

# Determining the onset of color coherence with energy correlators

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CA, Dominguez, Elayavalli, Holguin, Marquet, Moul, arXiv: [2209.11236](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.11236)

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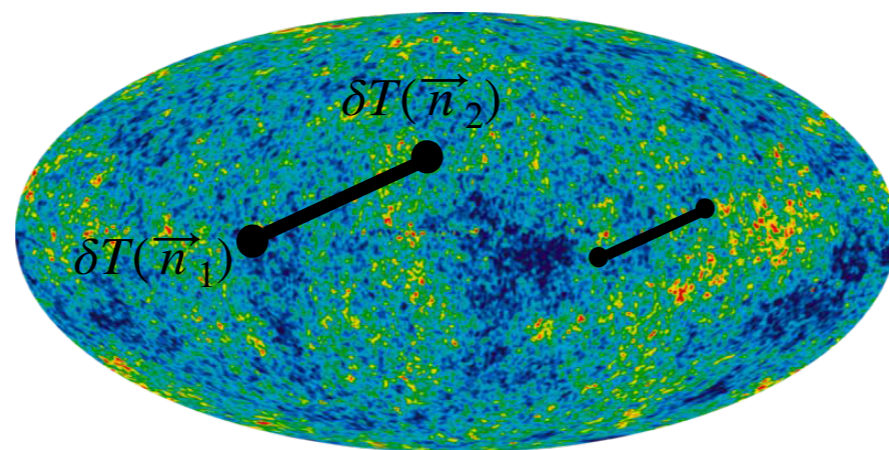
# Correlation functions

- What are they?

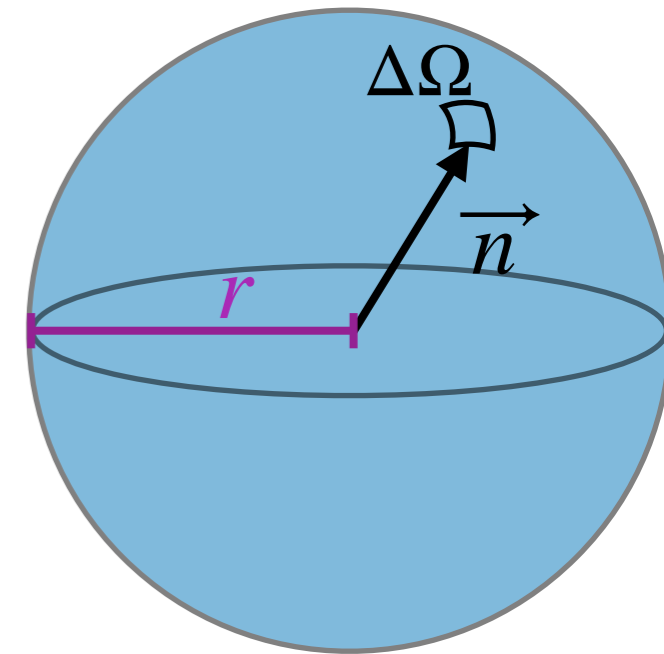
$$\text{Corr}_2(X, Y) = \langle XY \rangle - \langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle$$

$$\text{Corr}_3(X, Y, Z) = \langle XYZ \rangle - \langle X \rangle \langle YZ \rangle - \langle Y \rangle \langle XZ \rangle - \langle Z \rangle \langle XY \rangle + 2\langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle \langle Z \rangle$$

- In physics: usually  $\langle X_i \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rangle$  is the  $n$ -point correlator



# Energy correlators



- Correlators  $\langle \varepsilon(\vec{n}_1) \varepsilon(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \varepsilon(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$  of the **energy flux**:

$$\varepsilon(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r \vec{n})$$

They naturally **remove the soft physics** with NO grooming!

- 1-point correlator:  $\langle \varepsilon(\vec{n}) \rangle \propto \sum_i E_i$  Total energy flux through an area element

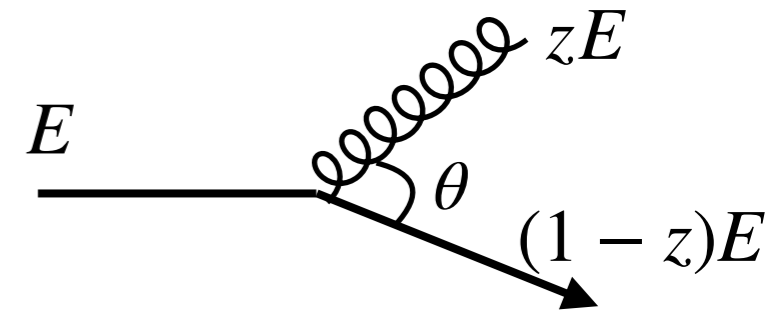
- 2-point correlator:

**Inclusive cross section** to produce two particles  $i$  and  $j$

$$\frac{\langle \varepsilon^n(\vec{n}_1) \varepsilon^n(\vec{n}_2) \rangle}{Q^{2n}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{ij} \frac{d\sigma_{ij}}{d\vec{n}_i d\vec{n}_j} \frac{E_i^n E_j^n}{Q^{2n}} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_i - \vec{n}_1) \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_j - \vec{n}_2)$$

**Hard scale** of the process

# 2-point correlator



- As function of the relative angle only:

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(n)}}{d\theta} = \int d\vec{n}_{1,2} \frac{\langle \epsilon^n(\vec{n}_1) \epsilon^n(\vec{n}_2) \rangle}{Q^{2n}} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 - \cos \theta)$$

- Infrared and collinear safe for  $n = 1$
- For divergences  $1 < n \leq 2$  can be absorbed into track or fragmentation functions
- **2-point correlator** for a quark jet:  $Q = E$

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(n)}}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{qg}} \int dz \frac{d\sigma_{qg}}{dz d\theta} z^n (1-z)^n + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mu_s}{E}\right)$$

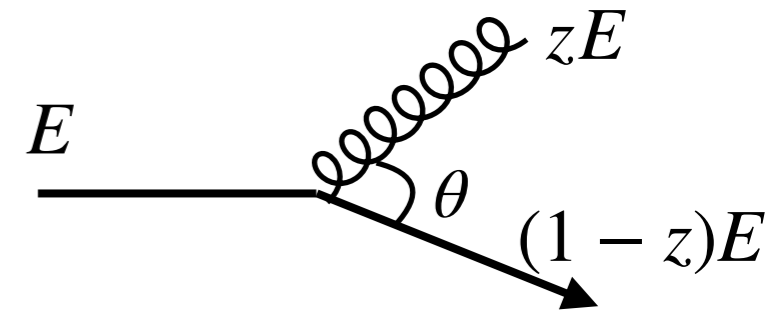
$\mu_s$  a softer scale over which the cross section is inclusive

Inclusive cross section

- Additional energy loss ( $E_q + E_g \neq E$ ) is subleading
- $qq$  and  $gg$  contributions are higher order

# EEC in vacuum

(In the perturbative regime)



- EEC for a **massless** quark jet in **vacuum** at LO:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{qg}^{\text{vac}}}{dzd\theta} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F \sigma}{\pi} \frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z\theta} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2, \theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta} \sim \frac{1}{\theta}$$

- EEC for a massless quark jet in **vacuum** at NLO + NLL resummation:

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(1)}}{d\theta} \sim \frac{1}{\theta^{1-\gamma(3)}}$$

Power-law behavior

$\gamma(3)$  is the twist-2 spin-3 QCD anomalous dimension

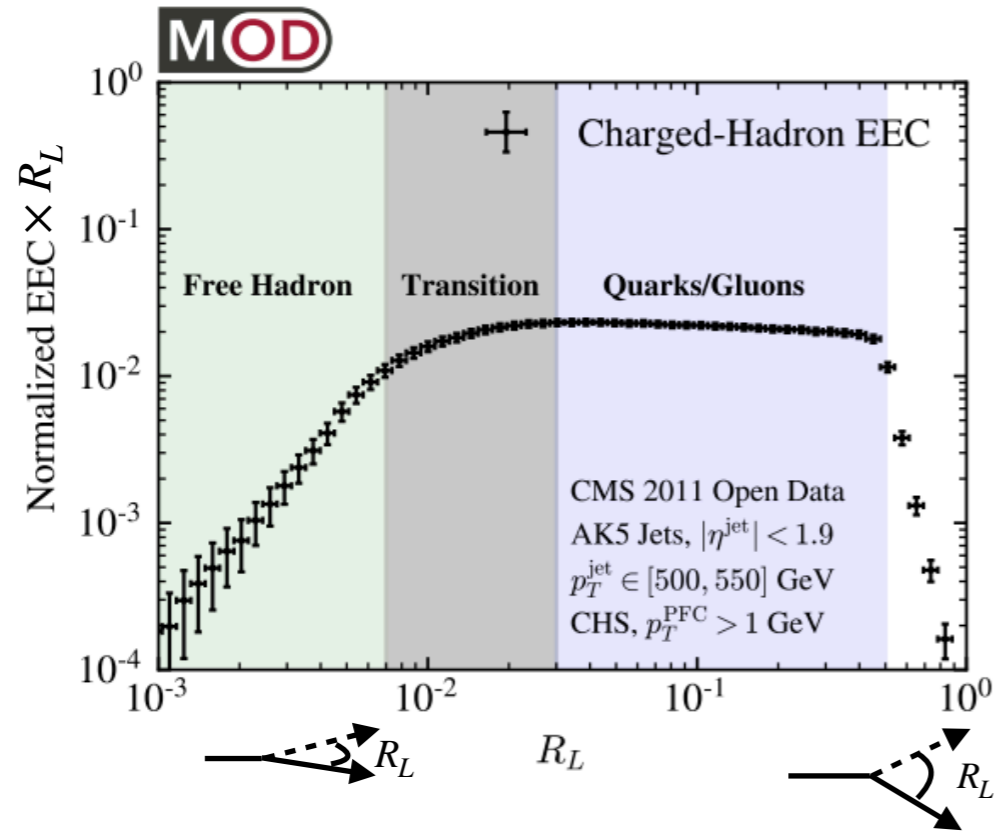
Hoffman, Maldacena, [0803.1467](#)

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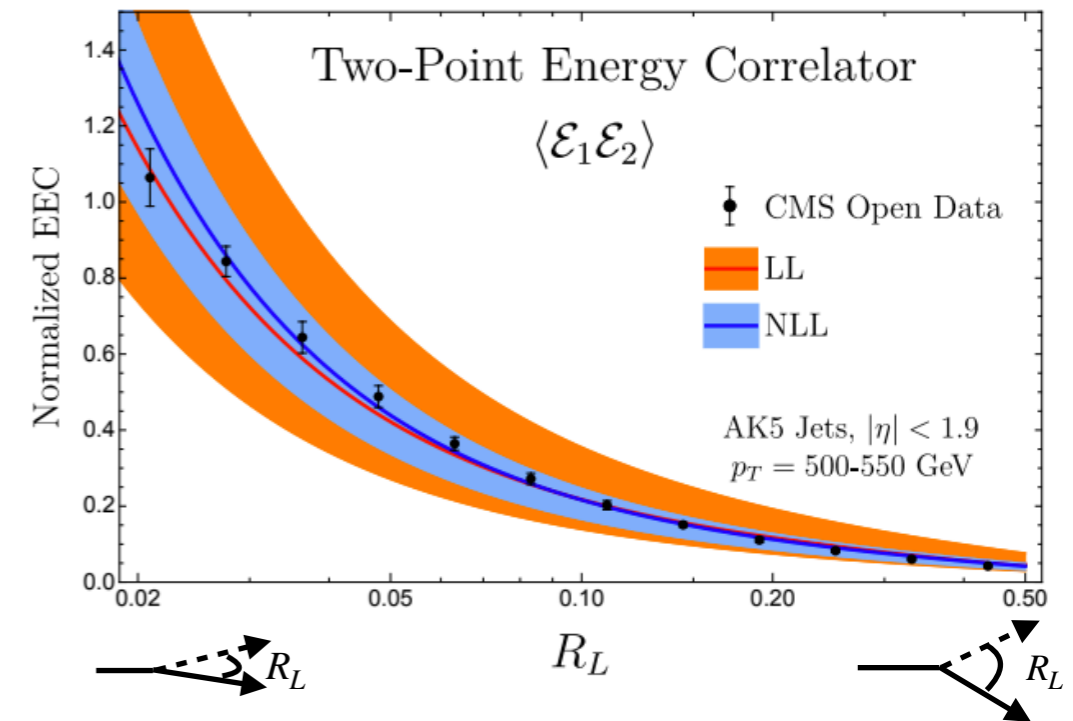
- Higher-orders, soft physics, quark/gluon ratios can change the overall normalization but not the power-law behavior

# EEC in vacuum

$$R_L = \sqrt{\Delta\phi^2 + \Delta\eta^2}$$



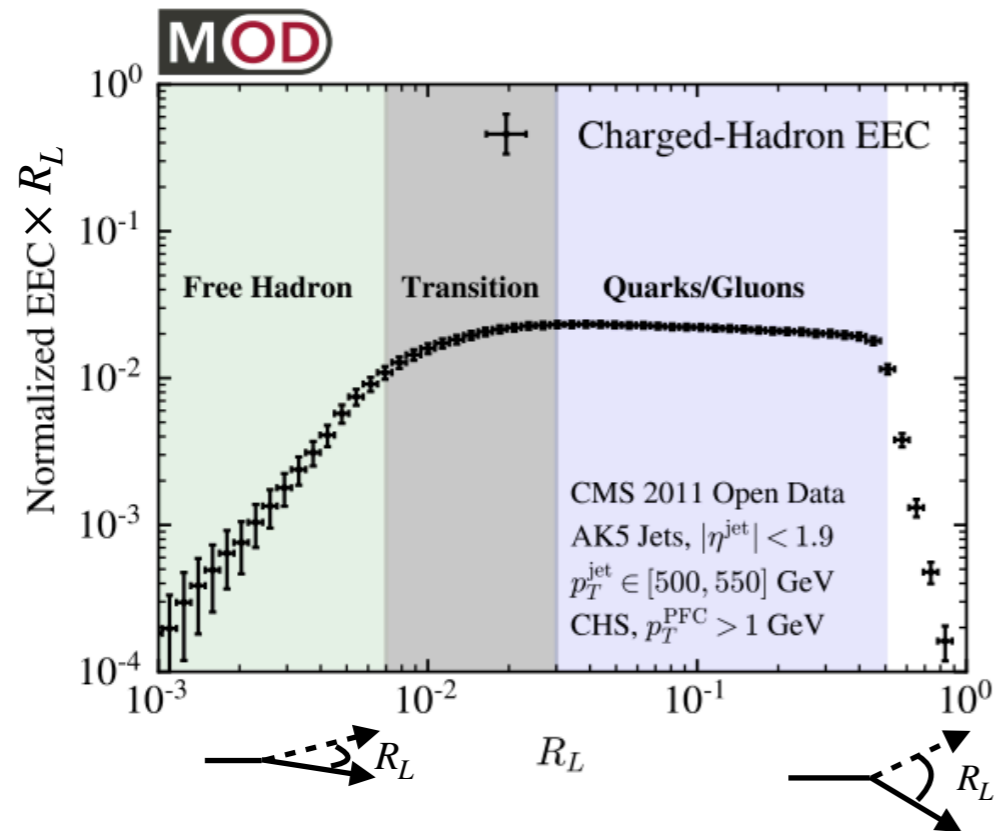
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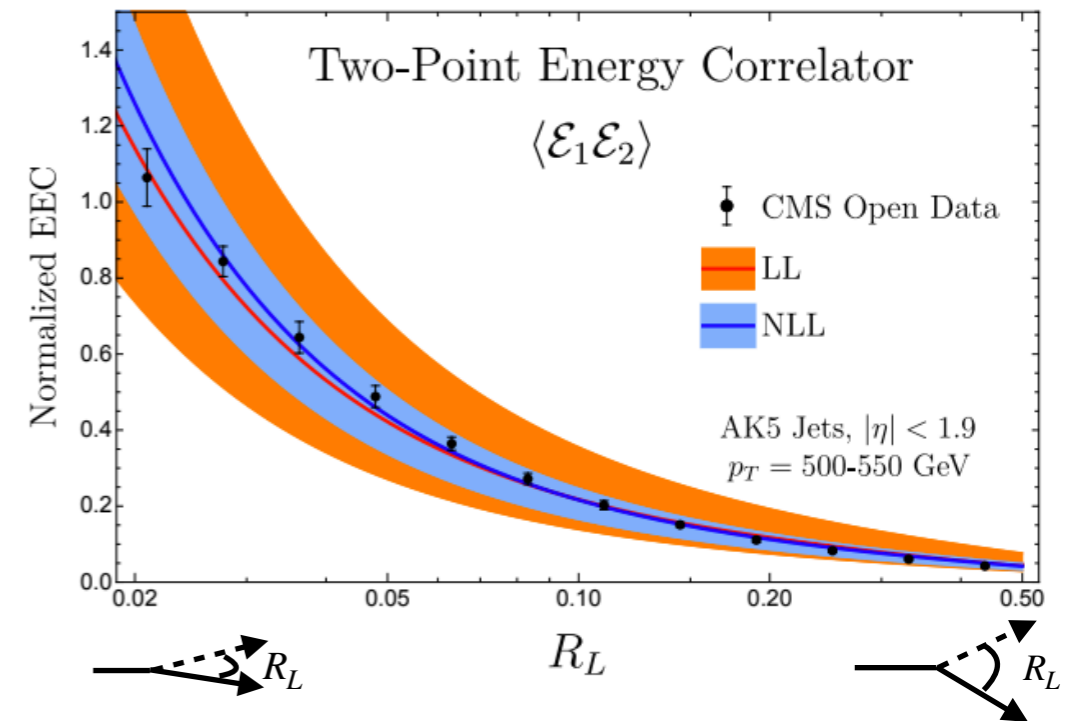
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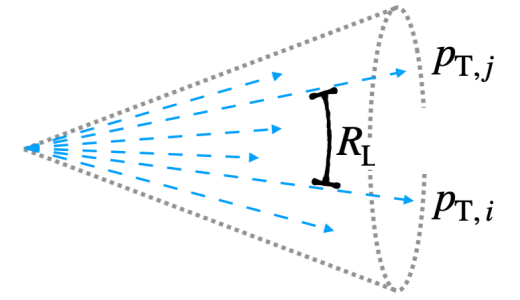


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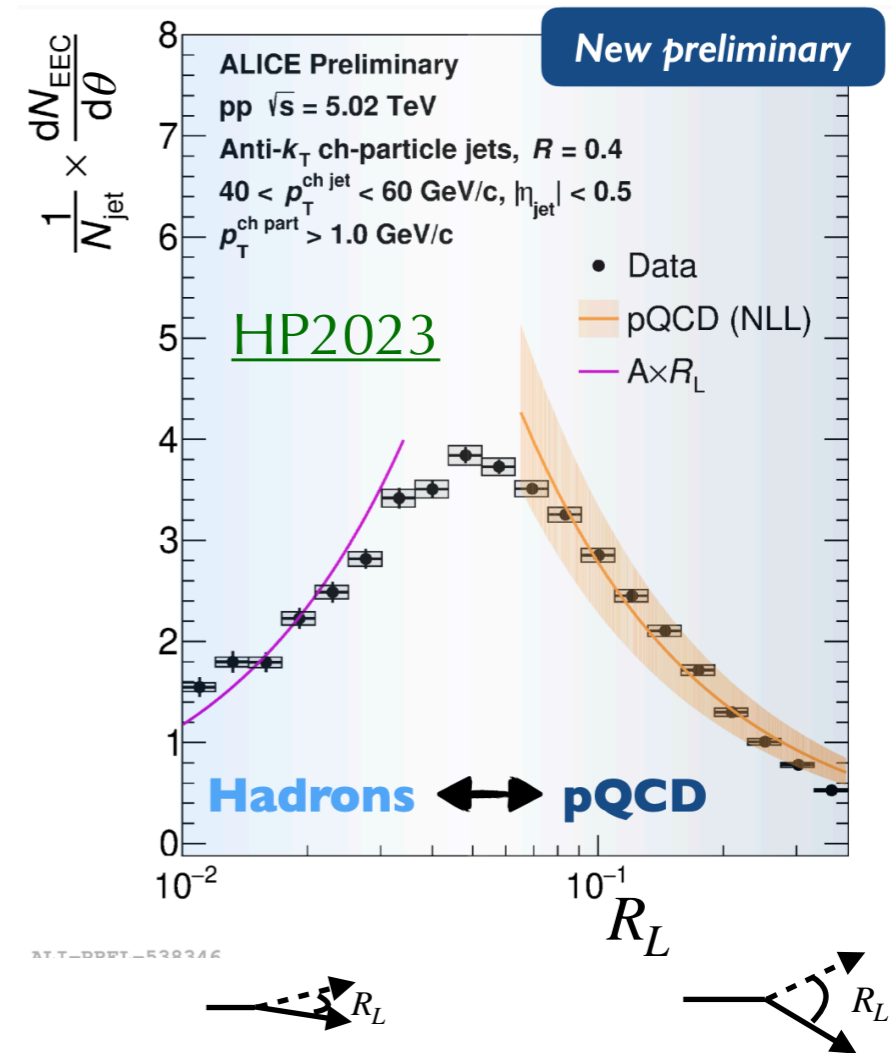
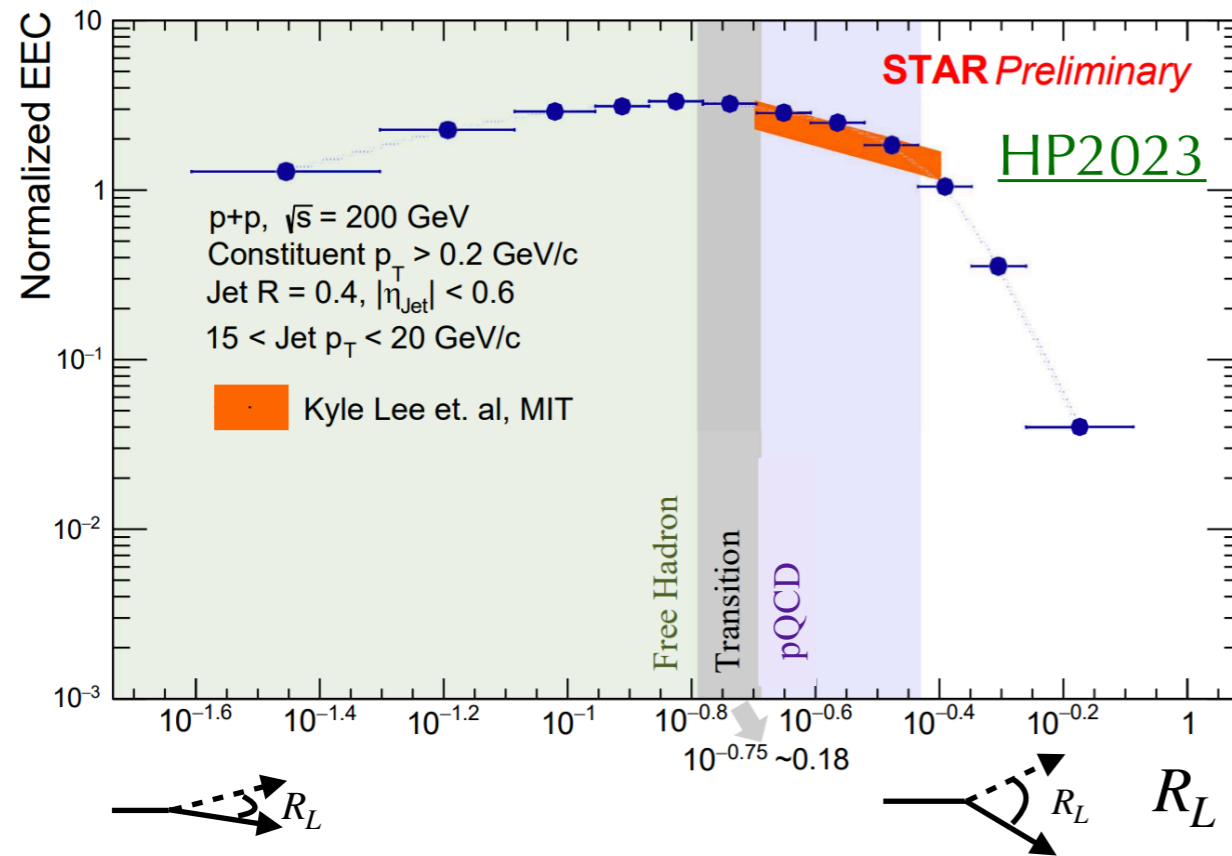
- ✓ Clear separation between perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
- ✓ p-p baseline under control
- ✓ Reduced sensitivity to soft physics

