

Fractional Jet Multiplicity

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Outline

- New observable: fractional jet multiplicity
- This talk: discuss analytic predictions and unique features
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Fractional Jet Multiplicity

definition

$$\tilde{N}_{\text{jet}} = \sum_{i \in \text{event}} \frac{E_i}{E_{iR}} \Theta(E_{iR} > E_{\text{cut}})$$

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Each particle in the event
can contribute to jet multiplicity

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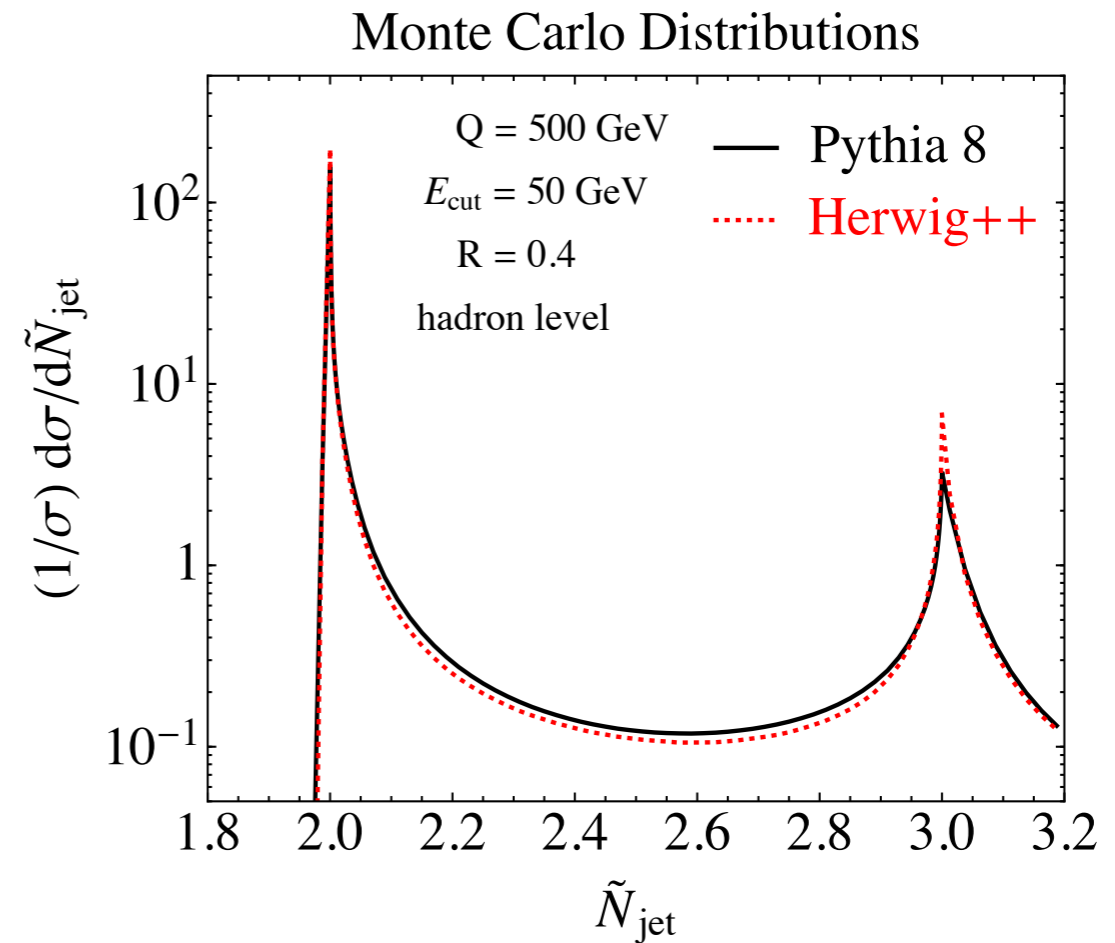
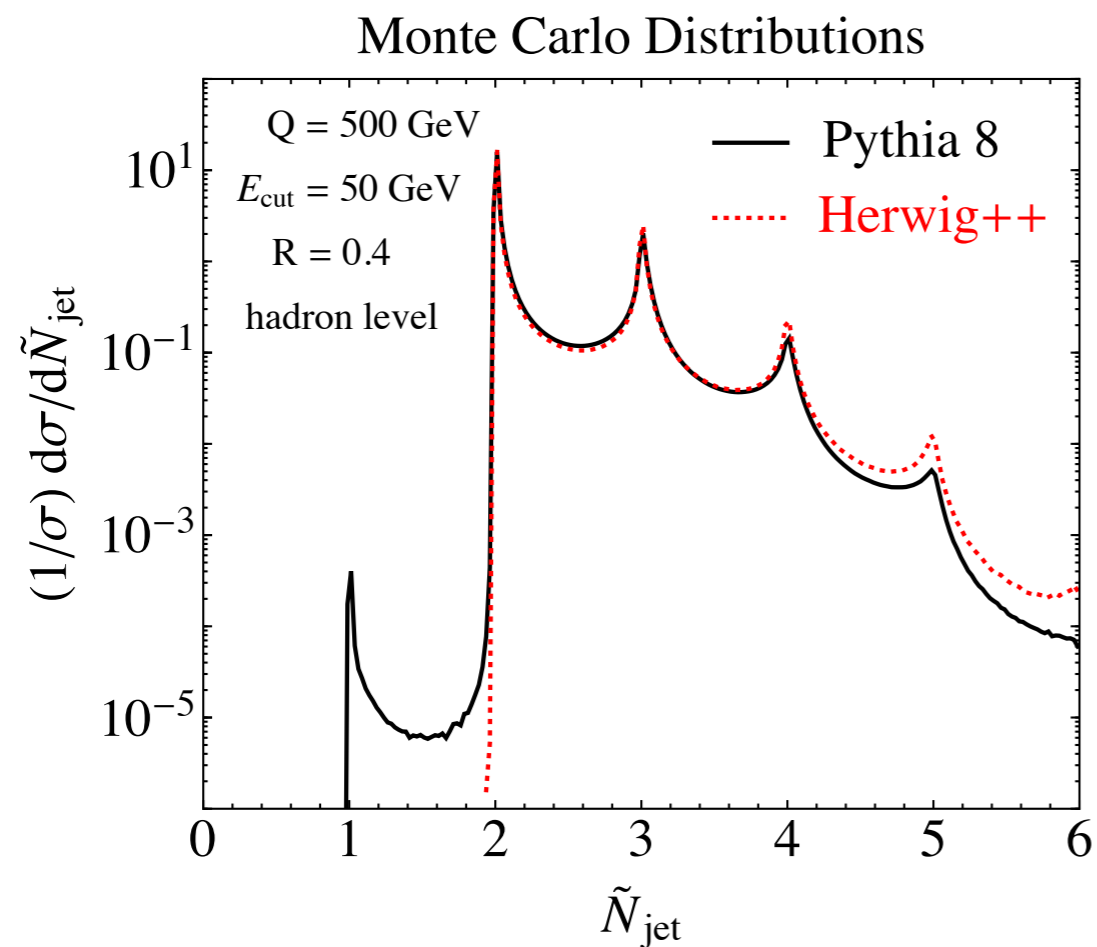
Apparent over-counting is fixed
by the weight E_i/E_{iR}

