

Recent advances in the calculation of two-point energy correlators in heavy ion collisions

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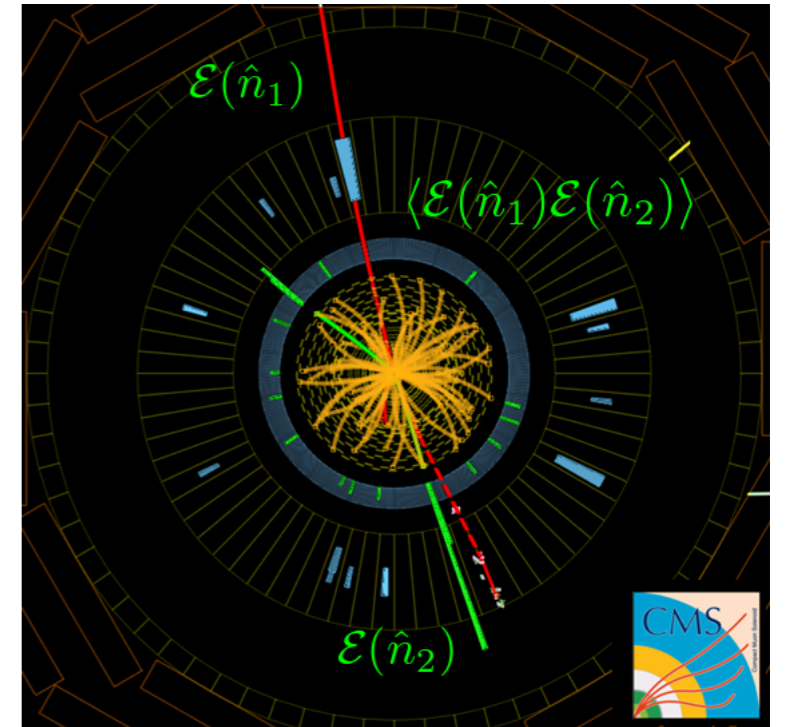
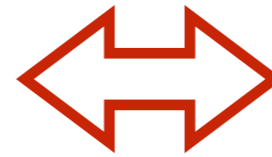
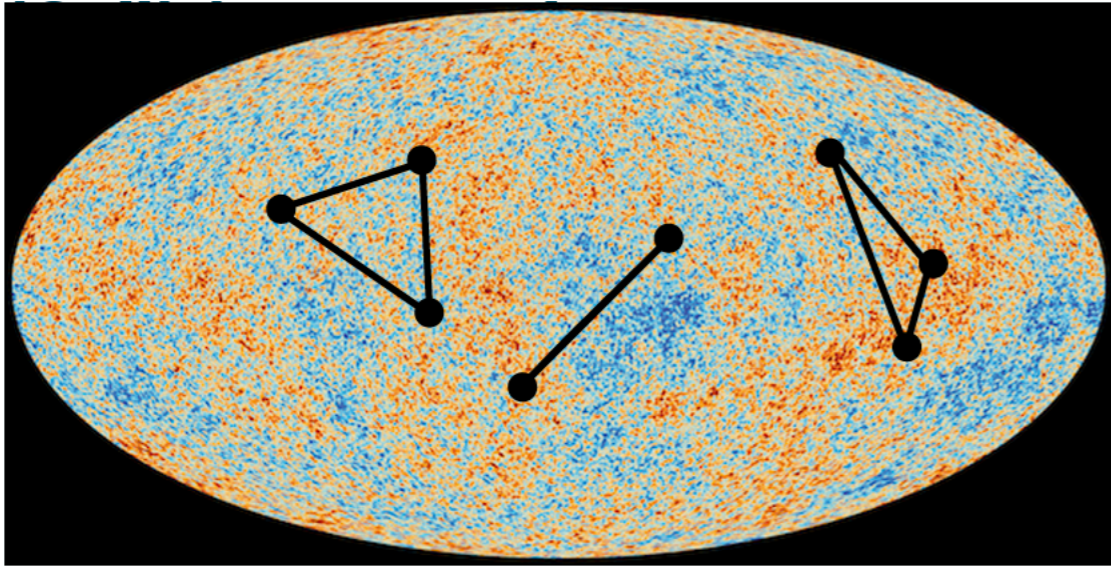


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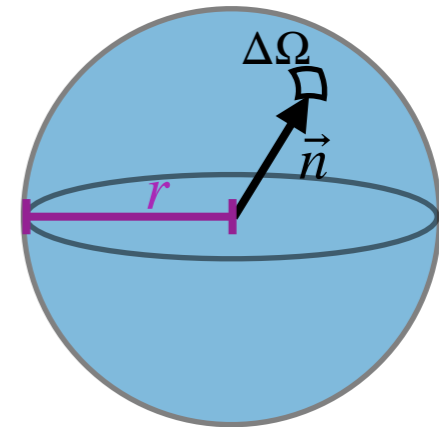
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- Correlations of asymptotic energy flux provide valuable information about the underlying theory

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty dt r^2 n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n})|X\rangle = \sum_a E_a \delta^{(2)}(\Omega_{\vec{p}_a} - \Omega_{\vec{n}}) |X\rangle$$



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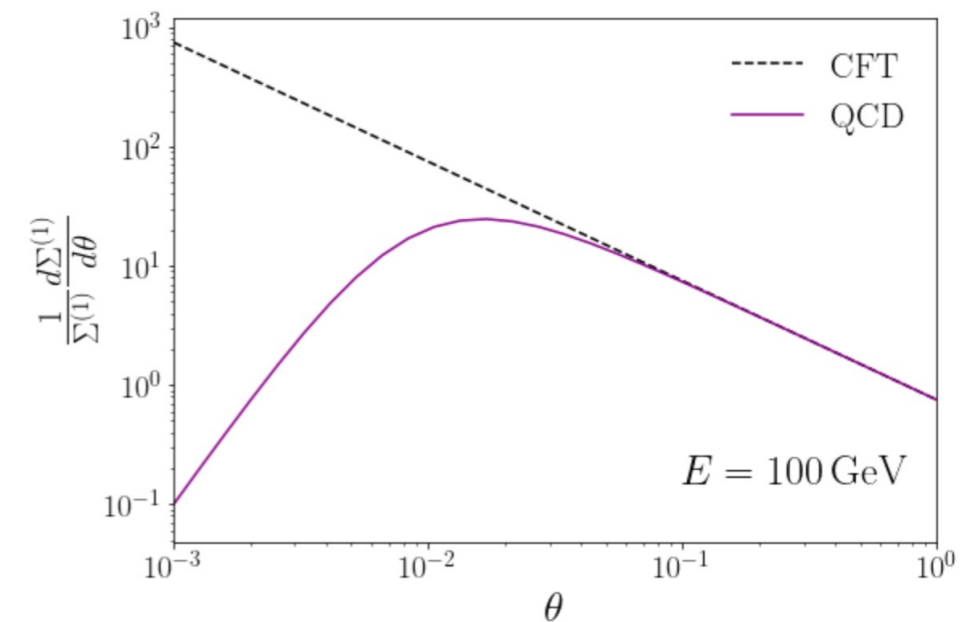
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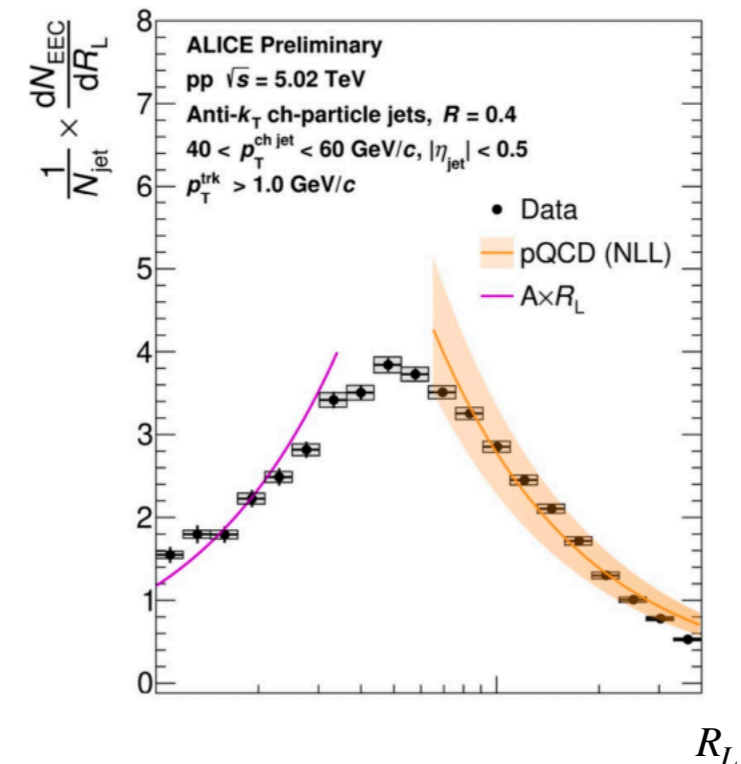
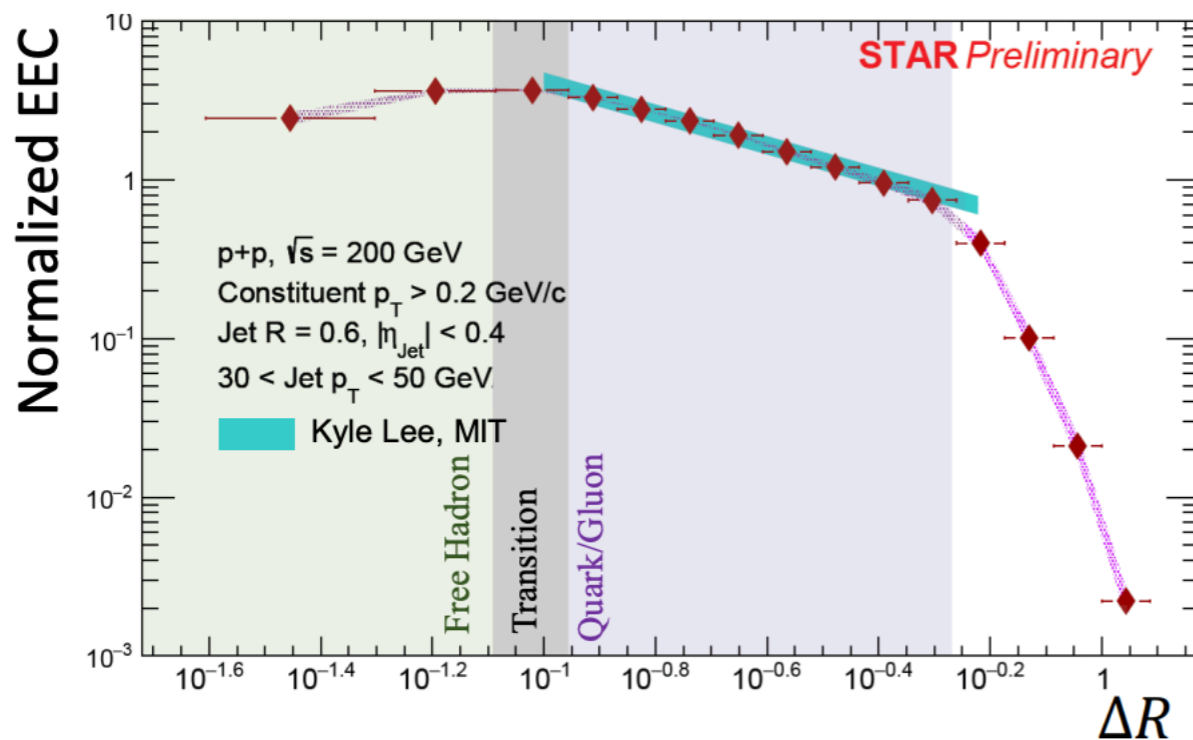
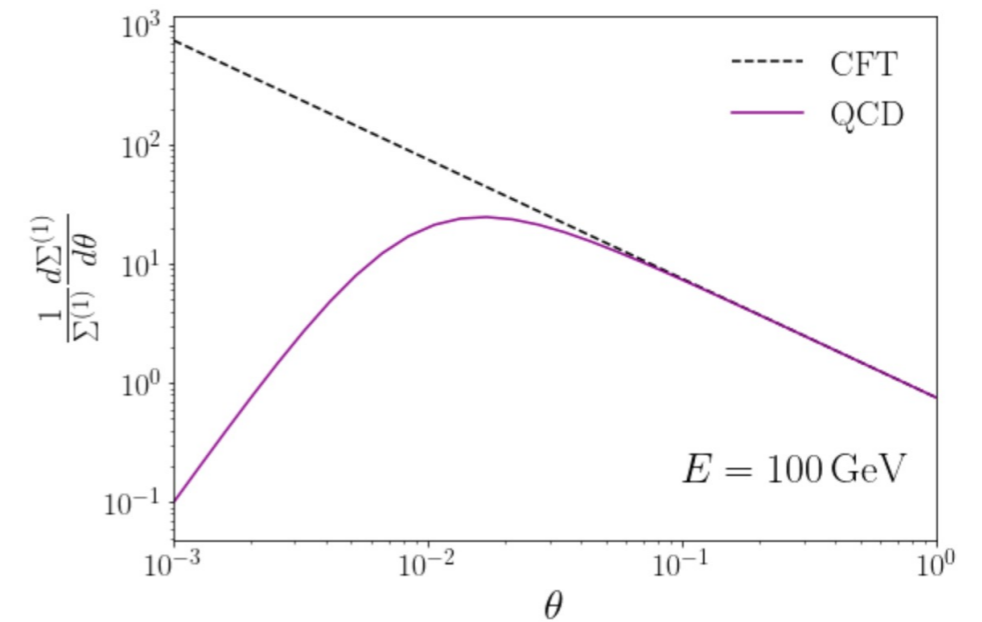
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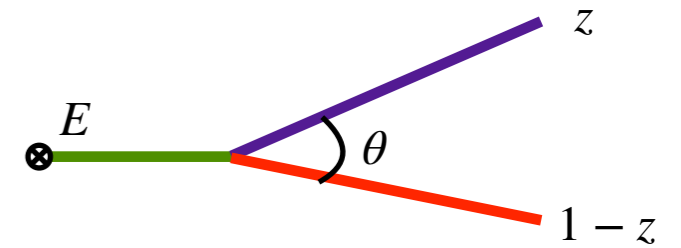
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Potential to disentangle effects from different dynamics

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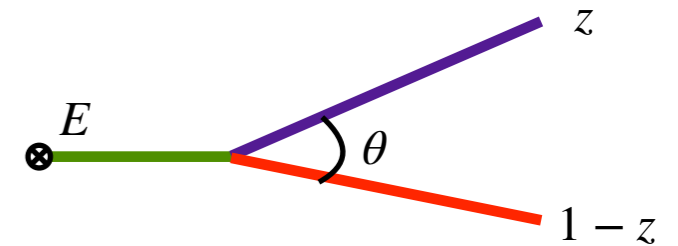


