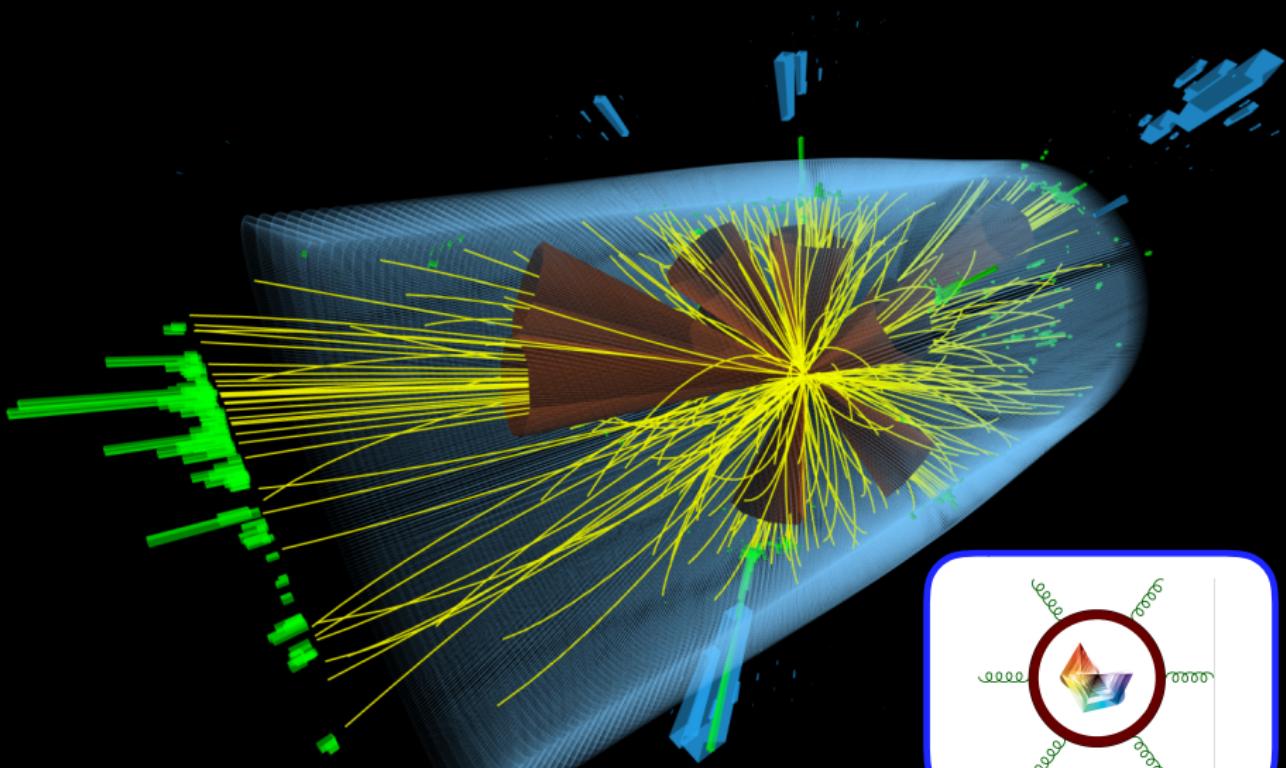


# The Frontiers of Jet Substructure

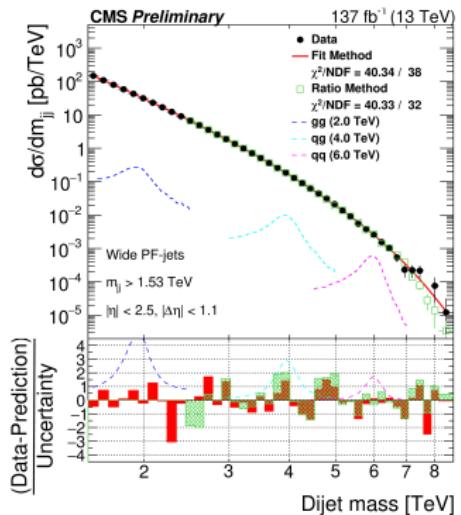
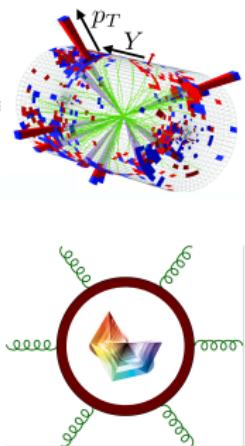
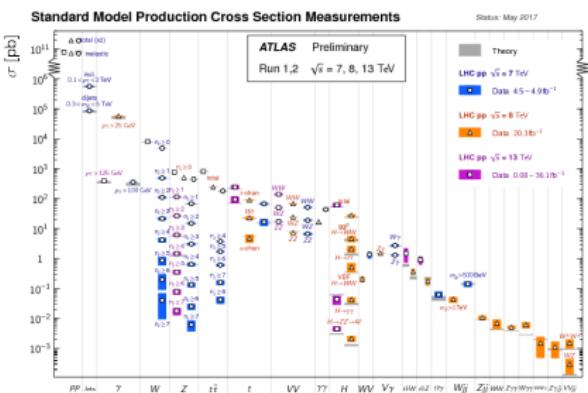
# Jets!



# Jets at the LHC

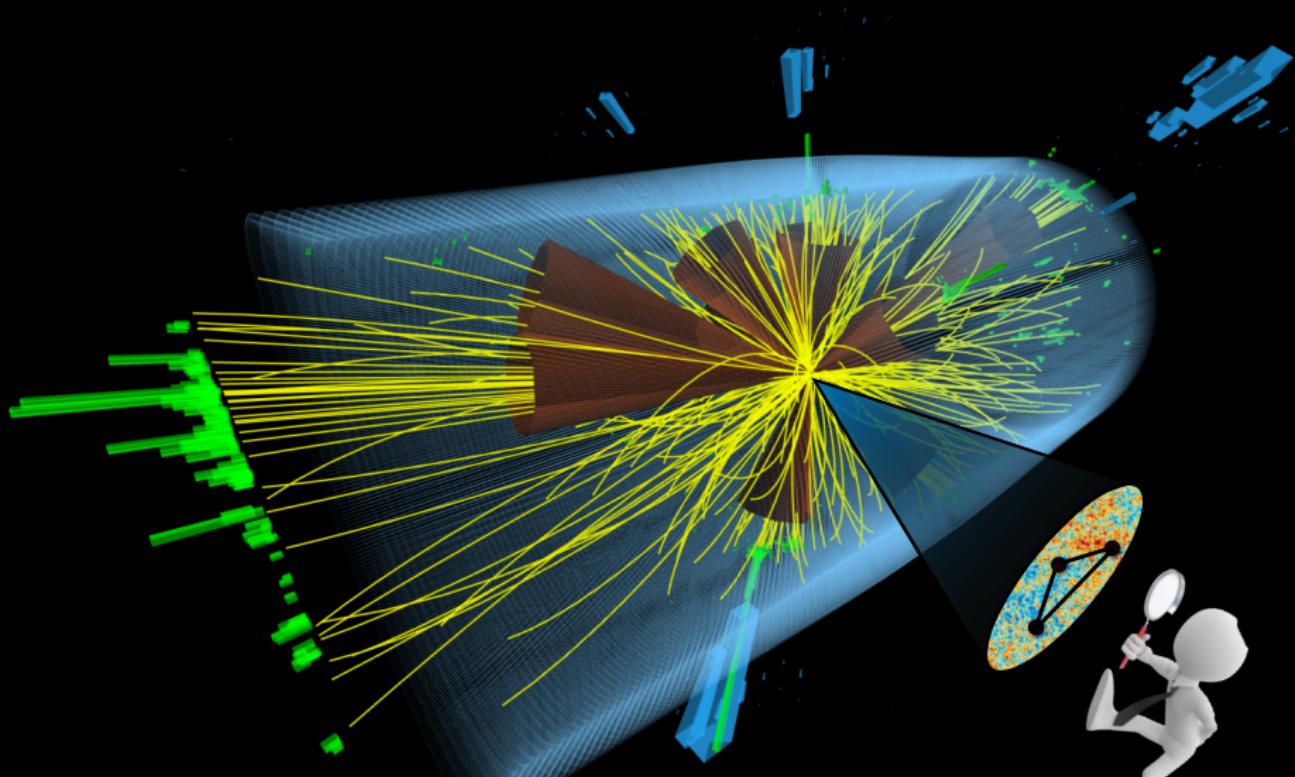
- Obtaining a precise description of jet cross sections has been a significant **driver of theory developments** in Quantum Field Theory.

## Jet Kinematic Distributions



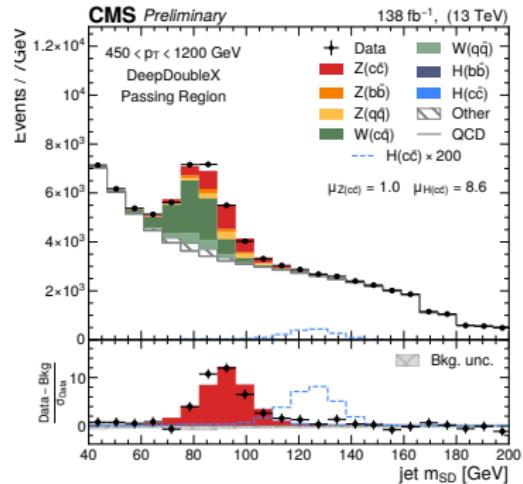
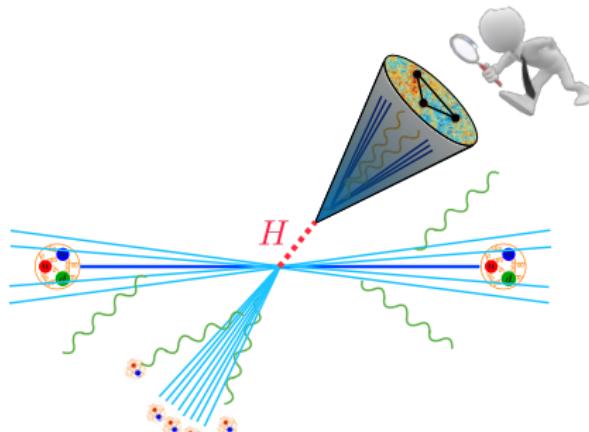
- Enables precision **tests of QCD** and **searches for new physics**.

