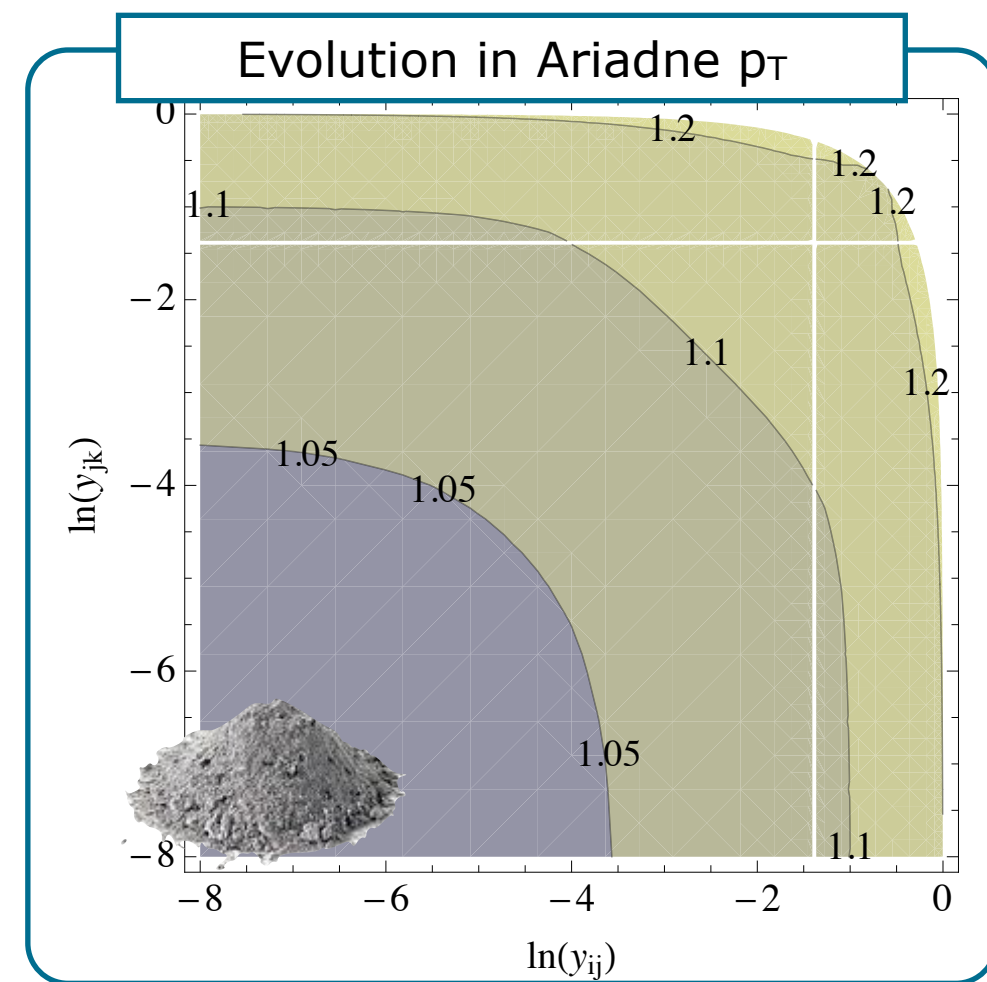
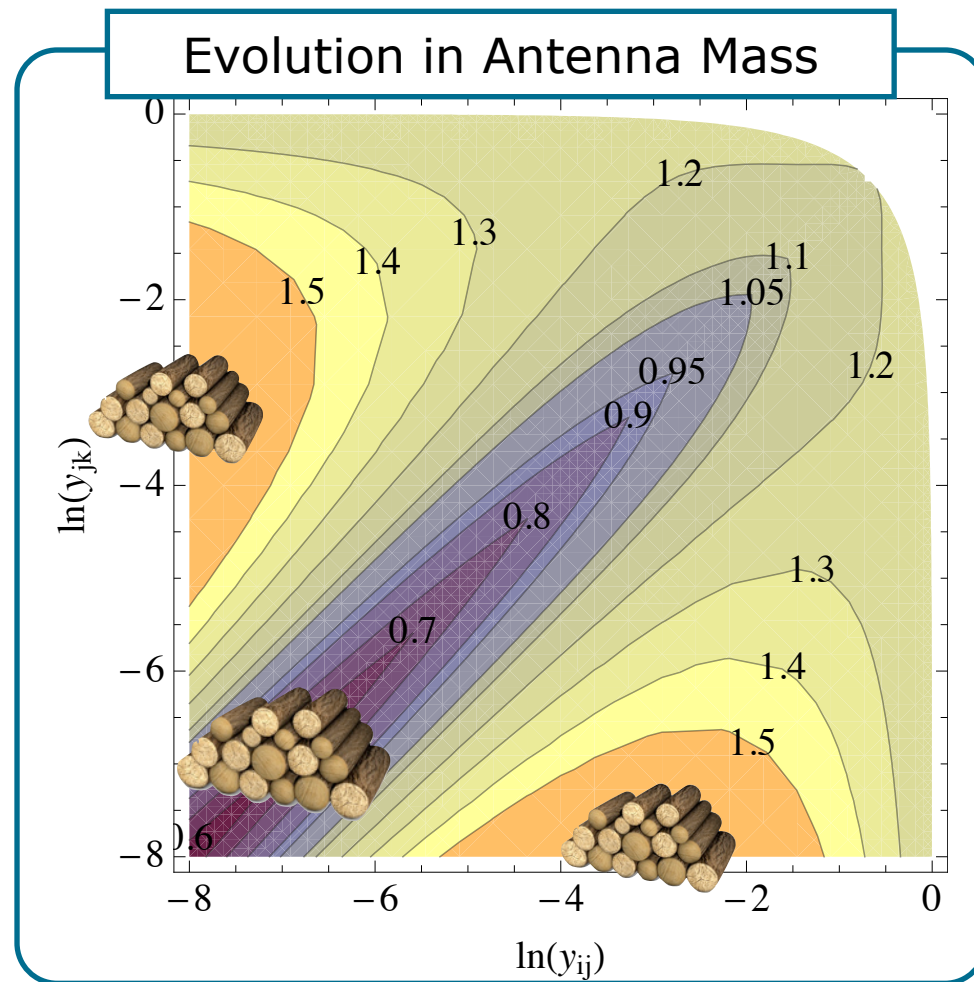


# NLO and Helicity Amplitudes in VINCIA

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# VINCIA

Written as a Plug-in to PYTHIA 8  
Current Version: VINCIA 1.1.00  
C++ (~20,000 lines)

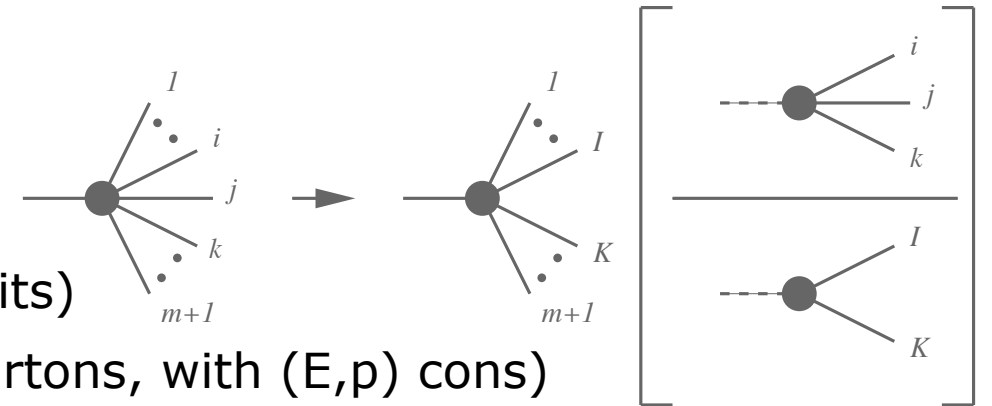
Virtual Numerical Collider with Interleaved Antennae

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## Based on antenna factorization

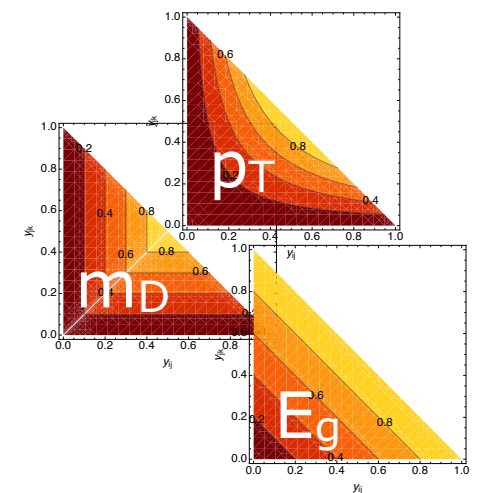
- of Amplitudes (exact in both soft and collinear limits)
- of Phase Space (LIPS : 2 on-shell  $\rightarrow$  3 on-shell partons, with (E,p) cons)



## Resolution Time

Infinite family of continuously deformable  $Q_E$

Special cases: transverse momentum, dipole mass, energy



## Radiation functions

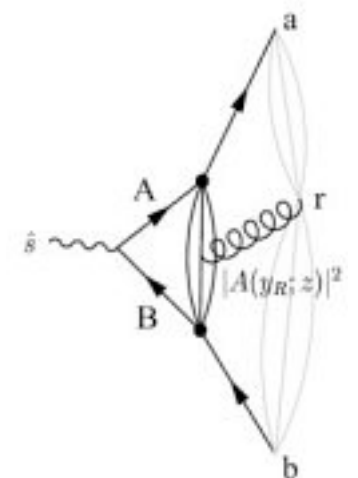
Arbitrary non-singular coefficients,  $anti_i$

+ Massive antenna functions for massive fermions ( $c, b, t$ )

## Kinematics maps

Formalism derived for arbitrary  $2 \rightarrow 3$  recoil maps,  $K_{3 \rightarrow 2}$

Default: massive generalization of Kosower's antenna maps



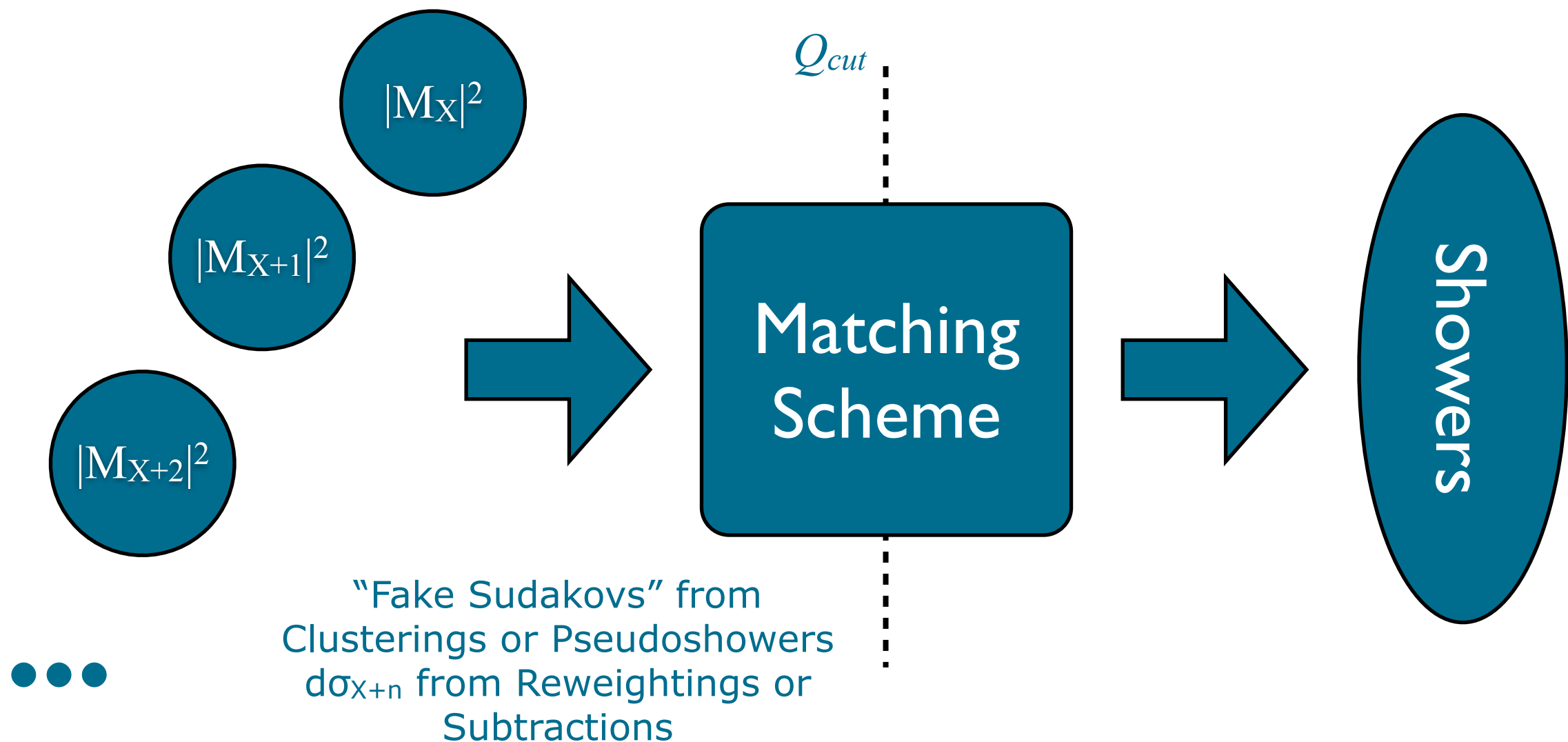
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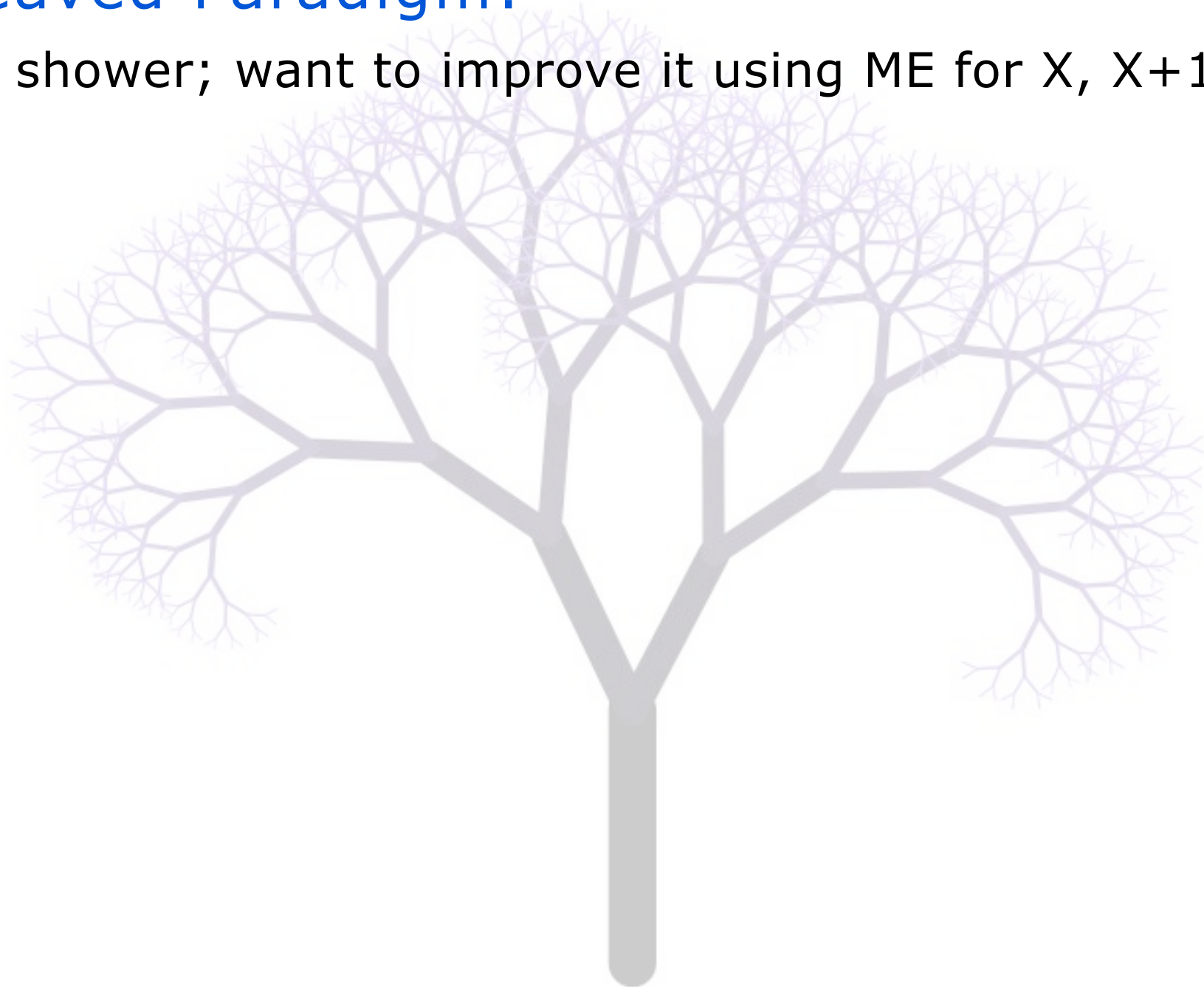
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## Existing Approaches:

First Order: PYTHIA and POWHEG

Beyond First Order: PYTHIA  $\rightarrow$  too complicated. POWHEG  $\rightarrow$  very active, still mostly in framework of standard paradigm. GENEVA?

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## Solutions: Markovian Evolution, Matched Antenna Showers, and Smooth Ordering

No need to ever cluster back more than one step

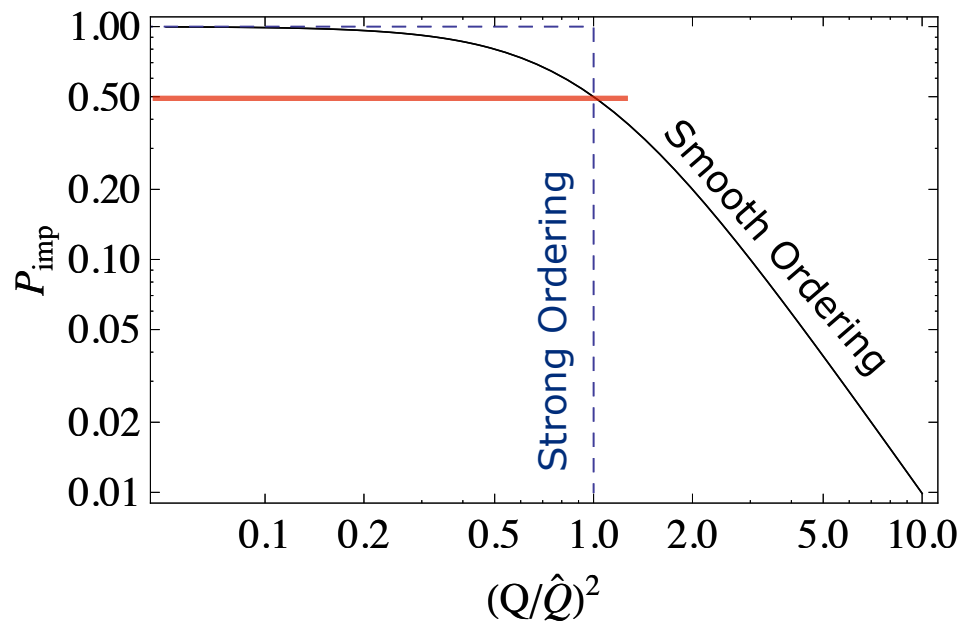
→ Number of generated terms grows like  $N$

- + Simple expansions
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Markovian Antenna Shower:  
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# What is Smooth Ordering?

