

Resolving Jets with energy correlators

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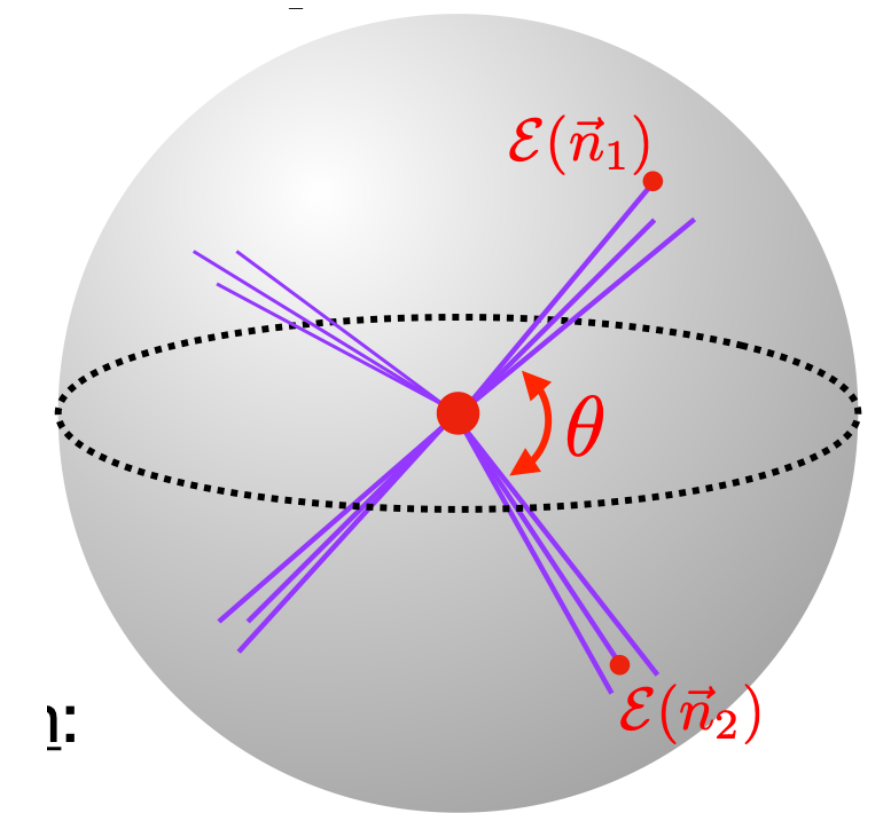
New Opportunities in Particle and Nuclear Physics with Energy Correlators

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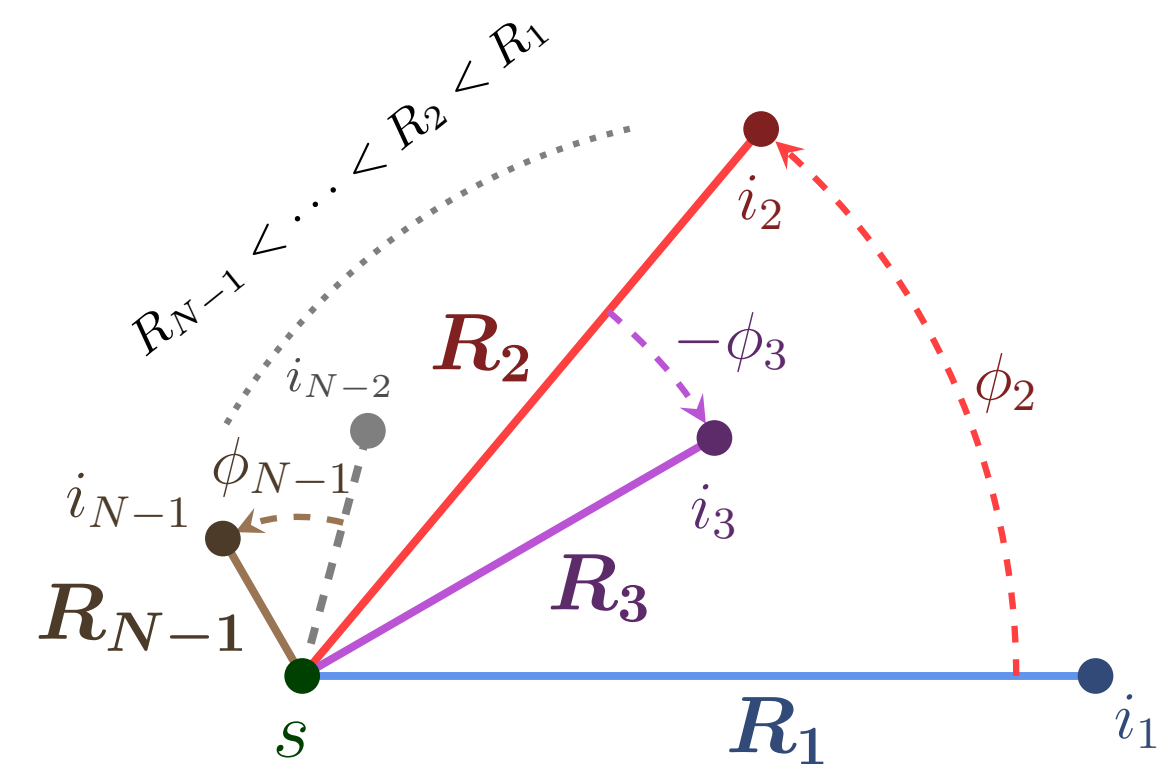
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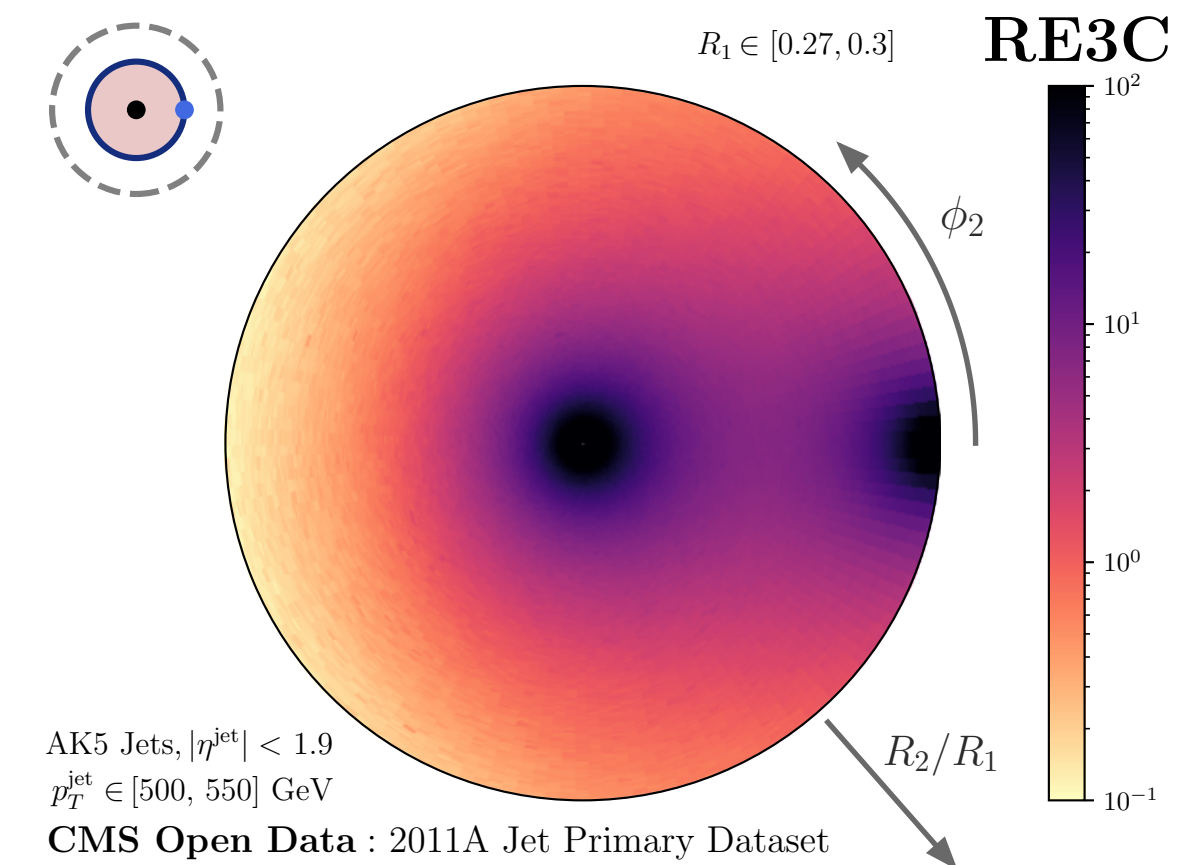
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Energy-Energy Correlators (EEC)

- Energy-energy correlators measure correlation between energy depositions in two detector elements

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta} = \int d\sigma \sum_{i,j} \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta(\theta - \theta_{ij})$$

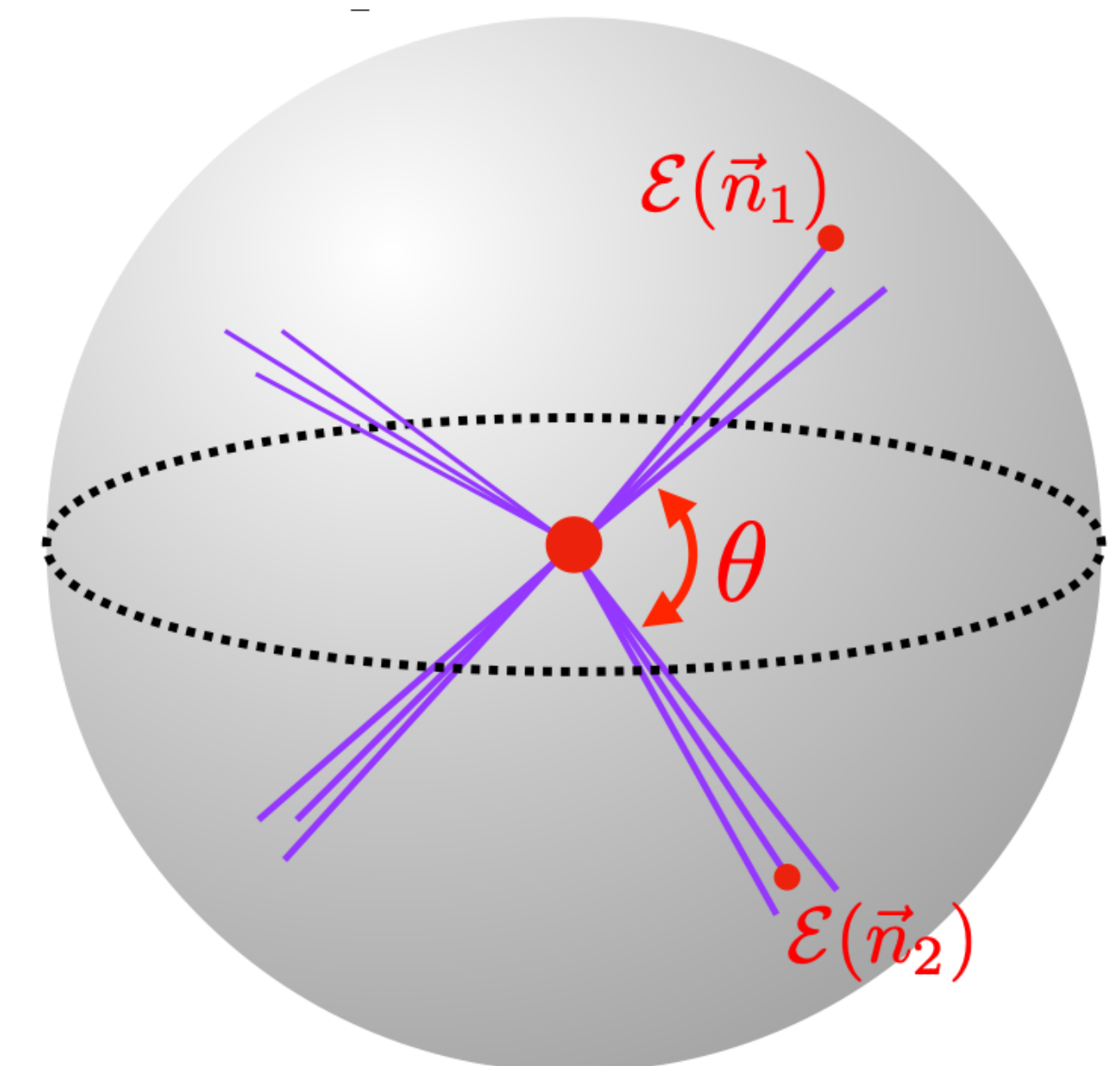
- Can be expressed in terms of expectation value of energy flow operators

energy flow operator : $\mathcal{E}(\hat{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\hat{n})$

