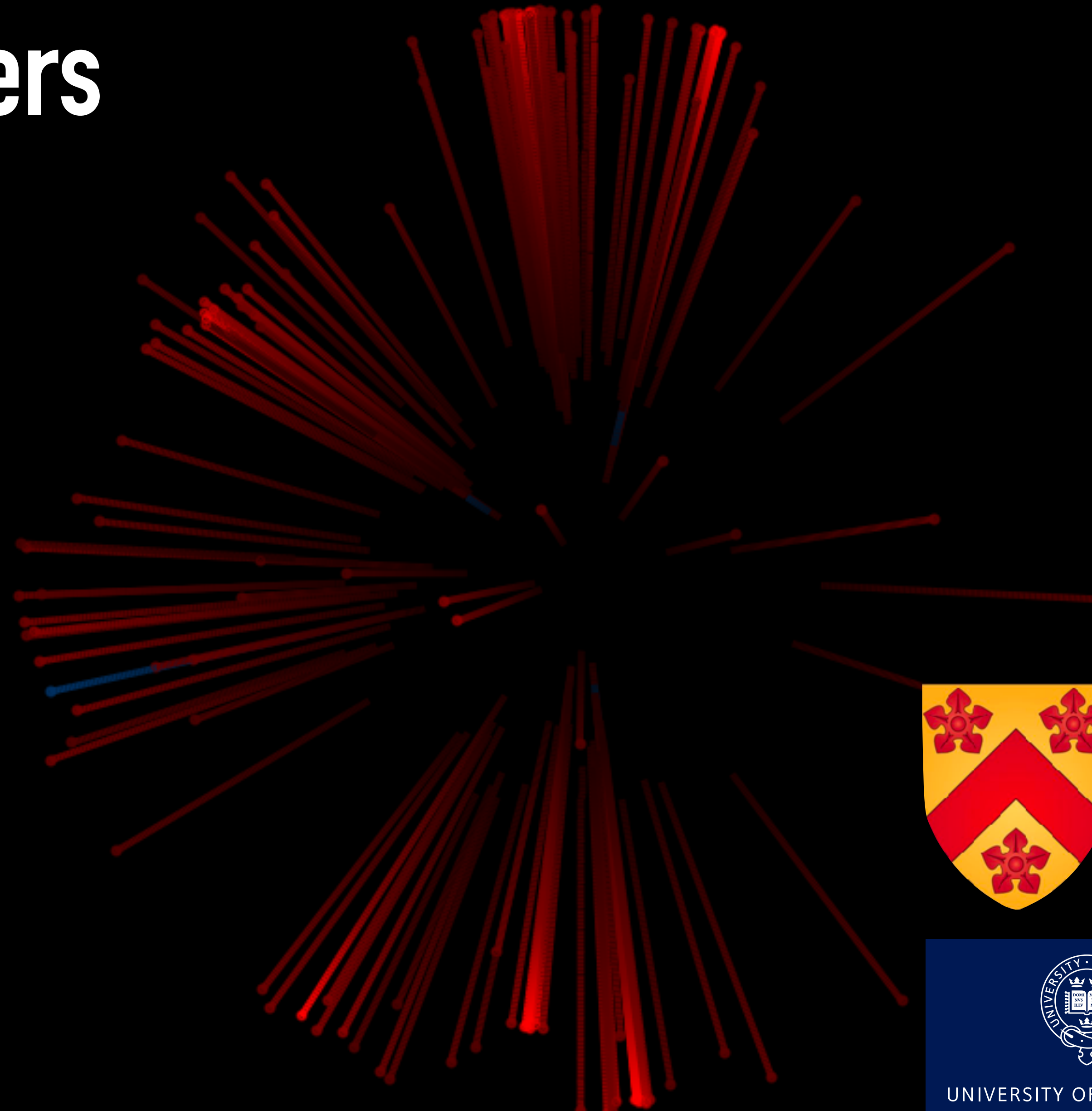


PanScales parton showers

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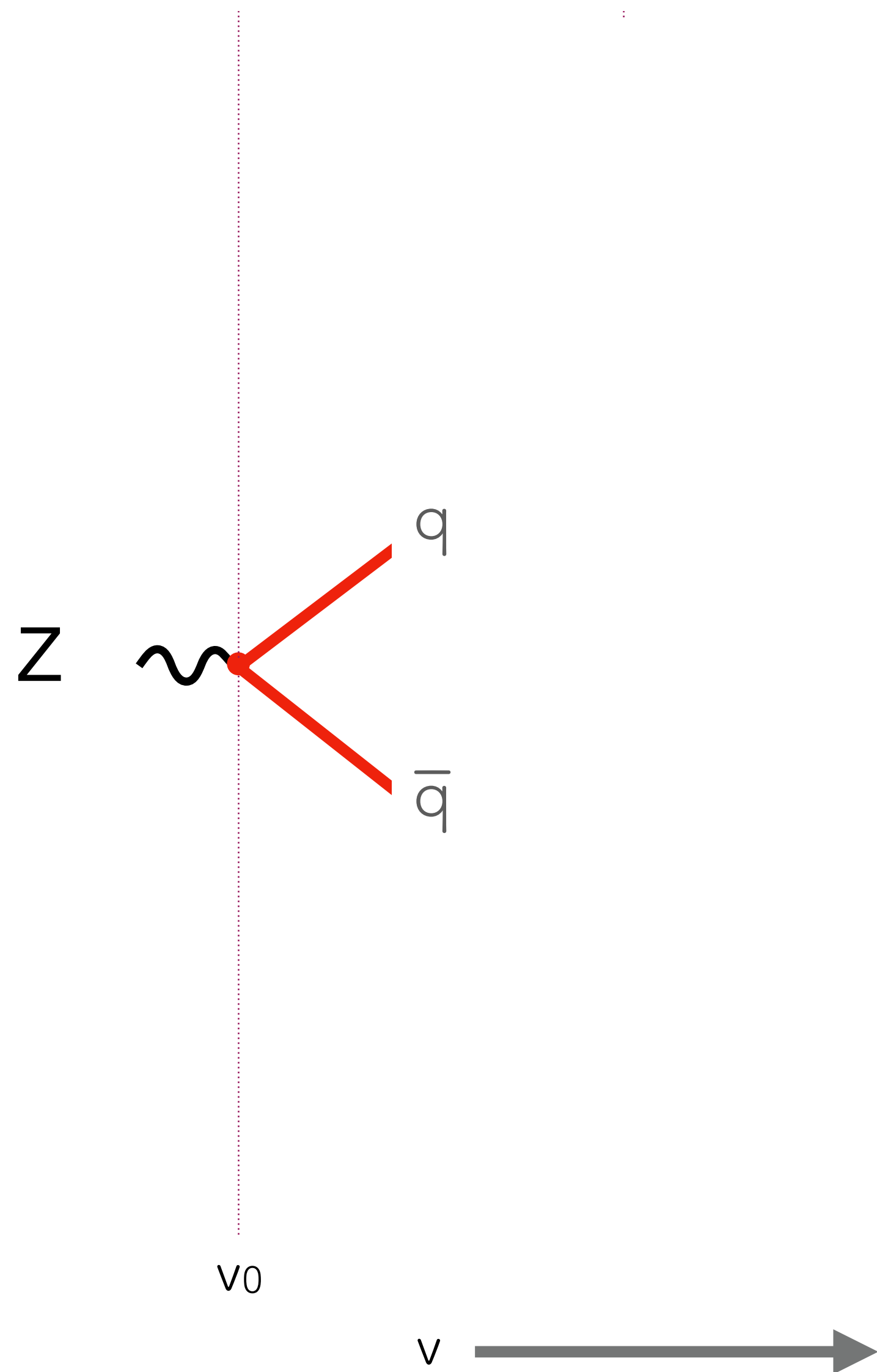


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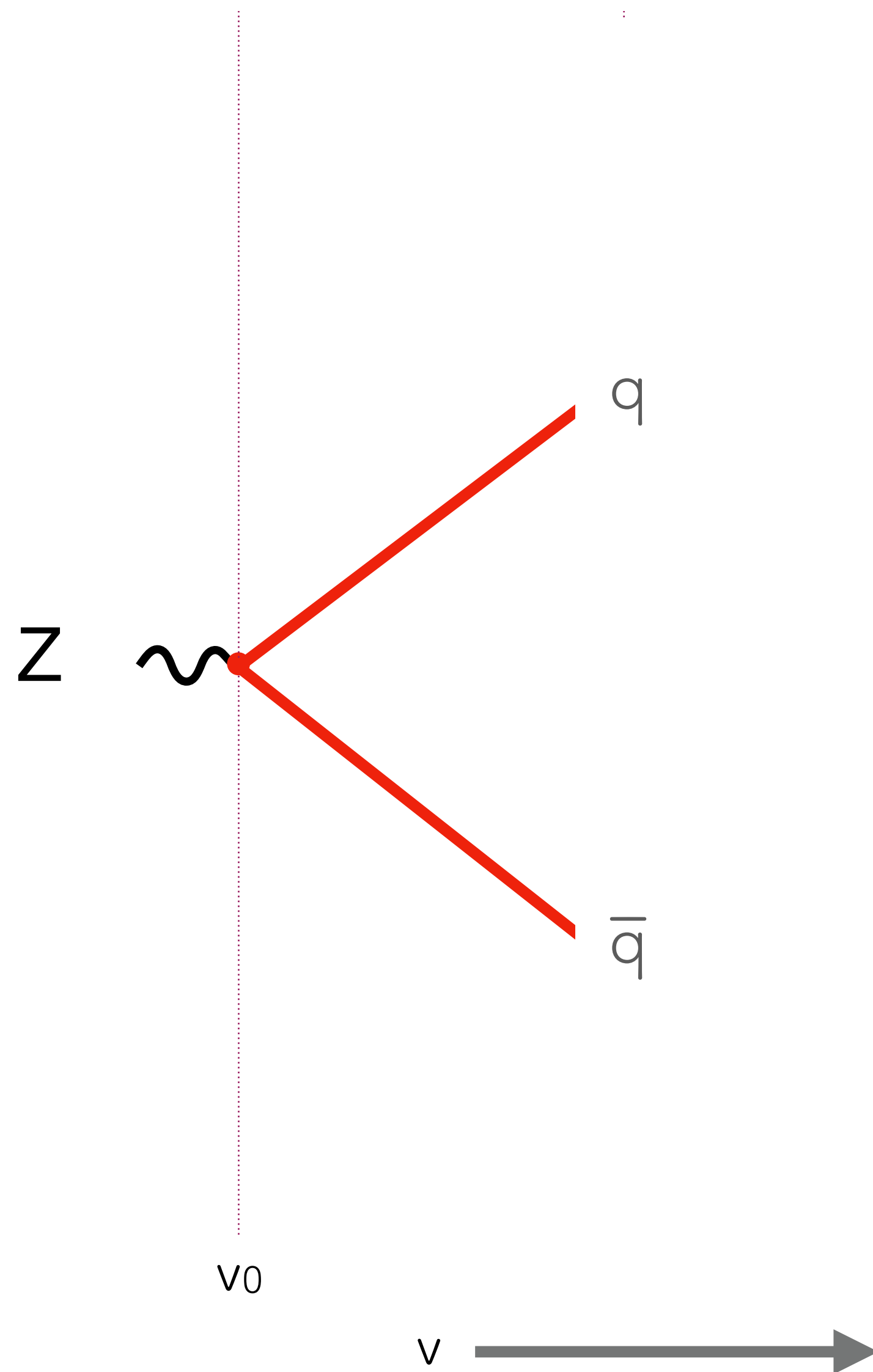


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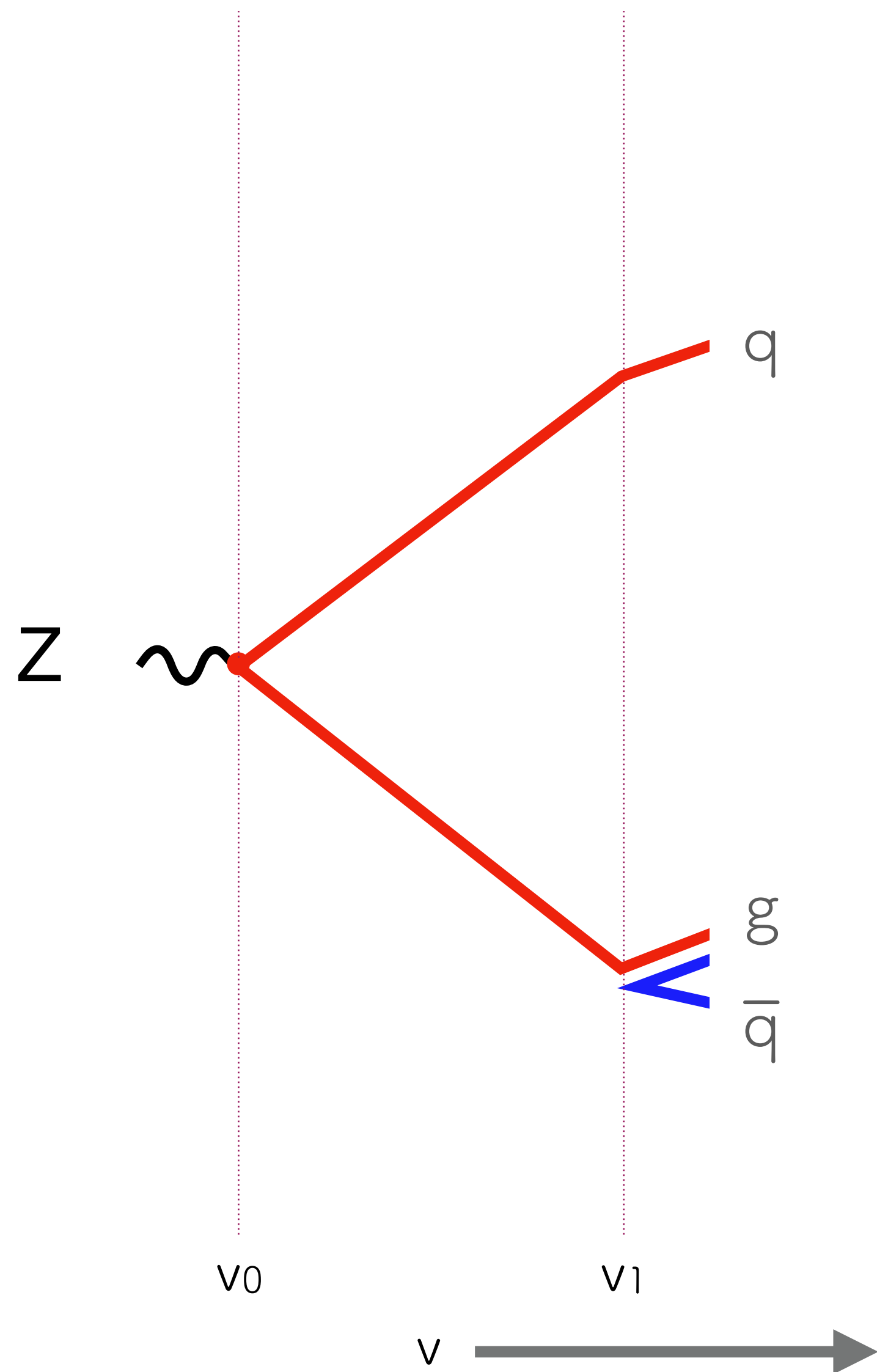
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At some point, **state splits** ($2 \rightarrow 3$, i.e. emits gluon). Evolution equation changes

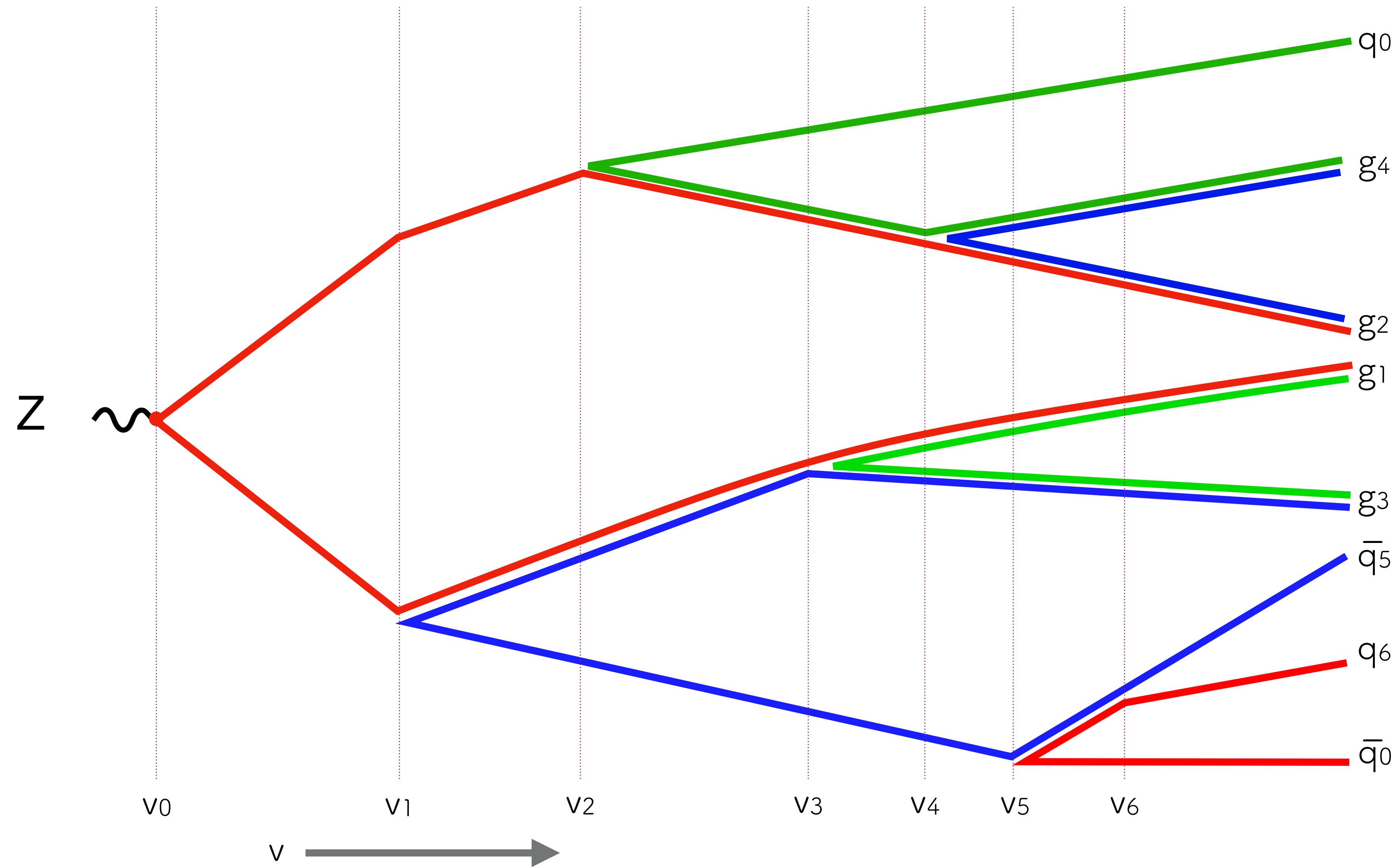
$$\frac{dP_3(v)}{dv} = - \left[f_{2 \rightarrow 3}^{qg}(v) + f_{2 \rightarrow 3}^{g\bar{q}}(v) \right] P_3(v)$$

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

(many showers use a large N_C limit)

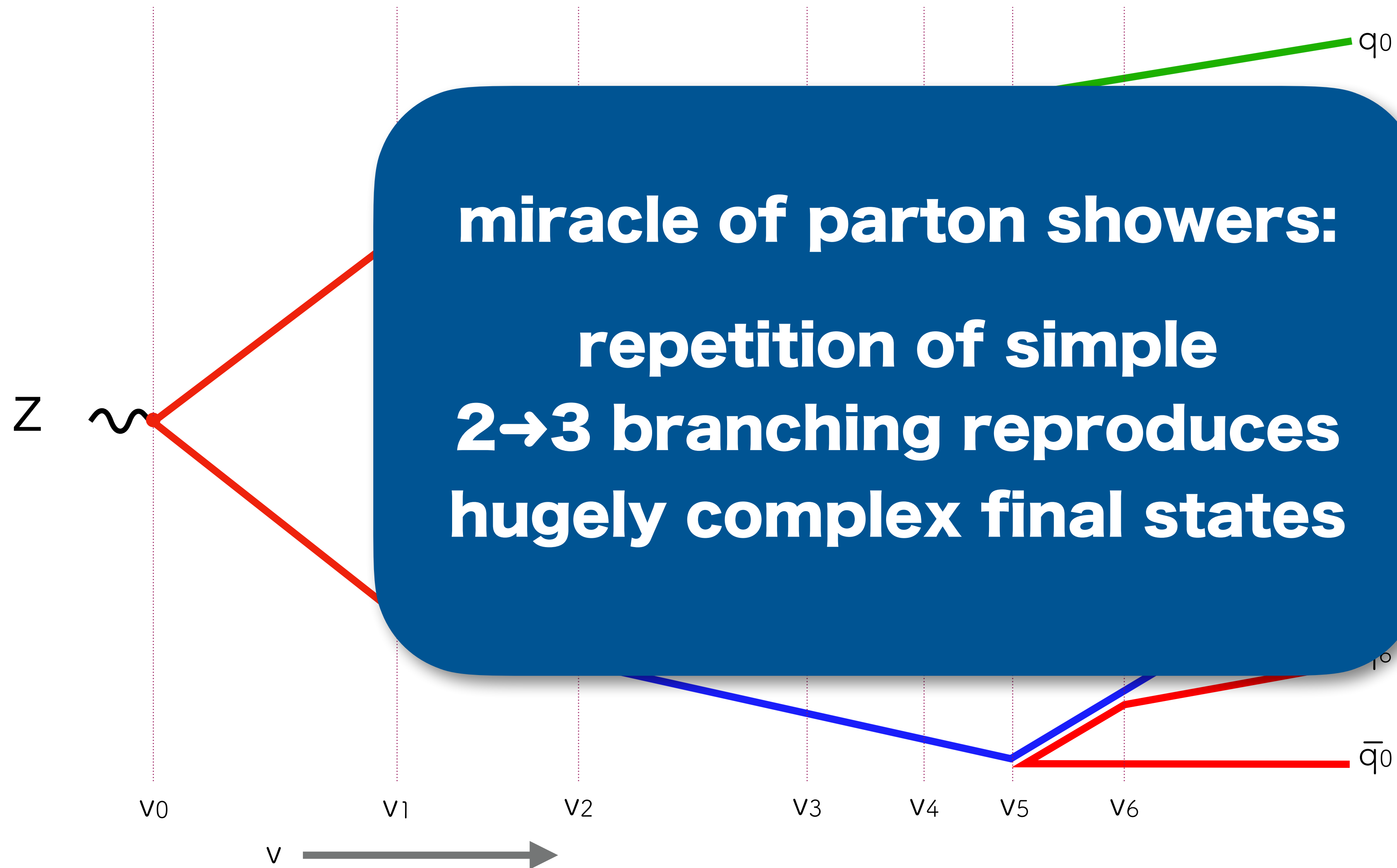


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Drell-Yan (γ/Z) & Higgs production at hadron colliders

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NNLO[.....]

