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ANOMALOUS SCALING OF LINEAR POWER CORRECTIONS

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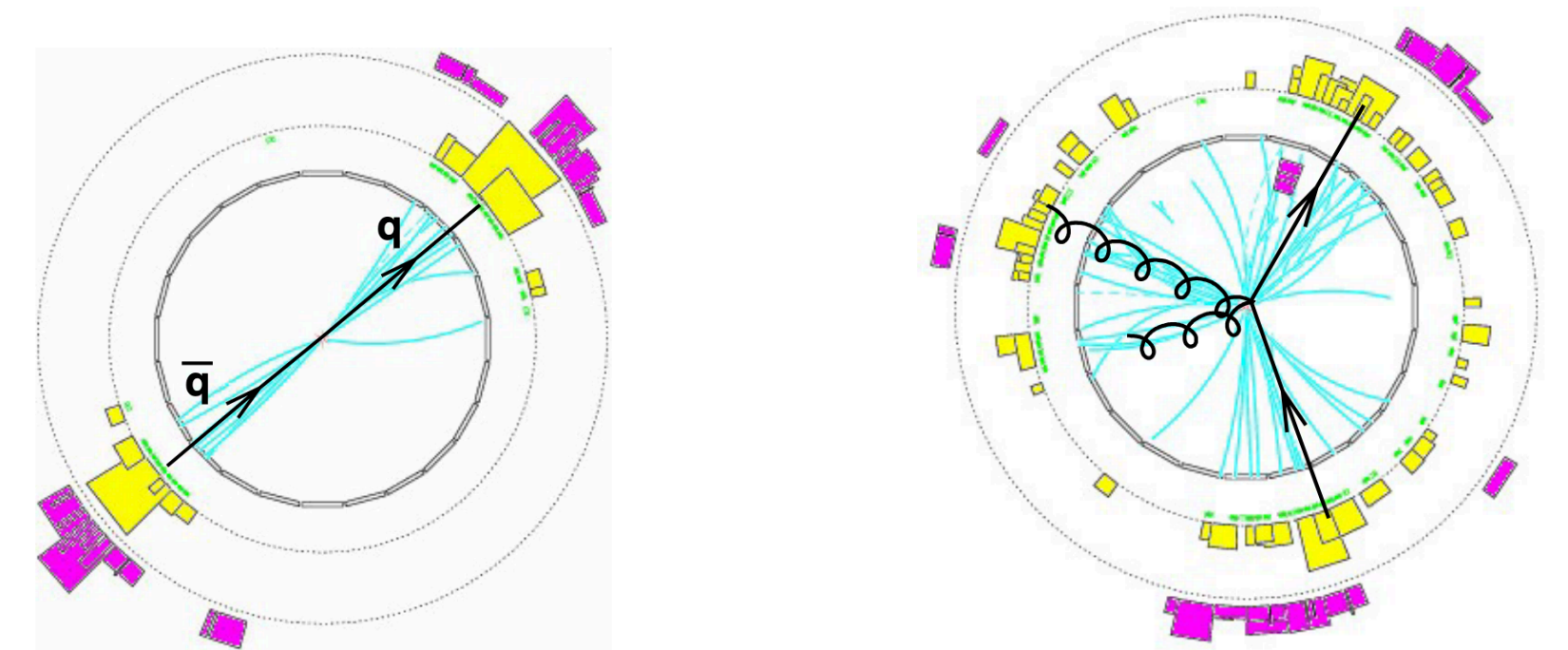
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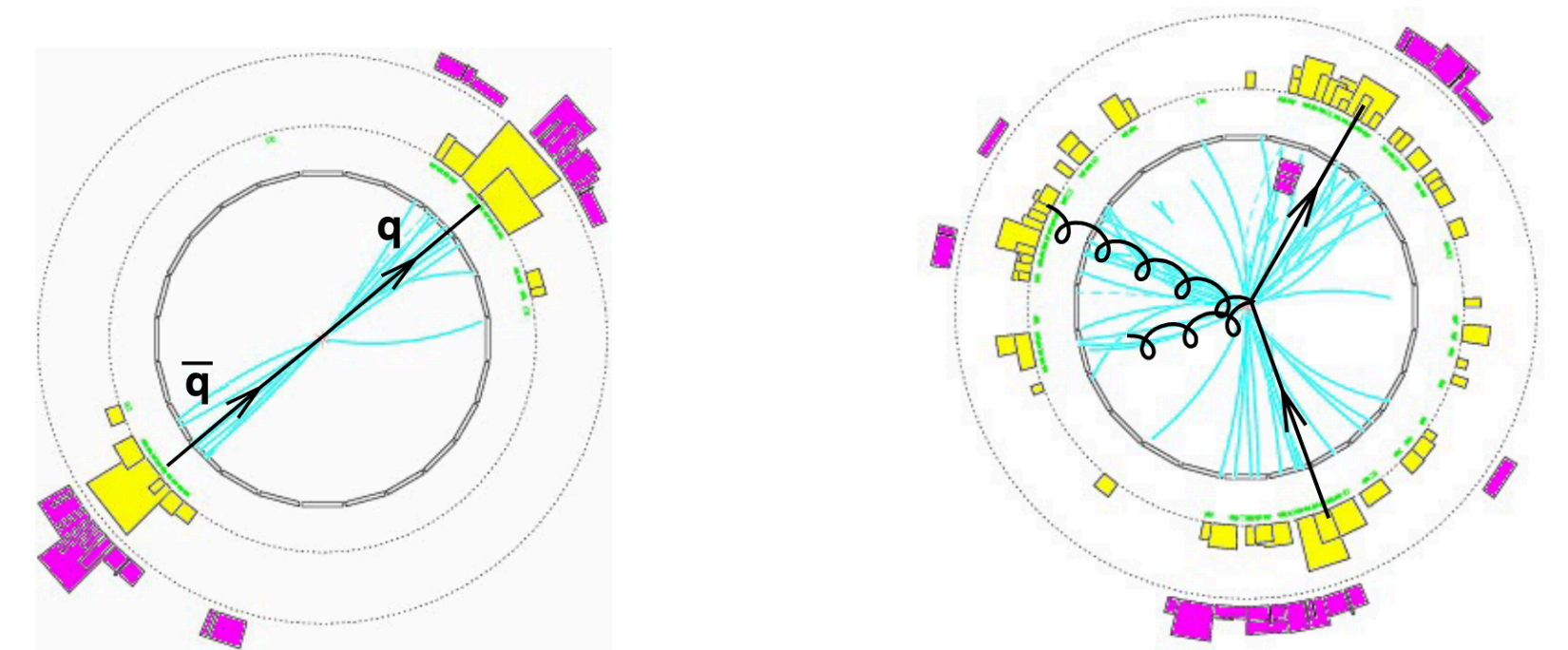
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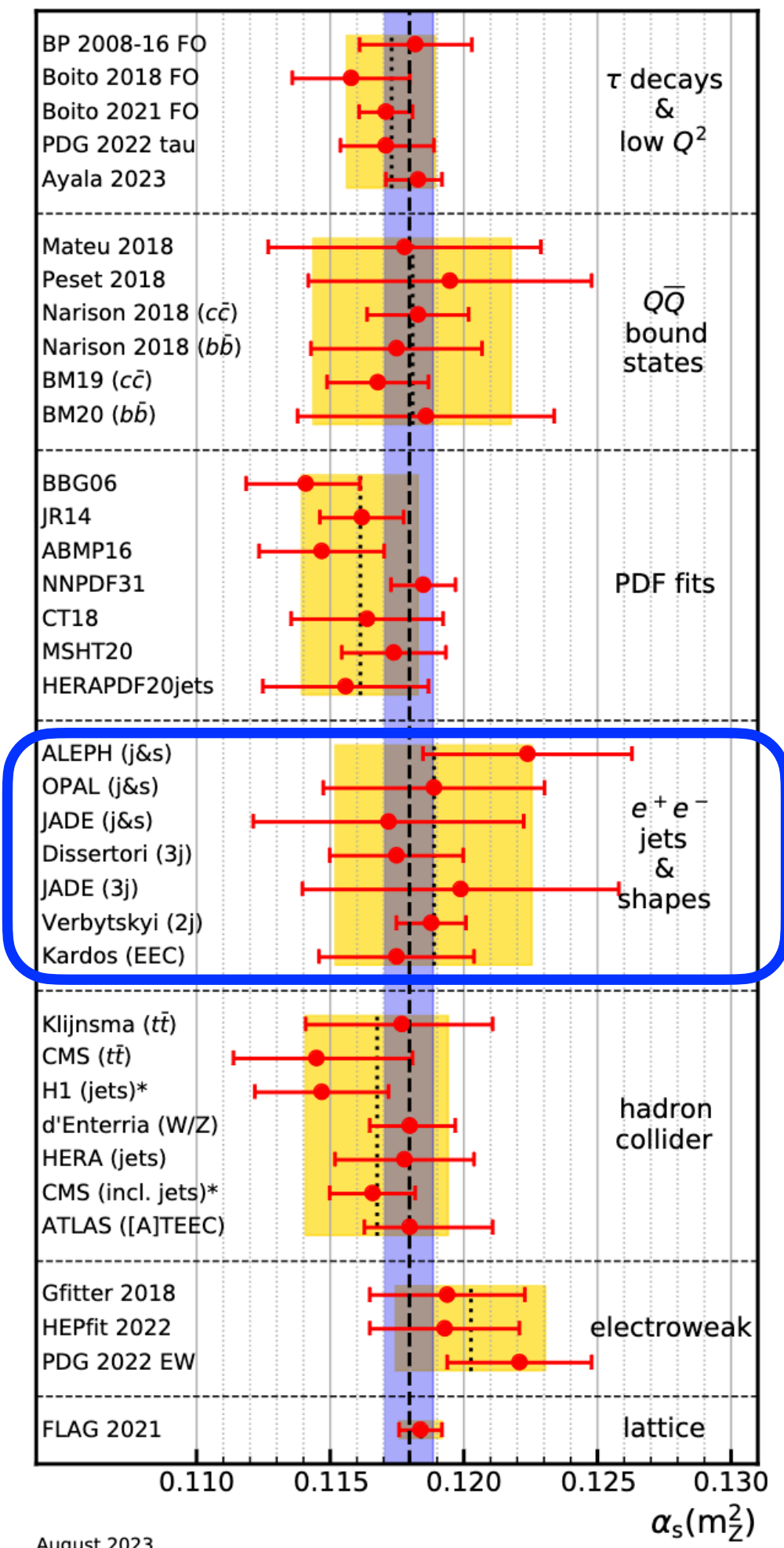
AFFECTED BY LARGE NON-PERTURBATIVE POWER CORRECTIONS