energy flow direction

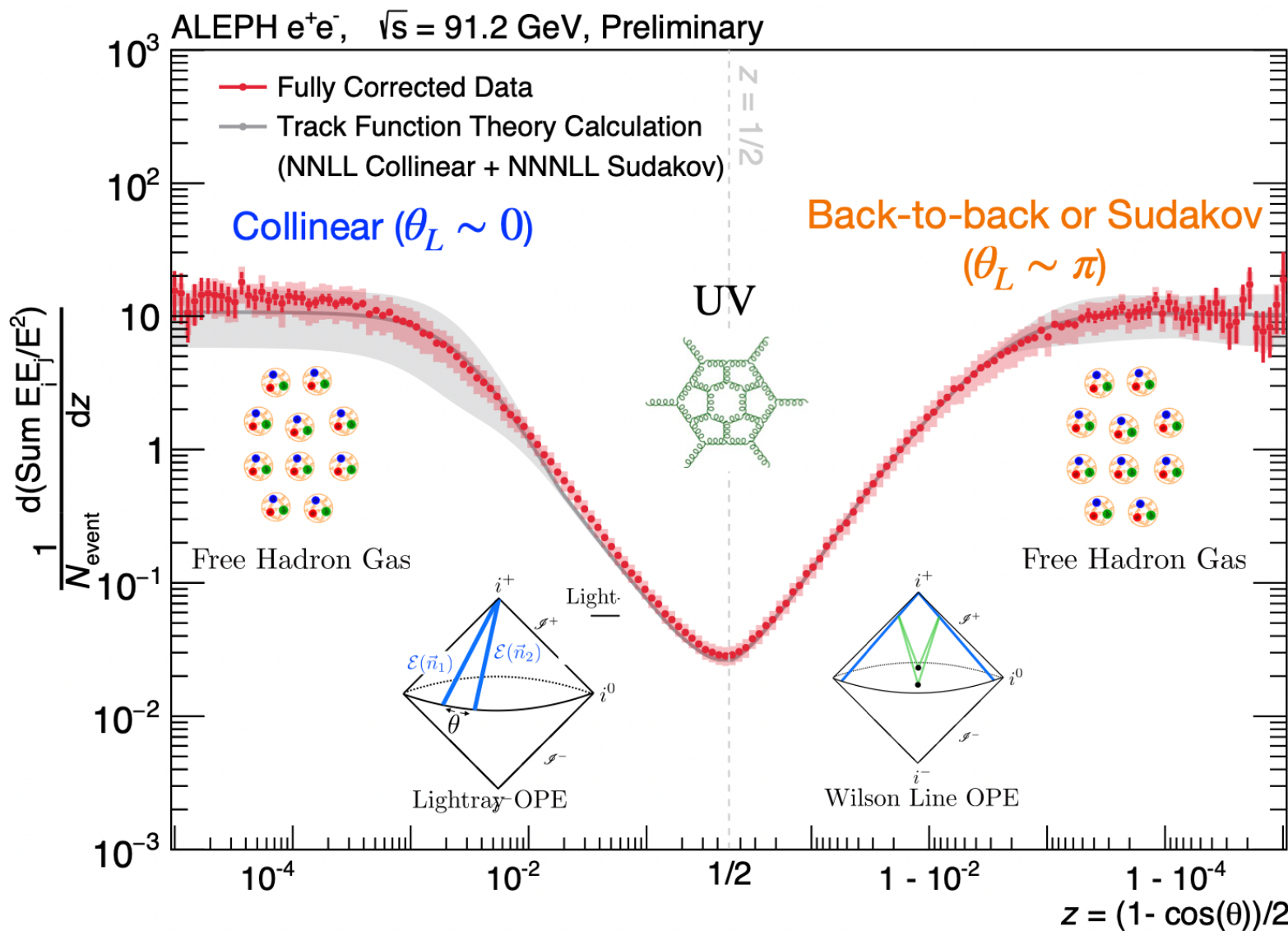
- EEC's are correlation functions of these operators $\langle O'(-q) | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) | O(q) \rangle$

Basham, Brown, Ellis and Love, 1978



Motivation

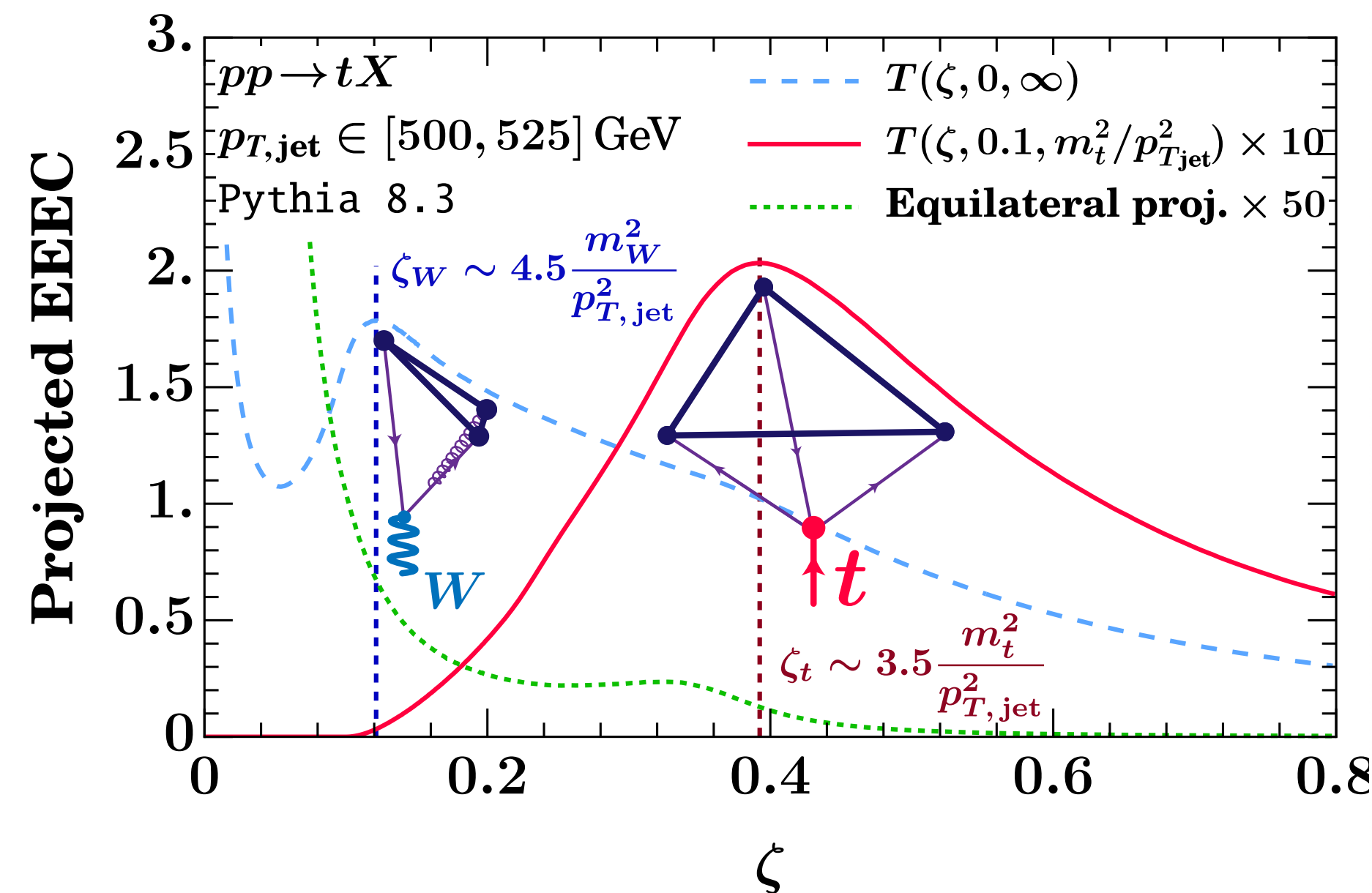
Better theory control,
calculable on tracks



See Max and Yibei's talk

Jaarsma, Li, Mout, Waalewijn, Zhu

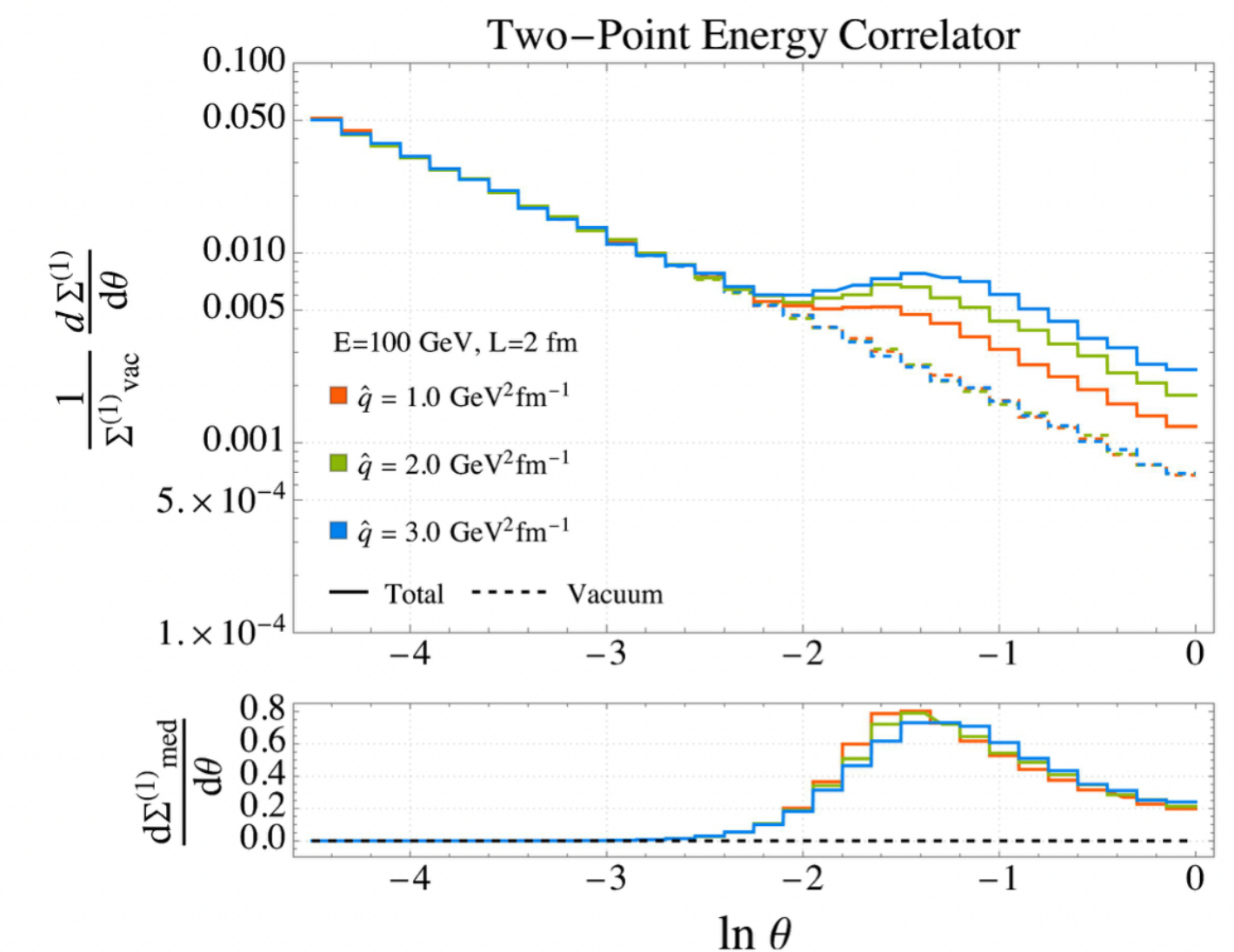
Potential for precision
top mass determination