N3LO

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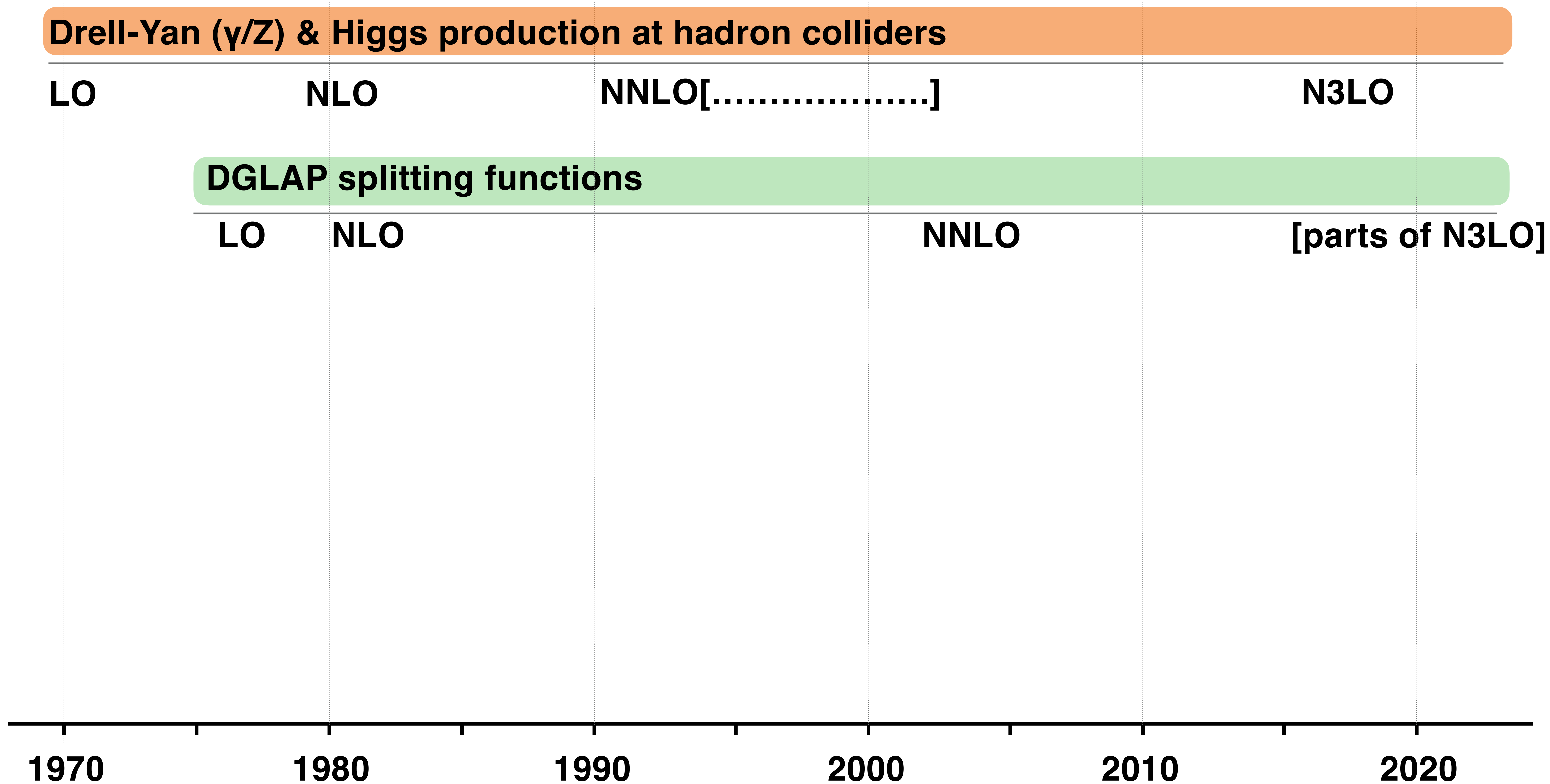
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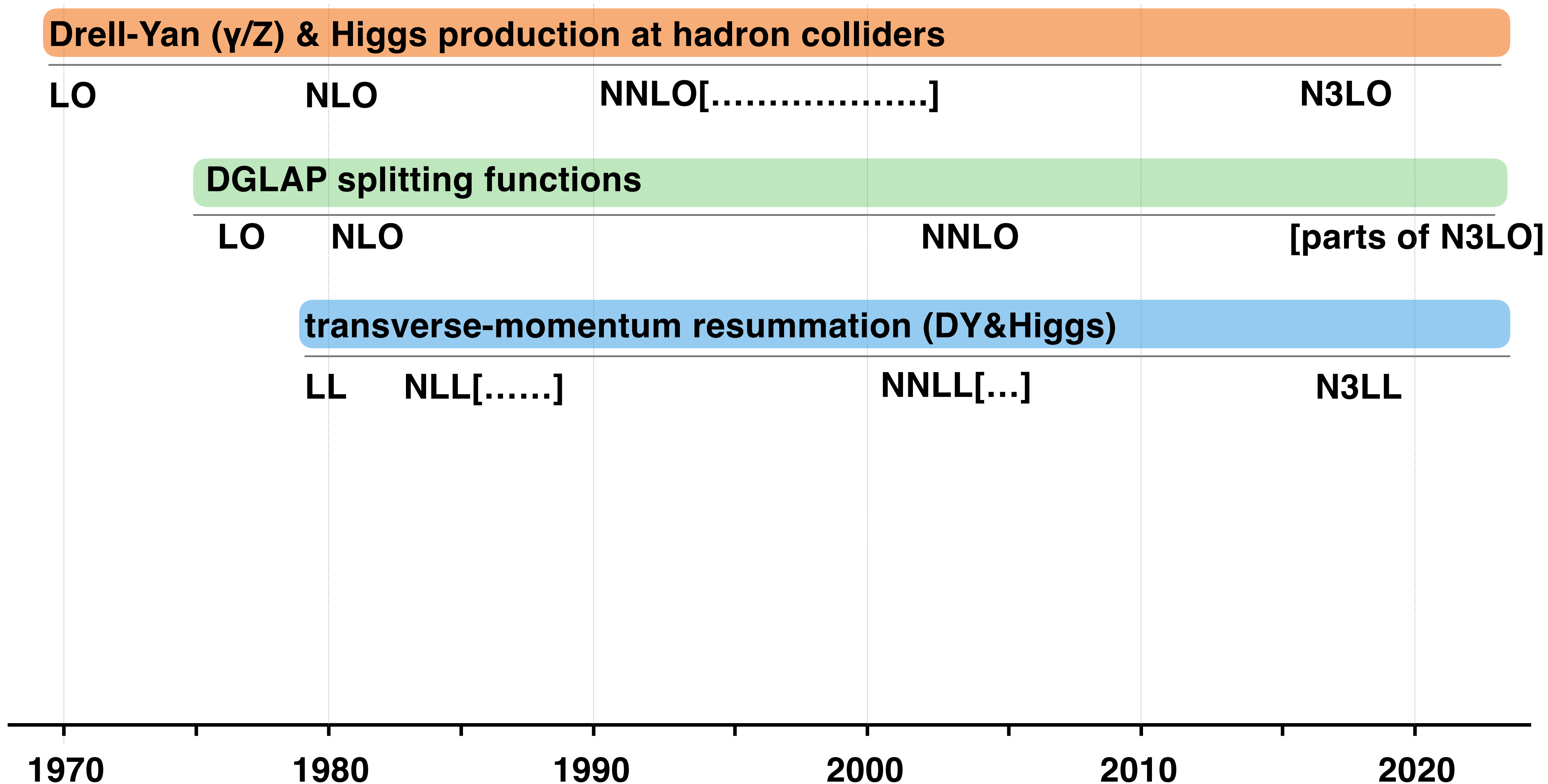
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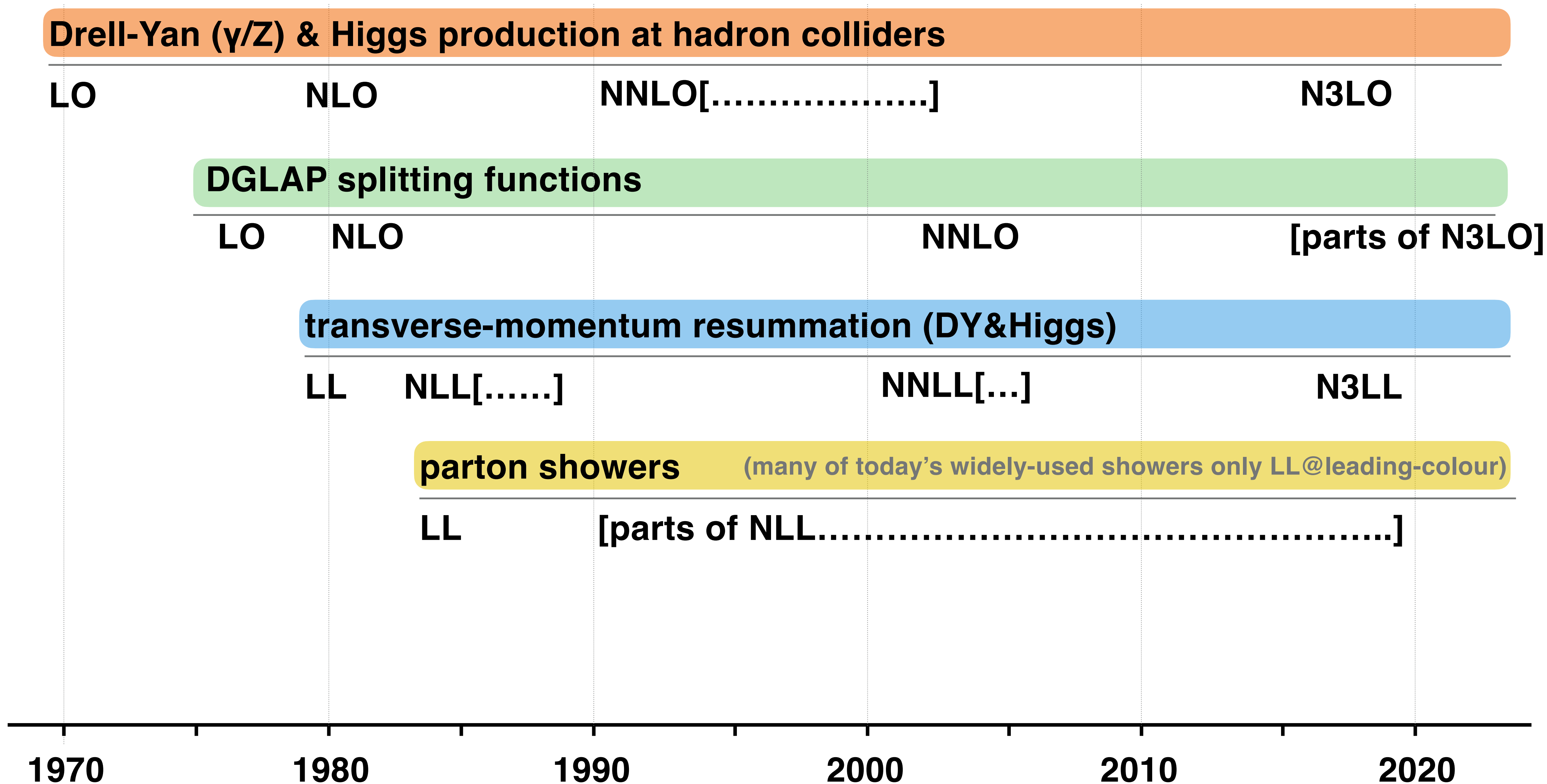
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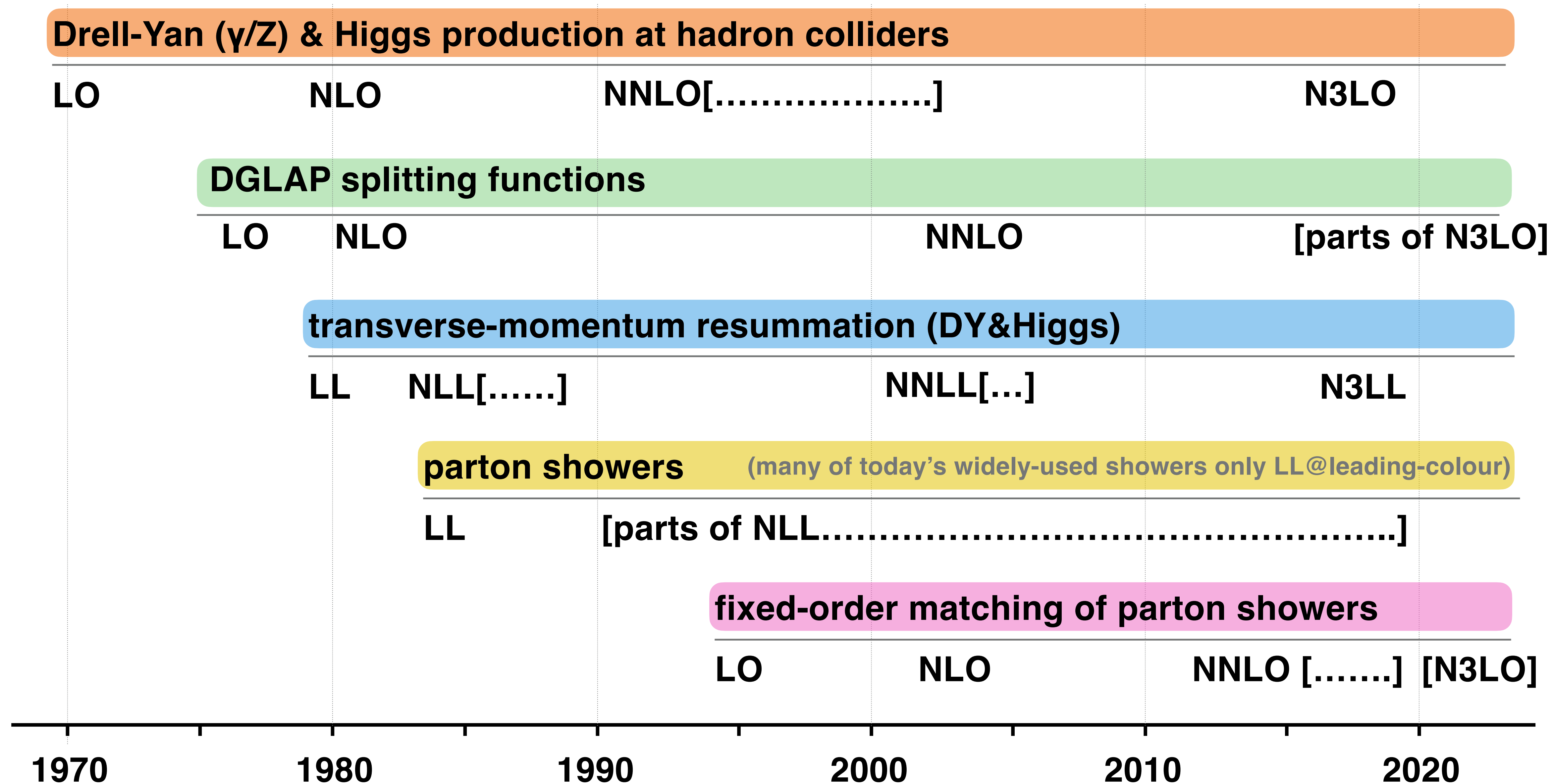
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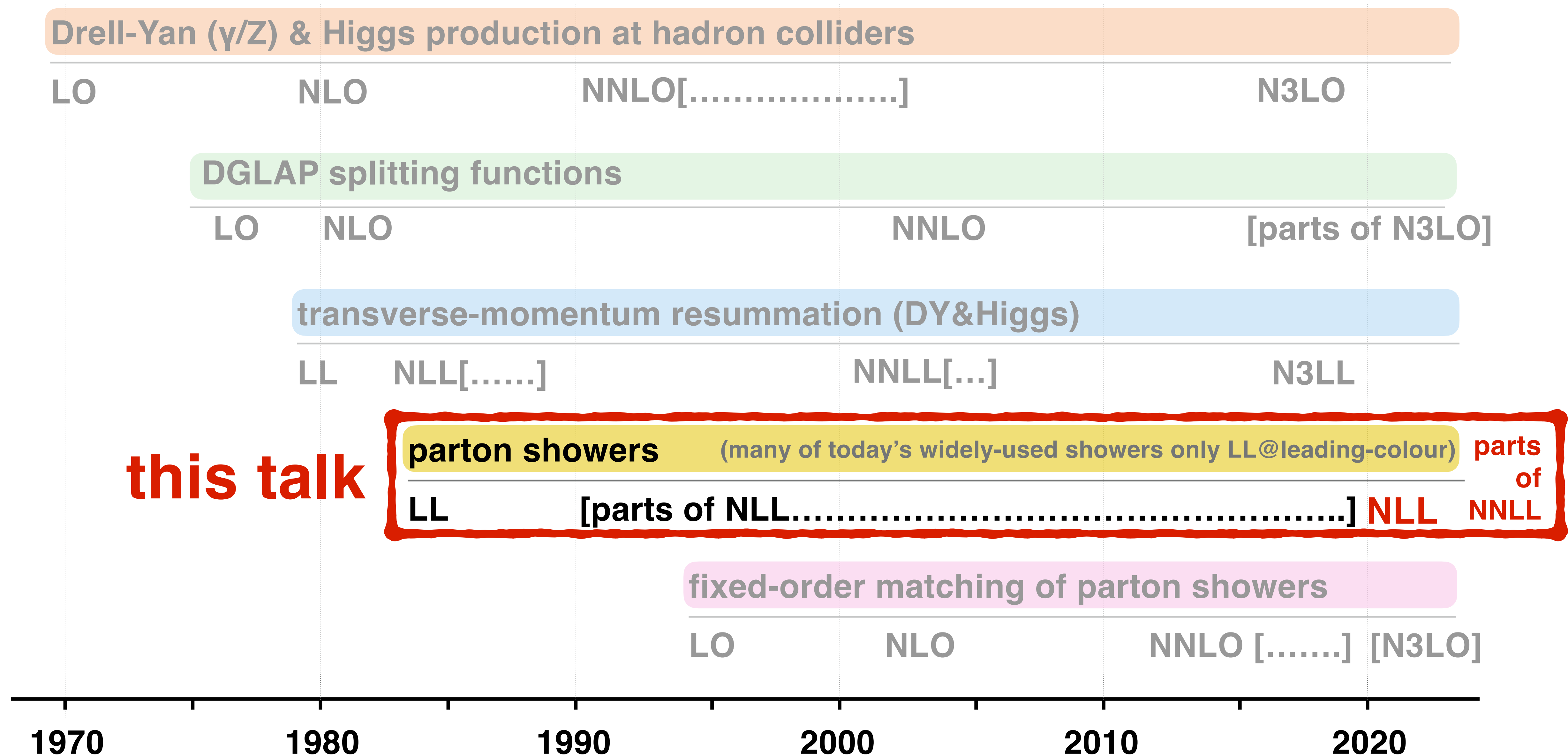
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For related recent results from Sherpa/ALARIC group, see talk by Daniel Reichelt this afternoon
see also work by Herwig & Deductor groups

Drell-Yan (γ/Z) & Higgs production at hadron colliders

LO NLO NNLO[.....]

DGLAP splitting functions

LO NLO

transverse-momentum resummation (DY&Higgs)

LL NLL[.....] NNLL[...] N3LL

this talk

parton showers (many of today's widely-used showers only LL@leading-colour) parts of

LL [parts of NLL.....] **NLL** NNLL

fixed-order matching of parton showers

LO NLO NNLO [.....] [N3LO]

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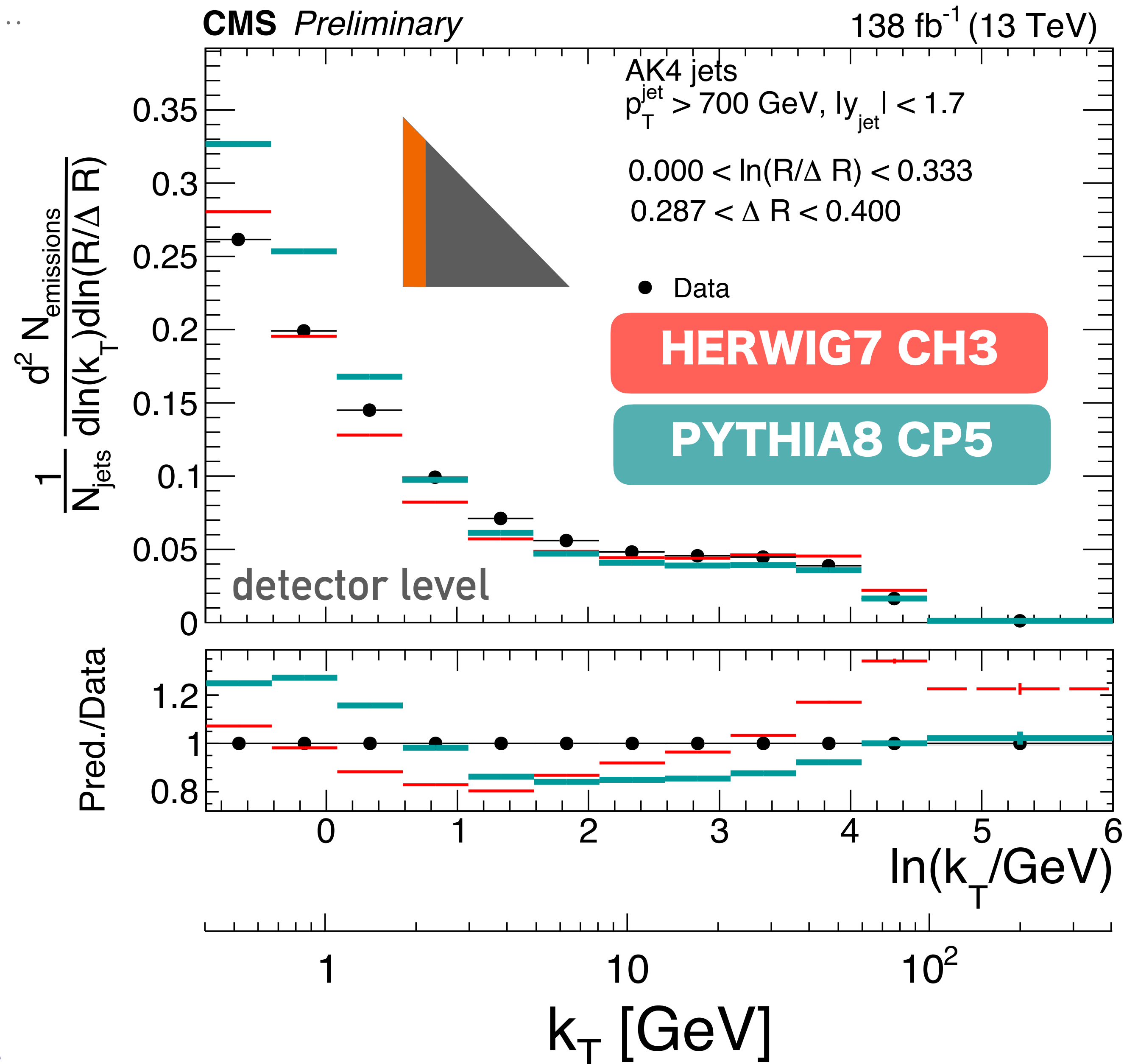
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Are showers good enough?

