

# Insights into the logarithmic accuracy of parton showers

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*at colliders, you can probe*

**“big unanswered questions”**

about fundamental particles & their interactions  
(dark matter, matter-antimatter asymmetry,  
fine-tuning / hierarchy of scales...)

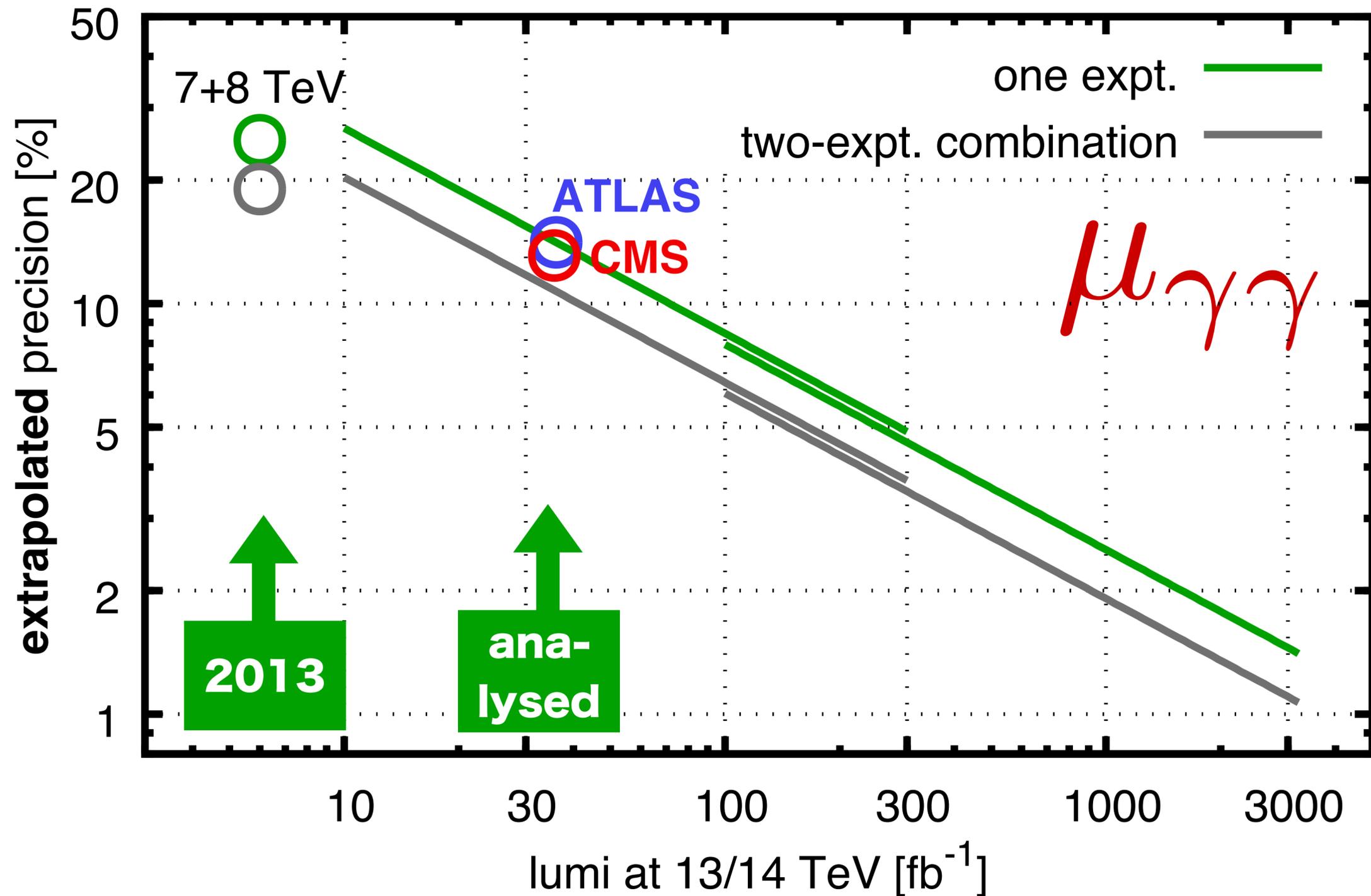
*and*

**“big answerable questions”**

(structure of Higgs sector, determining fundamental  
parameters of Lagrangian of particle physics)

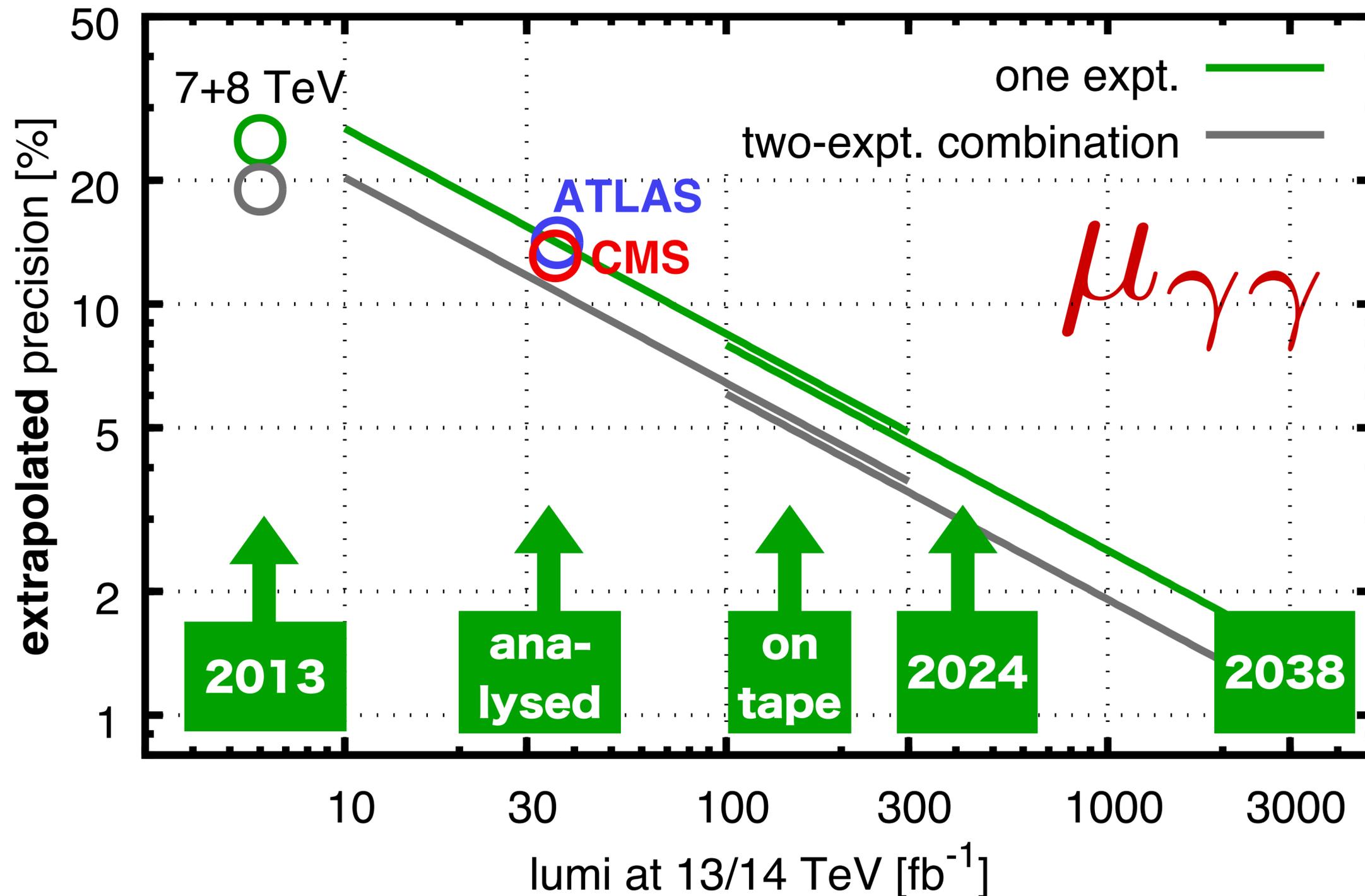
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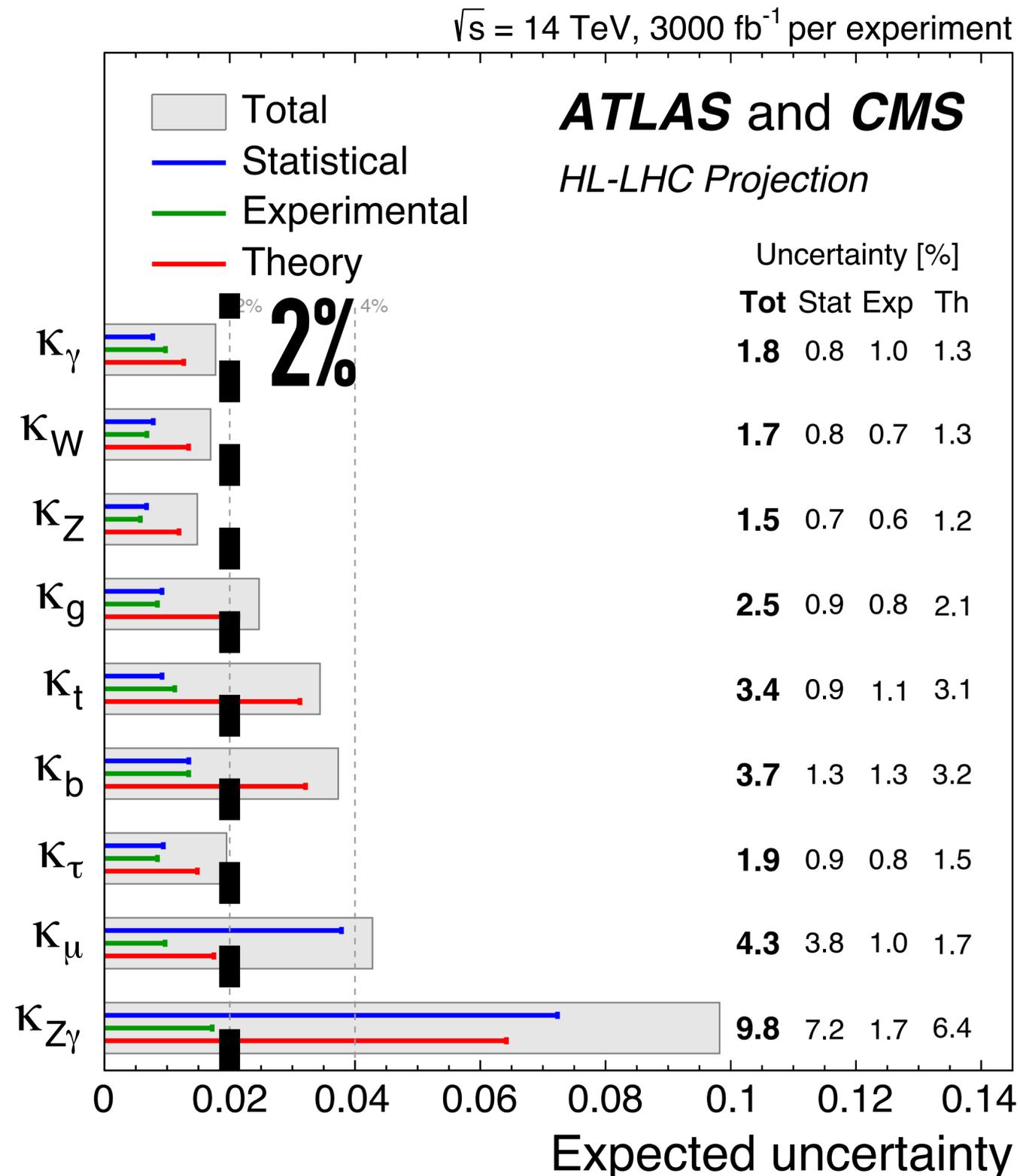


The LHC has the statistical potential to take Higgs physics from “observation” to 1–2% precision

But only if we learn how to connect experimental observations with theory at that precision

1  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  =  $10^{14}$  collisions

# HL-LHC official Higgs coupling projections (by ~2036)



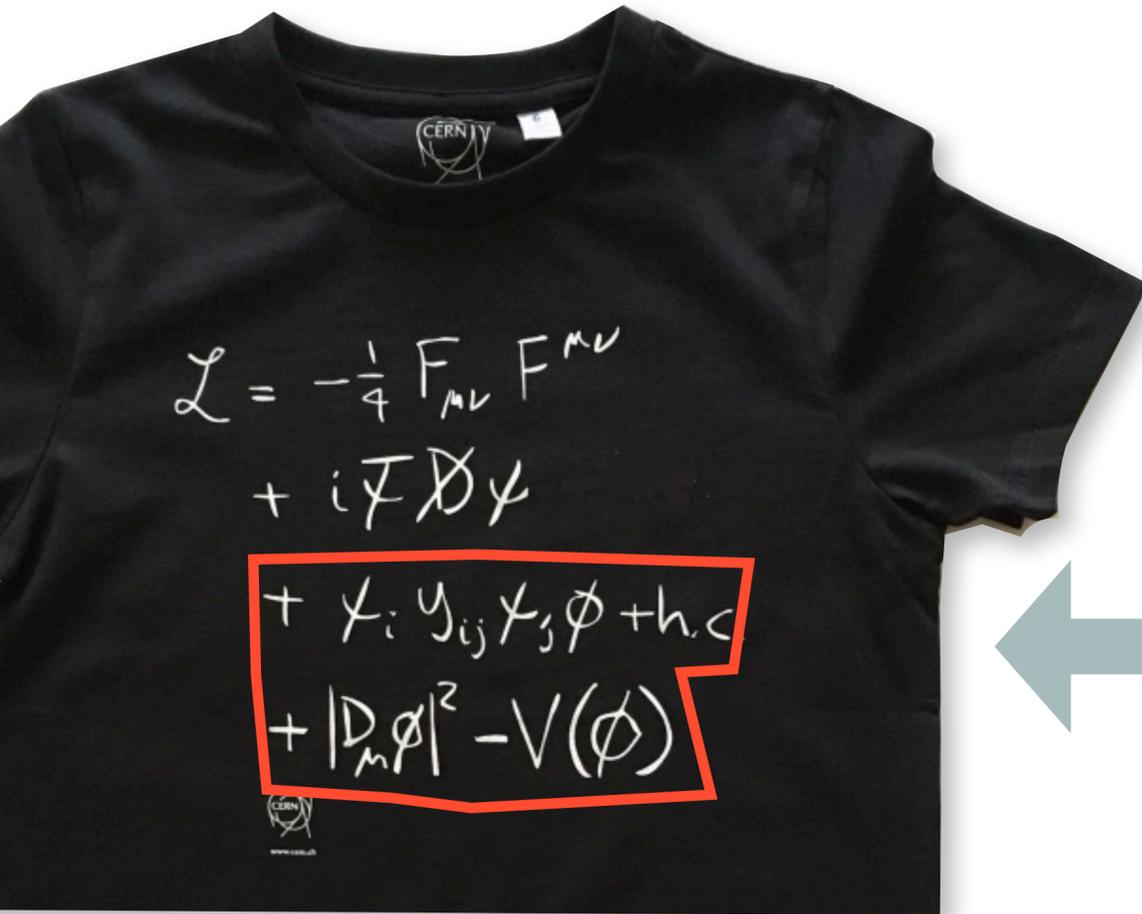
We wouldn't consider  
electromagnetism established  
(textbook level) if we only knew it  
to 10%

HL-LHC can deliver 1–2% for a  
range of couplings  
**if theoretical interpretations can  
be made sufficiently accurate**

**how is all of this made  
quantitative?**

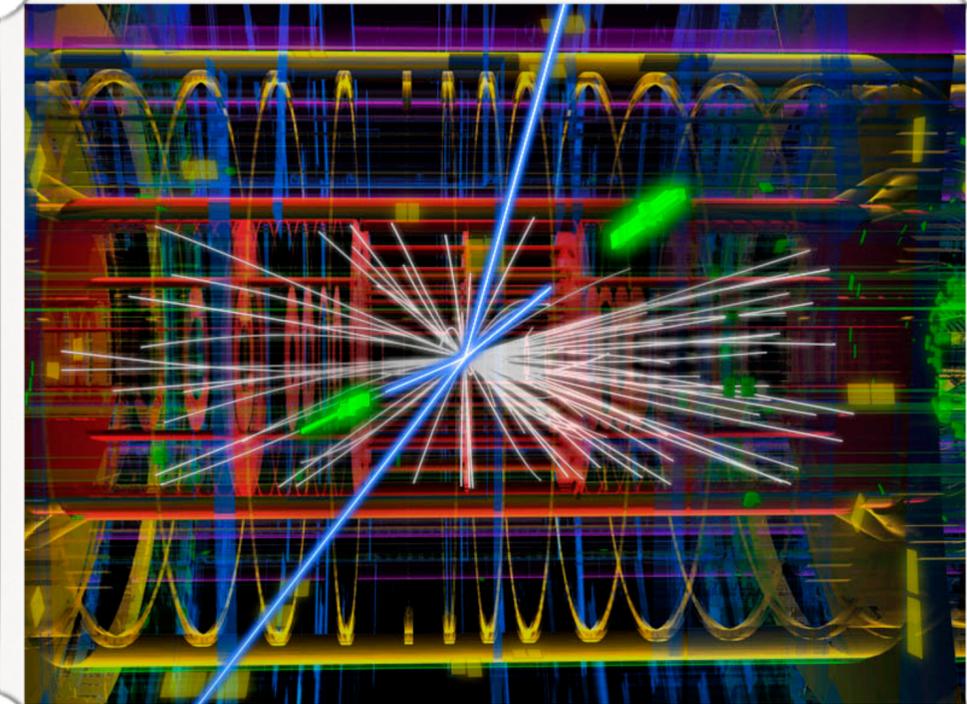
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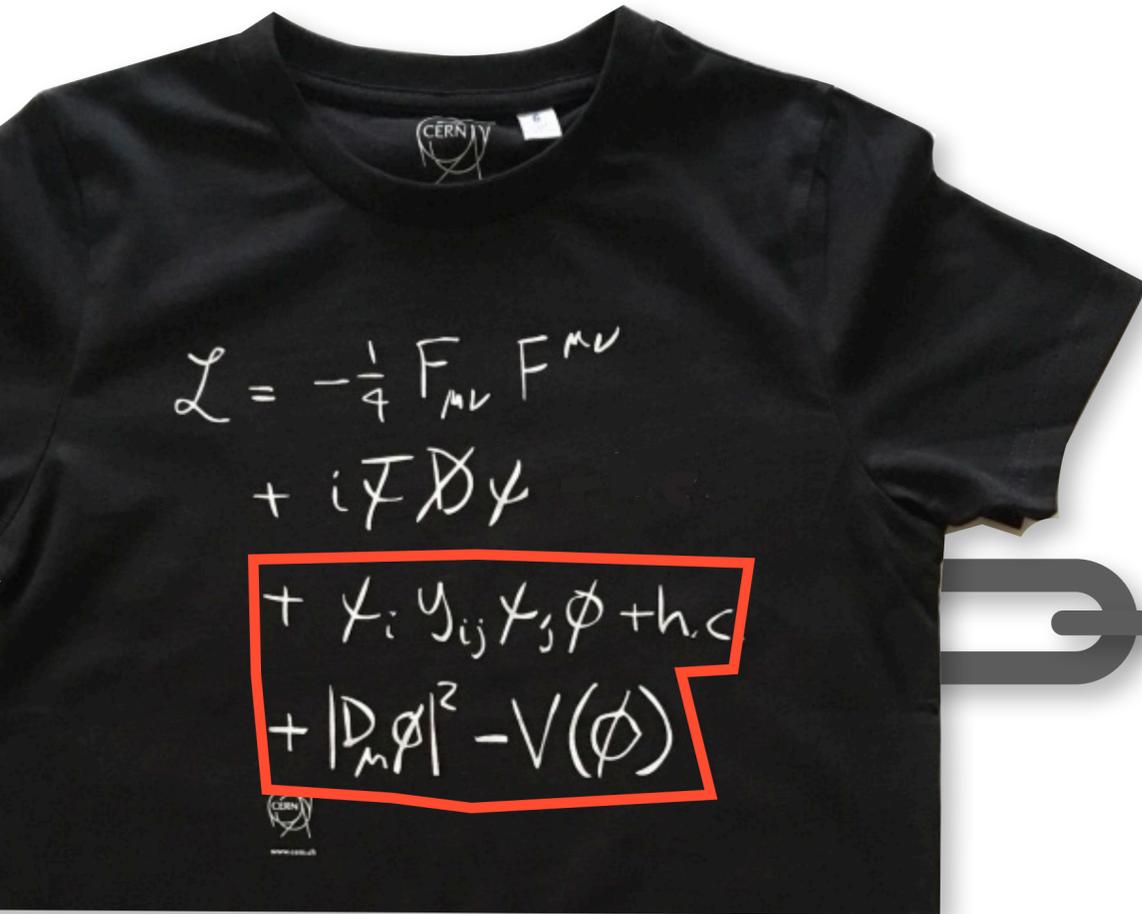


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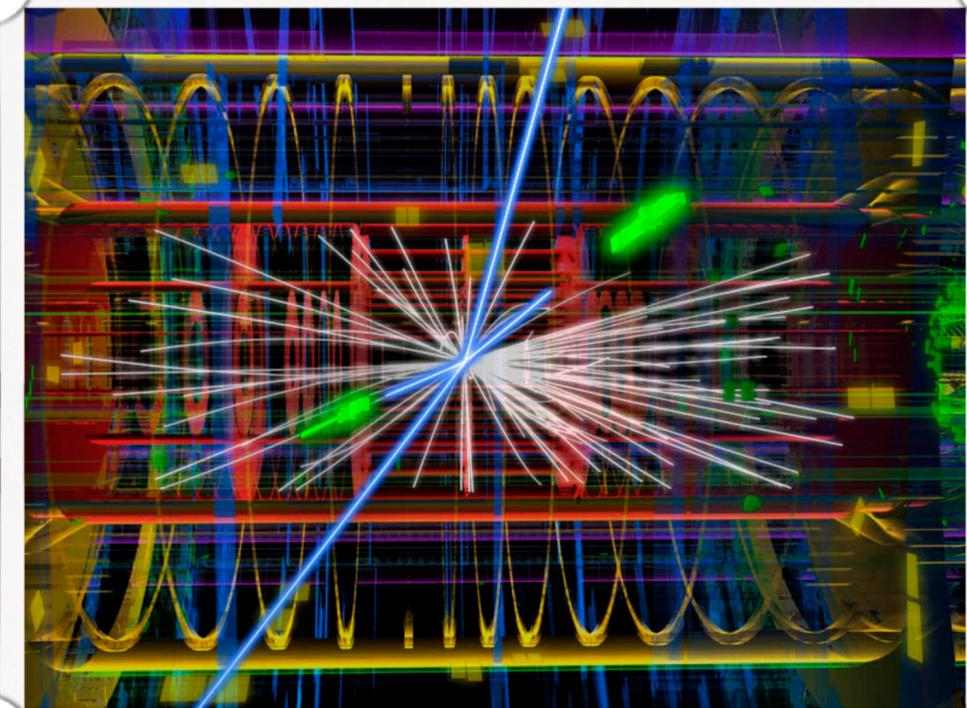


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*through a chain  
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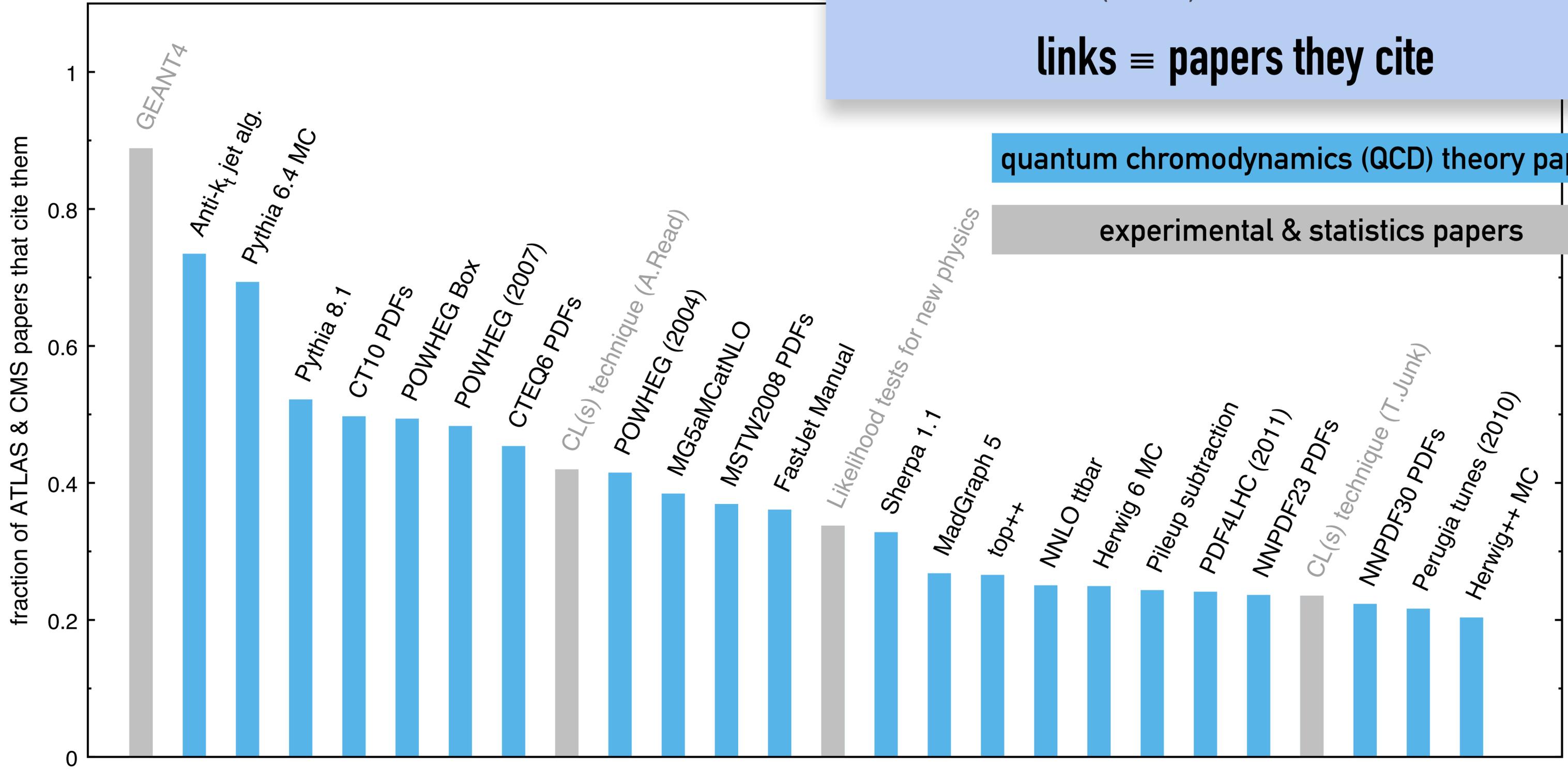
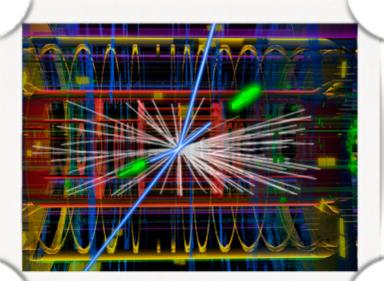
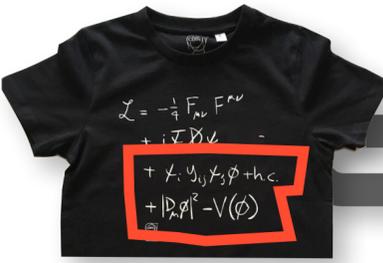


*[in particular Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)]*

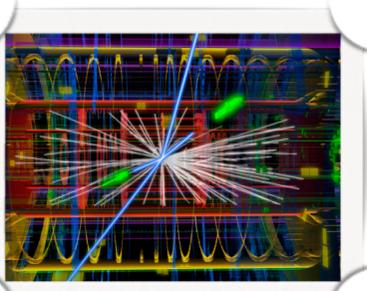
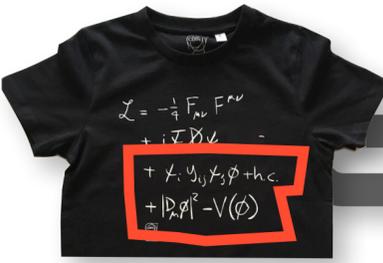
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ATLAS and CMS (big LHC expts.) have written  $O(1000)$  articles since 2014

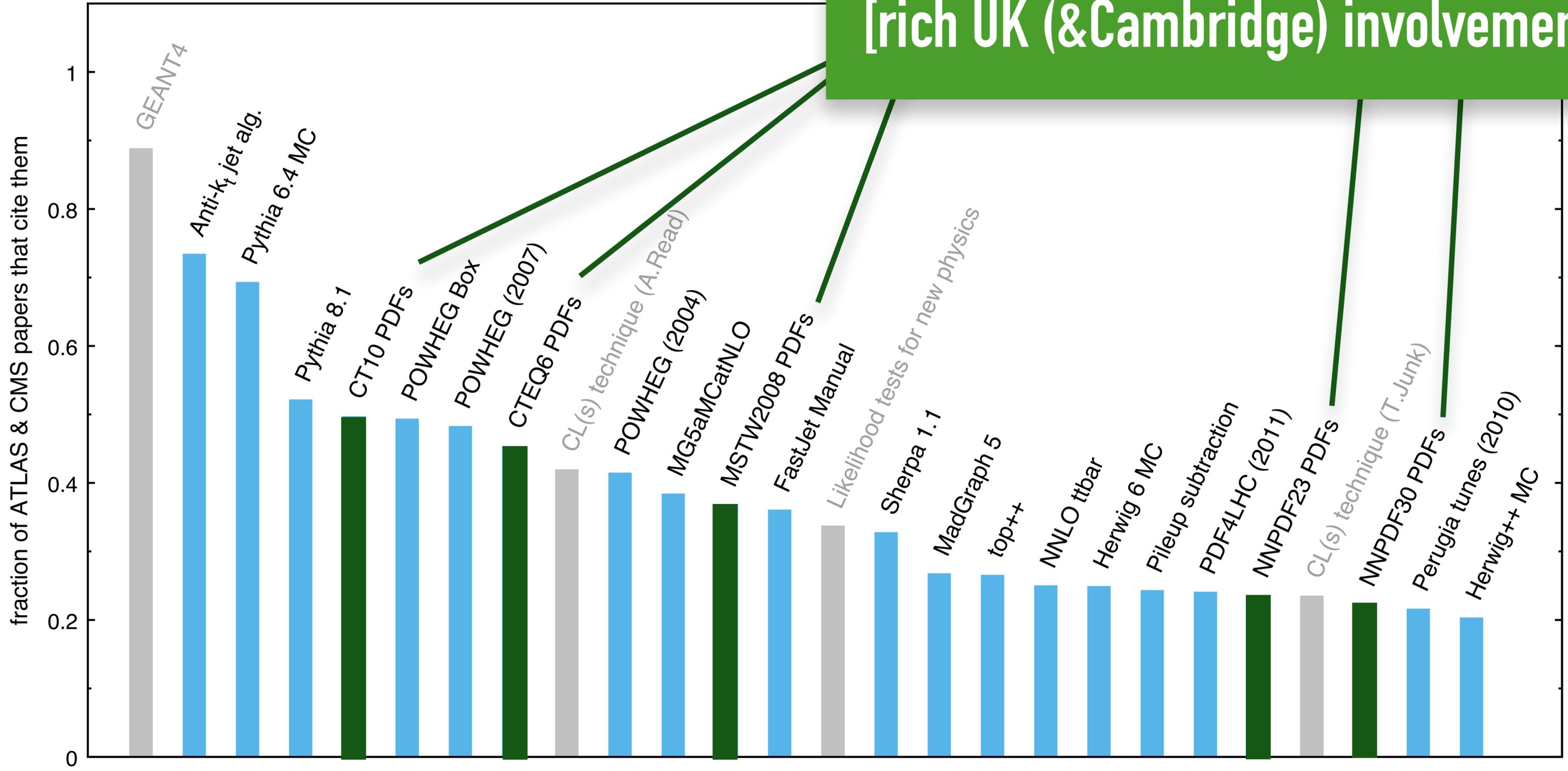
links  $\equiv$  papers they cite



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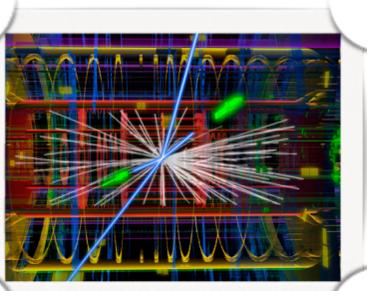
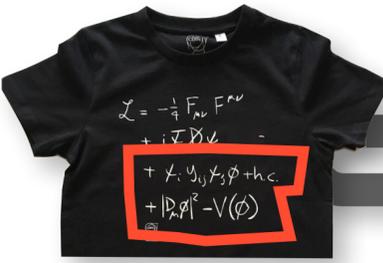


knowing what goes into a collision  
i.e. proton structure  
[rich UK (&Cambridge) involvement]

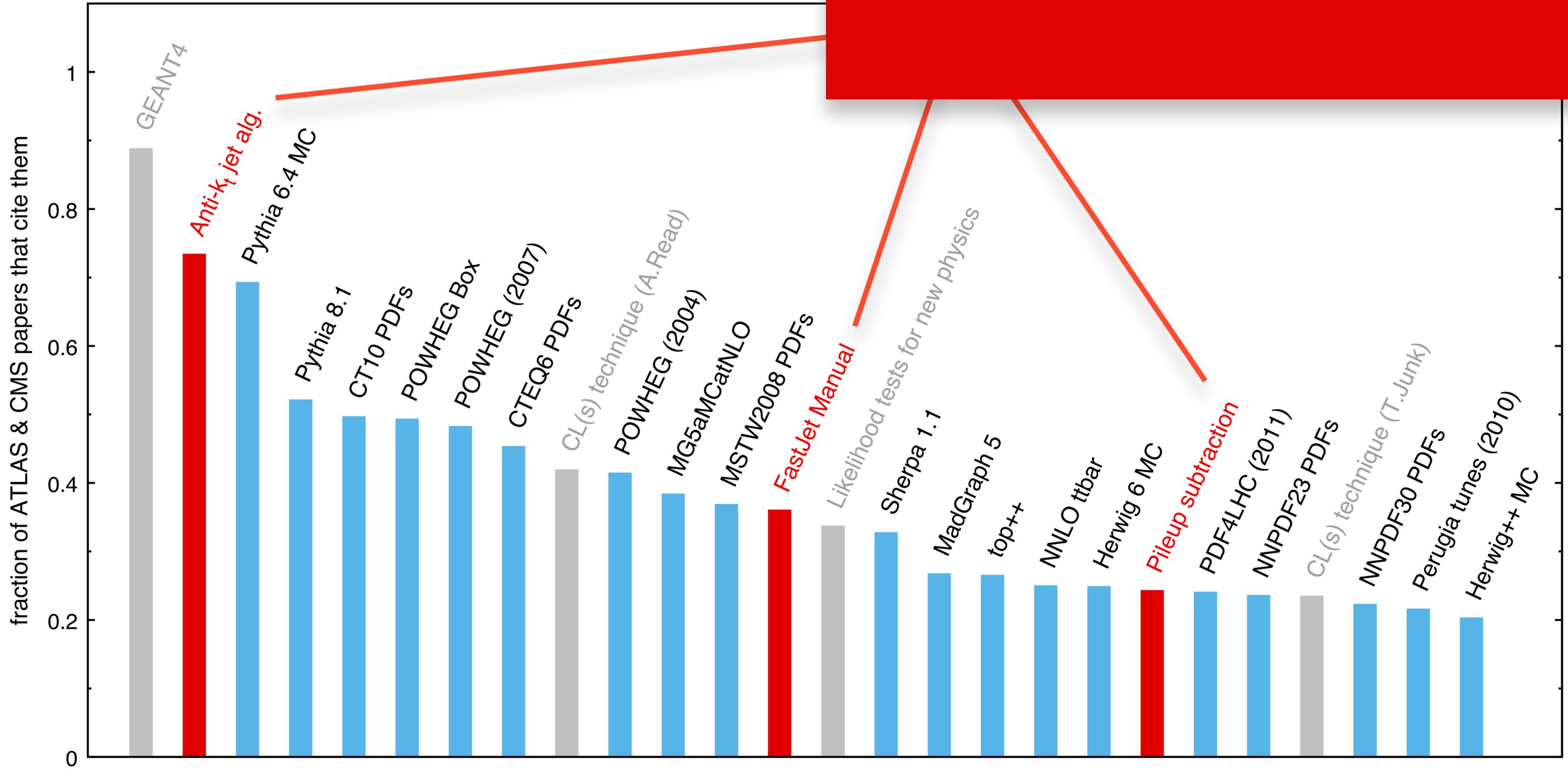


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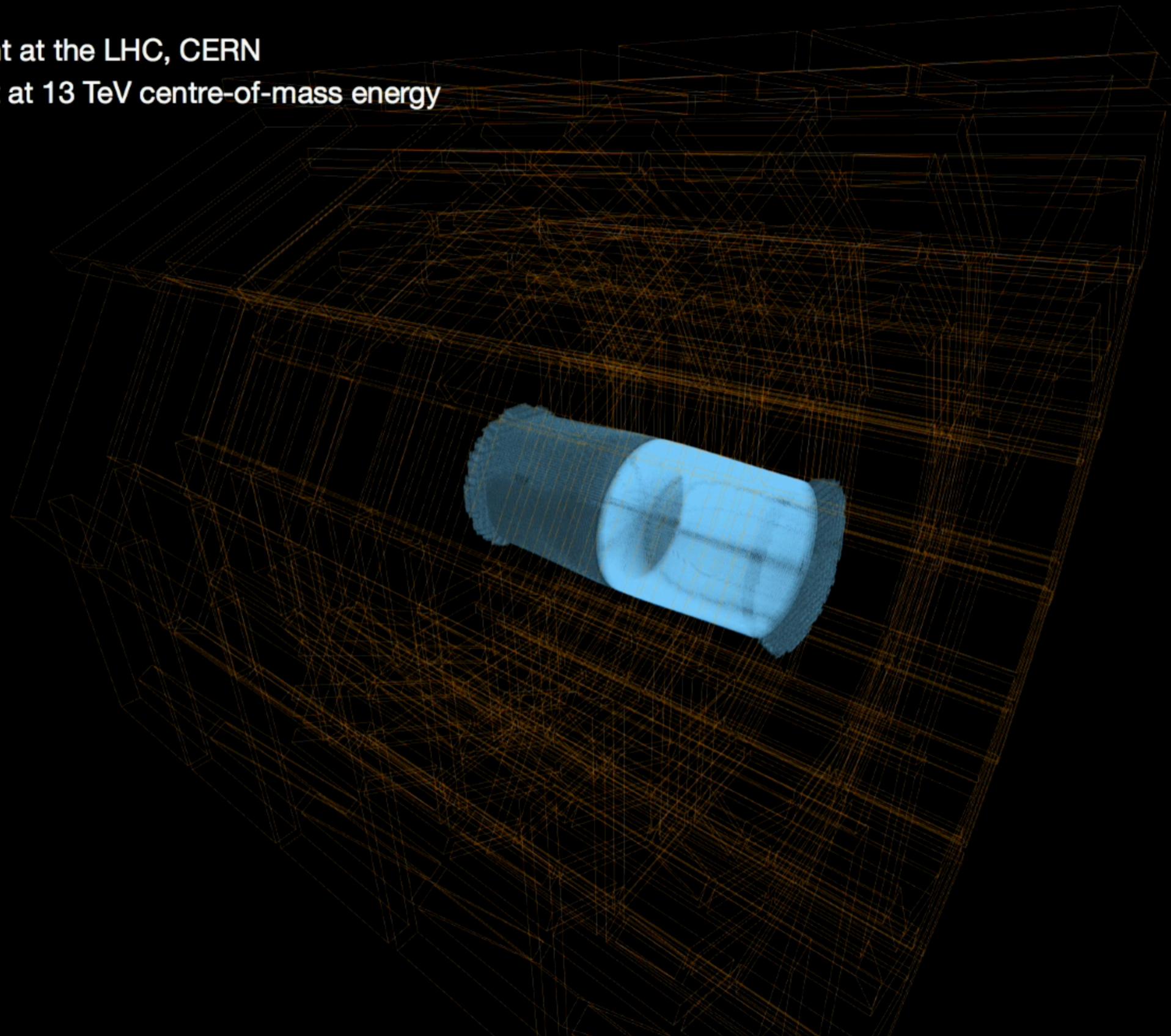
# organising event information ("jets")



