

Recent Progress on Track Functions

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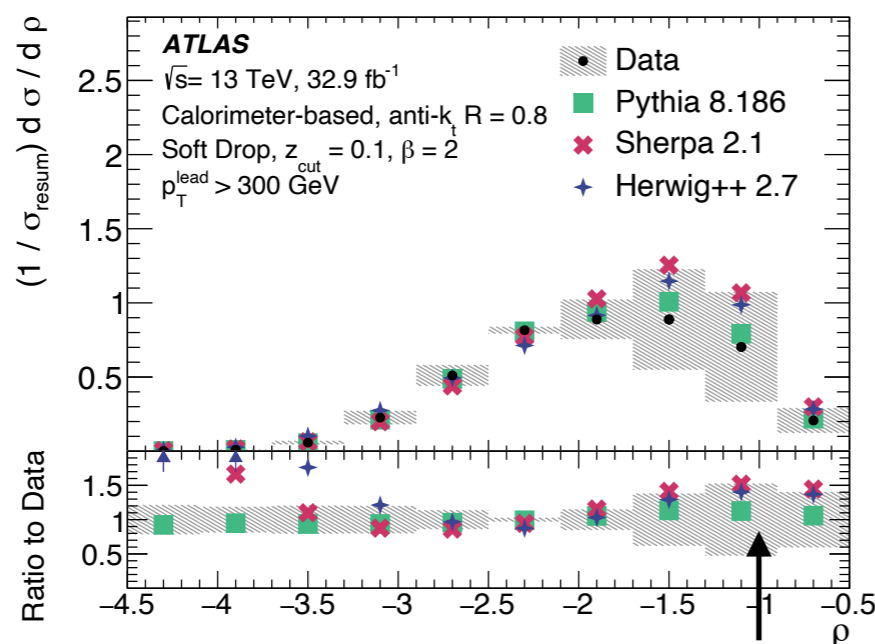
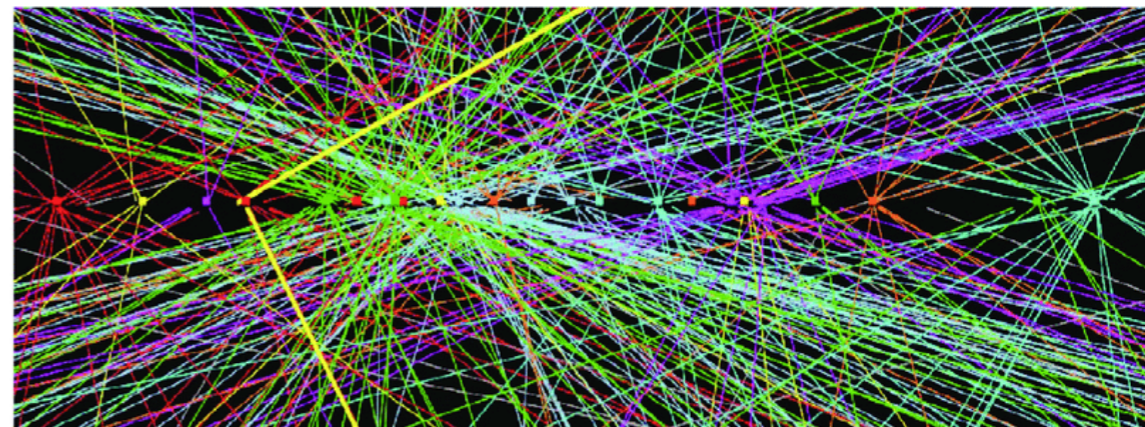
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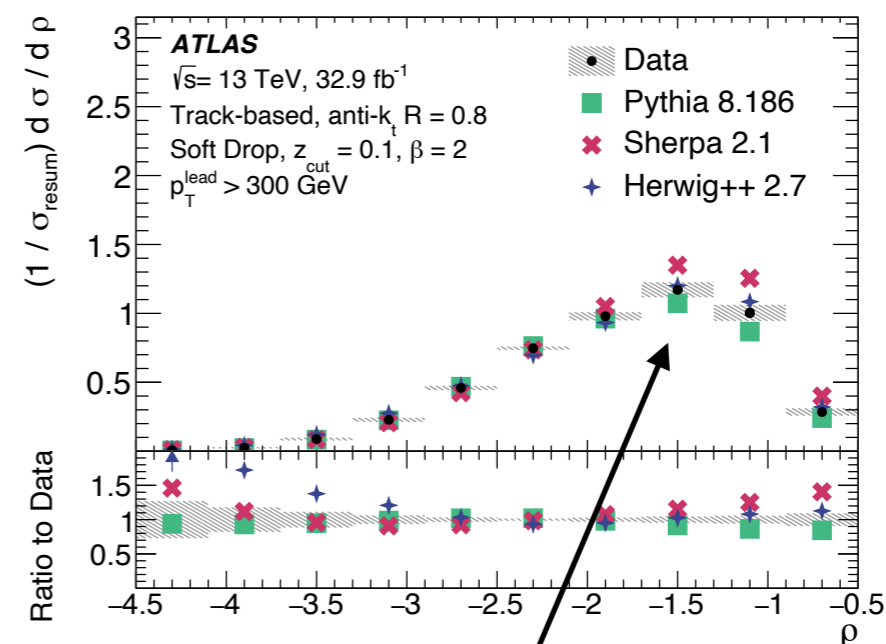
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Motivation for track-based measurements

- Superior angular resolution
→ good for jet substructure
- Pile-up removal
- E.g. for groomed $\rho = \ln(m^2/p_T^2)$



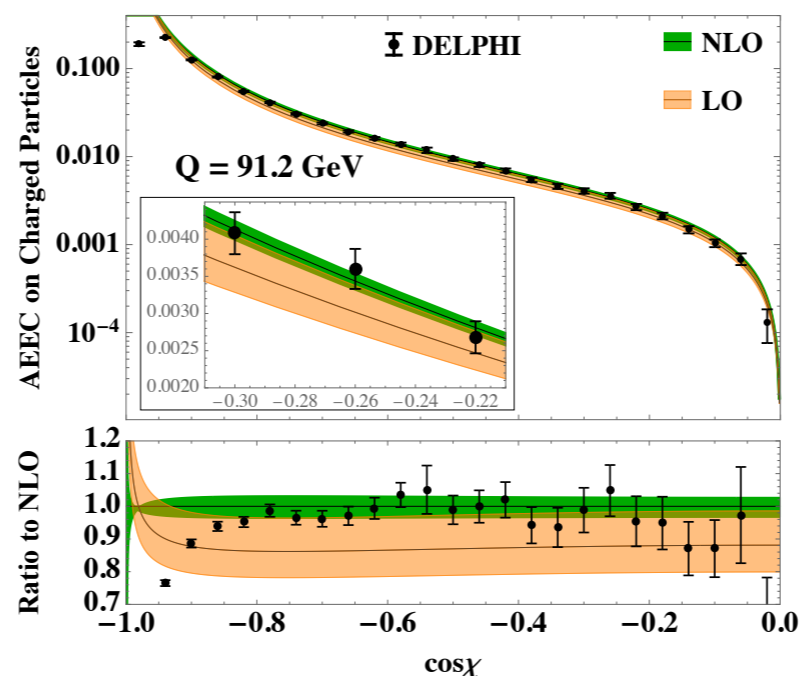
Pile up



Difference of parton showers
larger than exp. uncertainty

Introduction

- Track-based measurements sensitive to hadronization
→ can be modeled in parton showers.
- Track functions offer **systematically** improvable framework.
- Recently extended to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ → **high precision possible!**
- Track functions are being extracted by ATLAS.
- Particularly easy to use for energy correlators [see also Kyle's talk]



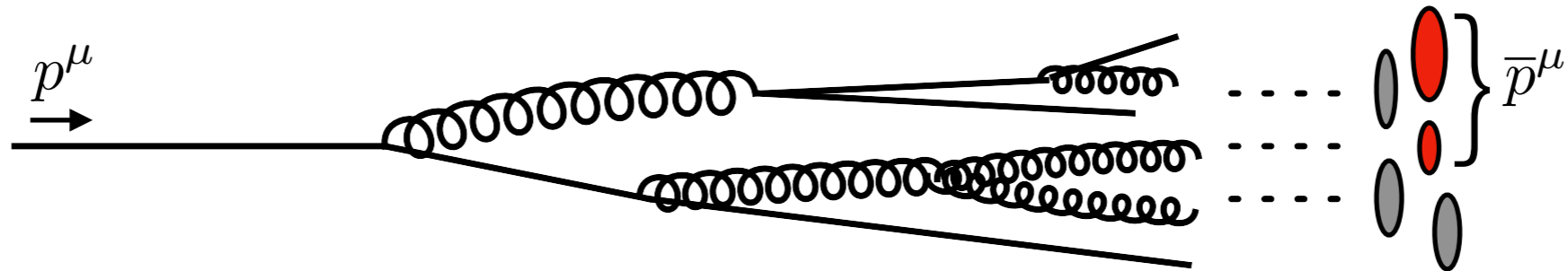
Outline

1. Track function basics
2. Track functions at α_s^2
3. Phenomenology with track functions

Bonus: studying factorization violation with vector angularities.