- ▶ showers do an amazing job on many observables
- ▶ but various places see 10–30% discrepancies between showers and data
- ▶ feeds into many analyses (e.g. via jet-energy scale)
- ▶ as machine learning makes use of ever more information in jets & whole event, we want simulations to get it right

Lund Plane (Recent CMS results; also ATLAS & ALICE)



Step 1: design guaranteed NLL showers

*Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni, GPS '18
ibid + Soyez '20*

A Matrix Element condition

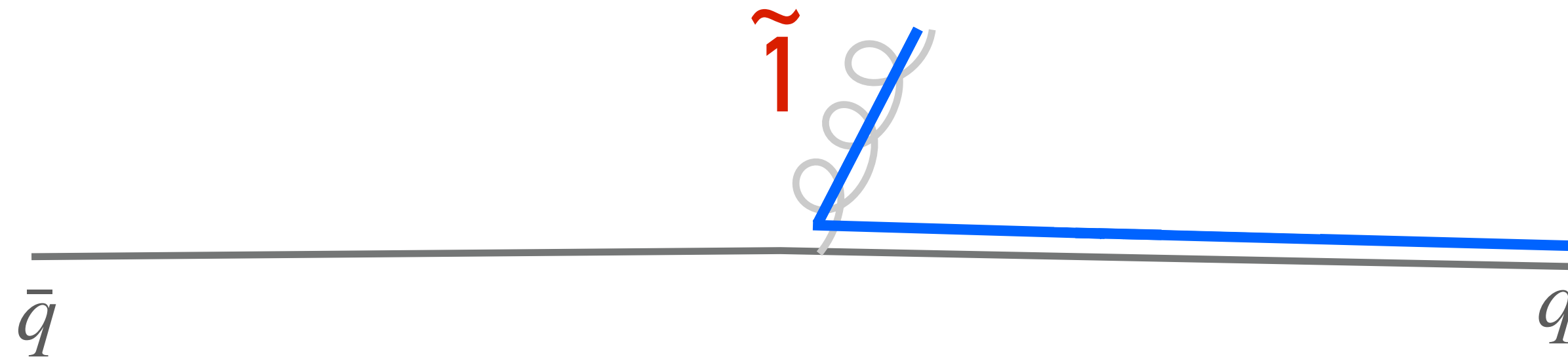
- correctly reproduce n -parton tree-level matrix element for arbitrary configurations, so long as all emissions well separated in the Lund diagram
- supplement with unitarity, 2-loop running coupling & cusp anomalous dimension

Resummation condition: reproduce NLL results for all standard resummations

- global event shapes
- non-global observables
- fragmentation functions
- multiplicities
- ...

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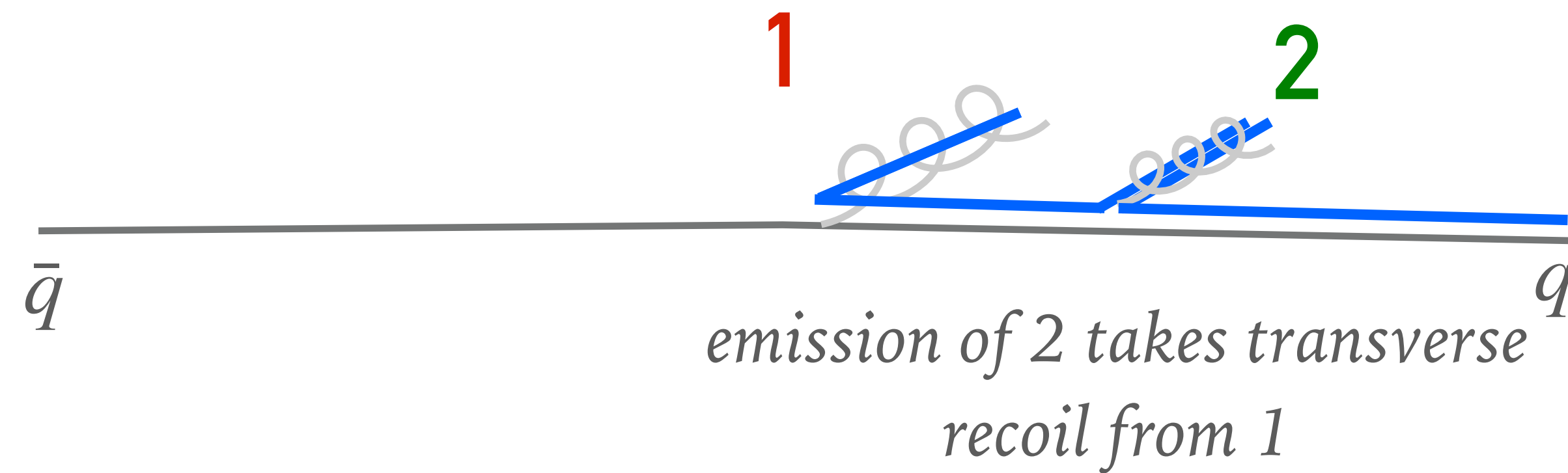
Dipole showers conserve momentum at each step. Traditional dipole-local recoil:



$$d\mathcal{P}_{\tilde{i} \rightarrow ik}^{\text{FS}} = \frac{\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2)}{2\pi} \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} N_{ik}^{\text{sym}} [z P_{\tilde{i} \rightarrow ik}(z)]$$

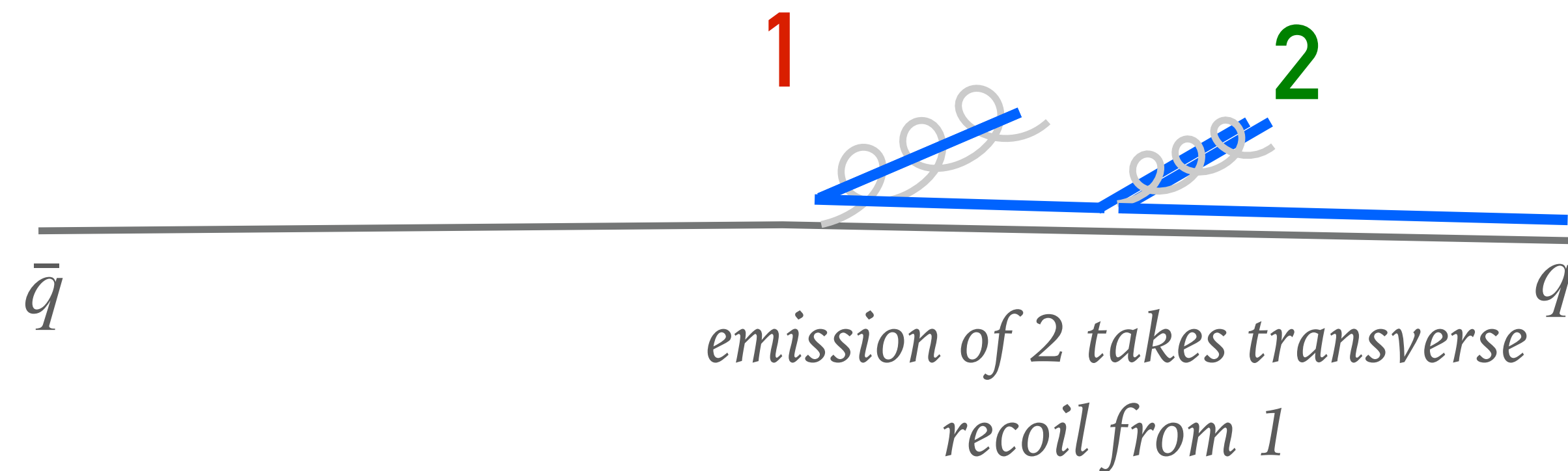
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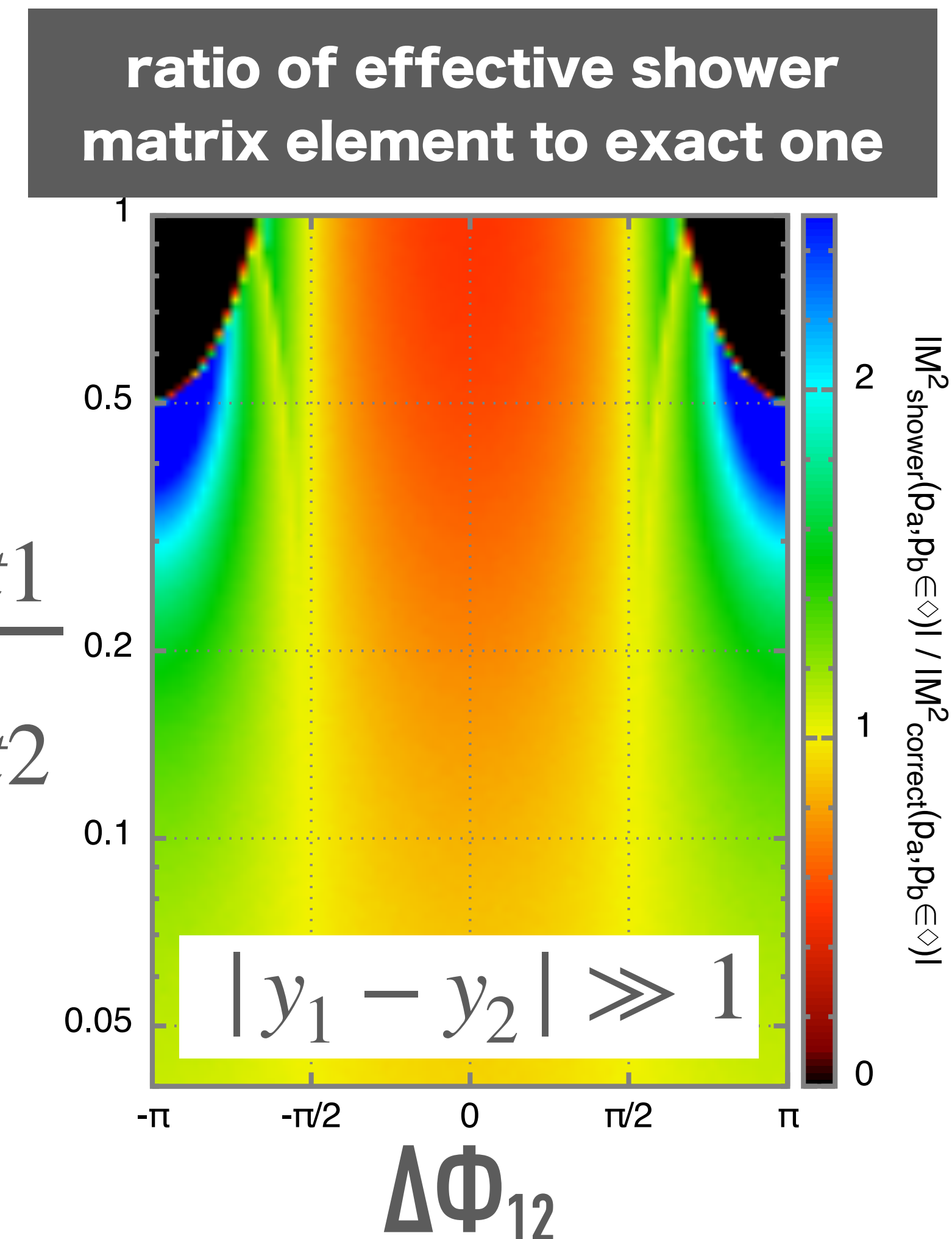
Shower initially generated matrix element for particle $\tilde{1}$, whose momentum differs (by $\sim 50\%$) from final particle 1.

Matrix element is incorrect wrt final momentum 1.

First observed: Andersson, Gustafson, Sjogren '92

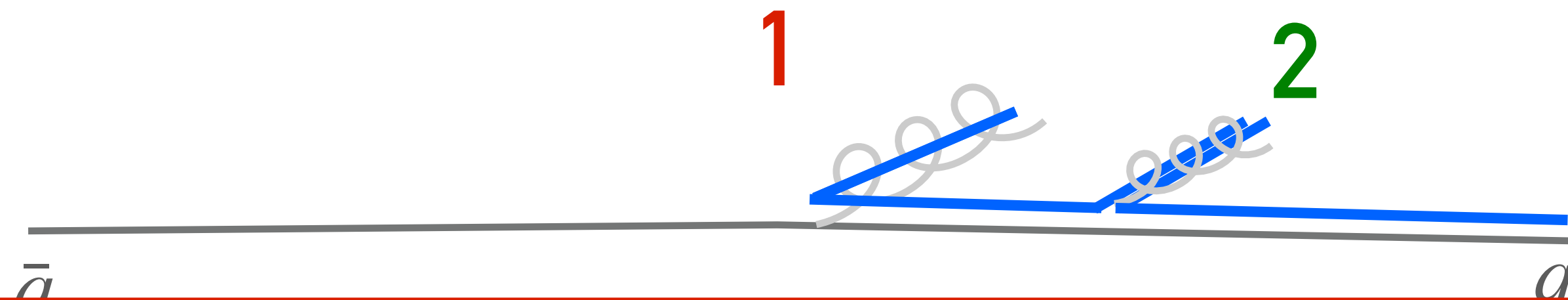
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design principle for new showers:

recoil & other shower design should respect
absence of cross-talk between disparate scales
(e.g. angles), i.e. QCD factorisation

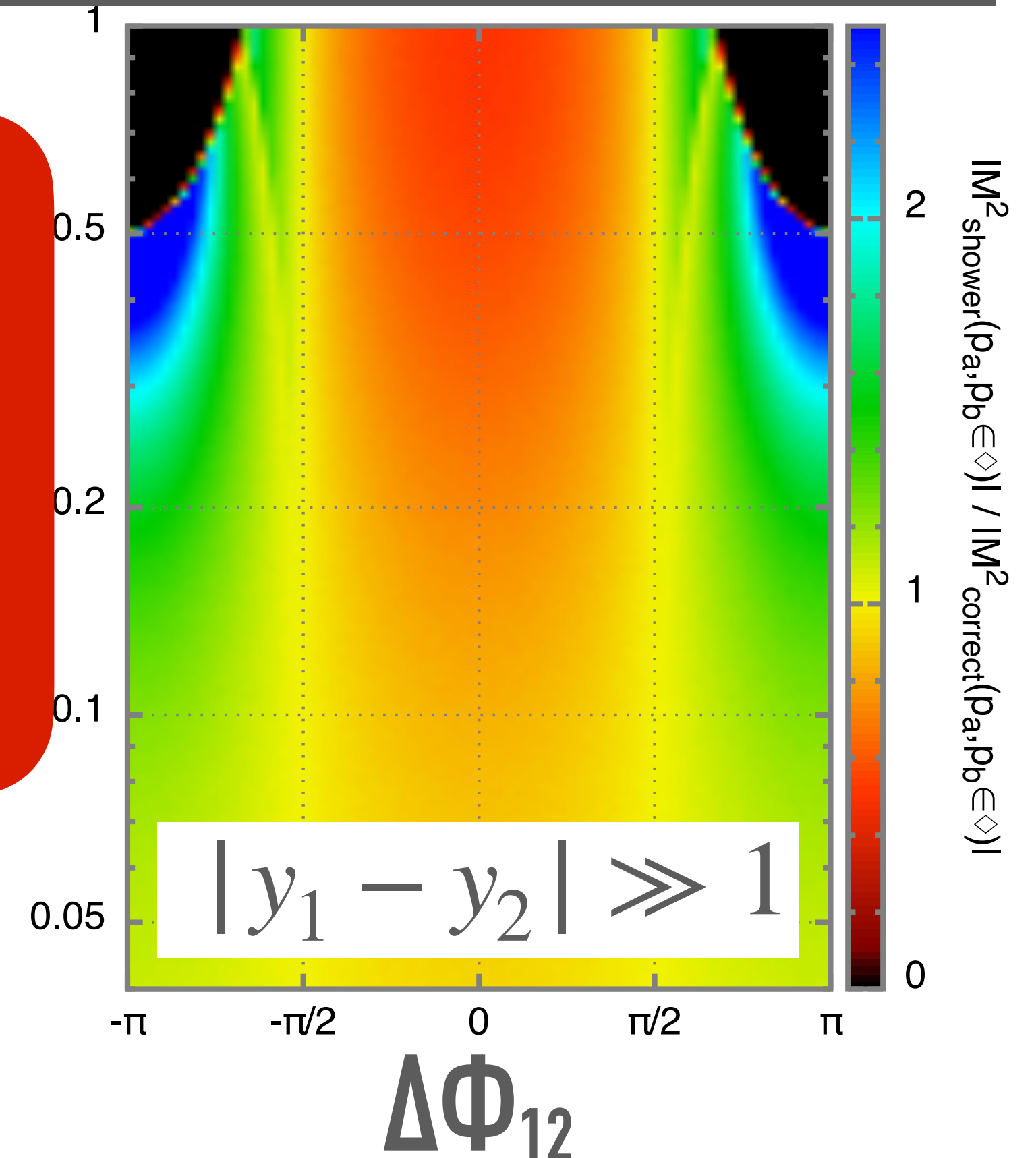
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ratio of effective shower
matrix element to exact one



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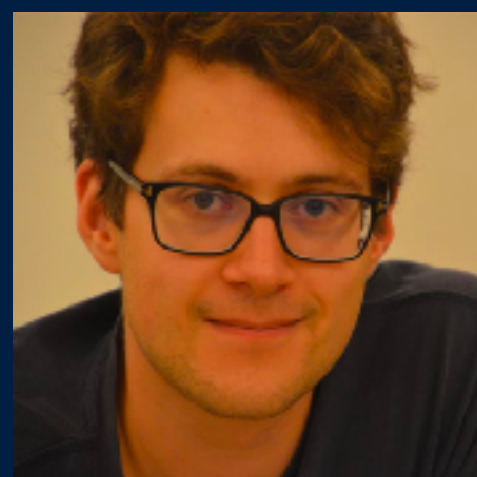
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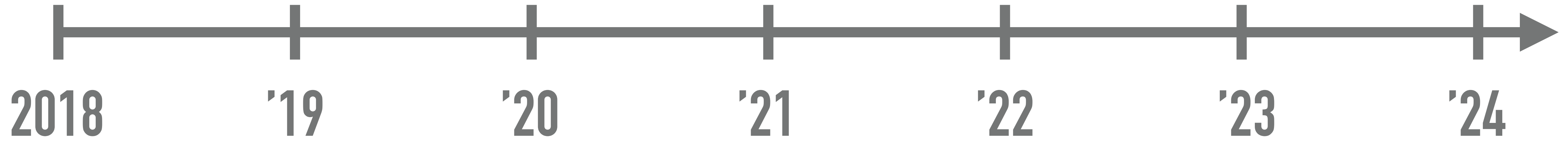
Gregory Soyez