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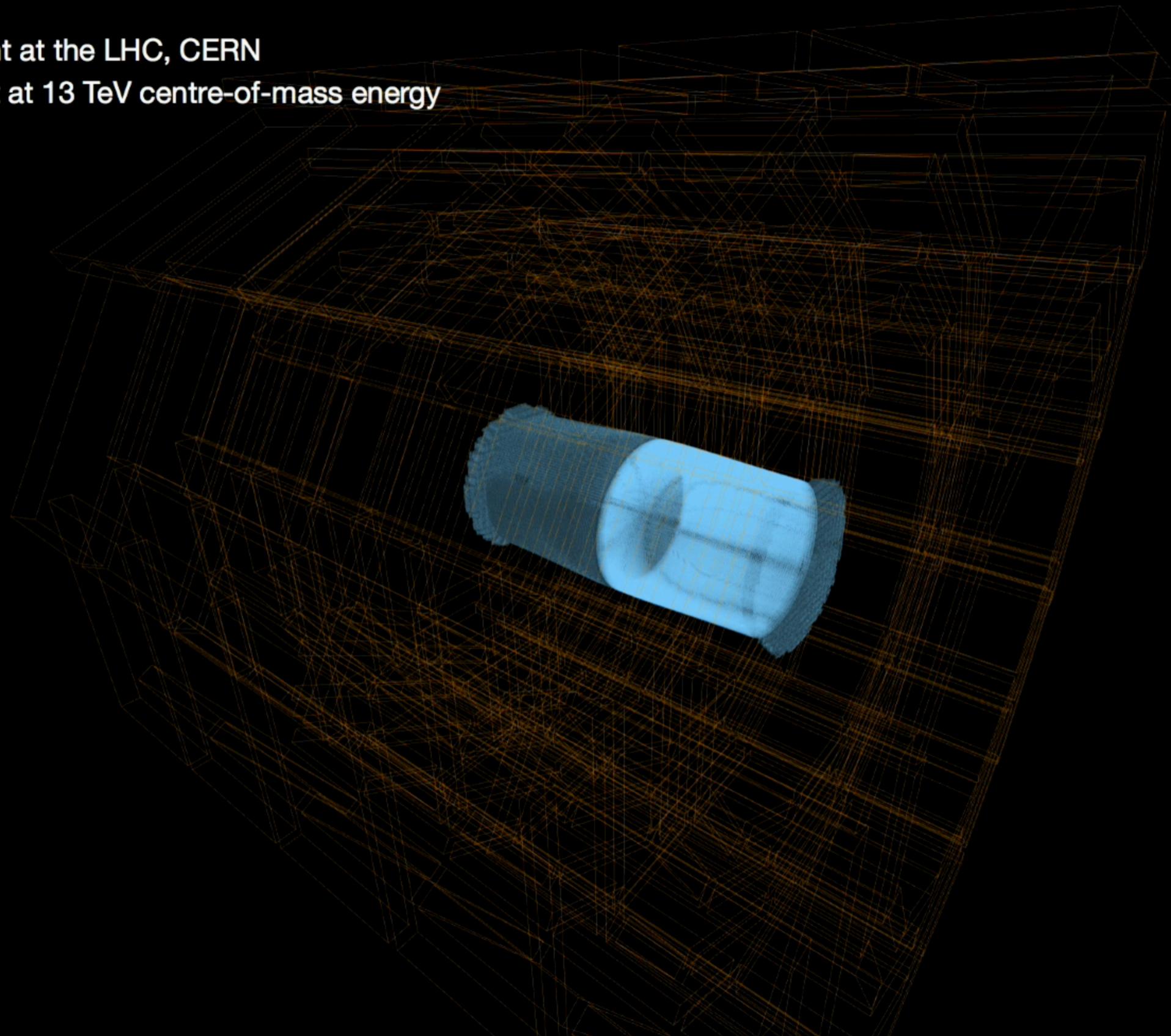


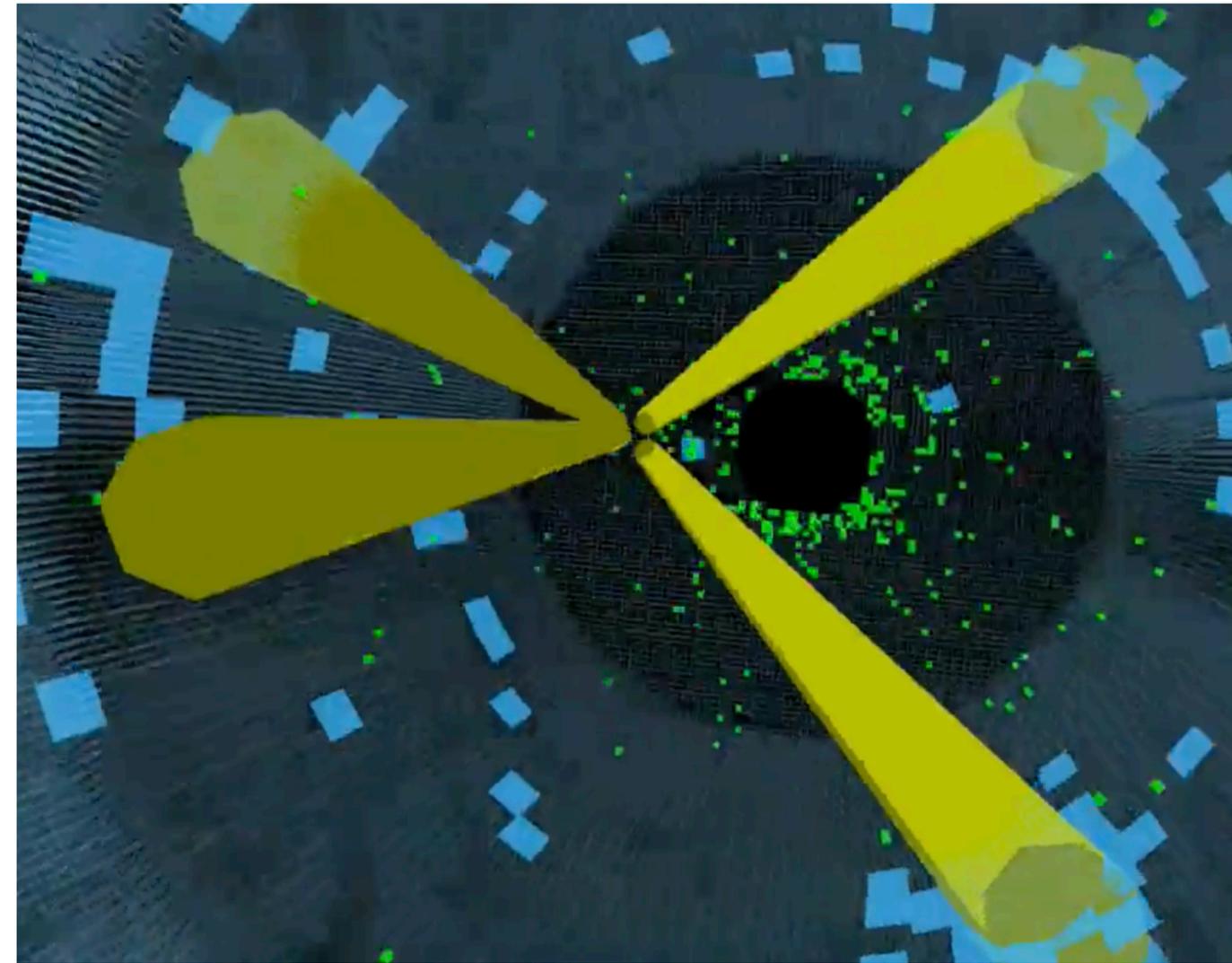
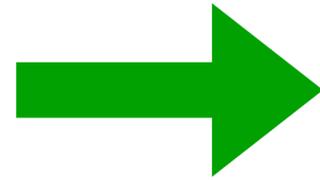
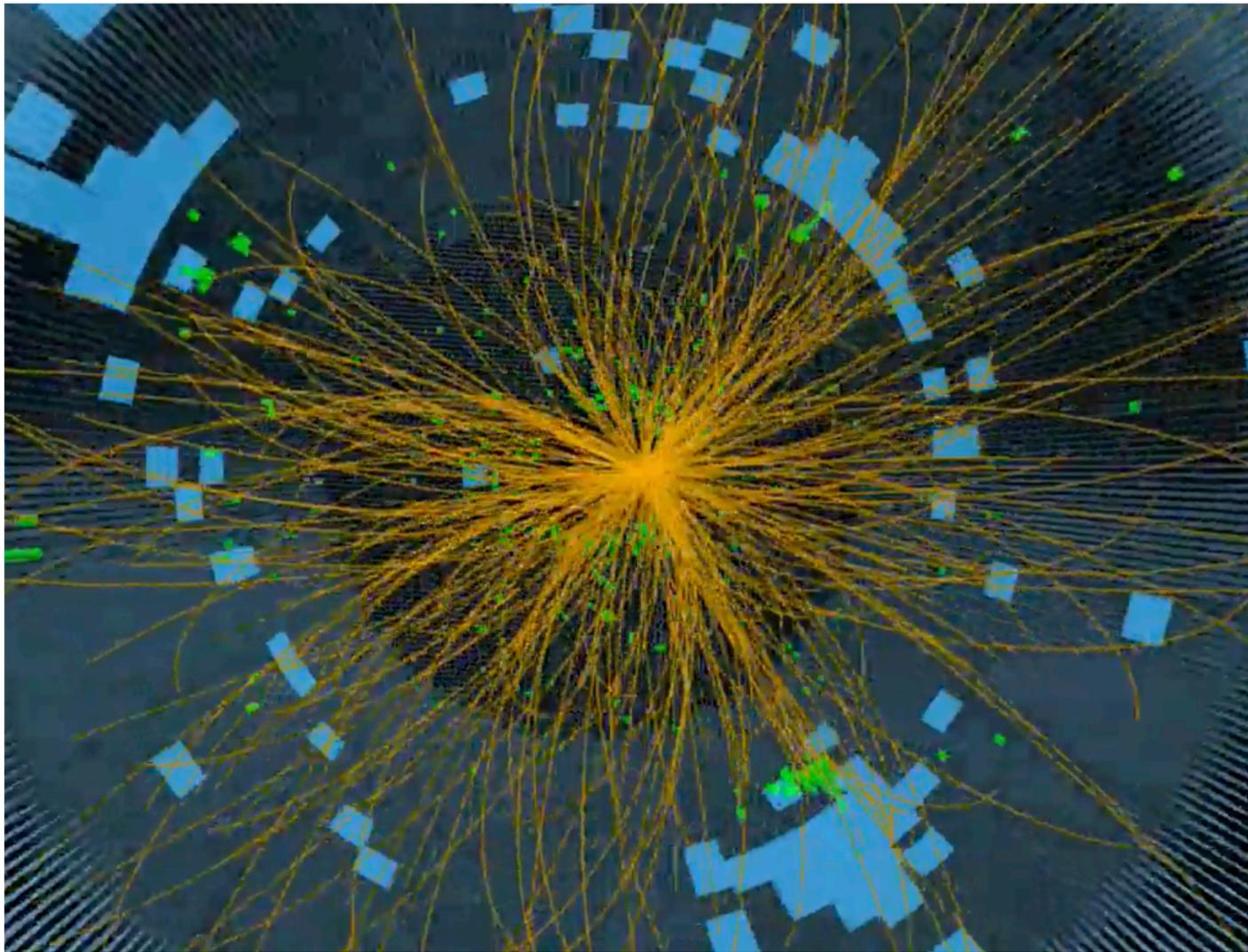
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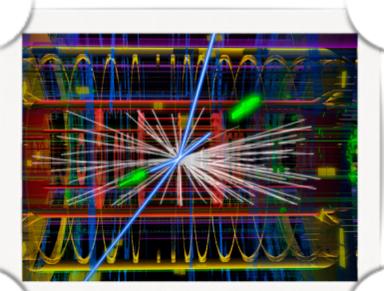
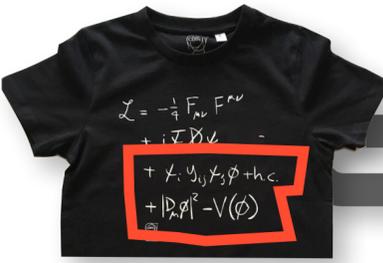


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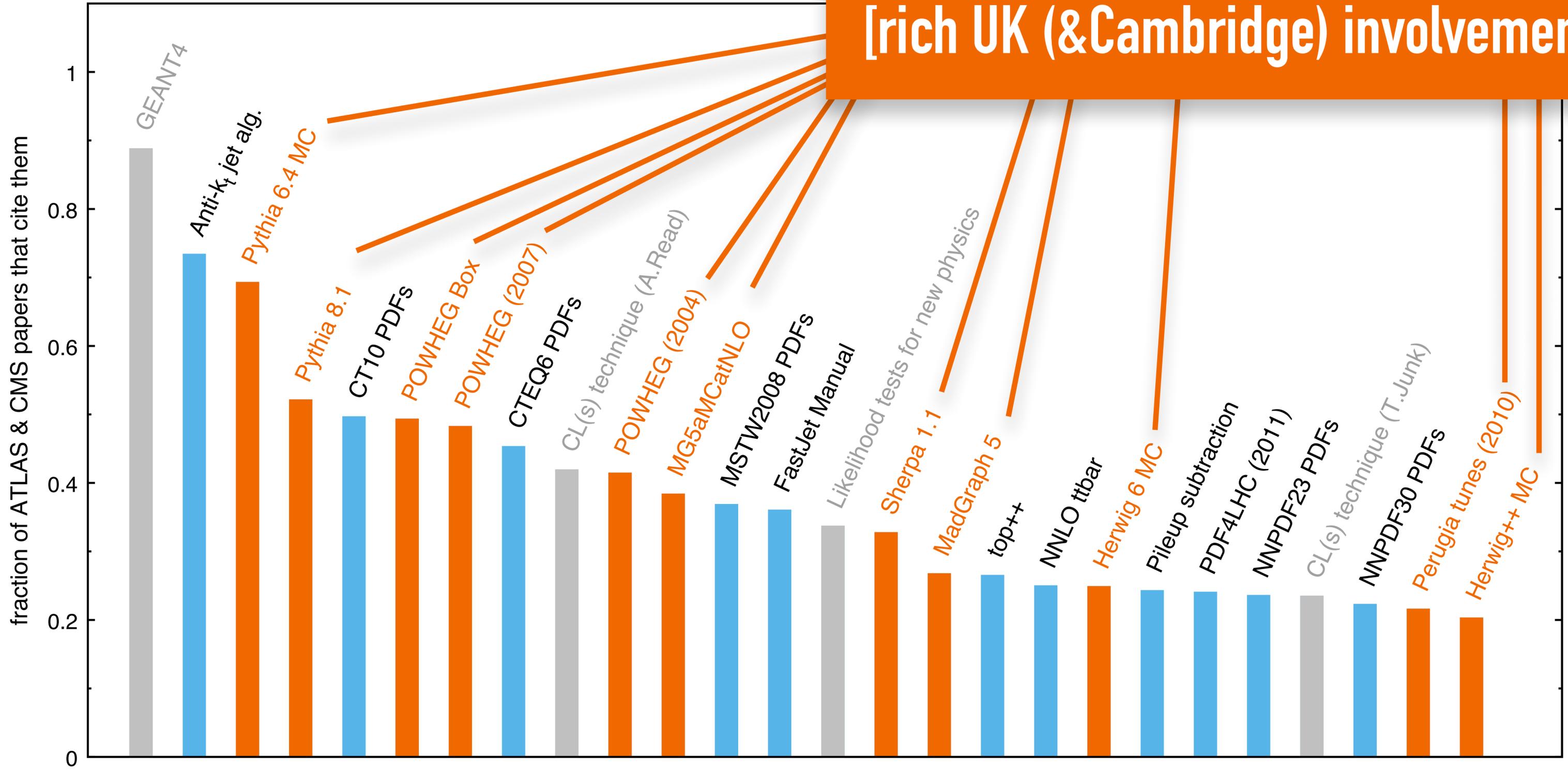


*the question of organising information in events will come back later*



# predicting full particle structure that comes out of a collision

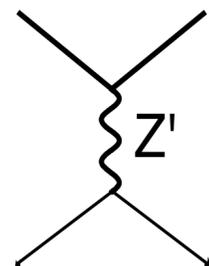
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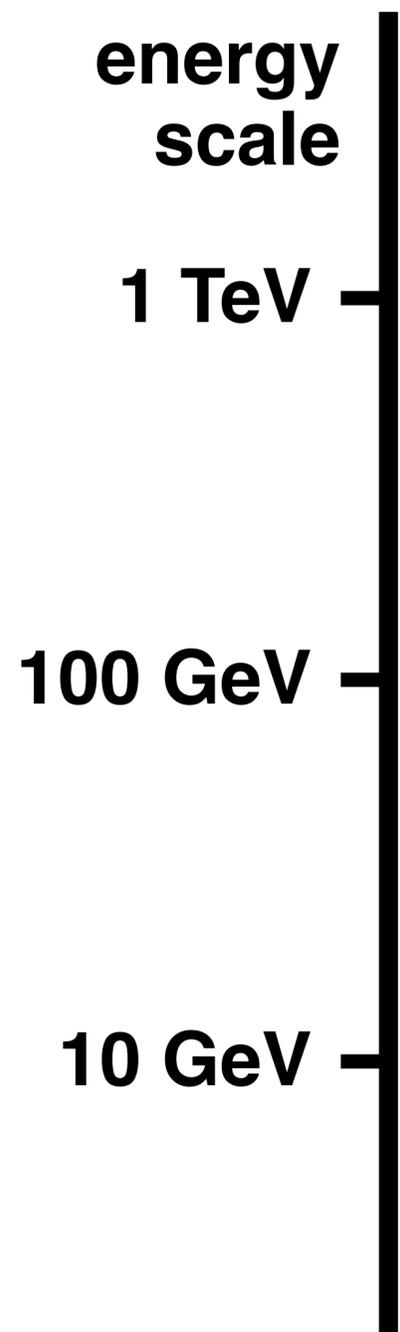
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hard process



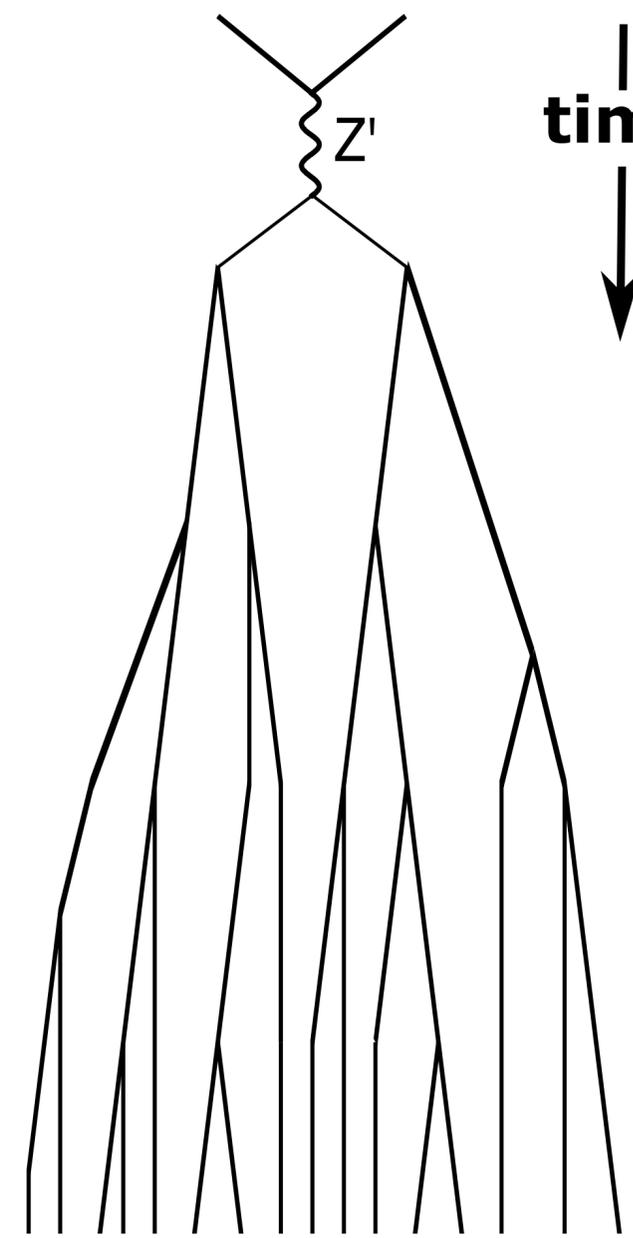
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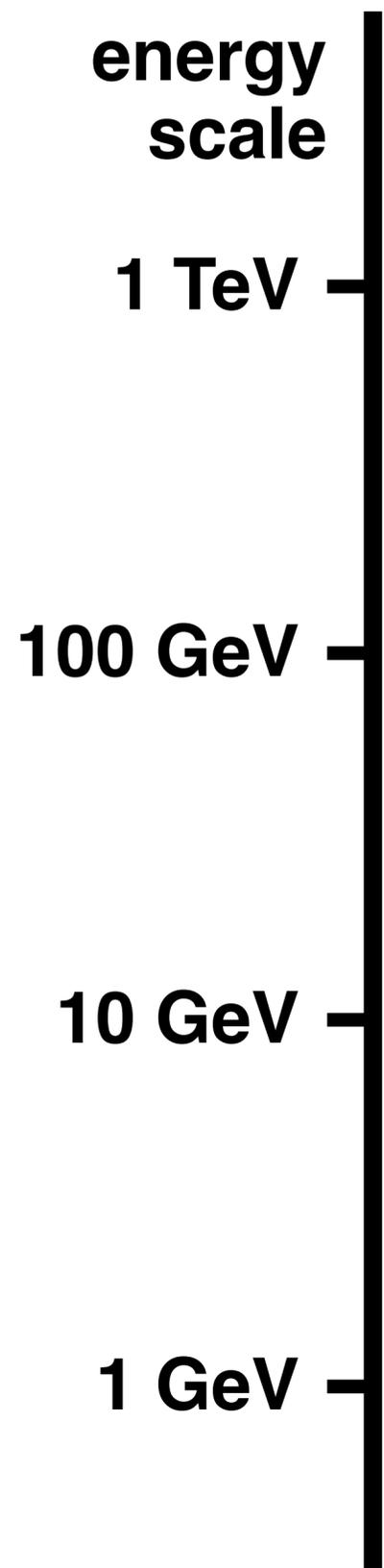


hard process

parton shower



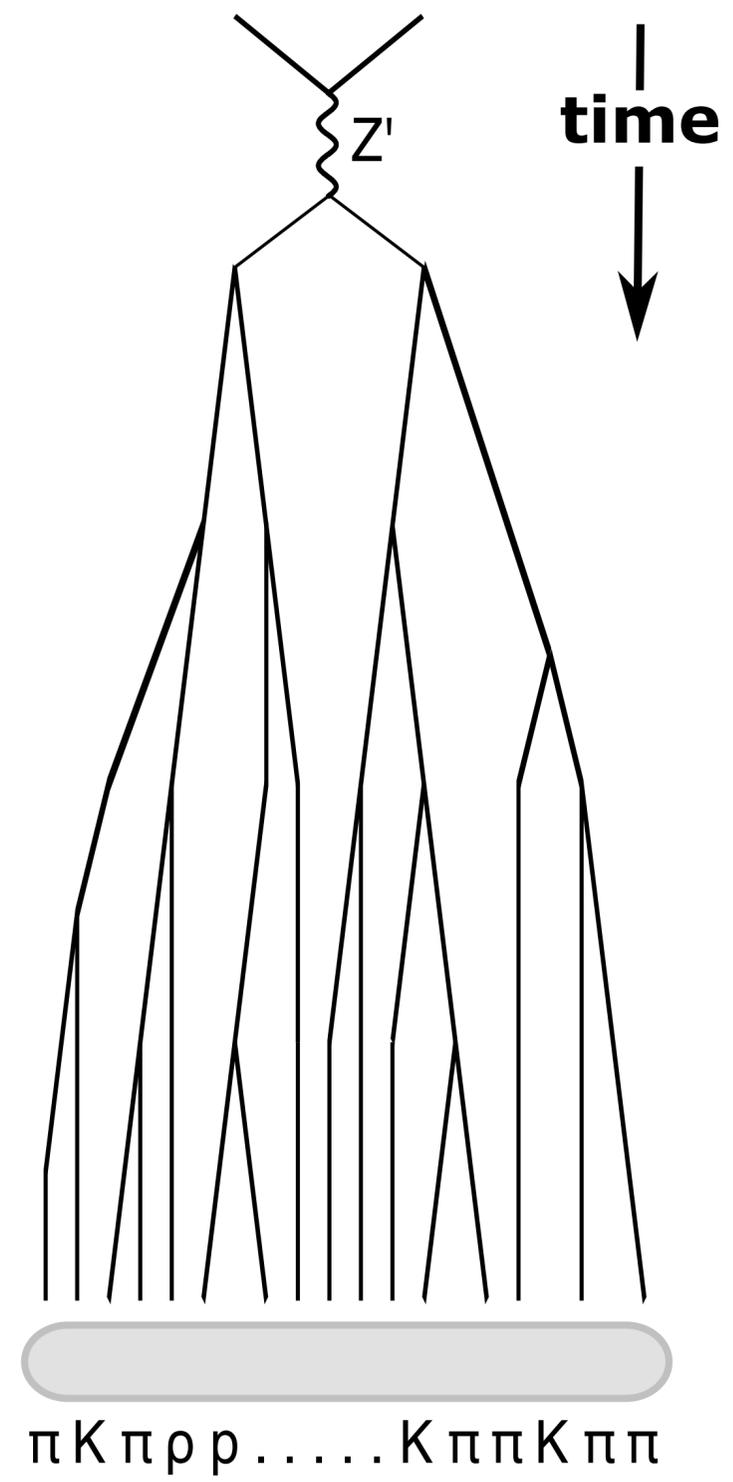
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hard process

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hadronisation



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pattern of particles in MC can be directly compared to pattern in experiment

# general purpose Monte Carlo event generators:

## THE BIG 3



**Herwig 7**



**Pythia 8**



**Sherpa 2**

they do an amazing job of simulating vast swathes of data;  
collider physics would be unrecognisable without them

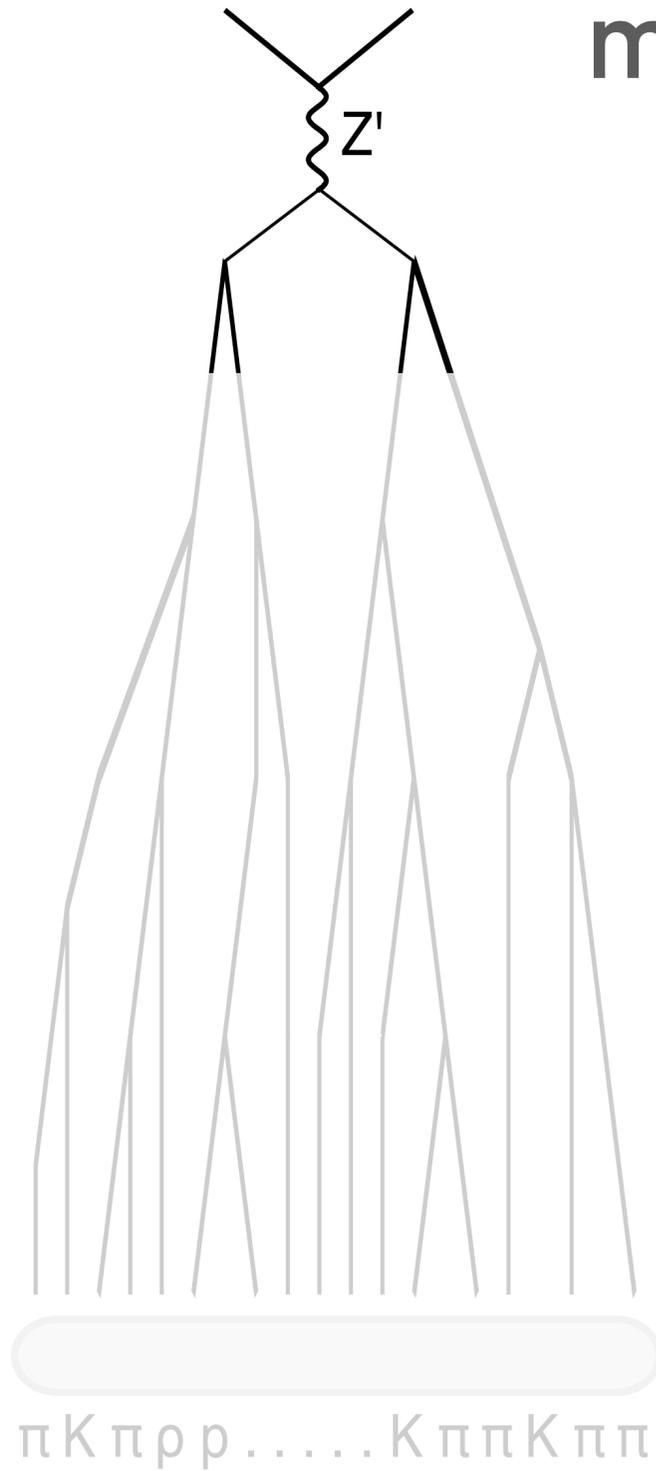
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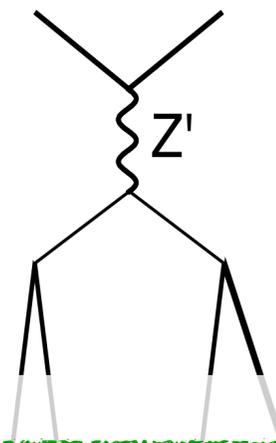
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MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO

**MC@NLO**  
 (in Herwig&Sherpa)

MINLO

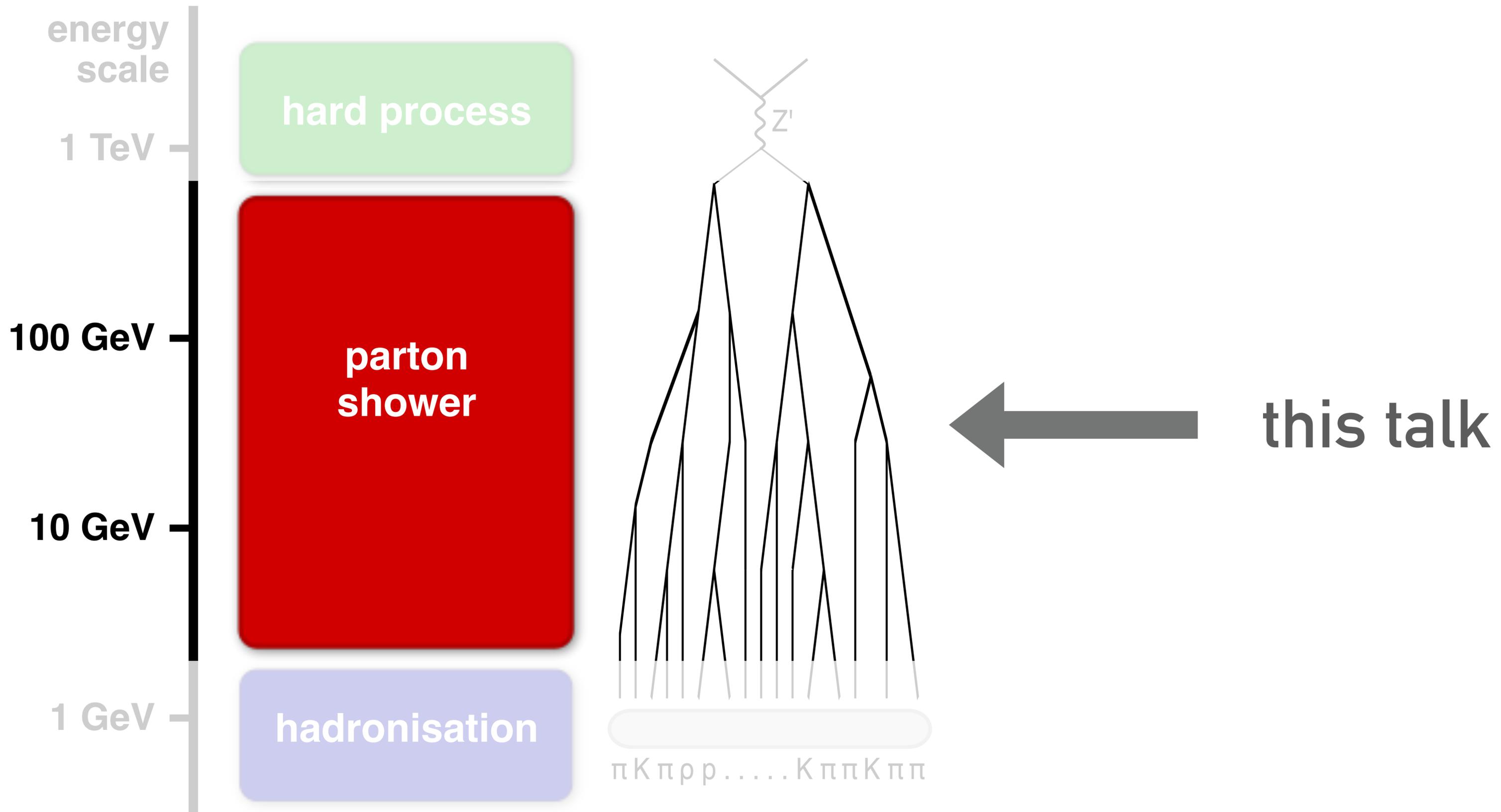
MLM, CKKW  
 Vincia, FxFx

UNNLOPS

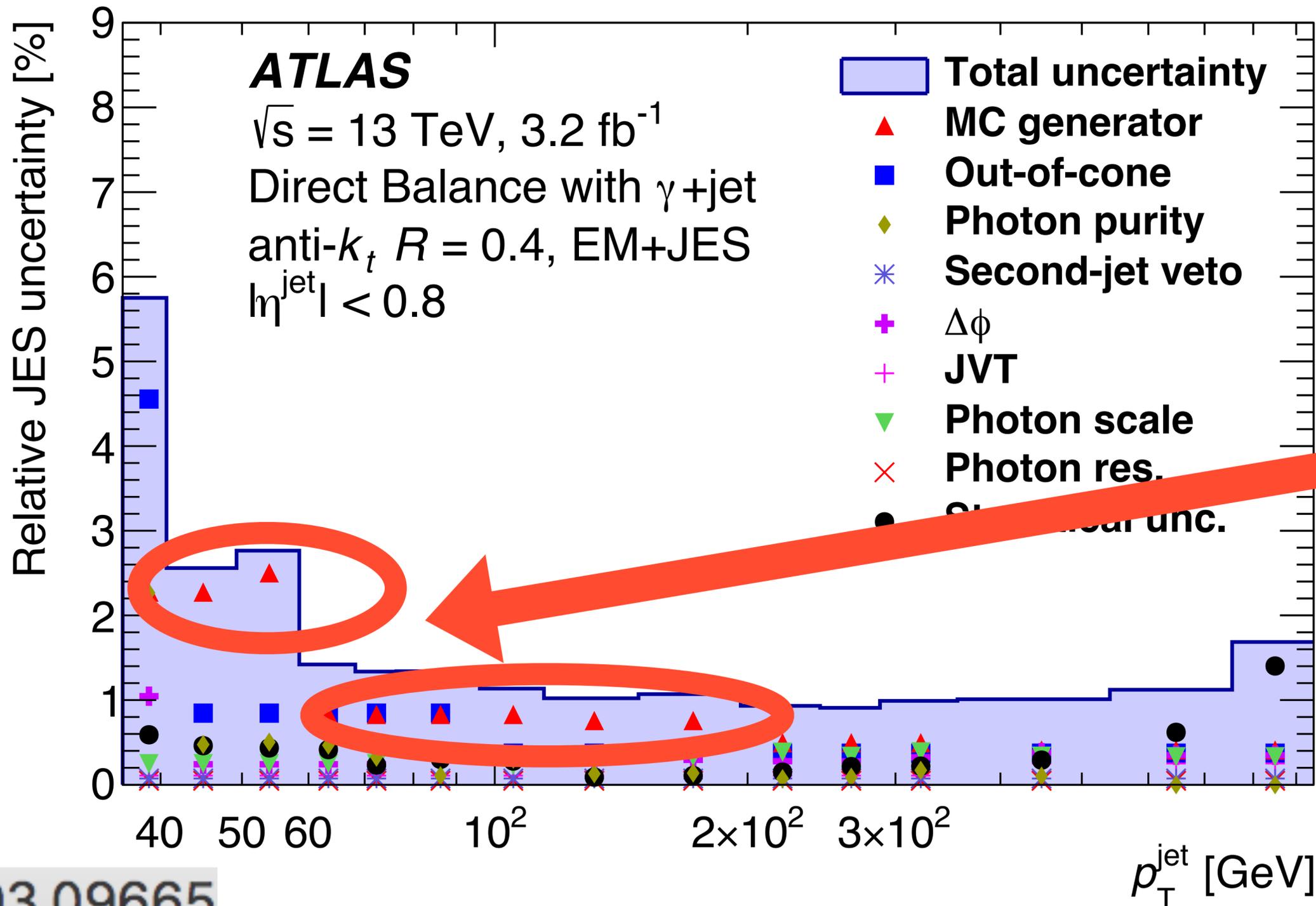
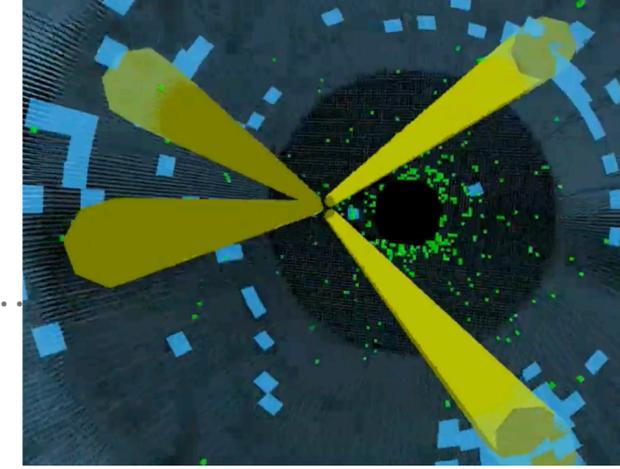


[...]