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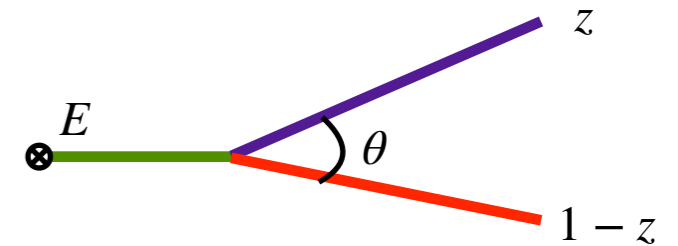
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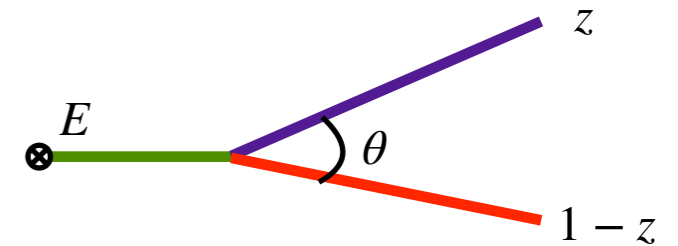
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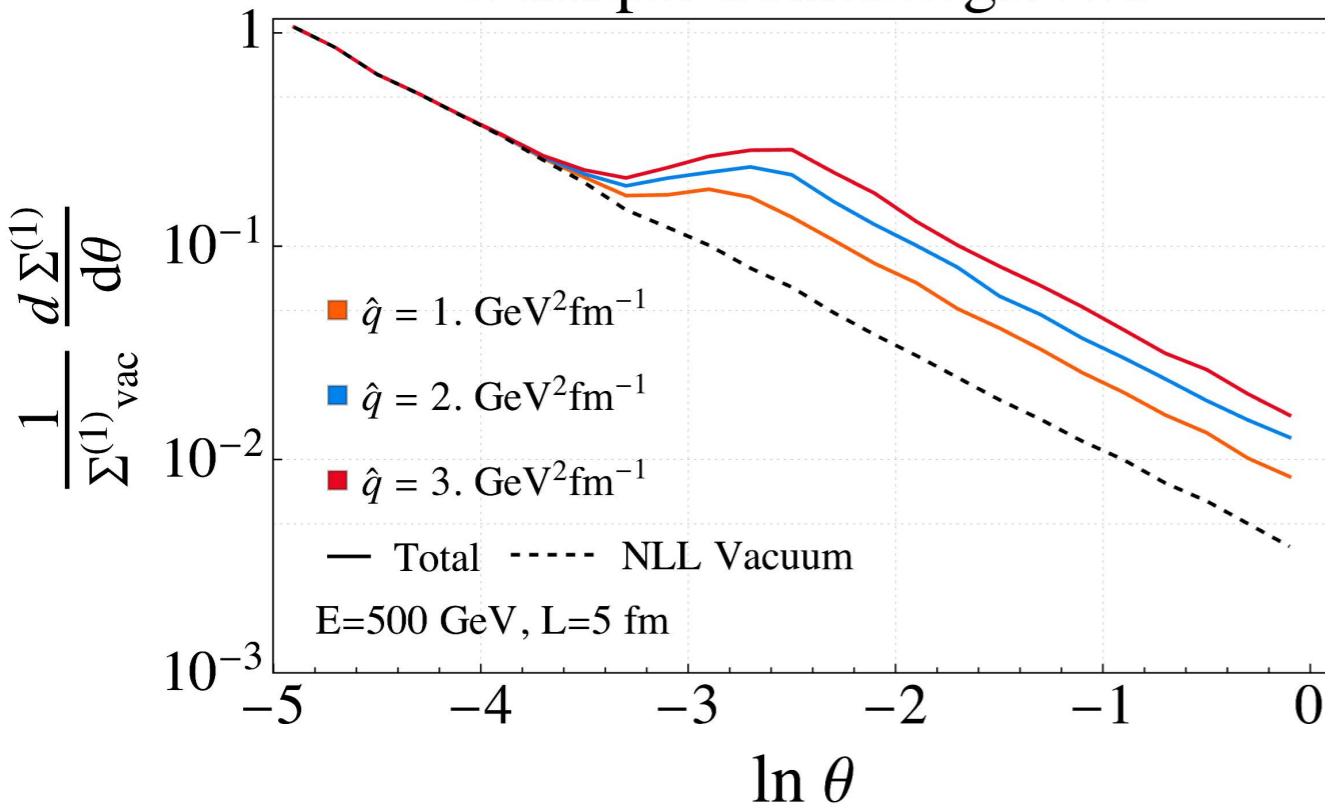
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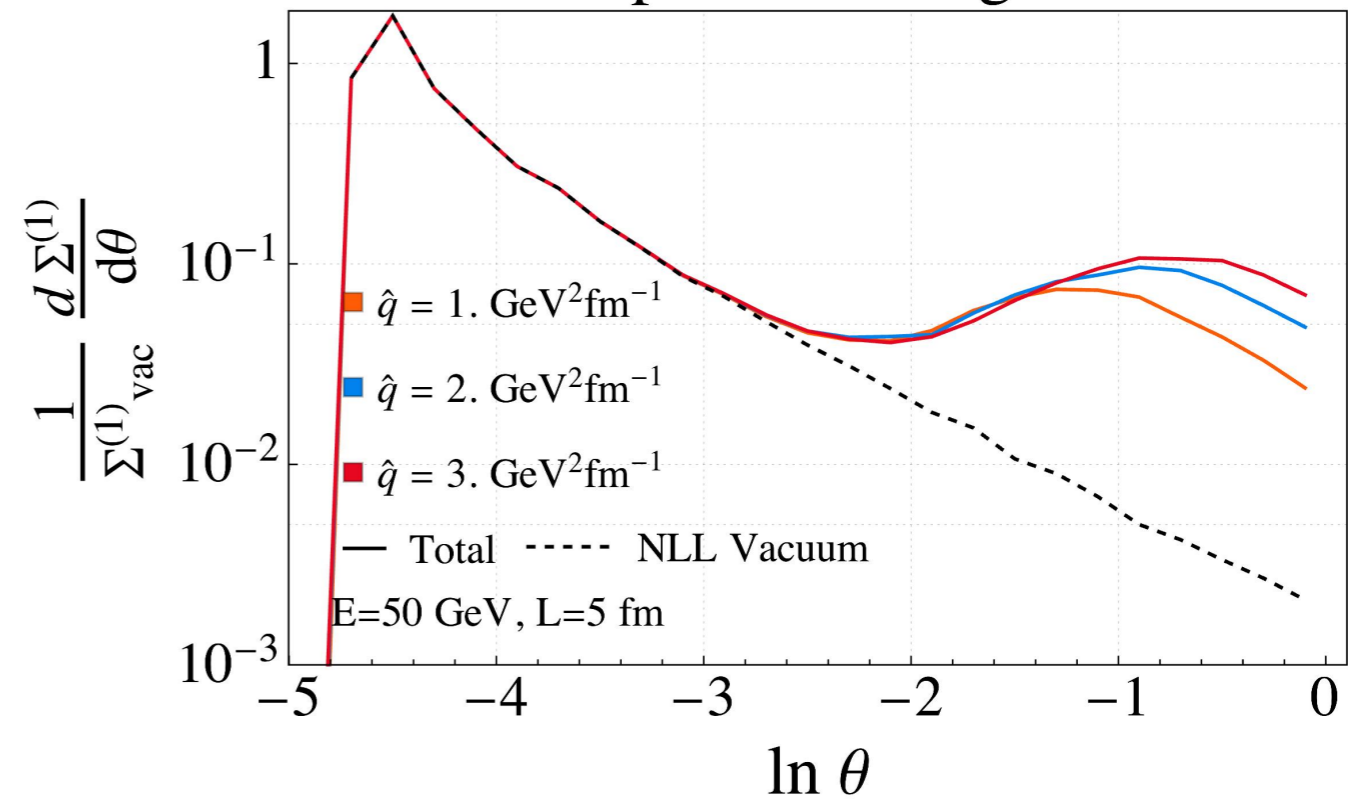
- Medium-splittings calculated on a brick
- Soft approximation ($z \rightarrow 0$, keeping zE finite) not suitable
- Two available approximations:
 - ✦ Semi-hard approximation: resums multiple scatterings, ignores momentum broadening in an eikonal approach [FD, Milhano, Salgado, Tywoniuk, Vila 1907.03653](#) [Isaksen, Tywoniuk 2107.02542](#)
 - ✦ Opacity expansion (GLV): possible unitarity issues, no eikonal assumptions involved [Sievert, Vitev 1807.03799](#)

Results in the semi-hard approximation

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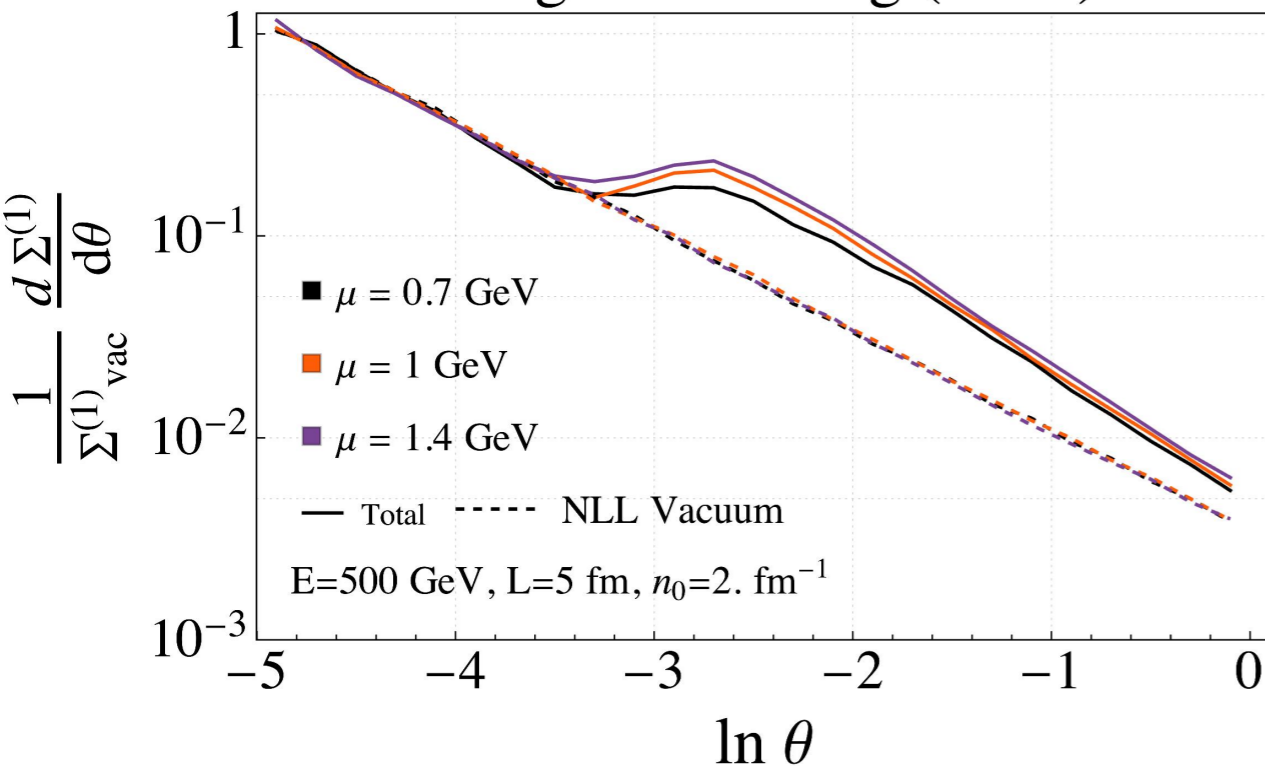


- No modification at small angles
- Transition towards medium-induced enhancement at larger angles
- Varying \hat{q} has different effects depending on medium resolution

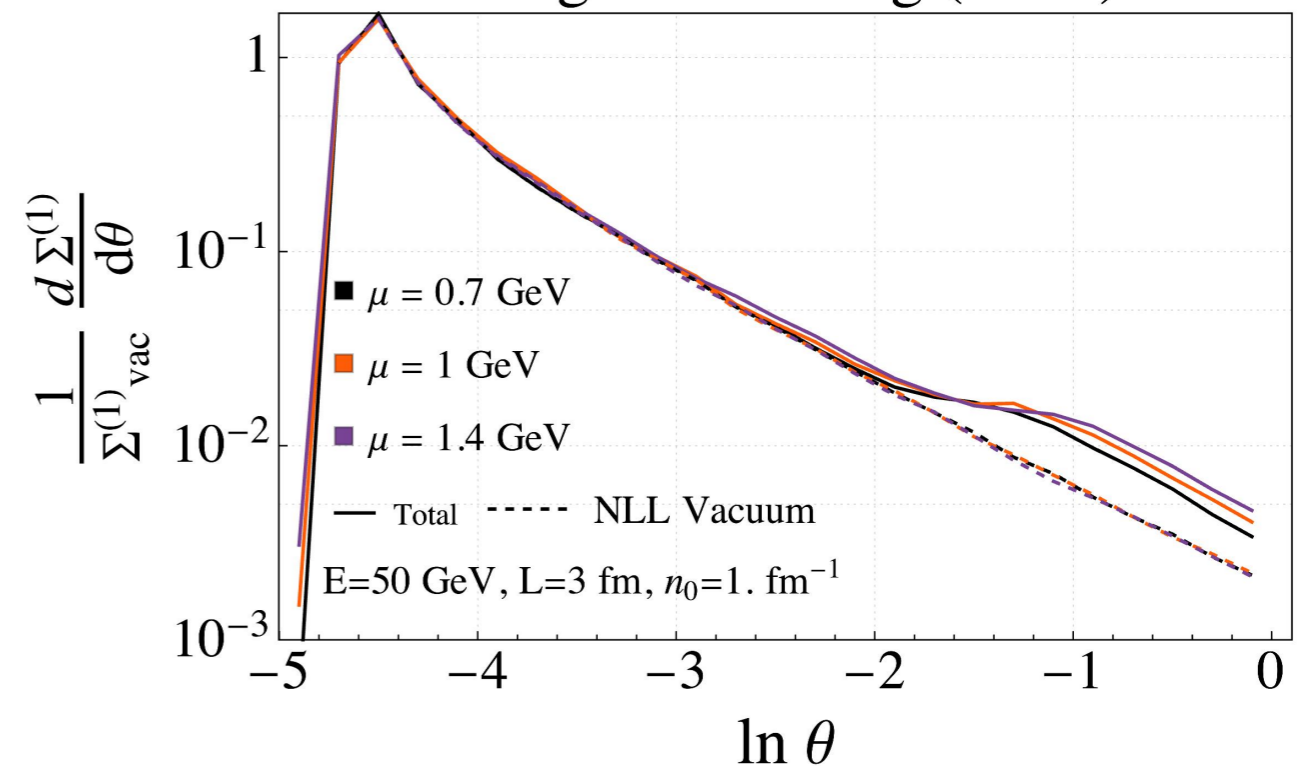
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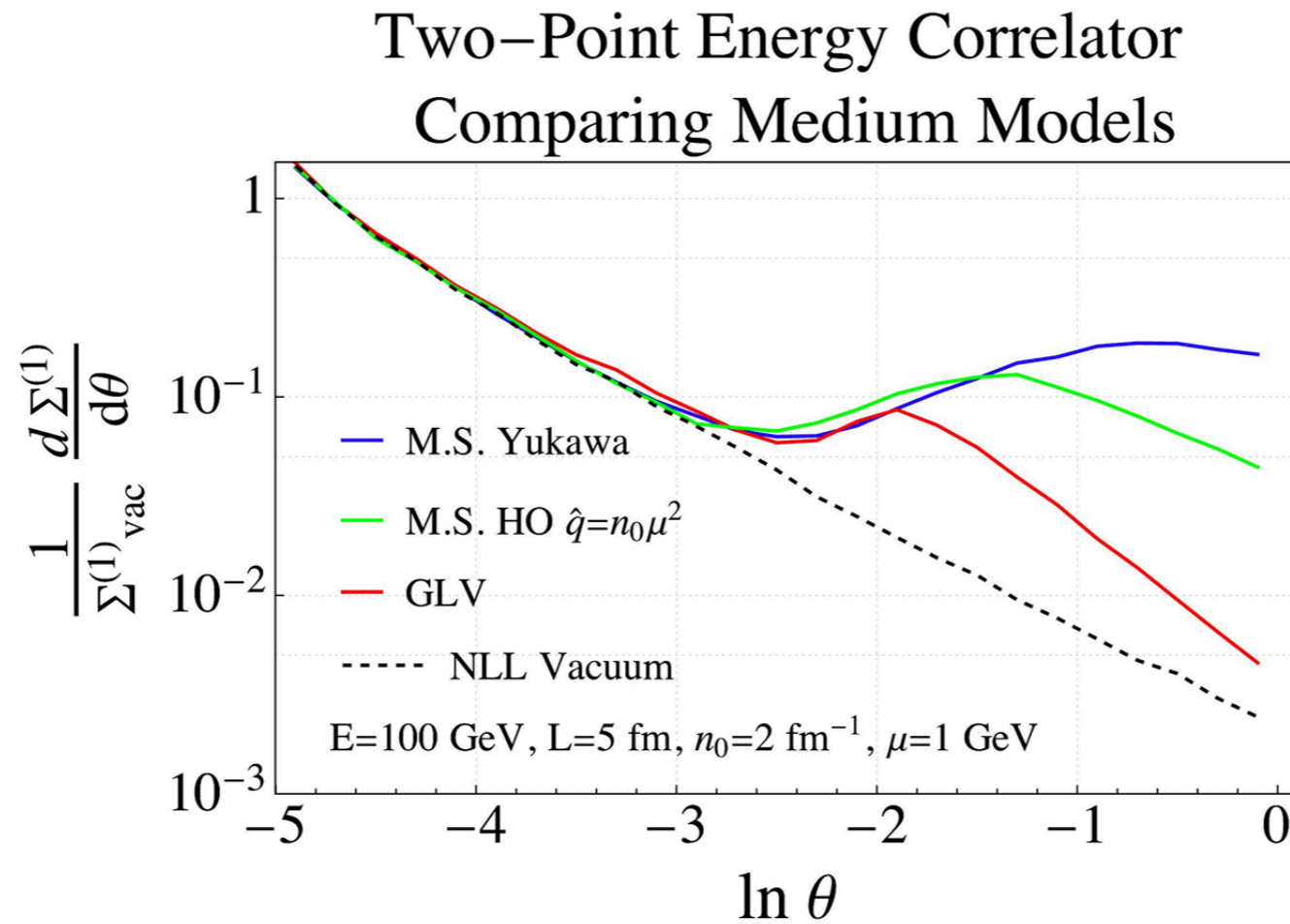


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- Similar qualitative features compared to the semi-hard approach
- Transition towards medium-enhancement not so well defined
- Enhancement at large angles has a much smaller amplitude

Model comparison



- Small angle behavior and transition towards medium-enhancement common to all cases shown
- No information can be extracted from amplitude of enhancement at large angles

Moving away from the simplest scenario

- Improve the calculation for in-medium splittings
- Include an evolving medium
 - ✦ Brick calculations allow us to build some intuition
 - ✦ Any meaningful comparison to data must account for medium evolution effects
- Consider energy-loss effects, which will be important for inclusive jet measurements

Calculation of in-medium splittings

- **Collinear (high-energy) limit:** All particles have a large longitudinal momentum compared to their transverse momenta (small angles, DGLAP limit)
- Decoupling of transverse and longitudinal dynamics: Effects coming from the transverse (with respect to the direction of the jet) structure of the medium are suppressed by powers of the energy
See talks by Joseph Bahder and Xoán Mayo on Wed morning for advances towards relaxing this approximation
- Medium interactions are resummed through in-medium propagators

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{p}_1, t_1 \qquad \omega \qquad \mathbf{p}_2, t_2 \\
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 \text{wavy line} \\
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 = \mathcal{G}_R(\mathbf{p}_2, t_2; \mathbf{p}_1, t_1; \omega)$$

