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# Towards LHC Phenomenology with Vincia

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Vincia Inventors: W. Giele, D.A. Kosower, P. Skands

Further work on Vincia: A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, L.  
Hartgring, E. Laenen, A. Larkoski, J.J. Lopez-Villarejo, MR

# Overview

motivation & basics

spotlight on recoil

summary and outlook

# Context

there are several widely used and actively developed event generators with one or more parton shower modules:

## Sherpa

S. Schumann, F. Krauss 0709.1027

J.-C. Winter, F. Krauss 0712.3913

## Herwig

M. Bähr, S. Gieseke, M.A. Gigg, D. Grellscheid, K. Hamilton, O. Latunde-Dada, S. Plätzer, P. Richardson, M.H. Seymour, A. Sherstnev, B.R. Webber 0803.0883

S. Plätzer, S. Gieseke 1109.6256

## Pythia

T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, P. Skands 0710.3820

next two slides: why add another one?

# The Vincia Parton Shower

W. Giele, D.A. Kosower, P. Skands  
0707.3652, 1102.2126

is a plugin to Pythia 8<sup>[1]</sup>

does efficient matching to fixed-order

estimates its uncertainty comprehensively

(and can do error bands)

is fully functional for  $e^+ - e^-$  collisions

[1] T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, P. Skands  
0710.3820

# Matching

general idea: the parton shower is the phase space generator

unweighted events matched to several consecutive tree-level matrix elements, no sample merging step

can use identified helicities to avoid the evaluation of helicity-summed matrix elements

A. Larkoski, J.J. Lopez-Villarejo, P. Skands  
1301.0933

extension to one-loop matching started ( $Z \rightarrow 3$  jets)

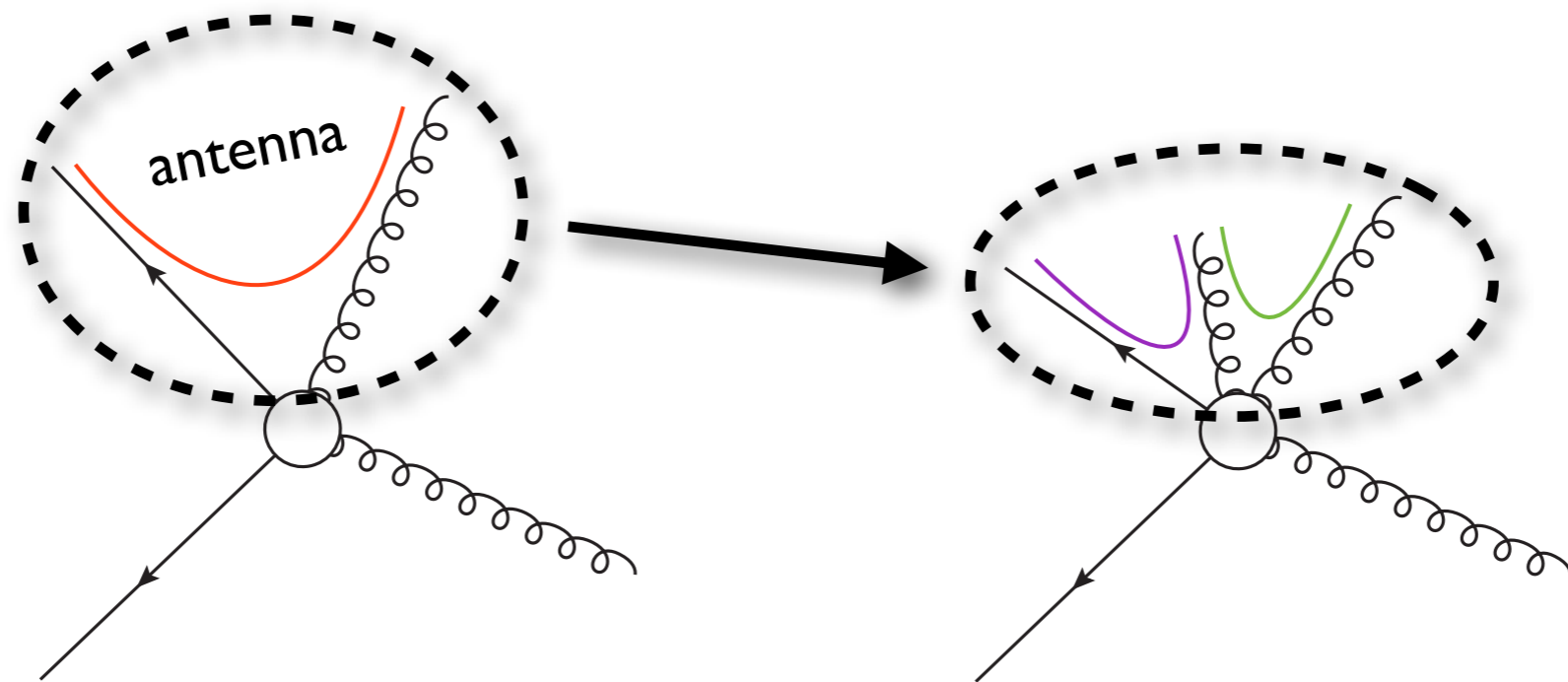
(still directly producing unweighted events)

