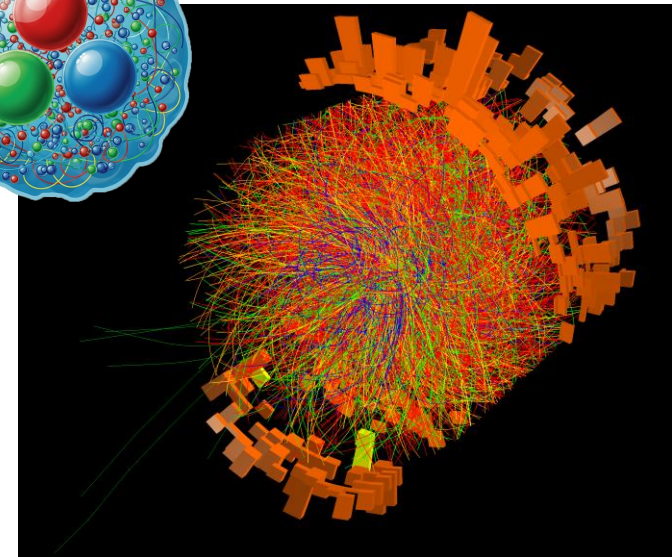
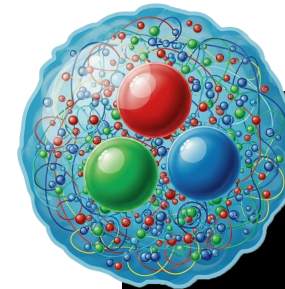
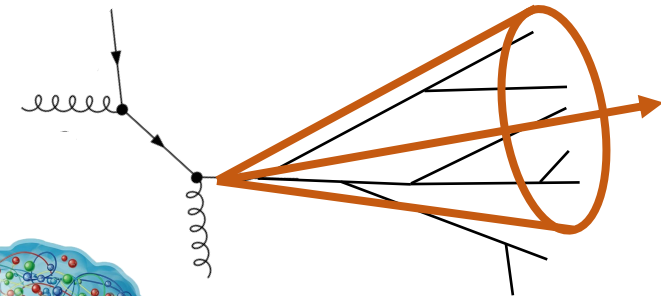


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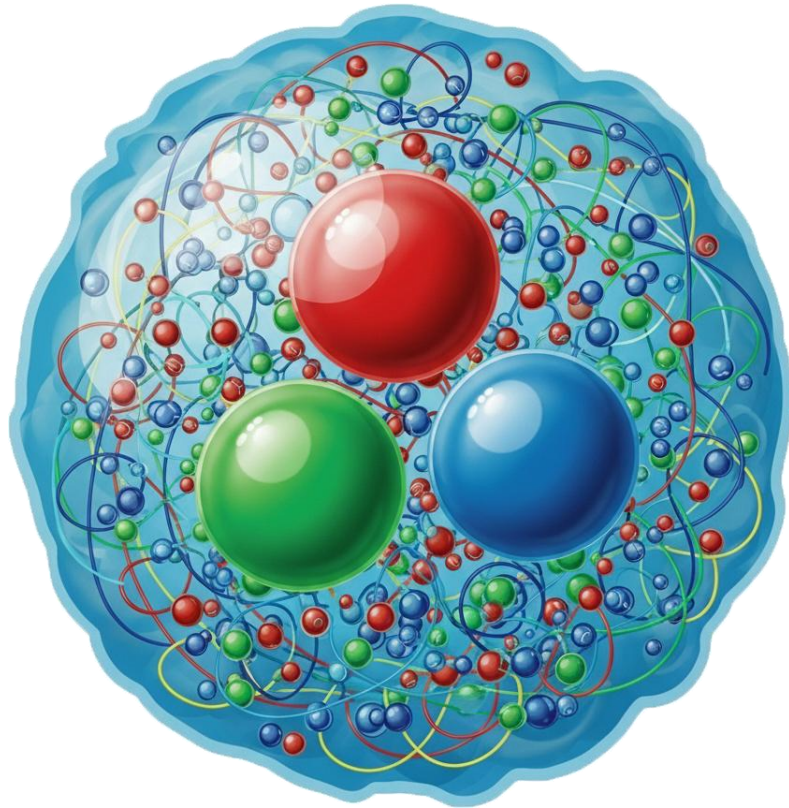


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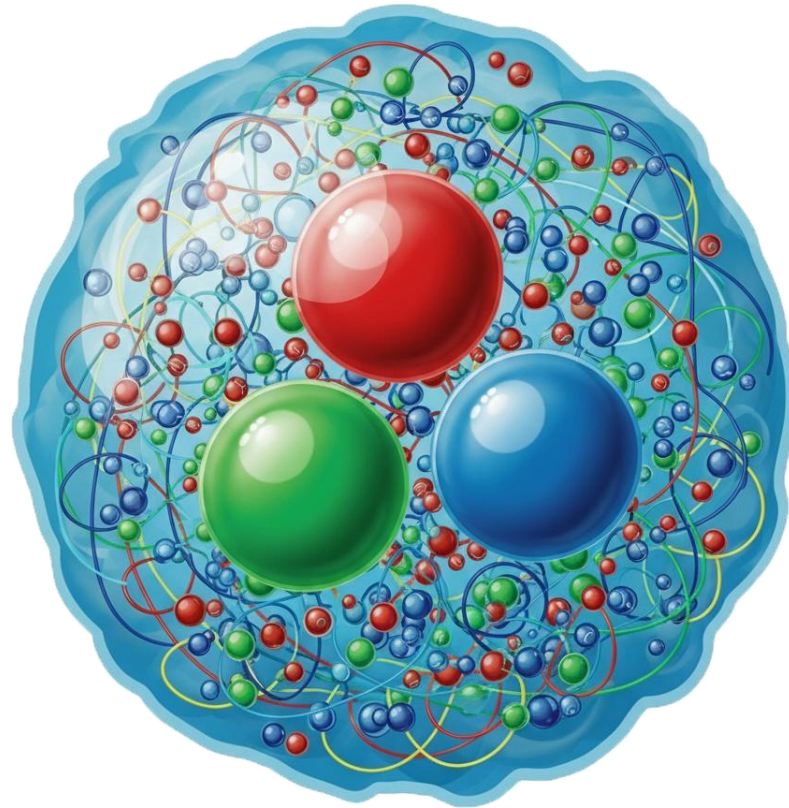


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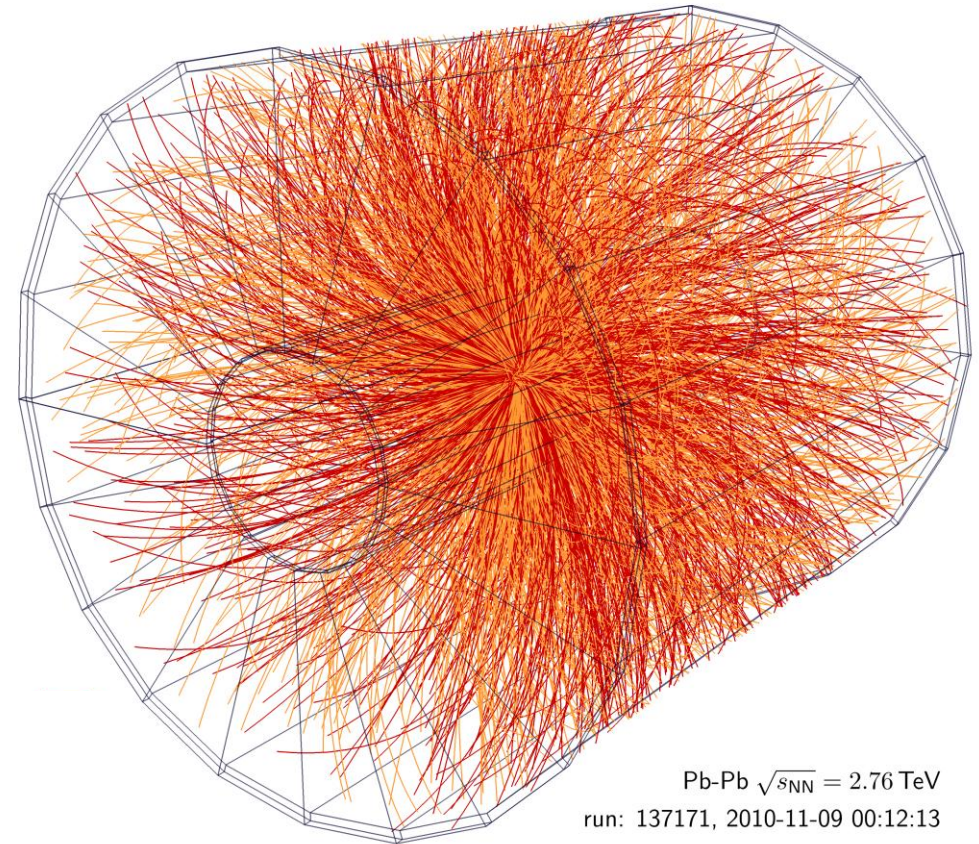
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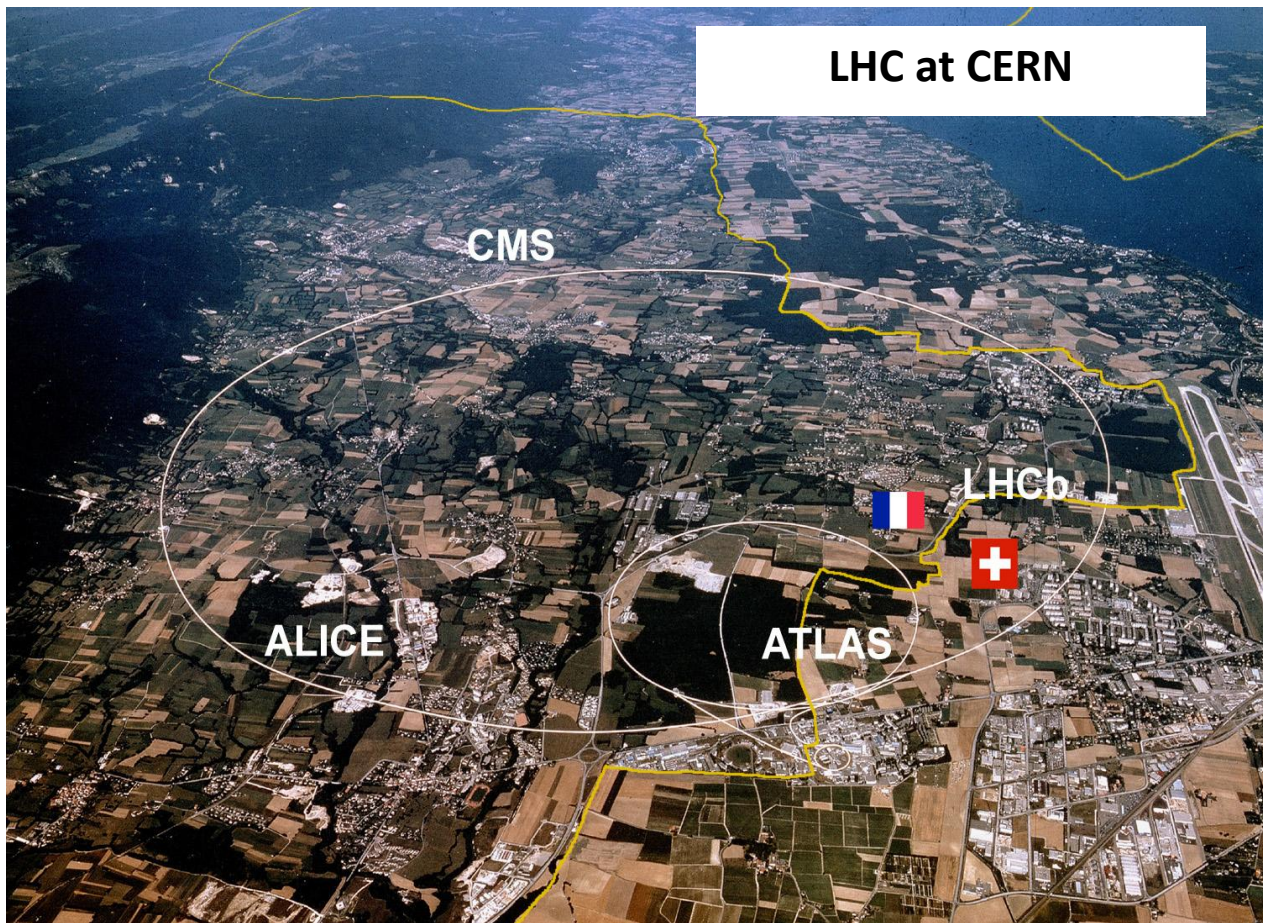
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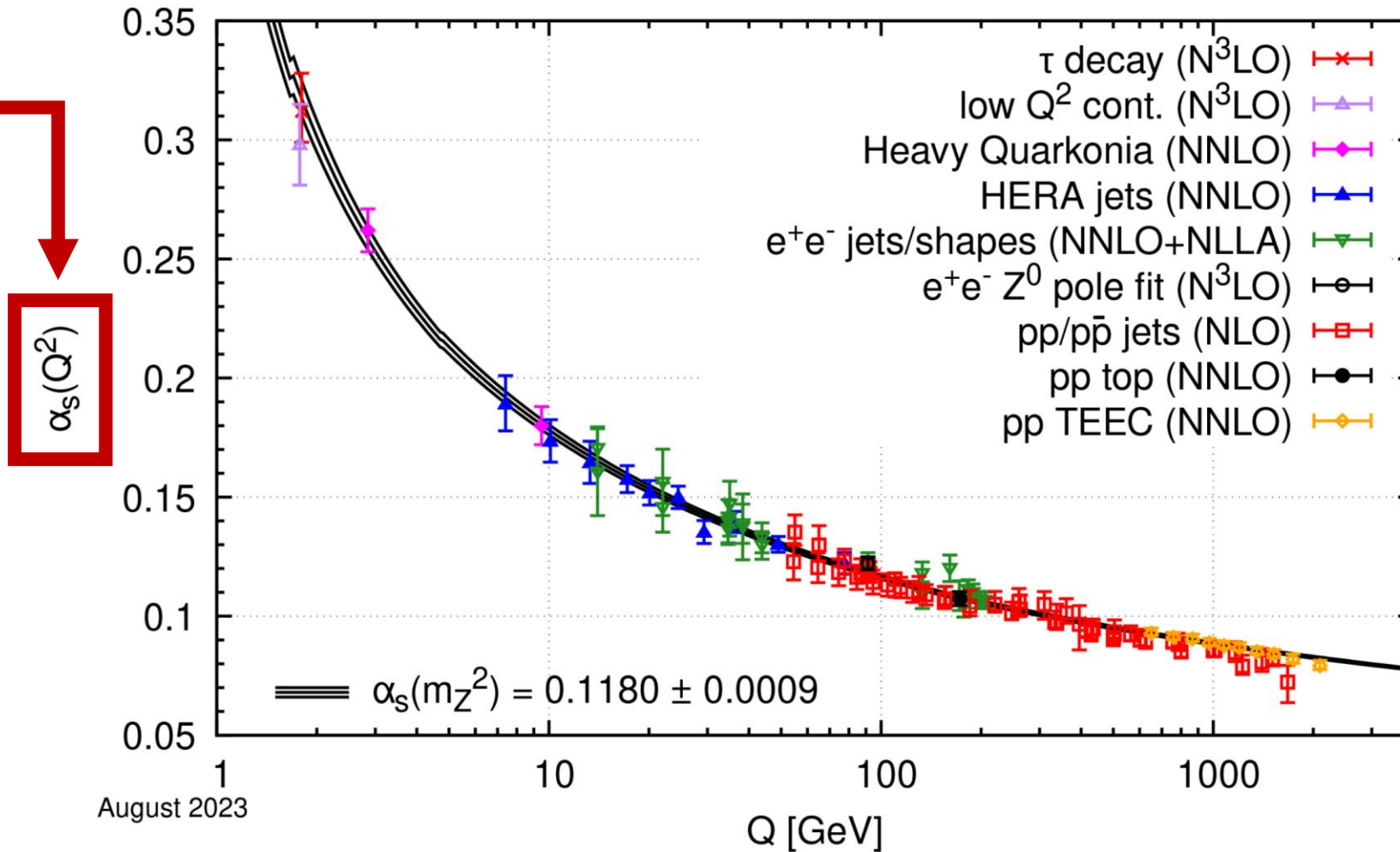


- We study **QCD** using particle colliders like the **Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN**
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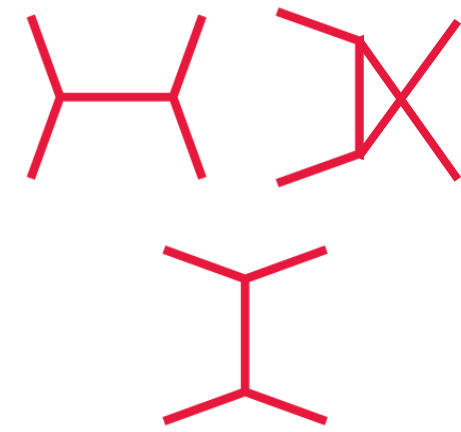
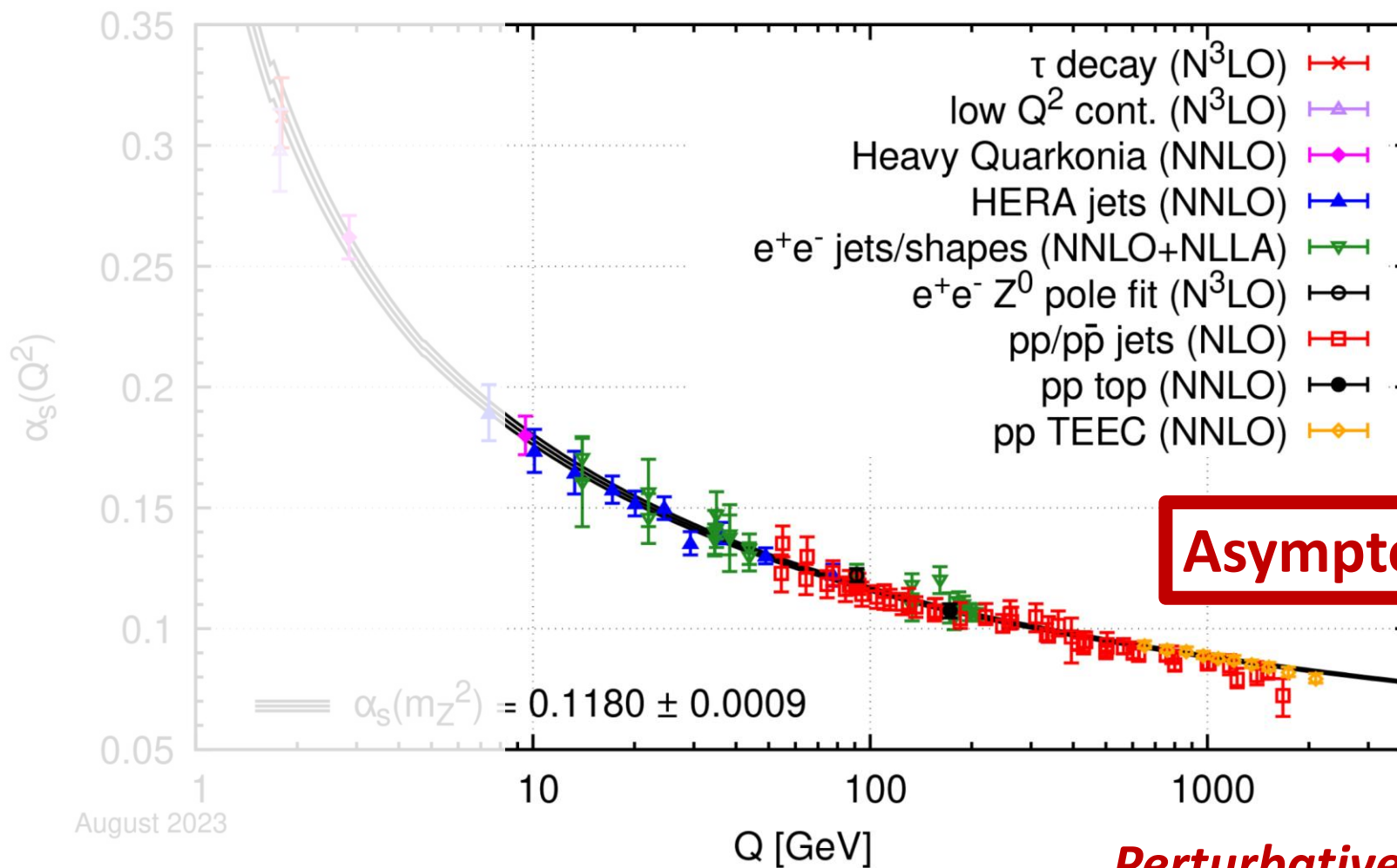
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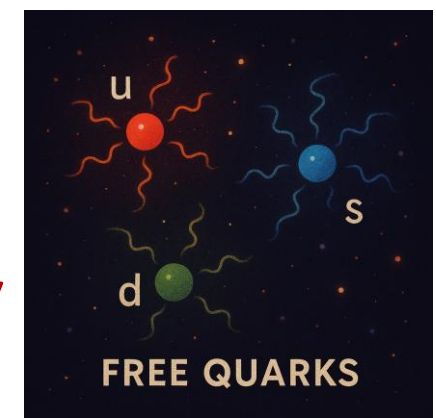


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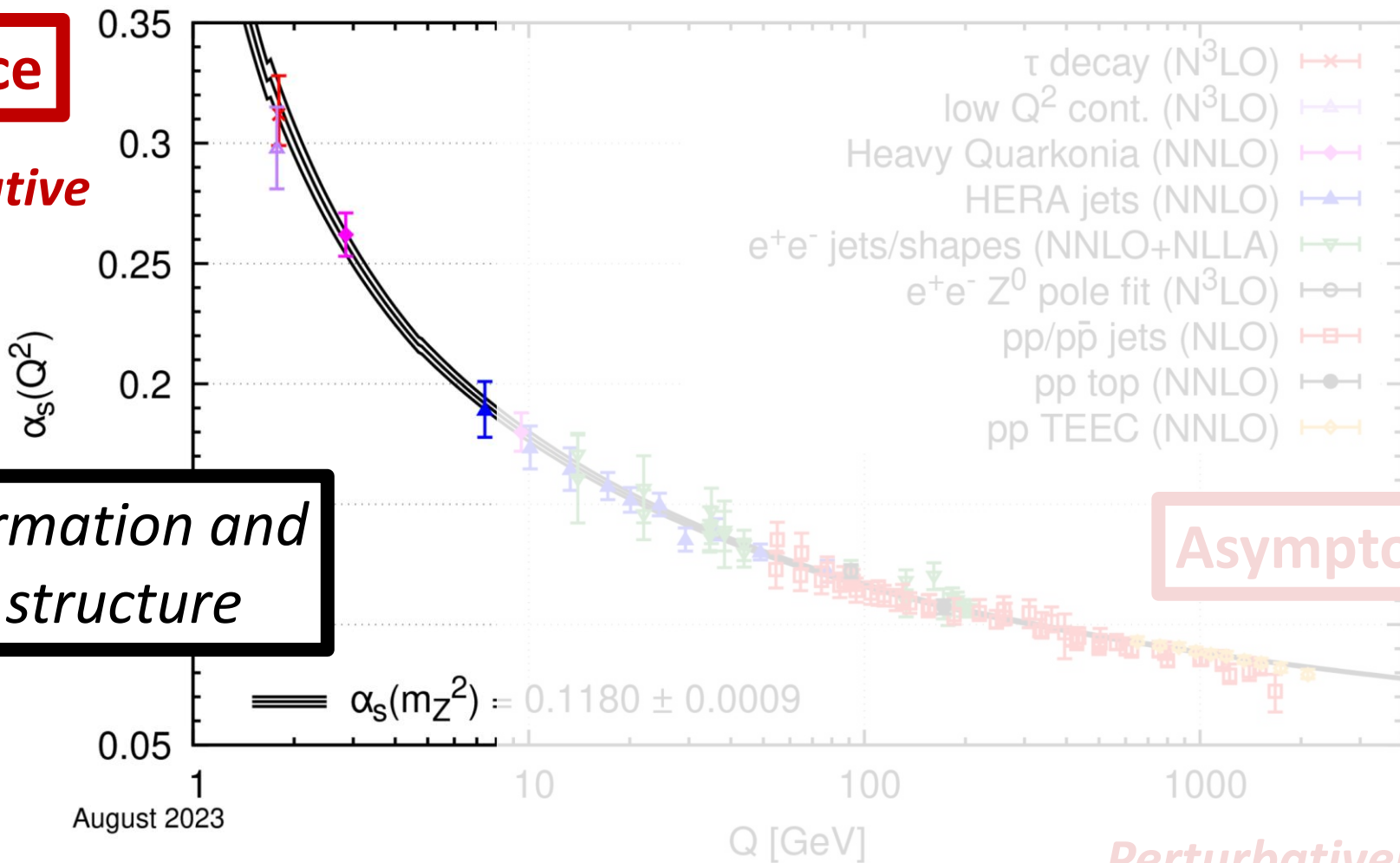
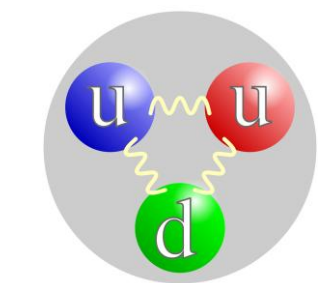
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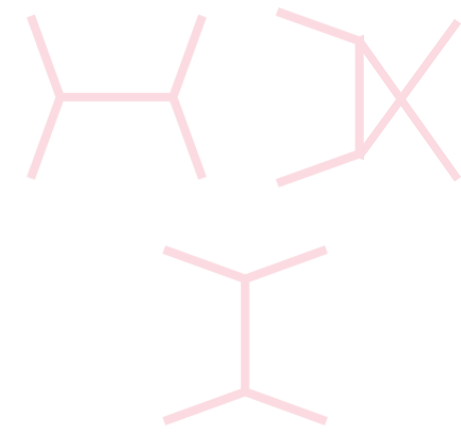
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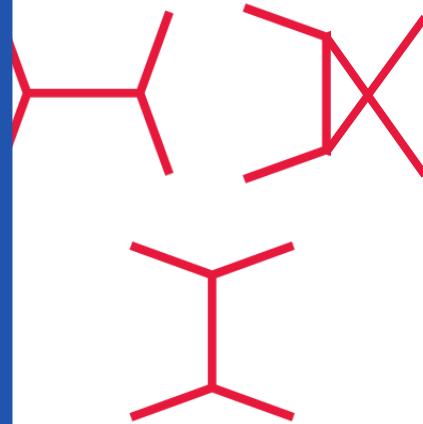
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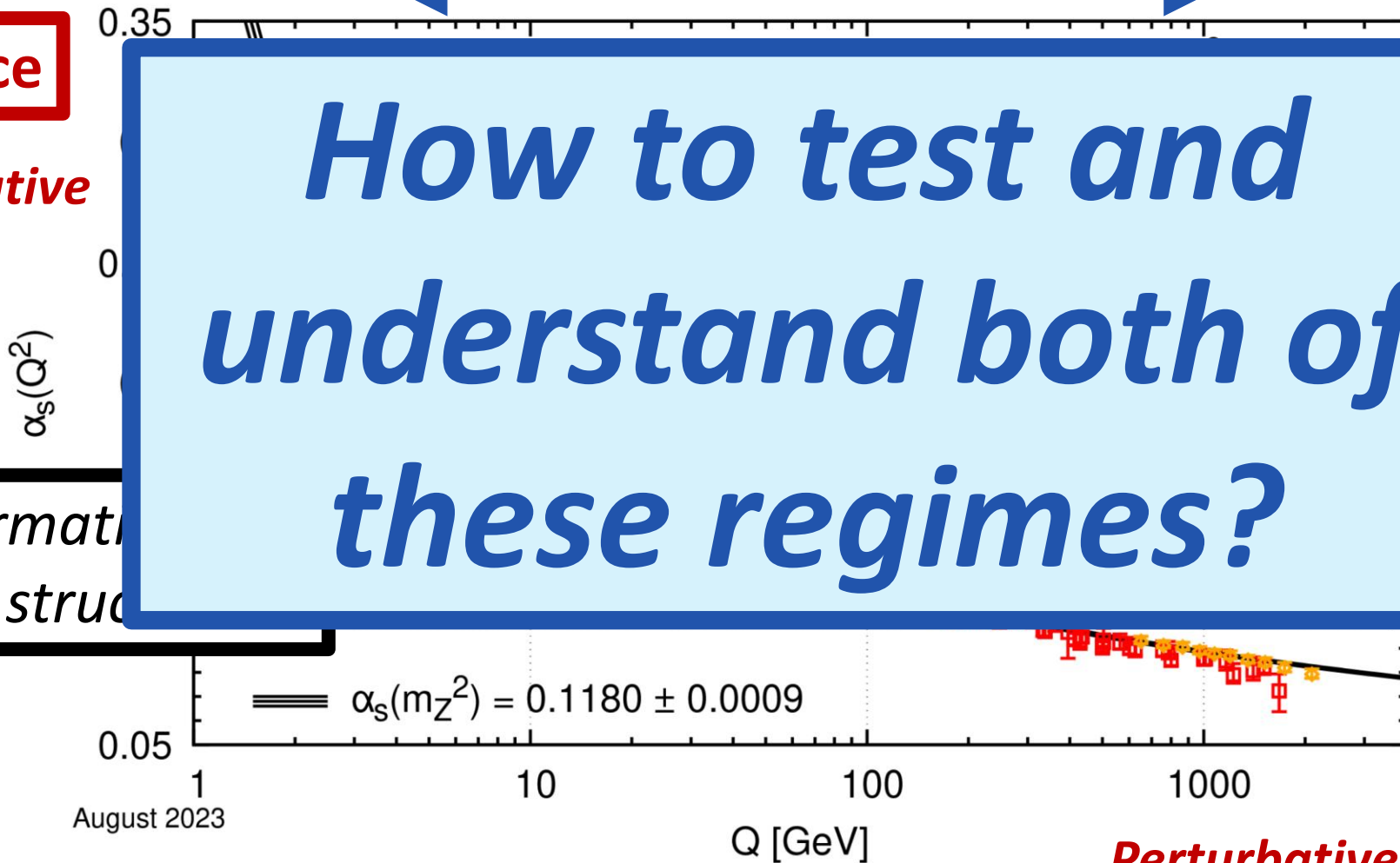
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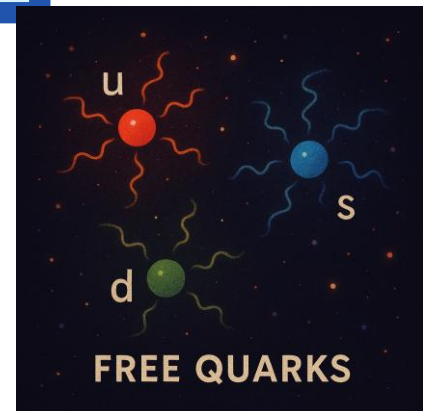
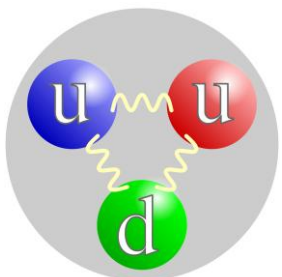


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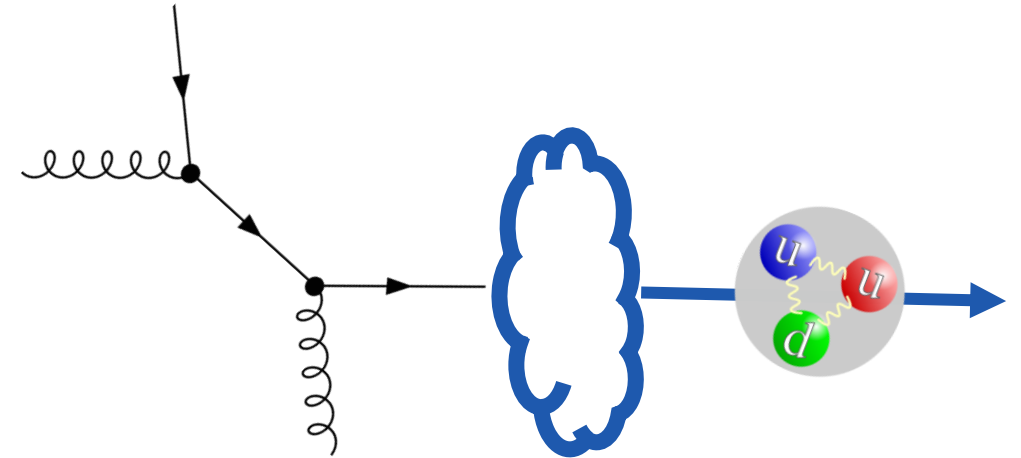
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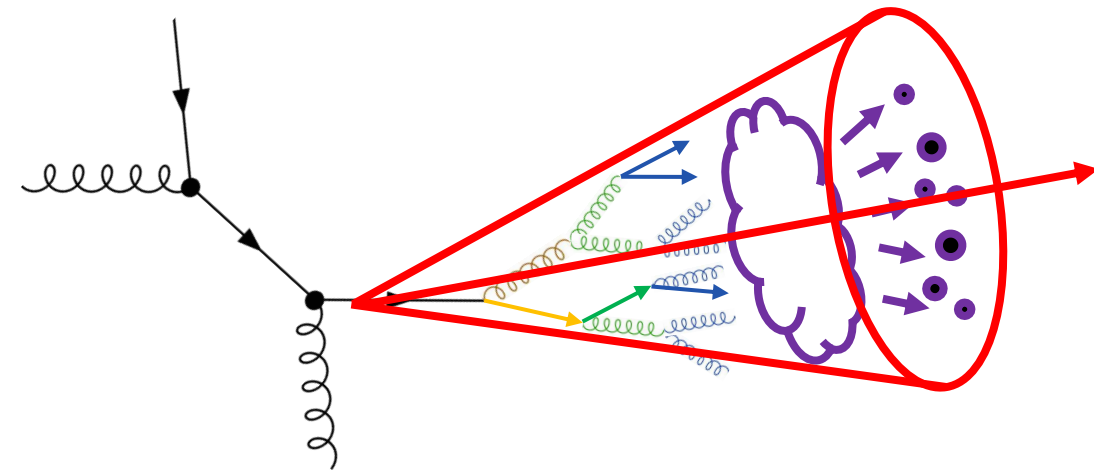
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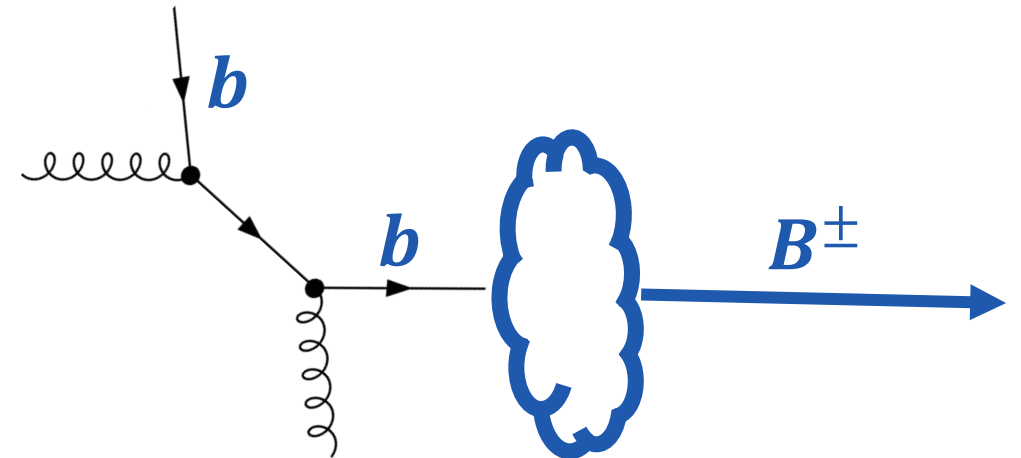




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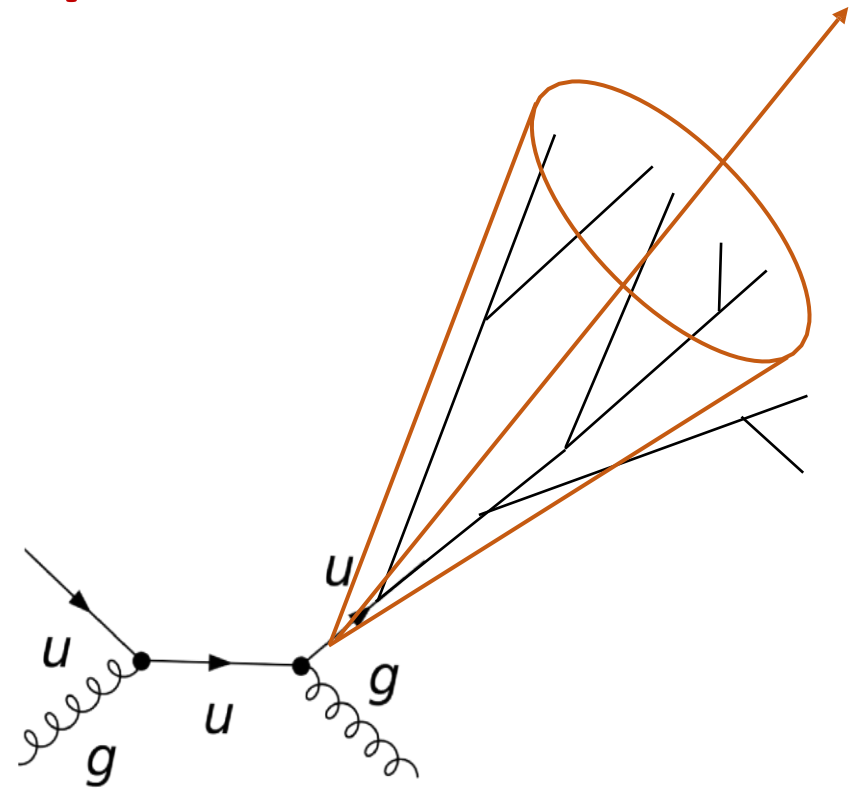
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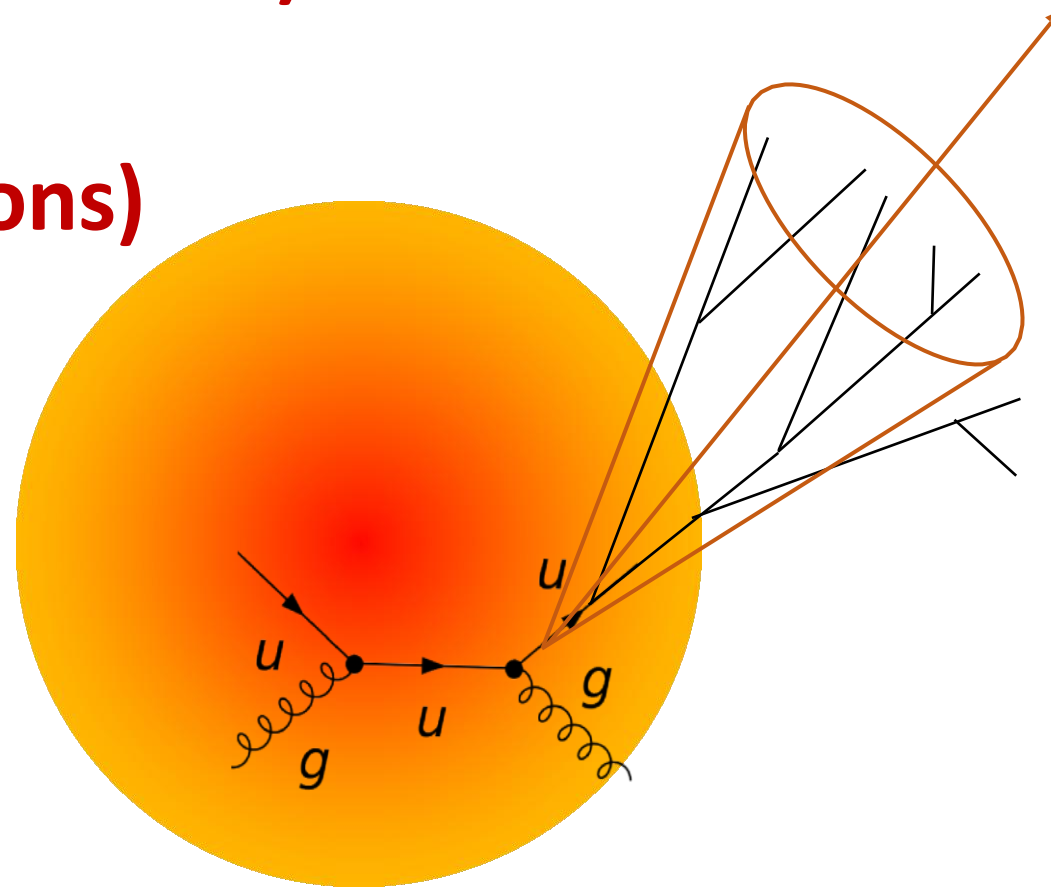
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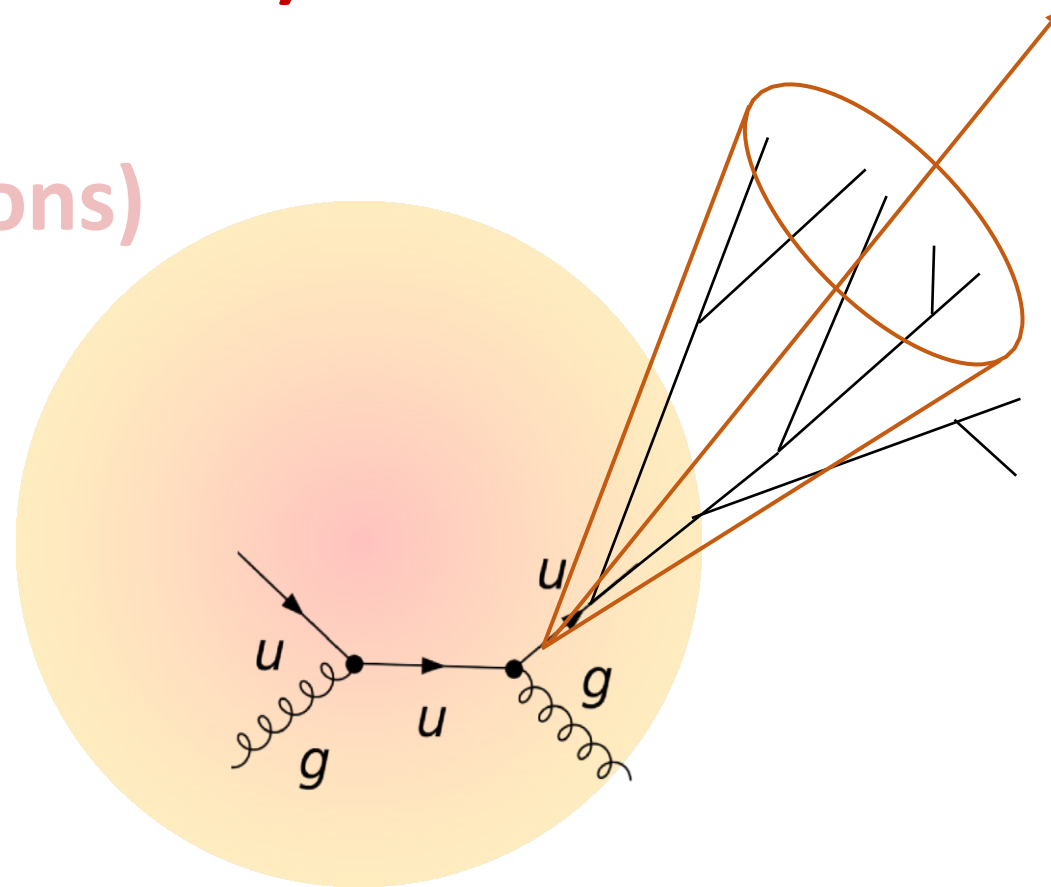




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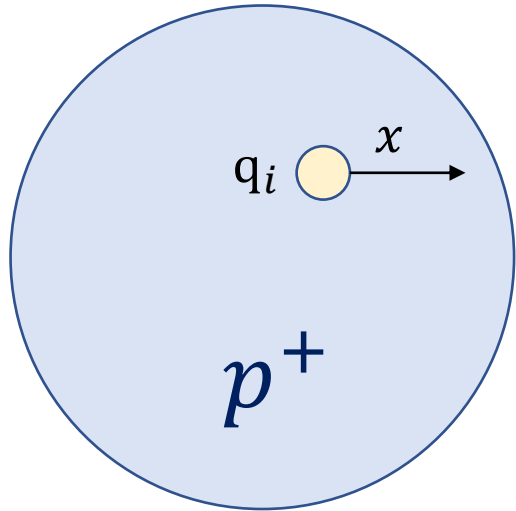
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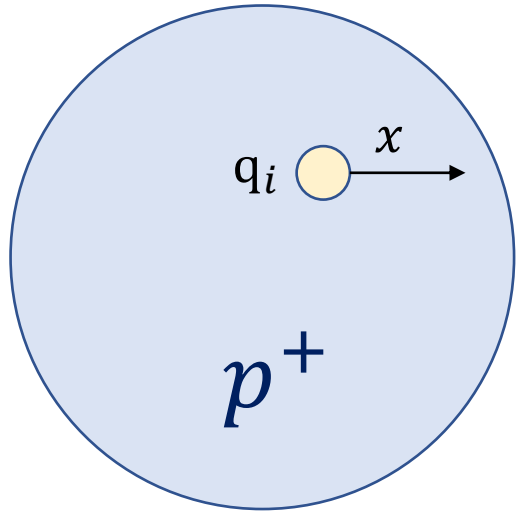
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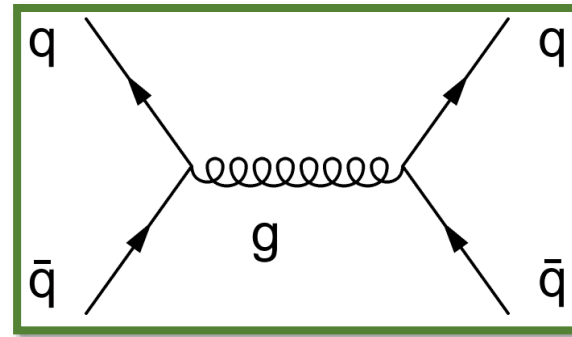


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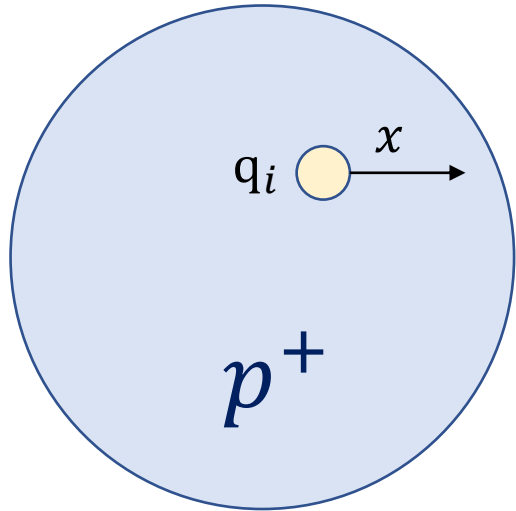
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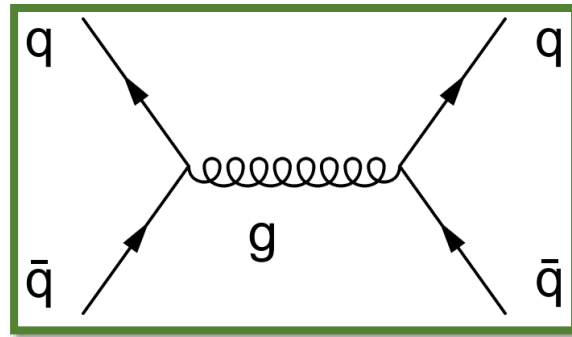


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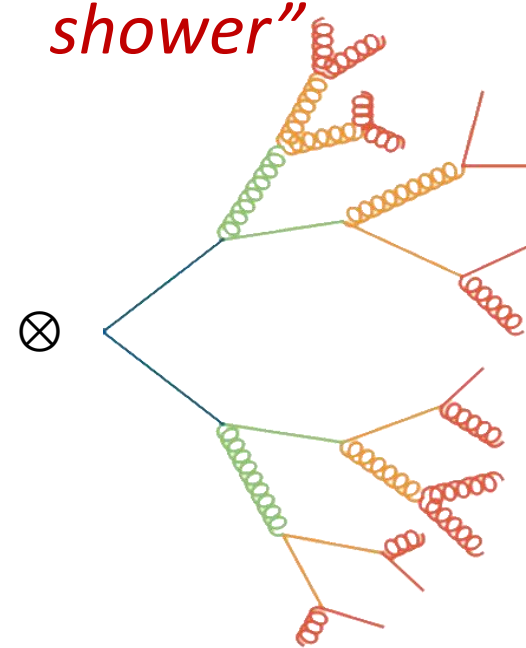
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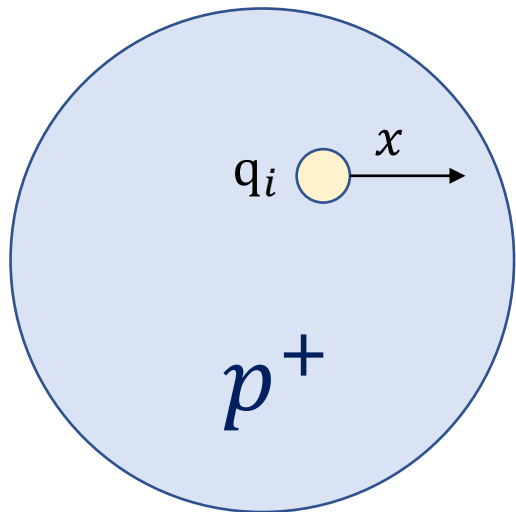
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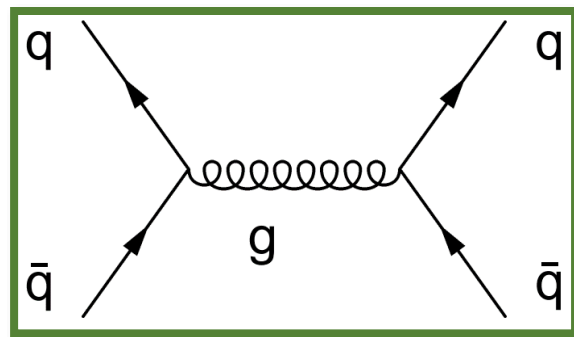
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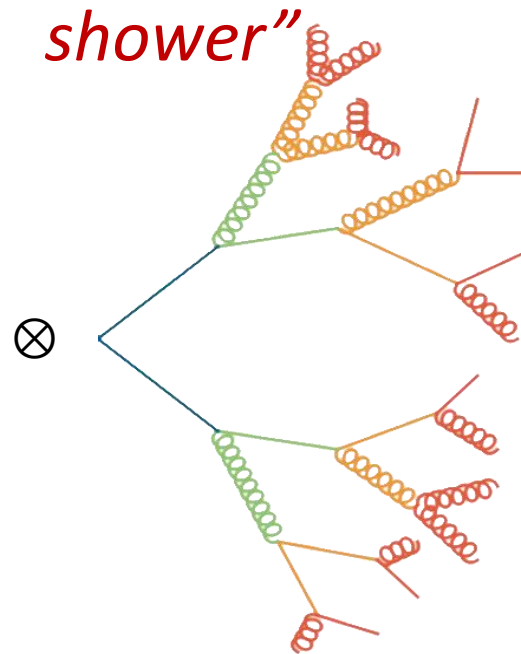
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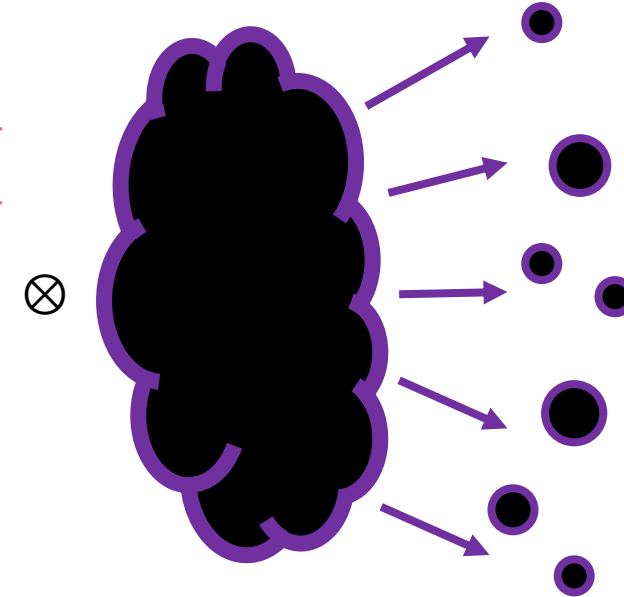
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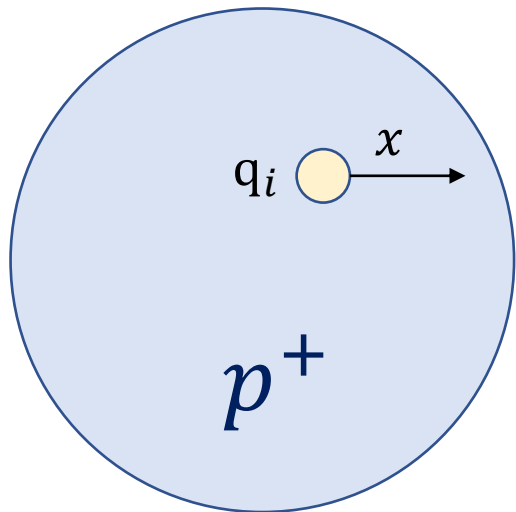
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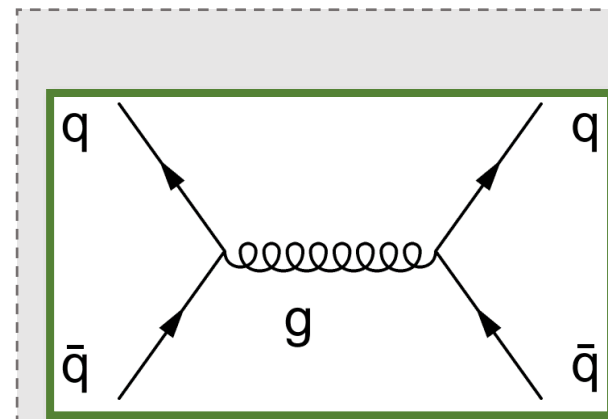
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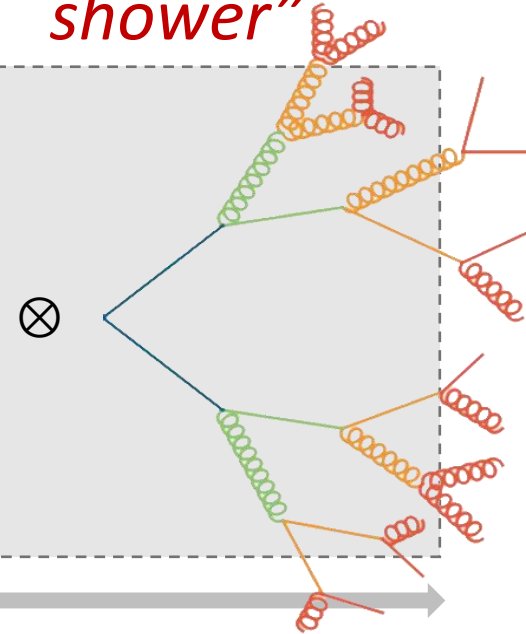
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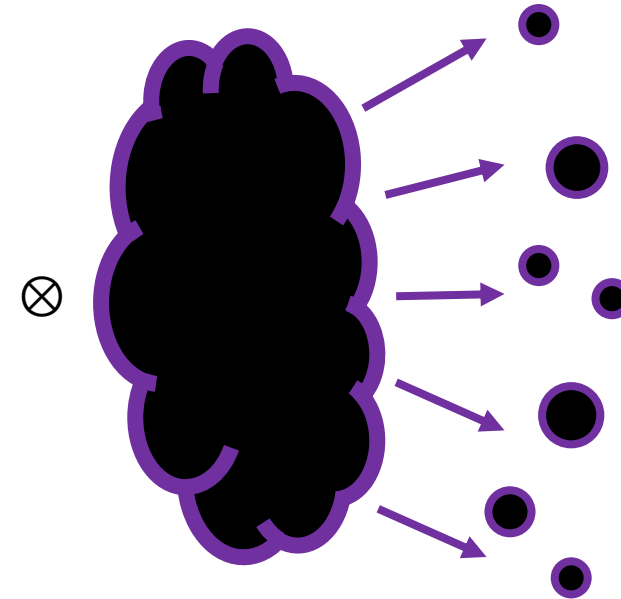
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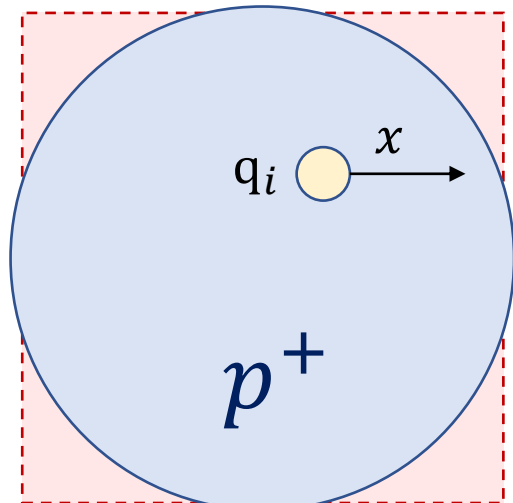


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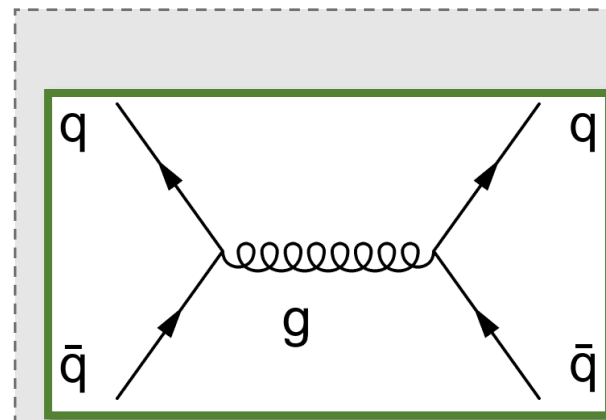


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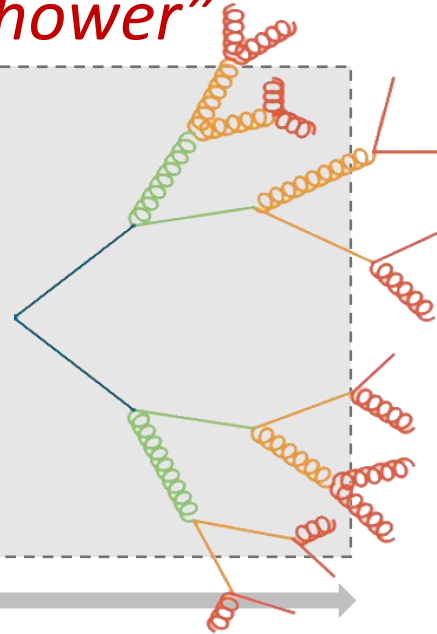
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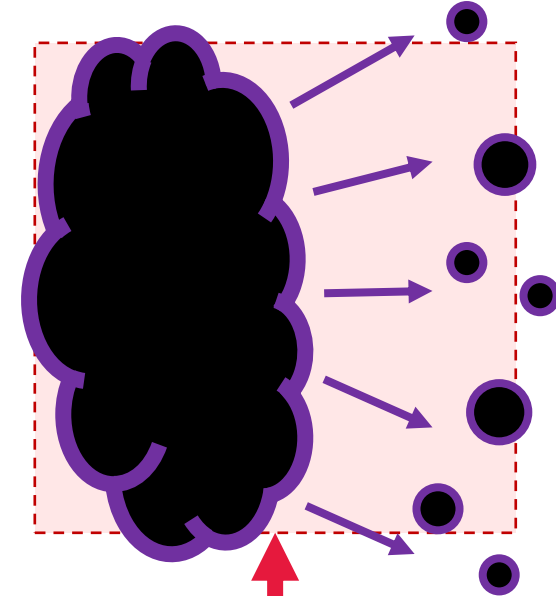
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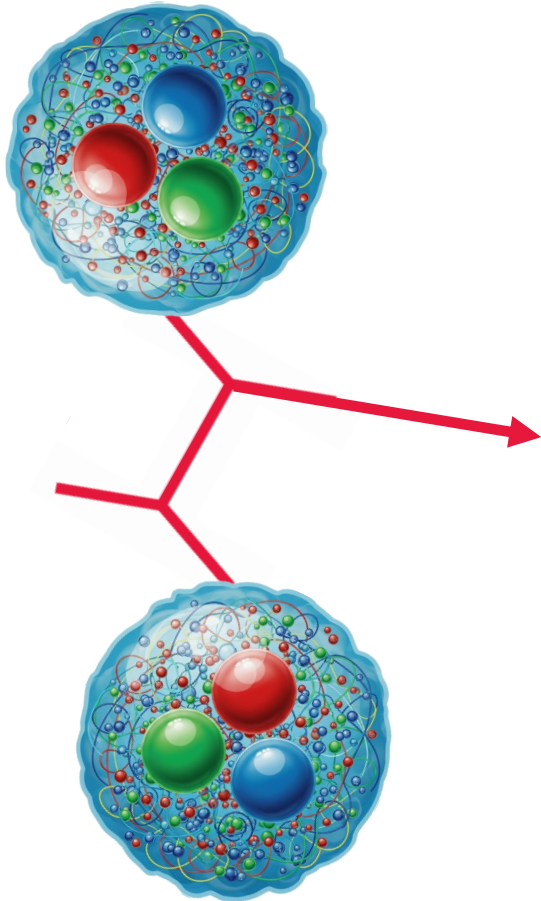
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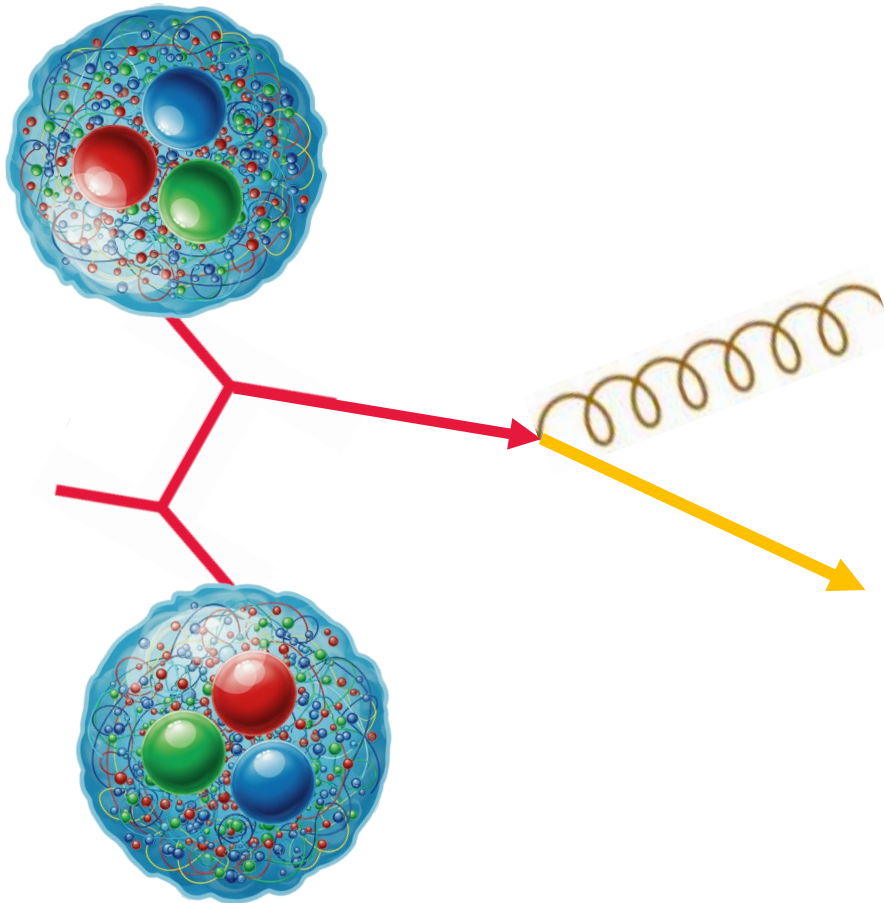
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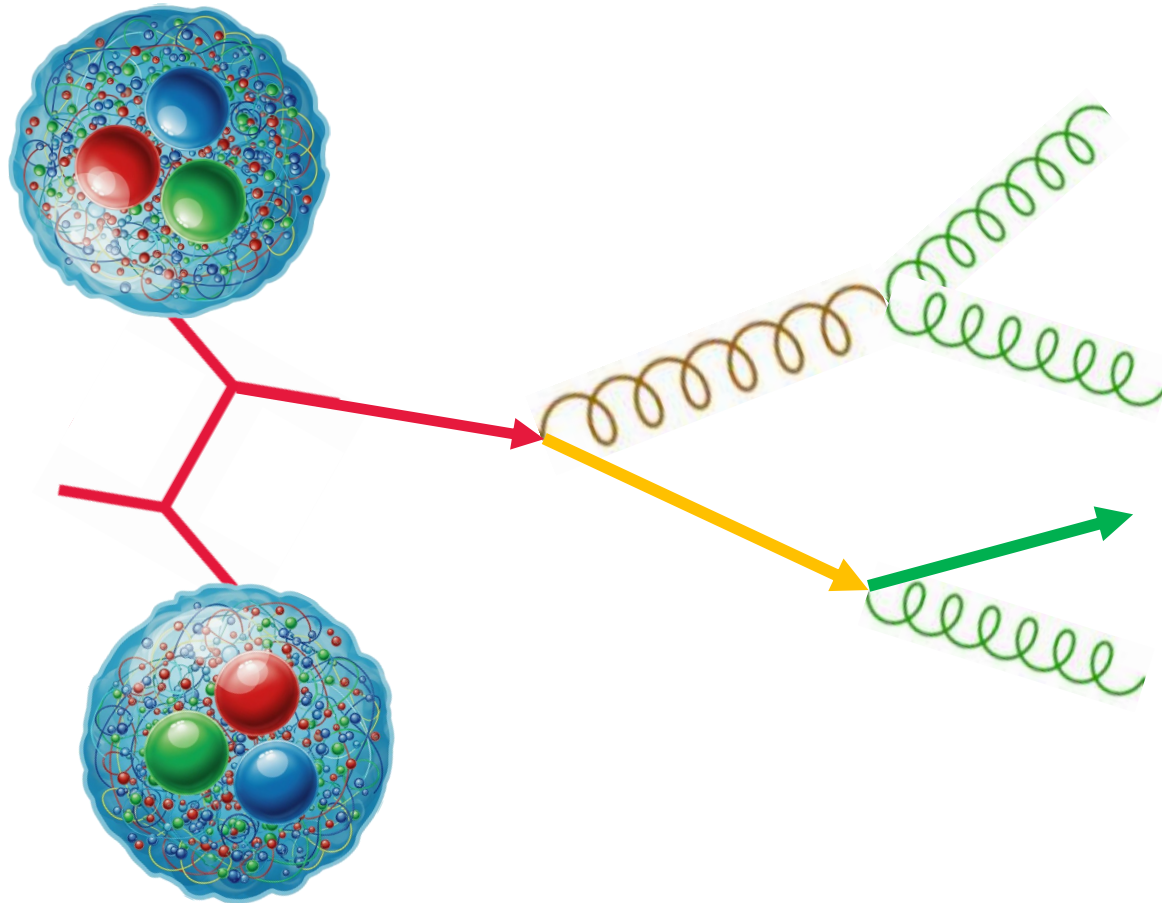
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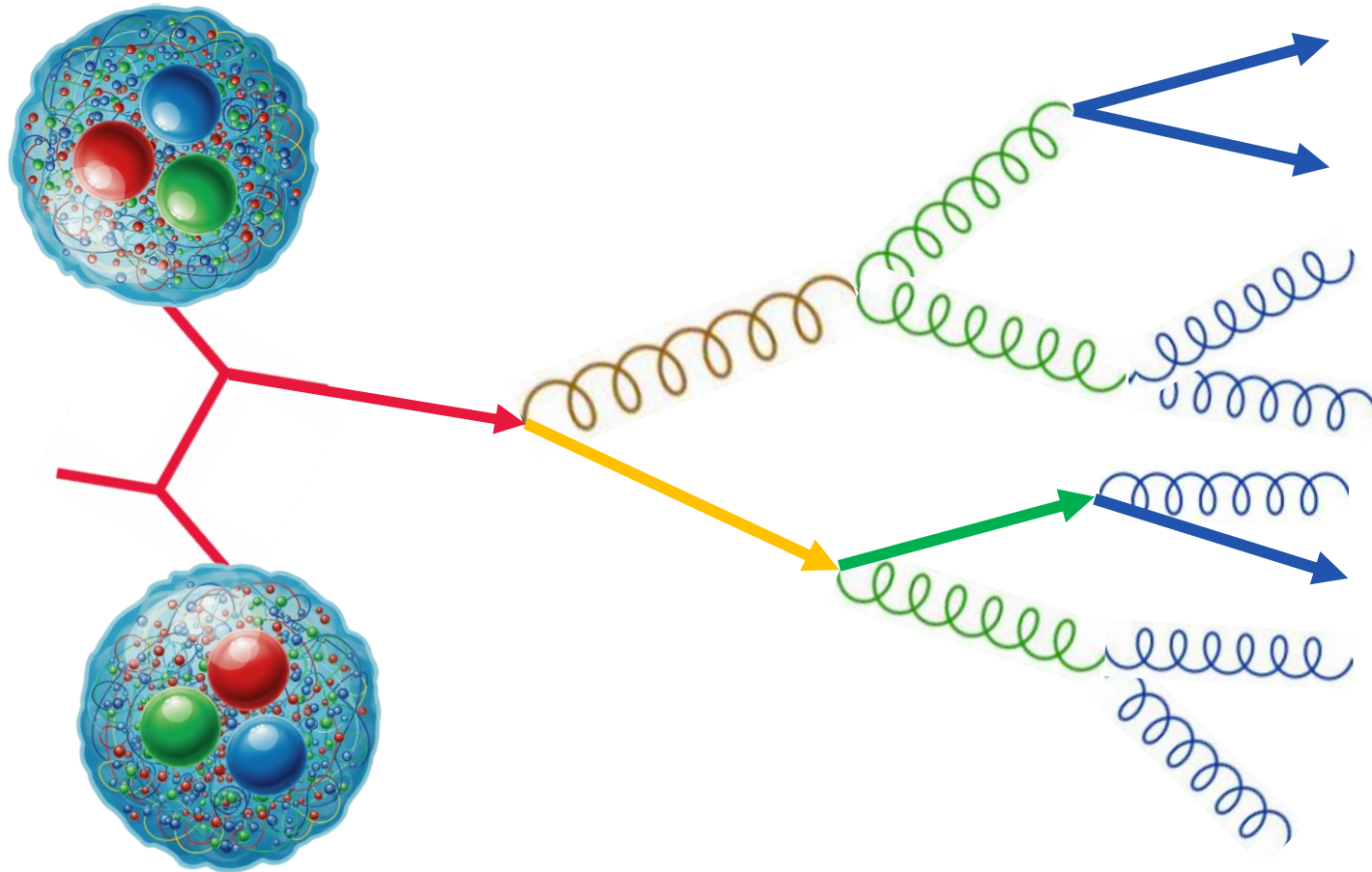
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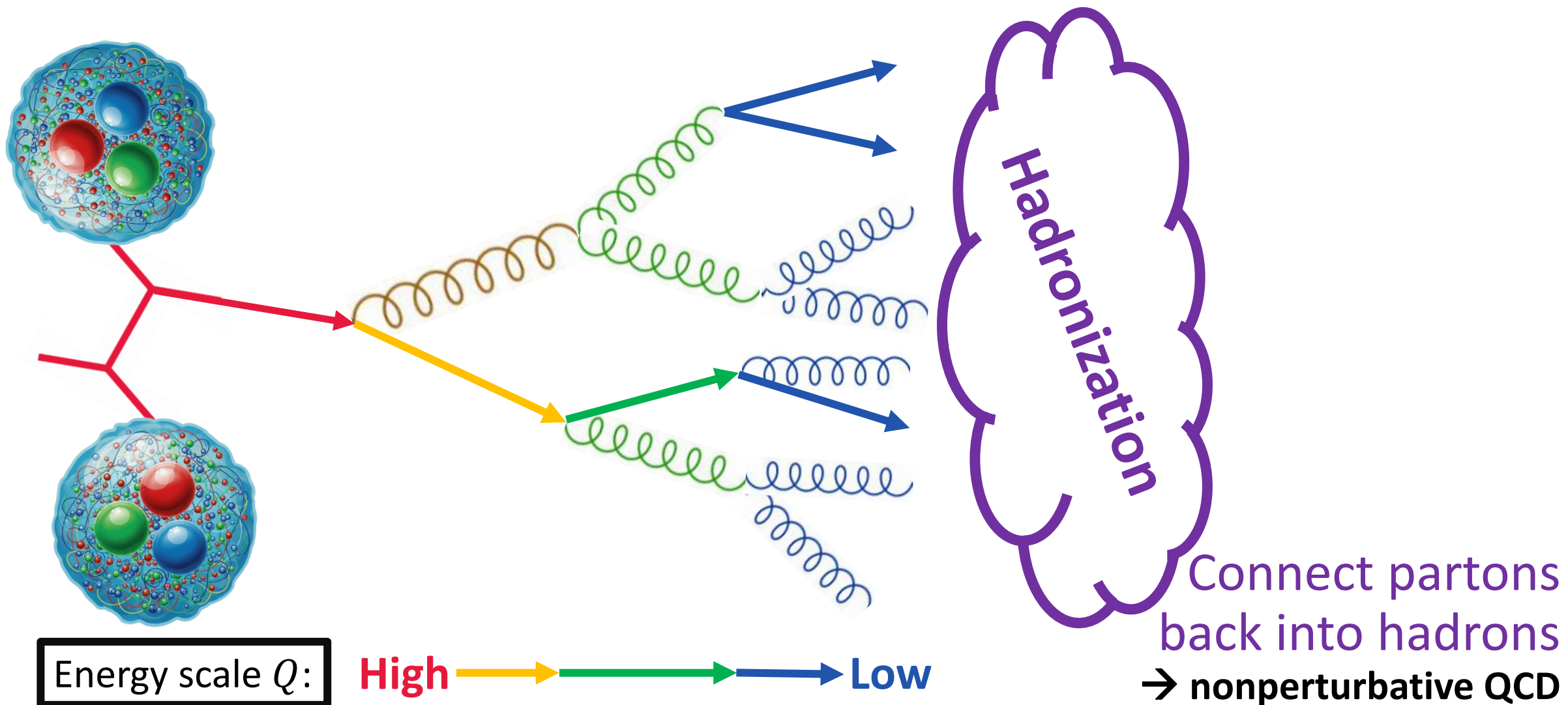