[Jets-Without-Jets
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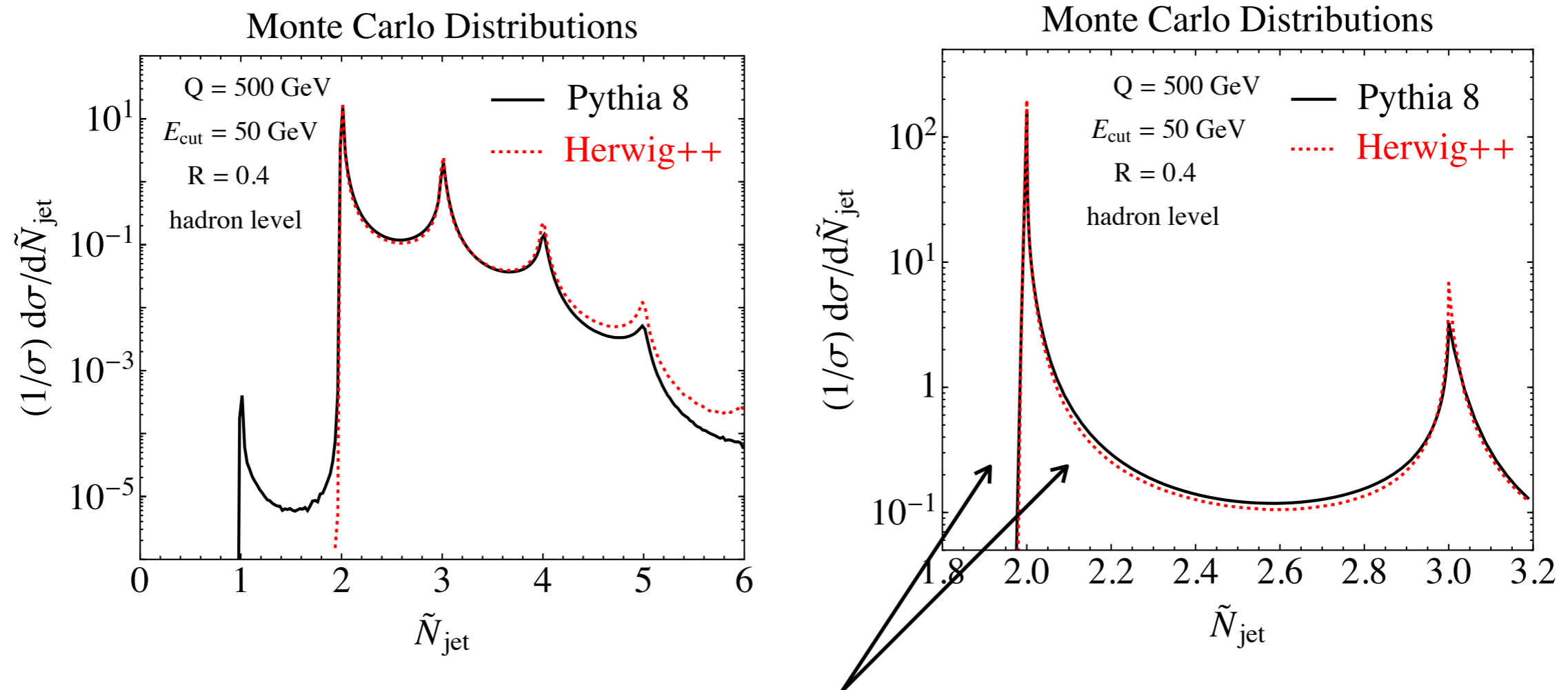
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I will describe analytically the near-integer distribution

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Collimated particles give integer number of jets



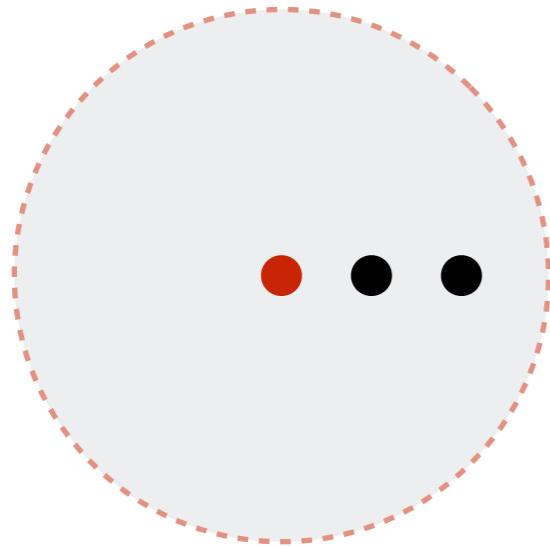
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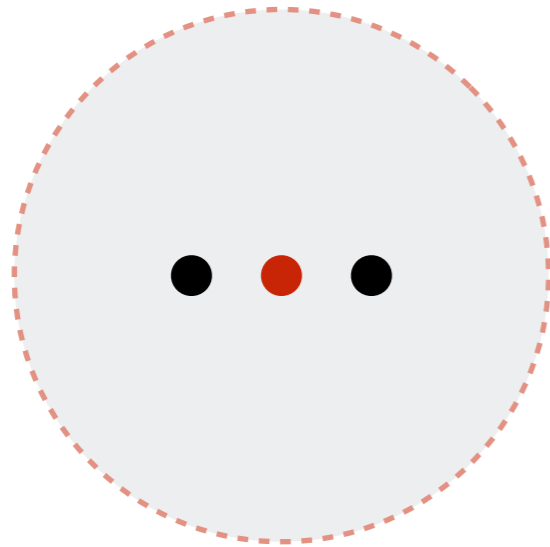
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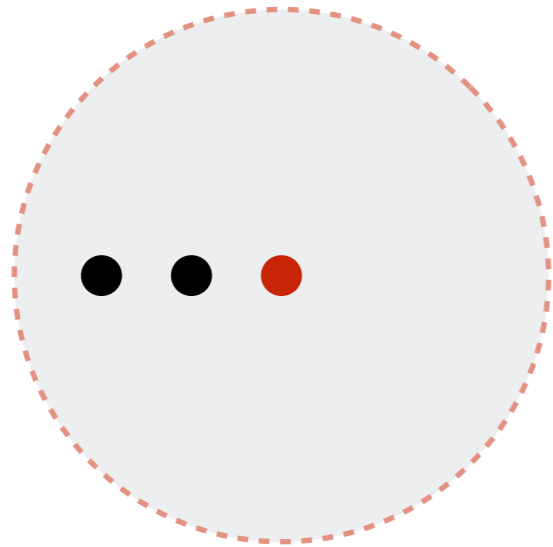
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Less collimated particles give fractional number of jets



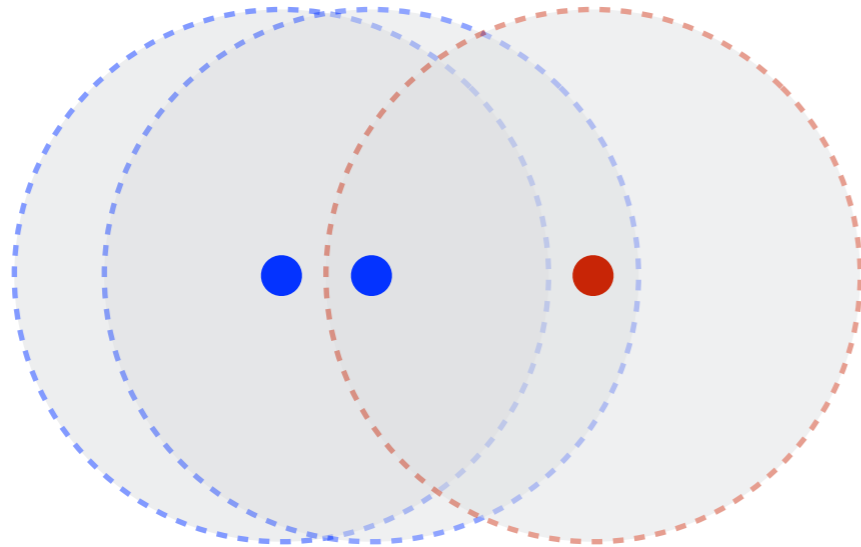
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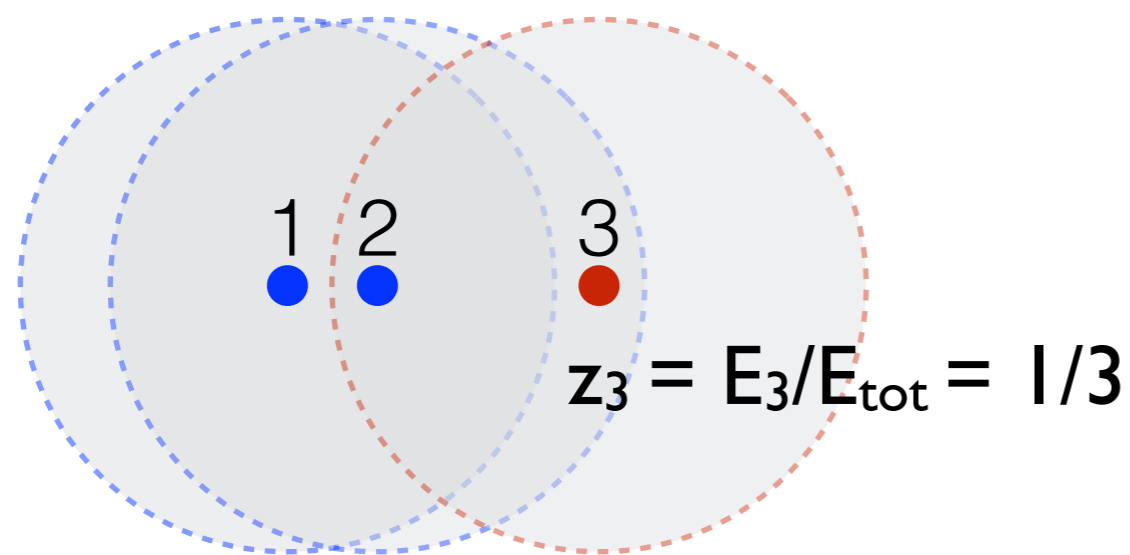
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Fractional Jet Multiplicity

