

# Jet Fragmentation and Fractal Observables

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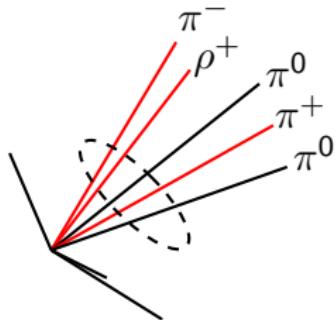
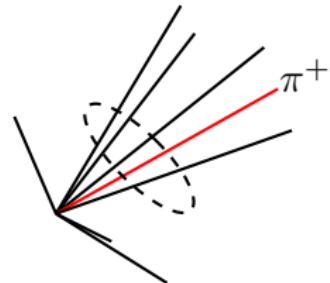
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# Fragmentation Functions

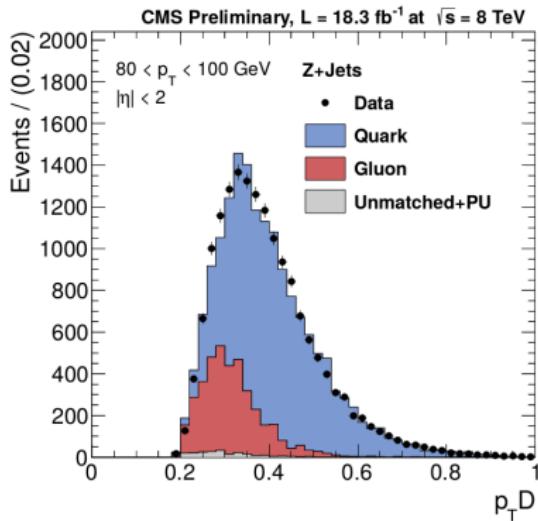
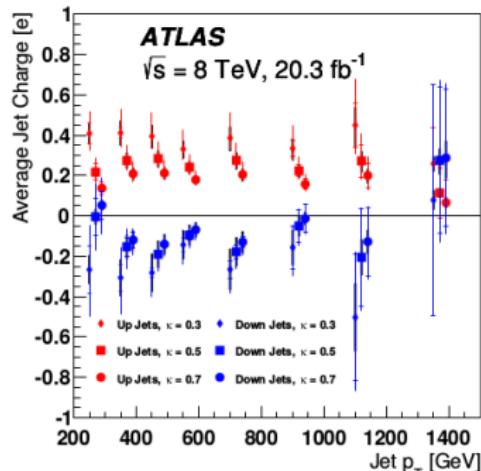
- Fragmentation function (FF)  $D_i^h(x, \mu)$ :
  - ▶ Probability of hadron  $h$  resulting from parton  $i$ , carrying momentum fraction  $x$
  - ▶ Non-perturbative (must be extracted from data)
  - ▶ Process independent
  - ▶ Perturbative RG evolution
- Jet substructure: typically don't care about individual identified hadron
- Today's talk: subsets of jet particles → generalized fragmentation functions (GFFs)
- GFF  $\mathcal{F}_i(x, \mu)$  describes distribution of observable  $x$  among some subset  $\mathcal{S}$  of jet particles



# Collinear Unsafe Observables

$$\text{Jet Charge} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} Q_i z_i^\kappa$$

$$p_T^D = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} z_i^2 \quad z_i = \frac{p_{T,i}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}}$$