# Jet Substructure!



# Jet Substructure: Searches

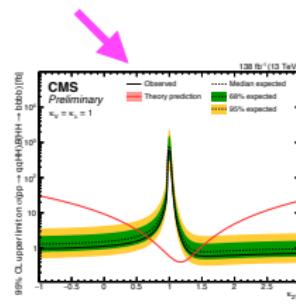
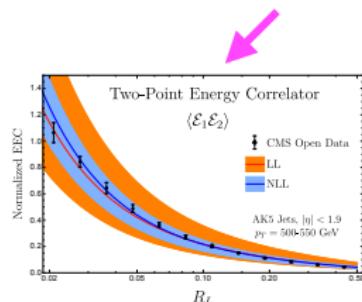
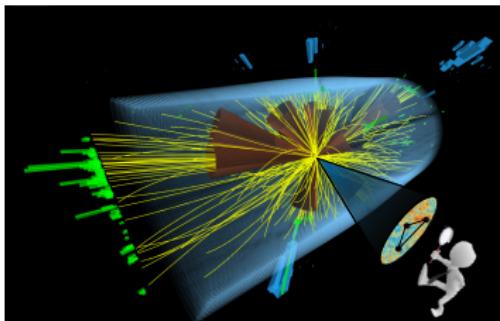
- Jet Substructure uses the internal structure of jets to provide qualitatively new ways to study physics at the LHC.



- Its introduction in 2008 by Butterworth, Davison, Rubin and Salam, along with anti- $k_T$  by Cacciari, Soyez, Salam reinvigorated the study of jets in QCD.

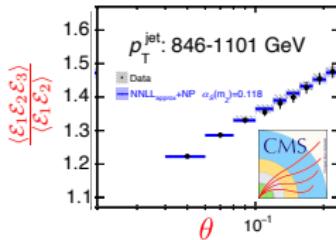
# The Boundaries of Collider Physics

- Progress in formal theory and data science have transformed jet substructure, enabling new tests of QFT, and ever improving ways to search for fundamental physics.

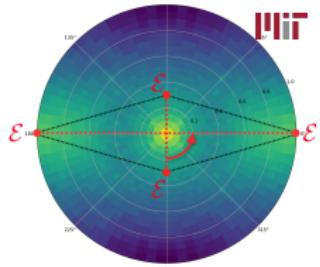


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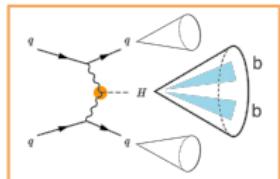
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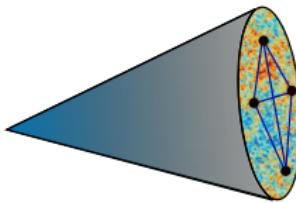
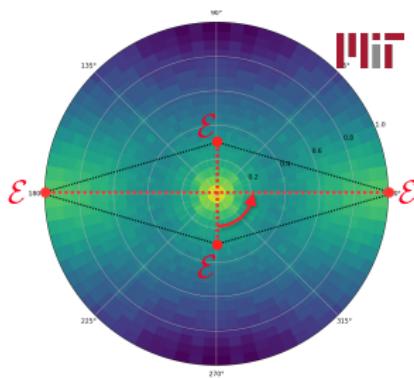
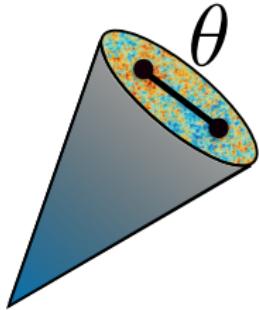
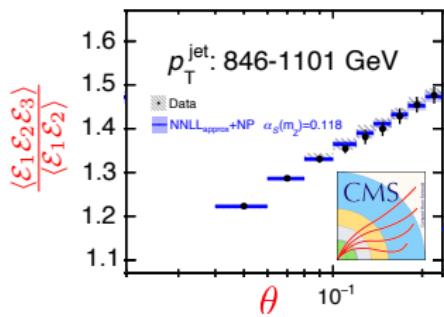
- Energy Correlators at the Collider Frontier



- Jet Substructure Searches

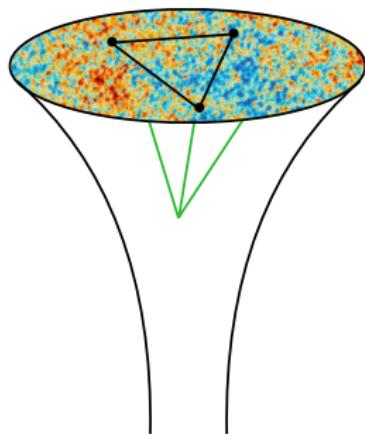
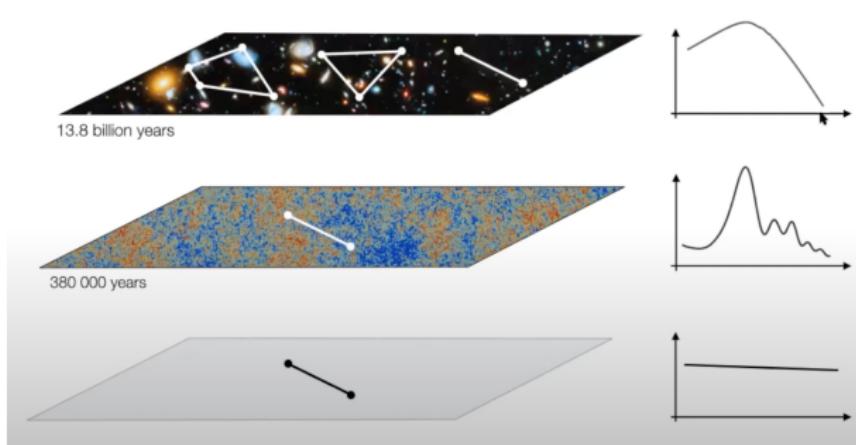


# Energy Correlators for Jet Substructure



# Correlation Functions

- In condensed matter physics or cosmology we decode the underlying dynamics using correlation functions.

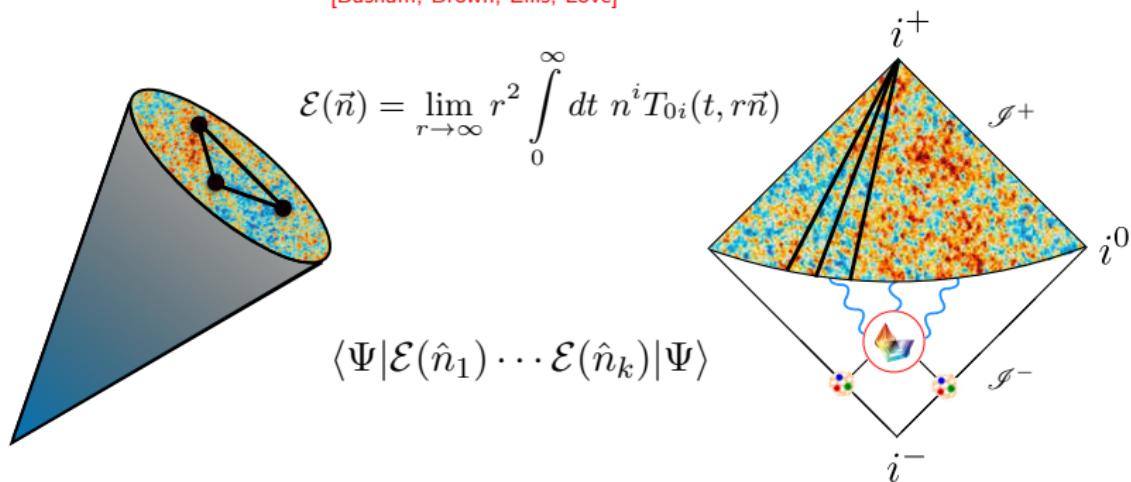


- Can we achieve a similarly coherent picture of collider physics?

# Calorimeter Cells in Field Theory

- Calorimeter cells can be given a field theoretic definition in terms of light-ray operators.

[Hofman, Maldacena], [Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov]  
[Korchemsky, Sterman]  
[Ore, Sterman]  
[Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love]



- From the perspective of QFT, jet substructure is the study of correlation functions of energy flow operators.

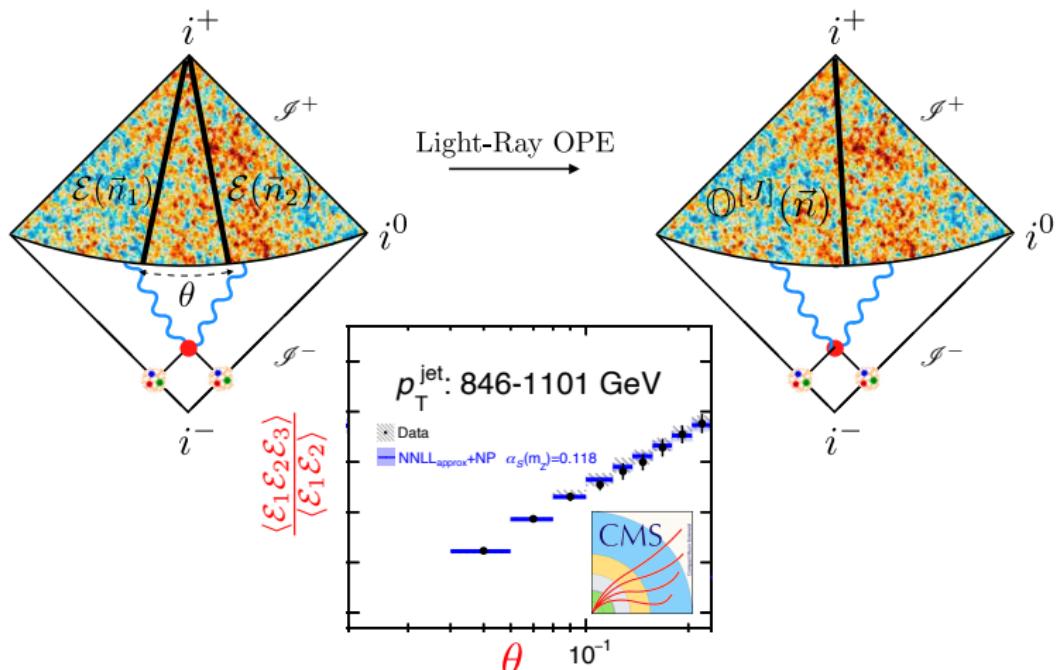
# Energy Correlators in Data

- Spectacular recent progress bridging theory and experiment!

