

# Harnessing Energy Correlators in Jets for Breakthroughs at the Collider Frontier

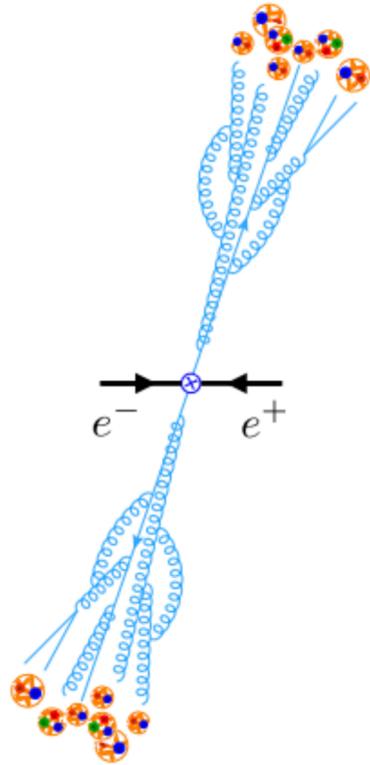
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Energy Correlators at the Collider Frontier

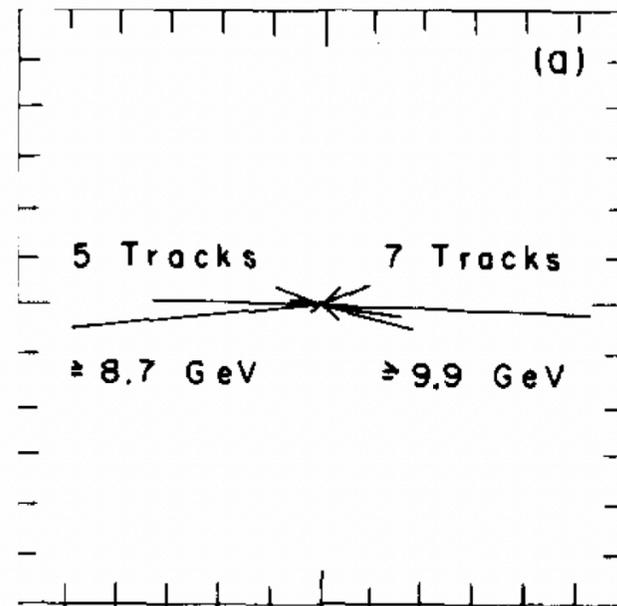
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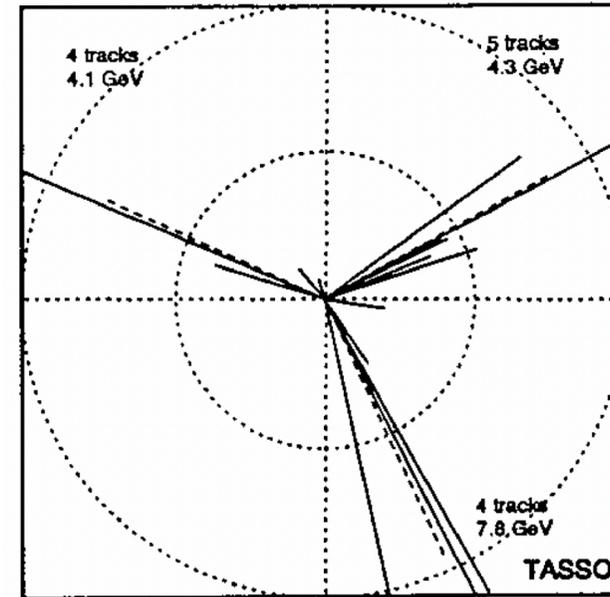
# THE DAWN OF QCD: FROM PARTONS TO JETS



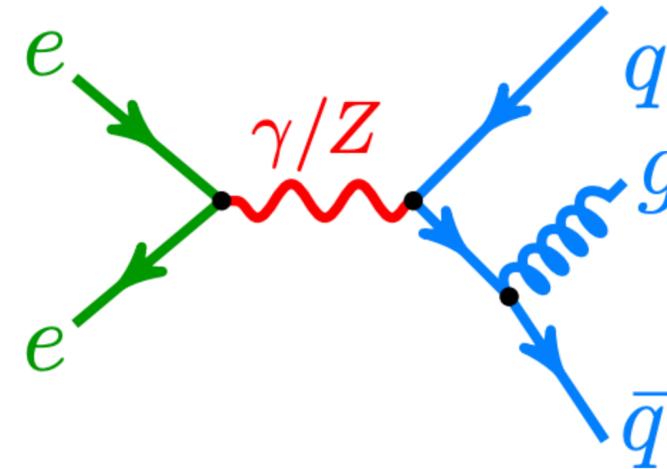
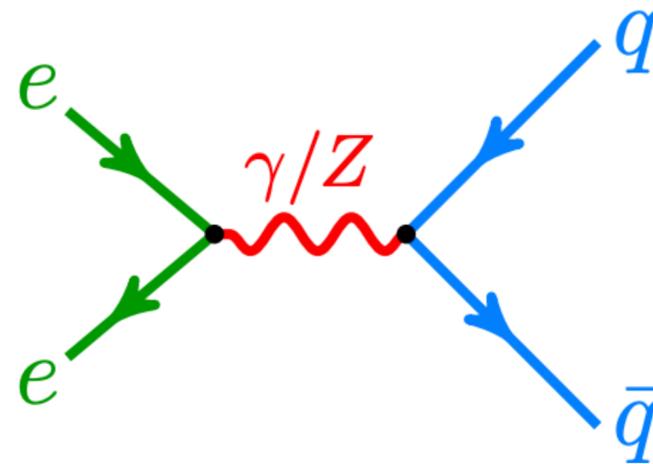
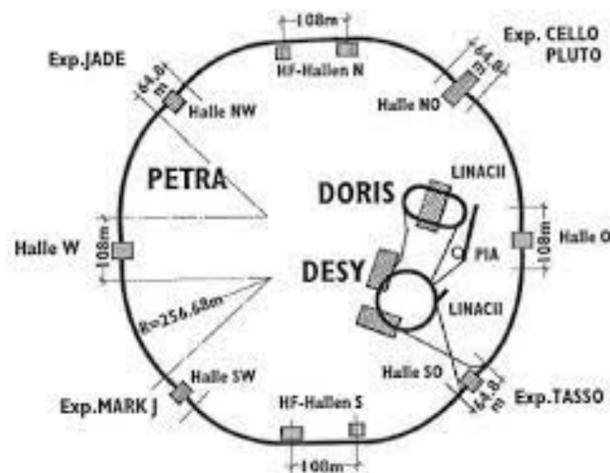
## 2-jet event



## 3-jet event



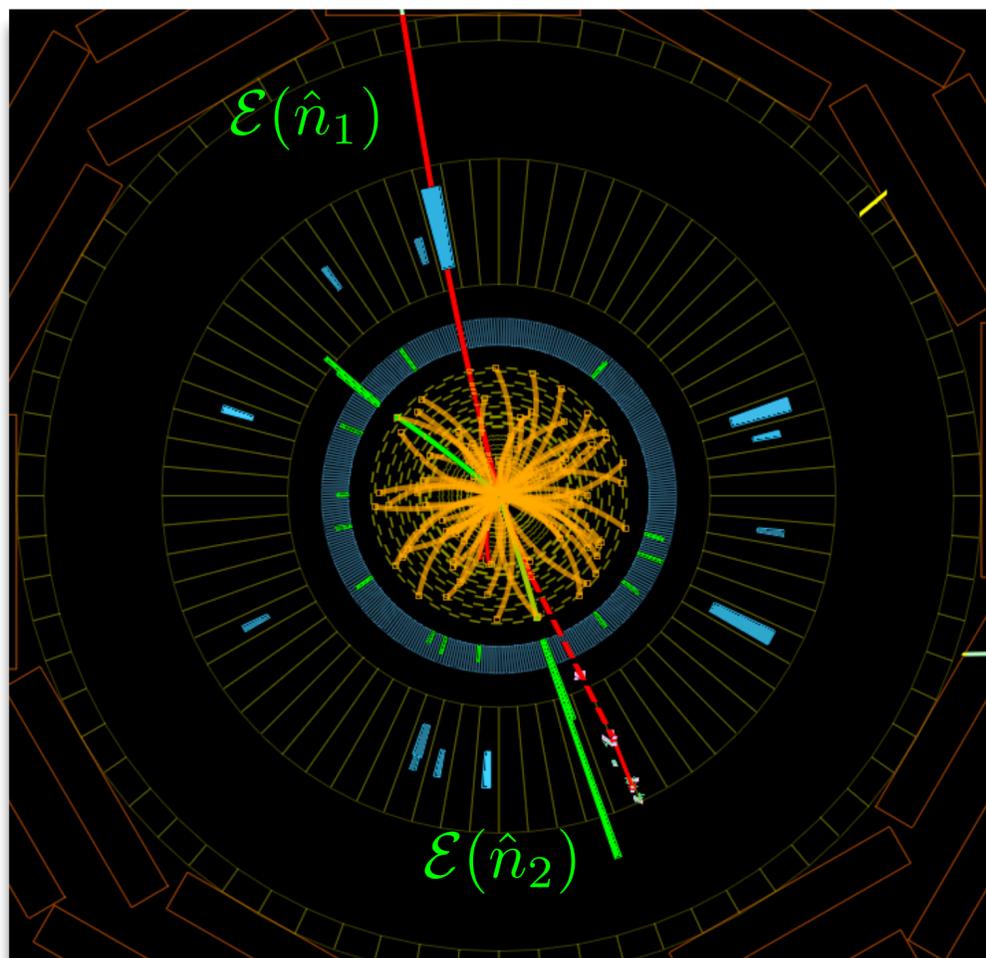
	$\sum  P_i  \text{CHARGE}$	TOTAL ENERGY
JET 1	4.3 GEV	7.4 GEV
JET 2	7.8	8.9
JET 3	4.1	11.1



Wu, Zoernig '79

**Jets** unveiled the **partonic nature** of QCD, playing an important role in the **confirmation of QCD** as the **theory of strong interactions!**

# JETS AND ENERGY FLOW



## Energy Flow Operators

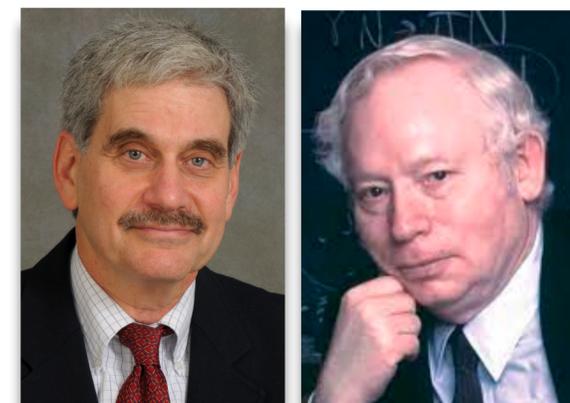
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Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love, '78-79

Sveshnikov, Tkachov, '95

Korchensky, Serman, '01



Serman '75

Serman, Weinberg '77

**“Energy flow becomes the focus of computability”**

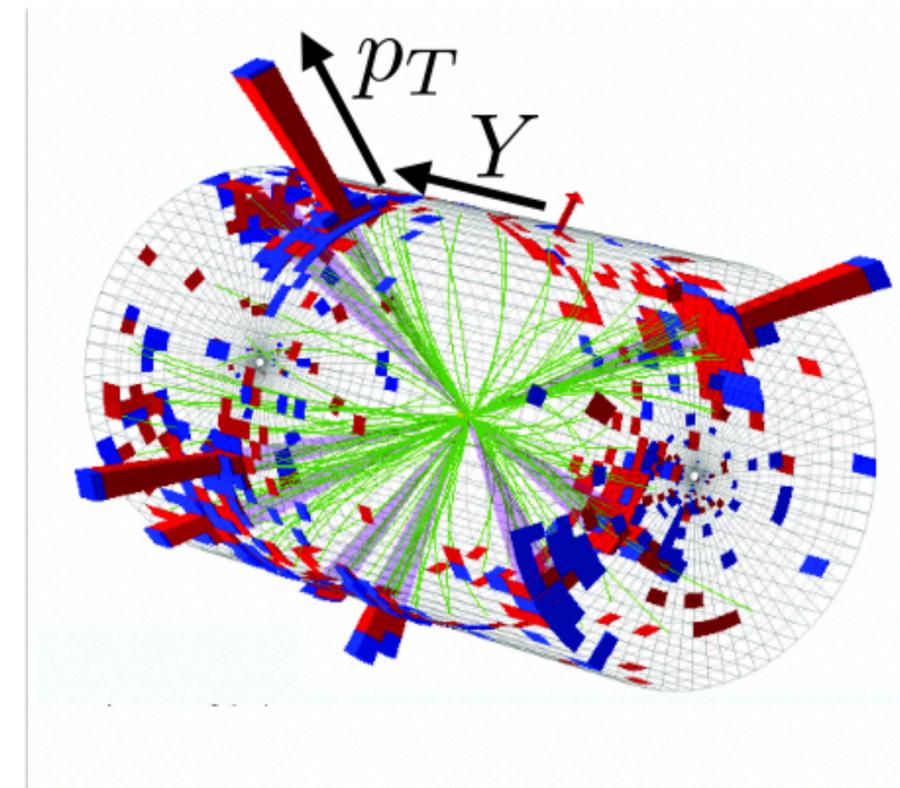
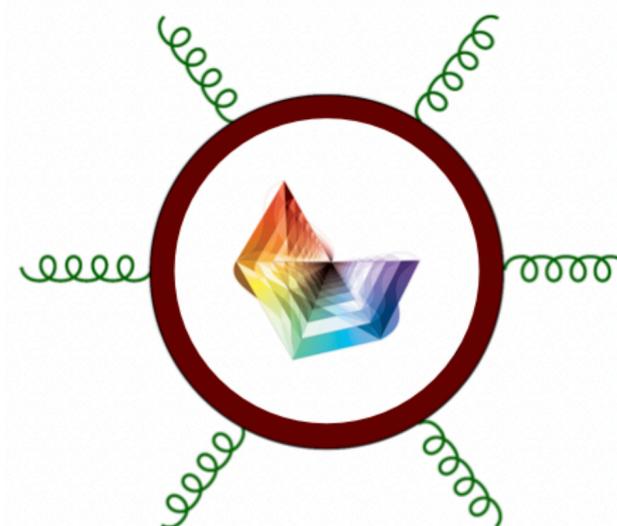
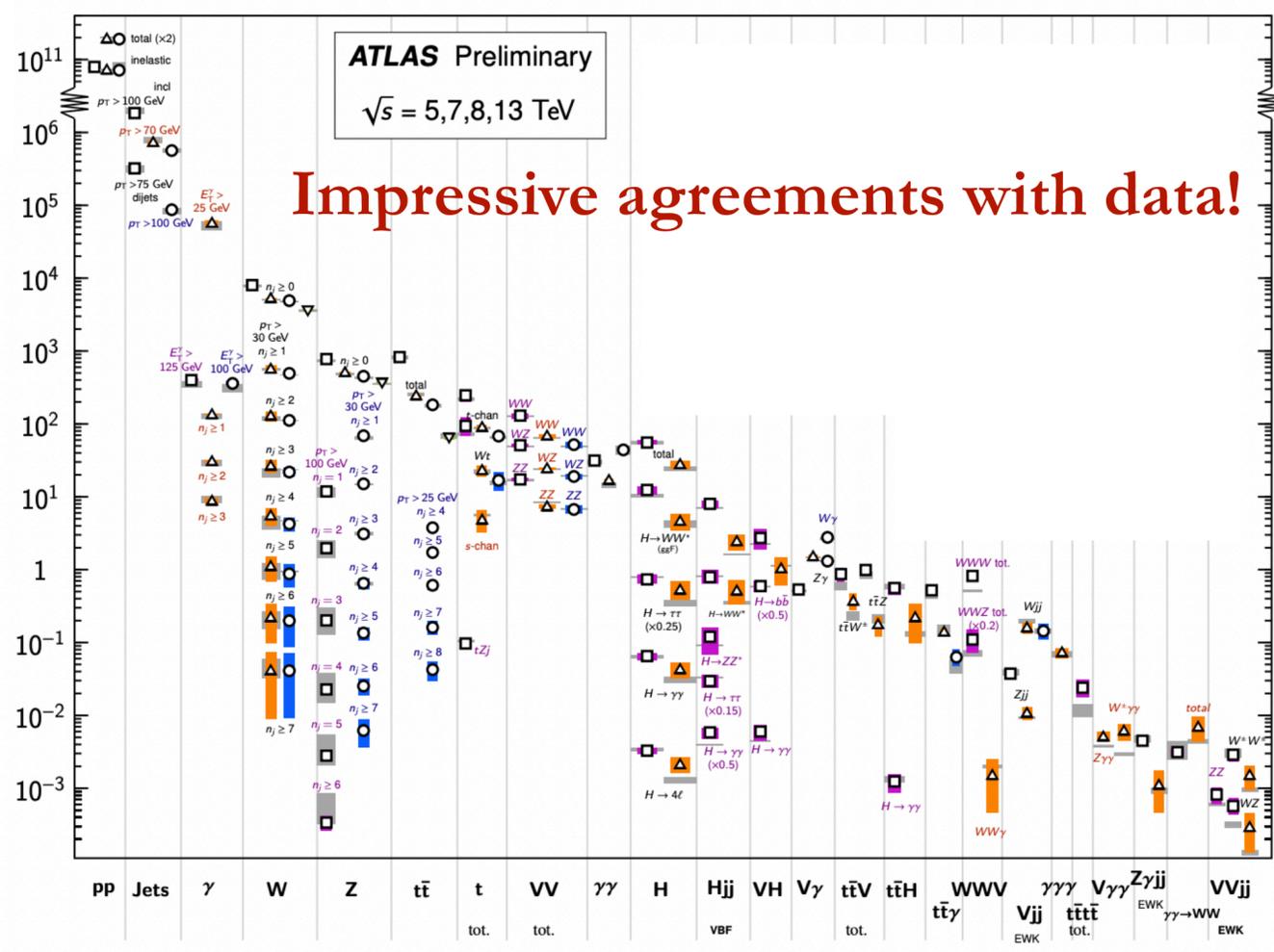
**Serman-Weinberg jets** played a crucial role in formulating the first IRC definition to study energy flow, or jets



# JETS AT COLLIDERS

- The effort to achieve precise predictions of jet cross sections has driven important theoretical developments in Quantum Field Theory

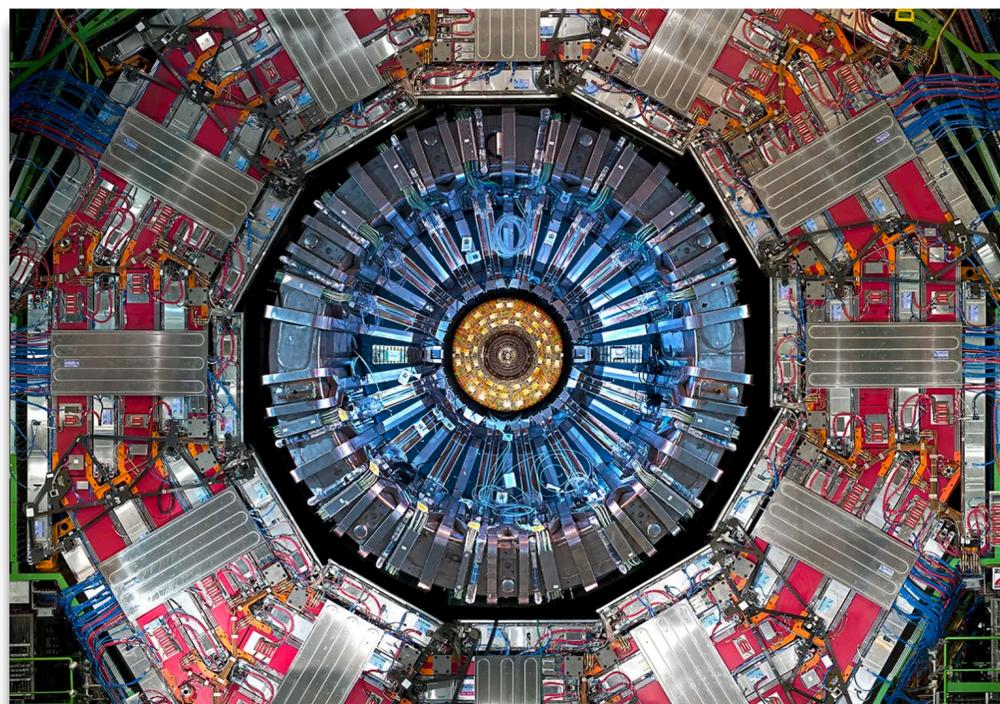
cross-section of SM processes



9-jet at the LHC

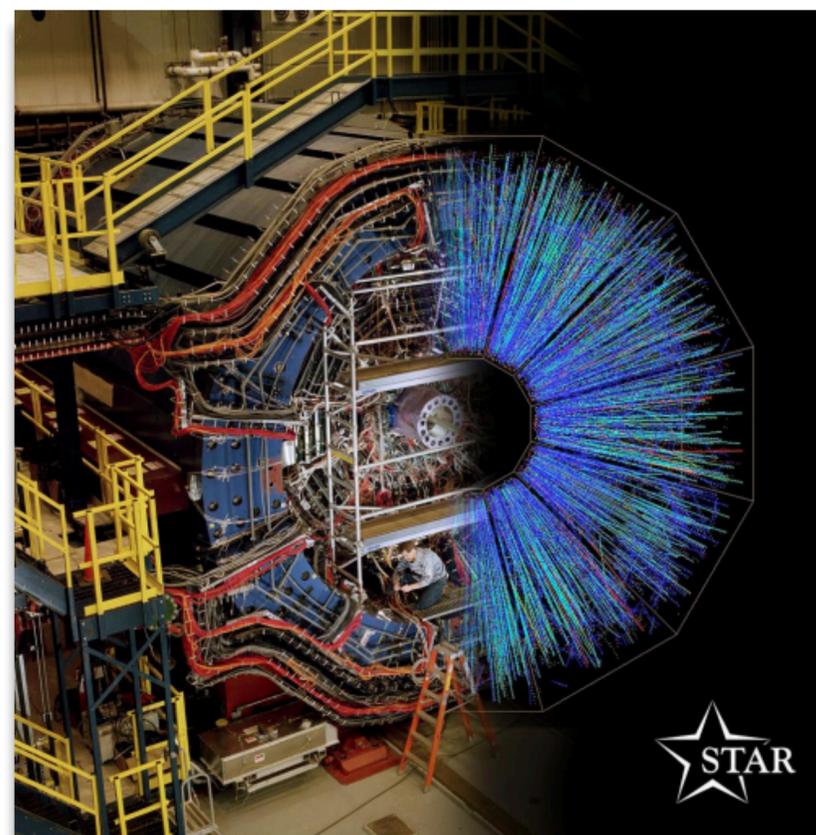
- Field of jet physics (energy flow) have always been intricately connected to the success of the collider physics program!

# EXCITING COLLIDER PHYSICS ERA



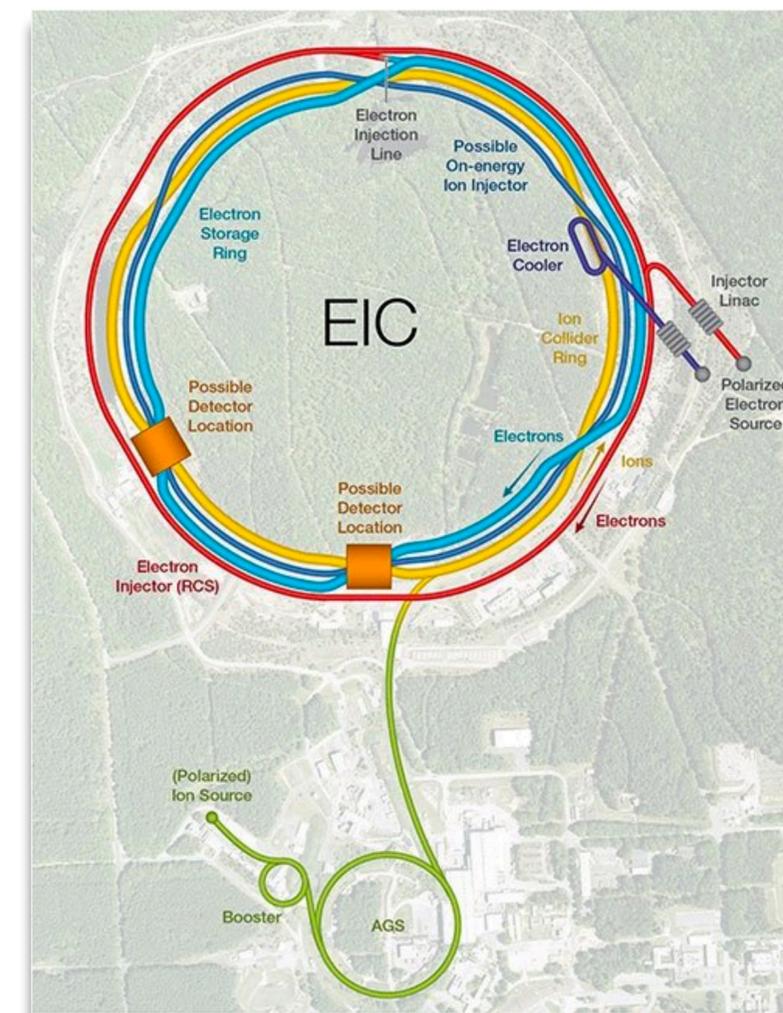
**LHC, 2008 - Present**

**Run 3 running!** ✨



**RHIC, 2000 - Present**

**sPHENIX: 2024-** ✨



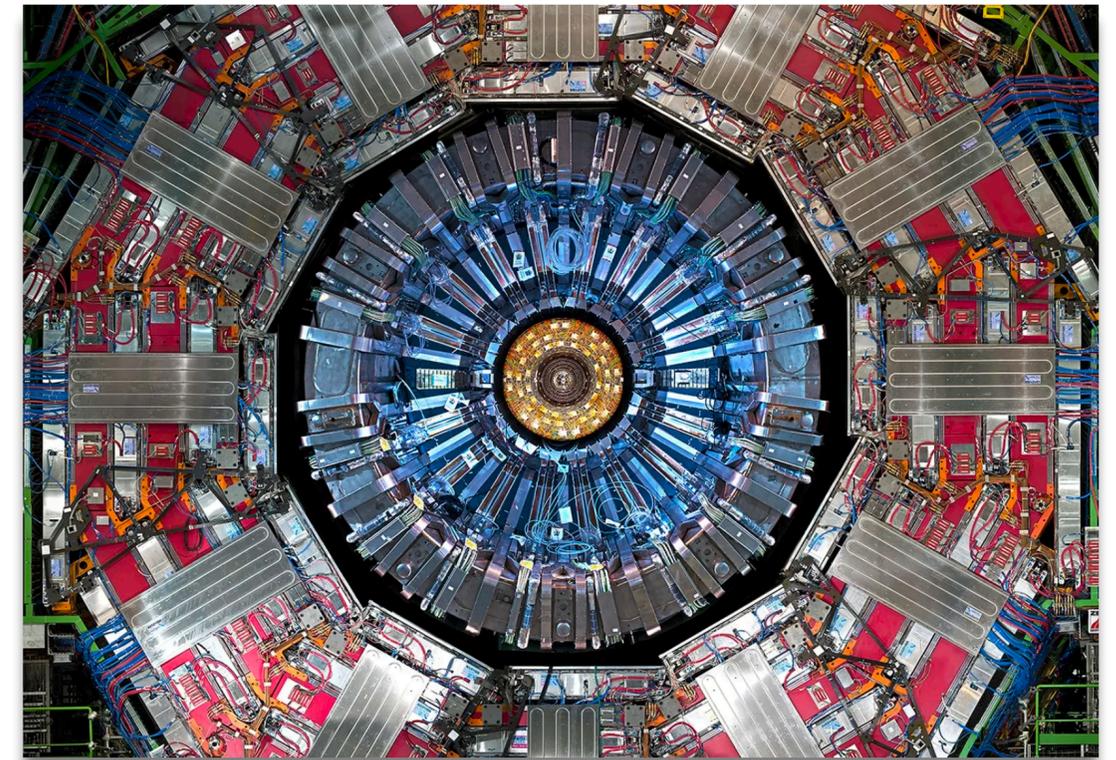
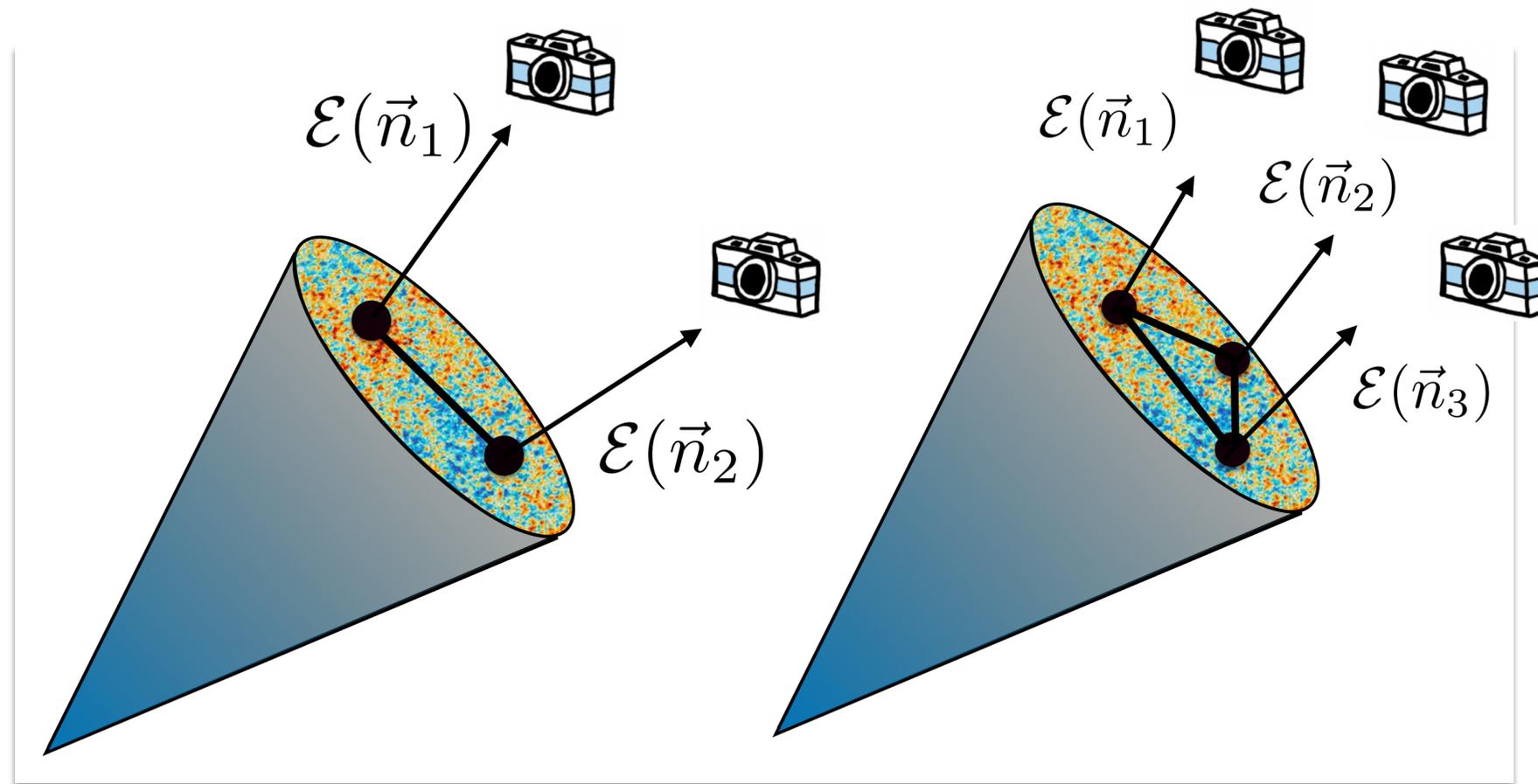
**EIC, 2030s-** ✨

- **Jets at colliders give us the means to probe field theory in data!**

**How can we harness jets to continue making breakthroughs in collider frontier?**

# JET SUBSTRUCTURE: STUDYING ENERGY FLOW WITHIN JETS

- **Modern detectors with spectacular angular resolution** gives us an **unprecedented opportunity to peer into the energy flow within jets**



- **Relative to inclusive jet cross-section, or one-point energy correlation, jet substructure gives us opportunity to study multi-point correlations of energy within jets**