L. Hartgring, E. Laenen, P. Skands  
1303.4974

# Basics of Vincia

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interference between emitters taken into account by construction (at leading colour)



[1] G. Gustafson, U. Pettersson  
Nucl.Phys.B306:746, 1988

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related to antenna subtraction<sup>[2, 3, ...]</sup>

[2] A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, E.W. N. Glover  
hep-ph/0505111

[3] A. Daleo, T. Gehrmann, D. Maître  
hep-ph/0612257

# Basics of Vincia

use exact 2  $\rightarrow$  3 factorization (same type as dipole factorization)

3 post-branching momenta

$$\int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} \frac{dx_b}{x_b} d\Phi_{2 \rightarrow n+1} = \underbrace{\int \frac{dx_A}{x_A} \frac{dx_B}{x_B} d\Phi_{2 \rightarrow n}}_{\text{as in } d\sigma_{2 \rightarrow n}} d\Phi_{\text{ant}}$$

( $a, b, A, B$  incoming)

three types according to where the radiators are:

final-final (carries over from  $e^+ - e^-$ )

initial-final

initial-initial



# Basics of Vincia

specify algorithm by probability  $\Delta$  that an antenna does not branch when evolving between two scales

$$\Delta(Q_{\text{start}}, Q_{\text{branch}}) = \exp[-\mathcal{A}(Q_{\text{start}}, Q_{\text{branch}})]$$

$$\mathcal{A}(Q_{\text{start}}, Q_{\text{branch}}) = \int_{Q_{\text{branch}}}^{Q_{\text{start}}} a_c \frac{f_a(x_a, Q)}{f_A(x_A, Q)} \frac{f_b(x_b, Q)}{f_B(x_B, Q)} d\Phi_{\text{ant}}$$

$$Q = Q(\{p\}_{\text{ant}})$$

resolution measure  
several choices implemented for  $e^+ - e^-$

antenna function  
unifies splitting functions & soft eikonal factors  
in GGG terms: sub-antenna function

# Recoil in Initial-Initial Branchings



generate daughter invariants  $s_{aj}, s_{jb}$

construct momenta with  $p_a - p_j + p_b = p_A + p_B$

boost to align  $p_a, p_b$  with the beams

$\Rightarrow R$  gets recoil (e. g.  $Z$  gets  $p_{\perp}$ )

# Recoil in Initial-Initial Branchings

daughter invariants don't fix the momenta

$\Rightarrow$  need to fix a mapping ( $\equiv$  recoil strategy)

$$p_A = f_1 p_a - f_2 p_j + f_3 p_b$$

$$p_B = (1 - f_1) p_a - (1 - f_2) p_j + (1 - f_3) p_b$$

$$(f_i = f_i(s_{aj}, s_{jb}, s_{ab}))$$

$$p_A^2 = p_B^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{one free parameter (select } f_2)$$

collinear limits:  $p_A \xrightarrow{p_j \rightarrow z p_a} (1 - z) p_a$  is not automatic

$\Rightarrow$  need to impose  $f_2 \xrightarrow{j \parallel a/b} 1/2$

(antenna subtraction has  $f_2 \equiv 1/2$ )

