

# Two sides of the same coin

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(i.e. random thoughts on  
resummation and parton showers)

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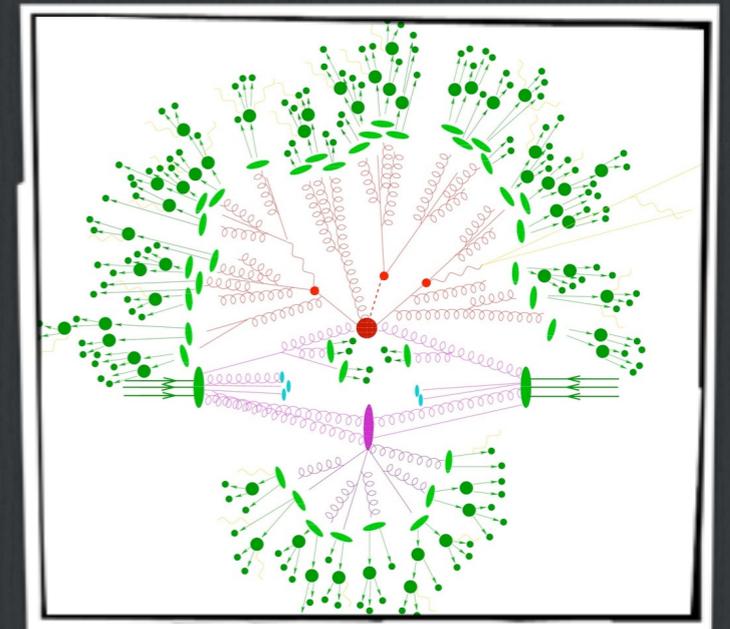


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# MC event generators vs analytic resummation

- powerful general-purpose tools
- provide fully differential events on which any observable can be measured
- interfaced with non-perturbative models to give a realistic description
- theoretical accuracy difficult to assess (often low)



$$\sigma_{\text{res}} = g_0 \exp \left[ \frac{g_1(\alpha_s L)}{\alpha_s + g_2(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L) + \dots} \right]$$

- feasible for a limited number of observables
- well defined and improvable accuracy
- state-of-the art (resummation + fixed order)
- can provide insights and understanding

# Outline

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- **What can analytic insights do for Monte Carlo event generators?**
- **What can Monte Carlo event generators do for analytic resummation?**
- **Conclusions**

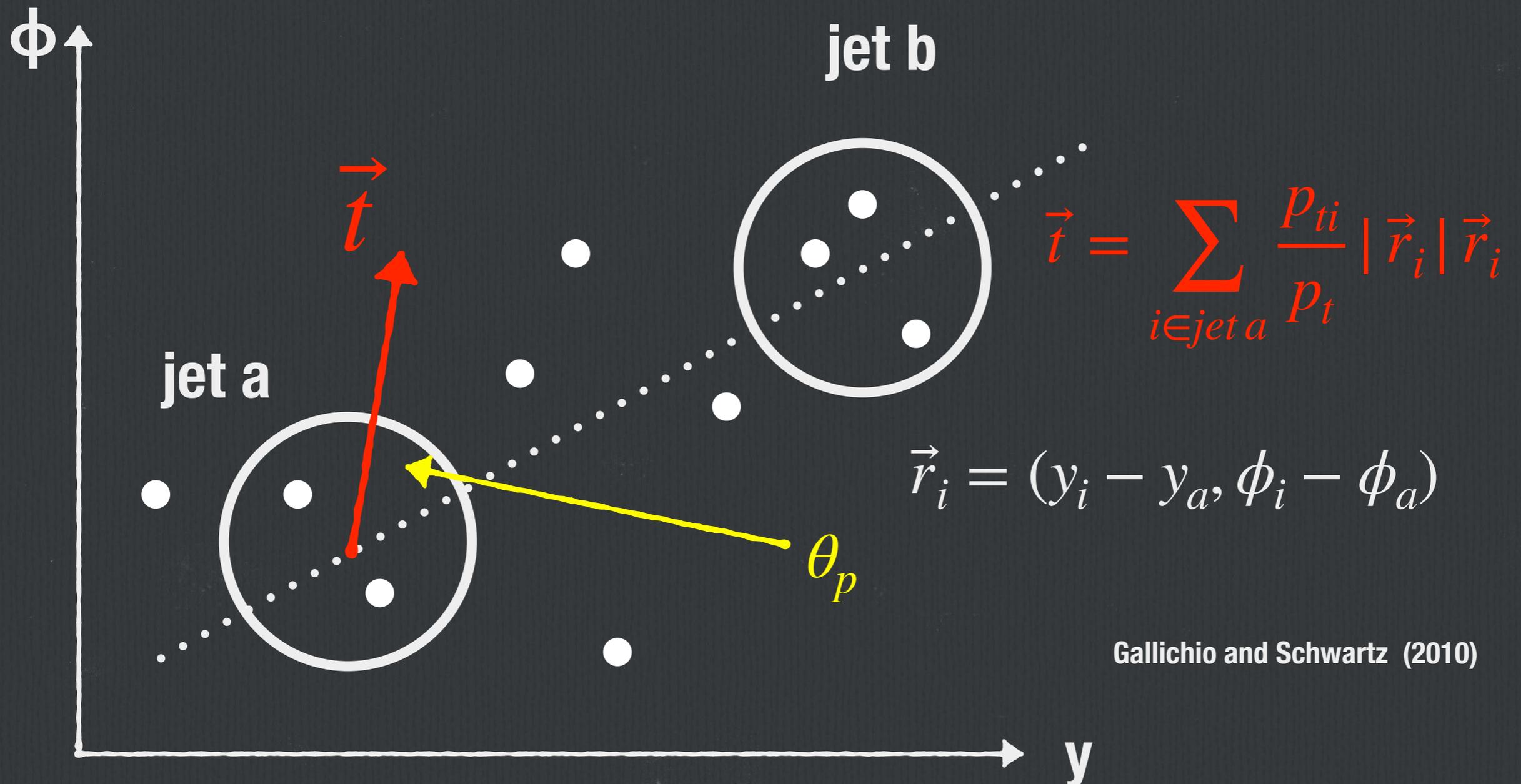
# What analytics can do for MCs?

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- Assessing the logarithmic accuracy of parton showers
- Improving the logarithmic accuracy of parton showers
- Assessing how parton shower algorithms deal with complex information, e.g. kinematics and colour

see Silvia's talk

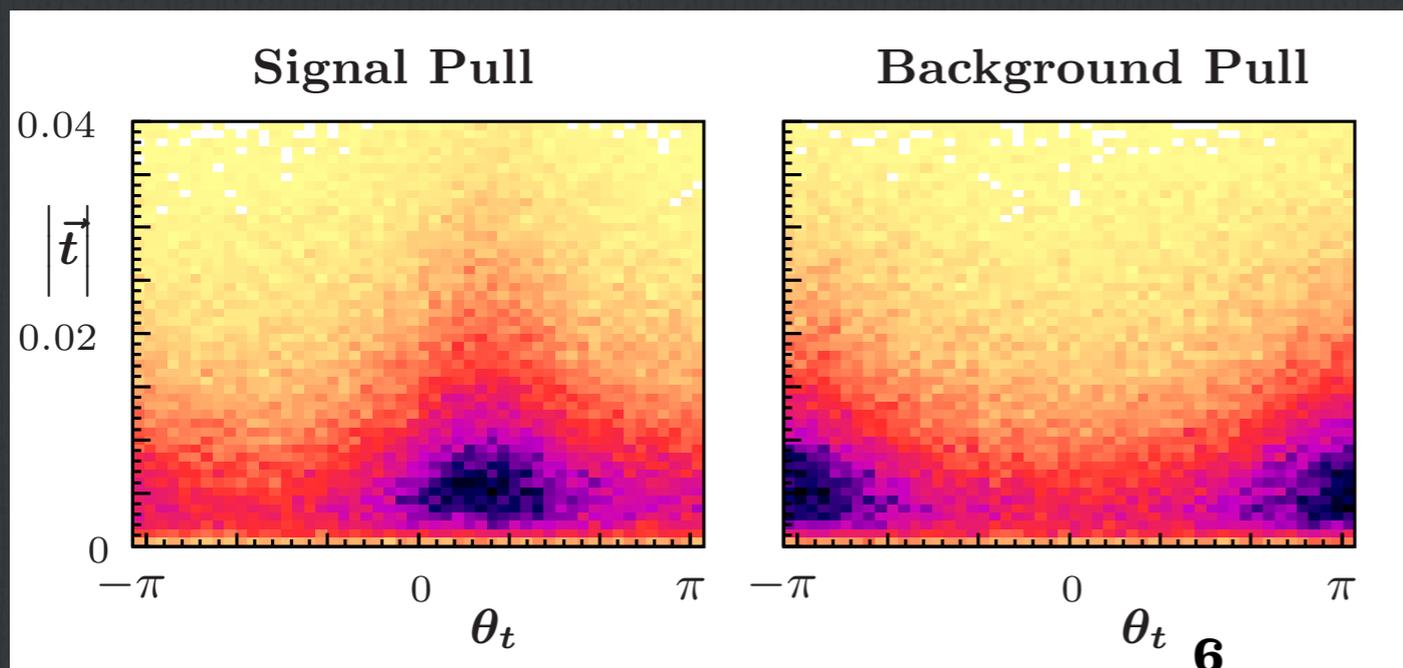
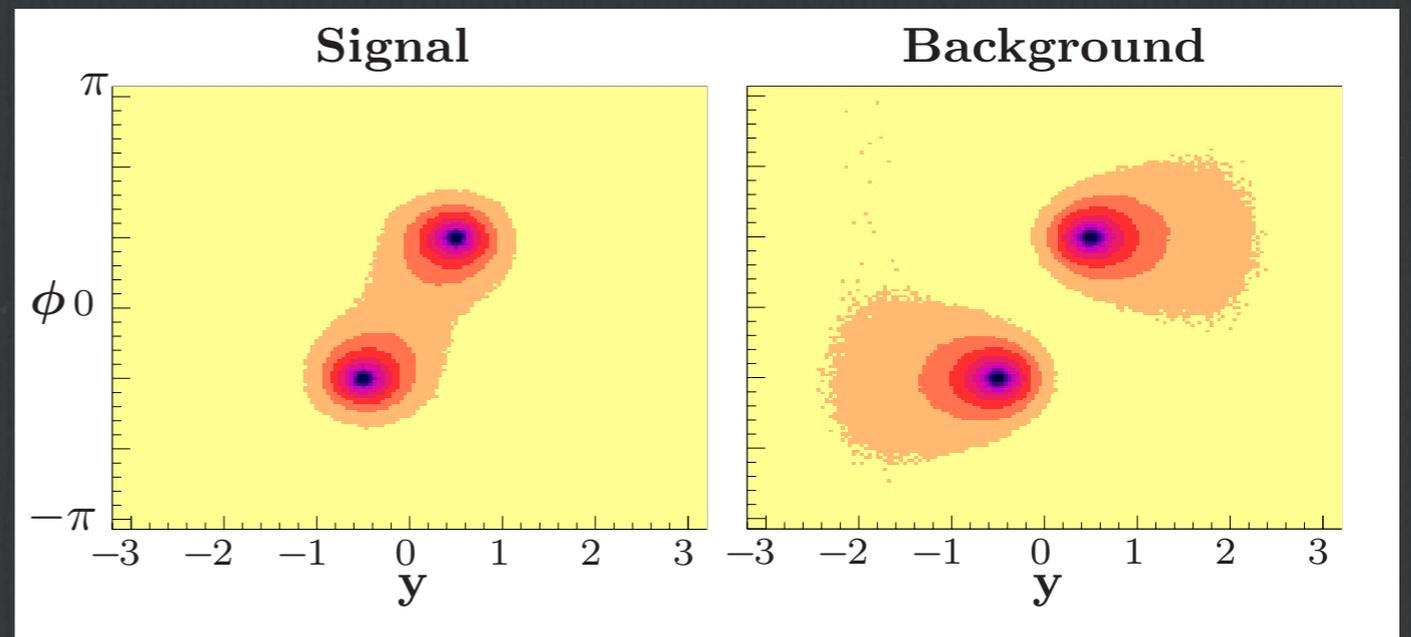
# Jet Pull