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$$P_{\text{strong}} = \Theta(\hat{p}_{\perp}^2 - p_{\perp}^2)$$

$$P_{\text{smooth}} = \frac{\hat{p}_{\perp}^2}{\hat{p}_{\perp}^2 + p_{\perp}^2} \otimes \frac{1}{p_{\perp}^2}$$

$A_{2 \rightarrow 3}$

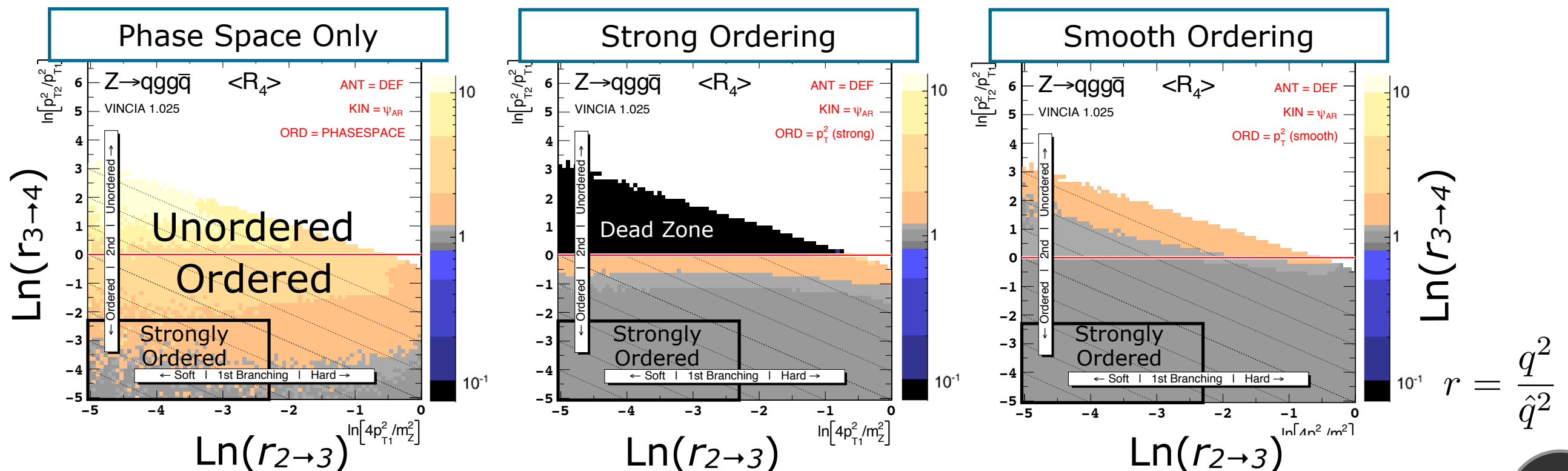
Strongly Ordered Limit

$$\frac{1}{p_{\perp}^2} \left( 1 - \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{\hat{p}_{\perp}^2}\right) \right)$$

Strongly Unordered

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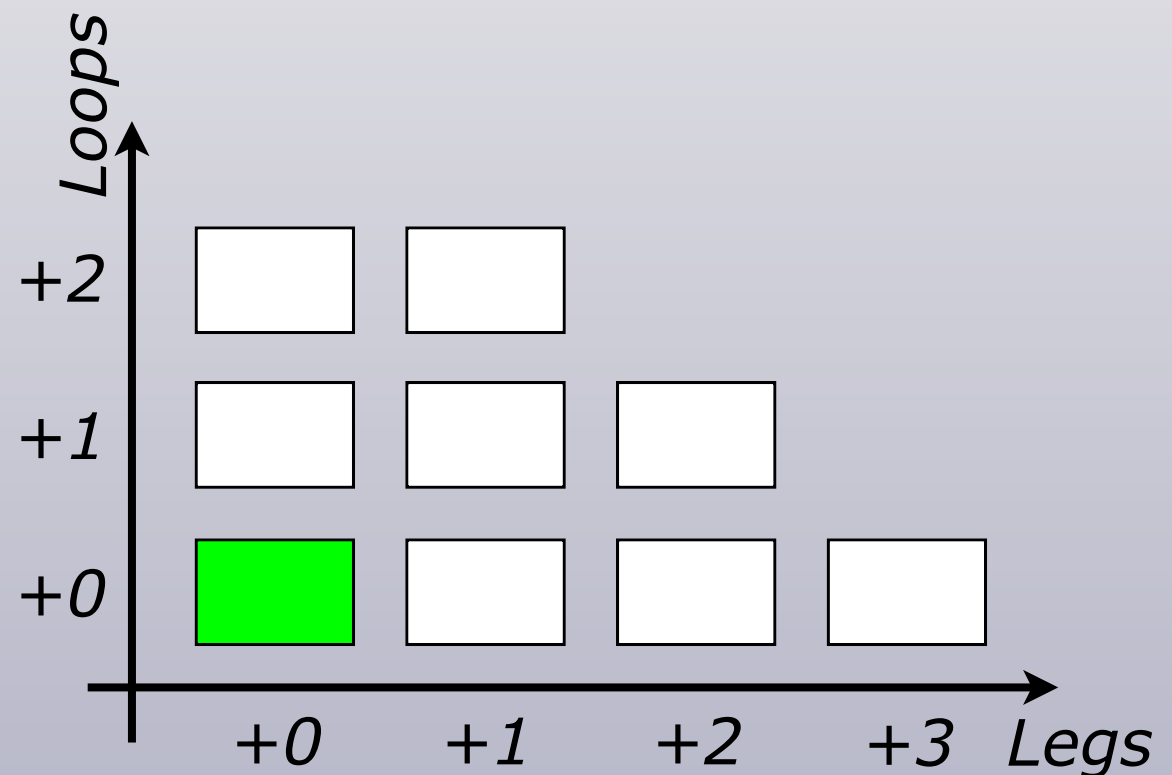
NB: Antenna Phase Spaces still nested  
(antenna masses strongly ordered and decreasing)



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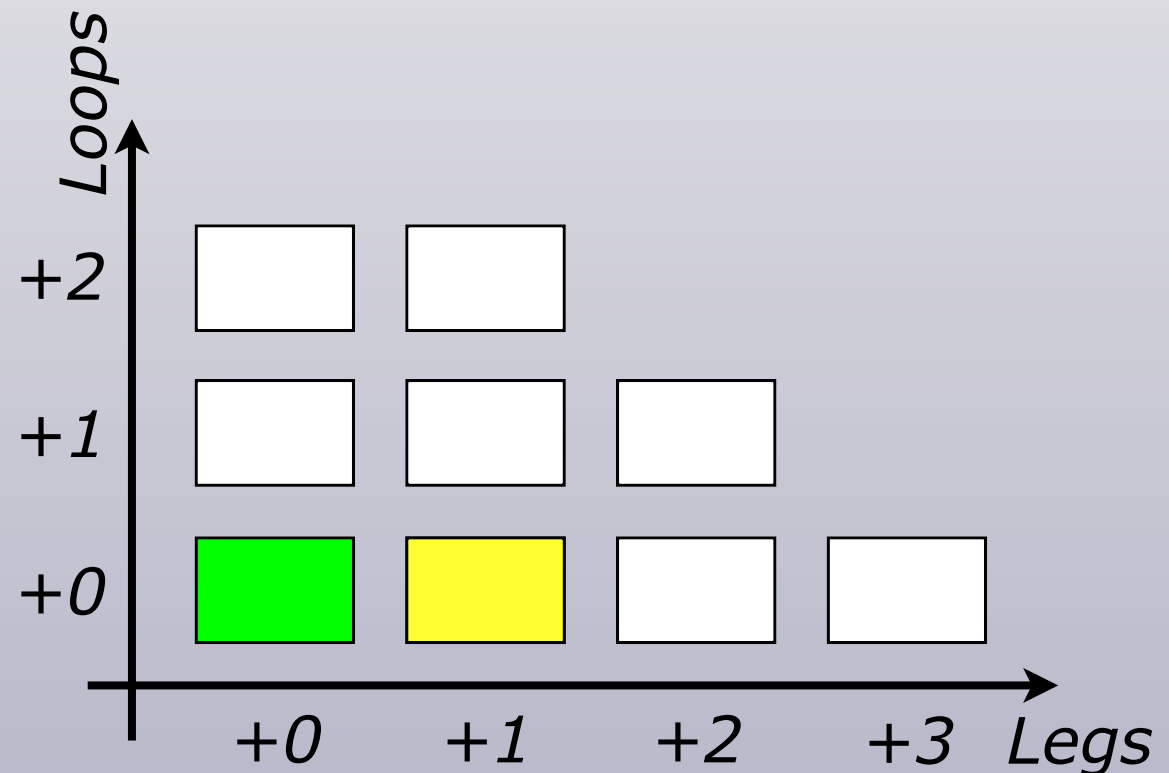
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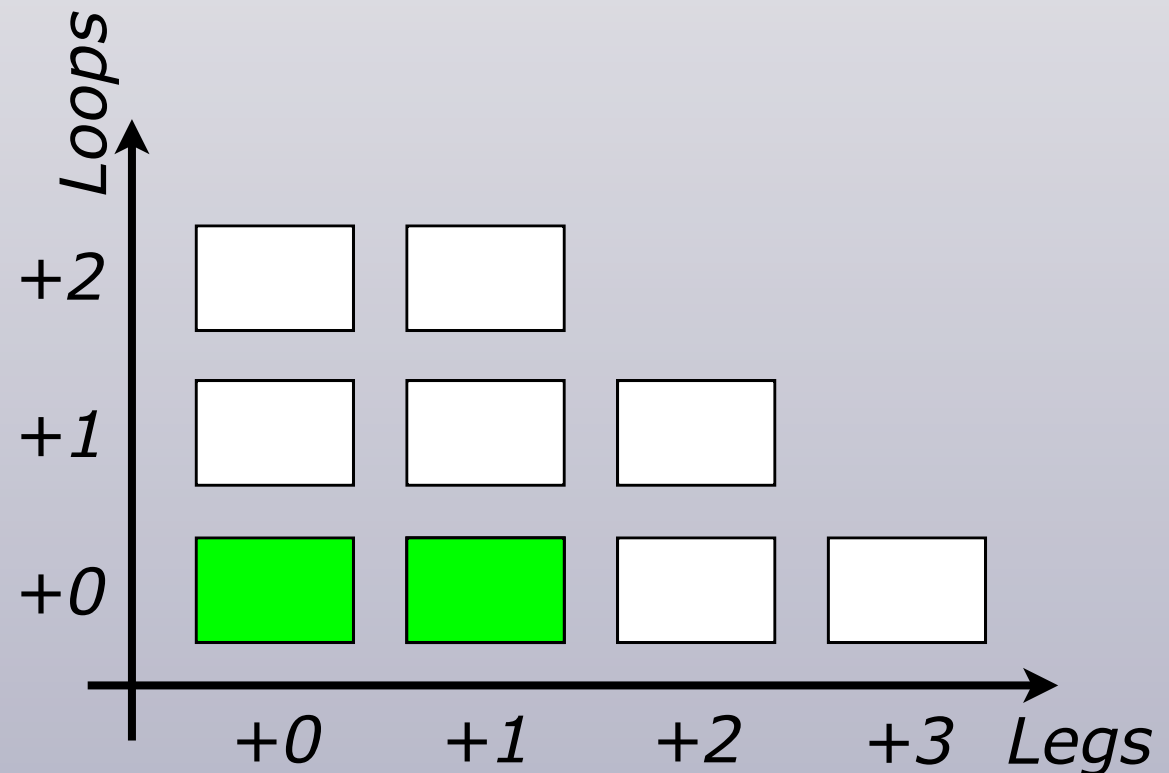
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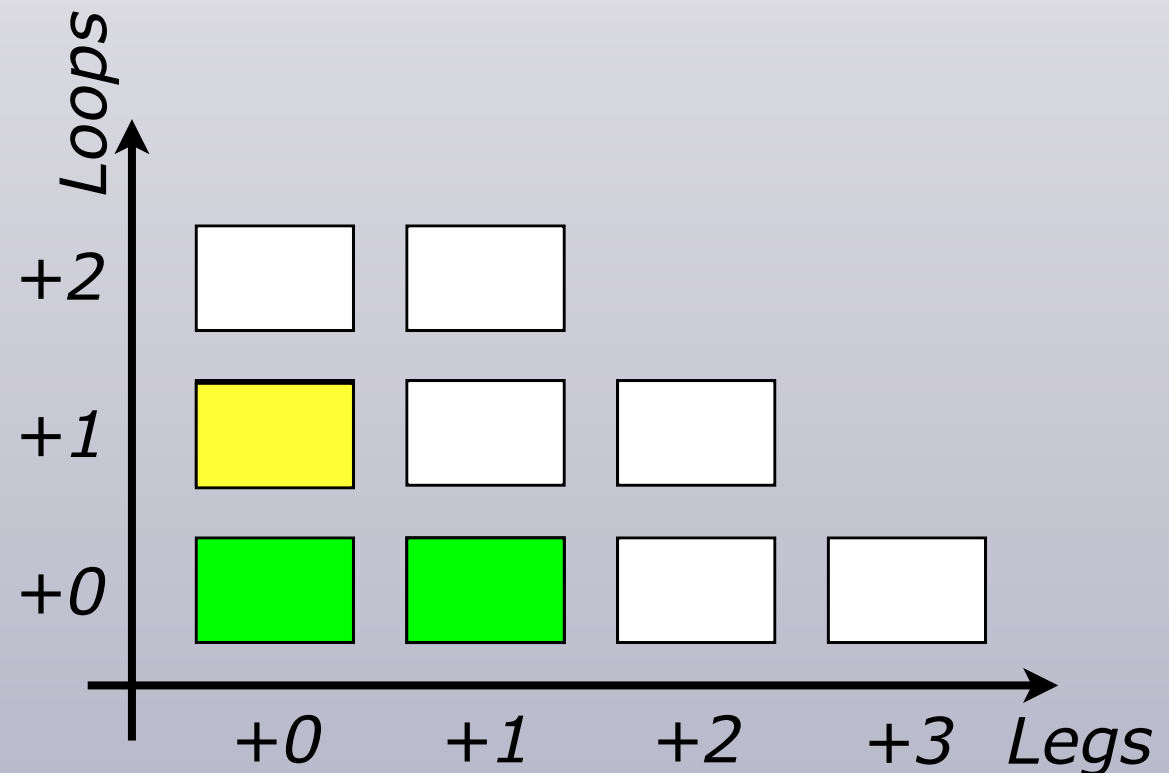
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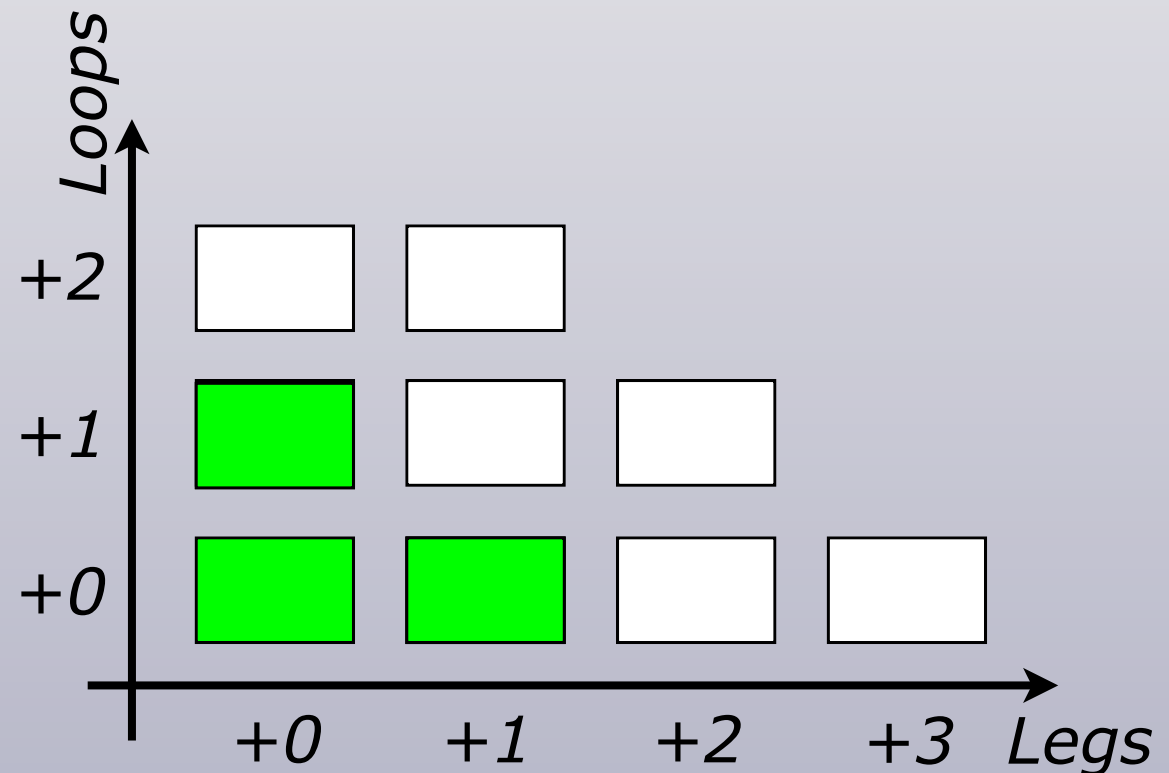
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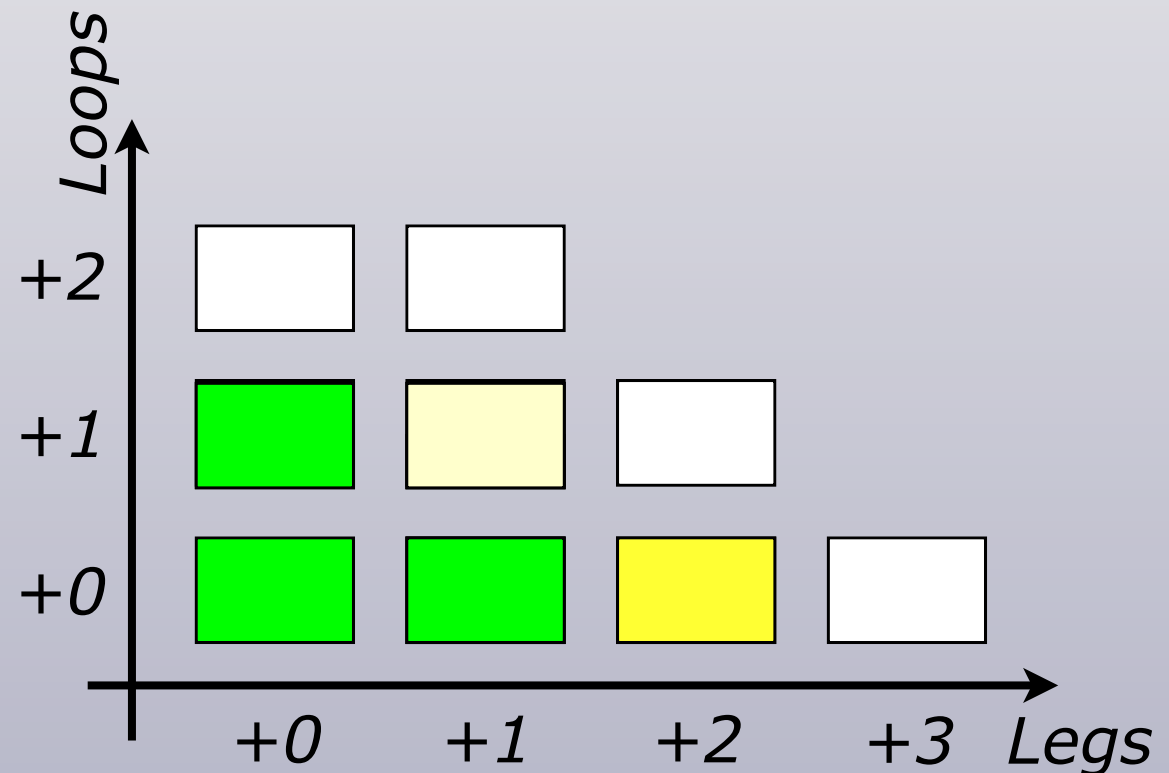
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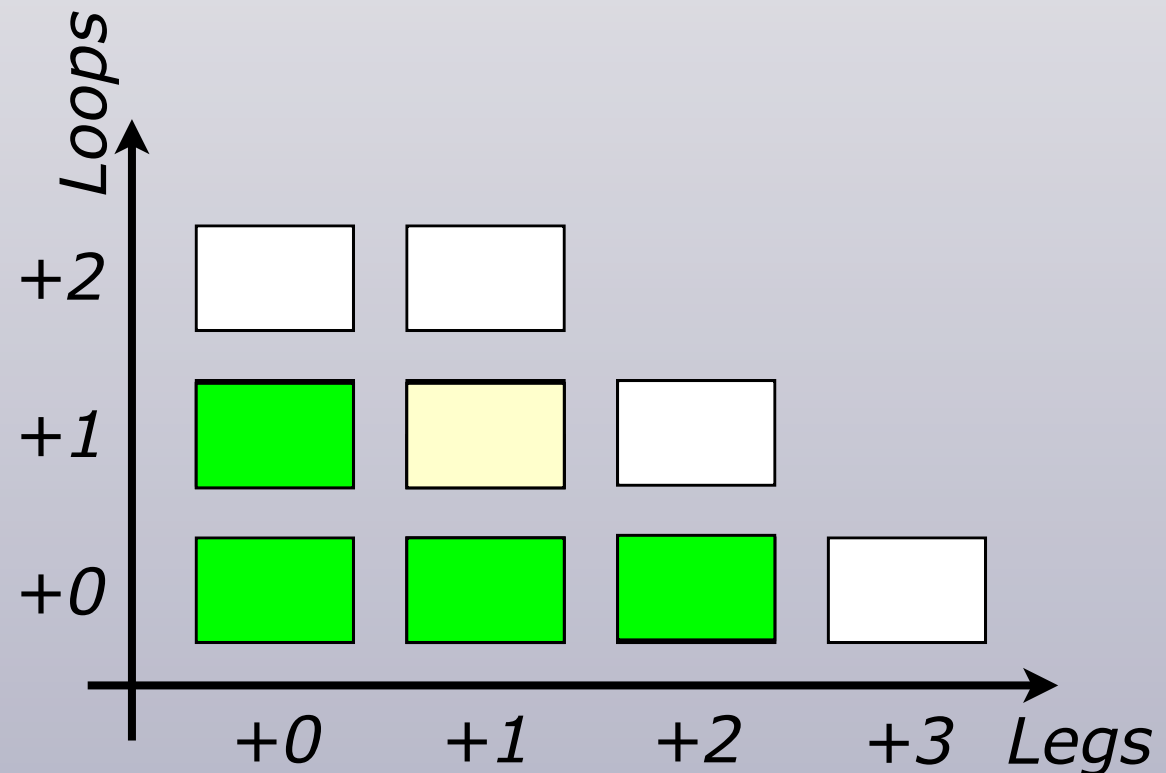
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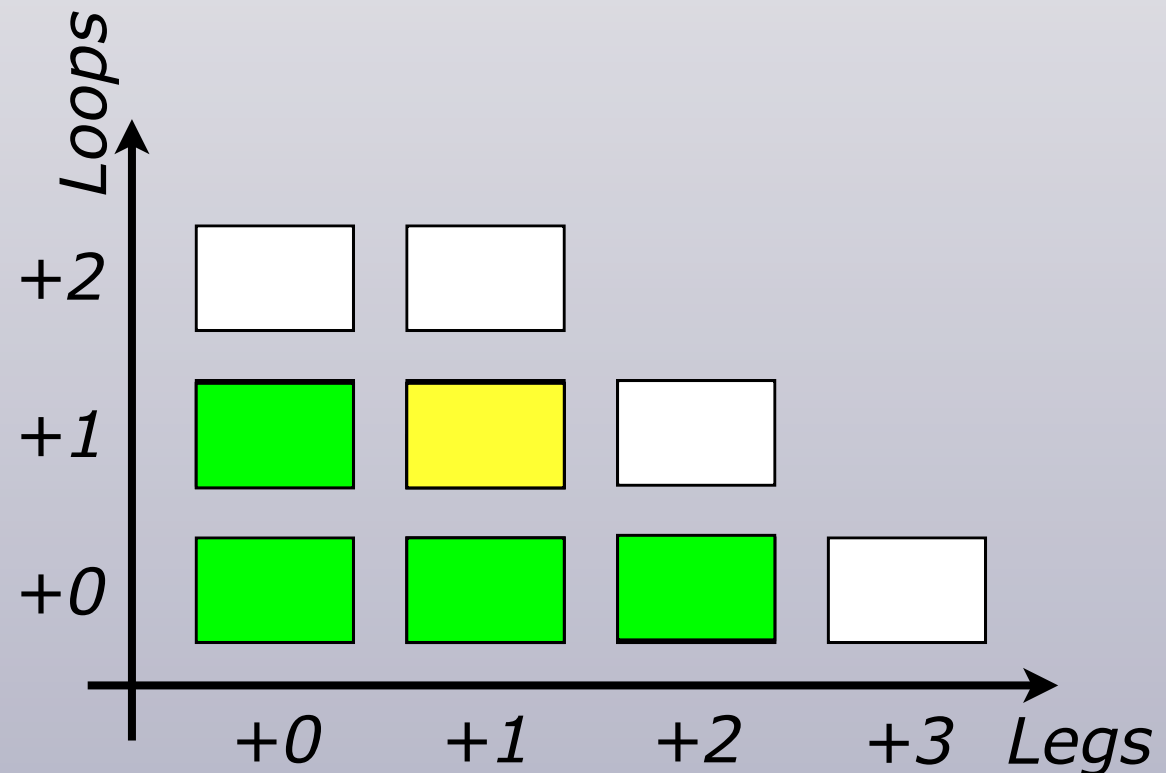
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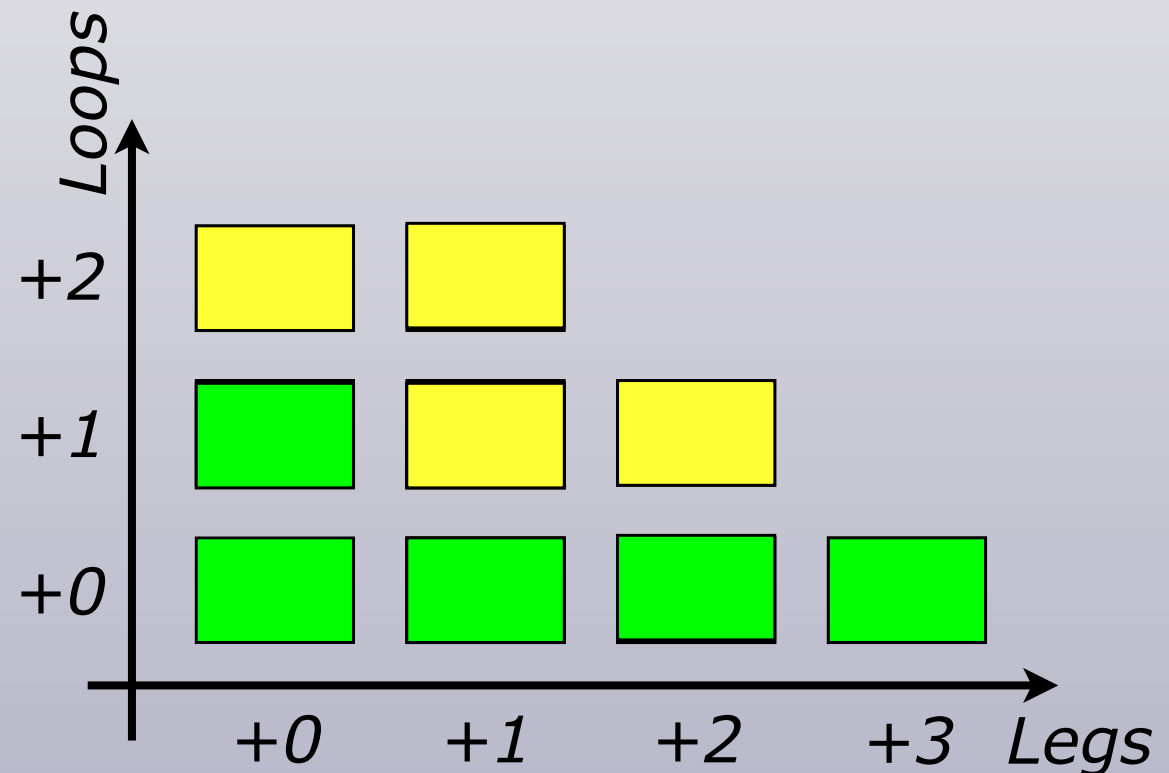
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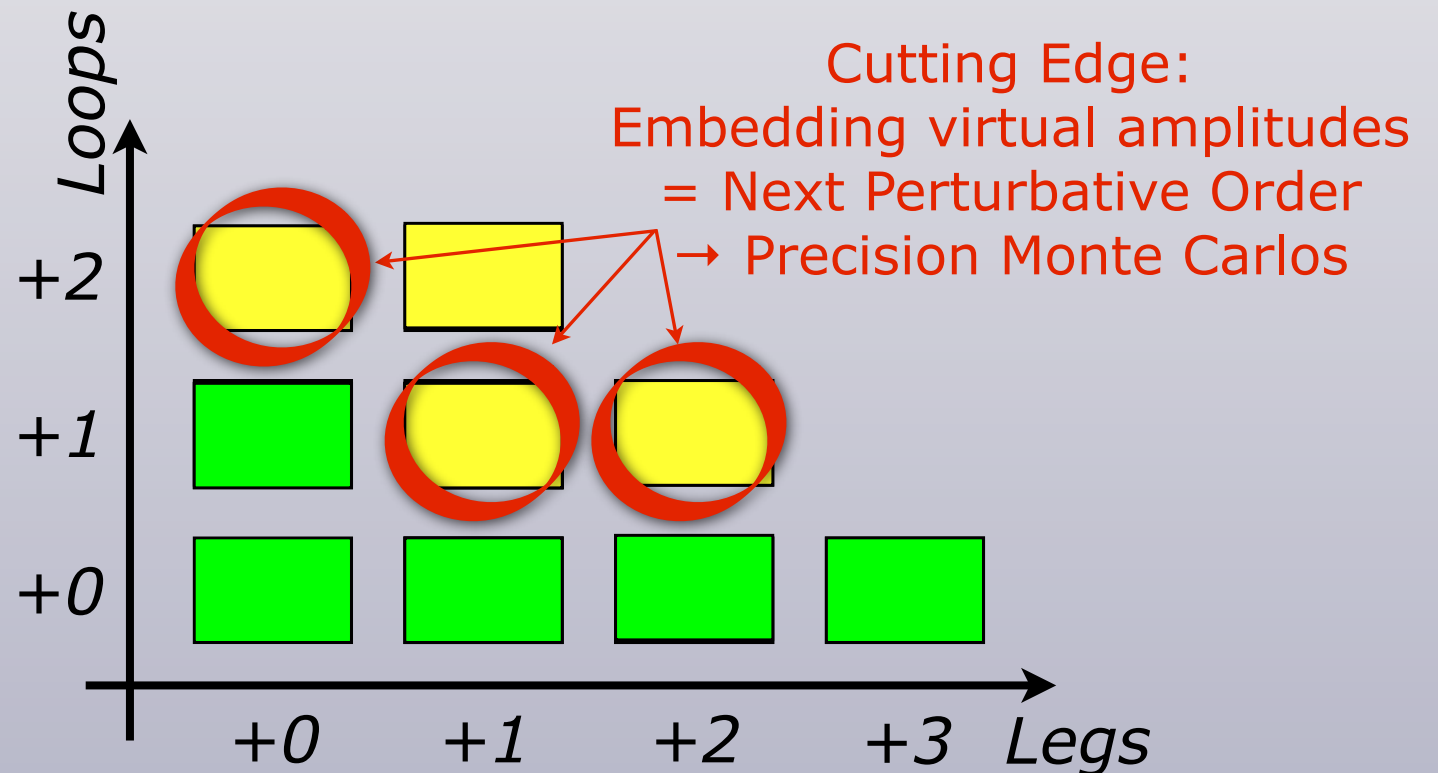
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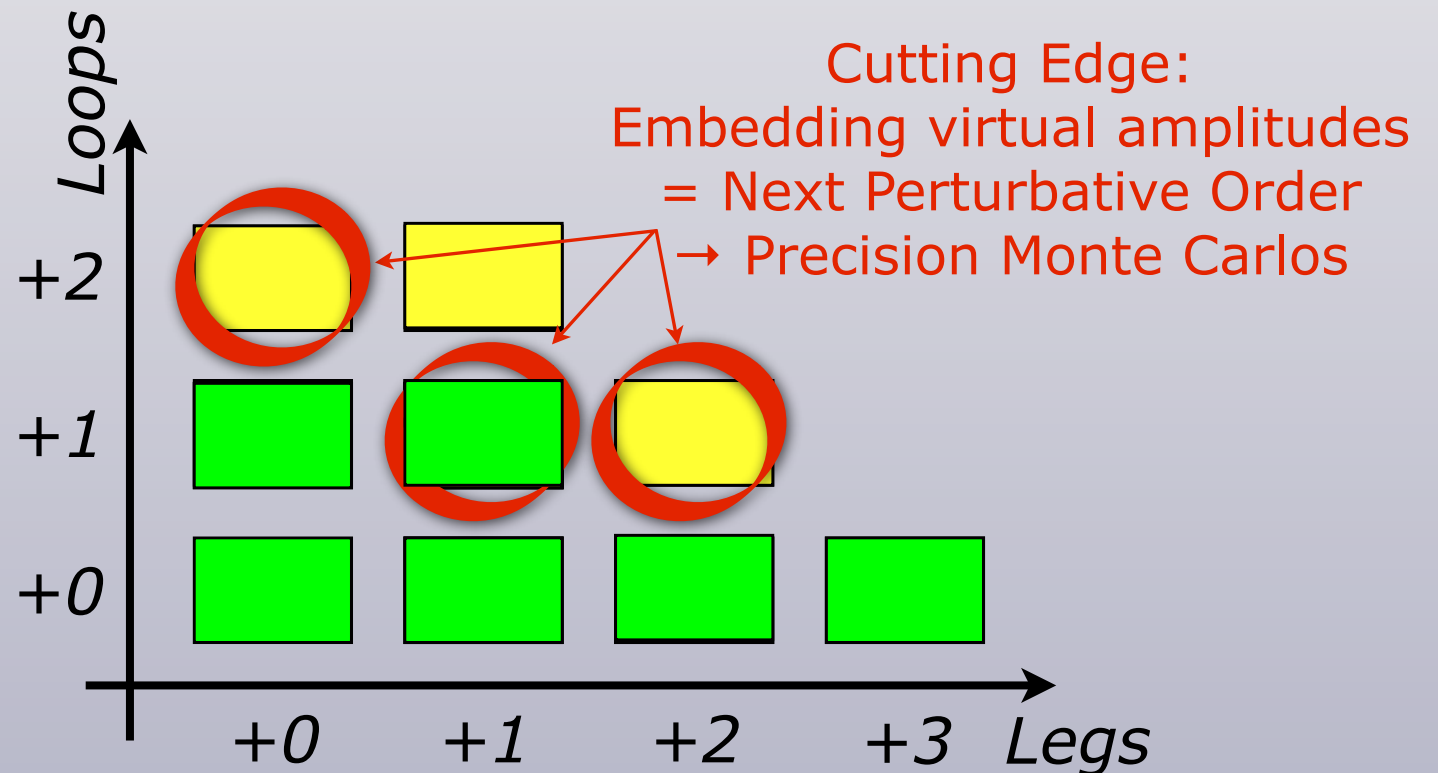
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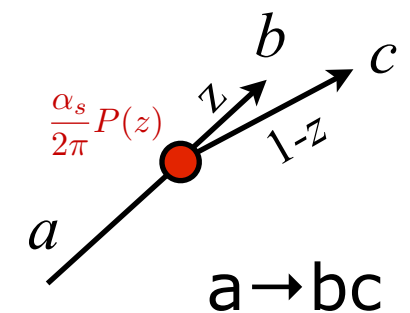


