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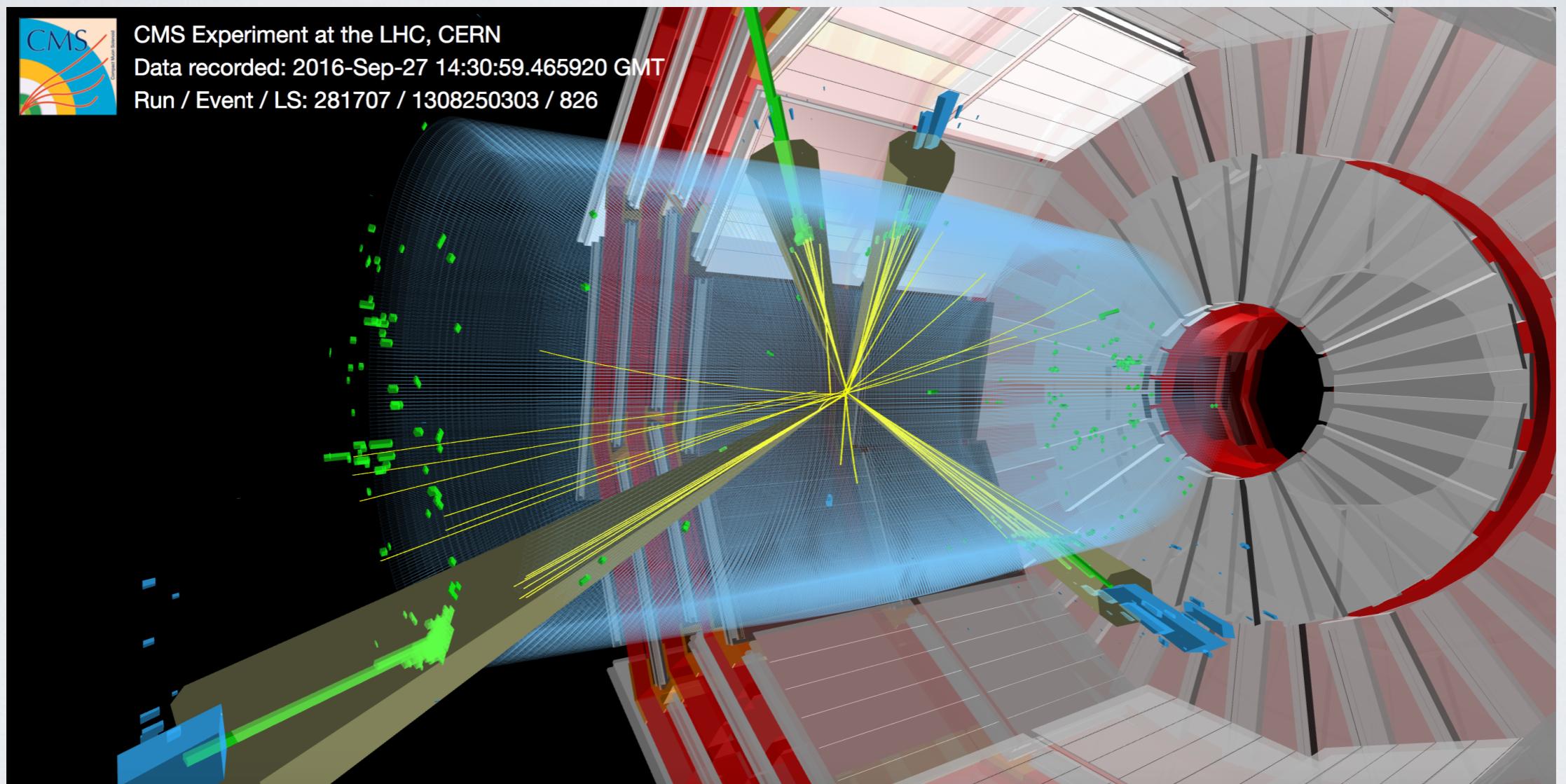
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# OUTLINE

- Background:  
N-jettiness and the Method of Regions
- Calculation:  
SoftSERVE with N jets
- Results
- Endpoints

# HOW MANY JETS ARE THERE?



# N-JETTINESS

[Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn, '10]

- General definition:

$$\mathcal{T}_N = \sum_m \min_{\{q_j\}} \frac{2q_j \cdot k_m}{Q_j}$$

$k_i^\mu$  : Momenta of particles in the event

$q_j^\mu$  : Momenta of signal jets/beams

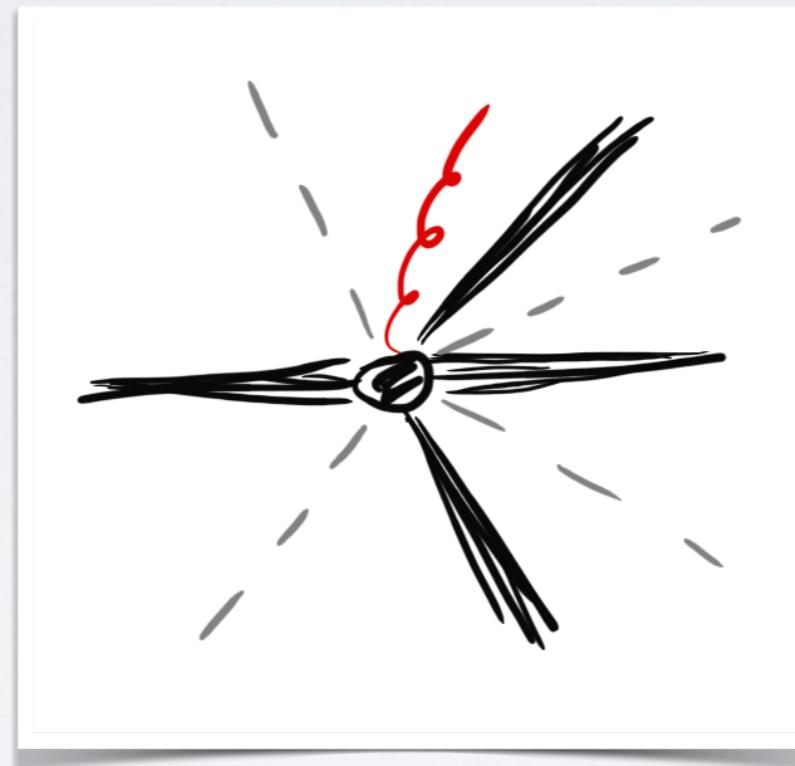
$Q_j$  : Weight factors

- We choose  $Q_j = 2E_j$ , then  $n_j = (1, \vec{n}_j)$ , and

$$\mathcal{T}_N = \sum_m \min_j n_j \cdot k_m$$

# FRAMES

- The minimisation splits the detector into sectors:



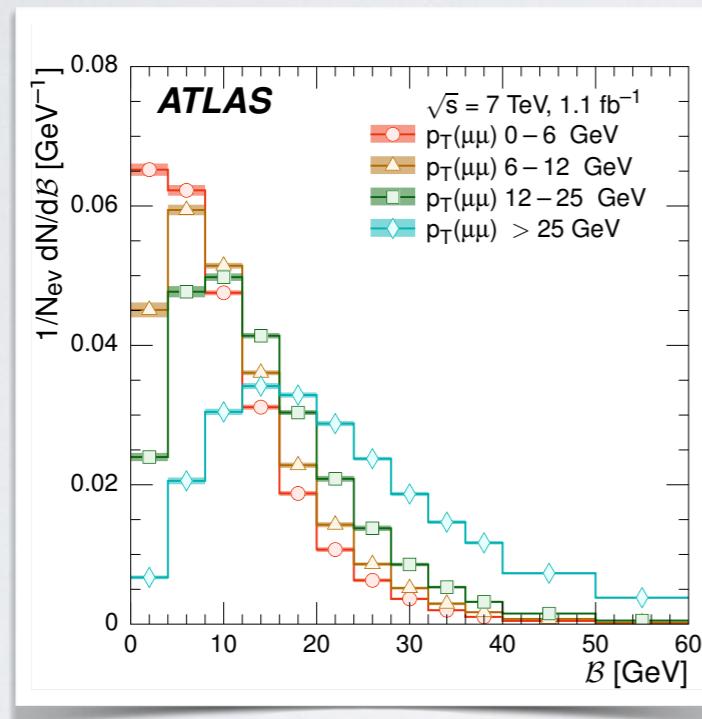
- Choices of  $Q_j$  are related by boosts



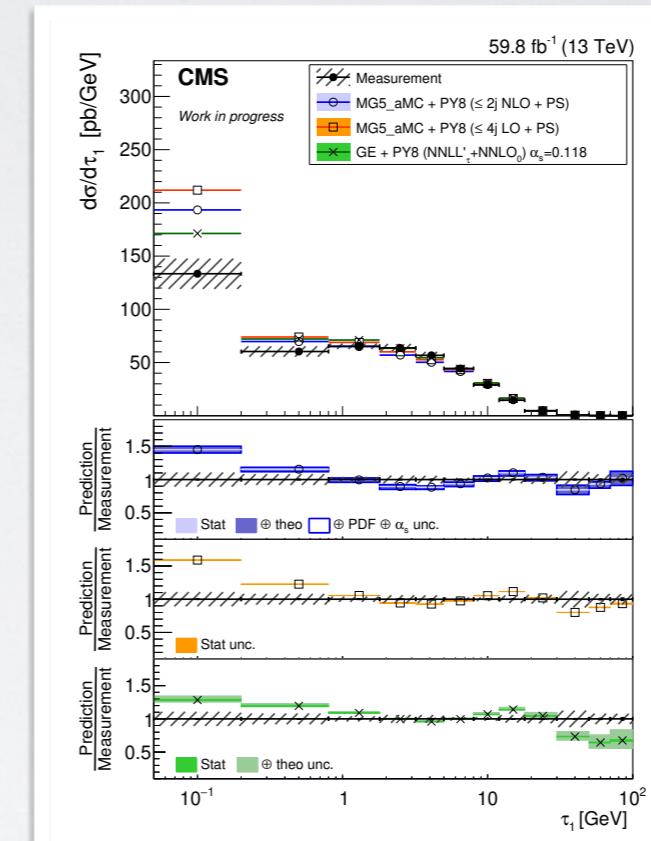
Frame dependent!