- Cross section are expressed in terms of medium averages of products of propagators

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- Going beyond the large- N_c limit requires a much more complex setup where a system of coupled differential equations must be numerically solved

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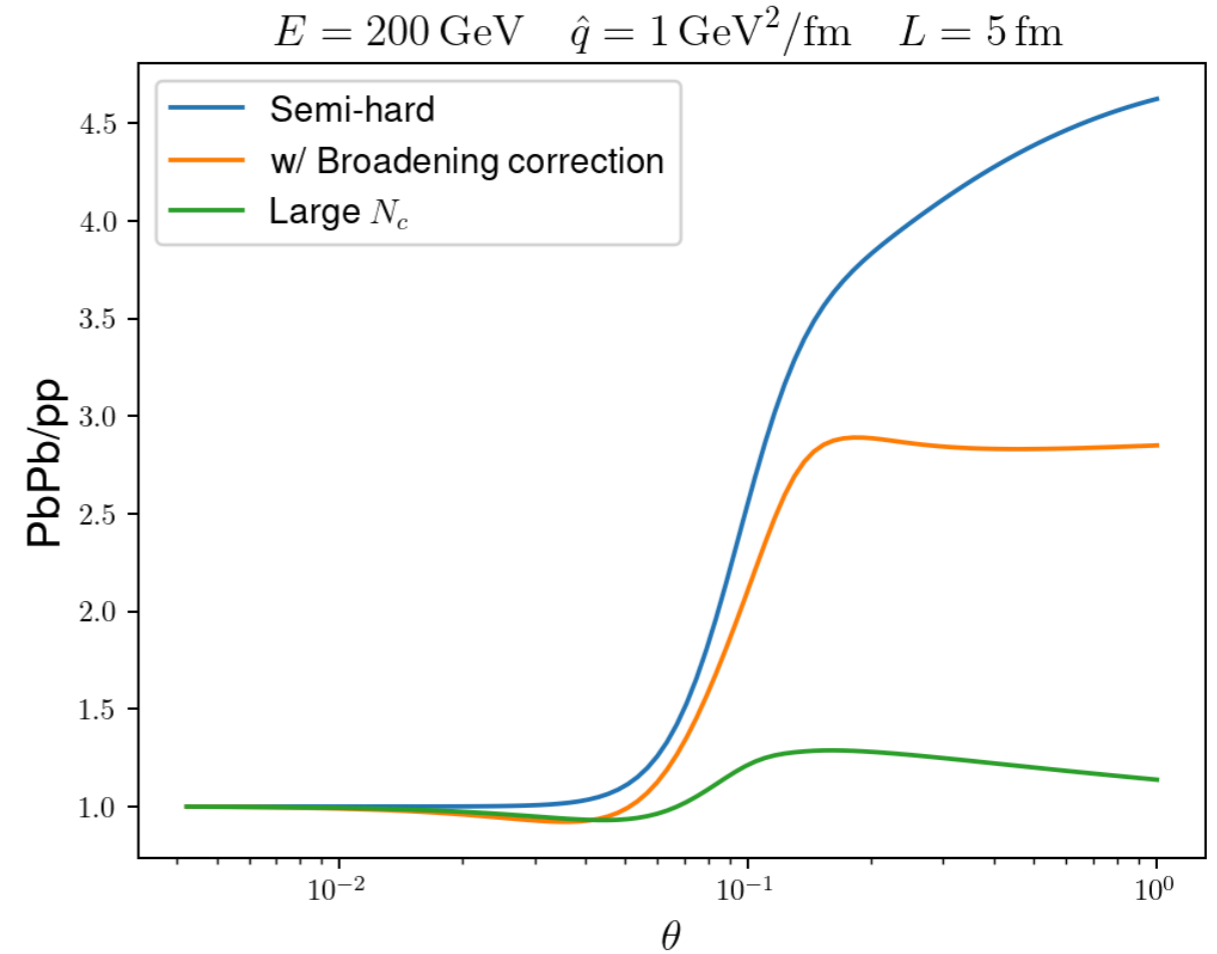
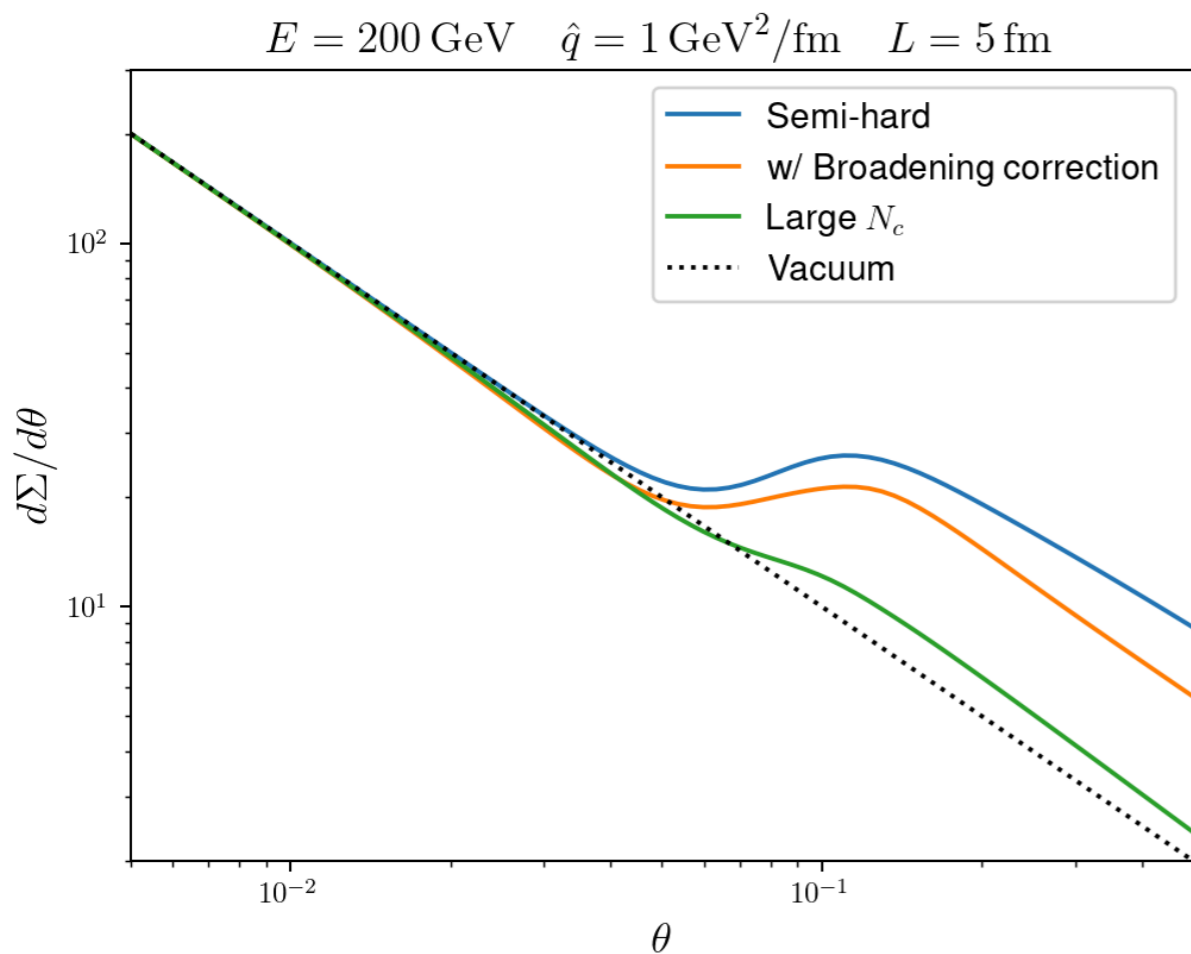
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Results for a brick with the harmonic approximation



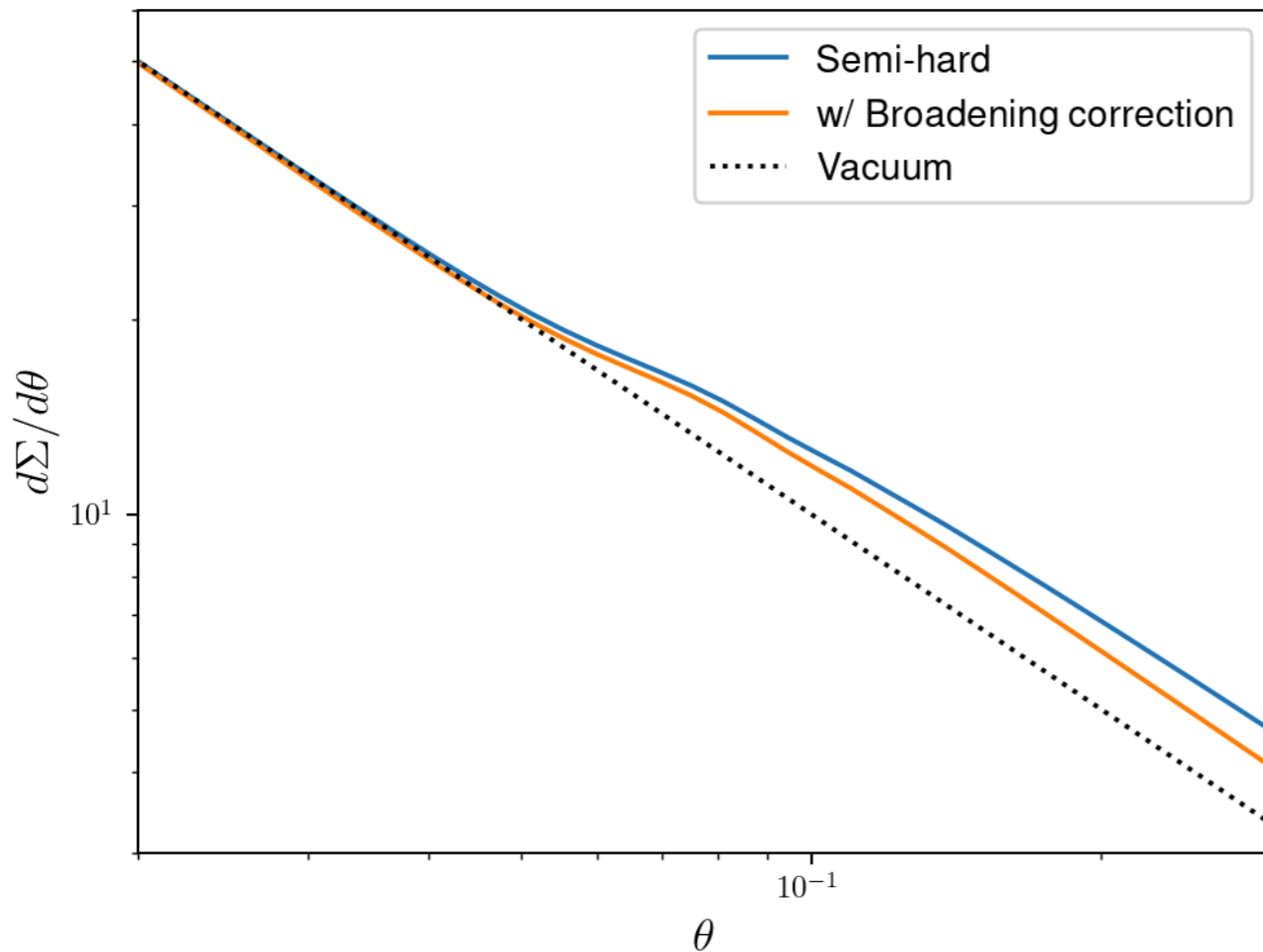
- Large reduction of the enhancement amplitude
- Small dip before transitioning to medium-enhancement, already present when the broadening correction is included
- Overall picture of no modification at small angles followed by a transition to medium-enhancement at large angles still valid

Beyond brick calculations

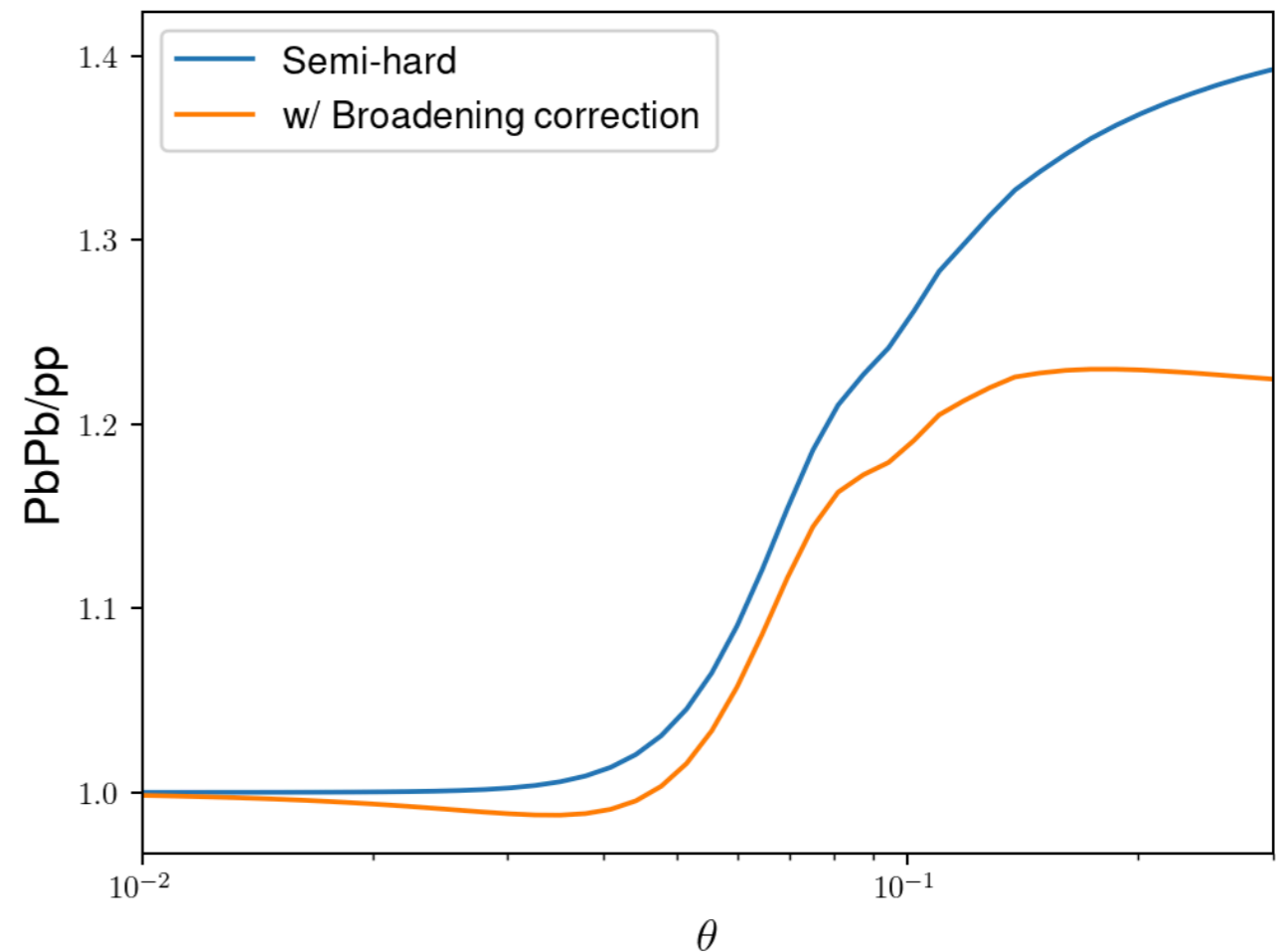
- Essential if we want to understand anything about how geometry affects our observables
- Repeat the previous calculations with a varying \hat{q}
- It is straightforward when eikonal propagation has been assumed (semi-hard, broadening correction)
- Becomes a lot more involved when eikonal approximation is relaxed (large- N_c , will not be shown in this talk)

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- We assume $\hat{q} \propto T^3$ and take the temperature from trajectories extracted from a smooth-averaged hydro simulation

Luzum, Romatschke [0804.4015](#) [0901.4588](#)














- Qualitative behavior similar to brick case
- Dependence on geometry can be explored

Beyond the harmonic approximation

- Theorists like the harmonic approximation because it allows us to perform analytical calculations when resumming multiple scatterings
- But, the harmonic approximation misses the rare large momentum transfer scatterings characteristic of point-like particles (Molière)
- These rare hard scatterings can be straightforwardly implemented in the semi-hard approximation and the broadening correction, but not clear the approximations are compatible
- When eikonal approximation is relaxed (large- N_c), going beyond the harmonic approximation has not yet been done but feasible to generalize from progress achieved for spectrum in the soft-limit