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Traditional parton showers use the standard Altarelli-Parisi kernels,  $P(z)$  = helicity sums/averages over:

$P(z)$	++	--	+-	--
$g_+ \rightarrow gg :$	$1/z(1-z)$	$(1-z)^3/z$	$z^3/(1-z)$	0
$g_+ \rightarrow q\bar{q} :$	-	$(1-z)^2$	$z^2$	-
$q_+ \rightarrow qg :$	$1/(1-z)$	-	$z^2/(1-z)$	-
$q_+ \rightarrow gq :$	$1/z$	$(1-z)^2/z$	-	-



**Generalize** these objects to dipole-antennae

E.g.,

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow qg\bar{q}$$

$$++ \rightarrow + + + \quad \text{MHV}$$

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→ Can trace helicities through shower

→ Eliminates contribution from unphysical helicity configurations

→ Can match to individual helicity amplitudes rather than helicity sum  
 → **Fast!** (gets rid of another factor  $2^N$ )





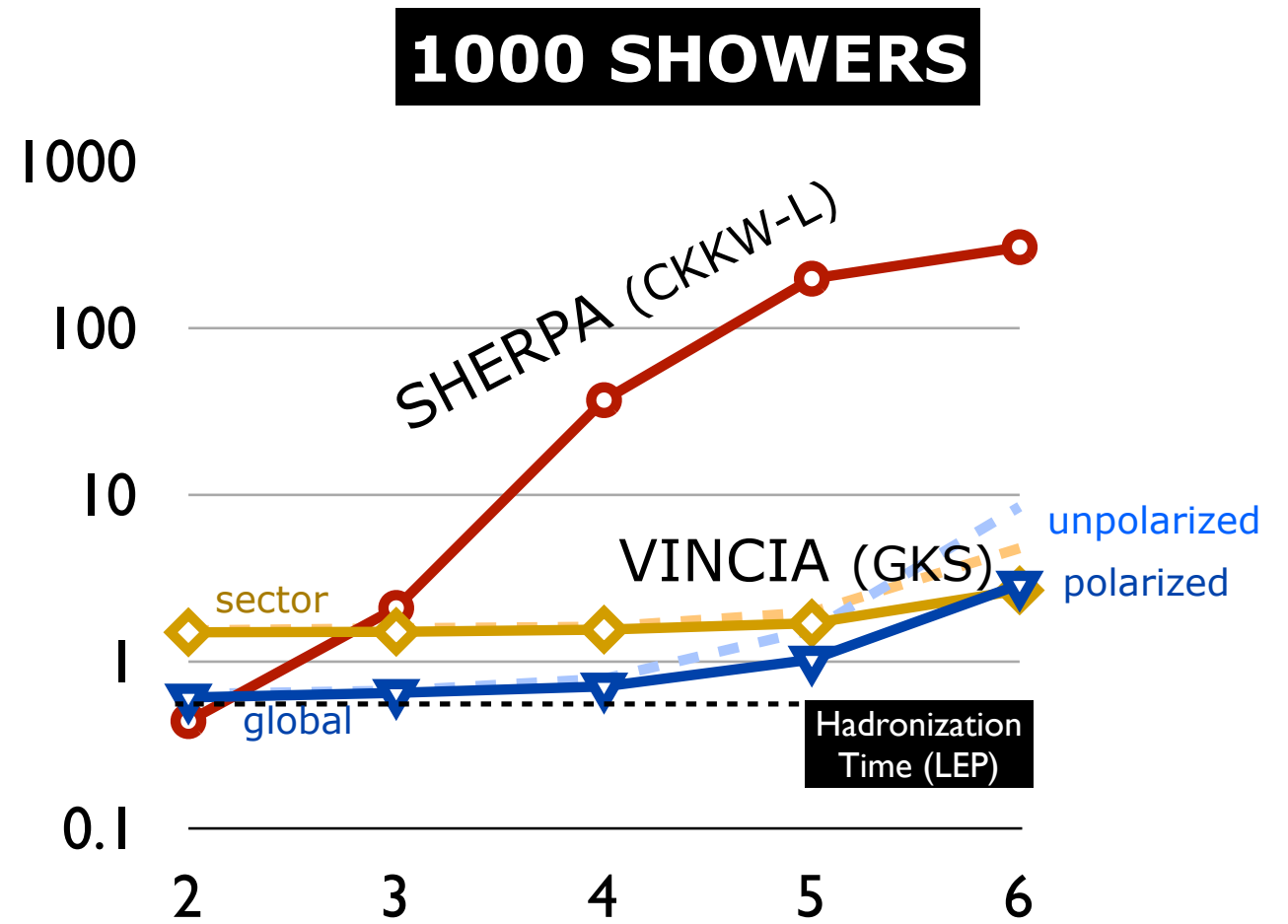
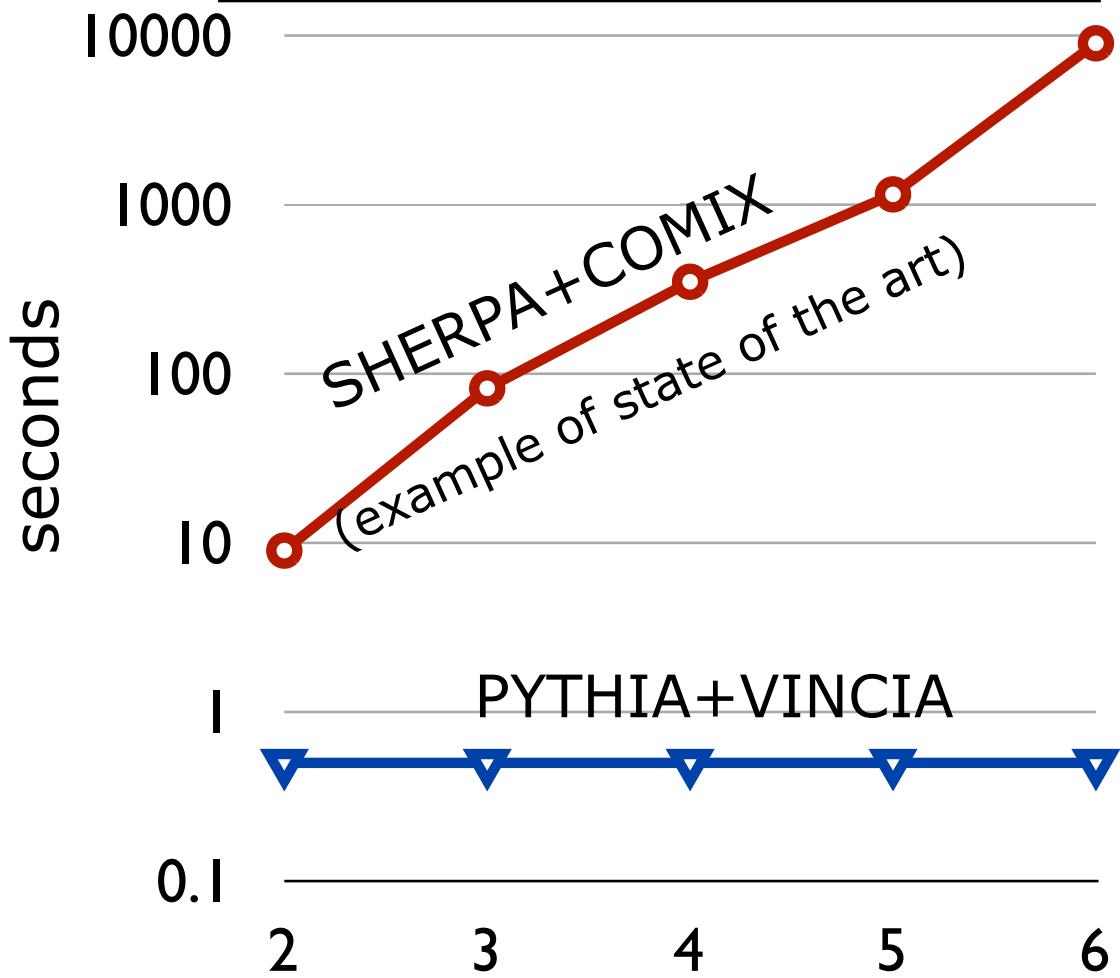
# Speed



