

The Quark-Gluon Plasma through Energy Correlators

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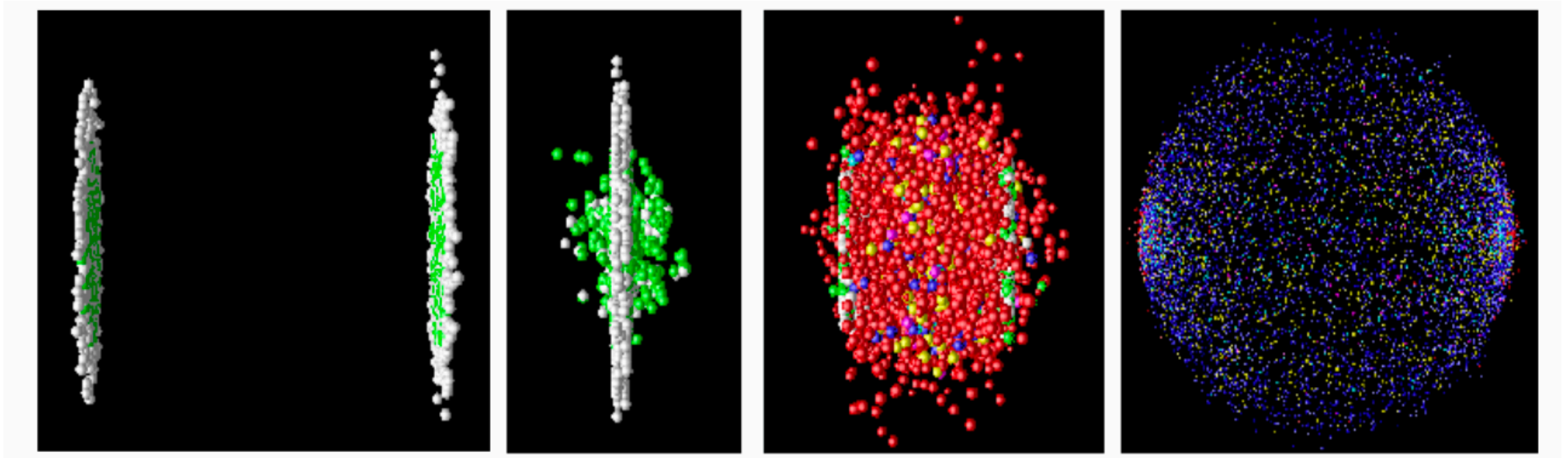
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Heavy-ion collisions

- One month of running time per year at the LHC is dedicated to **Pb-Pb collisions**



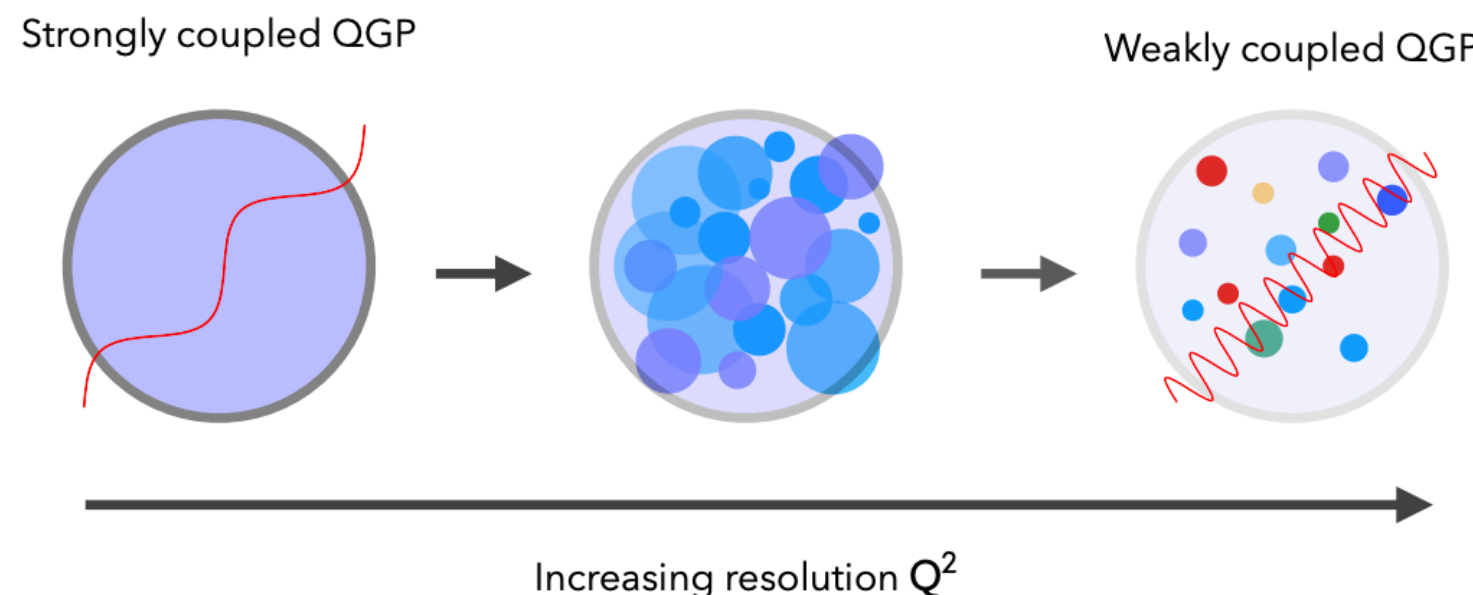
- Extremely high temperatures are achieved (300-500 MeV/trillions of °C):
 - quarks and gluons are **deconfined**
 - new state of matter: **quark-gluon plasma (QGP)**!
- Behaves as a liquid: very well described by relativistic hydrodynamics

Very small η/s : **most strongly-coupled** fluid in Nature

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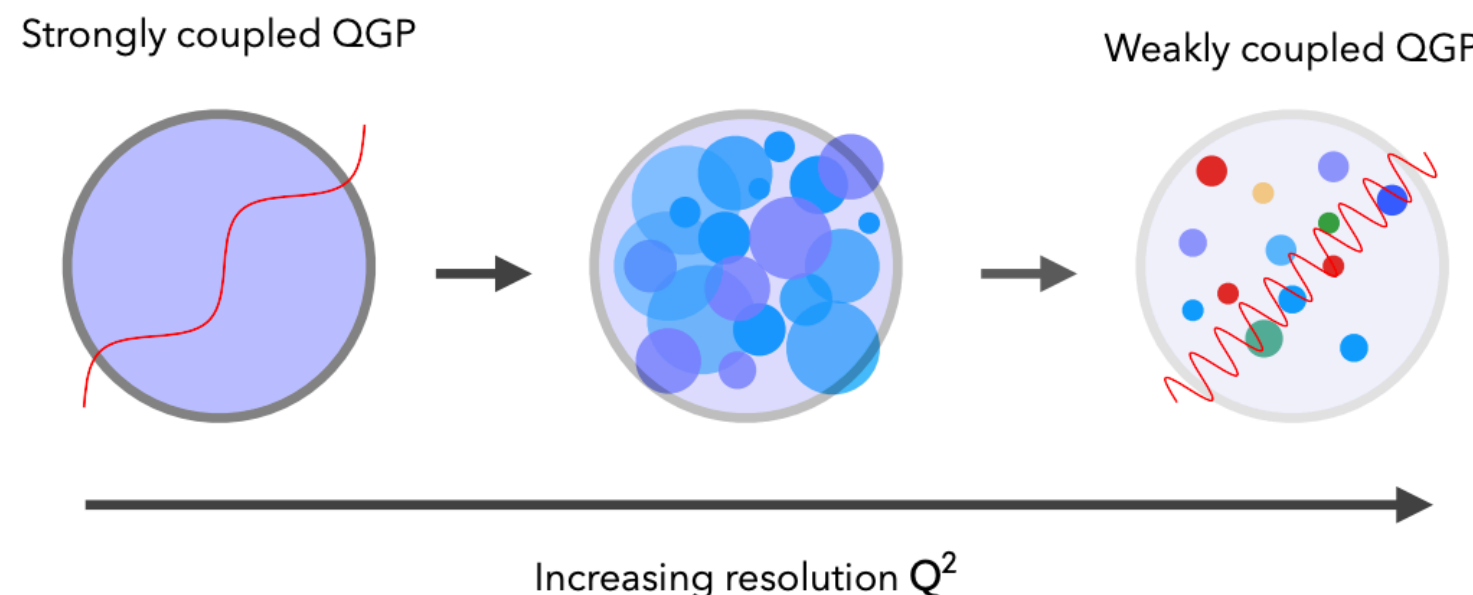
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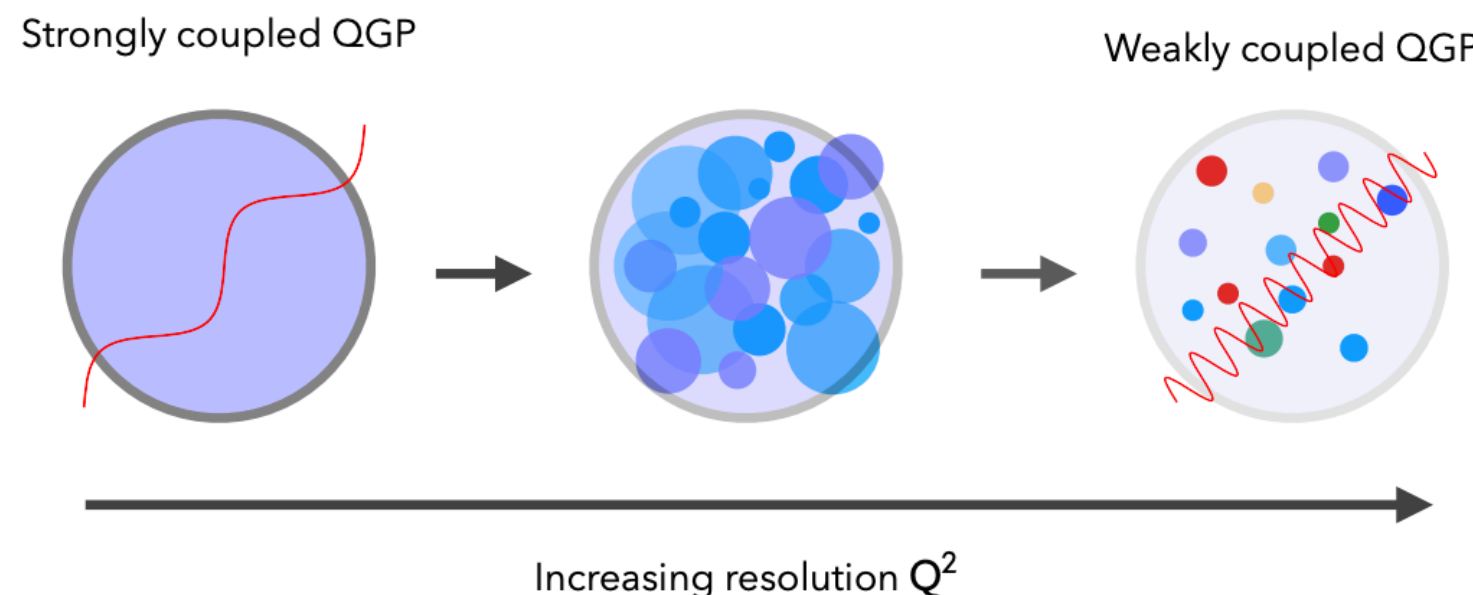
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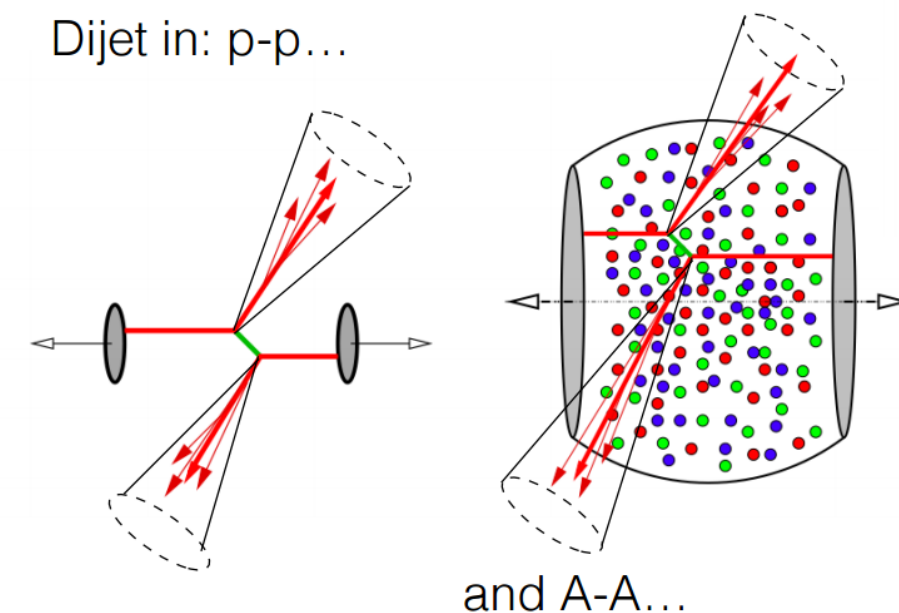


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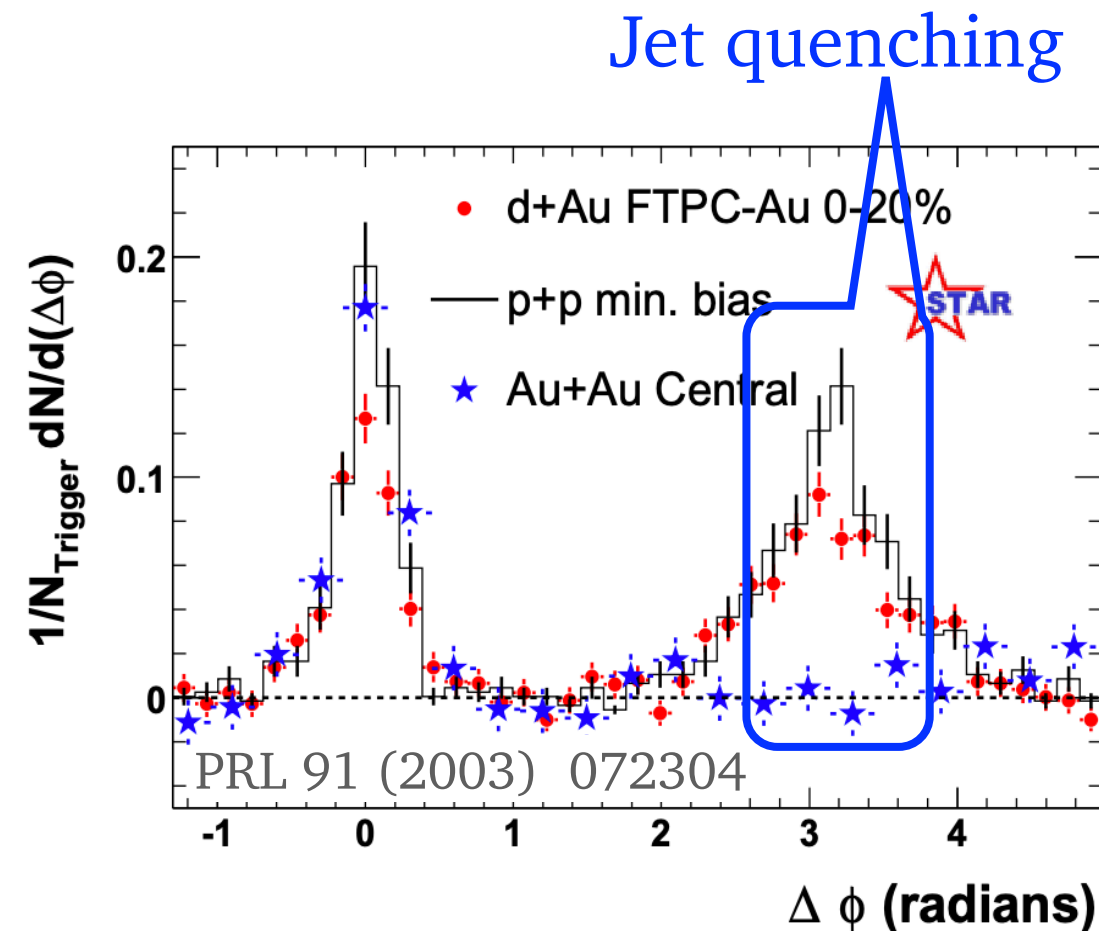
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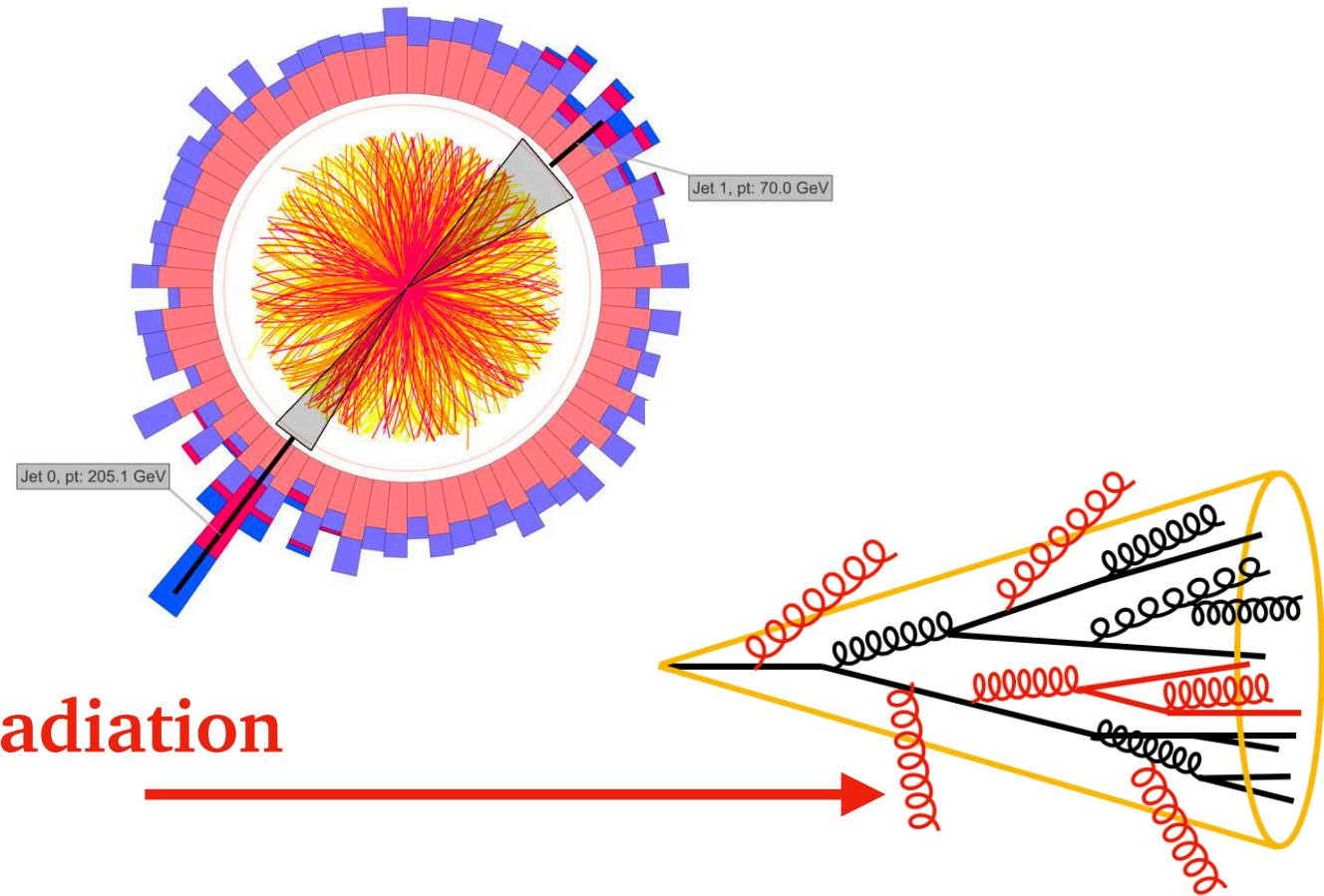
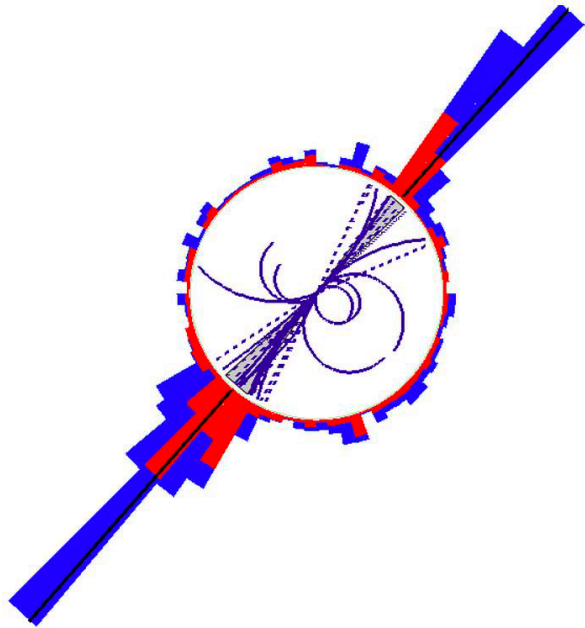


