

# Experimental studies of energy correlators and spin effects at LHC

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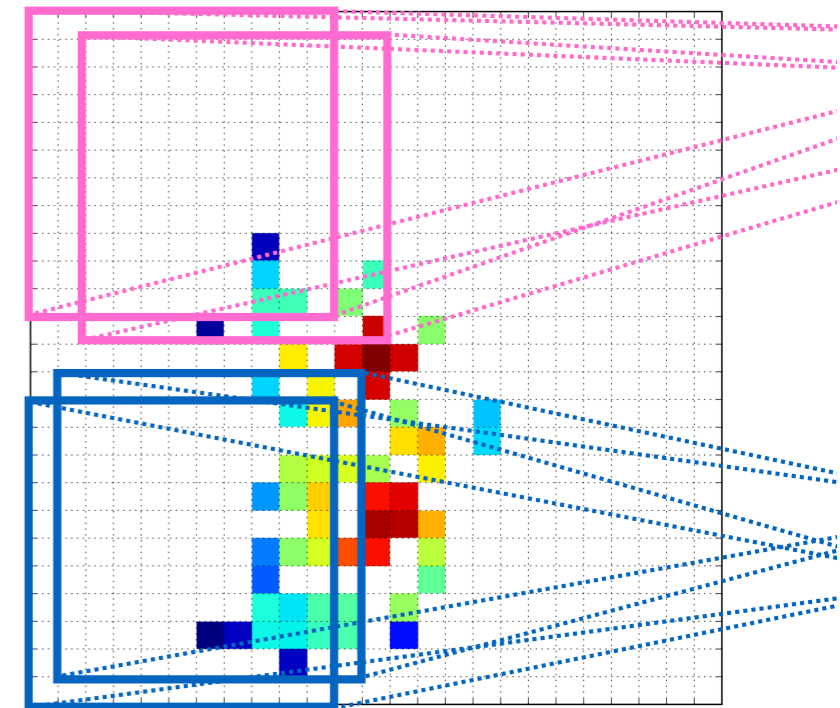
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# Disclaimer



This talk is not meant to be comprehensive. I will give a few examples and comments to spark discussion.

I will use examples entirely from ATLAS (but this is not on behalf of ATLAS). Some (but not all) of the time, CMS has a corresponding measurement with similar precision.

(although we don't always agree on core analysis decisions - let's discuss that, but another day!)

# Why correlations?



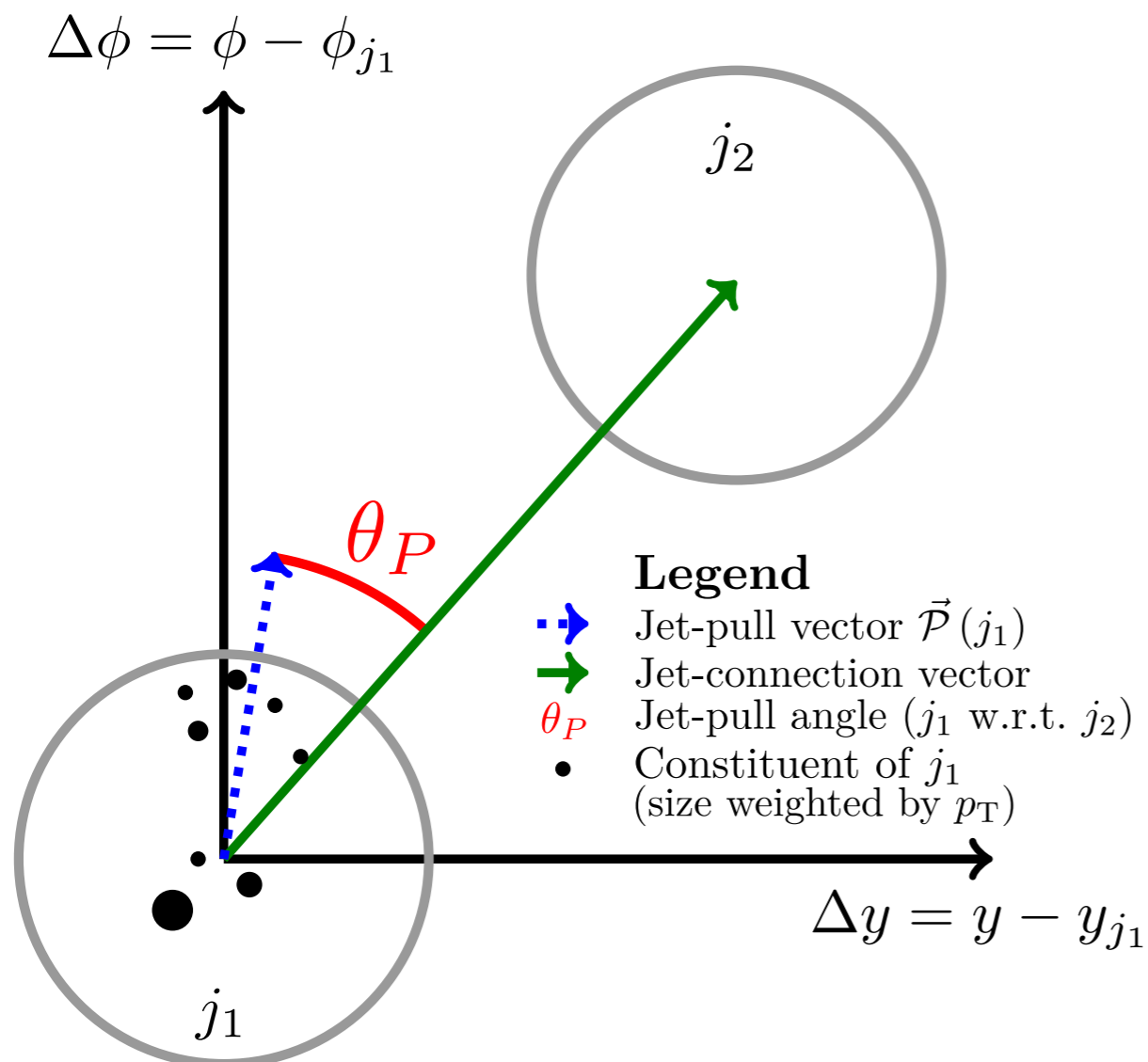
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# Correlations Part I: Jet Pull

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## Example 1: Jet pull



We can study QCD **entanglement** from correlations in the radiation patterns of pairs of jets.

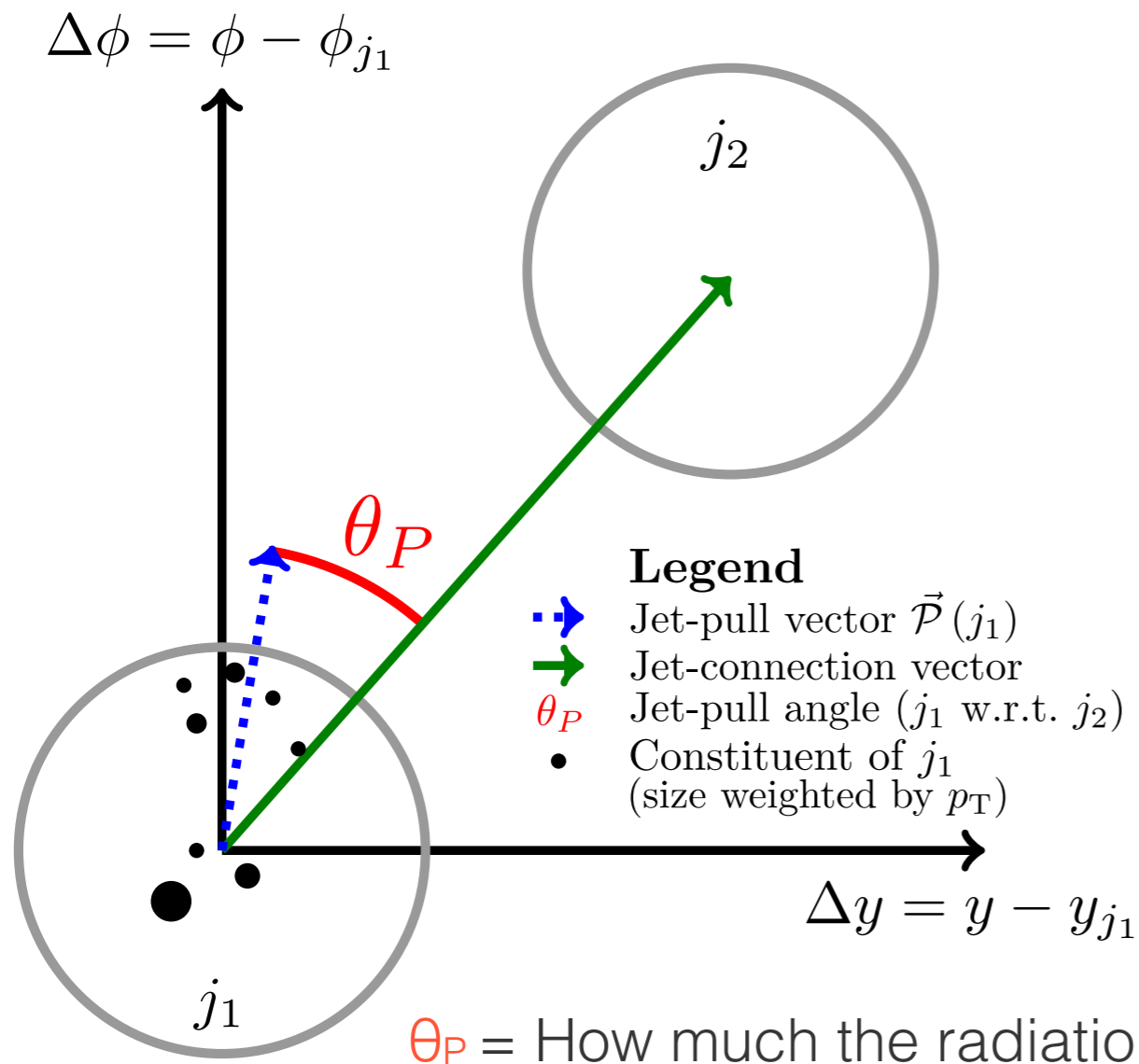
An exciting laboratory for this work is boosted  $W$  bosons, a copious source of **singlet**  $\rightarrow$  jets.

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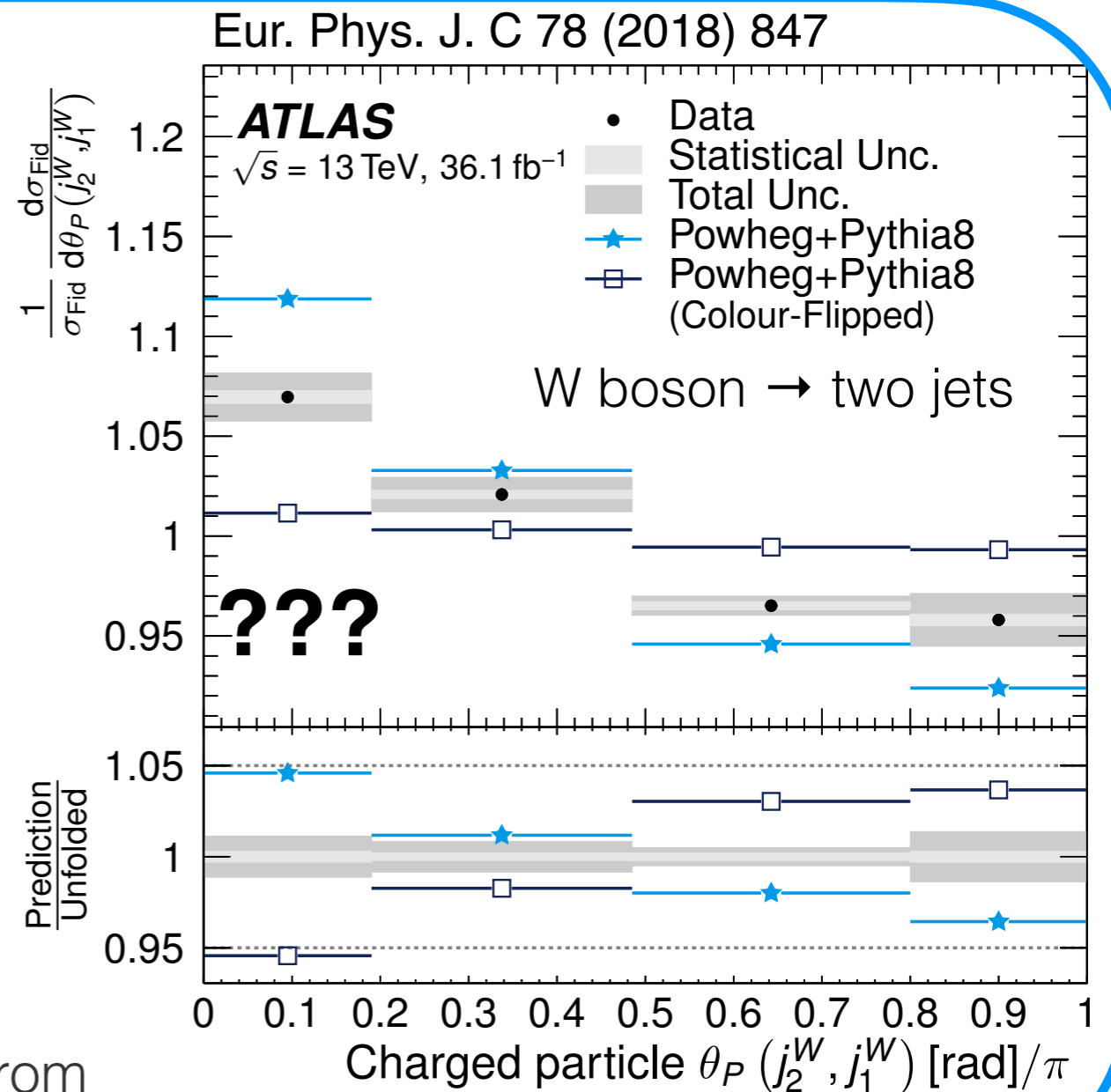


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$\theta_P$  = How much the radiation from one jet “leans” toward the other.



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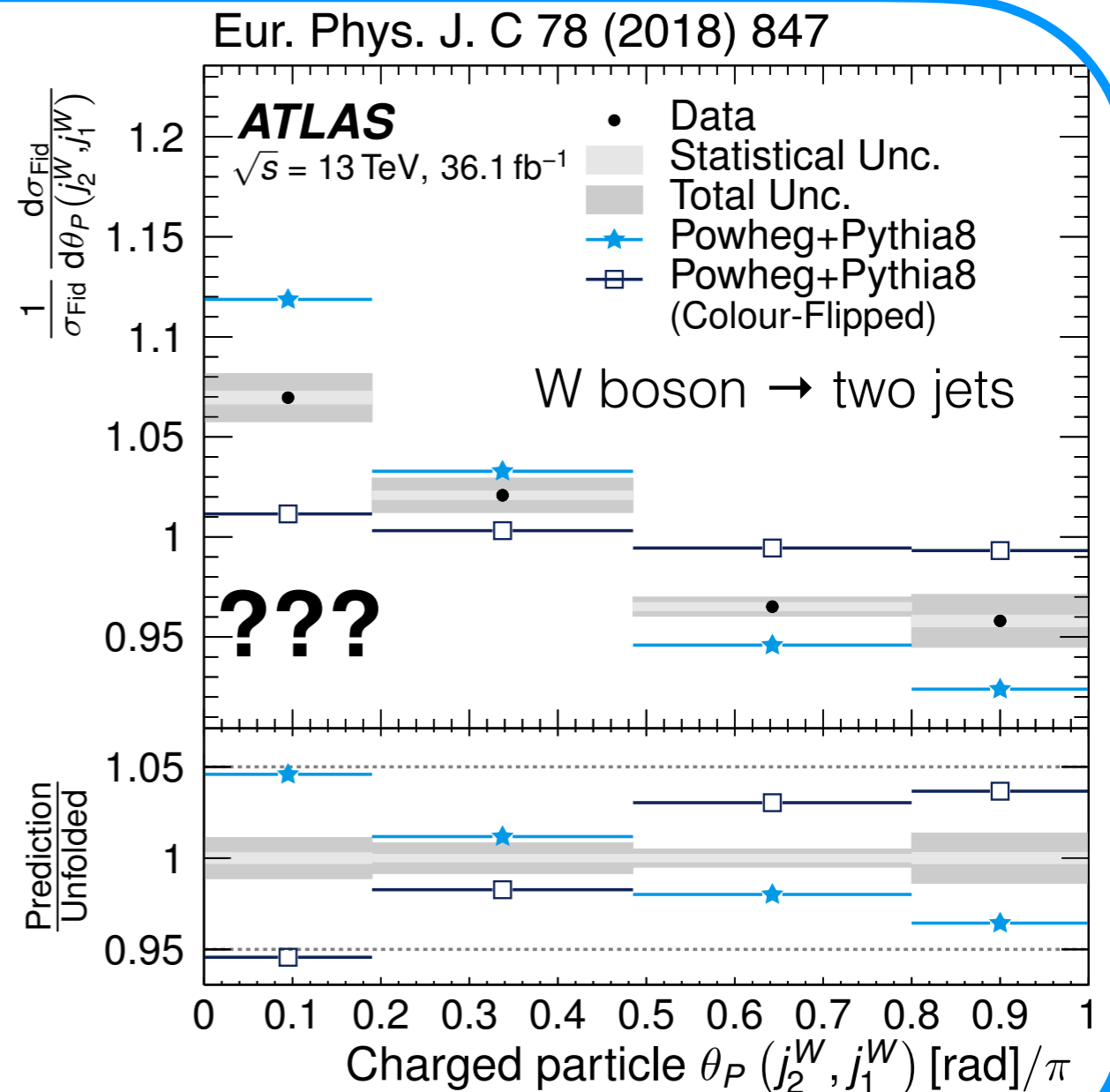
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## Example 1: Jet pull

Here is an observable where we can't distinguish between "entanglement" turned "on" and "off" !

