

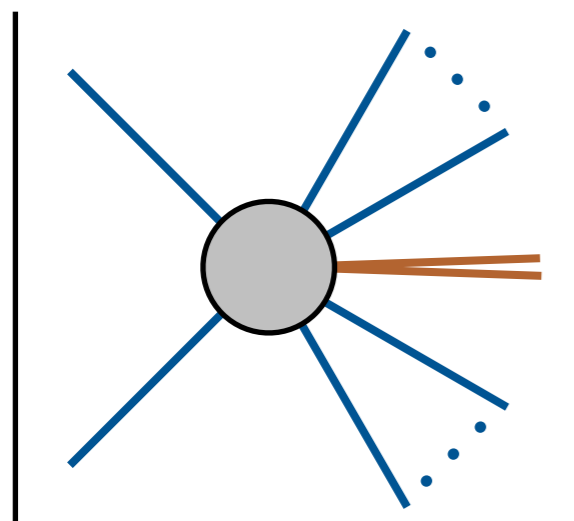
# Probing the Core of QCD

Jesse Thaler



Boost 2015, Chicago — August 10, 2015

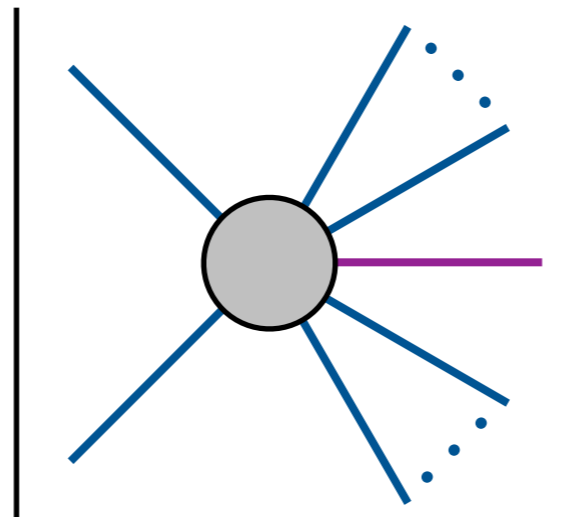
# Textbook QCD: Universal Collinear Limit



$2 \rightarrow n$

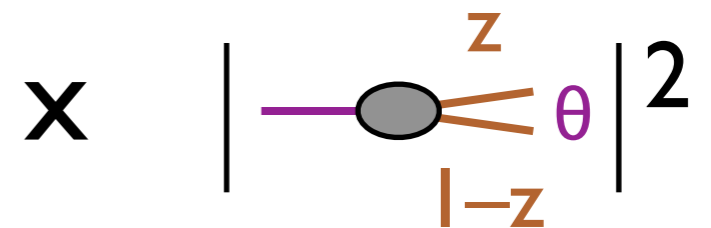
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$\approx$



$2 \rightarrow n-1$

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*Splitting Function*

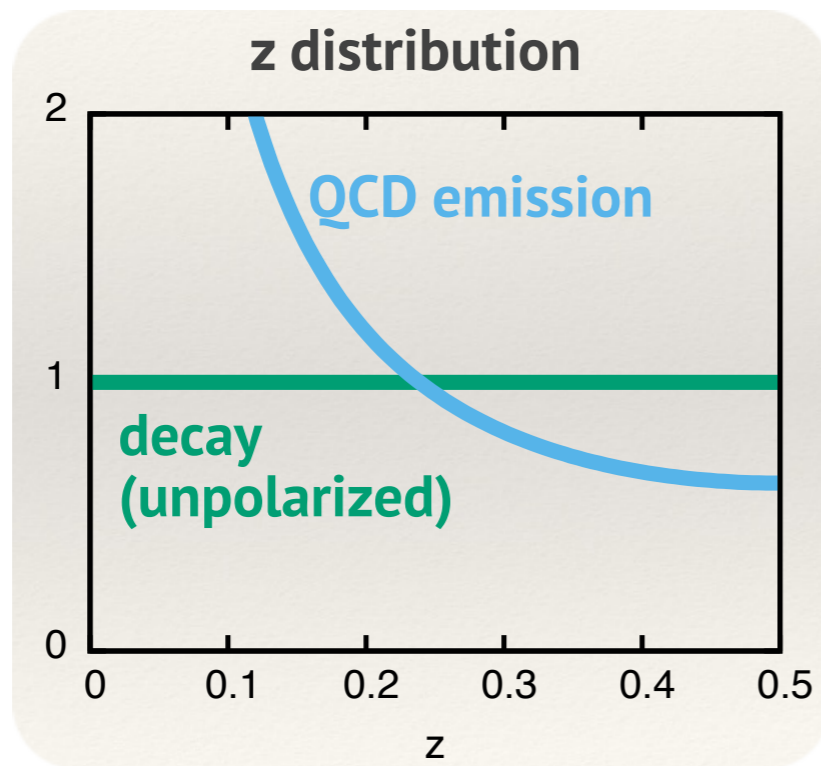
$1 \rightarrow 2$

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# The Core of QCD

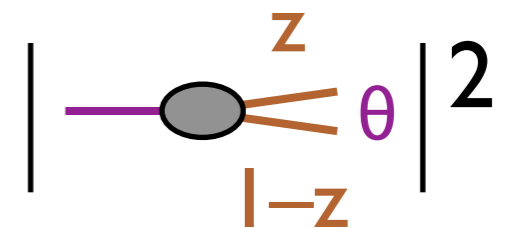
Basis for parton shower MC generators,  
PDF evolution, NLO subtractions,  
 $k_t$  clustering, jet substructure intuition...



[From Gavin's FCC talk, March 2015]

Measurable? Calculable?

↳ IRC Unsafe



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Collinear singularity      Soft singularity

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Today:

*Jet substructure to probe  
universal singularity structure  
of gauge theories (e.g. QCD)*

## Sudakov Safety

[Andrew Larkoski, JDT, 1307.1699; my talk at Boost 2013]

Ingredients:

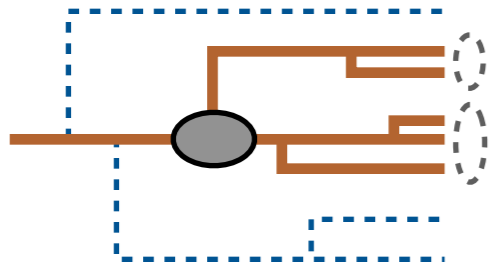
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[Andrew Larkoski, Simone Marzani, Gregory Soyez, JDT, 1402.2657;  
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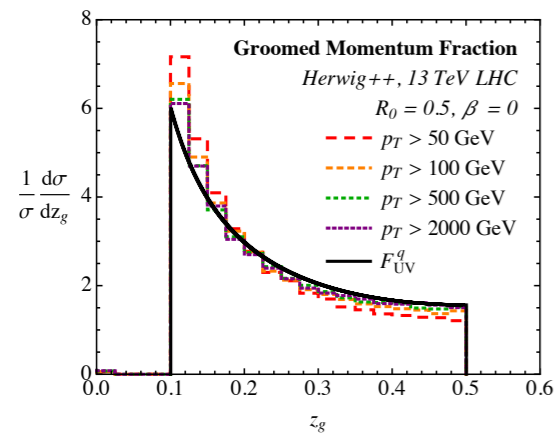
## Standard Candles

[Andrew Larkoski, Simone Marzani, JDT, 1502.01719]

# Outline



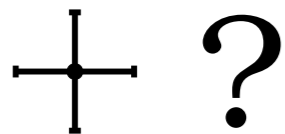
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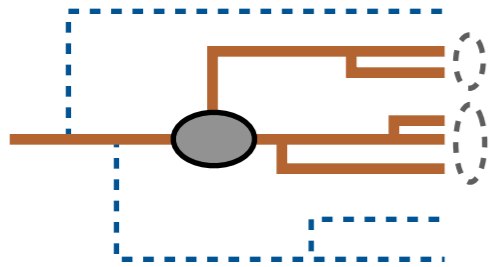
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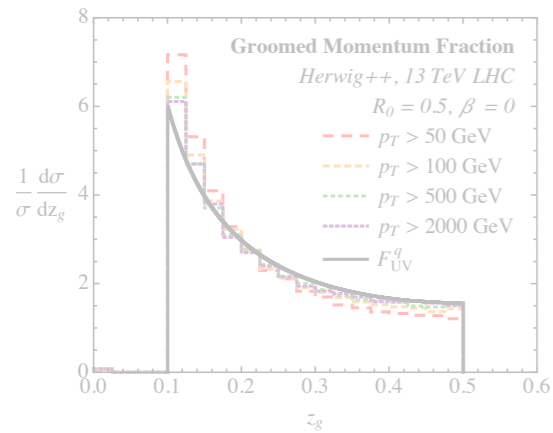
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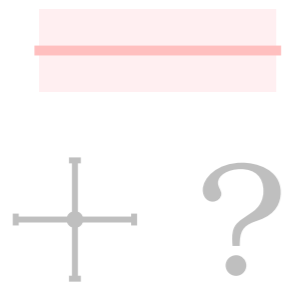
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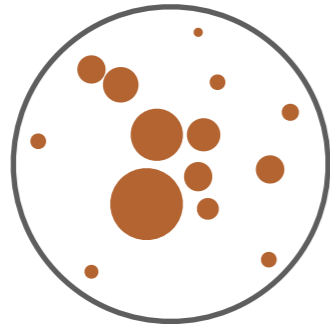
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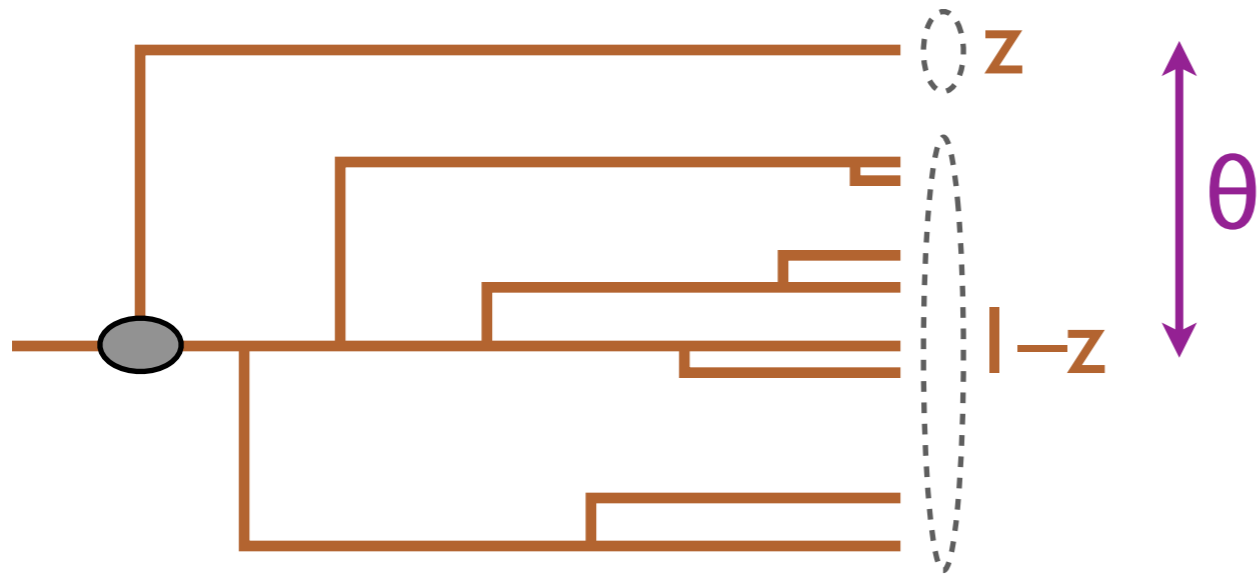
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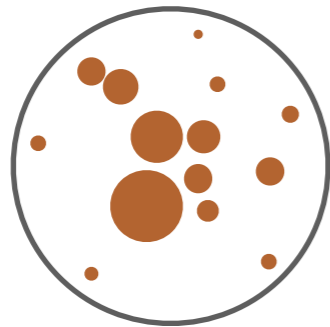
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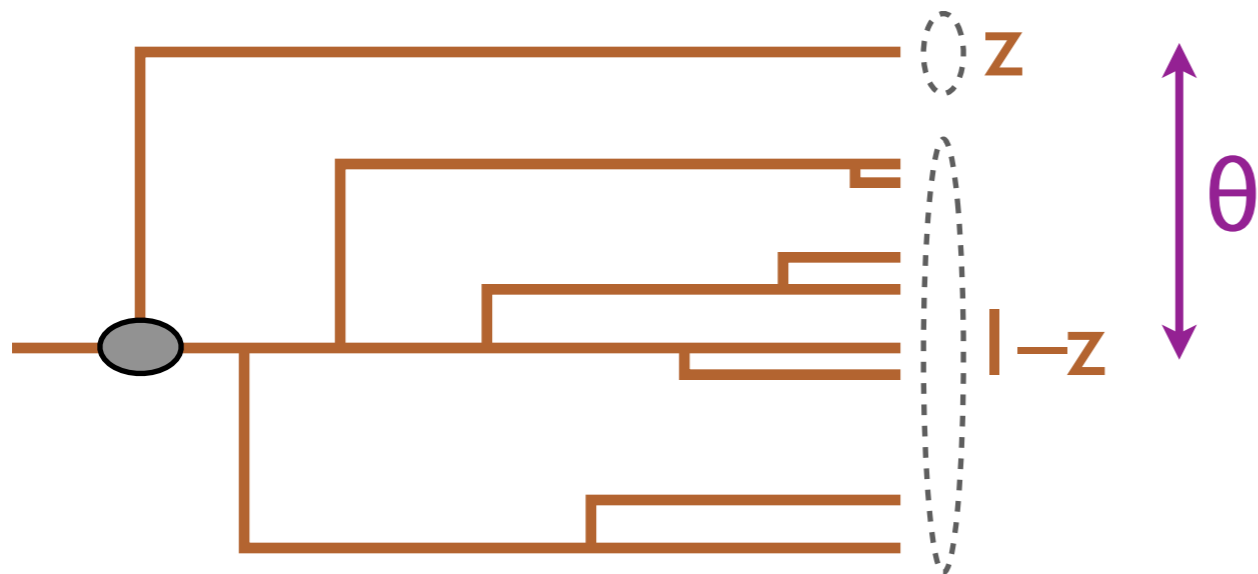
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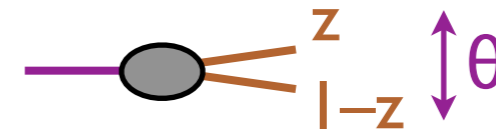
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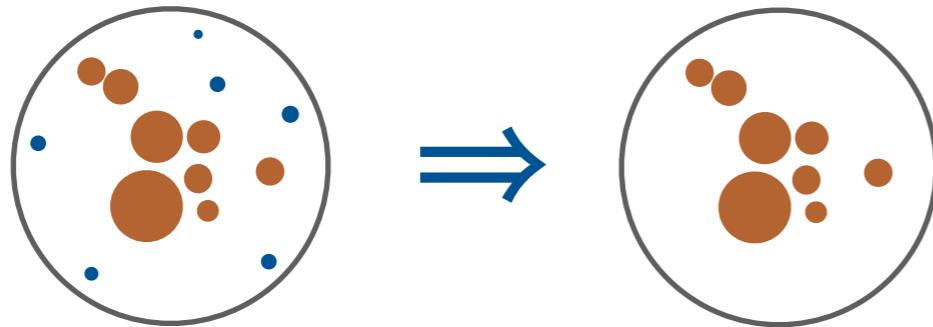


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**Z** IRC Unsafe



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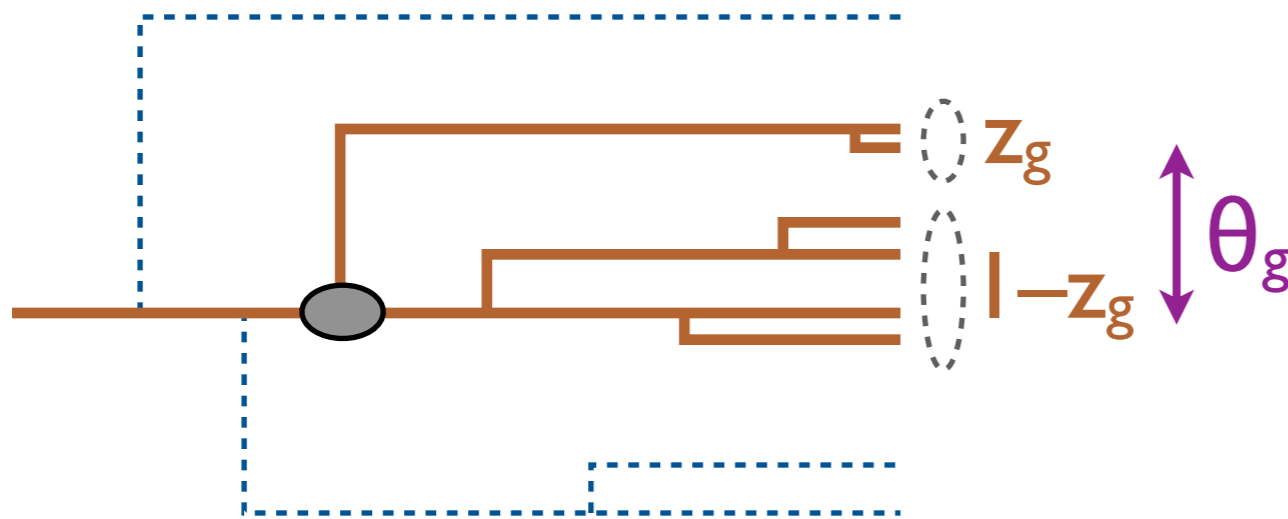


Soft Drop ( $\beta = 0$ , aka mMDT)

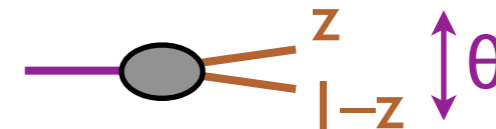
$$z > z_{\text{cut}}$$

↑  
energy  
threshold

Groomed angular-ordered tree...