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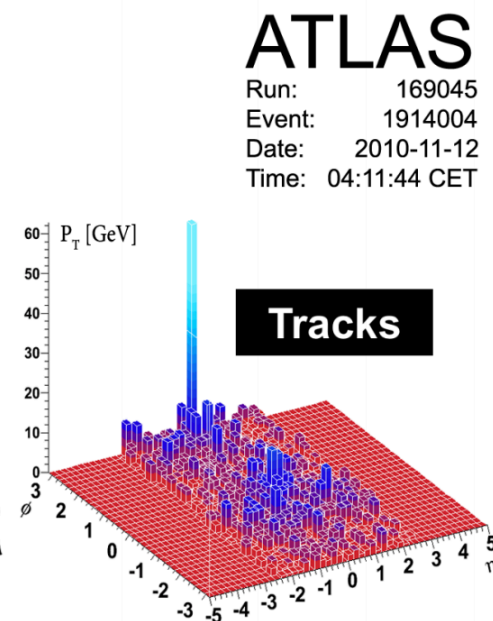
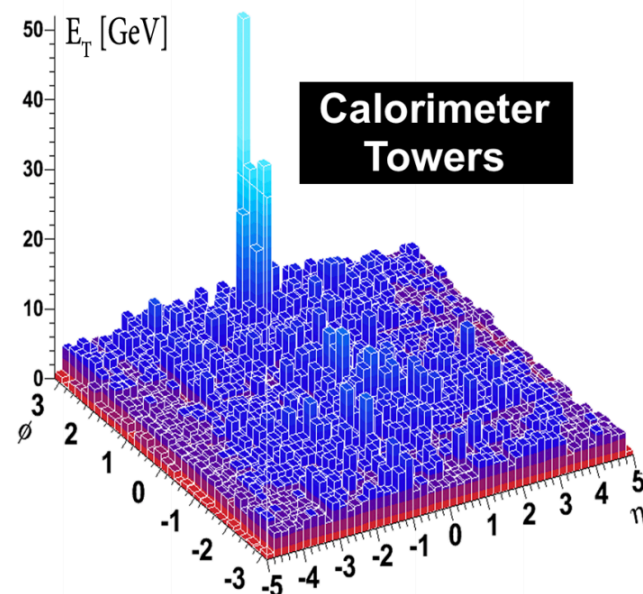
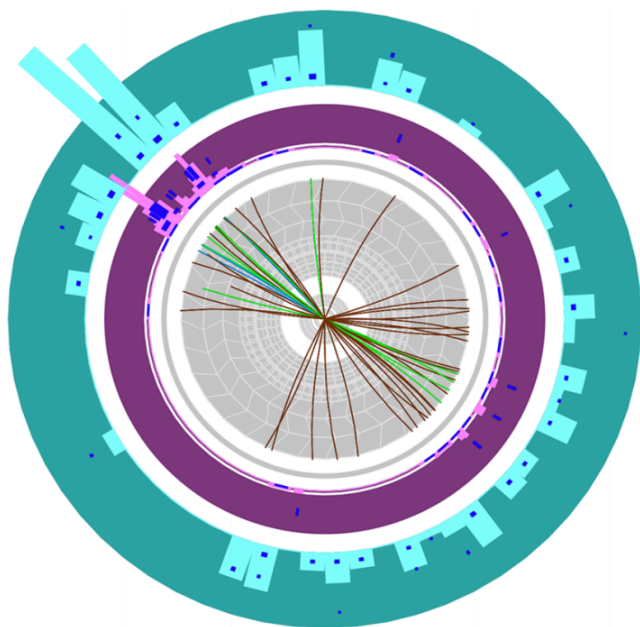
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Jet quenching



- **Energy loss** due to **QGP-induced radiation** that goes outside of the jet cone
 - Jet and hadron suppression



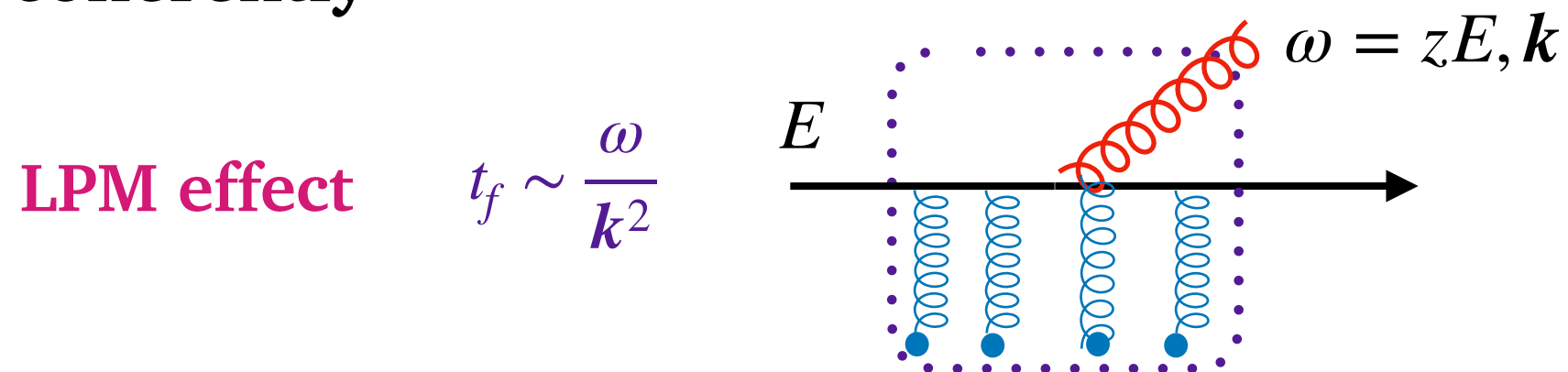
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Medium-induced radiation

- The main contribution to energy loss in the QGP is radiative energy loss
Dominant for light quarks and gluons

High-energy partons experience **multiple scatterings with the medium**
which induce **extra gluon radiation** (w.r.t. p-p)

- During the formation time of the gluon **multiple scatterings act coherently**



Suppression of the spectrum for large formation times

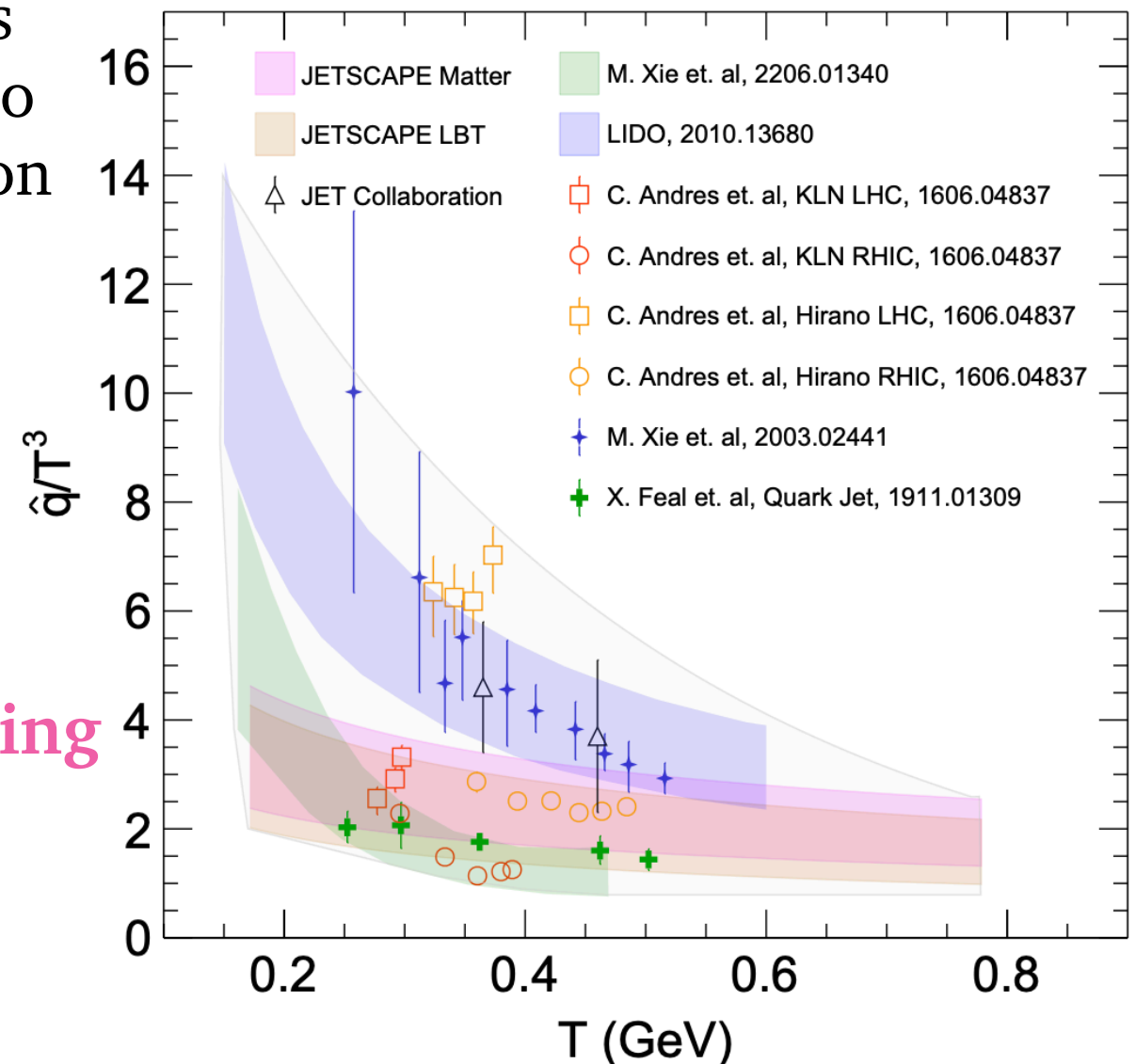
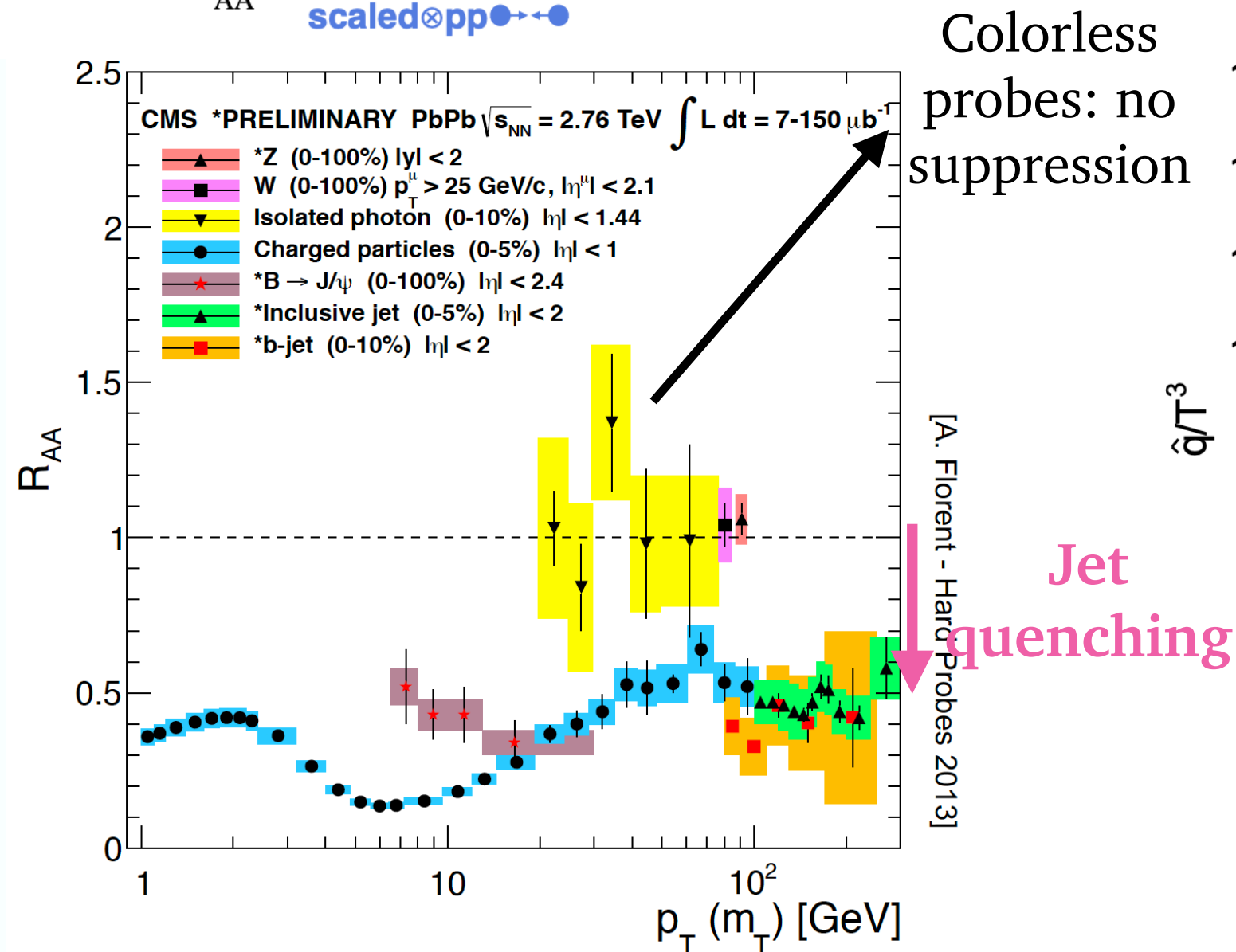
- Resummation of multiple scatterings: **BDMPs-Z formalism (1990's)**

CA, Apolinário (LIP), Martinez, Dominguez,
[2002.01517](#), [2011.06522](#), [2307.06226](#)

Hadron suppression

- Traditionally, jet quenching aimed at extracting **properties of the QGP**
- $\hat{q}$: average transverse momentum transfer per unit length

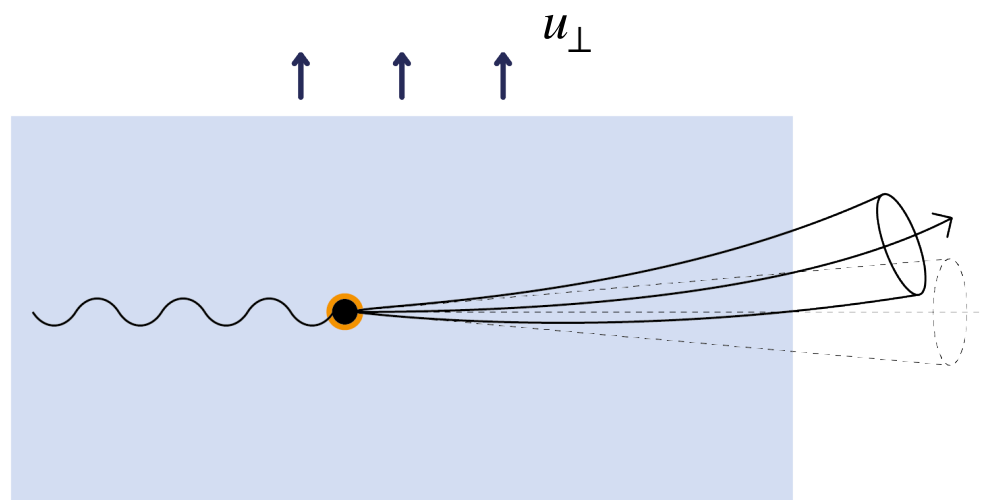
$$R_{AA} = \frac{\text{Pb-Pb } \bigcirc \bigcirc}{\text{scaled } \otimes \text{pp } \bullet \bullet}$$



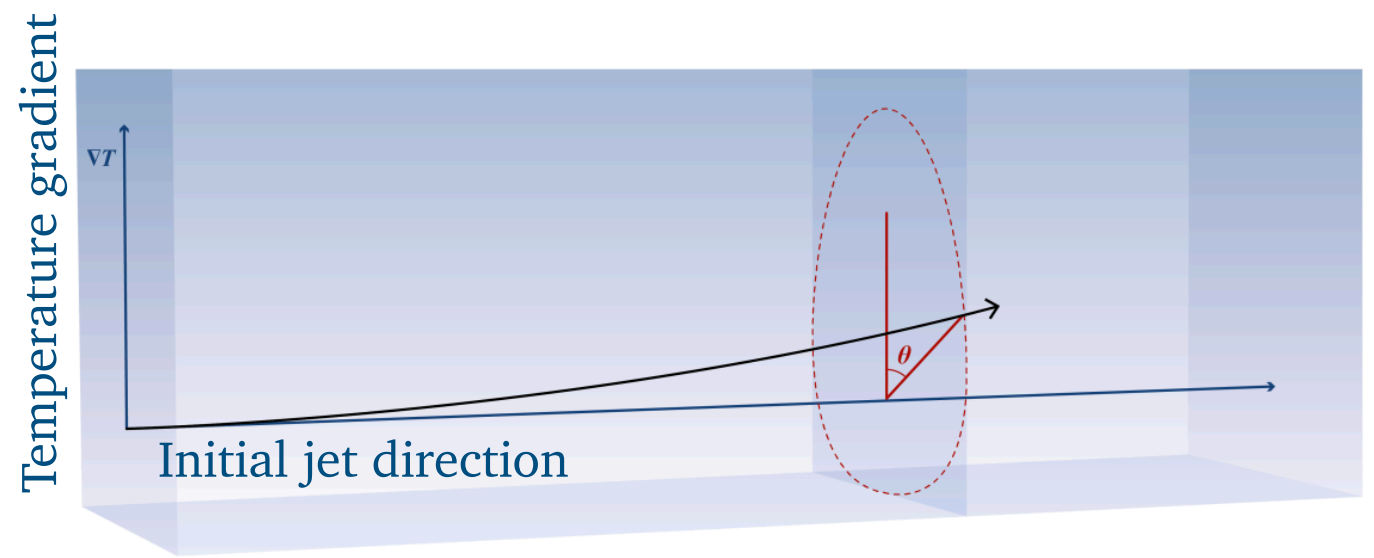
Apolinário (LIP), Lee, Winn, [2203.16352](#)

Medium-induced radiation and transverse dynamics

- Jets decouple from the medium transverse dynamics in the usual (*eikonal*) medium-induced approaches



Uniform transverse flow



Transverse temperature gradients

- Need of **generalizing** the medium-induced formalisms to account for $\mathcal{O}(1/\omega)$ (*subeikonal*) terms Sadofyev (LIP), Sievert, Vitev, [2104.09513](#)

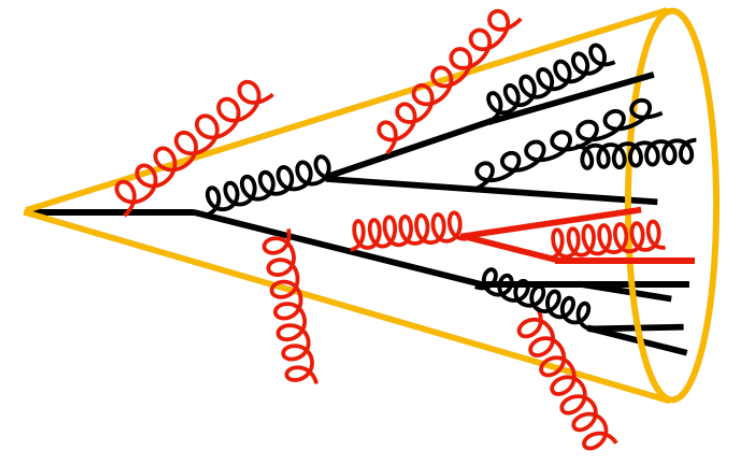
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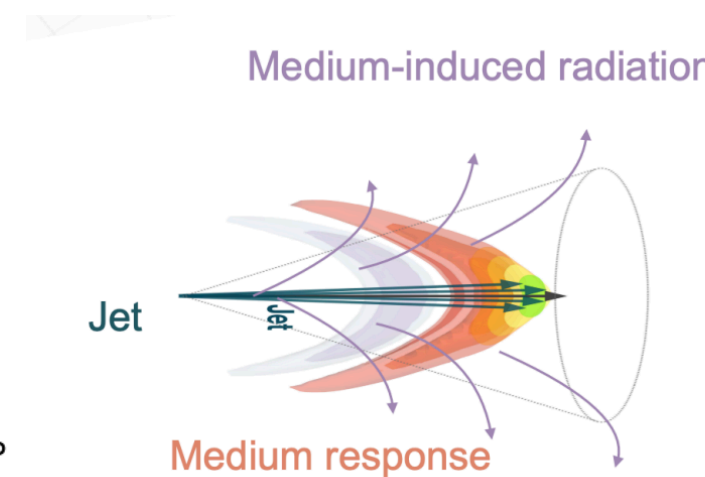
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Jet substructure

