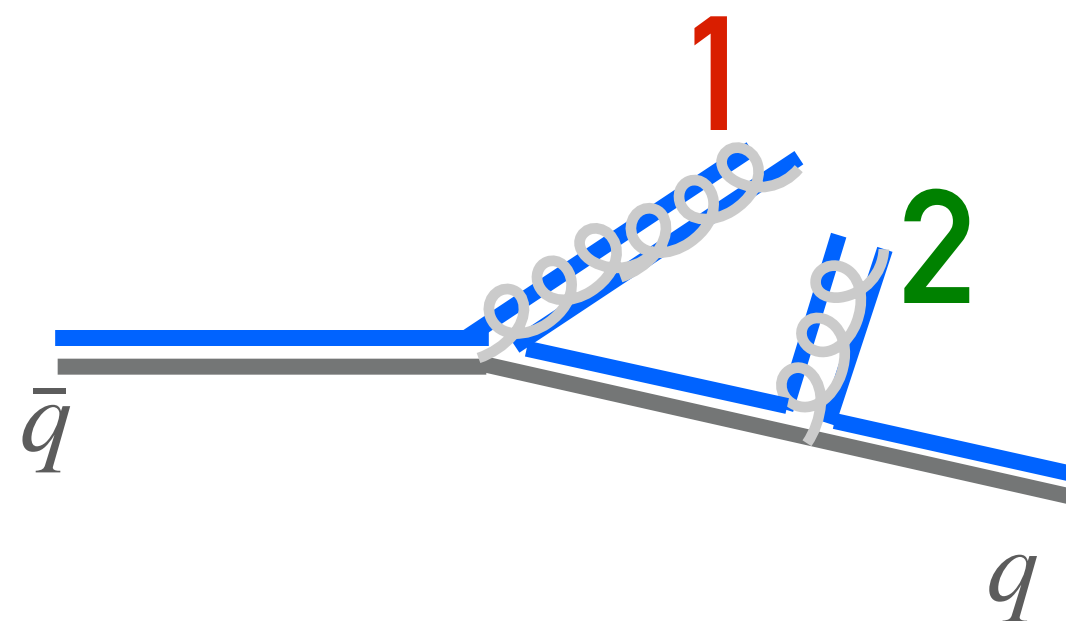
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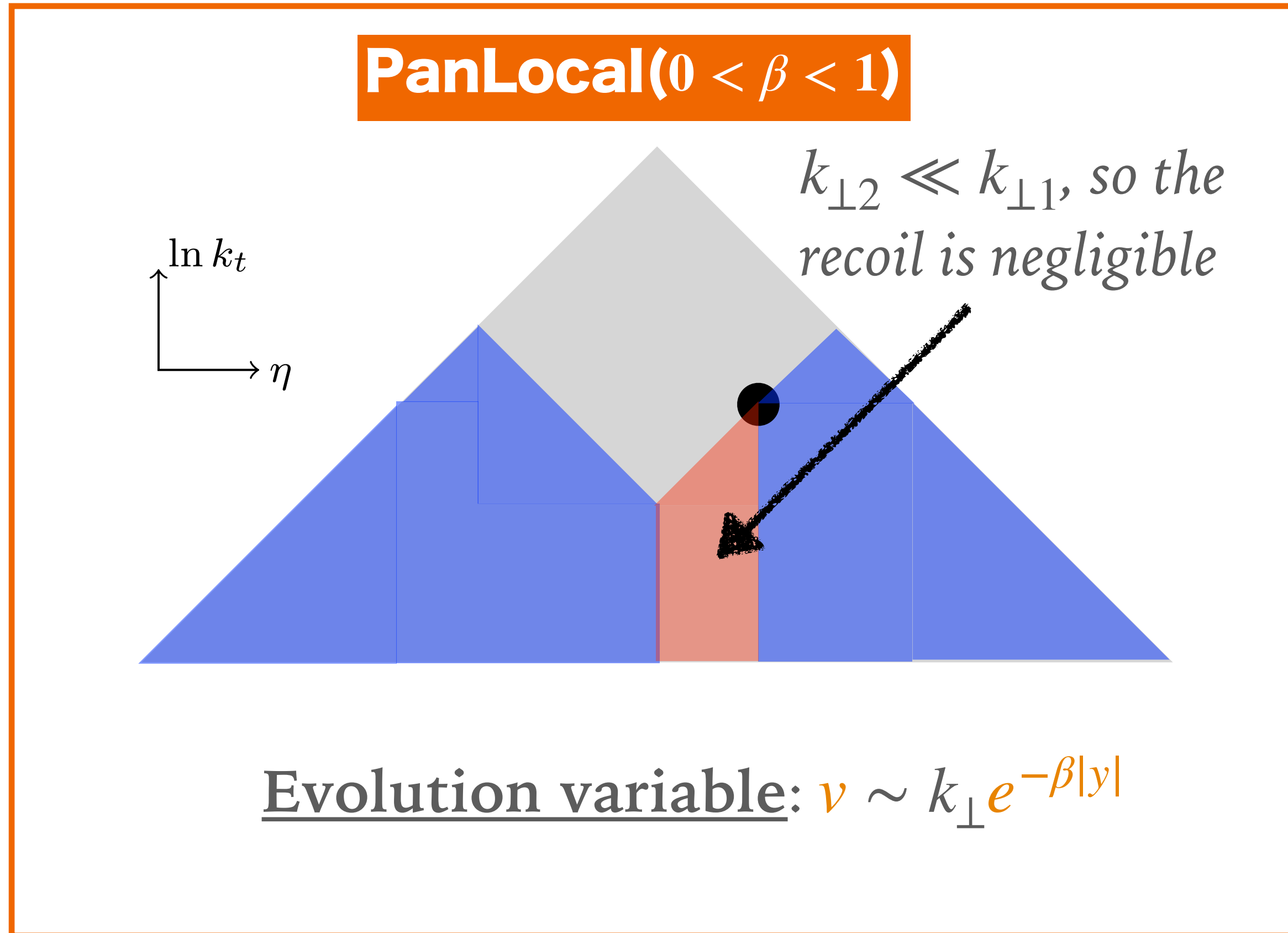