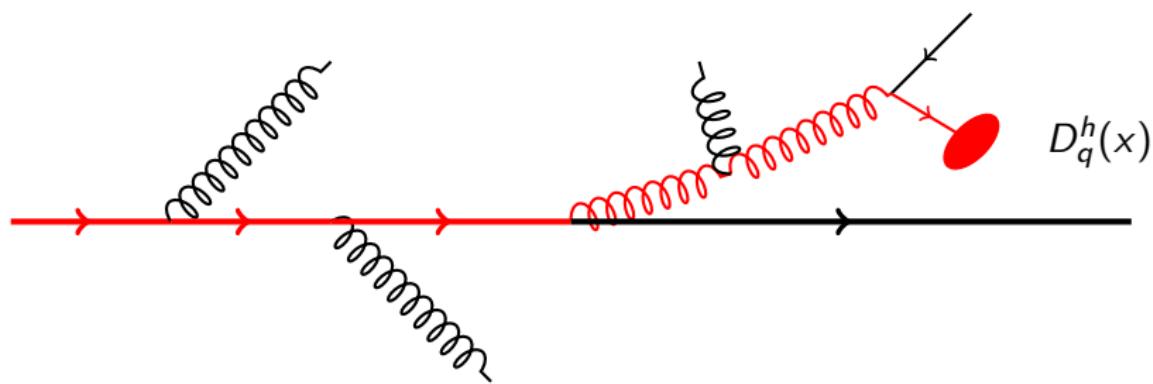
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# RG Evolution: Standard Fragmentation Functions

- Leading order evolution  $\rightarrow$  DGLAP equations
- Follow evolution on one path  $\rightarrow$  linear

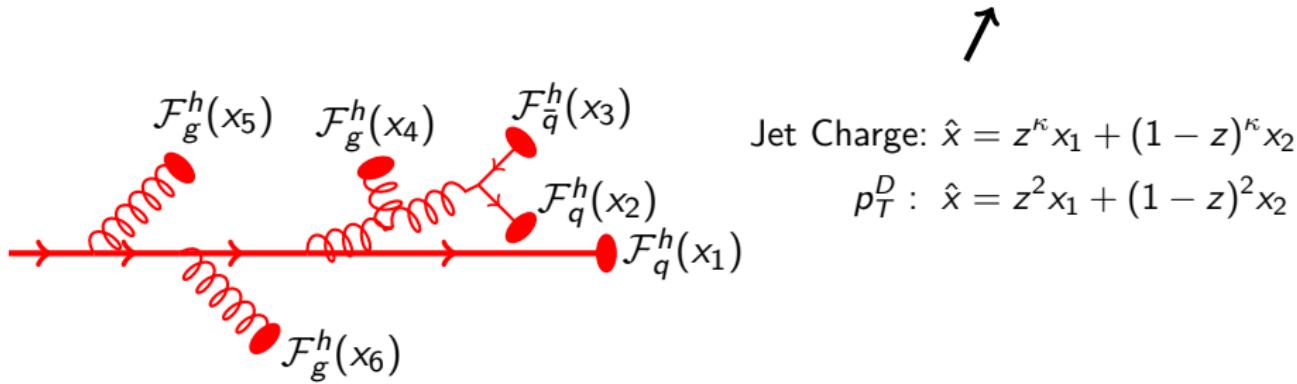
$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} D_i^h(x, \mu) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} P_{i \rightarrow j, k}(z, \alpha_s) D_j^h(x/z, \mu)$$



# RG Evolution: Generalized Fragmentation Functions

- $\mathcal{F}_i(x, \mu)$  carries information about all particles in  $\mathcal{S}$
- Leading order evolution follows evolution along all paths  $\rightarrow$  nonlinear
- NLO evolution involves  $1 \rightarrow 3$  splittings

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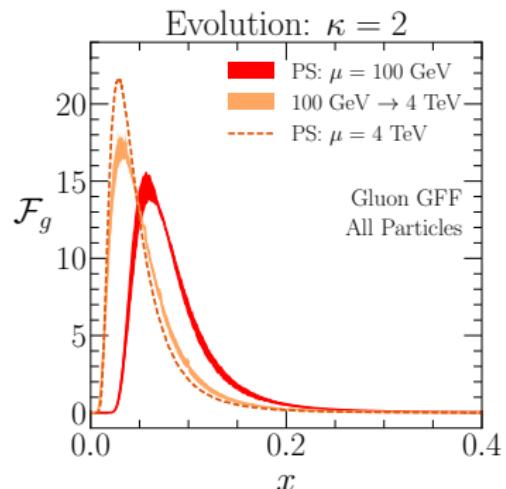
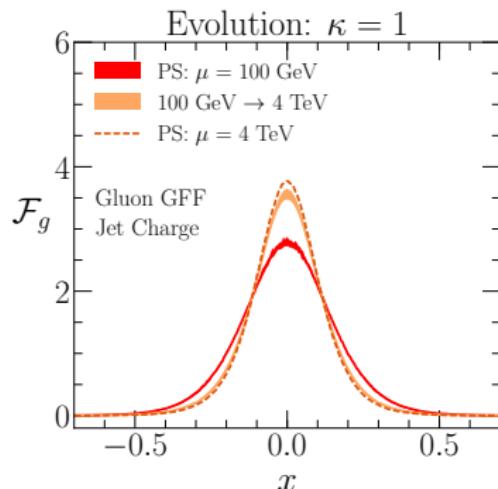


