

# Splitting Kernels with Heavy Flavour

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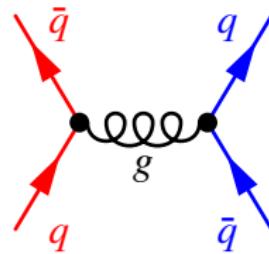
## LHCb IMPLICATIONS WORKSHOP

# The Problem with QCD

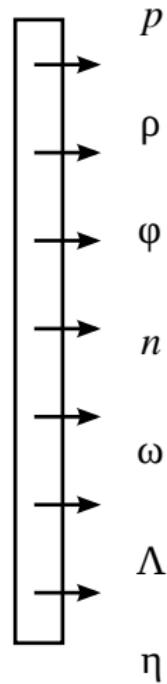
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100 GeV

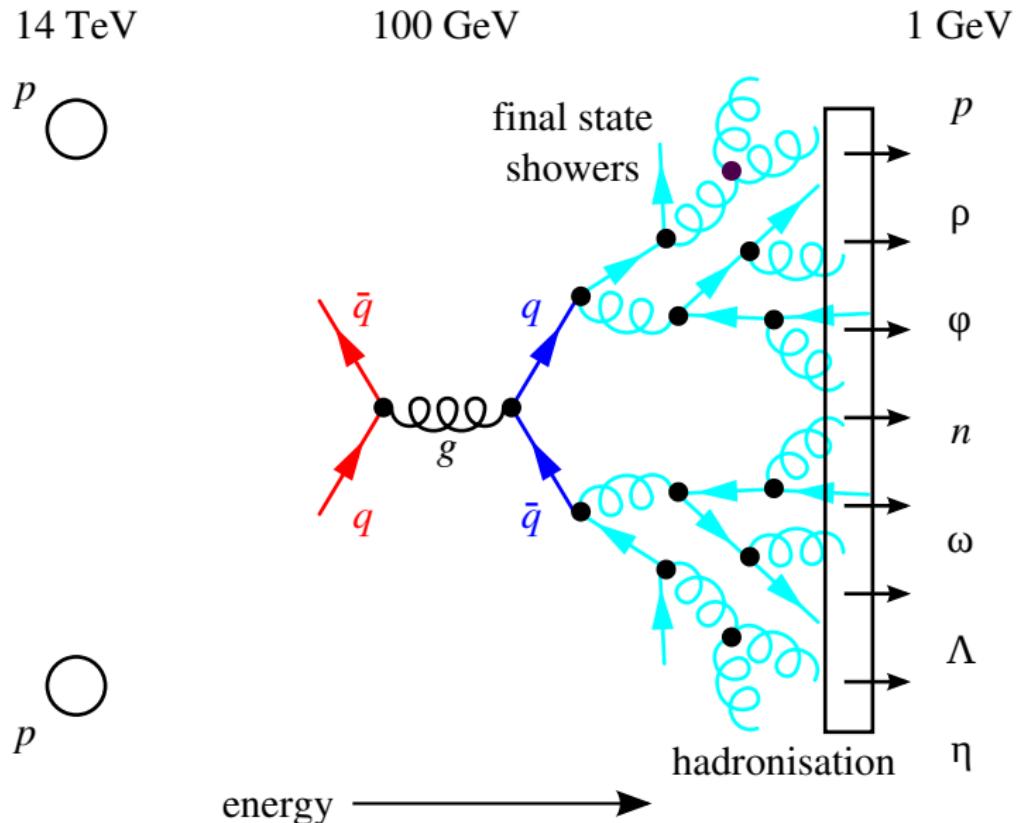


1 GeV

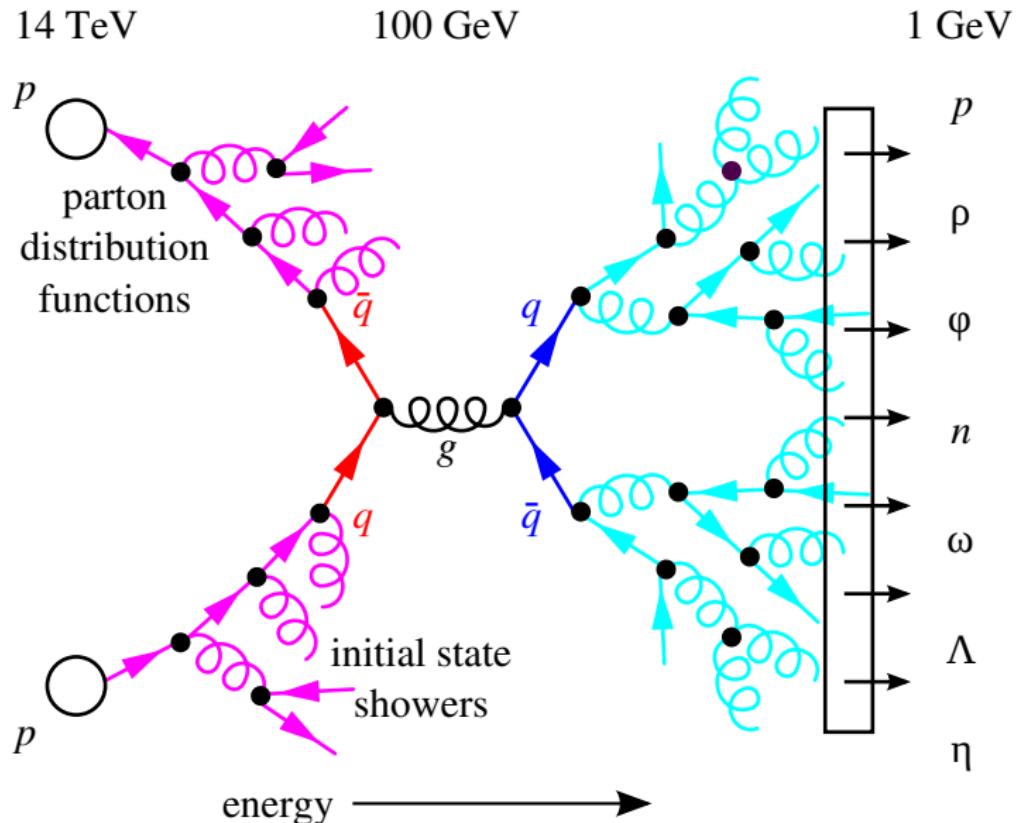


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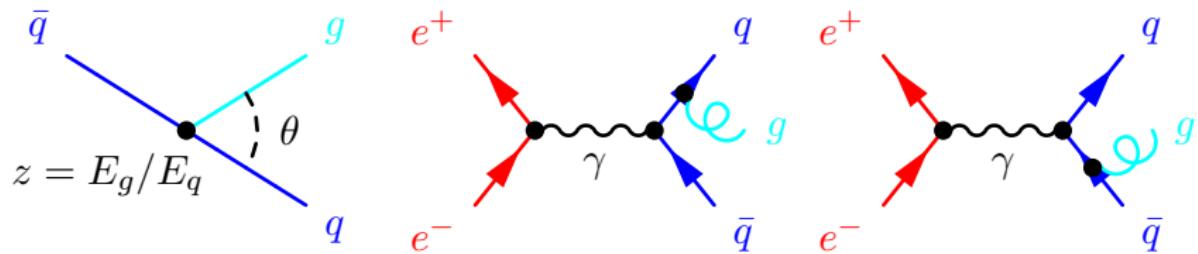
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# Factorising QCD



$$d\sigma \approx \sigma \left( \frac{2 d \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right) \left( \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \right) \left( \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z} \right) dz$$

- factorise into general form given any splitting kernel  $\mathcal{P}_i$

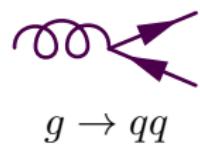
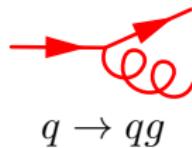
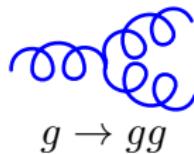
$$d\sigma \approx \sigma \sum_i \frac{d\theta^2}{\theta^2} \mathcal{P}_i(z, \alpha_s) dz$$

- diverges when **collinear** ( $\theta \rightarrow 0, \pi$ ) or **infrared** ( $z \rightarrow 0$ )

# Sudakovs and Splitting Kernels

$$\Delta(Q_1^2, Q^2) = \exp \left[ - \int_{Q^2}^{Q_1^2} \frac{1}{q^2} \int_{Q_0^2/q^2}^{1-Q_0^2/q^2} \mathcal{P}_i(z, \alpha_s) dz dq^2 \right]$$

- ① pick a random number  $r \in [0, 1]$
- ② solve  $\Delta(Q_1^2, Q^2) = r$  for  $Q^2$
- ③ if  $Q > Q_0$  generate emission and repeat from ①
- ④ if  $Q \leq Q_0$  terminate shower



$$\frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{z}{1-z} + z(1-z)$$

$$\frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{z}{2} - 2\mu$$

$$z^2 + (1-z)^2 + \mu^2$$

# Reverse Engineering with Jets

- try to unfold initial hard partons from final state particles
  - ① **collinear** safe → collinear emission changes nothing
  - ② **infrared** safe → soft emission changes nothing
  - ③ insensitive to non-perturbative effects
  - ④ applicable to both parton and hadron level
- inclusive sequential clustering is algorithm of choice at LHC