# UN-OBSERVED OBSERVABLE

- Few measurements



[Aad et al, '16]



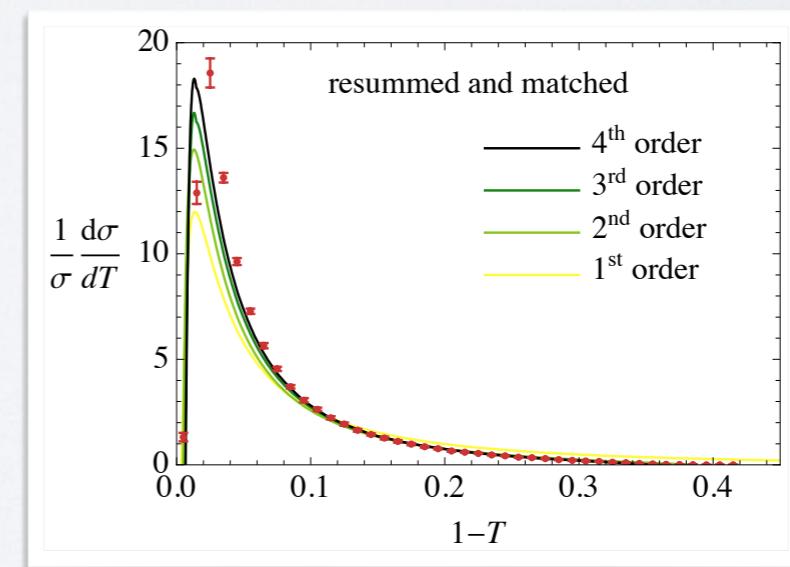
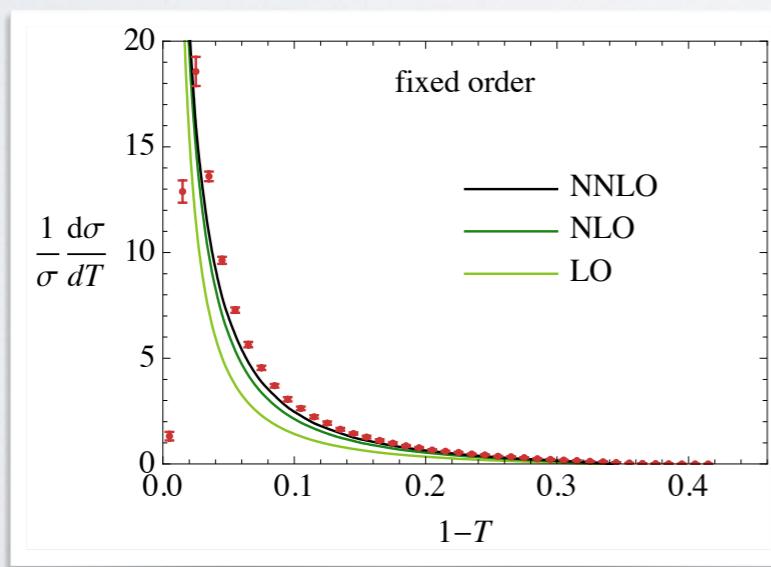
[Mijušković, '22]

- Reason: underlying event, pileup
- Modifications: Leptons (Thrust), DIS, tracks, ...

# THRUST

[Farhi, '77]

- Lepton collider observable  $\tau = Q(1 - T)$
- Exhibits large logarithms:  $\alpha_s^n \ln^{2n} \tau$
- These can be resummed to all orders



[Becher, Schwartz, '08]

# PHASE SPACE SLICING

[Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello, '15]

[Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann, Walsh, '15]

- How to get **finite** NNLO cross section predictions?

$$\sigma_{VV} + \sigma_{RV} + \sigma_{RR} = \text{finite}$$

- Slice phase space to add unresolved reals to virtuals
- N-jettiness to **resolve** additional emissions

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = \sigma_{\text{NNLO}}(\mathcal{T}_N < \mathcal{T}_N^{\text{cut}}) + \sigma_{\text{NLO+1}}(\mathcal{T}_N > \mathcal{T}_N^{\text{cut}})$$



approximate using small  $\mathcal{T}_N^{\text{cut}}$

# THE METHOD OF REGIONS

[Beneke, Smirnov, '97]

- Isolates dominant singular contributions to integrals

- Toy example:

[Becher, Broggio, Ferroglio, '14]

$$I = \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k}{(k^2 + m^2)(k^2 + M^2)}$$

$$m \ll M$$

- Analytically:

$$I = \frac{\ln \frac{m}{M}}{m^2 - M^2} \approx -\frac{1}{M^2} \ln \frac{m}{M}$$

- Try to expand **before** integrating:

$$I \neq \int_0^\infty dk \frac{1}{k(k^2 + M^2)}$$

# INTRODUCE REGIONS

- Use cutoff / factorisation scale:  $m \ll \Lambda \ll M$

$$[0, \infty[ = [0, \Lambda[ \cup [\Lambda, \infty[$$

“Soft”  
“Hard”

$$I_S = \int_0^\Lambda dk \frac{k}{(k^2 + m^2)M^2}$$

$$I_H = \int_\Lambda^\infty dk \frac{k}{k^2(k^2 + M^2)}$$

- Solve and add:

$$I_S + I_H = \frac{\ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m^2}}{2M^2} + \frac{\ln \frac{M^2}{\Lambda^2}}{2M^2} = -\frac{1}{M^2} \ln \frac{m}{M}$$

# MODES FOR N-JETTINESS

- Look at thrust, for small  $\tau$  
$$\tau = \sum_m \min(n \cdot k_m, \bar{n} \cdot k_m)$$
- Possible modes:  $n \cdot k$  or  $\bar{n} \cdot k$  must be of  $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ :

$$(n \cdot k, \bar{n} \cdot k, k_\perp)$$

$\bar{n}$ -collinear

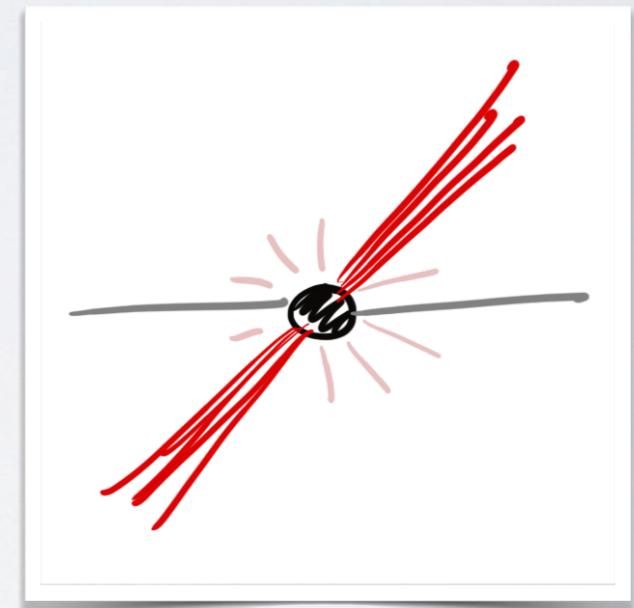
$$(Q, \tau, \sqrt{Q\tau})$$

$n$ -collinear

$$(\tau, Q, \sqrt{Q\tau})$$

soft

$$(\tau, \tau, \tau)$$



- Virtual corrections: also hard mode  $(Q, Q, Q)$  allowed
- For N-Jettiness:  $N+2$  collinear modes

# WILSONIAN EFT



[Wilson, '65+]

- Associate each region with a dedicated field

$$\psi(k) = \underbrace{\psi_l(k)}_{\text{Support on } [0, \Lambda]} + \underbrace{\Psi_h(k)}_{\text{Support on } [\Lambda, \infty]}$$

- Perform high energy mode path integral

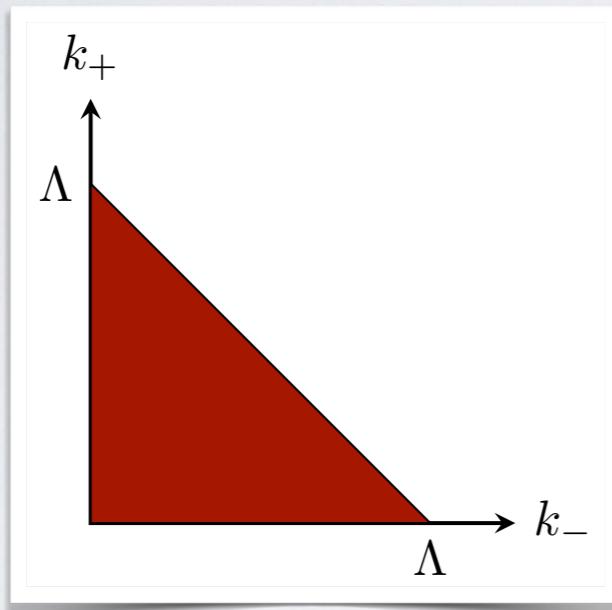
$$\int \mathcal{D}\psi e^{iS[\psi]} = \int \mathcal{D}\psi_l \mathcal{D}\Psi_h e^{iS[\psi_l, \Psi_h]} = \int \mathcal{D}\psi_l e^{iS_{\text{EFT}}[\psi_l]}$$