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1. Initialization time  
(to pre-compute cross sections and warm up phase-space grids)

2. Time to generate 1000 events  
(Z → partons, fully showered & matched. No hadronization.)

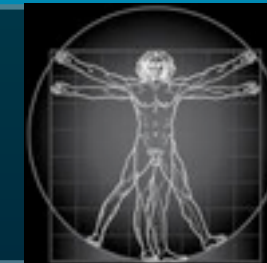


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Z → udsbc ; Hadronization OFF ; ISR OFF ; udsc MASSLESS ; b MASSIVE ; E<sub>CM</sub> = 91.2 GeV ; Q<sub>match</sub> = 5 GeV  
SHERPA 1.4.0 (+COMIX) ; PYTHIA 8.1.65 ; VINCIA 1.0.29 + MADGRAPH 4.4.26 ;  
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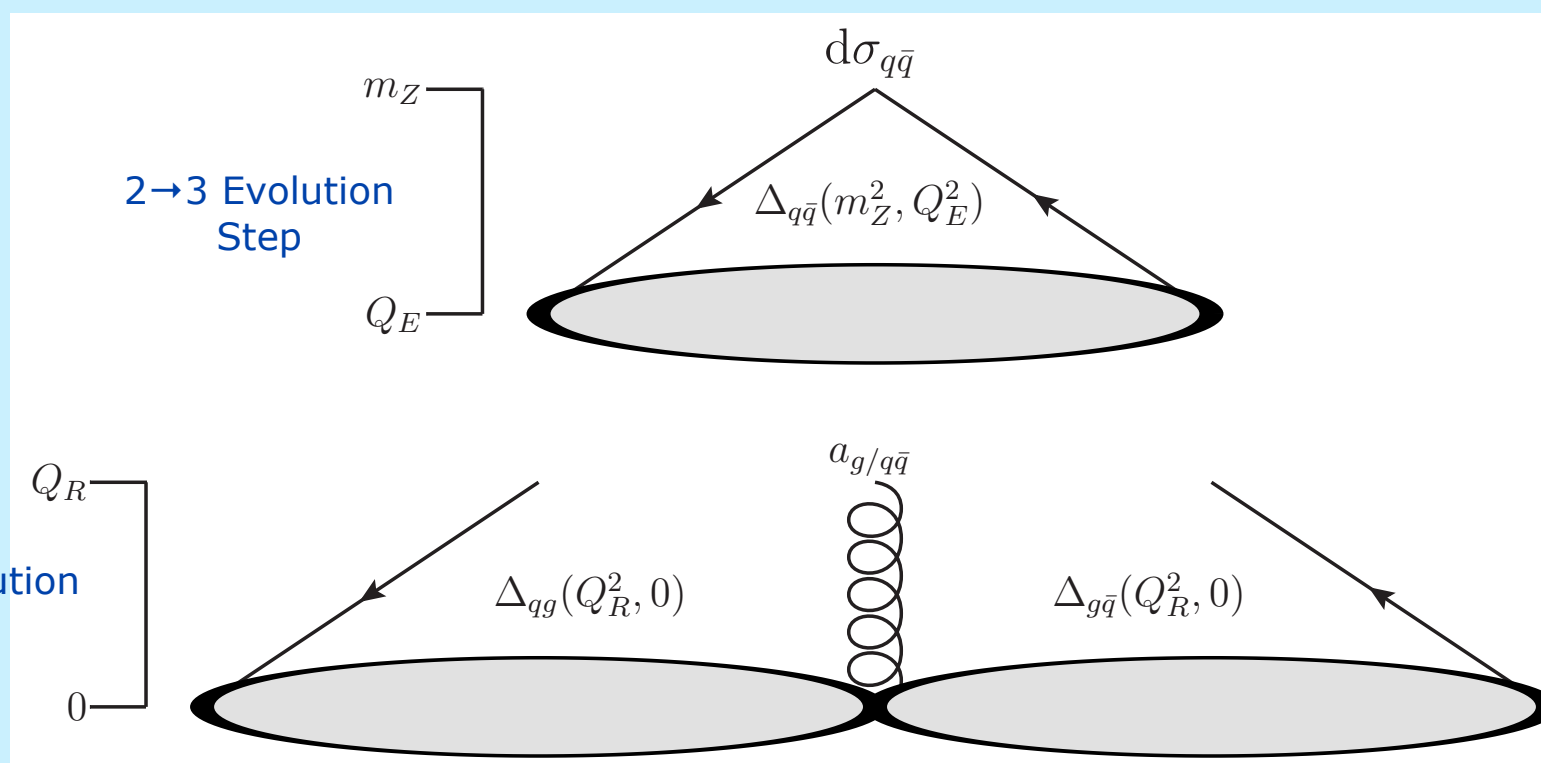
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## Getting Serious: 2<sup>nd</sup> order (1<sup>st</sup> order ~ POWHEG)

**Fixed Order:** Exclusive 3-jet rate (3 and only 3 jets), at  $Q = Q_{\text{had}}$

$$\text{Exact} \rightarrow \underbrace{|M_1^0|^2}_{\text{Born}} + \underbrace{2 \text{Re}[M_1^0 M_1^{1*}]}_{\text{Virtual}} + \int_0^{Q_{\text{had}}^2} \frac{d\Phi_2}{d\Phi_1} \underbrace{|M_2^0|^2}_{\text{Unresolved Real}}$$

**Vincia:**



$$\text{Approximate} \rightarrow (1 + V_0) |M_1^0|^2 \Delta_2(m_Z^2, Q_1^2) \Delta_3(Q_{R1}^2, Q_{\text{had}}^2),$$

$V_0 = \alpha_s/\pi$       $\mu_R$      2→3 Evolution     3→4 Evolution

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## NLO Correction: Subtract and correct by difference

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{1Z}(q, g, \bar{q}) = & \left[ \frac{2 \operatorname{Re}[M_1^0 M_1^{1*}]}{|M_1^0|^2} \right]^{\text{LC}} - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left( \frac{11N_C - 2n_F}{6} \right) \ln \left( \frac{\mu_{\text{ME}}^2}{\mu_{\text{PS}}^2} \right) \\
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δA: Integrals over ME/PS corrections Done numerically

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SVirtual	soft	$\left(-L^2 - \frac{10}{3}L - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) C_A + \frac{1}{3}n_F L$
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$$s_{qg} = s_{g\bar{q}} = y \rightarrow 0$$

$$s_{qg} = y \rightarrow 0, s_{g\bar{q}} \rightarrow s$$

## Second-Order Antenna Shower Expansion:

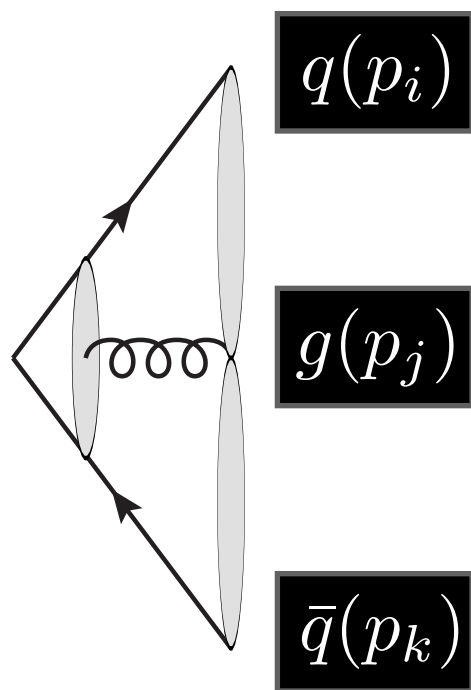
		strong	smooth	$V_{3Z}$
$p_{\perp}$	soft	$\left(L^2 - \frac{1}{3}L + \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) C_A + \frac{1}{3}n_F L$	$\left(L^2 - \frac{1}{3}L - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) C_A + \frac{1}{3}n_F L$	$-\beta_0 L$
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# 2) NLO Evolution



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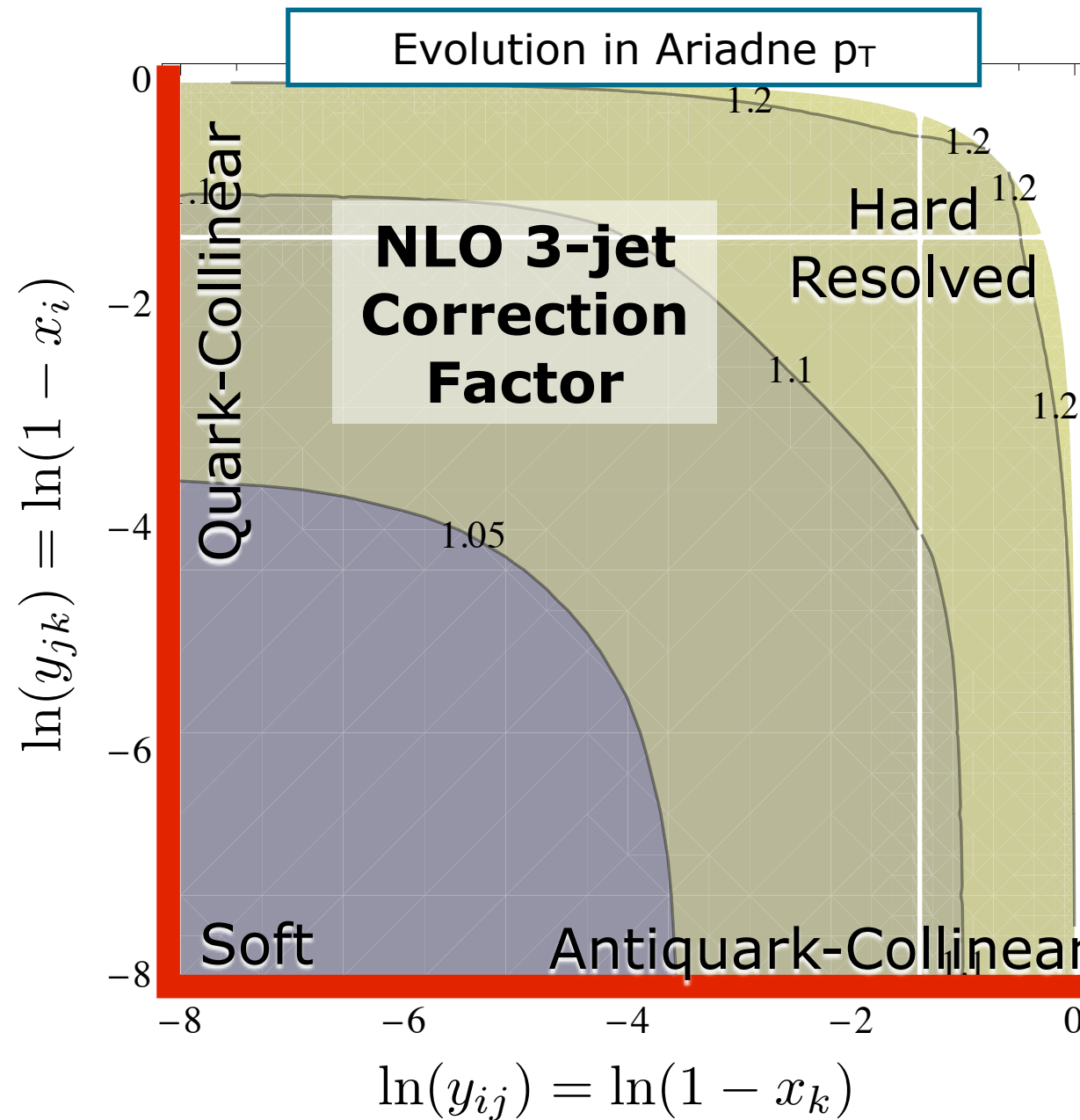
## Z → Jets (NLO<sub>2,3</sub> + LO<sub>2,3,4,5</sub> + Shower)



Scaled Invariants

$$y_{ij} = \frac{2(p_i \cdot p_j)}{M_Z^2}$$

→ 0 when  $i \parallel j$   
& when  $E_j \rightarrow 0$



**Size of NLO Correction:**  
over 3-parton Phase Space

$$\mu_R = p_T$$

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.12$$

With CMW factor

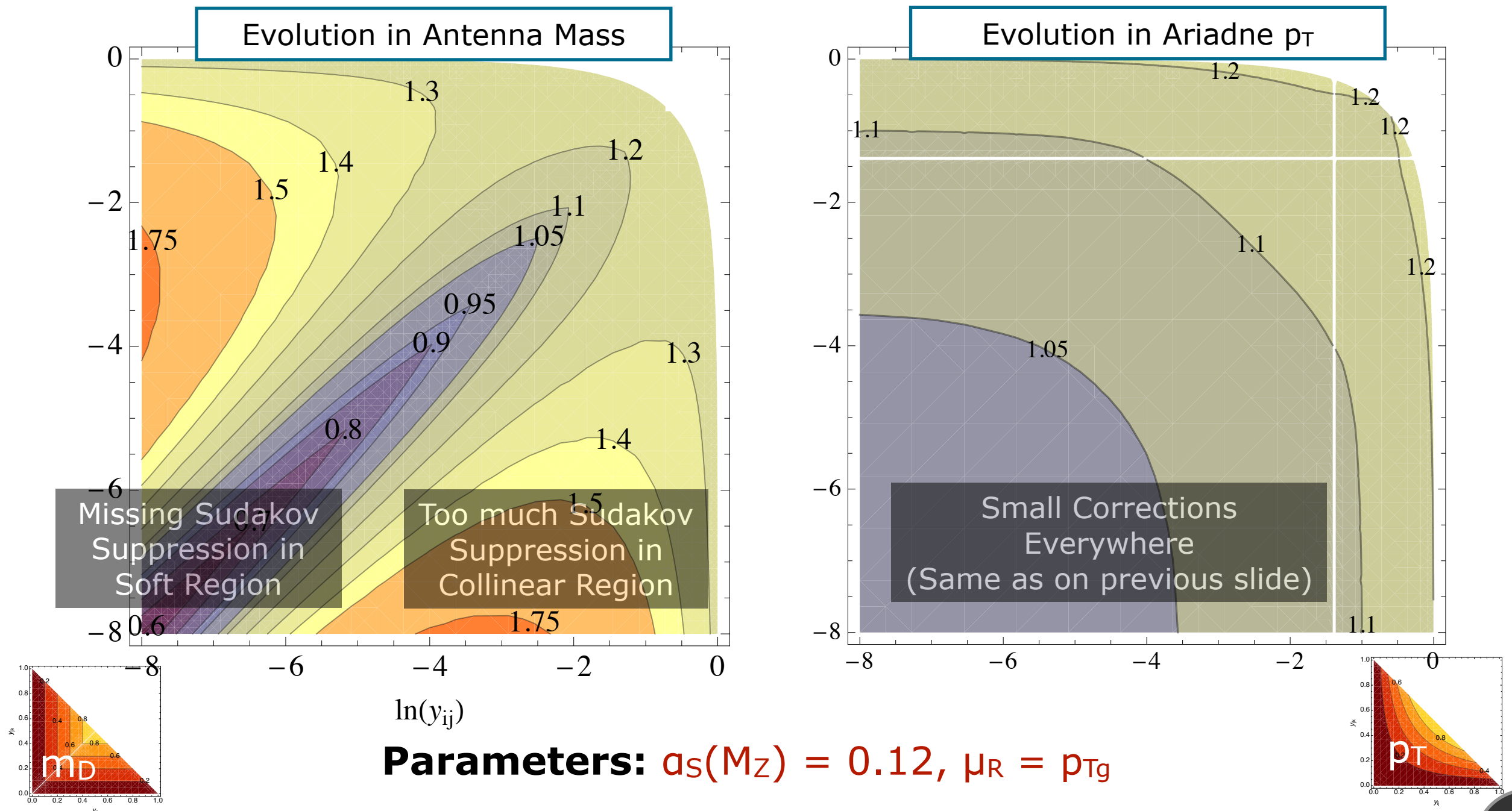


# Evolution Variable



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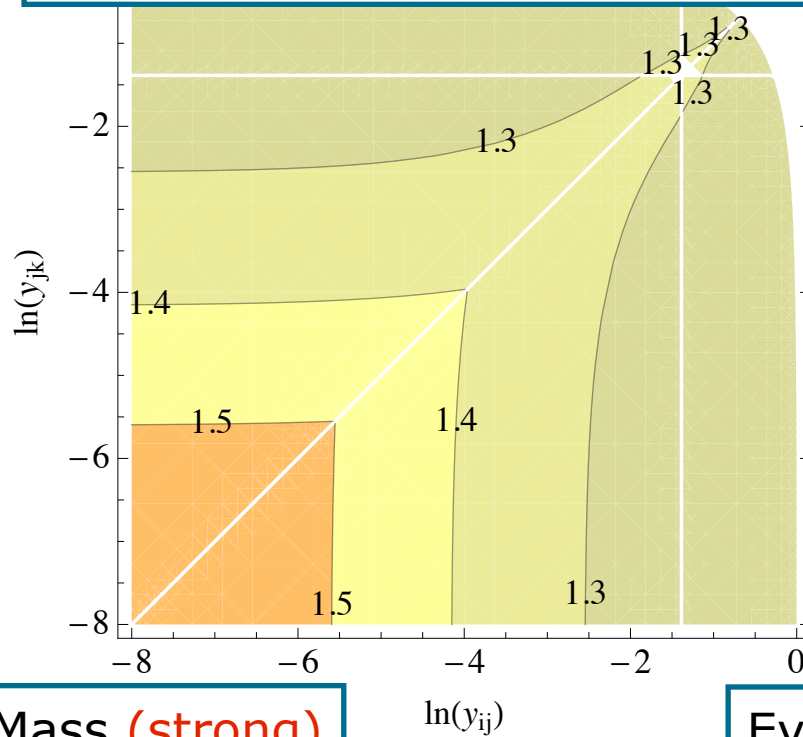
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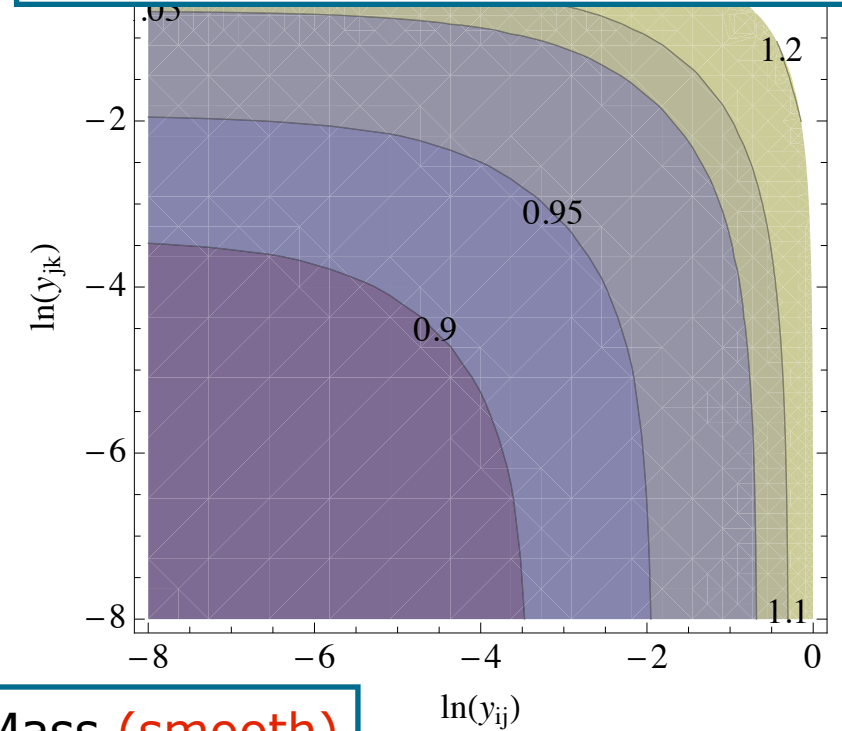
# Further Examples