$$\sim \Lambda/Q \text{ (linear)}$$

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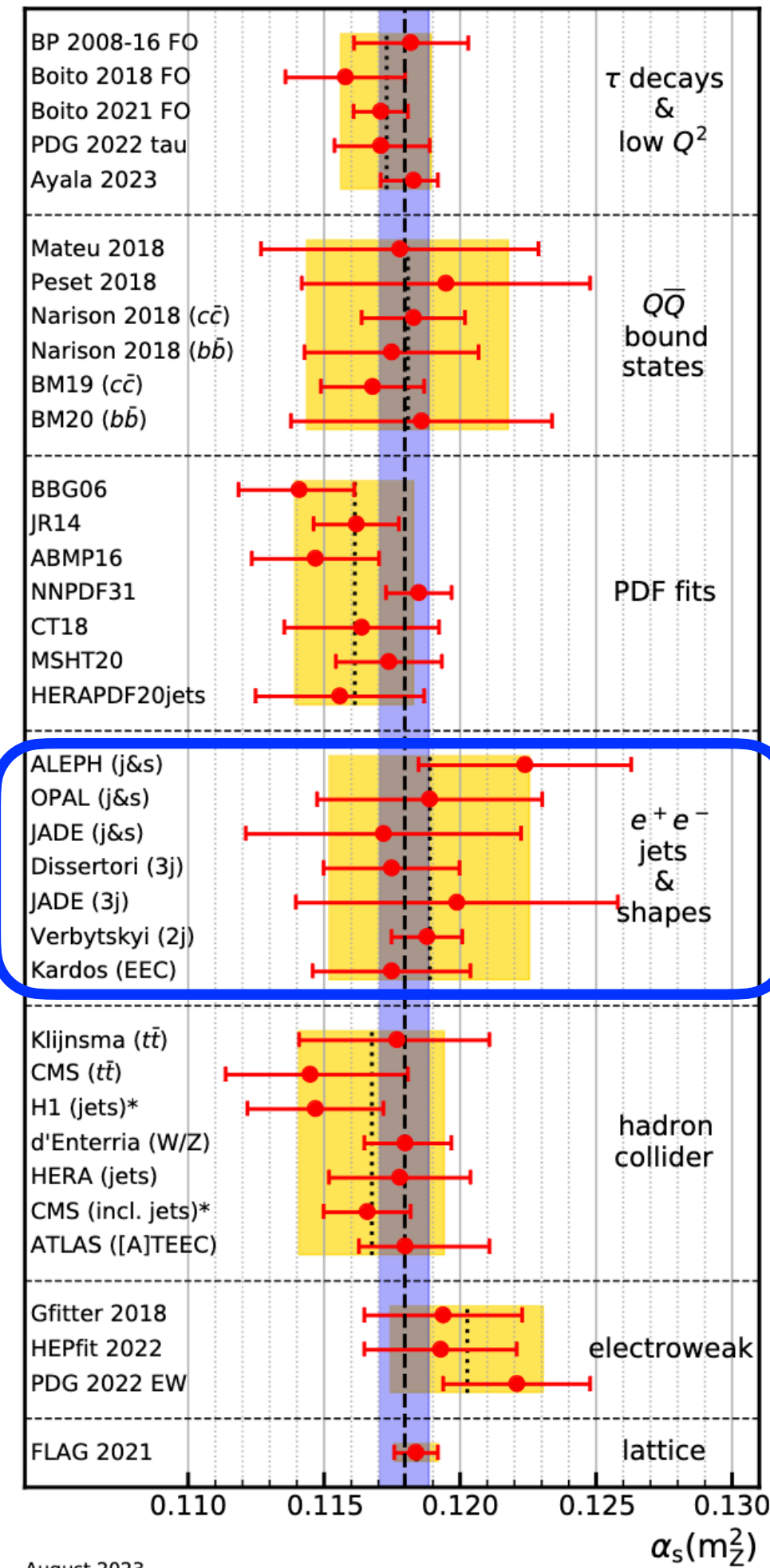
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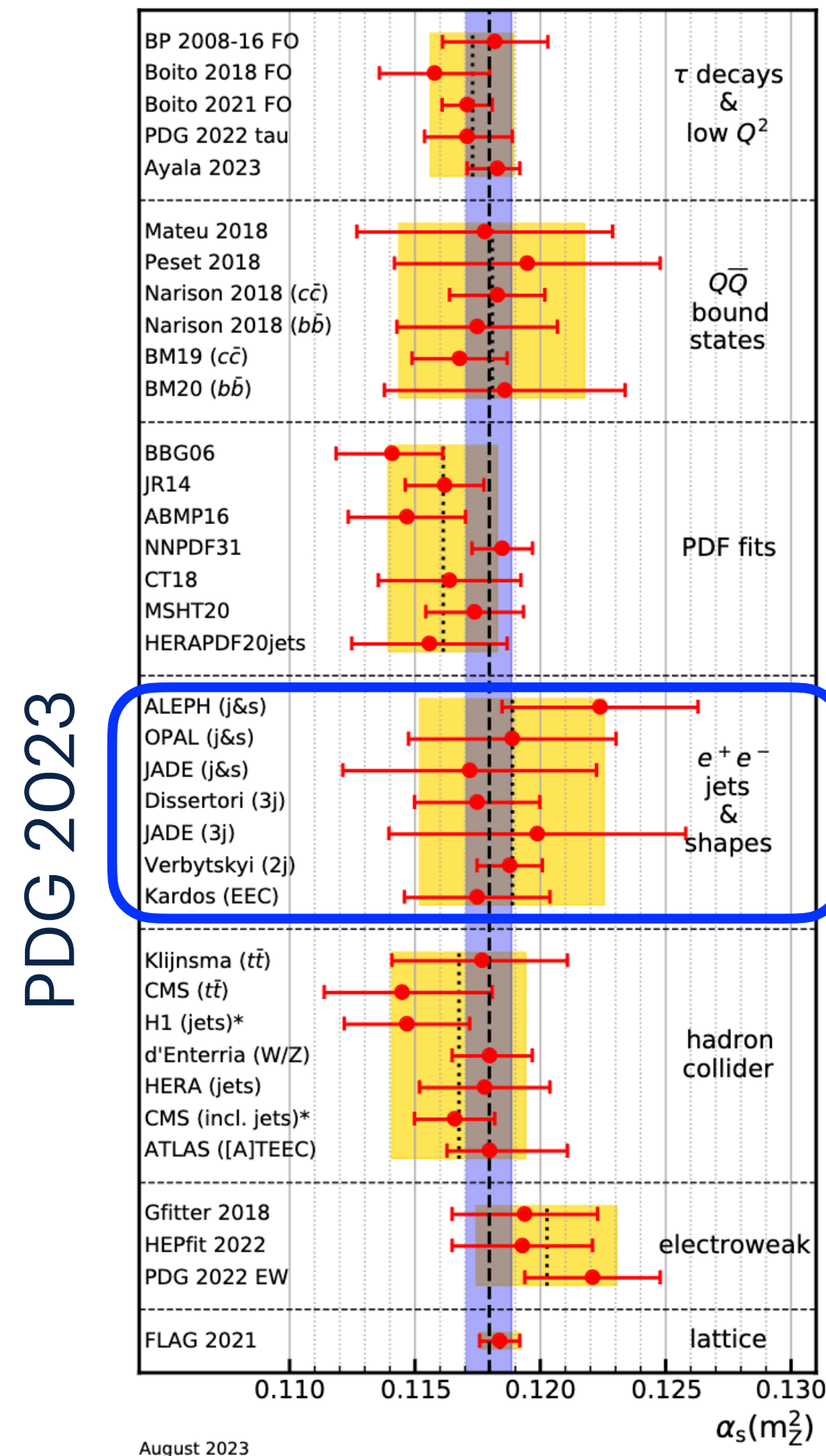
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World average: $\alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$