Gallichio and Schwartz (2010)

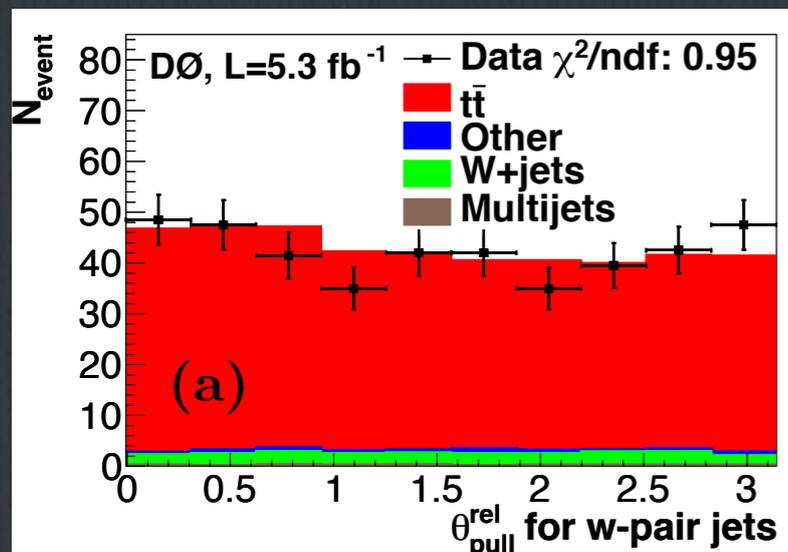
# $H \rightarrow bb$ vs $g \rightarrow bb$

- consider radiation pattern of a colour singlet (signal) vs colour octet (background)
- simulation shows dominant colour-connections:
- between the two b's for the singlet
- between each b and the initial-state for the background

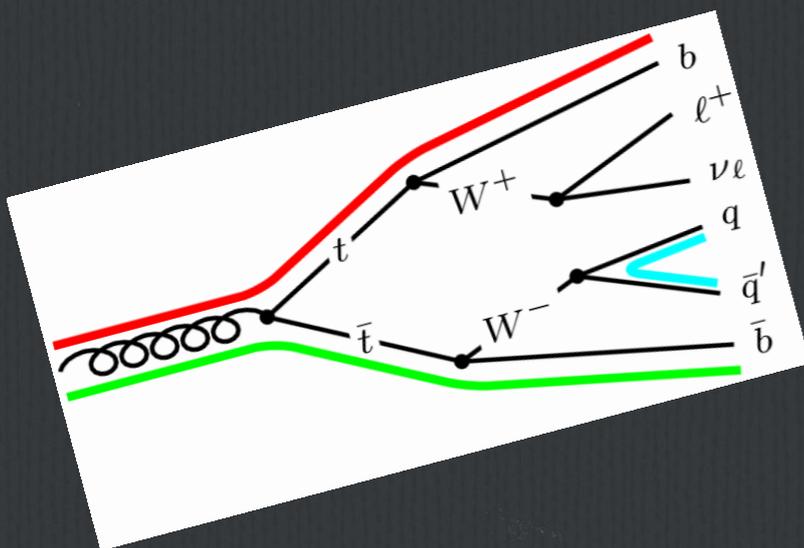


- pull angle shows much more sensitivity to colour flow than the pull magnitude

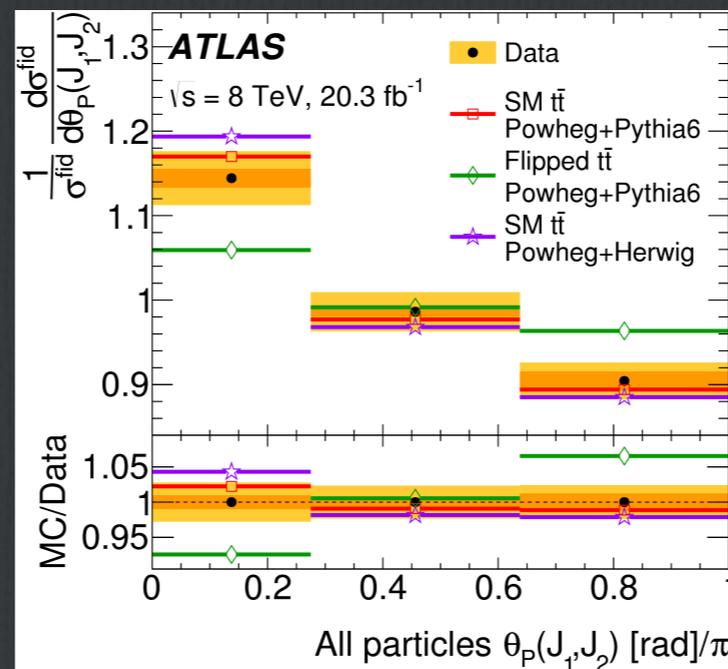
# Experimental measurements



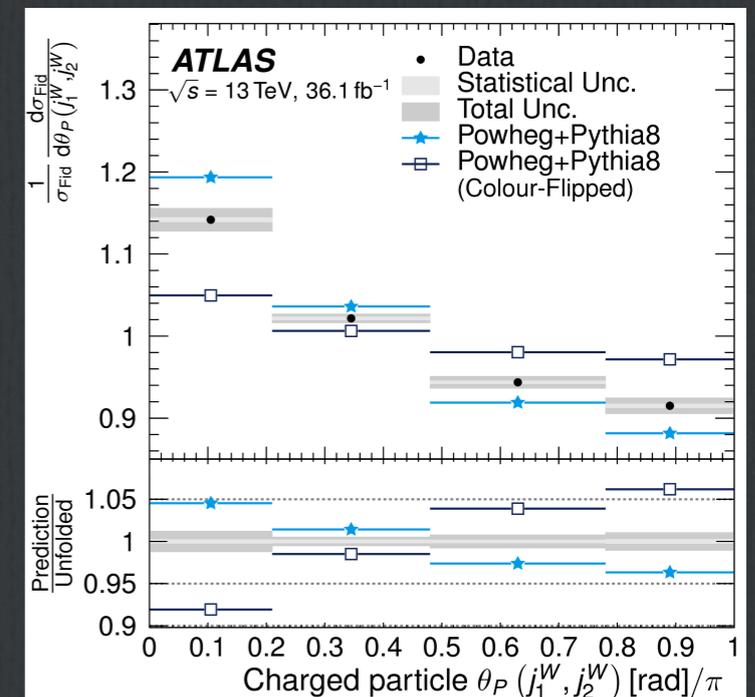
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- abundant production of top quarks offer nice lab for these studies
- pull angle can be measured on different types of colour connections