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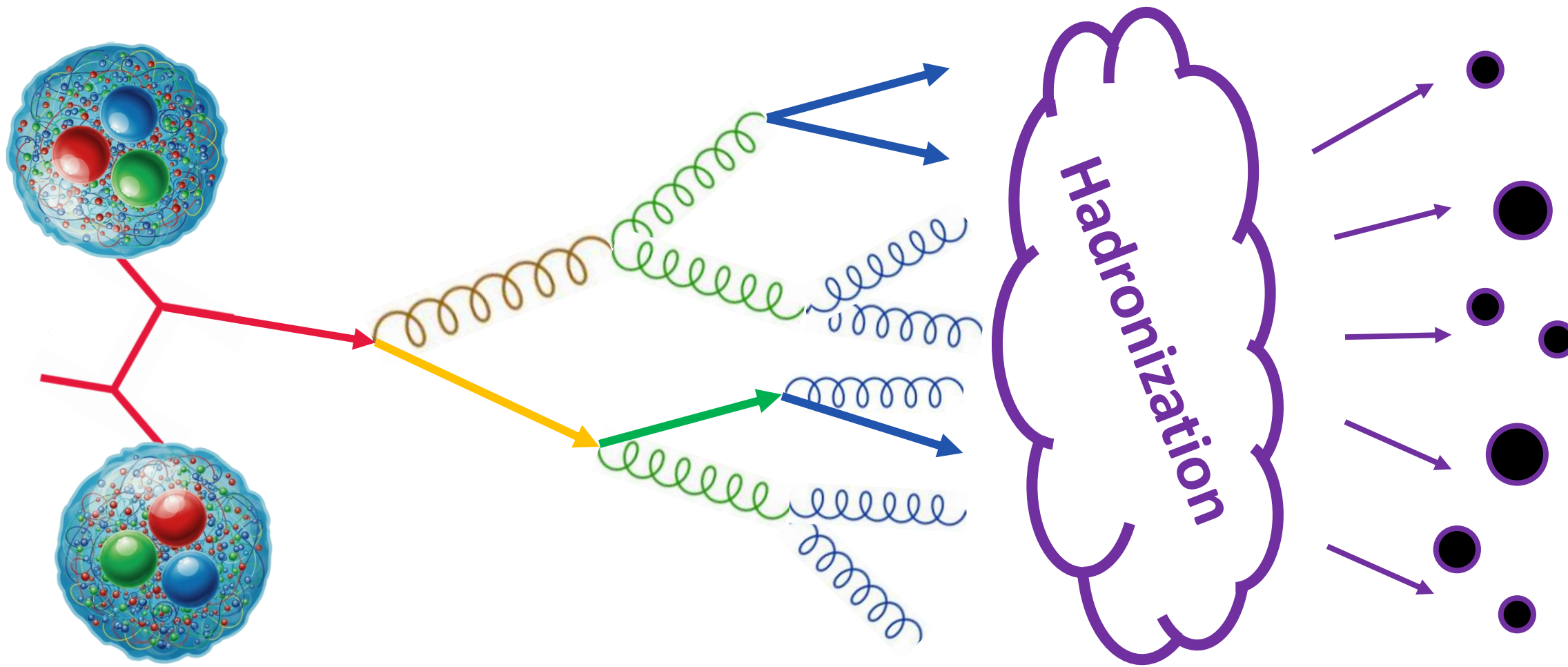
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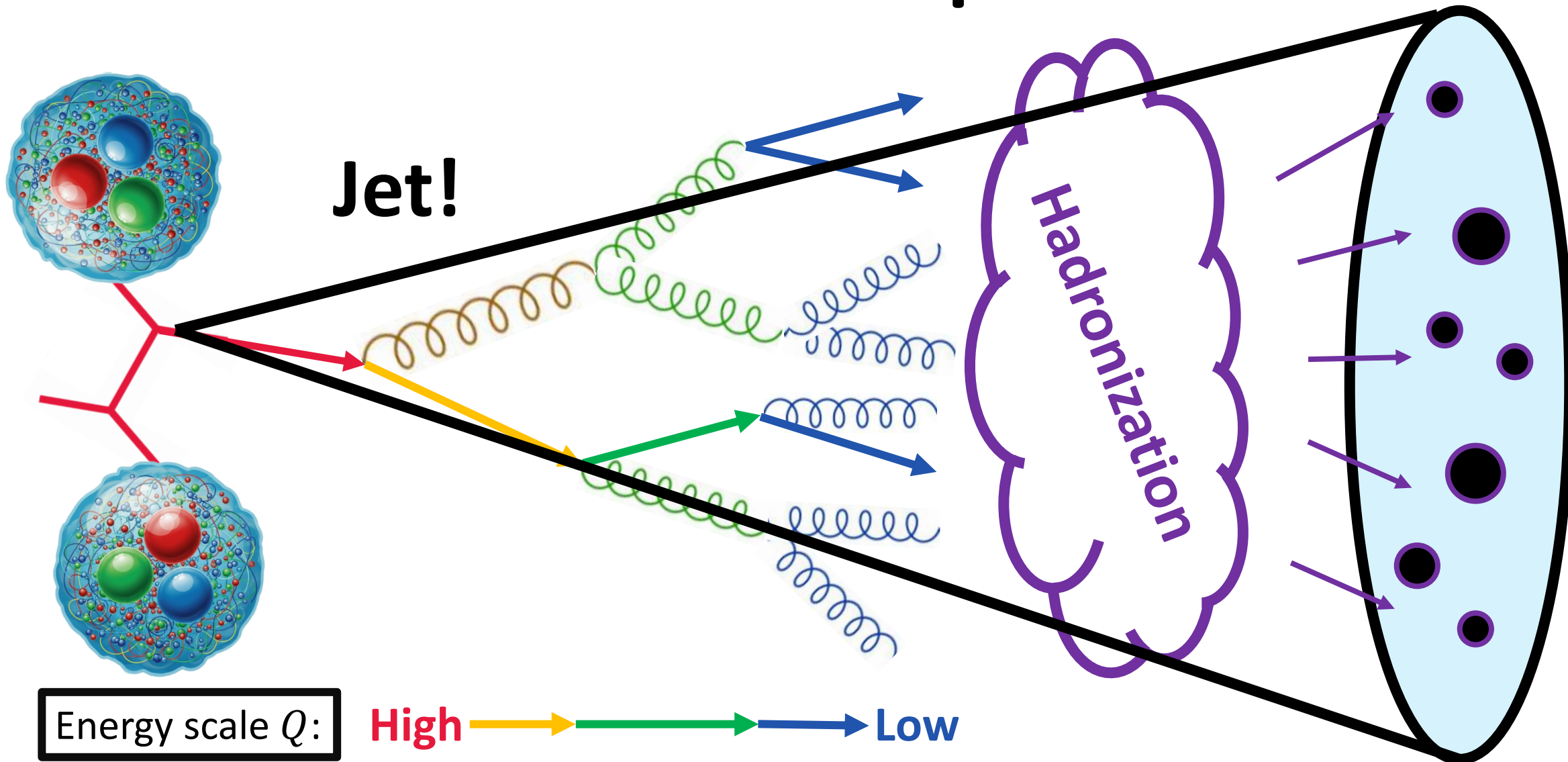


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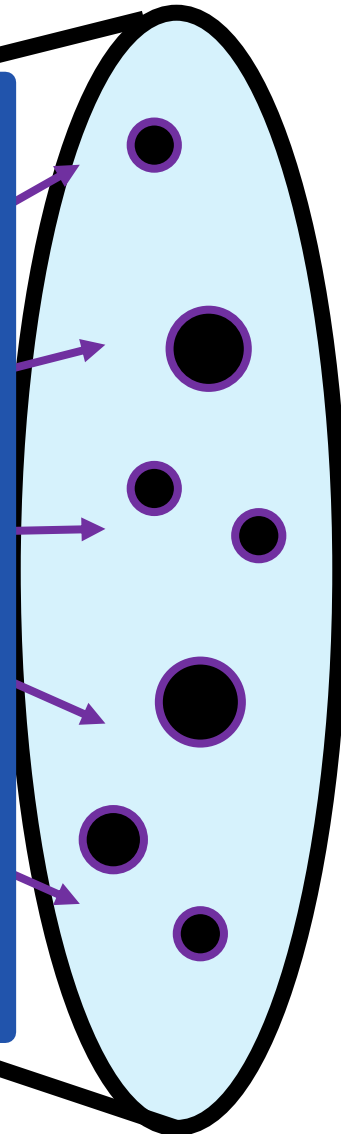
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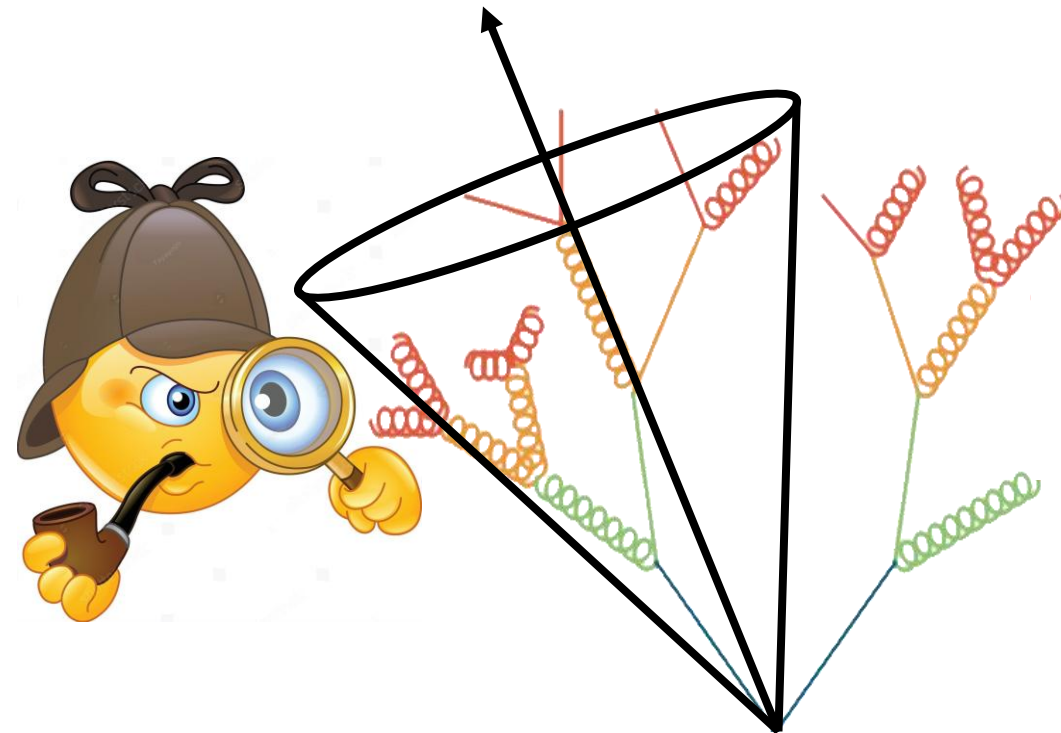


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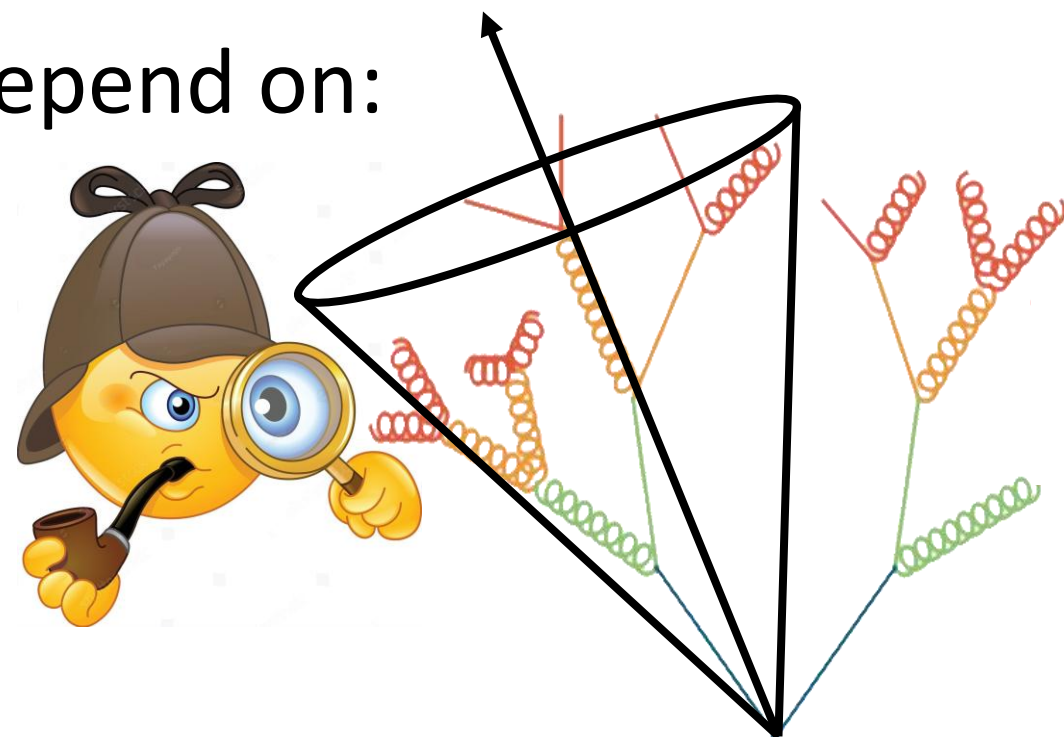
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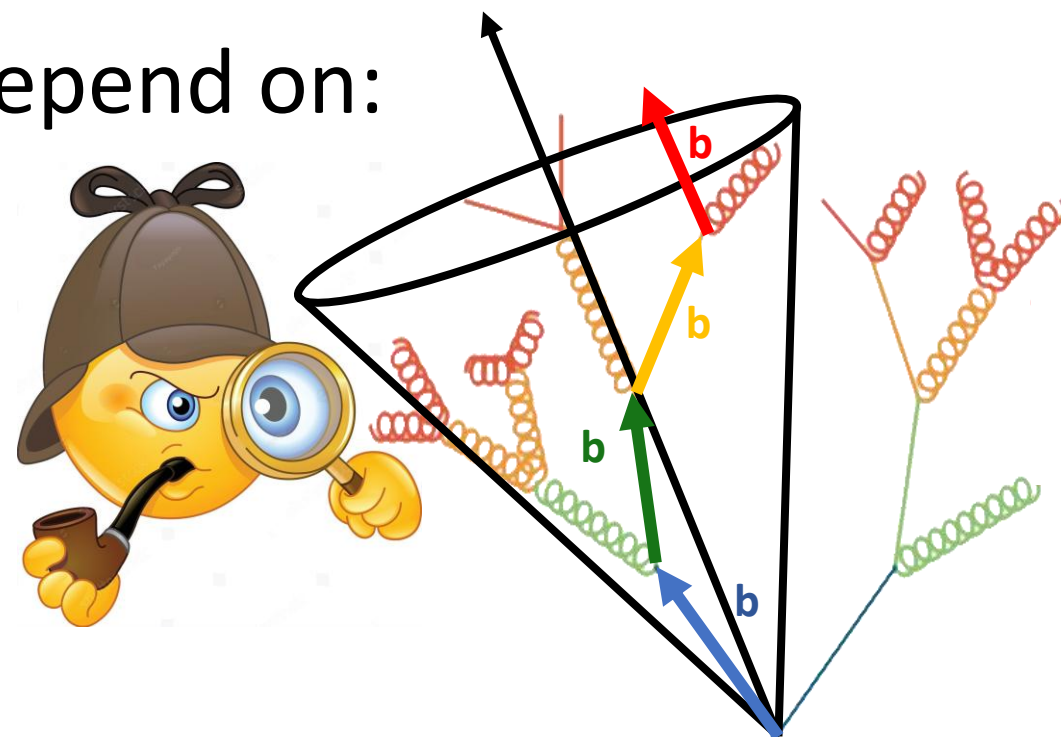
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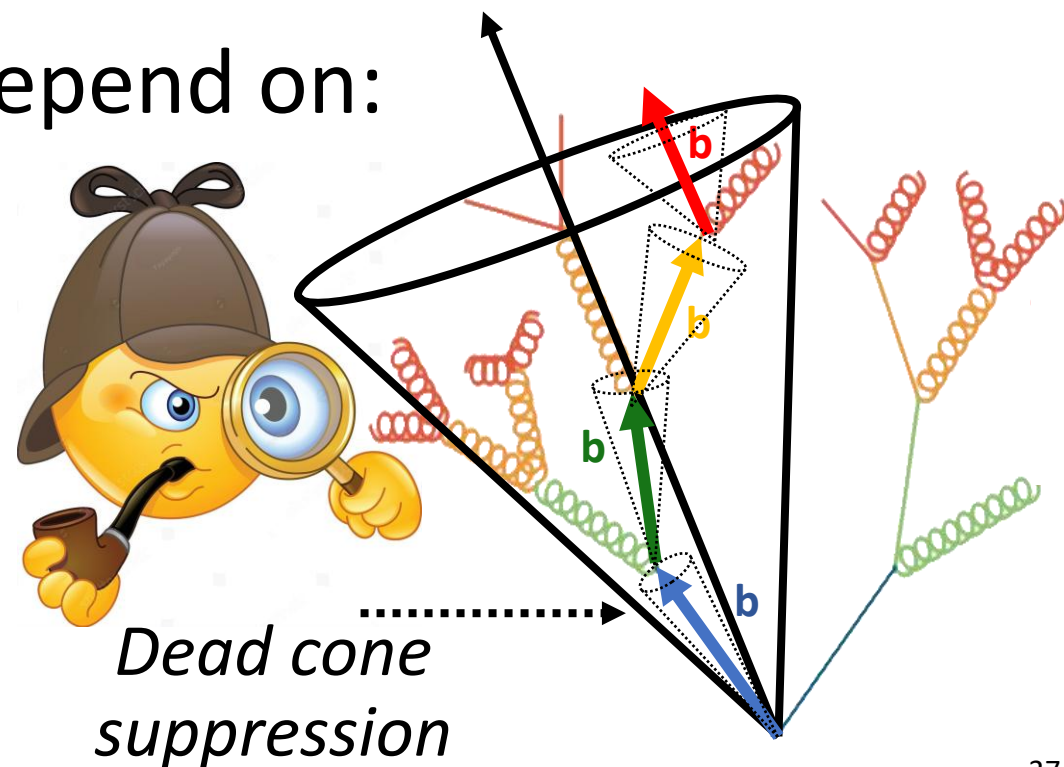
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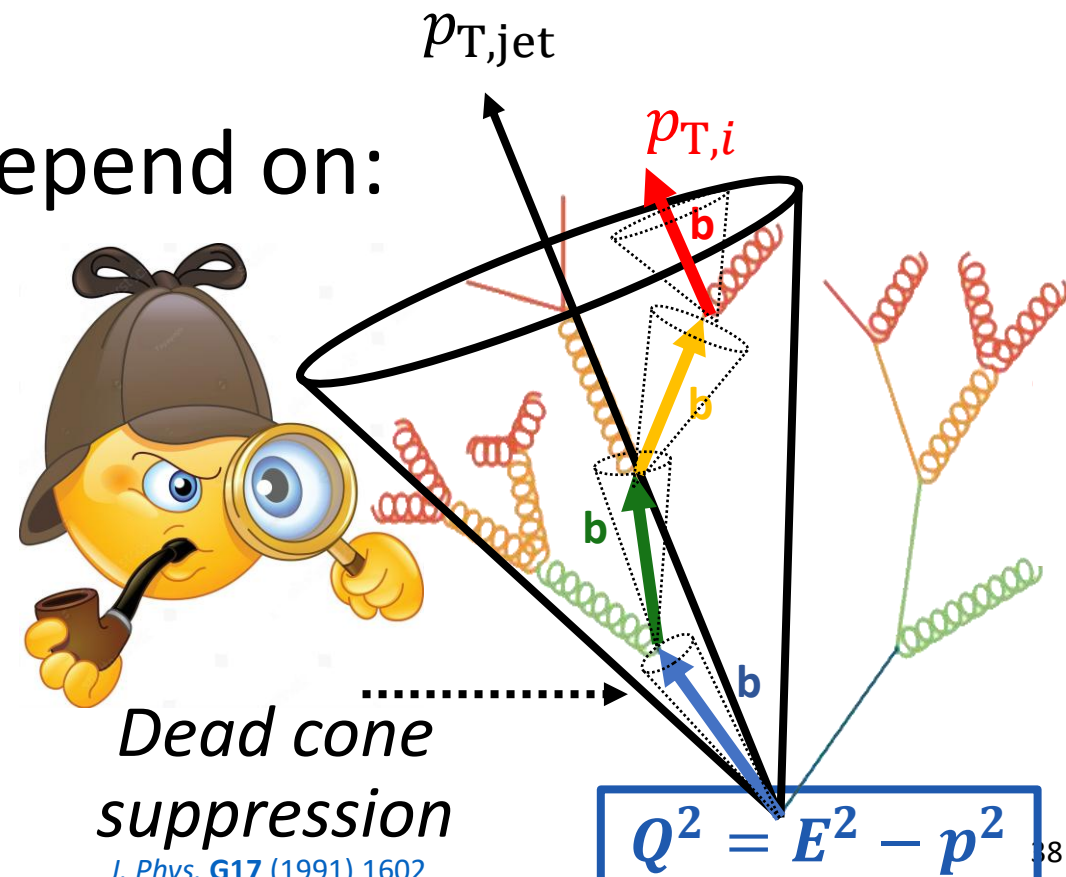
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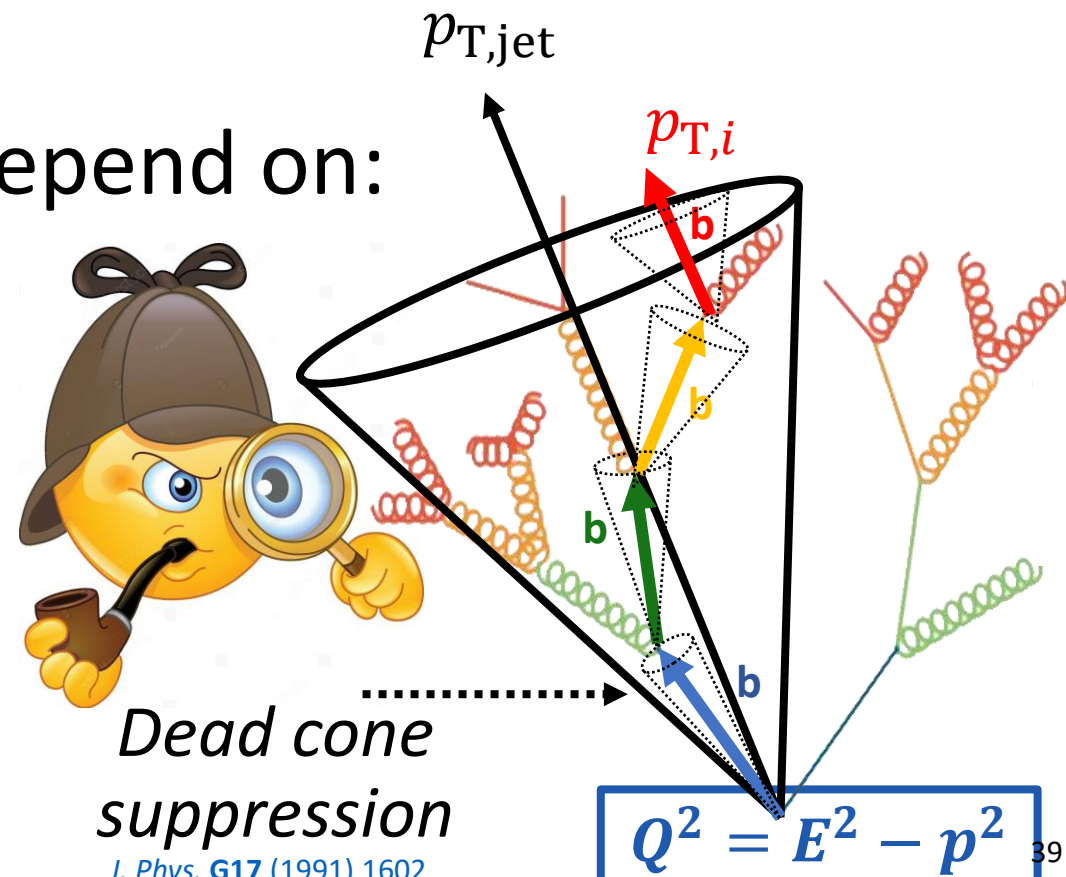




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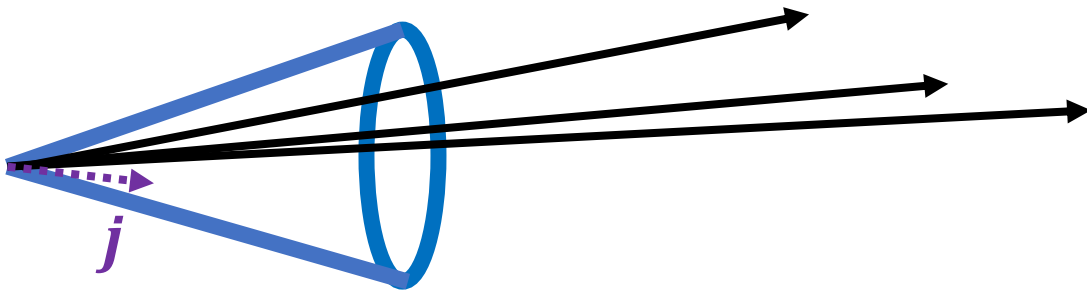


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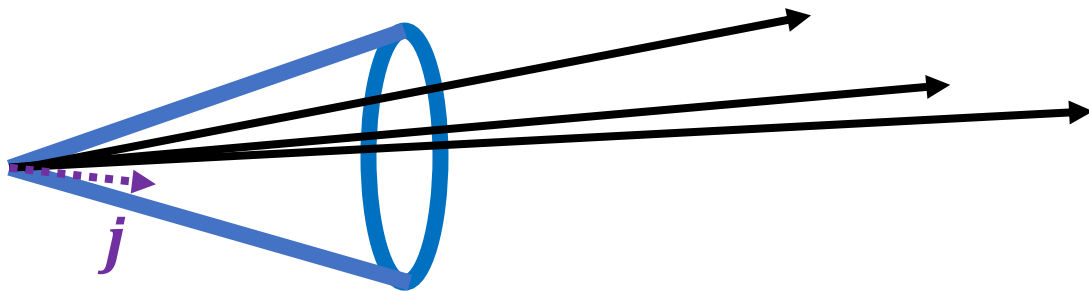


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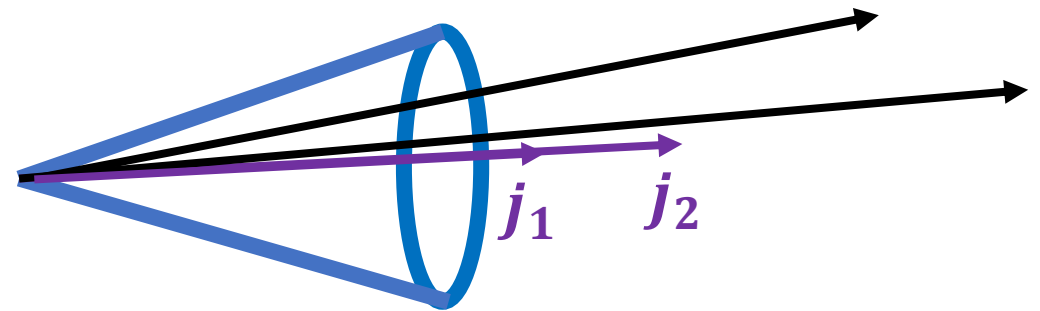
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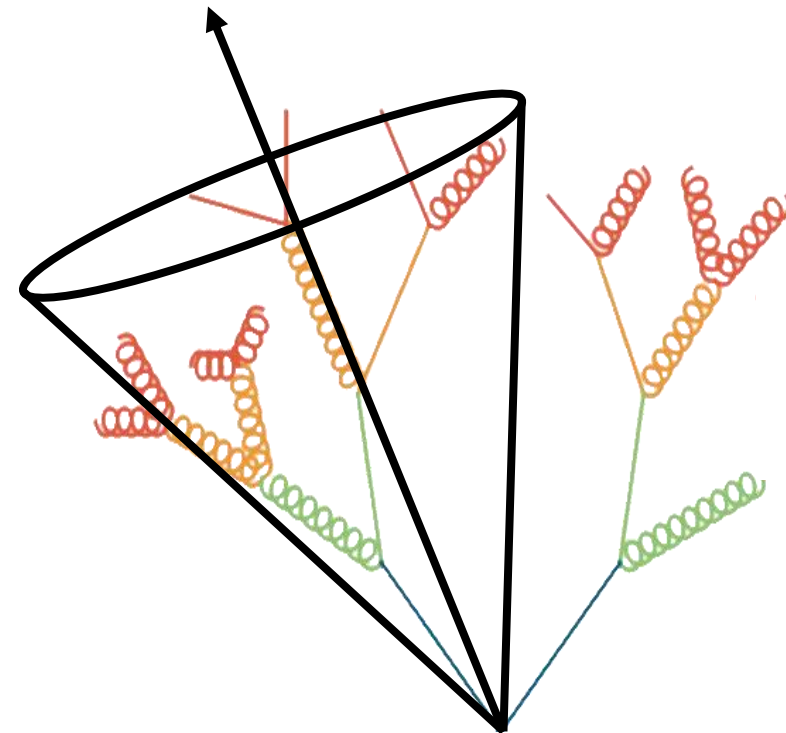
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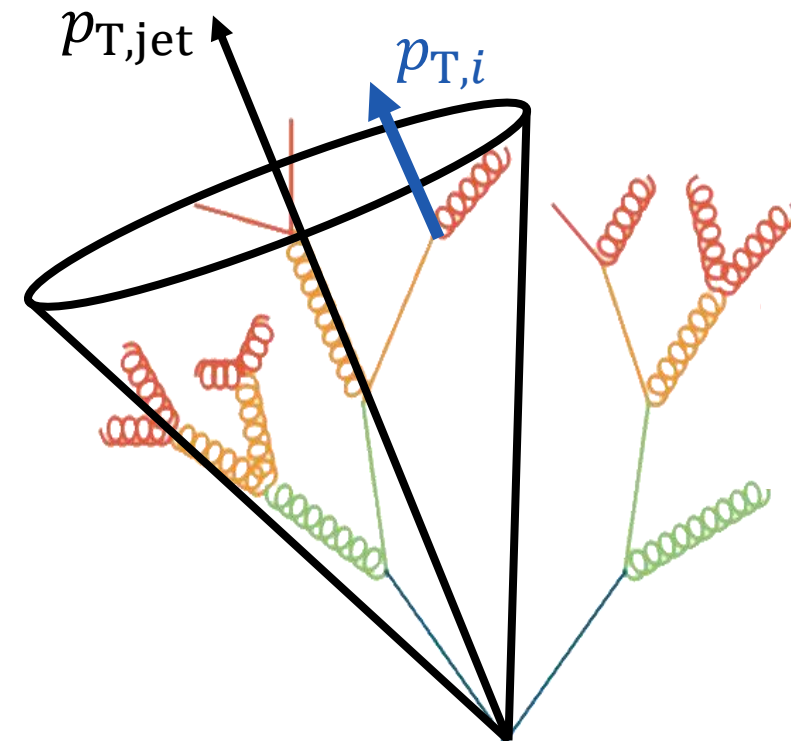


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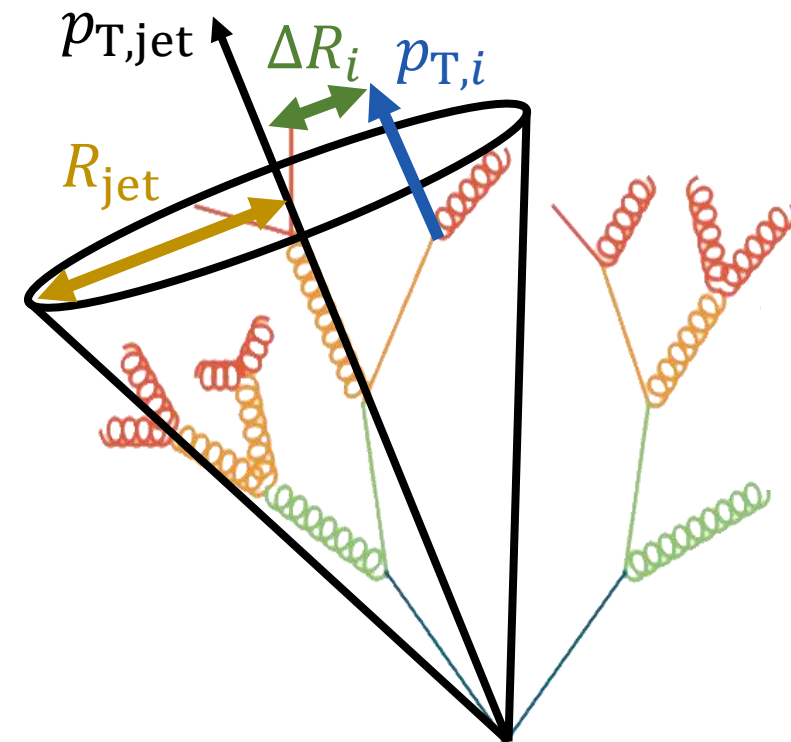


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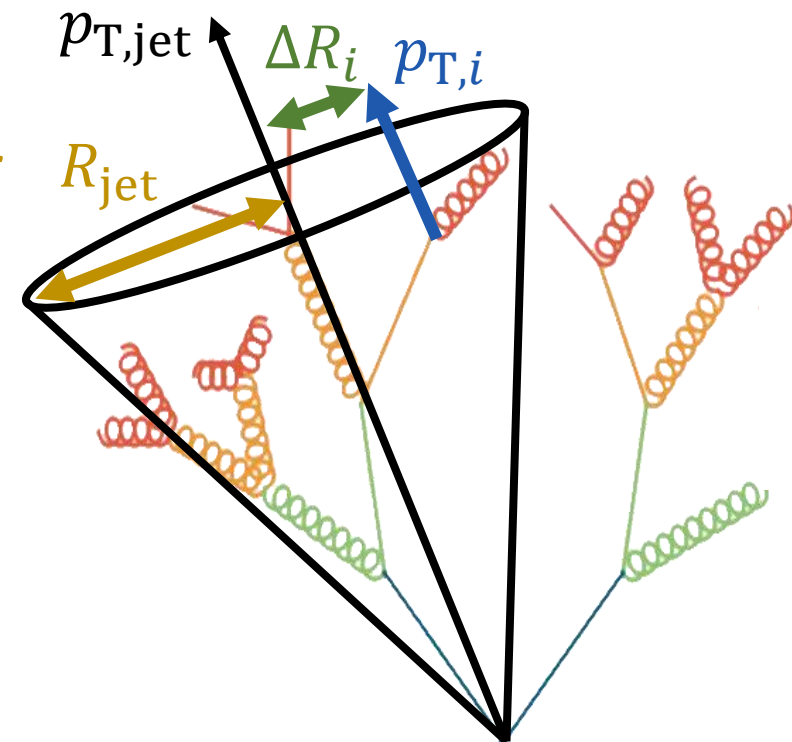


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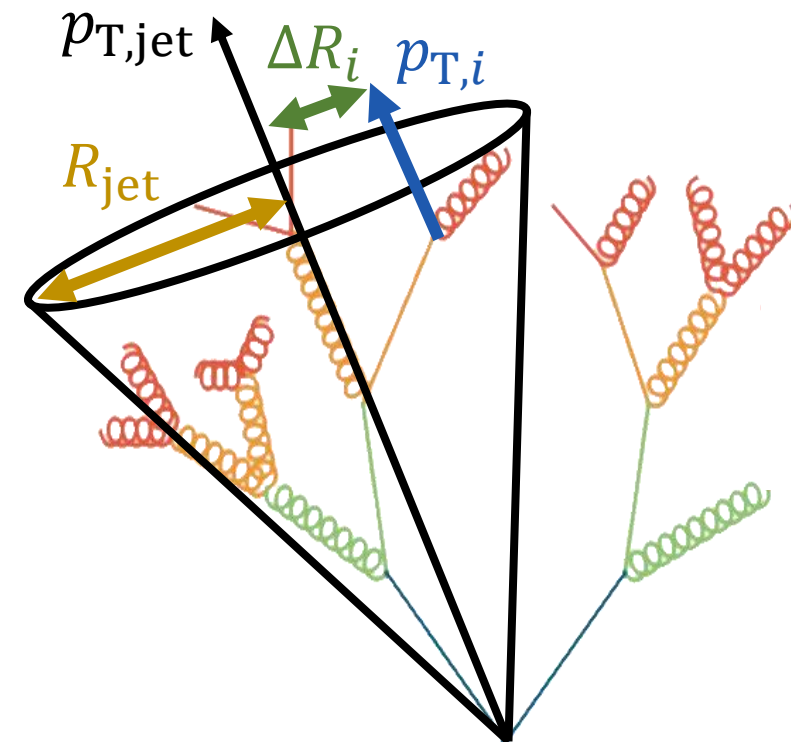
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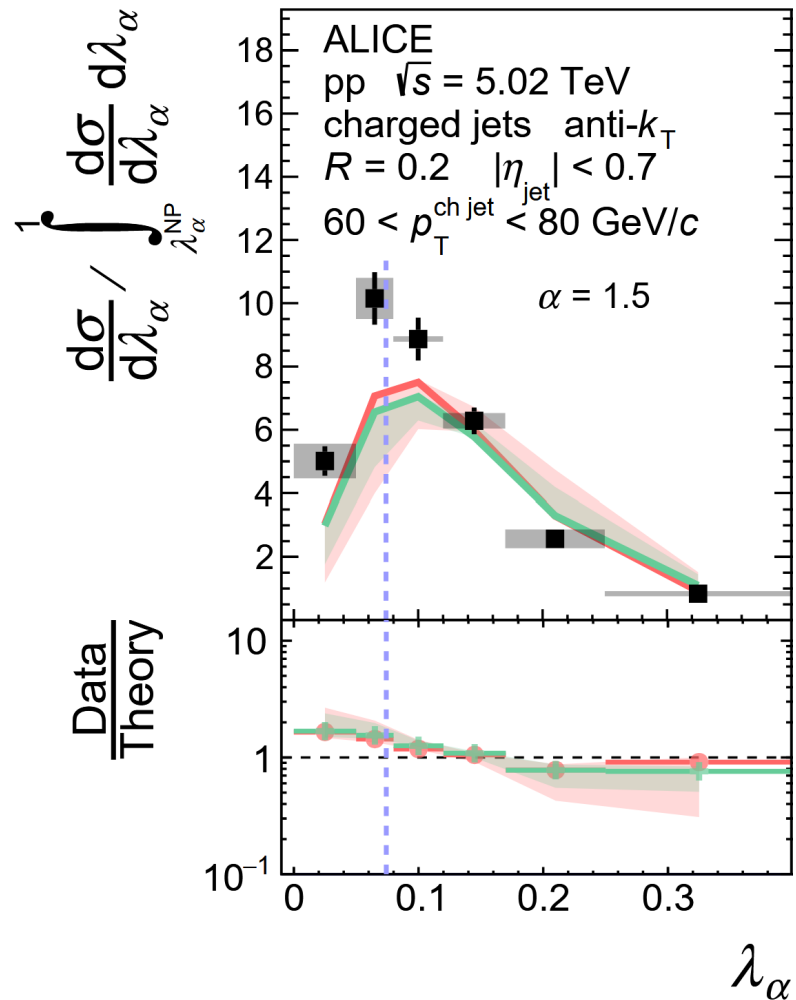
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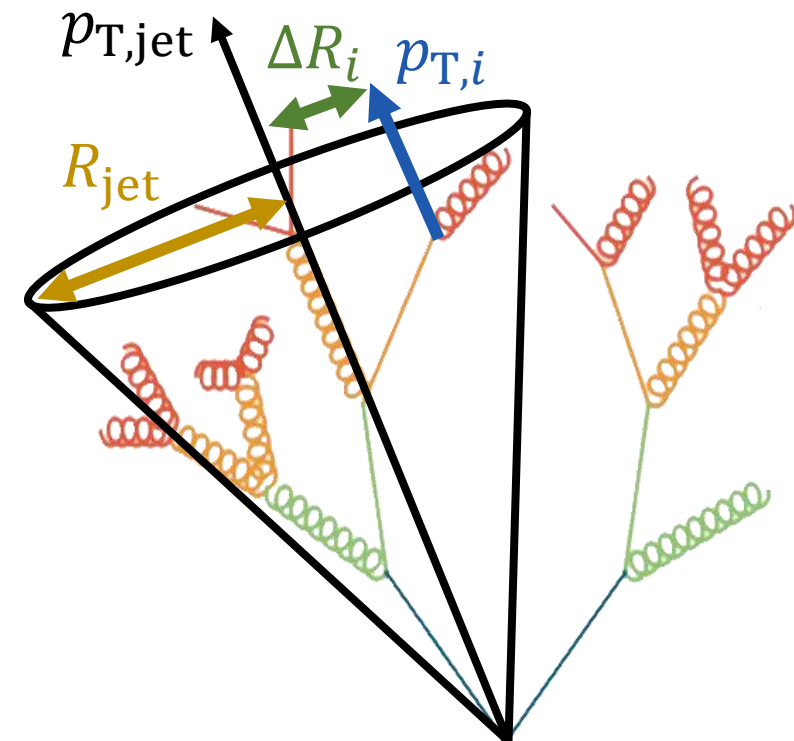
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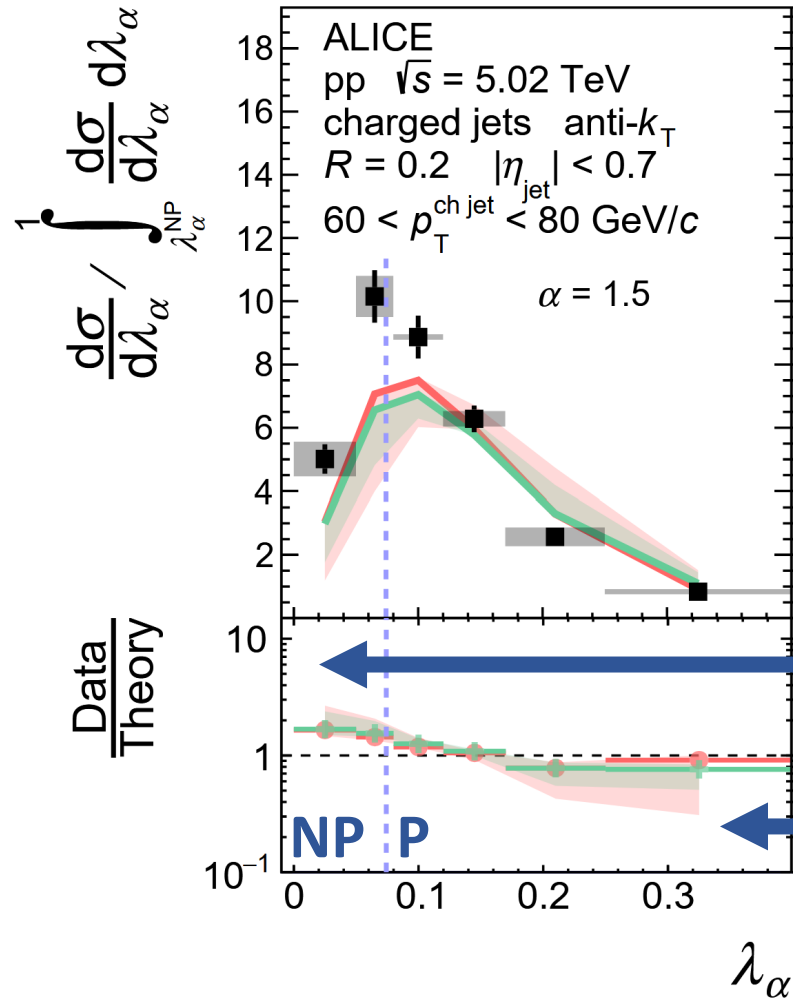
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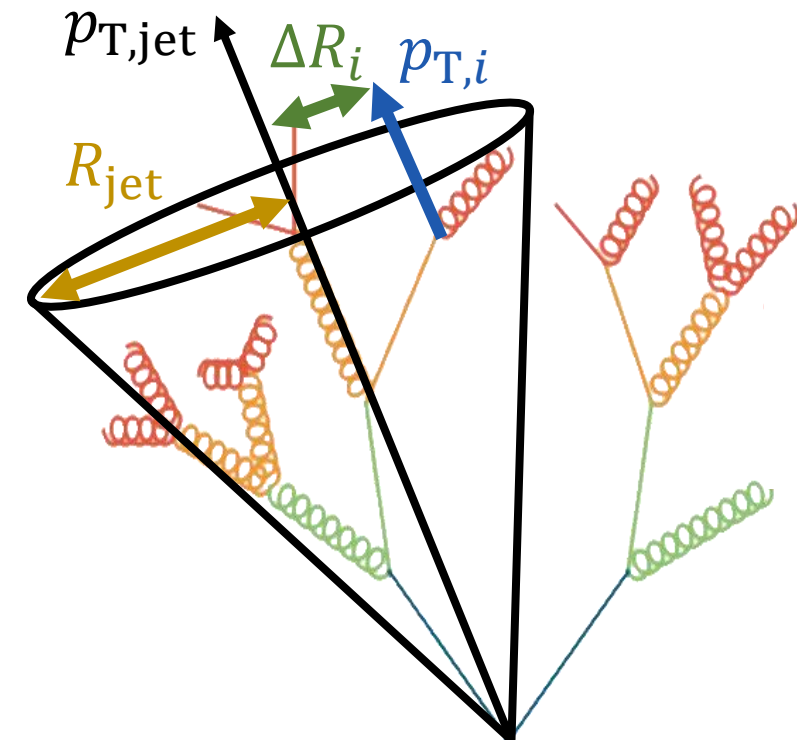
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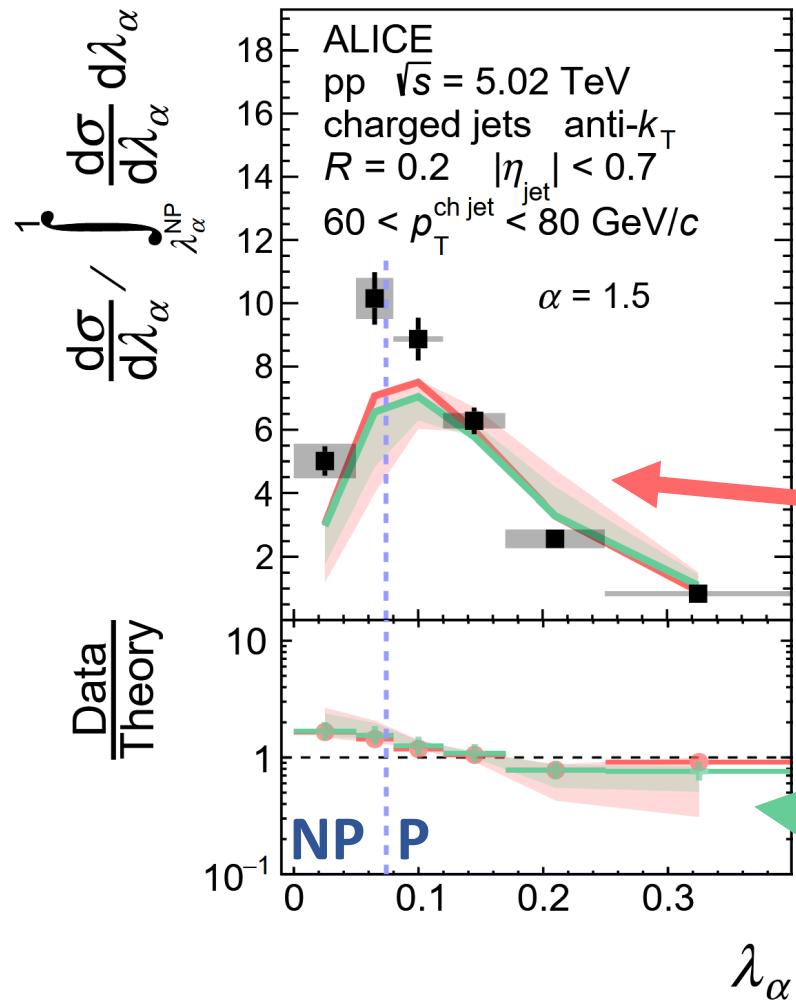
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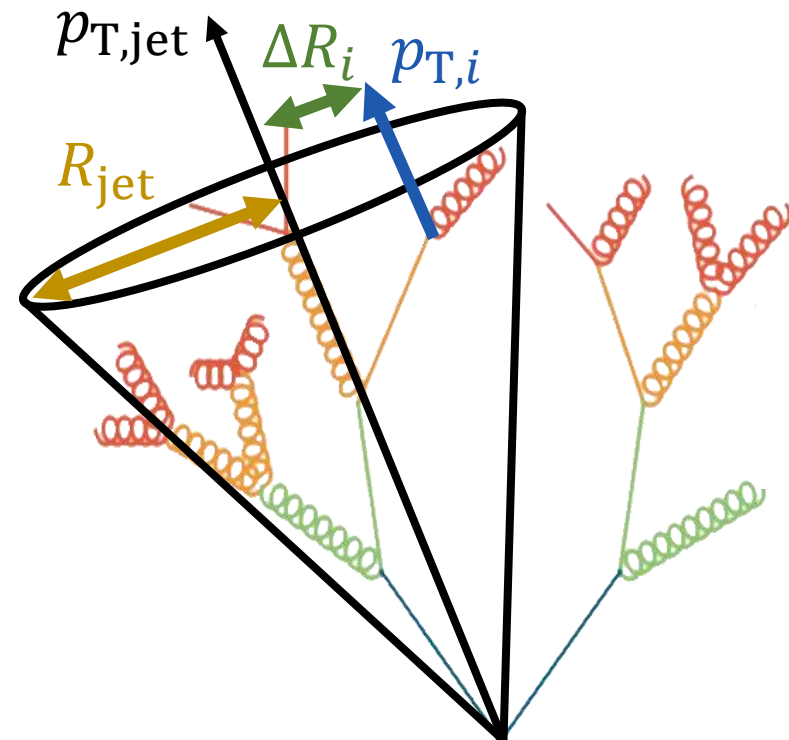
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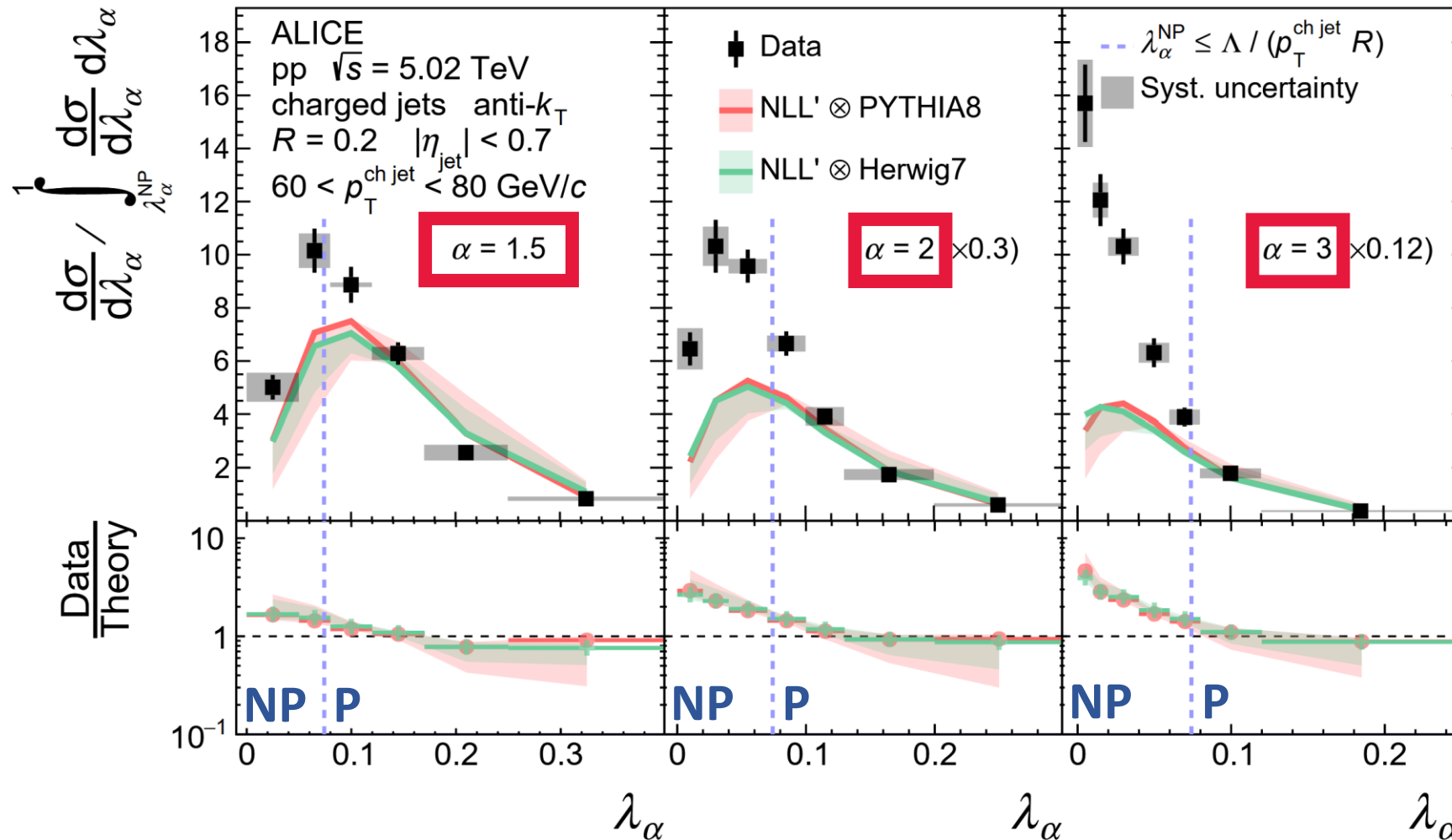
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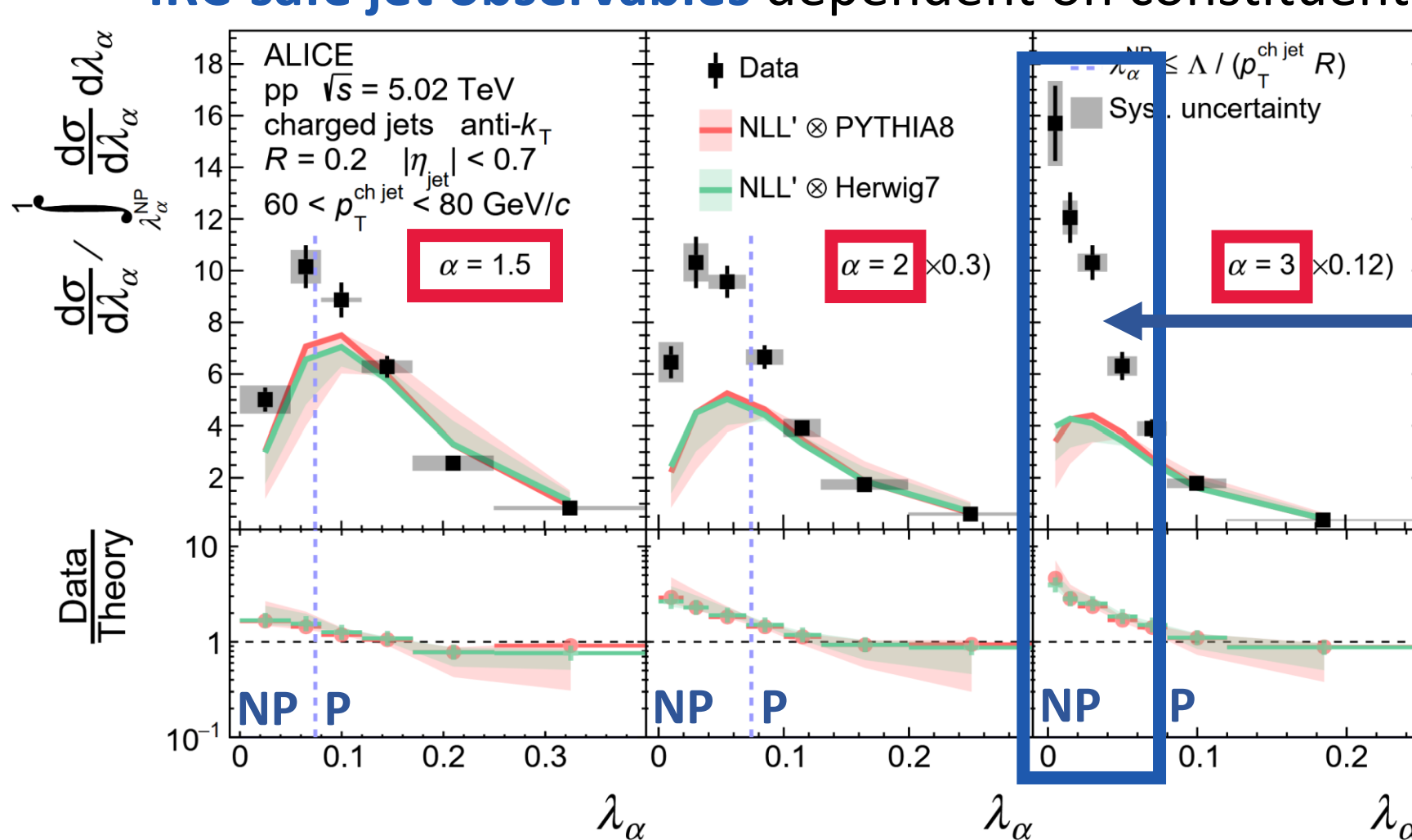


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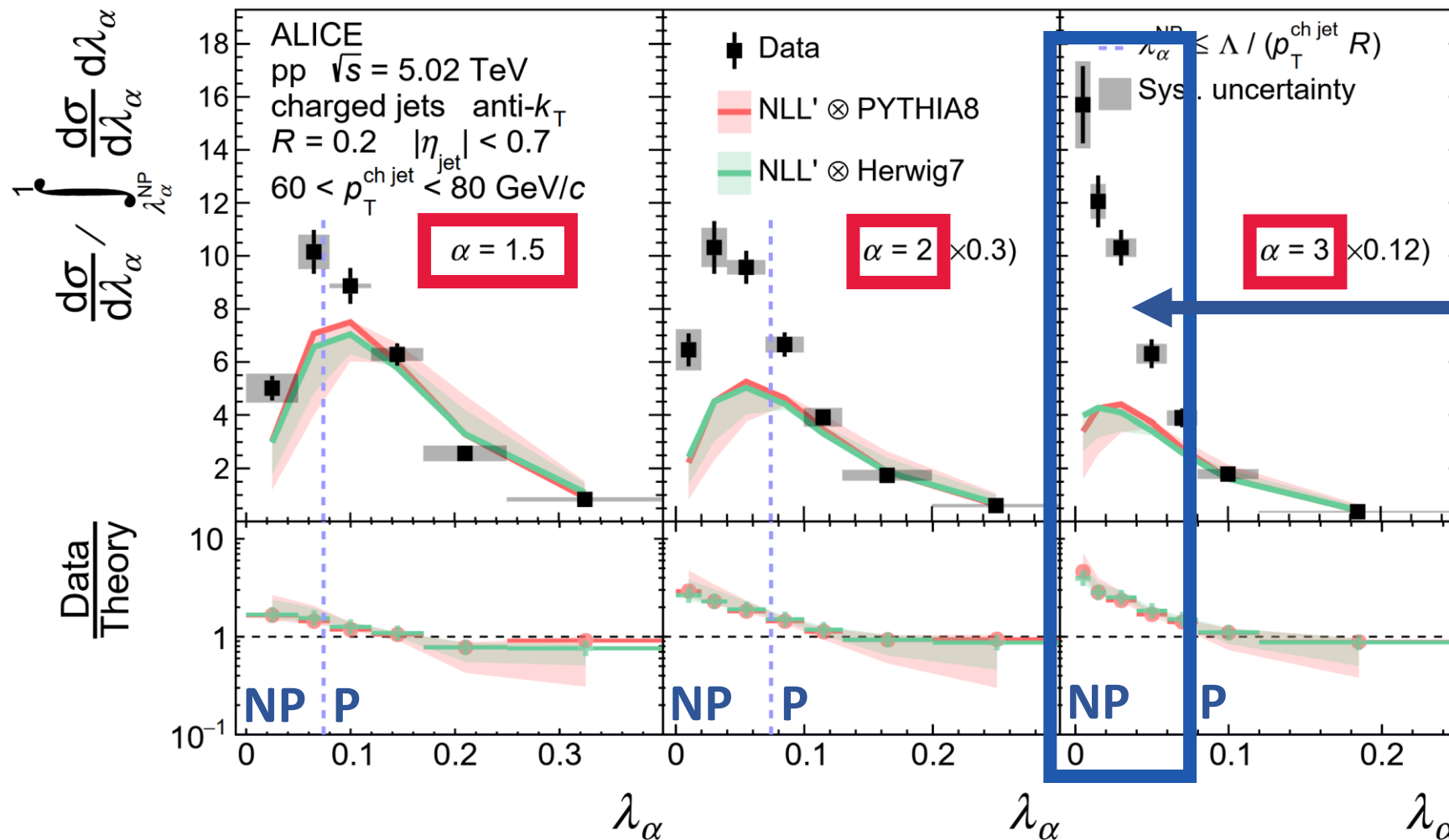
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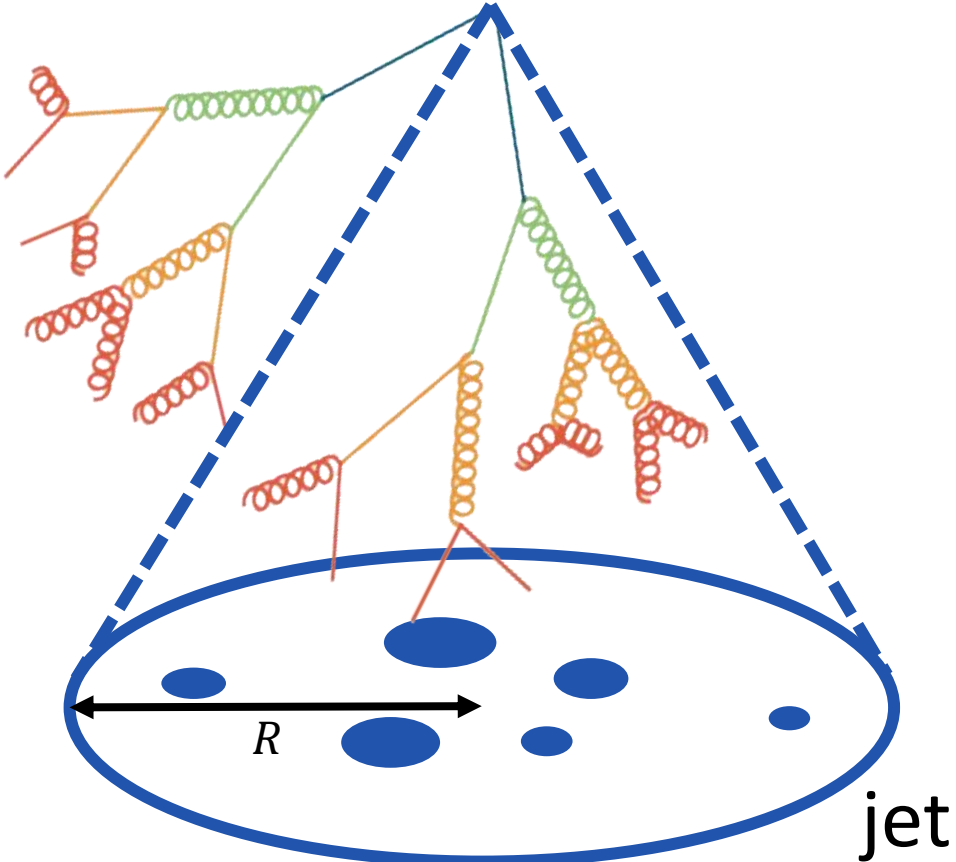


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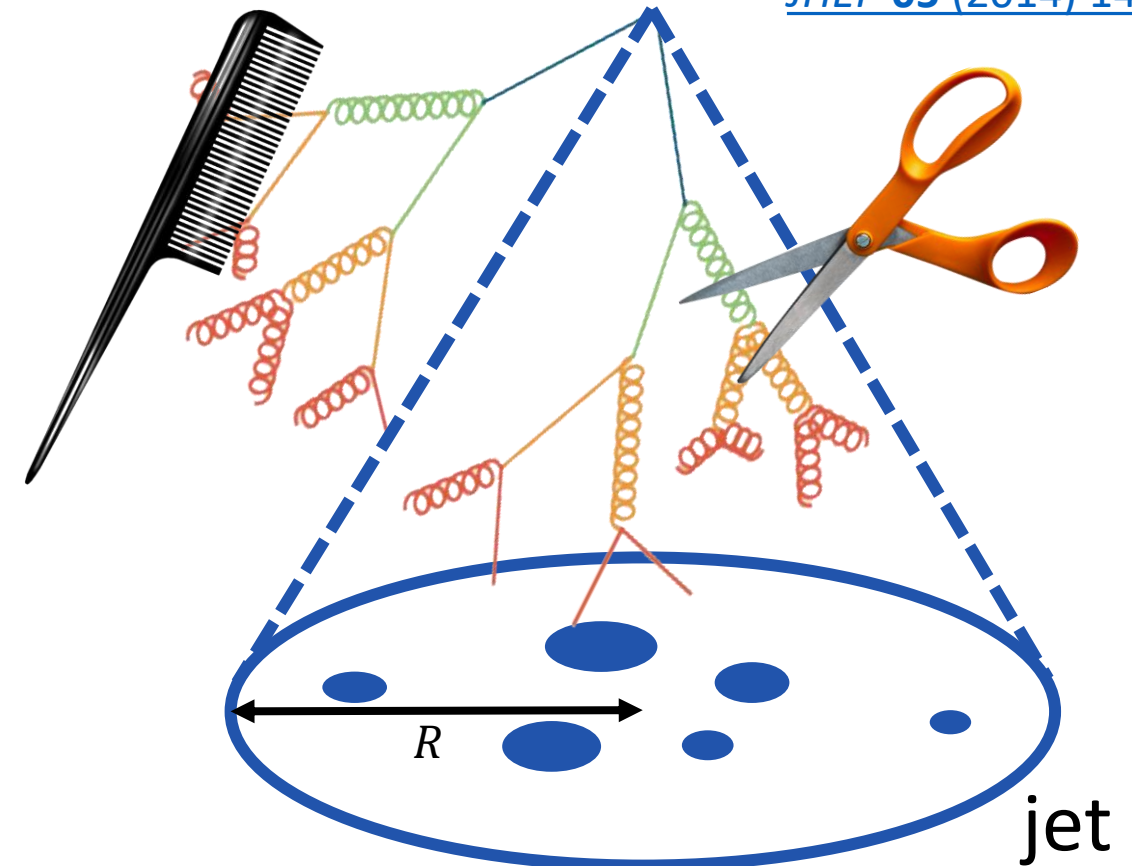


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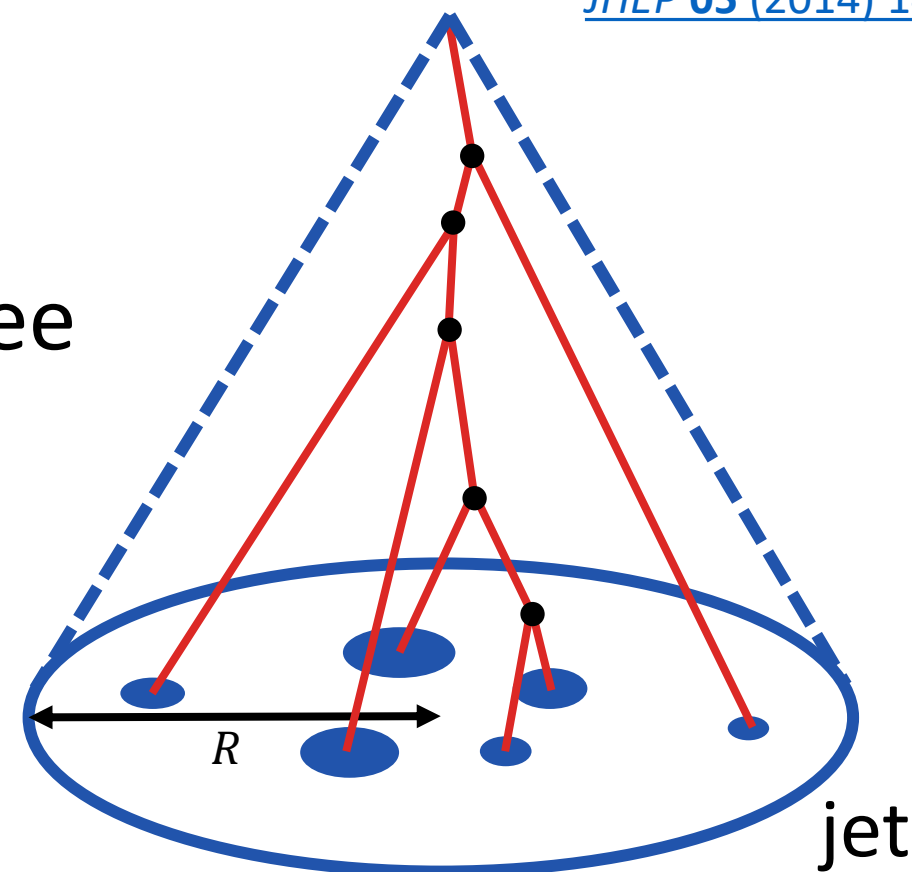




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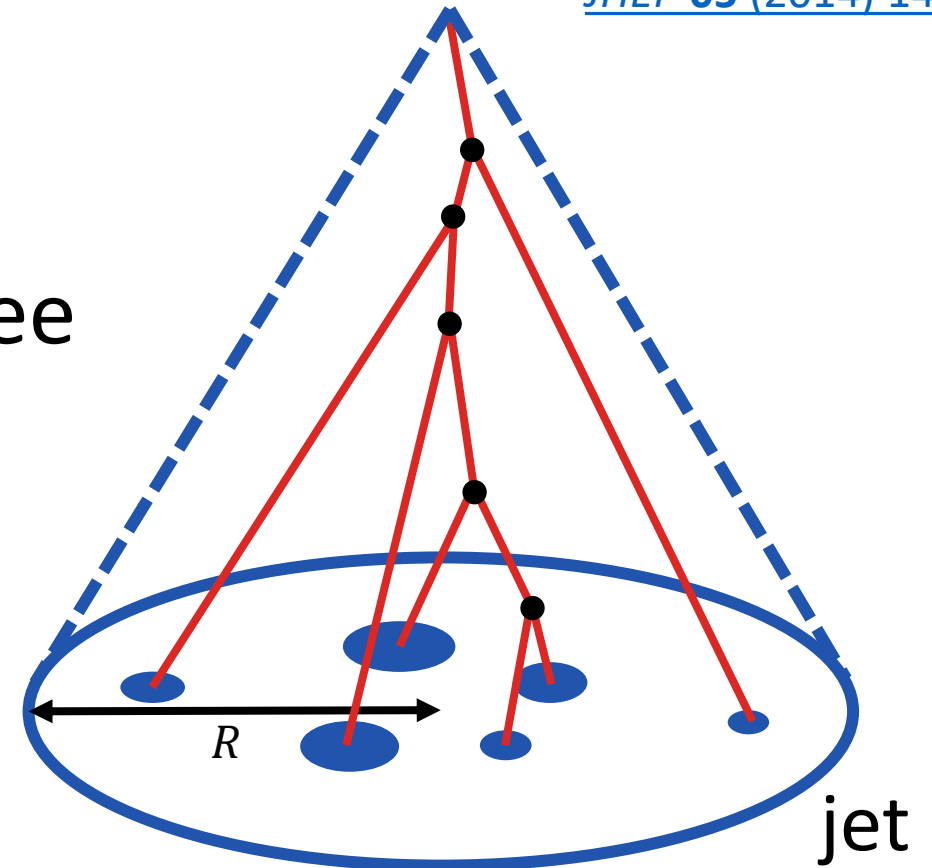


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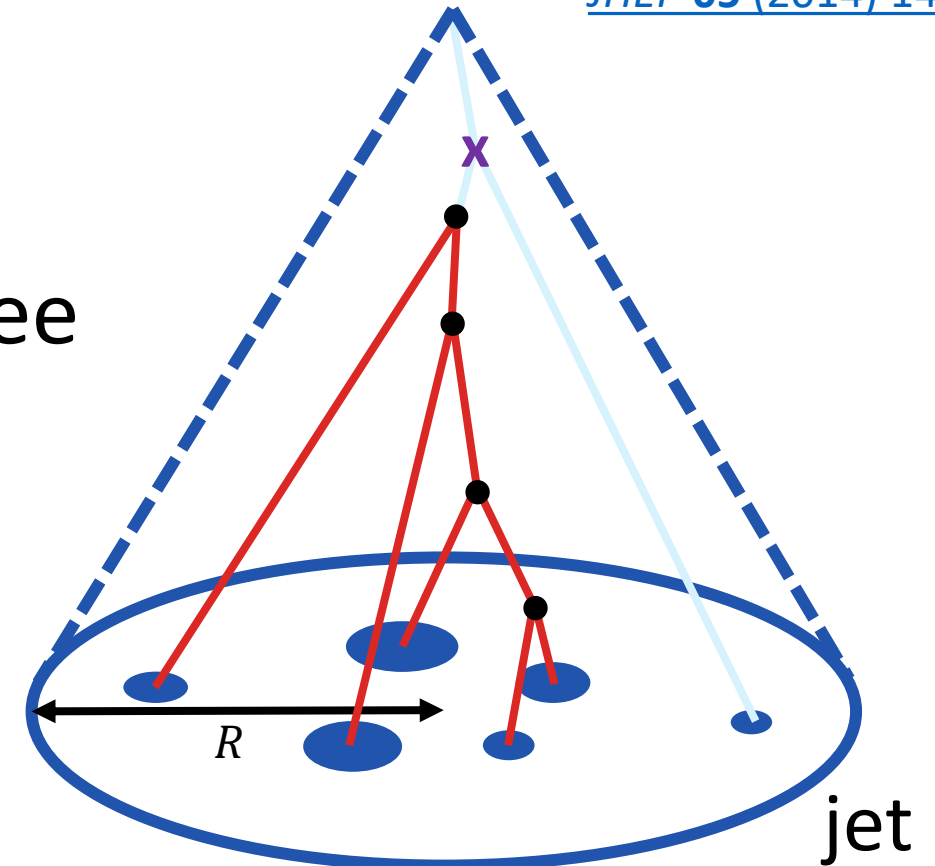


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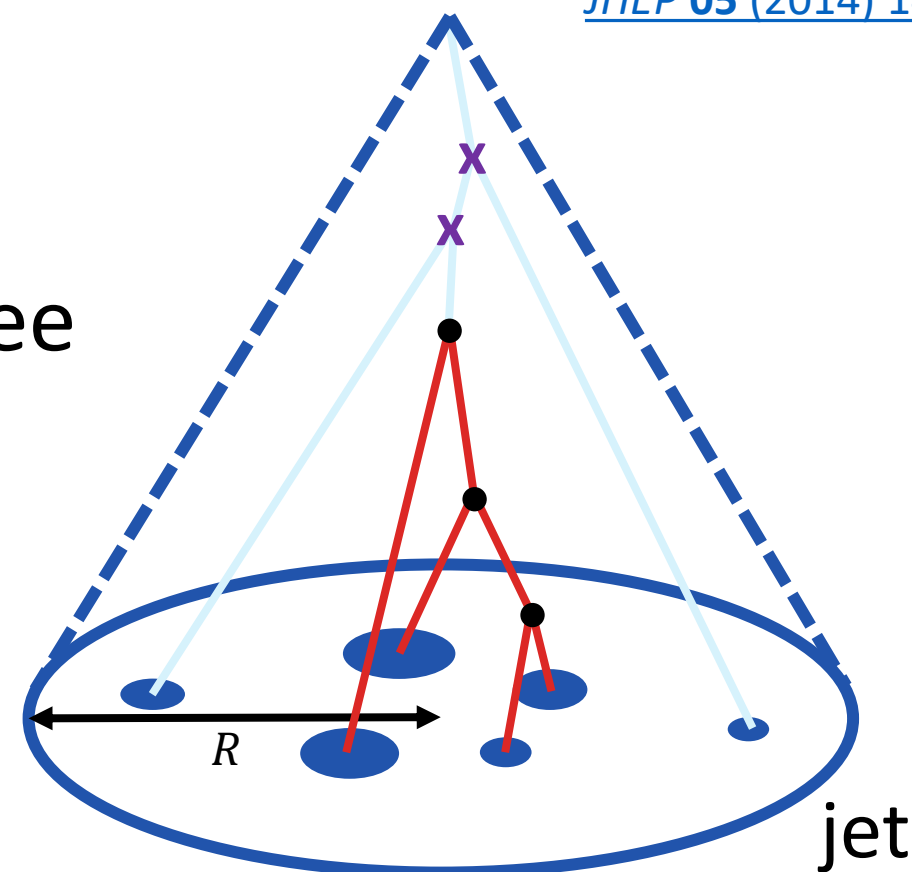