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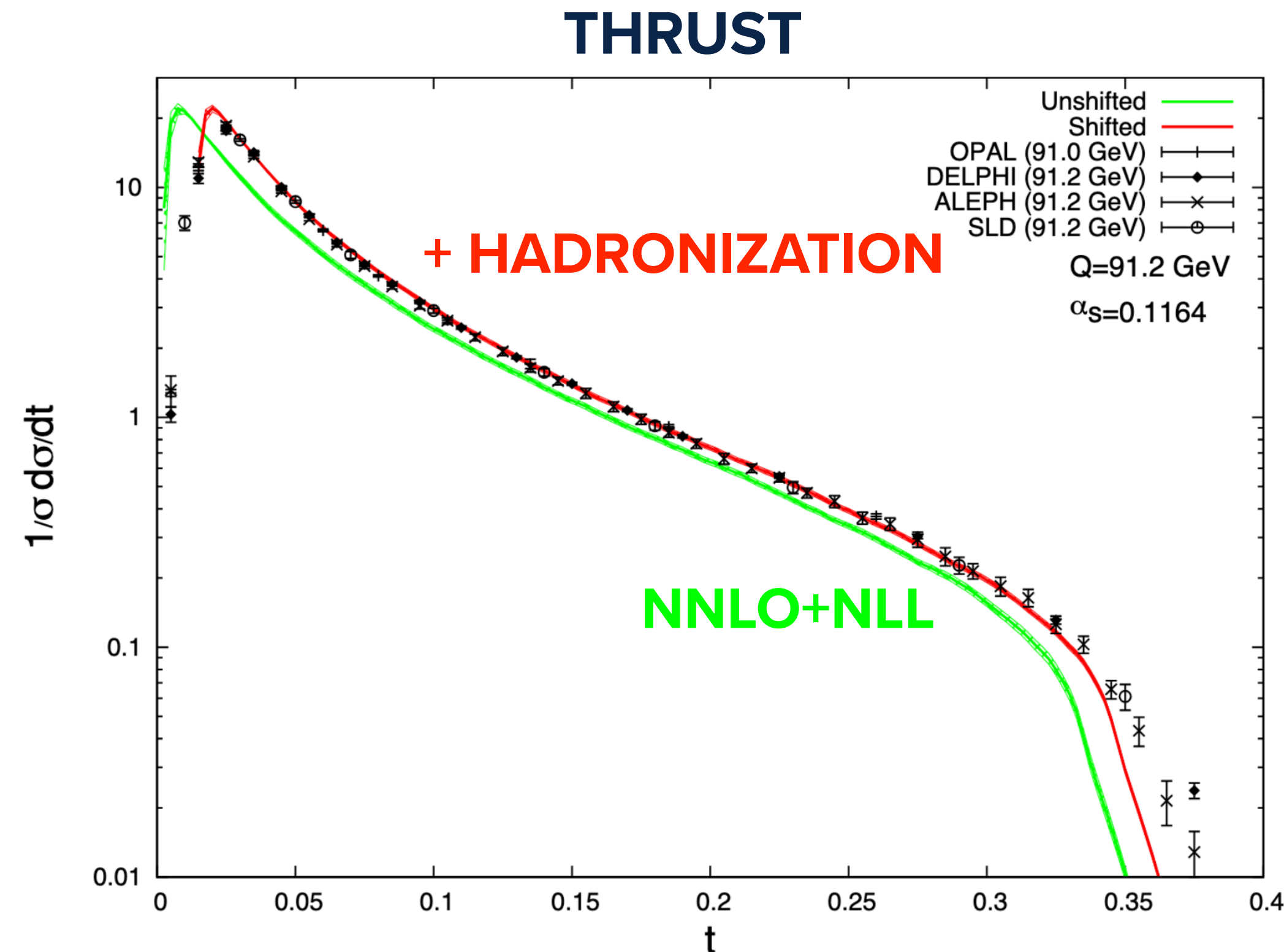
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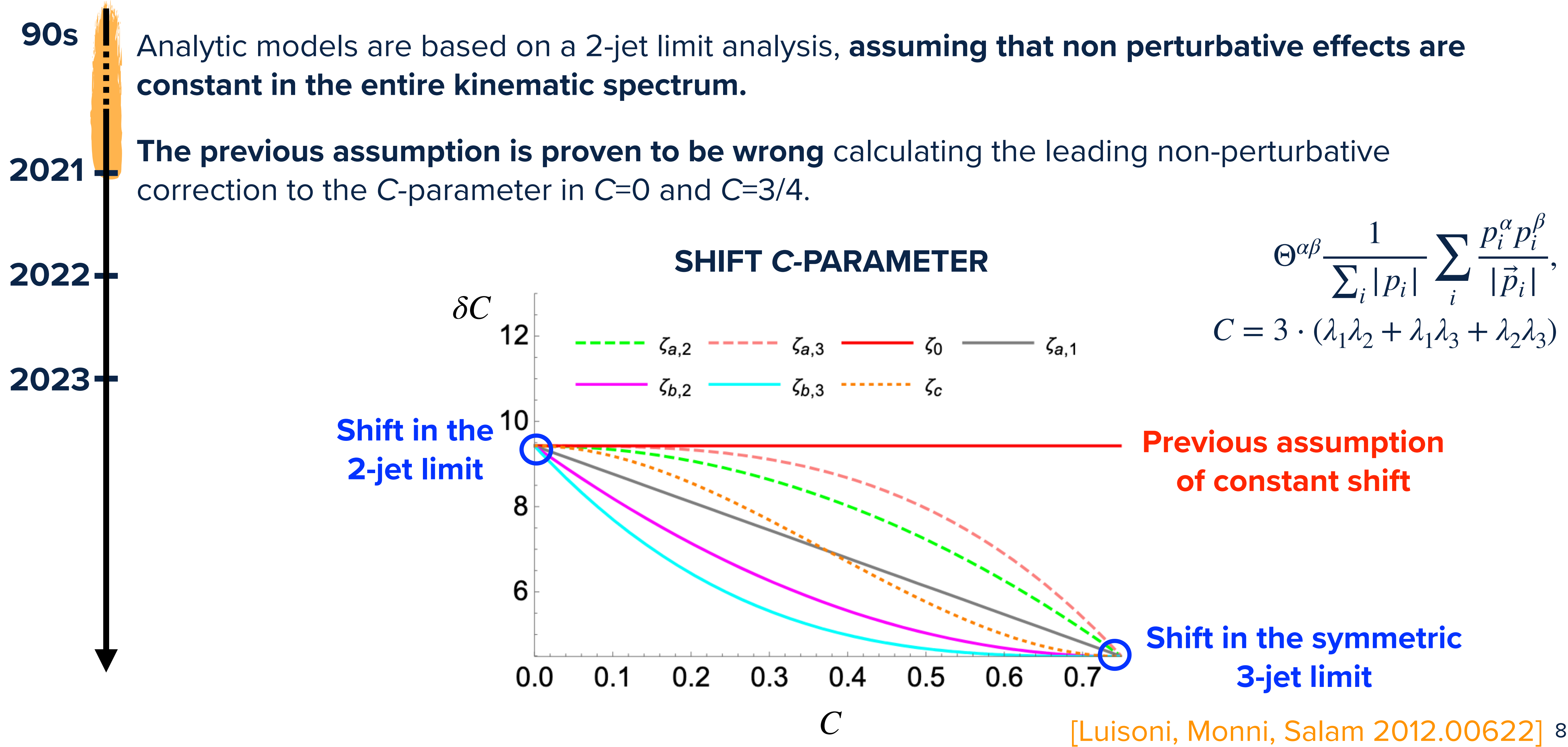
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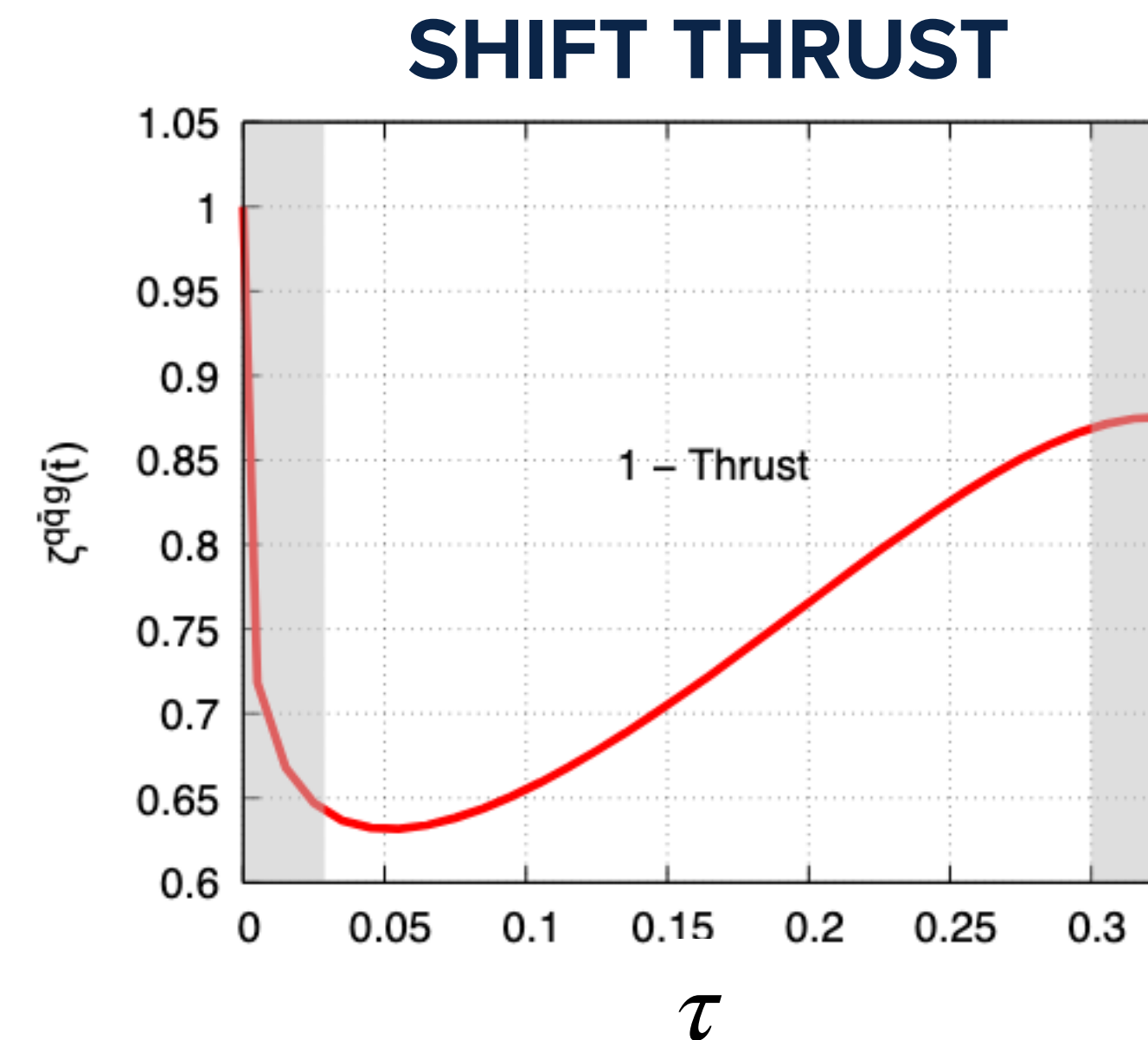
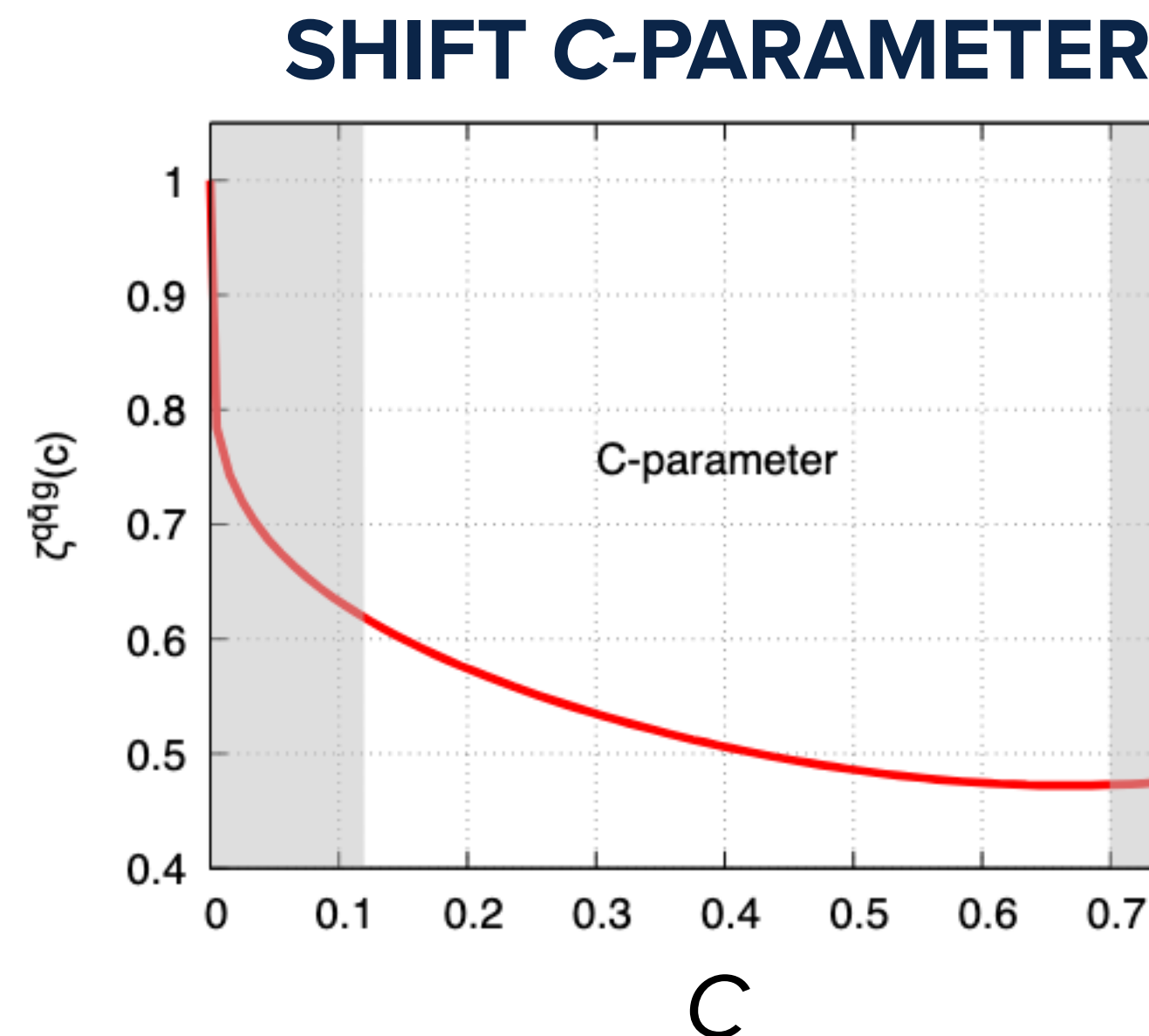
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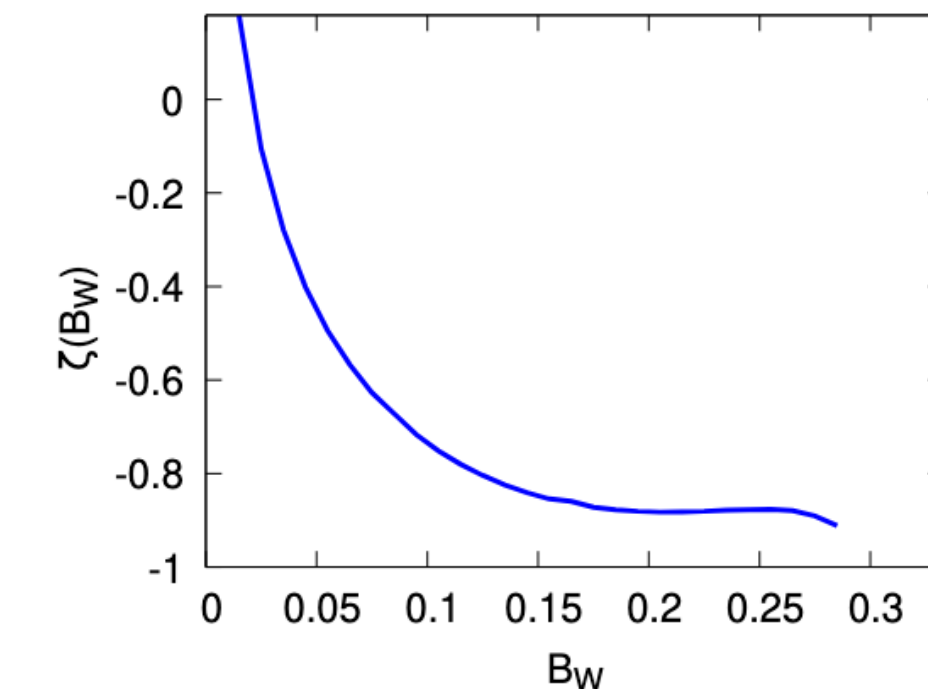
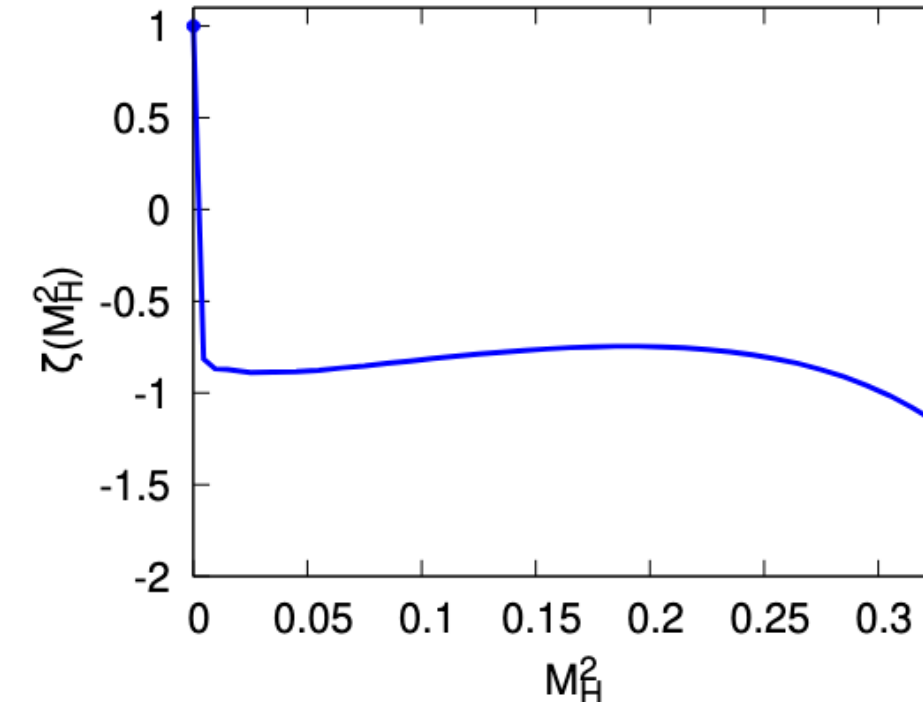
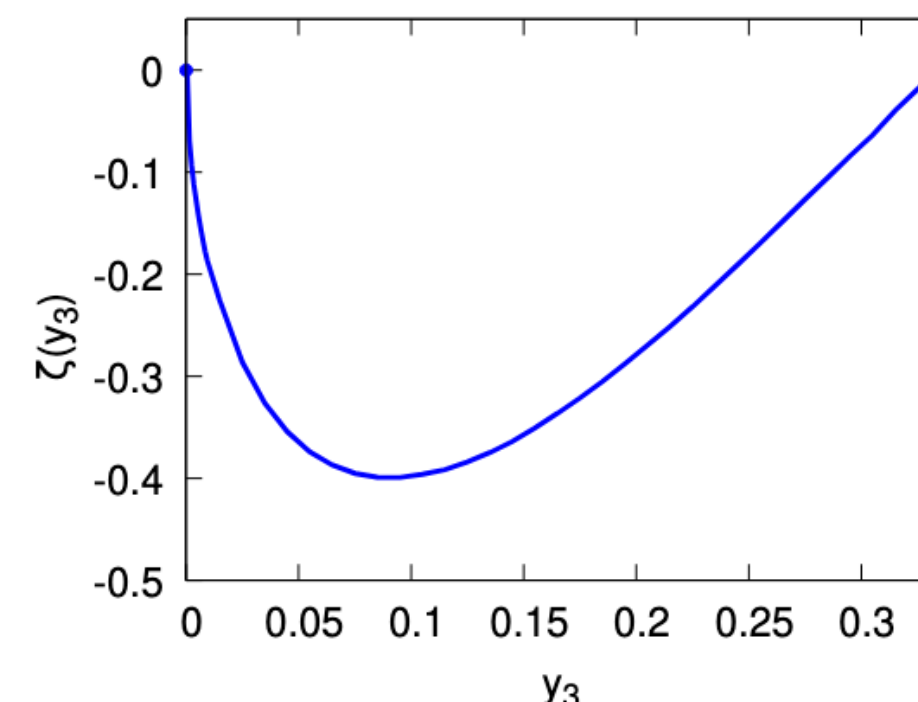
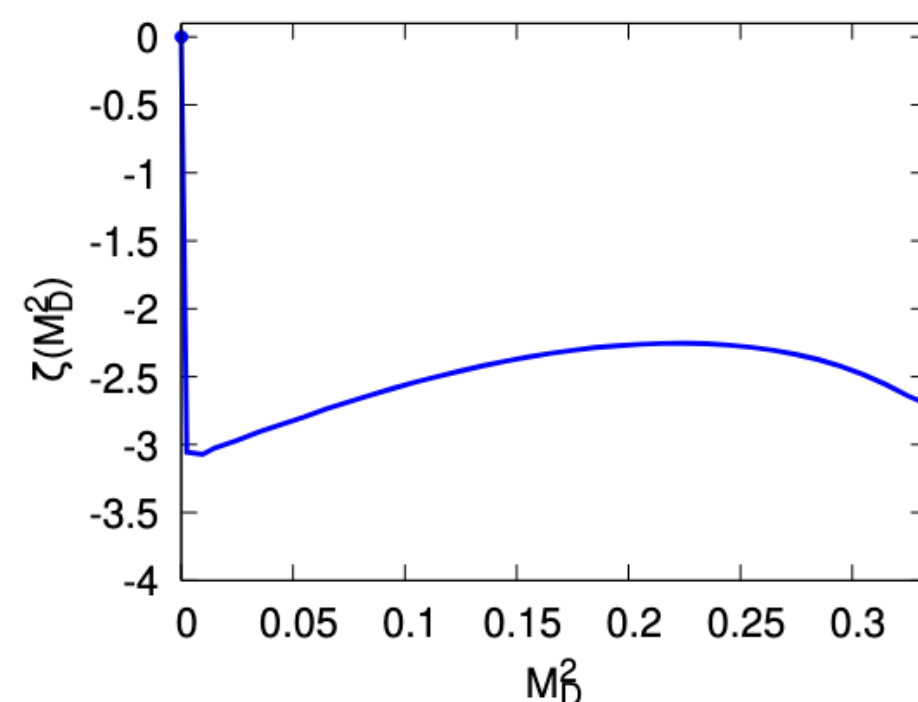
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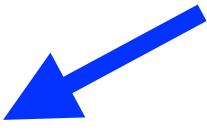