See Aditya's talk

Holguin, Mout, Pathak, Procura 2023

Promising observables
to reveal intrinsic scales
in HI jets



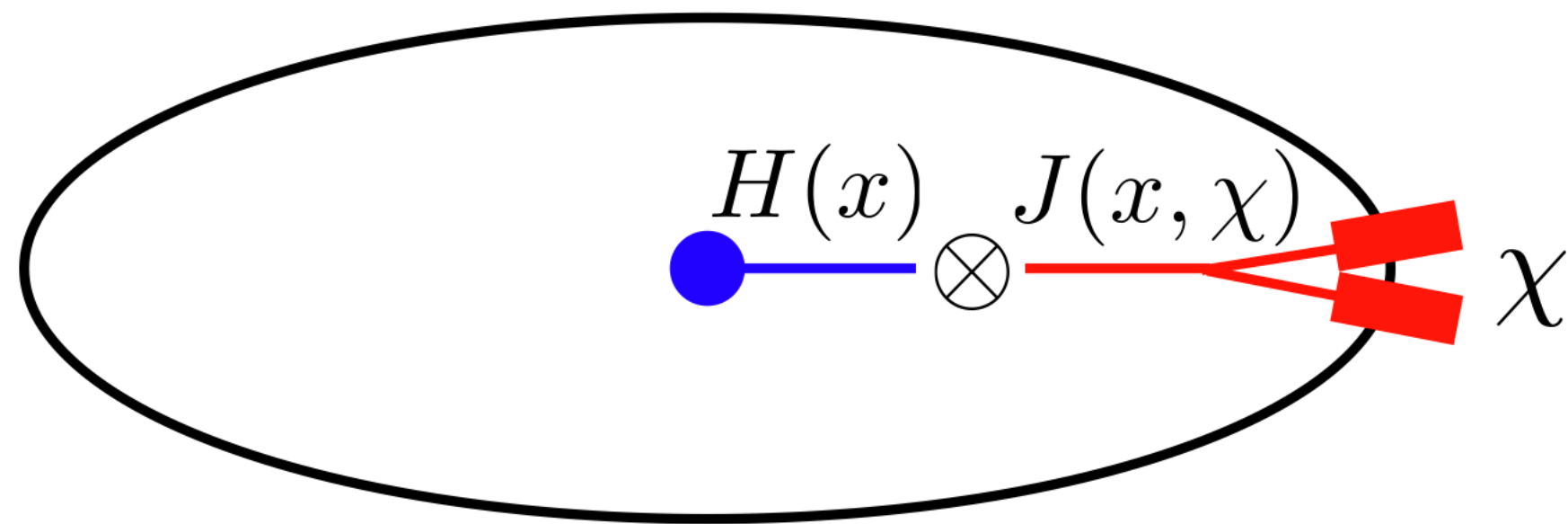
Increasing θ

See Andrey, Wen-Jing, Varun, Balbeer and João's talk

Andres, Dominguez, Holguin, Marquet, Mout 2023

Projected energy correlators and analytic continuation

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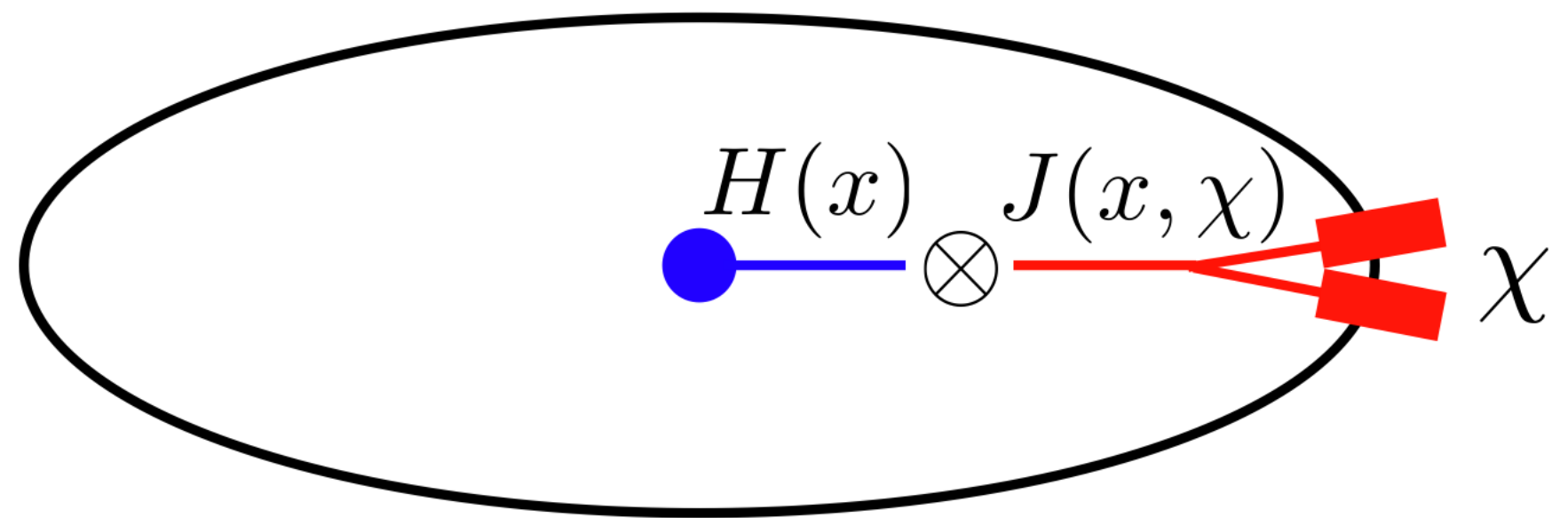


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- Multi-point generalization retains dependence on all $N(N-1)/2$ angles
- Projected N-point energy correlators (PENEC) obtained by tracking largest separation and integrating out the shape information

$$\frac{d\sigma^{[N]}}{dR_L} = \int d\sigma \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_N} \frac{p_{T,i_1} \cdots p_{T,i_N}}{P_T^N} \delta(R_L - \max\{R_{i_j i_k}\})$$

similar factorization formula :

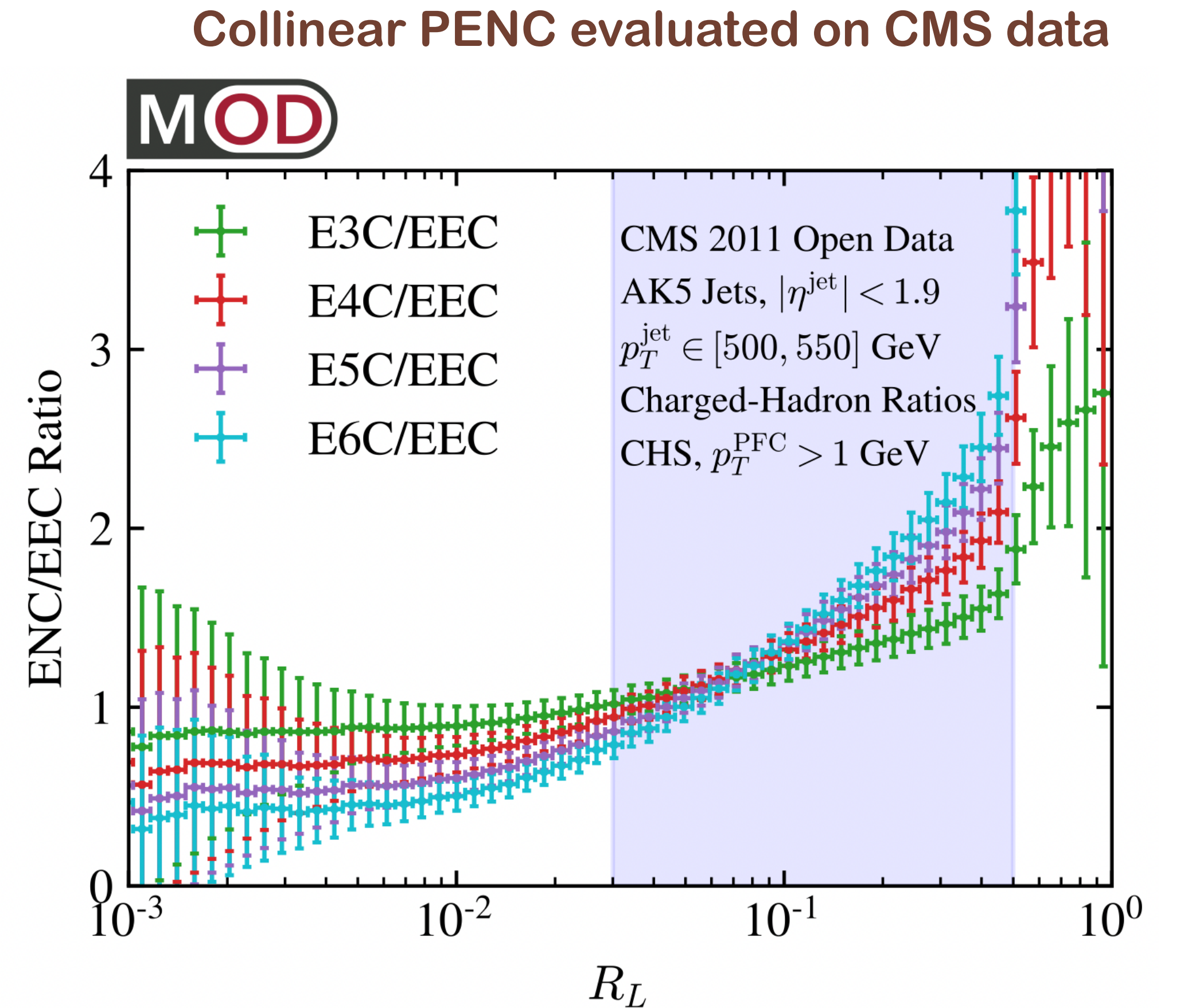
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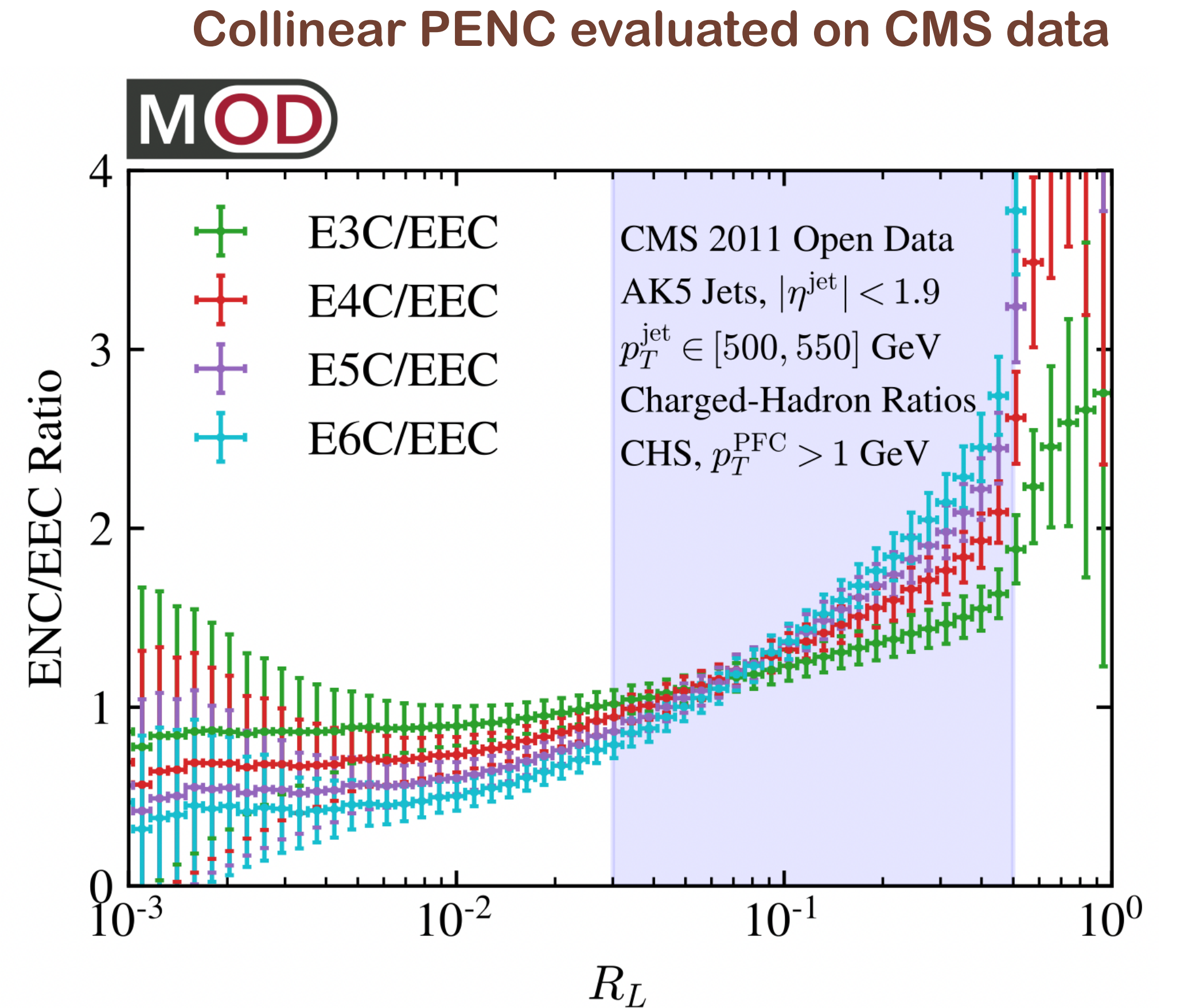
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- Analytic continuation in N allows to test different moments of splitting functions.
- For $N \rightarrow 0$, we can study small- x physics using jets !



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Analytic Continuation in N

- Rewrite the projected correlator as

$$\frac{d\sigma^{[N]}}{dR_L} = \sum_X \int d\sigma_X \sum_{S \subset X} \mathcal{W}^{[N]}(S) \delta(R_L - \max\{R_{ij}\}_{i,j \in S}),$$

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- For eg., for two particles the above weights simplify to

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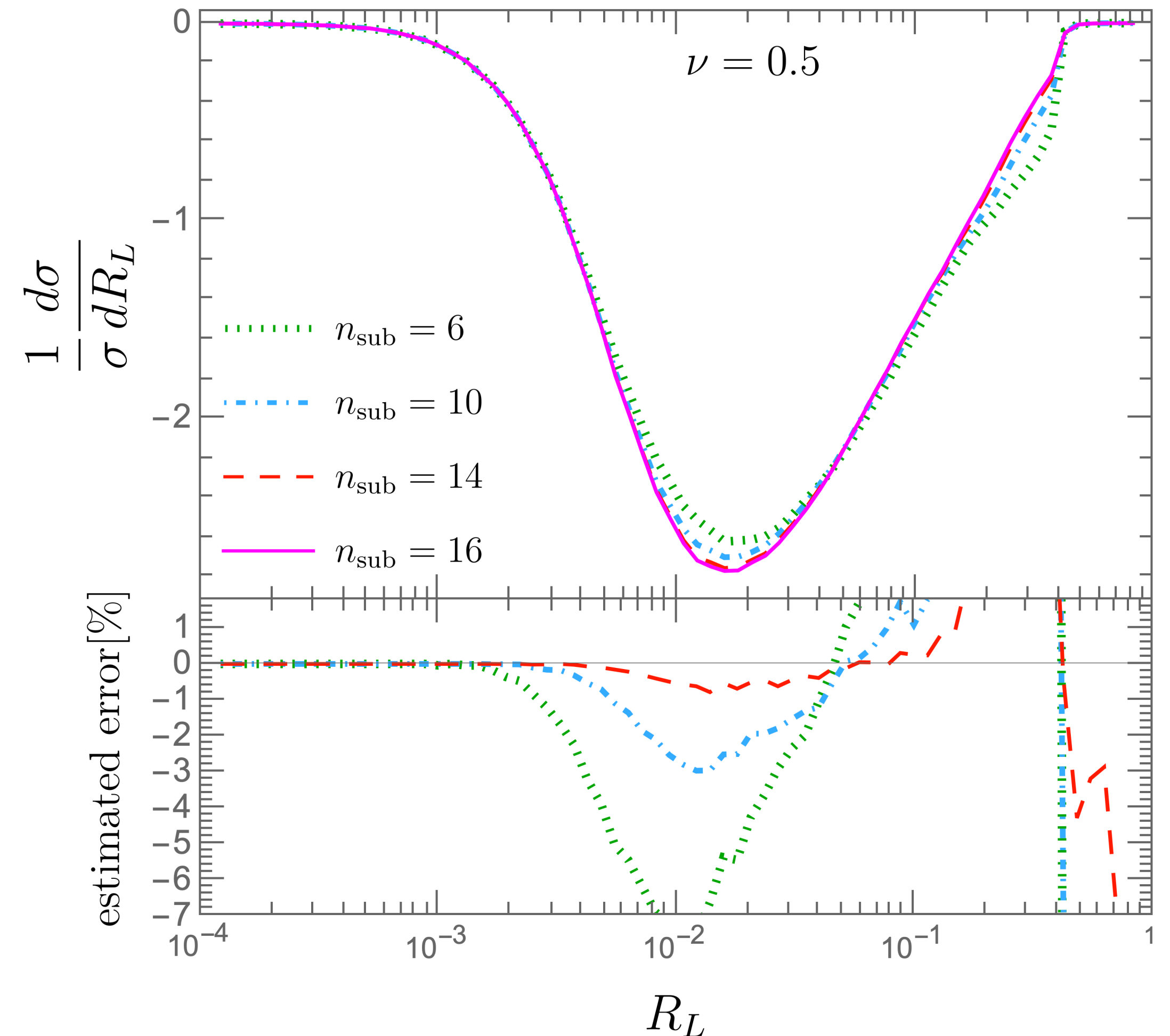
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- This form can be analytically continued in N .
- For real world jets with M particles, computationally **prohibitive** $\mathcal{O}(2^{2M})$.