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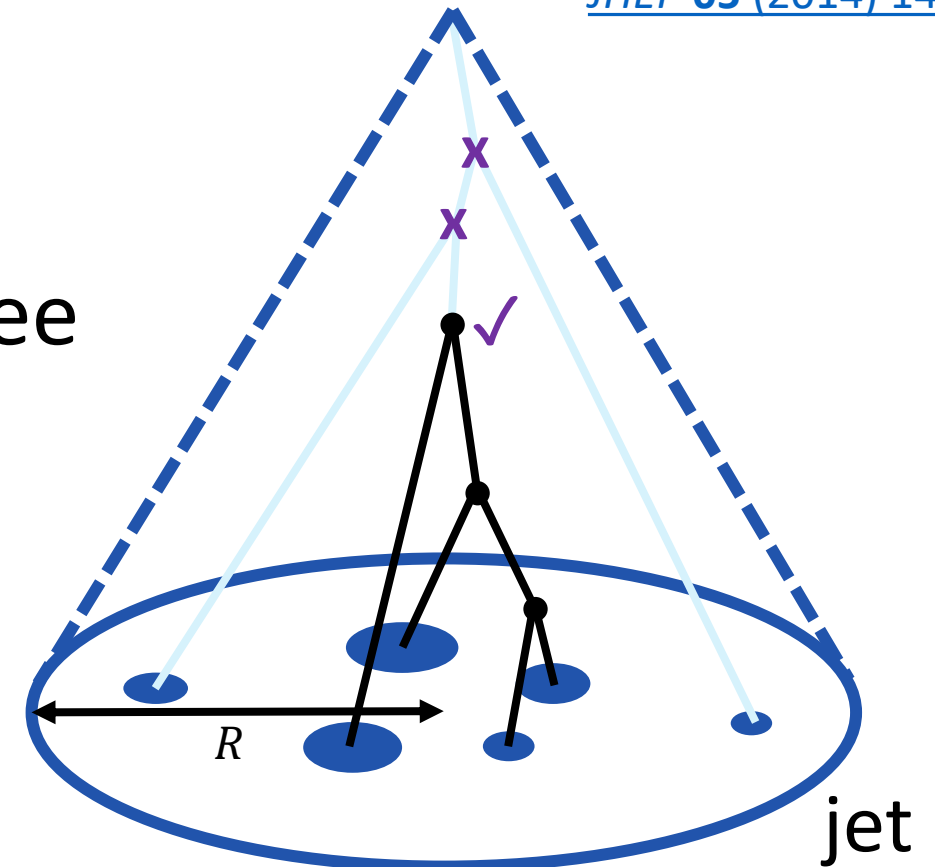


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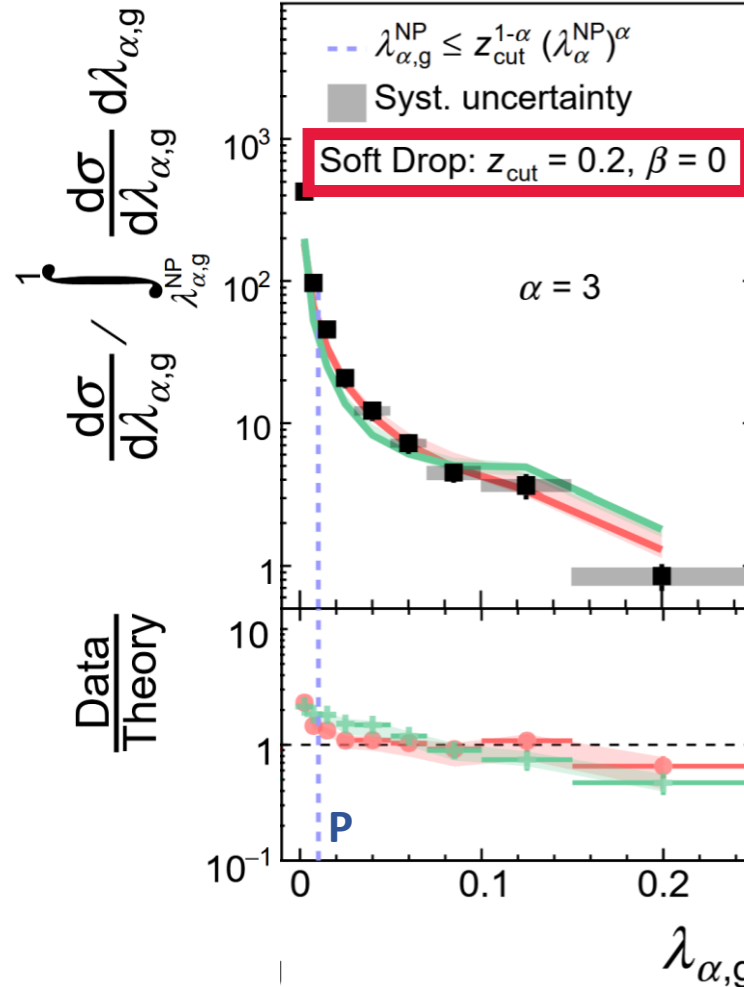
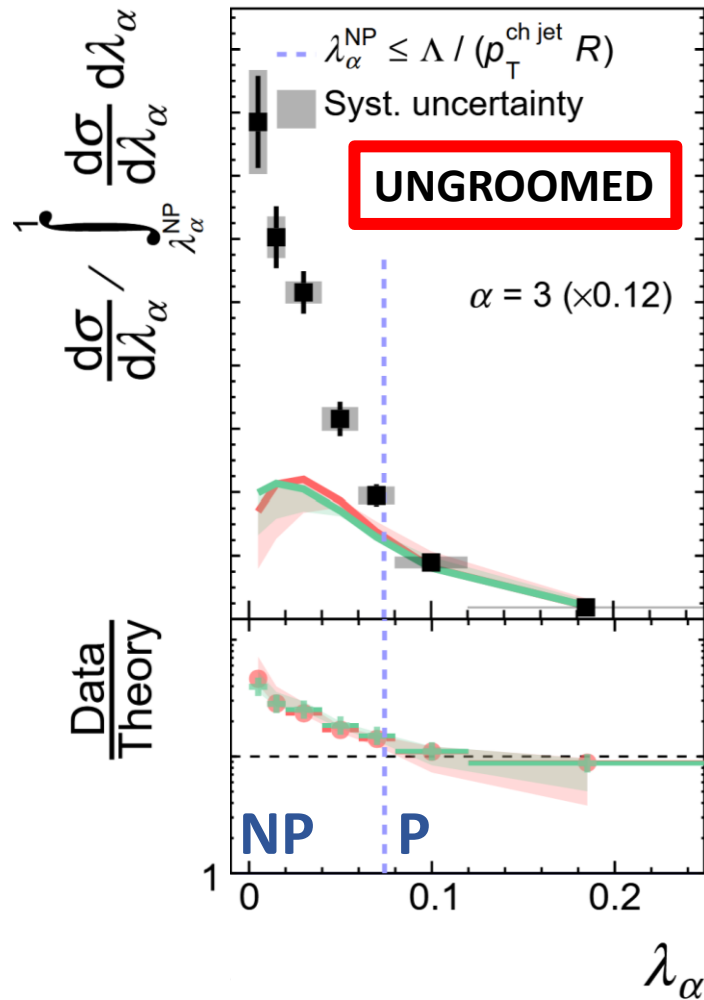
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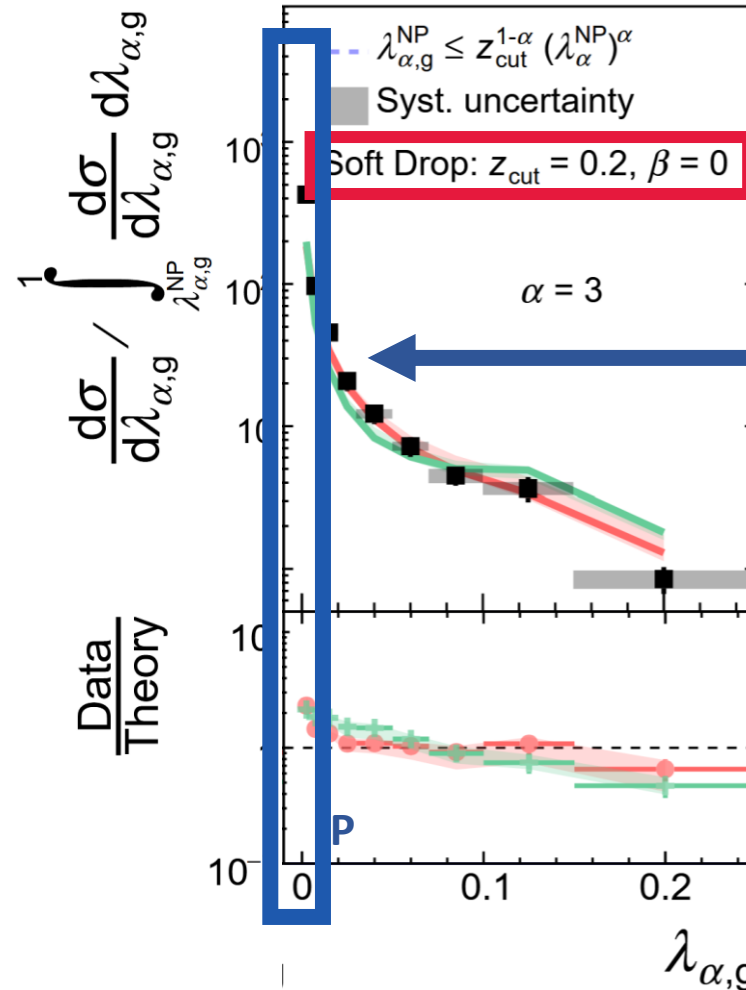
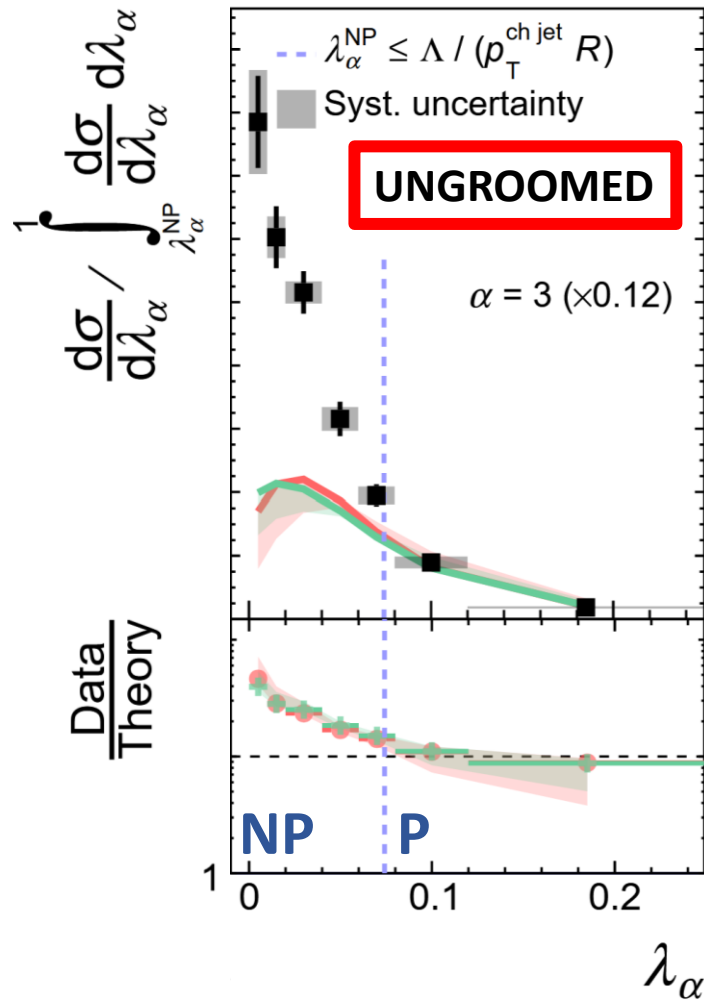


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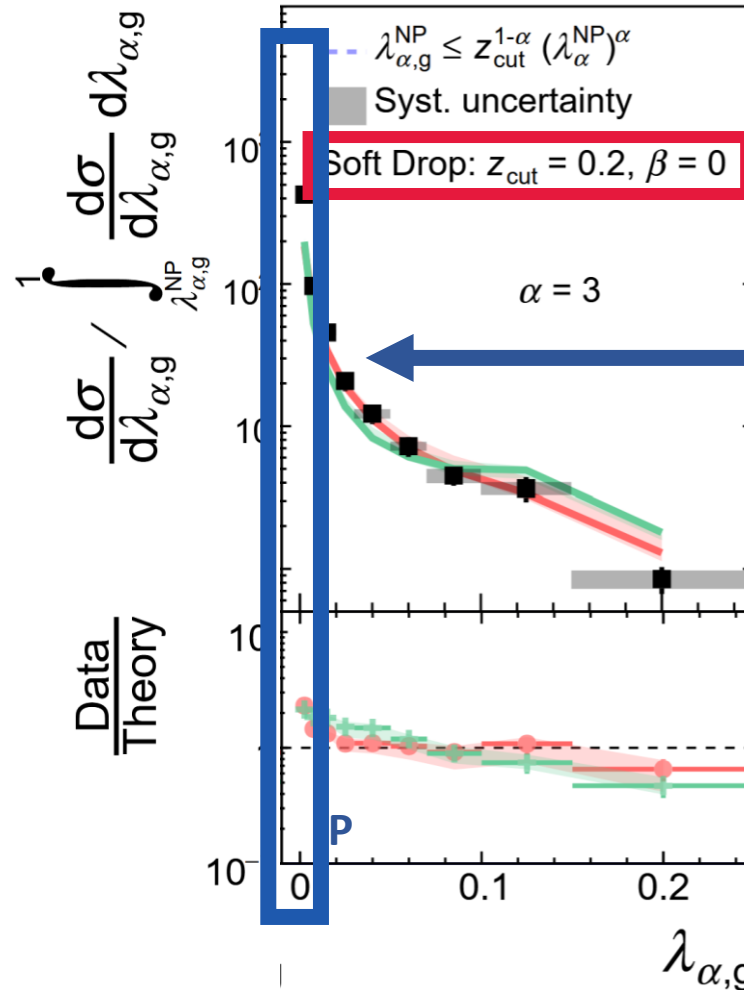
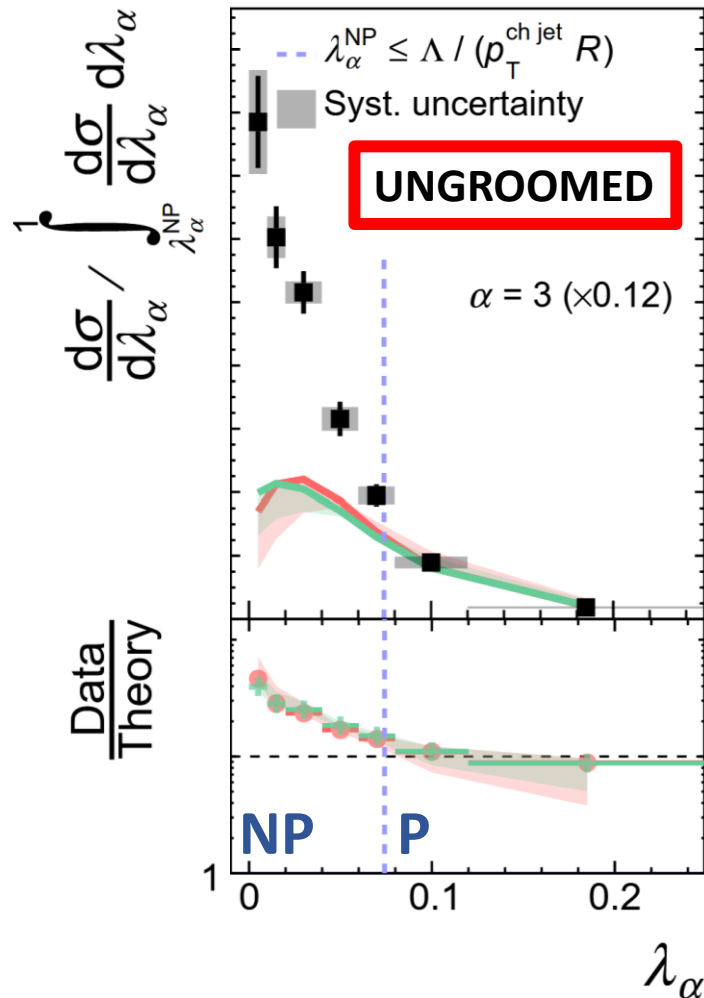
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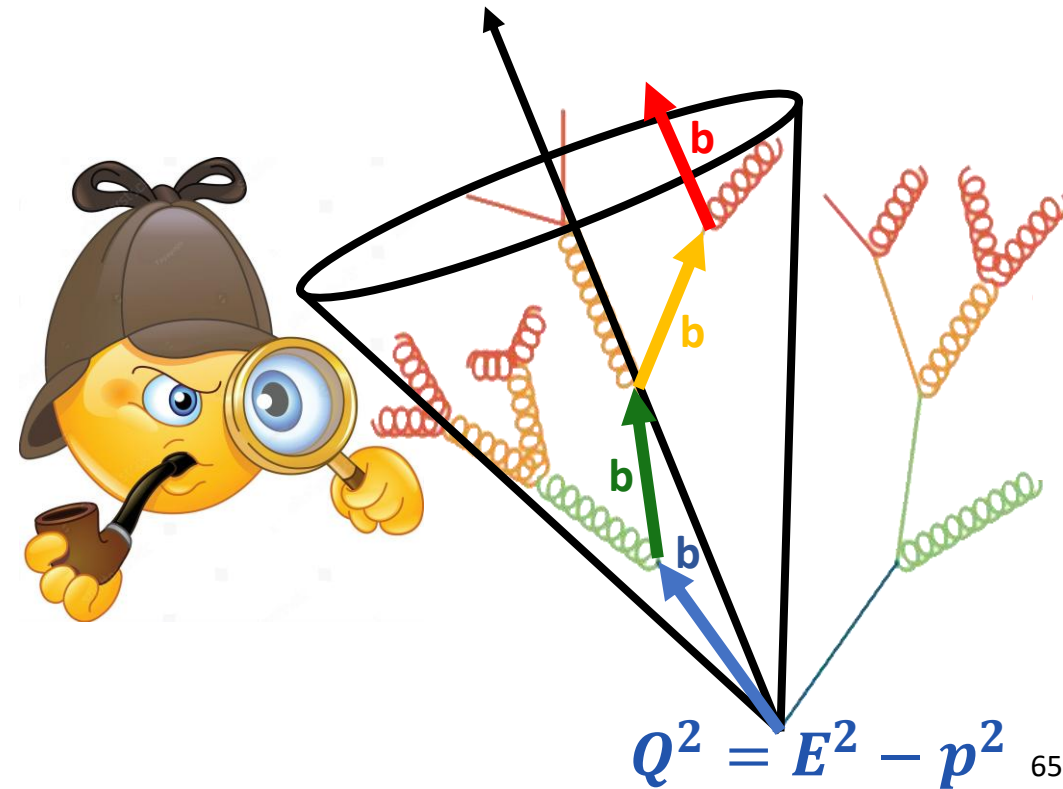


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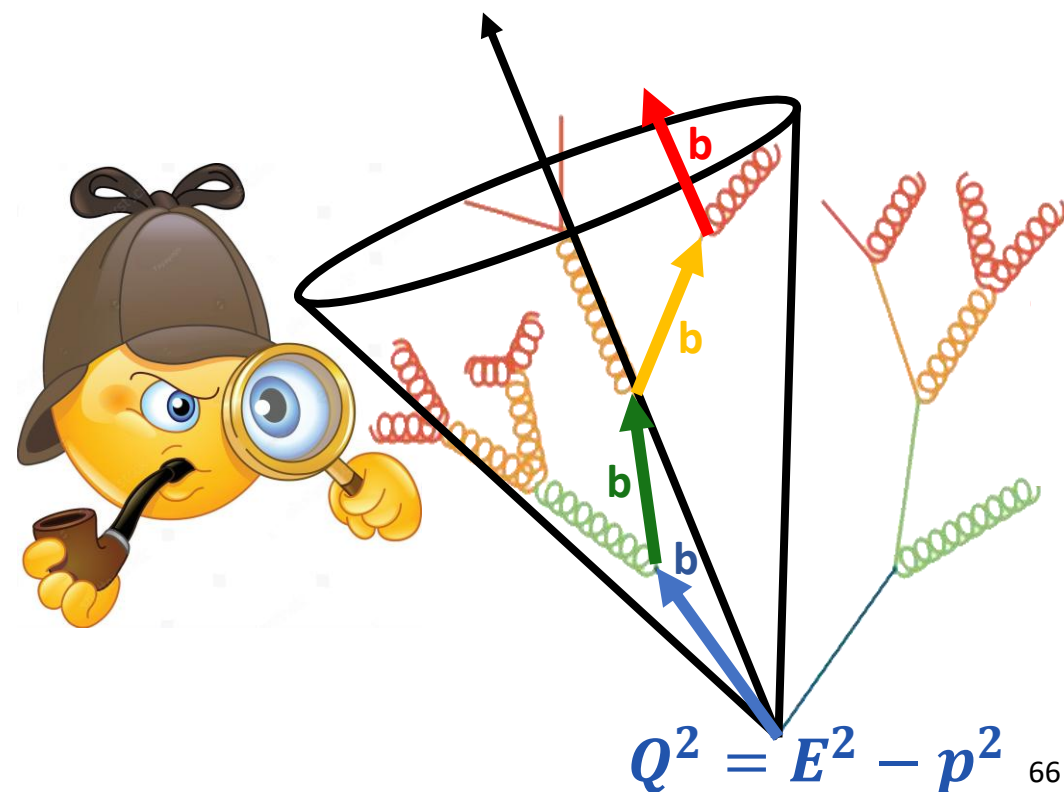
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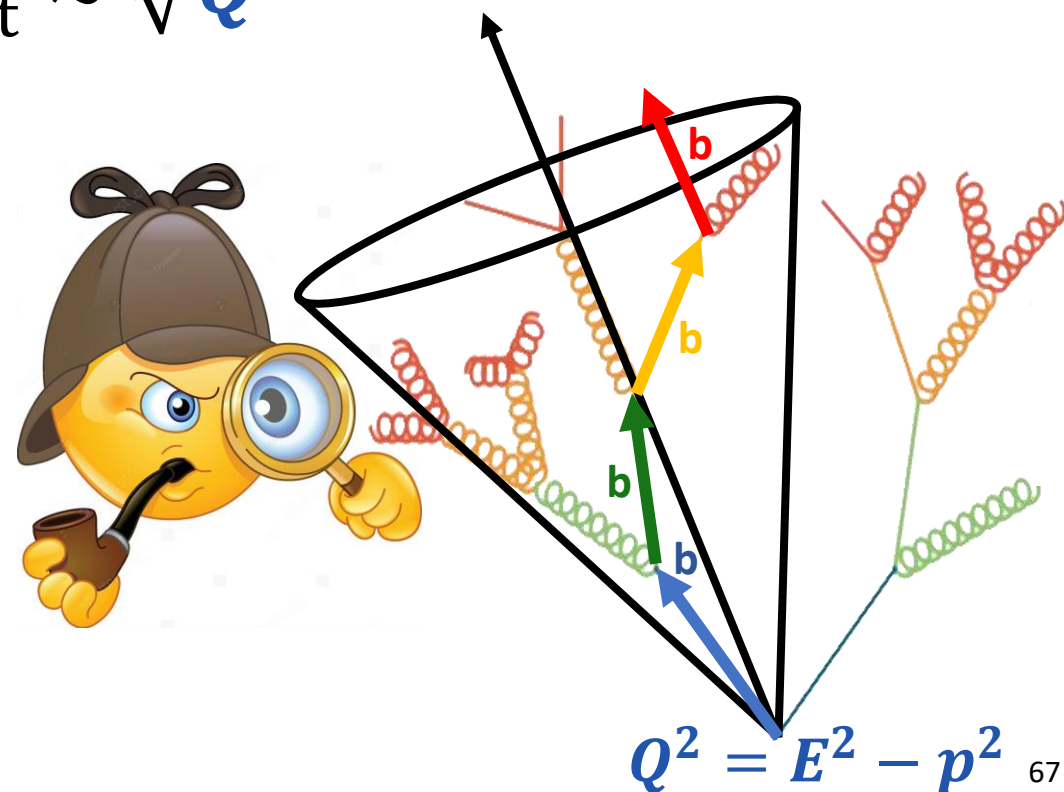




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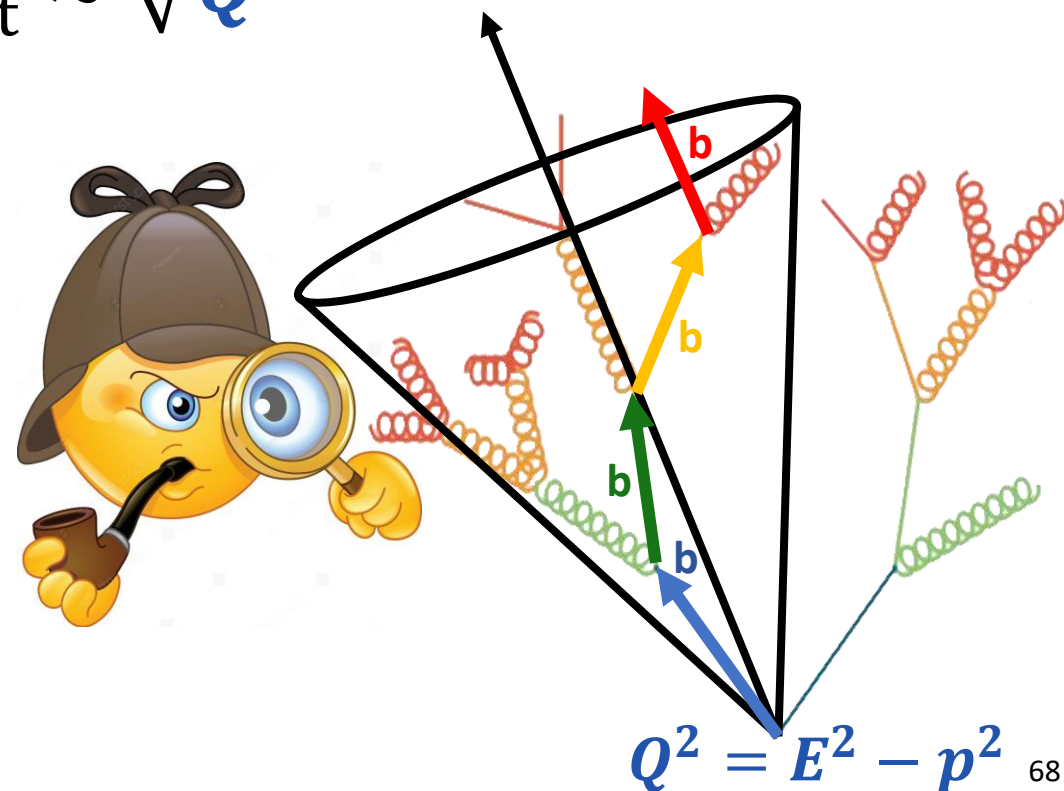
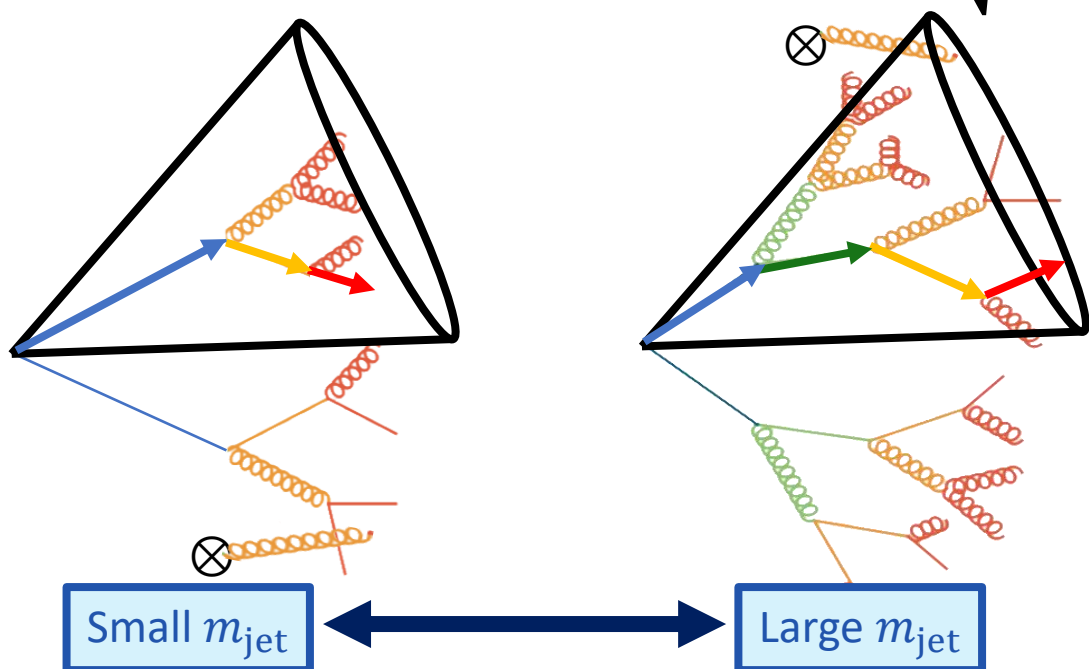




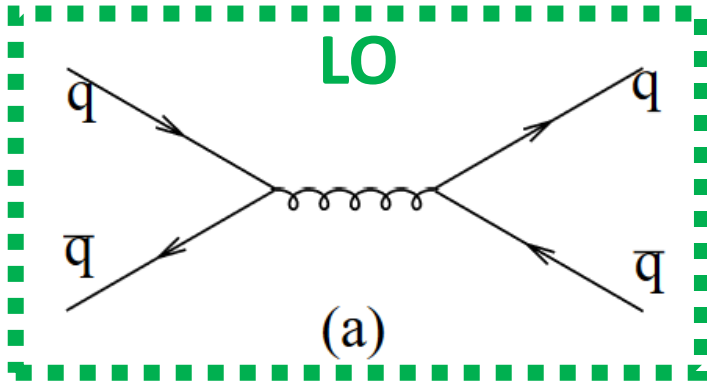
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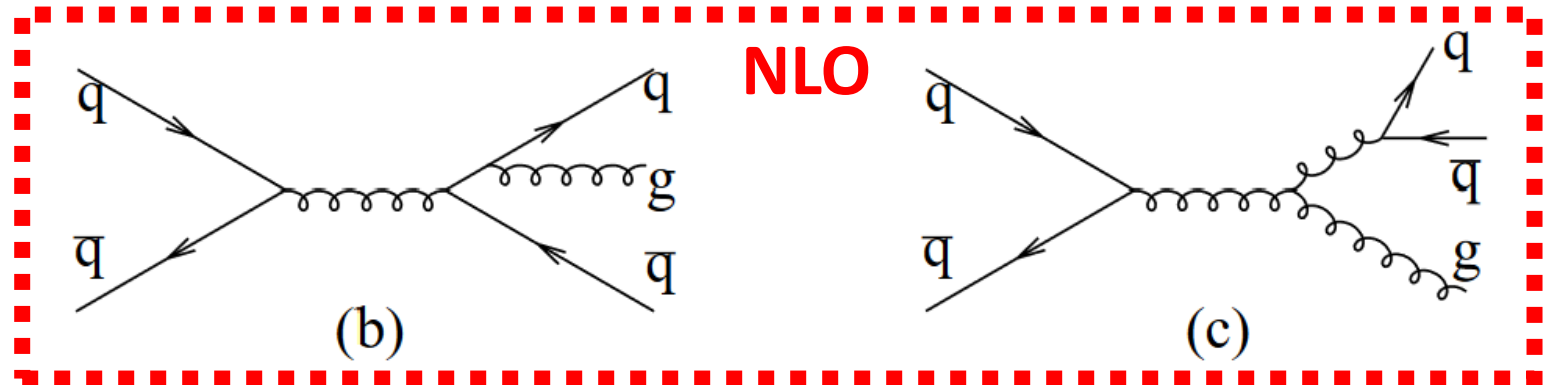
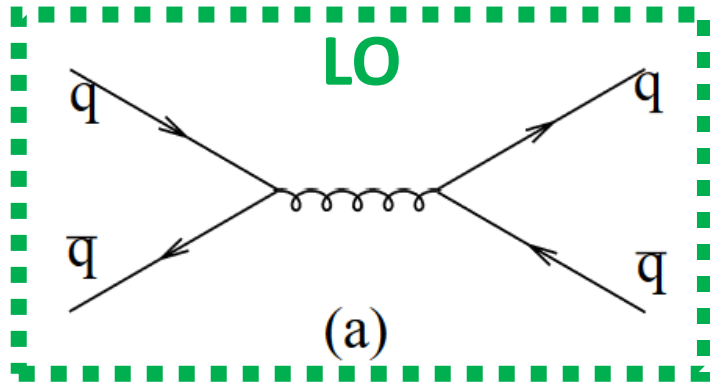


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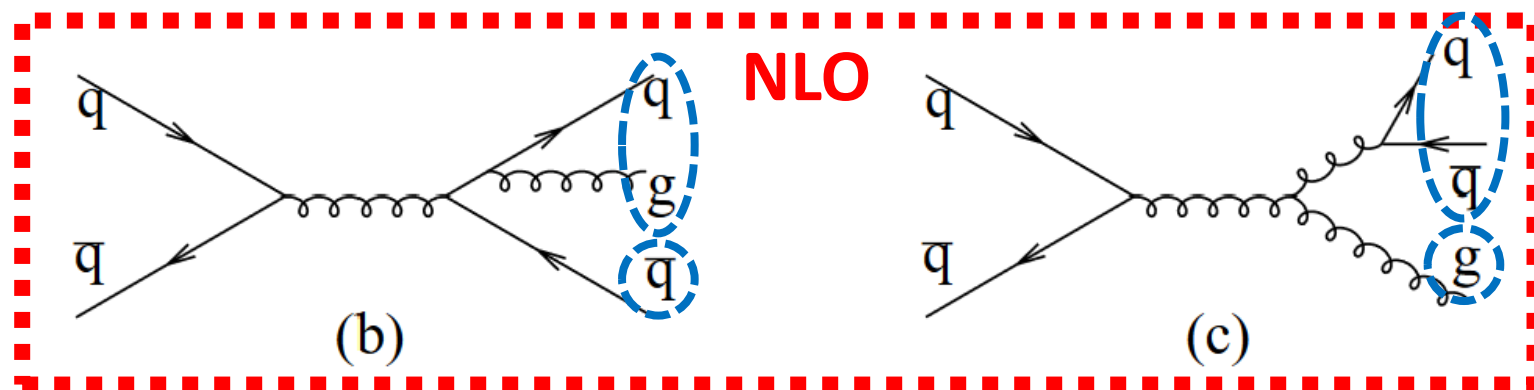
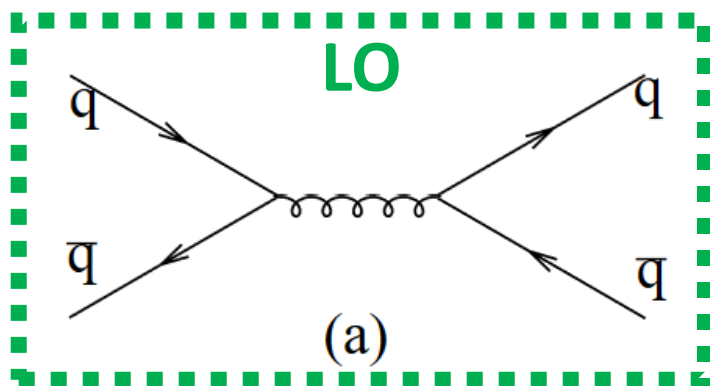
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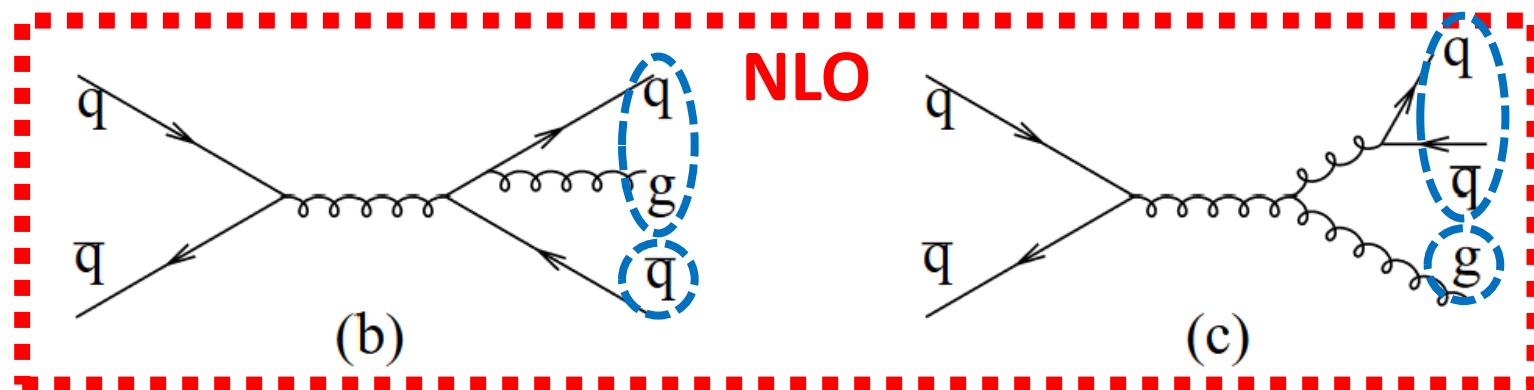
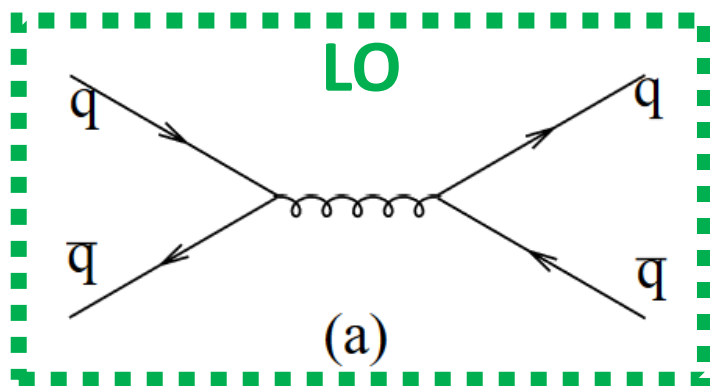
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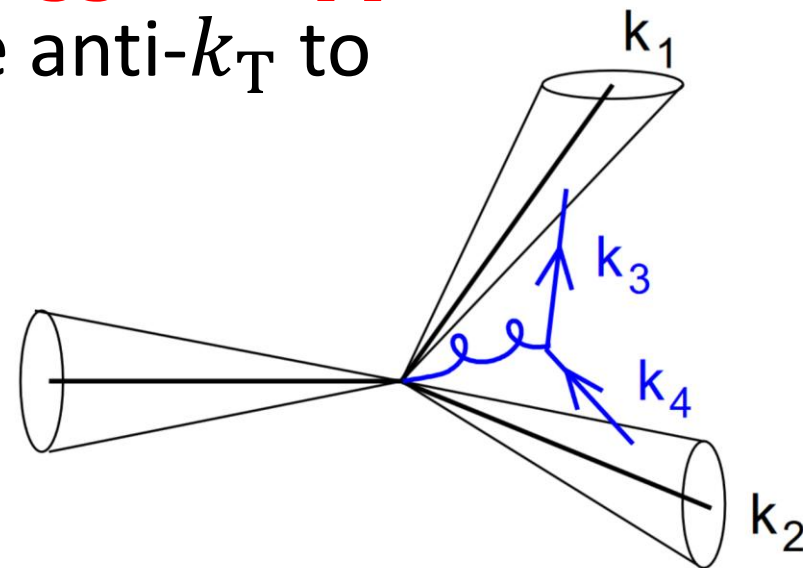


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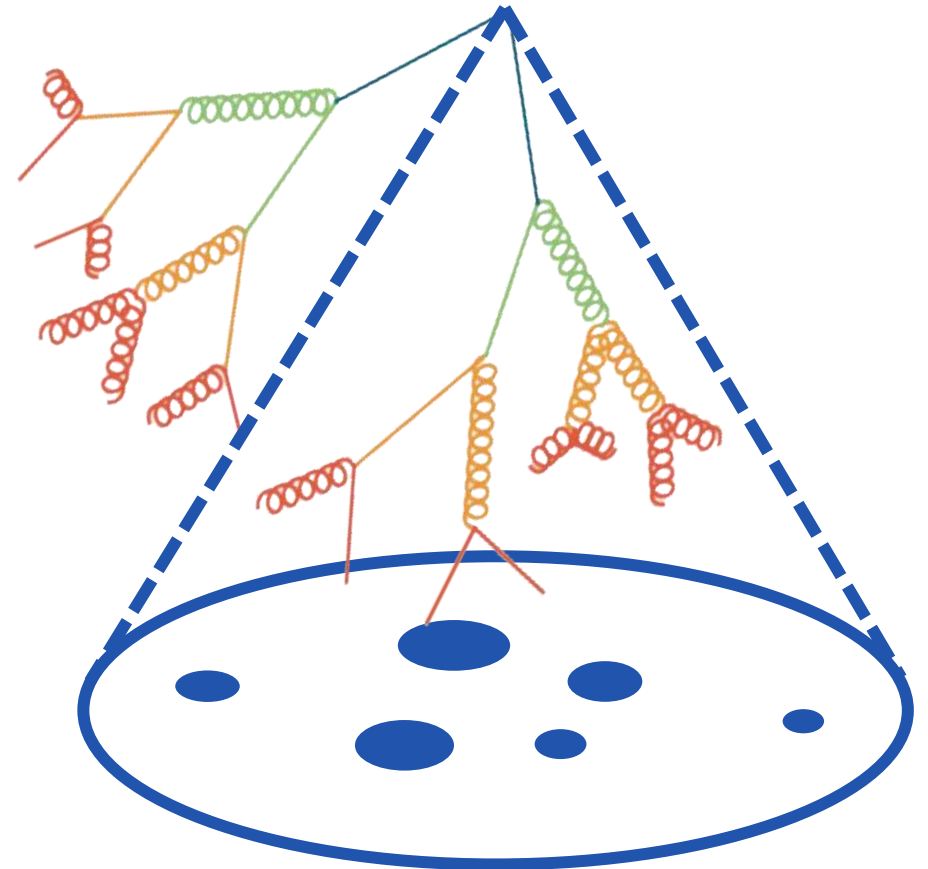
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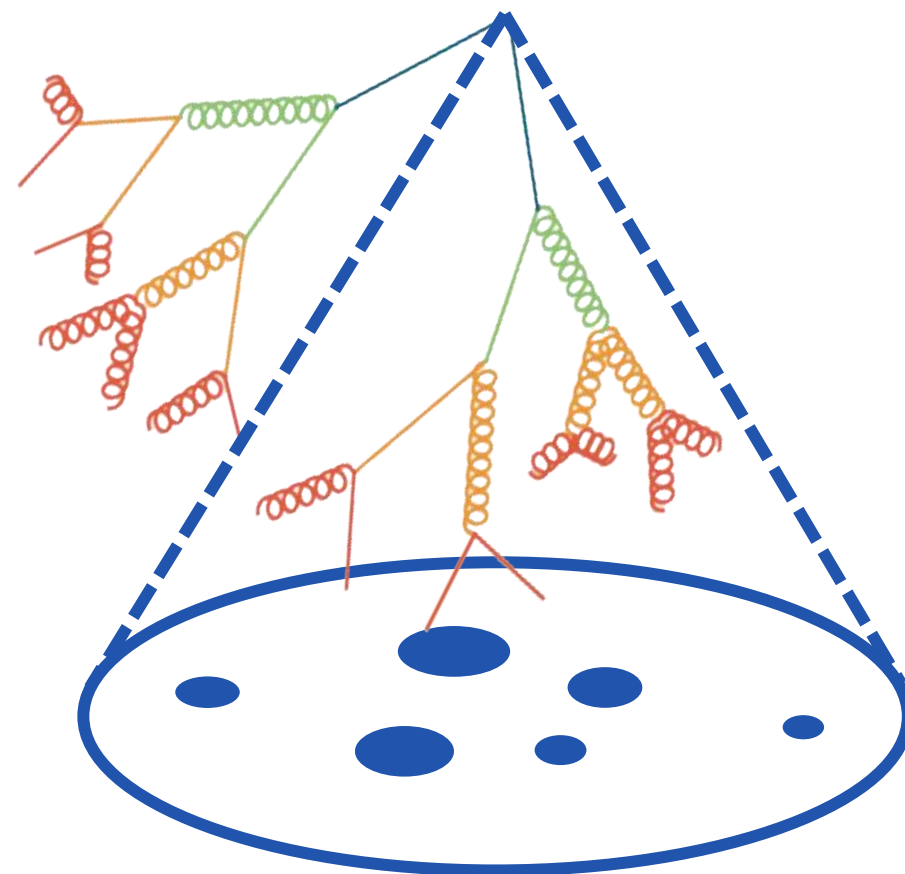
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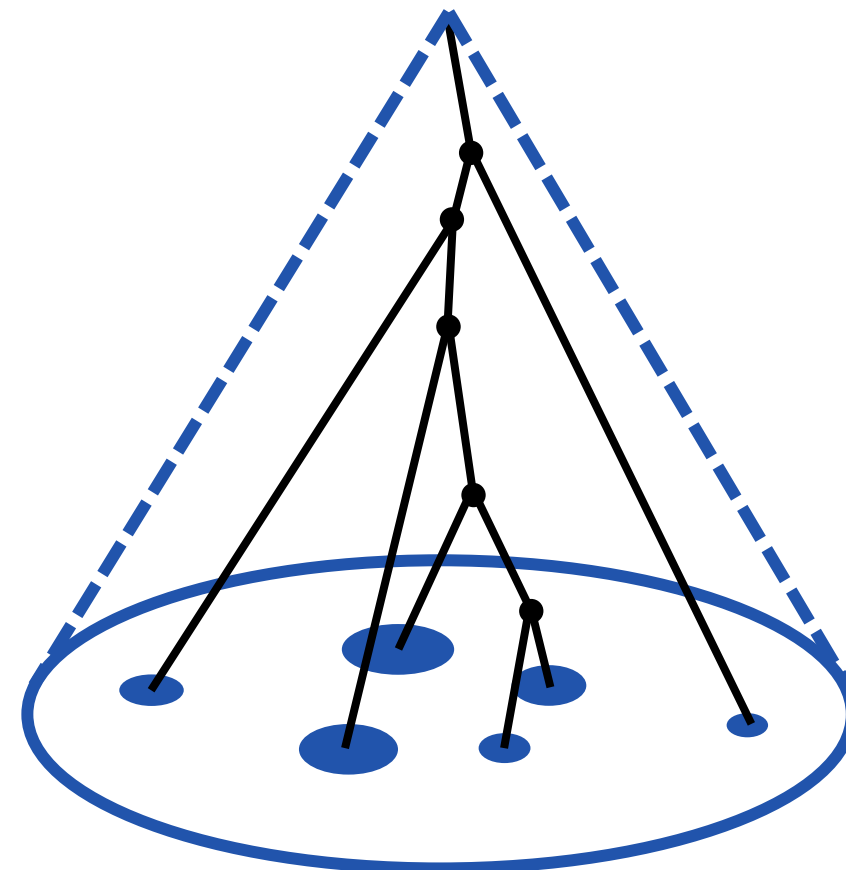
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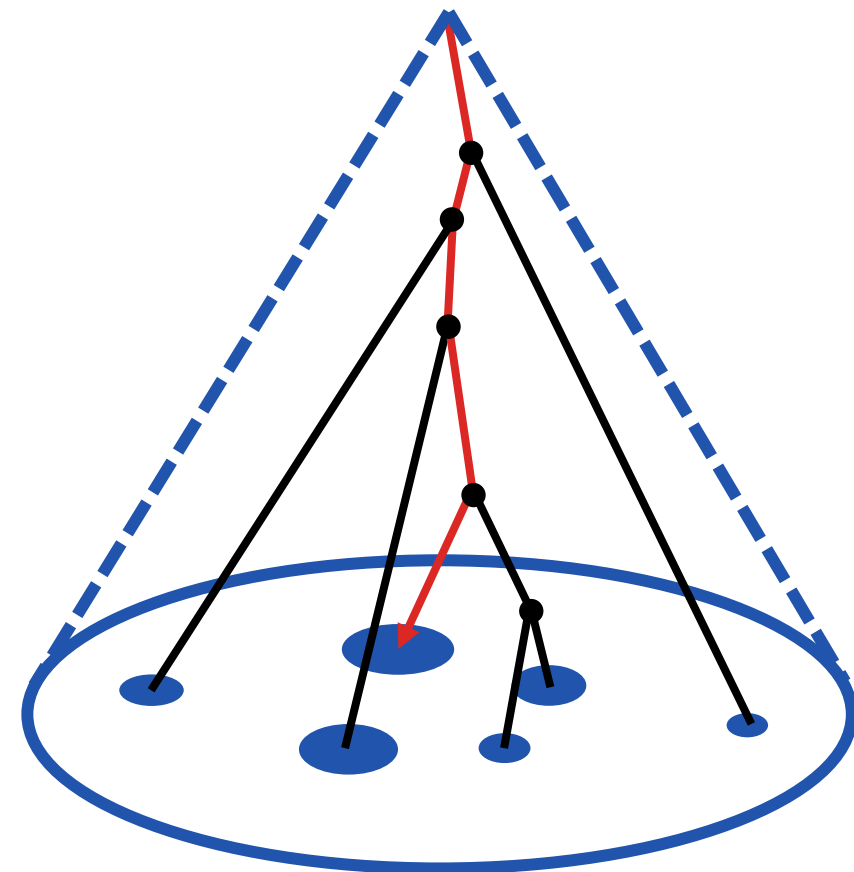
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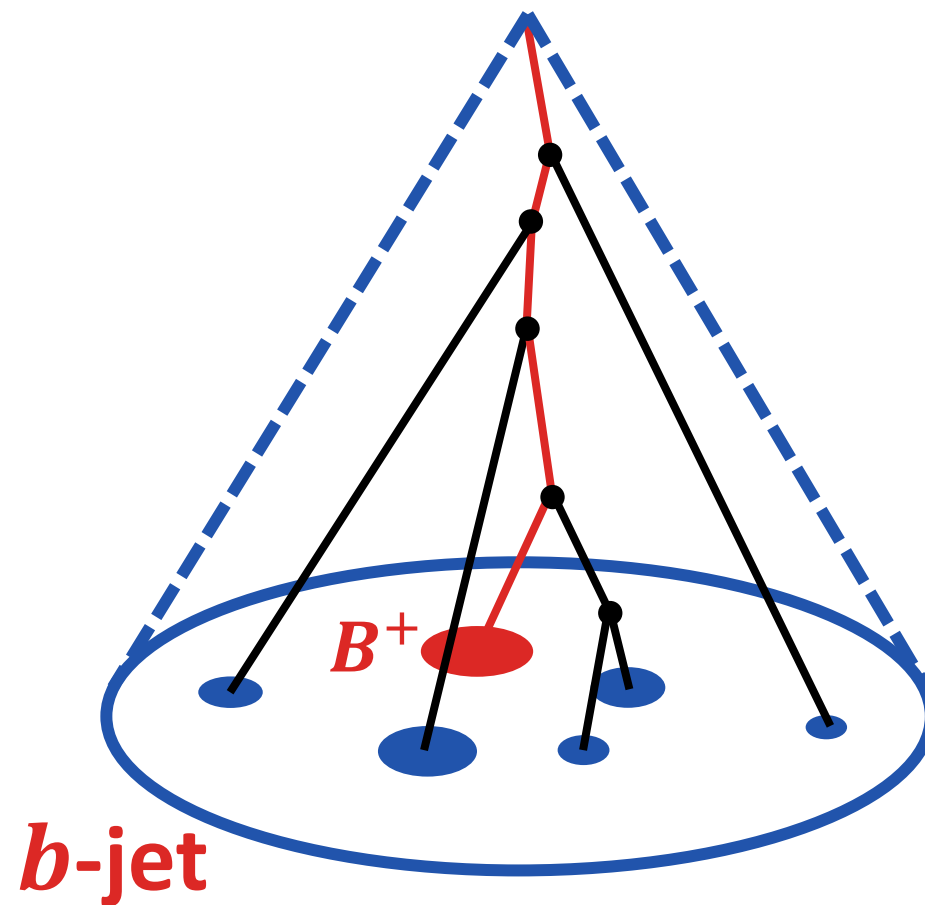
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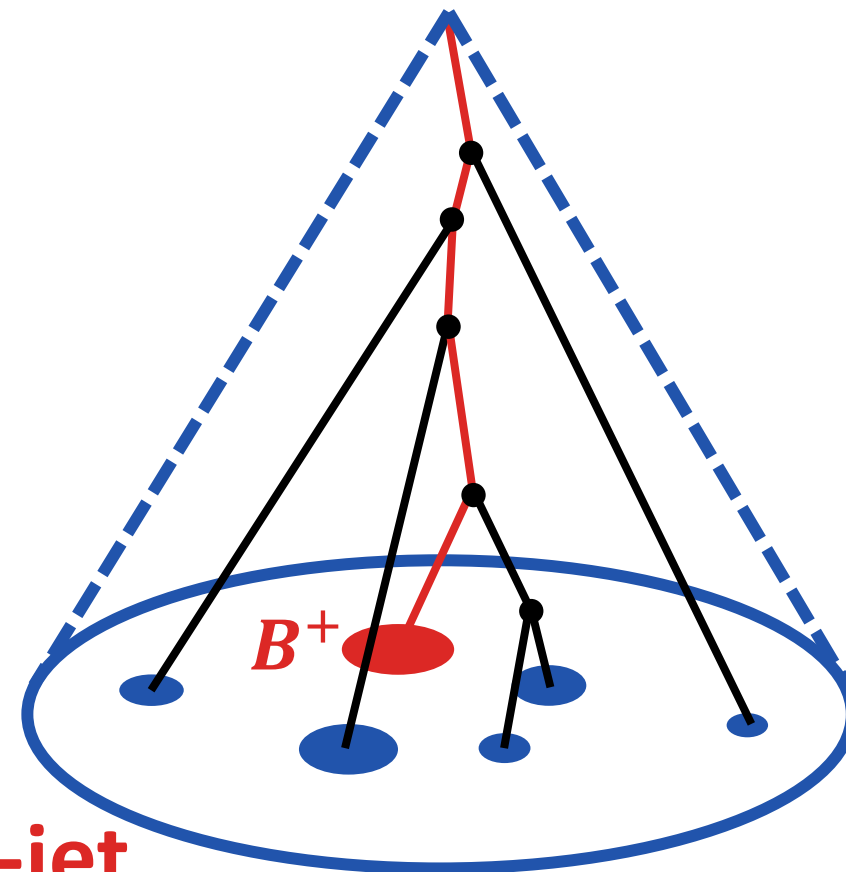
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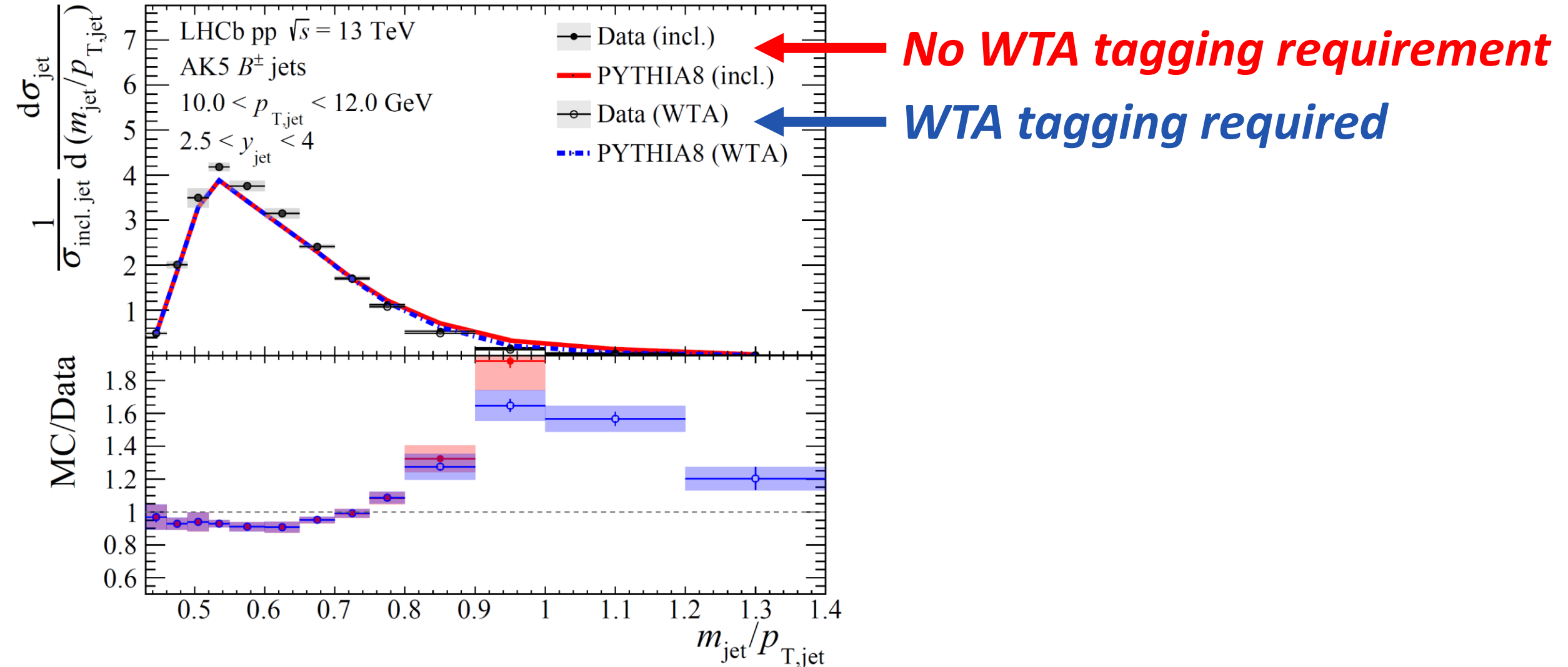
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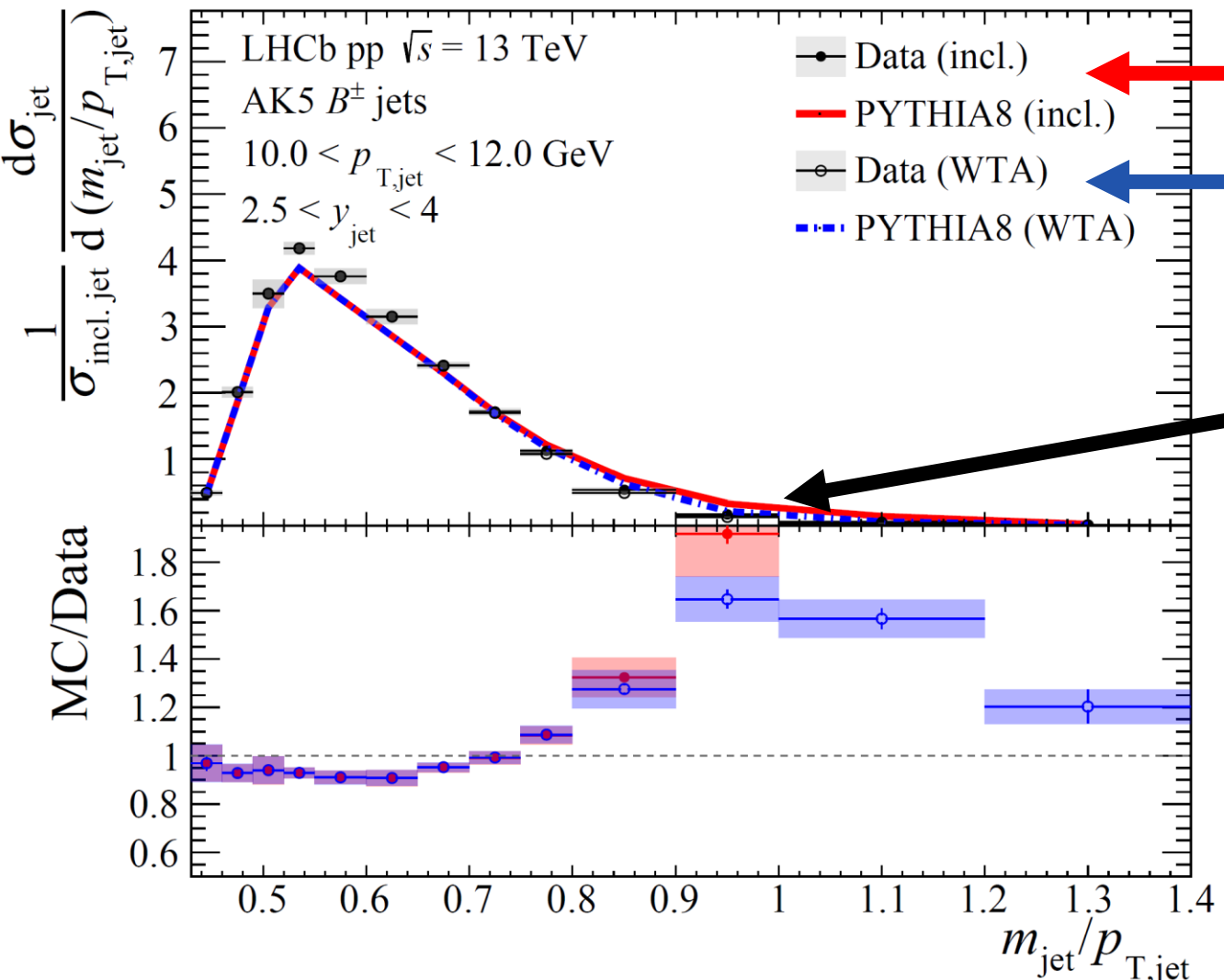
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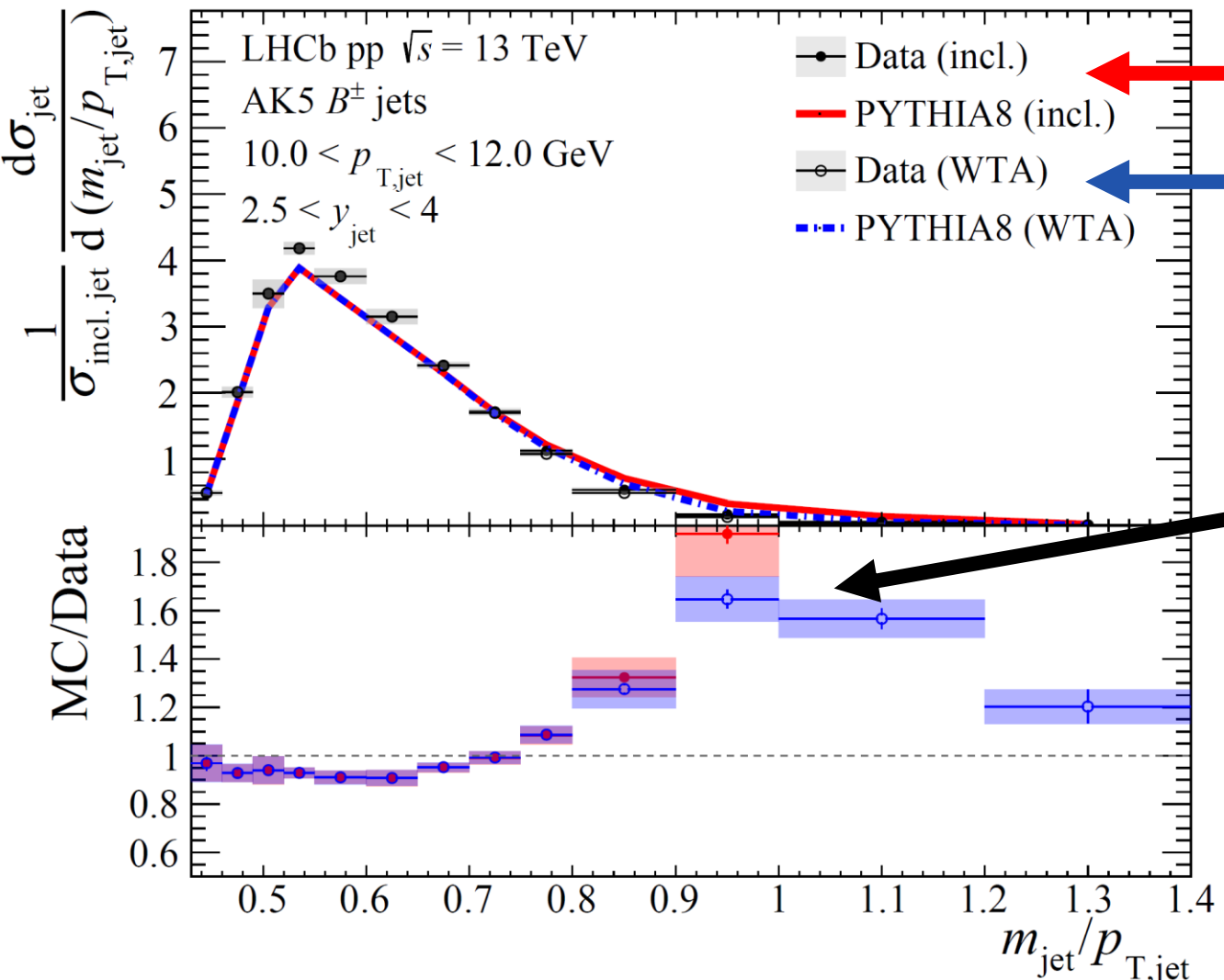
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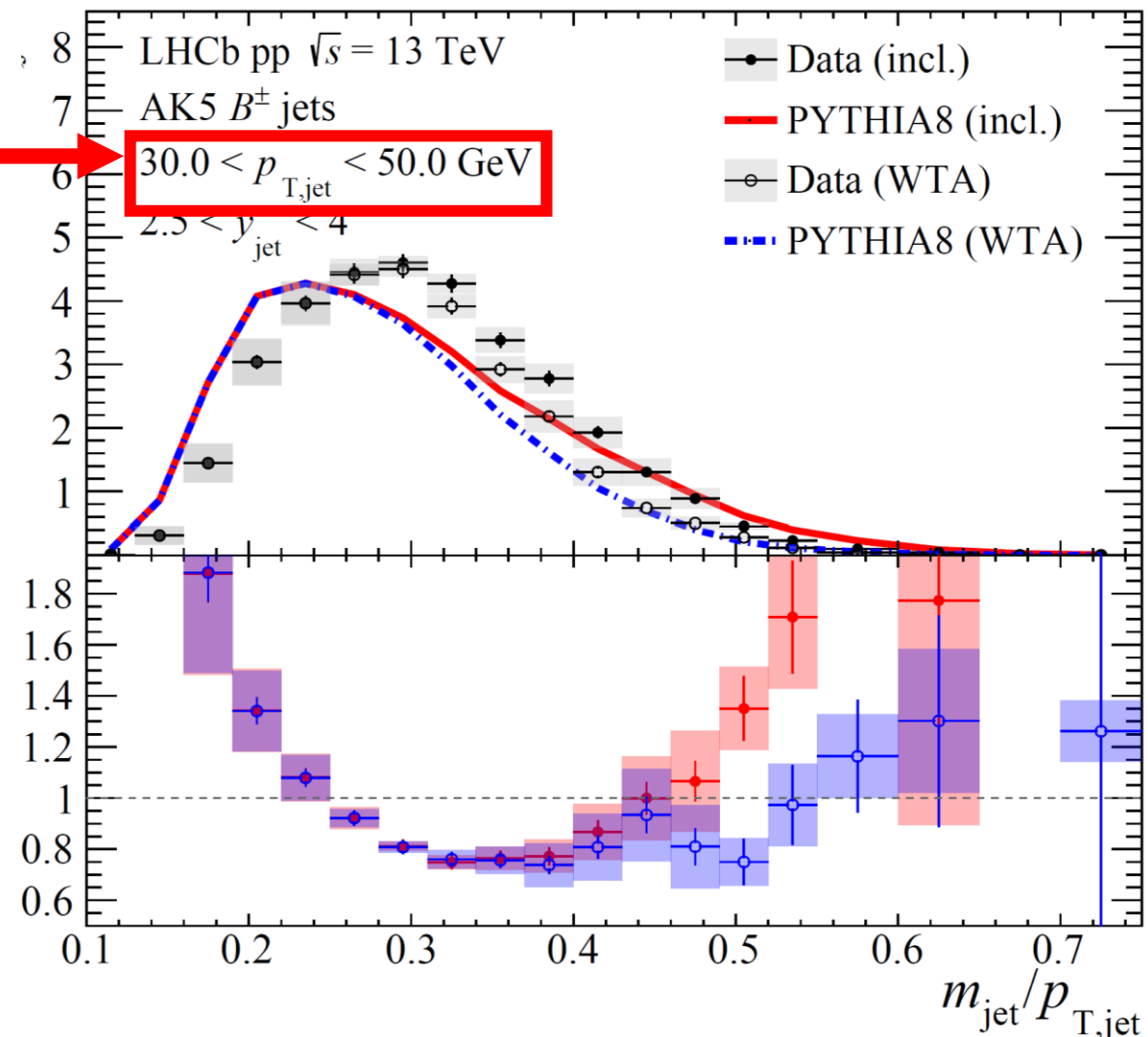
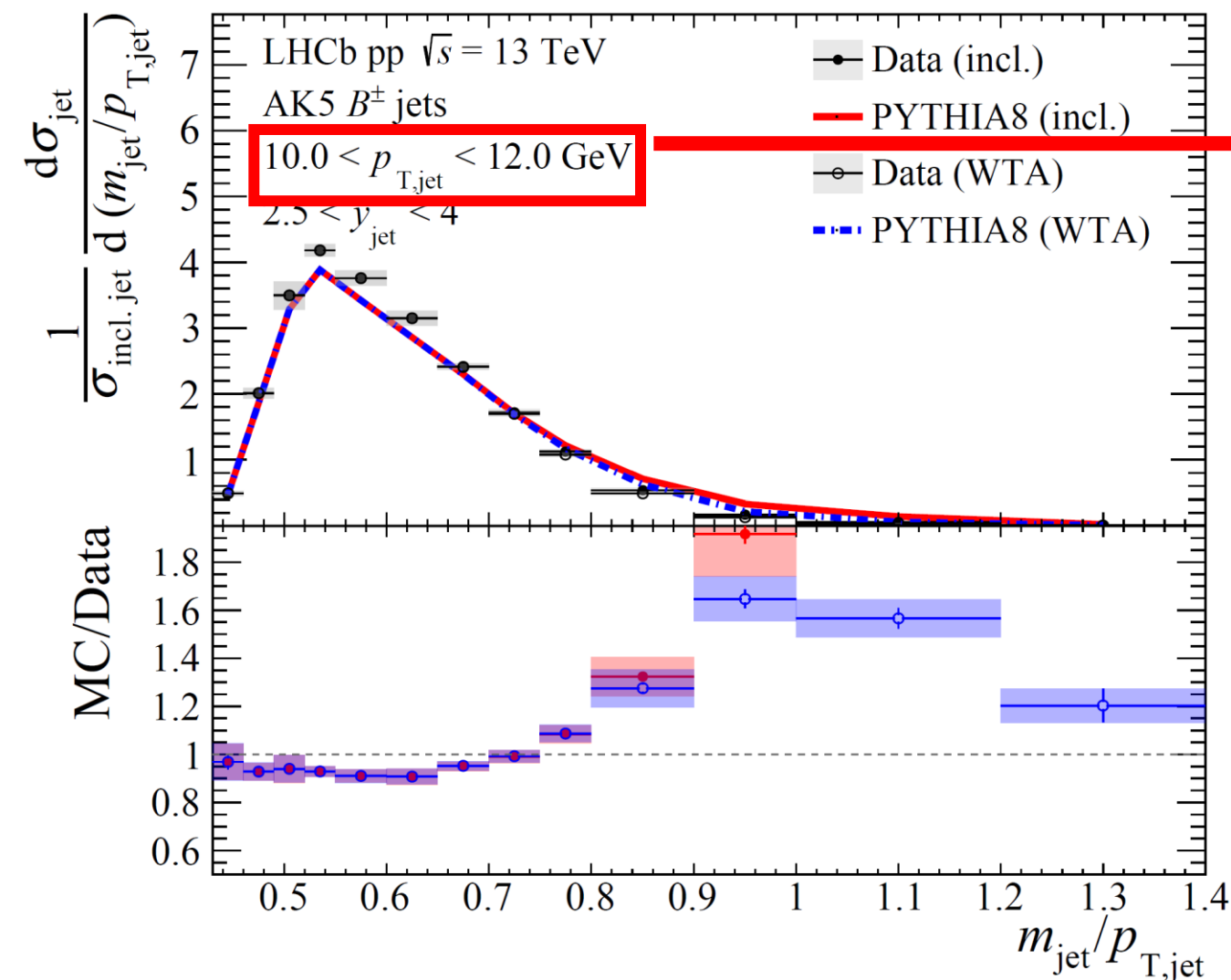
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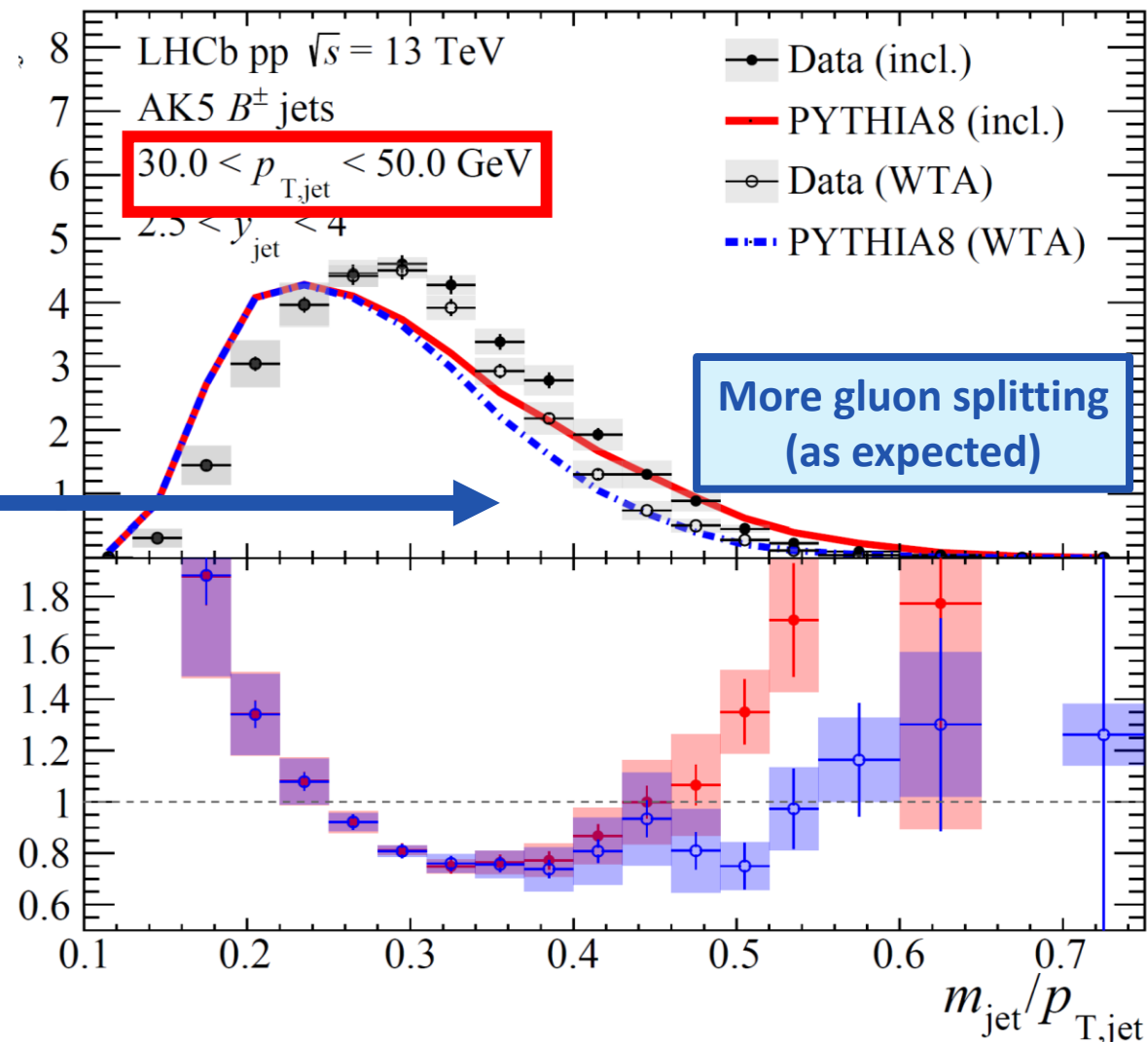
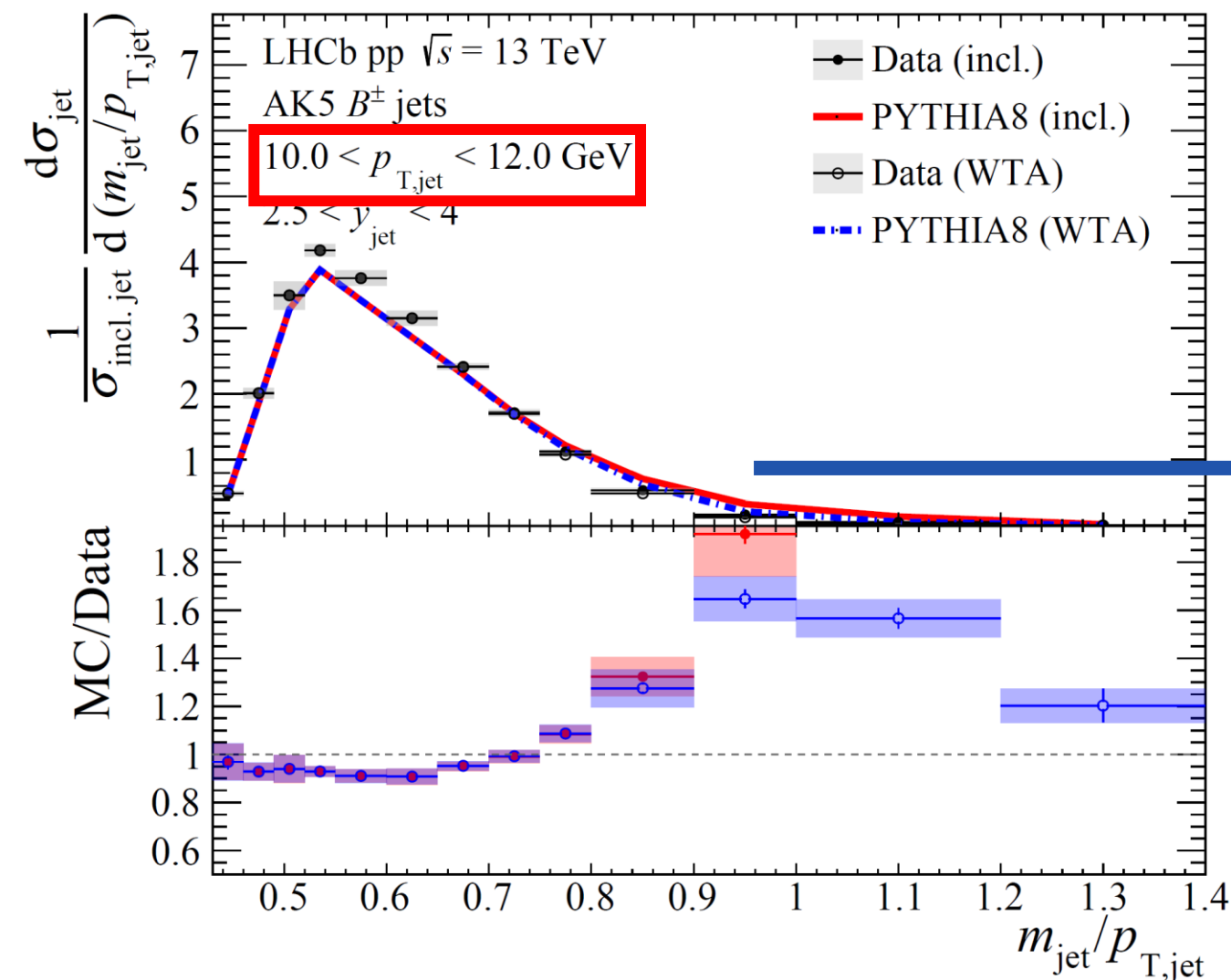
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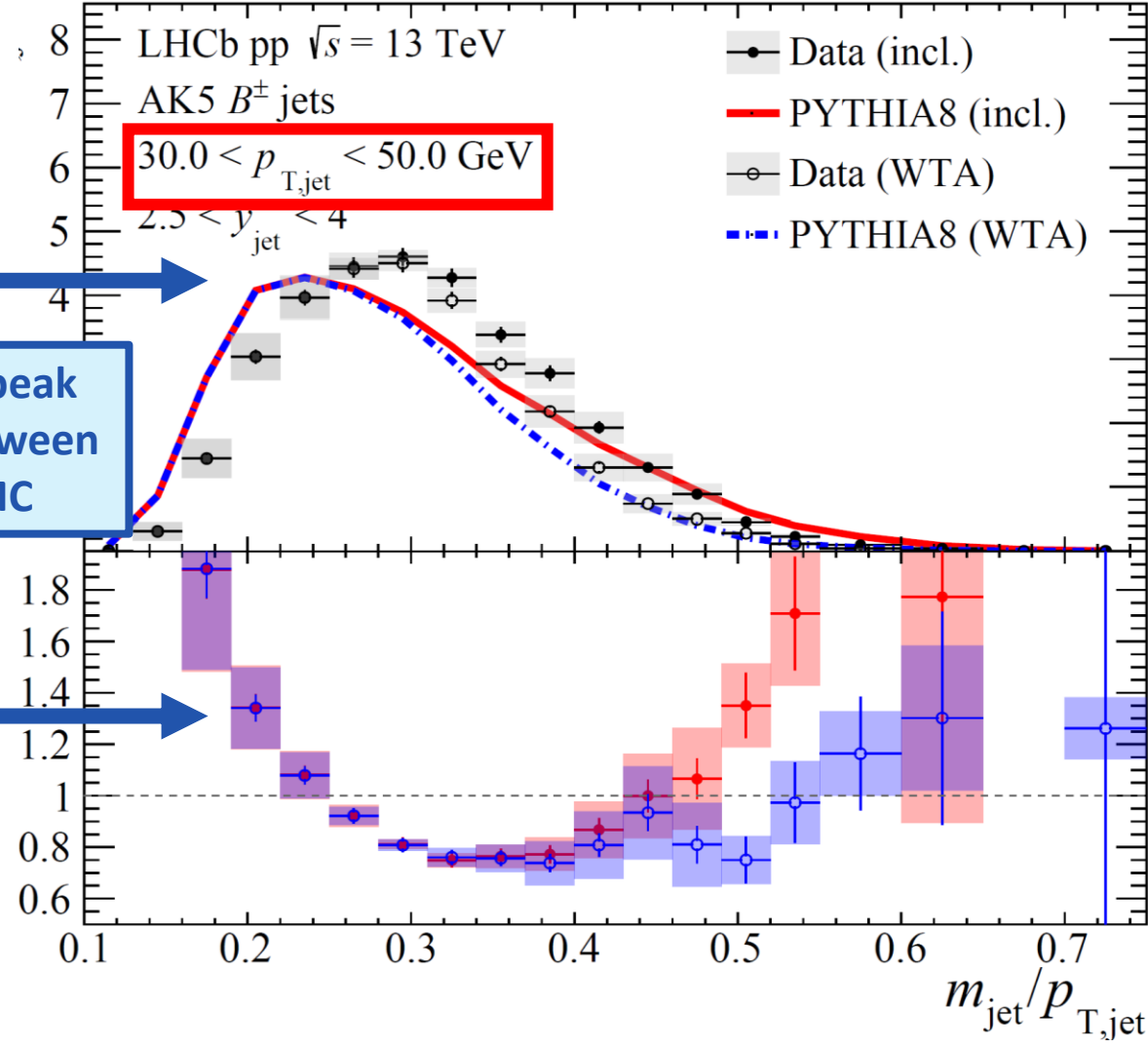
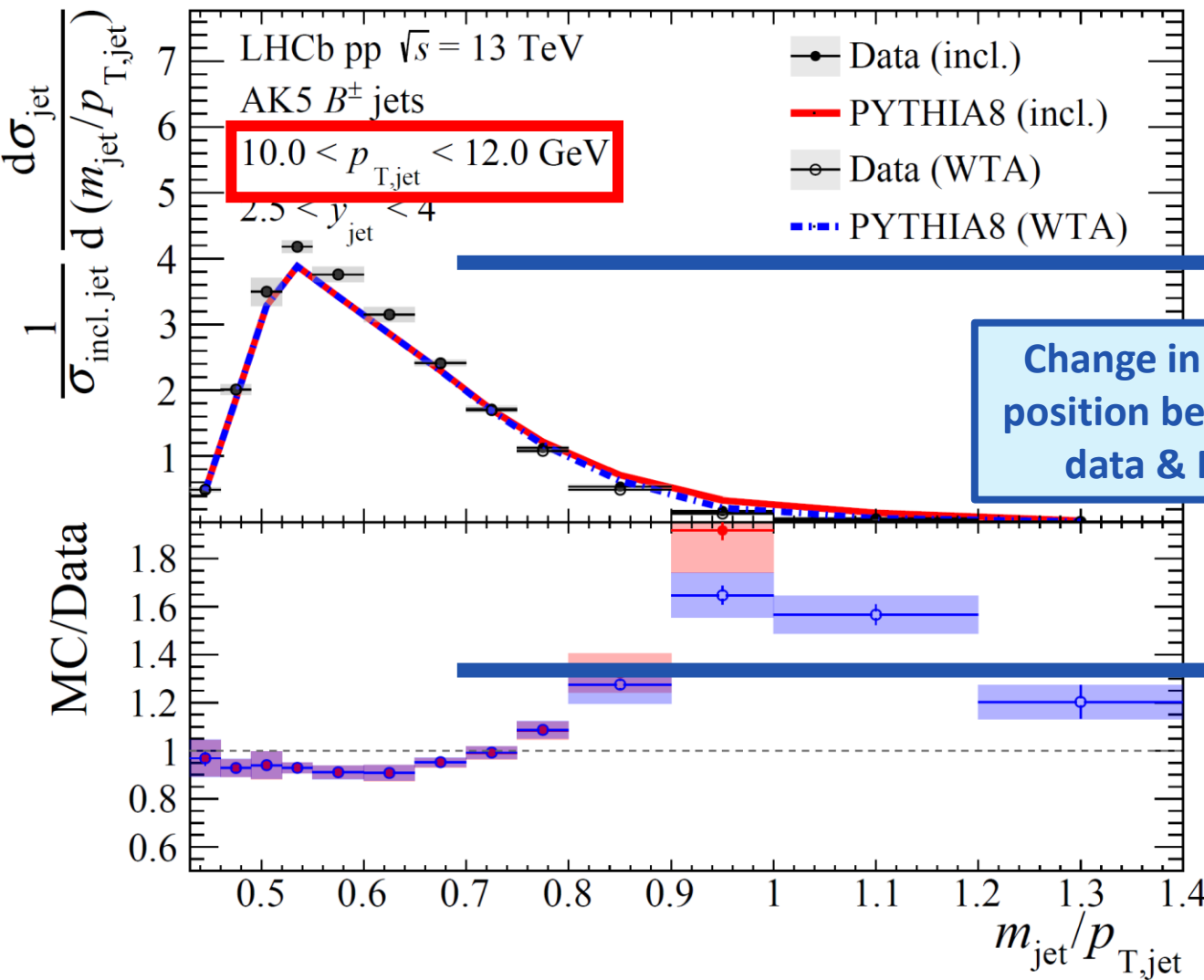
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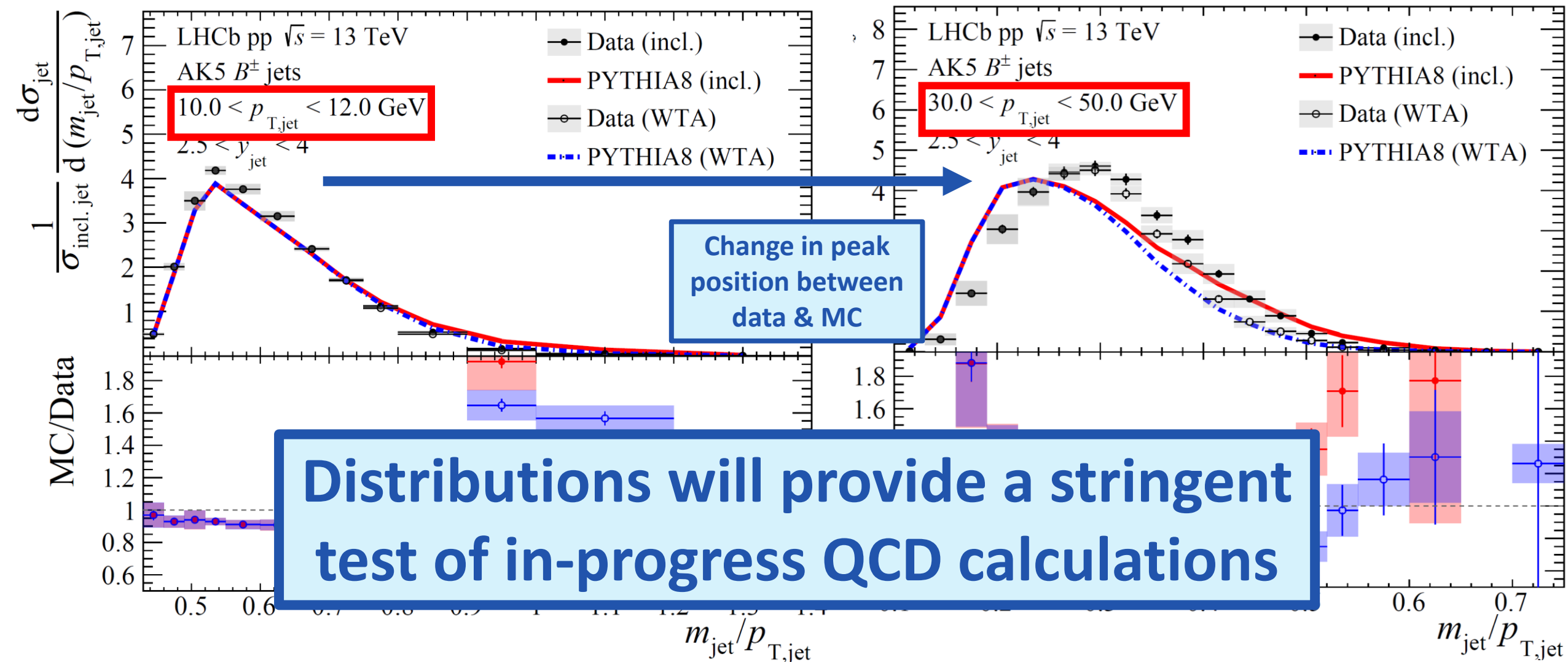
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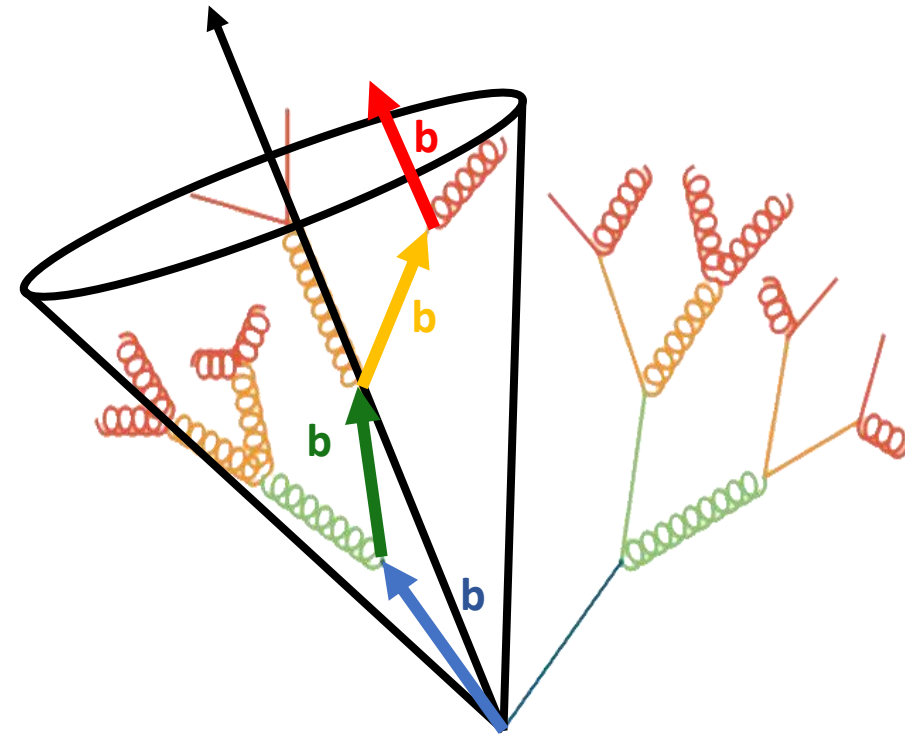
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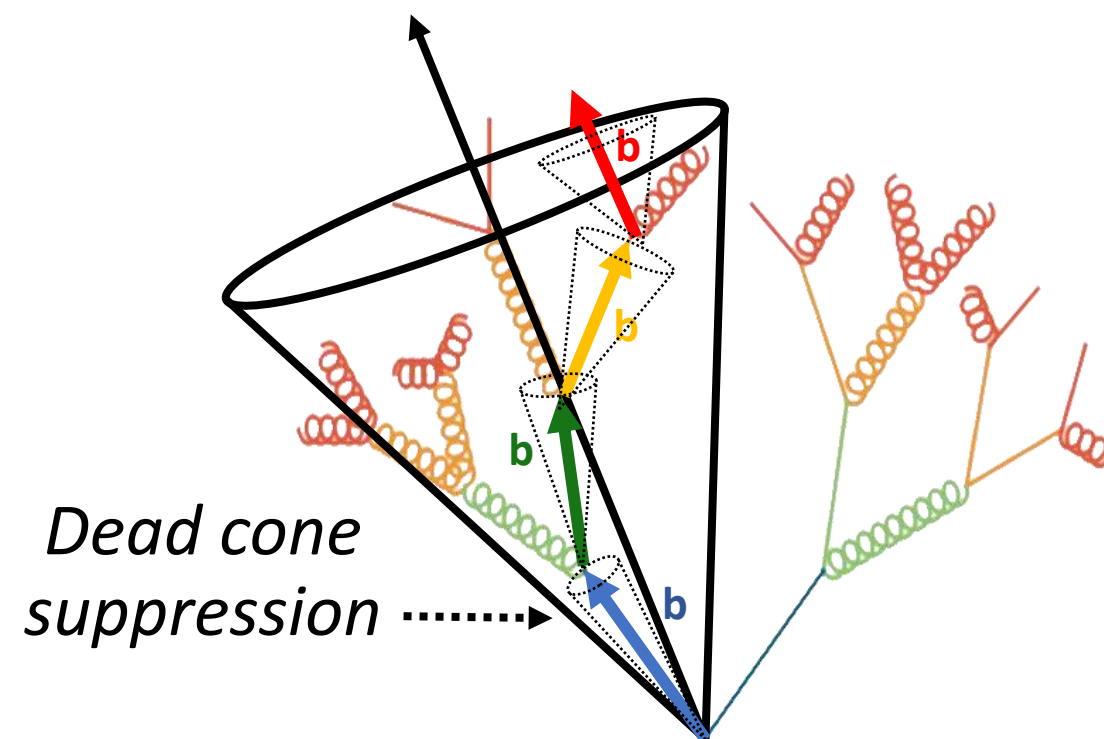