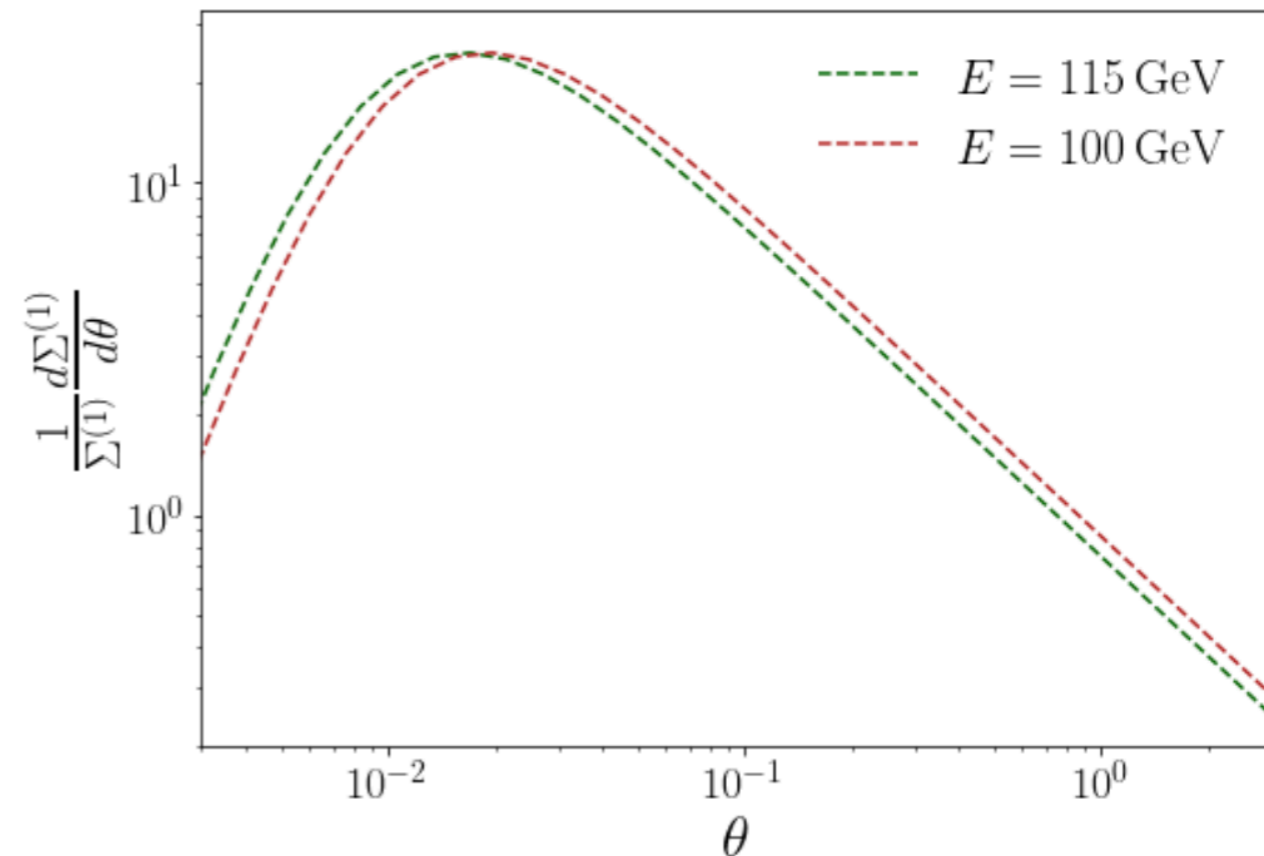
Andres, Apolinario, FD [2002.01517](#)

Summary of available calculations

	Brick	Evolving media	High-momentum tails
Semi-hard			 But...
Broadening correction	 	 	 But...
Large-Nc	  	 Feasible	 Computationally costly
Isaksen, Tywoniuk $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$?	Straightforward	Straightforward

Energy loss

- If we don't know the initial energy of the initial hard parton we cannot neglect the effects of energy loss due to multiple soft emissions
- This is the case for inclusive jet measurements, which will be the first heavy ion measurements of energy correlators
- Energy loss effects on the EECs were studied recently in a simplified model with a resolution scale finding very small modifications
[Barata, Caucal, Soto-Ontoso, Szafron 2312.12527](#)
- Nevertheless, coherent energy loss from the whole jet shifts the jet energy scale resulting in a shift in the vacuum baseline

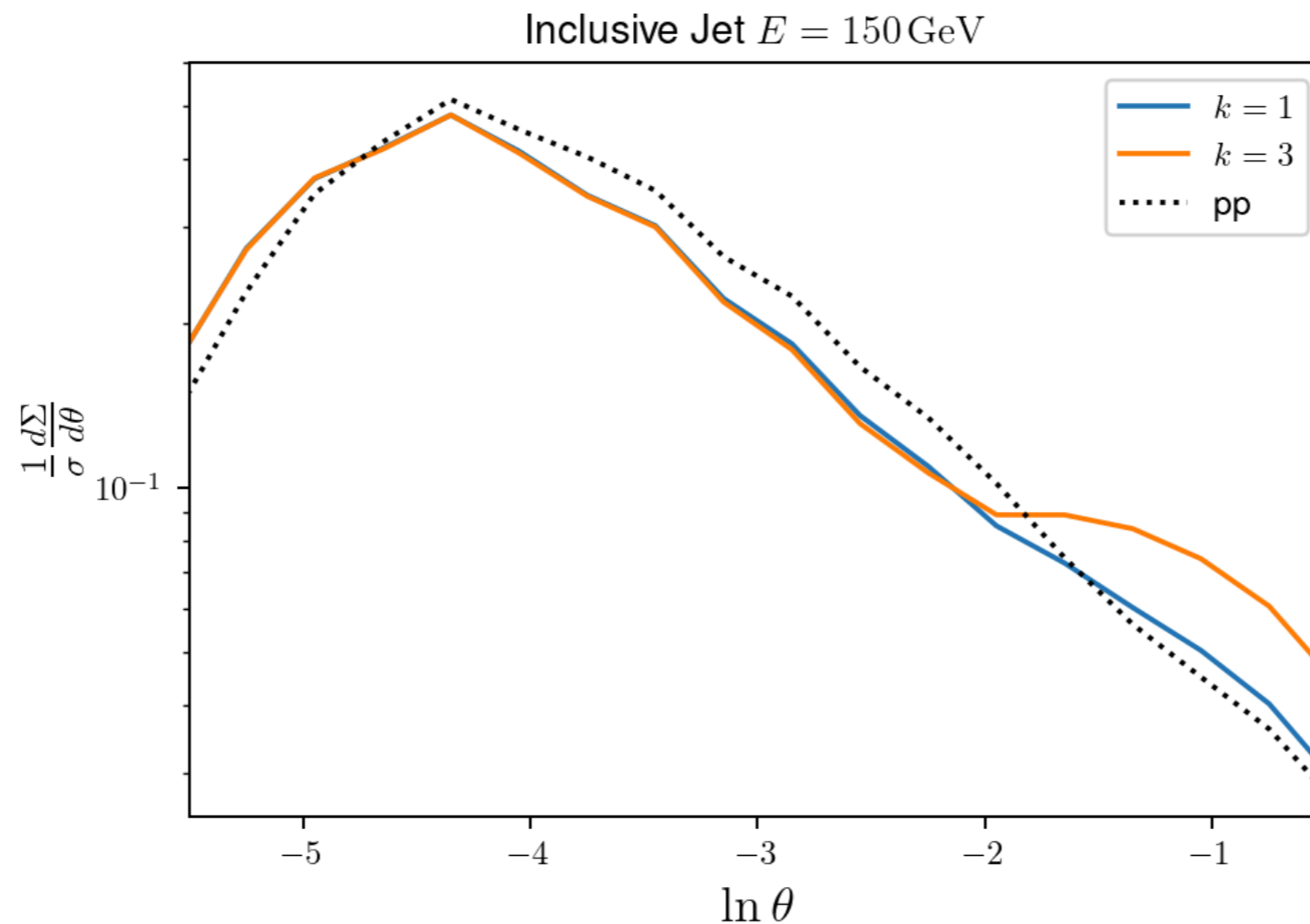


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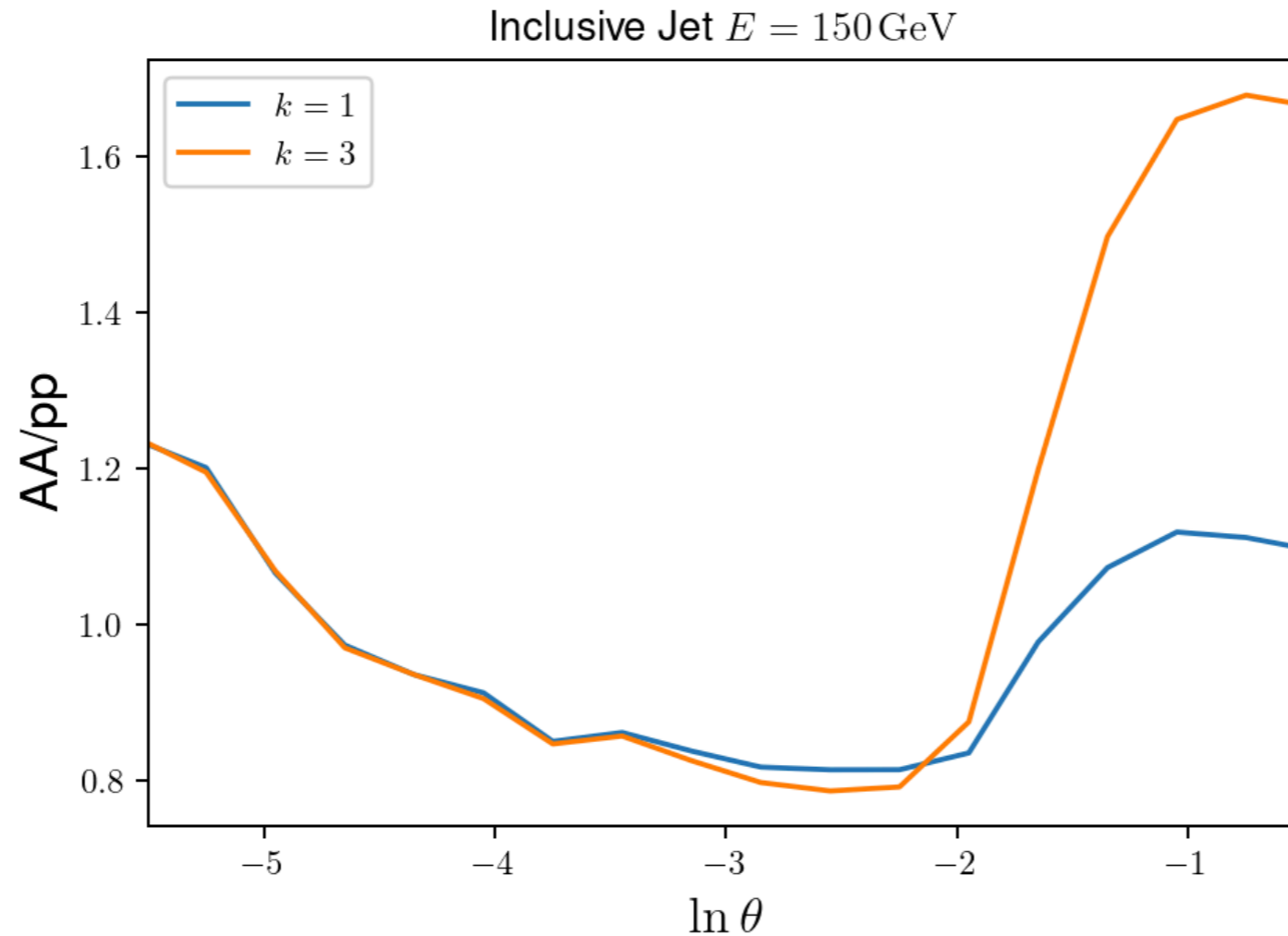
- In order to account for the shift in the energy scale we convolute our results for known initial energies with quenching weights accounting for the energy carried away by an arbitrary number of soft emissions

Salgado, Wiedemann [hep-ph/0302184](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0302184)

- We use our calculations done with an expanding medium (modeled by a smooth-averaged hydro simulation) with the semi-hard approximation with the broadening correction



Results for inclusive jets



- All structure seen at small angles due to shift in energy scale, independent of fitting parameter
- Transition to medium-enhancement still present
- Amplitude of medium-enhancement at large angles largely overestimated

Outlook

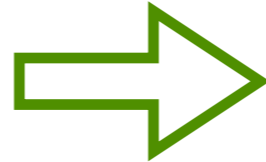
- Steady progress towards meaningful comparisons with data
- Plenty of room for improvement from the theory side
 - ✦ Fully relaxing the eikonal approximations for expanding media
- In order to use this observable to extract information from the QGP we must consider variations in centrality, jet energy, center of mass energy, etc.
- Time to start thinking about more differential observables?

Thank you!

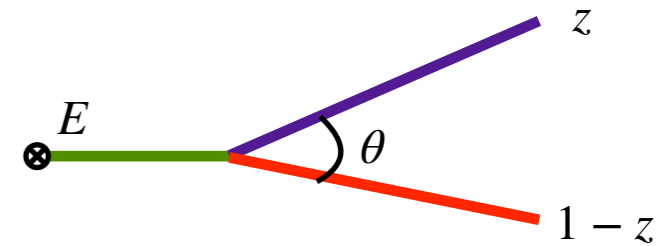
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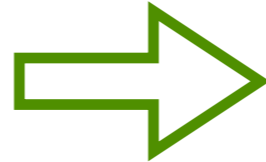
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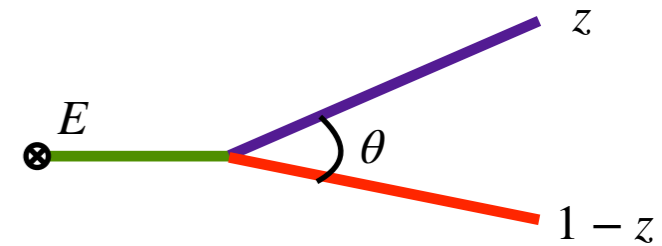
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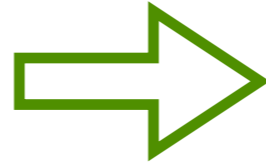


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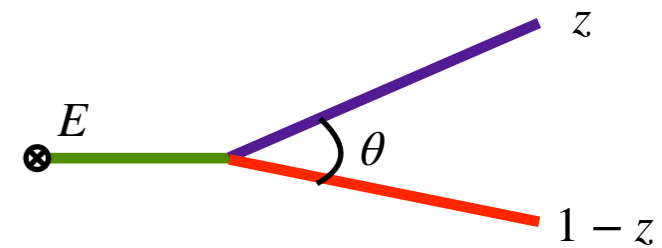
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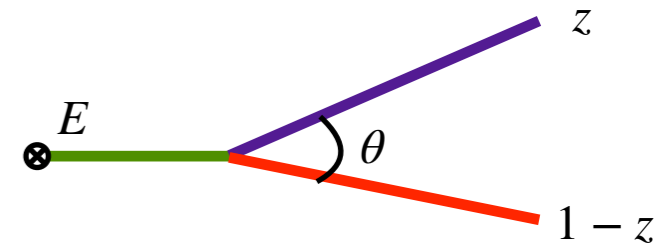