An approximate approach

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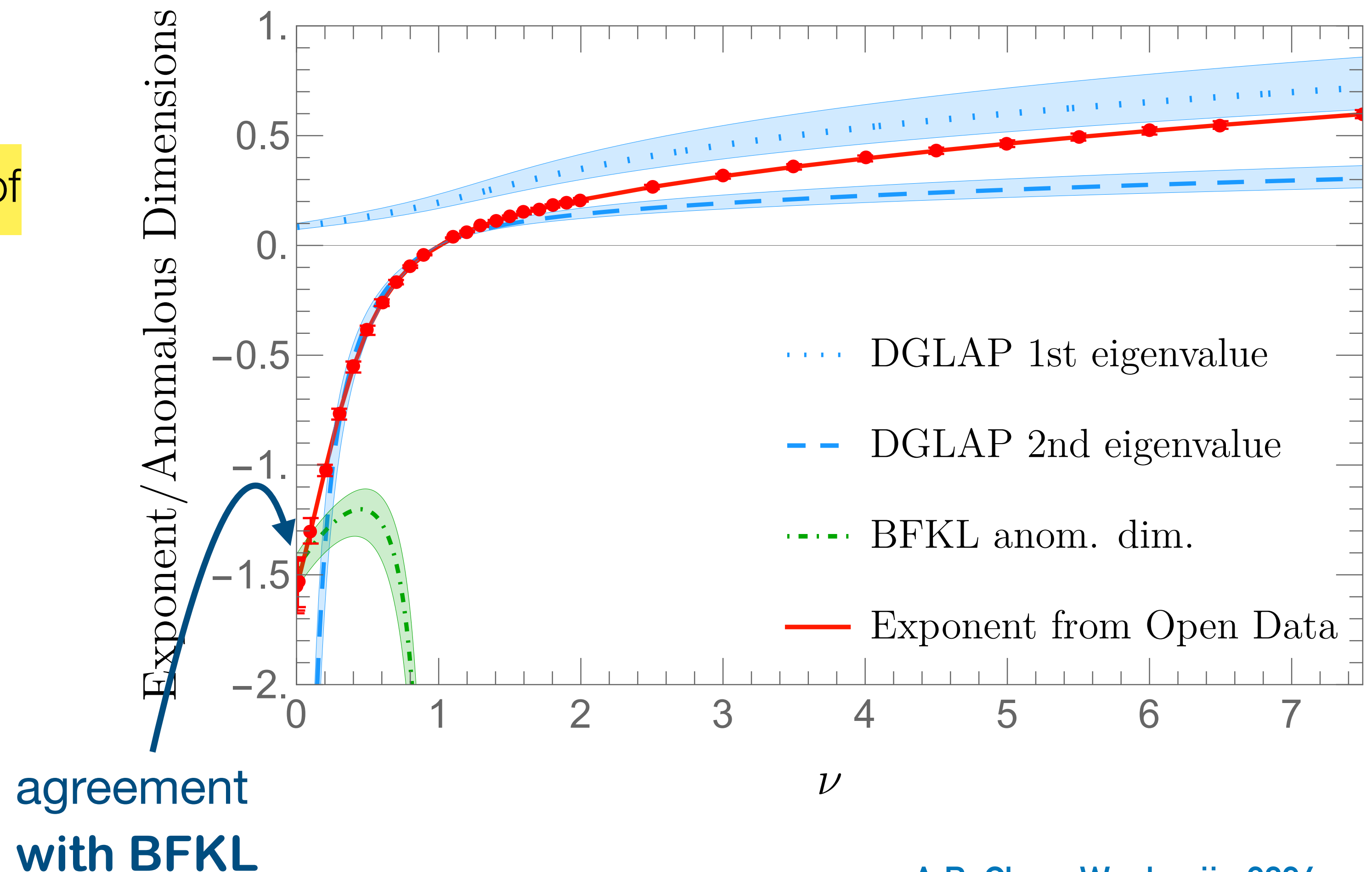
- Correlations at scales R_L are insensitive to details at much smaller scales $\Rightarrow$ Approximate particles by jets thereby reducing M .
- Computational cost $\mathcal{O}(2^{2M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(M 2^M)$



Power law from CMS data

- Fit to a power law $\sim aR_L^b$.
- Fit exponent well within eigenvalues of DGLAP anomalous dimension
- For small- N , fit exponent saturates while DGLAP eigenvalue diverges irrespective of quark/gluon mixing fractions.
- Interestingly, agreement with BFKL.

See also Hao's talk



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Problems with traditional parametrization

- Computationally time intensive: $\mathcal{O}(M^N)$ for integer N or $\mathcal{O}(2^{2M})$ for non-integer N .
- Previous approach improves this cost but still has an exponential scaling.
- Moreover, parameterization in terms of all distances is **redundant**:

$$\binom{N}{2} > 2N - 3 \quad \text{for } N \geq 3$$

A new parametrization

- Simpler non-redundant parametrization : Isolate a special point $\mathbf{s}$ and only consider the distance to it:

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- Looking at the cumulative distribution:

$$\Sigma^{[N]}(R_1) = \int^{R_1} dR'_1 \frac{d\sigma^{[N]}}{dR'_1} = \int d\sigma \sum_s z_s [z_{\text{disk}}(s, R)]^{N-1}$$

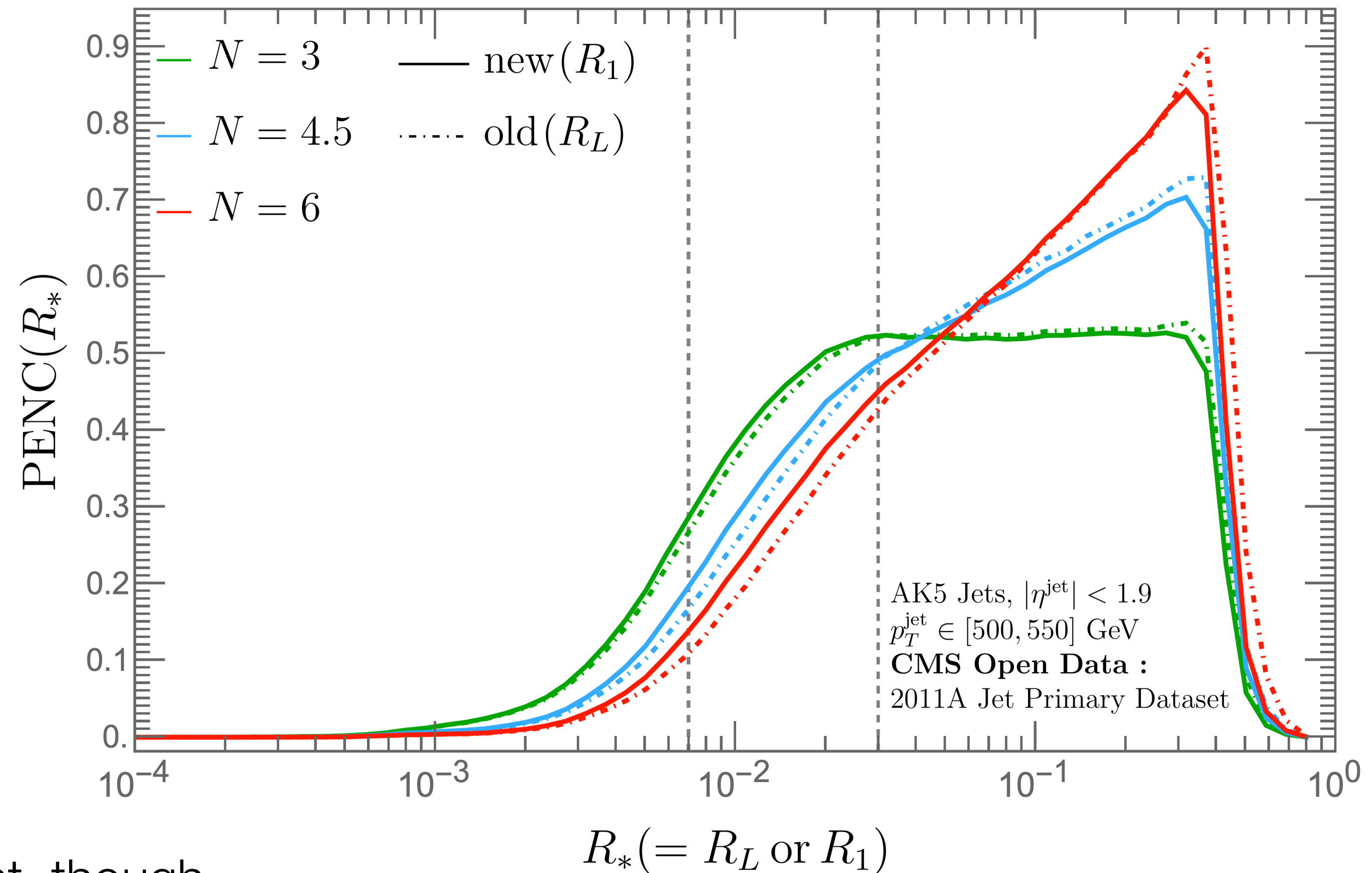
- Sorting takes $\mathcal{O}(M \ln M)$ and for each special particle we get another factor $M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(M^2 \log M)$ for all $N!$

Comparing old and new parametrization

- Differences in collinear region are small.
- Mostly visible in the **transition region**
- Same factorization formula carries over

$$\Sigma^{[N]}(R_1, Q) = \int_0^1 dx x^{[N]} \sum_i J_i^{[N]} \left(\frac{x Q^2 R_1^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot H_i \left(x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right)$$

- H_i independent of specific parametrization of $\text{PENC}(R_*)$
- RGE for J_i also parametrization independent, though functional form is not.



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Perturbative agreement upto NLL

- For two particles,

$$R_1 = R_L \Rightarrow J(R_L) = J(R_1) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$
- By triangle inequality $R_1 \leq R_L \leq 2R_1$, one expects $R_L \sim (1 + c)R_1$

NLL equivalence implies $c \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

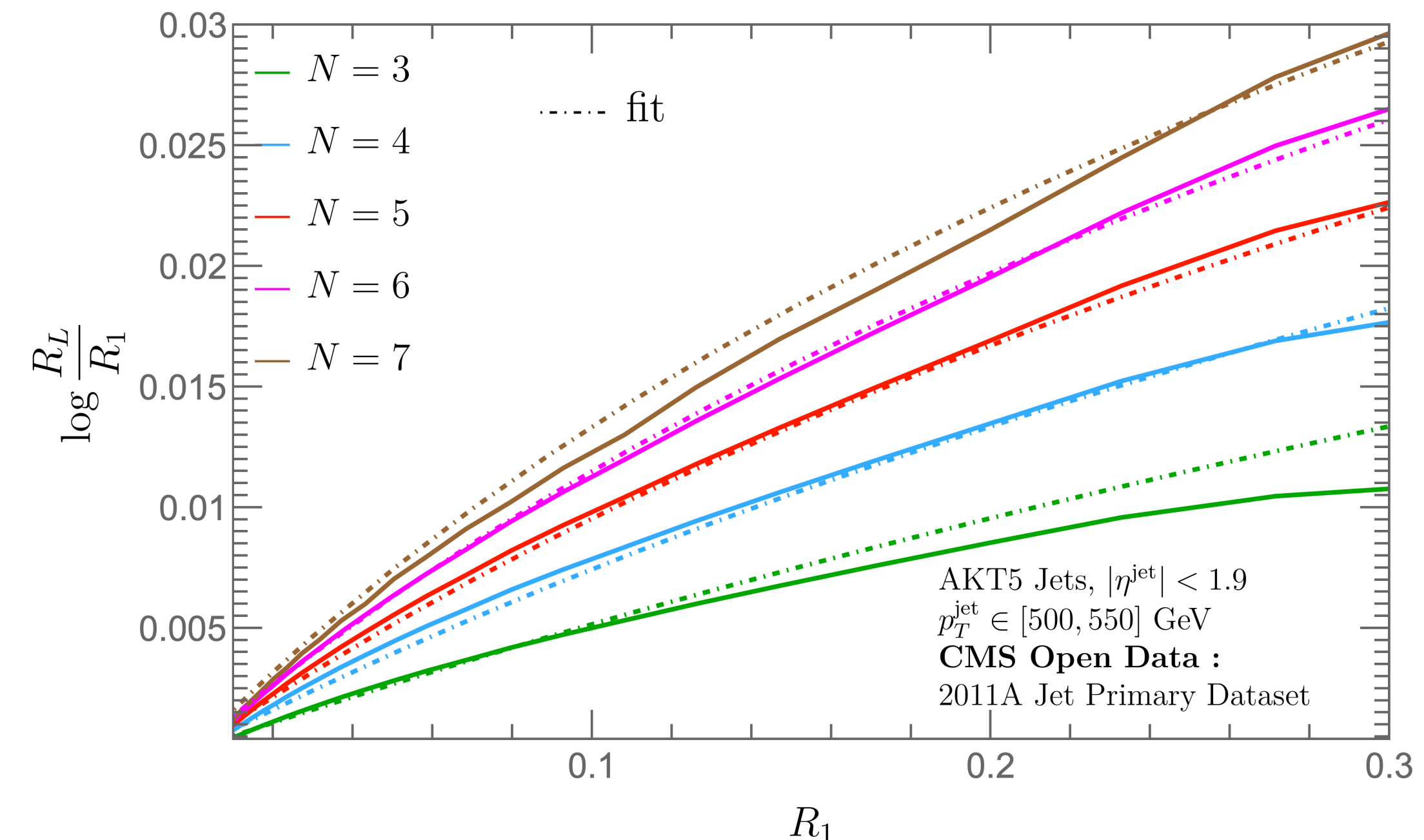
- Test numerically by constructing **quantiles**

$$\Sigma_{\text{new}}^{[N]}(R_1) = \Sigma_{\text{old}}^{[N]}(R_L(R_1))$$

- We find a fit form

$$\log(R_L/R_1) \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \log[1 + (N-1)R_L]$$