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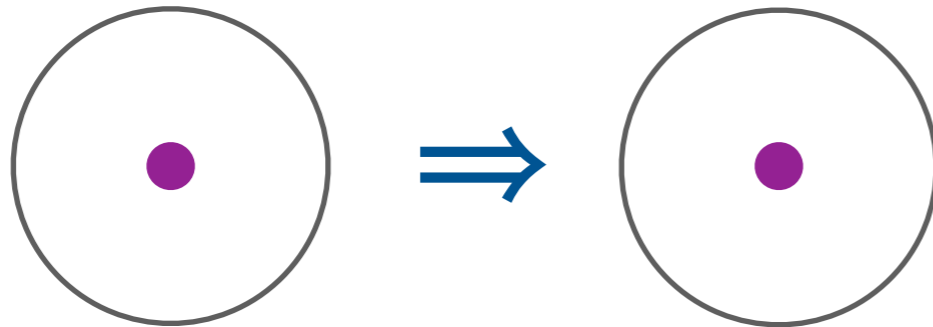


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[Larkoski, Marzani, Soyer, JDT, 1402.2657]  
[see also Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam, 0802.2470; Dasgupta, Fregoso, Marzani, Salam, 1307.0007]

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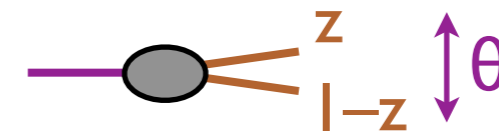
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One prong jet...

...gives splitting function?



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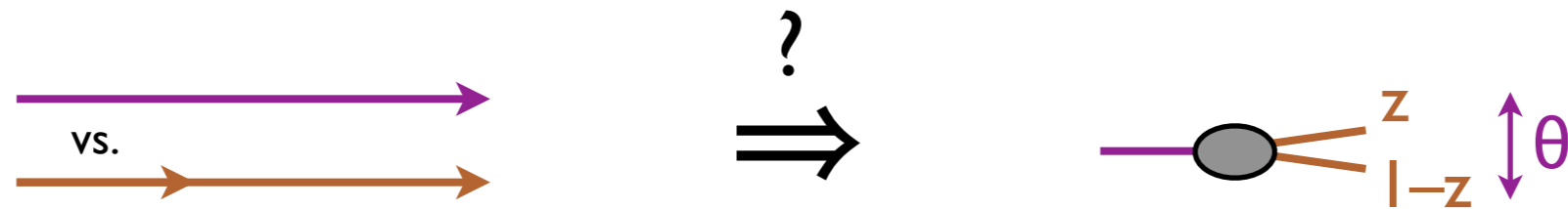
vs.



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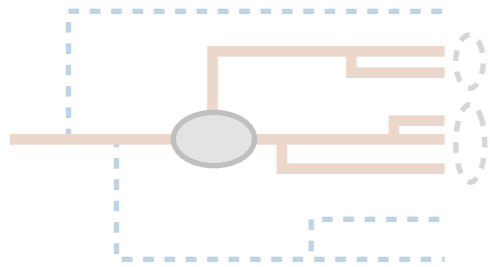


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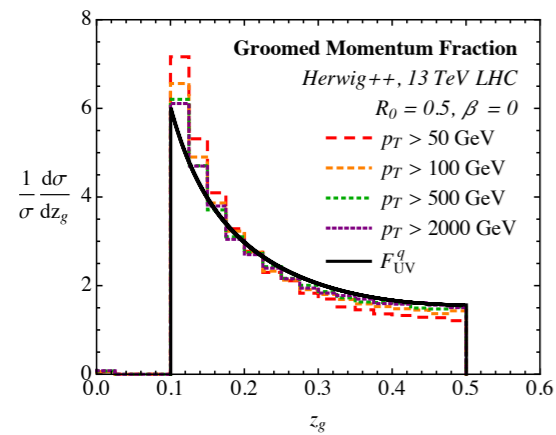
## *How to calculate from first principles?*

(see backup for how our elders addressed this in 1978)

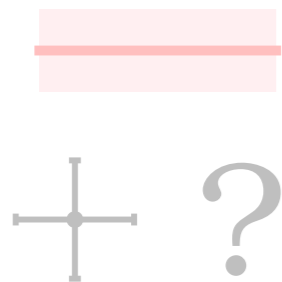
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## From Sudakov Safety to Standard Candles



## From Theory to Experiment



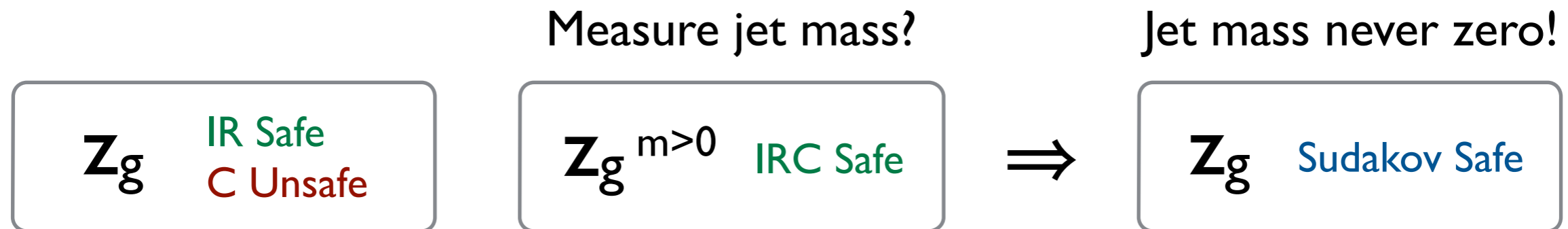
# I. Use Sudakov Form Factors

Measure jet mass?

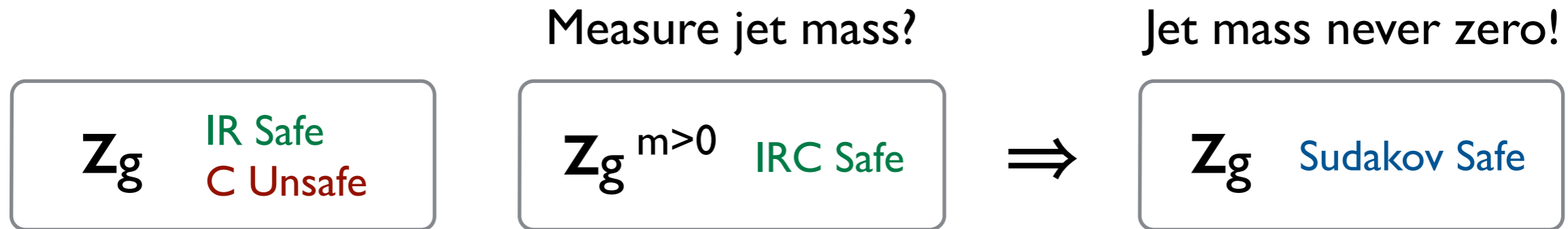
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$Z_g^{m>0}$  IRC Safe

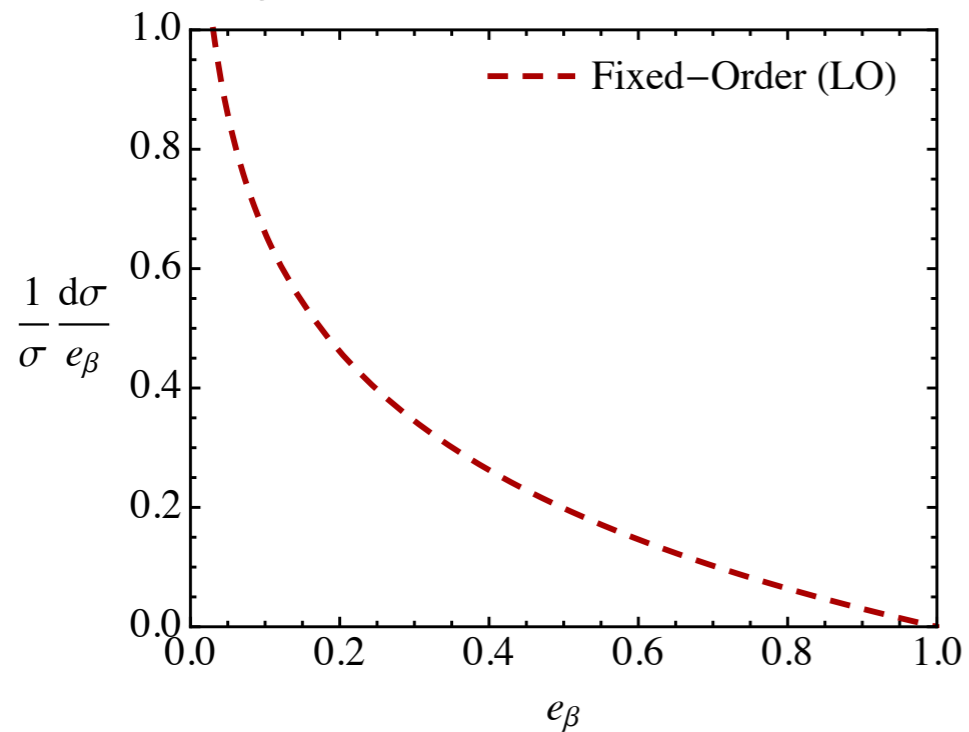
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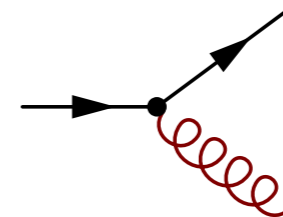
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Jet mass distribution

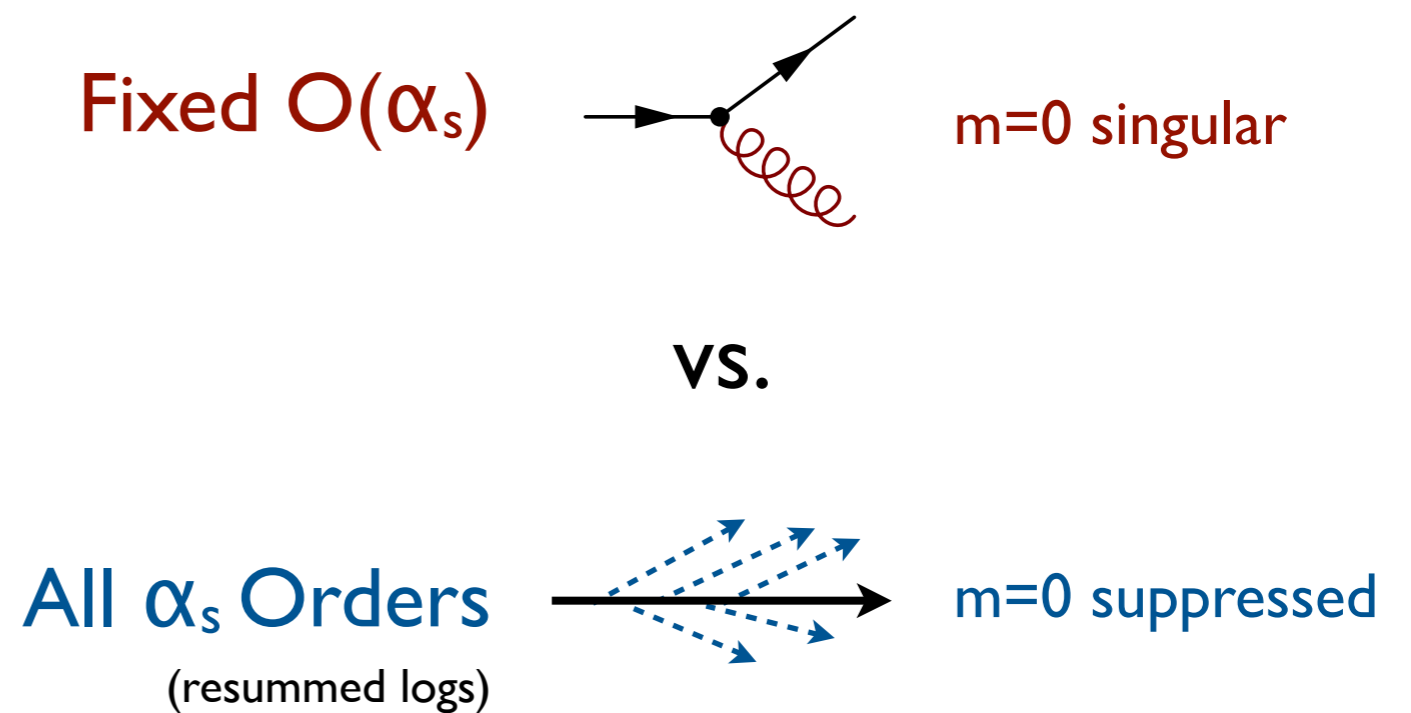
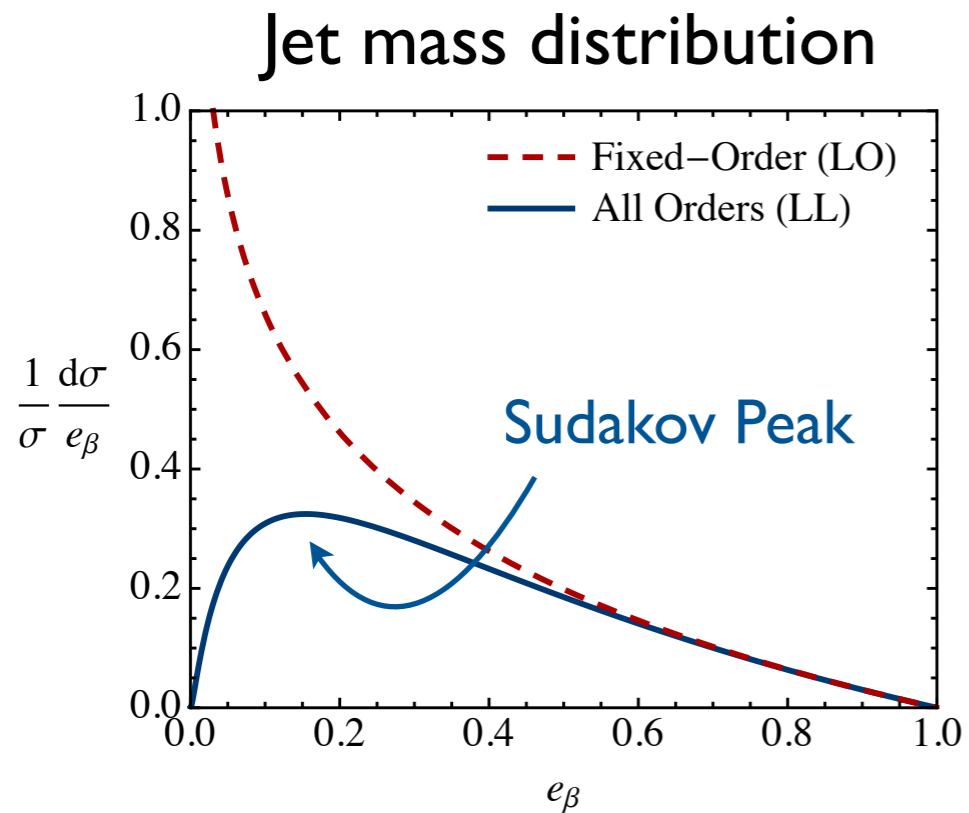
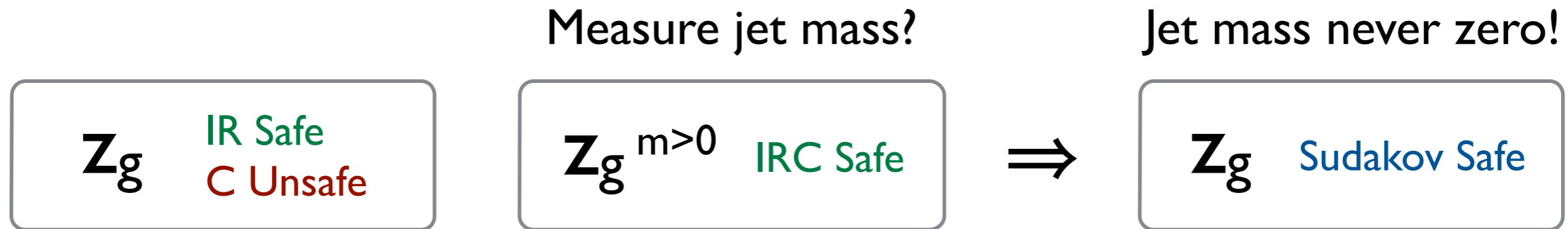


Fixed  $O(\alpha_s)$



$m=0$  singular

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[Larkoski, JDT, 1307.1699]



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**Sudakov Safe**  
 ↓  
**Insight:**  $p(u) = \int ds p(s) p(u|s)$

↑  
**Sudakov form factor**  
 (all orders in  $\alpha_s$ )

↑  
**Perturbative**  
 (fixed order in  $\alpha_s$ )

Suppresses isolated singularities...

