Predicting the Fine Structure of Collider Events

& <u>2002.11114</u> (idem + Soyez)

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with Dasgupta, Dreyer,

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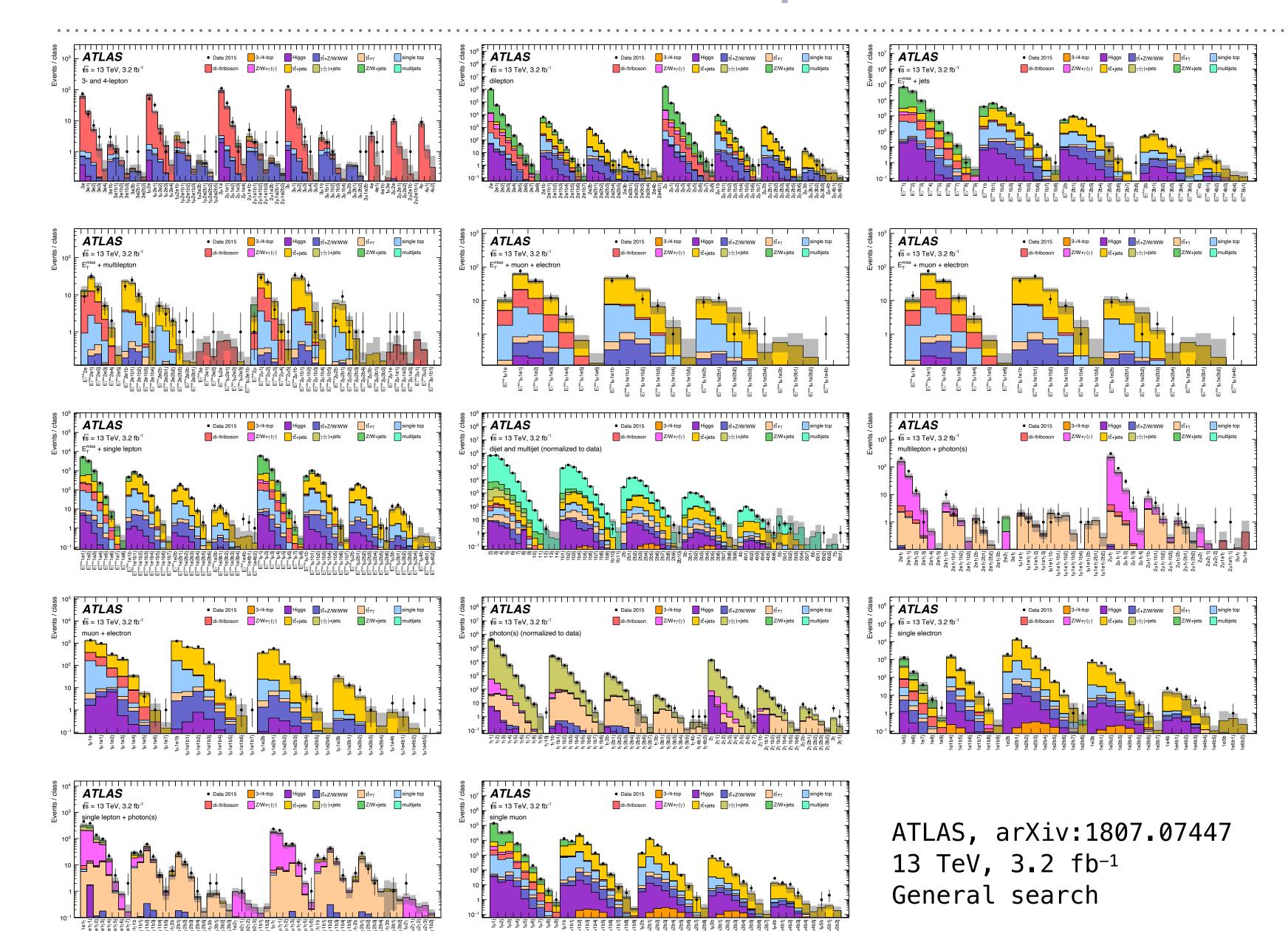
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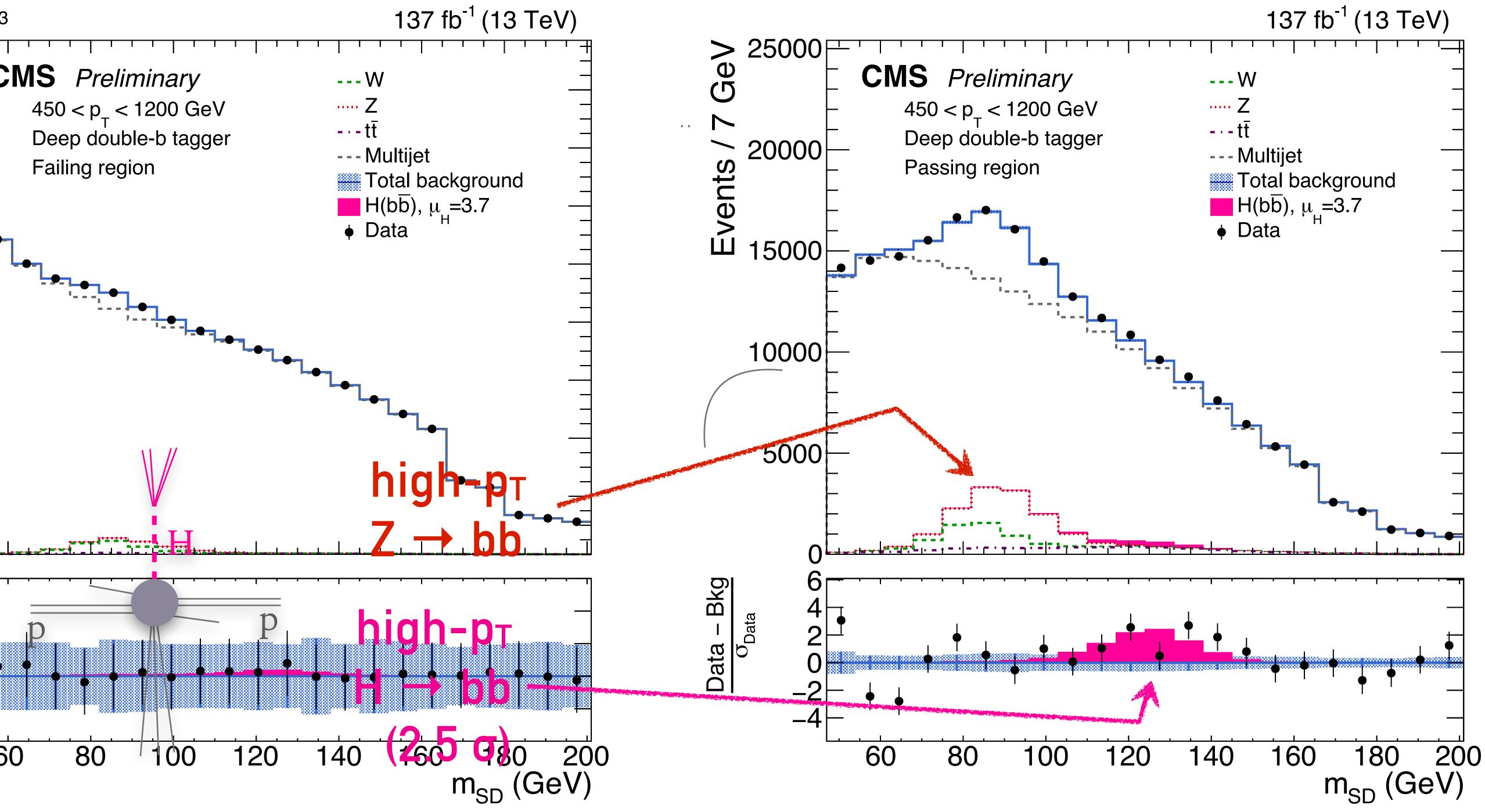
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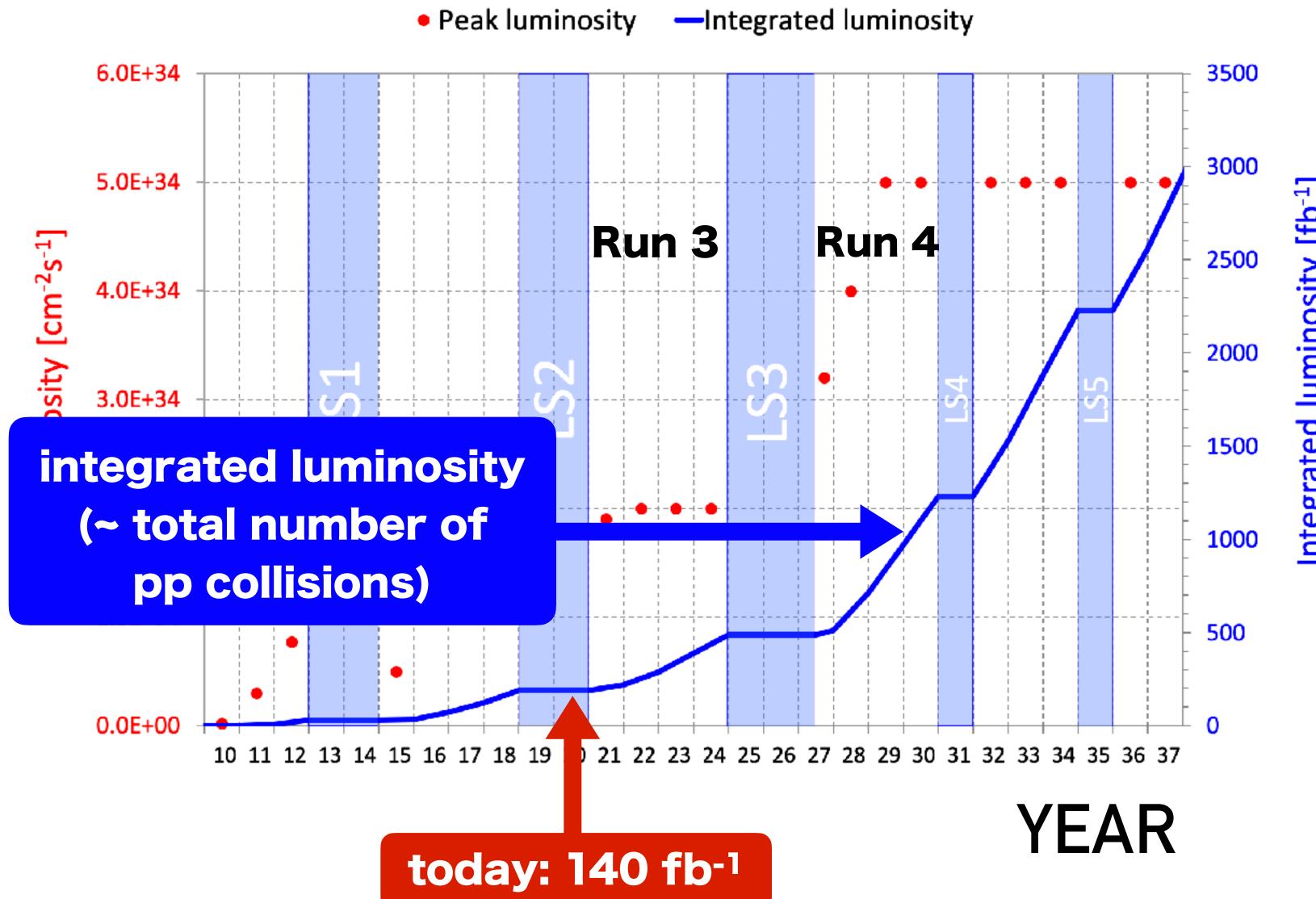
#### Broadband searches (here an example with 704 event classes)



Just one illustration out of many searches at the LHC



#### LHC luminosity v. time



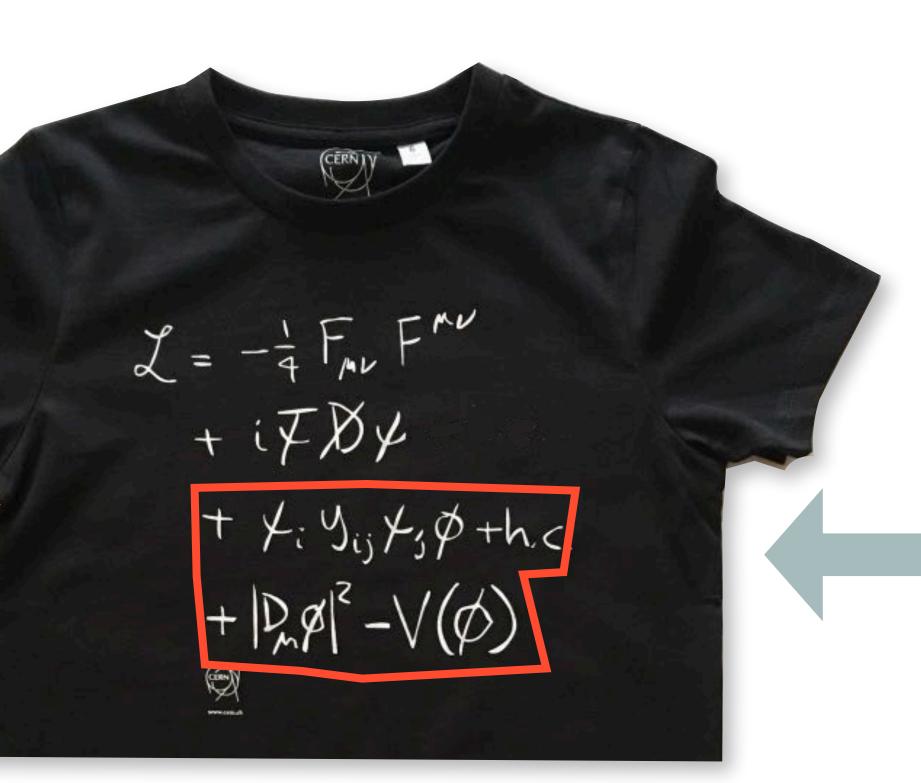
year	lumi (fb <sup>-1</sup> )	
2020	140	
2025	450	(× 3)
2030	1200	(× 8)
2037	3000	(× 20)

95% of collisions still to be delivered

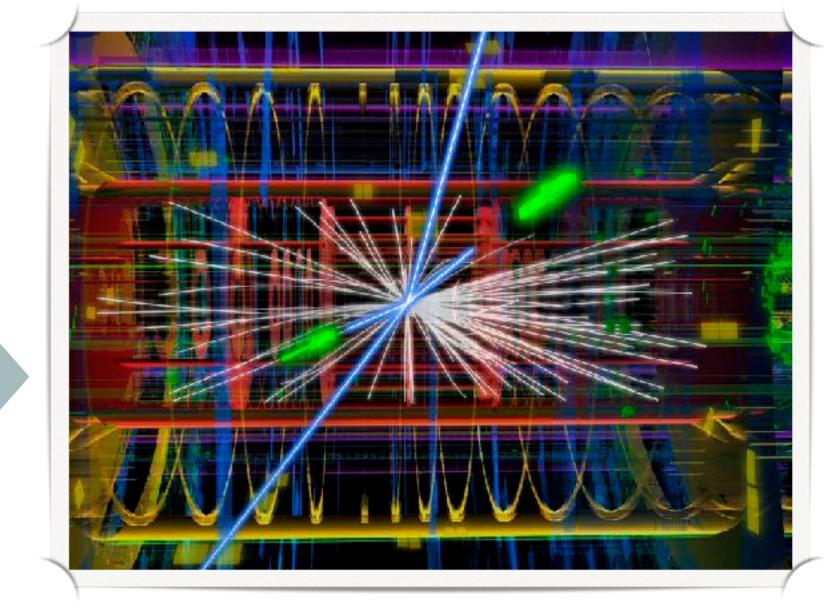
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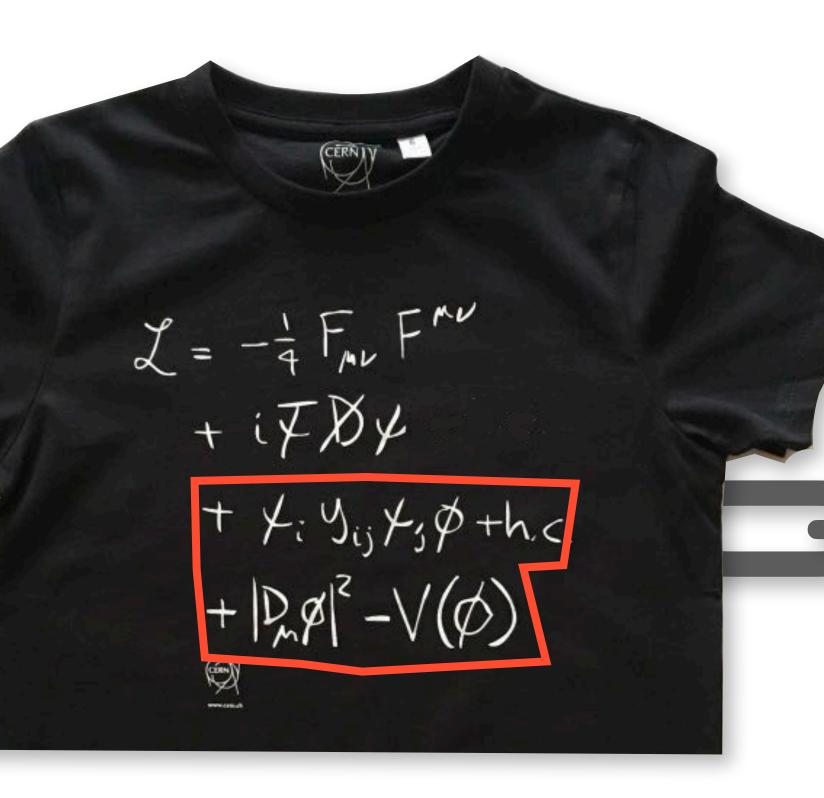


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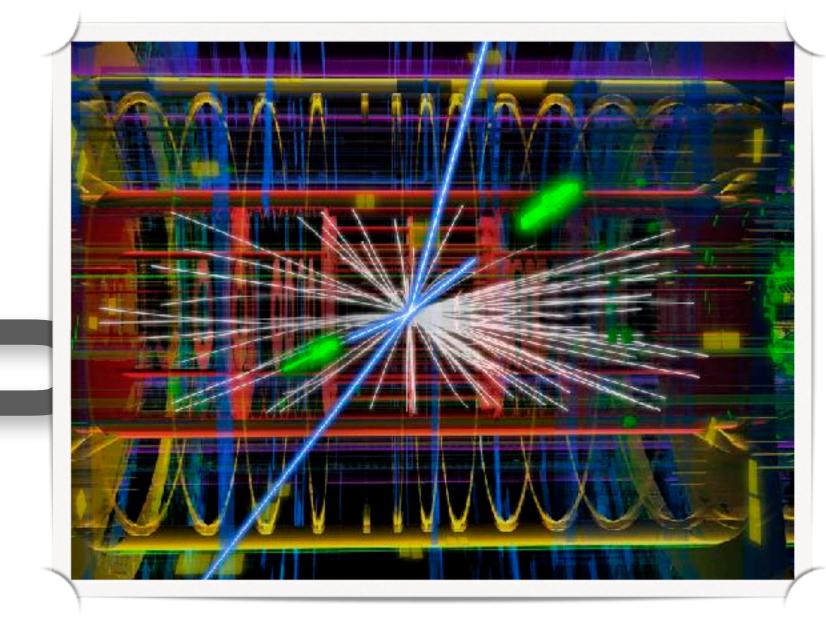
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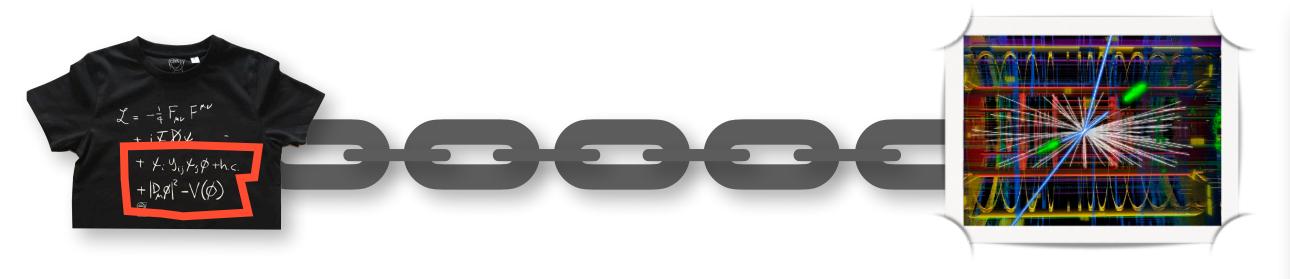


how do you make quantitative connection?

through a chain of experimental and theoretical links

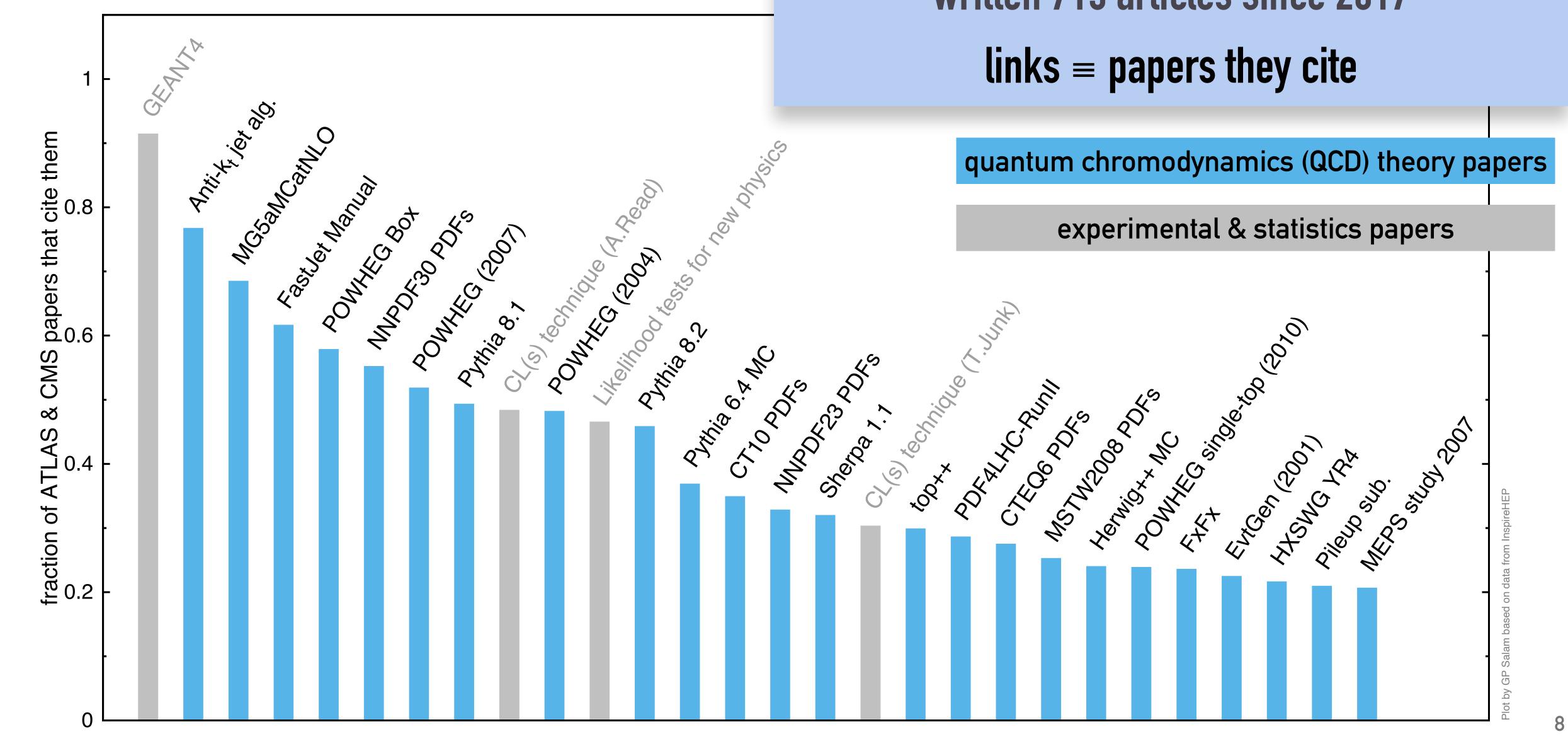




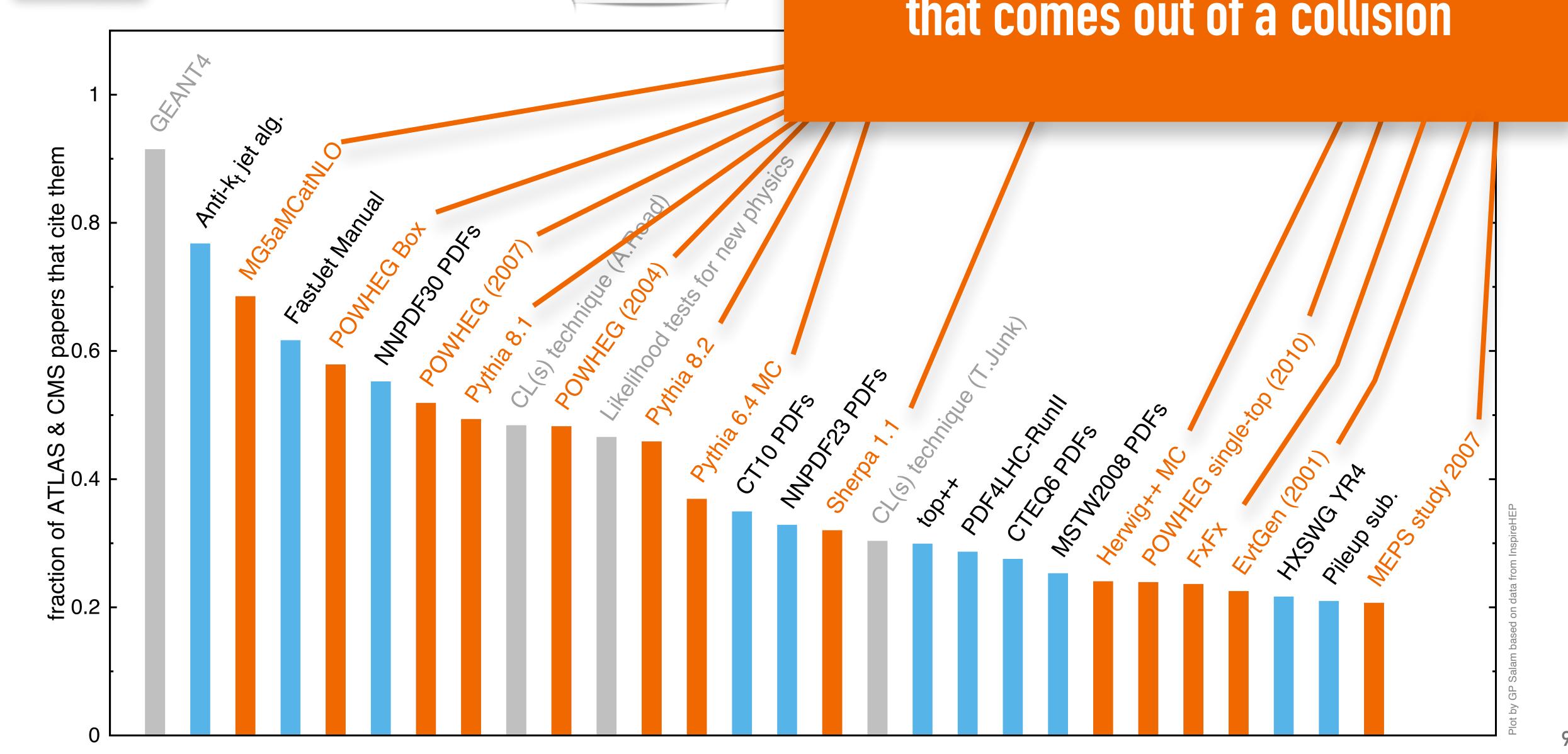


#### What are the links?

#### ATLAS and CMS (big LHC expts.) have written 715 articles since 2017



#### predicting full particle structure that comes out of a collision



# general purpose Monte Carlo event generators: THE BIG 3

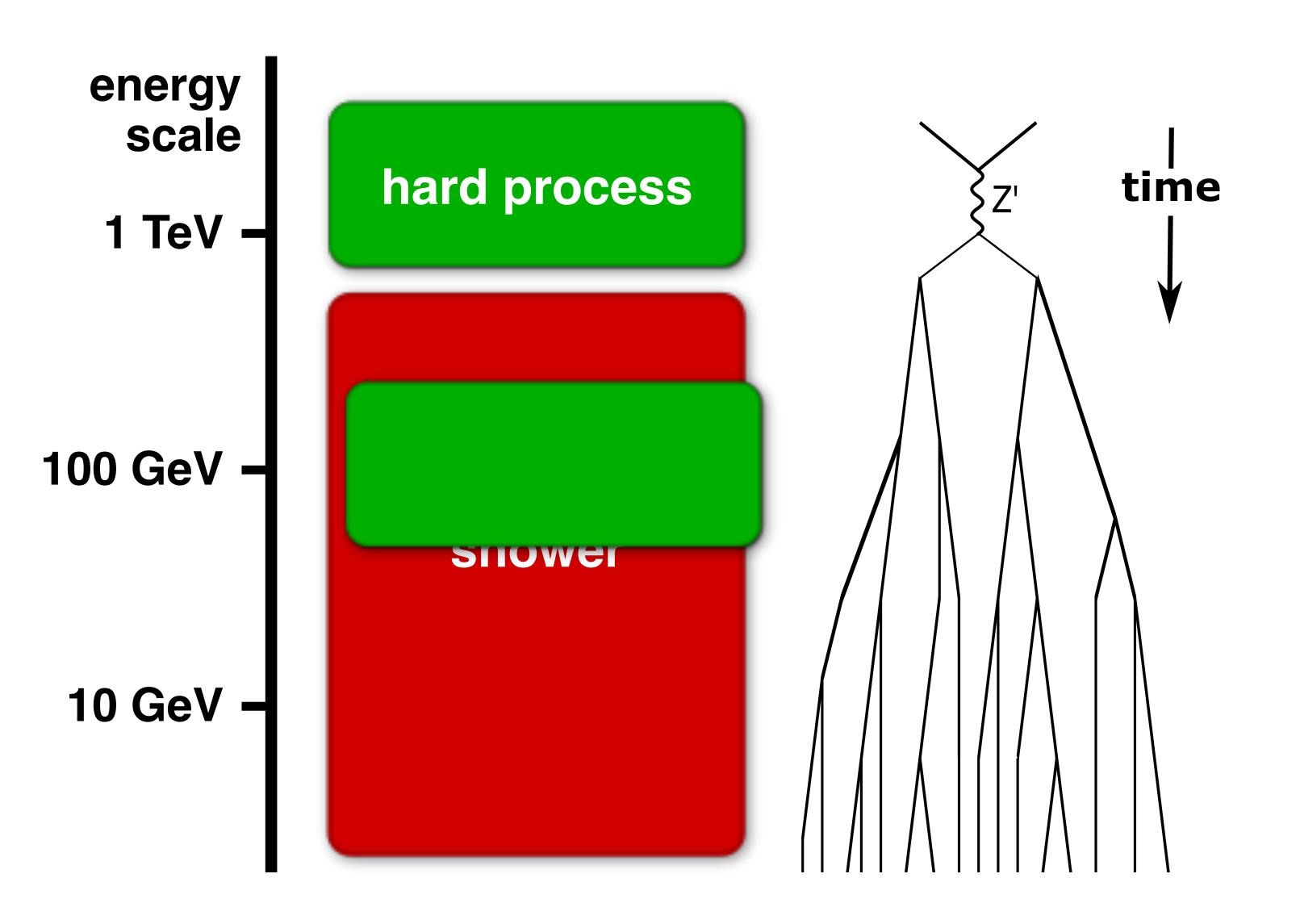


used in ~95% of ATLAS/CMS publications they do an amazing job of simulation vast swathes of data; collider physics would be unrecognisable without them

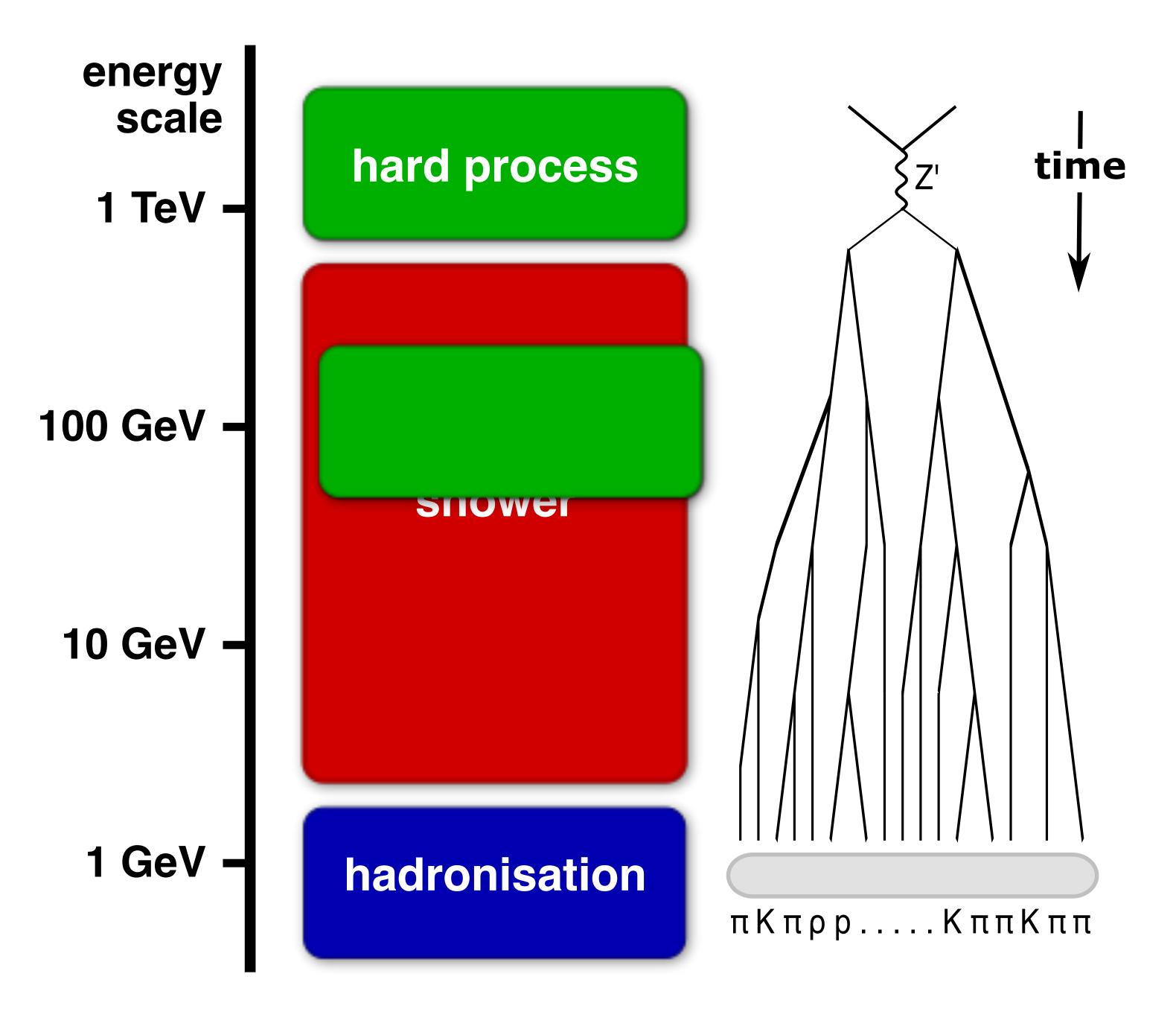


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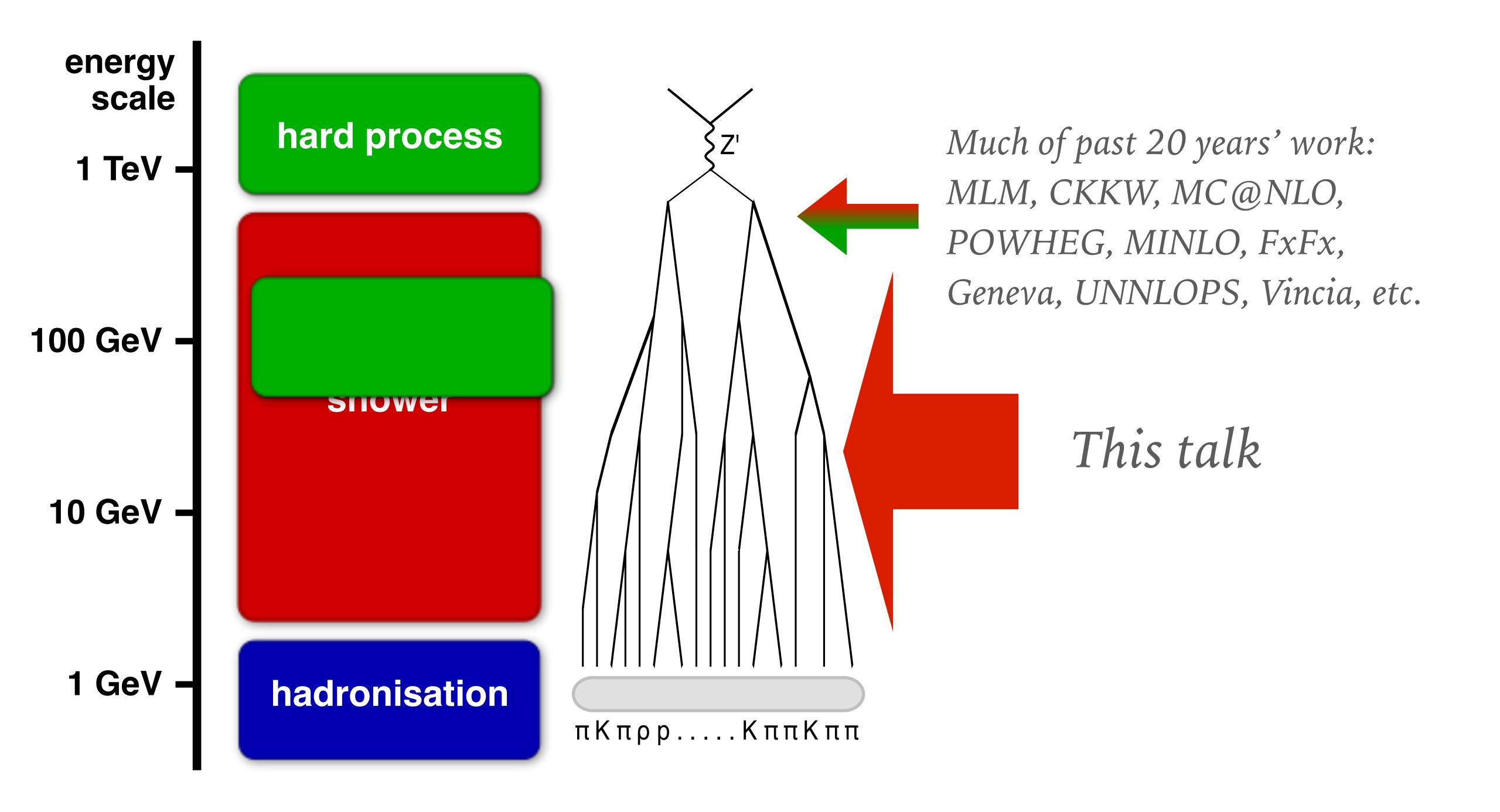