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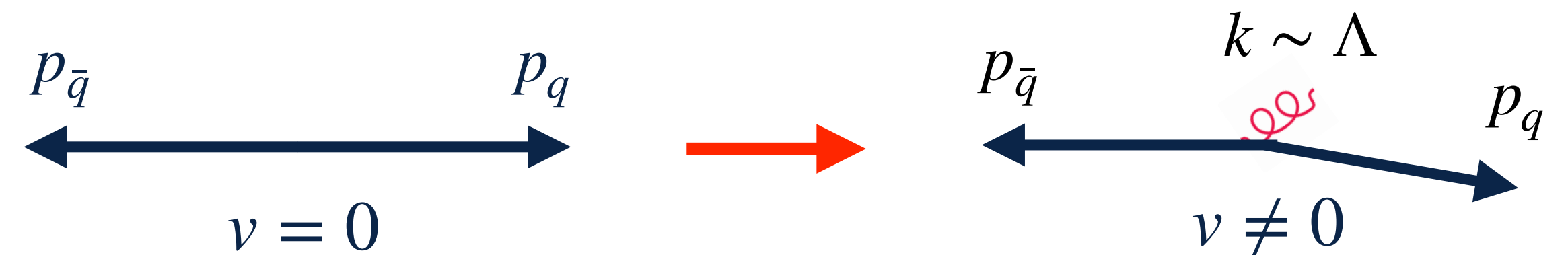
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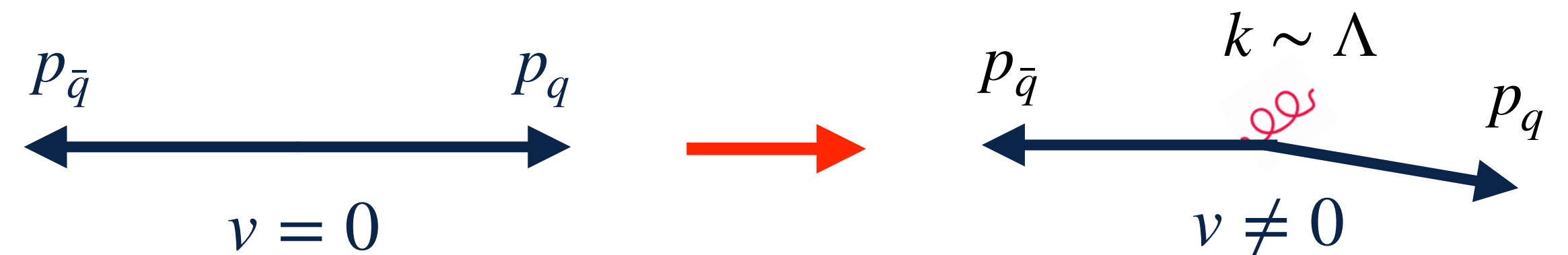
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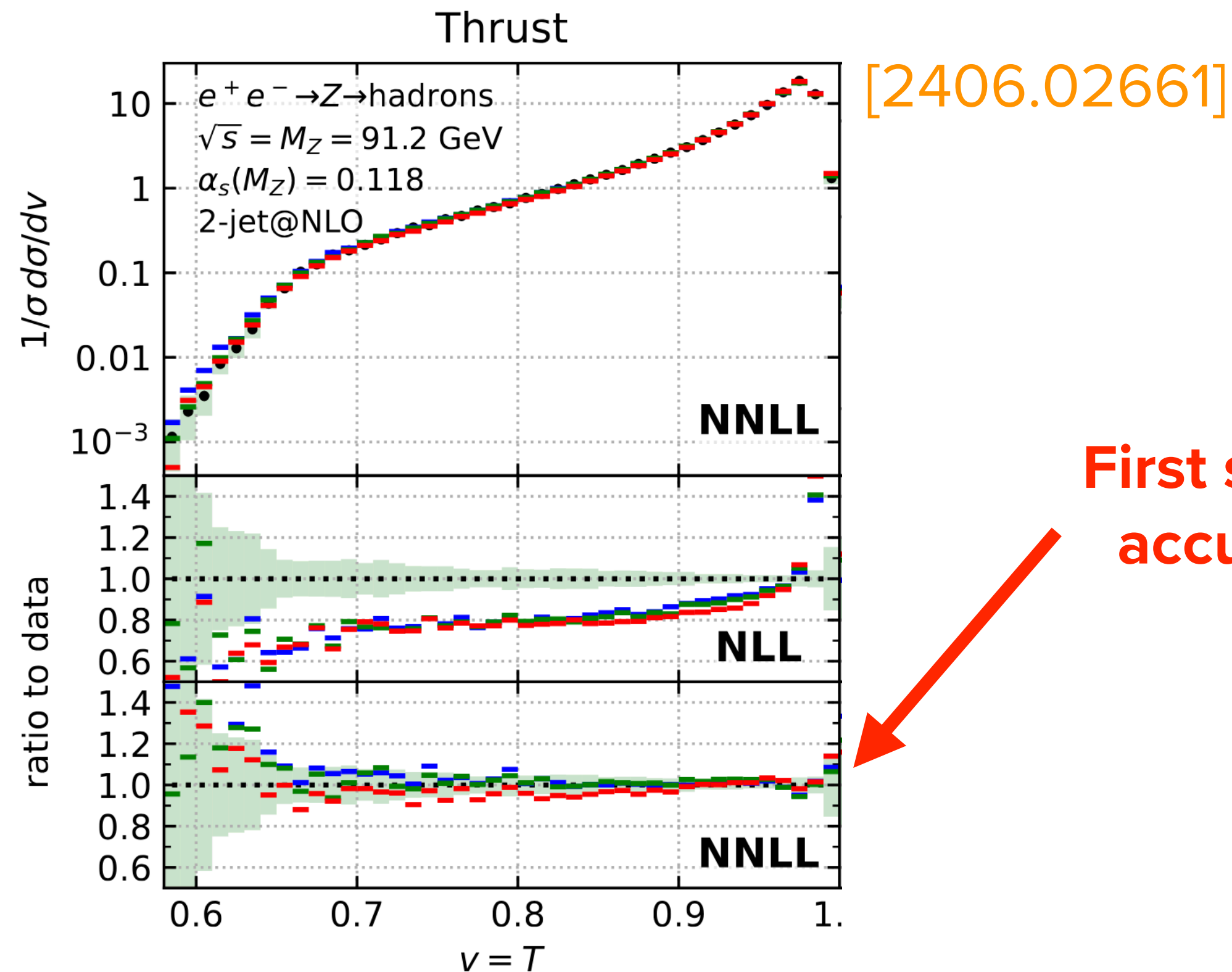
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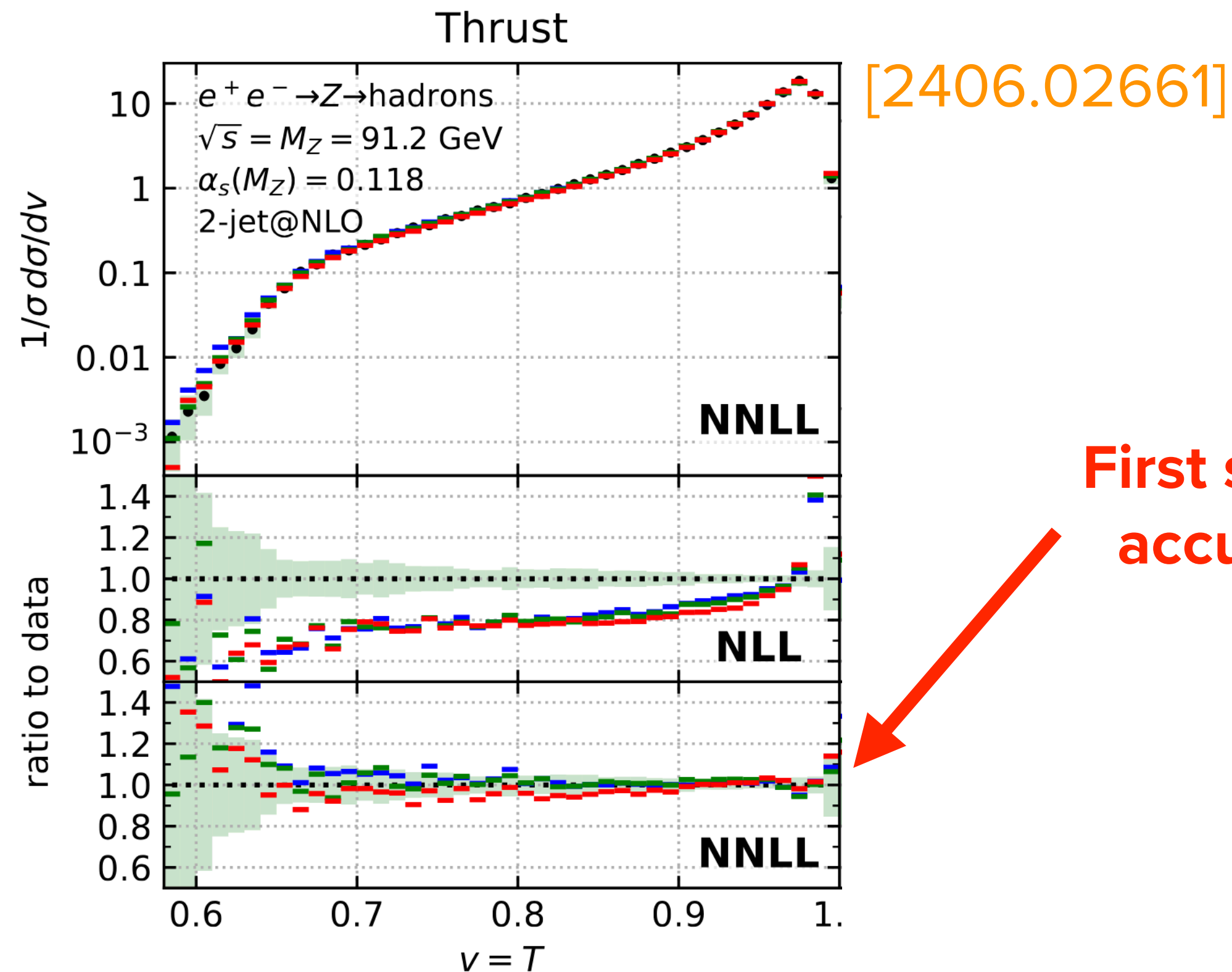
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For the study I am presenting today, we do not need high logarithmic accuracy in the parton shower.
However, **an excellent control on numerics is mandatory.**