...at each perturbative order

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Absorb singularities  
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renormalize

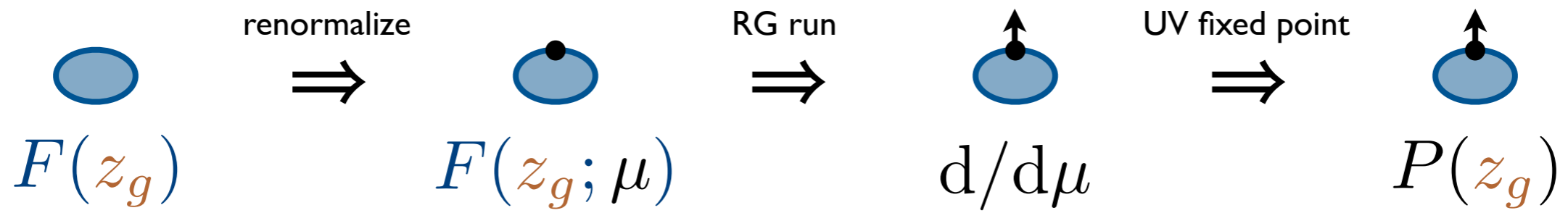
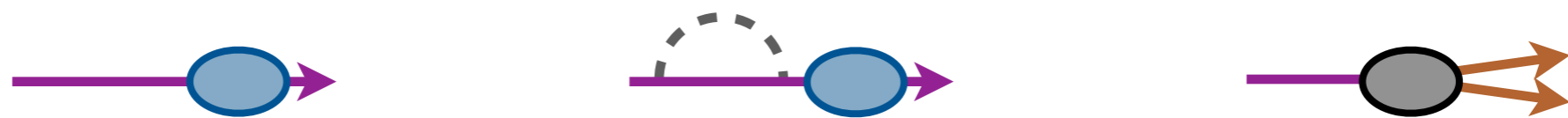
$$F(z_g) \Rightarrow F(z_g; \mu)$$

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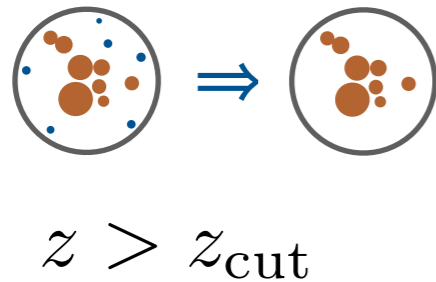
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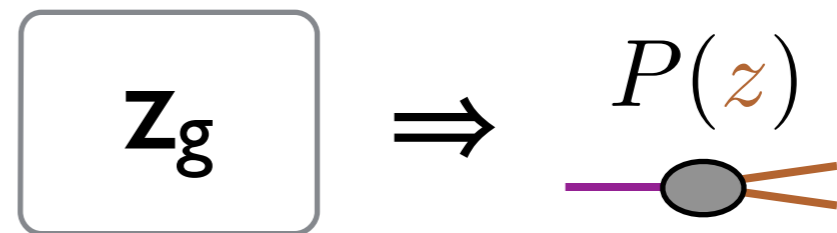
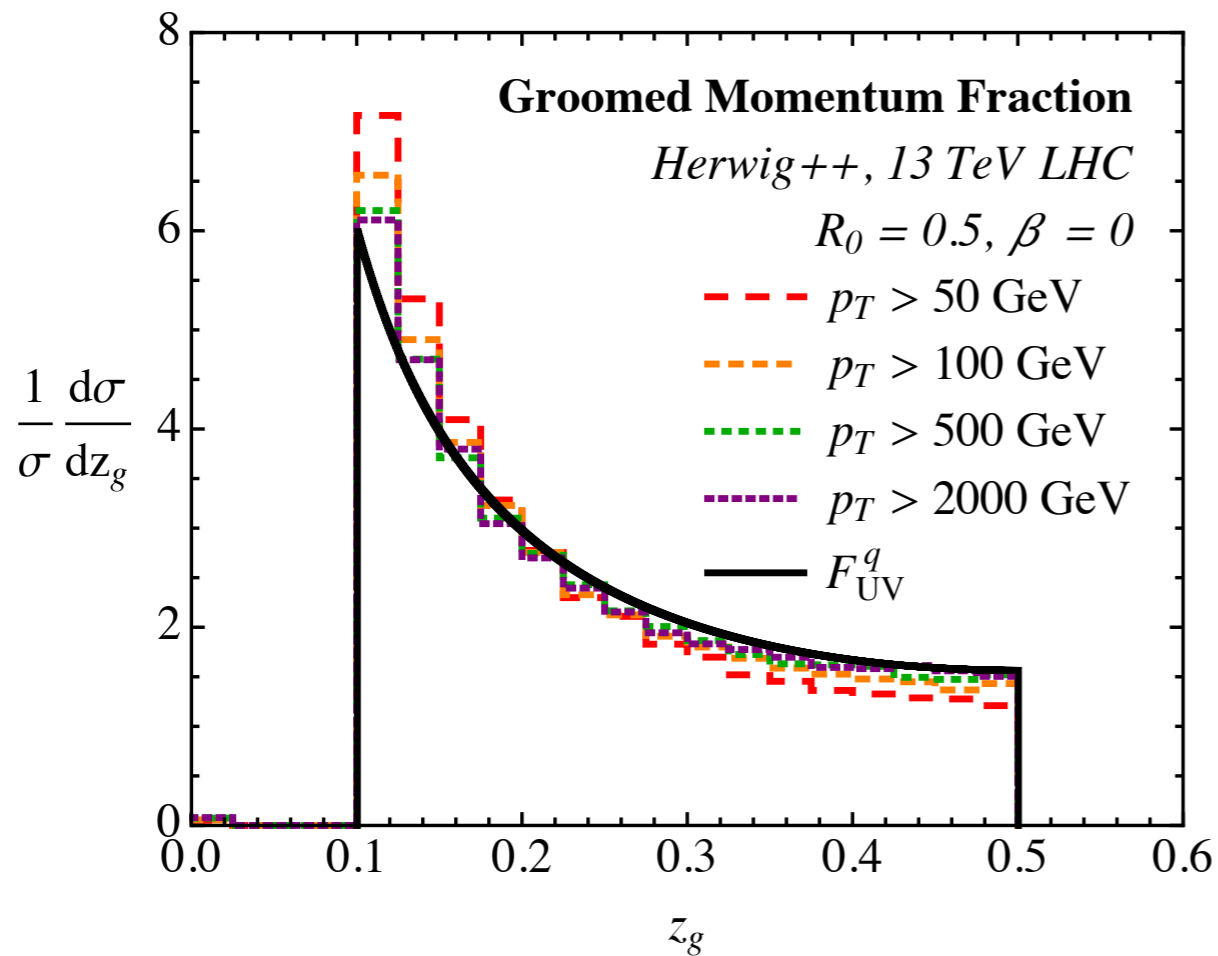
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# A Standard Candle for Jets



$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dz_g} = \frac{\bar{P}_i(z_g)}{\int_{z_{\text{cut}}}^{1/2} dz \bar{P}_i(z)} + \dots$$



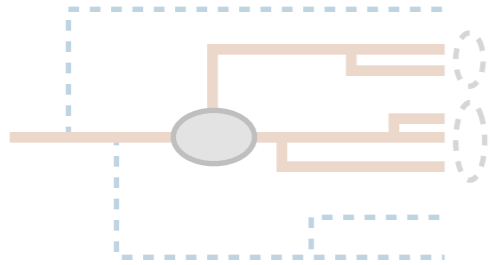
- $\approx$  independent of  $\alpha_s$  (!)
- $\approx$  independent of jet  $p_T$  and radius
- $\approx$  same for quarks and gluons

calculable deviations from universality

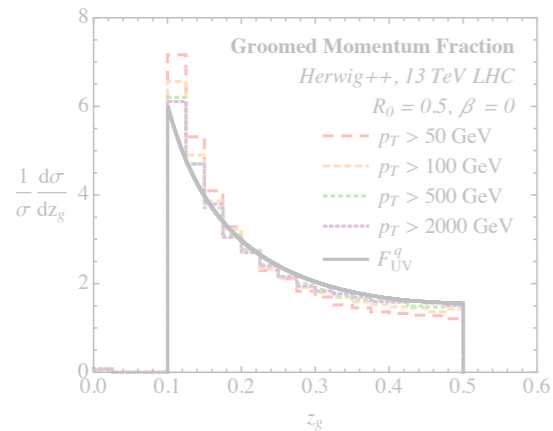
(see backup for  $\beta \neq 0$ )



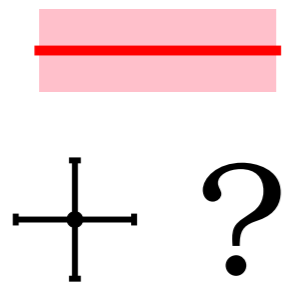
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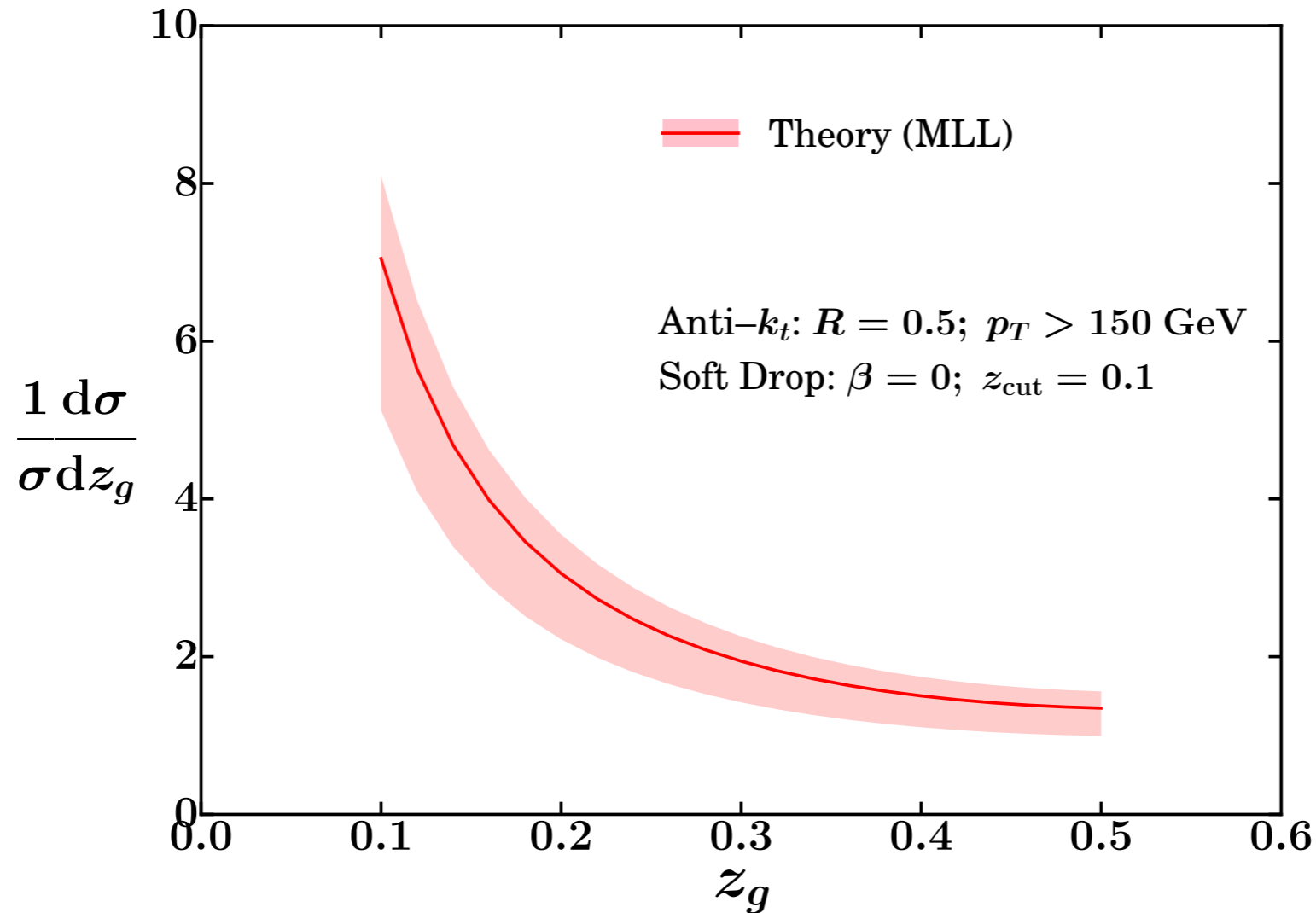
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## From Theory to Experiment



# Theory Calculation

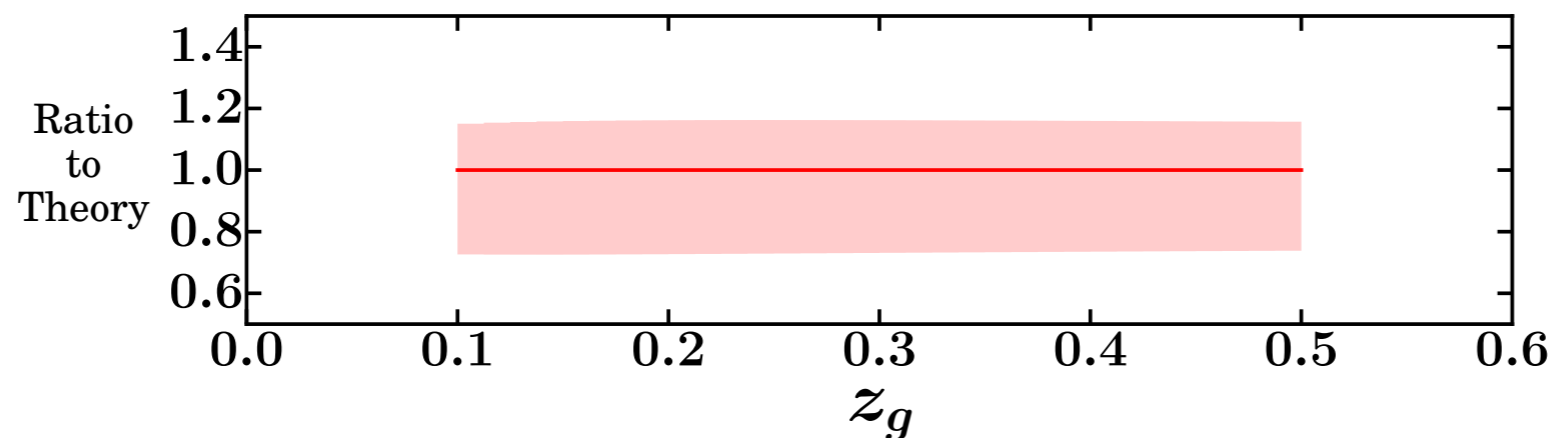


$p_T > 150$  GeV  
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**MLL:**  
leading log plus  
running coupling

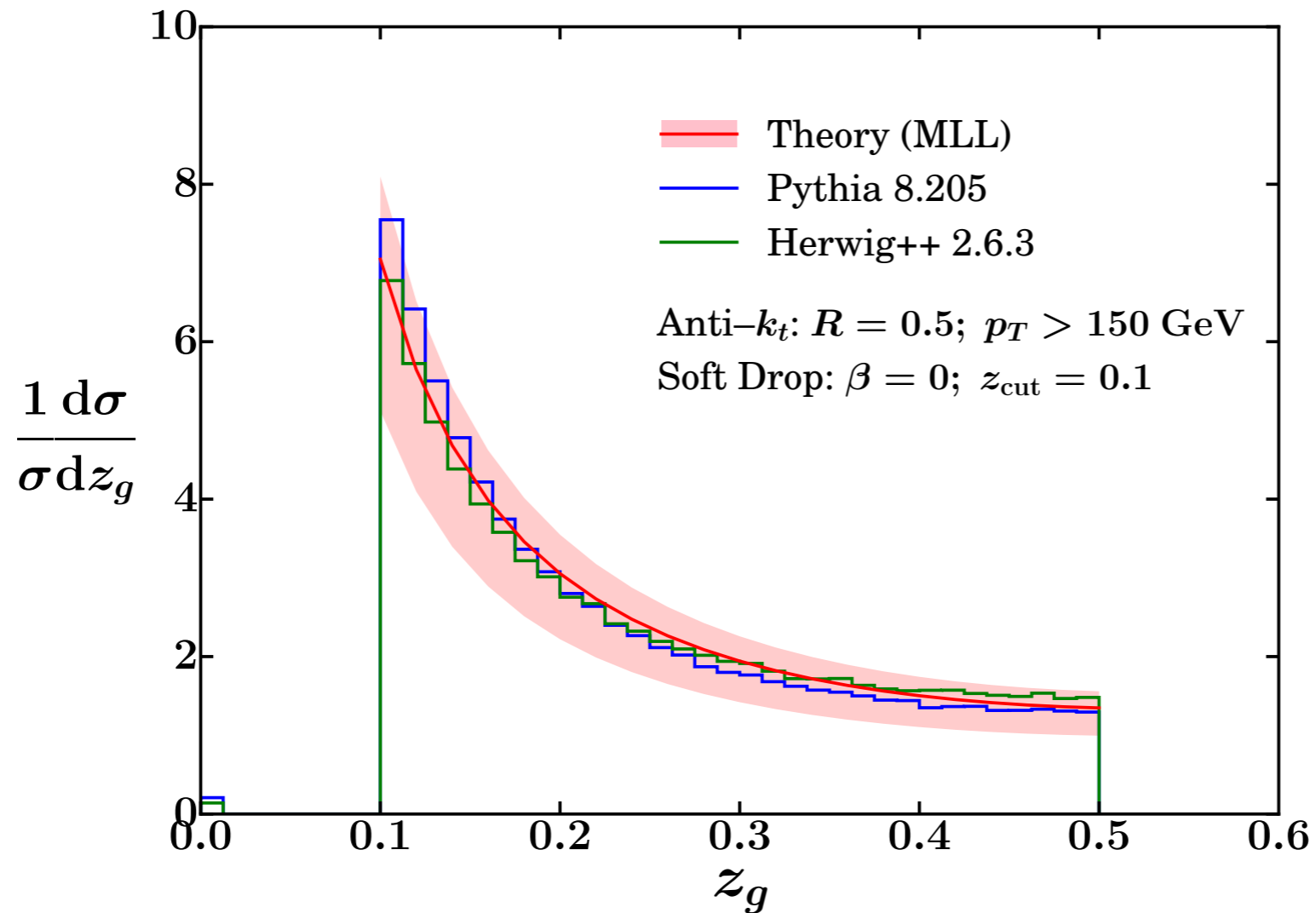
Uncertainties from  
 $\alpha_s$  scale variation and  
quark/gluon composition

(Likely an overestimate  
since normalization is  
not enforced and  
q/g composition is known)



[Thanks to Simone Marzani]

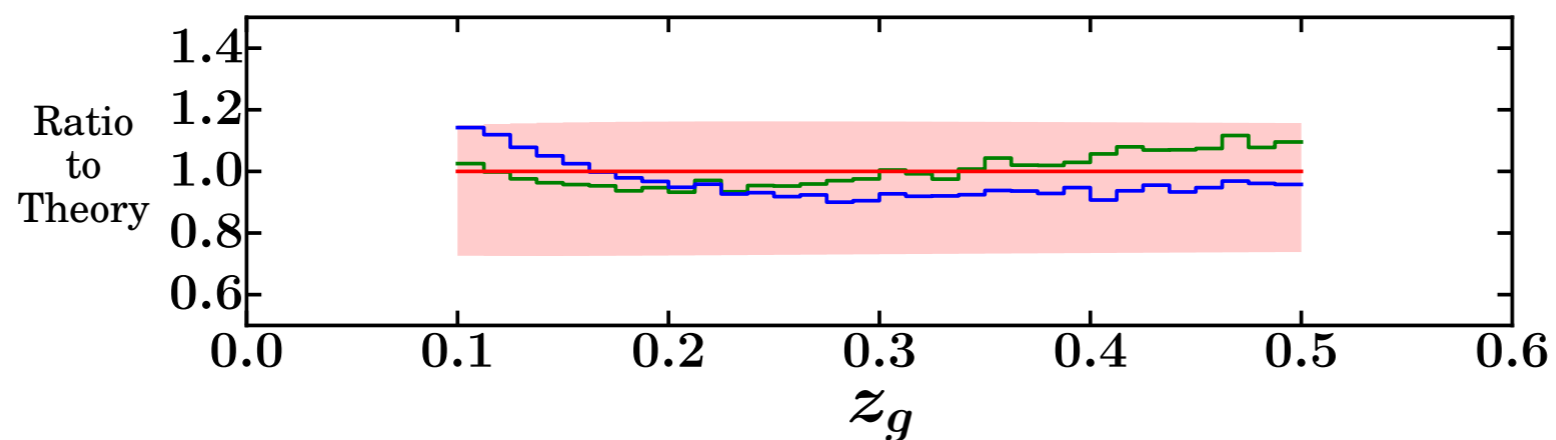
# Parton Shower Simulation



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MC:  
LO QCD dijets  
out of the box