Theory predictions are challenging, but in development

(see A. Larkoski, S. Marzani, C. Wu, PRD 99 (2019) 091502)

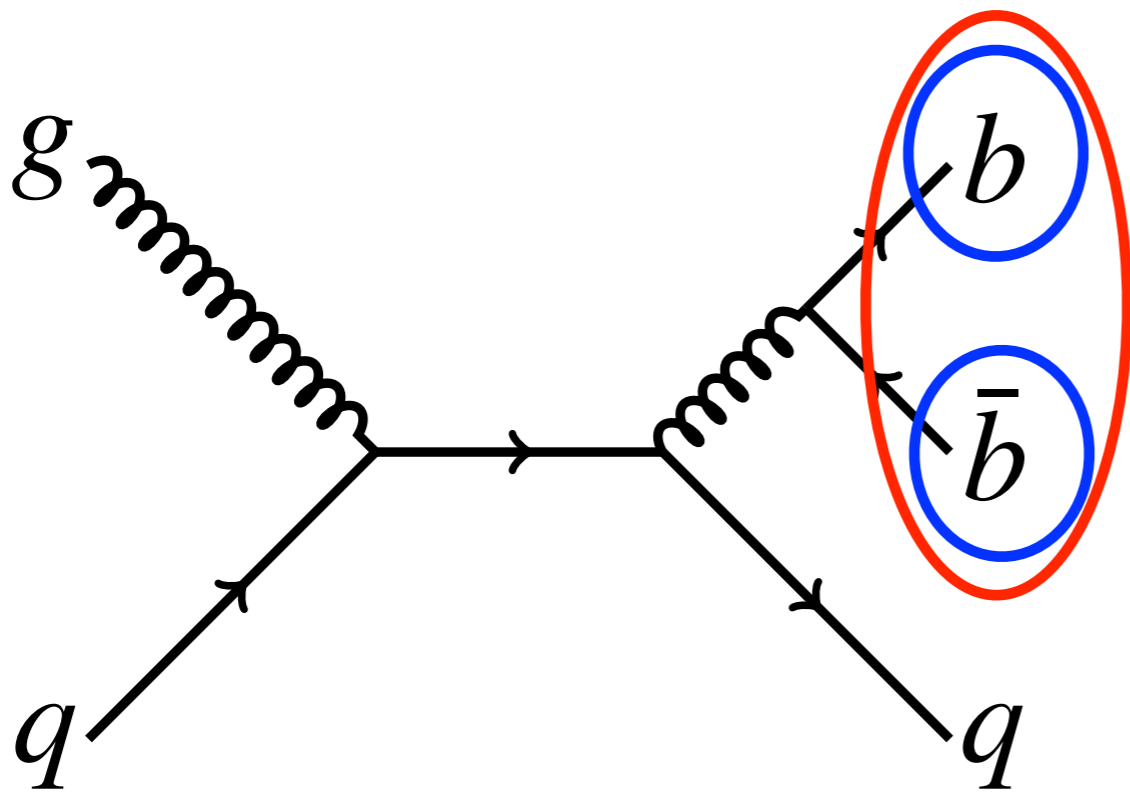


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**Example 2:  $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$**



Gluon splitting to bottom quarks gives us the only ~pure access to QCD splitting functions.

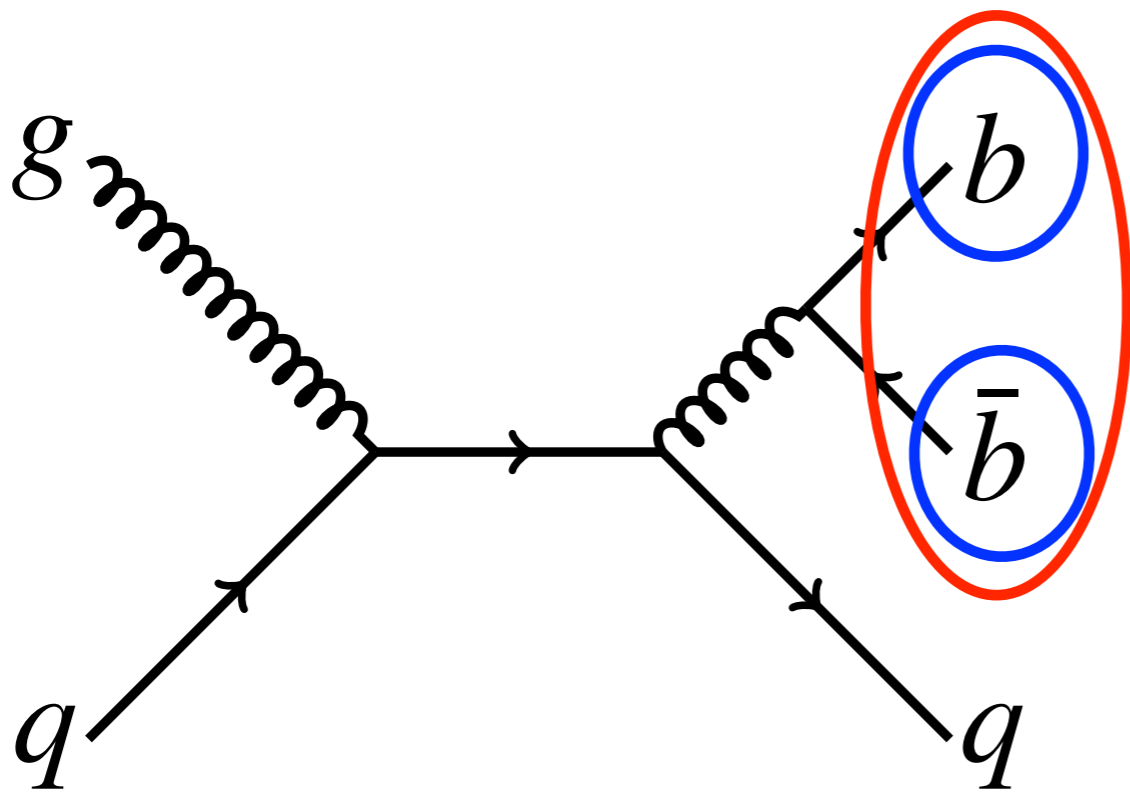
(and of course, this is a very important process for Higgs)

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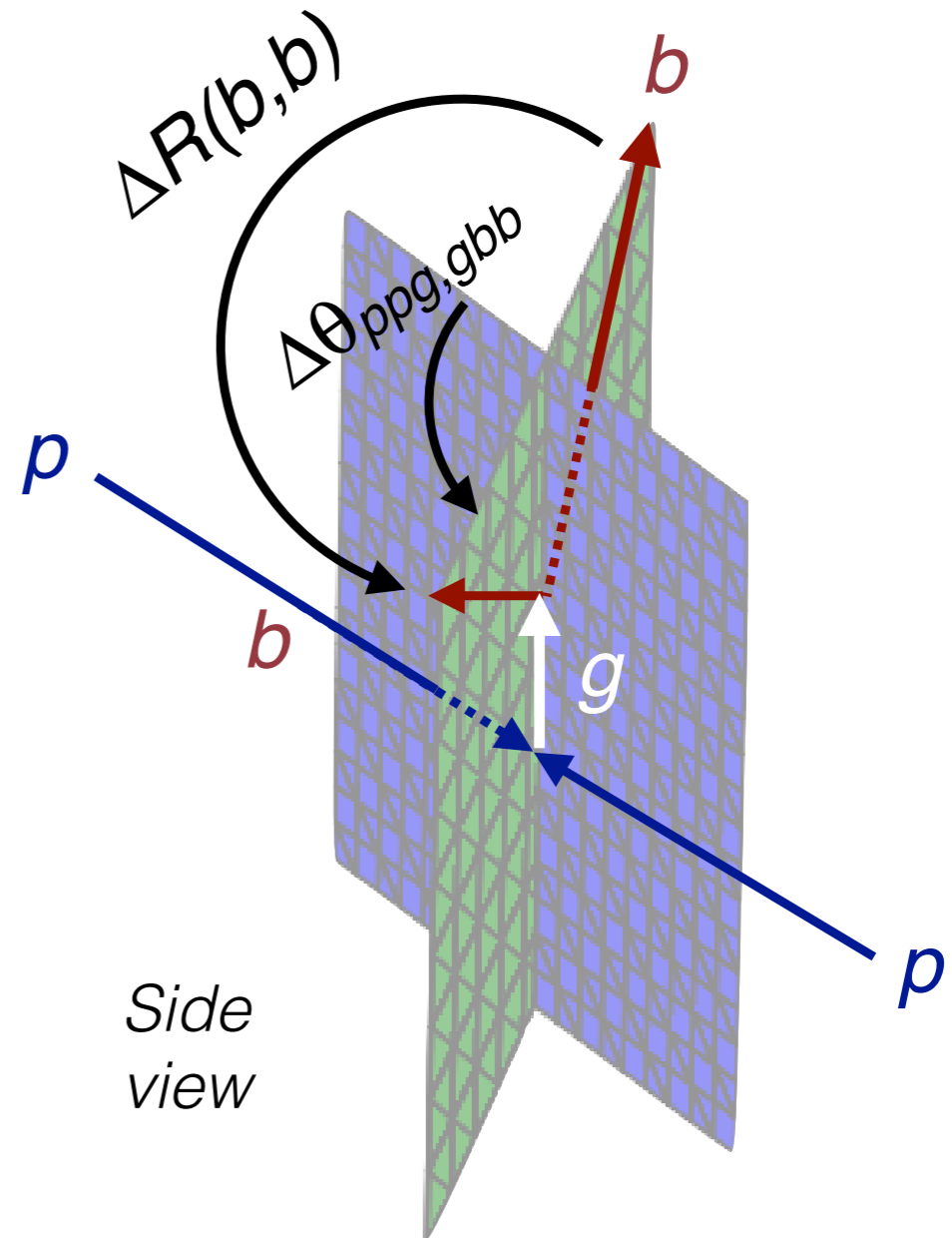
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Relative angles to probe polarization