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pattern of particles in MC can be directly compared to pattern in experiment

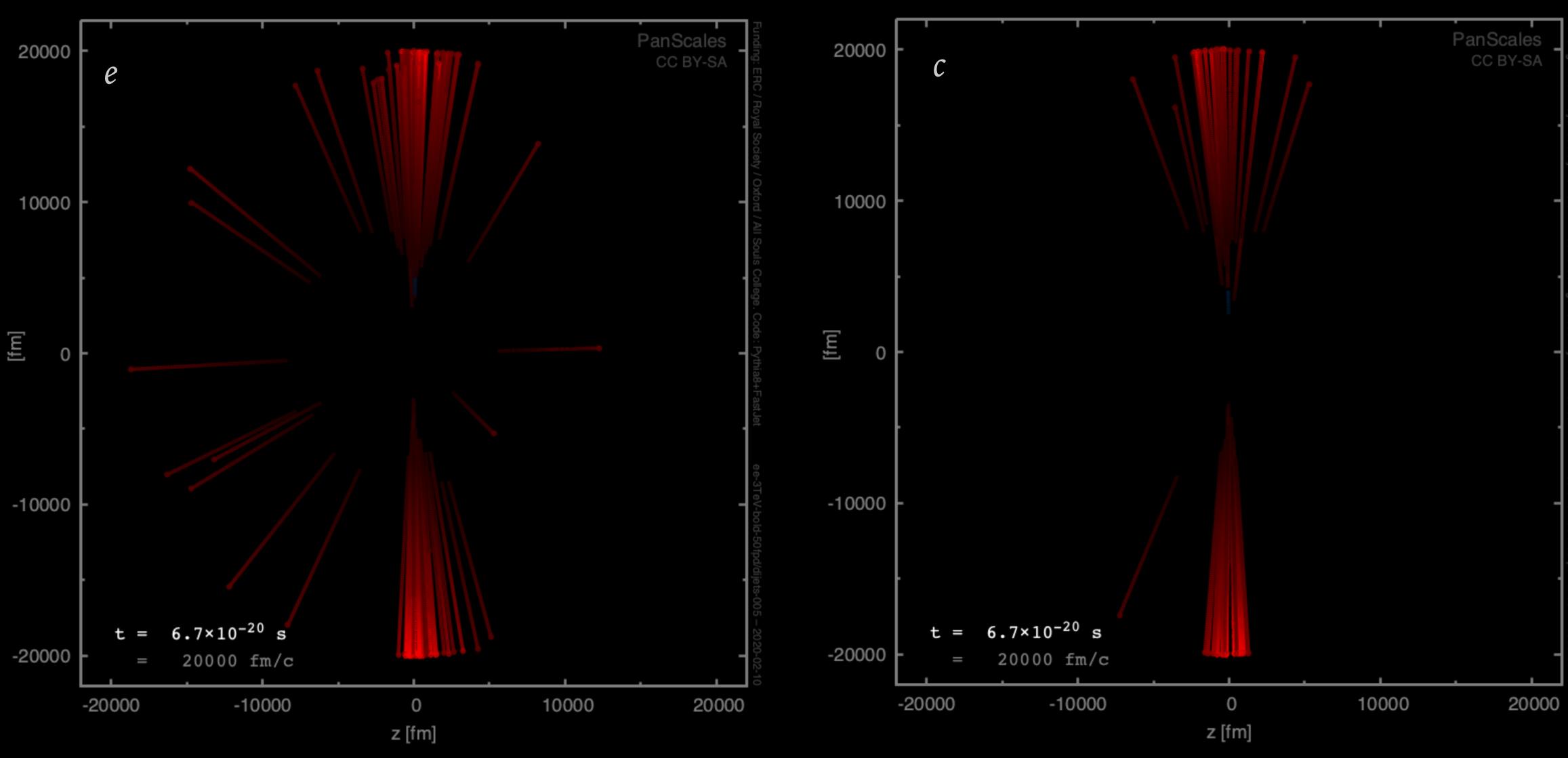


## using full event information

how much information is hidden among the hundreds of particles produced in a collisions?

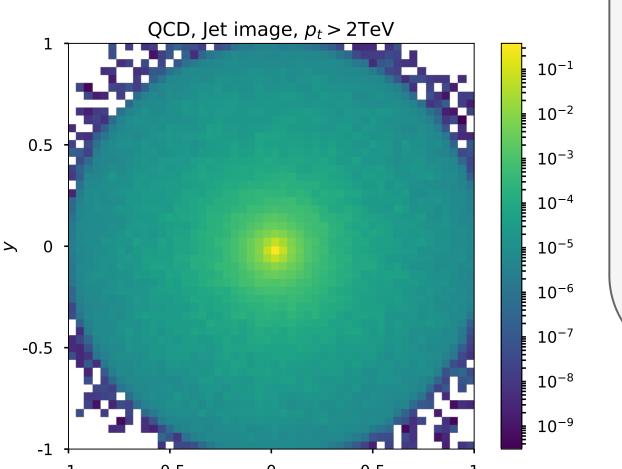


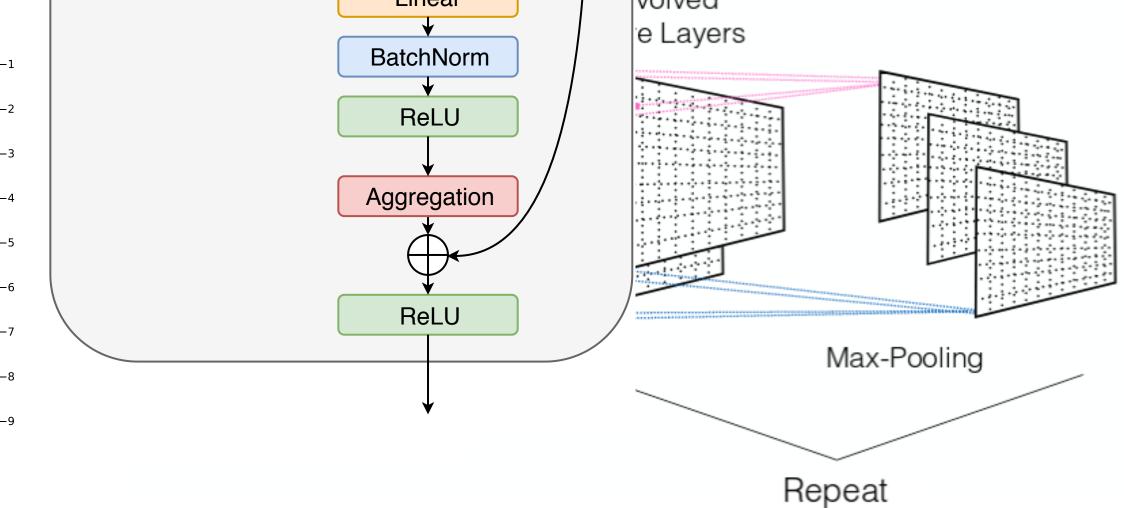
#### event with Higgs & Z boson decays



#### Machine learning and

- Project a jet onto a fixe each pixel intensity cor cell.
- Can be used as input f vision, such as deep co

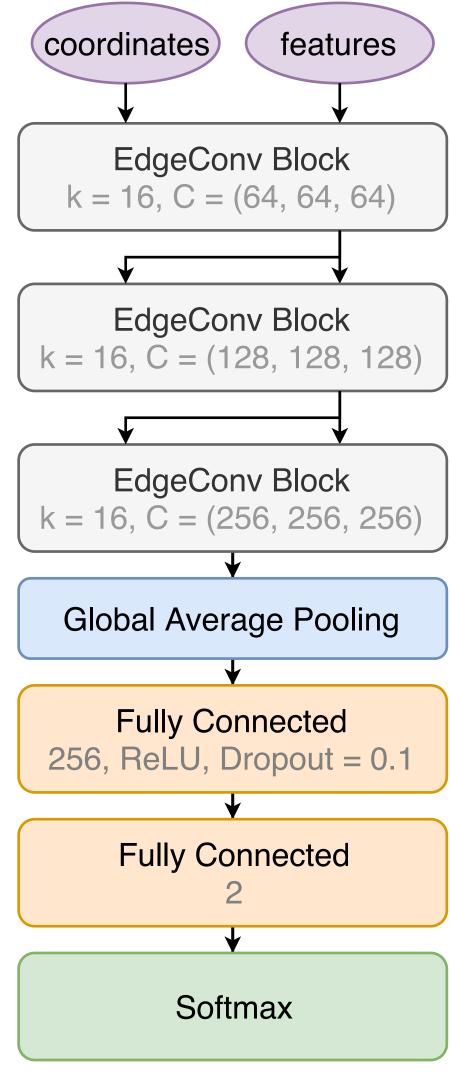




[Cogan, Kagan, Strauss, Schwartzman JHEP 1502 (2015) 118]
[de Oliveira, Kagan, Mackey, Nachman, Schwartzman JHEP 1607 (2016) 069]

coordinates

features



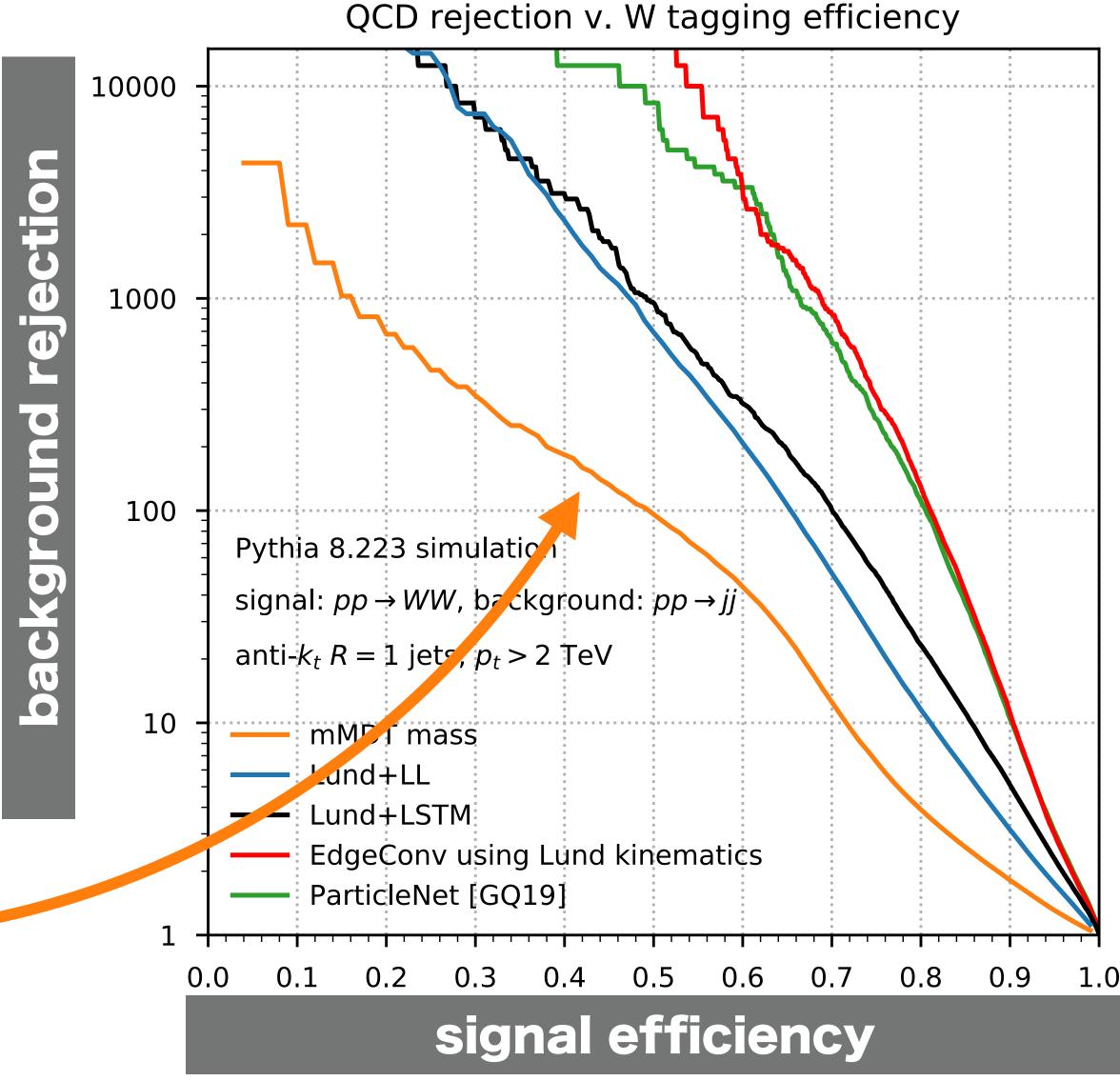
(a) ParticleNet

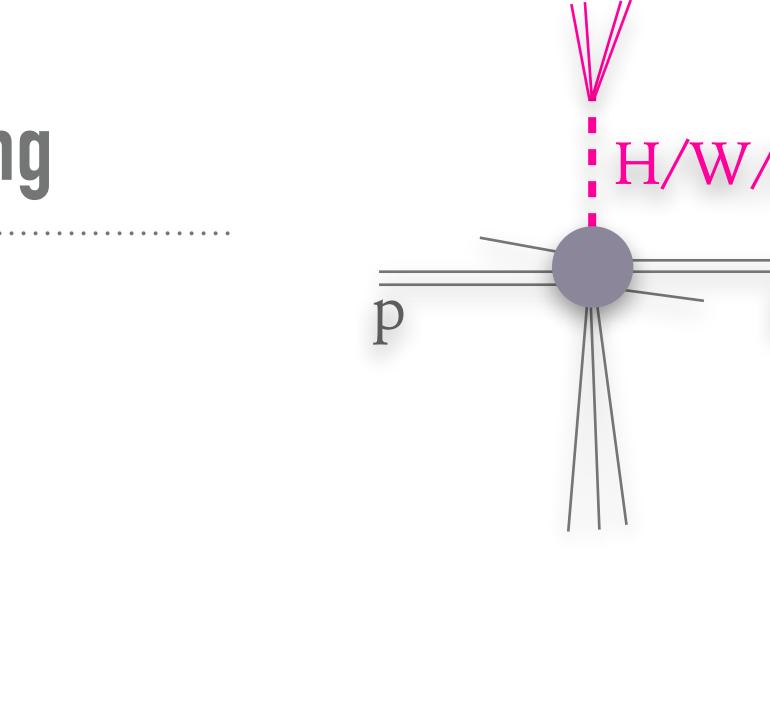
Qu & Guskos, arXiv:1902.08570

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Dreyer 2020 (work in progress)

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QCD rejection
 with use of full jet
 substructure
 (2019 tools)

100x better

First started to be exploited by Thaler & Van Tilburg with "N-subjettiness" (2010/11)

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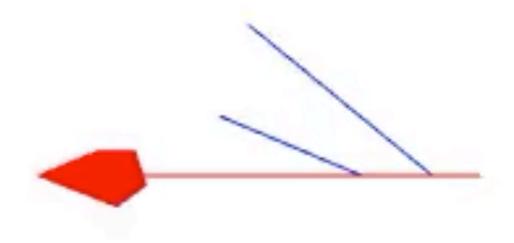
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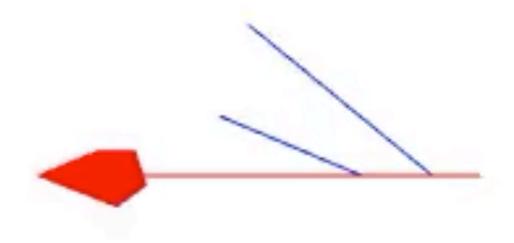
#### can we trust machine learning? A question of confidence in the training...

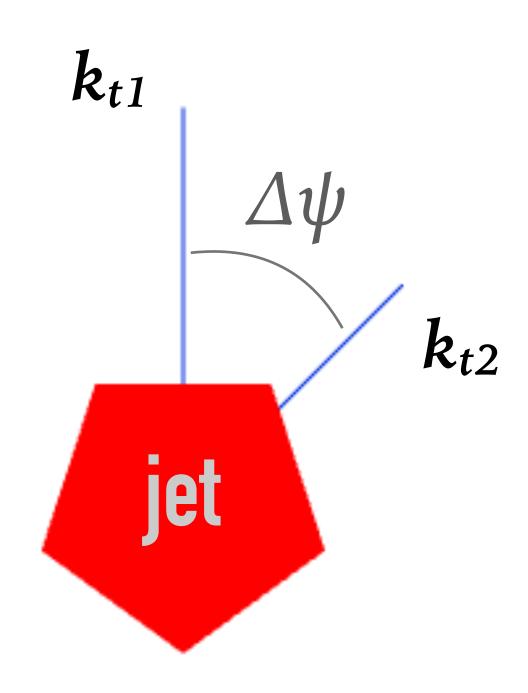


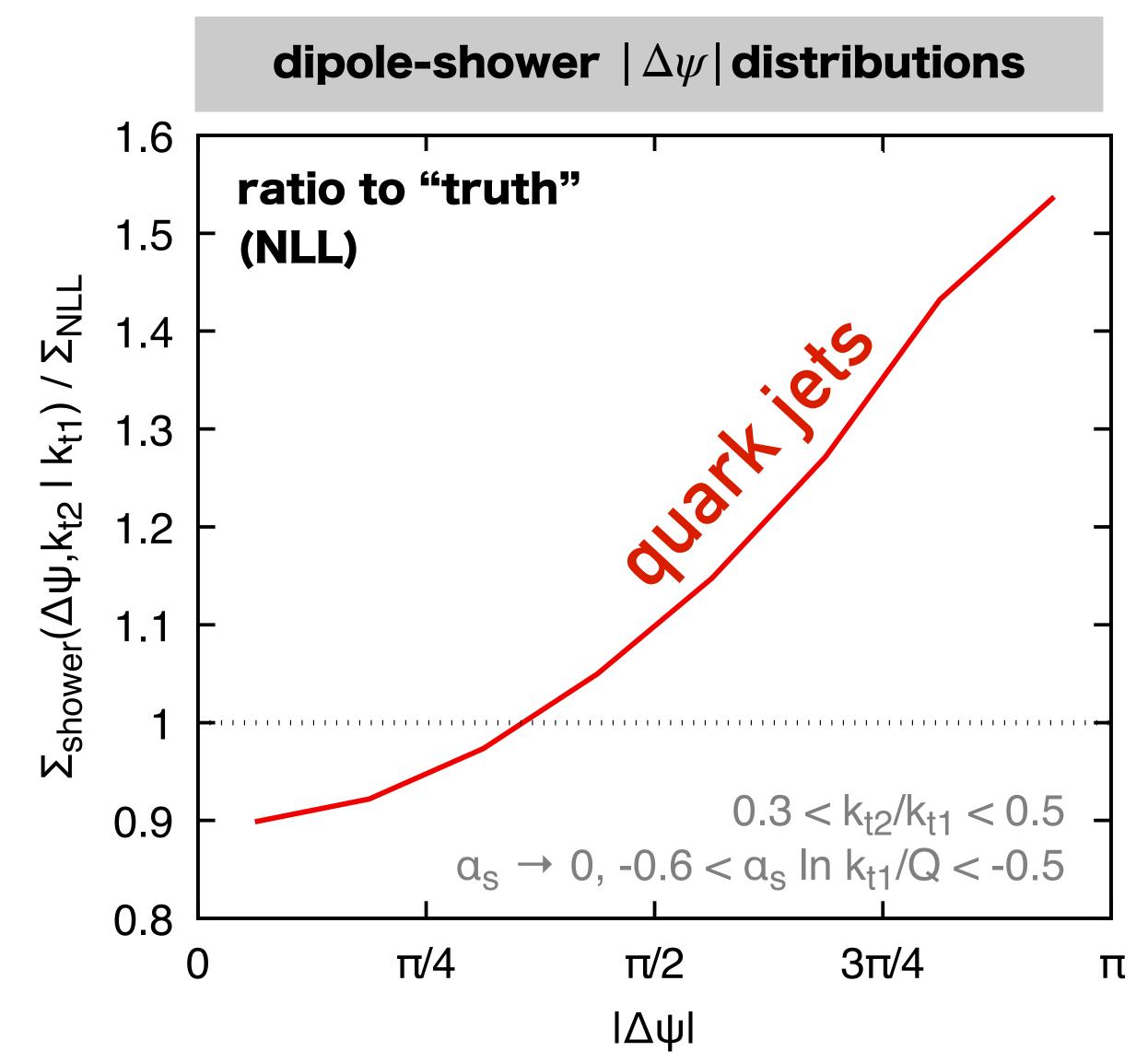
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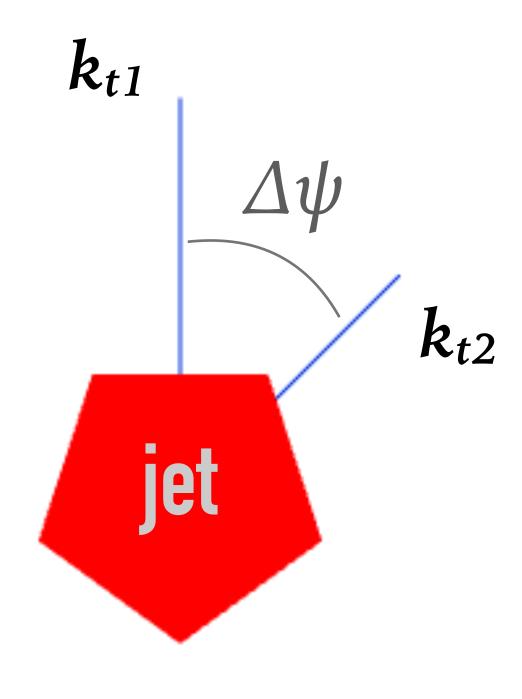
- Harry Markowitz (1990 Nobel Prize in Economics) [via S Gukov]

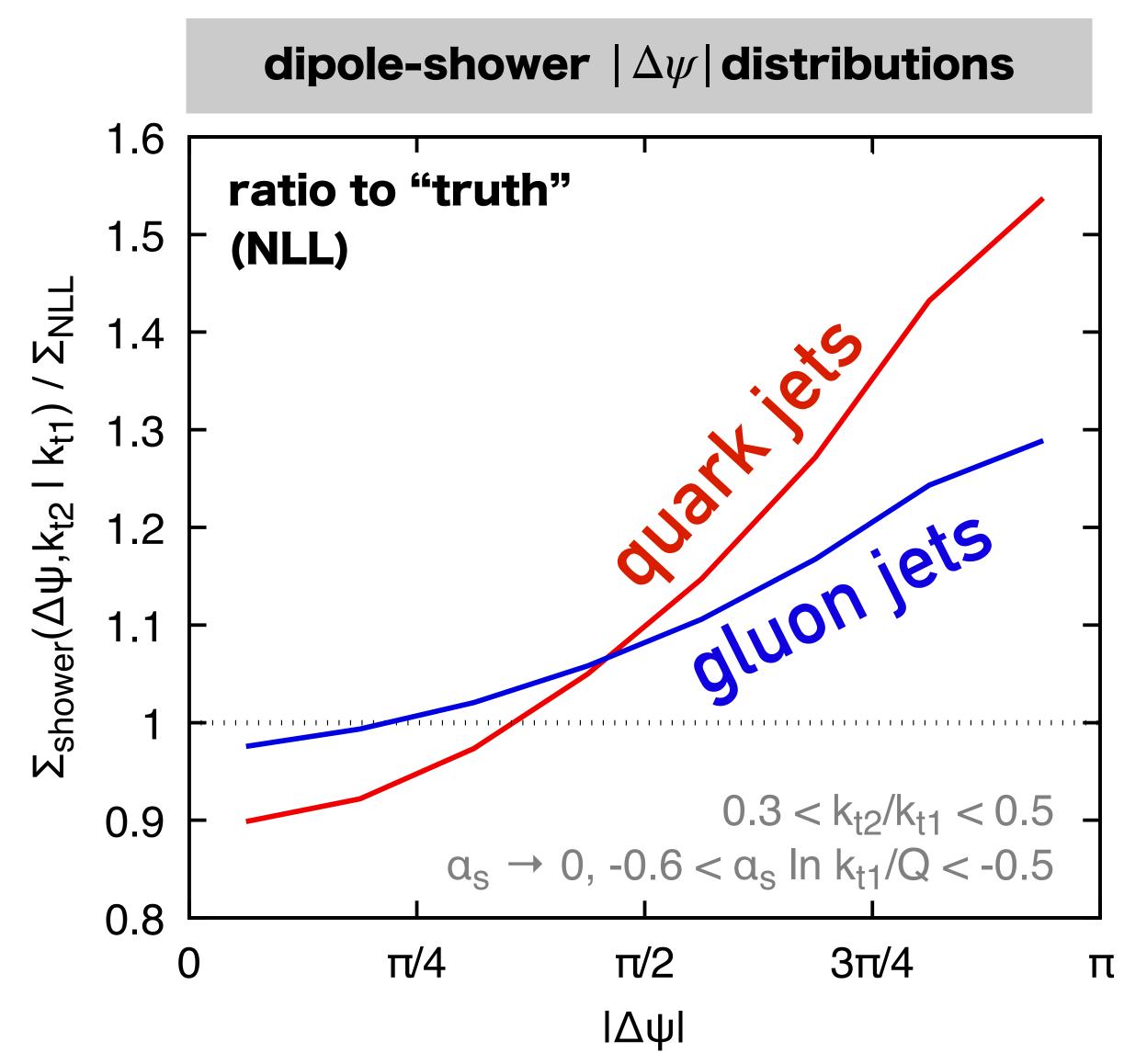


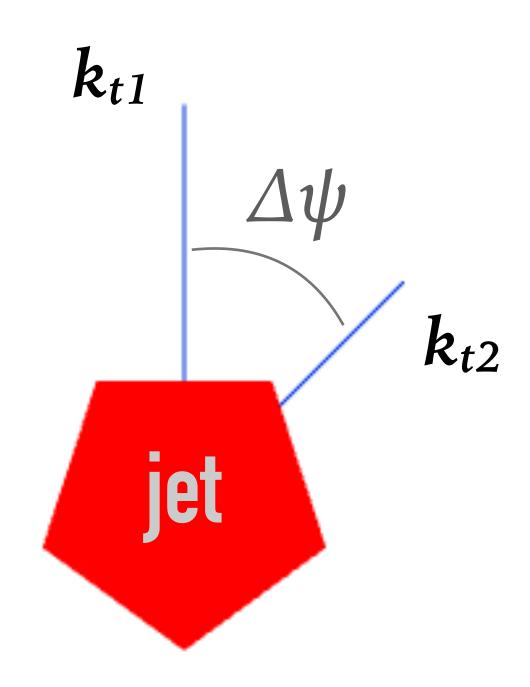












(machine-learning) quark/gluon discrimination trained on this simulation will learn to exploit a feature that doesn't exist in real events

# what is a (Monte Carlo) parton shower?

illustrate with dipole / antenna showers

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

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#### Monte Carlo worked example

E.g. for decay rate  $\mu = 1$ , total time  $t_{\text{max}} = 2$ 

- $\blacktriangleright$  start with  $n = 0, t_0 = 0$
- ➤ random number r = 0.6 →  $t_1 = t_0 + \log(1/r) = 0.51$  [emission 1]
- ➤ random number r = 0.3 →  $t_2 = t_1 + \log(1/r) = 1.71$  [emission 2]
- ➤ random number r = 0.4 →  $t_3 = t_2 + \log(1/r) = 2.63$  [ >  $t_{\text{max}}$ , so stop]
- This event has two emissions at times  $\{t_1 = 0.51, t_2 = 1.71\}$

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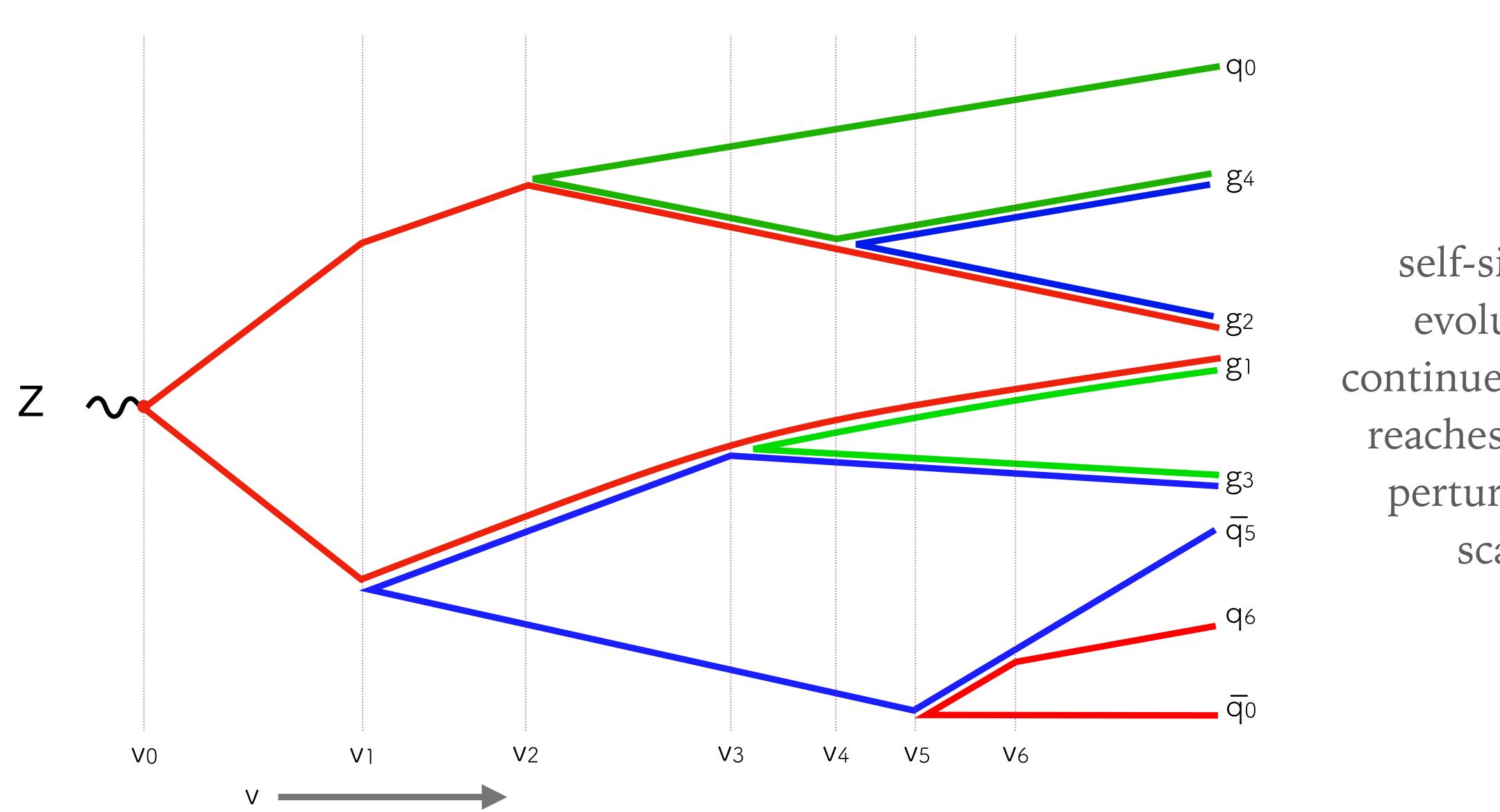
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At some point, state splits  $(2\rightarrow 3, i.e. emits gluon)$ . Evolution equation changes

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

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

(many showers use a large N<sub>C</sub> limit)



self-similar evolution continues until it reaches a nonperturbative scale

# 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<sub>C</sub>)
- 3. EW showers

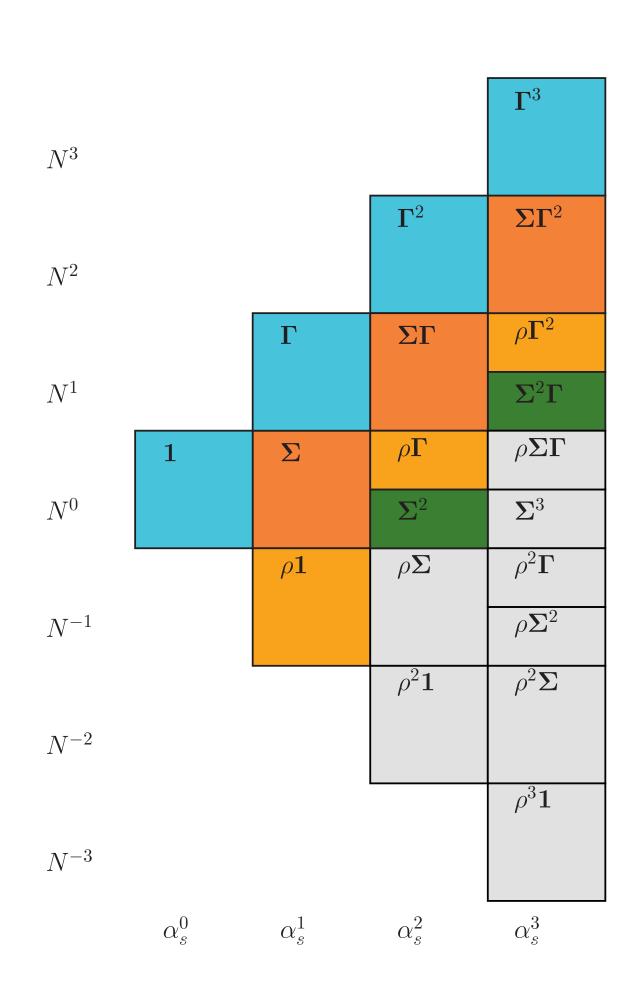
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- ➤ Li & Skands, 1611.00013
- ➤ Jadach et al, e.g. 1504.06849, 1606.01238 ➤ Höche, Krauss & Prestel, 1705.00982,

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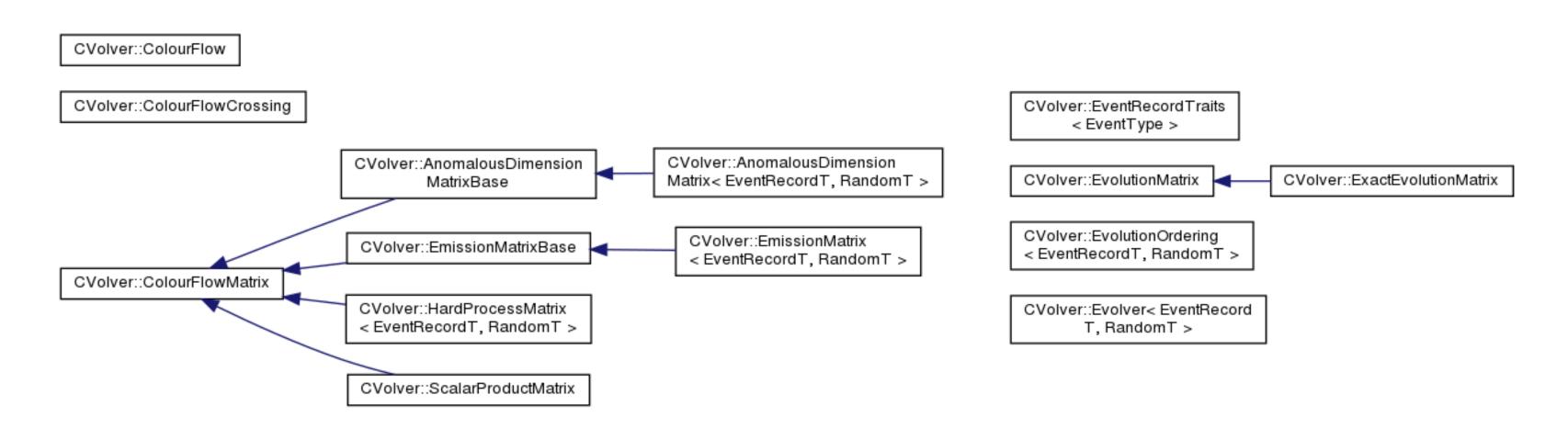
$$D_{ji}^{(0)}(z,\mu) = \delta_{ij}\delta(1-z) \qquad \leftrightarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{j} \qquad \downarrow_{$$