Particle level, default  
underlying event tune,  
no detector simulation

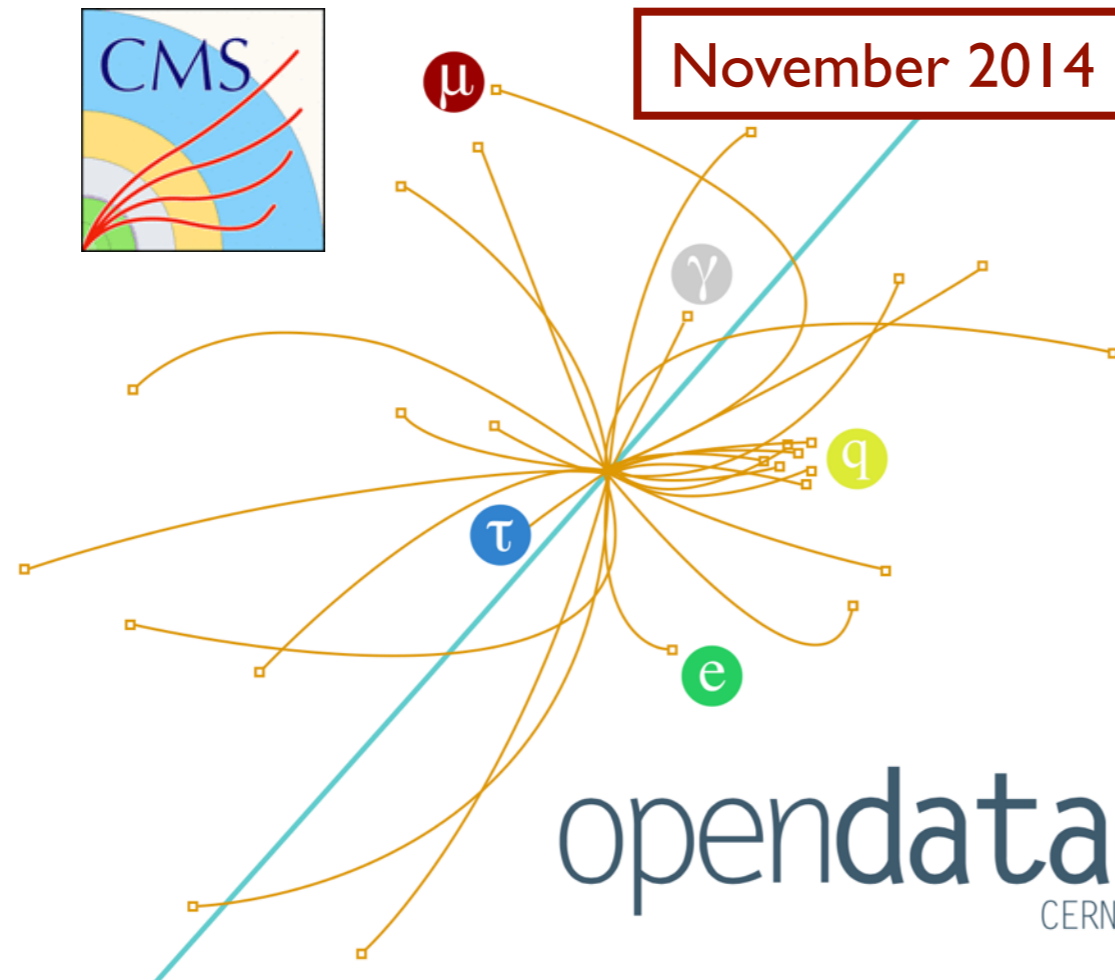


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# Experimental Measurement

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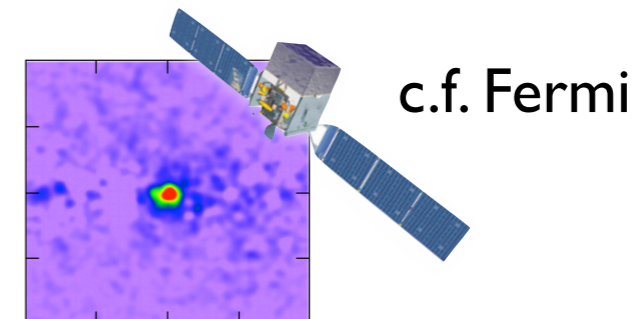
# The Future is Open

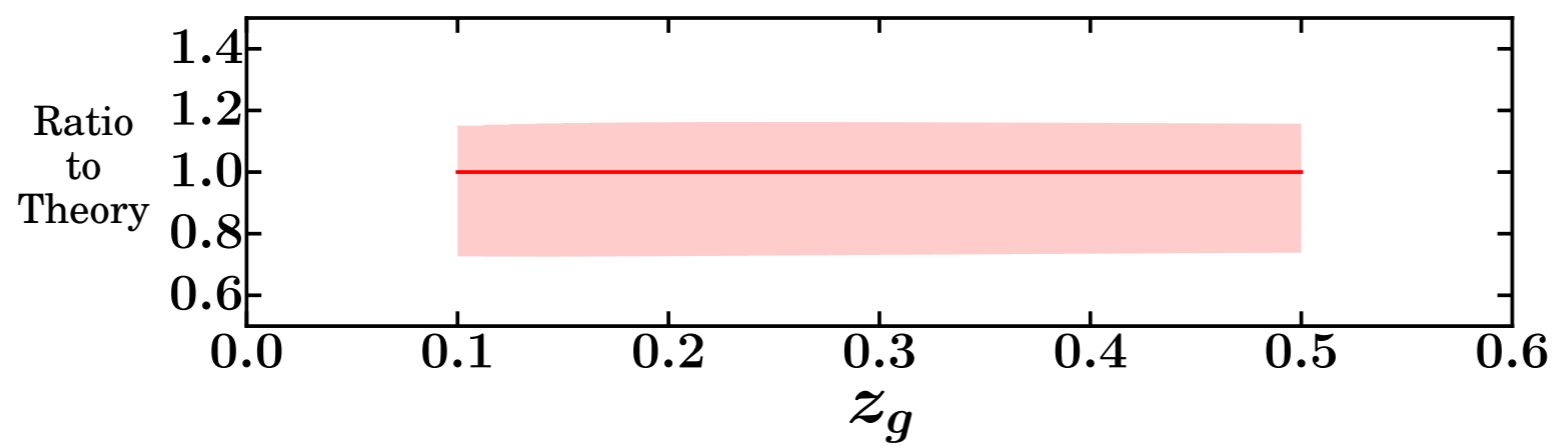
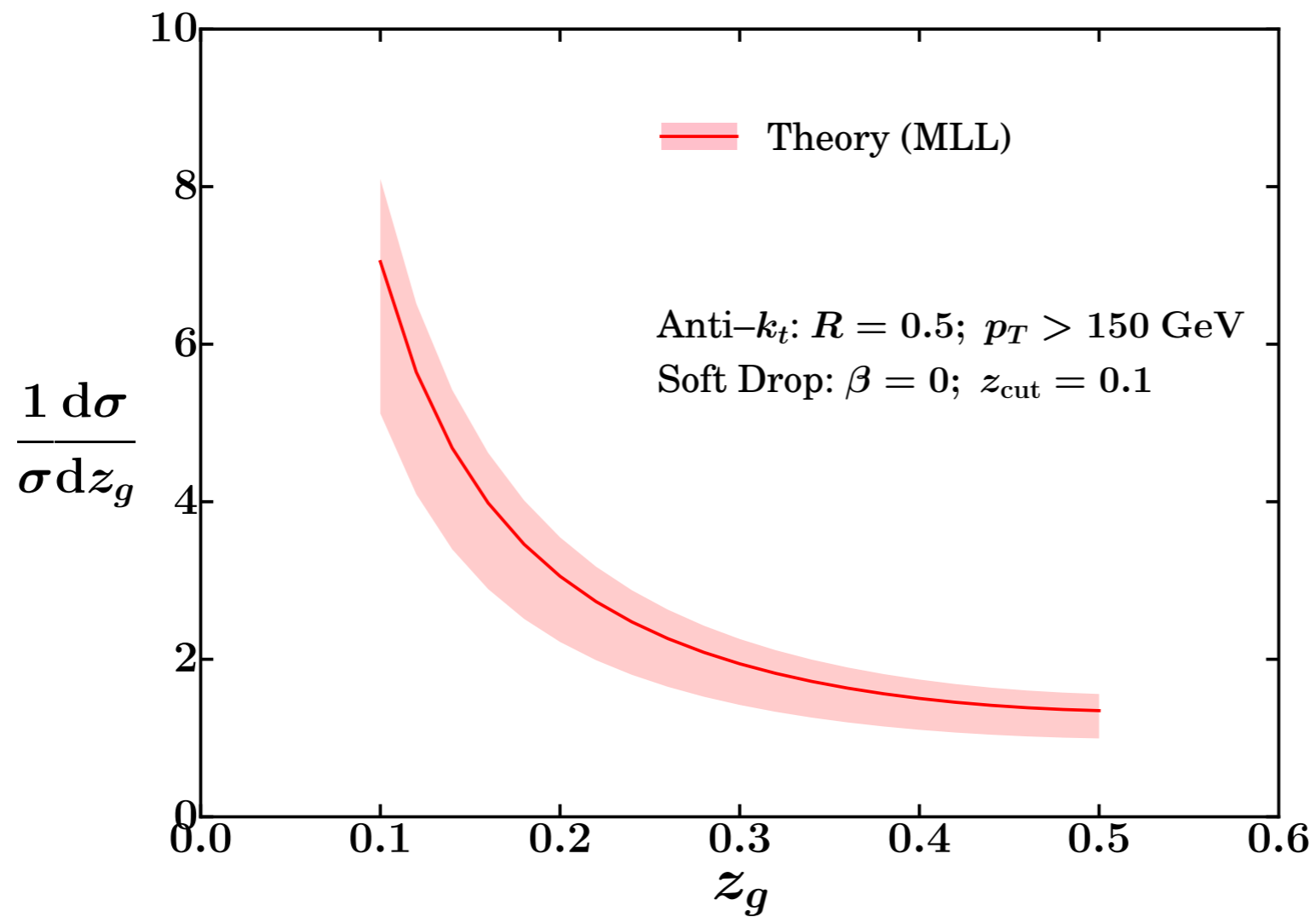


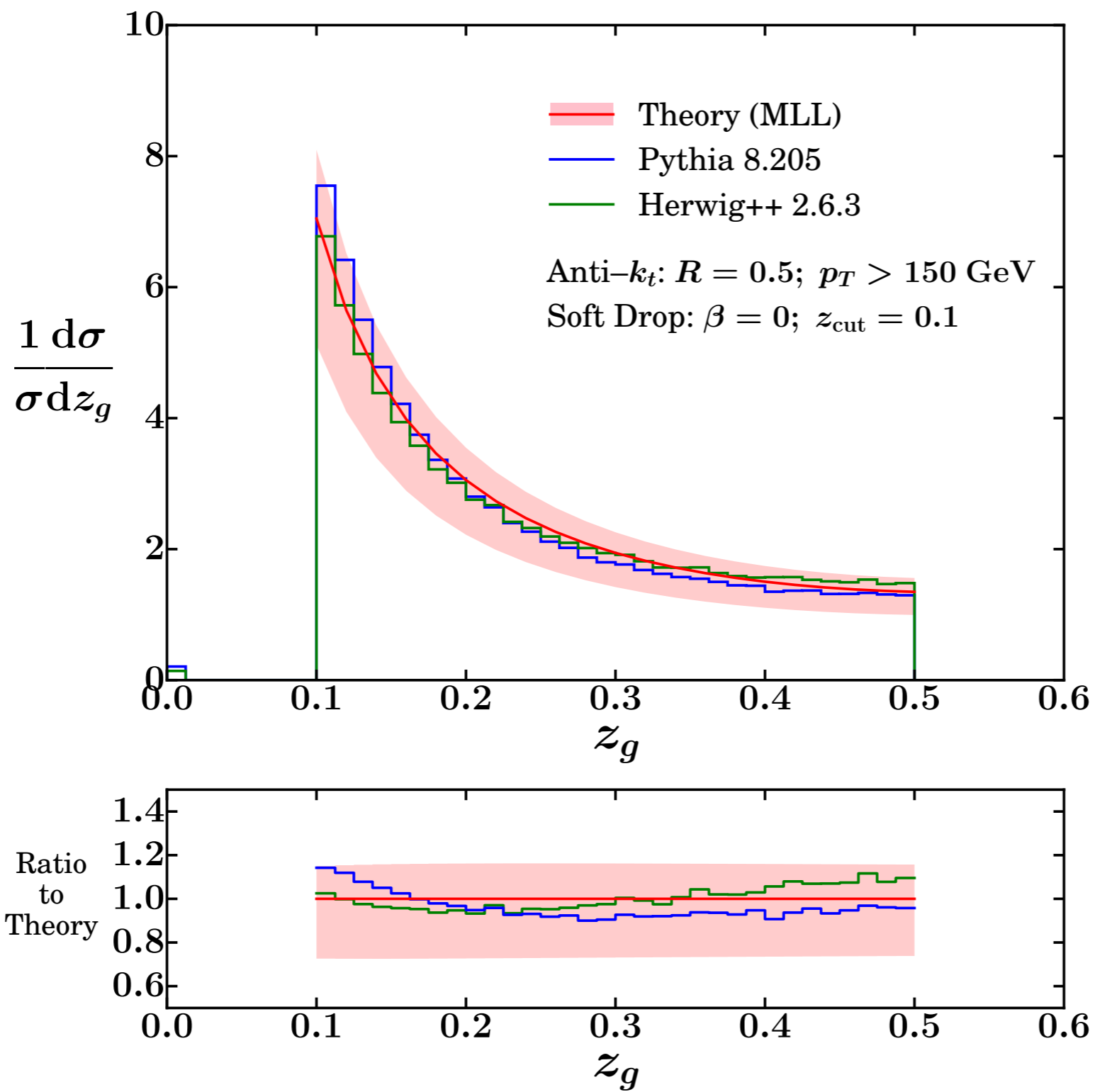
CMS 2010 Data:

$\approx 200\text{k}$  events with  
hardest jet  $p_T > 150$  GeV,  
very low pileup

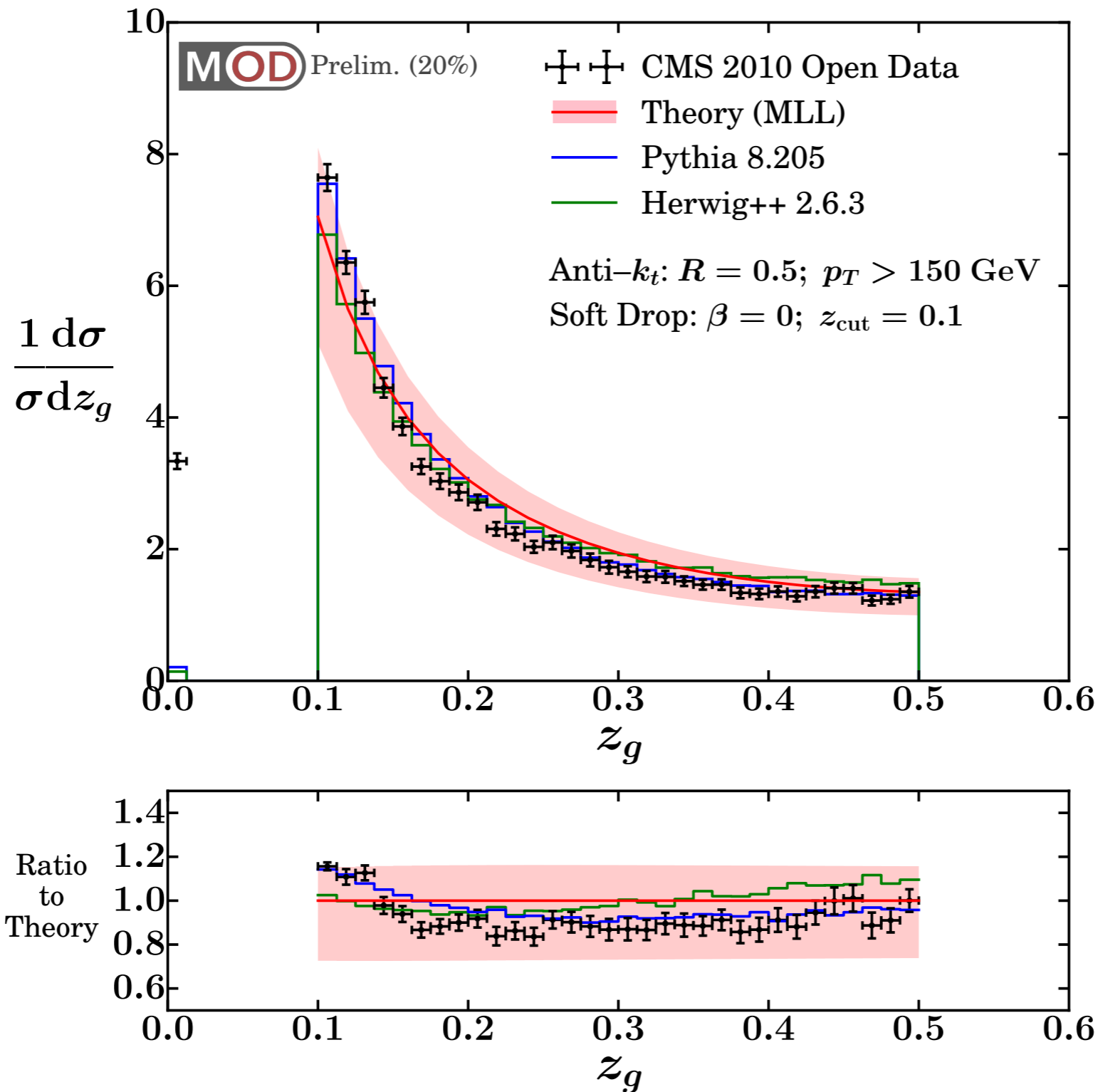
*Accelerating science through  
(judicious) public data releases*