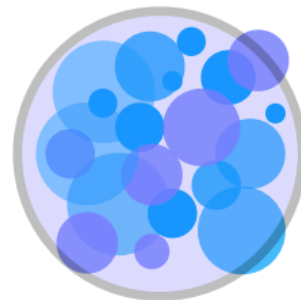
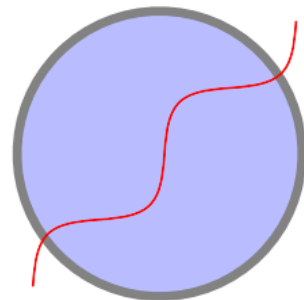


- **Jets inner structure** (jet substructure) also gets **modified**

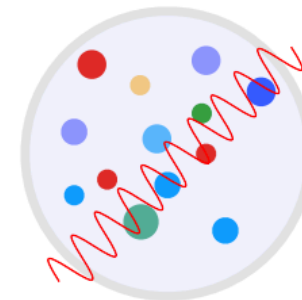
- Not only by medium-induced radiation (e.g. medium response)



Strongly coupled QGP



Weakly coupled QGP

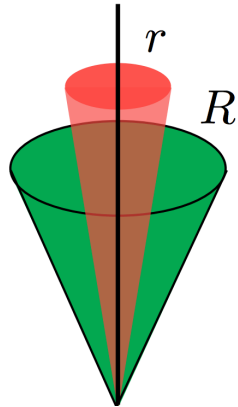


Increasing resolution Q^2

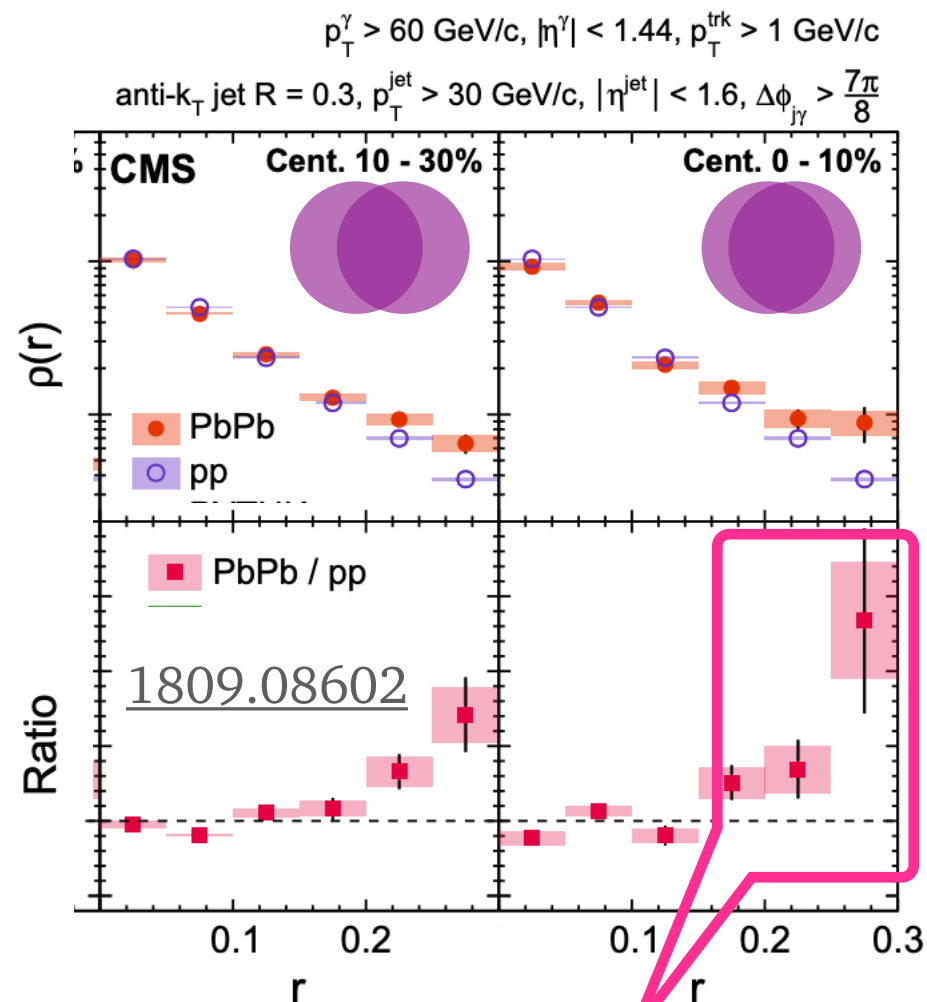
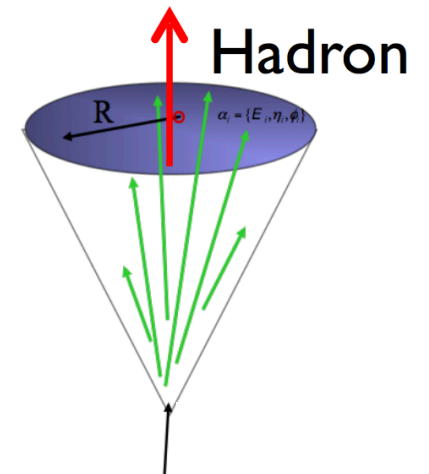
Use **jets' inner structure** to probe the QGP at **various length scales**

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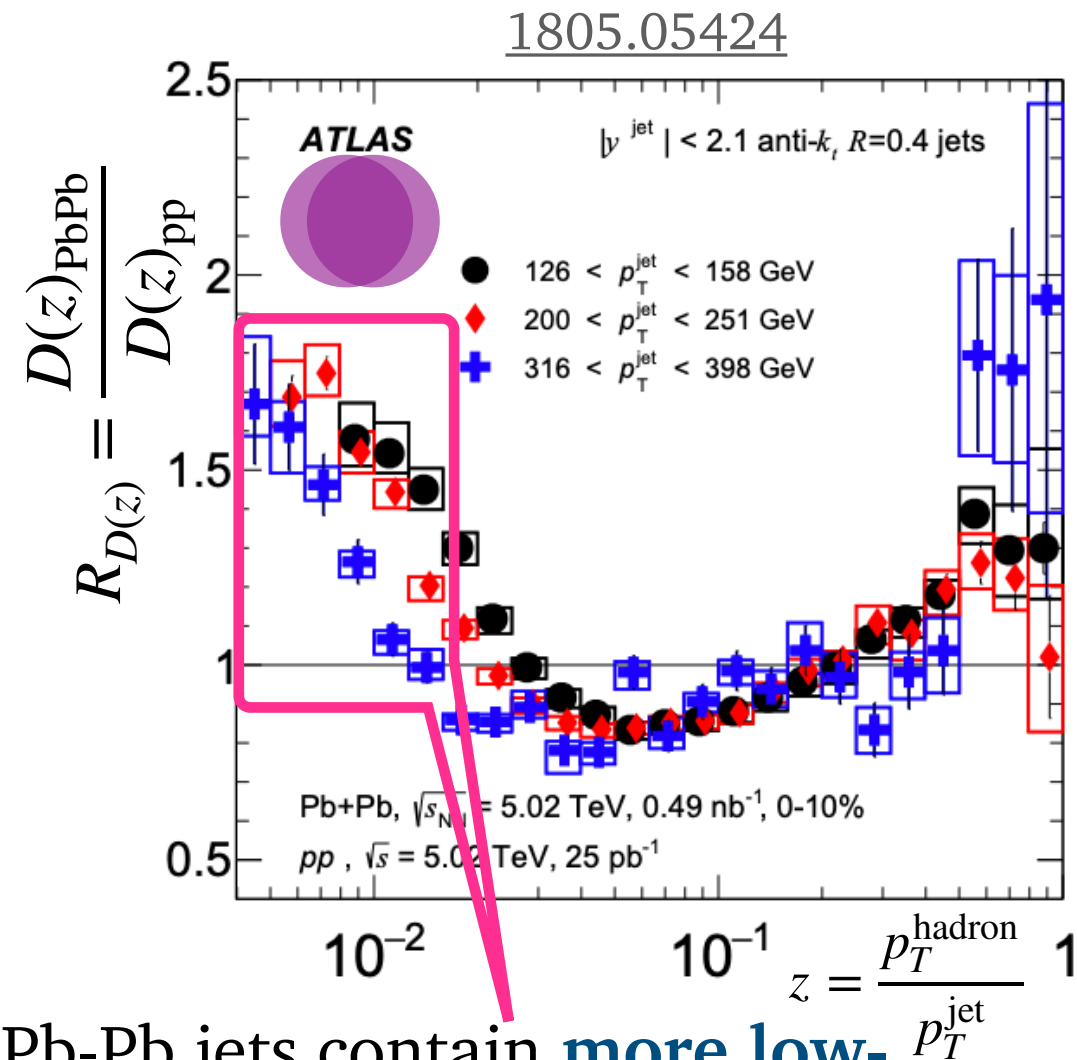
Jet shapes



Jet fragmentations



Pb-Pb jets **more energy**
toward the edge of the cone
than p-p jets



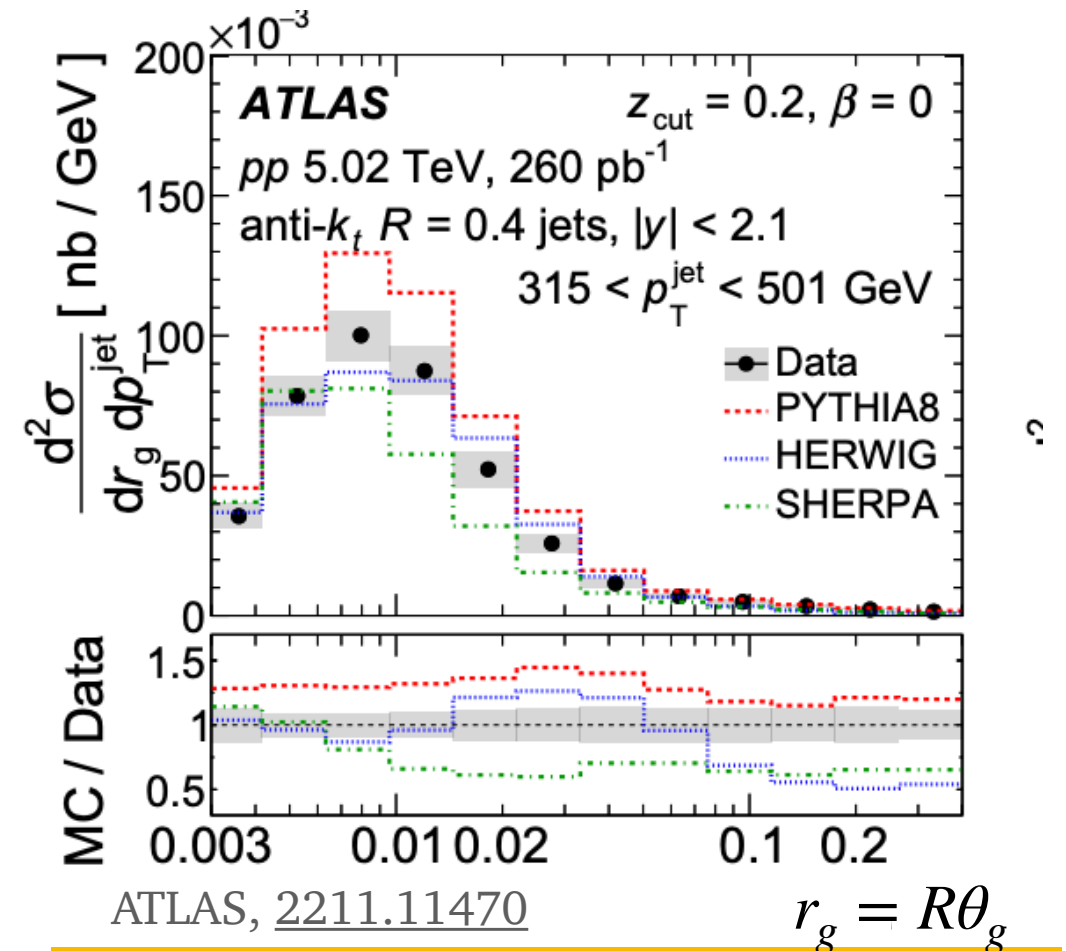
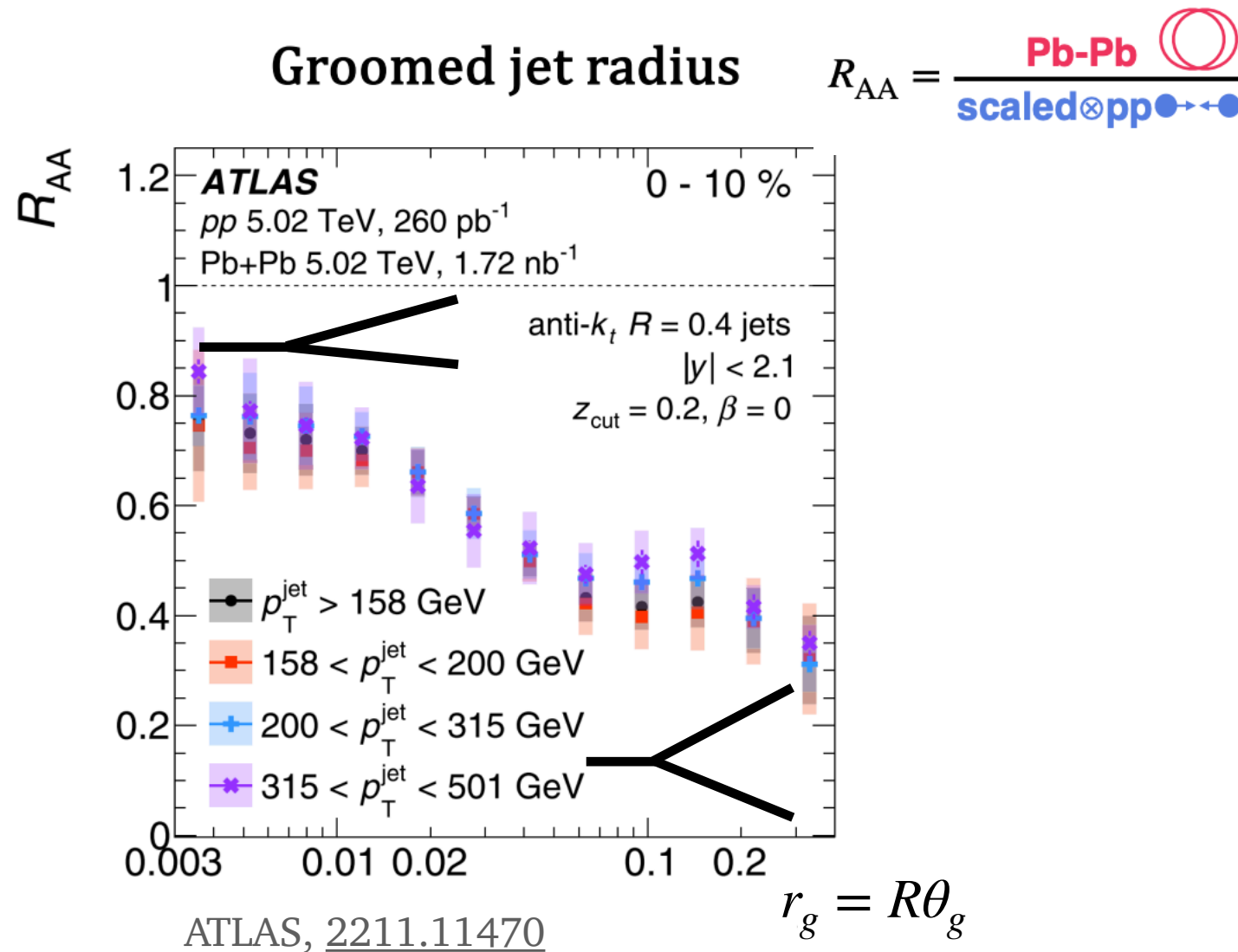
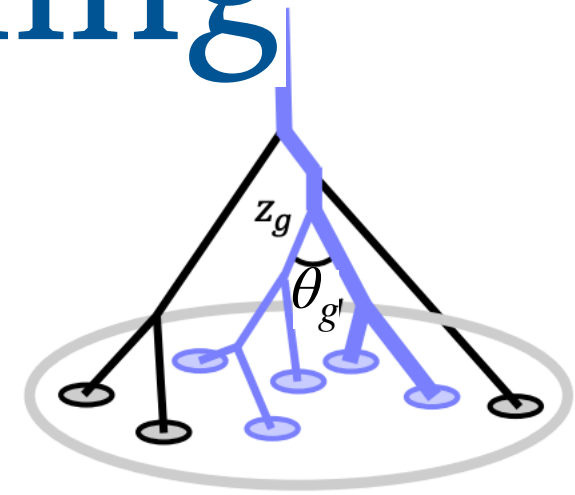
Pb-Pb jets contain **more low- p_T particles** than p-p jets

$$D(z) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{jet}}} \frac{dn_{\text{ch}}}{dz}$$

Jet substructure: grooming

- What about grooming away soft physics?

Jet constituents are re-clustered (through C/A) and soft/wide angle radiation is rejected in this process



Broad angular structures are more suppressed in PbPb collisions

Large discrepancies between MC and data in p-p collisions

A new (old) idea?

Energy-Energy correlators!

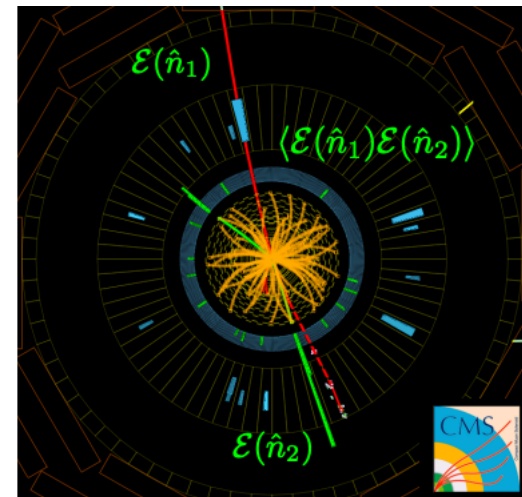
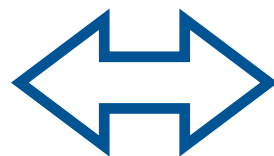
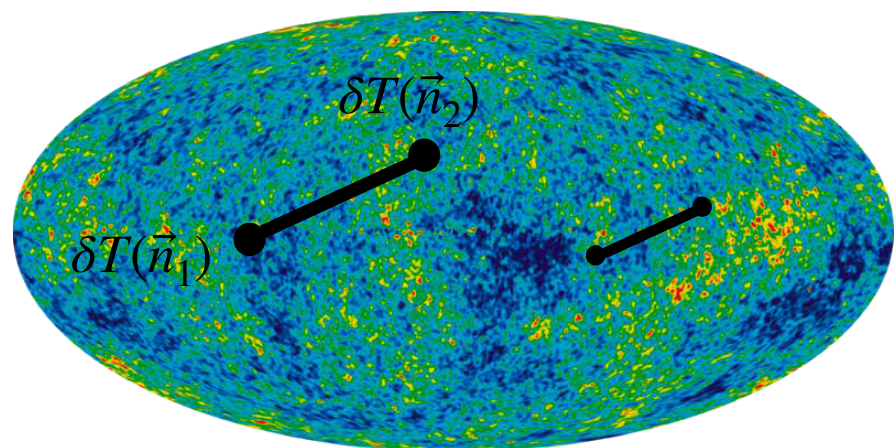
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Energy Correlators

- Fundamental objects that encode the dynamics of the underlying theory

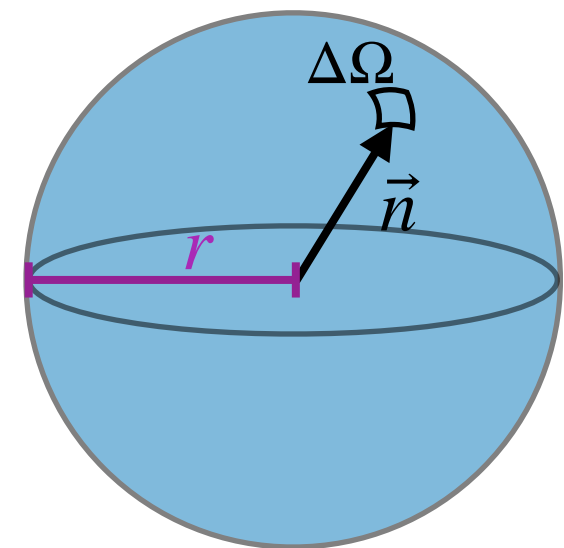


- Correlators $\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$ of the **energy flux**:

Sterman, Korchemsky,
Nucl. Phys.
B 555 (1999) 335

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) |X\rangle = \sum_i E_i \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n} - \vec{n}_i) |X\rangle$$