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# Fundamental experimental calibrations (jets)



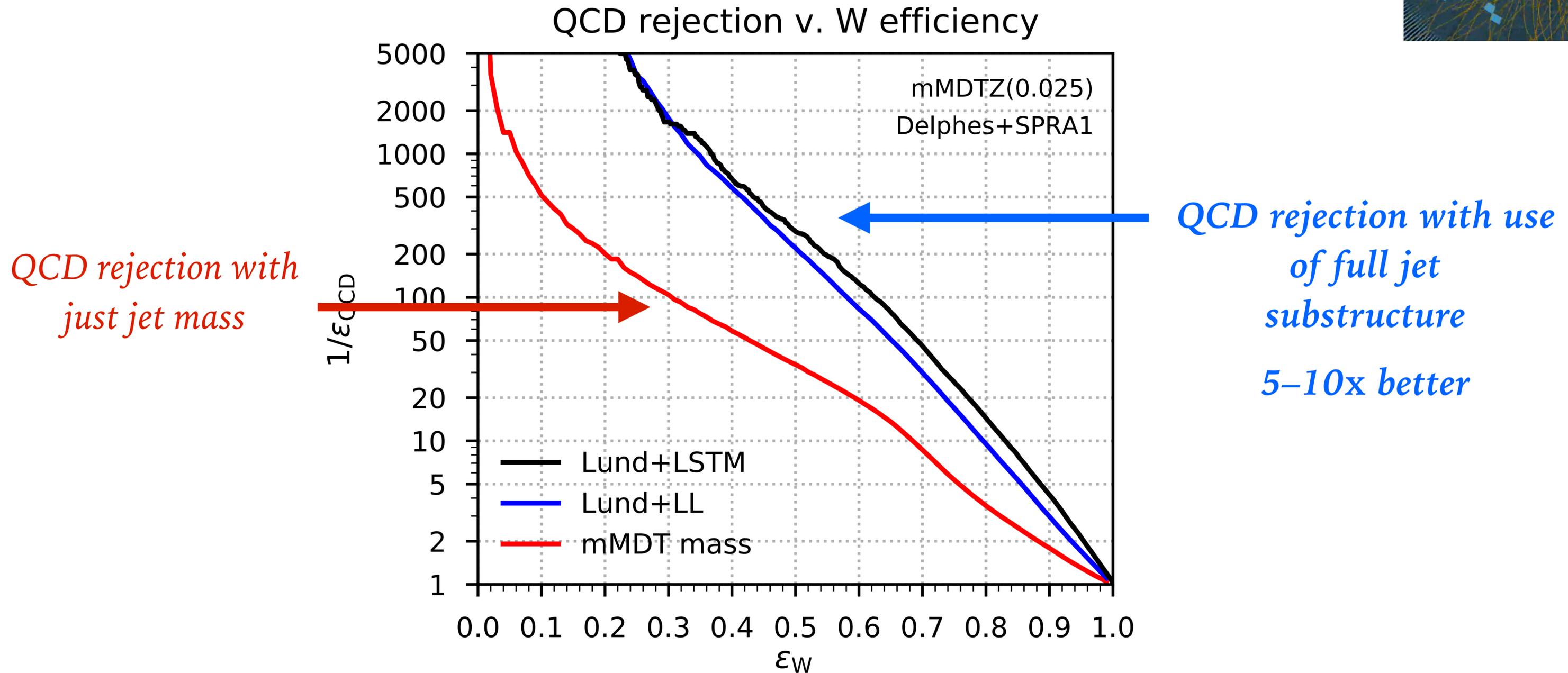
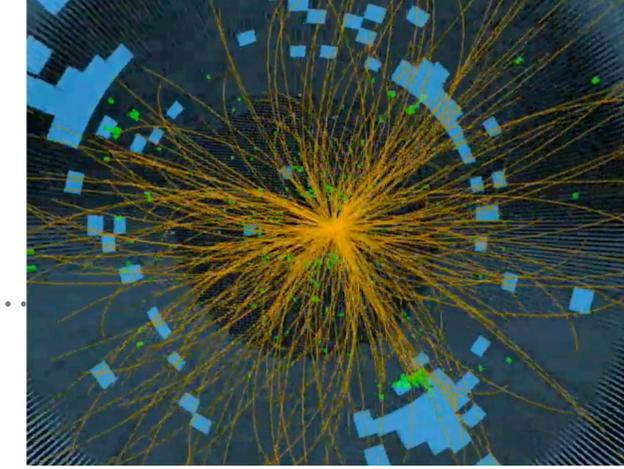
Jet energy scale, which feeds into hundreds of other measurements

Largest systematic errors (1–2%) come from differences between MC generators

(here Sherpa v. Pythia)

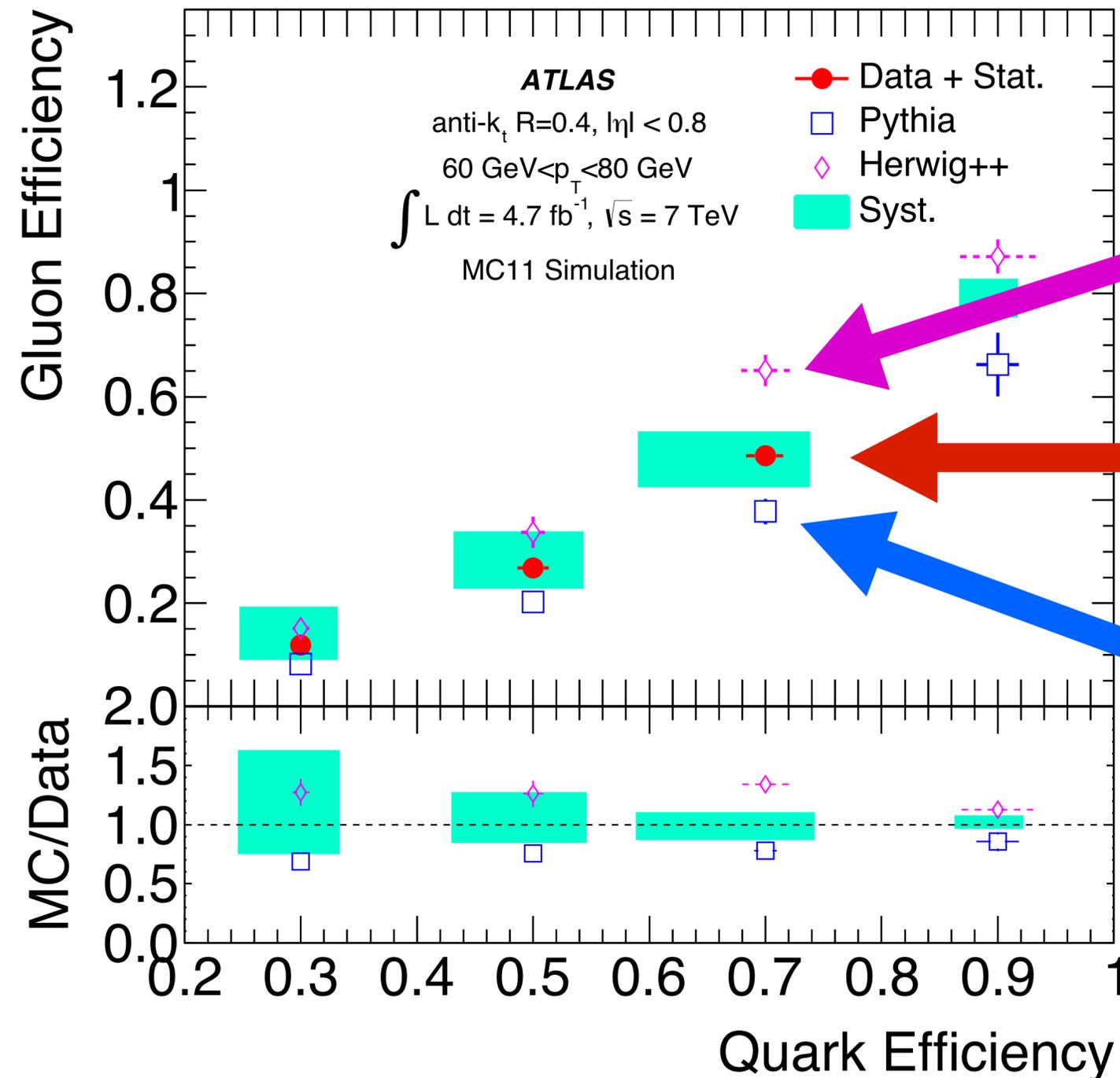
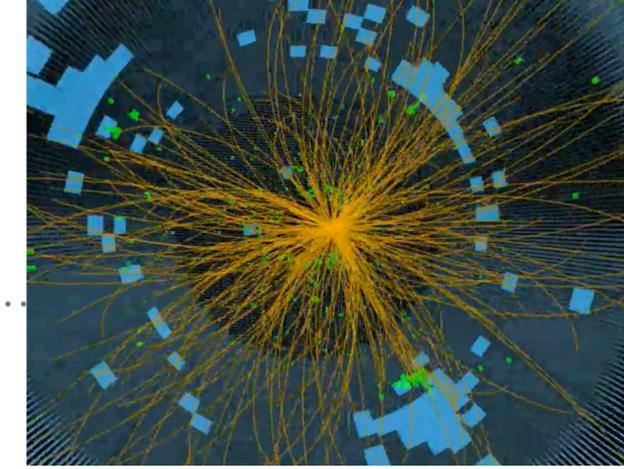
→ fundamental limit on LHC precision potential

# using full event information: jet substructure for W tagging



taken from Dreyer, GPS & Soyez '18

# using full event information (quark/gluon tagging)



Herwig++ MC

data

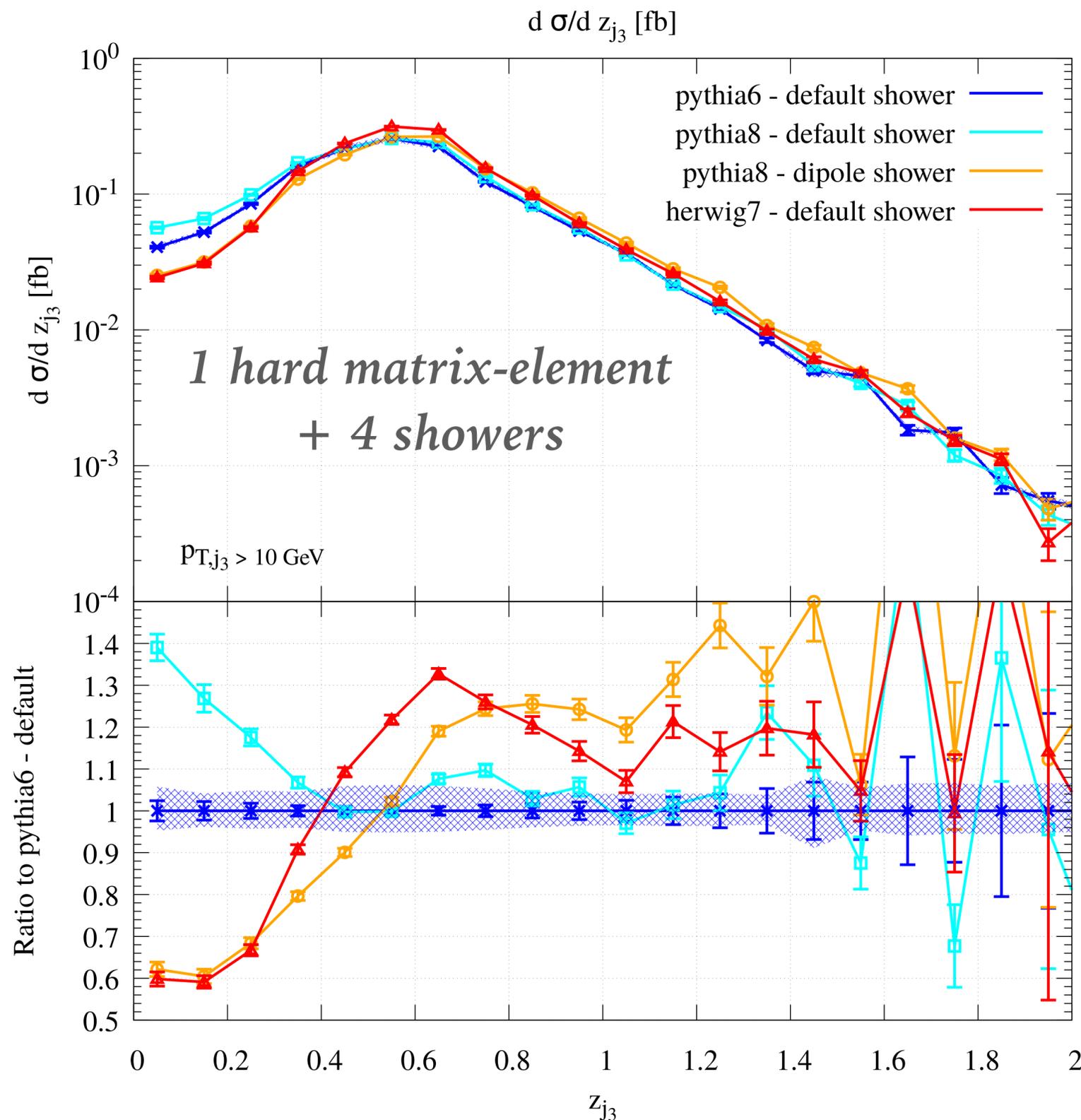
Pythia6 MC

use more info →  
 become more sensitive  
 to MC limitations

up to 35% differences  
 in MCs v. data

a concern given trend  
 towards use of  
**maximal info**,  
 e.g. with machine  
 learning

# Matching with hard process is hitting a limit (e.g. Jäger, Karlberg, Scheller [1812.05118](#))



Limits effectiveness of current matching methods (here POWHEG)

Parton shower structure also gets in way of better (NNLOPS) hard-process + shower matching schemes

$$z_{j3} = \left| \frac{y_{j3} - \frac{1}{2}(y_{j1} + y_{j2})}{\Delta y_{j1,j2}} \right|$$

VBF central jet veto region:  $z_{j3} < 0.5$

# what is a parton shower?

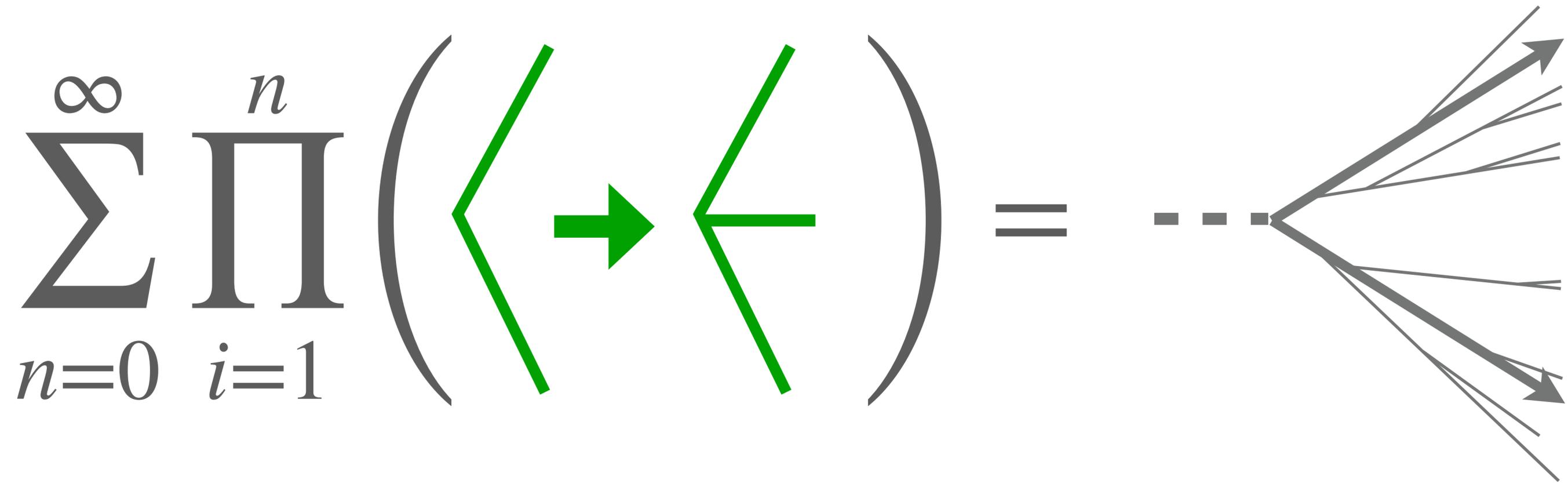
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*illustrate with dipole / antenna showers*

*Gustafson & Pettersson 1988, Ariadne 1992, main Sherpa & Pythia8 showers, option in Herwig7,  
Vincia shower & (partially) Deductor shower*

# At its simplest

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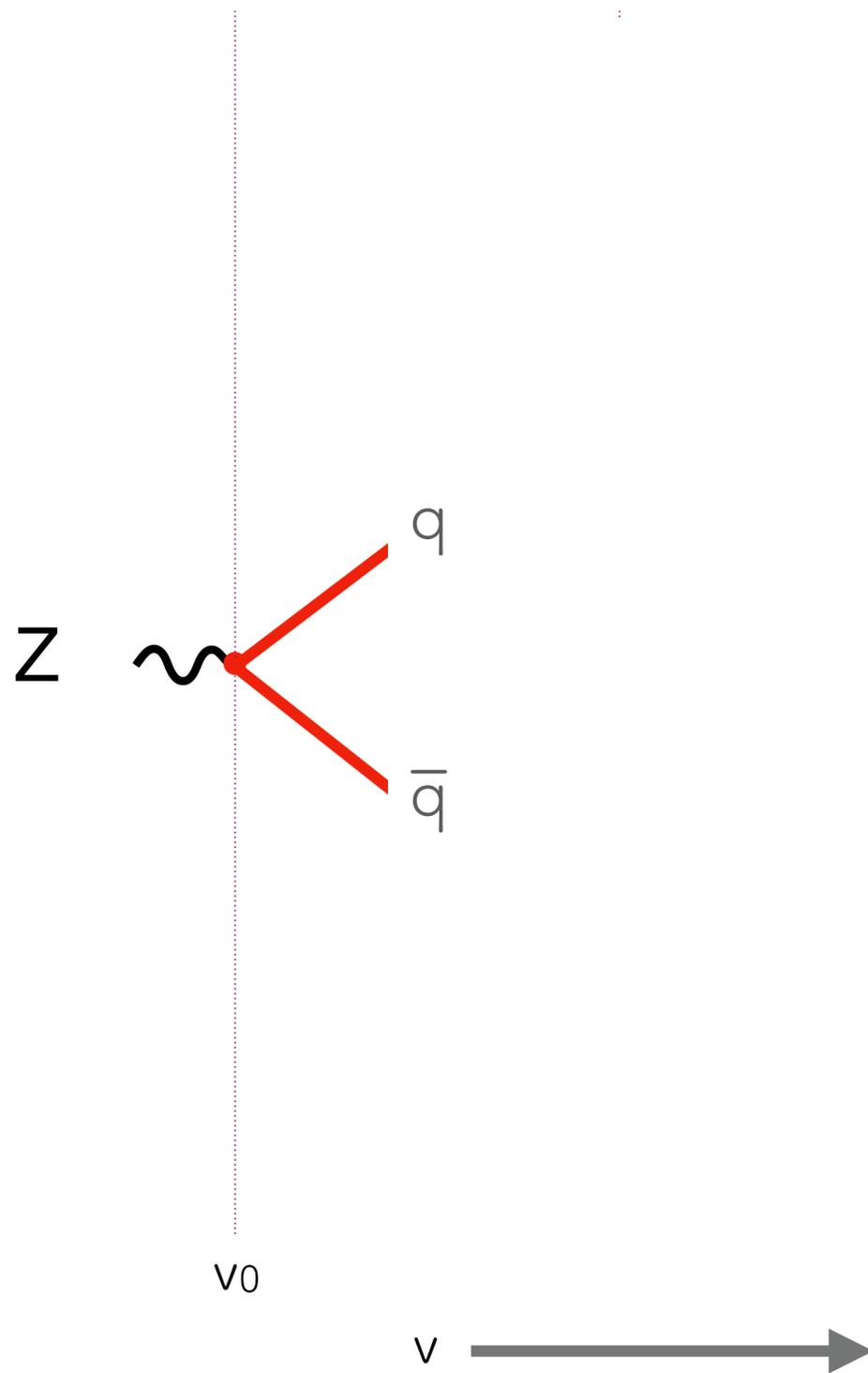
iteration of 2 → 3 (or 1 → 2) splitting kernel

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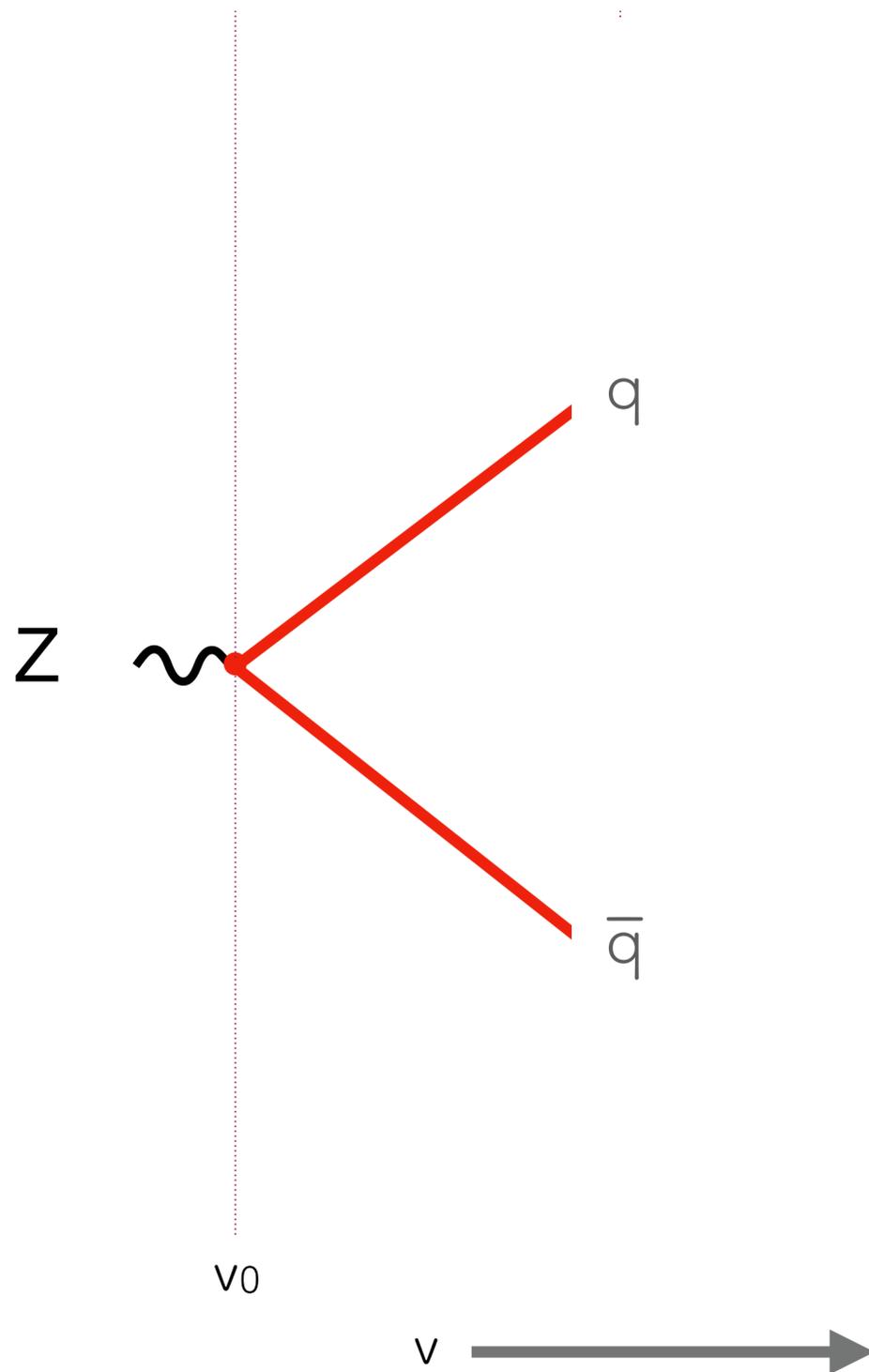


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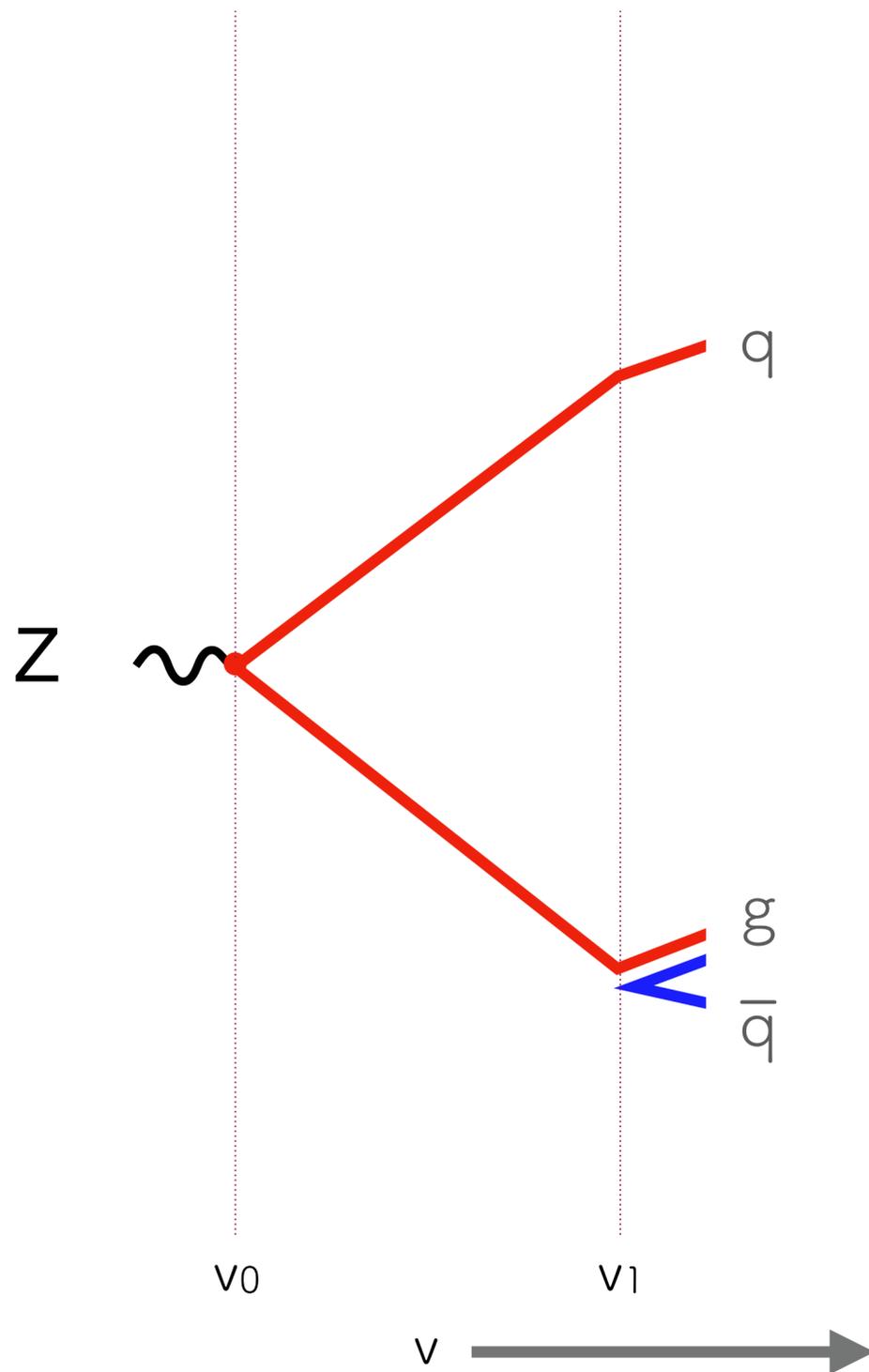
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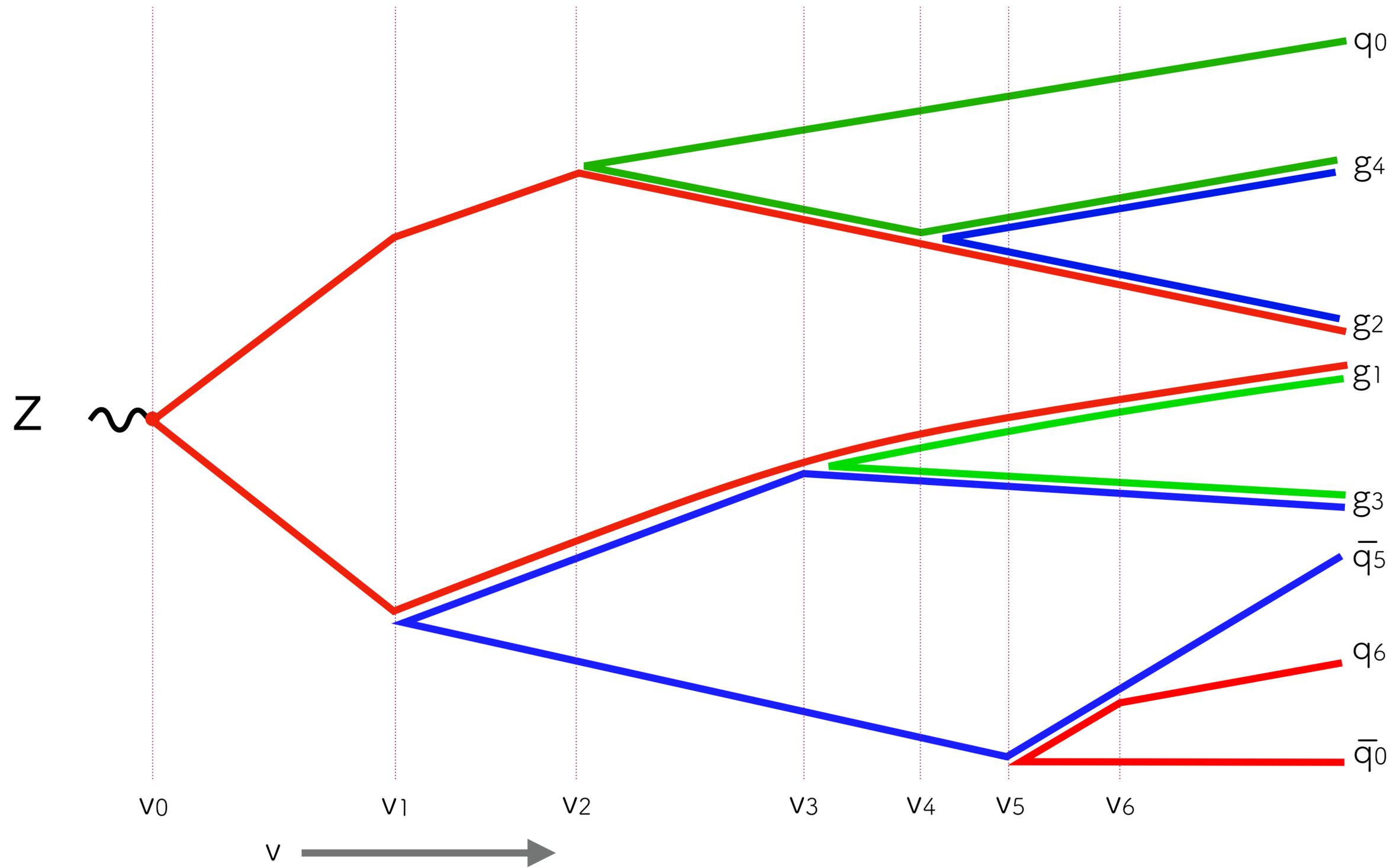
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At some point, rand.numb. is such that **state splits** ( $2 \rightarrow 3$ , i.e. emits gluon). Evolution equation changes

$$\frac{dP_3(v)}{dv} = - \left[ f_{2 \rightarrow 3}^{qg}(v) + f_{2 \rightarrow 3}^{g\bar{q}}(v) \right] P_3(v)$$

gluon is part of two dipoles ( $qg, \bar{q}g$ )

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self-similar  
evolution  
continues until it  
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perturbative  
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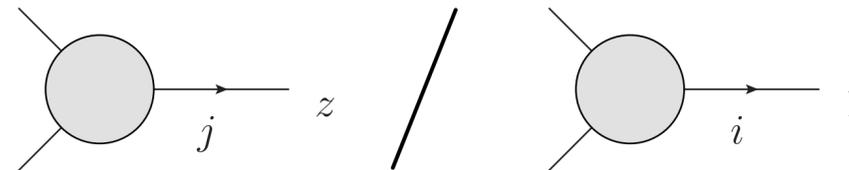
# recent directions of parton-shower work?

