Challenges and progress with parton showers simulating events from ee to AA collisions

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Intro: event generators for high-energy collisions

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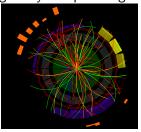
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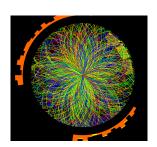
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Alice (pp)



Alice (PbPb)

Even for pheno calculations this quickly grows out of control

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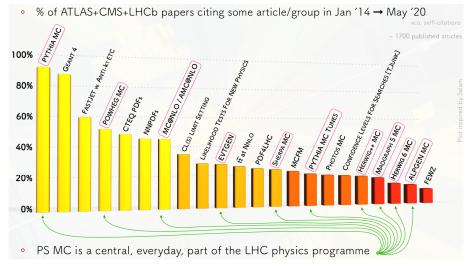
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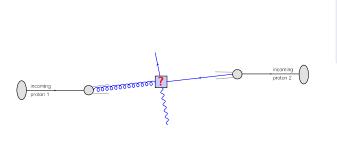
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Event Generators are among us!

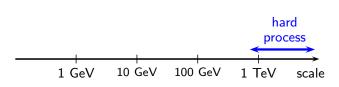


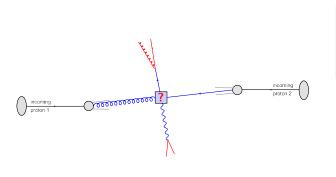
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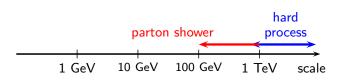
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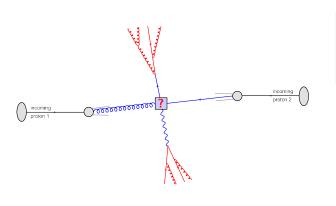




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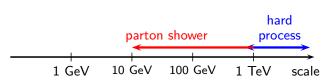
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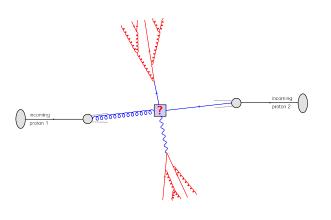




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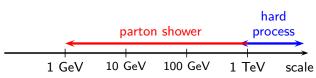
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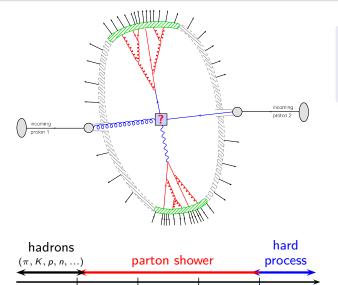




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10 GeV

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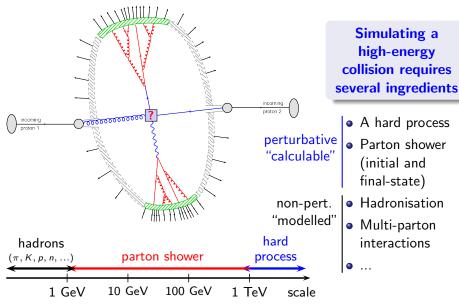
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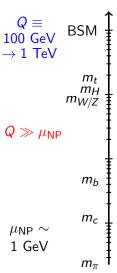
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1 TeV

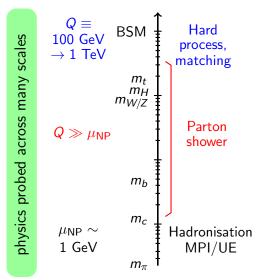
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100 GeV

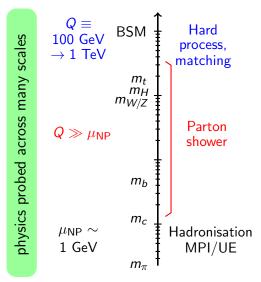




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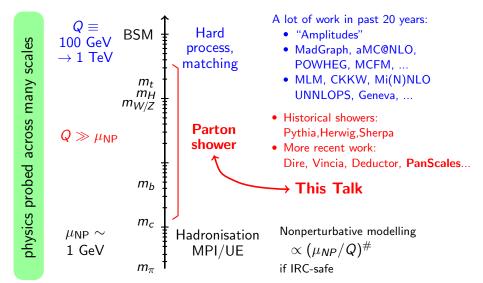