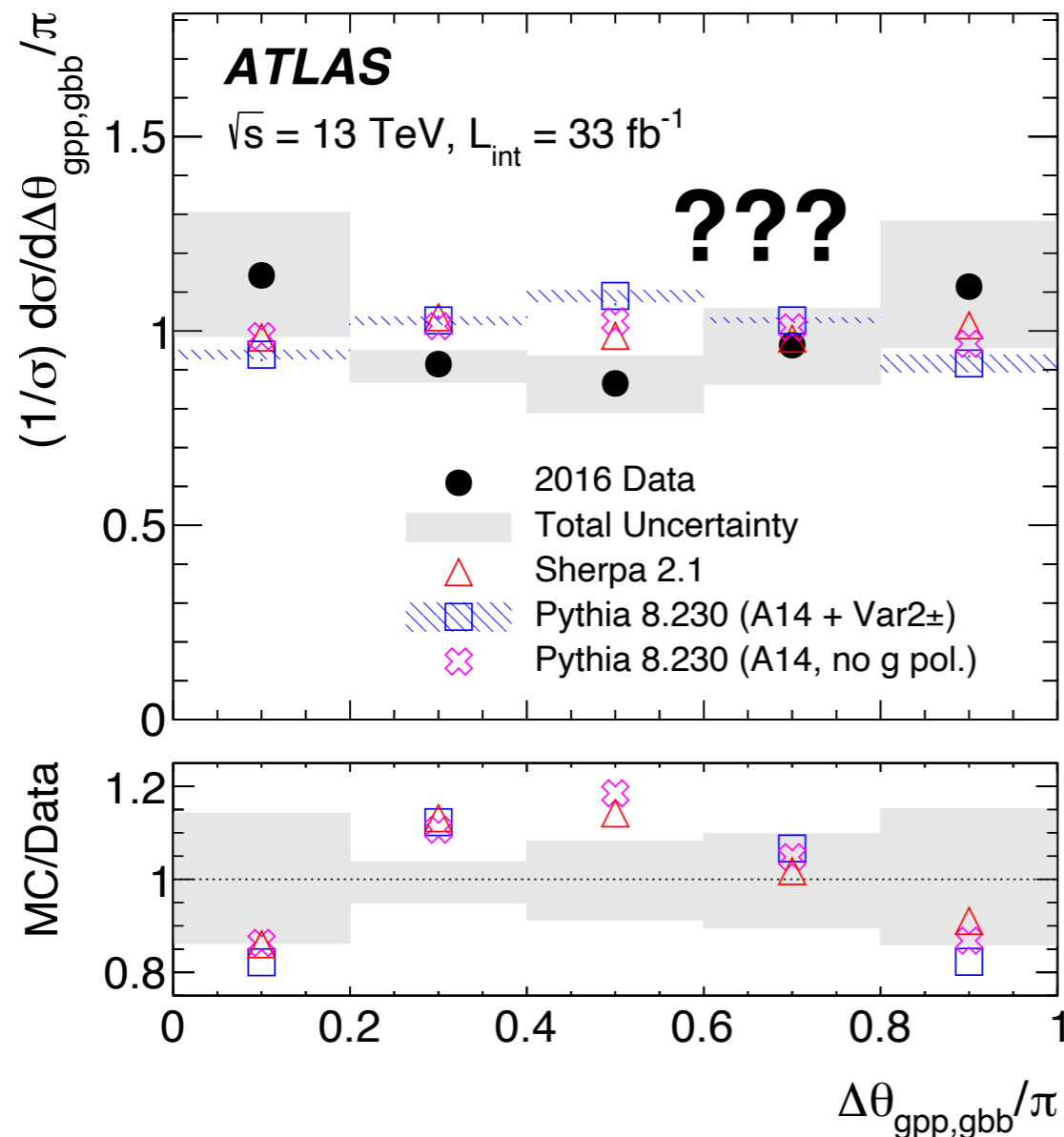


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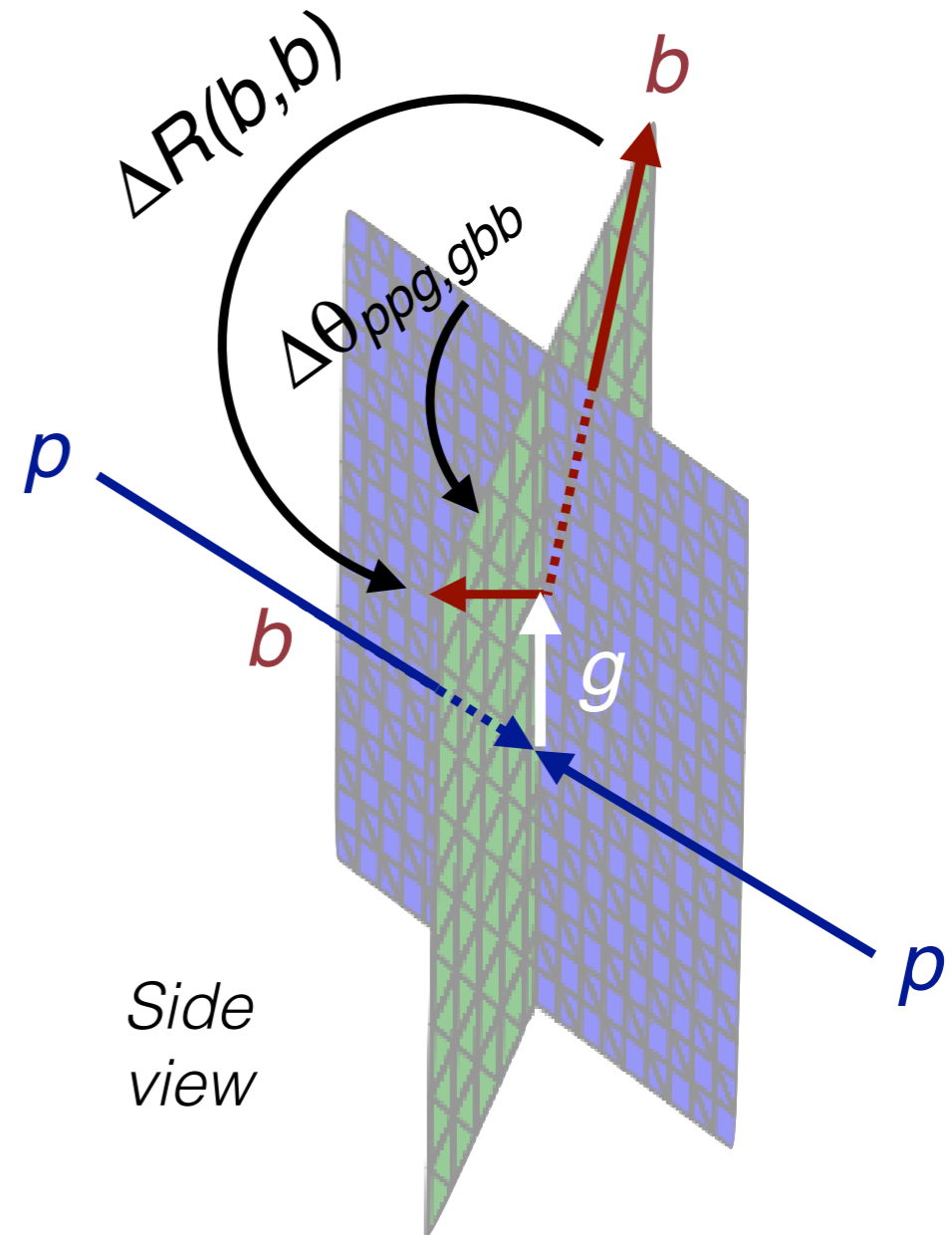


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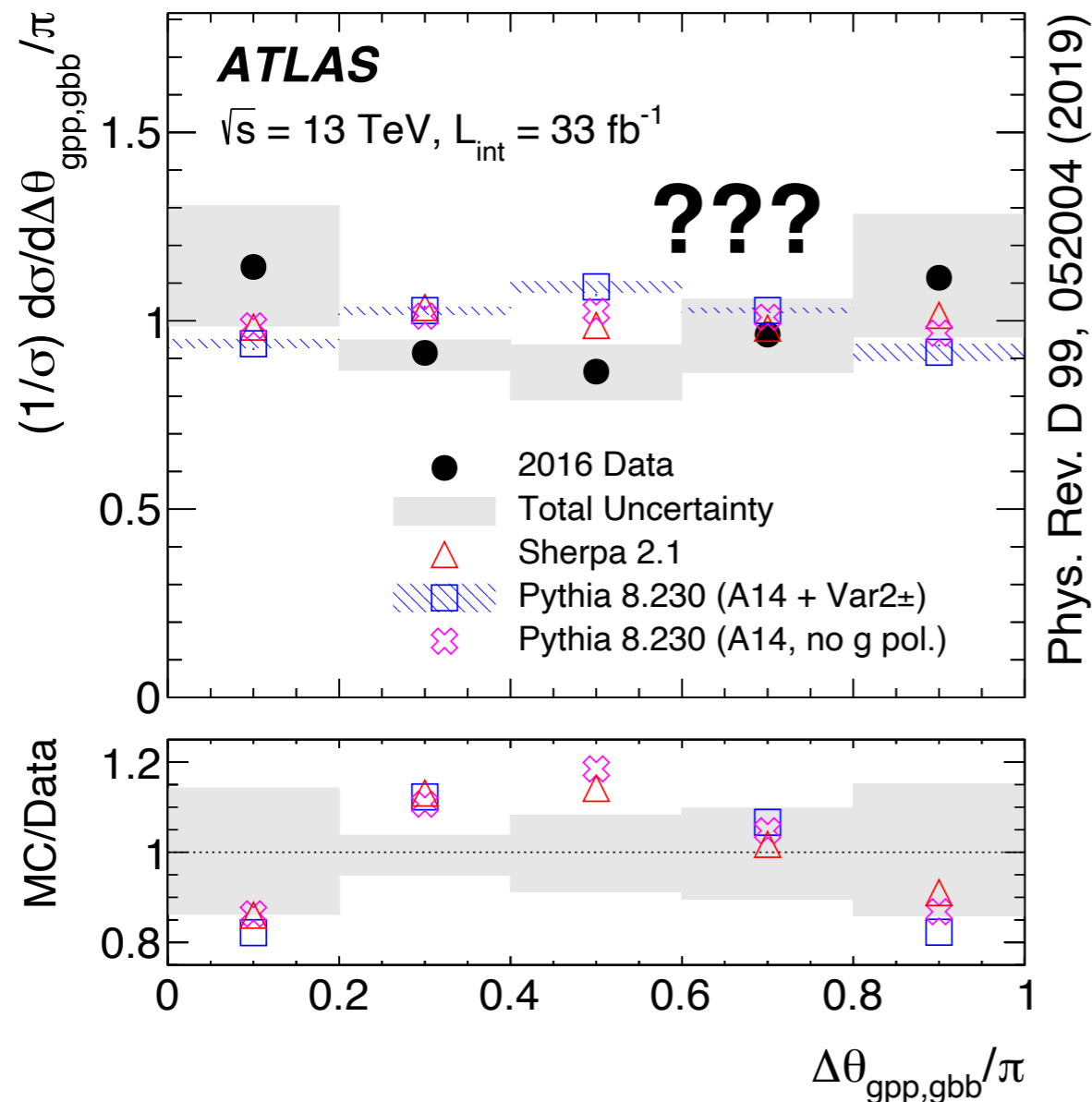


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Gluons seems “more polarized” in data than in our predictions. Slight improvement from matrix element corrections (Sherpa 2  $\rightarrow$  3).

See also Fischer, Lifson, Skands, EPJC 77 (2017) 719

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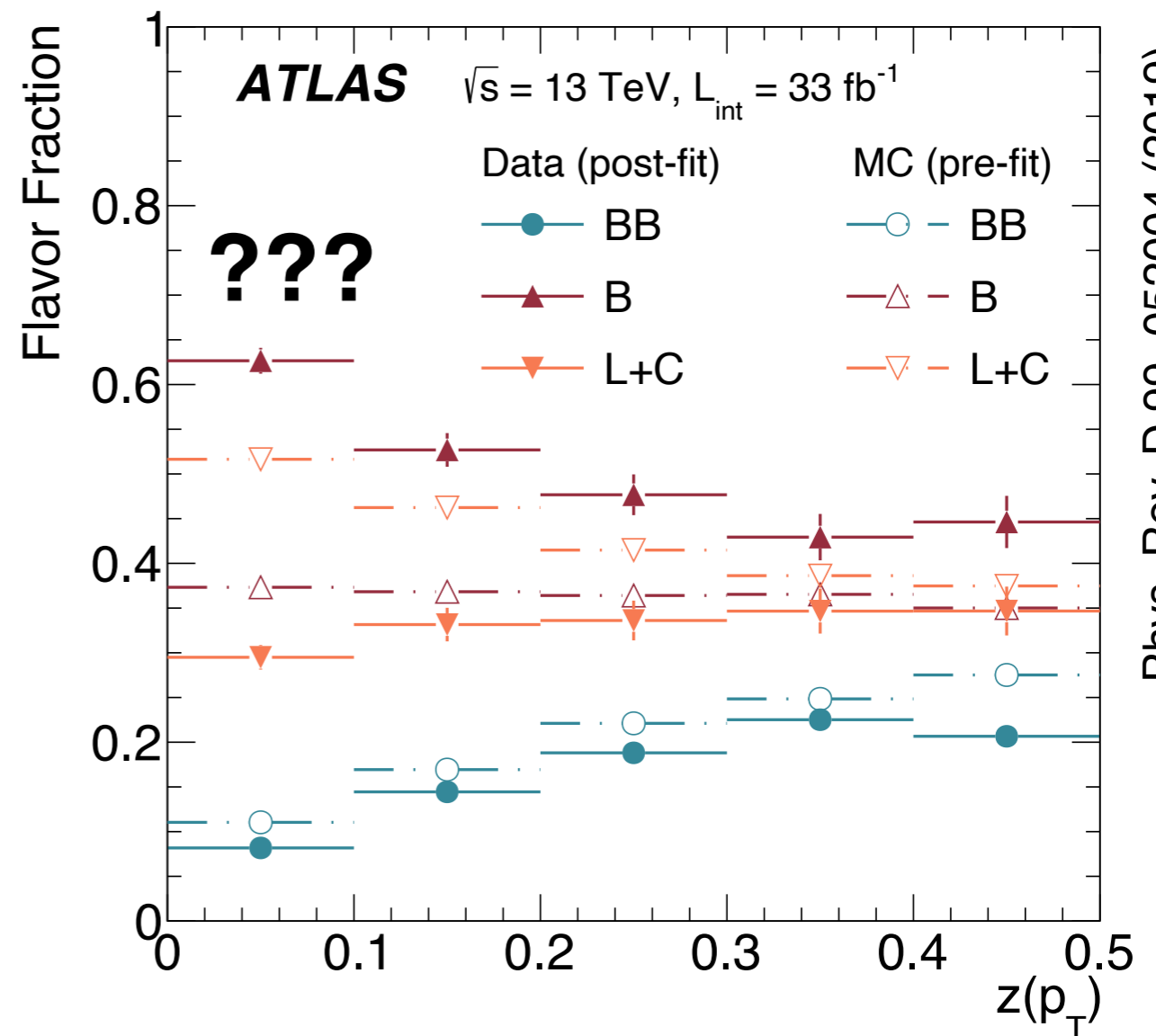
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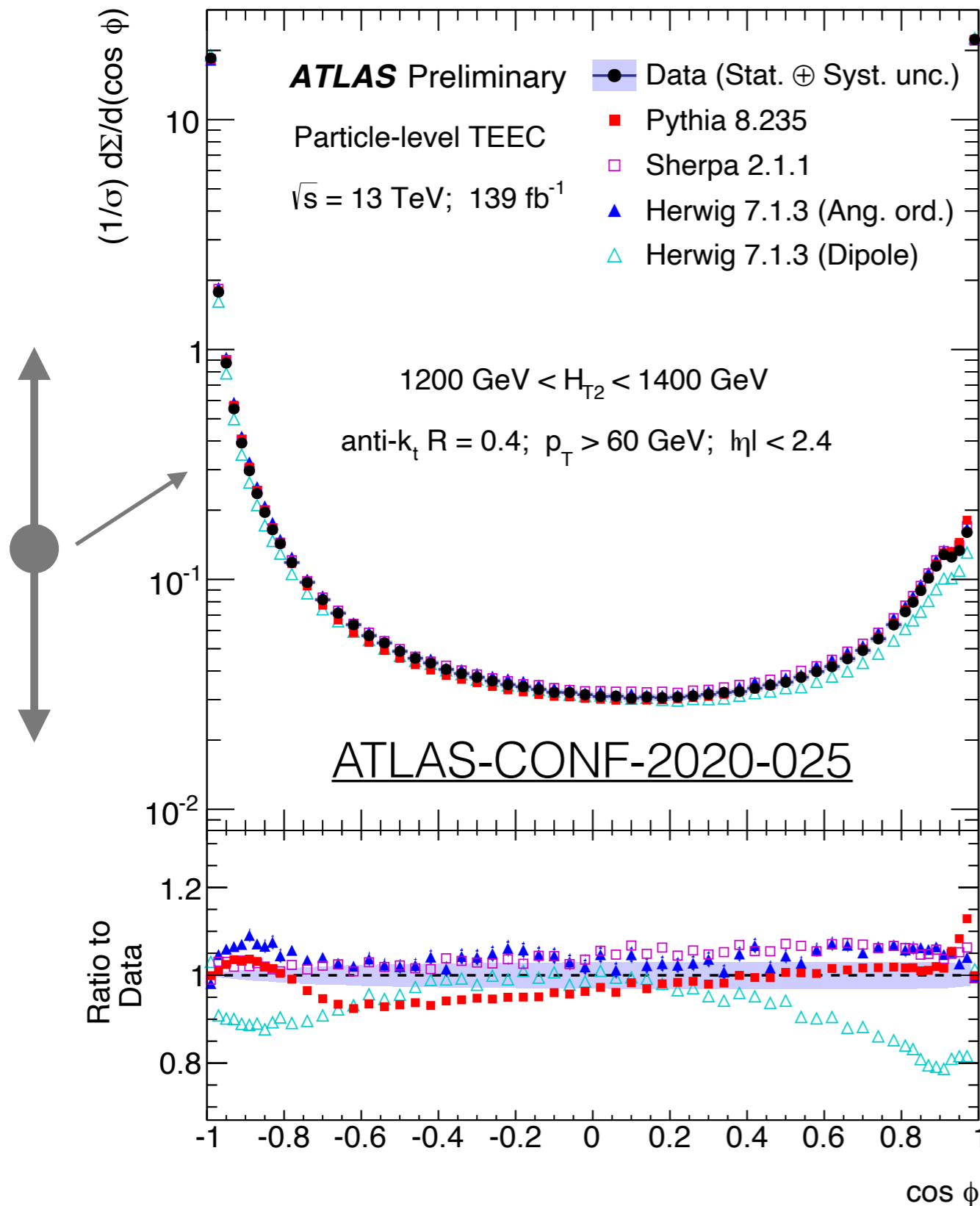
*Also find that the flavor fractions are not quite correct?*

(determined from a fit to the displacement of tracks inside jets)



# Correlations Part III: TEECs

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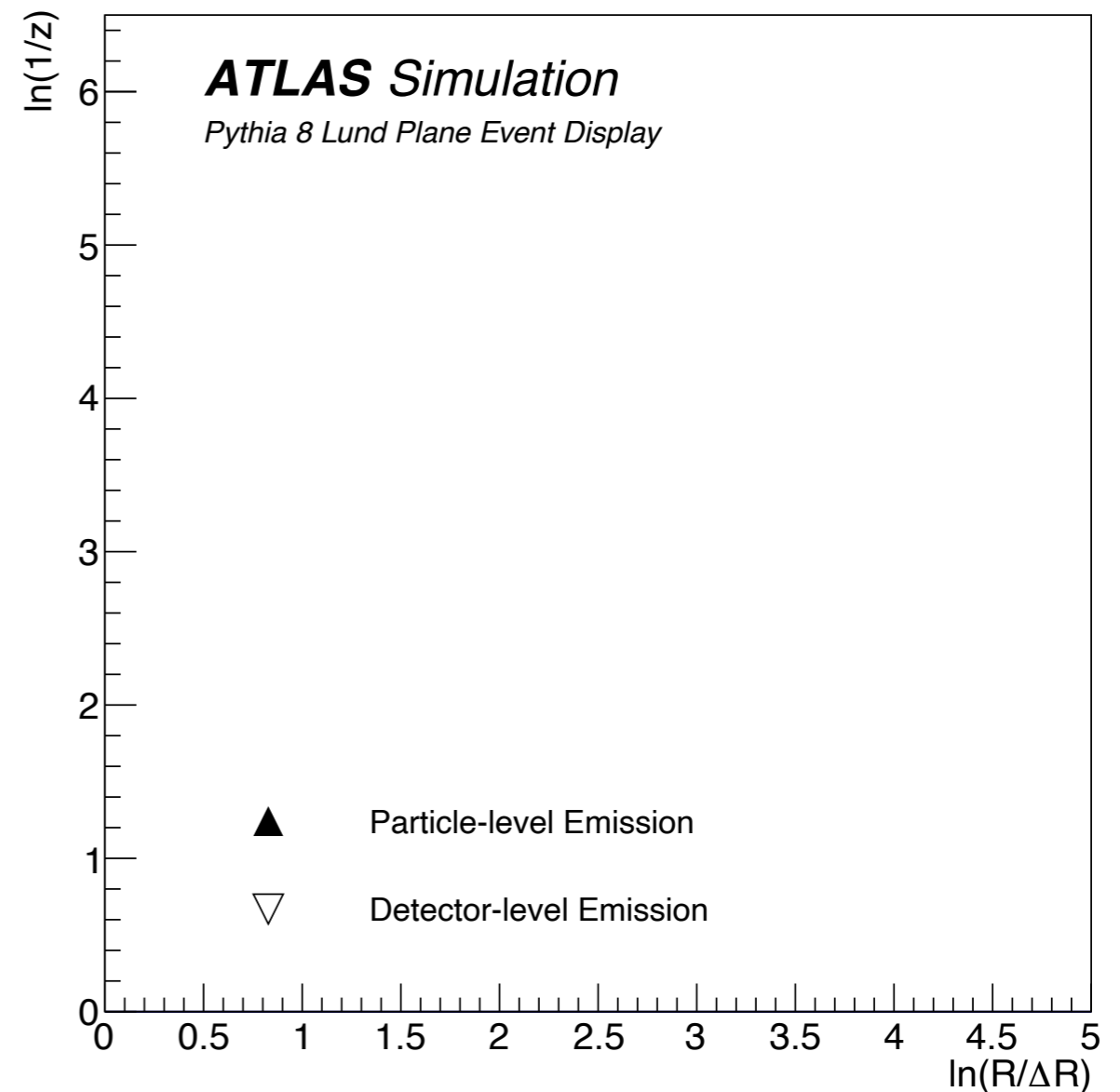