#### Hierarchy of subleading colour corrections



Angeles, De Angelis, Forshaw, Plätzer, Seymour – JHEP 05 (2018) 044 Gieseke, Kirchgaesser, Plätzer, Siodmok – arXiv:1808.06770 Plätzer, Sjödahl, Thorén, arXiv:1808.00332 Forshaw, Holguin, Plätzer, arXiv:1905.08686

$$\mathbf{A}_n(E) = \mathbf{V}(E, E_n) \mathbf{D}_n \mathbf{A}_{n-1}(E_n) \mathbf{D}_n^{\dagger} \mathbf{V}^{\dagger}(E, E_n) \theta(E - E_n)$$

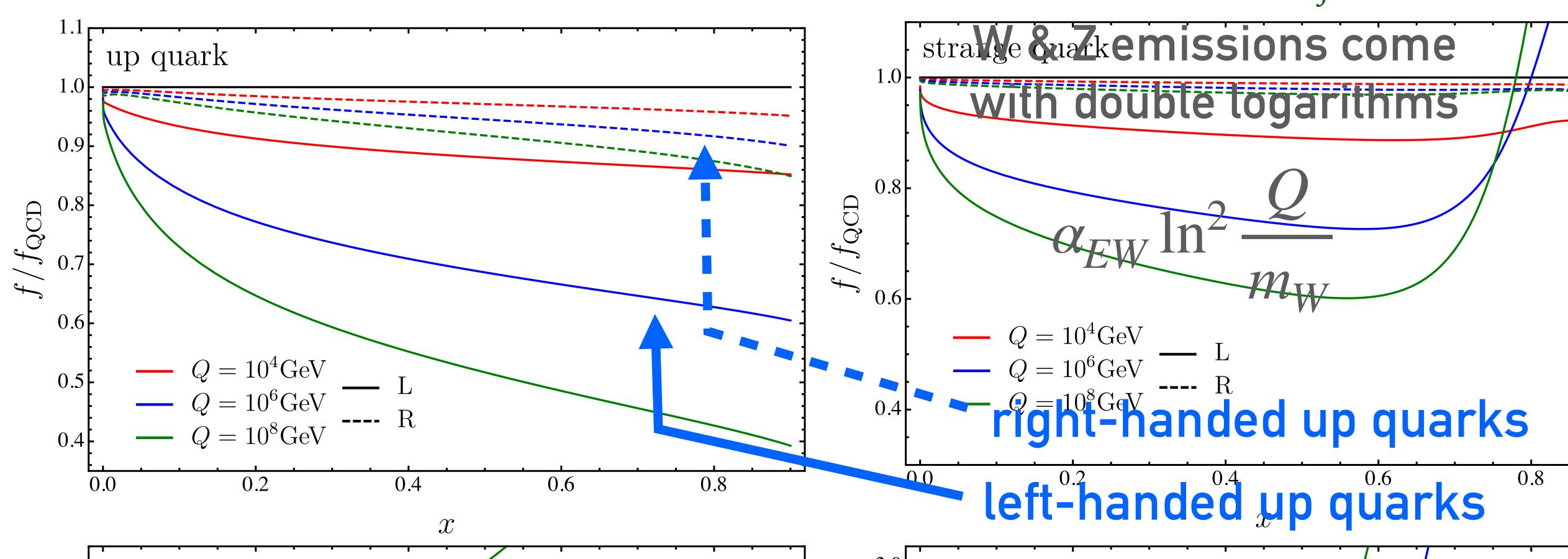


Plugin approach can accommodate anything from (N)GLs to full parton showers.

cf. also work by Hatta & Ueda, 1304.6930; Nagy & Soper papers; Hoche & Reichelt, 2001.11492

#### EW showers (esp. beyond LHC)

Bauer, Ferland & Webber, 1703.08562, 1808.08831
Bauer, De Jong, Nachman, Provasoli, 1904.03196
see also Chen, Han & Tweedie, 1611.00788
& Sjostrand & collab



Wemission affects only left-handed quarks

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

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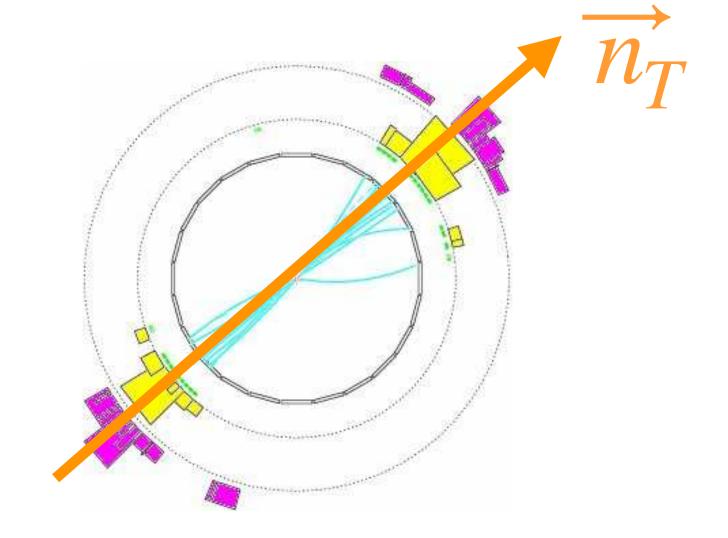
how can you prescribe correctness & accuracy of the answer, when the questions you ask can be arbitrary?

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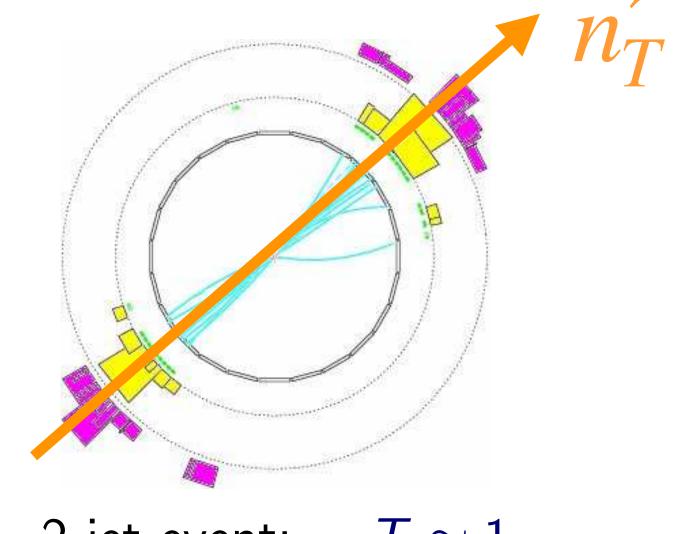
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$$\sigma(1-T< e^{-L}) = \sigma_{tot} \exp\left[\underline{Lg_1(\alpha_s L)} + \underline{g_2(\alpha_s L)} + \underline{\alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L)} + \underline{\alpha_s^2 g_4(\alpha_s L)} + \cdots\right]$$

$$[\alpha_s \ll 1, L \gg 1]$$
LL
NLL
NNLL
N3LL

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  $1+a_s(t)/(2\pi)K$ " [ $K \sim A_2$  in cusp anomalous dimension]

#### 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?
- 6) Do better ingredients (e.g. higher-order splitting functions) make better showers?

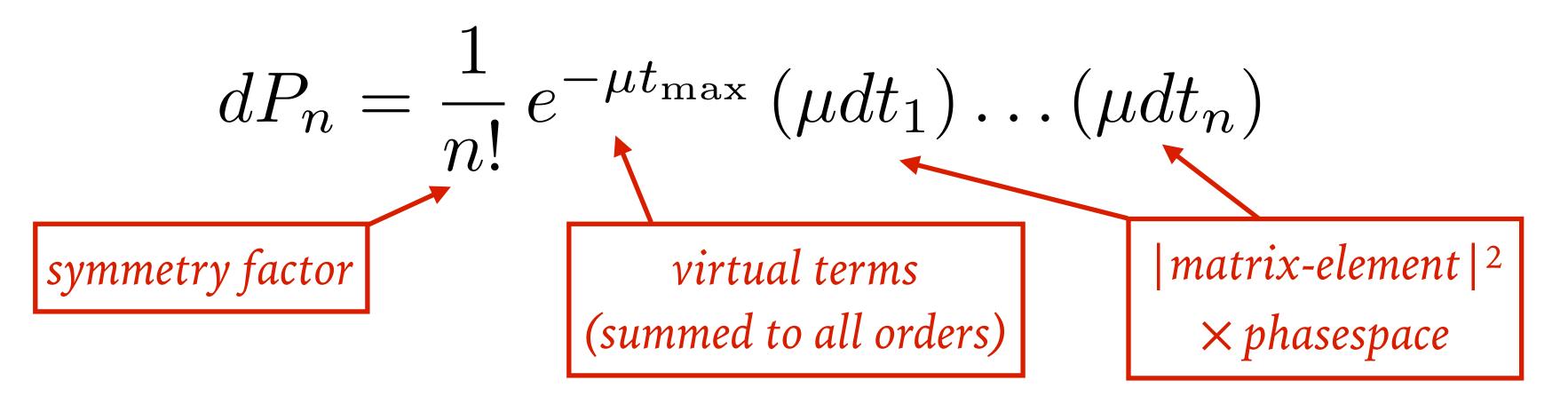
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2. or as explicit formula



[here Poisson distribution; in QCD: effective matrix element]

#### Our proposal for baseline shower accuracy ("NLL")

#### Resummation

Require single logarithmic accuracy (control of terms  $\alpha_s^n L^n$  for all observables where this makes sense)

- > global event shapes (thrust, broadening, angularities, jet rates, energy-energy correlations, ...)
- non-global observables
- ➤ fragmentation / parton-distribution functions
- ► [multiplicity, get NLL  $\alpha_s^n L^{2n-1}$ , cf. original Herwig angular-ordered shower from 1980's)

#### Matrix elements

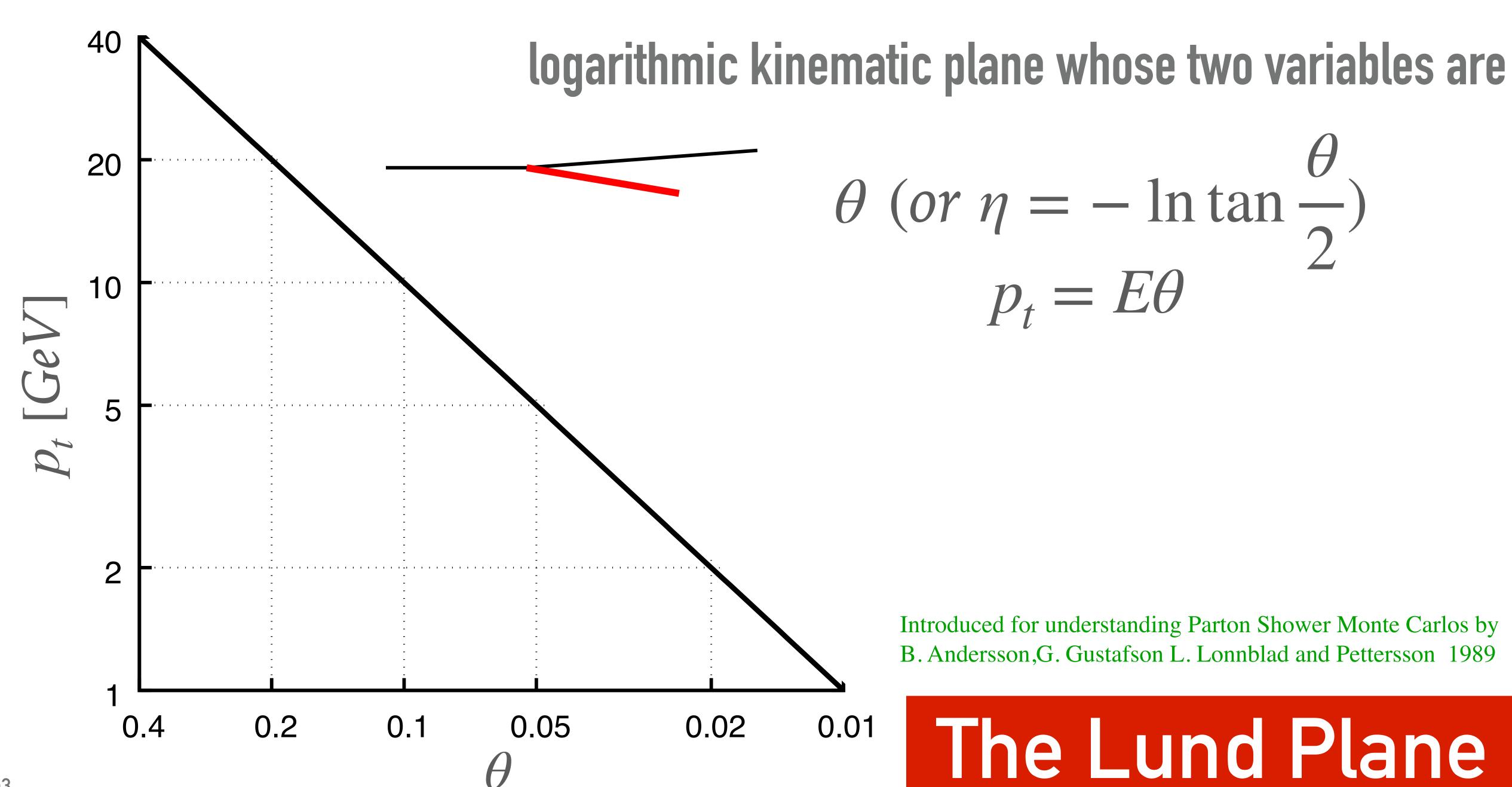
Effective tree-level matrix elements generated by the shower should be correct for any multiplicity *N* if all emissions are well separated in a *Lund diagram*.

#### Phase space: two key variables (+ azimuth)

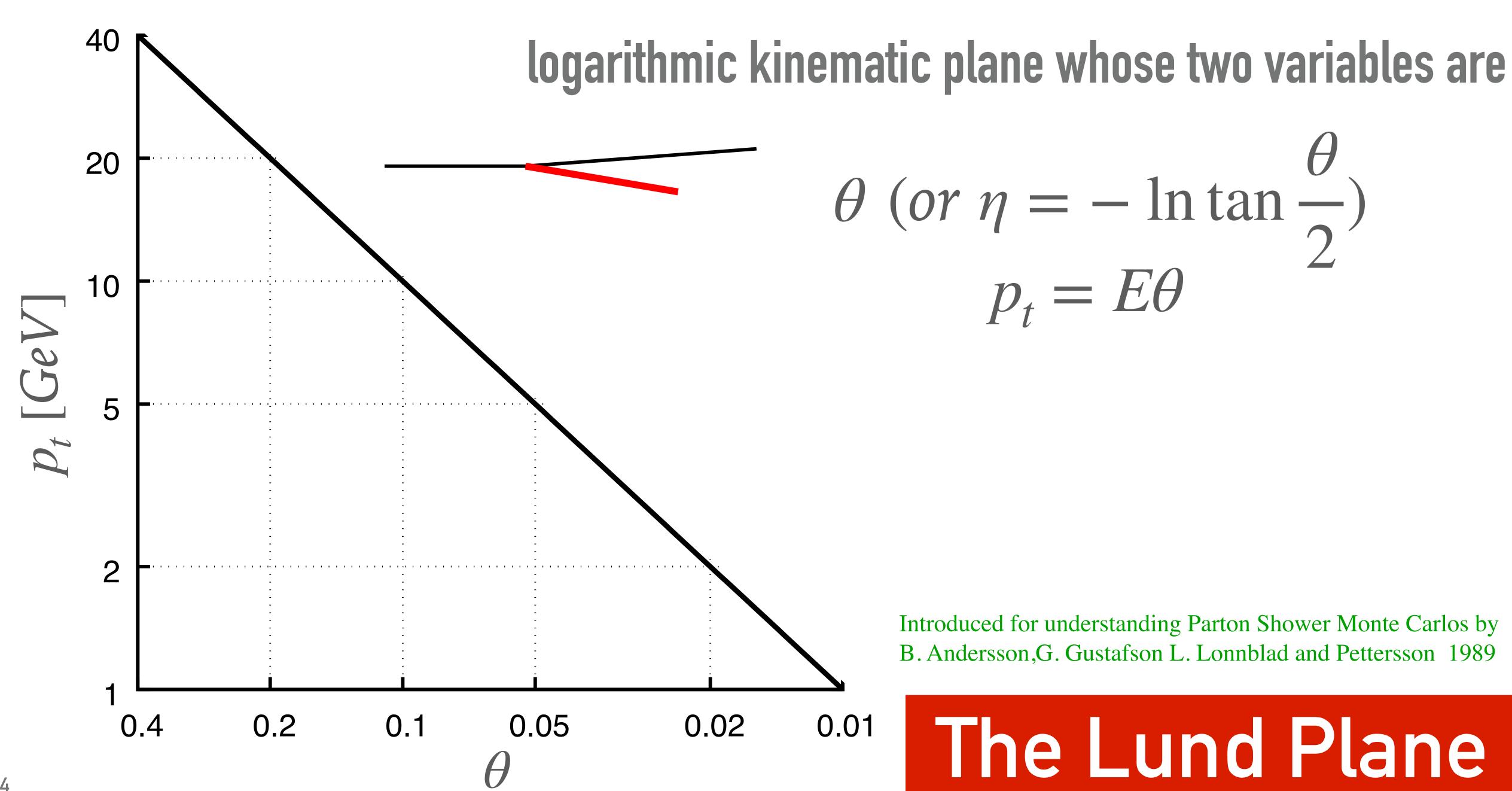
$$\frac{\partial \theta}{E}$$

$$\theta \ (or \ \eta = -\ln \tan \frac{\theta}{2}) \qquad \eta \ is \ called \ (pseudo) \ rapidity$$

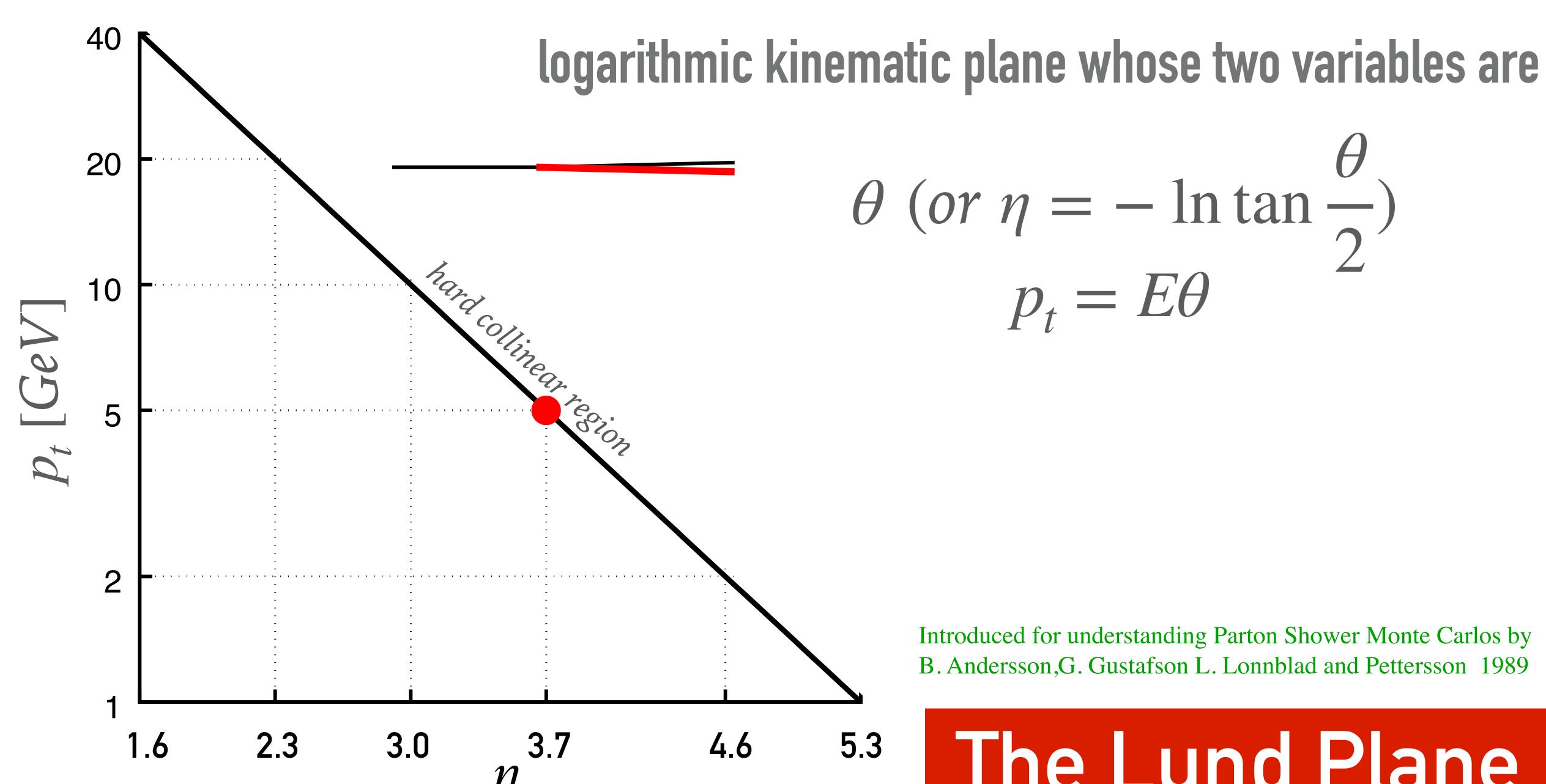
$$p_t = E\theta \qquad \qquad p_t \ (or \ p_\perp) \ is \ a \ transverse \ momentum$$