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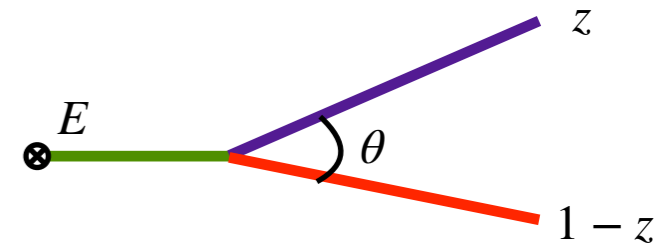
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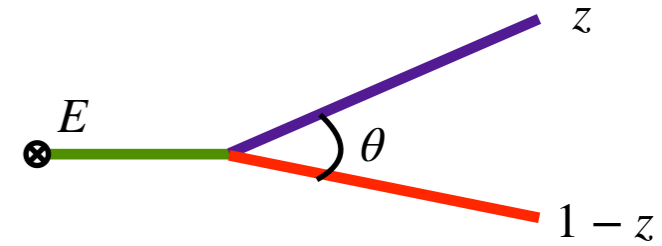
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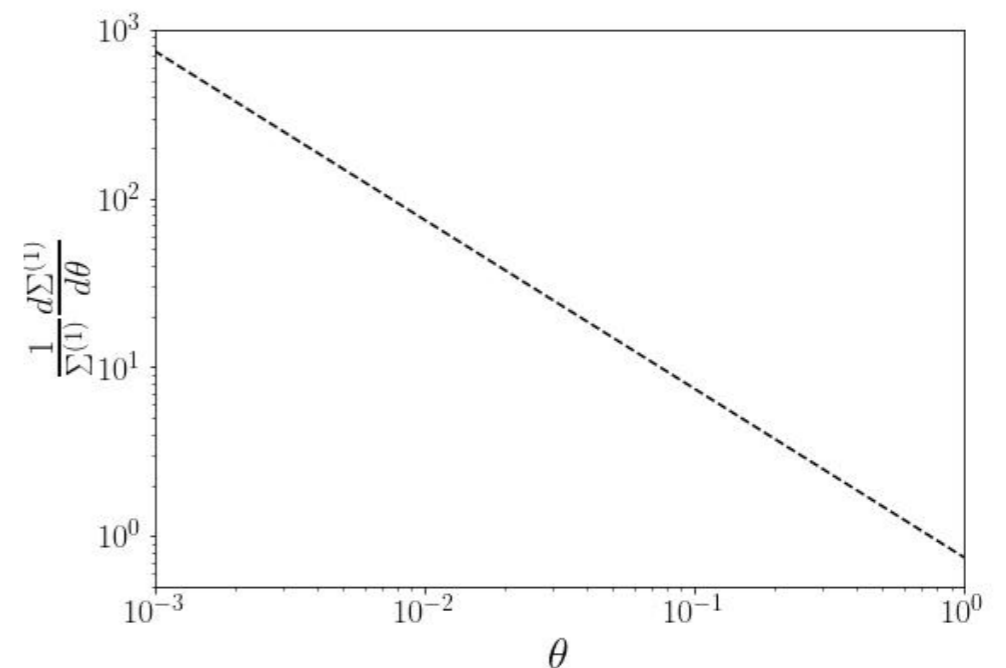
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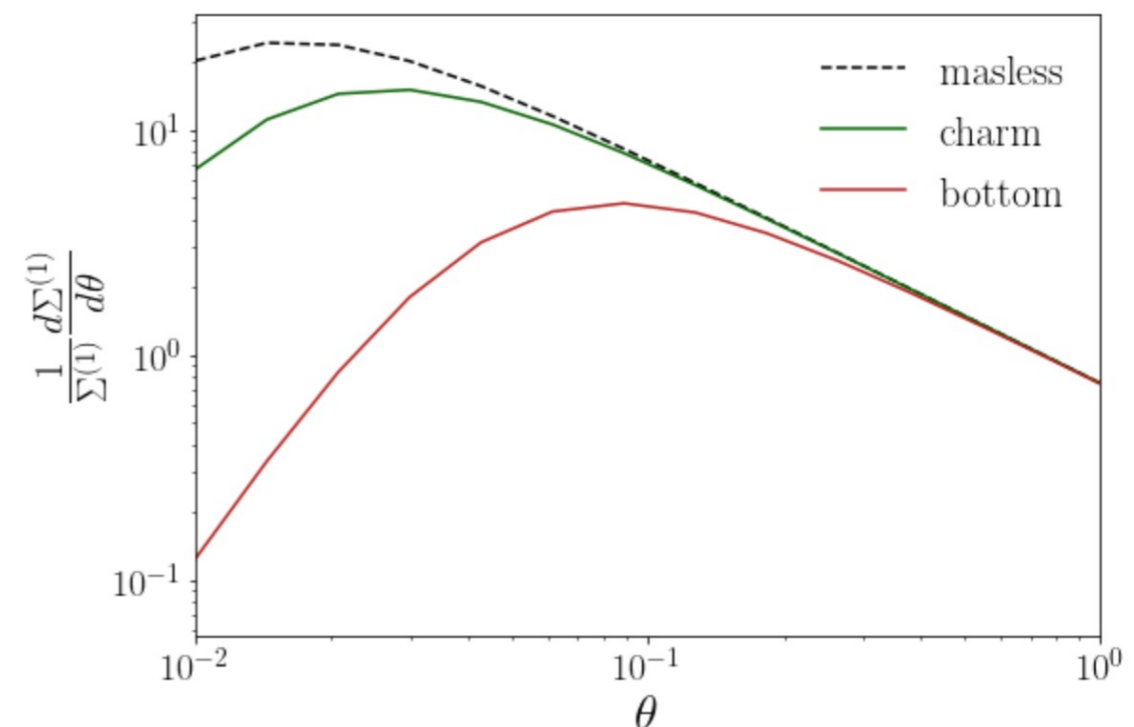
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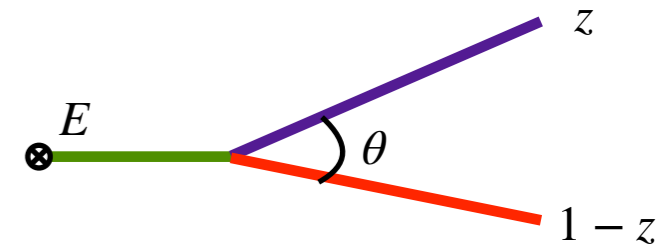
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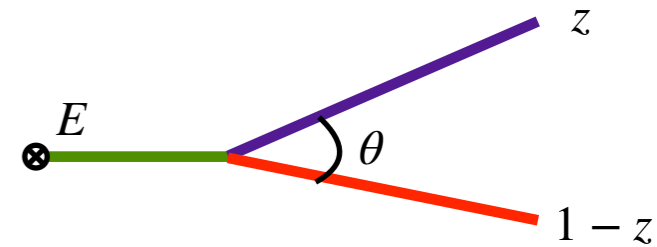
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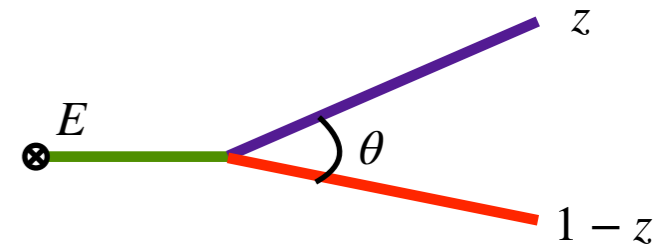
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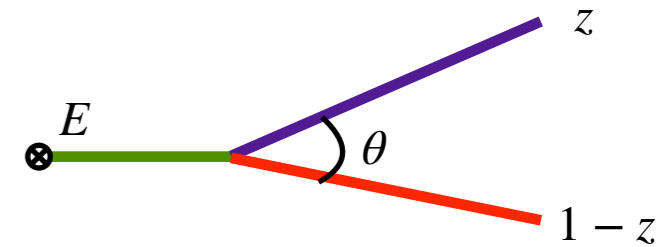
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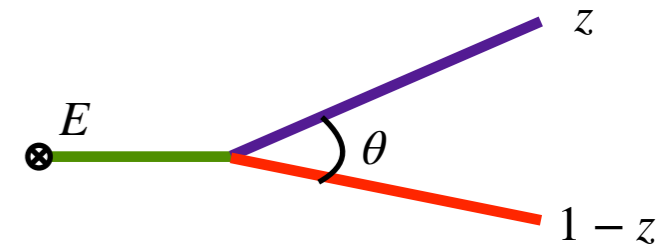
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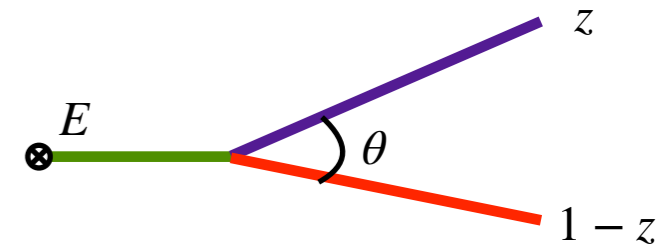
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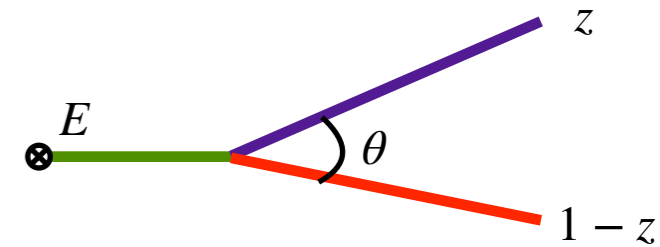
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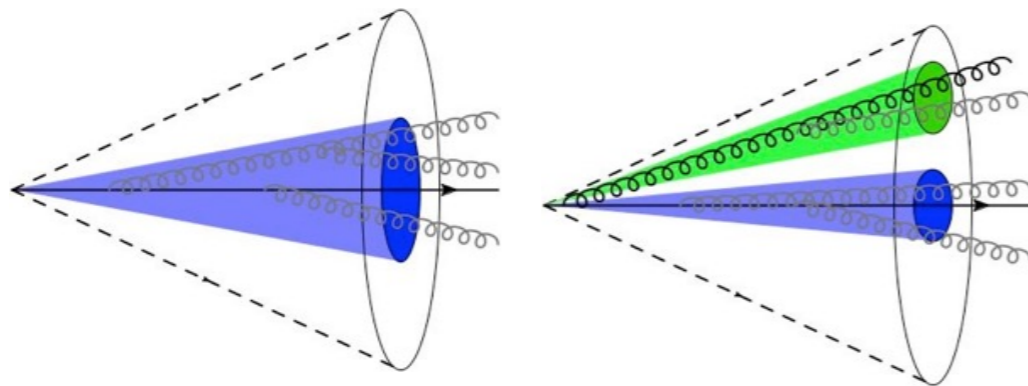
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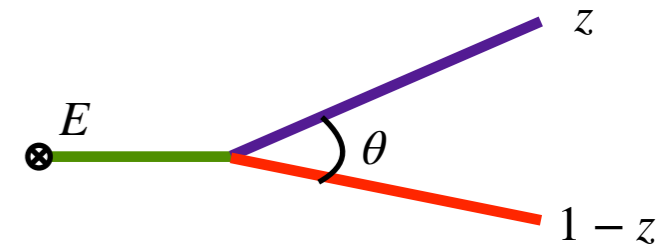
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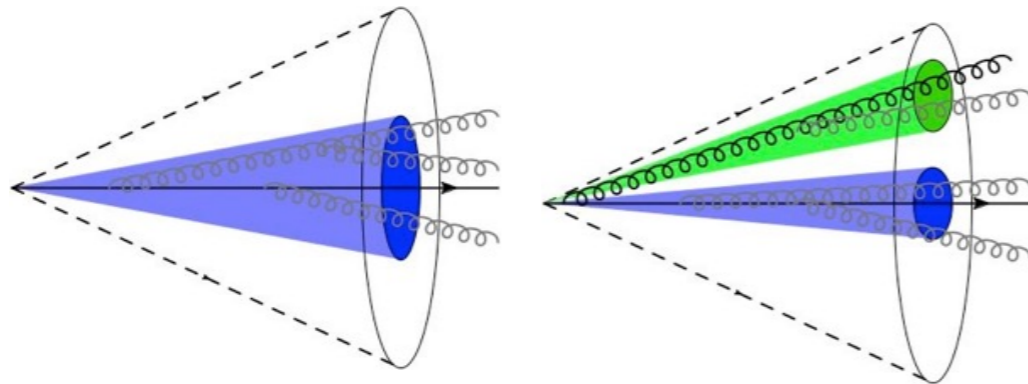
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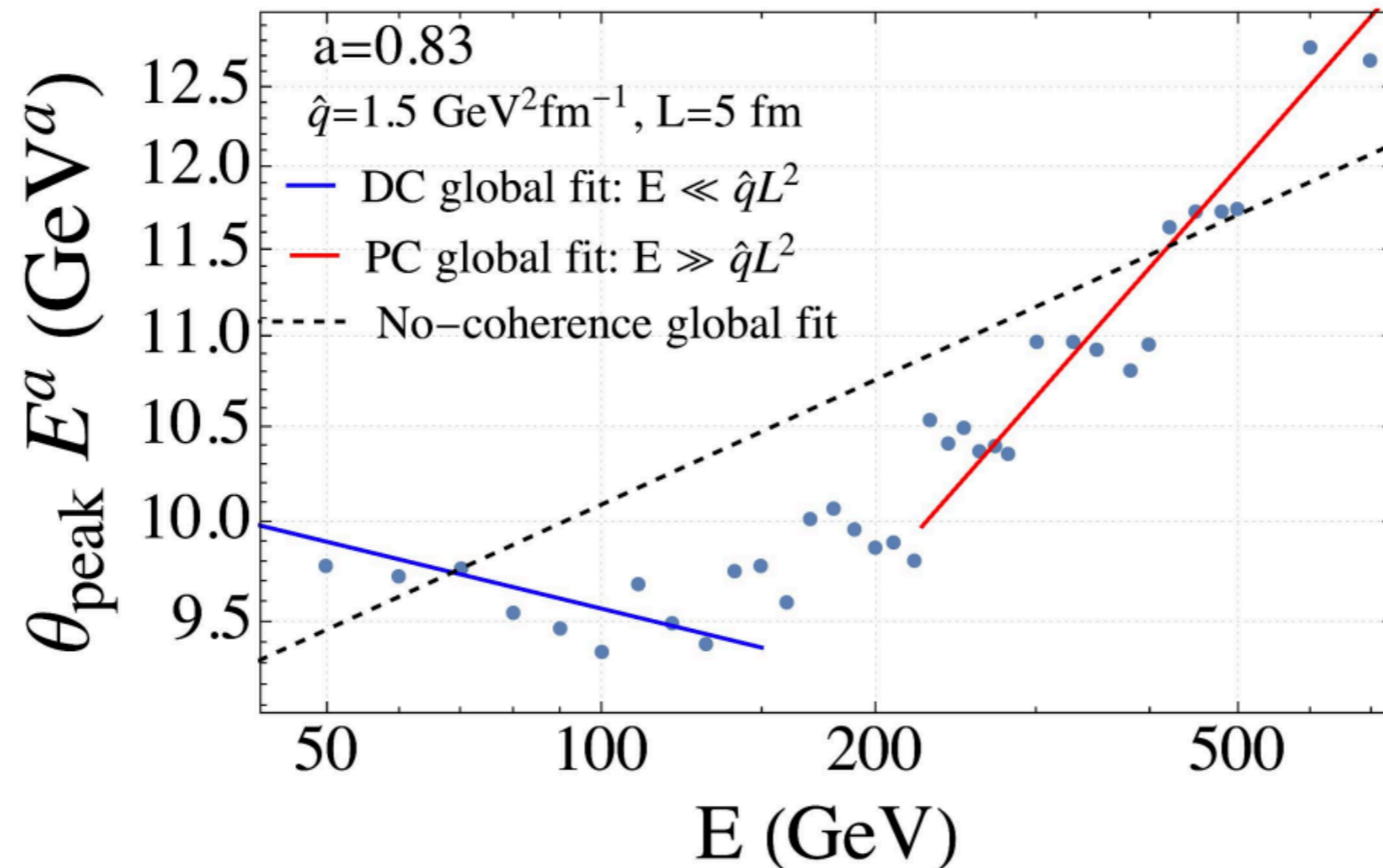
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Coherence transition