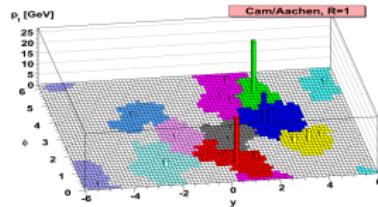
$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{\text{Ti}}^{2p}, p_{\text{Tj}}^{2p}) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2}, \quad d_{iB} = p_{\text{Ti}}^{2p}$$

- ① select minimum  $d$
- ② if  $d_{ij}$ , combine particle  $i$  and  $j$
- ③ if  $d_{iB}$ , consider particle as jet and remove from clustering
- ④ terminate if no particles otherwise return to ①

# Flavours of Sequential Clustering

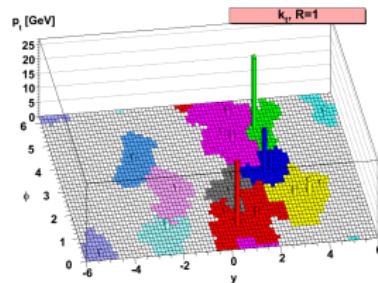
Cambridge/Aachen

[arXiv:1111.6097](https://arxiv.org/abs/1111.6097)



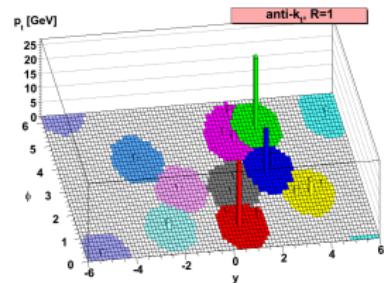
$$p = 0$$

$k_t$



$$p = 1$$

anti- $k_t$

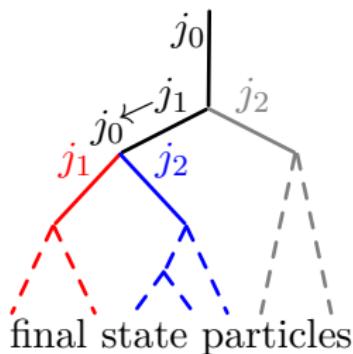


$$p = -1$$

- Cambridge/Aachen considers only geometry
- $k_t$  and anti- $k_t$  also consider momentum
- anti- $k_t$  provides circular jets in  $R$  at high- $p_T$

# SoftDrop and Jet Sub-structure

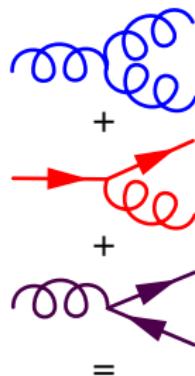
- what happens with boosted topology when  $Q_{\text{hard}} \gg Q_{\text{obs}}$ ,  
e.g.  $W, Z, H \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ ?
- anti- $k_t$  produces a single jet  $\rightarrow$  need jet sub-structure
- use jet sub-structure technique like SoftDrop



$$\frac{\min(p_{T1}, p_{T2})}{p_{T1} + p_{T2}} > z_{\text{cut}} \left( \frac{\Delta R_{12}}{R} \right)^{\beta}$$

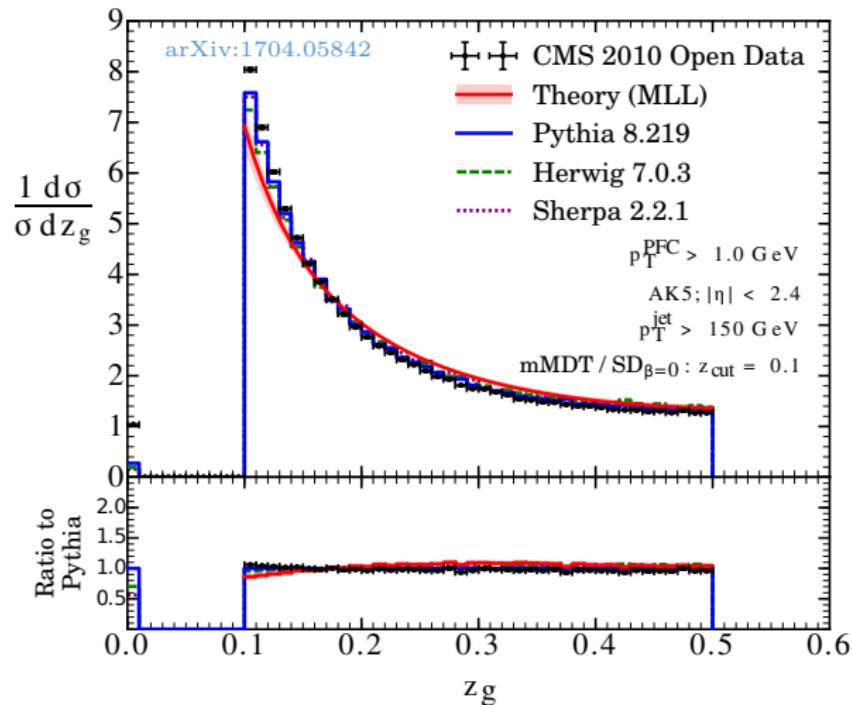
- ➊ create fat anti- $k_t$  jets
- ➋ build Cambridge/Aachen tree for each fat jet
- ➌ split  $j_0$  into sub-jets  $j_1$  and  $j_2$
- ➍ if  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  fulfil SoftDrop condition, terminate
- ➎ otherwise, assign  $j_0$  to larger  $p_T$  sub-jet and return to ➌