- High- and low energy contributions factorise

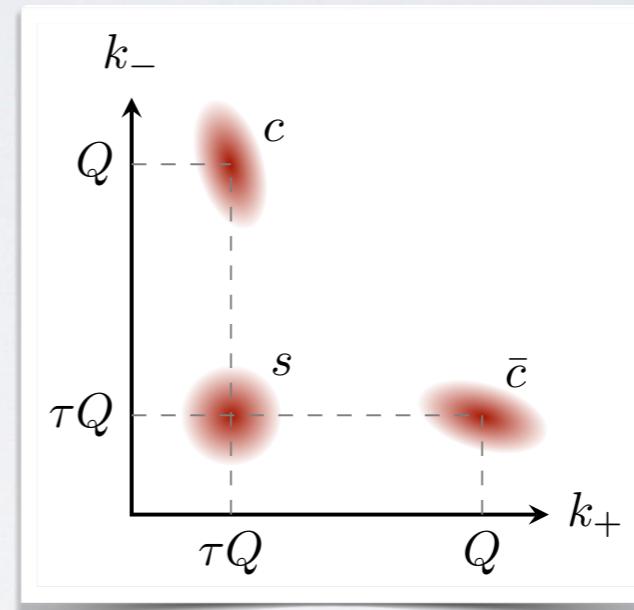
$$\mathcal{M} \approx c_W \mathcal{M}_{\text{EFT}}$$

# SCET FORTHUST

- Slightly different mode picture



Classic  
Wilsonian EFT



Soft-Collinear  
Effective Theory

- Still factorises

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} = H(Q^2, \mu) \int dk_L dk_R J(k_L, \mu) J(k_R, \mu) S(\tau - k_L - k_R, \mu)$$

# STATE OF THE ART

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{T}_N} = \sum_{i,j,\{k_n\}} B_i \otimes B_j \otimes \prod_{n=1}^N J_{k_n} \otimes \text{tr}[H_{ij \rightarrow \{k_n\}} * S_{ij \rightarrow \{k_n\}}] + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{T}_N)$$

- Hard, beam, and jet functions known to NNLO+  
[Broggio et al., '14]  
[Stewart et al., '10; Berger et al., '11; Gaunt et al., '14; Ebert et al., '20; Baranowski et al. '22]  
[Bauer et al, '04; Bosch et al., '04; Becher et al., '06, '10, '11; Brüser et al., '18; Banerjee et al., '18]
- NLO soft function, NNLO for 0-, 1-, partial 2-jettiness known  
[Jouttenous et al., '11] [Kelley et al., '11; Monni et al., '11; Hornig et al., '17]  
[Campbell et al., '18; Boughezal et al., '15]  
[Bell et al., '18; Jin et al., '19]
-  Calculate NNLO Soft function for at least N=2
- Recently: recipe for NNLO N-jettiness (confirming/-ed)  
[Agarwal, Melnikov, Pedron, '24]



[Bell, RR, Talbert, '18, '20]

- Soft functions can be calculated from

$$S(\tau, \epsilon) = \int d\Pi_i |\mathcal{A}(\{k_i\}, \epsilon)|^2 \delta(\tau - \tau(\{k_i\}))$$

- Amplitude is divergent, measurement harmless



Isolate divergences analytically,  
do all the rest numerically

# QUICK EXAMPLE: NLO

- Matrix element

$$|\mathcal{A}(k)|^2 \sim \frac{1}{k \cdot n \ k \cdot \bar{n}}$$

- Expose divergences

$$k^\mu = k_T \sqrt{y} n^\mu + \frac{k_T}{\sqrt{y}} \bar{n}^\mu + \dots$$

- Divergences exposed:

$$\int d^d k |\mathcal{A}|^2 \sim \int dk_T dy k_T^{-1-\epsilon} y^{-1}$$

(Angles and observable omitted)

- Classify observable behaviour:

$$\tau(k) = k_T y^{\frac{n}{2}} f(y, \{\vartheta\})$$

Leading behaviour

Mass dimension

# QUICK EXAMPLE: NLO

- Master formula

$$S_0(\tau) = 1 + \left( \frac{Z_\alpha \alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) (\mu^2 \bar{\tau}^2) S_R(\epsilon) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$S_R(\epsilon) = \frac{16C_F e^{-\gamma_E \epsilon}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(-2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1/2 - \epsilon)} \int_0^1 dt \int_0^1 dy \, y^{-1+\textcolor{red}{n}\epsilon} \, \textcolor{red}{f}(y, t)^{2\epsilon} (4t(1-t))^{-1/2-\epsilon}$$

- Leads to a (bare) soft function involving integrals of  $f$

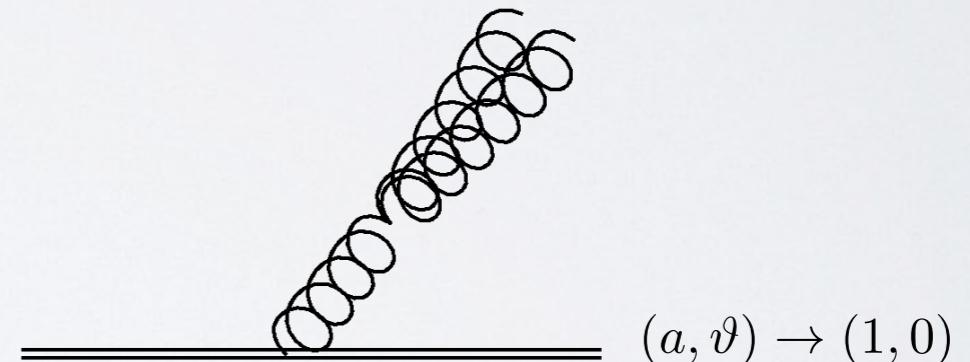
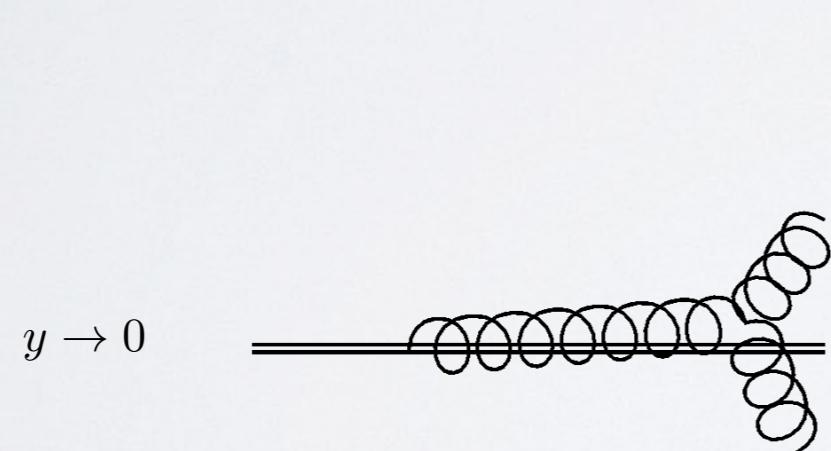
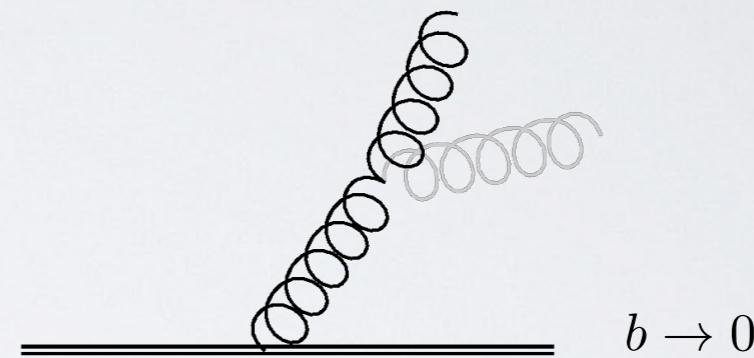
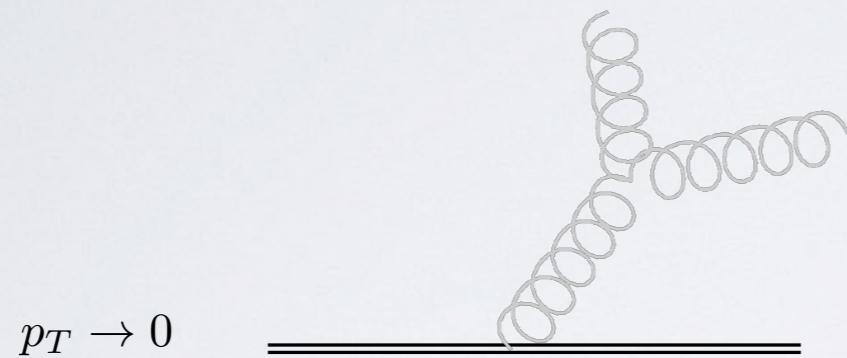
$$S_R(\epsilon) = \frac{-4C_F}{\textcolor{red}{n}\epsilon^2} - \frac{8C_F}{\textcolor{red}{n}\epsilon} \left[ \int_0^1 dt \frac{\ln \textcolor{red}{f}(0, t)}{\pi \sqrt{t(1-t)}} + \dots \right] + \dots$$

- SoftSERVE wraps this in C++, and integrates using Cuba

[Hahn, '05]