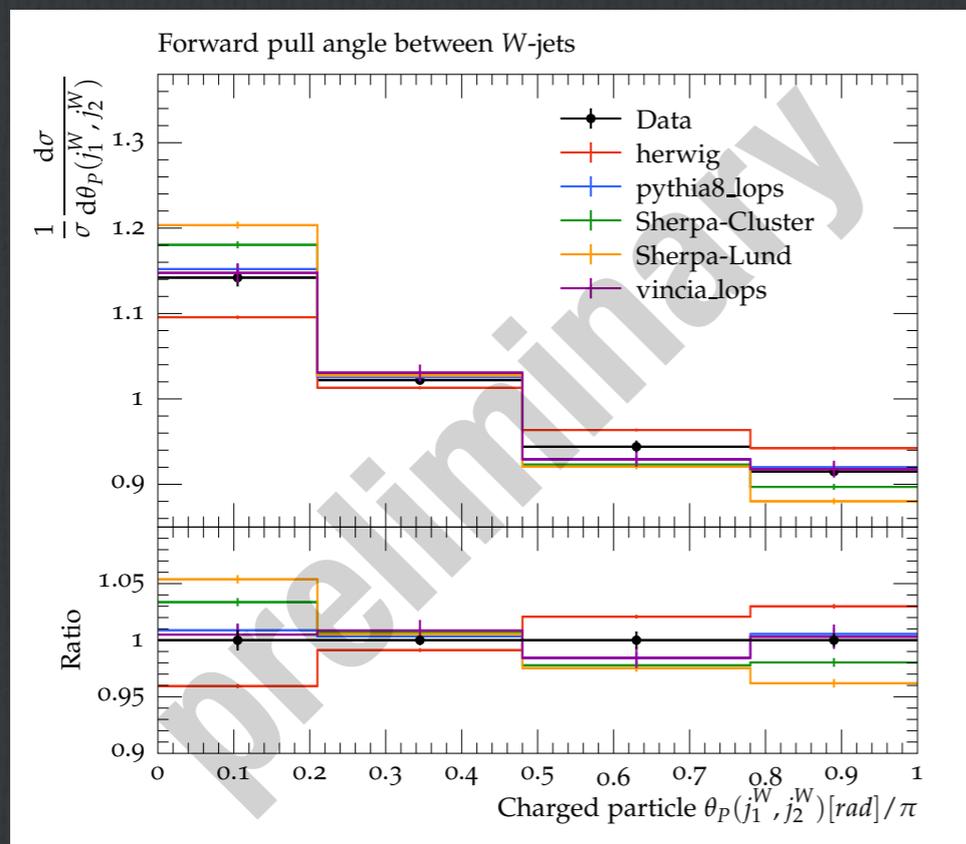


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# Les Houches studies



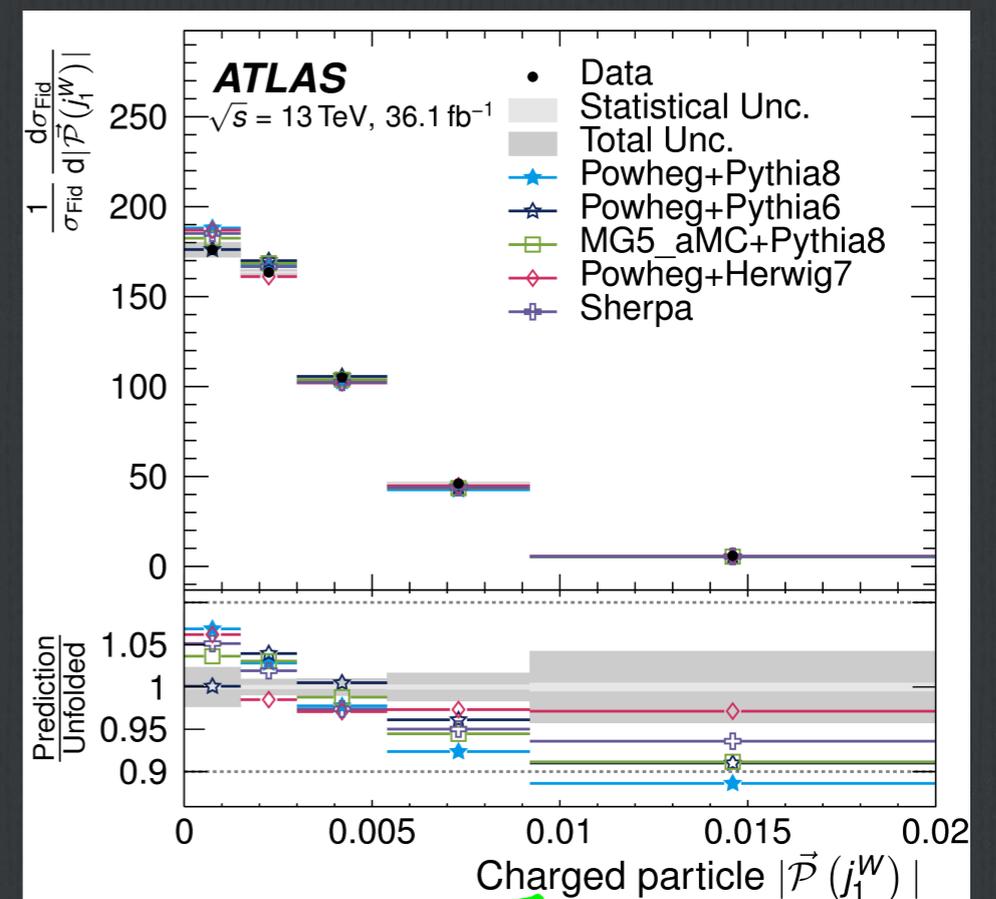
courtesy of Helen Brooks

- astonishing precision of 13 TeV data allows for stringent test of different MC tools
- on-going study started at LH 19 aimed at understanding this observable better
- intricate interplay of different ingredients:
  - spread in parton shower modelling is comparable (if not bigger) than spread due to non-perturbative contributions

- we hope to achieve a clearer picture for the proceedings!

# Can we make firmer theory predictions?

- besides MC study we can try and understand jet pull with analytic calculations
- we aim at a description that matches together fixed-order and resummed prediction
- let's look at next-to-leading log (NLL)
- pull magnitude is IRC safe:
  - if two emissions  $p_1, p_2$  become collinear, we are only sensitive to  $p_1+p_2$
  - if emission  $p_1$  becomes soft  $p_{t1} \rightarrow 0$  and it does not contribute to the magnitude
- we can calculate this distribution in perturbation theory!



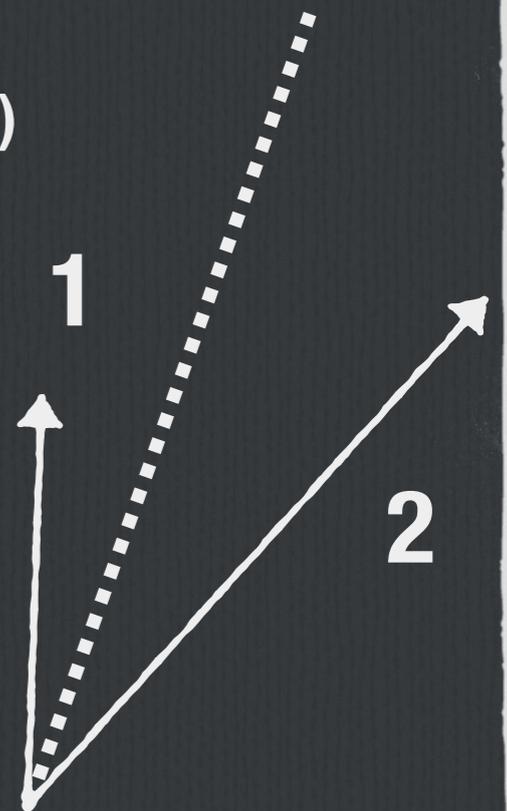
# Resummation of the pull magnitude

- we consider the resummation of the magnitude of a 2-D vector:

$$t = |\vec{t}| = \left| \sum_{i \in \text{jet } a} \frac{p_{ti}}{p_t} |\vec{r}_i| \vec{r}_i \right|$$

- situation very similar to well-known  $Q_T$ -resummation (but in the final state)
- we work in a conjugate Fourier space
- on the other hand, its scaling properties are similar to the jet mass

$$\begin{aligned} t &= |\vec{t}_1 + \vec{t}_2| \simeq |z(1-z)^2 - (1-z)z^2| \theta_{12}^2 \\ &= |z(1-z)(1-2z)| \theta_{12}^2 \end{aligned}$$



# NLL resummation

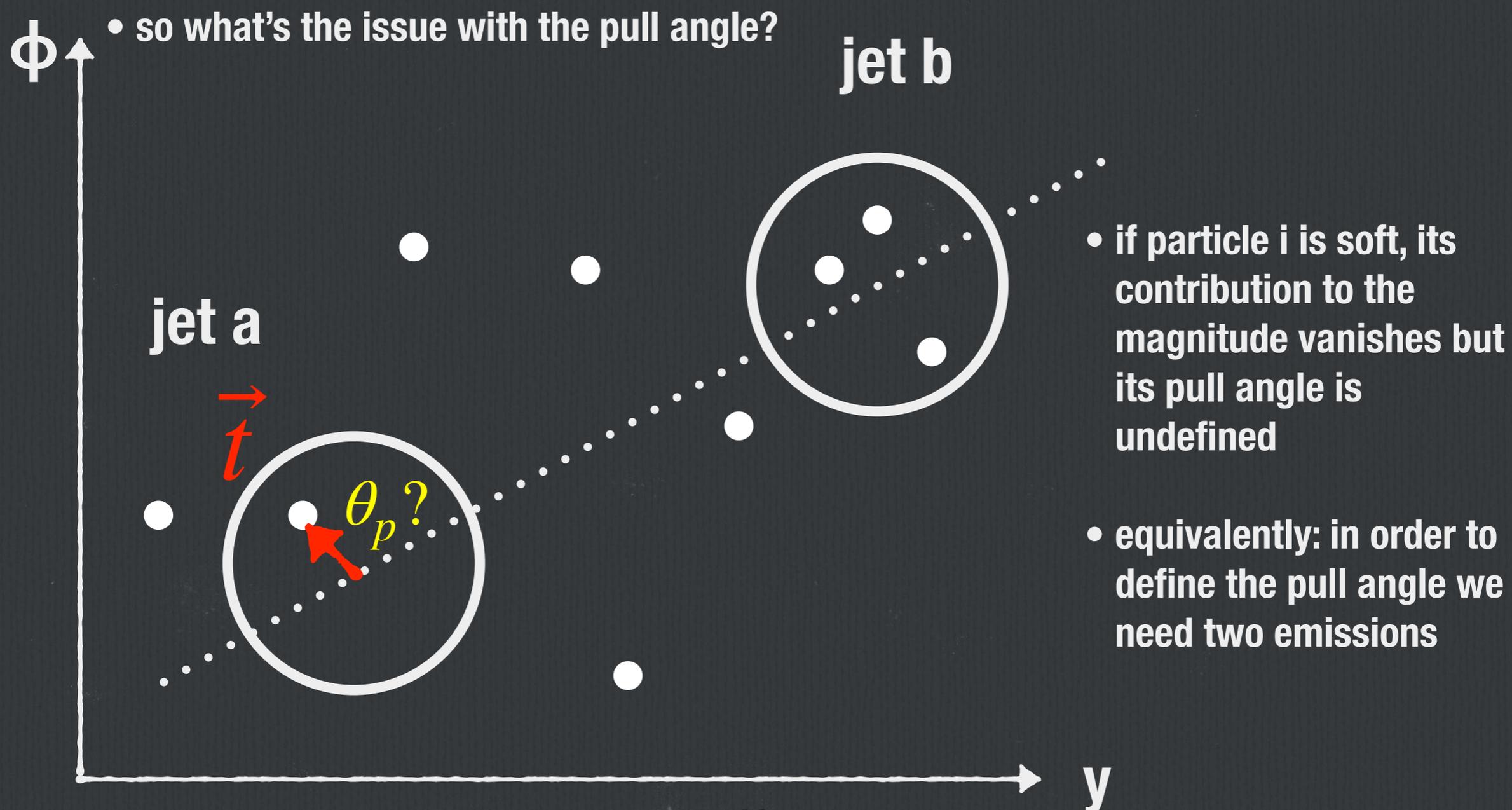
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- in the collinear limit, i.e. up to term of  $O(R^2)$  the all-order behaviour is