# Averaged Massless Splittings



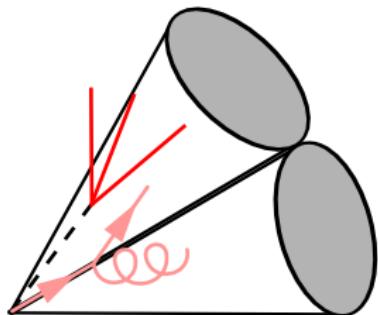
$$\frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{z}{1-z} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z_g \equiv \frac{p_{T1}}{p_{T1} + p_{T2}}$$

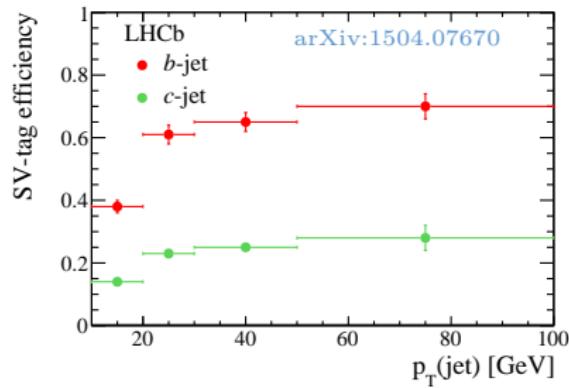
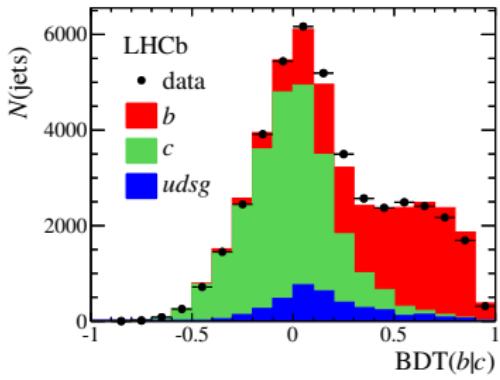