1. Track functions basics

1. Track function



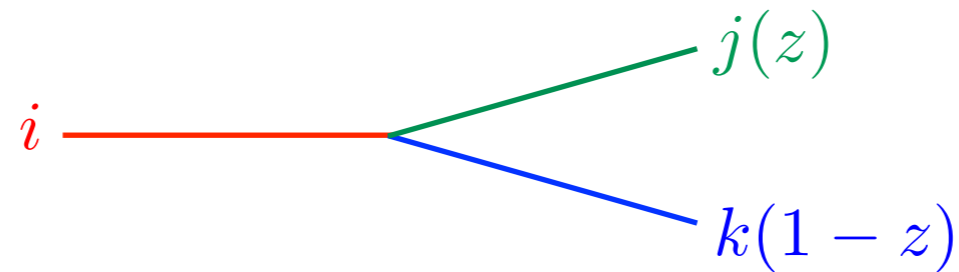
- $T_i(x, \mu)$ describes **total** momentum fraction x of initial parton i converted to **tracks**, i.e.

$$\bar{p}^\mu = x p^\mu + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

- Nonperturbative, process-independent function.
- Conservation of probability:

$$\int_0^1 dx T_i(x) = 1$$

1. Track function at order α_s



$$T_{i,\text{bare}}^{(1)}(x) = \sum_j \int dz \left[\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{UV}}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}} \right) P_{ji}(z) \right] \int dx_1 T_j^{(0)}(x_1, \mu)$$

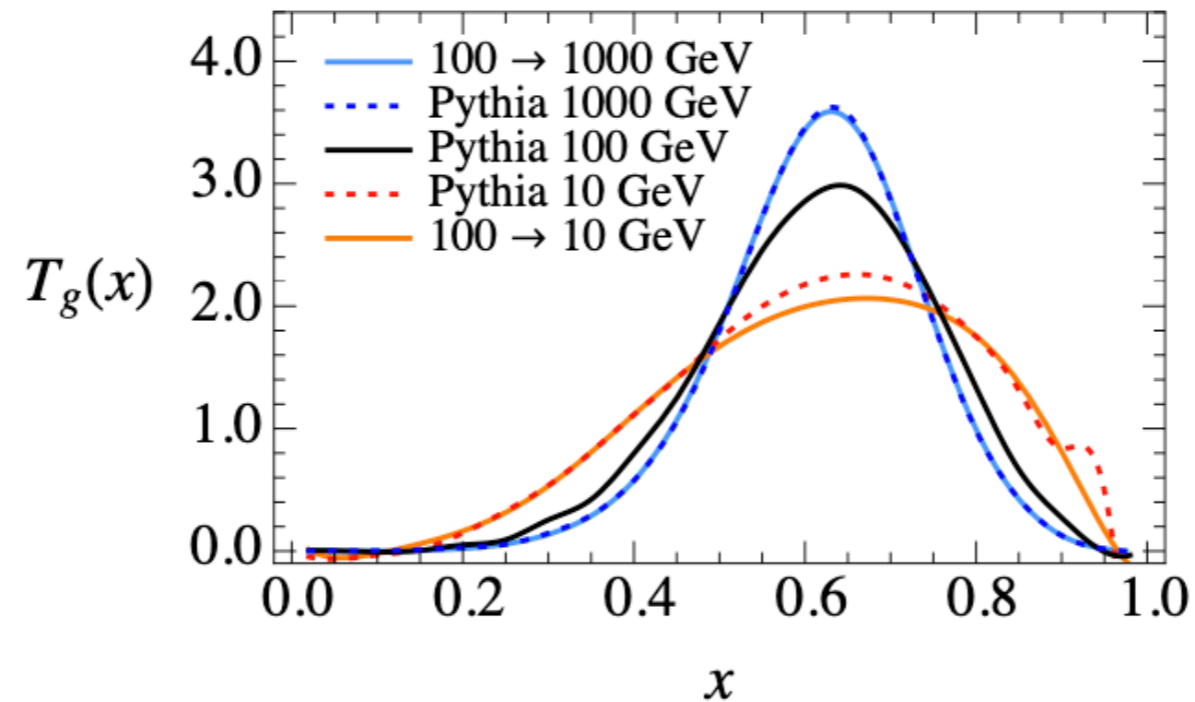
splitting function

$$\times \int dx_2 T_k^{(0)}(x_2, \mu) \delta[x - zx_1 - (1-z)x_2]$$

summing contribution of branches

- $1/\epsilon_{\text{IR}}$ cancels against IR pole in partonic cross section.
- $1/\epsilon_{\text{UV}}$ is renormalized, leads to evolution of track function

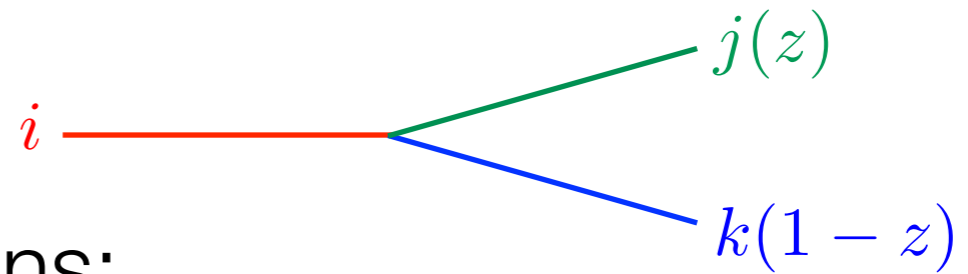
1. Evolution at order α_s



$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x, \mu) = \sum_{j,k} \int dz \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} P_{ji}(z) \int dx_1 T_j(x_1, \mu) \int dx_2 T_k(x_2, \mu) \times \delta[x - zx_1 - (1-z)x_2] \quad [\text{Chang, Procura, Thaler, WW}]$$

- Consistent with extraction from Pythia at different energies.
- Simplifies for integer moments: $[x - zx_1 - (1-z)x_2]^N$
binomial expansion

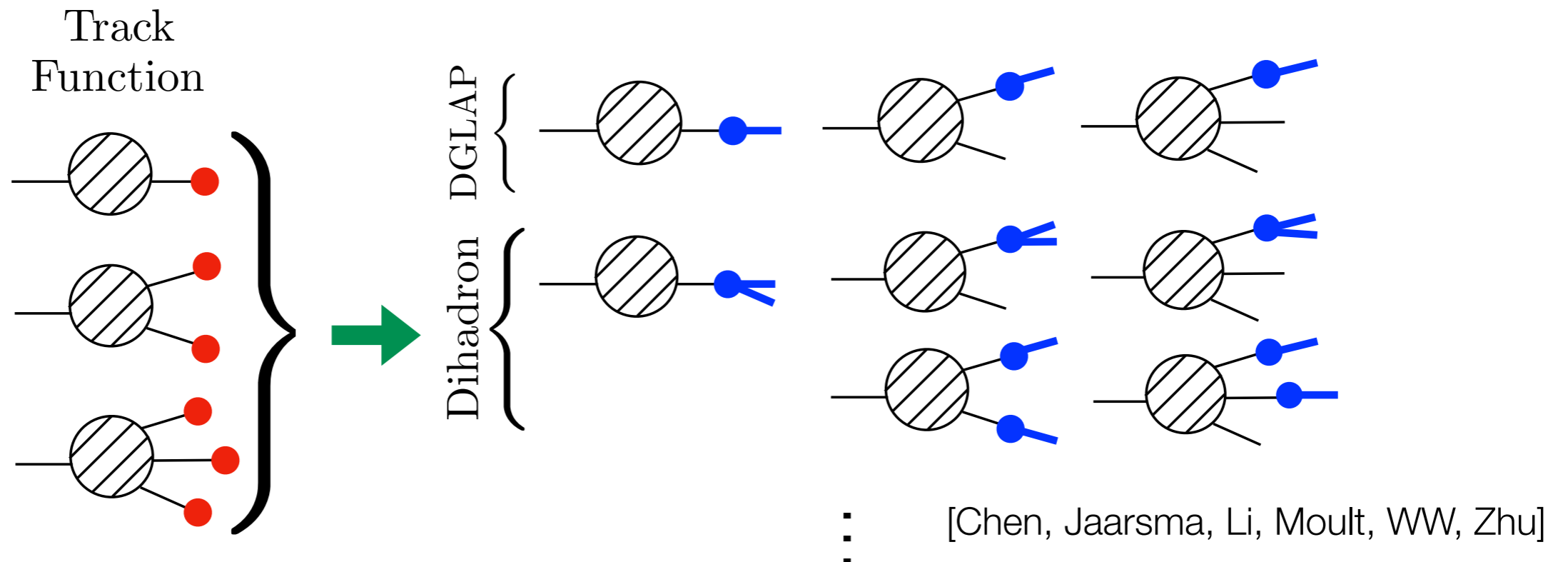
1. Relation to (multi-)hadron fragmentation



- Track vs. fragmentation functions:

$$\delta[\boldsymbol{x} - z\boldsymbol{x}_1 - (1-z)\boldsymbol{x}_2] \rightarrow \delta[\boldsymbol{x} - z\boldsymbol{x}_1] + \delta[\boldsymbol{x} - (1-z)\boldsymbol{x}_2]$$

- Evolution for (multi-)hadron fragmentation follows from tracks:



1. Using track functions

- Consider a cross section differential in observable e

$$\frac{d\sigma}{de} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma_N}{d\Pi_N} \delta[e - \hat{e}(\{p_i^\mu\})]$$

- At leading order, for track-based measurement \bar{e}

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\bar{e}} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma_N}{d\Pi_N} \underbrace{\int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i T_i(x_i)}_{\text{hadronization}} \delta[e - \hat{e}(\{x_i p_i^\mu\})]$$

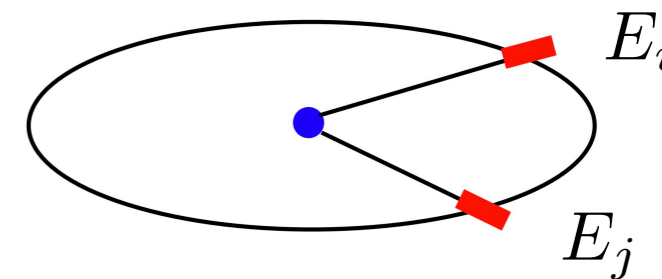
- Beyond leading order, there is a cancellation of IR divergences, $d\sigma_N \rightarrow d\bar{\sigma}_N$, similar to fragmentation functions/PDFs.

1. Track-based energy correlators

- Weighted cross section in e^+e^- collisions

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

[Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love]



- Tracks are essential for small χ
- Conversion to tracks is simple:

$$E_i \rightarrow \int dx_i T_i(x_i) x_i E_i = T_i(1) E_i$$

[Chen, Moult, Zhang, Zhu]

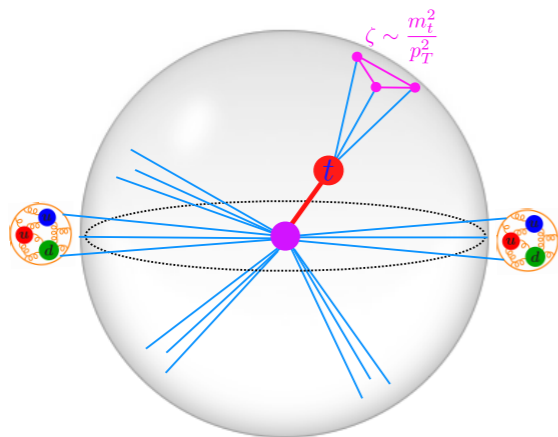
- Contact term $\chi = 0$ involves $T_i(2)$.