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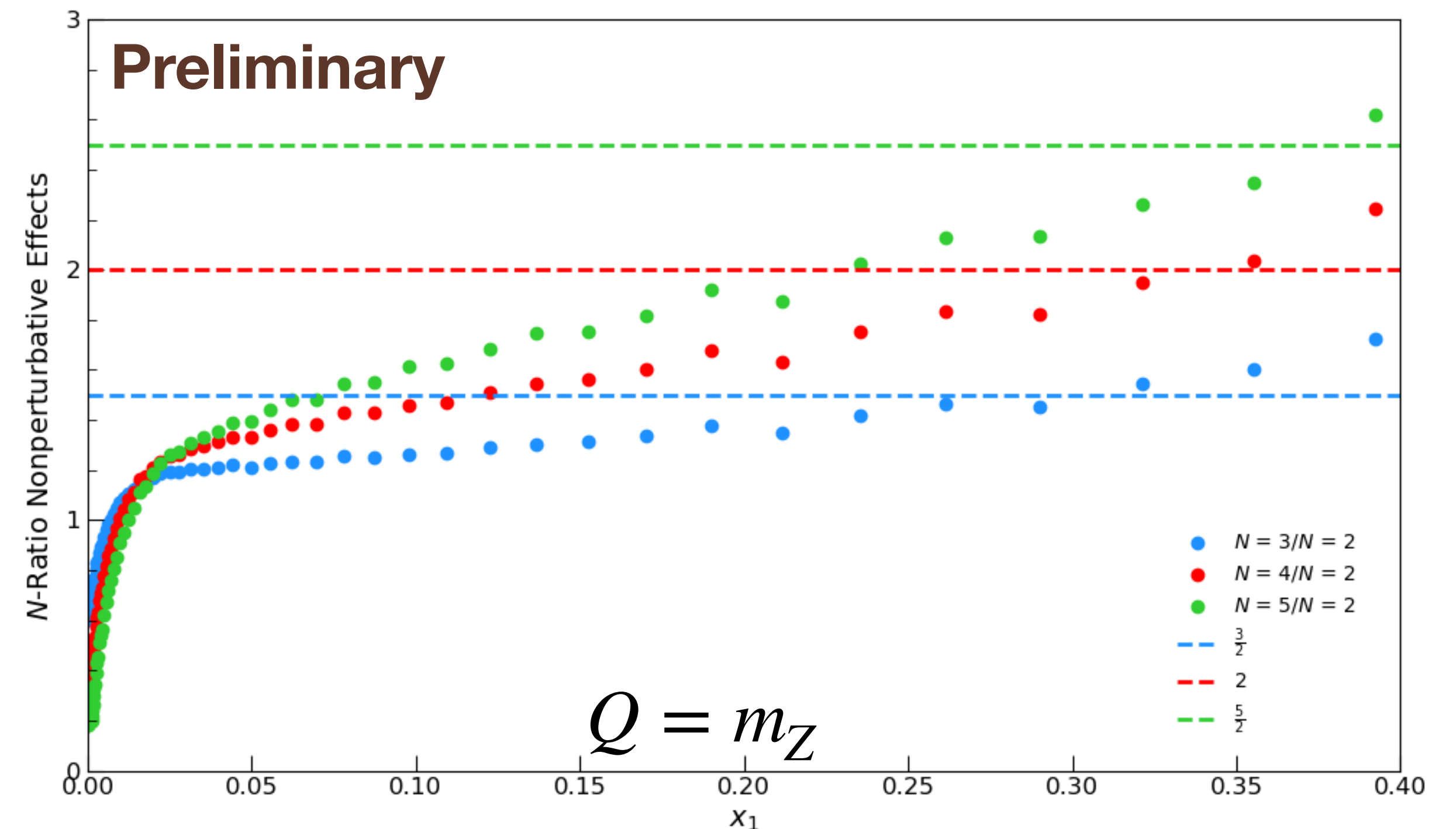
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- For $N > 1$, leading structure same as proposed by Lee et.al. [Schindler, Stewart, Sun 2023](#)
[Chen, Monni, Xu, Zhu 2024](#)
[Lee, Pathak, Stewart, Sun 2024](#)
- Extract in MC by $\frac{(\text{had} - \text{part})(N)}{(\text{had} - \text{part})(2)}$
- RG effects visible in the shape.



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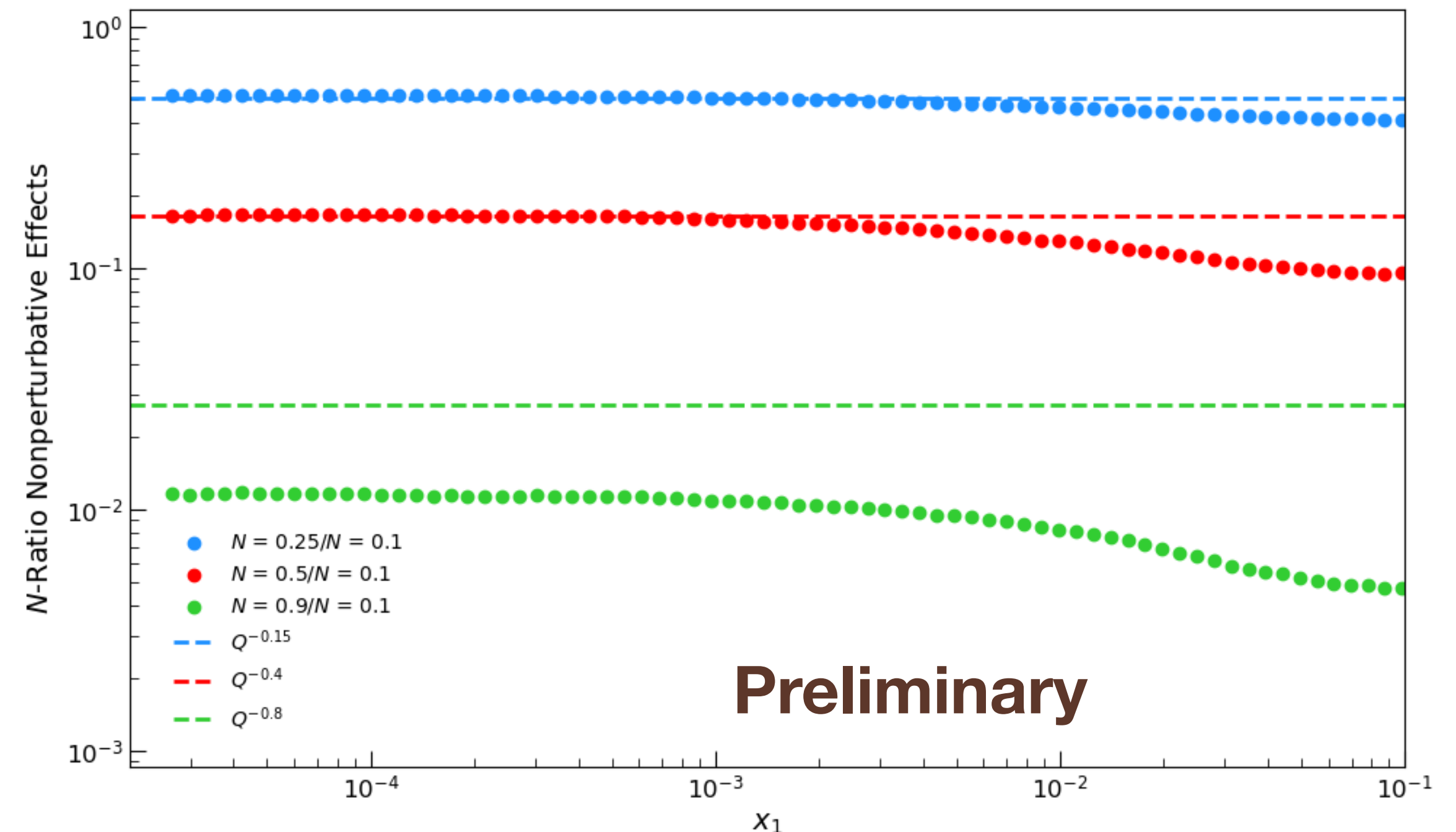
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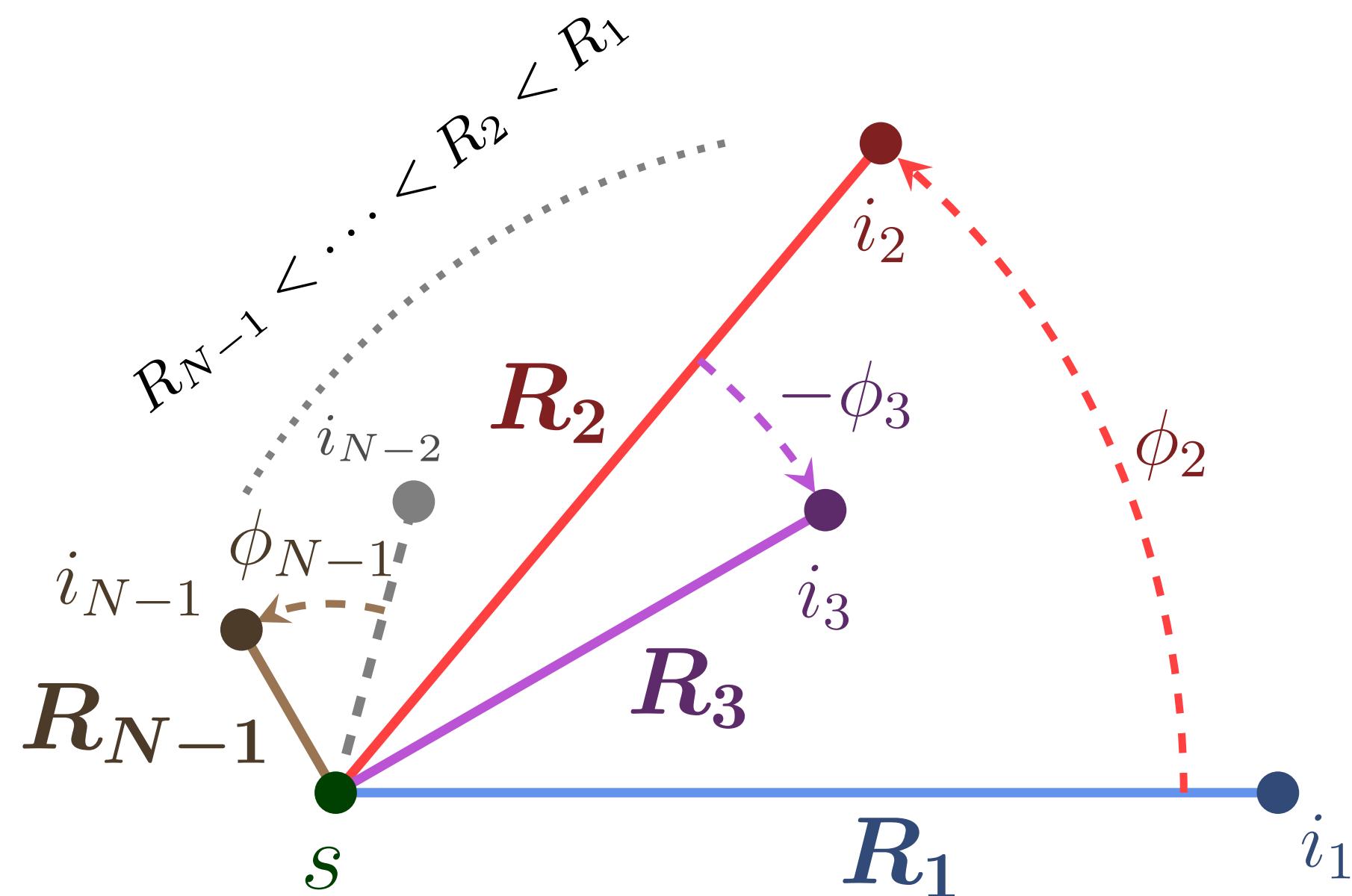
Relevant when N is small

- For $N < 1$, **new result** that goes like $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^N \Rightarrow$ overall size of NP corrections stronger for $N < 1$.