# RG Evolution: Comparison to Parton Showers

Gluon GFF, Weighted Jet Charge and  $p_T^D$

$$pp : \mu = p_T R, z_i = \frac{p_{T,i}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}} ; \quad e^+ e^- : \mu = E R, z_i = \frac{E_i}{E_{\text{jet}}}$$

envelopes: PYTHIA PS, VINCIA PS, DIRE PS;  $E, R$  combinations



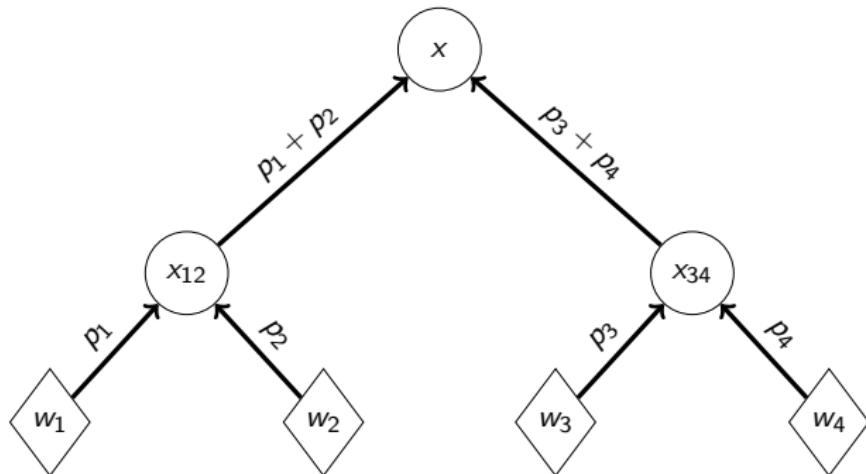
$$\text{Jet Charge} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} Q_i z_i^\kappa$$

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# Fractal Observables

- Construct observable with structure of (leading order) evolution equation
- Define clustering tree, final state jet particles = leaves of tree
- Assign weights to jet constituents (non-kinematic quantum numbers)
- Recursively combine from bottom to top of tree using recursion relation  $\hat{x}(z, x_1, x_2)$

