

# Flavoured jets: trials and tribulations

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**Heavy Flavours** at High  $p_T$  (30/11/23)

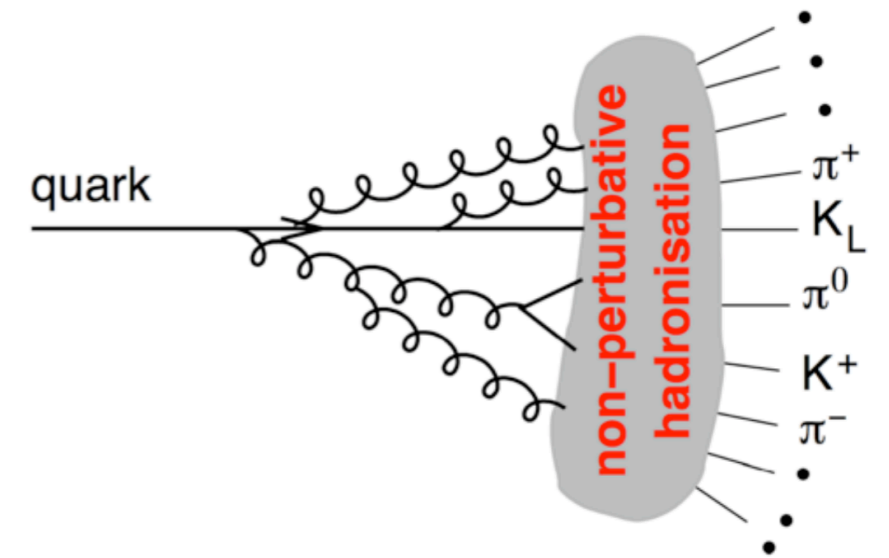
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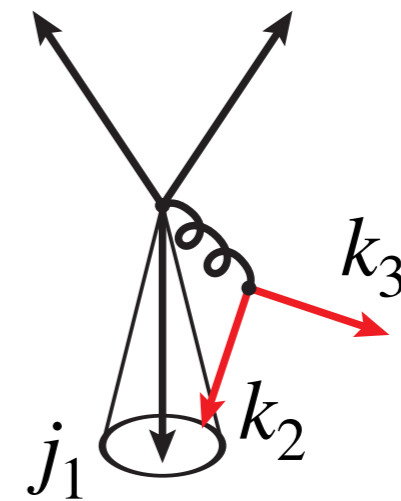
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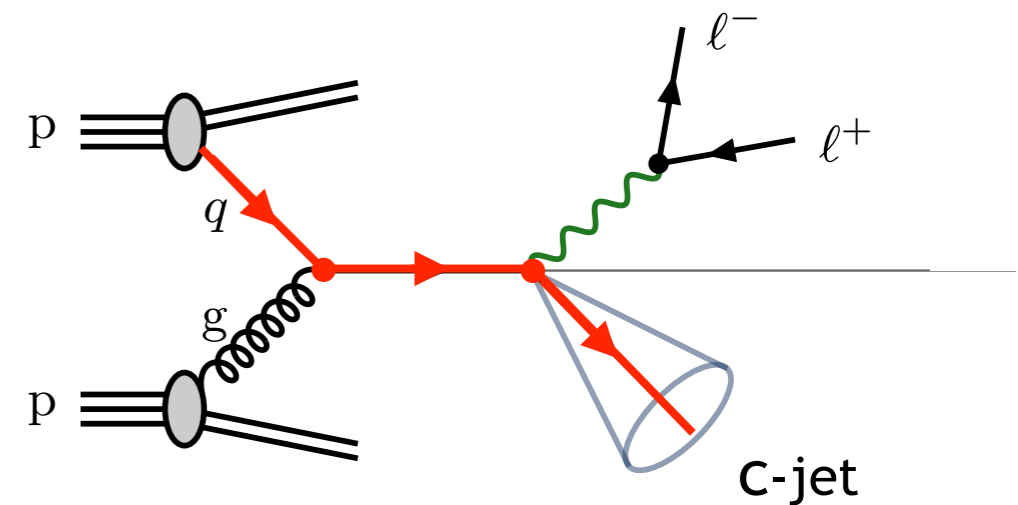
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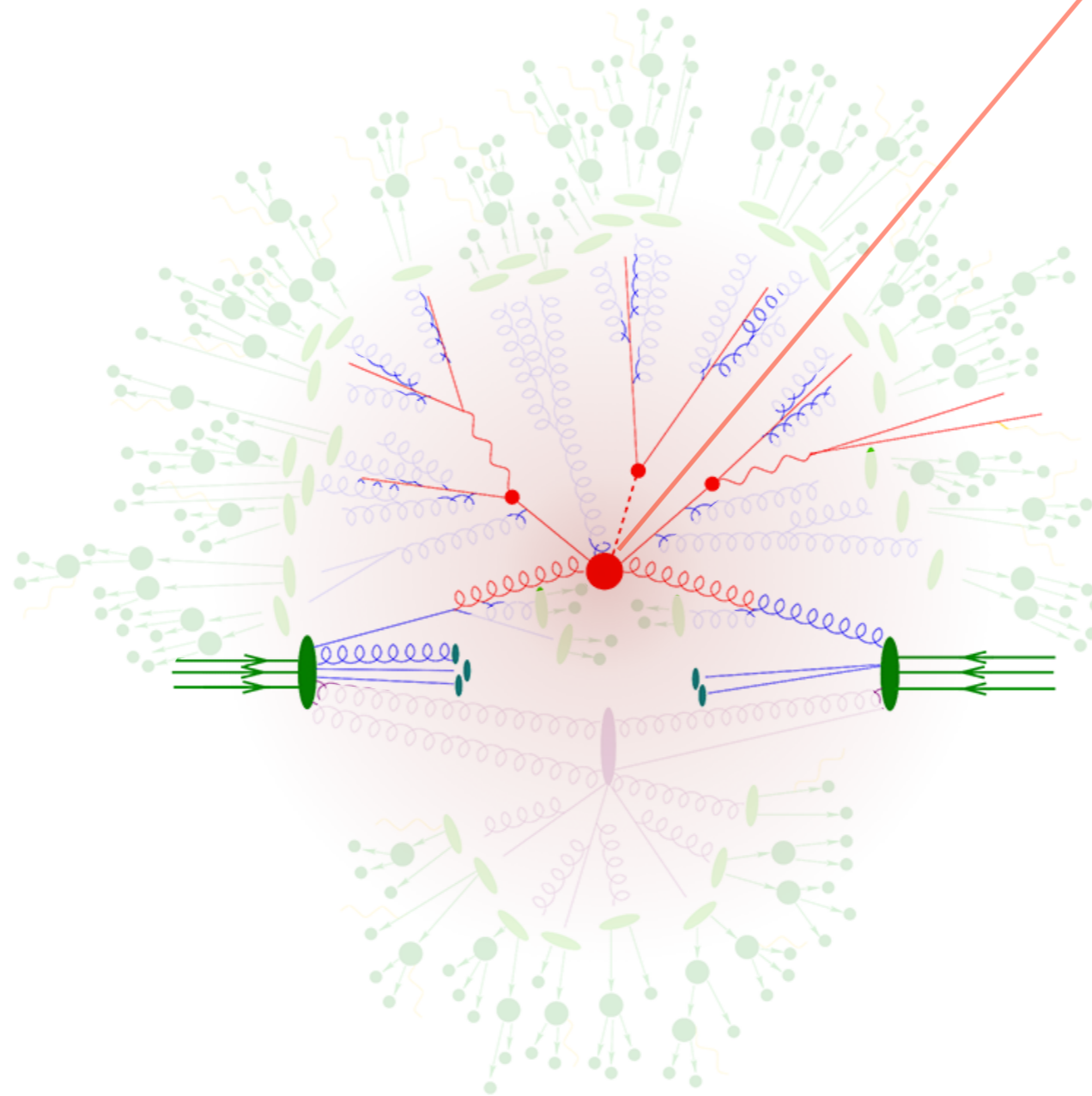
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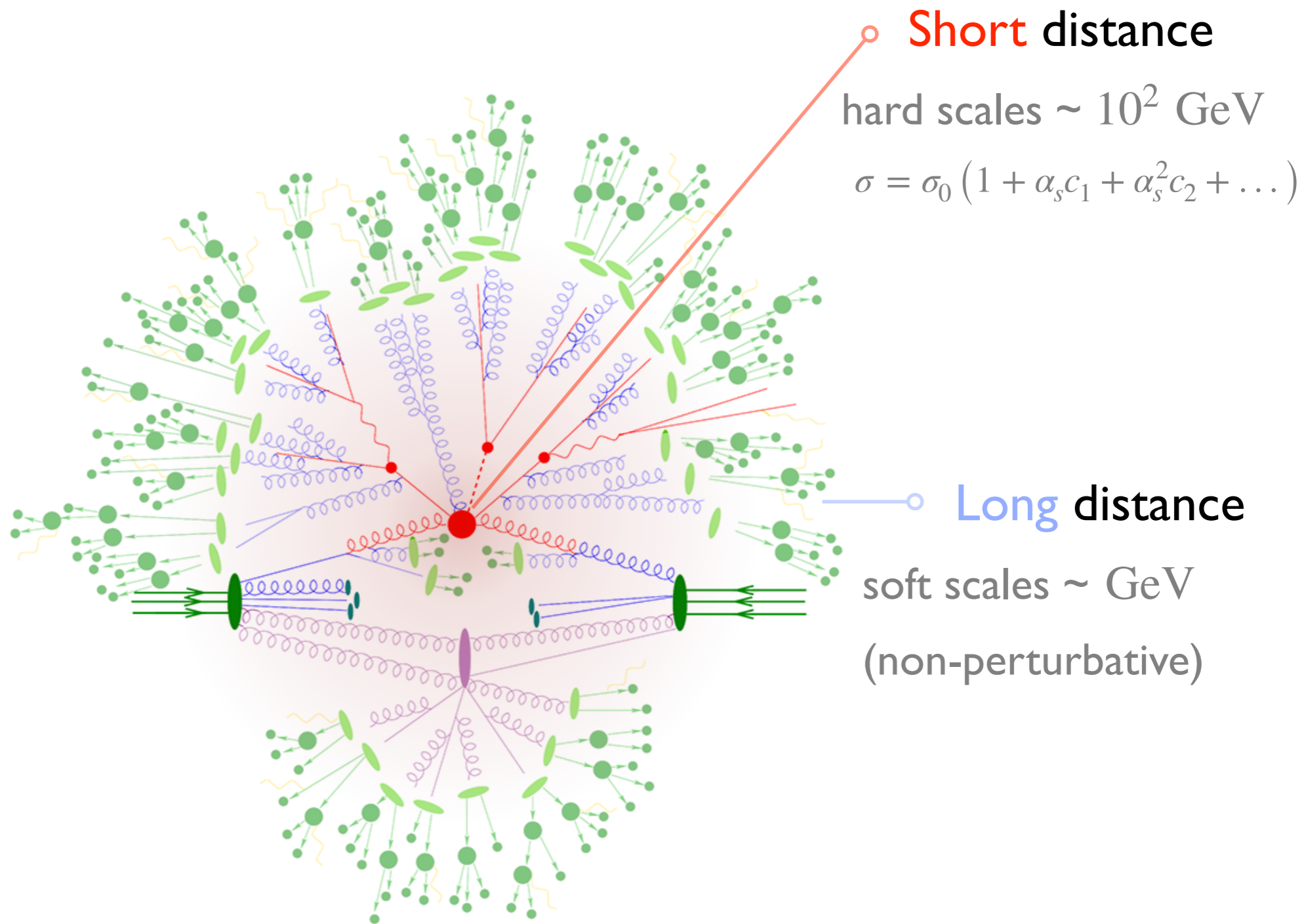
**Short distance**

hard scales  $\sim 10^2$  GeV

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 (1 + \alpha_s c_1 + \alpha_s^2 c_2 + \dots)$$

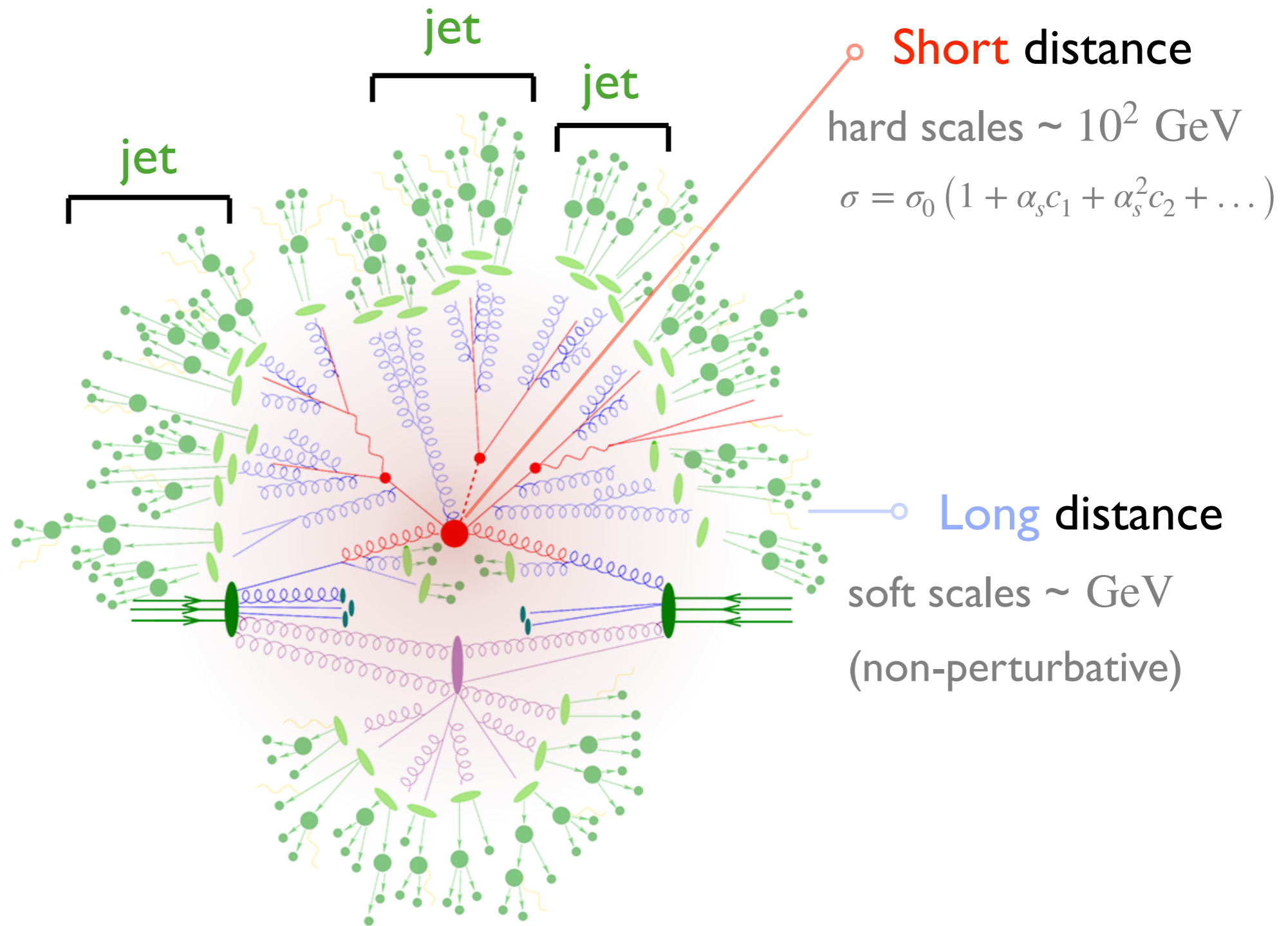


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How to describe the QCD radiation in events?

a **jet algorithm** which is insensitive to **Long** distance physics

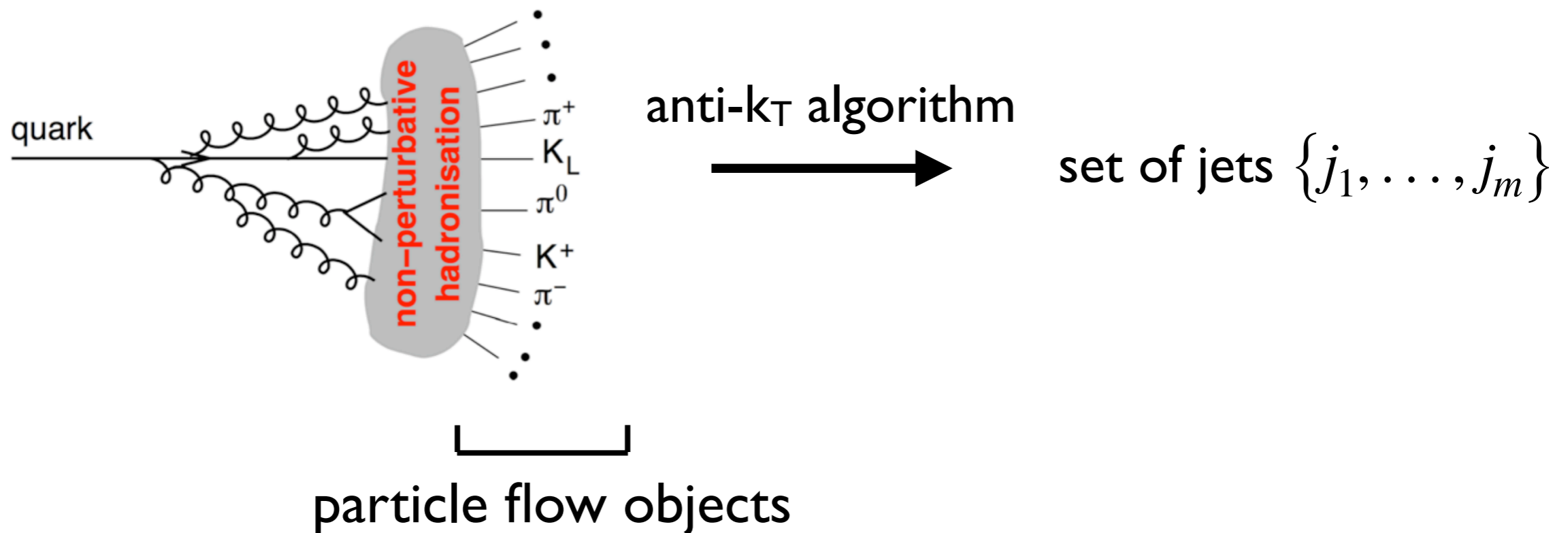
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Simple version

➔ Reconstruct hadronic jets ( $\sim$ collimations of hadronic radiation)



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Or... initialise a list of particles (pseudo jets) from these objects

Introduce distance measures between particles (pseudo jets) and a Beam:

$$d_{ij} = \min \left( k_{Ti}^{2p}, k_{Tj}^{2p} \right) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2} \quad \Delta R_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$
$$d_{iB} = k_{Ti}^{2p} \quad \text{anti-}k_T (p=-1)$$

(Inclusive) clustering proceeds by identifying the min. distance:

- If it is  $d_{ij}$  combine particles  $ij$  (update list to contain combined particle)
- If it is  $d_{iB}$ , identify  $i$  as a jet and remove from list

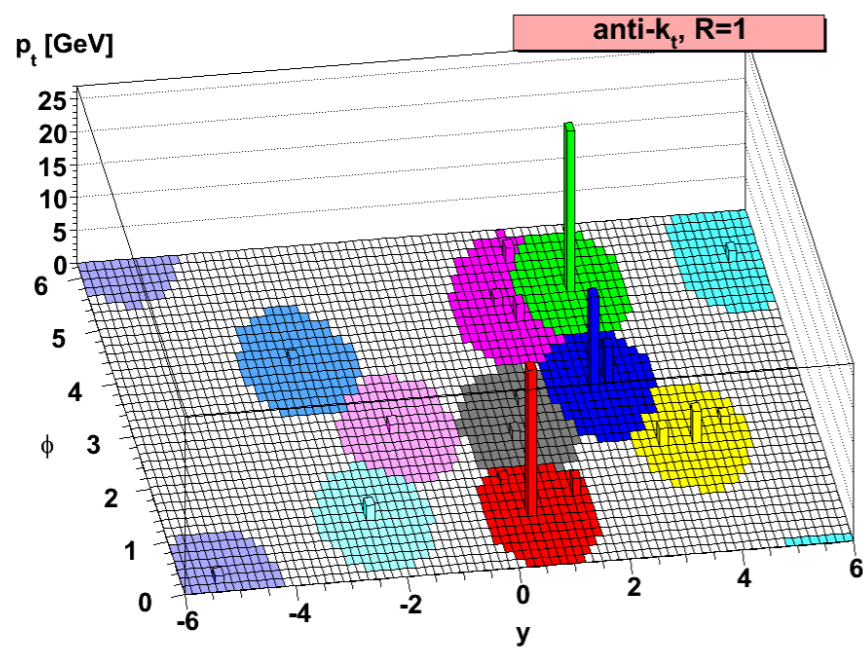
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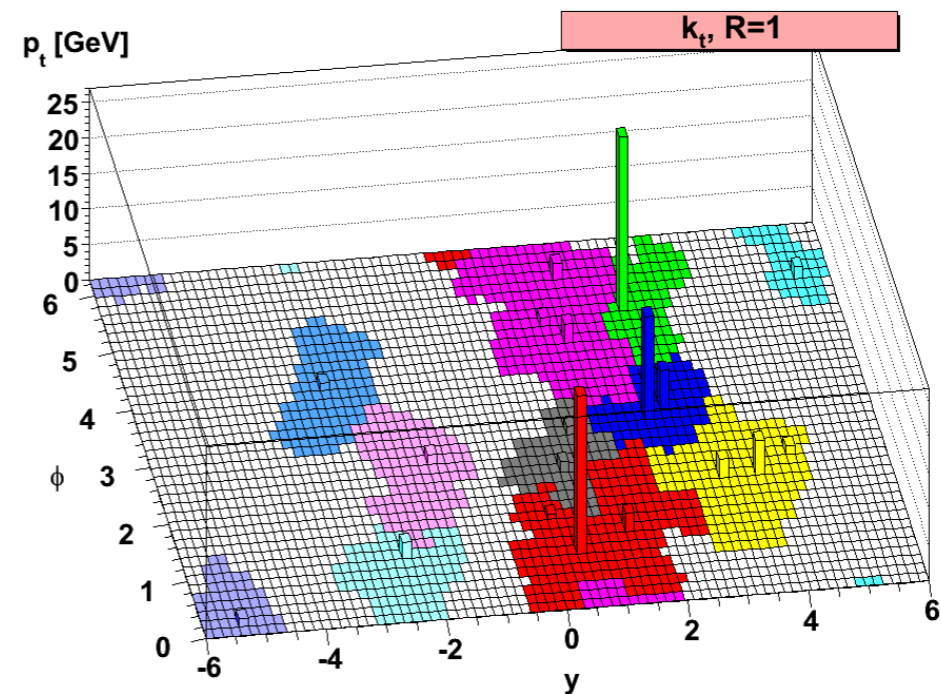
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anti- $k_T$  has nice geometrical properties (used in all LHC analyses)



anti- $k_T$  ( $p=-1$ )



$k_T$  ( $p=1$ )