definition

Soft limit drives the approach to the integer value



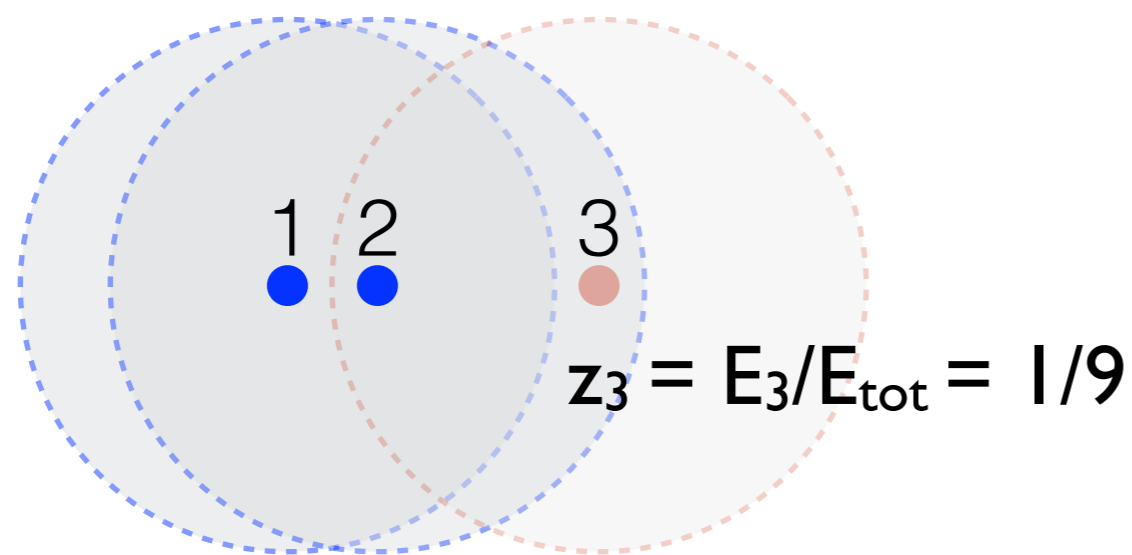
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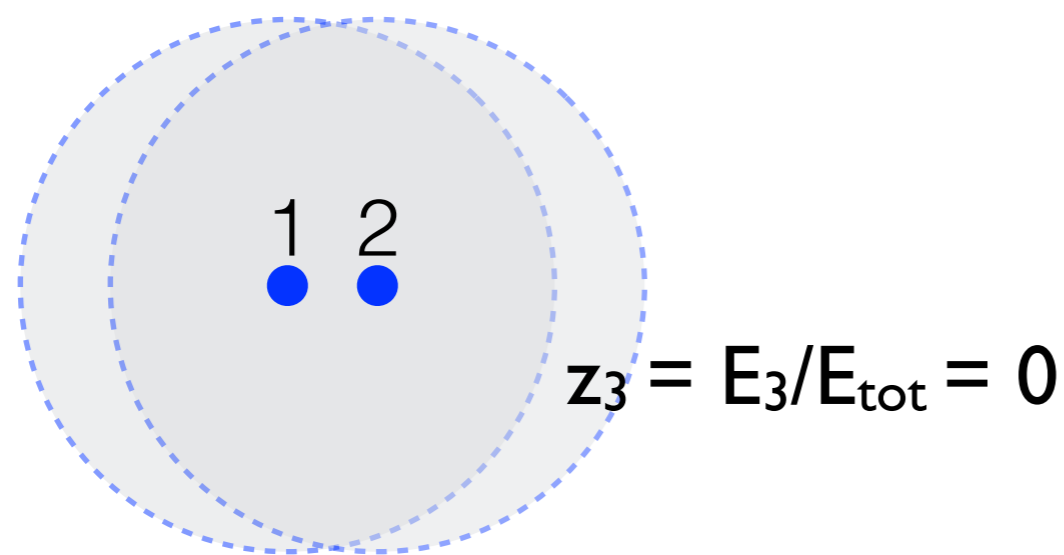
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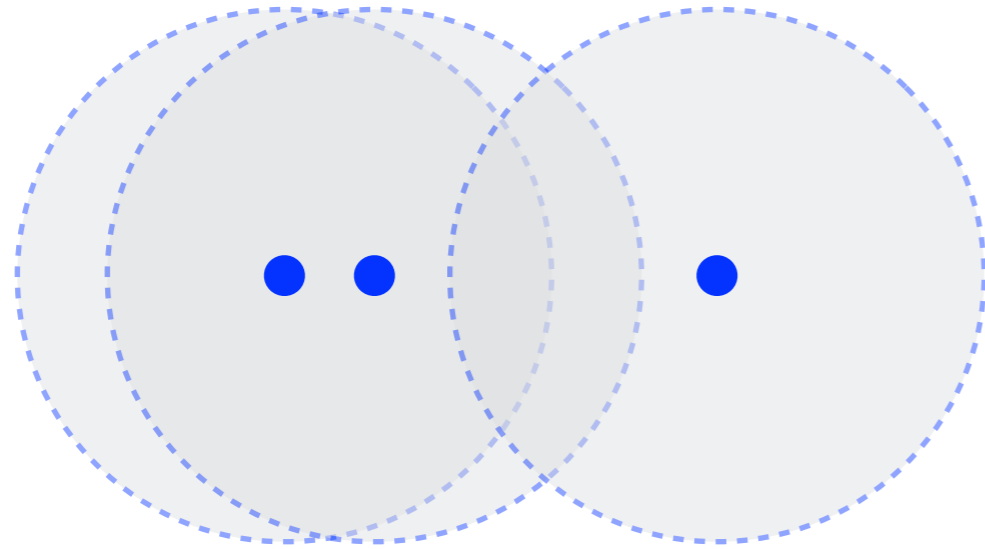
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$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{N}_{\text{jet}} &= \sum_i E_i / E_{iR} \\ &= 1/2 + 1/2 + 1 = 2\end{aligned}$$

Fractional Jet Multiplicity

properties

- To get non-integer behavior we need at least three particles.
LO = $O(\alpha_s^2)$ in pQCD
- They have to be collimated (\sim within $2R$) and occupy special regions of phase space
- Near-integer behavior is driven by soft logarithms

Near-integer distribution

fixed order

Consider $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{jets}$



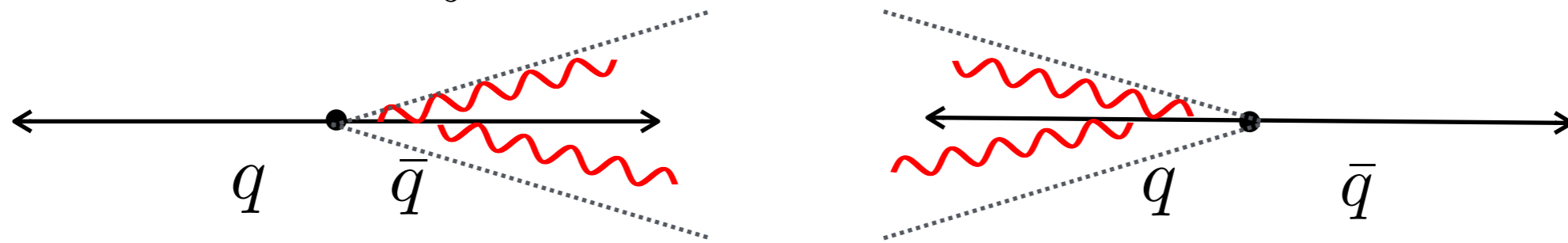
$$\Delta_{2-} = 2 - \tilde{N}_{\text{jet}}, \quad \Delta_{2+} = \tilde{N}_{\text{jet}} - 2, \quad \Delta_{3-} = 3 - \tilde{N}_{\text{jet}}$$