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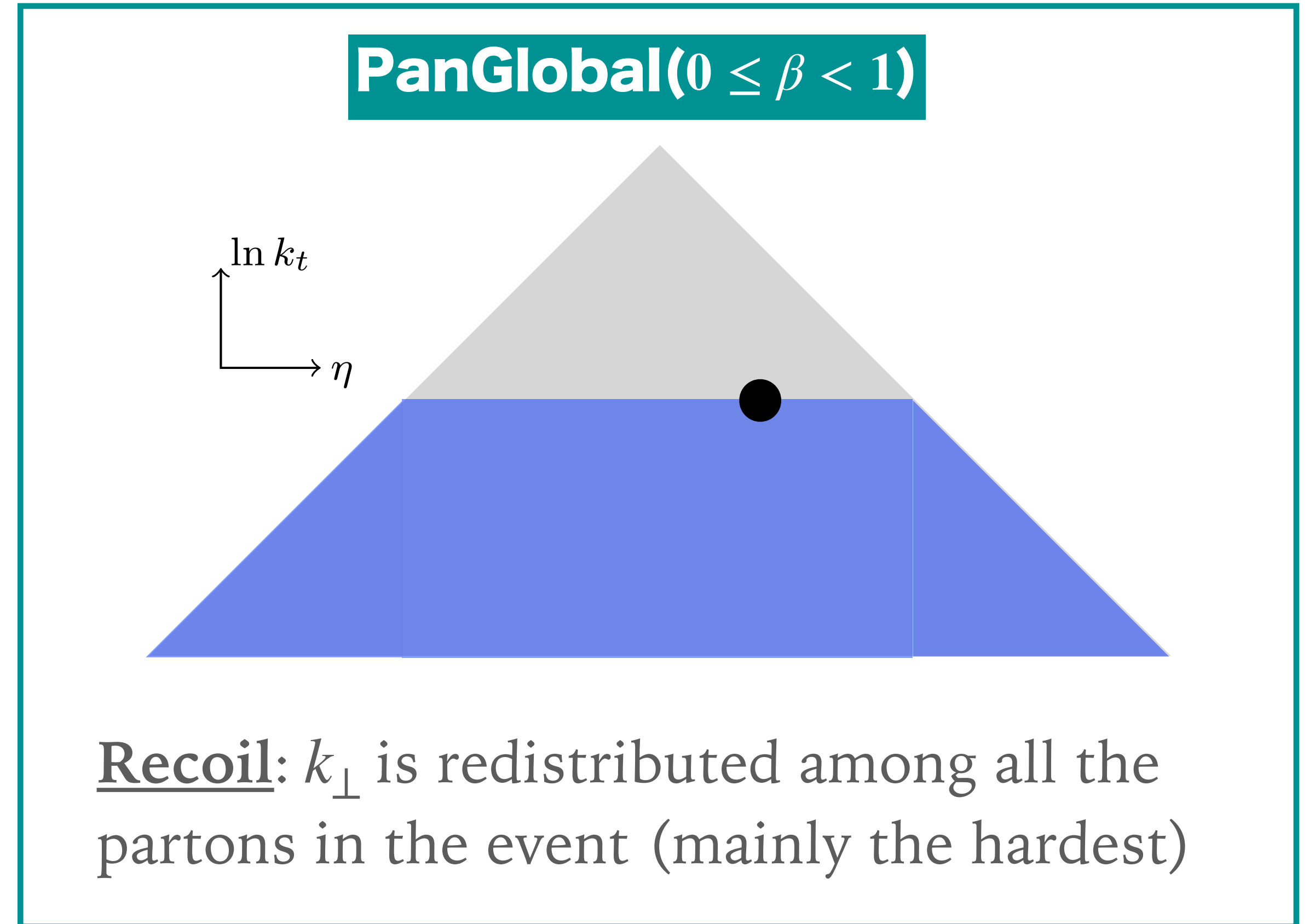
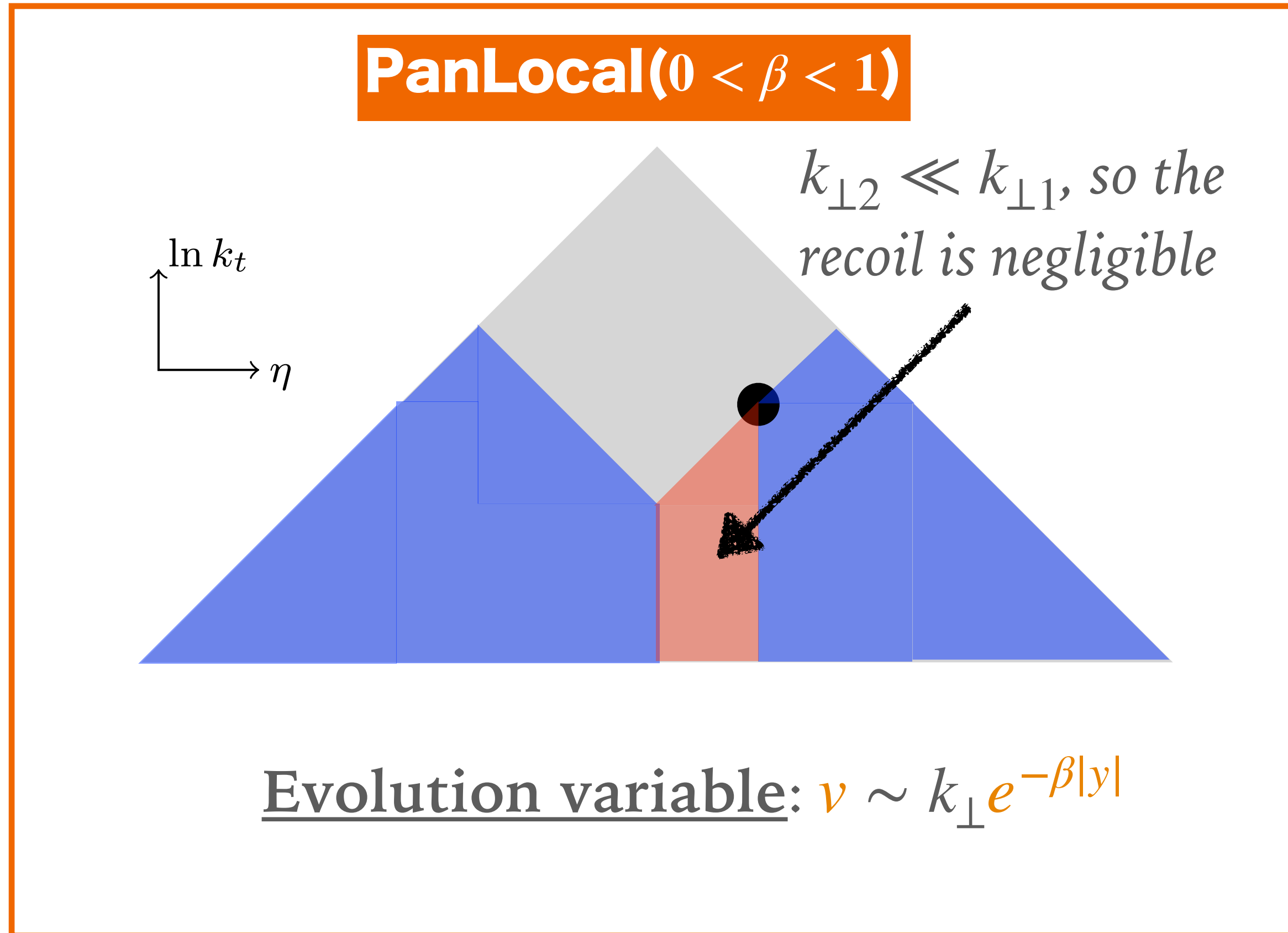
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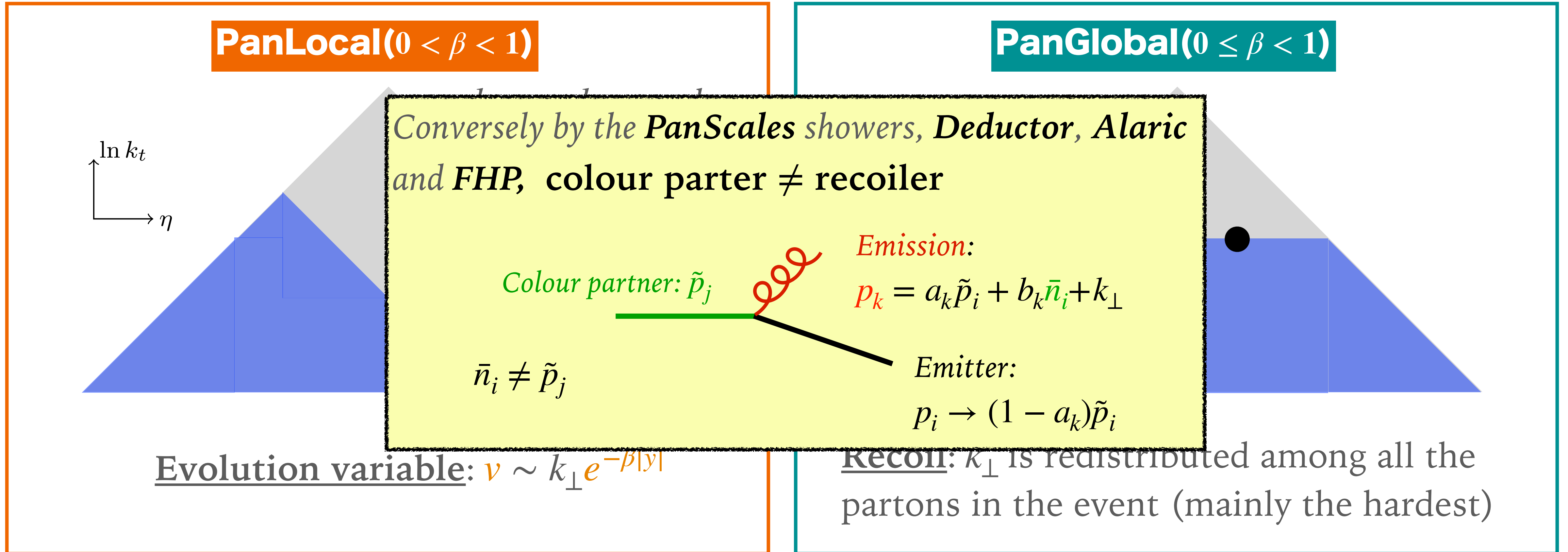
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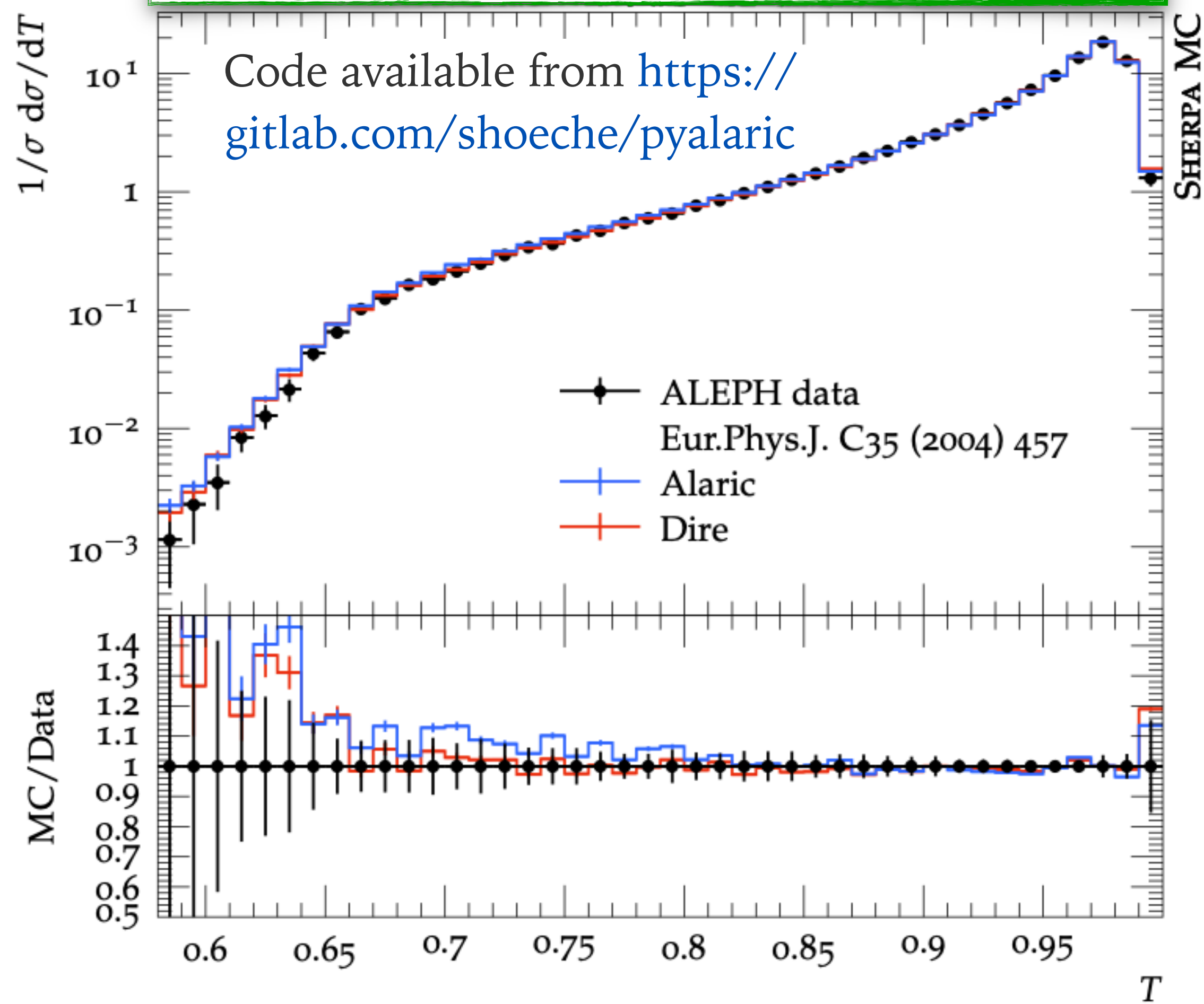