## InfraRed and Collinear safe observables

- Those not impacted by collinear splitting(s) or emission(s) of soft particles
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## KLN theorem (Kinoshita '62, Lee & Nauenberg '64)

- For such observables, a cancellation of IRC divergences between virtual and real emissions is ensured (order-by-order)
- IRC unsafe observables can be defined, all-order-resummation/factorisation theorems typically required (PDF evolution, obs. dependent resummation)

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Clearly, one can use a massive calculation to compute unsafe observables

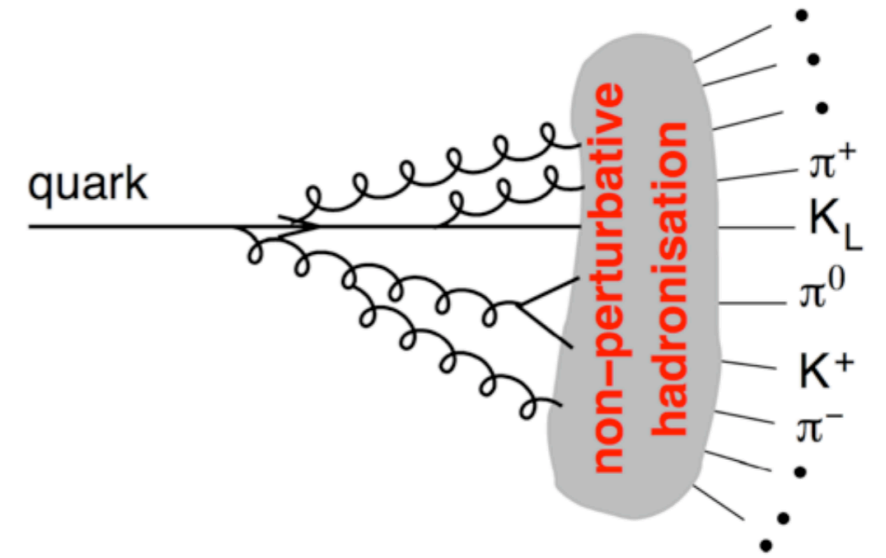
Some costs are:

- $\ln [m/Q]$  corrections at each order in perturbation theory
- Resummation of some universal corrections absent (heavy flav. PDFs)

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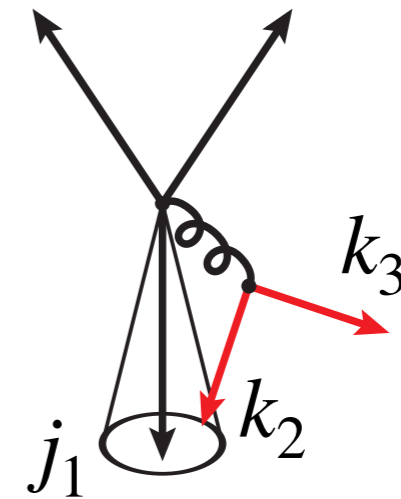


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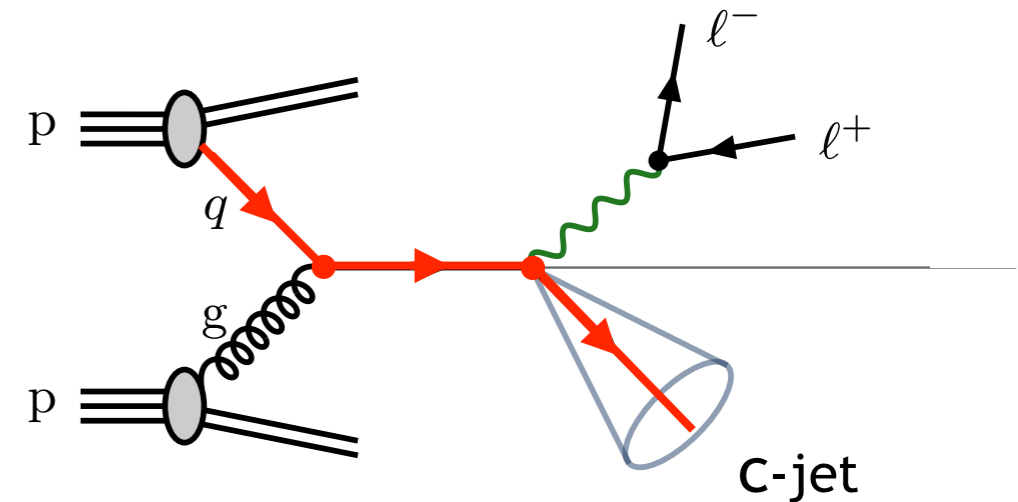
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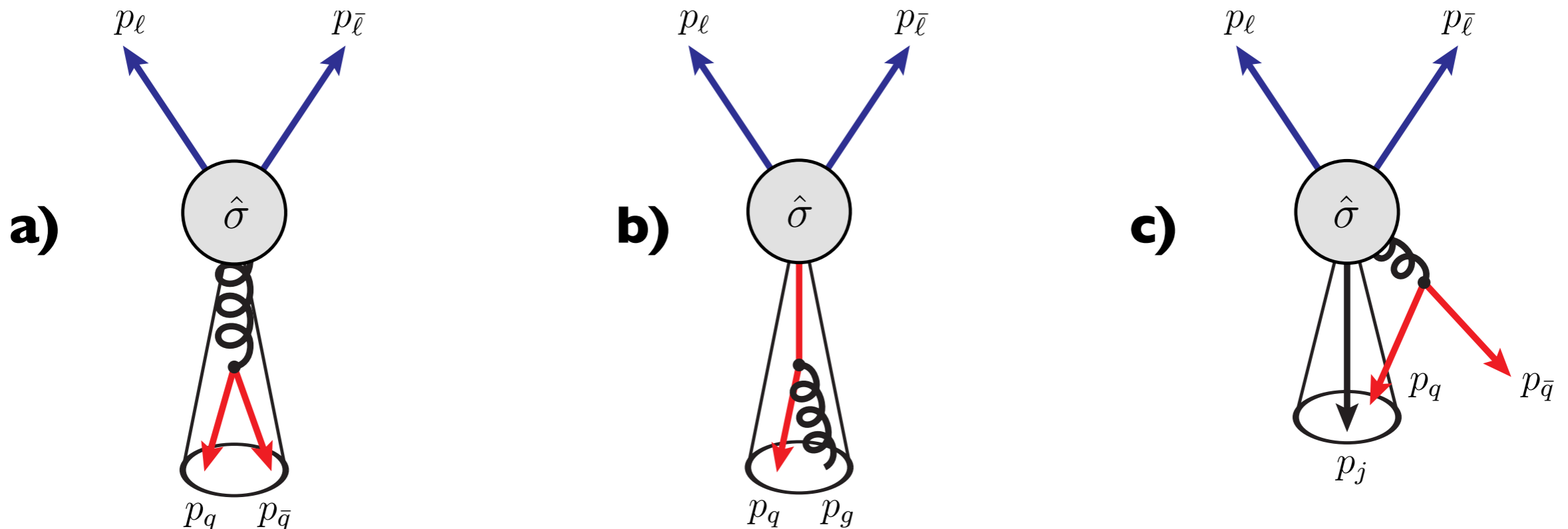
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# Jet flavour is not a new problem ...

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flavoured jet algorithm

$k_T$  jets

Theoretical Physics | Published: 19 May 2006

## Infrared-safe definition of jet flavour

[A. Banfi](#) , [G.P. Salam](#) & [G. Zanderighi](#)

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(1) Quantum flavour assignment (or modulo even 2):

$$b = +1, \bar{b} = -1$$

(2) Flavour specific clustering (a flavoured jet algorithm)

$$d_{ij} = \frac{\Delta y_{ij}^2 + \Delta \phi_{ij}^2}{R^2} \begin{cases} \max(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^\alpha \min(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^{2-\alpha} & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is flavoured,} \\ \min(k_{ti}, k_{tj})^\alpha & \text{softer of } i, j \text{ is unflavoured.} \end{cases}$$

... but it is an active one

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... selected recent work with anti- $k_T$  jets

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# Recent NNLO progress with flavoured jets

## Methods

Antenna

Stripper

Nested SC

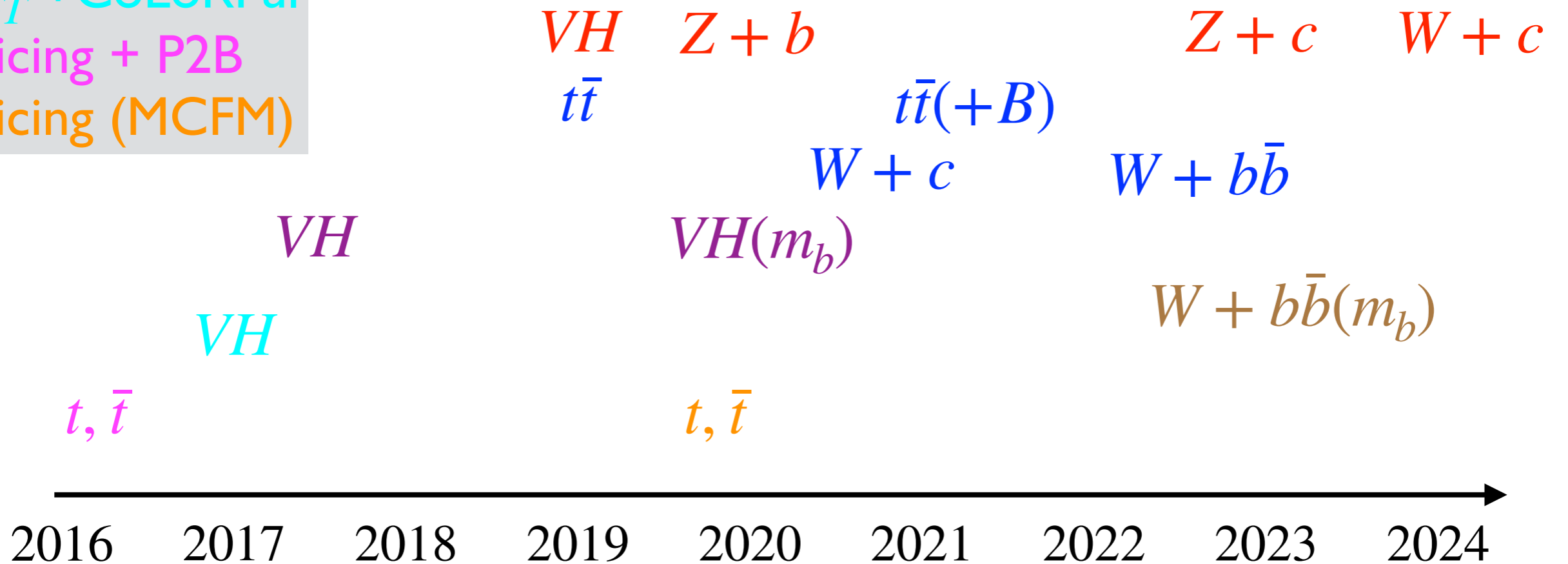
$Q_T$  subtraction

$Q_T$  + CoLoRFul

Slicing + P2B

Slicing (MCFM)

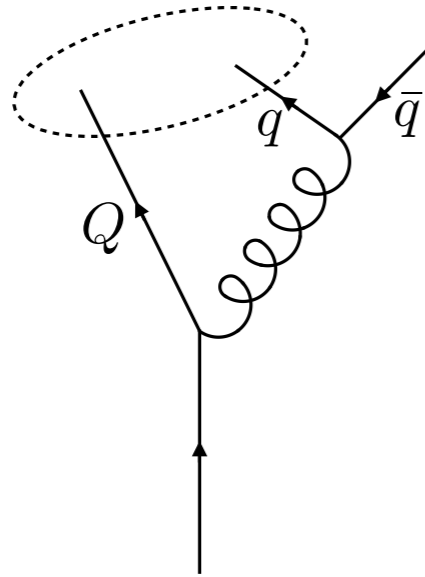
All calculations consider flavoured jets  
(see Rene's talk)



apologies if some missing

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Use of SoftDrop:

Uses Jade and  $\beta > 0$

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$$d_{ij}^{(F)} \equiv d_{ij} \times \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{ij}, & \text{if both } i \text{ and } j \text{ have non-zero flavour of opposite sign,} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} \equiv 1 - \theta \left( 1 - \kappa_{ij} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \kappa_{ij} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{a} \frac{k_{T,i}^2 + k_{T,j}^2}{2k_{T,\max}^2}. \quad (2.9)$$

damping function, vanishes in double soft limit (overcomes  $E^2$  of  $d_{ij}$ )

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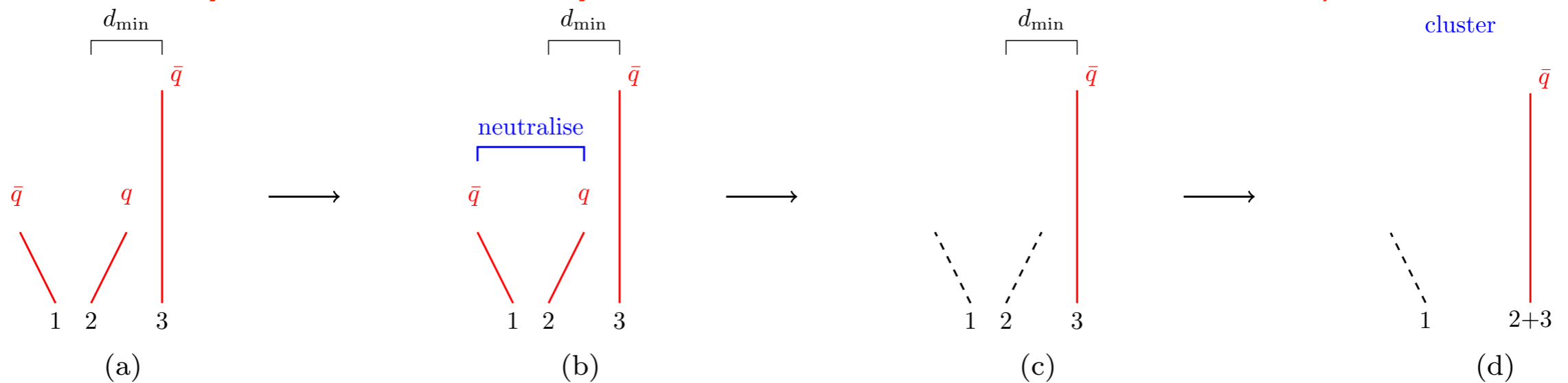
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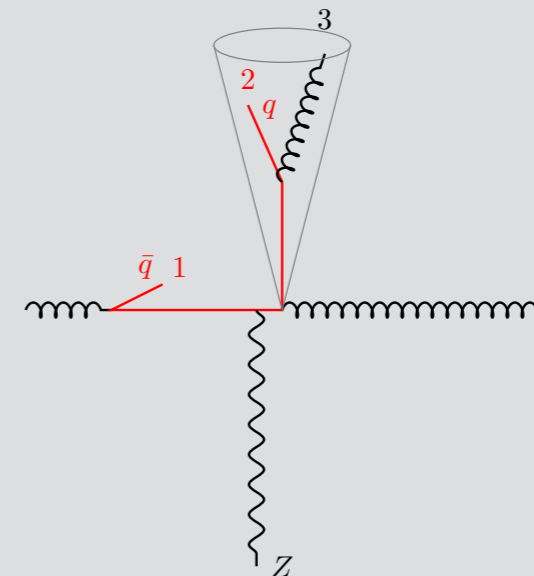
Take  $\omega = 1$ , for small  $\Delta y_{ik}$  and  $\Delta \phi_{ik}$  this behaves as  $\Delta R^2 = \Delta y^2 + \Delta \phi^2$

However, for larger  $\Delta y$  the exponent leads to a larger distance:

e.g. the [12] clustering probability damped

Analytic/numerical tests suggest  $\omega = 3 - \alpha$  is safe

Such a distance also critical for original CMP and GHS algorithms (next slides)



1 2 3

(a)

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(b)

1 2 3

(c)

1 2+3

(d)

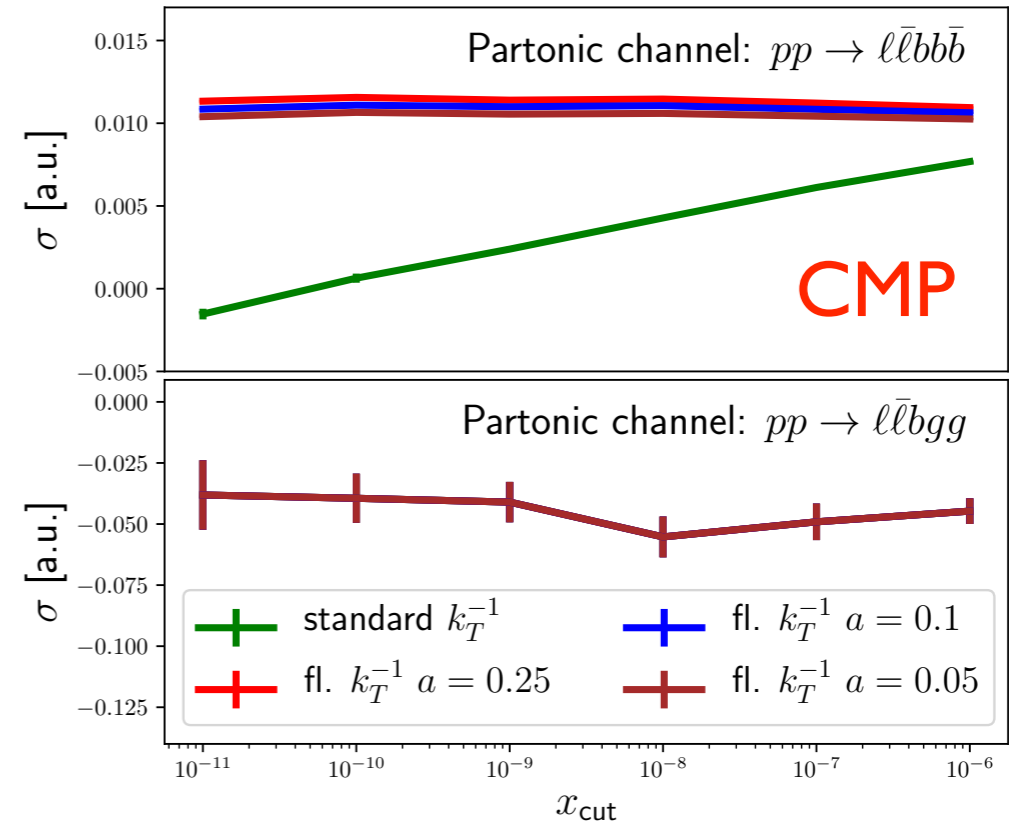
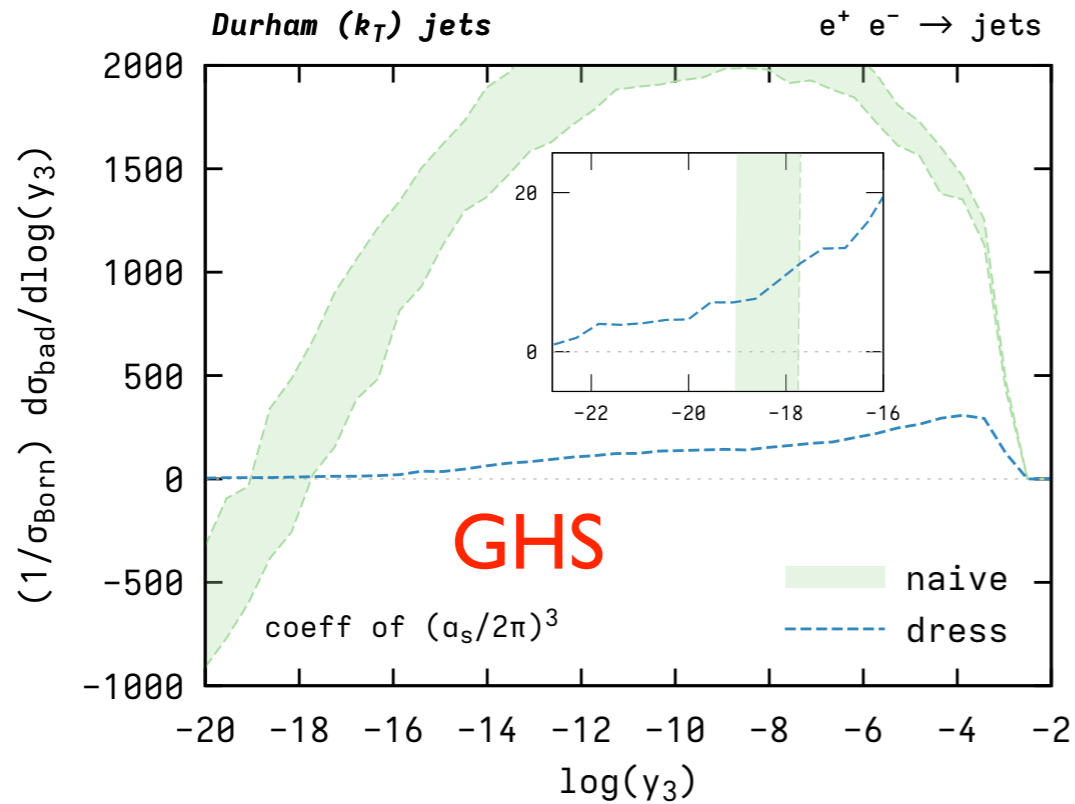
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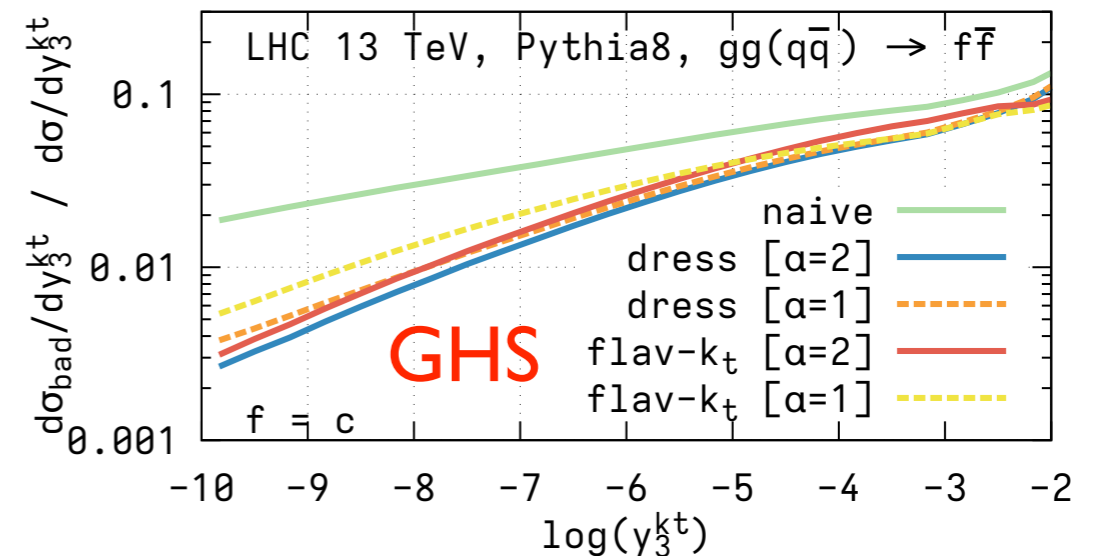
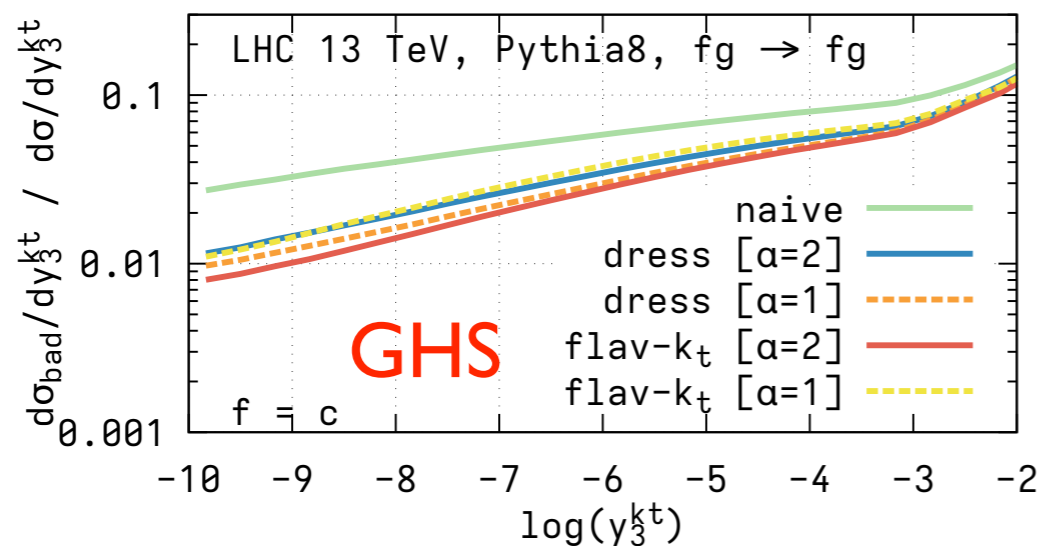
# Tests of infrared and collinear safety