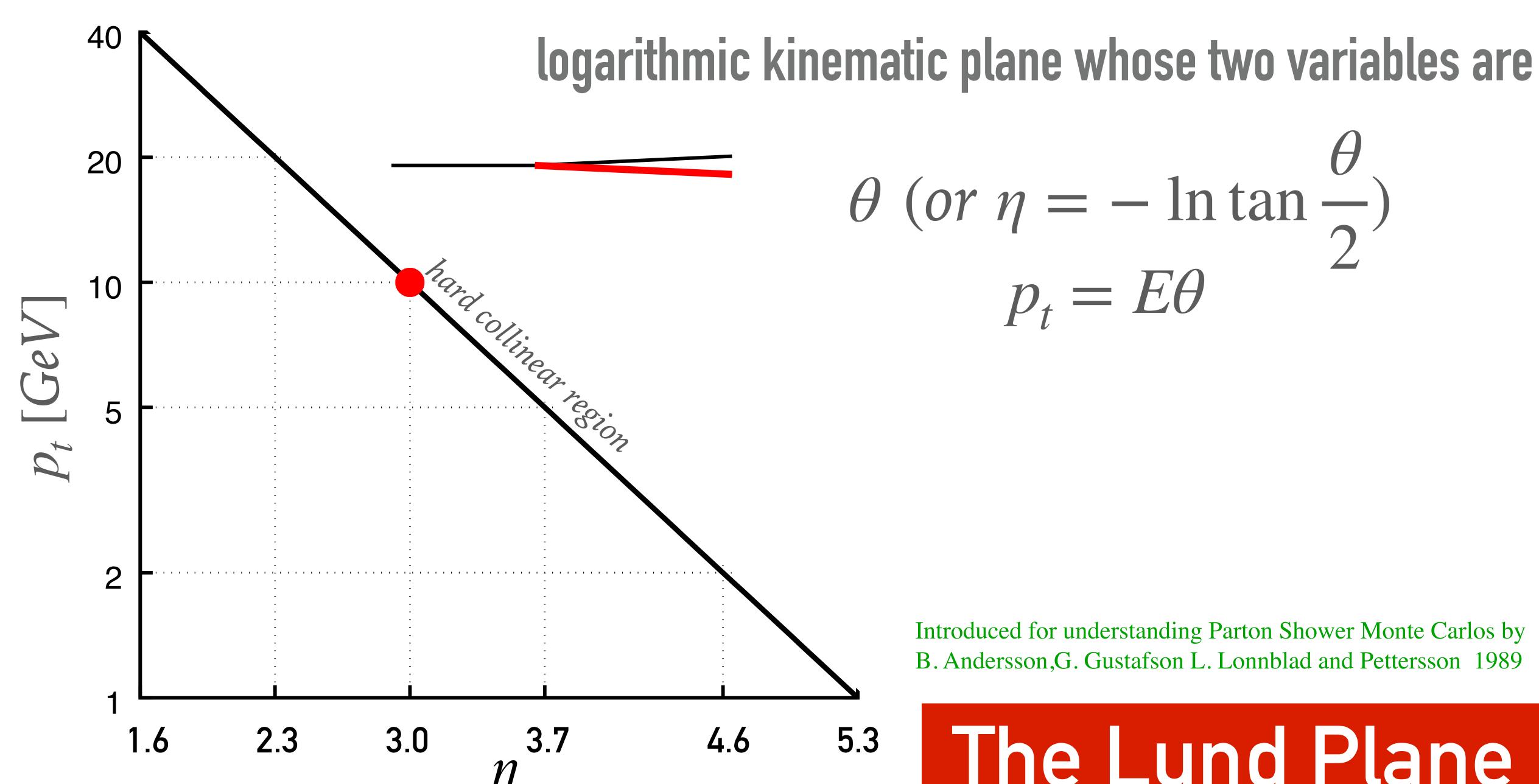
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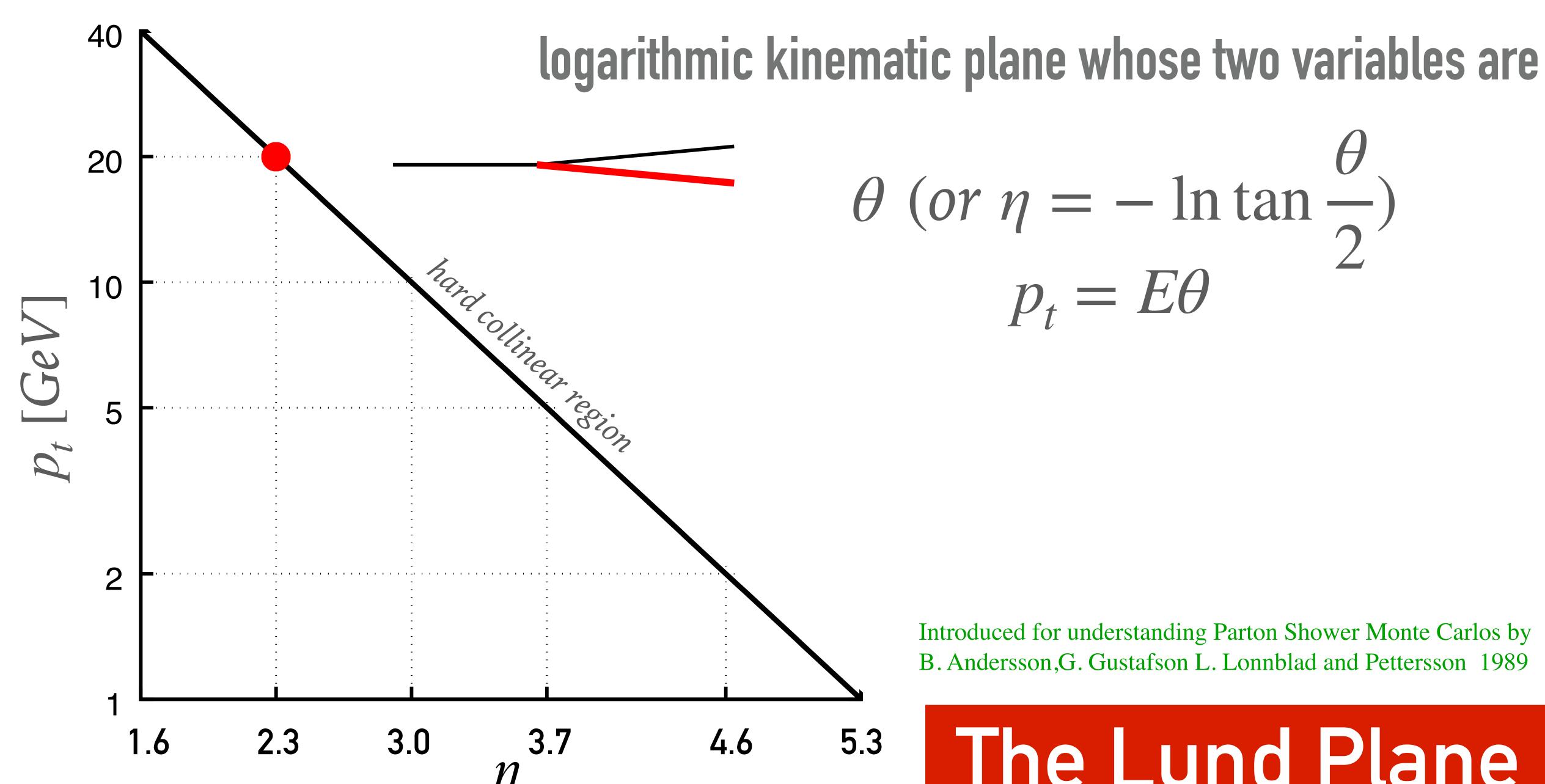
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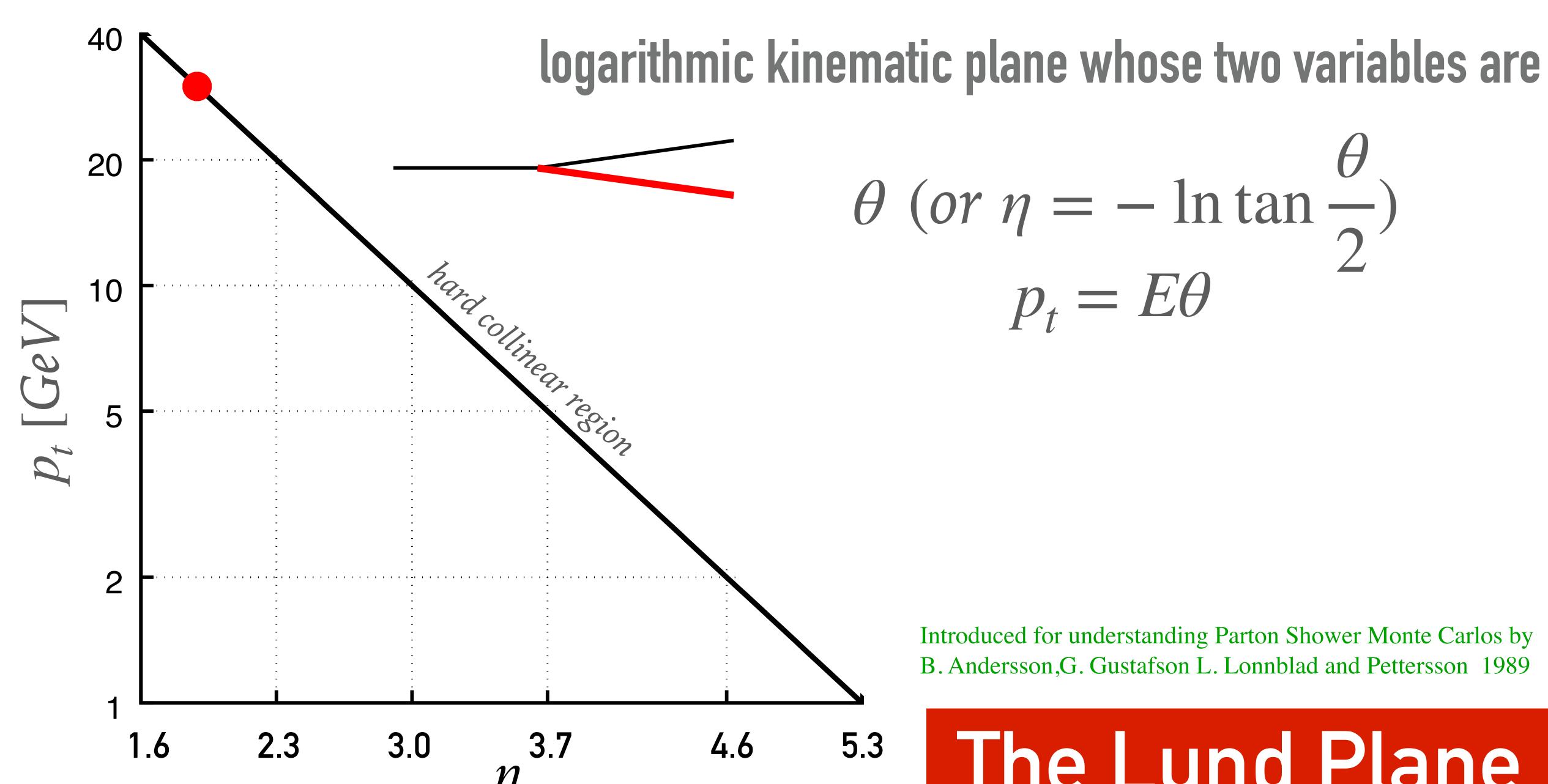
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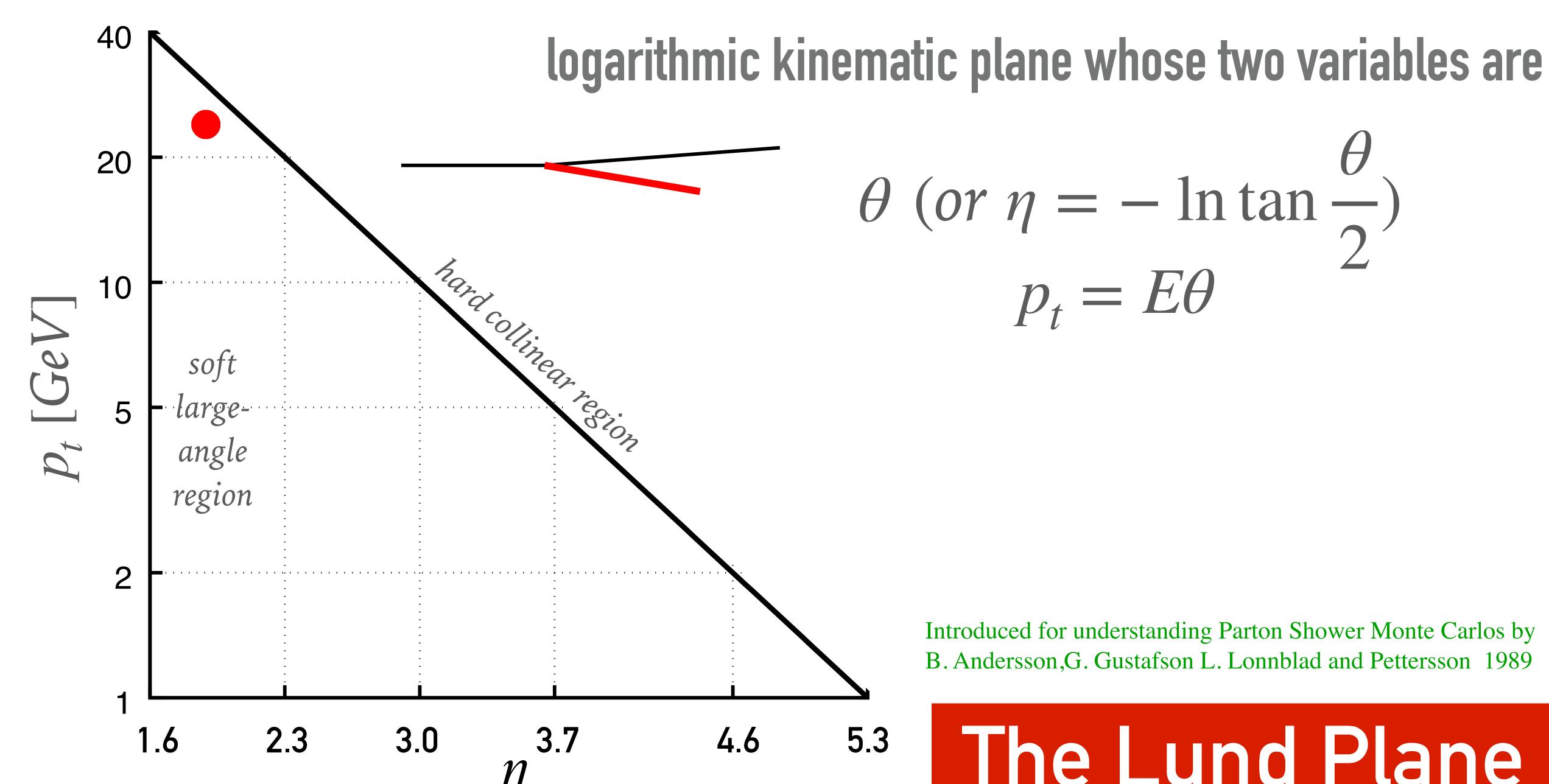
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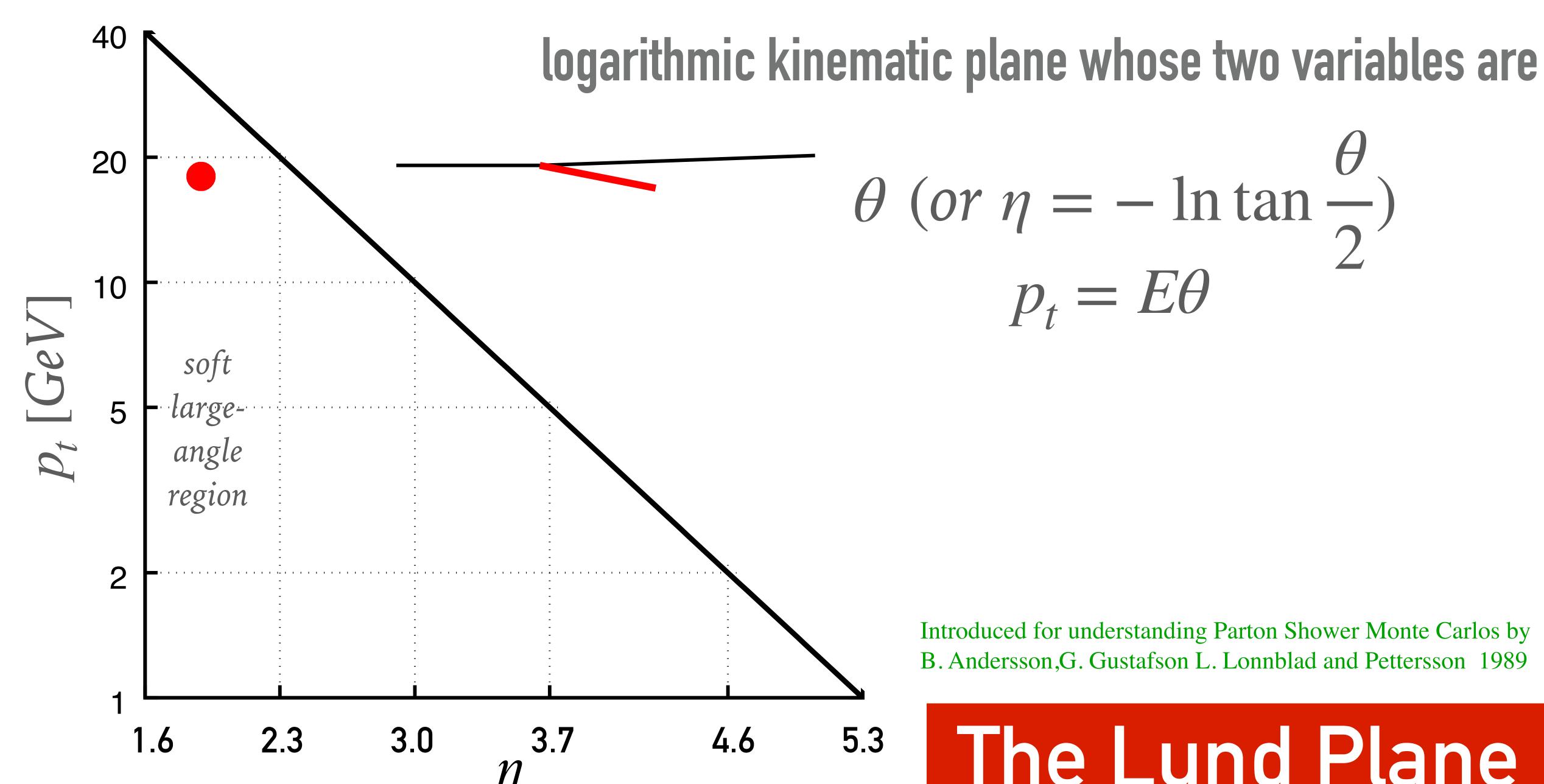
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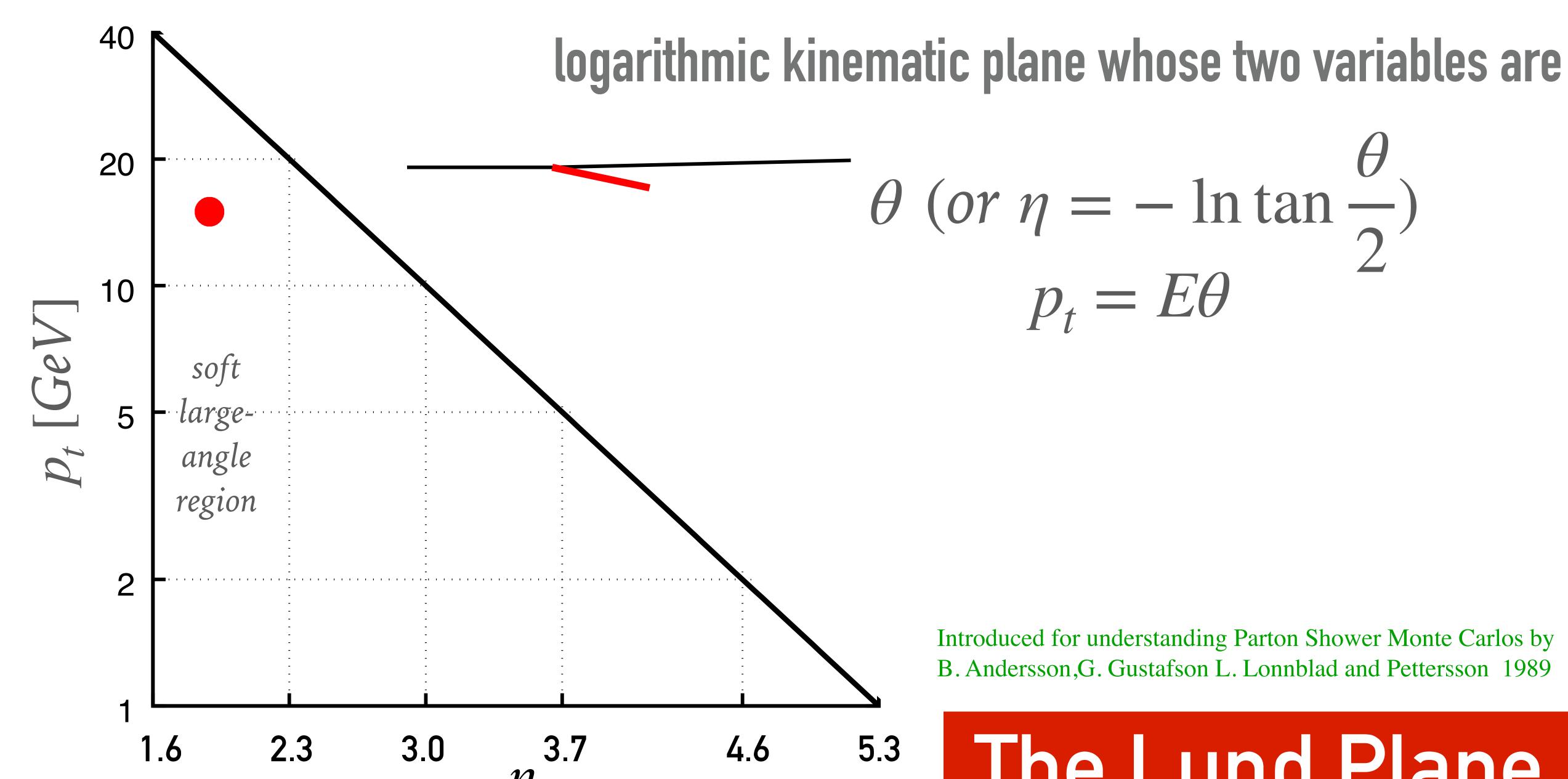
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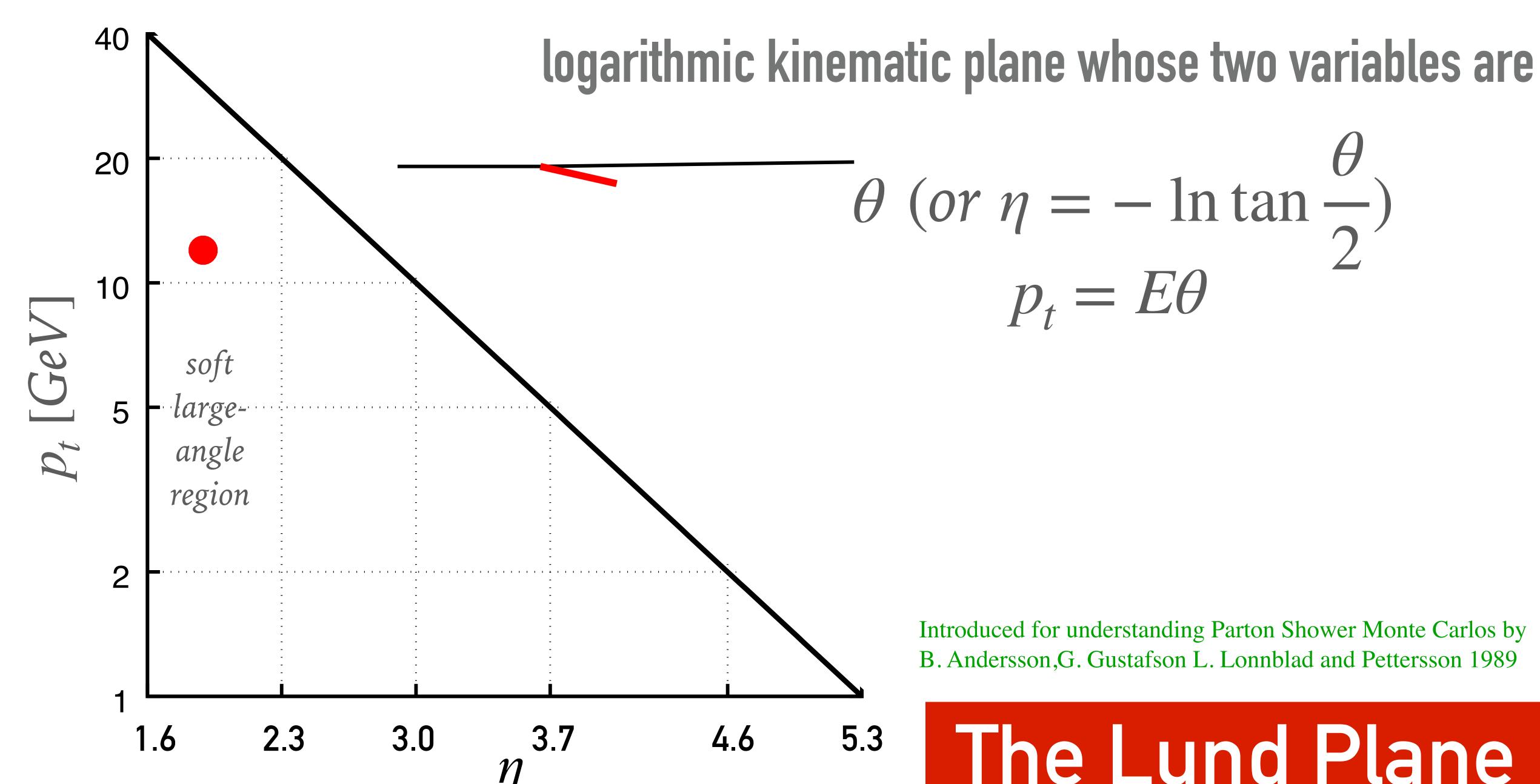
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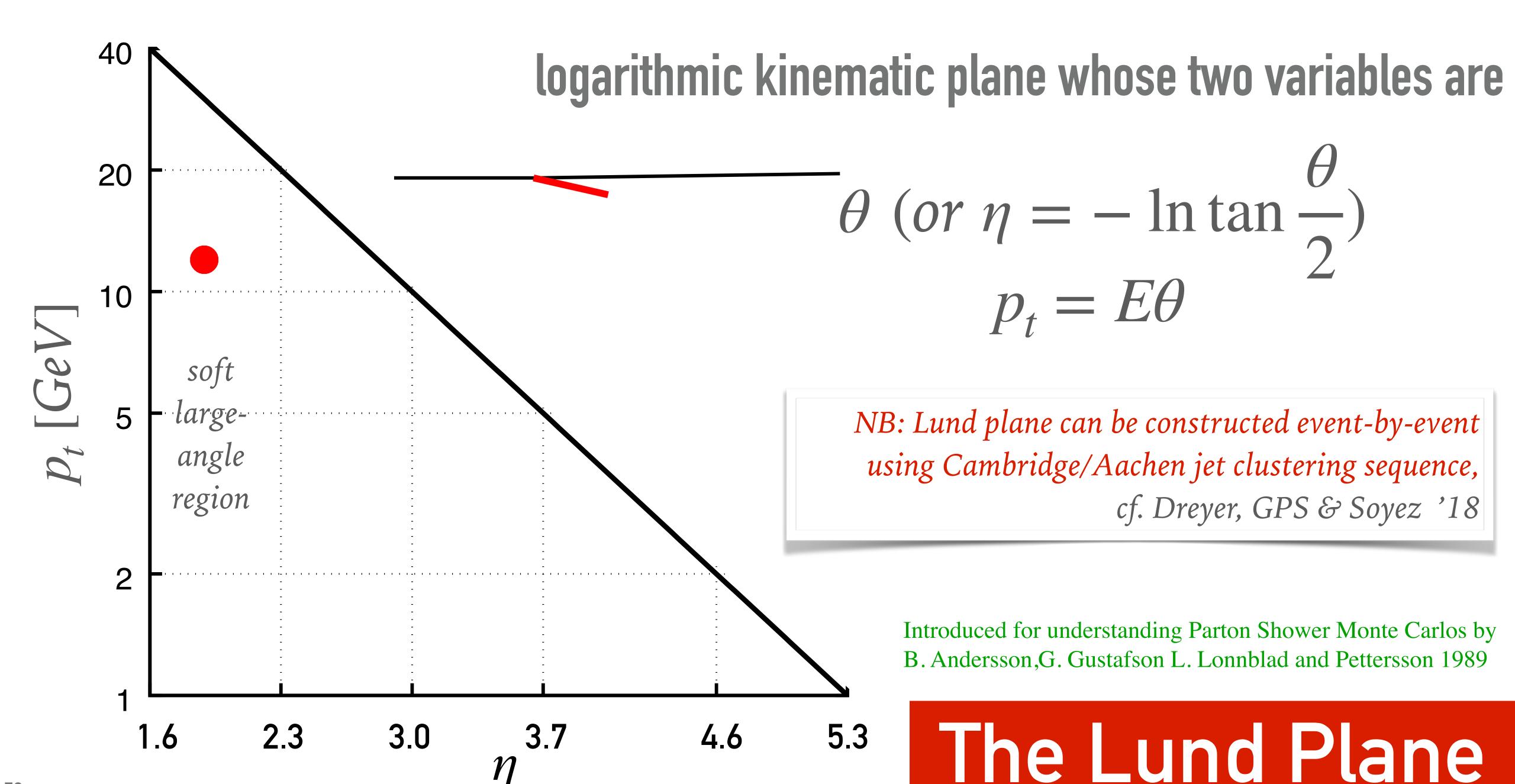
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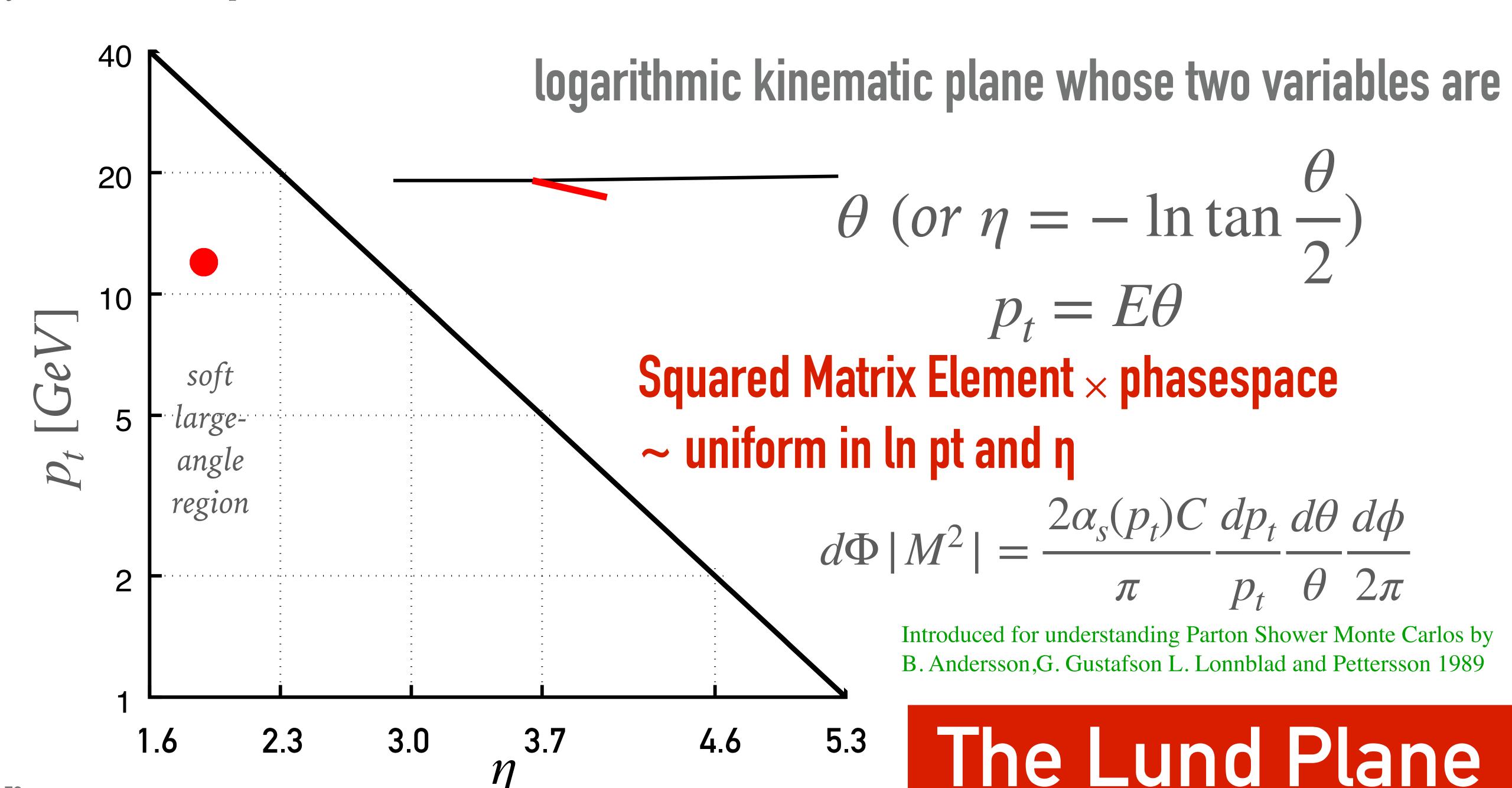
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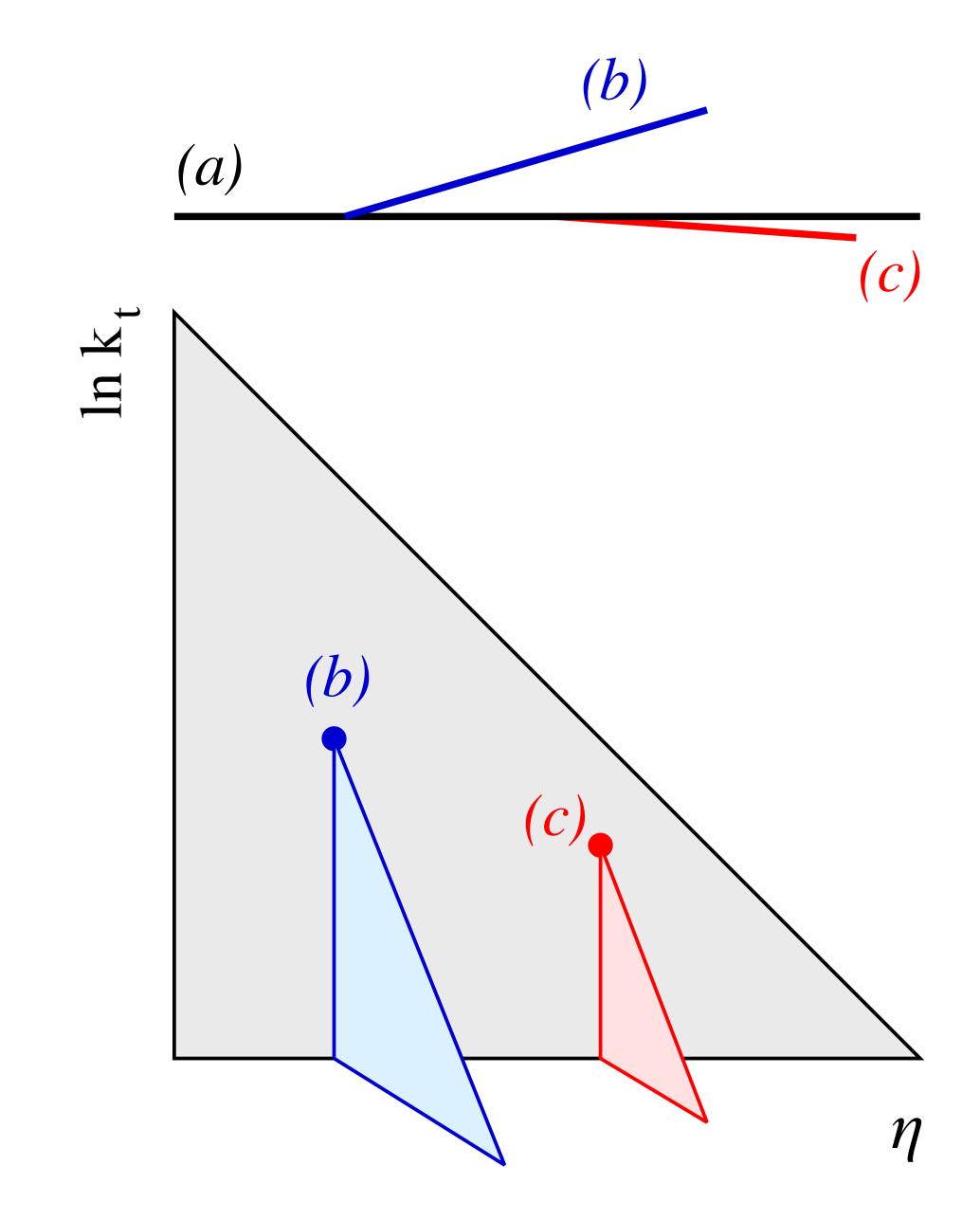
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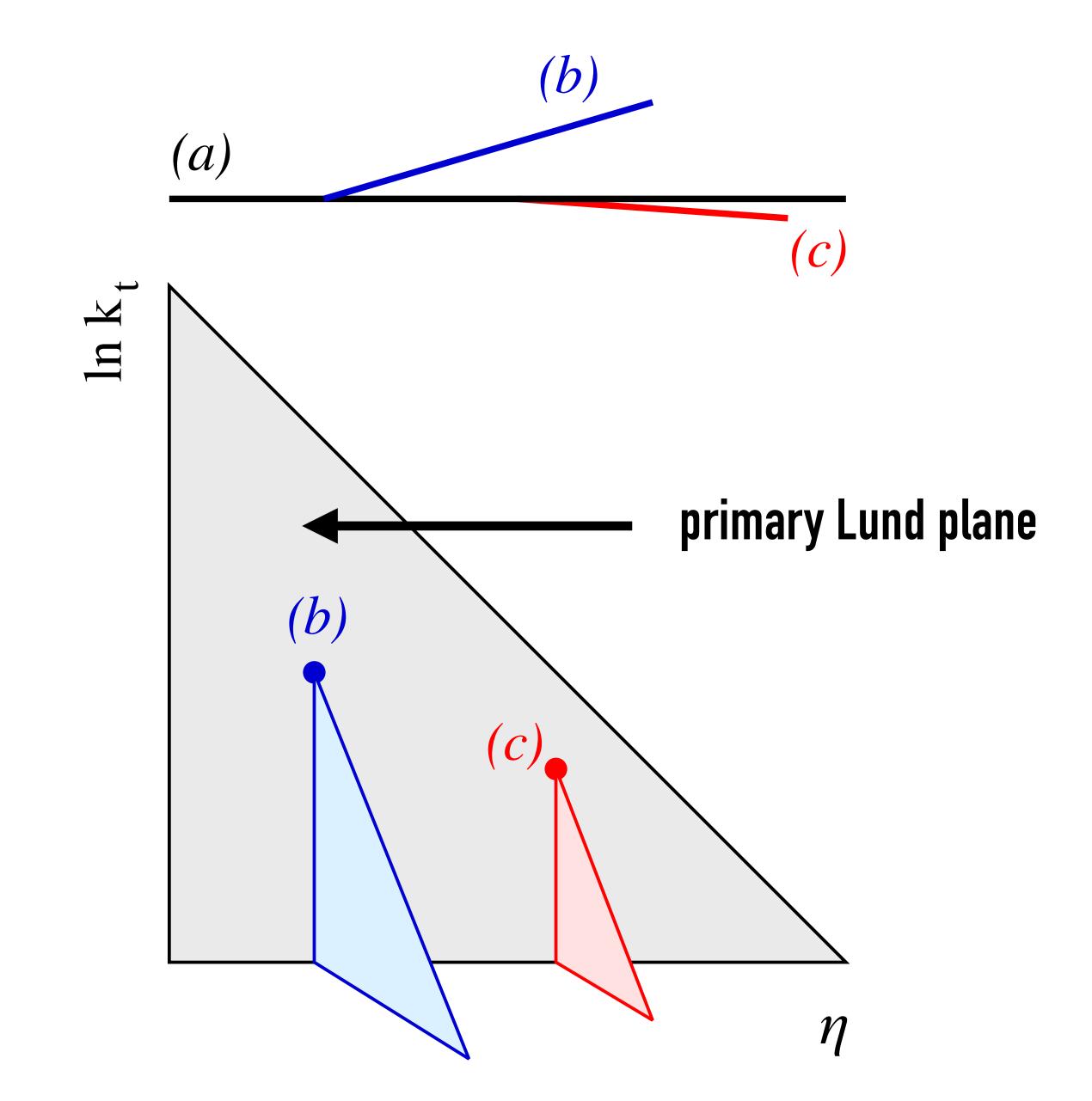


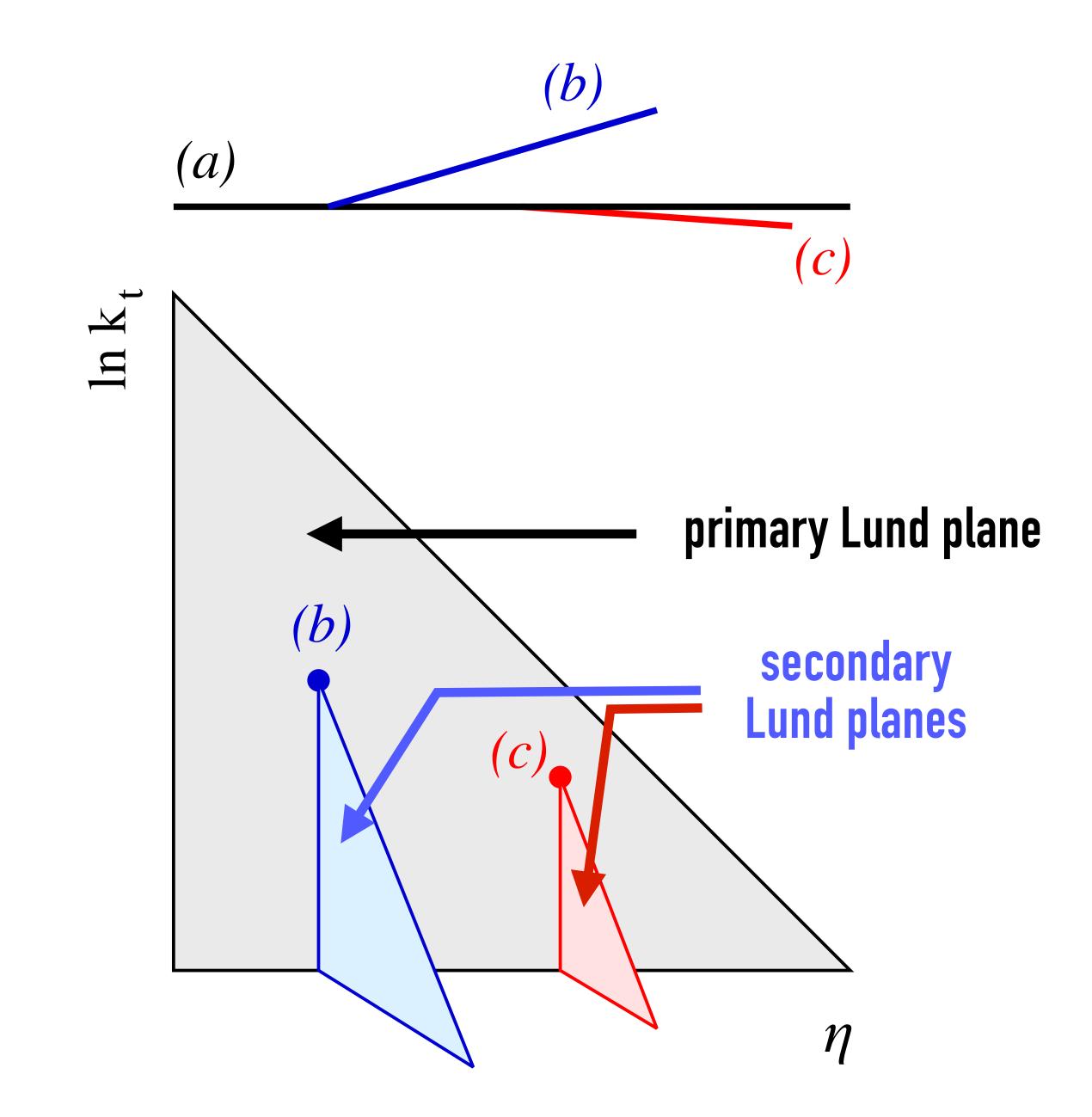
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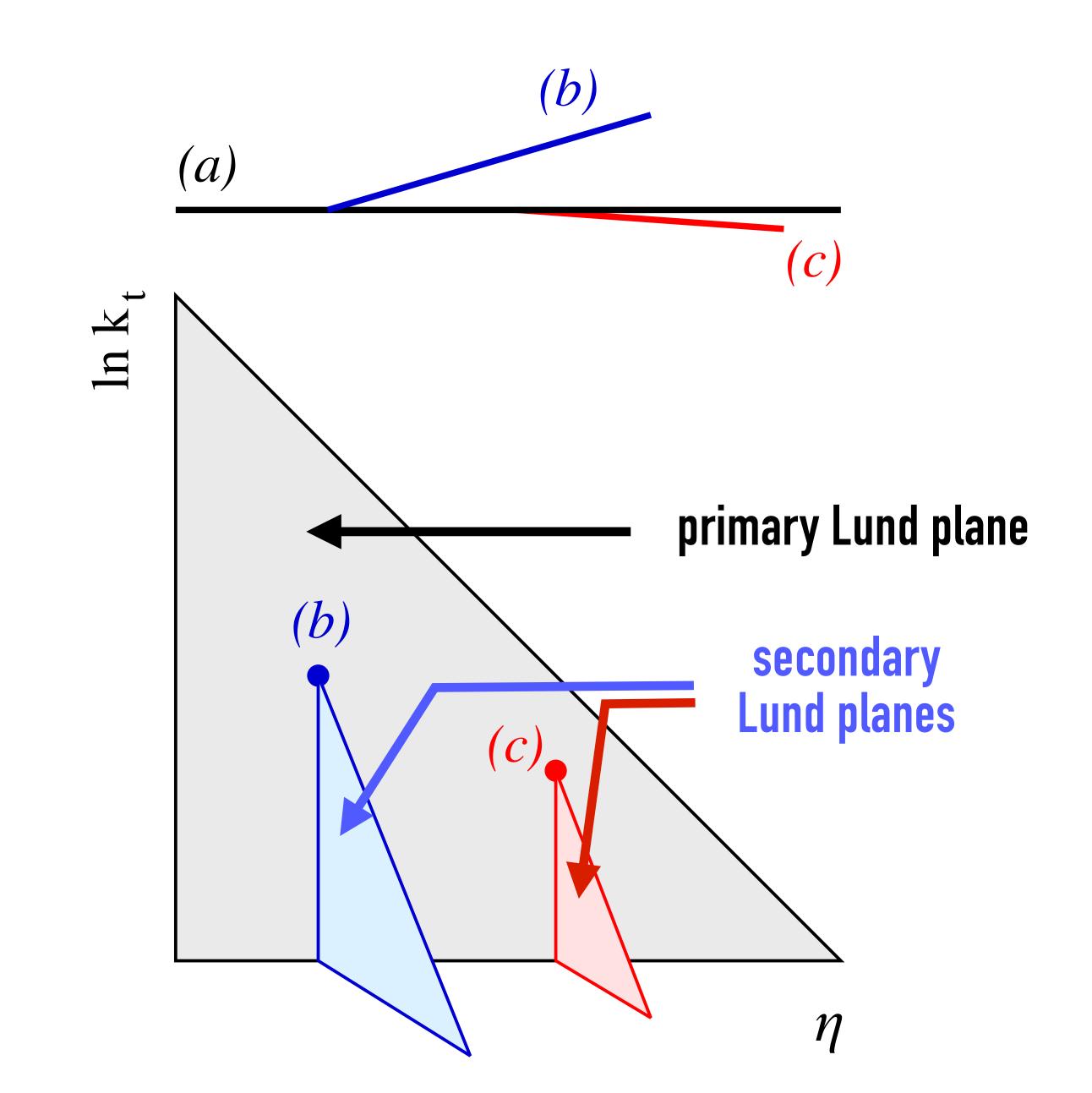