# EEC in vacuum

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- **First measurements** of the EEC in **p-p collisions** announced in HP2023



- **Good agreement** with **pQCD** predictions



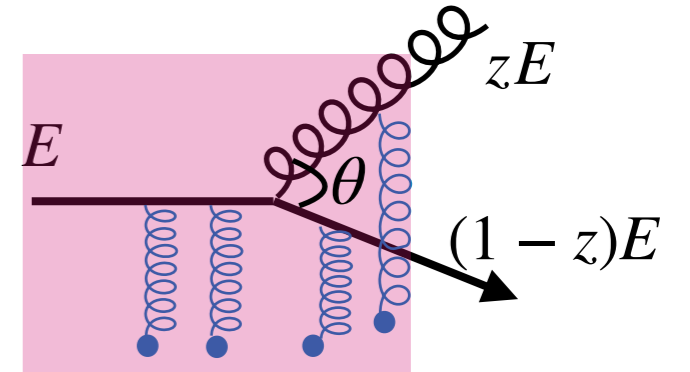
# Energy correlators in HICs

- **Background** is expected **to be less of an issue**
  - **Energy weighting** removes most of the soft physics, specially if one increases the power in the energy weighting
  - **Uncorrelated background** does not **affect** the shape of the correlations, **only** the **normalization**
  
- Observables are **not event-by-event**
  - Fluctuations are less important
  - Require large statistics
  - Cannot be used to tag events

# EEC in HICs

- EEC for a massless quark **heavy-ion** jet:

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(n)}}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{qg}} \int dz \frac{d\sigma_{qg}}{dzd\theta} z^n (1-z)^n + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\mu_s}{E}\right)$$



- We can always define  $F_{\text{med}}$  such as

$$\frac{d\sigma_{qg}}{d\theta dz} = \left(1 + F_{\text{med}}(z, \theta)\right) \frac{d\sigma_{qg}^{\text{vac}}}{d\theta dz} \quad F_{\text{med}}(z, \theta) \xrightarrow{\theta < \theta_L} 0$$

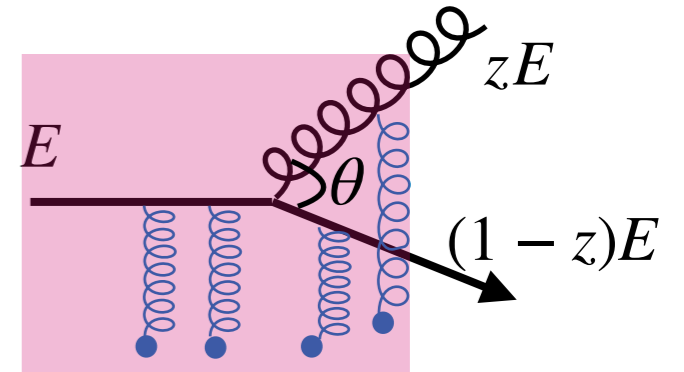
- We do not expect medium modification at small angles, thus vacuum collinear resummation should still be valid

$$\frac{d\Sigma^{(n)}}{d\theta} = \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{qg}} \int dz \left( g^{(n)}(\theta, \alpha_s) + F_{\text{med}}(z, \theta) \right) \frac{d\sigma^{\text{vac}}}{d\theta dz} z^n (1-z)^n \right) \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\bar{\mu}_s}{Q}\right) \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{\theta Q}\right)$$

$$g^{(1)}(\theta, \alpha) = \theta^{\gamma(3)} + \mathcal{O}(\theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\Sigma^{(1)\text{vac}}}{d\theta} \sim \frac{1}{\theta^{1-\gamma(3)}}$$

# Evaluation of the in-medium splitting

$$\frac{d\sigma_{qg}}{d\theta dz} = \left(1 + F_{\text{med}}(z, \theta)\right) \frac{d\sigma_{qg}^{\text{vac}}}{d\theta dz}$$



- **Well understood** in the **soft limit**  $z \rightarrow 0$  (with  $zE$  finite) or when all transverse momenta are integrated over, thus losing the angle dependence

Mehtar-Tani, Barata, Soto-Ontoso,  
Tywoniuk, [1903.00506](#), [2004.02323](#),  
[2106.07402](#)

CA, Apolinario, Martinez, Dominguez,  
[2002.01517](#), [2011.06522](#)

Stojku, Ilic, Salom,  
Djordjevic, [2303.14527](#)

- For the energy correlator calculation is crucial to **keep  $z$  finite and also the angle dependence**
- **Complete (multiple scatterings)** medium-induced emission spectrum **keeping  $z$  and  $\theta$  not yet available**

Recent results for the  $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  case (computationally costly) Isaksen, Tywoniuk, [2303.12119](#)

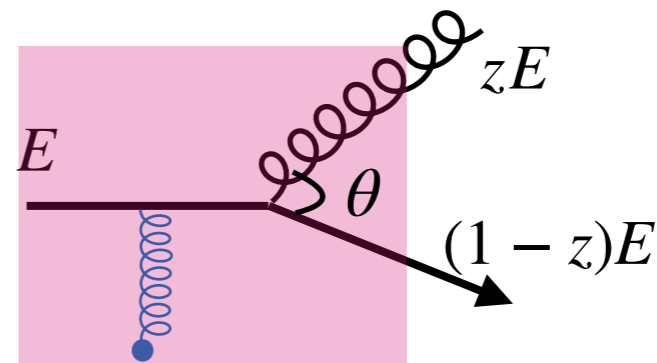
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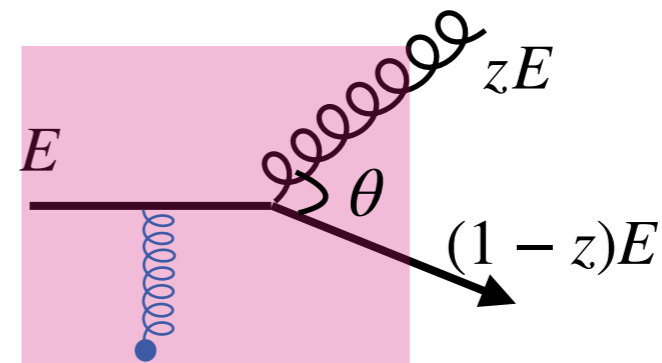
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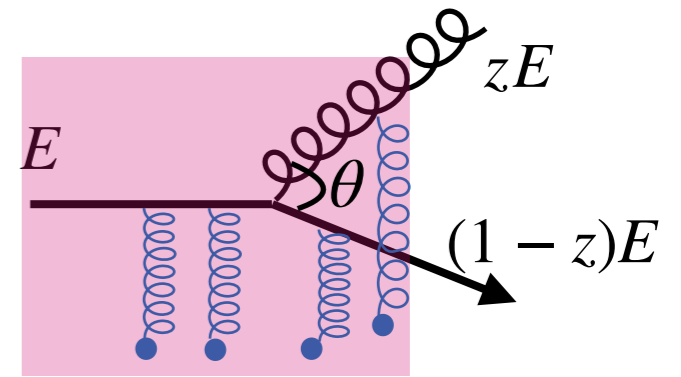
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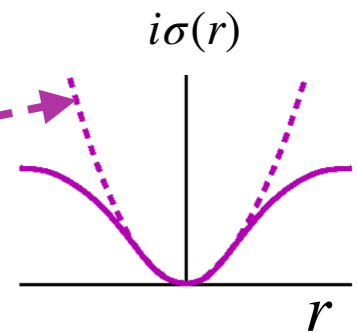
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# Our model



- Medium is assumed to be **static and uniform**, with length  $L$
- **Harmonic oscillator** (HO) approximation employed  $n\sigma(r) \approx \frac{1}{2}\hat{q}r^2$
- The strength of the interactions is encoded in the **jet quenching parameter**  $\hat{q}$ , which measures the average transverse momentum transferred per unit length
- Emissions with a long formation time are not sensitive to the medium and therefore are emitted as in vacuum
- Multiple medium scatterings destroy the color coherence between the daughter partons



# Time and angular scales (HO)

- For a static medium of length  $L$  within the HO one can read off the relevant scales directly from the formulas:

2 competing angular scales:  $\theta_L$  and  $\theta_c$

- (Vacuum) formation time:

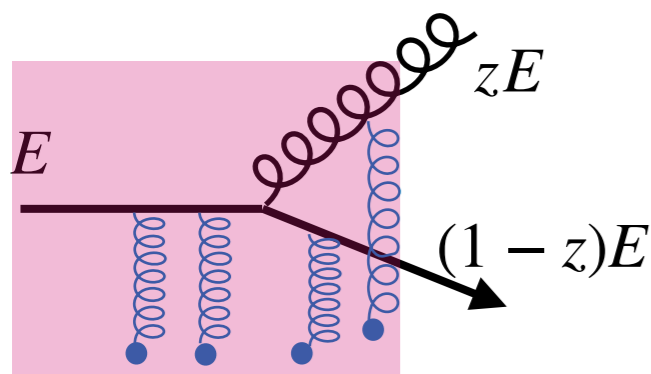
$$t_f = \frac{2}{z(1-z)E\theta^2} \xrightarrow{t_f \leq L} \theta_L \sim (EL)^{-1/2}$$

Below  $\theta_L$  all emissions have a formation time larger than  $L$

- Decoherence time:

$$S_{12}(\tau) = e^{-\frac{1}{12}\hat{q}(1+z^2)\theta^2\tau^3} \quad t_d \sim (\hat{q}\theta^2)^{-1/3} \xrightarrow{t_d \leq L} \theta_c \sim (\hat{q}L^3)^{-1/2}$$

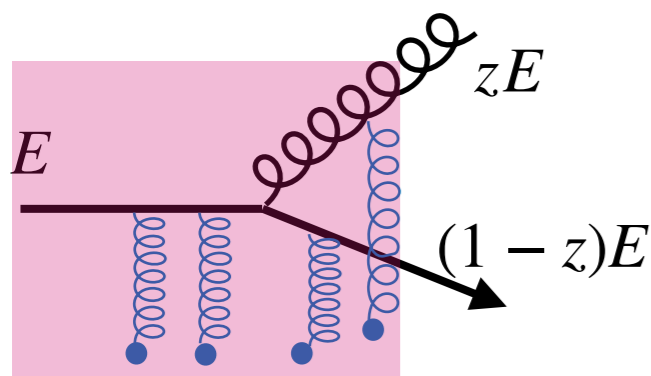
Below  $\theta_c$  splittings do not color decohere and the medium does not resolve them



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Can be extended to include a more **realistic interactions or expanding media**, but then we would not know the scales directly from the equations



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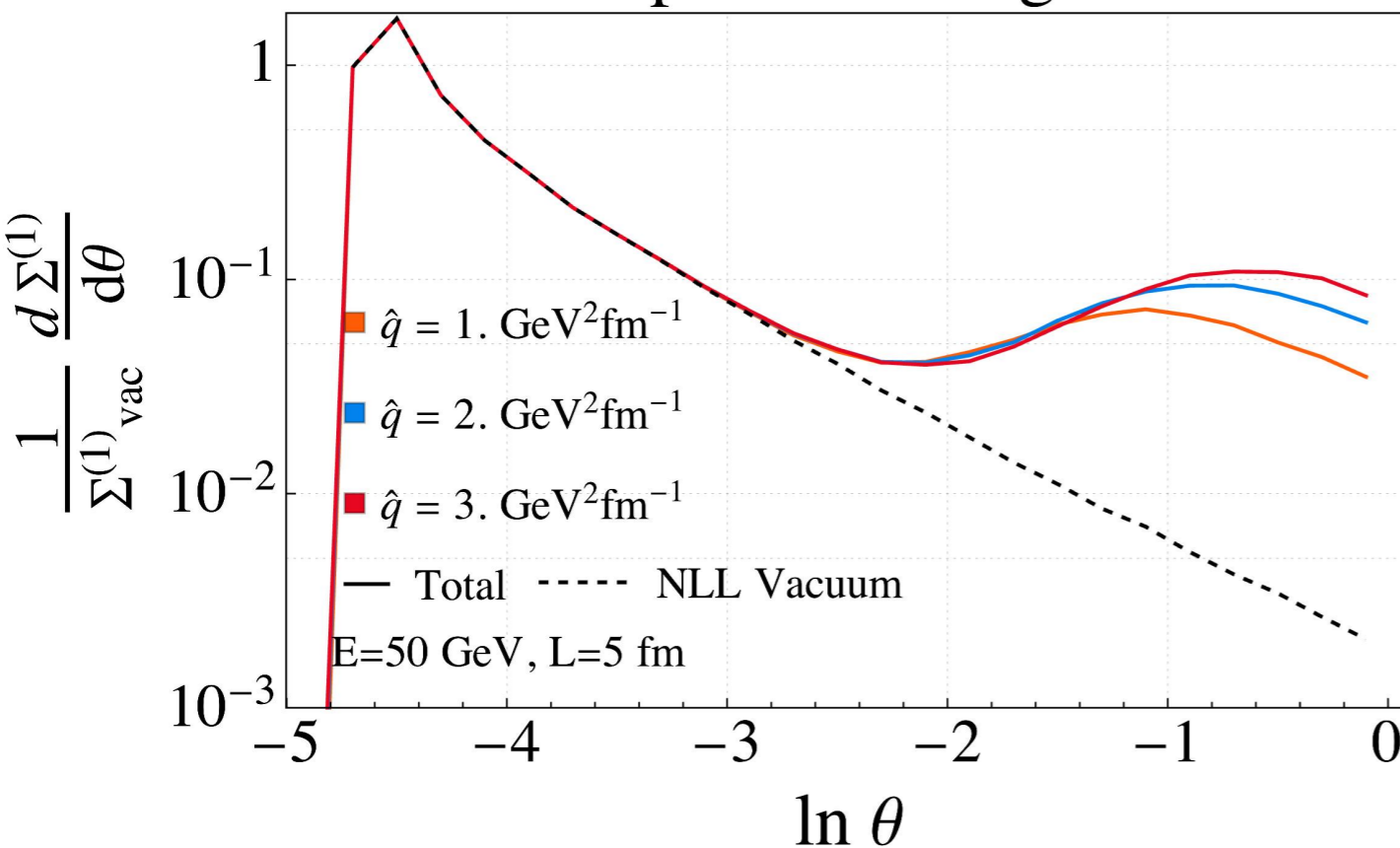


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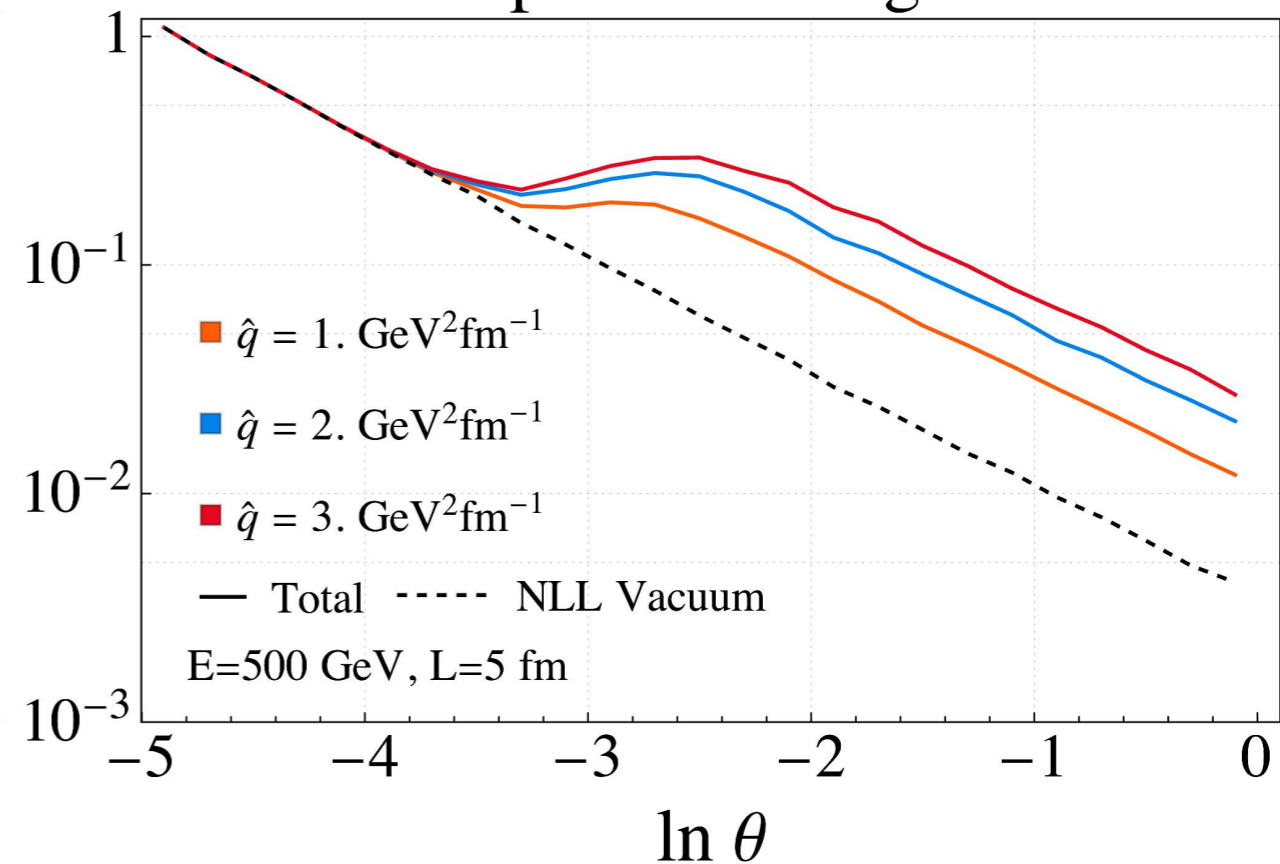
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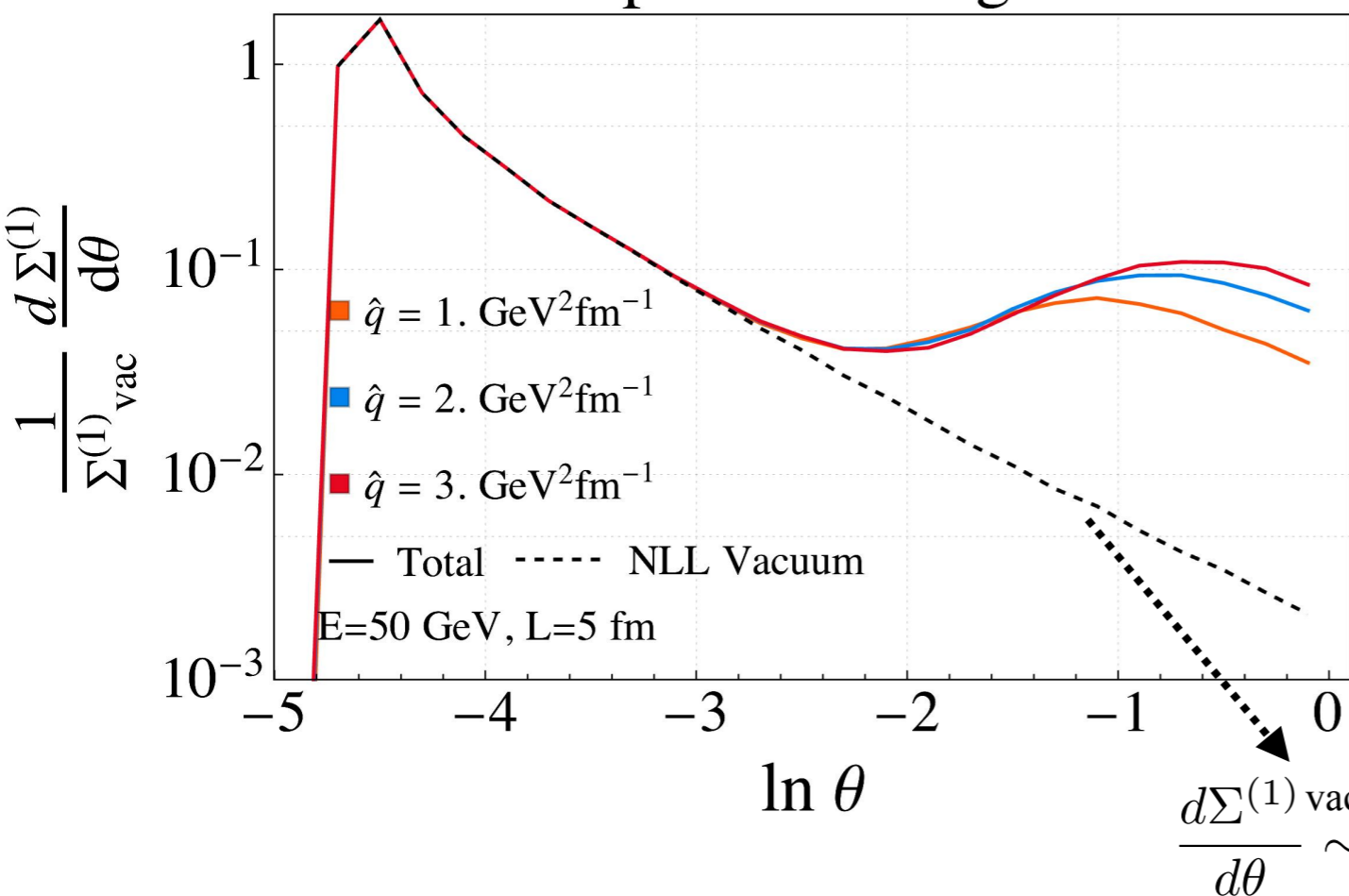