Use of massless fixed-order calculations:



Test 'bad' assignments in IRC regime

Insensitivity to technical parameter



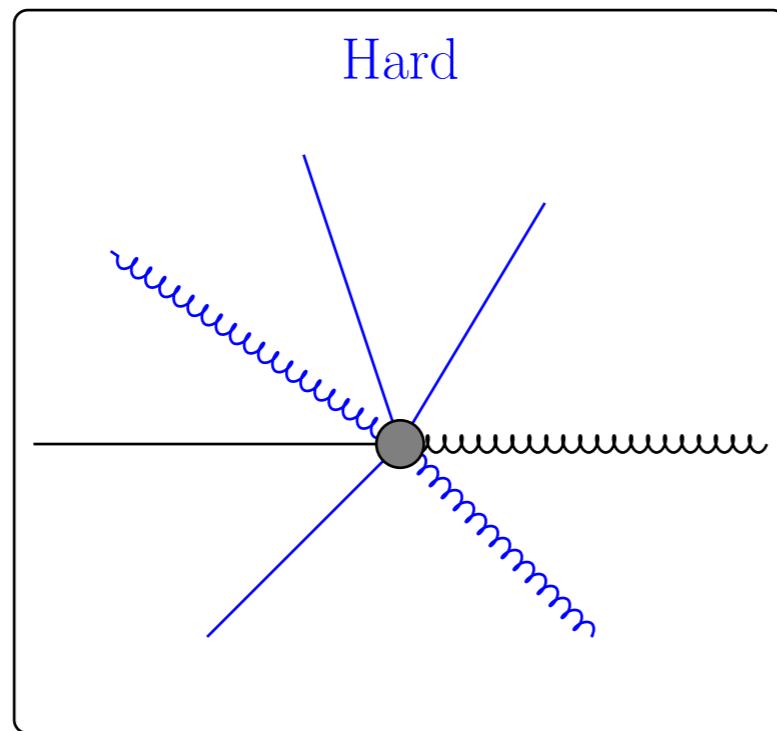
All order sensitivity tests via PS (qualitative, potentially misleading)



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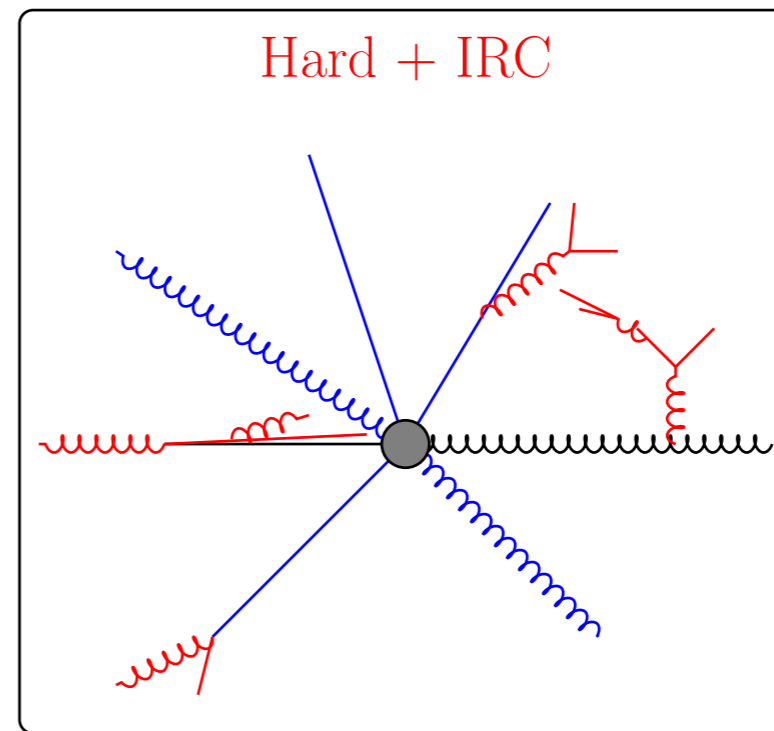
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cluster

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{hard}} = \{(p_1, f_1), \dots, (p_n, f_n)\}$$



cluster

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{hard+IRC}} = \{(\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{f}_1), \dots, (\tilde{p}_n, \tilde{f}_n)\}$$

Add a selected set of IRC emissions to test the jet algorithms safety (insensitivity):

Final-state hard collinear (**FHC**)

Final-state double soft (**FDS**)

Initial-state hard collinear (**IHC**)

Initial-state double soft (**IDS**)

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order relative to Born		anti- $k_t$	flav- $k_t$ ( $\alpha = 2$ )	CMP	GHS $_{\alpha,\beta}$ (2, 2)	anti- $k_t$ +IFN $_{\alpha}$	C/A+IFN $_{\alpha}$
$\alpha_s$	FHC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	IHC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\alpha_s^2$	FDS	✗ <b>IIB</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	IDS	✗ <b>IIB</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	FHC×IHC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	IHC <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✗ <b>C2</b>	✓	✓	✓
	FHC <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✗ <b>C4</b>	✓	✓
$\alpha_s^3$	IHC×IDS		~C1	✗ <b>C3</b>	~C1	✓	✓
	rest					✓	✓
$\alpha_s^4$	IDS×FDS				✗ <b>C5</b>	✓	✓
	rest					✓	✓
$\alpha_s^5$						✓	✓
$\alpha_s^6$						✓	✓

Summary table from arXiv:2306.07314 of IRC tests for CMP, GHS, IFN

note: for GHS the IHC<sup>2</sup> configuration does not appear for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  jets at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

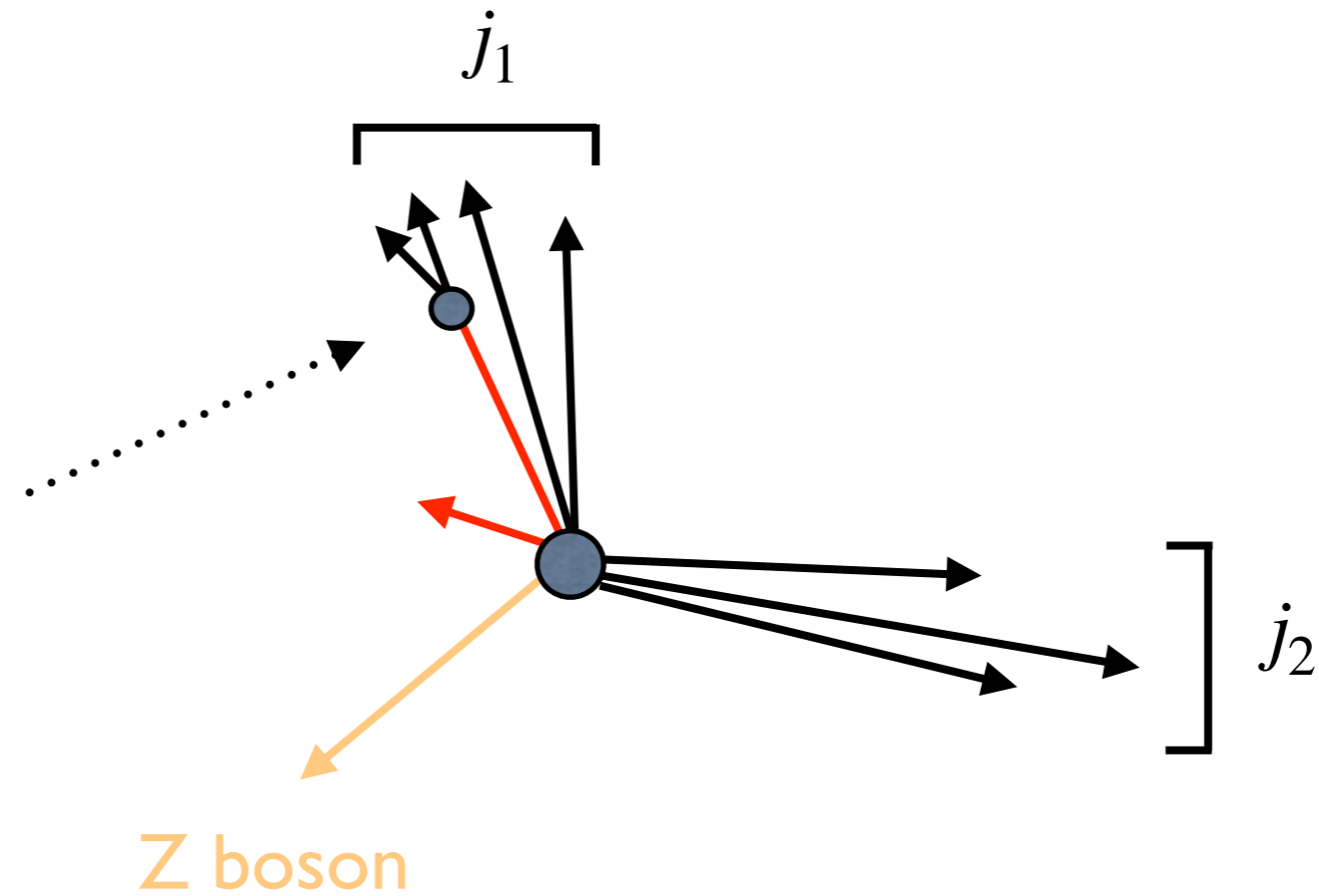
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Toy event

Flavoured particles

b-quark (theory)

secondary vertex (exp.)



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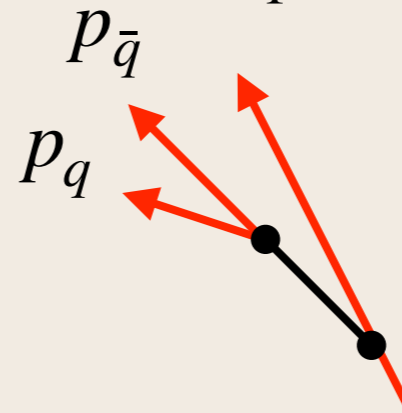
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$p_1$



Scenario A:  $p_1$  enters stage 2

$p'_1$



add DCollinear

Scenario B:  $p_1, p_q, p_{\bar{q}}$  enters stage 2

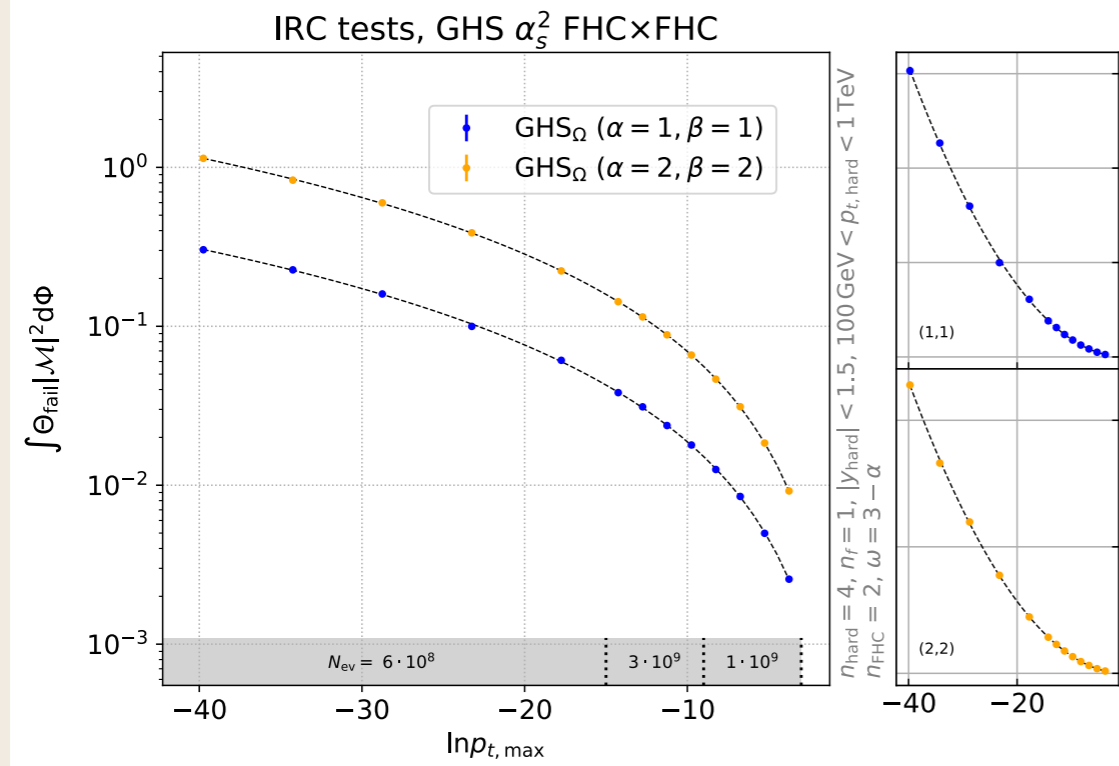
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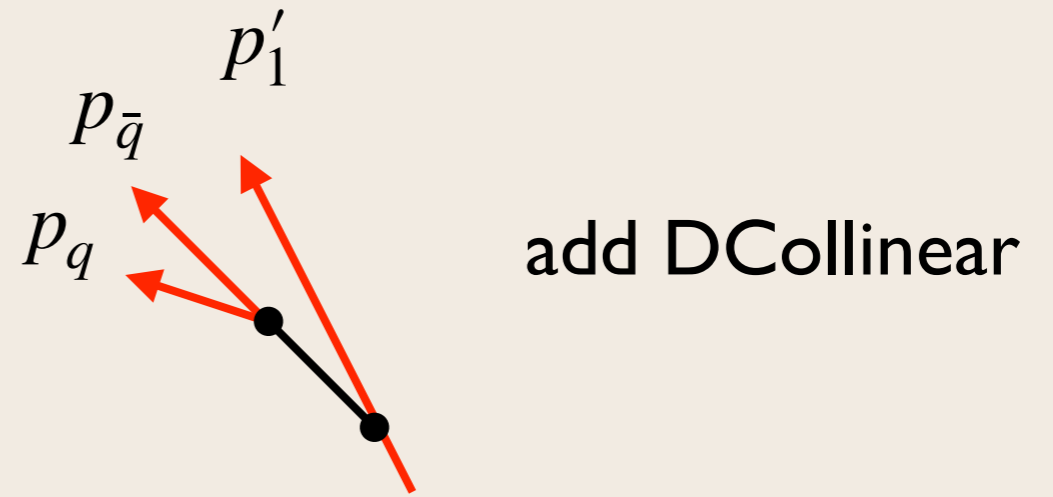
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GHS Failure rate (from IFN paper)



Scenario B:  $p_1, p_q, p_{\bar{q}}$  enters stage 2

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# Changes required for GHS

- (i) To combine stages 1. and 2. (without the need for SoftDrop)
- (ii) Modify the flavour-kT distance similar to the IFN approach

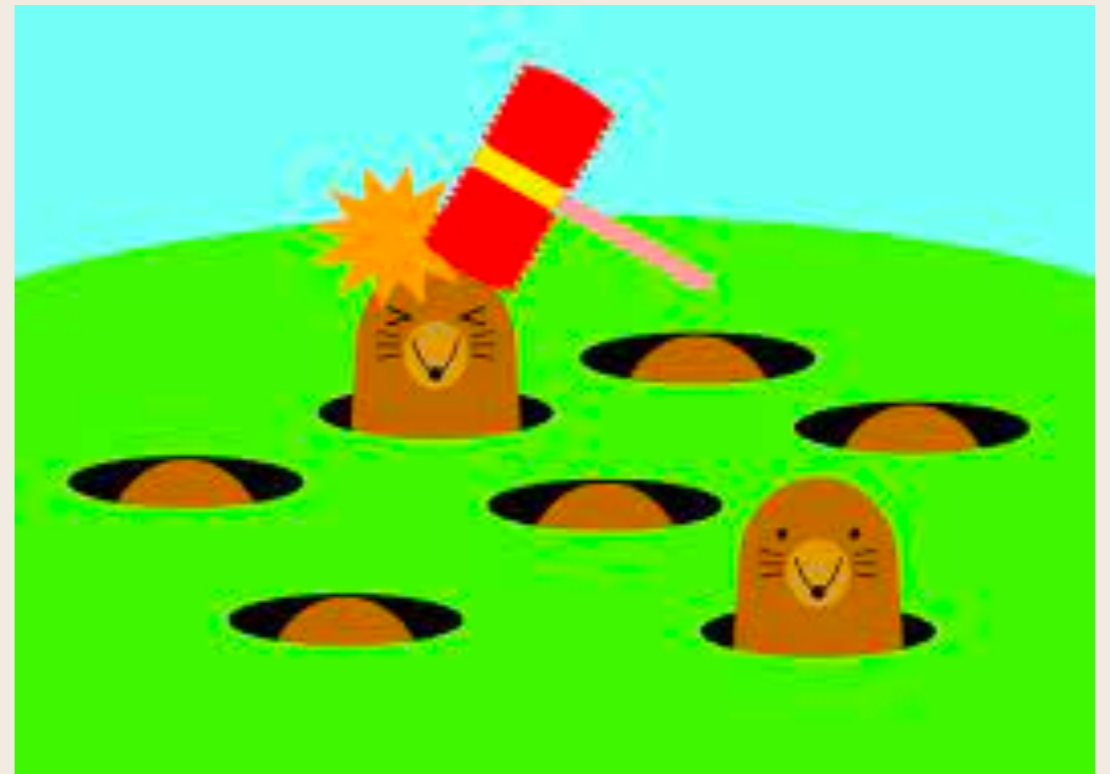
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Revision passes the tests up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^6)$ :

Tested for gen-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm (-1,0,1)

An erratum to be submitted for GHS



Many thanks to the IFN authors for providing the test suite from  
(Caola, Grabarczyk, Hutt, Salam, Scyboz, Thaler **IFN**: arXiv:2306.07314)

# Summary of part 2

Several anti- $k_T$  jet-flavour algs. with varying features, inputs, parameters

**CMP**: Modified clustering w.r.t. standard anti- $k_T$

**IFN**: Interleaved with the clustering history (gives exact anti- $k_T$  kinematics)

**GHS**: Does not require flavours to be present in initial jet reconstruction

...

Some commonalties between algorithms (**BSZ, CLMR, CMP, GHS, IFN, ..**):

Flavour counting (or modulo even 2):  $q = +1$ ,  $\bar{q} = -1$

Require knowledge of flavoured particles in event (full phase space, no  $p_T^q$  cuts)  
(except CLMR?)

**All in conflict with experimental approaches**

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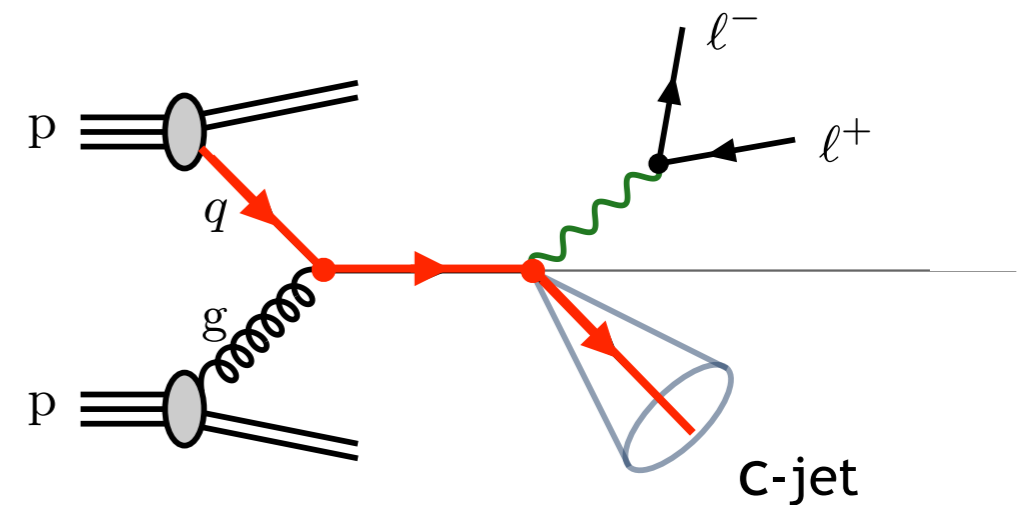
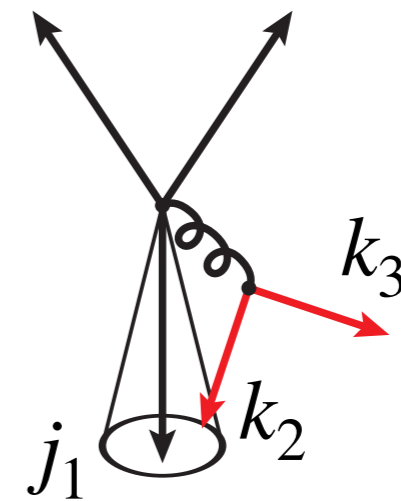
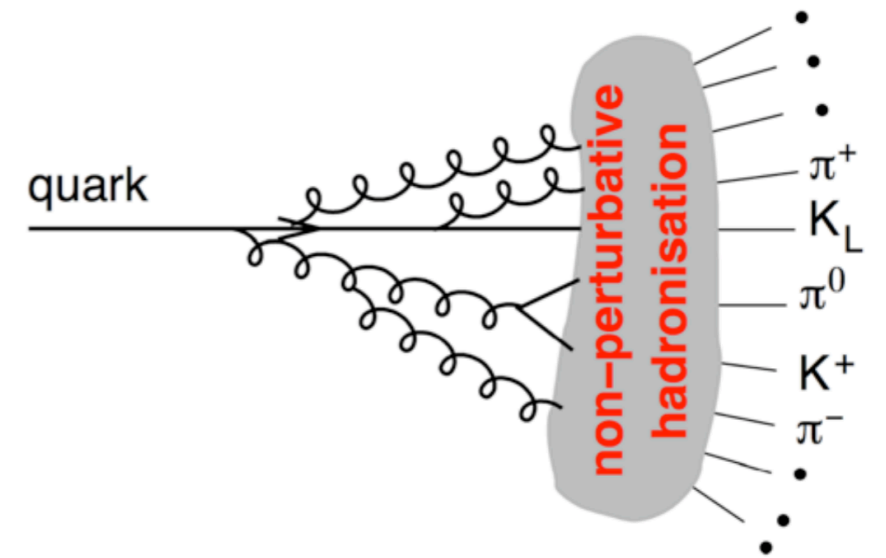
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# (To what extent) does it IRC safety matter?