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Near-integer distribution

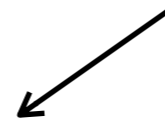
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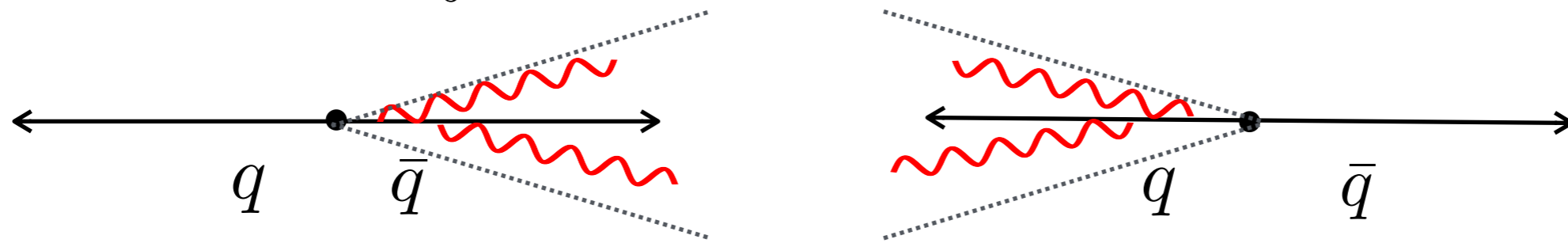
$$\mathcal{T}(e^+e^- \rightarrow 4 \text{ partons}) \simeq \mathcal{T}(e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}) \cdot \sum_k \mathcal{T}_k^{\text{coll}}(1 \rightarrow 3)$$

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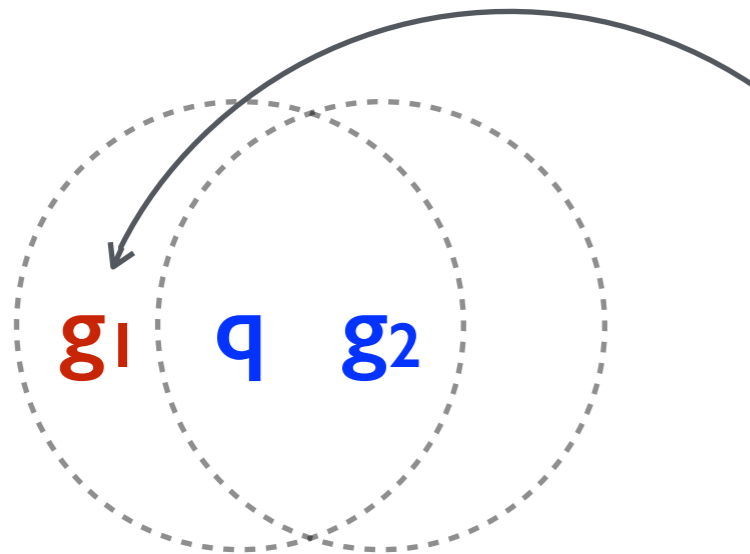
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measurement
function

Near-integer distribution

soft logarithms and rapidity divergences

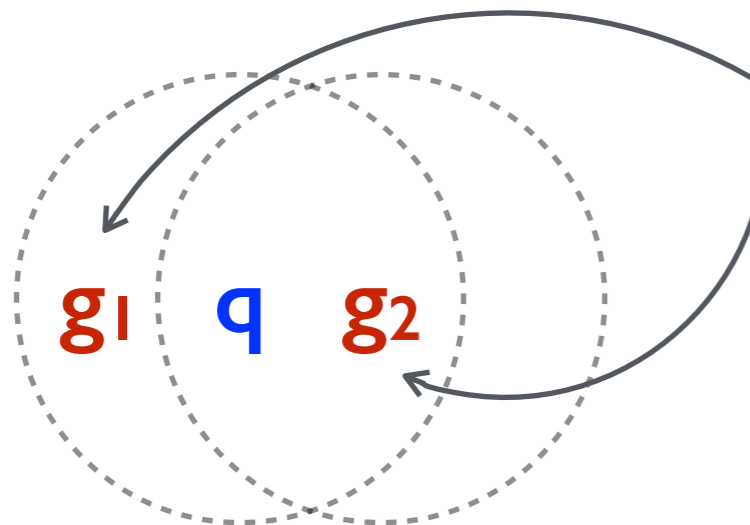


single soft limit

$$z_1 = E_{g_1}/E_{\text{tot}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Delta_{2+} \simeq z_1 f(z_2) \simeq \lambda^2, \quad (z_1, z_2) \simeq (\lambda^2, 1)$$

$$d\sigma/d\Delta_{2+} \simeq 1/\Delta_{2+}$$



double soft limit

$$z_{1,2} = E_{g_{1,2}}/E_{\text{tot}} \rightarrow 0$$

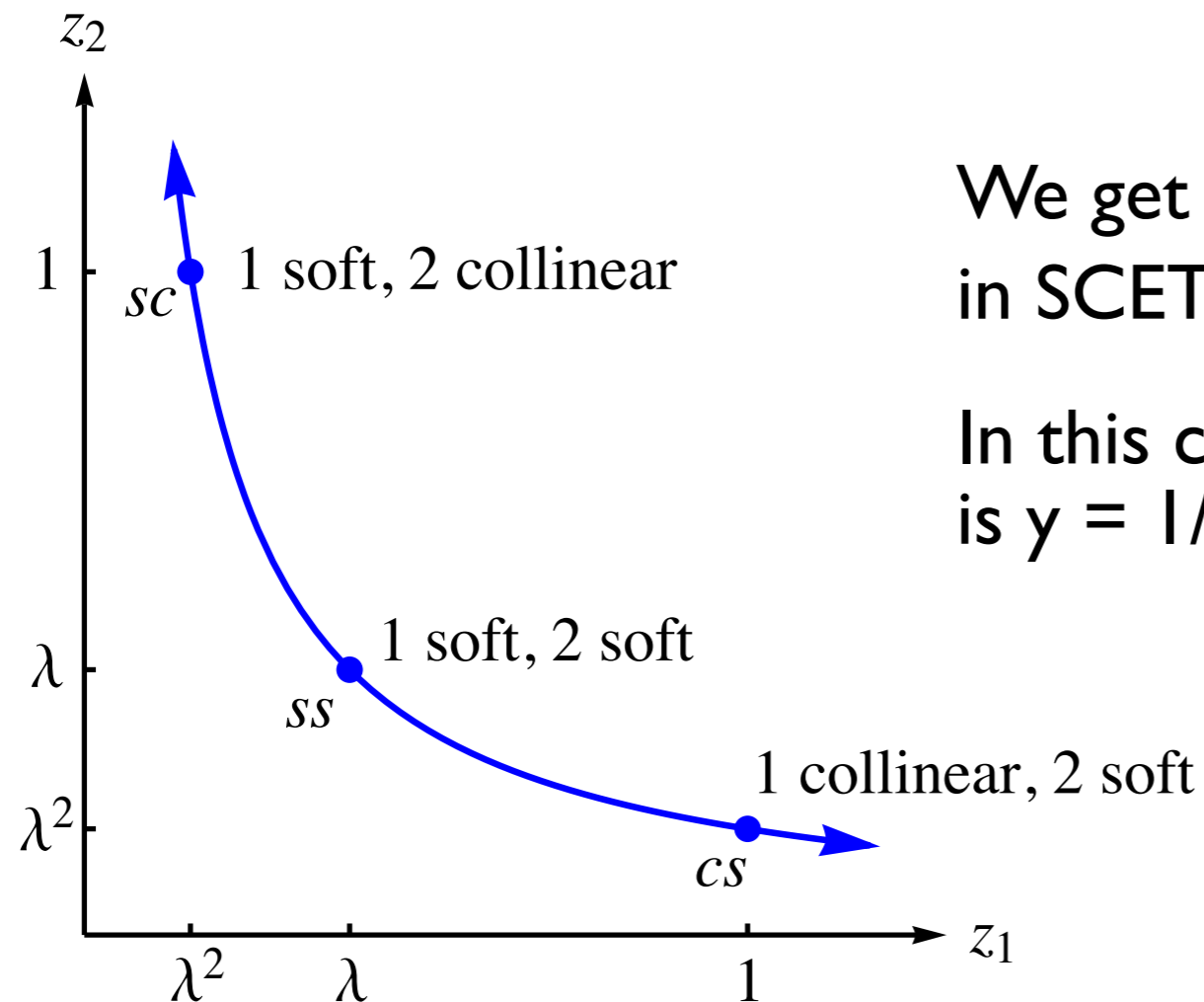
$$\Delta_{2+} \simeq 2z_1 z_2 \simeq \lambda^2, \quad (z_1, z_2) \simeq (\lambda, \lambda)$$

$$d\sigma/d\Delta_{2+} \simeq \log \Delta_{2+}/\Delta_{2+} + 1/\Delta_{2+}$$

Near-integer distribution

soft logarithms and rapidity divergences

Modes controlling near-integer behavior



We get “rapidity-like” divergences like in SCET_{II} and we use rapidity-regulators