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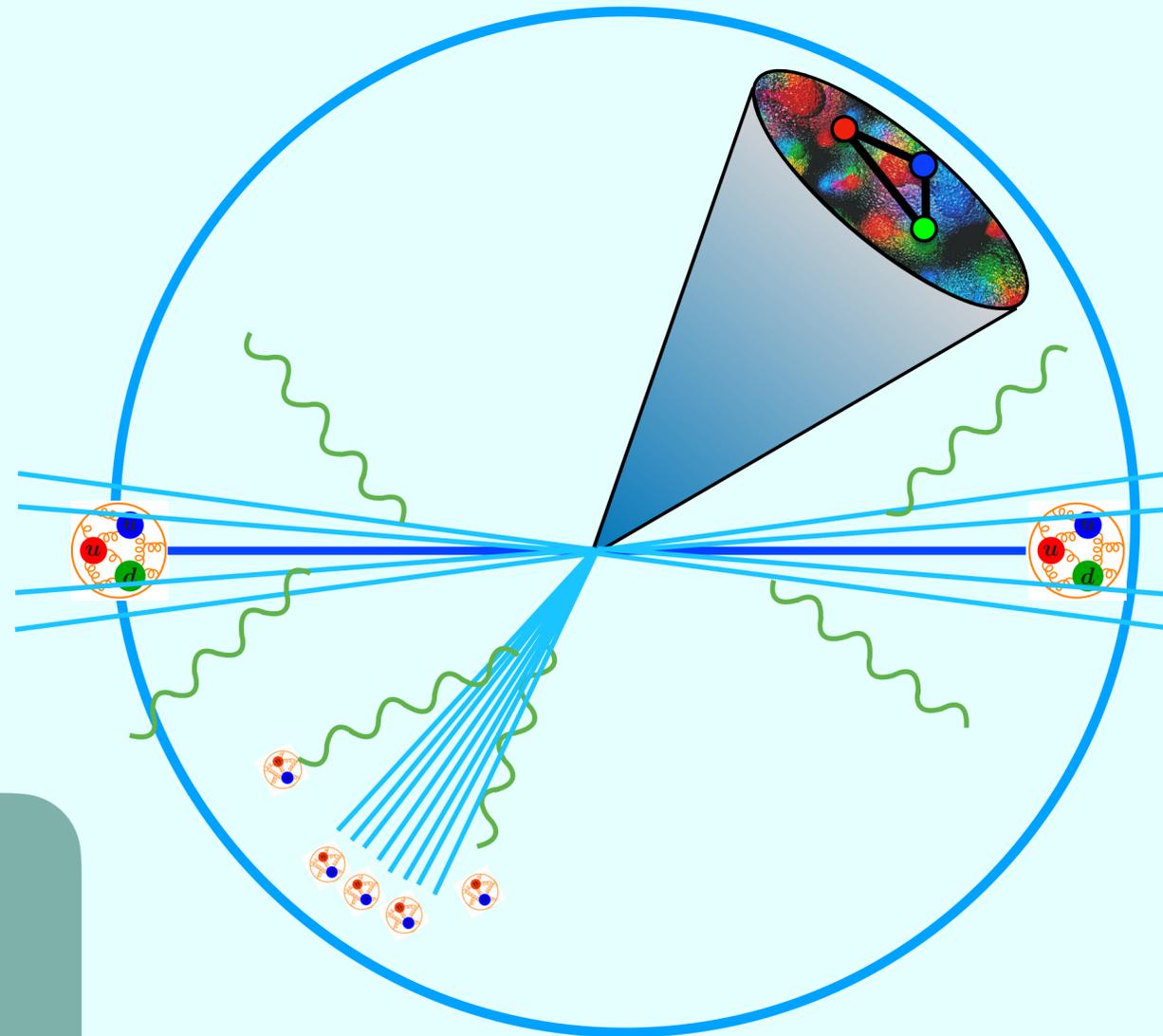
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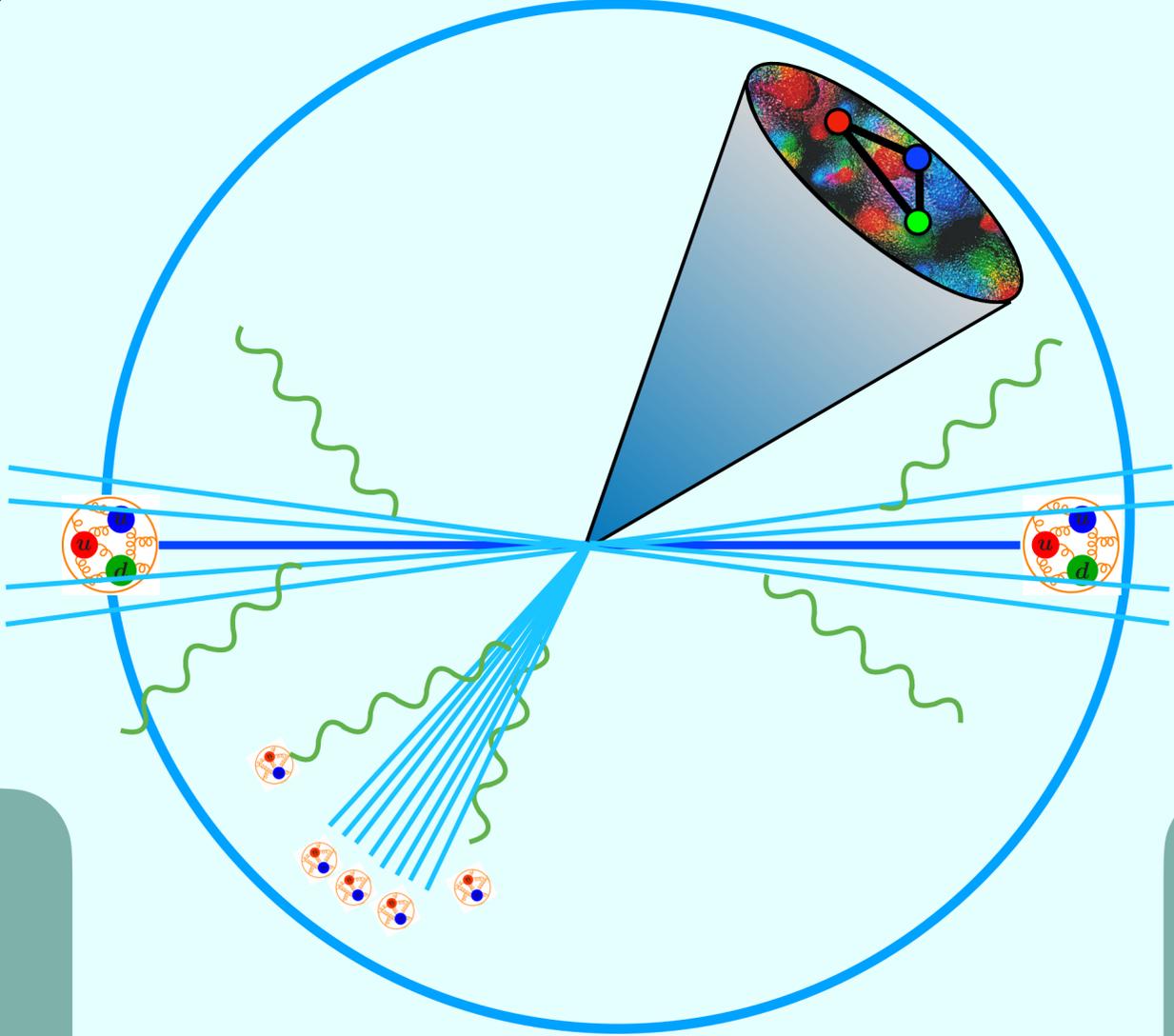
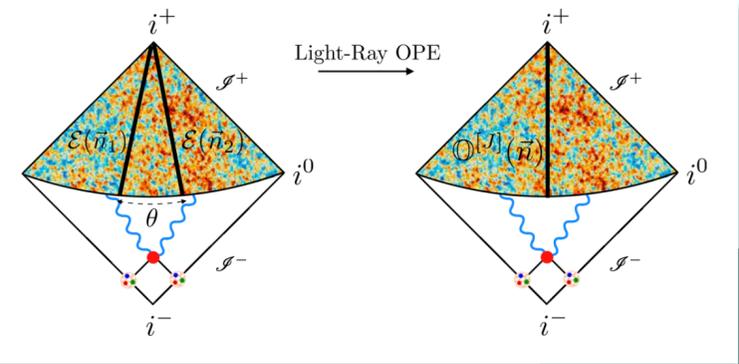
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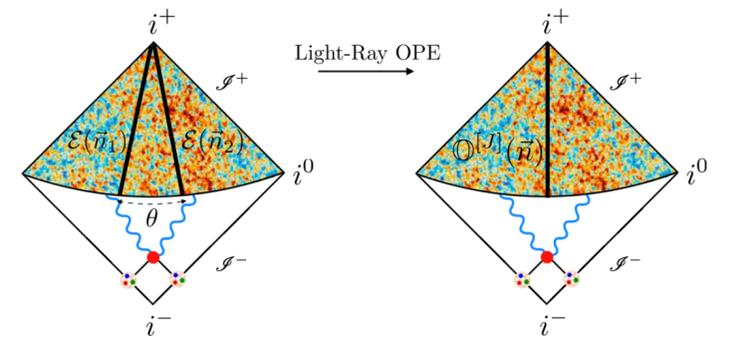
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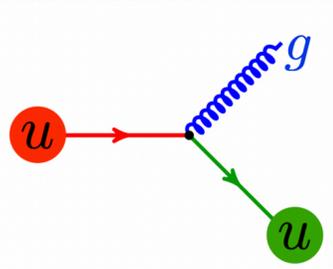
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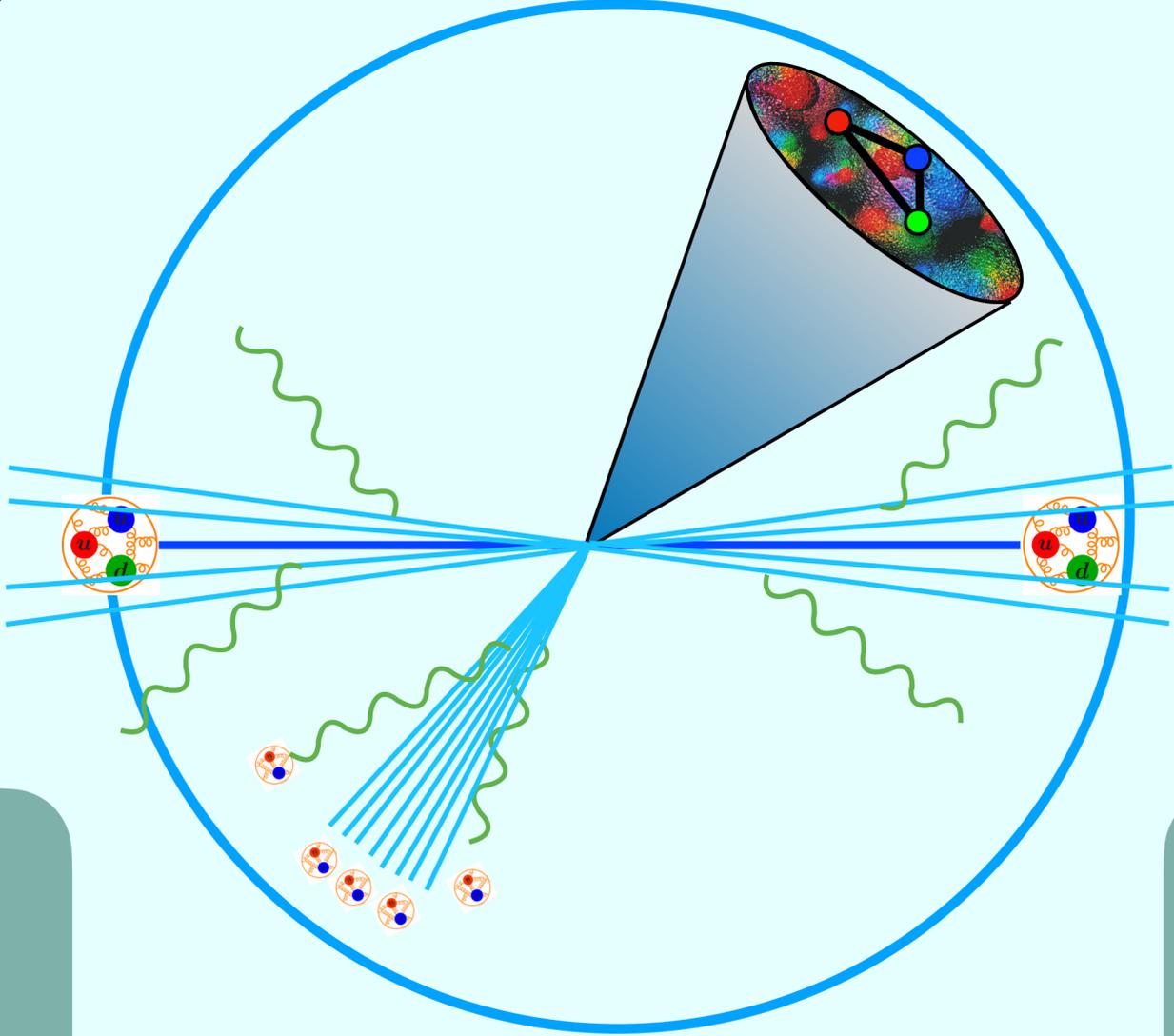
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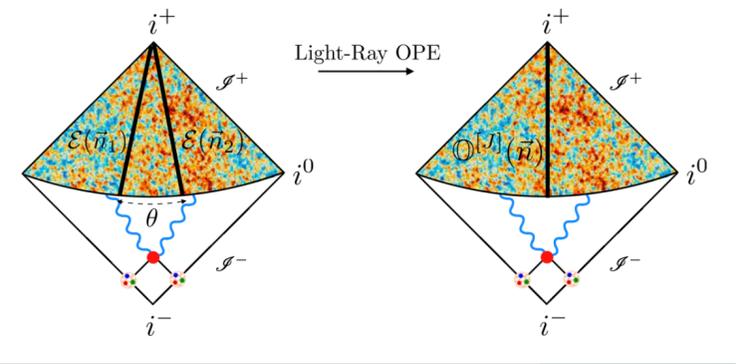
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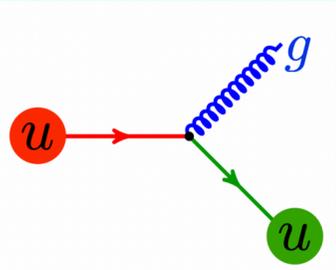
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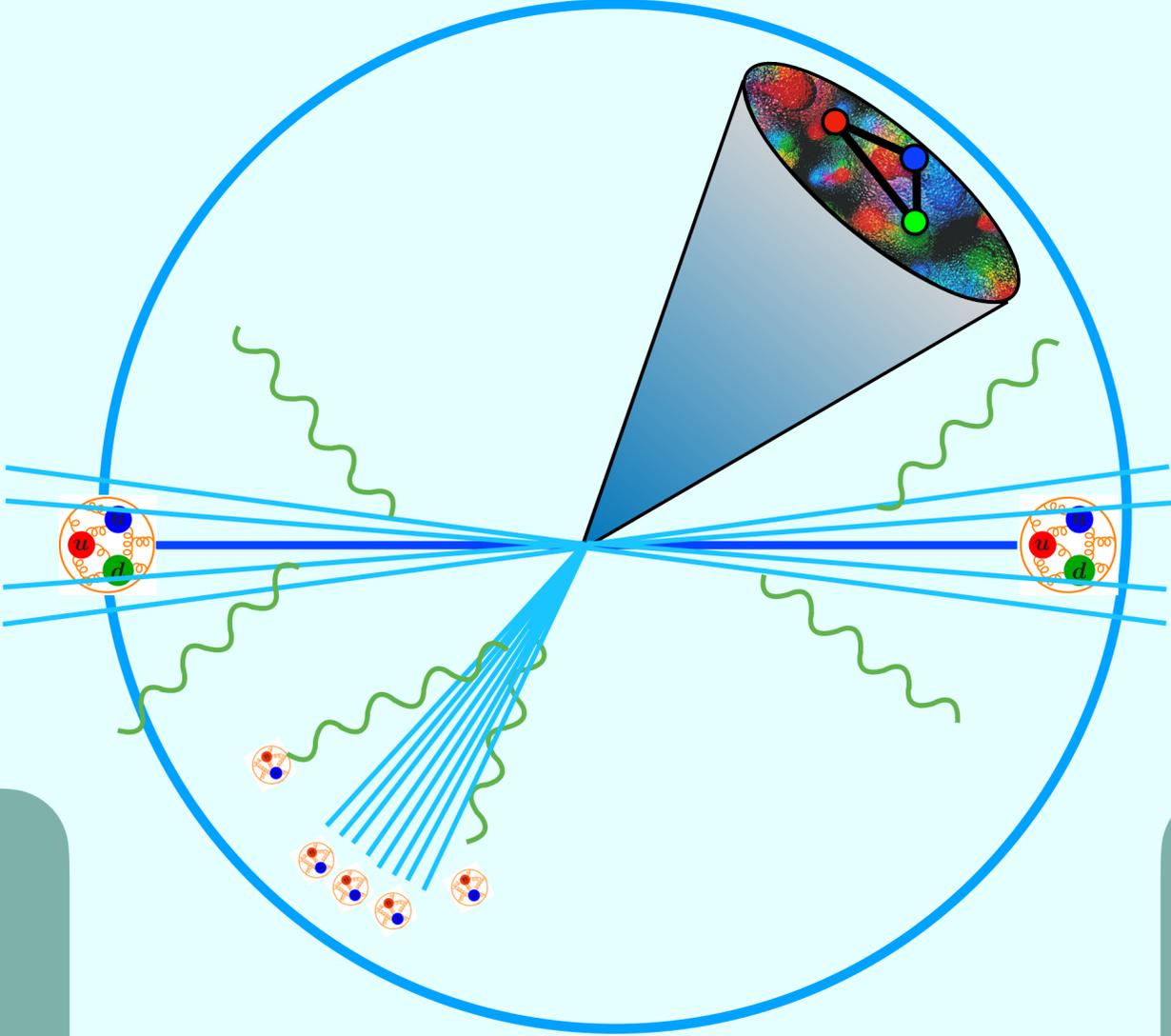
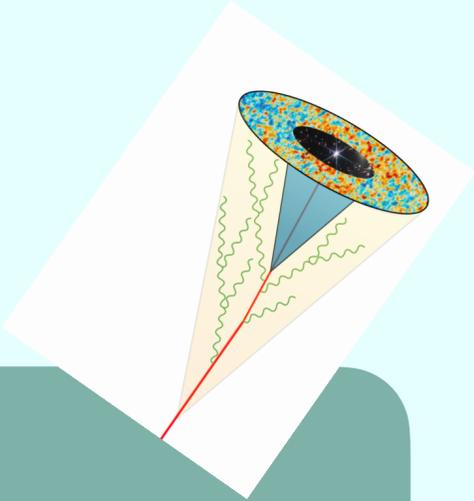
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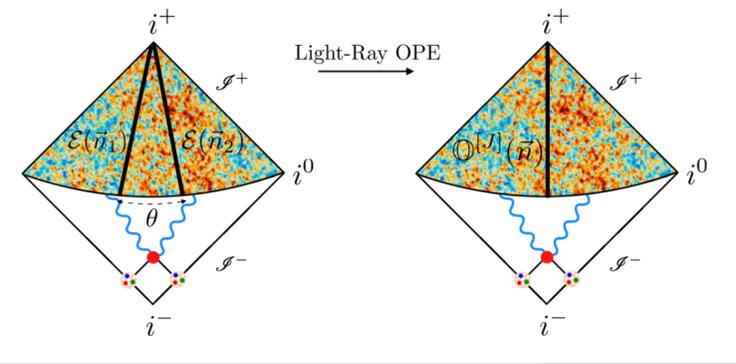
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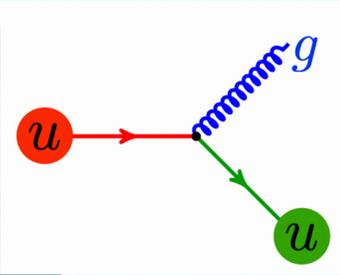
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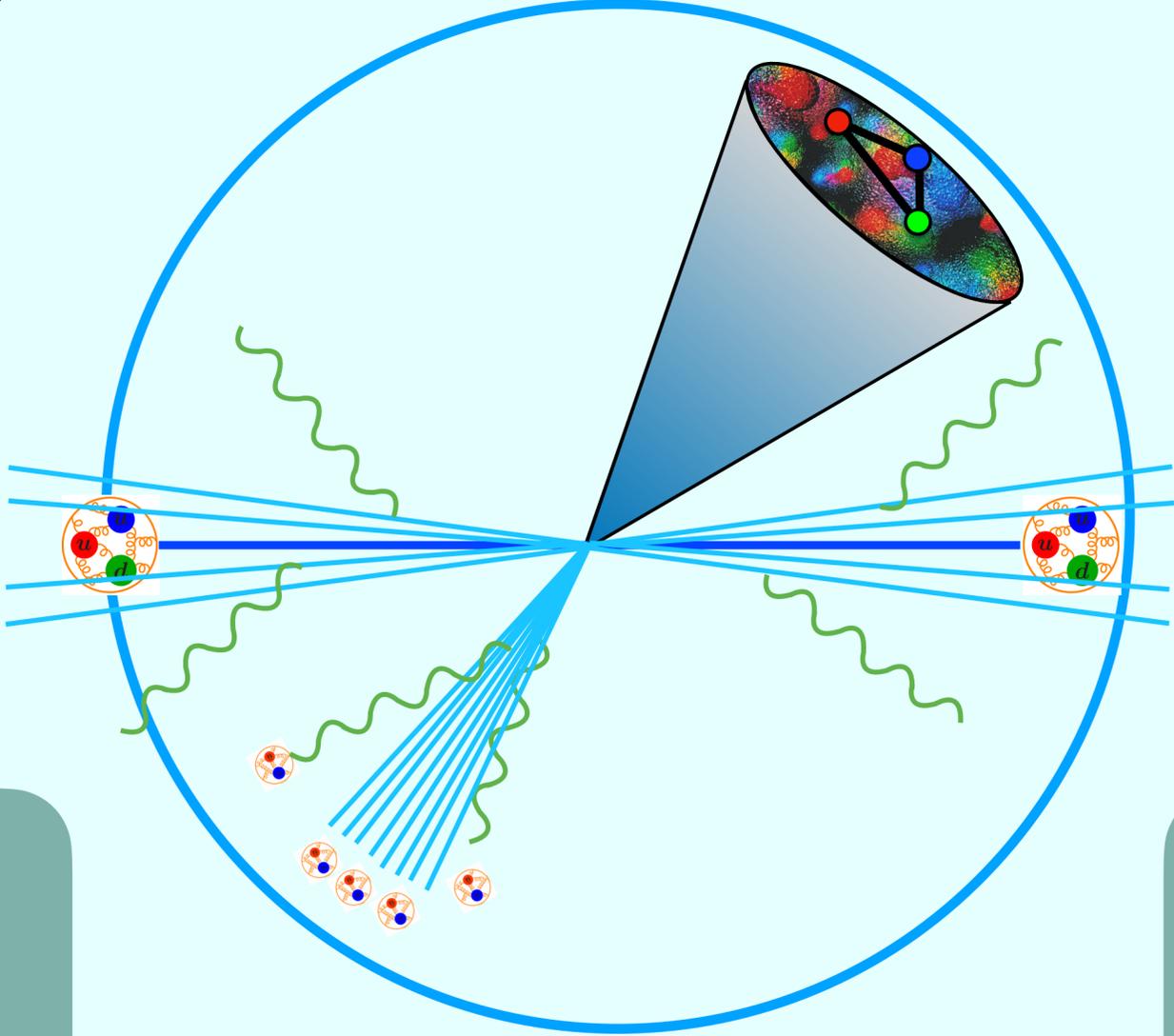
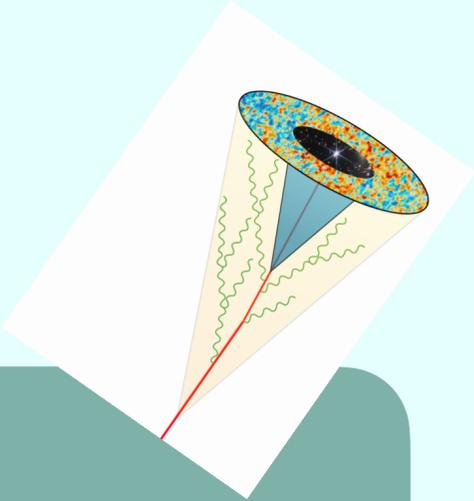
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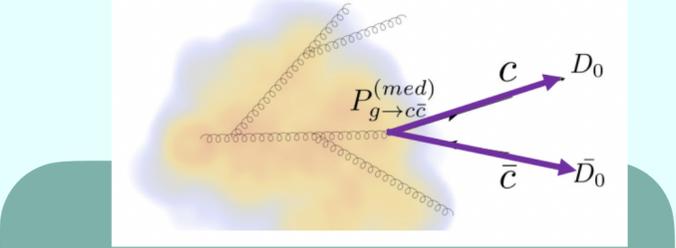
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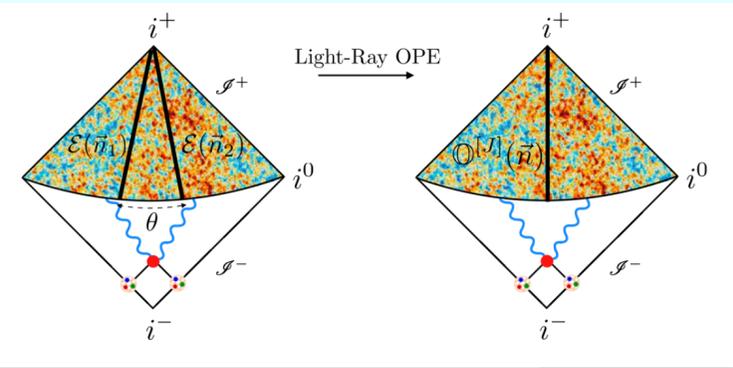
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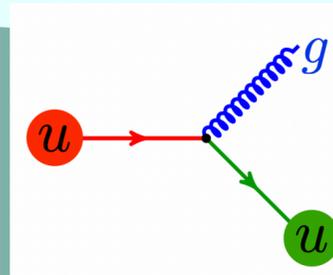


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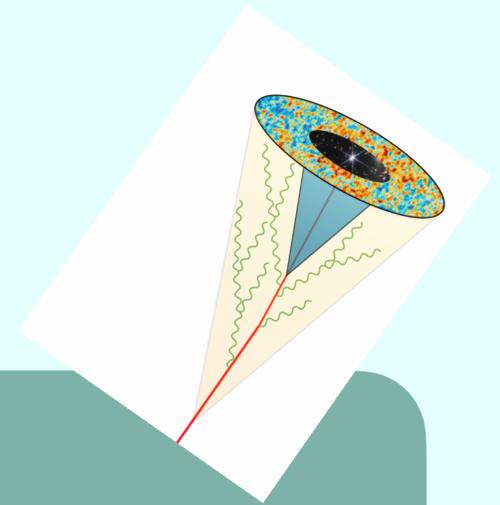
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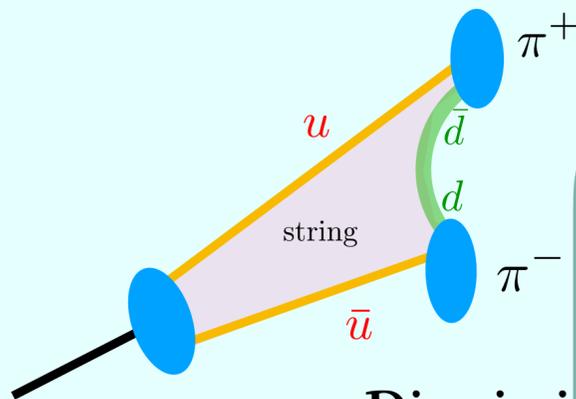
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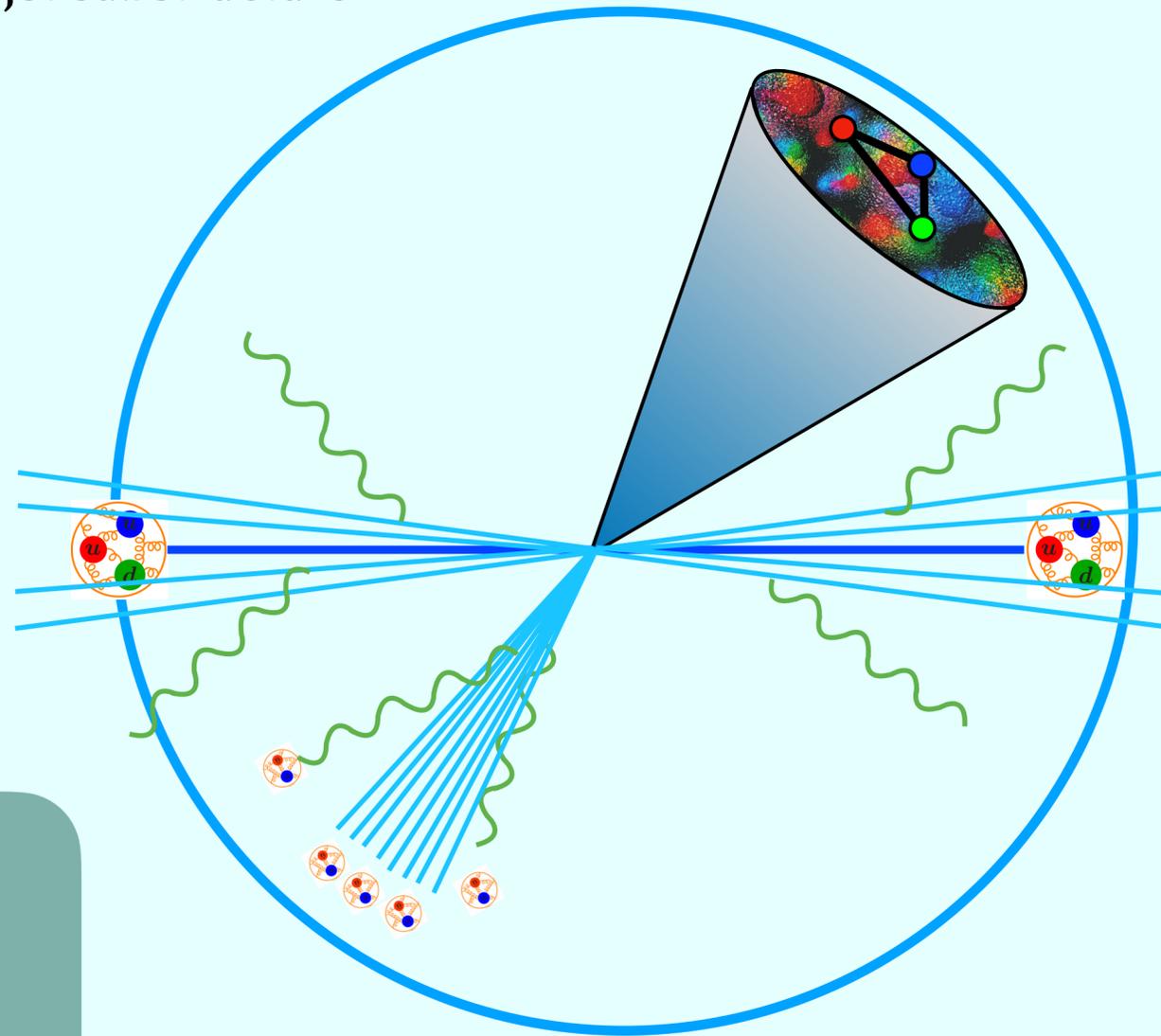
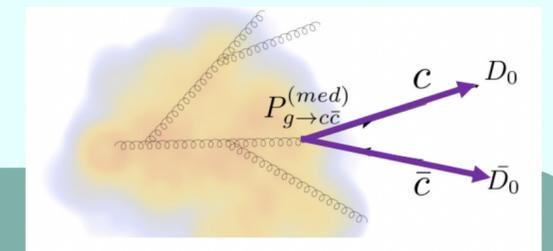
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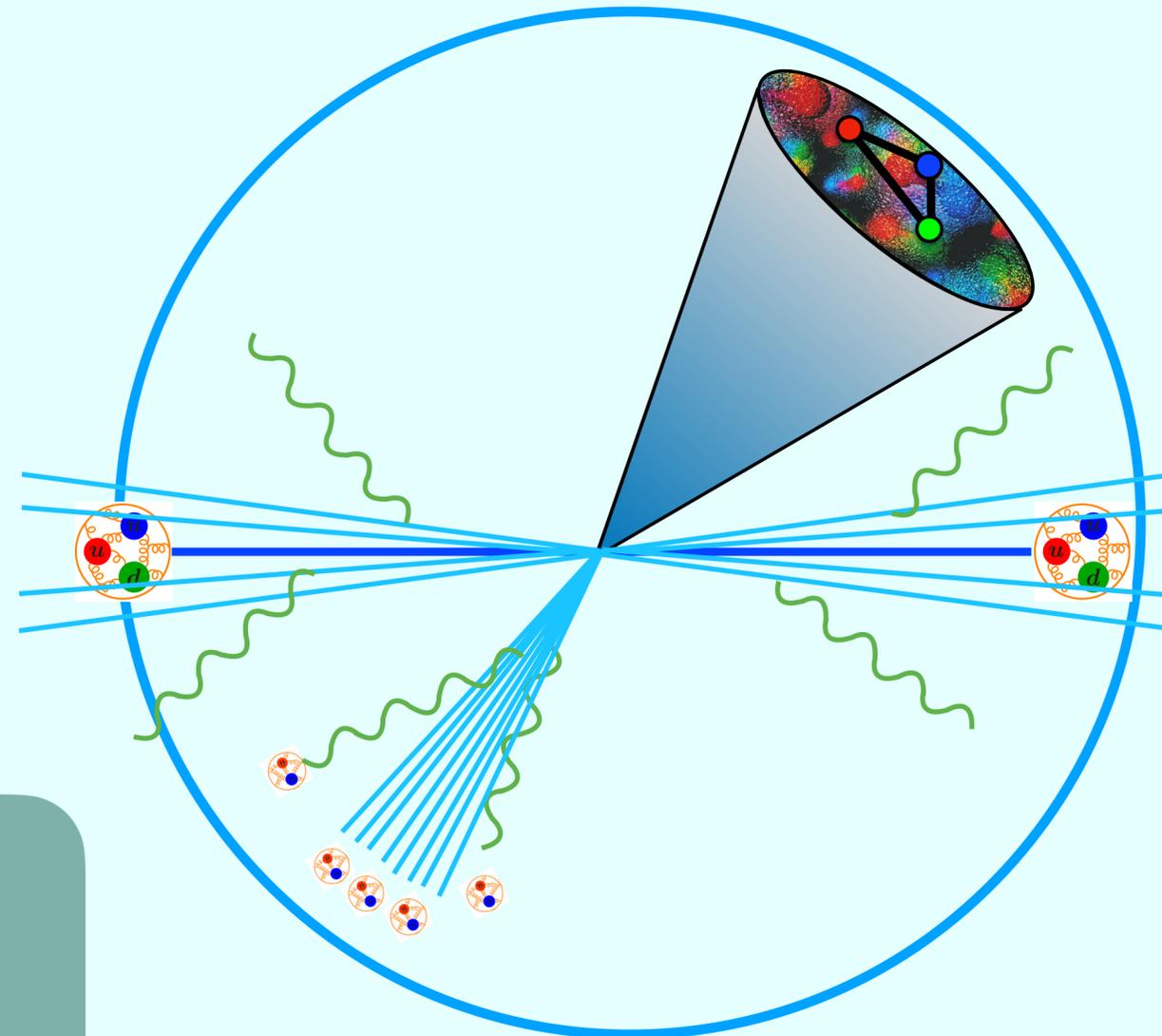


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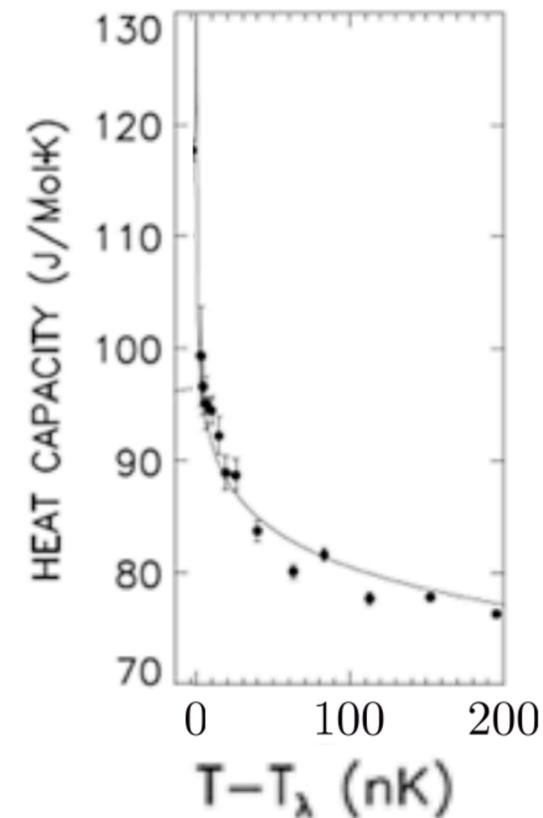
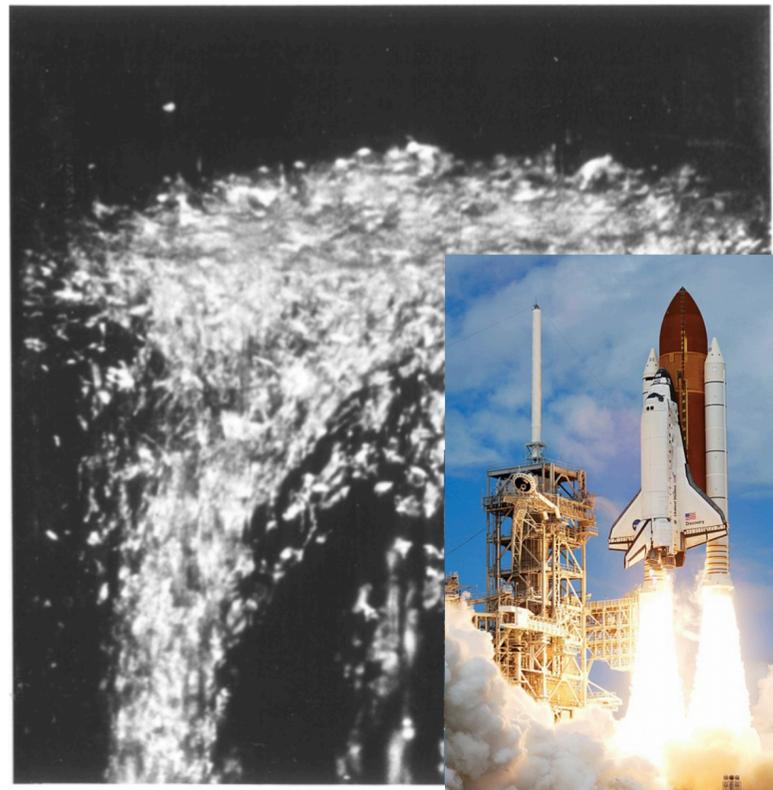
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# SCALING BEHAVIOR IN QFT

- Why is the study of jet substructure of interest in QFT?
- QFTs display **universal scaling** behaviors when operators approach one another