1. Track-based weighted energy correlators

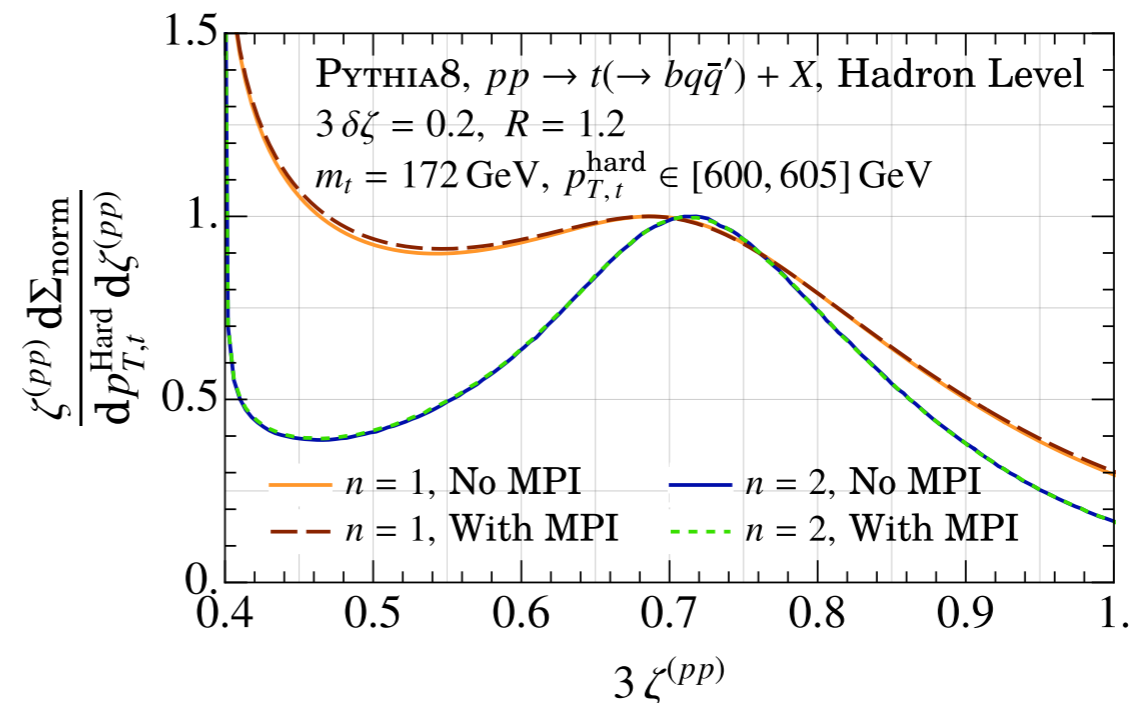
- N -point energy correlators involve at most the N th moment
- **Modifying** weights to suppress soft radiation is easy for tracks:

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

- Advantageous for top quark mass determination:



[Holguin, Mout, Pathak, Procura]



2. Track functions at α_s^2

2. Calculation in a nut shell

- $T_i(x) \propto 1/\epsilon_{UV} - 1/\epsilon_{IR} = 0 \rightarrow$ need a scale.
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- Remaining $1/\epsilon$ poles are infrared and cancel in

want to extract

$$J(s, x, \mu) = \delta(s) \mathbf{T}(x, \mu) + a_s \delta(s) \left[\mathcal{J}_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(1)} T(x, \mu) + \mathcal{J}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(1)} \otimes TT(x, \mu) \right] \\ + a_s^2 \delta(s) \left[\mathcal{J}_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(2)} T(x, \mu) + \mathcal{J}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(2)} \otimes TT(x, \mu) + \mathcal{J}_{1 \rightarrow 3}^{(2)} \otimes TTT(x, \mu) \right] + \dots$$

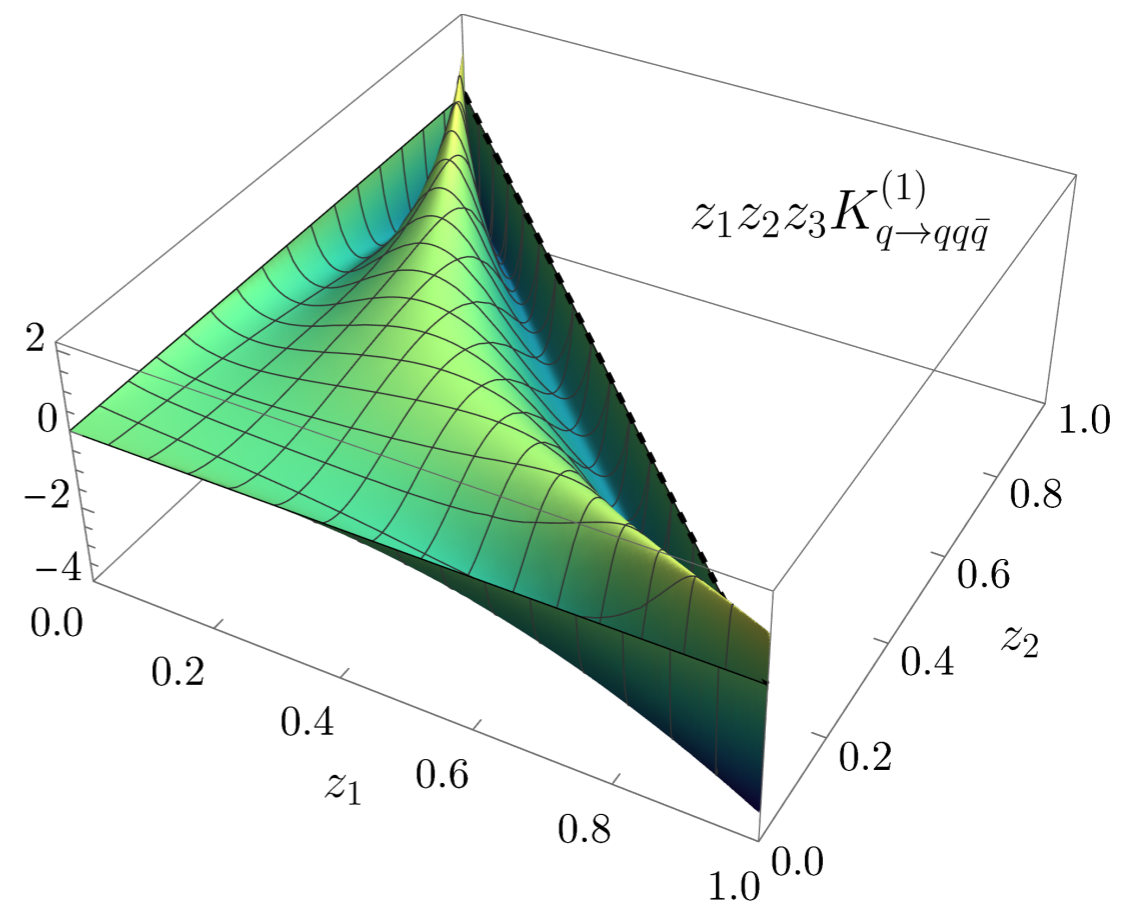
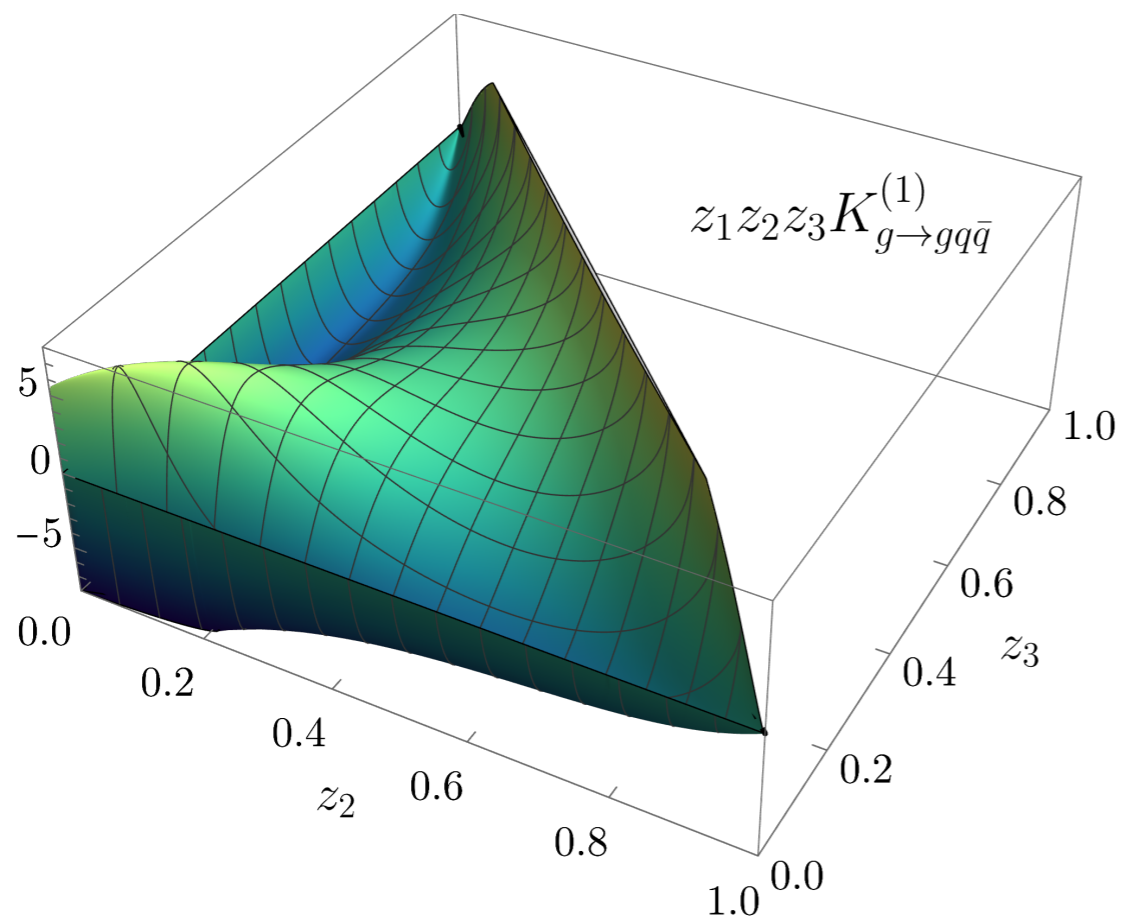
- Only need $\delta(s)$ term and IR poles (i.e. drop second line).
- To isolate poles in $J_i(s, x, \mu)$, use sector decomposition.