Panscales and related PanScales techniques offer a unique framework.

NP CORRECTIONS IN THE 3-JET REGION

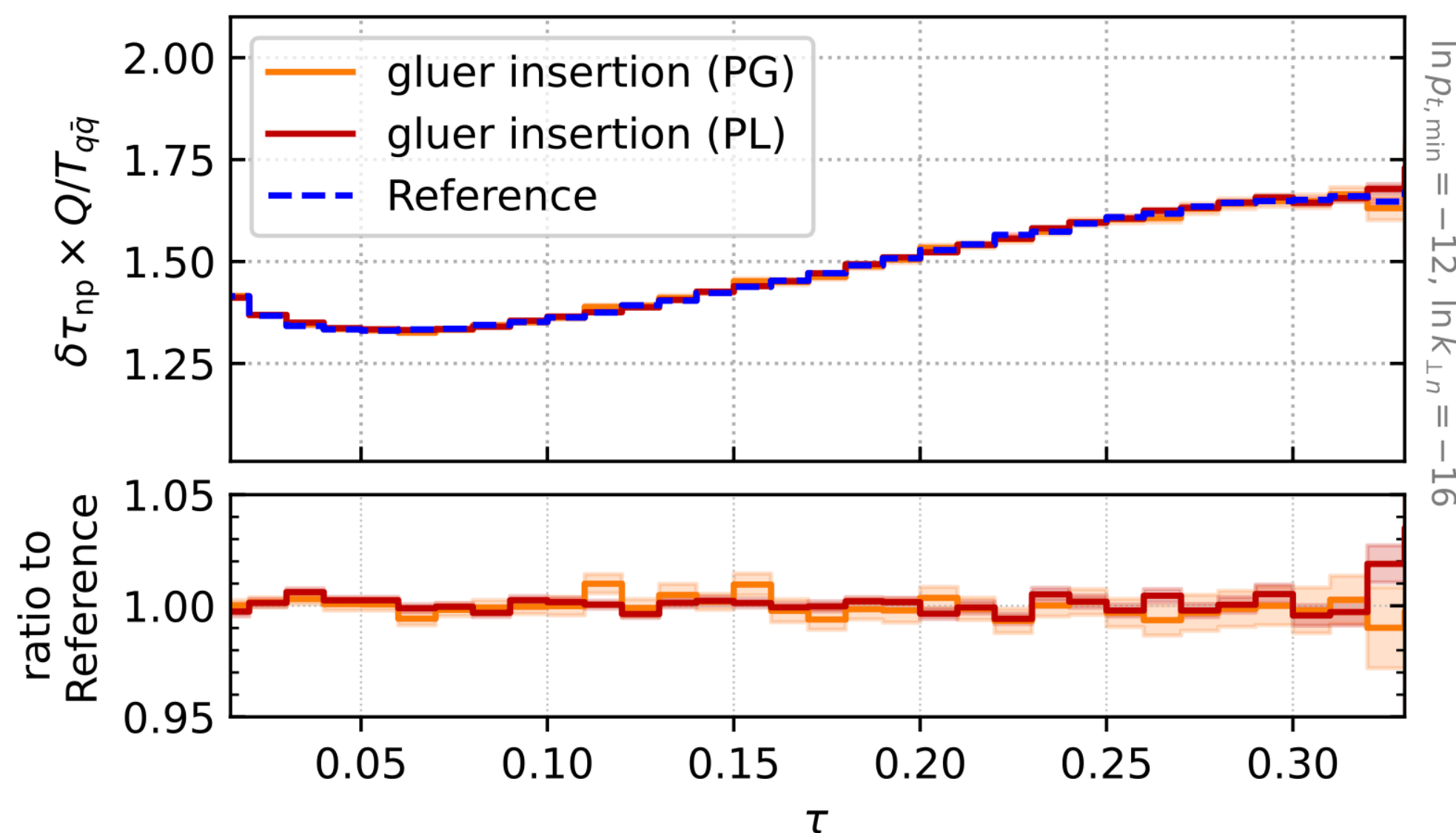
FIRST VALIDATION OF OUR METHODOLOGY

Non perturbative shift in the 3-jet region ($q\bar{q}g$ event) known in literature: reproduce it within Panscales.

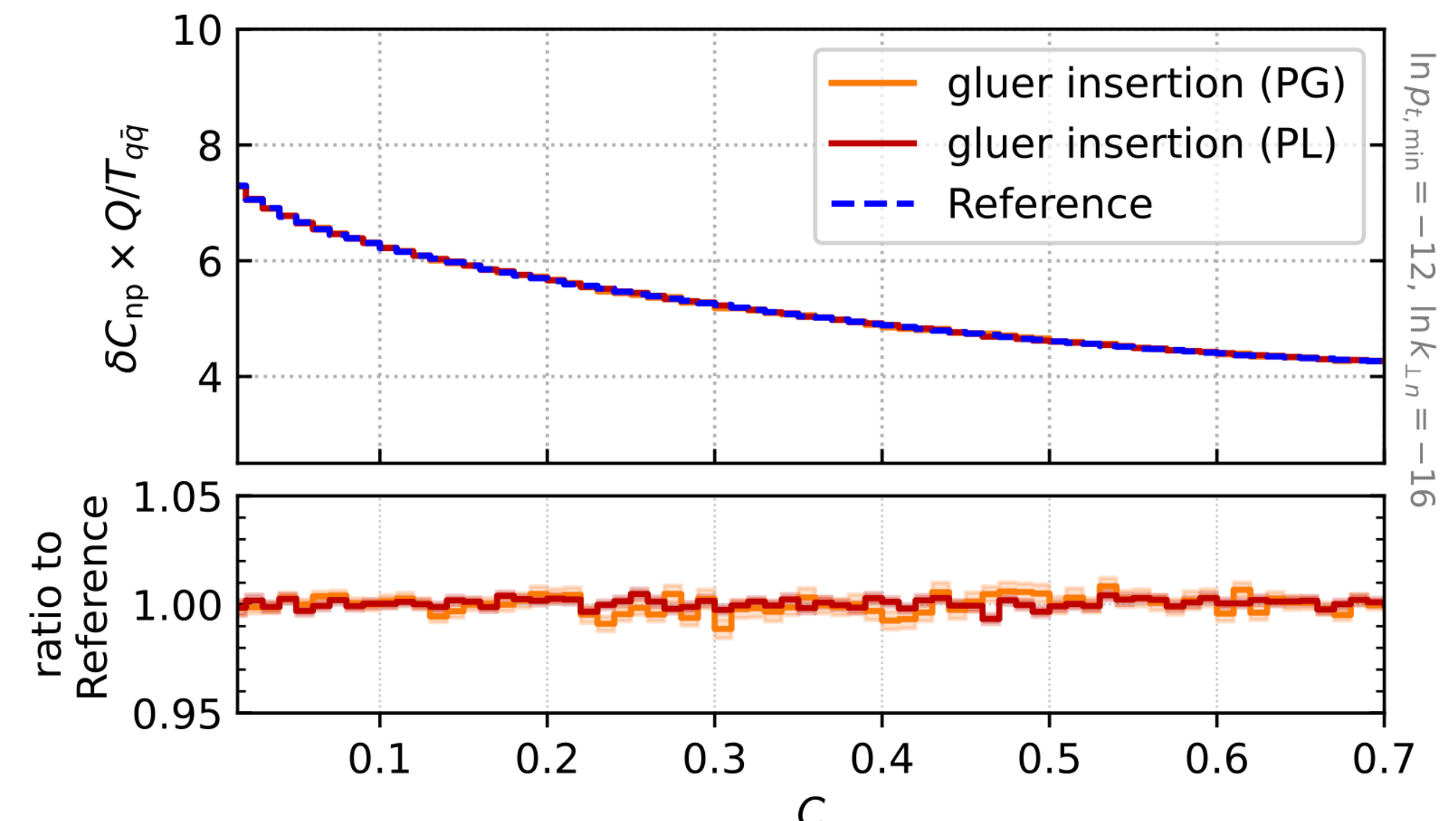
1. Generate a $q\bar{q}g$ event with the correct tree level ME.
2. Insert manually a soft gluer ($\ln k_{tn} = -16$).
3. Obtain the non-perturbative shift $\delta V = V(p_q, p_{\bar{q}}, p_g, k_n) - V_{qqg}(p_q, p_{\bar{q}}, p_g)$, and average over the gluer insertion.

Note: for these tests, we take the large- N_c limit.

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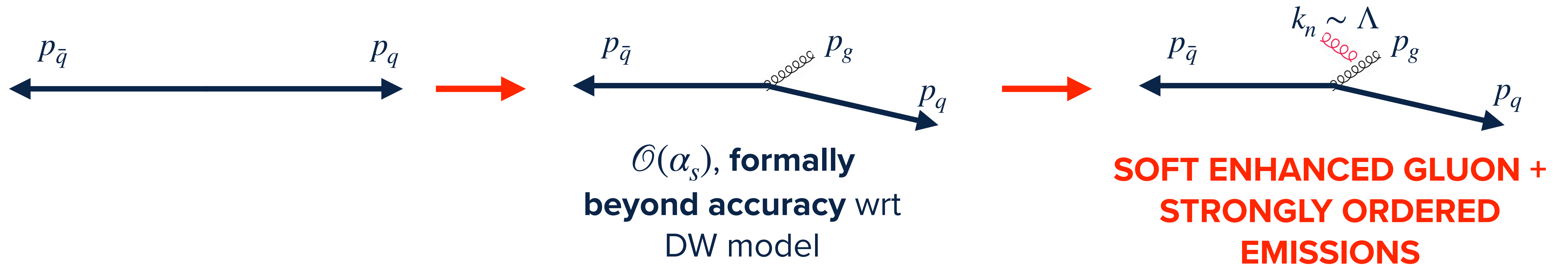
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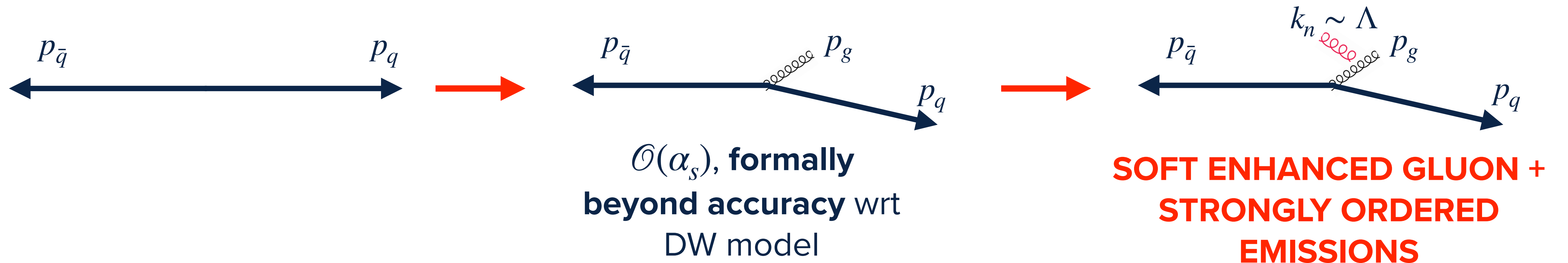
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The interplay between the soft emission and the gluon leads to a **large logarithmic correction governed by an anomalous dimension**.