Are massive computations sufficiently precise to enable (unsafe) comparisons

Essentially, how large is the unsafe component numerically

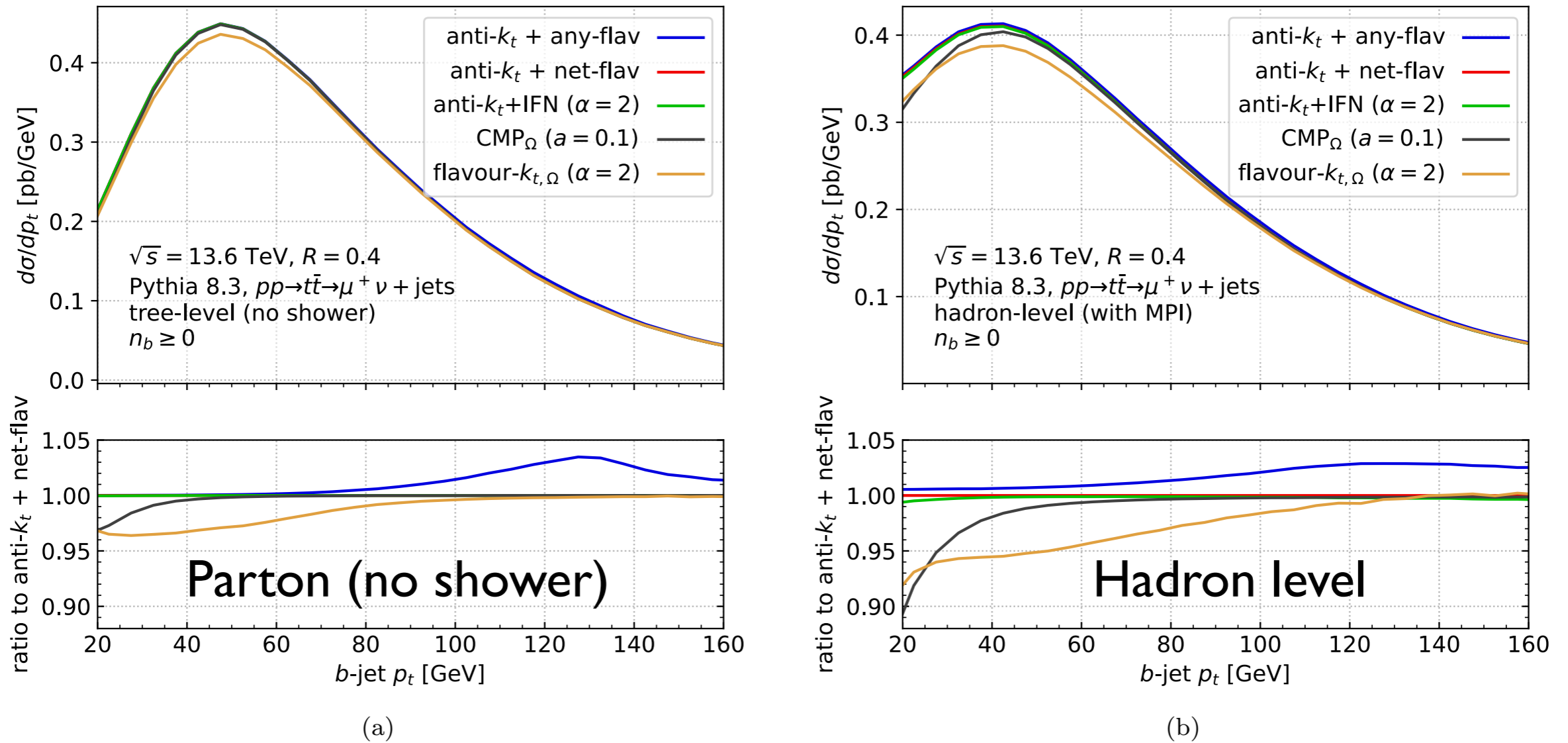
$$d\sigma_{PP \rightarrow f+X}^{\text{data (meas.)}} \quad \text{vs} \quad d\sigma_{PP \rightarrow f+X}^{\text{theory}}$$

Some cases to consider:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ,  $pp \rightarrow Z + f + \text{jet}$

# (To what extent) does it IRC safety matter?

Semi-leptonic  $t\bar{t} + X$  (NLO+PS)

(Caola, Grabarczyk, Hutt, Salam, Scyboz, Thaler **IFN**: arXiv:2306.07314)

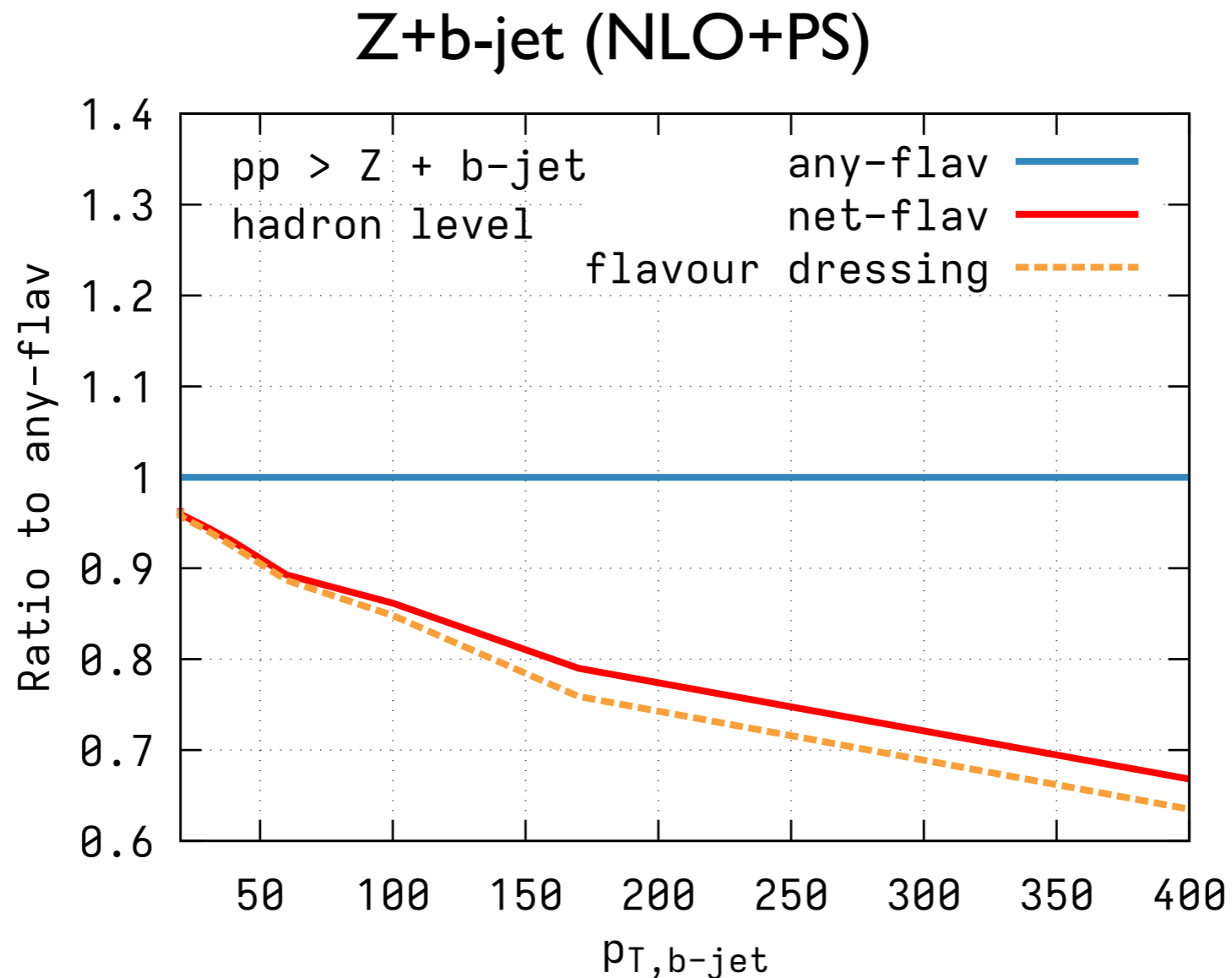


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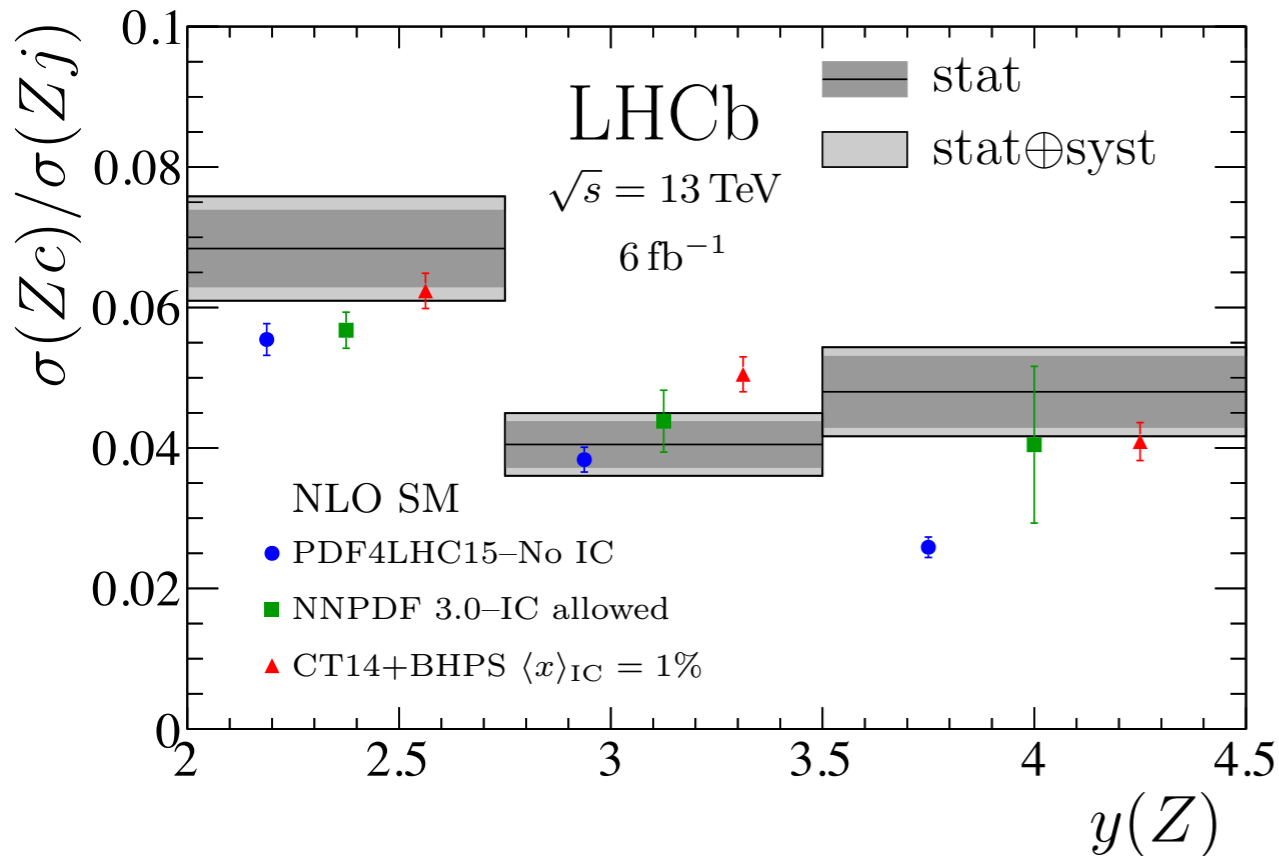
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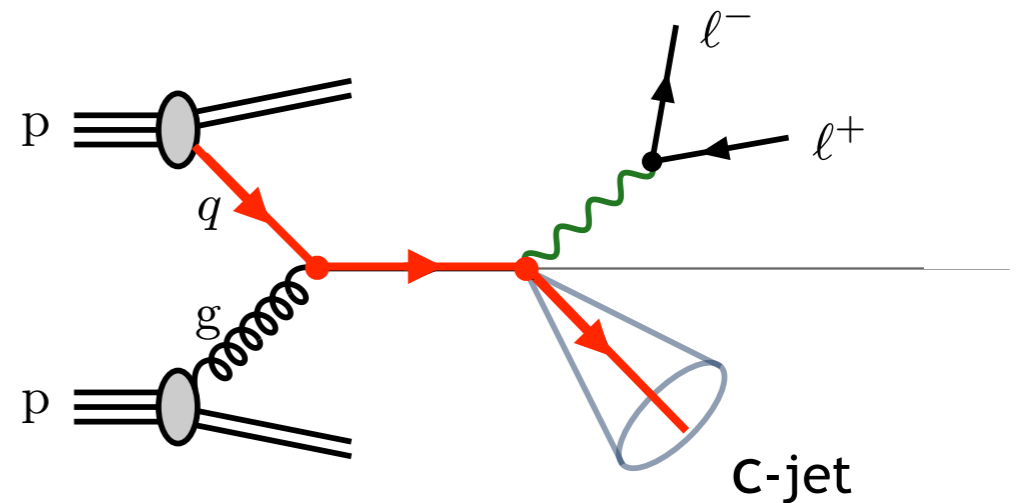
Two important points:  $pp \rightarrow Z + (g \rightarrow b\bar{b})$  at NLO, and the b-quark PDF

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## Z+c-jet at LHCb: IRC safety and MPI



LHCb measurement



(Stefano's talk earlier)

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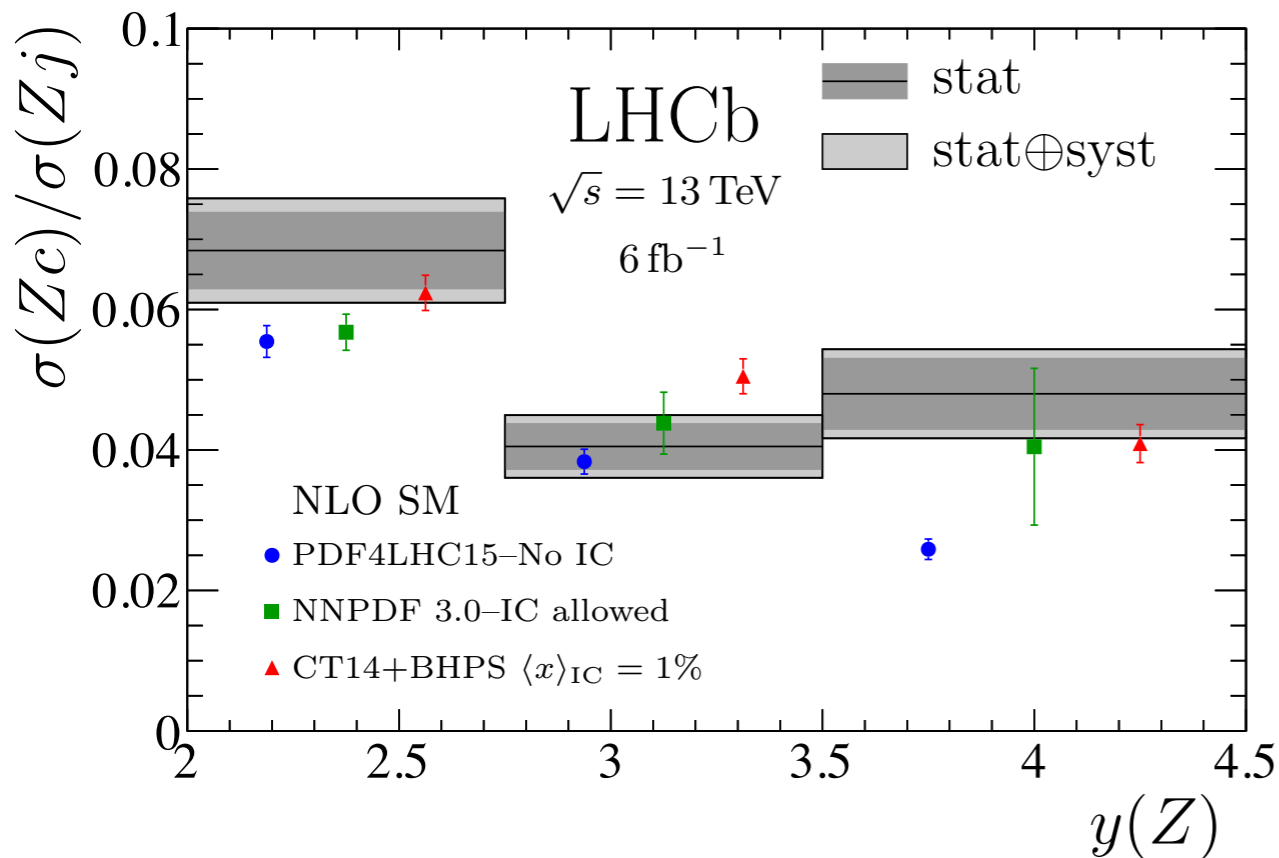
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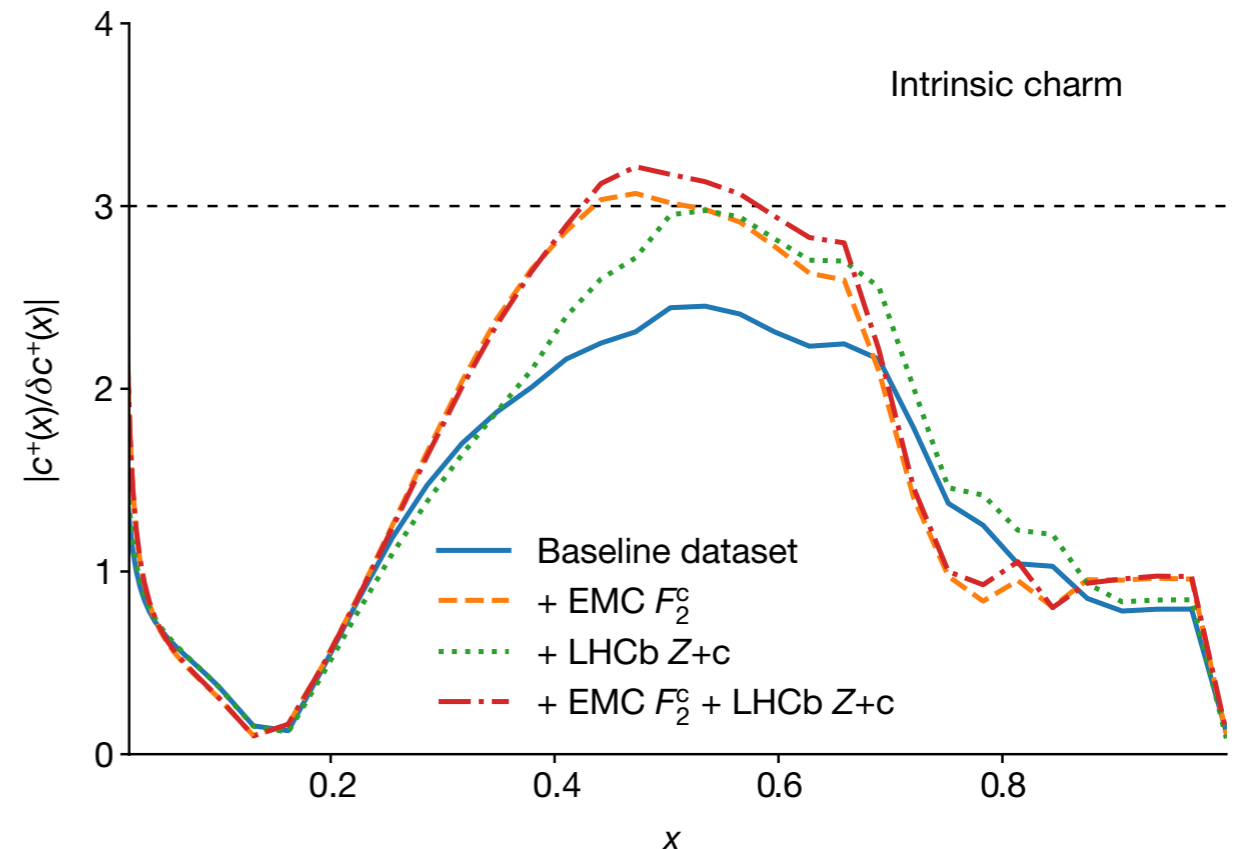
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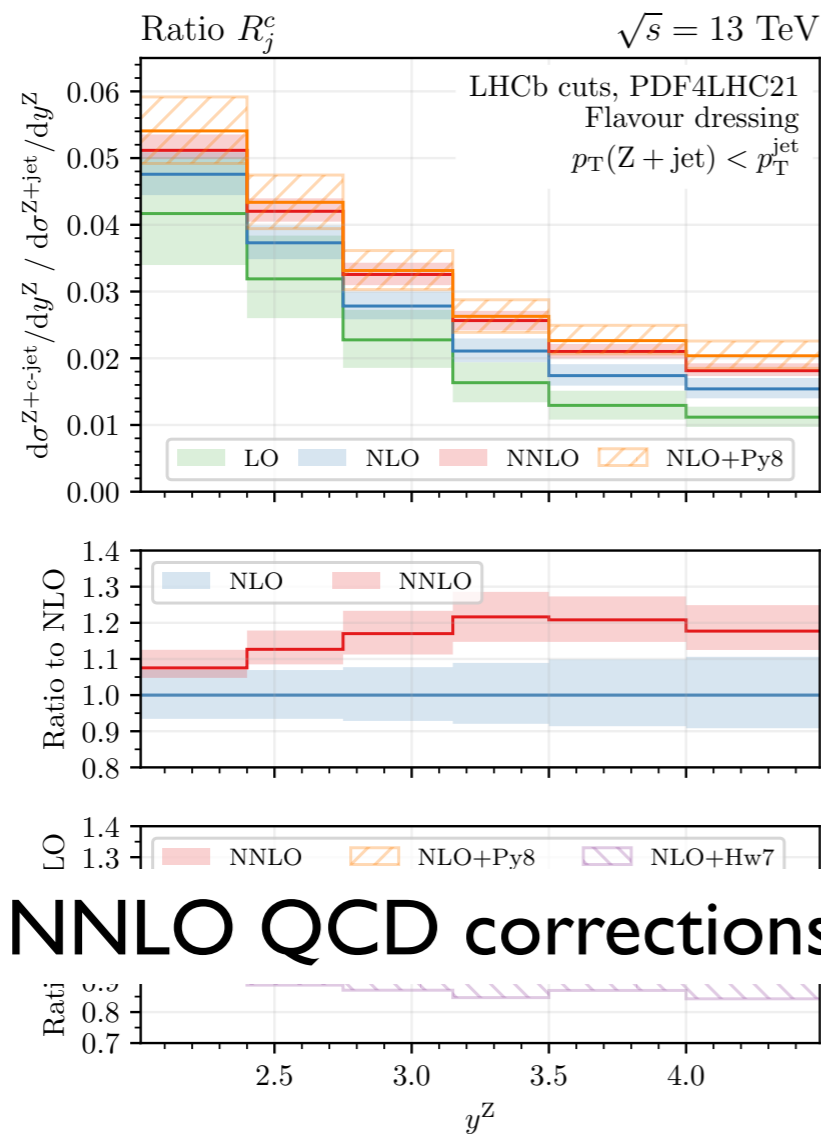
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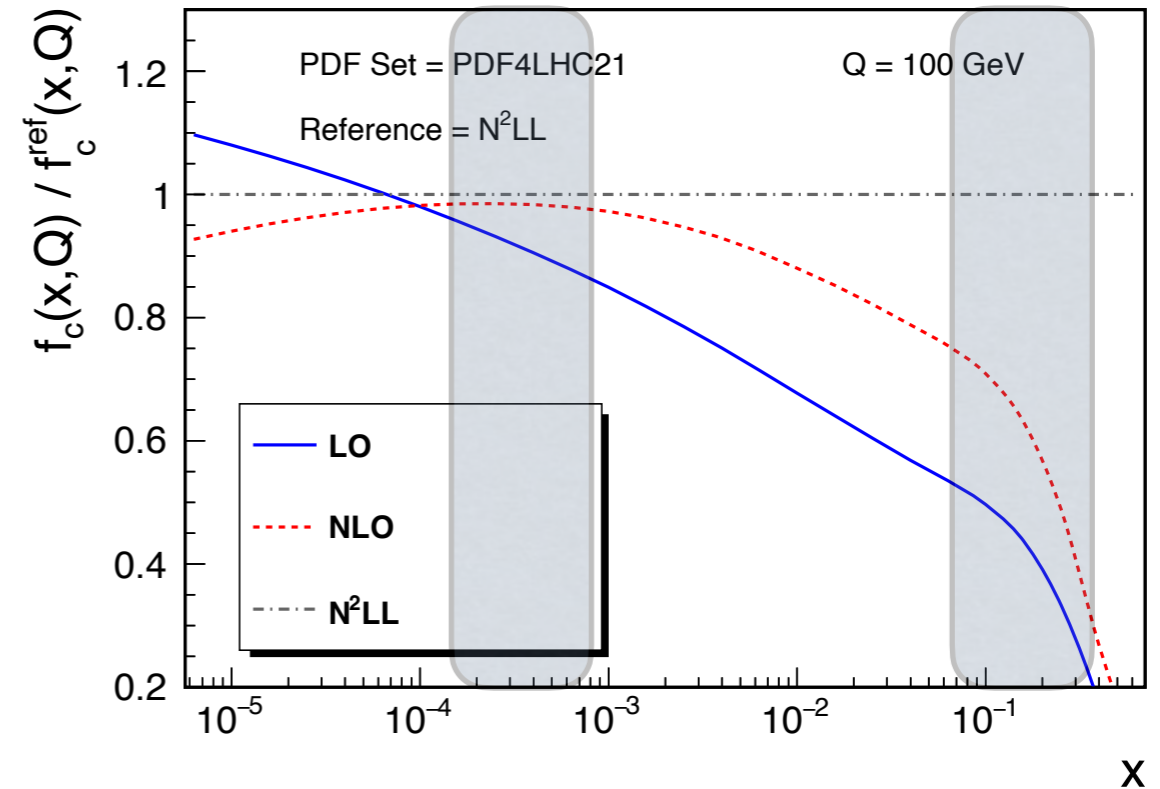
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# (To what extent) does it IRC safety matter?