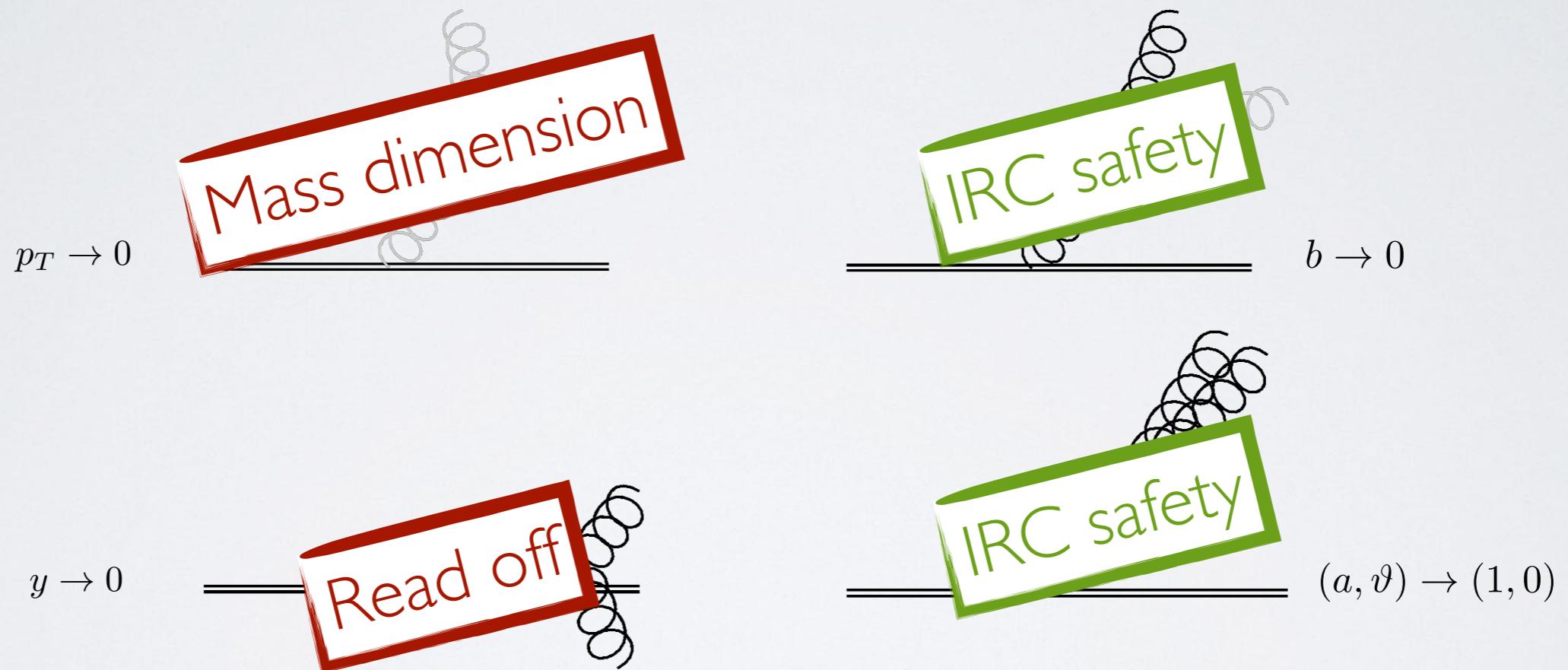
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- Observable:

$$\tau(k, l) = p_T y^{\frac{n}{2}} F(a, b, y, \{\vartheta\})$$

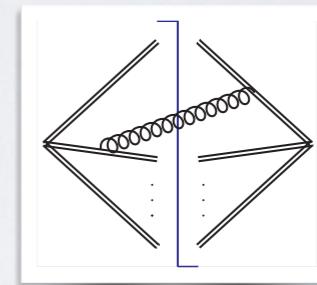
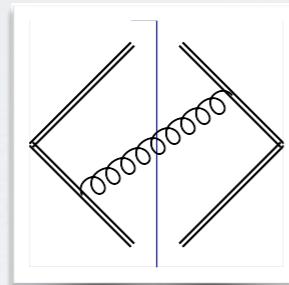


- Extension to N-jet cases:
  - ▶ More emitters
  - ▶ Nontrivial colour
  - ▶ Complicated geometry
  - ▶ Integration dimensions

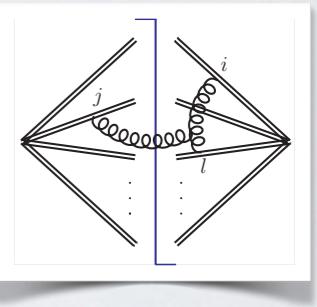
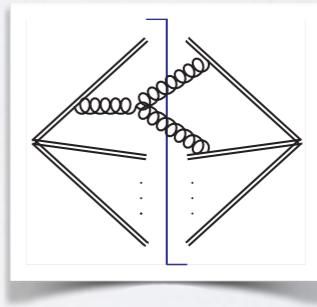
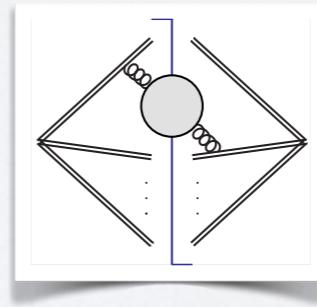
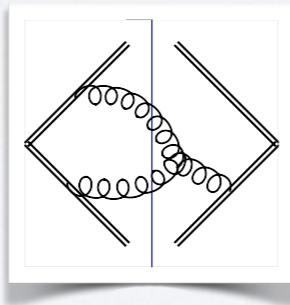
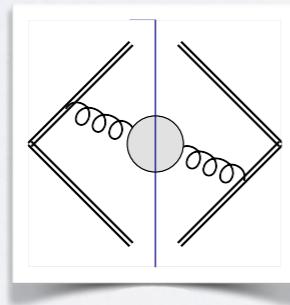


- ▶ More emitters

- NLO:



- NNLO:



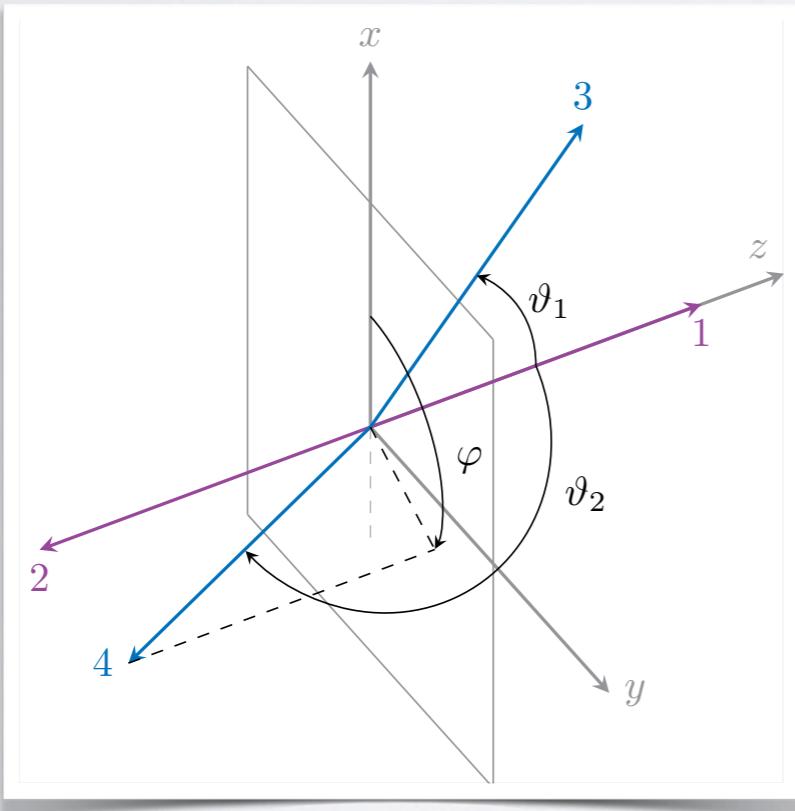
- $\frac{(N+2)(N+1)}{2}$  dipoles,  $(N+2)(N+1)N$  RV tripoles,  
many RR tri-/quadupoles



- ▶ Nontrivial colour:
  - Dijet:  $\mathbf{S}^{(\text{NLO})} = \mathbf{T}_1 \cdot \mathbf{T}_2 S_R = -\mathbf{T}_1^2 S_R = -C_F \mathbf{1} S_R$
  - From N=2, explicit colour matrices  $\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j S_{ij}$  appear
  - Tripoles and quadrupoles: e.g.  $\mathbf{T}_i^a \cdot \mathbf{T}_j^b \cdot \mathbf{T}_k^a \cdot \mathbf{T}_l^b \cdot S_{ijkl}$   
NAE accounts for most, except for real-virtual tripole  
(They appear as  $f_{abc} \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_l^b \mathbf{T}_j^c S_{ilj}^{\text{tri}}$ )



- ▶ Complicated geometry, see e.g. 2-jettiness



1-jettiness: 1 angle  
2-jettiness: 3 angles  
3-jettiness: 5 angles  
N-jettiness:  $2N-1$  angles

- ▶ Grids grow very large



- ▶ Integration dimensions, dijet:
  - Three physical dimensions  
(two beams, one transverse reference)
  - One emission can probe 4th dimension,  
Two emissions can probe 4th and 5th dimension:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(-\epsilon)} \int_0^1 dt_5 t_5^{-1-\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$$



- ▶ Integration dimensions, N-jet:
  - Four physical dimensions  
(all the beams and jets)
  - One emission can probe 5th dimension,  
Two emissions can probe 5th and 6th dimension:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(-1/2 - \epsilon)} \int_0^1 dt_7 t_7^{-3/2-\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$$

The “awful angle”

- For N-jettiness: analytic integration



(Adapted for Wilson Lines in Multiple Occurring n-Directions)

- Added support for nontrivial geometry, RV tripoles, external geometry sampling, cluster deployment

# THE CALCULATIONS

- Sample in steps of  $\frac{\pi}{25}$ , yielding 34476 samples  
(29904 2-jettiness, rest 0- and 1-jettiness)
- Fourfold symmetry reduces this to 8619
- 24 tripole and 18 dipole programs per point  
(NLO,  $C_A$ , and  $n_f$  for 6 dipoles)
- 900GB binaries and log files, 30min per point  
(NNLO programs, particularly  $C_A$ , the slowest)