# Open Data Analysis



$p_T > 150$  GeV  
 $z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$

**CMS Open Data:  
 Jet Primary Data Set  
 with Particle Flow  
 Candidates**

Statistical uncertainties only,  
 no unfolding, 58021 events

Using single jet triggers  
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 AK5 jet energy corrections  
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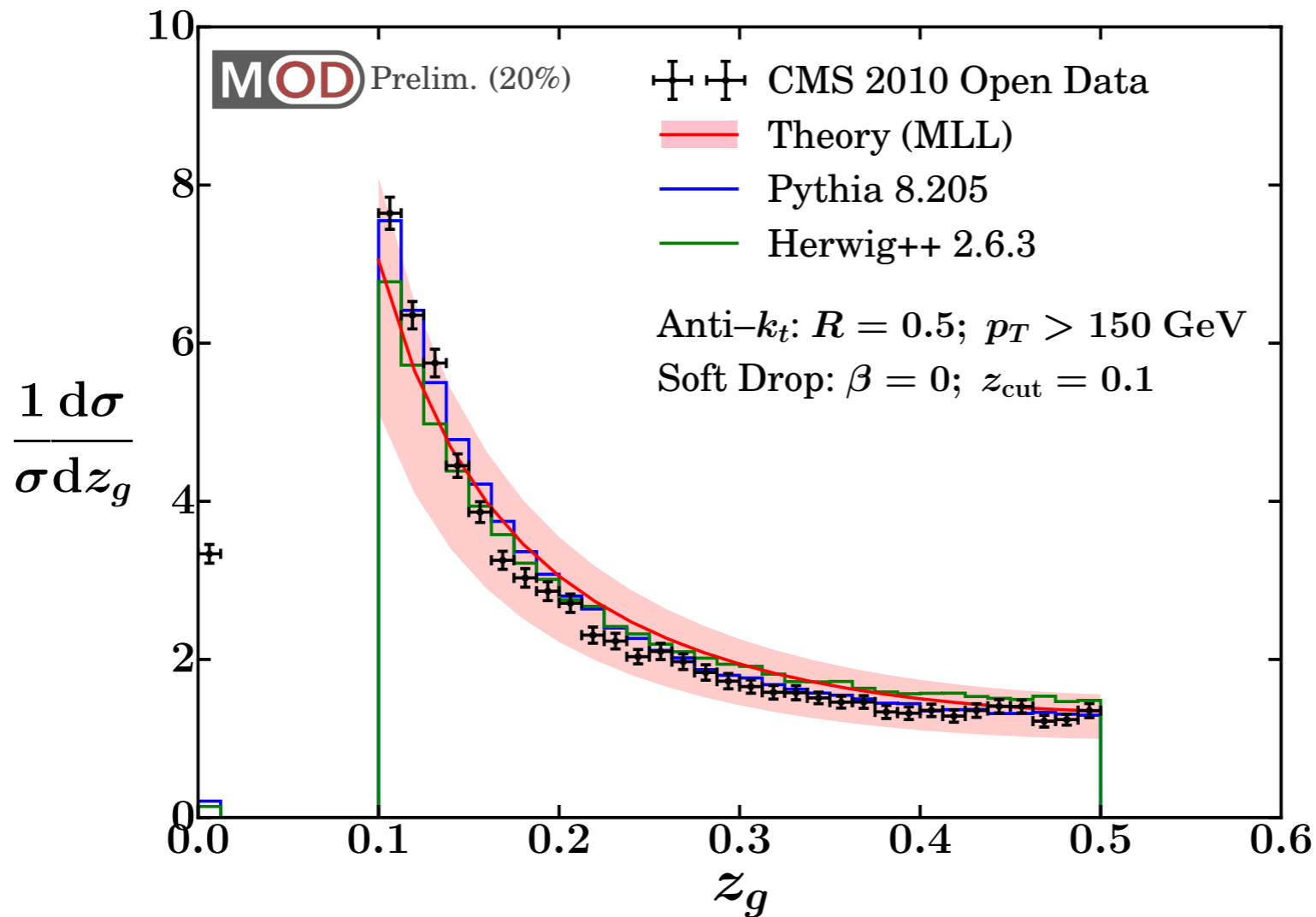
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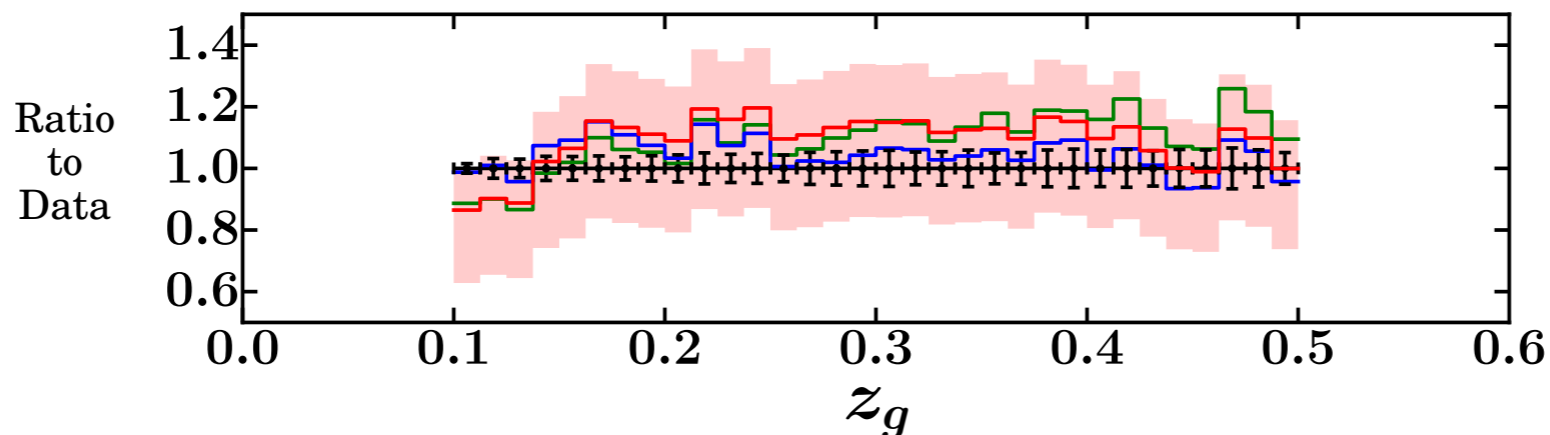
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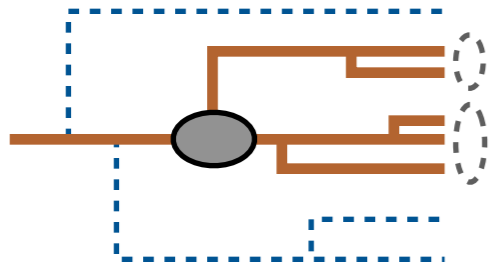
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As nature  
 intended:



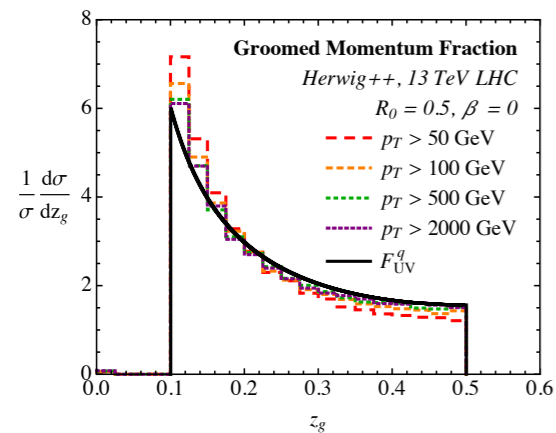
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# Summary



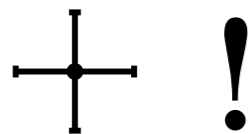
## From Soft Drop to Splitting Functions

*Jet grooming to expose two-prong energy sharing “z”*  
*Makes concrete what we already intuit from jet substructure*



## From Sudakov Safety to Standard Candles

*All orders in  $\alpha_s$  yields new insights into QFT*  
*New way to measure the universal singularity structure of QCD*

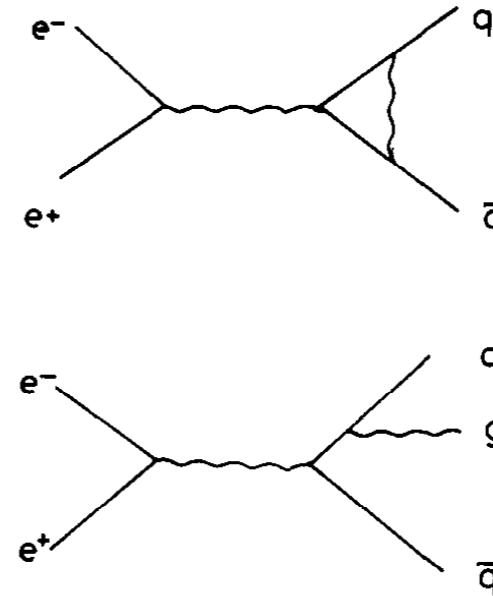
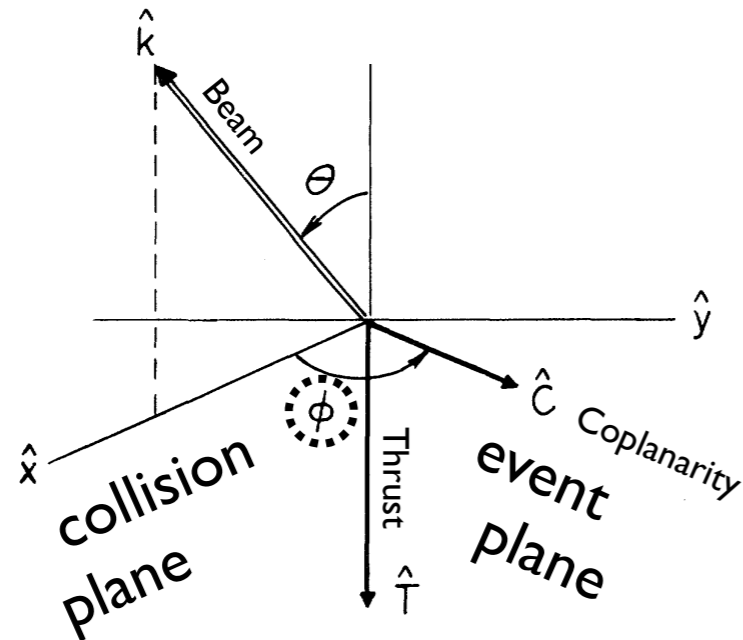


## From Theory to Experiment

*The future is now: idea + simulation + calculation + open data analysis*  
*Can open data enhance theory/experiment interface?*

# *Backup Slides*

# 3. Learn from Our Elders



$\varphi$  ambiguous

$\varphi$  well-defined

Me: “ $\varphi$  is IRC unsafe”

My Elder: “We explicitly calculated  $d\sigma/d\varphi$  in 1978”

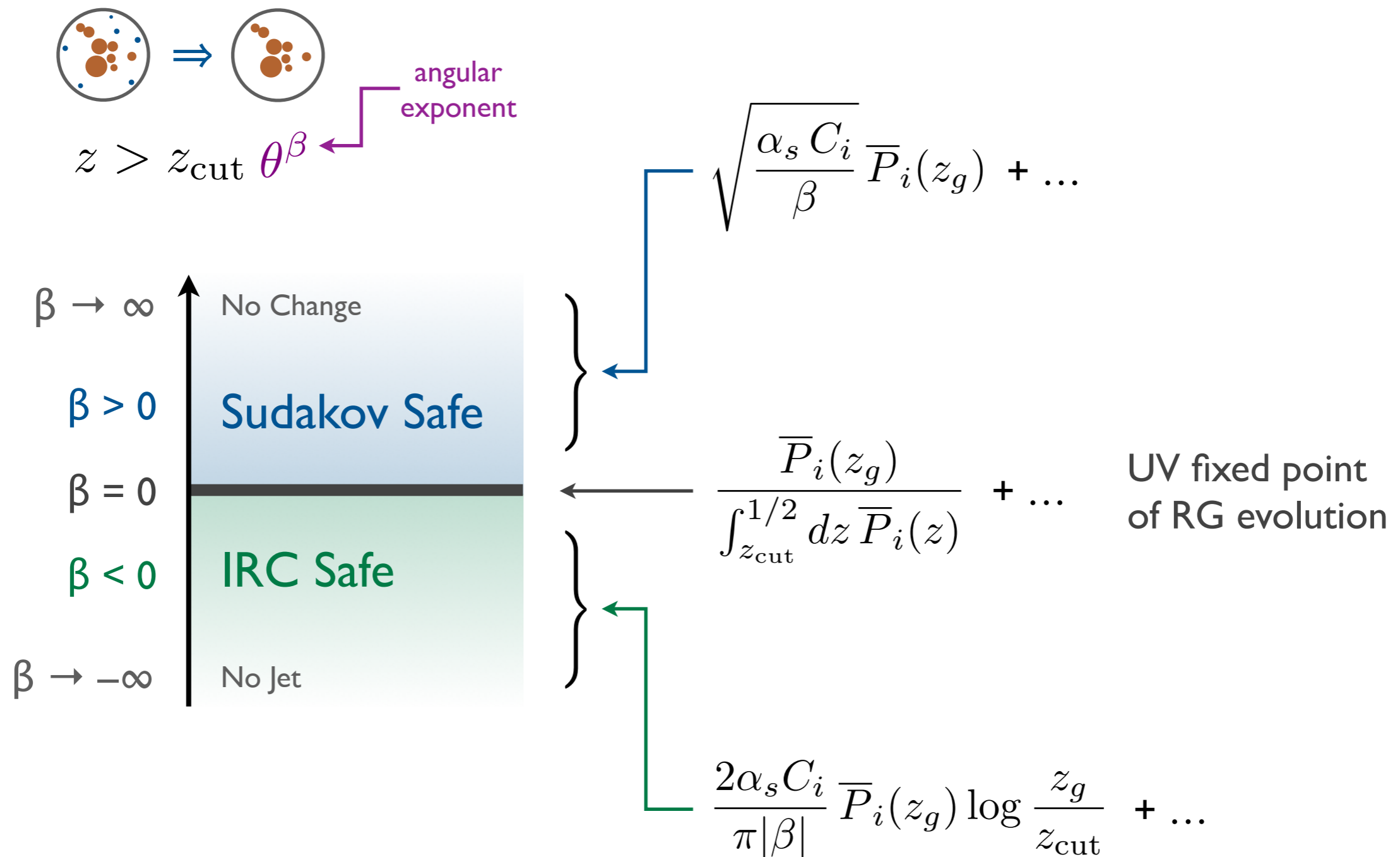
$$\frac{2\pi}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{d\varphi} = 1 + O(\alpha_s(Q^2)) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \left( \frac{16}{3} \ln \frac{3}{2} - 2 \right) \cos 2\varphi$$

↑ Born cross section despite ambiguity (!)