PanScales current & recent members

A project to bring logarithmic understanding and accuracy to parton showers

PanScales timeline

calculations



NLL shower

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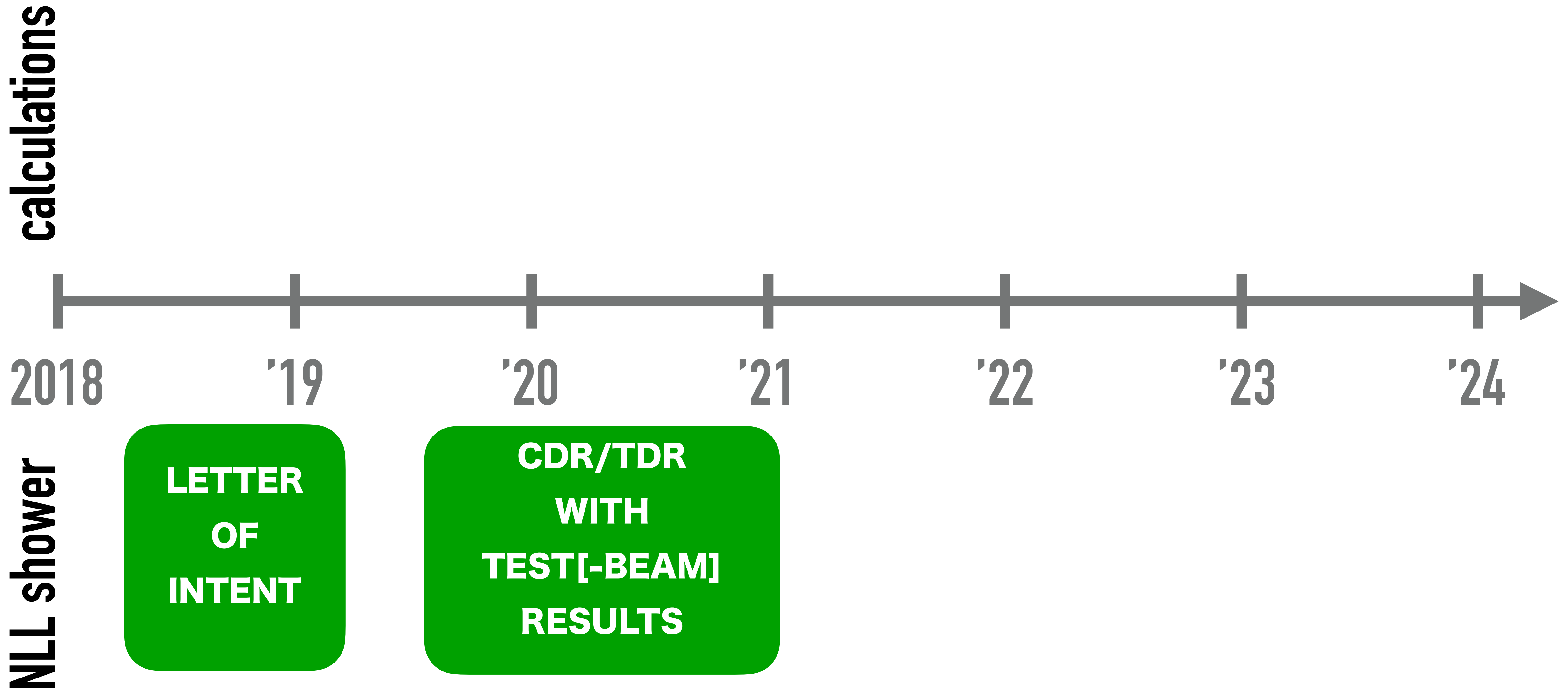
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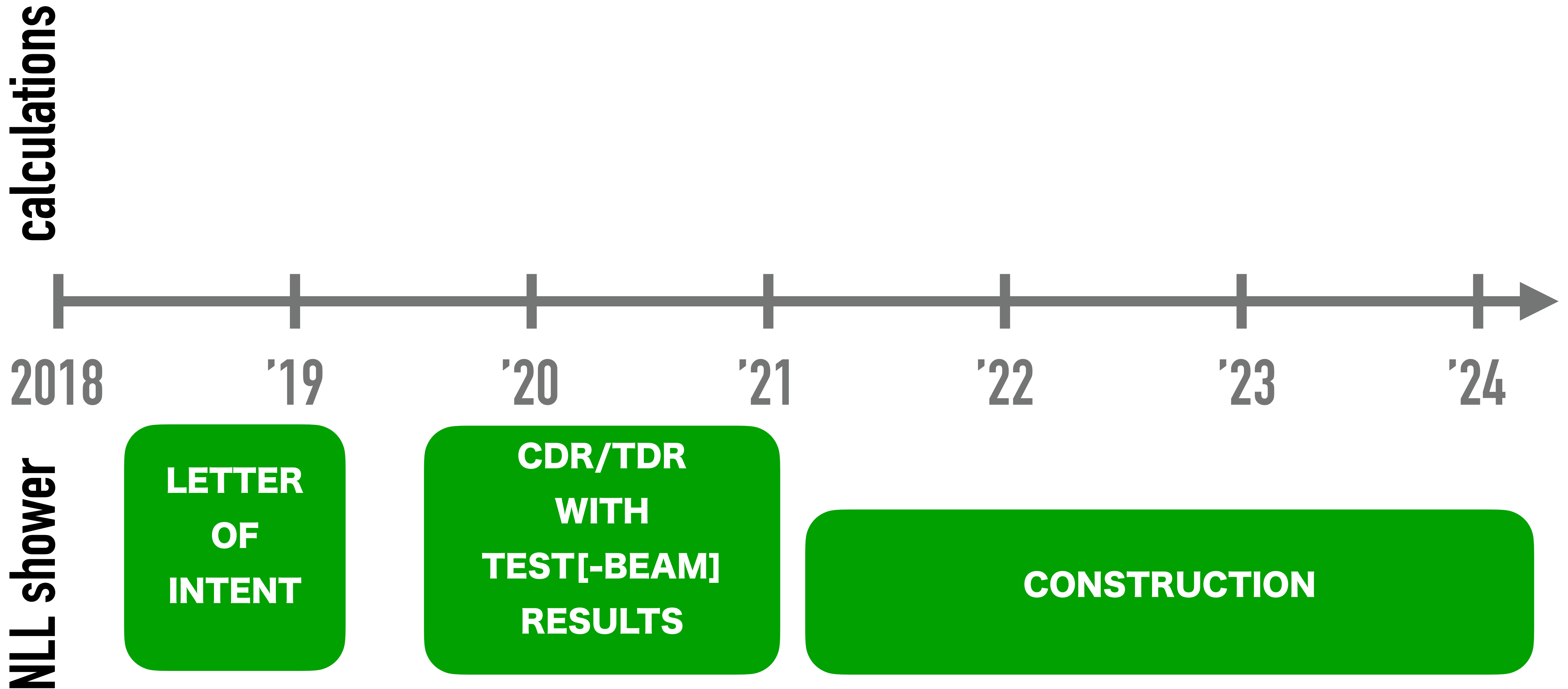
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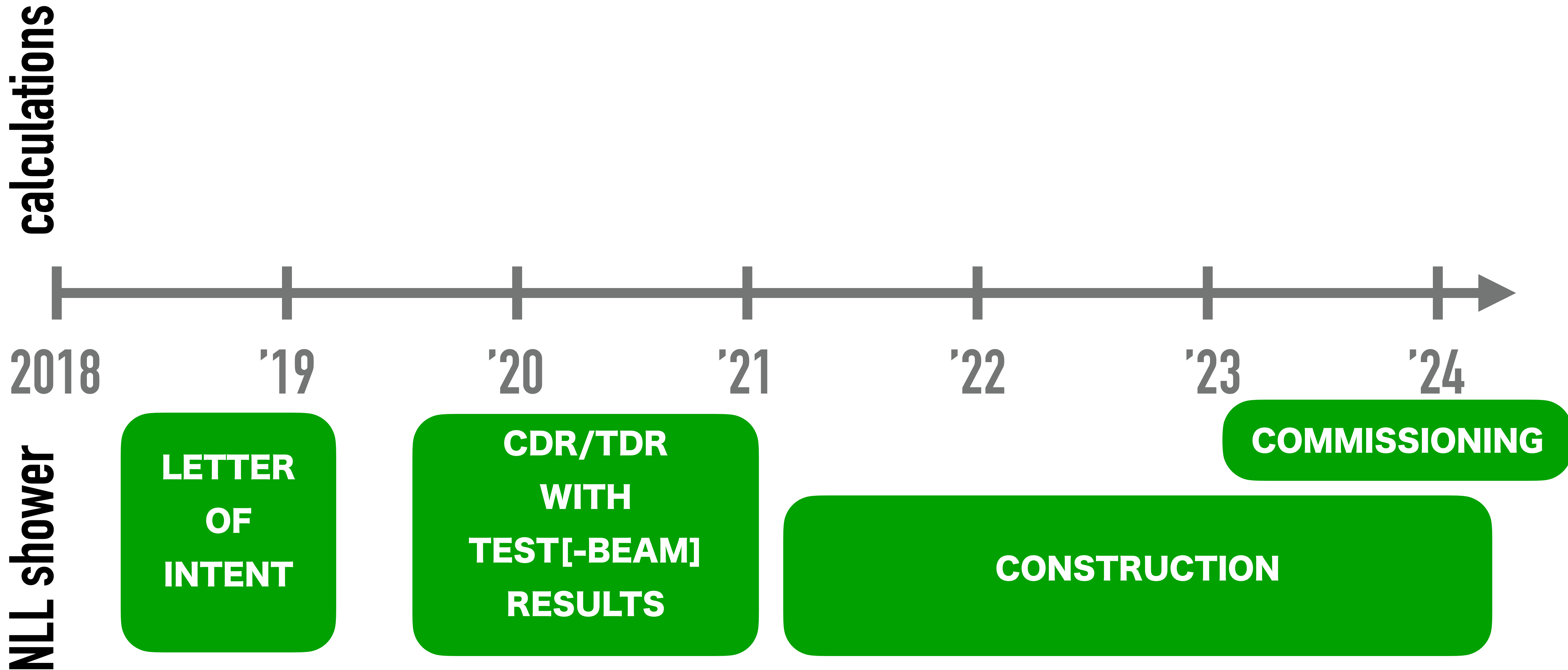
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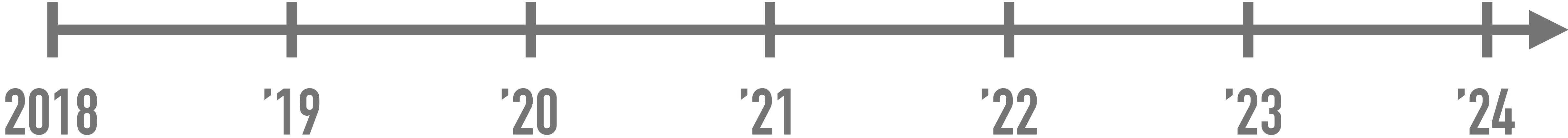
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R&D for UPGRADE
Dasgupta, El Menoufi, [2109.07496](#)
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Banfi, Dreyer, Monni, [2104.06416](#), [2111.02413](#)
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NLL shower

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CONSTRUCTION

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PanLocal

$k_t \sqrt{\theta}$ ordered

Recoil

\perp : local

$+$: local

$-$: local

Dipole partition
event CoM

PanGlobal

k_t or $k_t \sqrt{\theta}$ ordered

Recoil

\perp : global

$+$: local

$-$: local

Dipole partition
event CoM

Colour

nested ordered
double soft
(NODS)

Designed to
ensure LL are
full colour
(also gets many
NLL at full
colour)

Spin

for correct
azimuthal
structure in
collinear and
soft \rightarrow collinear

[Collins-Knowles
extended to soft
sector]

e⁺e⁻: Dasgupta, Dreyer, Hamilton, Monni, GPS & Soyez, 2002.11114; *pp*: van Beekveld, Ferrario Ravasio, GPS, Soto Ontoso, Soyez, Verheyen, 2205.02237; & *pp* tests, *ibid* + Hamilton: 2207.09467; DIS+VBF, van Beekveld, Ferrario Ravasio 2305.08645

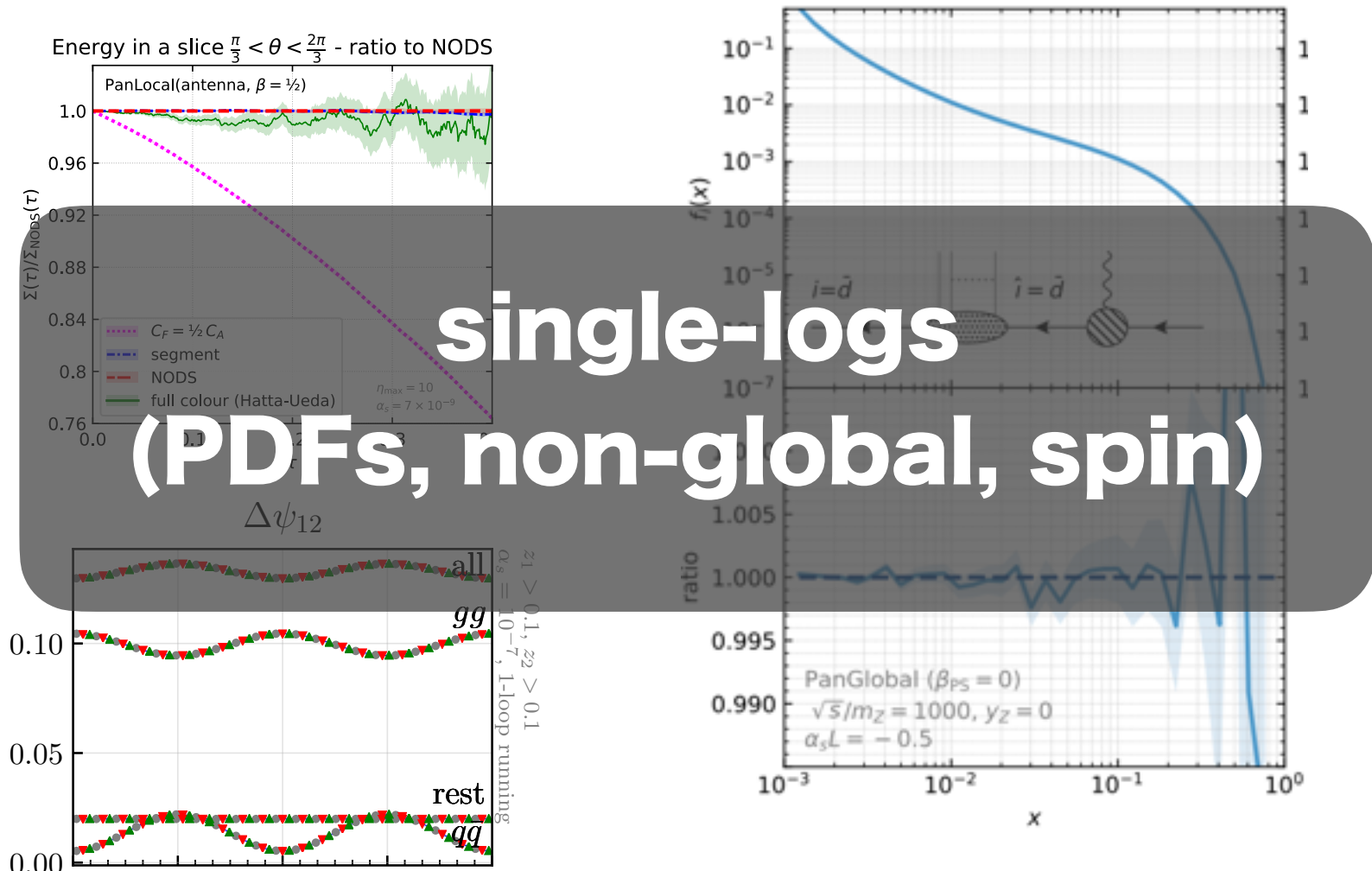
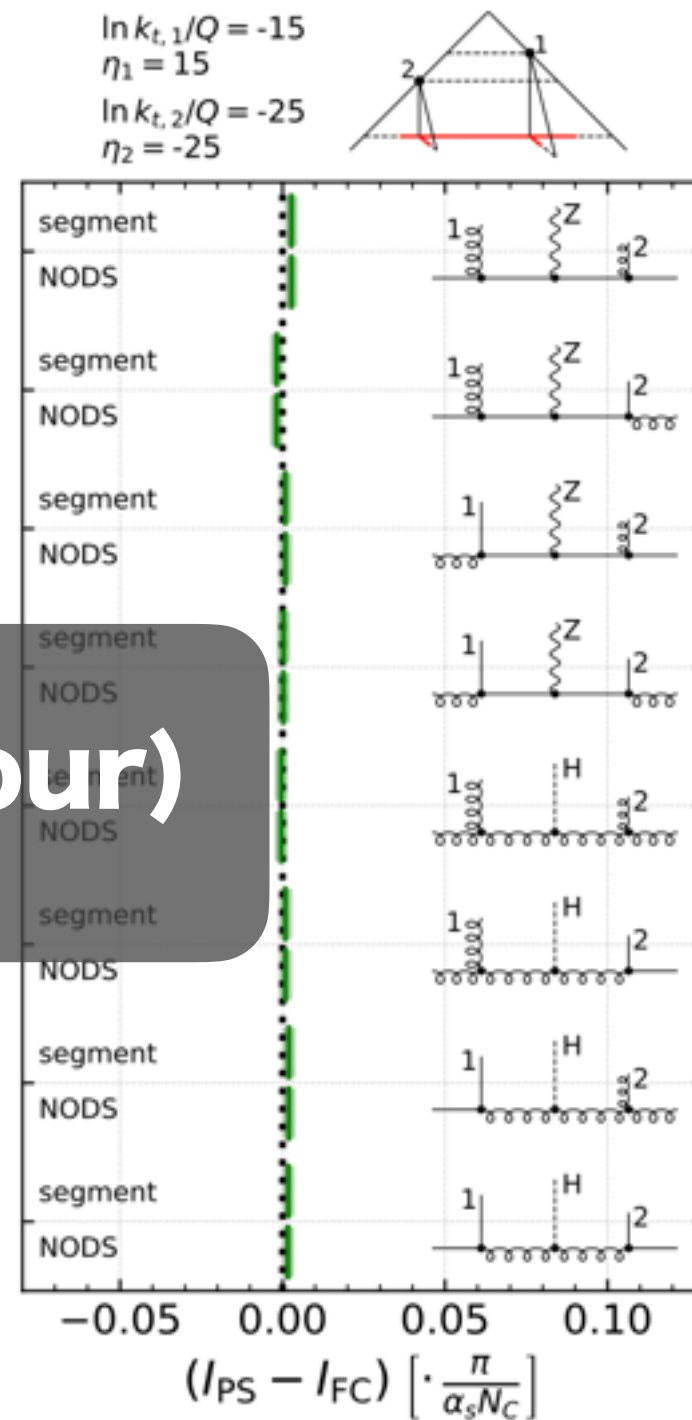
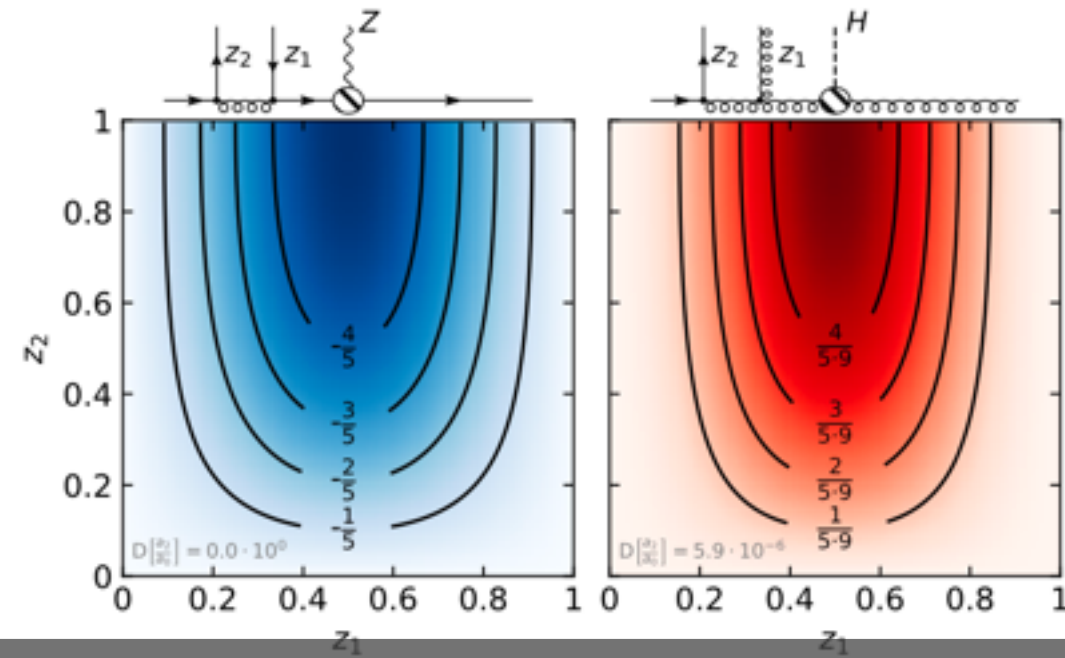
Hamilton, Medves, GPS, Scyboz, Soyez, 2011.10054

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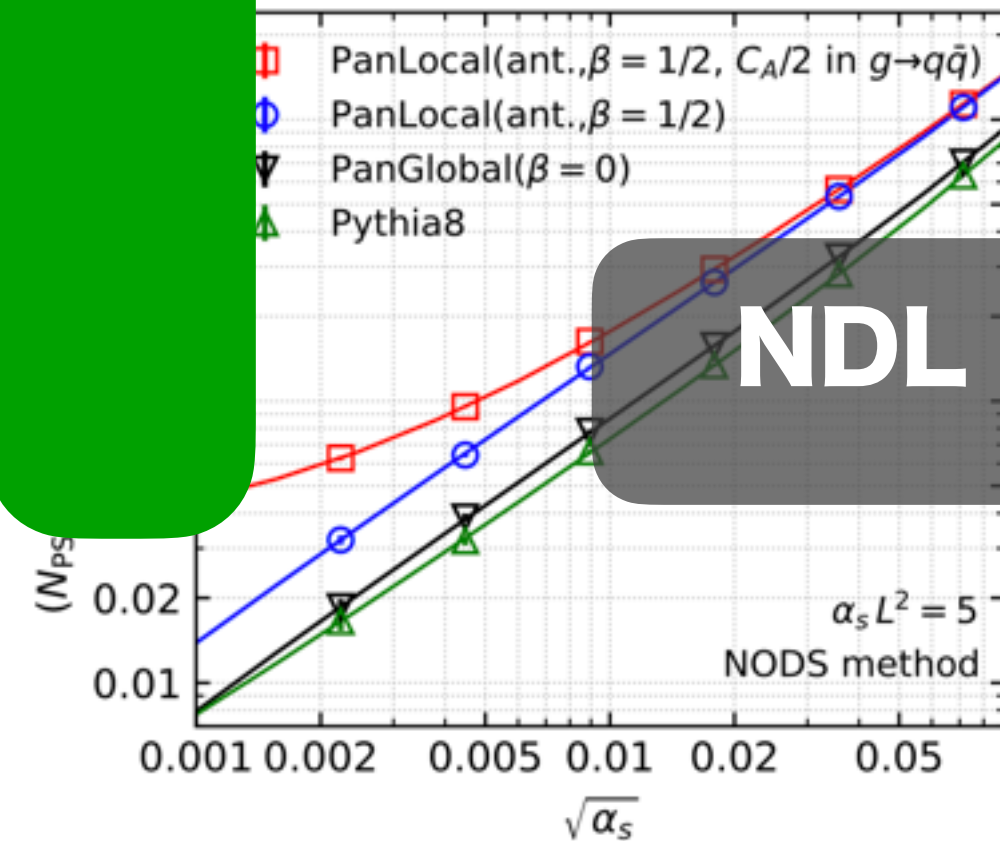
a selection of the logarithmic accuracy tests

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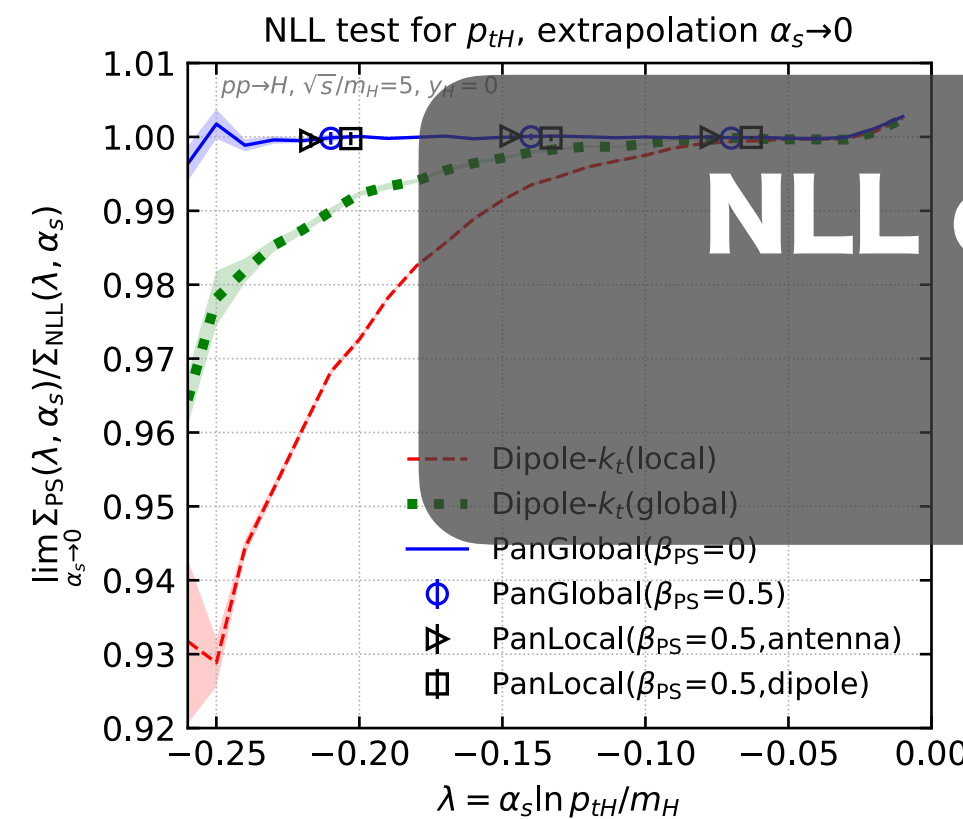
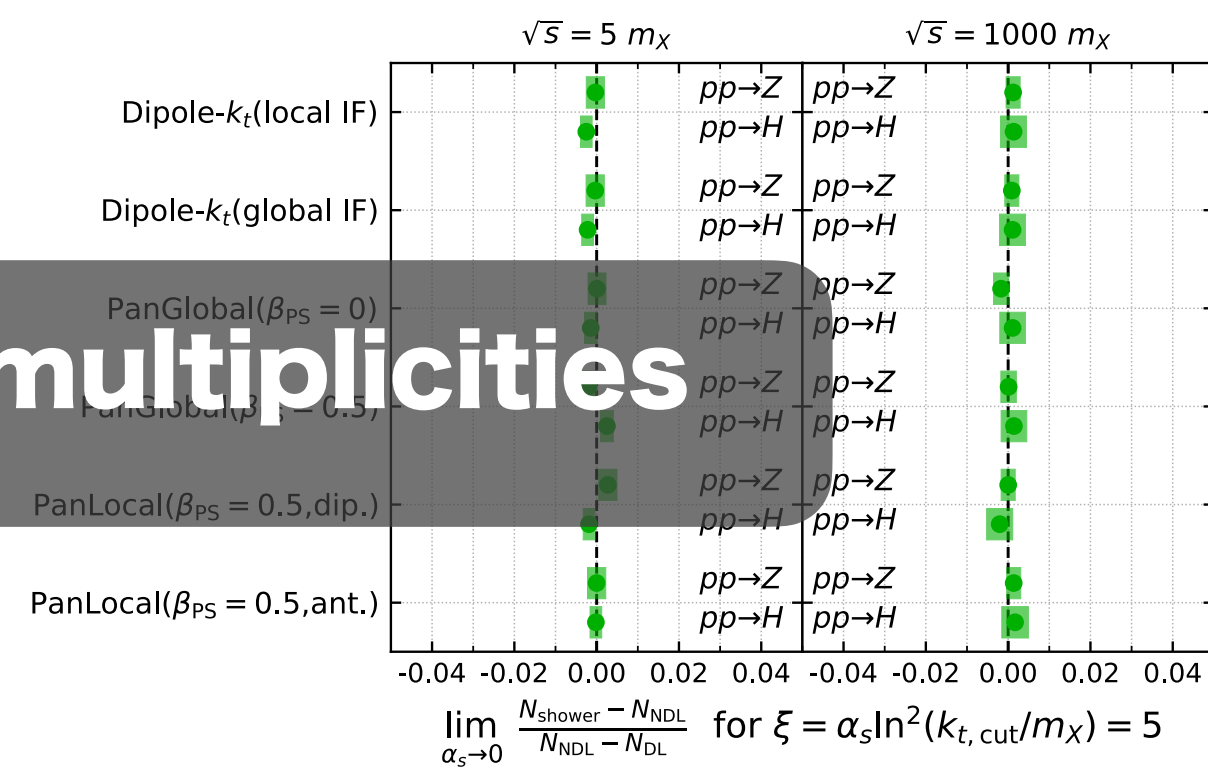


fixed order (kinematics, spin, colour)