1. including  $2 \rightarrow 4$  (or  $1 \rightarrow 3$ ) splittings
2. subleading colour corrections (dipole picture is large  $N_C$ )
3. EW showers

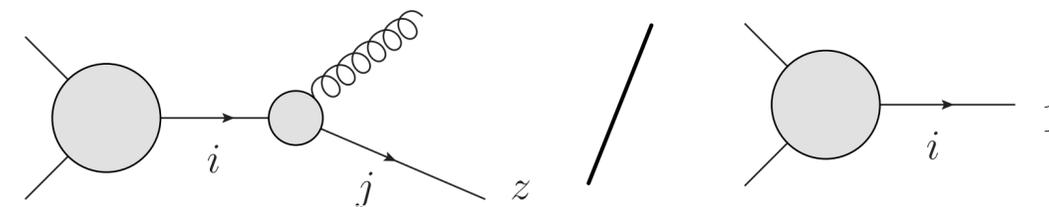
# Including $1 \rightarrow 3$ splittings ( $\equiv 2 \rightarrow 4$ )

- Jadach et al, e.g. 1504.06849, 1606.01238
- Li & Skands, 1611.00013
- Höche, Krauss & Prestel, 1705.00982,  
Höche & Prestel, 1705.00742,  
Dulat, Höche & Prestel, 1805.03757

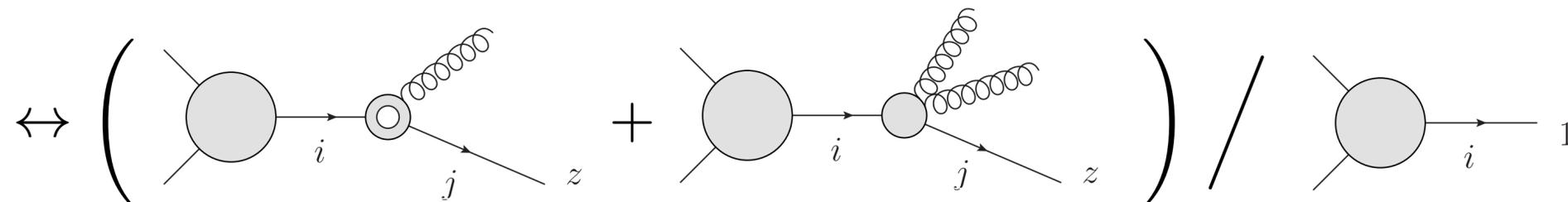
$$D_{ji}^{(0)}(z, \mu) = \delta_{ij} \delta(1-z)$$

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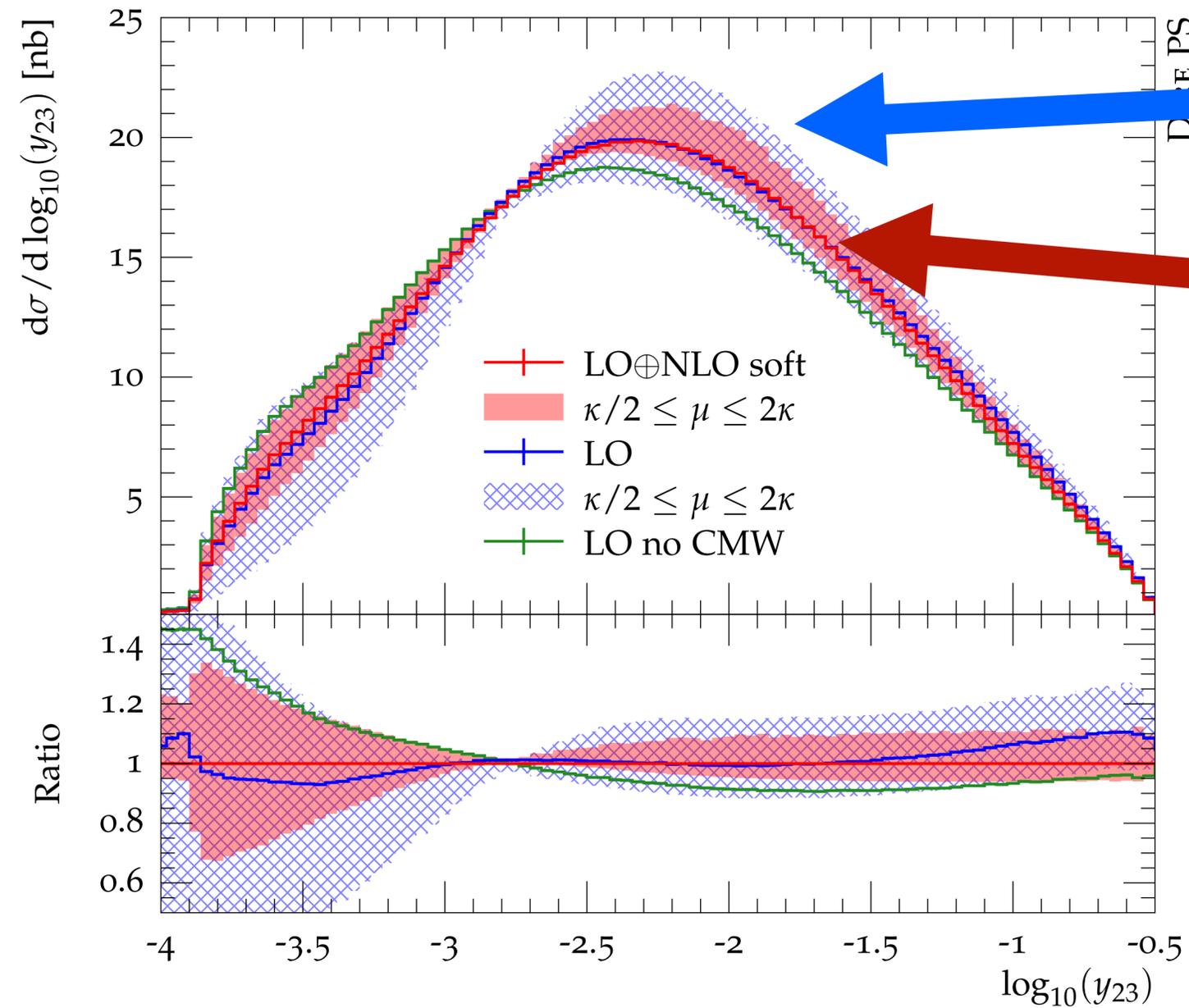
$$D_{ji}^{(1)}(z, \mu) = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} P_{ji}^{(0)}(z)$$

 $\leftrightarrow$ 


$$D_{ji}^{(2)}(z, \mu) = -\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} P_{ji}^{(1)}(z) + \frac{\beta_0}{4\varepsilon^2} P_{ji}^{(0)}(z) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} \int_z^1 \frac{dx}{x} P_{jk}^{(0)}(x) P_{ki}^{(0)}(z/x)$$



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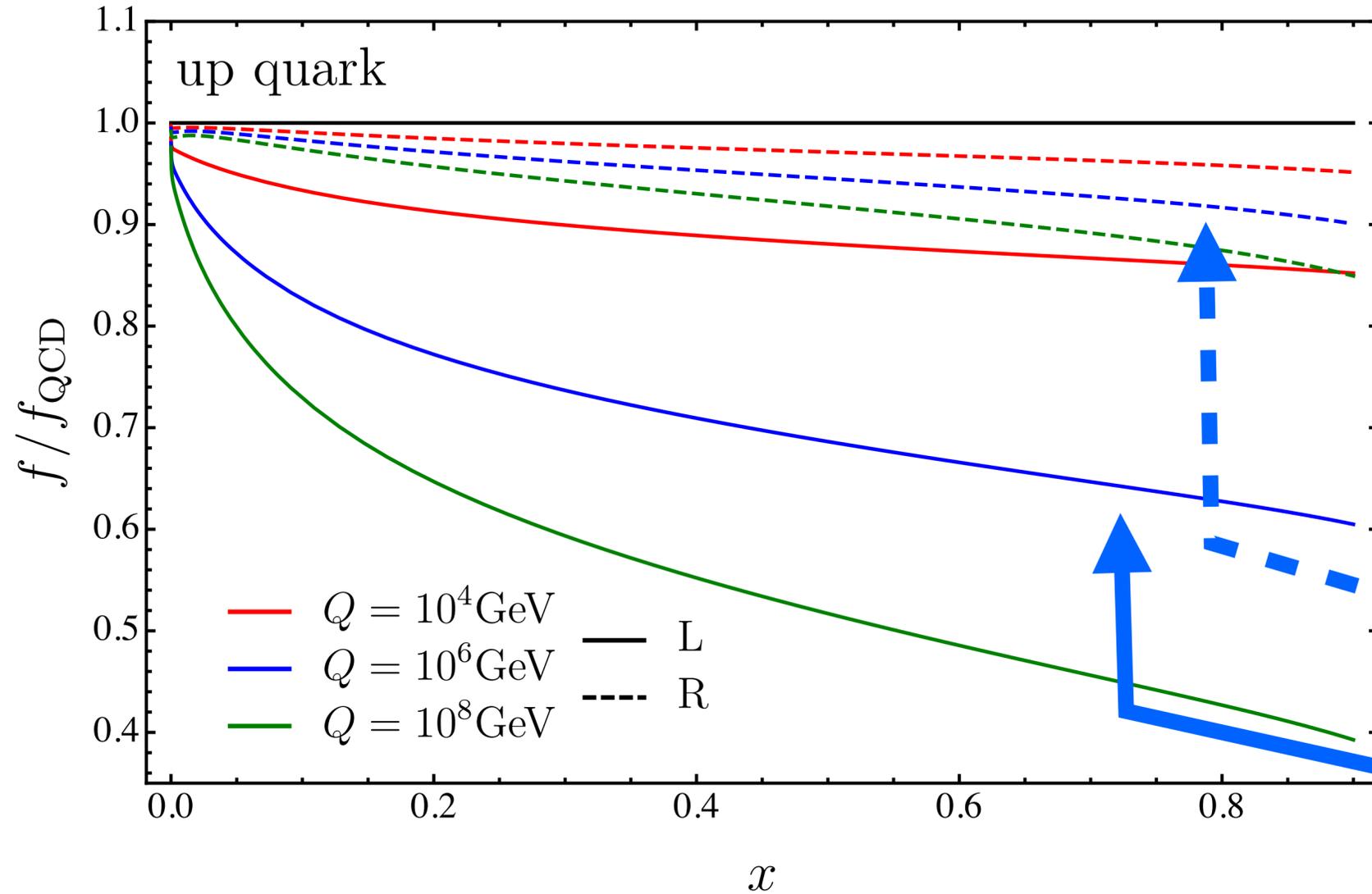


just  $1 \rightarrow 2$  splittings

+  $1 \rightarrow 3$  soft splittings



# EW showers (esp. beyond LHC)



W & Z emissions come with double logarithms

$$\alpha_{EW} \ln^2 \frac{Q}{m_W}$$

right-handed up quarks

left-handed up quarks

W emission affects only left-handed quarks

→ strong polarisation of quarks in unpolarised proton (at high enough energies)

# what does a parton shower achieve?

*not just a question of ingredients,  
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*Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni & GPS, 1805.09327*

# what **should** a parton shower achieve?

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**how can you prescribe correctness & accuracy of the answer,  
when the questions you ask can be arbitrary?**

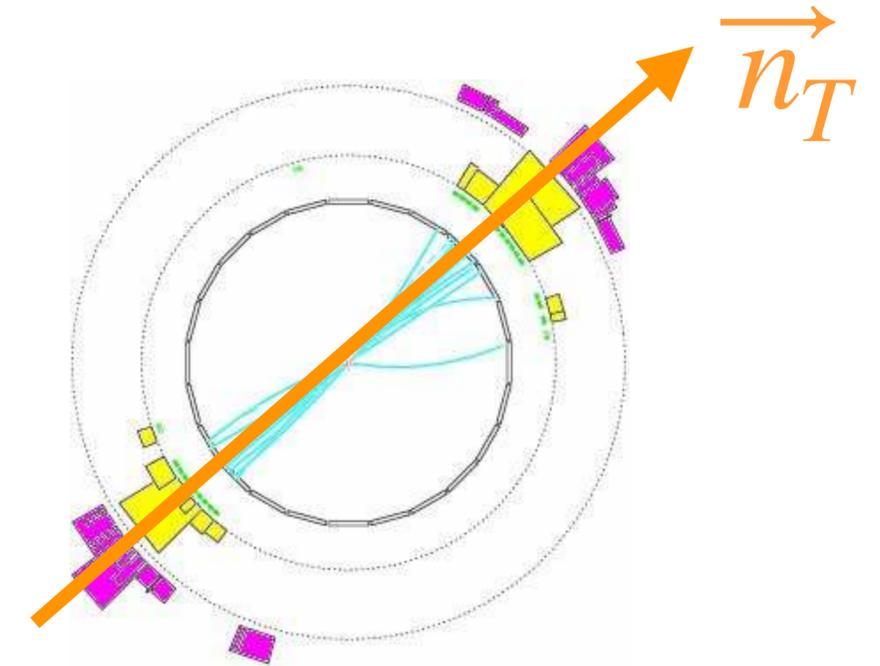
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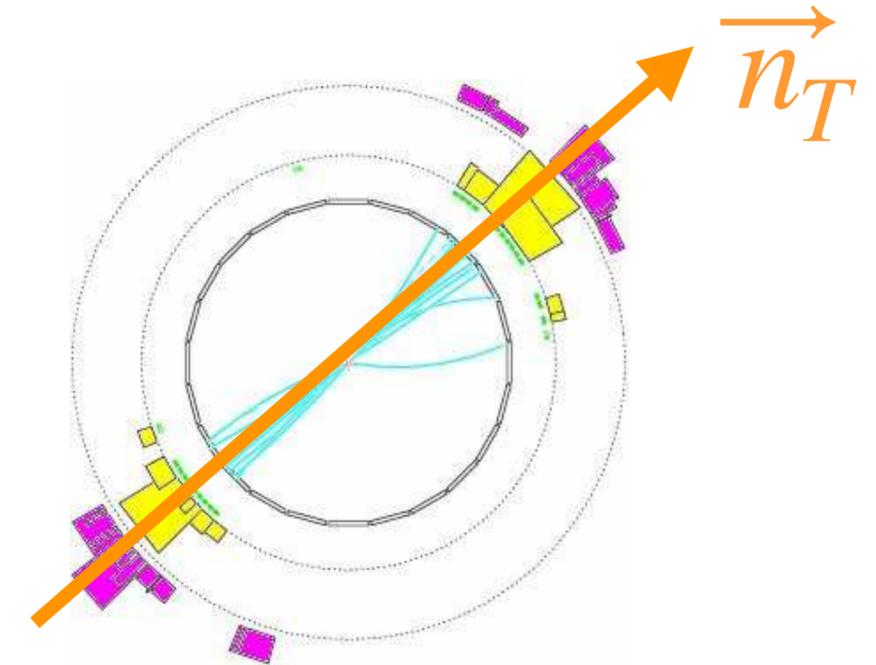
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$$\sigma(1 - T < e^{-L}) = \sigma_{tot} \exp \left[ \underbrace{Lg_1(\alpha_s L)}_{LL} + \underbrace{g_2(\alpha_s L)}_{NLL} + \underbrace{\alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L)}_{NNLL} + \underbrace{\alpha_s^2 g_4(\alpha_s L)}_{N^3LL} + \dots \right]$$

$[\alpha_s \ll 1, L \gg 1]$

**LL**

**NLL**

**NNLL**

**N<sup>3</sup>LL**

Catani, Trentadue, Turnock & Webber '93

Becher & Schwartz '08

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Sometimes you may see statements like “*Following standard practice to improve the logarithmic accuracy of the parton shower, the soft enhanced term of the splitting functions is rescaled by  $1 + a_s(t)/(2\pi)K$ ”*”

## Questions:

- 1) Which is it? LL or better?
- 2) For what known observables does this statement hold?
- 3) What good is it to know that some handful of observables is LL (or whatever) when you want to calculate arbitrary observables?
- 4) Does LL even mean anything when you do machine learning?
- 5) Why only “LL” when analytic resummation can do so much better?

# Our proposal for “minimal” criteria for a shower

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## Resummation

Establish logarithmic accuracy for all known classes of resummation:

- global event shapes (thrust, broadening, angularities, jet rates, energy-energy correlations, ...)
- non-global observables (cf. Banfi, Corcella & Dasgupta, hep-ph/0612282)
- fragmentation / parton-distribution functions
- (multiplicity, cf. original Herwig angular-ordered shower from 1980's)

## Matrix elements

Establish in what sense iteration of (e.g.  $2 \rightarrow 3$ ) splitting kernel reproduces  $N$ -particle tree-level matrix elements *for any*  $N$ .

# Examine two showers

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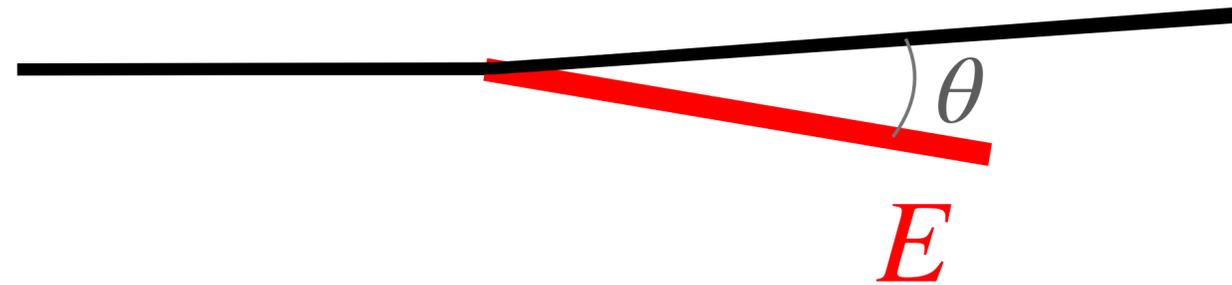
- **Pythia8** shower: because it's the most widely used
- **DIRE** shower (2015 version, with just 2→3 splitting),  
because it's unique in being available for two General Purpose MC programs  
(Pythia8 & Sherpa2)

**The results I'll talk about will be the same for both**

and they'll be limited to fixed order for simplicity  
(though it's easy enough to generalise to an all-order study)

# Phase space: two key variables (+ azimuth)

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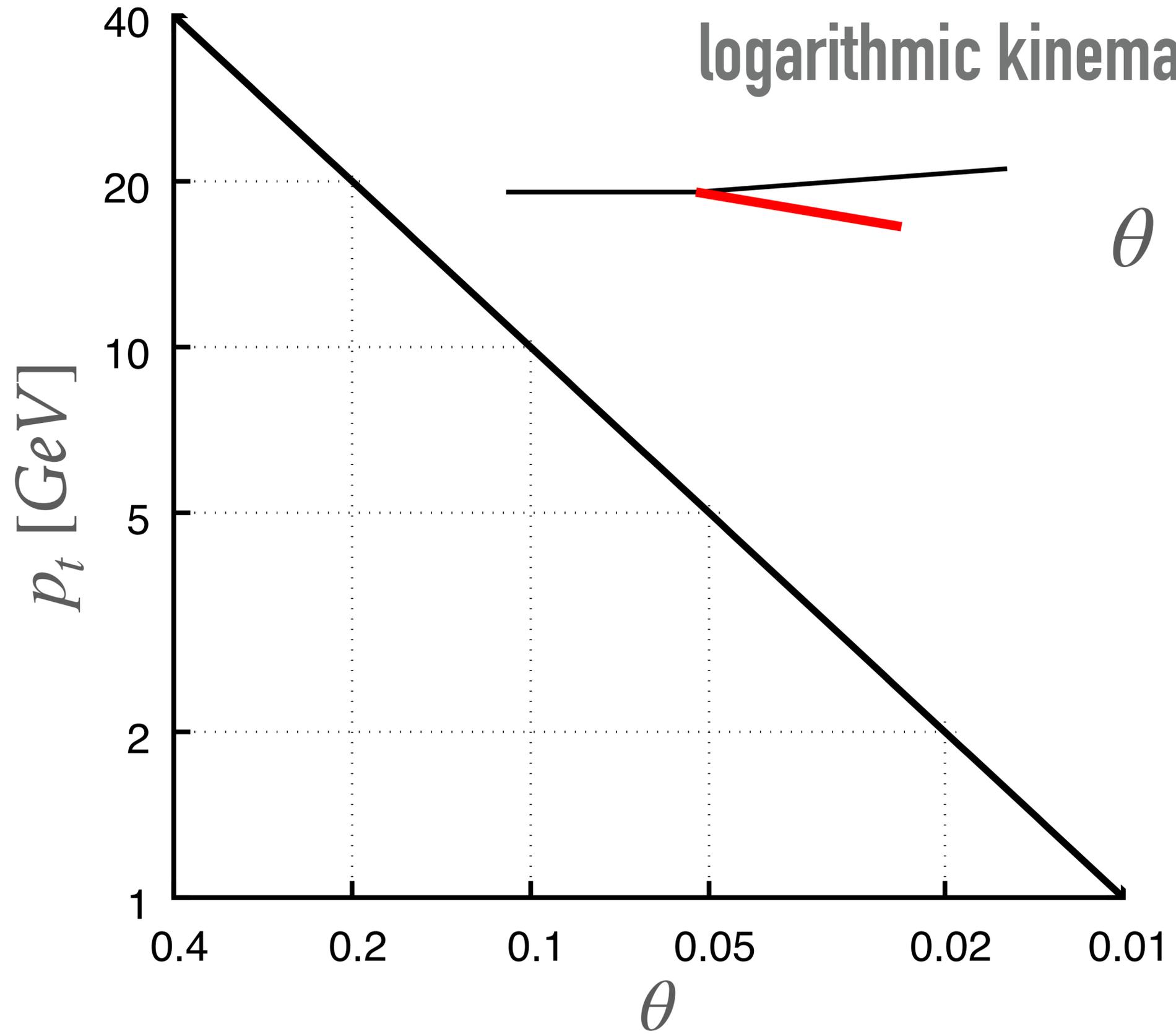
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*$\eta$  is called (pseudo)rapidity*