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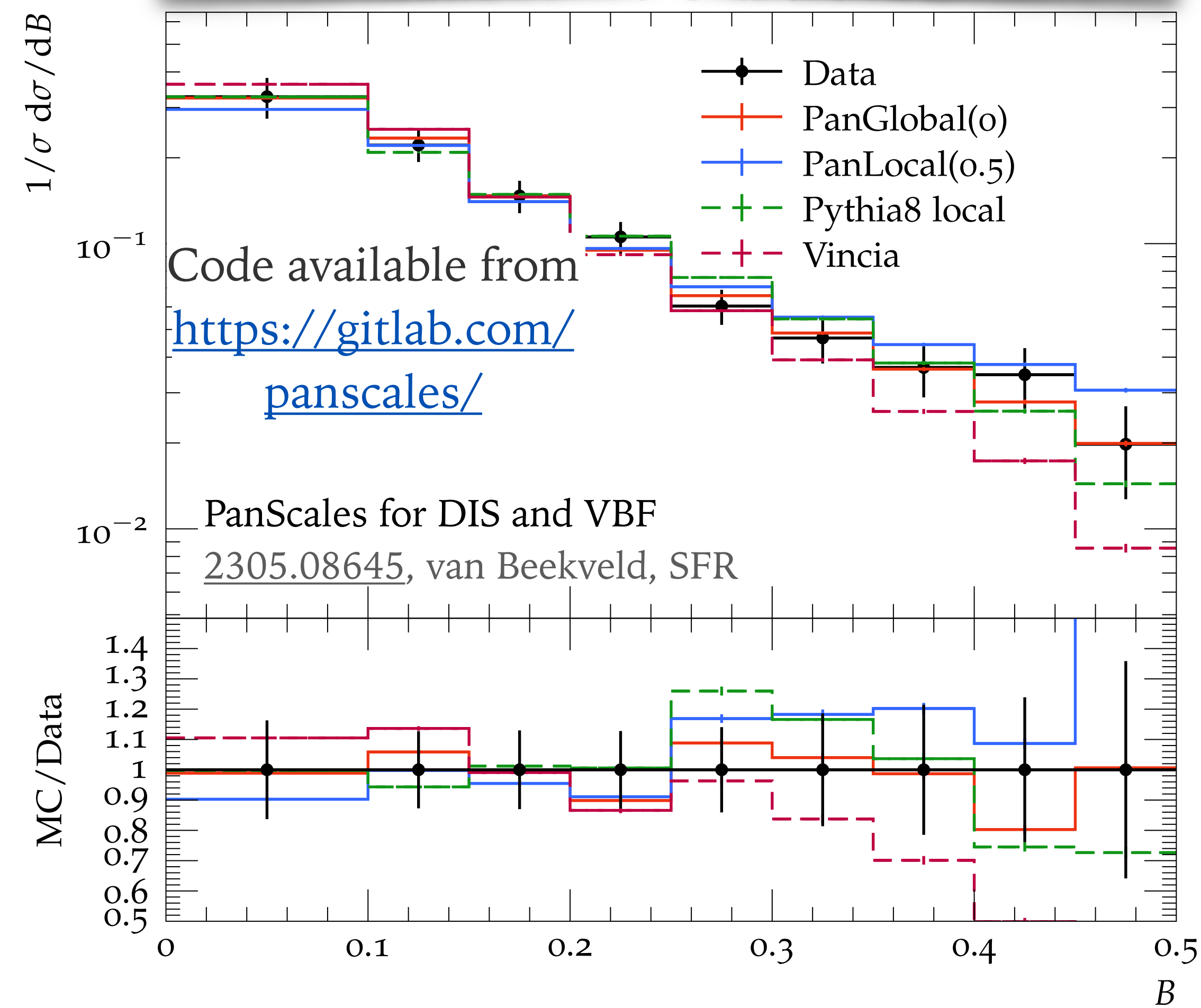
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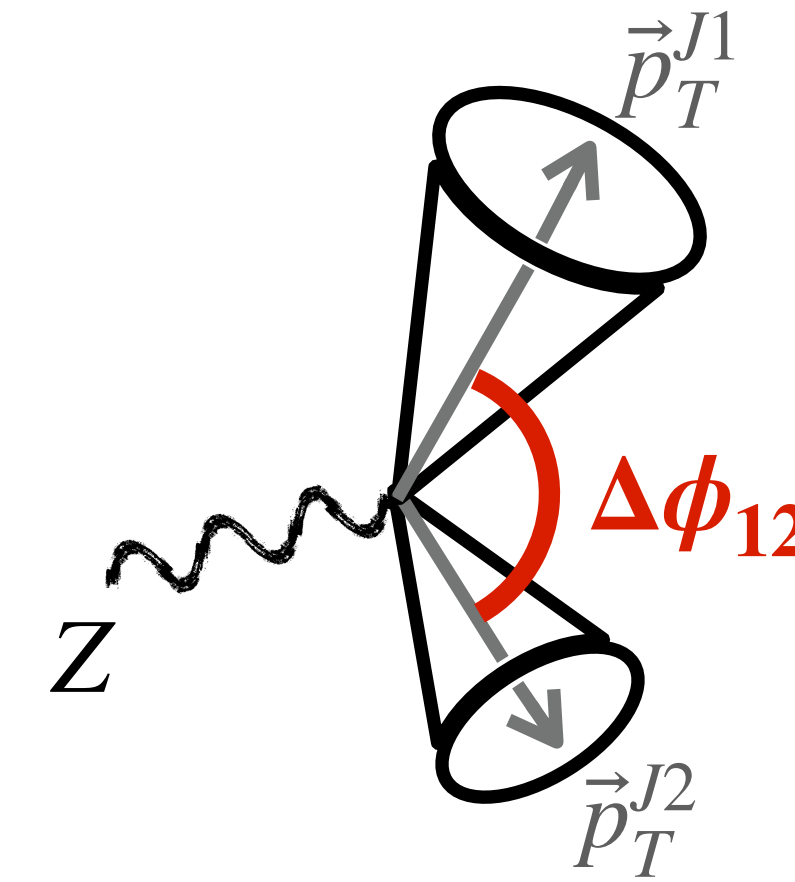
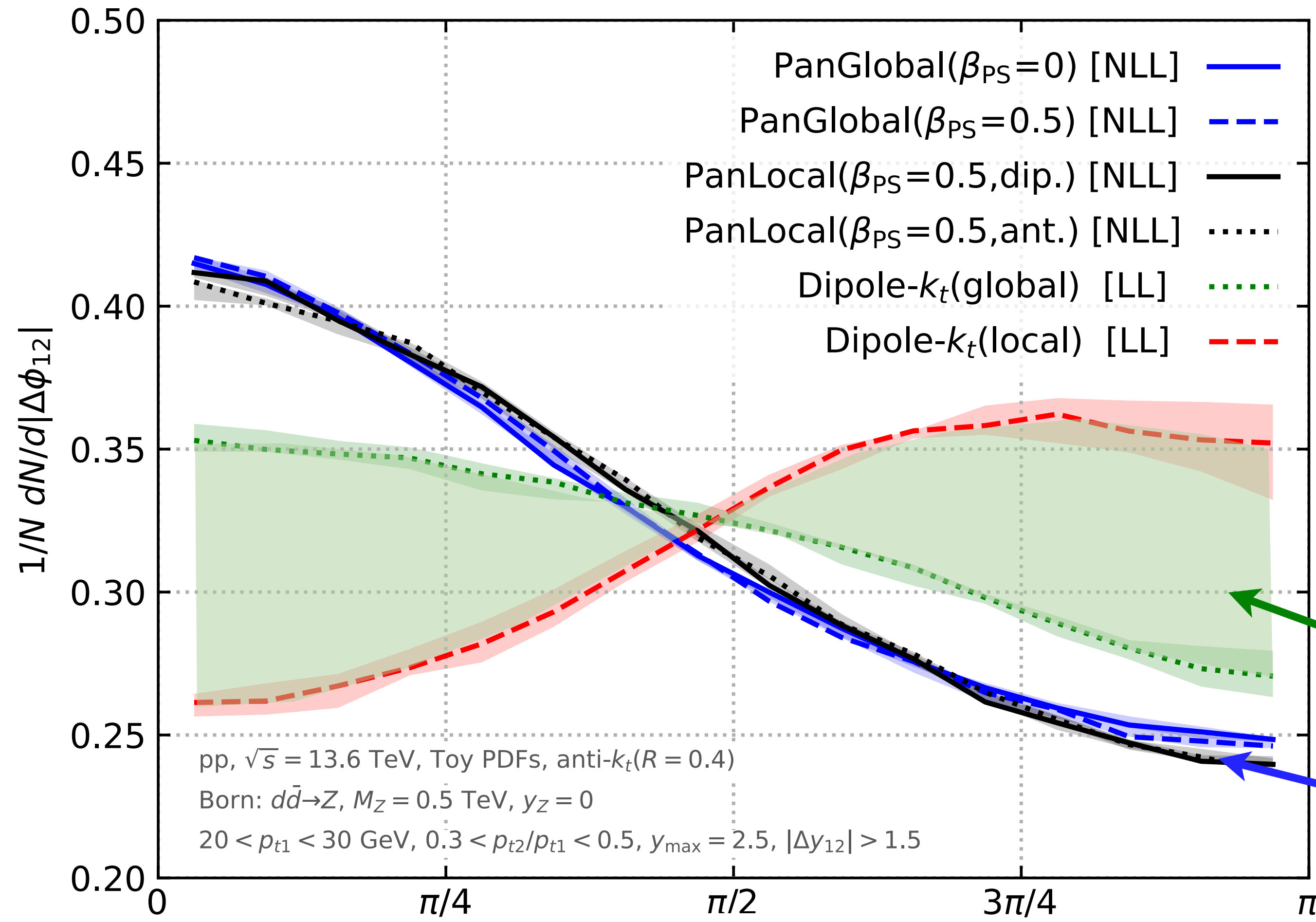


DIS broadening at $Q=58$ GeV



$$m_{\ell\ell} = 500 \text{ GeV}$$

Azimuthal angle between leading jets (DY)



PanScales for $pp \rightarrow$
 colour singlet:
[2207.09467](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.09467), van
 Beekveld, SFR,
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**NLL/LL discrepancies at
 larger scales**