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \int_0^\infty db b J_0(bt) \exp [L f_1(\lambda) + f_{2c}(\lambda)] S_{ng}(\lambda)$$
$$\lambda = \alpha_s \beta_0 \log \left( b \frac{e^{\gamma_E}}{2} \right)$$

- remarkably, the  $f_1$  and  $f_{2c}$  have the same function have the same functional form as for the jet mass distribution
- $S_{ng}$  accounts for non-global logarithms

# Pull angle: IRC un-safety



# aside: Sudakov safety

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- we know of other observables that suffers from similar problems (ratio of angularities, soft-drop momentum balance)
- we can make sense of these observables if we are able to resolve the singularities with the help of a (safe) companion variable
- we say that the IRC unsafe variable  $u$  is Sudakov safe if there exists an IRC safe observable  $s$  such that

$$p(u) = \int ds p(u | s) p(s)$$

- $p(s)$  must be calculated to all-orders in order to (Sudakov) suppress the  $s=0$  singularity

Larkoski, Thaler (2013)  
Larkoski, SM, Thaler (2015)

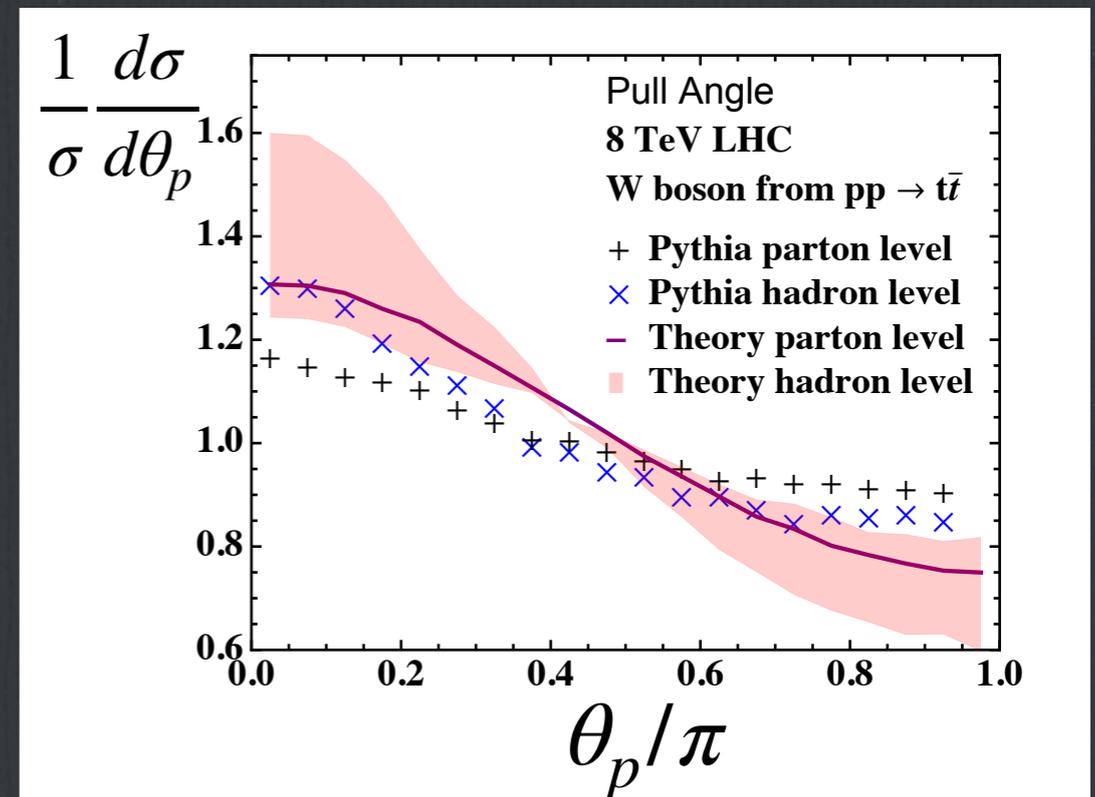
# Perturbative calculation

- our natural candidate for the safe companion is the pull magnitude itself

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_p} = \int dt p(\theta_p | t) p^{res}(t)$$

computed at fixed-order

resummed at NLL in the collinear limit  
(but with no non-global logs at the moment)



# Non-perturbative effects

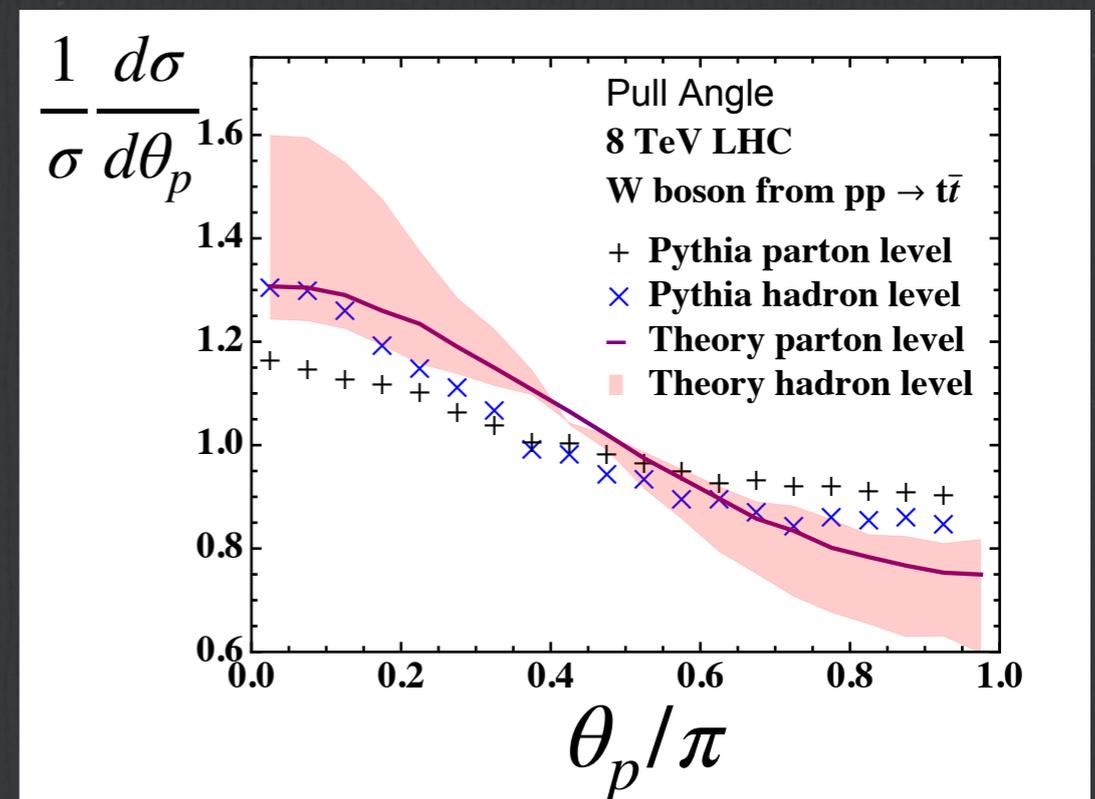
- for IRC safe observable we can make relatively strong statements about the scaling of non-perturbative corrections
- for Sudakov safe observable we do not have such luxury
- we make some rough estimate

$$p_{np}(t, \theta_p) \propto \tanh \left( \frac{1}{a\theta_p(2\pi - \theta_p)} \right) \delta \left( t - \frac{\Omega}{E_J} \right)$$