$$p_t = E\theta$$

*$p_t$  (or  $p_{\perp}$ ) is called transverse momentum*

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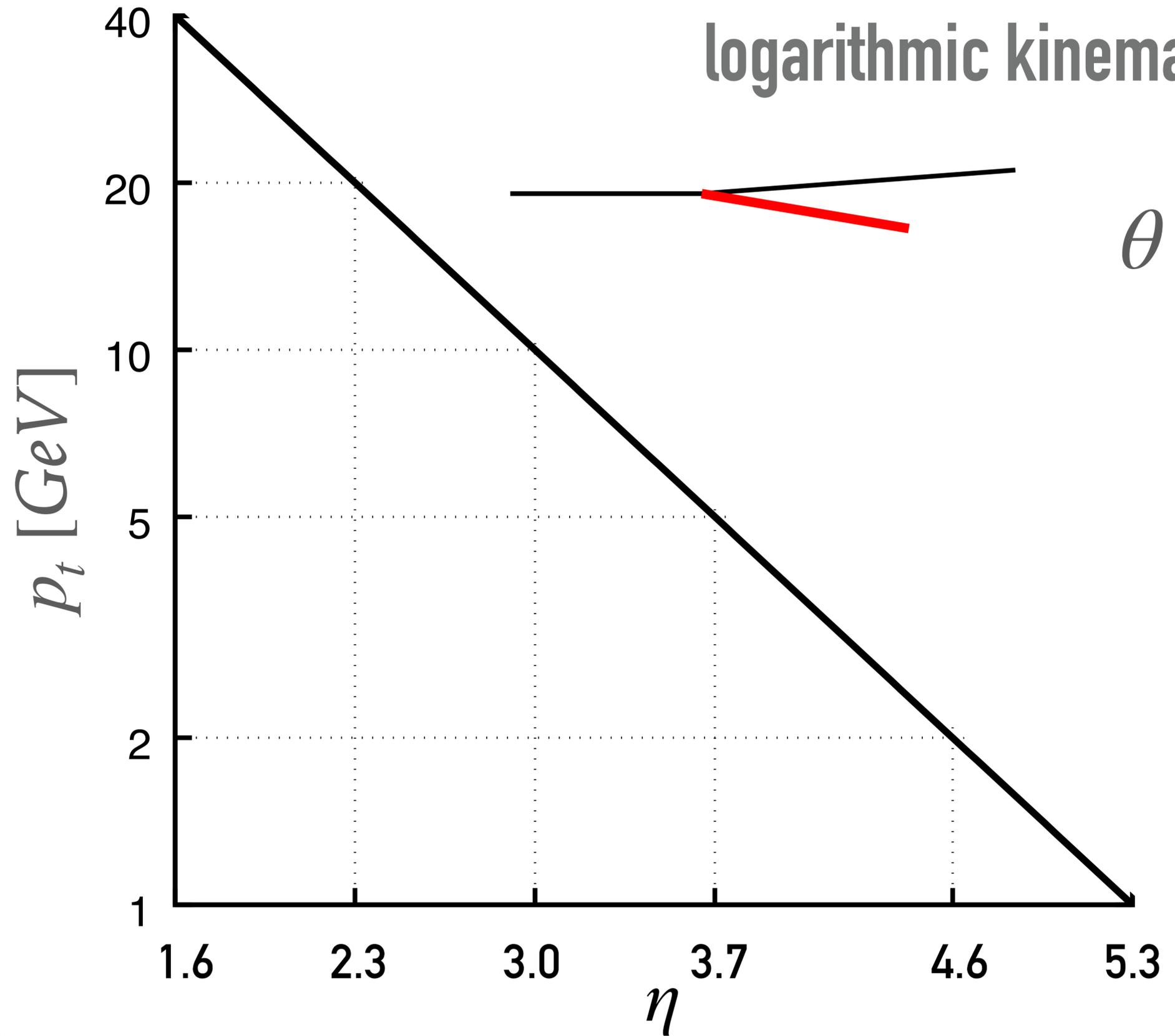
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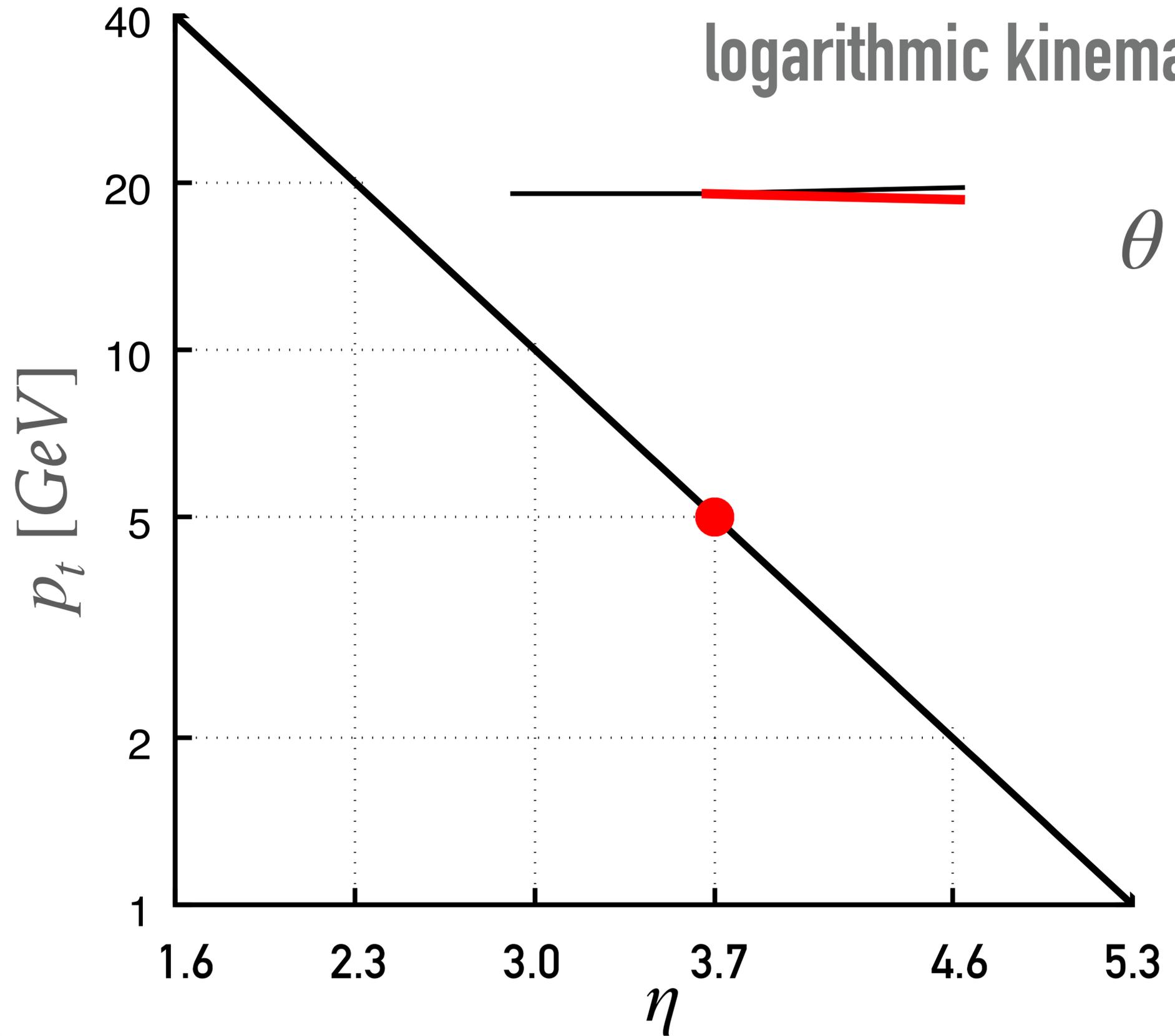
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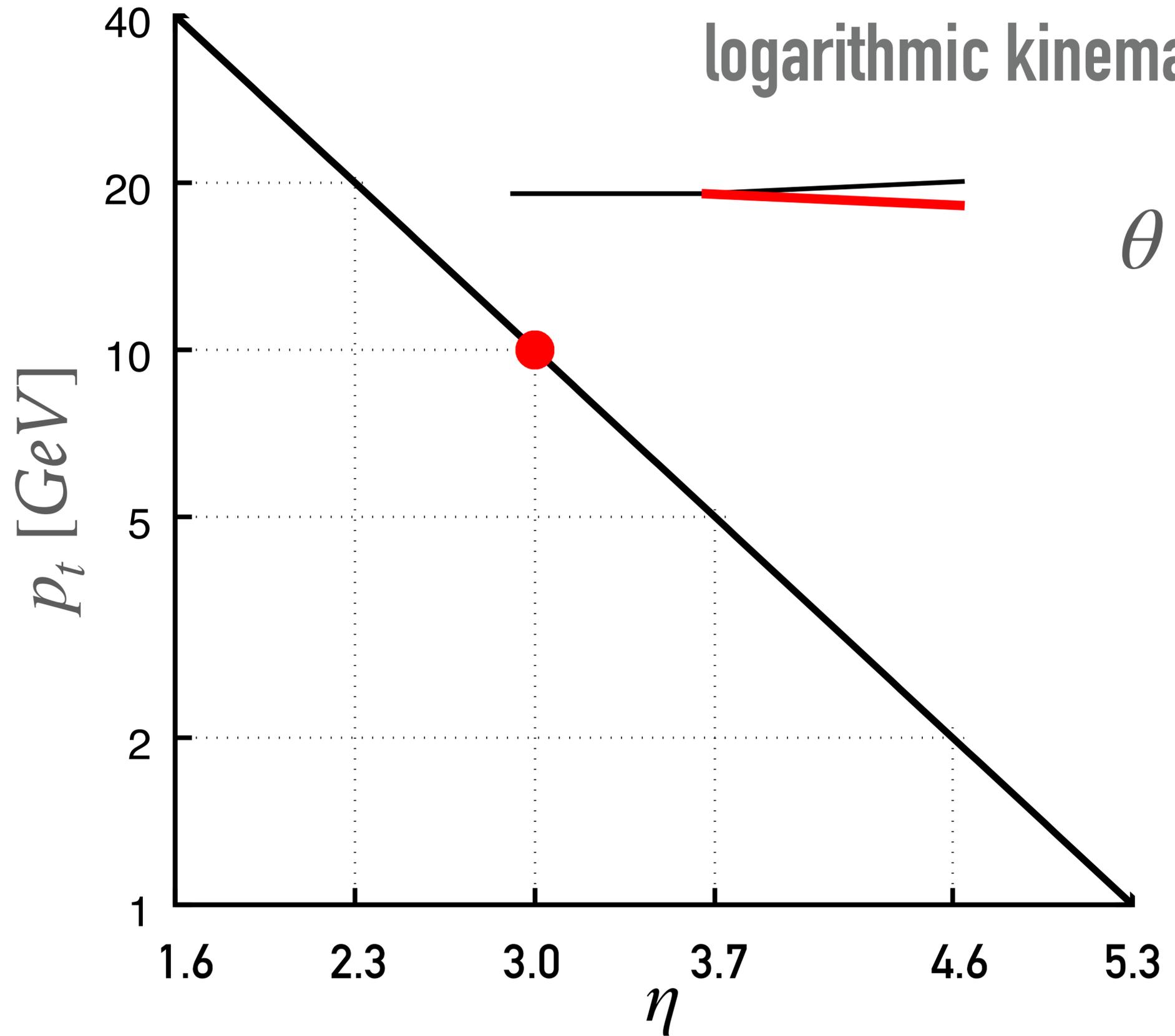
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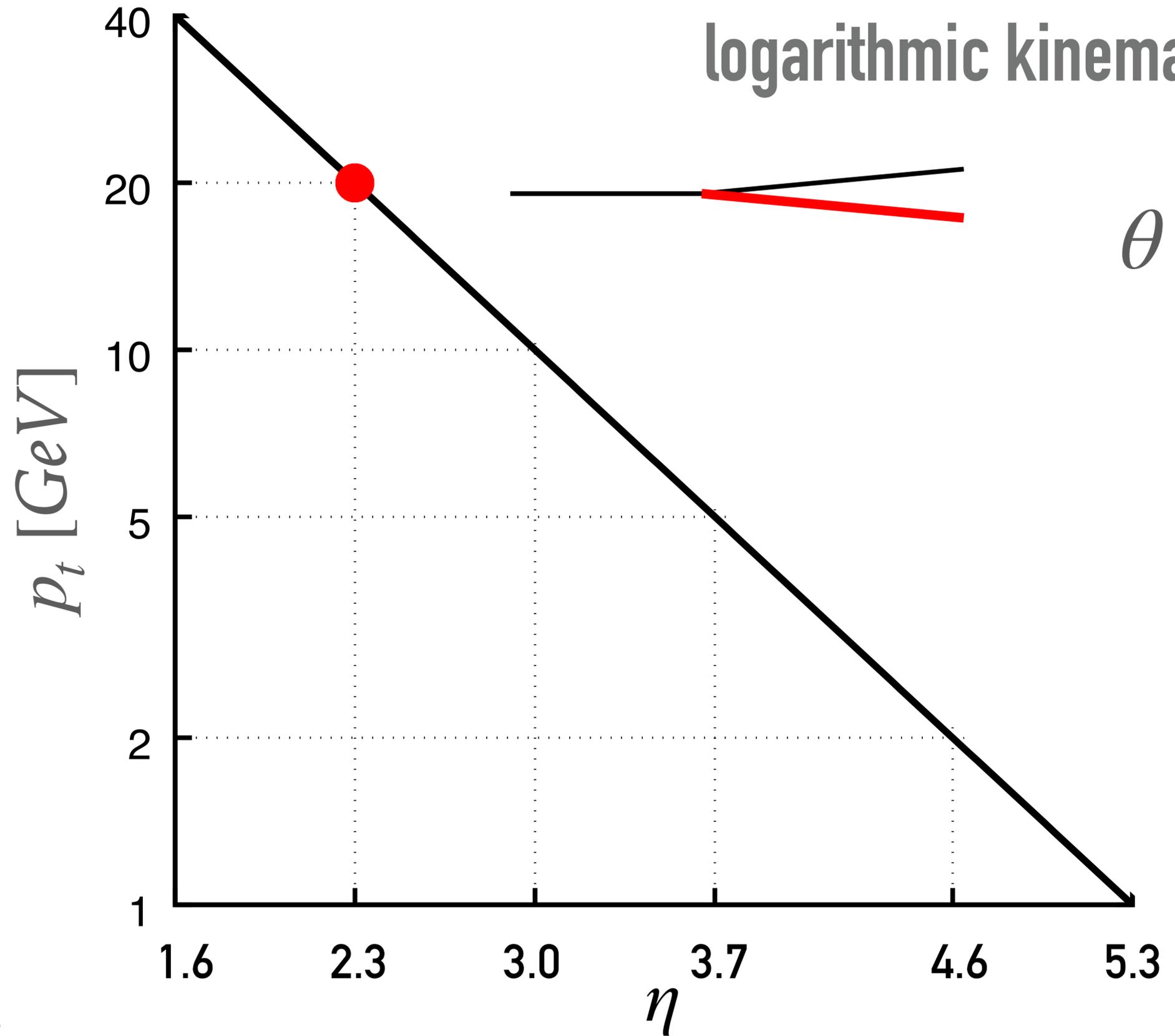
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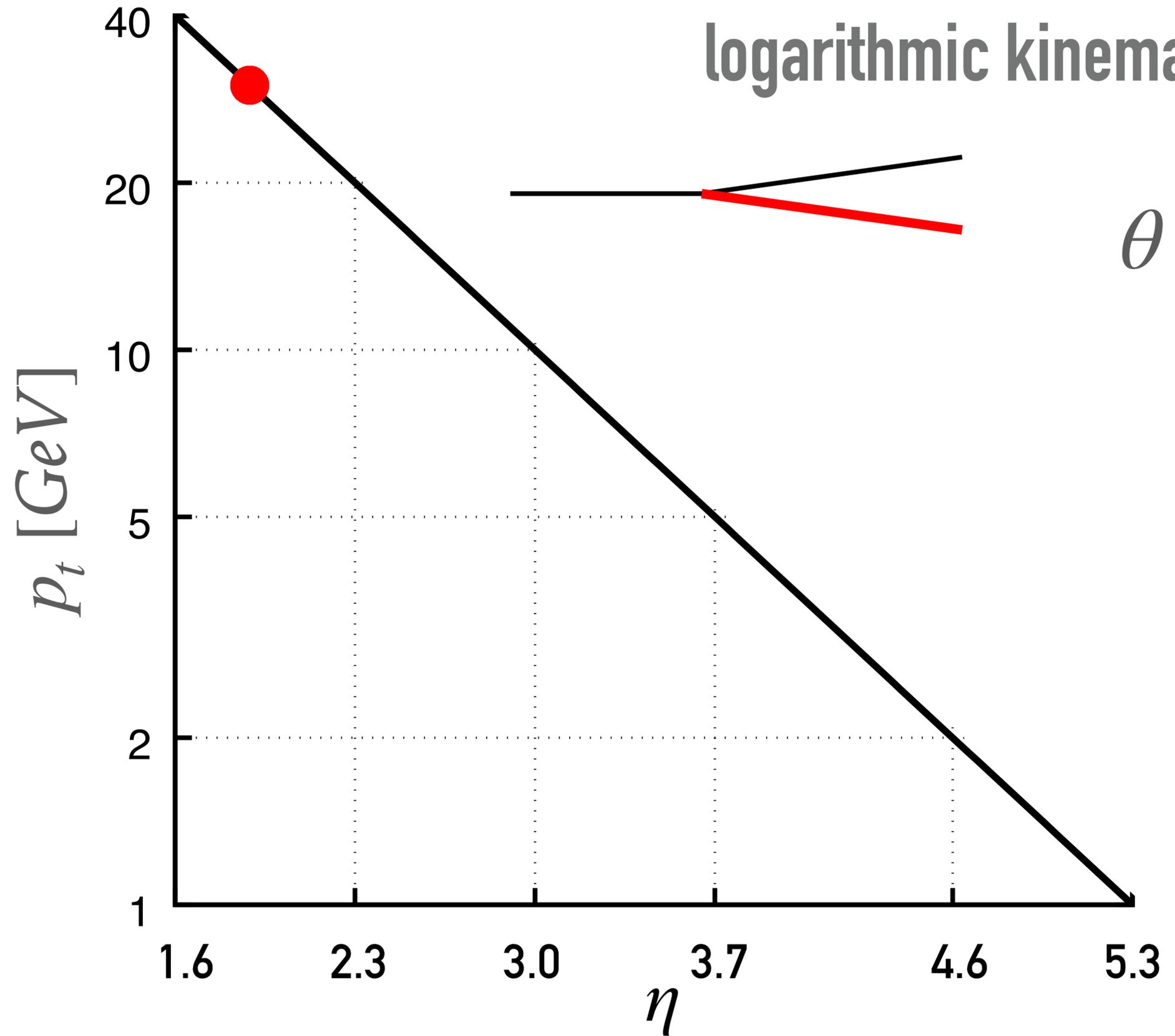
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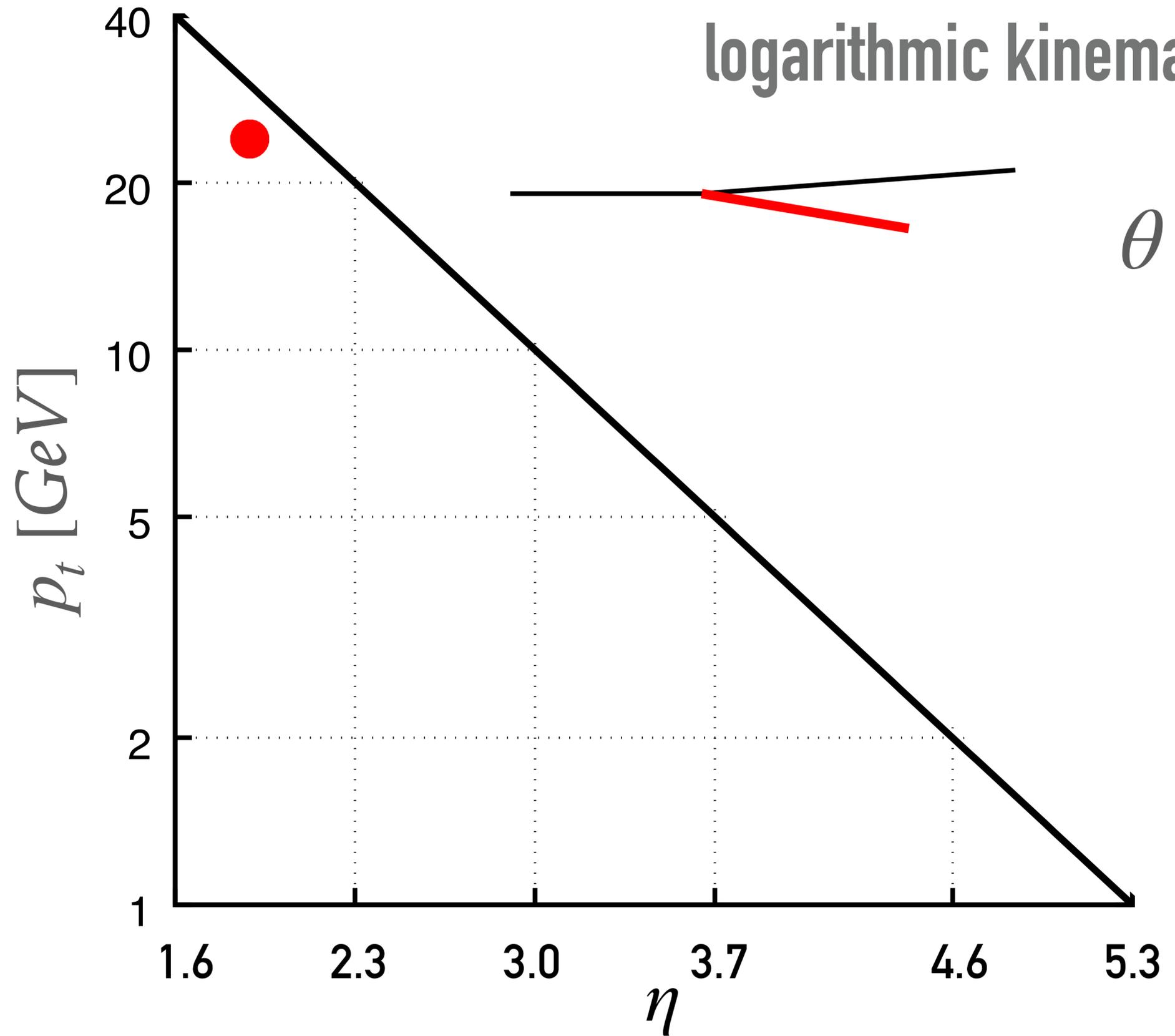
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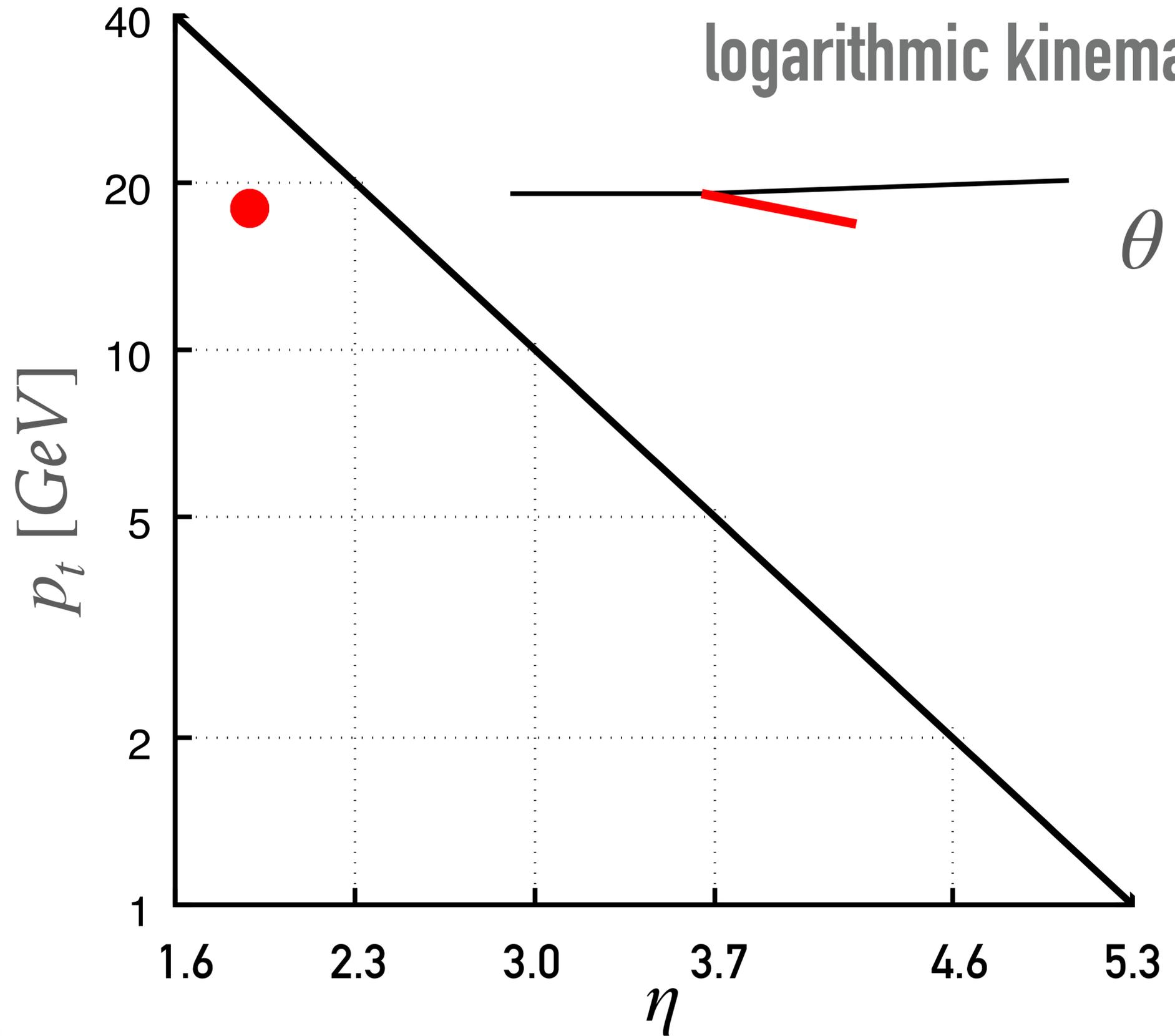
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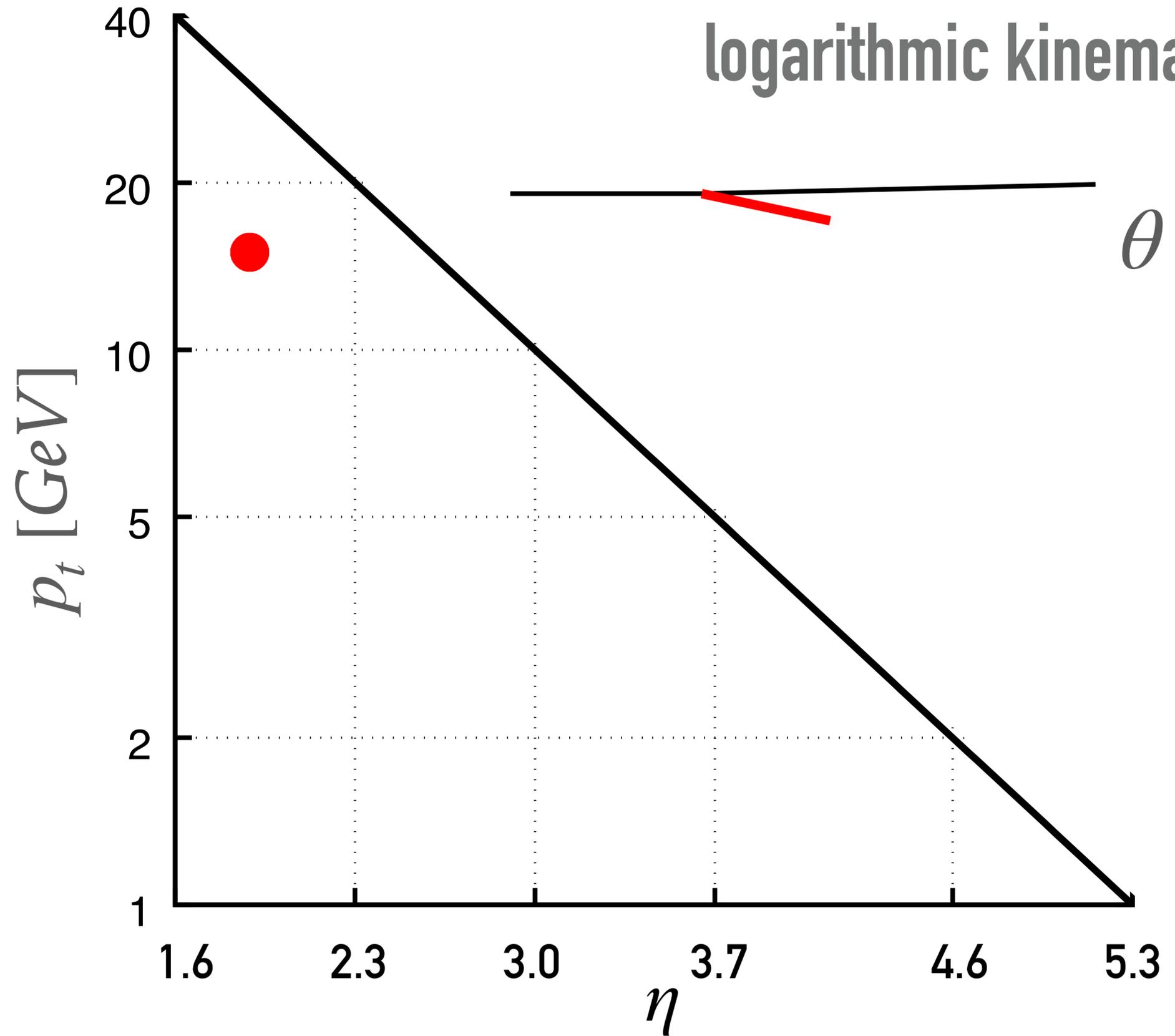
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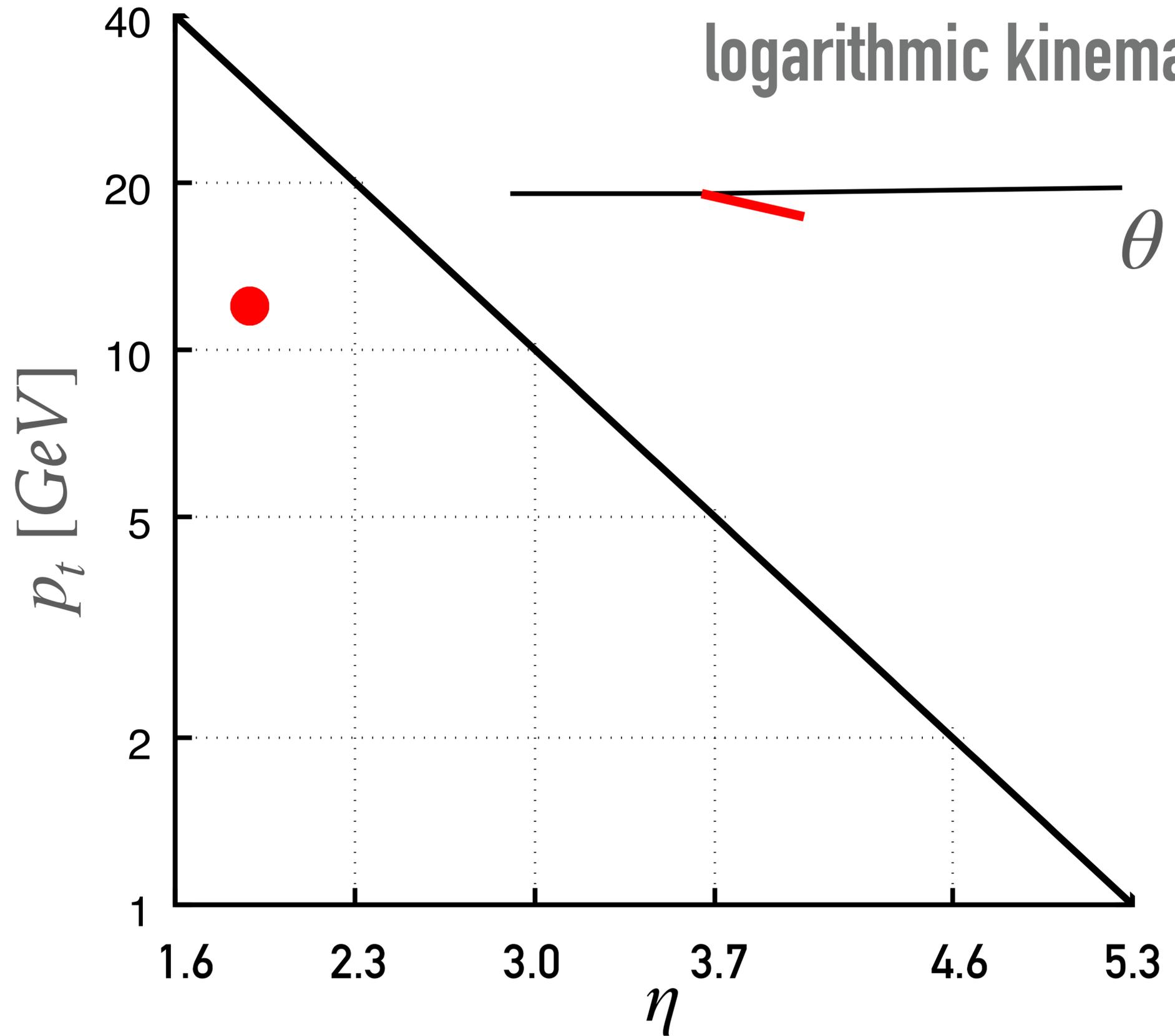
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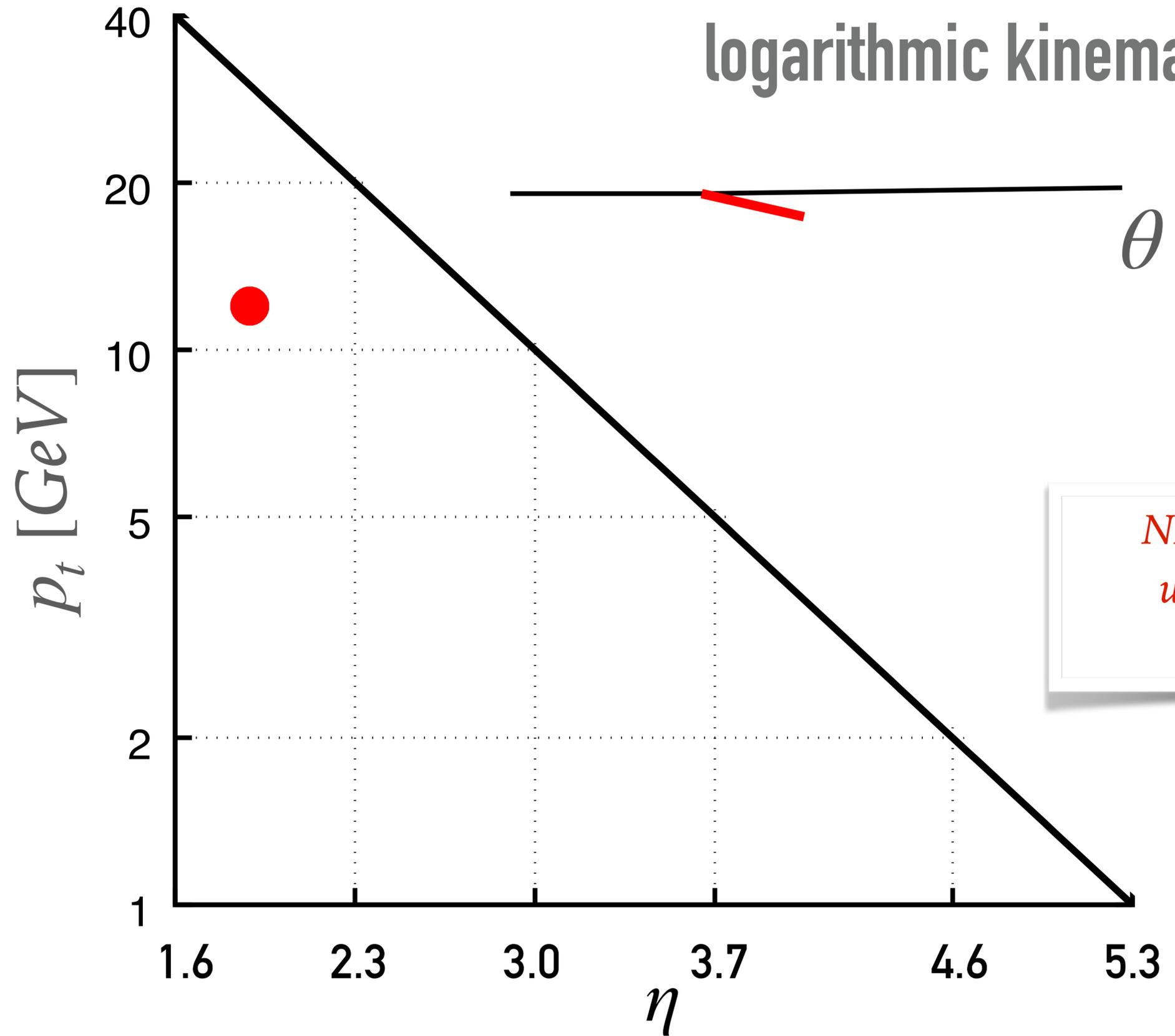
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*NB: Lund plane can be constructed event-by-event using Cambridge/Aachen jet clustering sequence, cf. Dreyer, GPS & Soyez '18*

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# The Lund Plane

# Matrix element for single emission (low energy $\equiv$ “soft”)

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*coupling*    *colour factor*

↓    ↓

*splitting probability* →  $dP = \frac{2\alpha_s C}{\pi} \frac{dp_{\perp}}{p_{\perp}} d\eta$

**Uniform density of emission in logarithmic (Lund) plane**, except

- for running coupling effects (which we will ignore in the rest of this talk)
- effects near edges of Lund plane (we'll also ignore those)

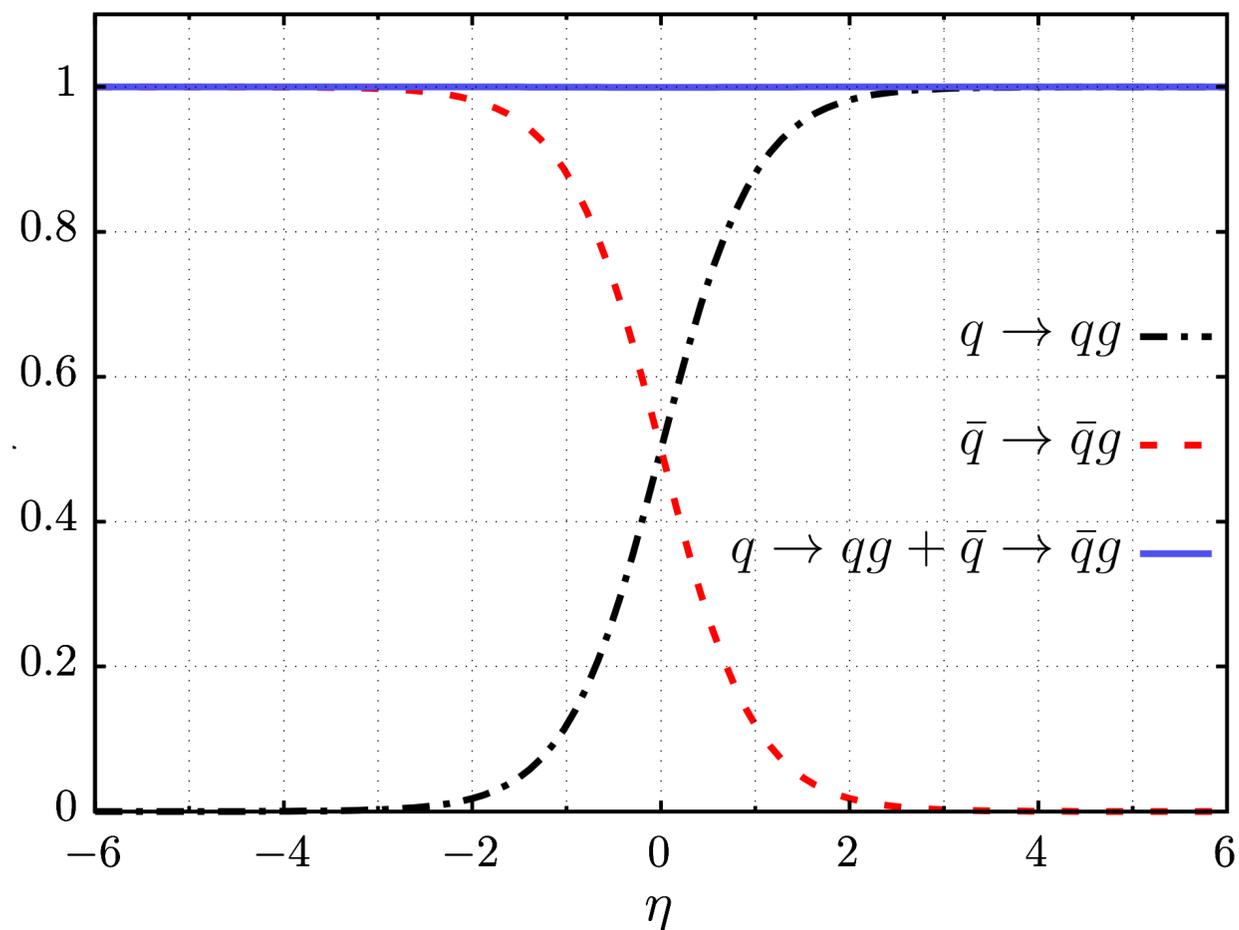
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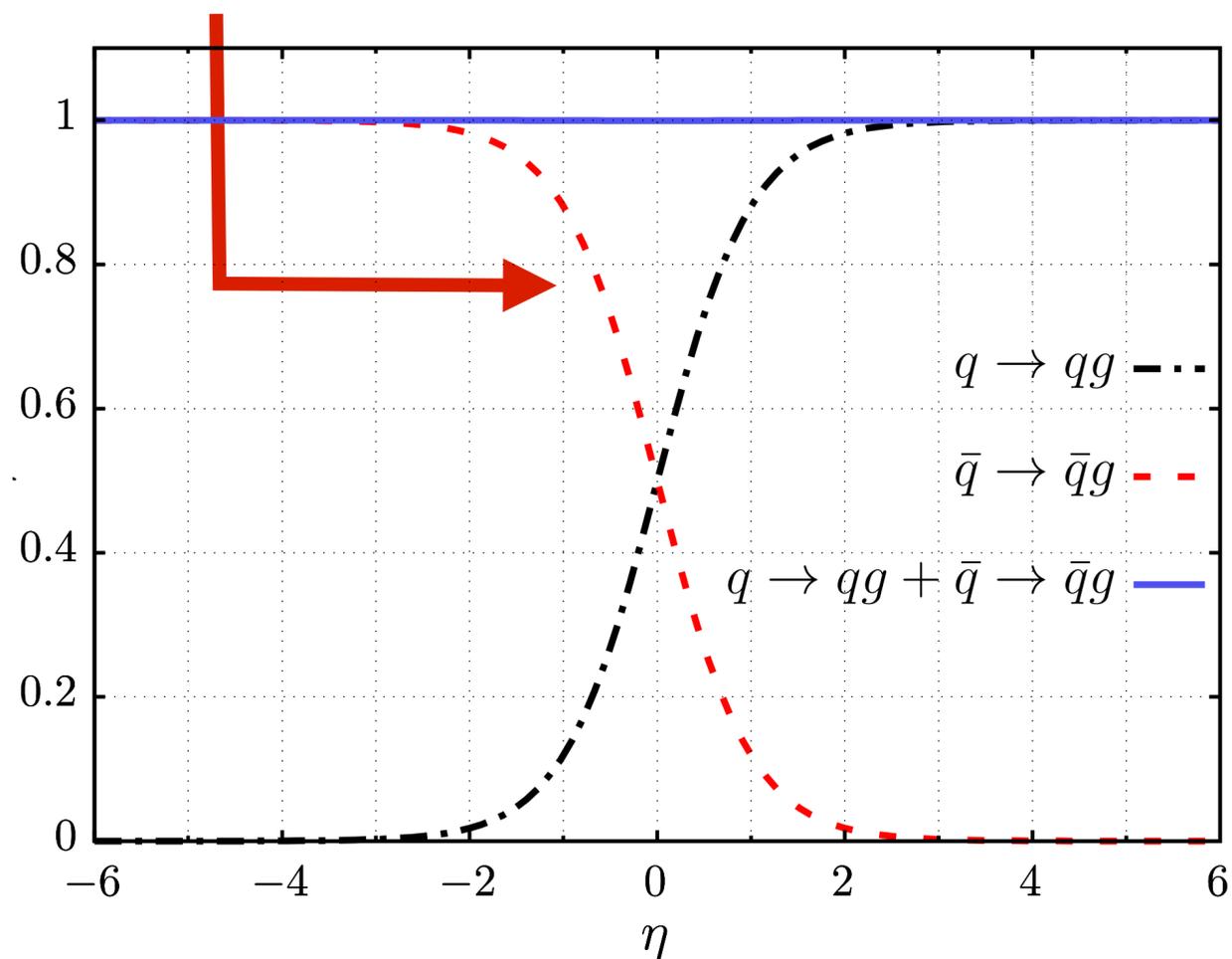
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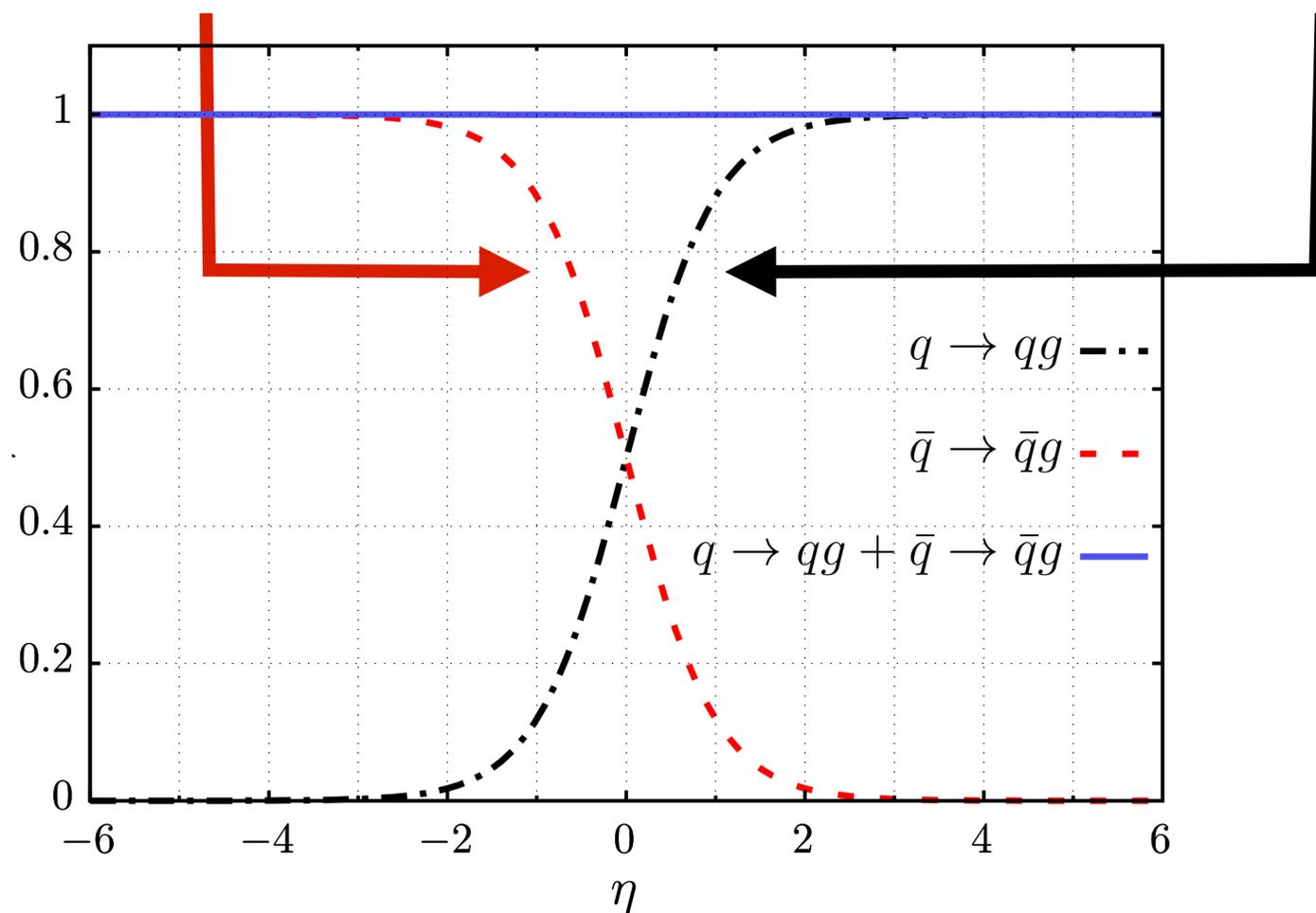
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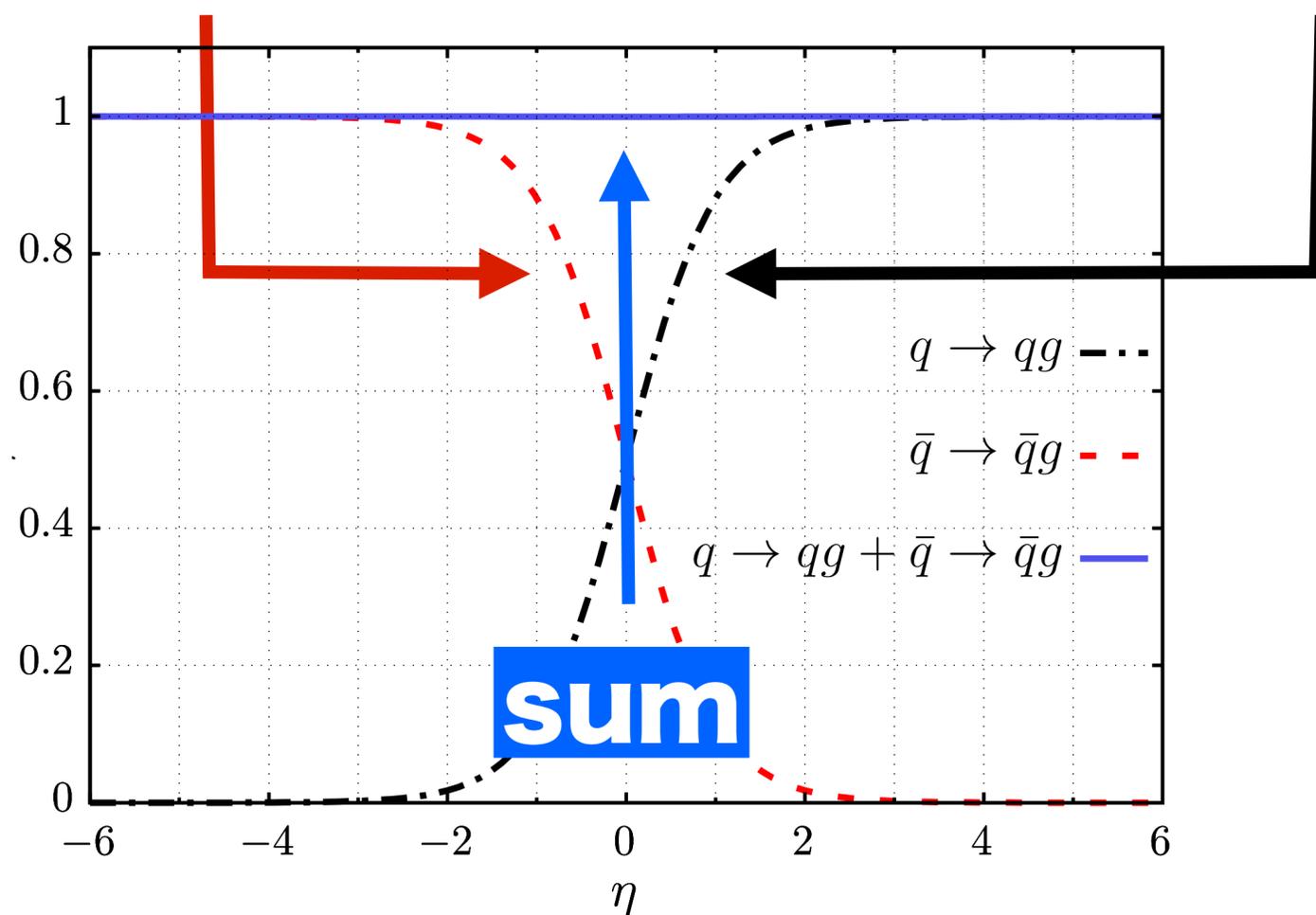
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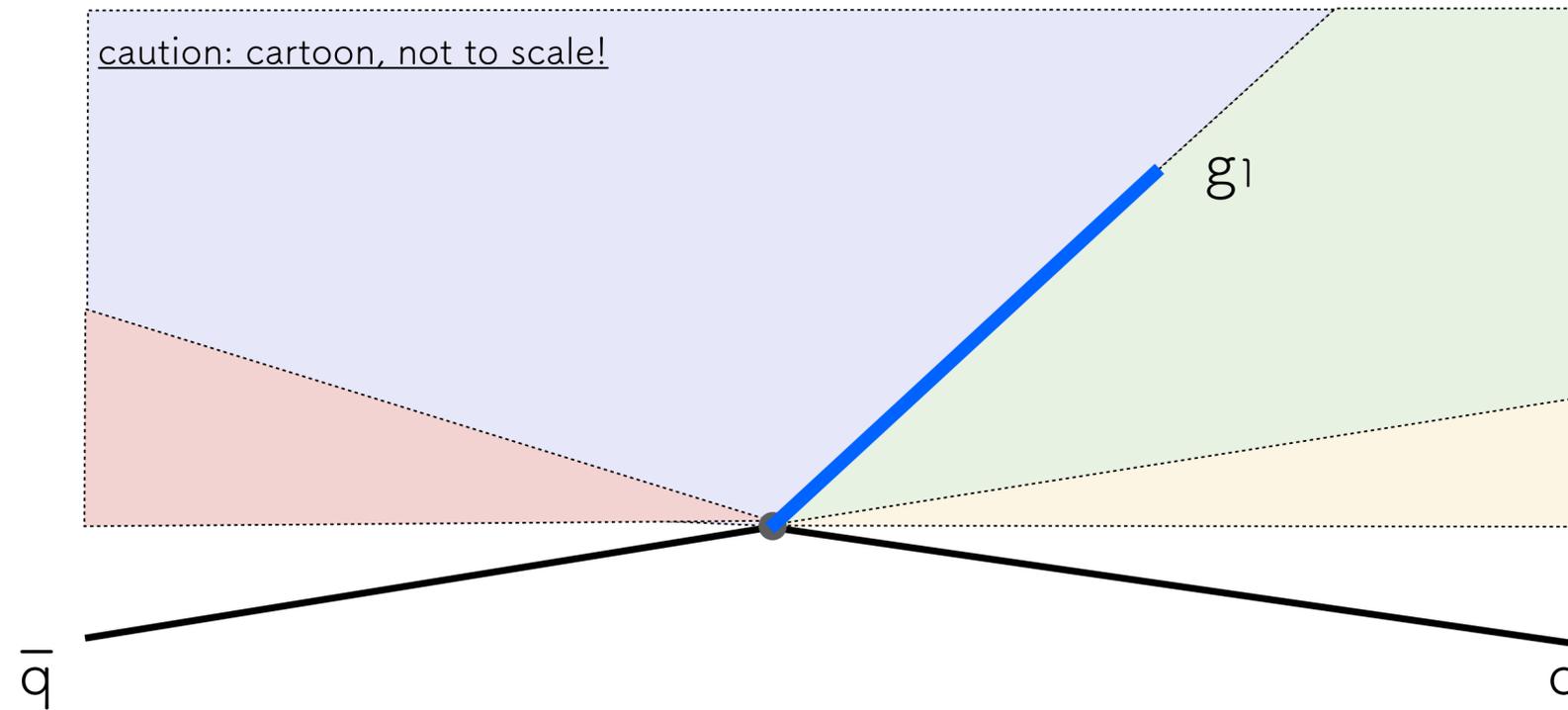
$$dP = \frac{1}{2!} \left( \frac{2\alpha_s C}{\pi} \frac{dp_{\perp,1}}{p_{\perp,1}} d\eta_1 \right) \left( \frac{2\alpha_s C}{\pi} \frac{dp_{\perp,2}}{p_{\perp,1}} d\eta_2 \right)$$