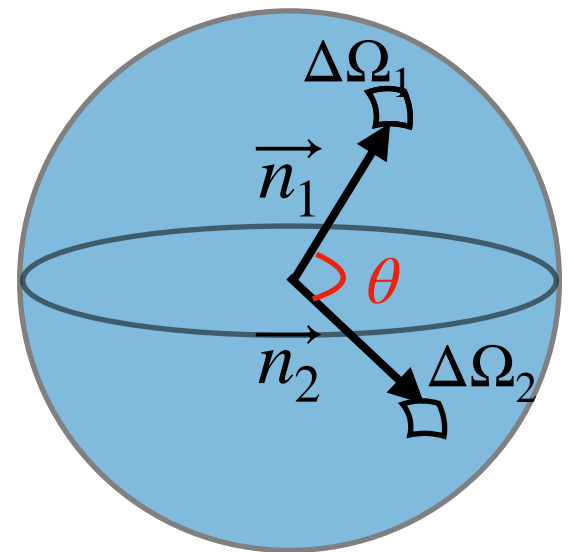
- 1-point correlator: $\langle X | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) | X \rangle \propto \sum_i E_i$ Total energy flux through an area element

Two-point correlator

- 2-point correlator (**EEC**):

$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{E}^n(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}^n(\vec{n}_2) \rangle}{Q^{2n}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{ij} \int \frac{d\sigma_{ij}}{d\vec{n}_i d\vec{n}_j} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n}{Q^{2n}} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_i - \vec{n}_1) \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_j - \vec{n}_2)$$

Inclusive cross section to produce two particles i and j
Energy weights
Hard scale of the process

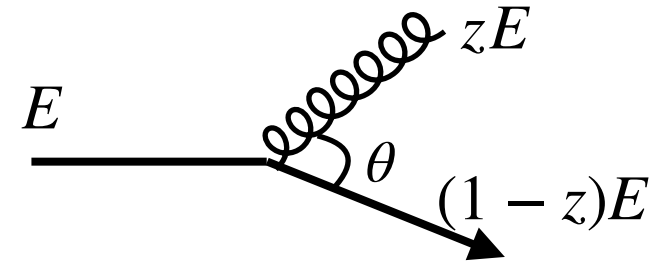


- As function of the **relative angle** only:

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(n)}}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i,j} \int dE_{i,j} \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta dE_i dE_j} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n}{Q^{2n}}$$

EEC within p-p jets

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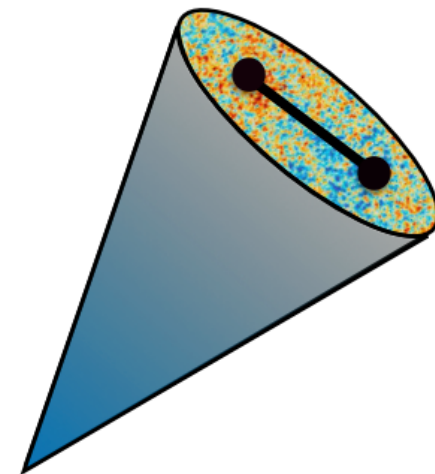


- EEC for a massless quark jet in **vacuum** at LO:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{qg}^{\text{vac}}}{dzd\theta} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F \sigma}{\pi} \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z\theta} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2, \theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta} \propto \frac{1}{\theta}$$

- Within jets: **collinear** (or OPE) limit of EECs

$$\langle X | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) | X \rangle \xrightarrow{\theta \rightarrow 0} \sum_i \theta^{(\tau_i - 4)/2} \mathcal{O}_i(\vec{n}_1)$$



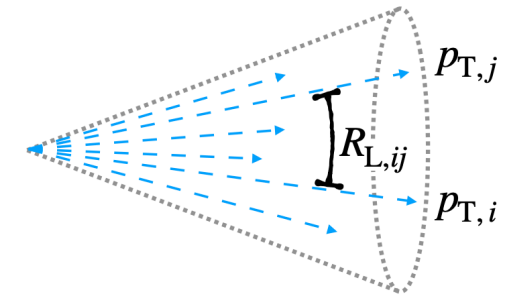
Power-law scaling according to CFT!

Hoffman, Maldacena, [0803.1467](#)

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta} \propto \frac{1}{\theta^{1-\gamma(3)}}$$

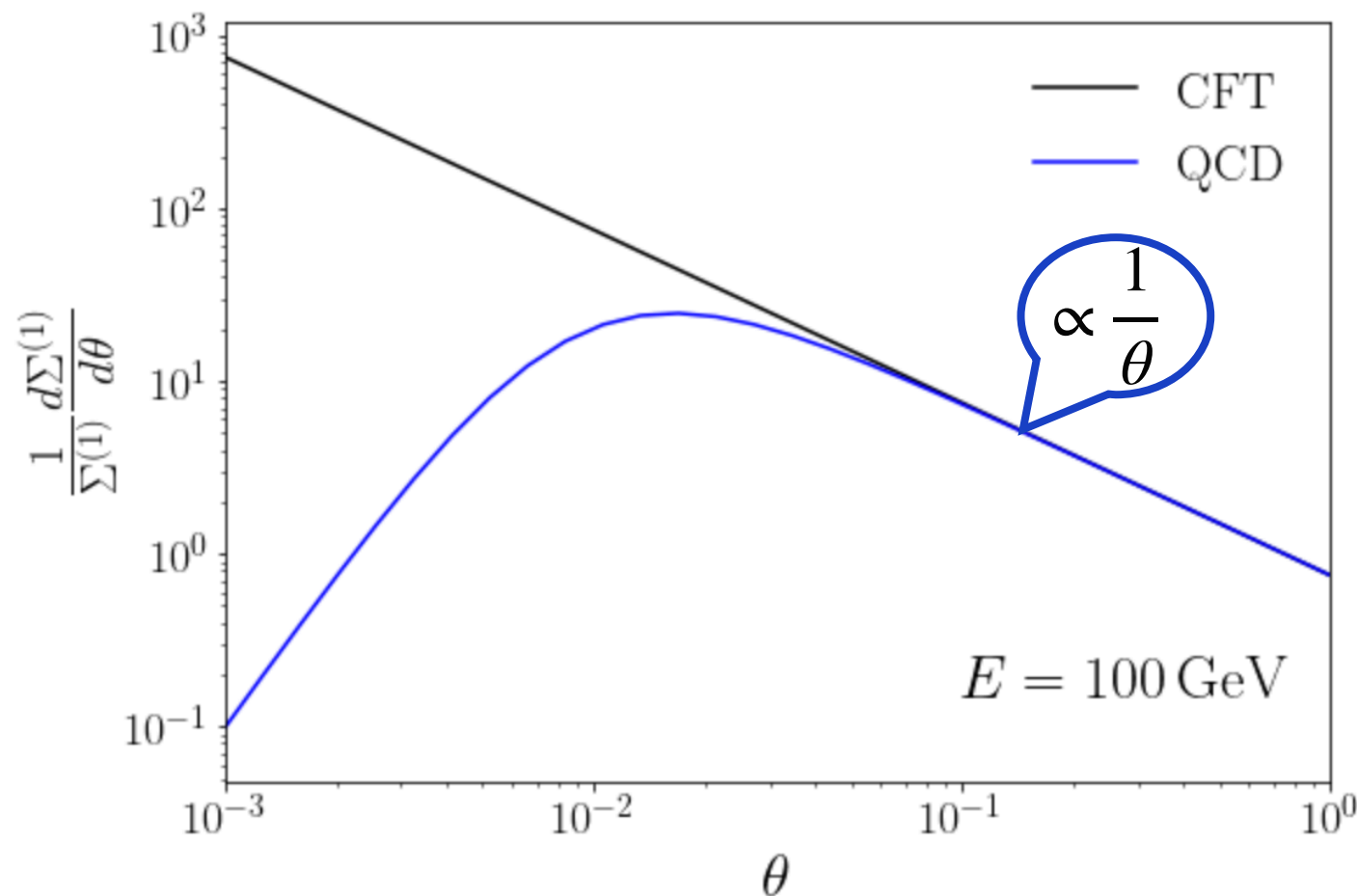
$\gamma(3)$: twist-2 spin-3 QCD
anomalous dimension

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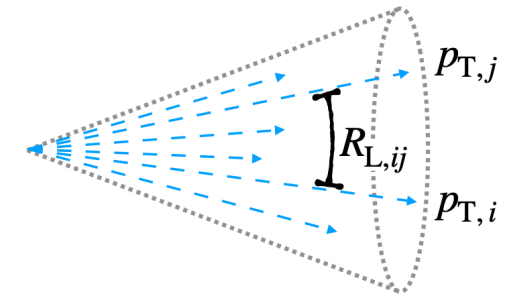


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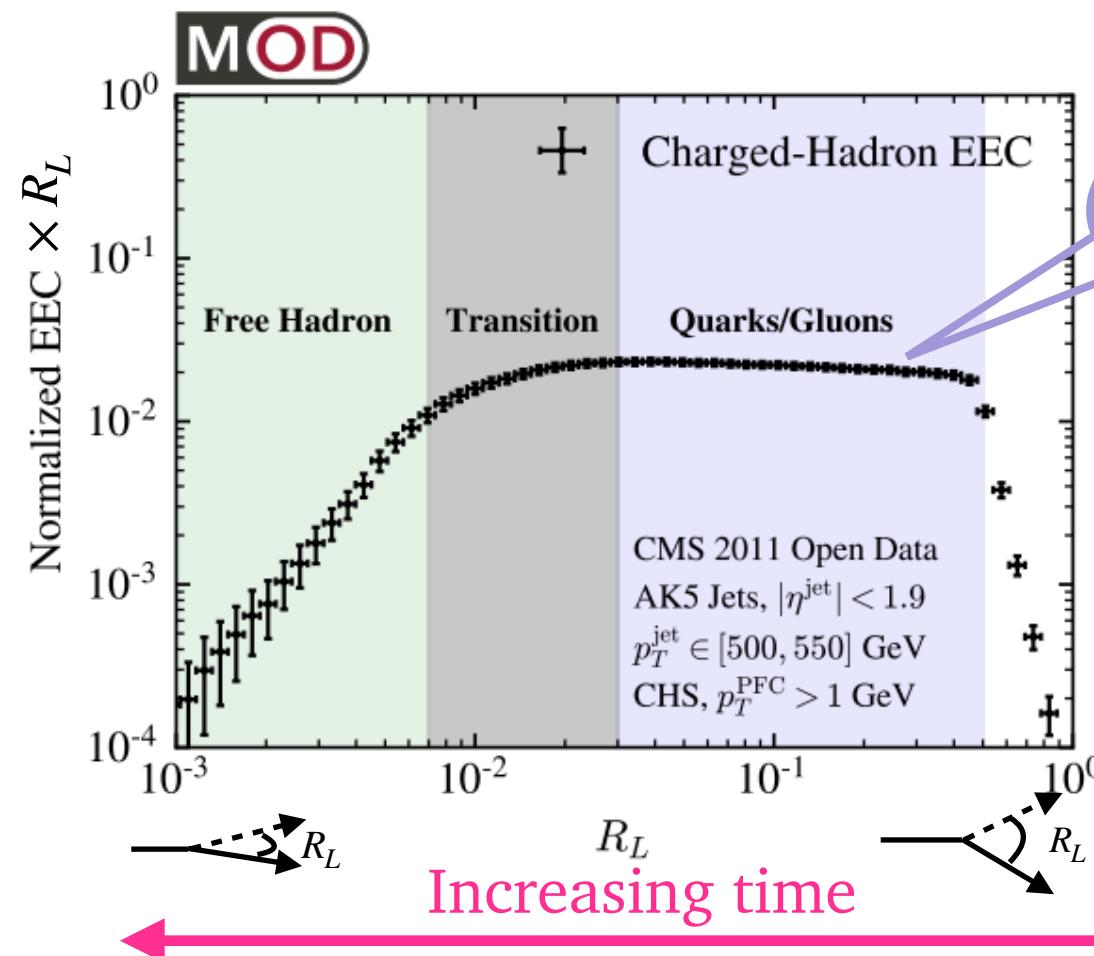


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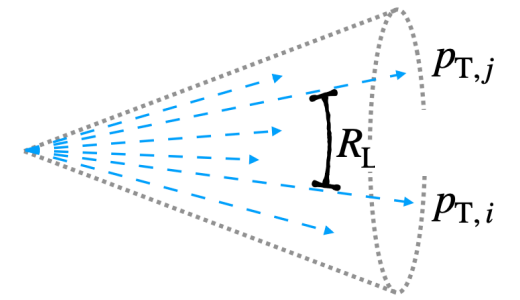
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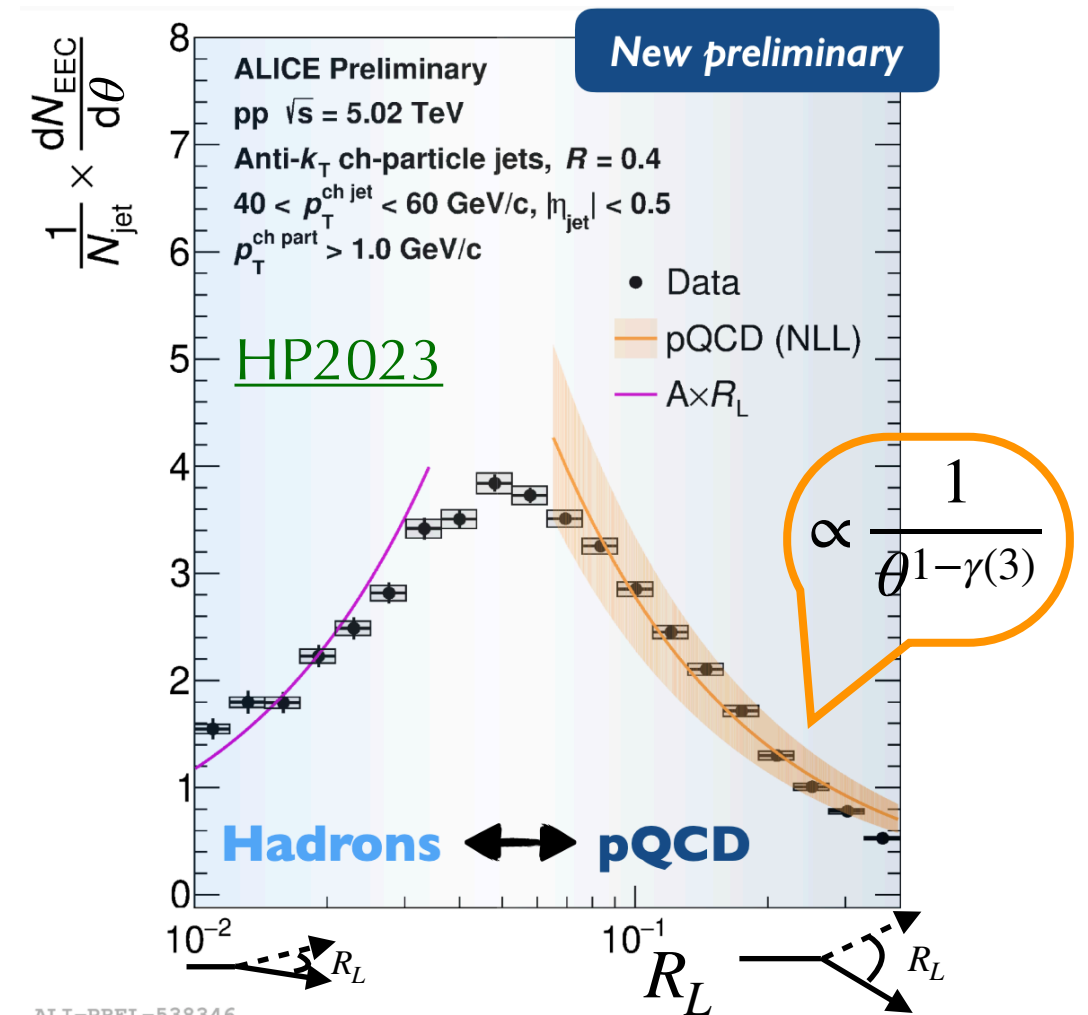
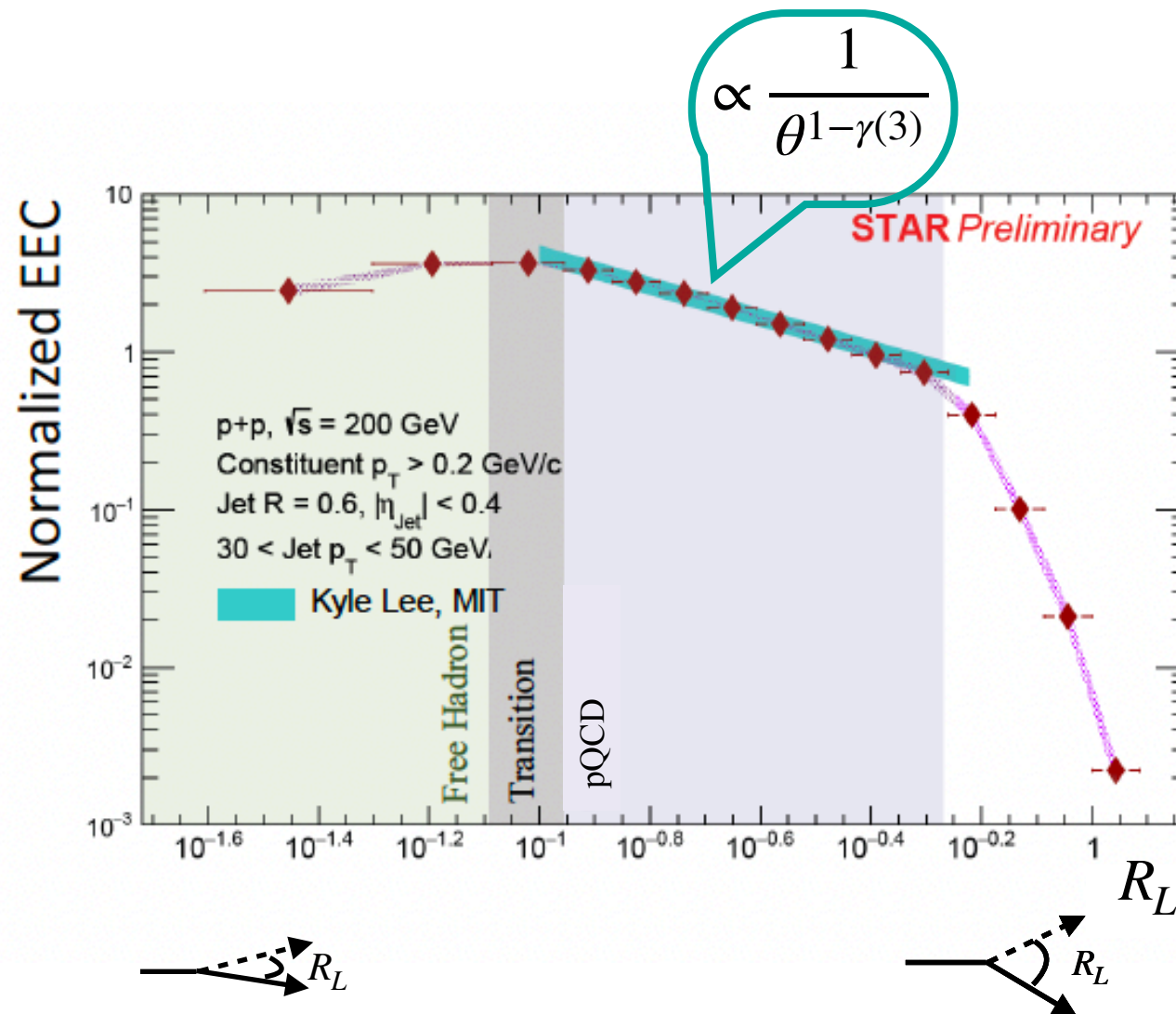
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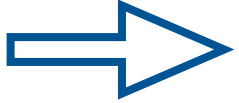
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- **First measurements** of the EEC in **p-p collisions** announced in HP2023 (03/2023)
- Observation of the universal power-law QCD behavior!