LL showers

NLL showers

$\Delta\phi_{12}$

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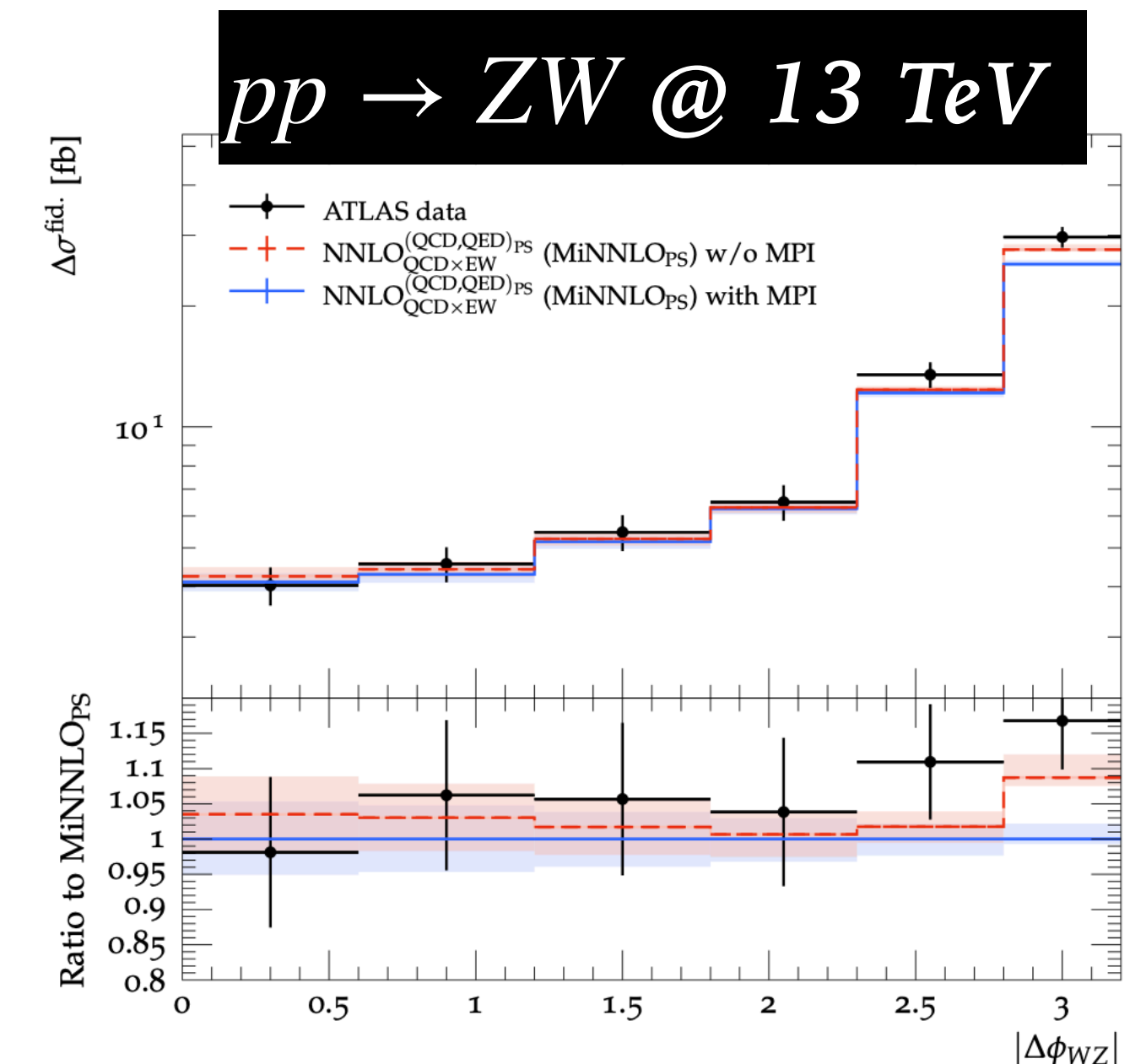
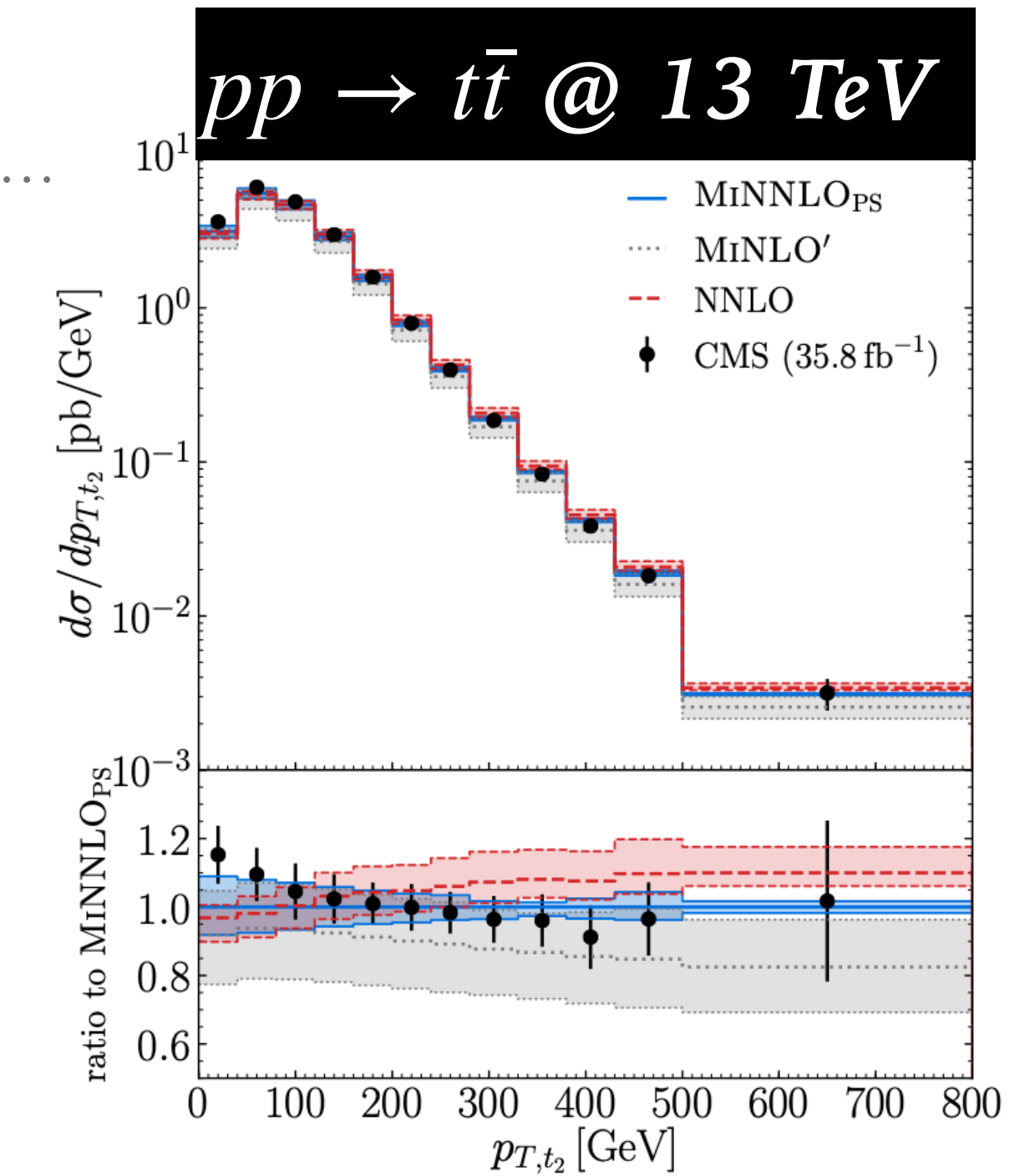
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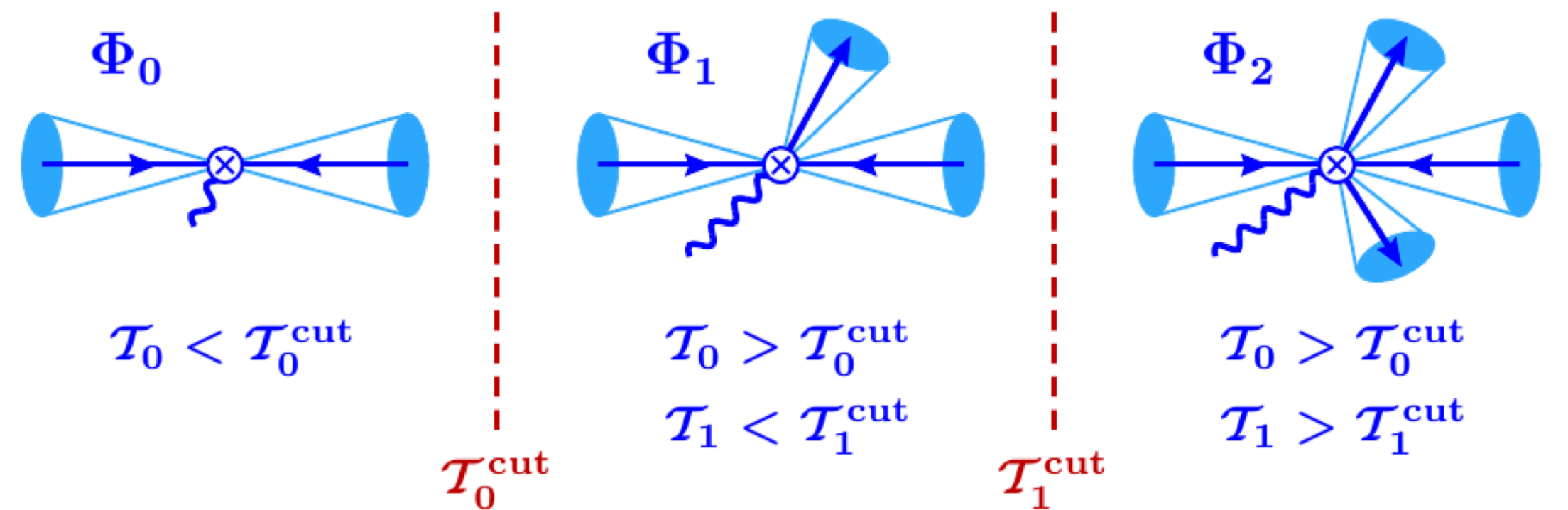
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- Exploration on how to include **EW corrections** just begun
 NNLO QCD and **NLO EW** for $pp \rightarrow WZ$, Lindert, Lombardi, Wiesemann, Zanderighi, Zanoli [2208.12660](#)



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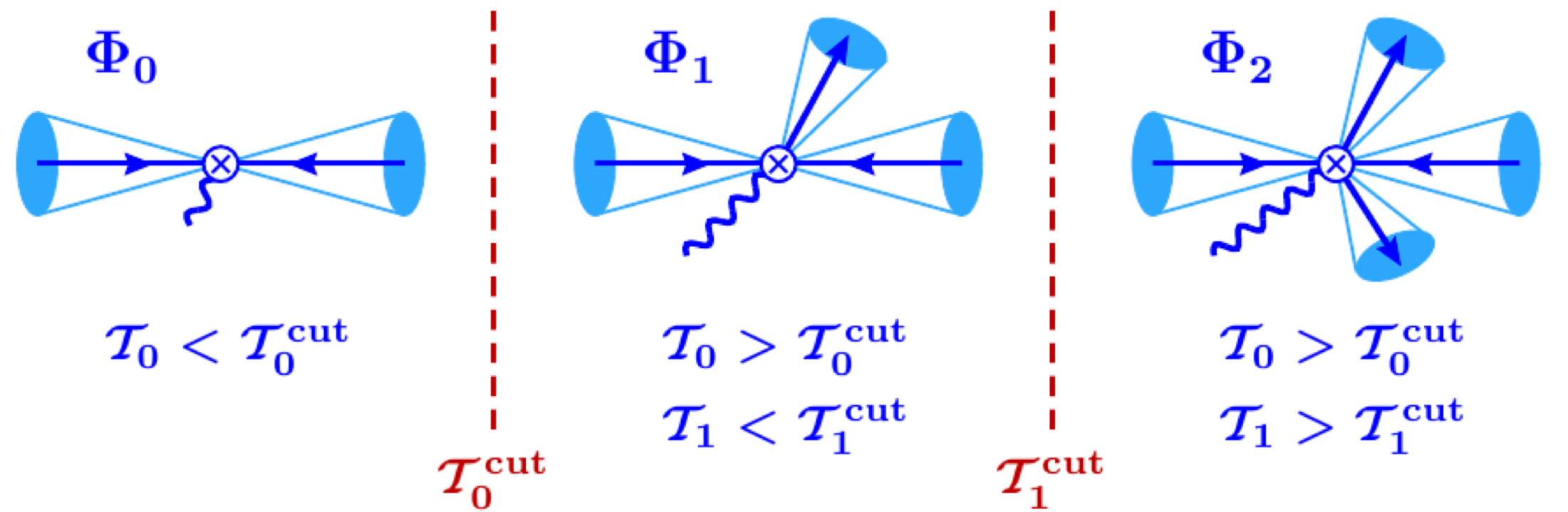