Wilson '70



**Euclidean Operator Product Expansion**

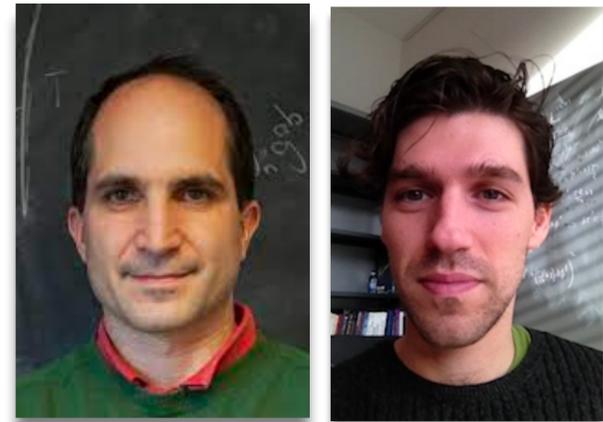
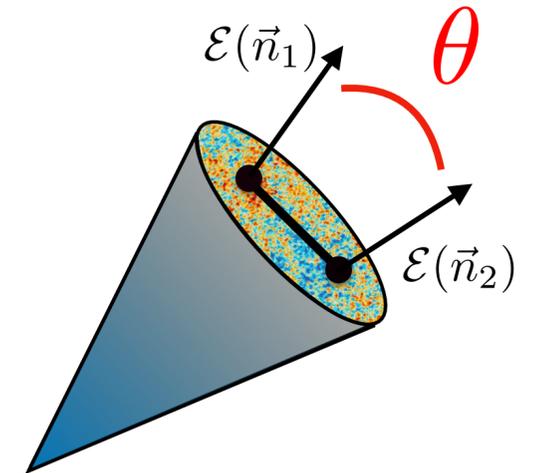
$$\mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0) = \sum x^{\gamma_i} c_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

- **Critical phenomena** give us access to **universal scaling behavior** as **Euclidean operators** are brought together

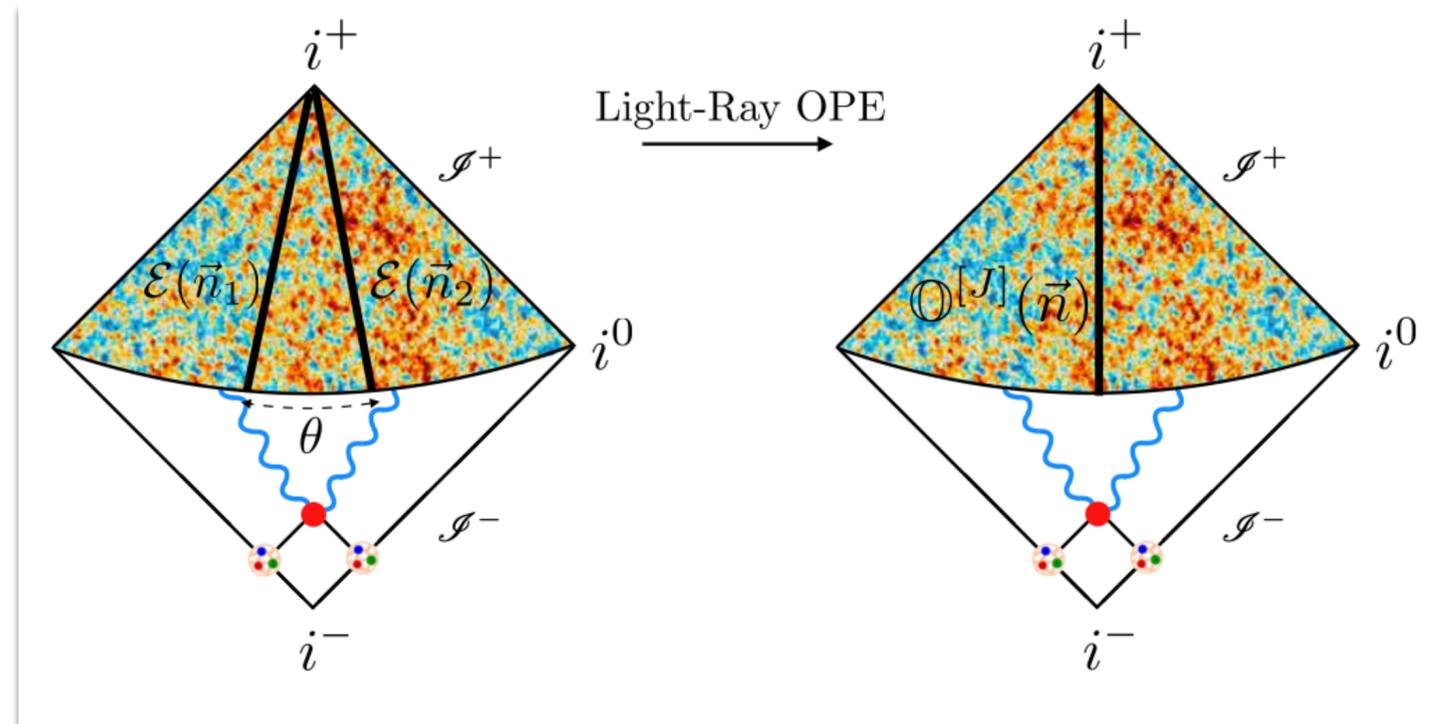
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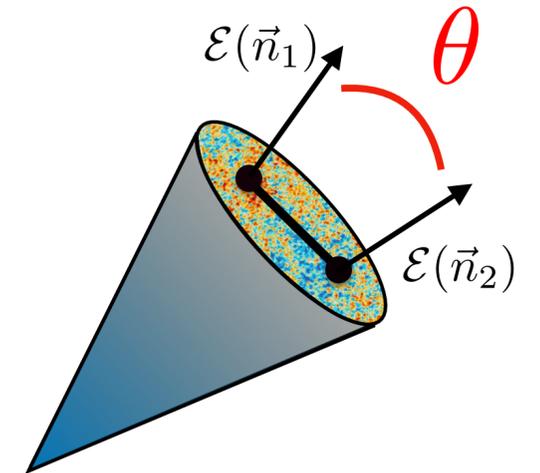
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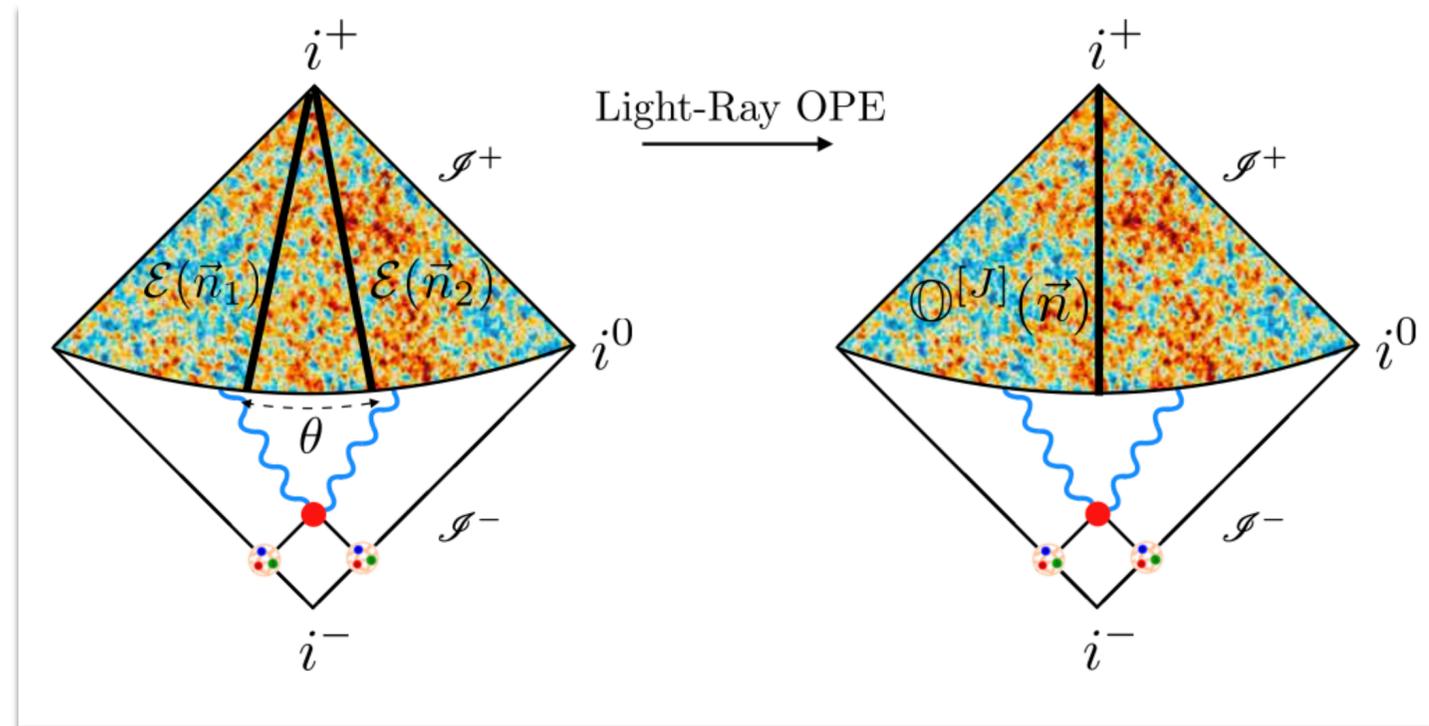
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**CAN THIS UNIVERSAL SCALING OF THE FIELD THEORY BE OBSERVED IN JETS???**

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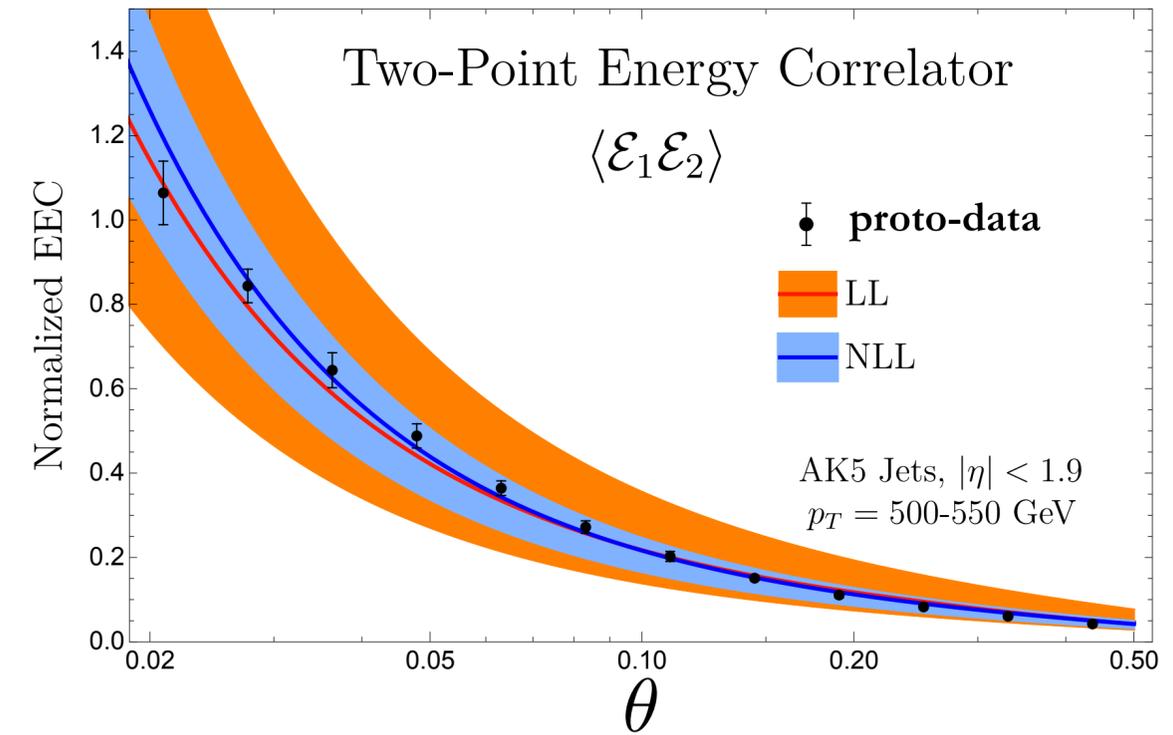
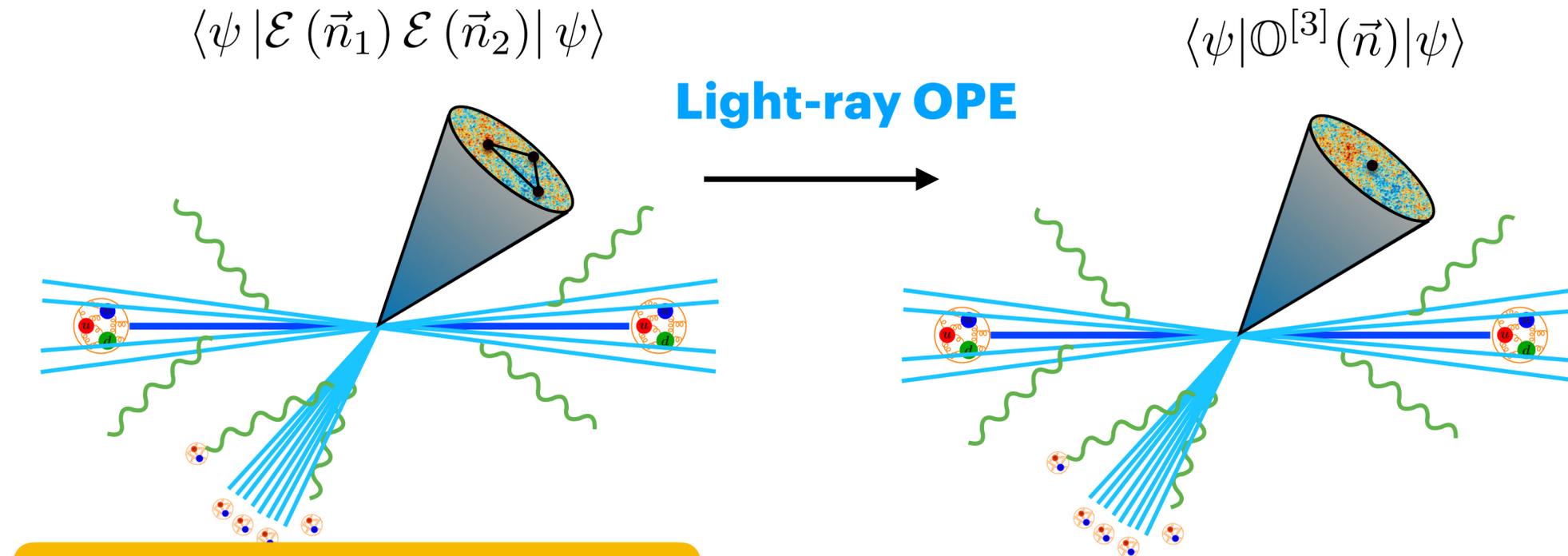
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# UNIVERSAL SCALING BEHAVIOR IN JETS!

- In QCD, we developed the proper **framework** to observe the **universal scaling behavior within jets**

Komiske, Moul, Thaler, Zhu '22  
KL, Meçaj, Moul '22



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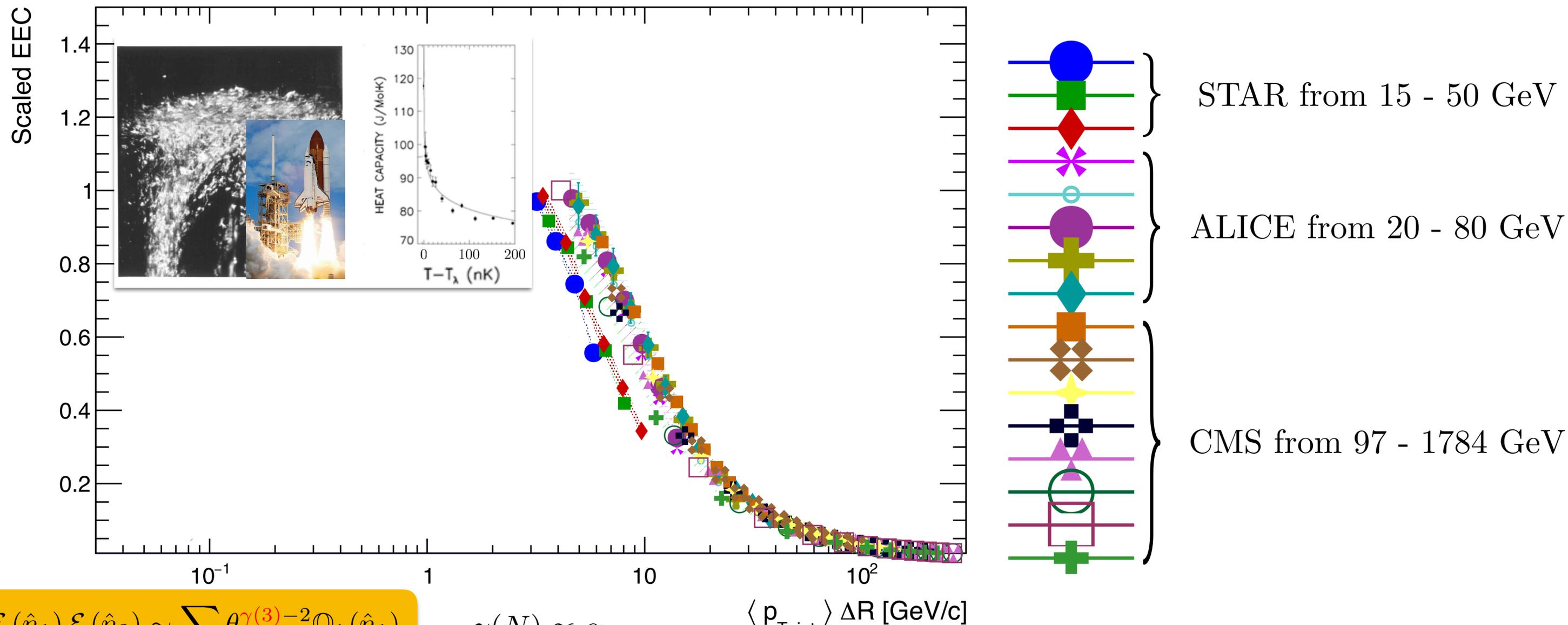
$$\gamma(N) \propto \alpha_s$$

**QCD factorization:**

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow \text{jet}(\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E})X}}{dp_T d\eta d\theta} = \sum_{a,b,c} f_{a/A} \otimes f_{b/B} \otimes H_{ab}^c \otimes \mathcal{G}_c^{\text{EEC}}(\theta)$$

$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$        $p_T$        $p_T R$   
 $p_T \theta$

# SCALING FROM 15 GEV TO 2 TEV!



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$$\langle p_{T,jet} \rangle \Delta R [GeV/c]$$

- Universal scaling of QCD operators revealed in data from ALICE, CMS, and STAR, from 15 GeV to 1784 GeV!

# THE SPECTRUM OF A JET

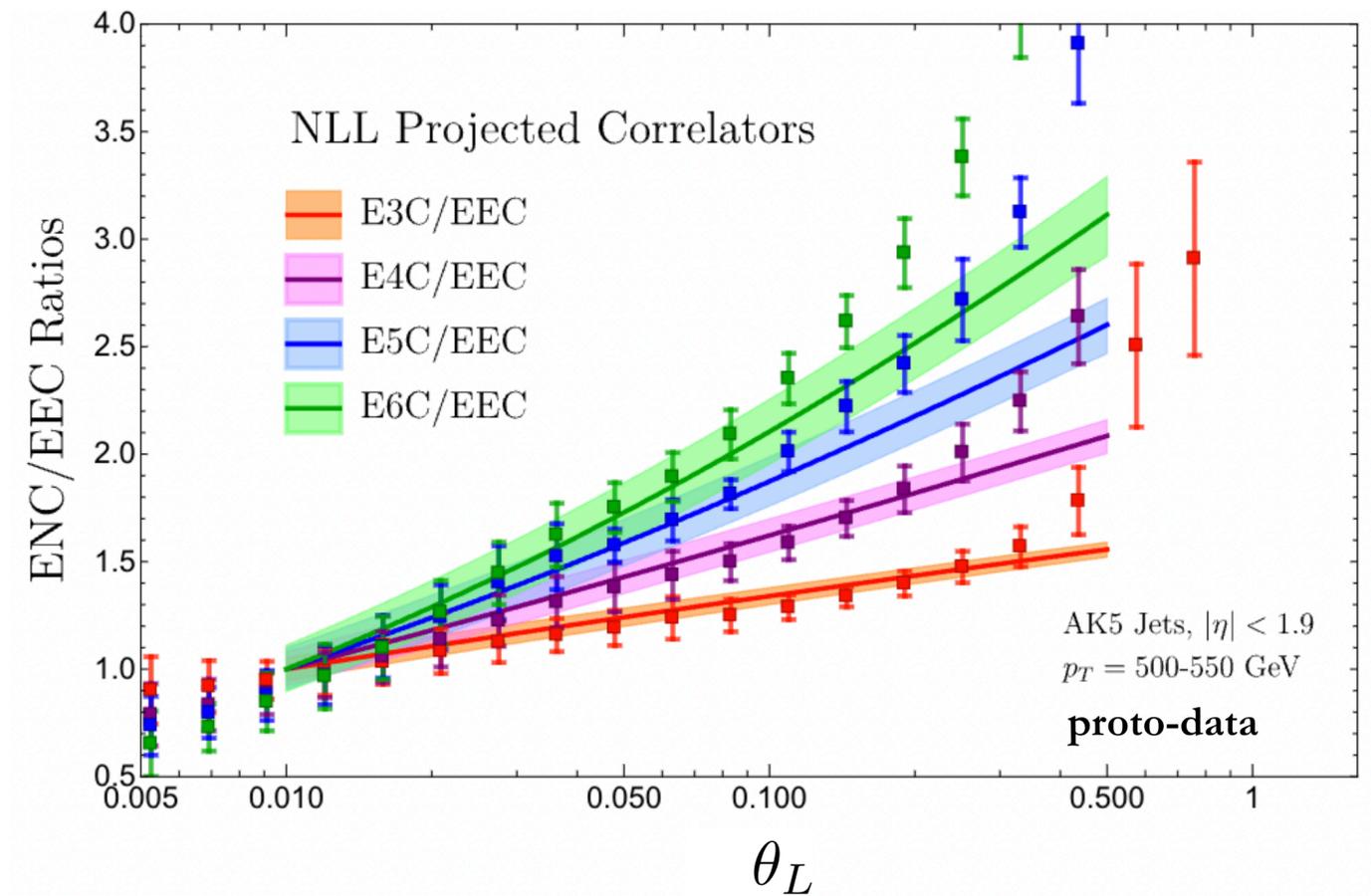
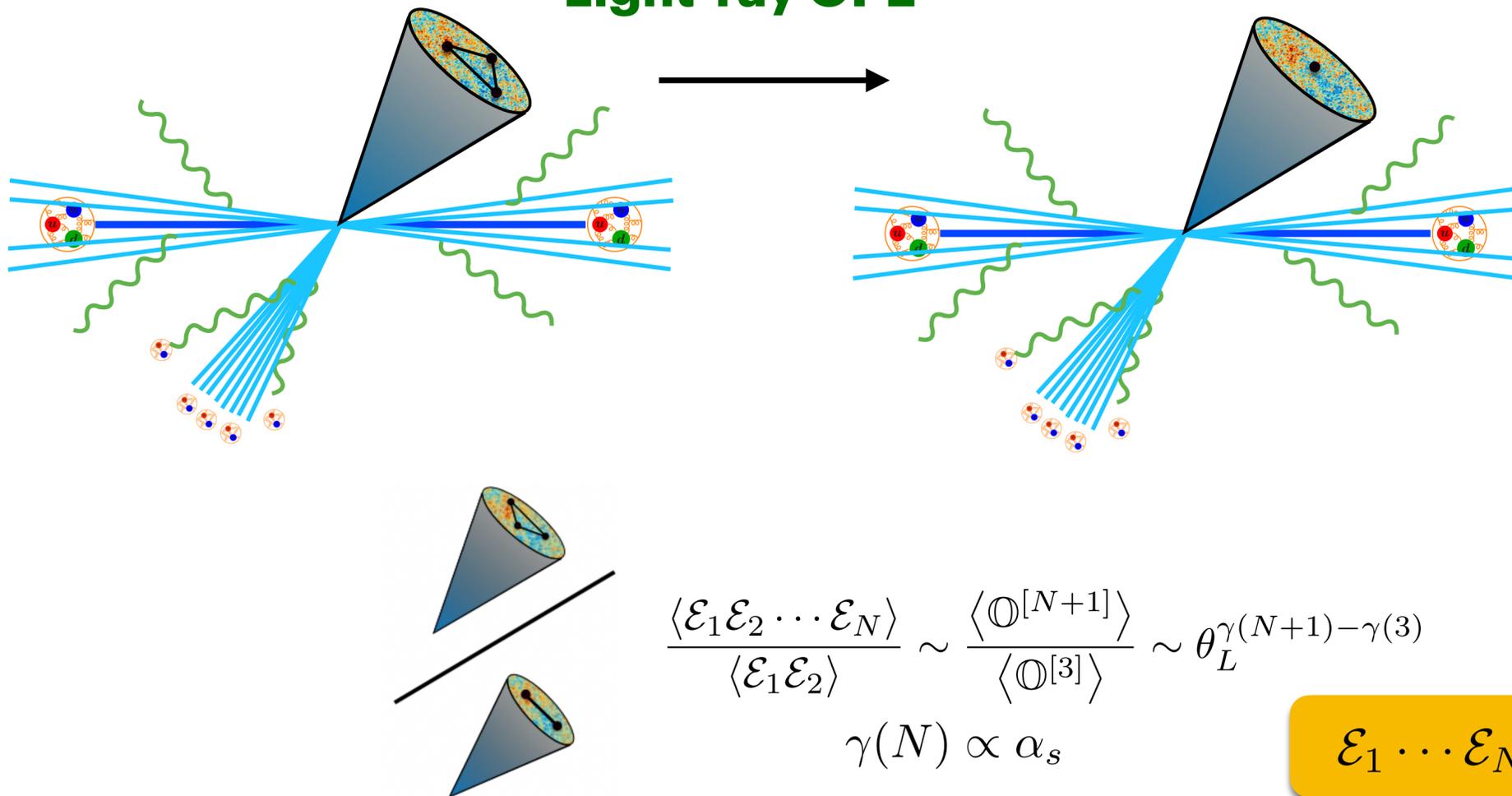
- The **light-ray OPE** can be iteratively applied to **N-point correlators**, predicting their **anomalous scaling behavior with N**

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$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_N) | \psi \rangle$$

**Light-ray OPE**

$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{O}^{[J]}(\vec{n}) | \psi \rangle$$



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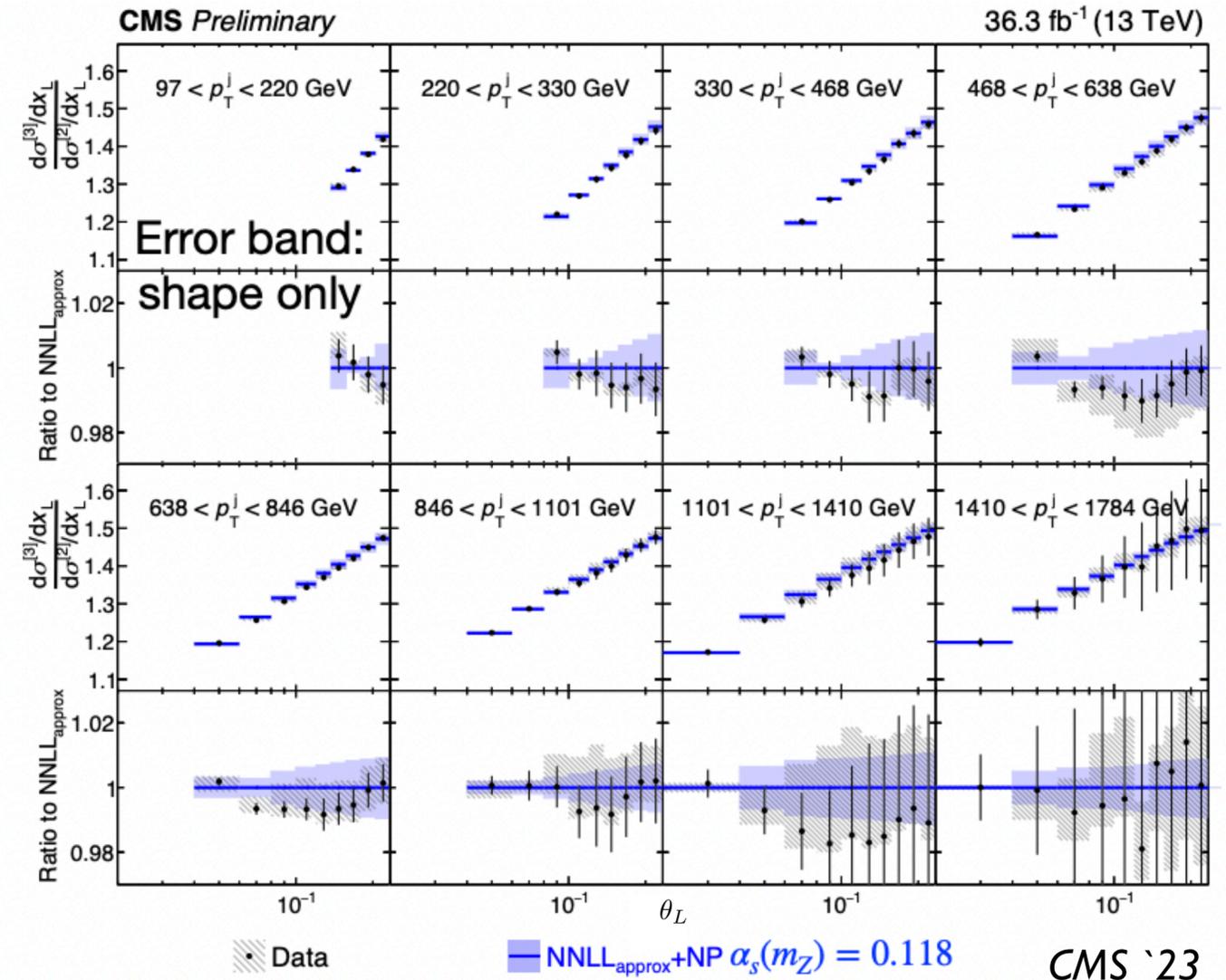
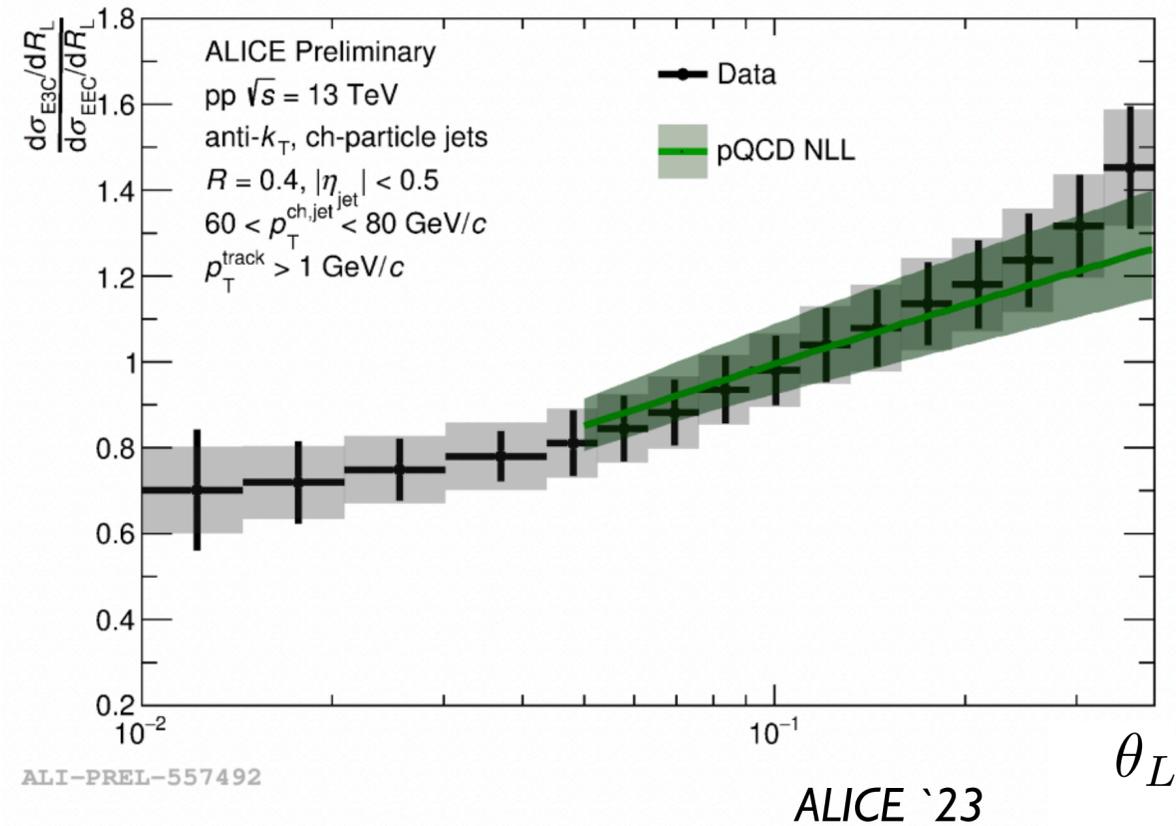
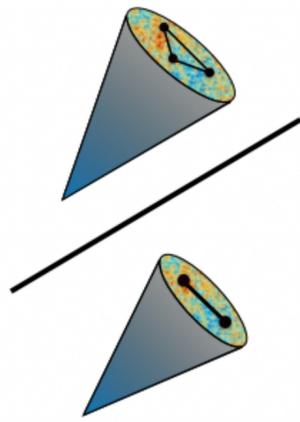
- **Data** for ratio of three-to-two point energy correlators exhibits **predicted scaling!**

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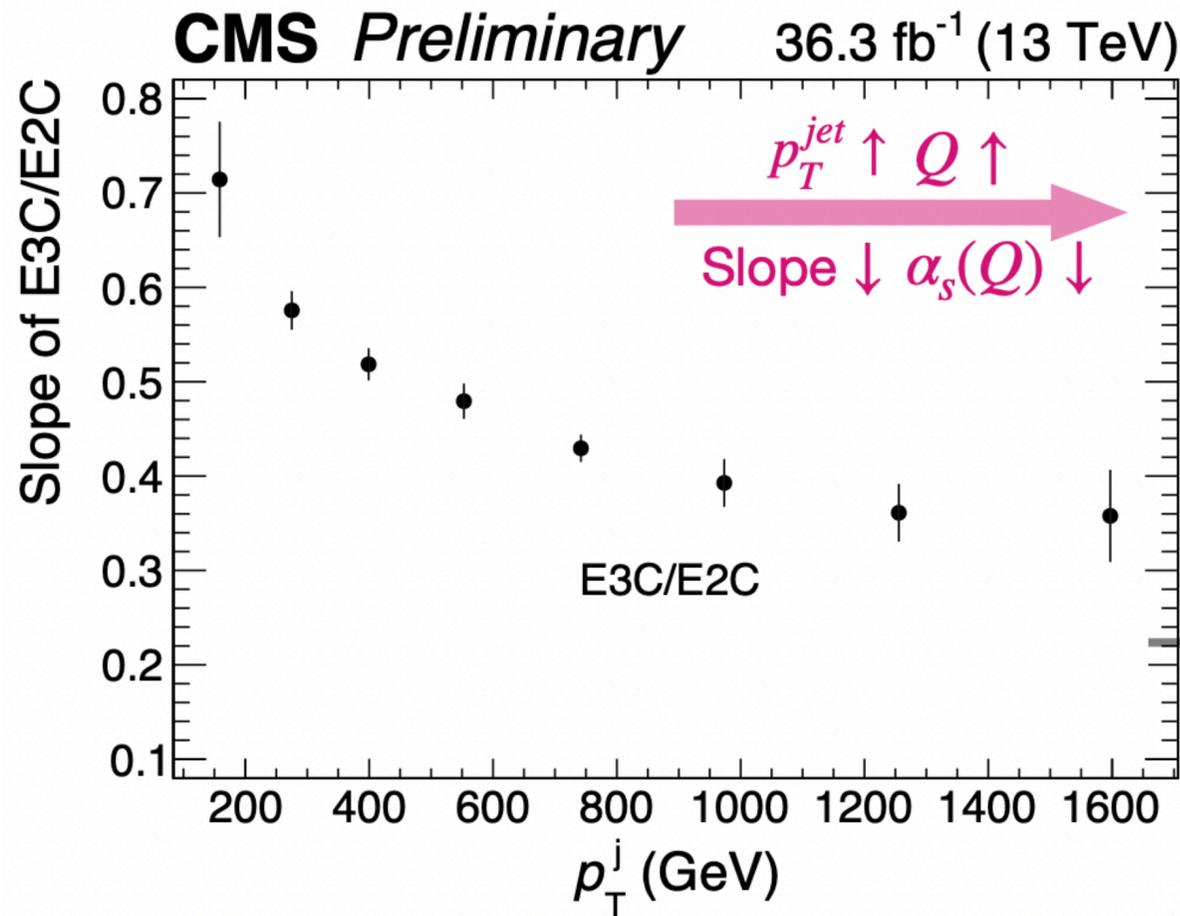
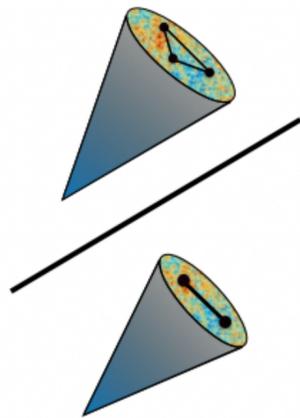
E3C/EEC 