The collage includes:

- A top row featuring a 3D jet cone visualization, a stylized Golden Gate Bridge diagram, and a photograph of the CMS detector at CERN.
- A middle row:
  - A CMS logo with the text "JETS ELUCIDATE HOW PARTONS EVOLVE INTO HADRONS".
  - The CERN COURIER logo with the text "Measuring energy correlators inside jets" and the date "3 November 2023".
- A bottom row:
  - Four panels of CMS Preliminary plots showing normalized energy correlators versus  $\Delta R$  for different jet pT ranges (300-4000 GeV) and collision energies (200-13 TeV).
  - A STAR Preliminary plot of Normalized EEC versus  $\Delta R$  for p-p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV, comparing data with Kyle Lee, MIT (blue circles) and Quark-Gluon (red circles) simulations.
  - A ALICE Preliminary plot of  $\frac{dN}{d\eta} \times \frac{d^2N}{d\eta_1 d\eta_2}$  versus  $\Delta R$  for anti-k<sub>T</sub> particle jets at  $R = 0.4$ , comparing data with Pythia8 (orange), Pythia6 (purple), and Sherpa (pink) simulations.
  - Photographs of the CMS and ATLAS detectors at CERN.

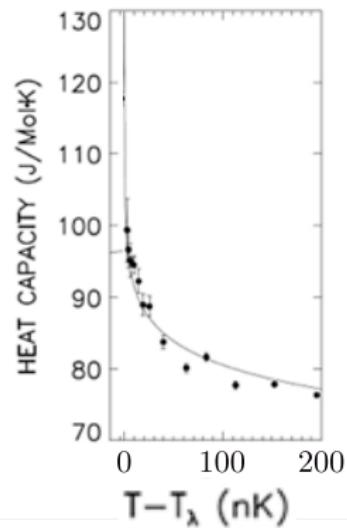
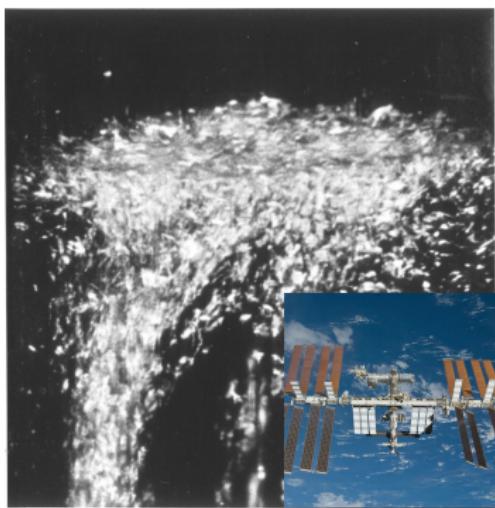
# Scaling Behavior



# Scaling Behavior in QFT

- Scaling behavior in Euclidean regime well understood.

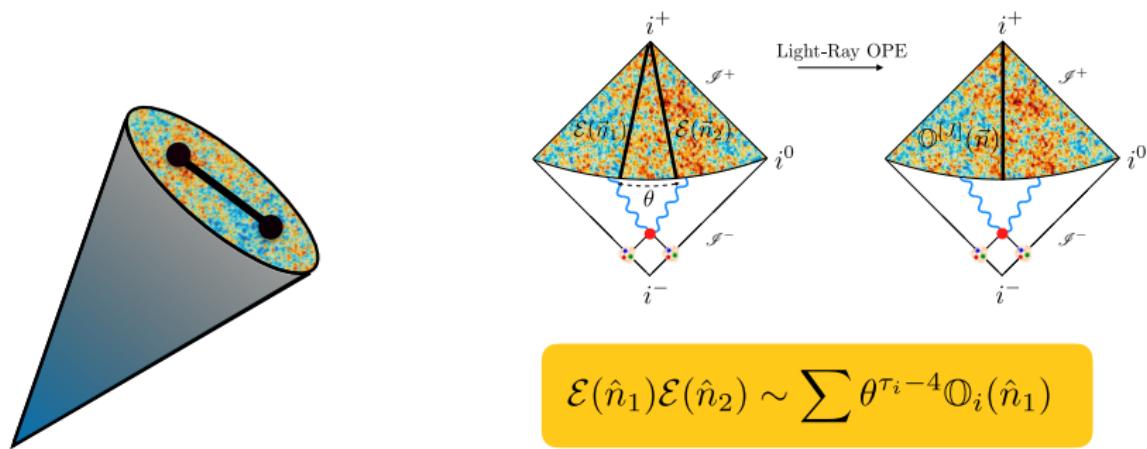
$\lambda$ -point of Helium



$$\mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0) = \sum x^{\gamma_i} c_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

# The OPE Limit of Lightray Operators

- Energy flow operators admit a Lorentzian OPE: “the lightray OPE”



[Hofman, Maldacena]

[Chang, Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons Duffin, Zhiboedov]  
QCD: [Dixon, Moult, Zhu]

- Predicts universal scaling behavior in correlations of energy flux at energies  $E \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ .

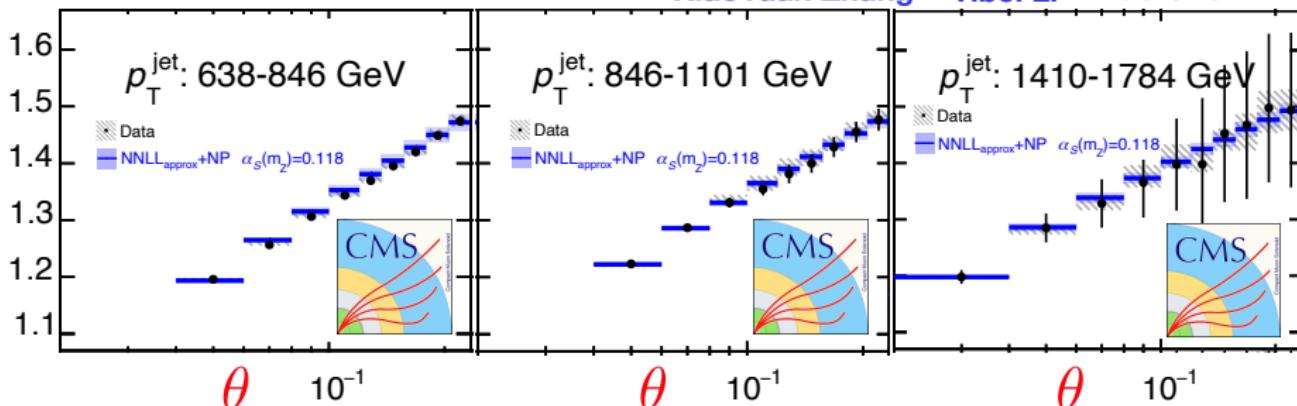
See early work by [Konishi, Ukawa, Veneziano]

# Anomalous Scaling

- Universal quantity in complicated hadronic environment.



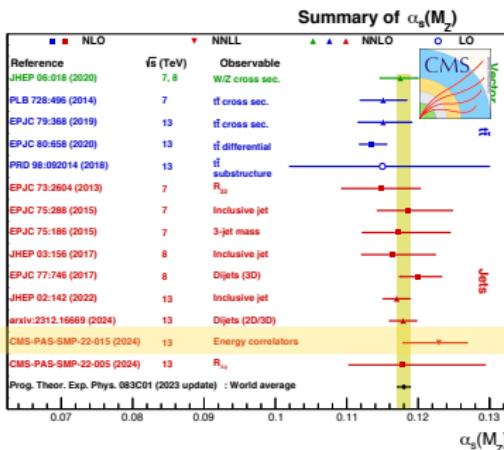
$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \mathcal{E}_3 \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \rangle} \sim \frac{\langle \mathbb{O}^{[4]} \rangle}{\langle \mathbb{O}^{[3]} \rangle} \sim \theta^{\gamma(4)-\gamma(3)}$$



- Uses scaling anomalous dimensions at three-loop order.
- Beautiful quantitative test of QFT!

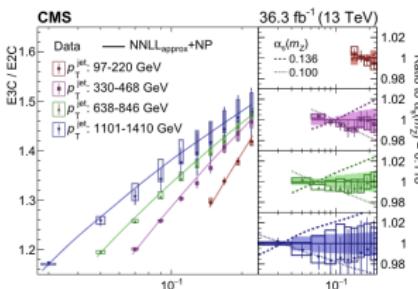
# The Strong Coupling

- Use scaling to extract value of the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s$  at 4% accuracy.



This yielded the worlds most precise  $\alpha_S$  measurement from jet substructure:  $\alpha_S = 0.1229^{+0.0040}_{-0.0050}$ .