$$\Omega \simeq \Lambda_{QCD}, \quad 0 \leq a \leq 0.25$$

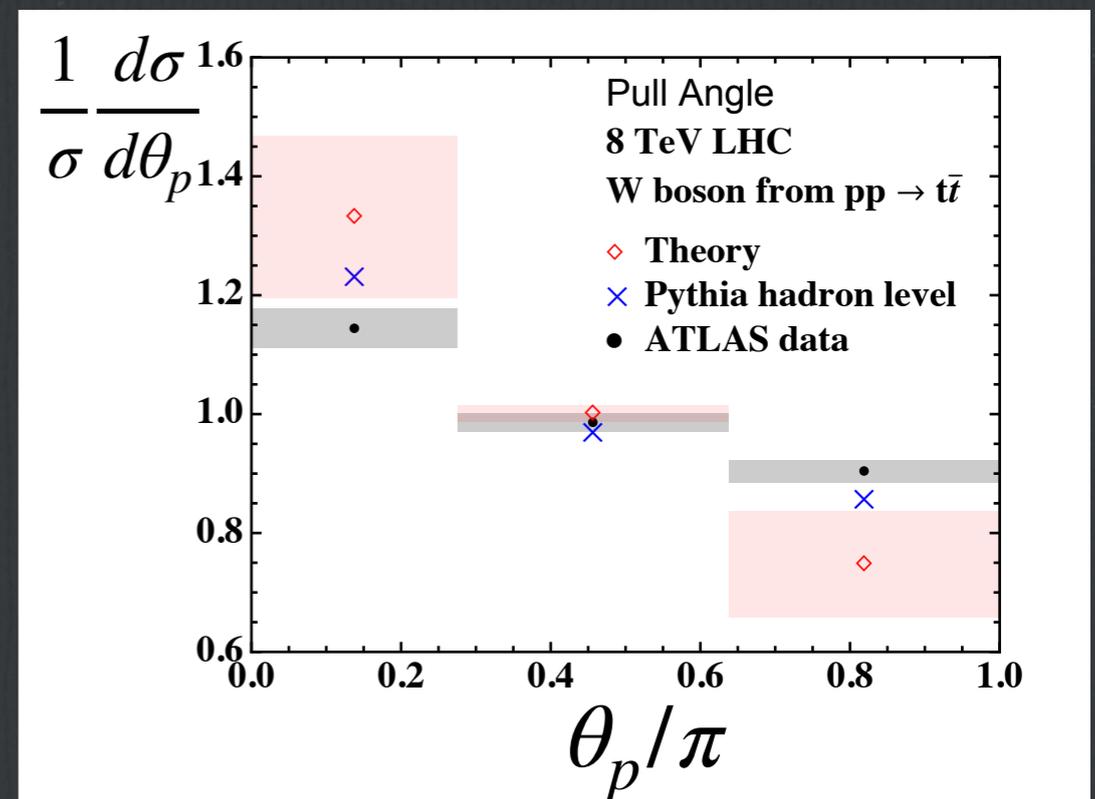
uniform to peaked in  $\phi_p=0$

$$P_{tot} = P_{np} \otimes P_{pert}$$

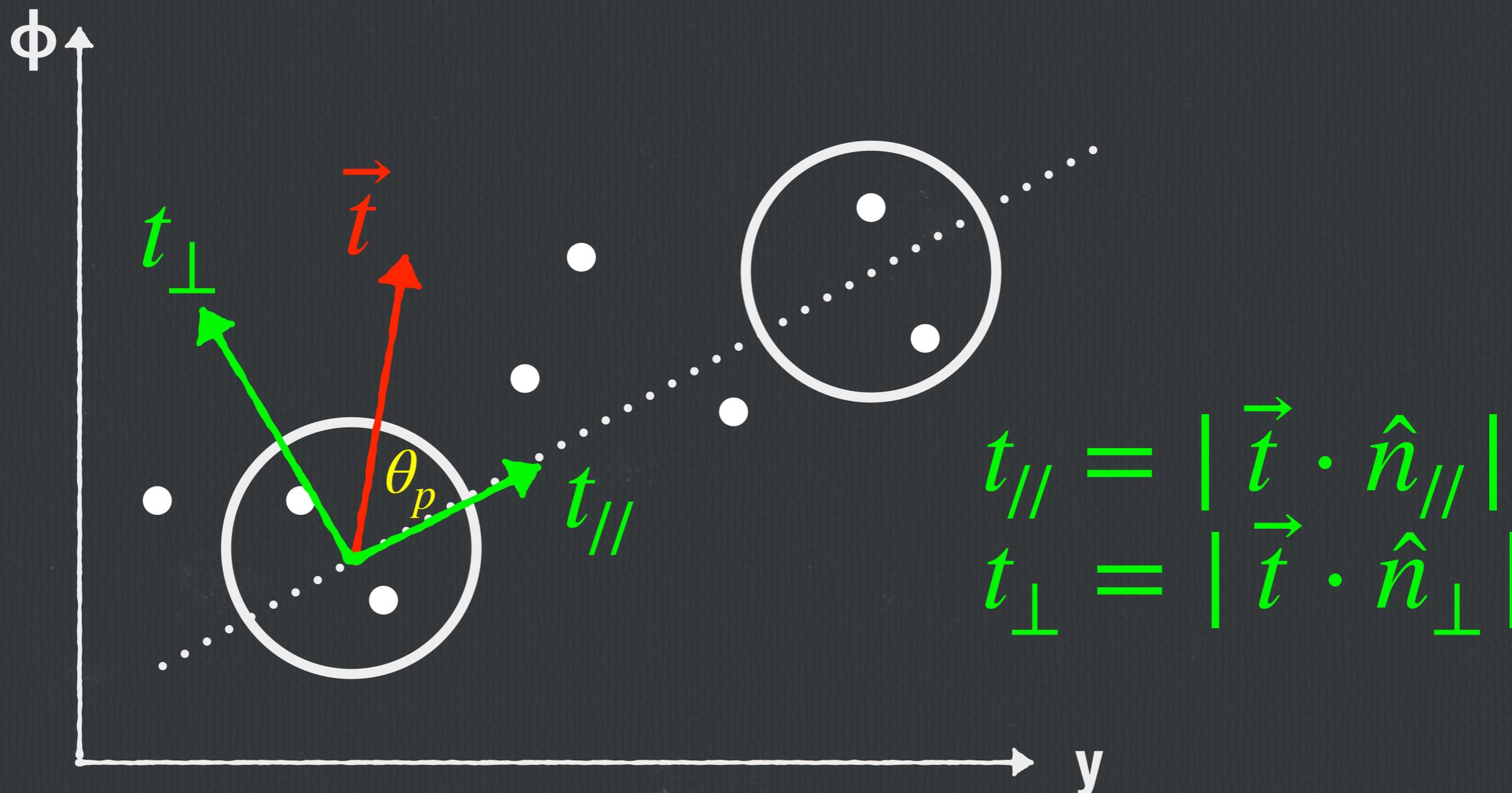


# Comparison to the data

- we can now compare to the Run I measurement by the ATLAS collaboration
  - our calculation is in fair agreement with the data (similar to the Monte Carlo prediction)
  - however it suffers from large theory uncertainties
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- perturbative uncertainties: Sudakov safe observables do not admit standard expansion in terms of Feynman diagrams: we have to combine fixed-order and resummed ingredients (and several questions remain open)
  - non-pert. uncertainties: lack of IRC safety prevents us from clearly separating perturbative and non-perturbative regions



# Safe use of jet pull



# NLL resummation

- the new variables  $t_{//}$  and  $t_{\perp}$  are IRC safe: we can combine fixed-order and resummed prediction in the standard way
- their resummation is relatively straightforward
- it closely follows the formalism develop for analogous projections of  $Q_T$  i.e.  $a_T$  (and  $\phi^*$ )

Banfi, Dasgupta and Duran Delgado (2010)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dt_{//(\perp)}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty db \cos(bt_{//(\perp)}) \exp [Lf_1(\lambda) + f_2(\lambda)] S_{ng}(\lambda)$$

- real that resummed spectrum for the pull magnitude has a similar form

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \int_0^\infty db b J_0(bt) \exp [Lf_1(\lambda) + f_2(\lambda)] S_{ng}(\lambda)$$

# Towards phenomenology

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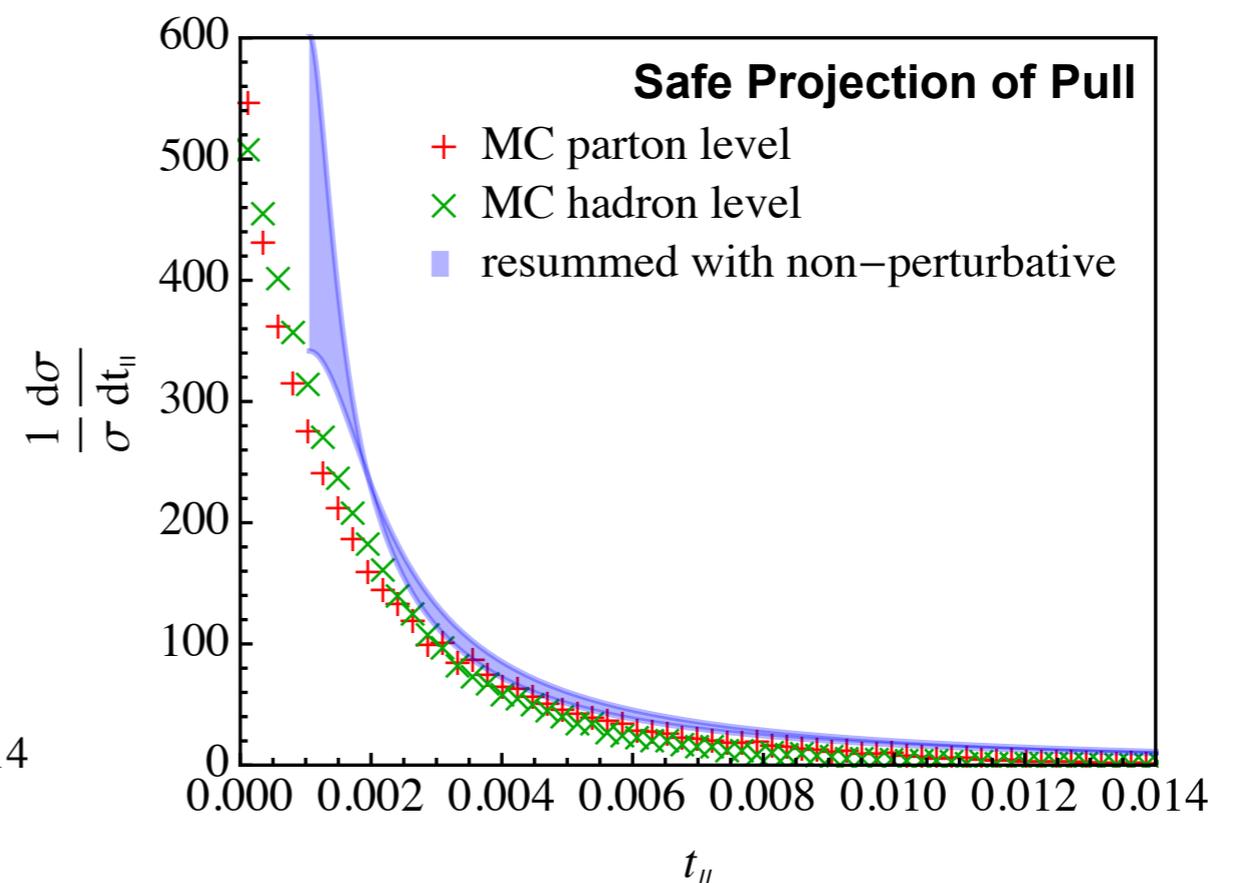
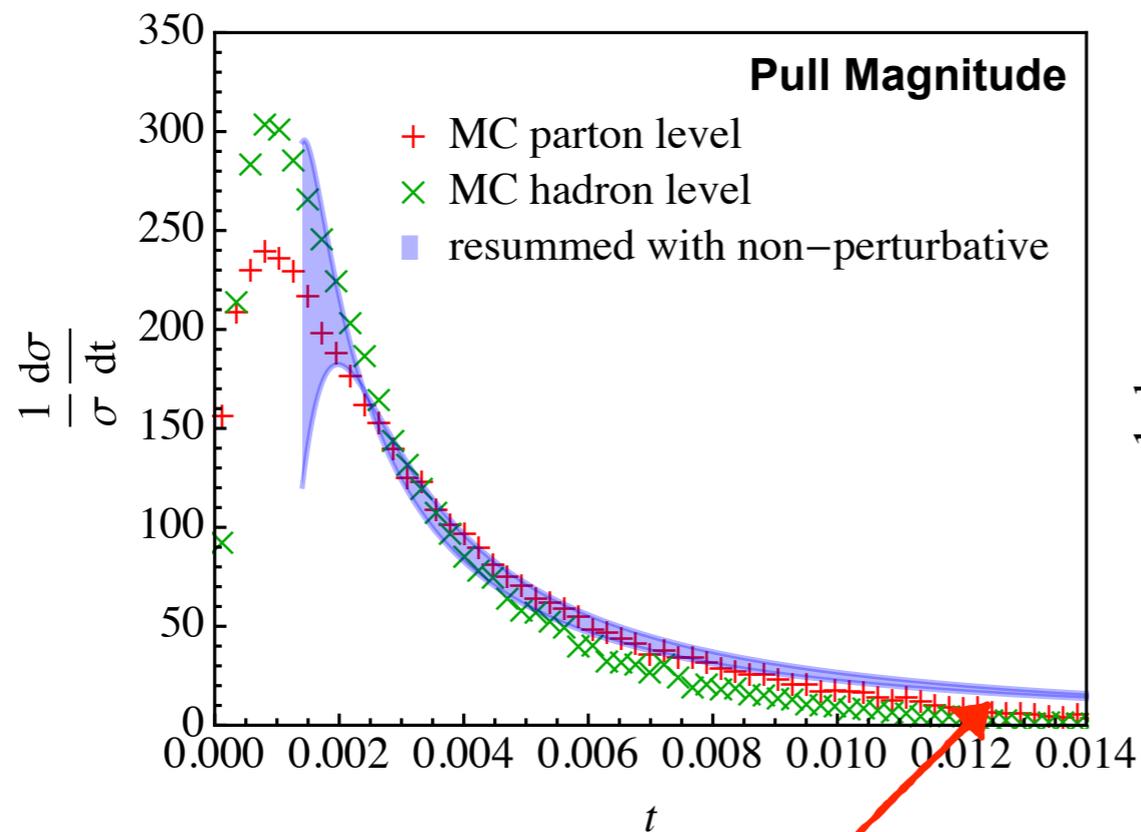
- in order achieve full NLL resummation we include
  - soft radiation at wide angle (through an expansion in powers of the jet radius)
  - non-global logarithms
- notice that soft radiation is crucial (this is what we want to probe) but it does depend on the jet environment
- we have to specify the process and the event selection, e.g.