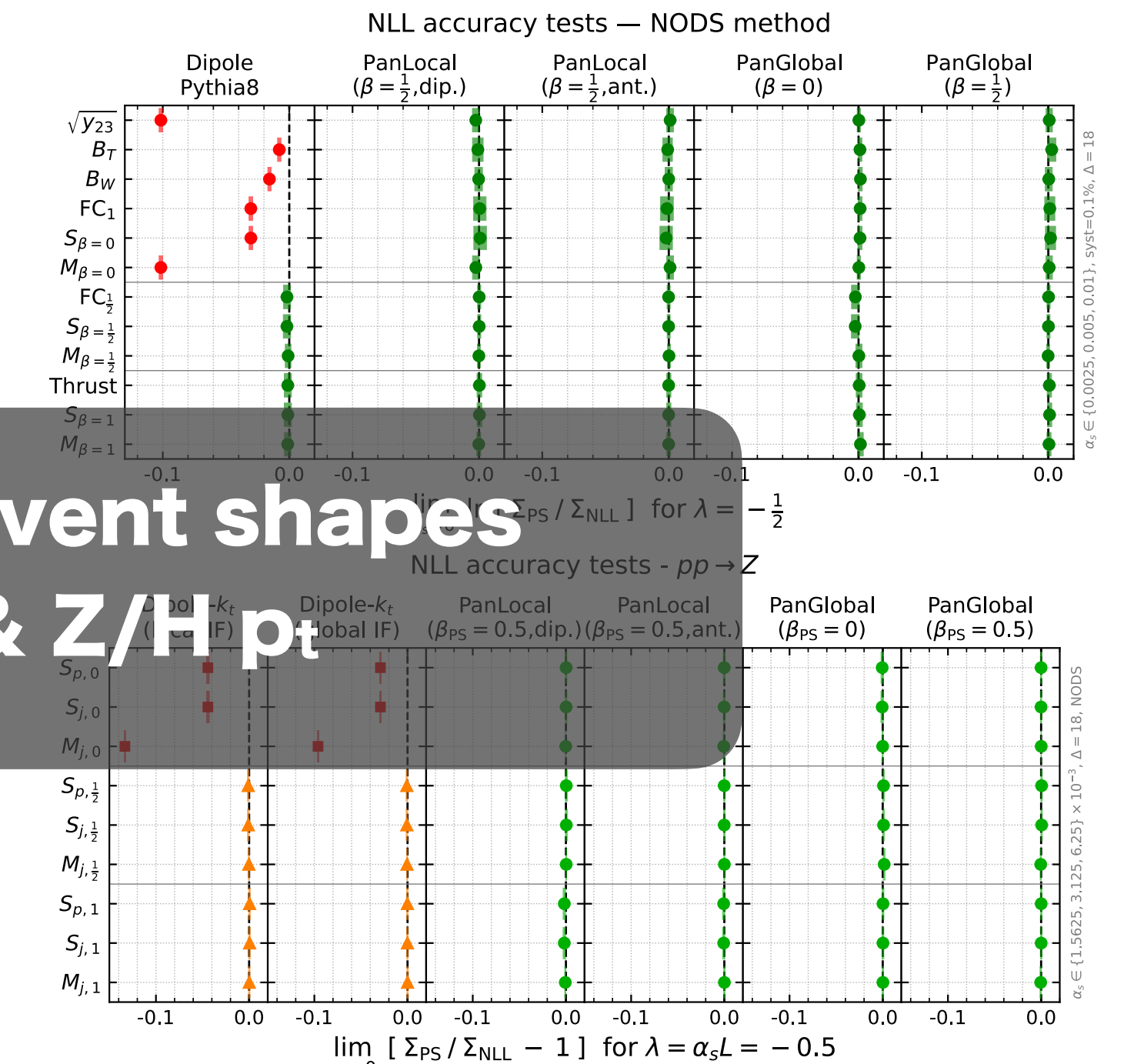
convergence towards NDL multiplicities

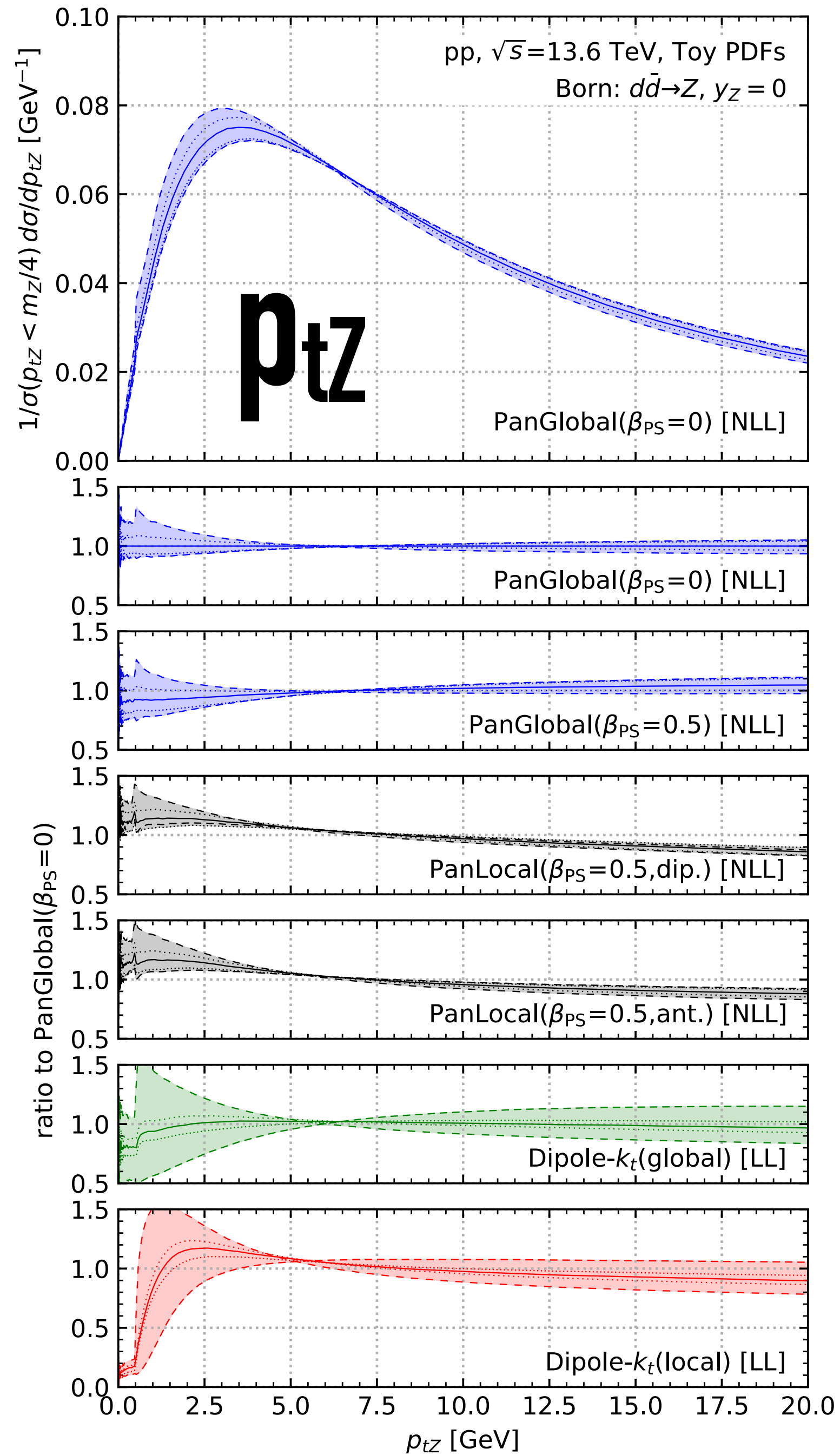


NDL multiplicities



NLL event shapes & Z/H pt





NLL showers

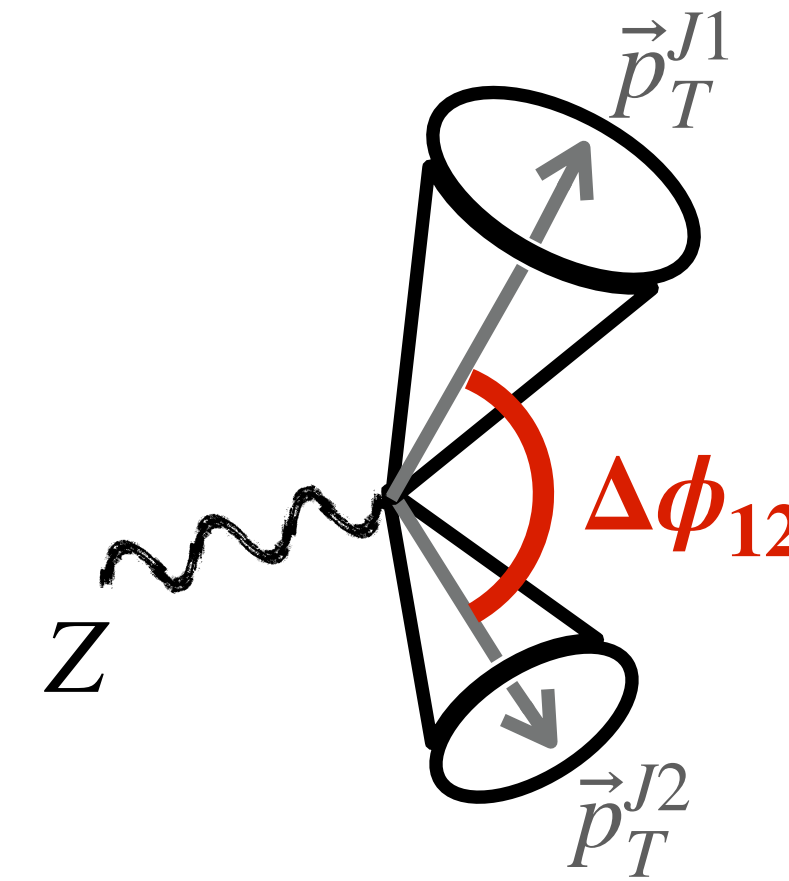
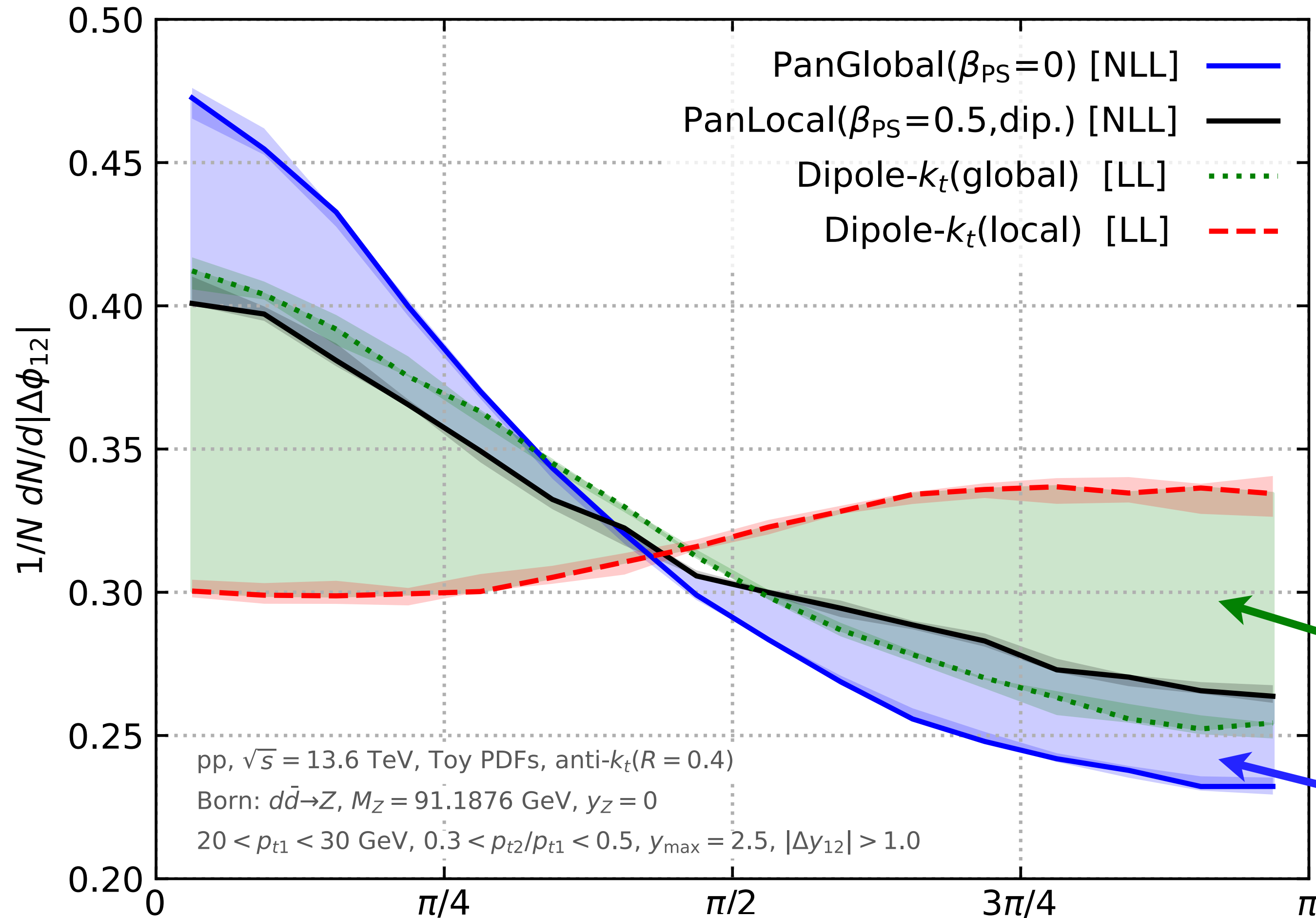
LL showers

for inclusive quantities like p_{tZ} , advantage of NLL shower is partly in reduction of uncertainties

van Beekveld, Ferrario Ravasio, GPS,
Soto Ontoso, Soyez, Verheyen,
Hamilton: [2207.09467](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.09467)

$$m_{\ell\ell} = m_Z$$

Azimuthal angle between leading jets (DY)



for more exclusive quantities, also see clear shape differences in going to NLL

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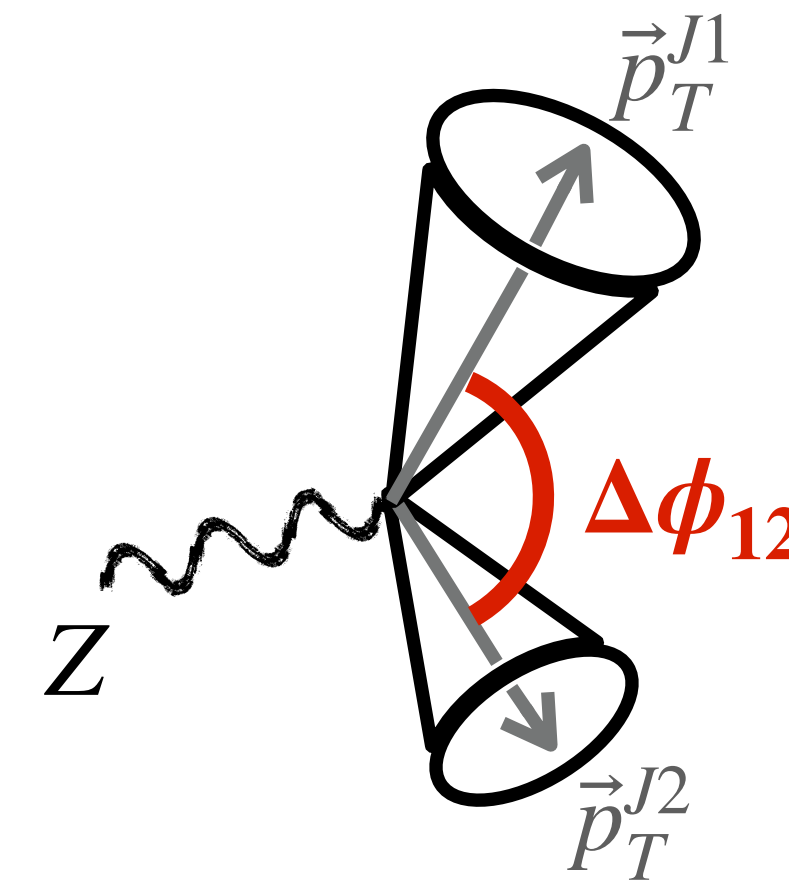
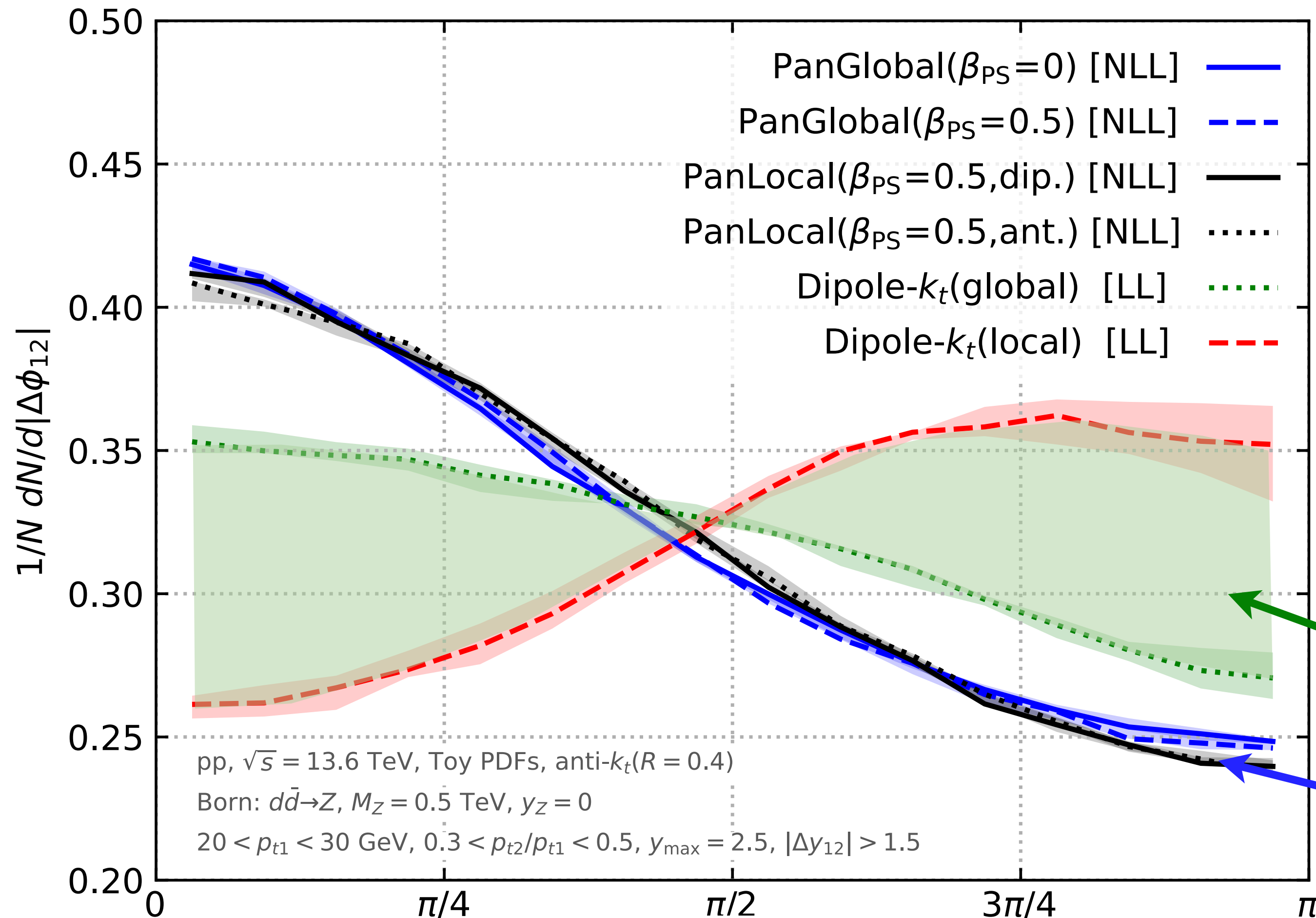
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$$m_{\ell\ell} = 500 \text{ GeV}$$