- SoftDrop provides direct access to the hardest  $1 \rightarrow 2$  splitting

# Enter LHCb

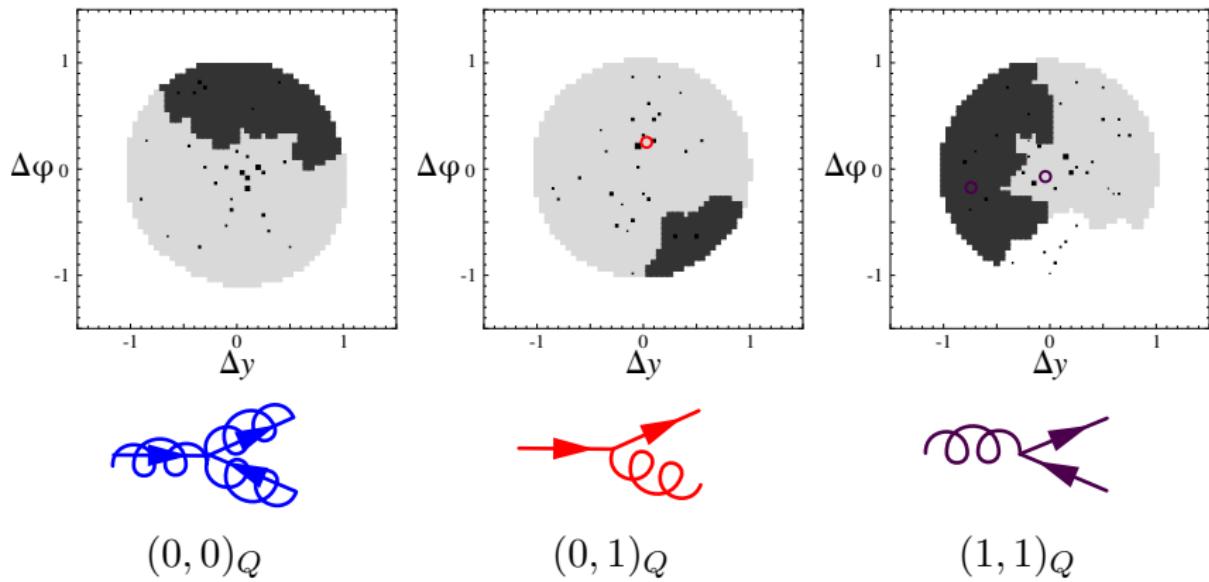


- can we access the individual splittings?
- tag sub-jets to determine the splitting kernel
- excellent secondary  $c/b$  tagging with LHCb provides ideal experimental probe



# Jet Anatomy

- ① find all tags in event and treat as *ghosts*
- ② build anti- $k_t$  jets with  $R = 1$ , including tags
- ③ apply SoftDrop with  $z_{\text{cut}} > 0.1$  and  $\beta = 0$
- ④ consider sub-jet tagged if  $p_T^{\text{tag}} / (p_{T1} + p_{T2}) > 0.05$



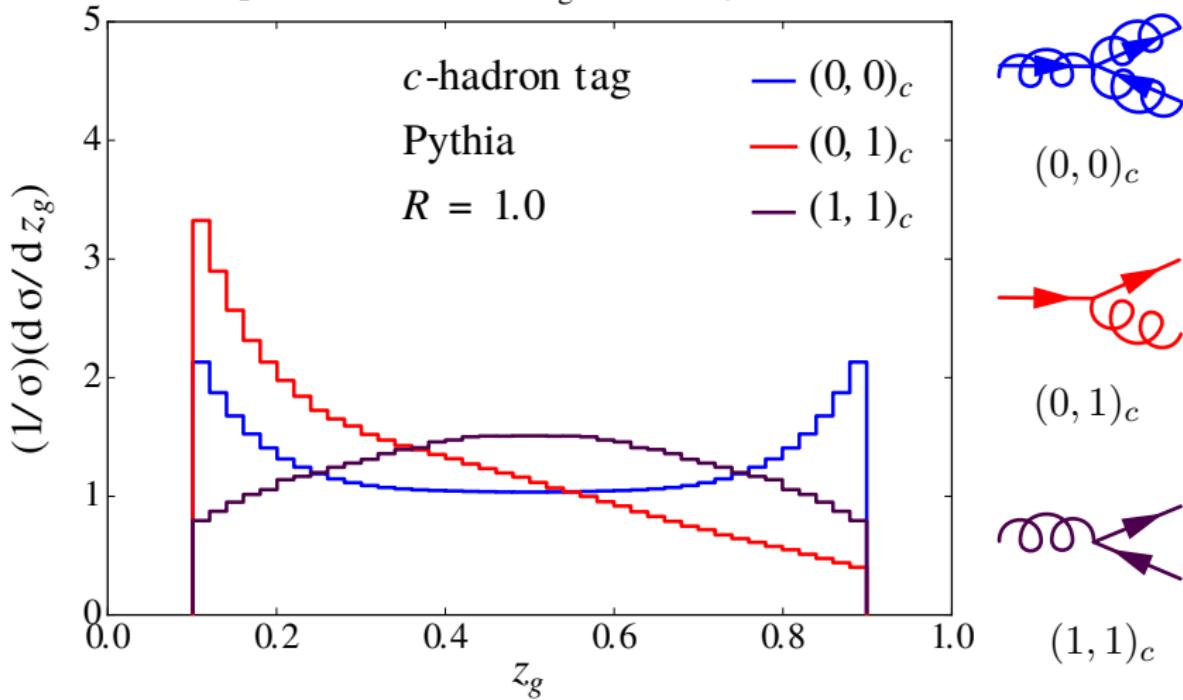
# Some Numbers

	$\sigma(\text{PYTHIA}) [\mu\text{b}]$	$\sigma(\text{HERWIG}++) [\mu\text{b}]$
$(0, 0)_c$	$9.96 \times 10^2$	$5.28 \times 10^2$
$(0, 1)_c$	$7.56 \times 10^1$	$2.64 \times 10^1$
$(1, 1)_c$	$6.87 \times 10^0$	$2.87 \times 10^0$
$(0, 2)_c$	$1.00 \times 10^1$	$5.64 \times 10^0$
other <sub>c</sub>	$8.86 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.47 \times 10^{-1}$
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$(0, 0)_b$	$1.07 \times 10^3$	$5.52 \times 10^2$
$(0, 1)_b$	$1.34 \times 10^1$	$9.58 \times 10^0$
$(1, 1)_b$	$8.40 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-1}$
$(0, 2)_b$	$9.50 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.94 \times 10^{-1}$
other <sub>b</sub>	$1.13 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.75 \times 10^{-3}$