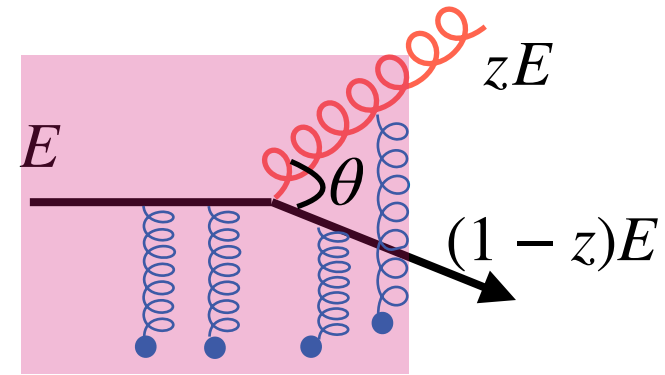


Energy correlators in HICs

- Access to angular scales **without de-clustering!**
- In p-p: clear **separation between perturbative and non-perturbative regimes**
- pQCD **p-p baseline under control** (known at very high accuracy)
- Reduced sensitivity to soft physics  no grooming?
 - Infrared safe, inclusive, energy weights
- Increase energy weights to isolate hard splitting modifications?
- **Wide array of EECs can be defined** from only 2- and 3-point correlations

EEC in A-A

Medium-induced
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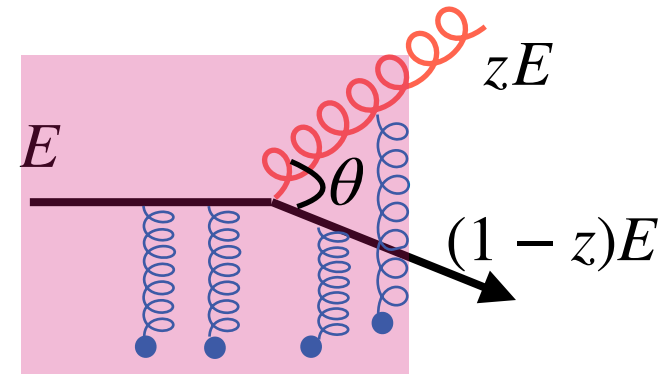
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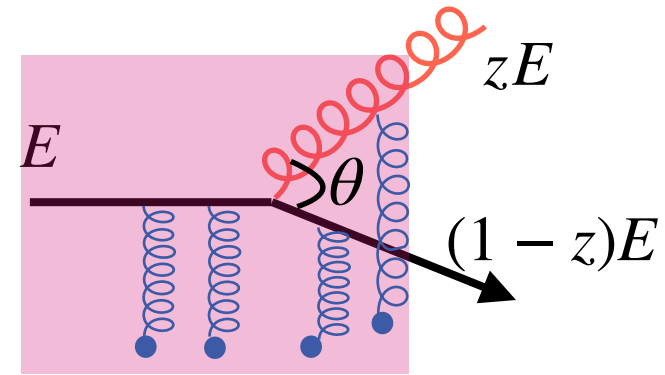
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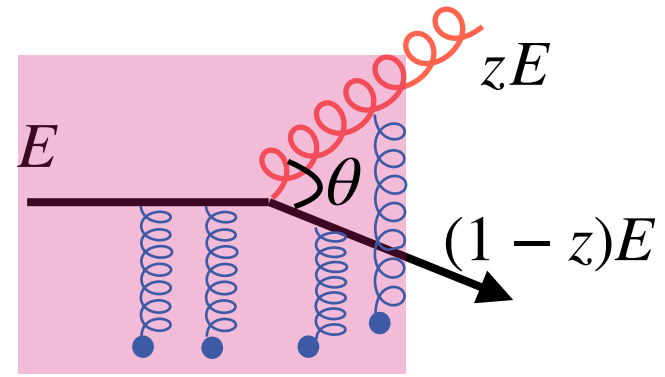
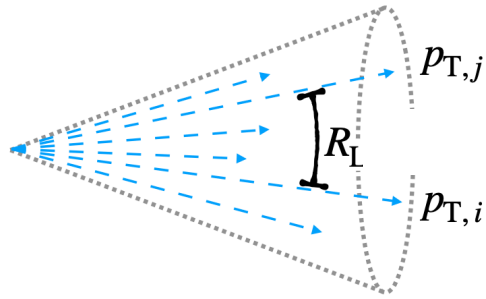
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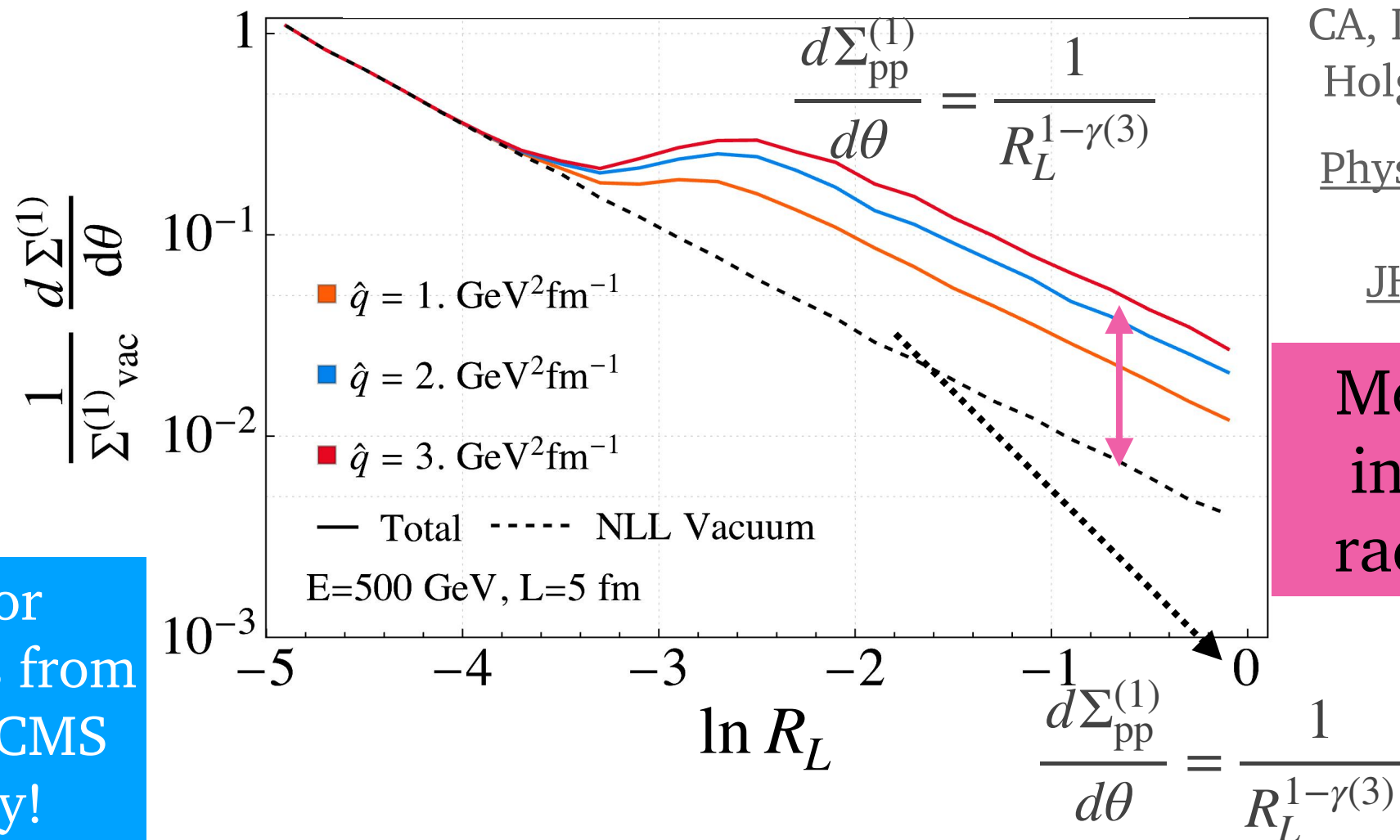
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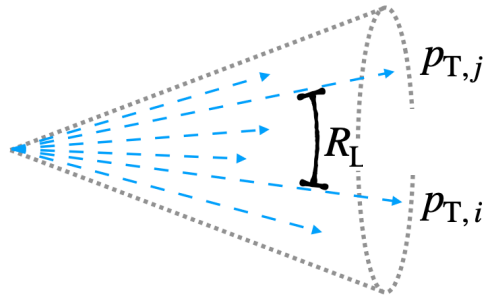
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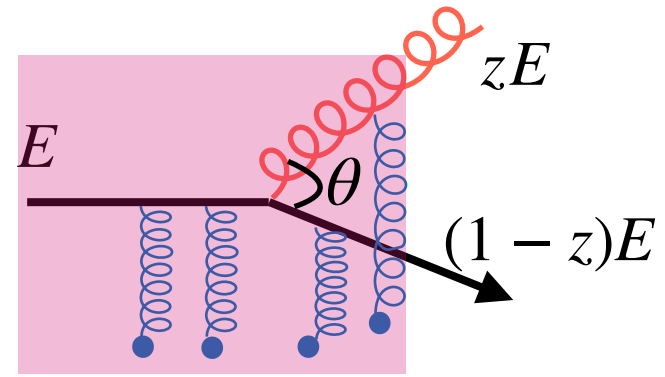
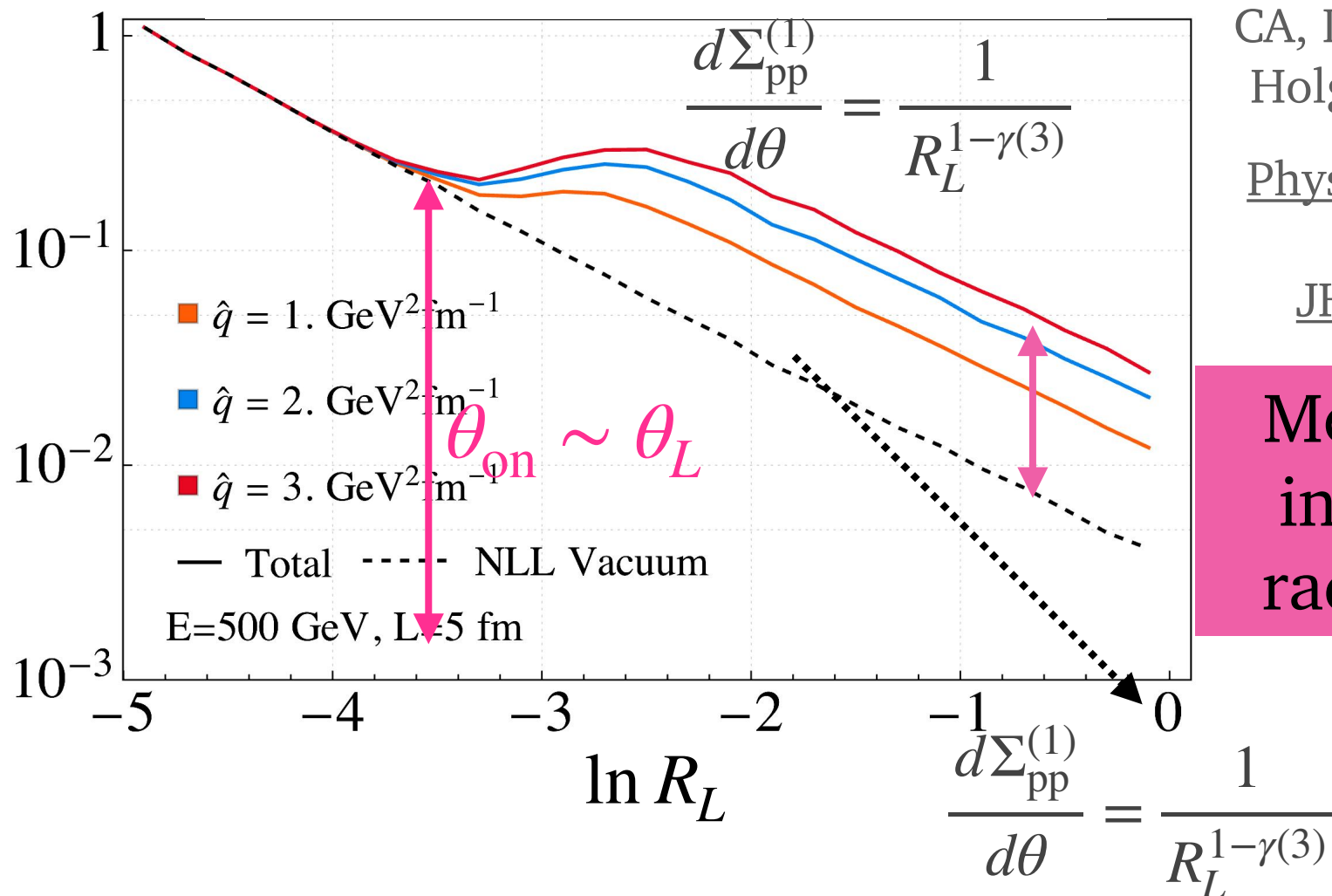
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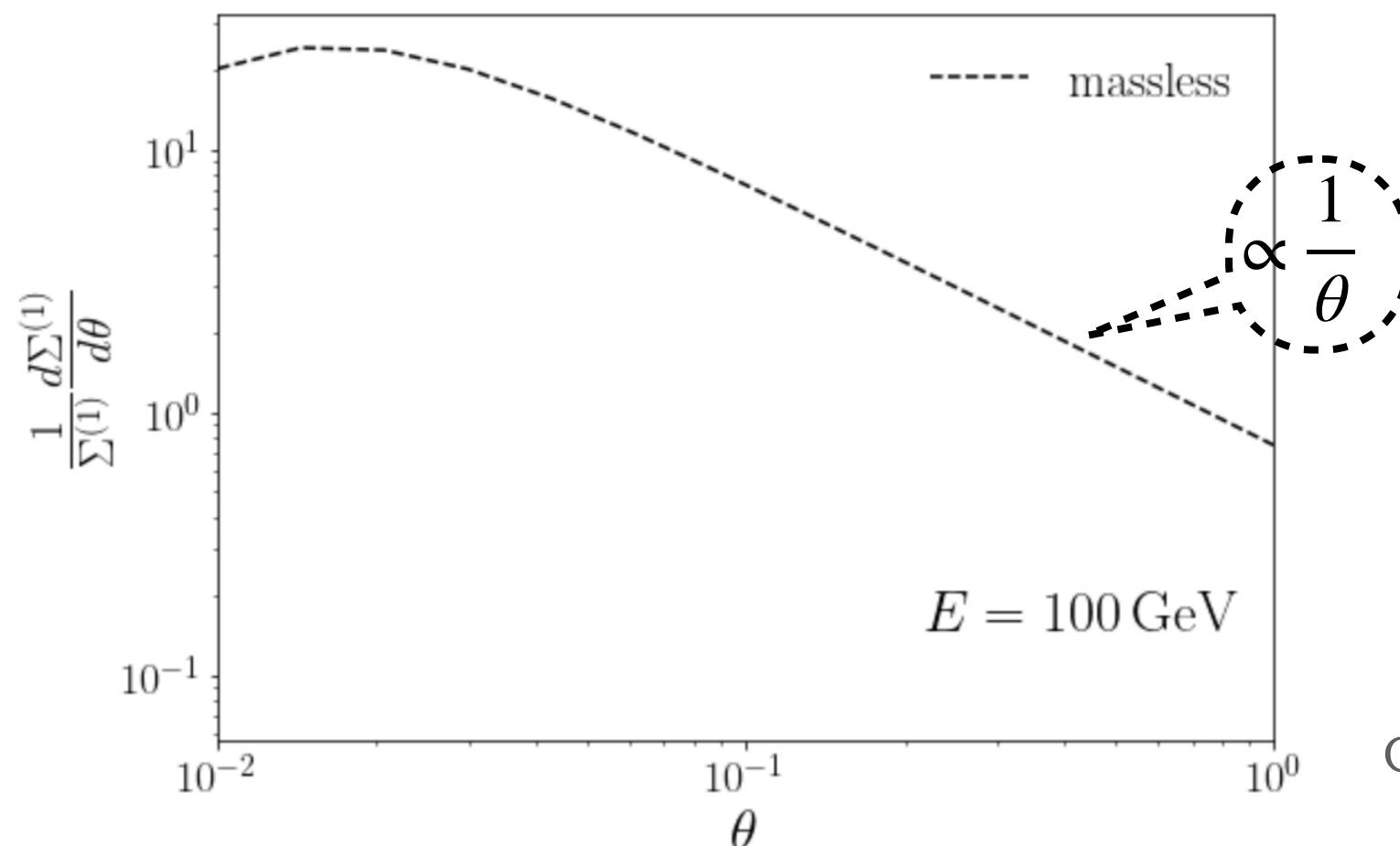
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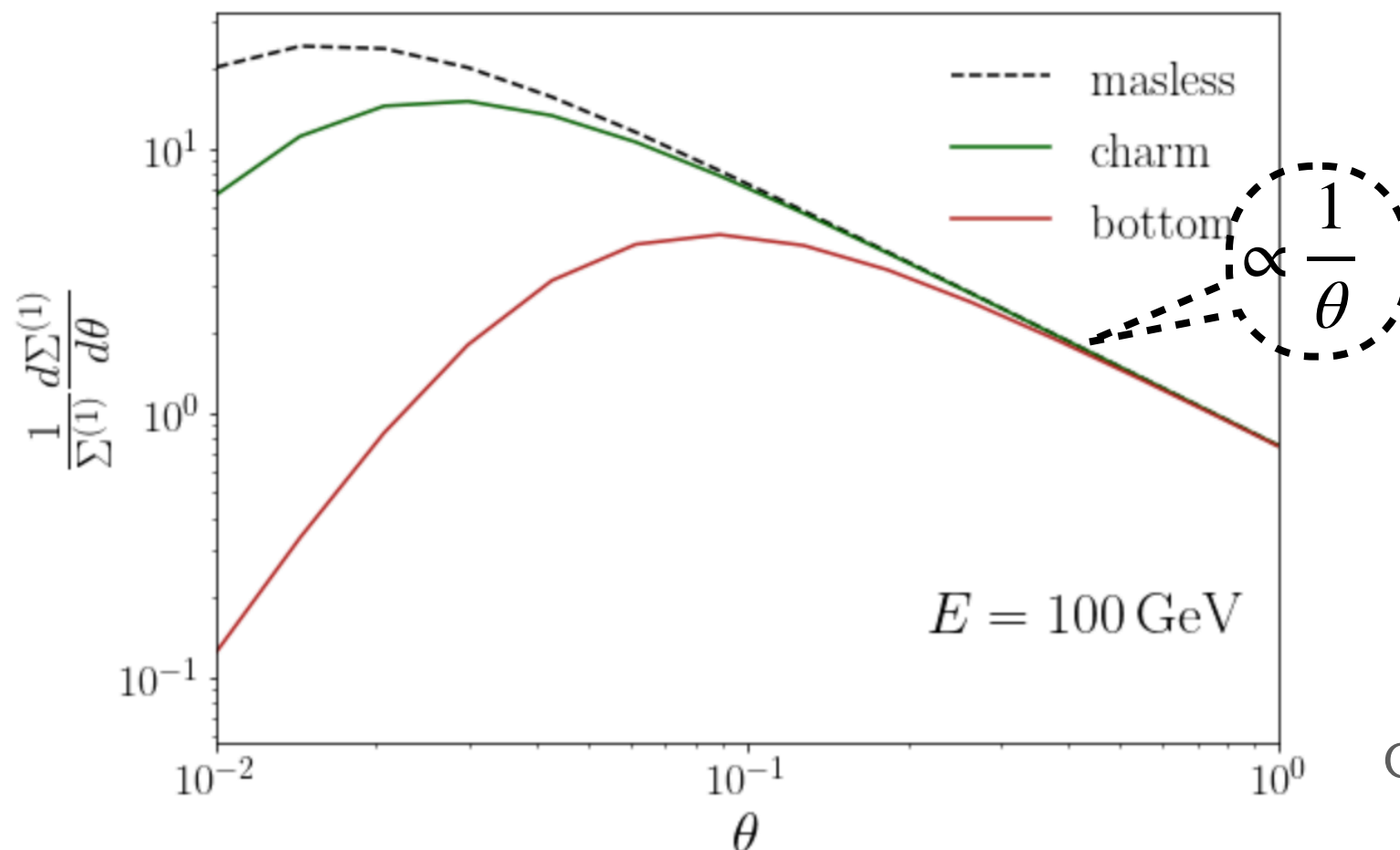
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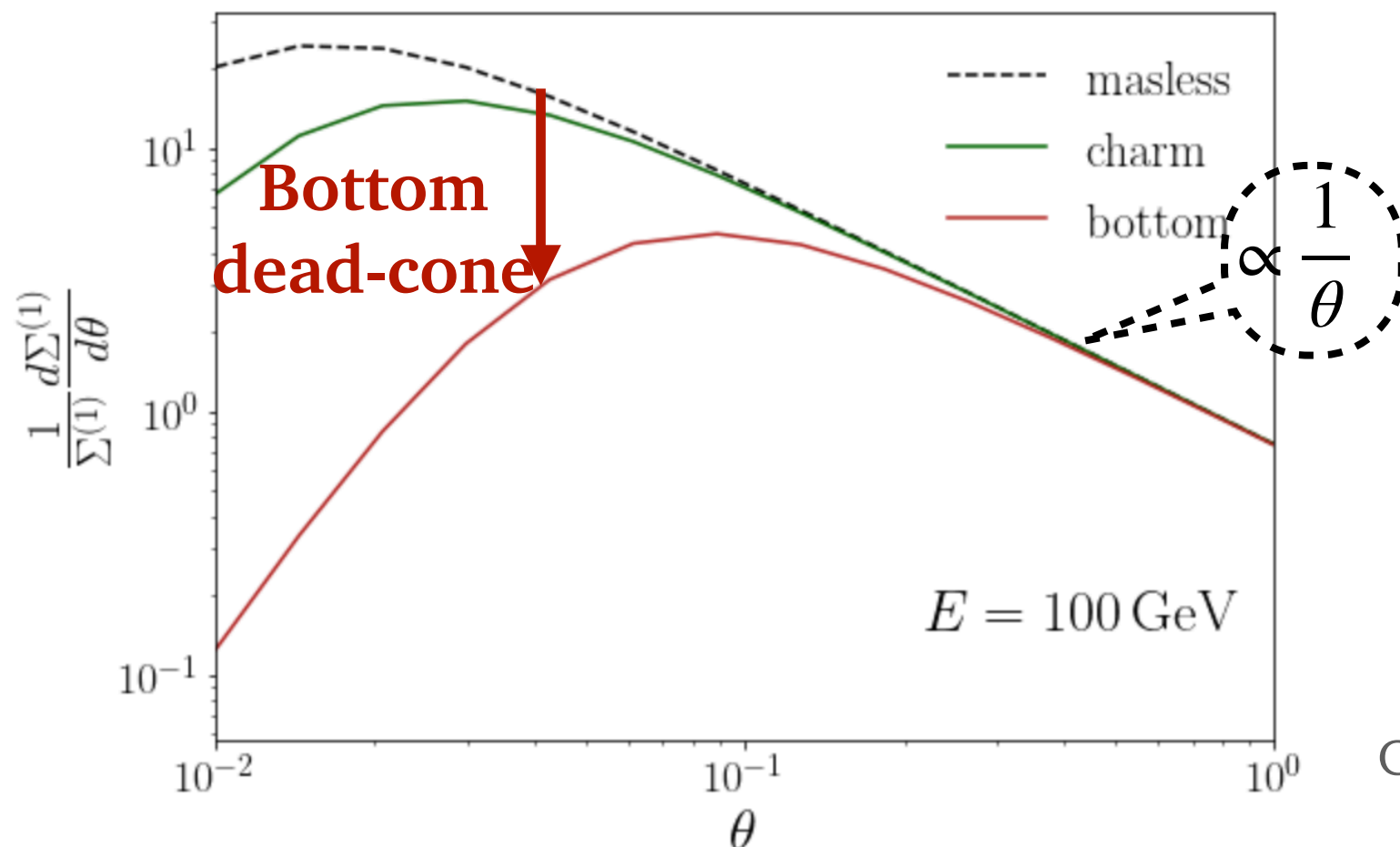
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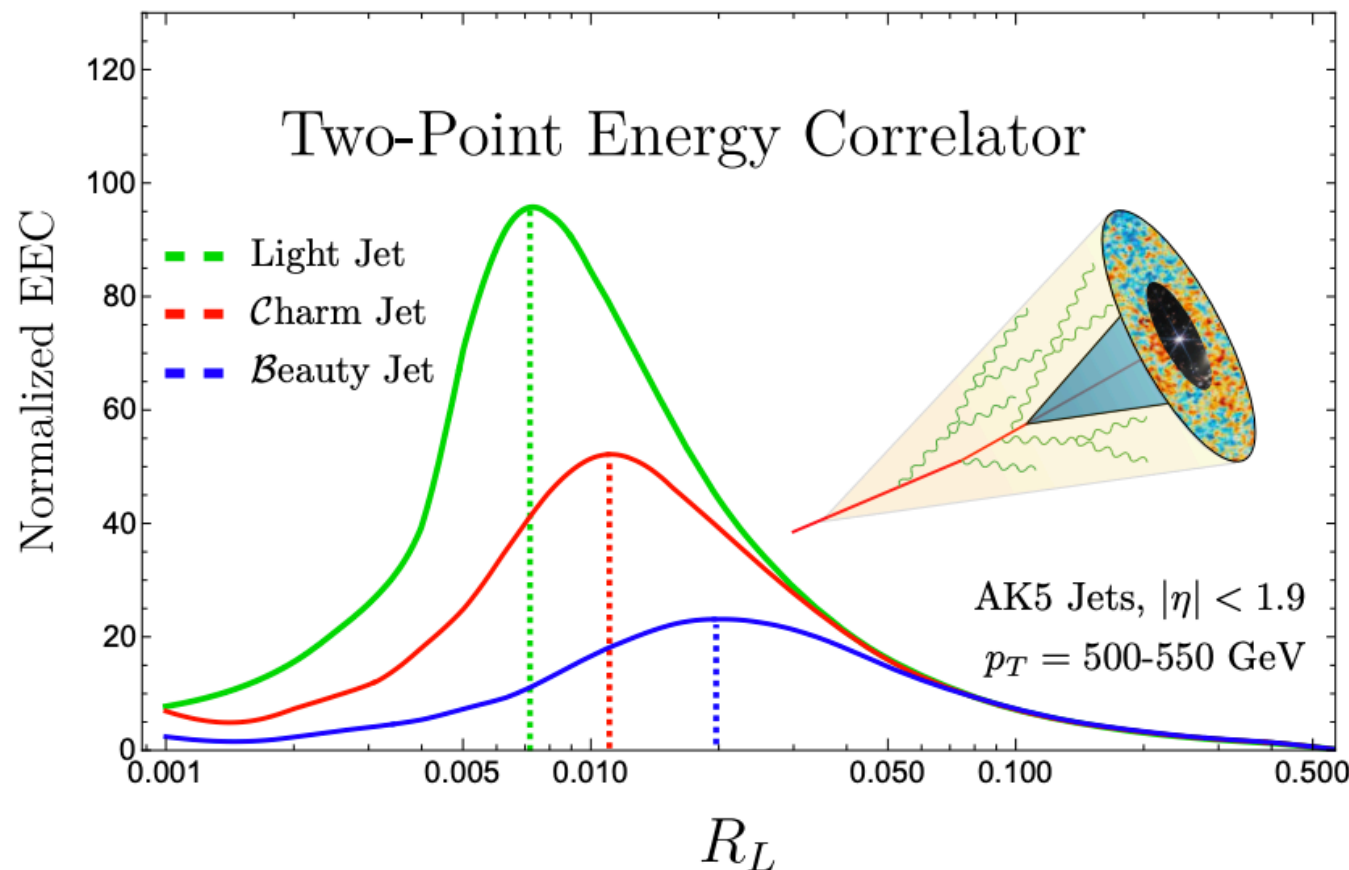
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- Same formalism:

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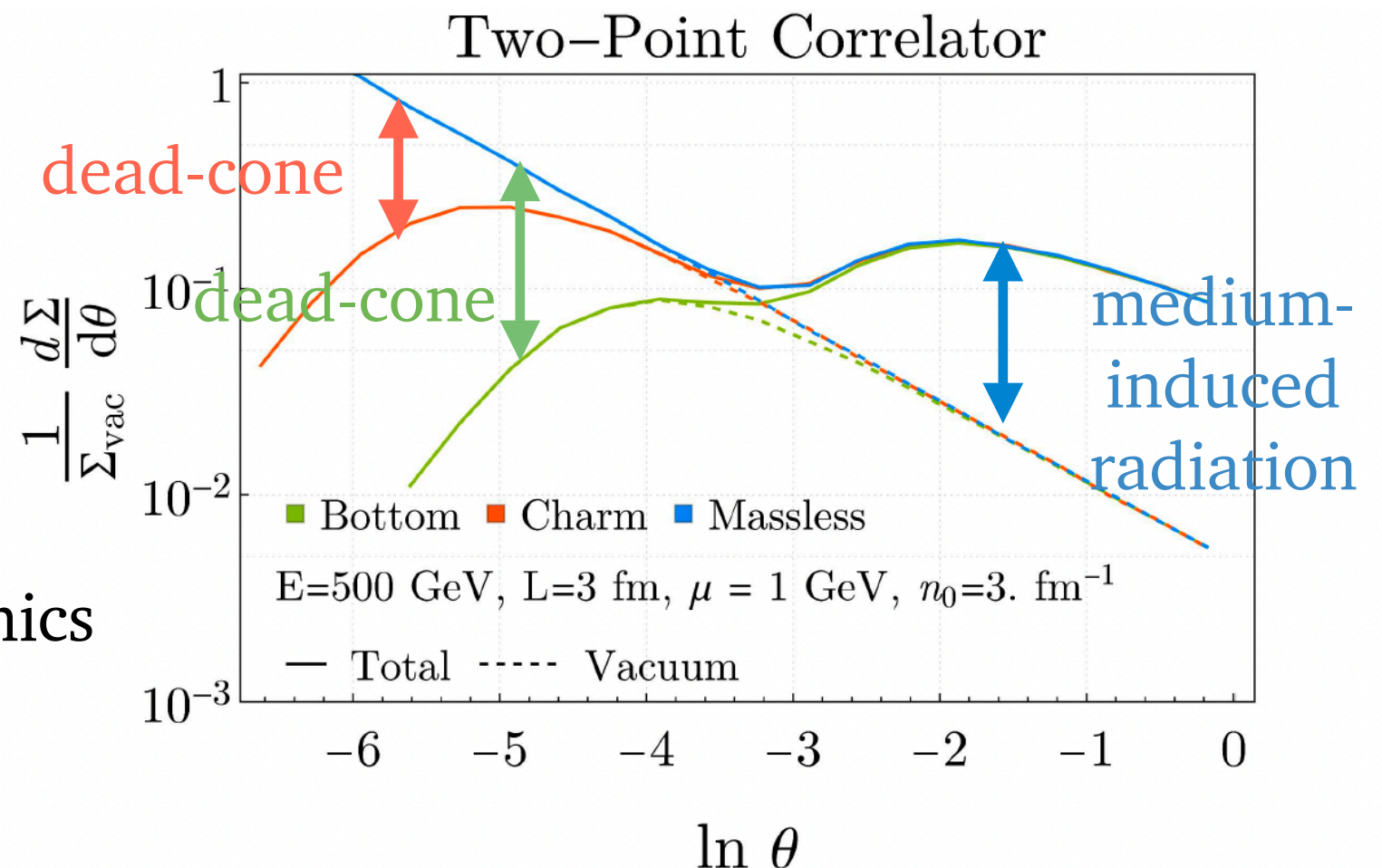
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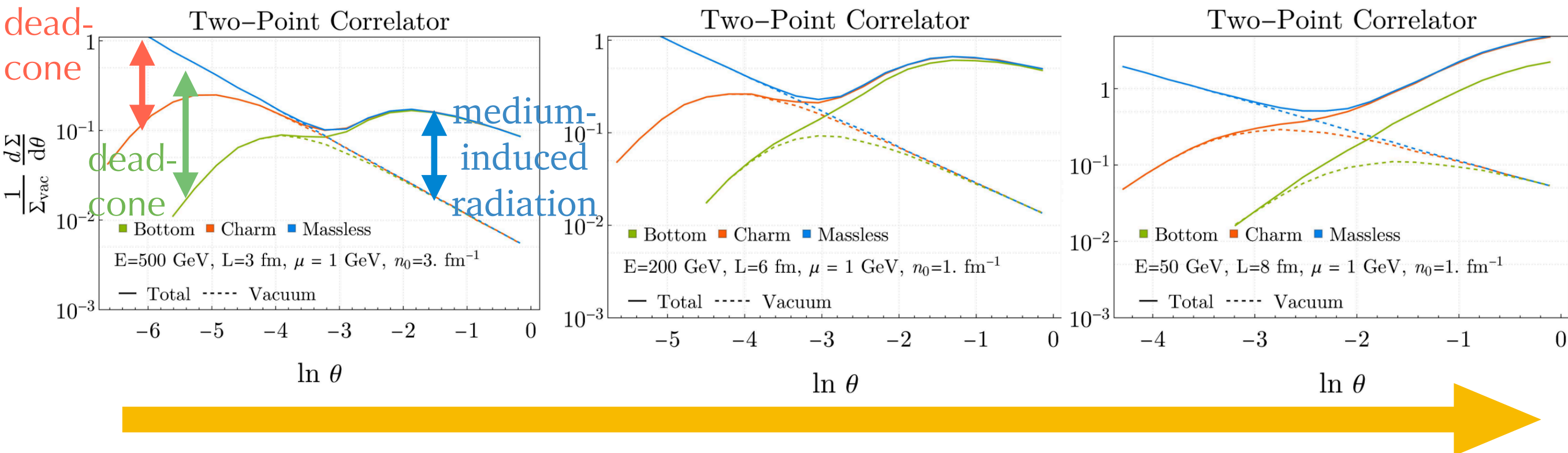
- Two competing scales:

$$\Theta_0 \propto \frac{m_Q}{E} \quad \theta_L \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{EL}}$$

If $\theta_L \gg \Theta_0$: two separate dynamics



HF jets: filling the dead-cone



Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann,
arXiv: hep-ph/0312106

$$\frac{\theta_L}{\Theta_0} \rightarrow 1: \text{Filling the dead-cone}$$

EEC sensitive to **two different scales**: HQ mass and onset of medium-induced radiation

CA, Dominguez, Holguin, Marquet, I. Mout, [2307.15110](#)

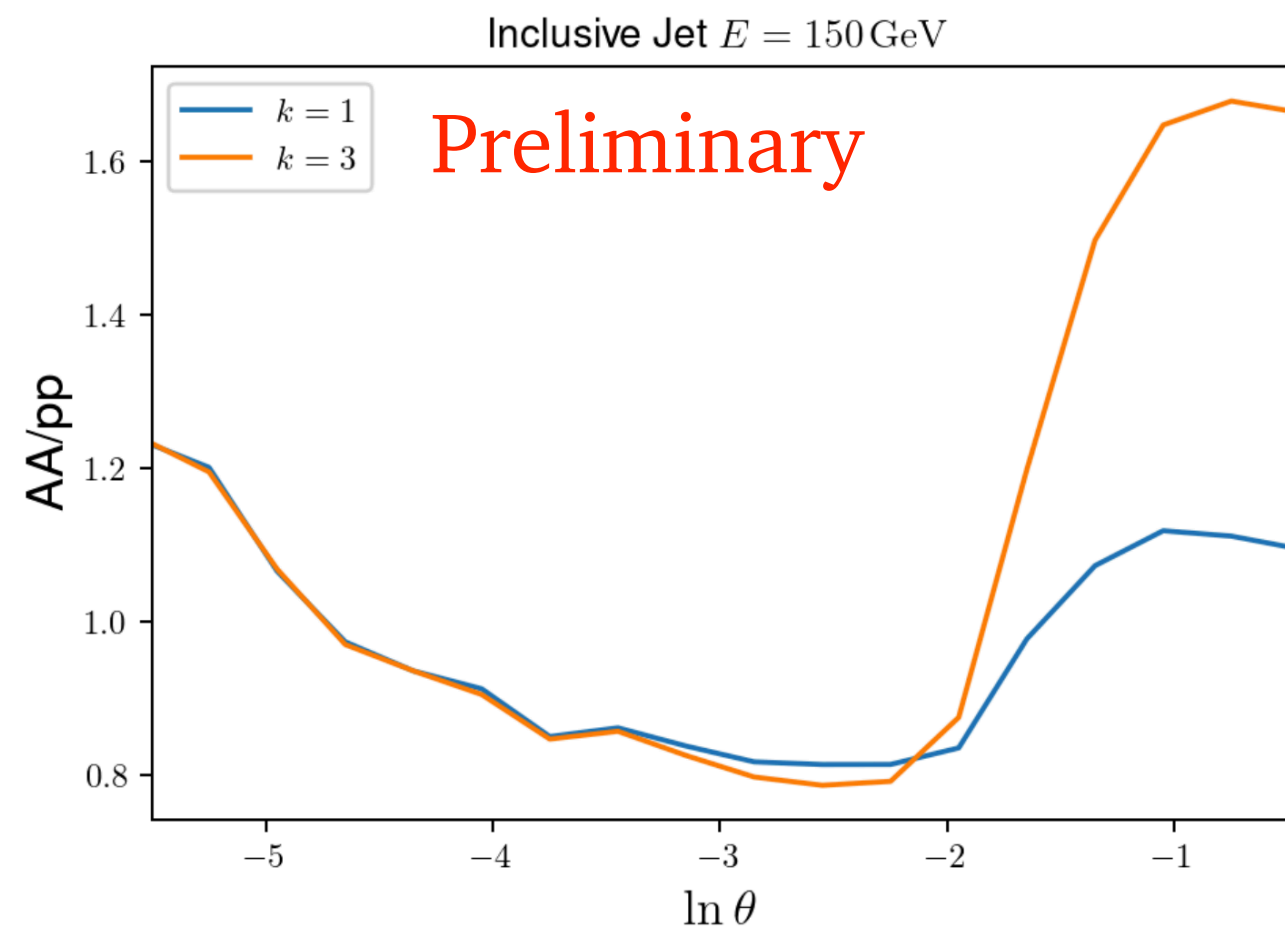
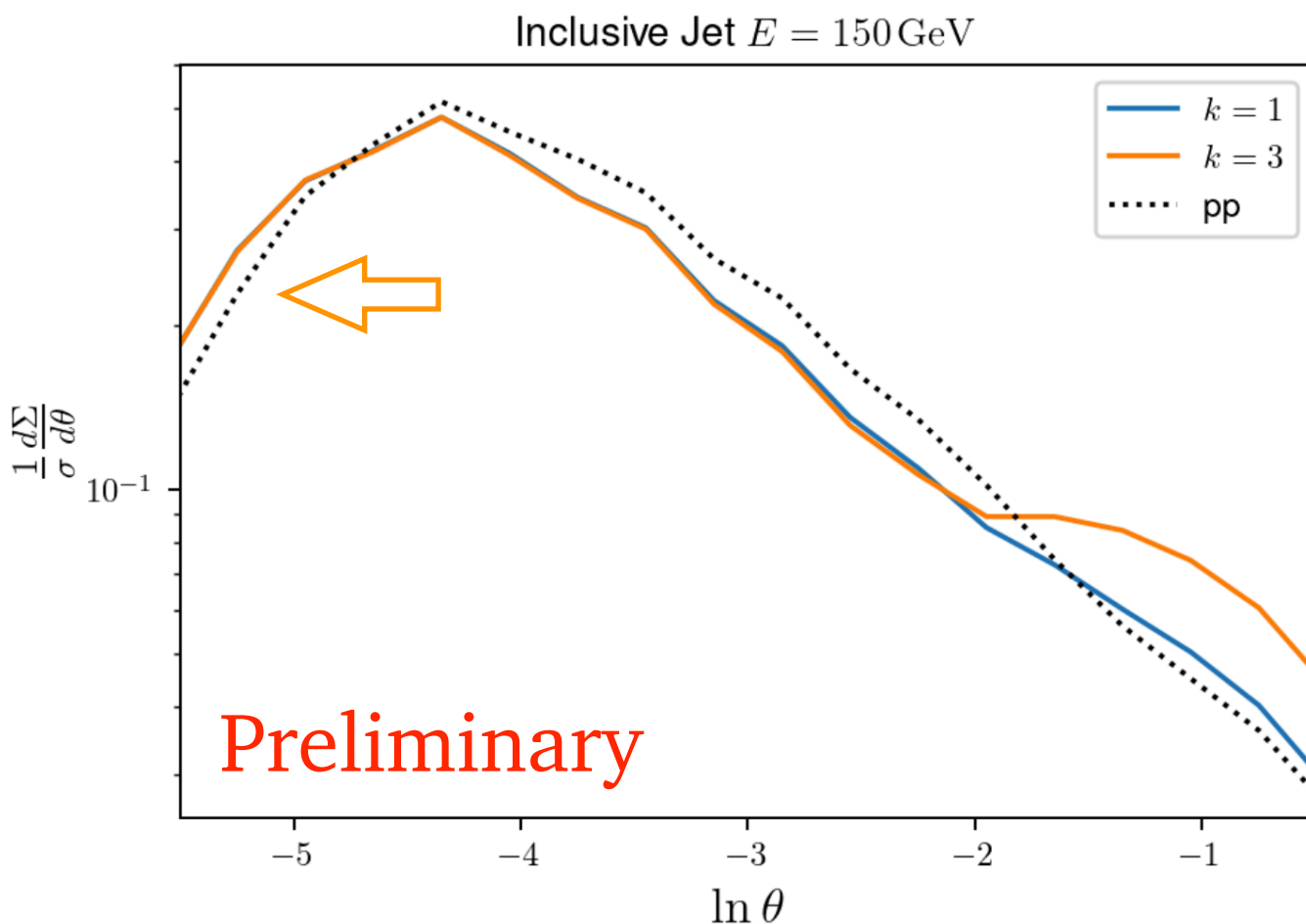
ALICE and CMS are measuring the two-point EEC in
LHC Run 2 PbPb data

But... they are looking at **inclusive jet** samples

What should we expect?

EEC on inclusive jets in A-A

- We don't know the initial hard parton energy
- HI-jets have a higher initial energy than p-p jets, then their **transition to non-perturbative regime happens at smaller angles**



K is just a free-parameter in our medium-induced calculation

Conclusions

- **QCD collectivity at experimental reach** at RHIC and the LHC
 - Continuous progress on the characterization of the QGP
 - Many interesting questions to be answered in the next 15 years of HICs

How does a strongly-coupled fluid emerge from an asymptotically free gauge theory?

- Use **jets as *microscope* of the QGP**
- **Energy Correlators:** great potential for jet substructure studies of the QGP
- Many theoretical developments and experimental measurements on EECs to come!

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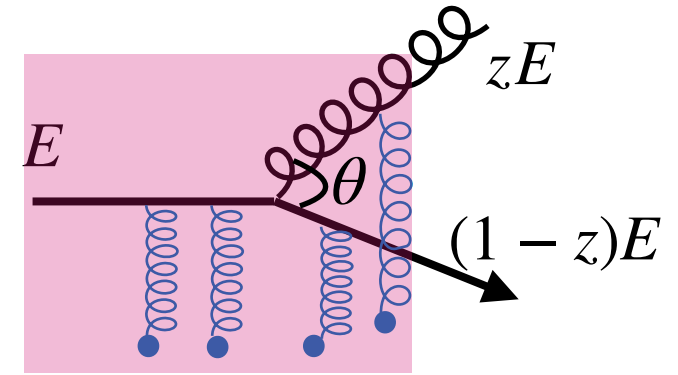
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Obrigada!