# Recoil in Initial-Initial Branchings

explicit factorization

$$\int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} \frac{dx_b}{x_b} d\Phi_2(a, b \rightarrow j, R) = \int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} \frac{dx_b}{x_b} \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{1}{s_{ab}} ds_{aj} ds_{jb} \delta(s_{ab} - s_{aj} - s_{jb} - m_R^2) \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

change to  $x_A \equiv r_a x_a$ ,  $x_B \equiv r_b x_b$

$r_y = r_y(s_{aj}, s_{jb}, s_{ab})$  equivalent to choice of  $f_2$

defined such that  $r_a r_b = (s_{ab} - s_{aj} - s_{jb}) / s_{ab} \equiv s_{AB} / s_{ab}$

split off 2  $\rightarrow$  1 phase space

# Recoil in Initial-Initial Branchings

explicit factorization

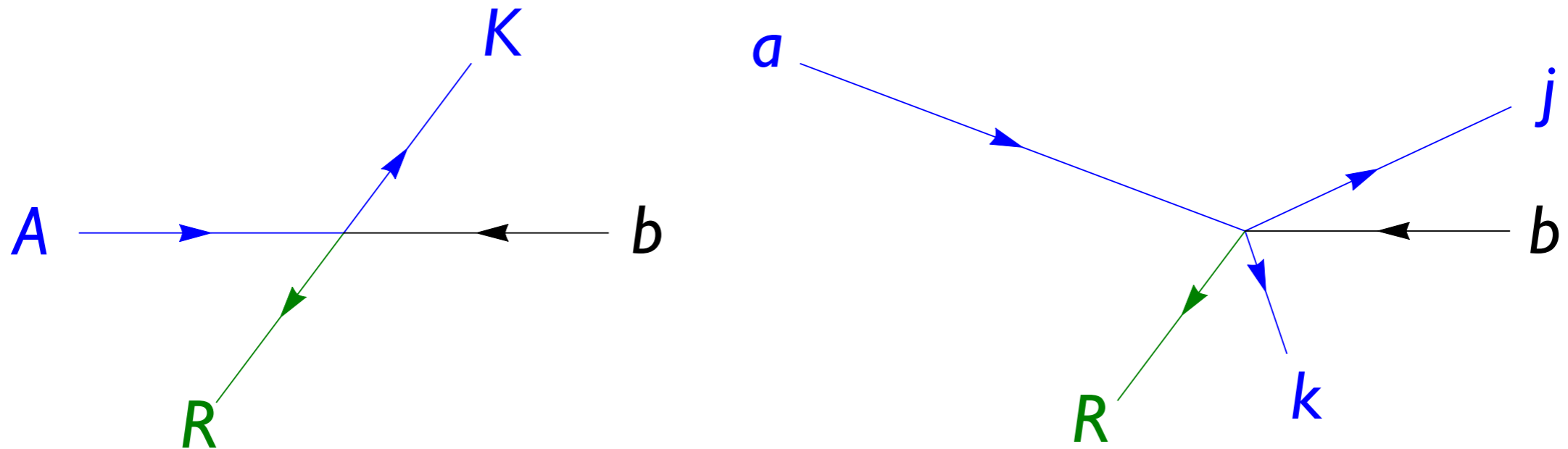
arrive at

$$\int \frac{dx_A}{x_A} \frac{dx_B}{x_B} \overbrace{2\pi \delta(s_{AB} - m_R^2)}^{d\Phi_I(A,B \rightarrow R)}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{s_{AB}}{s_{ab}^2} \theta(r_a - x_A) \theta(r_b - x_B) ds_{aj} ds_{jb} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}}_{d\Phi_{\text{ant}}^{\text{ii}}}$$

integration region depends on mapping

# Recoil in Initial-Final Branchings



generate daughter invariants  $s_{aj}$ ,  $s_{jk}$

construct momenta with  $p_a - p_j - p_k = p_A - p_K$

boost to align  $p_a$  with the beam ( $b$  stays)