$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \mathcal{E}_3 \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \rangle}$$

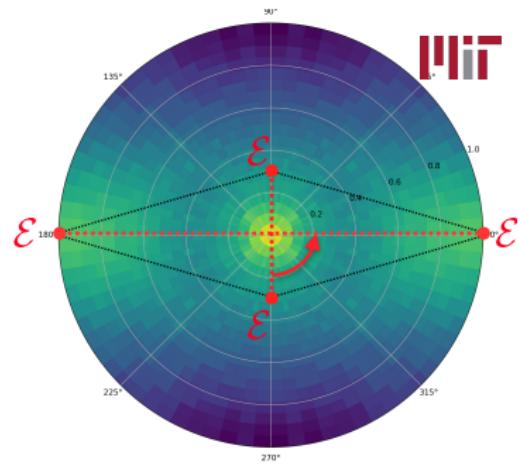
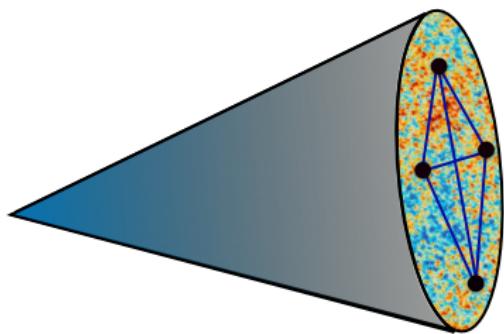


$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1229^{+0.0040}_{-0.0050}$$

$$= 0.1229^{+0.0014(stat.)+0.0030(theo.)+0.0023(exp.)}_{-0.0012(stat.)-0.0033(theo.)-0.0036(exp.)}$$

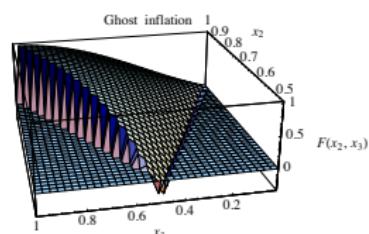
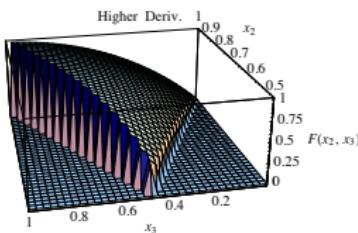
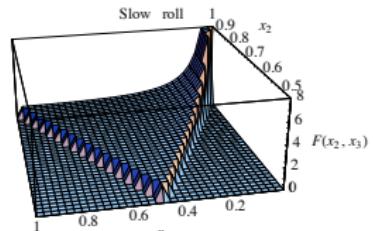
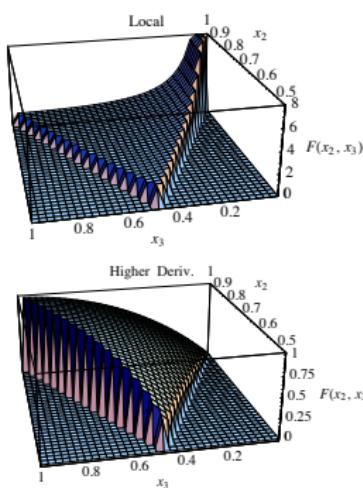
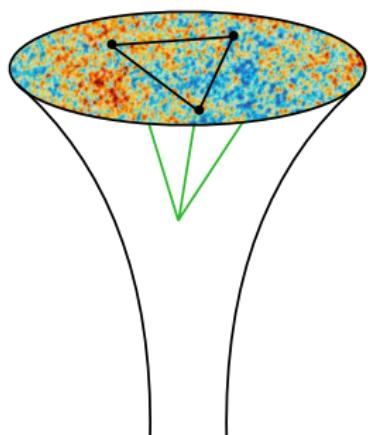
- Very clear target for improved perturbative calculations. e.g. NNLO  $2 \rightarrow 3$  hard functions, NP corrections, ... not yet included.

# Higher Point Functions in Energy Flux



# Multipoint Correlators

- Higher-point correlators probe detailed aspects of the underlying microscopic interactions. e.g. CMB three-point functions allow to distinguish models of inflation.



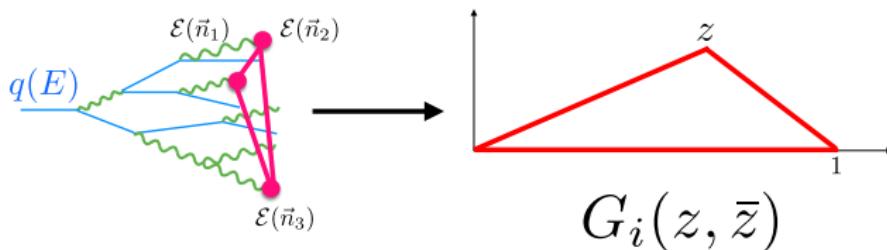
- What is the structure of higher-point functions of energy flux?

# Multipoint Correlators

- The only explicit results for correlators with  $N > 2$  are the remarkable strong coupling results of Hofman and Maldacena:

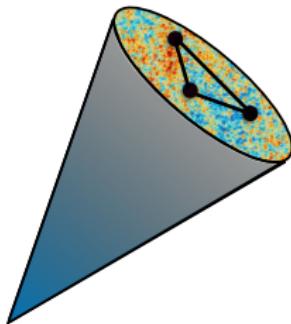
$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_n) \rangle = & \left( \frac{q}{4\pi} \right)^n \left[ 1 + \sum_{i < j} \frac{6\pi^2}{\lambda} [(\vec{n}_i \cdot \vec{n}_j)^2 - \frac{1}{3}] + \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\beta}{\lambda^{3/2}} \left[ \sum_{i < j < k} (\vec{n}_i \cdot \vec{n}_j)(\vec{n}_j \cdot \vec{n}_k)(\vec{n}_i \cdot \vec{n}_k) + \cdots \right] + o(\lambda^{-2}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- The wealth of techniques developed to compute perturbative scattering amplitudes can be applied to multi-point correlators at weak coupling.



# Multi-point Correlators at Weak Coupling

- Turn out to have an elegant perturbative structure. e.g. in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$



[Chen, Luo, Moult, Yang, Zhang, Zhu]

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mathcal{N}=4}(z) = & \frac{1+u+v}{2uv}(1+\zeta_2) - \frac{1+v}{2uv}\log(u) - \frac{1+u}{2uv}\log(v) \\ & - (1+u+v)(\partial_u + \partial_v)\Phi(z) + \frac{(1+u^2+v^2)}{2uv}\Phi(z) + \frac{(z-\bar{z})^2(u+v+u^2+v^2+u^2v+uv^2)}{4u^2v^2}\Phi(z) \\ & + \frac{(u-1)(u+1)}{2uv^2}D_2^+(z) + \frac{(v-1)(v+1)}{2u^2v}D_2^+(1-z) + \frac{(u-v)(u+v)}{2uv}D_2^+\left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- Here  $\Phi$  and  $D_2^+$  are polylogarithmic functions

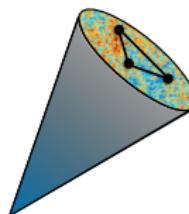
$$\Phi(z) = \frac{2}{z-\bar{z}} \left( \text{Li}_2(z) - \text{Li}_2(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{2} (\log(1-z) - \log(1-\bar{z})) \log(z\bar{z}) \right)$$

$$D_2^+(z) = \text{Li}_2(1-|z|^2) + \frac{1}{2} \log(|1-z|^2) \log(|z|^2)$$

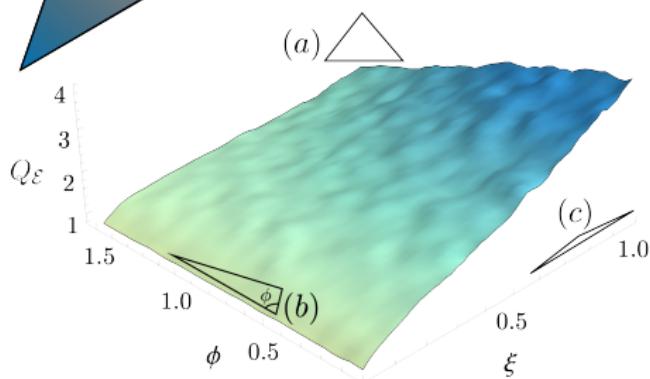
- Real world QCD involves more complicated polynomials, but is otherwise similar.

# Shape Dependence of Non-Gaussianities

- Can directly study the three-point correlator of lightray operators inside high energy jets.



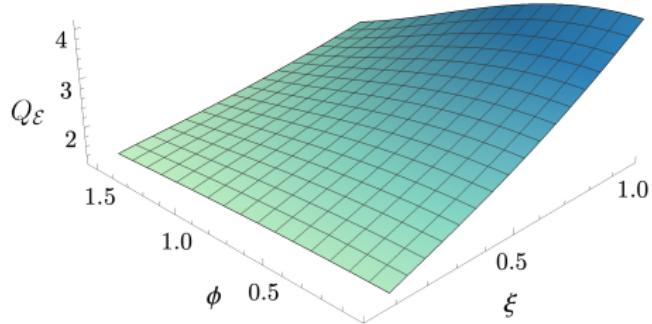
Open Data,  $R_L \in (0.3, 0.4)$



[Chen, Moult, Thaler, Zhu]

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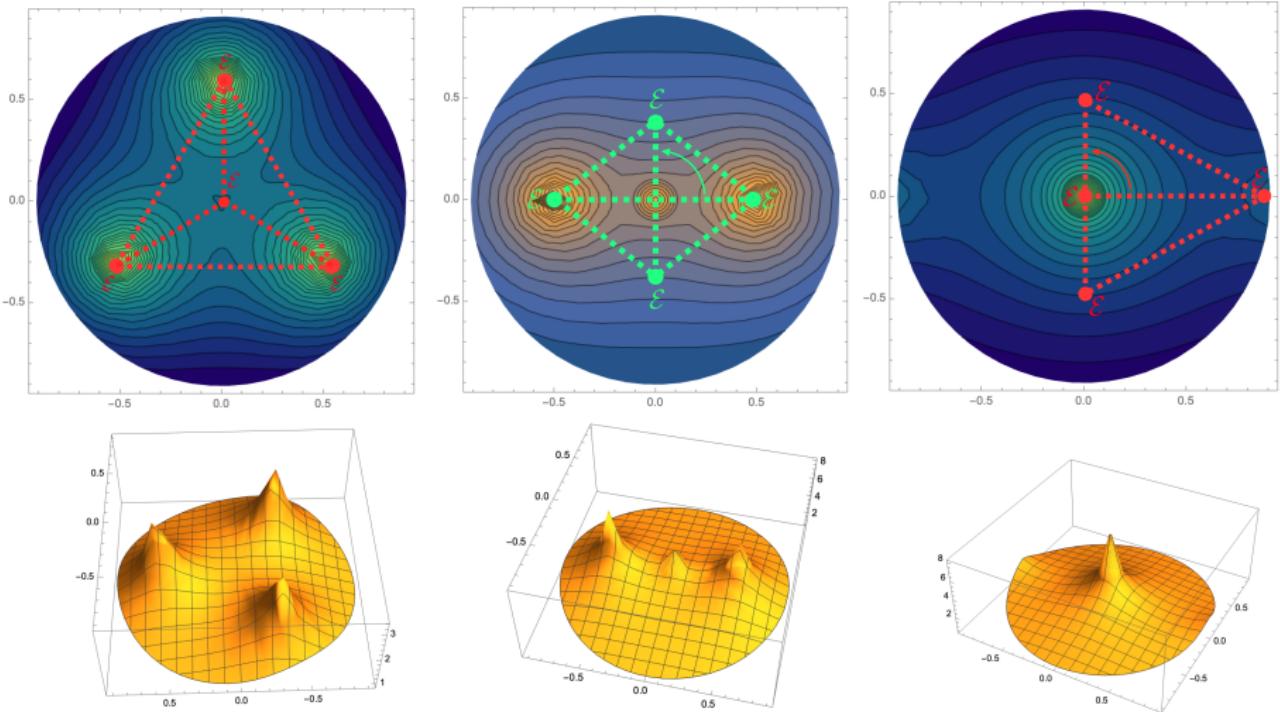
LL + LO prediction,  $R_L = 0.35$



- Illustrates theoretical control over multi-point correlations!