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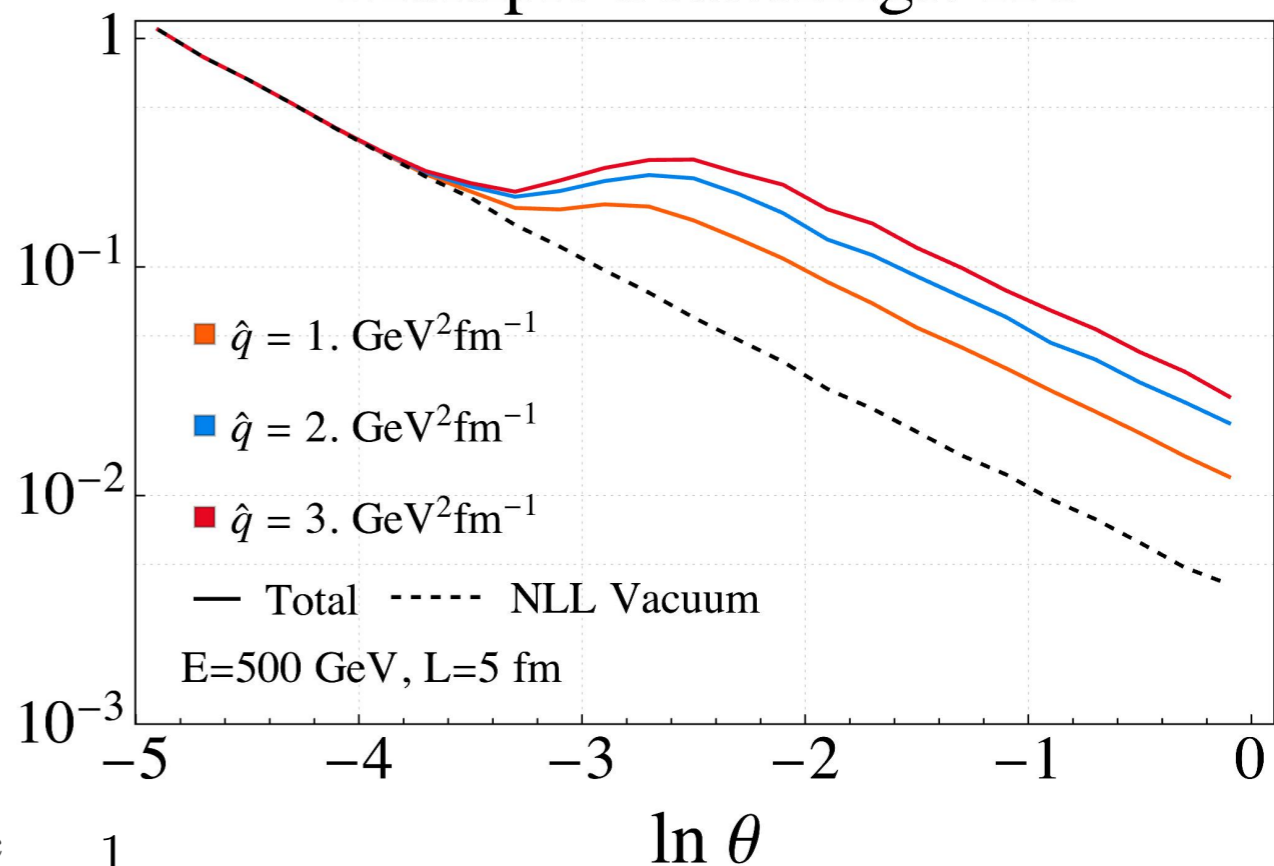
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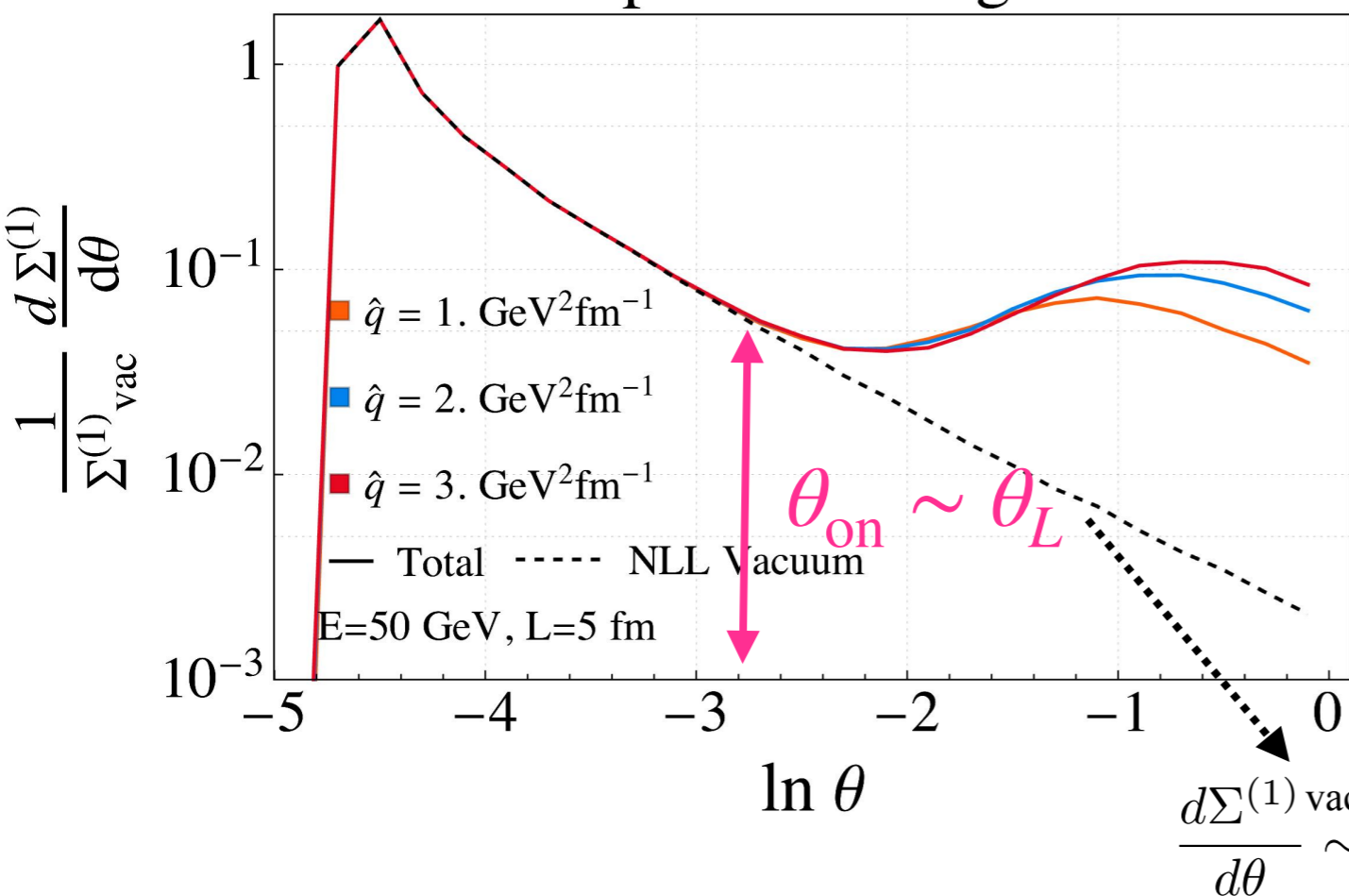
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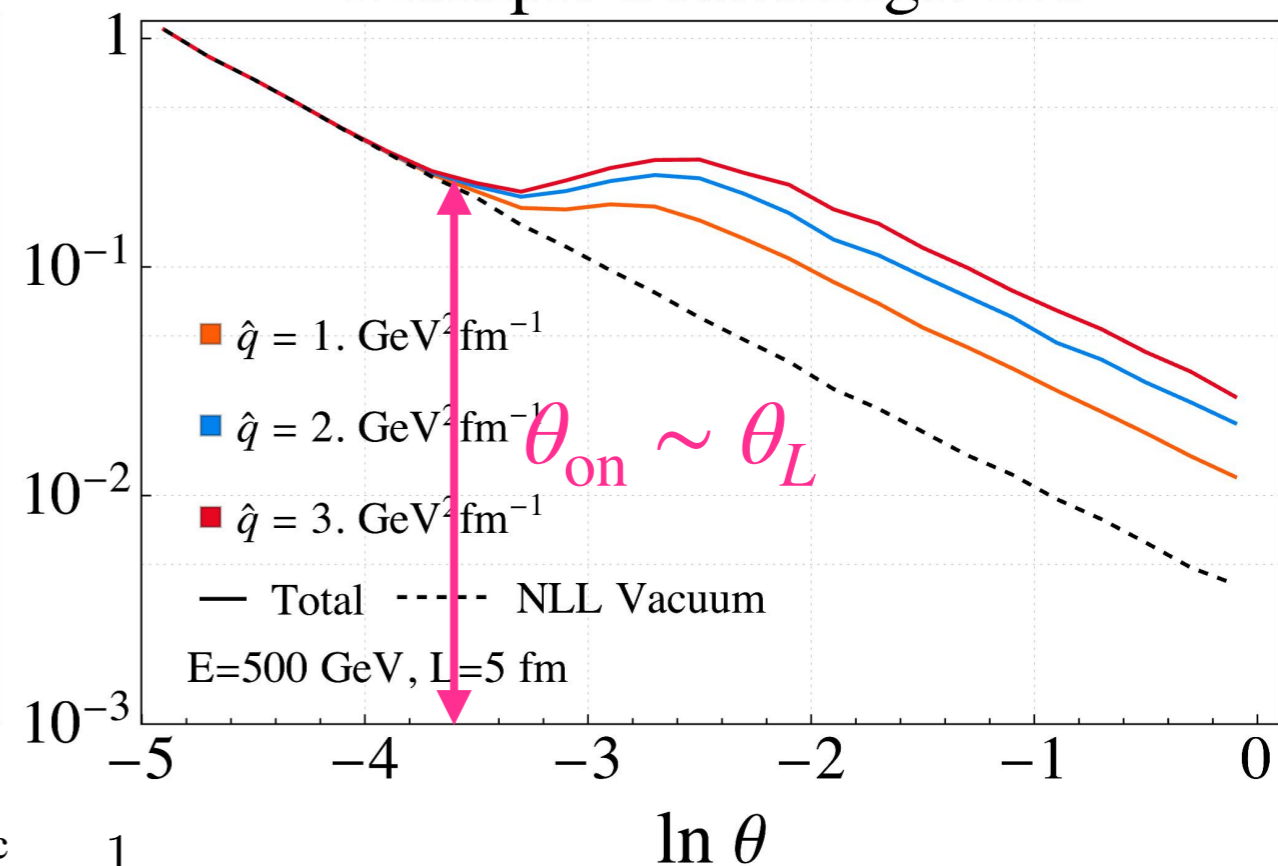
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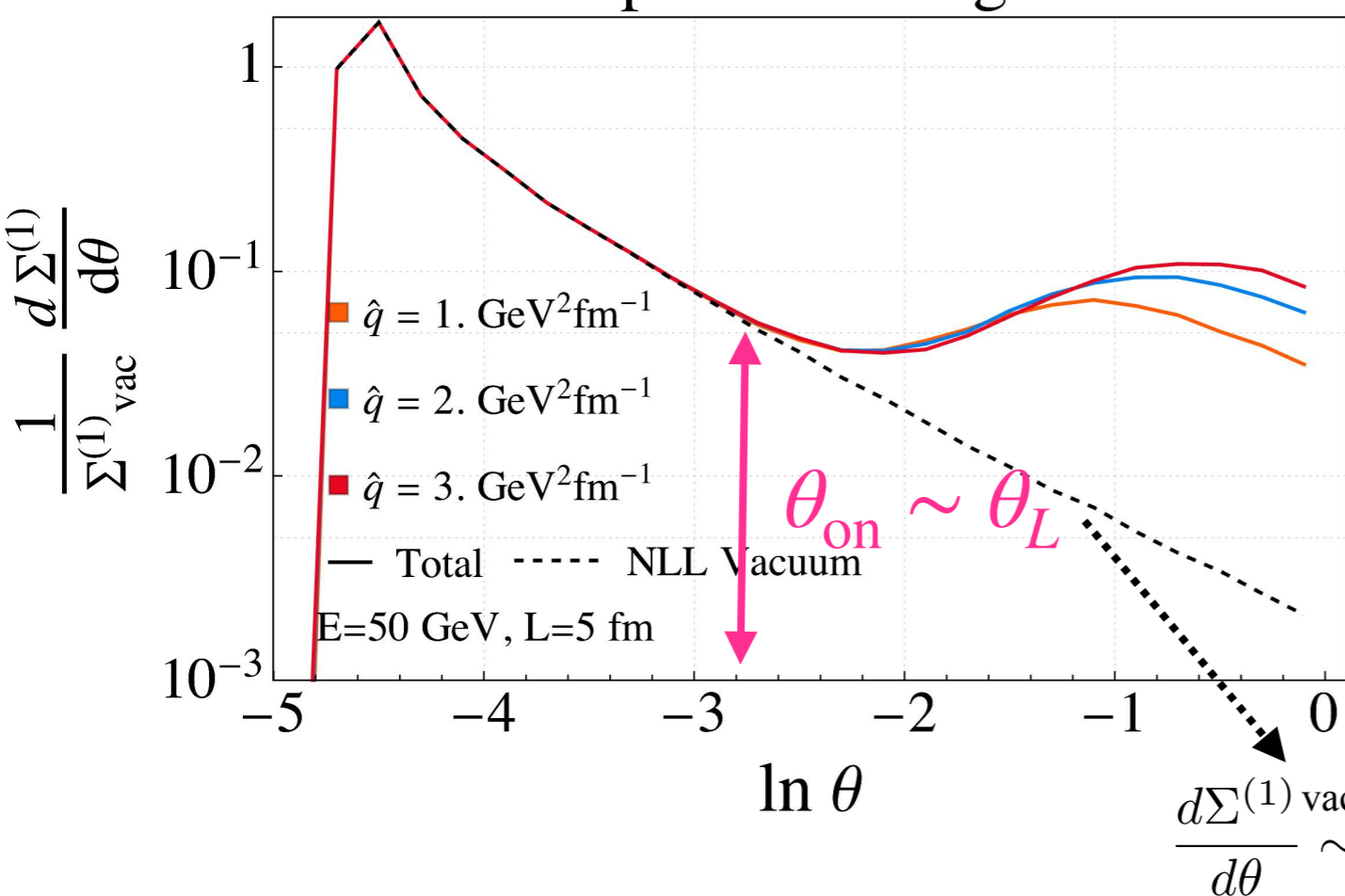
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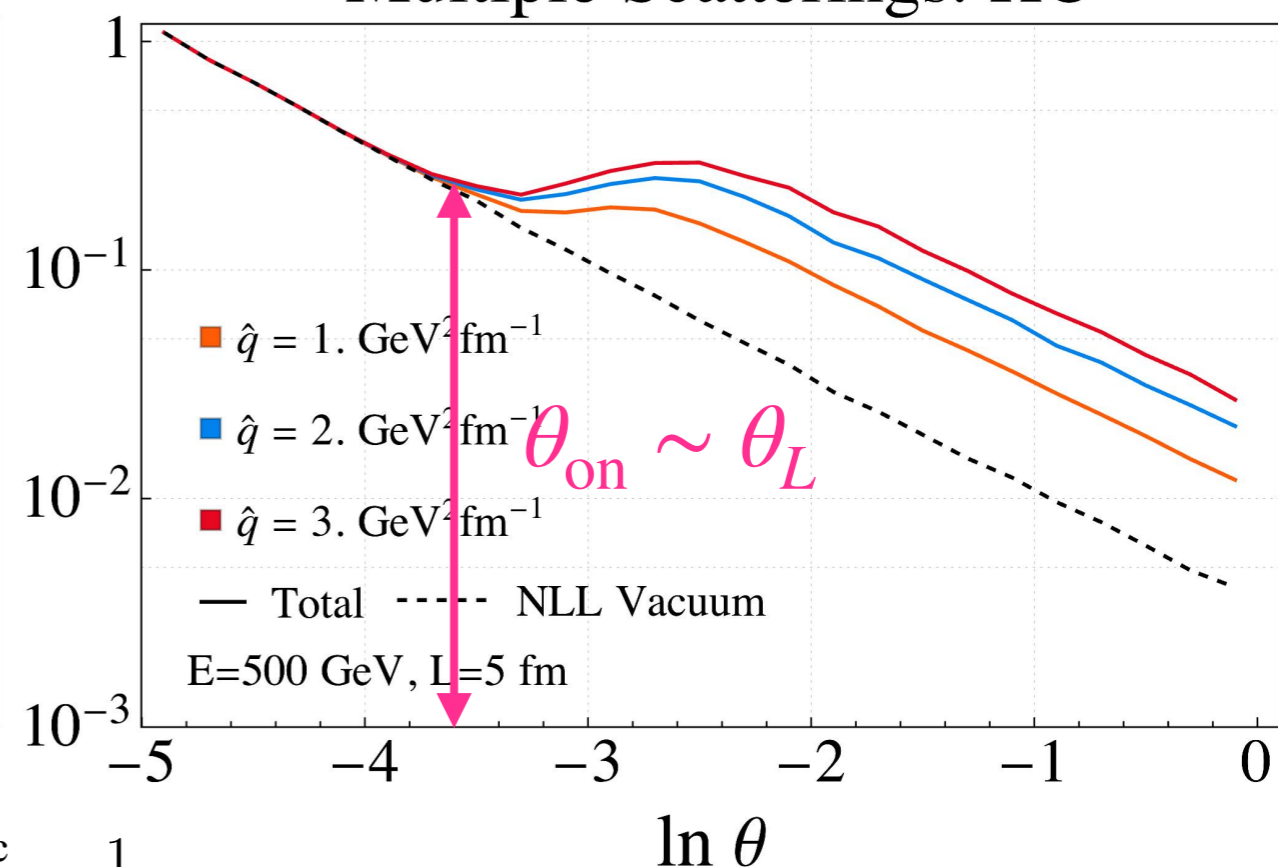
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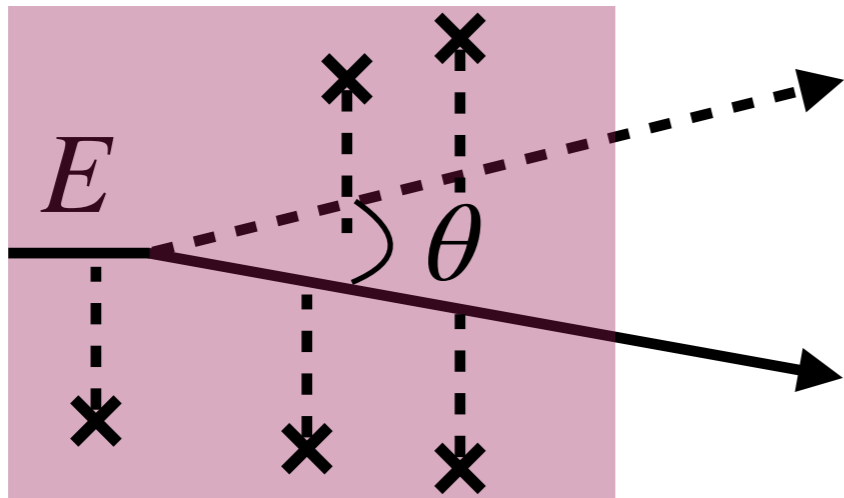
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- **No** medium-induced enhancement at **small angles**
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- Varying  $\hat{q}$  has different effects in the two regimes

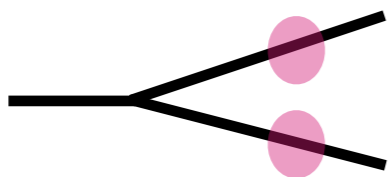
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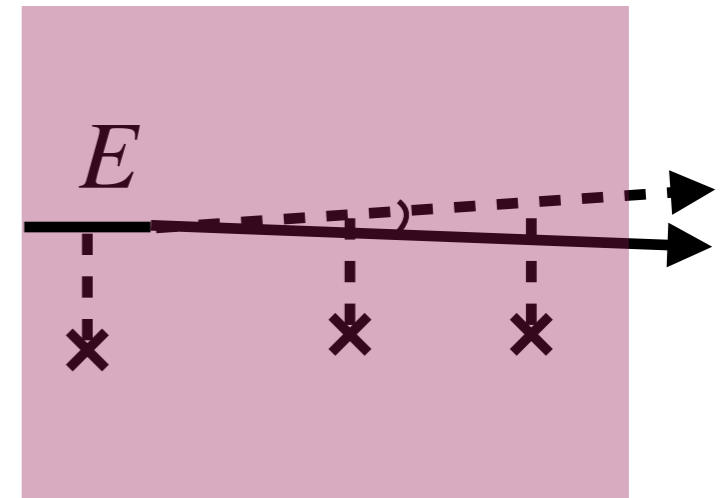


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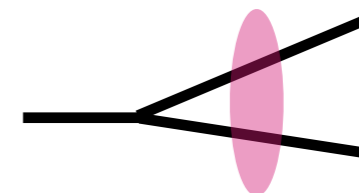


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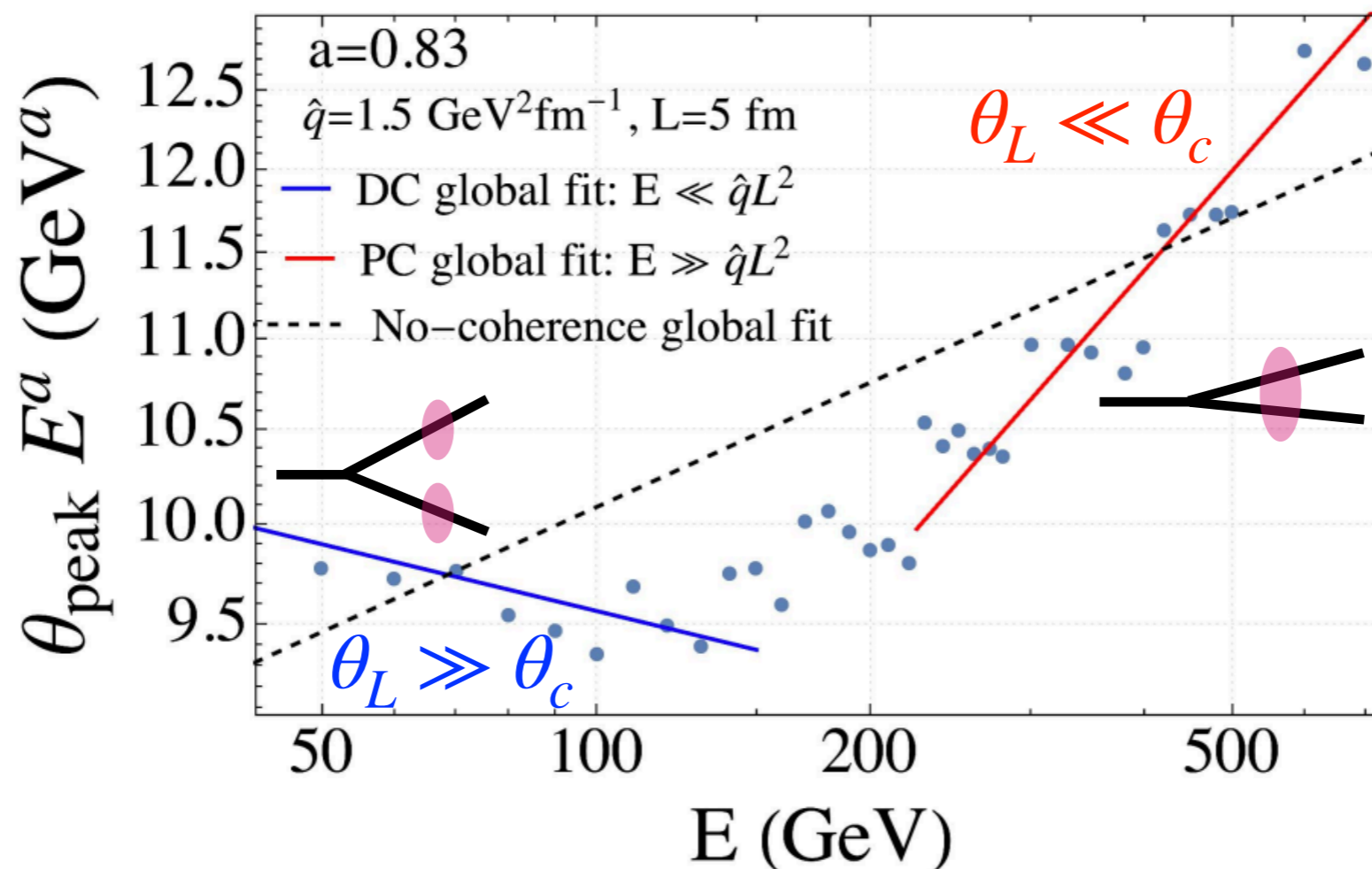


For  $\theta_c \gg \theta \gg \theta_L$ :