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especially at larger scales

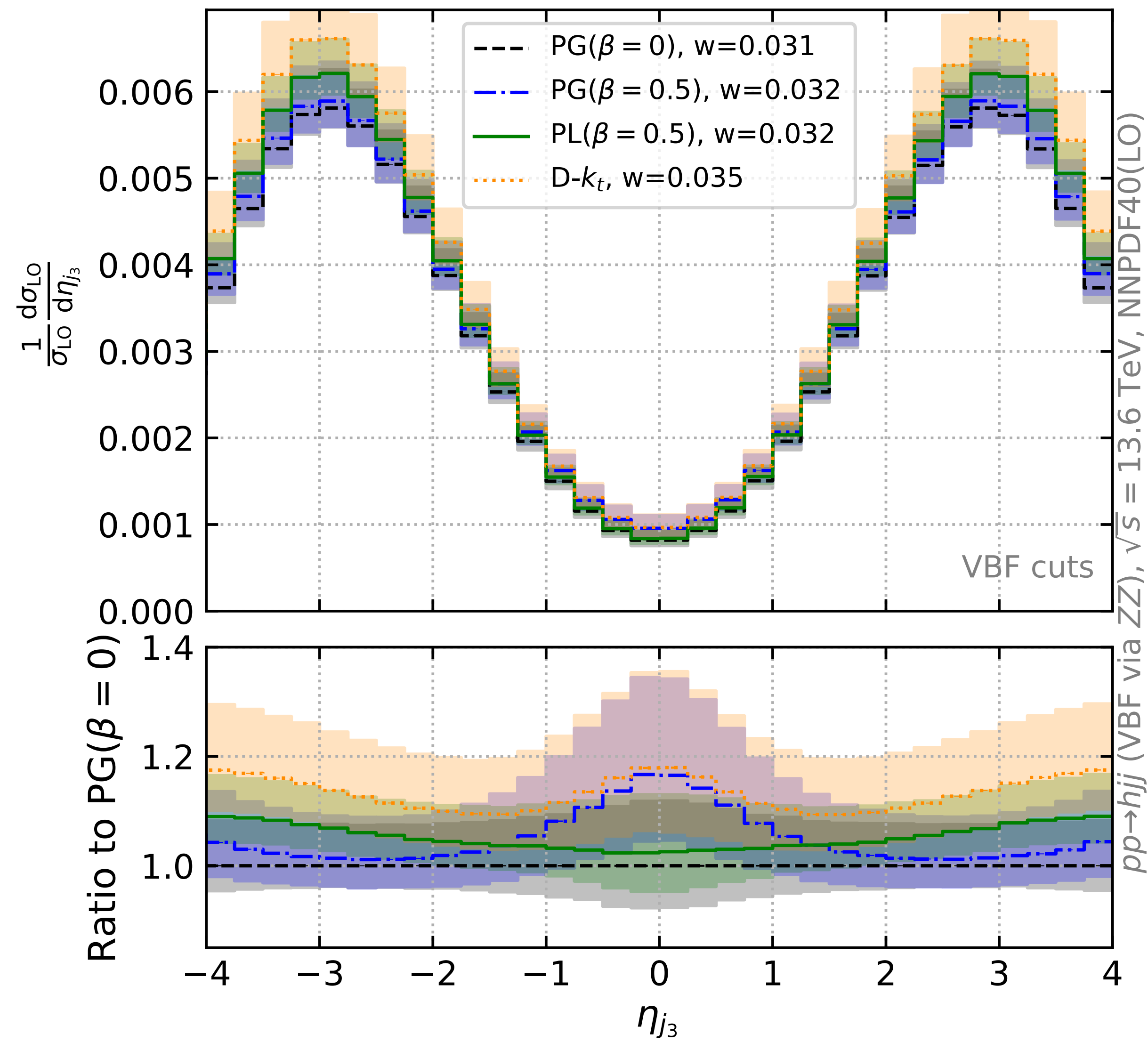
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$\Delta\phi_{12}$



DIS + Vector-boson fusion

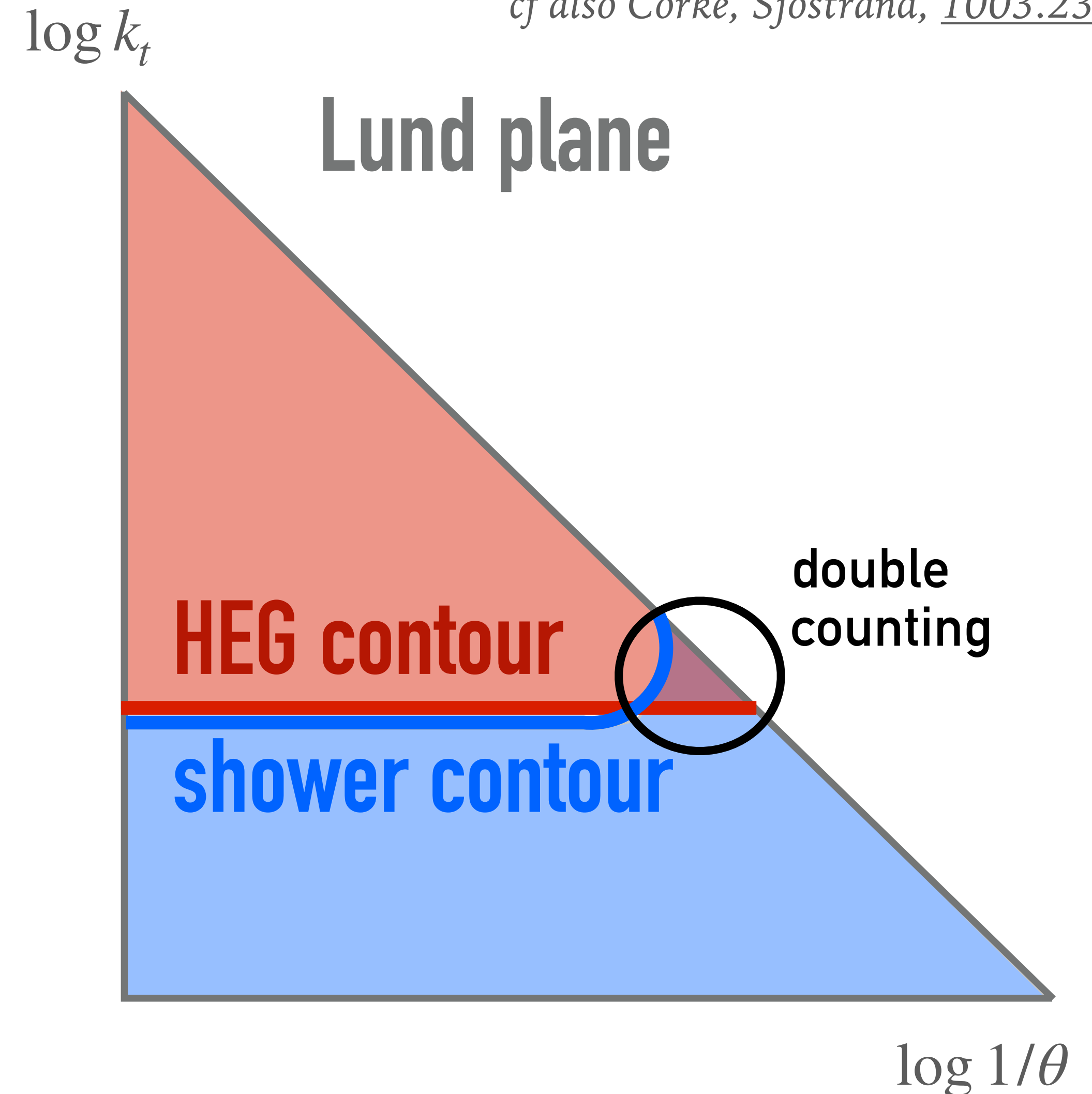
- Conserves vector boson momenta — may facilitate inclusion of higher order corrections via project-to-Born type approaches
- Plot shows 3rd jet η distribution, with correct dip behaviour in the middle

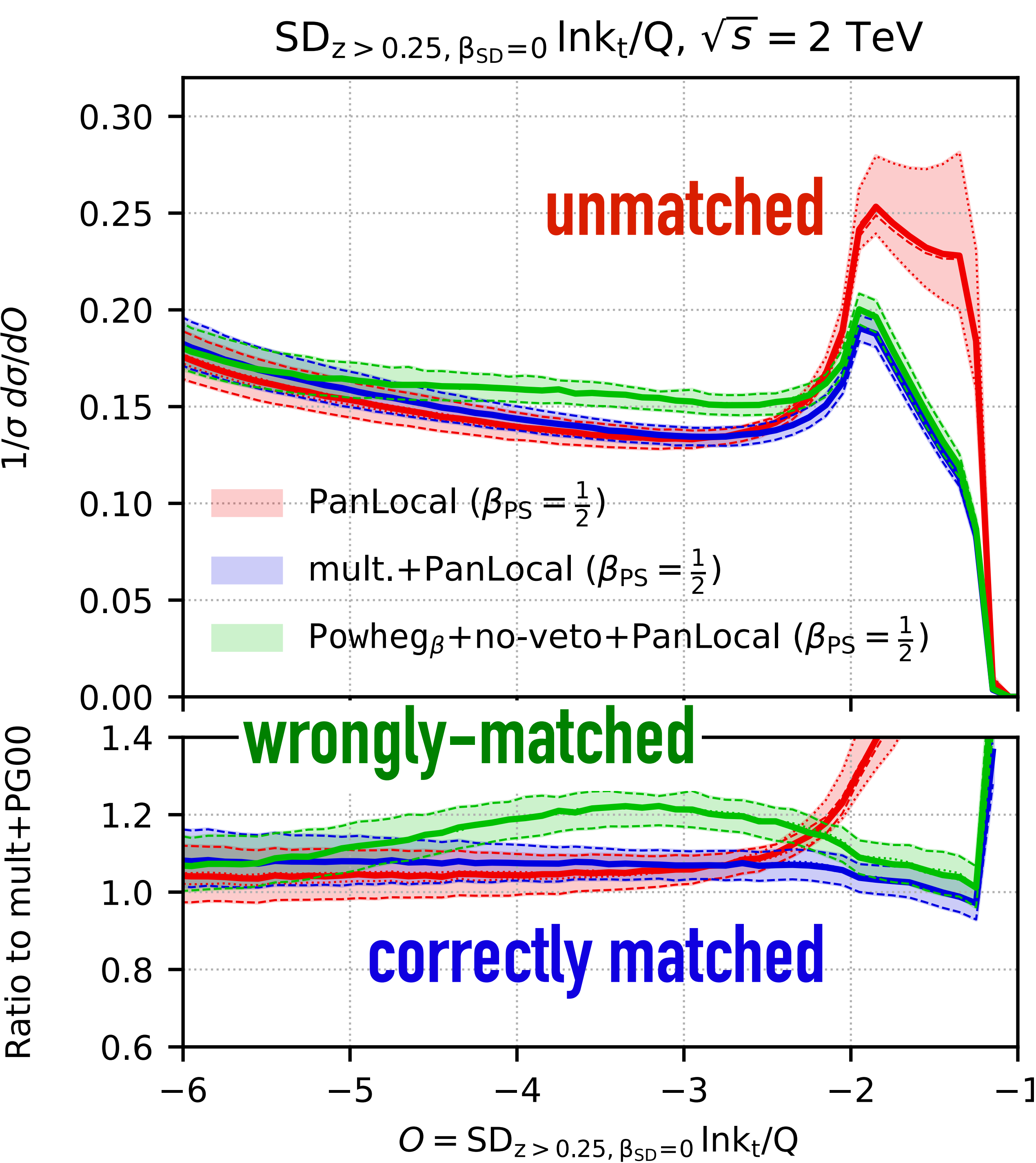
NLO matching and logarithmic accuracy

Hamilton, Karlberg, GPS,
Scyboz, Verheyen, [2301.09645](#)

- Proof of concept explored for $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2$ jets @ NLO
- some matching schemes supplement shower with pure $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$, e.g. MC@NLO, KrKNLO, MAcNLOPS:
Shower log accuracy easy to maintain
- in other schemes, first emission is generated by an external program (POWHEG, MINNLO, Geneva, etc.):
Shower log accuracy subtle to maintain
- NB: concern is not just kinematic mismatch, but also any mismatch in partitioning functions

cf also Corke, Sjostrand, [1003.2384](#)





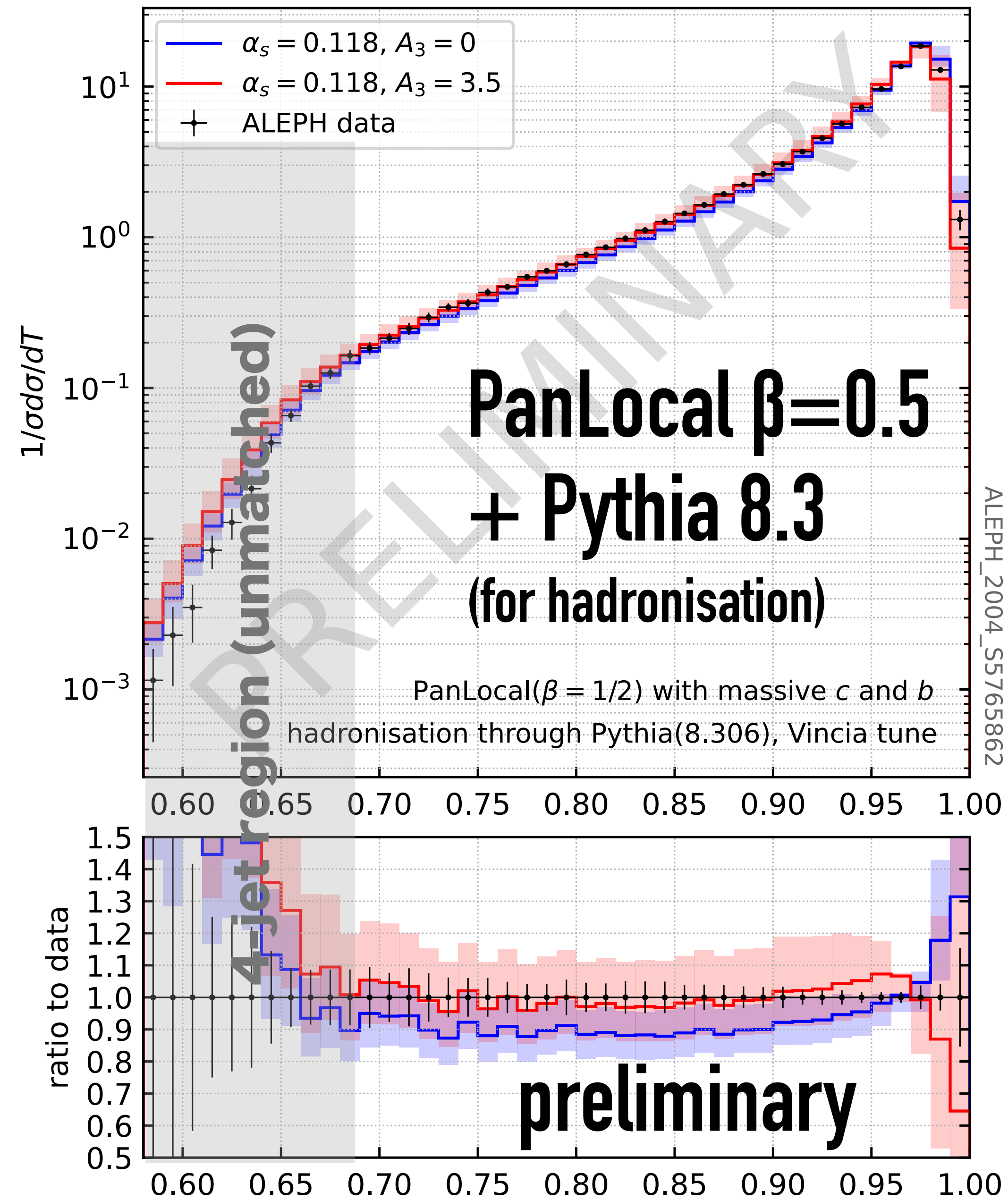
Matching & log-accuracy

- Done correctly, **matching augments accuracy** of shower from NLL to NLL + NNDL (for event shapes)
- Done wrongly, it breaks exponentiation structure of shower (impact depends on observable)
- example with significant impact is **SoftDrop transverse momentum** (i.e. jet substructure)

$$\partial_L \Sigma_{SD}(L) = \bar{\alpha} c e^{\bar{\alpha} c L - \bar{\alpha} \Delta} - 2\bar{\alpha} L e^{-\bar{\alpha} L^2} (1 - e^{-\bar{\alpha} \Delta})$$

spurious term from wrong matching

e^+e^- thrust



First comparisons to data

- ▶ we're starting with e^+e^- data
- ▶ aiming to understand nature of residual perturbative shower uncertainties
- ▶ and interplay with non-perturbative tuning
- ▶ plot includes preliminary treatment of heavy-quark masses

Medium term: making proper use of LEP data for tuning almost certainly requires NLO 3-jet accuracy.

Latest development: first steps towards NNLL accuracy [PanGlobal only]

Initial focus is on soft emission — i.e. inclusion of double-soft current + associated virtual corrections

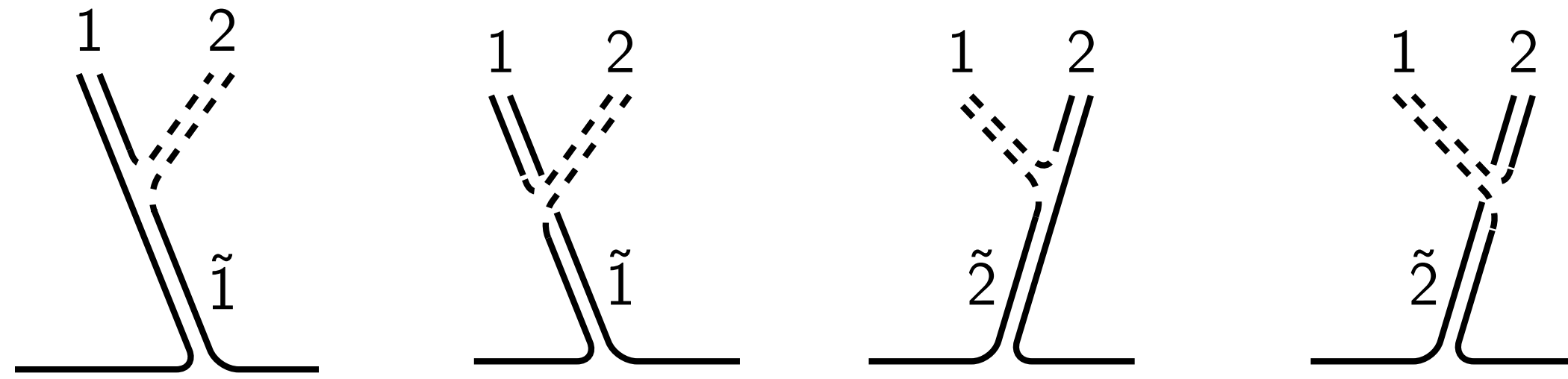
- ▶ any pair of soft emissions with commensurate energy and angles should be produced with the correct [double-soft] matrix element
- ▶ subsequent (much softer) emissions from that soft pair should also come with the correct matrix element
- ▶ probability for any single soft emission should be NLO accurate
- ▶ NB: Vincia and Sherpa groups have also explored inclusion of such terms; part of novelty here is doing so in context of shower that satisfies PanScales principles, as needed to get the log-accuracy benefit.

This should maintain NLL accuracy and further achieve

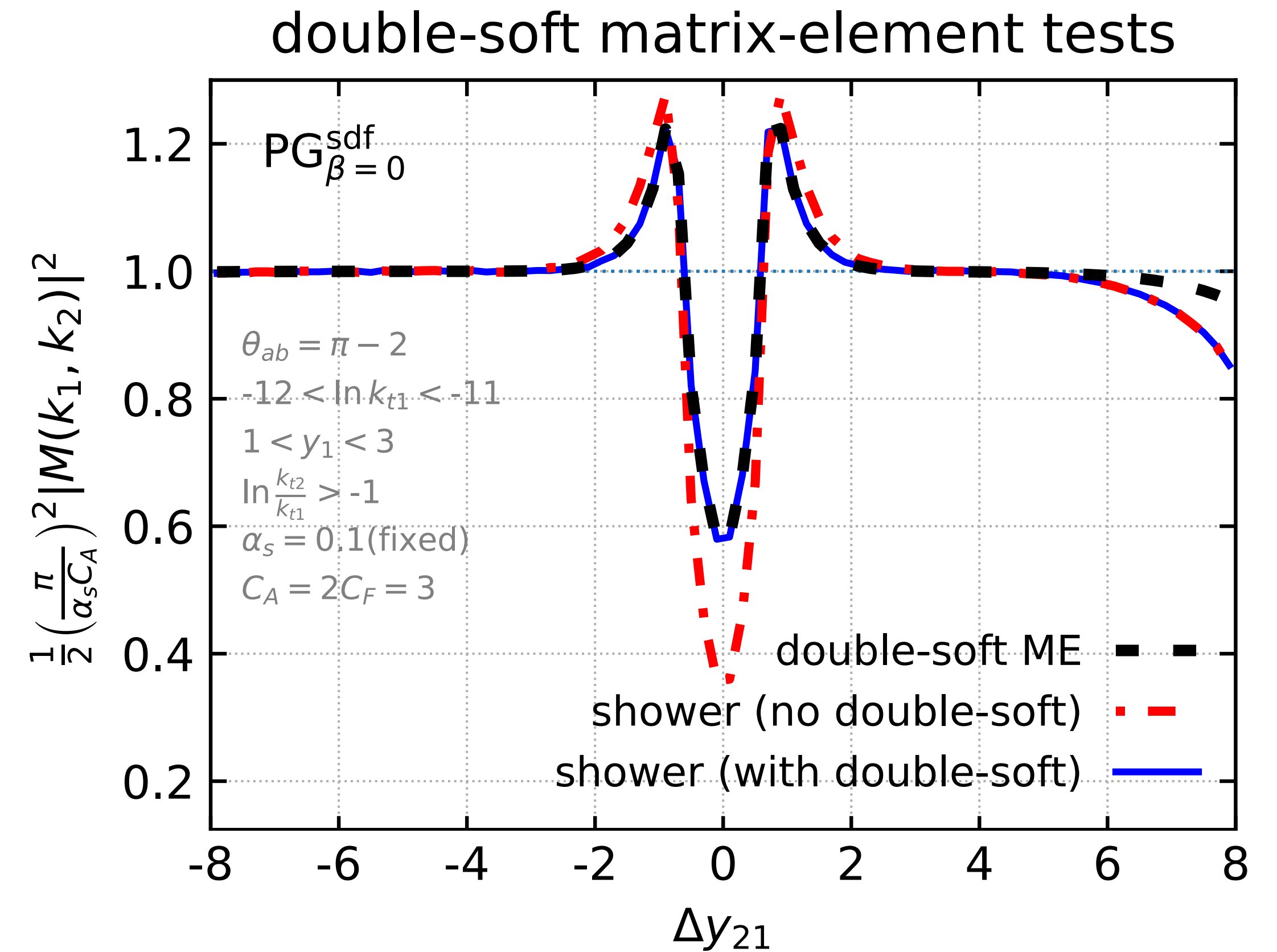
- ▶ **NNDL accuracy** for [subset] multiplicities, i.e. terms $\alpha_s^n L^{2n}$, $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}$, $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-2}$
- ▶ **Next-to-Single-Log (NSL) accuracy** for non-global logarithms, e.g. energy in a slice, all terms $\alpha_s^n L^n$ and $\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}$ (at leading- N_c)

NB: done using adapted PanGlobal showers [cf. backup], without spin correlations for now