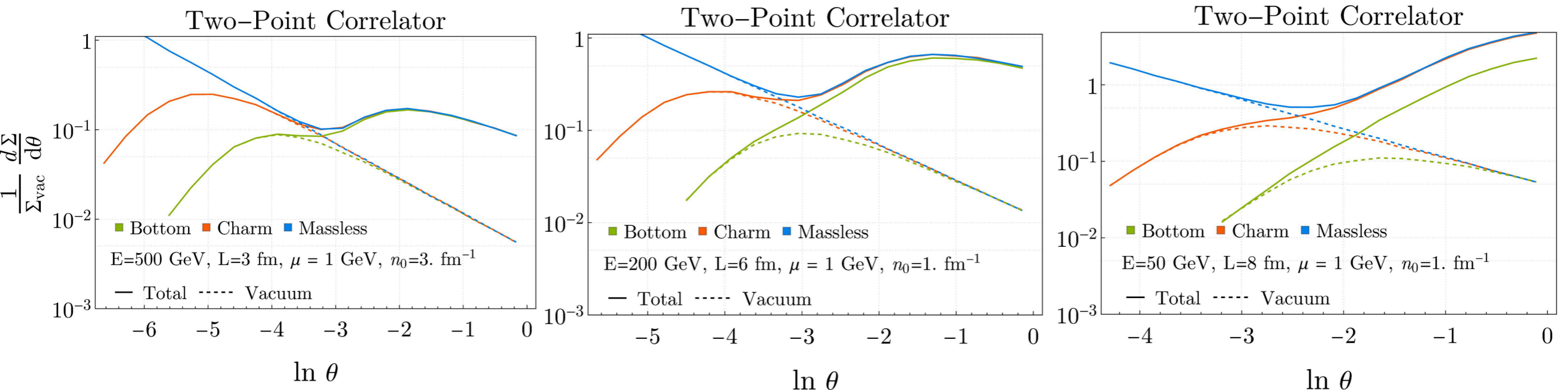


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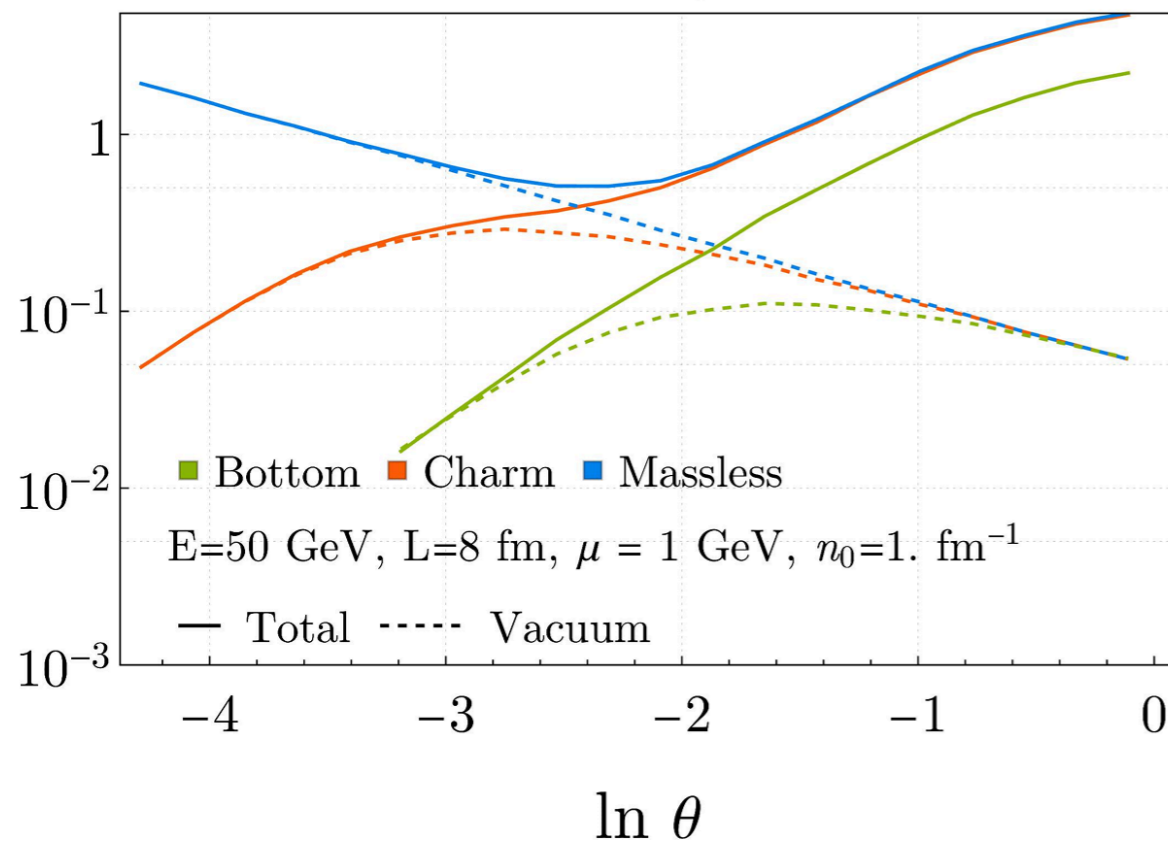
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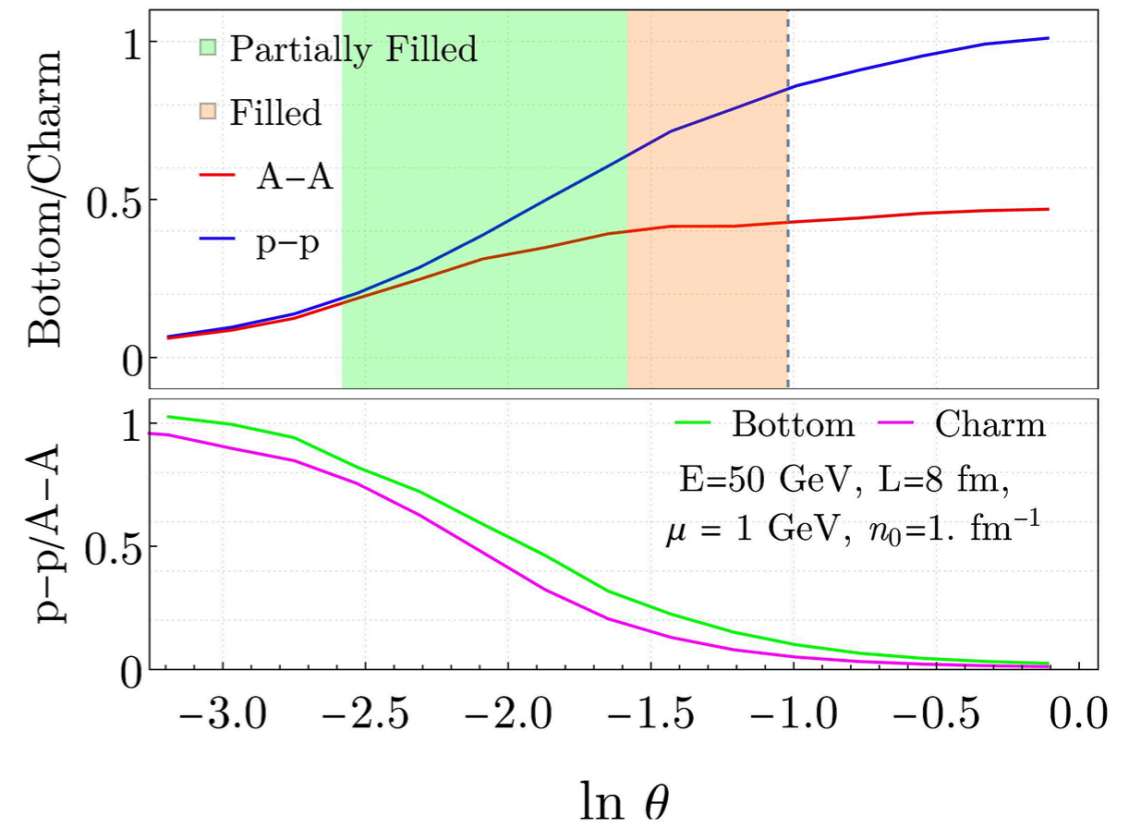
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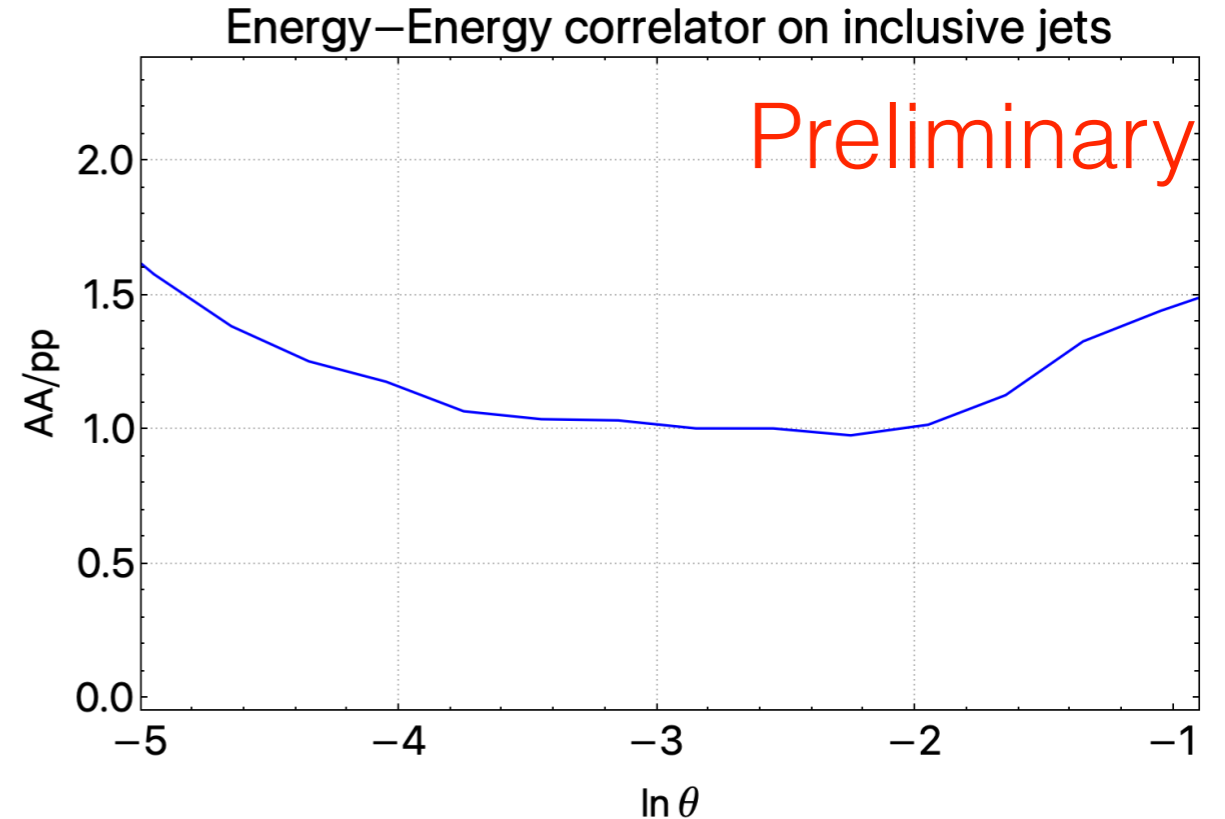
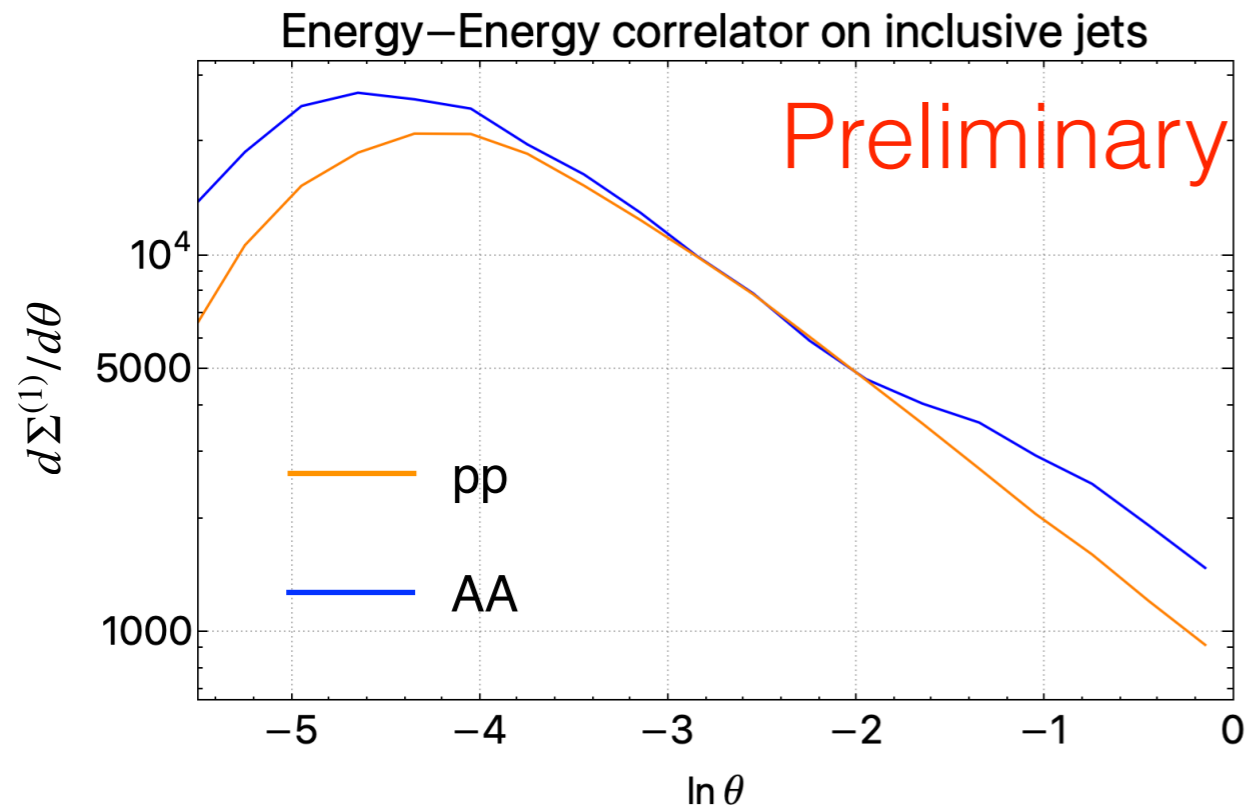
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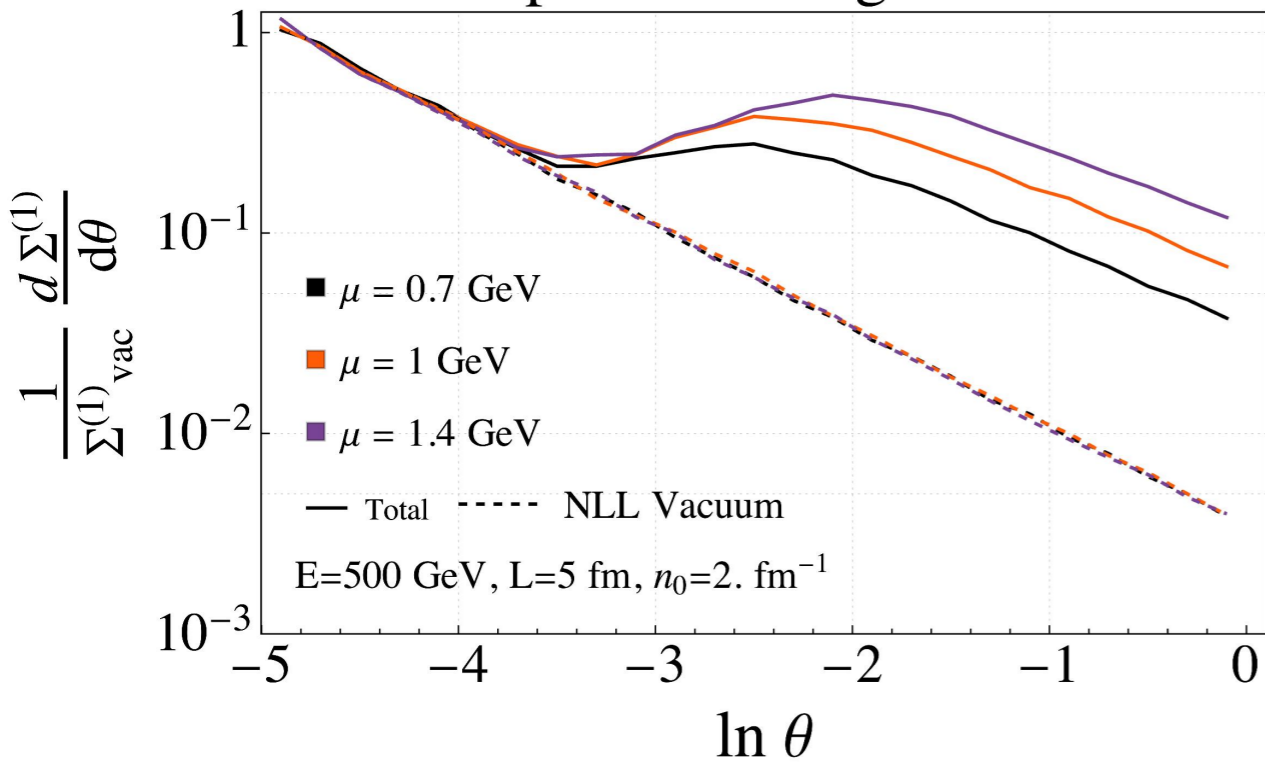
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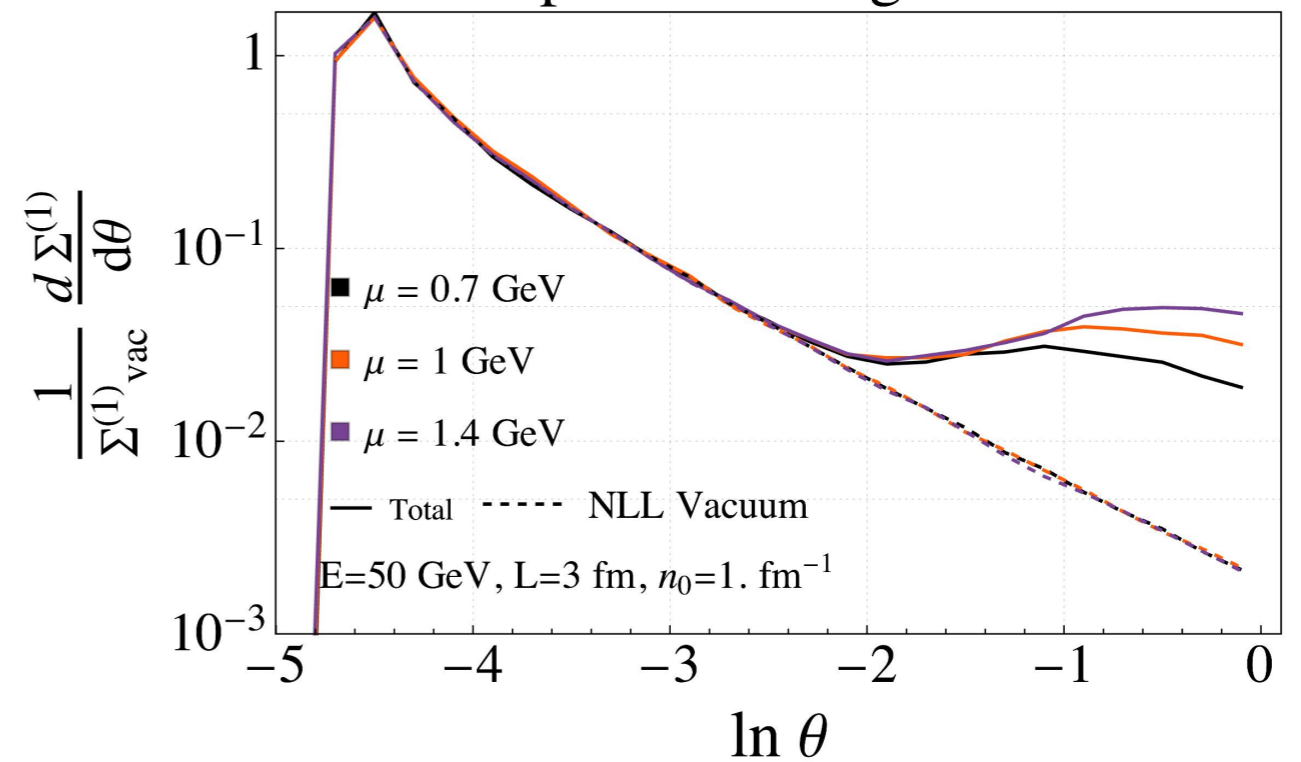
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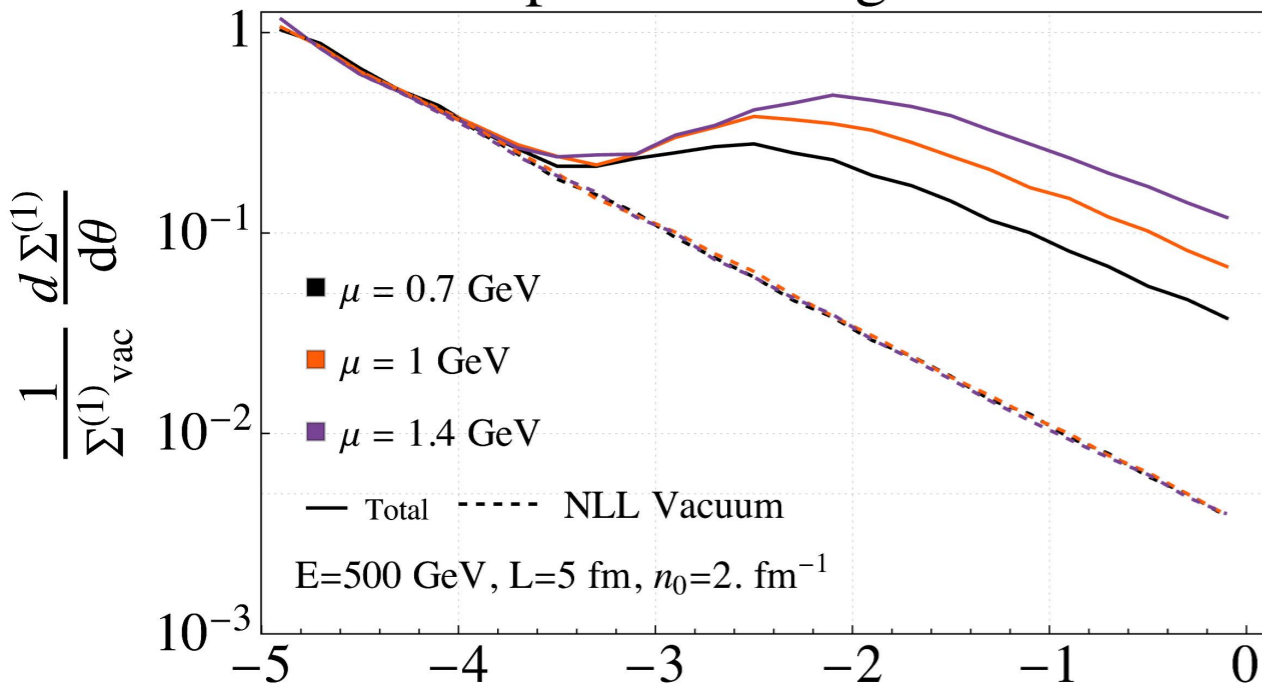