The medium does NOT resolve the emission



# Coherence transition

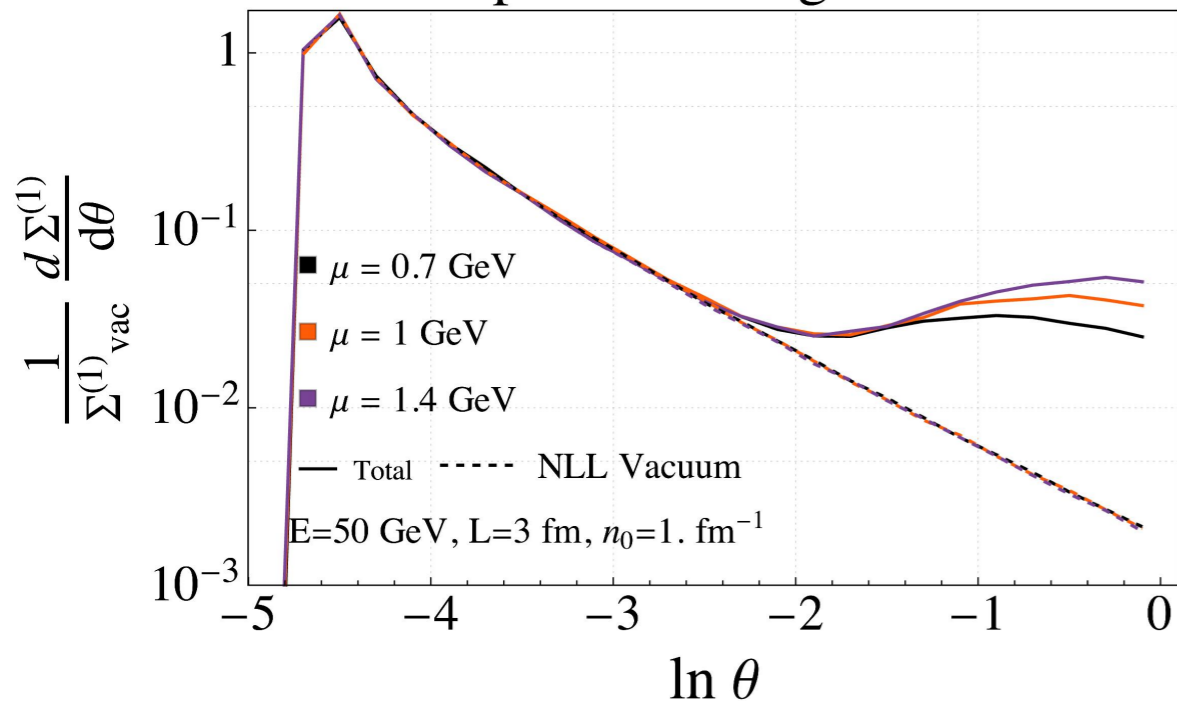


- Extracted the peak angle  $\theta_{\text{peak}}$  for 332 sets of parameters with  $E \in [50, 700] \text{ GeV}$ ,  $L \in [0.2, 10] \text{ fm}$ ,  $\hat{q} \in [1, 3] \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$
- Performed **separate fits in the two different regions** for the scaling behavior of the peak angle with respect to the 3 parameters

# Results with a Yukawa interaction

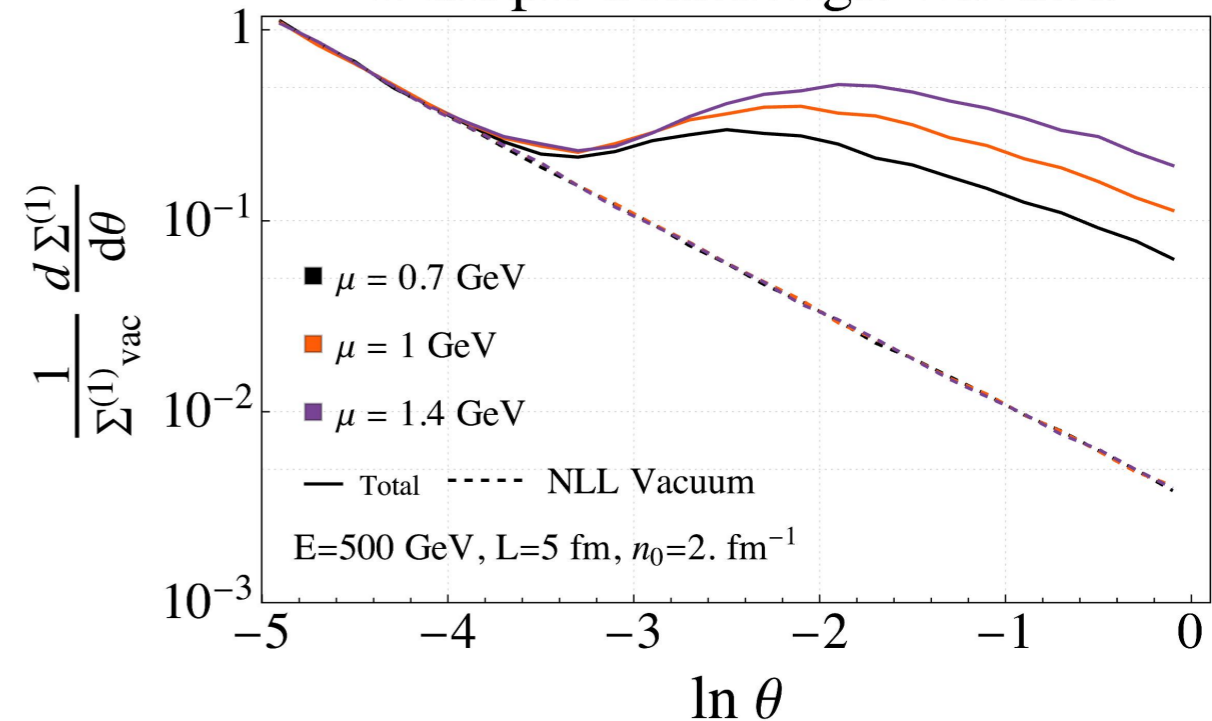
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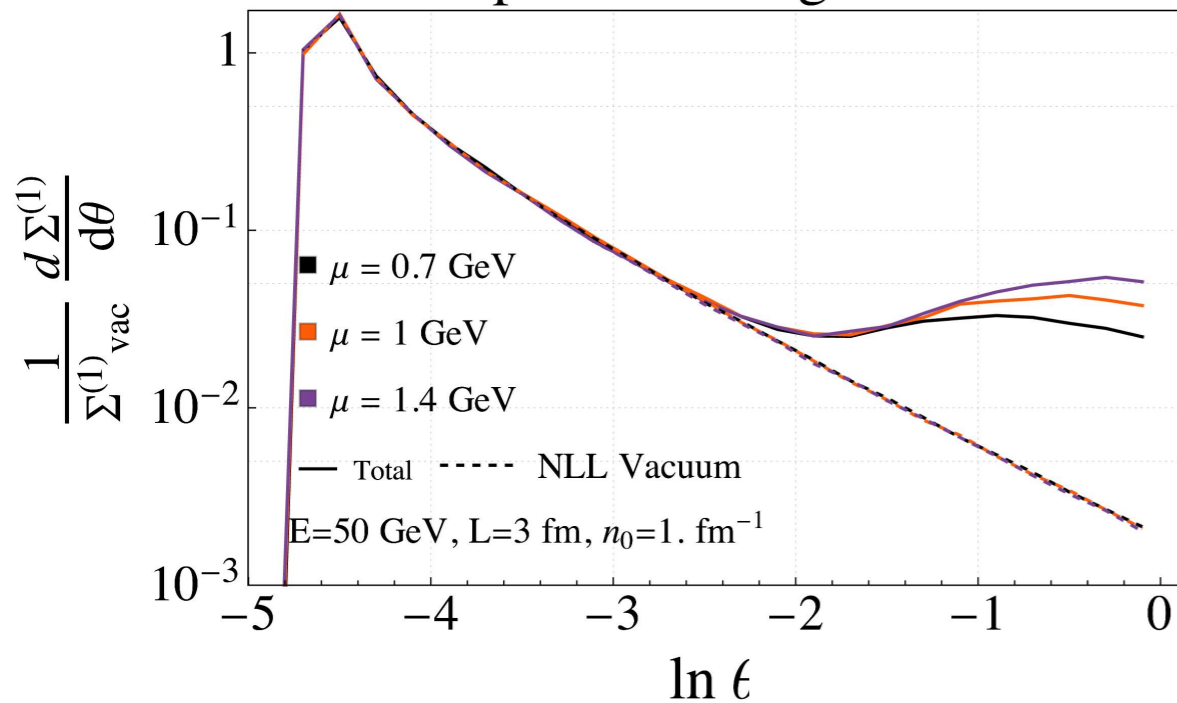
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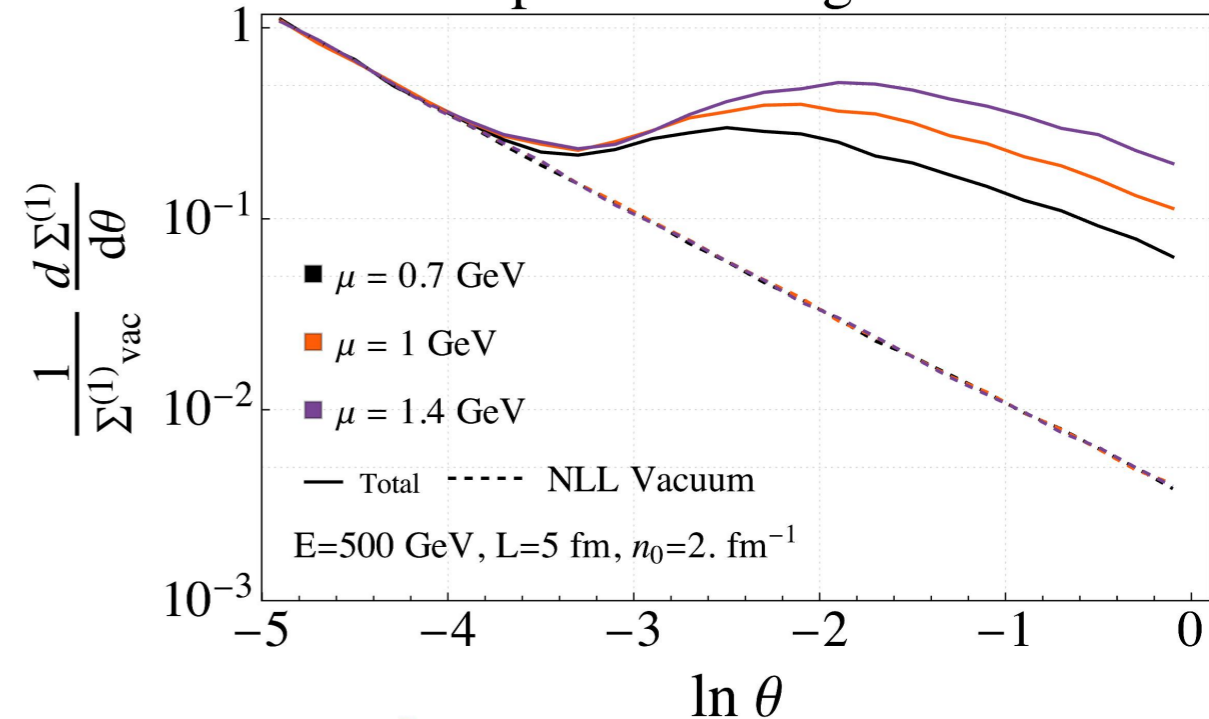
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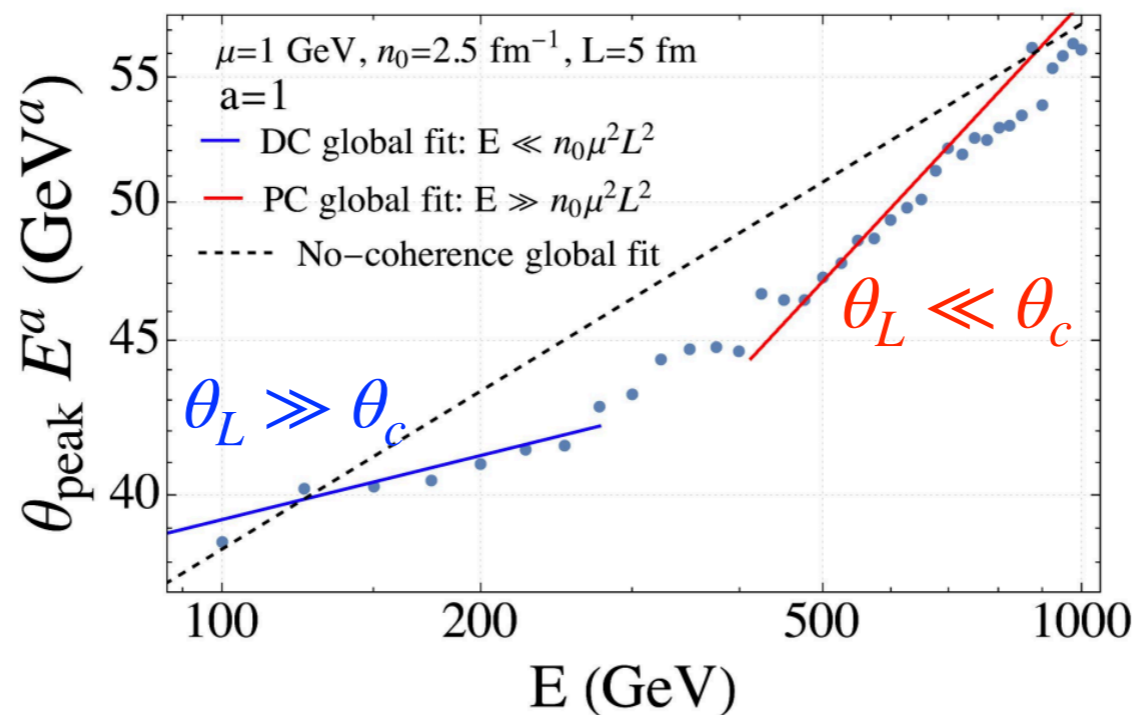
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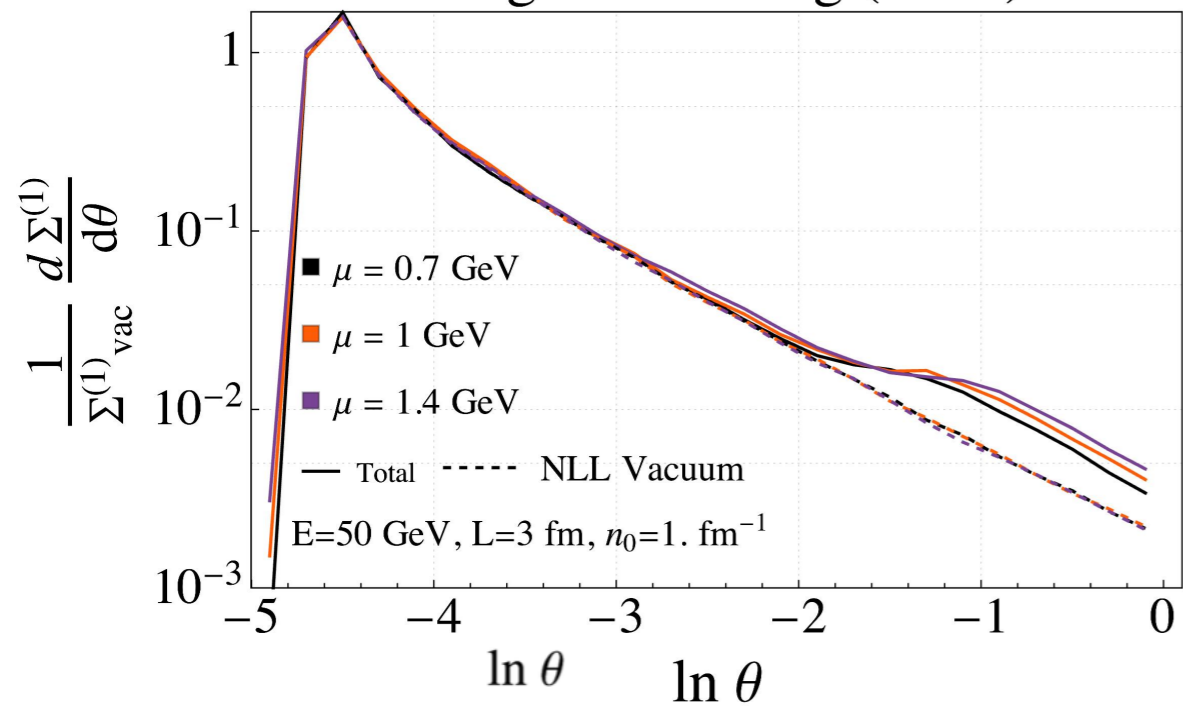
Onset of color  
**coherence is NOT**  
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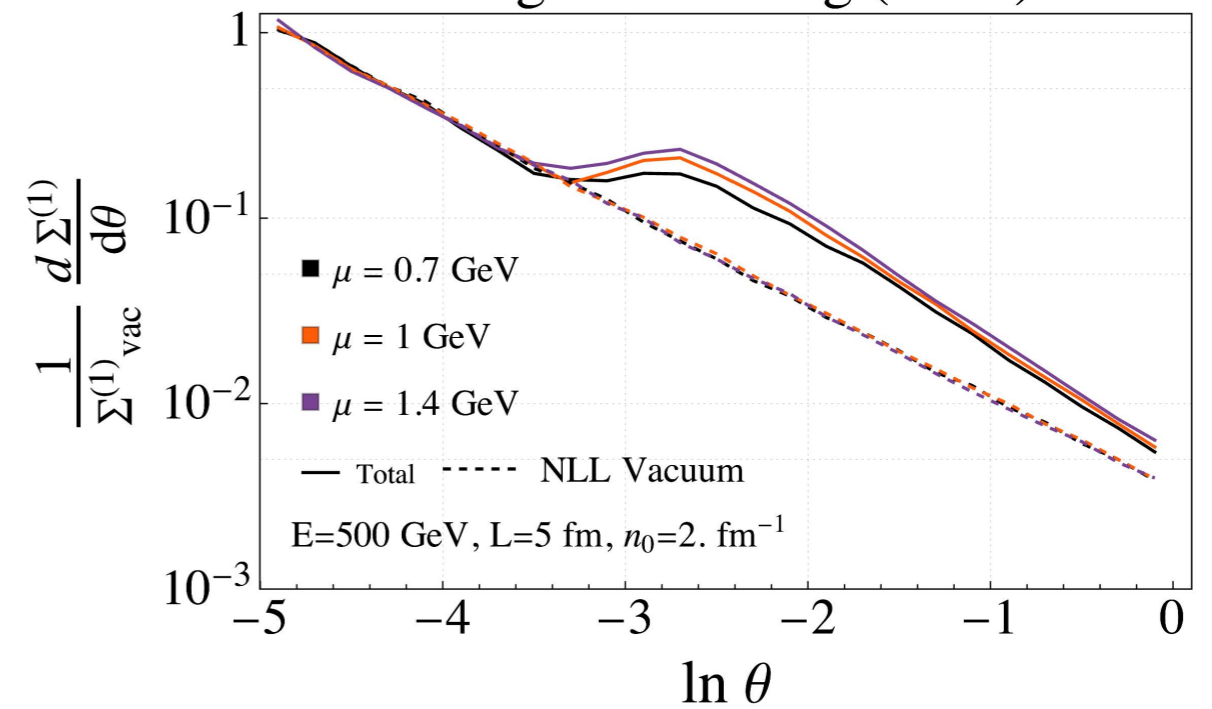
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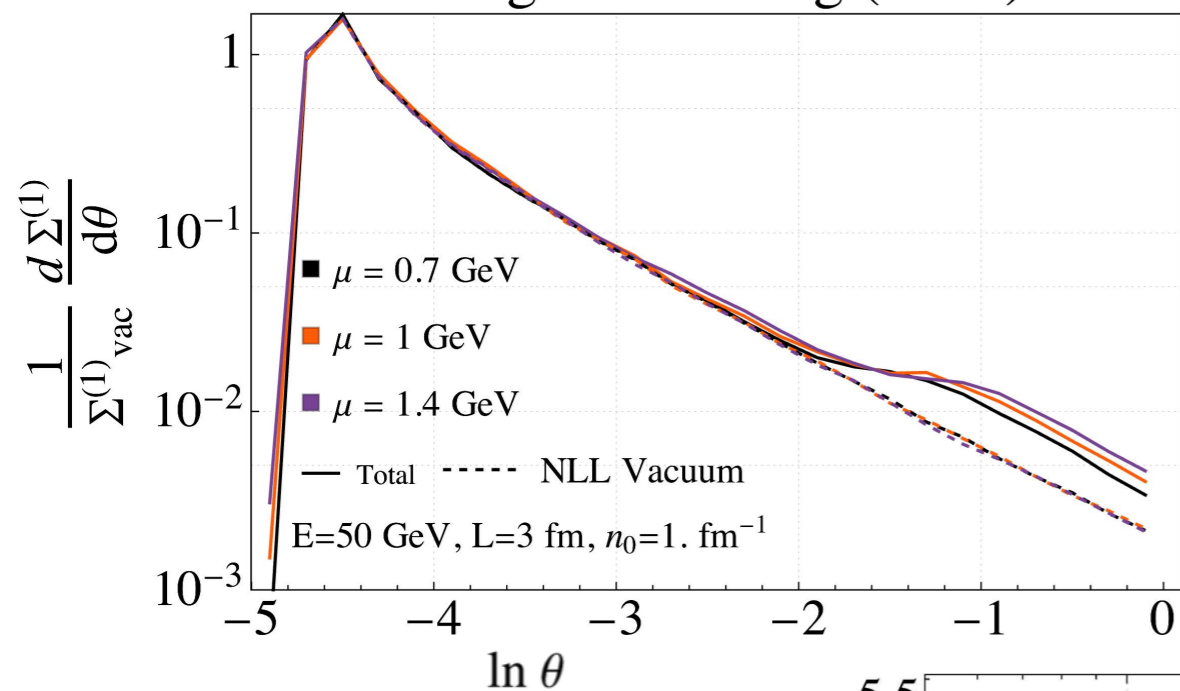
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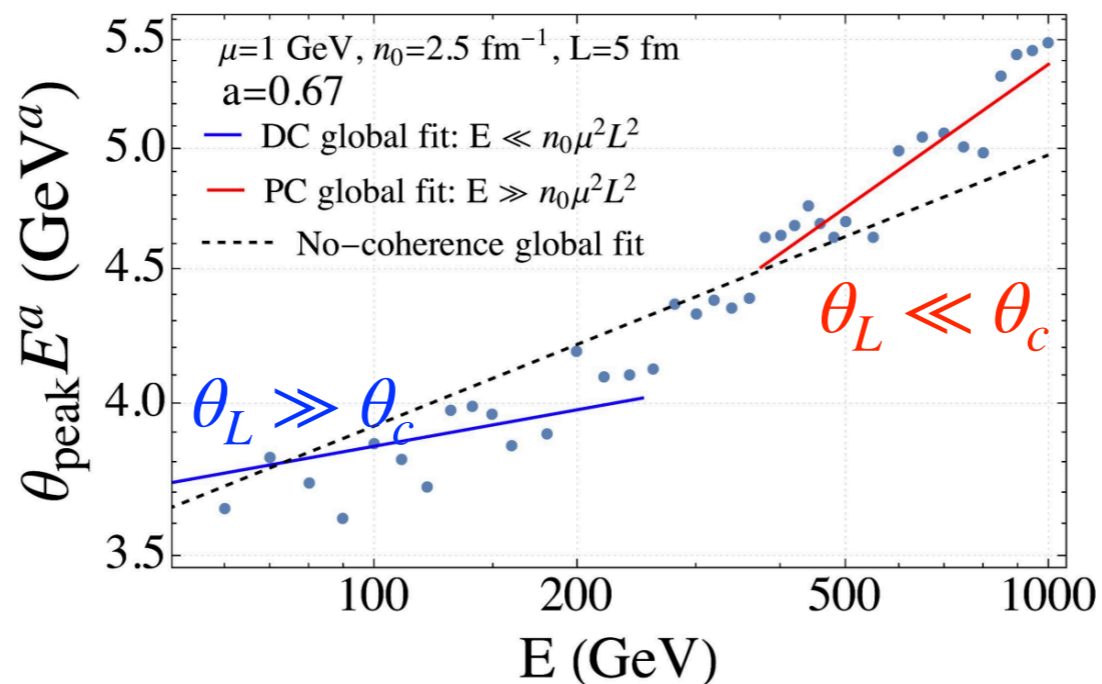
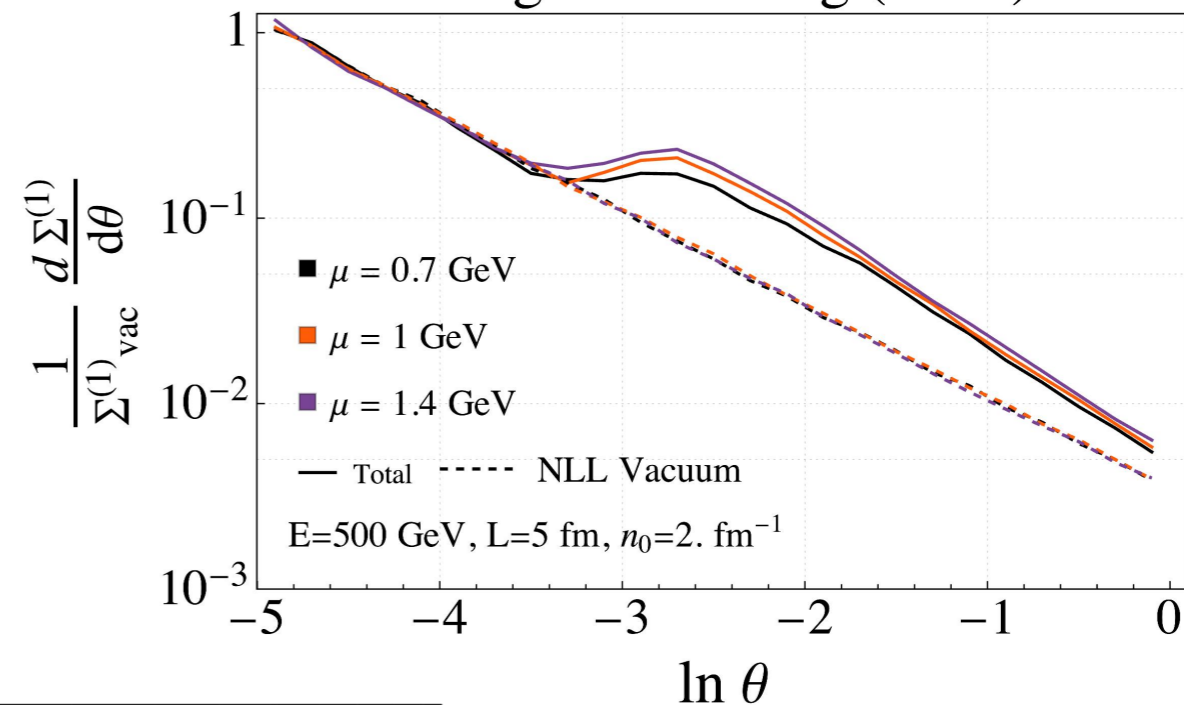
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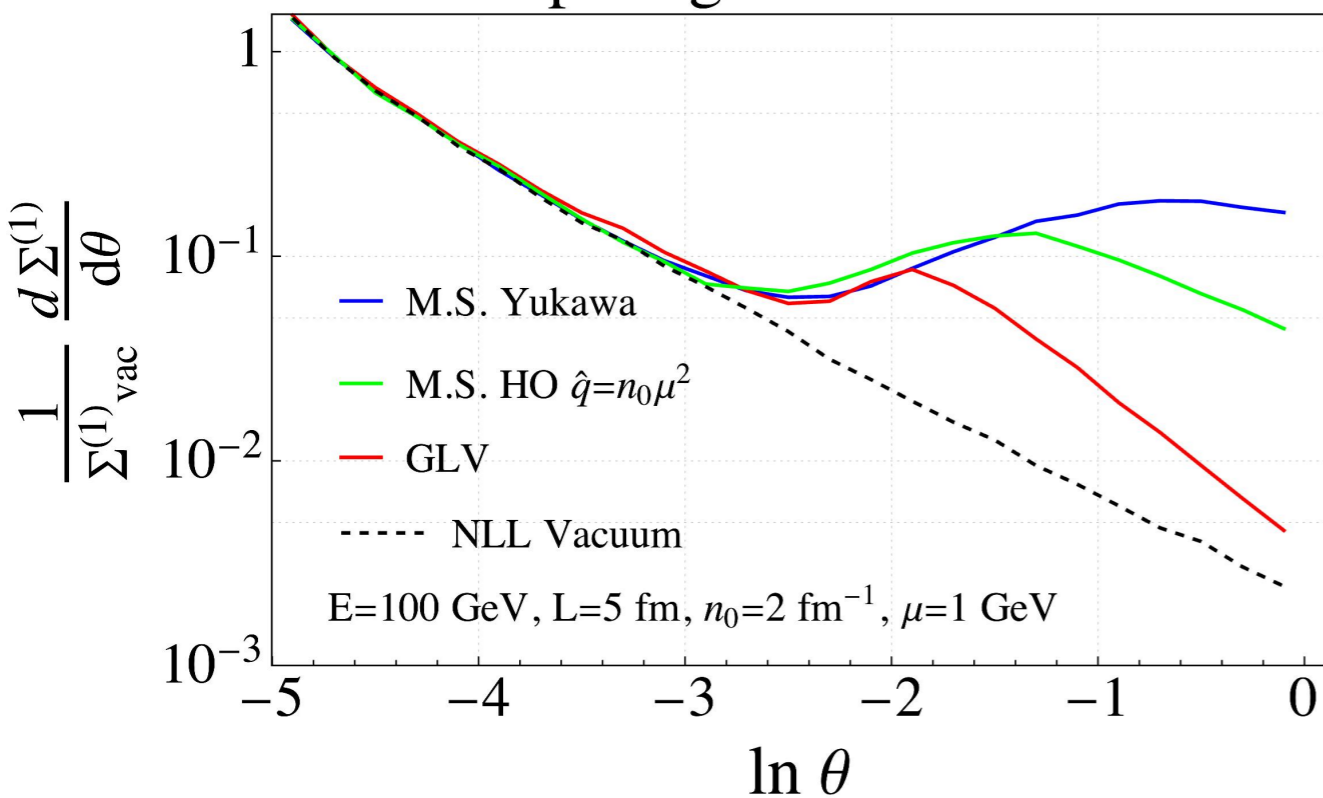
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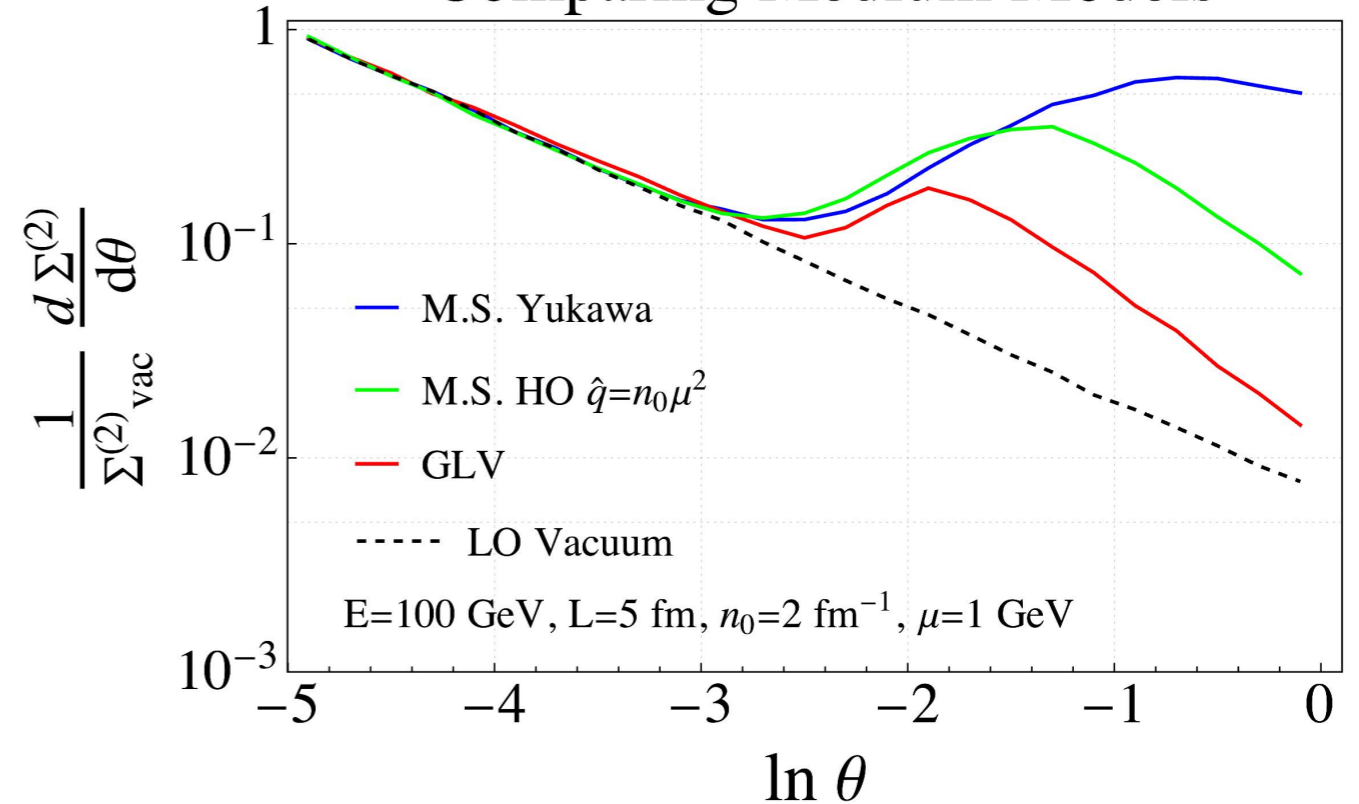
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# Higher point correlators