1. Get the double-soft matrix element

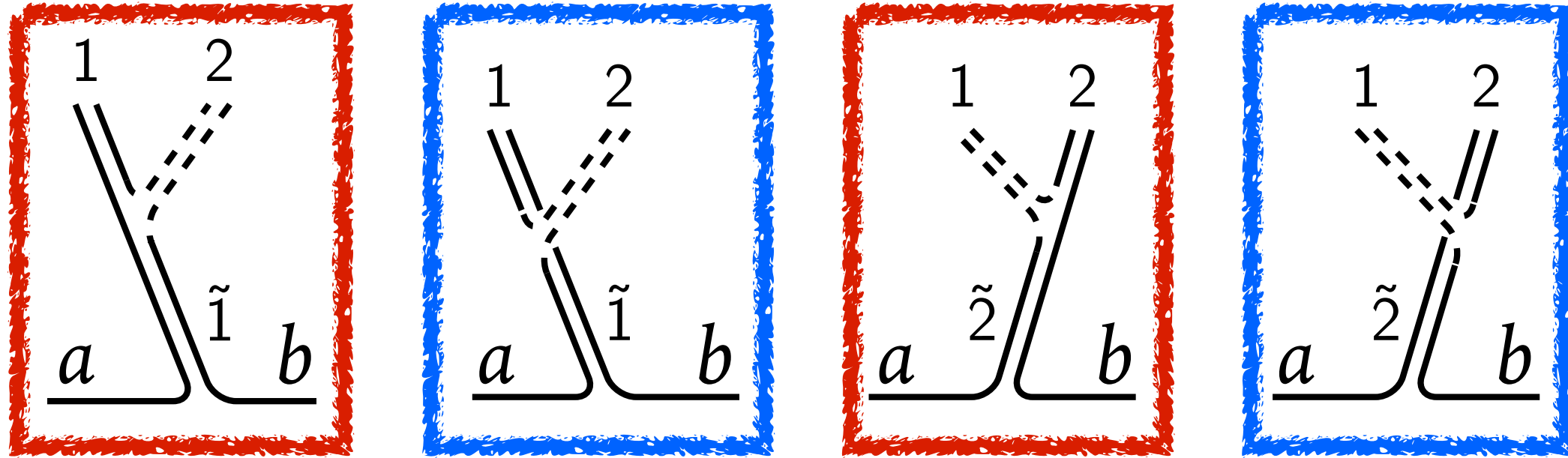


- a given two-emission configuration can come from four histories (two emission orderings \times two colour orderings)
- **accept a given emission with true double-soft $|M^2|$ divided by shower's effective double-soft matrix element summed over the histories, h , that could have produced that configuration**



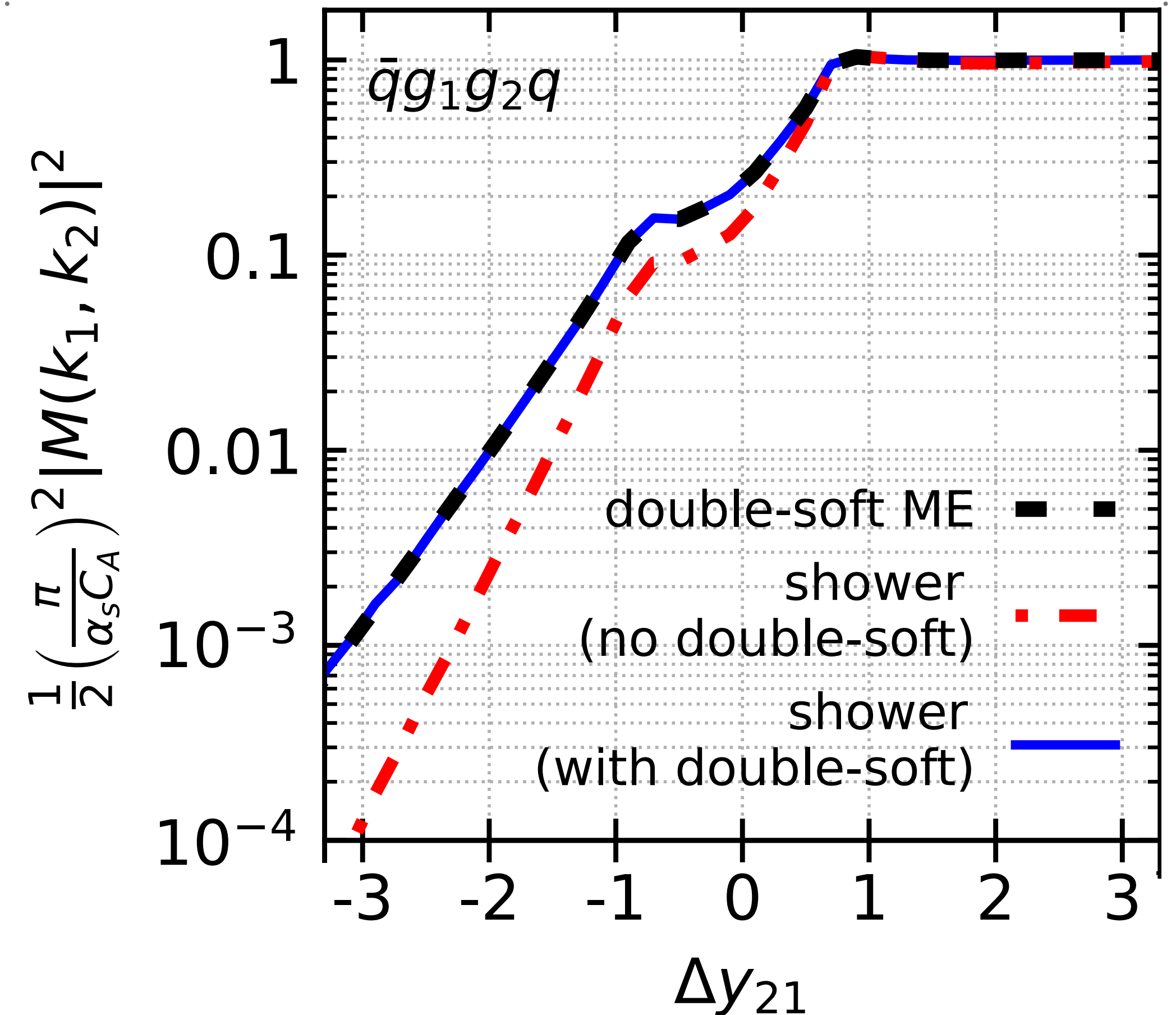
$$P_{\text{accept}} = \frac{|M_{\text{DS}}|^2}{\sum_h |M_{\text{shower},h}|^2}$$

2. Get the colour ordering



- There are two colour orderings **a12b**, **a21b**
- relative fractions $F^{(12)}$ and $F^{(21)}$ of the two must be correct in order to get correct next soft emission (large- N_c)
- If shower produces more of the **12** ordering than is correct, then allow for **swap of ordering** (similarly for gg v. $q\bar{q}$)

matrix-element test, **a12b** colour ordering



$$P_{\text{swap}} = \frac{F_{\text{shower}}^{(12)} - F_{\text{DS}}^{(12)}}{F_{\text{shower}}^{(12)}}$$

3. NLO accurate single-soft emissions

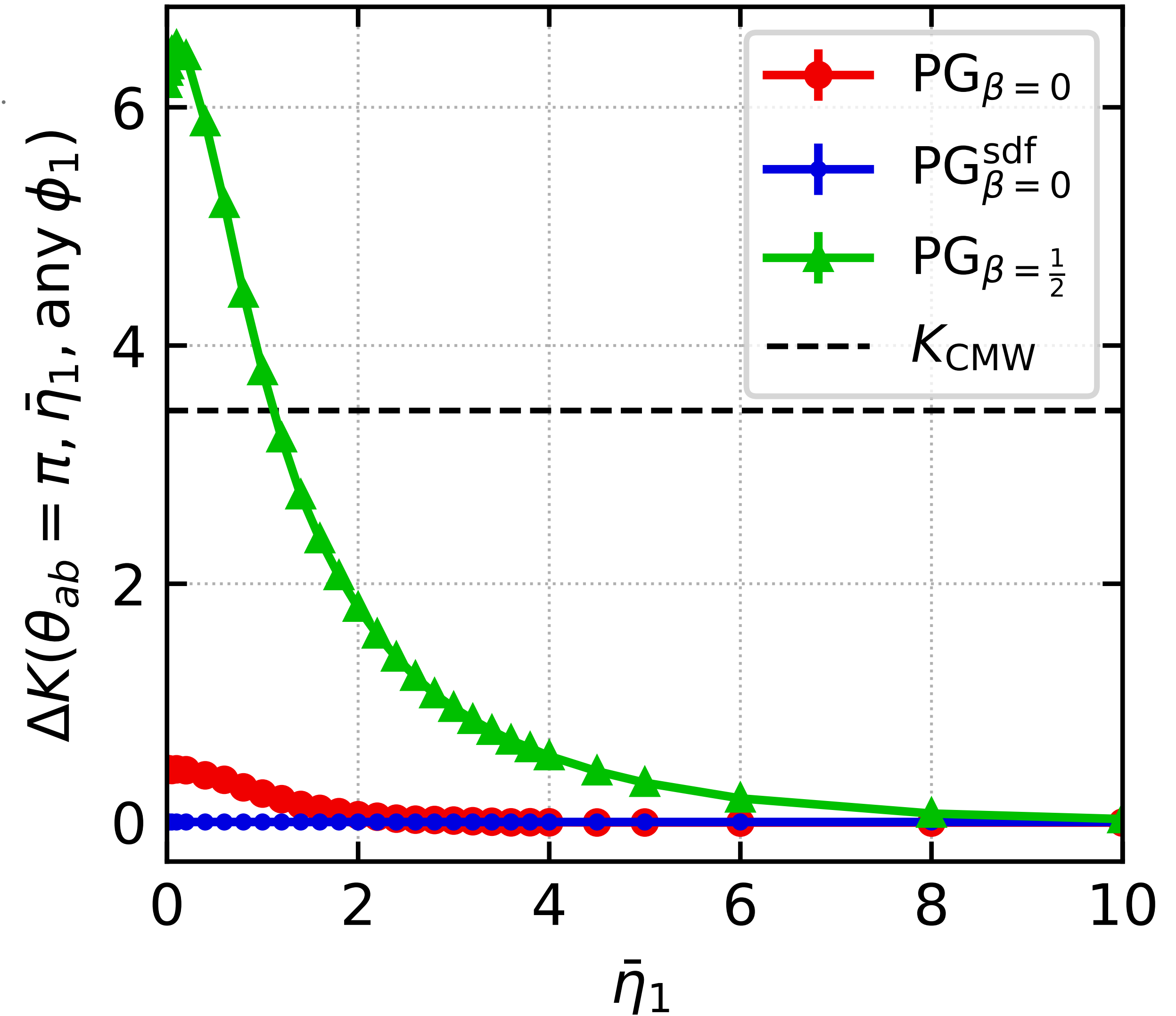
In soft-collinear region, showers already have NLO soft-emission intensity, thanks to

$$\alpha_s + \alpha_s^2 K_{\text{CMW}}/2\pi$$

For most PanScales showers this is not sufficient in the soft large-angle region.

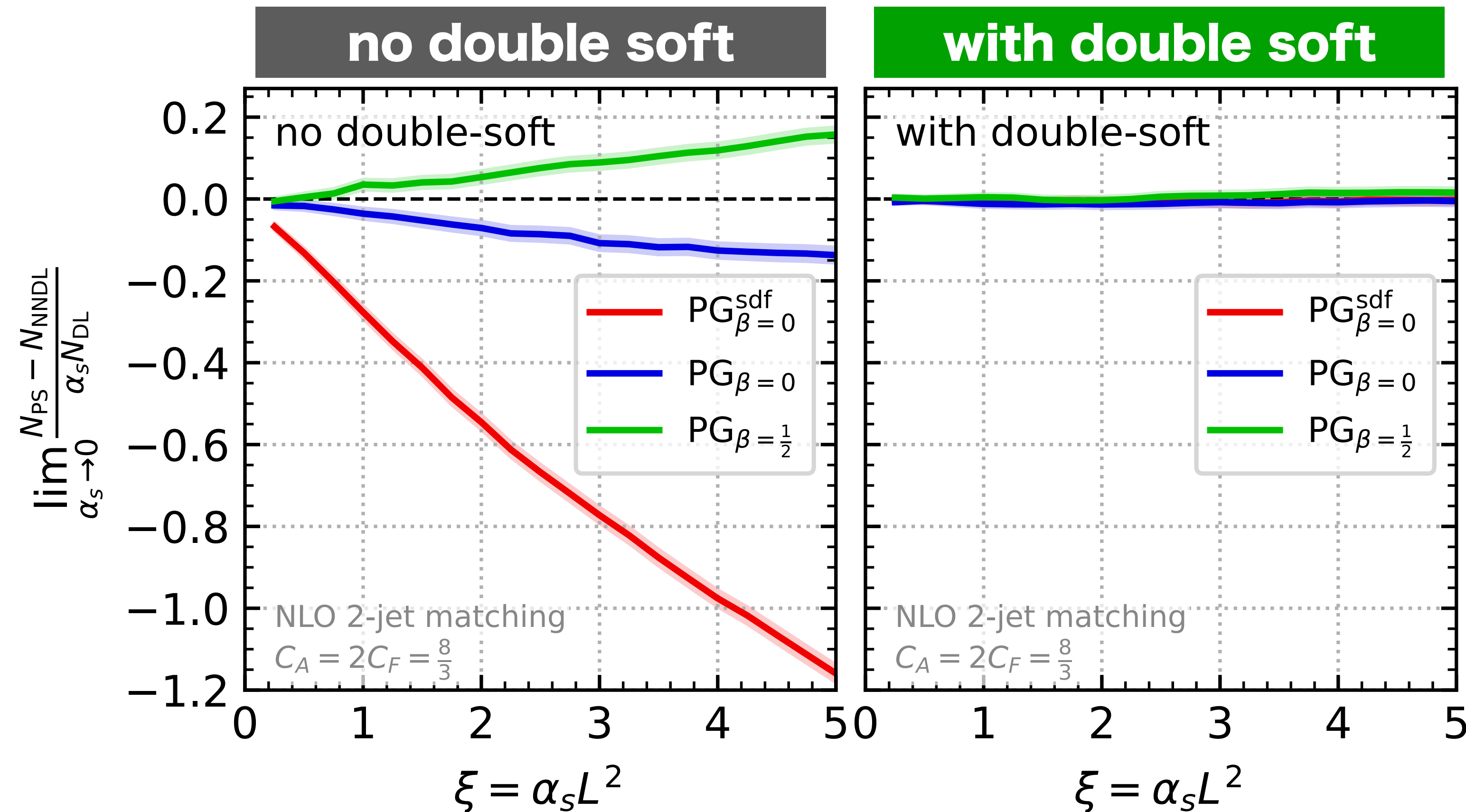
So we must include additional $\alpha_s^2 \Delta K/2\pi$ term in emission intensity (a bit like POWHEG/MC@NLO \bar{B} term, using shower soft-collinear region as counterterm)

example ΔK correction



$$\Delta K = \int_r d\Phi_{12/\tilde{1}}^{(\text{PS})} |M_{12/\tilde{1}}^{(\text{PS})}|^2 - \int_{r_{\text{sc}}} d\Phi_{12/\tilde{1}_{\text{sc}}}^{(\text{PS})} |M_{12/\tilde{1}_{\text{sc}}}^{(\text{PS})}|^2$$

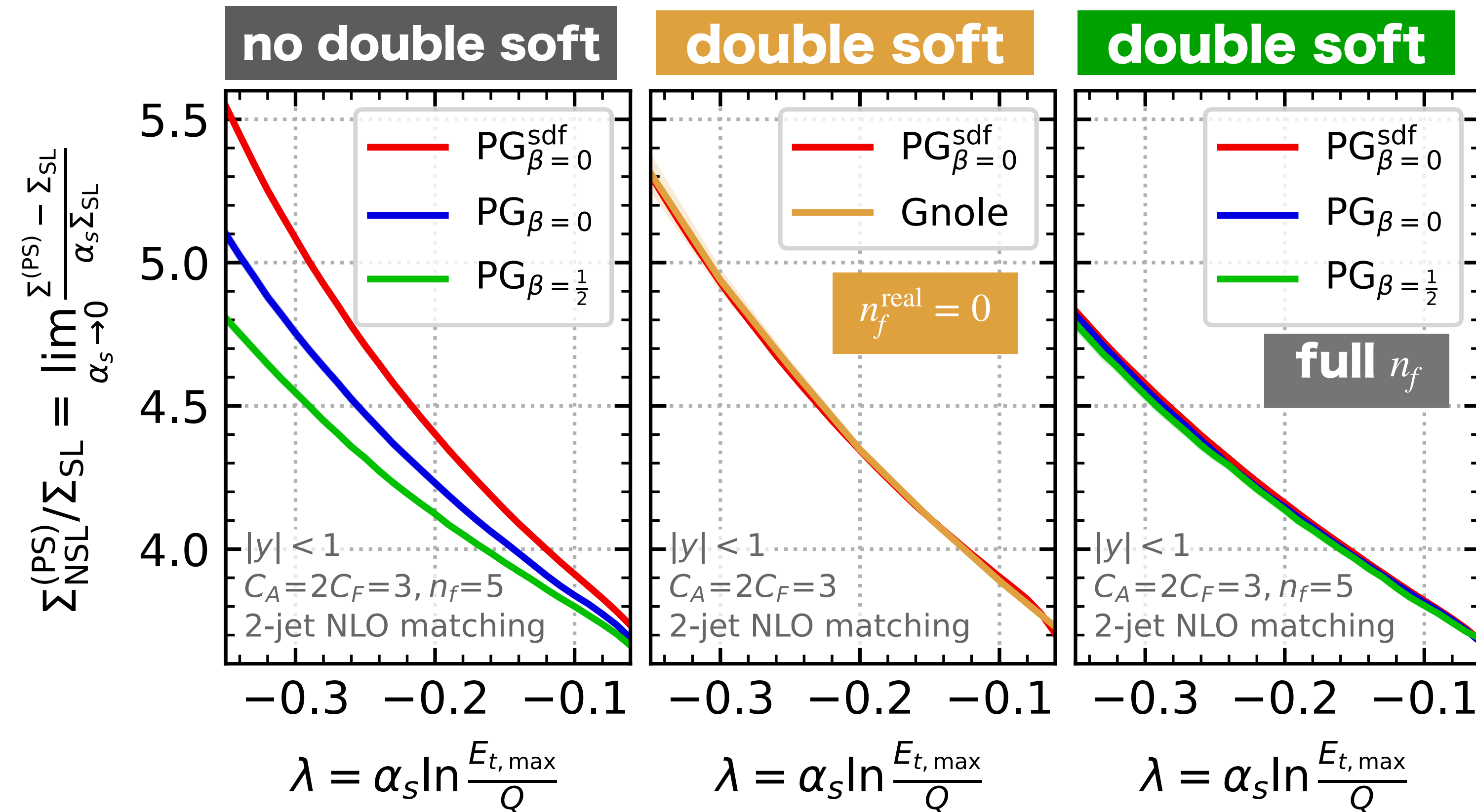
Log test #1: NNDL Lund subjet multiplicity



$$\lim_{\alpha_s \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{PS} - N_{NNDL}}{\alpha_s N_{DL}} \Big|_{\text{fixed } \alpha_s L^2}$$

- NNDL ($\alpha_s^n L^{2n-2}$) analytic resummation = Medves, Soto Ontoso, Soyez, [2205.02861](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02861)
- $\alpha_s \rightarrow 0$ limit to isolate NNDL terms (NB $1/\alpha_s$ in denominator makes this harder than NDL/NLL tests).
- Showers without double-soft differ from zero (and each other)
- **Adding double soft brings NNDL agreement**

Log test #2: NSL for energy flow in slice



$$\Sigma_{\text{NSL}}^{(\text{PS})} = \lim_{\alpha_s \rightarrow 0} \left. \frac{\Sigma^{(\text{PS})} - \Sigma_{\text{SL}}}{\alpha_s} \right|_{\text{fixed } \alpha_s L}, \quad L \equiv \ln \frac{E_{t,\text{max}}}{Q}$$

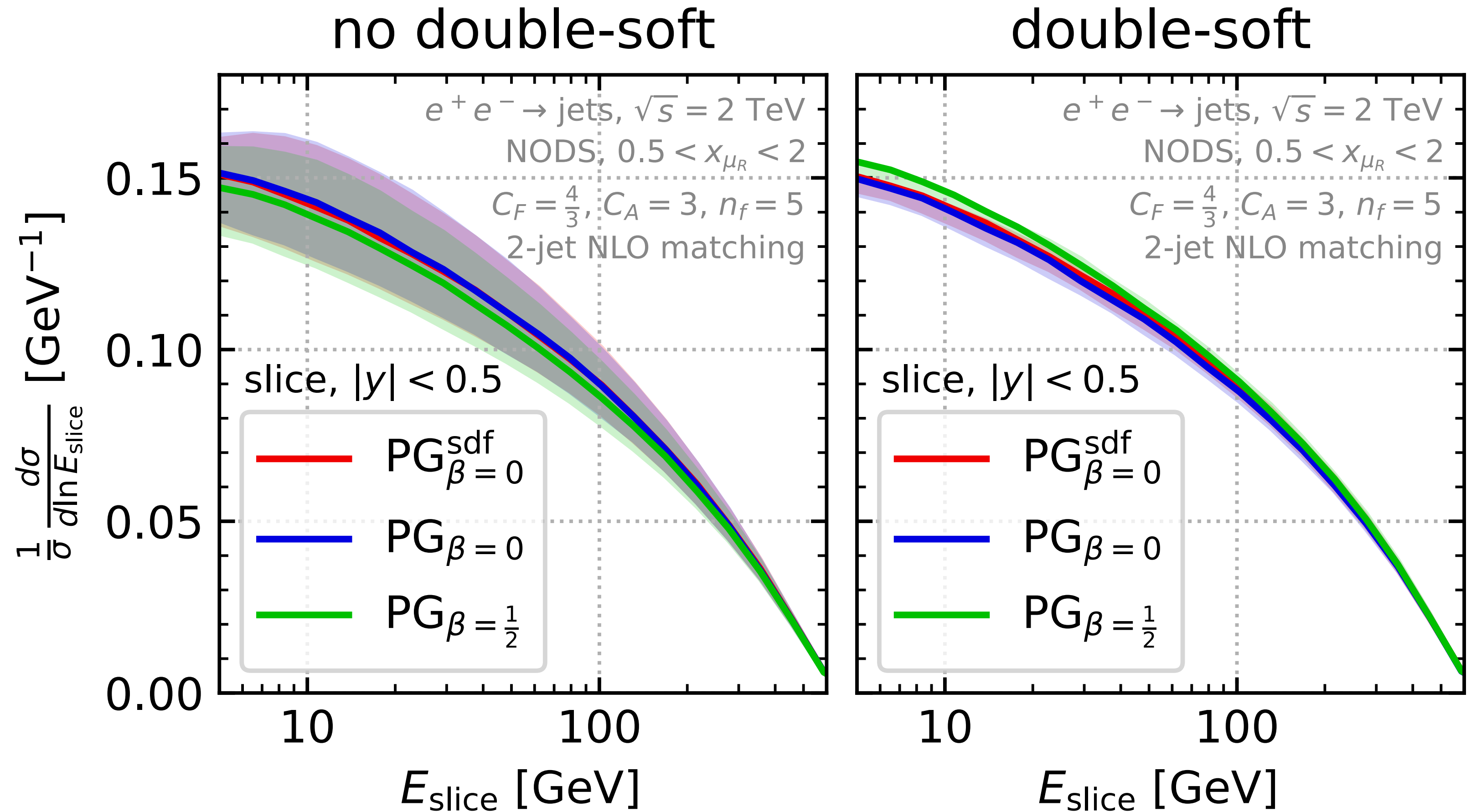
- NSL ($\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}$) = Banfi, Dreyer, Monni, [2104.06416](#), [2111.02413](#) (“Gnole”)