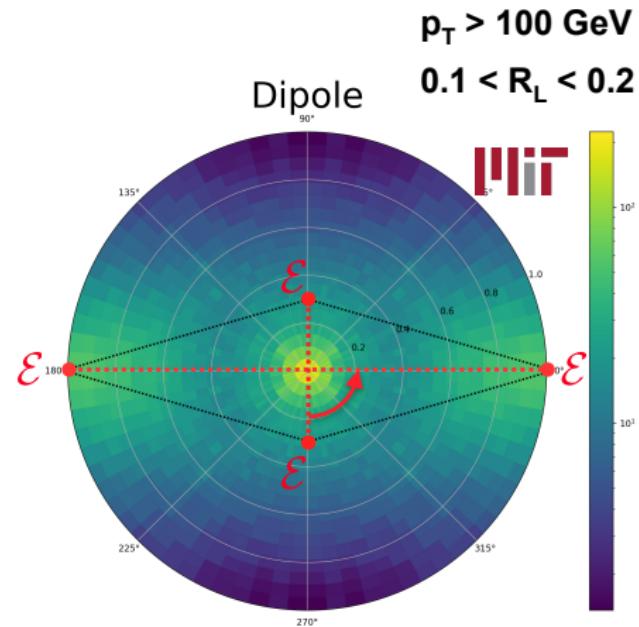
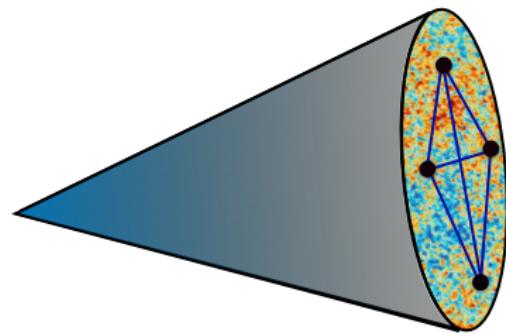
# The Four Point Correlator

- Intricate view of correlations of energy flow. Access to OPE limits, spinning operators, ...



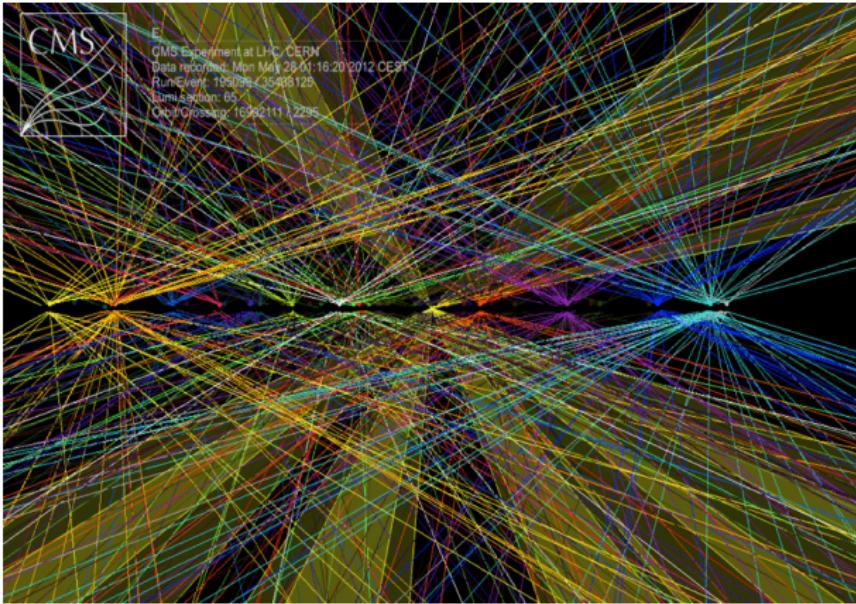
# The Four Point Correlator

Can now (soon) measure higher point correlators inside high energy jets.



Thanks to Simon Rothman and Phil Harris for plots!

# Putting Jet Substructure on Track(s)



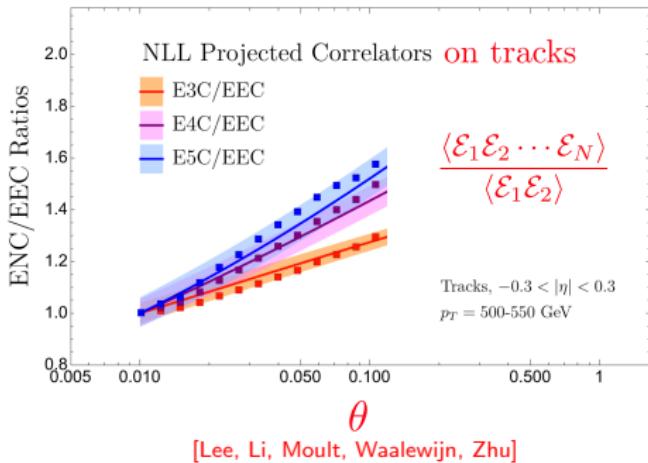
# Practical Spinoffs

- Incorporating tracking in higher order perturbative calculations is absolutely crucial to advance sophistication of jet substructure!

observables. For all of these observables, the uncertainties for the track-based observables are significantly smaller than those for the calorimeter-based observables, particularly for higher values of  $\beta$ , where more soft radiation is included within the jet. However, since no track-based calculations exist at the present time, calorimeter-based measurements are still useful for precision QCD studies.

[ATLAS Collaboration, 1912.09837]

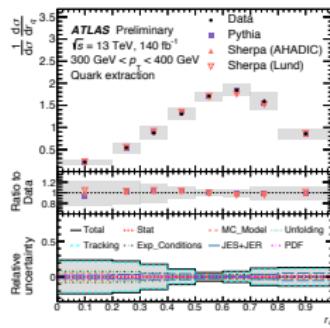
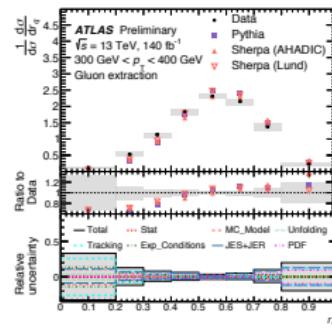
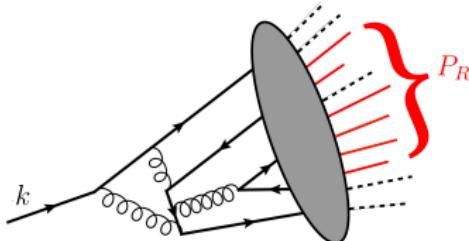
- Thinking in terms of “detector operators” has enabled precise higher order calculations for track based observables.



# Track Functions

- Track functions are a non-perturbative function describing the total energy fraction going into hadrons with a particular property,  $R$ , (e.g. charge) from a fragmenting quark or gluon state:

$$T_q(x) = \int dy^+ d^2 y_\perp e^{ik^- y^+/2} \frac{1}{2N_c} \sum_X \delta\left(x - \frac{P_R}{k_-}\right) \text{tr} \left[ \frac{\gamma^-}{2} \langle 0 | \psi(y^+, 0, y_\perp) | R\bar{R} \rangle \langle R\bar{R} | \bar{\psi}(0) | 0 \rangle \right]$$



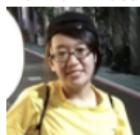
- Measured by the ATLAS collaboration.

# Current Developments: ALEPH Re-Analysis

- MIT Group has measured the two-point energy correlator  $\langle \mathcal{E}(n_1) \mathcal{E}(n_2) \rangle$  on archival ALEPH data with spectacular resolution.



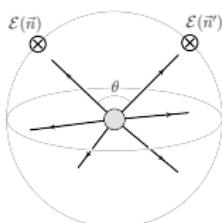
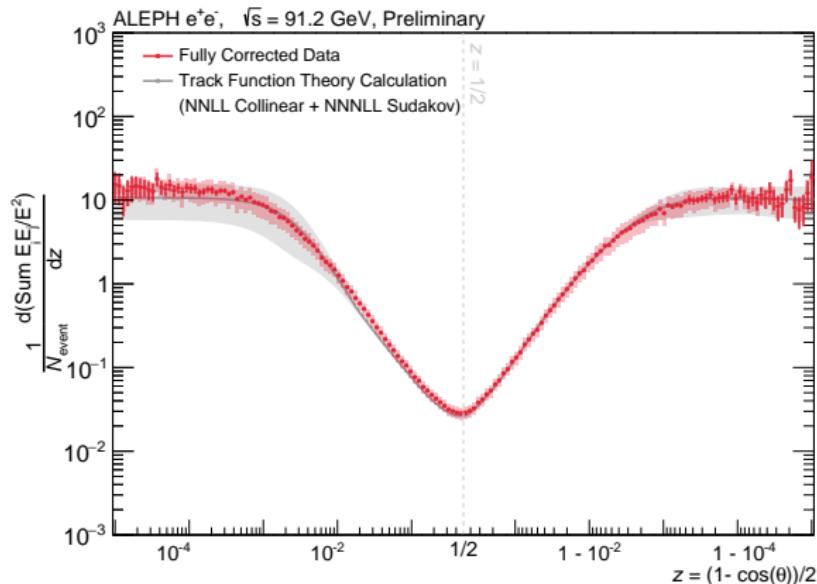
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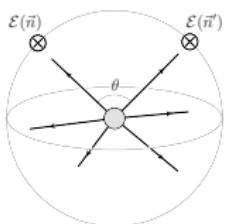
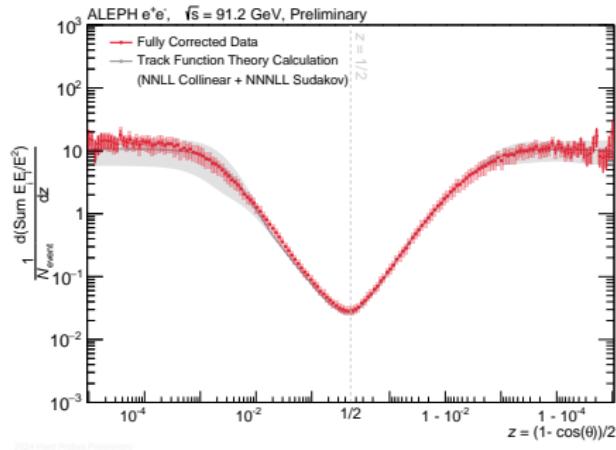
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- Exciting laboratory for precision QCD.