Two-Point Energy Correlator  
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Two-Point **Energy<sup>2</sup>** Correlator  
Comparing Medium Models



# Conclusions

- **Energy Correlators** provide a powerful tool to understand jets in HICs
  - Broadly **insensitive to soft physics**: hadronization, and background are usually subleading
  - Can be **computed perturbatively**
  - Experimentally accessible
- Characteristic features of the calculation of the in-medium splittings are clearly imprinted in these observables
- 2-point correlator provides an **angular variable** that can be used to probe color coherence
  - Main features seem to be model independent, though transitions between regions are less sharp for the GLV case

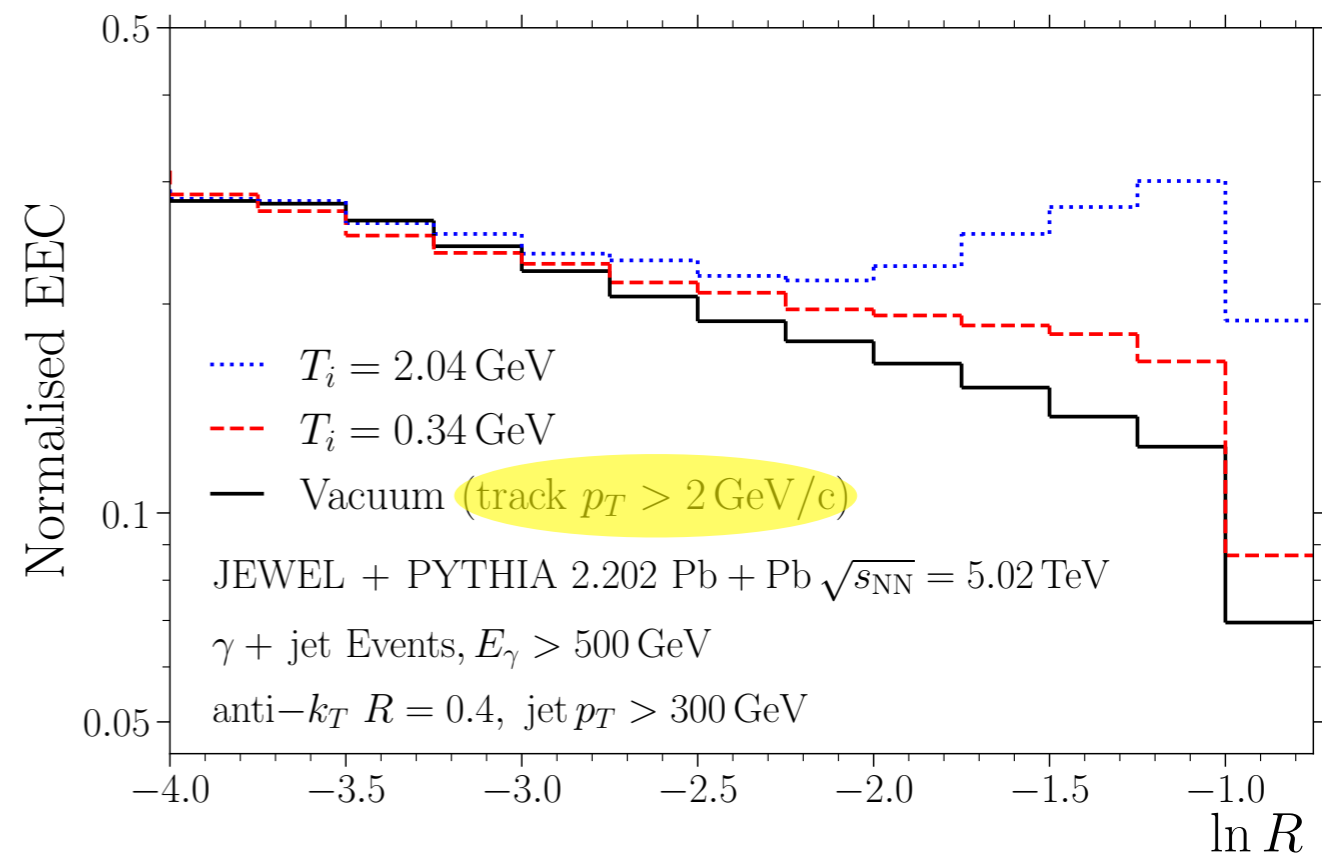
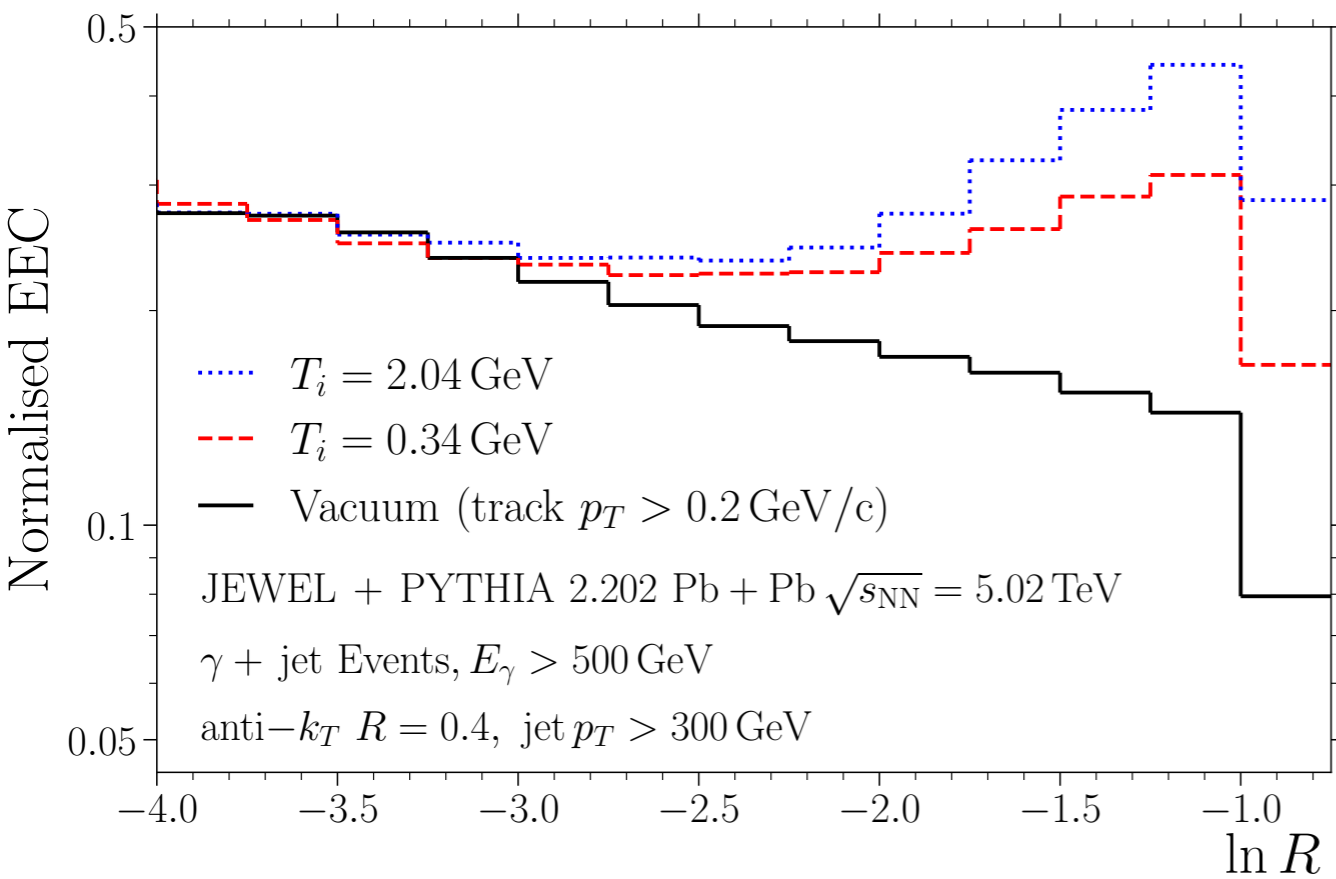
# Outlook

- Lots of new exciting developments!
- **Expanding** media
  - Using energy correlators to find the relevant angular scales
- **Heavy quarks**
  - Can be used to measure the dead-cone
- **Monte Carlo studies**
  - Test resilience to background
  - Test the effects of having the full parton shower

Thank you!

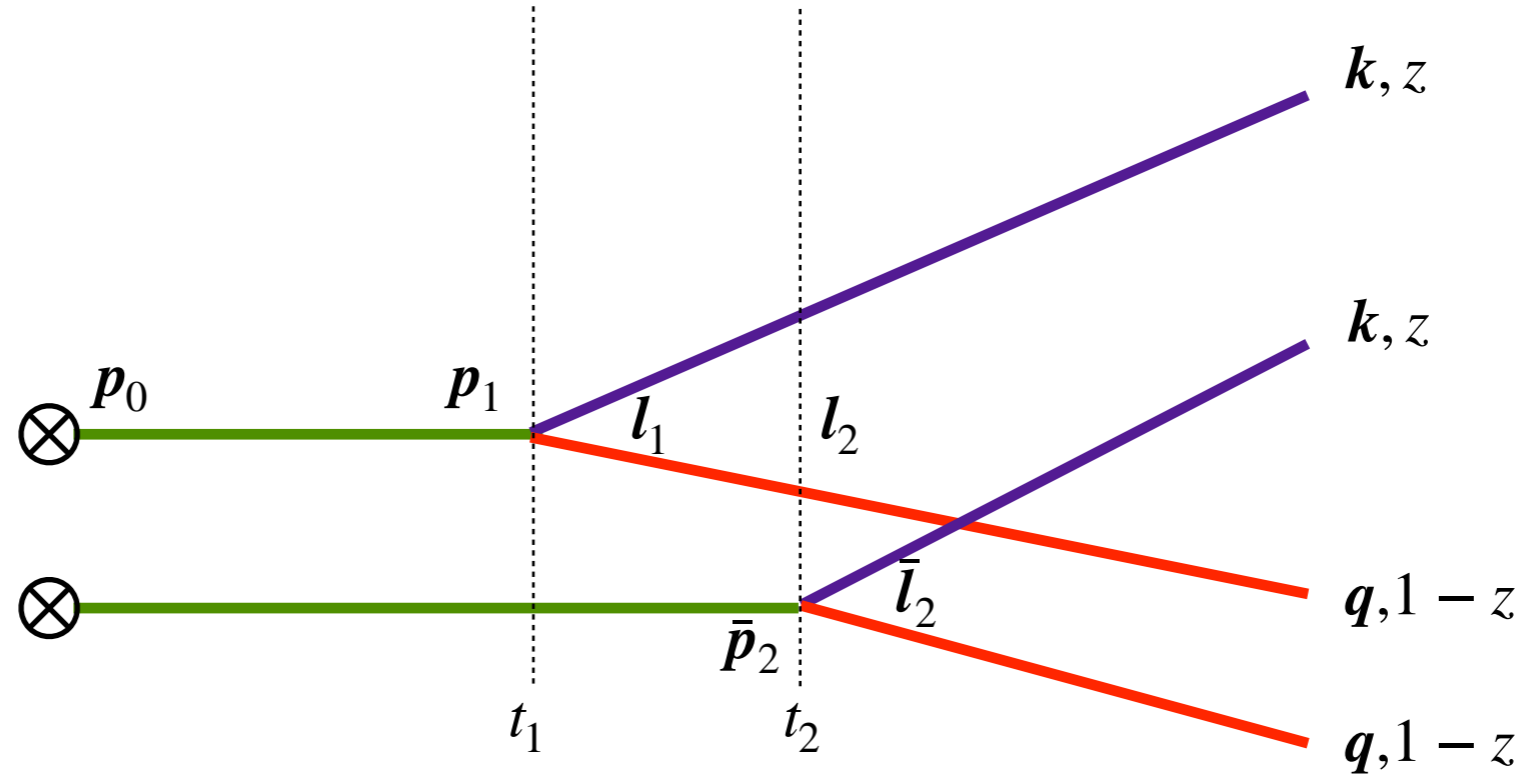
# Results from JEWEL

- An analysis on JEWEL is on the way



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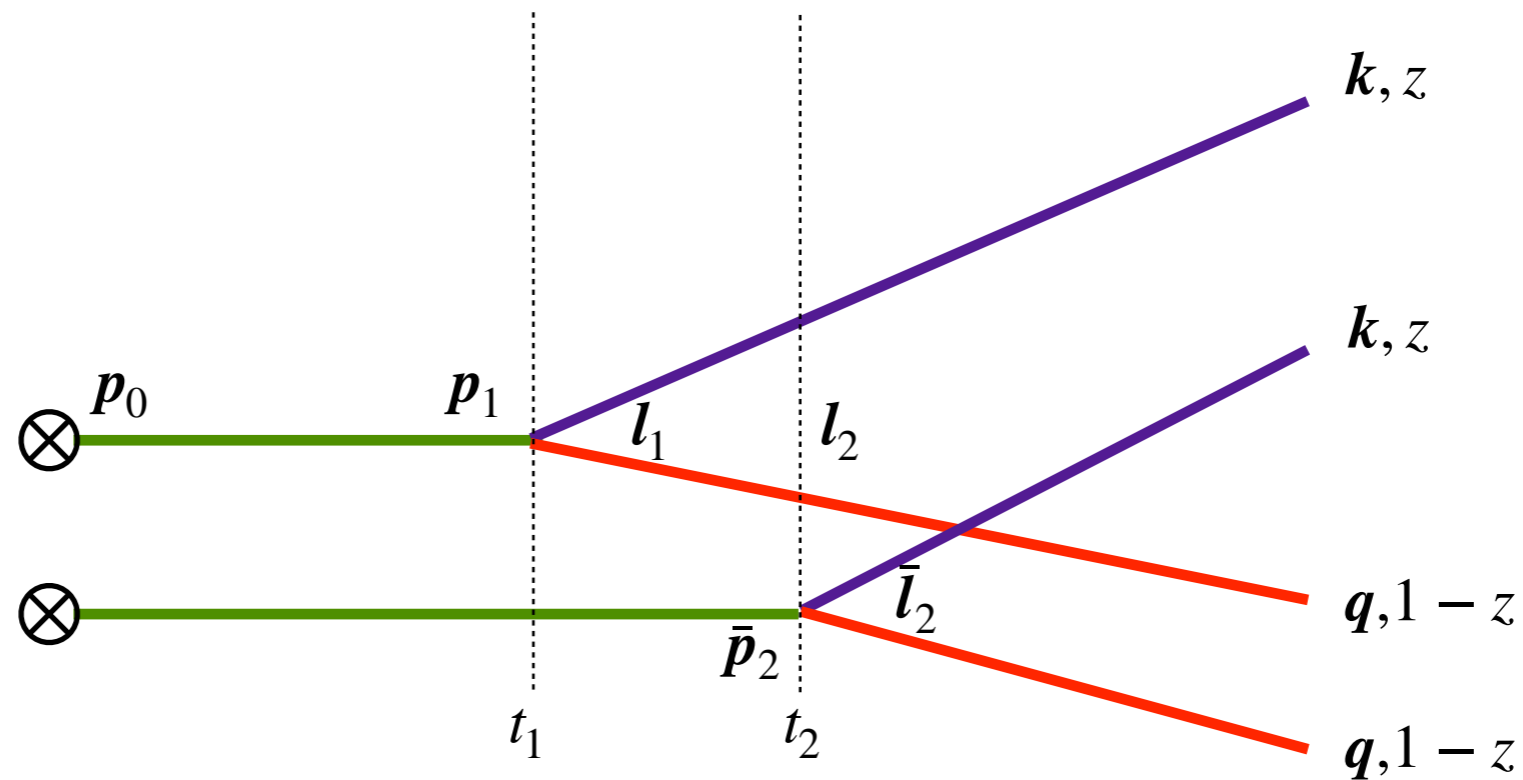