In this case the rapidity-like variable is $y = 1/2 \log(z_1/z_2)$

Near-integer distribution

fixed order

Fixed order result

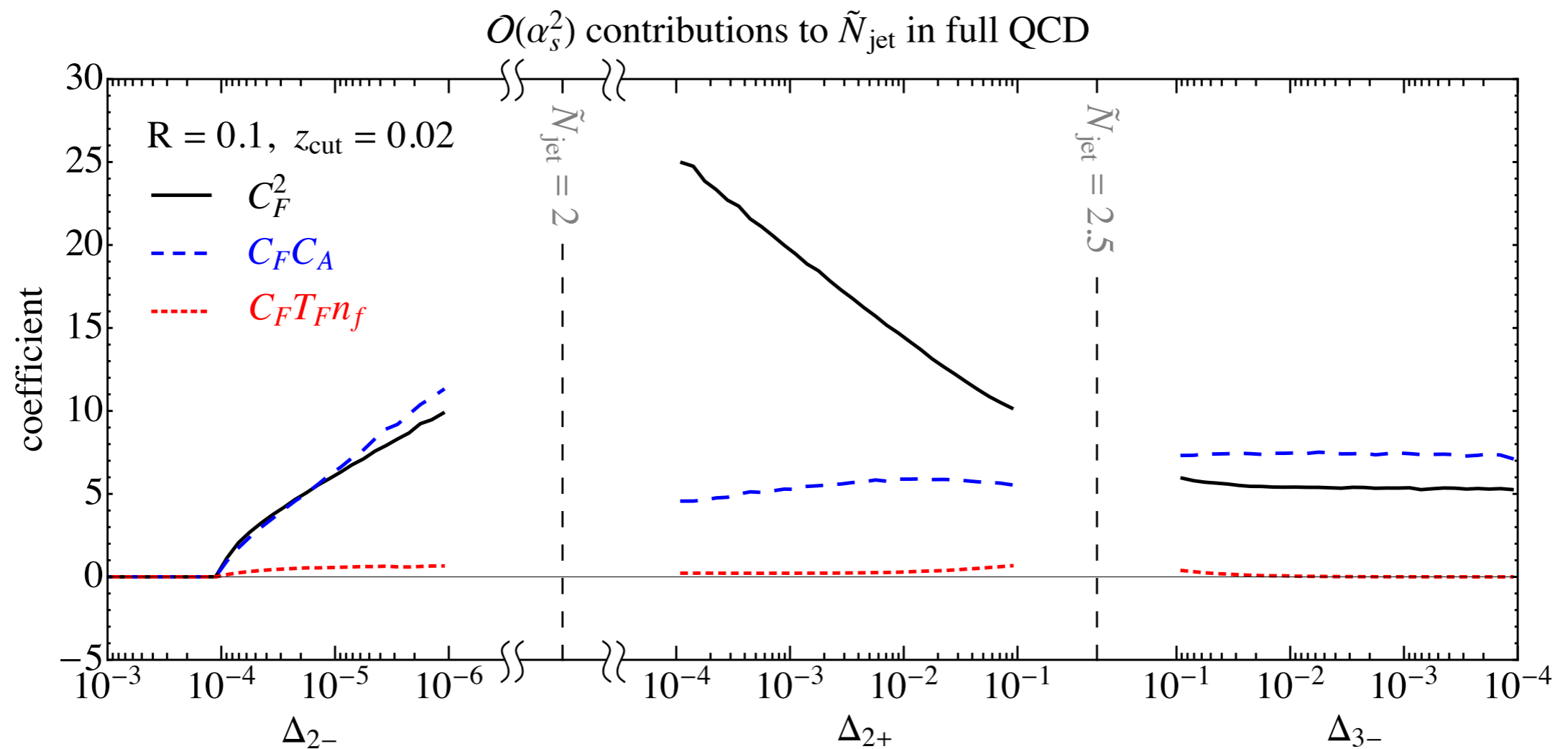
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta_{2\pm}} = \sigma_0 \delta(\Delta_{2\pm}) + \kappa_1 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \mathcal{L}_1(\Delta_{2\pm}) + \kappa_0 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \mathcal{L}_0(\Delta_{2\pm}) + \text{non-singular terms}$$

- We calculated κ_1 and κ_0 (which include different color structures and leading dependence on $z_{\text{cut}} = E_{\text{cut}} / E_{\text{tot}}$)
- Get non singular from Event2

Near-integer distribution

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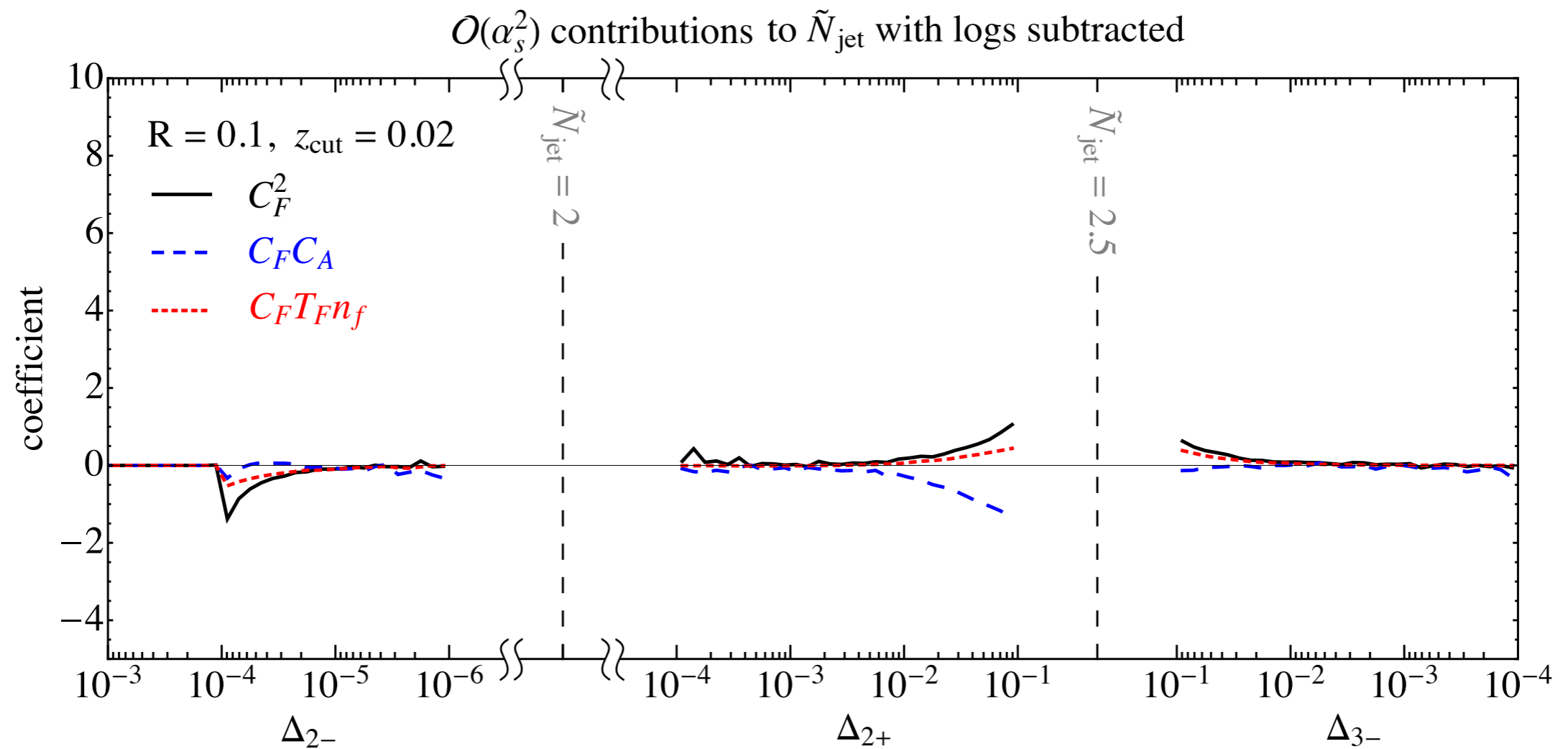
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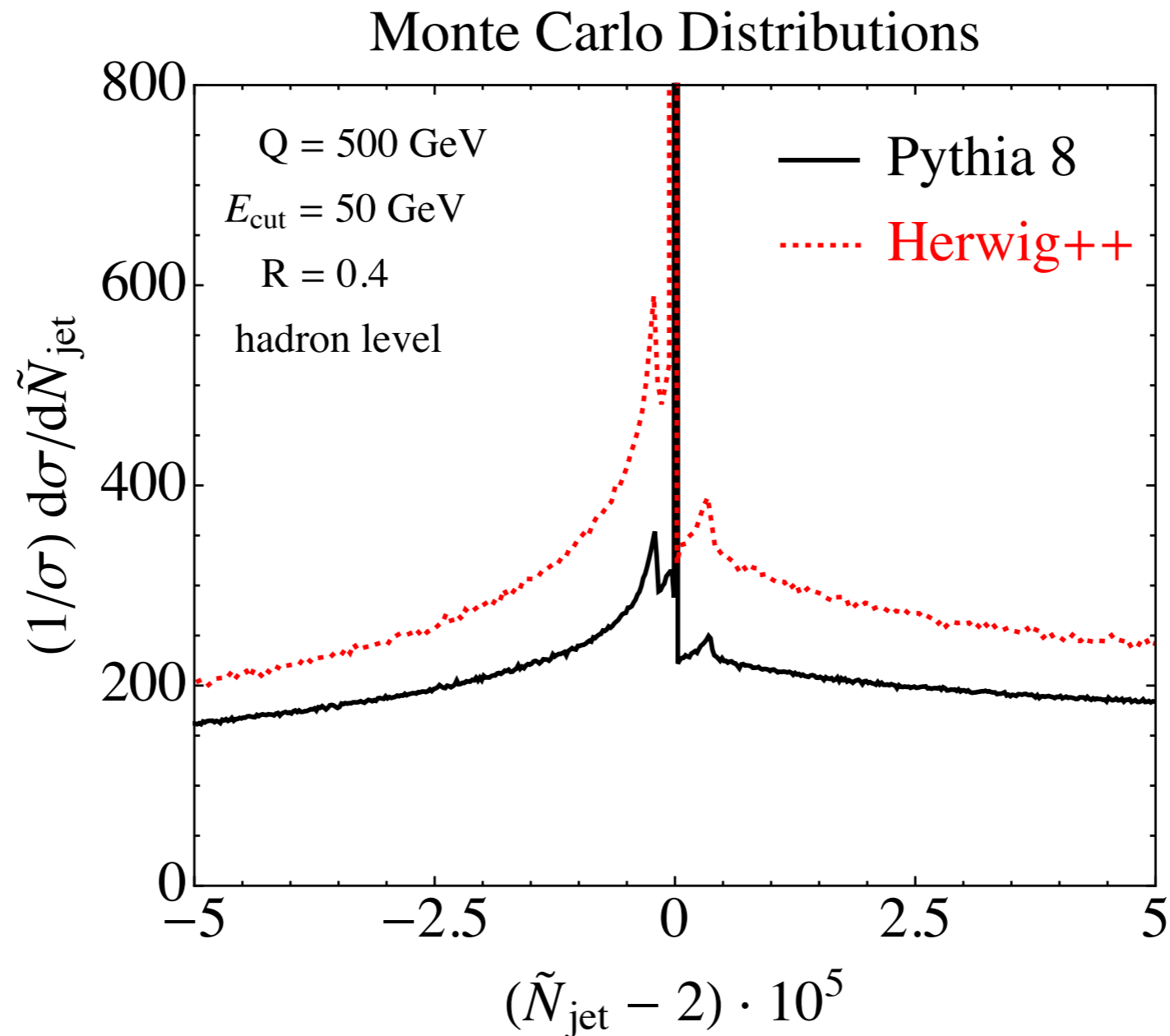
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Fractional jet multiplicity