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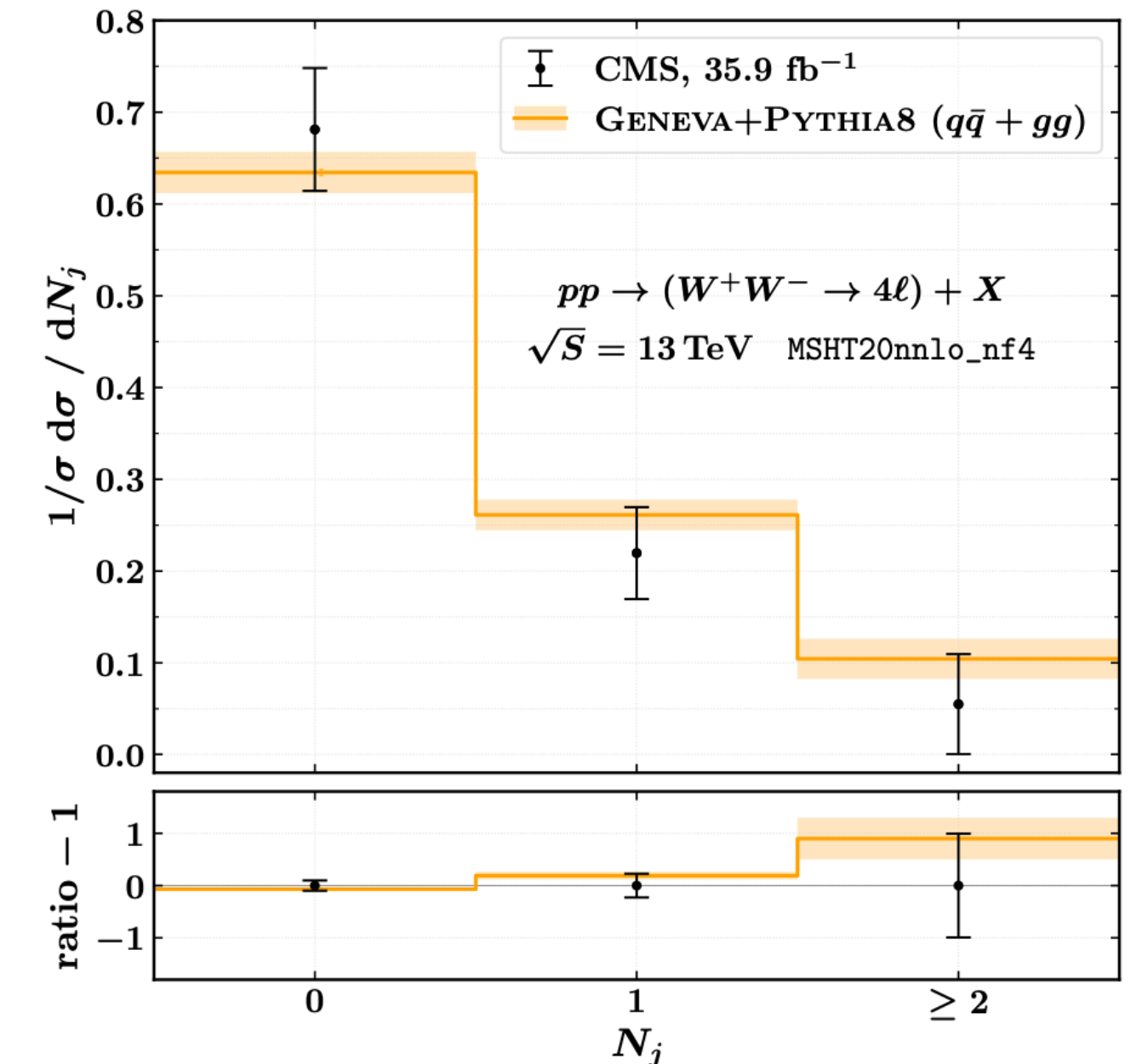
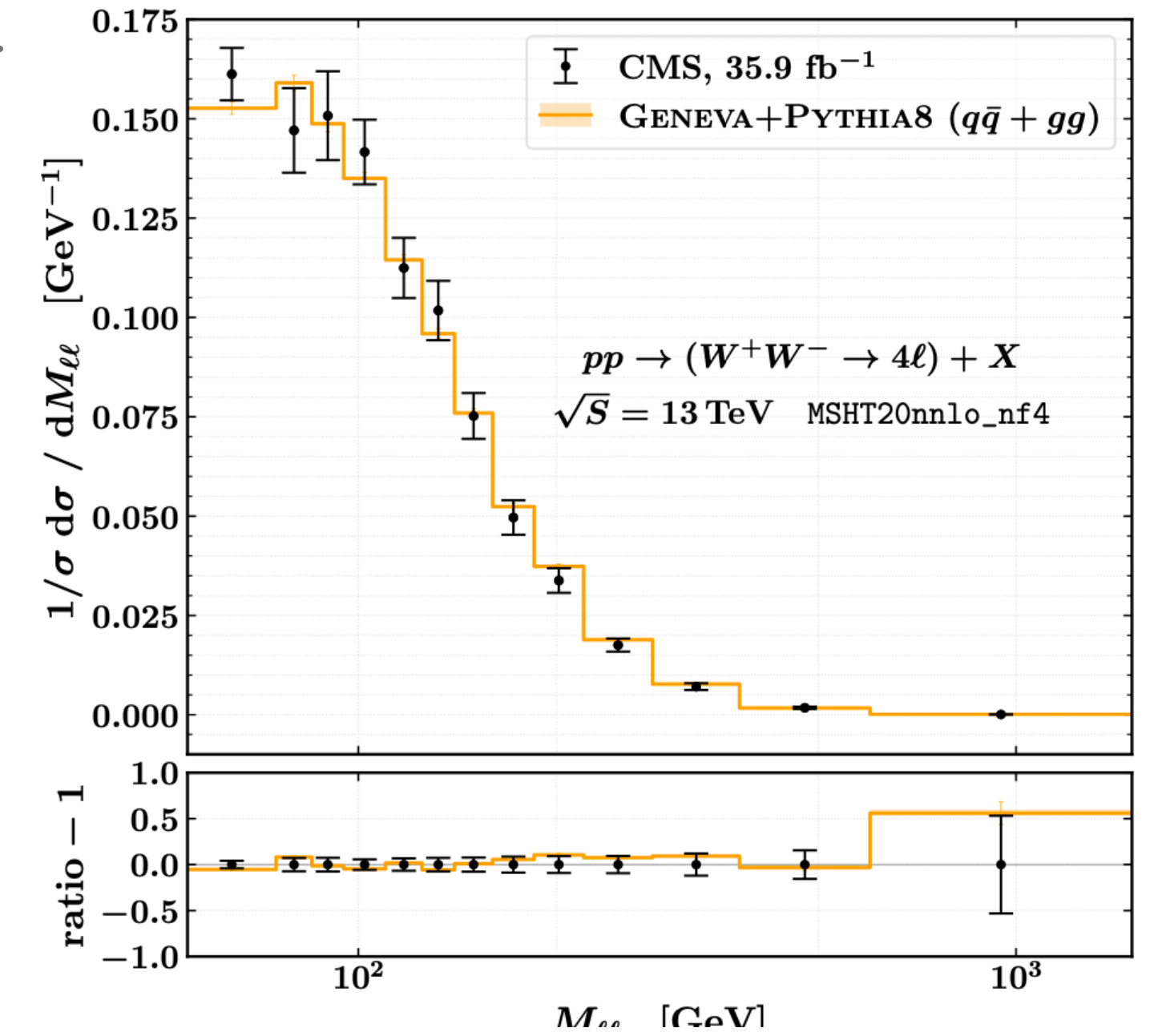
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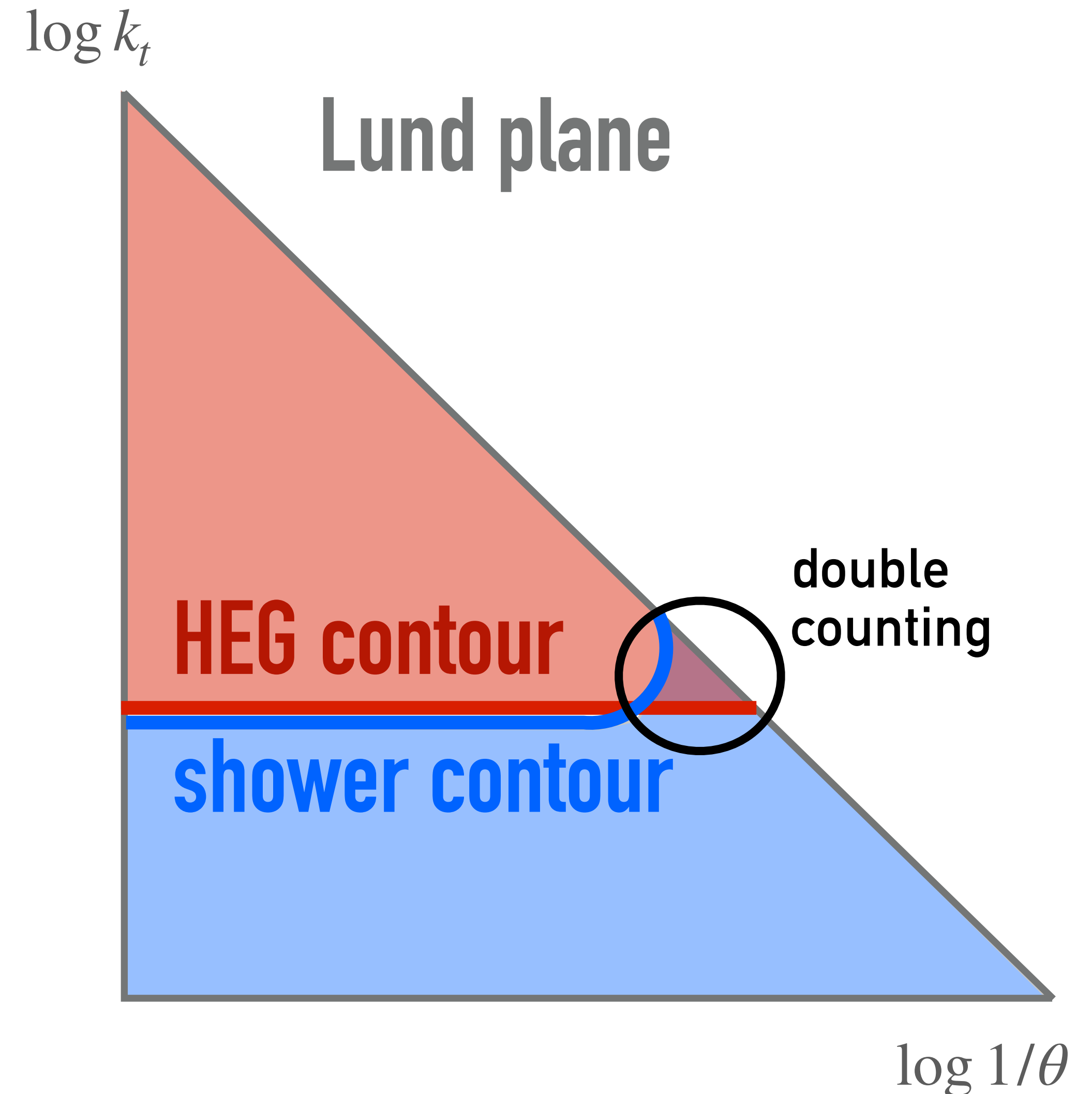
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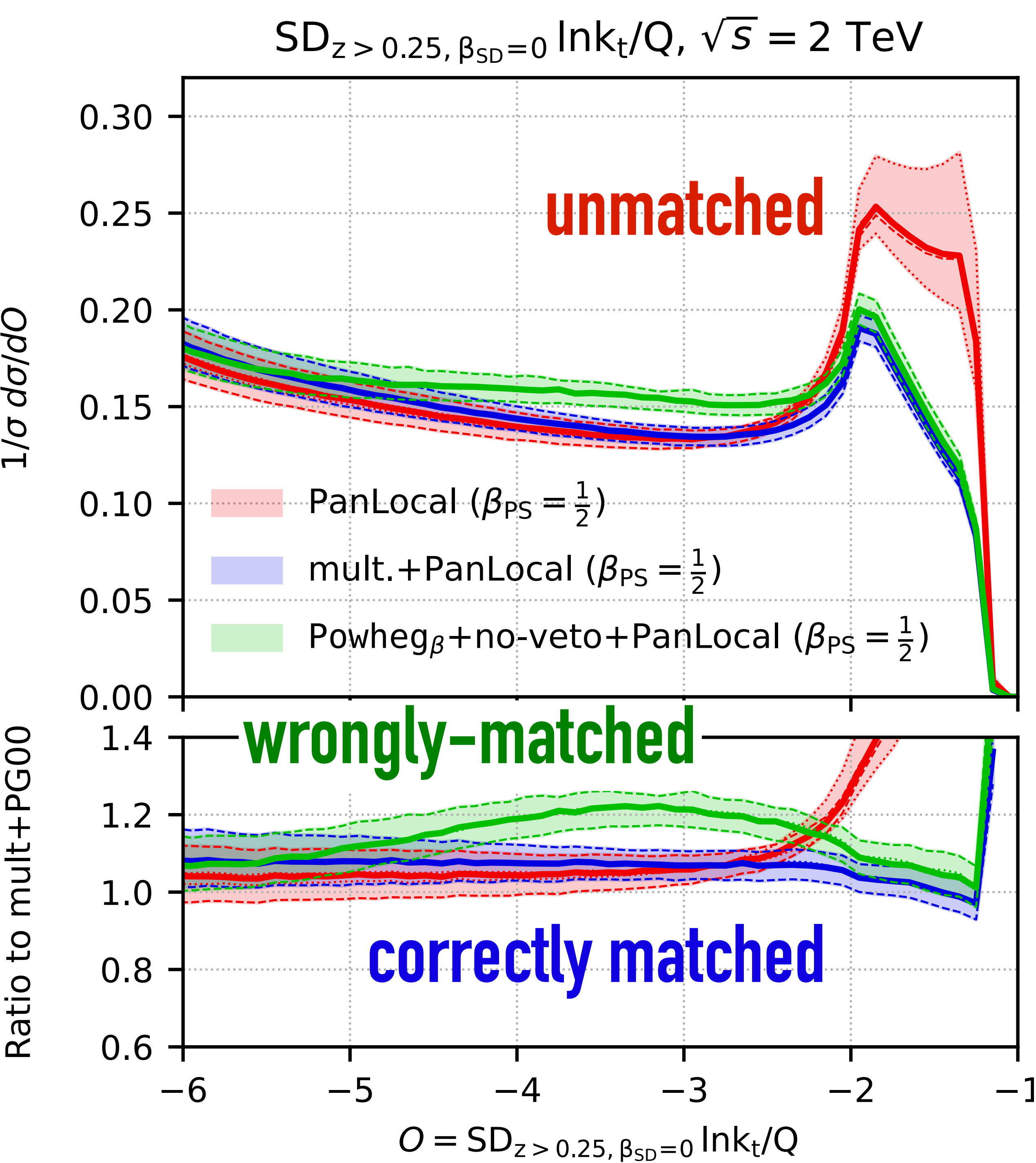
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- ▶ Proof of concept explored for $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2 \text{ jets @ NLO}$
- ▶ some matching schemes supplement shower with pure $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$, e.g. MC@NLO:
Shower log accuracy easy to maintain
(not necessarily easy to implement, ongoing efforts in Alaric, see e.g. [2307.00728](#))
- ▶ in other schemes, first emission is generated by an external program (**POWHEG BOX, MiNNLO, Geneva**, etc.):
Shower log accuracy subtle to maintain
- ▶ NB: concern is not just kinematic mismatch, but also any mismatch in partitioning functions