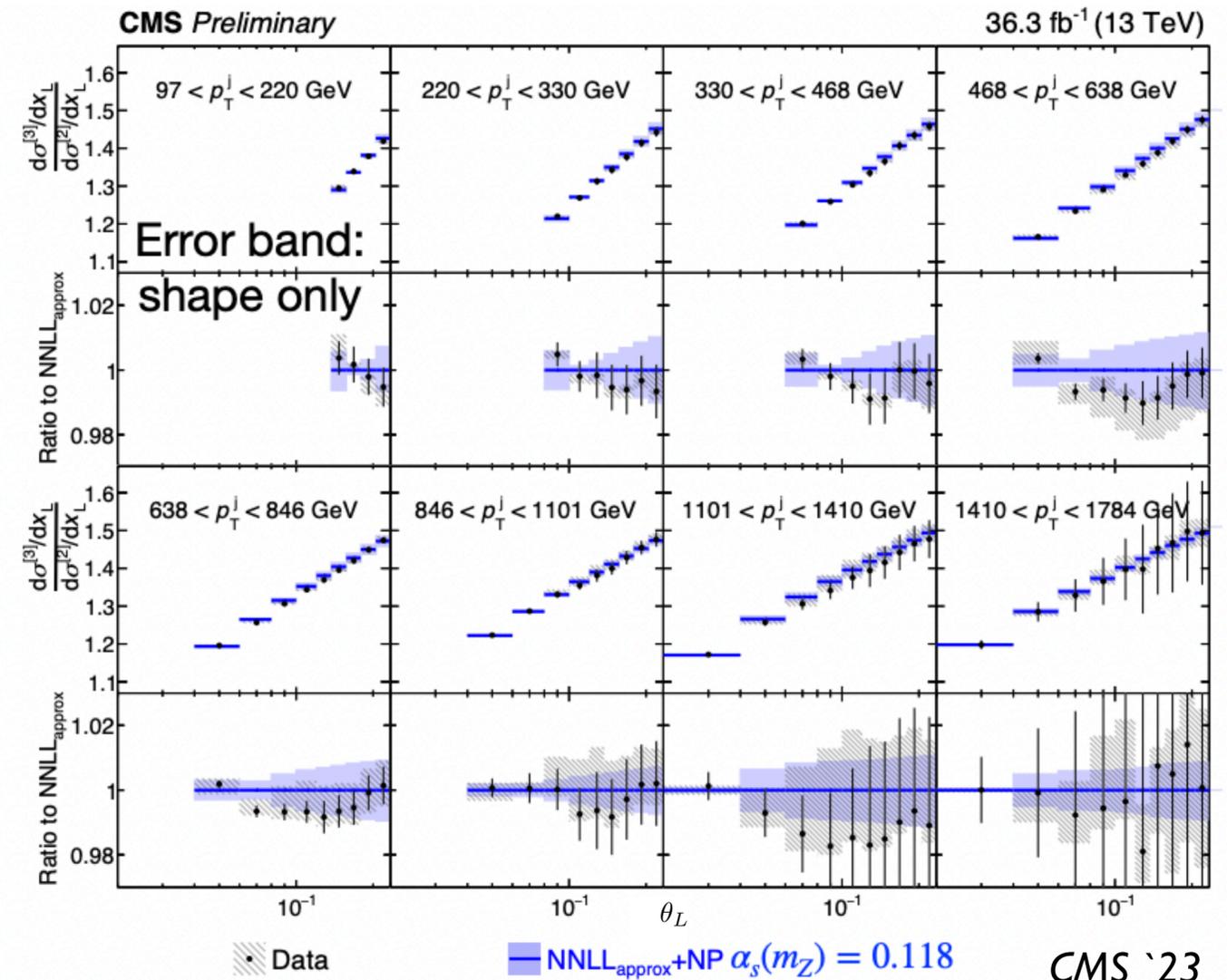
$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \cdots \mathcal{E}_N \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \rangle} \sim \frac{\langle \mathcal{O}^{[N+1]} \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{O}^{[3]} \rangle} \sim \theta_L^{\gamma(N+1) - \gamma(3)} \quad \gamma(N) \propto \alpha_s$$

# ASYMPTOTIC FREEDOM

- As the **anomalous scaling exponent** is proportional to the **strong coupling constant**, we are also able to see **asymptotic freedom by eye in data!**

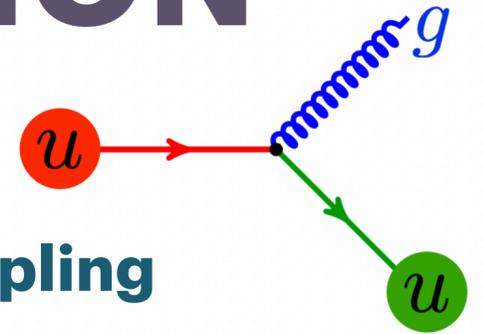


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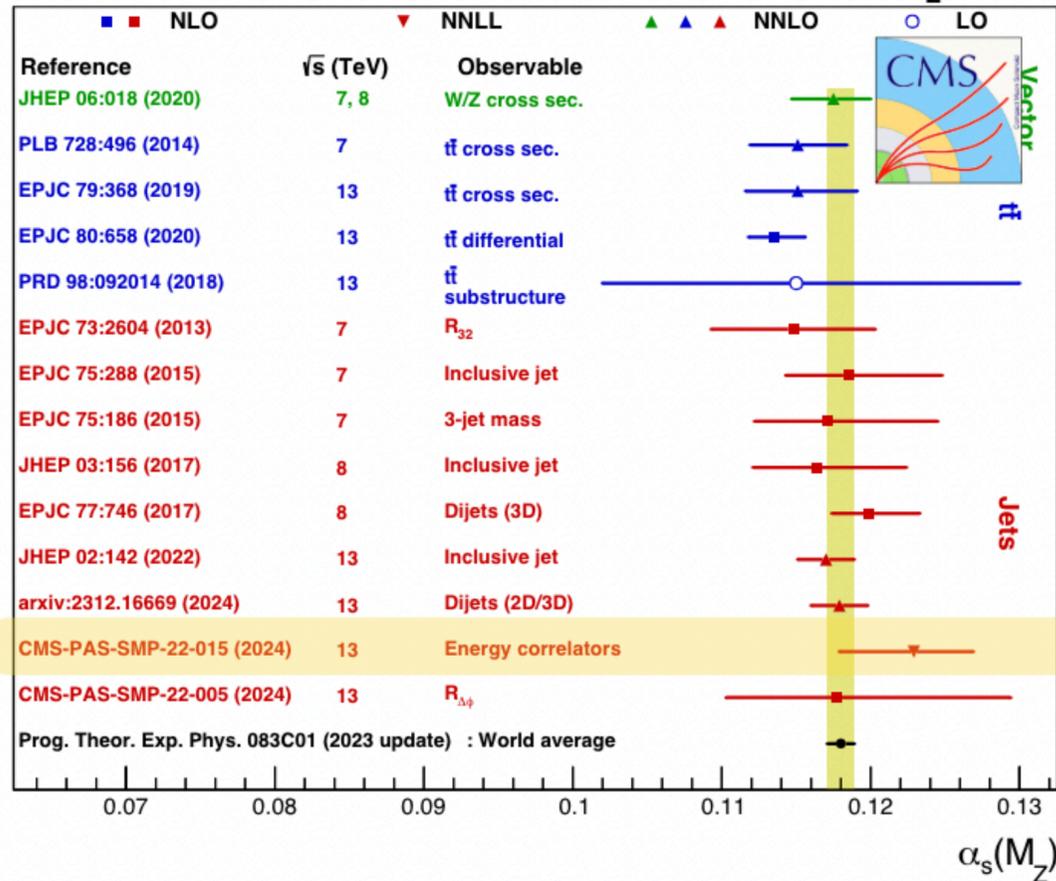
# STRONG COUPLING DETERMINATION

- **How strong is the Strong Force?** In comparison, EM coupling:  $\alpha_e = 0.0072973525693(11)$



Quarks are never free, and thus it is **very hard to measure their coupling**

Summary of  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$



**CMS collaboration carried out most precise determination of the strong coupling constant for jet substructure**

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1229^{+0.0040}_{-0.0050}$$

CMS Collaboration '23

⇒ 4% uncertainty

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Energy Correlators in Jet

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Tune into Wouter's talk!

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See also Iain, Zhiquan, and Hua-Xing's talk from last week

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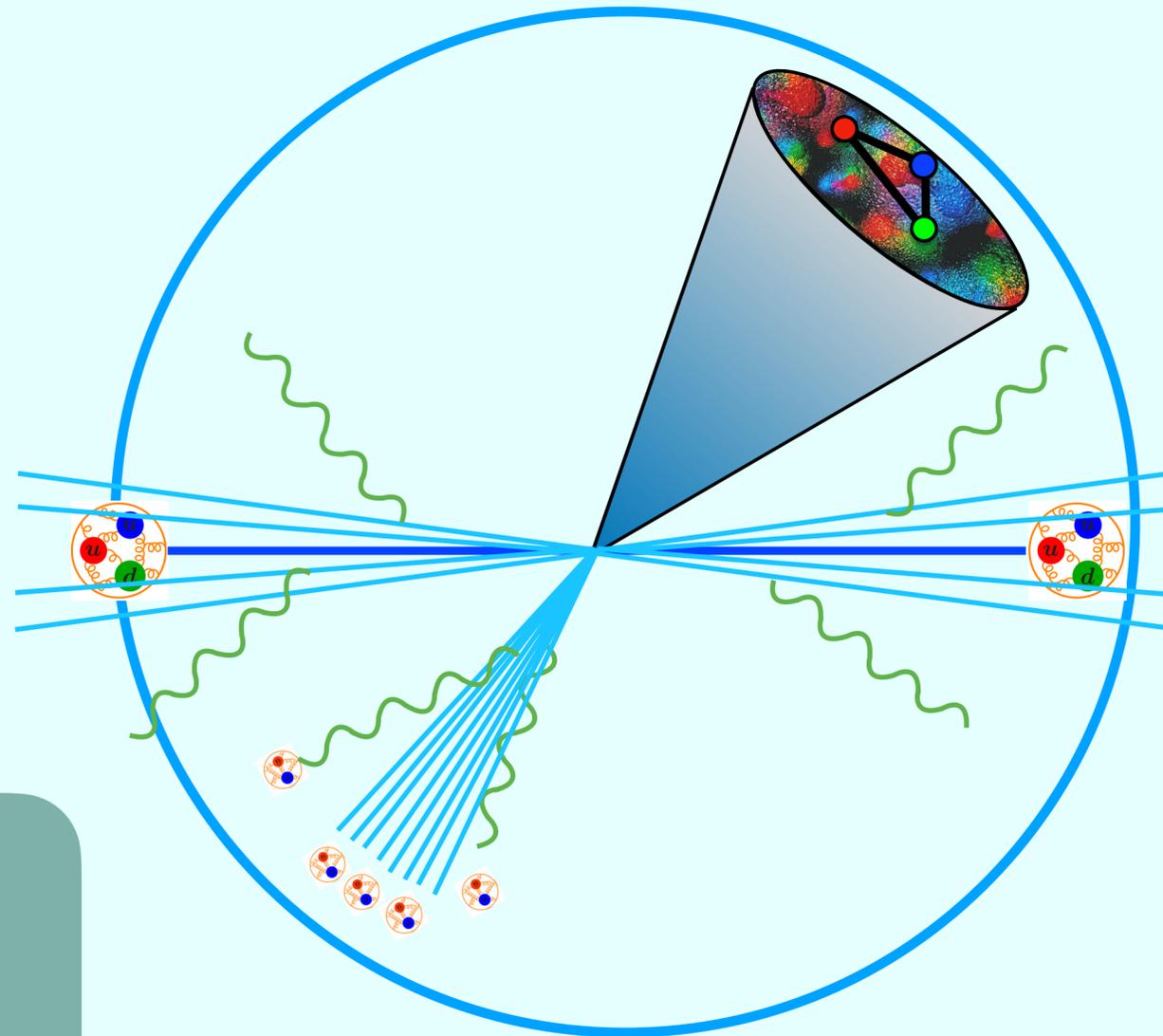
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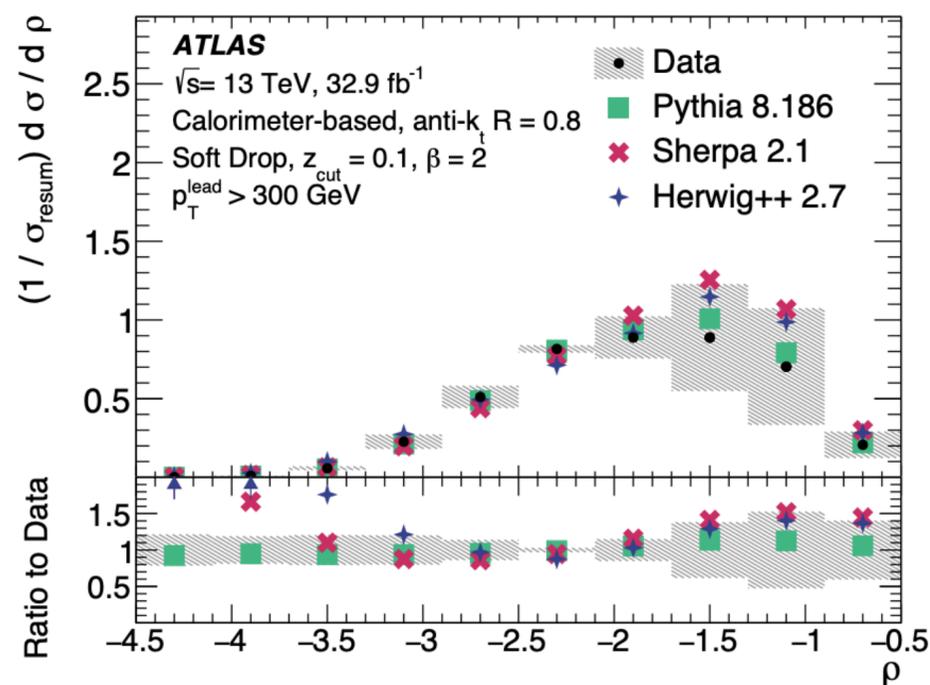
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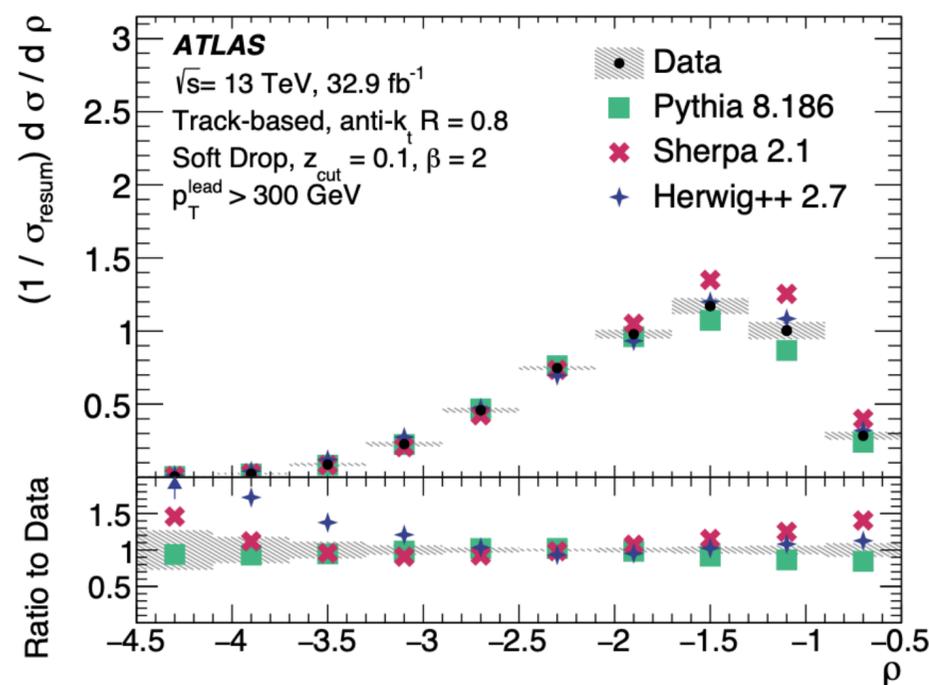
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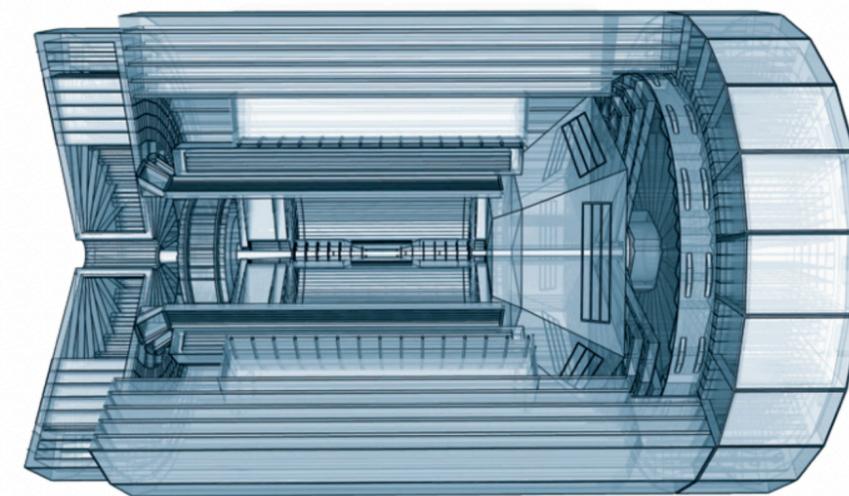
- **Measuring tracks** provides much more precise experimental results



All particles



Tracks

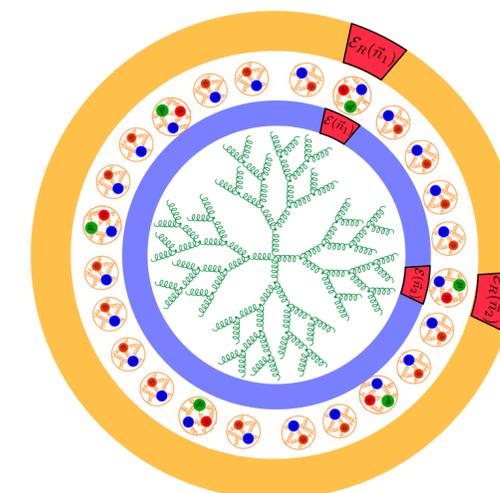


**Modern detectors have state-of-the-art tracking systems!**

- Depend on **quantum numbers of final state hadrons** other than energy

⇒ not computable purely from perturbation theory

**We need QCD factorization**



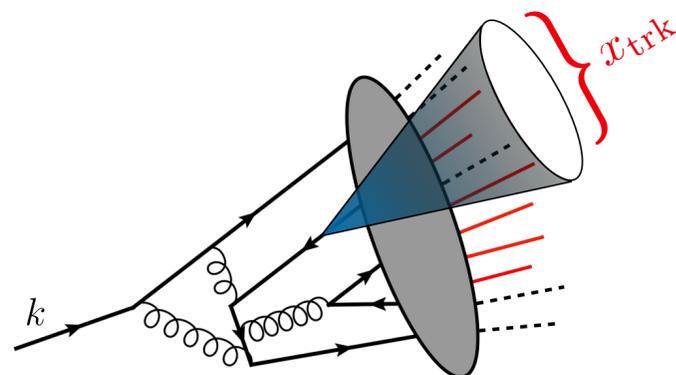
# TRACK INSIDE JETS

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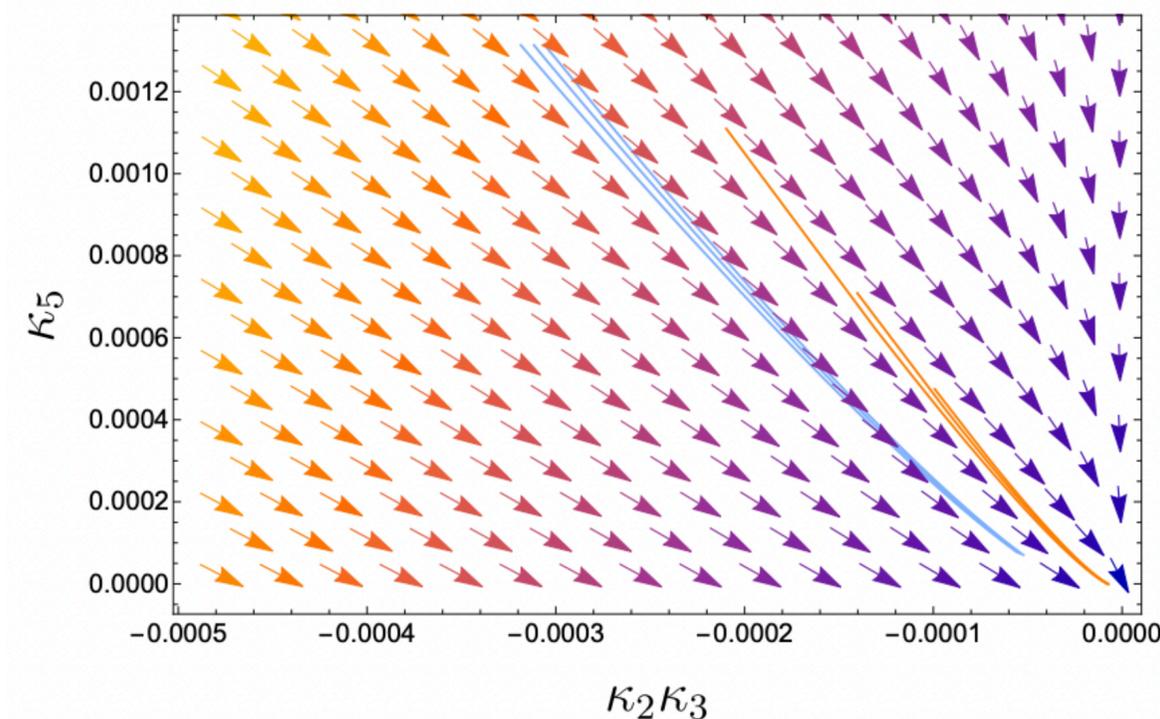
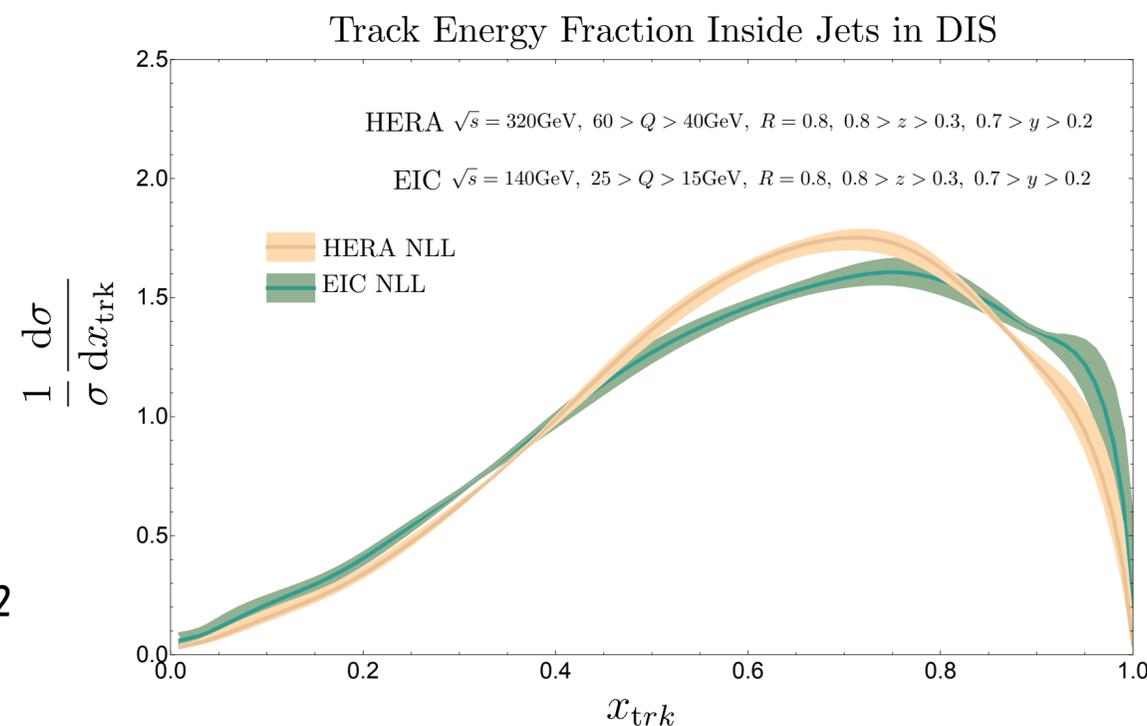
## QCD factorization:

Requires separation of parts that are perturbative from universal non-perturbative functions

- **Non-perturbative Track functions** describe the total energy fraction of charged hadrons from a fragmenting quark or a gluon state



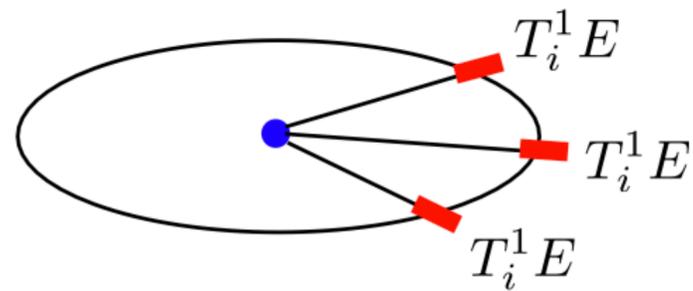
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# ENERGY CORRELATORS ON TRACK

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- Track function formalism provides the essential **matching** between **partonic and hadronic detectors**

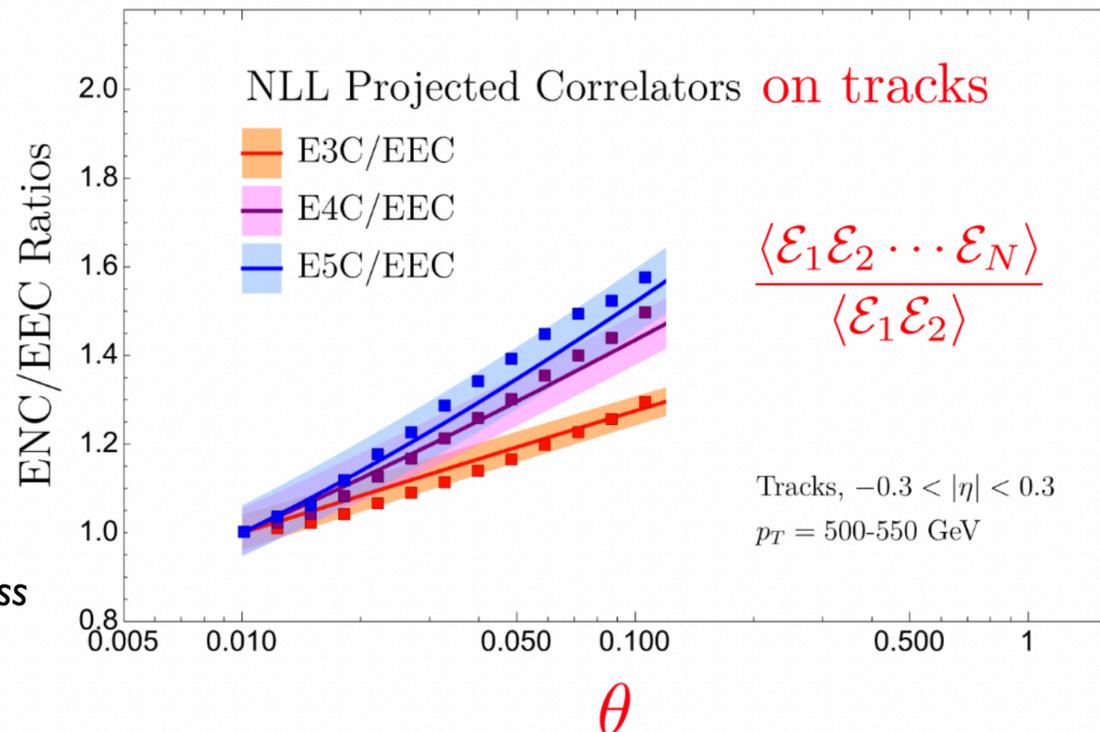


$$\langle \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_k) \rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} T_{i_1}(1) \cdots T_{i_k}(1) \langle \mathcal{E}_{i_1}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}_{i_2}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}_{i_k}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle + \text{contact terms}$$

- Only depends on the **“moments”** of track functions  $\implies$  Only involves NP **numbers**, not **functions**

## Predictions for tracks in Energy Correlators

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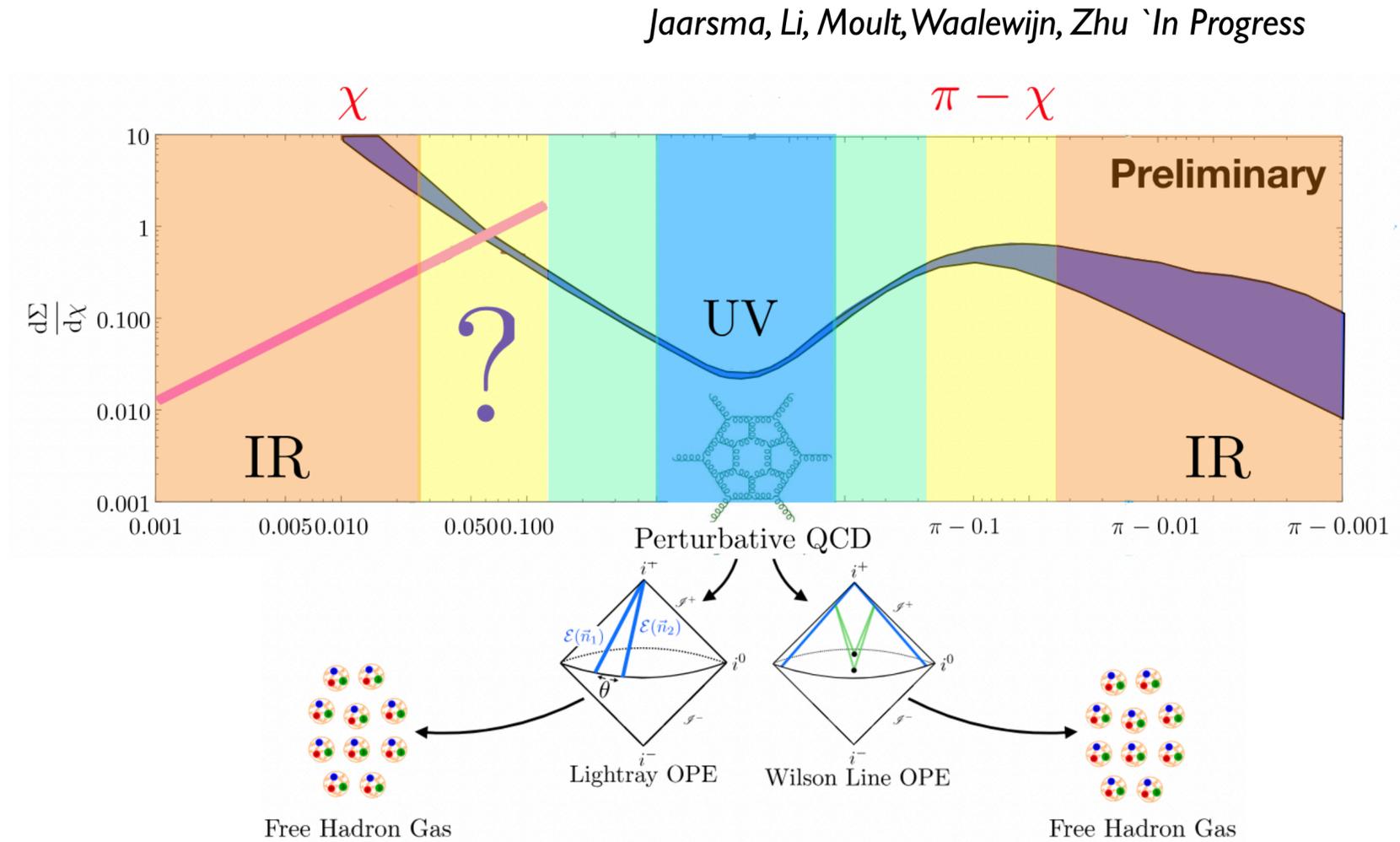
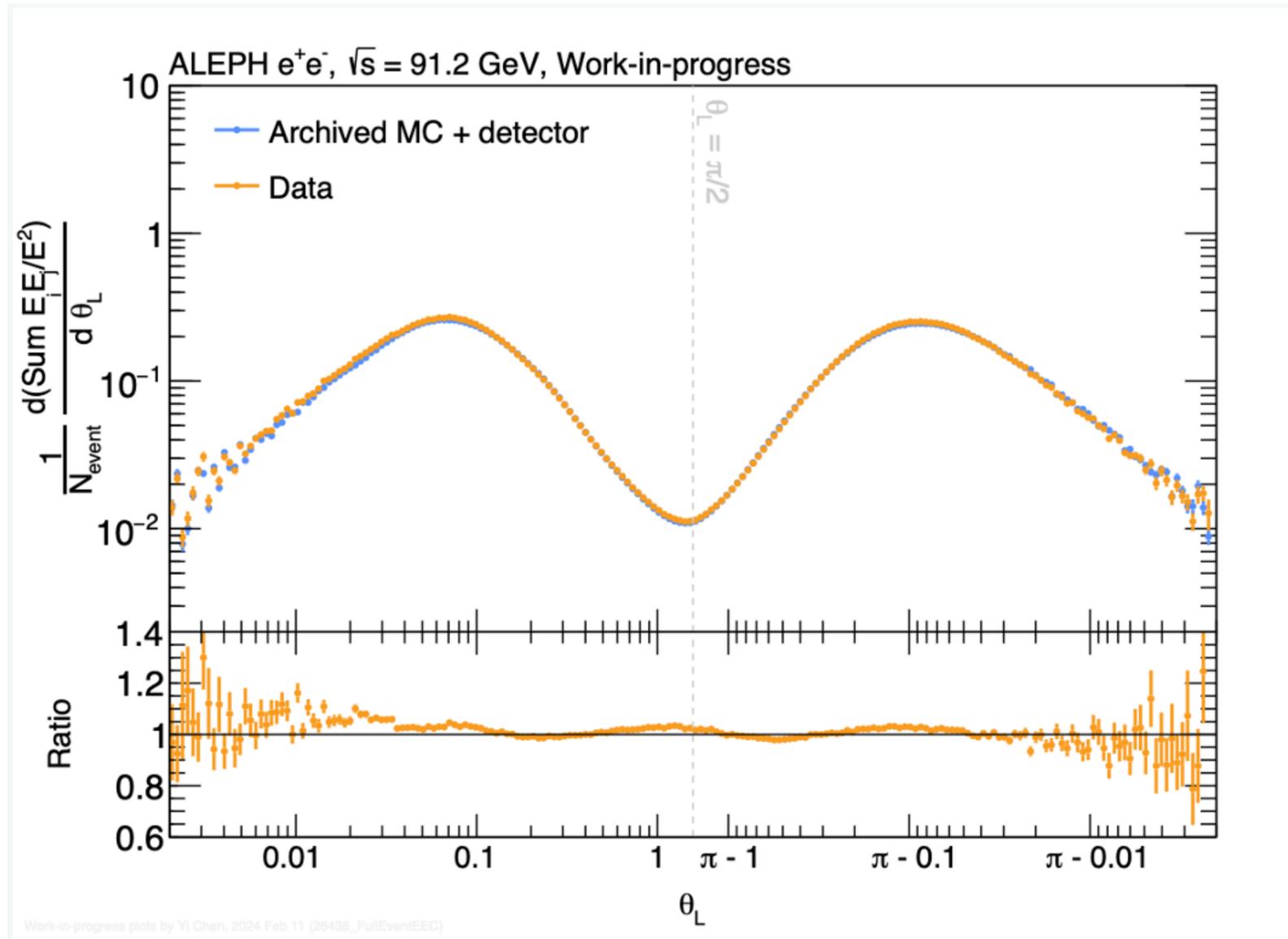


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Reanalysis of ALEPH data on tracks

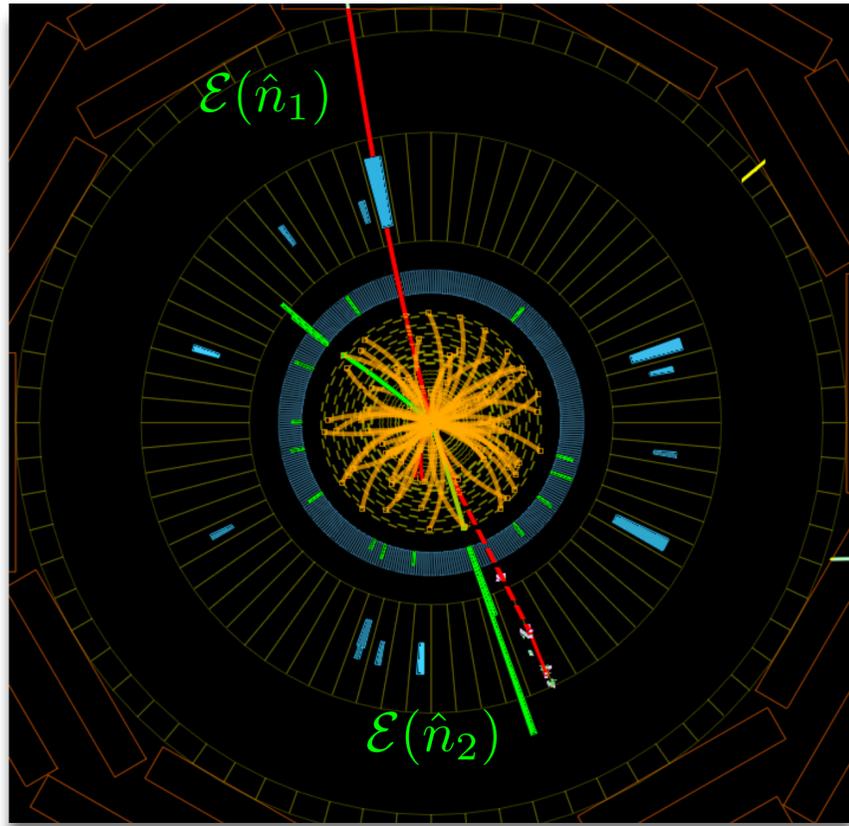


EEC on track for  $e^+e^-$  allows one to study event-wide correlations very precisely!