$\Rightarrow R$  gets recoil

# Recoil in Initial-Final Branchings

as before, write down general mapping

$$p_A = f_1 p_a - f_2 p_j - f_3 p_k$$

$$p_K = (1 - f_1) p_a - (1 - f_2) p_j - (1 - f_3) p_k$$

antenna/dipole subtraction:  $f_2 \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow p_a \parallel p_A$

due to initial-final kinematics, requiring that every physical  $2 \rightarrow 3$  point corresponds to a physical  $2 \rightarrow 2$  point restricts the choice of the mapping substantially (e.g. rules out crossing of final-final mapping)

# Recoil in Initial-Final Branchings

explicit factorization

$$\int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} d\Phi_3 (a, b \rightarrow j, k, R) = \int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} \frac{1}{s_{ab}} \frac{1}{256\pi^3} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{ds_{AK} ds_{ajb} ds_{aj} ds_{jk}}{\sqrt{-\Delta_4}} \right) \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

change from  $x_a$  to  $x_A$  using  $p_A = f_1 p_a - f_2 p_j - f_3 p_k$

observe  $(-\Delta_4) = s_{AK}^2 / (f_1 - f_2)^2 (s_{ajb}^{\max} - s_{ajb}) (s_{ajb} - s_{ajb}^{\min})$

$$s_{AK} = -(p_a - p_j - p_k)^2$$

$$s_{ajb} = (p_a - p_j + p_b)^2$$

$\Delta_4$  : Gram determinant



# Recoil in Initial-Final Branchings

explicit factorization

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$$\int \frac{dx_A}{x_A} \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{1}{s_{Ab}} ds_{AK} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{s_{Ab}^2}{s_{ab}^2} \frac{1}{s_{AK}} ds_{aj} ds_{jk} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{ds_{ajb}}{\sqrt{s_{ajb}^{\max} - s_{ajb}} \sqrt{s_{ajb} - s_{ajb}^{\min}}} \right) \right]$$