Evolution  
&  
Renormalization

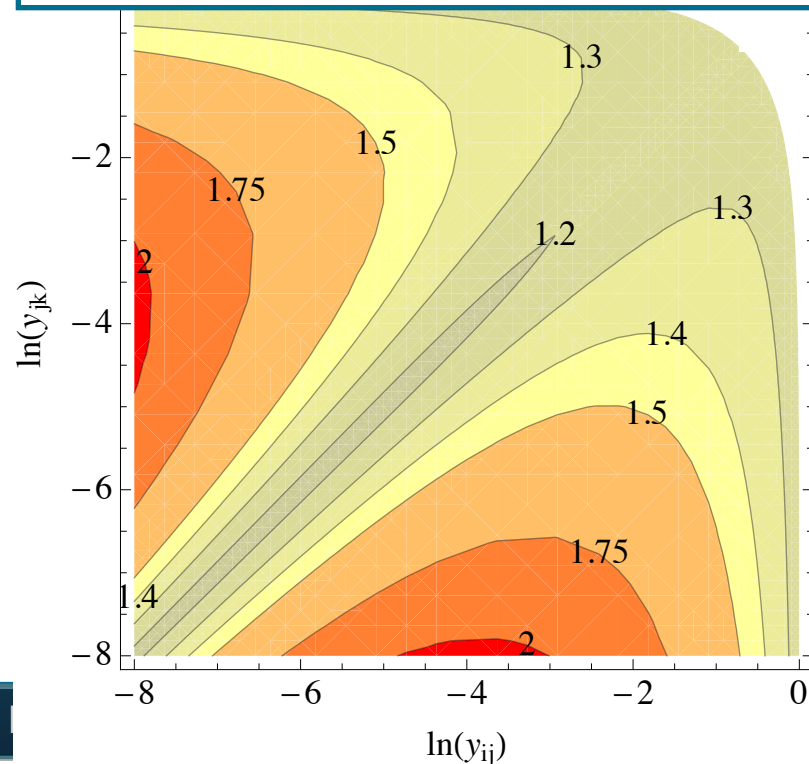
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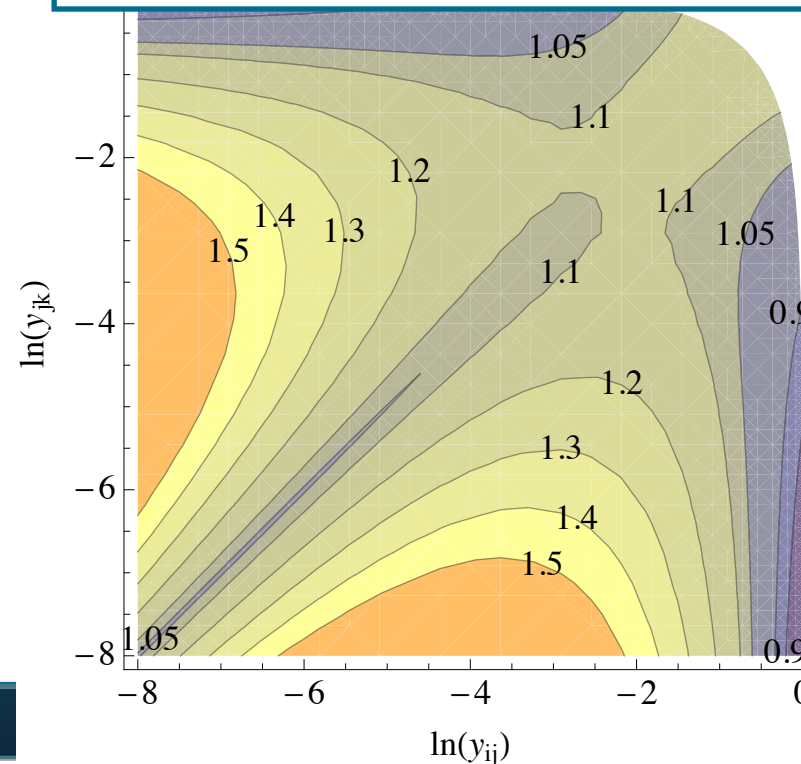
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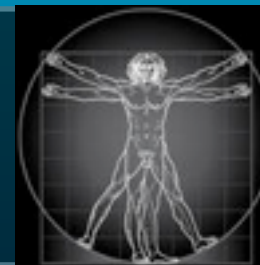
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All plots use:  
 $\alpha_s = 0.12$



# The proof of the pudding



Hartgring, Laenen, Skands, arXiv:1303.4974

## New VINCIA NLO Tune

$$\alpha_s(M_Z)^{\text{CMW}} = 0.122$$

(with 2-loop running)

## LO Tunes

(both VINCIA and PYTHIA)

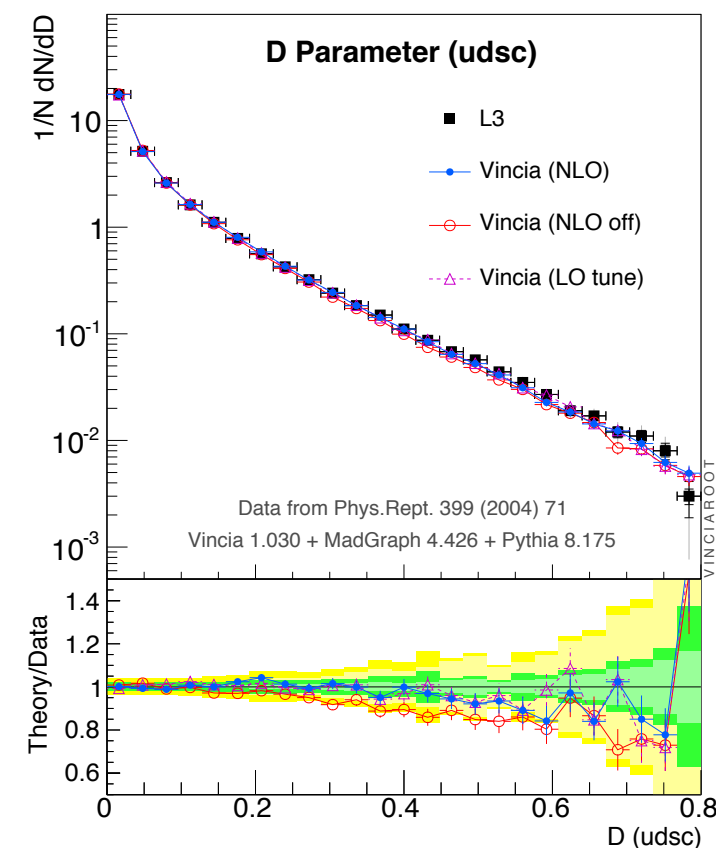
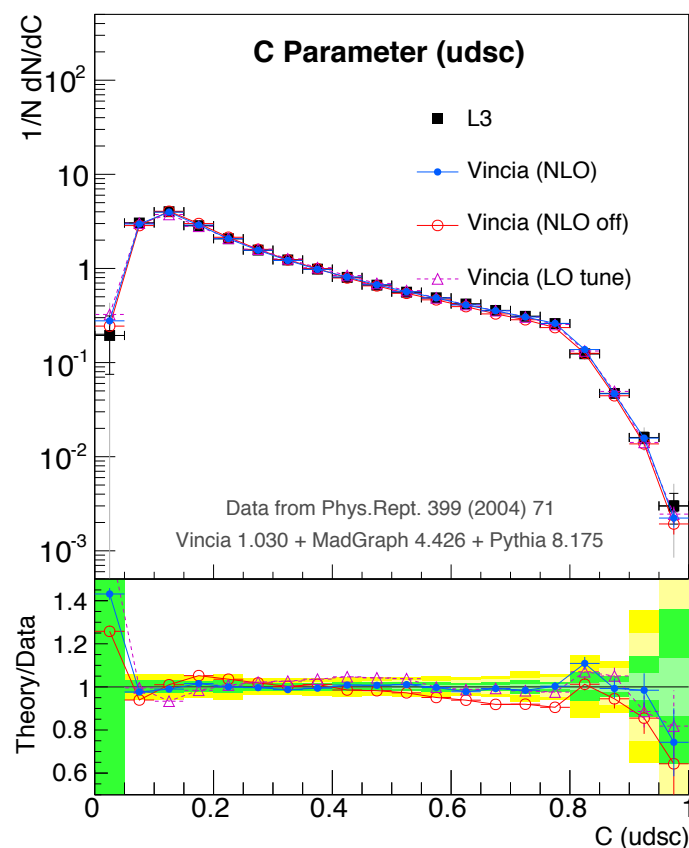
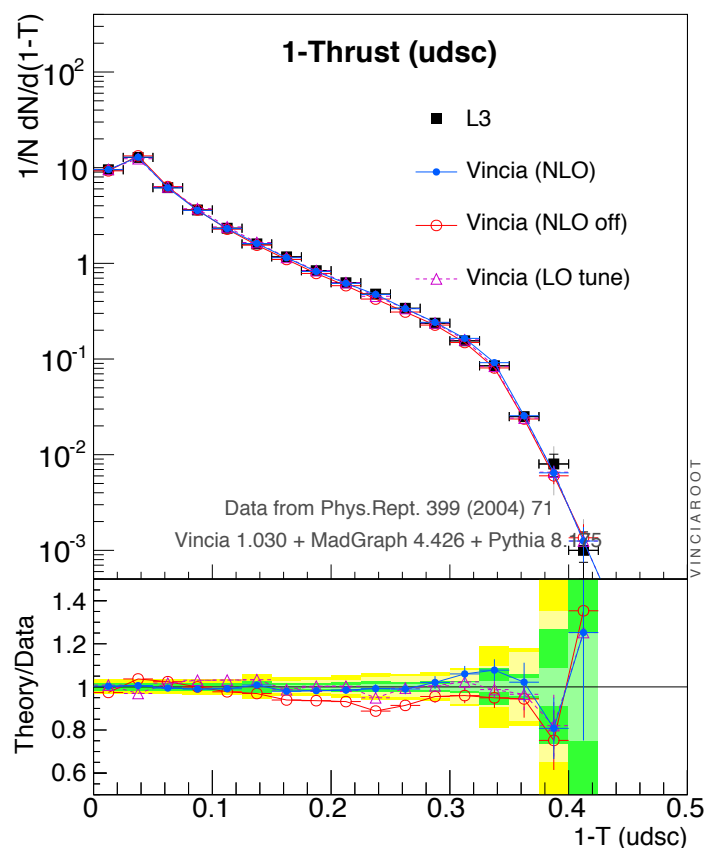
$$\alpha_s(M_Z)^{\text{MSbar}} \sim 0.139$$

(LO matrix elements give similar values, and also LO PDFs)

$\langle \chi^2 \rangle$ Shapes	$T$	$C$	$D$	$B_W$	$B_T$
PYTHIA 8	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2
VINCIA (LO)	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
VINCIA (NLO)	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2

$\langle \chi^2 \rangle$ Frag	$N_{\text{ch}}$	$x$	Mesons	Baryons
PYTHIA 8	0.8	0.4	0.9	1.2
VINCIA (LO)	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.6
VINCIA (NLO)	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.6

$\langle \chi^2 \rangle$ Jets	$r_{1j}^{\text{exc}}$	$\ln(y_{12})$	$r_{2j}^{\text{exc}}$	$\ln(y_{23})$	$r_{3j}^{\text{exc}}$	$\ln(y_{34})$	$r_{4j}^{\text{exc}}$	$\ln(y_{45})$	$r_{5j}^{\text{exc}}$	$\ln(y_{56})$	$r_{6j}^{\text{inc}}$
PYTHIA 8	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
VINCIA (LO)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
VINCIA (NLO)	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1



# Outlook

Fish

$p$

$p$

+  
From smooth ord to  $2 \rightarrow 4$   
2<sup>nd</sup> order showers  
NLO for initial state  
NLO automation  
Interleaved showers & decays



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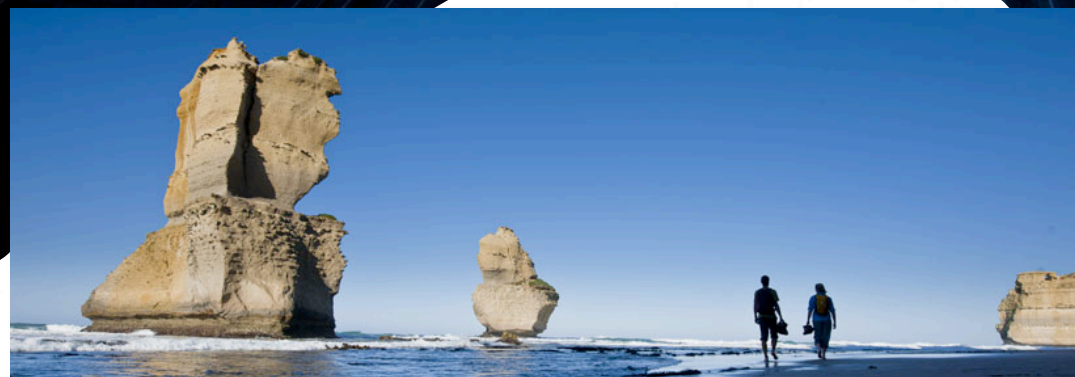
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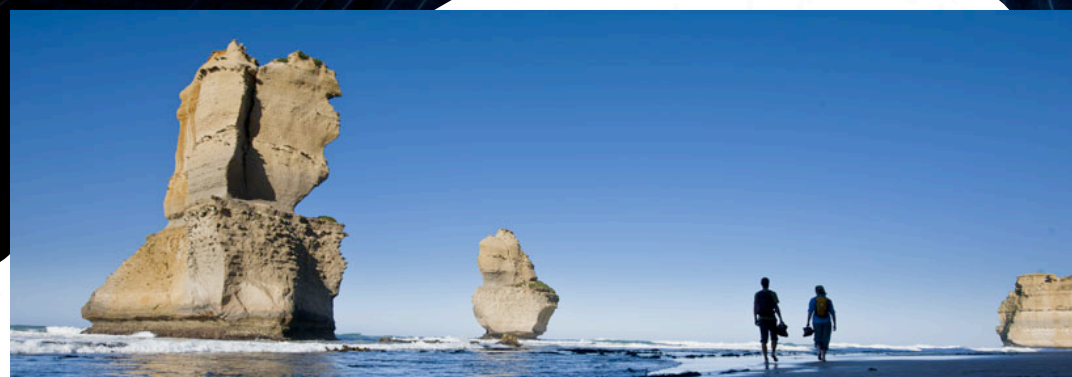
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# What we need

## At NLO:

*Functions, not events.*

Colour-ordered helicity amplitudes (preferably already interfered with Born, but not essential; also  $|\text{Born}|^2$  can be useful eg for normalization & convention checks)

Return:  $\mu_R$ , coeffs of  $1/\epsilon^2$  and  $1/\epsilon$  poles, finite piece (the latter preferably separated into a few pieces of different transcendentalities  $\rightarrow$  eg can do analytic subtraction of  $\ln^2$  piece, good for numerical stability)

$\rightarrow$  Binoth Accord (though we'd still have to agree on specifications of colour order and helicity)

## At NNLO (?):

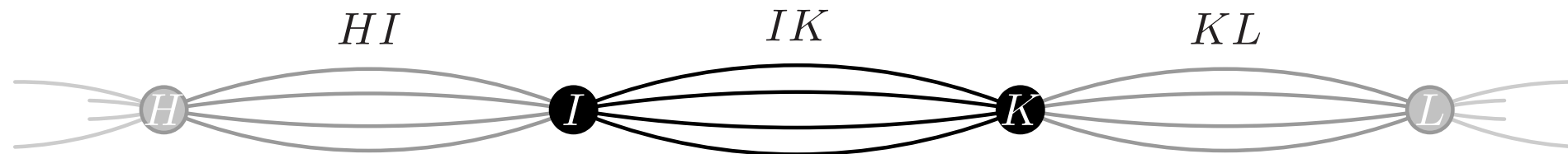
2-loop interfered with Born and 1-loop  $\times$  1-loop

Return:  $\mu_R$ , coeffs of  $1/\epsilon^n$ , finite piece



# Shower Types

Traditional vs Coherent vs Global vs Sector vs Dipole



	$\text{Coll}(I)$	$\text{Soft}(IK)$
<i>Parton Shower (DGLAP)</i>	$a_I$	$a_I + a_K$
<i>Coherent Parton Shower (HERWIG [12,40], PYTHIA6 [11])</i>	$\Theta_I a_I$	$\Theta_I a_I + \Theta_K a_K$
<i>Global Dipole-Antenna (ARIADNE [17], GGG [36], WK [32], VINCIA)</i>	$a_{IK} + a_{HI}$	$a_{IK}$
<i>Sector Dipole-Antenna (LP [41], VINCIA)</i>	$\Theta_{IK} a_{IK} + \Theta_{HI} a_{HI}$	$a_{IK}$
<i>Partitioned-Dipole Shower (SK [23], NS [42], DTW [24], PYTHIA8 [38], SHERPA)</i>	$a_{I,K} + a_{I,H}$	$a_{I,K} + a_{K,I}$

Figure 2: Schematic overview of how the full collinear singularity of parton  $I$  and the soft singularity of the  $IK$  pair, respectively, originate in different shower types. ( $\Theta_I$  and  $\Theta_K$  represent angular vetos with respect to partons  $I$  and  $K$ , respectively, and  $\Theta_{IK}$  represents a sector phase-space veto, see text.)