- missed tags migrate category up → minimal contamination
- efficiency of tagging well understood from data

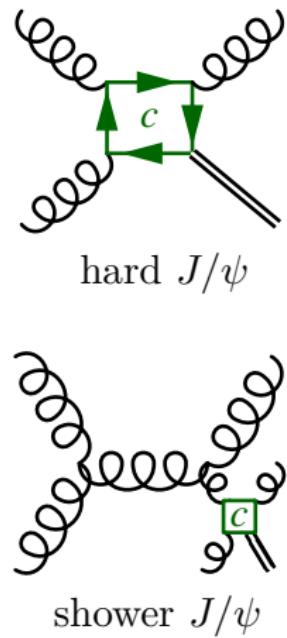
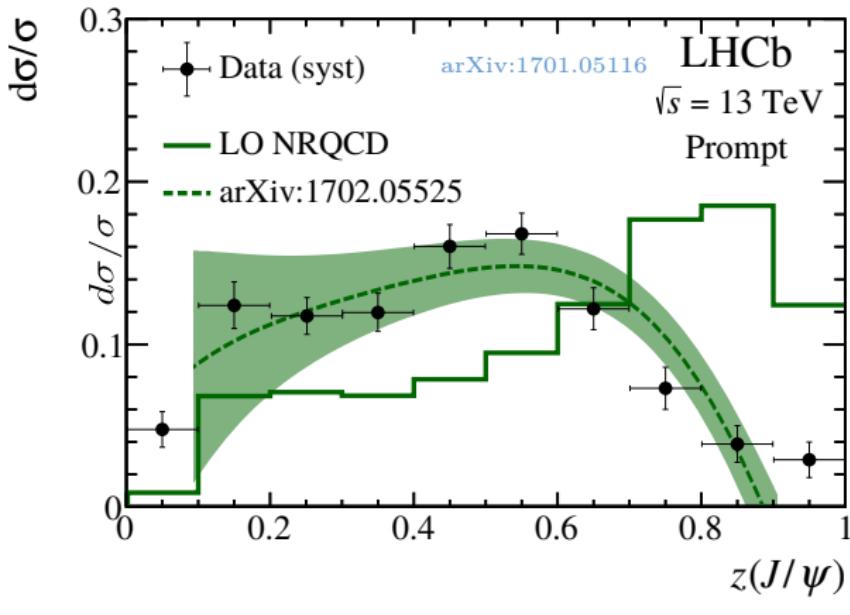
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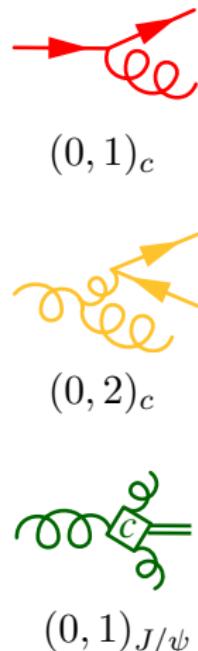
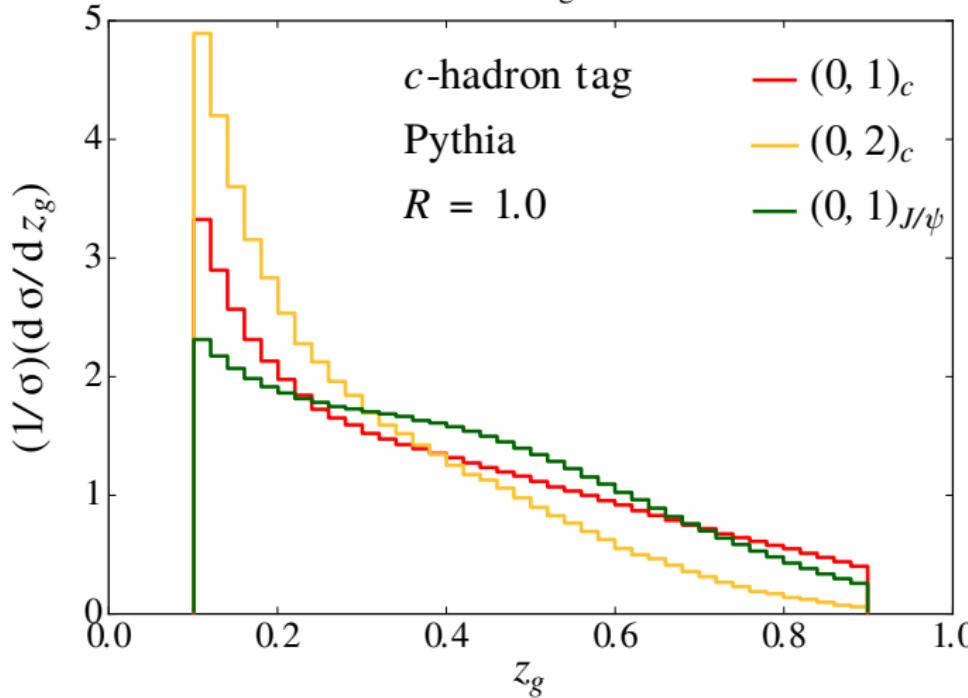
# Problems with Quarkonia