(RG et al., arXiv:2302.12844)



NNLO QCD corrections



c-quark PDF

massive NNLO probs. insufficient

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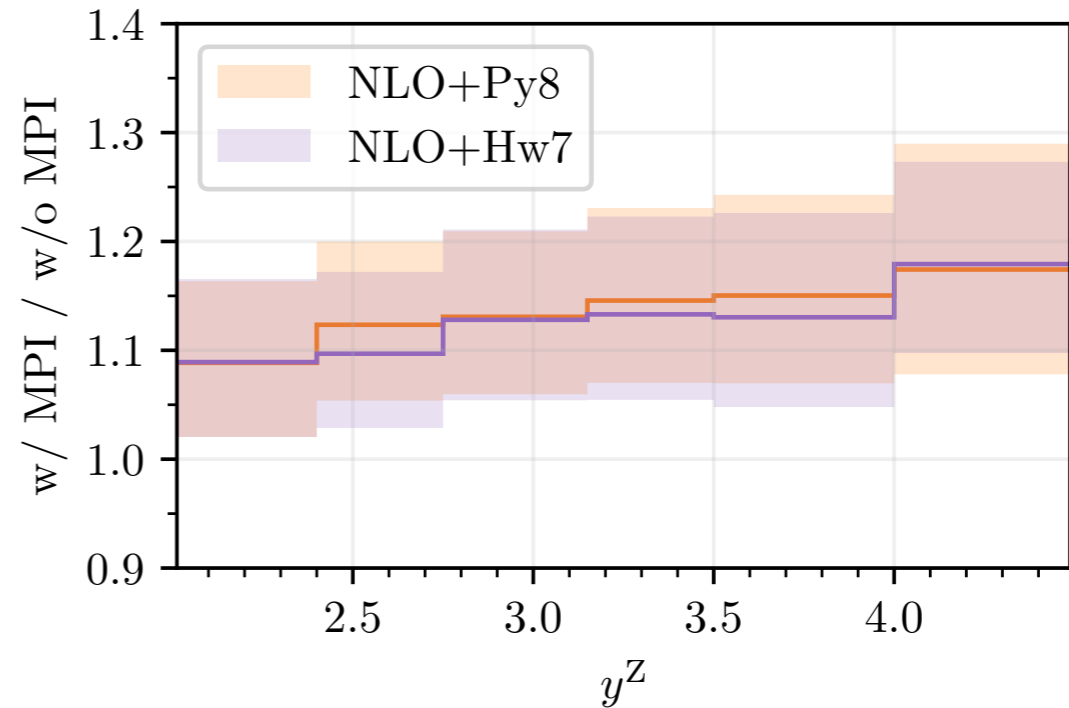
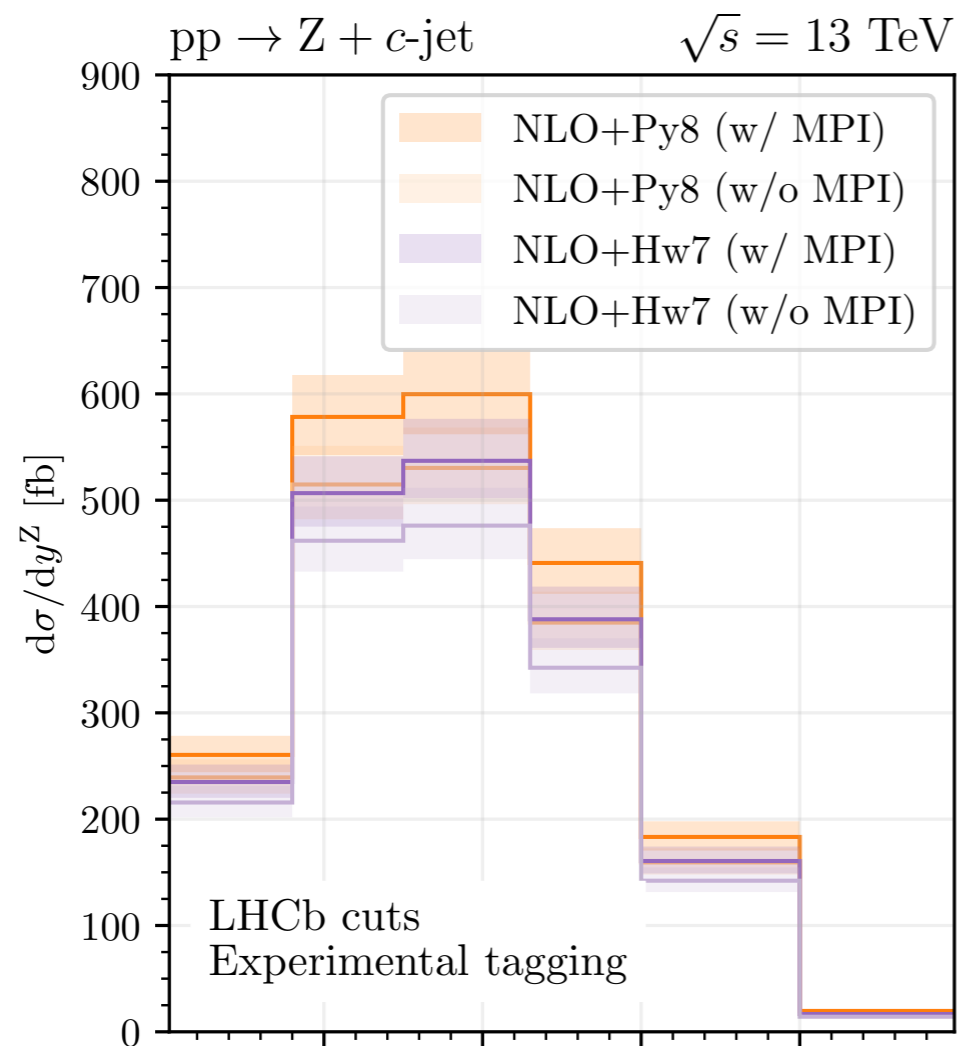
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# Final comment about MPI effect

(RG et al., arXiv:2302.12844)



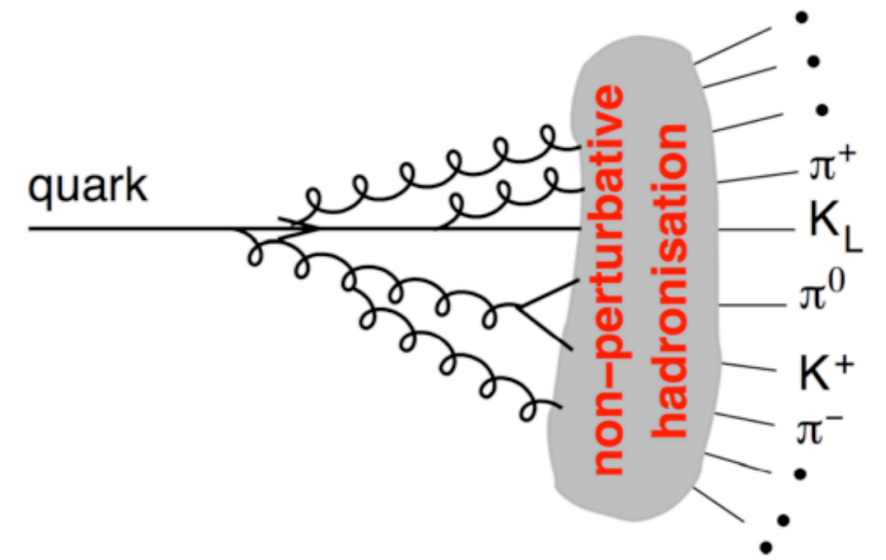
Contamination due to MPI  
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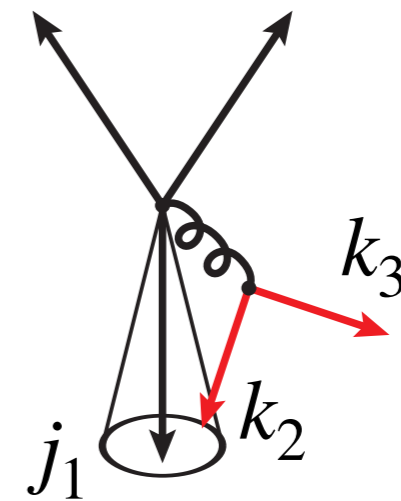
- ▶ Jet reconstruction basics



# 2) Jet flavour



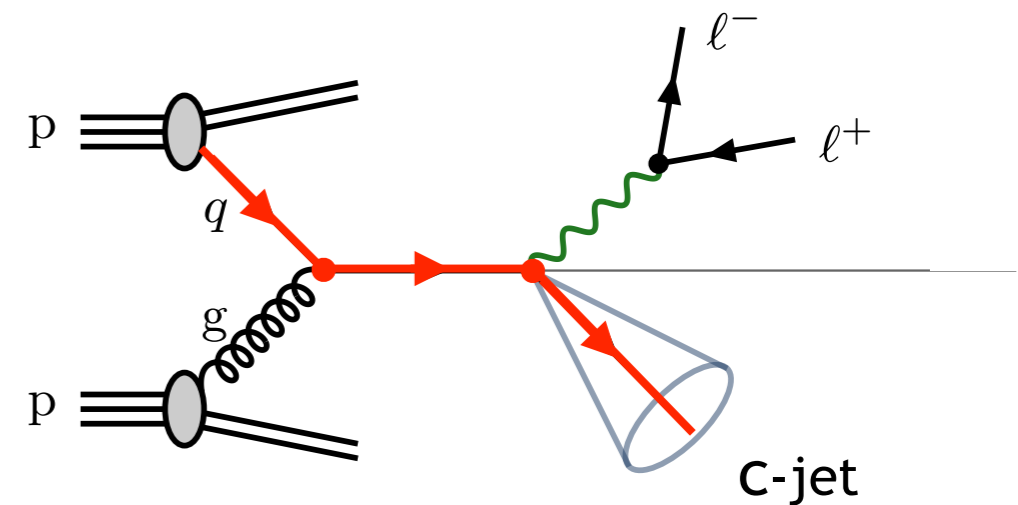
- ▶ Selected histories
- ▶ Recent progress
- ▶ IRC tests



# 3) Implications/Applications



- ▶ Where does it (not) matter
- ▶ Z + c-jets





# Summary of main points

- i) Several IRC safe jet definitions of anti- $k_T$  jet flavour now exist
  - \* Their experimental feasibility varies
  - \* If used at 'truth' or unfolded level that does not really matter
  
- ii) For some processes, using massive NNLO w/ unsafe is probably fine
  - \* E.g.  $t\bar{t}$  or VH (for which NNLO+PS is anyway available for)  
(Behring et al. [arXiv:2003.08321](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.08321))
  
- iii) For others, an IRC safe approach is important
  - \* E.g. Z+c-jets (particularly from point of view of PDF fits)
  
- iv) Alternatively, improve theory to better deal with collinear unsafety?
  - \* Fragmentation approaches to jet flavour or exclusively with hadrons  
(WTA approach, Caletti et al., [arXiv:2205.01117](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01117), Larkoski et al., [arXiv: 2310.01486](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.01486))

# Whiteboard

# Jet flavour (accepting collinear unsafety)

## A Fragmentation Approach to Jet Flavor

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**ABSTRACT:** An intuitive definition of the partonic flavor of a jet in quantum chromodynamics is often only well-defined in the deep ultraviolet, where the strong force becomes a free theory and a jet consists of a single parton. However, measurements are performed in the infrared, where a jet consists of numerous particles and requires an algorithmic procedure to define their phase space boundaries. To connect these two regimes, we introduce a novel and simple partonic jet flavor definition in the infrared. We define the jet flavor to be the net flavor of the partons that lie exactly along the direction of the Winner-Take-All recombination scheme axis of the jet, which is safe to all orders under emissions of soft particles, but is not collinear safe. Collinear divergences can be absorbed into a perturbative fragmentation function that describes the evolution of the jet flavor from the ultraviolet to the infrared. The evolution equations are linear and a small modification to traditional DGLAP and we solve them to leading-logarithmic accuracy. The evolution equations exhibit fixed points in the deep infrared, we demonstrate quantitative agreement with parton shower simulations, and we present various infrared and collinear safe observables that are sensitive to this flavor definition.

# Jet flavour (accepting collinear unsafety)

## Flavor Fragmentation Function Factorization

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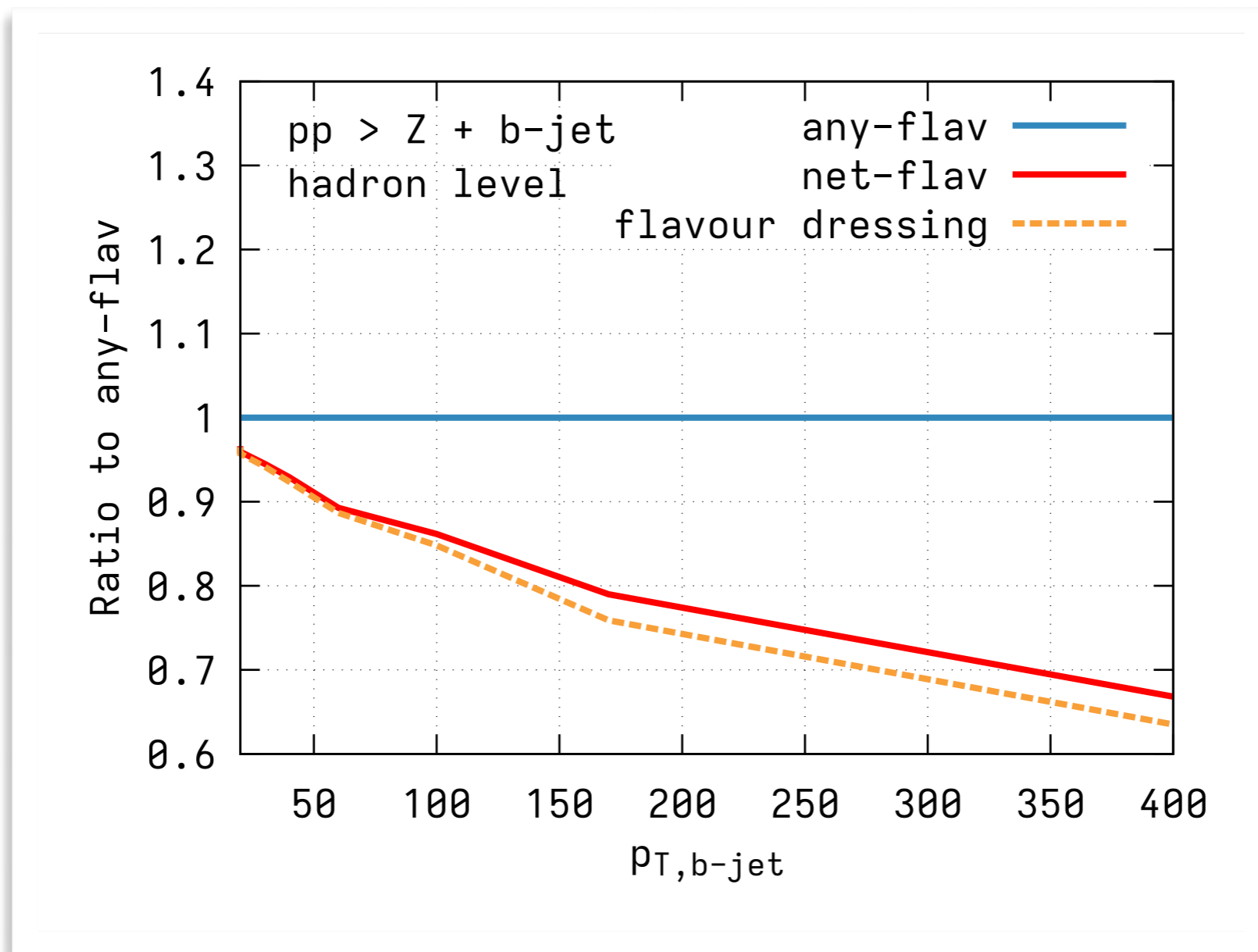
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**ABSTRACT:** A definition of partonic jet flavor that is both theoretically well-defined and experimentally robust would have profound implications for measurements and predictions especially for heavy flavor applications. Recently, a definition of jet flavor was introduced as the net flavor flowing along the direction of the Winner-Take-All axis of a jet which is soft safe to all orders, but not collinear safe. Here, we exploit the lack of collinear safety and propose a factorization theorem of perturbative flavor fragmentation functions that resum collinear divergences and describe the evolution of flavor from the short distance of jet production to the long distance at which hadronization occurs. Collinear flavor evolution is governed by a small modification of the DGLAP equations. We present a detailed all-orders analysis and identify exact relations that must hold amongst the various anomalous dimensions by probability conservation and the existence of fixed points of the renormalization group flow. We explicitly validate the factorization theorem at one-loop order, and demonstrate its consistency at two loops in particular flavor channels. Starting at two-loops, constraints on phase space imposed by flavor measurements potentially allow for non-trivial soft contributions, but we demonstrate that they are scaleless and so explicitly vanish, ensuring that soft particles are summed inclusively and all divergences are exclusively collinear in nature. This factorization theorem opens the door to precision calculations with identified flavor in the infrared.