# POWER CORRECTIONS

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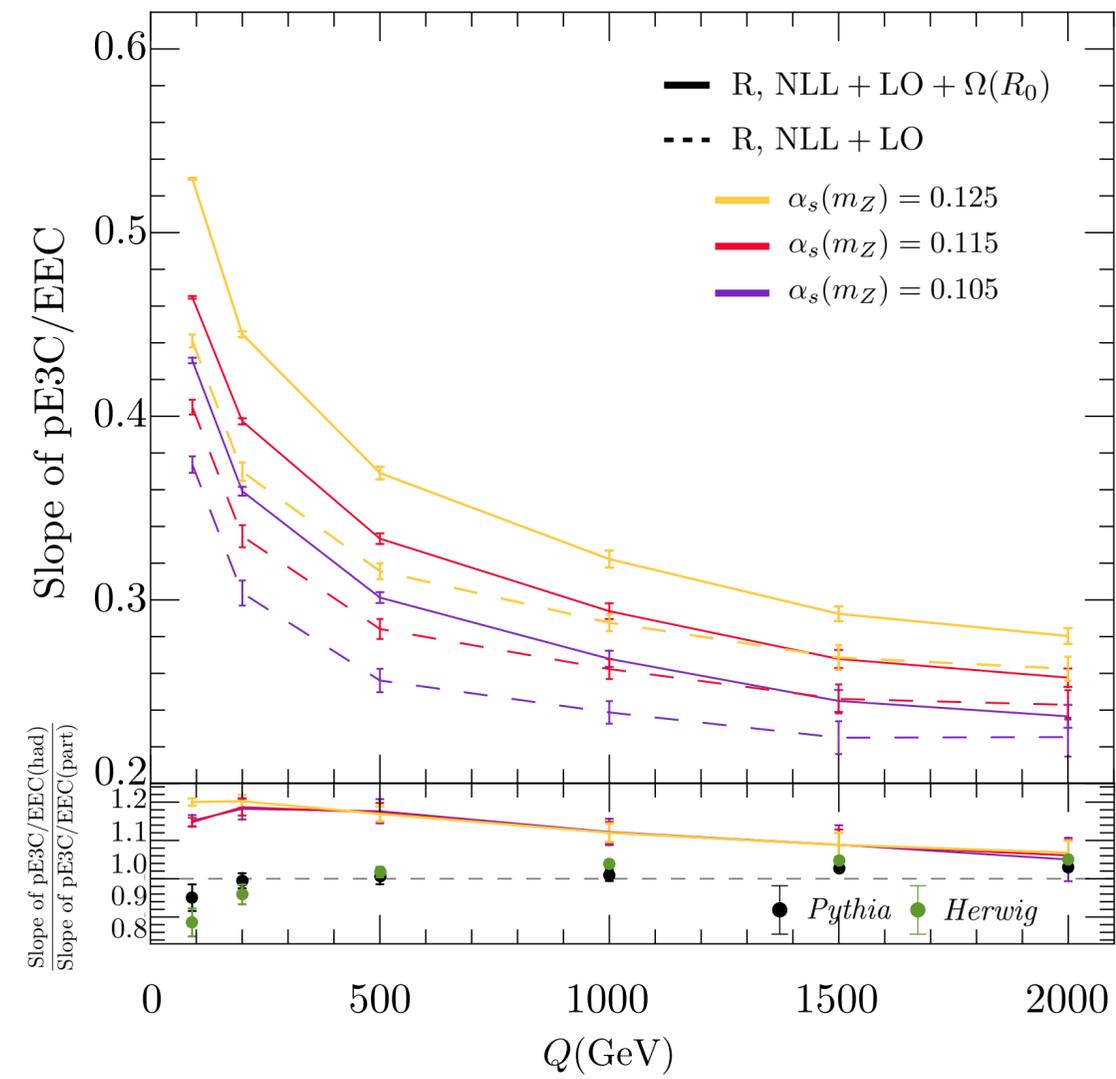
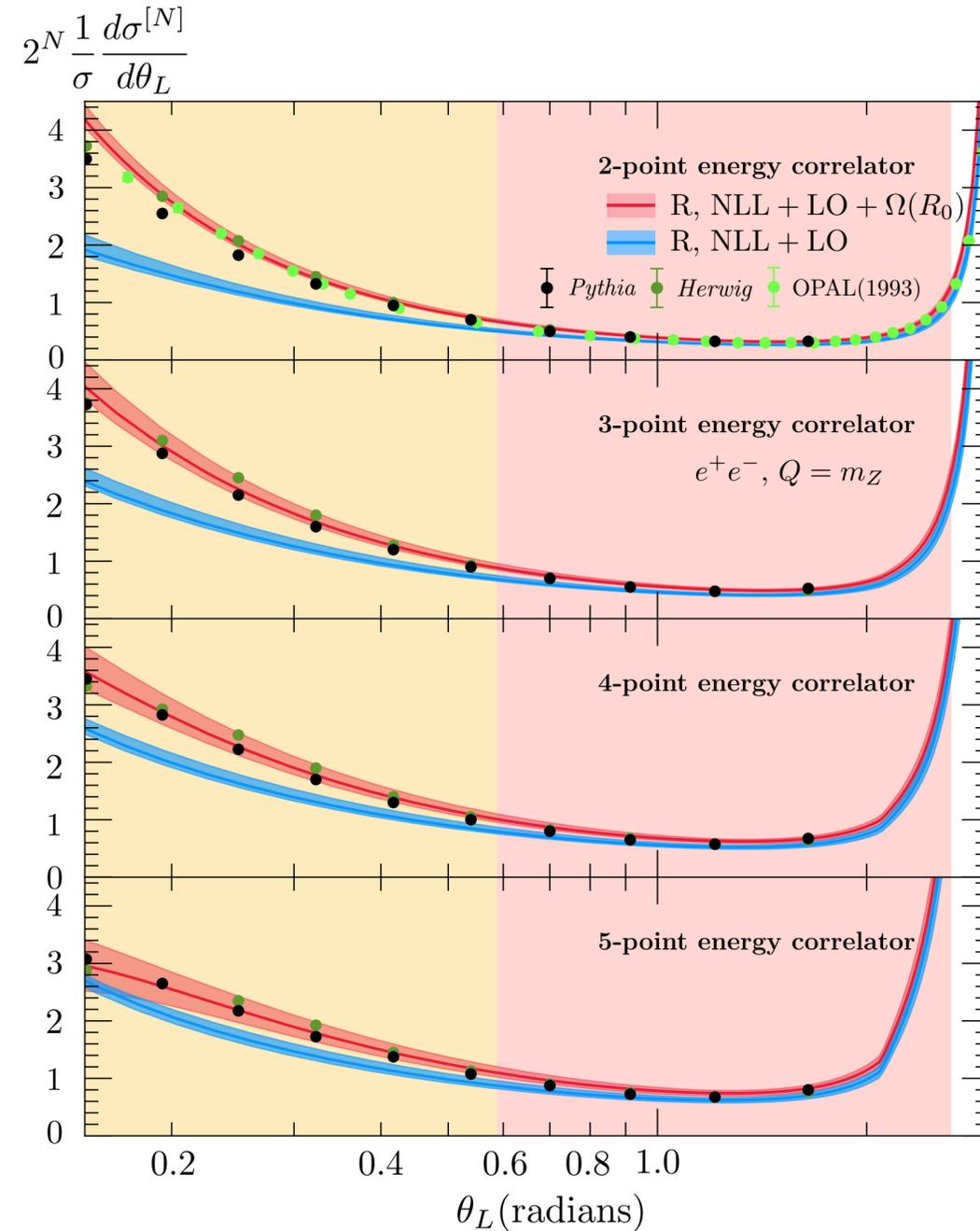
Schindler, Stewart, Sun '23  
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$e^+e^-$  in the collinear limit exhibits same universal behavior as hadron jets

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma^{[N]}}{dx_L} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{[N]}}{dx_L} + \frac{N}{2^N} \frac{\bar{\Omega}_{1q}}{Q(x_L(1-x_L))^{3/2}}$$

Universal Power Corrections



At  $Q=1000$ , 10% impact of power correction

# IMPROVING PERTURBATIVE ACCURACY

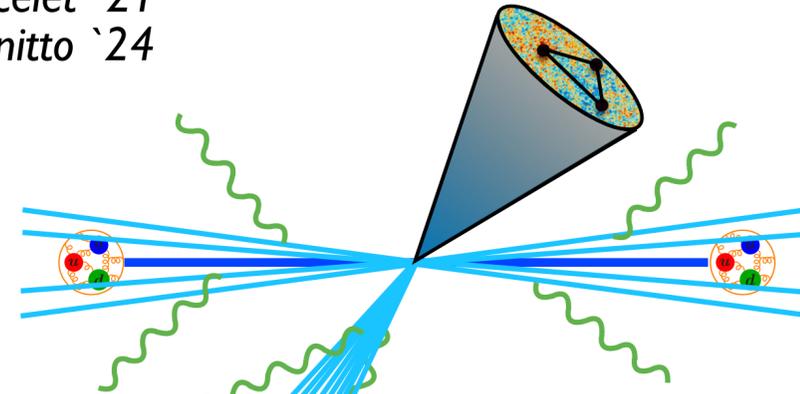
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$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_{J-1}) | \psi \rangle$$

Czakon, Generet, Mitov, Poncelet '21  
Bonino, Gehrmann, Stagnitto '24

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow \text{jet}(\mathbf{N}\text{-proj})X}}{dp_T d\eta d\theta_L} = \sum_{a,b,c} f_{a/A} \otimes f_{b/B} \otimes H_{ab}^c \otimes \mathcal{G}_c^{\mathbf{N}\text{-proj}}(\theta_L)$$

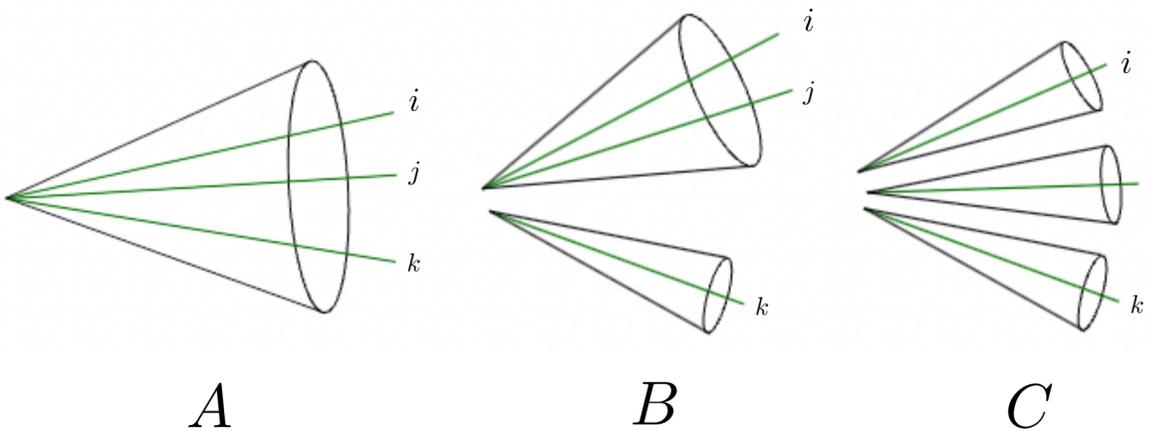
$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$       $p_T$       $p_T R$       $p_T \theta_L$



KL, Meçaj, Moutl '22  
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$$\mathcal{G}_c^{\mathbf{N}\text{-proj}}(z, R_L, p_T R, \mu) = \sum_j \int_0^1 dx x^N \mathcal{J}_{ij}(z, x, p_T R, \mu) \underbrace{J_{\text{EEC}}^{\mathbf{N}\text{-proj}}(R_L, x, \mu)}$$

Encodes complicated jet clustering algorithm details

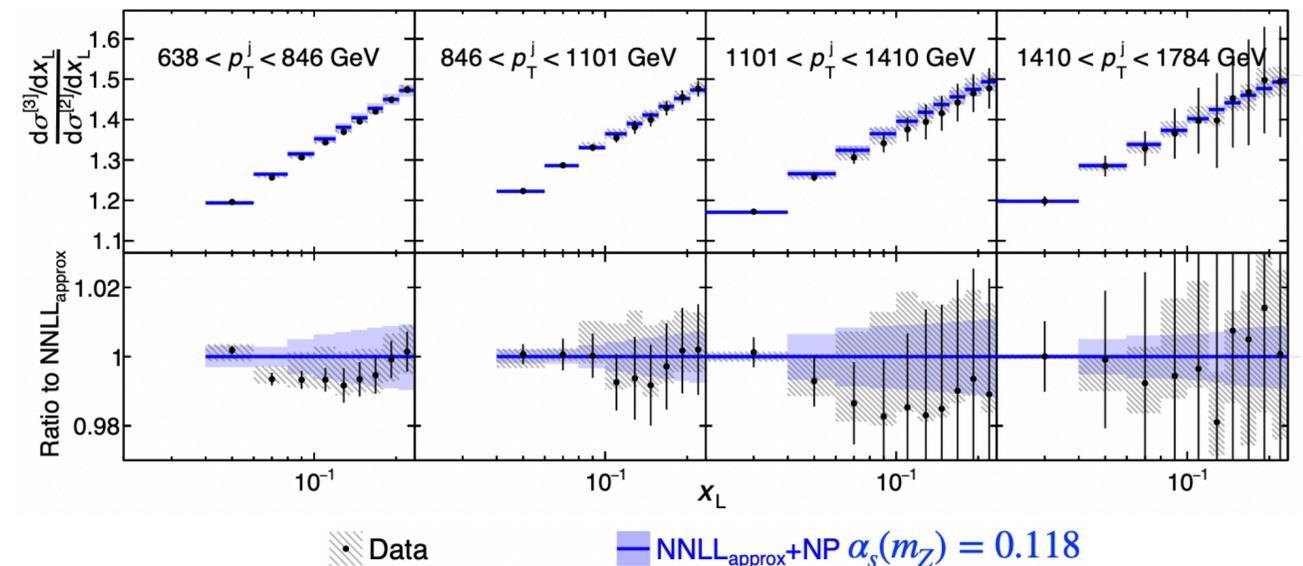


$\tilde{s}_{ik}$  = angle between  $i$  and  $k$

$z_i$  = momentum fraction of  $i$



➤ **Unprecedented precision calculation of jet substructure on the horizon!**



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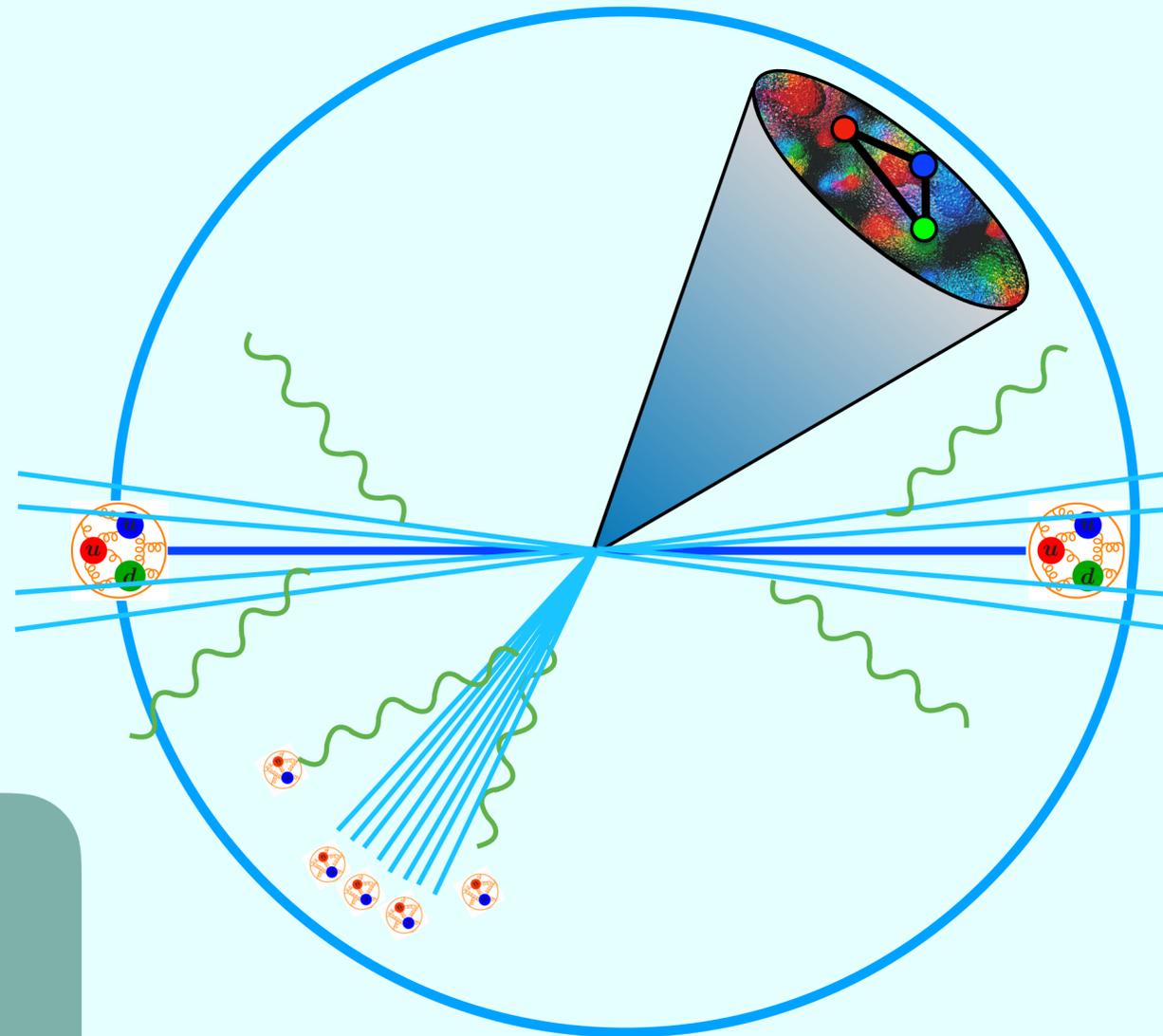
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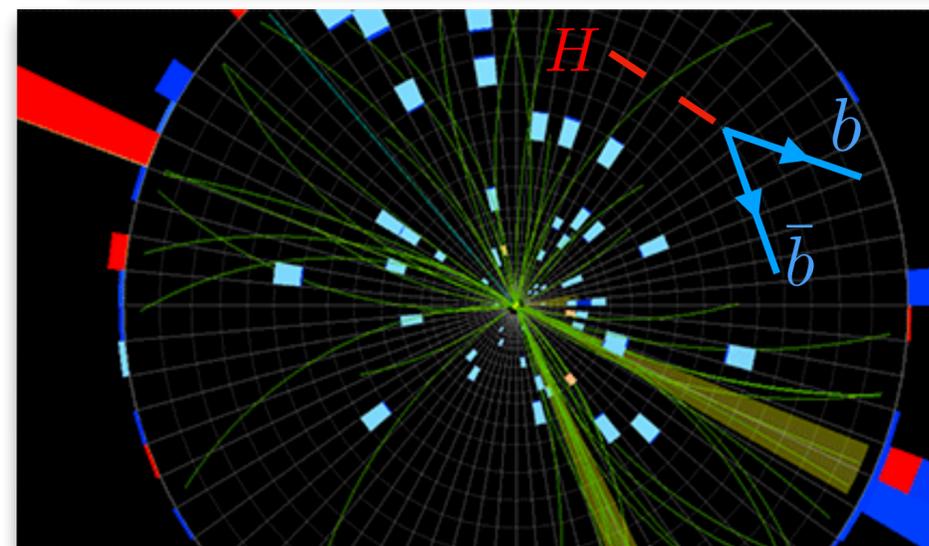
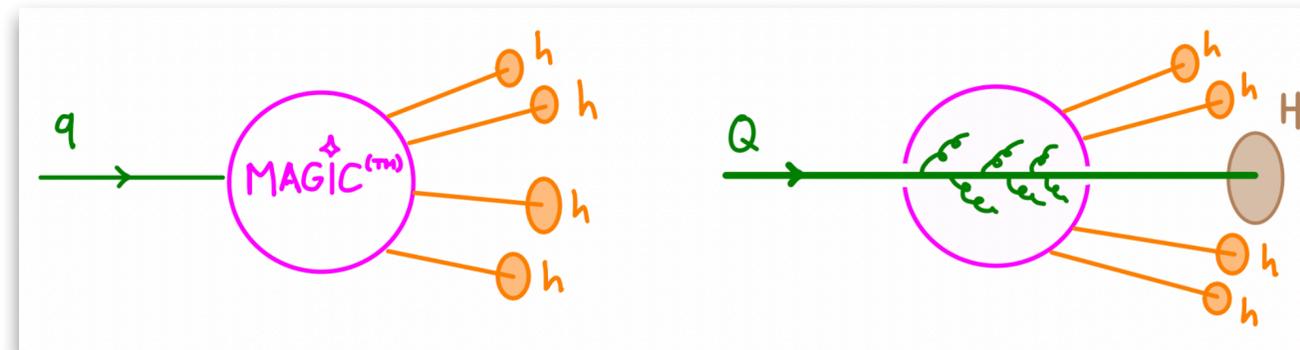
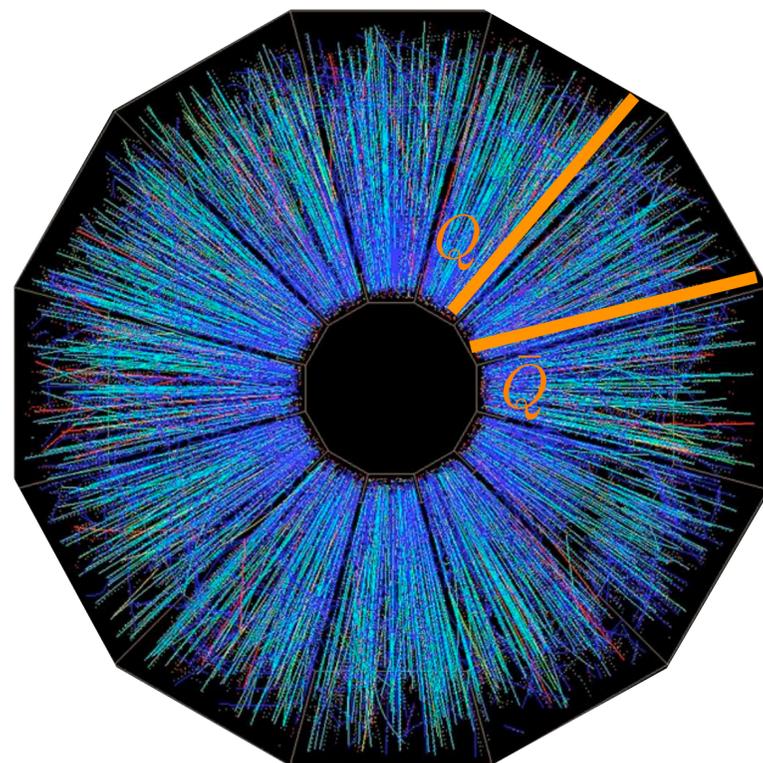


# UNRAVELING HEAVY FLAVOR DYNAMICS

Tune into Evan's talk!

See also Bianka's talk from last week!

- **Heavy quark dynamics** are important for understanding **medium, hadronization, Higgs, BSM searches, flavor tagging, gluon structure, etc.**



**Run 3** and **sPHENIX** will give us a lot more access to **heavy quarks with precise data!**

- Heavy quark introduces **new mass scale**  $m_Q$
- **Jet substructure** allows us to precisely probe the dynamics from this new **heavy quark scale**

# QUARK GLUON SCALING AND HADRONIZATION

- Energy correlators allow the **hadronization process to be directly imaged** inside high energy jets: **transition from interacting quarks and gluons to free hadrons is clearly visible!**

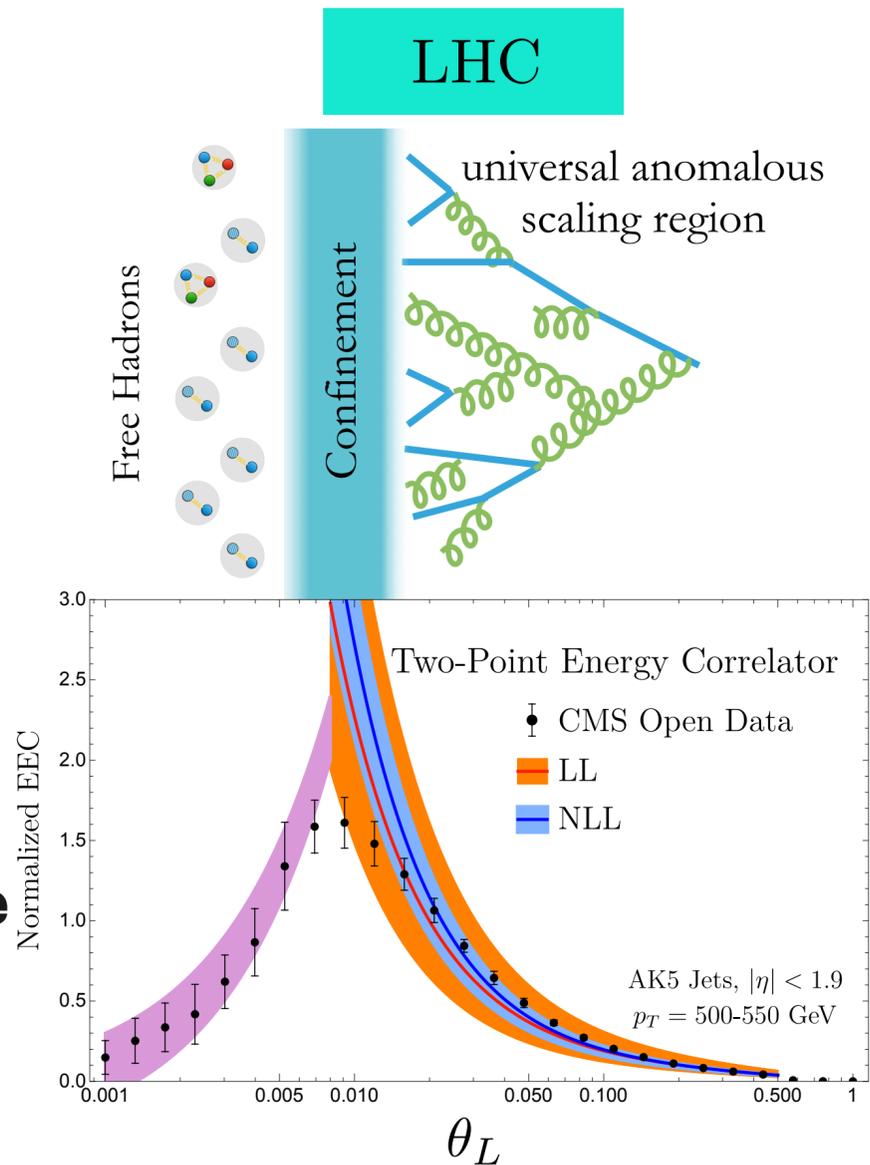
Free hadrons

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta^2} = \text{const}$$

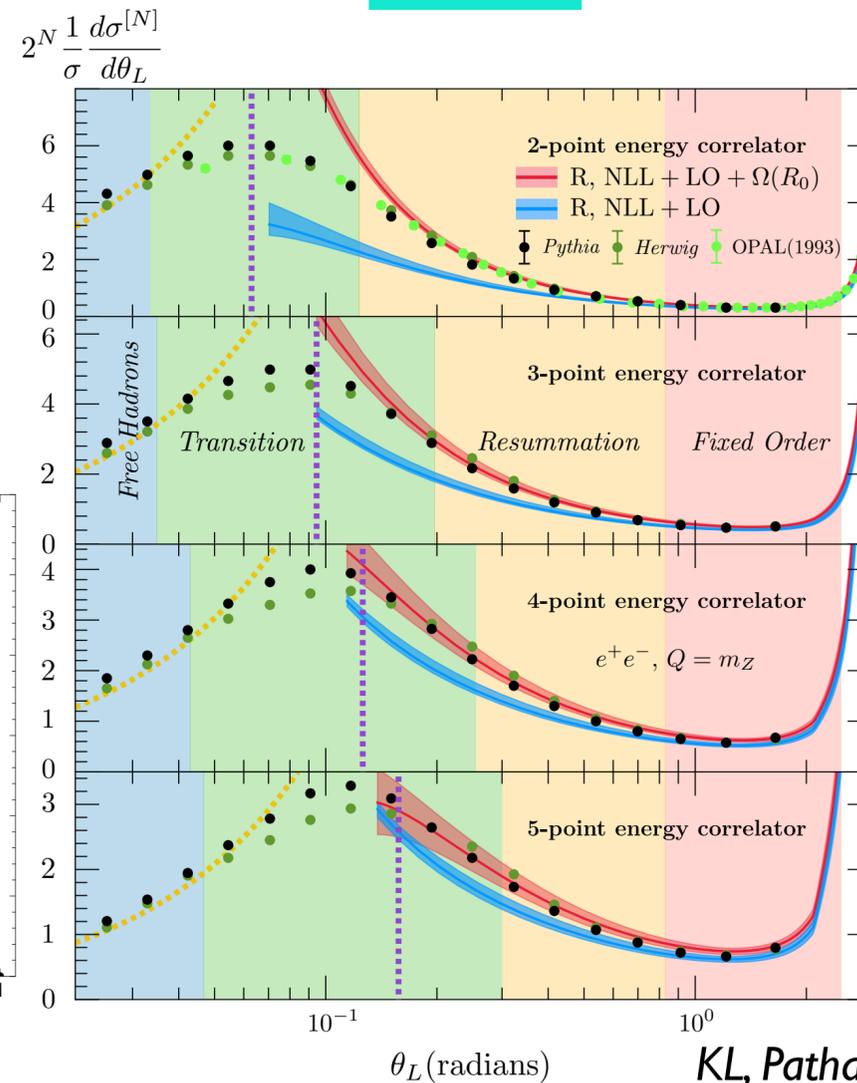
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta} = \text{const} \times 2\theta$$

EEC gives angular scale

$$\mu \sim p_T \theta_{ij}$$



$e^+e^-$



Interacting quarks and gluons

$$\mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_2) \sim \sum \theta^{\gamma(3)-2} \mathbb{O}_i(\hat{n}_1)$$