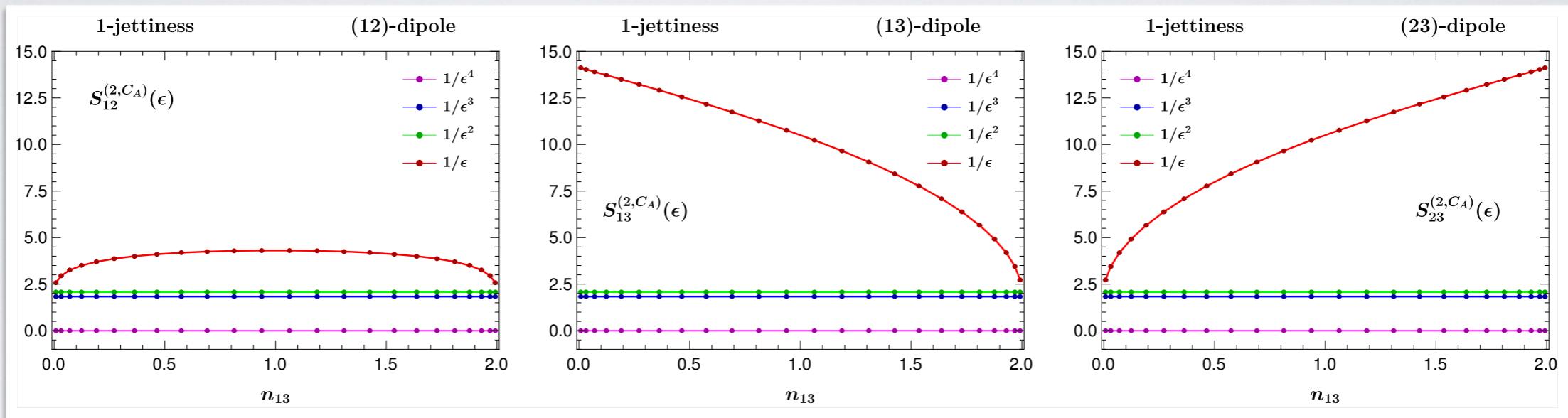
# THE TARGET

- What I'm about to plot:

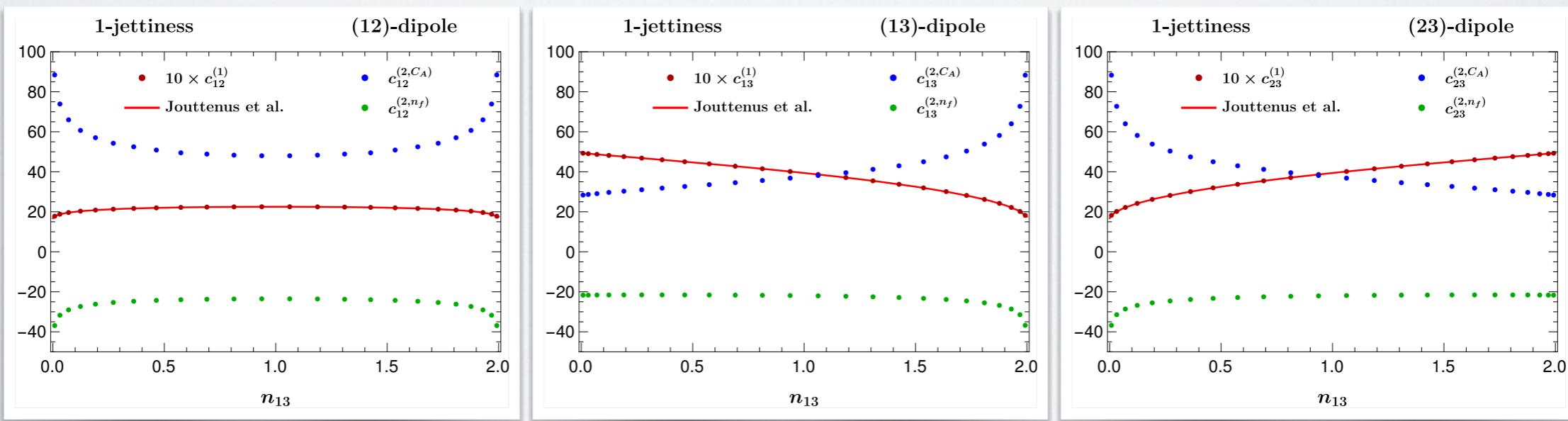
$$\begin{aligned} S(\tau, \mu) = & 1 + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{n} L_{ij}^2 + \frac{2\gamma_0^S}{n} L_{ij} + c_{ij}^{(1)} \right) + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 \\ & \times \left\{ \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j \left( \frac{2\beta_0 \Gamma_0}{3n} L_{ij}^3 + \left( \frac{\Gamma_1}{n} + \frac{2\beta_0 \gamma_0^S}{n} \right) L_{ij}^2 + 2 \left( \frac{\gamma_1^S}{n} + \beta_0 c_{ij}^{(1)} \right) L_{ij} + \textcolor{red}{c}_{ij}^{(2)} \right) \right. \\ & + 2\pi \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} f_{ABC} \mathbf{T}_i^A \mathbf{T}_j^B \mathbf{T}_k^C \left( \Gamma_0 \lambda_{ij} \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{3n} L_\mu^3 + \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{n} \tilde{L}_{jk} + \frac{\gamma_0^S}{n} \right) L_\mu^2 + \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{n} \tilde{L}_{jk}^2 + \frac{2\gamma_0^S}{n} \tilde{L}_{jk} + c_{jk}^{(1)} \right) L_\mu \right) + \tilde{c}_{ijk}^{(2)} \right) \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{k \neq l} \{ \mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j, \mathbf{T}_k \cdot \mathbf{T}_l \} \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{n} L_{ij}^2 + \frac{2\gamma_0^S}{n} L_{ij} + c_{ij}^{(1)} \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma_0}{n} L_{kl}^2 + \frac{2\gamma_0^S}{n} L_{kl} + c_{kl}^{(1)} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# 1-JETTINESS

- Pole cancellations



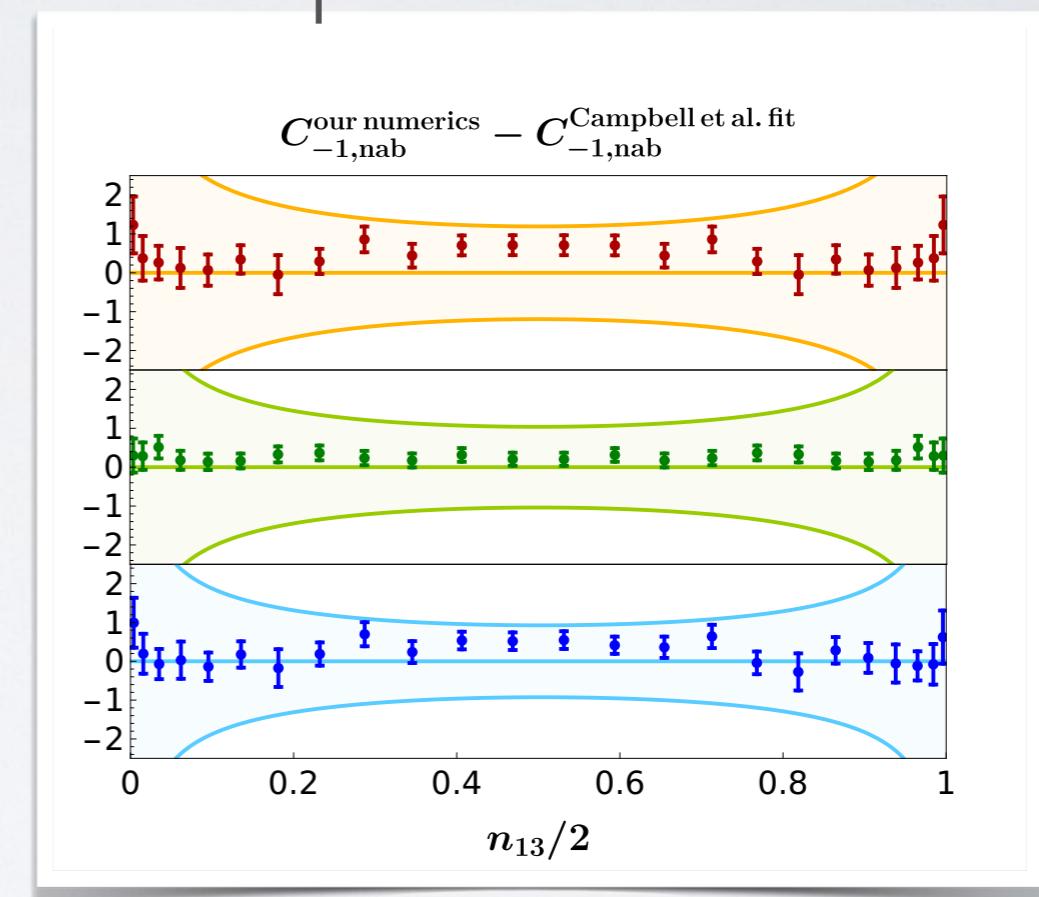
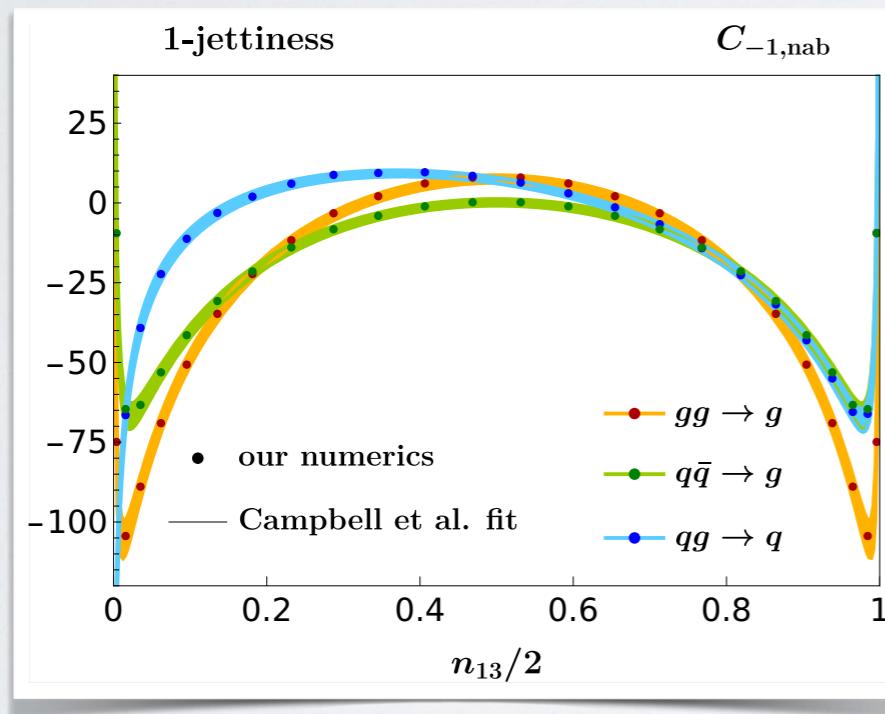
- Finite results