**Double-emission density is square of single-emission formula**

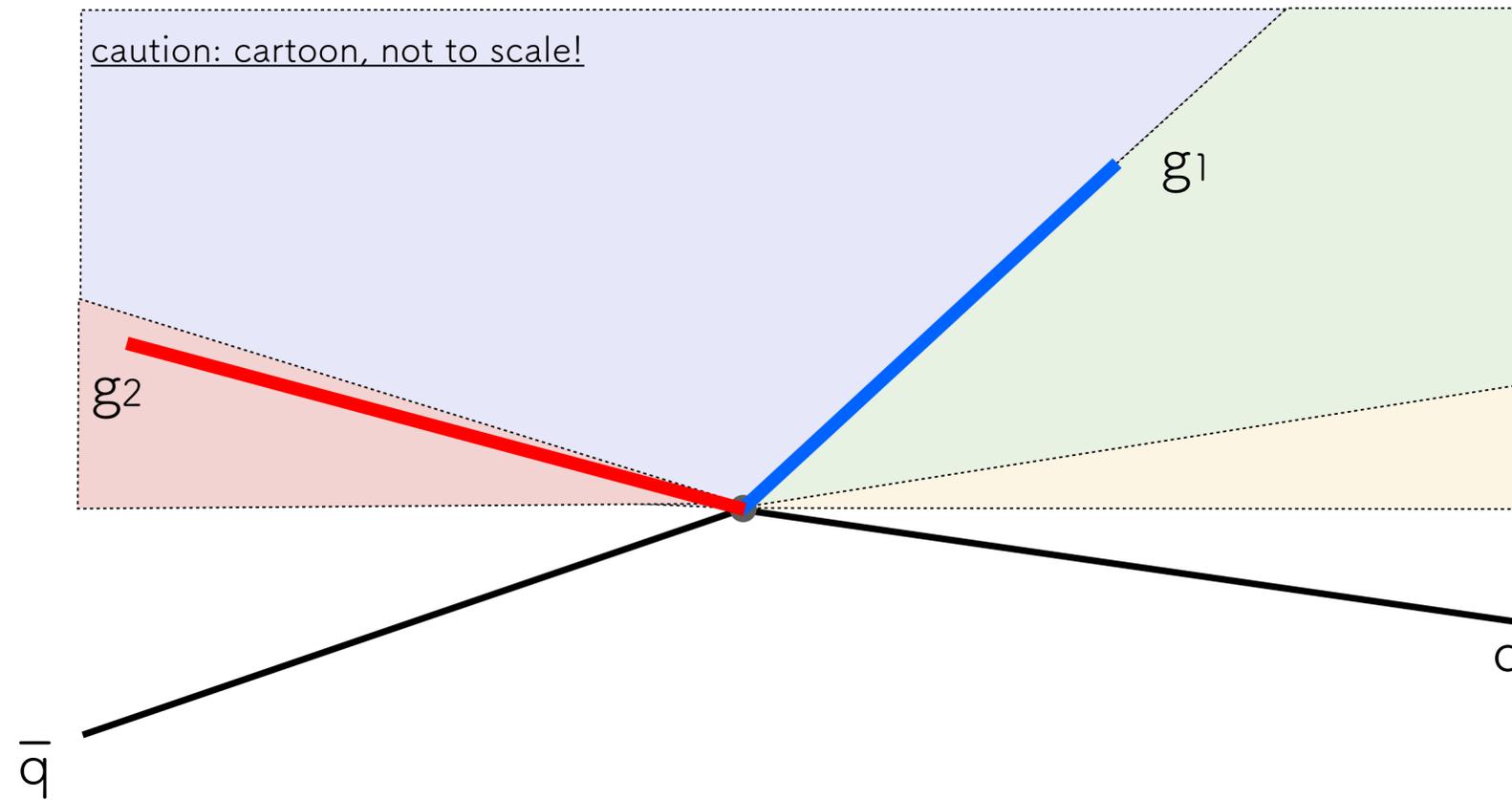
- in large parts of phase space
- specifically in parts of primary Lund plane that are well separated in  $\eta$  (this is a consequence of “angular ordering”)

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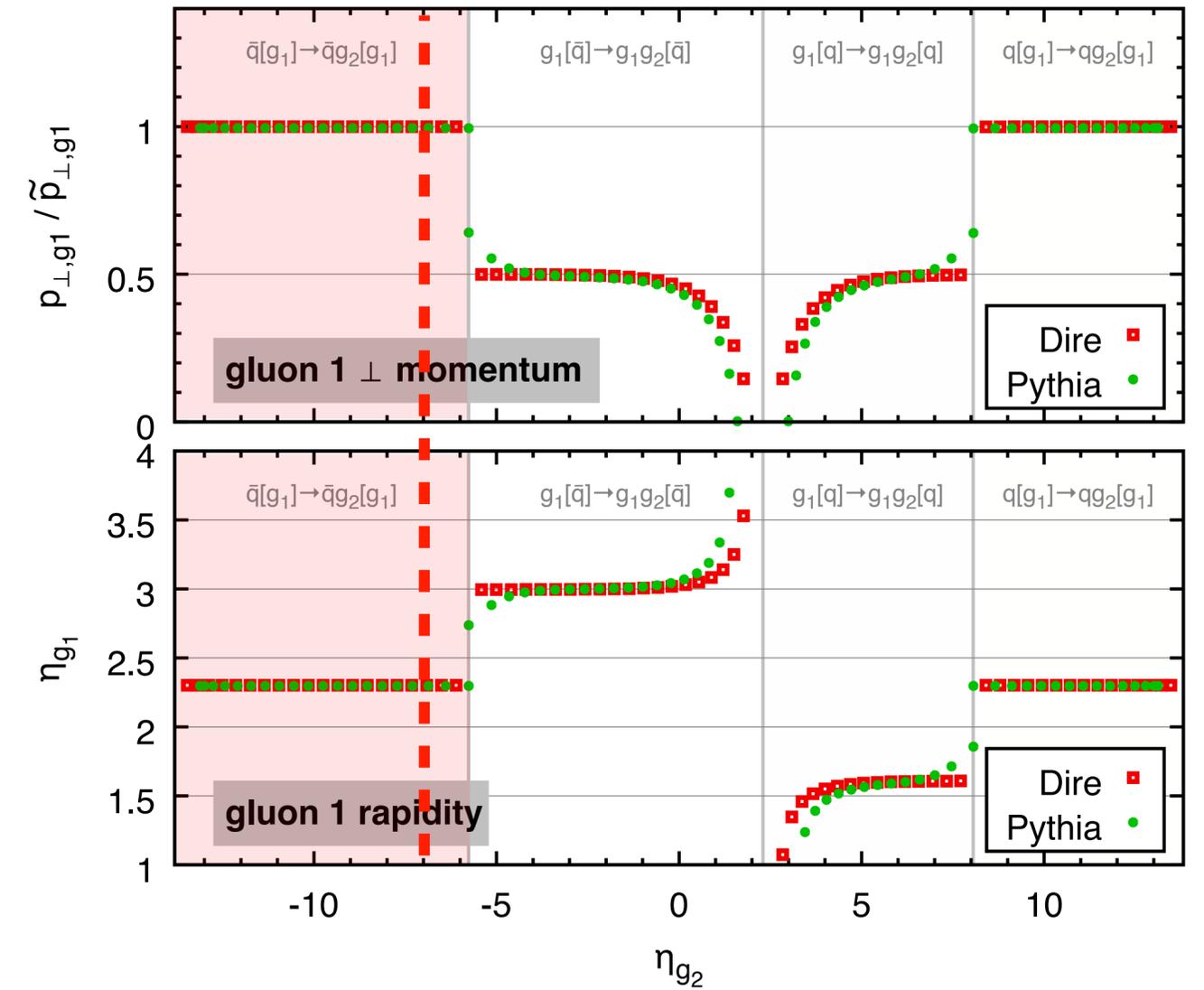
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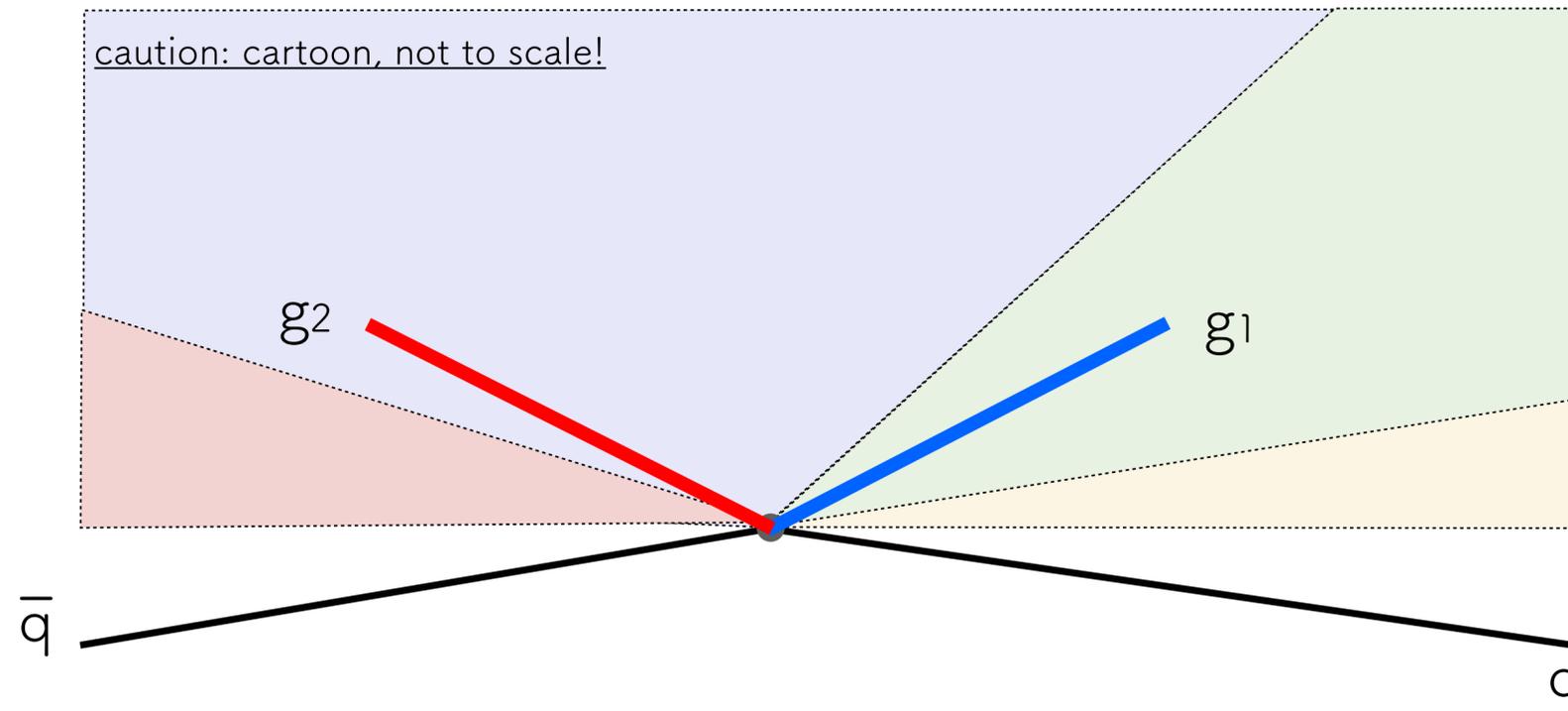
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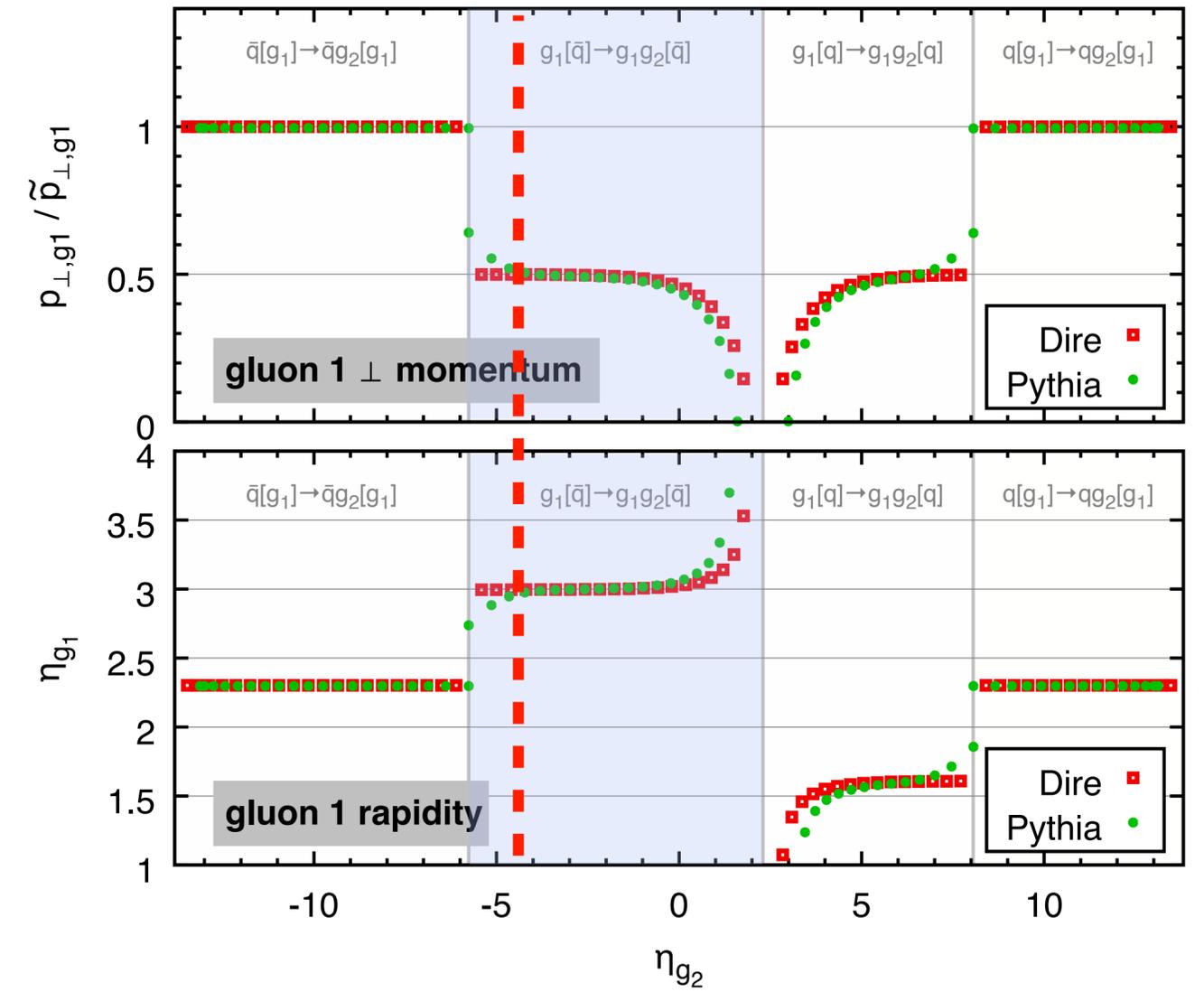
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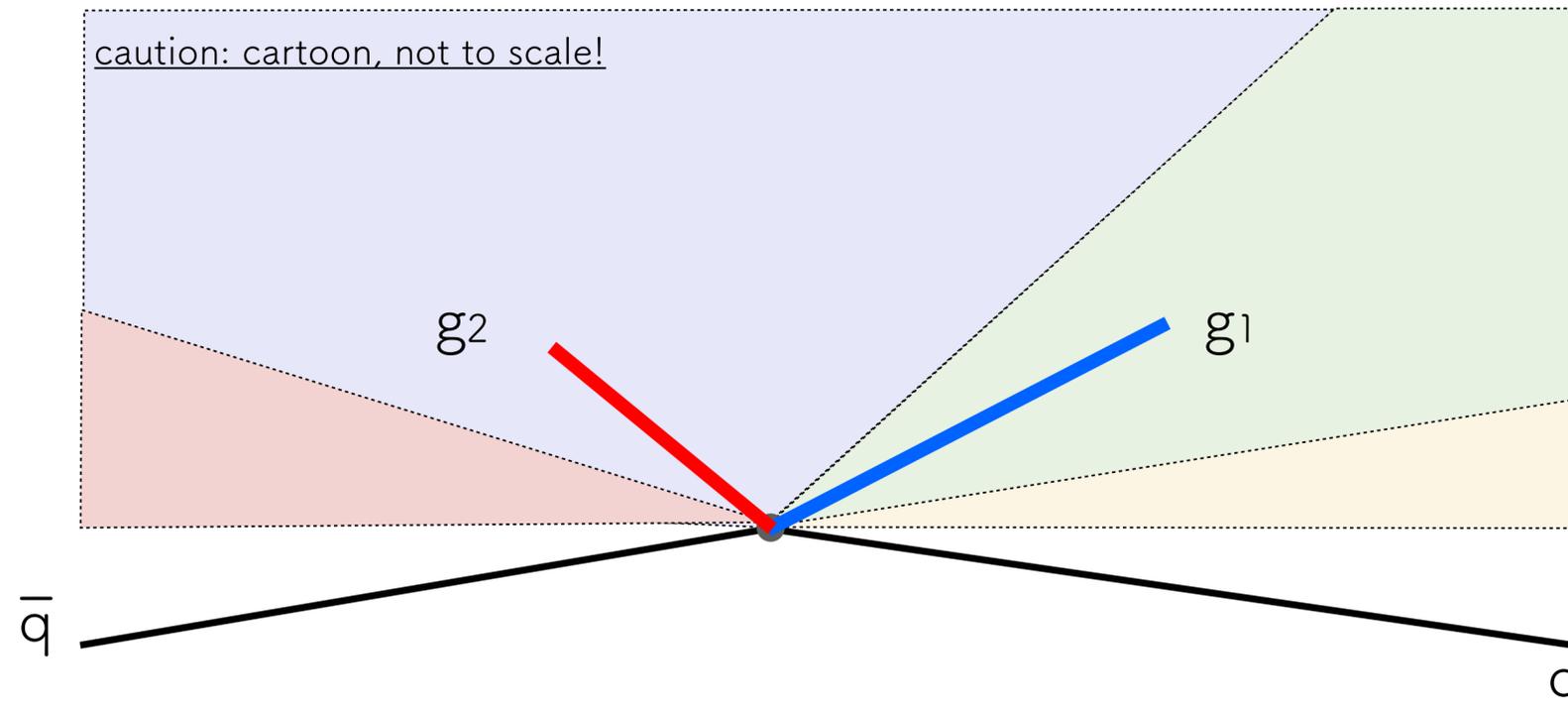
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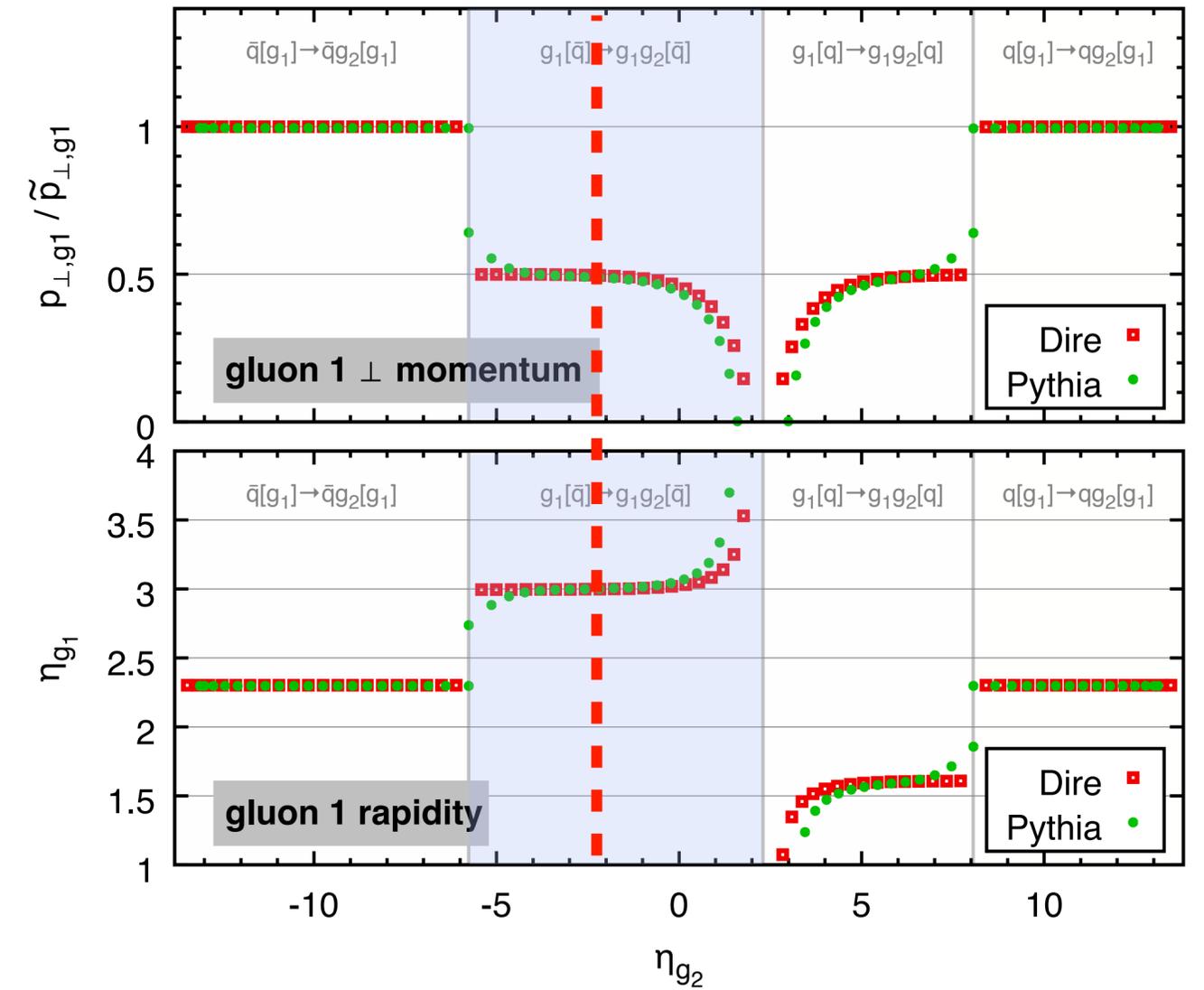
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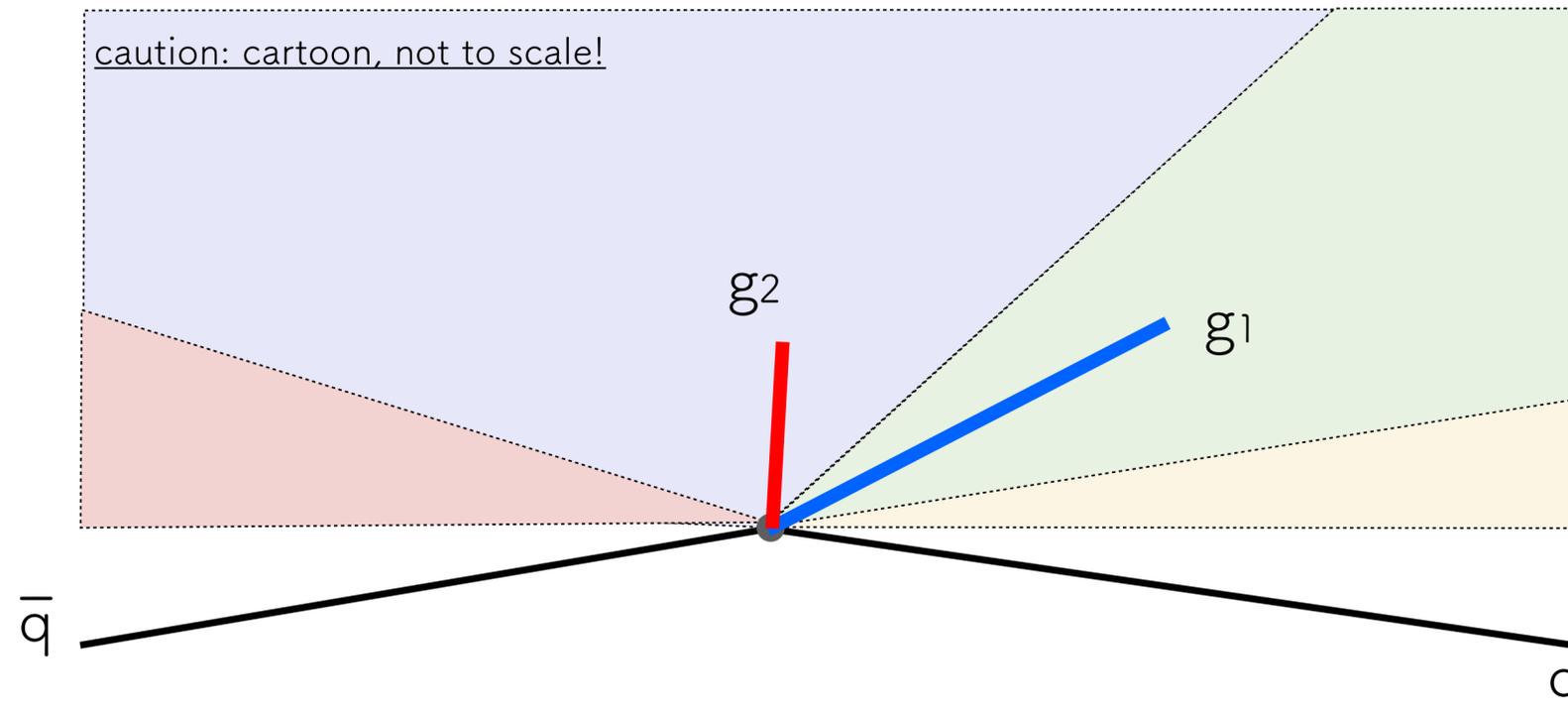
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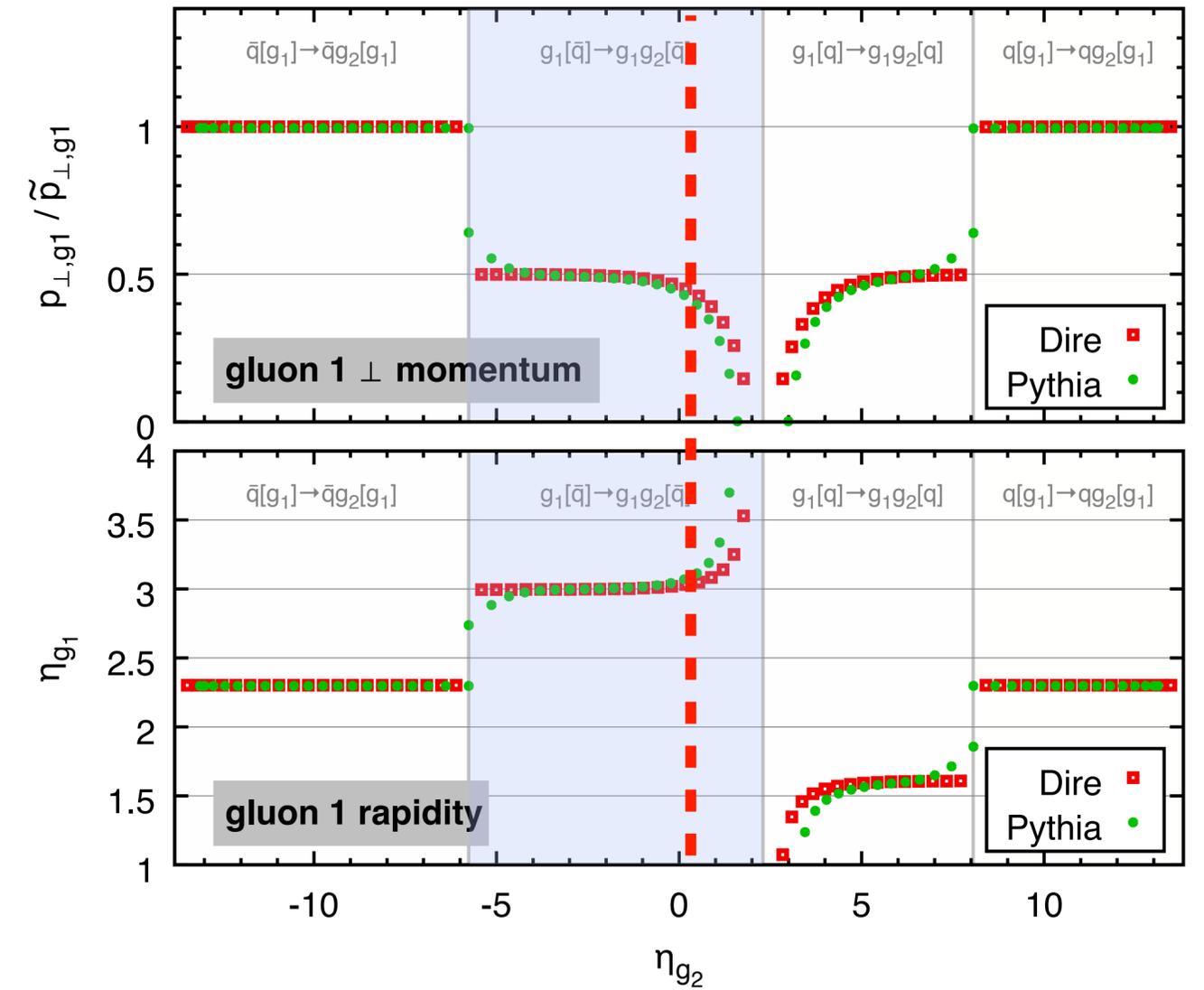
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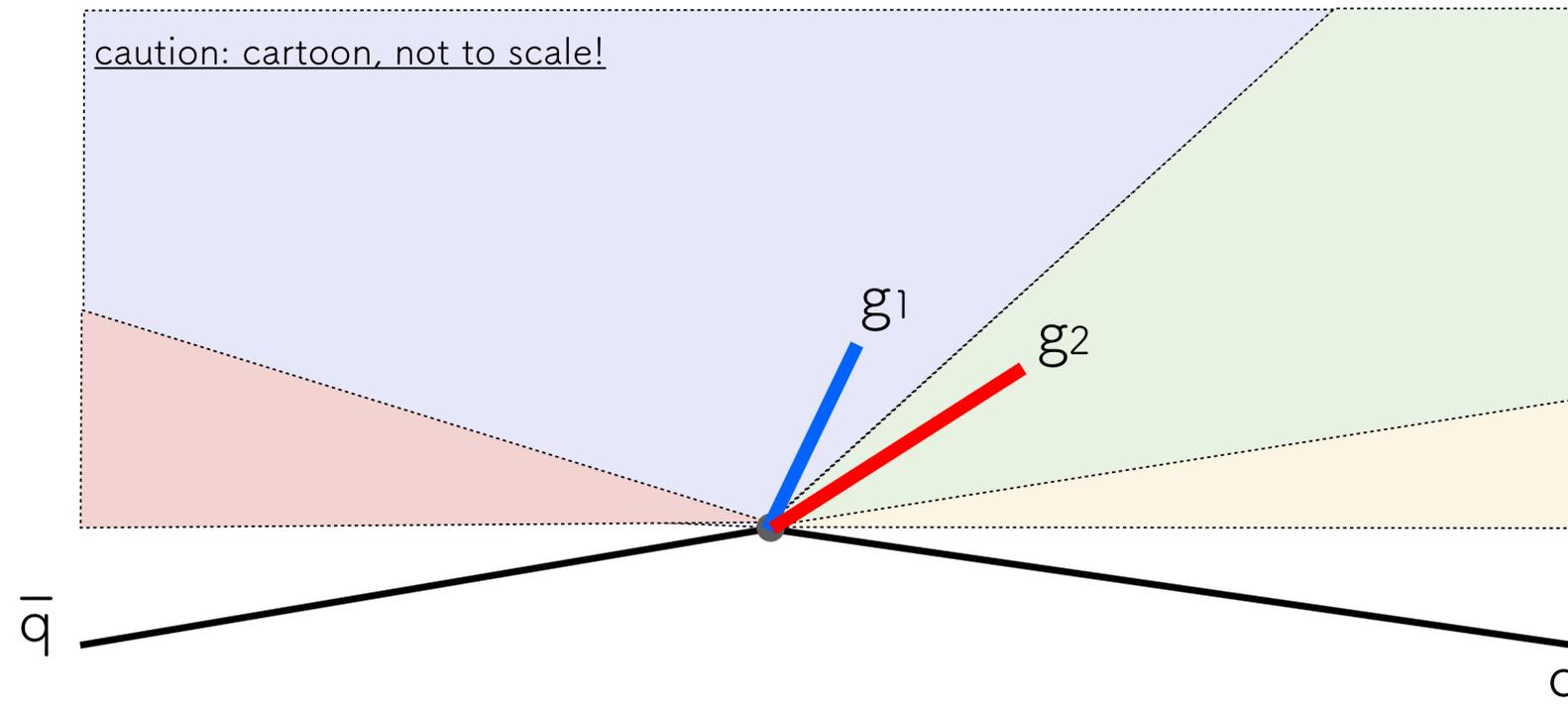
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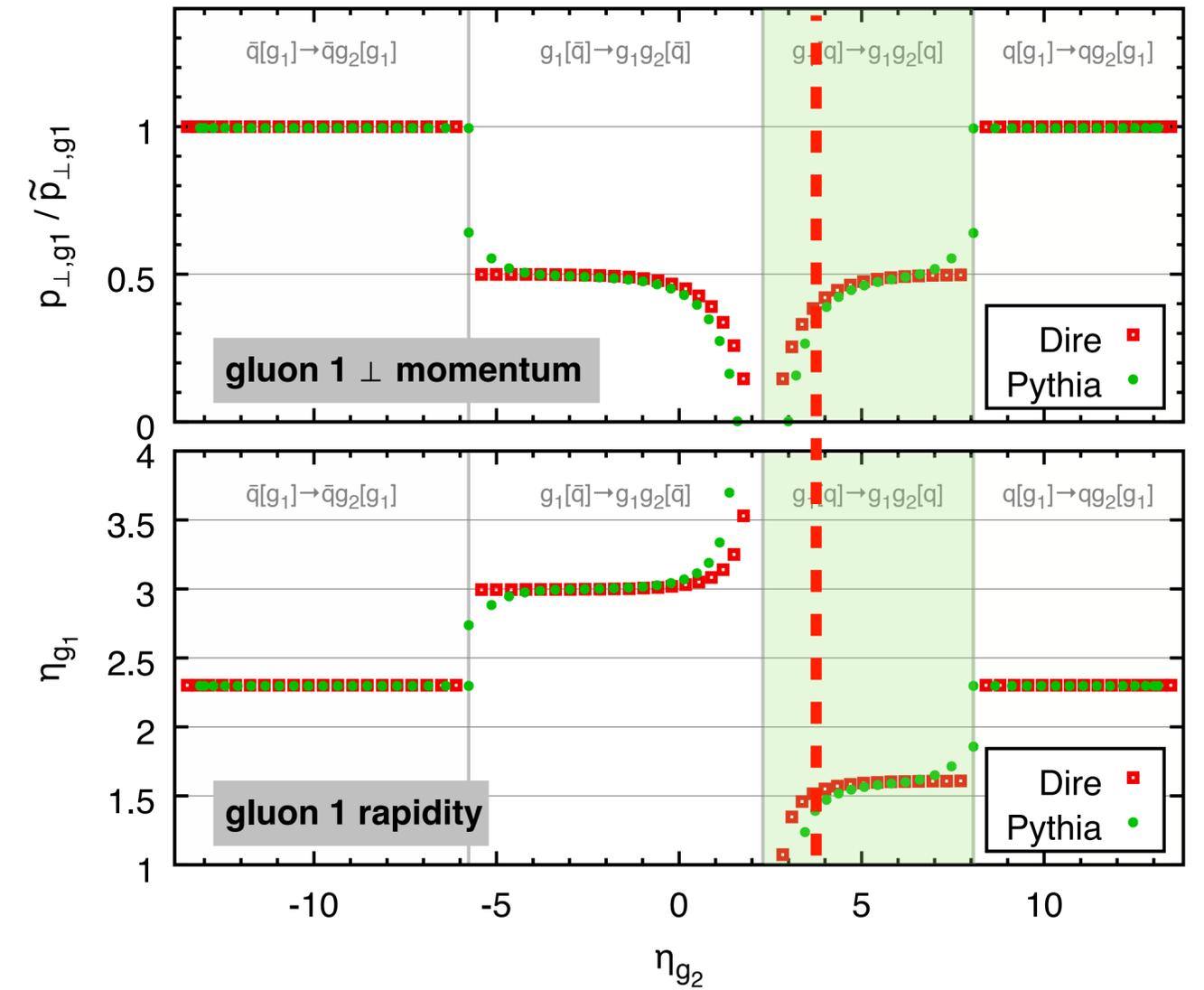
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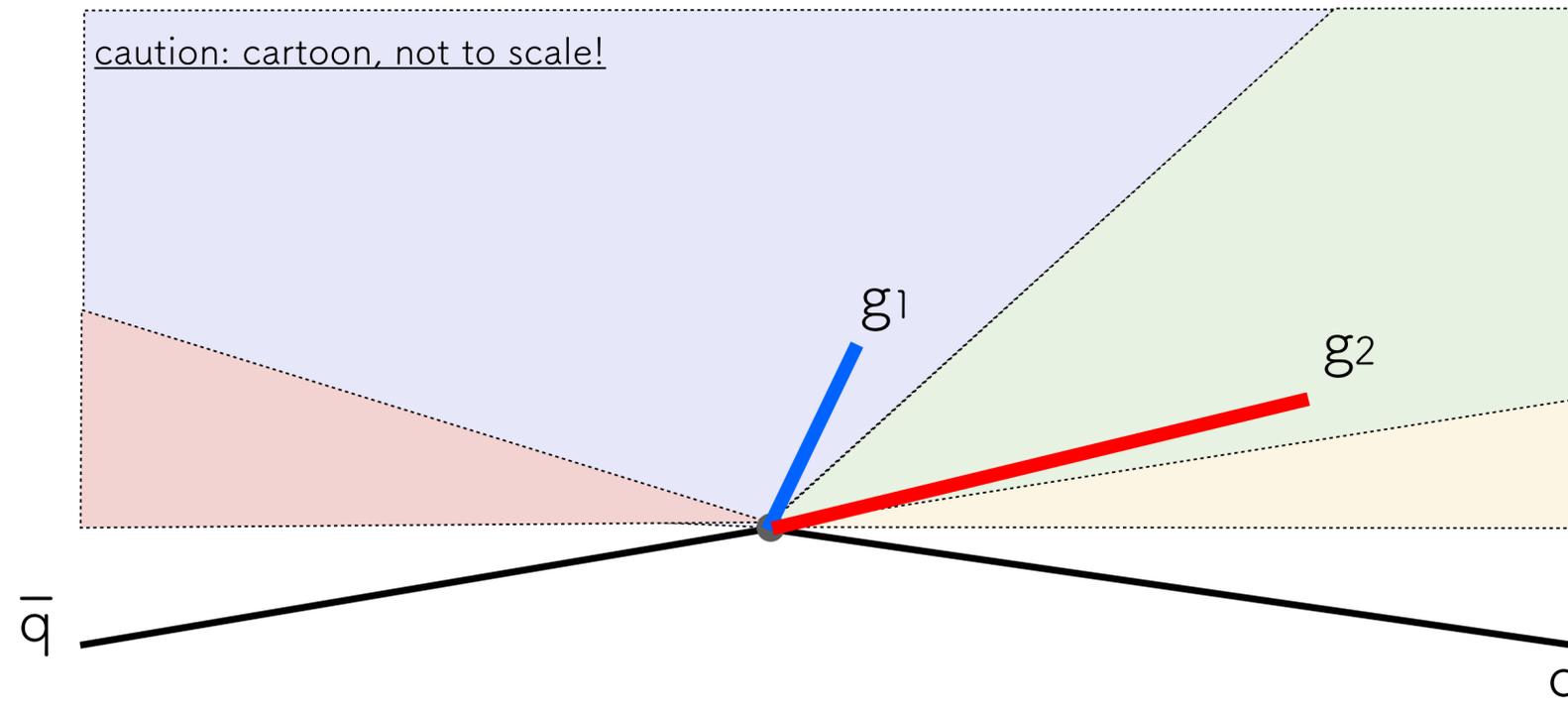
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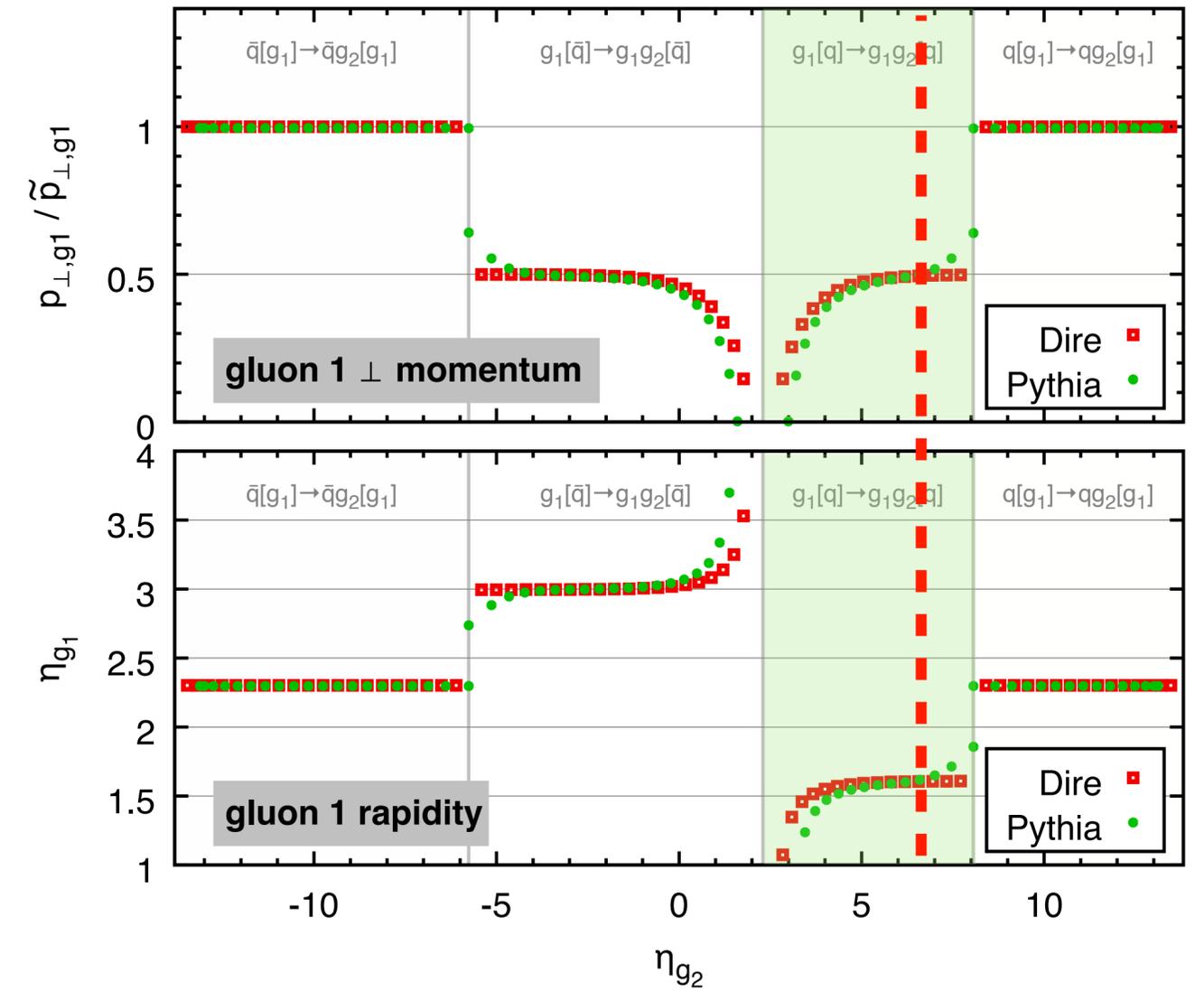
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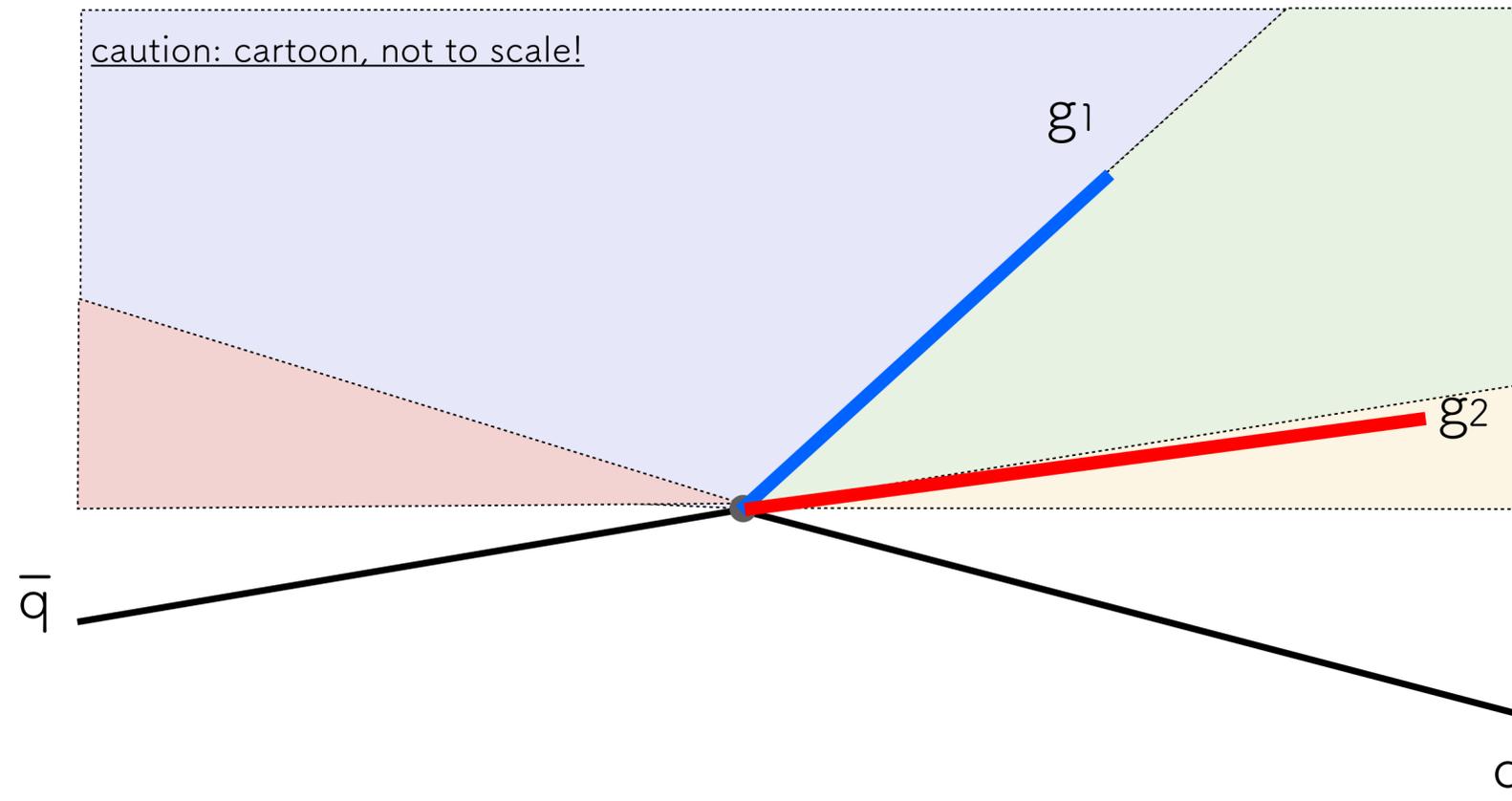
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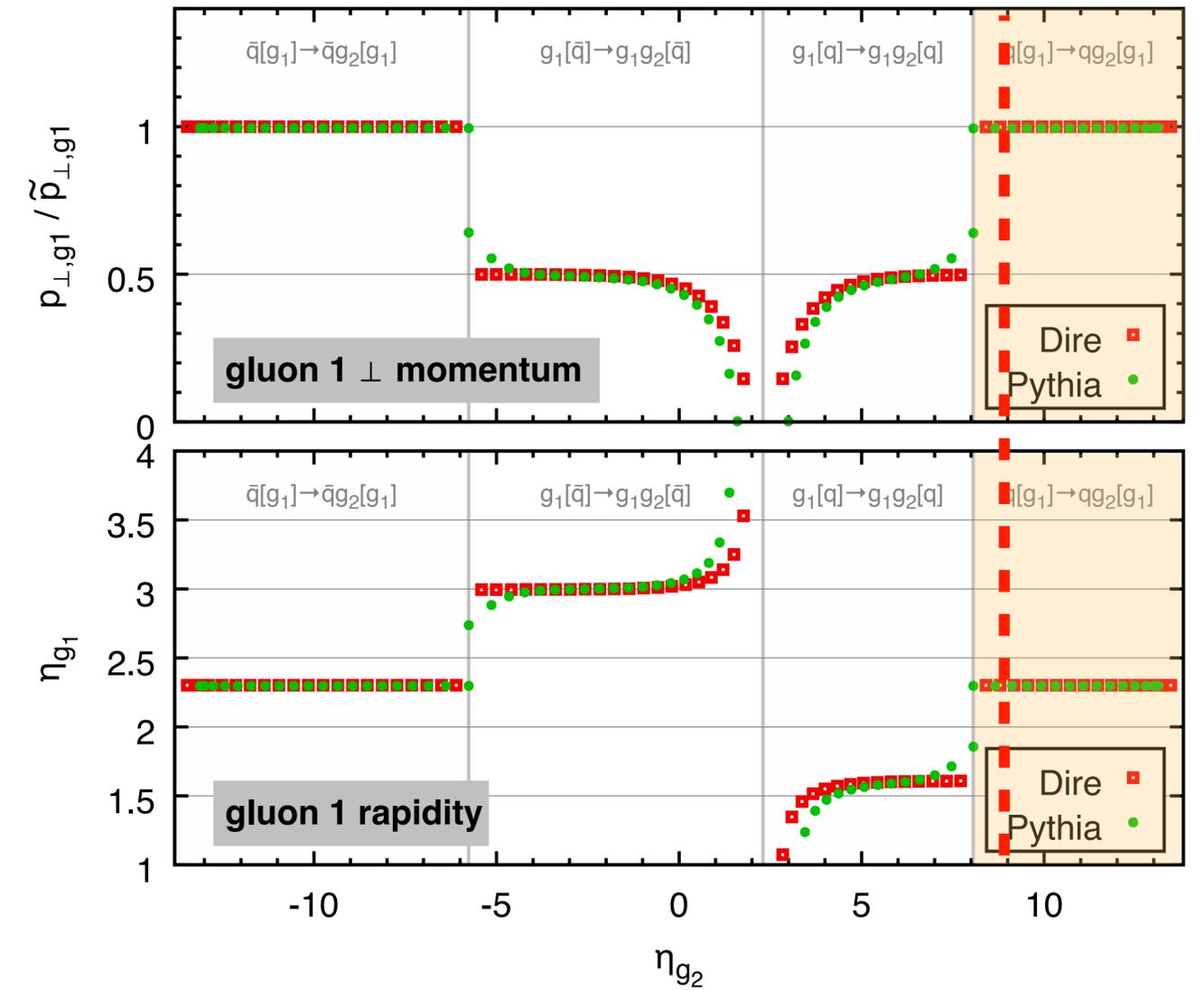
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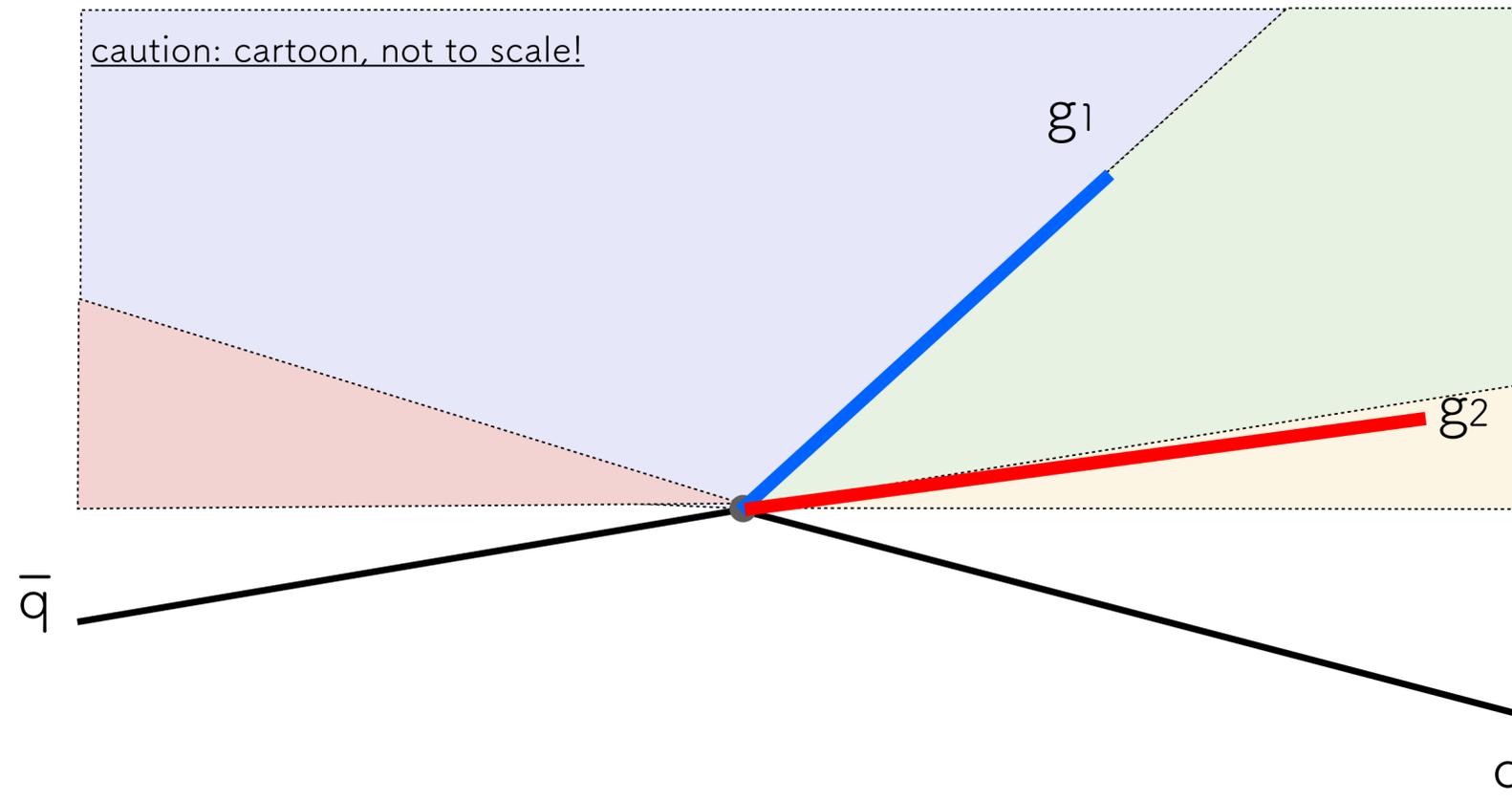
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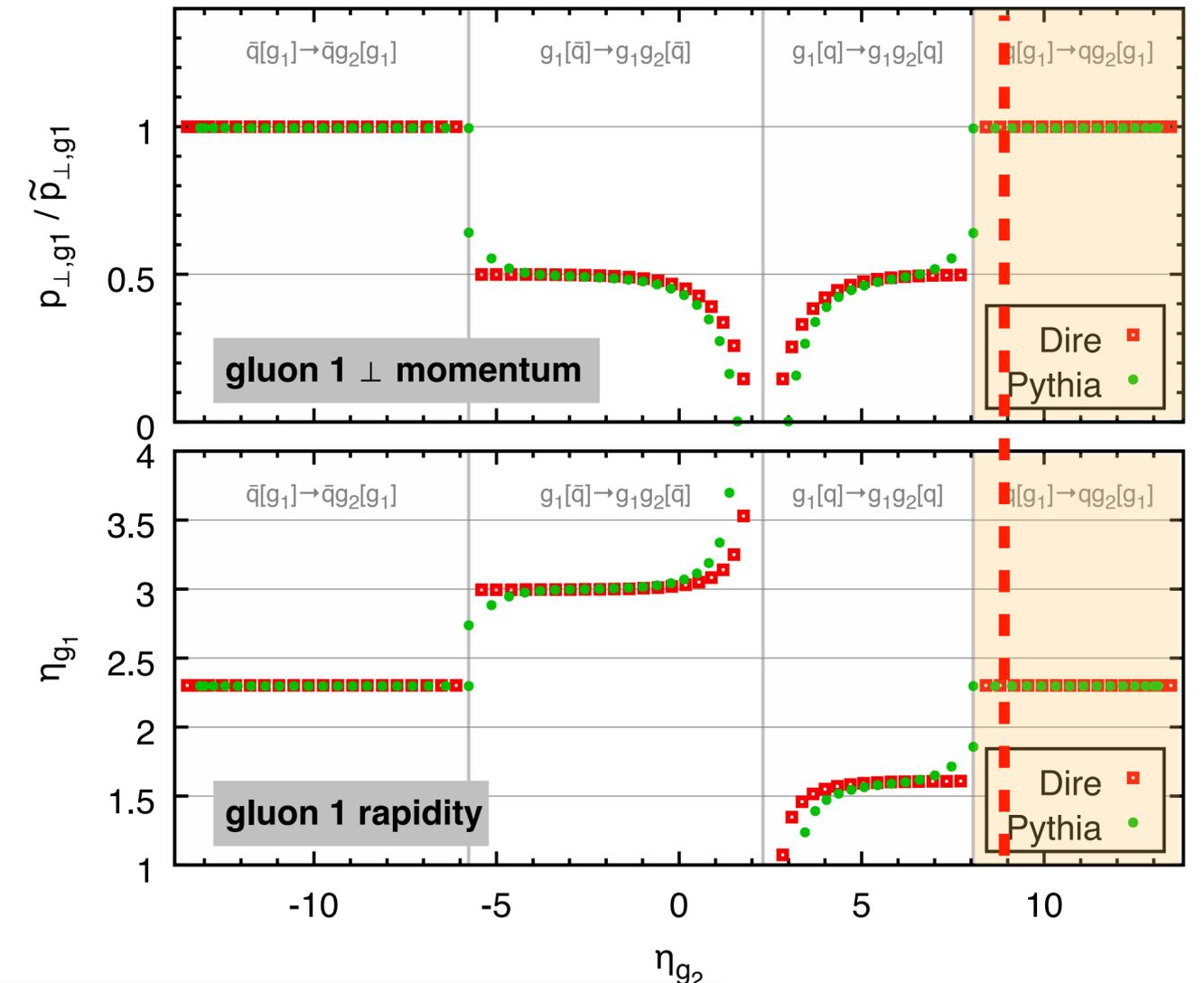
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**Key observation #1**  
**highly non-trivial cross talk between emissions**