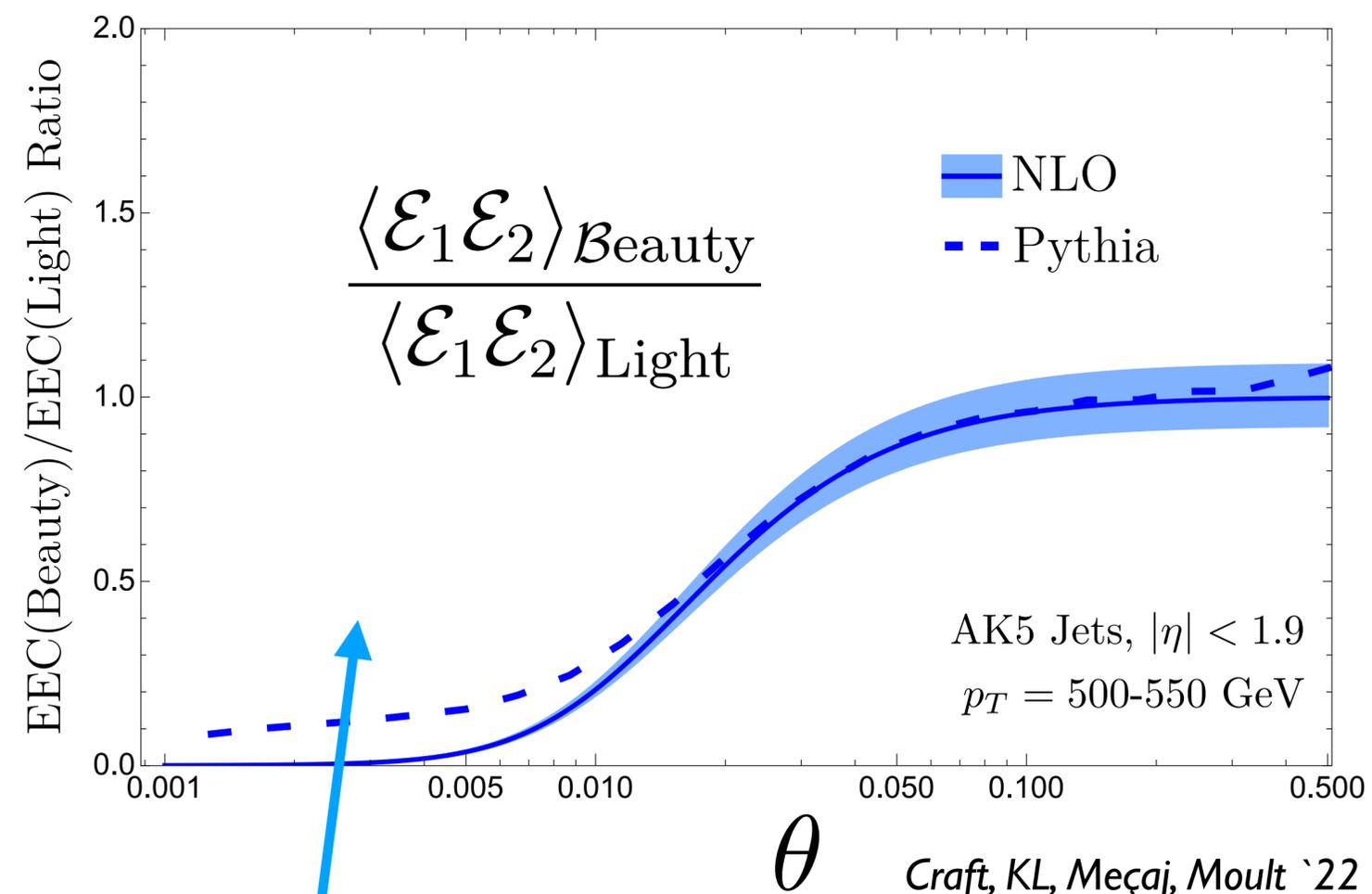
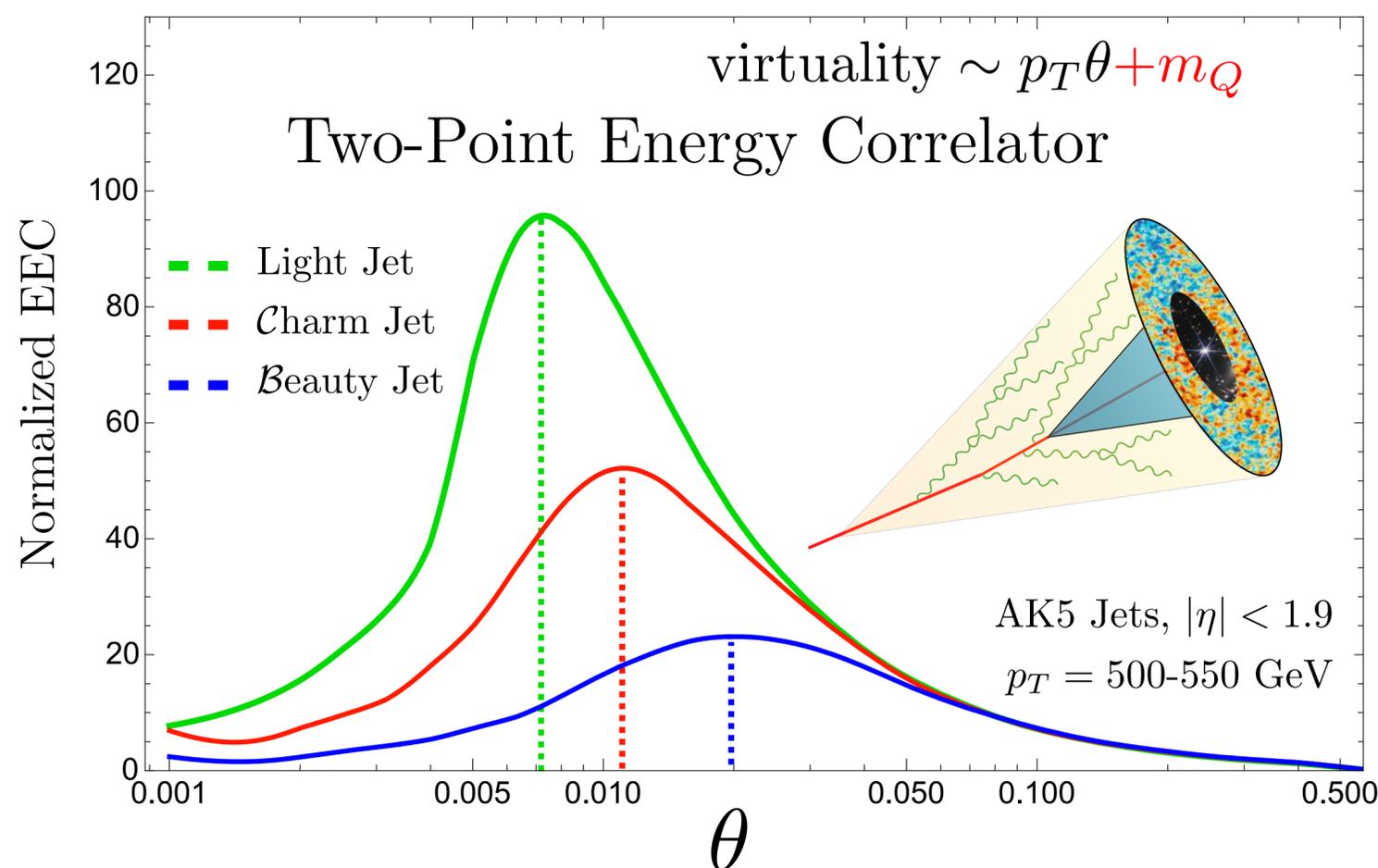
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# IDENTIFYING THE INTRINSIC HEAVY QUARK SCALE

- **Two-point correlators** capture the effects of intrinsic mass, displaying earlier formation of heavy bound states due to their mass



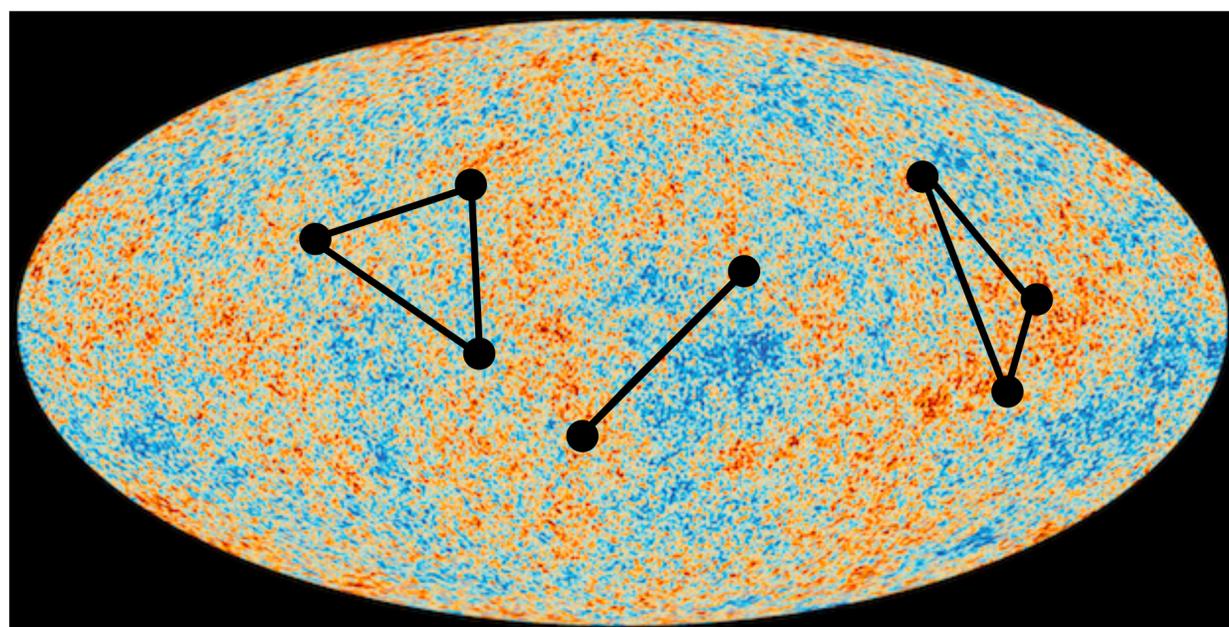
- Ratio of the **two-point correlators** clearly shows the **dead-cone region** around  $\theta \lesssim \frac{m_Q}{E}$

# HIGHER POINT CORRELATORS

- **Higher-point correlators** probe more detailed aspects of interactions

Craft, Gonzalez, KL, Meçaj, Moutl `23

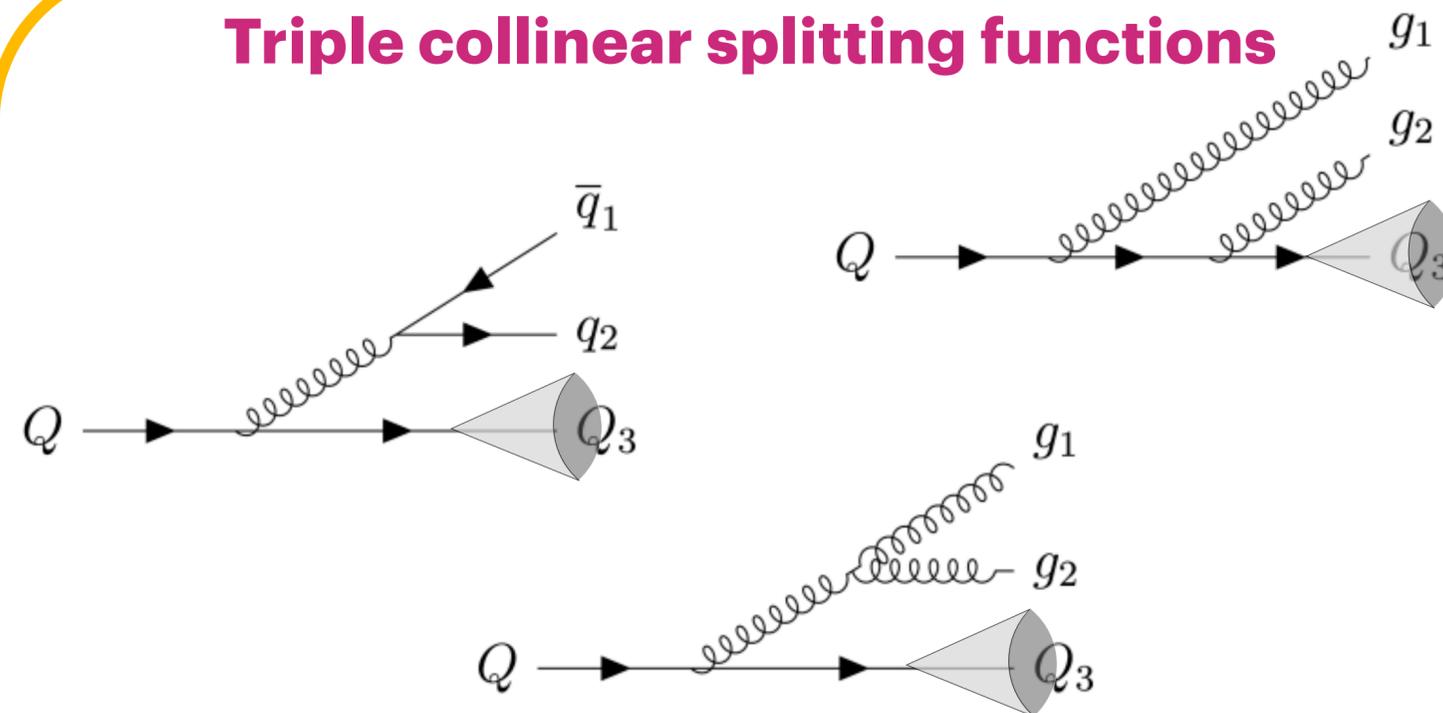
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Cabass, Pajer, Stefanyszyn, Supel `21,...

- Cosmologists are hunting for **non-gaussianities** (genuine **3-pt correlation**) in CMB to distinguish **models of inflation**

## Triple collinear splitting functions



⇒ **Can now compute 3-point correlations!**

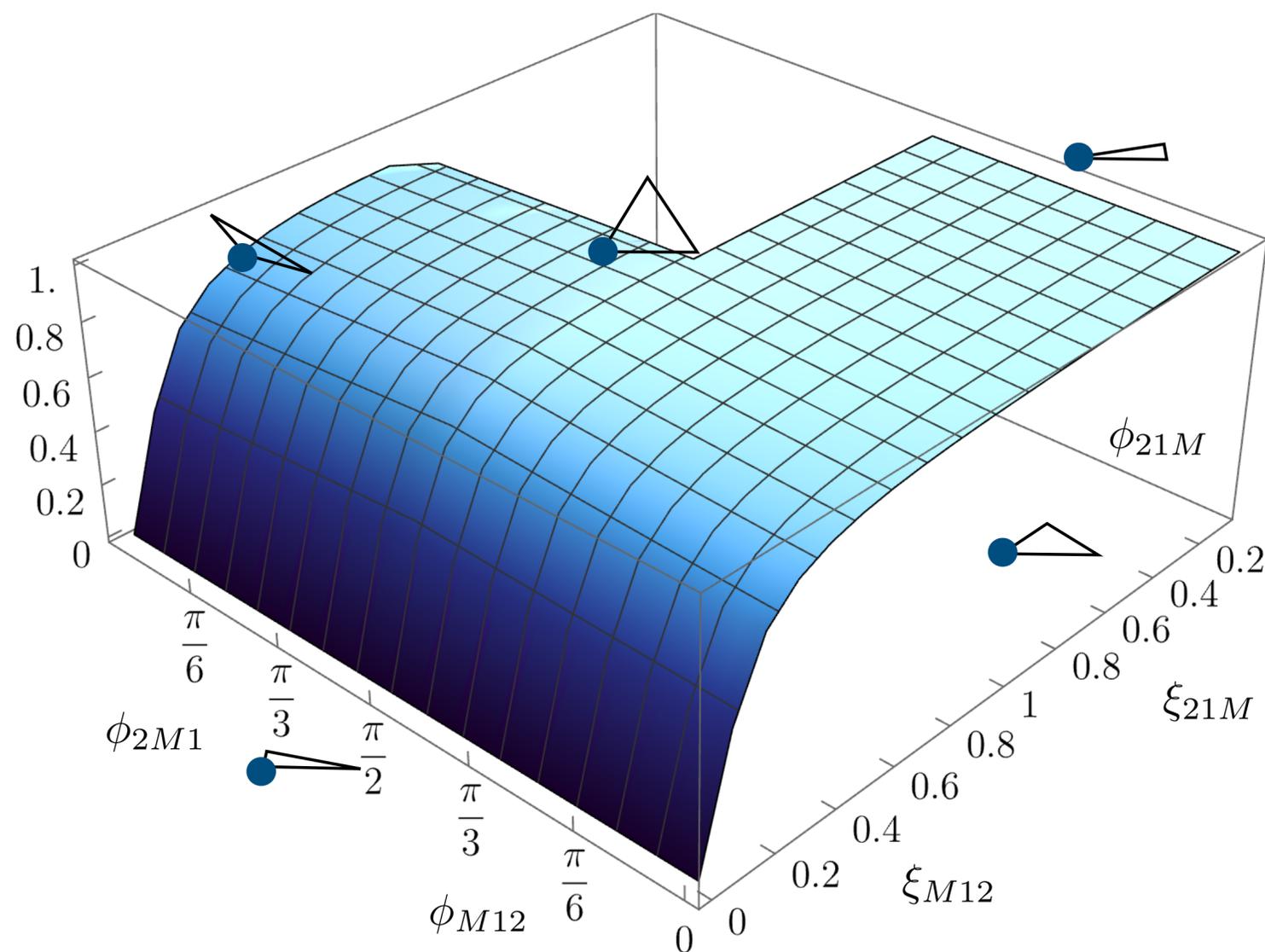
- I have computed the first necessary **analytical ingredients** for **3-pt correlations** within heavy jets!

# PROBING THE DYNAMICS OF THE DEAD-CONE

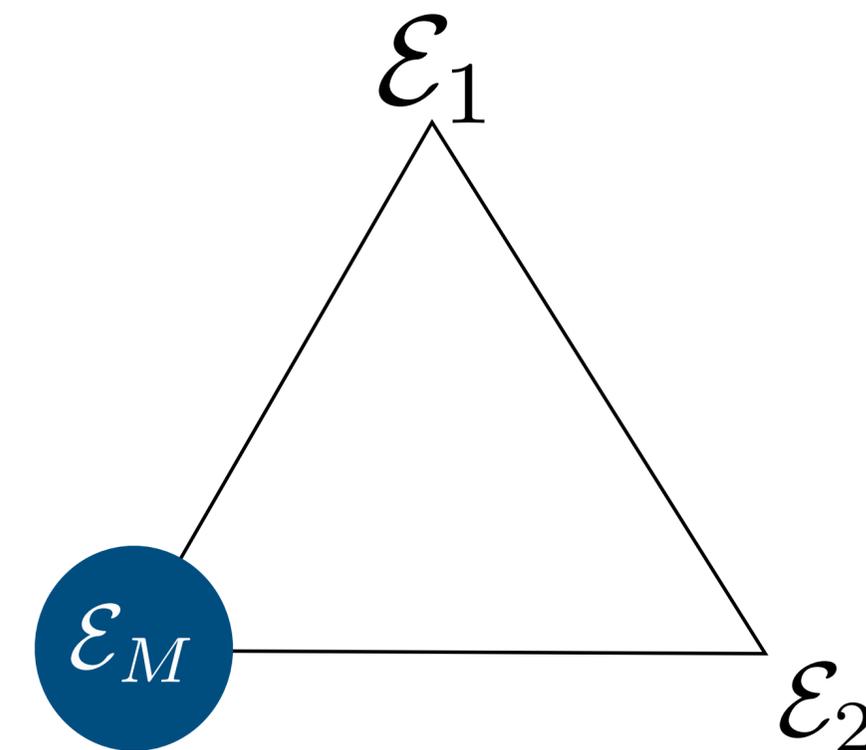
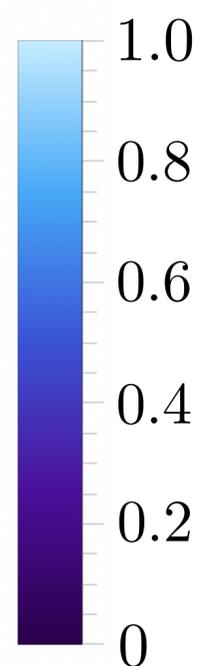
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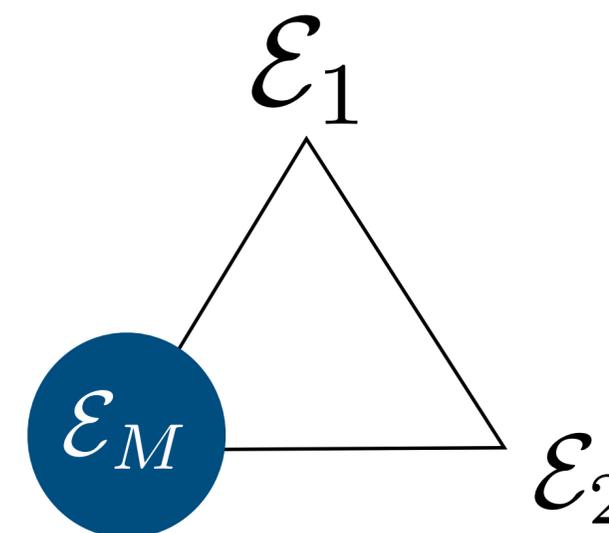
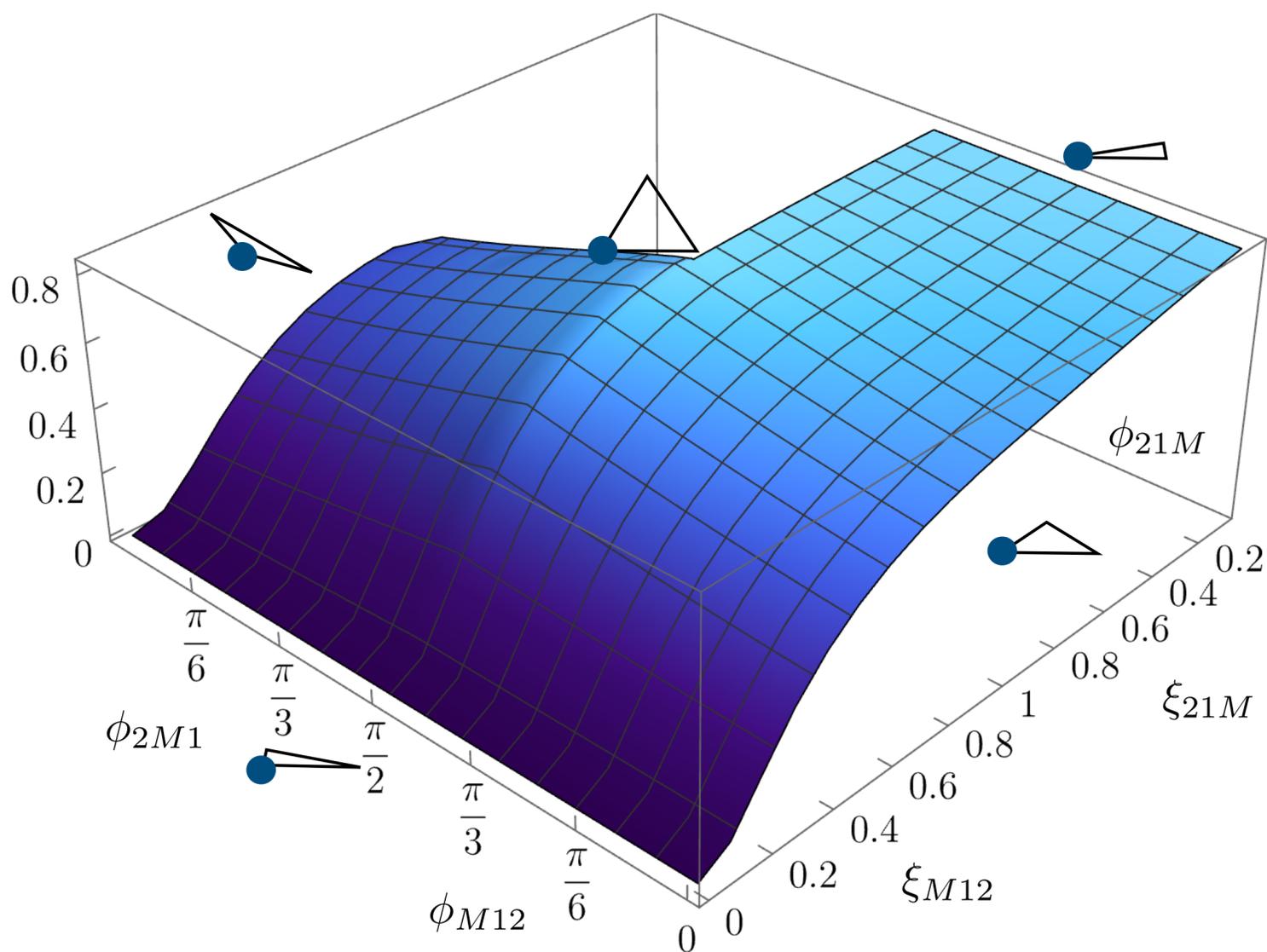
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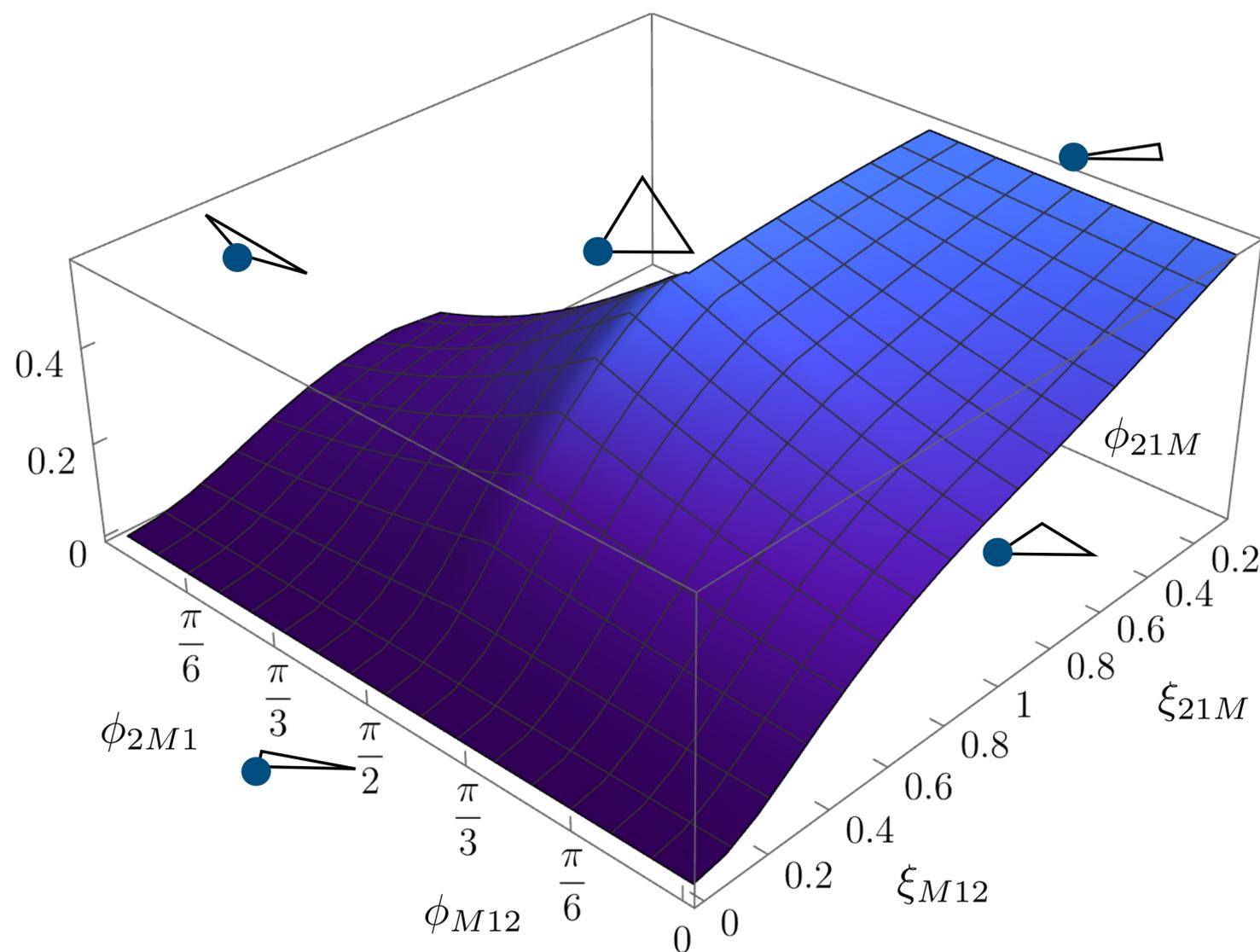
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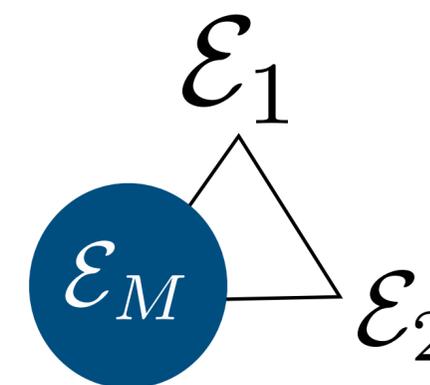
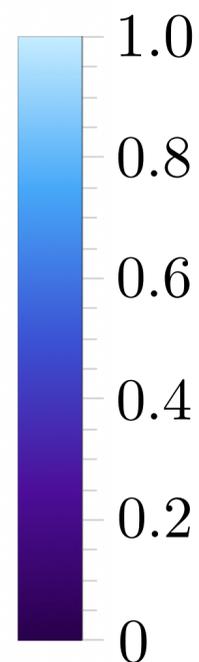
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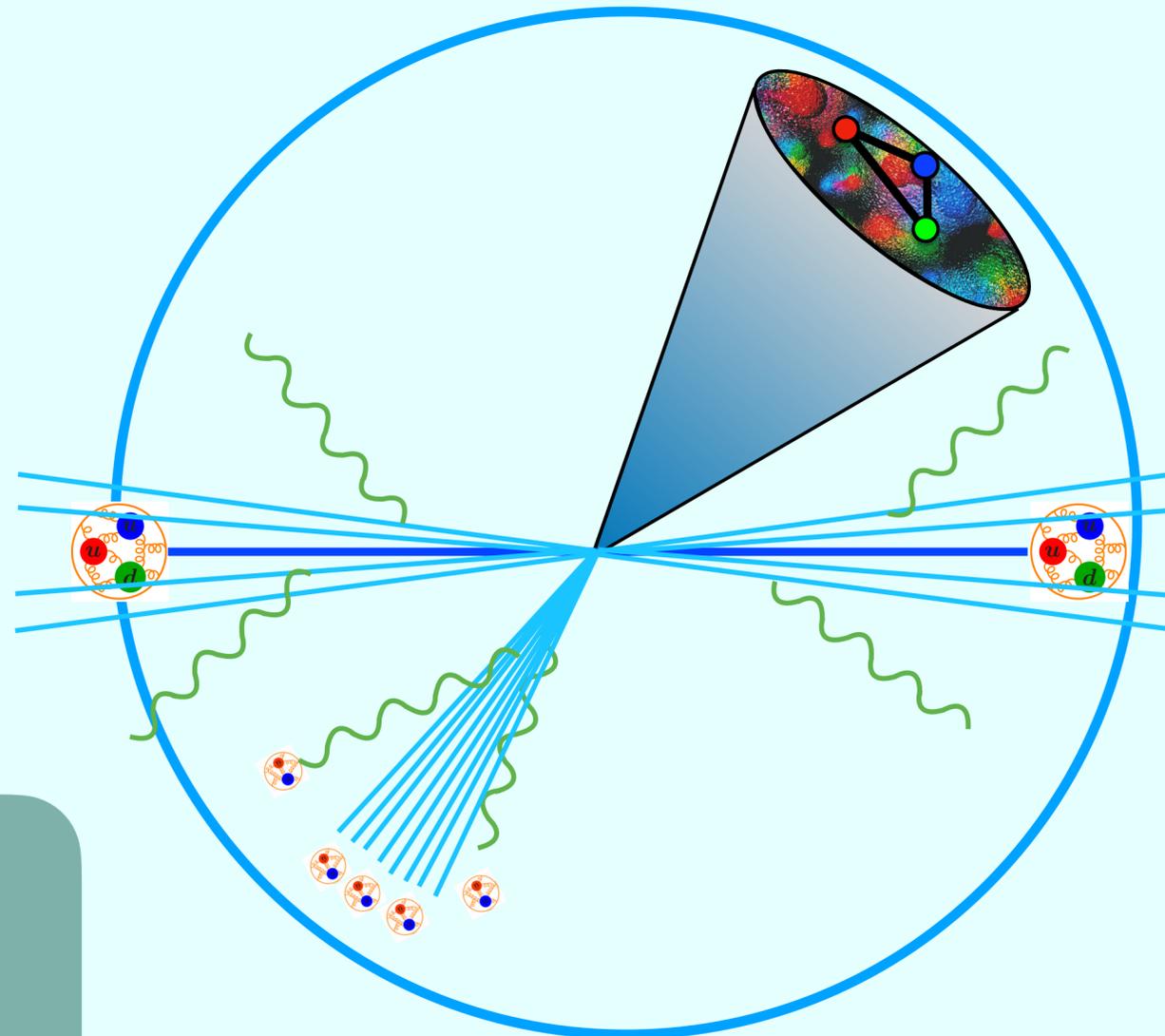
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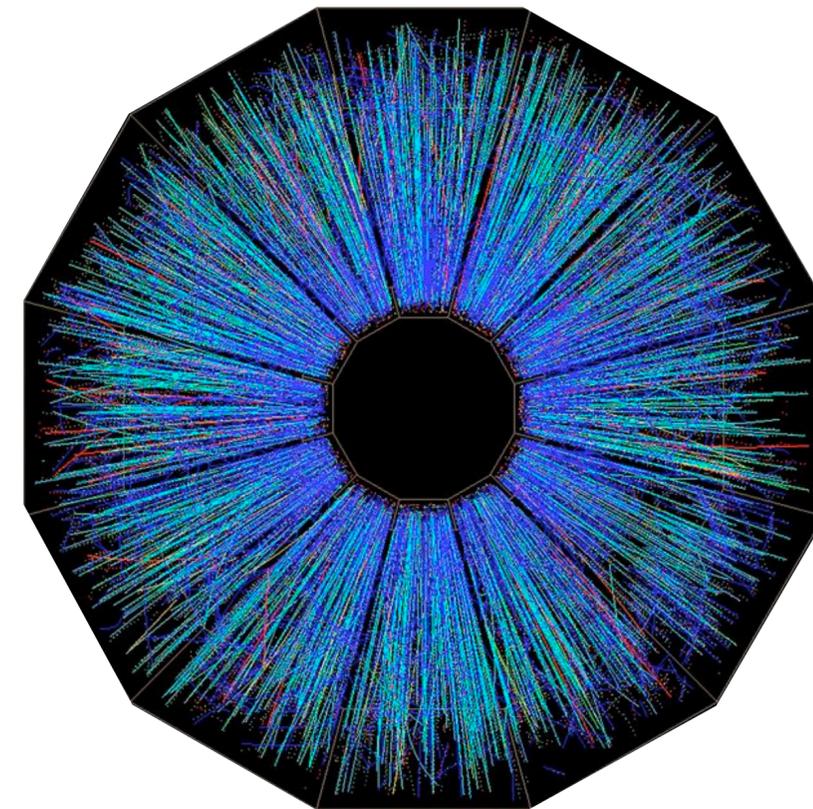
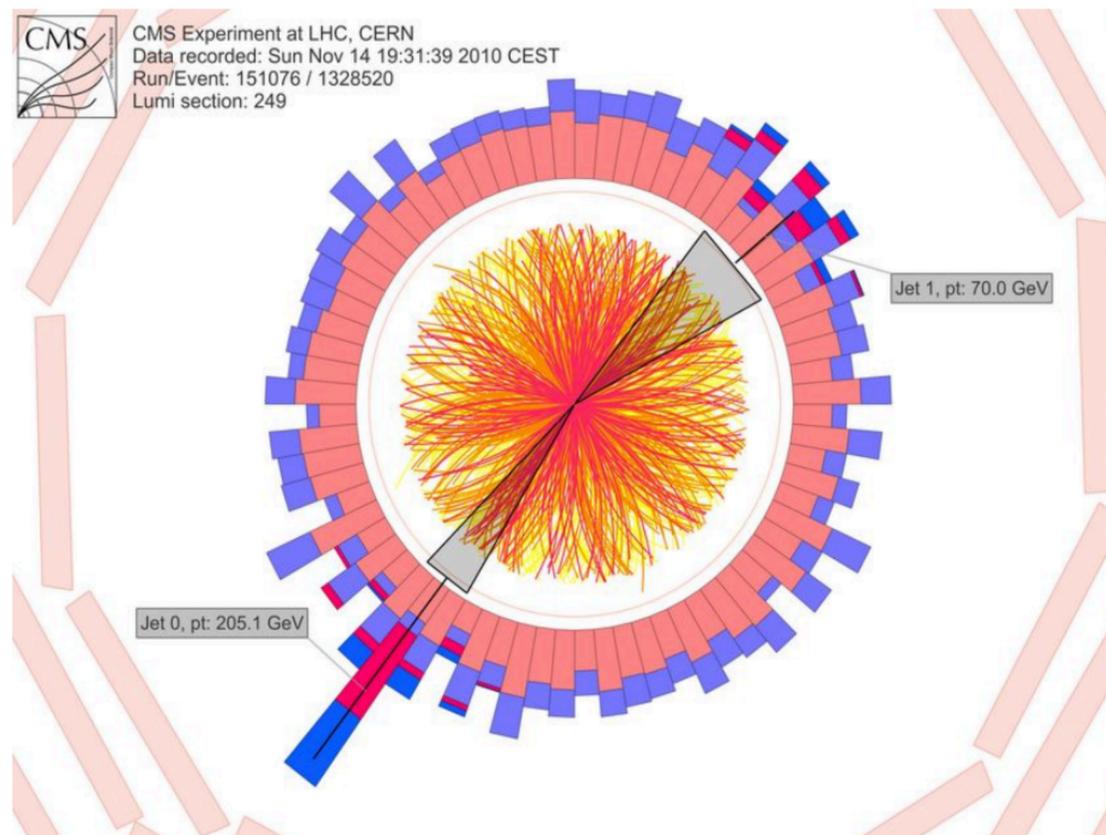
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# CREATING BIG BANG MATTER ON EARTH

- **Can we use asymptotic correlations to understand the complicated microscopic dynamics of the state created by Heavy Ion Collisions at the LHC?**

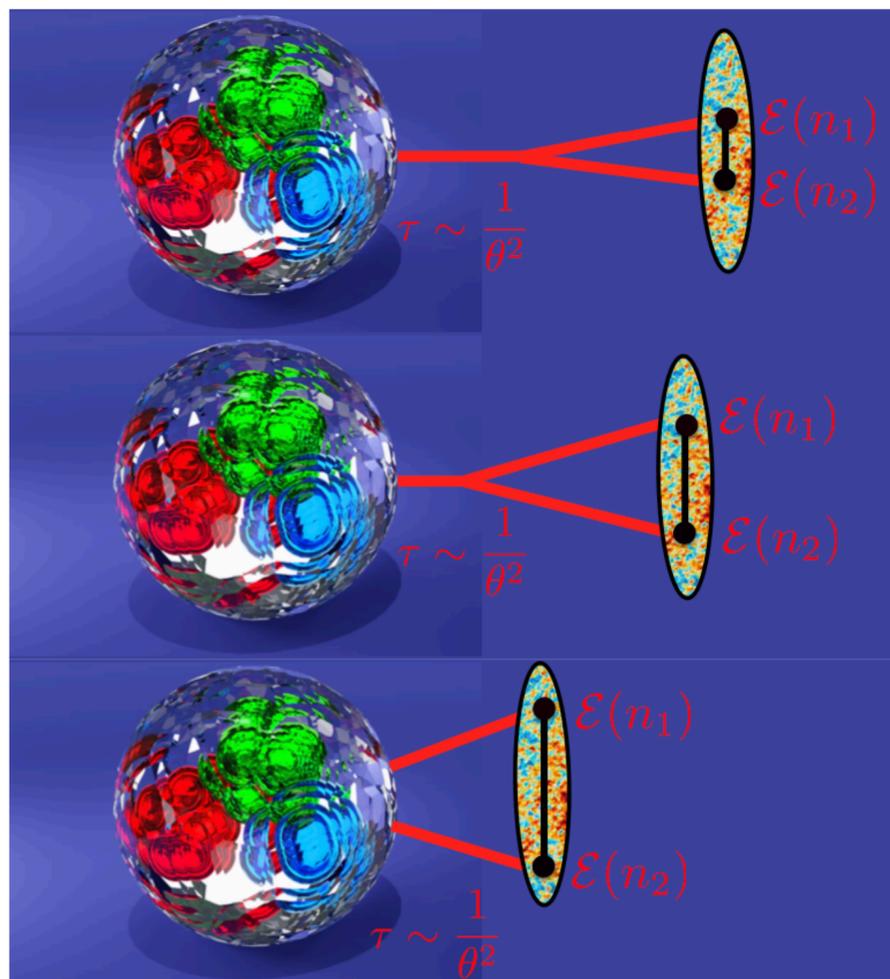
See many great talks from week 1!