For probing angular scales larger than the jet radius, we can use jets to precisely probe event-level correlations

See also JHEP 01 (2021) 188 for jet-based event shapes measurements

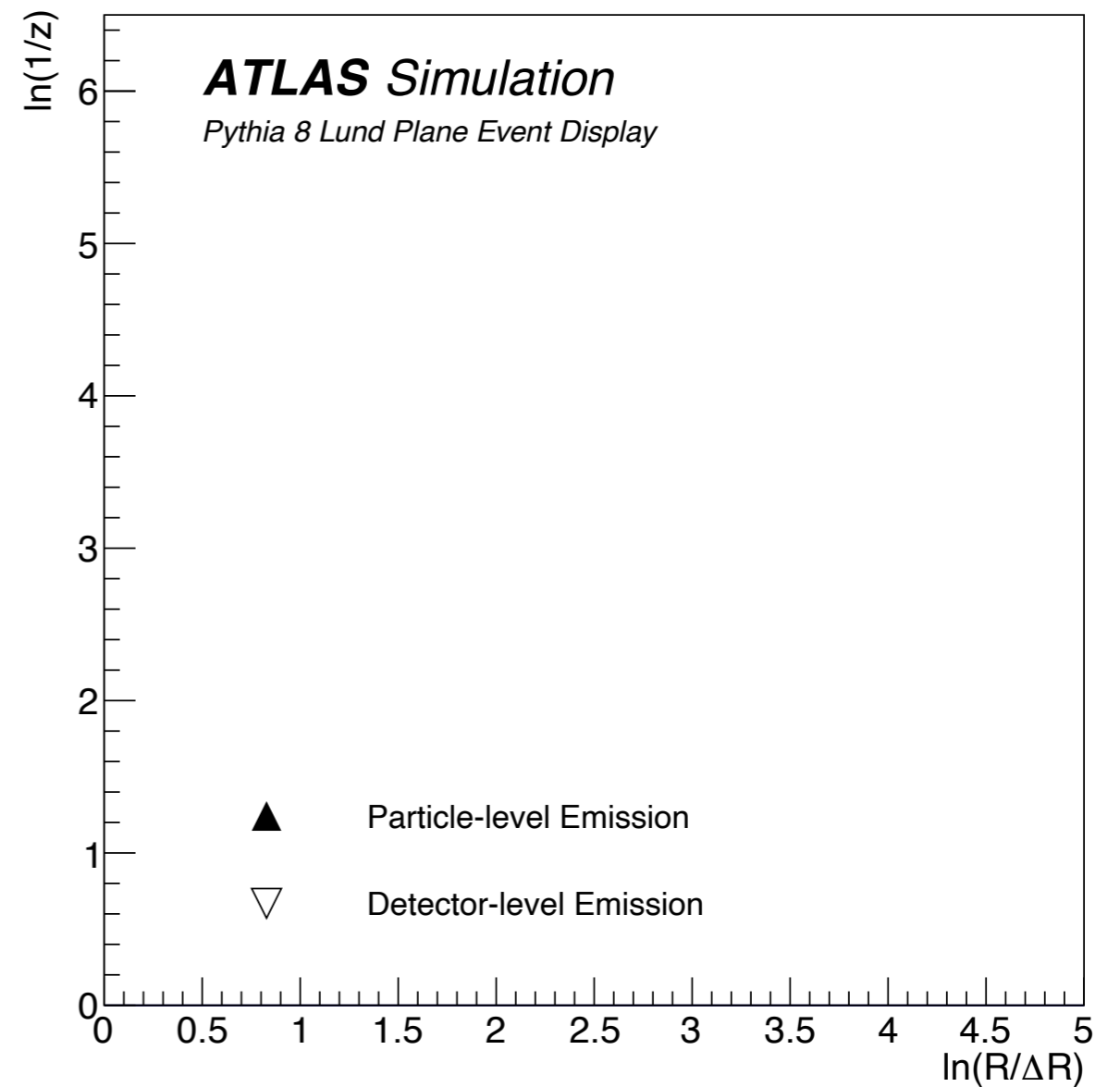
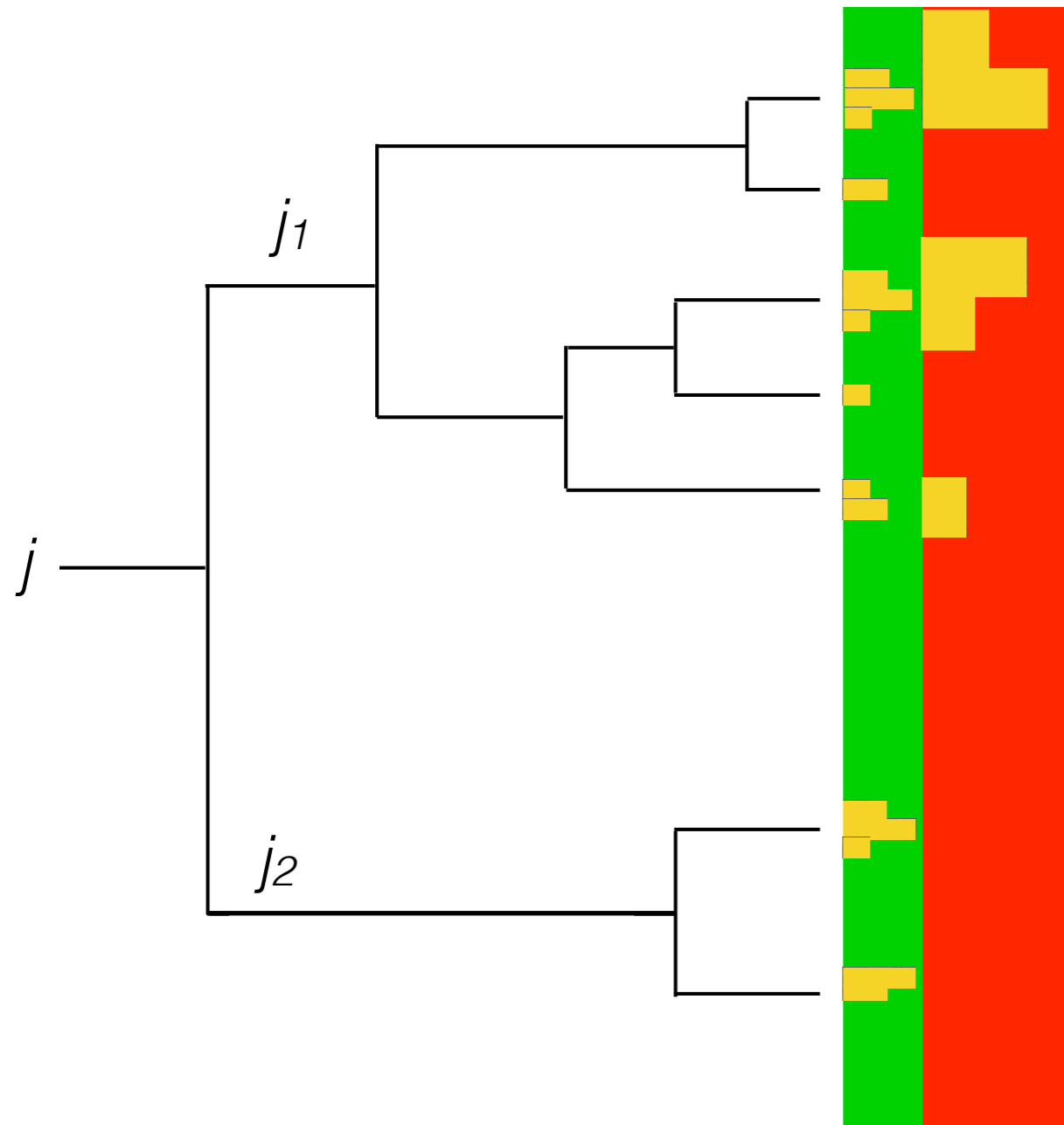
Important: isolate effects with different physical origin