- Test this in MC by $\frac{(\text{had} - \text{part})(N)}{(\text{had} - \text{part})(0.1)}$
- Well governed by the predicted scaling for sufficiently small- N



Looking at energy distribution inside jets



$$\text{RENC}(R_1, R_2, \phi_2, R_3, \phi_3, \dots) = \int d\sigma \sum_s z_s \sum_{i_1 \geq \dots \geq i_{N-1}} z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_{N-1}}$$

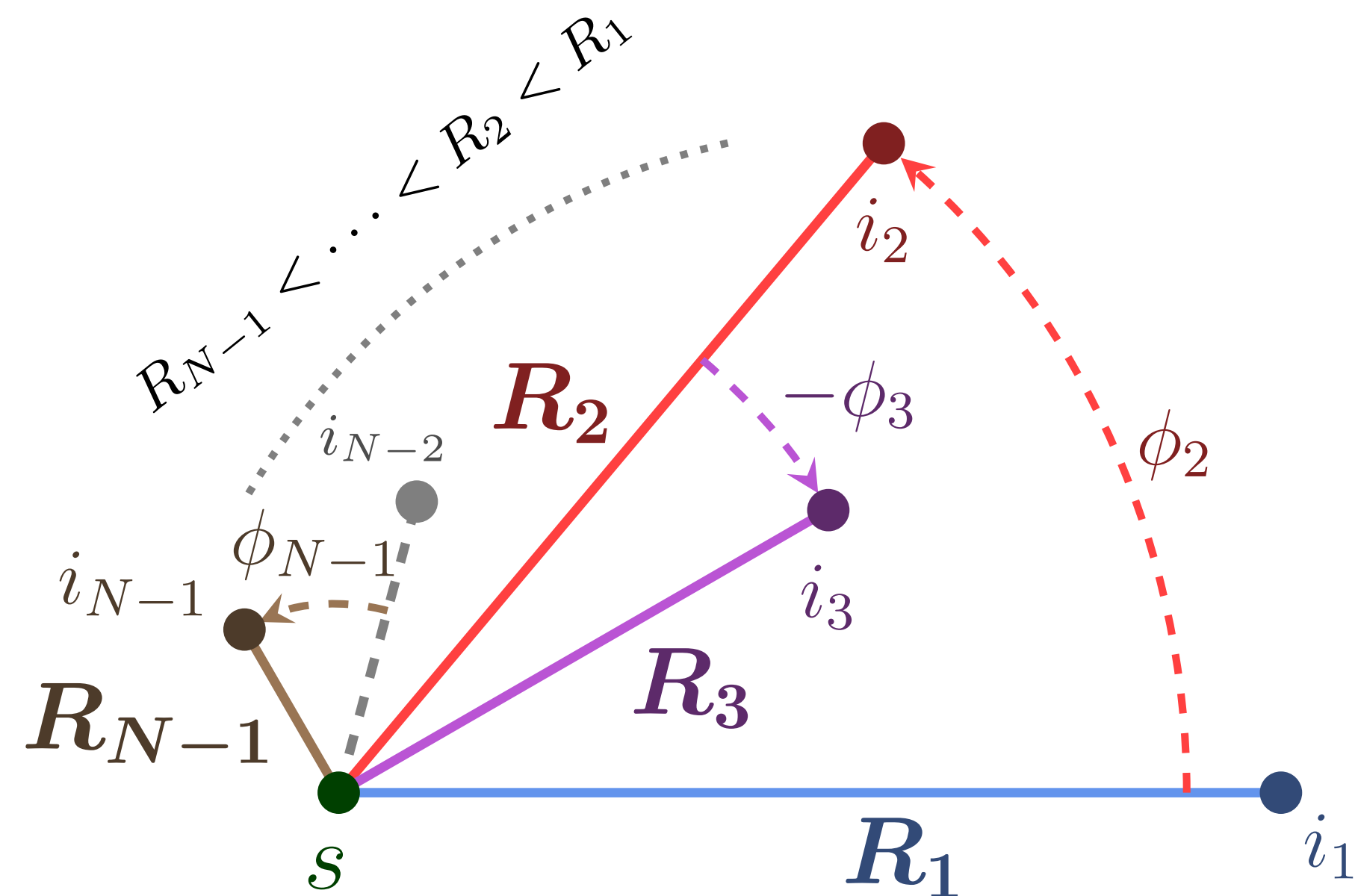
$$\times \binom{N}{n_1 n_2 \dots} \delta(R_1 - R_{s,i_1}) \delta(R_2 - R_{s,i_2}) \times \delta(\phi_2 - \phi_{i_1,i_2}) \dots$$

due to **ordering** of distances $R_1 > R_2 > \dots$

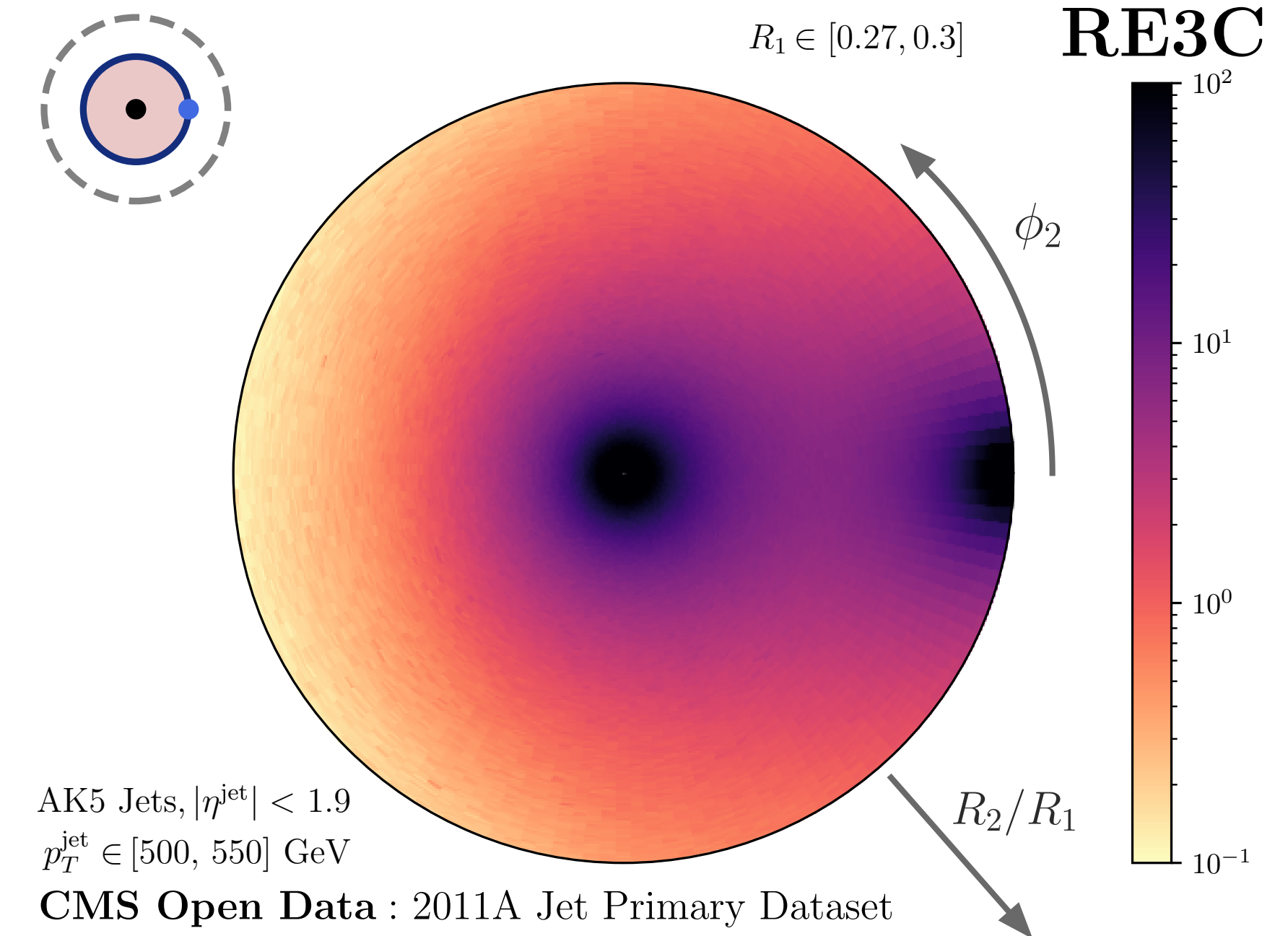
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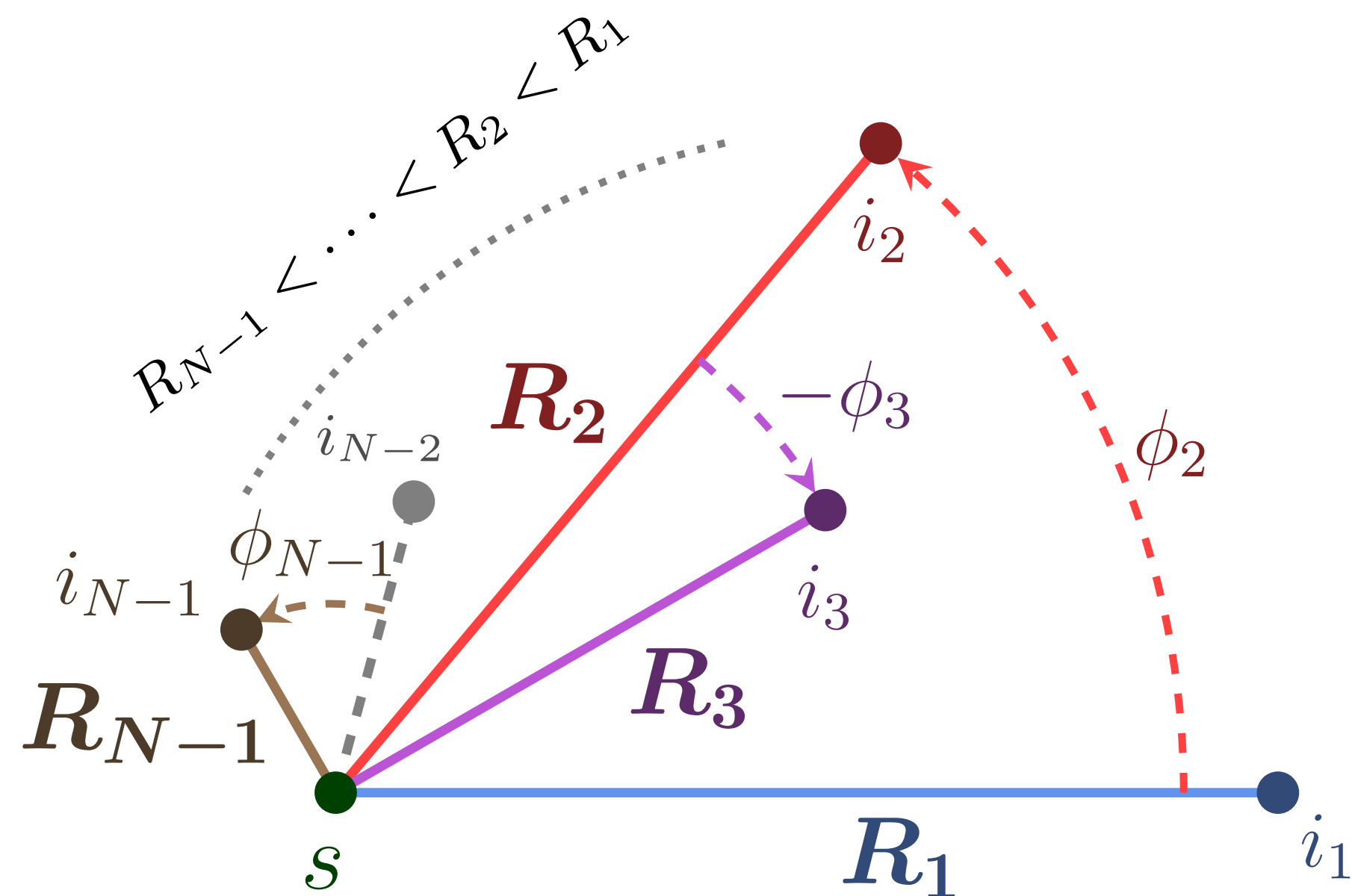