$$z = \frac{E_L}{E_L + E_R}$$

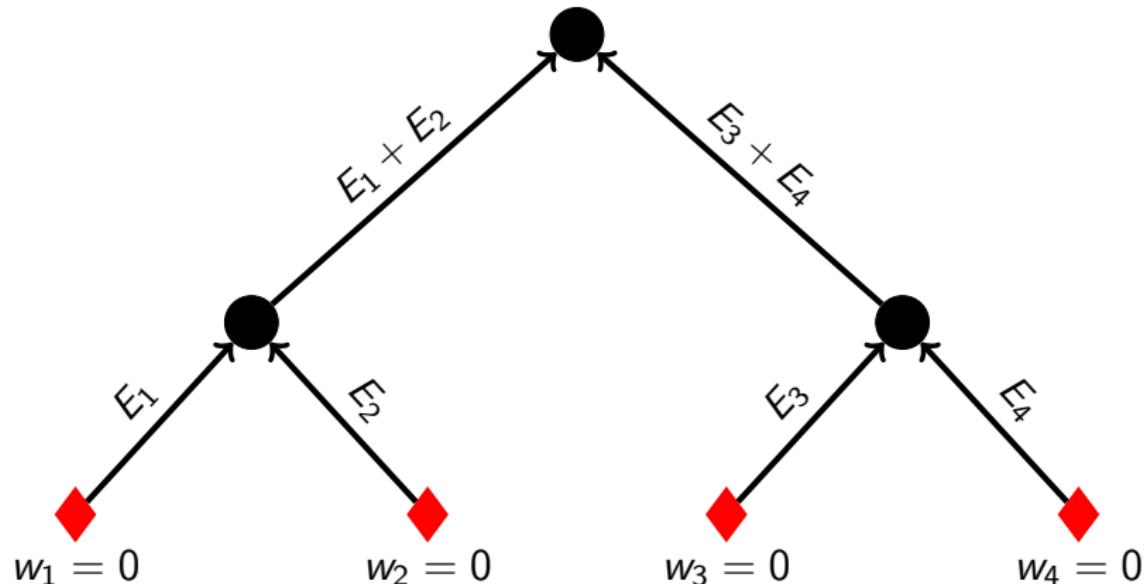


# Fractal Observables: Familiar Examples

- Weighted jet charge:
  - ▶  $w_i = Q_i$
  - ▶  $\hat{x} = z^\kappa x_1 + (1 - z)^\kappa x_2$
  - ▶  $x = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} Q_i z_i^\kappa$
- $p_T^D$ :
  - ▶  $w_i = 1$
  - ▶  $\hat{x} = z^2 x_1 + (1 - z)^2 x_2$
  - ▶  $x = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} z_i^2$
- These recursion relations are associative → independent of clustering tree

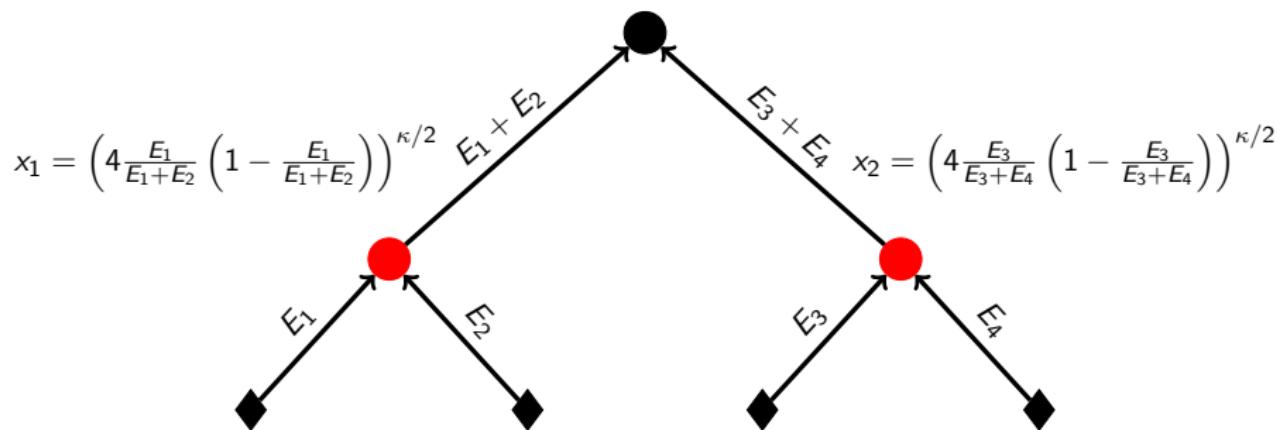
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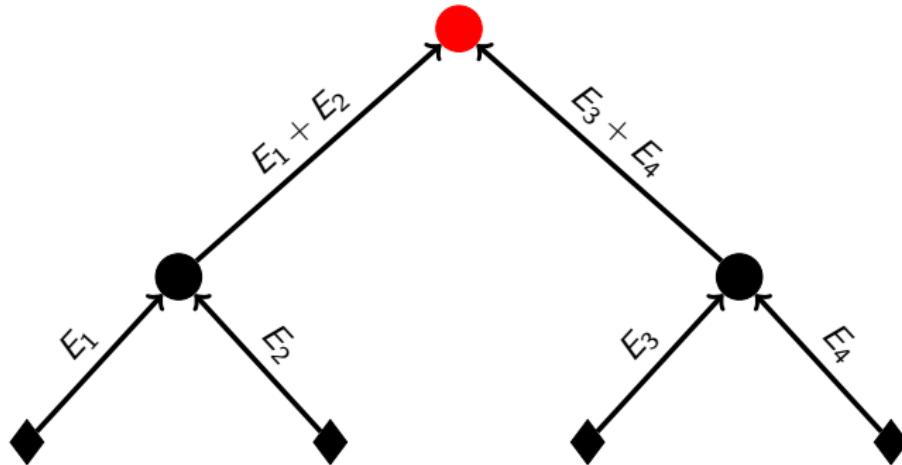