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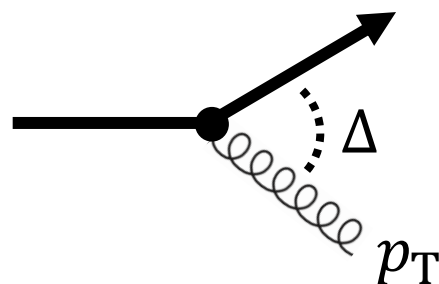


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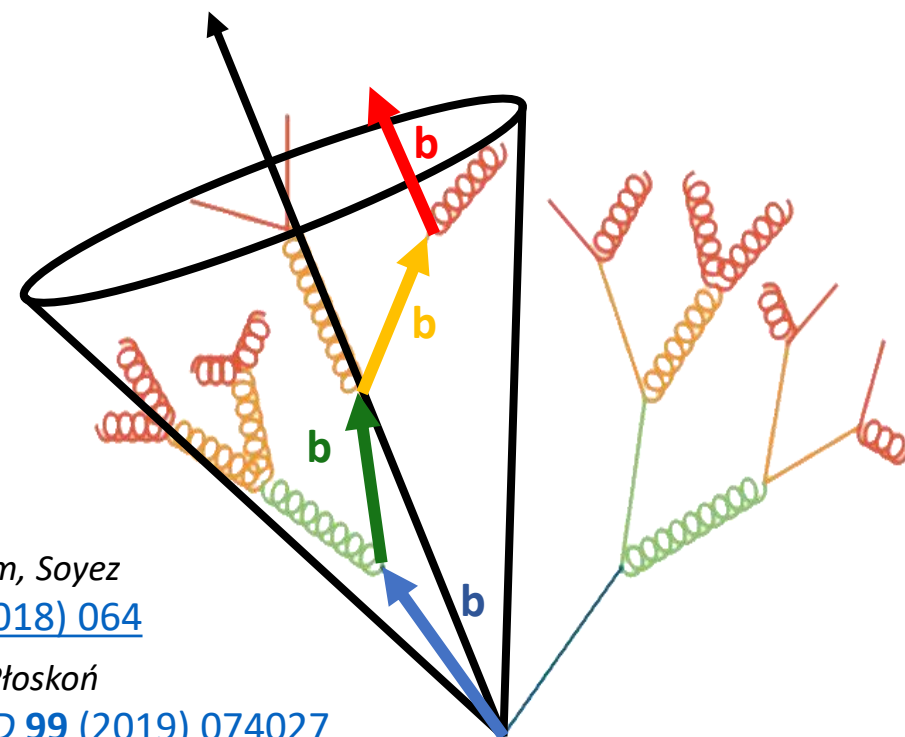
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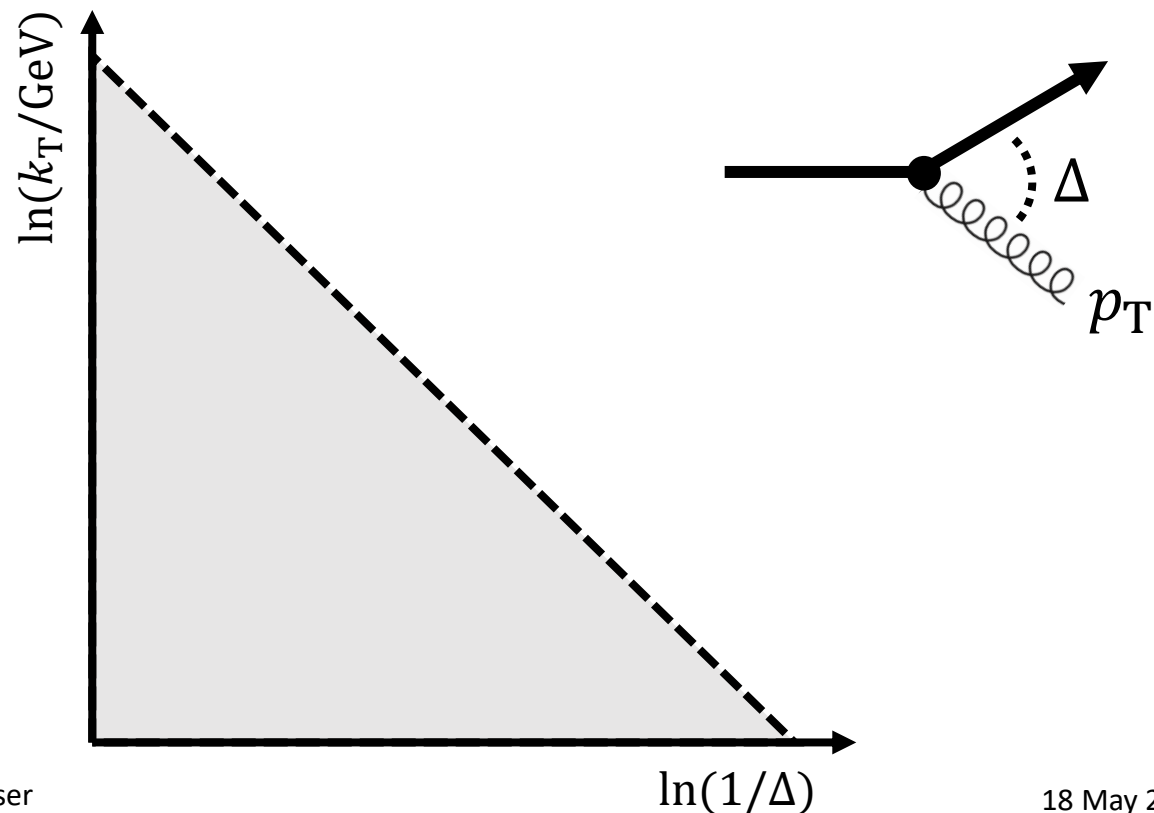


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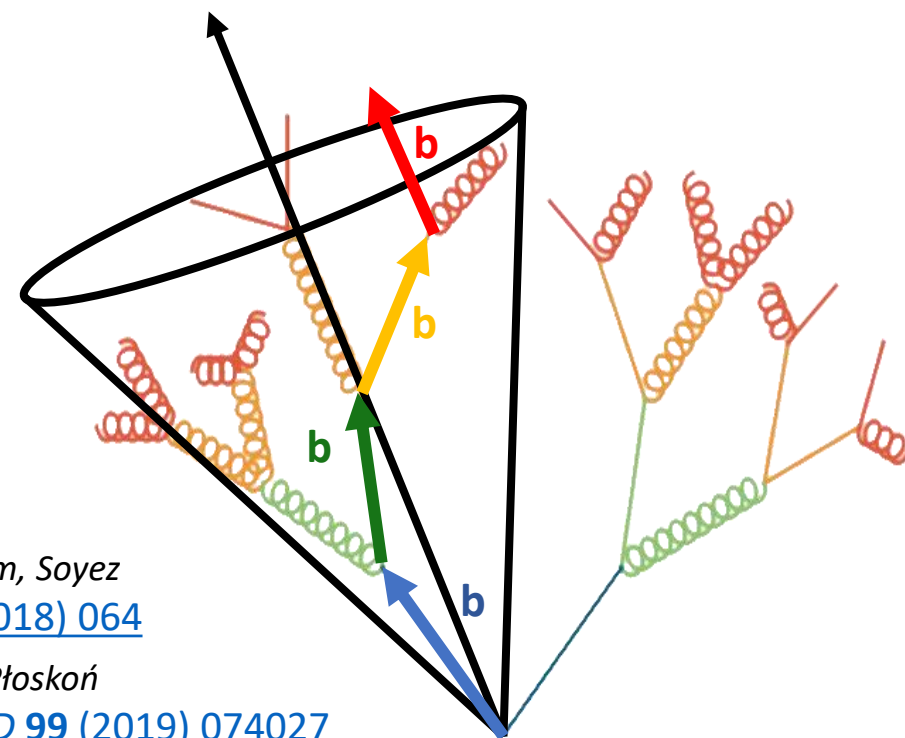
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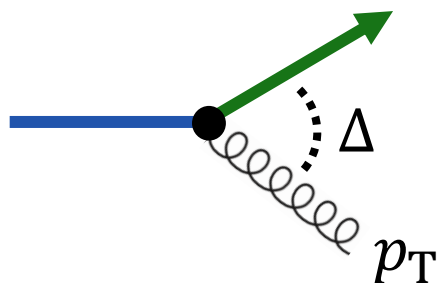
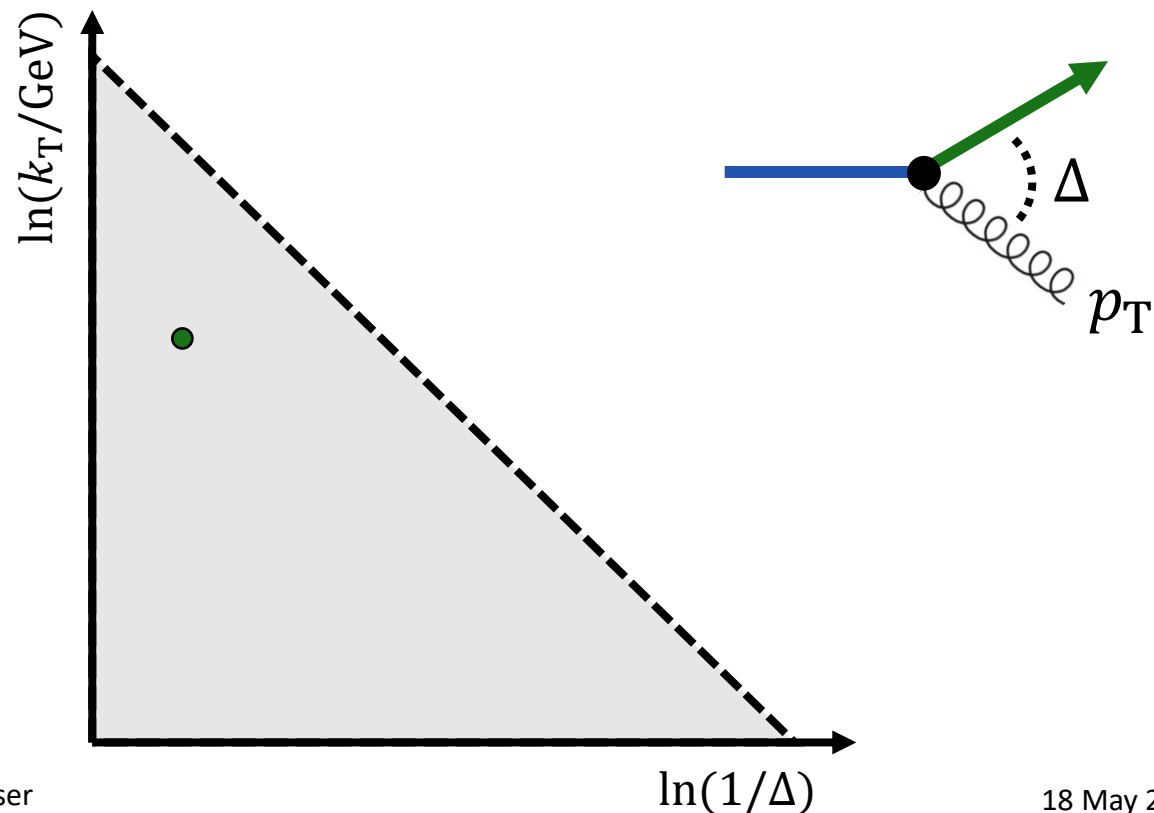


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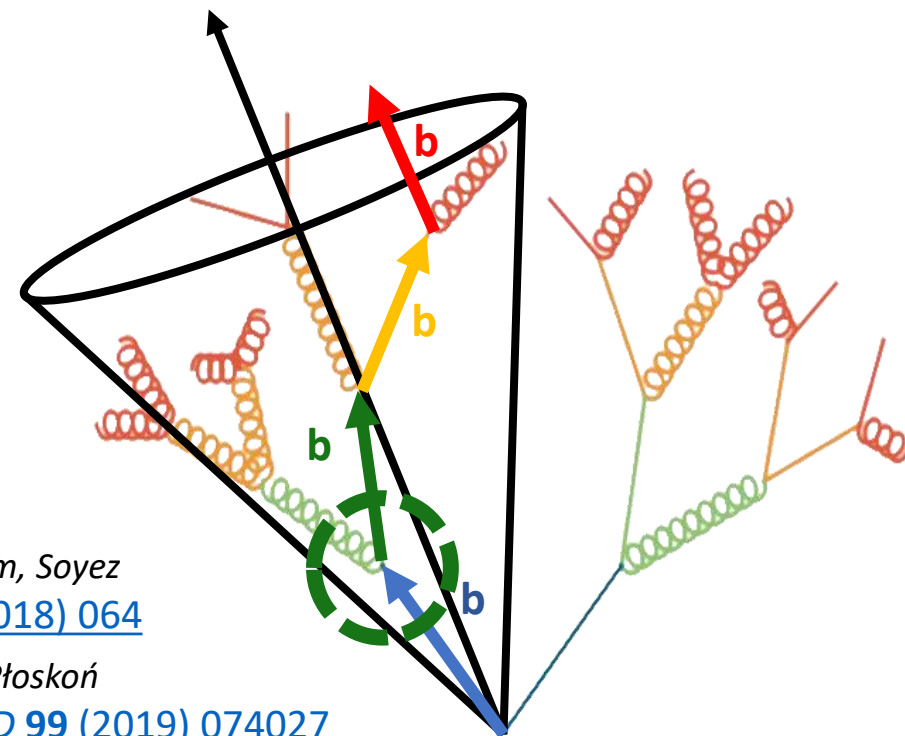
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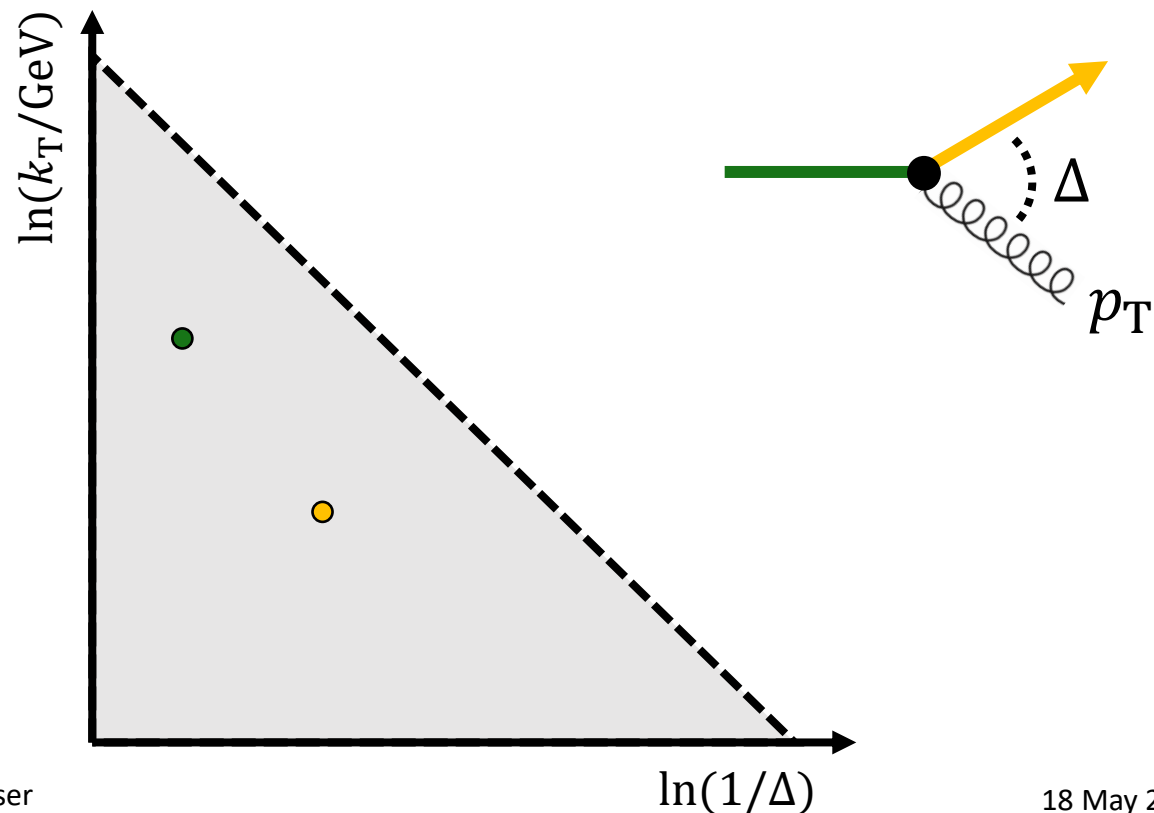


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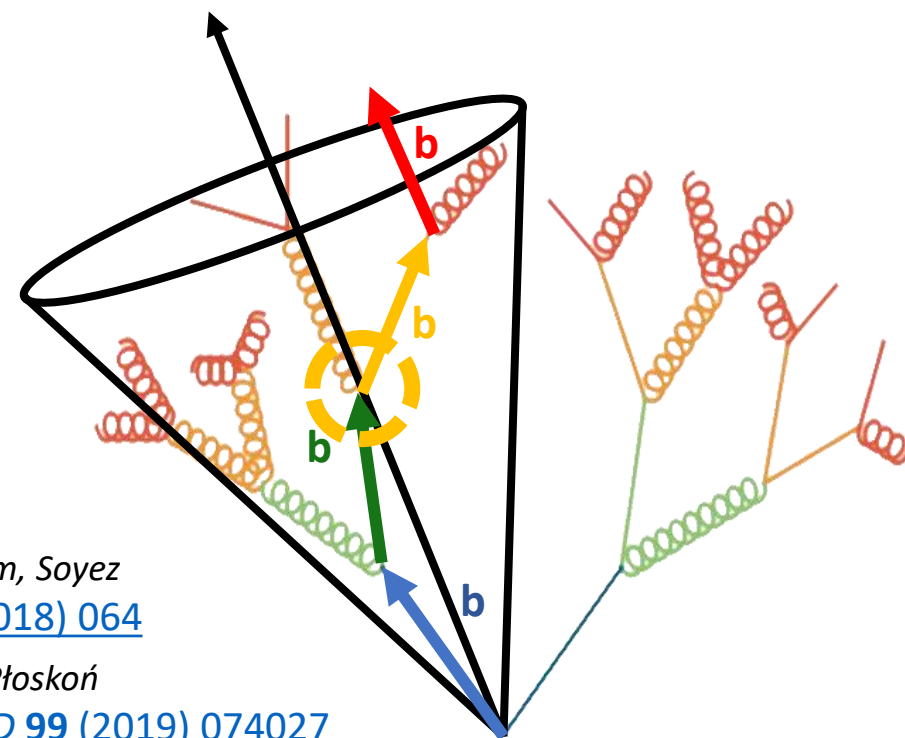
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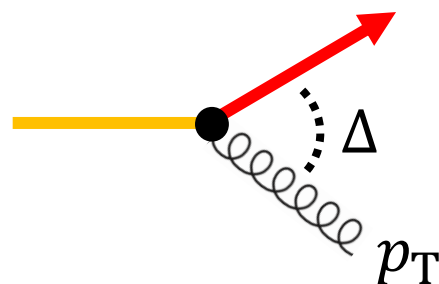
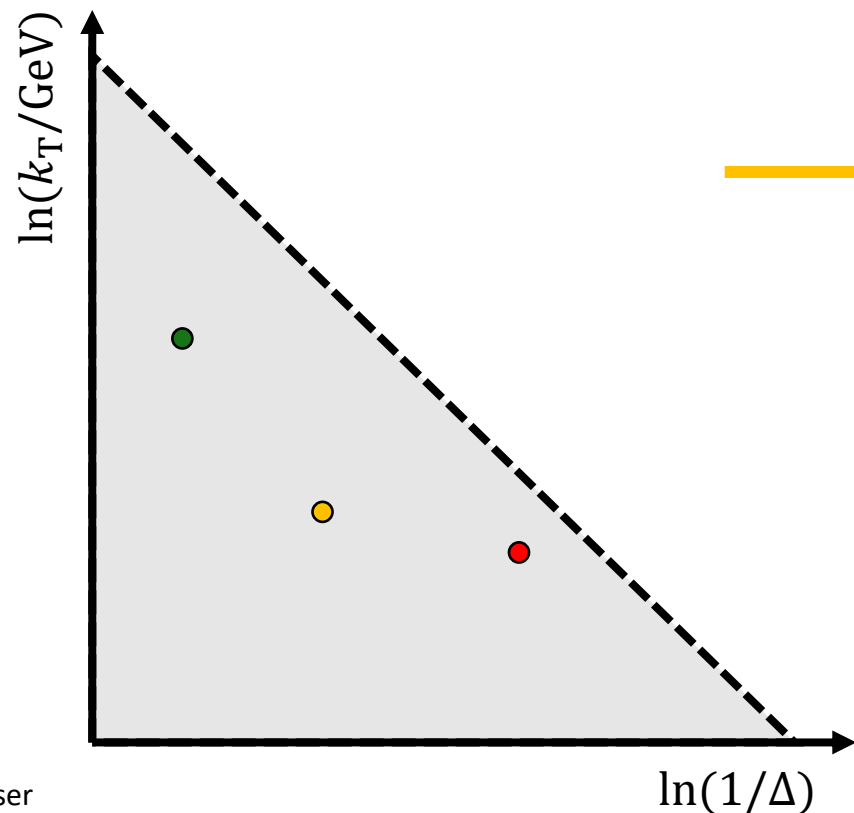


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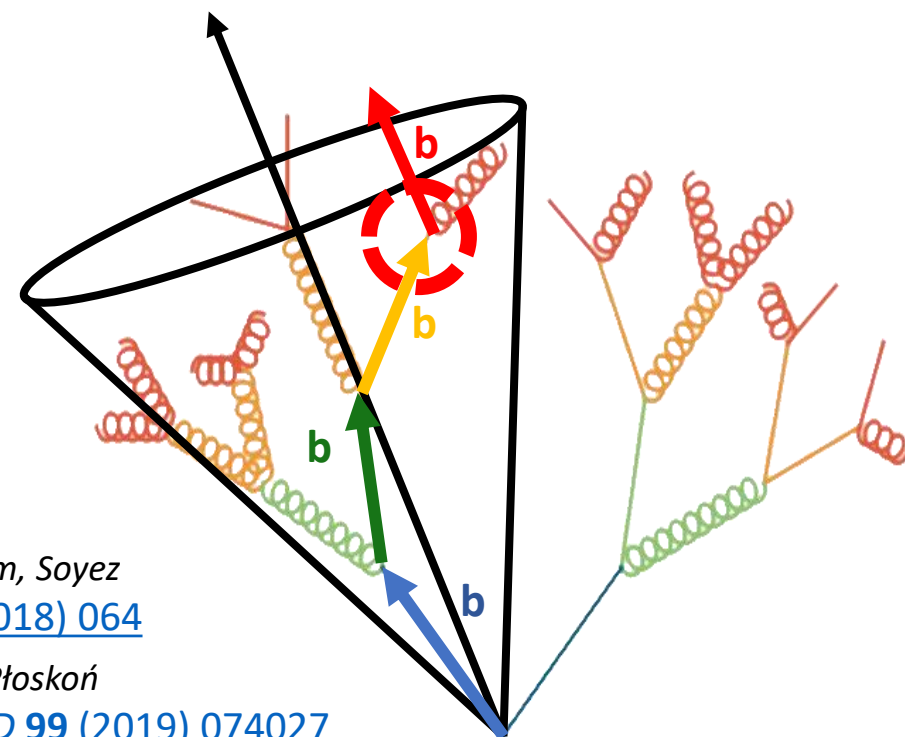
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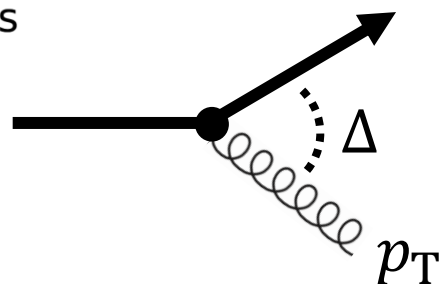
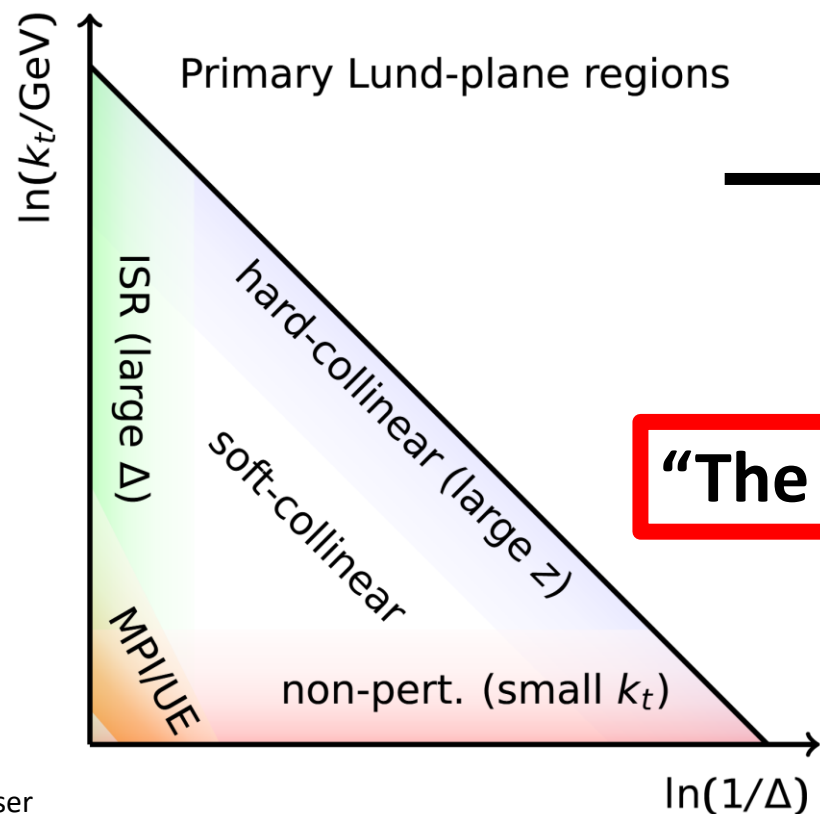


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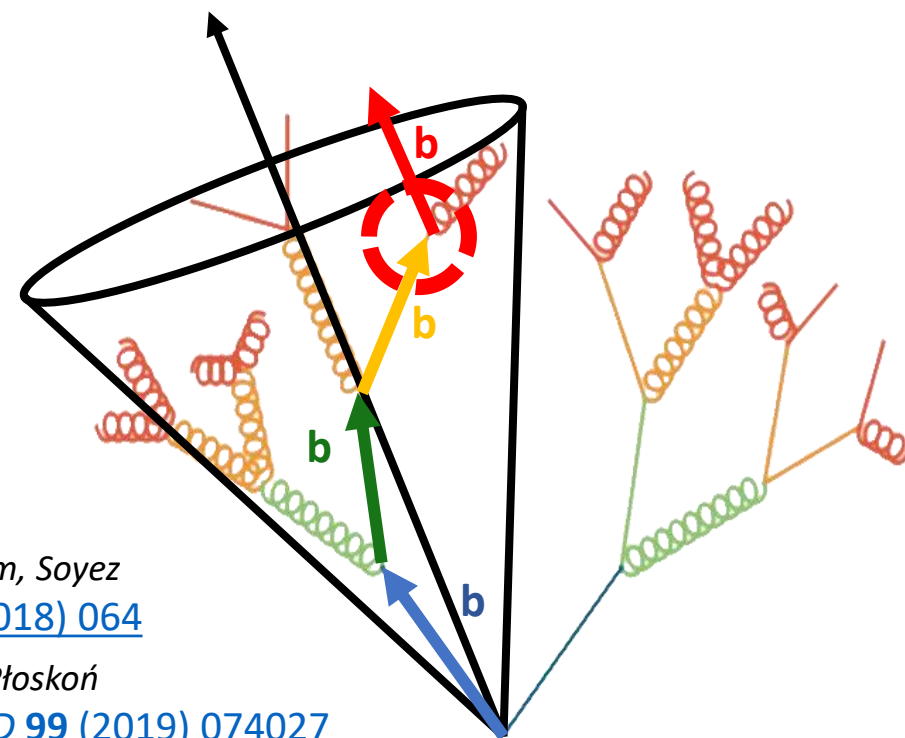
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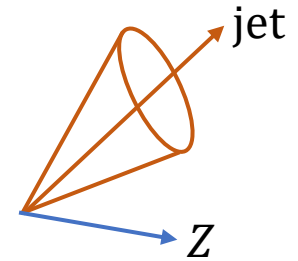
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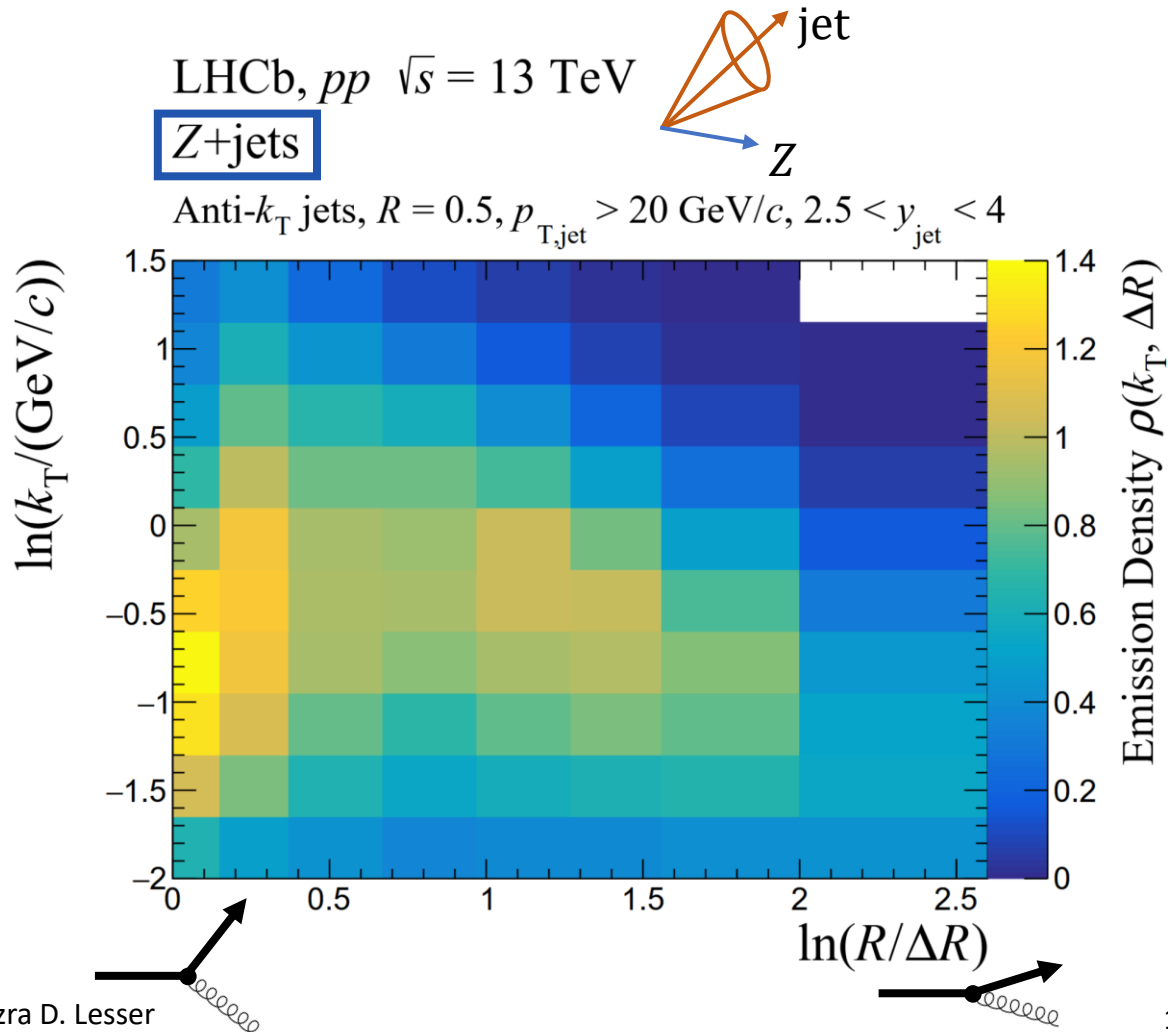


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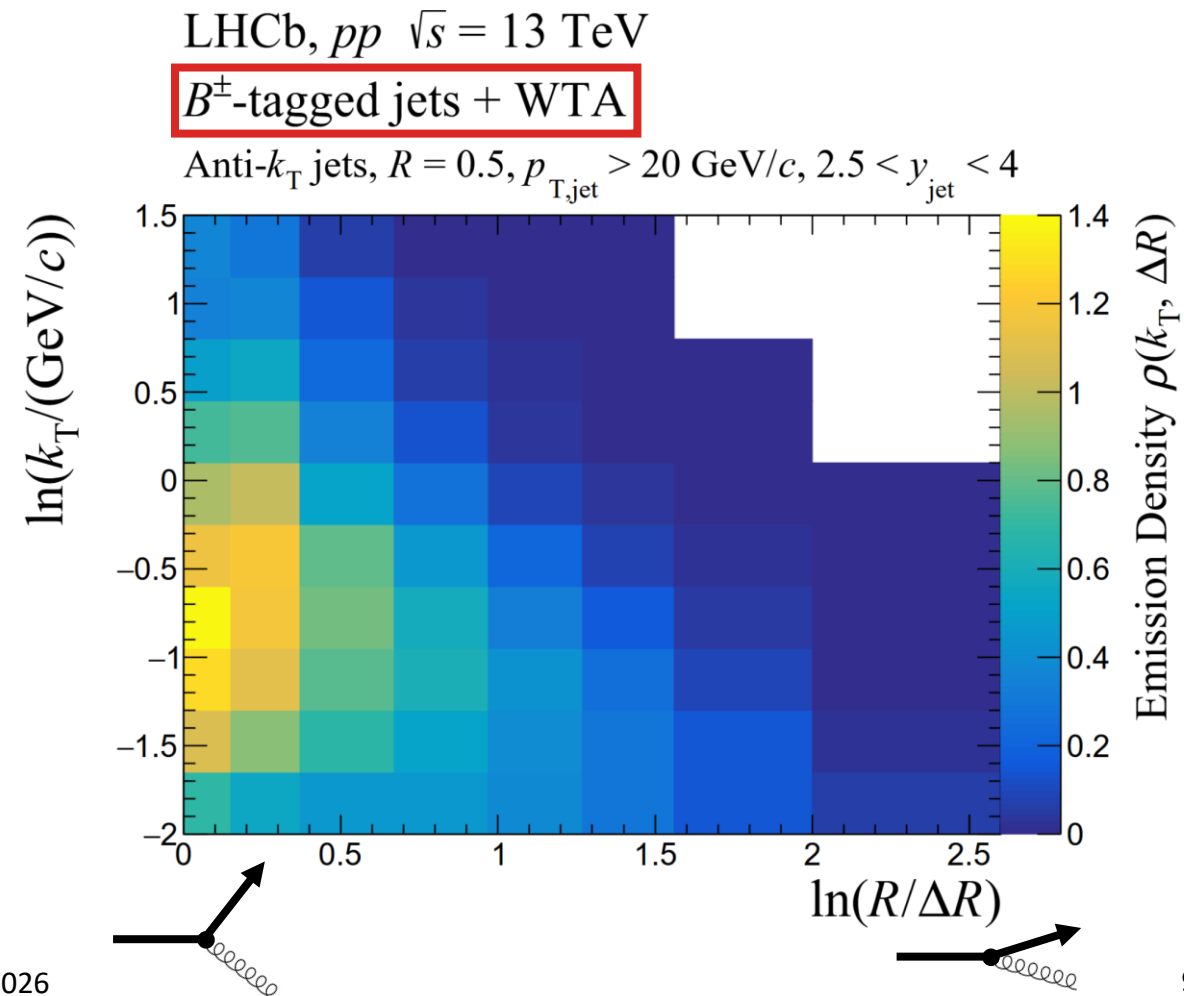
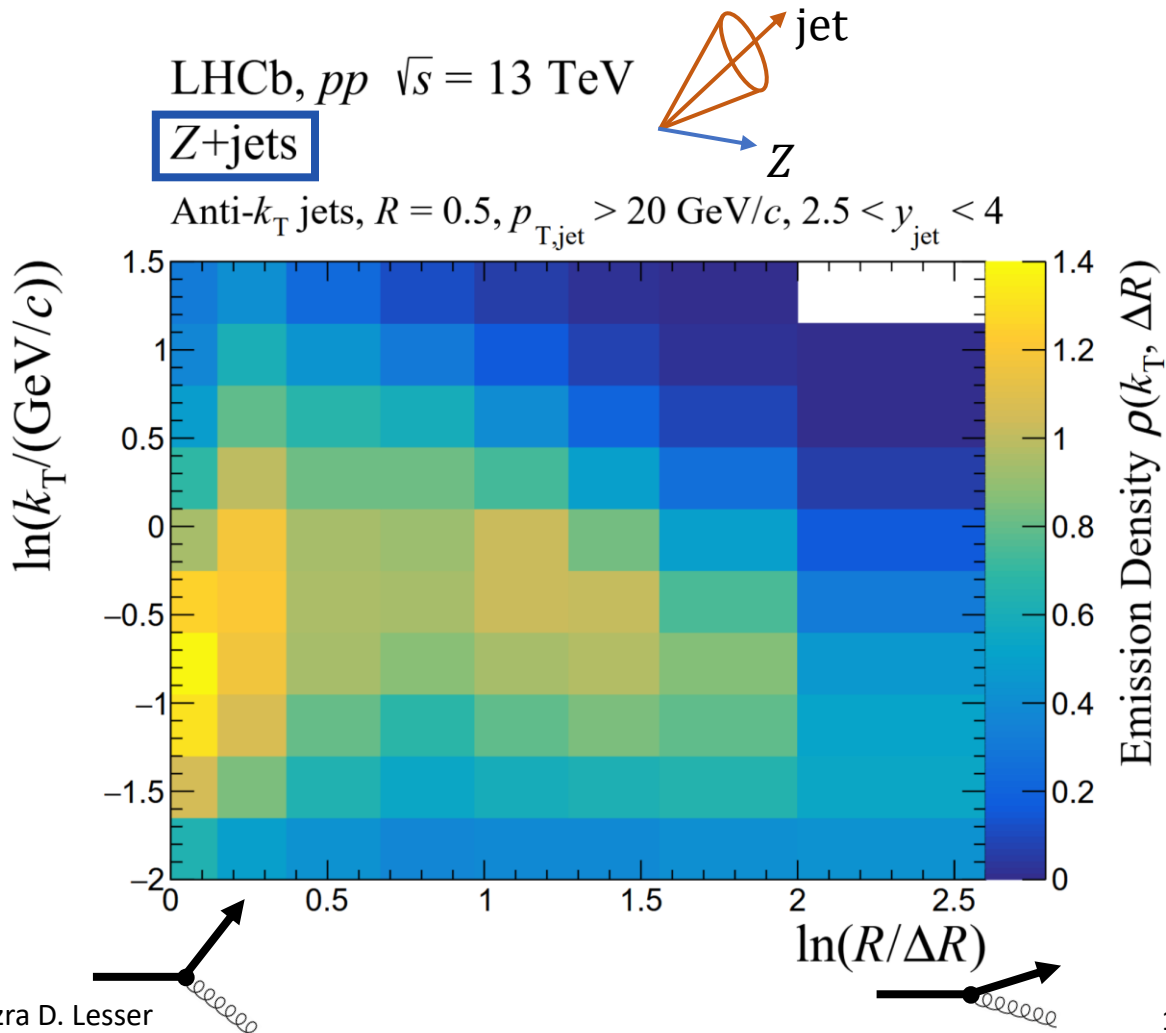


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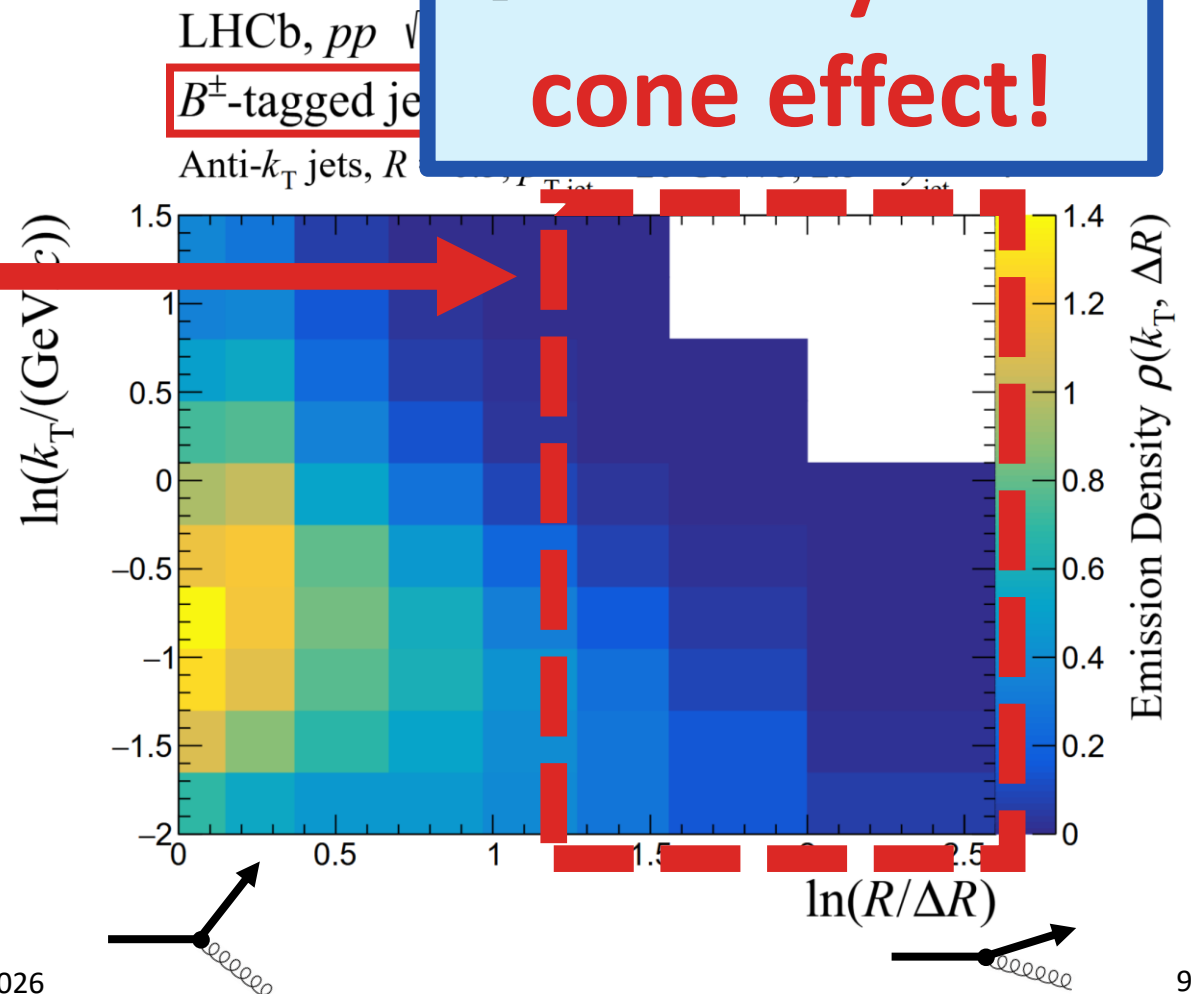
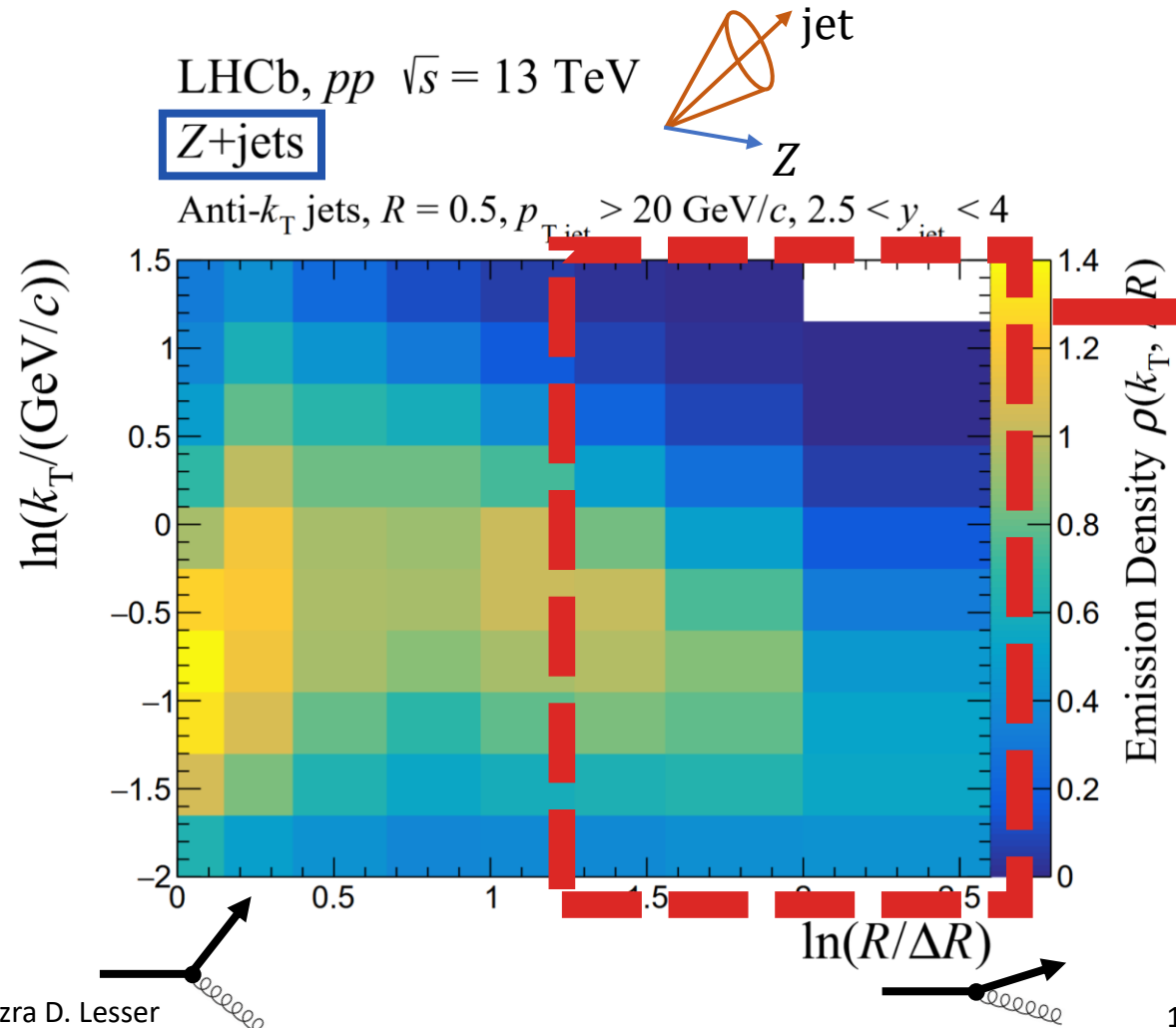
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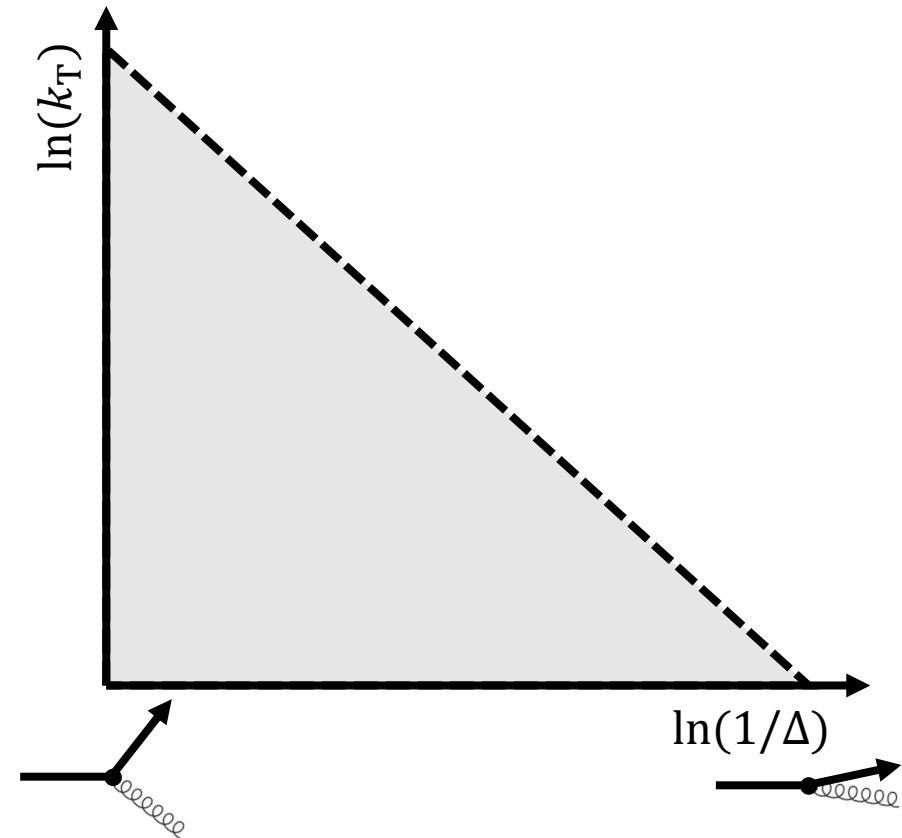
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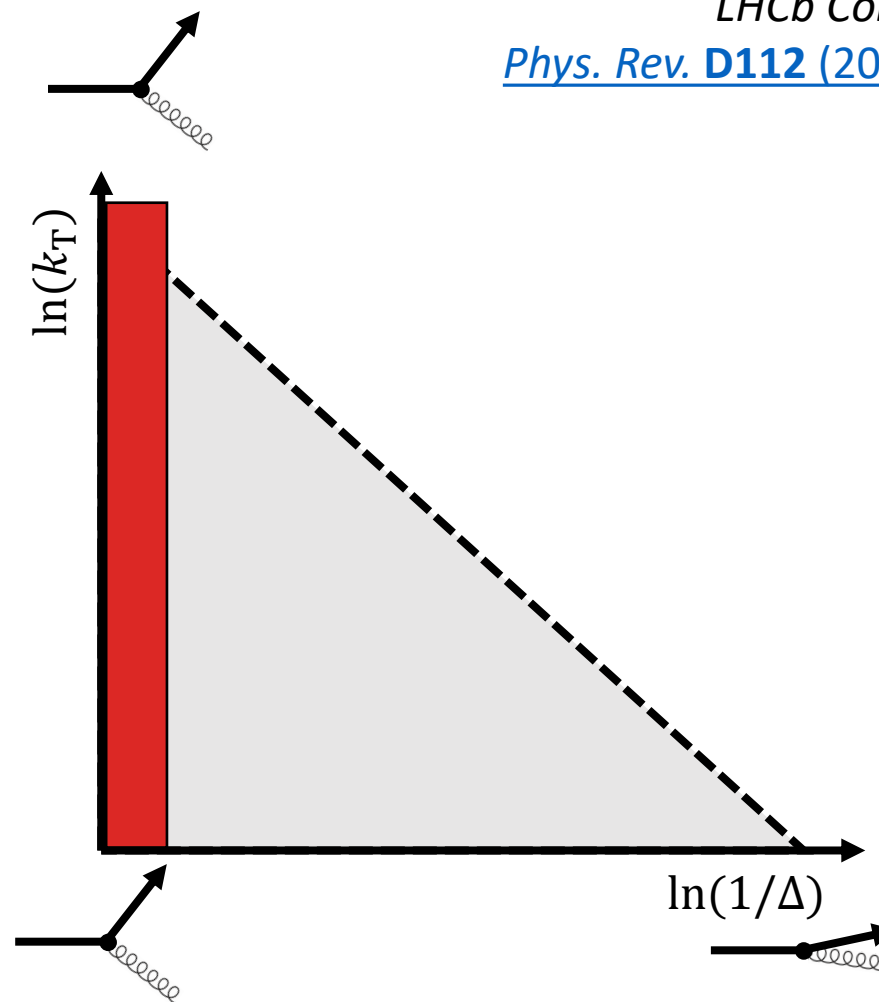
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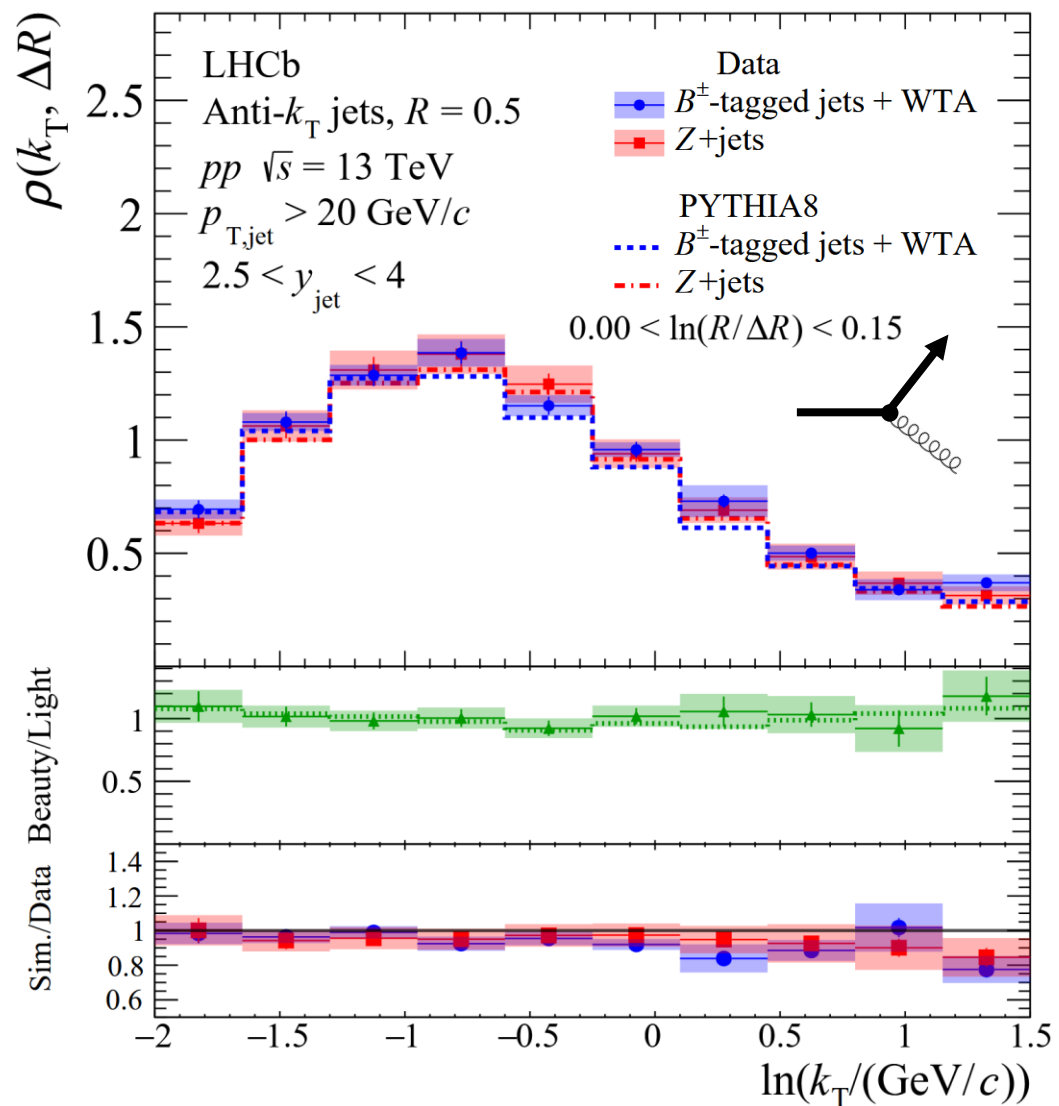
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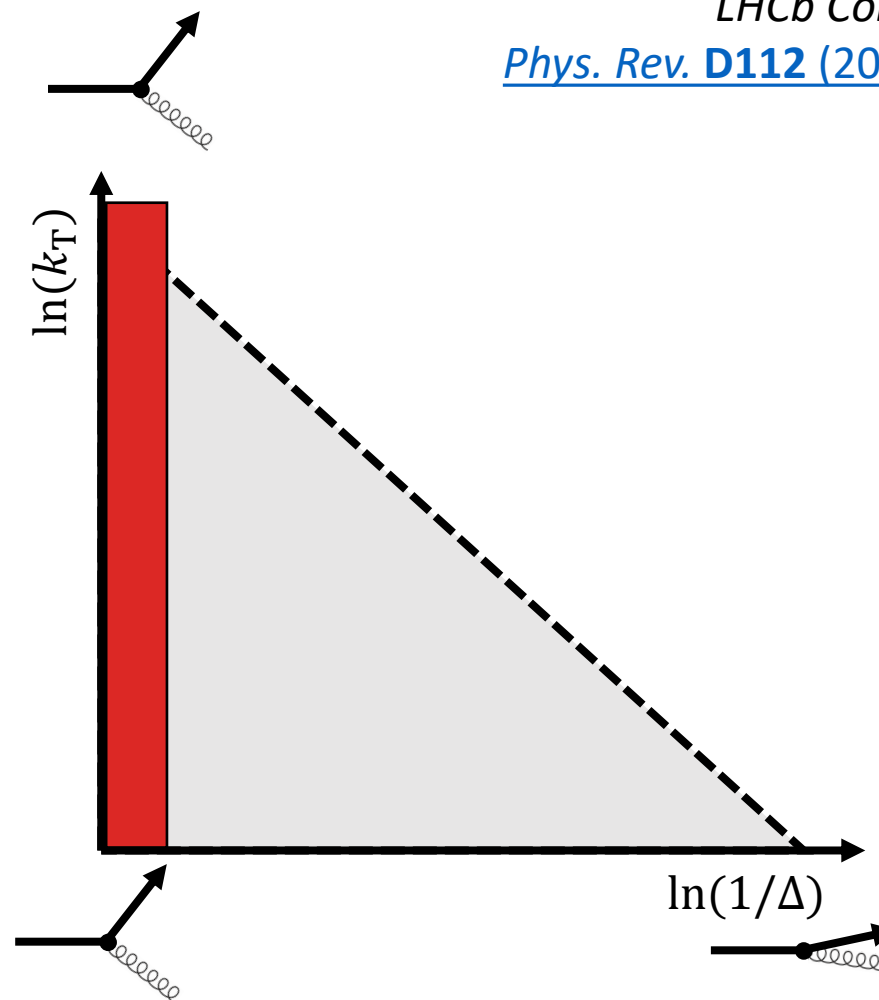