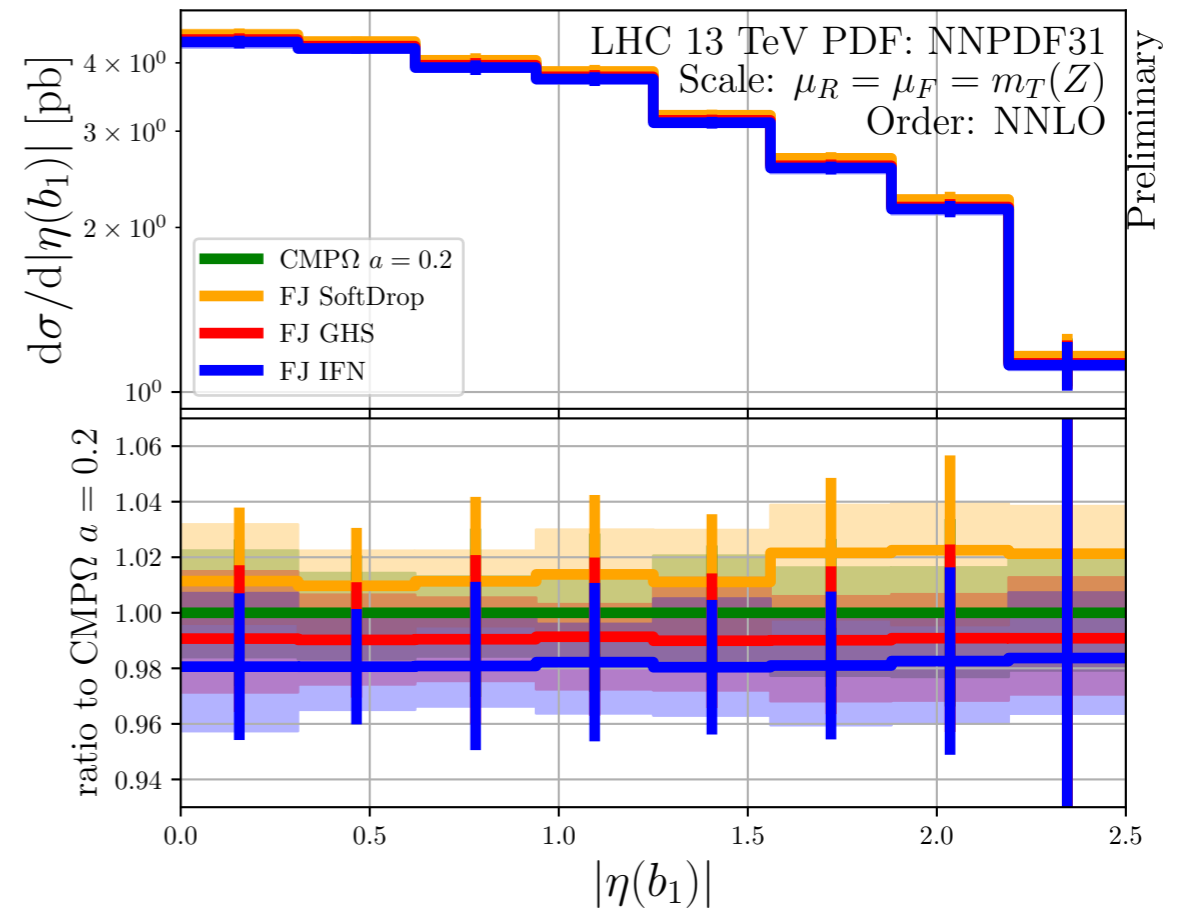
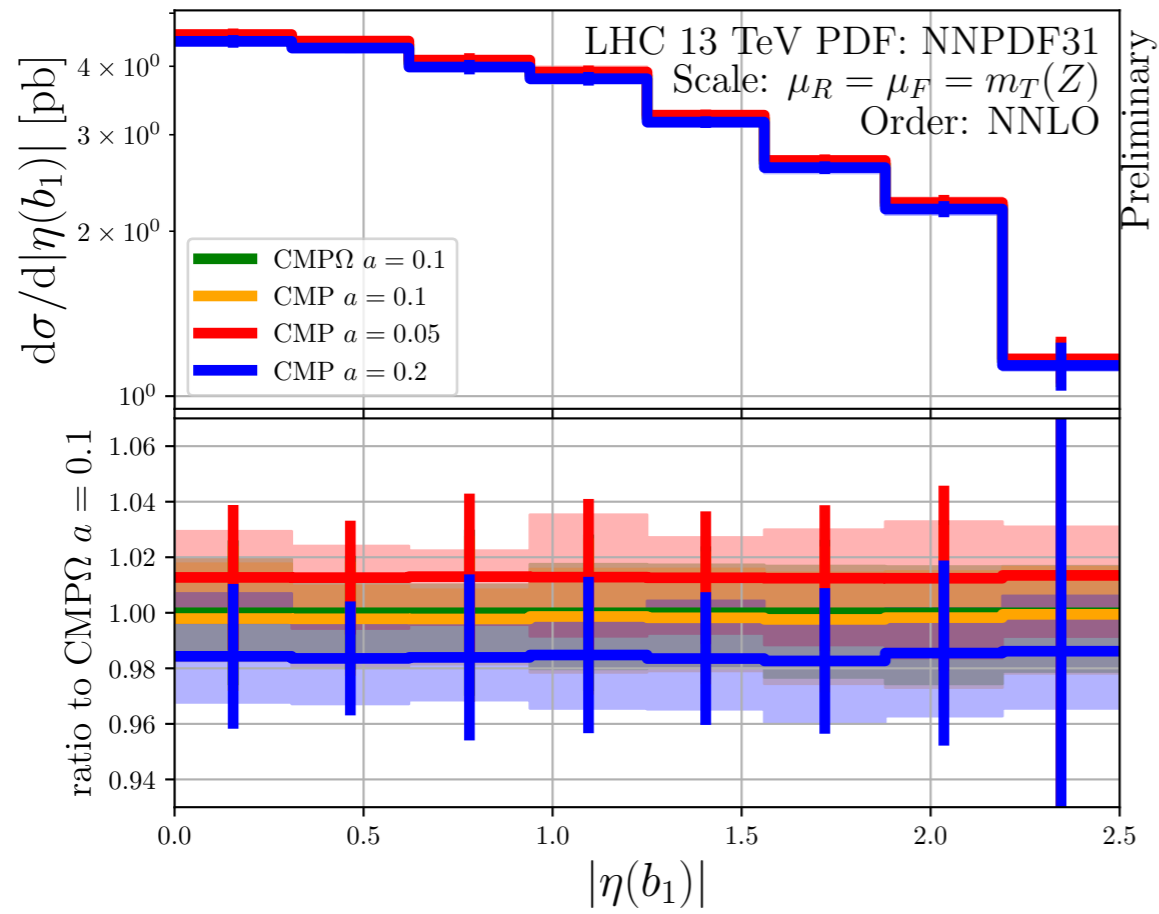
# Jet flavour (accepting collinear unsafety)



A better description of this collinear unsafe region clearly desired

Note: there is also the  $p_T^D > 5 \text{ GeV}$  issue (would require resummed  $pp > Z+B$ )

# Z+b-jet comparison (CMP, and others)



## (Revised)<sup>n</sup> flavour dressing

1. Initialise empty sets  $\text{tag}_k = \emptyset$  for each jet  $j_k$  to accumulate all flavoured particles assigned to it.
2. Populate a set  $\mathcal{D}$  of distance measures based on all possible pairings:
  - (a) For each unordered pair of particles  $k_i$  and  $k_j$ , add the distance measure  $d_{k_i k_j}$ , except in the following case: if one (or both) of the two particles is flavourless and they do not share the same jet association (in other words, we allow for distances involving flavourless particles only with other particles in the same jet). When the two
3. While the set  $\mathcal{D}$  is non-empty, select the pairing with the smallest distance measure:
  - (a)  $d_{k_i k_j}$  is the smallest: the two particles merge into a new particle  $k_{ij}$  with the sum of 4-momenta and sum of flavours. Update all entries in  $\mathcal{D}$  that involve  $k_i$  or  $k_j$  with new distances involving  $k_{ij}$ .
  - (b)  $d_{k_i j_k}$  is the smallest: assign the particle  $k_i$  to the jet  $j_k$ ,  $\text{tag}_k \rightarrow \text{tag}_k \cup \{k_i\}$ , and remove all entries in  $\mathcal{D}$  that involve  $k_i$ .
  - (c)  $d_{k_i B_{\pm}}$  is the smallest: discard particle  $k_i$  and remove all entries in  $\mathcal{D}$  that involve  $k_i$ .
4. The flavour assignment for jet  $j_k$  is determined according to the accumulated flavours in  $\text{tag}_k$ .

## (Revised)<sup>n</sup> flavour dressing

For the distance measure between two final-state objects  $a$  and  $b$  (particles or jets) we use

$$d_{ab} = \Omega_{ab}^2 \max(p_{T,a}^\alpha, p_{T,b}^\alpha) \min(p_{T,a}^{2-\alpha}, p_{T,b}^{2-\alpha}), \quad (1a)$$

with

$$\Omega_{ab}^2 = 2 \left( \frac{1}{\omega^2} (\cosh(\omega \Delta y_{ab}) - 1) - (\cos \Delta \phi - 1) \right). \quad (1b)$$

The distance between a particle and a hadron beam in the direction of positive (+) or negative (−) rapidity is

$$d_{iB_\pm} = \max(p_{T,i}^\alpha, p_{T,B_\pm}^\alpha(y_i)) \min(p_{T,i}^{2-\alpha}, p_{T,B_\pm}^{2-\alpha}(y_i)),$$

$$p_{T,B_\pm}(y) = \sum_{k=1}^m p_{T,j_k} \left[ \Theta(\pm \Delta y_{j_k}) + \Theta(\mp \Delta y_{j_k}) e^{\pm \Delta y_{j_k}} \right], \quad (1c)$$

with the rapidity separation  $\Delta y_{j_k} = y_{j_k} - y$  and  $\Theta(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ .



# Accumulating flavour quantum numbers

**BSZ** hep-ph/0601139 and 0704.2999

## How to count flavour quantum numbers:

- With charge info. ( $q$  vs  $\bar{q}$ ), then  $q = +1$  and  $\bar{q} = -1$   
(net flavour is sum of the  $q_i$  and  $\bar{q}_j$  assigned to jet  $j_n$ )
- If one cannot (e.g. experiment),  $|q| = |\bar{q}| = 1$   
(net flavour is sum [modulo 2] of the  $q_i$  and  $\bar{q}_j$  assigned to jet  $j_n$ )  
[i.e. even tagged jets are NOT flavoured]

# (1/3 OLD) collinear-safe flavoured objects

(**RG**, Huss, Stagnitto arXiv:2208.11138)

flavoured particles (quarks, hadrons) not collinear safe. Define new objects:

- i) Initialise a list of all particles
- ii) Add to the list all flavoured particles, removing any overlap
- iii) Calculate the distances  $d_{ij} = \Delta R_{ij}^2$  between all particles
- iv) If  $d_{ij}^{\min} > \Delta R_{\text{cut}}^2$  terminate the clustering. Otherwise:
  1. (i & j flavourless) replace i & j in the list with combined object ij
  2. (i or j flavoured) combine i and j if:

$$\frac{\min(p_{T,i}, p_{T,j})}{p_{T,i} + p_{T,j}} > z_{\text{cut}} \left( \frac{\Delta R_{ij}}{R_{\text{cut}}} \right)^\beta \quad \text{[Soft-drop]}$$

(Larkoski et al. arXiv:1402.2657)

Otherwise:

(i & j flavoured) remove both from list

(i or j flavourless) remove only flavourless object

[Repeat until list empty, or no flavoured particles left]

# (2/3 OLD) Association criterion and counting

(**RG**, Huss, Stagnitto arXiv:2208.11138)

We now have  $\{j_1, \dots, j_m\}, \{\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_n\}$

We introduce an **Association criterion** for  $\hat{f}_a$  with  $j_b$  (some possibilities):

- the flavoured particle  $f_a$  is a constituent of jet  $j_b$
- or  $\Delta R(\hat{f}_a, j_b) < R_{\text{tag}}$
- or Ghost association of  $\hat{f}_a$  (include direction of  $\hat{f}_a$  in anti- $k_T$  clustering)  
(association criterion required as not assumed that  $f_a$  is a stable particle)

Introduce a **Counting** or **Accumulation** for flavour:

- with charge info. ( $q$  vs  $\bar{q}$ ), then  $q = +1$  and  $\bar{q} = -1$  (net flavour is sum)
- if one cannot (e.g. experiment),  $q = \bar{q} = 1$  (net flavour is sum modulo 2)  
[i.e. jets with even number of  $q_i + \bar{q}_j$  are NOT flavoured]

# (3/3 OLD) The flavour dressing algorithm

(**RG**, Huss, Stagnitto arXiv:2208.11138)

We now have  $\{j_1, \dots, j_m\}, \{\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_n\}$ , association, and counting rules

Dressing algorithm:

- Calculate a set of distances between the flavoured objects, jets and beam:
  - [ff]  $d_{ab}$  between all all flavoured objects  $\hat{f}_a$  and  $\hat{f}_b$
  - [fj]  $d_{ab}$  between  $\hat{f}_a$  and  $j_b$  ONLY if there is an association
  - [fB]  $d_{aB}$  for all  $\hat{f}_a$  without a jet association
- Find the minimum distance of all entries in the list
  - if it is an [fj] assign  $\hat{f}_a$  to  $j_b$  (removing entries involving  $\hat{f}_a$  from list)
  - otherwise just remove  $\hat{f}_a$  [fB] or  $\hat{f}_a$  and  $\hat{f}_b$  [ff] from the list

[repeat until list empty]

- The flavour of each jet is then just the accumulation of its flavour

# (4/3 OLD) The distance measure

(**RG**, Huss, Stagnitto arXiv:2208.11138)

Stage 2: Calculate  $d_{ab}$  for all  $\{j_1, \dots, j_m\}, \{\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_n\}$

$$d_{ab} = \Delta R_{ab}^2 \max \left( p_{T,a}^\alpha, p_{T,b}^\alpha \right) \min \left( p_{T,a}^{2-\alpha}, p_{T,b}^{2-\alpha} \right)$$

(this is the original flavour- $k_T$  distance)

$$d_{aB\pm} = \max \left( p_{T,a}^\alpha, p_{T,B\pm}^\alpha(y_{\hat{f}_a}) \right) \min \left( p_{T,a}^{2-\alpha}, p_{T,B\pm}^{2-\alpha}(y_{\hat{f}_a}) \right)$$

(rapidity dependent measure of the Beam)

- ▶ If min. is  $d_{ff}$  : assign  $f$  quantum number to  $j$ , [remove  $f$  from list]
  - ▶ If min. is:  $d_{ff}$  or  $d_{fB}$  , [remove  $f$  from list]
- [repeat until list is empty]

Note: only evaluate  $d_{ff}$  if the  $f$  is associated to the jet (e.g. a constituent)

[complete details in back-up slides]

# Application of the algorithm (pp)

(**RG**, Huss, Stagnitto arXiv:2208.11138)

Now consider the process  $pp \rightarrow Z + b - \text{jet}$  in Fiducial region (13 TeV, CMS-like)

(N)NLO at fixed-order w/ NNLOJET, **RG** et al. arXiv:2005.03016

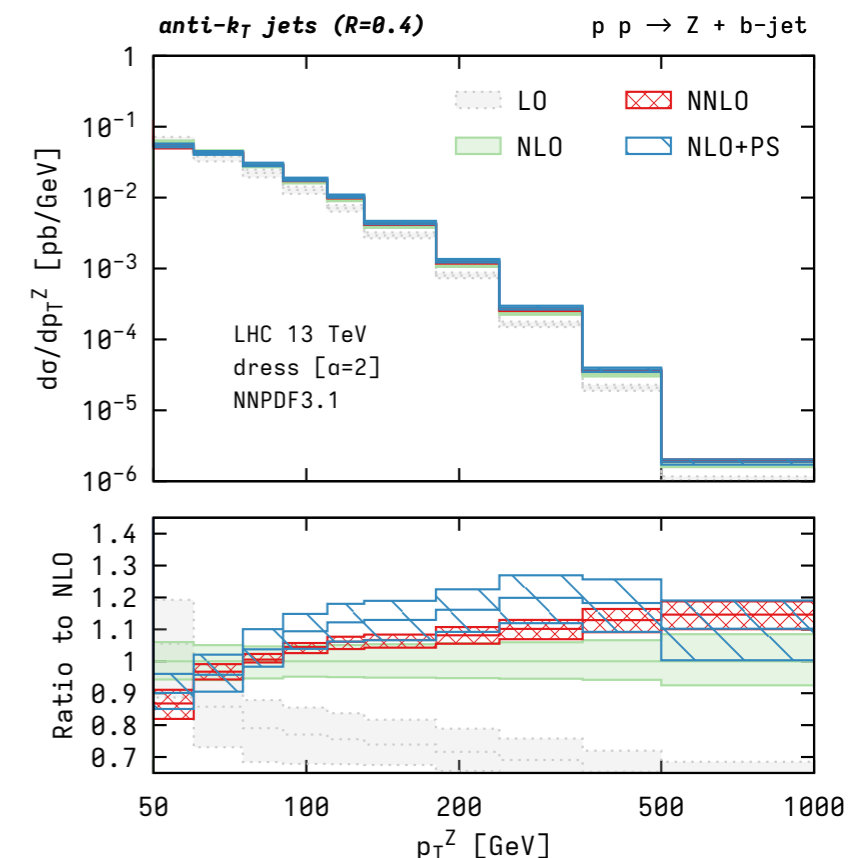
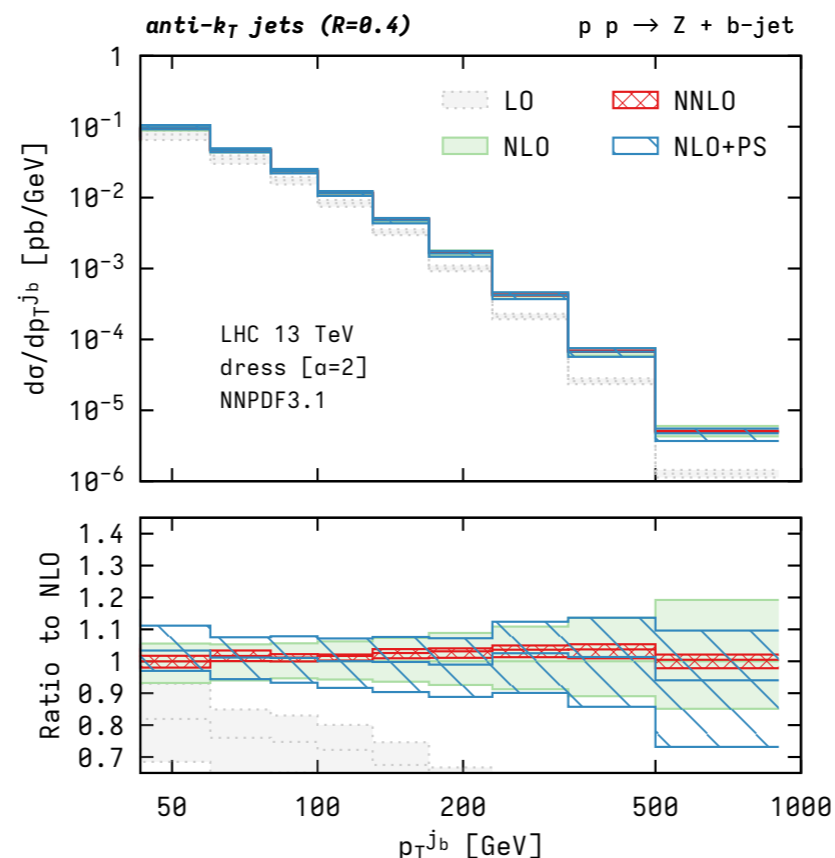
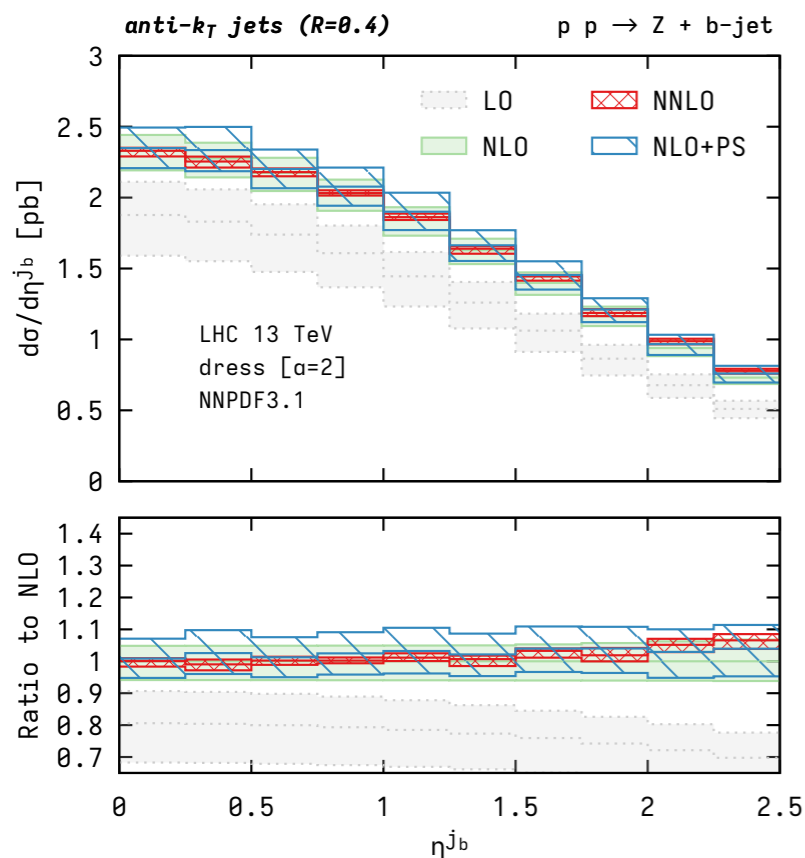
NLO+PS Hadron-level with aMC@NLO interfaced to Pythia8

Tests sensitivity to: all-order effects, hadronisation (also FO IRC safety in pp)

$\eta_{b\text{-jet}}$

$p_{T,b\text{-jet}}$

$p_{T,Z}$



# Applications: Z+c-jet at LHCb

LHCb measurement (13 TeV), arXiv: 2109.08084

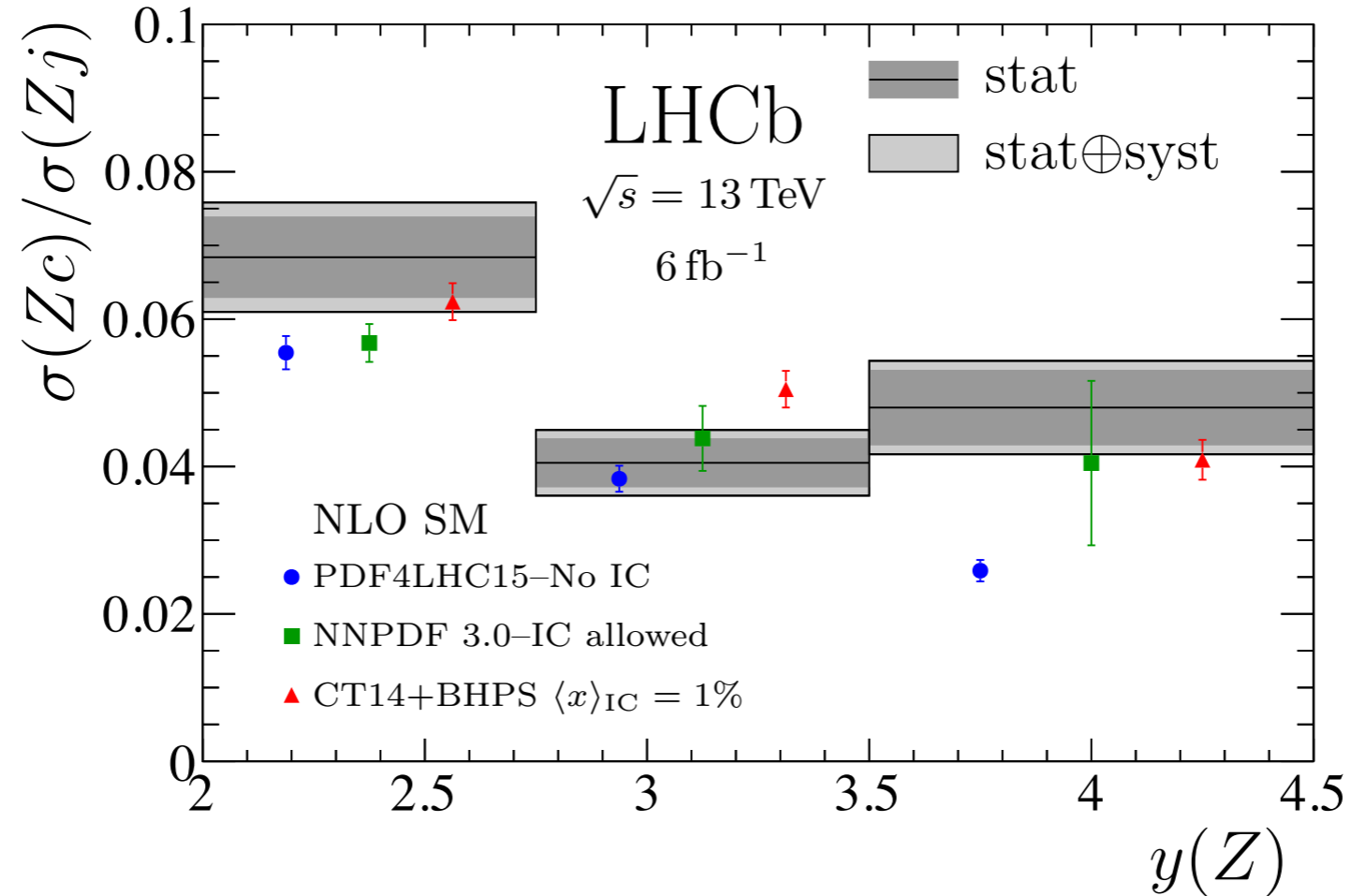
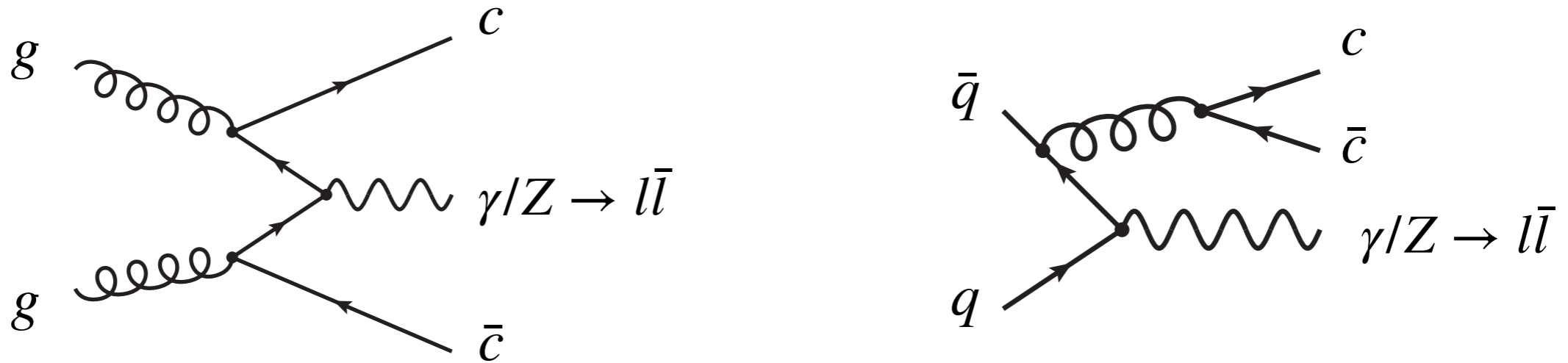


Table 1: Definition of the fiducial region.