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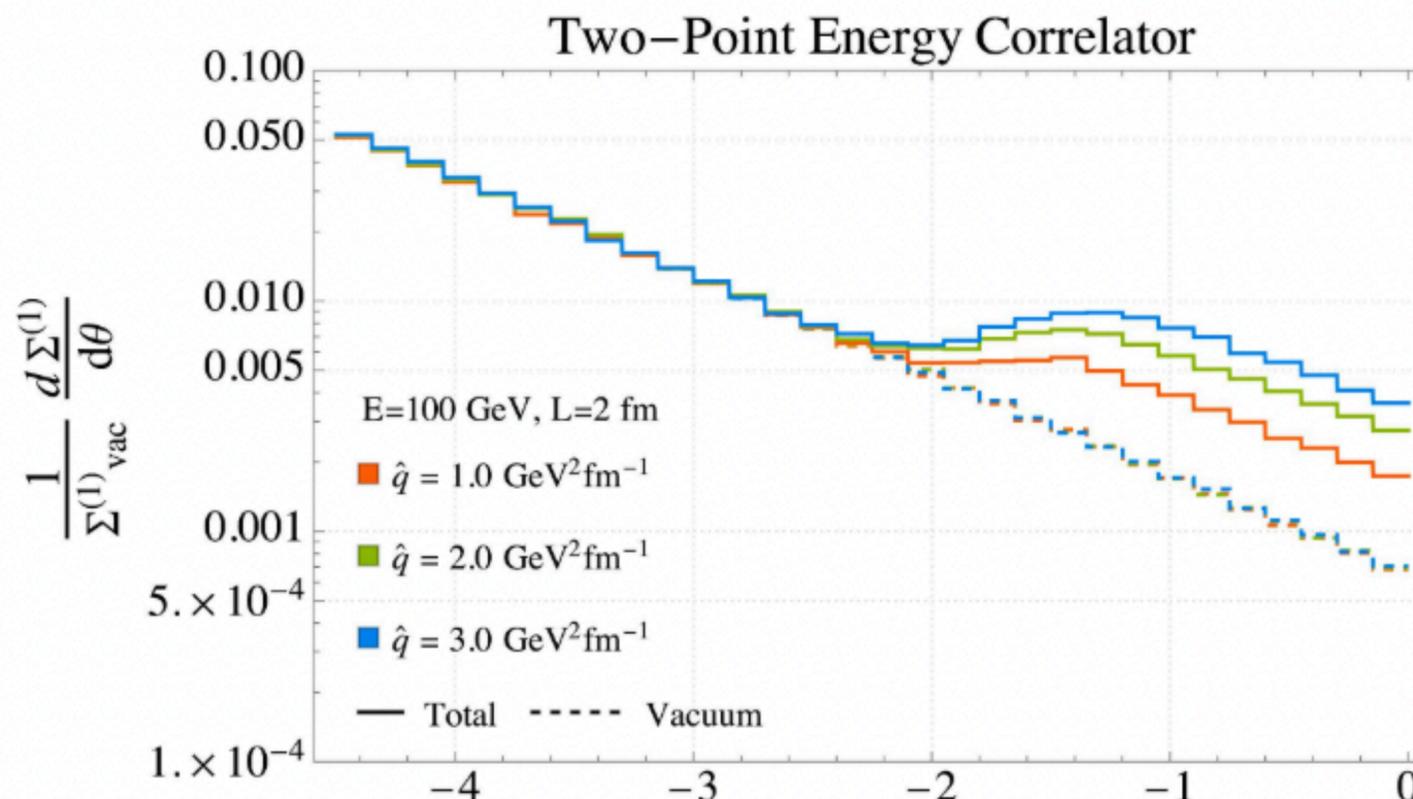
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Resolving the Scales of the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Energy Correlators

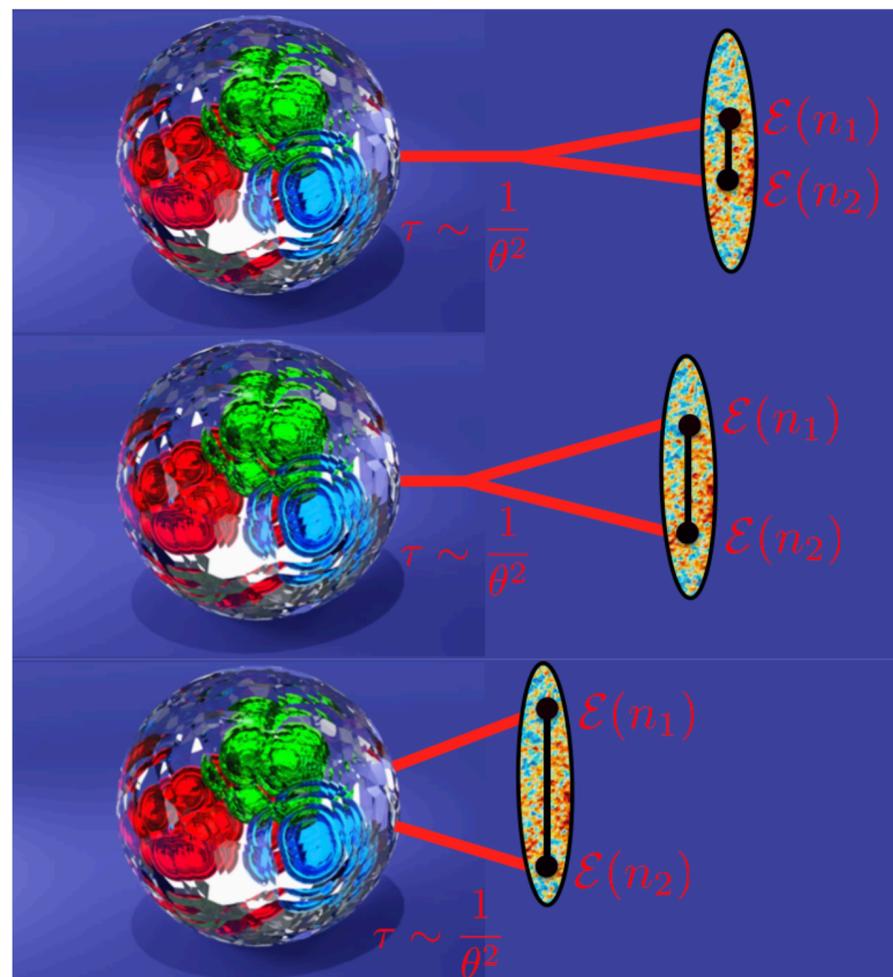
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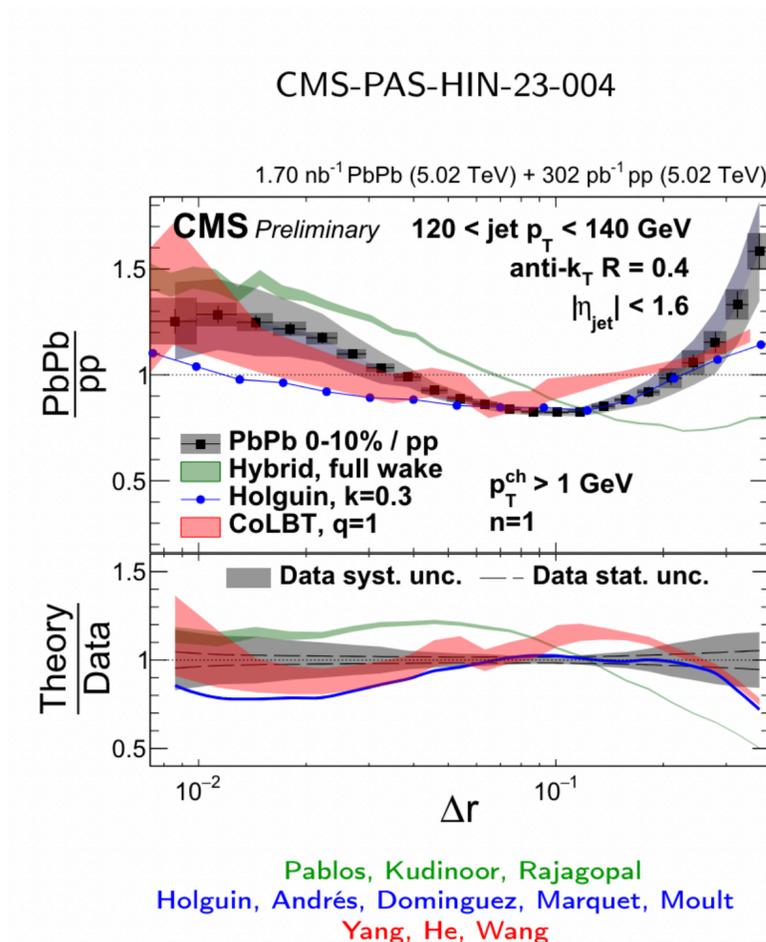
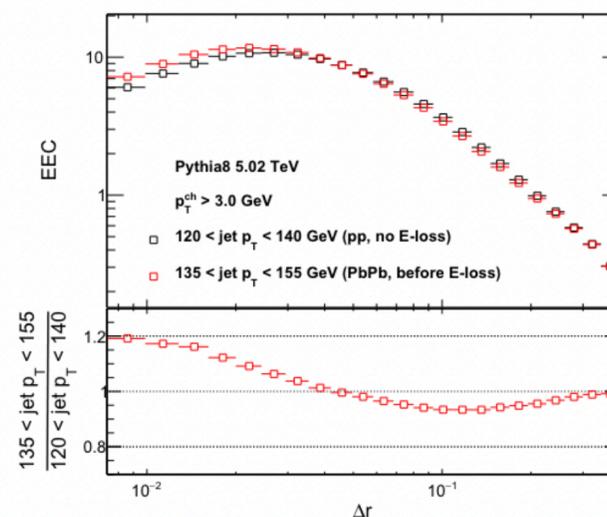
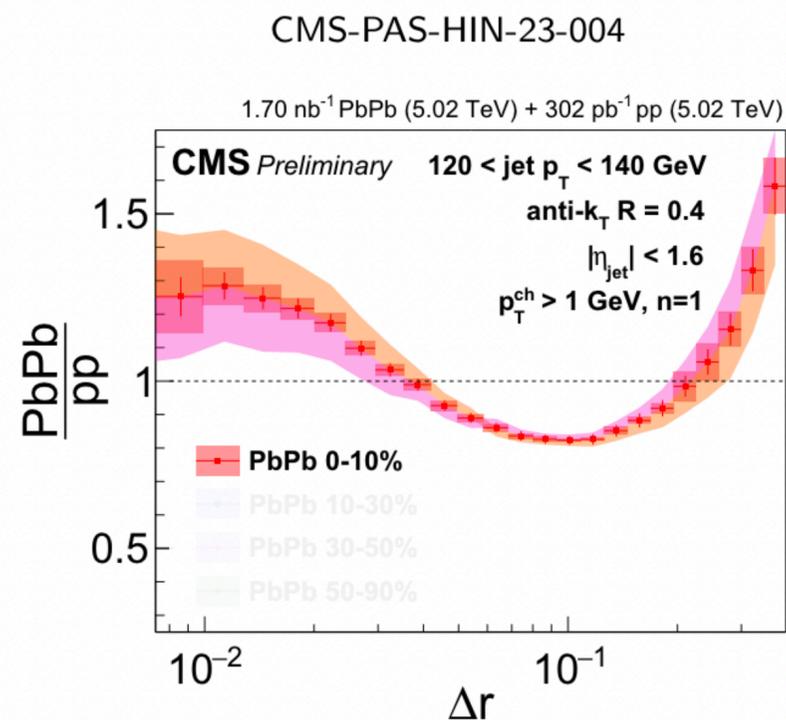
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• **Pioneering work on energy correlators for heavy-ion collisions generating much excitement and progress!**

# ...AND DATA!

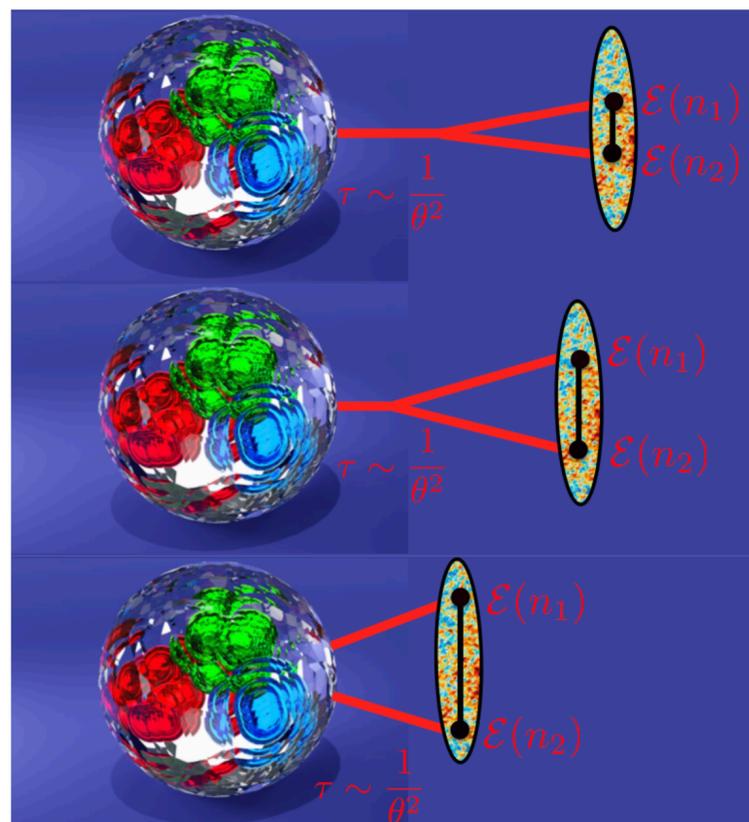
## PbPb to pp ratio, centrality evolution



- **Week 1 featured the very exciting first public reveal of the experimental data, which showed clear signs of the medium angular scale being resolved!**

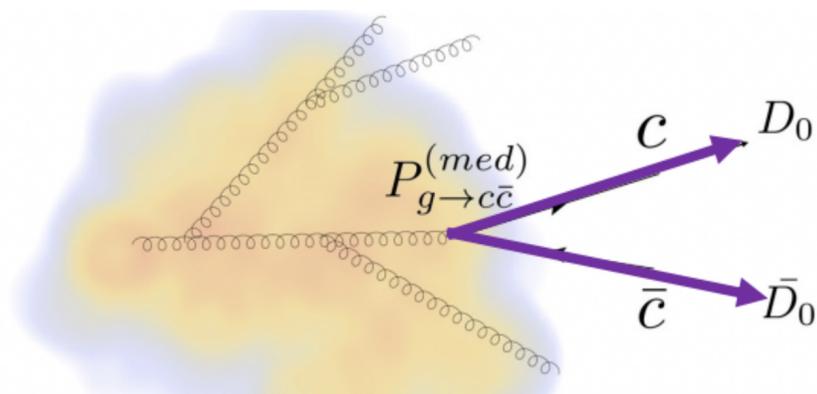
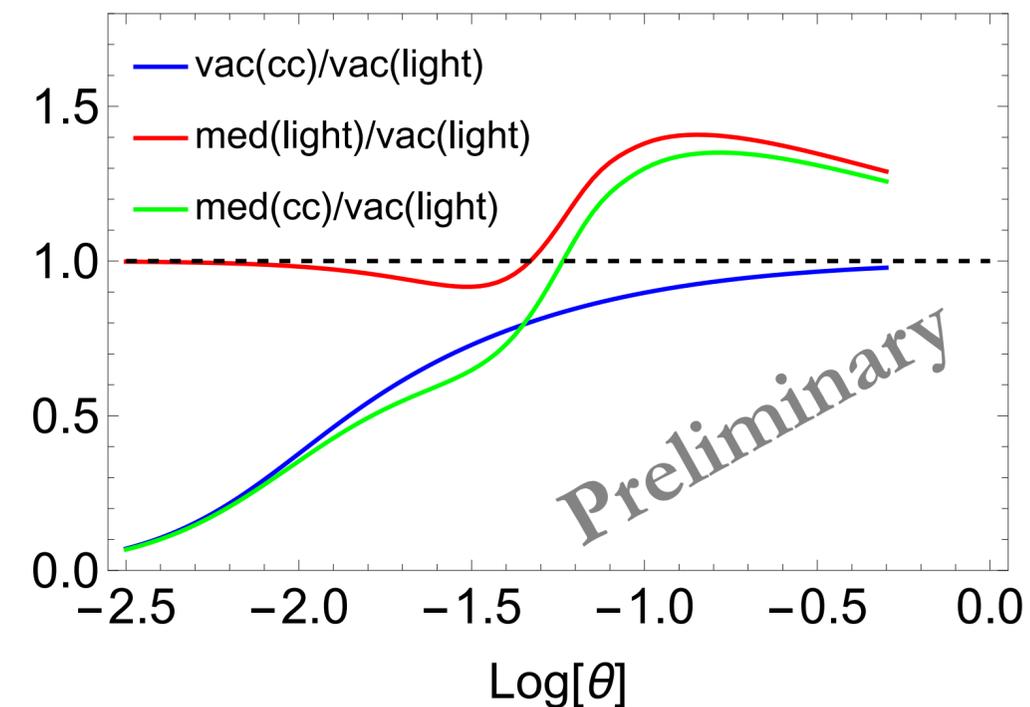
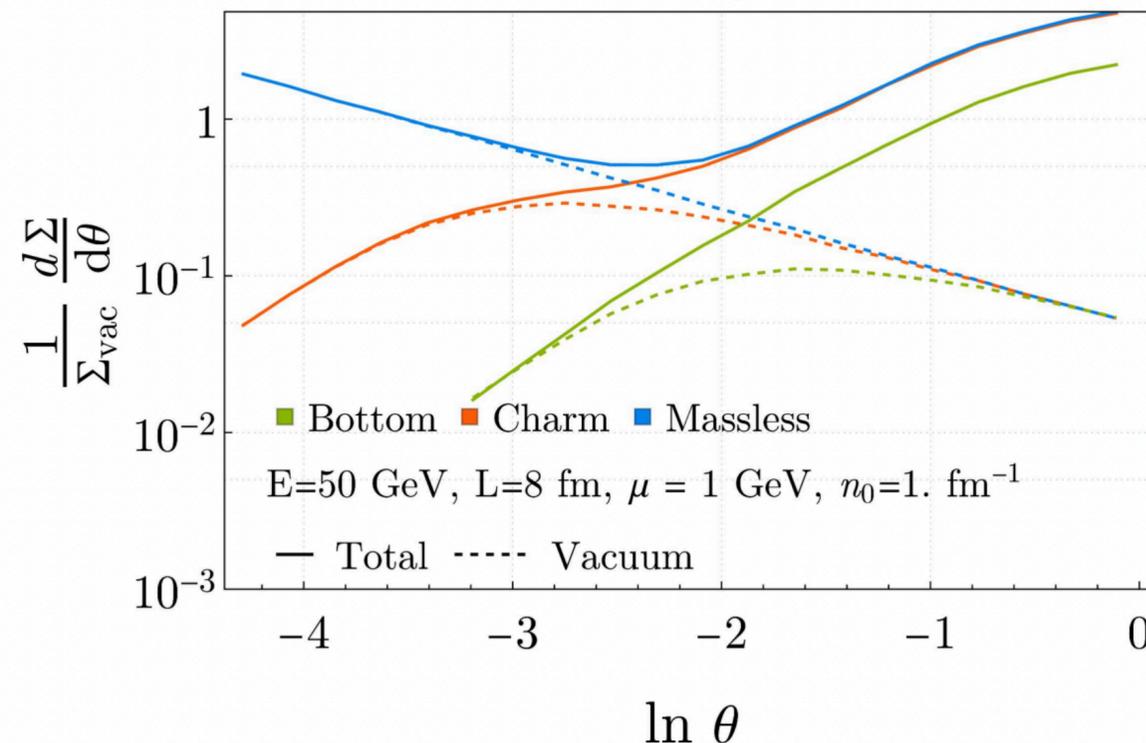
# RESOLVING THE QGP USING ENERGY CORRELATORS

EEC gives angular scale  $\mu \sim p_T \theta_{ij}$



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Two-Point Correlator



Andres, Dominguez, Holguin, Marquet, Moutl '23

Brewer, KL 'In Progress

- Heavy quarks are effective probe of the medium.
- Nontrivial interaction between intrinsic mass and medium effects!

# Overview

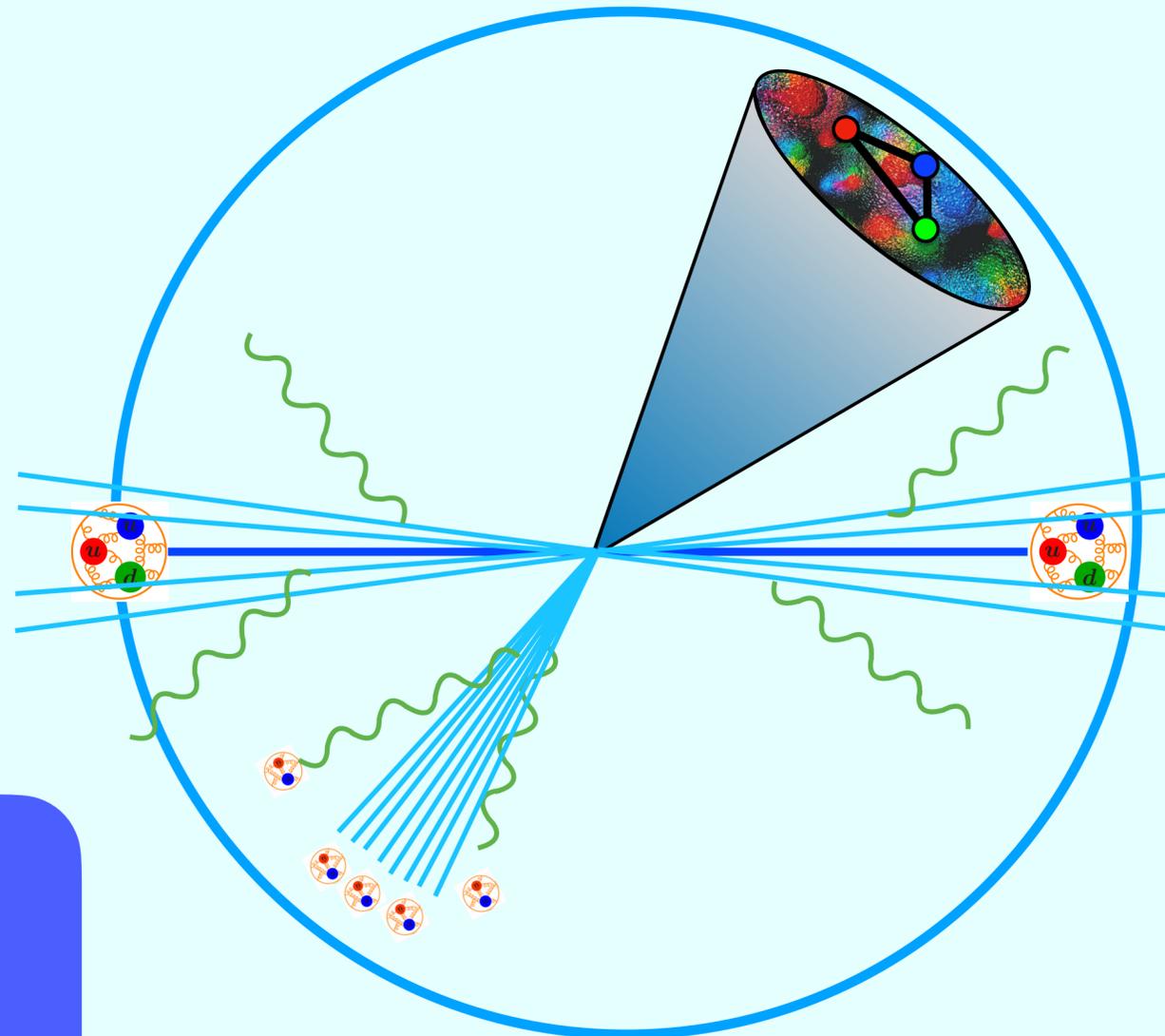
II. Precision QCD

I. Universal Scaling

III. Heavy Flavor Physics

V. Hadronization

IV. Medium Dynamics



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Tune into Mark's talk!

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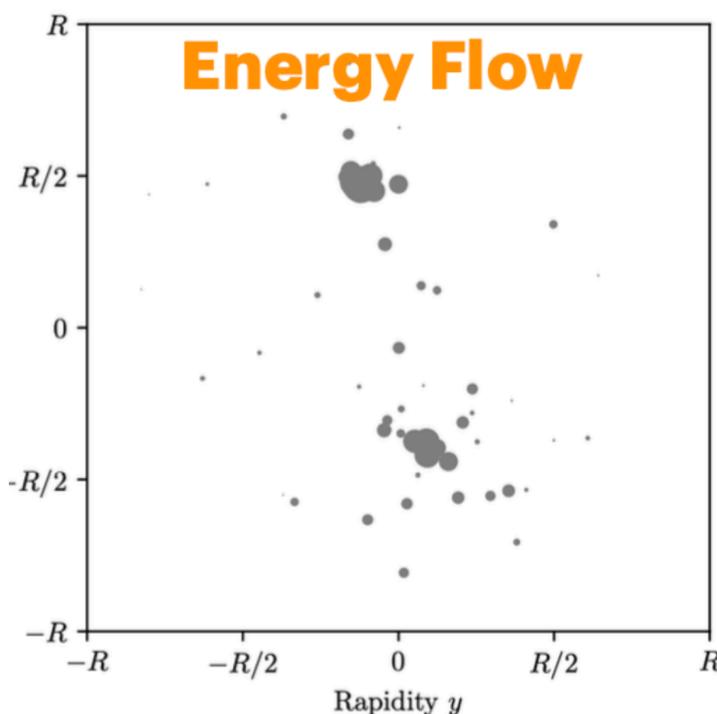
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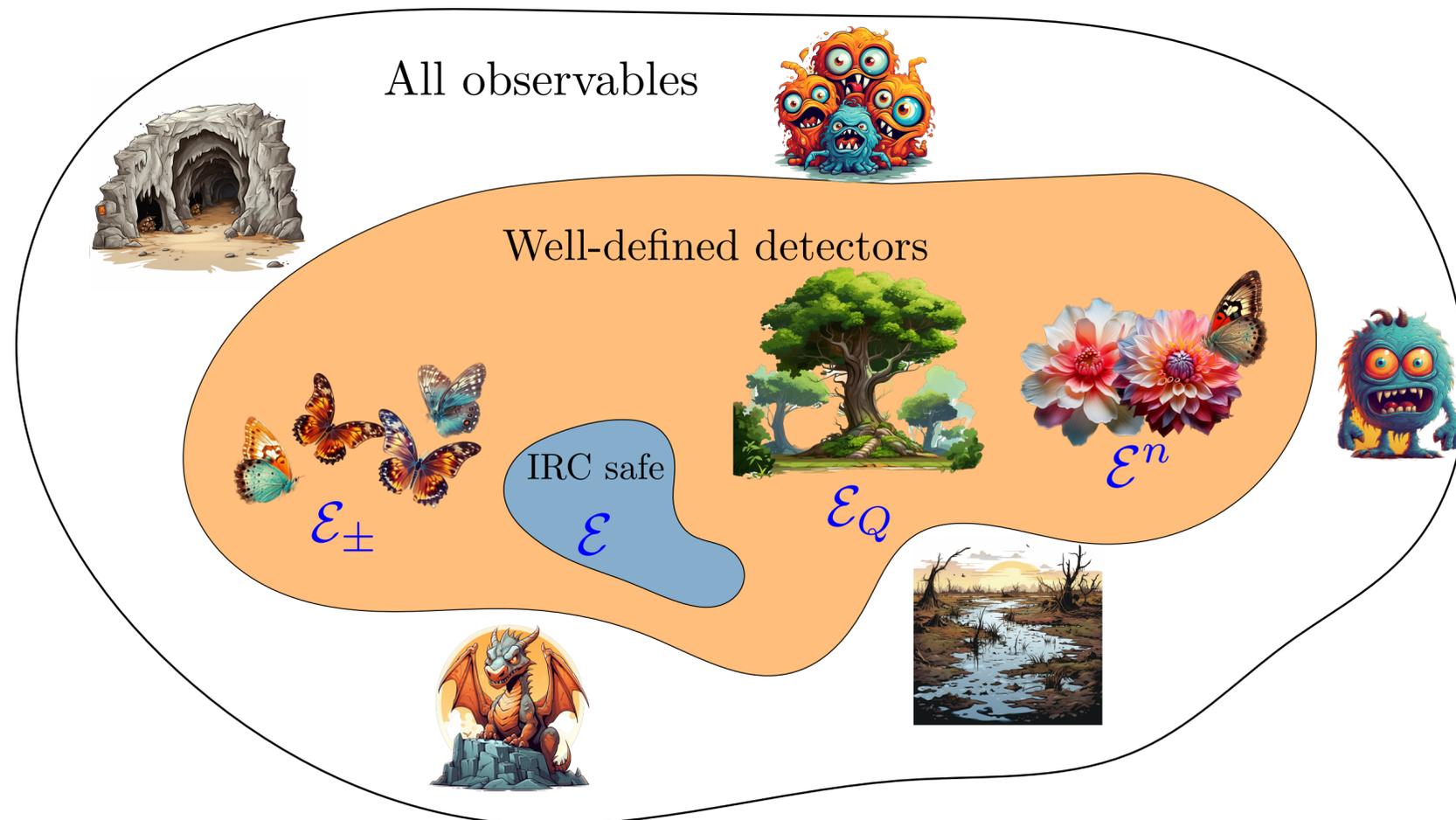
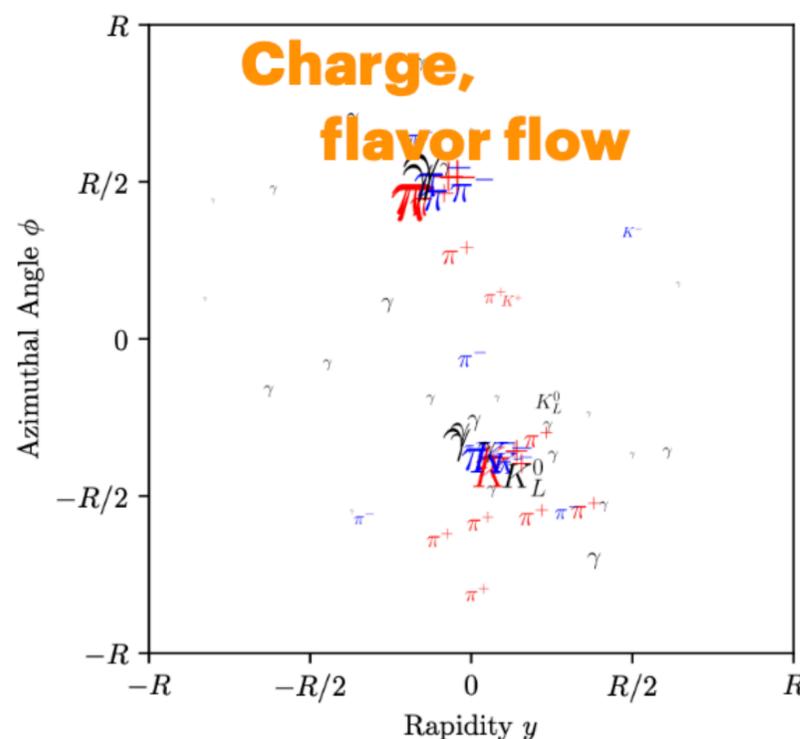
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The **energy** flow is unpixelized and ignores charge/flavor information