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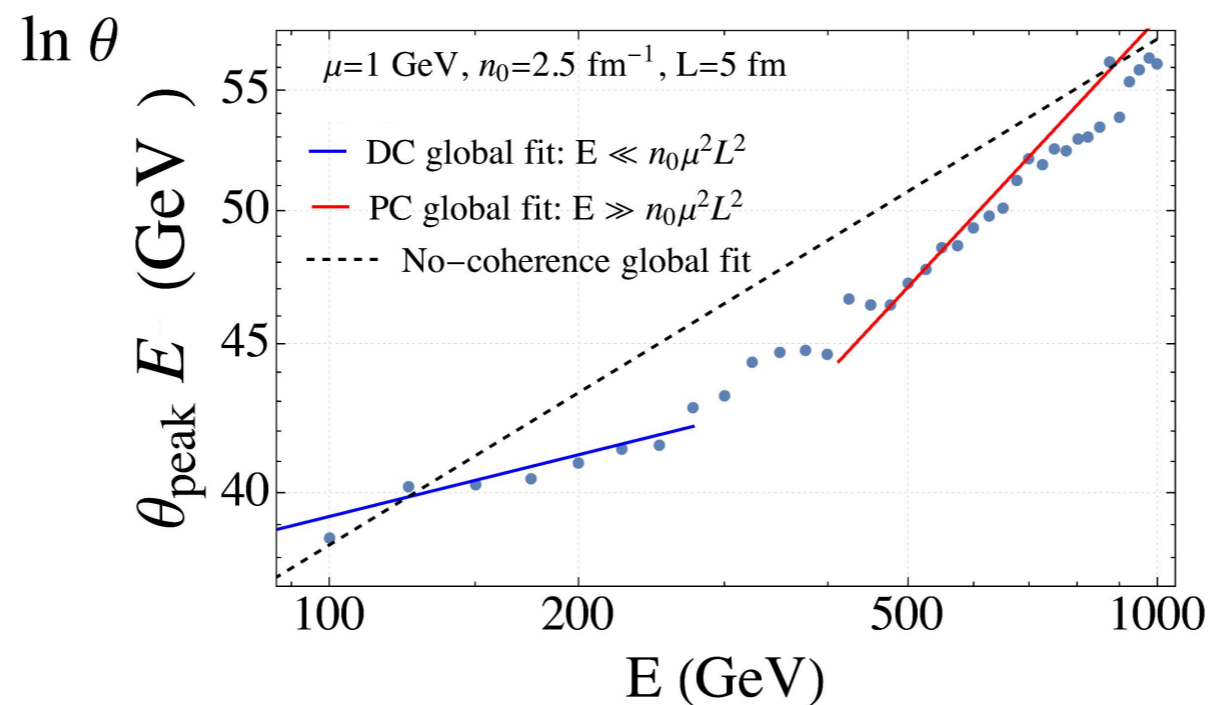
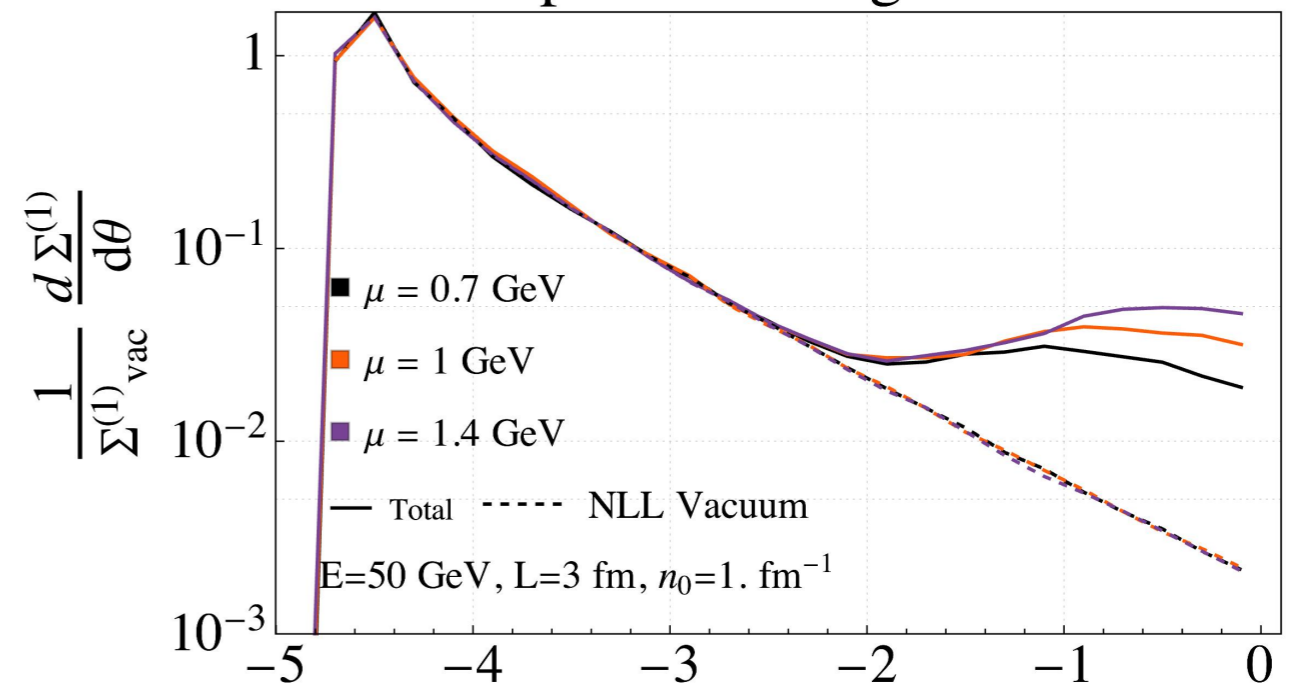
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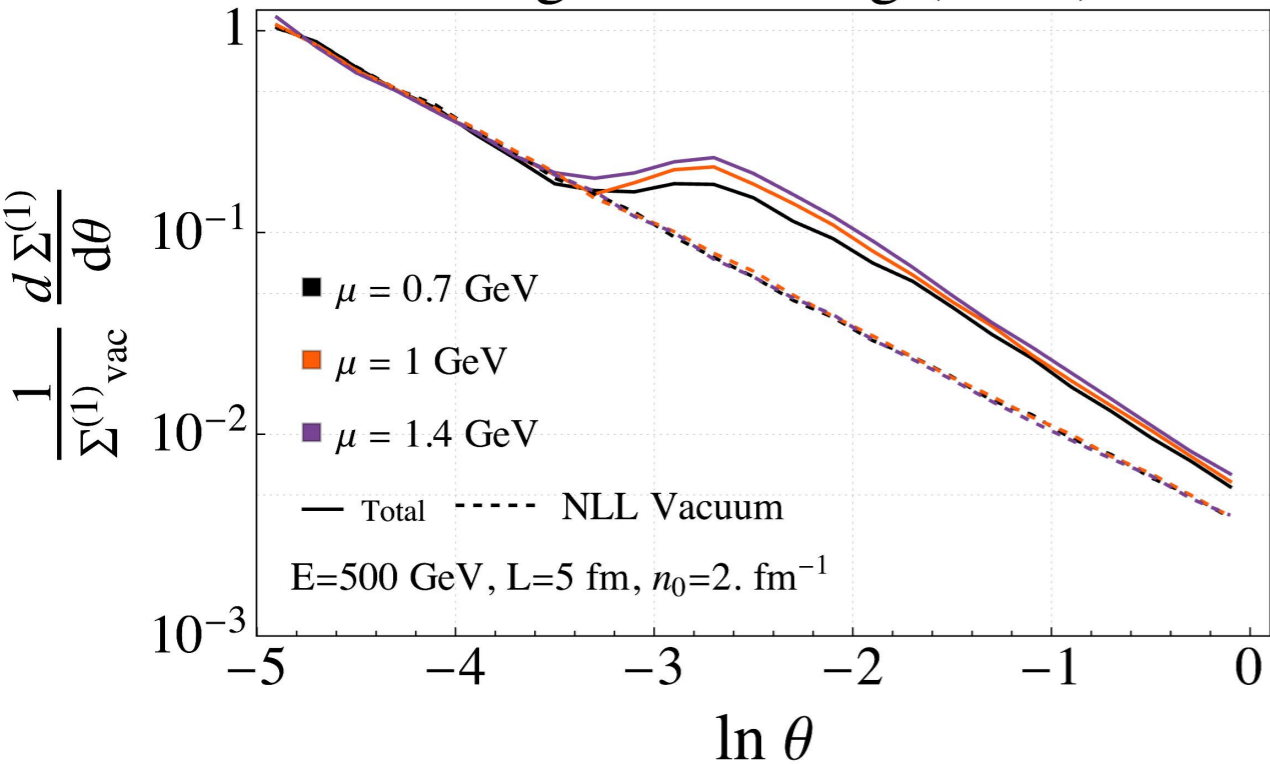
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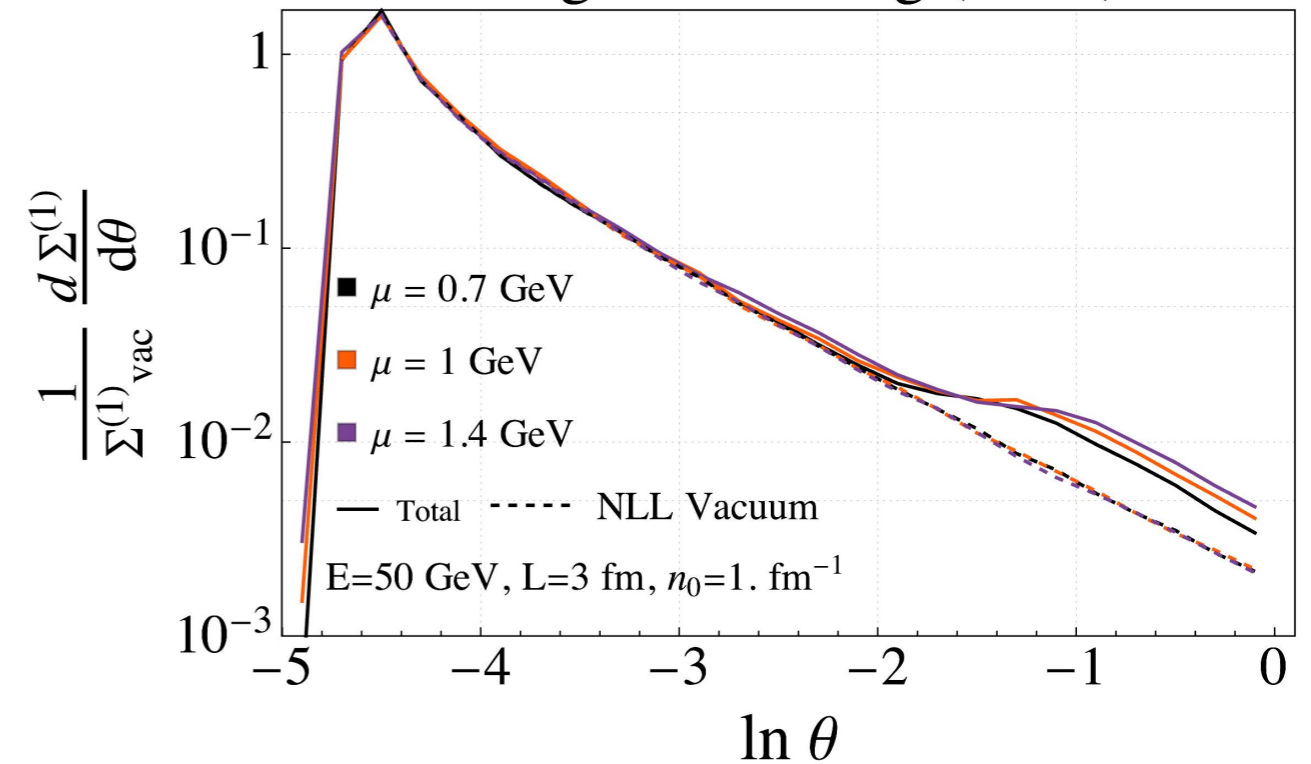
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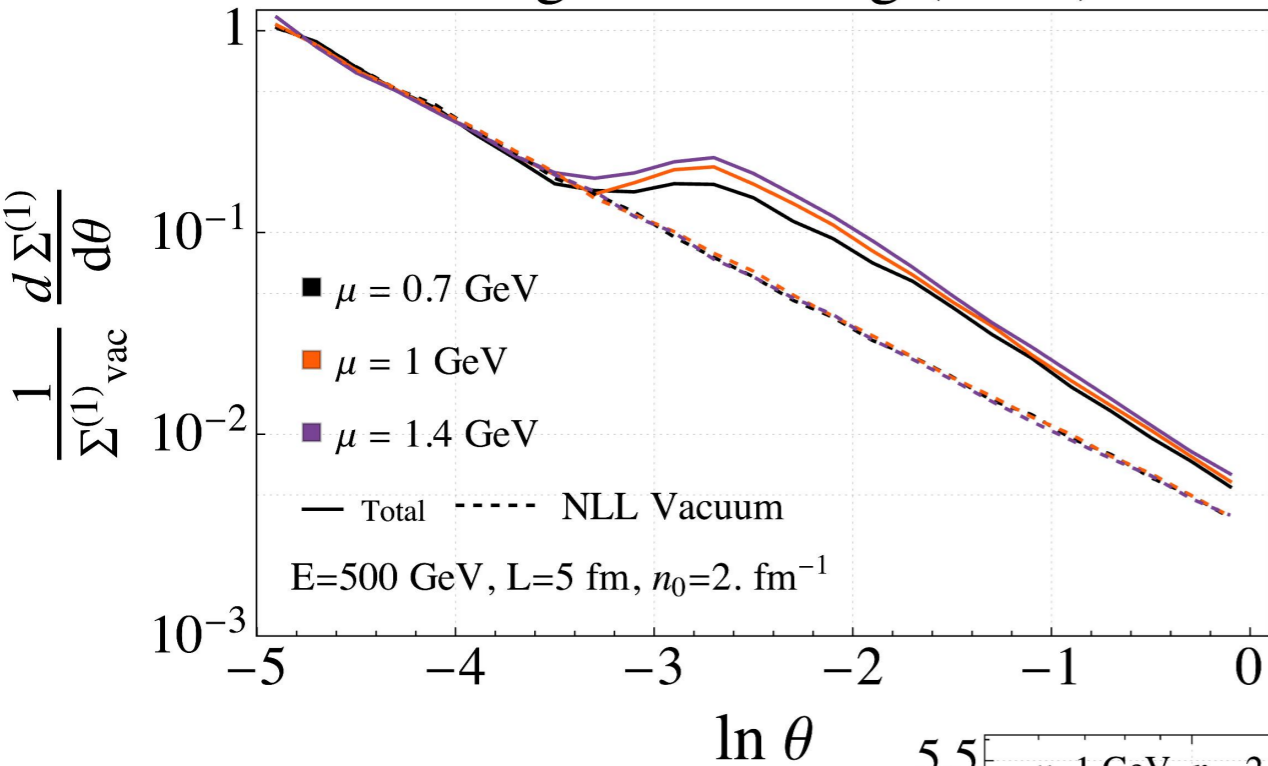
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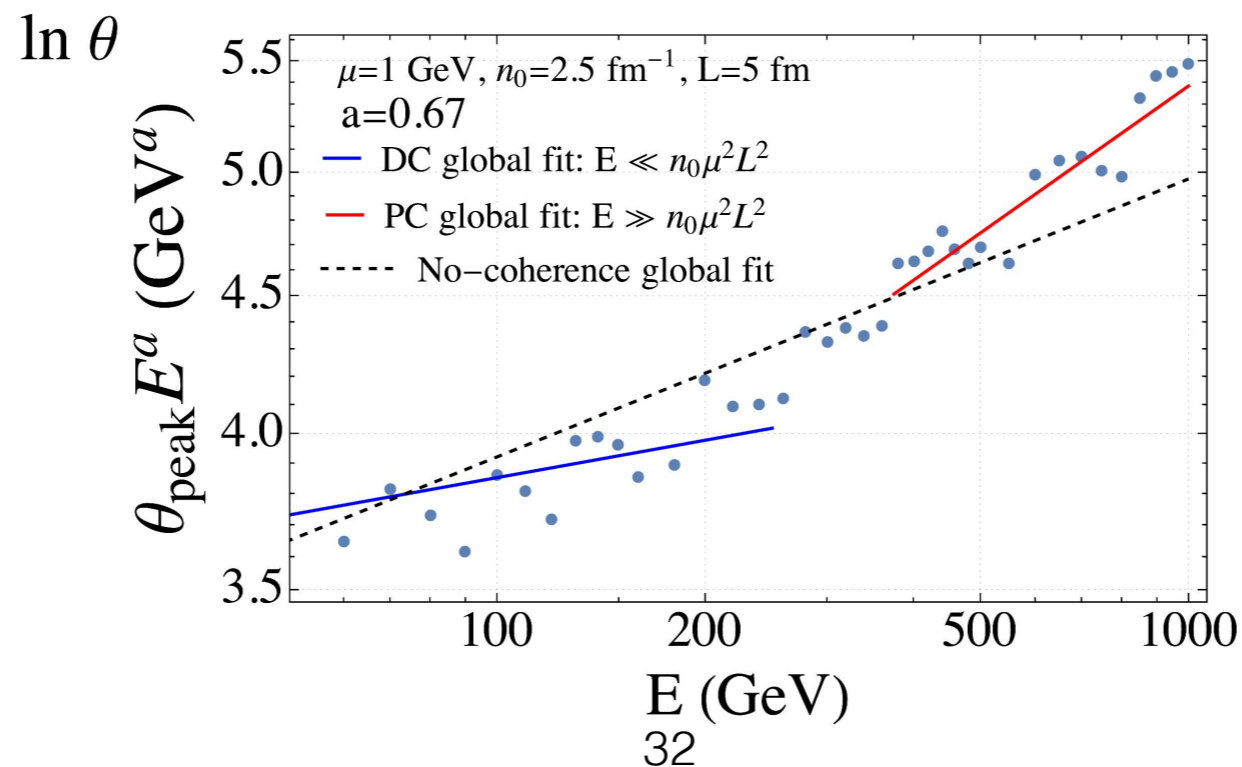
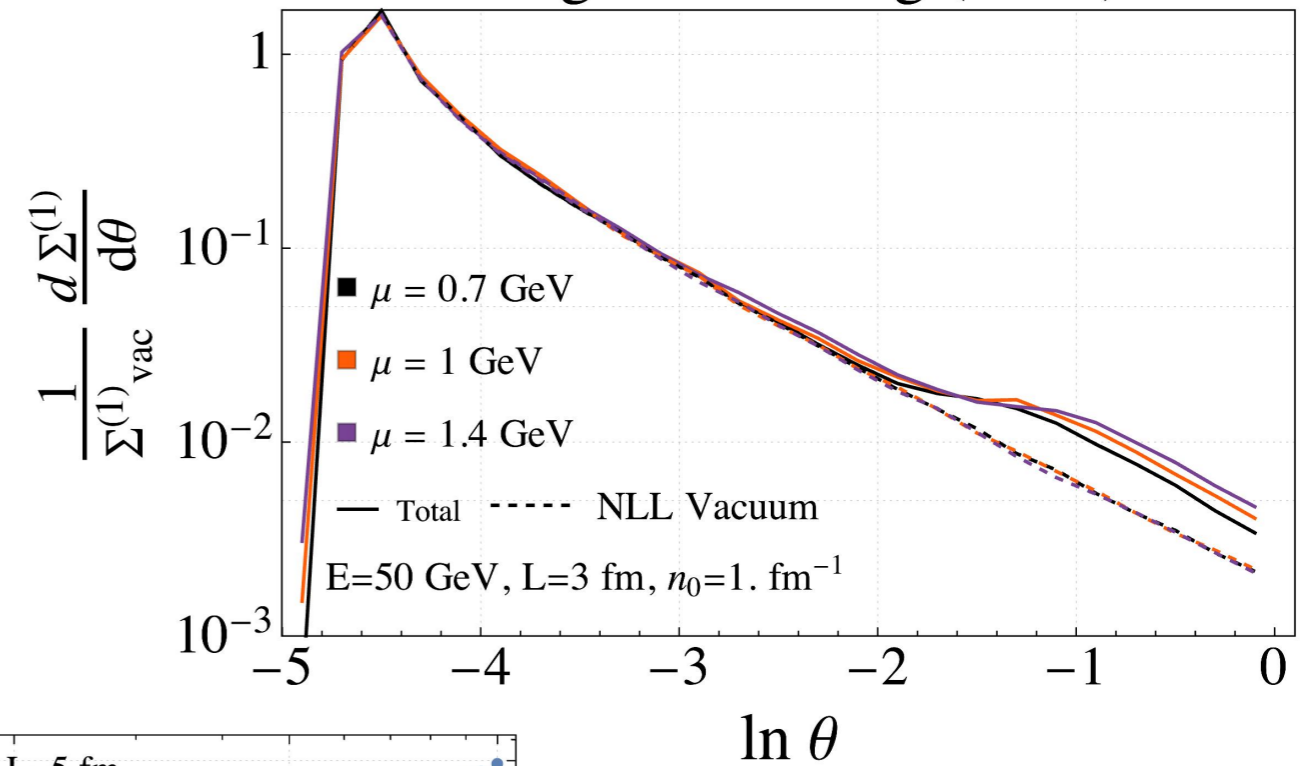
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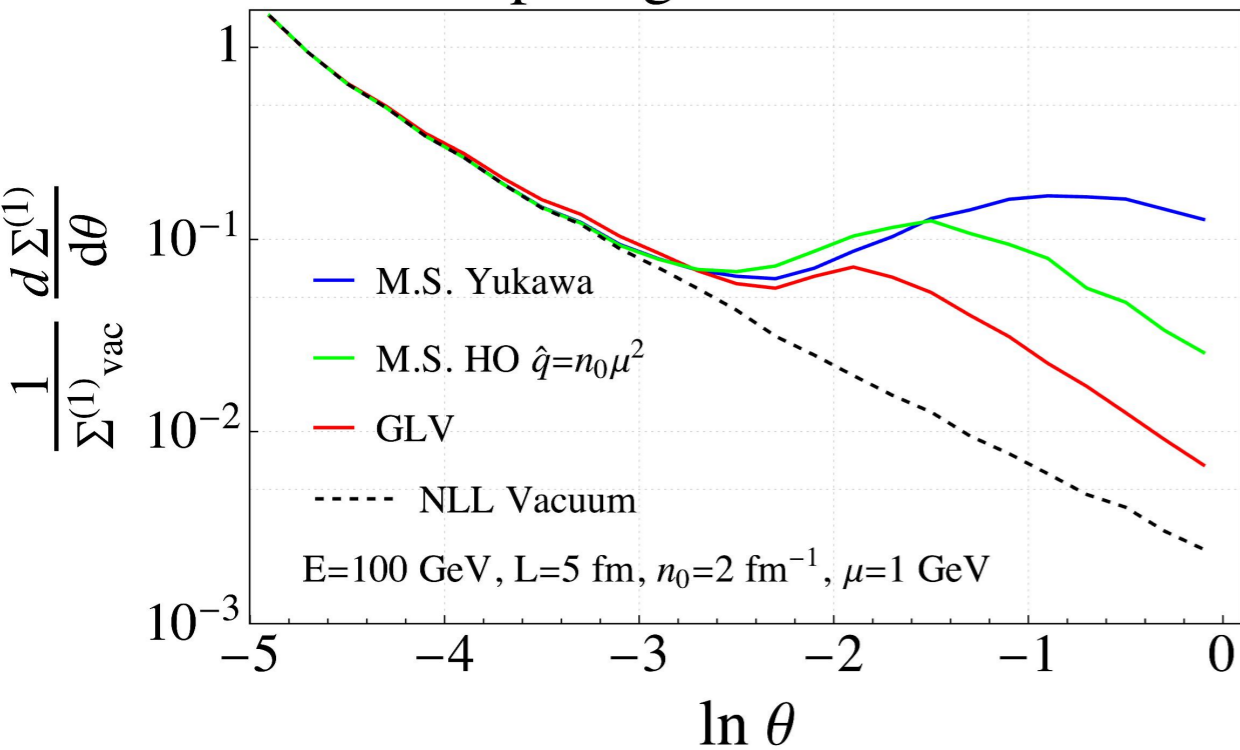
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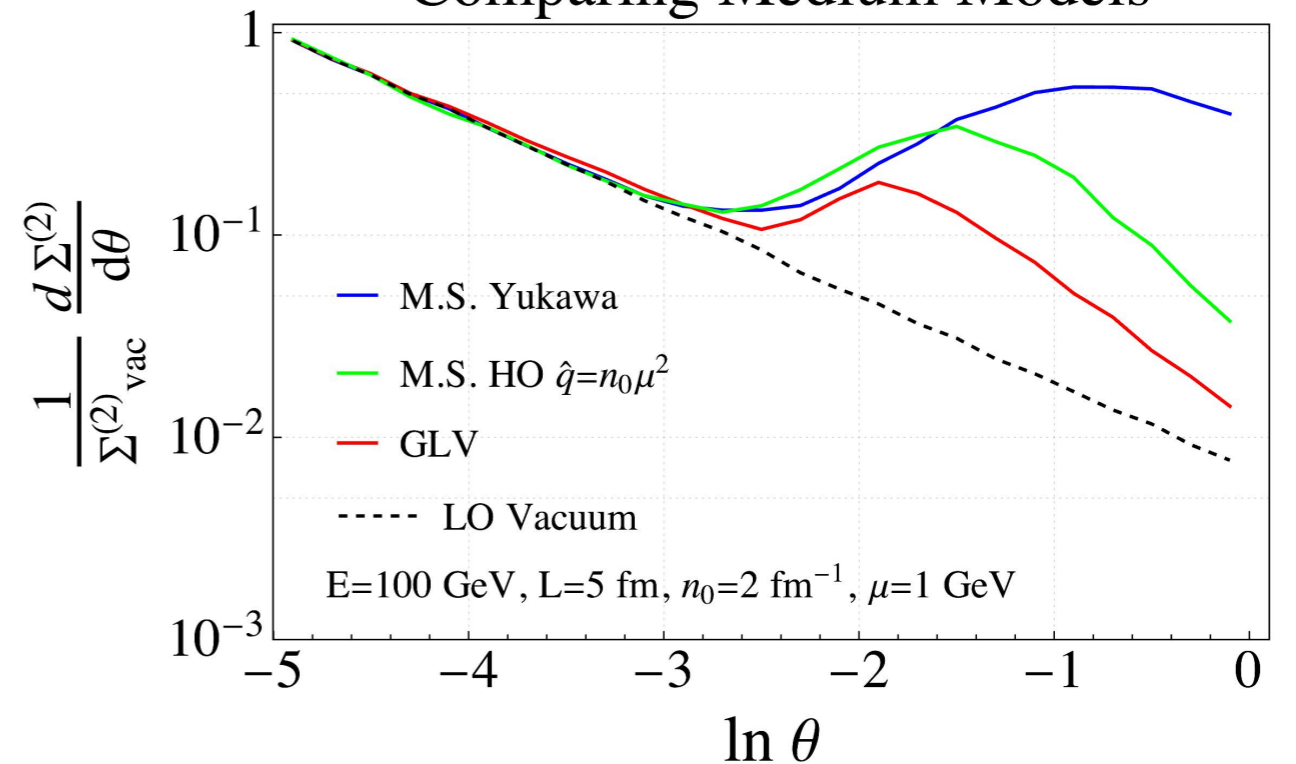