NLO matching & log-accuracy



- Done correctly, **NLO matching augments accuracy** of shower from NLL to NLL + NNDL (for event shapes), and it is a **prerequisite for NNLL accuracy**
- Done wrongly, it breaks exponentiation structure of shower (impact depends on observable)
- example with significant impact is **SoftDrop transverse momentum** (i.e. jet substructure)

$$\partial_L \Sigma_{SD}(L) = \bar{\alpha} c e^{\bar{\alpha} c L - \bar{\alpha} \Delta} - 2\bar{\alpha} L e^{-\bar{\alpha} L^2} (1 - e^{-\bar{\alpha} \Delta})$$

spurious term from wrong matching

(Few) % precision in exclusive observables requires at least NNLL accuracy

Soft emission — i.e. inclusion of **double-soft current** + associated **virtual corrections**

- NB: Vincia and Sherpa groups have also explored inclusion of the double-soft current; part of novelty here is doing so to get the log-accuracy benefit.

This maintains NLL accuracy and further achieve

- **NNDL accuracy** for [subset] multiplicities, i.e. terms $\alpha_s^n L^{2n}$, $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}$, $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-2}$
- **Next-to-Single-Log (NSL) accuracy** for non-global logarithms, e.g. energy in a slice, all terms $\alpha_s^n L^n$ and $\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}$ (at leading- N_c)

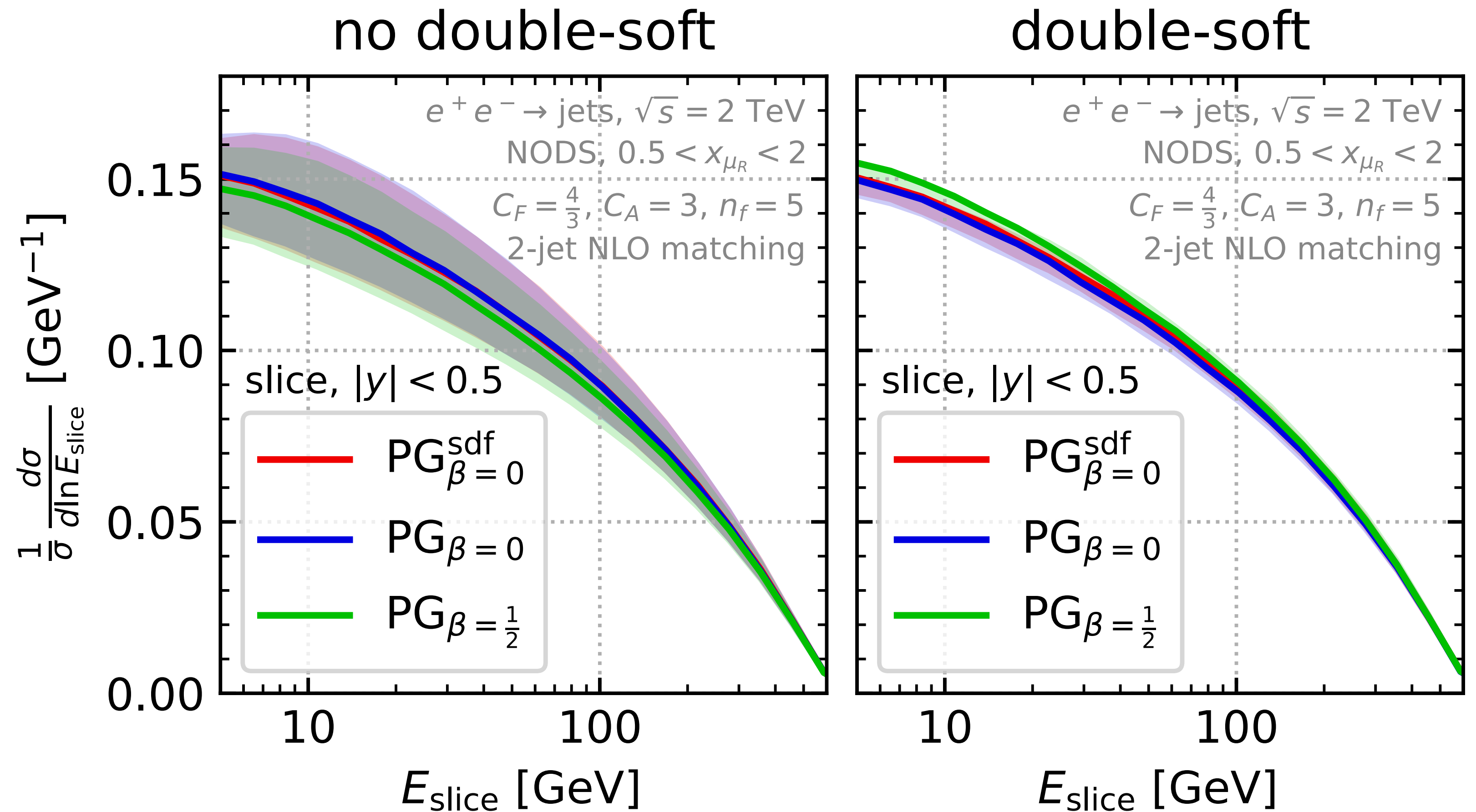
NB: done using PanGlobal, so far just in $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

NSL Pheno outlook

S.F.R., Hamilton, Karlberg,
Salam, Scyboz, Soyez
[2307.11142](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.11142)

- Energy flow in slice between two 1 TeV jets
- First time non-global obs is known at **NSL** (at leading N_c) including the full n_f dependence
- **Double-soft reduces uncertainty band**