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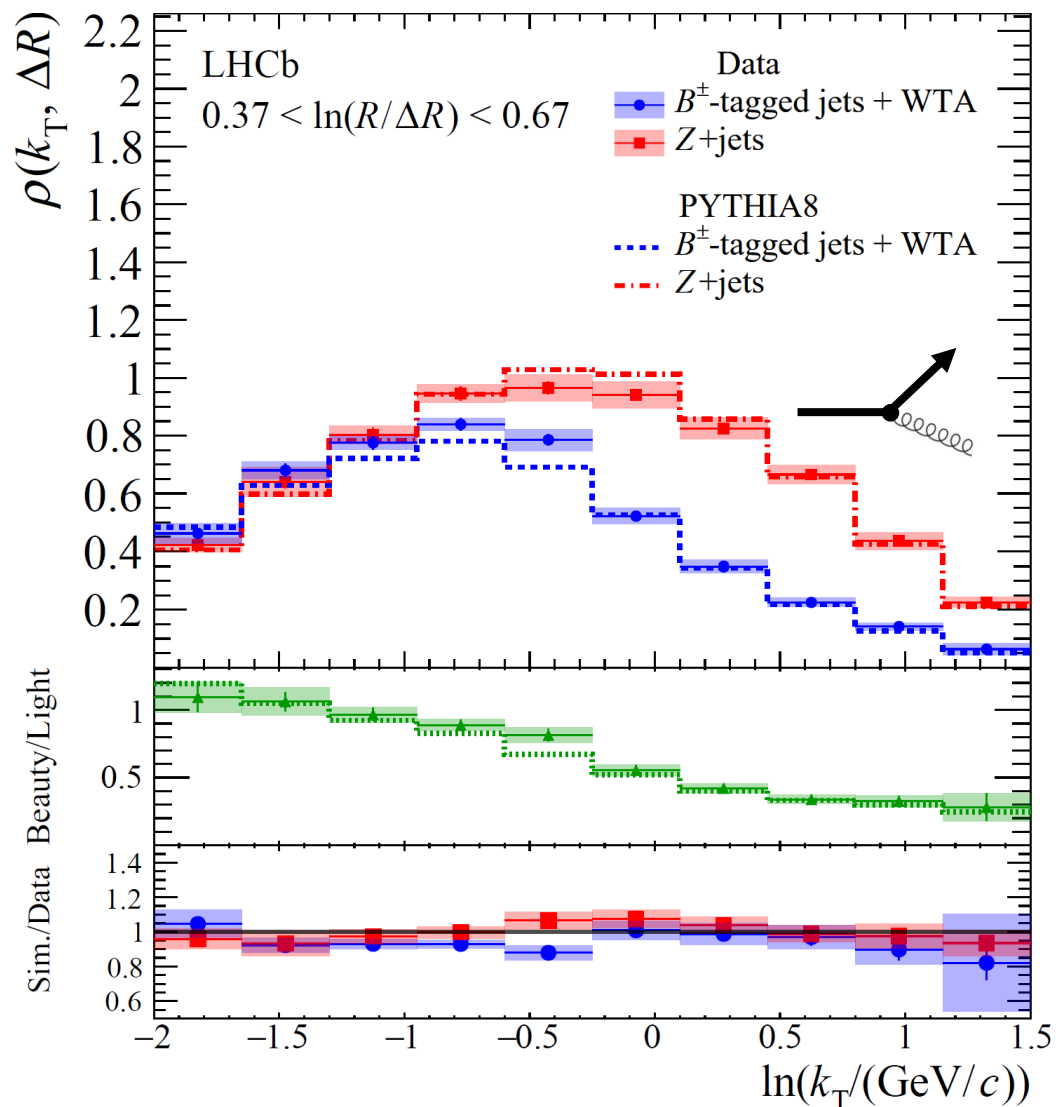
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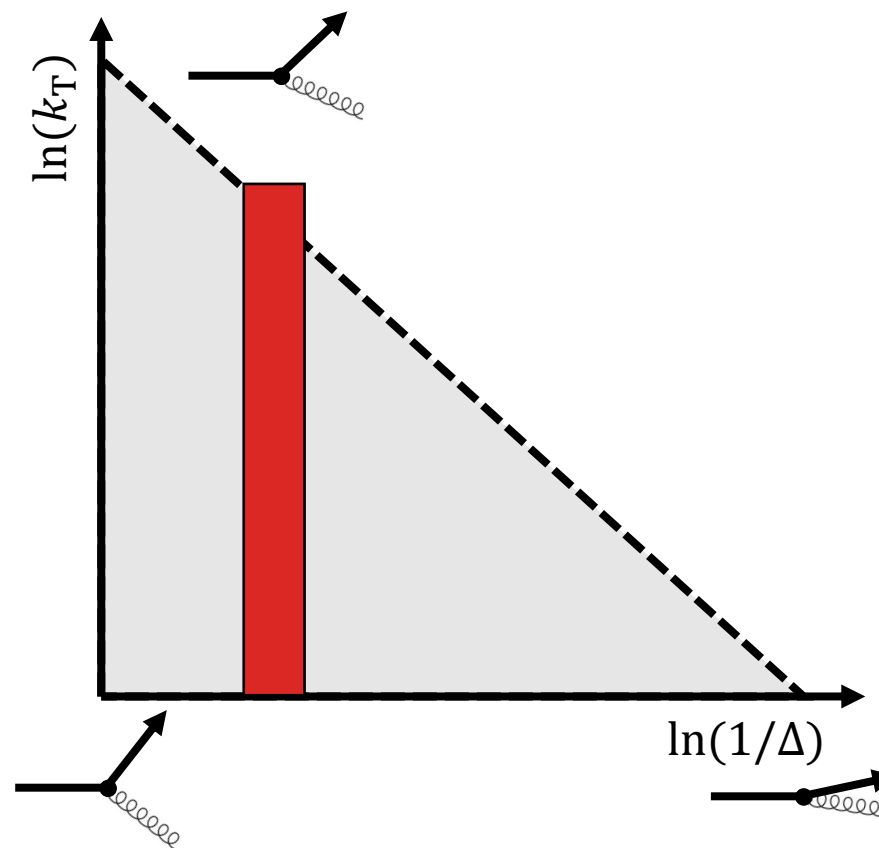


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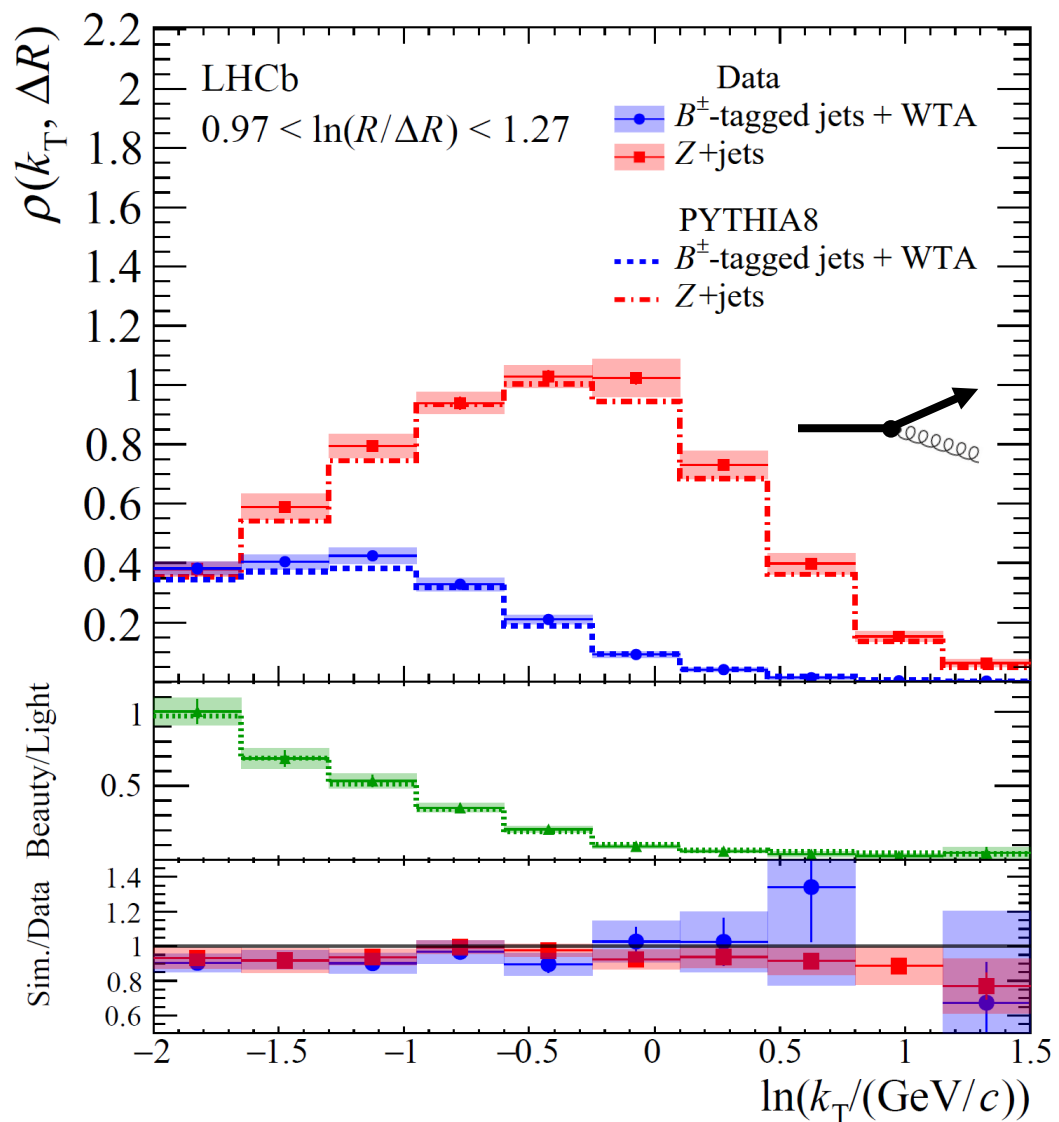
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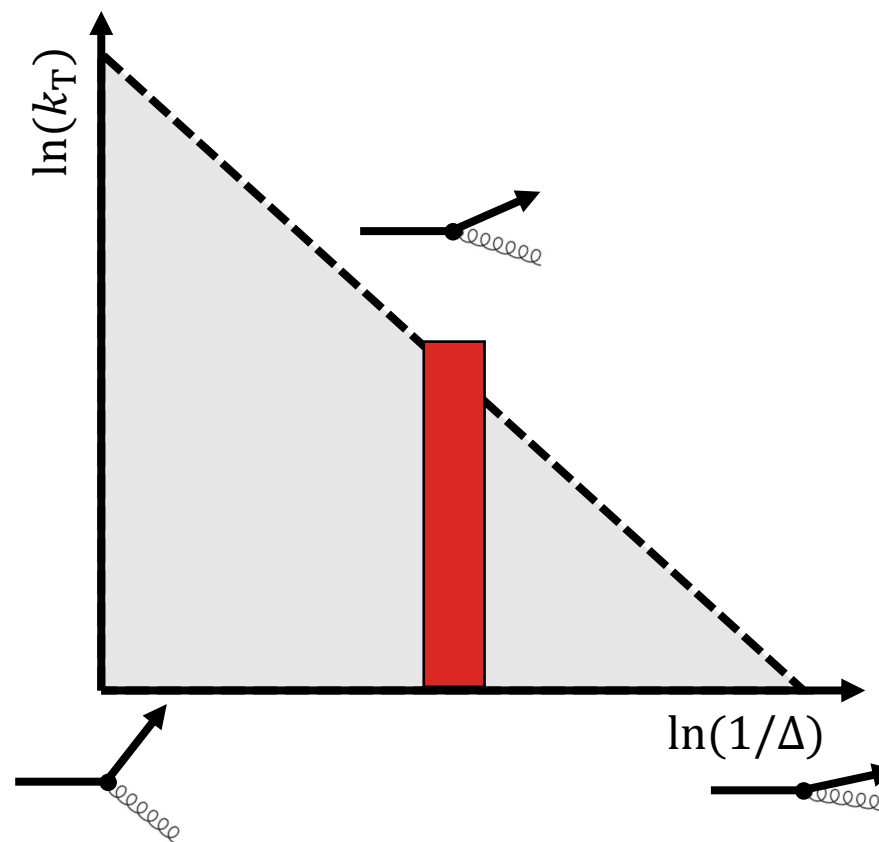


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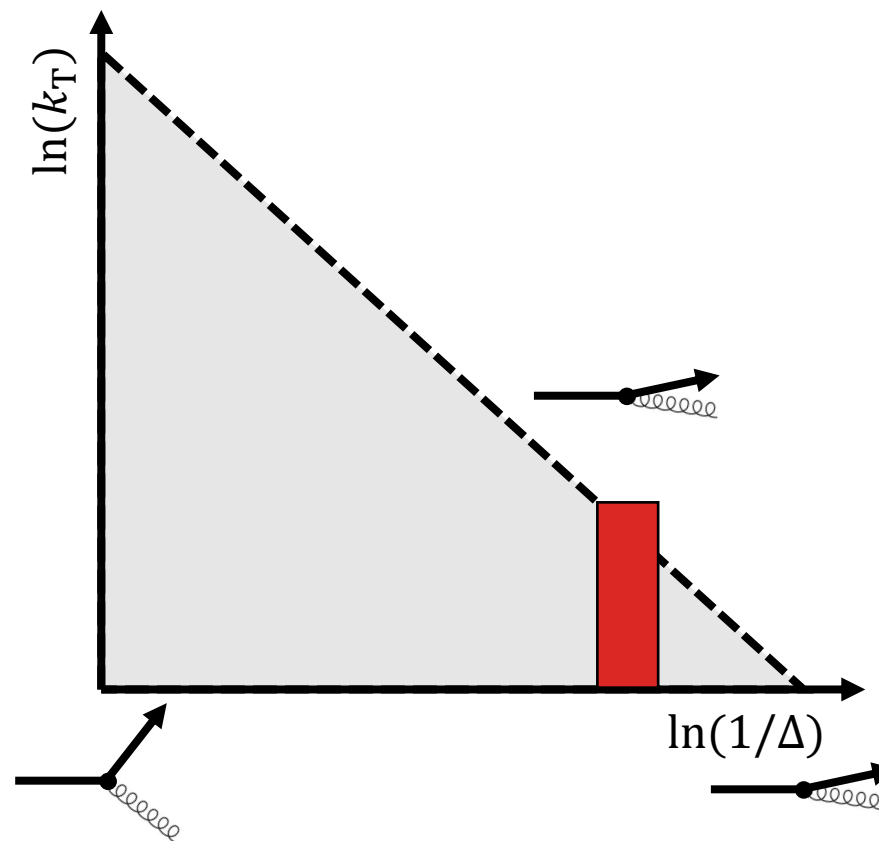
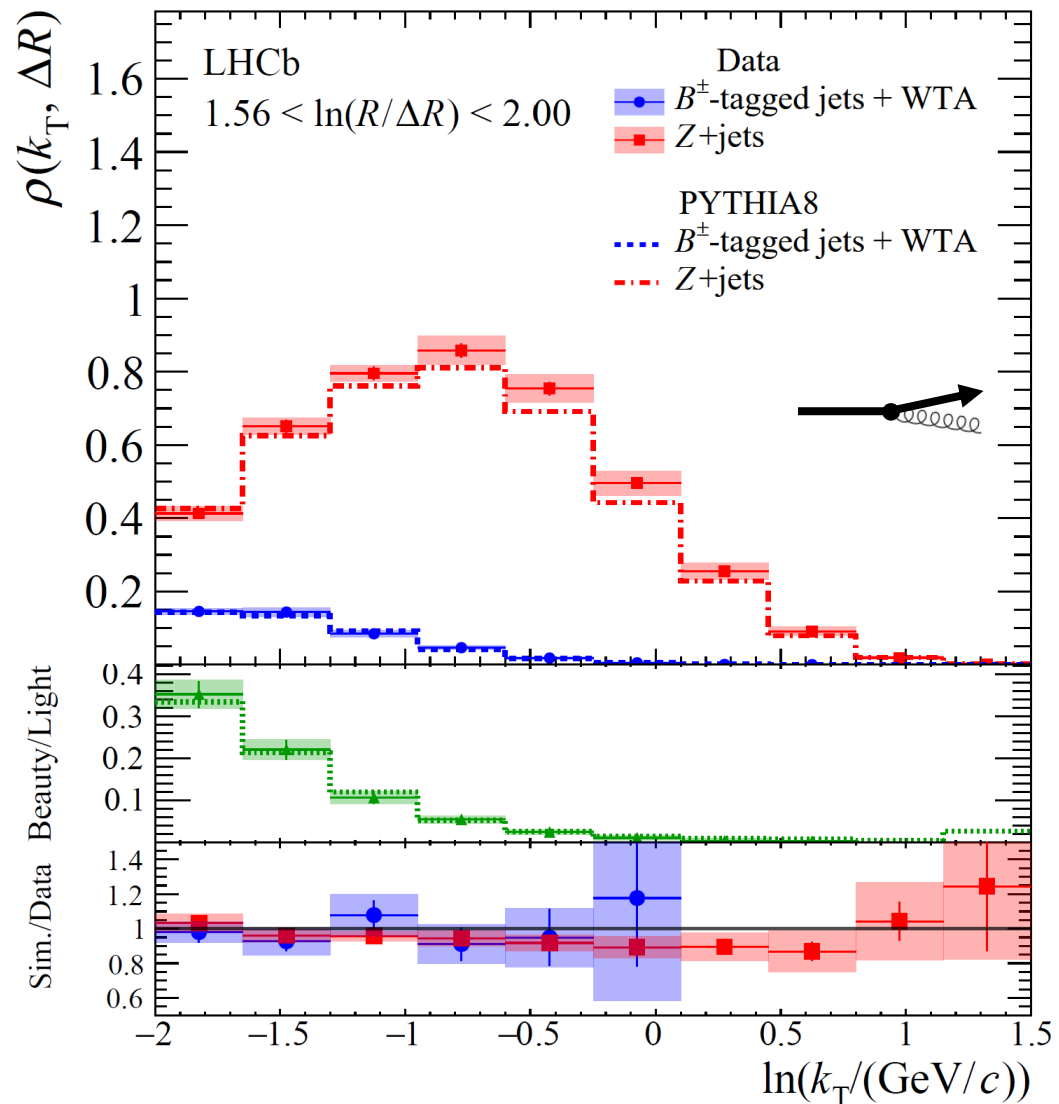
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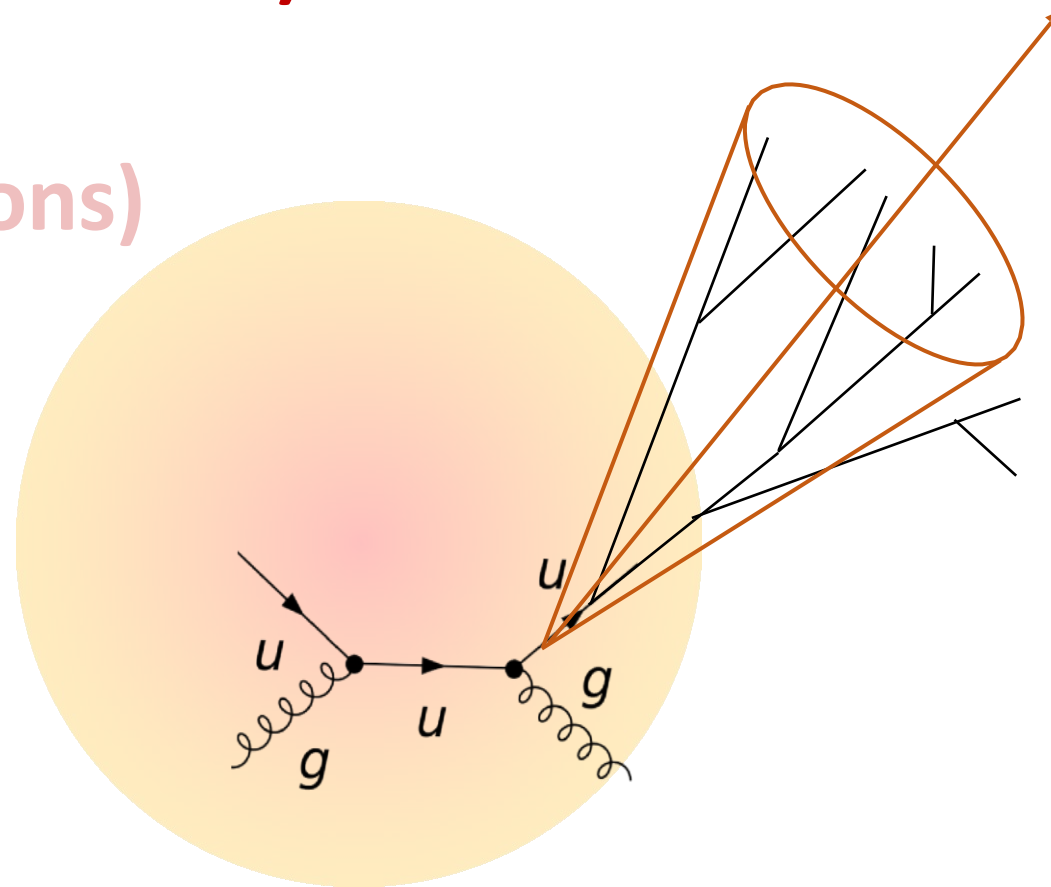




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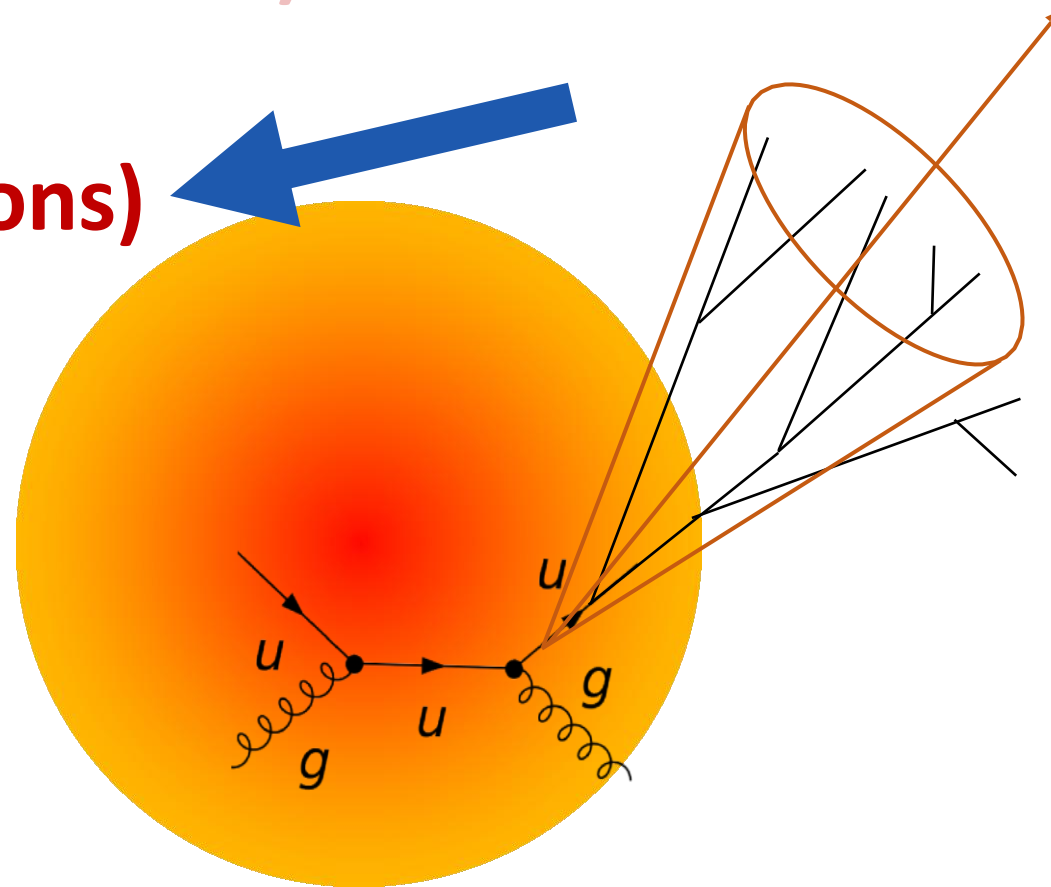
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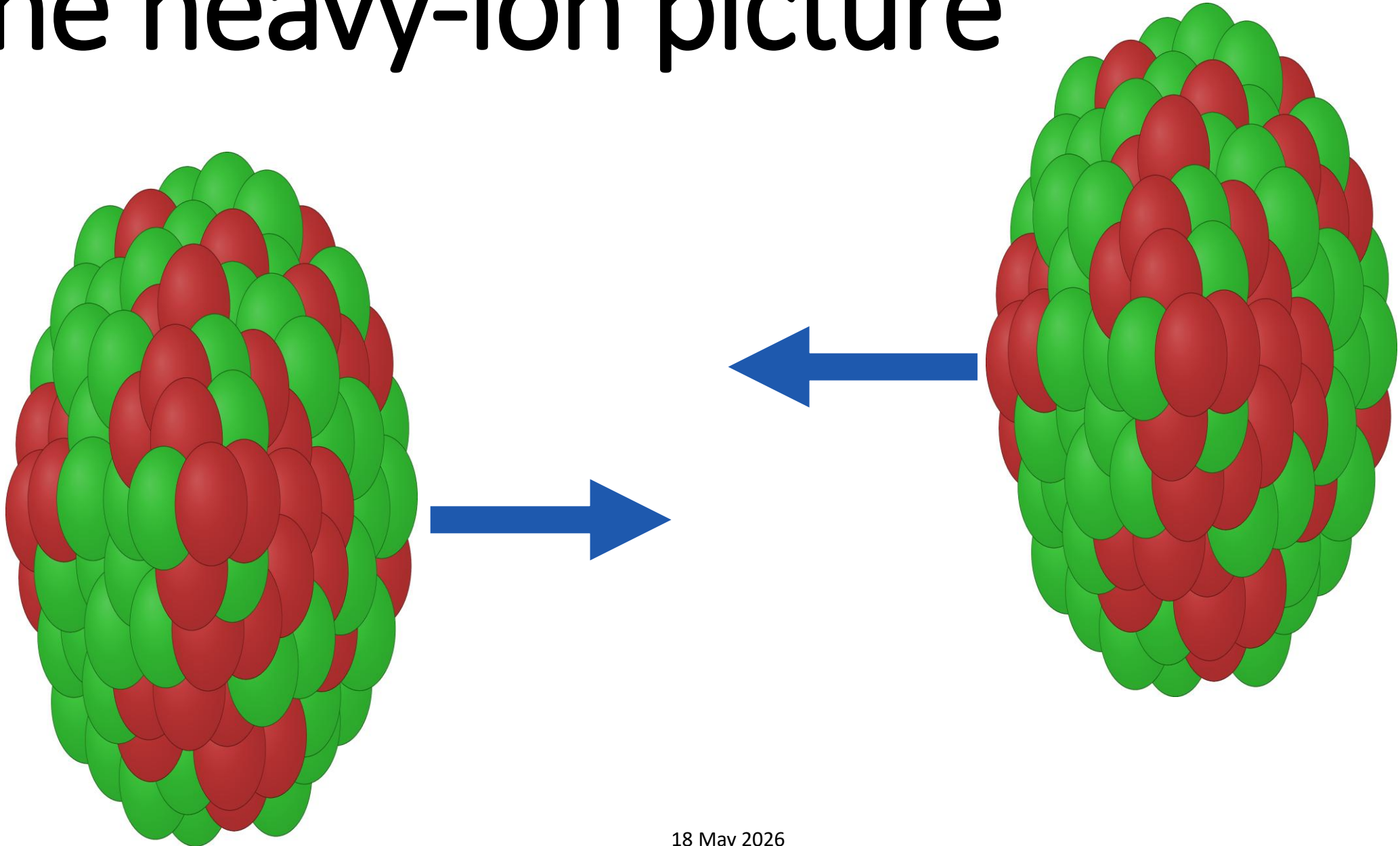


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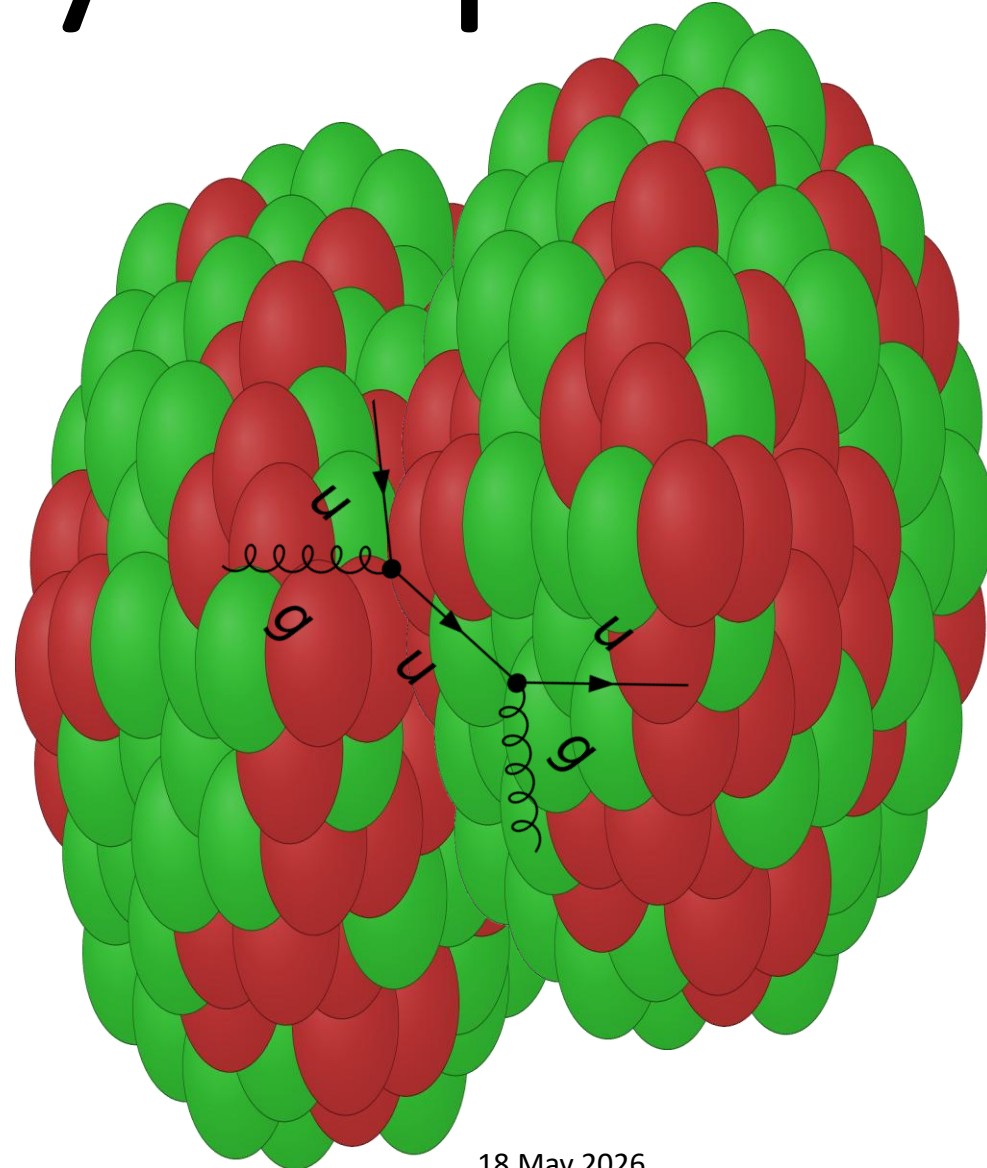
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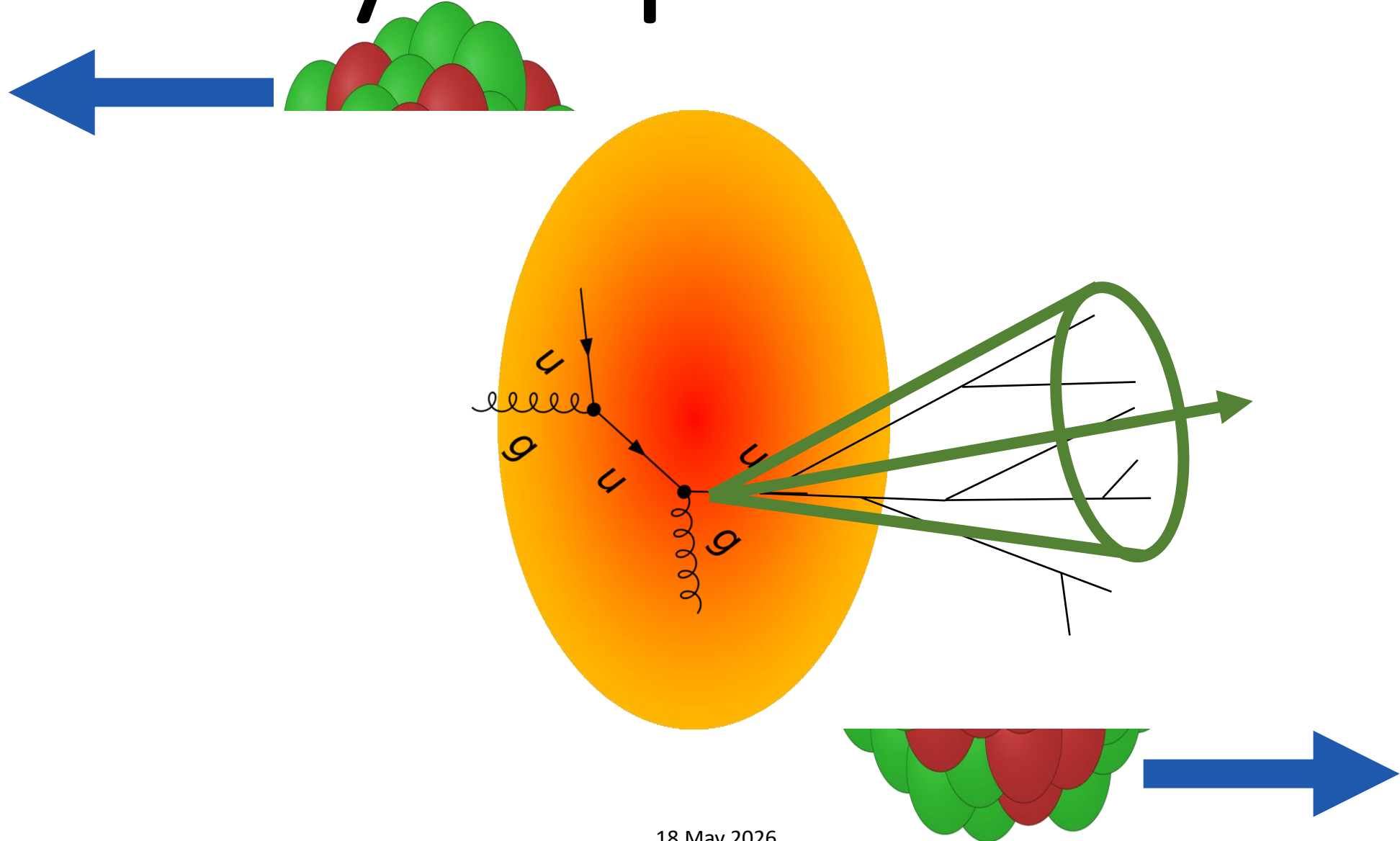


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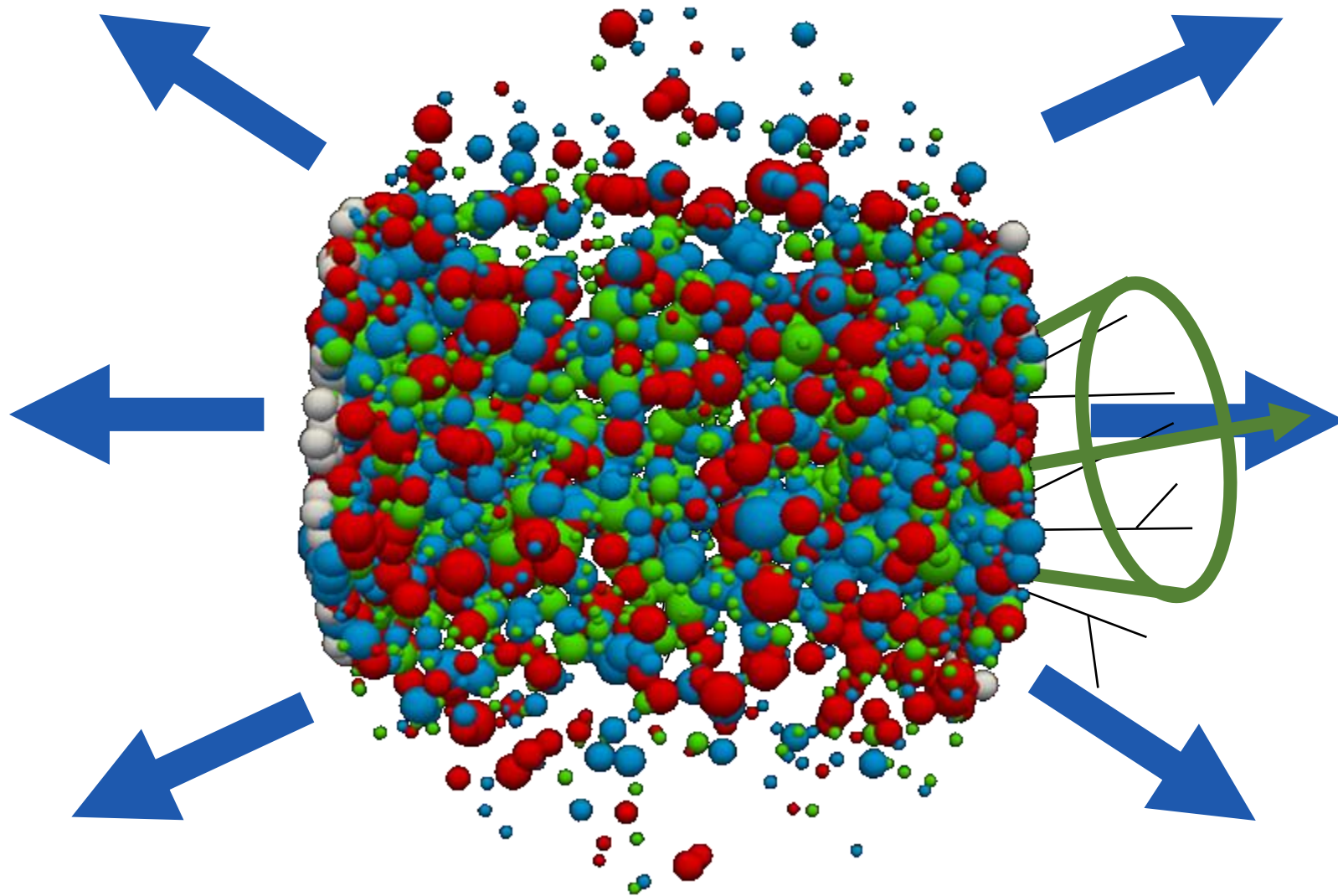




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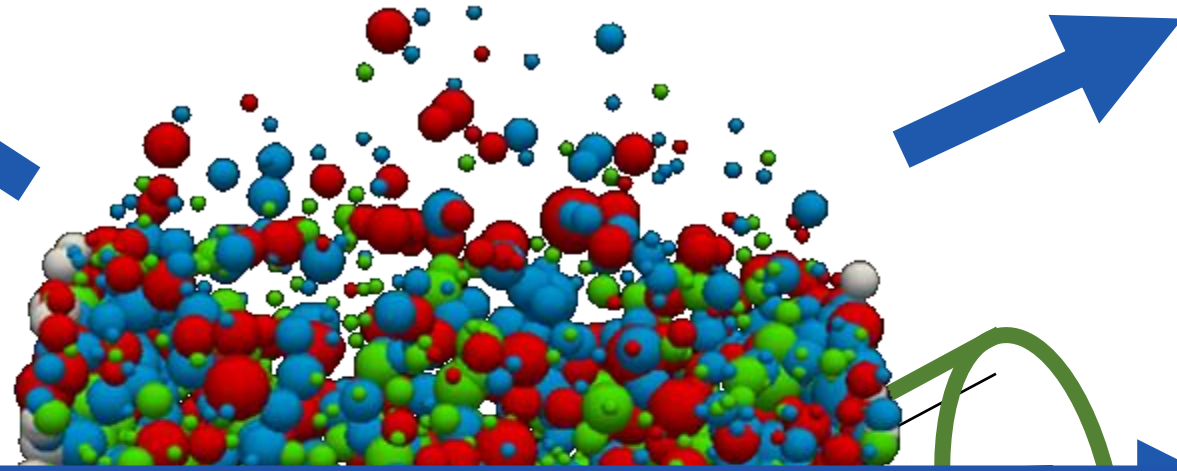


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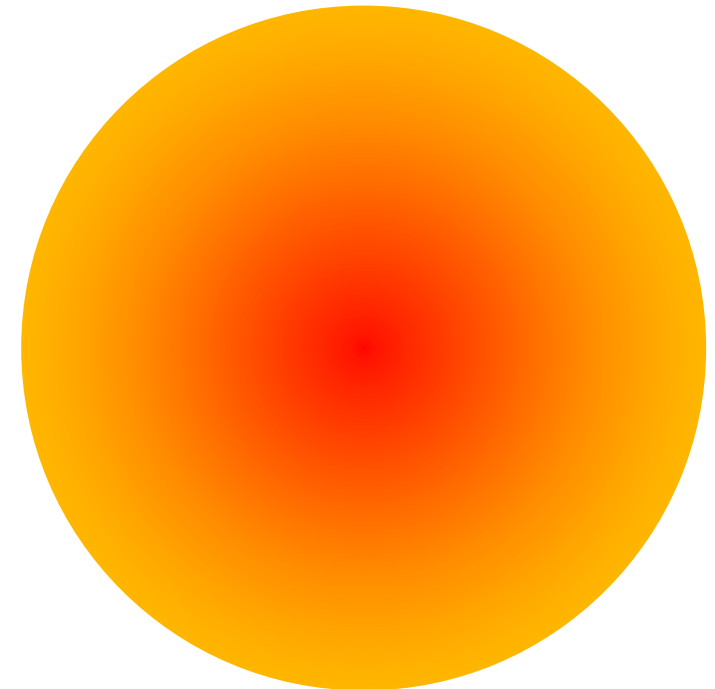
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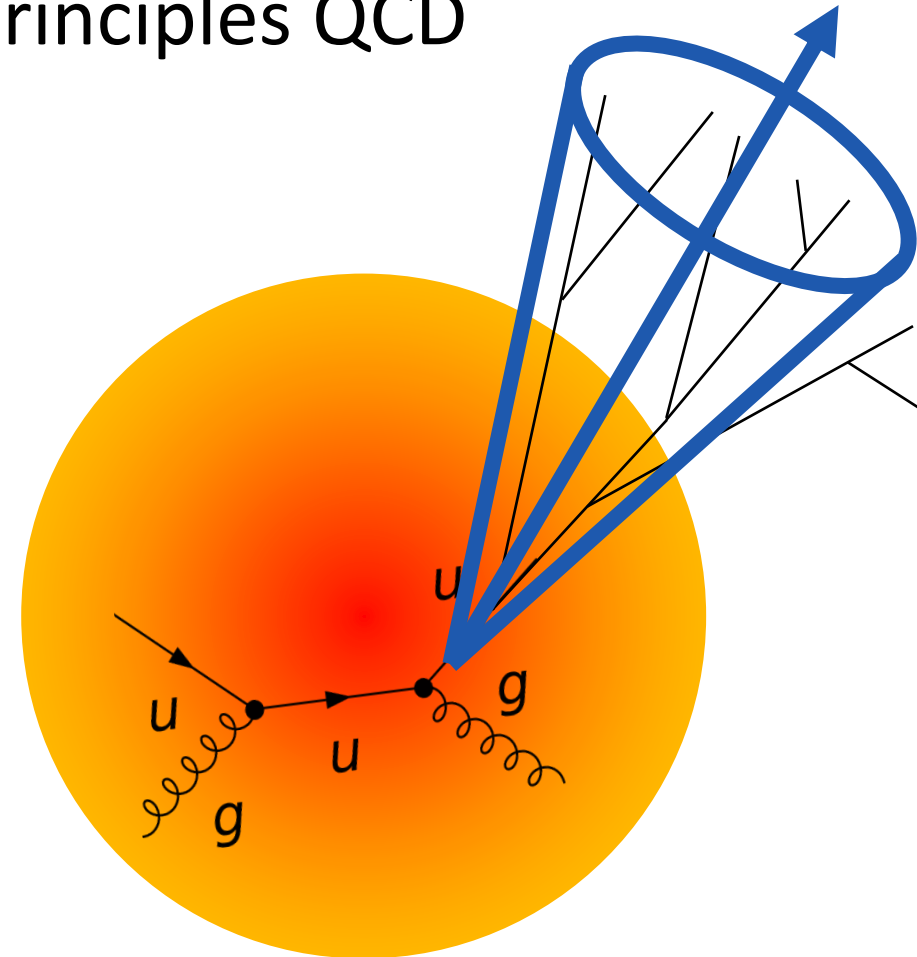
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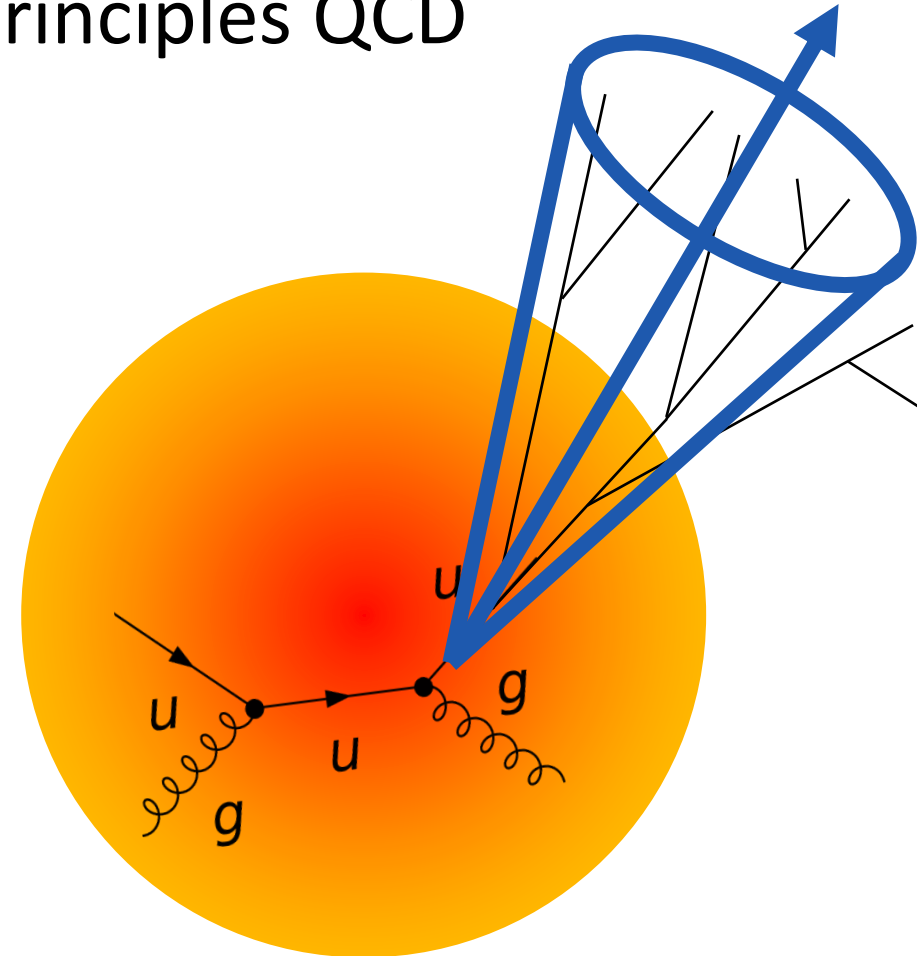
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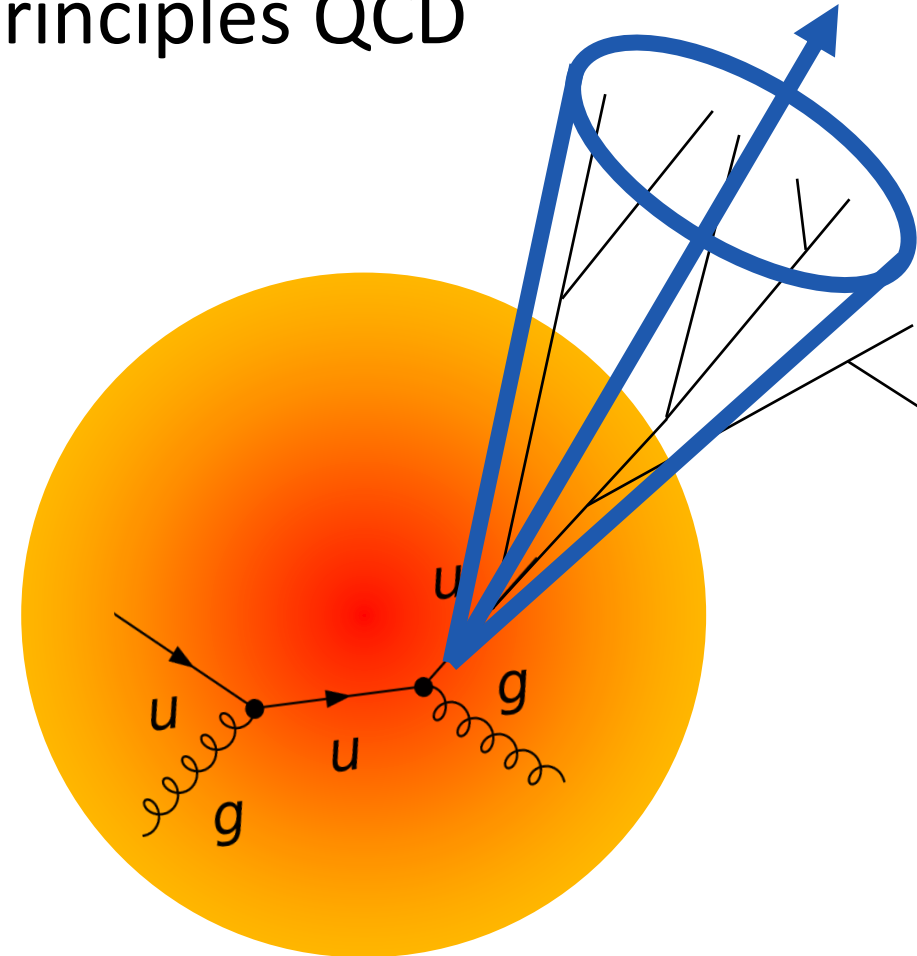
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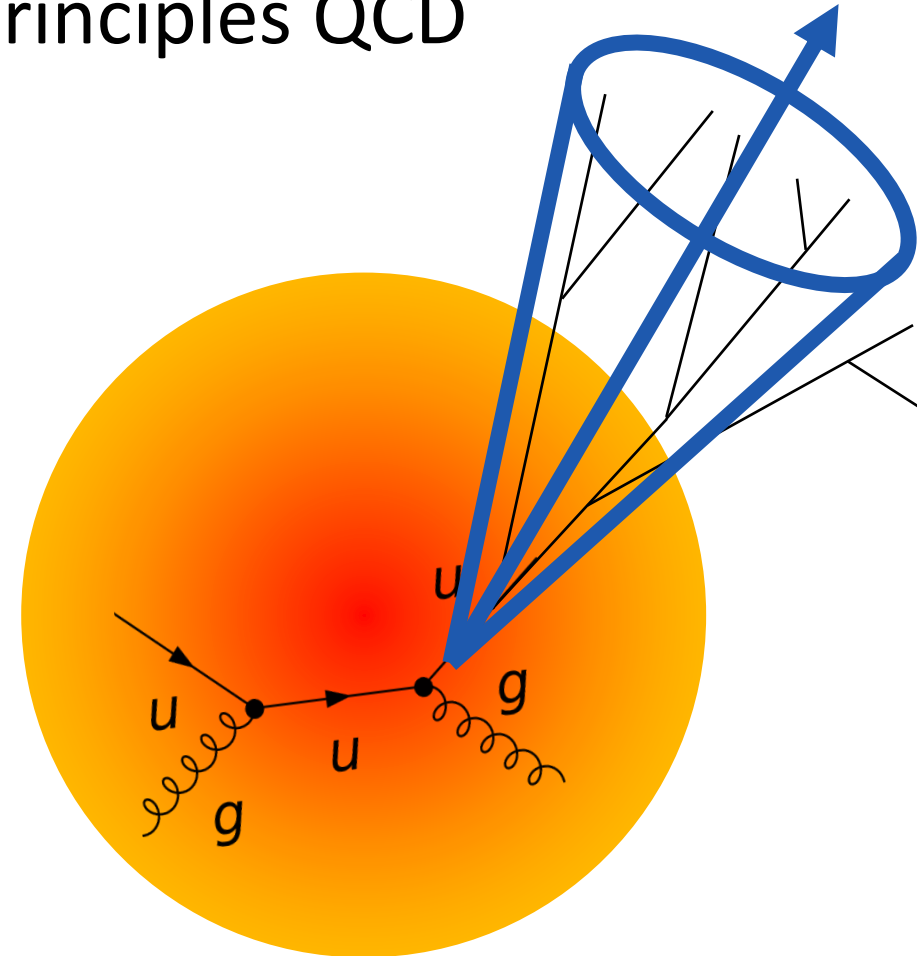
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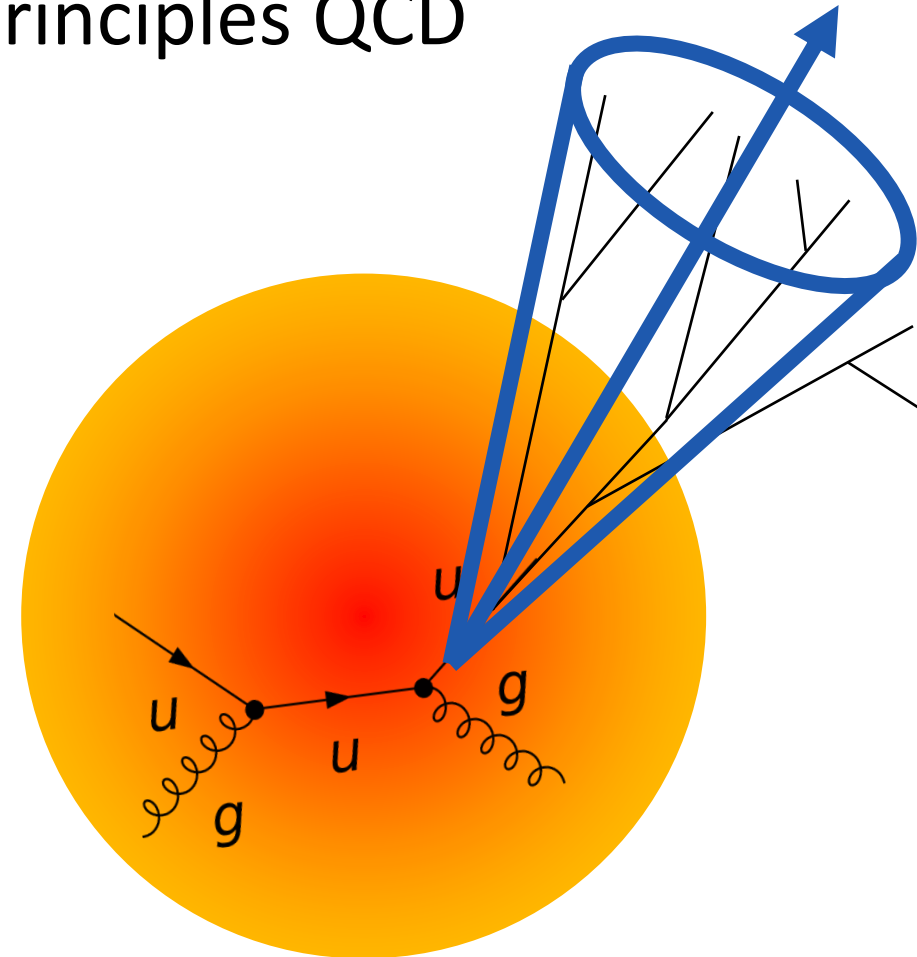
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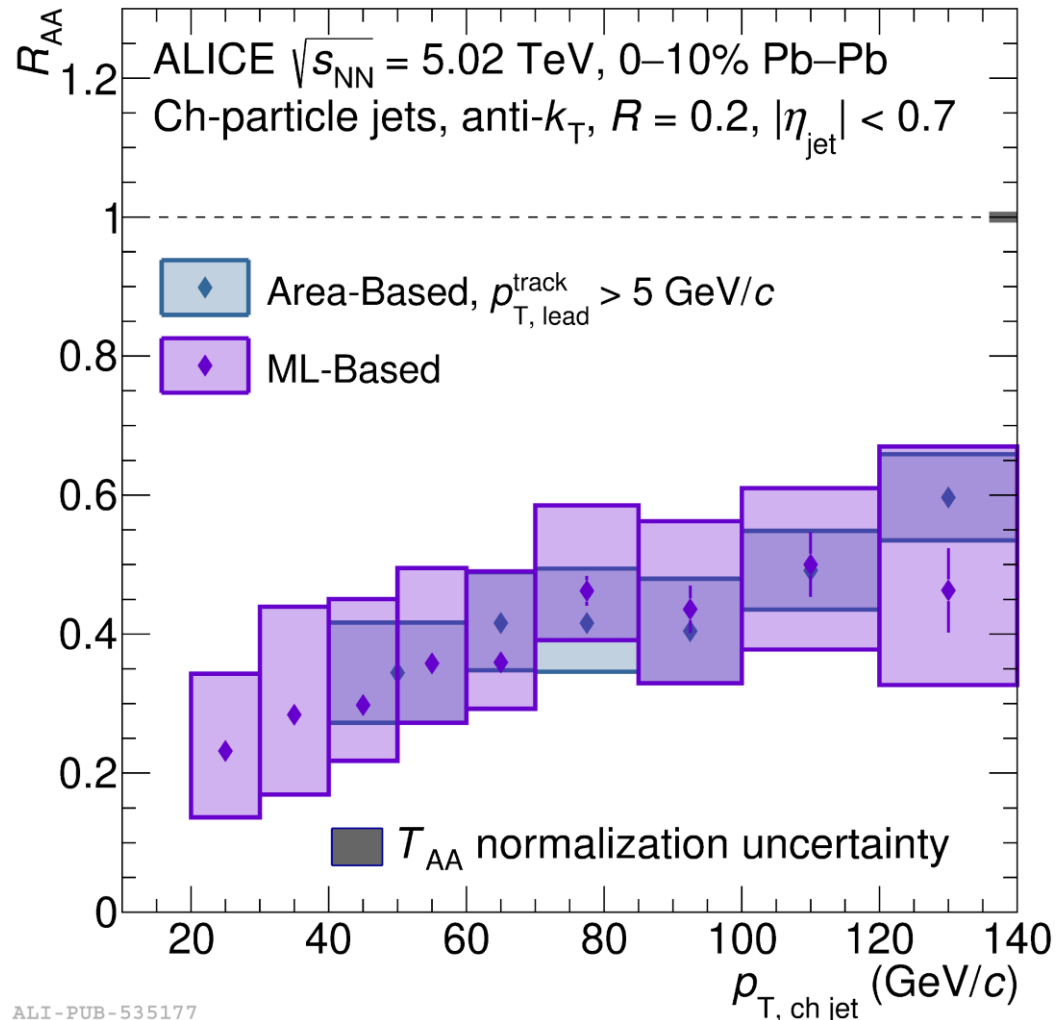


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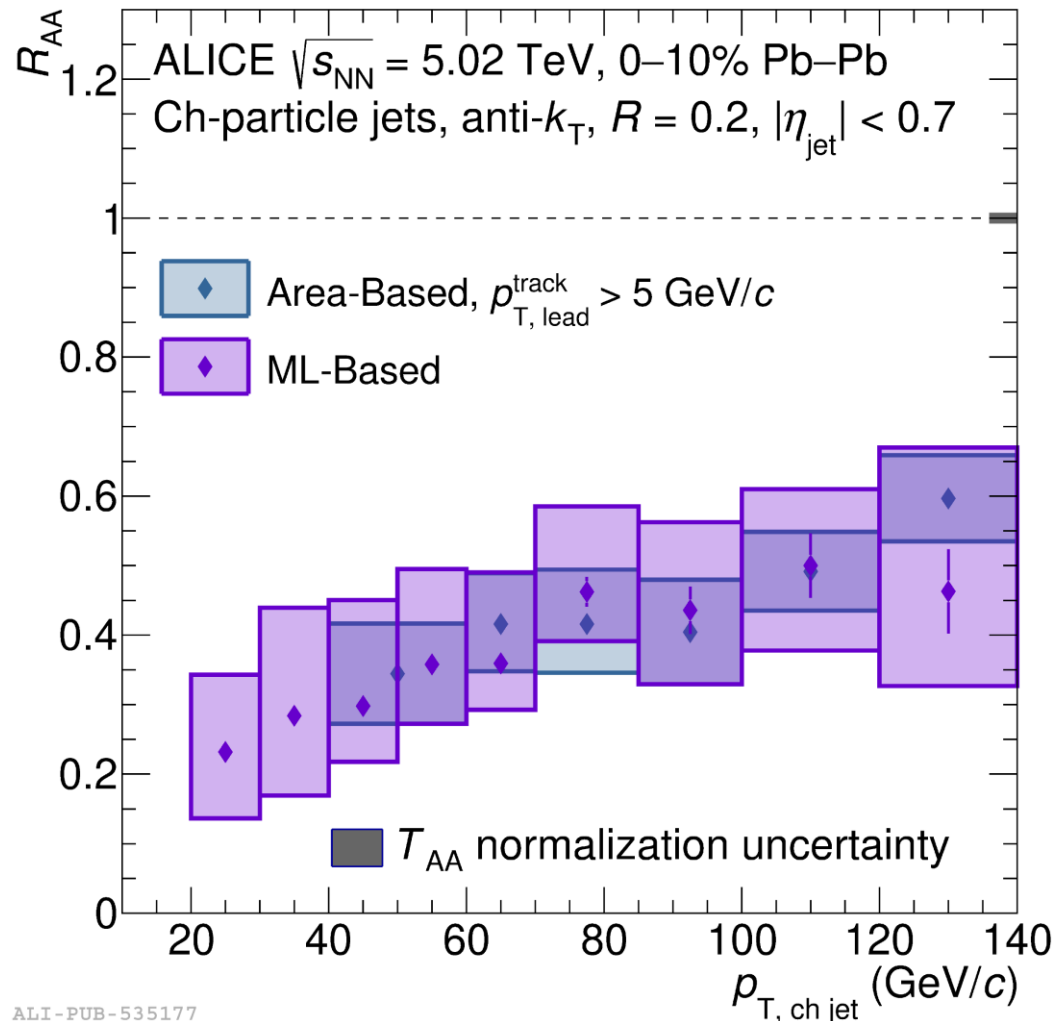
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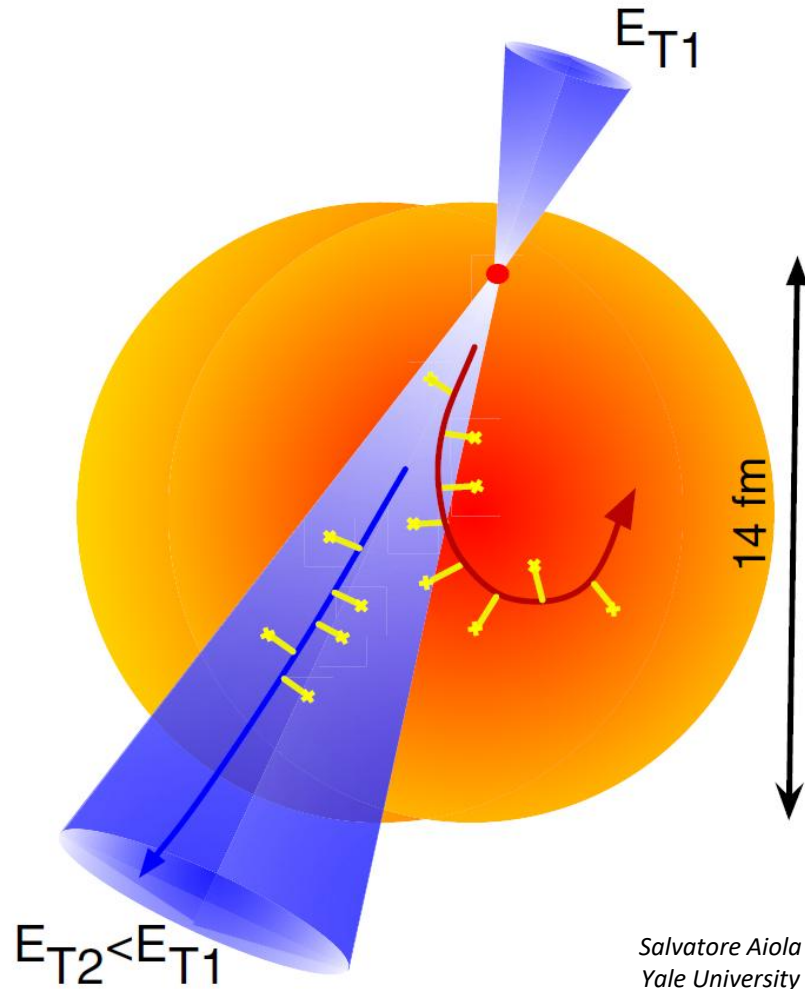
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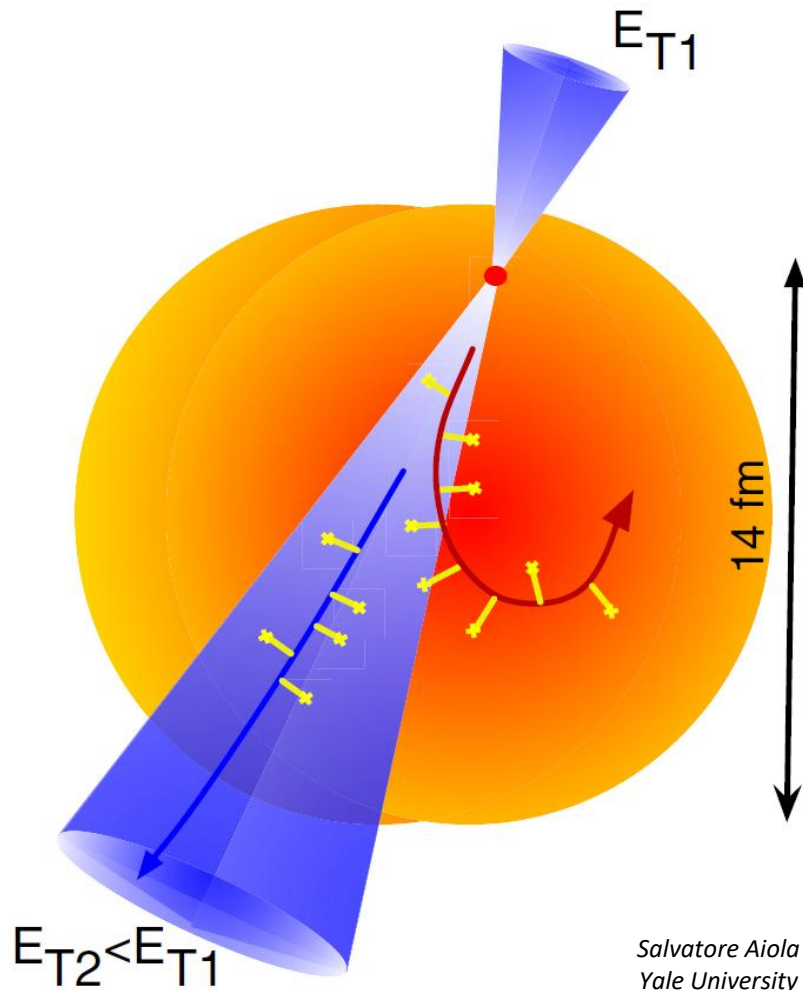
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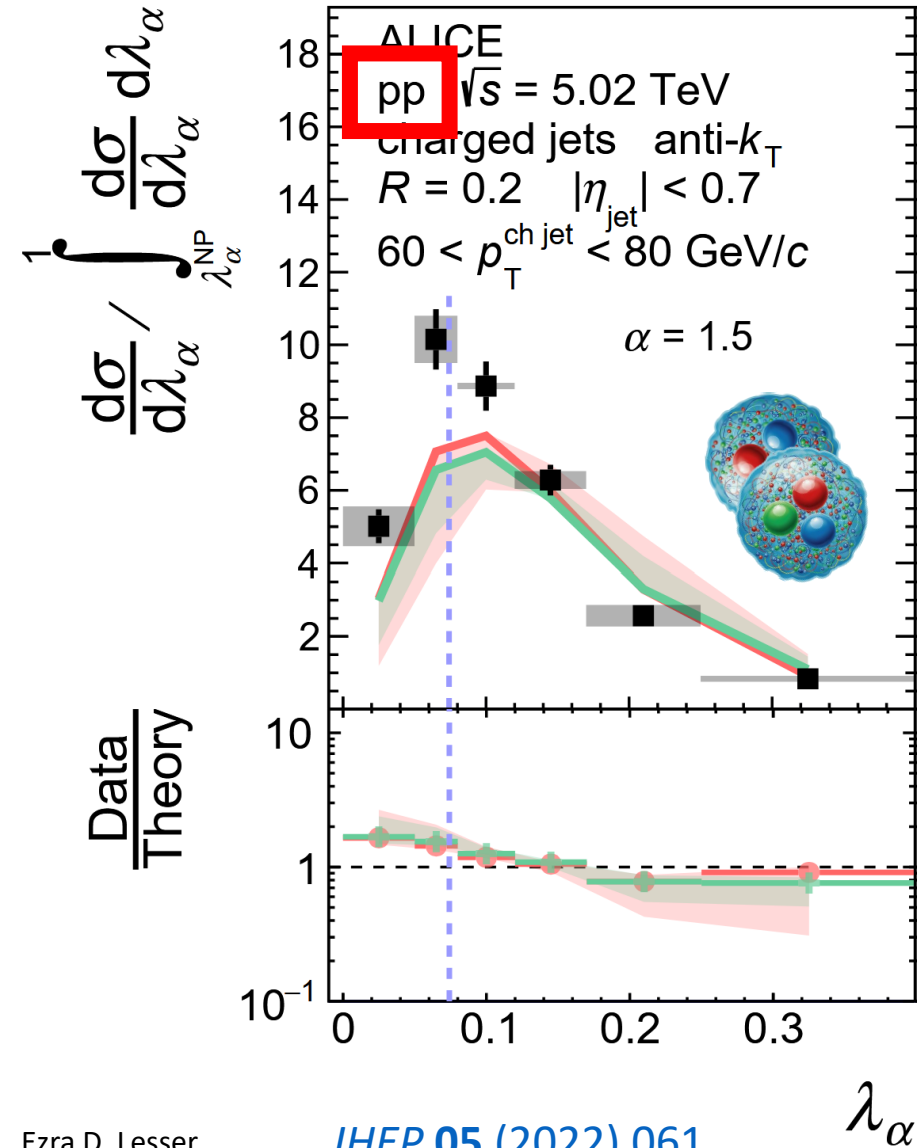