Z bosons	$p_{\text{T}}(\mu) > 20 \text{ GeV}, 2.0 < \eta(\mu) < 4.5, 60 < m(\mu^+ \mu^-) < 120 \text{ GeV}$
Jets	$20 < p_{\text{T}}(j) < 100 \text{ GeV}, 2.2 < \eta(j) < 4.2$
Charm jets	$p_{\text{T}}(c \text{ hadron}) > 5 \text{ GeV}, \Delta R(j, c \text{ hadron}) < 0.5$ <b>IRC unsafe</b>
Events	$\Delta R(\mu, j) > 0.5$

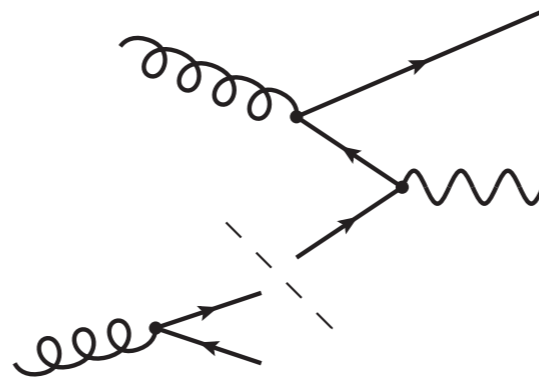
# Applications: Z+c-jet at LHCb



Calculated in the 3fs scheme (i.e.  $n_f^{\max} = 3$  in PDFs, and  $\alpha_s$  evolution)

$$d\sigma^{3fs} = d\sigma^{m_c=0} + d\sigma^{\ln[m_c]} + d\sigma^{m_c}$$

Massless component  
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 n_f)$  in 4fs

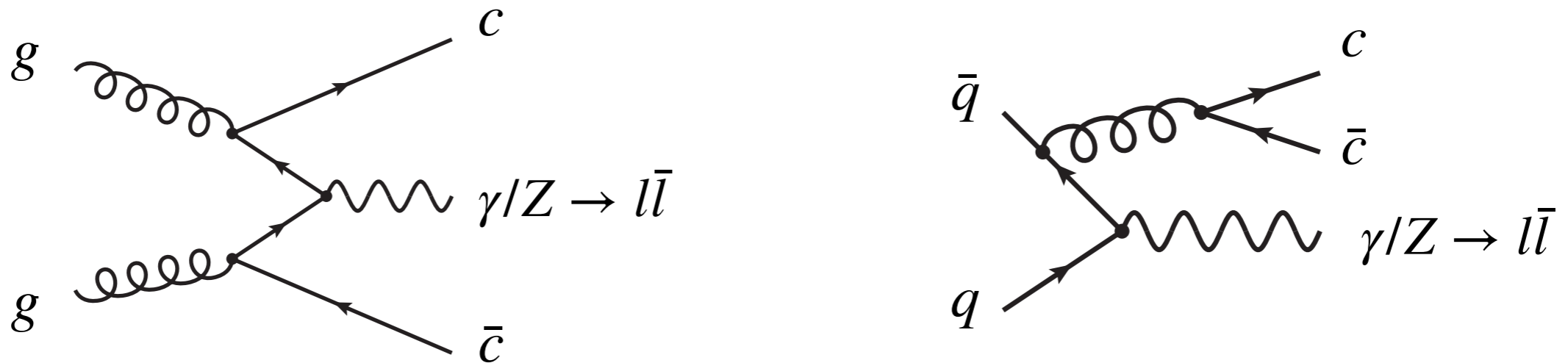


$\mathcal{O}(m_c^2)$  effects  
 (exact kinematics)

Note, initial-state mass singularities still there (even with IRC safe jet alg.)



# Applications: Z+c-jet at LHCb



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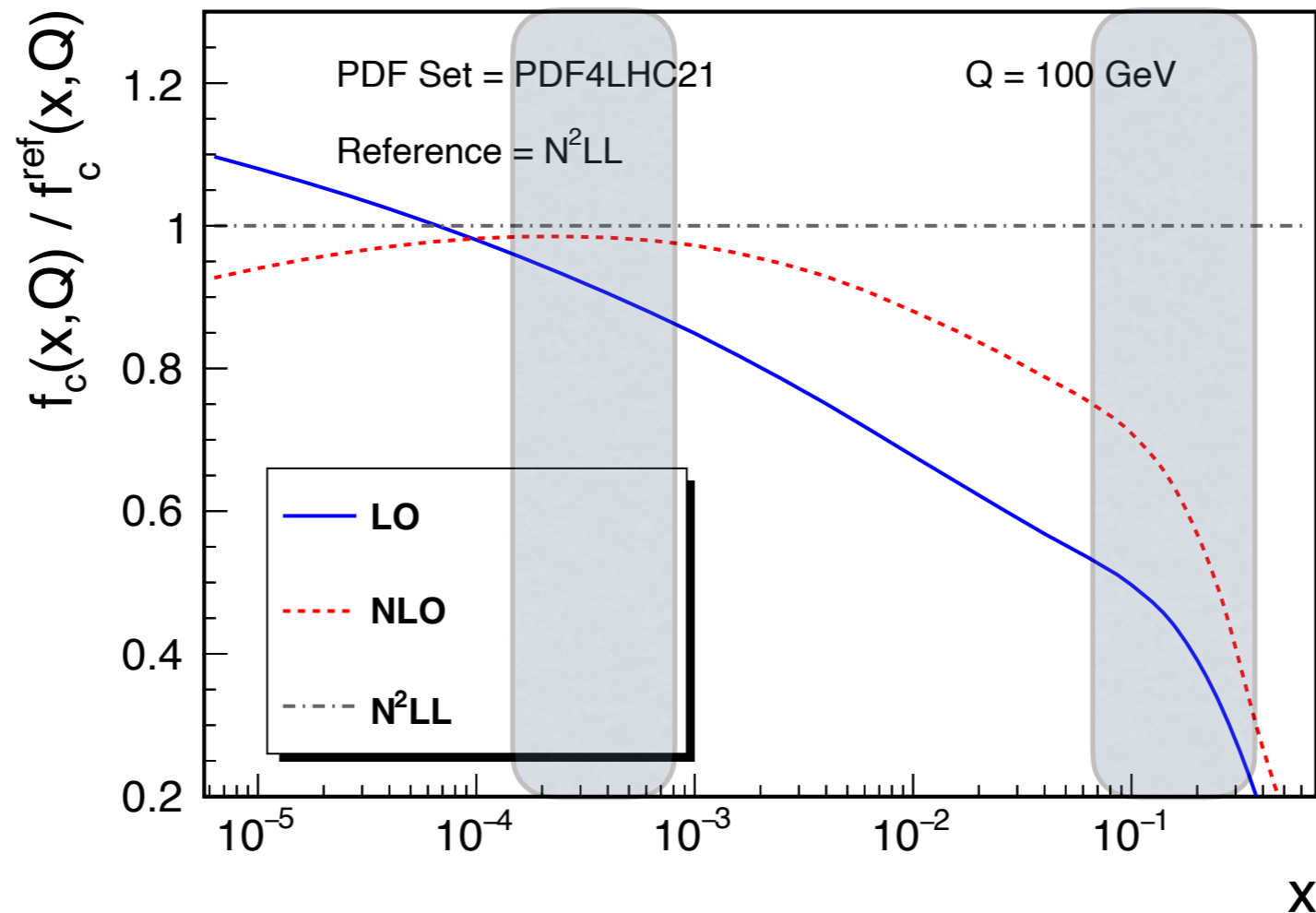
$$\mathbf{0.220 = +0.0364 \quad +0.203 \quad -0.019 \text{ [pb]}}$$

$$\mathbf{100\% = +16\% \quad +92\% \quad -8\%}$$

Note, initial-state mass singularities still there (even with IRC safe jet alg.)

# Applications: Z+c-jet at LHCb

The perturbative corrections are enormous: resummation critical  
(this class of logarithm resummed by PDF evolution)



$$\langle x_1 \rangle \sim 0.2$$

$$\langle x_2 \rangle \sim 6 \times 10^{-4}$$

LHCb cross-section: Leading Log (1st order) = 0.203pb, Leading Log (resummed) = 0.332pb

I am showing fixed-order pdf versus a resummed one (PDF evolution)

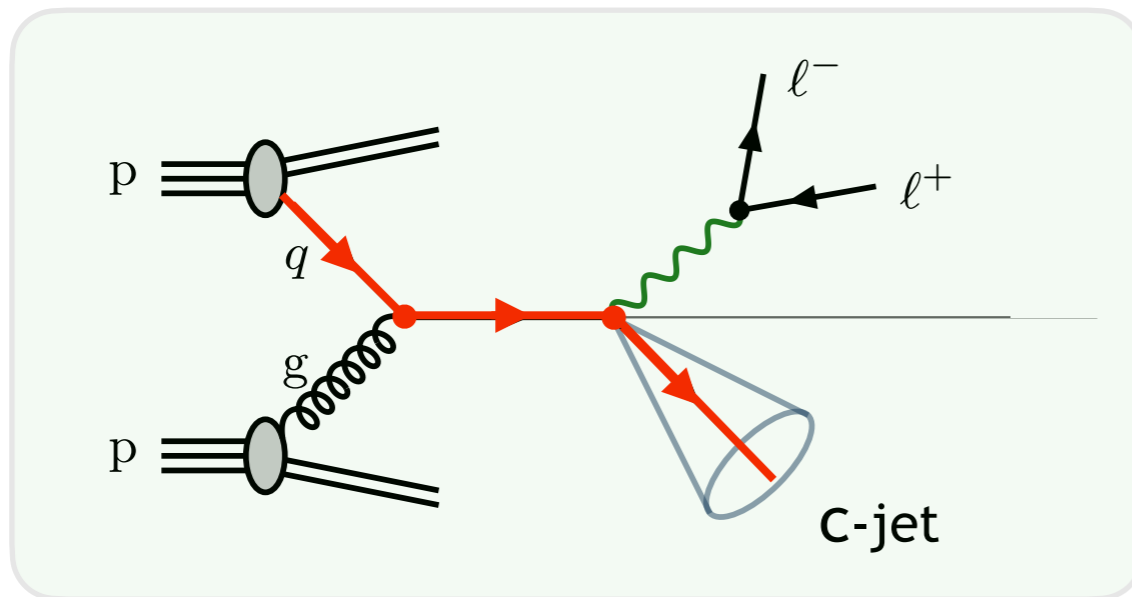
$$\alpha_s^m \ln^n[\mu_F^2/m_c^2], \quad m \geq n$$

$$\text{Note! } \alpha_s \ln[m_Z^2/m_c^2] \approx 1.0$$

# Applications: Z+c-jet at LHCb

**RG**, Gehrman-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Rodriguez Garcia, Stagnitto, arXiv:2302.12844

- ▶ Theory study based on SPS predictions (no MPI corrections)
- ▶ Consider a fiducial region matching that of the LHCb experiment



Introduce the constraint

$$p_T(Zj_c) \leq p_T(j_c)$$

Predictions are provided in a Massive - Variable Flavour Number Scheme

**RG**, Gehrman-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Maier, arXiv:2005.03016, **RG**, arXiv:2107.01226

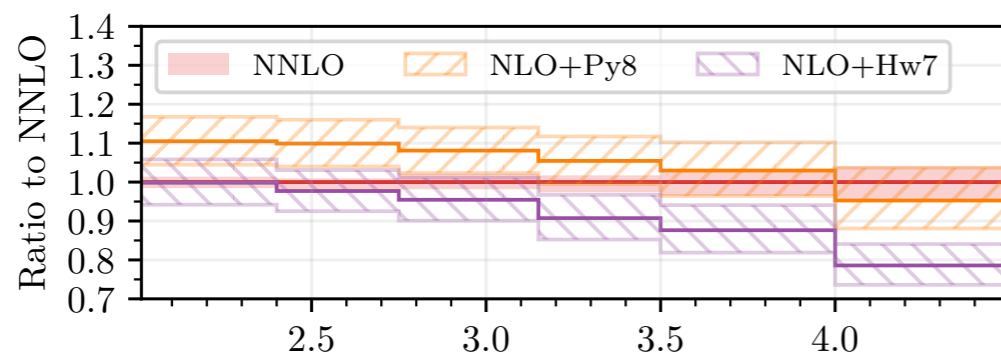
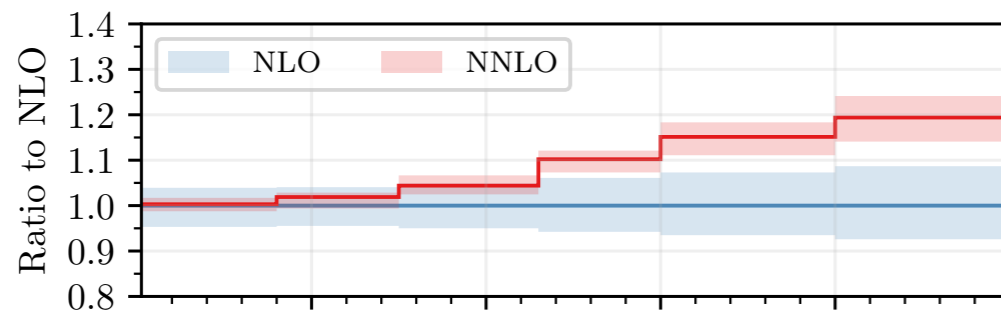
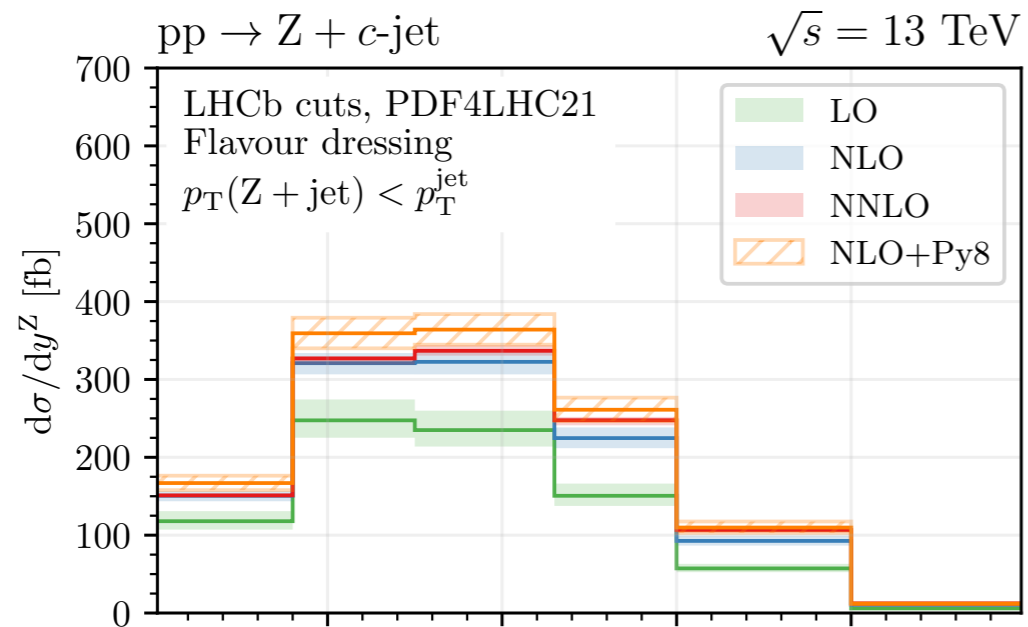
$$d\sigma^{M-VFNS} = d\sigma^{ZM-VFNS} + d\sigma^{pc}$$

NNLO QCD predictions via the Z+jet antenna subtraction calculation

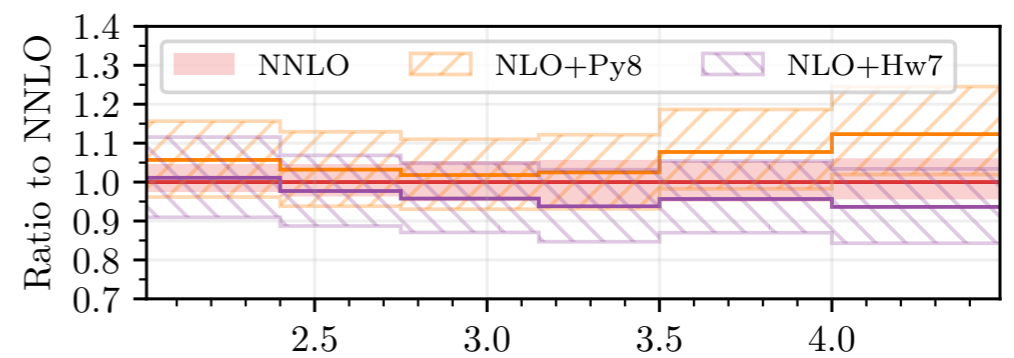
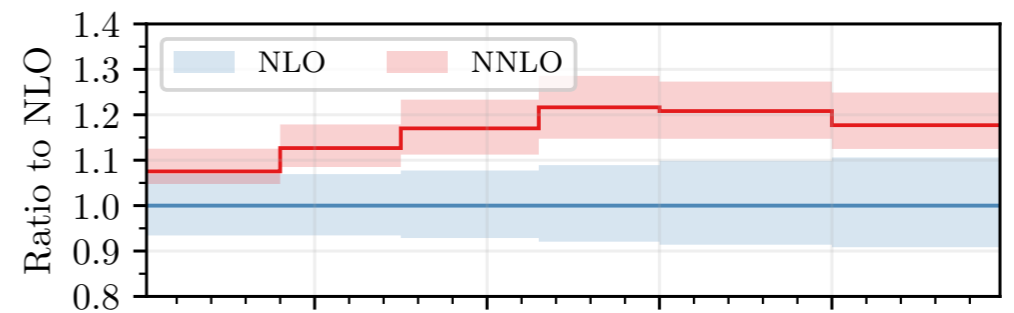
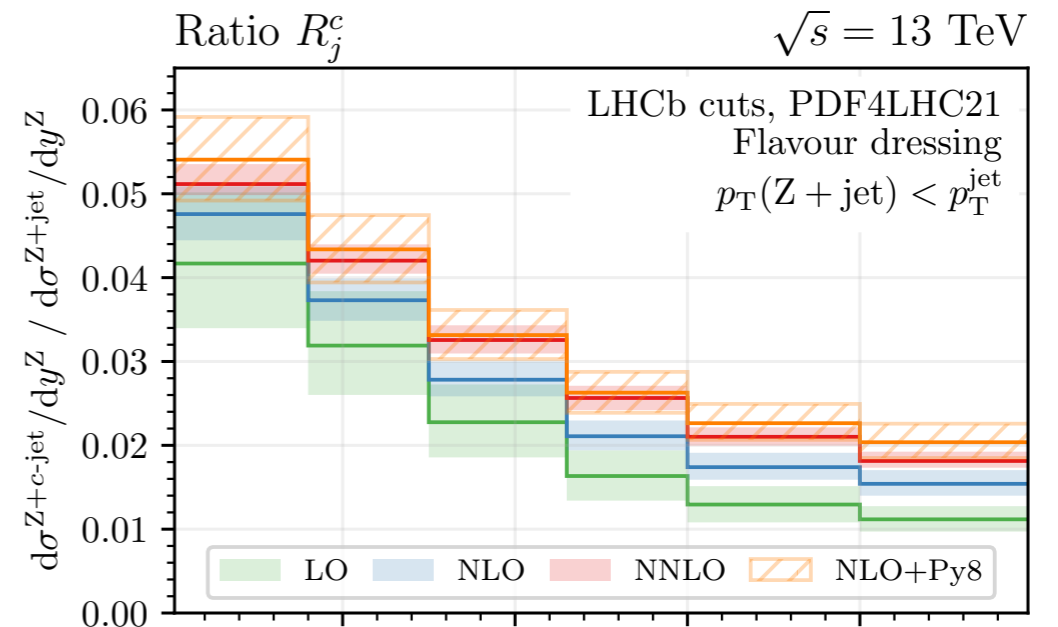
Gehrman-De Ridder, Gehrman, Glover, Huss, Morgan, arXiv:1507.02850

$\alpha_{G_\mu}$  scheme, 7-point scale variation around  $E_{T,Z}$ , and the PDF4LHC21 set

# Applications: Z+c-jet at LHCb



$$\frac{d\sigma^{Z+c-jet}}{dy_Z^{y^Z}}$$



$$\frac{d\sigma^{Z+c-jet}}{dy_Z^{y^Z}} \bigg/ \frac{d\sigma^{\text{jet}}}{dy_Z}$$