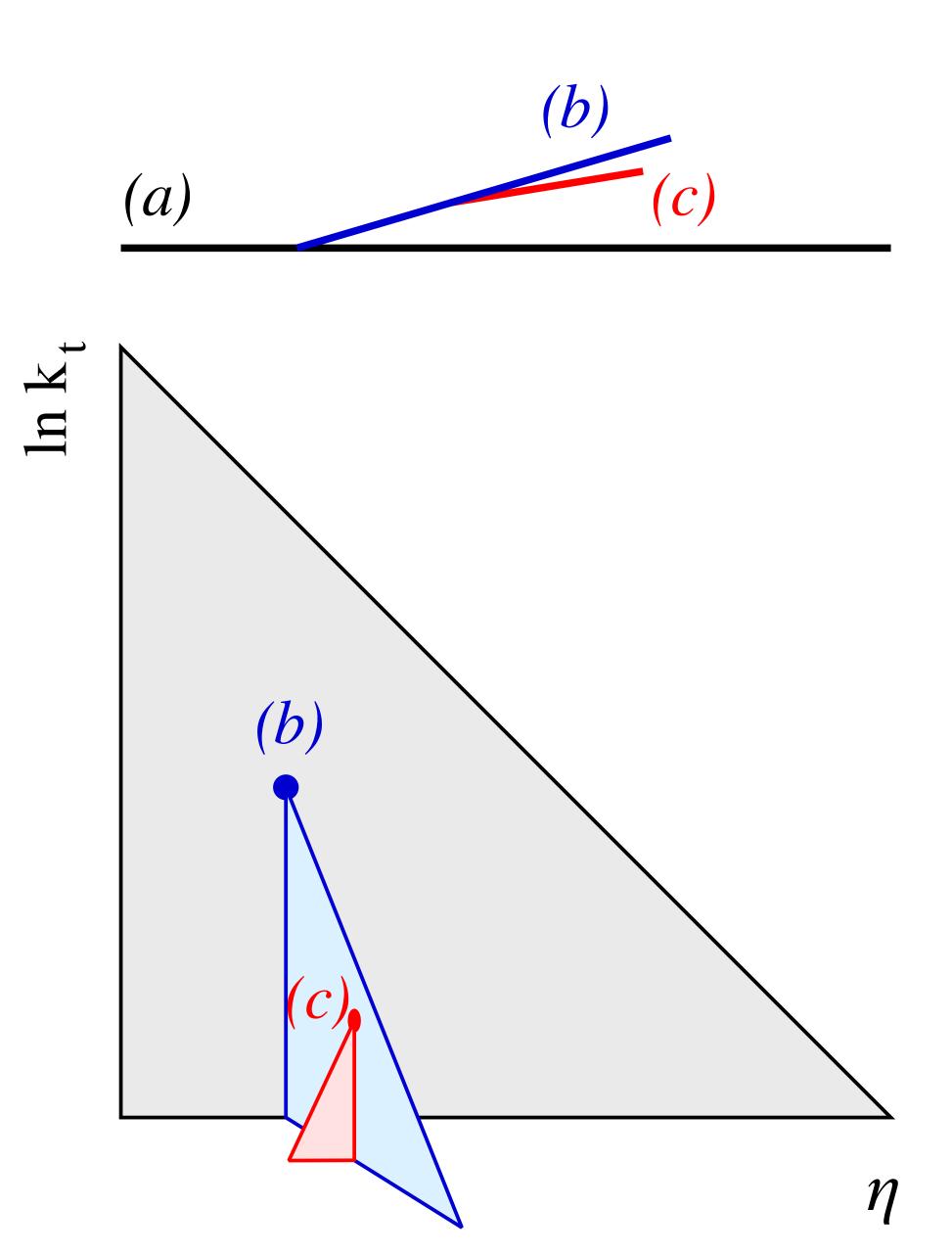
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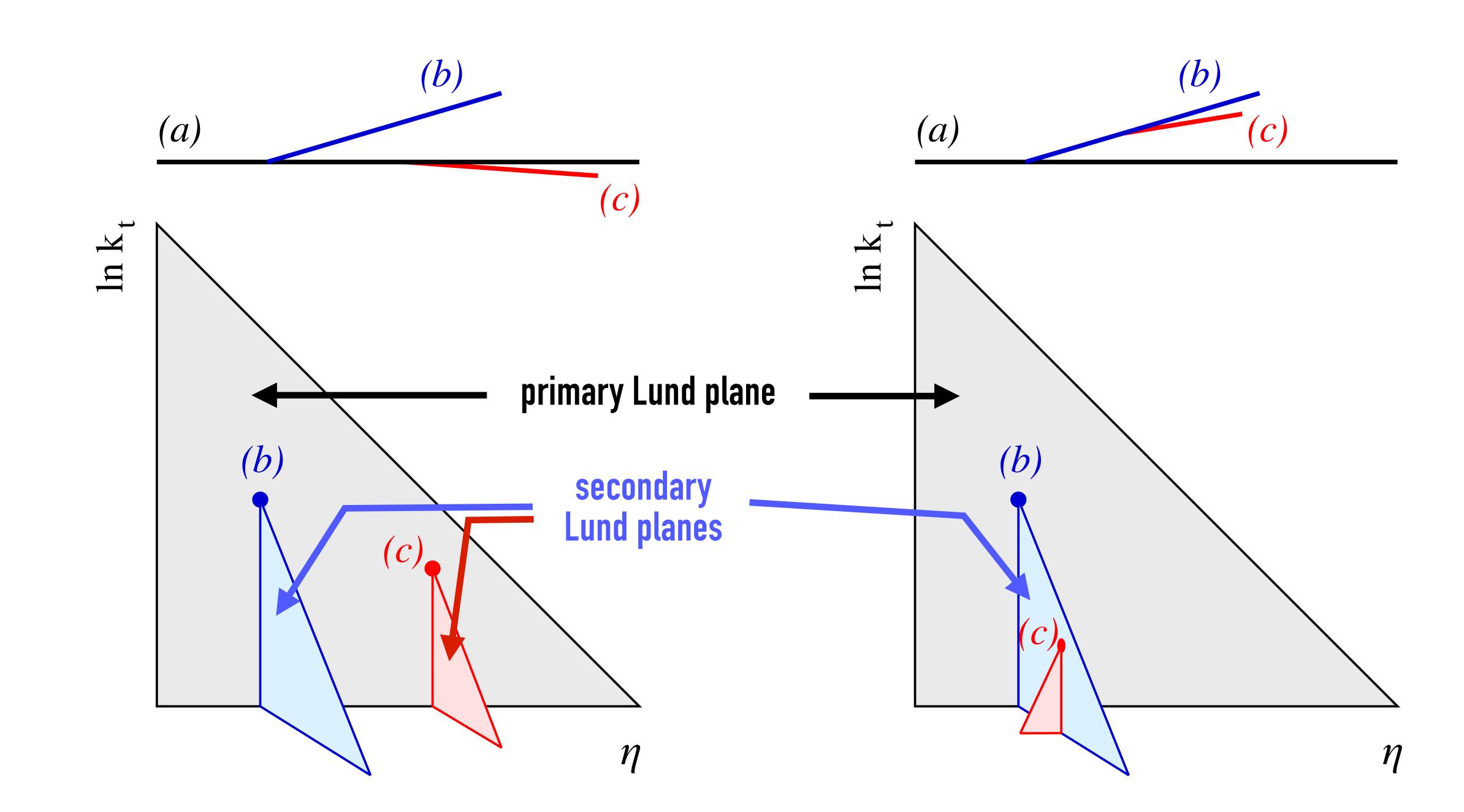


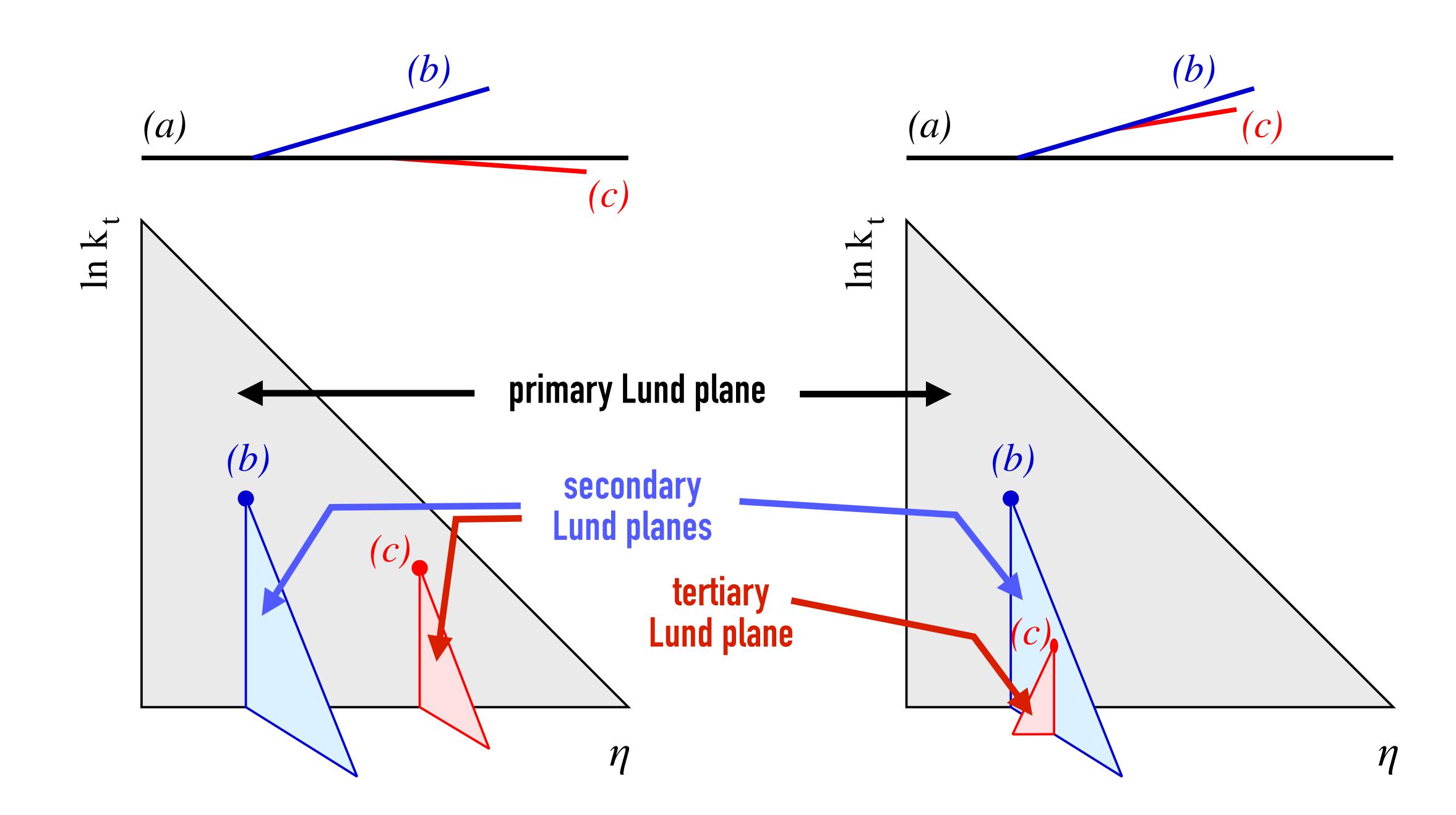




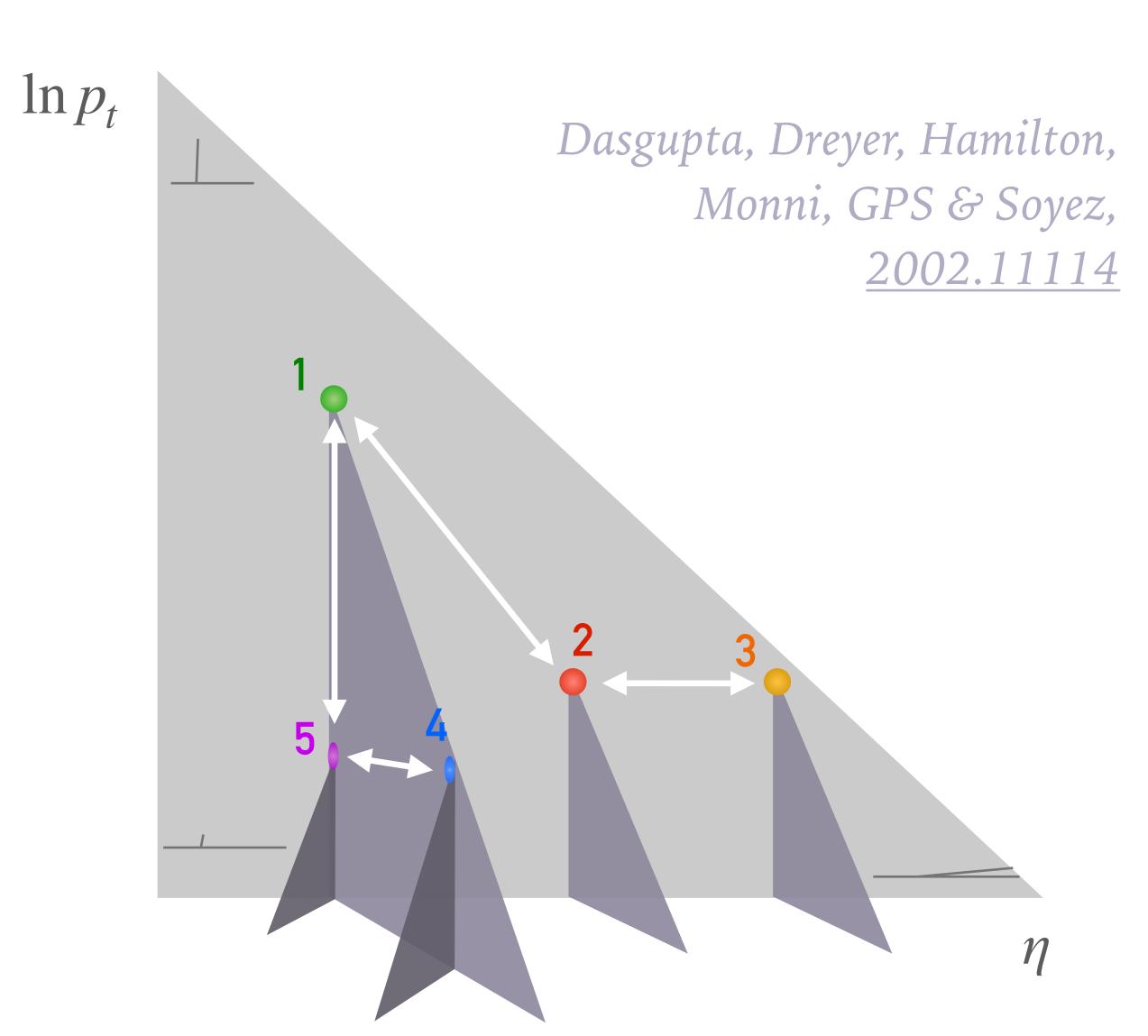






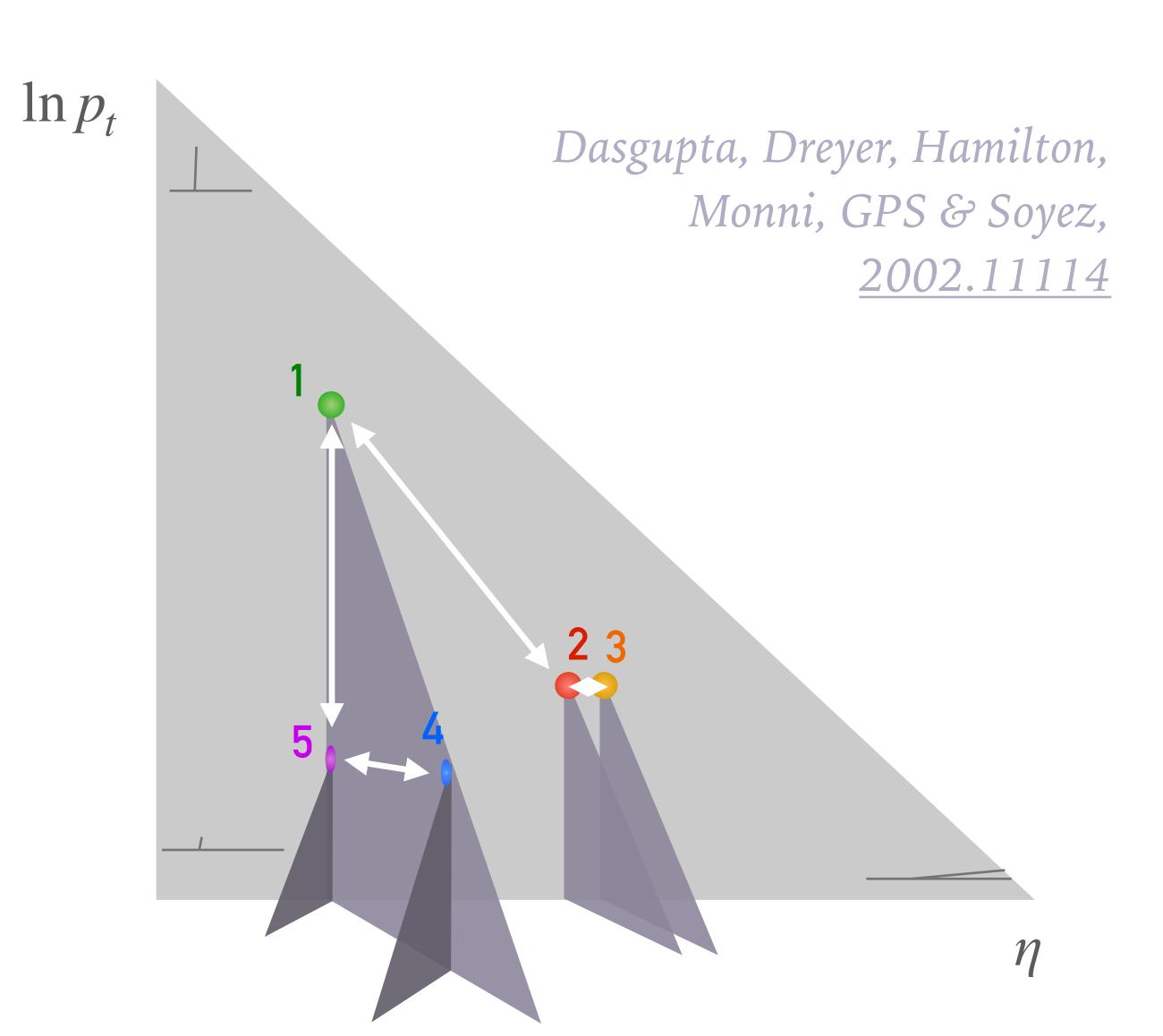


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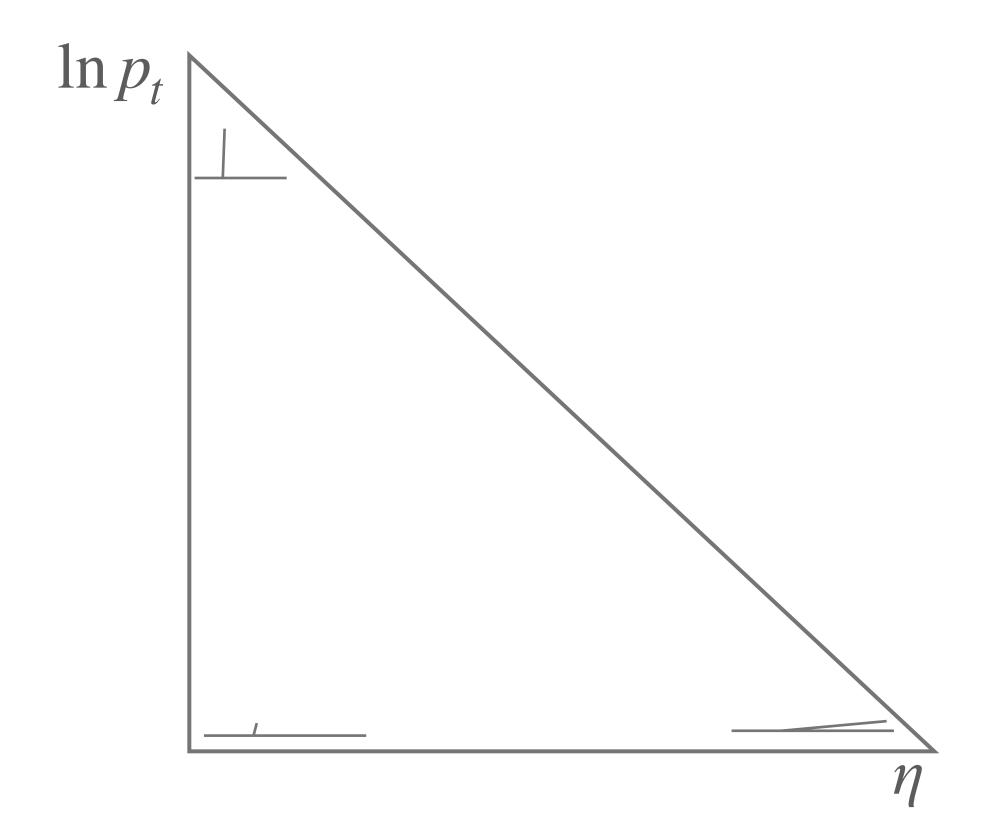
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### key shower elements and their consequences

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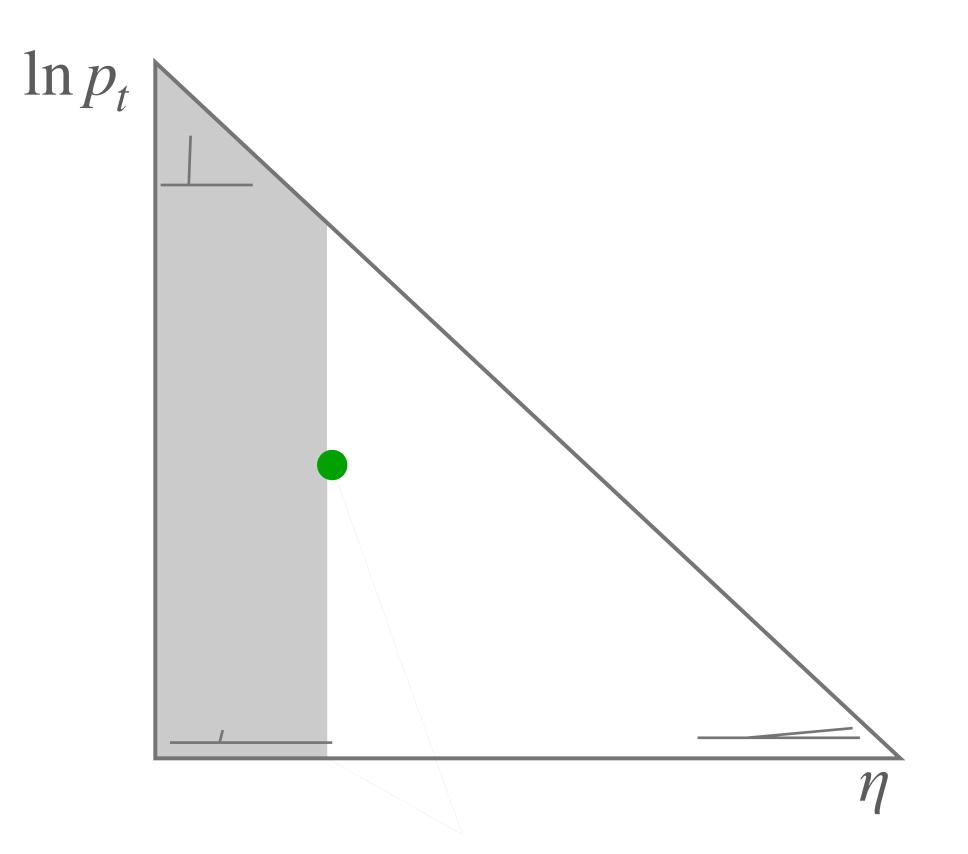
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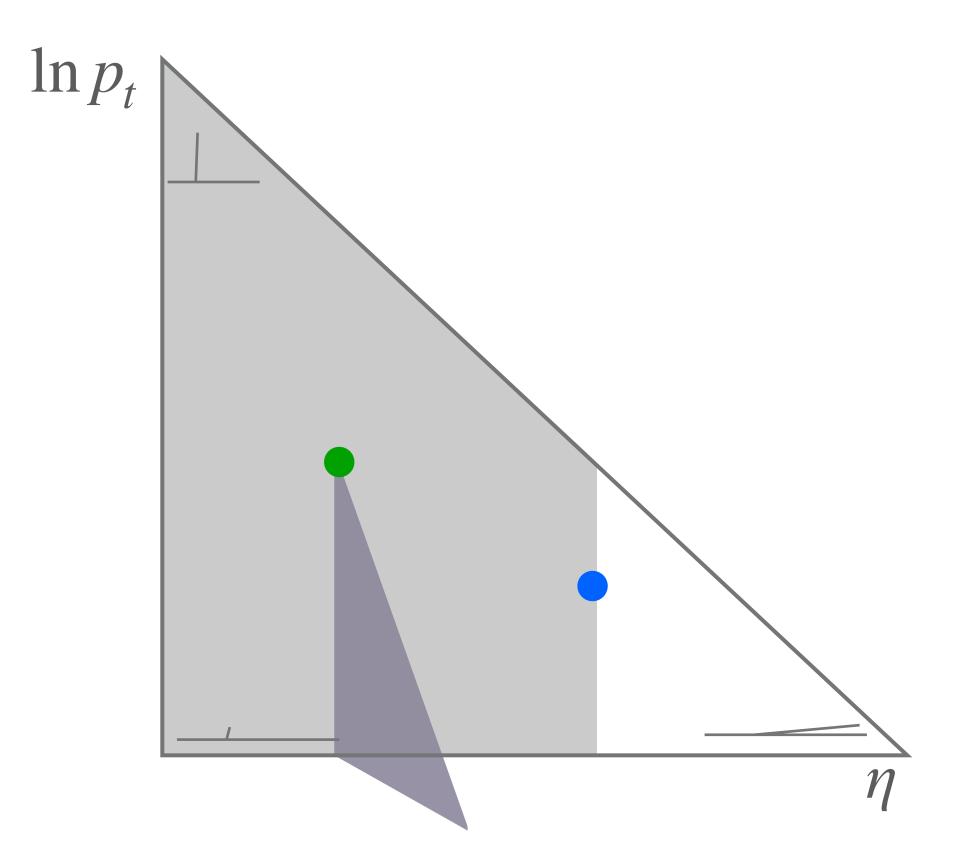
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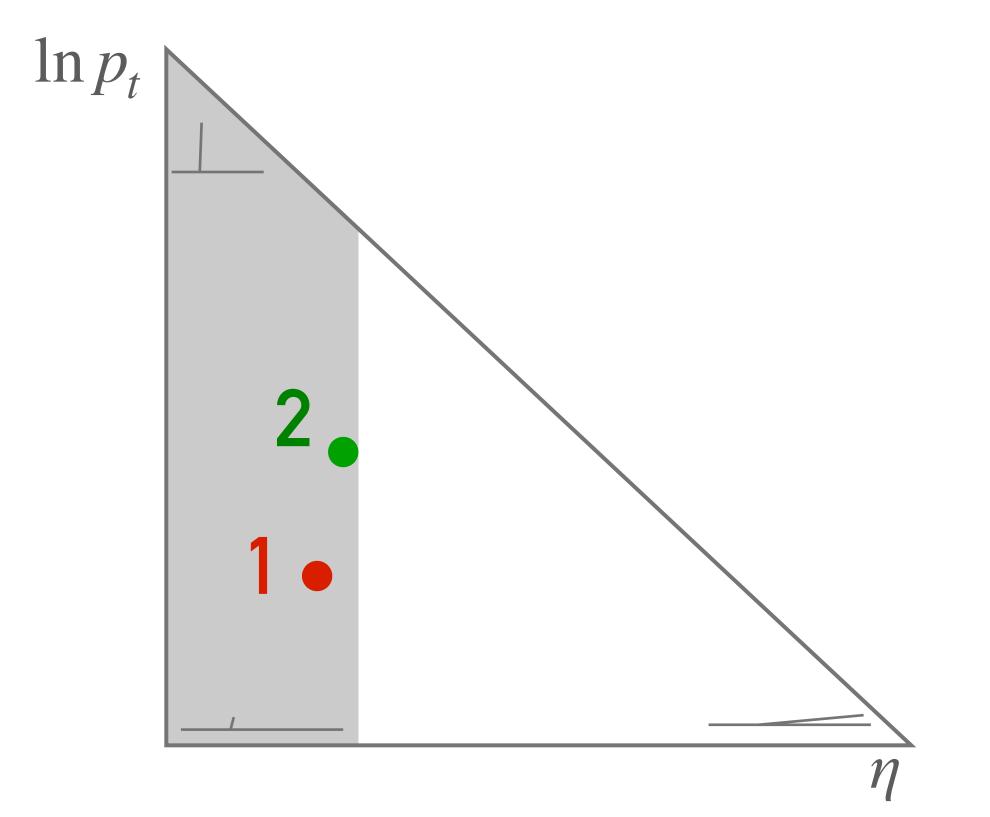


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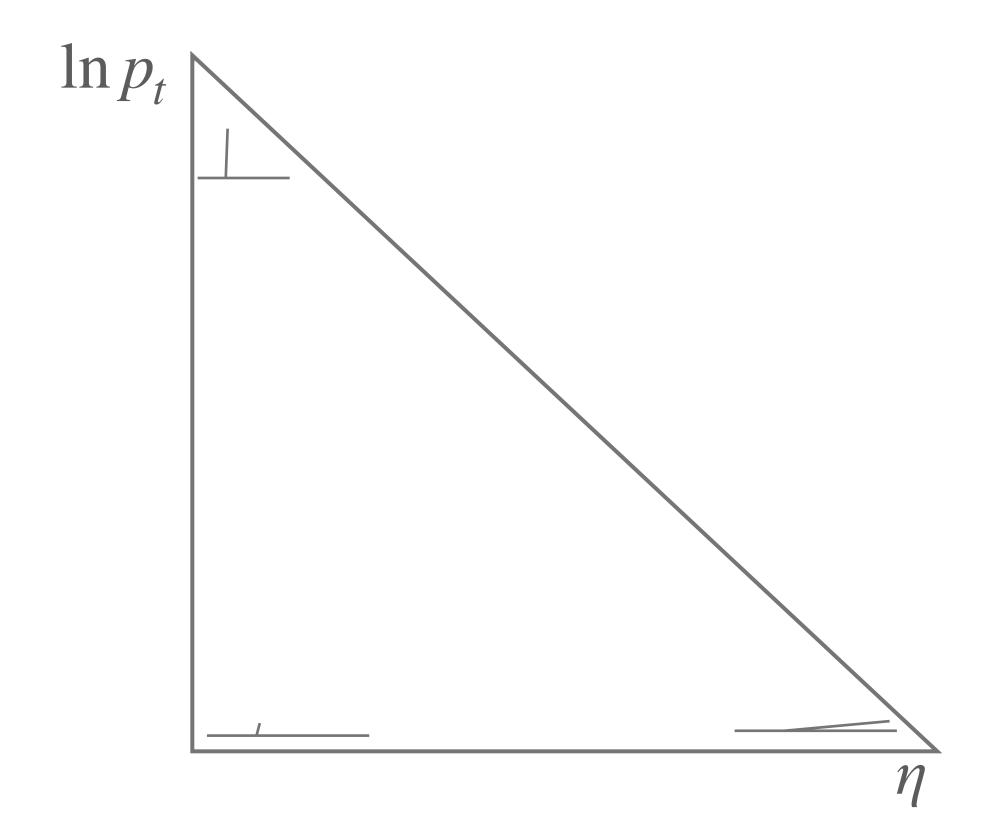


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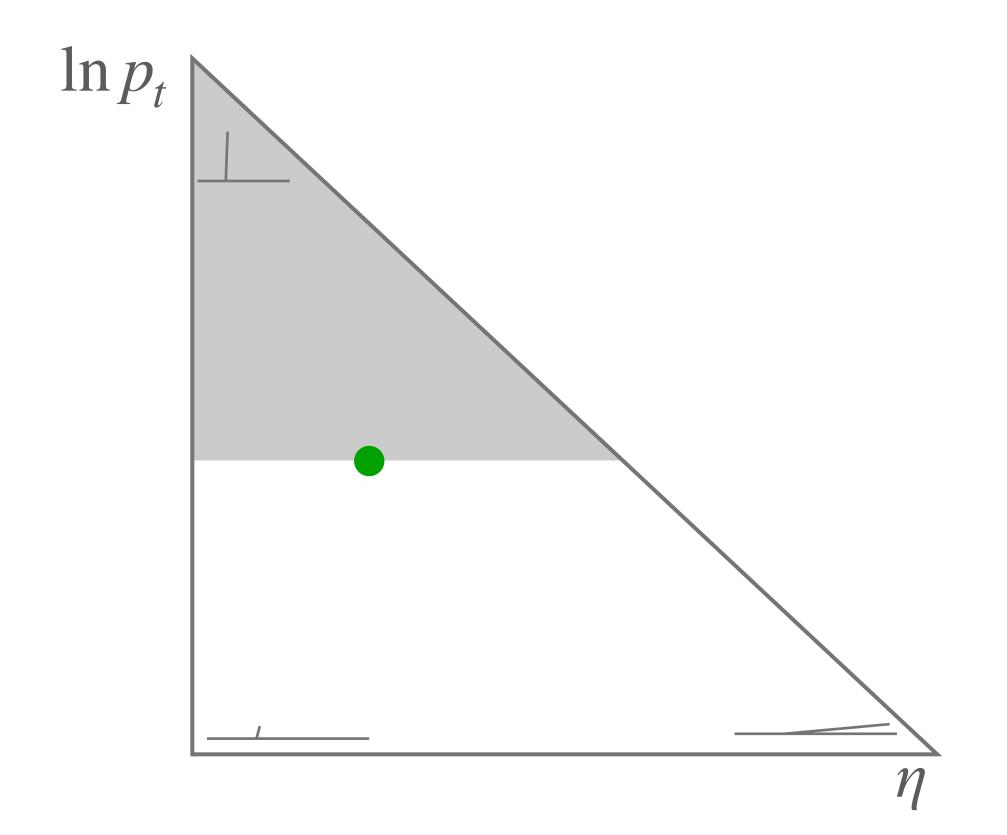
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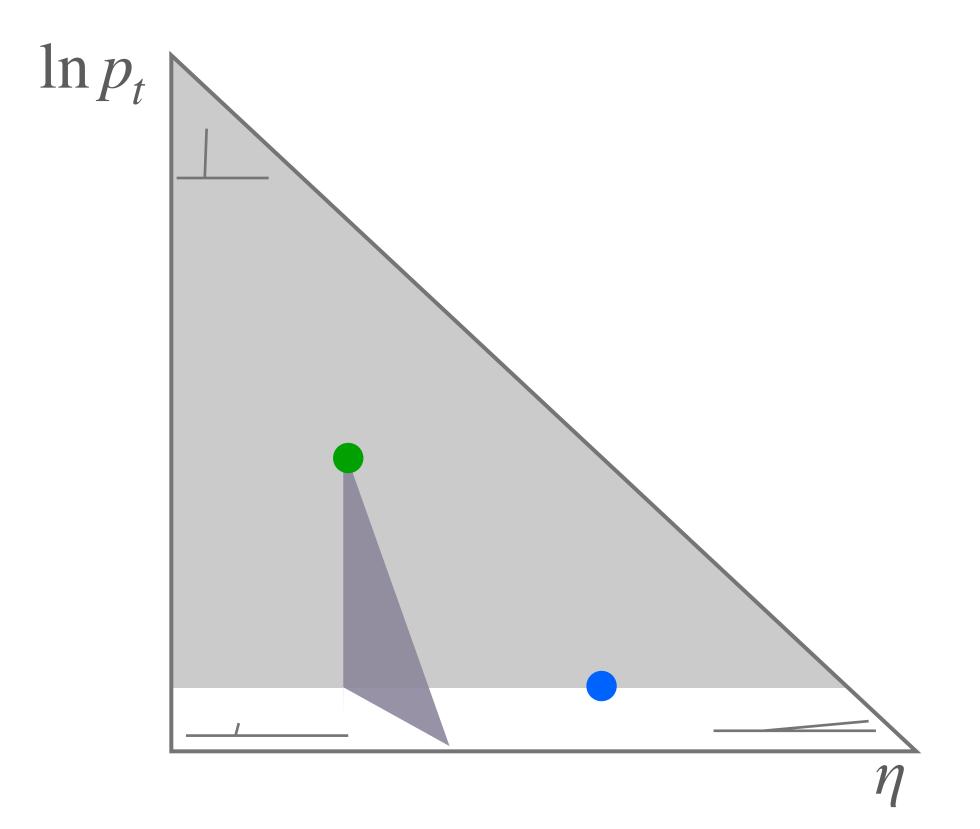
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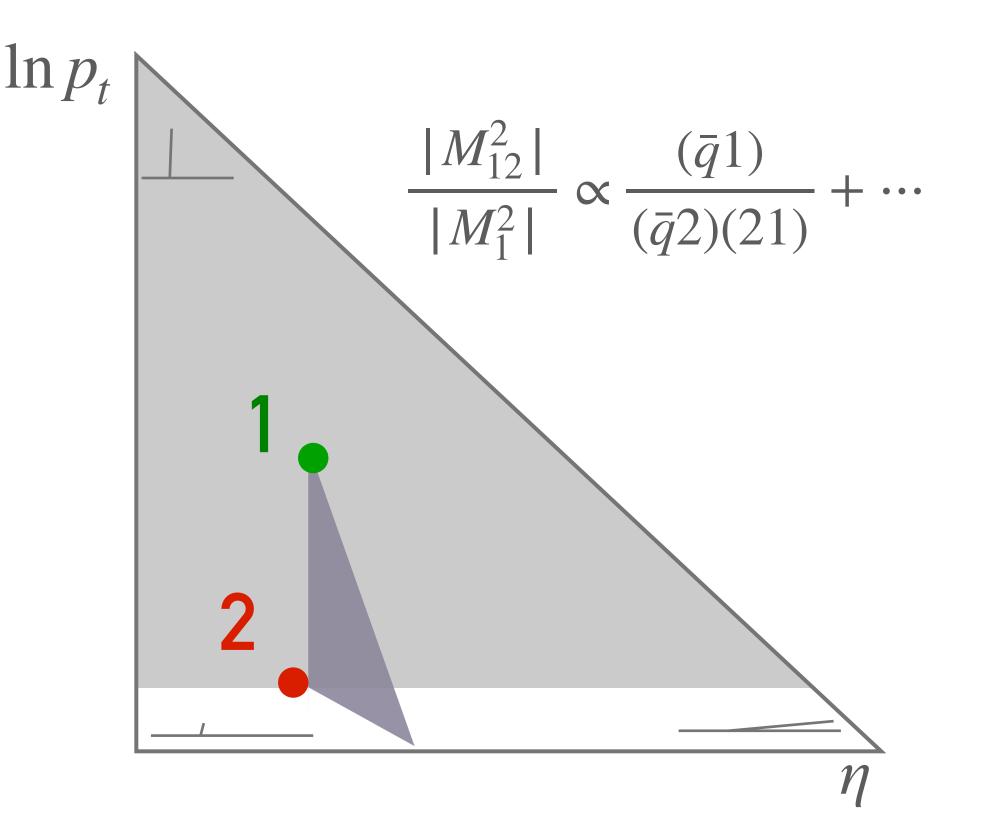
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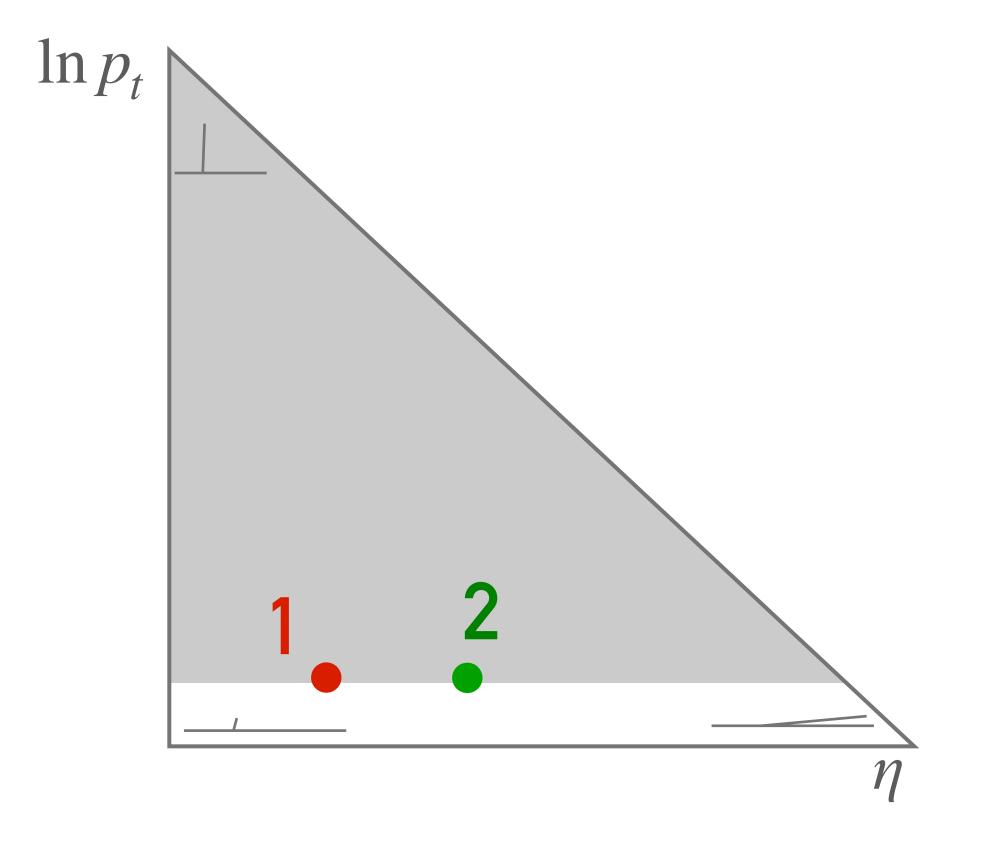
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✓ emissions at commensurate angles are produced in "right" order (red after green), and so with correct large-*N*<sub>C</sub> dipole matrix element (Bassetto, Ciafaloni Marchesini, 1983)