Full event is a set of particles having momentum and charge/flavor



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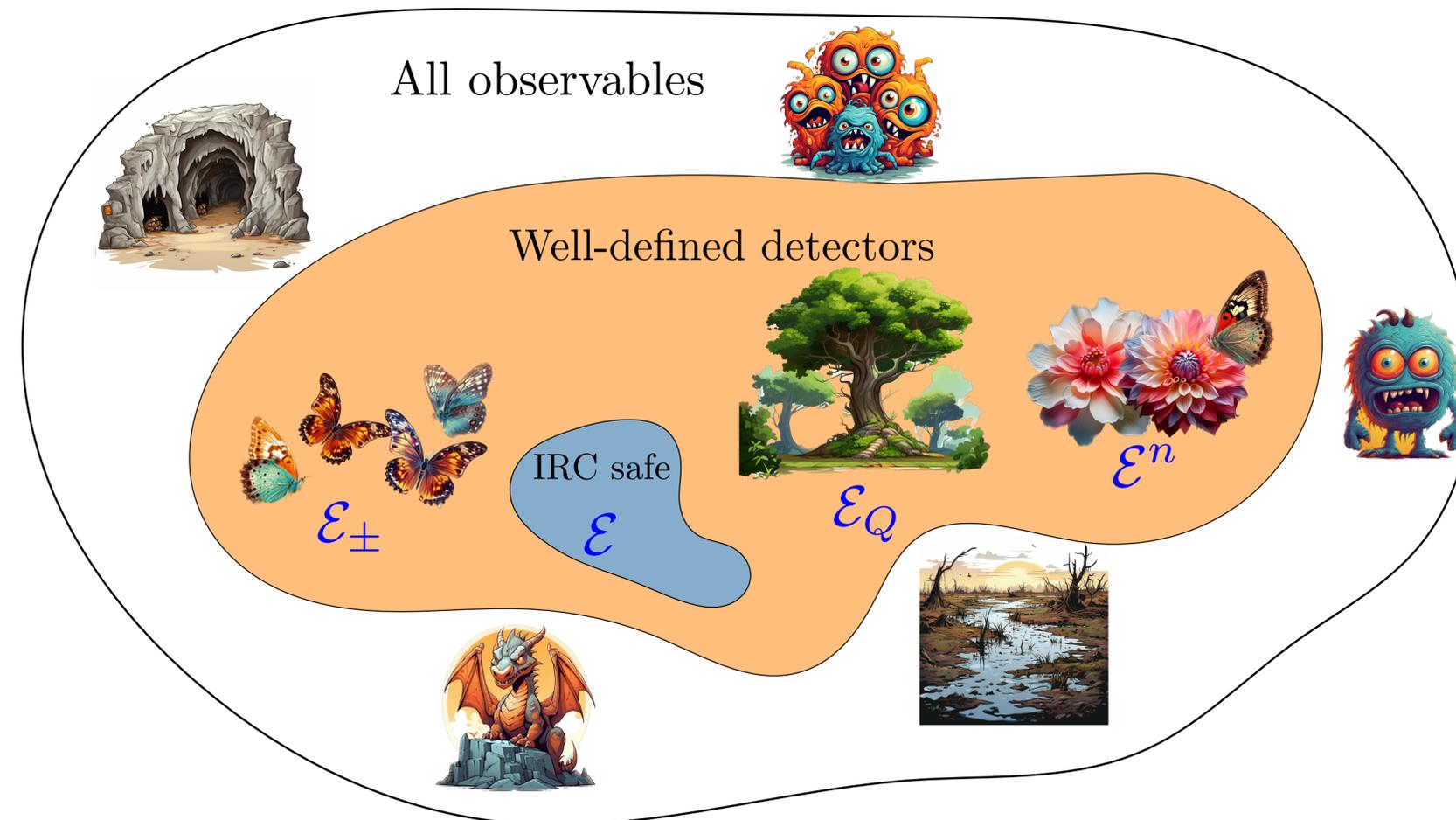
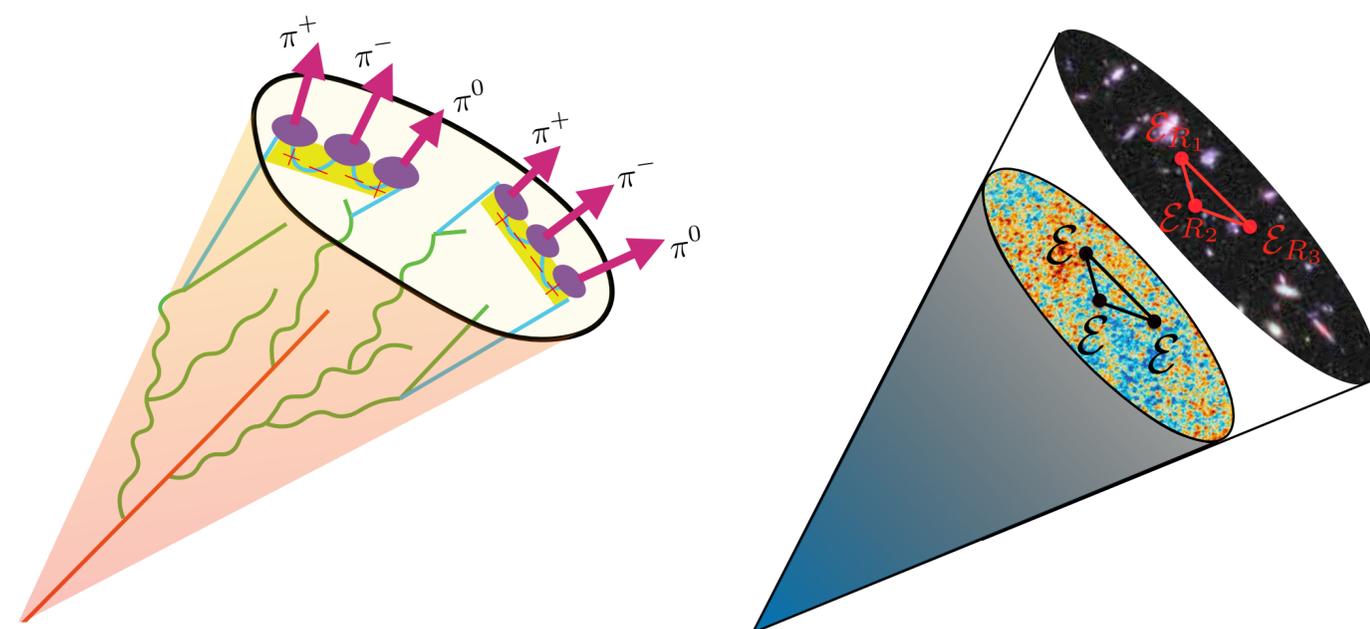
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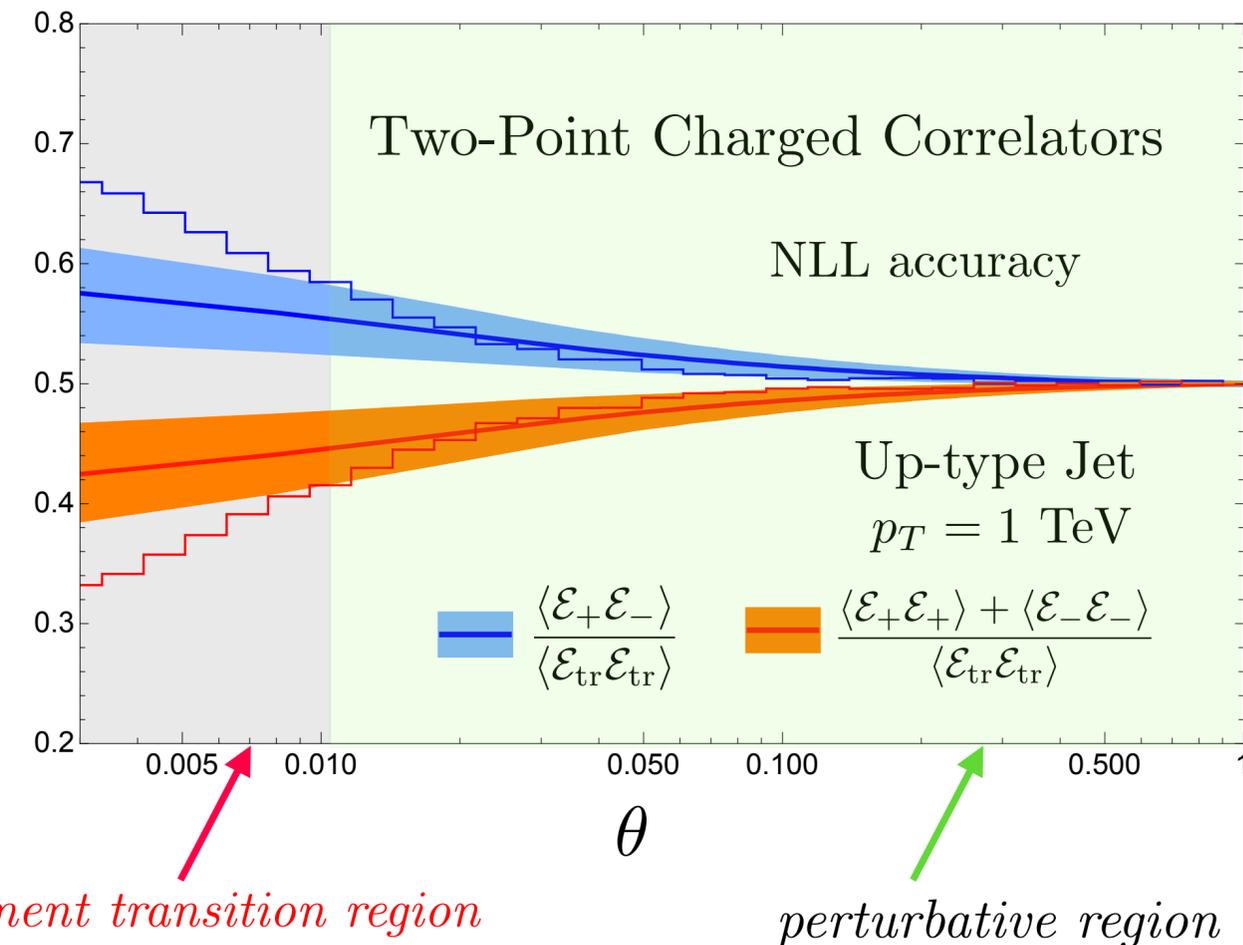
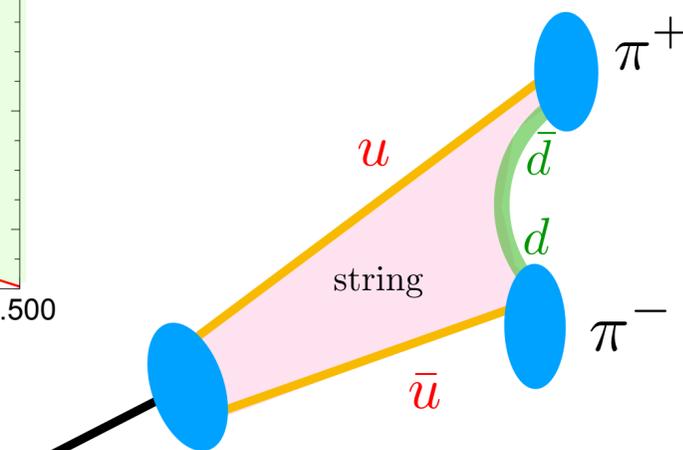
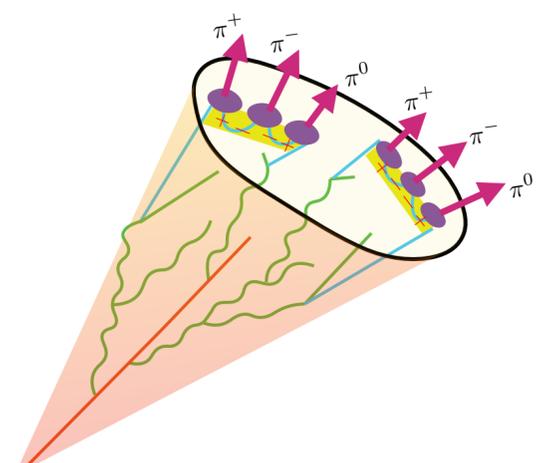
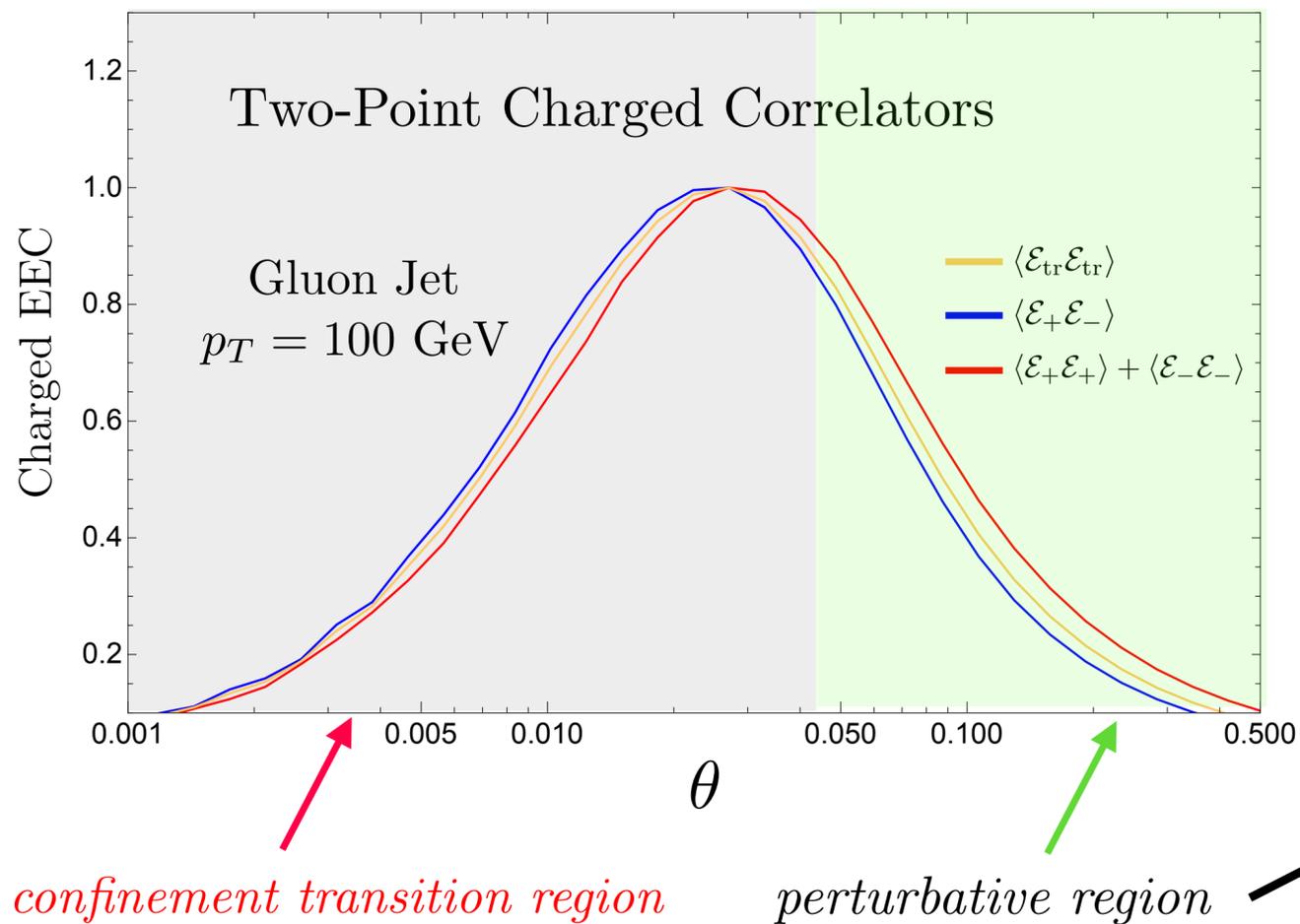
# CORRELATION BETWEEN CHARGED HADRONS

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- Unlike-signed charged correlators are **correlated more** as the angle becomes smaller!

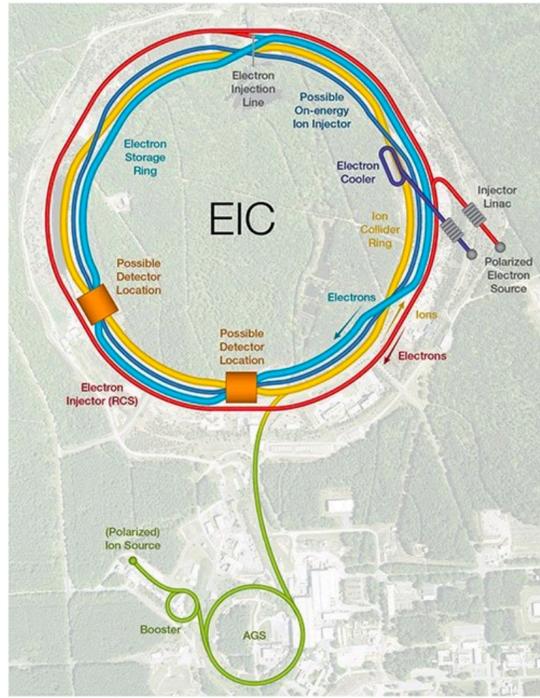
See also Andrew's talk from last week!

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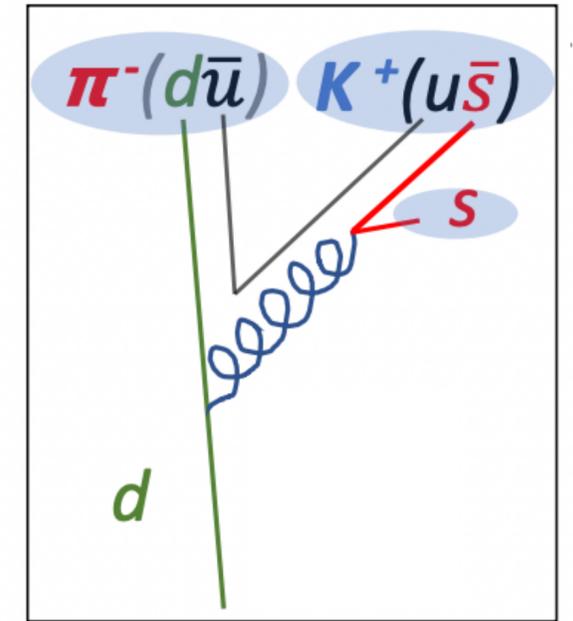
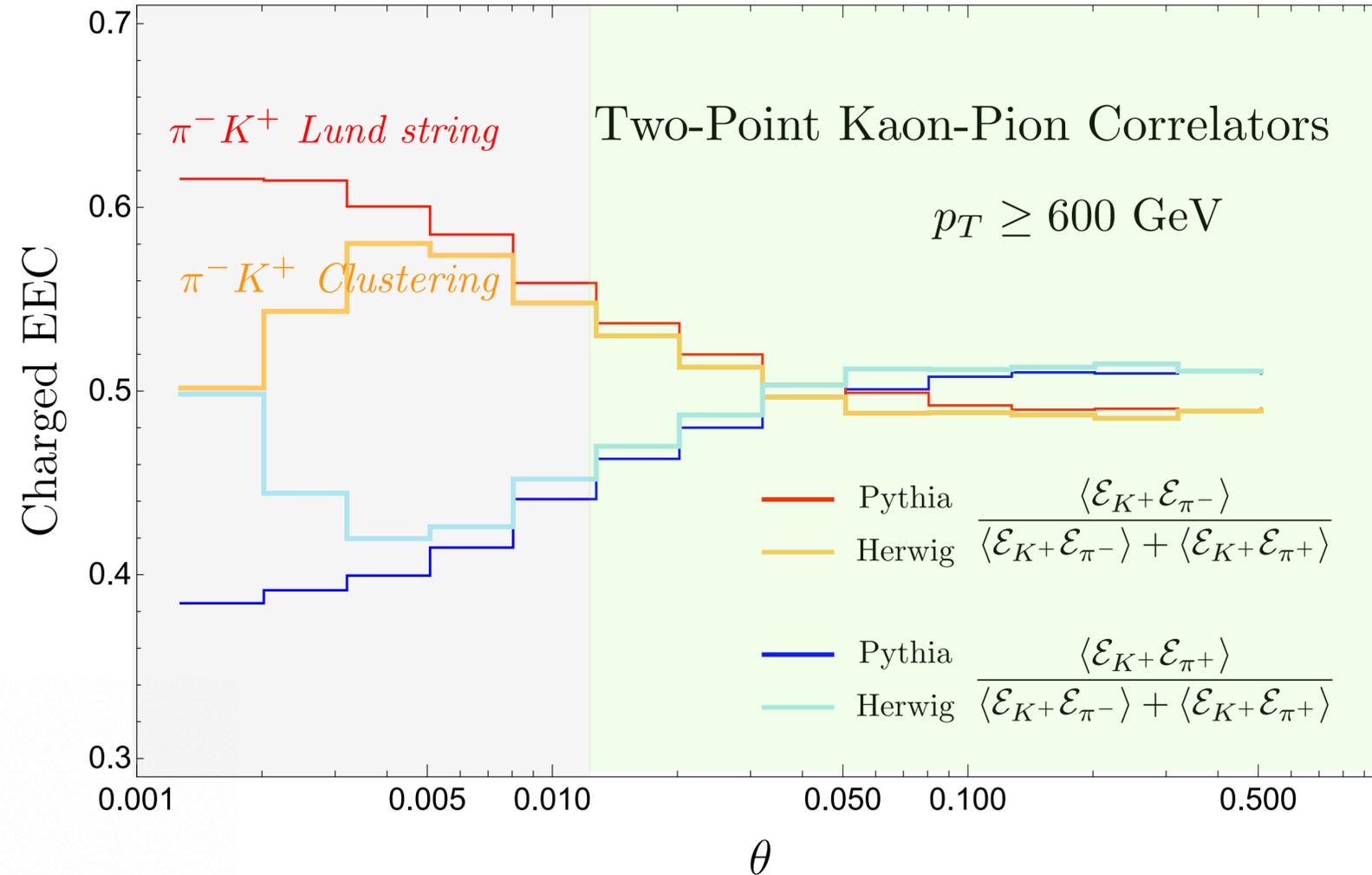


- The correlation between unlike-signed hadron pair is expected to grow in **string-like hadronization**

# DISCRIMINATING HADRONIZATION MECHANISMS

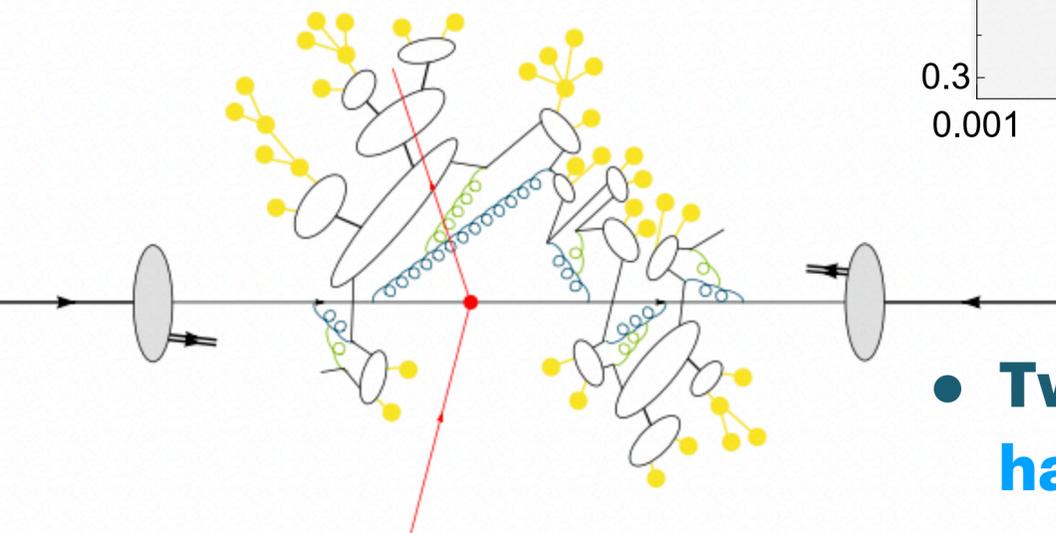


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Lund string model (Pythia)

Clustering model (Herwig)



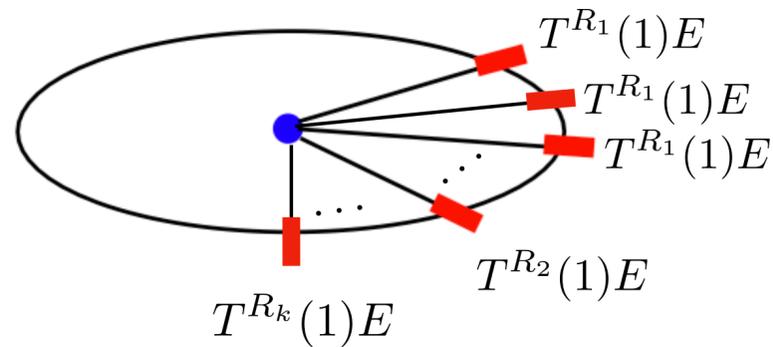
See also Chien, Deshpande, Mondal, Sterman

- Two-point charged correlators already **nontrivially probe** the two hadronization mechanisms by eye, and pave the path to go even beyond!

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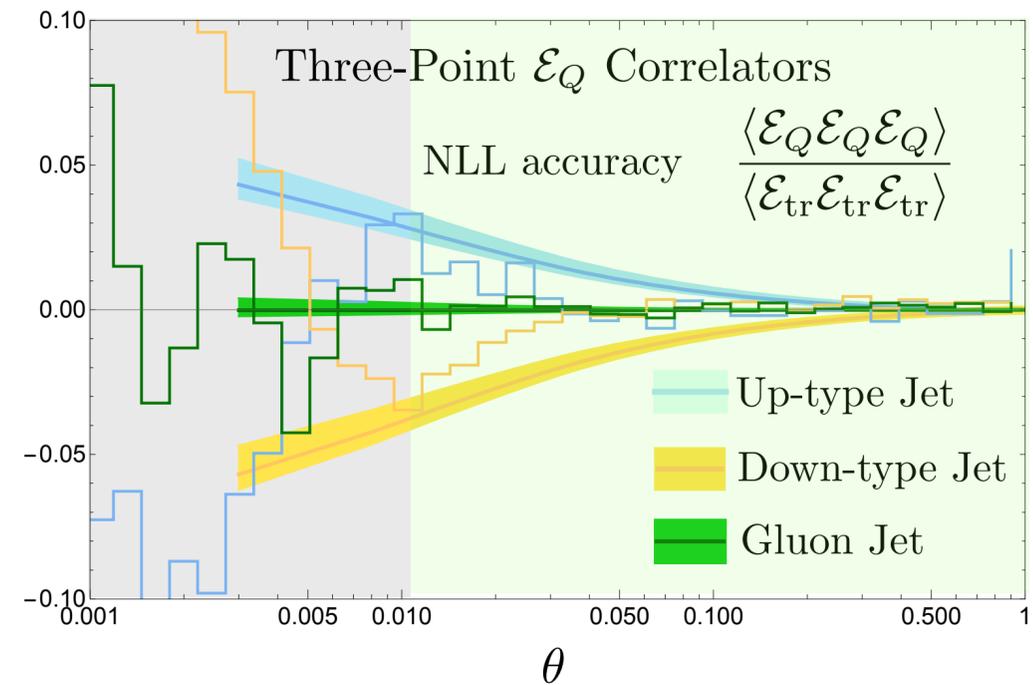
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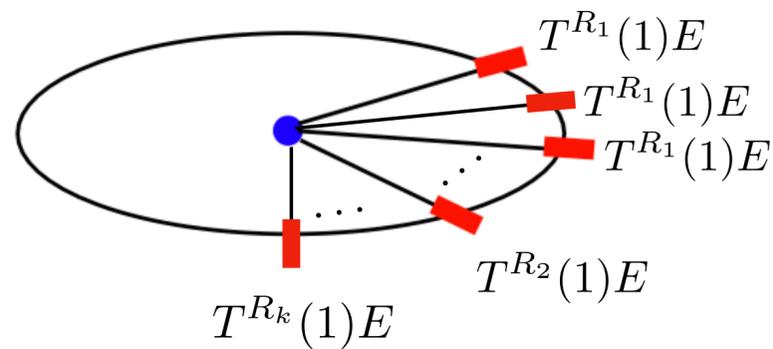
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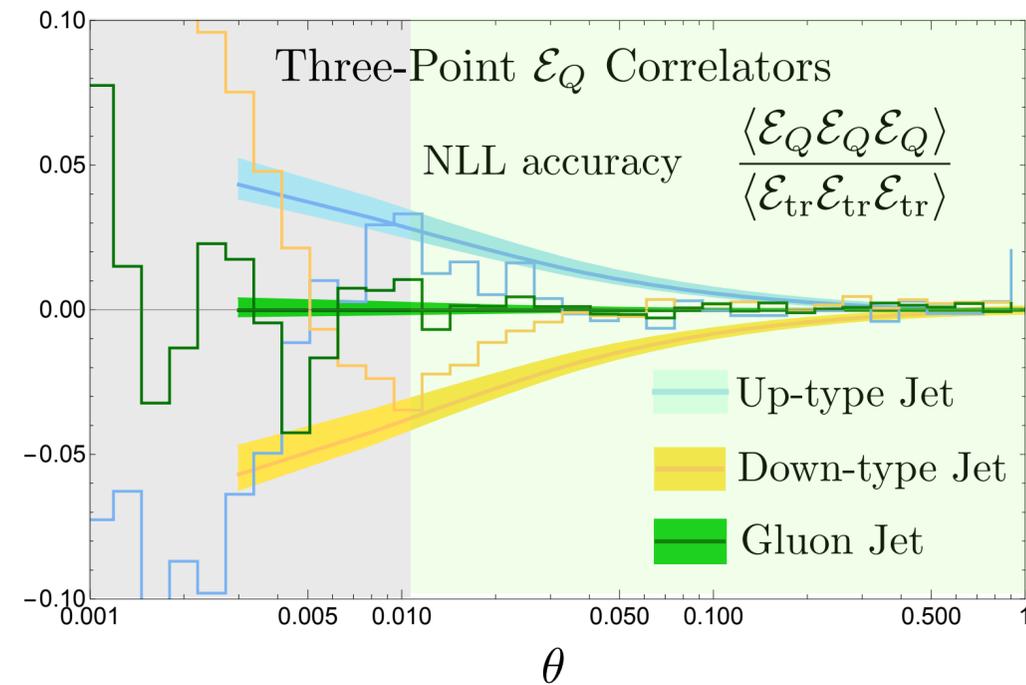
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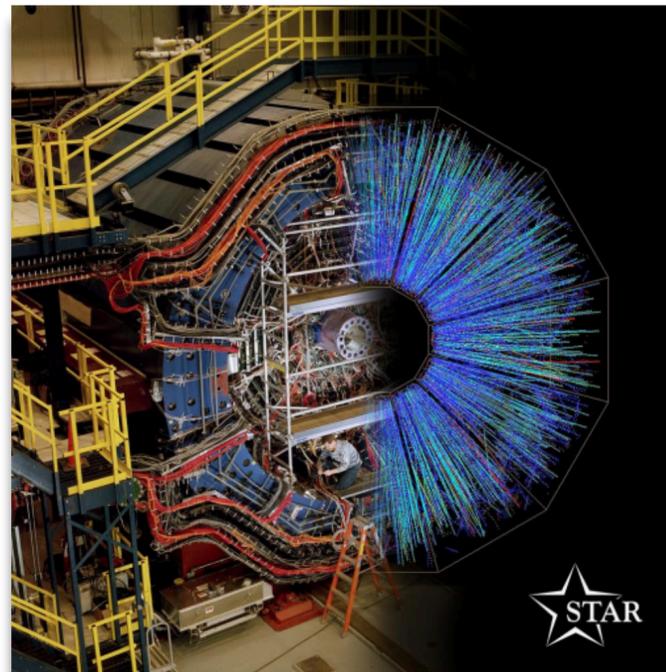
Tune into many great talks this week!

See also overview by Ian Moul't last week!

...and much more that I could not cover in the talk: nucleon EECs, spinning correlators, back-to-back correlators, top quark mass determination, 4-point correlators, etc...

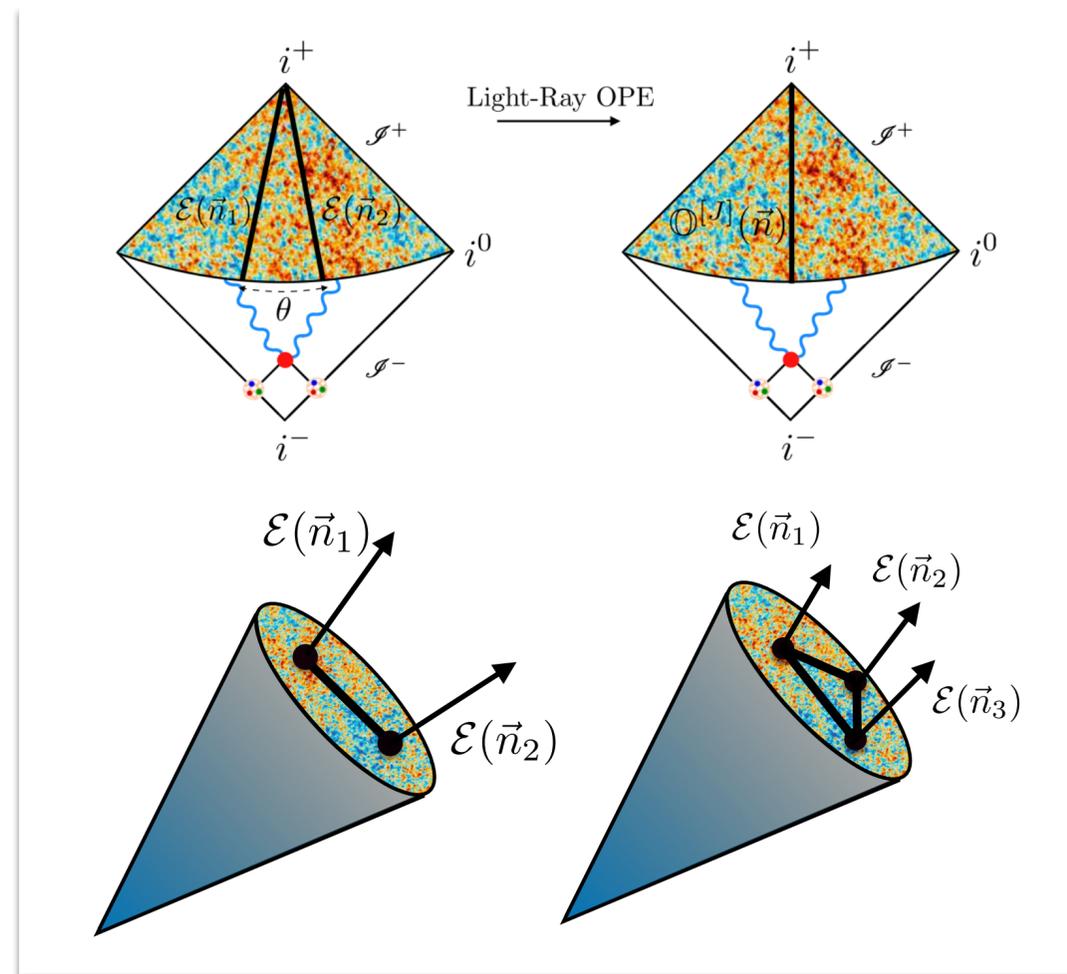


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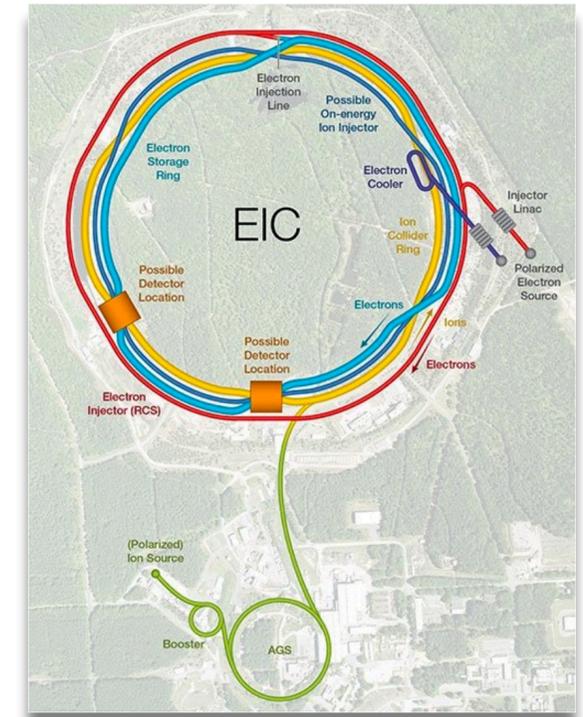


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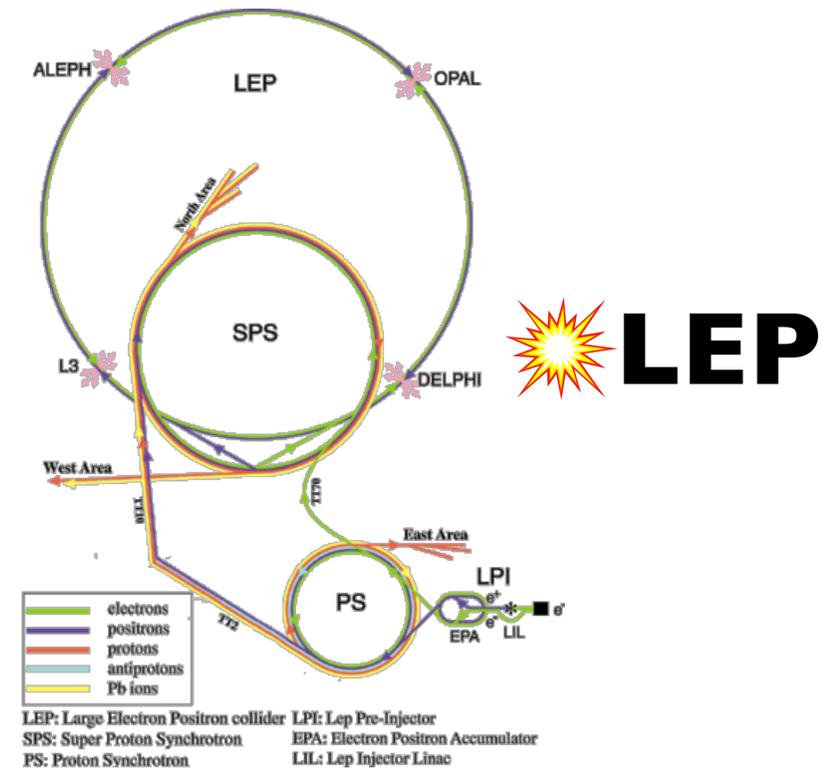
# Conformal Colliders meet Jets in Particle Colliders!



**Jets provide sharp link between underlying field theory and real world!**



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