A lot of work in past 20 years:

- "Amplitudes"
- MadGraph, aMC@NLO, POWHEG, MCFM, ...
- MLM, CKKW, Mi(N)NLO UNNLOPS, Geneva, ...
- Historical showers: Pythia, Herwig, Sherpa
- More recent work:
 Dire, Vincia, Deductor, PanScales...

Nonperturbative modelling $\propto (\mu_{NP}/Q)^{\#}$ if IRC-safe

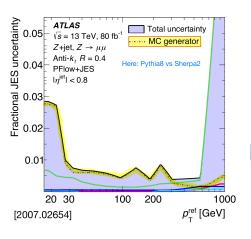
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Plan

- √ Motivate the importance of event generators
- Parton showers in "the vacuum" (ee and pp collisions)
 - Goal: achieve precision (across all scales)
 - How is it built?
 - progress within PanScales (assessing and improving accuracy)
- Parton showers in the medium (AA collisions)
 - Get a meaningful physical picture
 Qualitative (slowly moving towards quantitative)
 - the "Saclay" / JetMed factorised picture

A nice illustrative example for precision needs



Uncertainty on the reconstruction of the jet energy in ATLAS:

Dominant source comes from MC generator (Sherpa v. Pythia)

Critical!

This affects ALL the measurements involving jets

Parton showers in the "vacuum" (ee&pp) "Accuracy"?

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Examples for the observable v:

- Thrust $T = \max_{|\vec{u}|=1} \frac{\sum_i |\vec{p_i} \cdot \vec{u}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p_i}|}$
- Cambridge y_{23} (\approx largest k_t in an angular-ordered clustering)
- angularities
- Z transverse momentum in Drell-Yan
- Jet vetos



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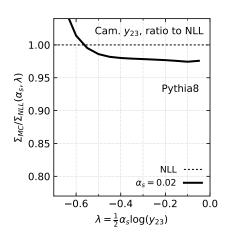
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$$\mathcal{O}(1/\alpha_s) \qquad \mathcal{O}(1) \qquad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

in resummation regime:

$$\alpha_s \ll 1, \qquad L \gg 1, \qquad \lambda \equiv \alpha_s L \sim 1$$

We should control at least $\mathcal{O}(1)$ contributions



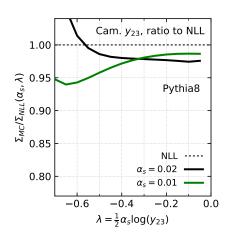
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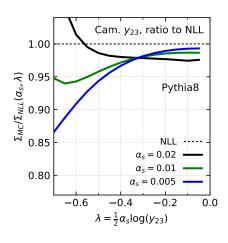
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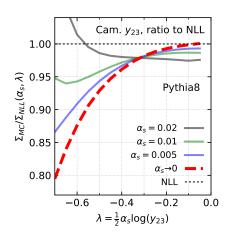
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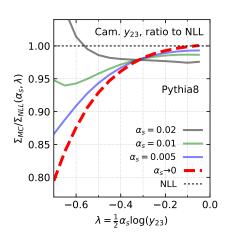
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Next slides: get to NLL accuracy