$$pp \rightarrow H(\rightarrow b\bar{b}) + Z(\rightarrow l^+l^-)$$

and measure the pull between the b (sub)jets

# NLL results

- we find decent agreement between NLL and parton-shower results
- NP contributions are sizeable but they are parametrically power-corrections (the power of IRC safety!)

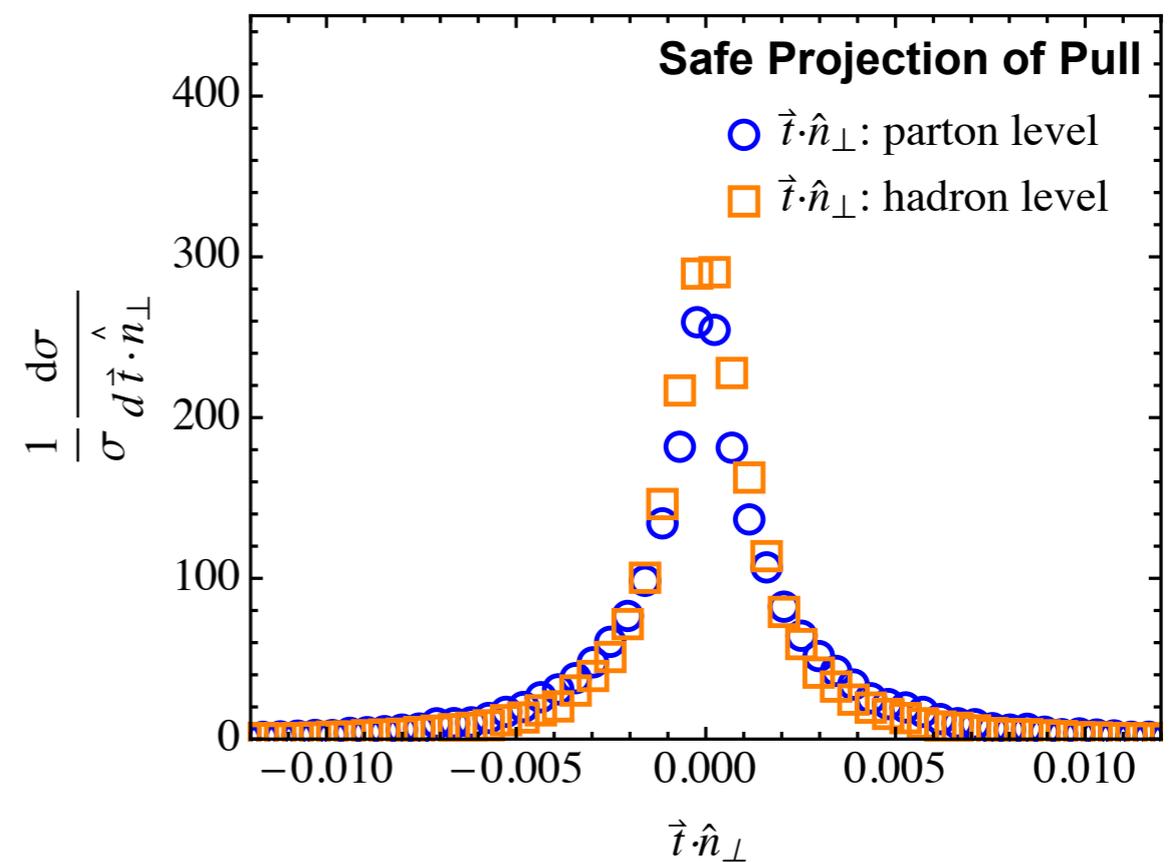
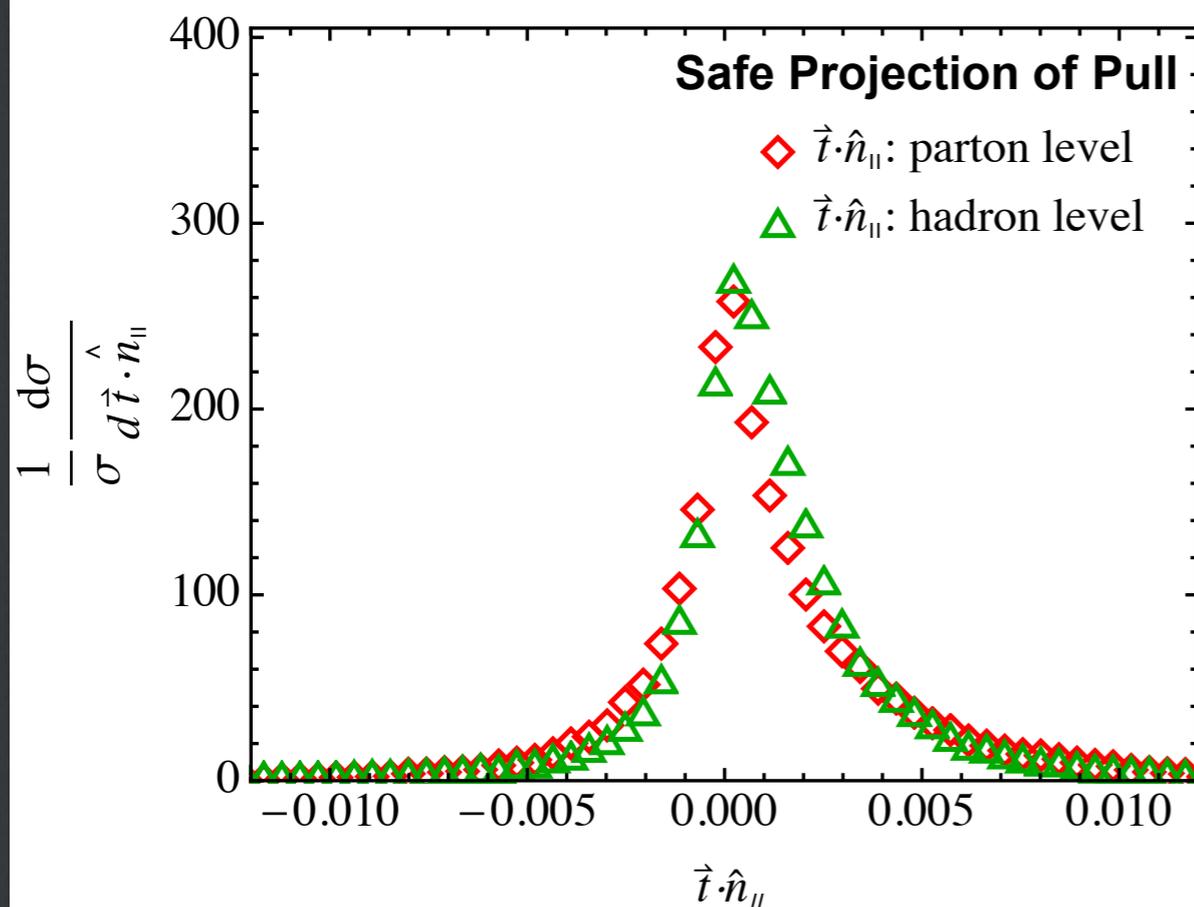