# I-JETTINESS COMPARISON

[Campbell, Ellis, Mondini, Williams, '18]

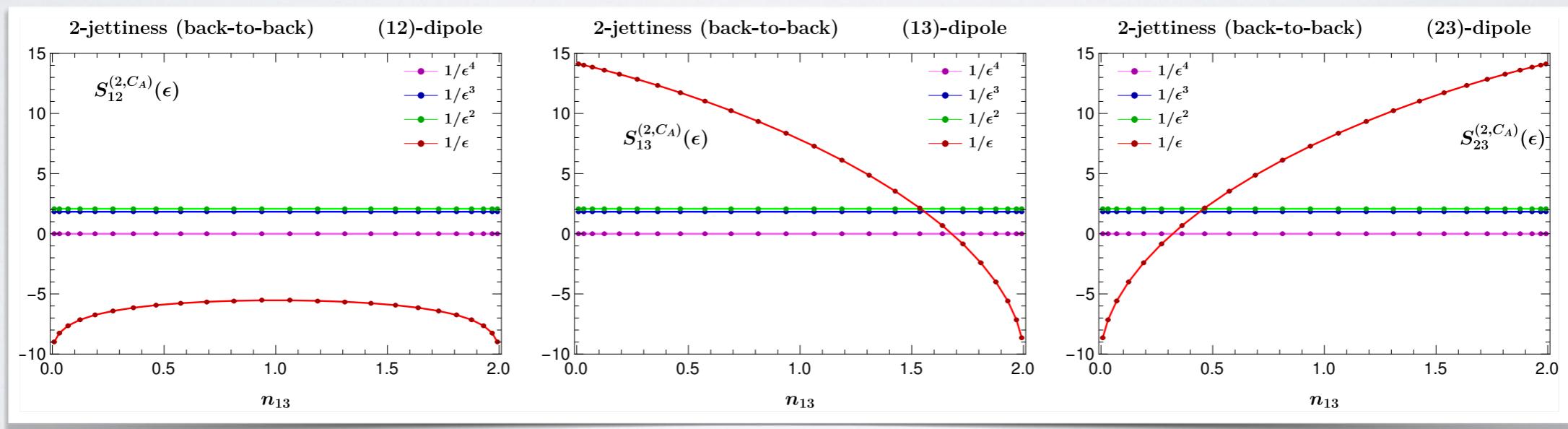
- Compare with result from Campbell et al.



- Only fit functions for physical channels provided

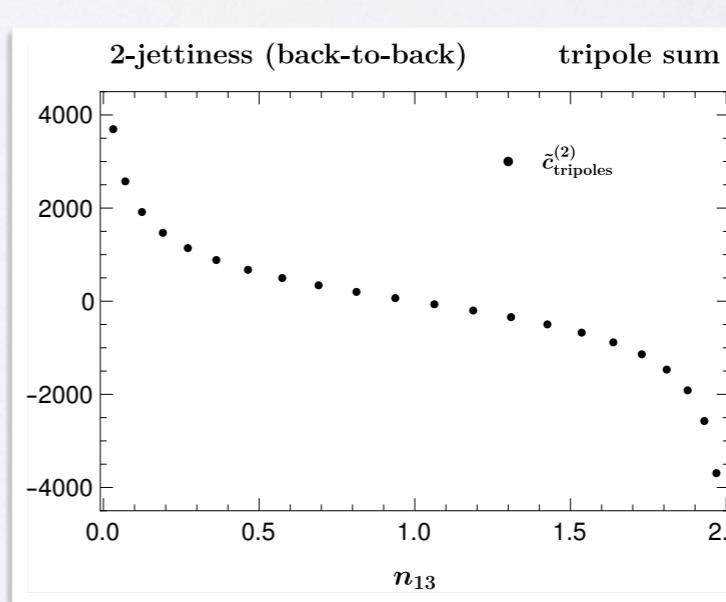
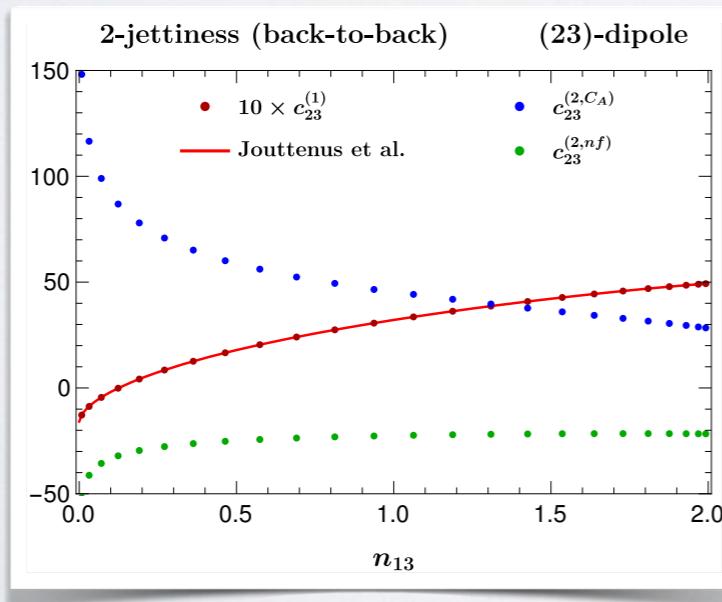
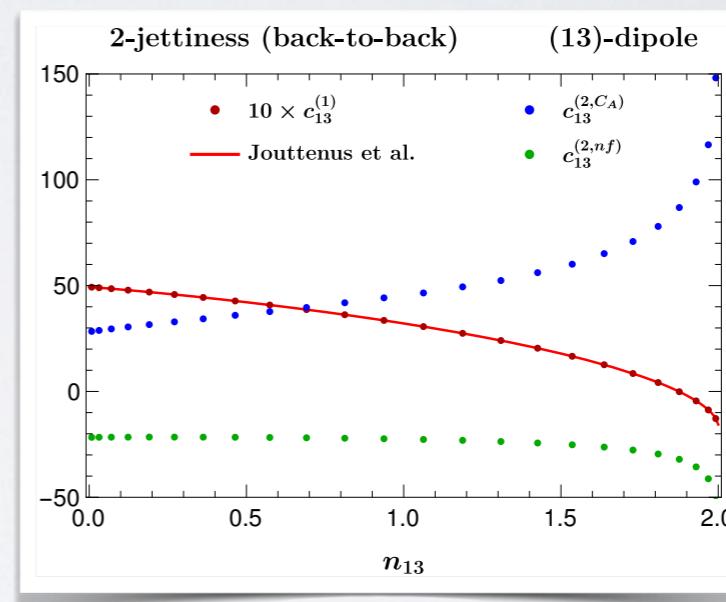
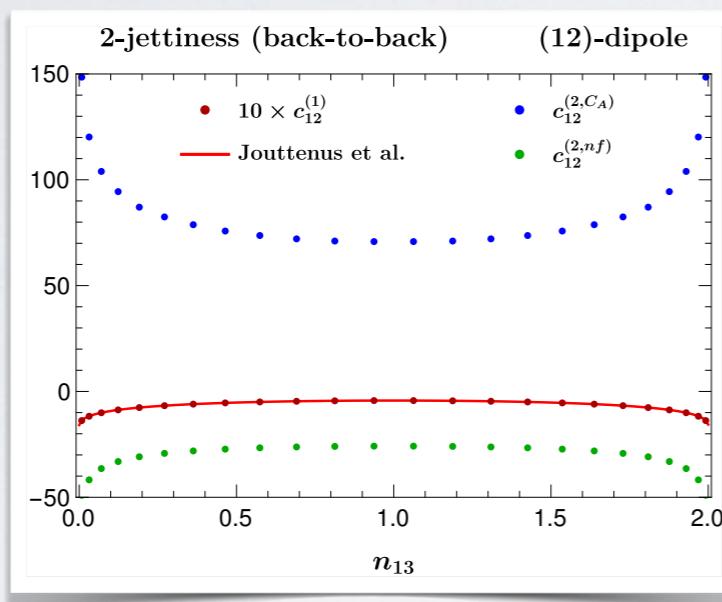
# 2-JETTINESS - B2B