Higher energy power

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Comparing Medium Models



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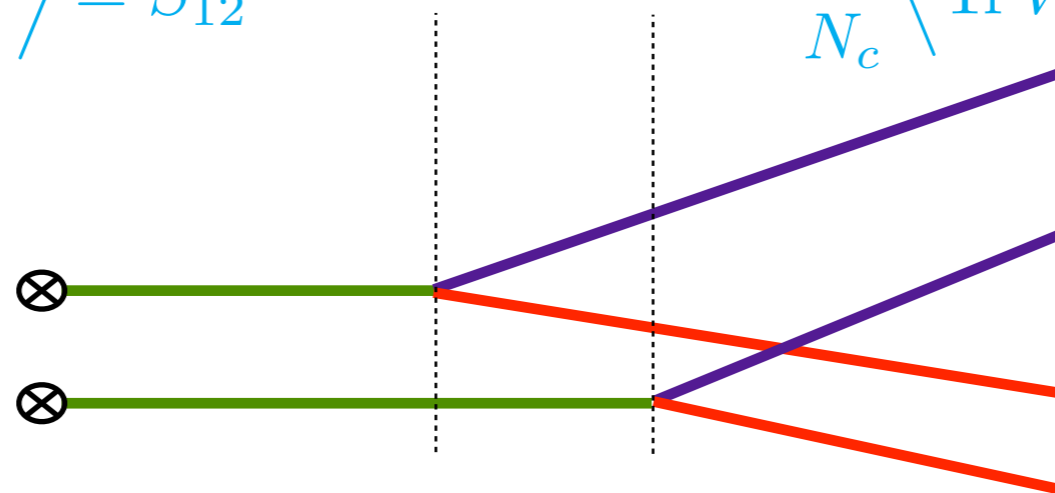
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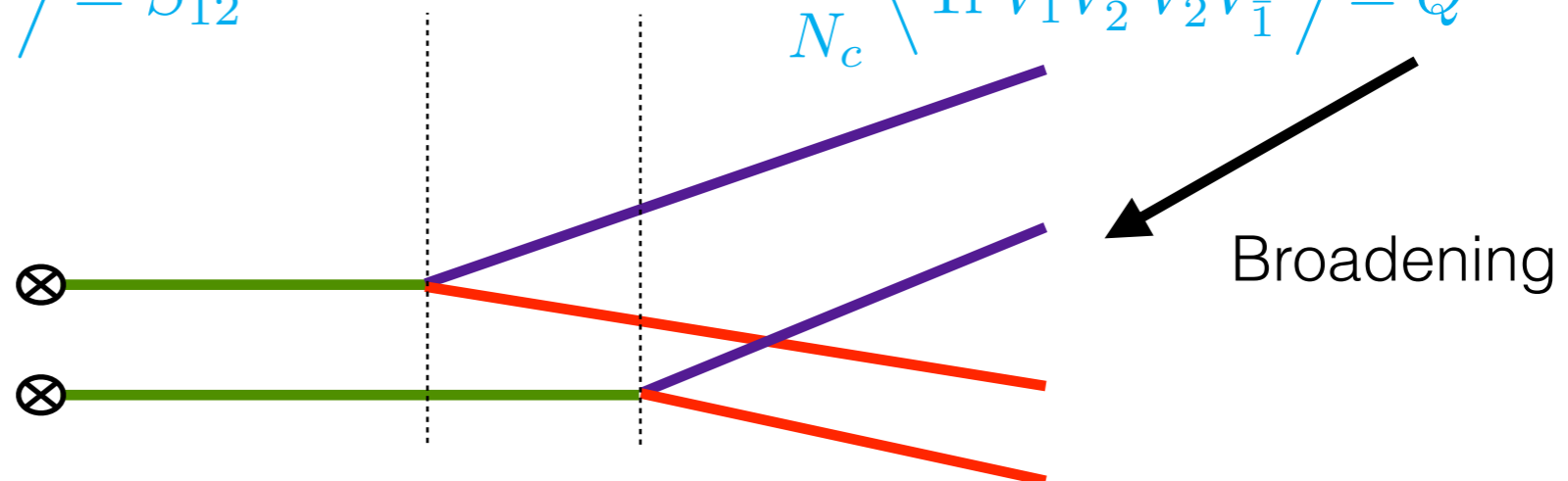
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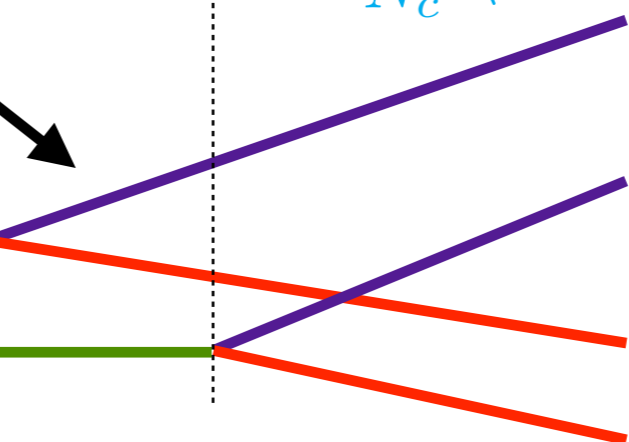
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