Tool: Lund plane to categorize all hard splittings at once



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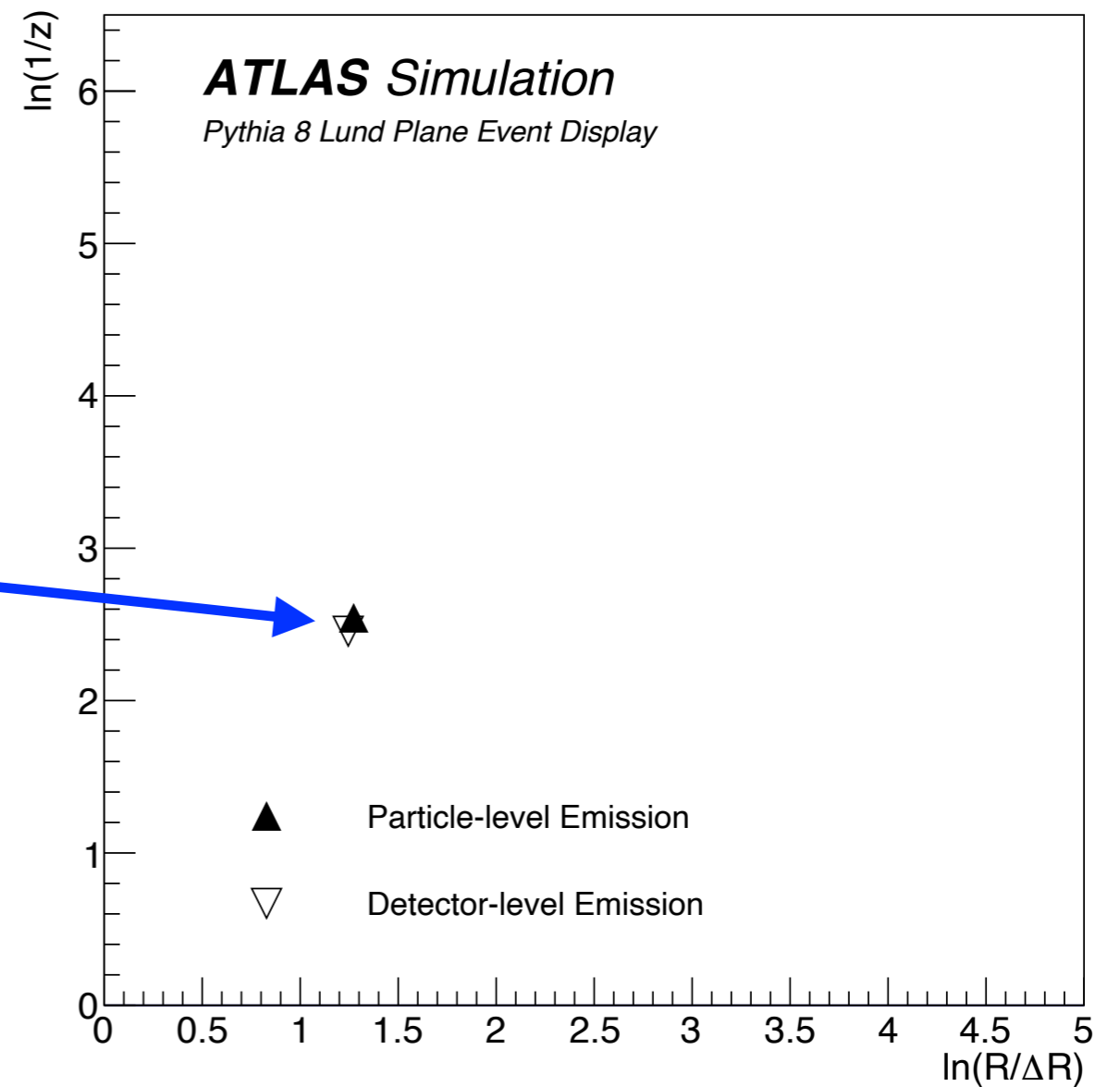
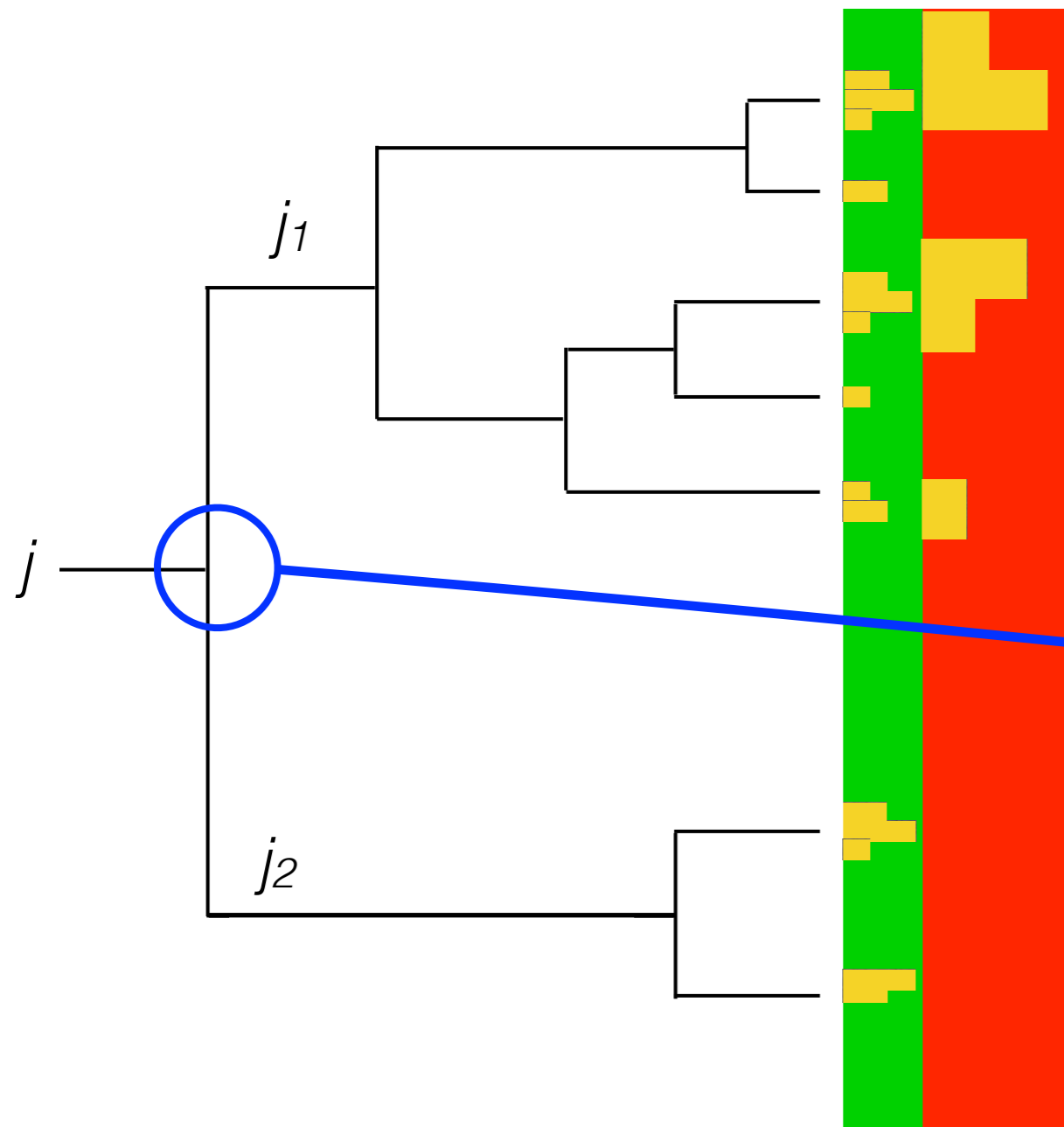
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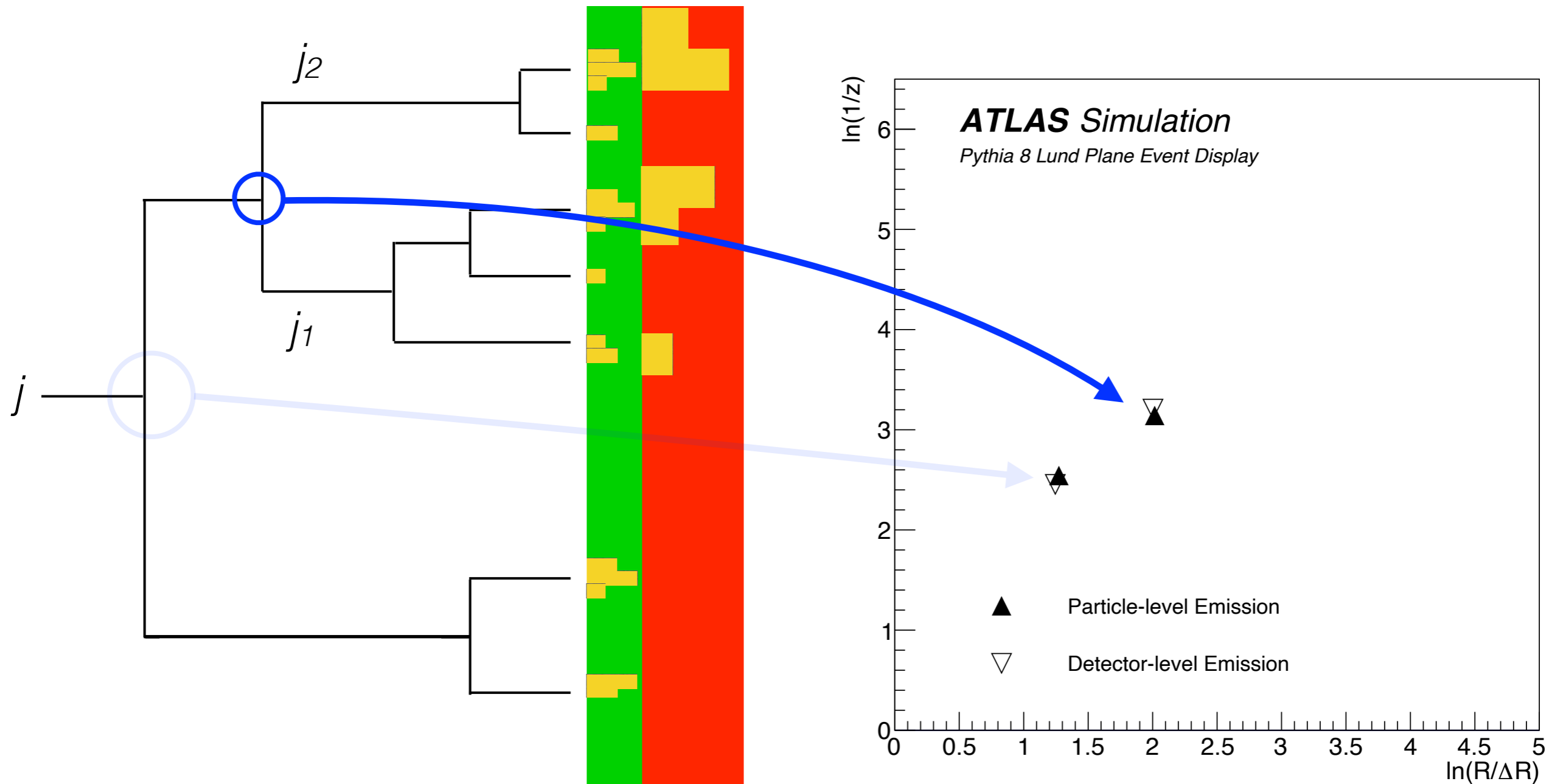
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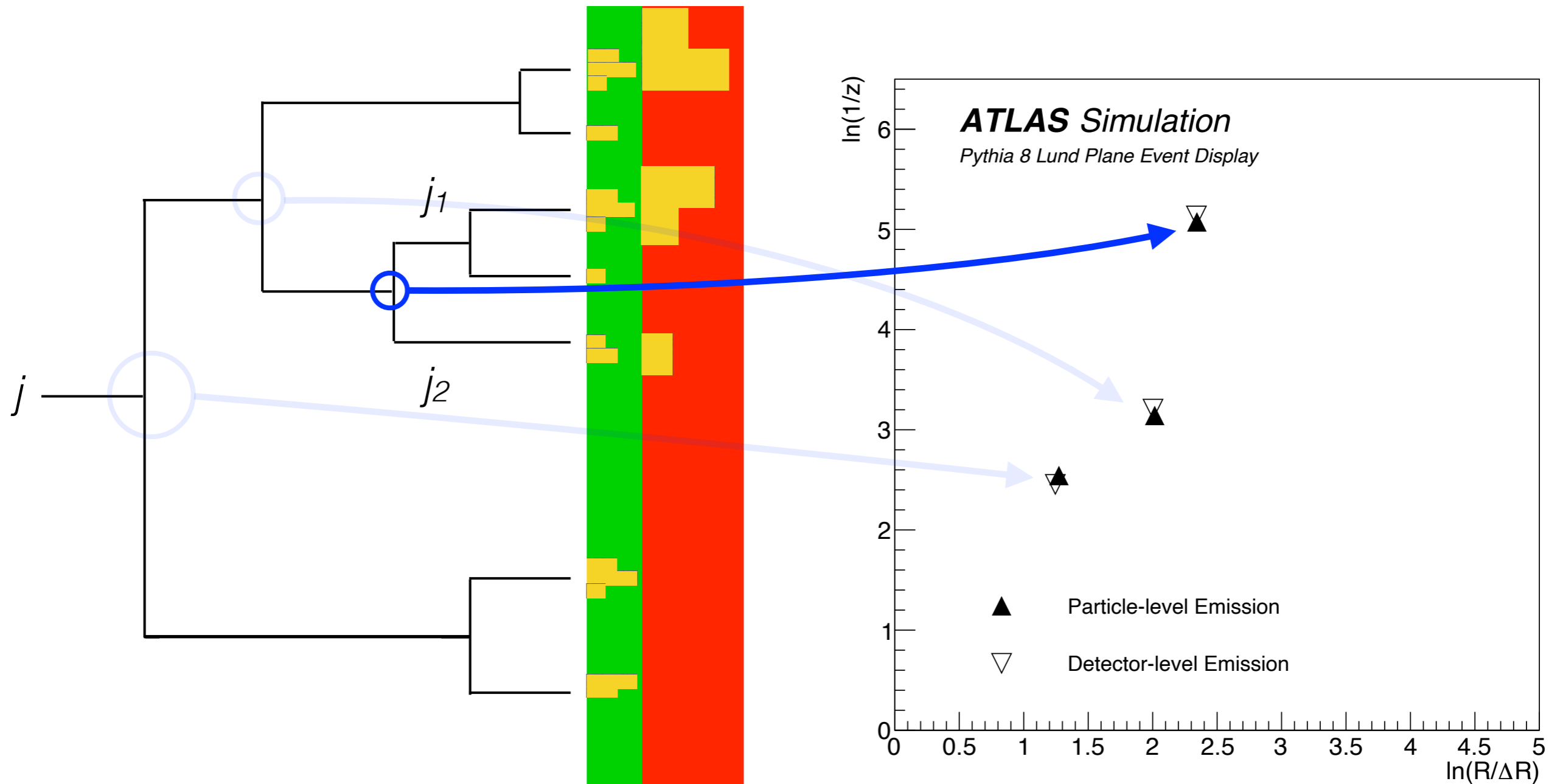


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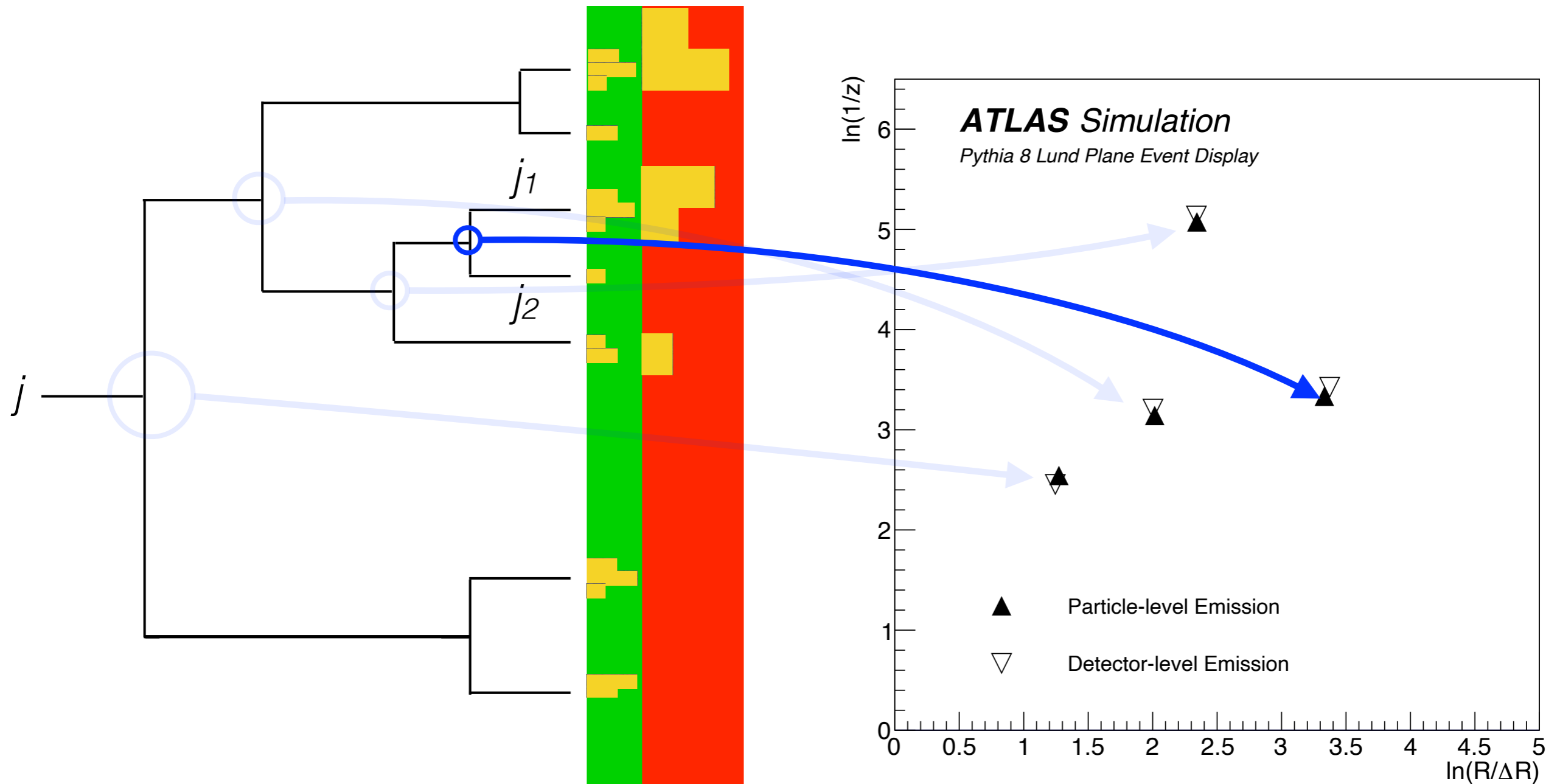


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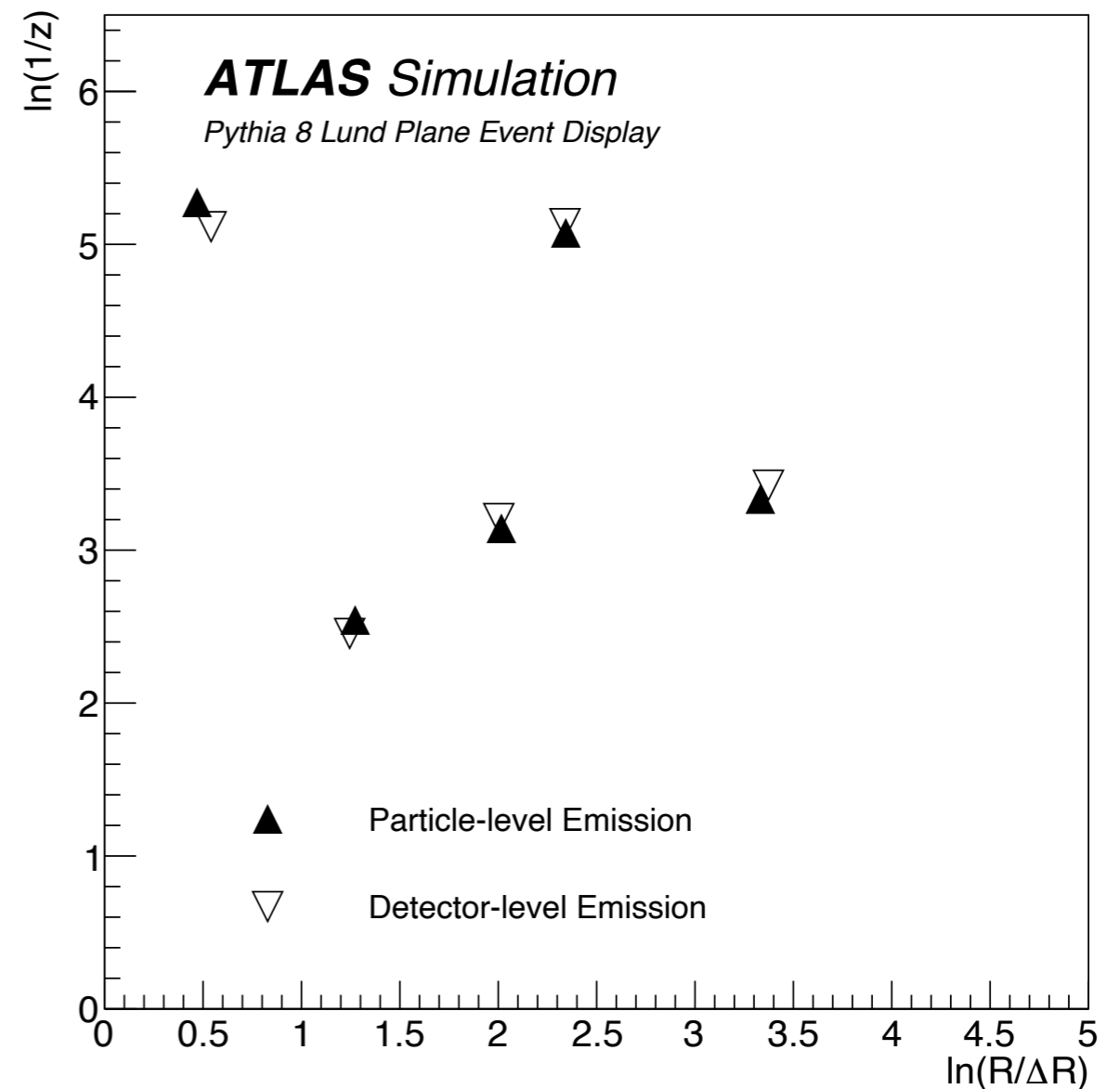
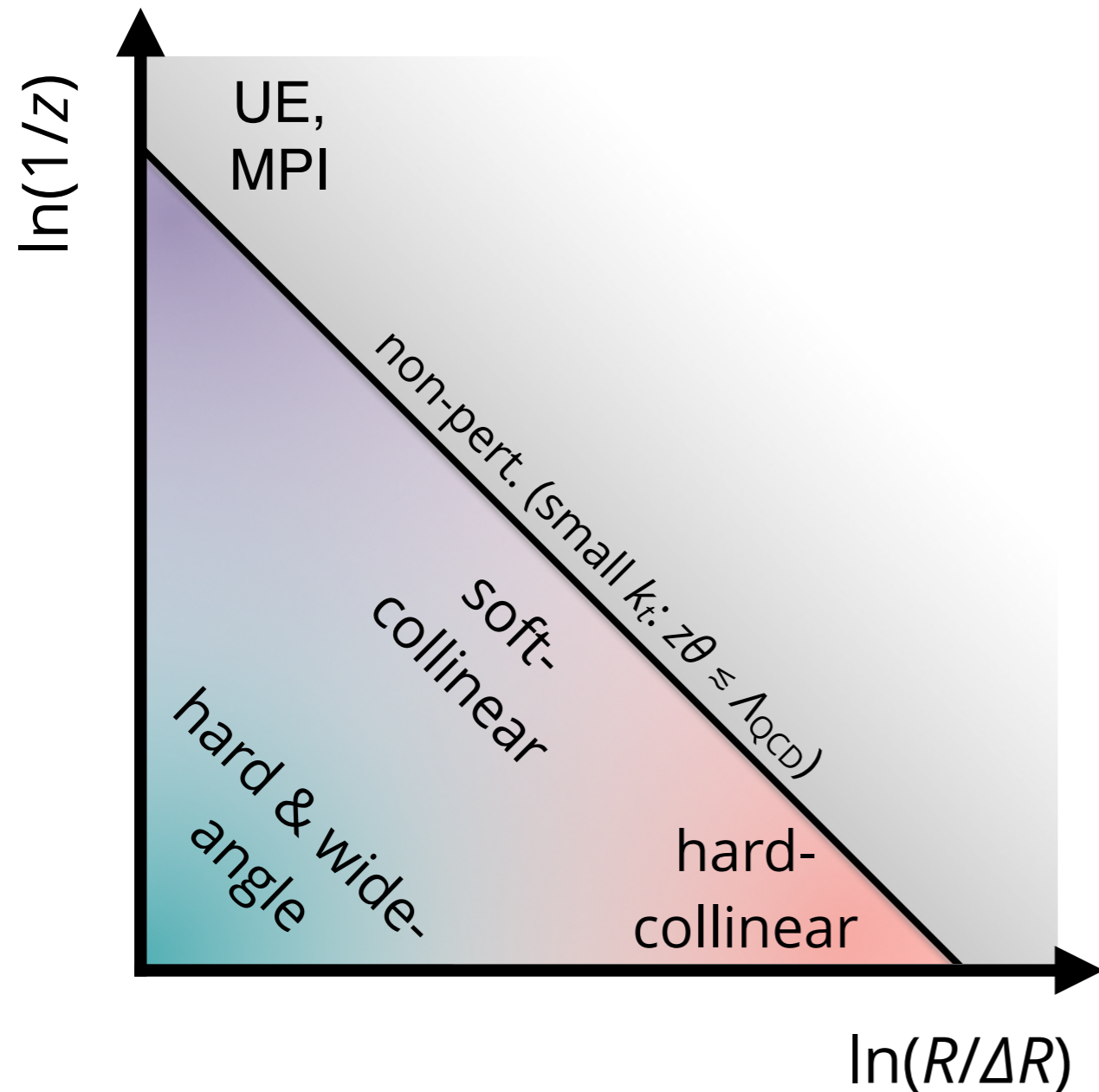