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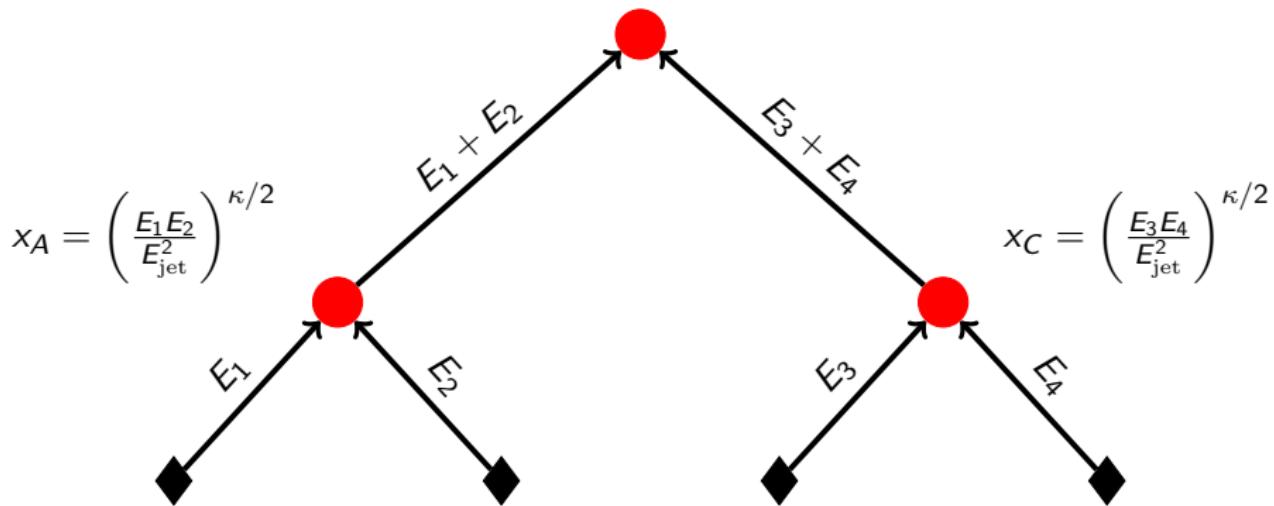
$$x = \left( \frac{E_1 + E_2}{E_{\text{jet}}} \right)^\kappa x_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{E_1 + E_2}{E_{\text{jet}}} \right)^\kappa x_2 + \left( 4 \frac{E_1 + E_2}{E_{\text{jet}}} \left( 1 - \frac{E_1 + E_2}{E_{\text{jet}}} \right) \right)^{\kappa/2}$$



# Fractal Observables: Node Definition

$$x = x_A + x_B + x_C = \sum_{\text{nodes}} \left( \frac{E_L E_R}{E_{\text{jet}}^2} \right)^{\kappa/2} \quad \kappa = 2 \implies x = 2(1 - p_T^D)$$