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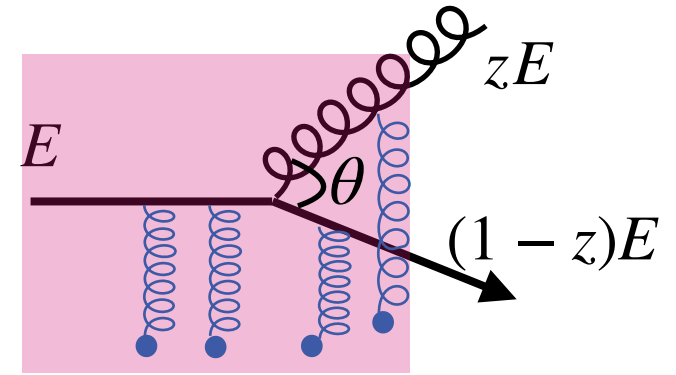
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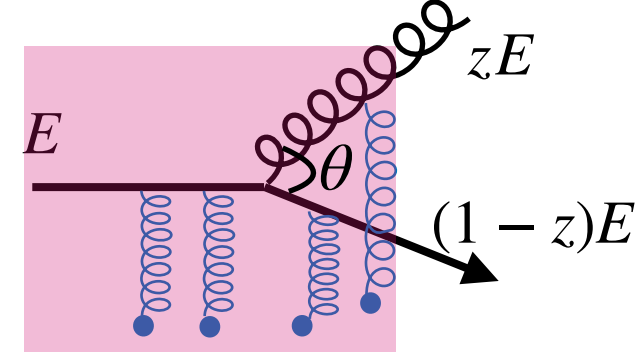
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Our idealized model



- Multiple medium scatterings destroy the color coherence between the daughter partons
- Complete (multiple scatterings) medium-induced emission spectrum **keeping z and θ not yet available**

Recent results for the $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ case (computationally costly) Isaksen, Tywoniuk, [2303.12119](#)

Dominguez, Milhano,
Salgado, Tywoniuk,
Vila, [1907.03653](#)

Isaksen, Tywoniuk
[2107.02542](#)

- We **use a semi-hard** splittings (z not too small)
- All partons propagate along straight line trajectories
- **Static brick** with length L
- **Harmonic oscillator** (HO) approximation employed $n\sigma(r) \approx \hat{q}r^2/2$
- The strength of the interactions is encoded in the **jet quenching parameter** $\hat{q}$, which measures the average transverse momentum transferred per unit length

Time and angular scales (HO)

- For a static medium of length L within the HO one can read off the relevant scales directly from the formulas:

- 2 competing angular scales: θ_L and θ_c

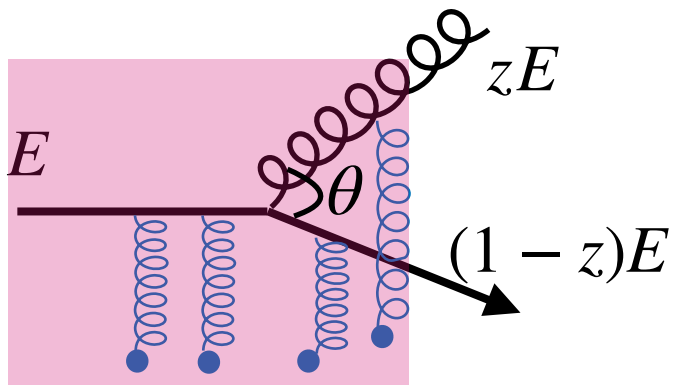
- (Vacuum) formation time:

$$t_f = \frac{2}{z(1-z)E\theta^2} \xrightarrow{t_f \leq L} \theta_L \sim (EL)^{-1/2} \quad \text{Below } \theta_L \text{ all emissions have a formation time larger than } L$$

- Decoherence time:

$$S_{12}(\tau) = e^{-\frac{1}{12}\hat{q}(1+z^2)\theta^2\tau^3} \quad t_d \sim (\hat{q}\theta^2)^{-1/3} \xrightarrow{t_d \leq L} \theta_c \sim (\hat{q}L^3)^{-1/2}$$

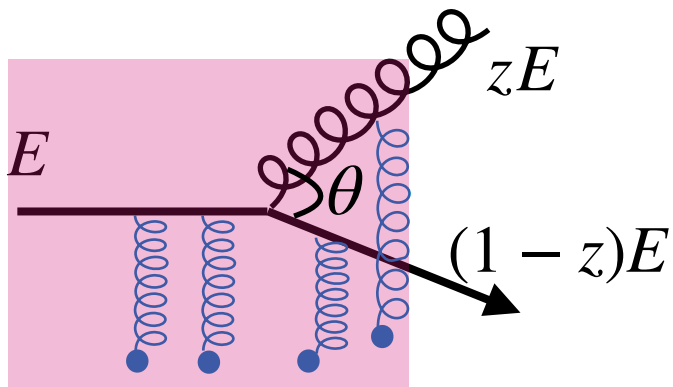
Below θ_c splittings do not color decohere and the medium does not resolve them



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Can be extended to include a more realistic interactions or expanding media, but then we would not know the scales directly from the equations

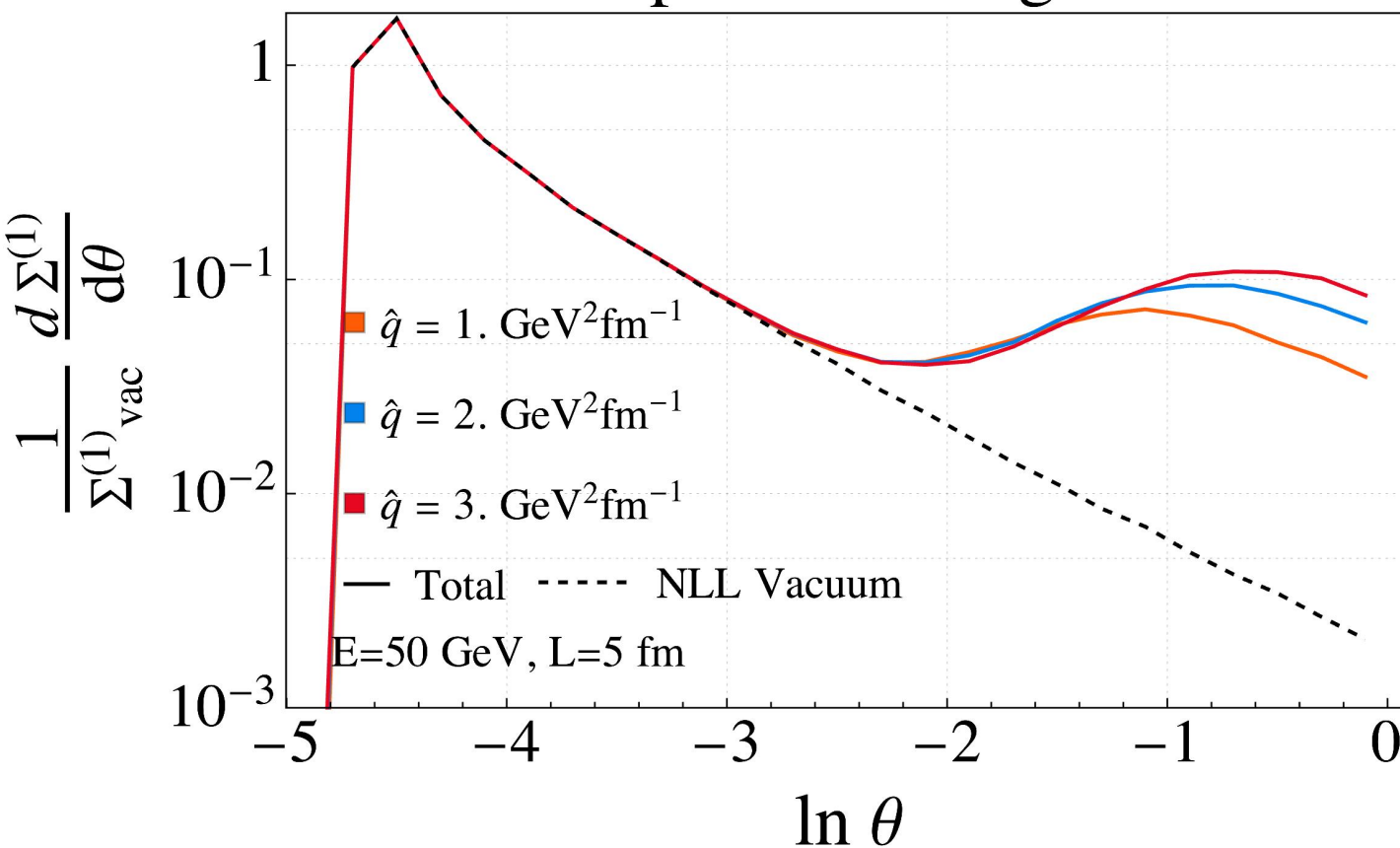


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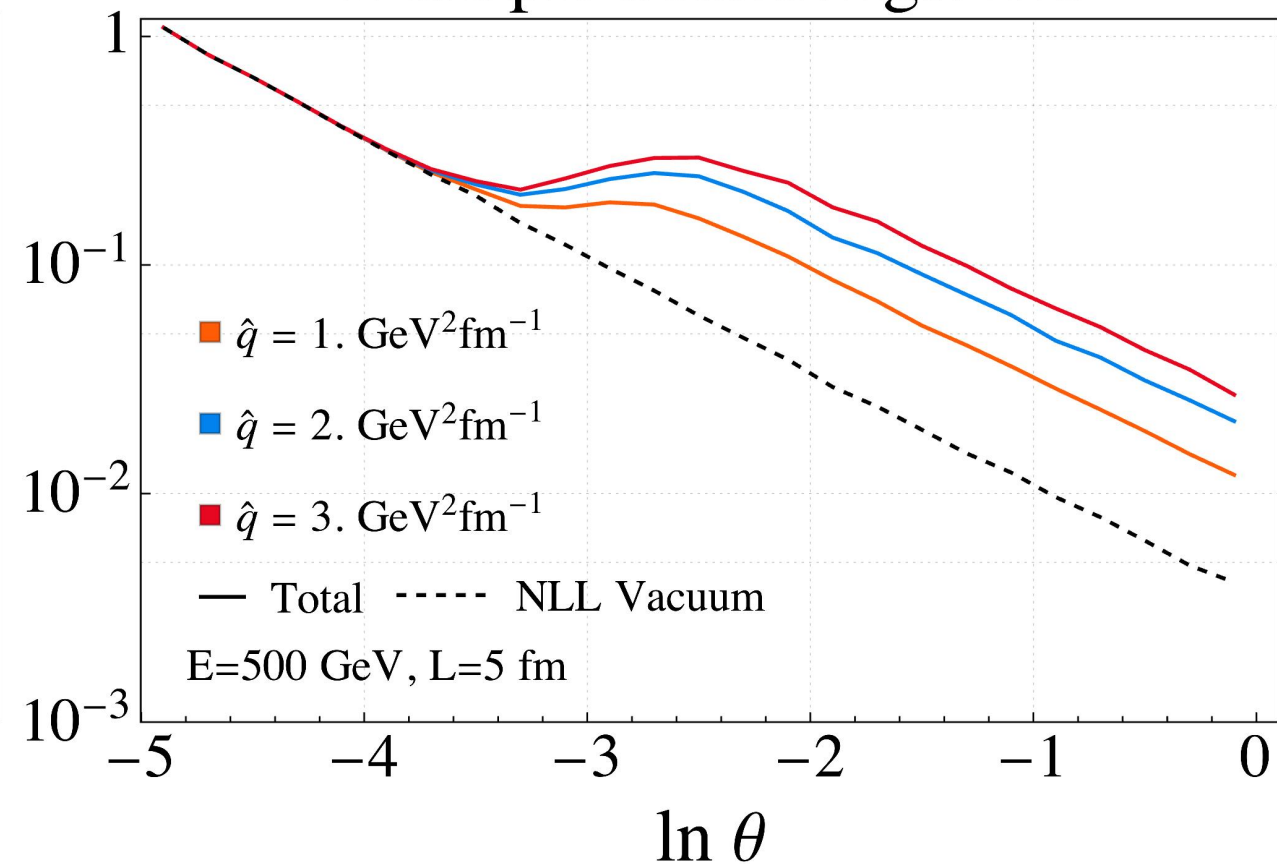
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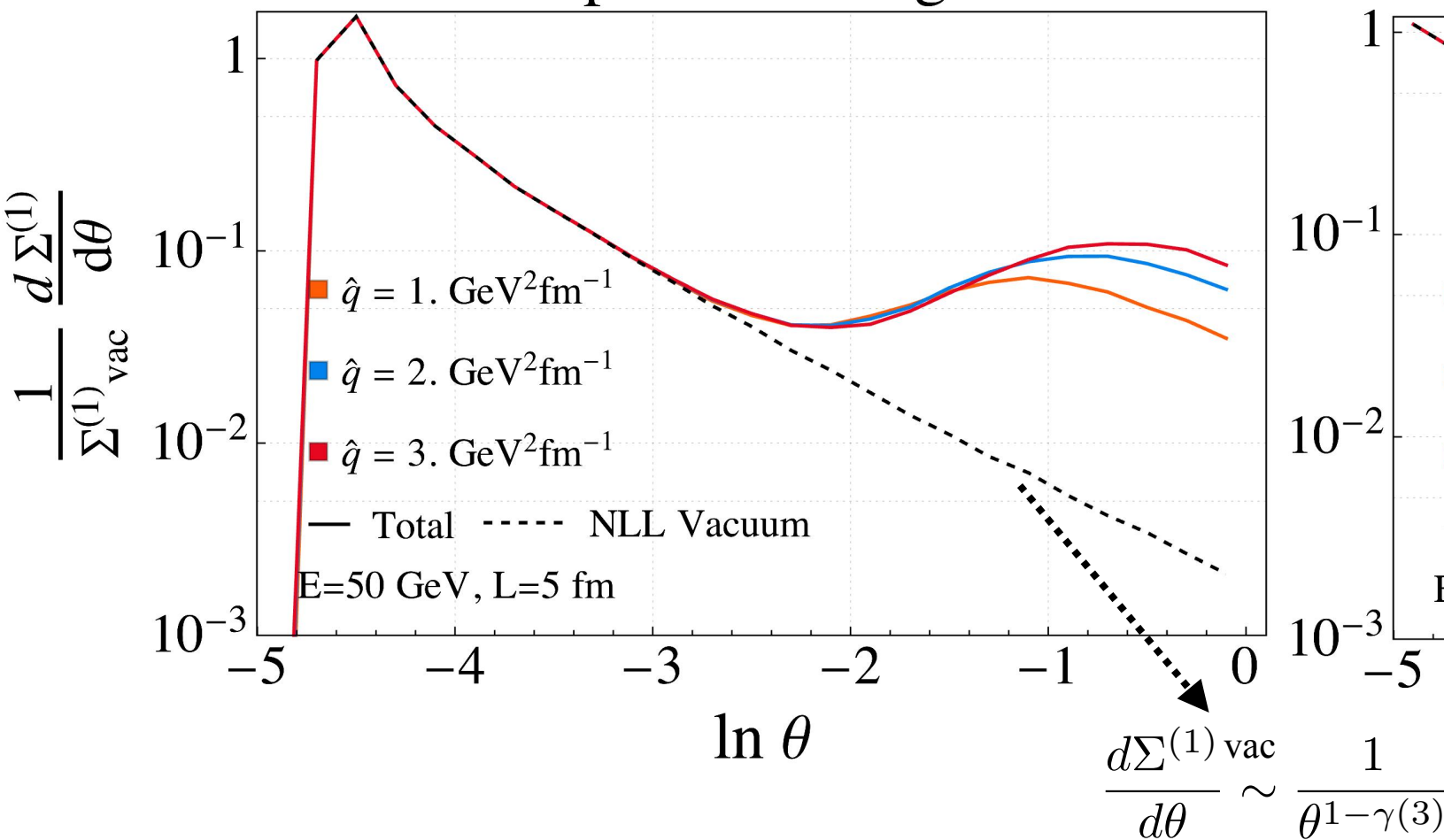
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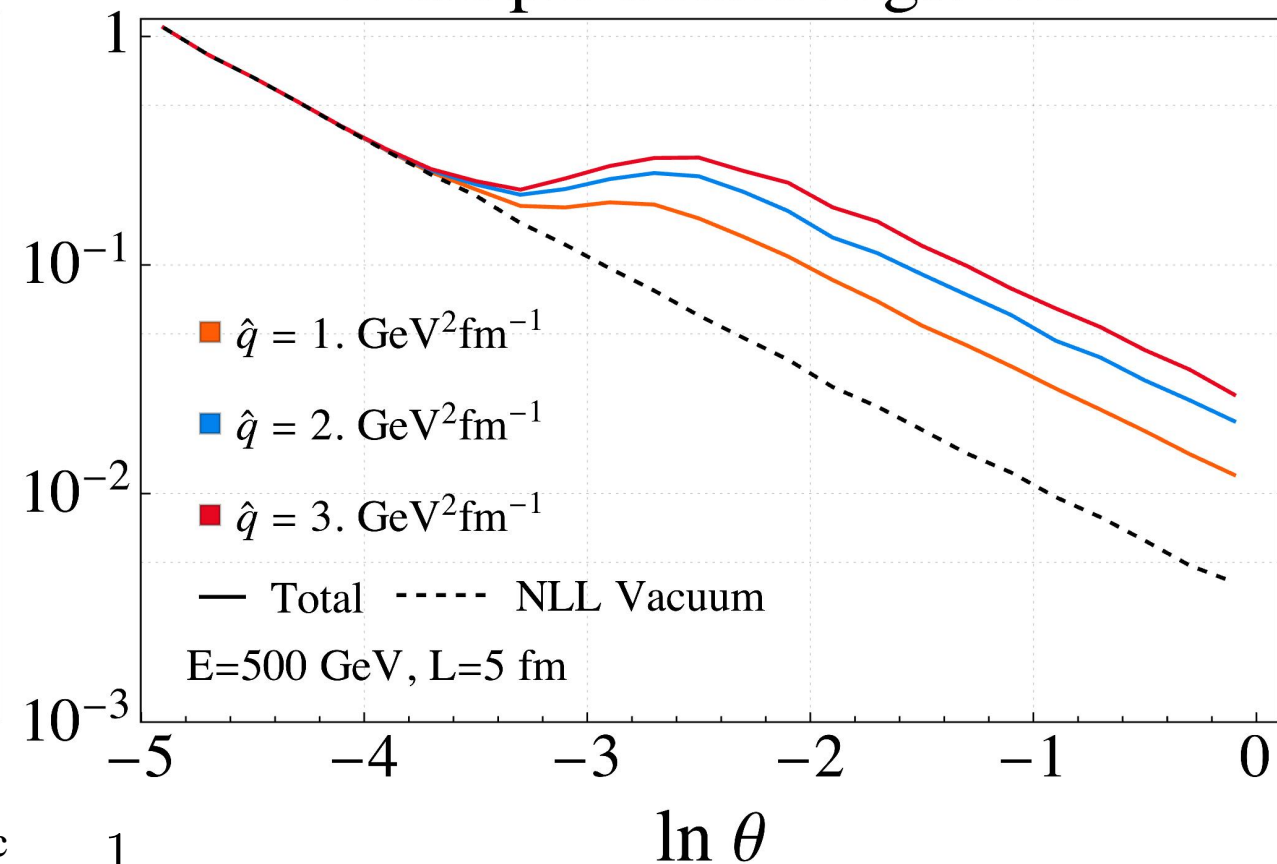
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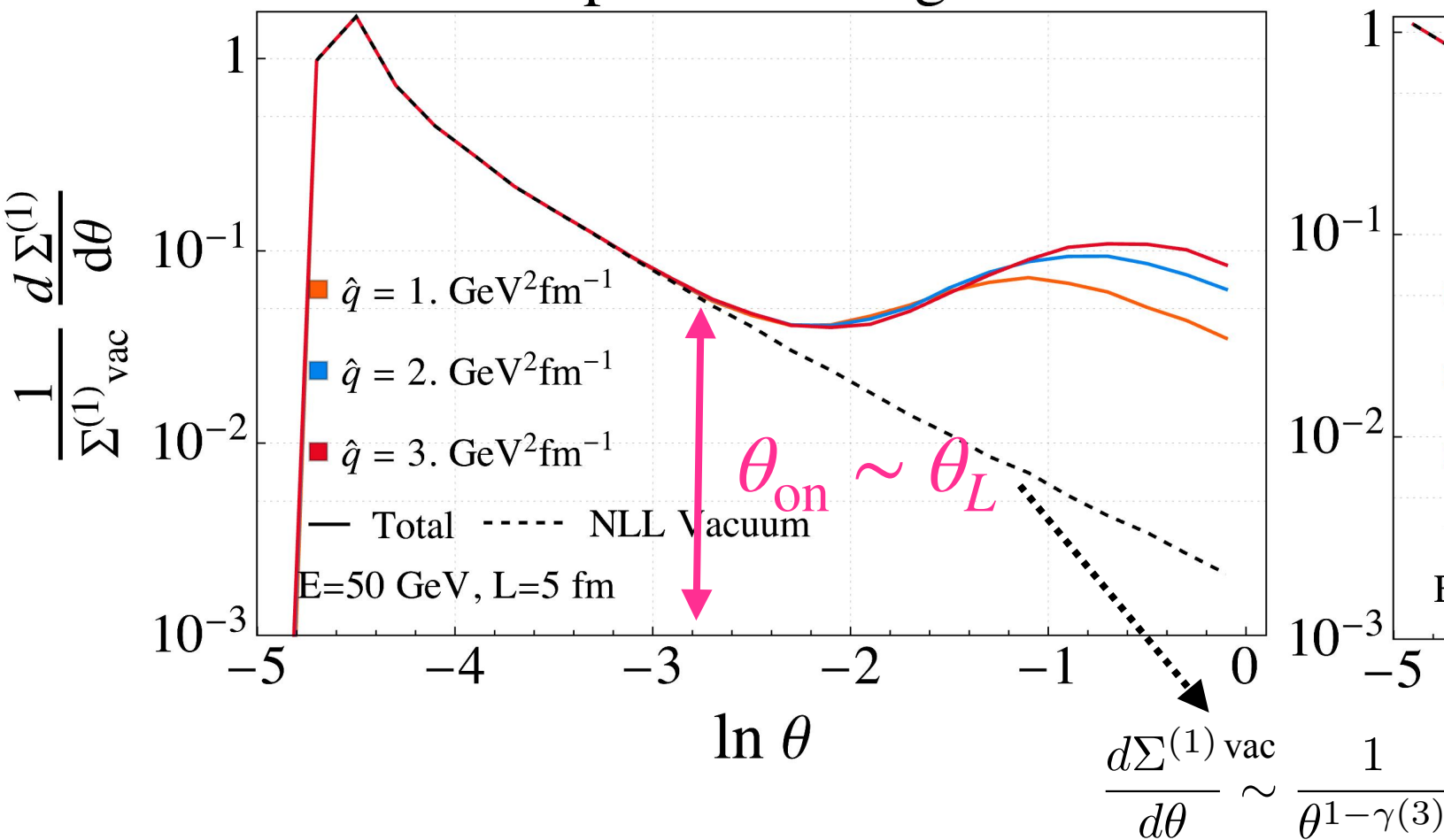