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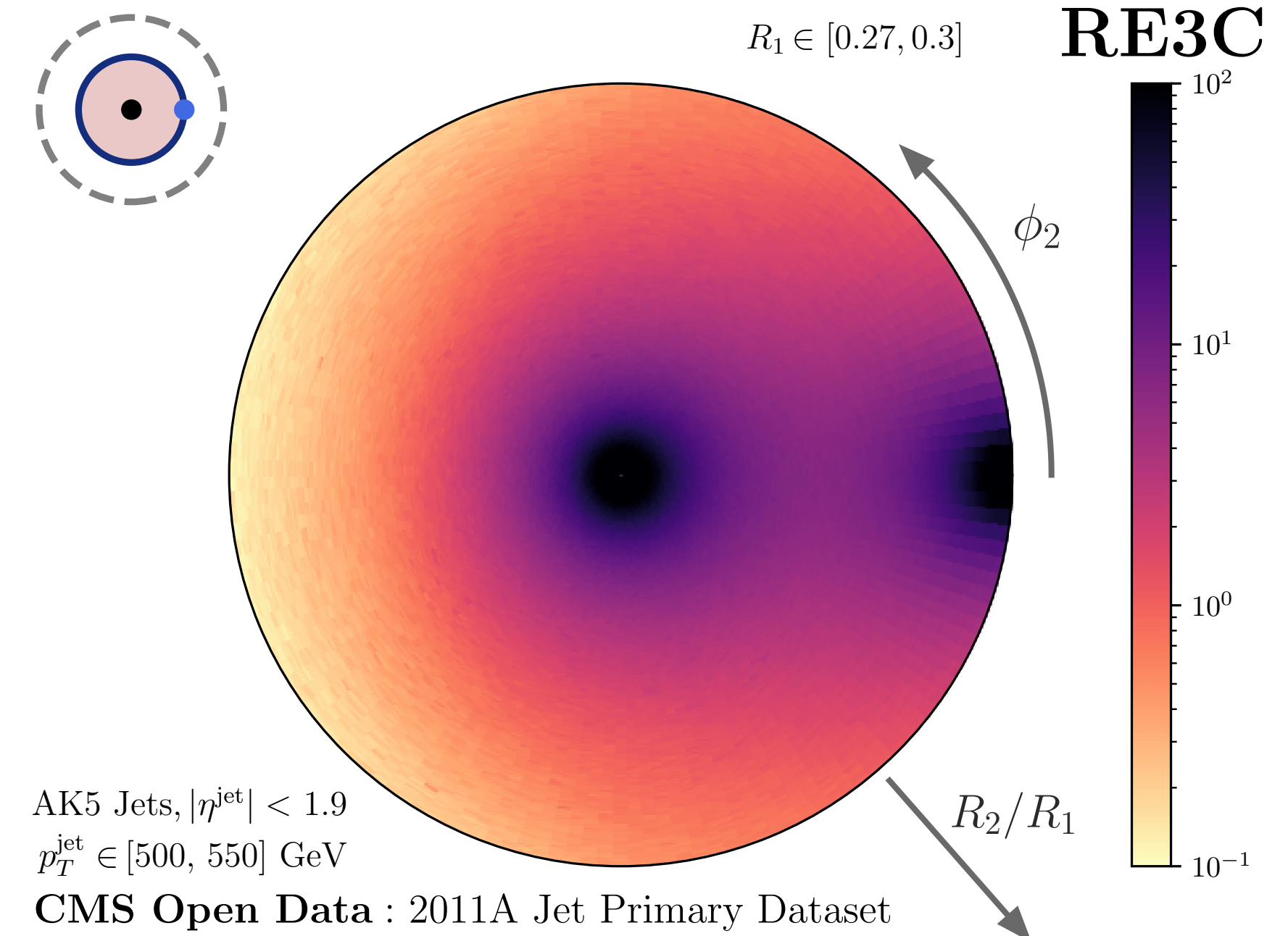
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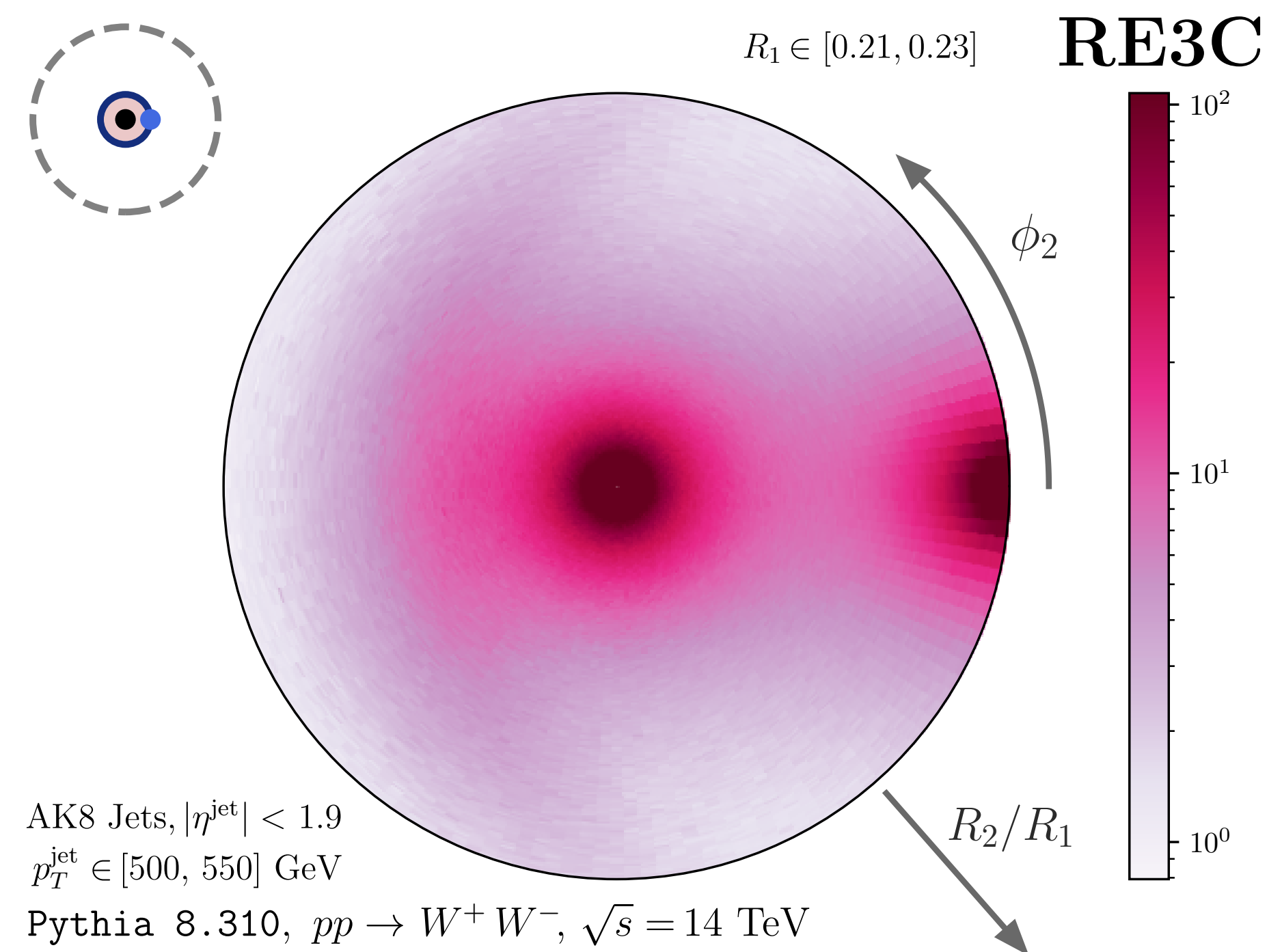
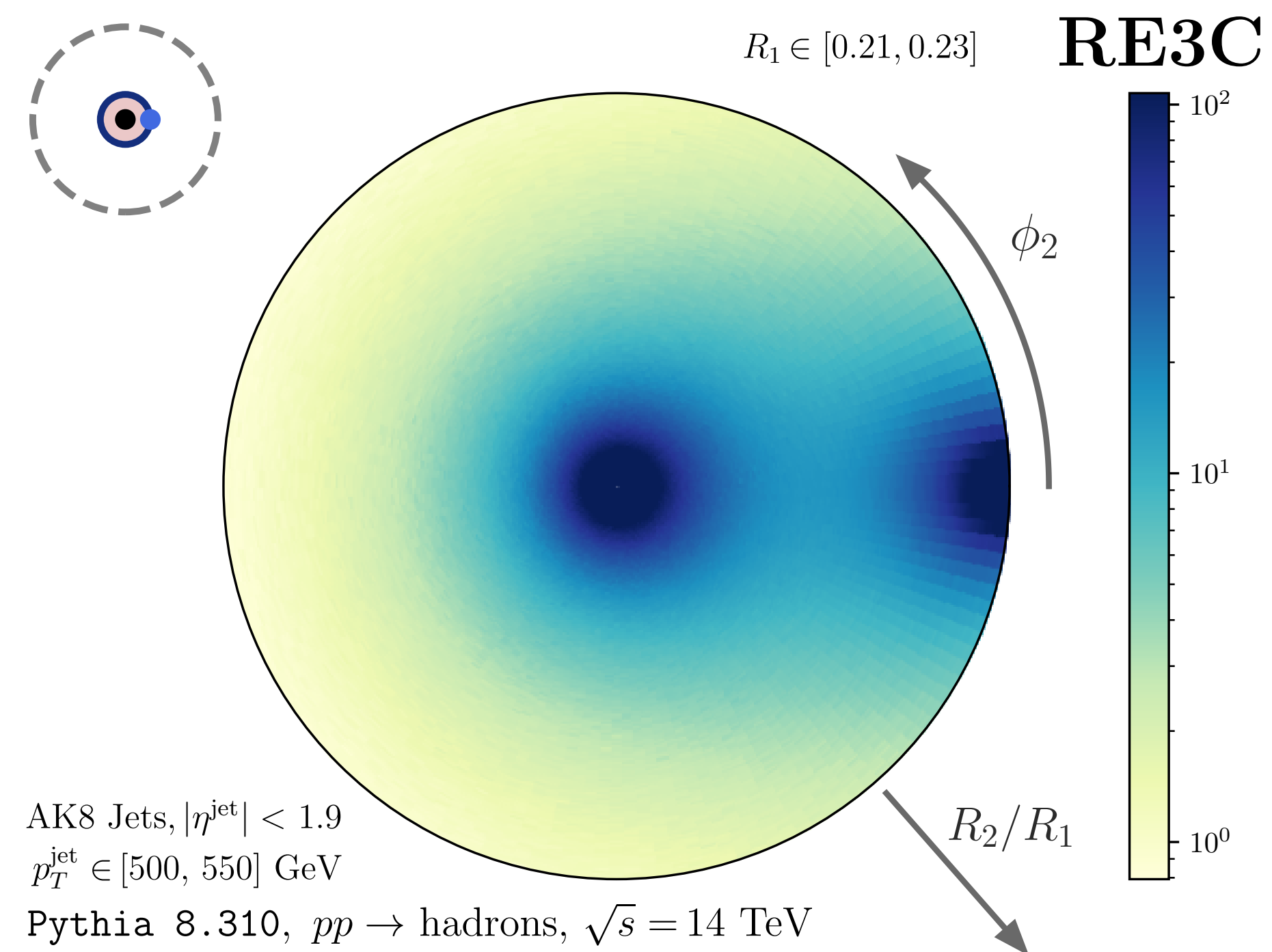
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Old parametrization

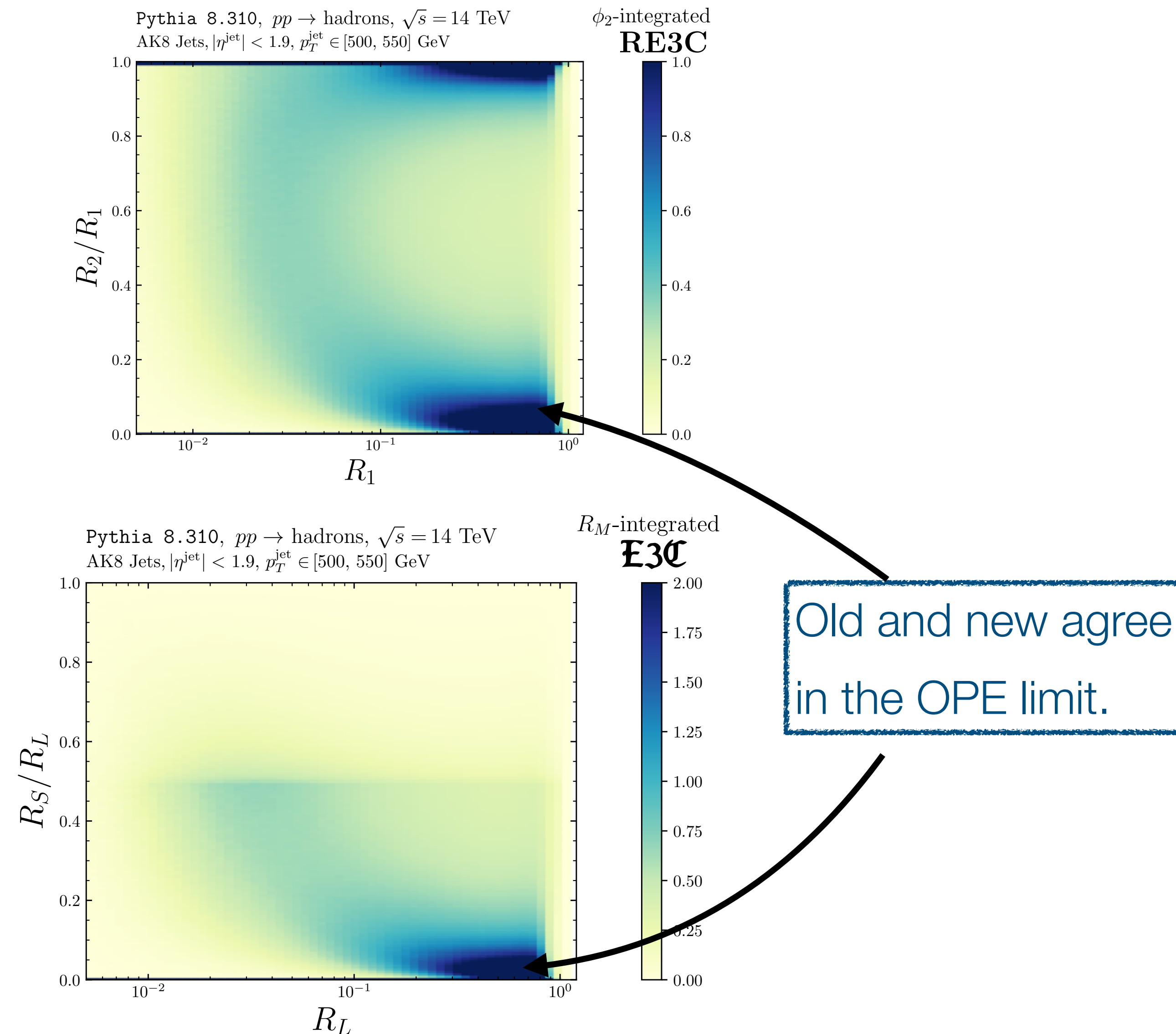
Distinguishing jet samples



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- Qualitative differences between QCD jets and W-boson initiated jets.
- Not visible in old parametrization as orientation information is lost.