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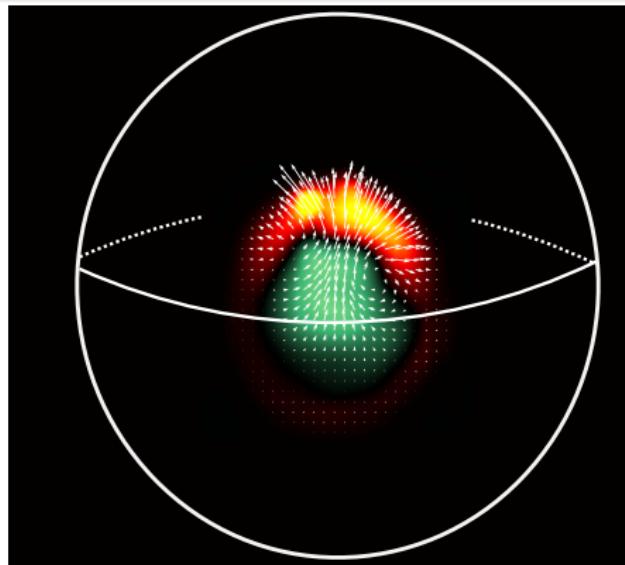
# Current Developments: ALEPH Re-Analysis

- Energy correlators have a different perturbative structure compared to most event shapes (thrust, C-parameter)
- Leading non-perturbative correction is fixed by symmetry:  
 $\Lambda/(z(1-z))^{3/2}$



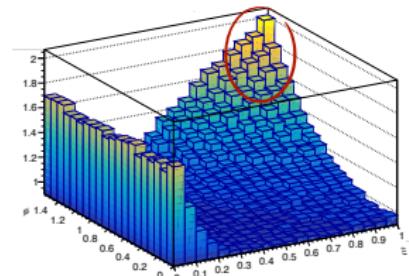
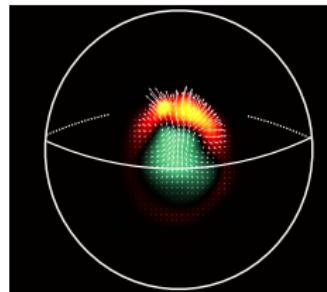
- Optimistic that they can resolve “tensions” in current  $\alpha_s$  extractions from event shapes.

# Energy Correlators: The Future of the Collider Frontier

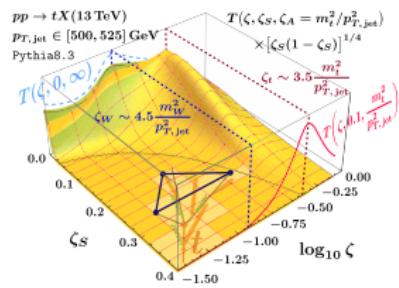
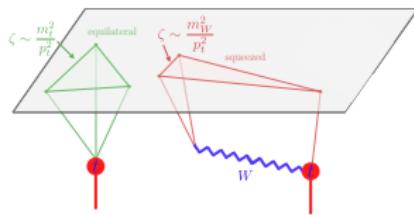


# LHC Targets:

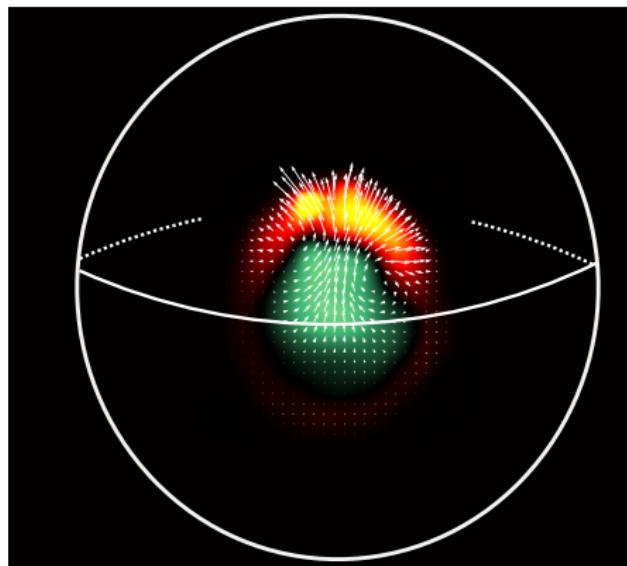
- Measurements on more complicated states:
  - Imaging the Quark Gluon Plasma



- Weighing the Top Quark



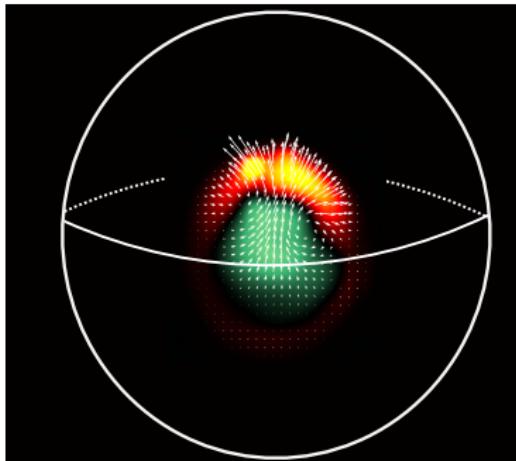
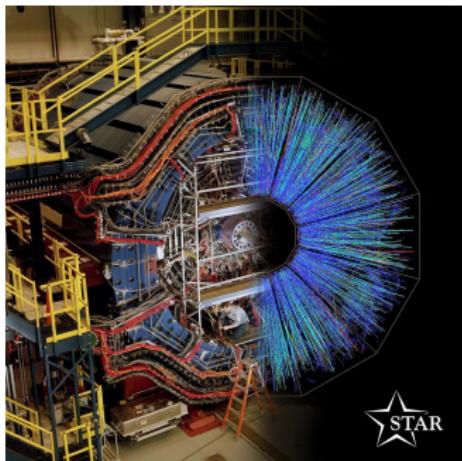
# Resolving the Scales of the QGP



[Andres, Dominguez, Holguin, Kunnawalkam Elayavalli, Marquet, Moult]

# Quark Gluon Plasma

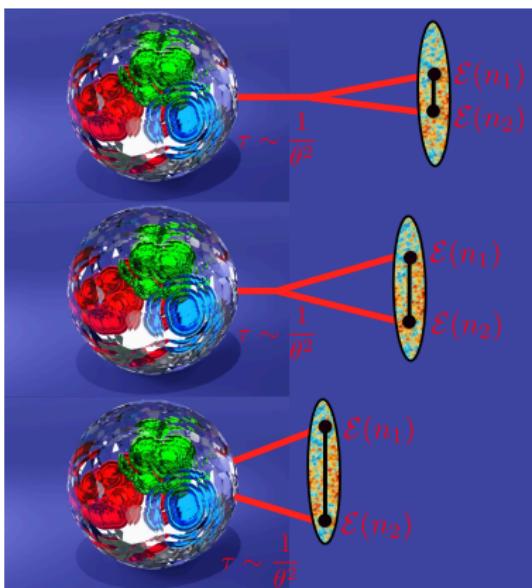
- Heavy ion collisions provide an example of an extremely complicated asymptotic state, where we do not understand the microscopic dynamics that created it.



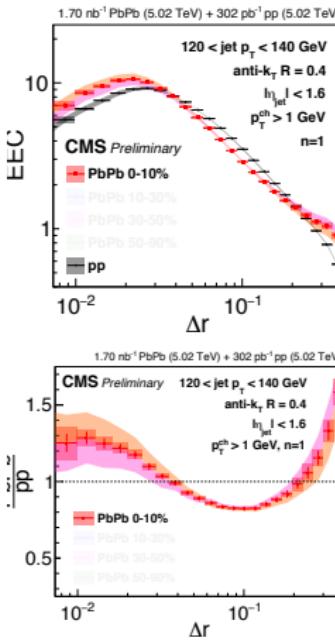
- Nice interplay between  $p\bar{p}$  and heavy ion jet substructure communities.

# New Measurements: Correlators in the QGP!

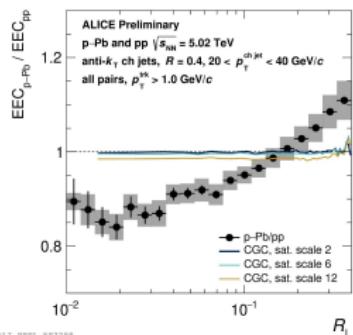
- QGP scales cleanly imprinted in two-point correlation.