no matching yet

$$P_{tot} = P_{np} \otimes P_{pert}$$

# Asymmetric distributions

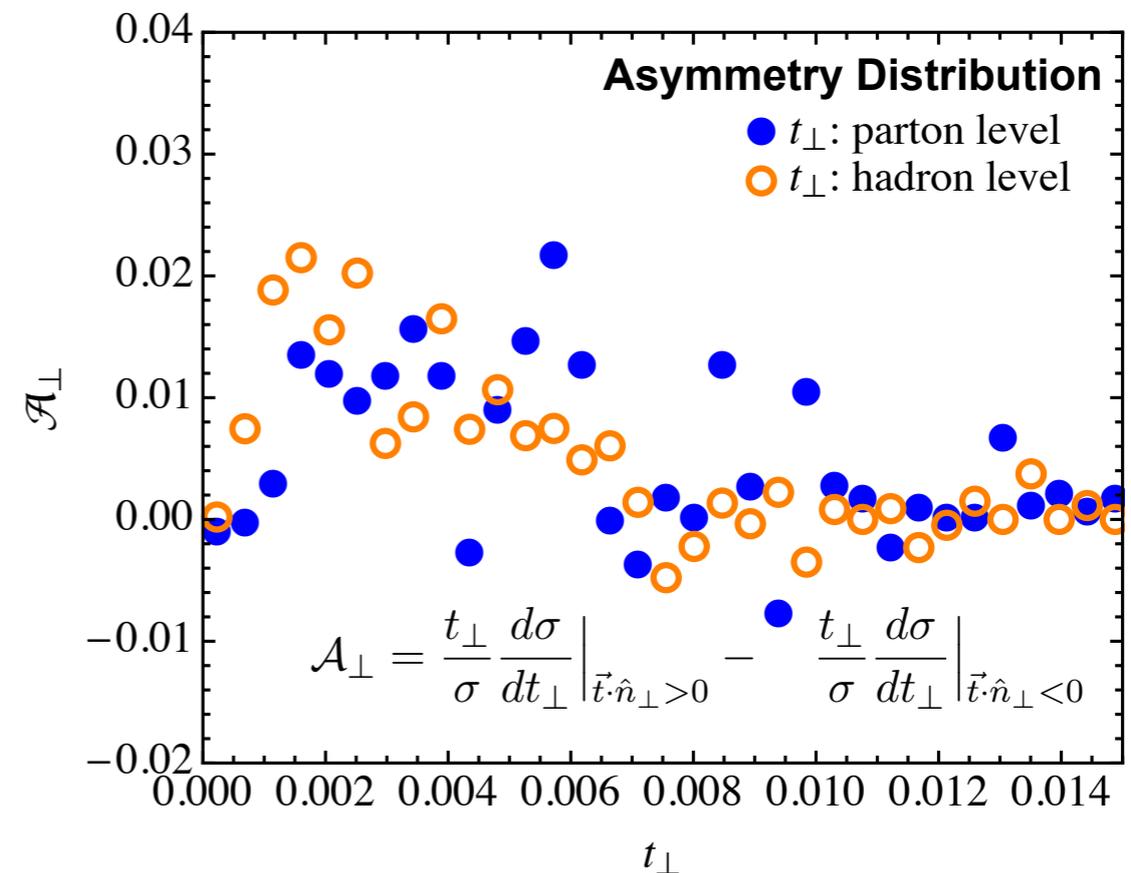
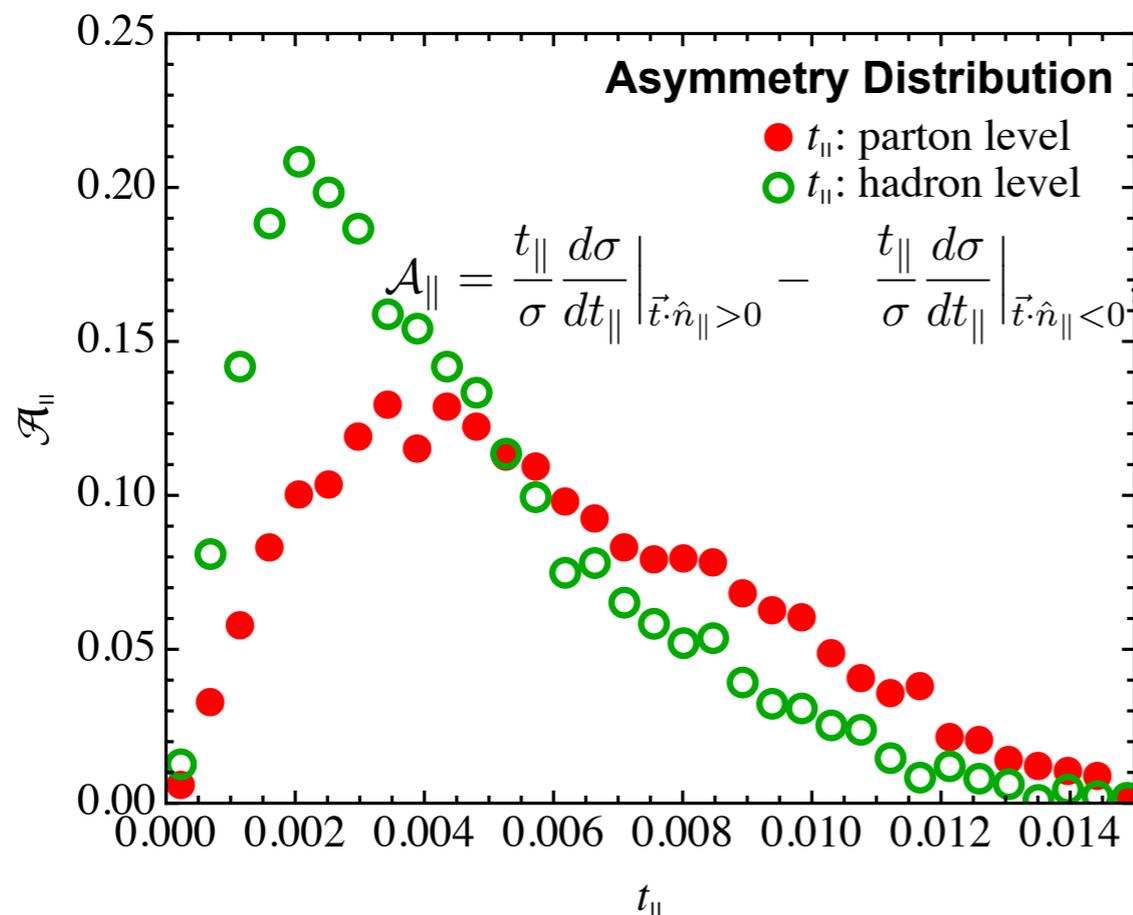
- we have defined projections to be positive-definite
- nice all-order properties but some important information is lost



- radiation pattern is markedly asymmetric in the parallel direction

# Asymmetries

- we define asymmetry distributions that expose these properties
- MC simulations are encouraging: it would be interesting to achieve resummation as well
- very sensitive to sub-leading colour effects

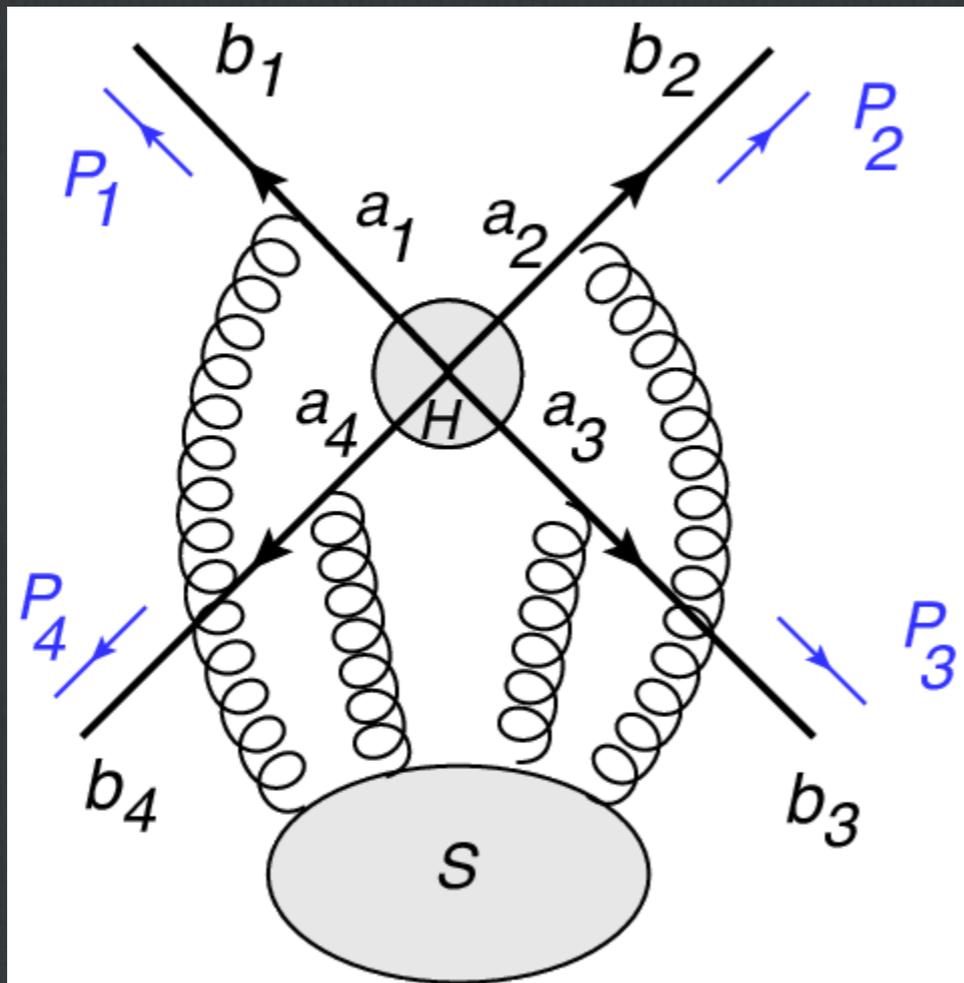


# What can event generators do for analytic resummation?

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- Automation has always been a stinging point for resummation. A few exceptions:
  - in the early 2000's Banfi, Salam and Zanderighi developed the CASEAR framework to perform NLL resummation for event shapes (more recently pushed to NNLL in ARES). However no public code available.
  - SoftSERVE: is C/C++ program to evaluate bare soft functions for wide classes of observables in SCET developed by Bell and collaborators.
  - SCETlib is a C++ package for numerical calculations in QCD and SCET developed by Tackmann and collaborators (soon to become public).

# Dealing with colour



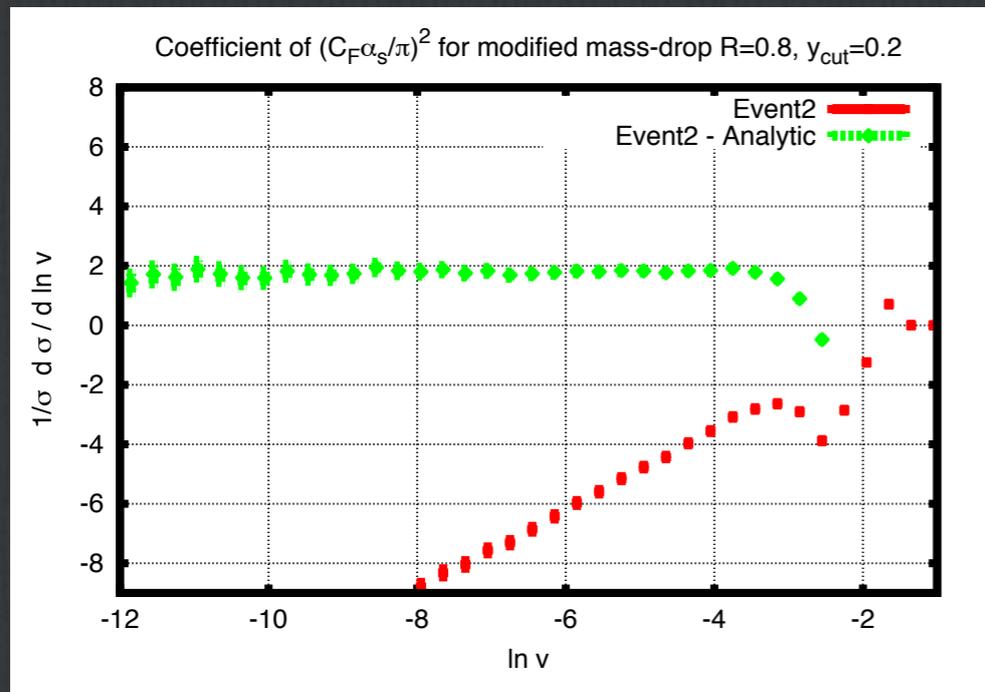
$$S(t) = \langle \mathcal{B} | e^{-t\Gamma^\dagger} e^{-t\Gamma} | \mathcal{B} \rangle$$