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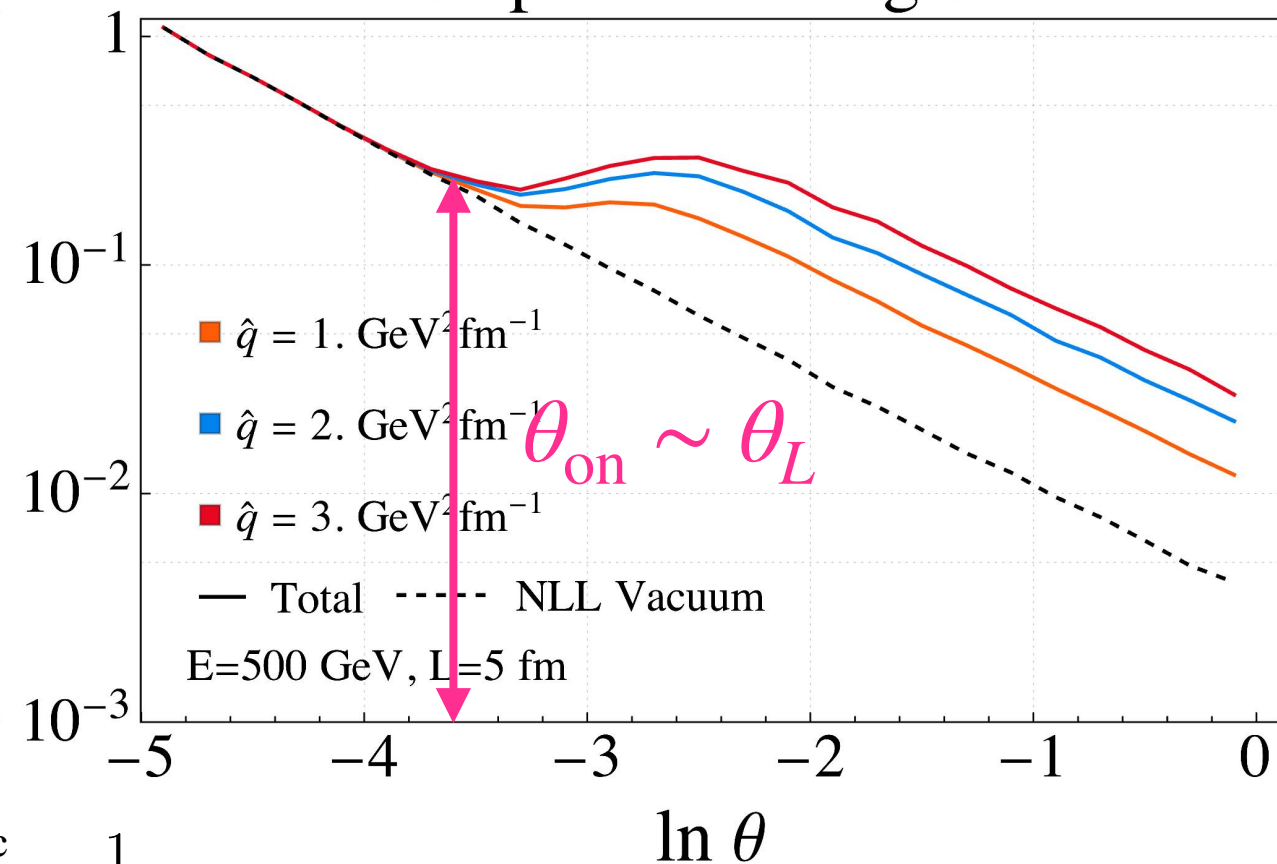
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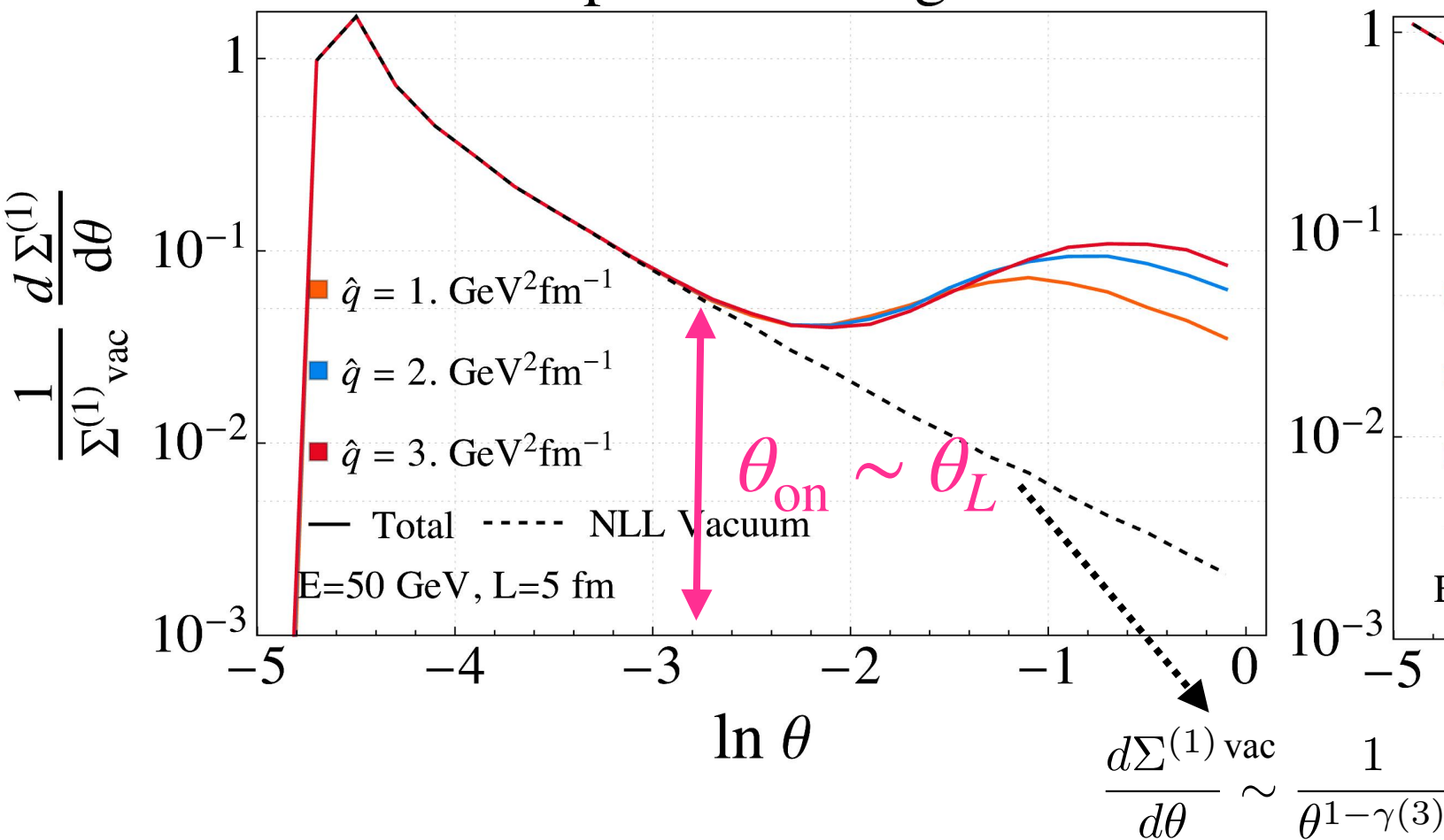


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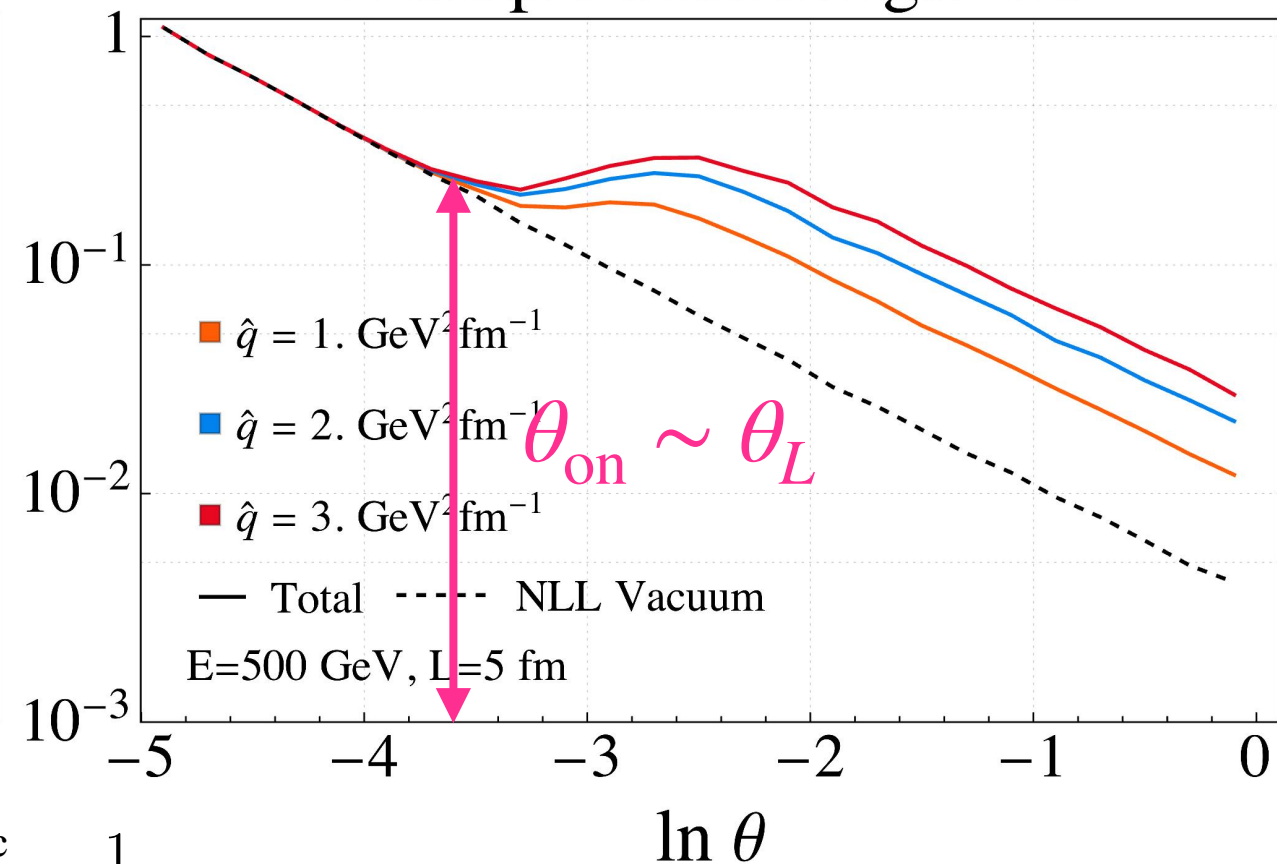
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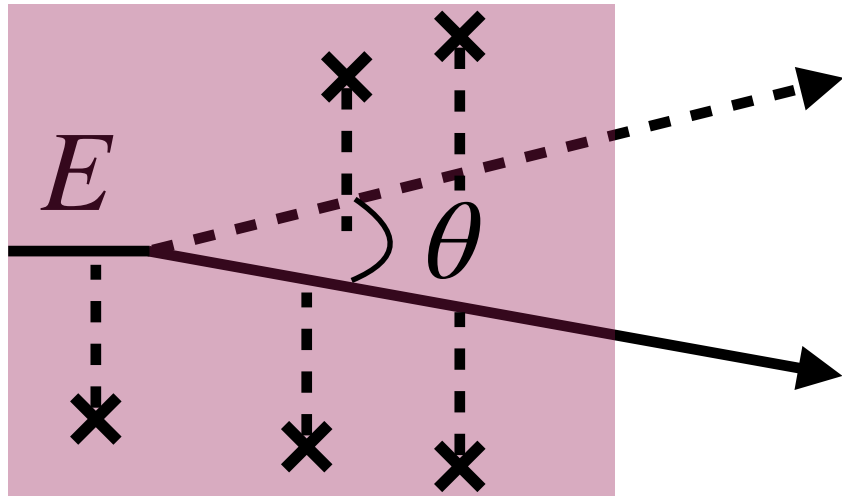
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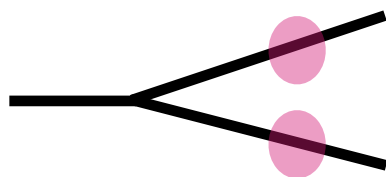
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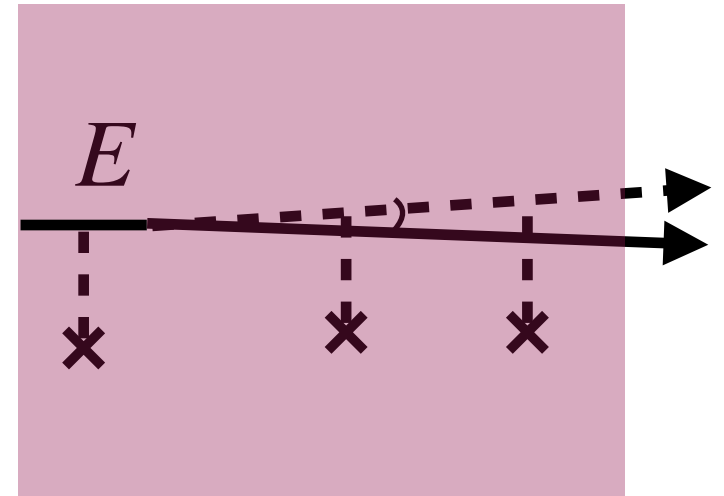


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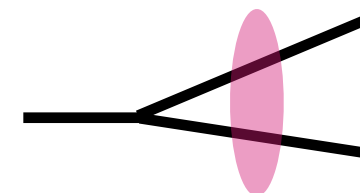


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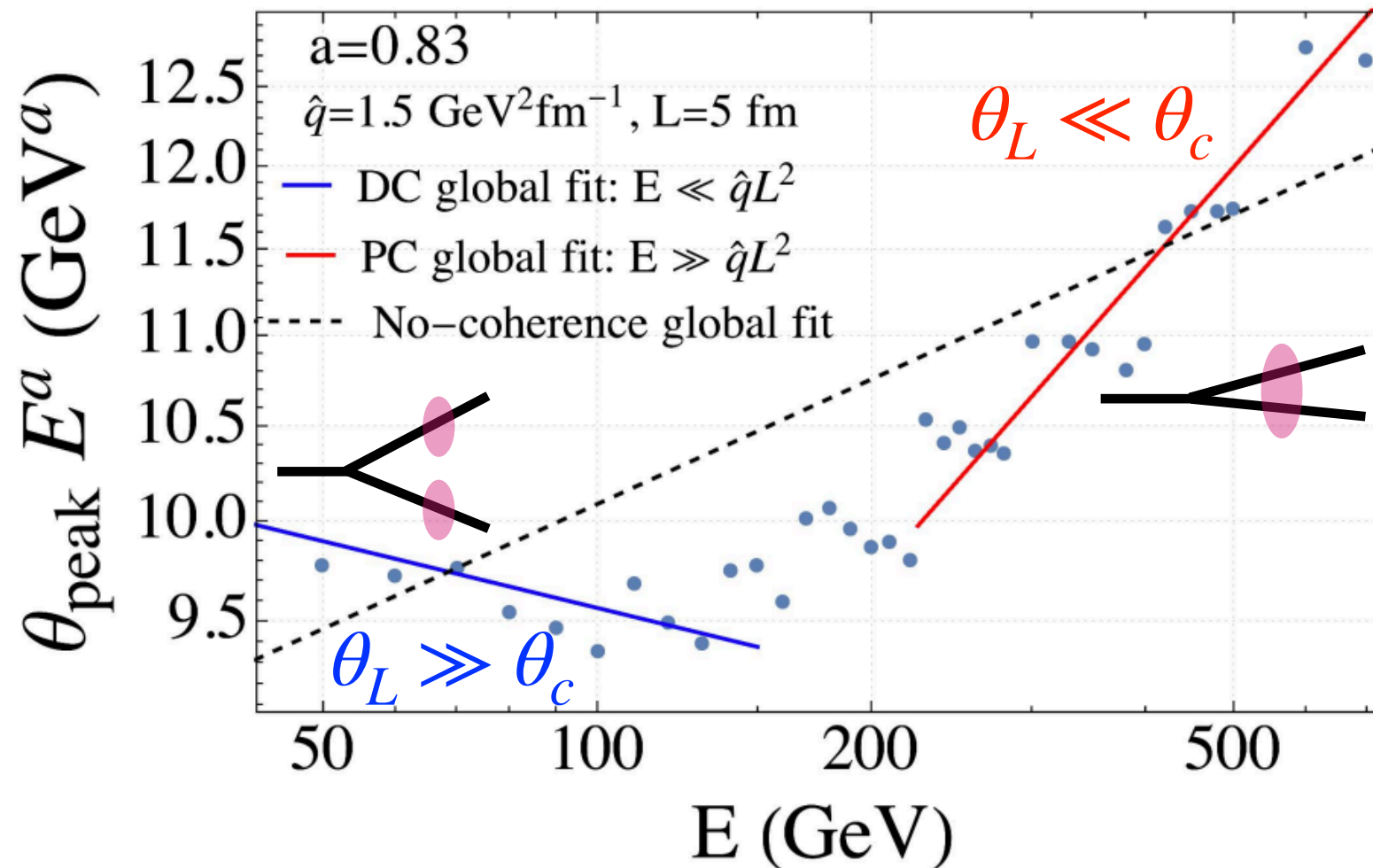


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The medium does NOT resolve the emission



Coherence transition



- Extracted the peak angle θ_{peak} for 332 sets of parameters with $E \in [50, 700] \text{ GeV}$, $L \in [0.2, 10] \text{ fm}$, $\hat{q} \in [1, 3] \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$
- Performed separate fits in the two different regions for the scaling behavior of the peak angle with respect to the 3 parameters

Semi-hard approximation

Dominguez, Milhano, Salgado, Tywoniuk, Vila 1907.03653

Isaksen, Tywoniuk 2107.02542

- Use high-energy limit of propagators: vacuum propagator times a Wilson line in the classical trajectory

$$\mathcal{G}_R(t_2, \mathbf{p}_2; t_1, \mathbf{p}_1; \omega) \rightarrow (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) e^{-i \frac{p_2^2}{2\omega} (t_2 - t_1)} V_R(t_2, t_1; [\mathbf{n}t])$$

- Calculate averages of Wilson lines in the large- N_c limit (calculations also available for finite N_c). All averages can be expressed in terms of fundamental dipoles and quadrupoles