[Li, Moult, Schrijnder van Velzen, WW, Zhu; Jaarsma, Li, Moult, WW, Zhu; Chen, Jaarsma, Li, Moult, WW, Zhu]

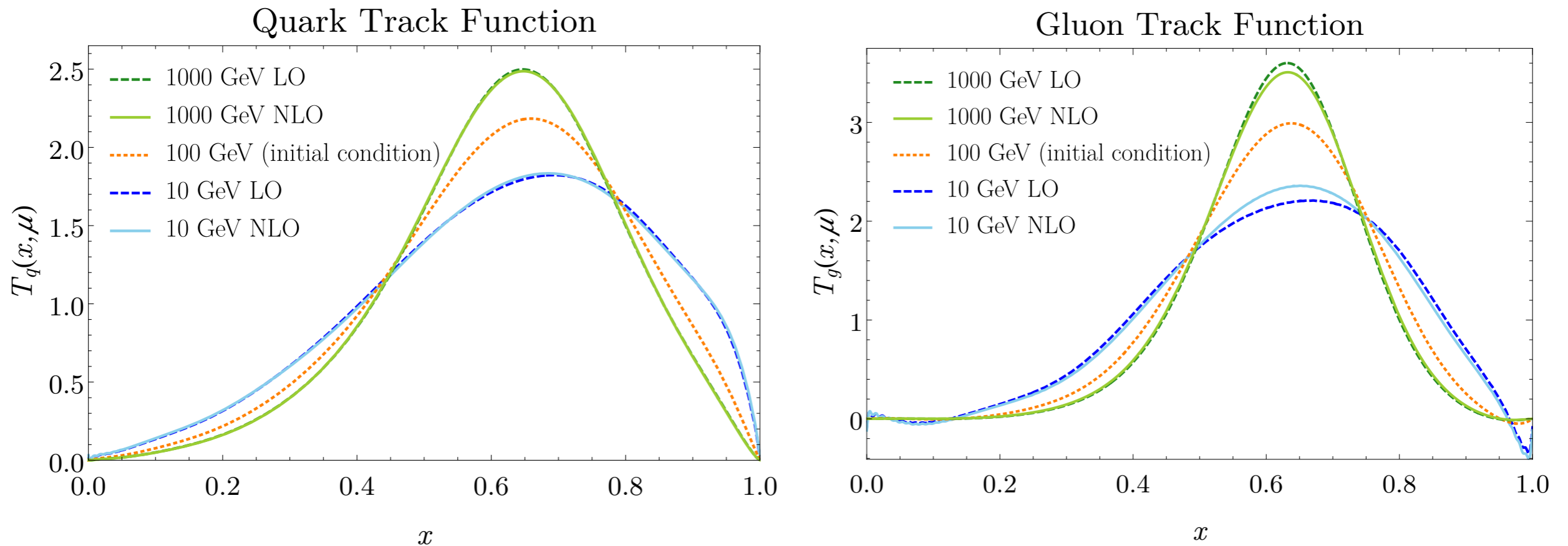
2. Track function evolution at NLO

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T(x, \mu) = a_s \left[K_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(0)} \otimes T(x, \mu) + K_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(0)} \otimes TT(x, \mu) \right] \\ + a_s^2 \left[K_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(1)} \otimes T(x, \mu) + K_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(1)} \otimes TT(x, \mu) + K_{1 \rightarrow 3}^{(1)} \otimes TTT(x, \mu) \right]$$

- Kernels are 10 pages and available electronically.



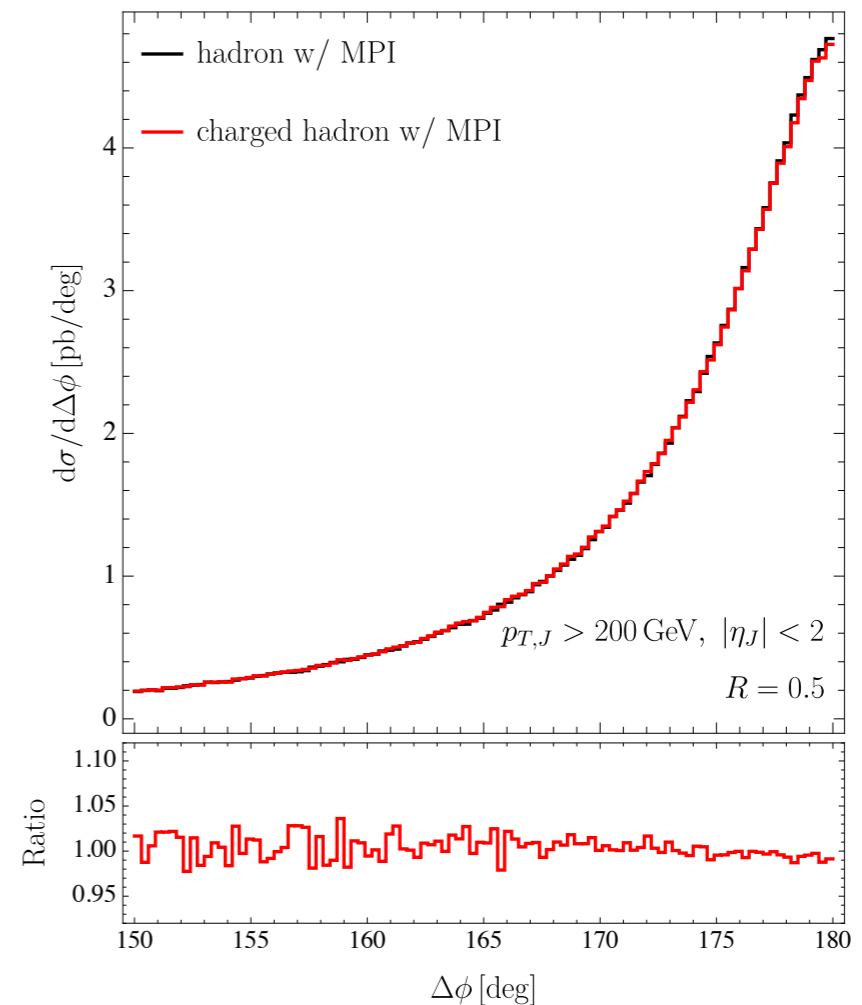
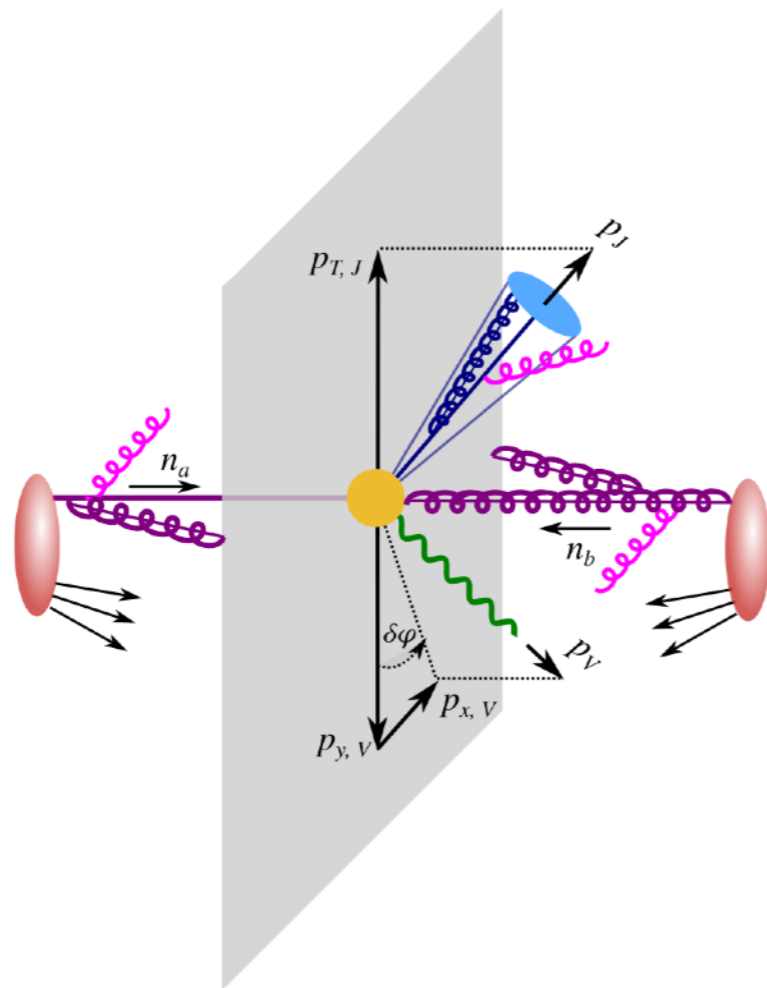
2. Results for track function evolution



- Evolution is milder than for fragmentation functions or PDFs.
- NLO evolution is a small correction, especially for quarks.
- Evolution code is available (based on moments, Fourier or Legendre wavelets).