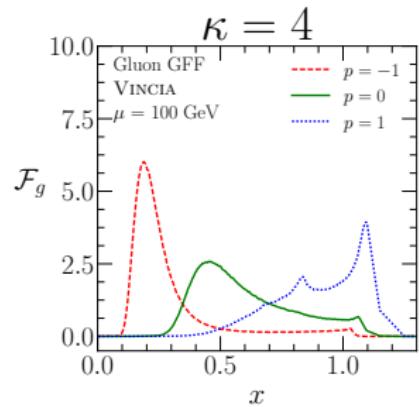
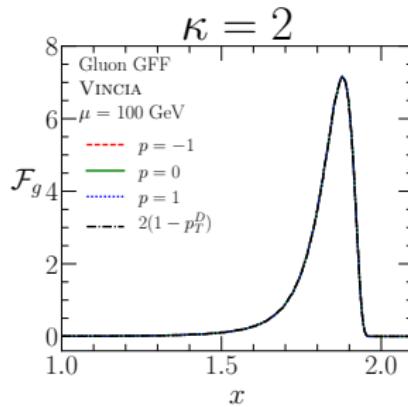
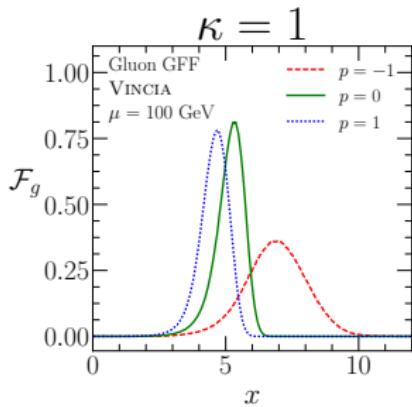
$$x_B = \left( \frac{(E_1+E_2)(E_3+E_4)}{E_{\text{jet}}^2} \right)^{\kappa/2}$$



# Fractal Observables: Tree Dependence

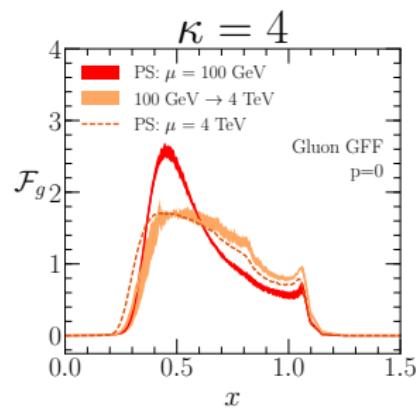
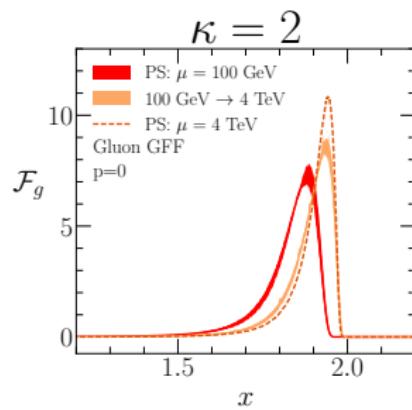
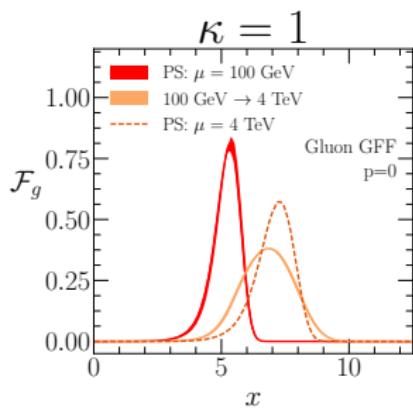
- Compute fractal observable on jet ensemble from VINCIA
- anti- $k_T$  jets with  $R = 0.6$
- Recluster into fractal observable tree
- Non-associative recursion relation  $\rightarrow$  tree dependence

$$\begin{aligned} p = -1 &\rightarrow \text{anti}-k_T \\ p = 0 &\rightarrow \text{C/A} \\ p = 1 &\rightarrow k_T \end{aligned}$$