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• emissions at commensurate  $p_t$  affect each other, e.g. if (2) emitted after (1), it modifies kinematics of (1)

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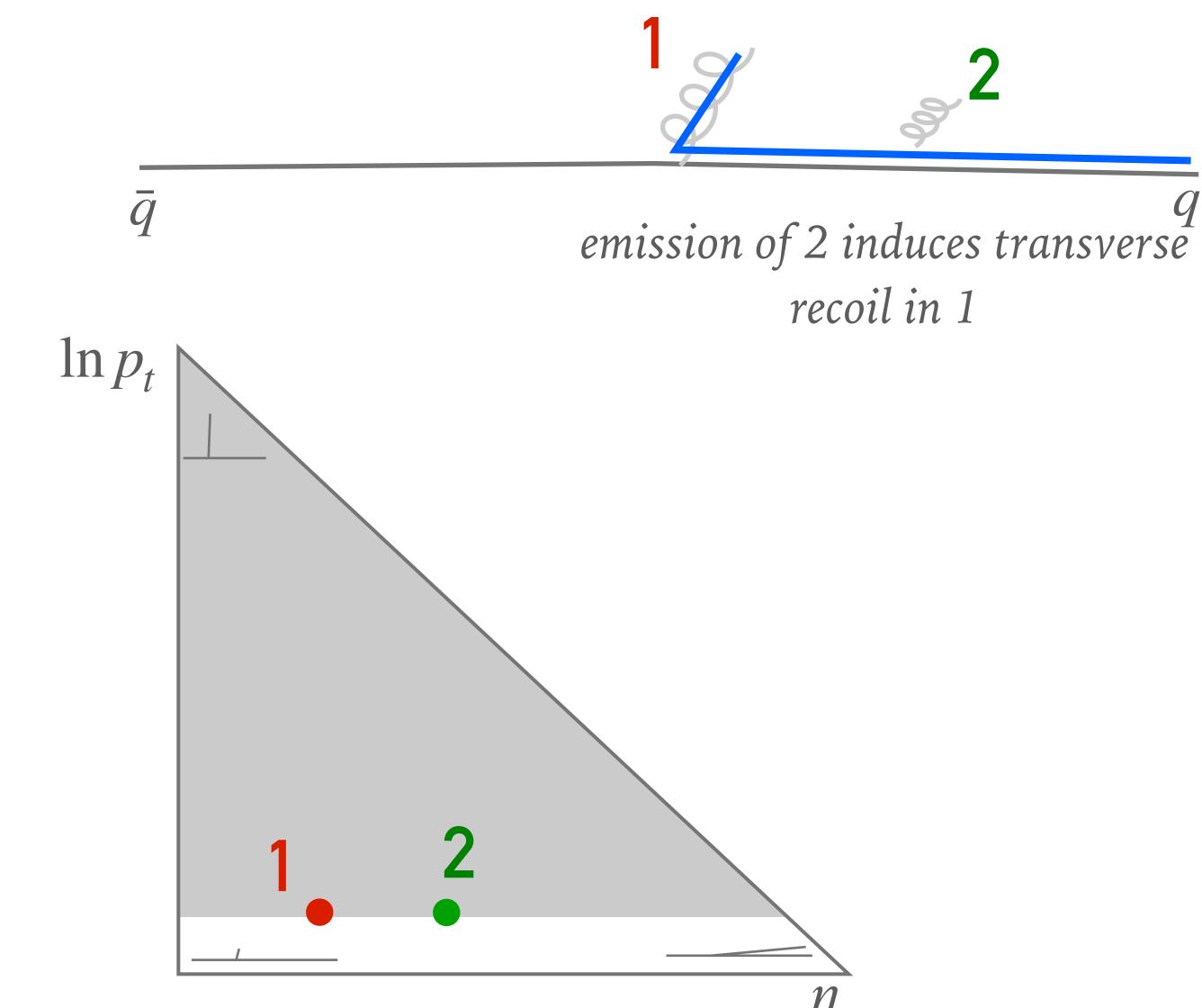
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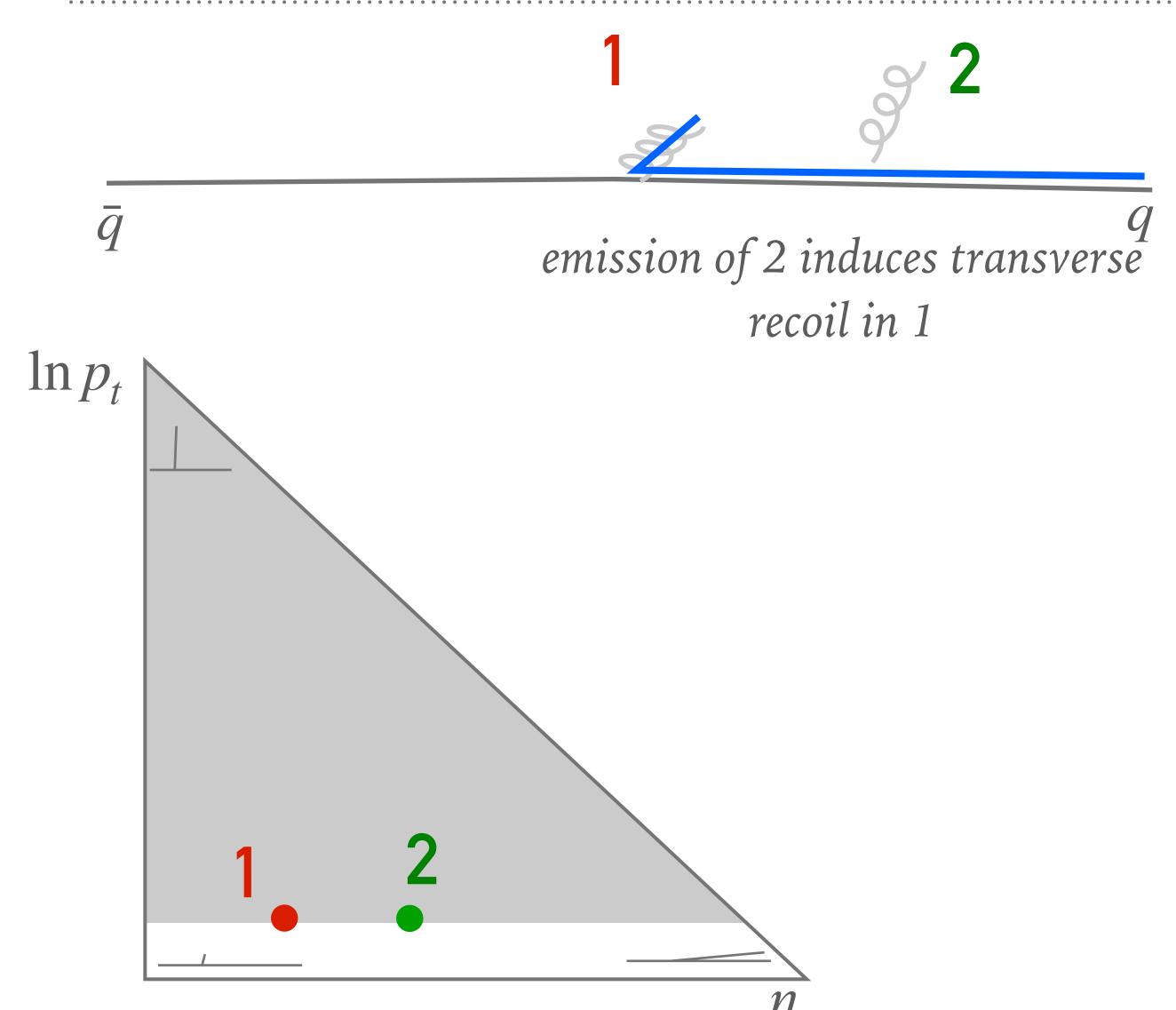
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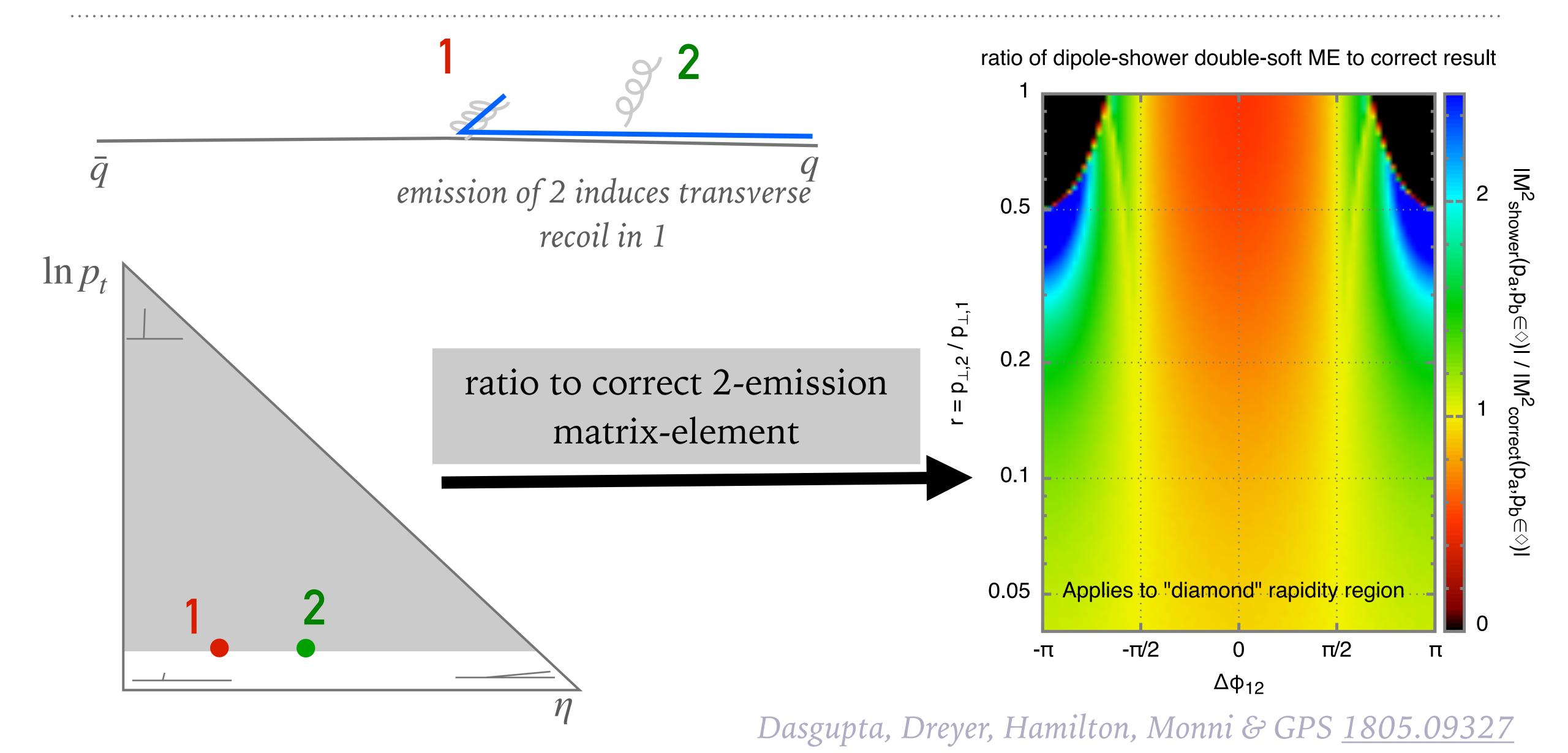


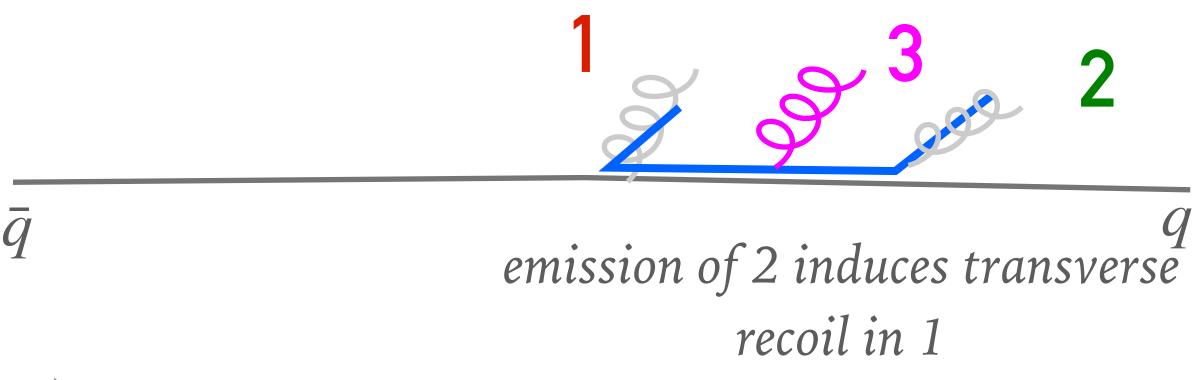
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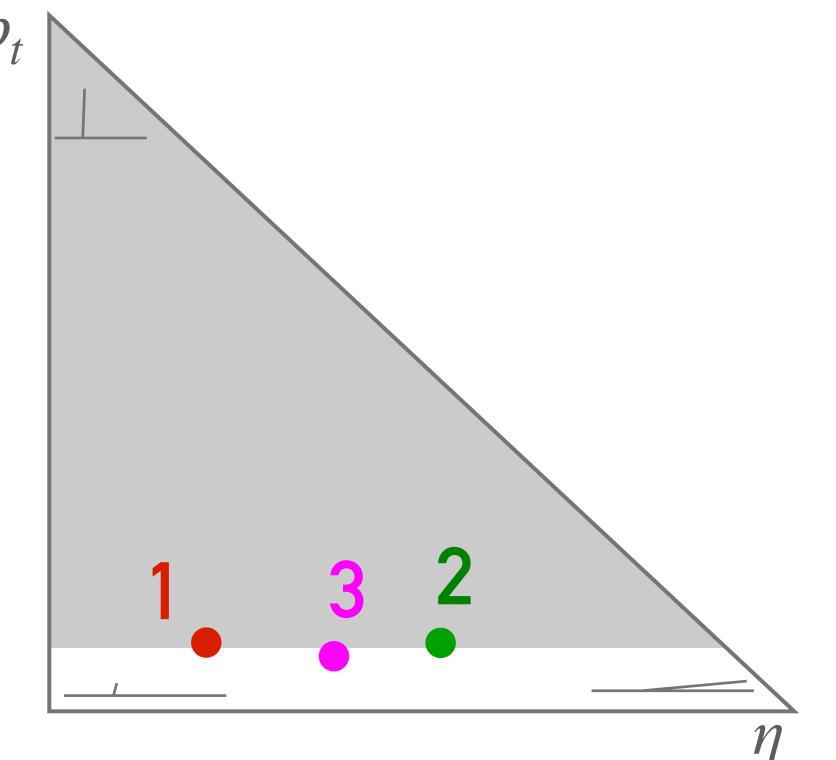
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in a qg dipole you can always force recoil to be taken from quark (solves problem at  $\alpha_s^2$ , Andersson, Gustafson, Sjögren '92), but with  $p_t$  ordering, problem will reappear for gg dipoles, e.g. emission of 3 from 12 dipole here

see also Bewick, Ferrario Ravasio, Richardson & Seymour, <u>1904.11866</u> and Forshaw, Holguin, Platzer <u>2003.06400</u>

# designing new showers

in the large- $N_C$  limit, without spin correlations (spin correlations solved by Collins 1986; beyond leading  $N_C$  more subtle)

#### core principles

- 1. for a new emission k, when it is generated far in the Lund diagram from any other emission  $(|d_{ki}^{Lund}| \gg 1)$ , it should not modify the kinematics (Lund coordinates) of any preceding emission by more than an amount  $\exp(-p|d_{ki}^{Lund}|)$ , where  $p = \mathcal{O}(1)$
- 2. when *k* is distant from other emissions, generate it with matrix element and phasespace (and associated Sudakov)

$$\frac{d\Phi_{k}}{d\Phi_{k-1}} \frac{|M_{1...k}|^{2}}{|M_{1...(k-1)}|^{2}}$$

[simple forms known from factorisation properties of matrix-elements]

- 3. emission k should not impact  $d\Phi \times |M|^2$  ratio for subsequent distant emissions unless
  - a. they are at commensurate angle (or on k's Lund "leaf"), or
  - b. k was a hard collinear splitting, which can affect other hard collinear splittings (cross-talk on same leaf = DGLAP, cross-talk on other leaves = spin correlations)

#### Handle #1: choice of recoil scheme for emission from ij dipole

➤ Dipole-local scheme (PanLocal)

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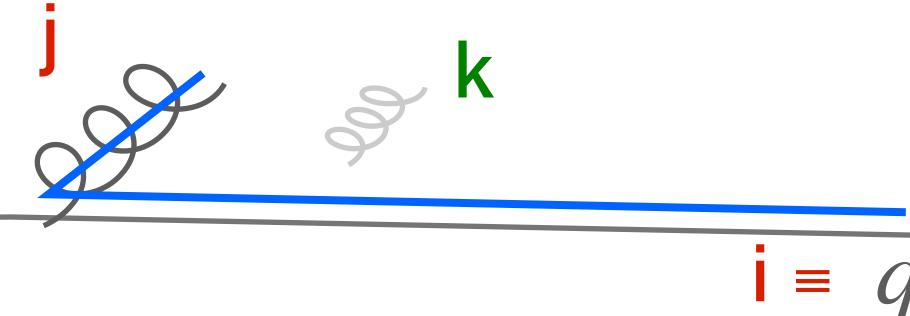
$$p_i = a_i \tilde{p}_i + b_i \tilde{p}_j - f k_{\perp},$$

$$p_j = a_j \tilde{p}_i + b_j \tilde{p}_j - (1 - f) k_{\perp}$$

kinematic map

f = 1 (0) when k collinear to i(j);

transition when k bisects (ij) opening angle in event c.o.m. frame (normal dipole/antenna showers have transition in the dipole c.o.m. frame)



#### Comparing PanLocal and standard Dipole recoil



 $\bar{q}g_1$  dipole  $\perp$  recoil from  $g_1$ 

 $ar{q}g_1$  dipole  $\bot$  recoil from  $ar{q}$ 

 $\bar{q}$ 

g<sub>1</sub>q dipole g<sub>1</sub>q dipole

L recoil from q

#### Standard Dipole

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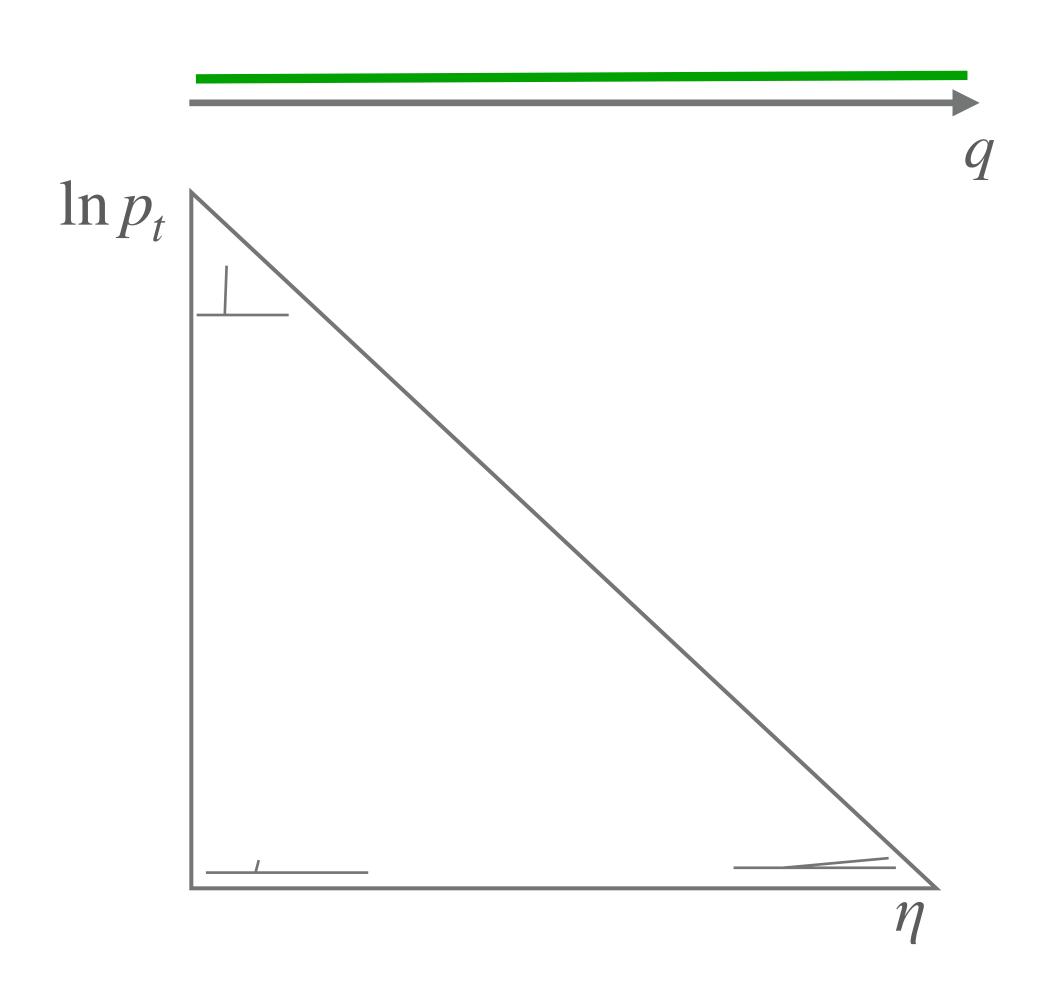
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 $\bar{q}$ 

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#### Handle #2: ordering variable

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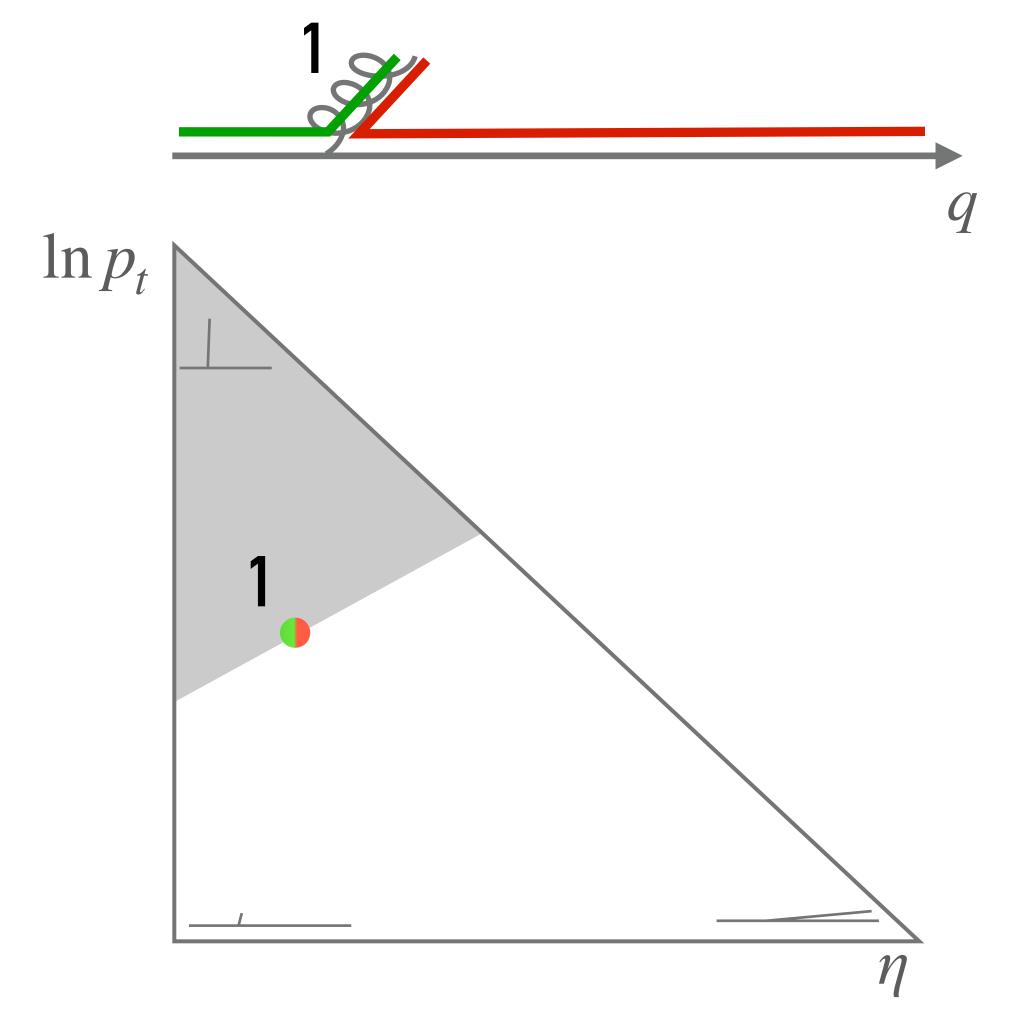


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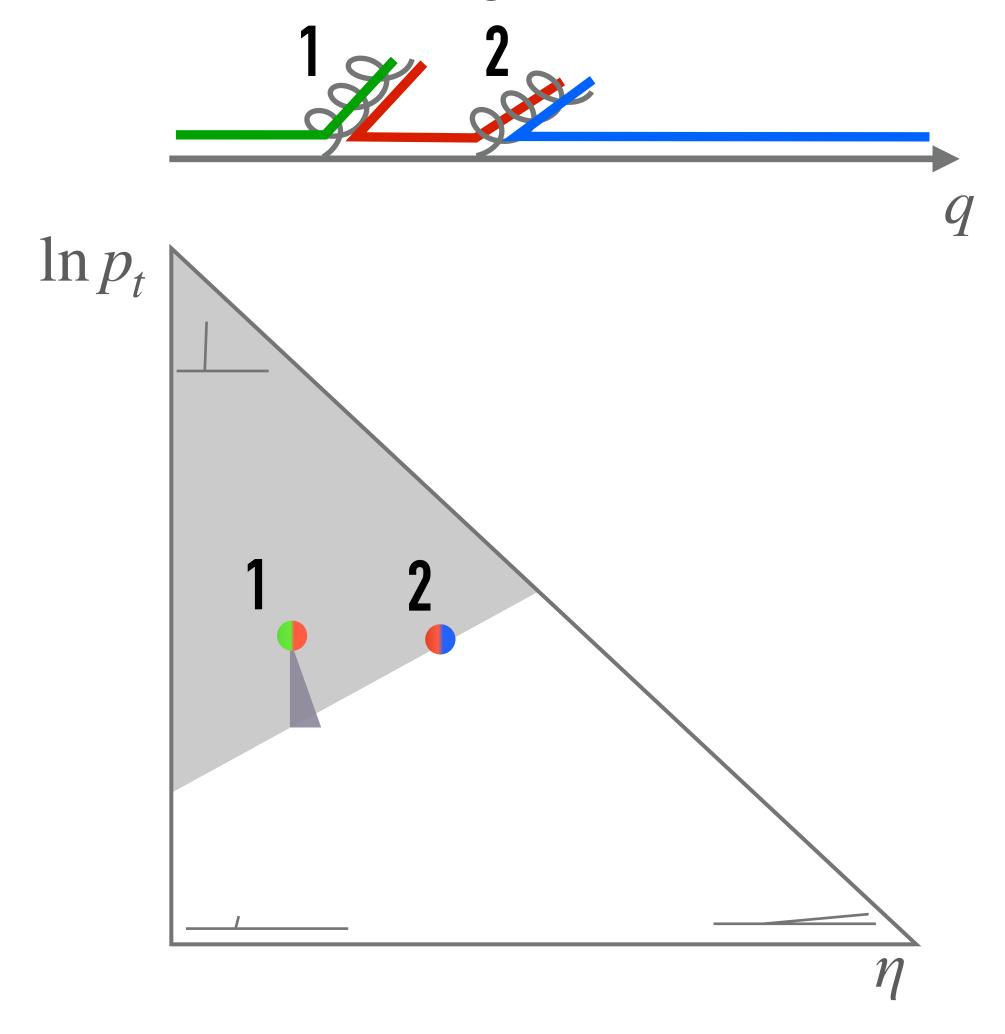


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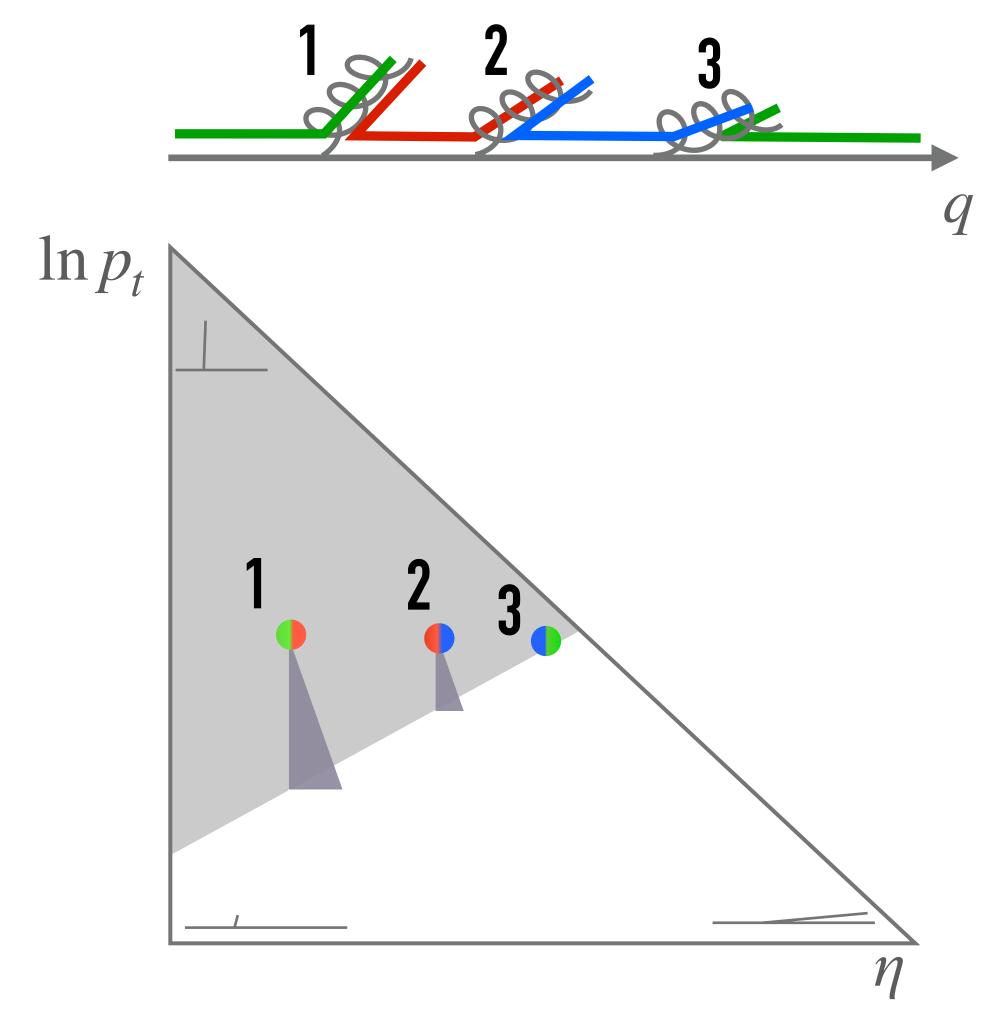


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- Ensures that commensurate- $p_t$  emissions are produced at successively smaller angles (avoids major recoil in gg dipole)

#### Alternative approach: PanGlobal

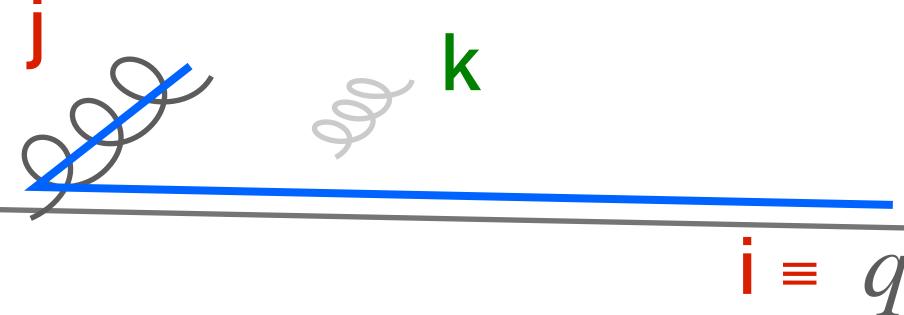
Dipole-local map doesn't handle transverse recoil

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kinematic map

Whole event scaled and boosted after each emission to restore 4-momentum conservation.