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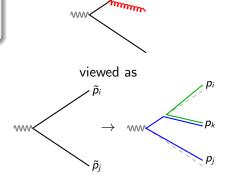
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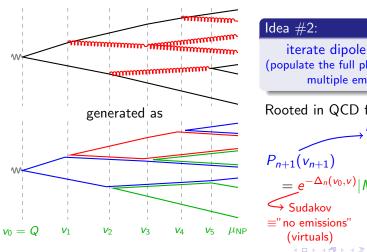
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ingredient 2: emission probability Captures the soft/collinear limits

$$d\mathcal{P}_{\tilde{\imath}\tilde{\jmath}\to ijk} \approx \frac{\alpha_s^{(\mathsf{CMW})}}{\pi} \frac{dv}{v} d\bar{\eta} \times \\ \times [g(\bar{\eta})z_i P_{\tilde{\imath}\to ik}(z_i) \\ + g(-\bar{\eta})z_j P_{\tilde{\jmath}\to jk}(z_j)]$$

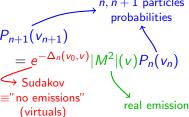
 $v(\ll 1) \equiv$ ordering variable (measures "softness", e.g. k_t) $\bar{\eta} \equiv$ rapidity along the dipole (could also use $\ln z$)

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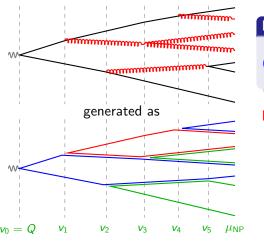


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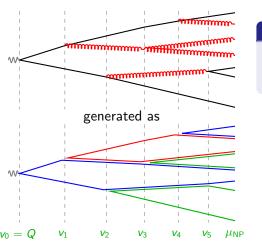
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Main benefits:

- automatic soft-gluon (antenna) pattern
- automatic angular ordering (coherence)
- easy collinear branchings

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Several challenges:

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- ullet beyond large/leading- \mathcal{N}_c
- treat recoil properly
- assess/improve accuracy

Towards NLL accuracy with the PanScales showers

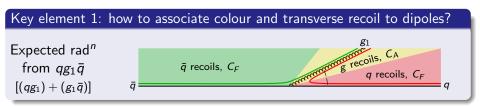
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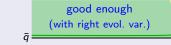
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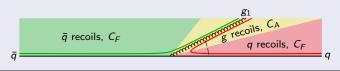
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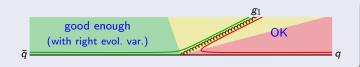
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PanScales:

recoiler decided in event frame



Key element 2: choice of evolution variable

$$v \sim k_{t,ik} \theta_{ik}^{\beta}$$

 $(0 < \beta < 1)$

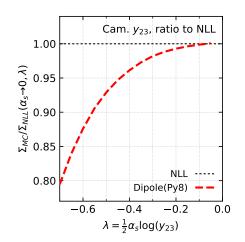
Idea: emissions with commensurate k_t radiated with successively smaller angles

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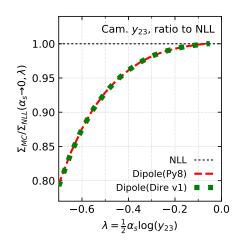


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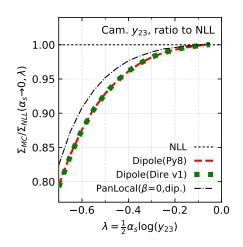


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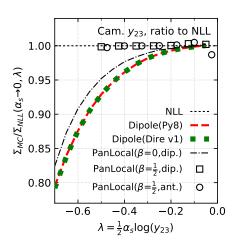
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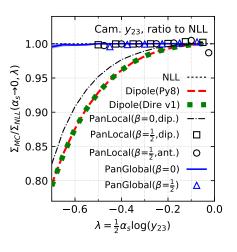
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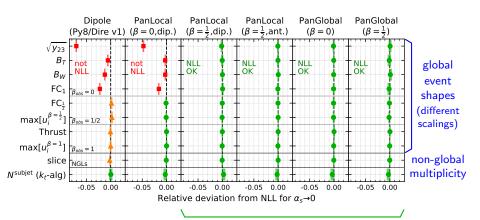
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Assessing accuracy: extensive observable list