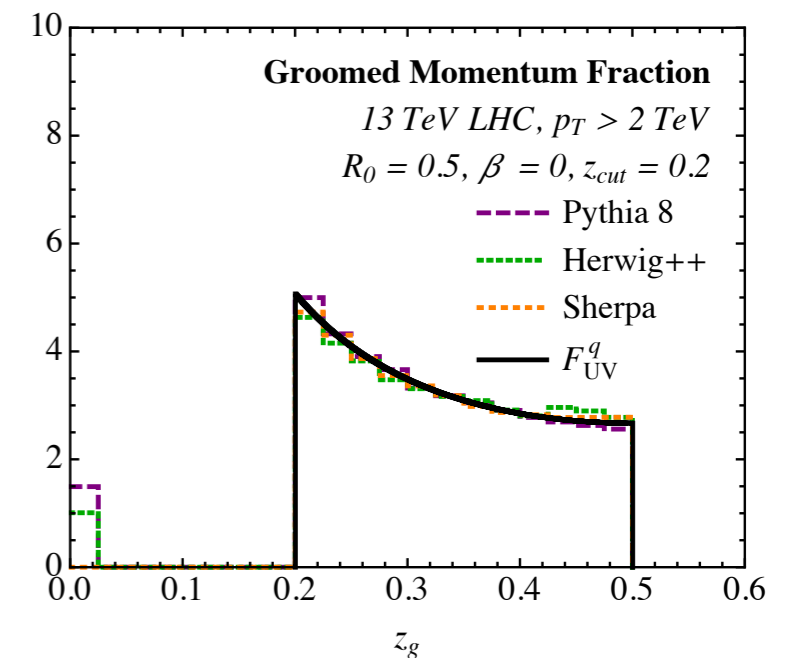
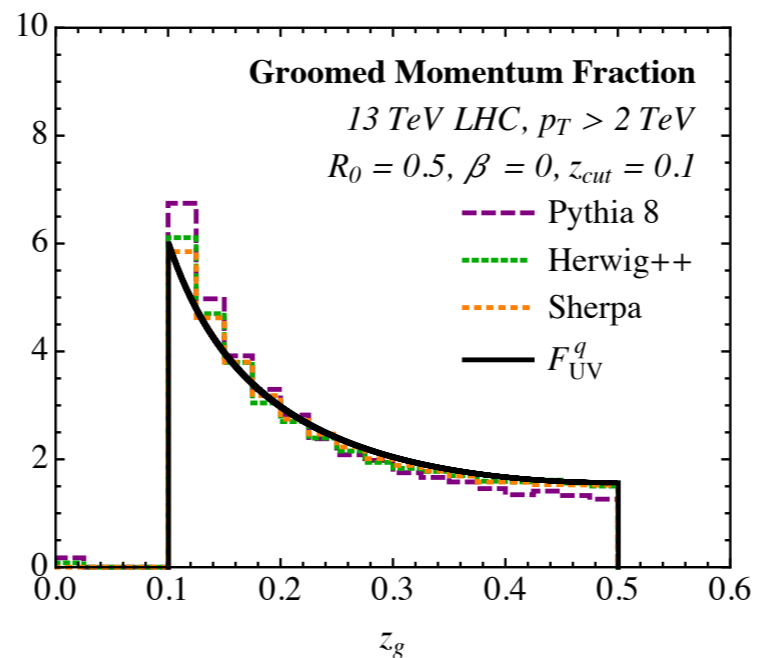
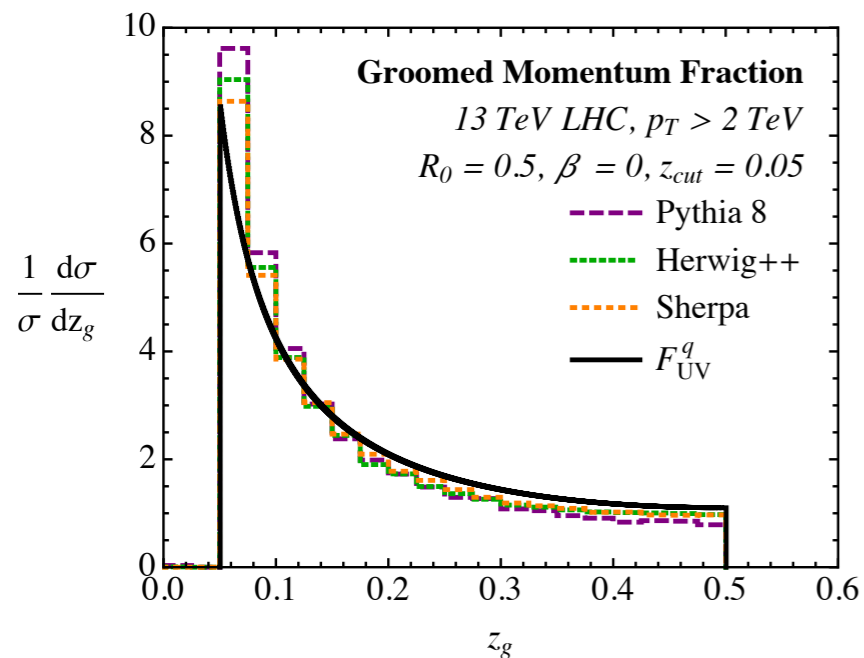
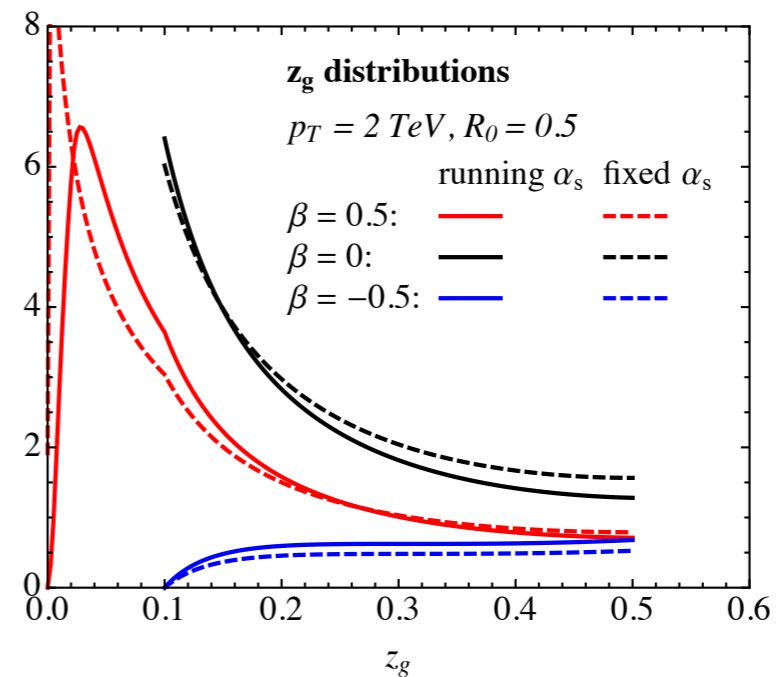
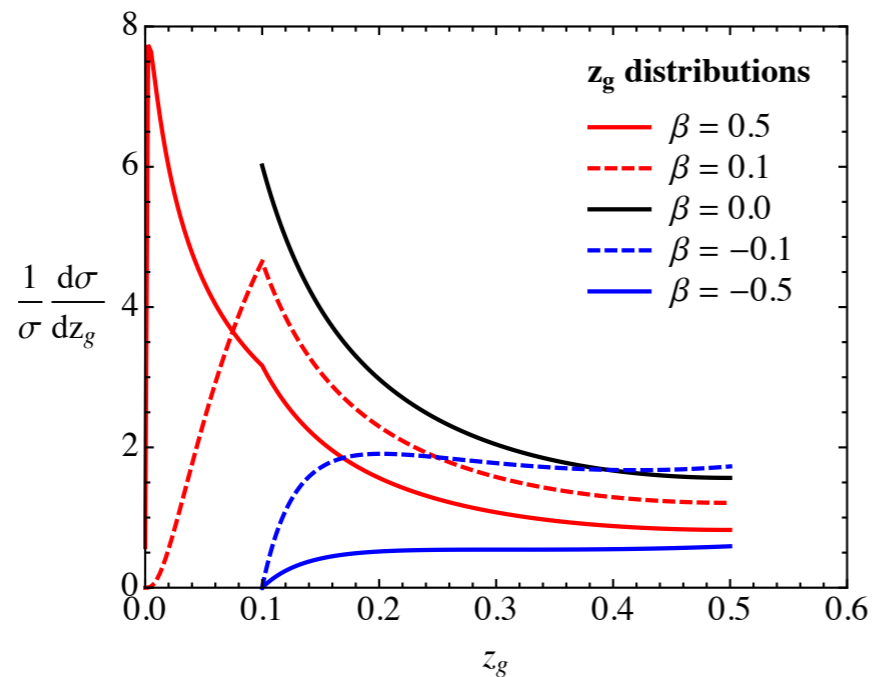
Lesson: Use IRC limit to resolve ambiguities

[Pi, Jaffe, Low, 1978;  
Kramer, Schierholz, Willrodt, 1978]

# “Phase Diagram” for Observables



# Additional $z_g$ Theory Plots



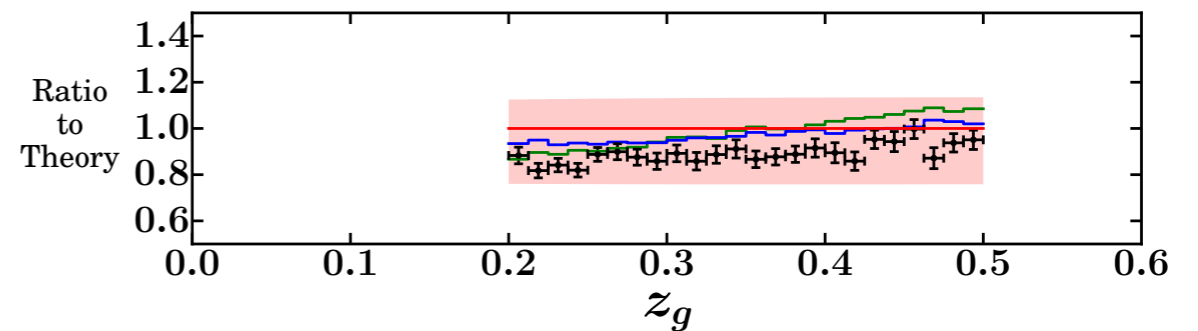
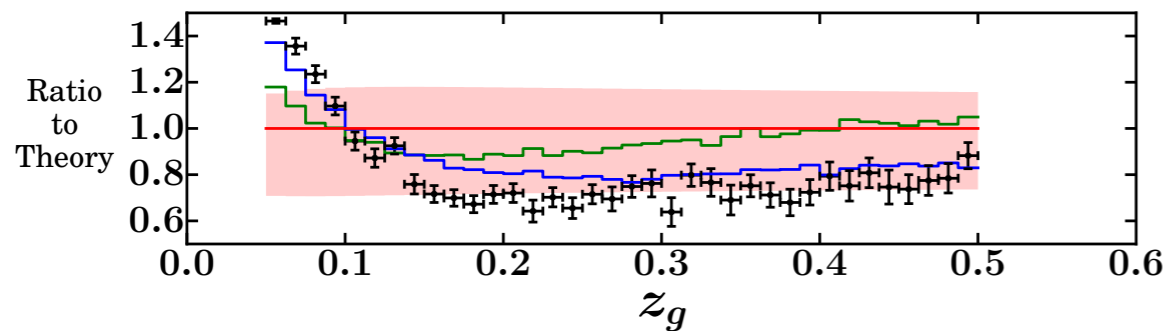
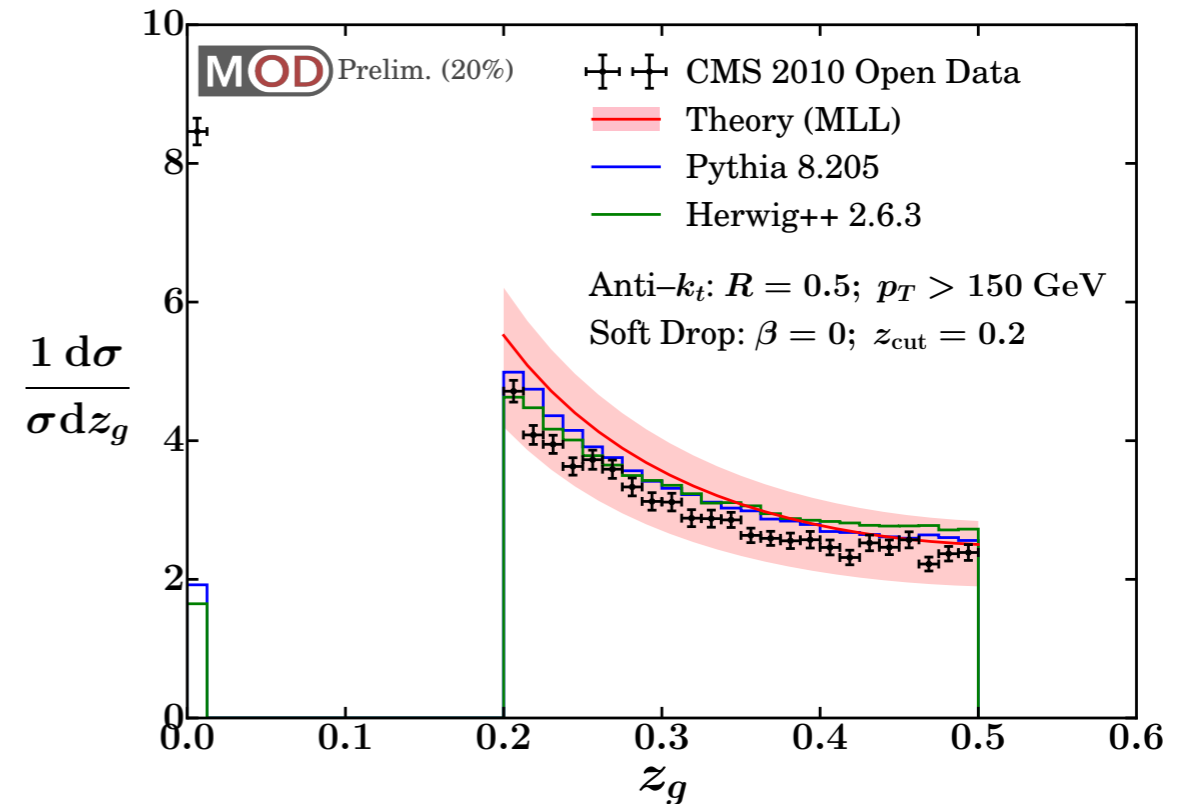
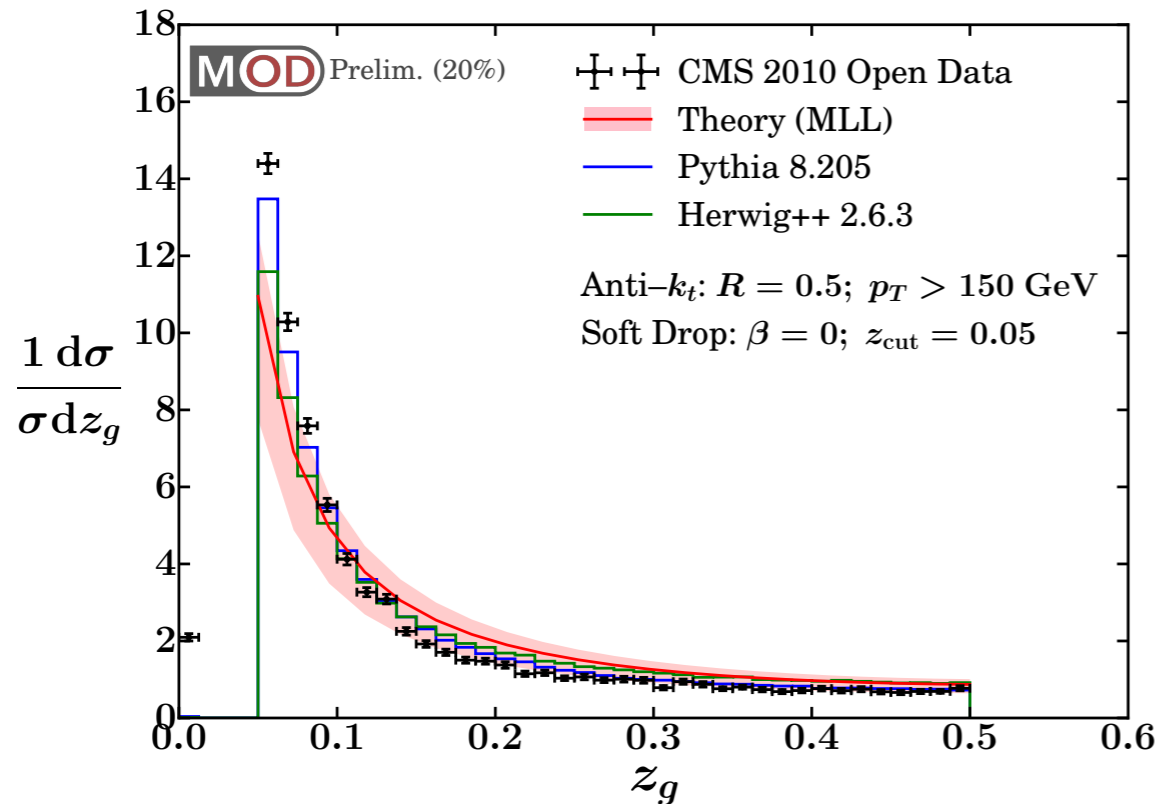
[Larkoski, Marzani, JDT, 1502.01719]

# Additional $z_{\text{cut}}$ Values

$p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$

$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.05$

$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.2$



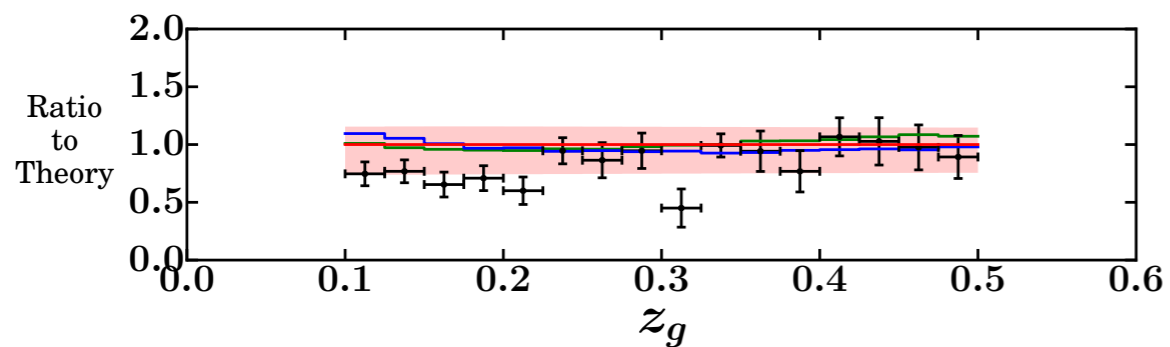
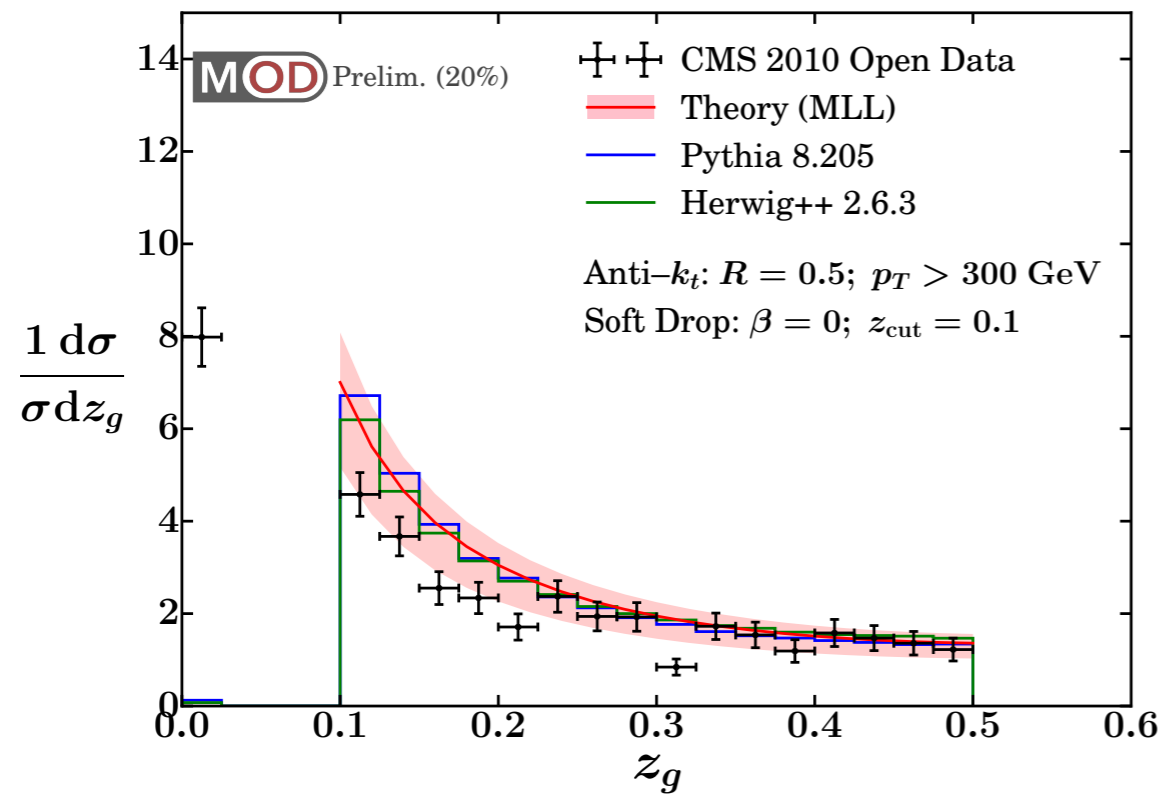
58021 events