Works with  $0 \le \beta < 1$  (i.e. can be used with  $p_t$  ordering)



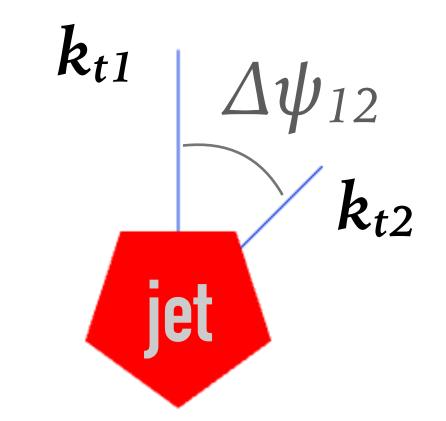
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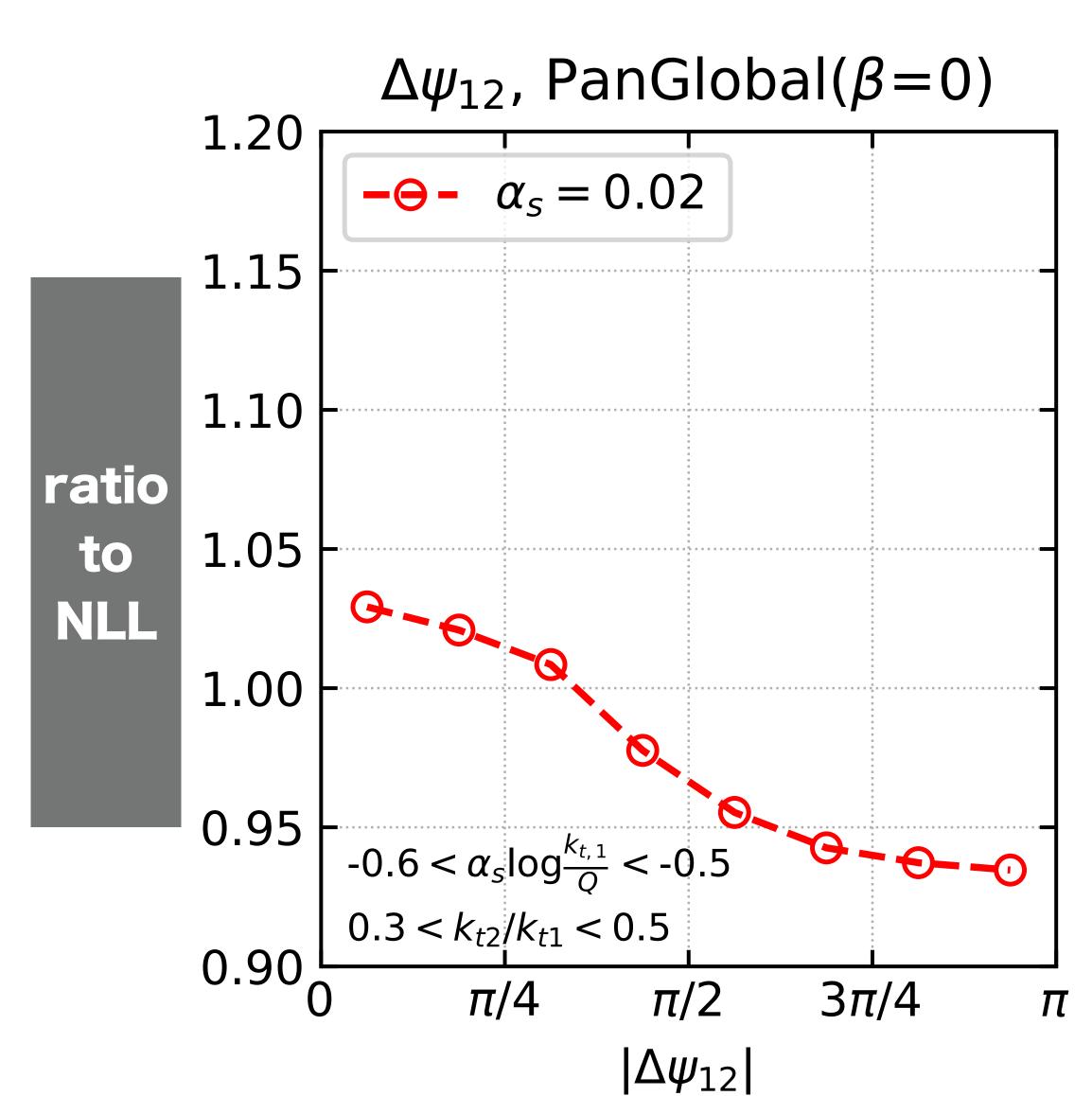
- ➤ I don't like either of these approaches
- ➤ they involve "hacks" in order to satisfy the core principles, but are physically unappealing in some respects (recoil assigned to particles that shouldn't "physically" get it)
- ➤ I believe one could find other solutions that are better
- ➤ But for now, they serve as a proof of principle that it is possible to construct a shower that satisfies our NLL conditions (some people believed this might not even be possible)

NB, Nagy & Soper 1401.6364
have elements related to PanLocal
but with a global recoil

## validating new showers

maybe one's concerned?
how can we convince you (and ourselves) that we have achieved NLL?

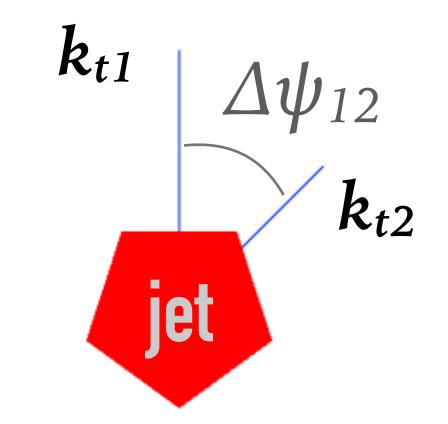


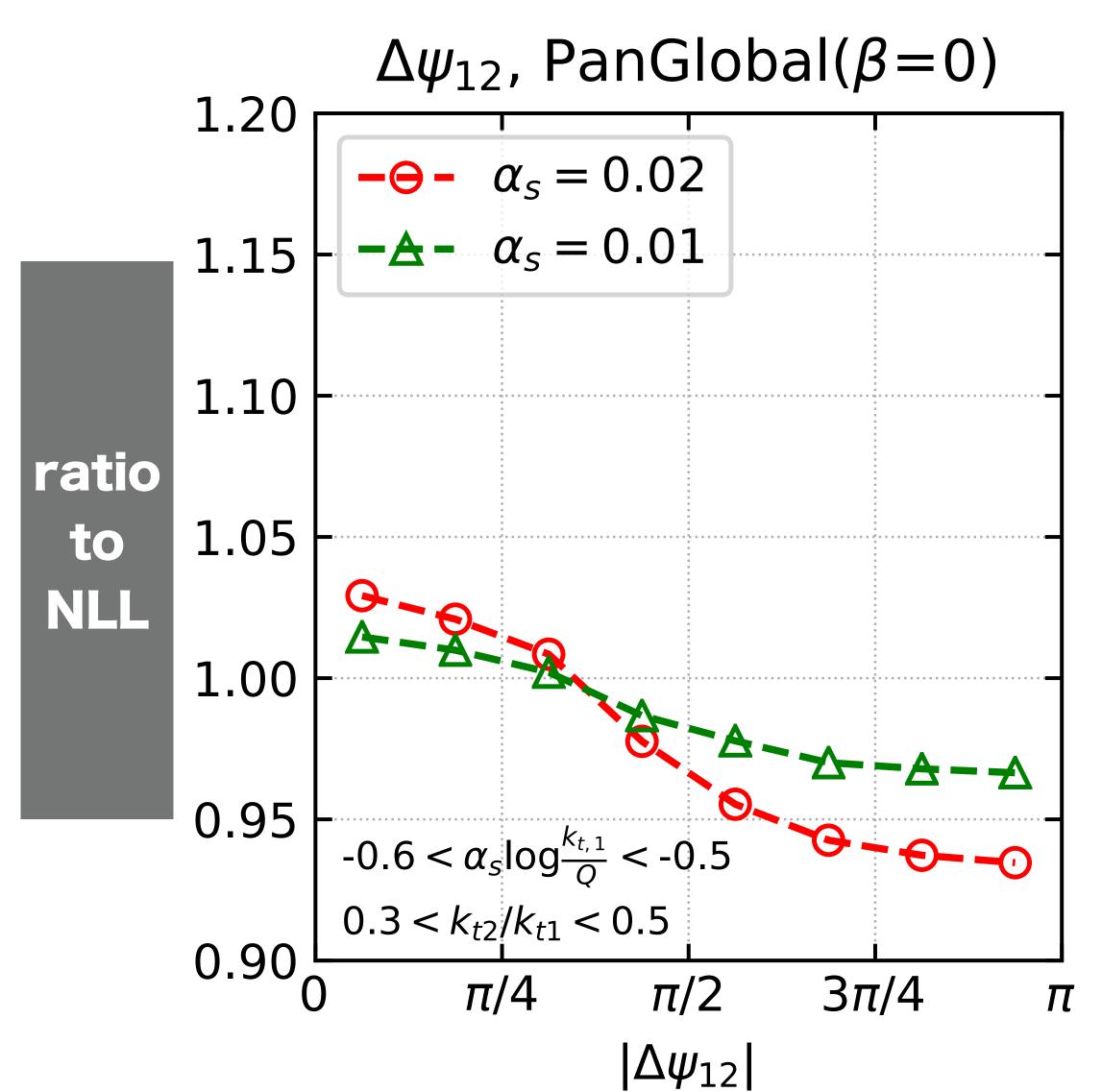


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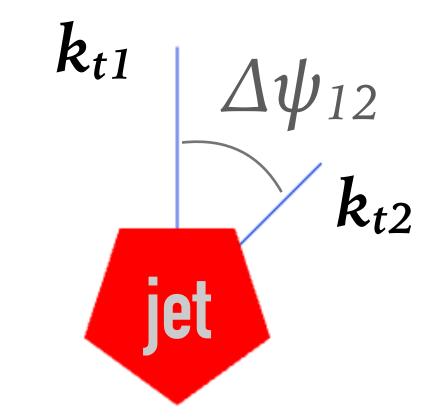
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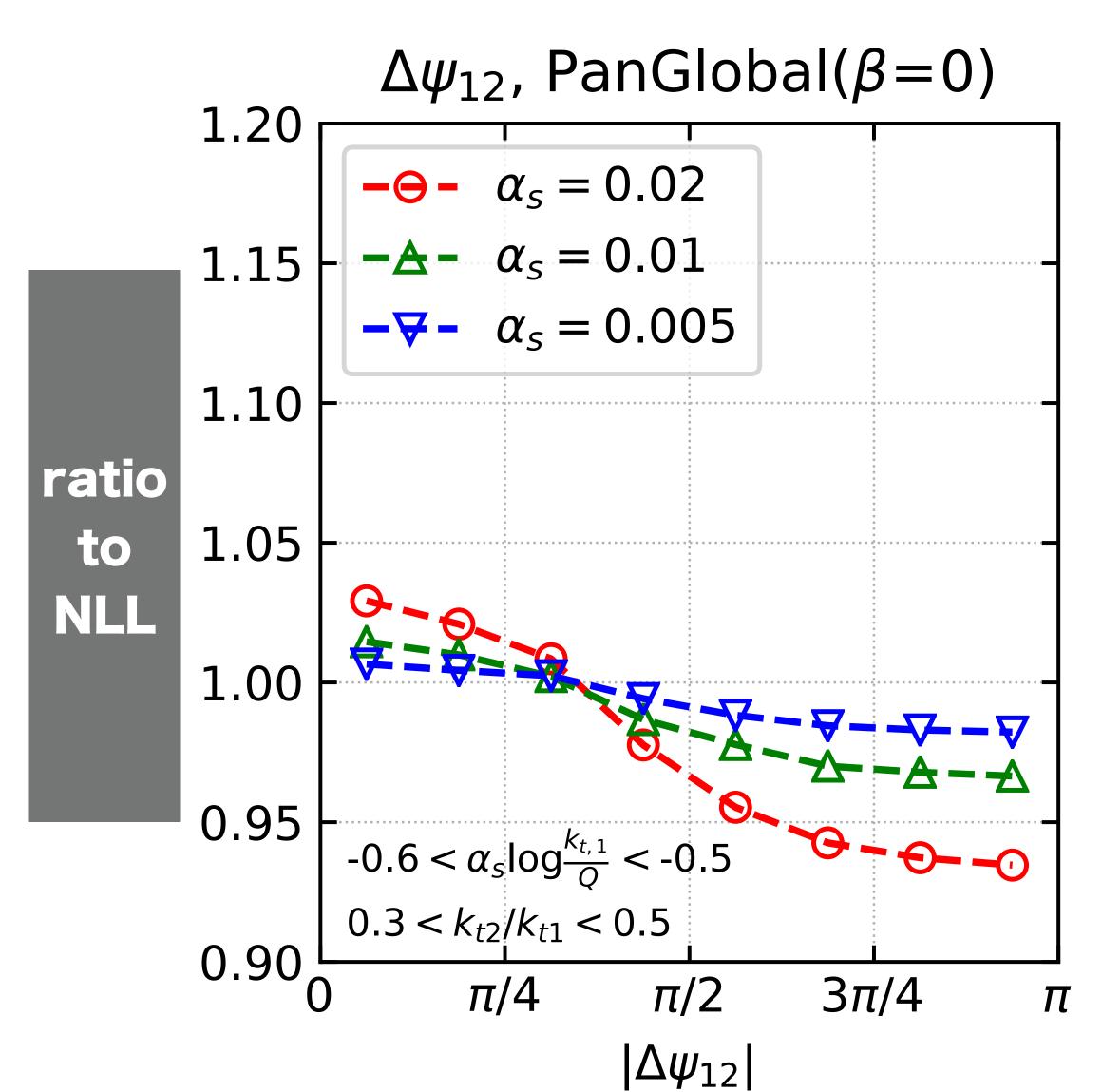
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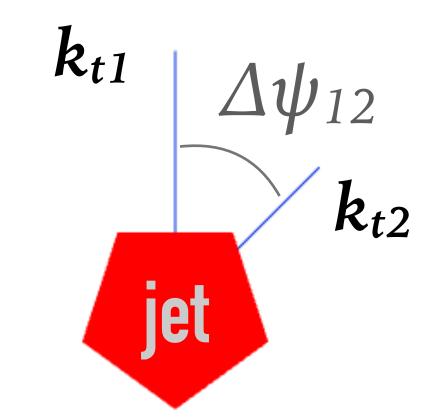
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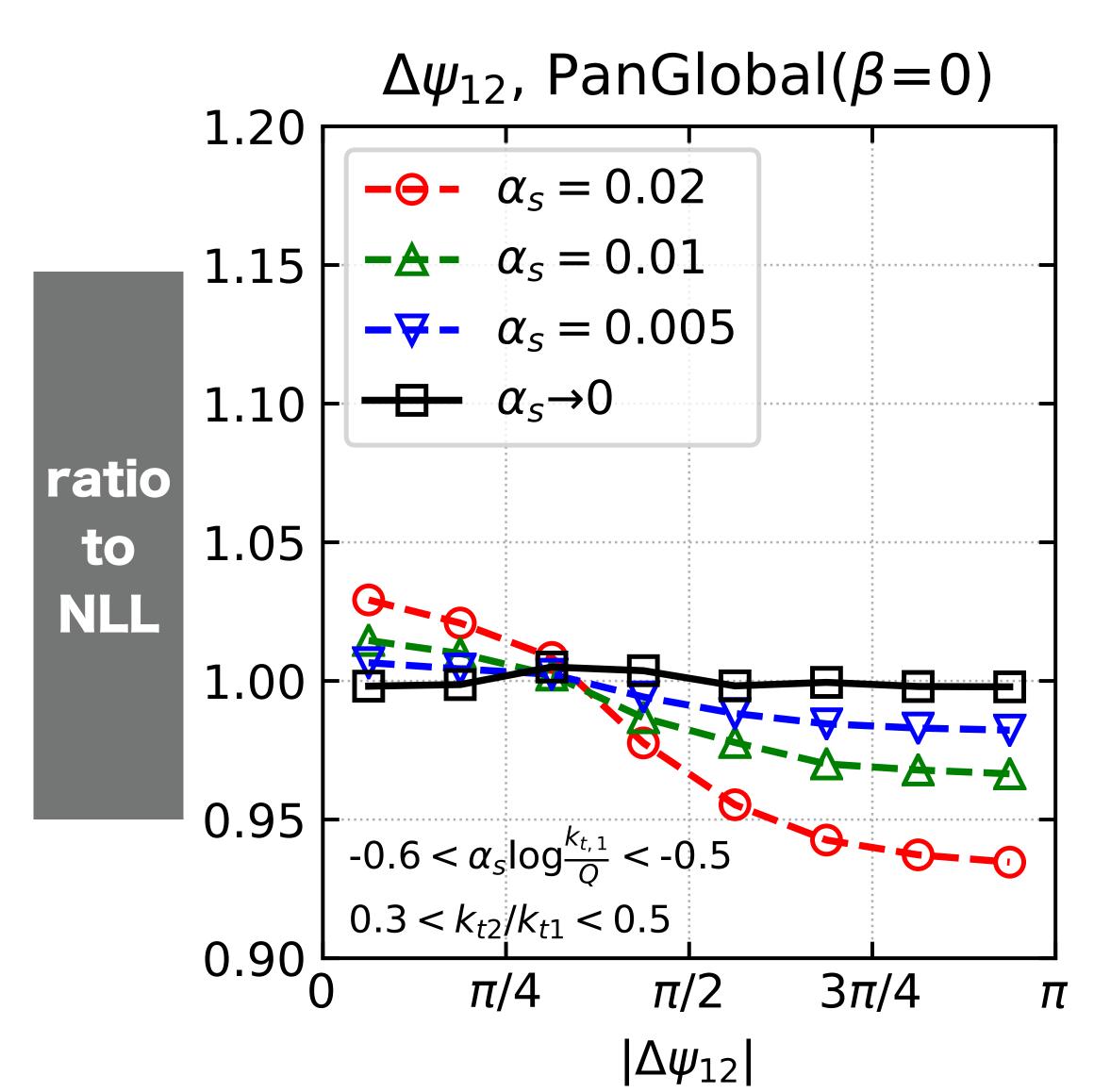




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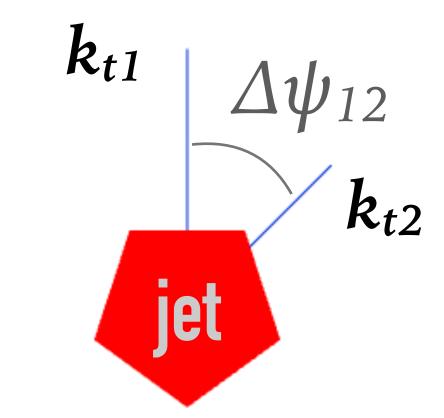


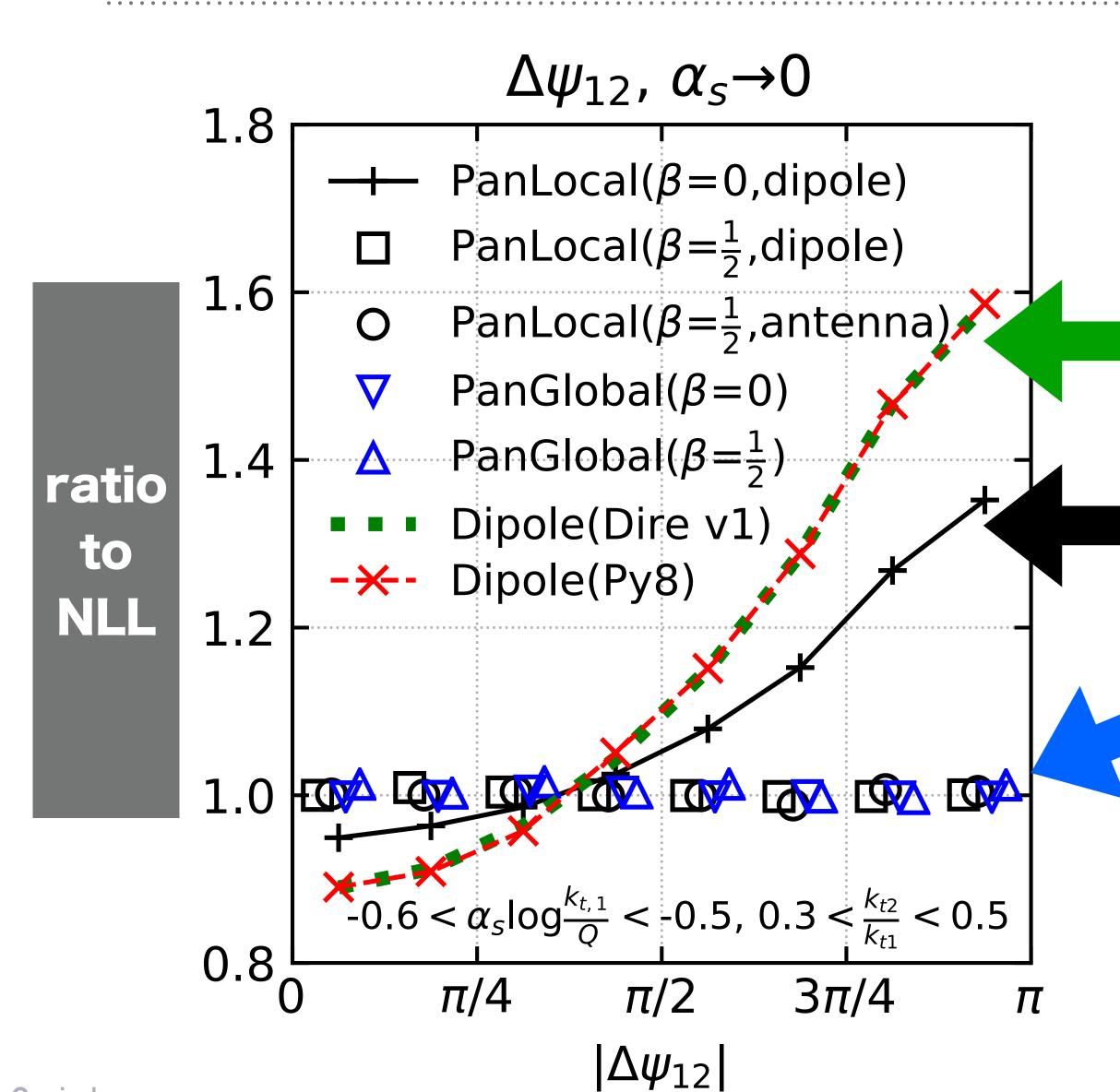
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- ✓ extrapolation  $\alpha_s \rightarrow 0$  agrees with NLL

### A side-note about running with small $\alpha_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$

- $\blacktriangleright$  If you keep  $\alpha_s L$  fixed,  $\alpha_s \to 0$  implies  $L \to \infty$
- ► In practice  $\alpha_s L = -0.5$  with  $\alpha_s = 0.005$  gives L = -100, i.e. transverse momenta  $\sim 10^{-44}Q$  (e.g. at LHC minimum  $p_t \sim 10^{-5}Q$ )
- ➤ normal showers aren't designed to work over such a range of scales, quite a few problems needed to be solved (~1.5 years' thought & work)
- but if you want a numerical test of NLL (and, subsequently, higher orders), then you need a framework that can address such challenges

NB: to study Pythia8 / Dire-v1 dipole showers, we had to recode them (based on descriptions in papers & inspection of their code)





Now examine many showers

standard dipole showers (Pythia8, Direv1) disagree with NLL by up to 60%

PanLocal  $\beta = 0$  is also expected to disagree with NLL and does

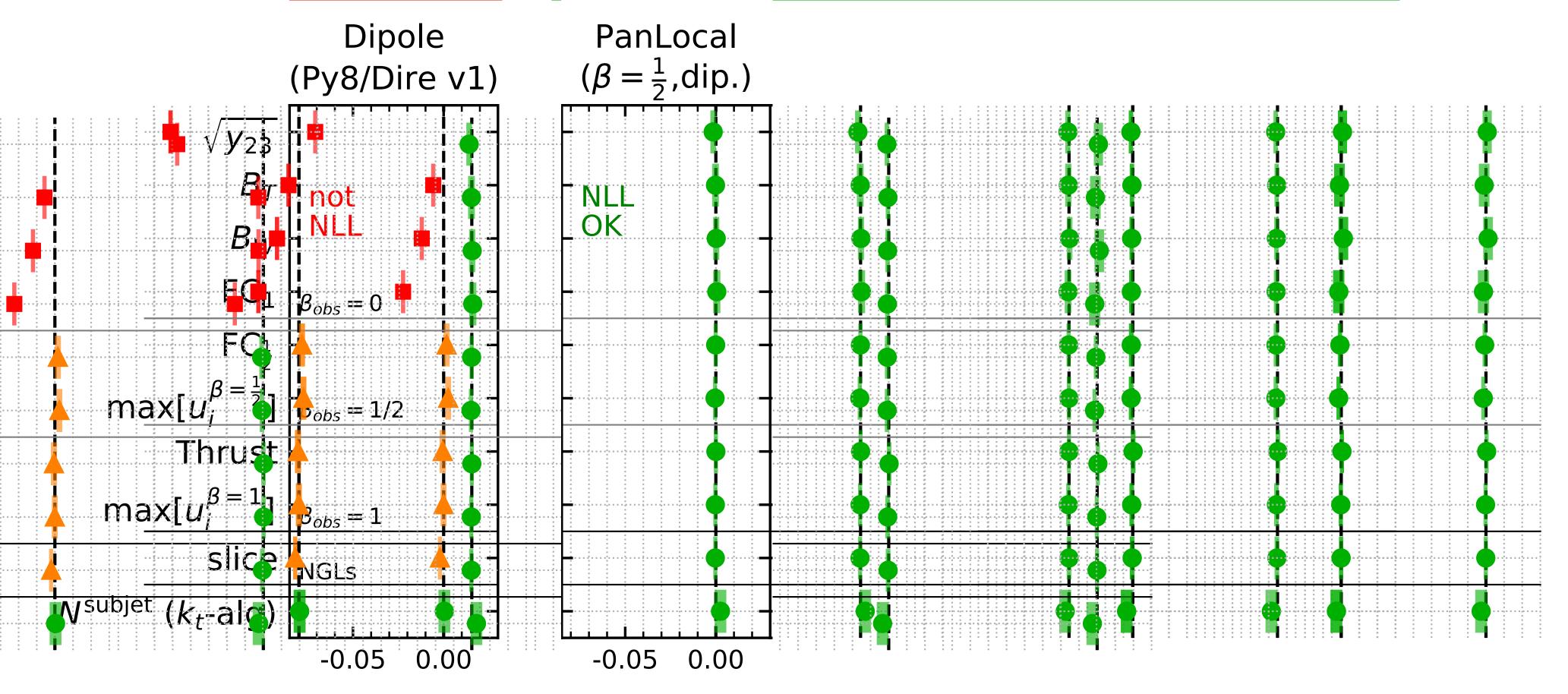
All other "PanScales" showers (with valid  $\beta$  values) agree with NLL

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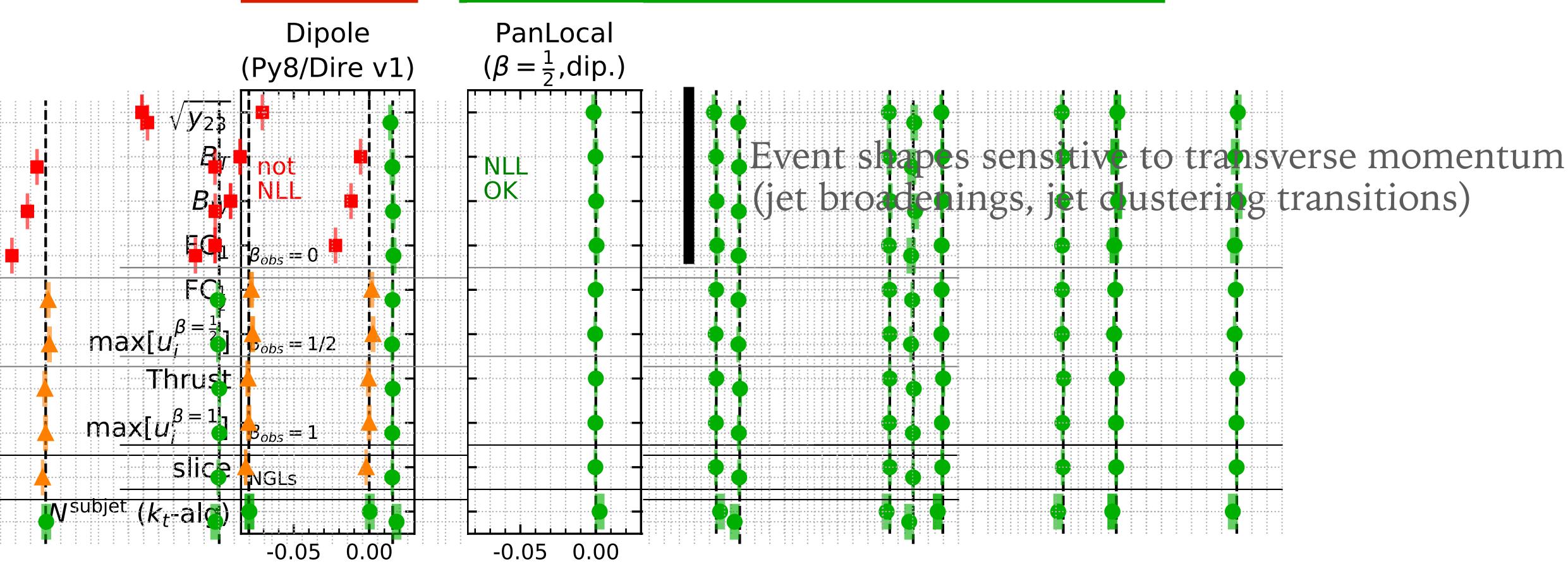


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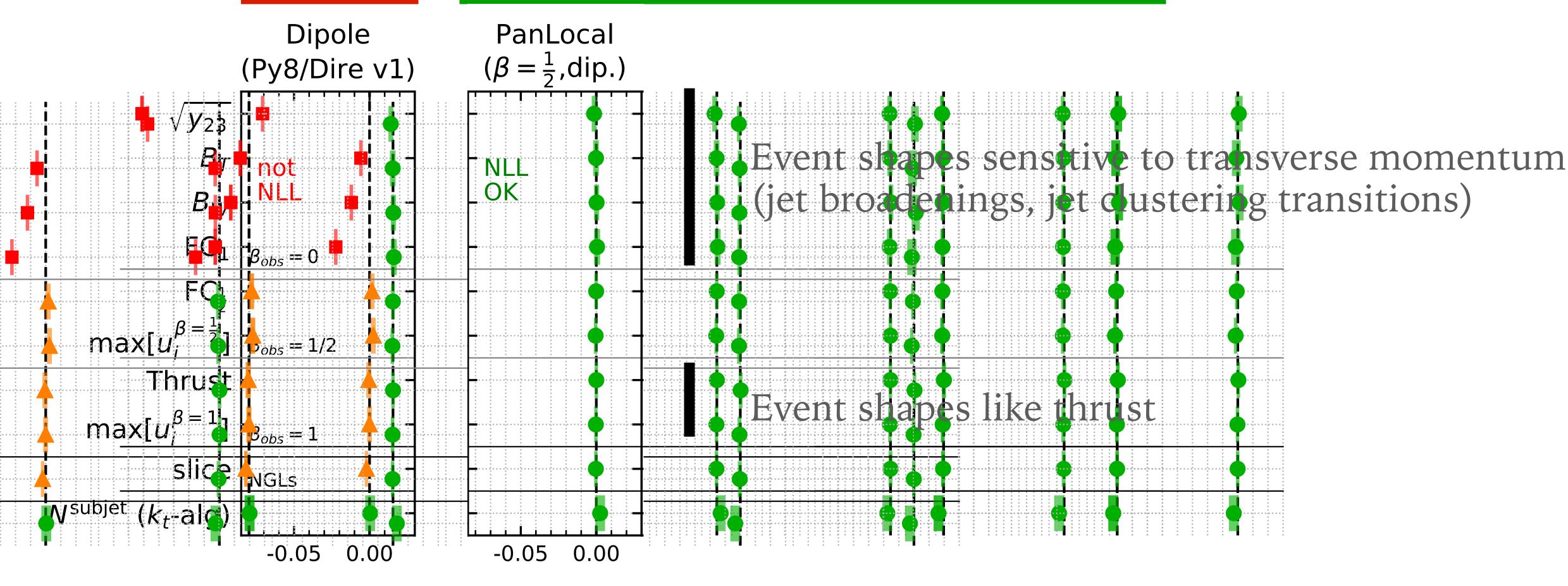


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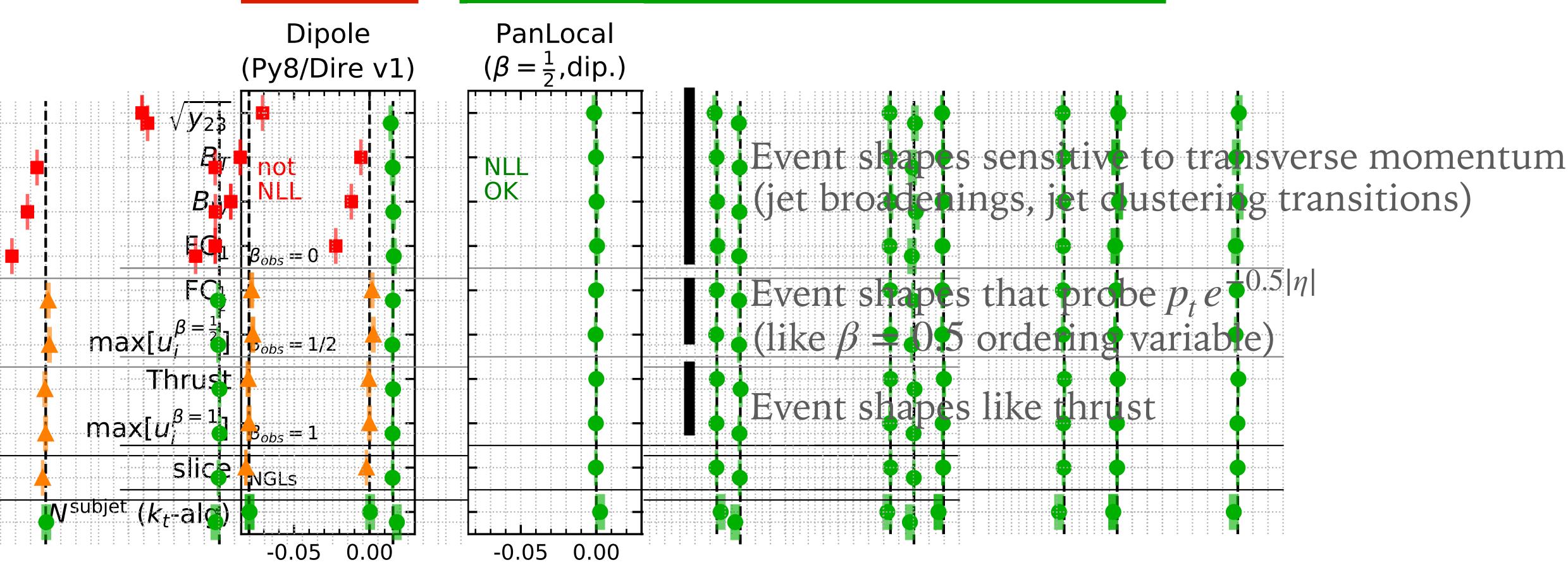


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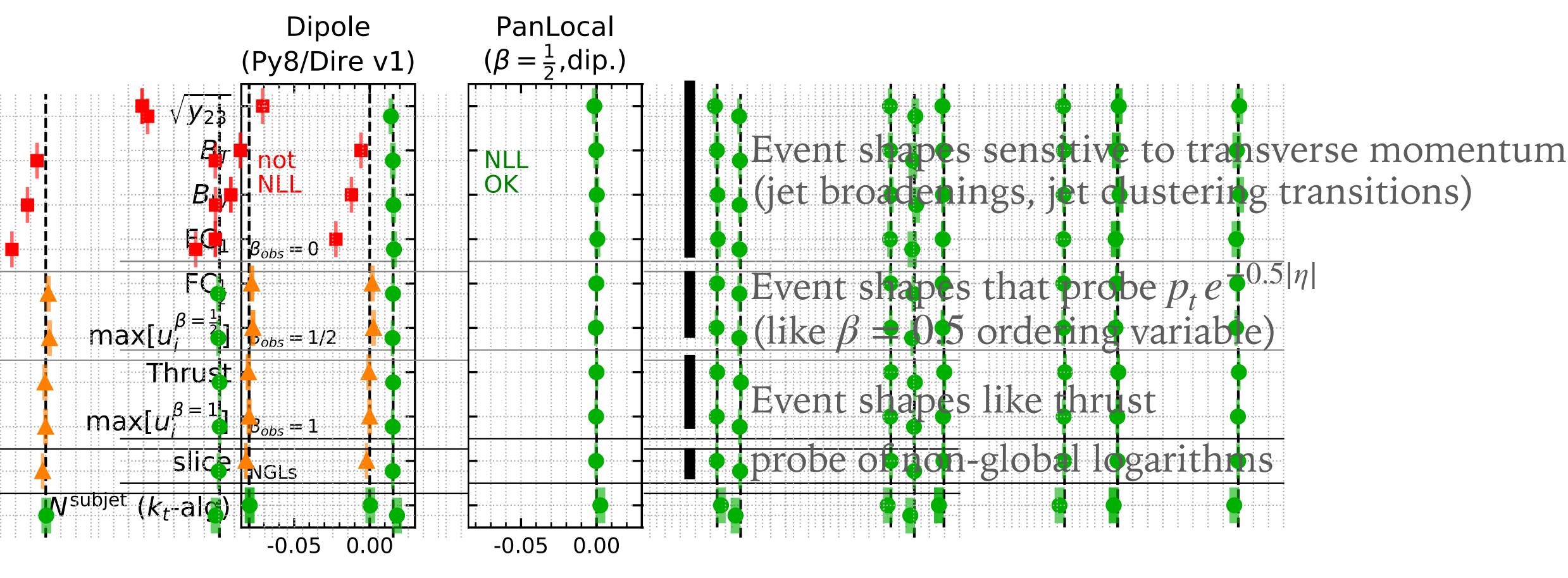