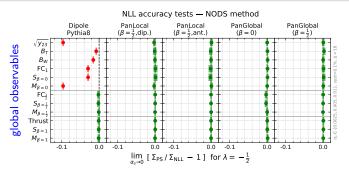
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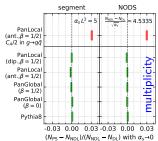


 $\mathsf{PanLocal}(0<\beta<1)$ and $\mathsf{PanGlobal}(0\leq\beta<1)$ get expected NLL (i.e. 0)

(green: OK at NLL; orange: issues at fixed order; red issues at fixed and all orders)

Assessing accuracy: extension beyond leading N_c

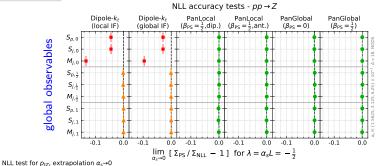


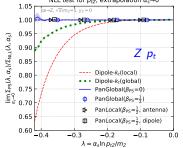


Two methods beyond leading N_c ("segment" and NODS)

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Assessing accuracy: extension to hadron collisions



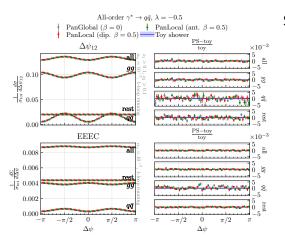


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For now only colour-singlet production

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Assessing accuracy: spin correlations



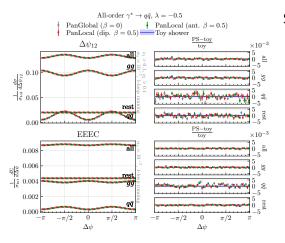
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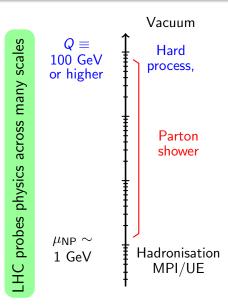
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Overall result: first NLL parton shower

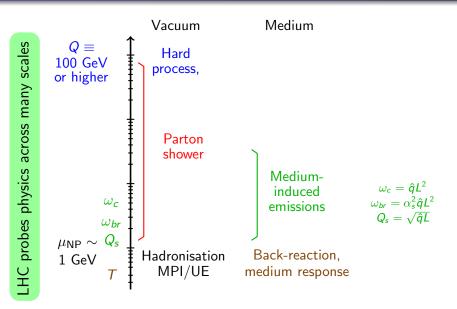
Parton shower in the Quark-Gluon Plasma Main/leading picture

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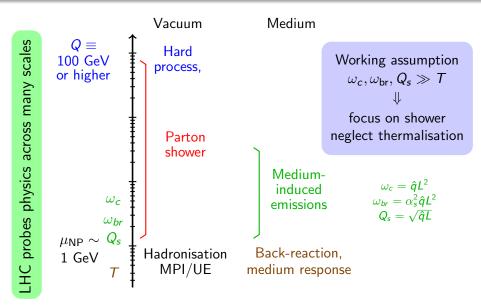
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2 types of emissions



Standard "DGLAP" splitting rate:

$$d^{2}\mathcal{P}_{\text{vie}} = \frac{\alpha_{s}(k_{\perp})}{\pi} P(z) dz \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \approx \frac{2\alpha_{s}(k_{\perp})C_{R}}{\pi} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$

- ✓ includes soft&collinear divergence
- ✓ Iterated (Markovian process) for successive branchings with angular ordering $\theta_{i+1} < \theta_i$



Medium interactions ⇒ additional emissions

BDMPS-Z spectrum ($\omega_c = \frac{1}{2}\hat{q}L^2$)

$$\textit{d}^{2}\mathcal{P}_{\text{mie}} \approx \frac{\alpha_{s,\text{med}}\,\textit{C}_{\textit{R}}}{\pi}\sqrt{\frac{2\omega_{c}}{\textit{E}}}\,\frac{\textit{dz}}{\textit{z}^{3/2}}\,\mathcal{P}_{\text{broad}}(\theta,\omega)$$