# Sector Antennae

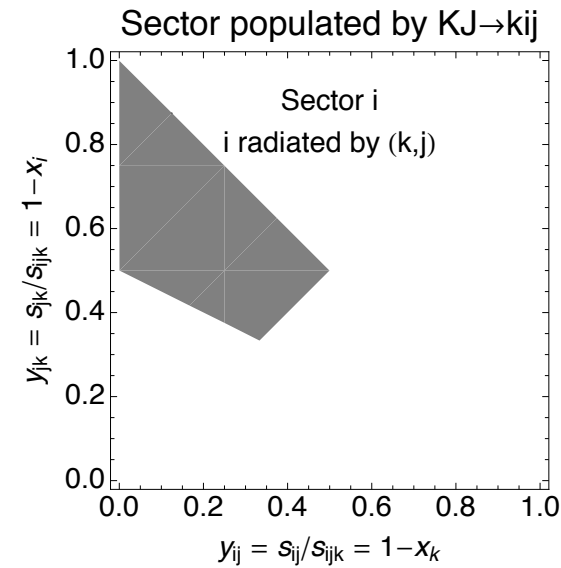
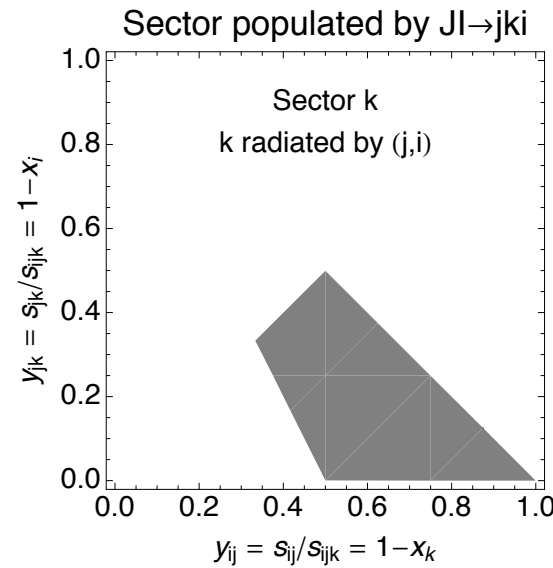
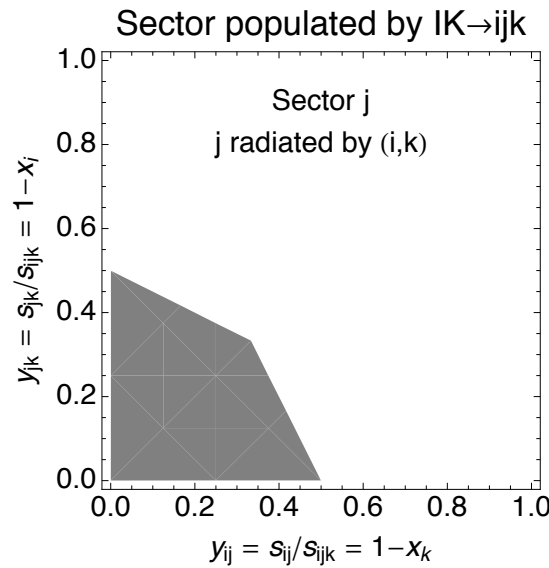
Global

$$\bar{a}_{g/qq}^{gl}(p_i, p_j, p_k) \xrightarrow{s_{jk} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{s_{jk}} \left( P_{gg \rightarrow G}(z) - \frac{2z}{1-z} - z(1-z) \right)$$

→ P(z) = Sum over two neighboring antennae

Sector

Only a single term in each phase space point



→ Full P(z) must be contained in every antenna

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_{j/IK}^{sct}(y_{ij}, y_{jk}) = & \bar{a}_{j/IK}^{gl}(y_{ij}, y_{jk}) + \delta_{I_g} \delta_{H_K H_k} \left\{ \delta_{H_I H_i} \delta_{H_I H_j} \left( \frac{1 + y_{jk} + y_{jk}^2}{y_{ij}} \right) \right. \\ & + \left. \delta_{H_I H_j} \left( \frac{1}{y_{ij}(1 - y_{jk})} - \frac{1 + y_{jk} + y_{jk}^2}{y_{ij}} \right) \right\} \\ & + \delta_{K_g} \delta_{H_I H_i} \left\{ \delta_{H_I H_j} \delta_{H_K H_k} \left( \frac{1 + y_{ij} + y_{ij}^2}{y_{jk}} \right) \right. \\ & + \left. \delta_{H_K H_j} \left( \frac{1}{y_{jk}(1 - y_{ij})} - \frac{1 + y_{ij} + y_{ij}^2}{y_{jk}} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**Sector = Global + additional collinear terms (from "neighboring" antenna)**

# The Denominator

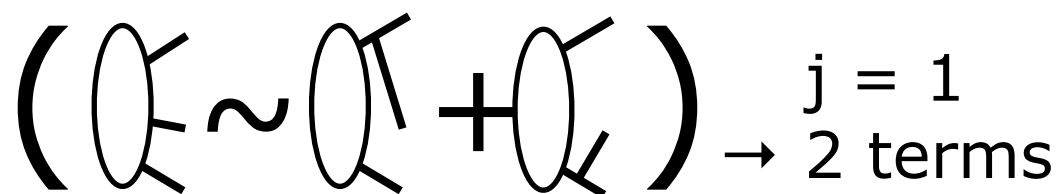
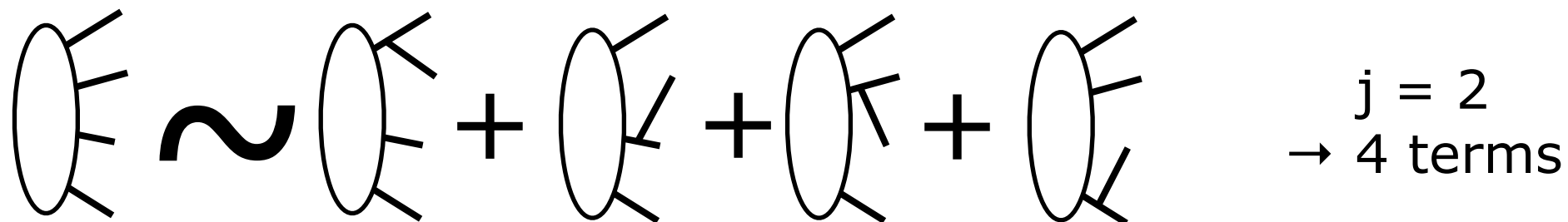
$$a_i \rightarrow \frac{|M_{F+1}|^2}{\sum a_i |M_F|^2}$$

In a traditional parton shower, you would face the following problem:

Existing parton showers are *not* really Markov Chains

Further evolution (restart scale) depends on *which* branching happened last  
 → proliferation of terms

Number of histories contributing to  $n^{\text{th}}$  branching  $\propto 2^n n!$



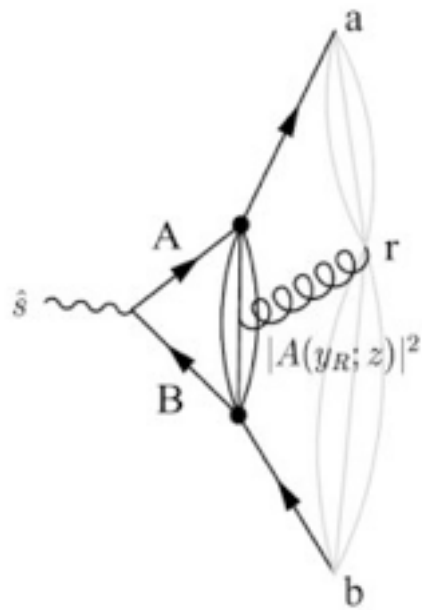
**Parton- (or Catani-Seymour) Shower:**  
 After 2 branchings: 8 terms  
 After 3 branchings: 48 terms  
 After 4 branchings: 384 terms

(+ parton showers have complicated and/or frame-dependent phase-space mappings, especially at the multi-parton level)

# Matched Markovian Antenna Showers

**Antenna showers:** one term per parton *pair*  $2^n n! \rightarrow n!$

*Giele, Kosower, Skands, PRD 84 (2011) 054003*



(+ generic Lorentz-invariant and on-shell phase-space factorization)

+ Change "shower restart" to Markov criterion:

Given an  $n$ -parton configuration, "ordering" scale is

$$Q_{ord} = \min(Q_{E1}, Q_{E2}, \dots, Q_{En})$$

Unique restart scale, independently of how it was produced

+ Matching:  $n! \rightarrow n$

Given an  $n$ -parton configuration, its phase space weight is:

$|M_n|^2$  : Unique weight, independently of how it was produced

**Matched Markovian Antenna Shower:**

After 2 branchings: 2 terms

After 3 branchings: 3 terms

After 4 branchings: 4 terms

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+ **Sector** antennae  
→ 1 term at *any* order

*Larkosi, Peskin, Phys.Rev. D81 (2010) 054010*  
*Lopez-Villarejo, Skands, JHEP 1111 (2011) 150*

# Approximations

## Q: How well do showers do?

**Exp:** Compare to data. Difficult to interpret; all-orders cocktail including hadronization, tuning, uncertainties, etc

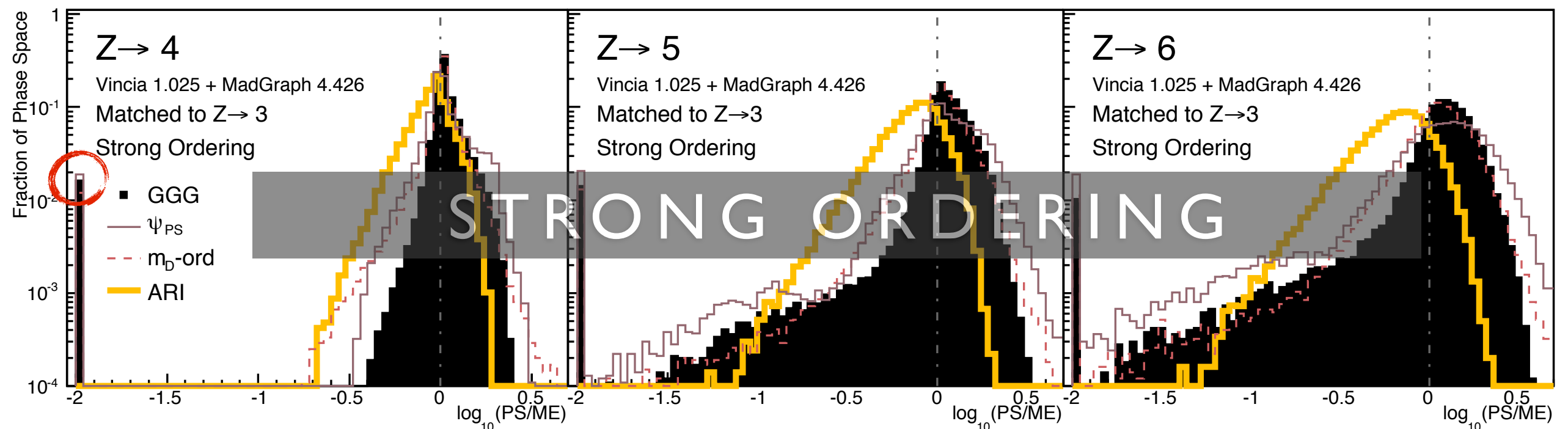
**Th:** Compare products of splitting functions to full tree-level matrix elements

## Plot distribution of $\text{Log}_{10}(\text{PS}/\text{ME})$

(second order)

(third order)

(fourth order)



Dead Zone: 1-2% of phase space have no strongly ordered paths leading there\* fine from strict LL point of view: those points correspond to "unordered" non-log-enhanced configurations

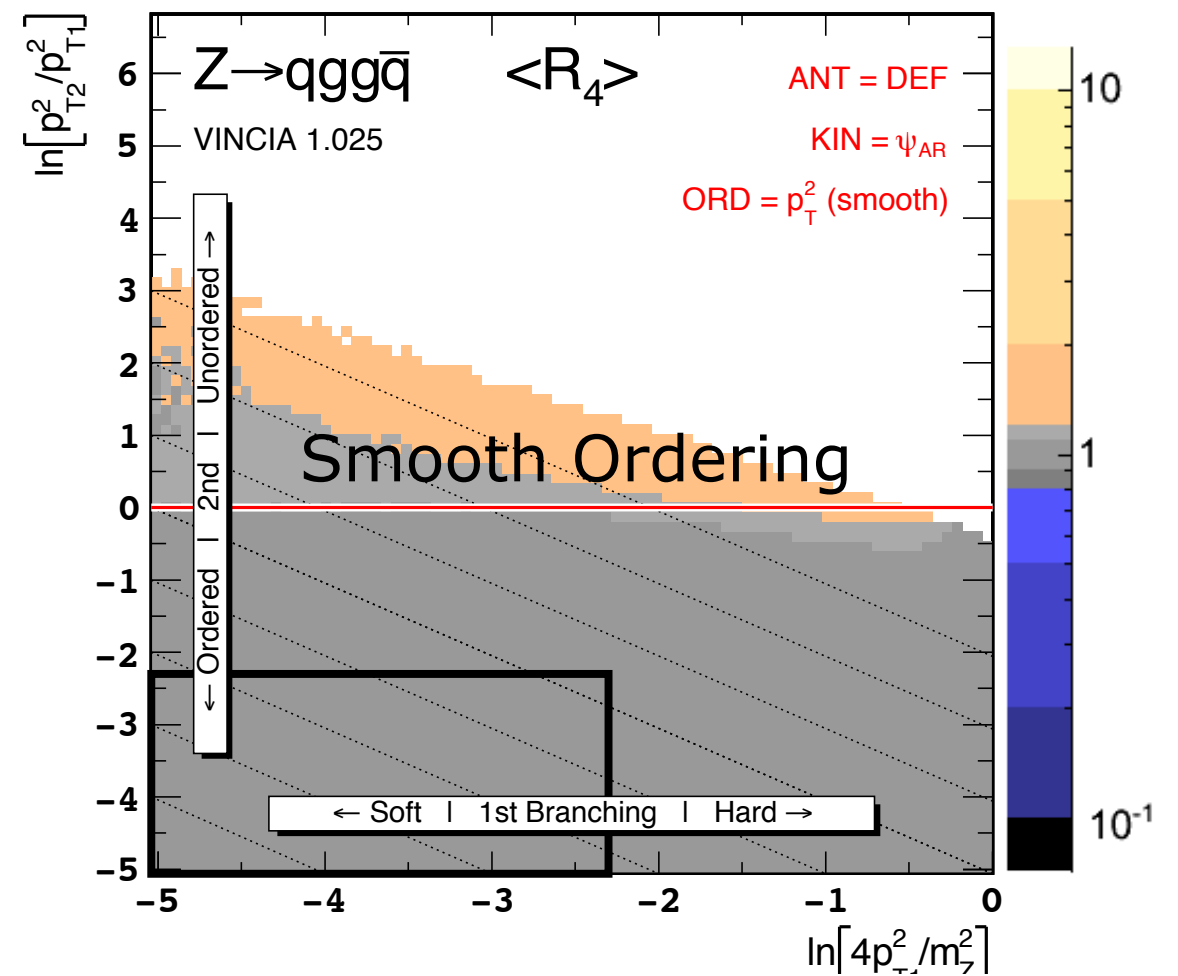
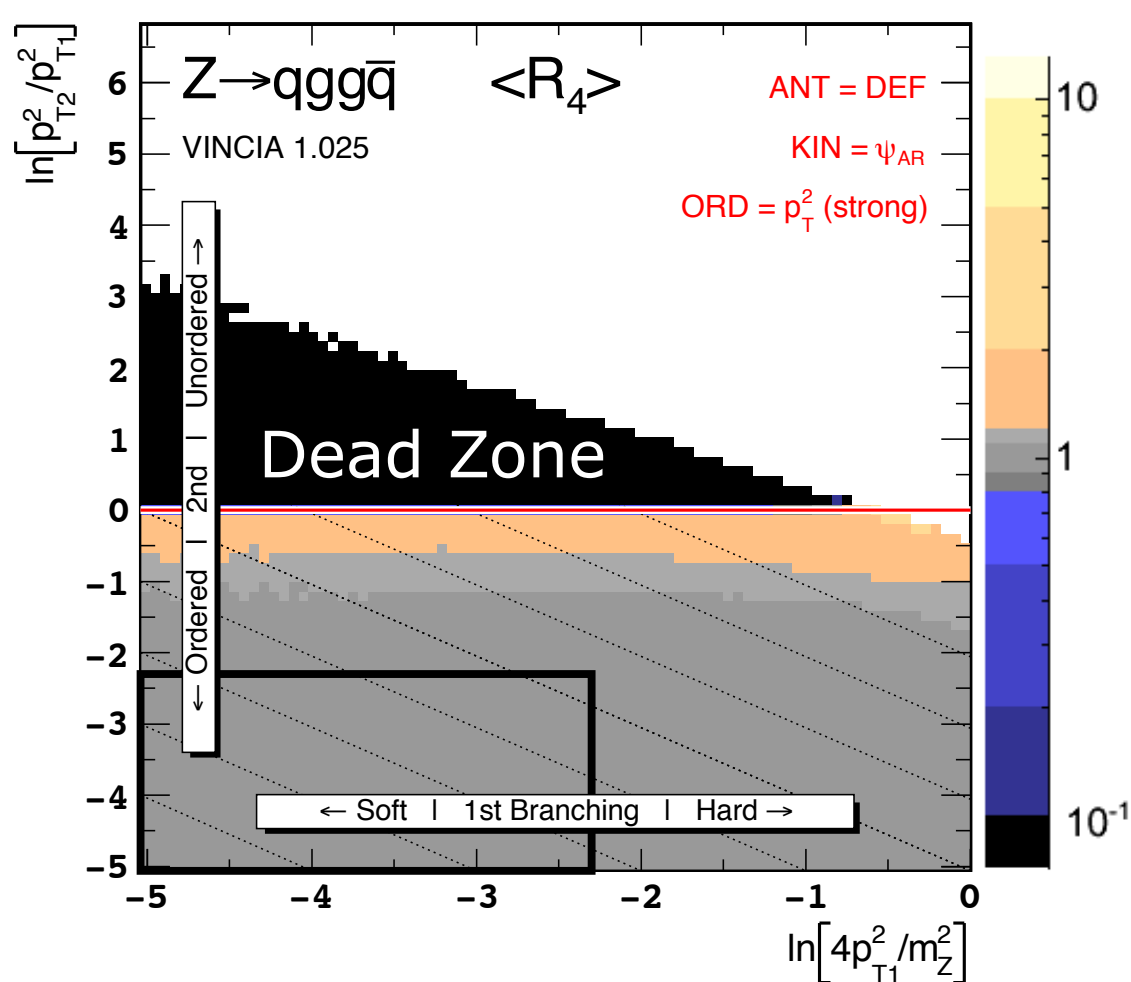
# 2 → 4

## Generate Branchings *without* imposing strong ordering

At each step, each dipole allowed to fill its entire phase space

Overcounting removed by matching  
+ smooth ordering beyond matched multiplicities

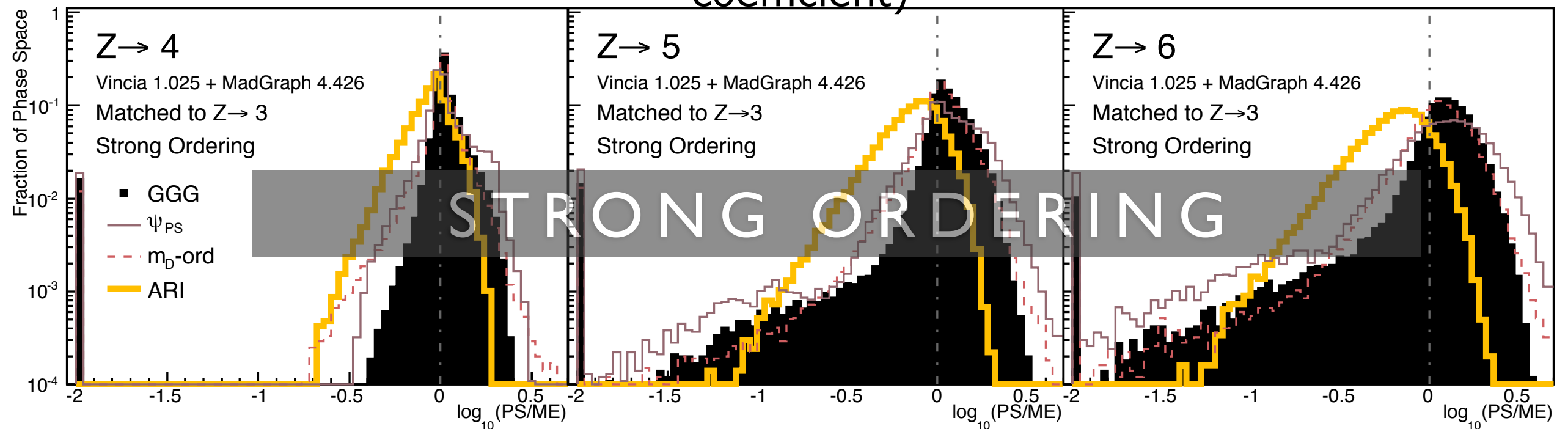
$$\frac{\hat{p}_\perp^2}{\hat{p}_\perp^2 + p_\perp^2} P_{LL} \quad \begin{matrix} \hat{p}_\perp^2 & \text{last branching} \\ p_\perp^2 & \text{current branching} \end{matrix}$$