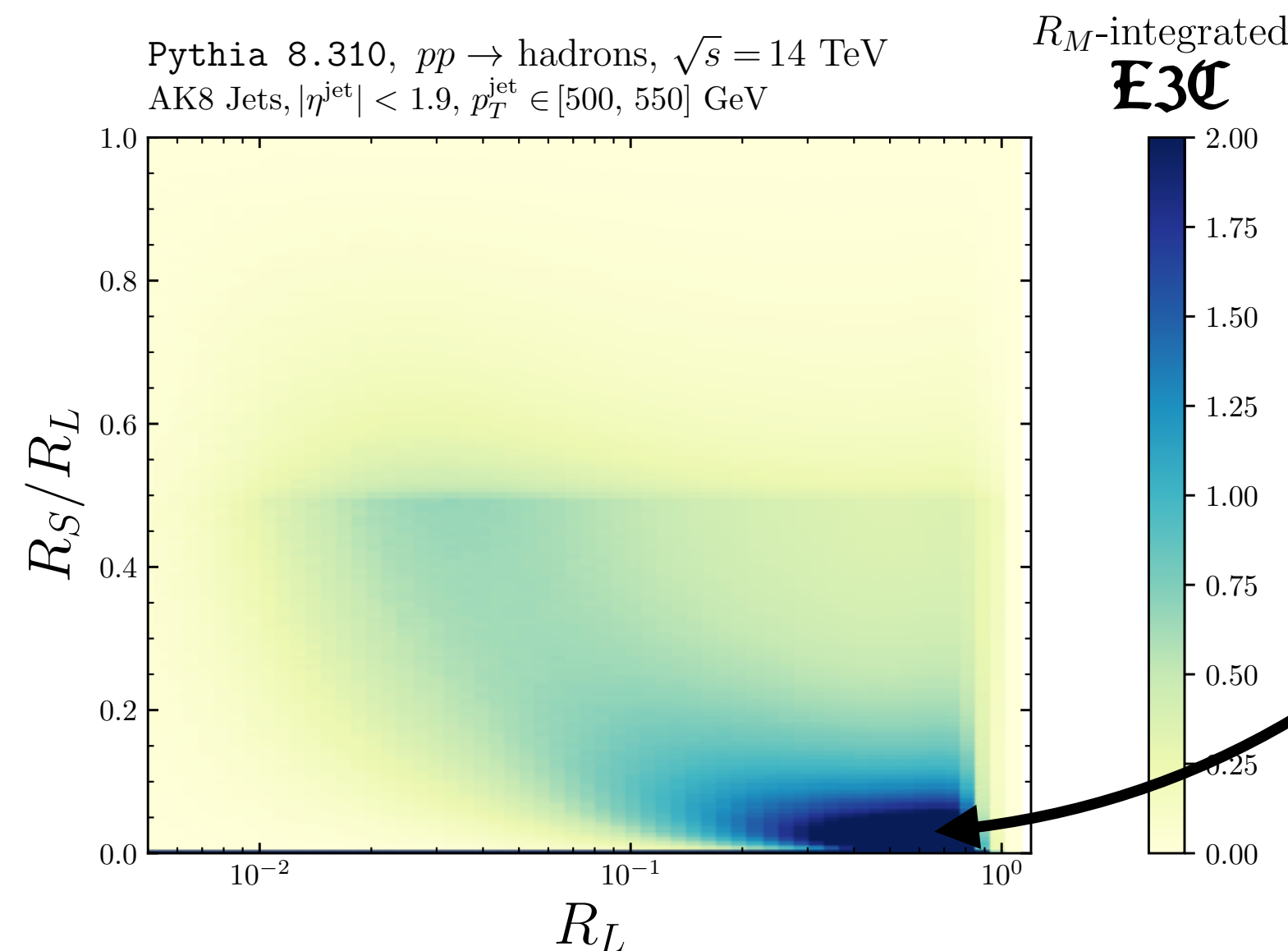
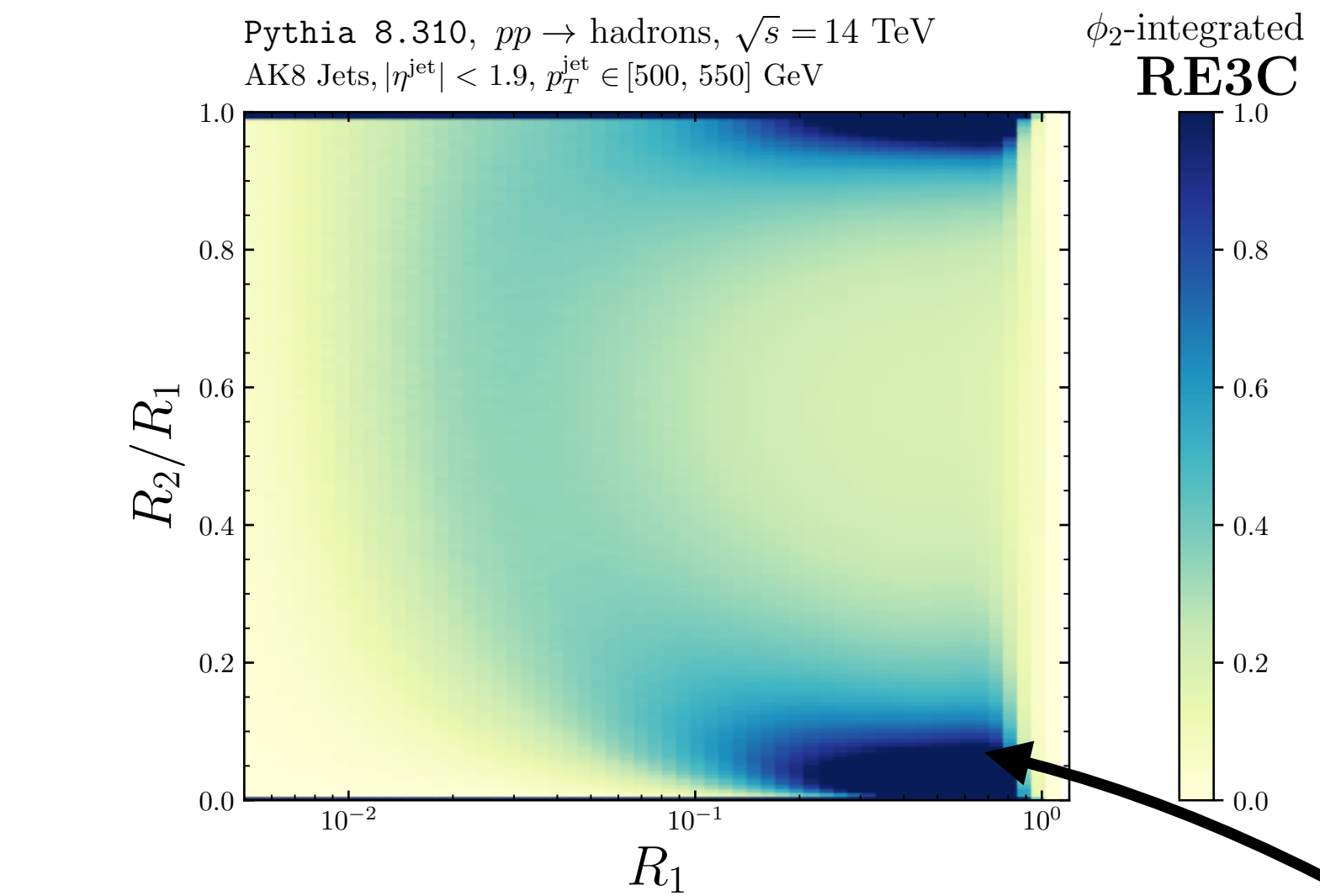
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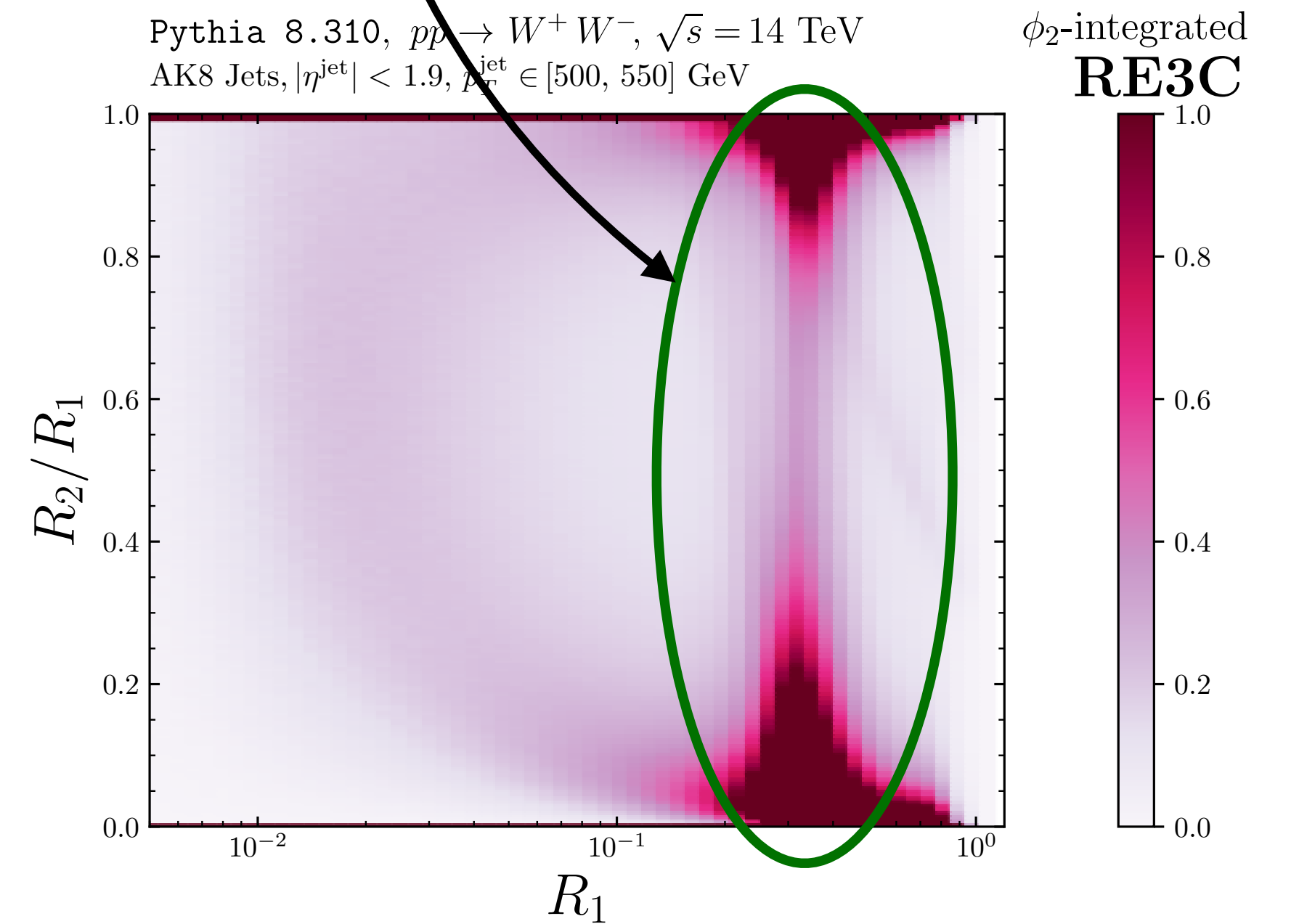
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W-boson mass
imprinted

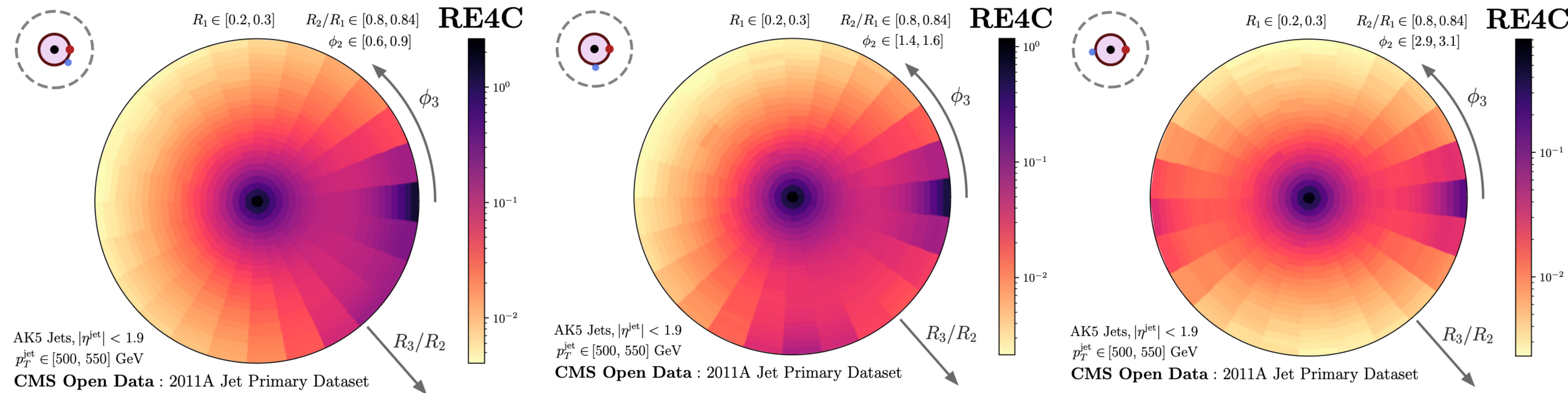


Old and new agree
in the OPE limit.



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Just for fun (RE4C)



Summary & Outlook

- We developed an approximate approach to evaluate arbitrary ν -correlators on real jet samples and used it to extract QCD anomalous dimension from CMS Open Data.
- We proposed a new **non-redundant** parametrization that also preserves orientation.
- In perturbative region, differences are small $\sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$. Leading non-perturbative corrections compared with MC data.
- Provides practical computational costs that can allow for potential future explorations. Theoretically nothing is lost, phenomenologically and experimentally everything is gained.
- Potential for future explorations with generalizations to more than one special particle as well high multiplicity environments of heavy ion collisions.

Thanks for your attention !

Backup

NLL equivalence

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n,k} d_{n,k} \alpha_s^{n+k} \log^n [R_1(1+c)] &= \sum_{n,k} d_{n,k} \alpha_s^{n+k} [\log R_1 + \log(1+c)]^n \\ &= \sum_{m,k,k'} \binom{m+k'}{m} d_{m+k',k} \alpha_s^{m+k+k'} \log^m R_1 \log^{k'}(1+c),\end{aligned}$$

$$n = m + k'$$