- Near-integer driven by soft-logs only
- Hybrid event-shape / jet-algorithm behavior
- Non-additive / non-factorizable / non-global

Near-integer distribution

Hybrid event-shape / jet algorithm



Near-integer distribution

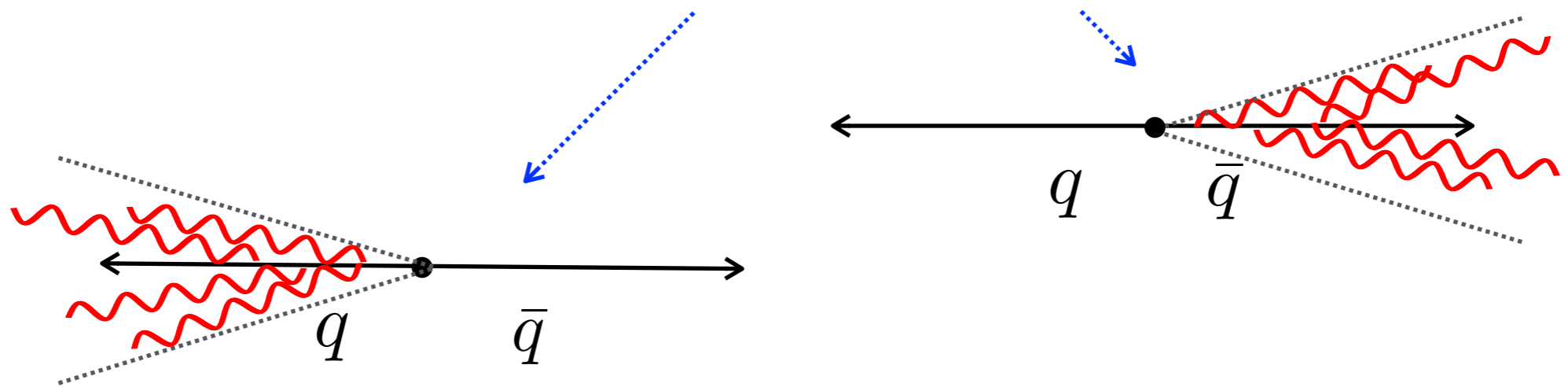
additivity / factorizability / non-global logs

Additive	Factorizable	Global Logs	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Thrust
Yes	Yes	No	Hemisphere Mass
Yes	No	Yes	Jade Algorithm Rate
Yes	No	No	$\sum_i E_i/Q \Theta(E_{iR} - E_{\text{cut}})$
No	Yes	Yes	?
No	Yes	No	?
No	No	Yes	?
No	No	No	fractional jet multiplicity

Near-integer distribution

beyond FO, collinear functions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta_{2\pm}} \simeq \sigma_0 \underbrace{C_q(\Delta_{2\pm})}_{\text{collinear}} \otimes \underbrace{C_{\bar{q}}(\Delta_{2\pm})}_{\text{collinear}}$$

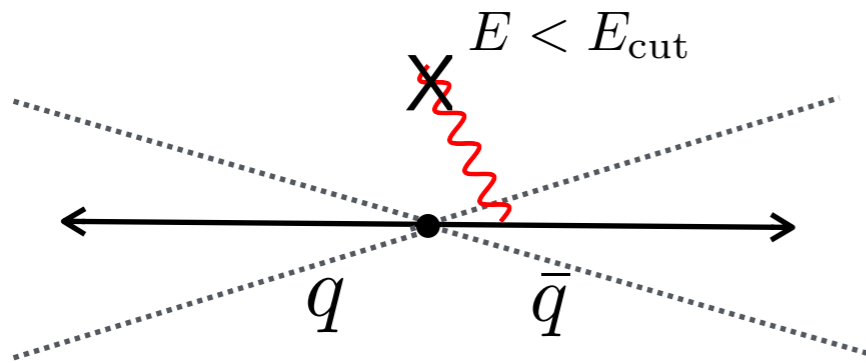


$$C_{q,\bar{q}}(\Delta_{2\pm}) = \delta(\Delta_{2\pm}) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{k=-1}^{n-1} \left[\kappa_{k,+}^{(n)} \mathcal{L}_k(\Delta_{2\pm}) + \kappa_{k,-}^{(n)} \mathcal{L}_k(\Delta_{2\pm}) \right]$$

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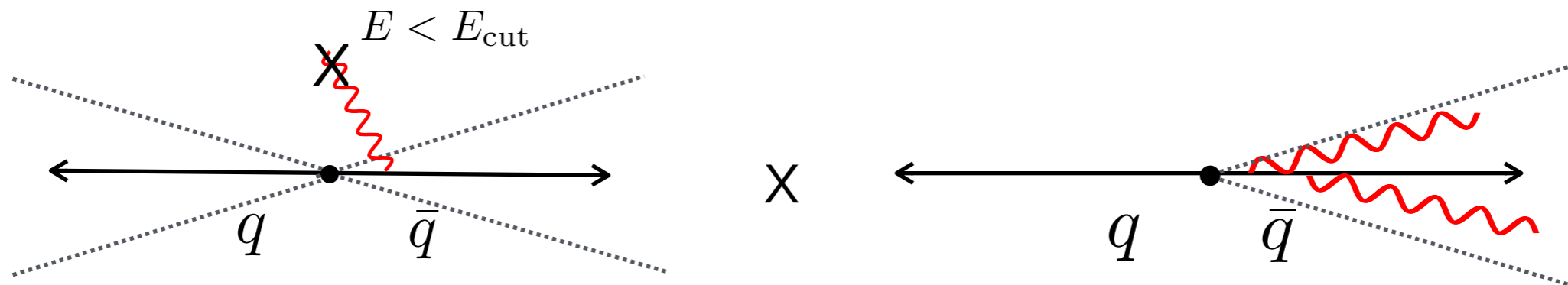