Increasing  $\theta$



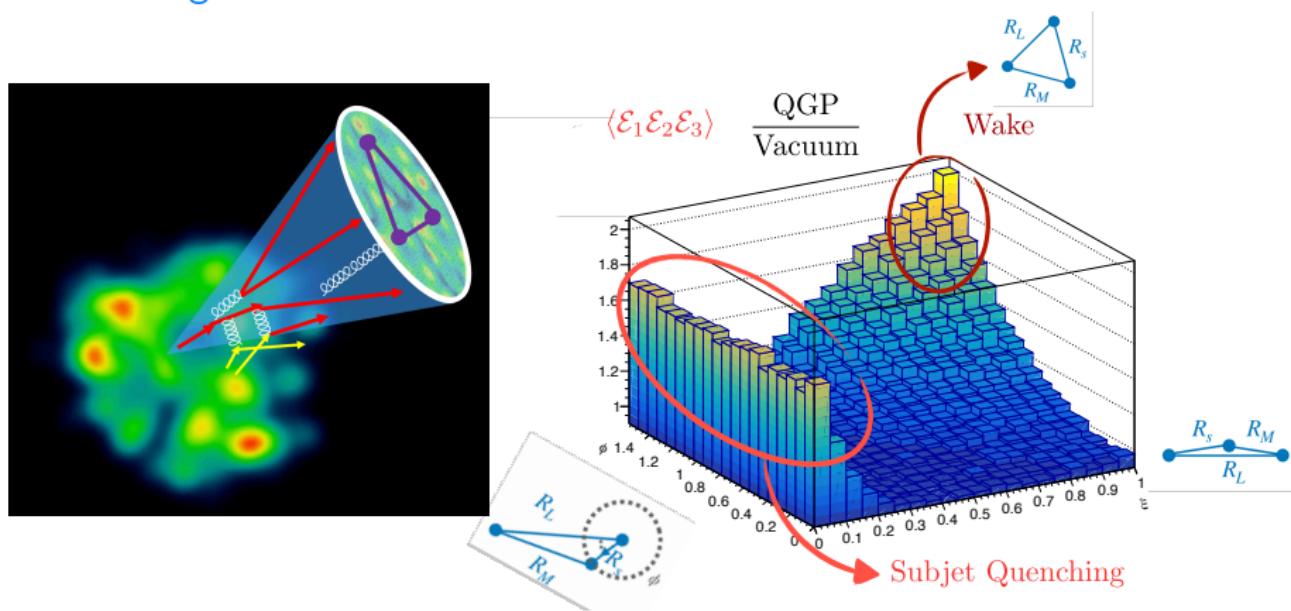
[CMS-PAS-HIN-23-004]



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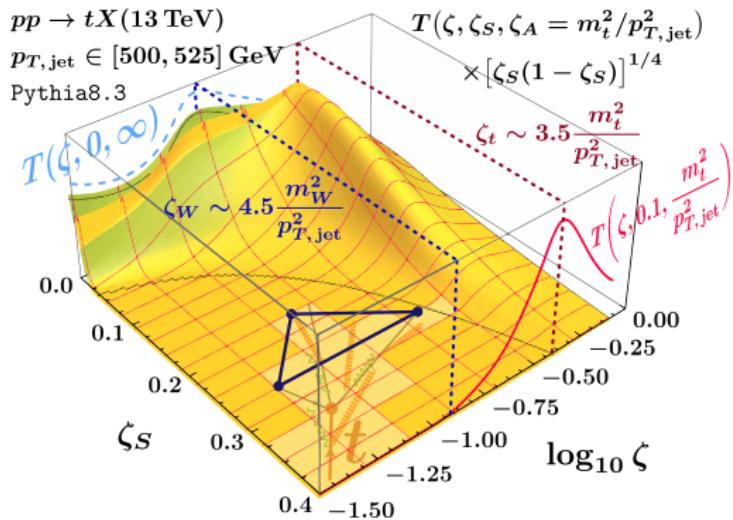
# Imaging the Wake

- Higher point correlators allow the “shape” of the medium response to be imaged.



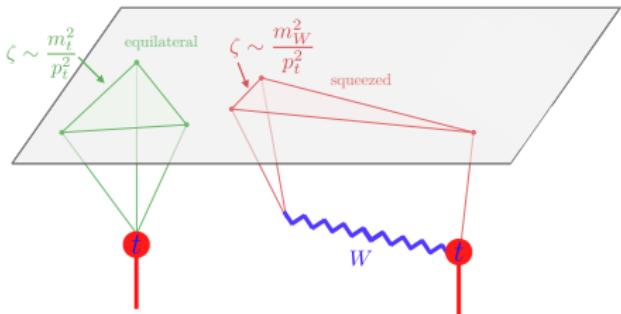
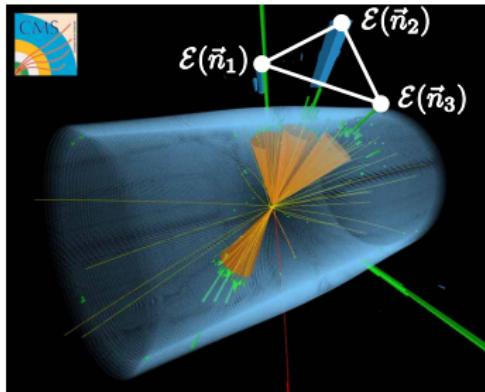
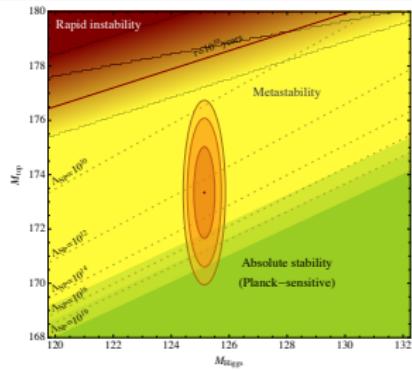
[Bossi, He, Kudinoor, Moult, Pablos, Rai, Rajagopal]

# Weighing the Top Quark



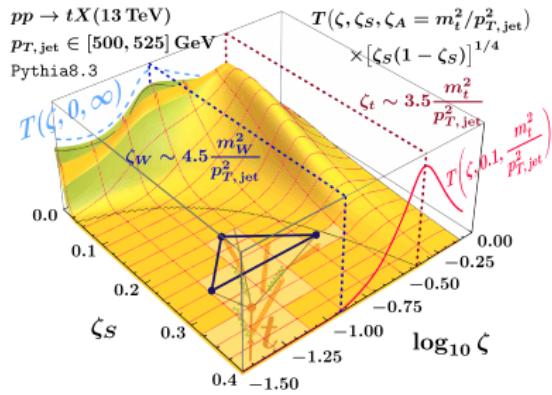
# Weighing the Top Quark

- The top quark mass is one of the most important parameters of the SM. e.g. electroweak vacuum stability/criticality, electroweak fits, etc.
- Need simple observables with top mass sensitivity that can be computed from first principles field theory.



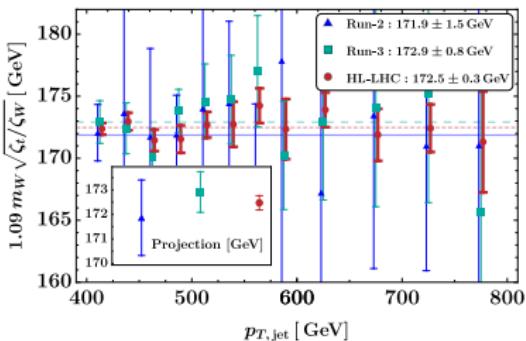
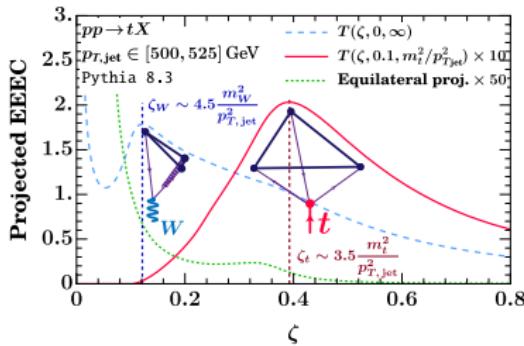
# Weighing the Top Quark

- Extract the mass ratio between the W and top quark from the shape of the three-point correlator.



[Holguin, Moult, Pathak, Procura, Schofbeck, Schwarz]

See also: [Xiao, Ye, Zhu]



- Motivates precision calculations of correlators on top decays.

# Weighing the Top Quark

- Initial investigations illustrate has minor sensitivity to experimental systematics, and global event: successfully isolates dynamics of top decay.

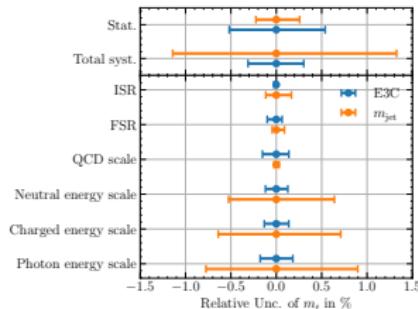
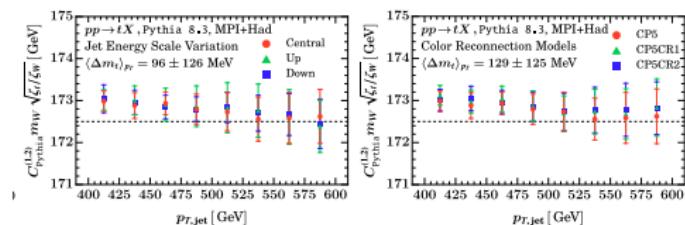
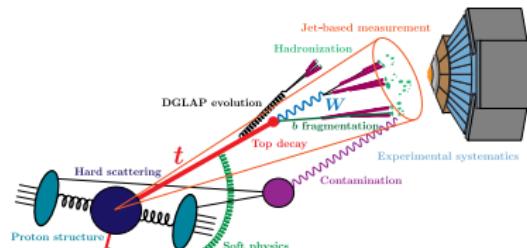


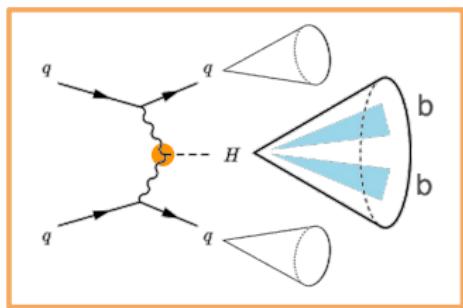
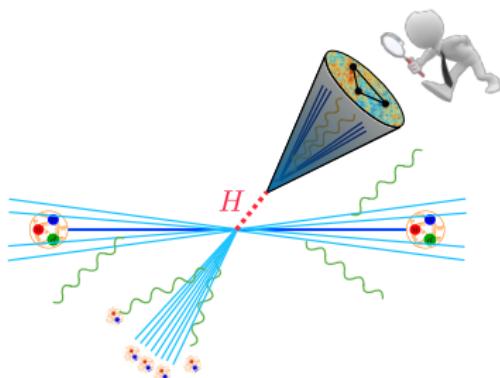
Figure 2. The expected uncertainties of  $m_t$  (in % of  $m_t = 171$  GeV) using E3C and  $m_{jet}$  distributions, at  $\mathcal{L} = 36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . The statistical uncertainties and a breakdown of the systematic uncertainties are shown.