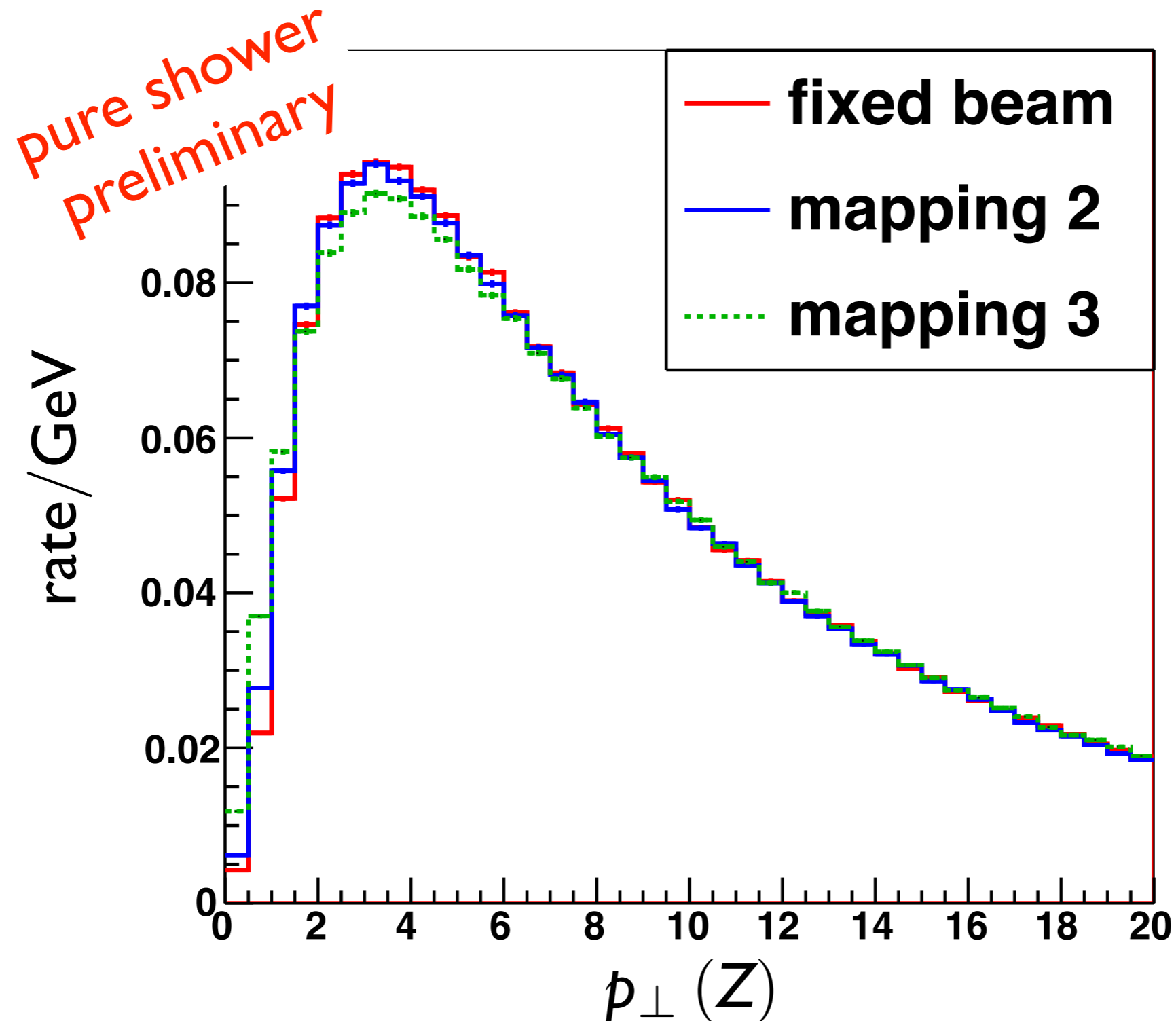
$$x_a = x_a(s_{aj}, s_{jk}, s_{ajb})$$

note:  $x_A < x_a \forall p_a, p_j, p_k$  not true for arbitrary mappings

$$f_2 \text{ found have : } f_2 \leq 0, f_2 \xrightarrow{s_{aj} \rightarrow 0} 0, f_2 \xrightarrow{s_{ak} \rightarrow 0} 0$$

# Recoil for Initial-Final branchings

Dependence of  $Z p_{\perp}$  on recoil strategy (mapping)