- Pole cancellations

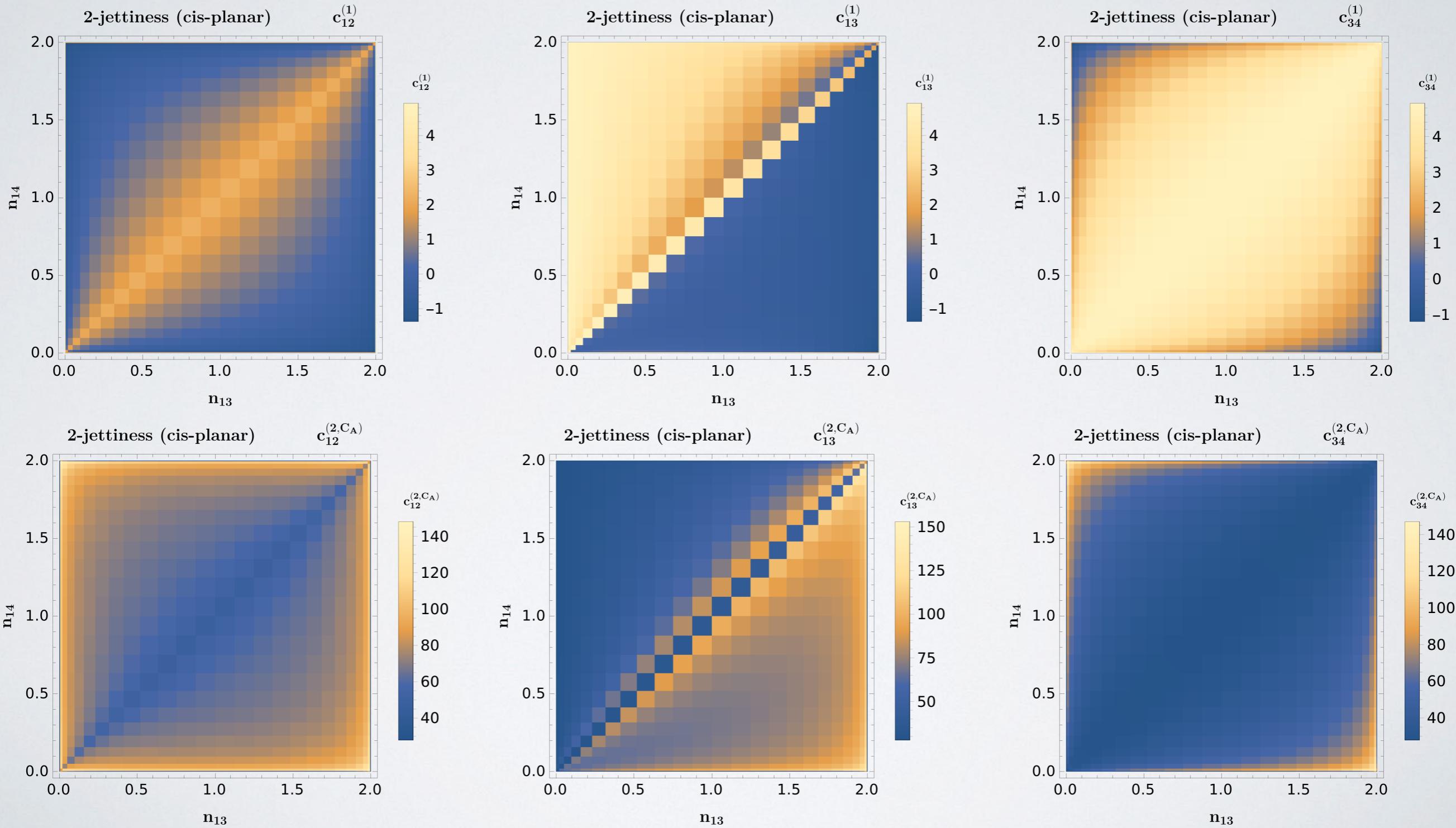


# 2-JETTINESS - B2B

- Finite results

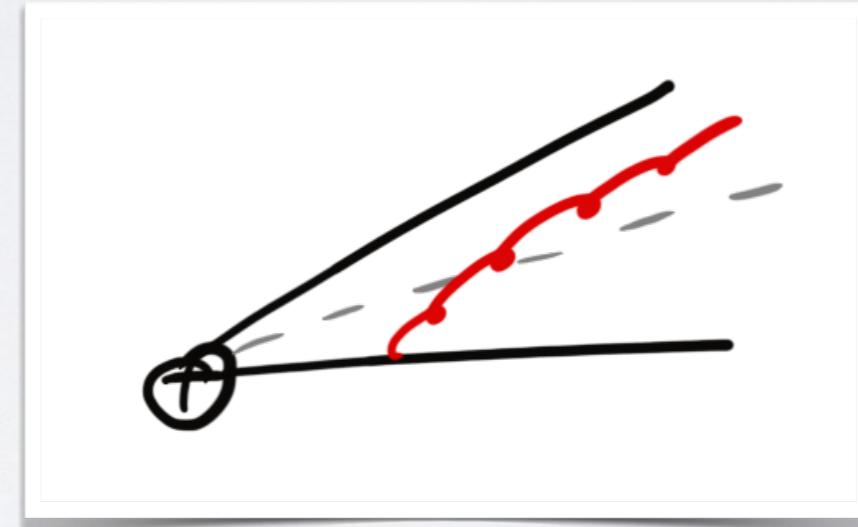
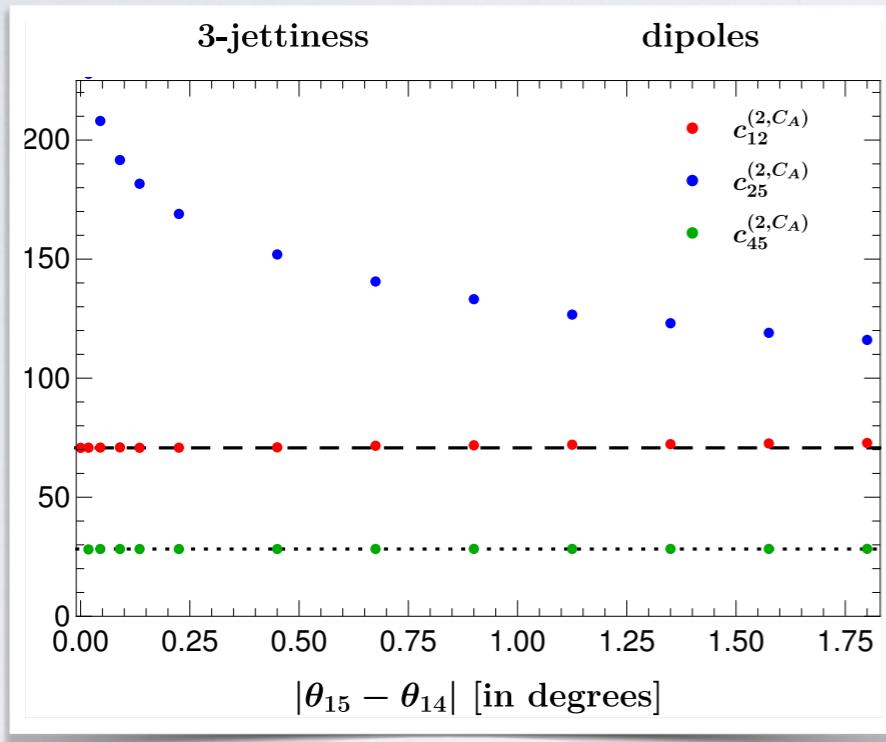


# 2-JETTINESS - PLANAR



# EDGE CASES

- When jets become collinear, some results diverge



- Non-dipole jet collinear to dipole jet: divergence
- Origin: contribution from one jet enhanced by collinearity to dipole jet

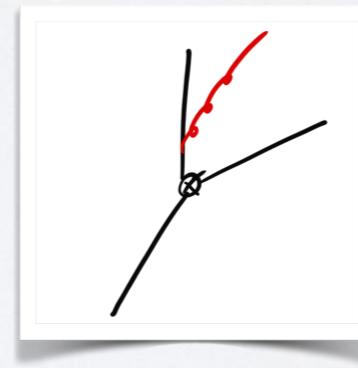
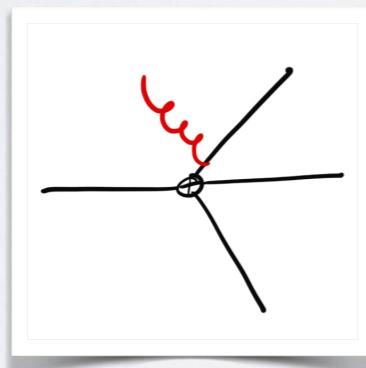
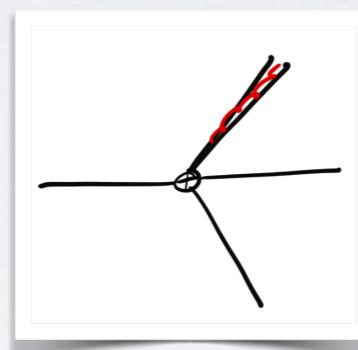
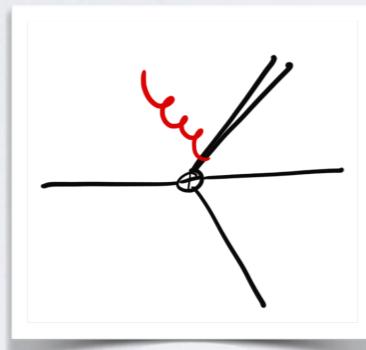
# METHOD OF REGIONS!