3. Phenomenology with track functions

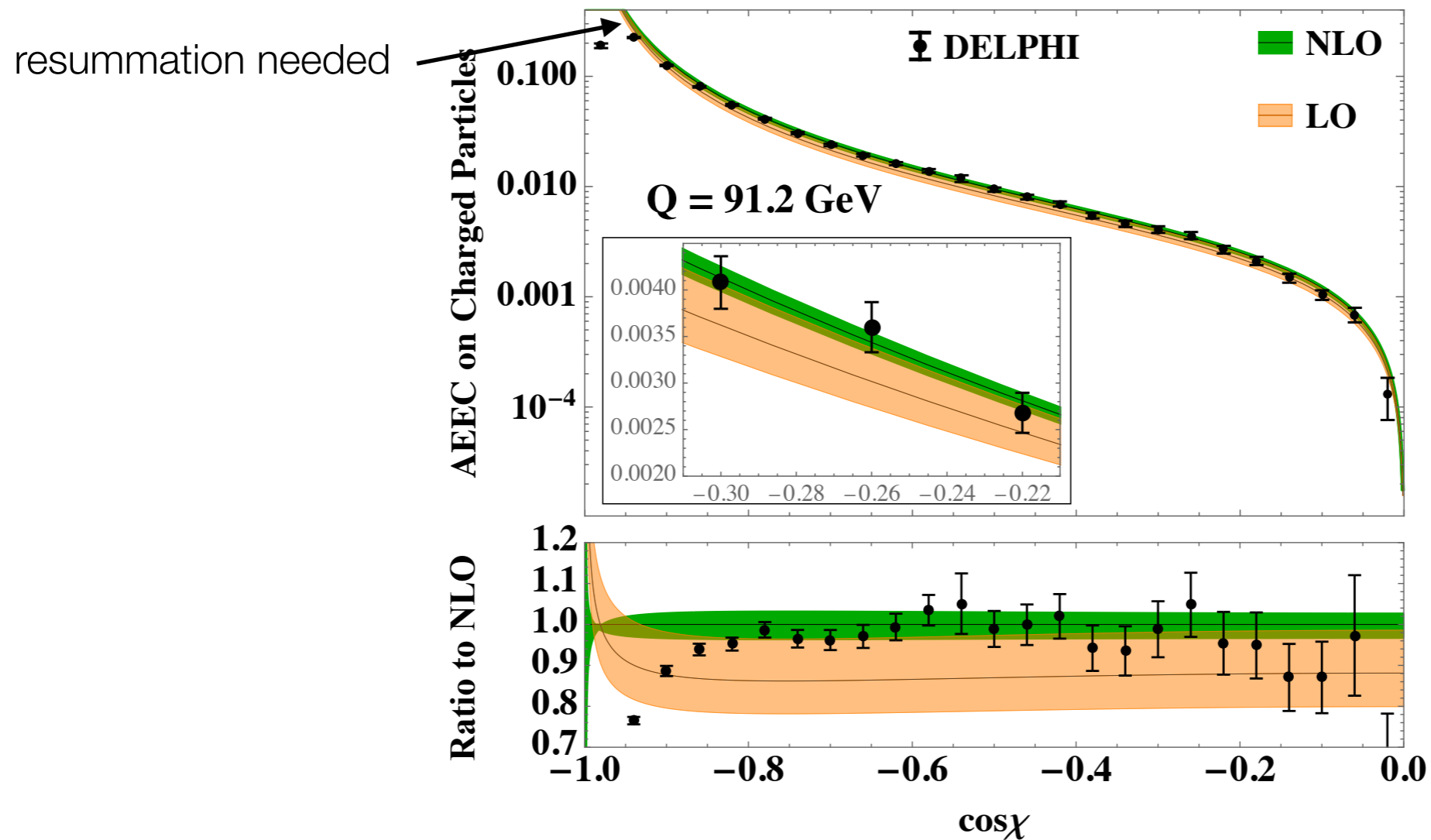
3. Azimuthal decorrelation in V +jet on tracks



- Azimuthal angle $\Delta\phi$ between vector boson and jet requires resummation in back-to-back limit.
- Using **recoil-free** recombination scheme, tracks only affect collinear (not soft) radiation \rightarrow beyond NLL, so very small.

3. Track-based EEC

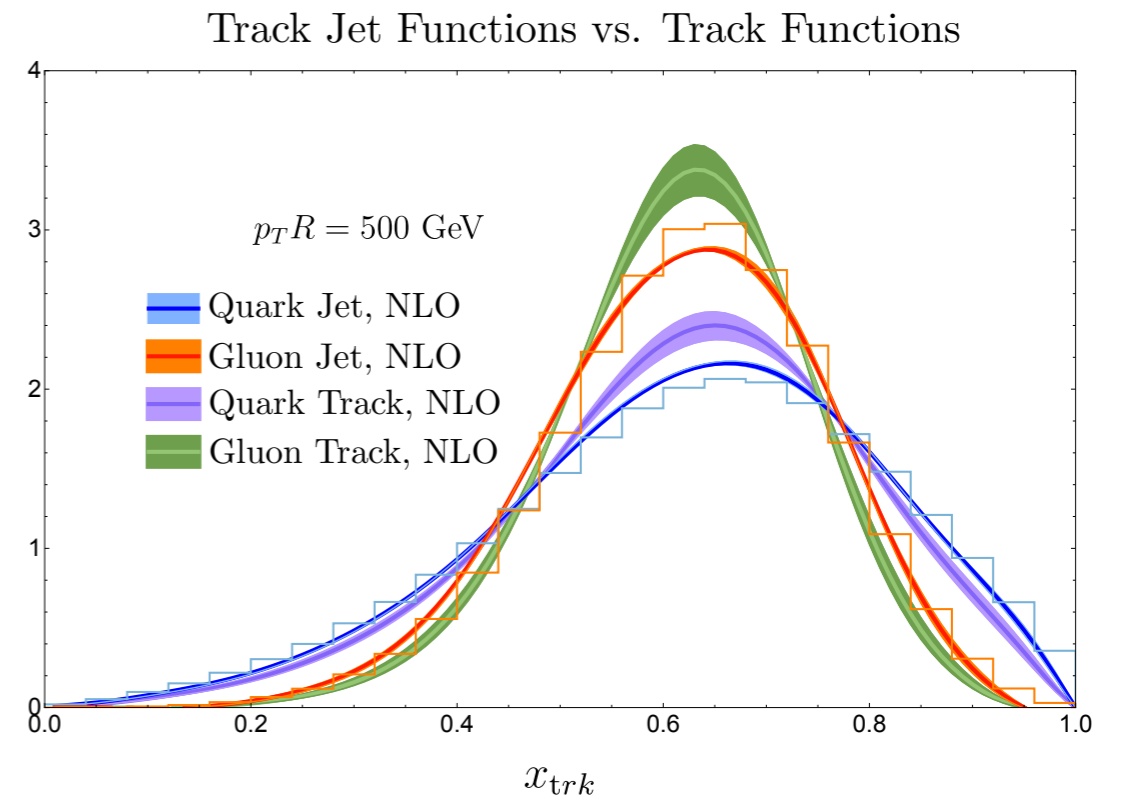
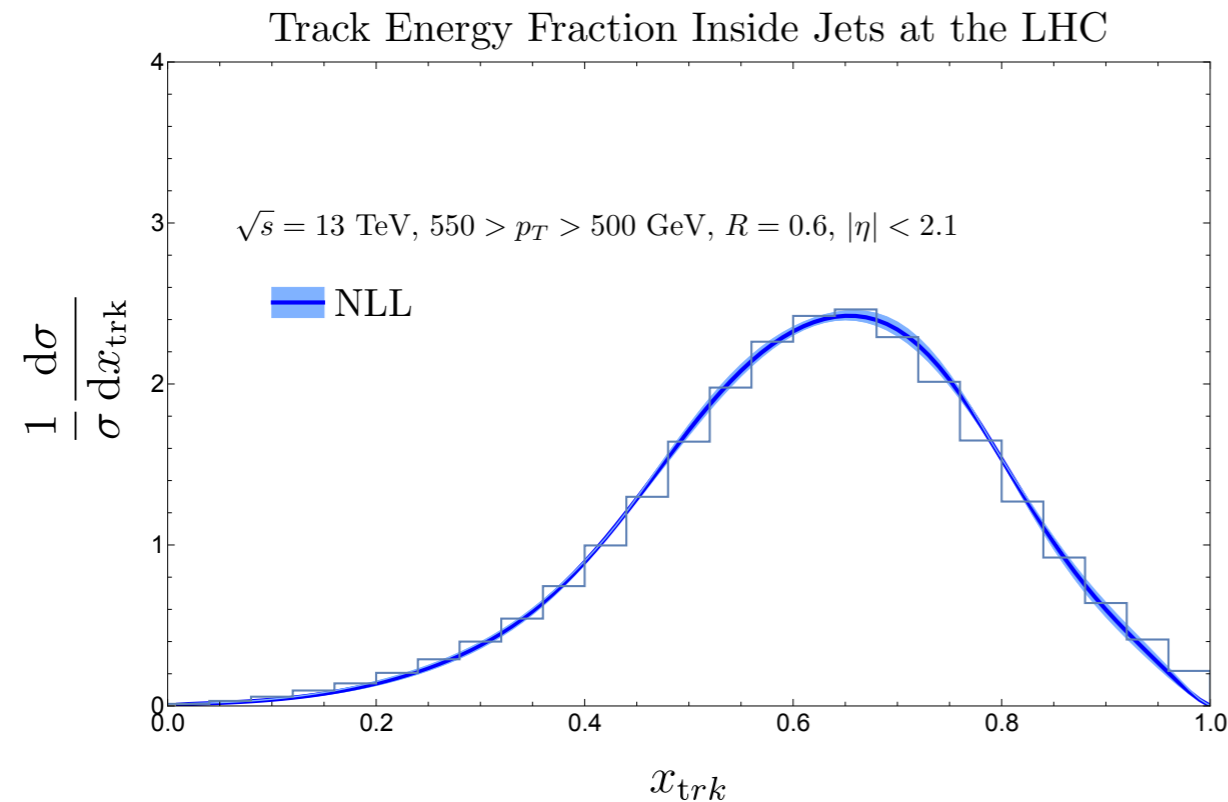
- First $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ result for track-based measurement:



$$\text{AEEC}(\cos \chi) = \text{EEC}(\cos \chi) - \text{EEC}(-\cos \chi)$$

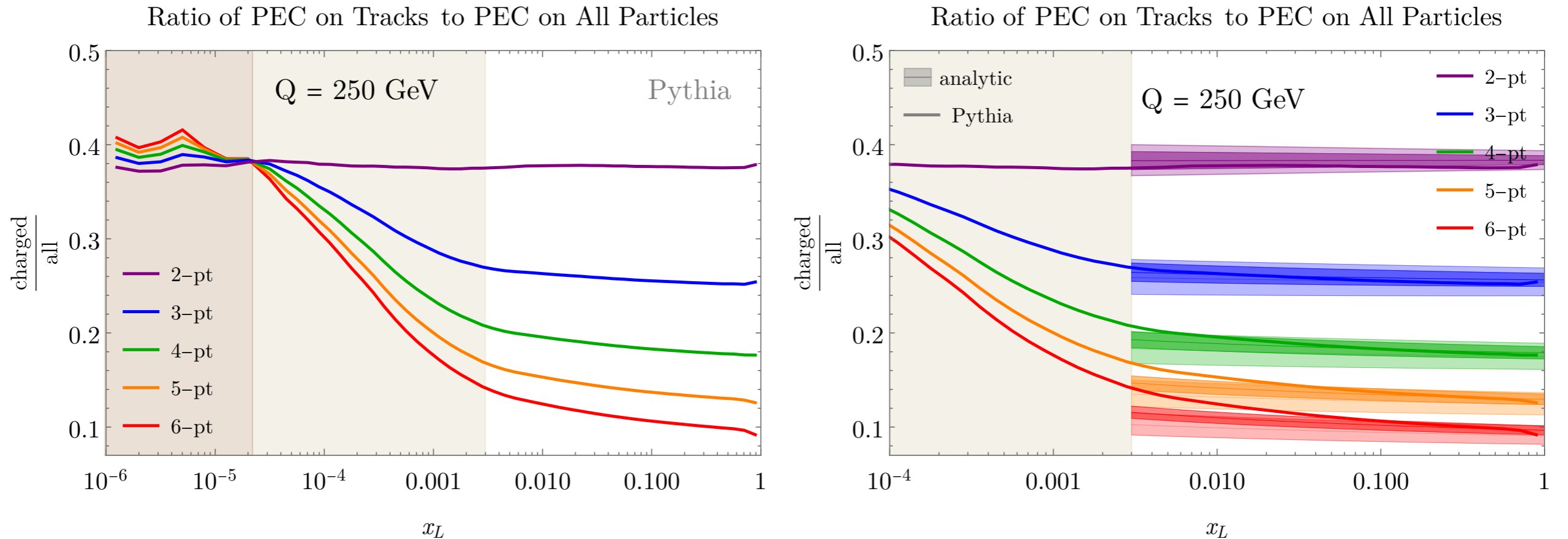
- Uncertainty reduced at NLO, tantalizing agreement with data.

3. Charged energy fraction in jets at LHC



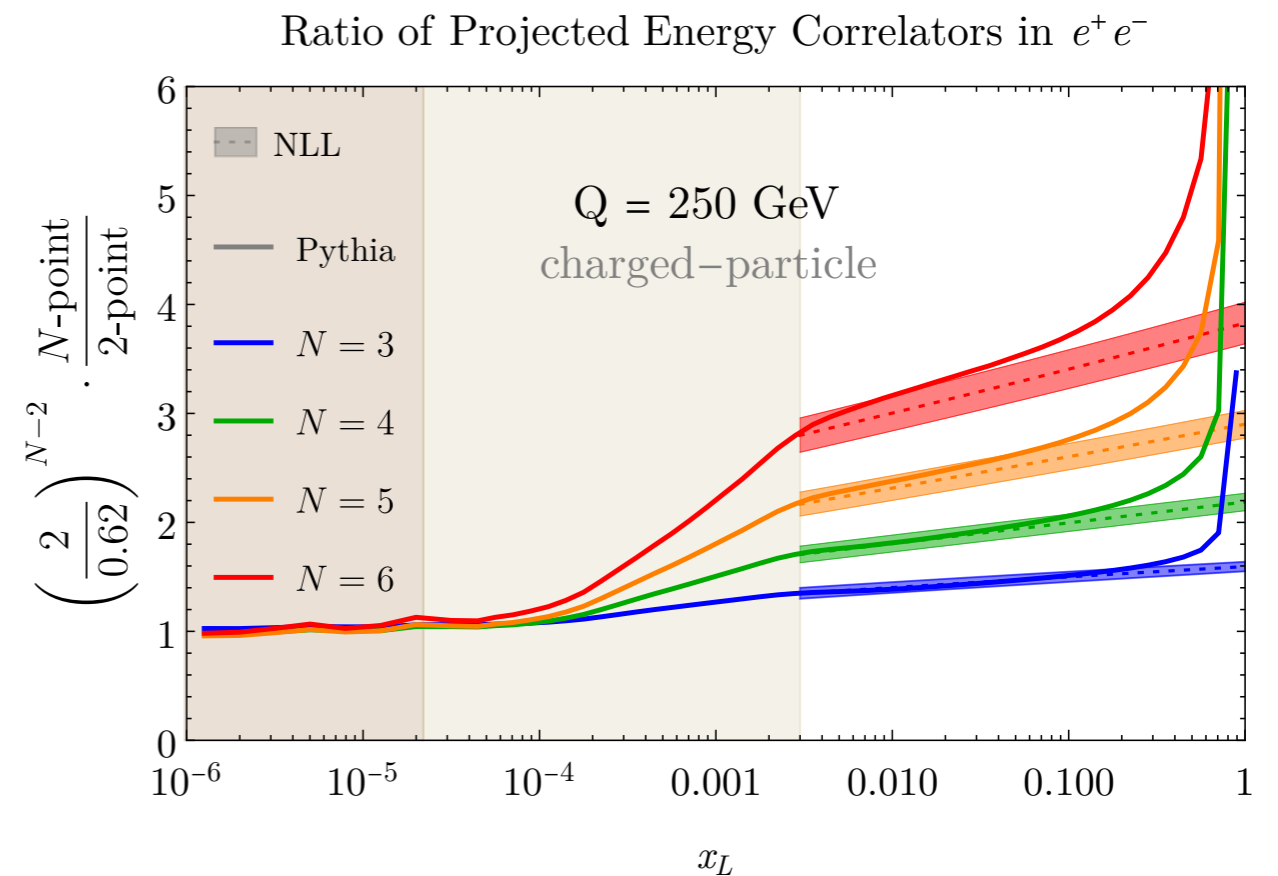
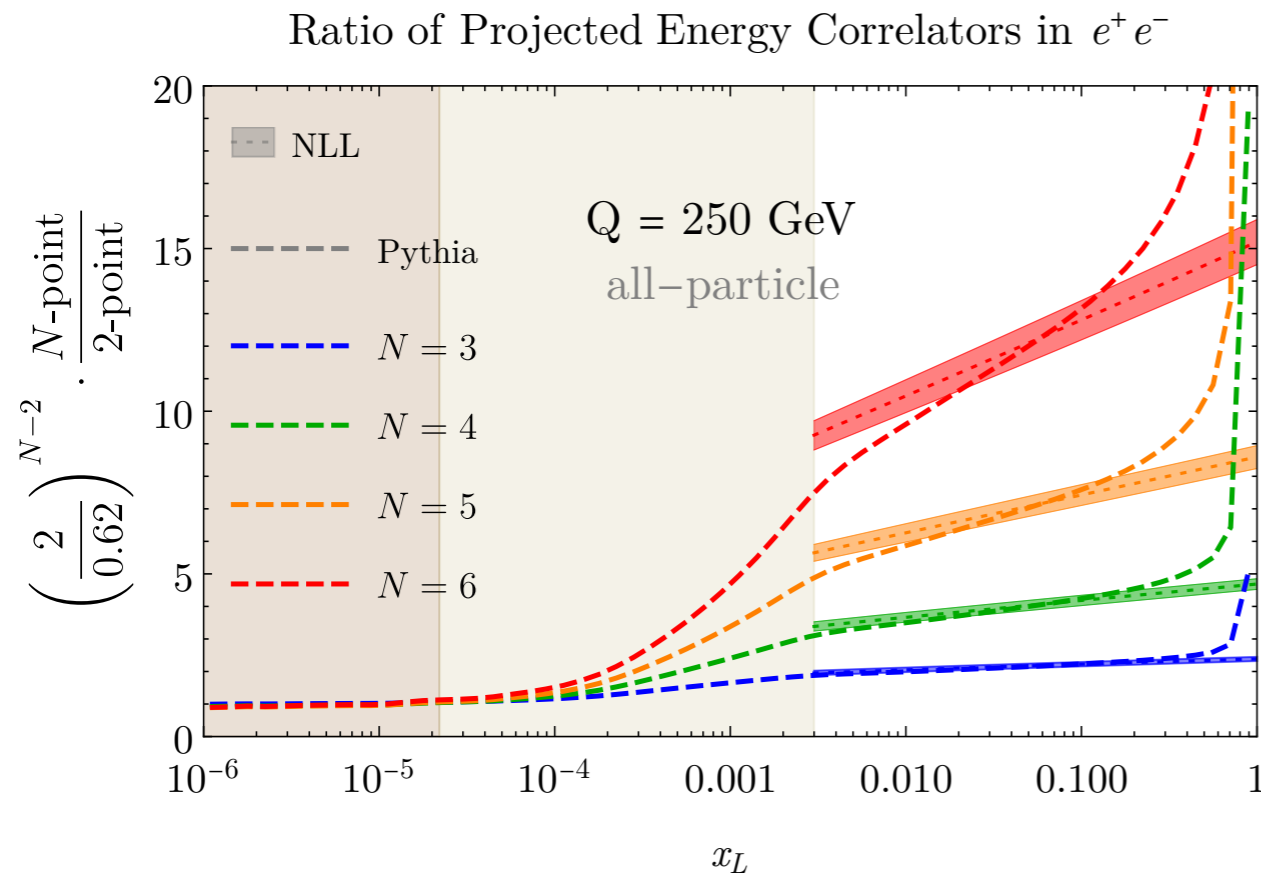
- At LO this is the track function \rightarrow use this to extract it!
- We also include effects of hard scattering (quark vs. gluon) and jet formation (nontrivial, see right panel).