Calculated in a semi-analytic way for Thrust and C-parameter:

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$$\sim \frac{\Lambda}{Q} \left(1 - \mathcal{S}_1 \alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{\Lambda} + \dots \right)$$

NUMERICAL PREDICTION OF \mathcal{S}_1

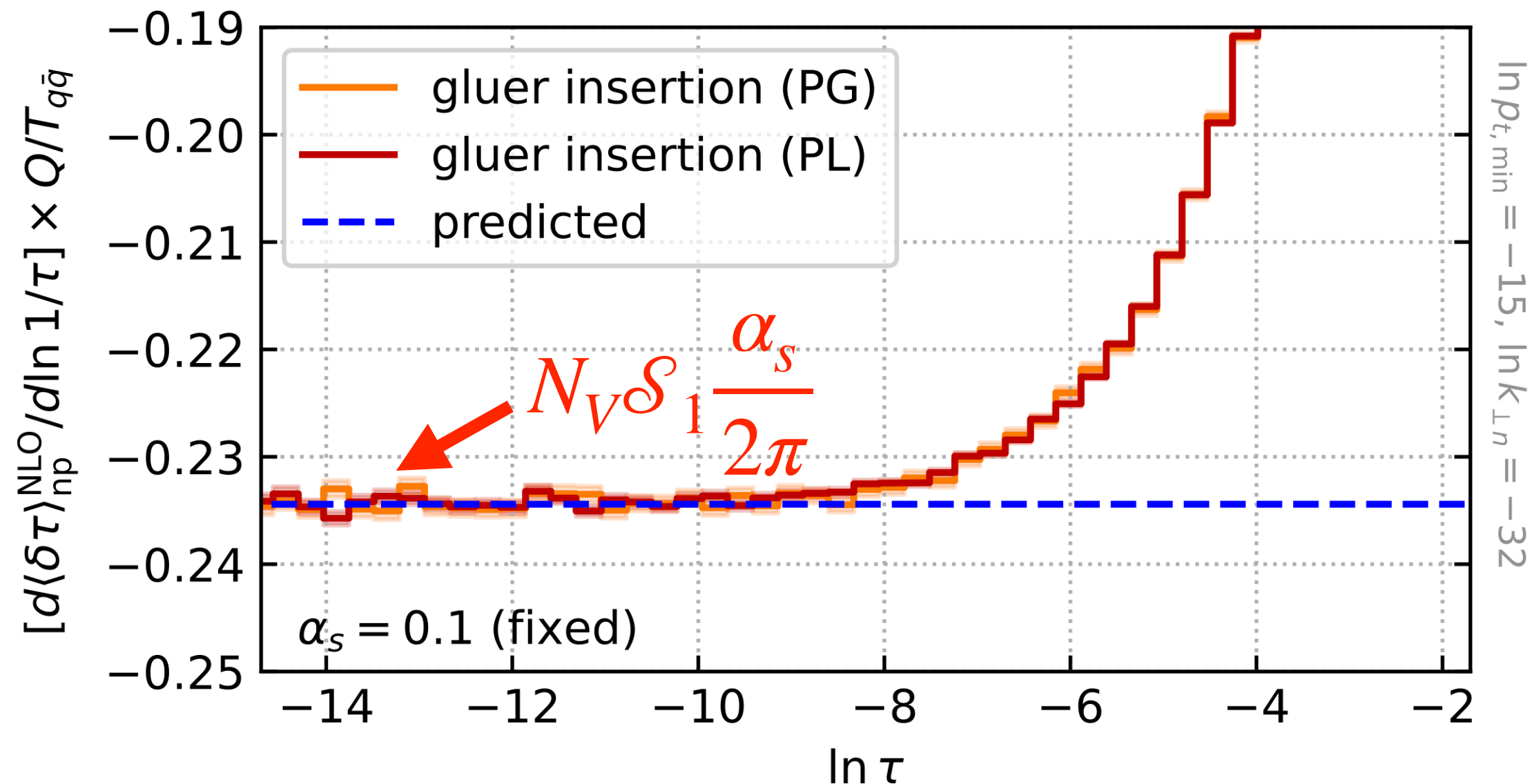
SECOND VALIDATION OF OUR METHODOLOGY

1. Generate a $q\bar{q}$ event and add a soft gluon sampled randomly by the shower algorithm ($\ln p_t^{\text{cut}} = -15$).
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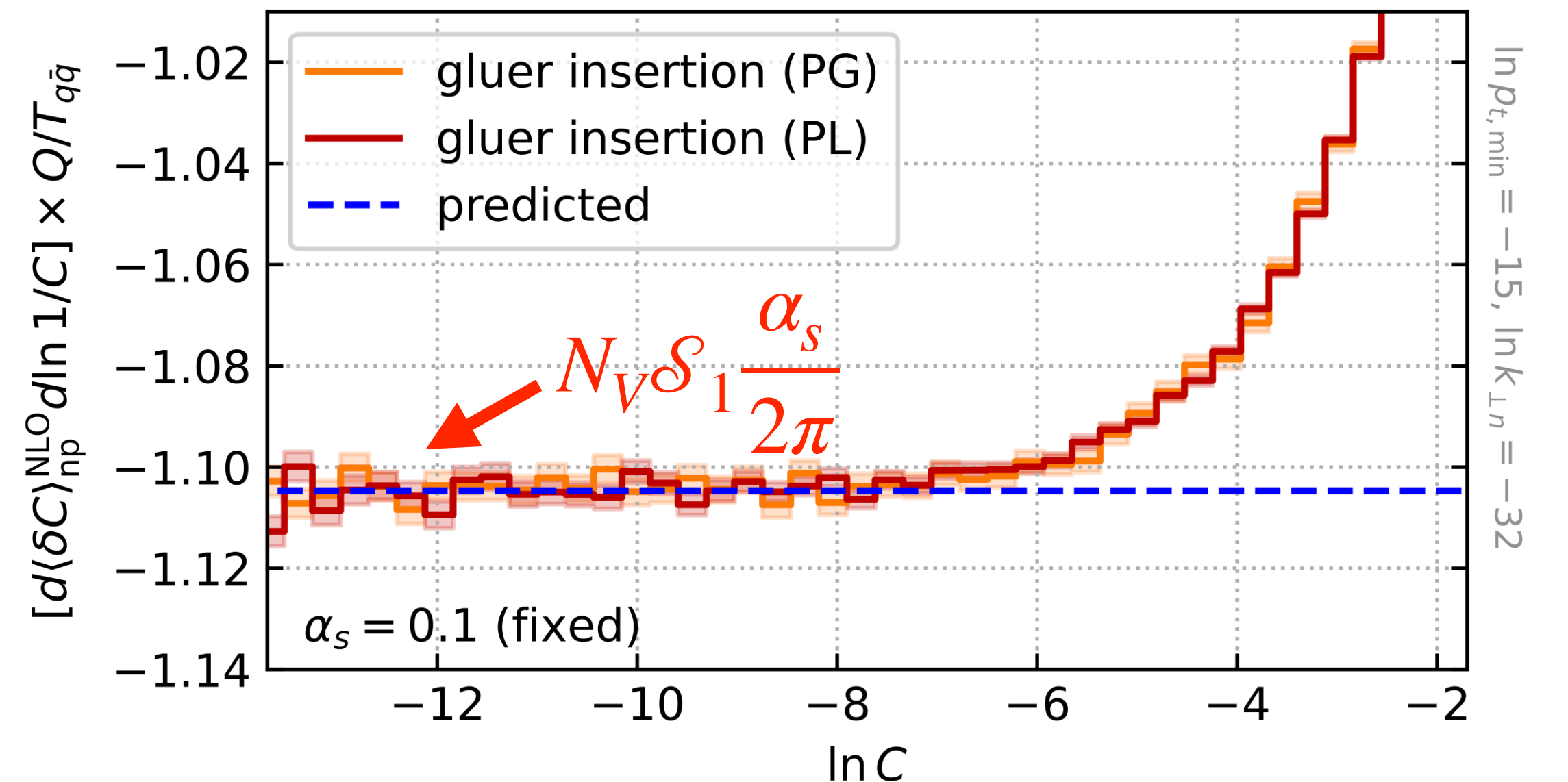
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THRUST



C-parameter



PREDICTED = [Dasgupta, Hounat 2024]

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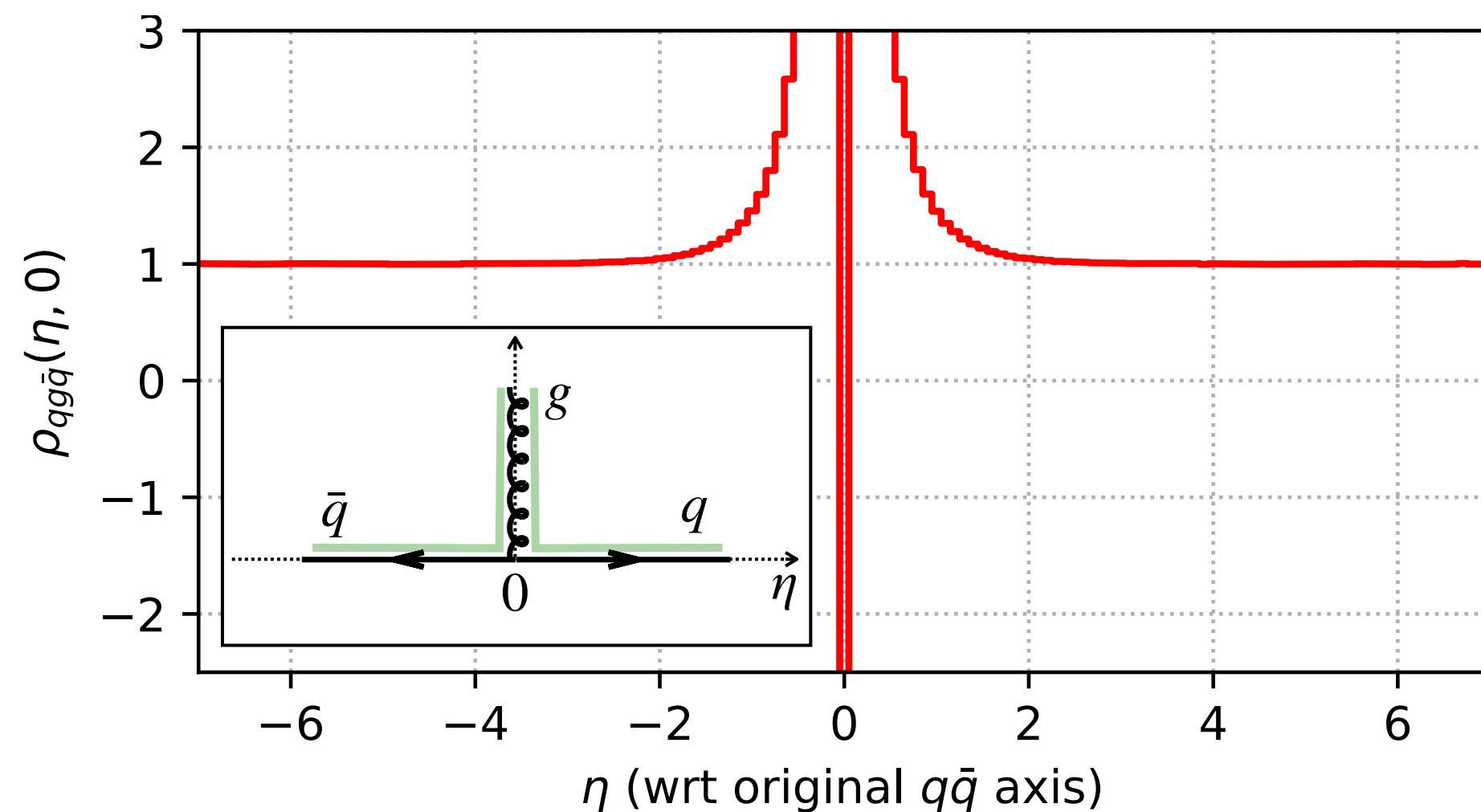
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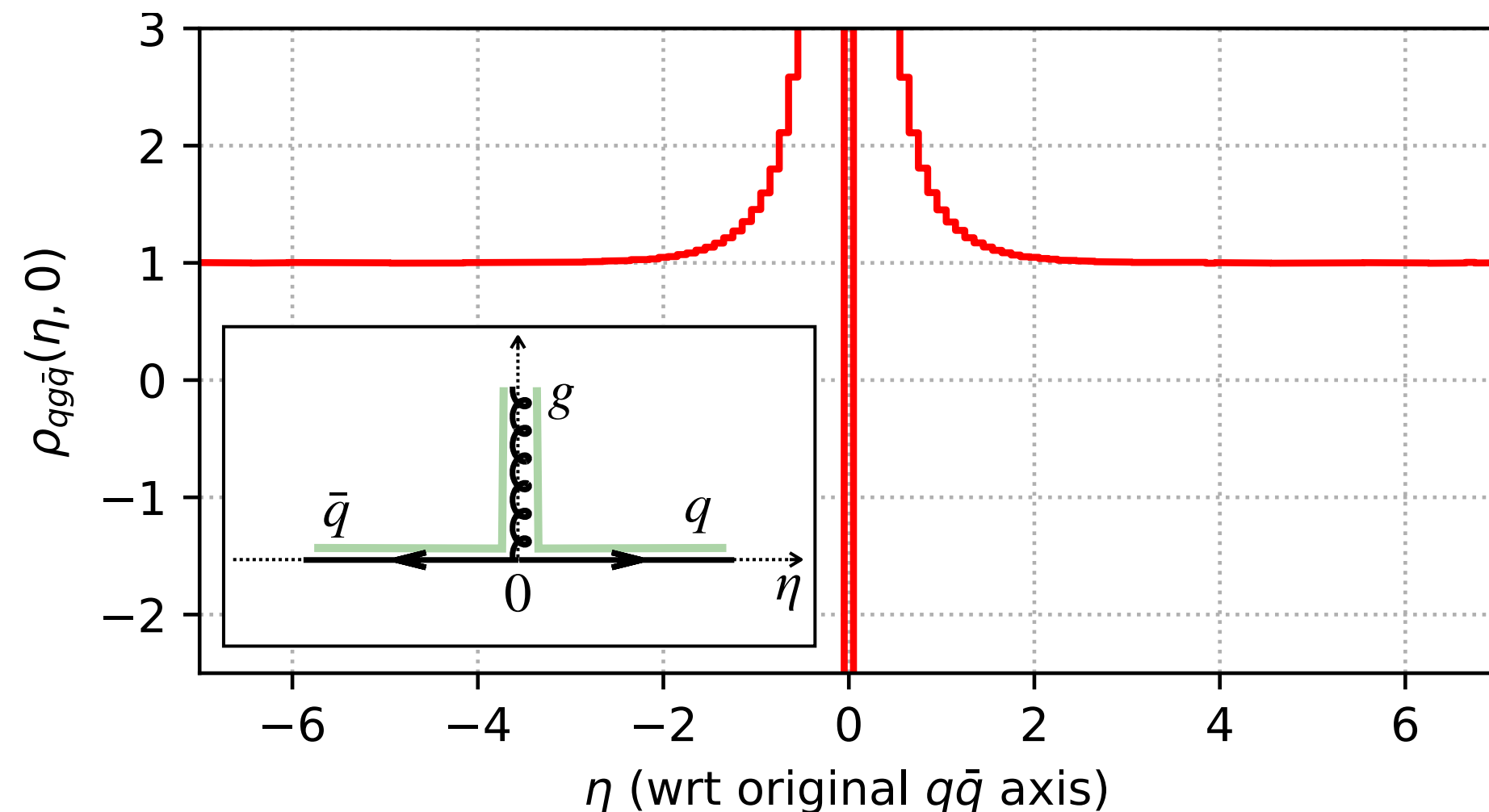
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integral over gluon kinematics real corrections virtual corrections