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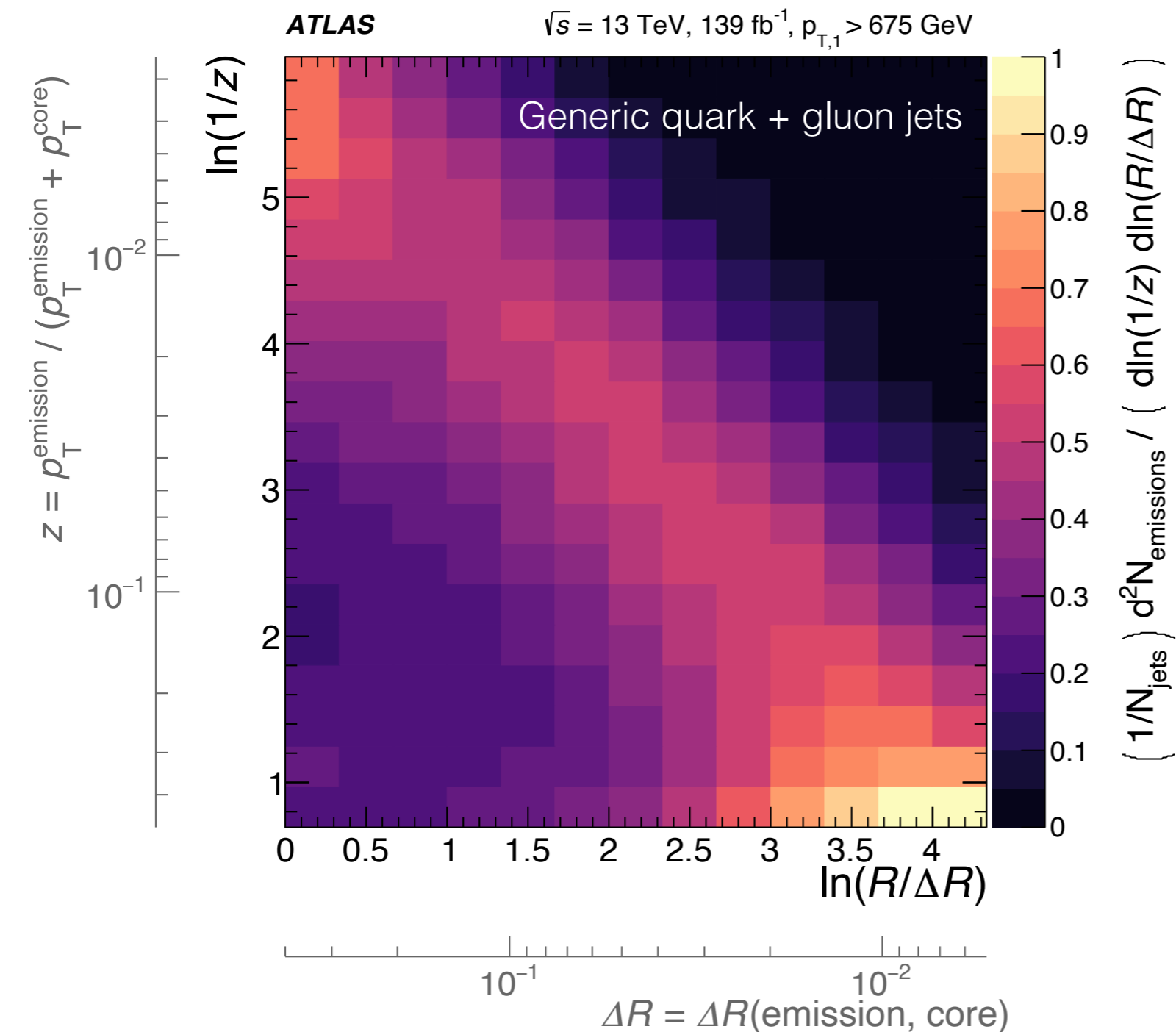
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Factorize physical processes!

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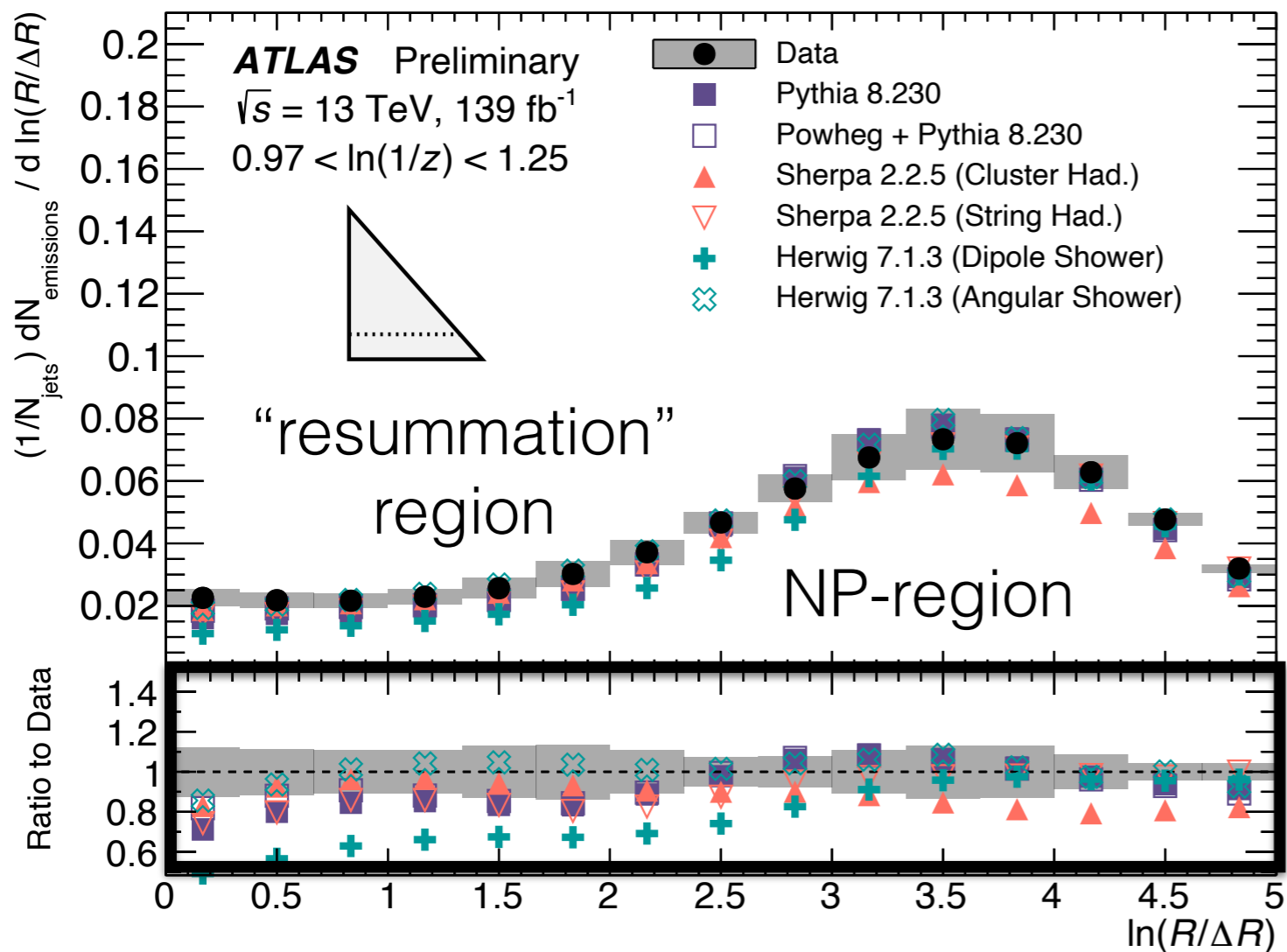
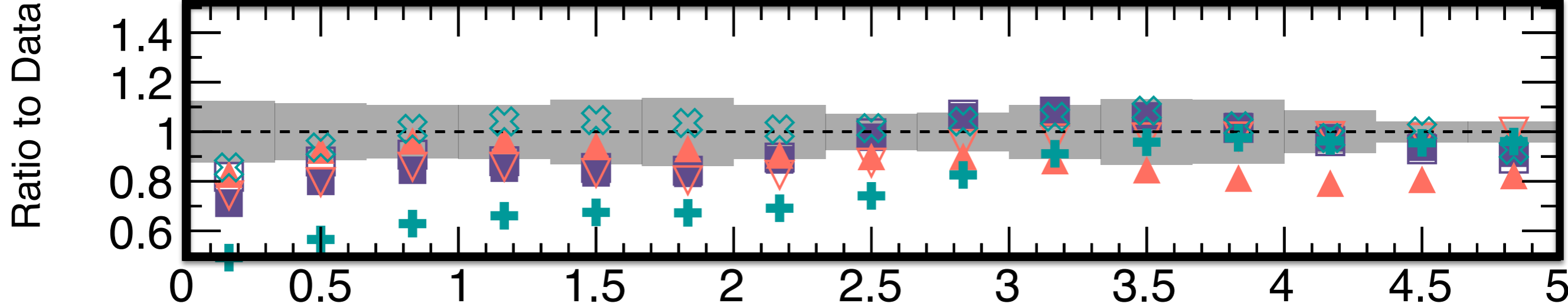
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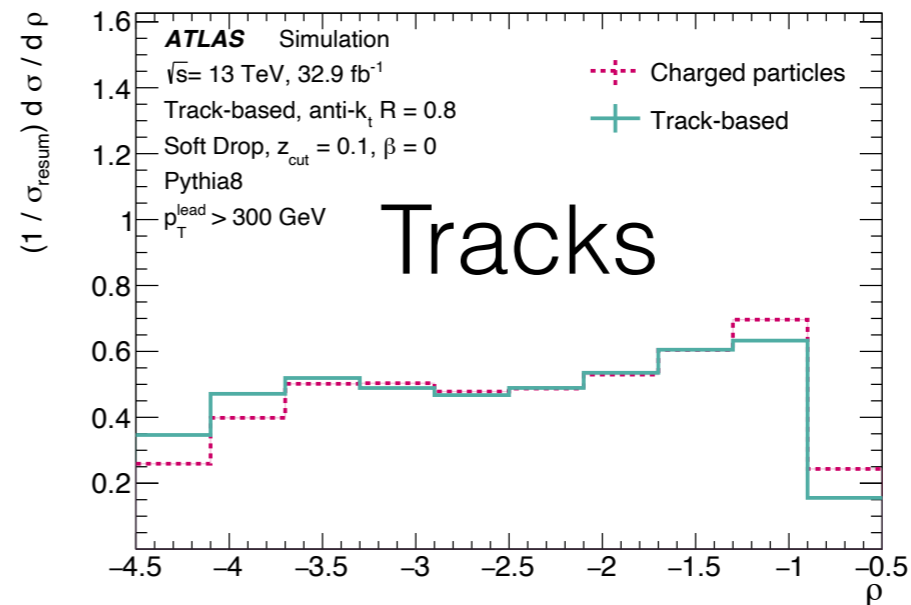
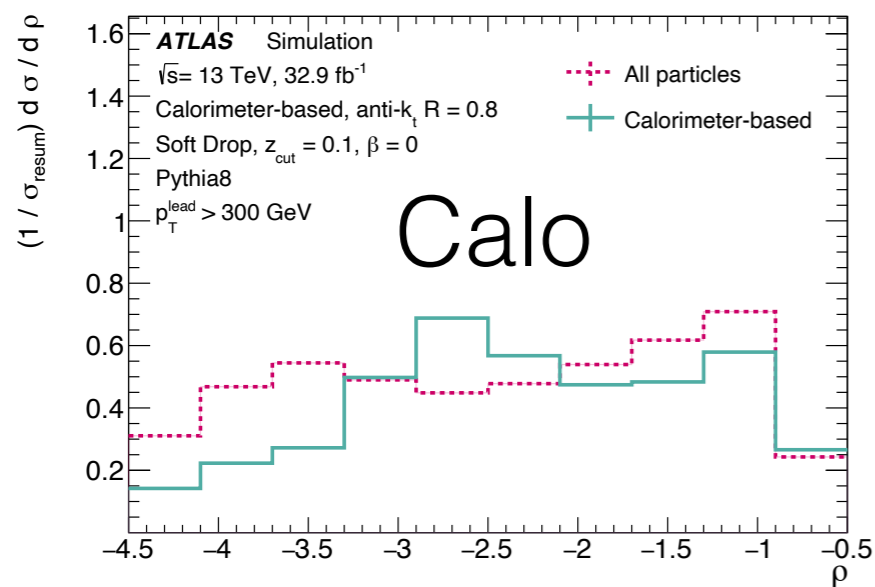
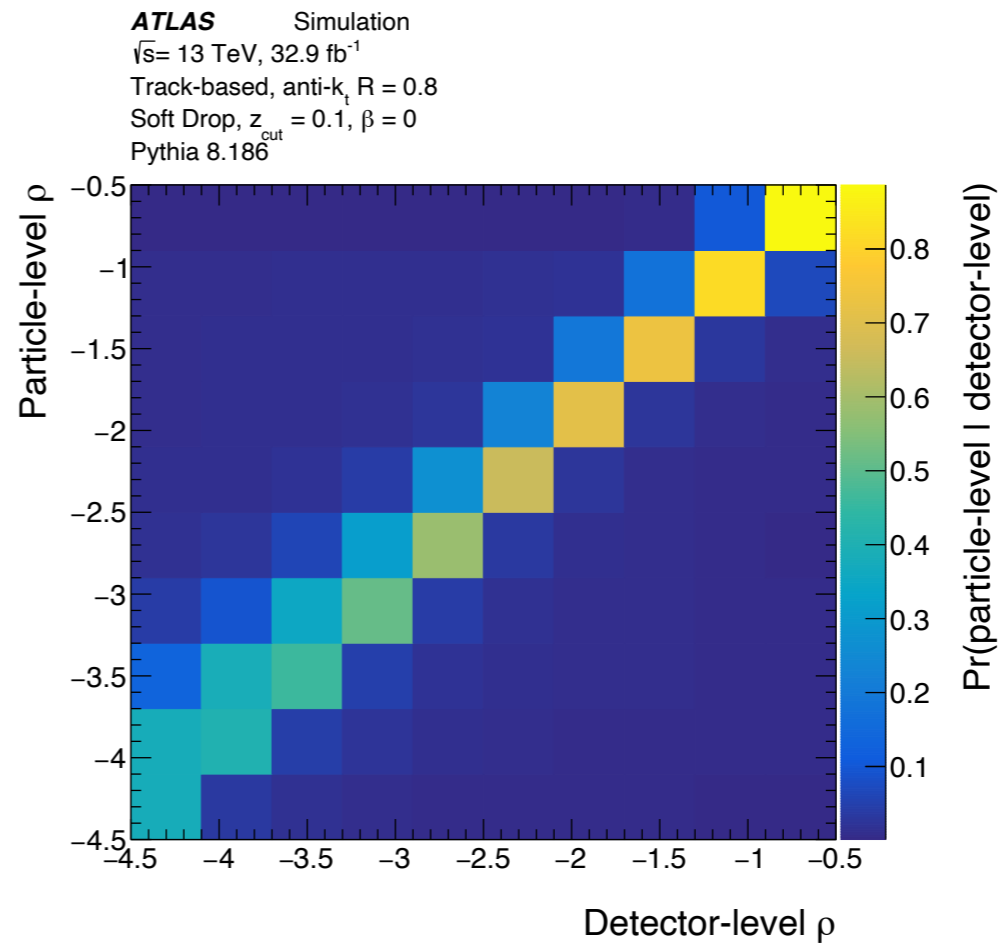
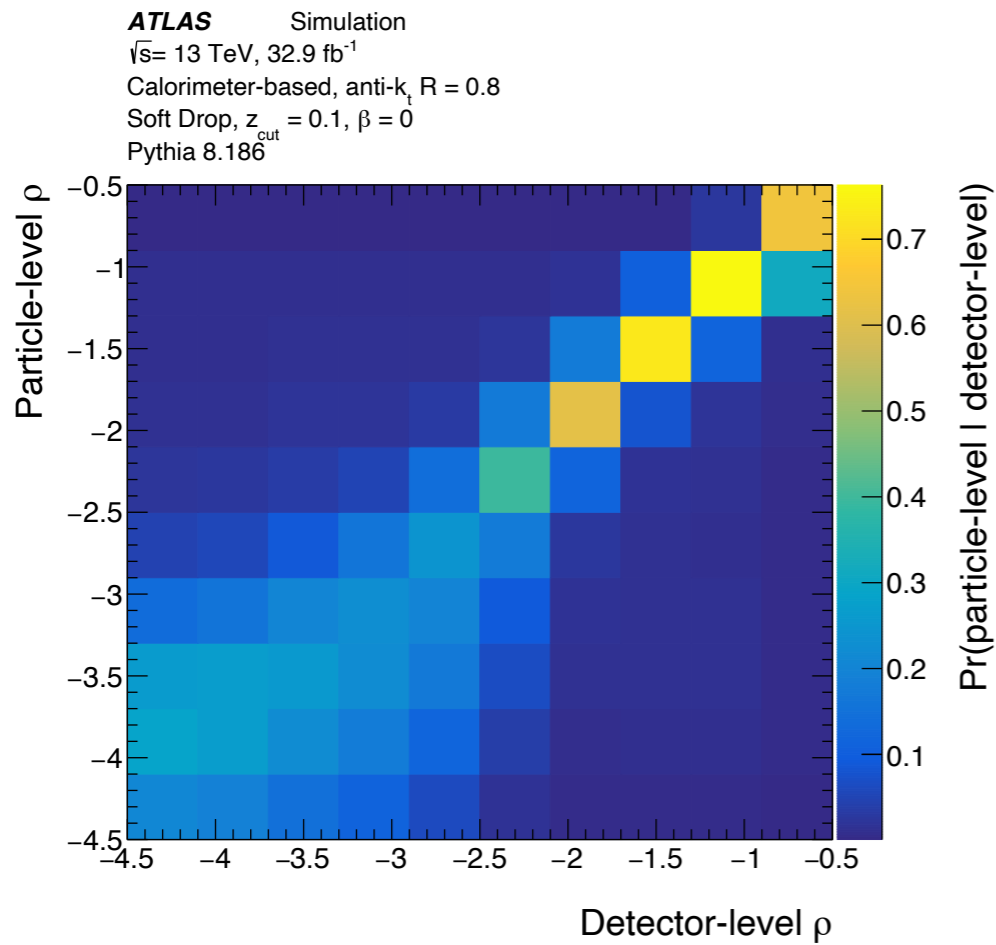
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 jet mass  
 normalized  
 by  $p_T$