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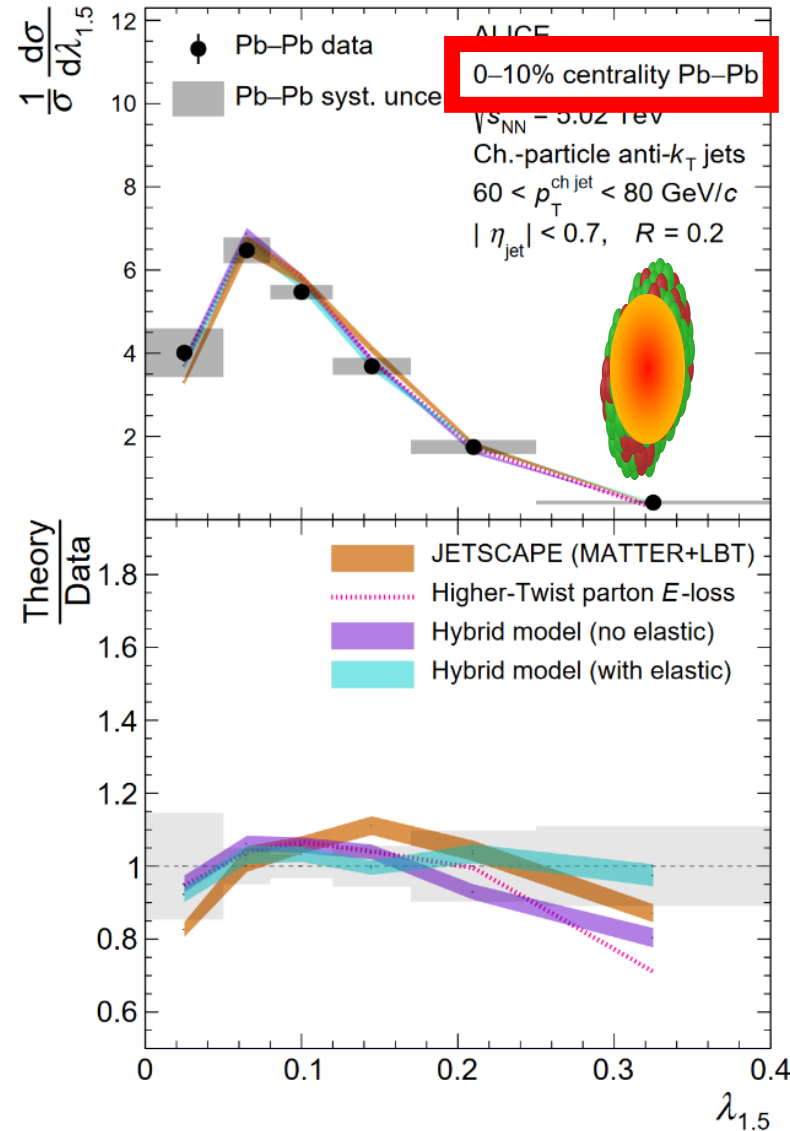
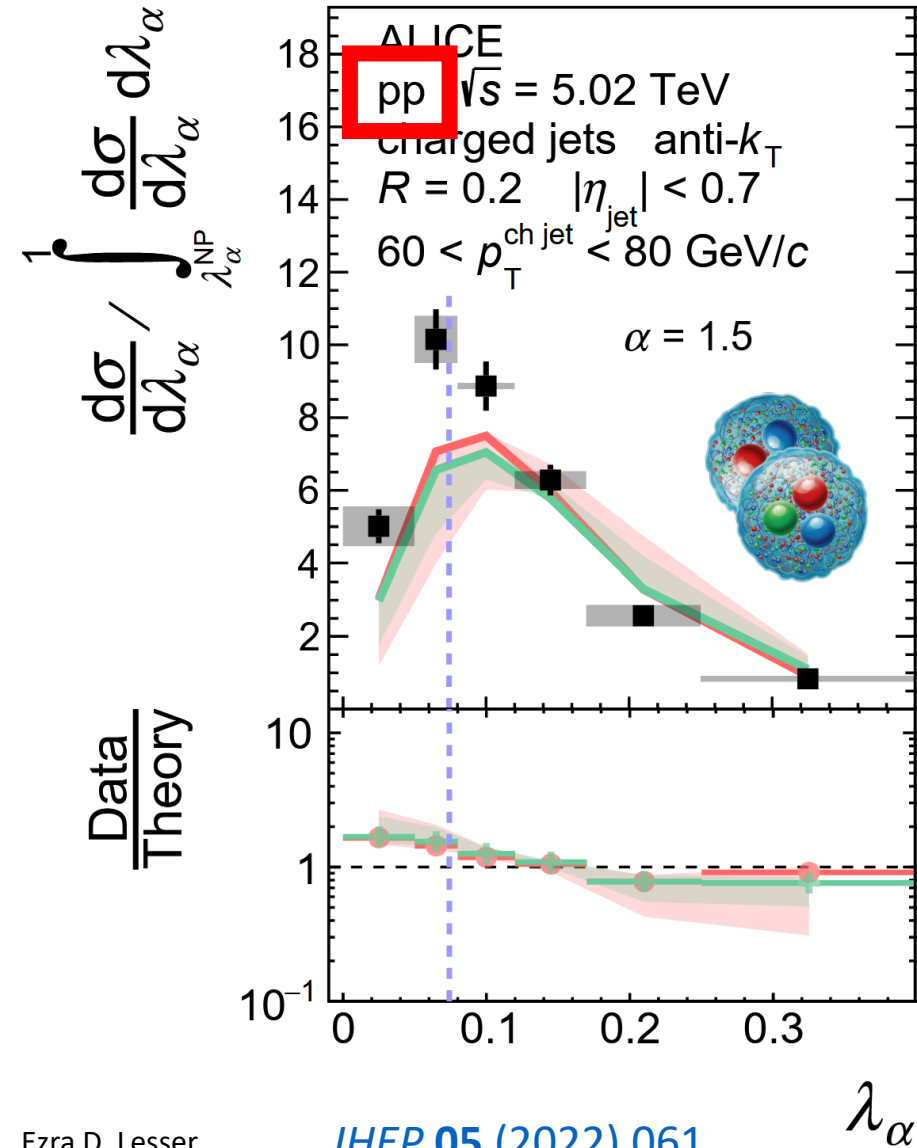


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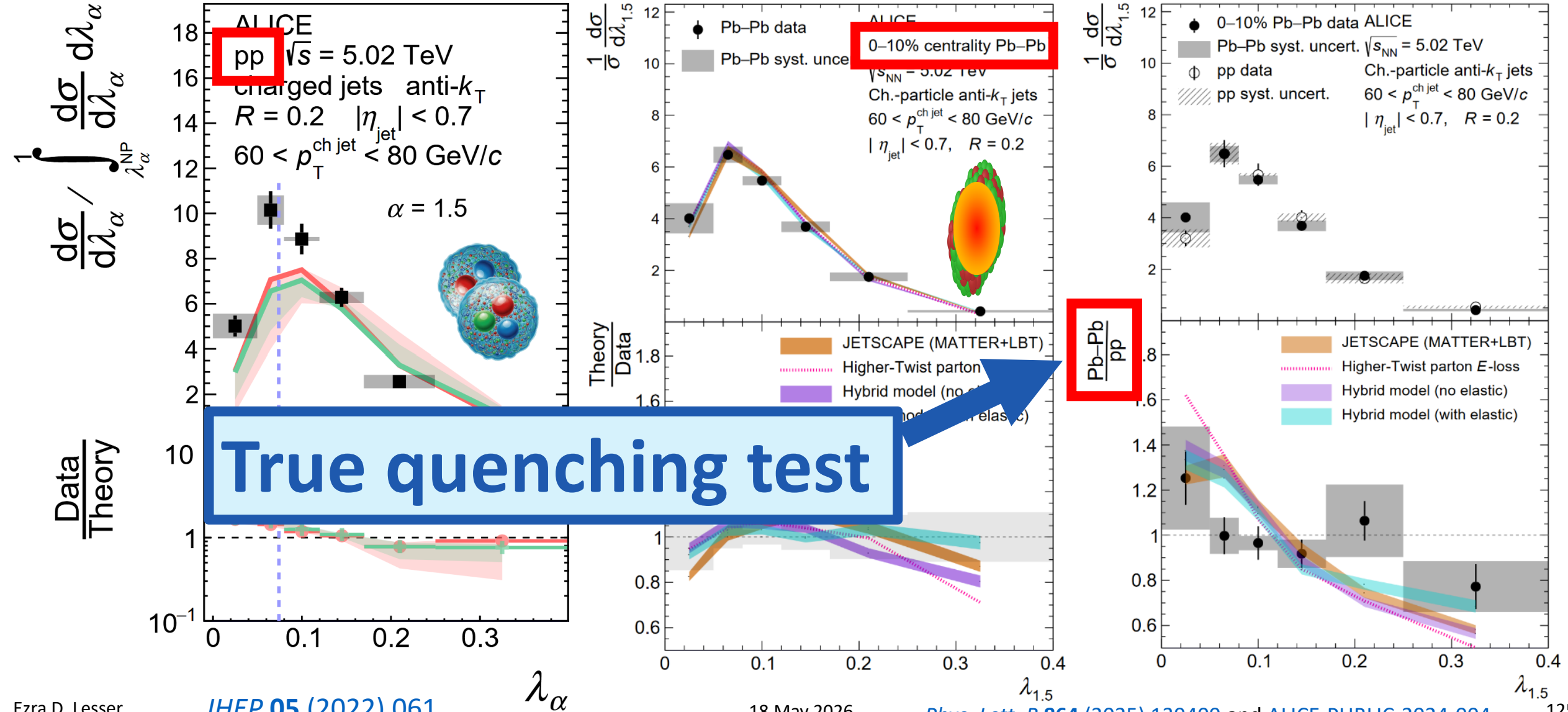
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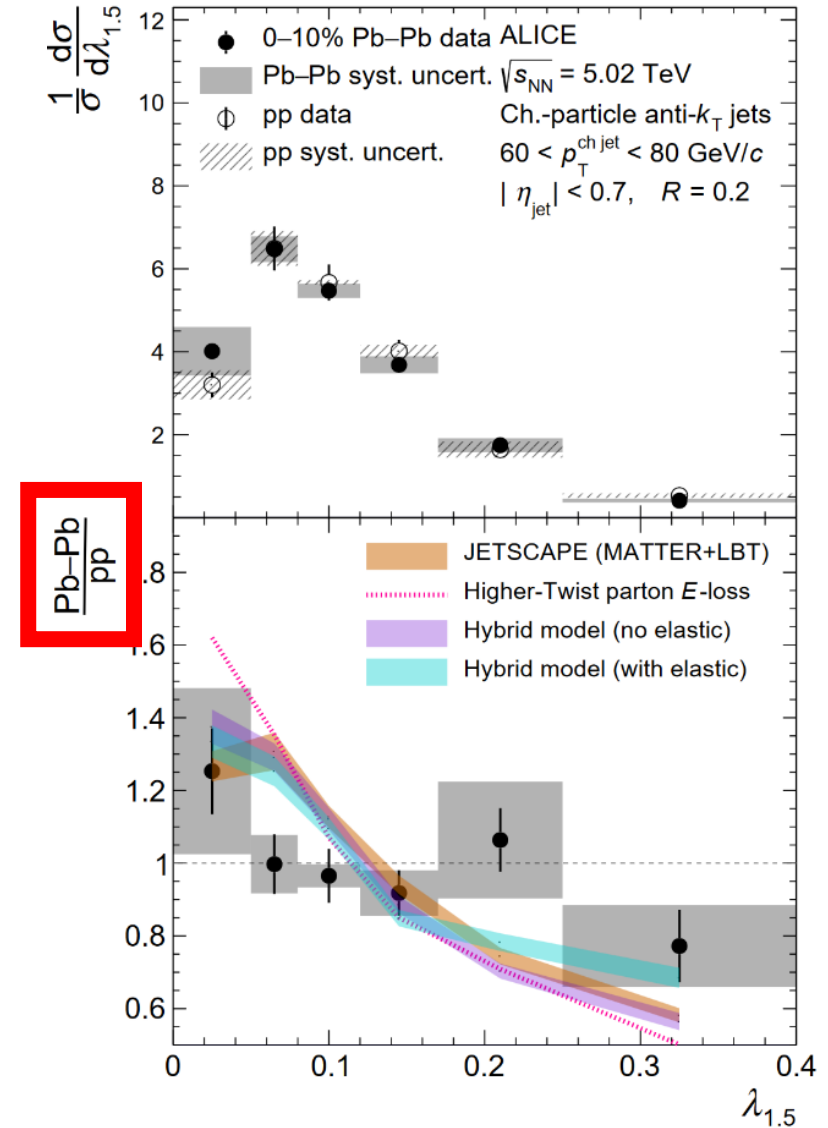
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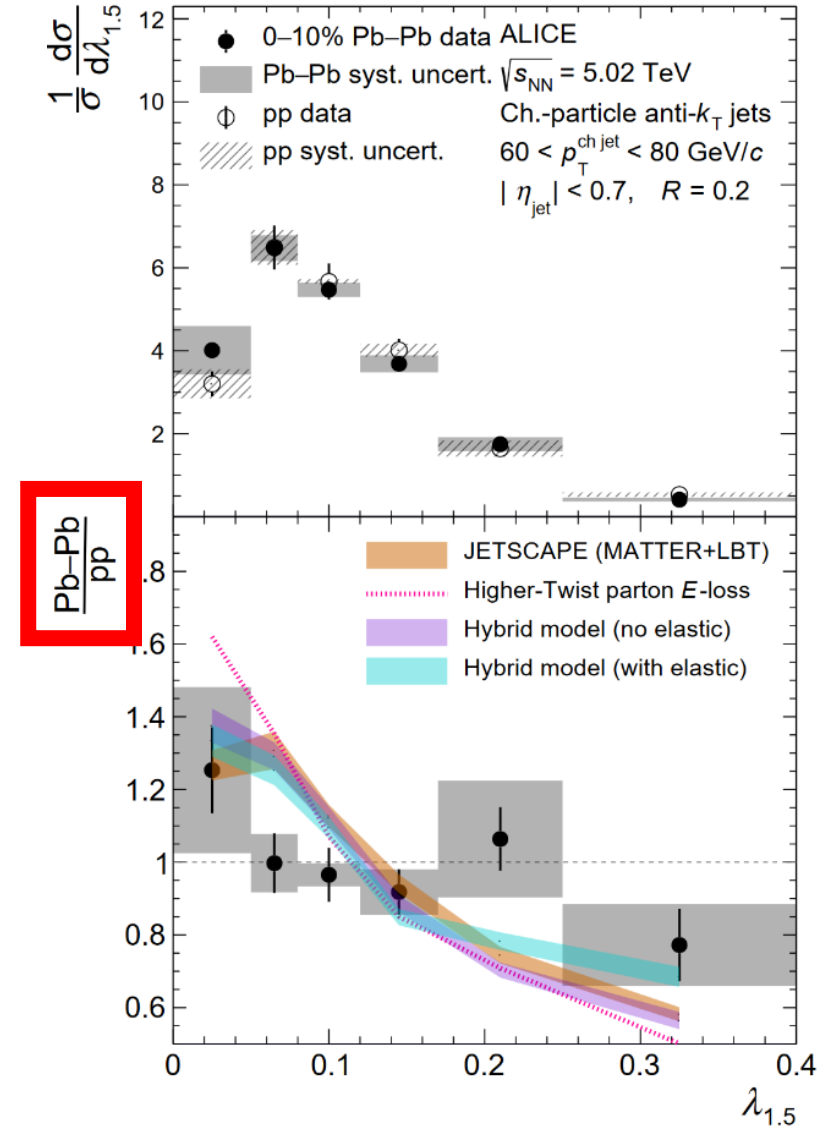
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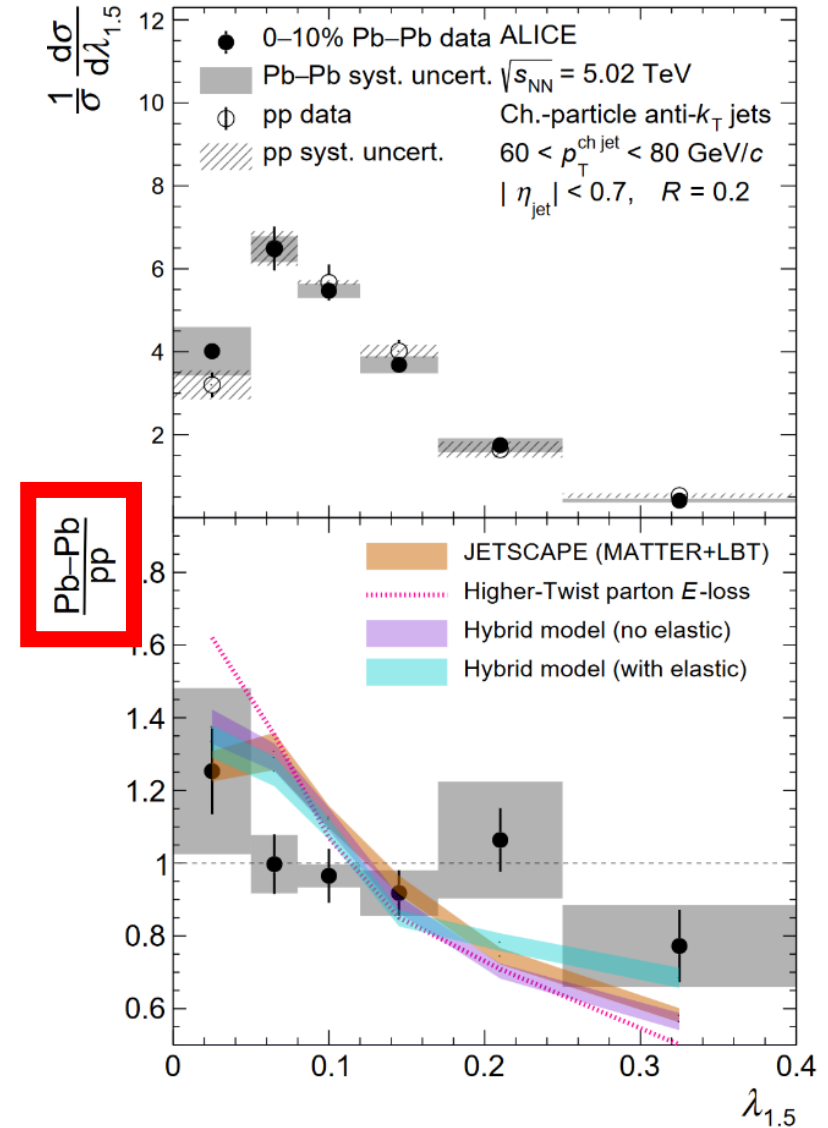
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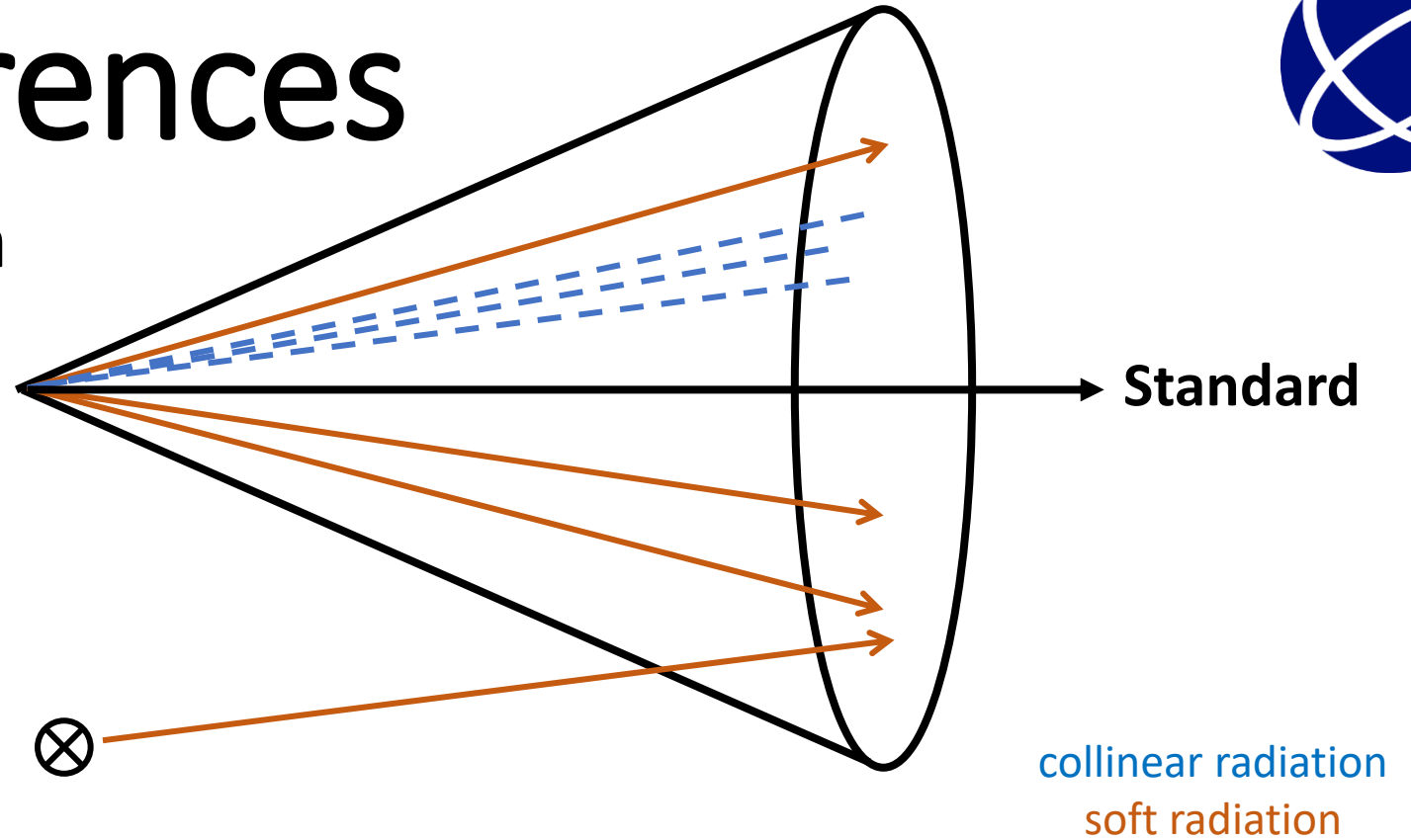
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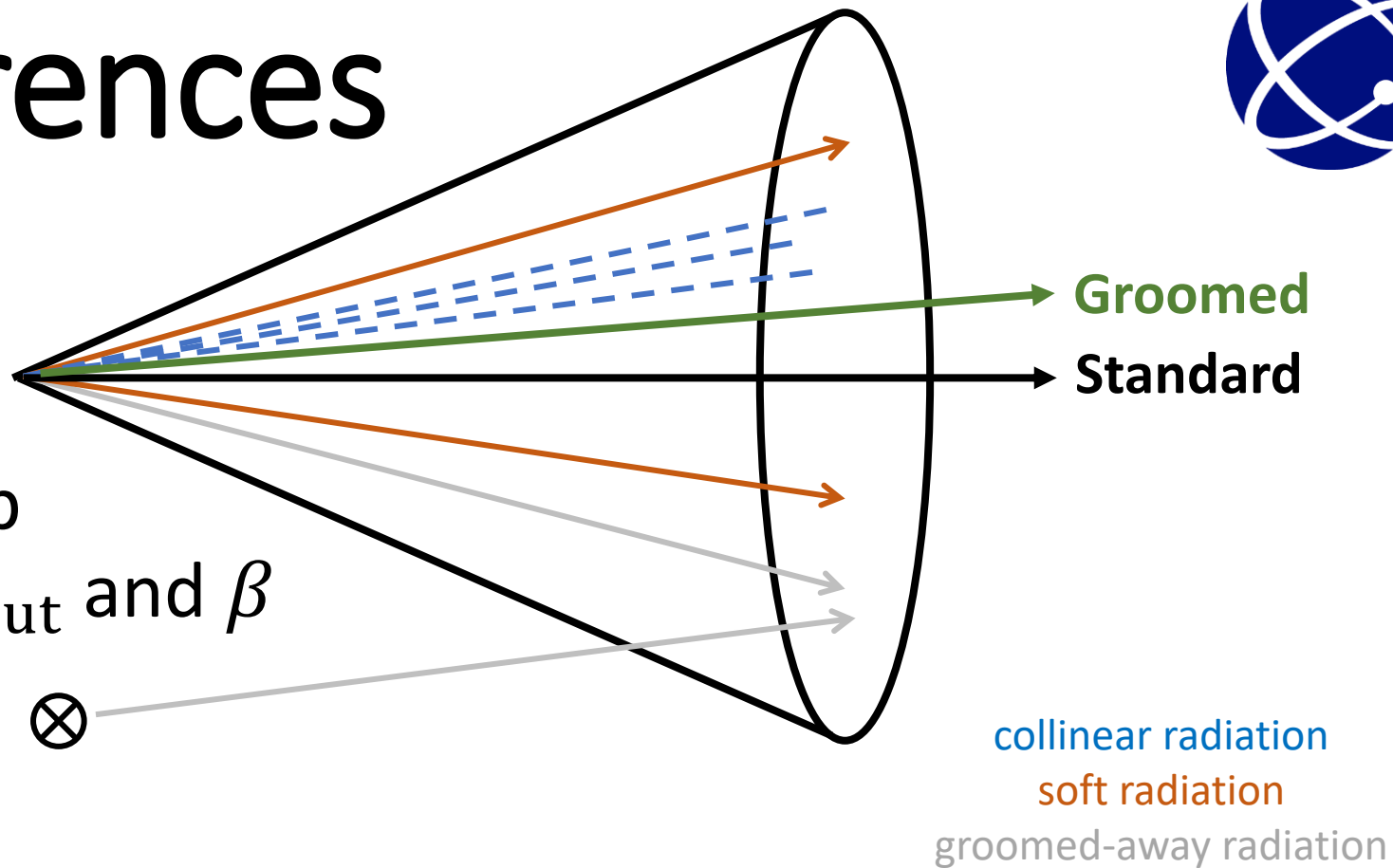




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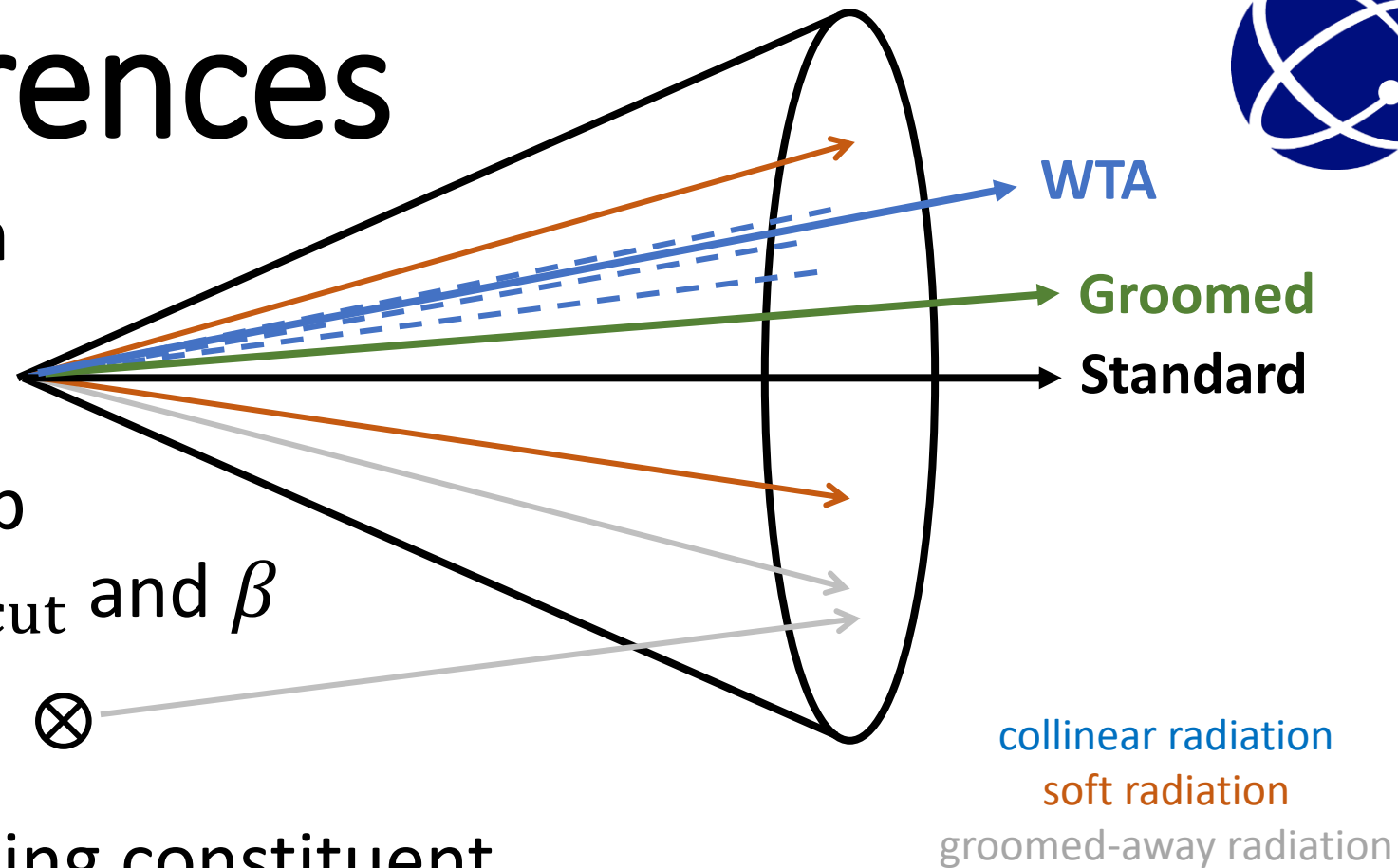
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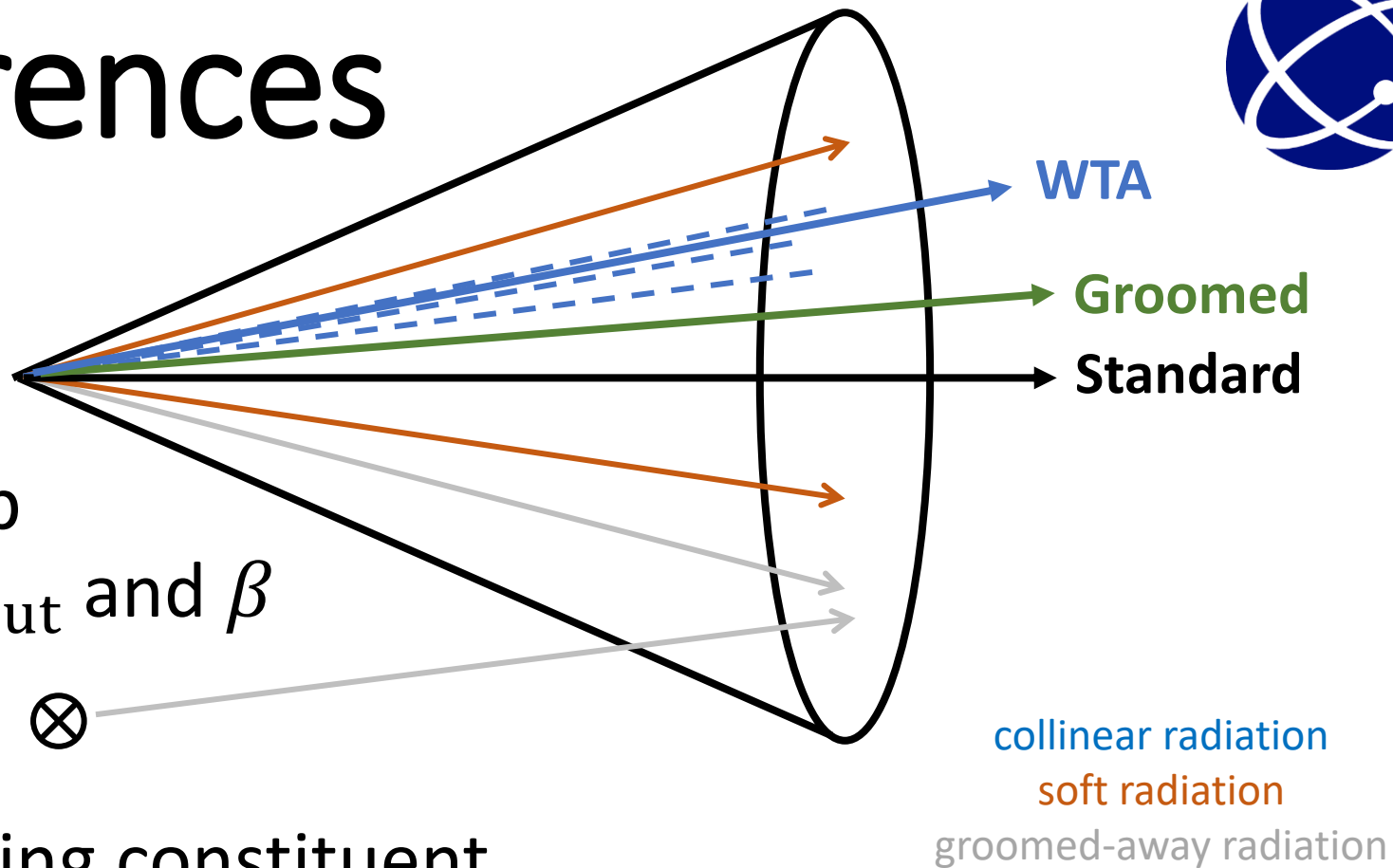
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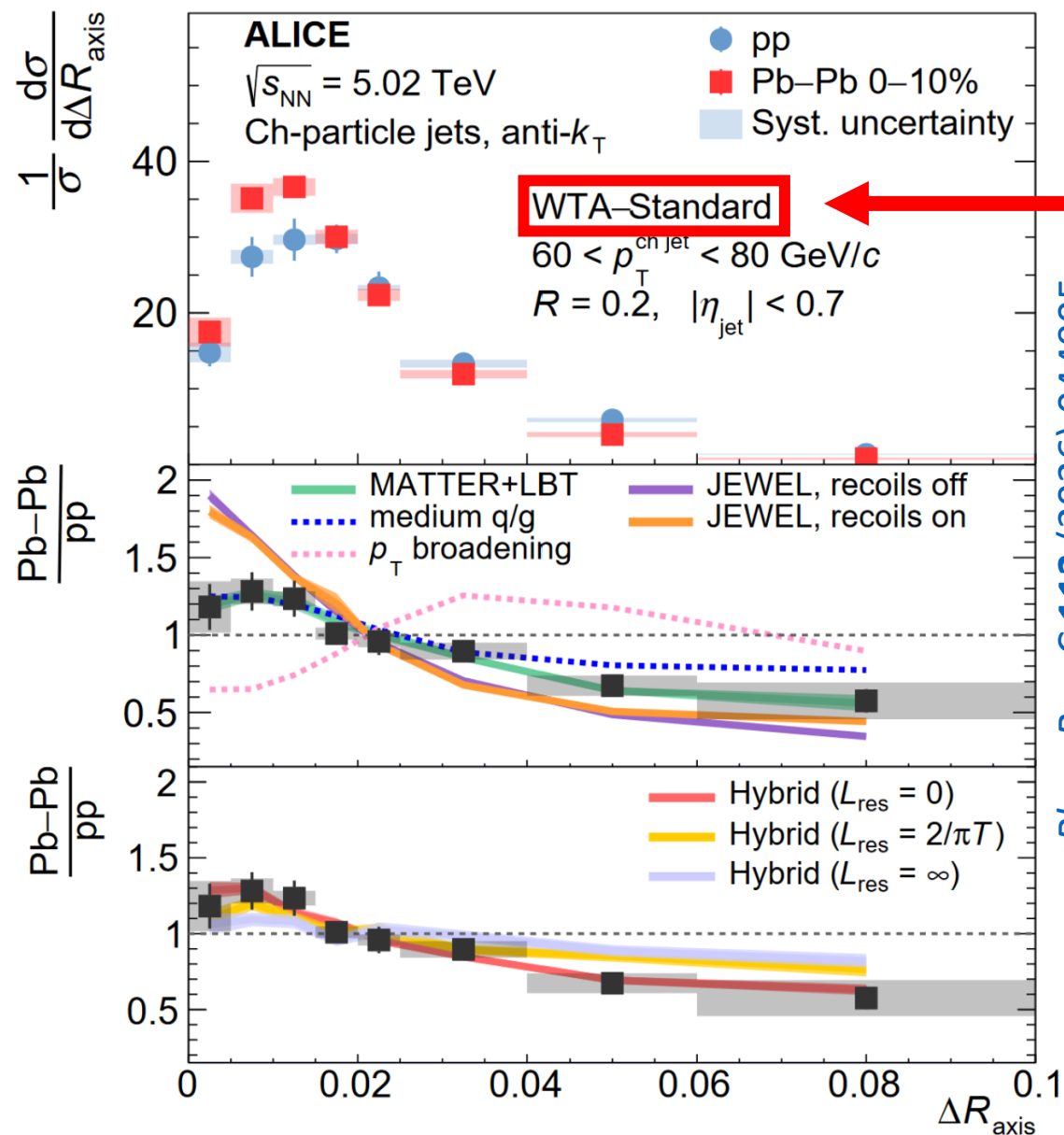


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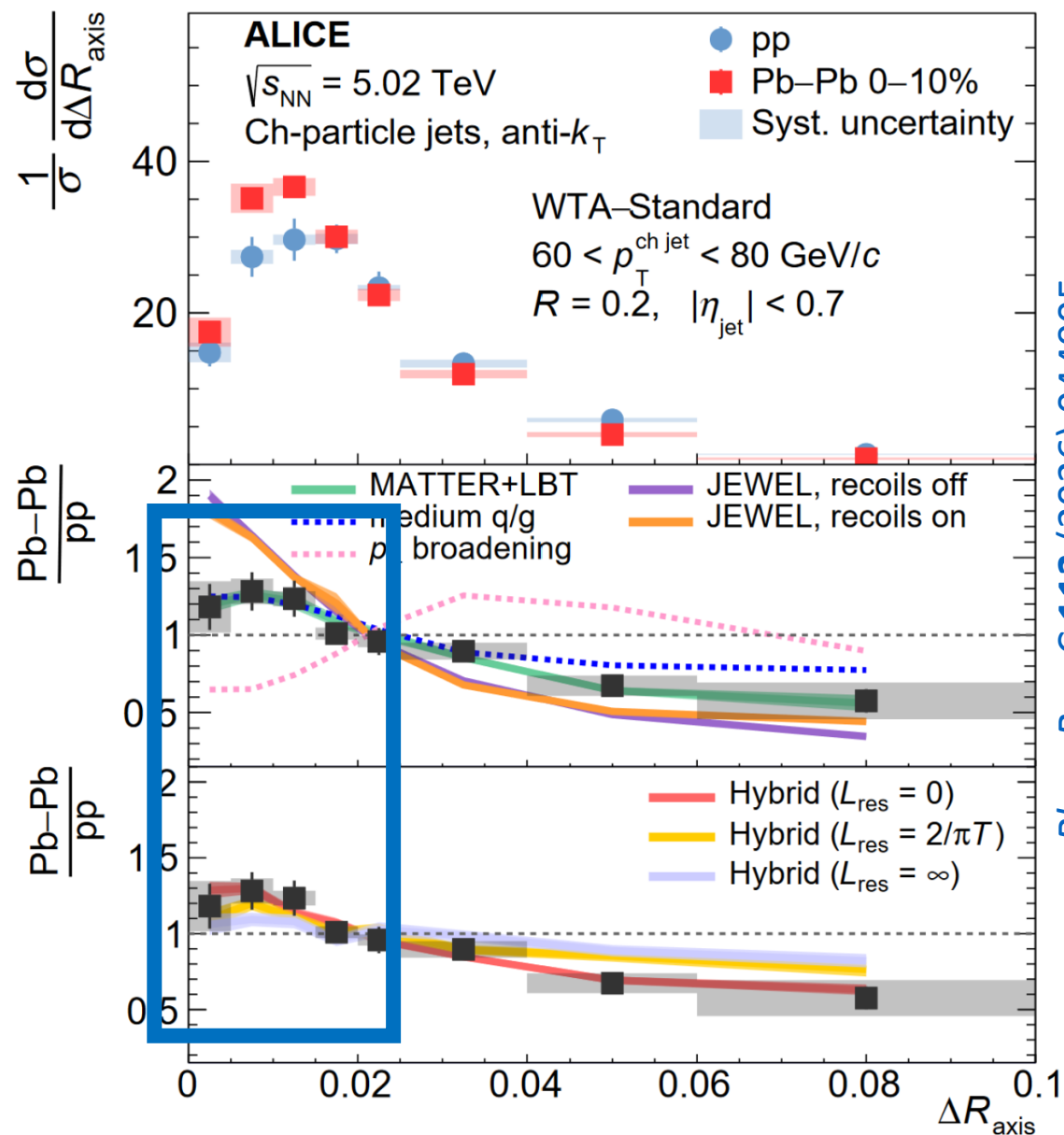


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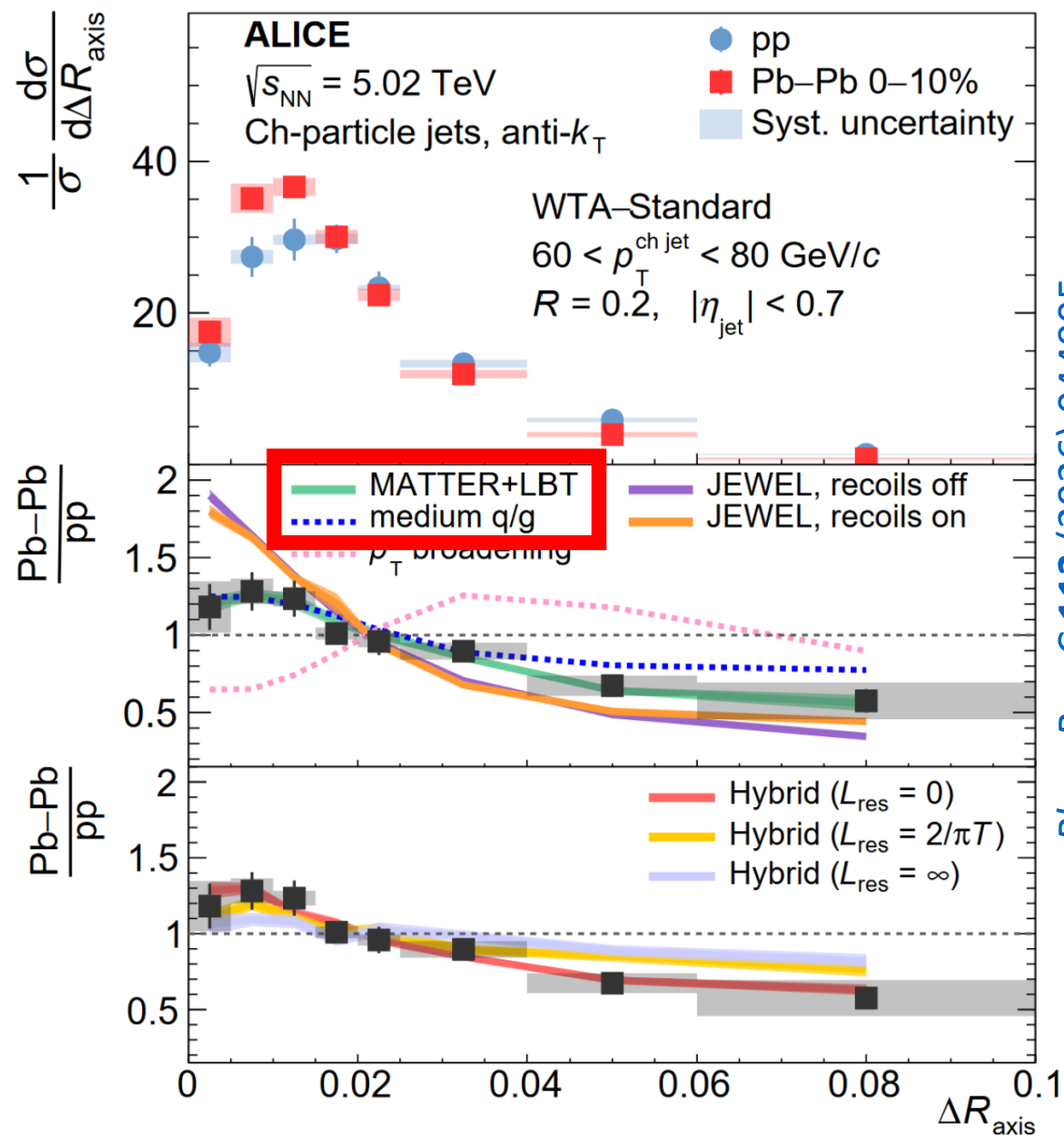


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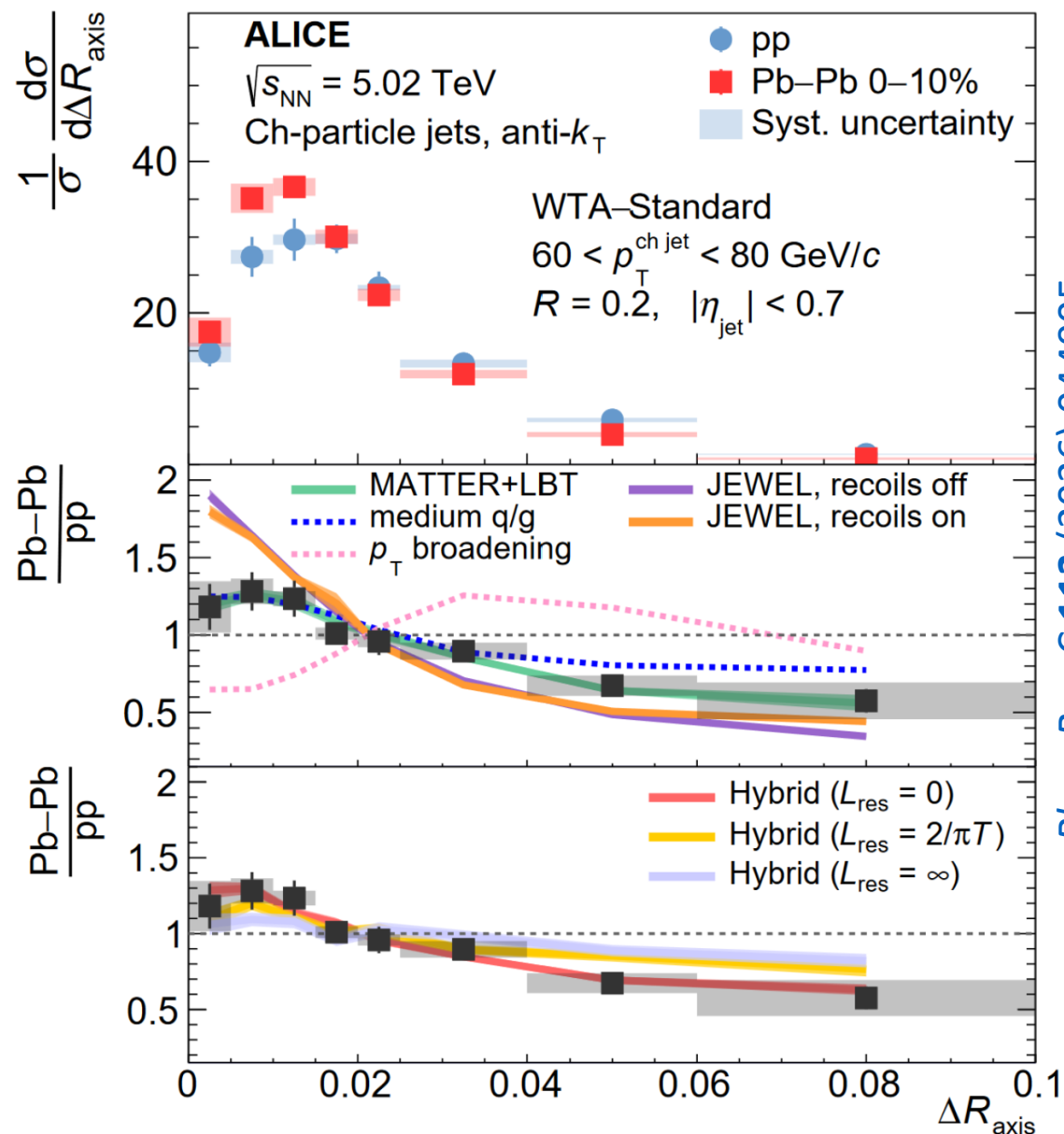


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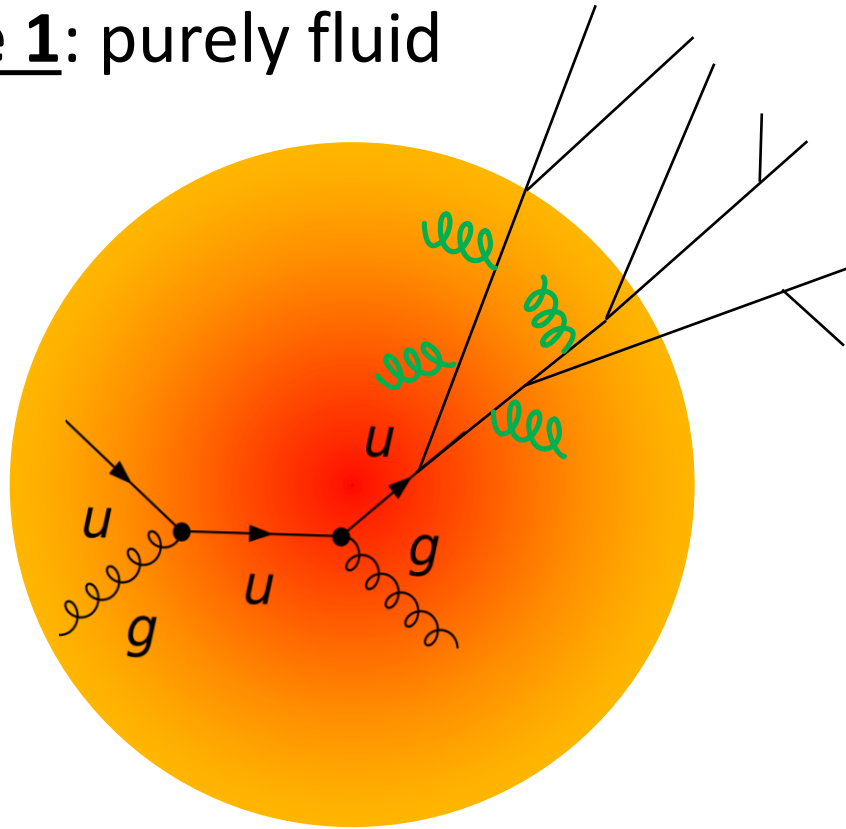
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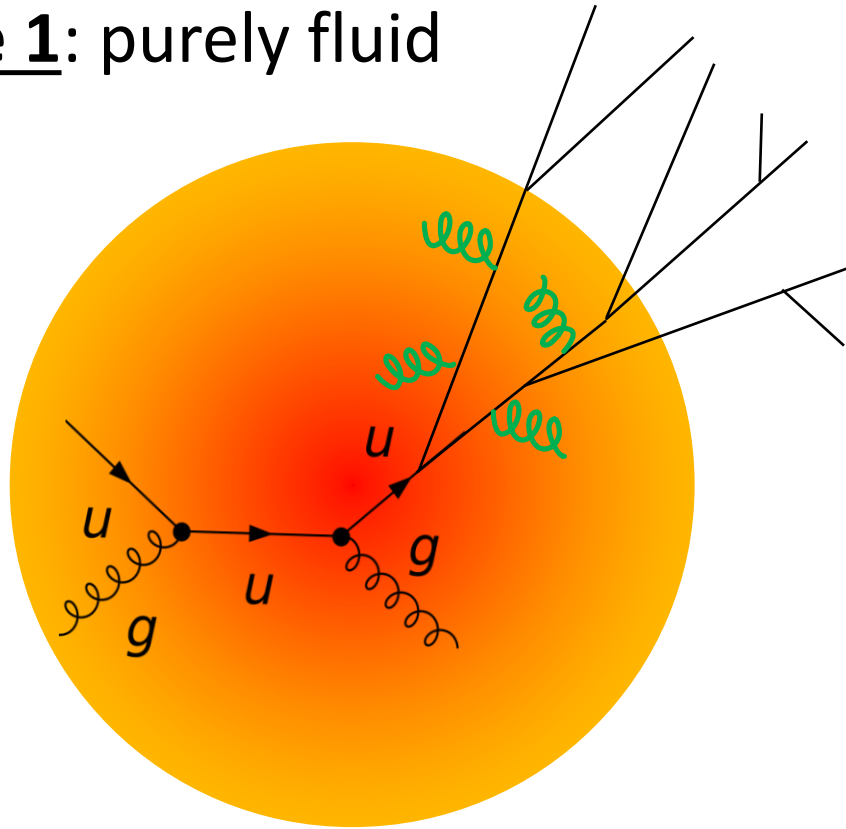


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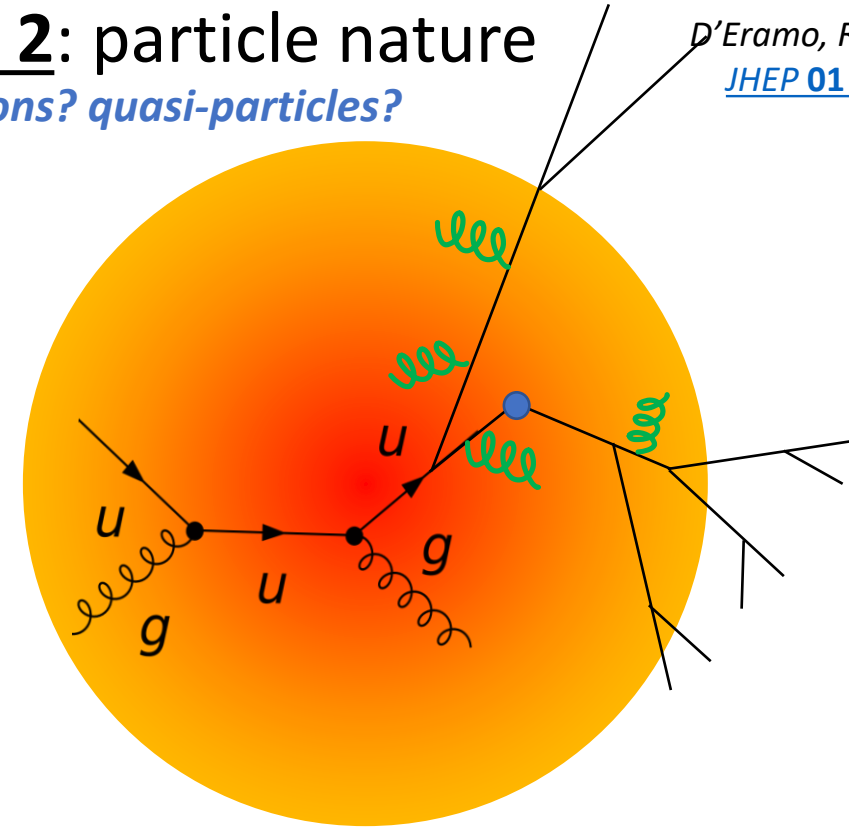
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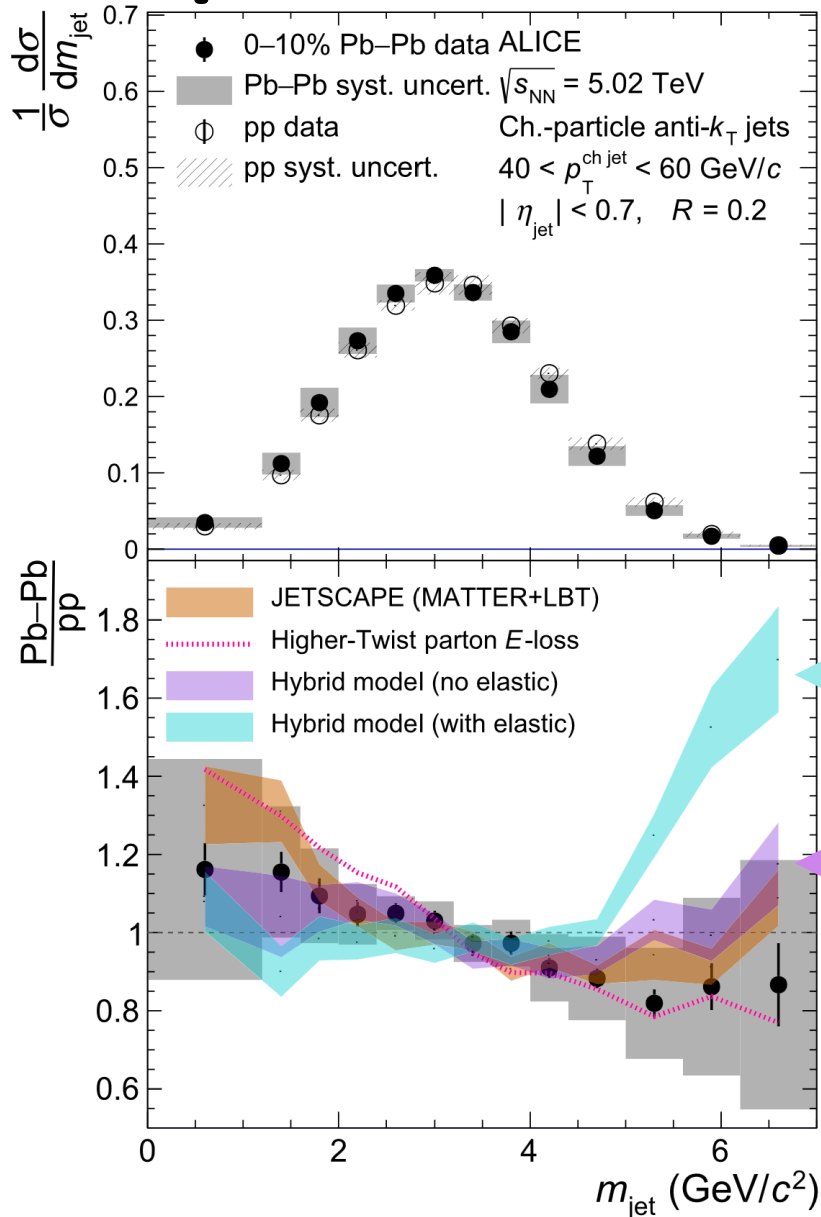
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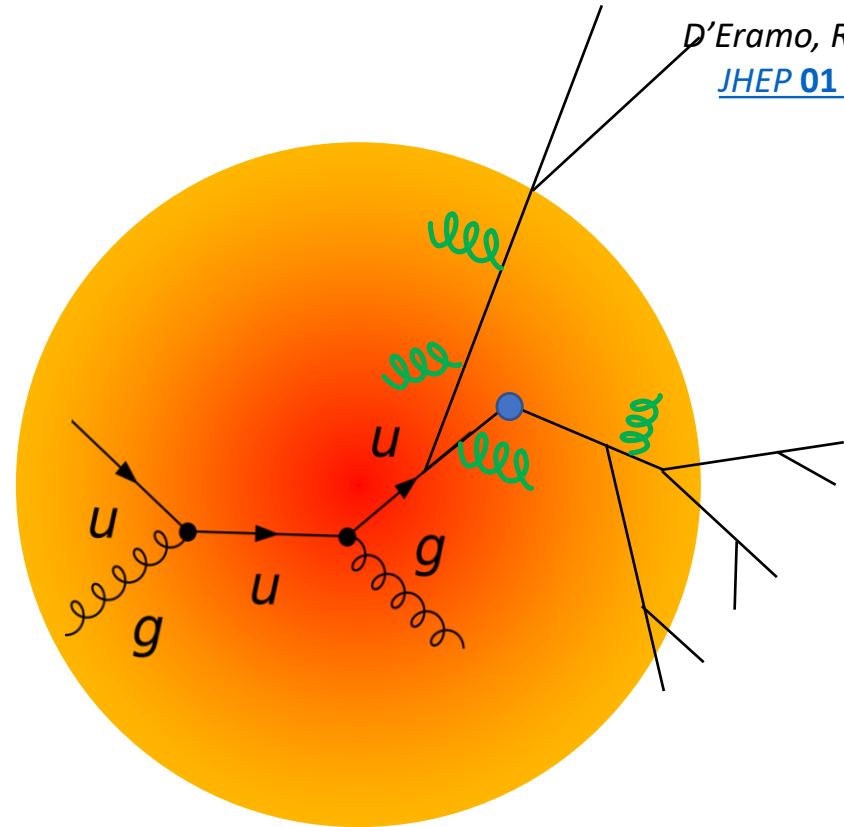
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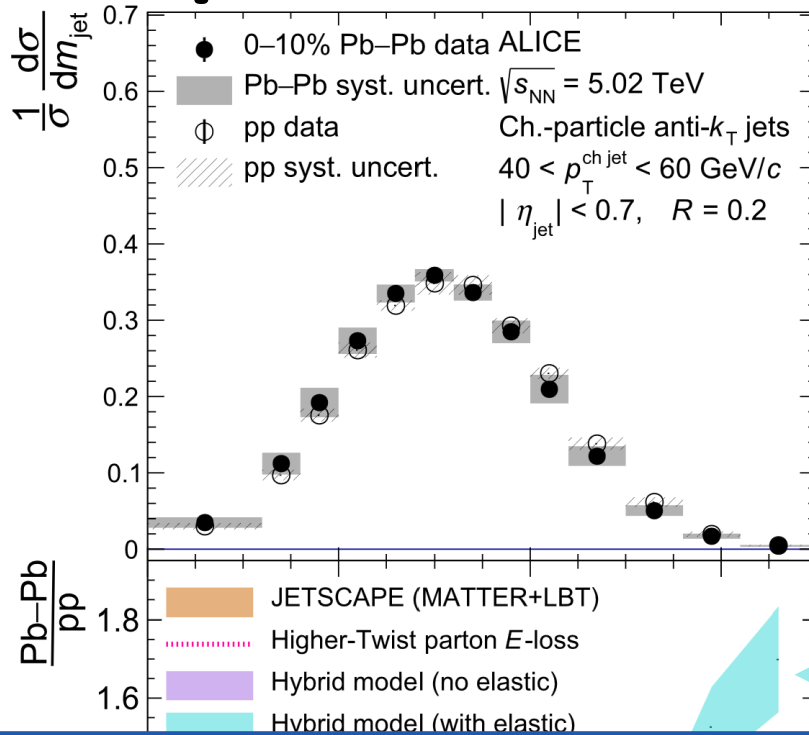
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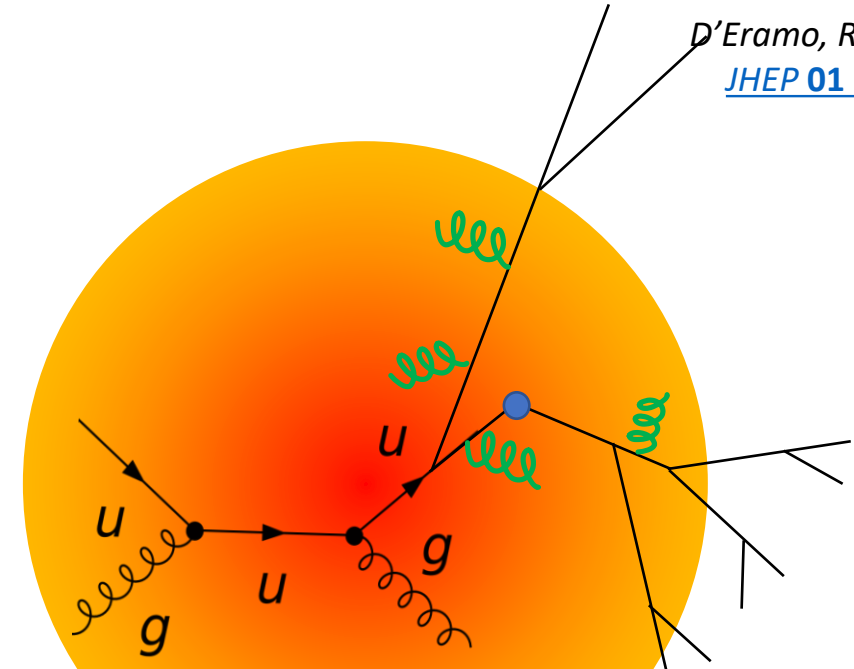
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Jet fragmentation
 + medium-induced emissions
 + elastic Molière scattering?

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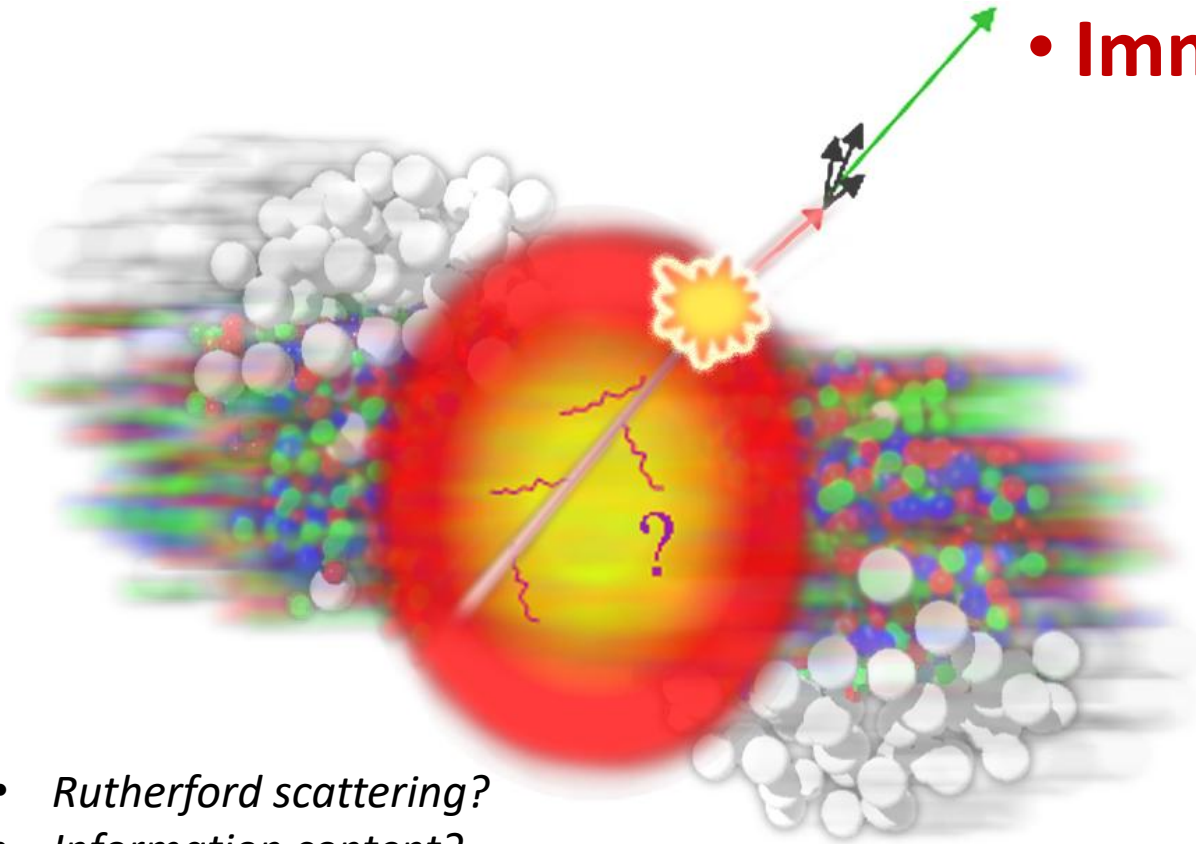
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No evidence for in-medium Molière scattering in this model

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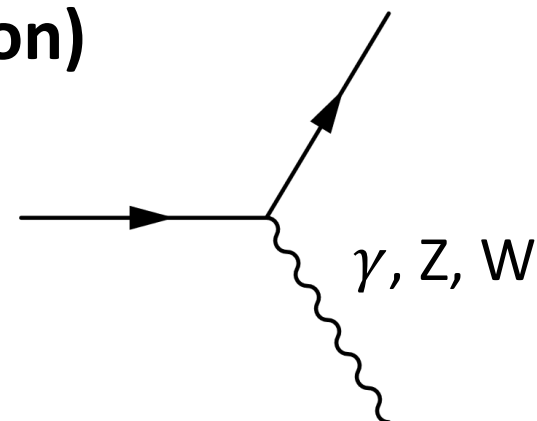


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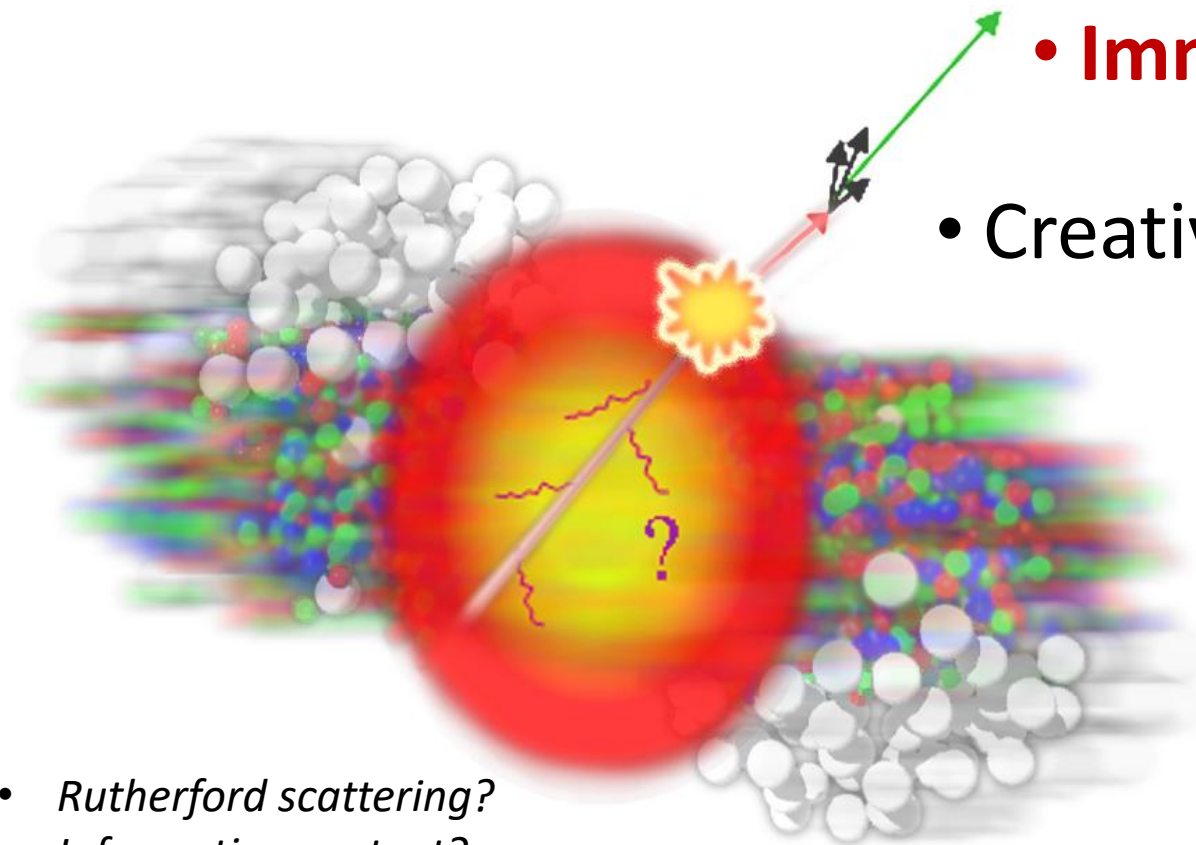
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- Creative solution:

Tagging jets using a **transverse probe**
(e.g. EW boson)



... or another **semi-hard hadron**



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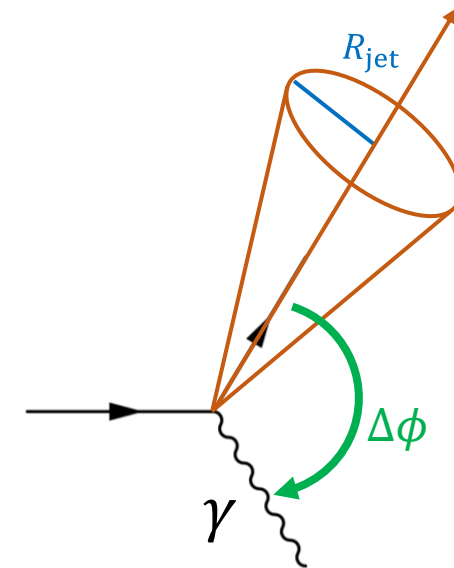
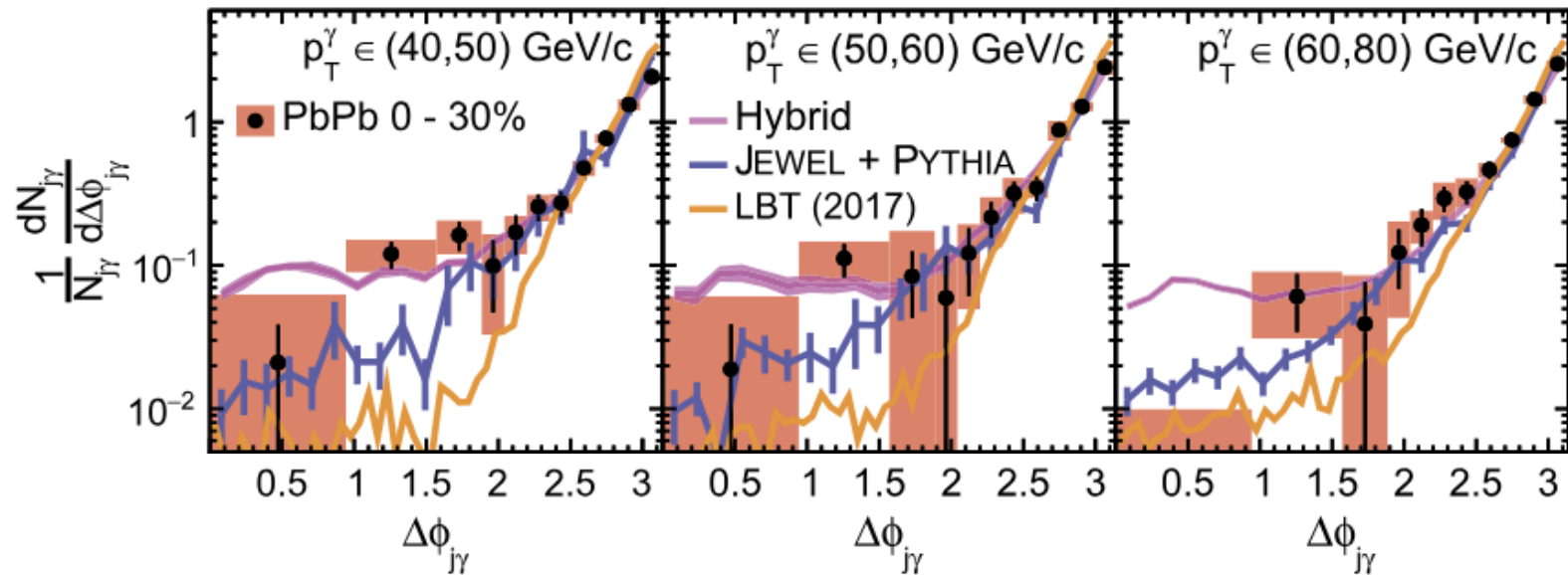
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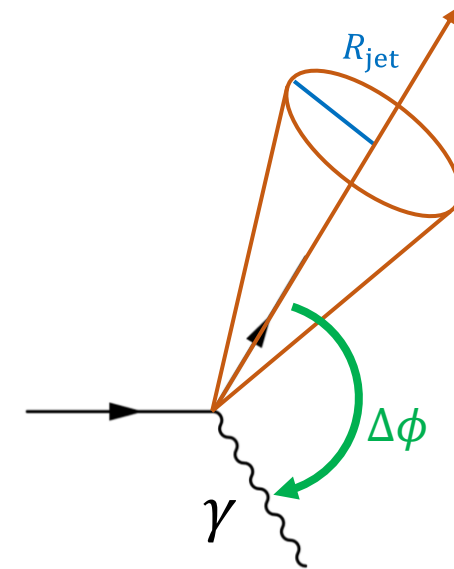
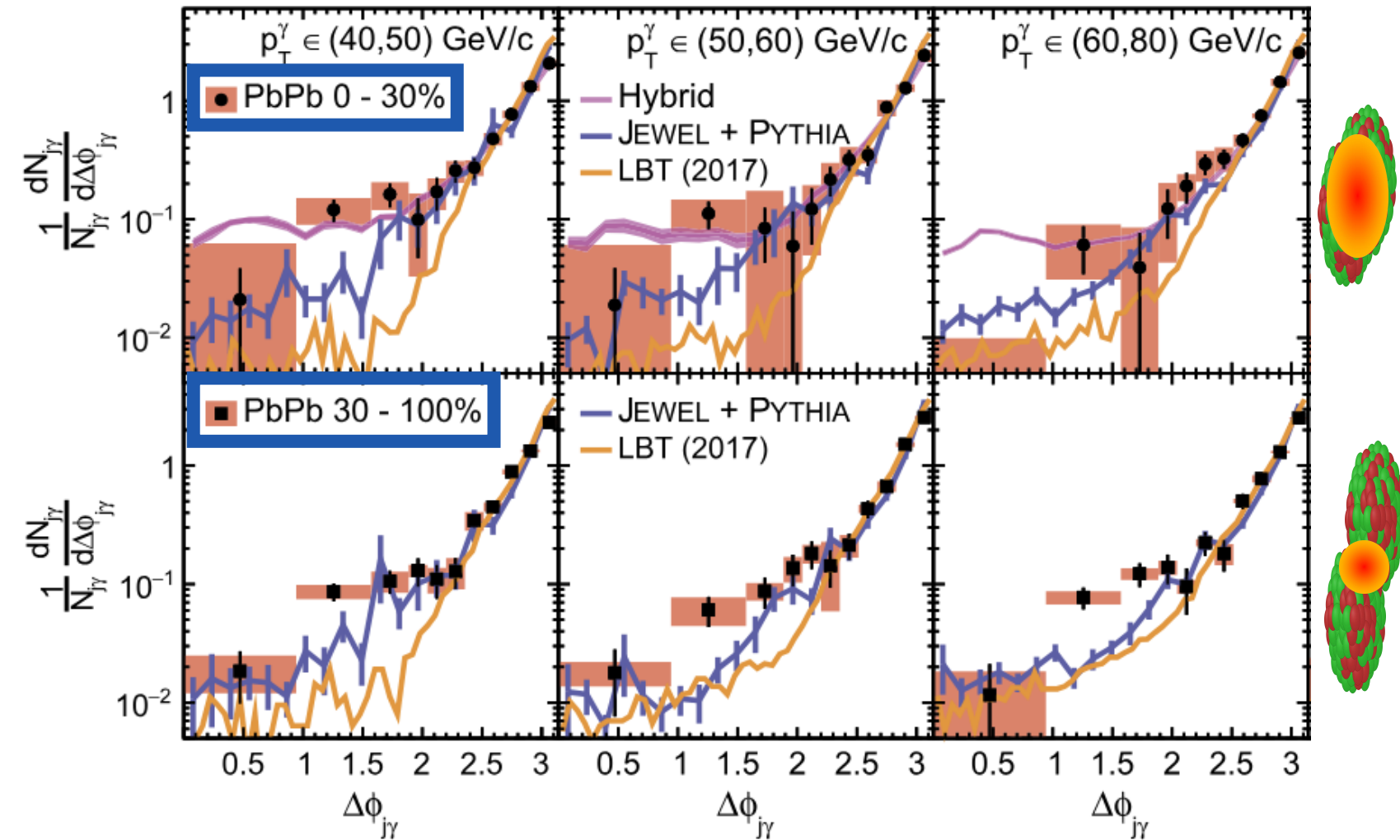


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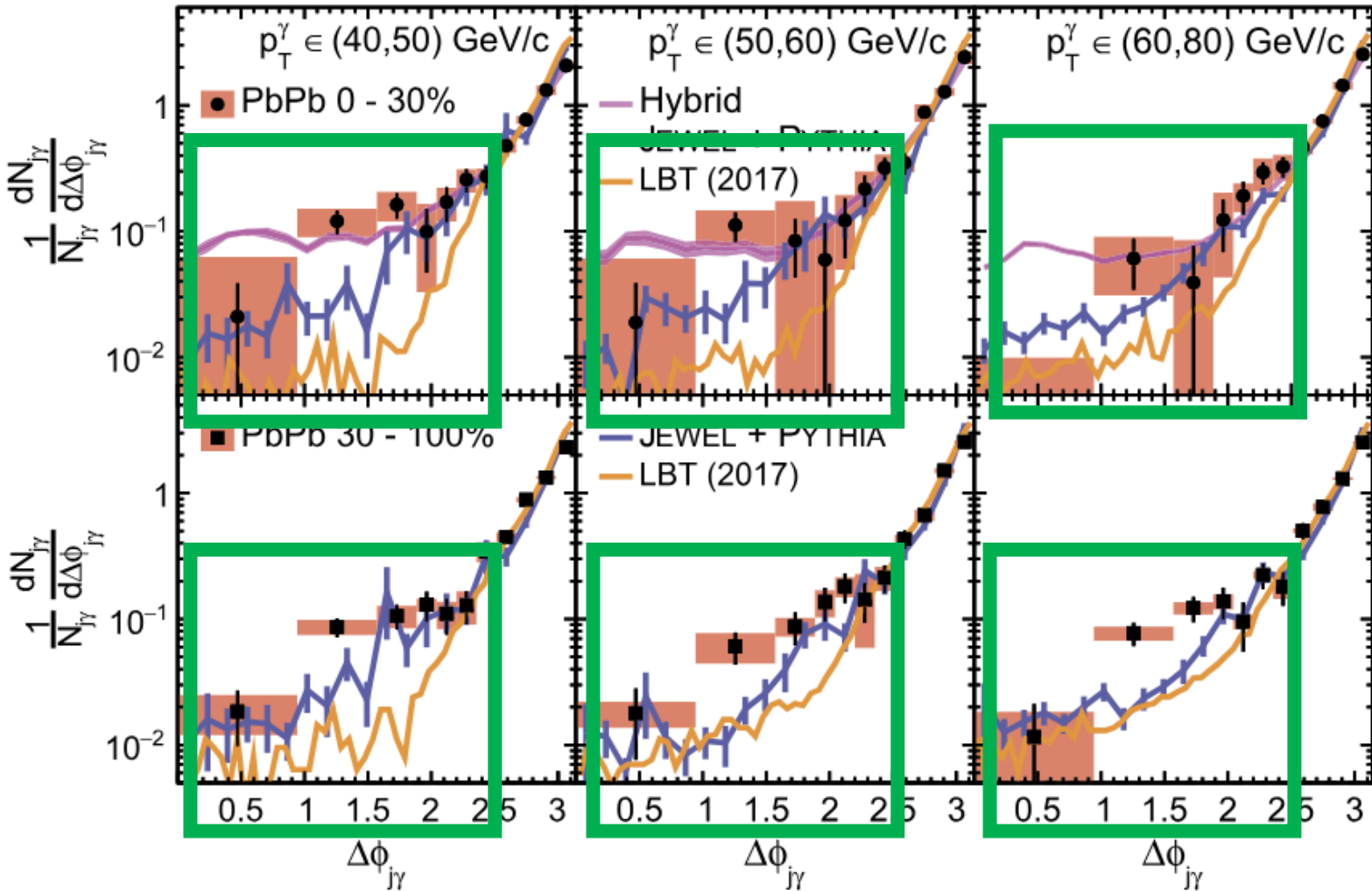


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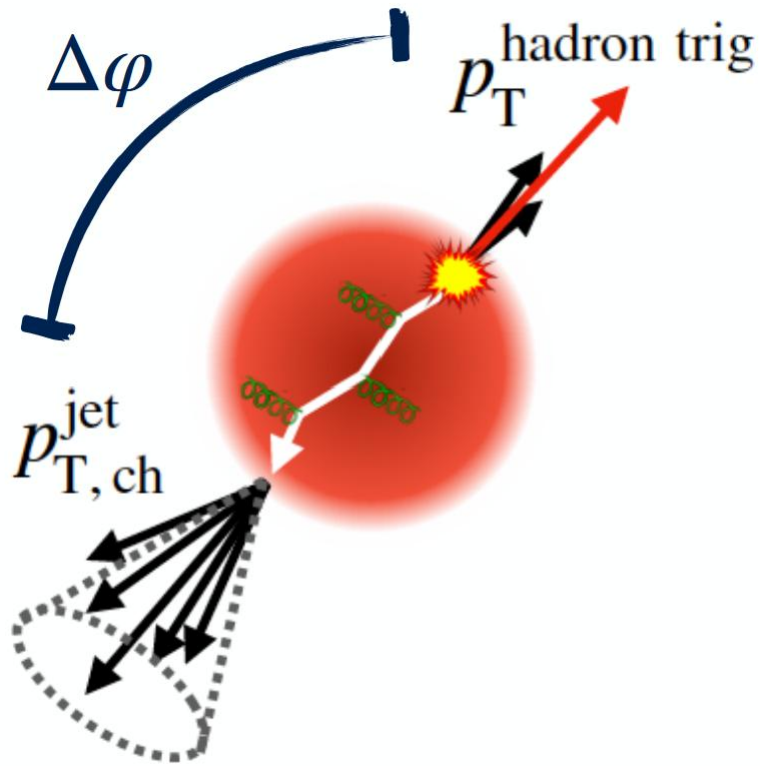


- Hint of second peak at smaller $\Delta\phi$?
- Tension with models \rightarrow scattering effect?