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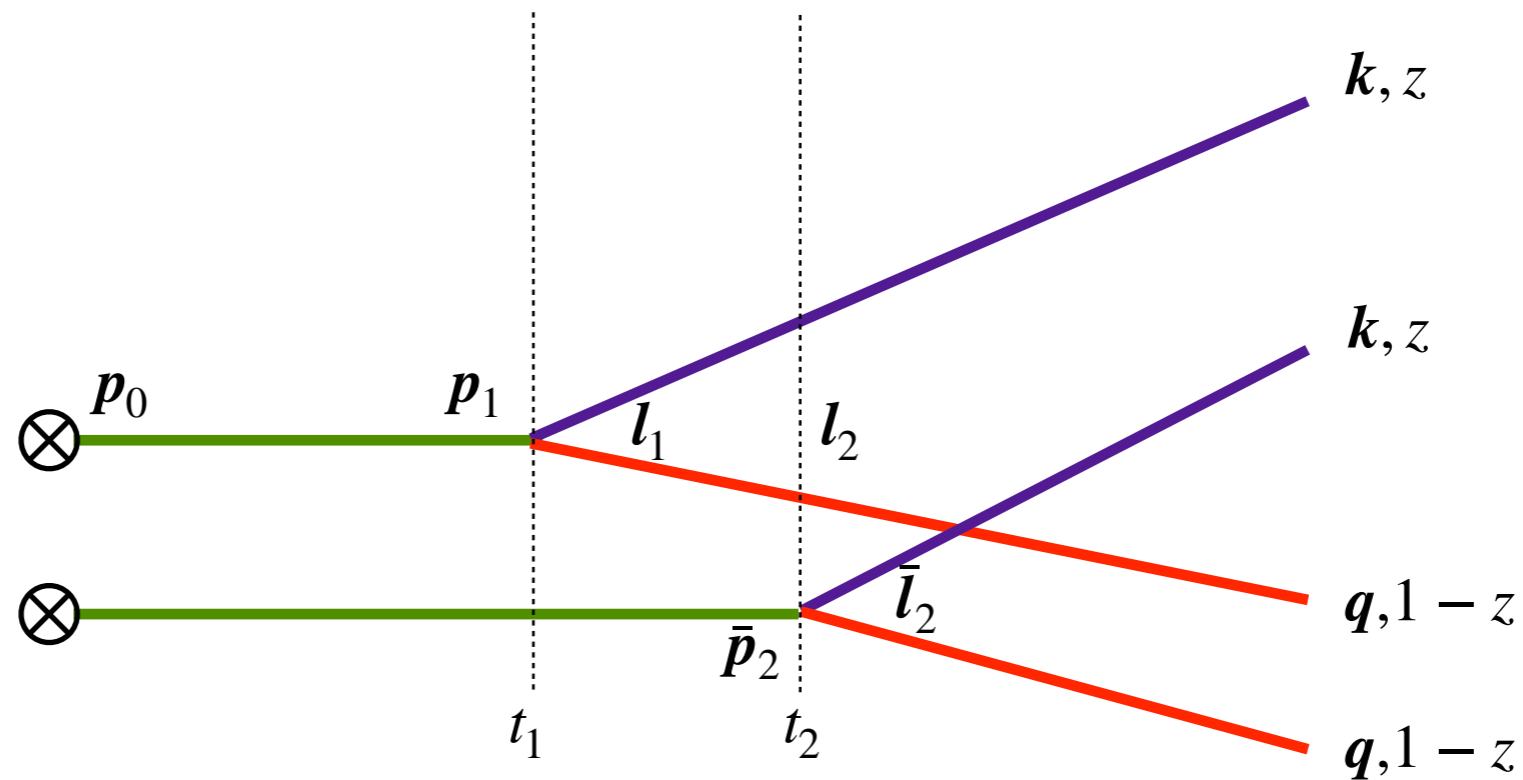
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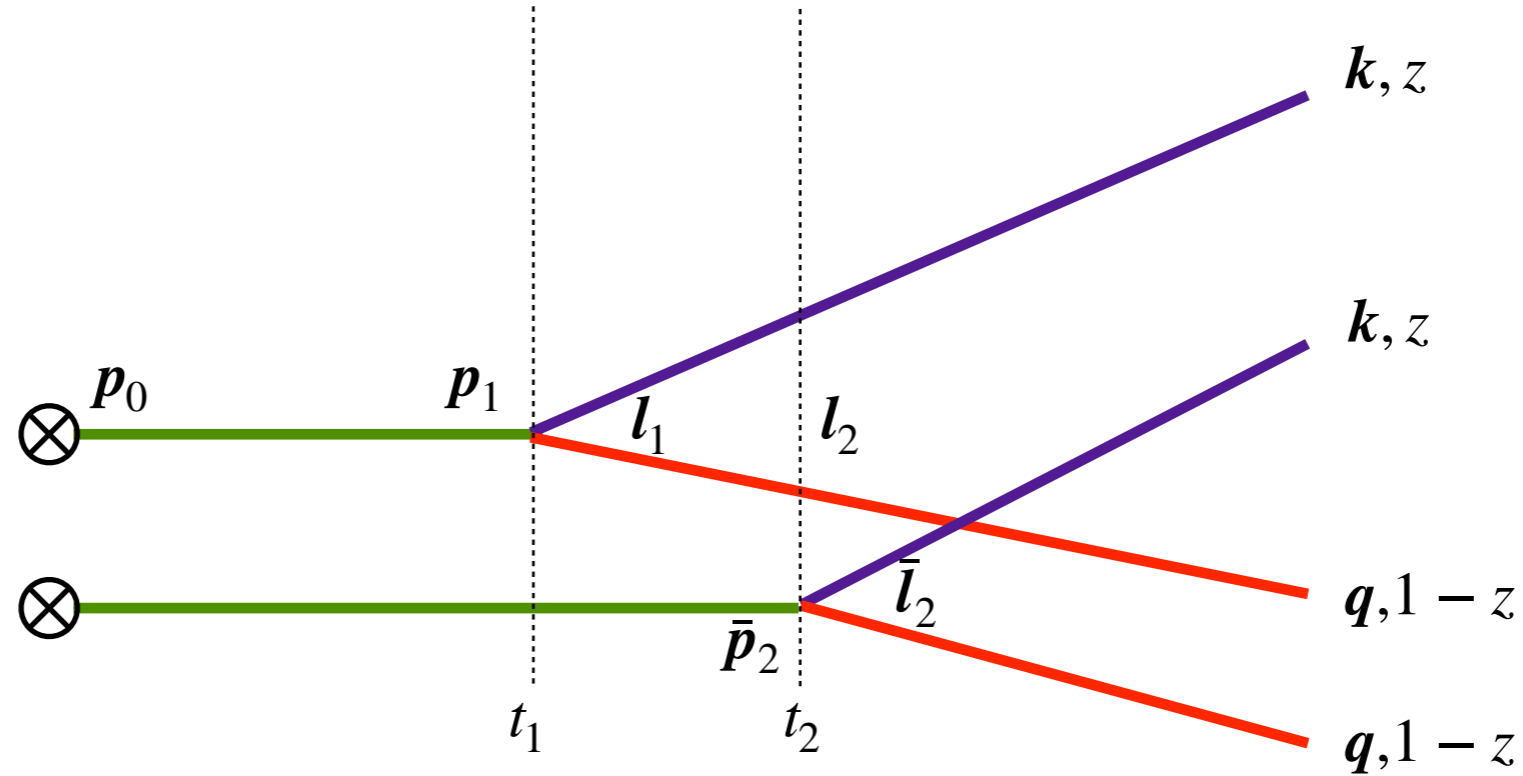
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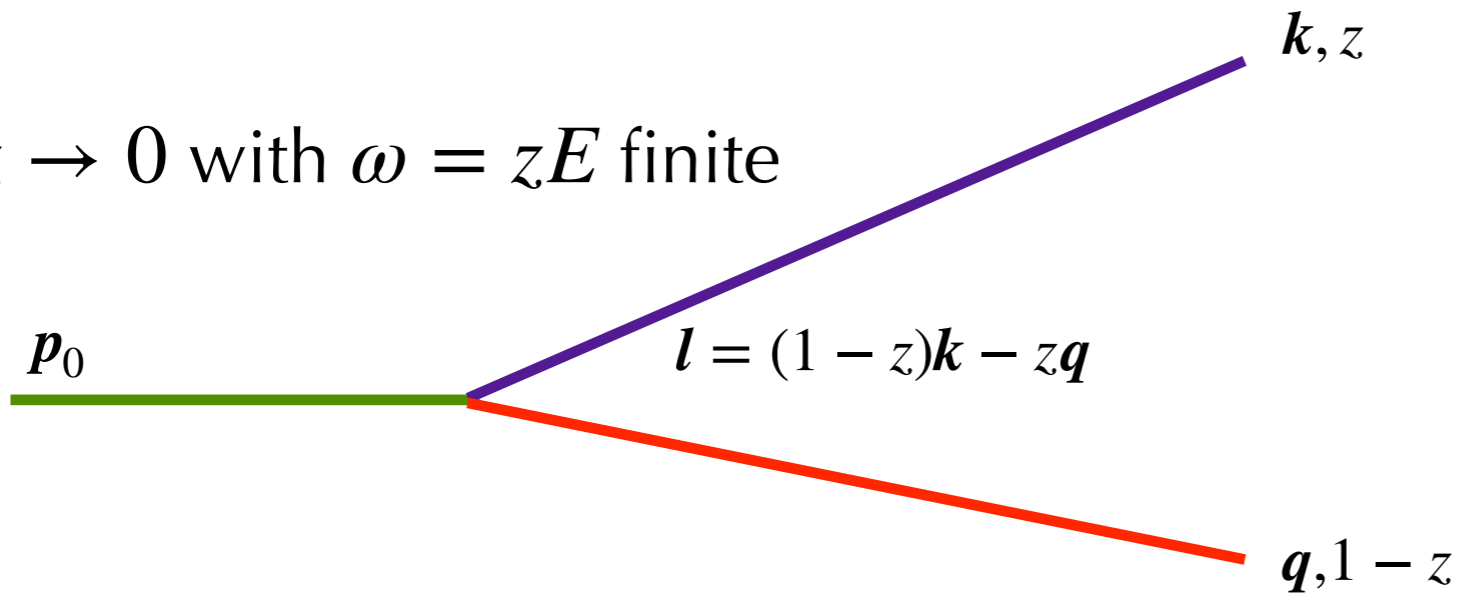
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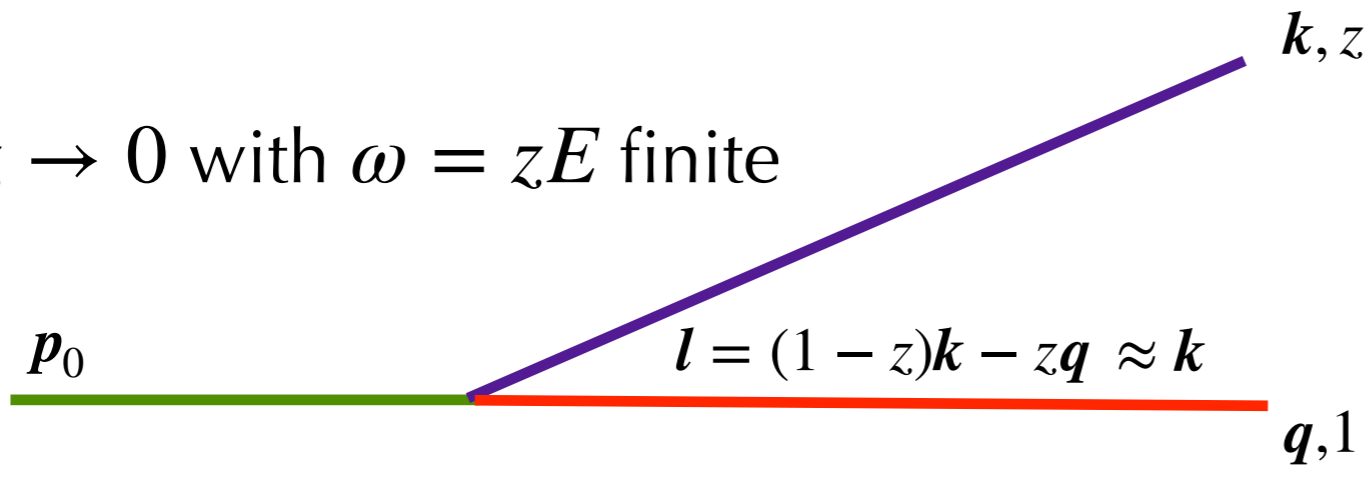
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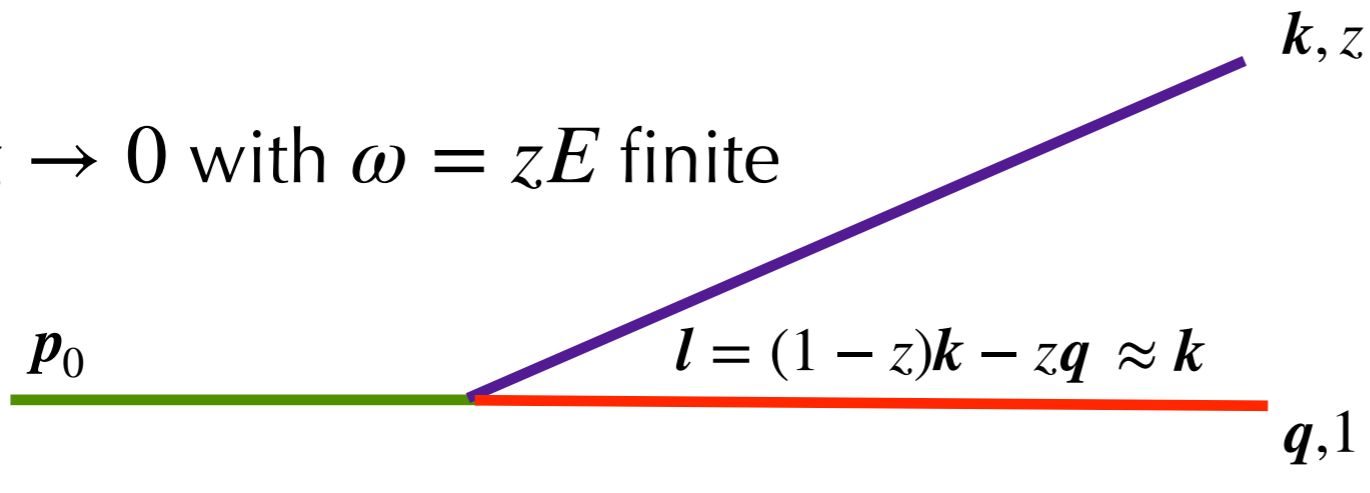
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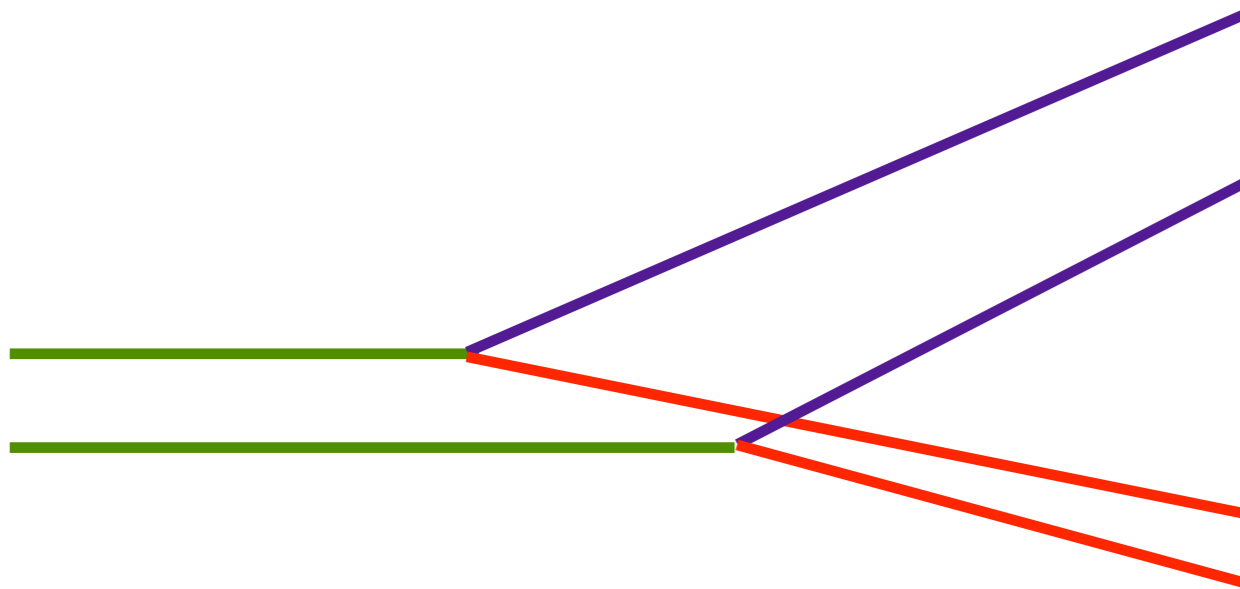
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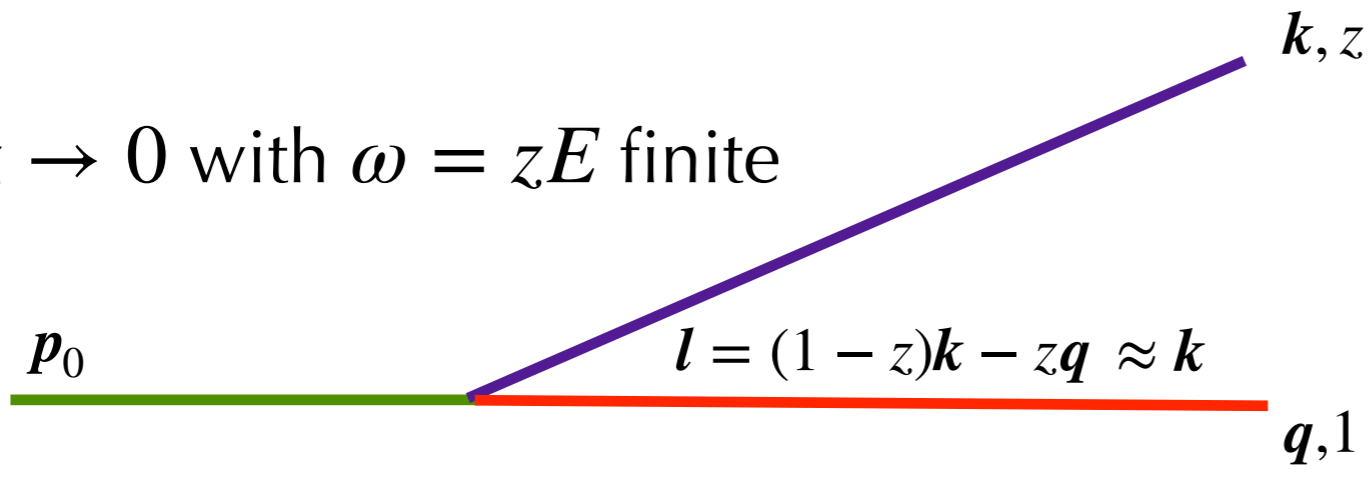


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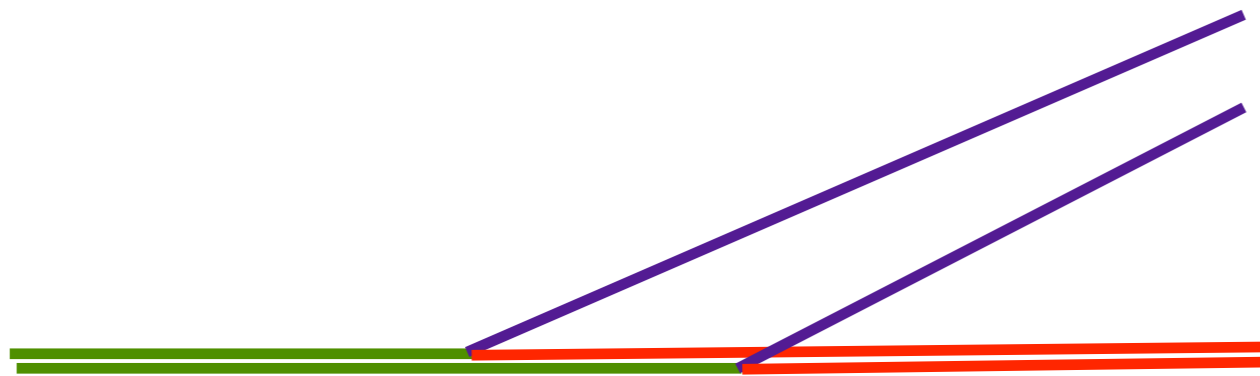