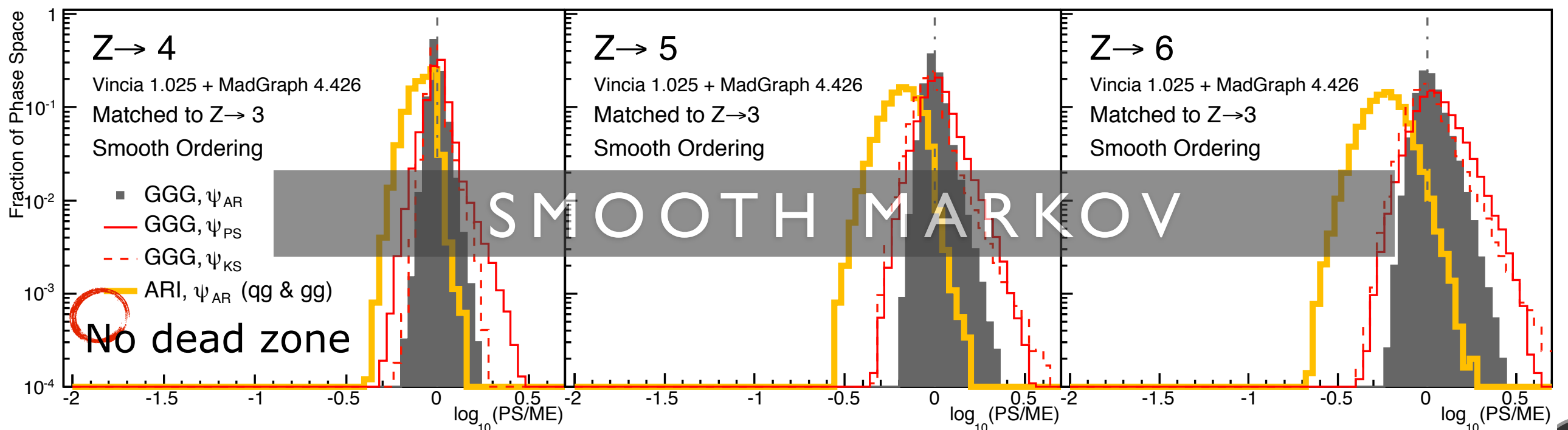


# → Better Approximations

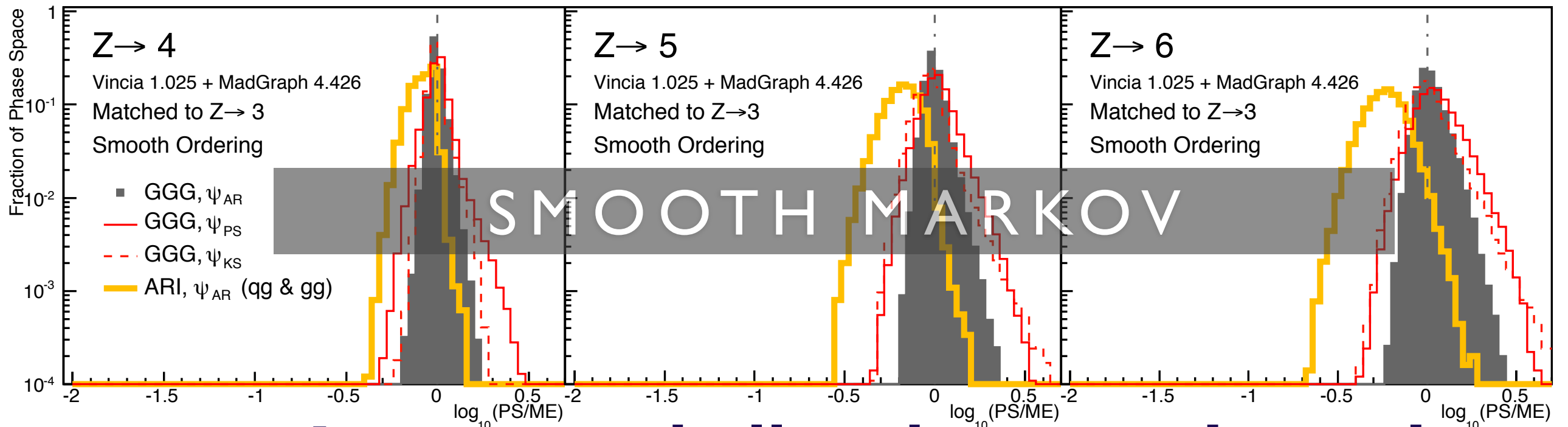
Distribution of  $\text{Log}_{10}(\text{PS}_{\text{Lo}}/\text{ME}_{\text{Lo}})$  (inverse  $\sim$  matching coefficient)



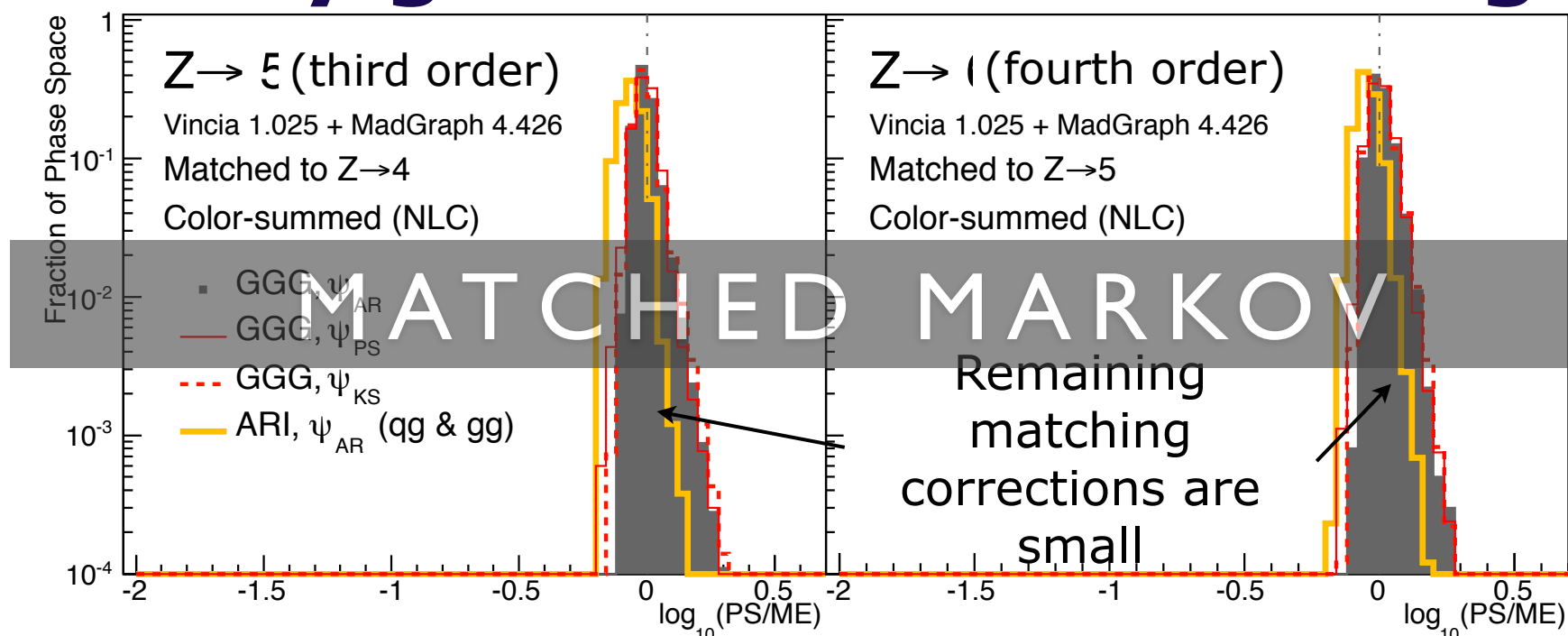
Leading Order, Leading Color, Flat phase-space scan, over **all of phase space** (no matching scale)



# + Matching (+ full colour)



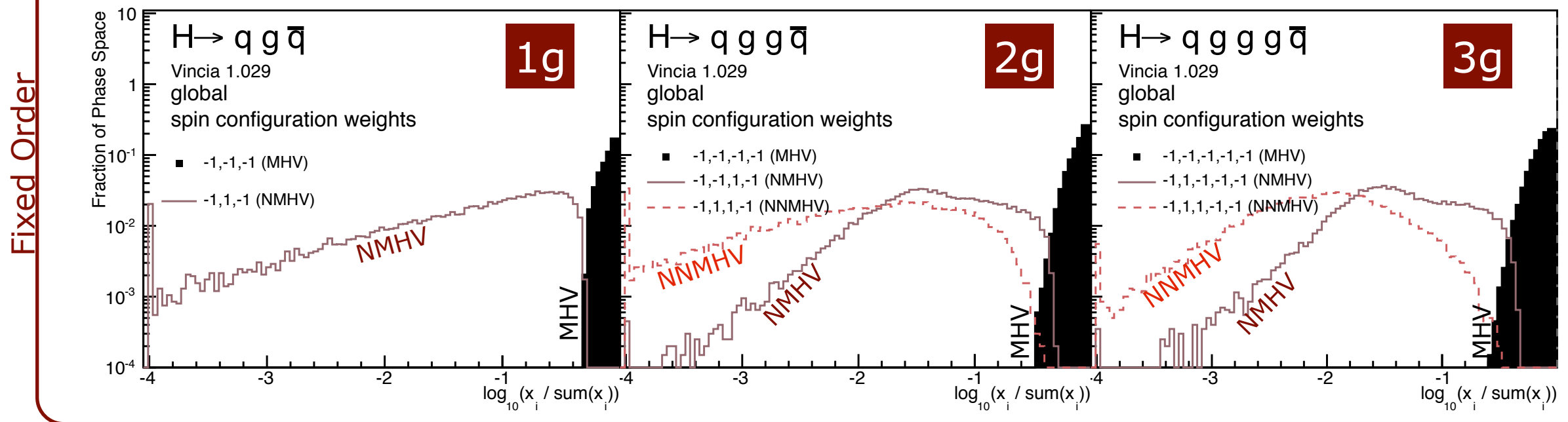
→ **A very good all-orders starting point**



# Helicity Contributions

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Flat phase-space scan.  $H^0 \rightarrow qq + ng$ . Size of helicity contributions.

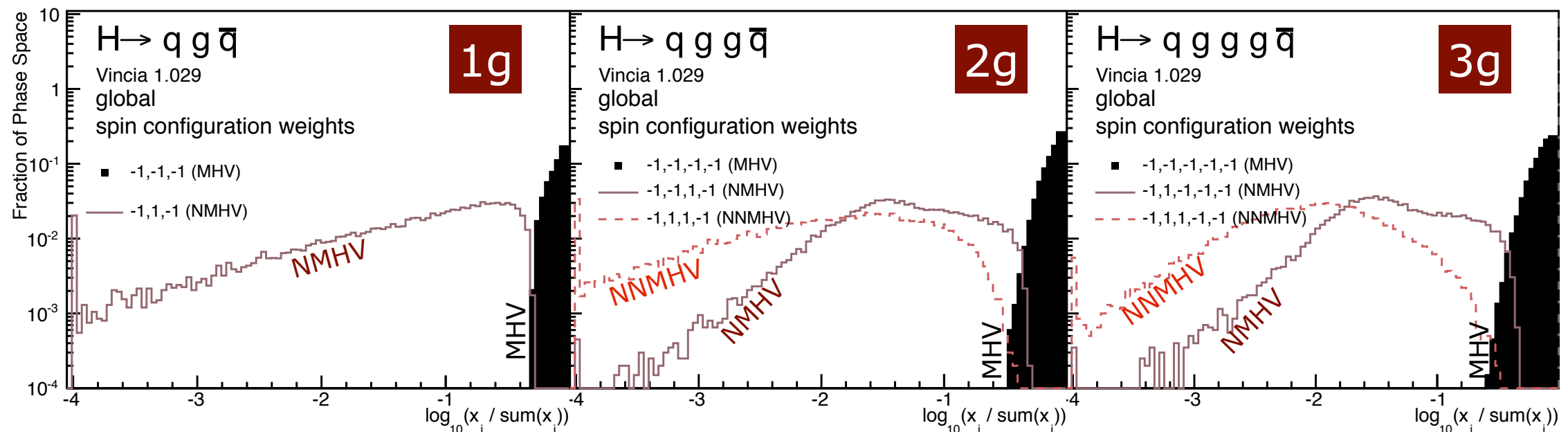


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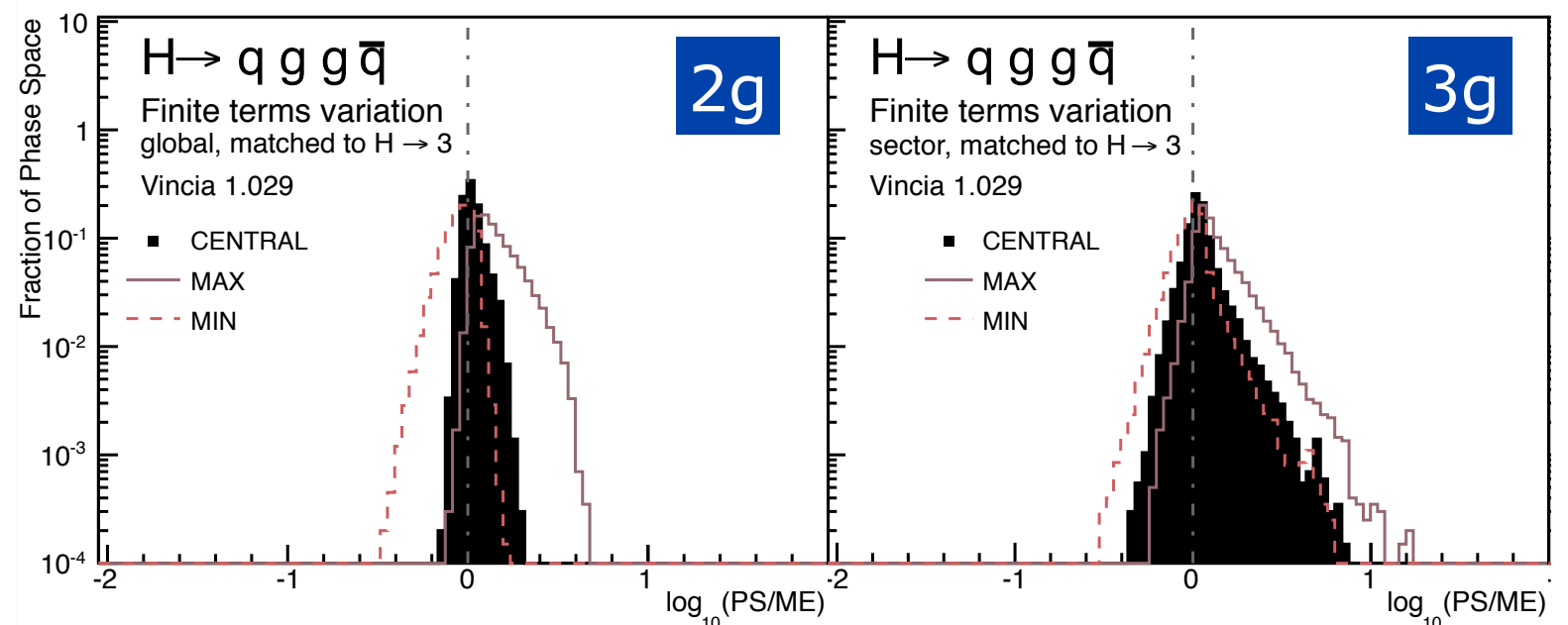


LO Shower Expansion / ME

Distribution of PS/ME ratio (summed over helicities)

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 → small corrections

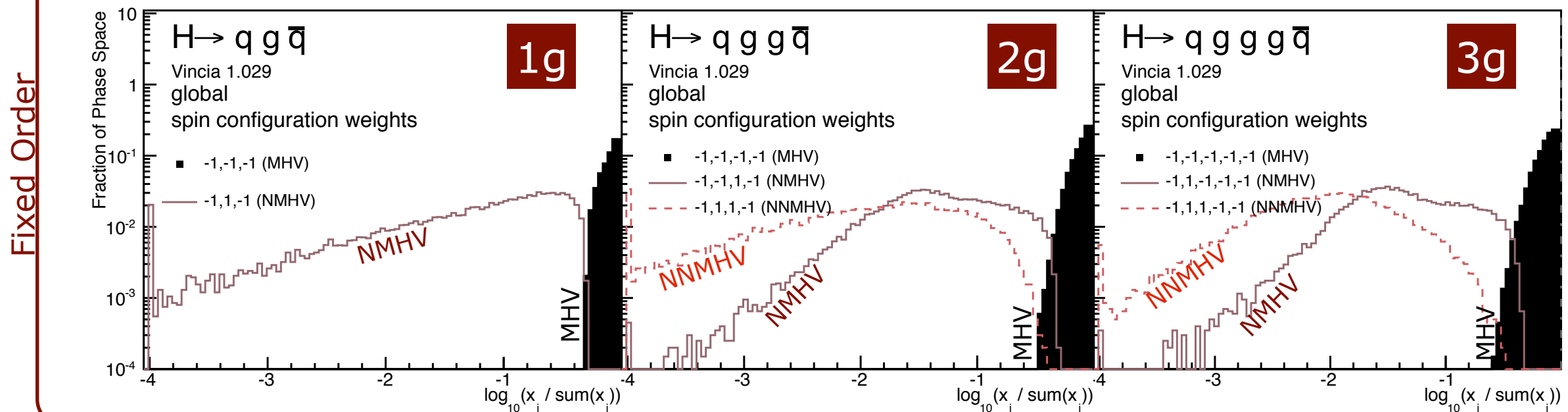
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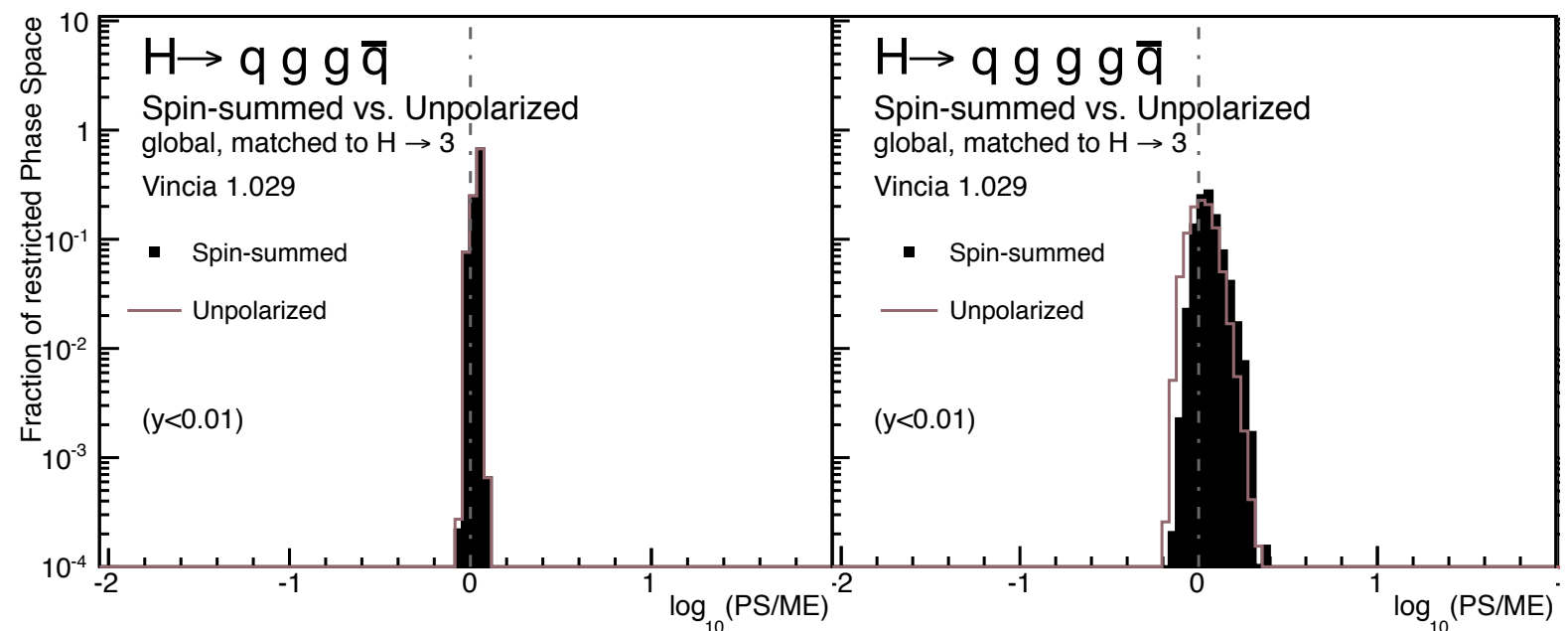