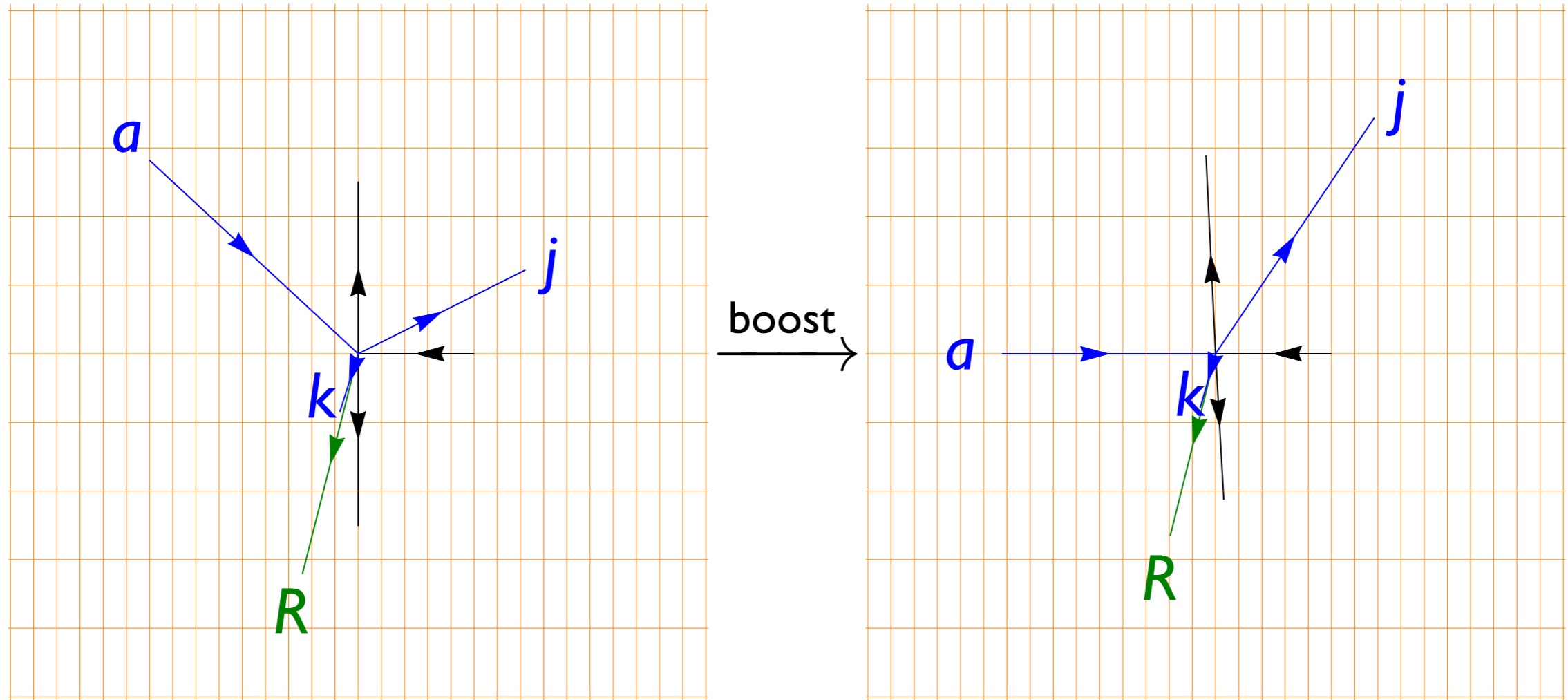
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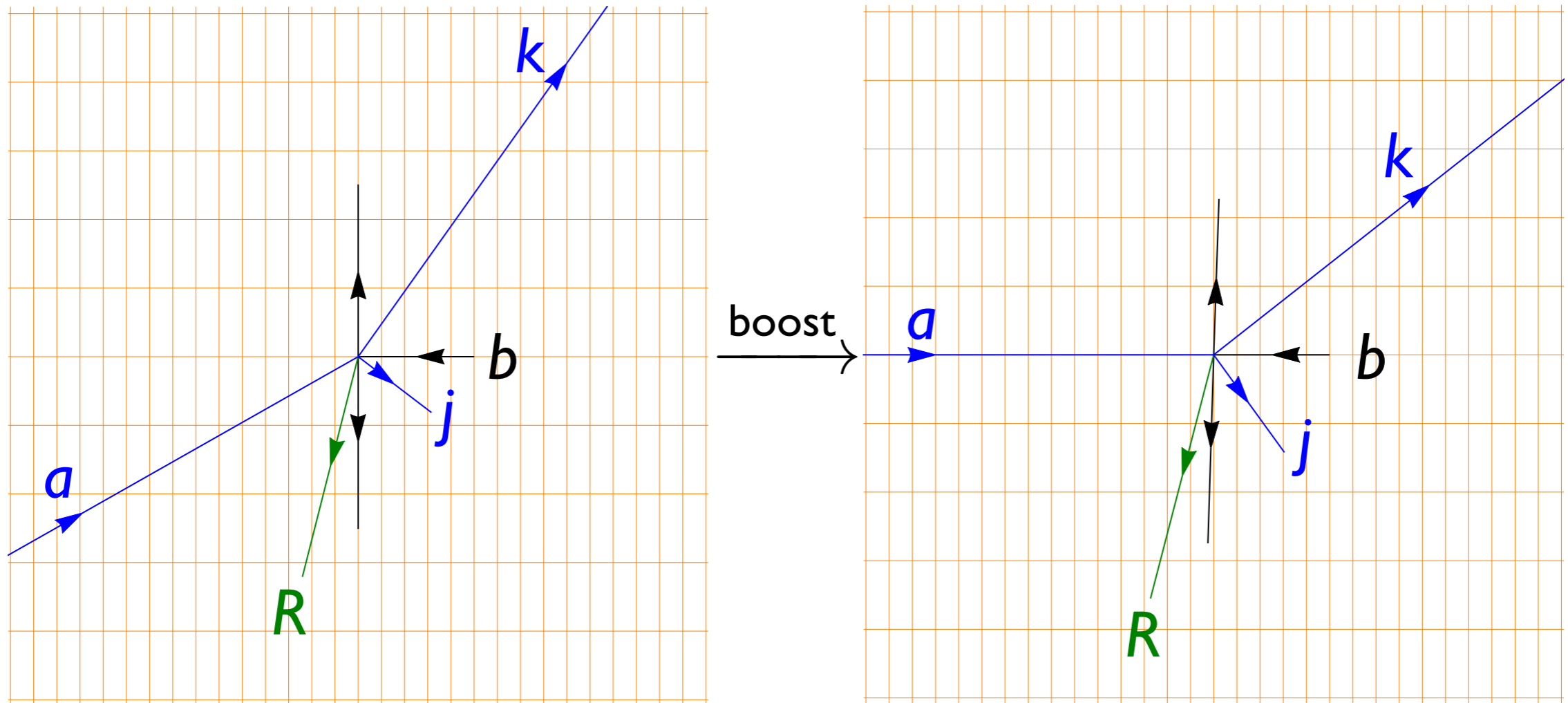
example configuration with  $s_{ajb} = s_{ajb}^{\min}(s_{aj}, s_{jb}, \dots)$