- \checkmark strong peak at small z, no collinear div.
- ✓ Here: assume θ from Gaussian k_{\perp} broadening
- ✓ Iterated (Markovian process) for successive branchings in formation time $t_f = \frac{2}{\omega \theta^2}$
- ✓ NO ANGULAR ORDERING



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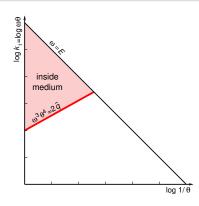
Double-logarithmic approximation: 2 possible cases:

- $k_{\perp, \rm vac}^2 \gg k_{\perp, \rm med}^2$: vacuum-like emission (VLE)
- $k_{\perp,\mathrm{med}}^2 \ll k_{\perp,\mathrm{vac}}^2$: medium-induced emission (MIE)

transition at $k_{\perp,\mathrm{med}}^2=k_{\perp,\mathrm{vac}}^2$ i.e. $\omega^3\theta^4=2\hat{q}$

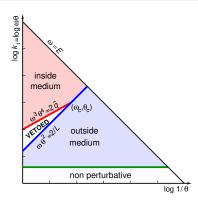
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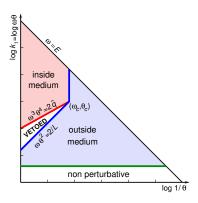
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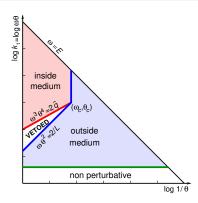
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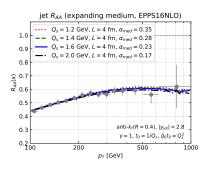
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Full picture: parton shower factorised in 3 stages

- in-medium angular-ordered VLEs
- **2** each VLE sources MIEs propagating through the medium
- out-medium VLEs with first emission at any angle

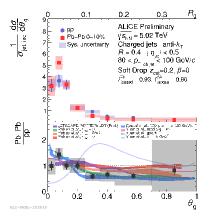
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R_{AA}: "flatness" explained
 Higher p_t
 ⇒ larger "in-medium" vac. phase-sp.
 ⇒ more sources for MIEs

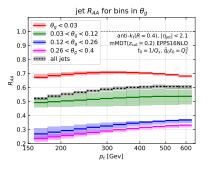
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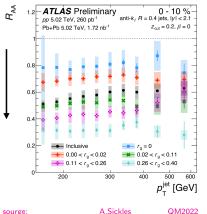
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 - Clearly observed by ATLAS

Conclusions

Monte Carlo generators (with parton showers at their core) are a key tool in HEP

Parton showers in pp collisions

- → Need for precision (to match the precision quest of the LHC)
- New way to define and test accuracy (systematically improvable)
- √ First NLL shower
 - ? TODO: Z+jets, dijets in pp, NNLL, ...

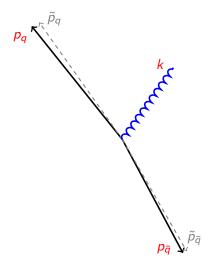
Parton showers in AA collisions

- → Many effect, e.g. vacuum and medium-indoiced emissions
- ✓ New factorised approach (at double-log accuracy)
- ✓ Easy explanation for many quenching phenomena
- ? TODO: beyond double log, geometry, " $\mathcal{O}(T)$ " phenomena
- ? TODO: be more quantitative?