- how should quarkonia be treated in the parton shower?
- PYTHIA only showers  $J/\psi^{(8)}$  with  $q \rightarrow qg$



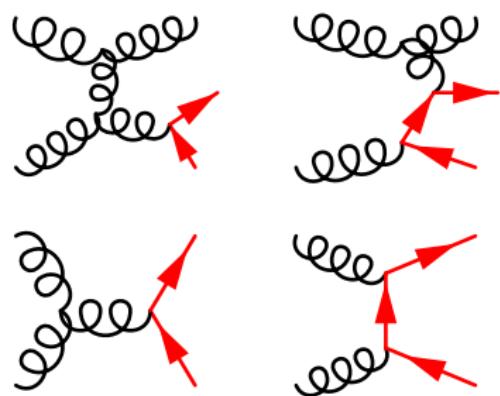
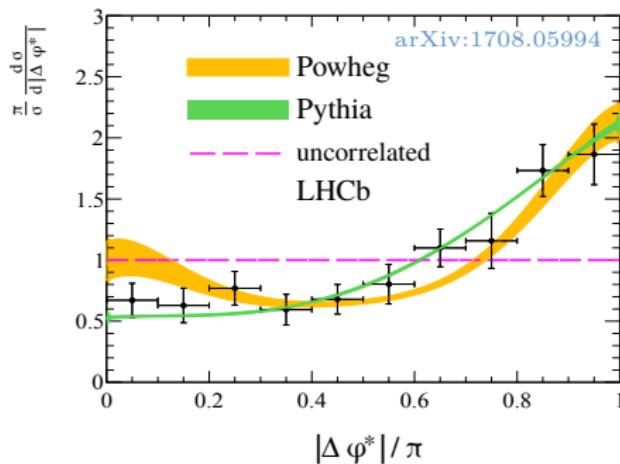
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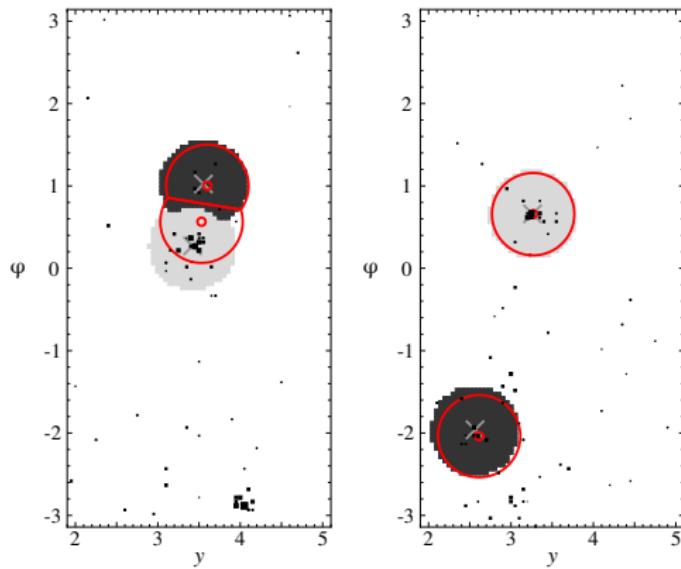
# Heavy Flavour Production

- understanding heavy flavour production critical for many signals
- two approaches typically taken
  - ① hadron-level: good angular properties, poor energy proxy
  - ② tagged jet-level: poor angular properties, good energy proxy