3. Projected N -point energy correlator



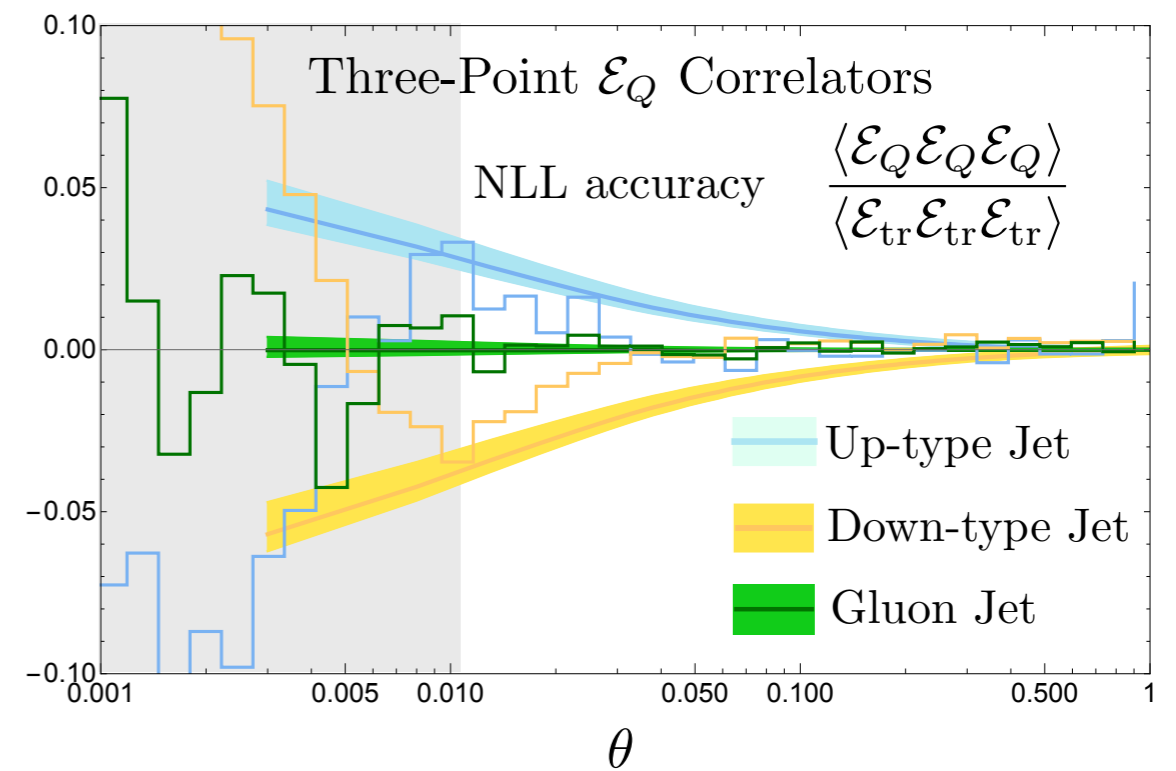
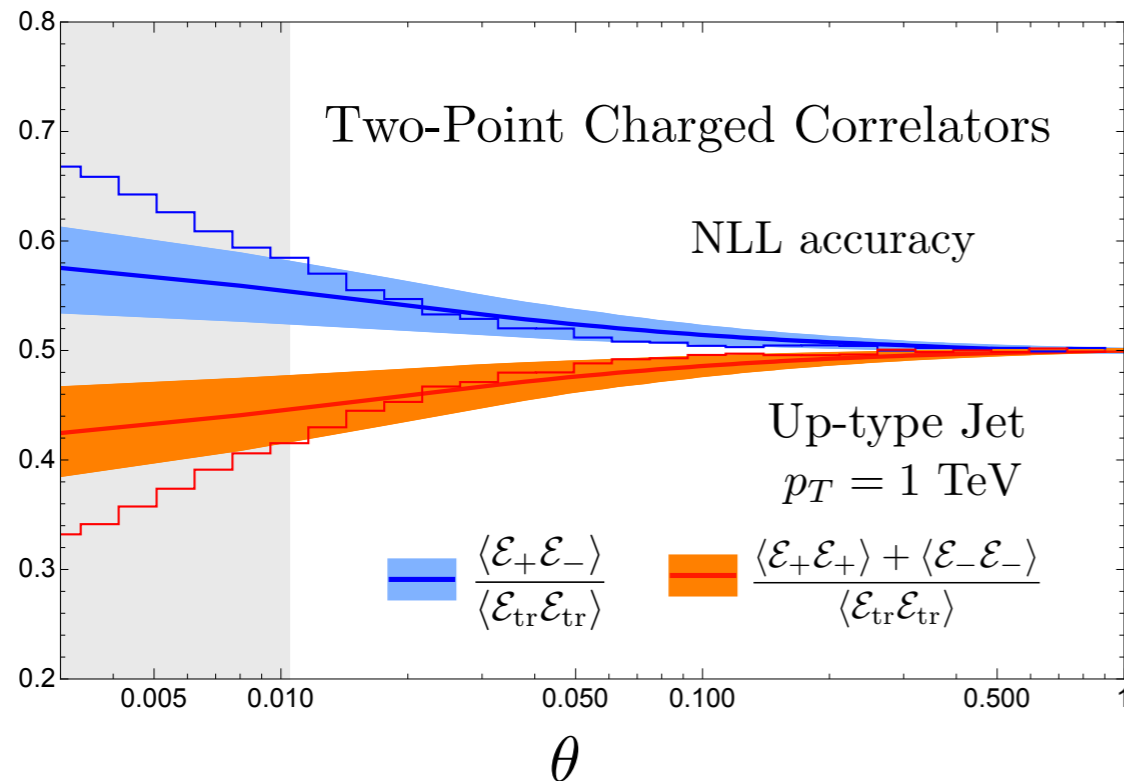
- Projected means: fix largest angle, $x_L = (1 - \cos \theta)/2$
- Ratio of charged to all particles is constant for 2-point, but not higher point.

3. Projected N -point energy correlator



- All vs. charged particles are qualitatively similar, e.g. slope increases with N
- Quantitative difference is **calculable** with track functions!

3. Energy correlators taking charge

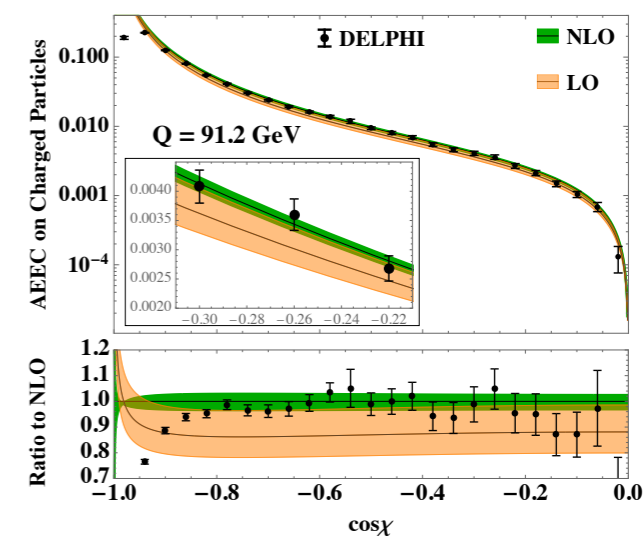
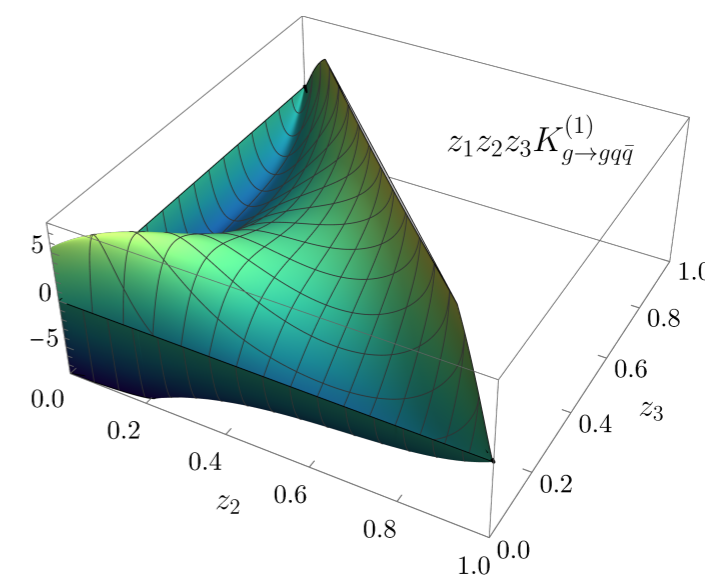
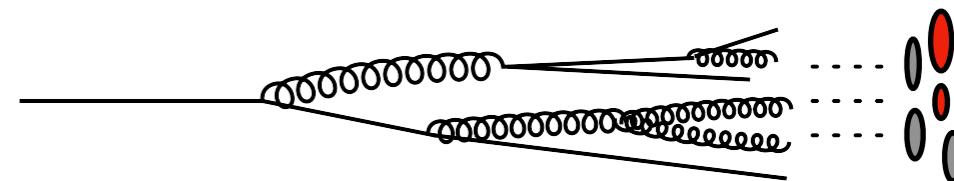


Can also consider correlators on:

- \mathcal{E}_\pm : energy of positively/negatively charged particles
- \mathcal{E}_Q : charged-weighted energy

Conclusions and outlook

- Tracks offer superior angular resolution and reduce pile-up.
- Track functions now at order α_s^2
- It's evolution contains that of multi-hadron fragmentation functions
- Applications: thrust, azimuthal decorrelation, energy correlators, ...
- Energy correlators are particularly simple as they only use moments.