Wide angle soft emissions give enhanced logarithmic contributions to $\tilde{N}_{\text{jet}}=2$ cross-section

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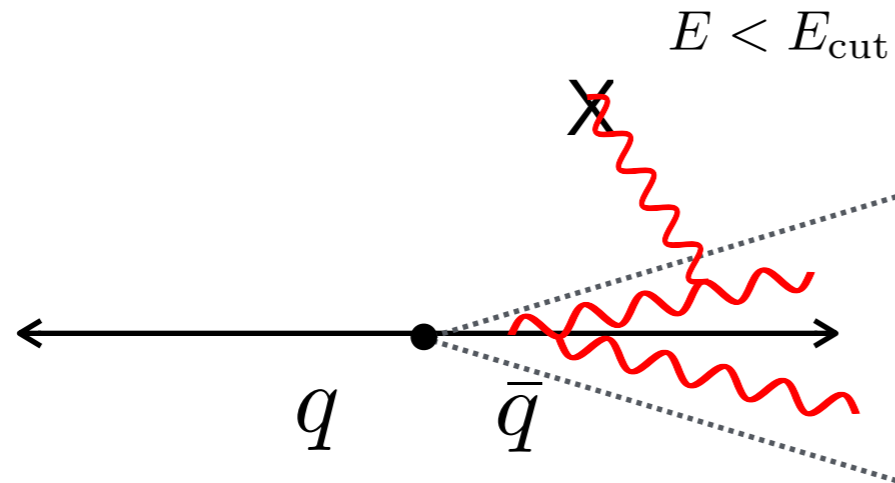


At higher orders they also enhance fractional \tilde{N}_{jet} cross-section

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beyond FO, collinear functions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta_{2\pm}} \simeq \sigma_0 C_q(\Delta_{2\pm}) \otimes C_{\bar{q}}(\Delta_{2\pm})$$



Note that this contribution is contained in C

Near-integer distribution

a candidate factorization theorem

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta_{2\pm}} \simeq \sigma(\tilde{N}_{\text{jet}} = 2) [C_q(\Delta_{2\pm}) \otimes C_{\bar{q}}(\Delta_{2\pm})]$$

Near-integer distribution

a candidate factorization theorem

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Delta_{2\pm}} \simeq \underbrace{\sigma(\tilde{N}_{\text{jet}} = 2)}_{\text{dotted line}} [C_q(\Delta_{2\pm}) \otimes C_{\bar{q}}(\Delta_{2\pm})]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\tilde{N}_{\text{jet}} = 2) &= \sigma_0 H_{q\bar{q}}(Q, \mu) J_q(Q, R, z_{\text{cut}}, \mu) J_{\bar{q}}(Q, R, z_{\text{cut}}, \mu) S_{q\bar{q}}(R, z_{\text{cut}}, \mu) \\ &+ \sigma_2^{\text{non-fac}}(Q, R, z_{\text{cut}}, \mu) \end{aligned}$$

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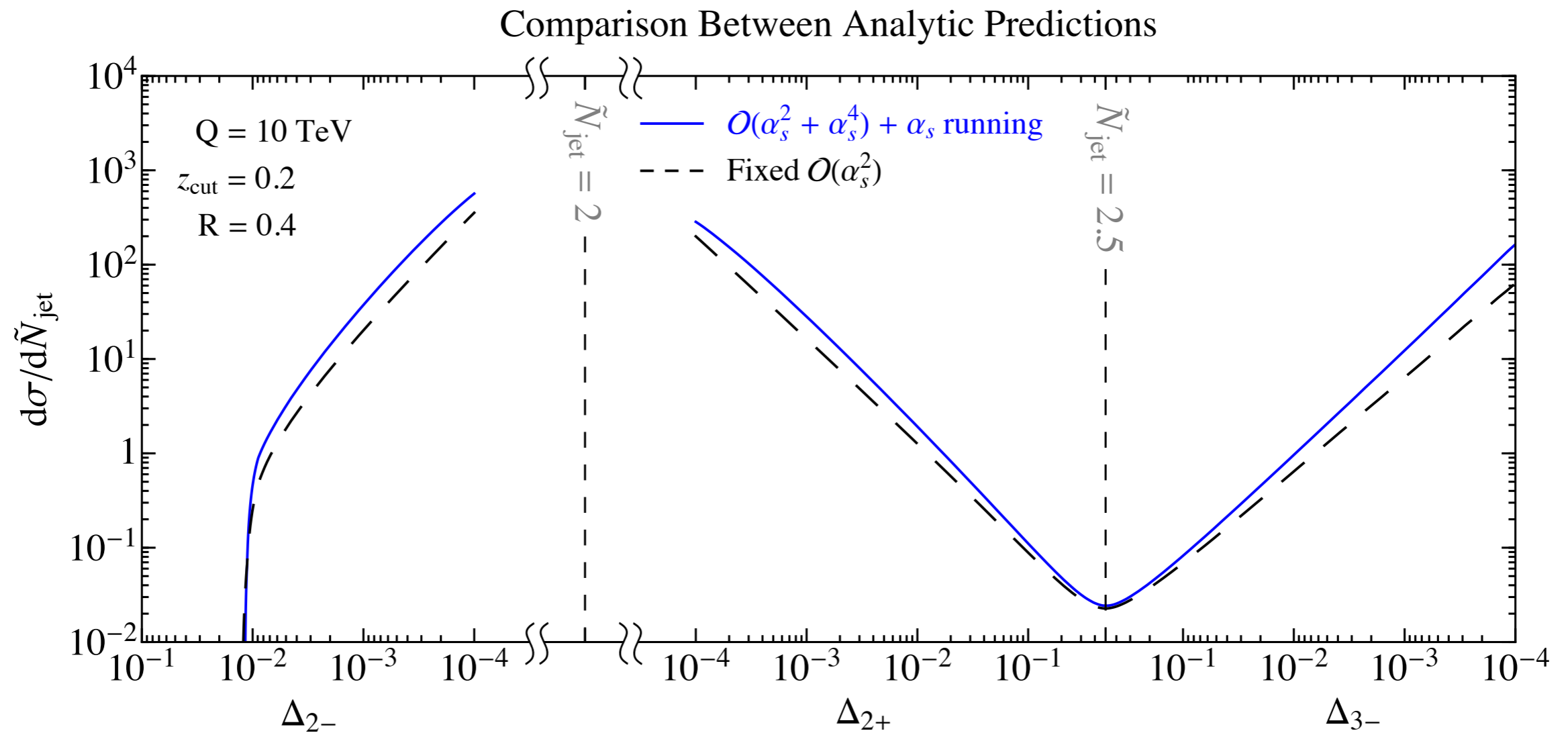
beyond FO, improved distributions

Improved distributions

- Include $O(\alpha_s^4)$ terms from convolutions
- Running coupling $\alpha_s(\mu)$, $\mu = Q\sqrt{\Delta_{2\pm}}$