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# Additional $p_{T\text{cut}}$ Values

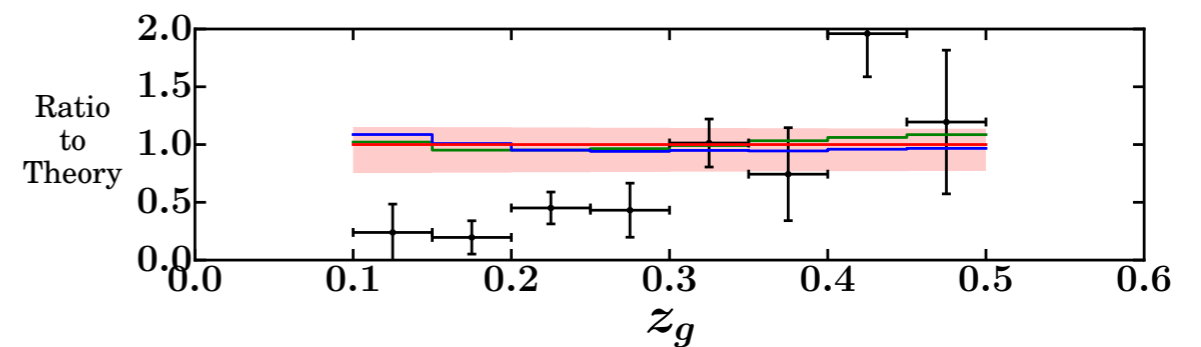
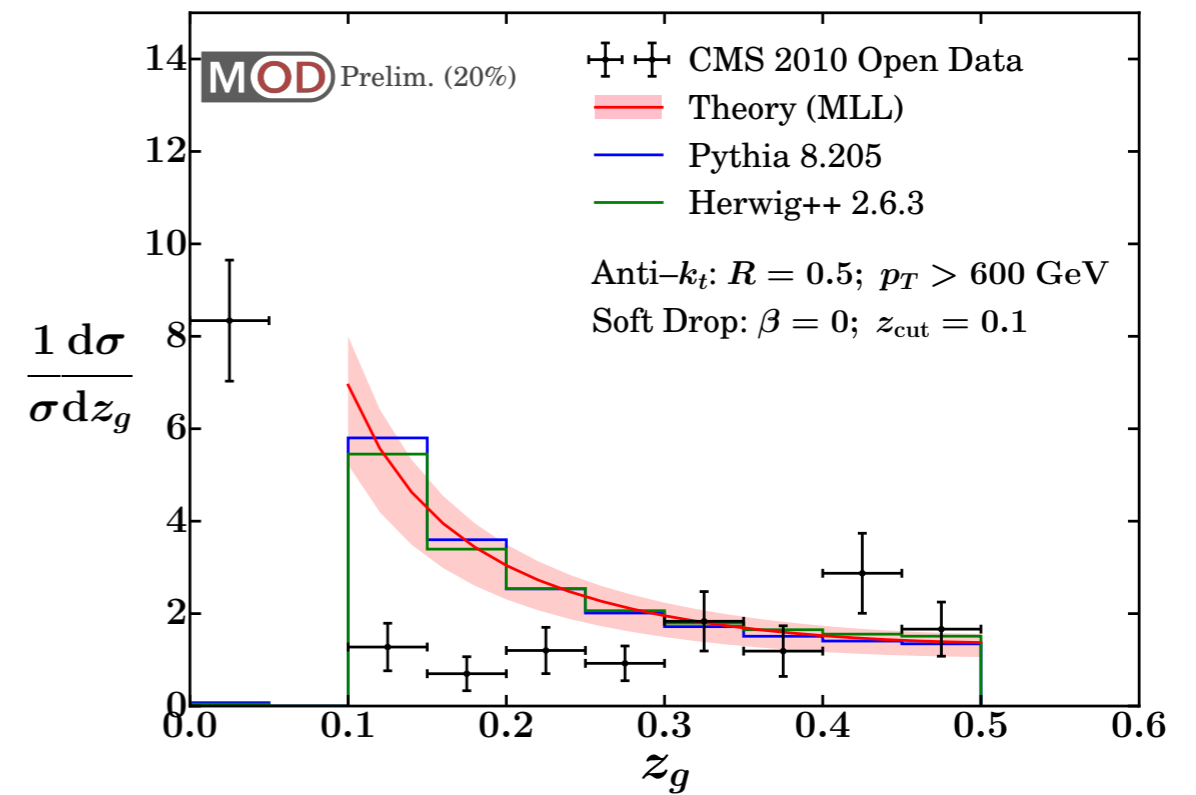
$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$

$p_T > 300$  GeV



2316 events

$p_T > 600$  GeV



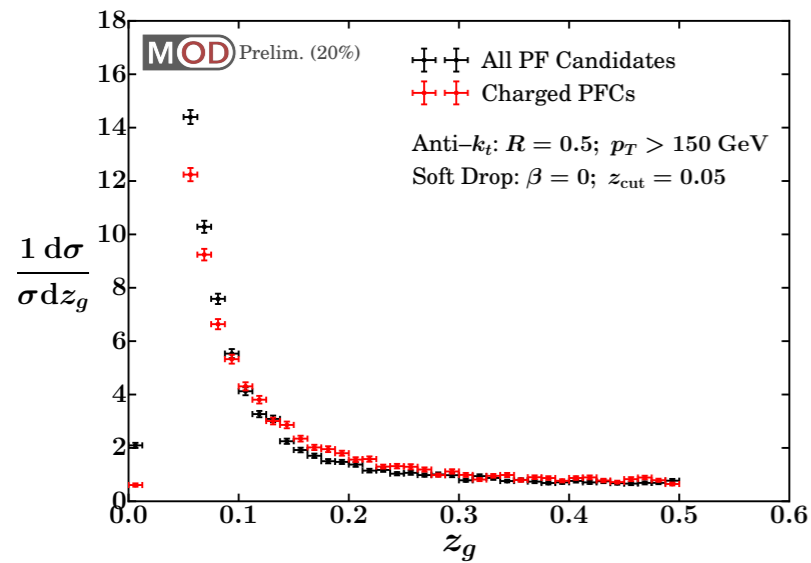
323 events



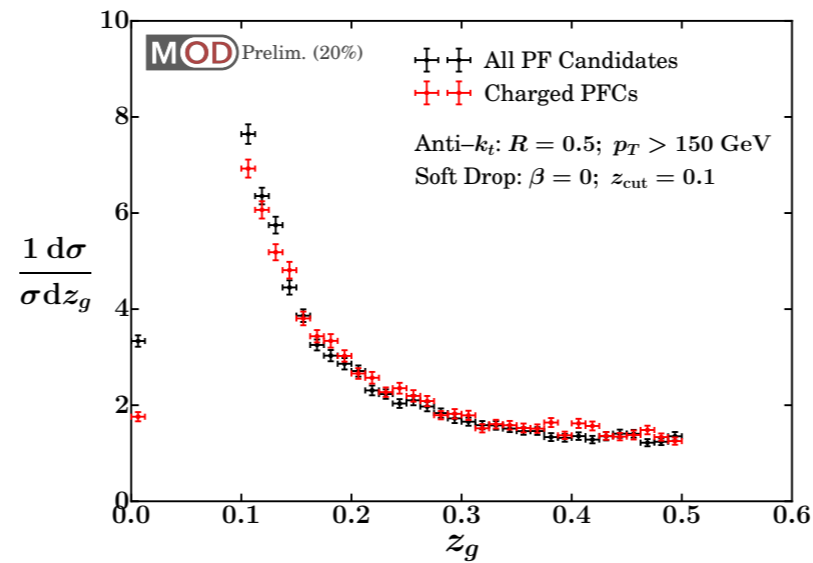
# All Particles vs. Track Only

$p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$

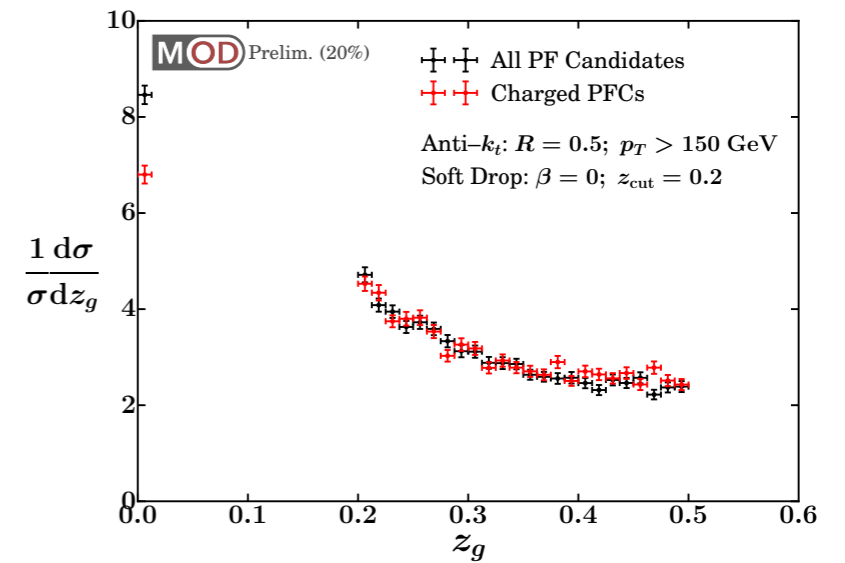
$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.05$



$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$

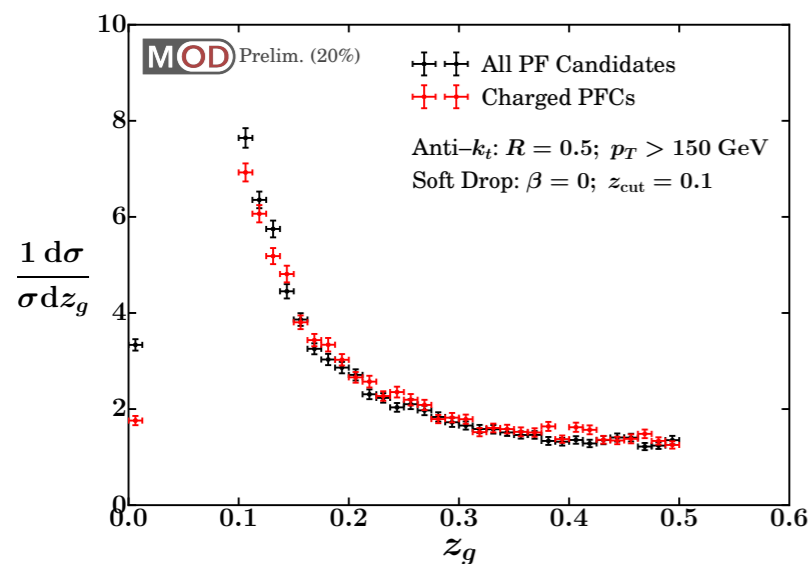


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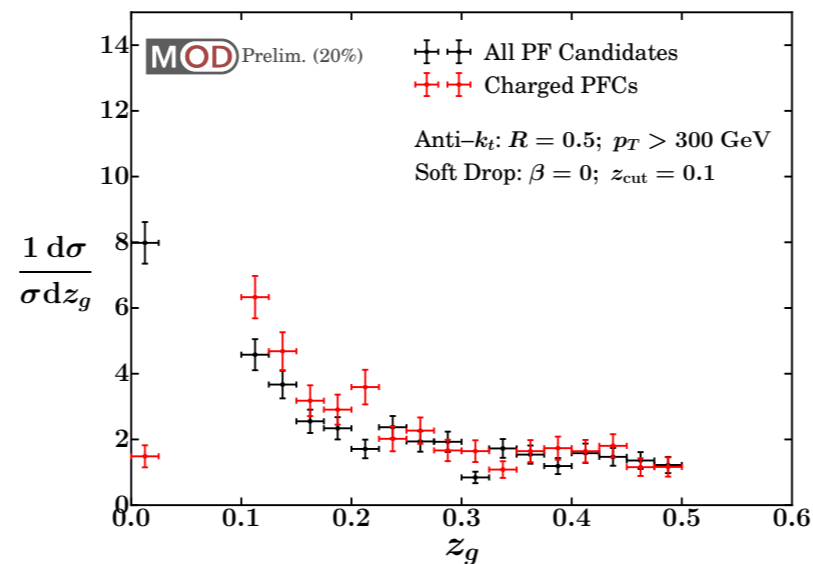


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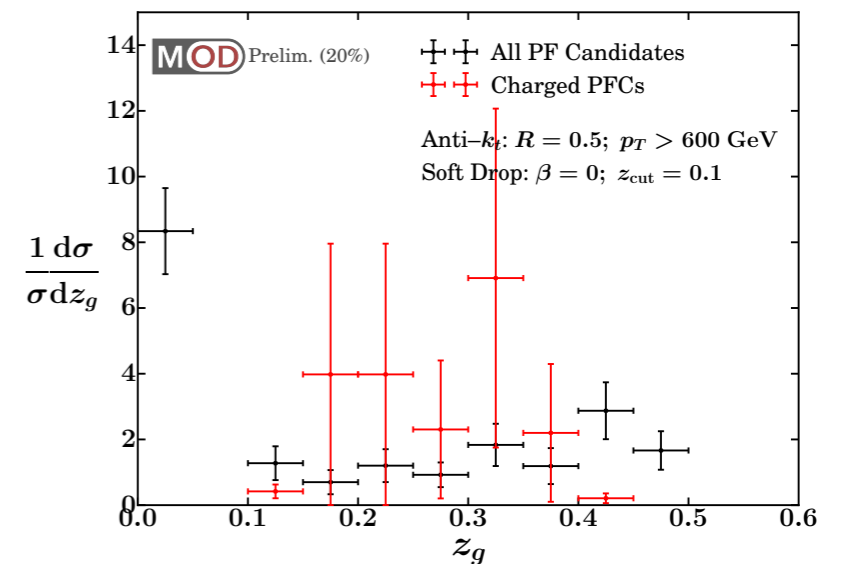
$p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$



$p_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$



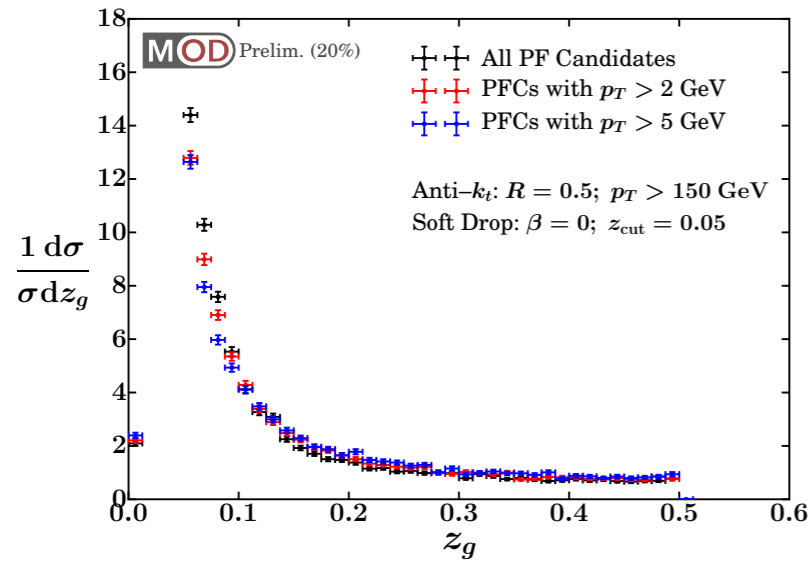
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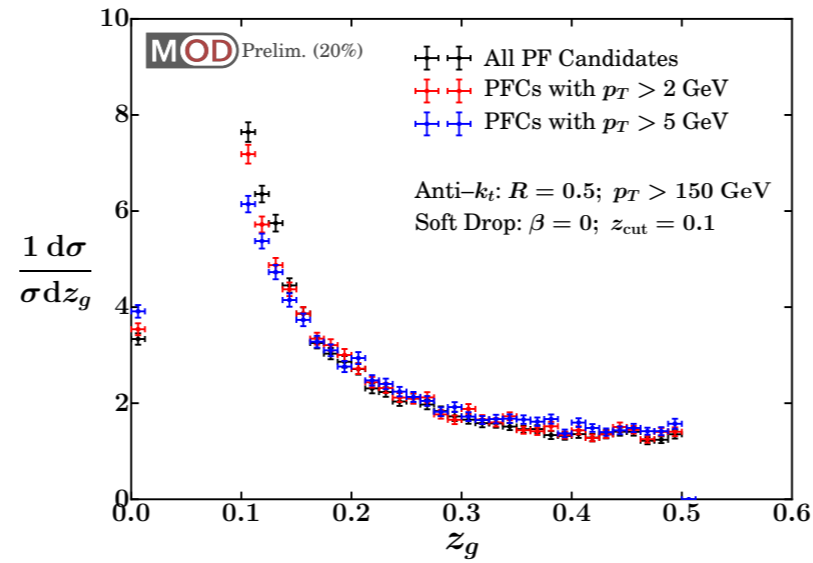
# Applying Pseudo SoftKiller