Uncertainty here is estimated varying the renormalisation scale



$$\alpha_s^{\text{CMW}}(k_t; x_R) = \alpha_s(x_R k_t) \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(x_R k_t)}{2\pi} (K_{\text{CMW}} + \Delta K(\Phi)) + 2\alpha_s(x_R k_t) b_0 (1-z) \ln x_R \right)$$

Summary and Conclusions

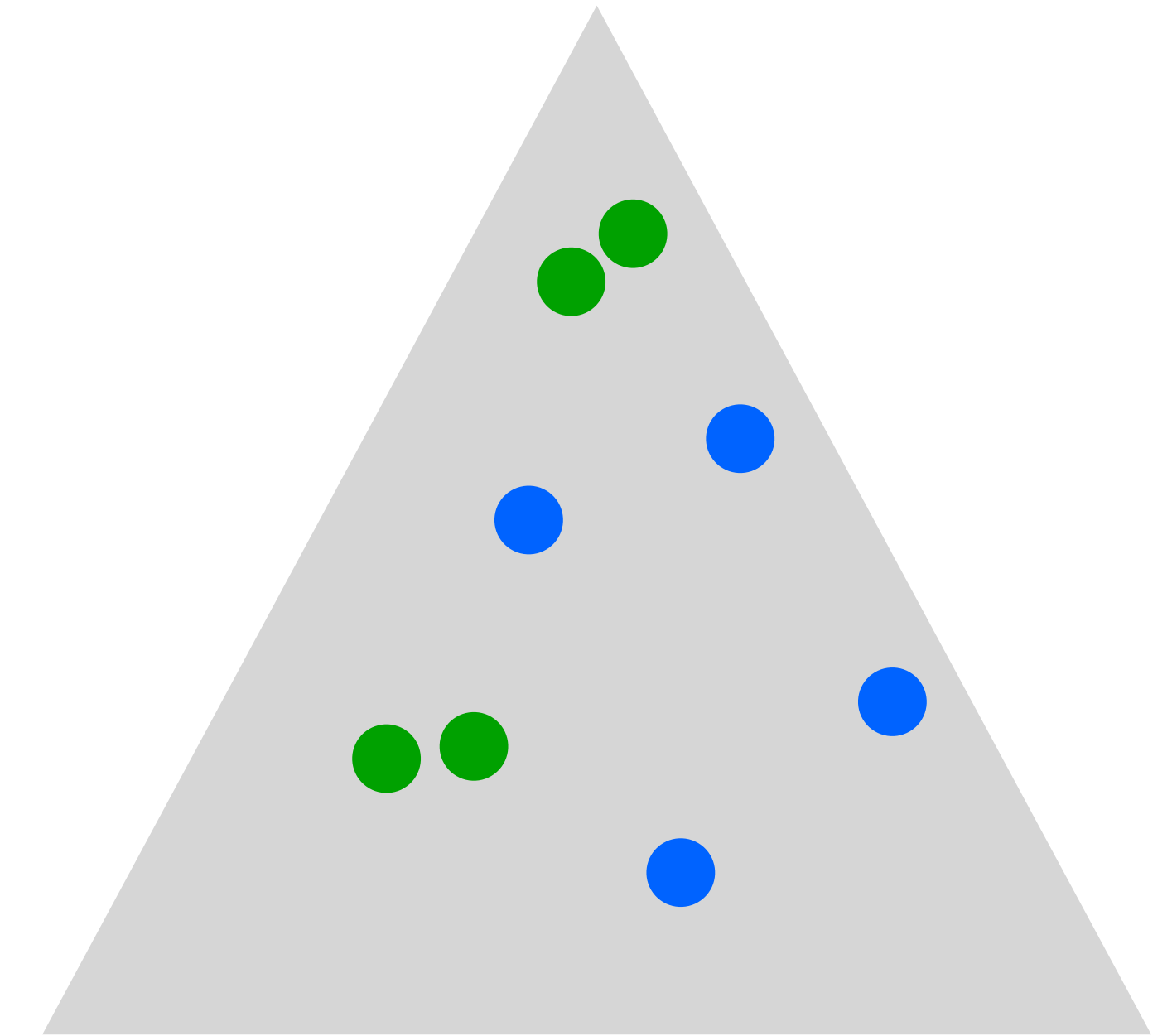
- **NLL shower are about to become the new standard**
 - benefits of LL → NLL include reduced uncertainties (**reliable estimate uncertainties**)
 - for realistic applications we also need **massive quarks** (Deductor and Alaric already include them), at least NLO matching, and tuning
- **Higher log accuracy is one of the next frontiers**
 - double-soft (+ virtual) corrections: NNDL multiplicity and NSL non-global logarithms
- **Percent precision requires at least NNLO matching**
 - NLO+NLL matching is in place only for simple processes, ongoing work for generic processes
 - The way is long, but not too long, for NNLO + (N)NLL matching

Backup

(Few) % precision in exclusive observables requires at least NNLL accuracy

Soft emission — i.e. inclusion of **double-soft current** + associated **virtual corrections**

- any **pair of soft emissions** with commensurate energy and angles should be produced with the correct [double-soft] matrix element
- probability for any **single soft emission** should be NLO accurate
- NB: Vincia and Sherpa groups have also explored inclusion of the double-soft current; part of novelty here is doing so to get the log-accuracy benefit.

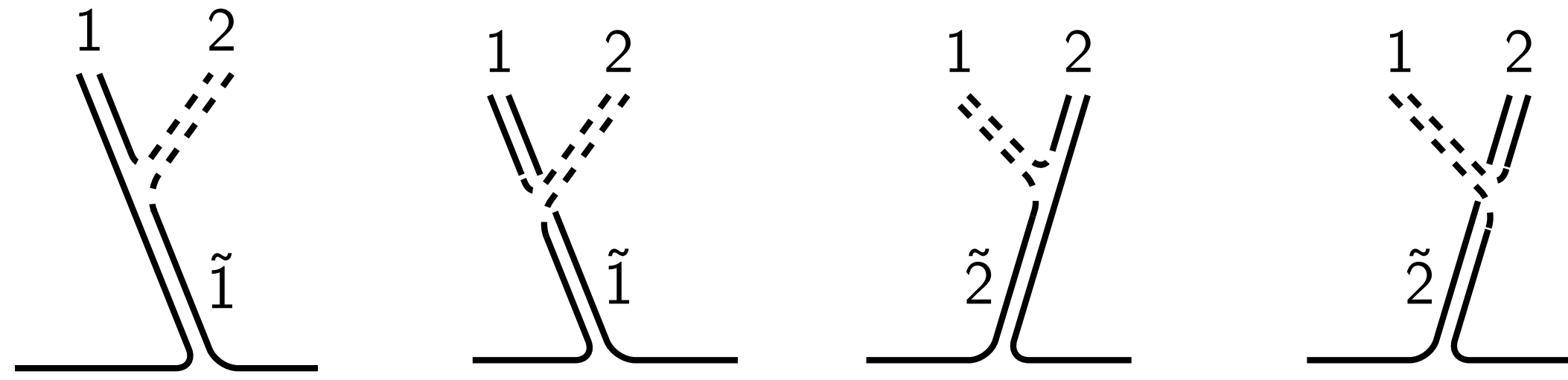


This should maintain NLL accuracy and further achieve

- **NNDL accuracy** for [subset] multiplicities, i.e. terms $\alpha_s^n L^{2n}$, $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}$, $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-2}$
- **Next-to-Single-Log (NSL) accuracy** for non-global logarithms, e.g. energy in a slice, all terms $\alpha_s^n L^n$ and $\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}$ (at leading- N_c)

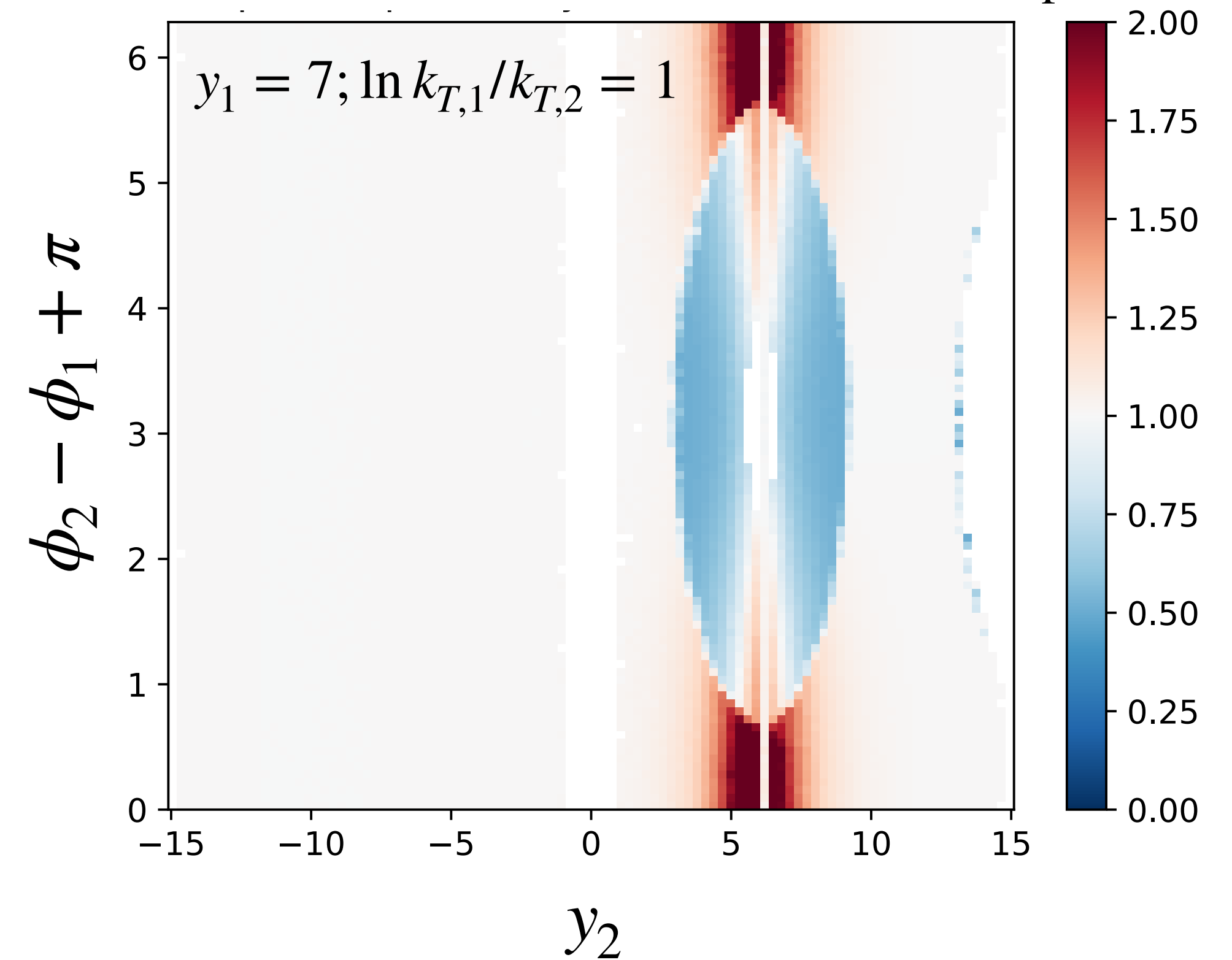
NB: done using PanGlobal, so far just in $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

1. Real corrections: pair of soft emissions



- a given two-emission configuration can come from several shower histories
- **accept a given emission with exact double-soft $M_{\text{exact}}^{(\text{DS})}$ divided by shower's effective double-soft matrix element summed over the histories h that could have produced that configuration**

Double-soft acceptance P_{accept}



$$P_{\text{accept}} = \frac{M_{\text{exact}}^{(\text{DS})}}{\sum_h M_{h,\text{PS}}^{(\text{DS})}}$$

2. Virtual corrections for soft emissions

With our double soft acceptance we have $\mathbf{R}_{PS} = \mathbf{R}$.