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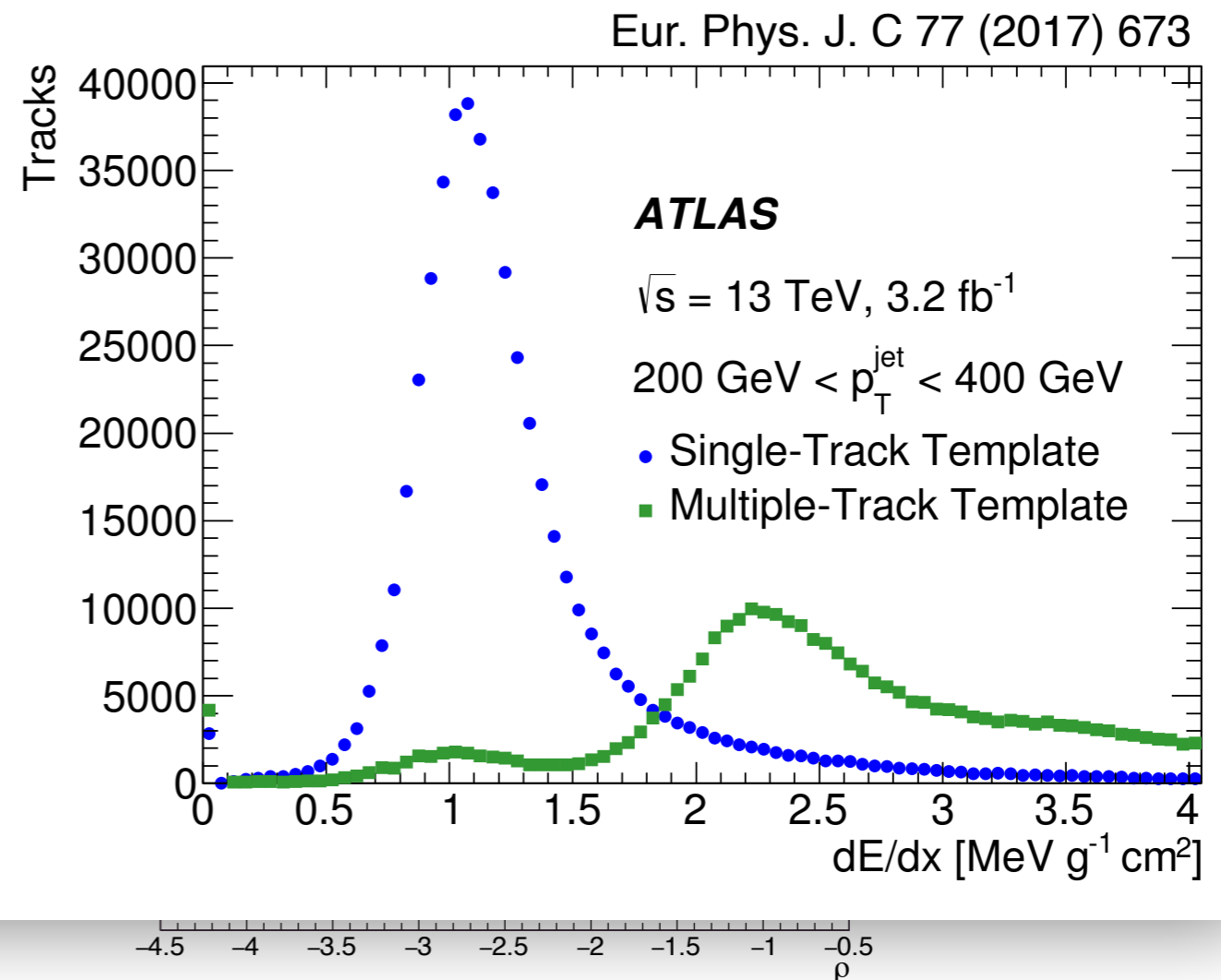
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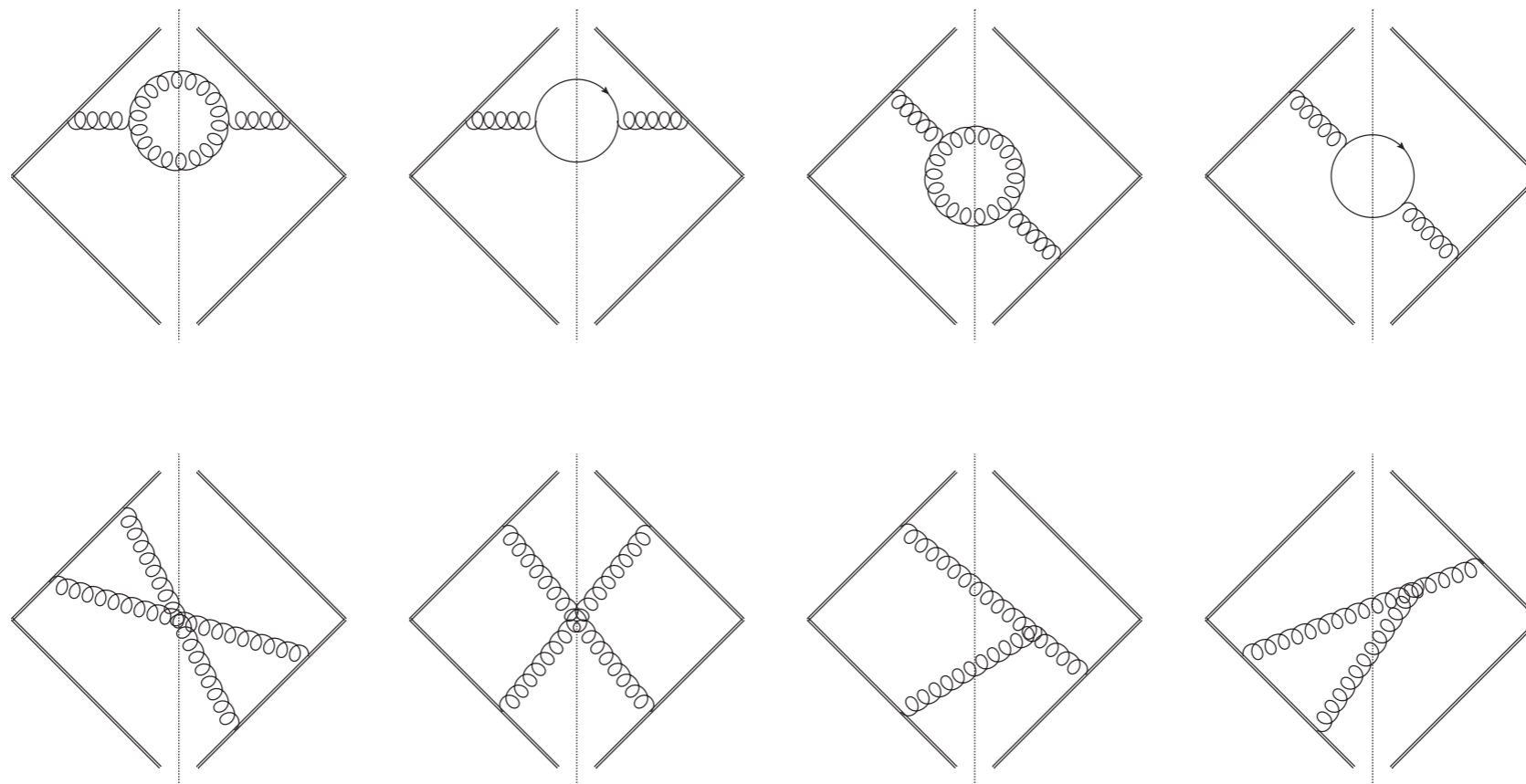
It is not just about resolution - we have rigorous per-track uncertainties, also taking into account density effects.

...we do not have the same level of rigor for calorimeter deposits.