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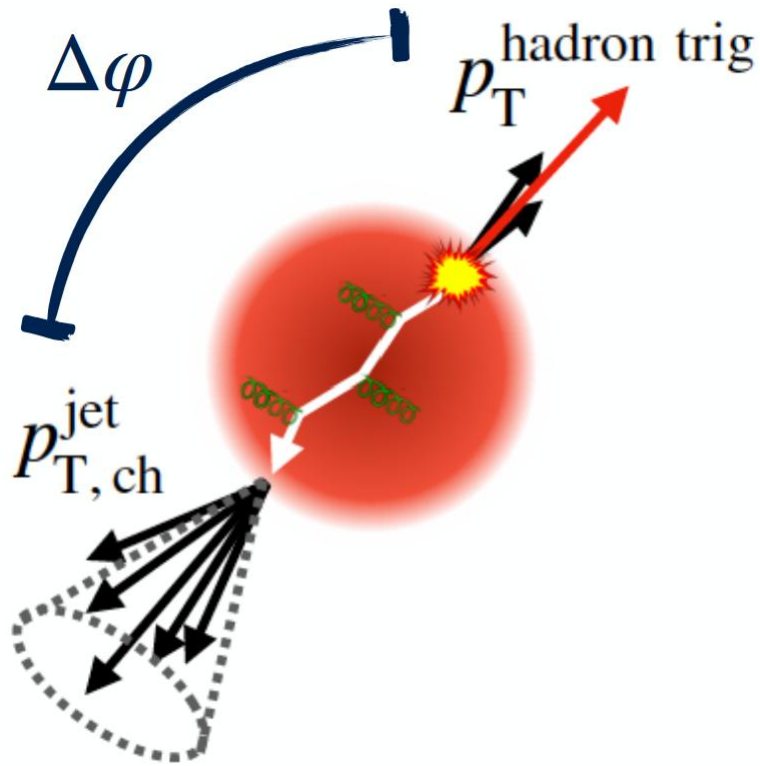
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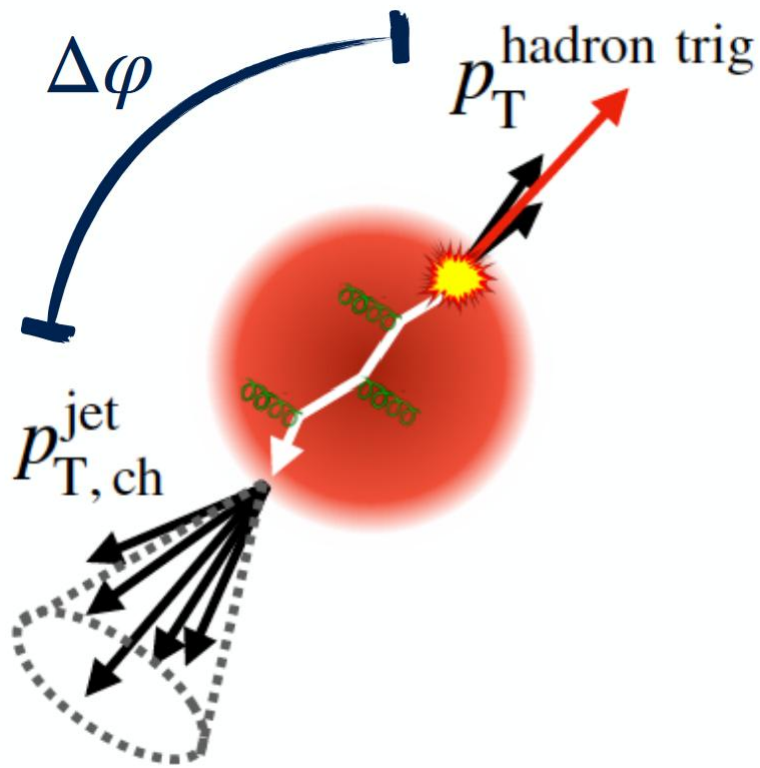
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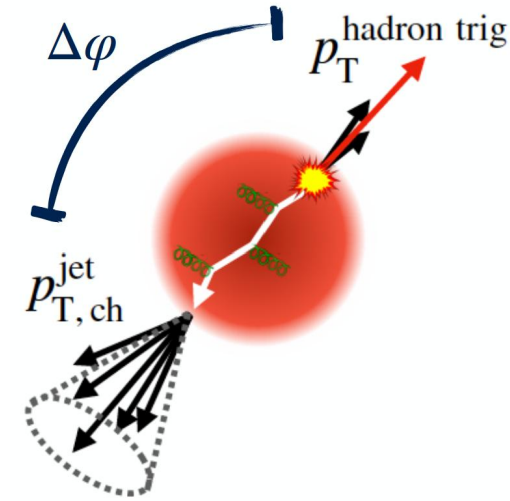
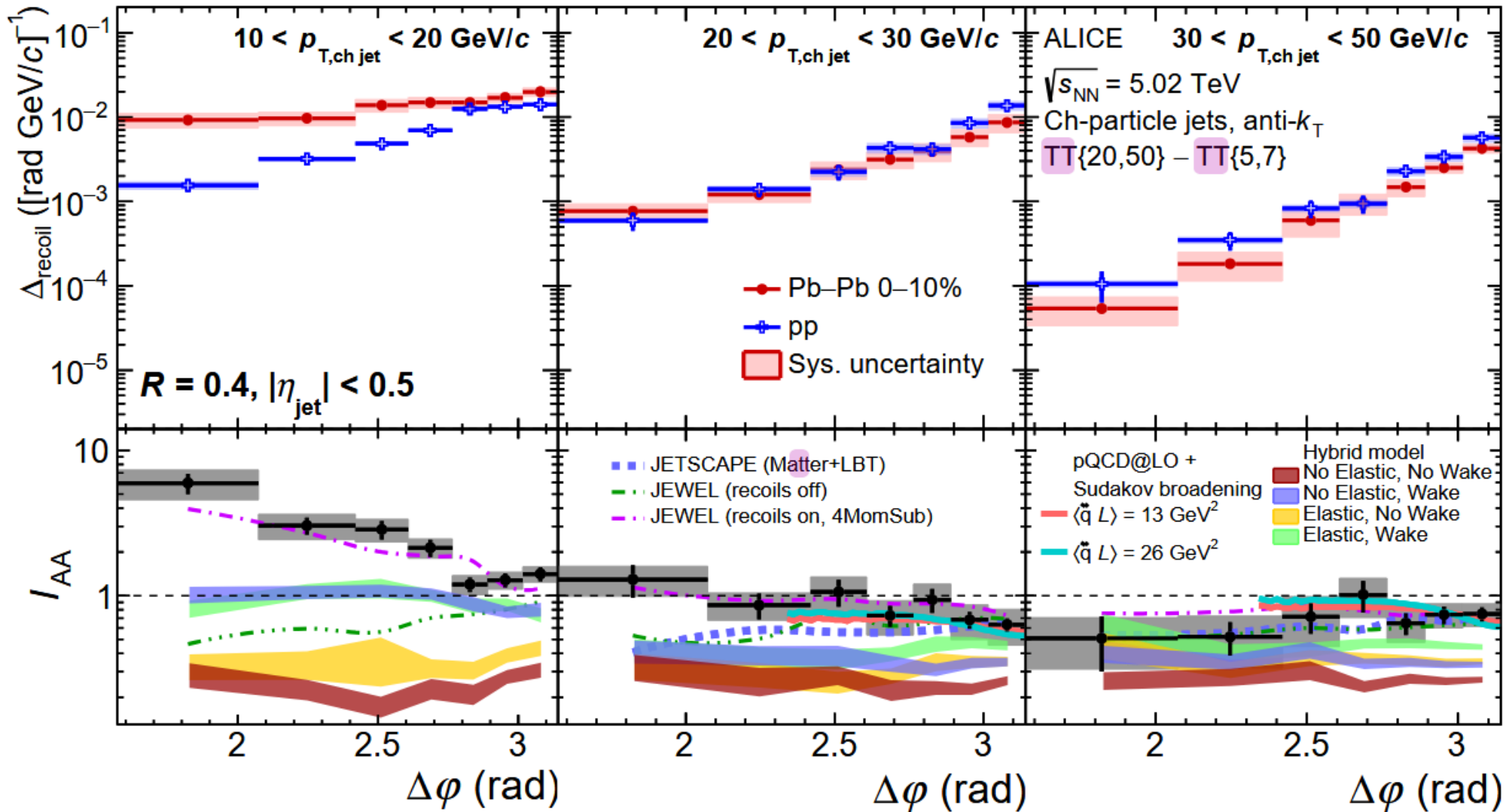


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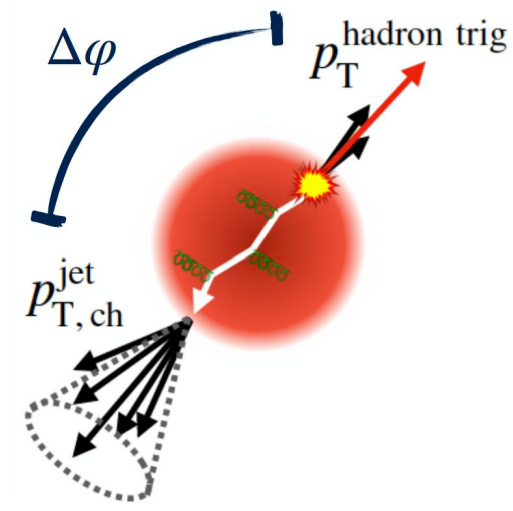
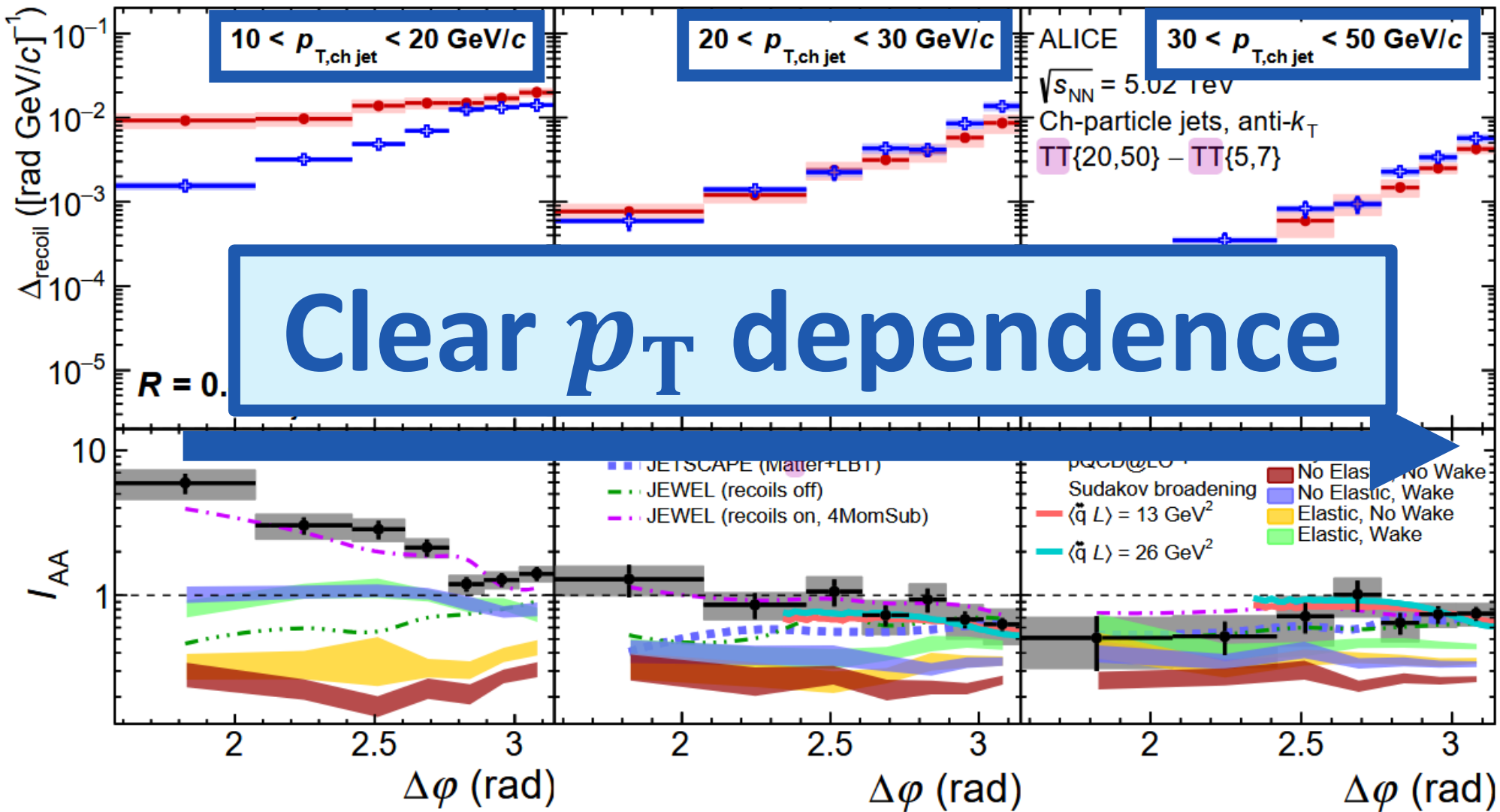
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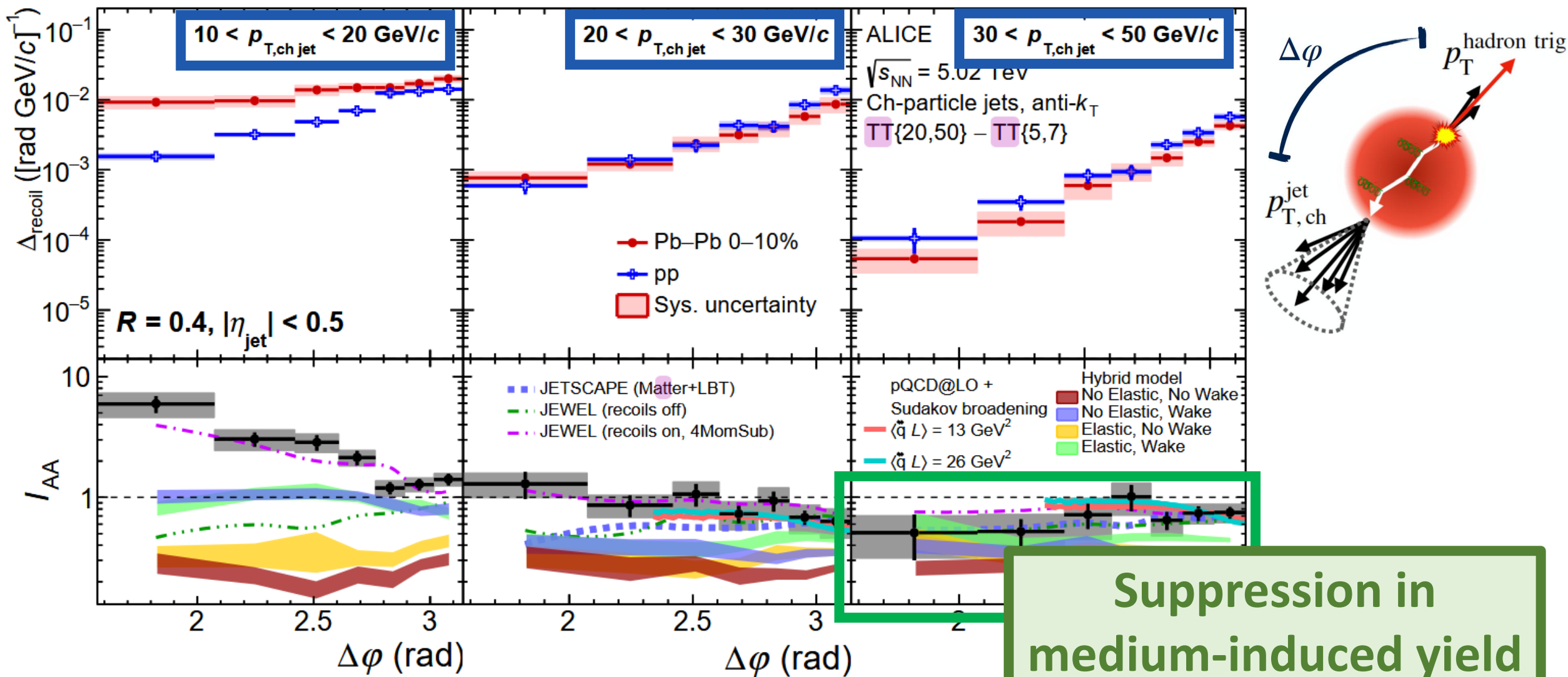


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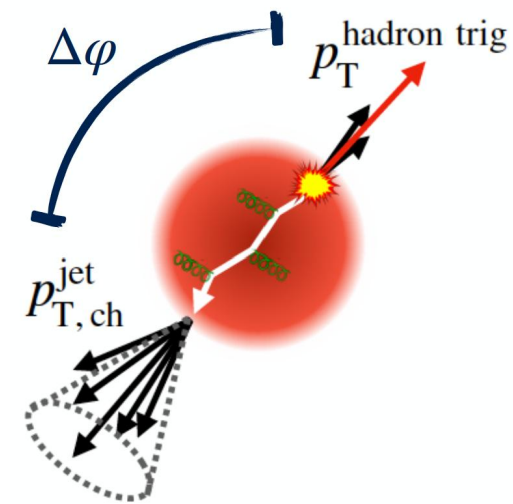
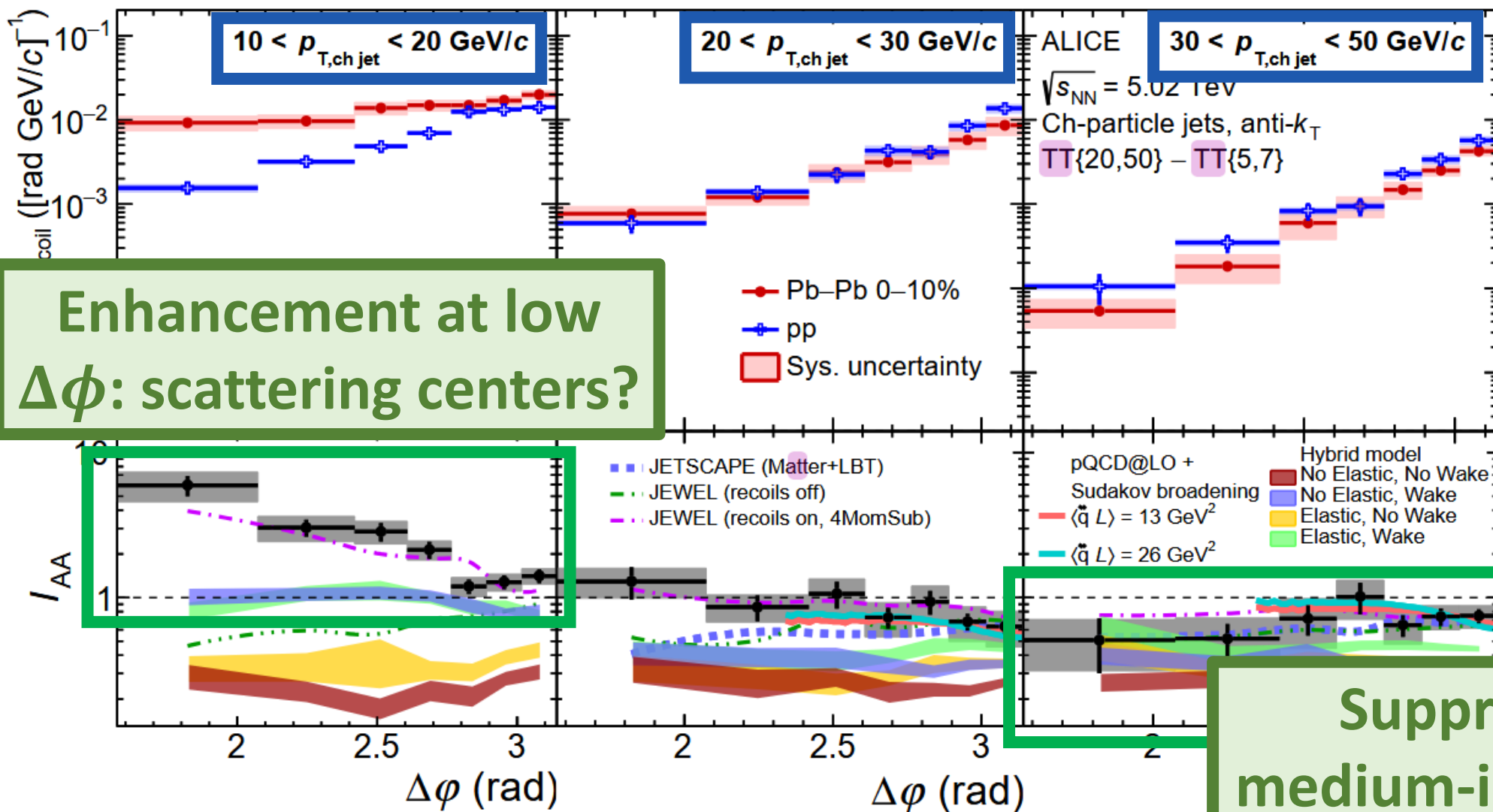
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• **Diverse and growing opportunities for future LHC measurements!**



Backup



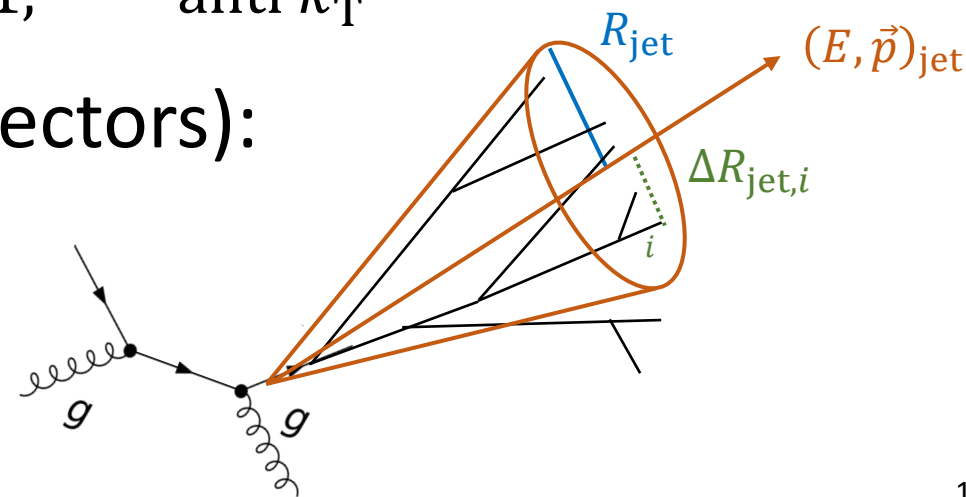
Durham (k_T) jet family

- Jets are reconstructed from **Particle Flow objects** using a sequential recombination algorithm
 - From an **IRC-safe** class of algorithms
 - **Soft-resilient**: shape is not strongly affected by soft, wide-angle radiation

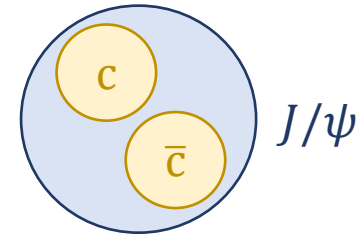
$$d_{ij} = \min \left(k_{Ti}^{2p}, k_{Tj}^{2p} \right) \frac{\Delta_{ij}^2}{R^2}$$
$$d_{iB} = k_{Ti}^{2p}$$
$$p = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{"inclusive"} k_T \\ 0, & \text{Cambridge/Aachen} \\ -1, & \text{anti } k_T \end{cases}$$

- **E -scheme** recombination (adding four vectors):

$$(E, \vec{p})_{\text{jet}} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} (E, \vec{p})_i$$

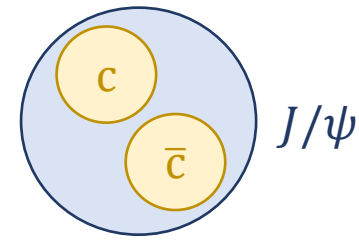


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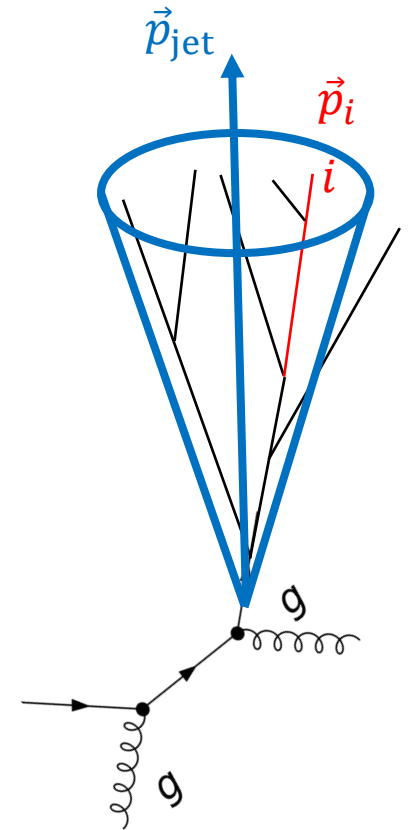


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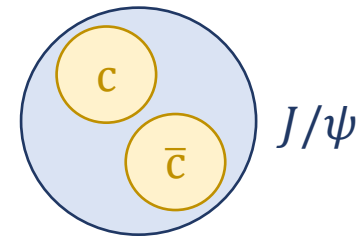
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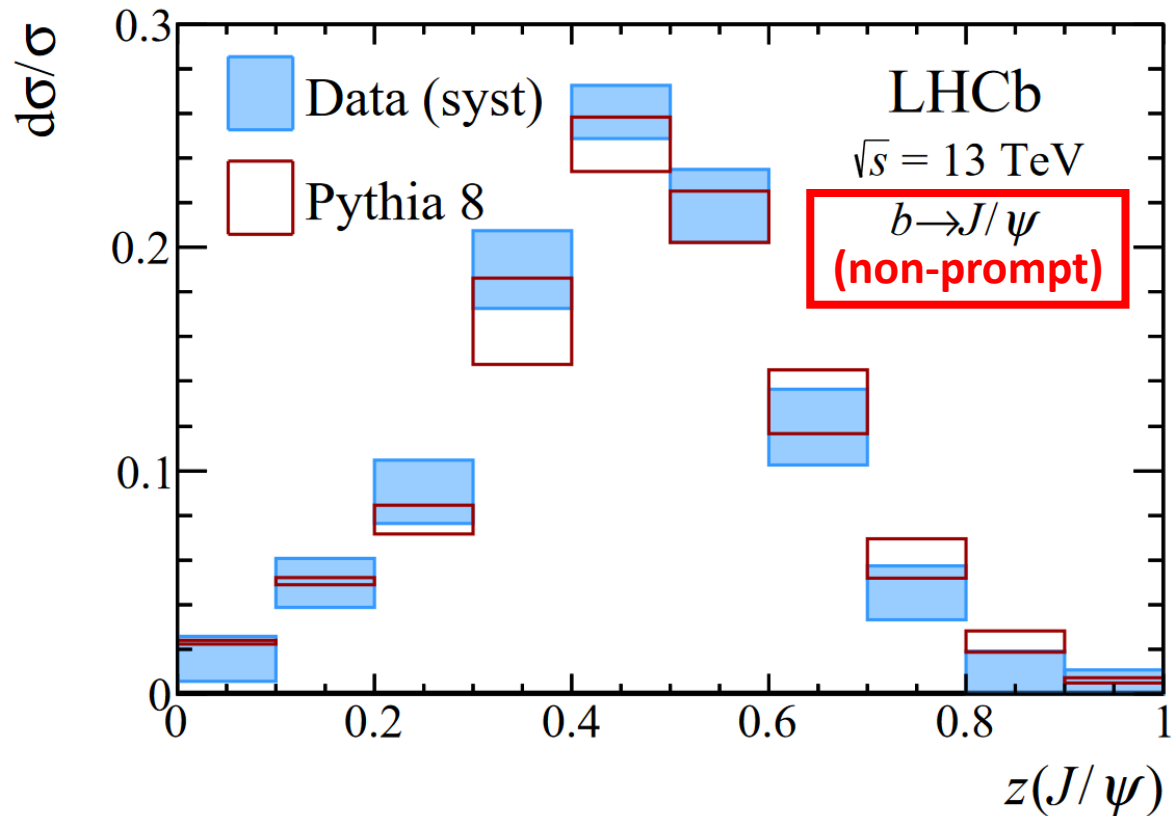
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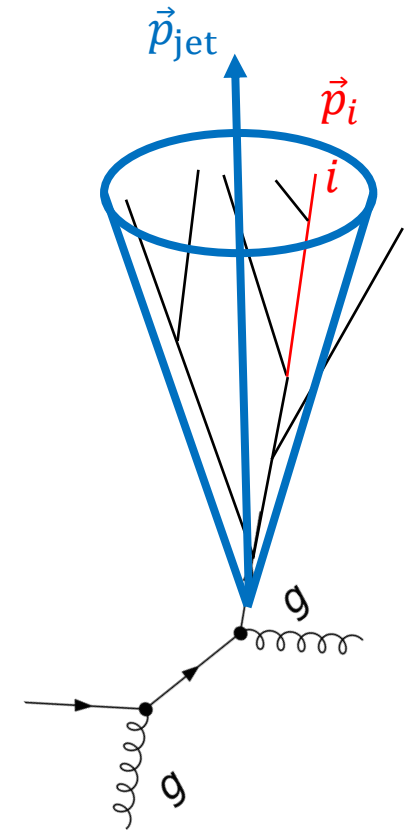
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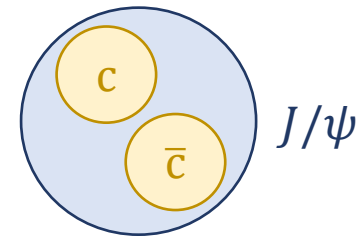
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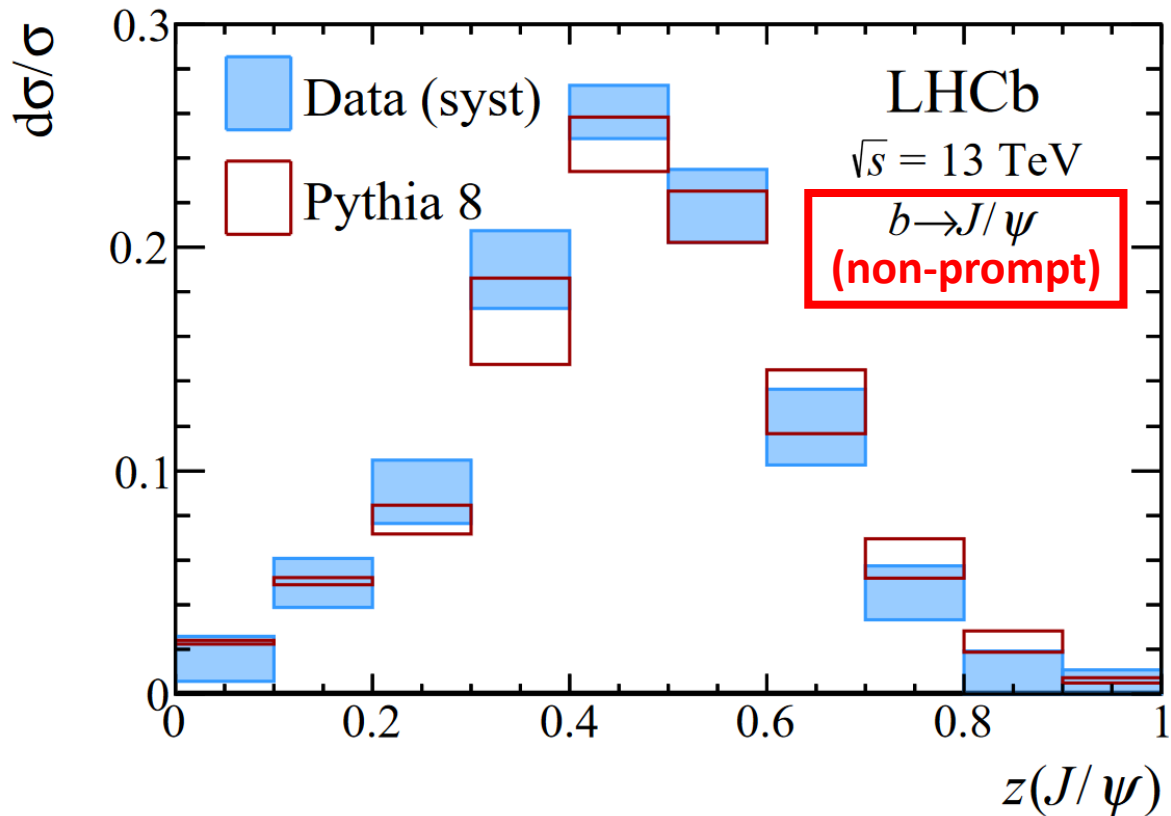
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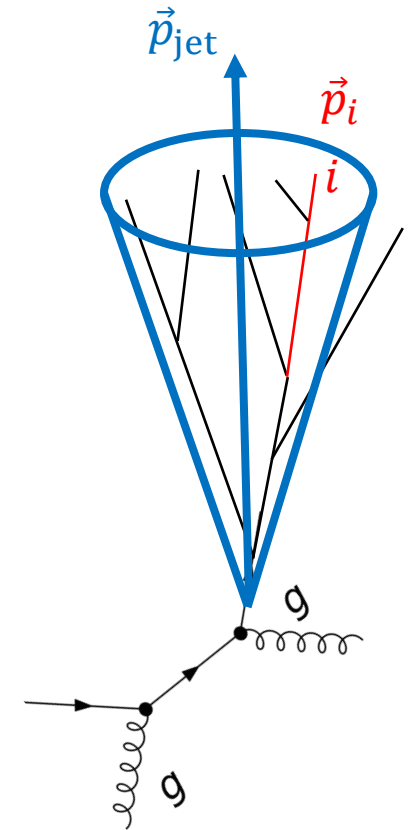


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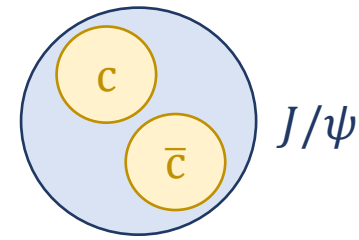
- Charmonium from b decays only carries $\sim 50\%$ of jet energy
 \rightarrow **surrounded by b -jet fragmentation**



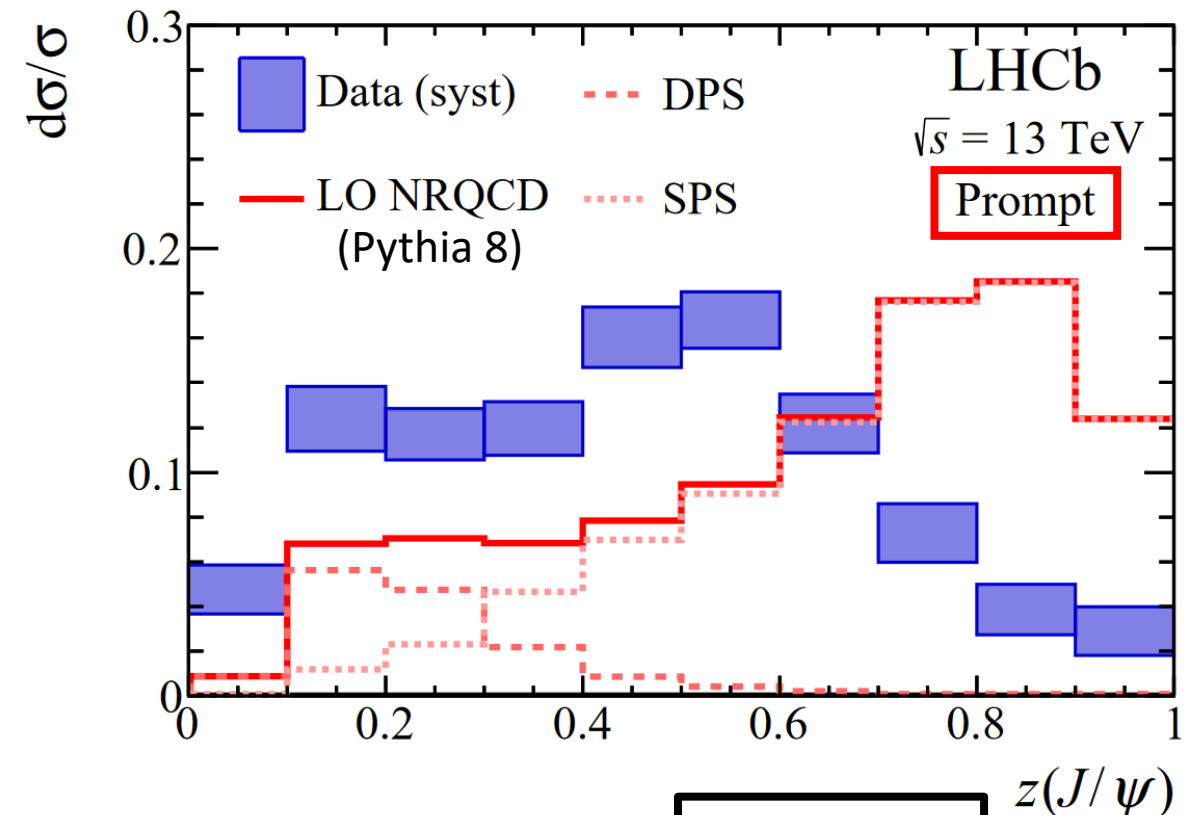
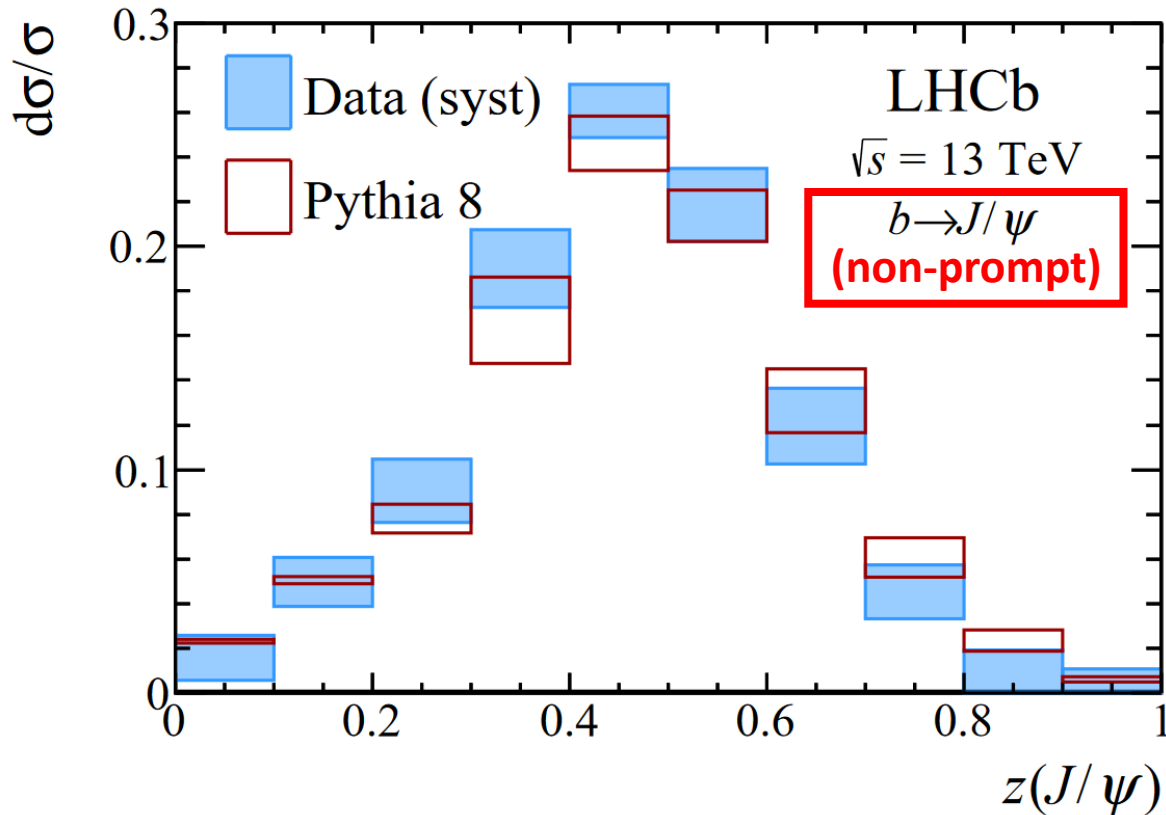
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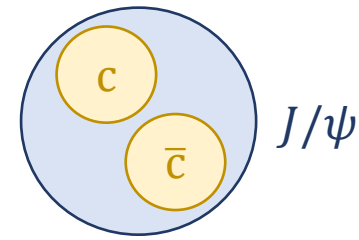
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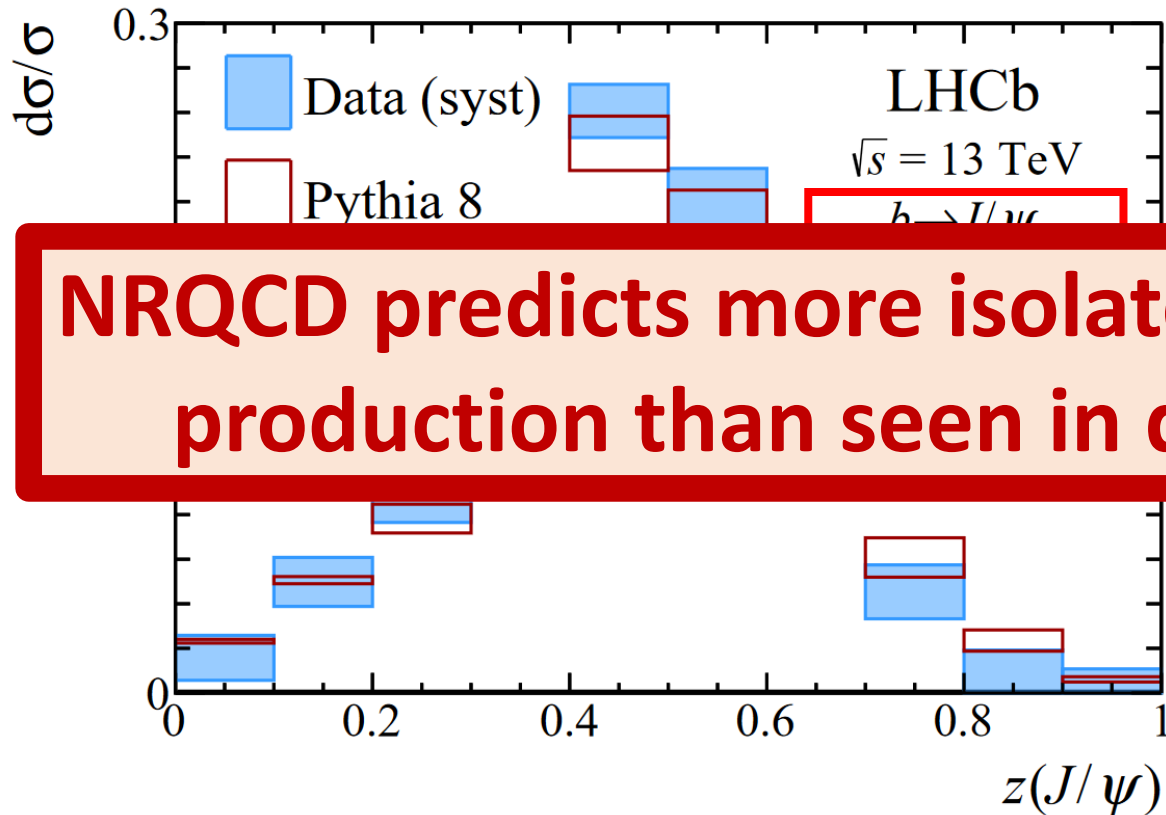
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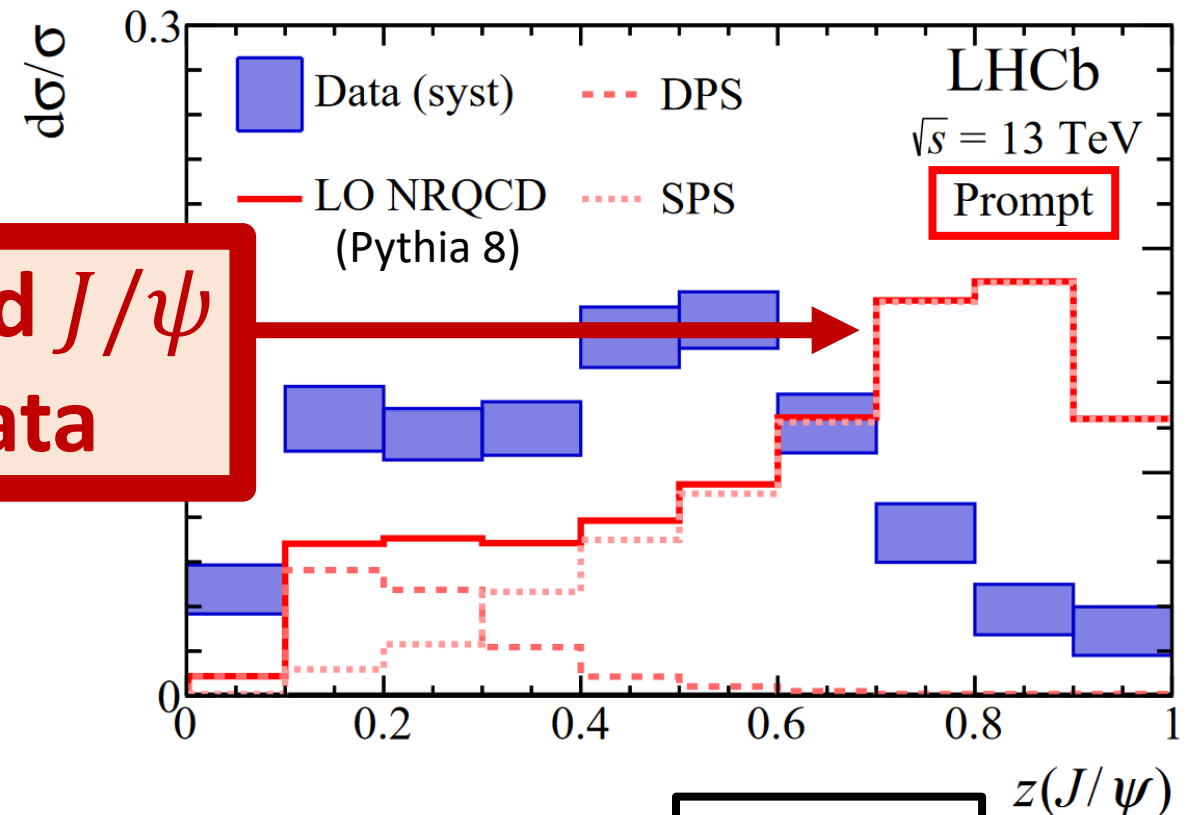
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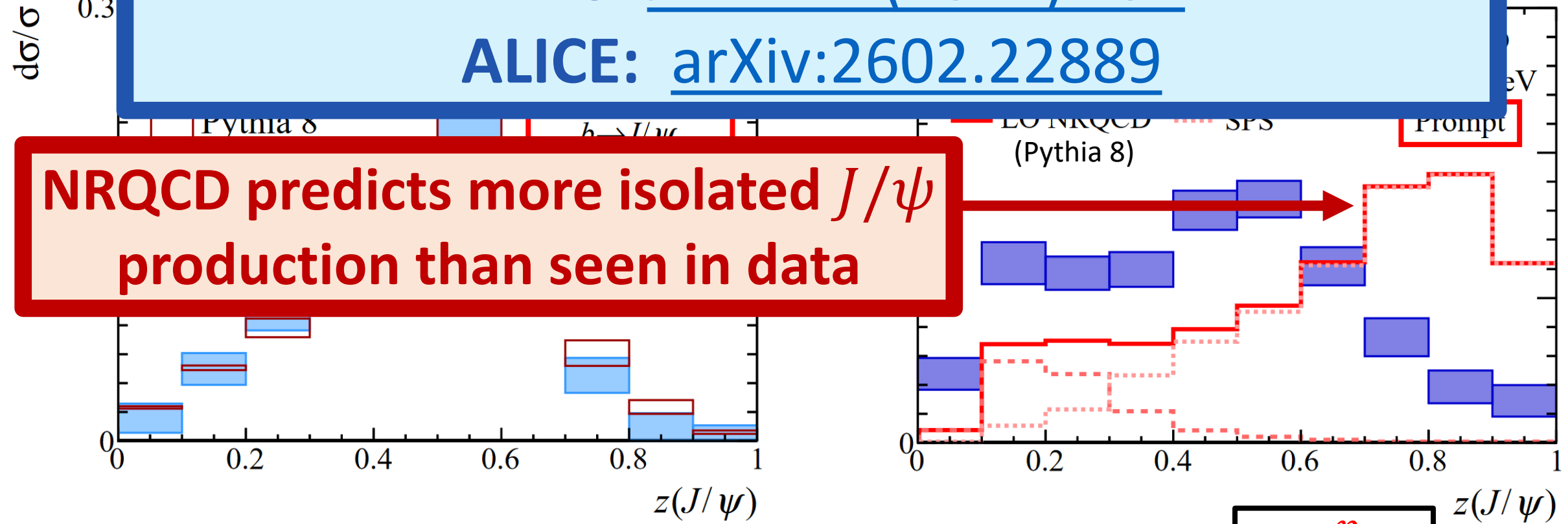
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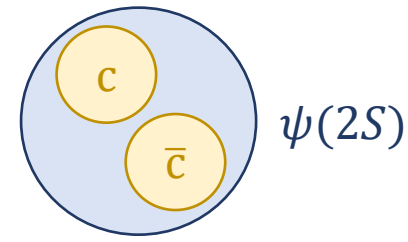
This *same result* also observed by:
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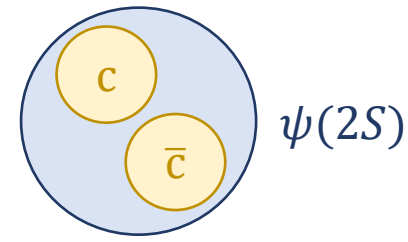
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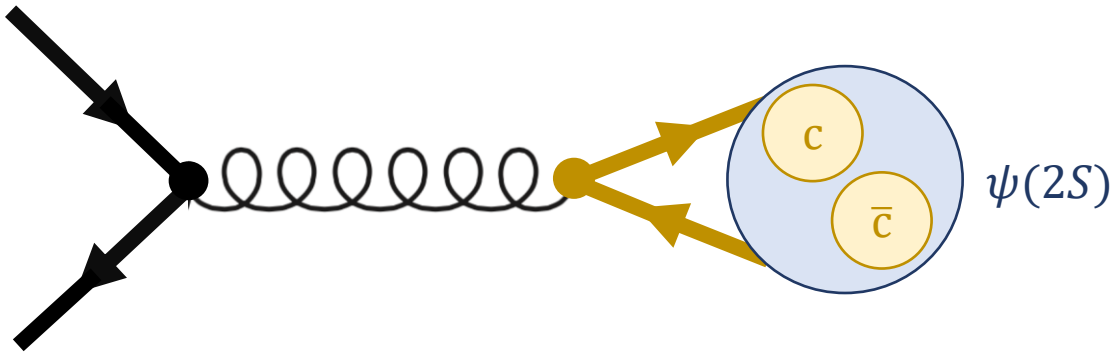
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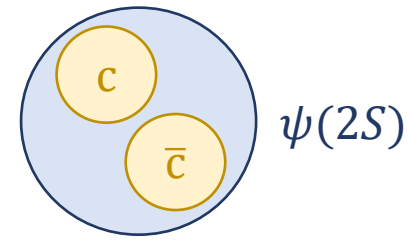
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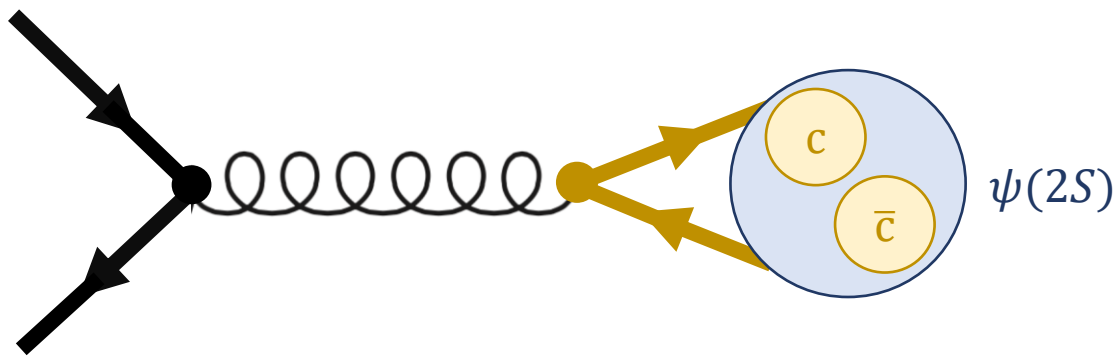
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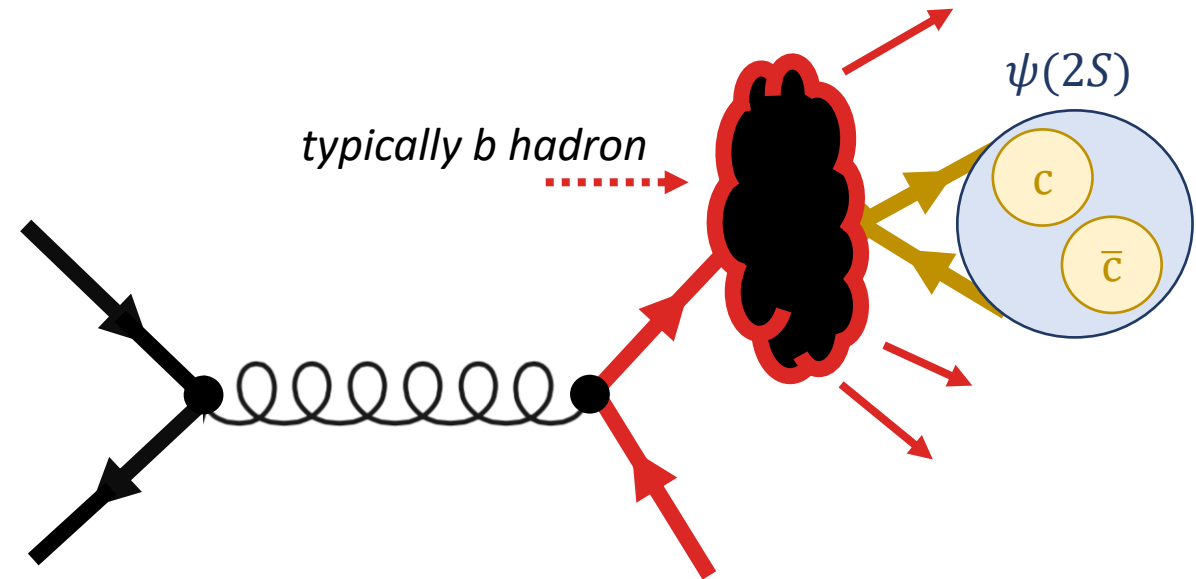
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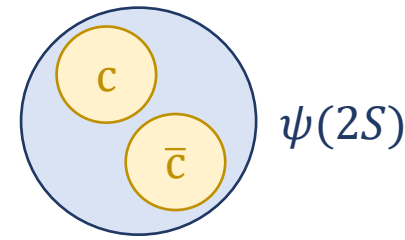
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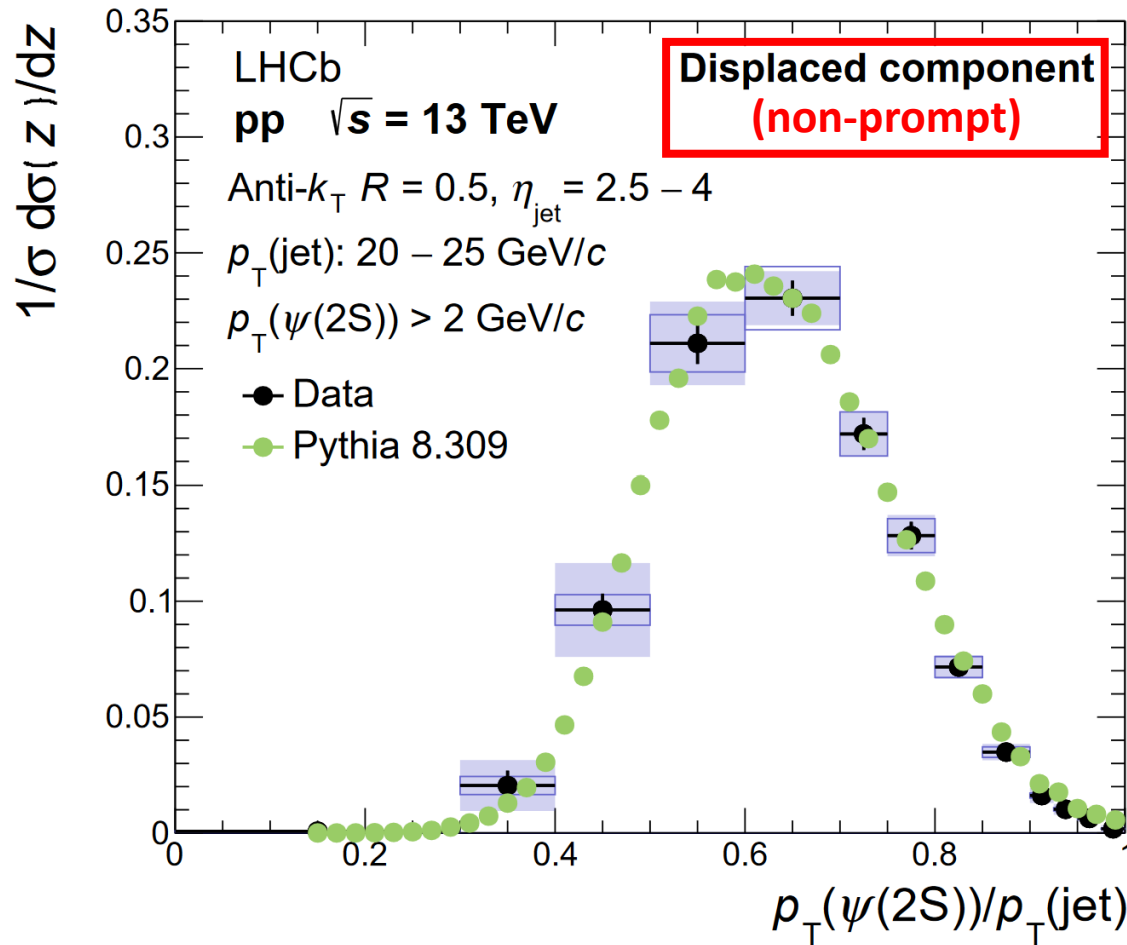
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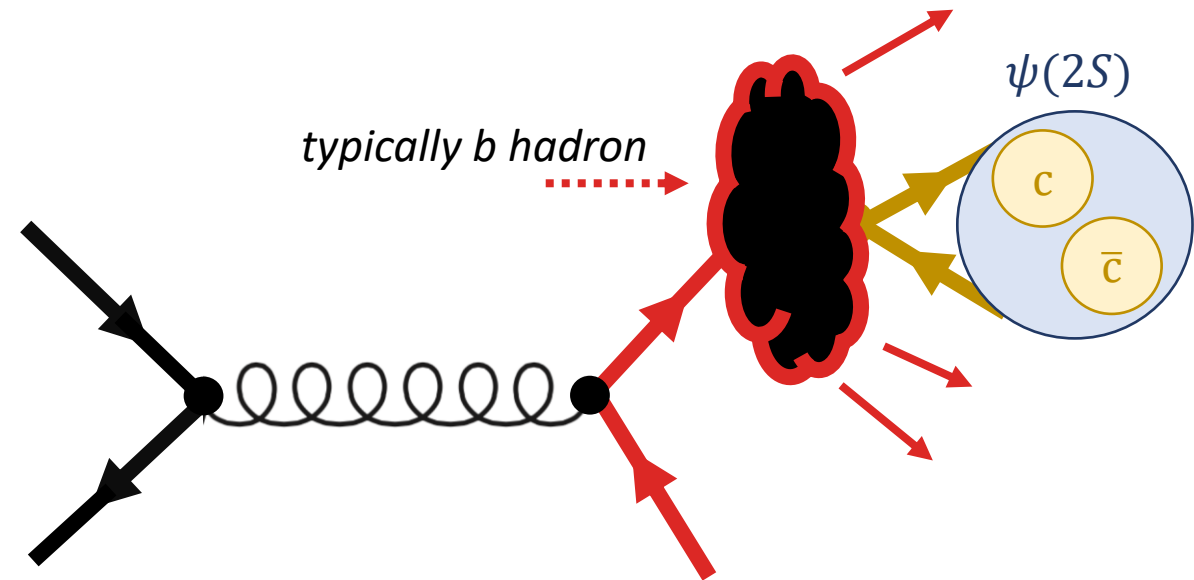
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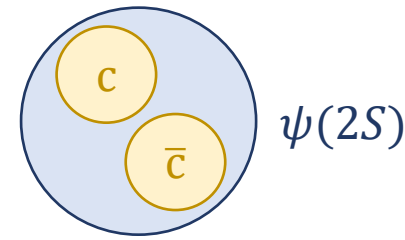
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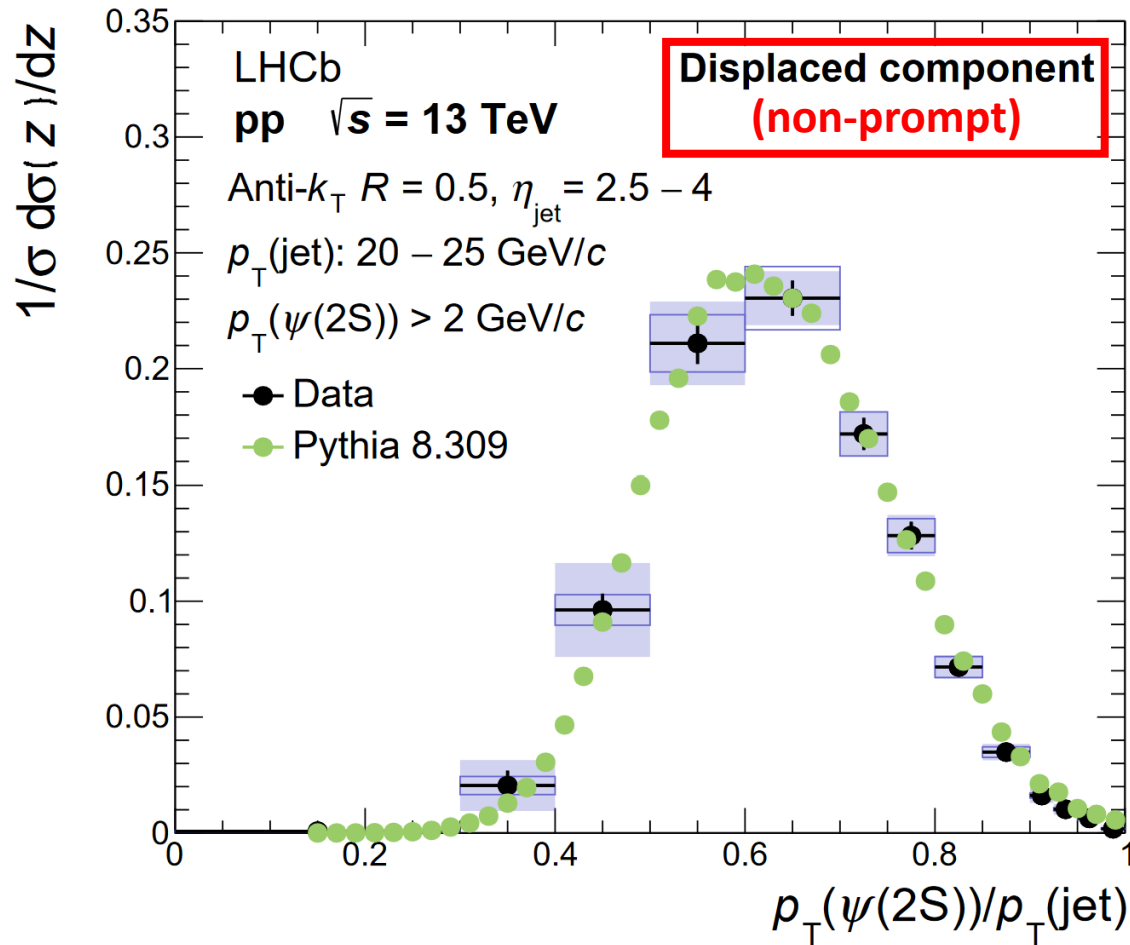
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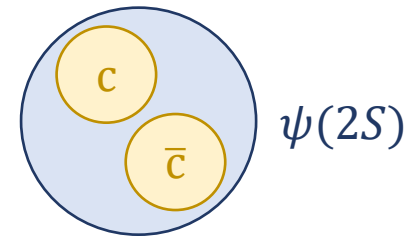