$p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$

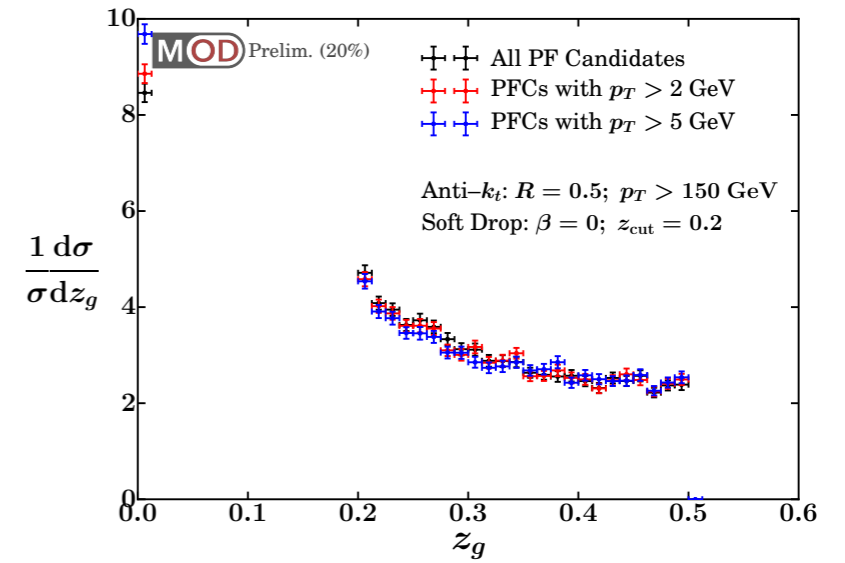
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$z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1$

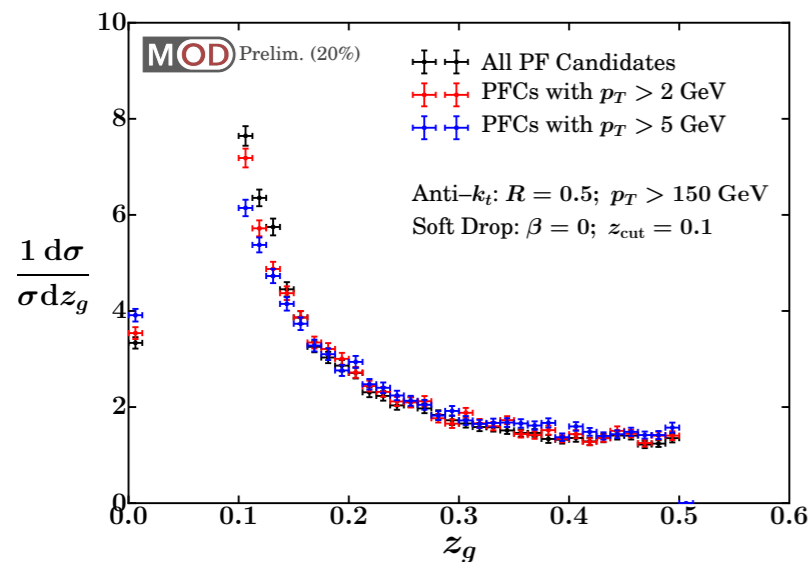


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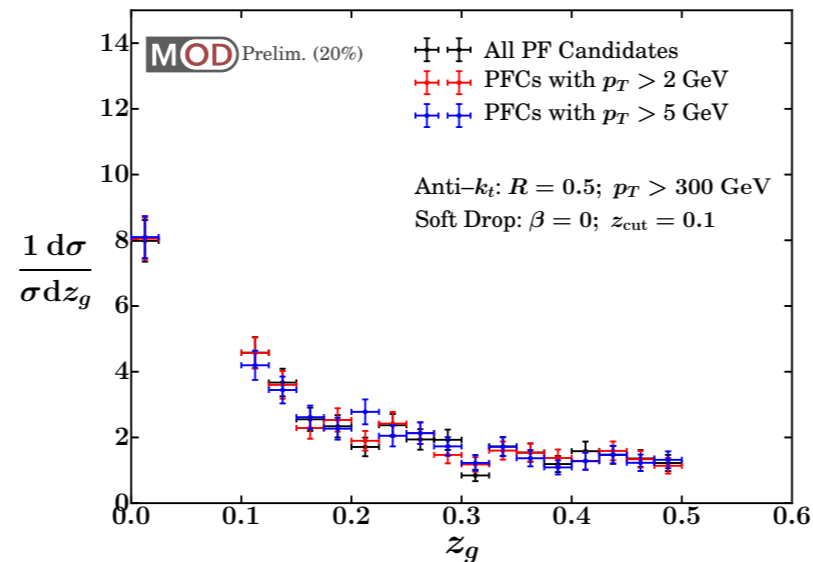


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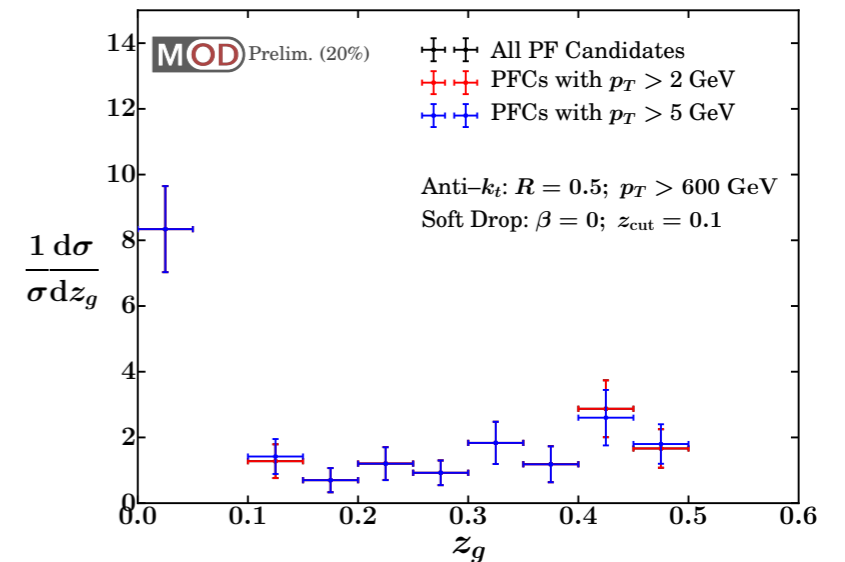
$p_T > 150 \text{ GeV}$



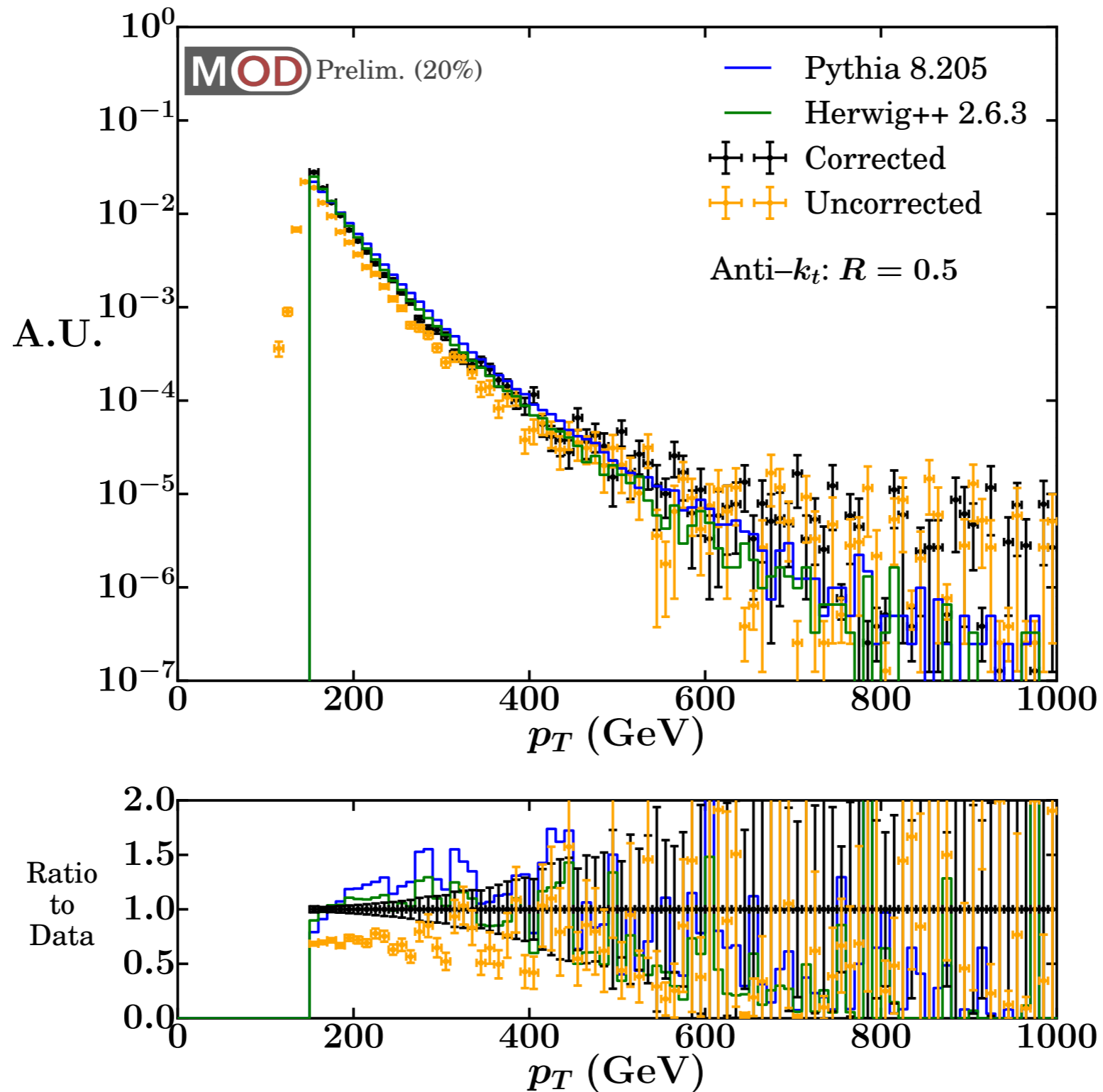
$p_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$



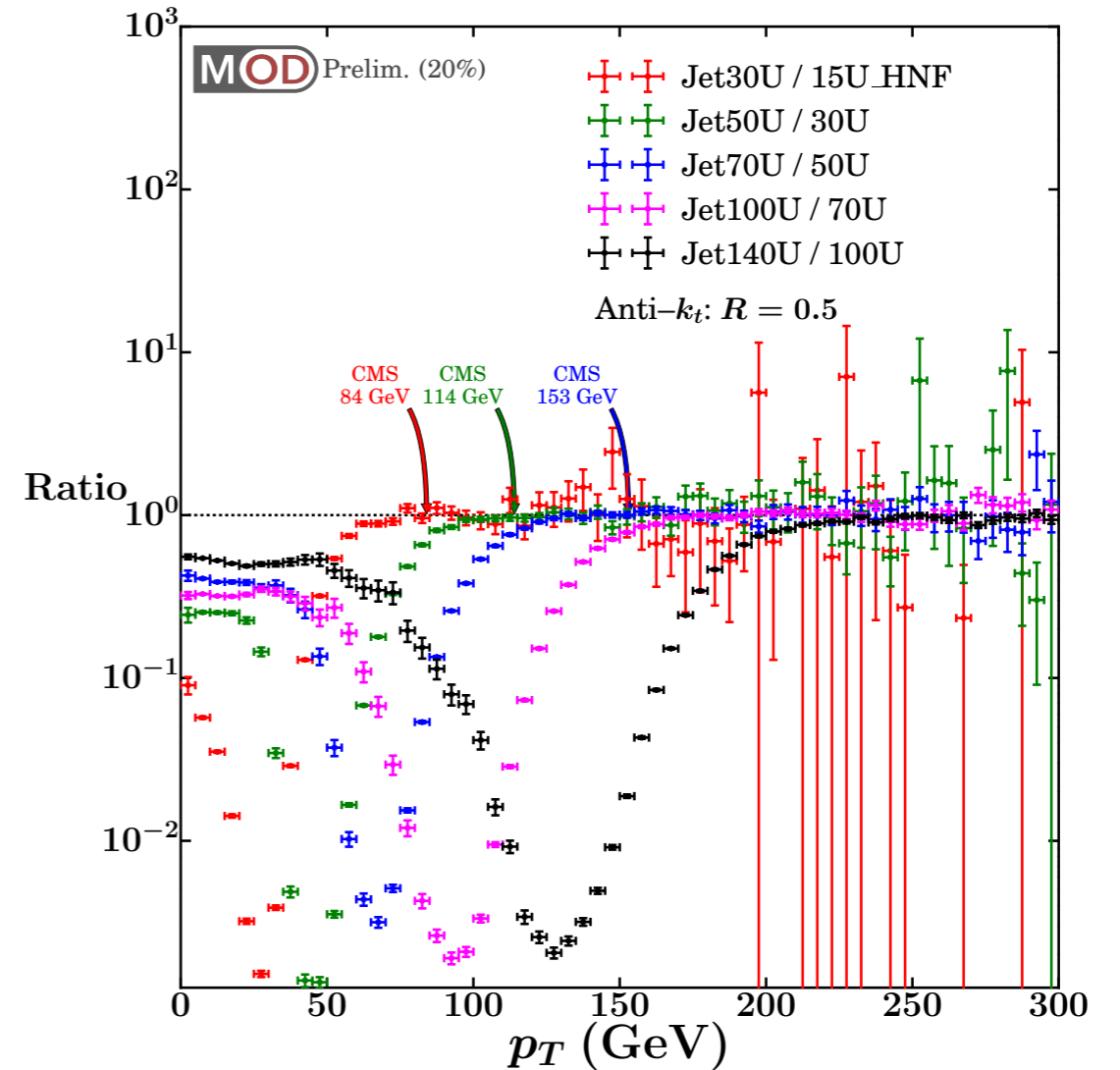
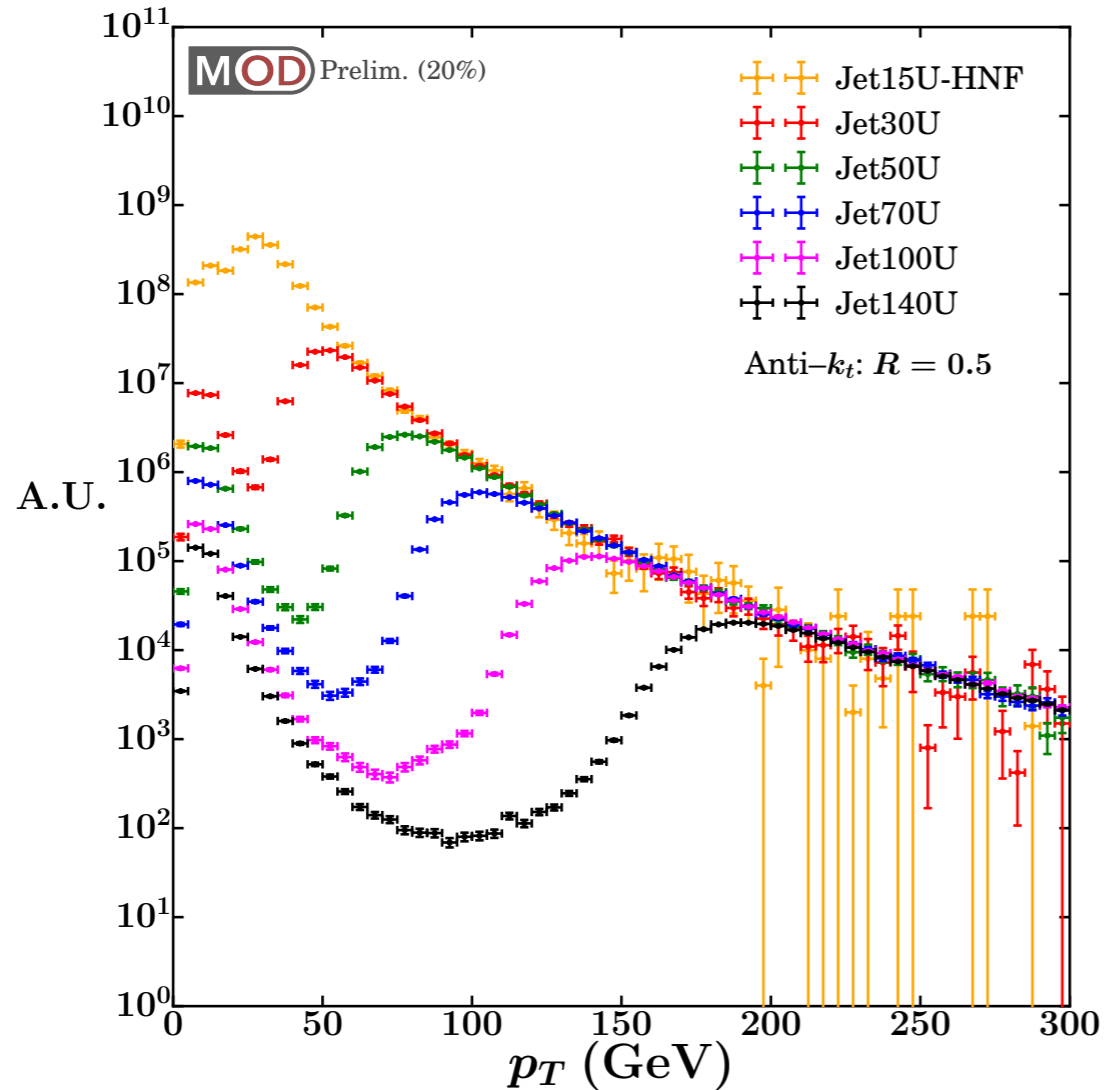
$p_T > 600 \text{ GeV}$



# CMS Corrected Jet $p_T$ Spectrum



# CMS Jet Primary Data Set Triggers



HLT\_Jet15U + \_v3  
 HLT\_Jet15U\_HcalNoiseFiltered + \_v3  
**HLT\_Jet30U + \_v3**  
**HLT\_Jet50U + \_v3**  
**HLT\_Jet70U + \_v2 + \_v3**  
 HLT\_Jet100U + \_v2 + \_v3  
 HLT\_Jet140U\_v1 + \_v3  
 HLT\_Jet180U\_v3

HLT\_DiJetAve15U + \_v3  
 HLT\_DiJetAve30U + \_v3  
 HLT\_DiJetAve50U + \_v3  
 HLT\_DiJetAve70U + \_v2 + \_v3  
 HLT\_DiJetAve100U\_v1 + \_v3  
 HLT\_DiJetAve140U\_v3

HLT\_QuadJet20U  
 HLT\_QuadJet25U  
  
 HLT\_HT100U  
 HLT\_HT120U  
 HLT\_HT140U

HLT\_EcalOnly\_SumEt160