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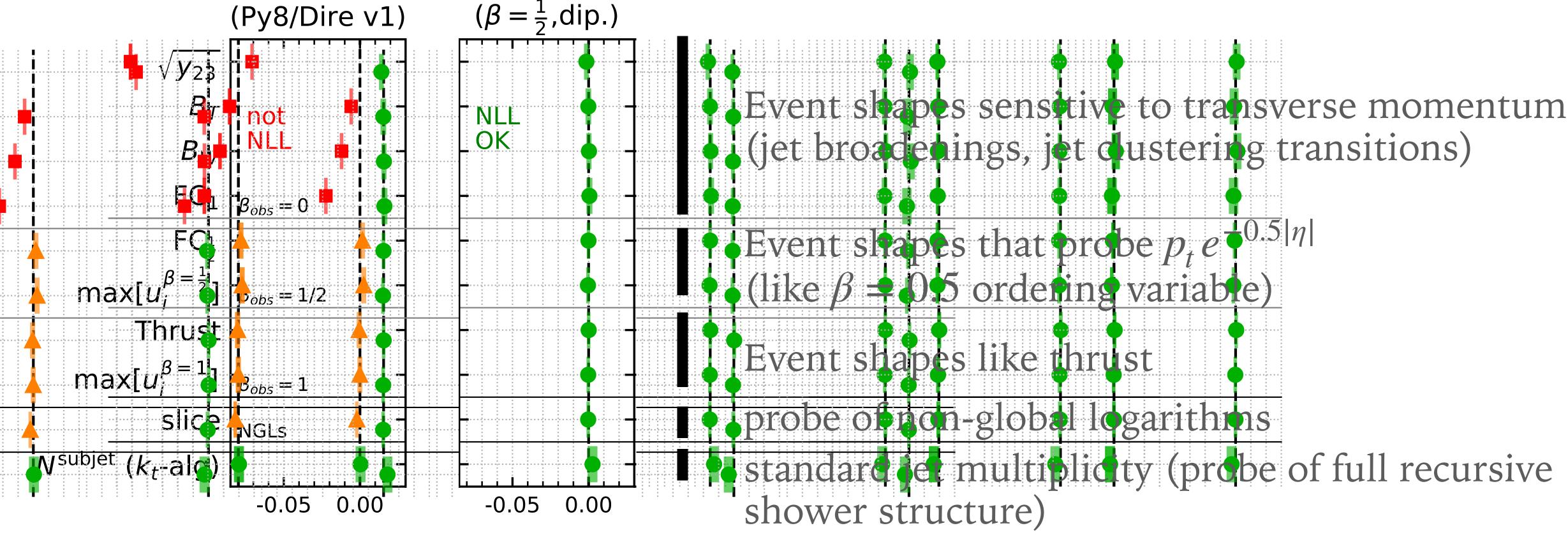


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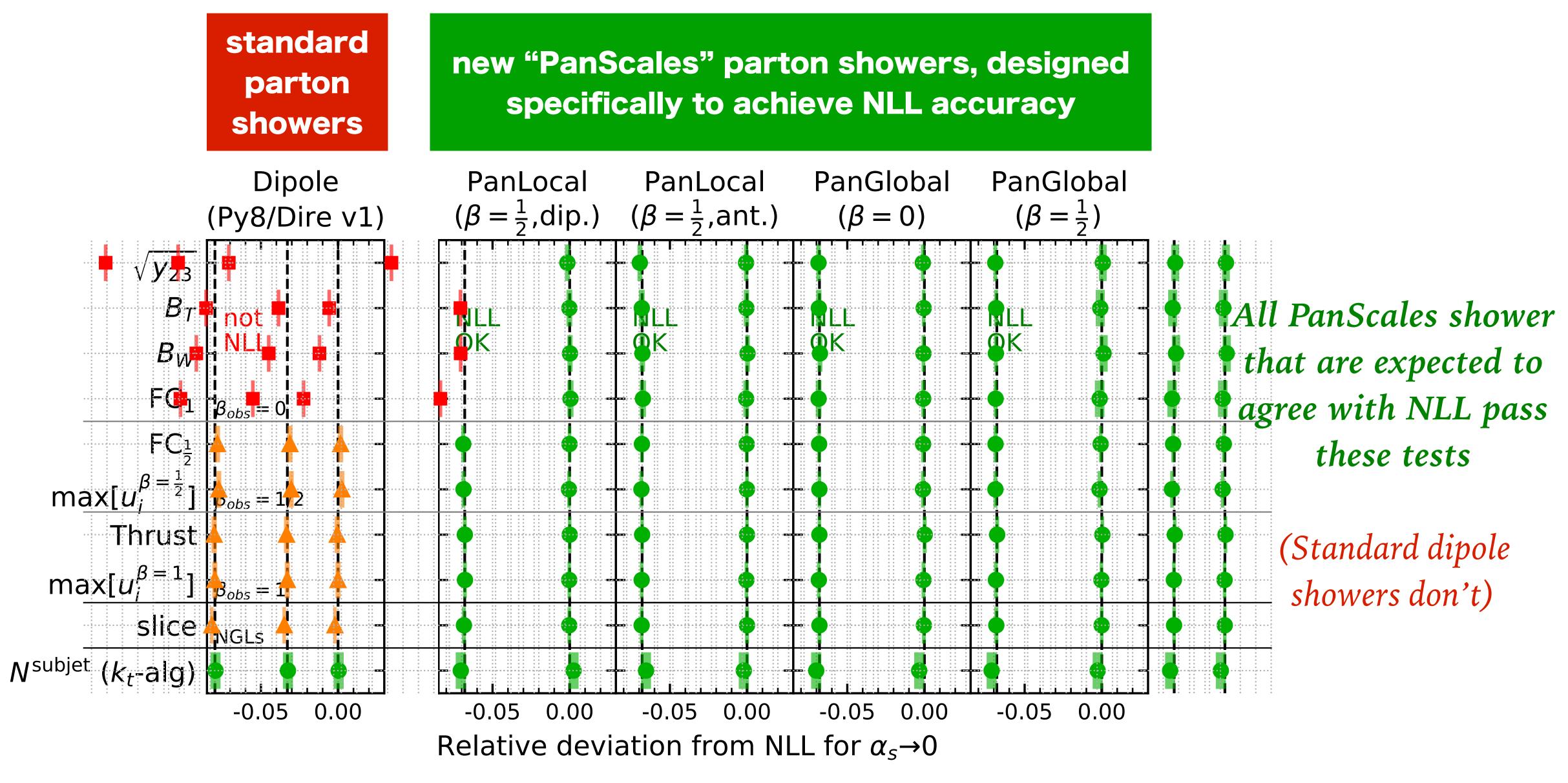
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Relative deviation from NLL for  $\alpha_s \rightarrow 0$ 

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## Conclusions

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- ➤ Parton showers (and event generators in general), and their predictions of the fine structure of events, are an essential part of LHC's very broad physics programme
- > Despite their central role, understanding of their accuracy has been elusive
- Minimal baseline for progress beyond 1980's technology is to achieve NLL accuracy  $\equiv$  control of terms  $(\alpha_s L)^n$
- $\triangleright$  We've demonstrated that is possible (with some caveats, final-state showers only, spin correlations still missing, leading- $N_C$  approx.)
- Essential elements that we hope can be of wider use:
  - > concrete criteria for specifying log accuracy
  - > core guiding principles that help achieve NLL accuracy
  - > powerful numerical approach to demonstrating shower accuracy

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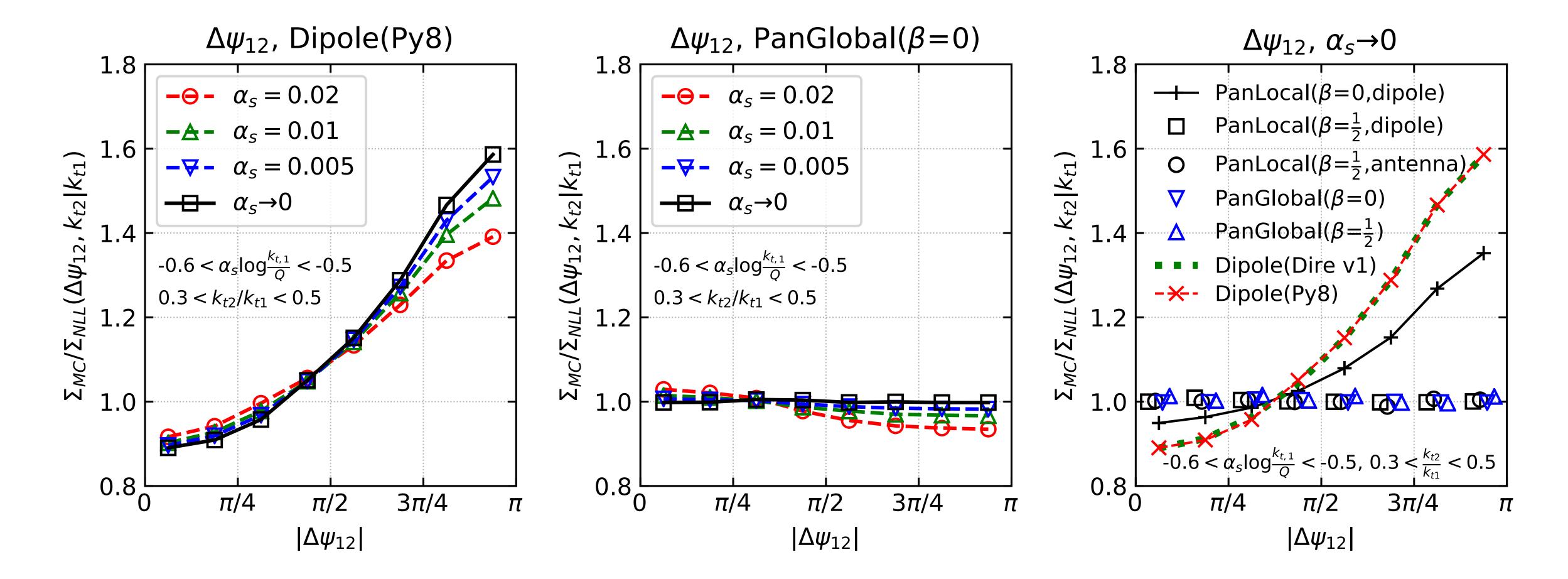


FIG. 1. Left: distribution for the difference in azimuthal angle between the two highest- $k_t$  primary Lund declusterings in the Pythia8 dipole shower algorithm, normalised to the NLL result [53], [51]§4; successively smaller  $\alpha_s$  values keep fixed  $\alpha_s \ln k_{t1}$ . Middle: the same for the PanGlobal( $\beta = 0$ ) shower. Right: the  $\alpha_s \to 0$  limit of the ratio for multiple showers. This observable directly tests part of our NLL (squared) matrix-element correctness condition. A unit value for the ratio signals success.

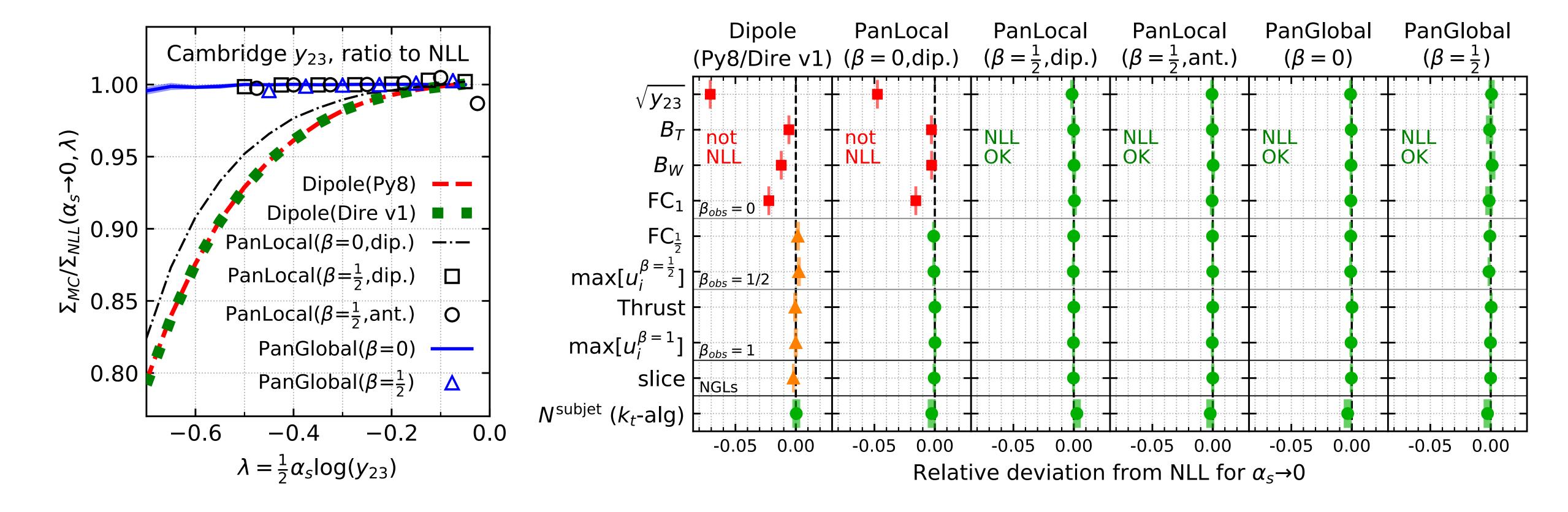


FIG. 2. Left: ratio of the cumulative  $y_{23}$  distribution from several showers divided by the NLL answer, as a function of  $\alpha_s \ln y_{23}/2$ , for  $\alpha_s \to 0$ . Right: summary of deviations from NLL for many shower/observable combinations (either  $\Sigma_{\rm shower}(\alpha_s \to 0, \alpha_s L = -0.5)/\Sigma_{\rm NLL} - 1$  or  $(N_{\rm shower}^{\rm subjet}(\alpha_s \to 0, \alpha_s L^2 = 5)/N_{\rm NLL}^{\rm subjet} - 1)/\sqrt{\alpha_s})$ . Red squares indicate clear NLL failure; amber triangles indicate NLL fixed-order failure that is masked at all orders; green circles indicate that all NLL tests passed.

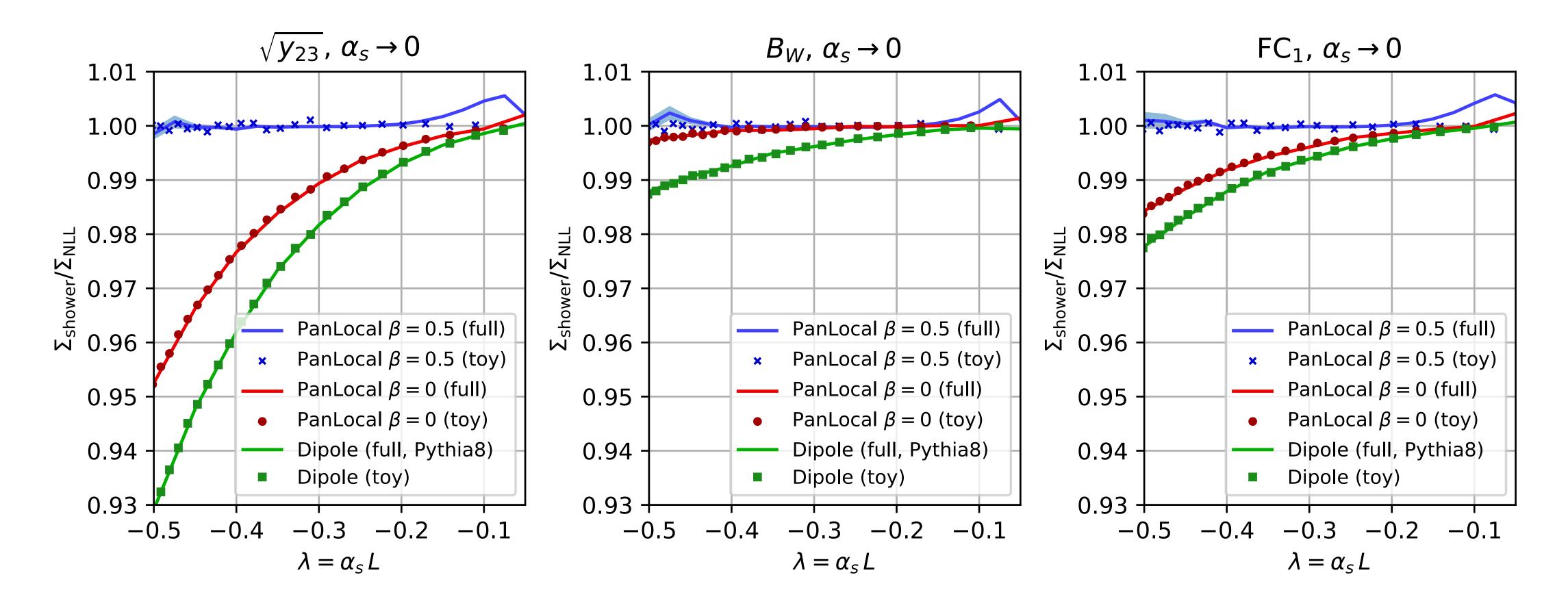


FIG. 3. Comparison of the ratio  $\Sigma_{\rm shower}/\Sigma_{\rm NLL}$  between the toy shower and the full shower for three reference observables  $(\sqrt{y_{23}}, B_W \text{ and FC}_1)$ , in the limit  $\alpha_s \to 0$ , as a function of  $\alpha_s L$ . For the full showers the figure shows the ratio of the shower prediction to the full NLL result, while for the toy shower it shows the ratio to the CAESAR-like toy shower. Three full showers are shown in each plot, each compared to the corresponding toy shower. The PanLocal full showers are shown in their dipole variants (identical conclusions hold for the antenna variant). Small (0.5%) issues at  $\lambda \gtrsim -0.1$  are a consequence of the fact that for the largest of the  $\alpha_s$  values used in the extrapolation, the corresponding L values do not quite satisfy  $e^L \ll 1$ .

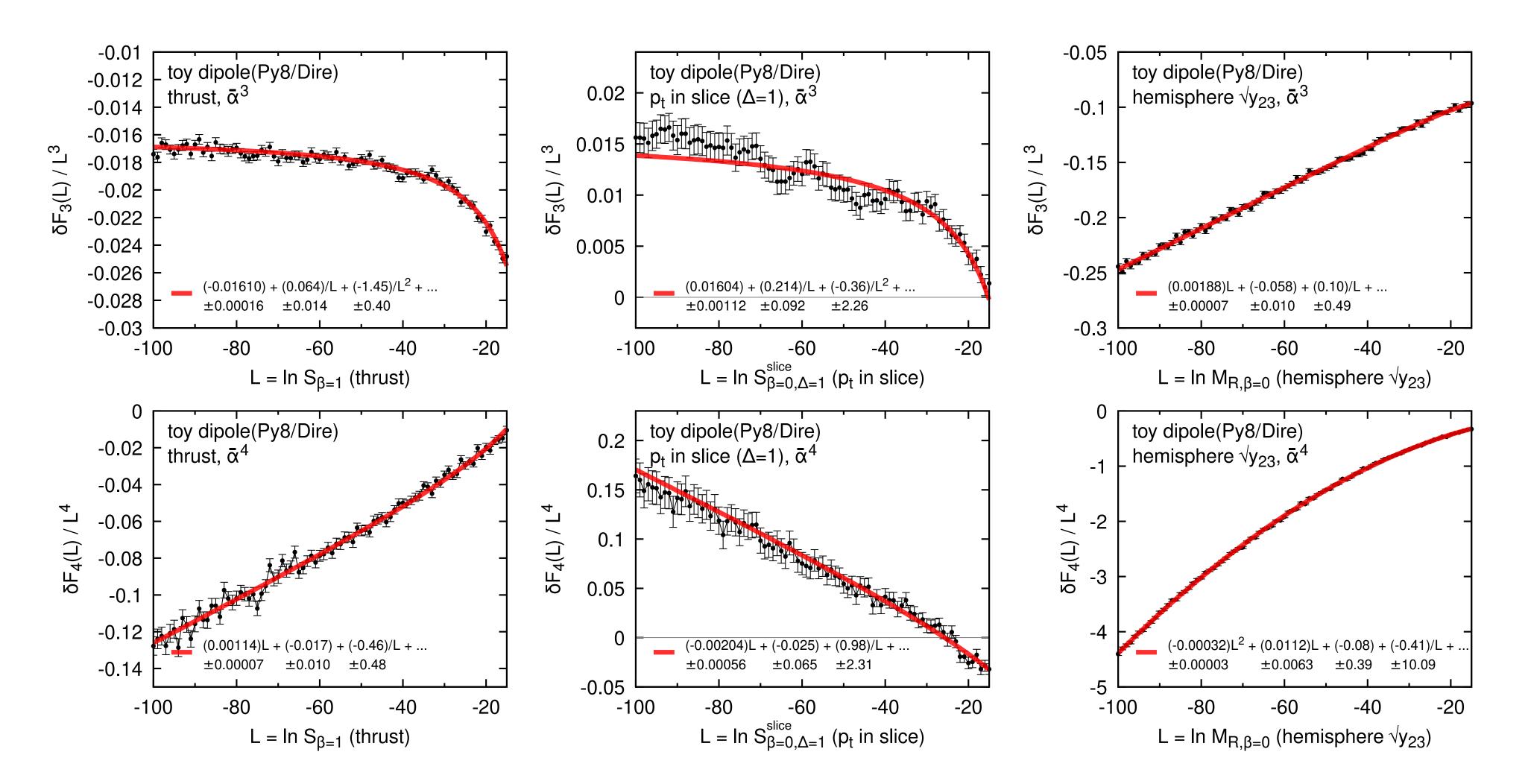


FIG. 4. Fixed order results from the toy implementation of the standard dipole showers. The plots show the difference between the toy dipole shower and the (NLL-correct) CAESAR results for the  $F_n$  coefficient of  $\bar{\alpha}^n$  in the expansion of Eq. (33), divided by  $L^n$ . For an NLL-correct shower, the results should tend to zero for large negative L. The first row shows the result of n=3, the second row that of n=4. The columns correspond to different observables (thrust, slice transverse momentum and hemisphere  $\sqrt{y_{23}}$ ). Observe how the results tend to constants (NLL discrepancy) or demonstrate a linear or even quadratic dependence on L (super-leading logarithms). The coefficients have been fitted taking into account correlations between points, and we include powers down to  $L^{-3}$  in the fit of  $\delta F_n/L^n$ . The fit range is from -100 to -5 and the quoted error includes both the (statistical) fit uncertainty and the difference in coefficients obtained with the range [-100, -10] (added in quadrature).

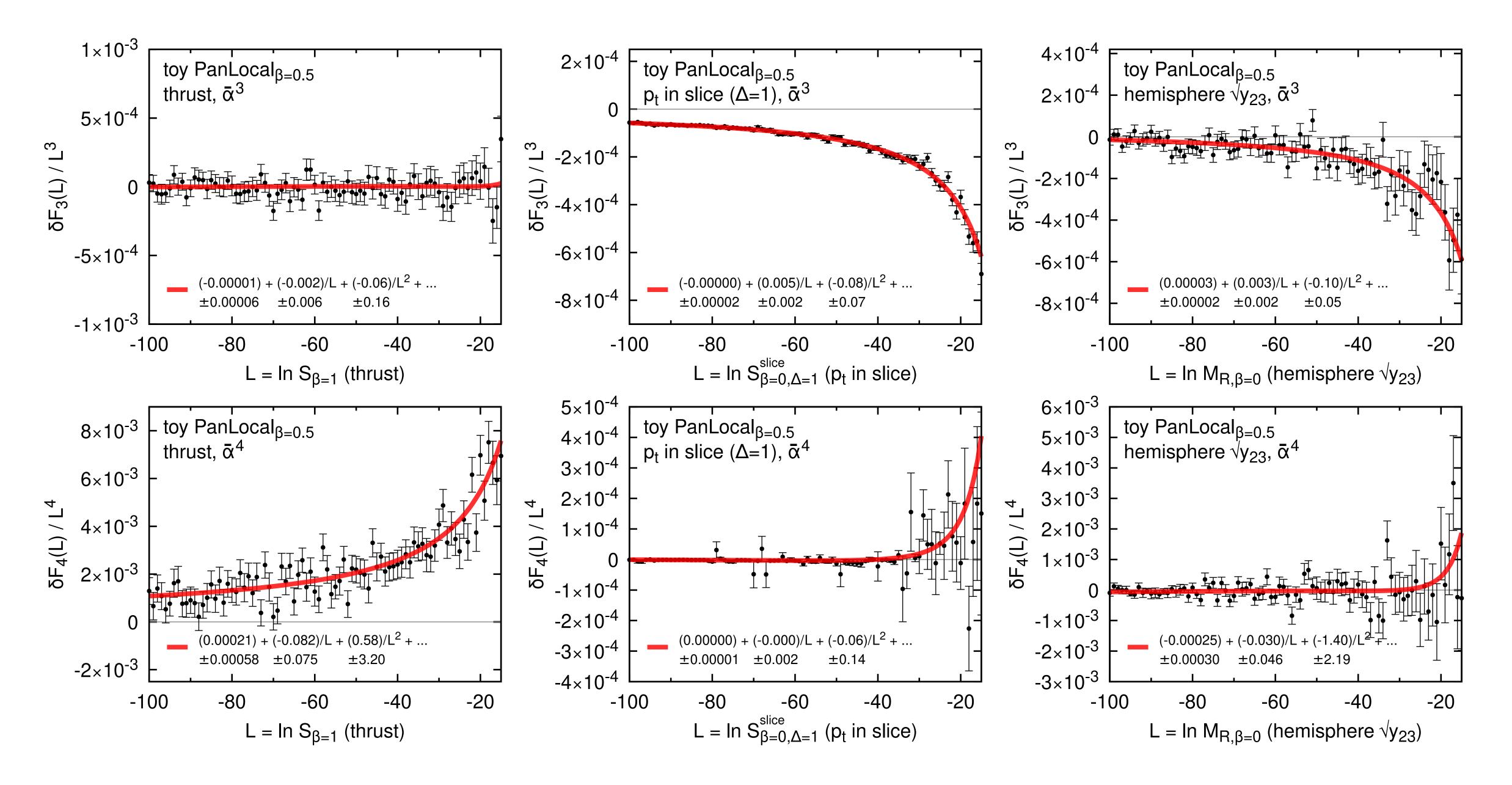


FIG. 5. Analogue of Fig. 4, demonstrating the absence of NLL (or super-leading) issues at fixed order in the toy version of the PanLocal  $\beta = 0.5$  shower. At order  $\bar{\alpha}^4$ , we include fit terms down to  $L^{-4}$ .

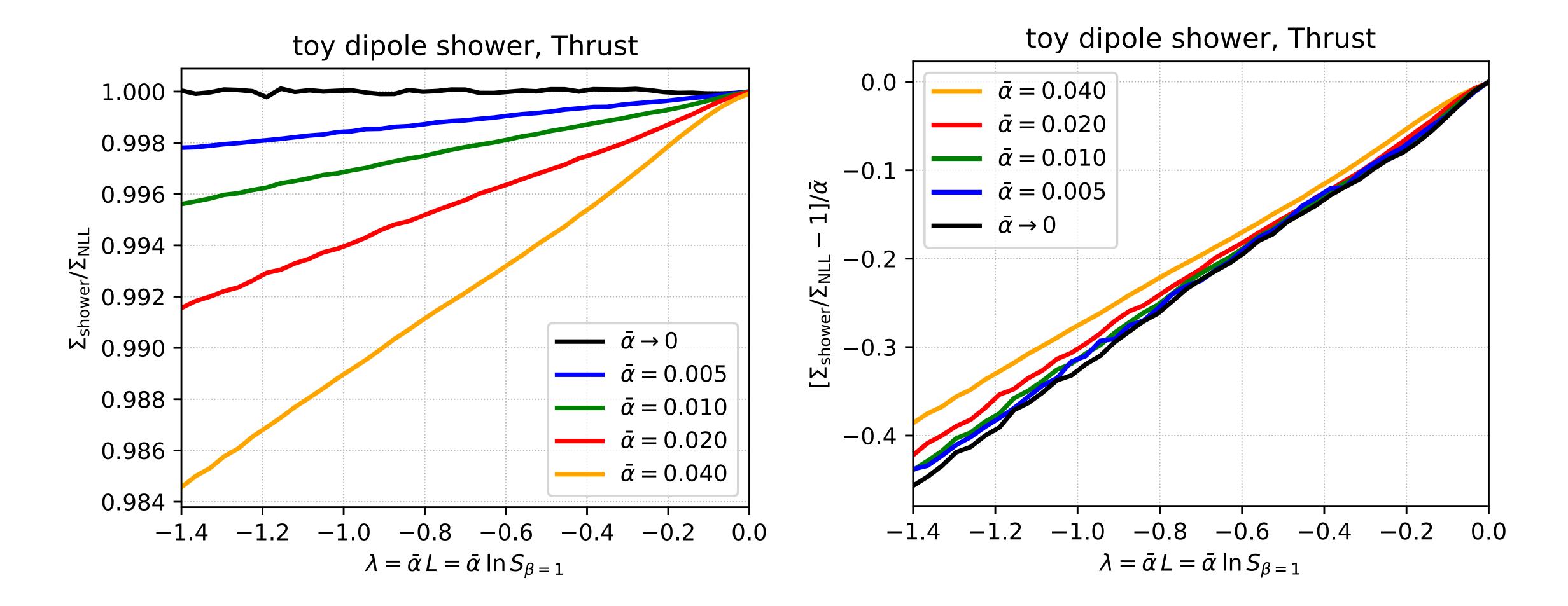


FIG. 7. Toy-shower all-order result for the thrust  $(S_{\beta=1}, \text{ Eq. }(25))$ . Left:  $\Sigma_{\text{dipole}}/\Sigma_{\text{NLL}}$ , where the NLL result is given by running the CAESAR version of the shower. Four values of  $\bar{\alpha}$  are shown, together with the extrapolation to  $\bar{\alpha}=0$ , showing that the all-order dipole-shower result (in our usual limit of fixed  $\bar{\alpha}L$  and  $\bar{\alpha}\to 0$ ) is consistent with the NLL result, despite the super-leading logarithmic terms that are visible in Fig. 4. Right:  $(\Sigma_{\text{dipole}}/\Sigma_{\text{NLL}}-1)/\bar{\alpha}$ , again for three values of  $\bar{\alpha}$  and the extrapolation to  $\bar{\alpha}=0$ . The fact that these curves converge is a sign that the all-order (toy) dipole-shower discrepancy with respect to NLL behaves as a term that vanishes proportionally to  $\bar{\alpha}$ , i.e. as an NNLL term. The results here involve fixed coupling, i.e. they do not include a correction of the form of Eq. (30).

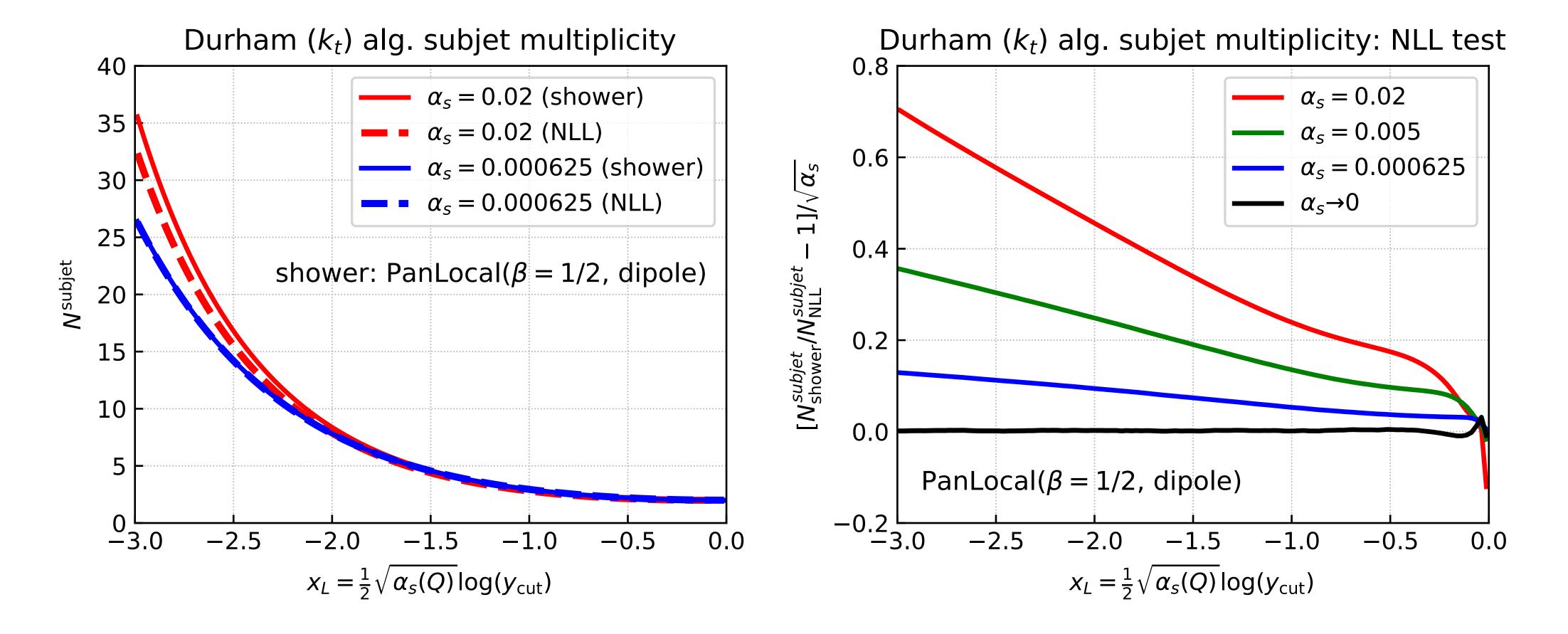
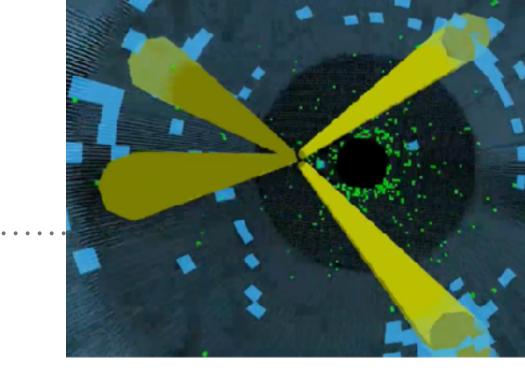
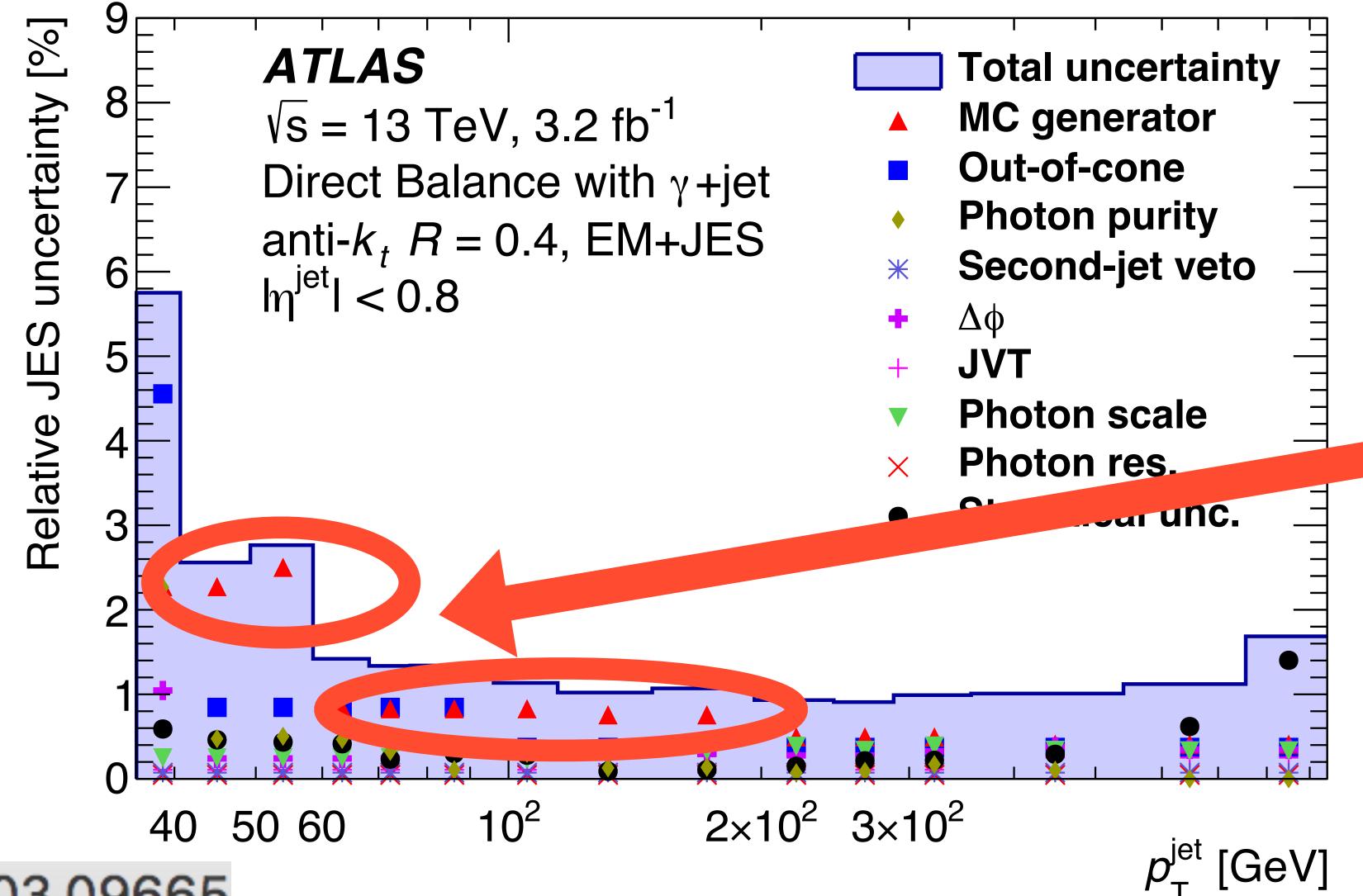


FIG. 8. Checks of the  $k_t$  algorithm subjet multiplicity. Left: the multiplicity as a function of  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\alpha_s(Q)} \ln y_{cut}$ , comparing the PanLocal  $\beta = 0.5$  shower (dipole variant) with the NLL prediction, for two choices of  $\alpha_s$ . Right: Eq. (50) for the same shower, for several  $\alpha_s$  values, together with the  $\alpha_s \to 0$  limit.

## 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