Backup

Basic features of QCD radiations

Take a gluon emission from a $(q\bar{q})$ dipole



Emission $(\tilde{p}_q\tilde{p}_{\bar{q}}) \rightarrow (p_qk)(kp_{\bar{q}})$:

$$k^{\mu} \equiv z_q \tilde{p}_q^{\mu} + z_{\bar{q}} \tilde{p}_{\bar{q}}^{\mu} + k_{\perp}^{\mu}$$

3 degrees of freedom:

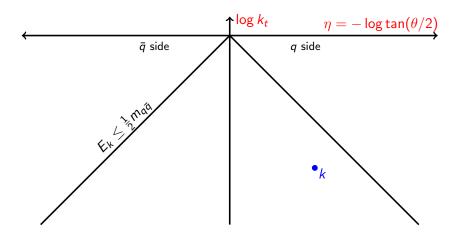
- Rapidity: $\eta = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{z_q}{z_{\bar{q}}}$
- ullet Transverse momentum: k_{\perp}
- Azimuth: ϕ

In the soft-collinear approximation

$$d\mathcal{P} = \frac{\alpha_s(k_\perp)C_F}{\pi^2} d\eta \, \frac{dk_\perp}{k_\perp} \, d\phi$$

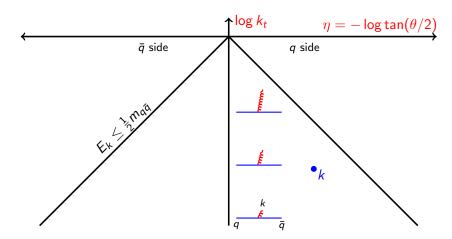
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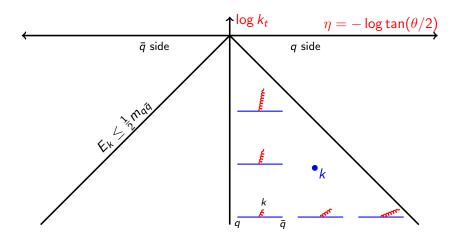
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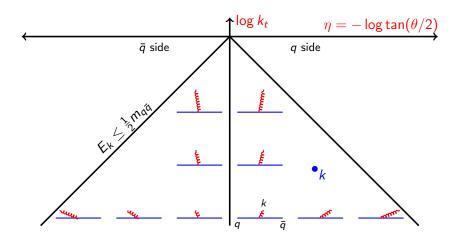
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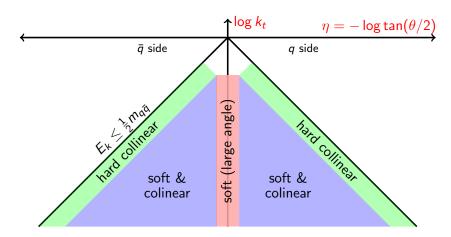
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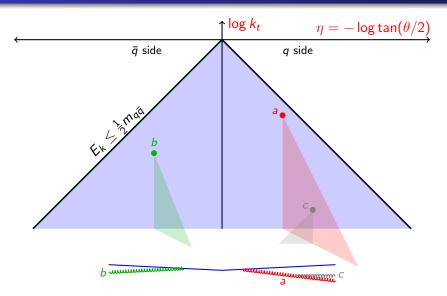


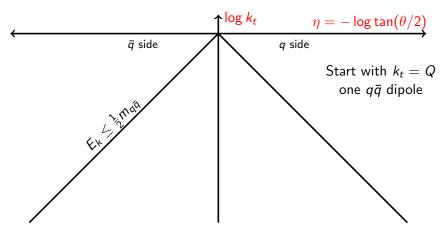
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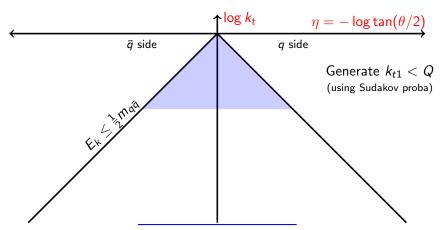
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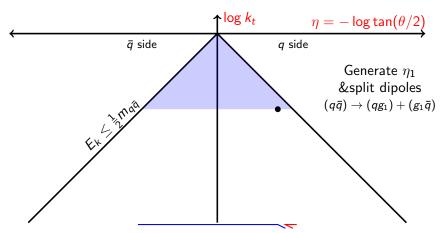