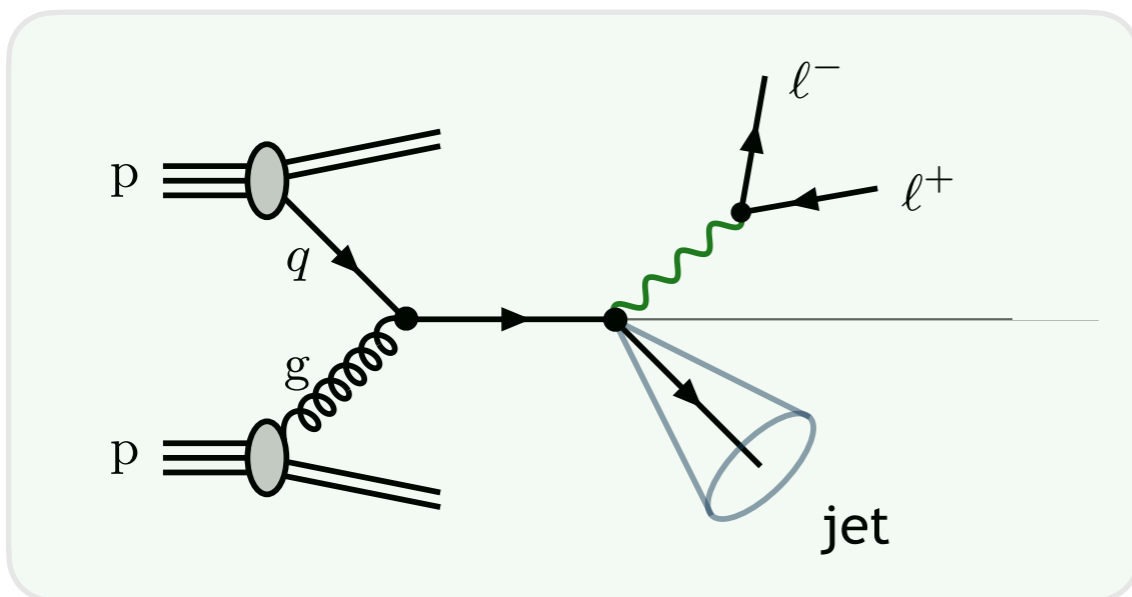
NNLO QCD corrections positive and grow with  $y_Z$

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Possibility for multiple hard interactions in a single pp-collision

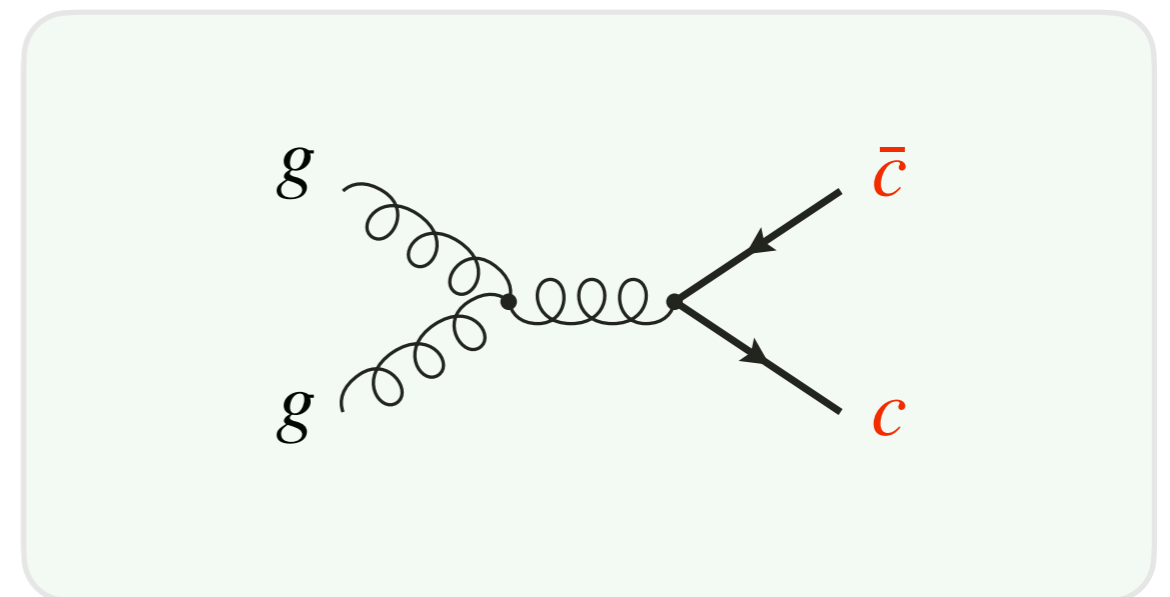
e.g. single-parton-scattering (SPS), double-parton-scattering (DPS), ...

Hard Process 1 (HP1) = Z+jet



The jet is flavour inclusive

Hard Process 2 (HP2) =  $c\bar{c}$



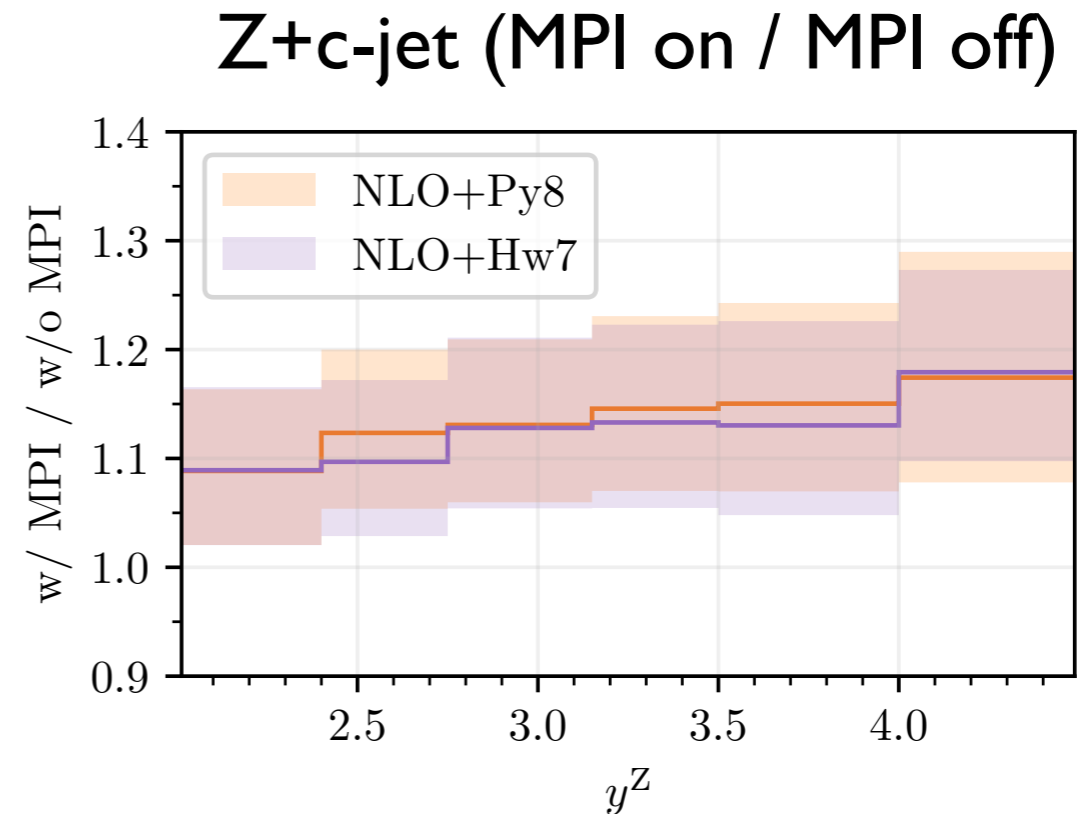
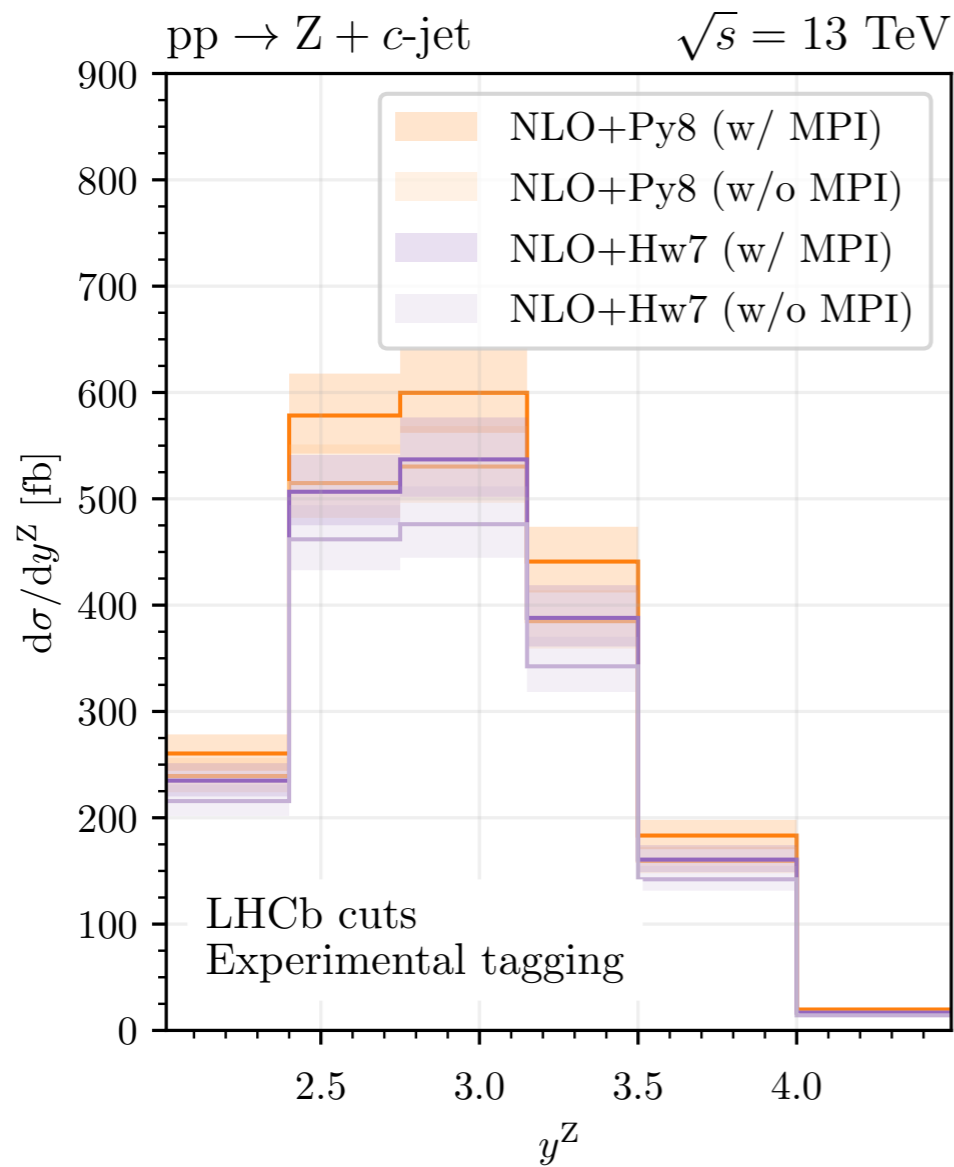
Large cross-section at LHCb

Probability that  $\Delta R(j_{HP1}, c_{HP2}) \leq 0.5$  leading to a charm tagged jet  
(small phase-space compensated by large  $c\bar{c}$  cross-section)

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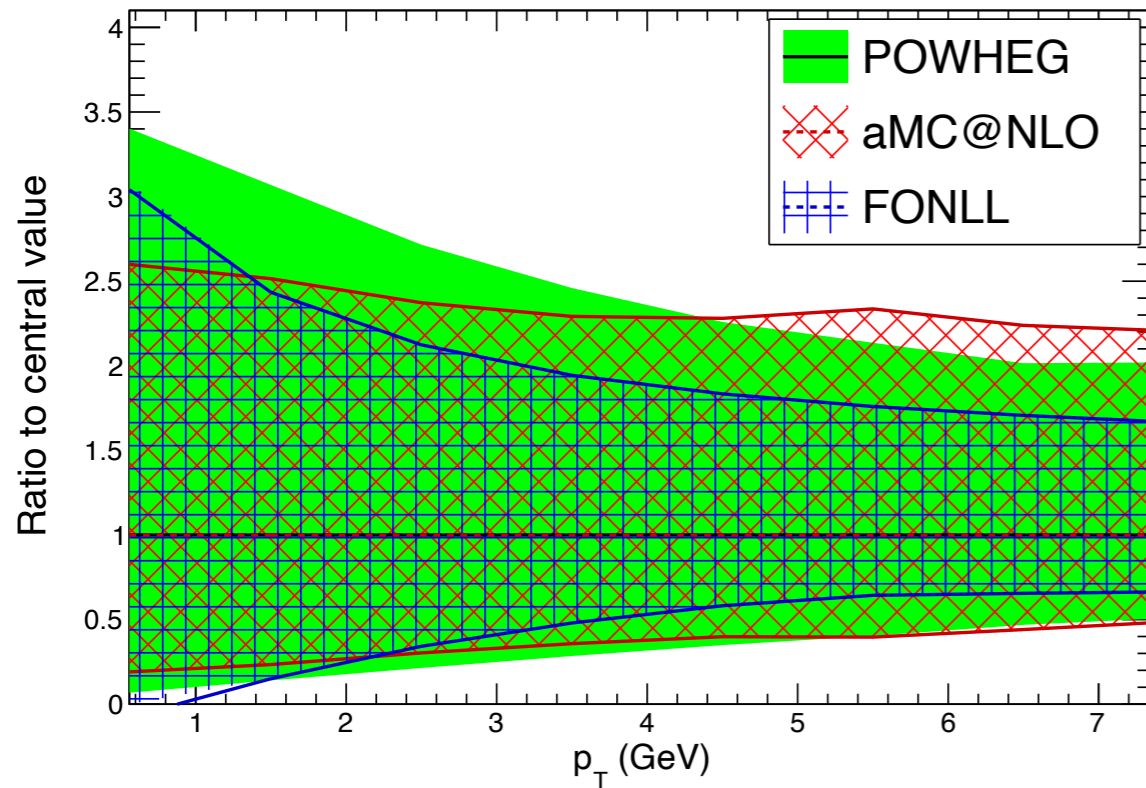


MPI correction required when the considered observable is sensitive to the combination of H1 and H2 (a genuine physics effect not described by SPS)

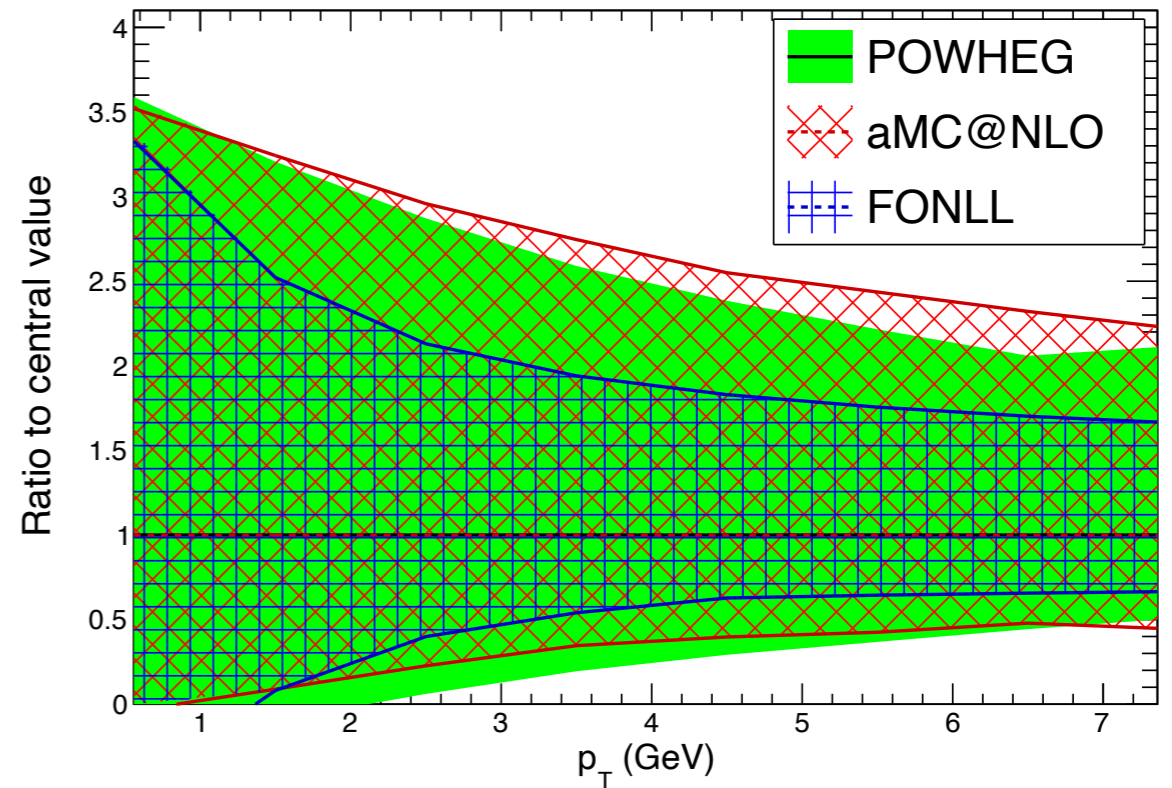
# Heavy-quark pair production

(RG et al., arXiv:1506.08025)

NNPDF3.0, scales+PDFs,  $D^0$  mesons,  $2.0 < y < 2.5$



NNPDF3.0, scales+PDFs,  $D^0$  mesons,  $3.5 < y < 4.0$



These are the theory uncertainties (PDF+scales) for D-cross section at LHCb

With a requirement of  $P_{T,c} > 5$  GeV QCD uncertainties  $\gg 50\%$  (at best)

The charm MPI component generates a  $\sim 15\%$  contribution to LHCb Z+c-jet  $\sigma$

Extracting the SPS component will lead to increased uncertainties ( $\gg 7.5\%$ )

# Z+b-jet and unfolding

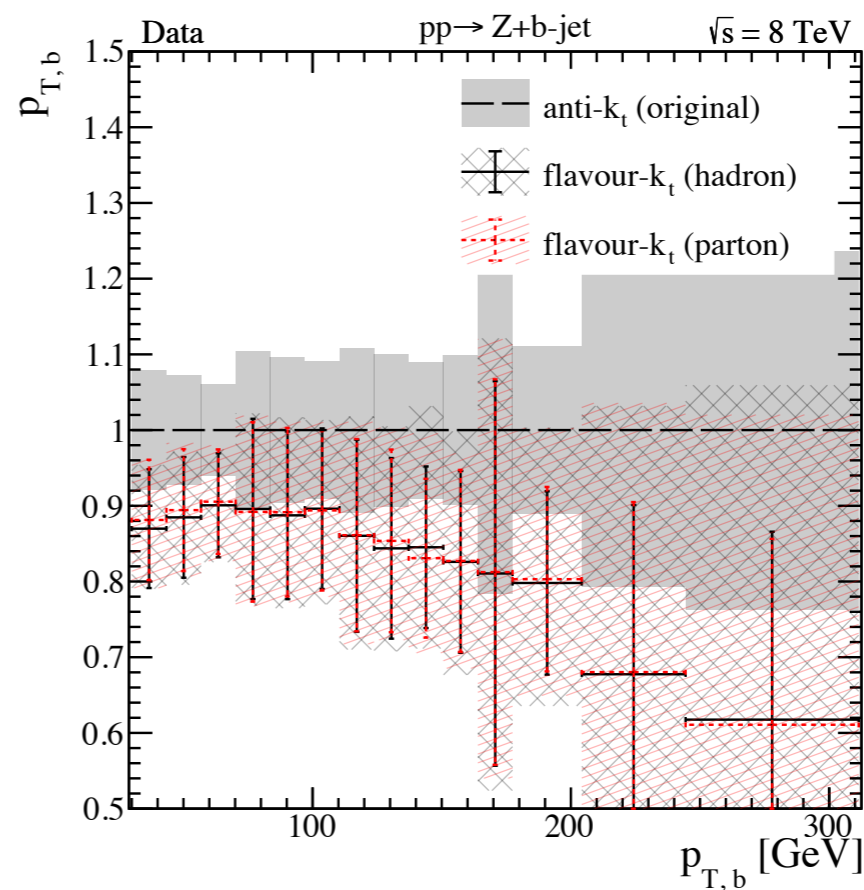
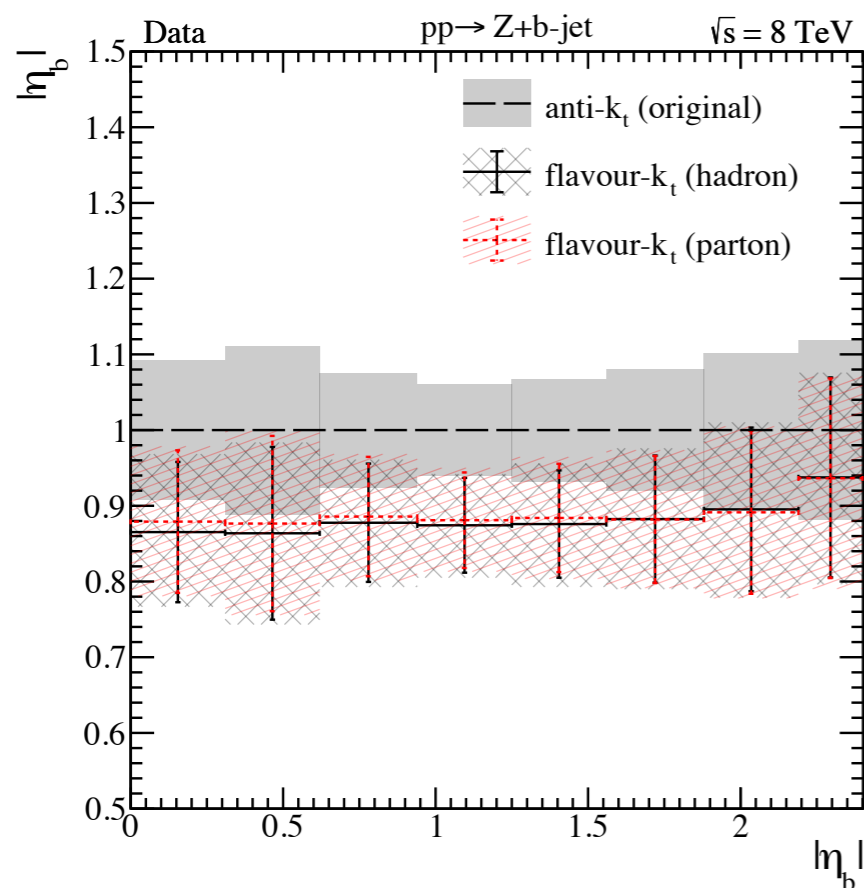
How to account for theory-experiment mismatch?

[Gauld, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Glover, Huss, Majer] *PRL* 125 (2020) 22, 222002

Use an NLO + Parton Shower prediction (which can evaluate both)

- 1) Prediction at parton-level, flavour- $k_T$  algorithm (**Theory**)
- 2) Prediction at hadron-level, anti- $k_T$  algorithm (**Experiment**)

Calculate an “Unfolding” correction from 2) Experiment  $\rightarrow$  1) Theory



We use RooUnfold (following the procedure used in the exp. analyses)