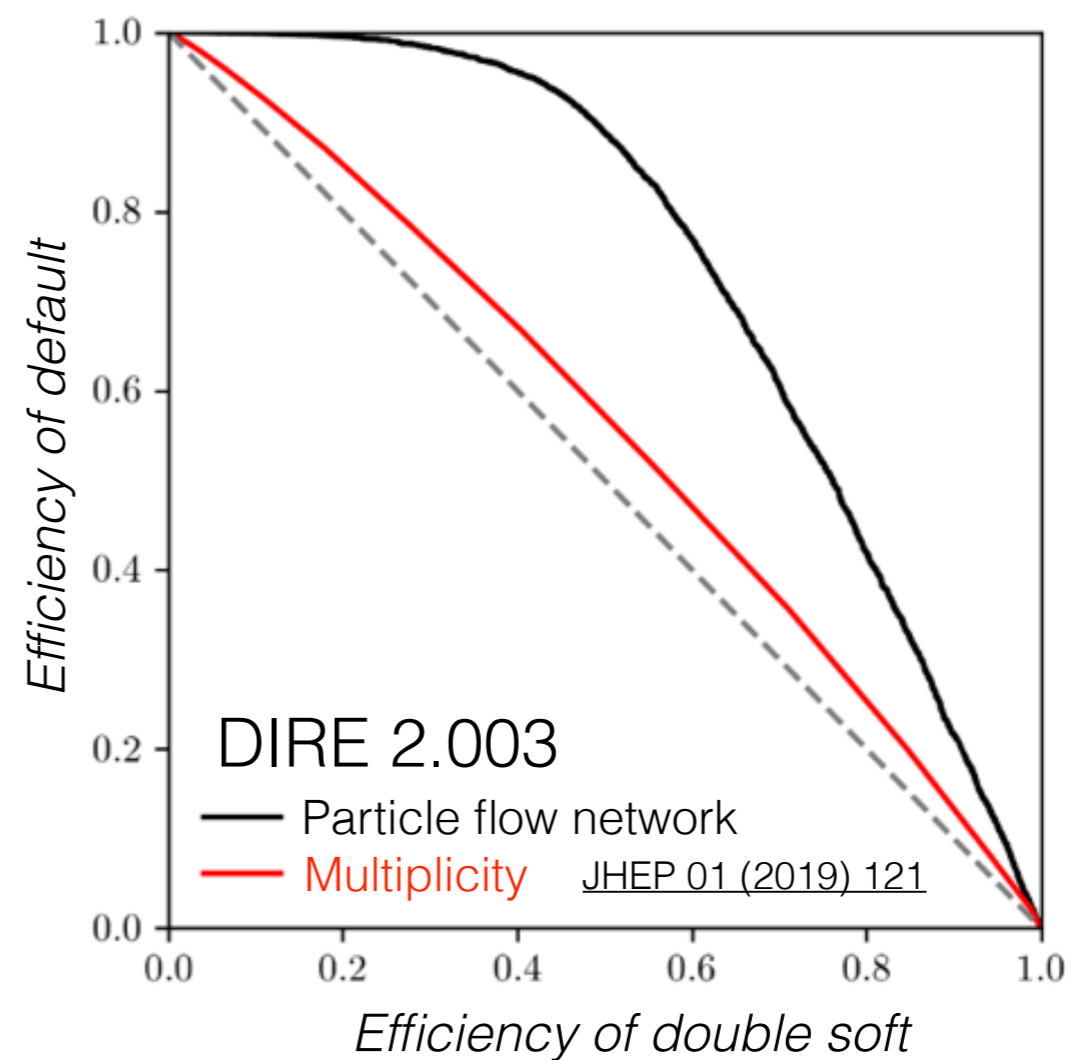
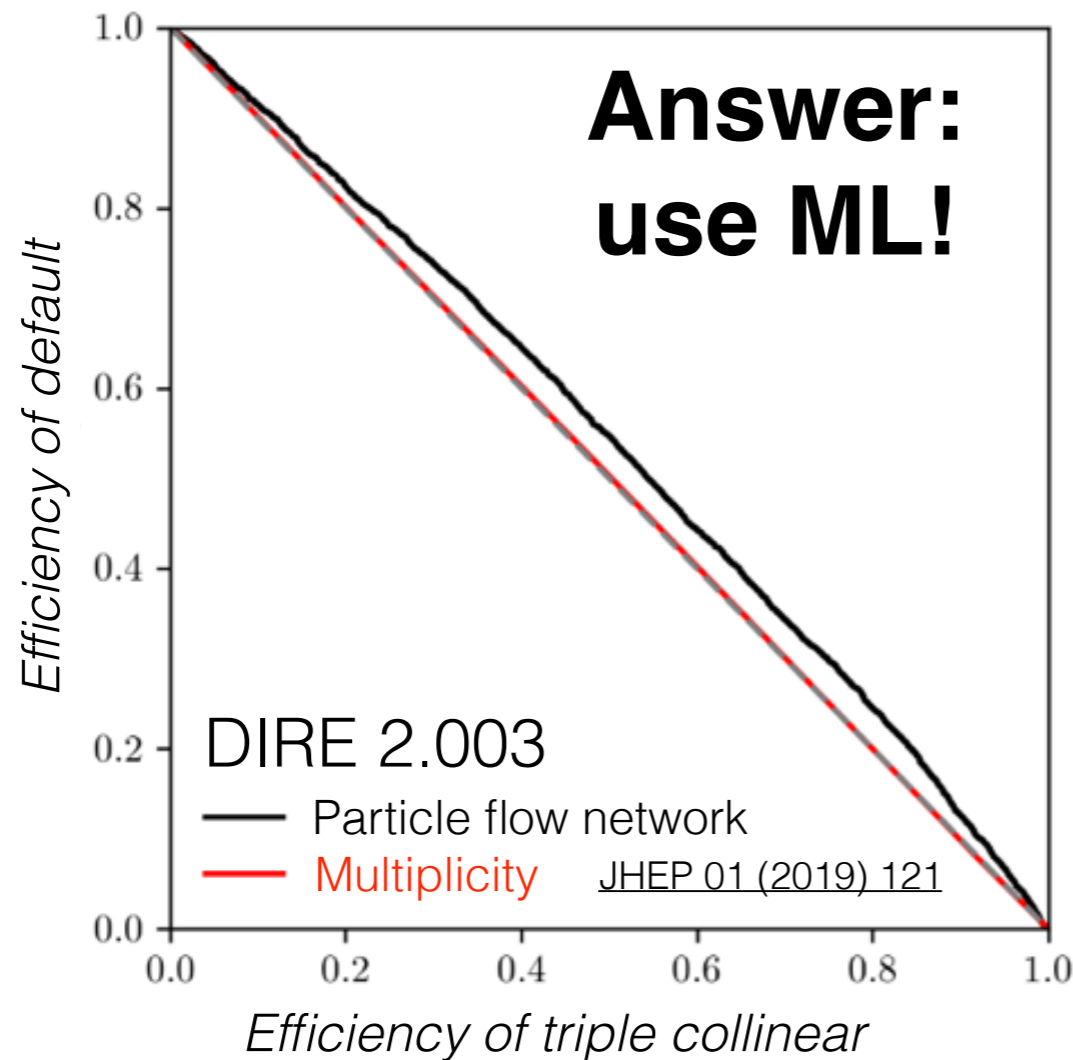
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Maybe **not** observable?

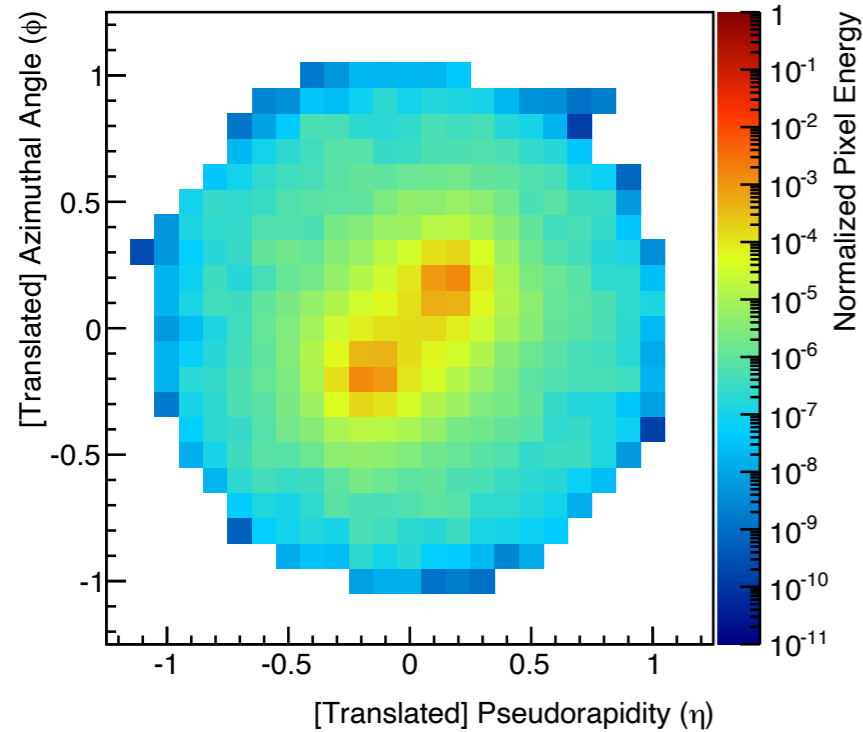
Should be observable?

# Correlations Future

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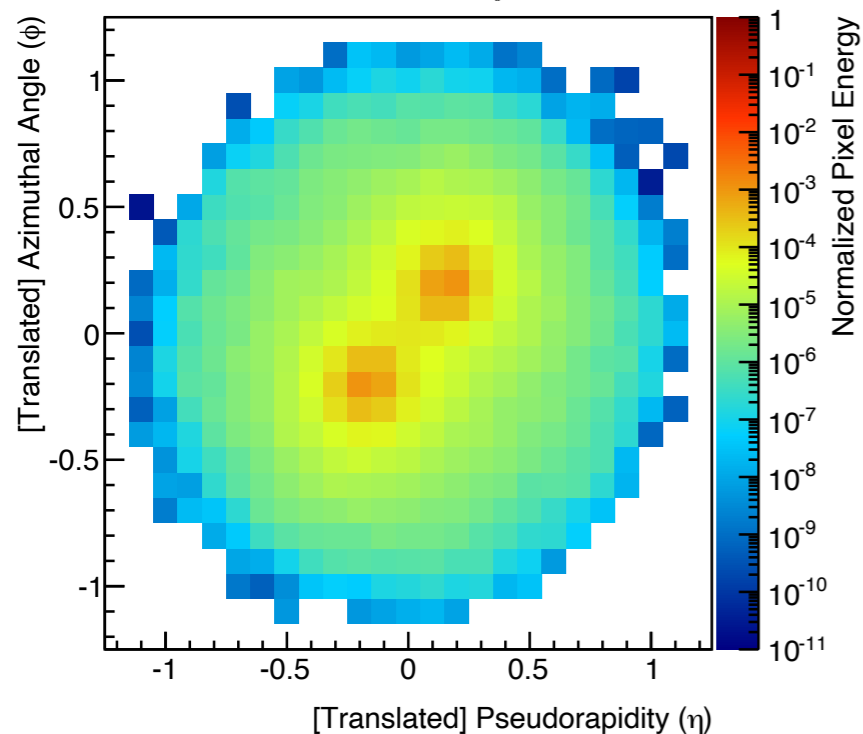
$pp \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

re-showered with Pythia 8,  $m_1 = 125$  GeV



$pp \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

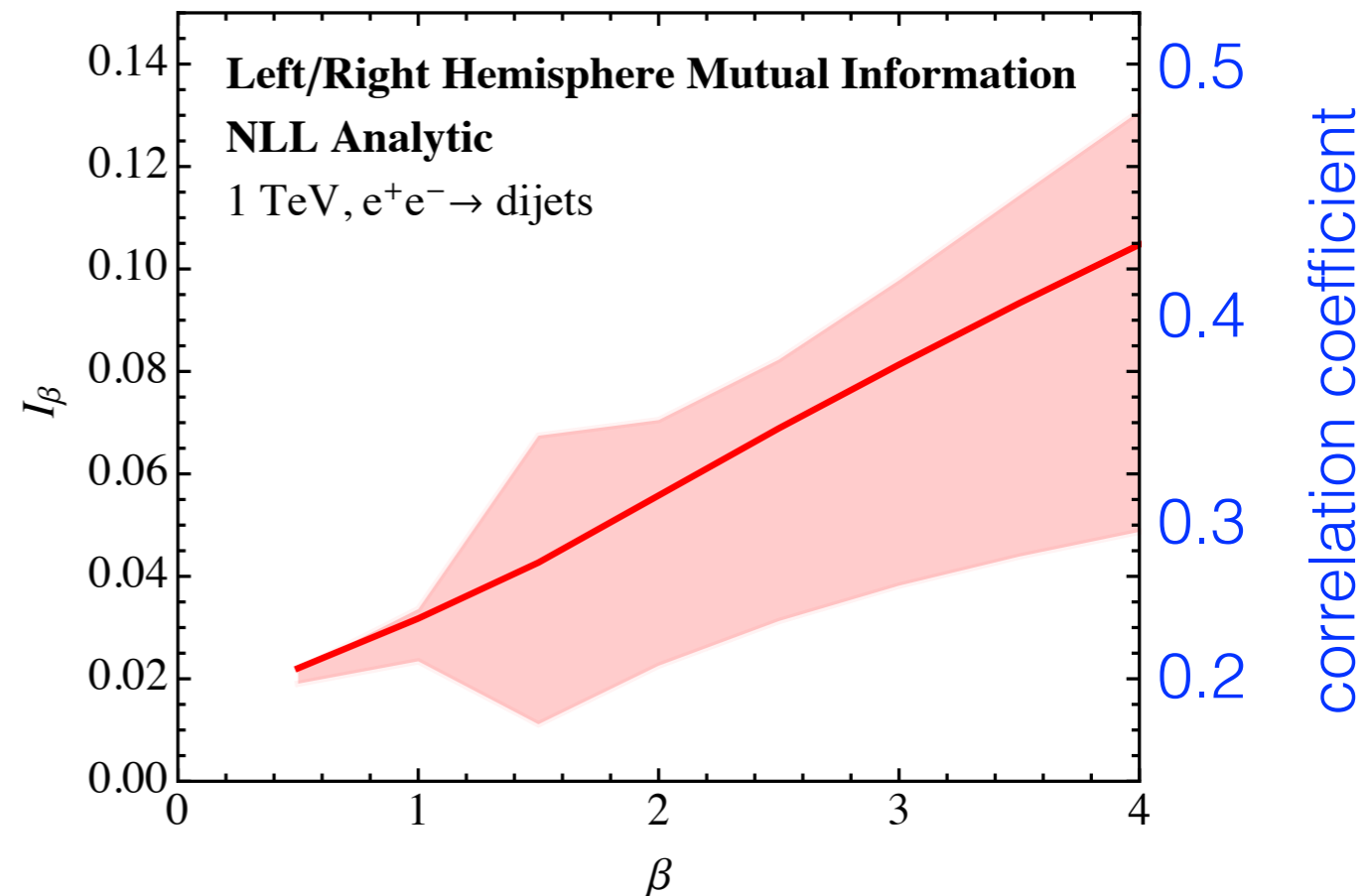
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Colorflow more pronounced when boosted;  
→ differential measurement (+tagging?)

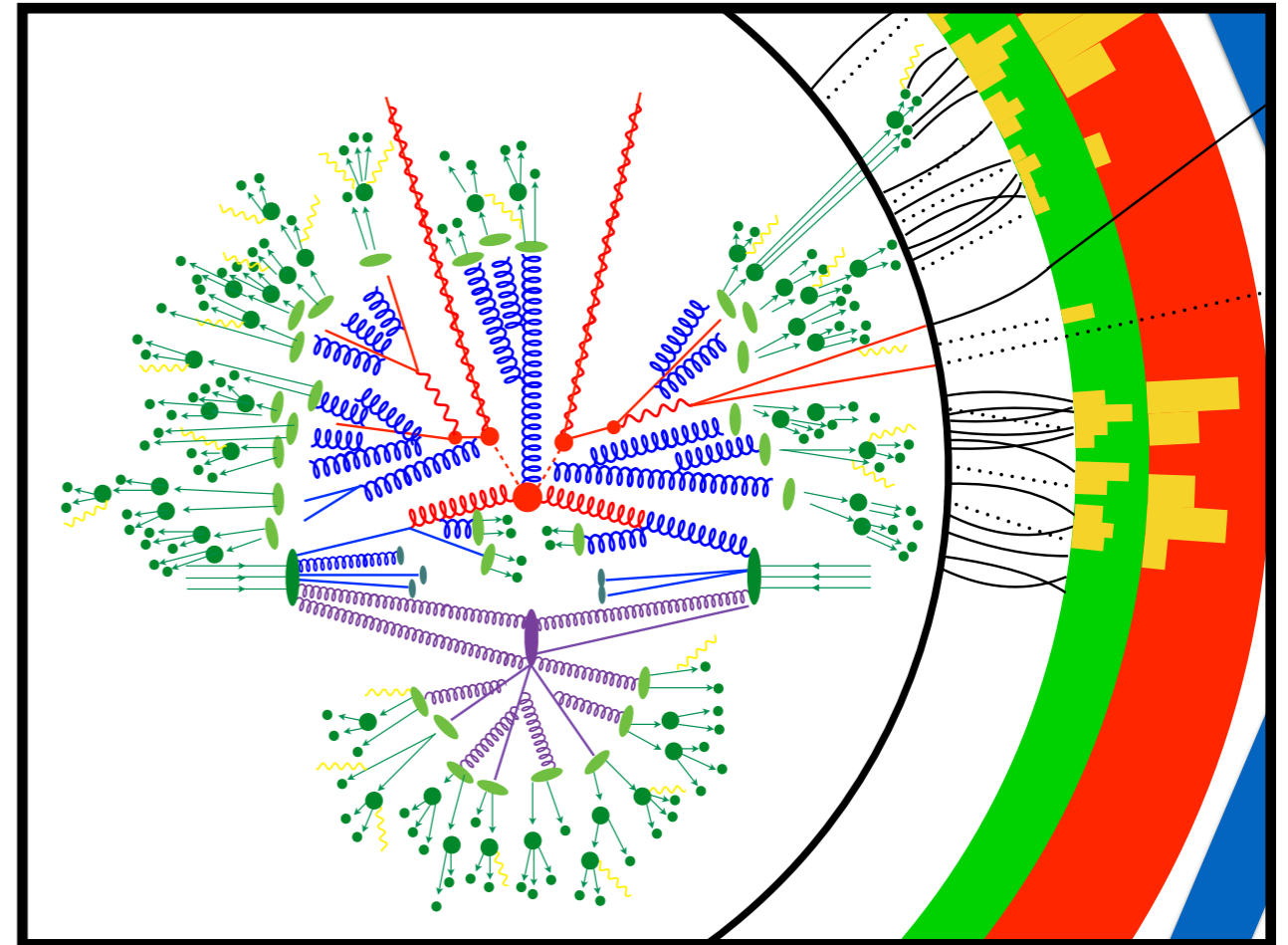
Other observables: jet substructure correlations  
probe non-global effects in a clean way

A. Larkoski, I. Mout, PRD 93, 014012 (2016)



← more jet grooming

High energy, hadronic final states are unique probes of QCD's emergent quantum properties



We need to think now about how we can design detectors, software, and computing to ensure future experiments can expand this growing physics program!

Backup