$$= \text{tr} \left[ c H e^{-t\Gamma^\dagger} e^{-t\Gamma} \right]$$

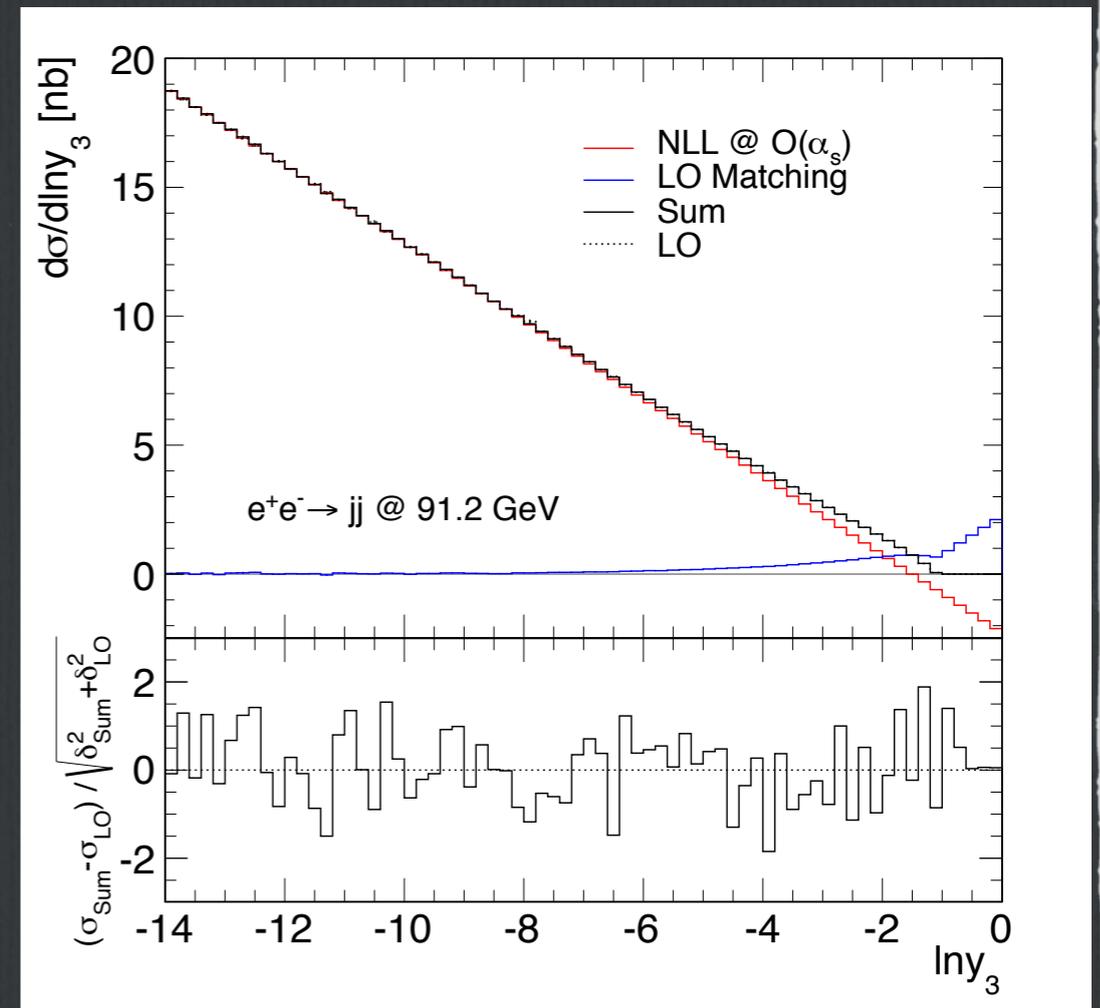
- large colour matrices most-easily handled by matrix-element generators like Comix
- method developed as a sherpa plugin in [arXiv:1411.7325](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.7325)
- recently applied to resummation of multi-jet resolution parameters [arXiv:1912.09396](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.09396)

# Local-subtraction matching

- another painful task one usually faces is matching the resummation to fixed-order
- usually one matches distributions, which implies running fixed-order codes in region of phase-space where they're not supposed to work



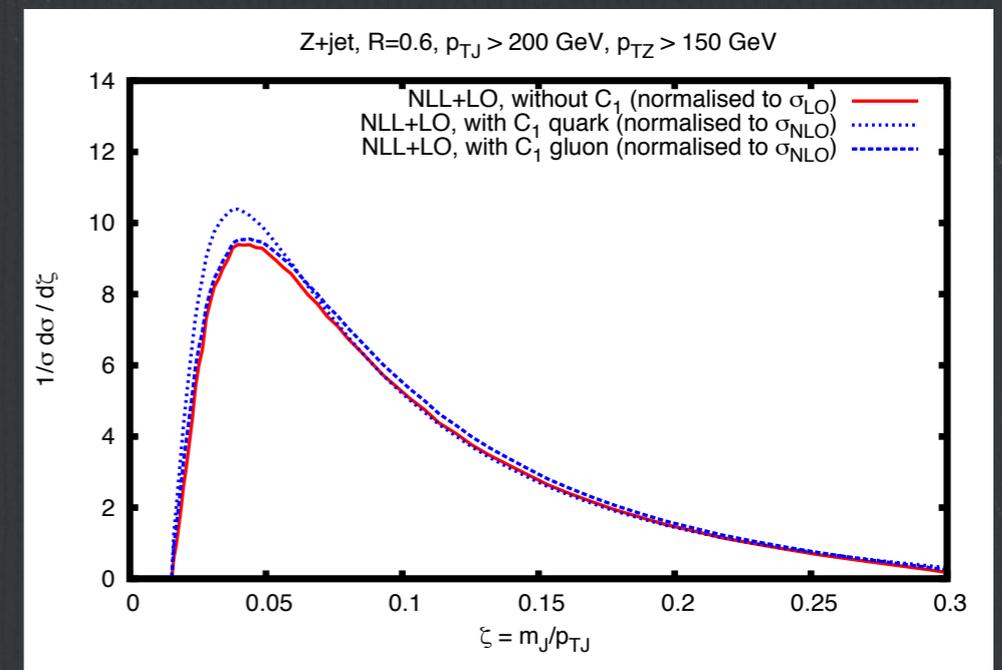
- in the same 2014 paper, we devised a local matching scheme, where subtracted fixed-order events are generated. Extend this NNLO?



# Tracing flavour

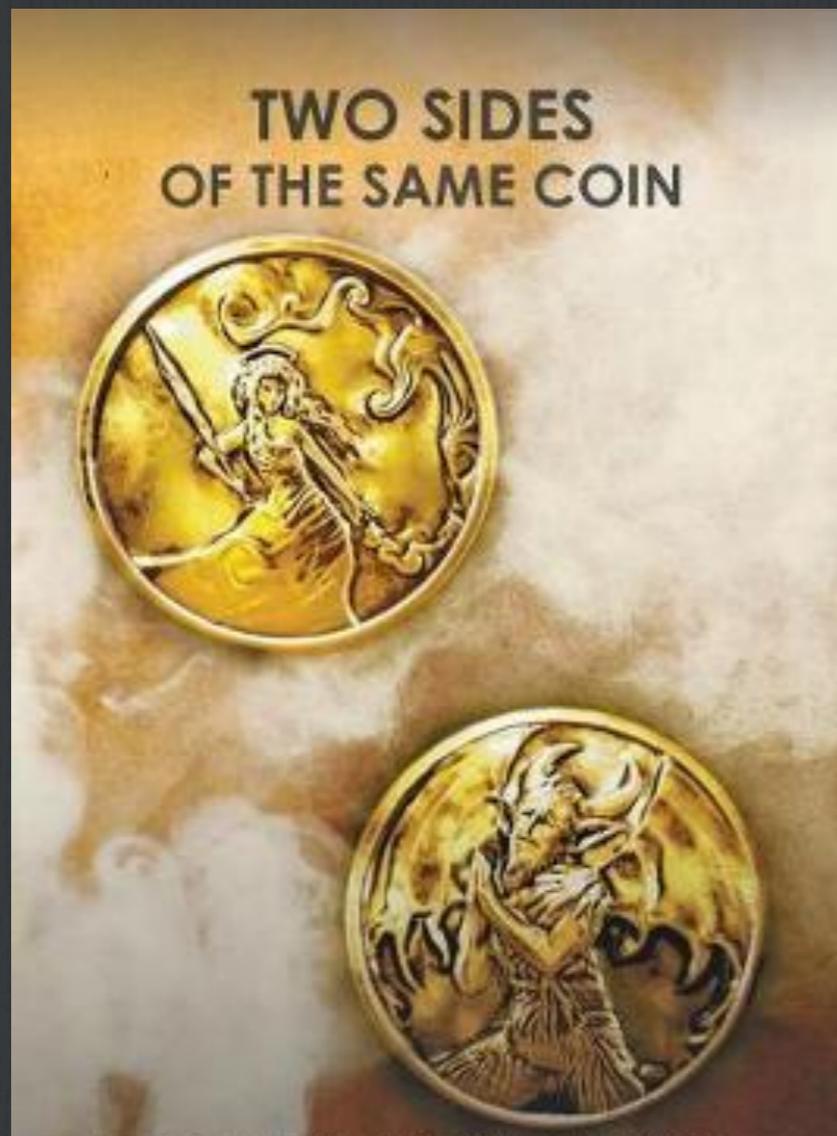
- Matrix-element generators can also be used to extract contributions to the resummation, if we can trace flavour information
- consider for instance jet-observables like the jet mass

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_j^2} = \sigma_q^{(0)} (1 + \alpha_s C_q^{(1)} + \dots) e^{-S_q} + \sigma_g^{(0)} (1 + \alpha_s C_g^{(1)} + \dots) e^{-S_g}$$



- the constants  $C_i$  are needed for NLL' accuracy
- this has not been done yet, but it would be extremely useful!

# Conclusions



it all depends on how valuable  
the coin is...



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**