# Fractal Observables: RG Evolution

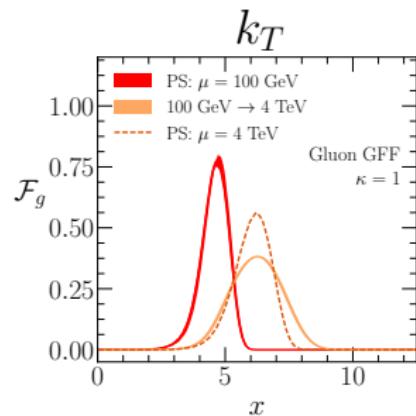
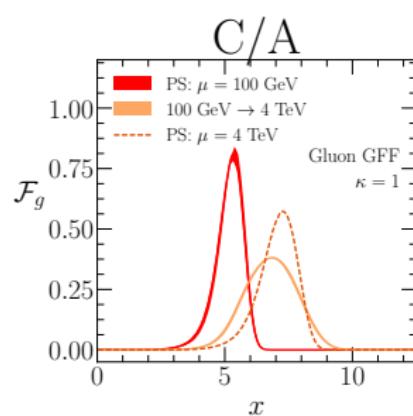
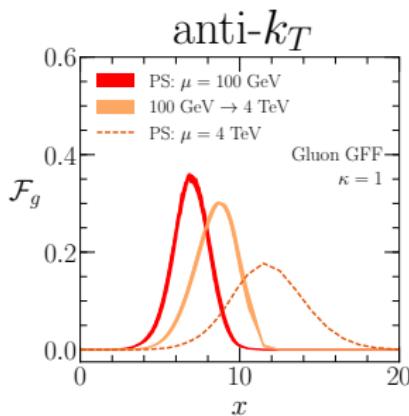
## Gluon GFF, C/A Trees



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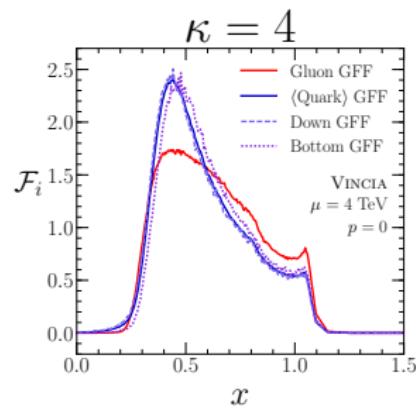
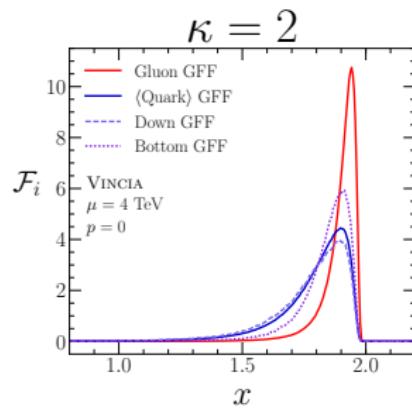
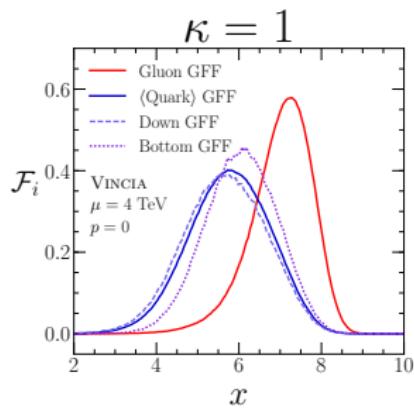
Gluon GFF,  $\kappa = 1$



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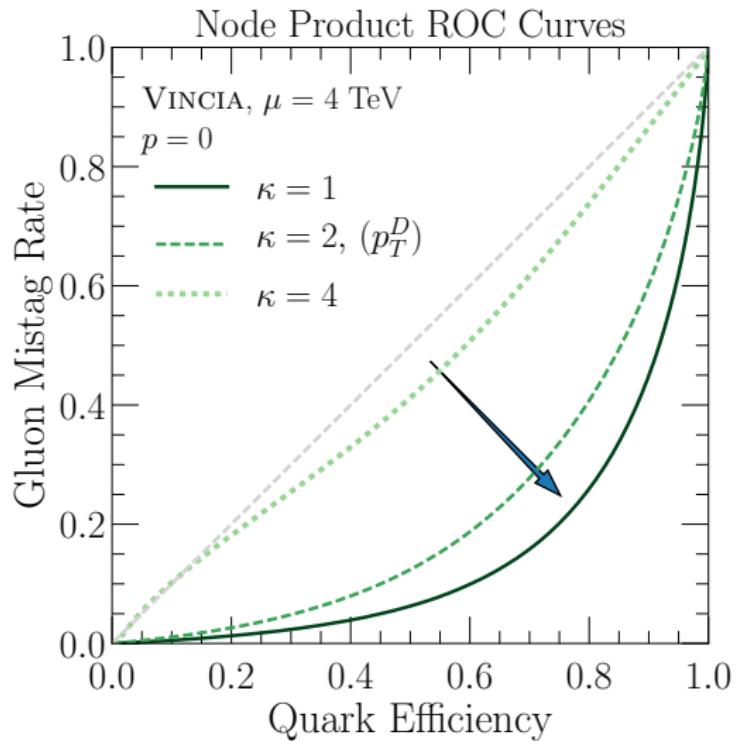
# Quark/Gluon Discrimination: Distributions