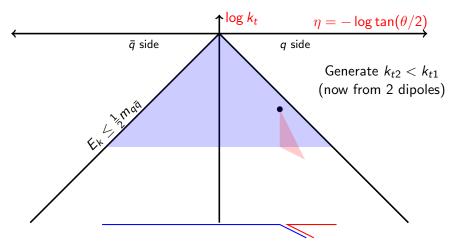
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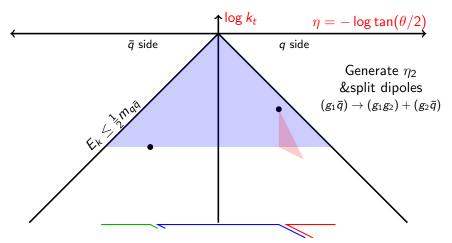


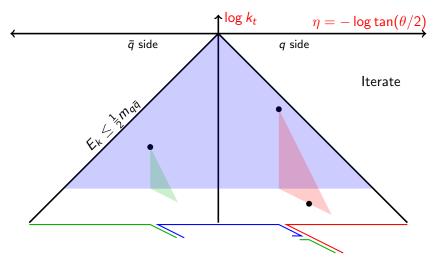


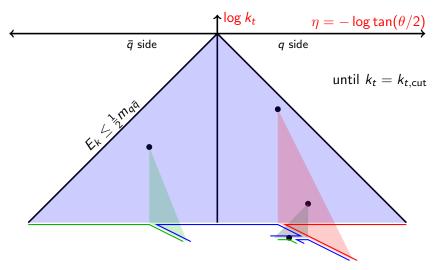






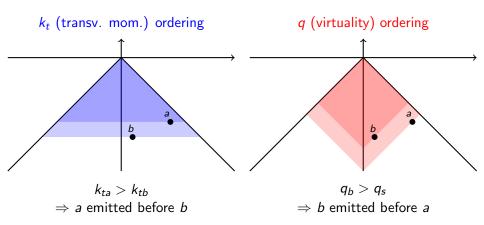






Different ordering variables...

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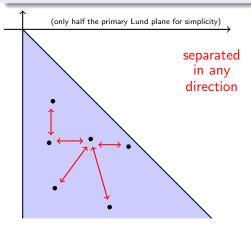


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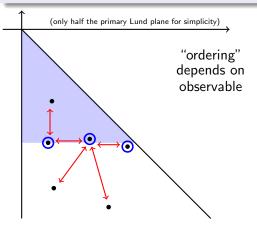
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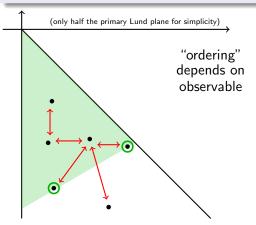
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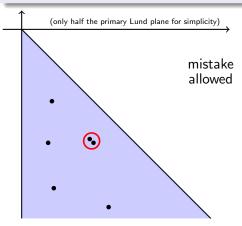
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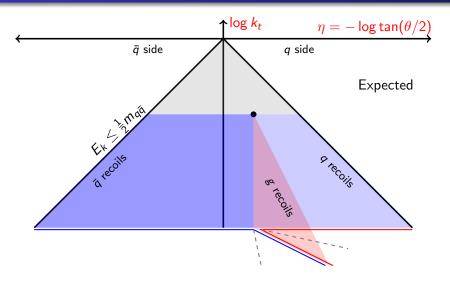