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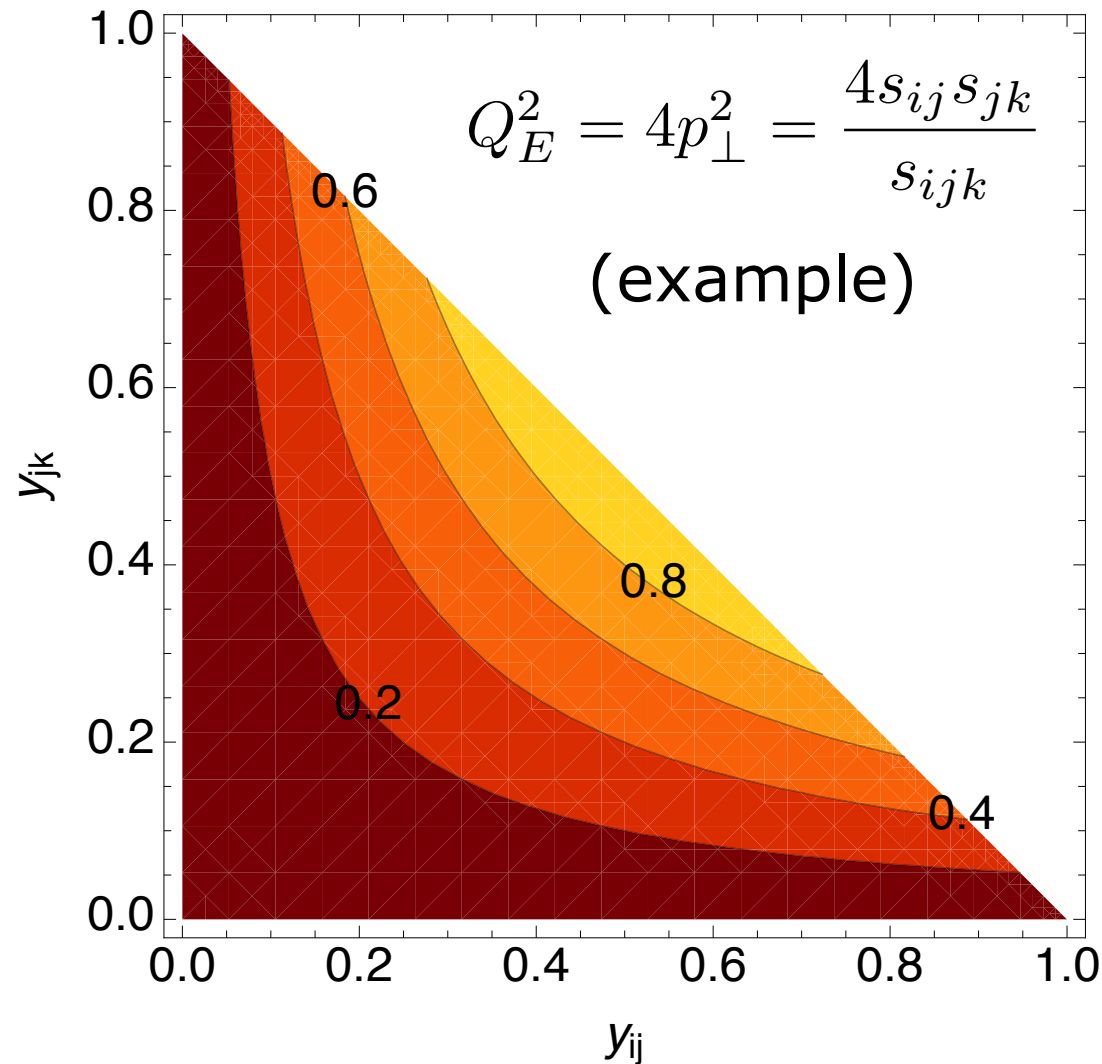
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# Sudakov Integrals



3→4:  $C_A$  piece (for strong ordering)

$$-g_s^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 C_A \int_0^{s_j} (1 - O_{E_j}) d_3^0 d\Phi_{\text{ant}} = -\frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \left( \sum_{i=1}^5 K_i I_i(s_{q\bar{q}}, Q_3^2) \right) - \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \left( \sum_{i=1}^5 K_i I_i(s_{g\bar{q}}, Q_3^2) \right)$$

2→3:

$$a_3^0 = \frac{1}{s} \left( \frac{2y_{ik}}{y_{ij}y_{jk}} + \frac{y_{ij}}{y_{jk}} + \frac{y_{jk}}{y_{ij}} \right)$$

$$g_s^2 C_A \int_{Q_3^2}^s a_3^0 d\Phi_{\text{ant}} = \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \left( \sum_{i=1}^5 K_i I_i(s, Q_3^2) \right)$$

$$K_1 = 1, \quad K_2 = -2, \quad K_3 = 2, \quad K_4 = -\delta_{Ig} - \delta_{Kg}, \quad K_5 = 1.$$

$$I_1 = \left[ -\text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}) \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}) \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{4}{y_3^2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}} \right) \right]$$

$$I_2 = \left[ -2\sqrt{1 - y_3^2} + \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}} \right) \right]$$

$$I_3 = \left[ -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - y_3^2} + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}} \right) \right]$$

$$I_4 = \left[ -\frac{13\sqrt{1 - y_3^2}}{36} + \frac{1}{36} y_3^2 \sqrt{1 - y_3^2} + \frac{1}{3} \ln \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 - y_3^2} \right] - \frac{\ln(y_3^2)}{6} \right]$$

$$I_5 = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 2 \left( 3C_{00} - (C_{01} + C_{10})(-1 + y_3^2)\sqrt{1 - y_3^2} - 3C_{00} y_3^2 \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - y_3^2}} \right) \right) \right].$$



# The $\delta A$ Terms - Speed

Hartgring, Laenen, Skands, arXiv:1303.4974

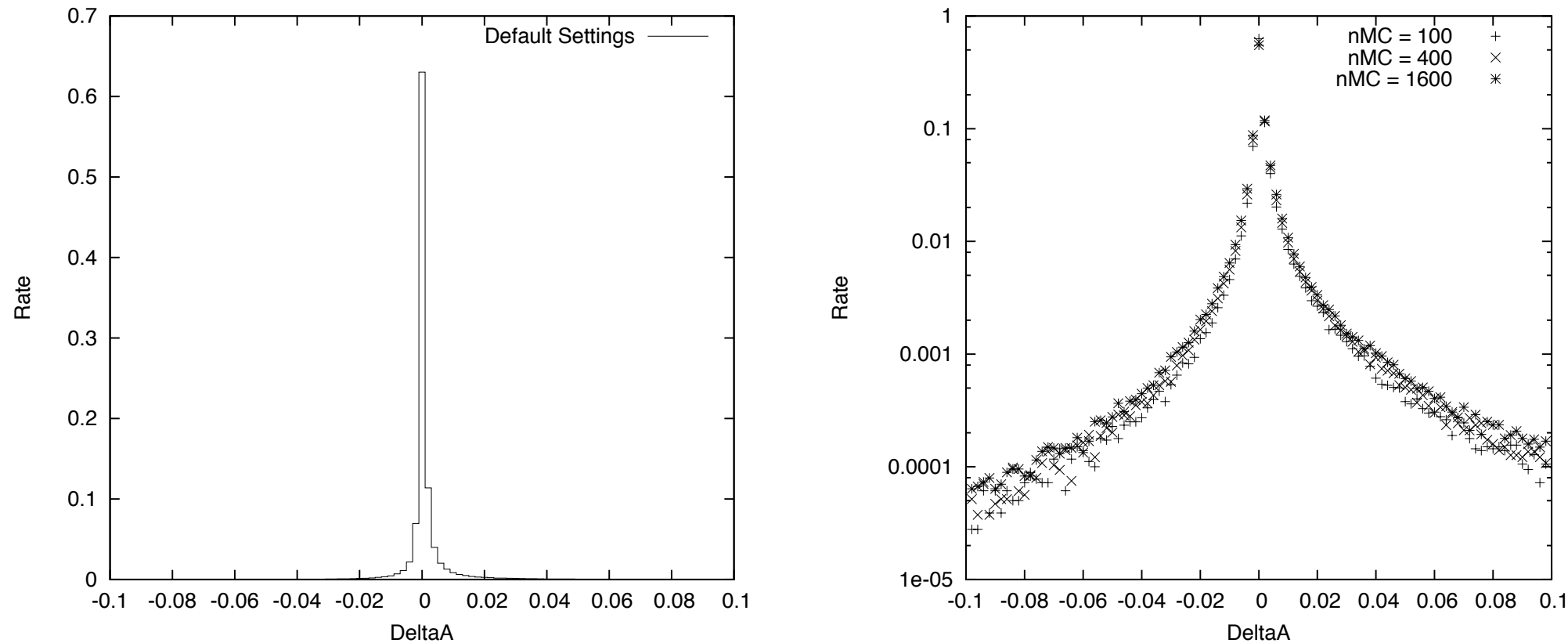


Figure 14: Distribution of the size of the  $\delta A$  terms (normalized so the LO result is unity) in actual VINCIA runs. *Left*: linear scale, default settings. *Right*: logarithmic scale, with variations on the minimum number of MC points used for the integrations (default is 100).

**Speed:**

	LO level $Z \rightarrow$	NLO level $Z \rightarrow$	Time / Event [milliseconds]	Speed relative to PYTHIA $\frac{1}{\text{Time}} / \text{PYTHIA 8}$
PYTHIA 8	2, 3	2	0.4	1
VINCIA (NLO off)	2, 3, 4, 5	2	2.2	$\sim 1/5$
VINCIA (NLO on)	2, 3, 4, 5	2, 3	3.0	$\sim 1/7$ ← OK

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Approximate Virtual + Unresolved Real

**NLO Correction:** Subtract and correct by difference

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{2 \text{Re}[M_0^0 M_0^{1*}]}{|M_0^0|^2} &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} 2C_F (2I_{q\bar{q}}(\epsilon, \mu^2/m_Z^2) - 4) \\ \int_0^s d\Phi_{\text{ant}} 2C_F g_s^2 A_{g/q\bar{q}} &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} 2C_F \left( -2I_{q\bar{q}}(\epsilon, \mu^2/m_Z^2) + \frac{19}{4} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} |M_0^0|^2 \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) |M_0^0|^2$$

IR Singularity Operator

# IR Singularity Operators

Gehrmann, Gehrmann-de Ridder, Glover, JHEP 0509 (2005) 056

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow qg\bar{q}$  antenna function

$$X_{ijk}^0 = S_{ijk,IK} \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{ijk}^0|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{IK}^0|^2}$$

$$A_3^0(1_q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{q}}) = \frac{1}{s_{123}} \left( \frac{s_{13}}{s_{23}} + \frac{s_{23}}{s_{13}} + 2 \frac{s_{12}s_{123}}{s_{13}s_{23}} \right)$$

Integrated antenna

$$\mathcal{Poles}(\mathcal{A}_3^0(s_{123})) = -2\mathbf{I}_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)}(\epsilon, s_{123})$$

$$\mathcal{Finite}(\mathcal{A}_3^0(s_{123})) = \frac{19}{4}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{ijk}^0(s_{ijk}) = (8\pi^2 (4\pi)^{-\epsilon} e^{\epsilon\gamma}) \int d\Phi_{X_{ijk}} X_{ijk}^0$$

Singularity Operators

$$\mathbf{I}_{q\bar{q}}^{(1)}(\epsilon, \mu^2/s_{q\bar{q}}) = -\frac{e^{\epsilon\gamma}}{2\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{2\epsilon} \right] \text{Re} \left( -\frac{\mu^2}{s_{q\bar{q}}} \right)^\epsilon$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{qg}^{(1)}(\epsilon, \mu^2/s_{qg}) = -\frac{e^{\epsilon\gamma}}{2\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{5}{3\epsilon} \right] \text{Re} \left( -\frac{\mu^2}{s_{qg}} \right)^\epsilon \quad \text{for } qg \rightarrow qgg$$

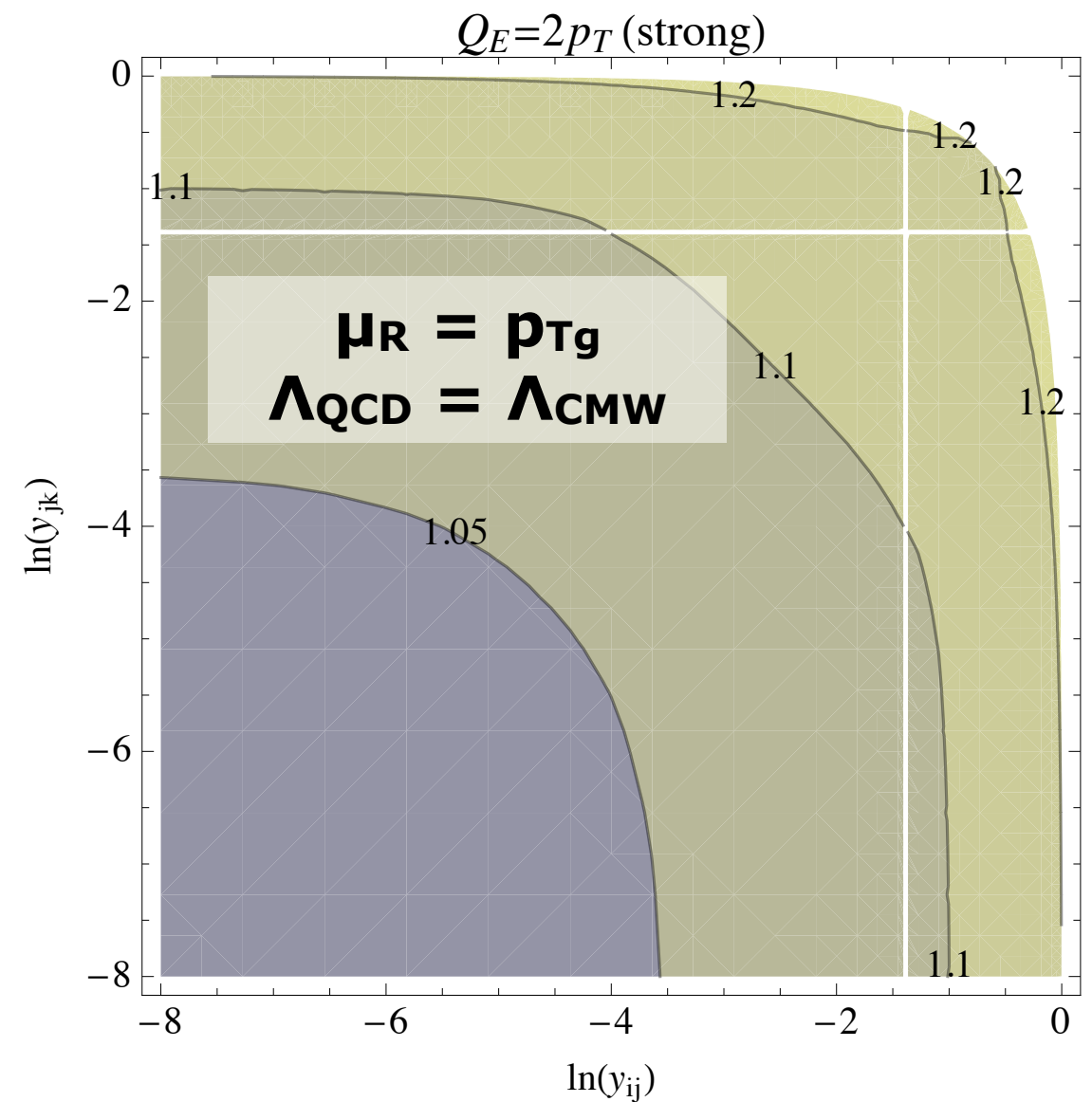
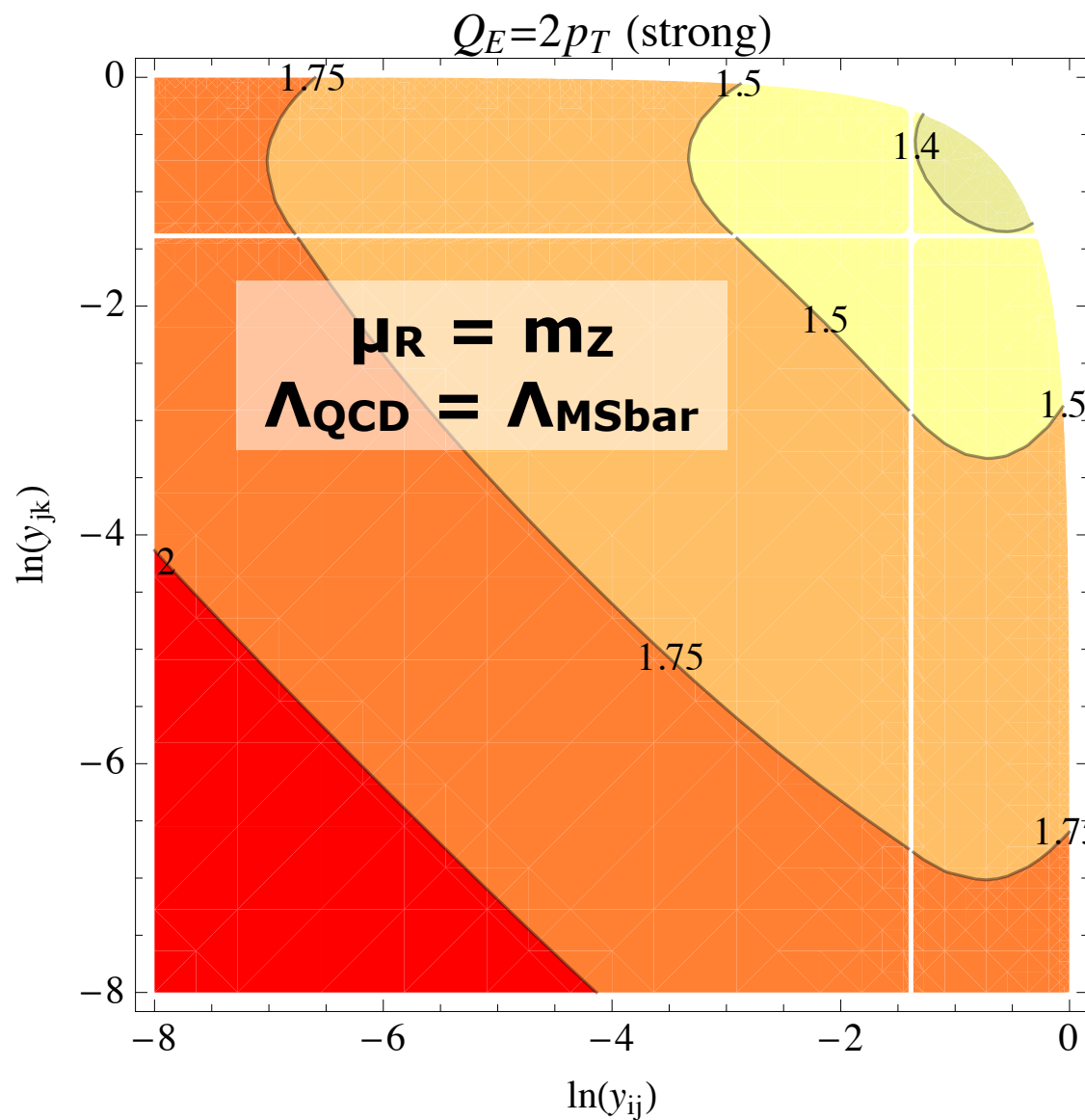
$$\mathbf{I}_{qg,F}^{(1)}(\epsilon, \mu^2/s_{qg}) = \frac{e^{\epsilon\gamma}}{2\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \frac{1}{6\epsilon} \text{Re} \left( -\frac{\mu^2}{s_{qg}} \right)^\epsilon \quad \text{for } qg \rightarrow qq'q'$$



# Choice of $\mu_R$



Renormalization: 1) Choose  $\mu_R \sim p_{T\text{jet}}$  (absorbs universal  $\beta$ -dependent terms)  
2) Translate from MSbar to CMW scheme ( $\Lambda_{\text{CMW}} \sim 1.6 \Lambda_{\text{MSbar}}$  for coherent showers)



**Markov Evolution in:** Transverse Momentum,  $\alpha_s(M_z) = 0.12$