$$x_a/x_A \approx 1.9, \quad p_{\perp}(R')/p_{\perp}(R) \approx 0.83$$

# Boost Effect in Initial-Final

same example configuration but with  $s_{ajb} = s_{ajb}^{\max}(s_{aj}, s_{jb}, \dots)$



$$x_a/x_A \approx 4.8, \quad p_{\perp}(R')/p_{\perp}(R) \approx 1.11$$

pdf suppression  $\Rightarrow$  much more likely to shrink  $p_{\perp}$

# Summary & Outlook

Vincia has been extended to hadron collisions

still to do: alternative  $Q$  definitions, some validation (in particular interplay with Pythia 8), ...

afterwards: carry over matching

# Thanks

# Backup - Uncertainty Bands

# The veto algorithm

generate trial scales  $Q$  by inverting  $\Delta_t$  (which has been chosen such that this inversion is simple)

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_t (Q_s^2, Q_b^2) &\equiv P [\text{no trial branching between } Q_s \text{ and } Q_b] \\ &= \exp \left[ - \int_{Q_b^2}^{Q_s^2} a_t (Q^2) dQ^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$Q_s \equiv Q_{\text{start}}, \quad Q_b \equiv Q_{\text{branch}}$$

accept a trial with probability  $a_{\text{p(physical)}}/a_{\text{t(trial)}}$

continue at scale of rejected trial



# The veto algorithm

what is the resulting non-branching probability?

$$\Delta(Q_s^2, Q_b^2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P[k \text{ rejected trials}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k$$

$$p_k = \int_{Q_b^2}^{Q_s^2} \underbrace{\Delta_t(Q_s^2, Q_1^2) a_t(Q_1^2)}_{\text{trial density}} \underbrace{(1 - a_p/a_t)(Q_1^2) \dots}_{\text{reject probability}} \Delta_t(Q_{k-1}^2, Q_k^2) a_t(Q_k^2) (1 - a_p/a_t)(Q_k^2) \Delta_t(Q_k^2, Q_b^2) \theta(Q_1^2 > \dots > Q_k^2) dQ_1^2 \dots dQ_k^2$$

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$$\Delta_t(Q_s^2, Q_b^2) = \exp \left[ - \int_{Q_b^2}^{Q_s^2} a_t(Q^2) dQ^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum p_k = \exp \left[ - \int_{Q_b^2}^{Q_s^2} a_p(Q^2) \right]$$

# Uncertainties

produce weighted set for  $a_{v(\text{ariant})}$

accept  $\rightarrow w = w \cdot a_v/a_p$ ,    reject  $\rightarrow w = w \cdot \frac{1 - a_v/a_t}{1 - a_p/a_t}$

$$\Delta_v (Q_s^2, Q_b^2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k w_k$$

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(same for  $Q_2, \dots, Q_k$ )

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$$\Delta_t(Q_k^2, Q_b^2) \theta(Q_1^2 > \dots > Q_k^2) dQ_1^2 \dots dQ_k^2$$

derivation as before  $\Rightarrow \Delta_v = \exp \left[ - \int_{Q_b^2}^{Q_s^2} a_v(Q^2) \right]$

# Uncertainties - Fine Print

derivation independent of  $a_p/a_t$ , but  $w \xrightarrow{a_p \rightarrow a_t} \infty$

far down in the shower cascade, we may lack the statistics to realize the cancellation