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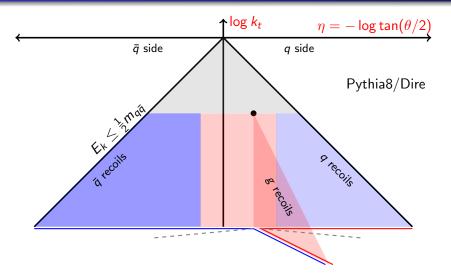
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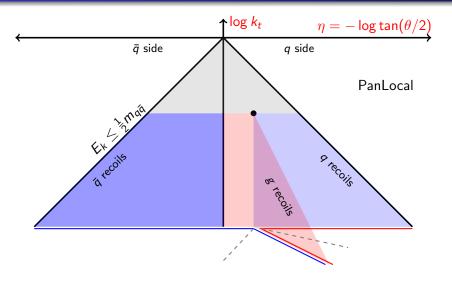
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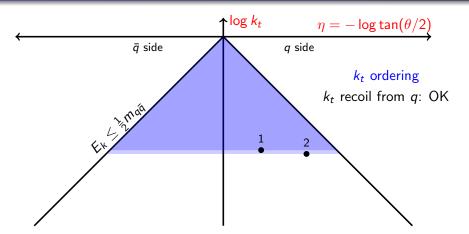
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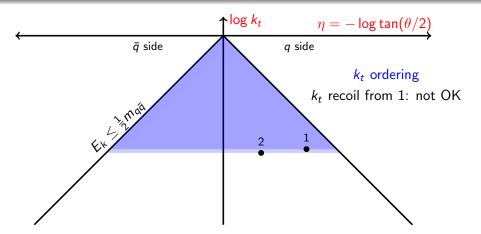
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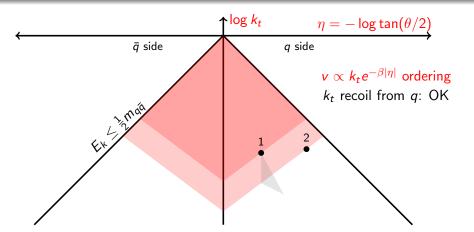
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with (PanLocal(β), variables \mathbf{v} and $\tilde{\eta}$)

$$\begin{split} |k_{\perp}| &= \rho \, \mathbf{v} \, e^{\beta |\tilde{\eta}|} \quad \rho = \left(\frac{2\tilde{p}_i.Q\,\tilde{p}_j.Q}{Q^2\,\tilde{p}_i.\tilde{p}_j}\right)^{\beta/2} \\ a_k &= \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{p}_j.Q}{2\tilde{p}_i.Q\,\tilde{p}_i.\tilde{p}_j}} \, |k_{\perp}| \, e^{+\tilde{\eta}}, \\ b_k &= \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{p}_i.Q}{2\tilde{p}_i.Q\,\tilde{p}_i.\tilde{p}_i}} \, |k_{\perp}| \, e^{-\tilde{\eta}}, \end{split}$$

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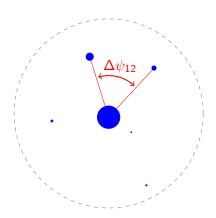
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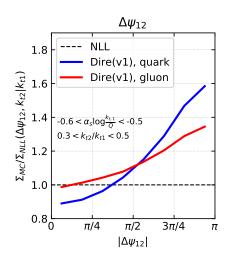
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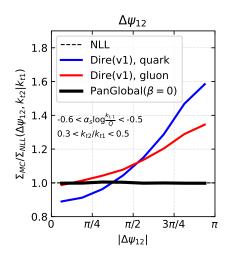
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JetNed vs. other HI generators

Monte-Carlo	JetMed	MARTINI	MATTER+LBT	Q-PYTHIA	JEWEL	Hybrid
Fact. scale	✓	✓	✓	Х	Х	Х
Decoherence	✓	X	X	Х	Х	Х
LPM effect	✓	✓	X ⁽¹⁾	✓	√	Х
Multiple branching	✓	?	X	X	?	X
Hadronisation	Х	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medium geom/expnd.	X	✓	✓	X ⁽²⁾	✓	✓
Hard scatterings	Х	✓	✓	X	√	X
Medium response	Х	Х	✓	Х	✓	✓
HT splitting functions	Х	X	✓	Х	X	X
Strongly coupled E_{loss}	X	Х	X	X	Х	✓

Notes:

- (1) A modified-Boltzmann approach has been proposed to take into account the LPM regime.
- (2) Q-PYTHIA can be interfaced to an optical Glauber model

[P. Caucal, PhD, 2010.02874]