[NB: see also Becher, Schalch, Xu, [2307.02283](#)]

- **Semi-blind:** only compared to Gnole once three PanGlobal variants agreed with each other
- **NSL agreement with Gnole for $n_f^{\text{real}} = 0$**
- **By-product:** First large- N_c full- n_f results for NSL non-global logarithms (including ref. results for several observables, cf. backup)

NSL Pheno outlook

- Observable is energy flow in slice between two 1 TeV jets
- Without DS: three PanGlobal variants actually quite close, but large uncertainty band
- **With DS: three variants still close, reduced uncertainty band**



Conclusions

- **PanScales is first validated NLL shower (with spin & full-colour@LL/NLL)**
 - benefits of LL → NLL include reduced uncertainties (and ability to reliably estimate uncertainties)
 - multi-differential soft/collinear observables have enhanced sensitivity to NLL
 - NLO matching in place for some simple processes
 - for realistic applications we also need massive quarks (in progress) and tuning
- **Higher log accuracy is one of the next frontiers**
 - first results with double-soft (+ virtual) corrections!
 - brings NNDL multiplicity and NSL non-global logarithms
- **We're on the path towards public code**
 - exact timeline still fuzzy, but progress being made

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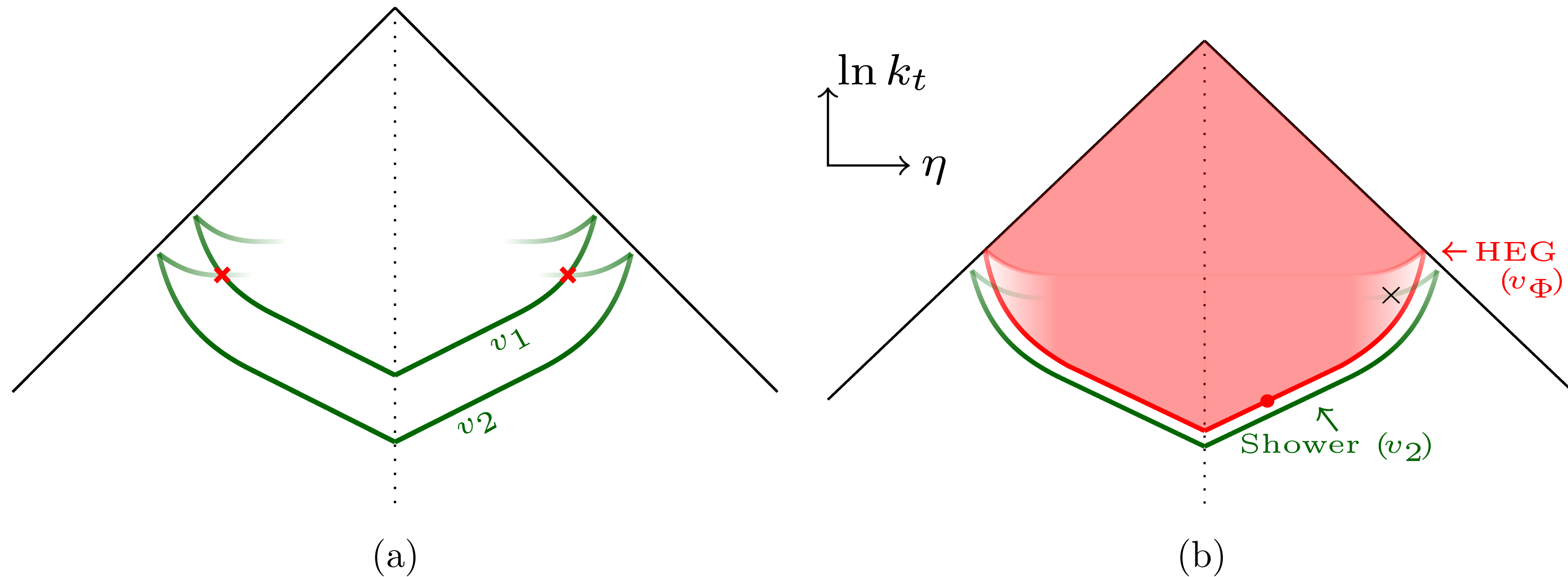
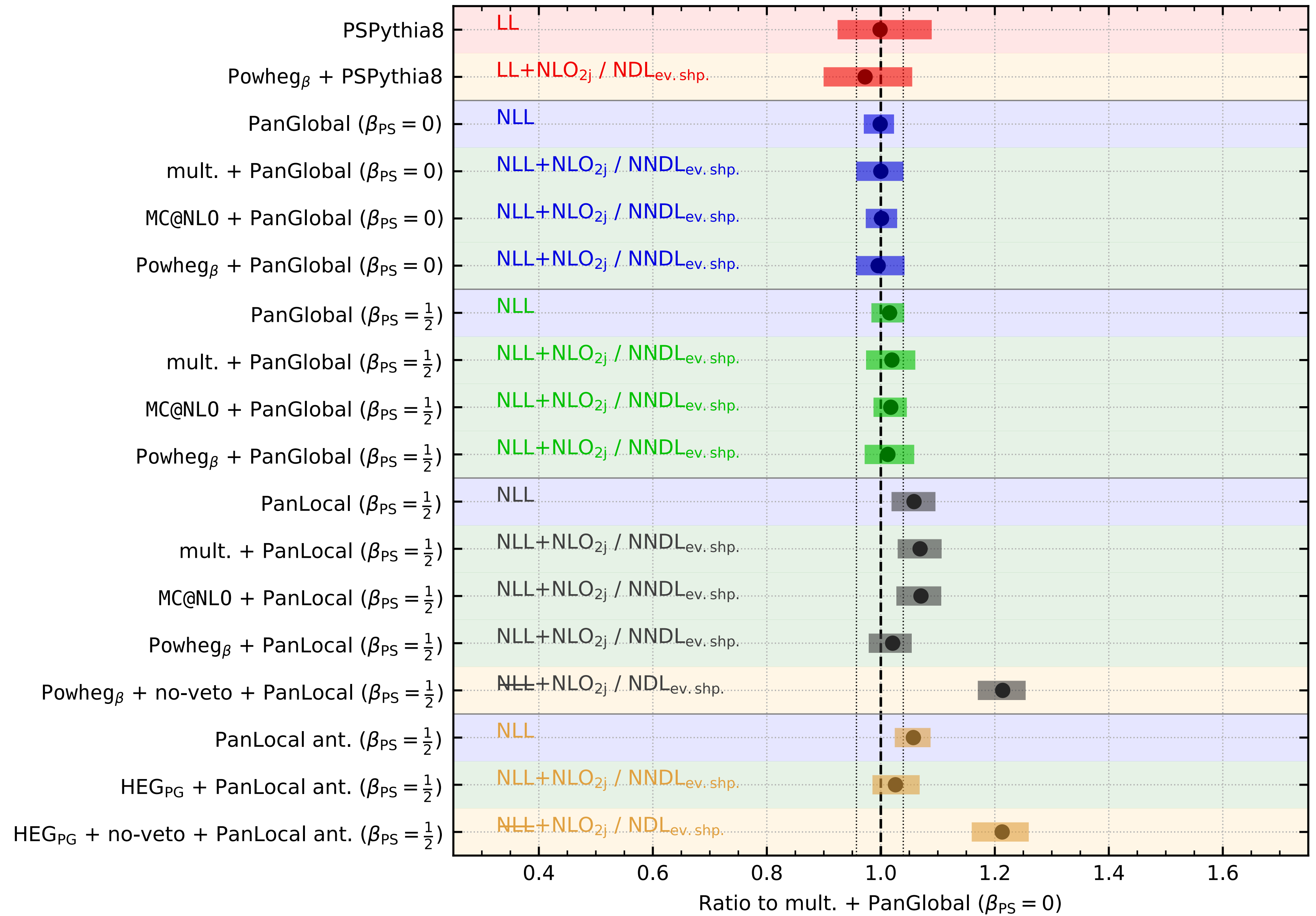


Figure 2: Schematic illustration of the issue associated with gluon asymmetrisation. (a) Contours on the Lund plane, in the PanLocal family of showers, highlighting the fact that a given physical point X in the Lund plane (highlighted with a red cross) can come from two different values of v . The shading of the green curves represents the variation in radiation intensity along the contour. (b) Density plot, at each point in the Lund plane, representing schematically the fraction of the emission intensity at that point that has been excluded once the HEG has reached a given v value (v_Φ) without emitting, and an illustration that as the shower continues there may still be phase-space points (such as that marked with a cross) where the Sudakov has only been partially accounted for. The implications are discussed in the text.

$\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}, SD_{z > 0.25}, \beta_{SD=0} \ln k_t/Q = -3.0$



Matching — augment from NLL to NLL + NNLL?

Two ways of counting logarithms

$$\ln \Sigma = \underbrace{\alpha_s^n L^{n+1}}_{\text{LL}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s^n L^n}_{\text{NLL}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}}_{\text{NNLL}} + \dots \quad (\text{relevant when } \alpha_s L \sim 1)$$

$$\Sigma = \underbrace{\alpha_s^n L^{2n}}_{\text{DL}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}}_{\text{NDL}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s^n L^{2n-2}}_{\text{NNDL}} + \dots \quad (\text{relevant when } \alpha_s L^2 \sim 1)$$

“Split-dipole-frame”

Antenna showers like PanGlobal need to transition between different splitting functions at the two dipole ends

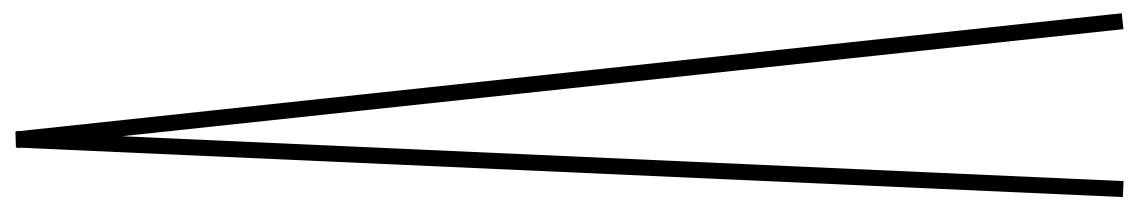
$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{n \rightarrow n+1}}{d \ln v} = \sum_{\{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}\} \in \text{dip}} \int d\bar{\eta} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s(k_t)}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(k_t) K_{\text{CMW}}}{2\pi} \right) \times [f(\bar{\eta}) a_k P_{\tilde{i} \rightarrow ik}(a_k) + f(-\bar{\eta}) b_k P_{\tilde{j} \rightarrow jk}(b_k)] . \quad (2)$$

Default PanGlobal choice: $f(\bar{\eta})$ is a function that makes the transition happen around $\bar{\eta} = 0$, i.e. the bisector of the dipole in the frame of the hard system (lab-frame for e^+e^- collisions)

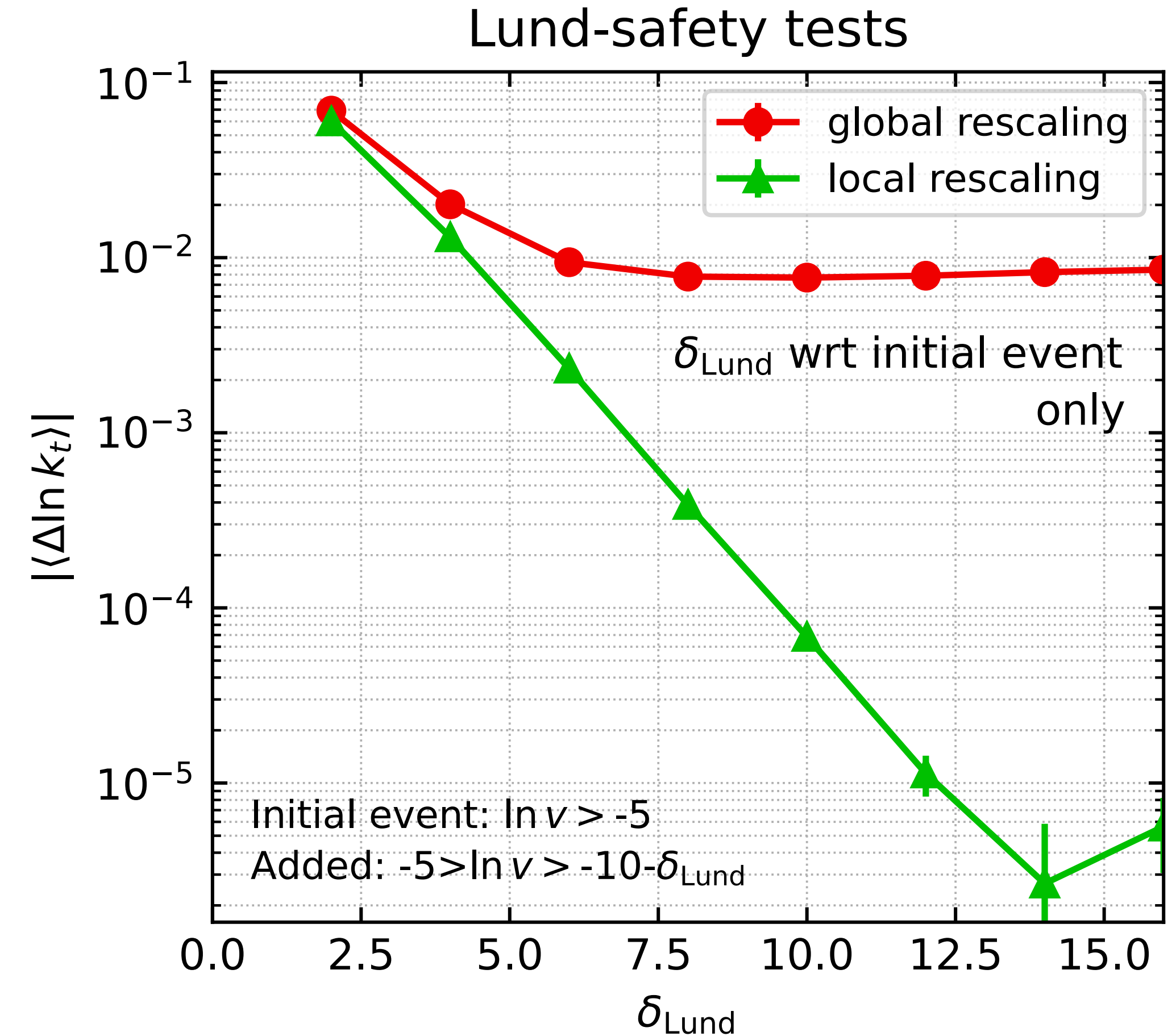
Split Dipole Frame choice: replace $f(\bar{\eta}) \rightarrow f(\eta)$, with η the rapidity of the emission in the dipole centre-of-mass frame. Helps ensure longitudinal boost invariance of shower's effective double-soft current (before inclusion of double-soft ME corrections).

Recent adaptation of the PanGlobal showers

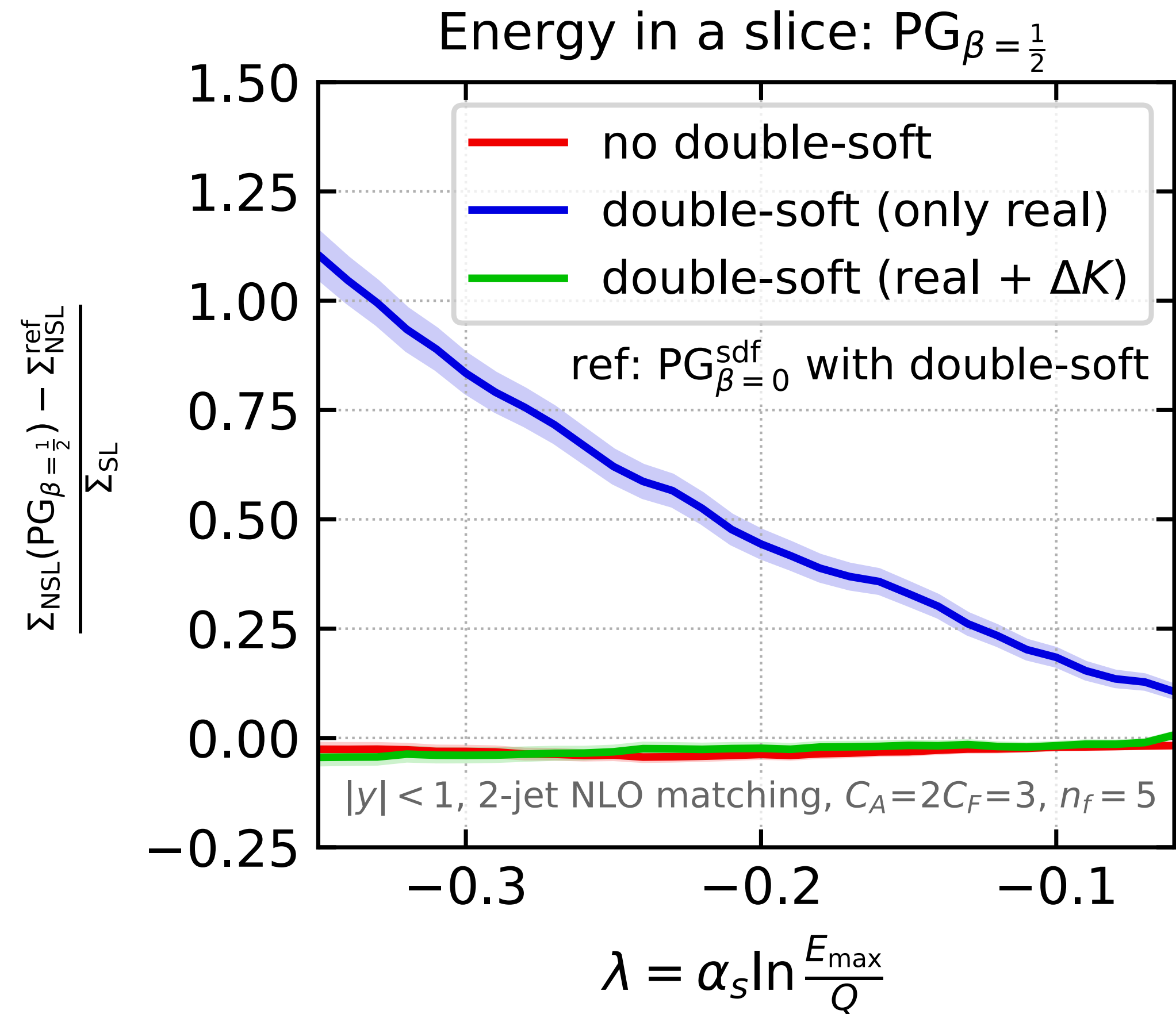
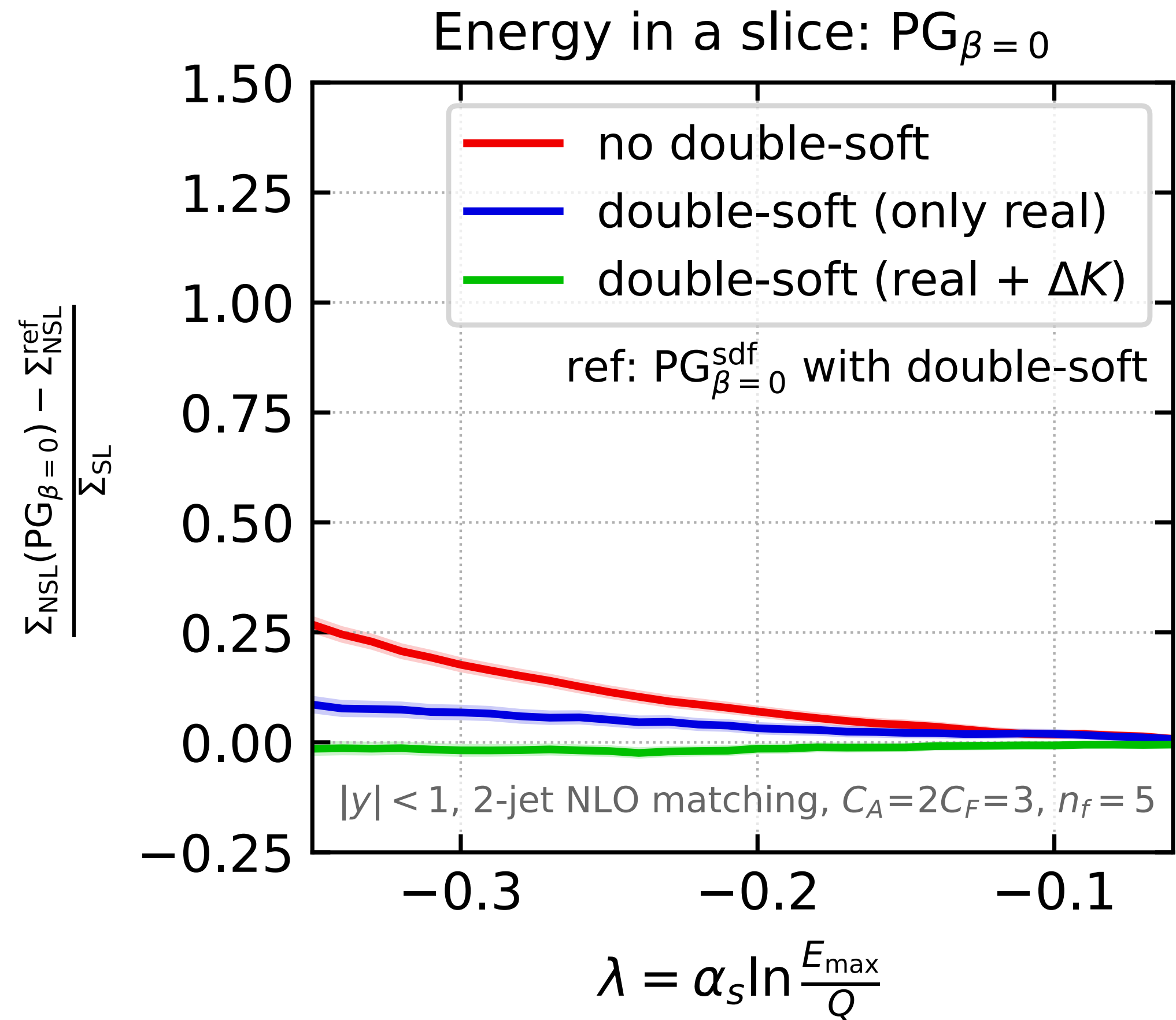
- PanGlobal shower applies a global rescaling and boost to ensure momentum conservation
- We discovered this has issues in the triple collinear region
- We now instead apply, e.g., a dipole-local rescaling to ensure conservation of event invariant mass, then apply a global boost (affects all e^+e^- , pp, DIS, VBF showers)



for very skewed dipole, in-plane \perp vector has large energy component. Old PanGlobal variant wrongly propagated that effect to other partons (violation of PanScales conditions, which manifests first at NNLL)



Impact of ΔK on non-global logarithms



Reference results for non-global logarithms

NSL accuracy tests: slices and patches