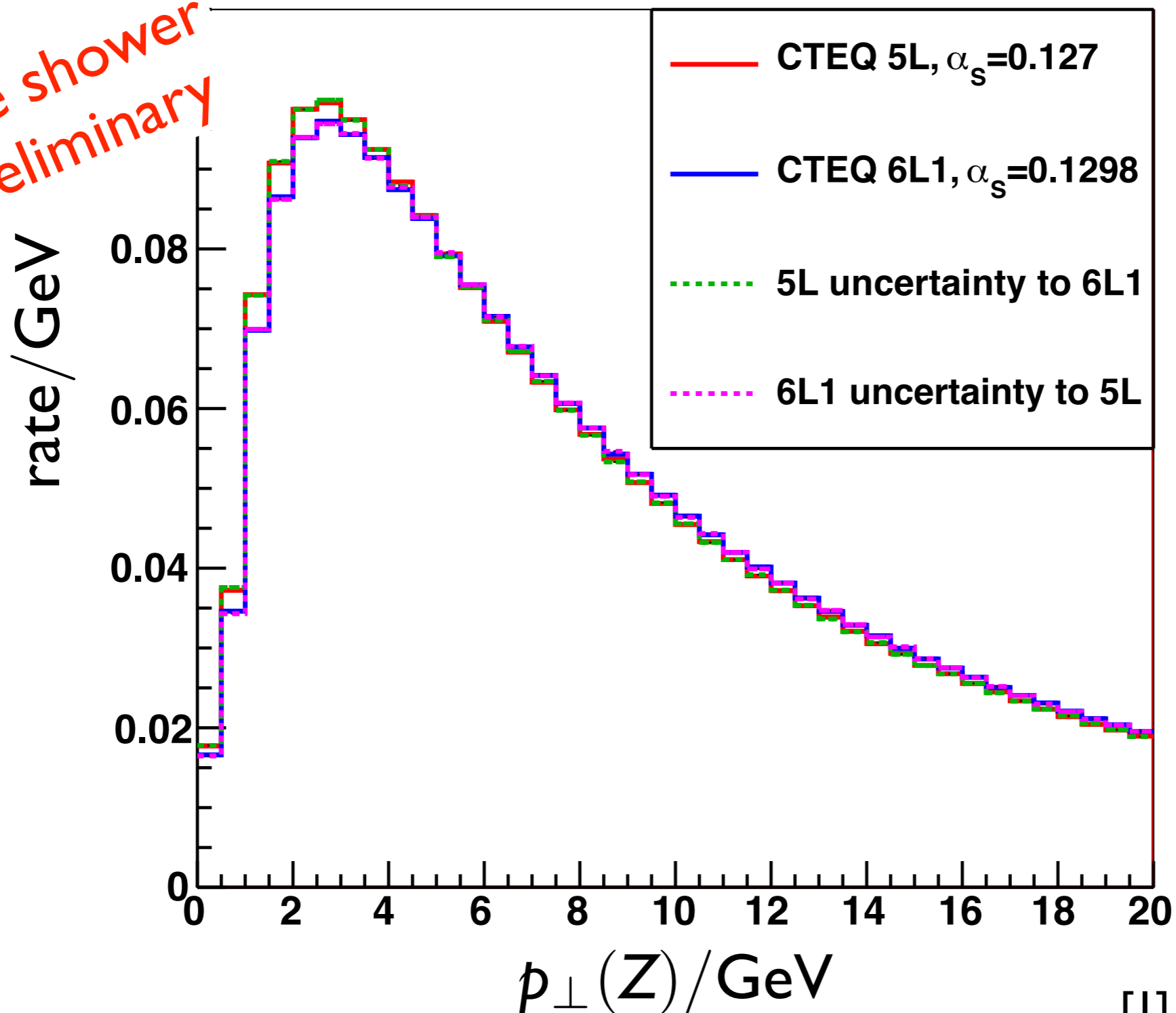
⇒ in practice, restrict range of weights (artificially)

only most, not all uncertainties can be accessed in this way

# Uncertainties - Test

Drell-Yan<sup>[1]</sup> in Pythia 8.176 + Vincia

pure shower  
preliminary



[1] pure parton shower