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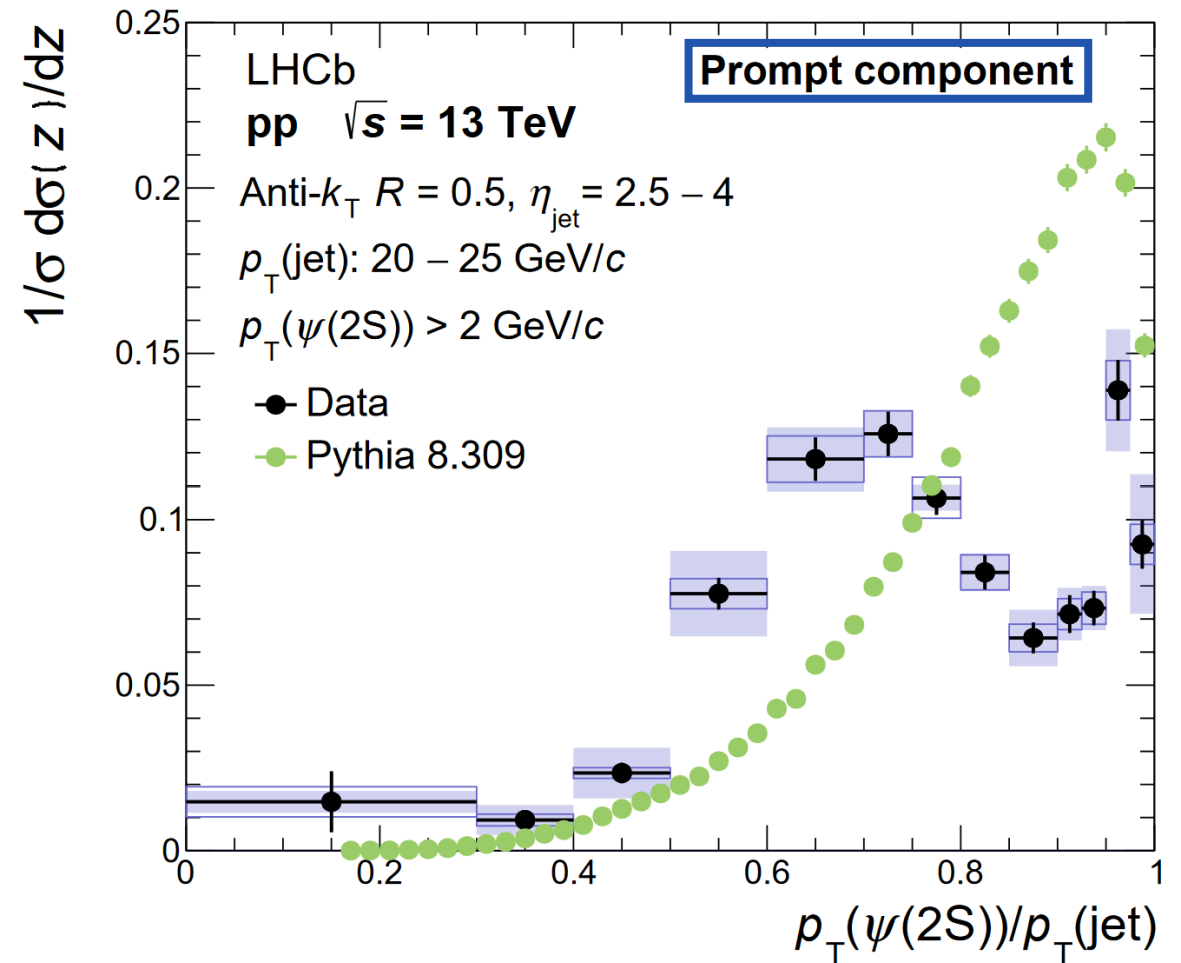
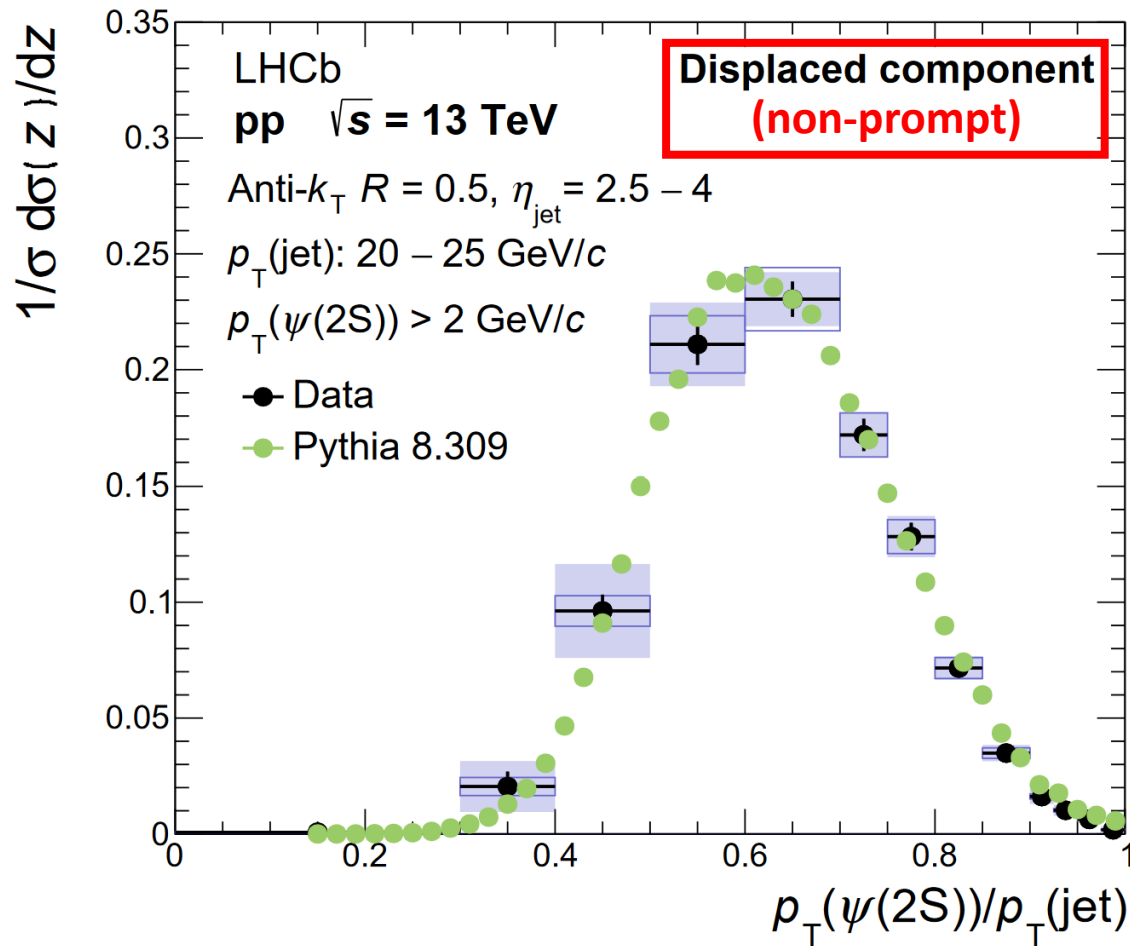


- Displaced $\psi(2S)$ carries $\sim 60\%$ of jet transverse momentum
- **Good agreement** between data and simulation

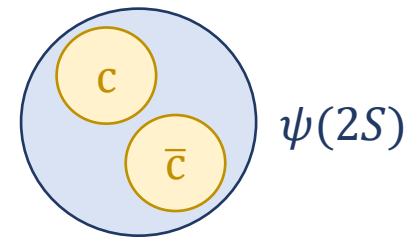
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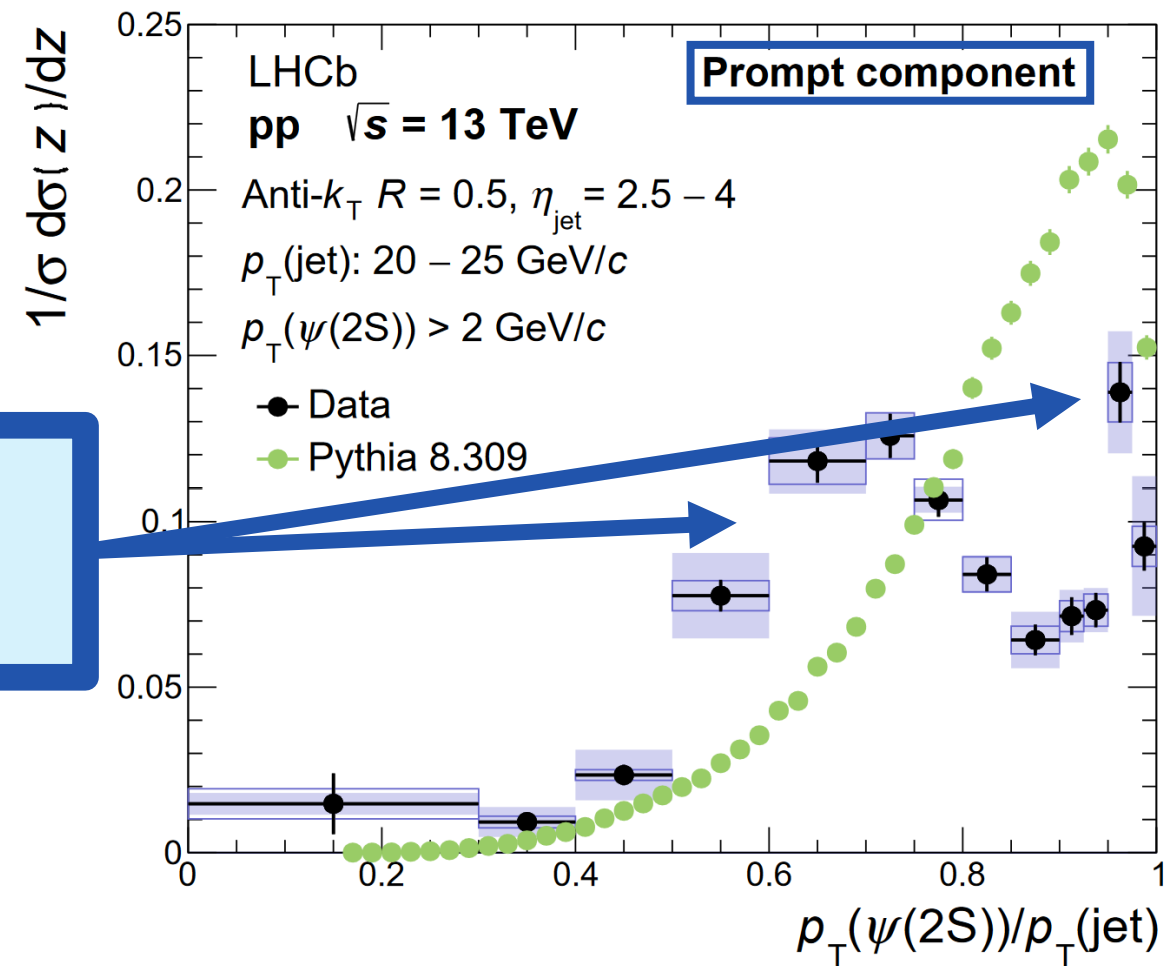
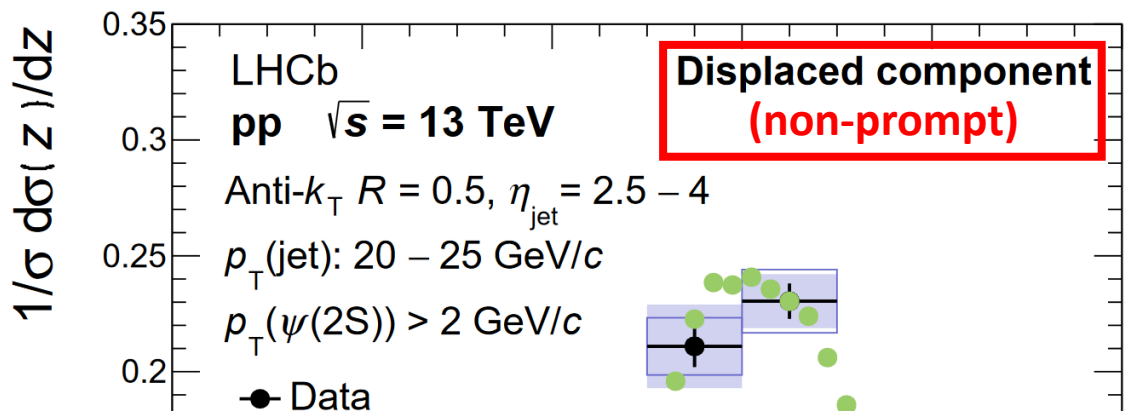
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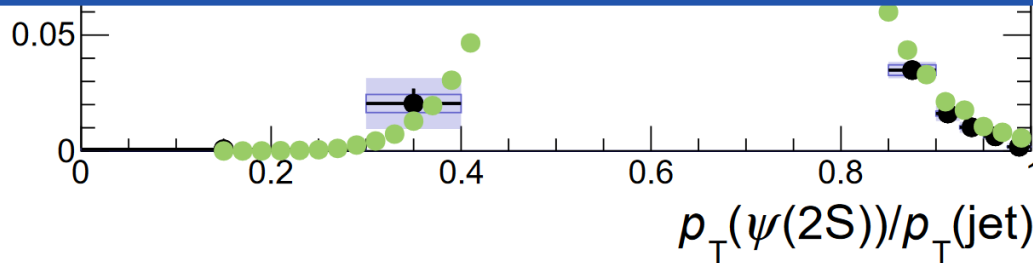
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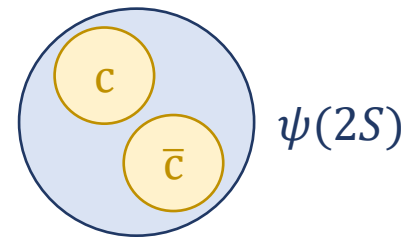
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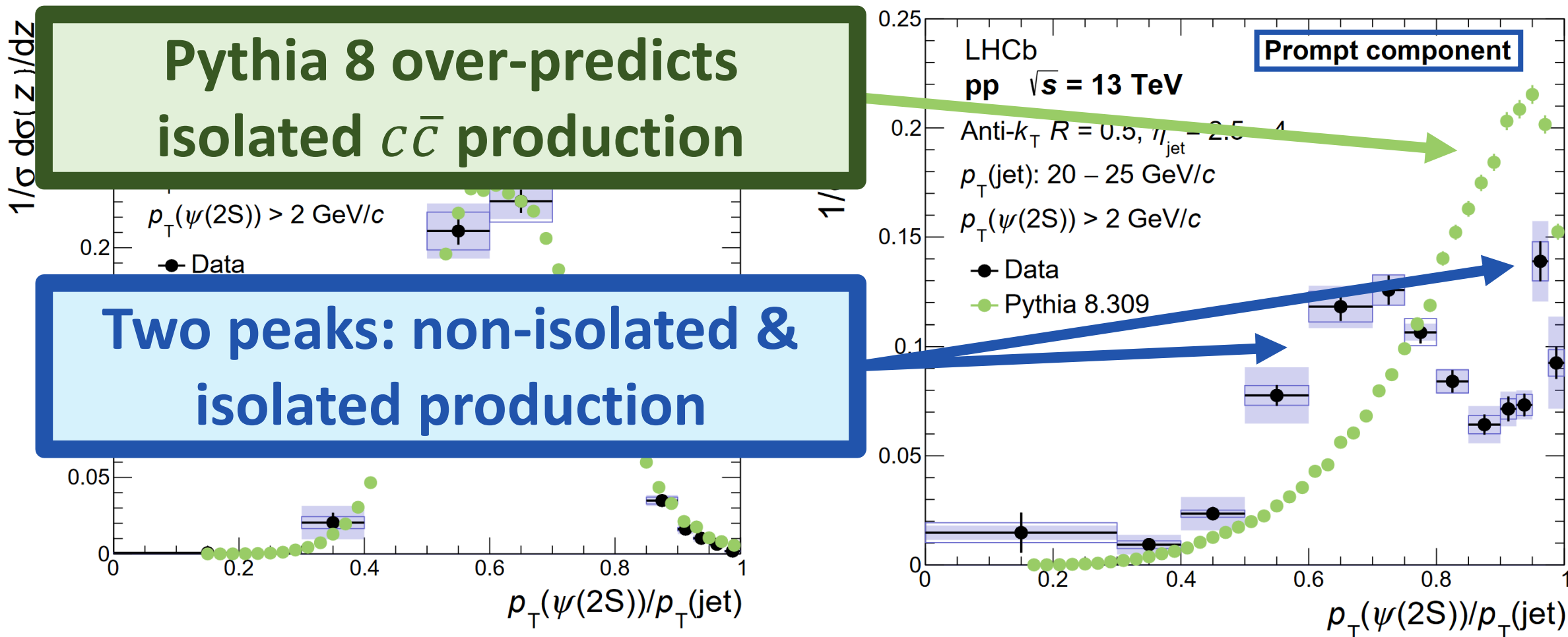
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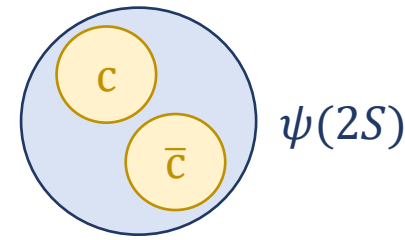
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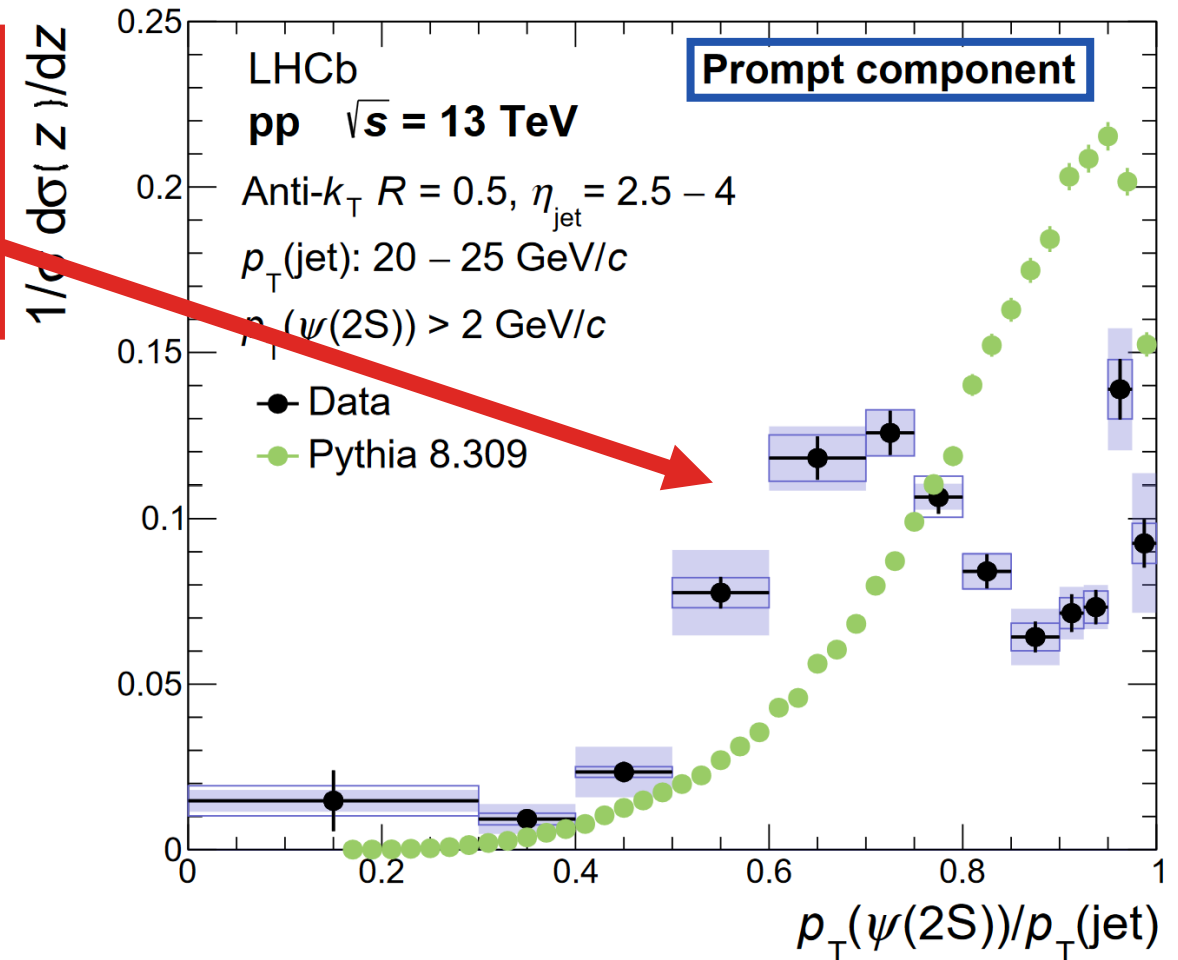


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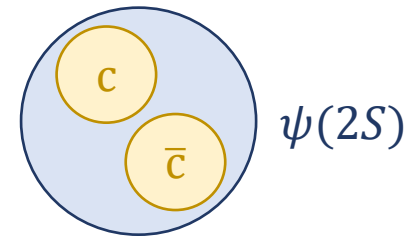


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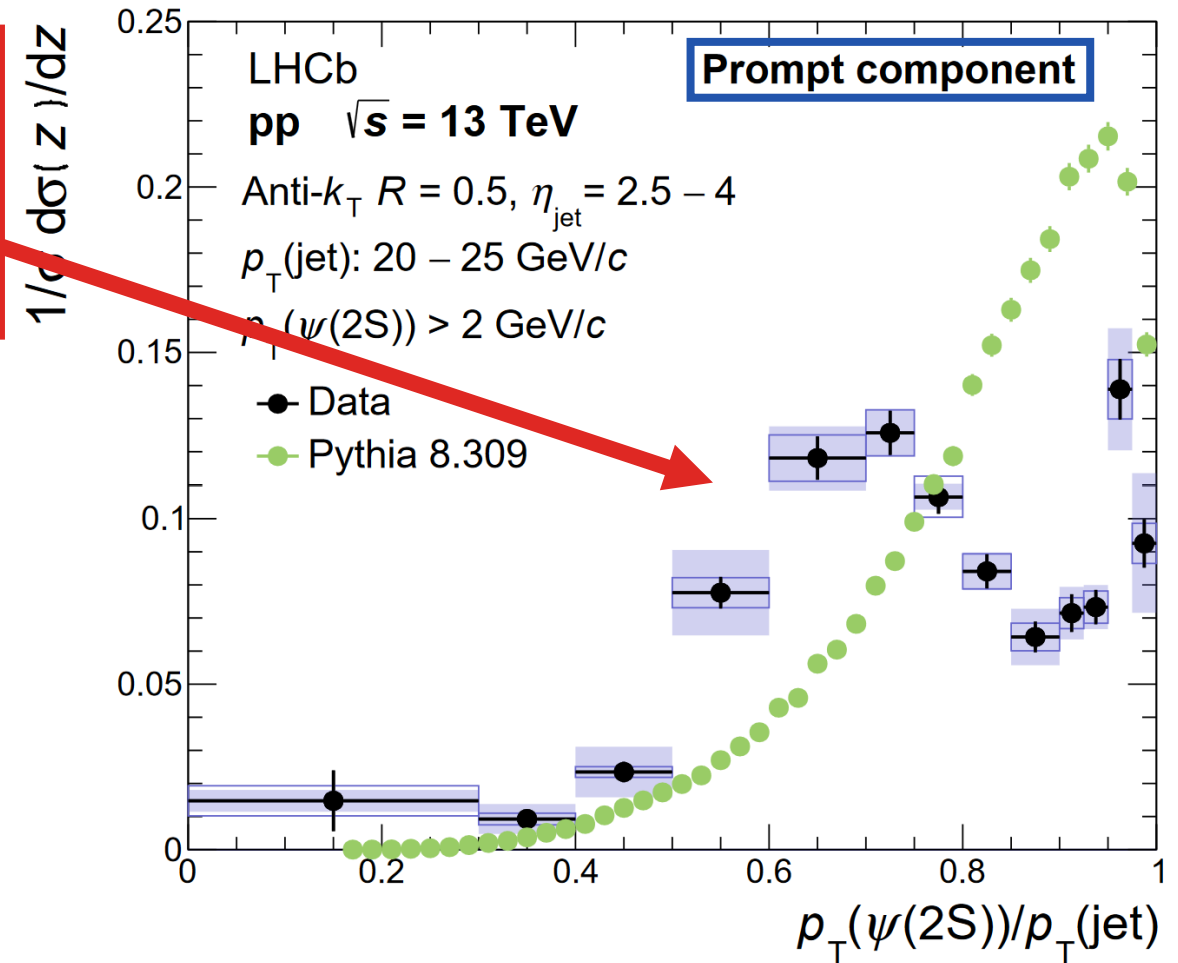
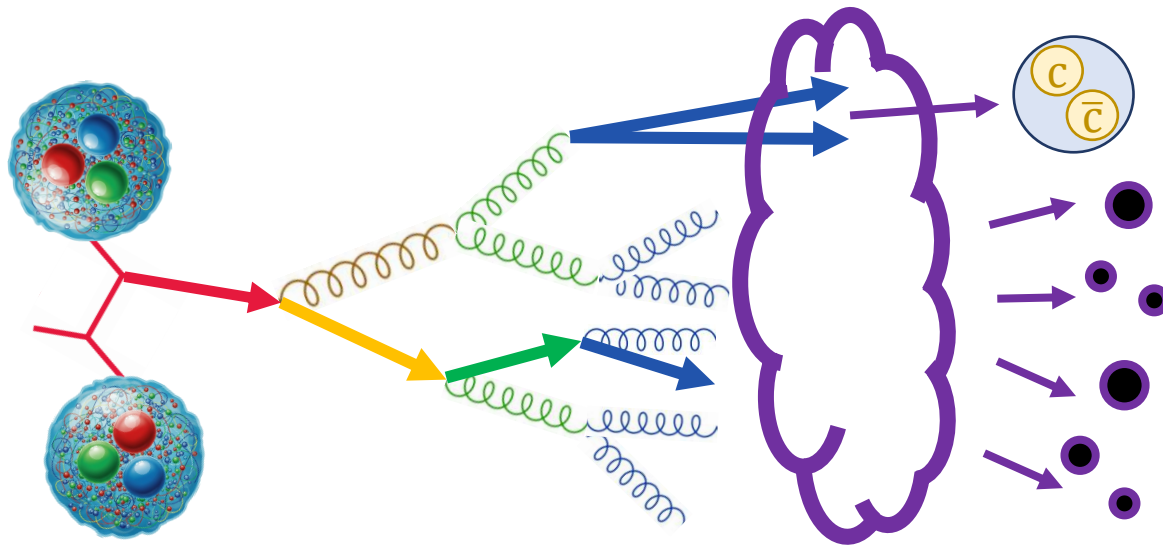


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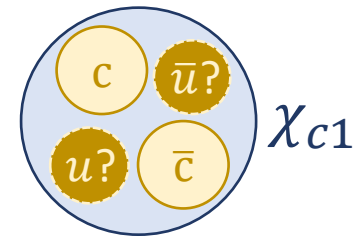


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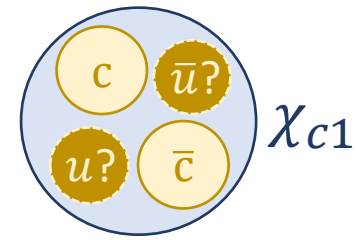


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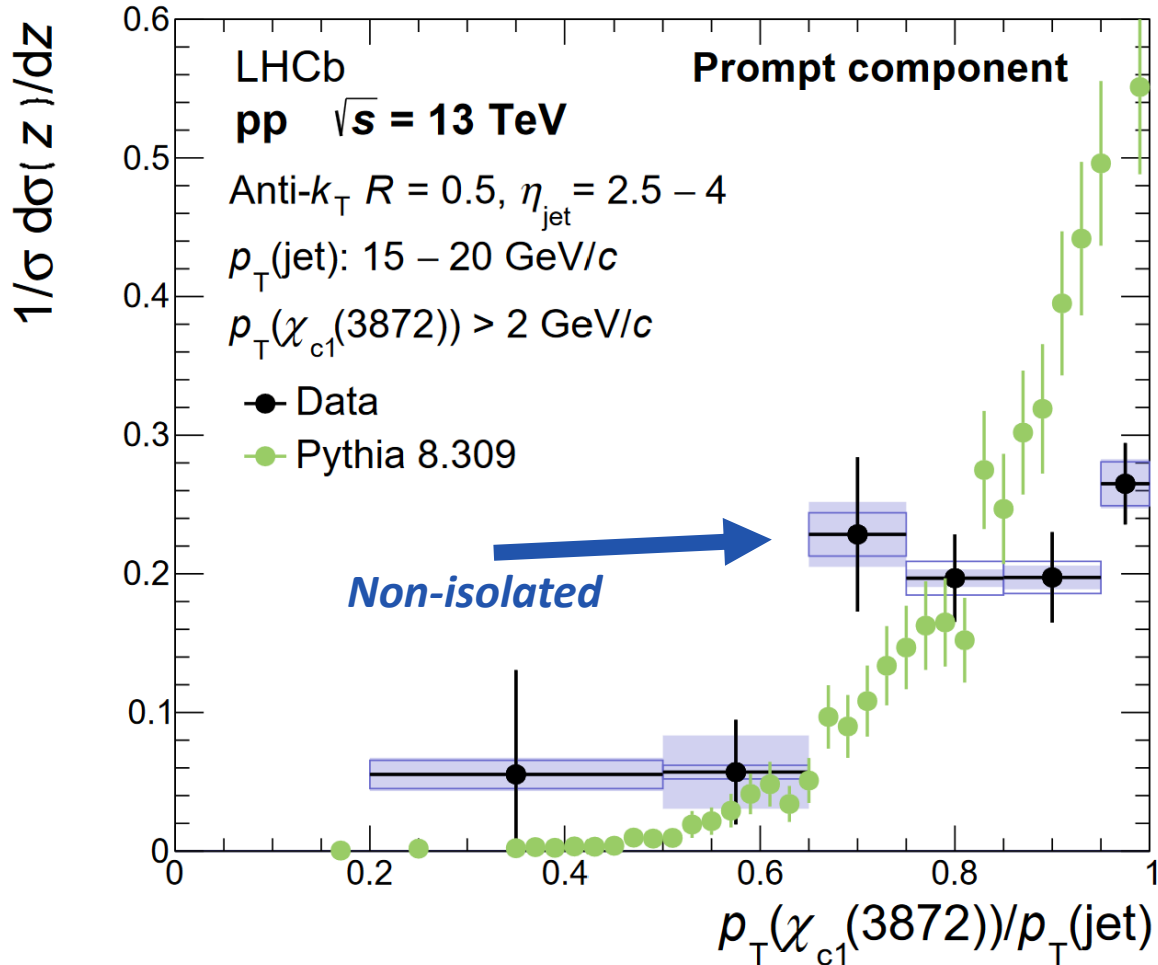


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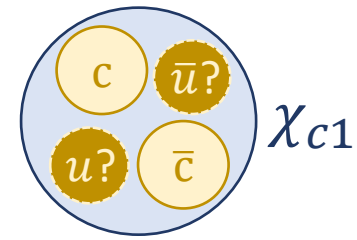
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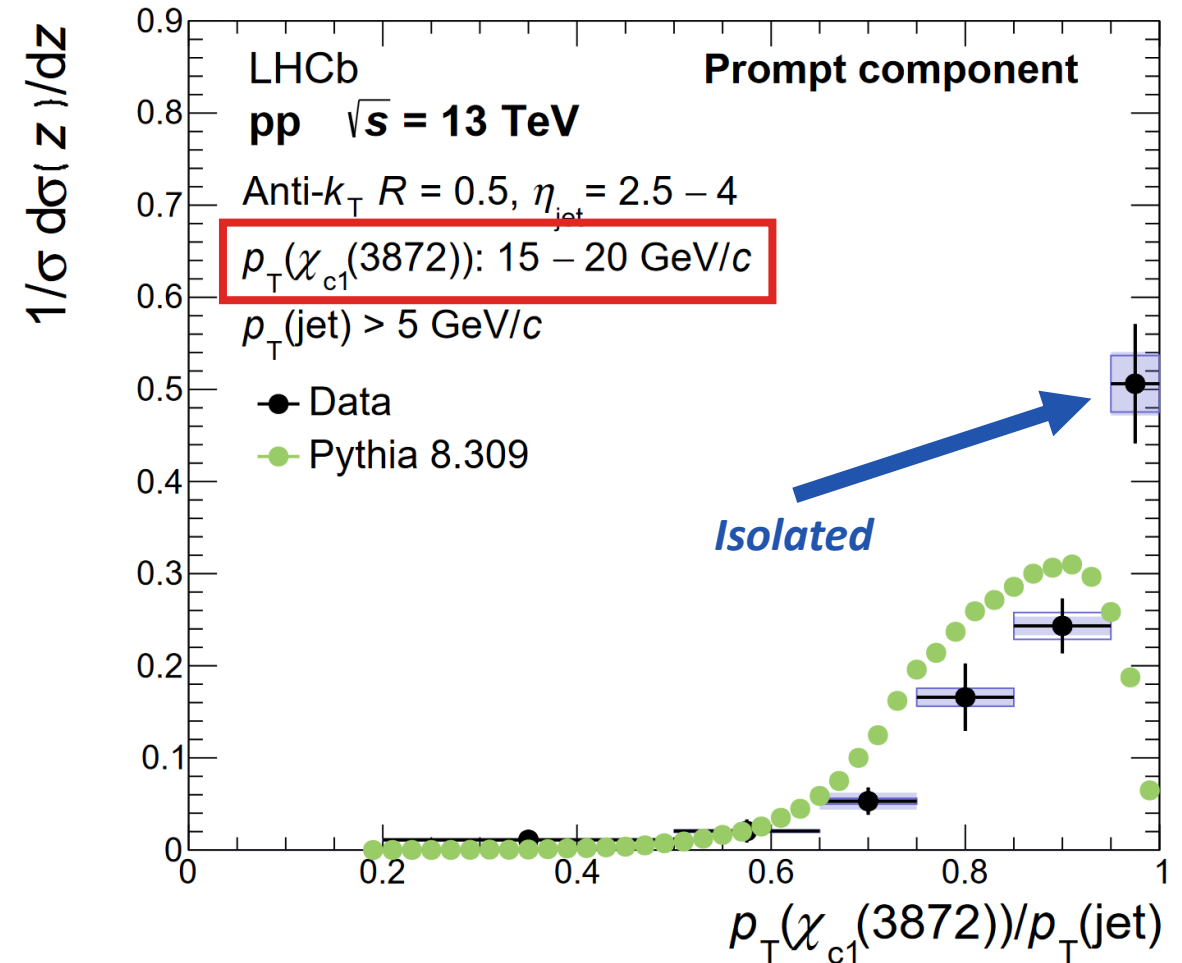
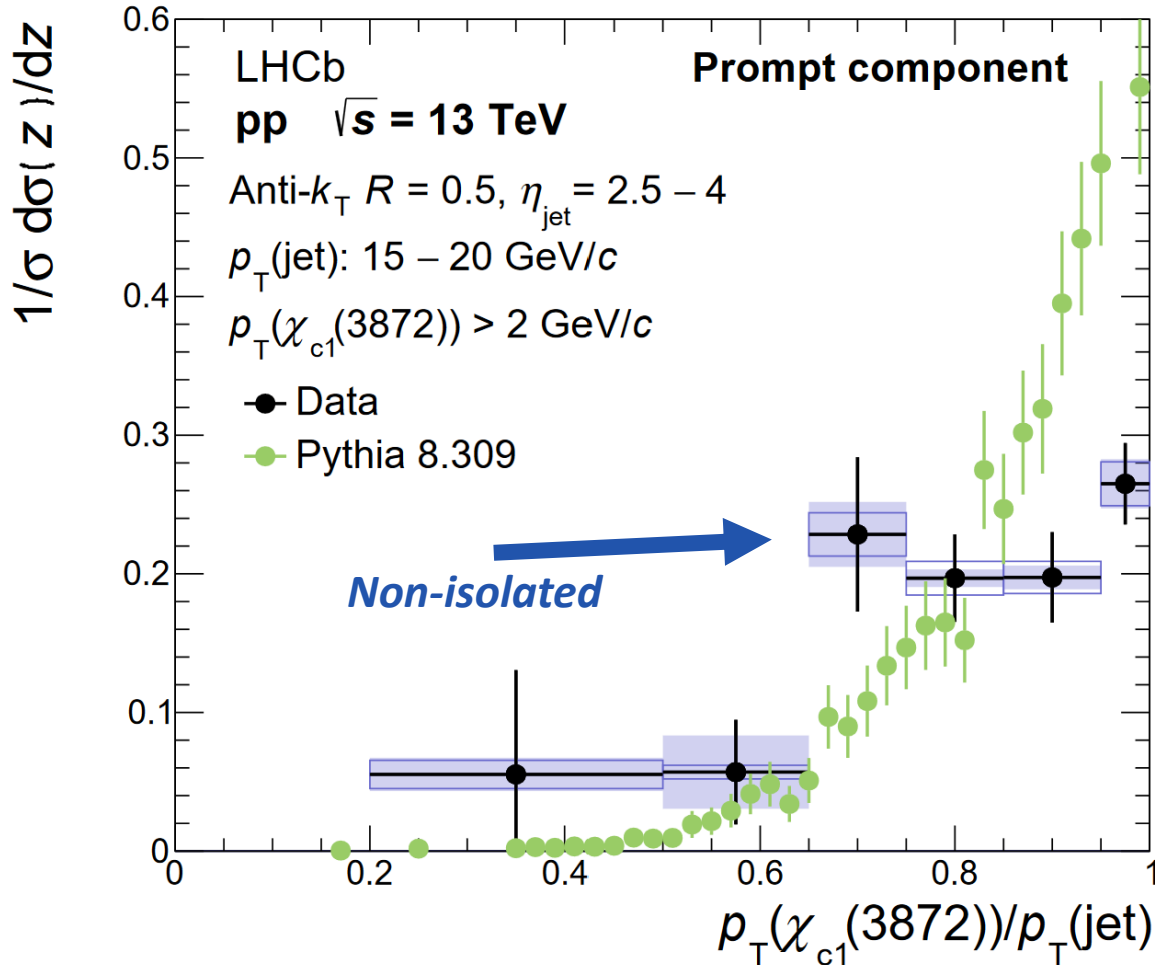
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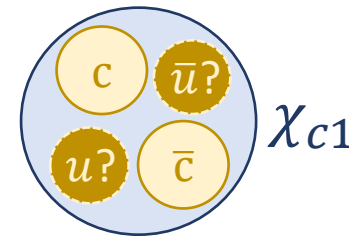
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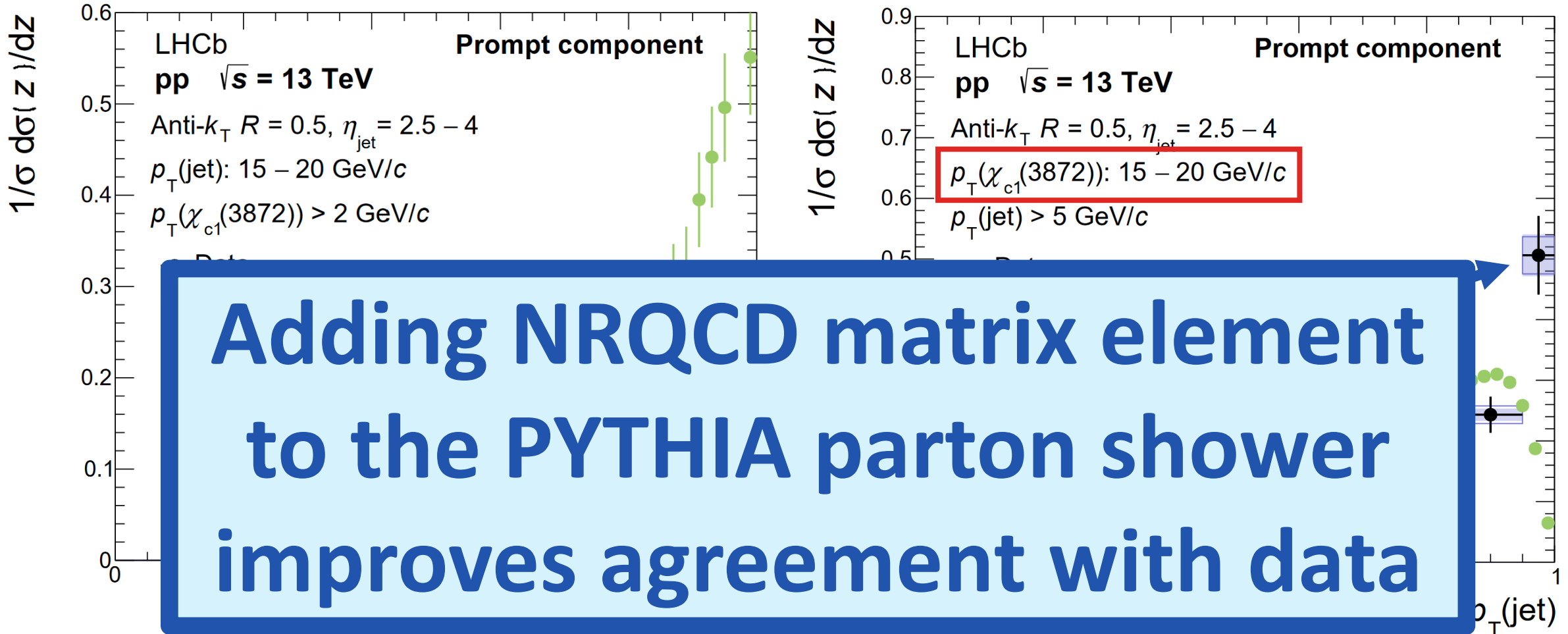
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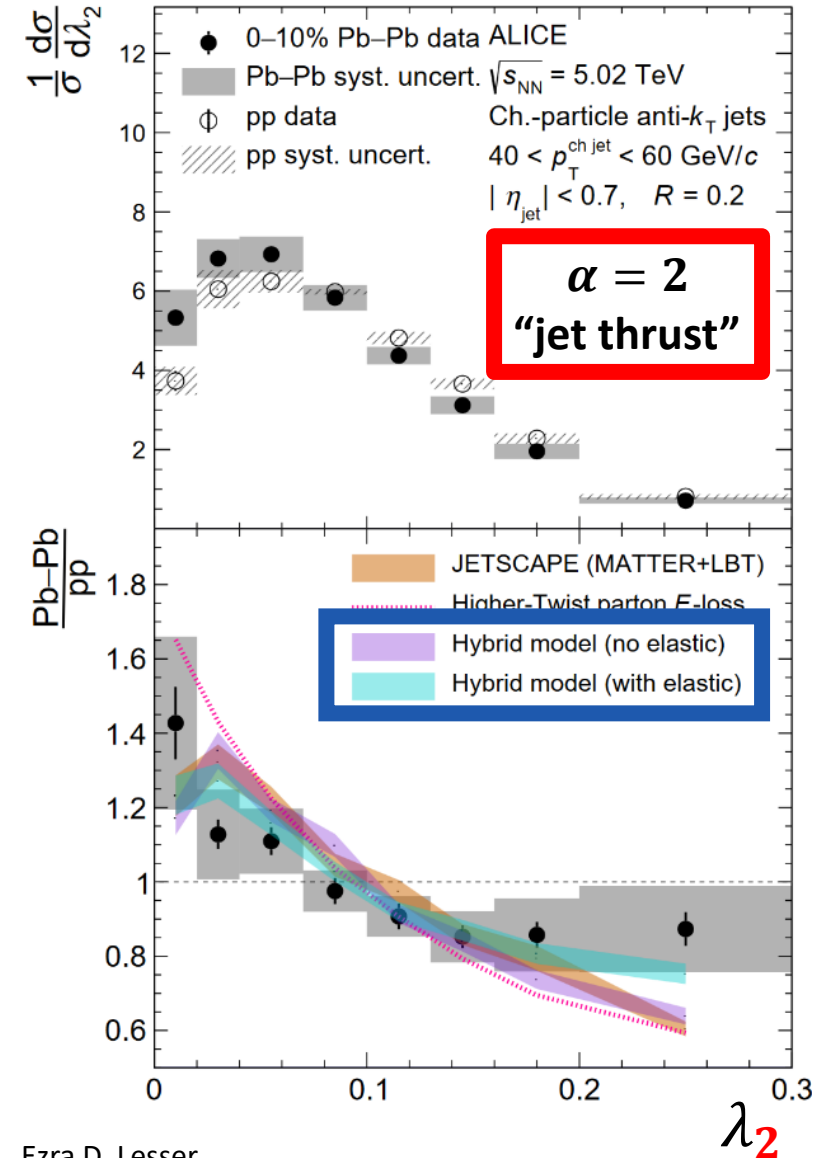
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Jet quenching in angularities



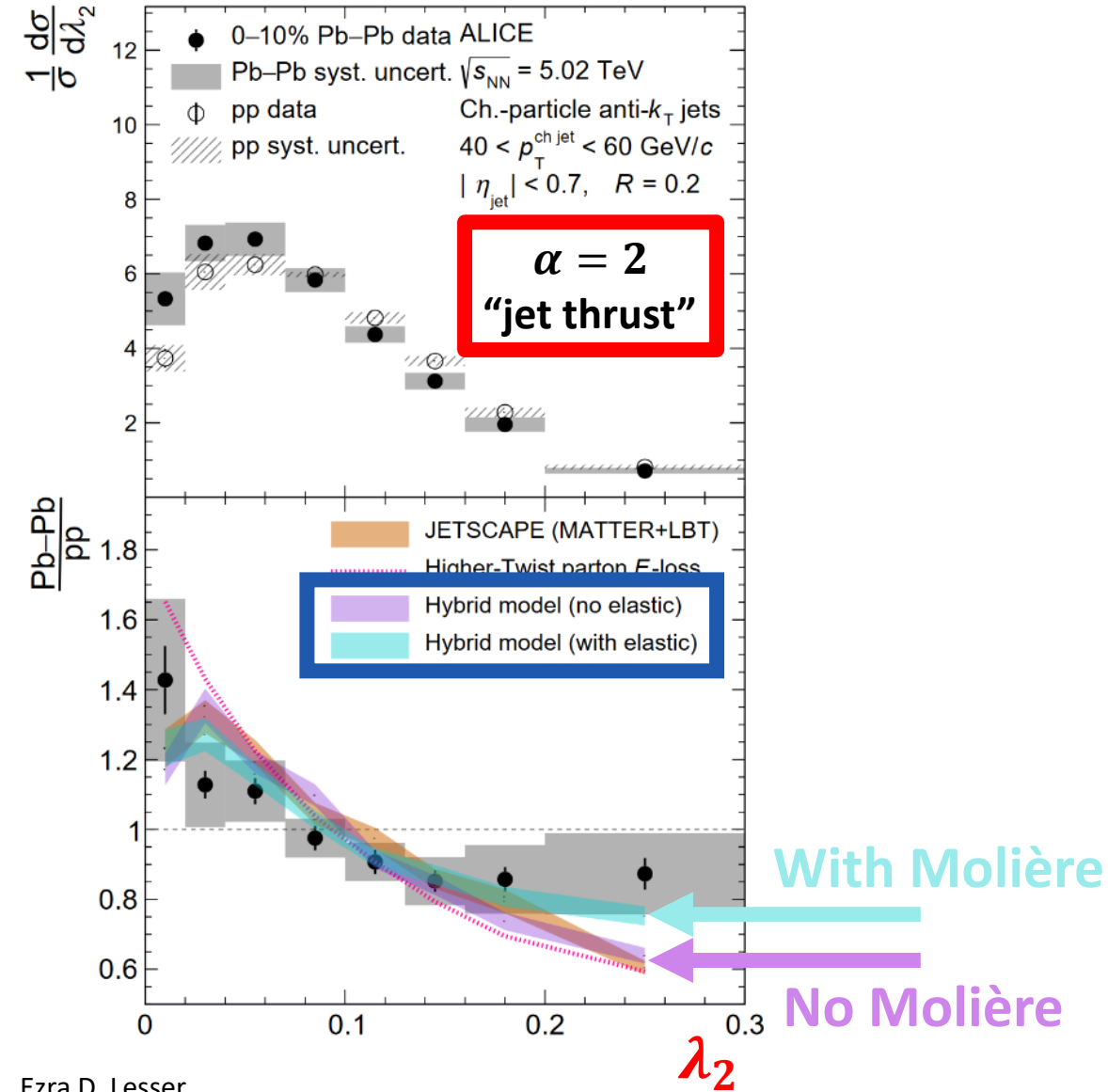
Hybrid model: vacuum predictions + strong QGP modifications based on **AdS/CFT correspondence**

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- with / without elastic **Molière scattering**

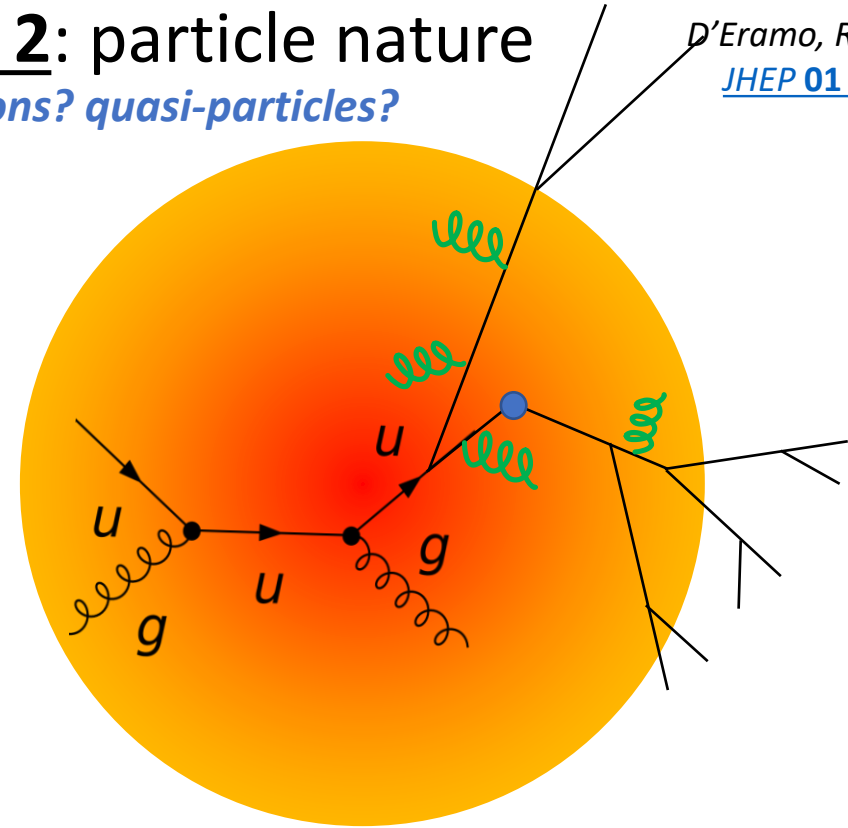
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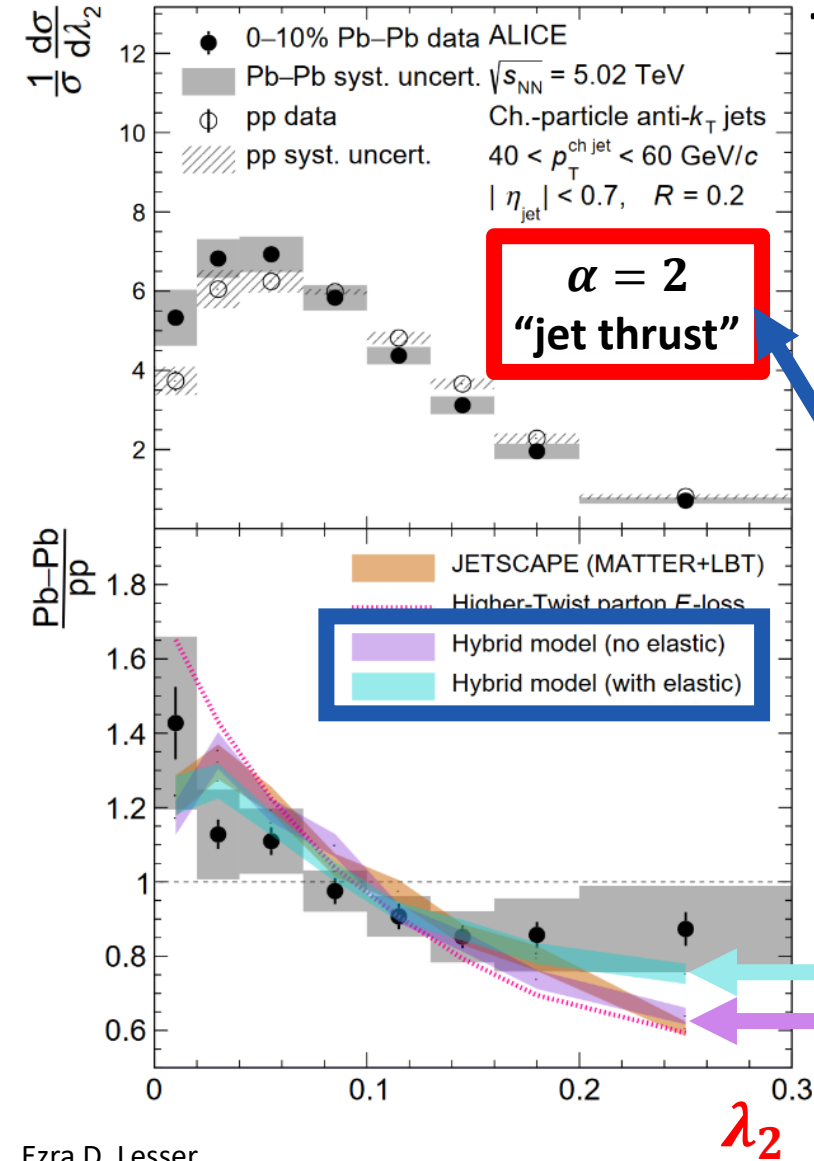
Picture 2: particle nature
partons? quasi-particles?

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Jet fragmentation
 + medium-induced emissions
 + elastic Molière scattering?

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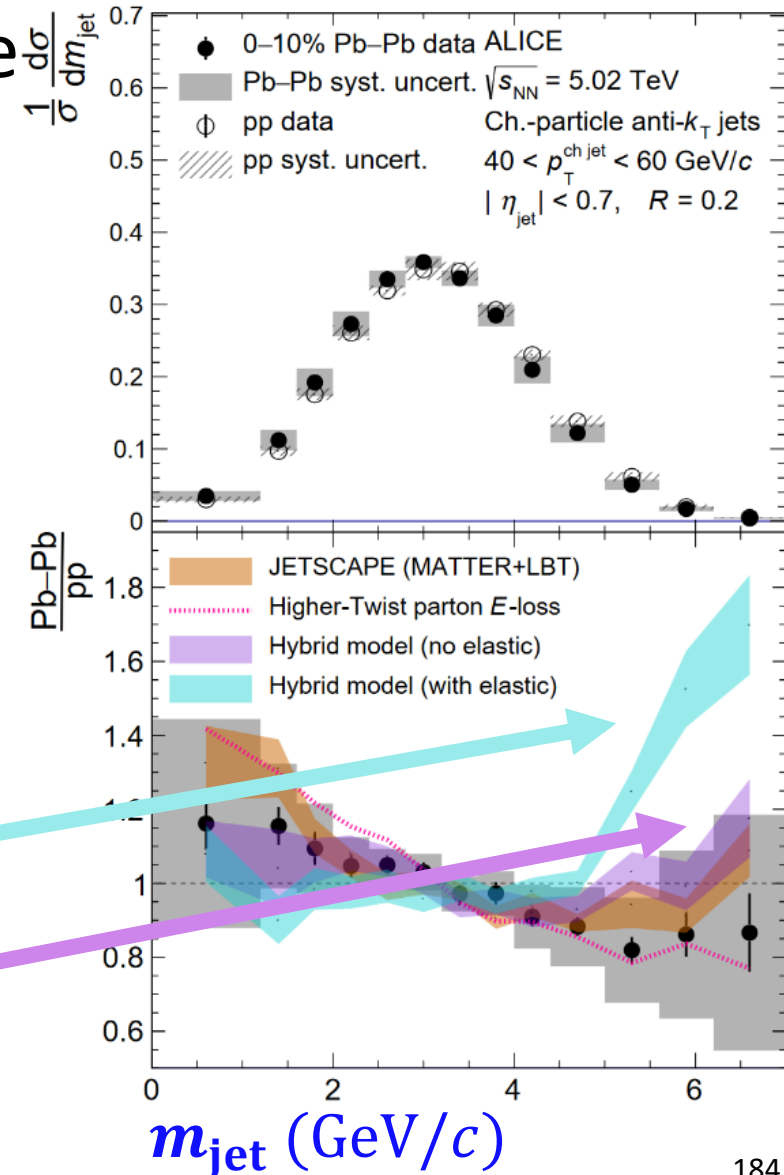
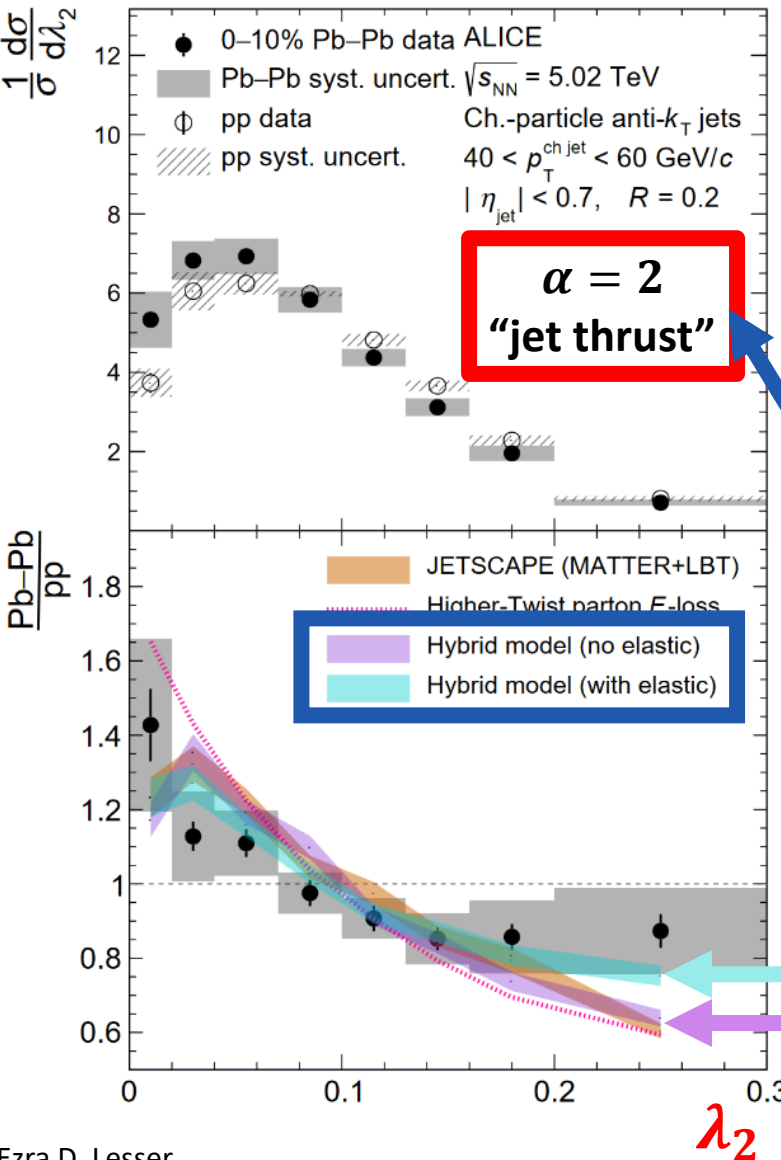


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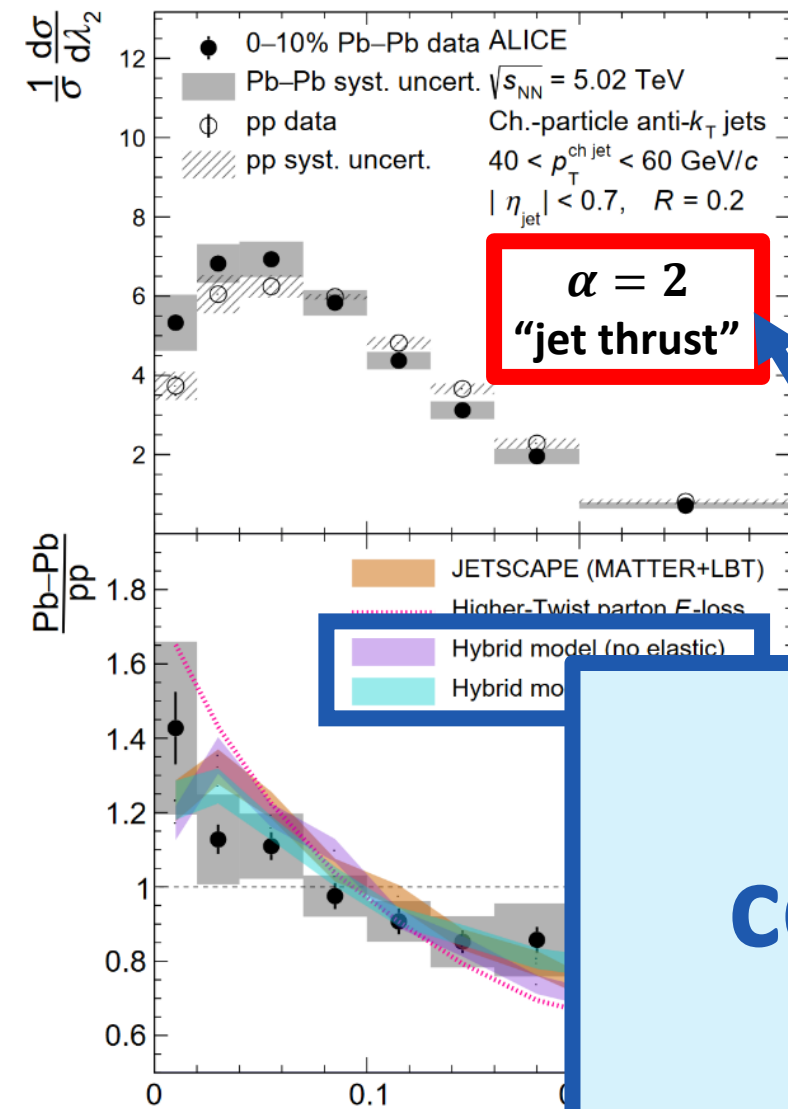
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"jet thrust"



With Molière

No Molière

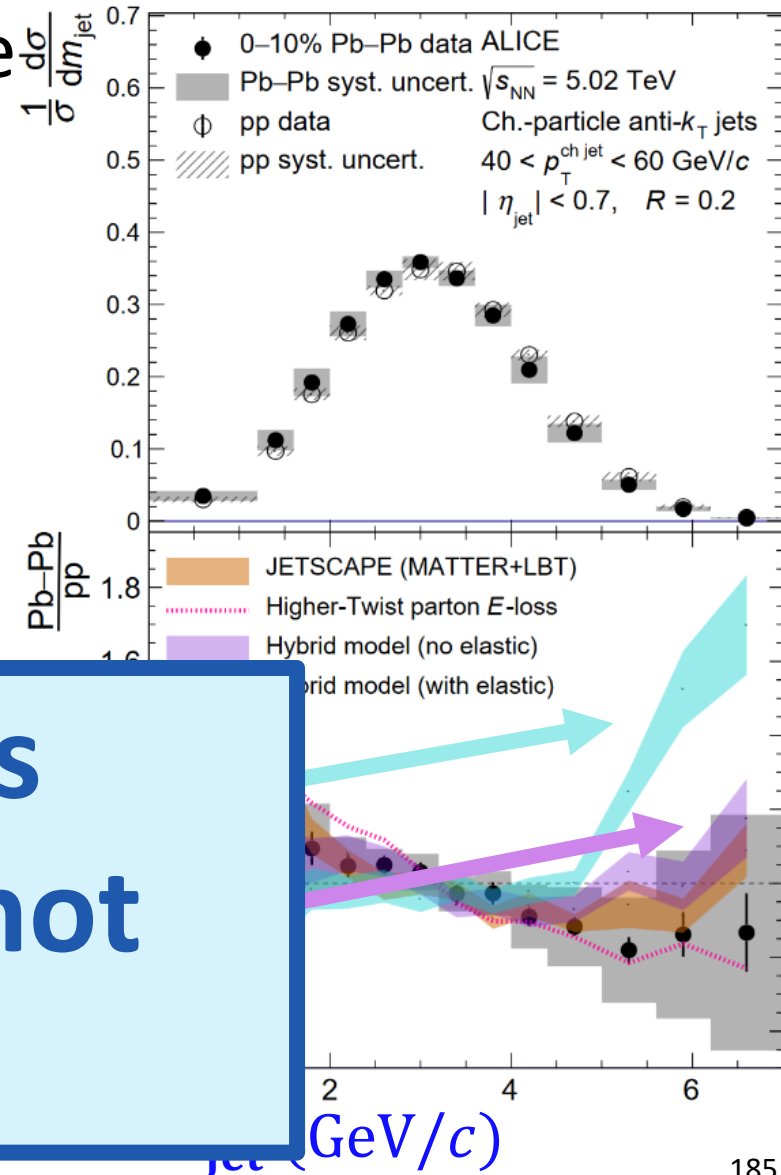
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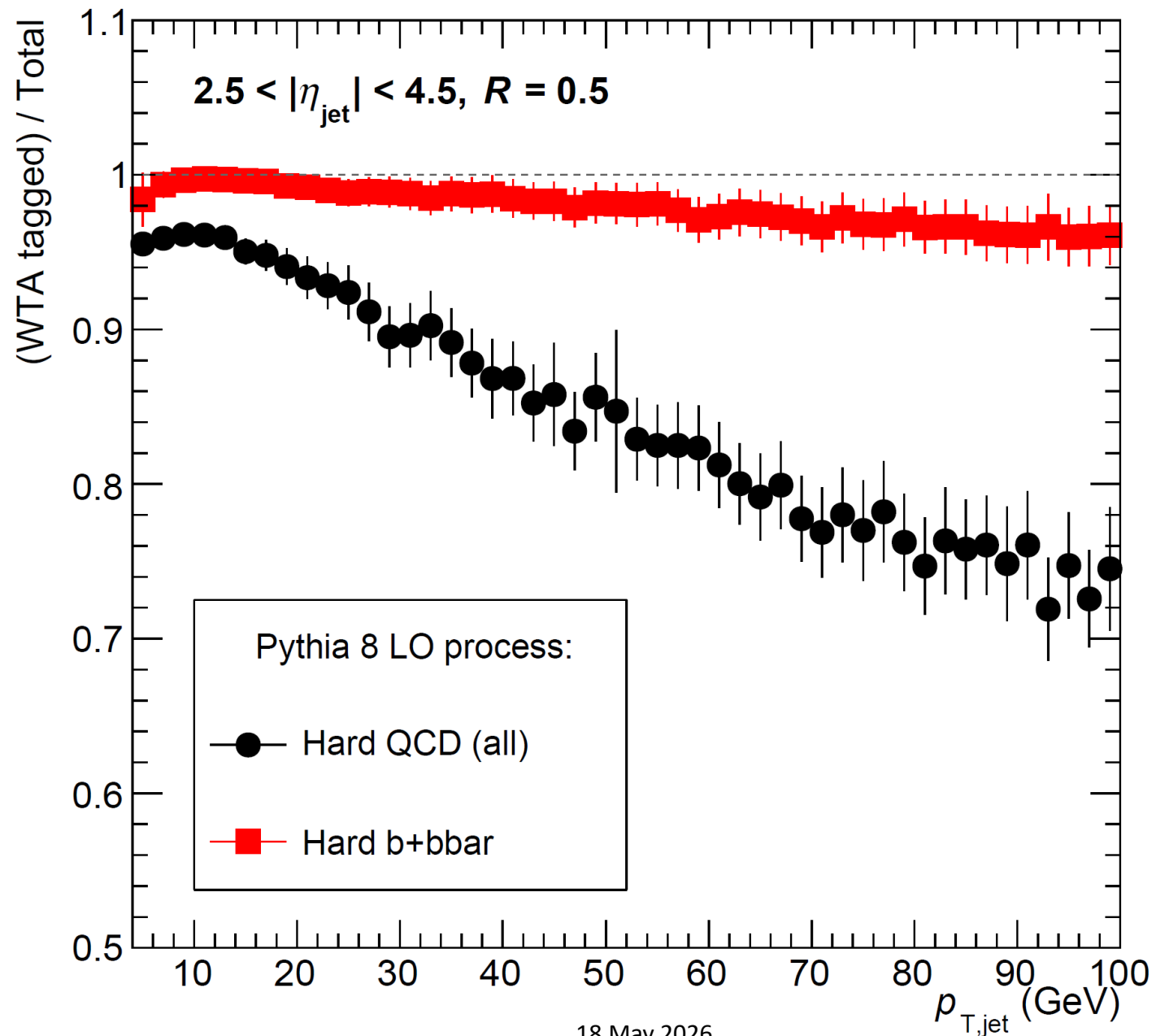
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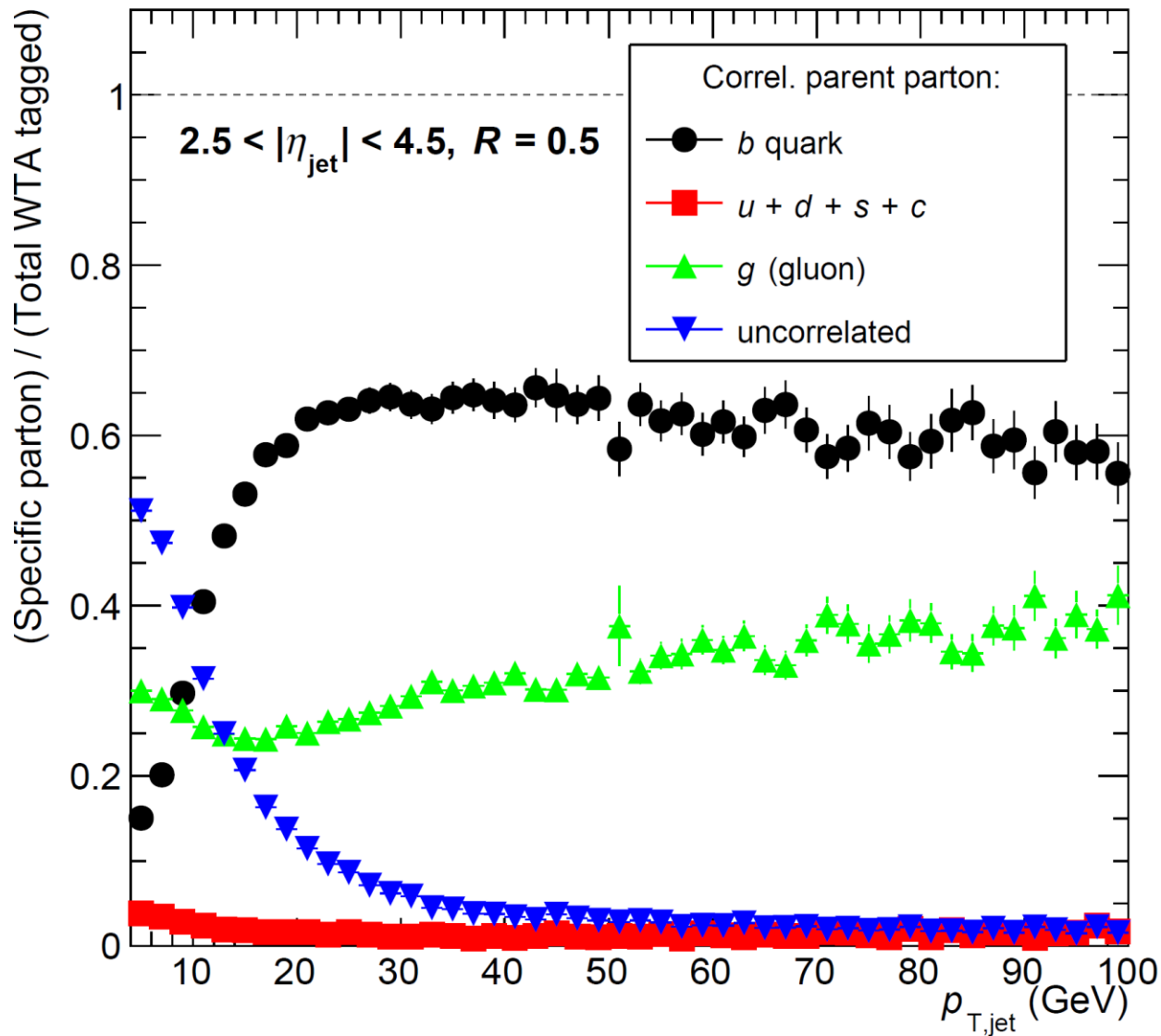
Inconsistency: this correspondence is not useful at low p_T



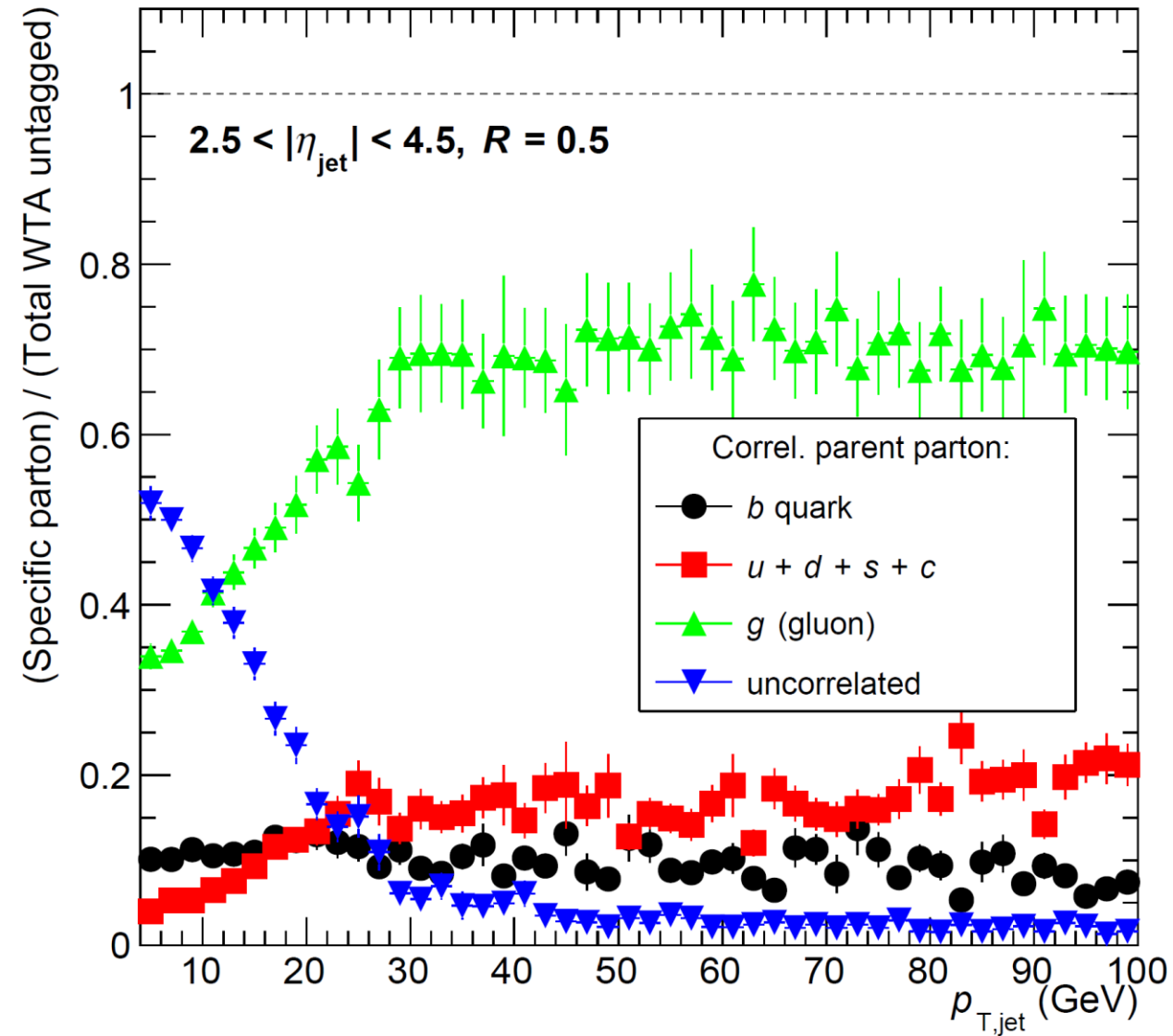
WTA tagging fraction for jets with B^\pm



WTA-tagged B^\pm jet parton fraction



WTA-untagged B^\pm jet parton fraction



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