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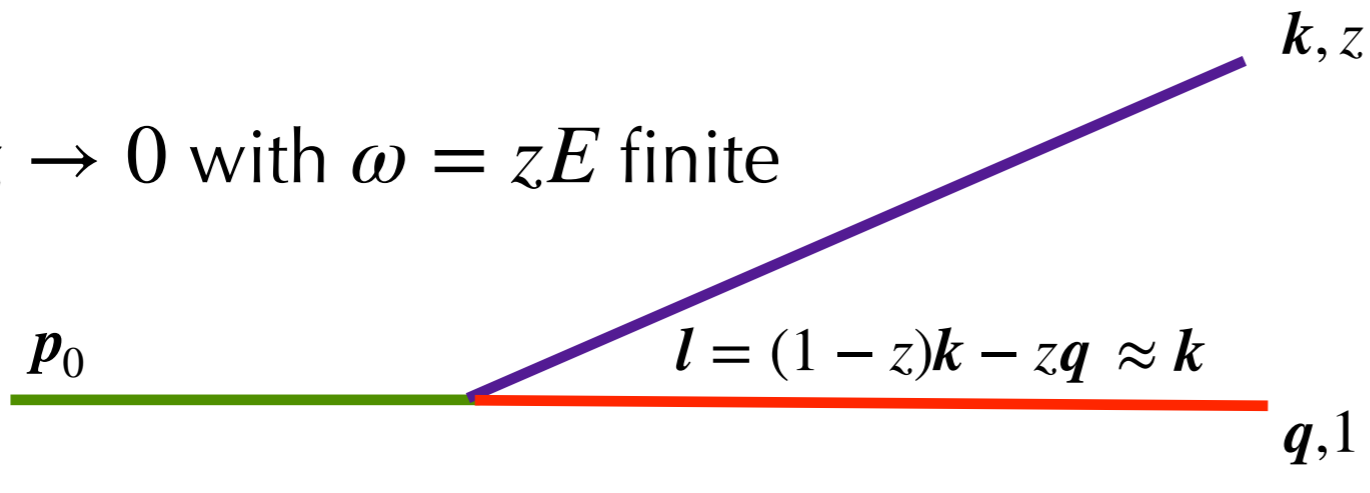


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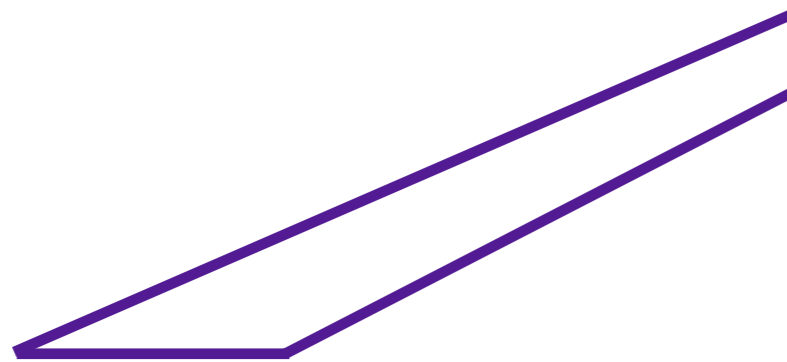


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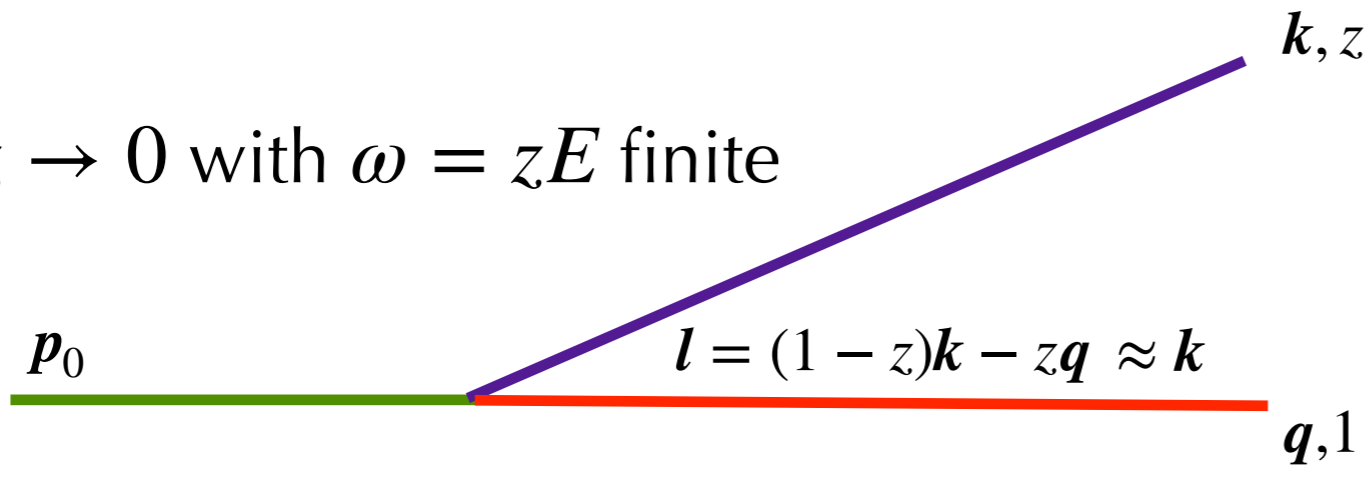


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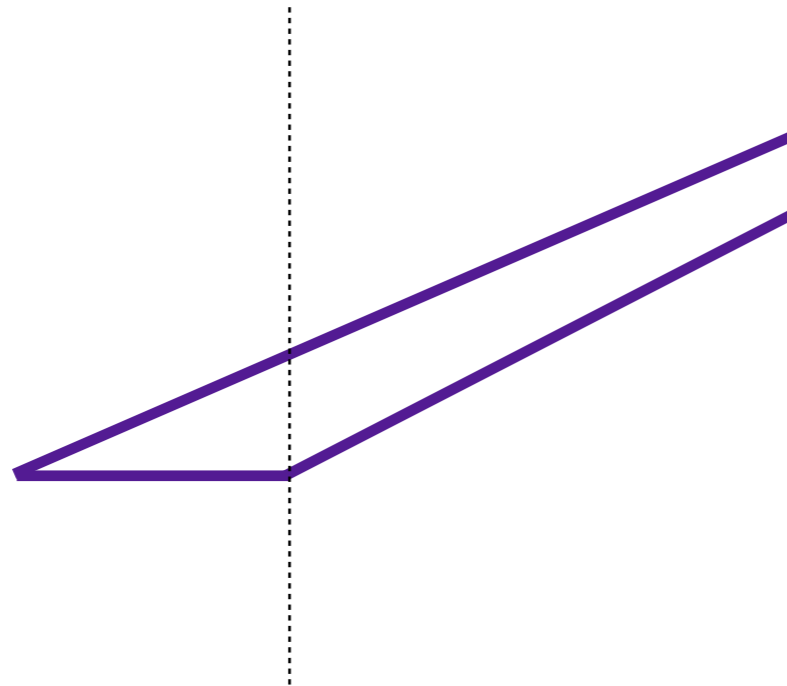


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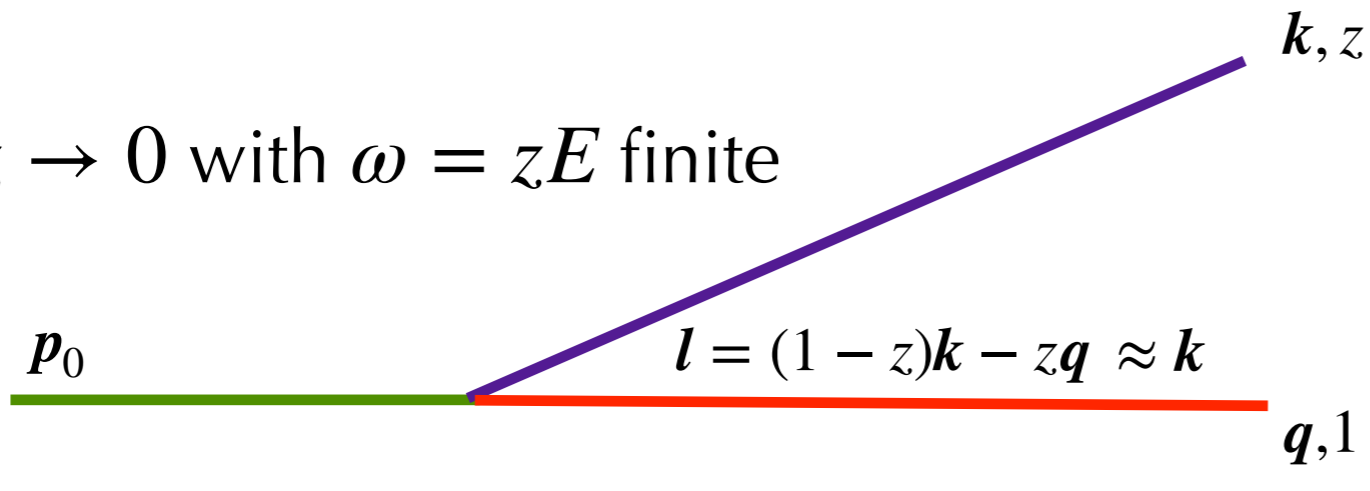
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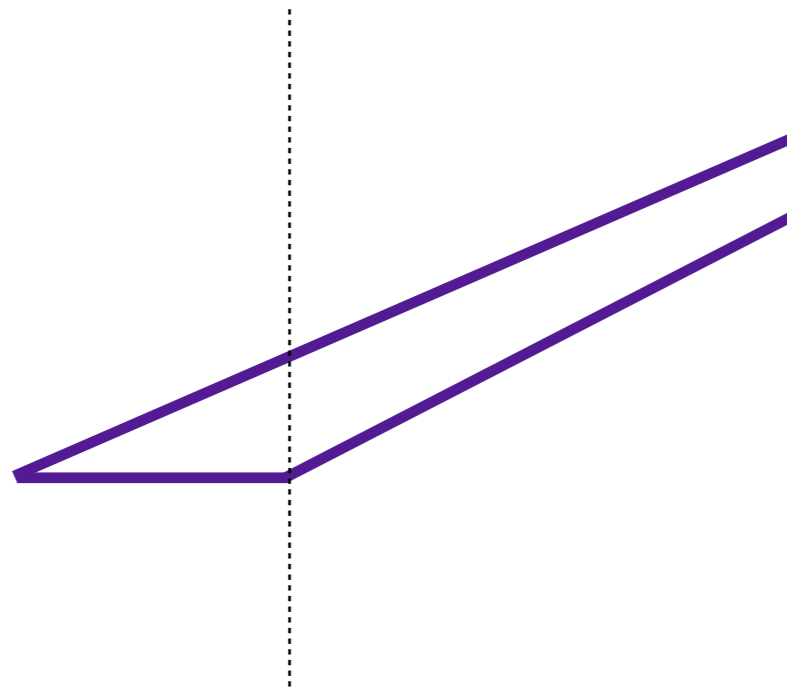
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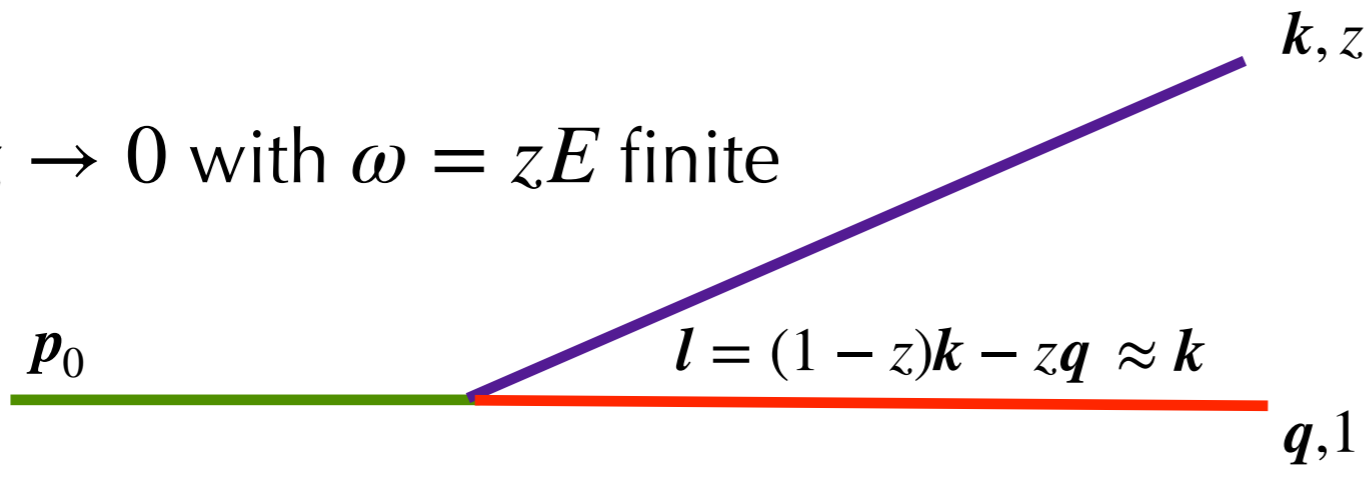


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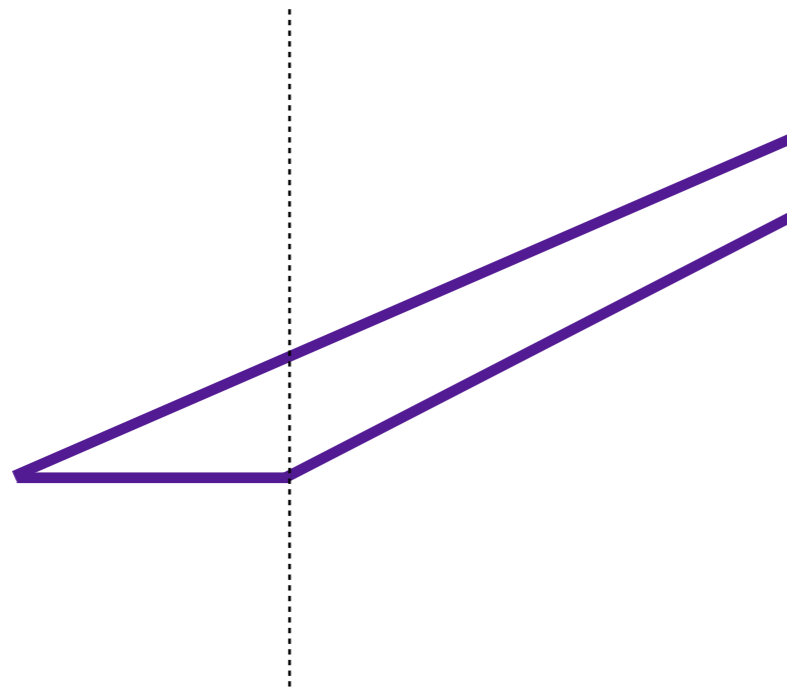
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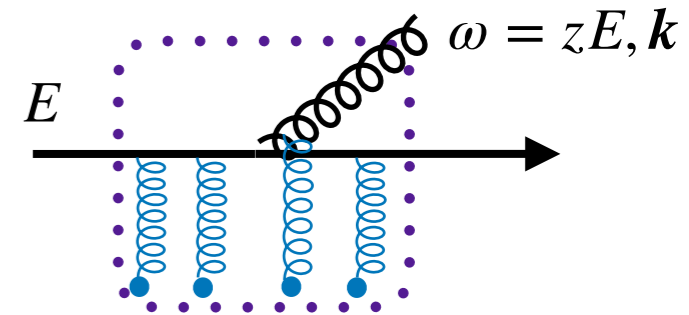
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Recently evaluated numerically with multiple scatterings and realistic interactions