also noticed in 1992 by Andersson, Gustafson & Sjogren  $\rightarrow$  special “fudge” in Ariadne

# in equations

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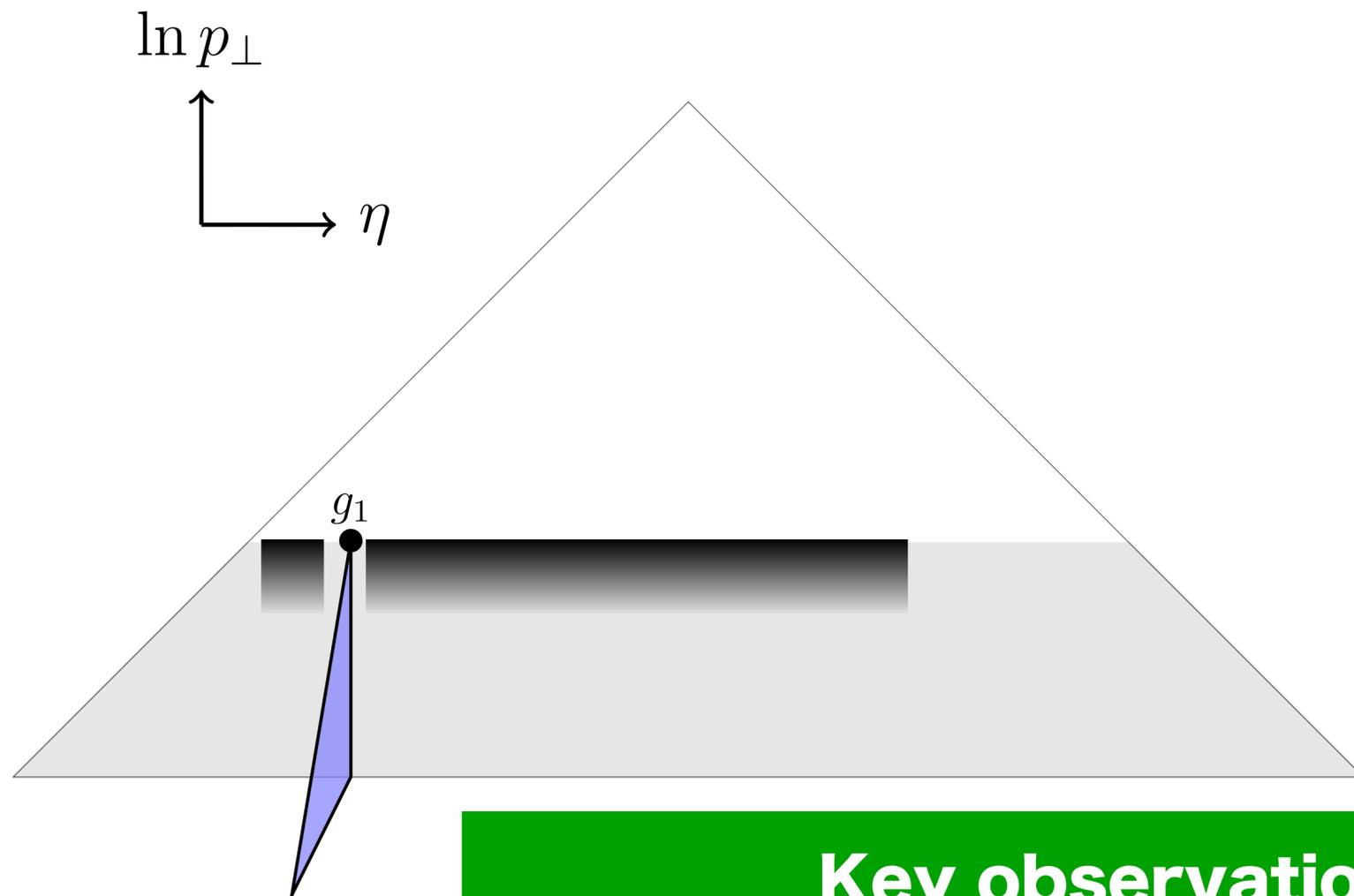
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*With/without tilde: momentum before/after emission of gluon 2*

# Two emissions matrix-element

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## Phasespace map

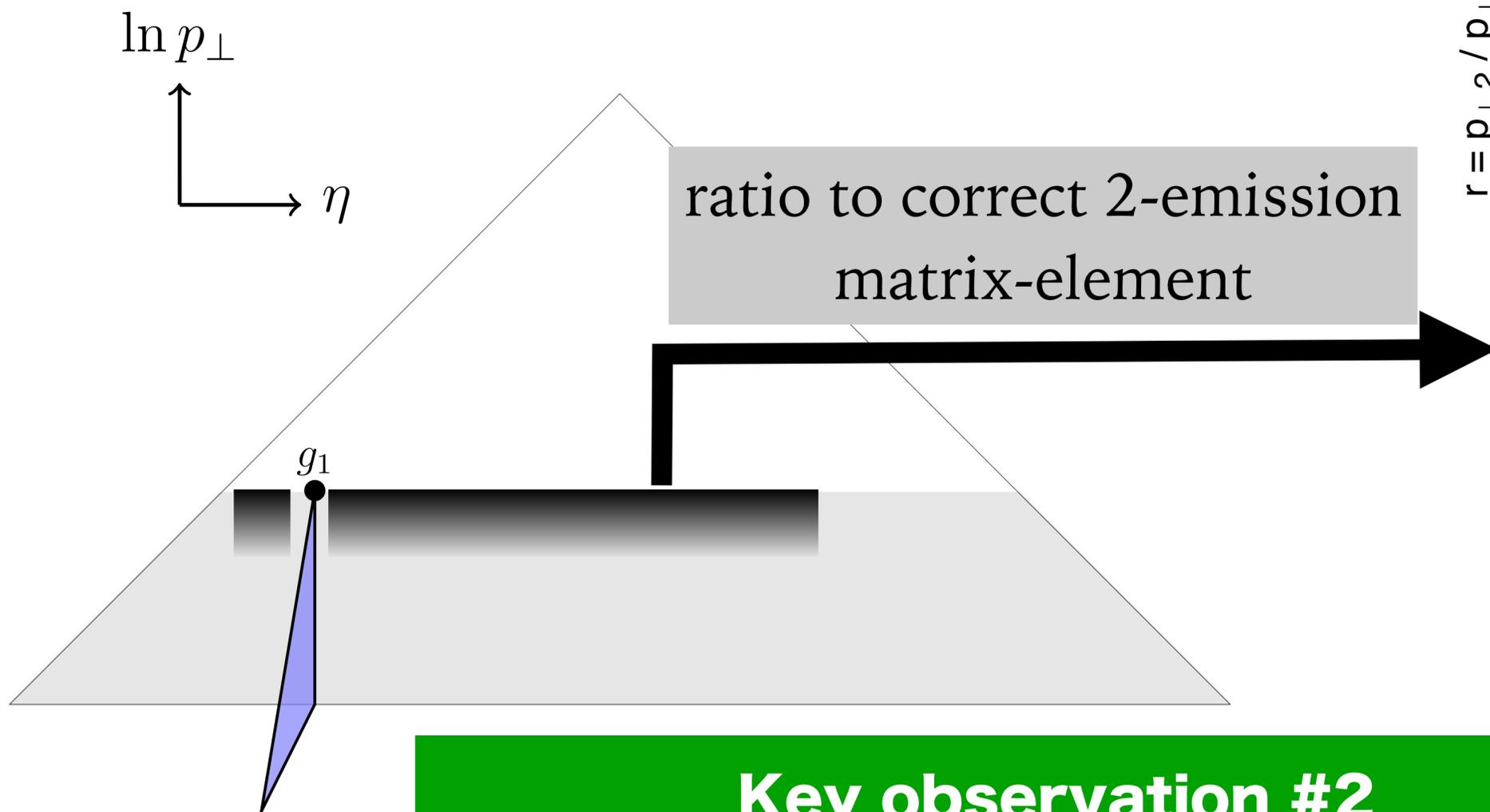


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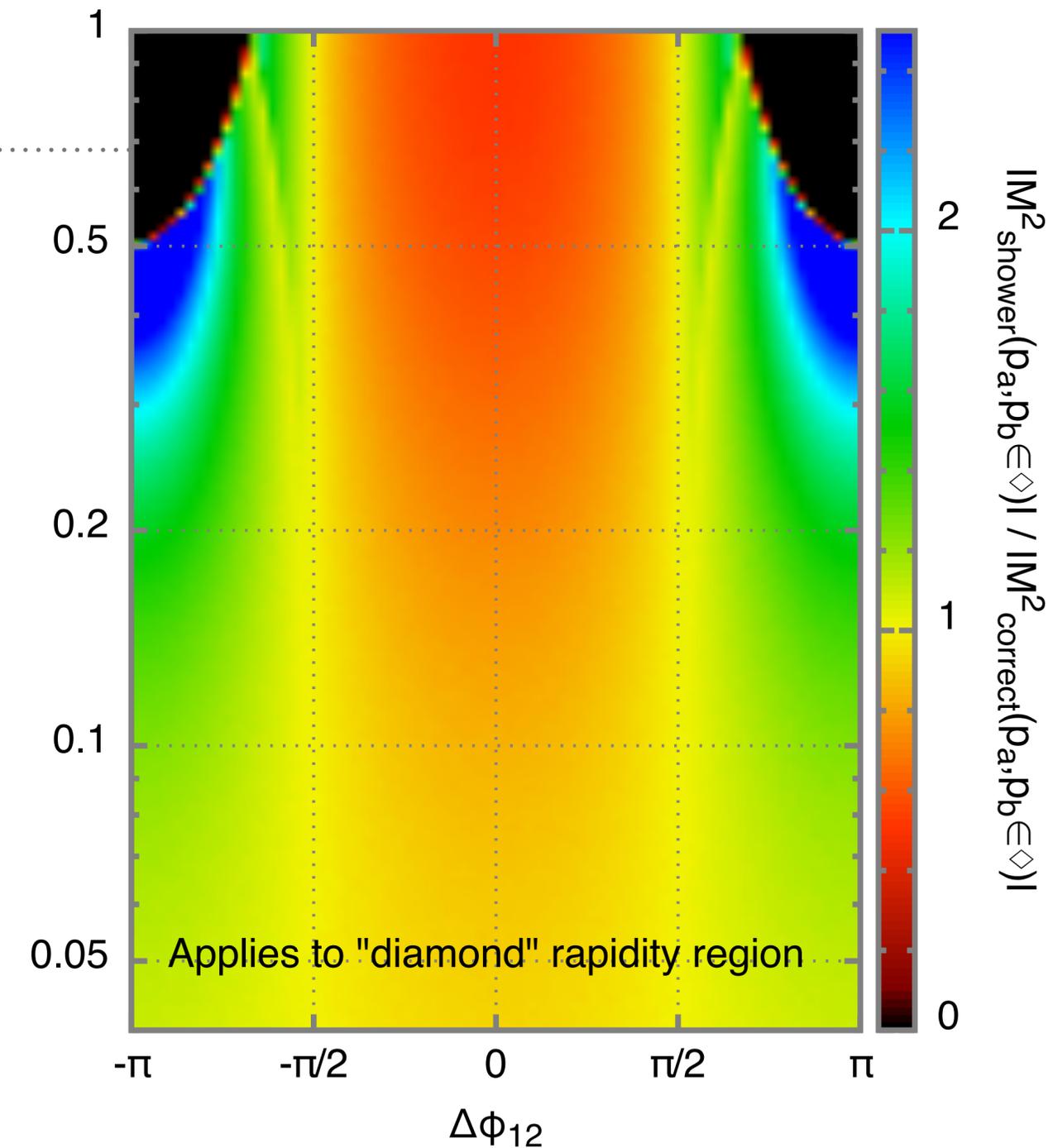
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ratio of dipole-shower double-soft ME to correct result



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# Prevents shower from getting NLL accuracy for any $e^+e^-$ event shape!