Multiple Partons, C/A Trees



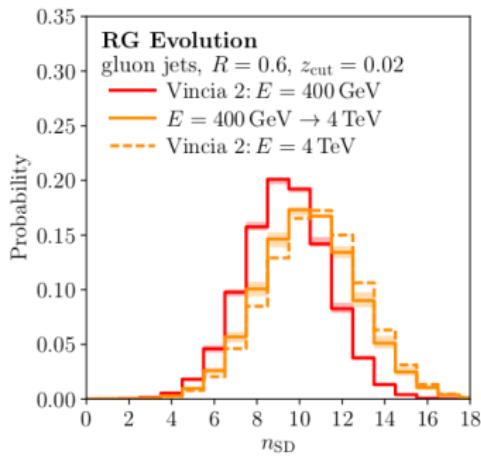
better (more like multiplicity)  $\leftarrow p_T^D \rightarrow$  worse (less like multiplicity)

# Quark/Gluon Discrimination: ROC Curves



# Soft-Drop Multiplicity

More about this in Chris Frye's talk tomorrow at 4pm.



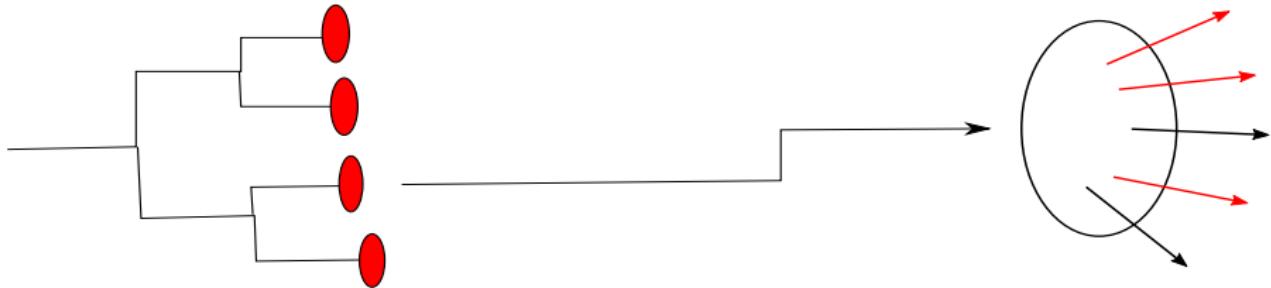
- C-unsafe in  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  limit
- Another application of GFFs
- Recursion relation:

$$\hat{x}(z, x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} x_2 & 0 \leq z < z_{cut} \\ x_2 + f(z) & z_{cut} \leq z \leq 1/2 \\ x_1 + f(z) & 1/2 \leq z \leq 1 - z_{cut} \\ x_1 & 1 - z_{cut} < z \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Frye, Larkoski, Thaler, Zhou:  
ArXiv:1704.06266

# Conclusion

- FFs → cross sections with single identified hadron
- GFFs → cross sections of fractal observables with subsets of final state particles
- GFFs are non-perturbative
- Nonlinear, DGLAP-like perturbative evolution
- Fractal observables at the LHC: jet charge and  $p_T^D$
- Non-associative generalizations show promise for quark/gluon discrimination



# Thank You