Andres, Apolinario, FD [2002.01517](#)  
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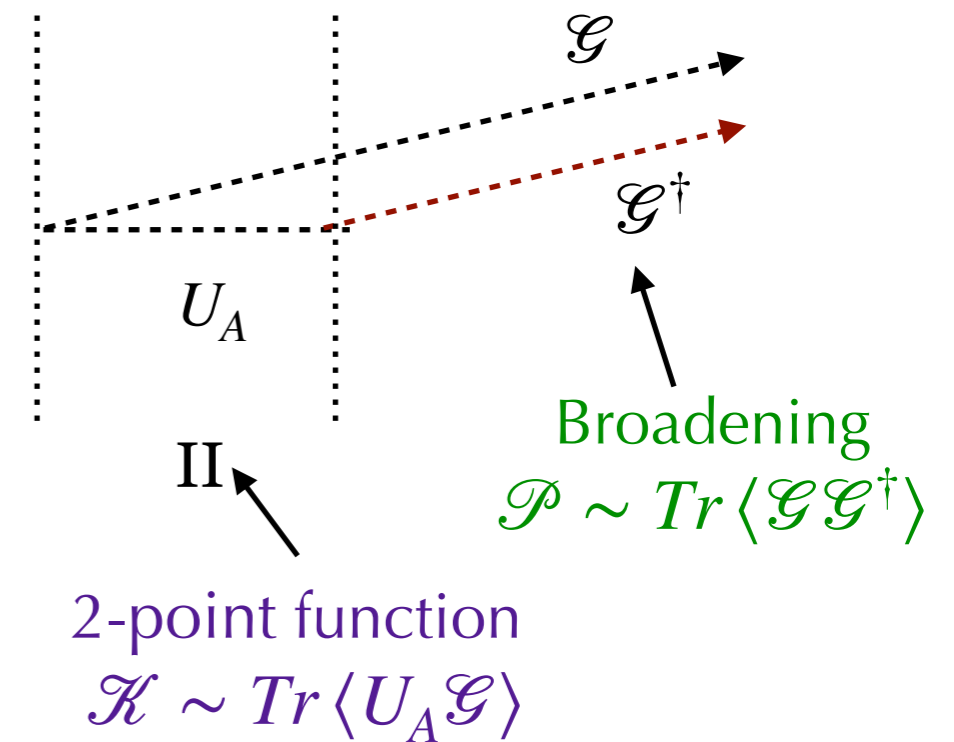
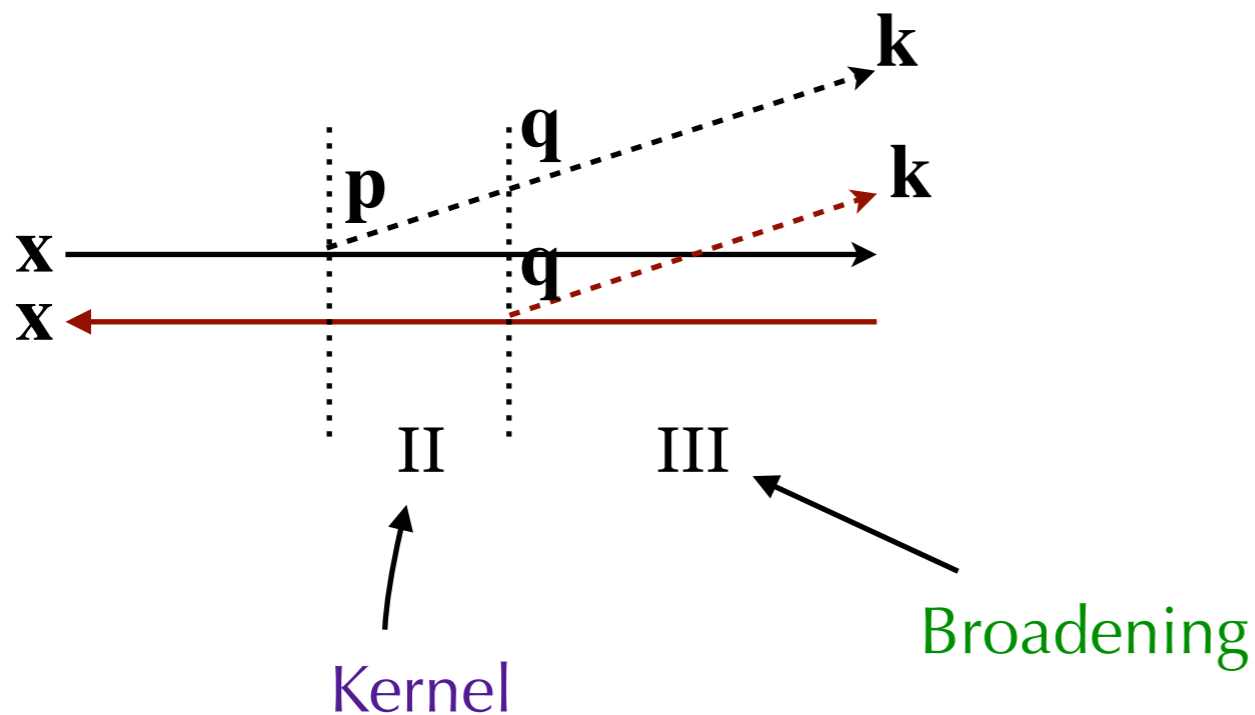
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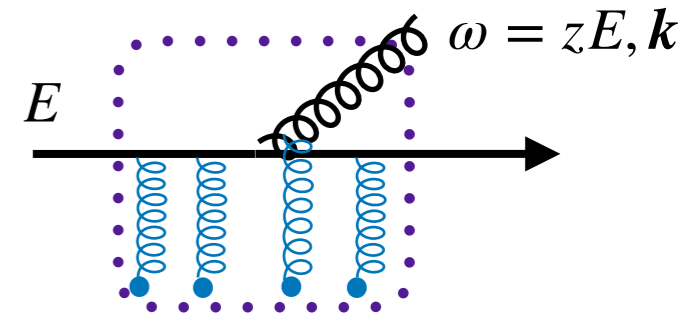
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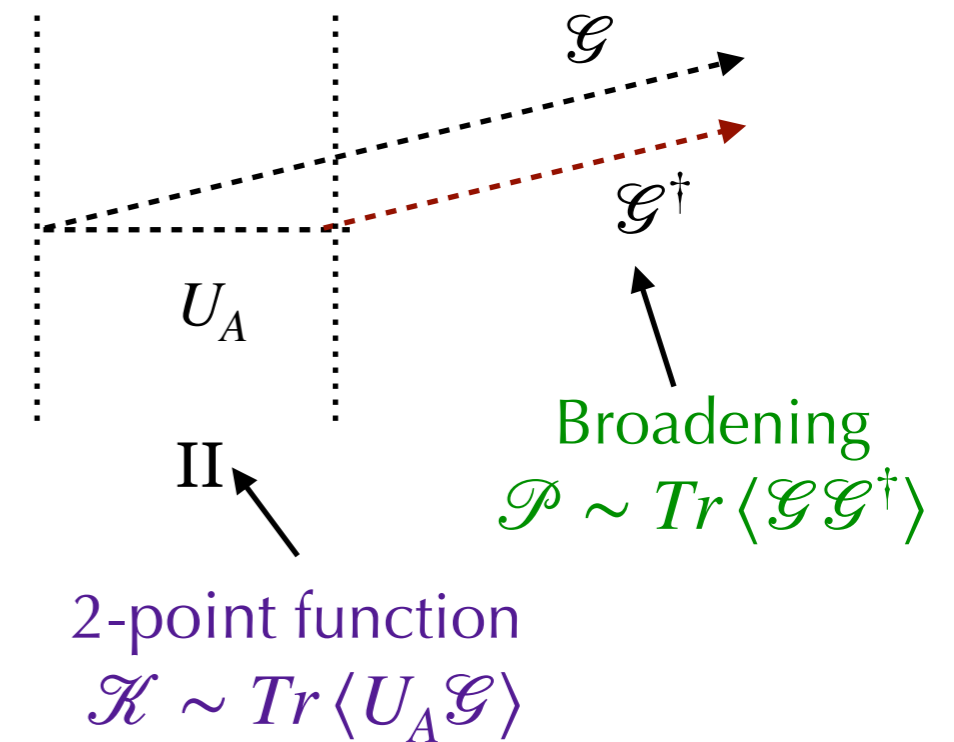
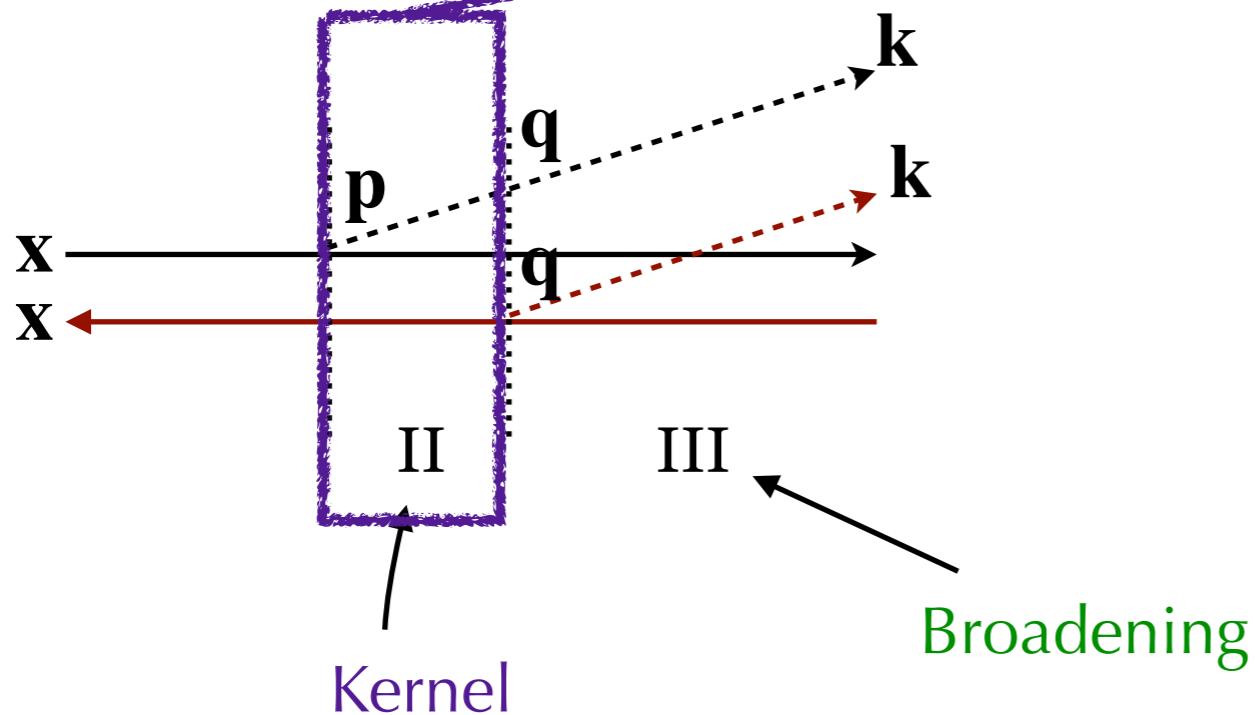
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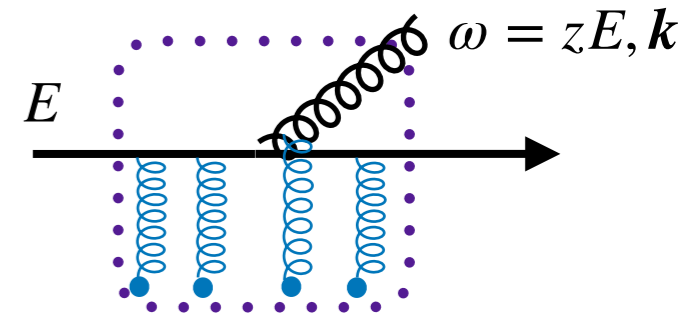
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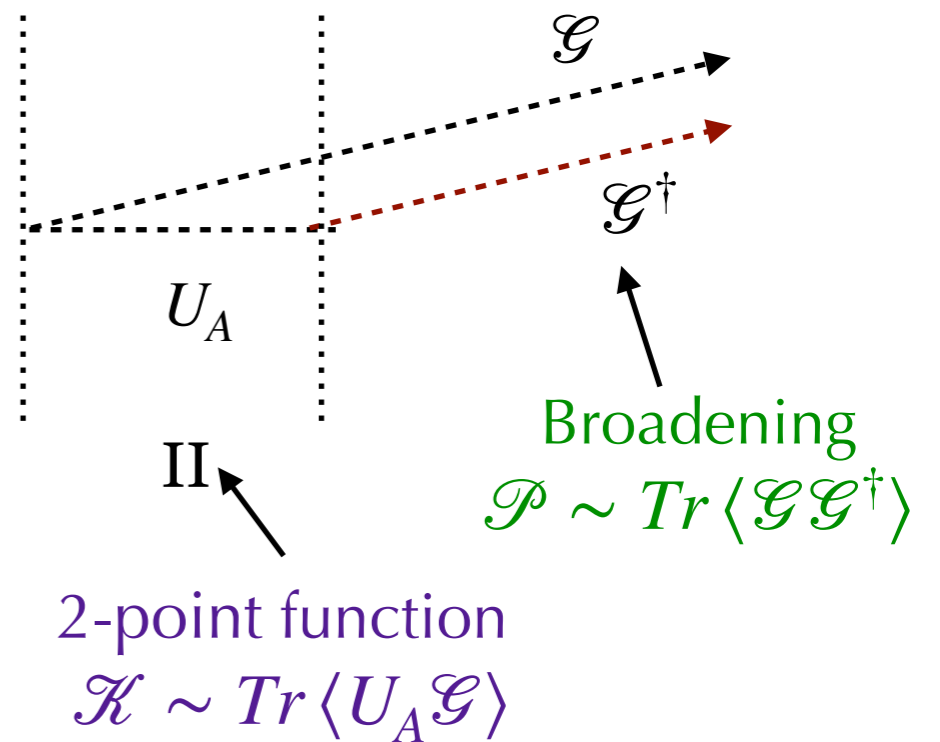
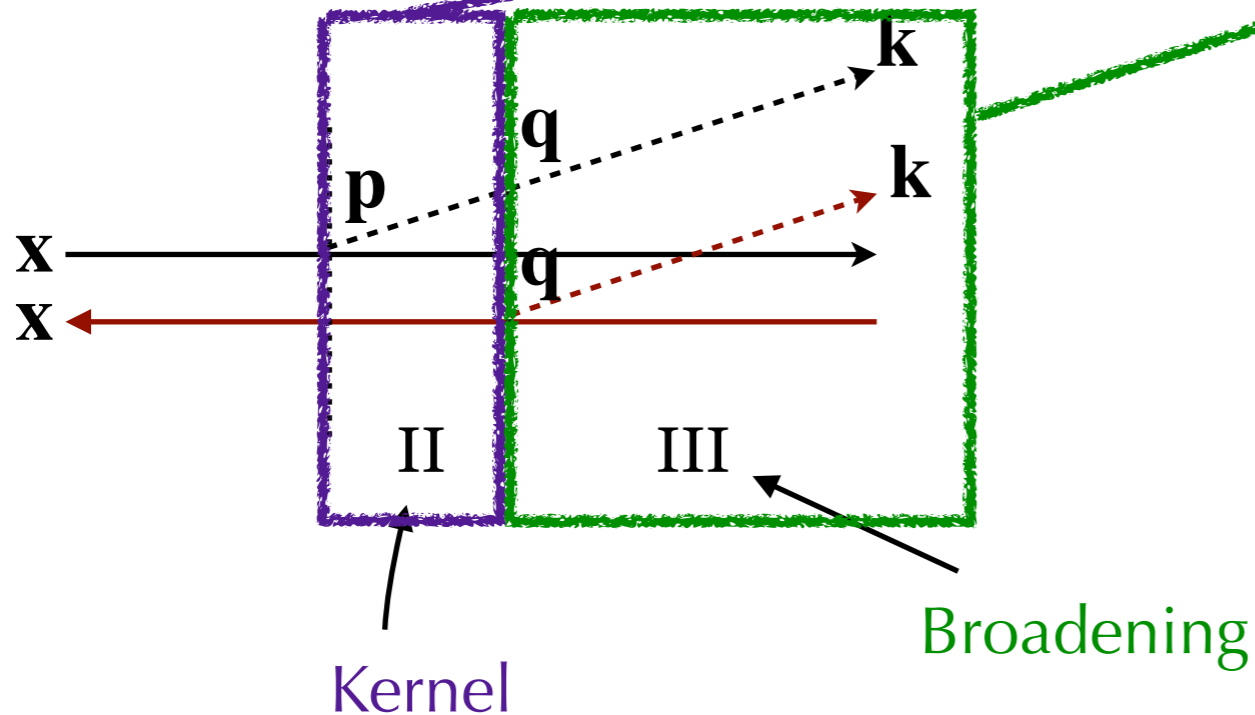
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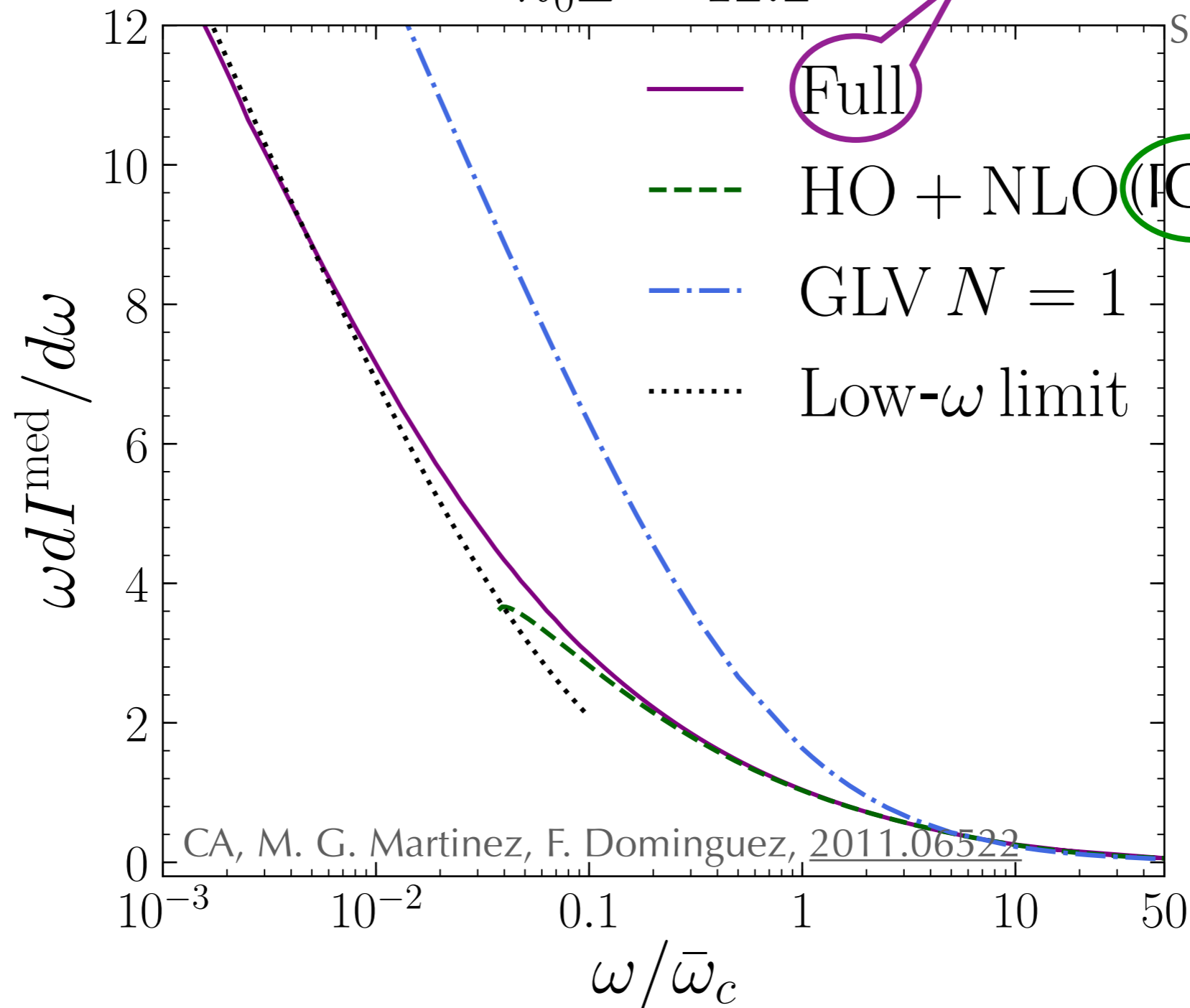
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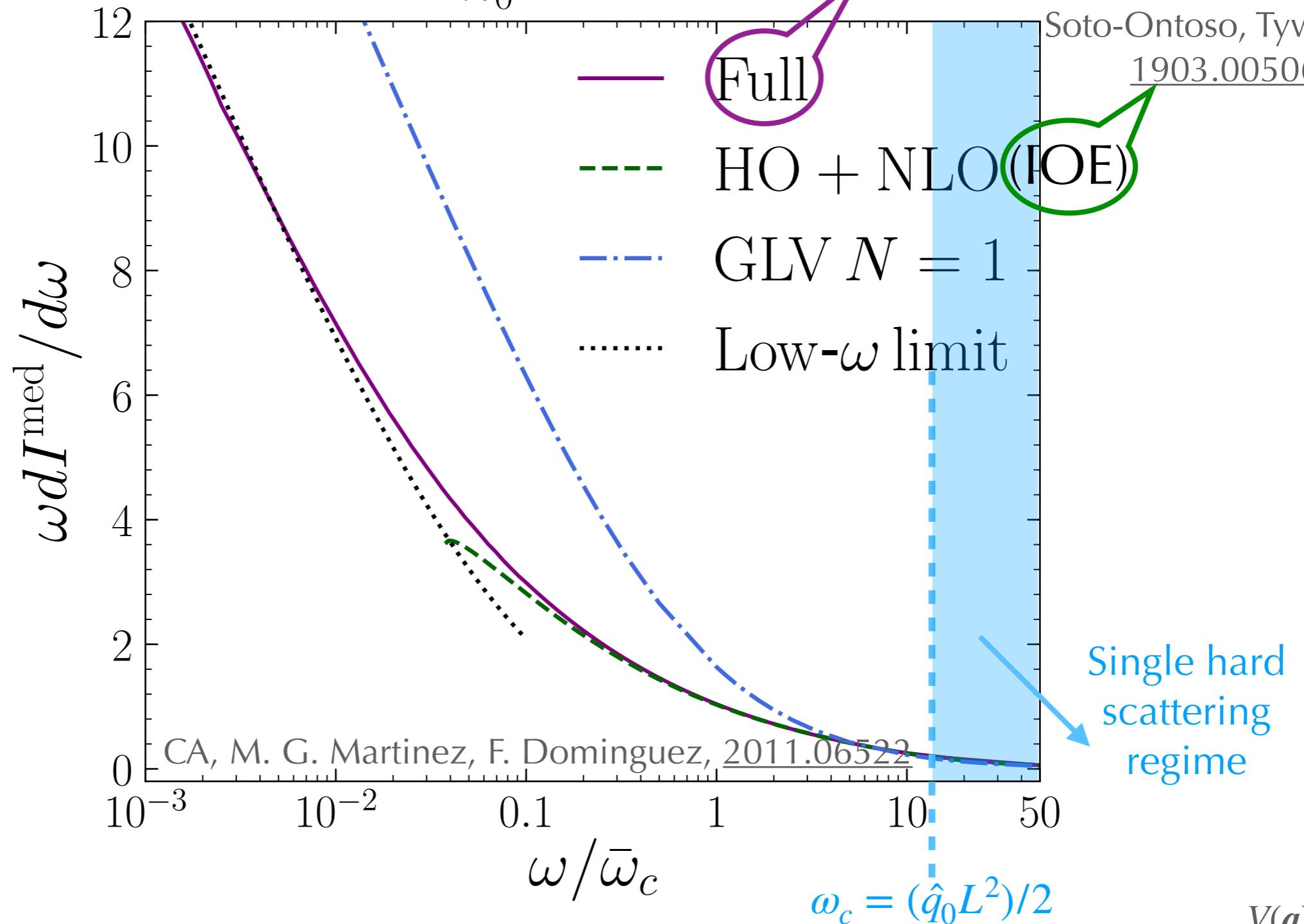
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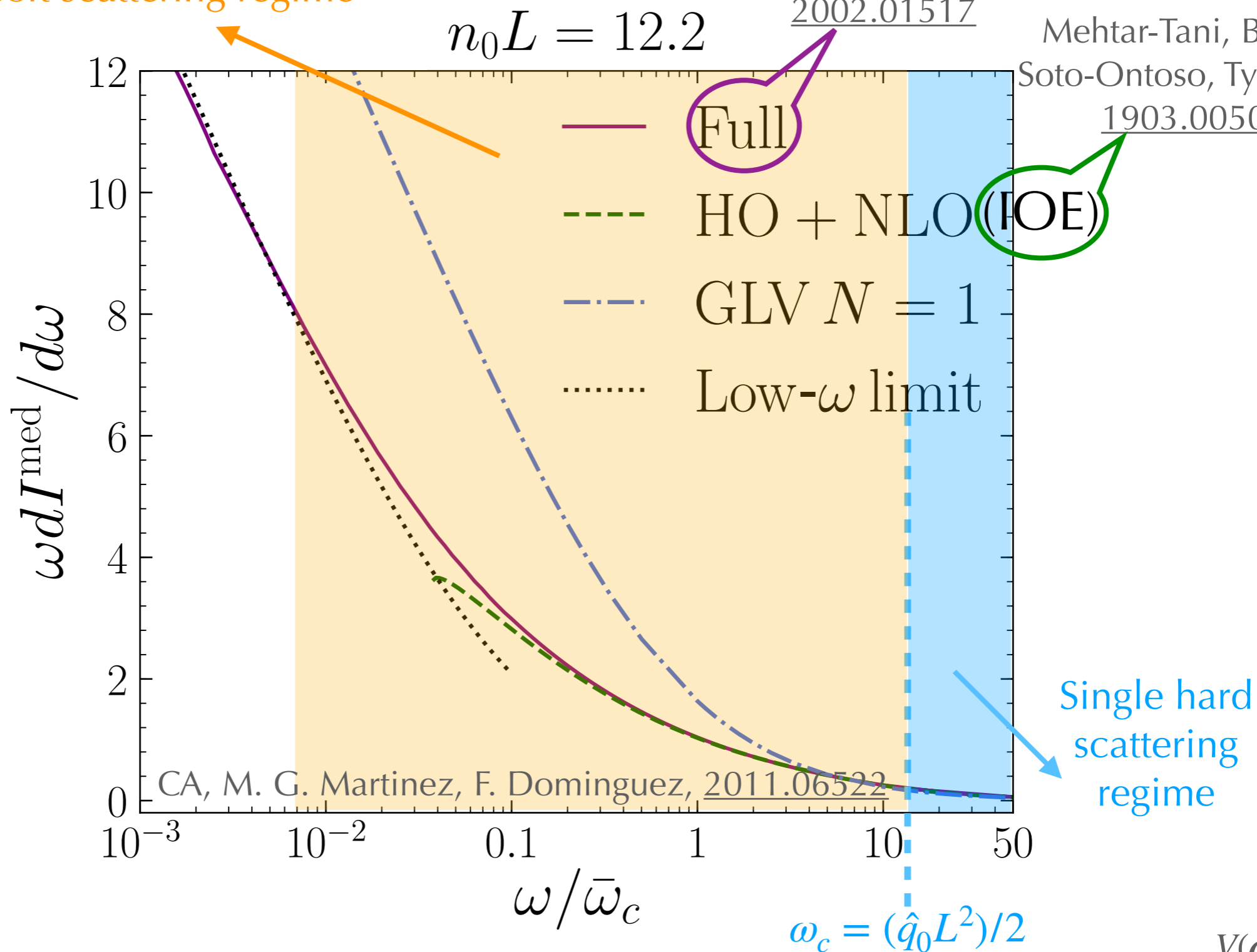
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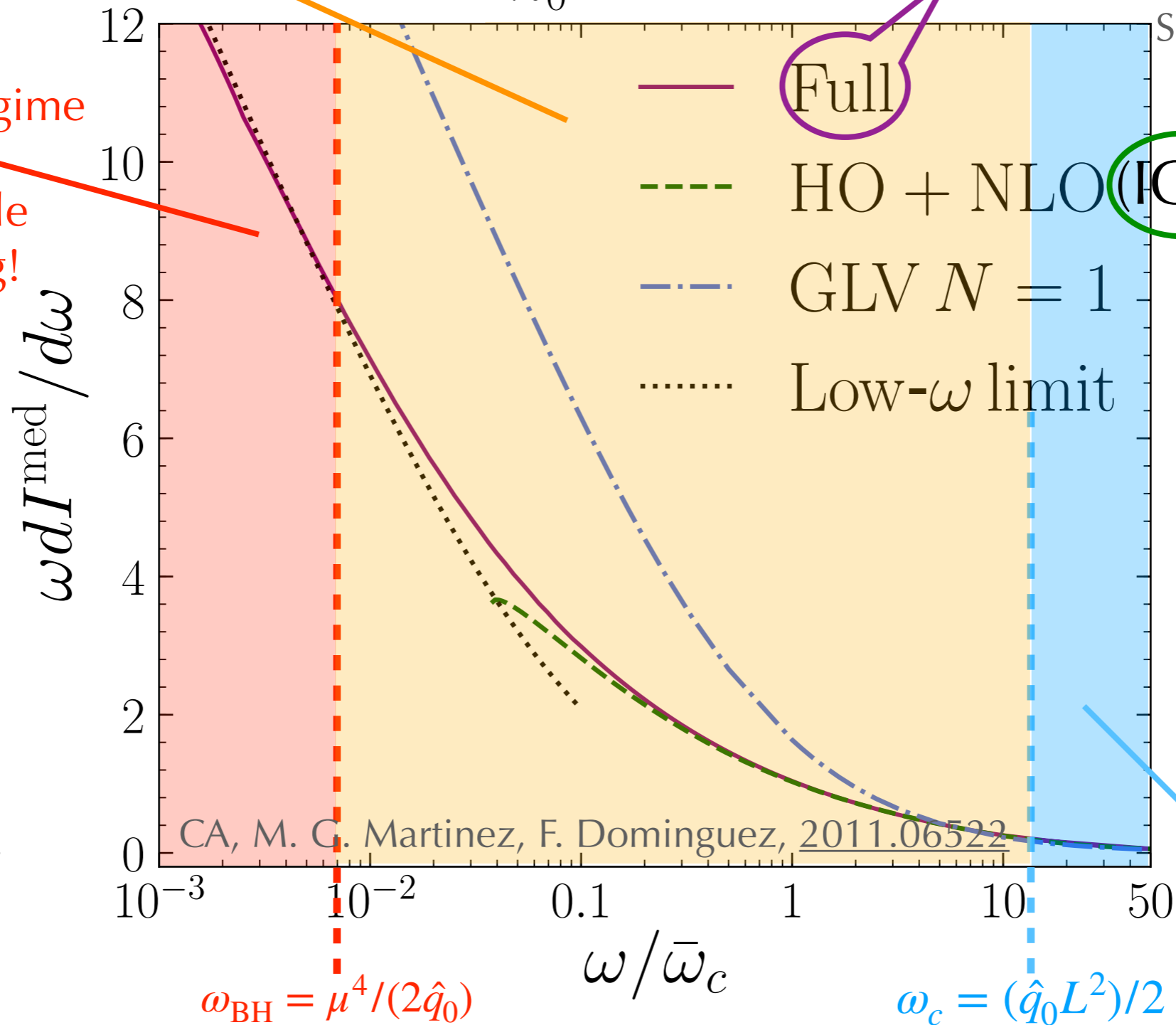
Not just a single  
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Generalized  
to the ROE

Isaksen, Takacs  
and Tywoniuk

[arXiv:2206.0281](#)



$$\omega_{\text{BH}} = \mu^4 / (2\hat{q}_0)$$

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# Semi-hard approximation

Dominguez, Milhano, Salgado, Tywoniuk, Vila [1907.03653](#)  
Isaksen, Tywoniuk [2107.02542](#)

- Use high-energy limit of propagators: vacuum propagator times a Wilson line in the classical trajectory

$$\mathcal{G}_R(t_2, \mathbf{p}_2; t_1, \mathbf{p}_1; \omega) \rightarrow (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) e^{-i \frac{p_2^2}{2\omega} (t_2 - t_1)} V_R(t_2, t_1; [\mathbf{n}t])$$

- Calculate averages of Wilson lines in the large- $N_c$  limit (calculations also available for finite  $N_c$ ). All averages can be expressed in terms of fundamental dipoles and quadrupoles