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$$\mathcal{R}^{\text{NLO}} = 1 - \lambda(Q, \mu_{\text{np}}) \frac{C_A \mathcal{S}_1}{2\pi} \quad \lambda(Q, \mu_{\text{np}}) = \int_{\mu_{\text{np}}}^Q \frac{dp_t}{p_t} \alpha_s(p_t) \quad \mathcal{S}_1 = 8(1 - \ln 2) \approx 2.4548226$$

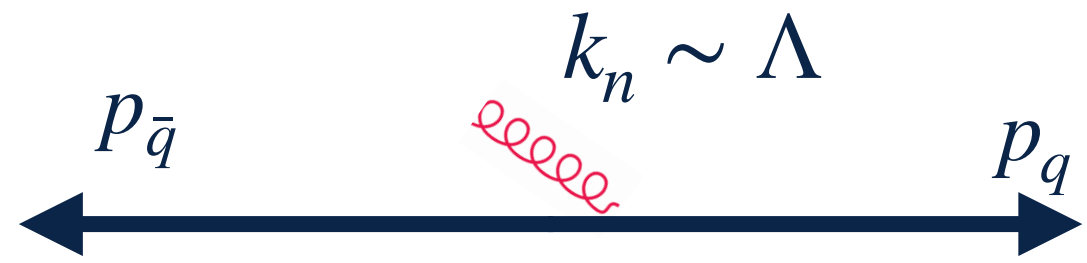
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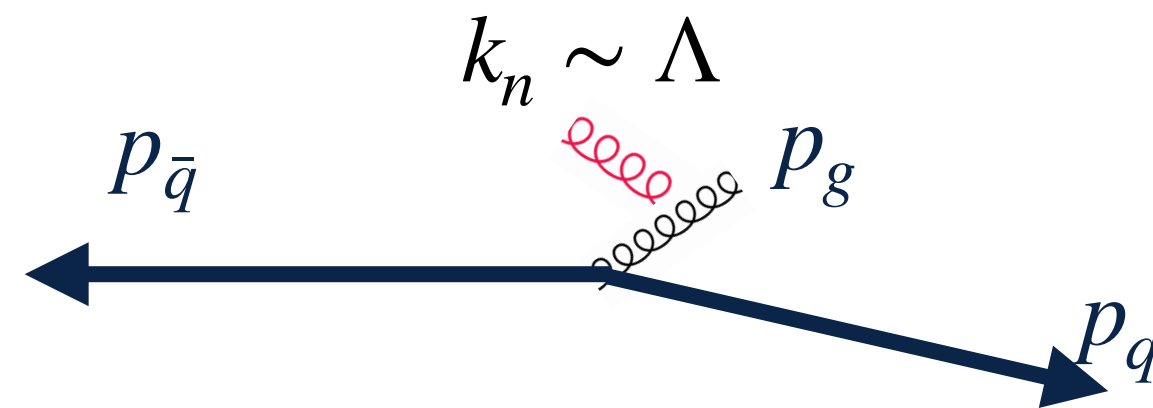
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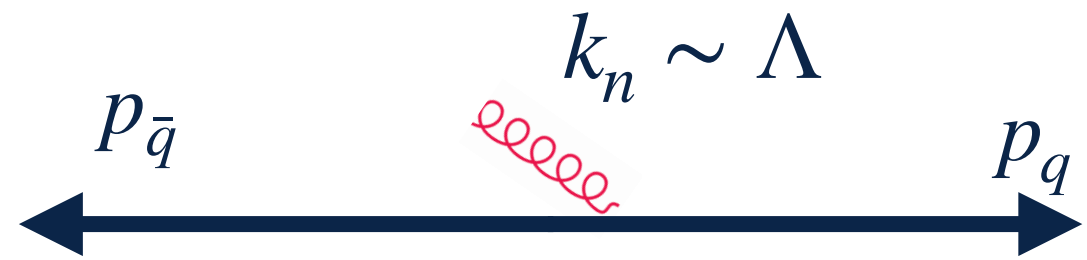
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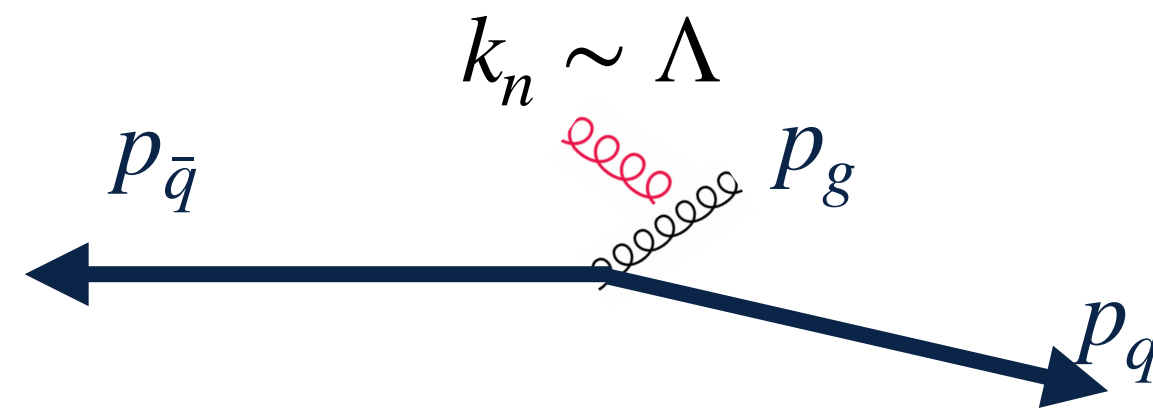
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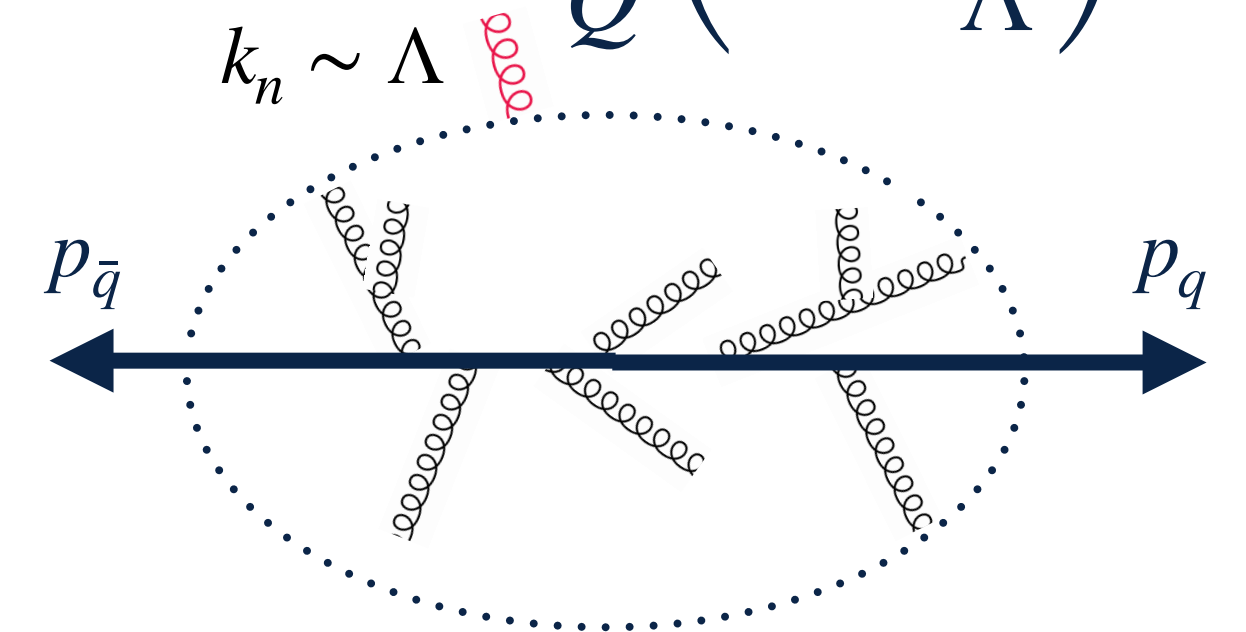