- Two regions:

bulk

and

collinear



(N-1)-jet base

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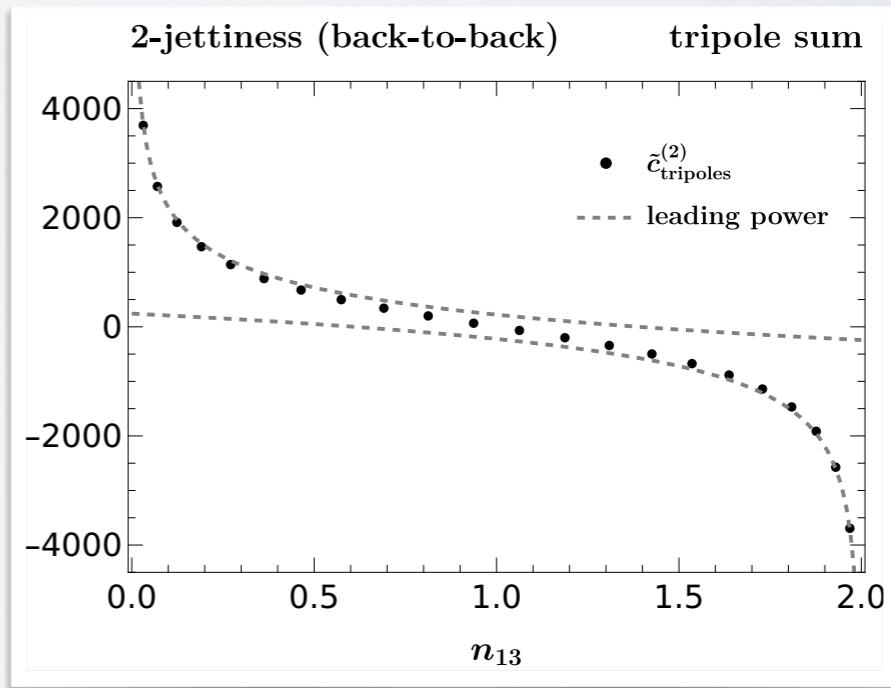
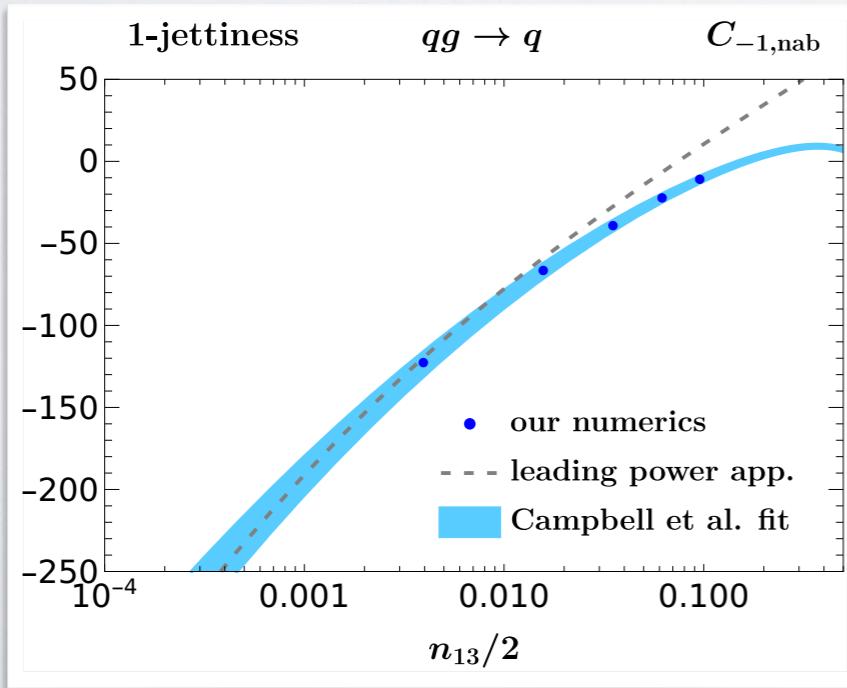
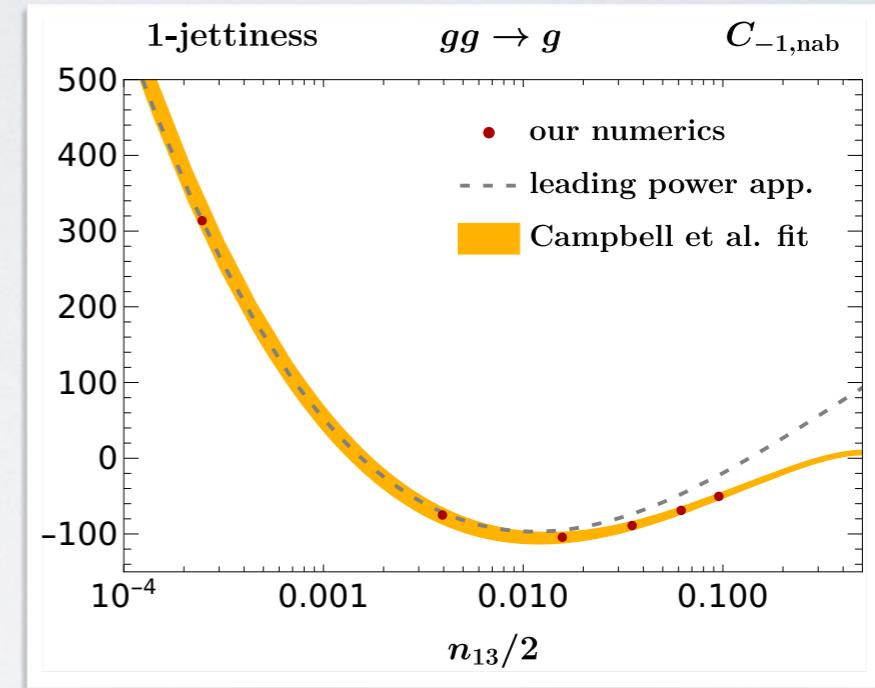
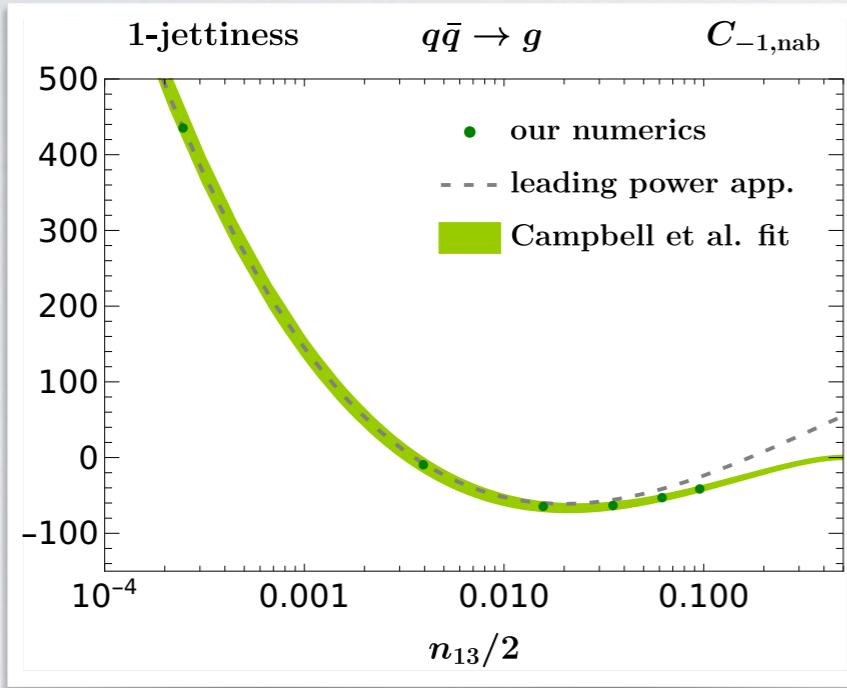
Universal correction

# IMPLICATIONS

- A kind of refactorisation  
(global soft base and collinear soft correction)
- Pattern should be general
- Correction is observable and dipole dependent

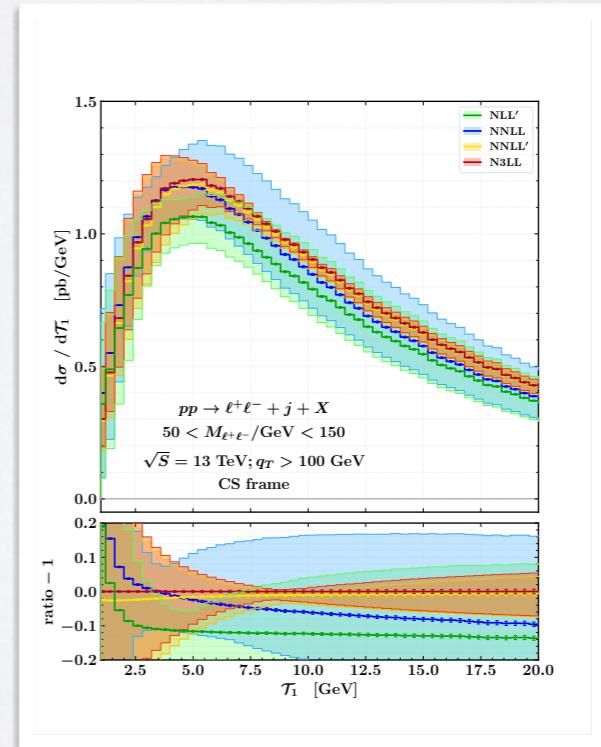
- N-Jettiness:
$$c_{ij}^{(1,\text{corr})} = -\frac{\pi^2}{3}$$
$$c_{ij}^{(2,\text{corr})} = T_F n_f \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{9} \ln\left(\frac{2\delta}{n_{ij}}\right) - 8.023(2) \right) - C_A \left( \frac{11\pi^2}{9} \ln\left(\frac{2\delta}{n_{ij}}\right) - 10.0335(2) \right)$$

# CONVERGENCE



# IS THIS USEFUL?

- I-jettiness at N<sup>3</sup>LL for GENEVA  
[Alioli, Bauer, Berggren, Tackmann, Walsh, '15]
- Z+jet production in lab frame vs CS-frame  
[Alioli, Bell, Billis, Broggio, Dehnadi, Lim, Marinelli, Nagar, Napoletano, RR '24]
- For some  $Q_j$ ,  $n_{13} \sim 10^{-12}$   
has to be probed



# CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- We extended the **SoftSERVE** code to **N-jet** cases and applied it to the **N-jettiness** at **NNLO**
- Derived a **grid** for the **2-jettiness** soft function
- Investigated **logarithmic divergences** at the **edges of phase space** using the **Method of Regions**
- Used our results for an  **$N^3LL$**  resummation
- **Next:** non-global logarithms,  **$N$ -gularities**, ...

# THANK YOU!