Bonus: studying factorization violation with
vector angularities

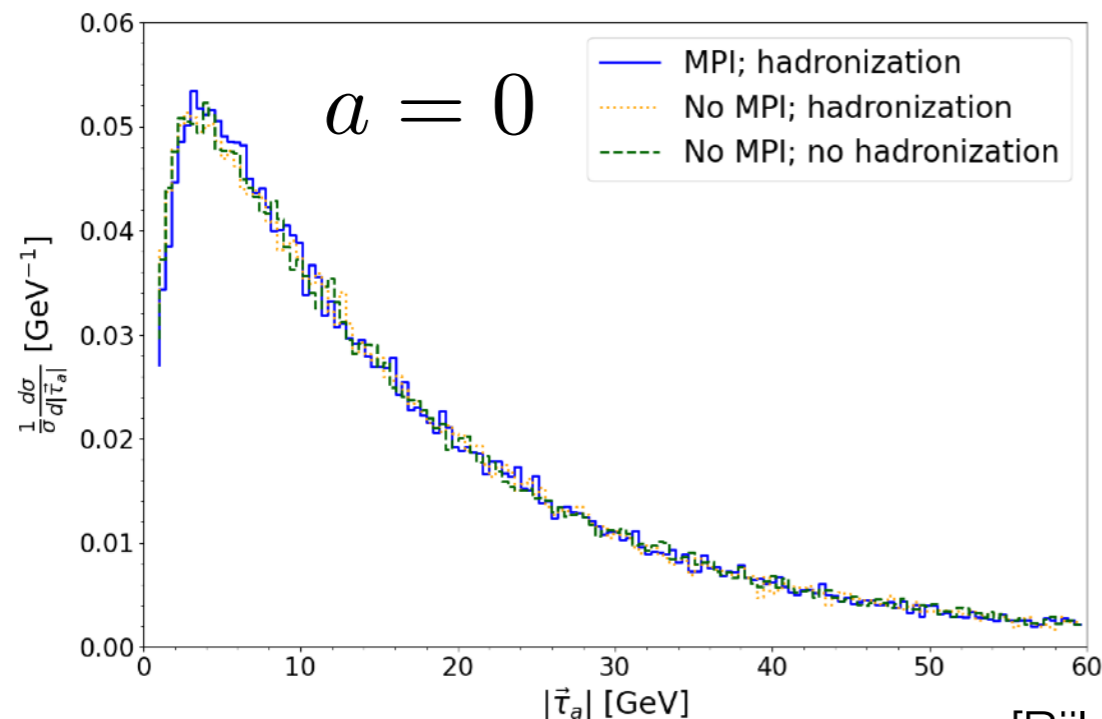
Vector angularities and factorization violation

- Factorization proven for Drell-Yan transverse momentum
[Bodwin; Collins, Soper, Sterman]

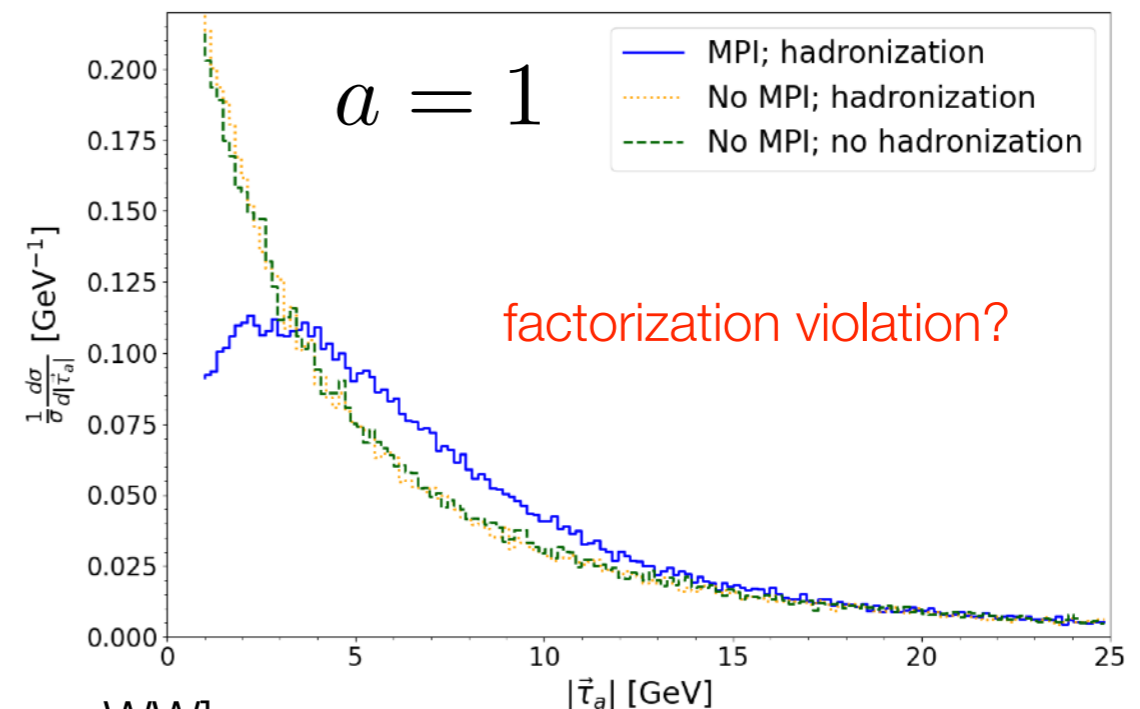
- Vector** angularities generalize transverse momentum:

$$\vec{\tau}_a = \sum_i \vec{k}_{\perp,i} e^{-a|y_i|},$$

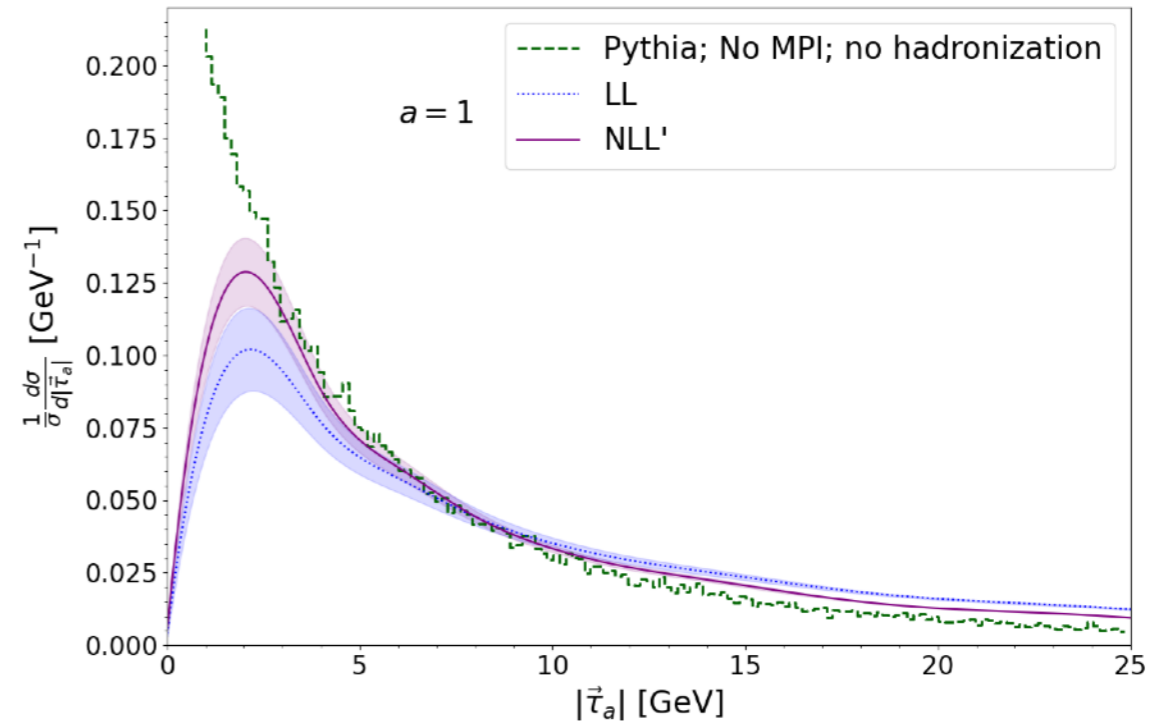
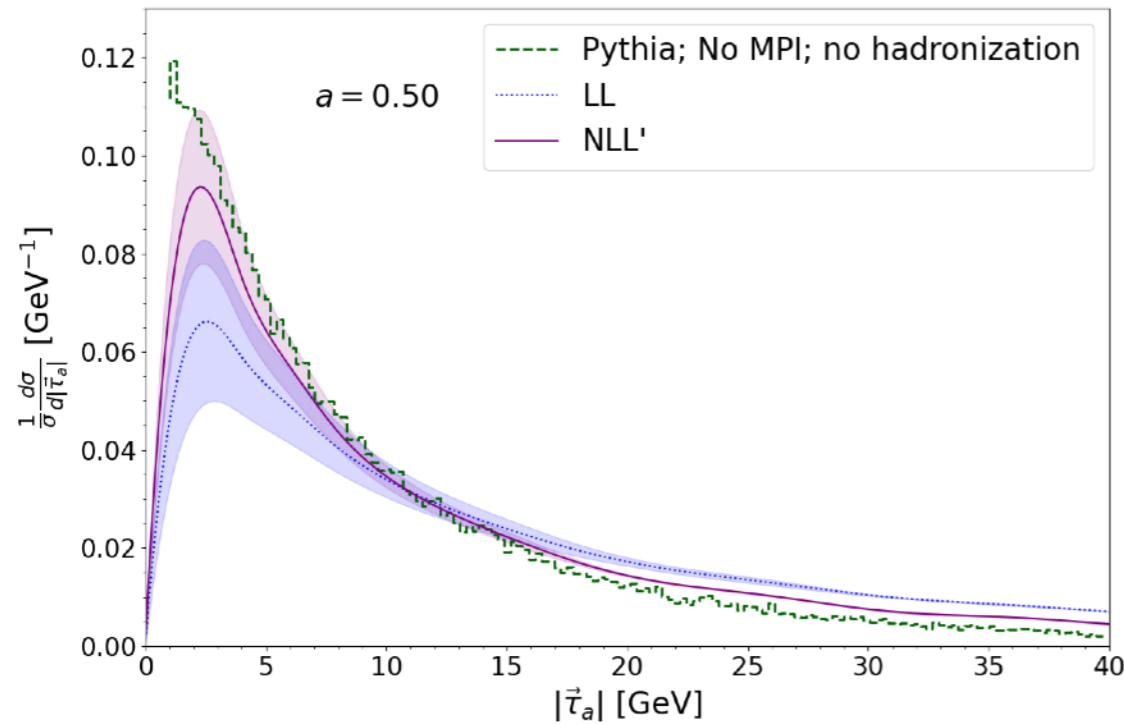
- Use Pythia's MPI as proxy for factorization violation:



[Bijl, Niedenzu, WW]



Resummation for vector angularities



- Factorization:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ dY d^2\vec{\tau}_a} = \sum_q \sigma_{0,q} H(Q^2, \mu) \int \frac{d^2\vec{b}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{\tau}_a \cdot \vec{b}_\perp} \tilde{B}_q\left(\frac{\vec{b}_\perp}{(Qe^Y)^a}, x_1, \mu\right) \tilde{B}_{\bar{q}}\left(\frac{\vec{b}_\perp}{(Qe^{-Y})^a}, x_2, \mu\right) \tilde{S}(\vec{b}_\perp, \mu)$$

- Compared to transverse momentum resummation: also in impact parameter space, but no rapidity divergences.
- Precise predictions could provide baseline for studying factorization violation