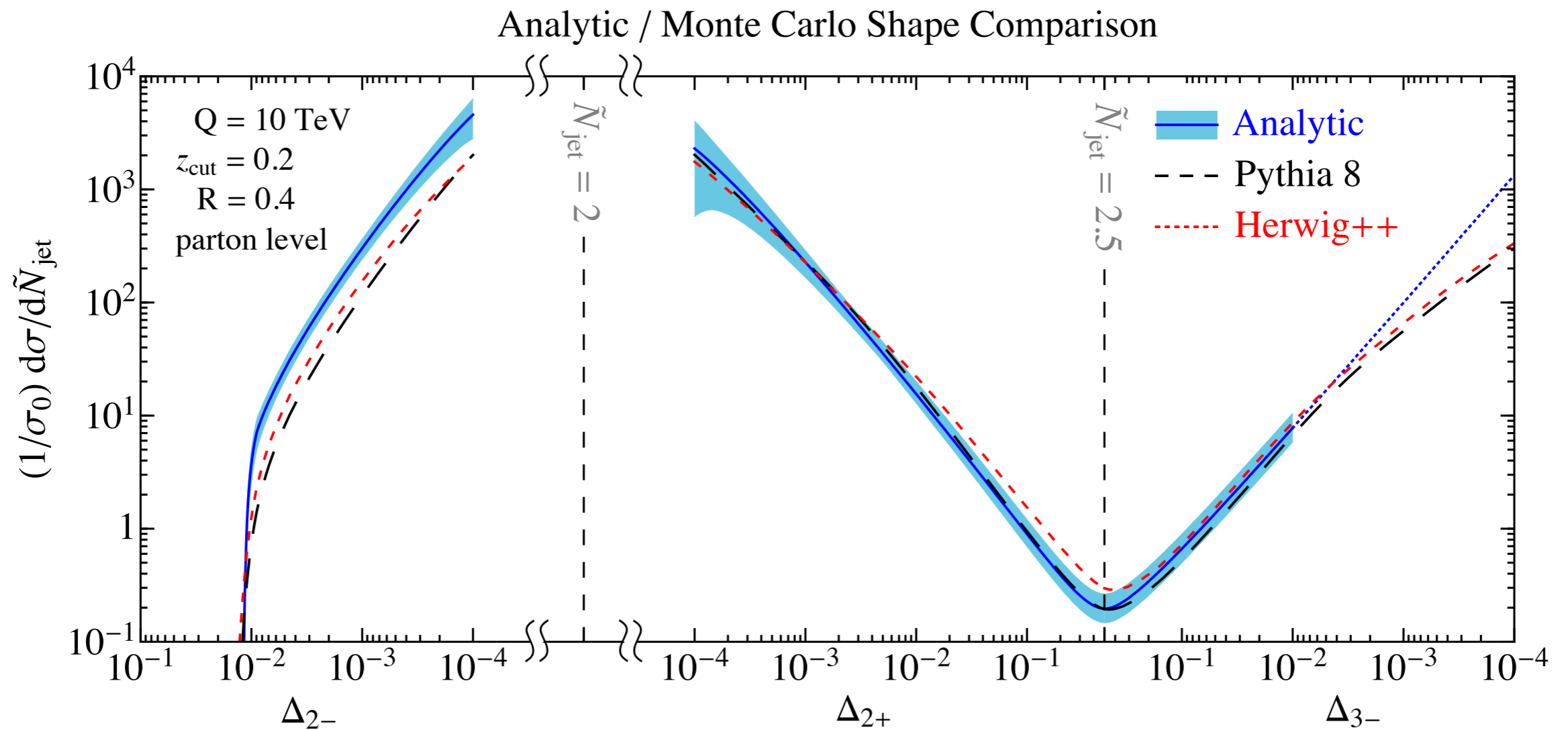
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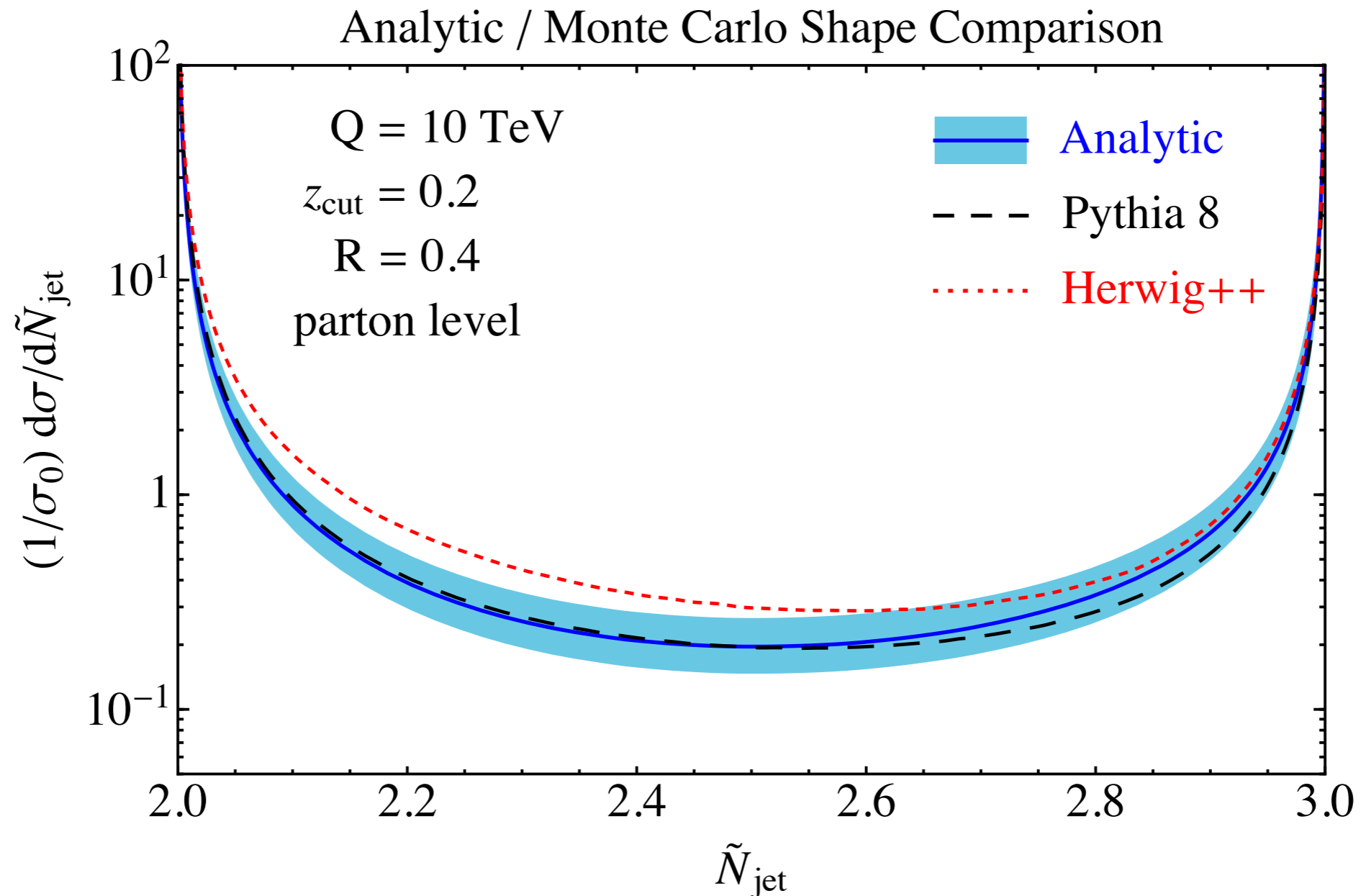
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Conclusions

- Fractional jet multiplicity can be used as a novel and more powerful probe of jet formation. E.g. quark/gluon discrimination?
- It has peculiar analytic properties. However, I showed we still have very good analytic control, which in principle is improvable. E.g. generalize to LHC case?
- Wide dynamic range, potential test of matching/merging matrix-element/parton shower.
Potential phenomenological applications e.g. in multijet final states?

Backup

near-integer phase space configurations

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Observable	\mathcal{R}_A	\mathcal{R}_B	\mathcal{R}_C
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Δ_{2+}			
Δ_{3-}			—

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Observable	Region	Expression	Limit	Cuts
Δ_{2-}	\mathcal{R}_A	$z_1 z_2$	1, 2 soft	$z_1 + z_2 < z_{\text{cut}}$
Δ_{2-}	\mathcal{R}_B	$z_1 z_2$	1, 2 soft	$z_1 + z_2 < z_{\text{cut}}$
Δ_{2+}	\mathcal{R}_A	$z_1(1 - z_2^2)/z_2$	1 soft	$z_2 > z_{\text{cut}}$
Δ_{2+}	\mathcal{R}_B	$z_2(1 - z_1^2)/z_1$	2 soft	$z_1 > z_{\text{cut}}$
Δ_{2+}	\mathcal{R}_C	$z_1 z_2(2 - z_2)/(1 - z_2)$	1 soft	–
Δ_{2+}	\mathcal{R}_C	$z_1 z_2(2 - z_1)/(1 - z_1)$	2 soft	–
Δ_{2+}	\mathcal{R}_C	$2z_1 z_2$	1, 2 soft	–
Δ_{3-}	\mathcal{R}_A	$z_2[1 - z_1(1 - z_1)]/[z_1(1 - z_1)]$	2 soft	$z_1 > z_{\text{cut}}$
Δ_{3-}	\mathcal{R}_B	$z_1[1 - z_2(1 - z_2)]/[z_2(1 - z_2)]$	1 soft	$z_2 > z_{\text{cut}}$

Backup

rapidity divergences

$$\Delta = z_1 z_2$$

$$1 \text{ soft: } I_{sc}(\Delta) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dz_1}{z_1} \int_0^1 \frac{dz_2}{z_2} (z_1 z_2)^{-2\epsilon} \delta(\Delta - z_1 z_2)$$

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rapidity divergences

$$\Delta = z_1 z_2$$

$$s = z_1 z_2,$$

$$y = 1/2 \log(z_1/z_2)$$

energy-sharing “rapidity”



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rapidity regulators

$$I_{\text{full}}(\Delta) = I_{sc}(\Delta) + I_{cs}(\Delta) + I_{ss}(\Delta)$$