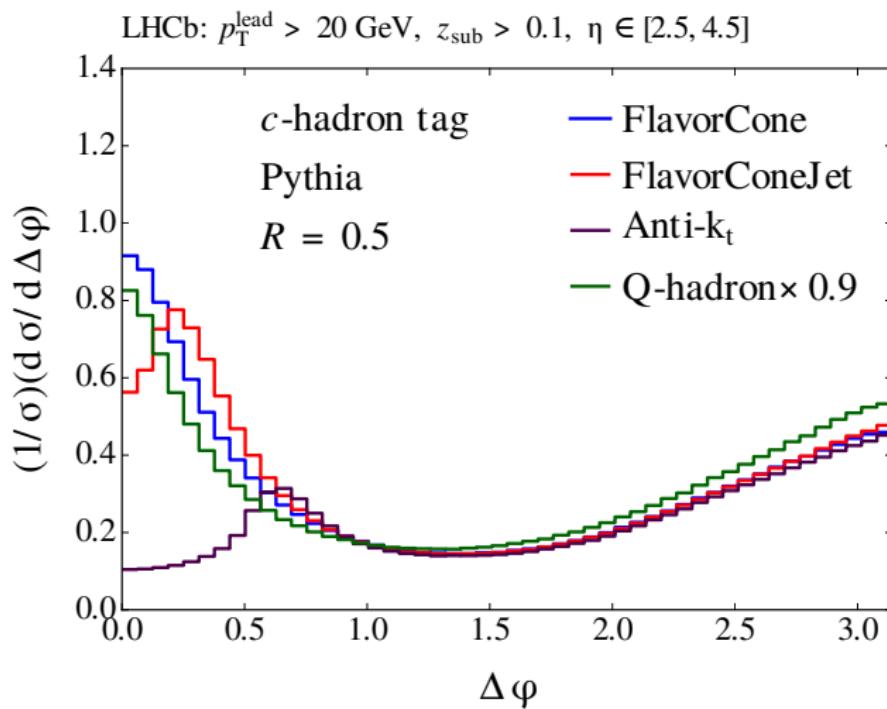
# FlavorCone

- good angular properties, good energy proxy
- collinear and infrared safe by jet-axis definition

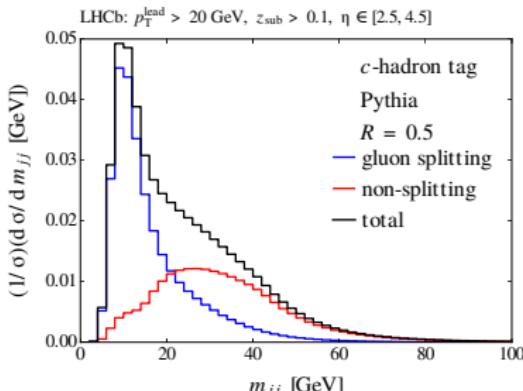
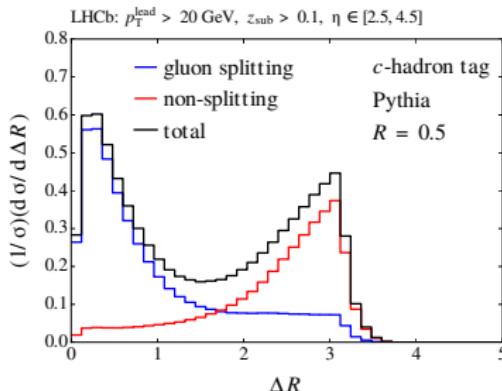
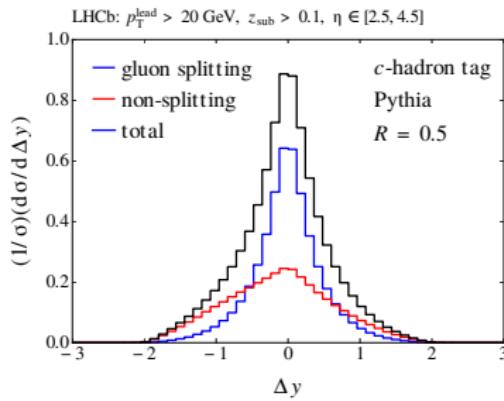
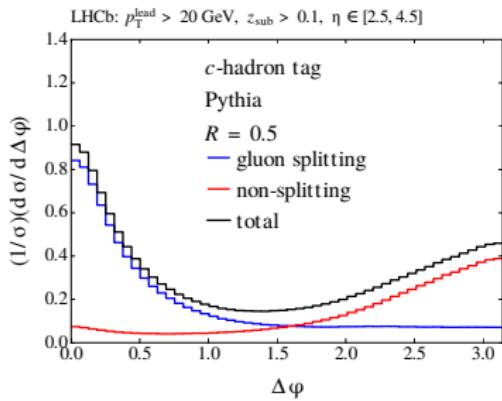


- ① given  $n$  tags define  $n$  jet-axes
- ② particles outside of  $R$  with an jet-axis is not clustered
- ③ remaining particles are clustered with nearest axis
- ④ jet momenta is sum of constituents

## Comparison



# Variable Discrimination



# Outlook

- SoftDrop allows access to fundamental  $1 \rightarrow 2$  QCD splittings
  - could help shed further light on quarkonia
- FlavorCone provides both good angular and energy properties for studying  $Q\bar{Q}$  production
- LHCb's tagging capabilities provide a unique opportunity to probe fundamental QCD

Thank you!