Observable	$\text{NLL}_{\ln \Sigma}$ discrepancy
$1 - T$	$0.116^{+0.004}_{-0.004} \bar{\alpha}^3 L^3$
vector $p_t$ sum	$-0.349^{+0.003}_{-0.003} \bar{\alpha}^3 L^3$
$B_T$	$-0.0167335 \bar{\alpha}^2 L^2$
$y_3^{\text{cam}}$	$-0.18277 \bar{\alpha}^2 L^2$
$\text{FC}_1$	$-0.066934 \bar{\alpha}^2 L^2$

numerically, coefficients are not large compared to other effects, cf.

$$CMW \simeq 0.65 \bar{\alpha}^2 L^2$$

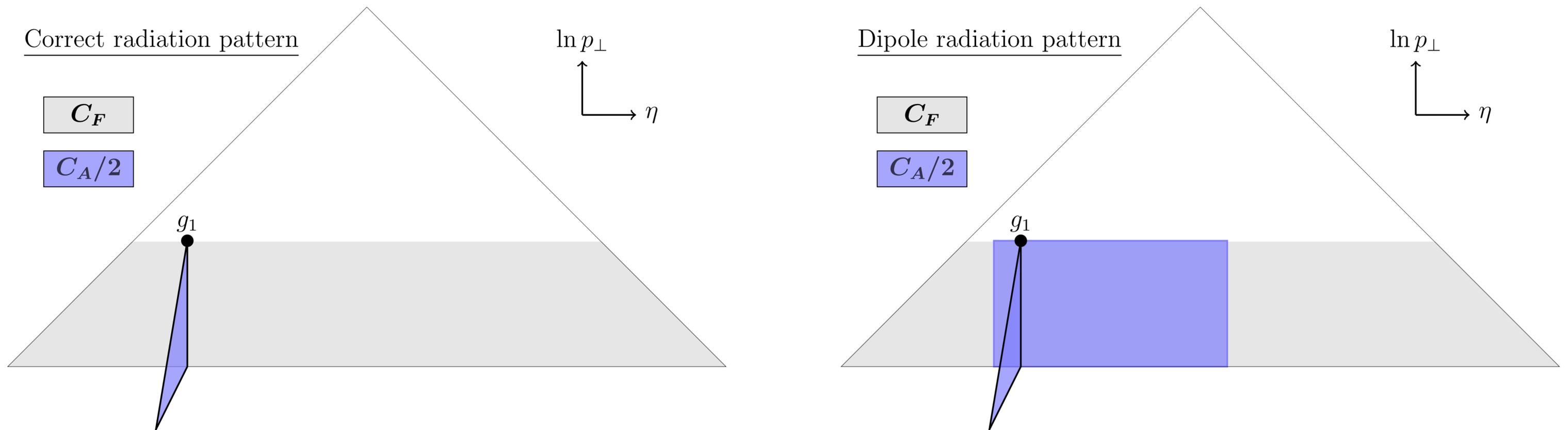
(because all these observables are quite inclusive)

but machine-learning uses all info — including large phase space regions with 100% deficiencies

**probably can't be solved with  $1 \rightarrow 3$ , because iteration affects  $1 \rightarrow N$**

so far took  $C_F = C_A/2$ , i.e. leading  $N_c$  limit

In real life they're not equal & common choice for allocating them assigns  $C_A/2$  to large part of phase space that is actually gluon emission from quark (i.e.  $C_F$ )

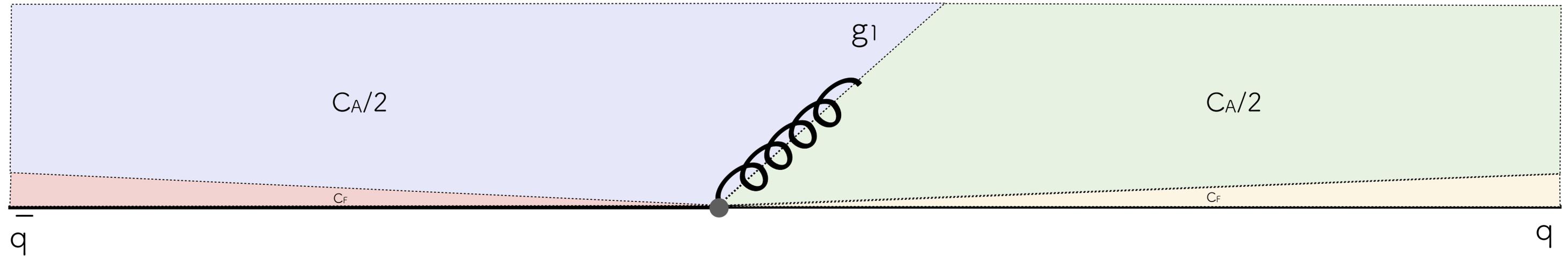


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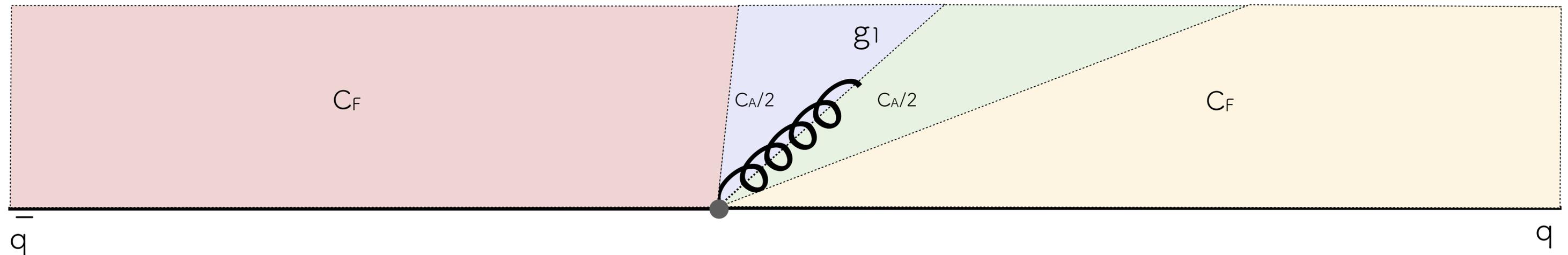
$C_F$  v.  $C_A/2$  issues occurs over a large area  $\rightarrow$  double (leading) log effects?

# another view of the colour issue

- The dipole shower phase space partitioning of  $g_2$ 's radiation pattern is:



- Angular ordering implies a partitioning more like the following:



# impact on observables?

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Has LL subleading- $N_C$  effect on 3-jet rates, thrust, but *not for* things like broadening, 2-jet rate (which are physically close the evolution variable, i.e. transverse momentum).

E.g. for thrust

$$\delta\Sigma(L) = -\frac{1}{64}\bar{\alpha}^2 L^4 \left( \frac{C_A}{2C_F} - 1 \right)$$

- no LL effect for events shapes in same LL class as broadening & 2-jet rate
- but it will re-appear for 3-jet rate

**next steps**

# Understanding showers

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## ➤ **Extend analysis to other showers**

- E.g. Herwig angular ordered shower variants studied by Bewick, Ravasio-Ferrario, Richardson, Seymour, [arXiv:1904.11866](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.11866)

## ➤ **Extend analysis to all orders**

- including a statement of matrix-element properties to be reproduced at all orders
- extension of analytic/numerical analysis shown here to all-orders, for both recoil issues and colour-factor issues
- implementing full versions of showers (e.g. Pythia & Dire) & checking that there aren't other "surprises"  
[numerical verification of log-structure with a full shower is highly non-trivial, but important for validating future shower algorithms]

# Developing new showers

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- **What ordering variables can / should one be using?**
  - broad conceivable family is  $k_t e^{-b|\eta|}$  with any  $b > -1$
  - are all allowed?
- **What classes of recoil schemes are allowed?**
  - dipole-local?
  - global?
- **What should be chosen as the baseline colour-factor treatment?**
  - full colour is cumbersome, are there starting points that make it less so?
  - cf. e.g. Gustafson '93, C. Friberg, G. Gustafson and J. Hakkinen, [hep-ph/9604347](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9604347)  
Giele, Kosower & Skands, [arXiv:1102.2126](https://arxiv.org/abs/1102.2126)

**closing**

# Conclusions

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Parton showers are a crucial element in collider physics

Seeing many developments (subleading colour for non-global logarithms, multi-particle emission kernels, etc.)

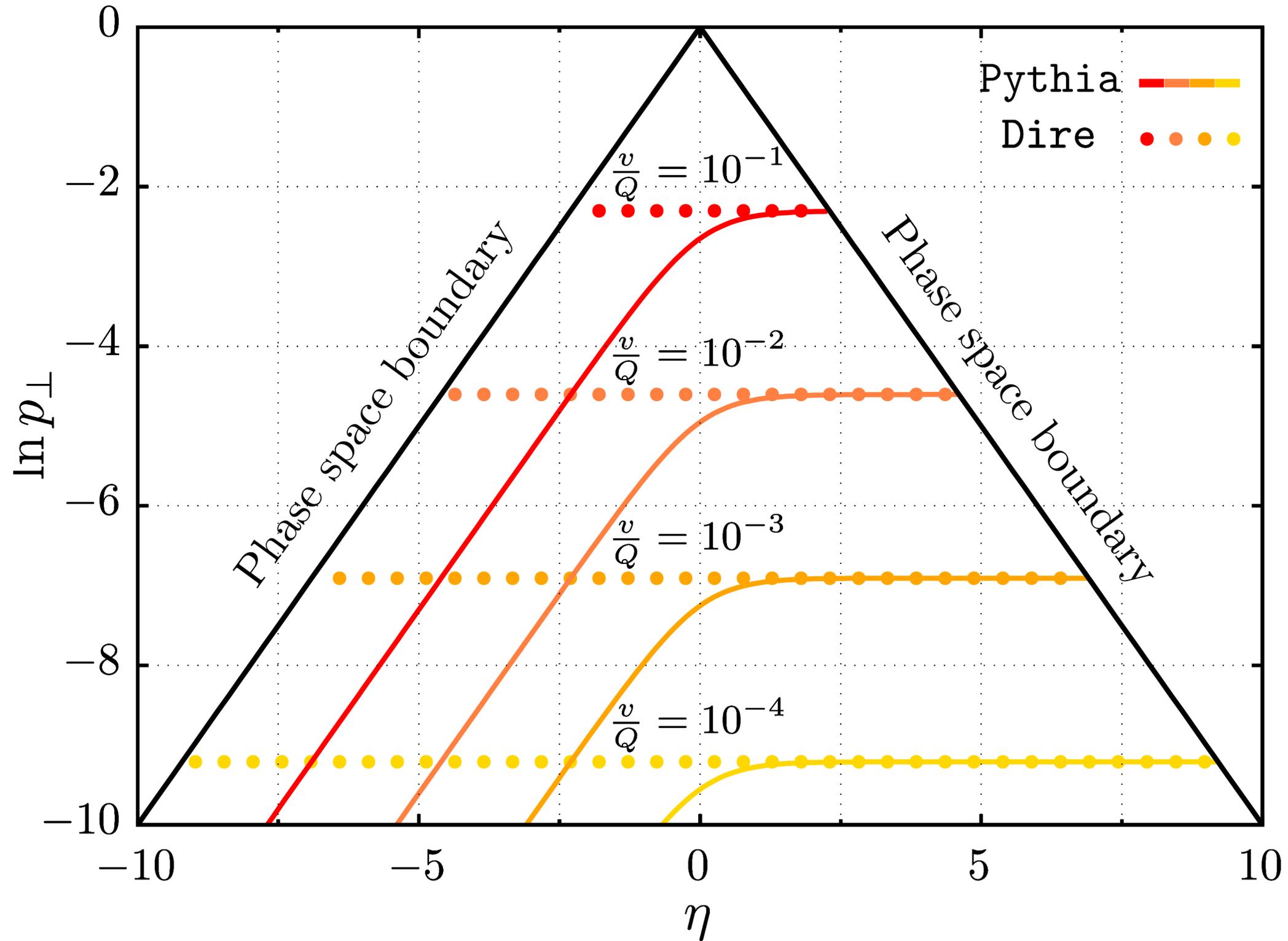
But maybe we need to go back to foundations:

- improving parton showers is not just a question of better components (e.g. higher-order splitting kernels)
- question of how components are assembled is equally crucial
- we must identify & state what a parton shower should be achieving
- new studies along these lines are teaching us important things about existing showers

# BACKUP

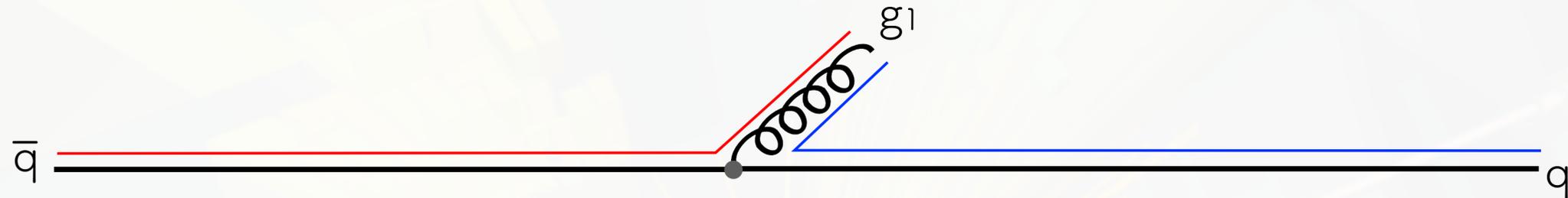
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# Constant evolution variable contours in the Lund plane



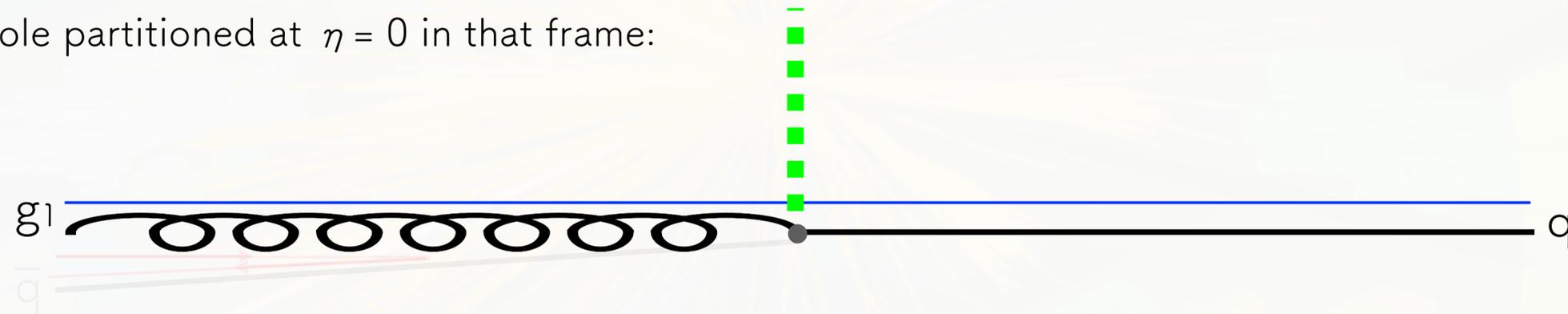
# two soft emissions : boost dipole partitions back into the event COM

- Consider we emitted **soft gluon  $g_1$**  from **hard**  $q\bar{q}$ , so we end up with a  $qg_1\bar{q}$  and a  $g_1q$  dipole:

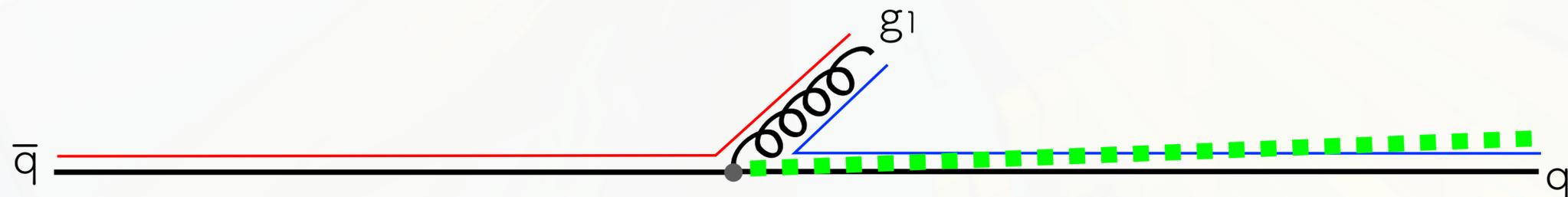


- To get us from the event COM to the  $g_1q$  dipole COM [blue line] requires a **BIG BOOST**  $\rightarrow$

- Dipole partitioned at  $\eta = 0$  in that frame:



- To get us back to the event COM from the  $g_1q$  dipole COM undo the same **BIG BOOST**  $\leftarrow$

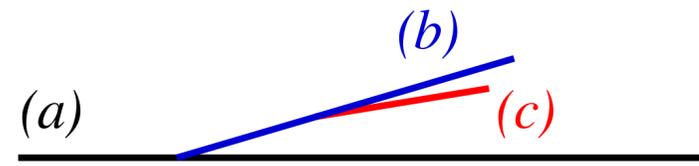
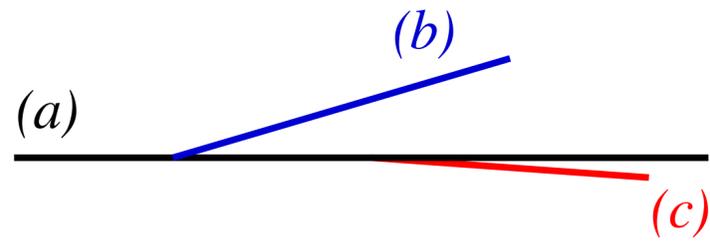


- In event COM partition comes out very close to  $q$  ; instead of equidistant in angle between  $g_1$  &  $q$

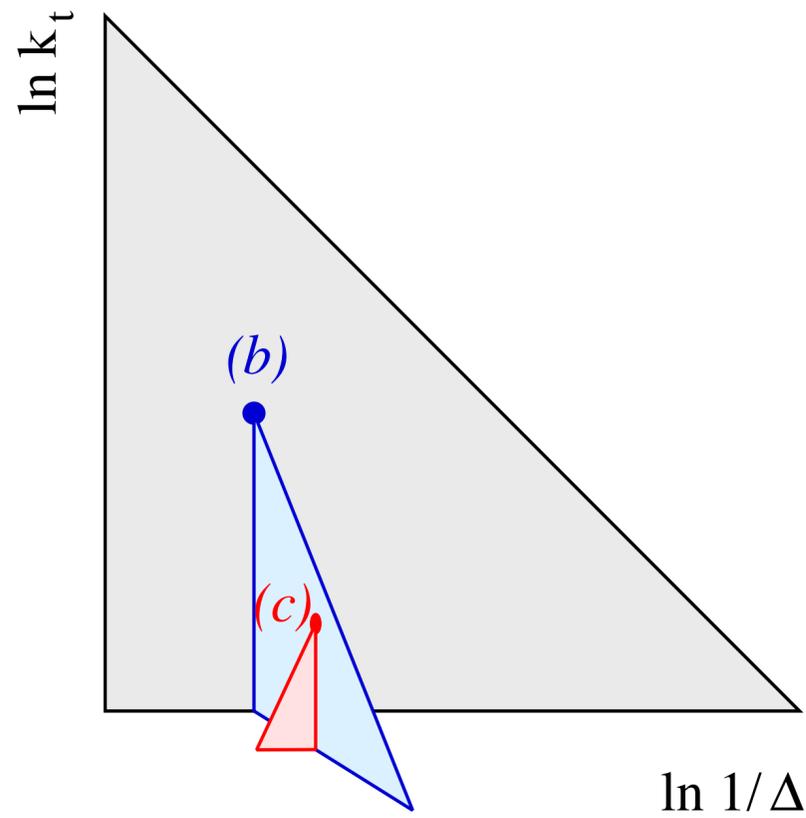
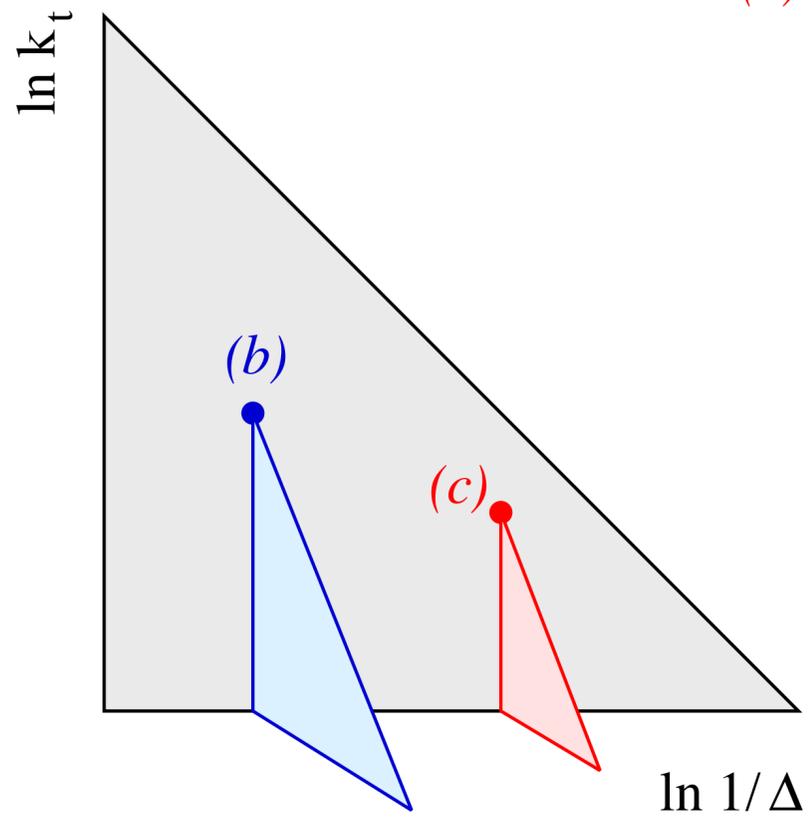
# organise phasespace: Lund diagrams

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JET

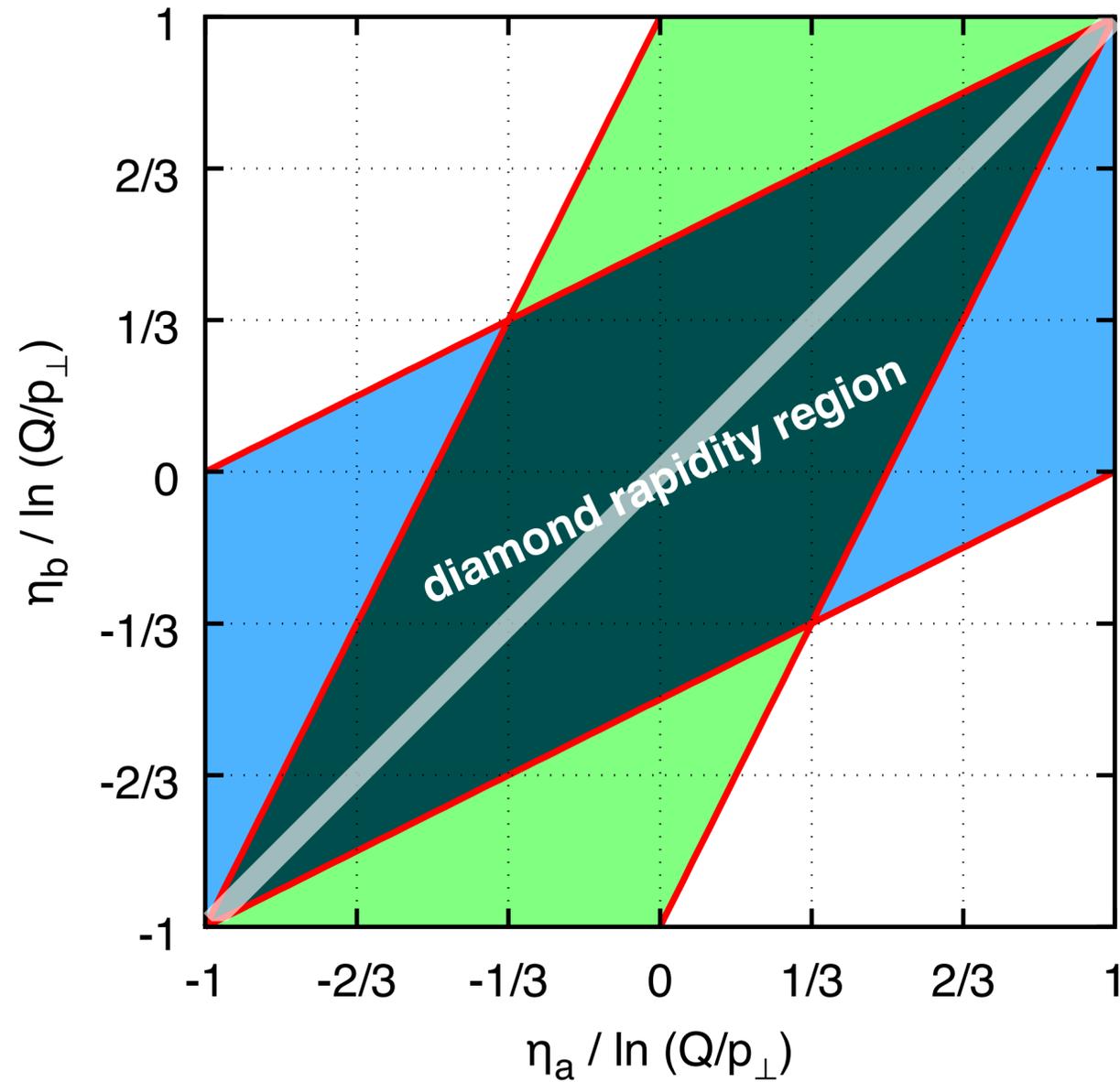


LUND DIAGRAM

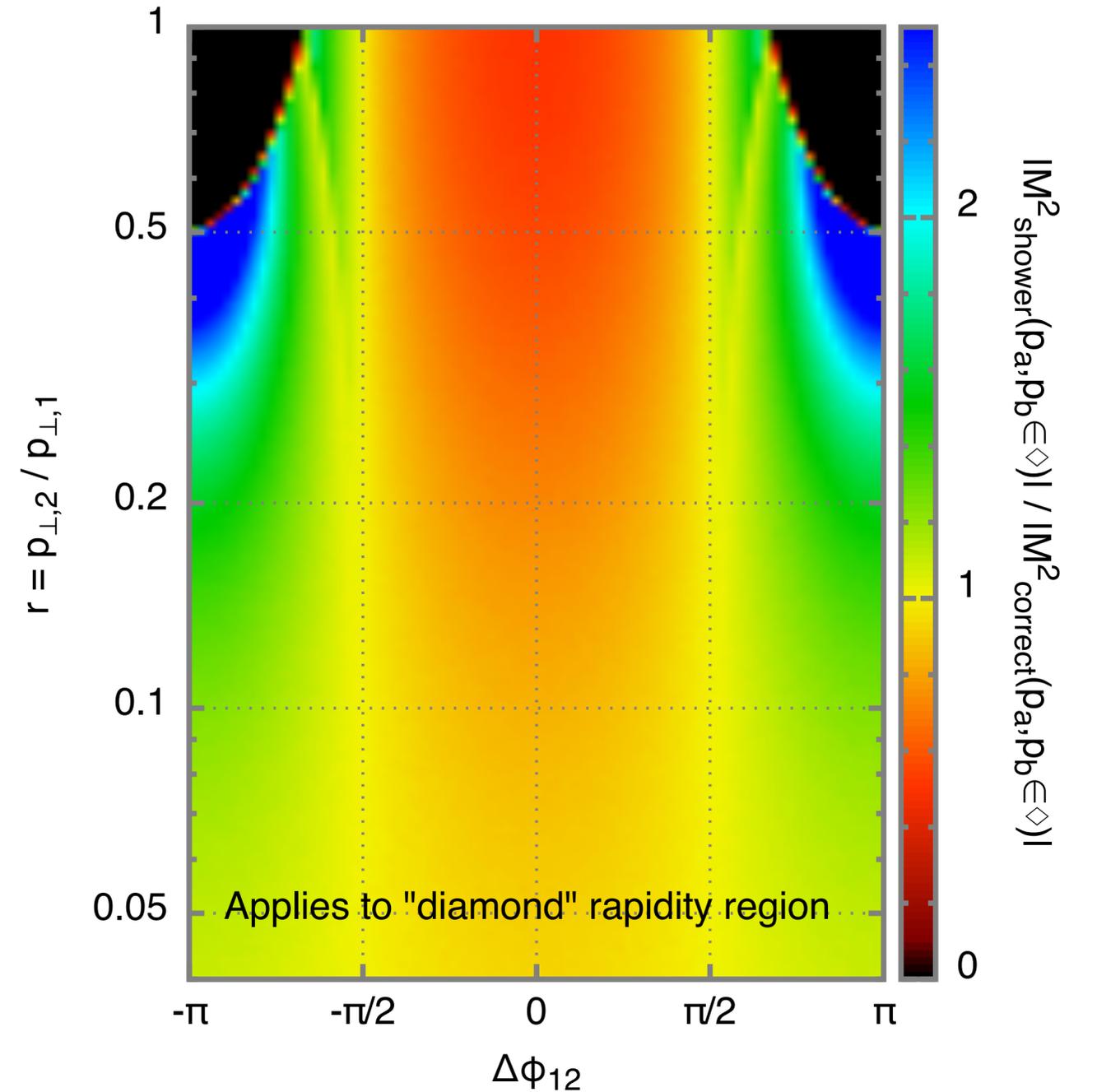


$$\frac{dP_{2,\text{shower}}(p_a, p_b \in \diamond)}{d\eta_a d\eta_b d^2\mathbf{p}_{\perp,a} d^2\mathbf{p}_{\perp,b}} = \frac{1}{2!} \left( \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi^2} \right)^2 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}_{\perp,1}}{p_{\perp,1}^2} \int_{p_{\perp,2} < p_{\perp,1}} \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}_{\perp,2}}{p_{\perp,2}^2} \int_{\diamond} d\eta_1 d\eta_2 \times$$

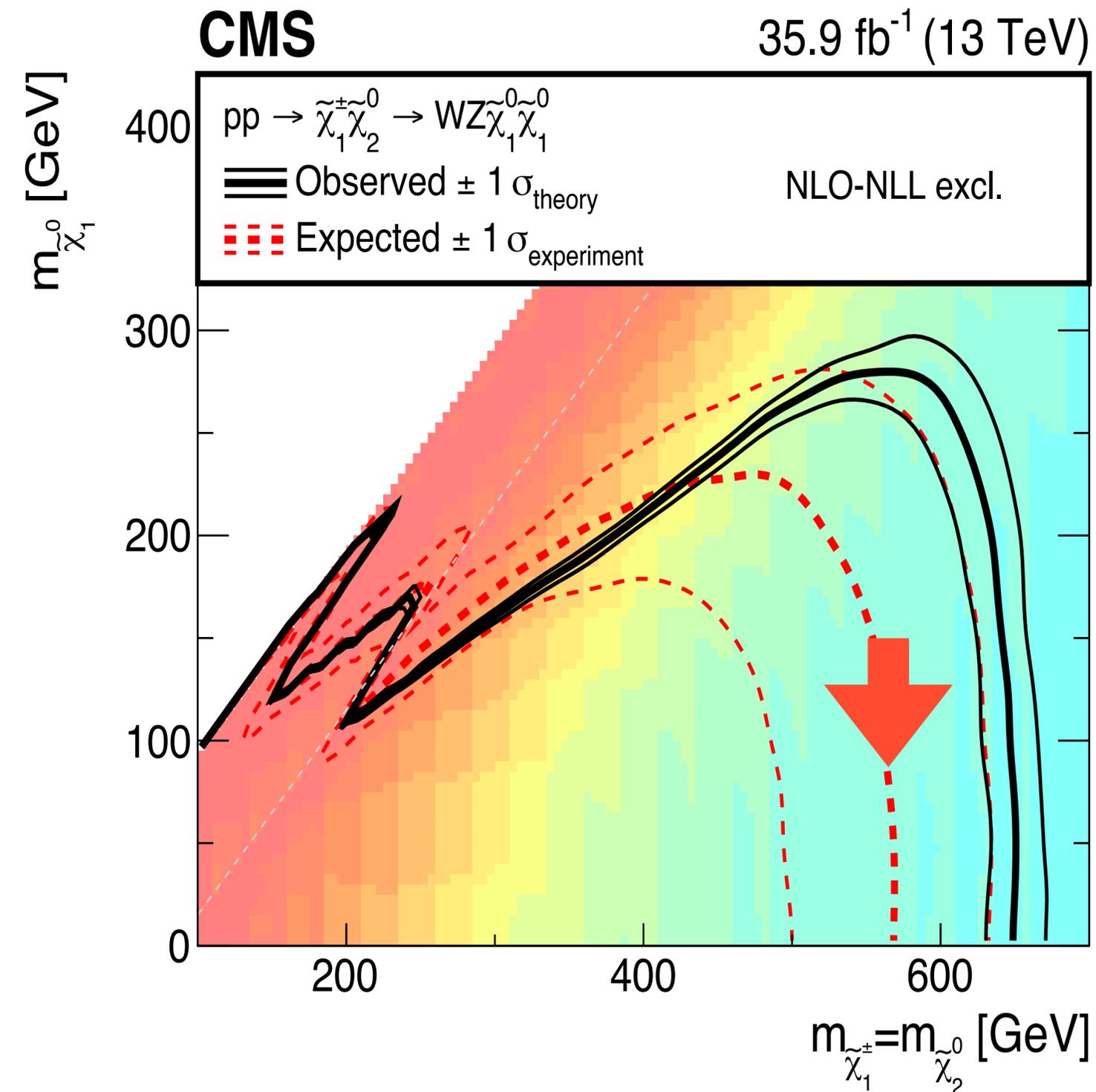
$$\times \left[ \delta^2(\mathbf{p}_{\perp,1} - \mathbf{p}_{\perp,2} - \mathbf{p}_{\perp,a}) \delta^2(\mathbf{p}_{\perp,2} - \mathbf{p}_{\perp,b}) \delta(\eta_a - \eta_1) \delta(\eta_b - \eta_2) + (a \leftrightarrow b) \right].$$



ratio of dipole-shower double-soft ME to correct result



# The path forward: collect 20–30x more collisions by ~2035



- Suppose we had a choice between
  - HL-LHC (14 TeV, 3ab<sup>-1</sup>)
  - or going to higher c.o.m. energy but limited to 80fb<sup>-1</sup>.
- How much energy would we need to equal the HL-LHC?

today's reach (13 TeV, 80fb <sup>-1</sup> )	HL-LHC reach (14 TeV 3ab <sup>-1</sup> )	energy needed for same reach with 80fb <sup>-1</sup>
4.7 TeV SSM Z'	6.7 TeV	20 TeV
2 TeV weakly coupled Z'	3.7 TeV	37 TeV
680 GeV chargino	1.4 TeV	54 TeV

# Hard processes: to 3rd order (NNLO) in perturbation theory strong coupling constant ( $\alpha_s$ )