To ensure

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: } \mathbf{V}_{PS} \text{ (blue circle) with a gluon emission cone } \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} K_{CMW} - \int \text{Diagram: } \mathbf{R} \text{ (green circle) with a gluon emission cone} \quad y, p_{\perp} \text{ fixed}
 \end{aligned}$$

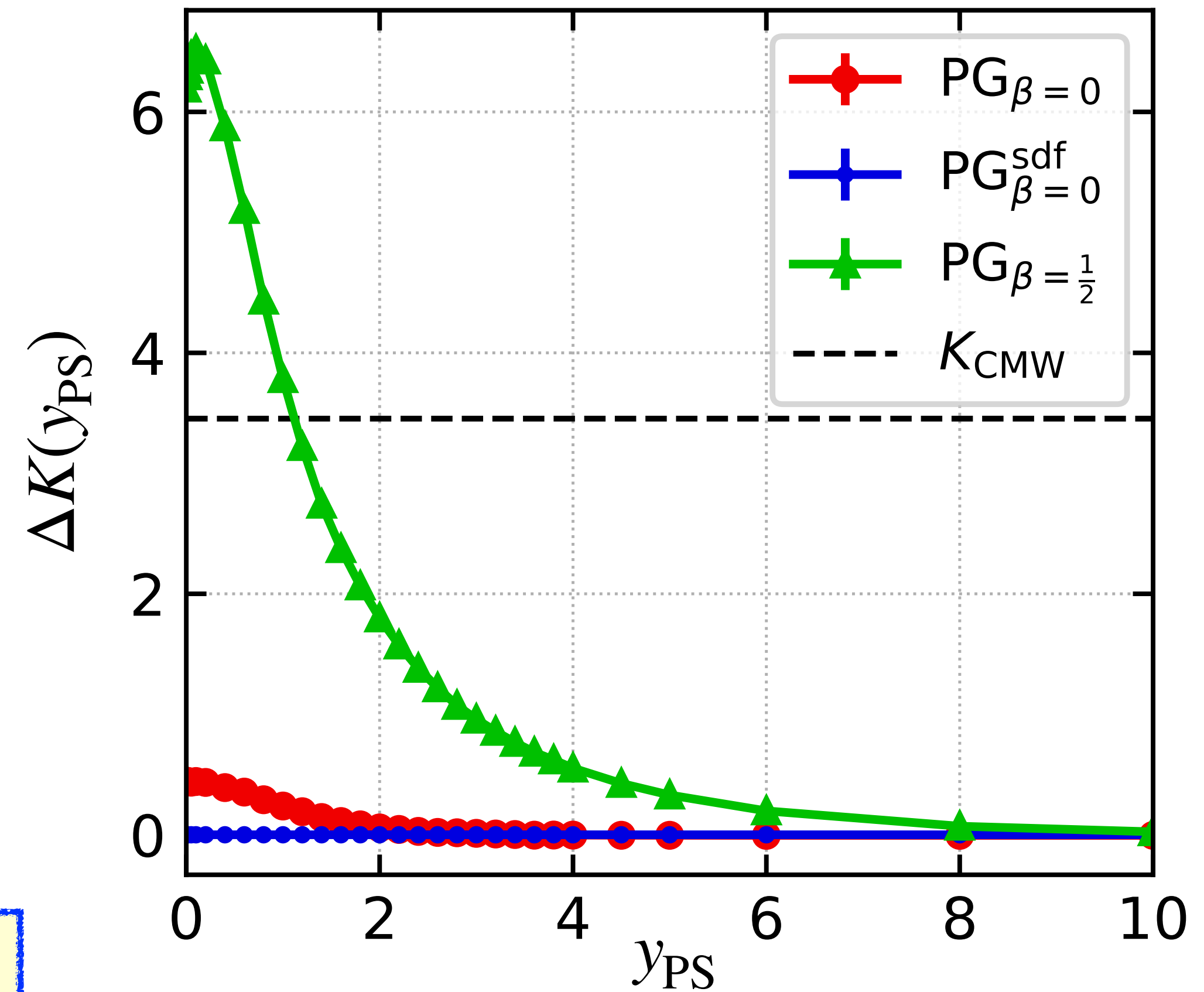
We modify the CMW scheme

$$K_{CMW} \rightarrow K_{CMW} + \Delta K(\Phi_{PS}^{(1)})$$

fixed "shower variables"

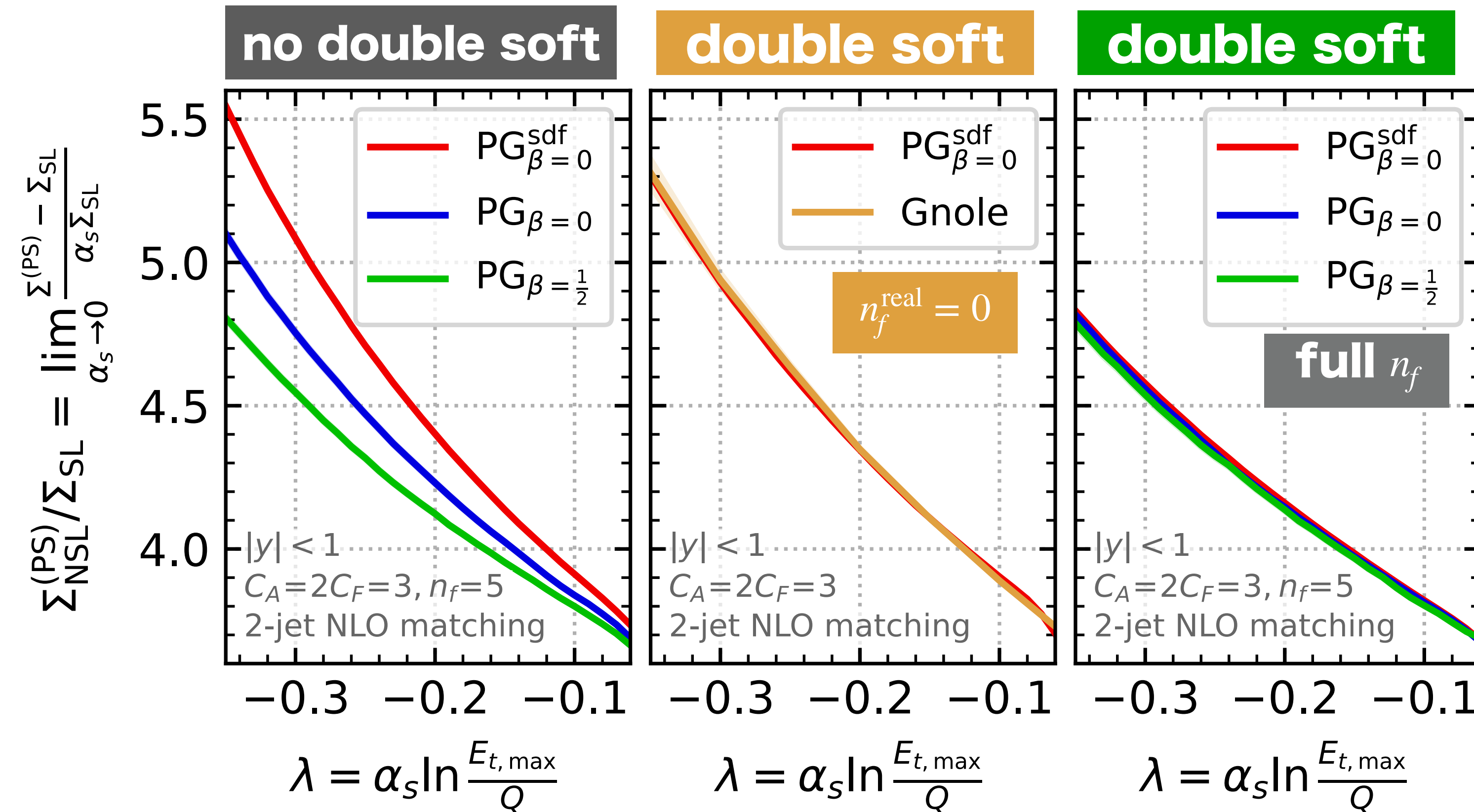
$$\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \Delta K(\Phi_{PS}^{(1)}) = \int \text{Diagram: } \mathbf{R} \text{ (green circle) with a gluon emission cone} - \int \text{Diagram: } \mathbf{R} \text{ (green circle) with a gluon emission cone} \quad y, p_{\perp} \text{ fixed}$$

example ΔK correction



ΔK vanishes for large rapidities since virtual corrections to soft-collinear emissions are OK for NLL showers

NSL for the energy flow in a rapidity slice



$$\Sigma_{NSL}^{(PS)} = \lim_{\alpha_s \rightarrow 0} \left. \frac{\Sigma^{(PS)} - \Sigma_{SL}}{\alpha_s} \right|_{\text{fixed } \alpha_s L}, \quad L \equiv \ln \frac{E_{t,max}}{Q}$$

- **NSL** ($\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}$) = Banfi, Dreyer, Monni, [2104.06416](#), [2111.02413](#) (“Gnole”) [NB: see also Becher, Schalch, Xu, [2307.02283](#)]
- **NSL agreement with Gnole for $n_f^{real} = 0$**
- First large- N_c **full- n_f** results for NSL non-global logs

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Salam, Scyboz, Soyez
[2307.11142](#)**

All-orders validation

PanScales = only validated NLL shower for DIS/VBF and $pp \rightarrow$ colour-singlet

$$\lim_{\alpha_s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Sigma_{\text{PS}}}{\Sigma_{\text{NLL}}} \quad \text{at fixed } \lambda = \alpha_s L$$

$$\Sigma(O < e^L) = \exp\left(Lg_{\text{LL}}(\alpha_s L) + g_{\text{NLL}}(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_{\text{NNLL}}(\alpha_s L) + \dots\right)$$