[Xiao, Ye, Zhu]

- Motivates precision calculations of correlators on top decays, and further experimental investigation.

# Jet Substructure Searches

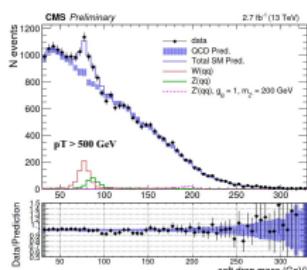


# Light Z' Searches

- Tremendous improvement in last 5 years. e.g. Light Z' searches

## Evolution of boosted dijet tagging

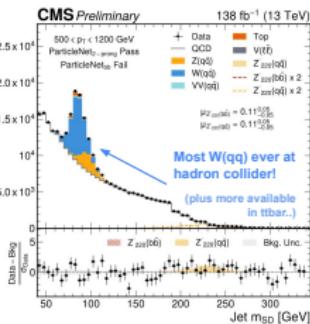
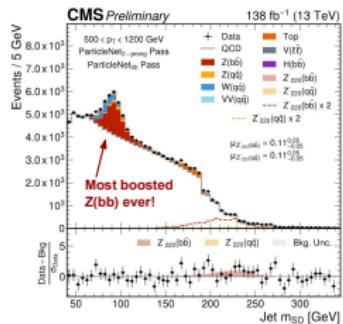
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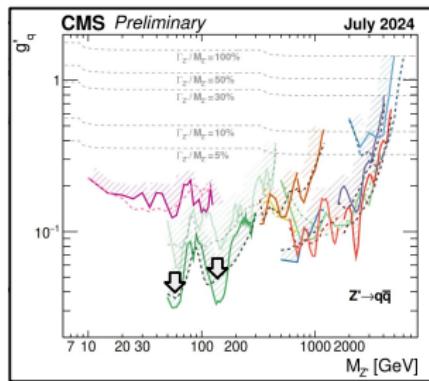
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## Boosted hadronic resonances: results



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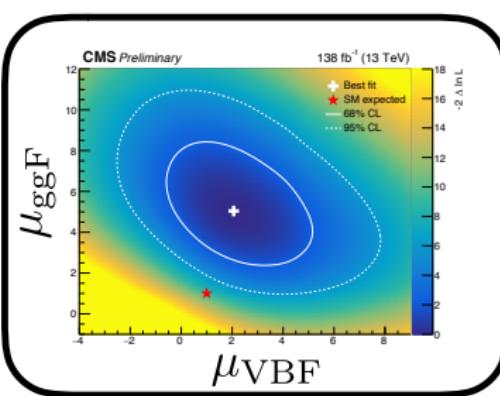
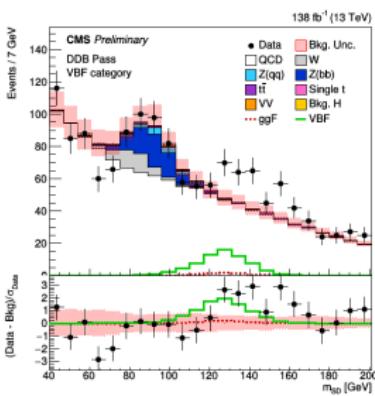
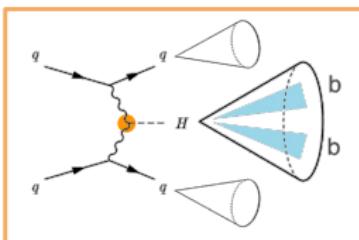
## World-leading limits on BSM

- Interpret in terms of vectors, scalars, pseudoscalars
- Limits on  $g_q$  scale like  $\text{lumi}^{-4}$
- New techniques are driving improvements!

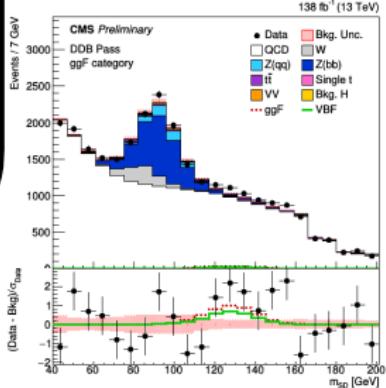
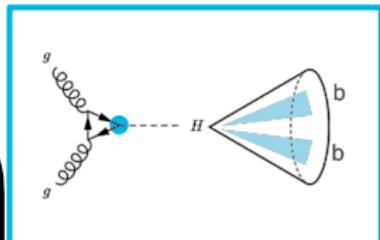
[Figures from Simon Rothman]

# Boosted Higgs

- Searches for modifications of Higgs couplings at high  $p_T$ .

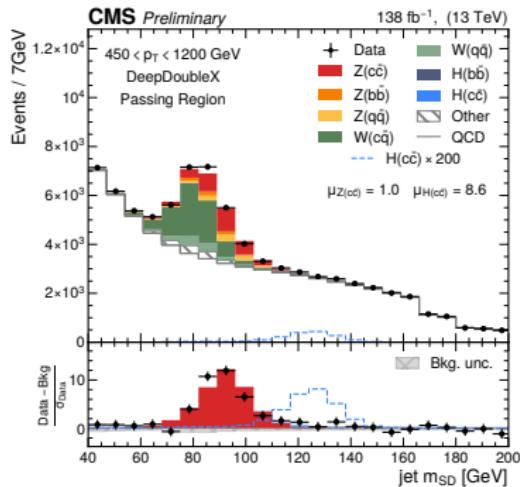
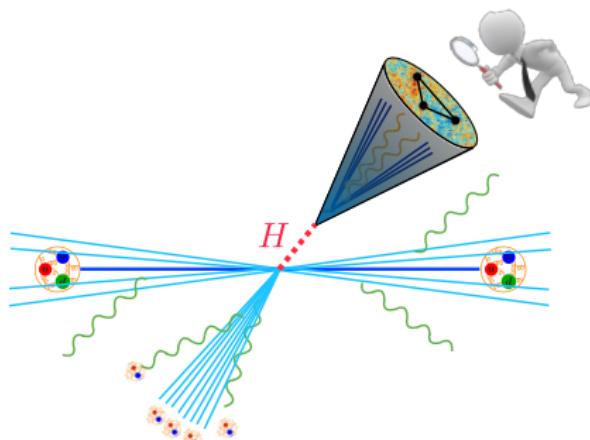


[Figures from Jennet Dickinson]



# Charm Yukawa

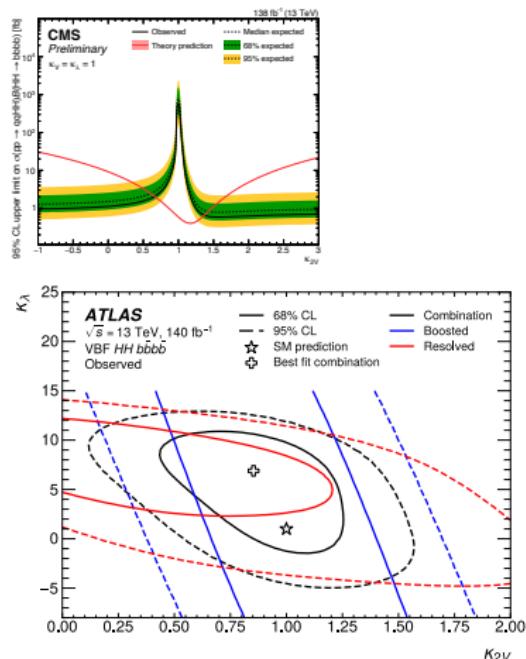
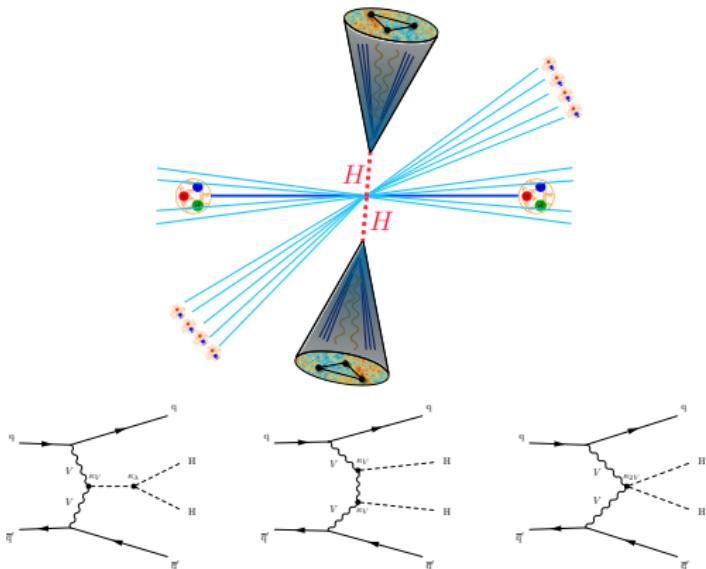
- Measurements of the Higgs couplings to light quarks provide a crucial test of the Yukawa sector of the SM.
- Jet substructure provides the most stringent bound on the charm Yukawa,  $1.1 < \kappa_c < 5.5$ .



- Matches the original projected sensitivity with  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ !

# Higgs Self Interaction

- The Higgs self interaction accesses the Higgs potential.
- Jet Substructure exploits the high branching ratio to b-quarks.



- First observation of the  $VV \rightarrow HH$  coupling in the SM!

# Summary

- Significant recent progress in the theoretical characterization of asymptotic energy flux.
- Scaling and shape dependence of multi-point energy correlators can be directly measured at the LHC: How can we best use them?
- Provides the opportunity to use theoretically beautiful objects to learn about the real world.