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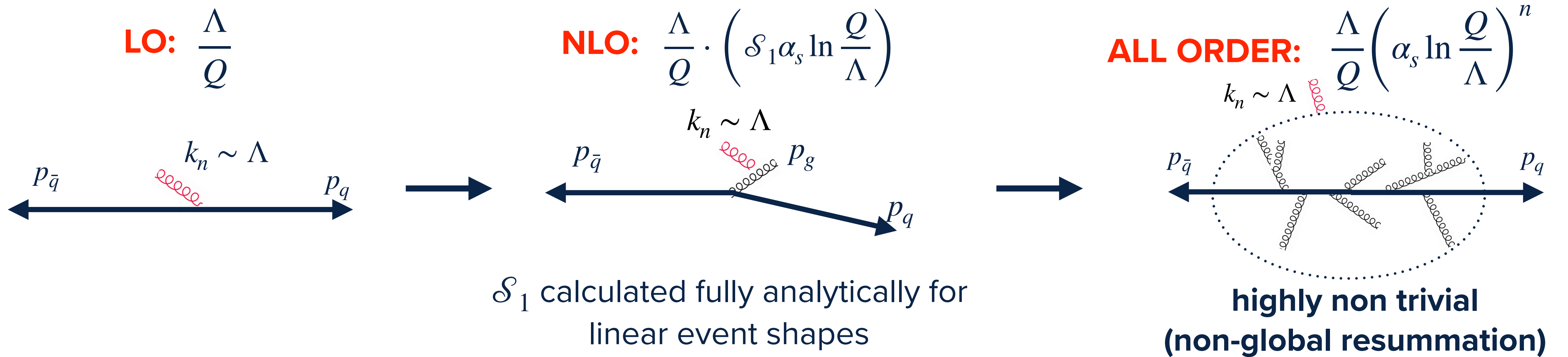
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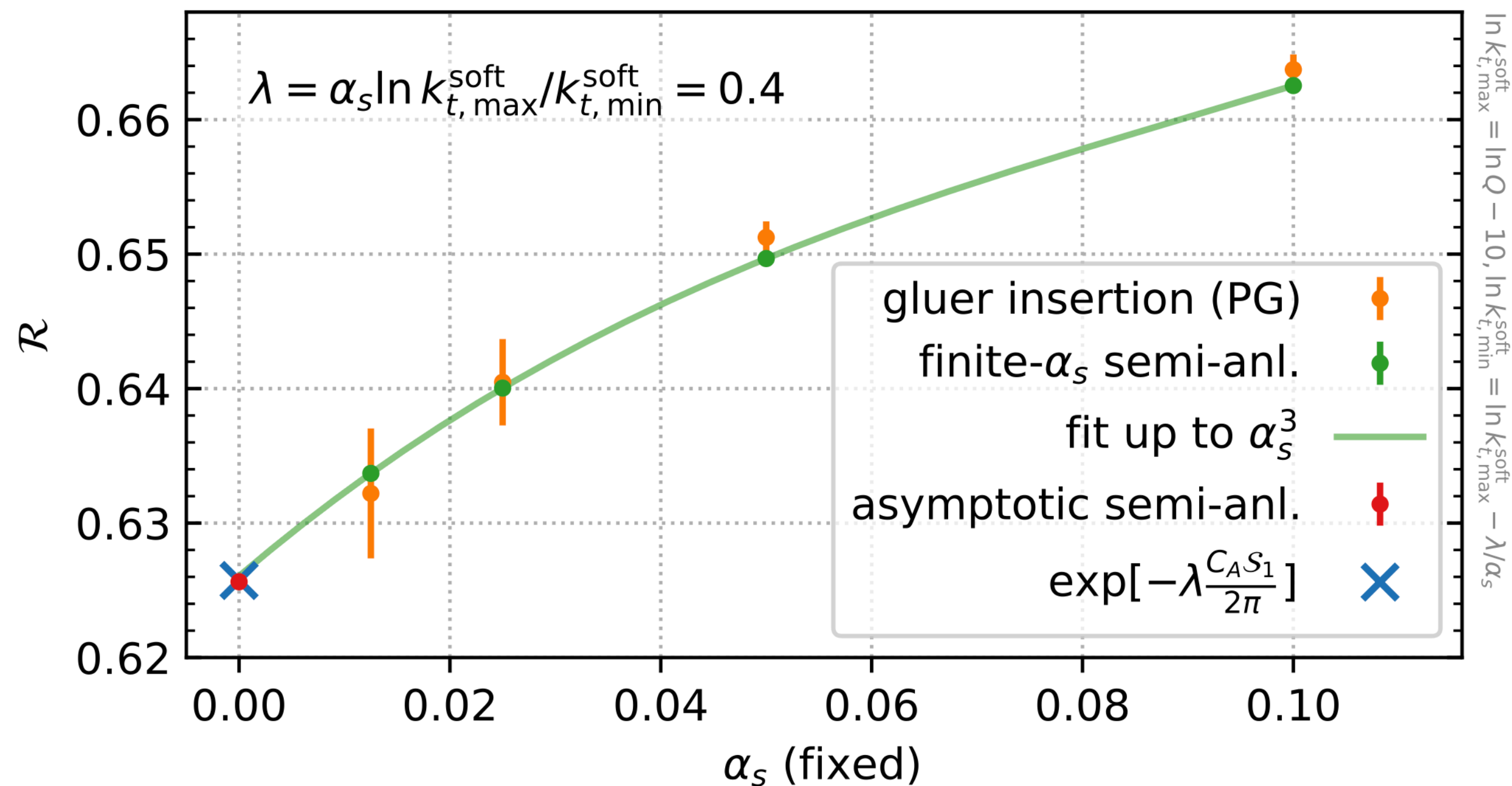
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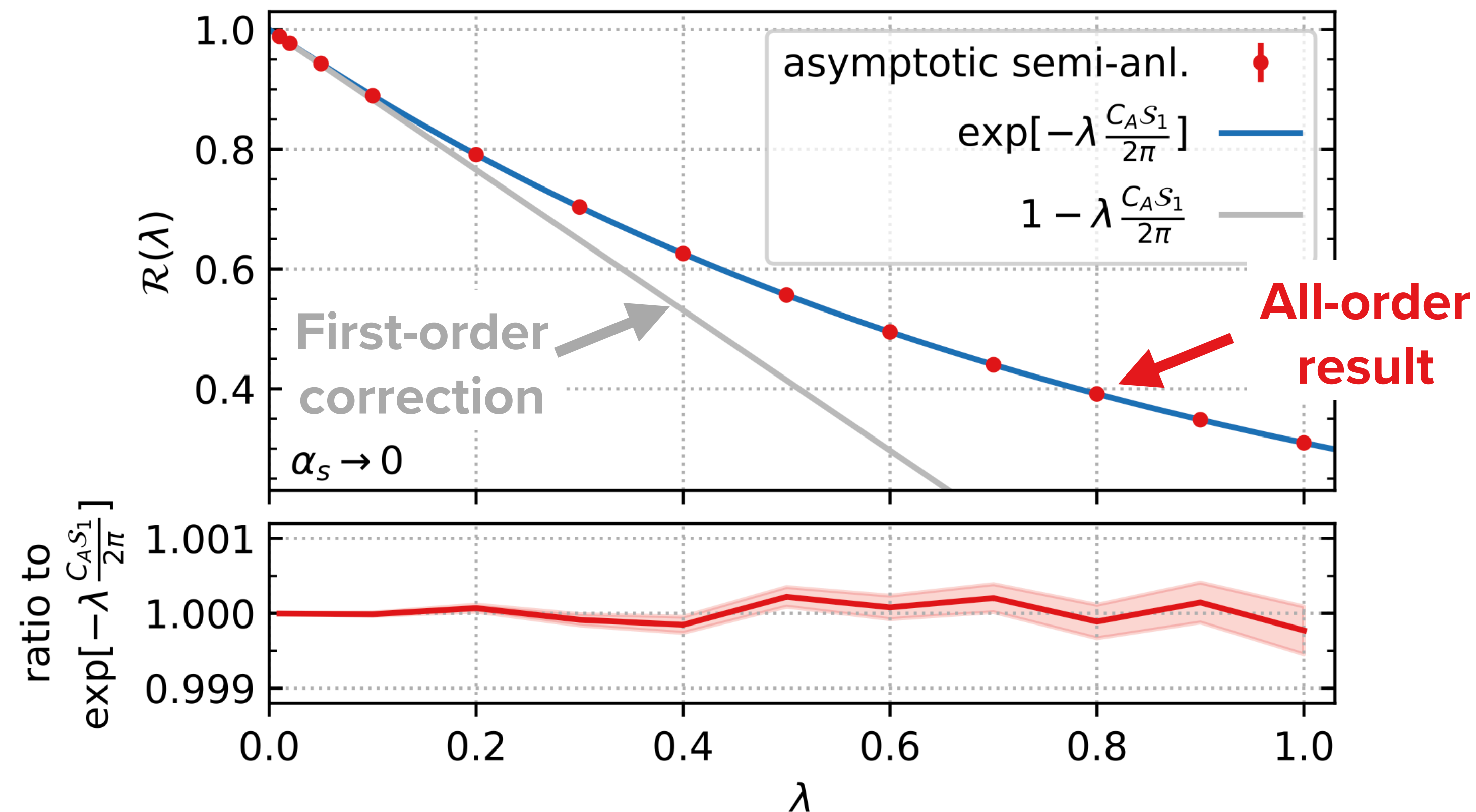
Like green but running the shower in an asymptotic regime with $\alpha_s \sim 10^{-9}$

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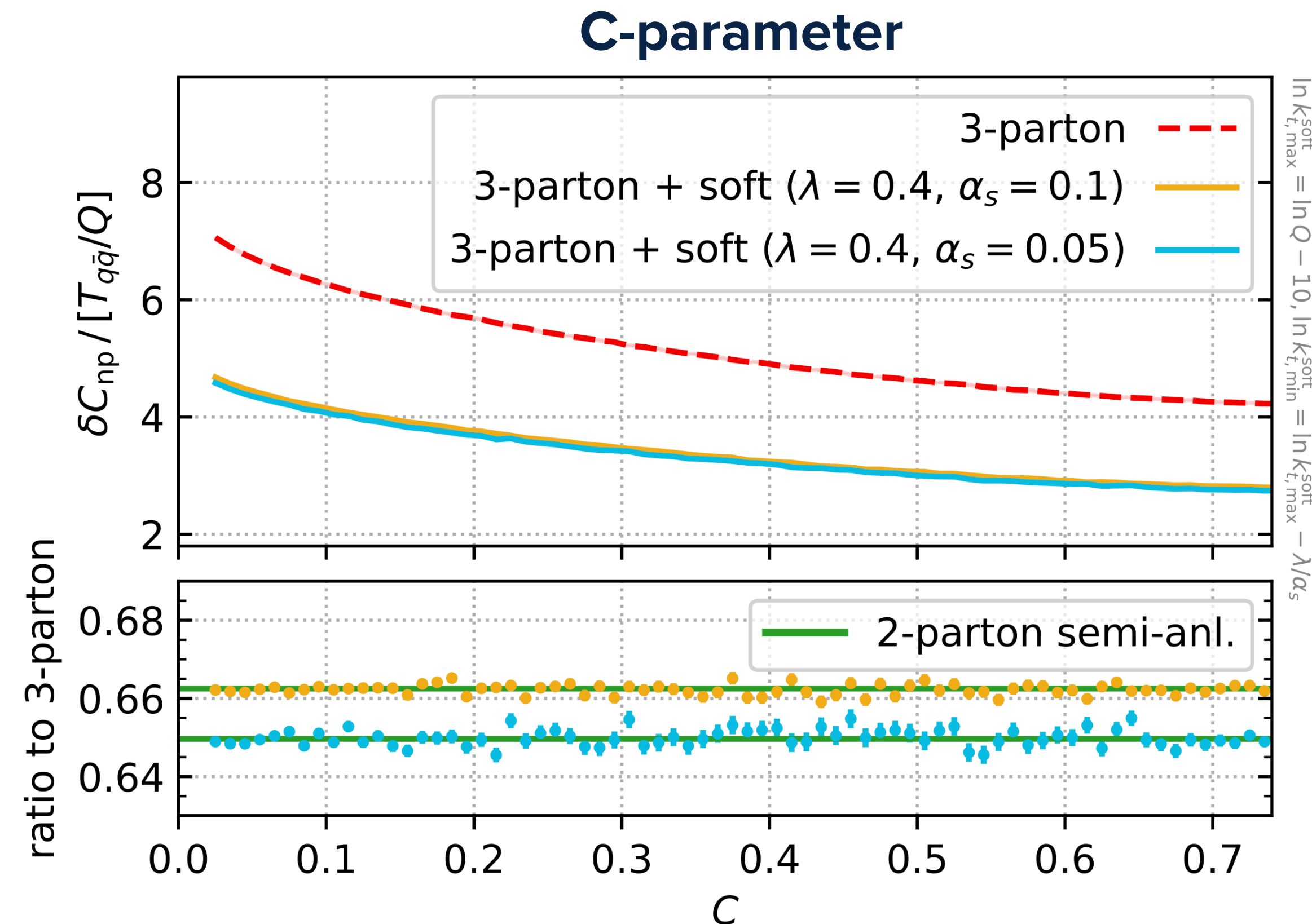


UNIVERSALITY ACROSS THE SPECTRUM

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1. Generate a hard $q\bar{q}g$ event with the correct tree level ME
2. Add a shower of soft gluons
3. Insert in the full event a soft gluer

The expected value is the 2-jet result at the corresponding λ and (fixed) α_s .



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A natural question arises: do these effects reflect the behaviour of hadronisation models?

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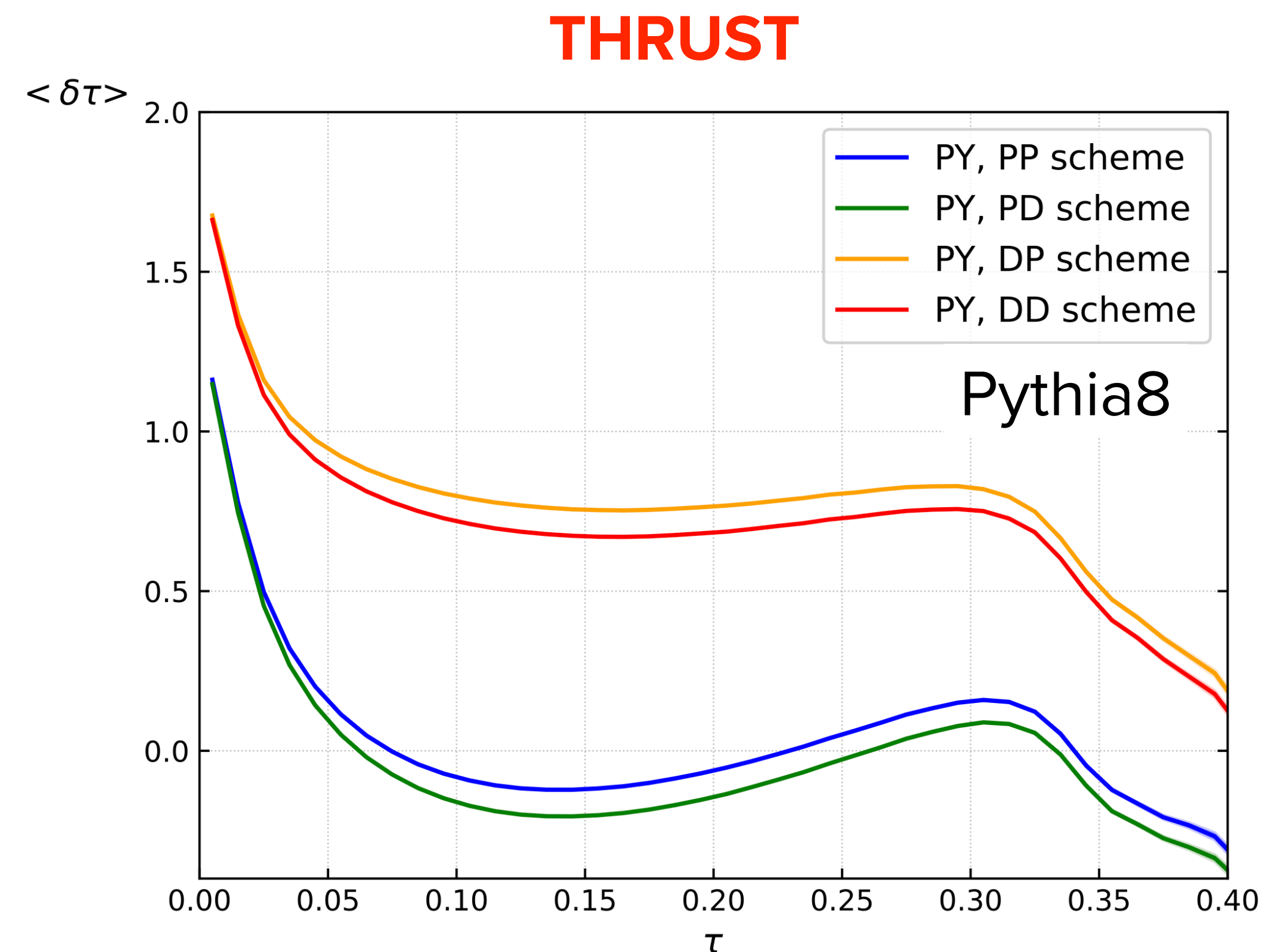
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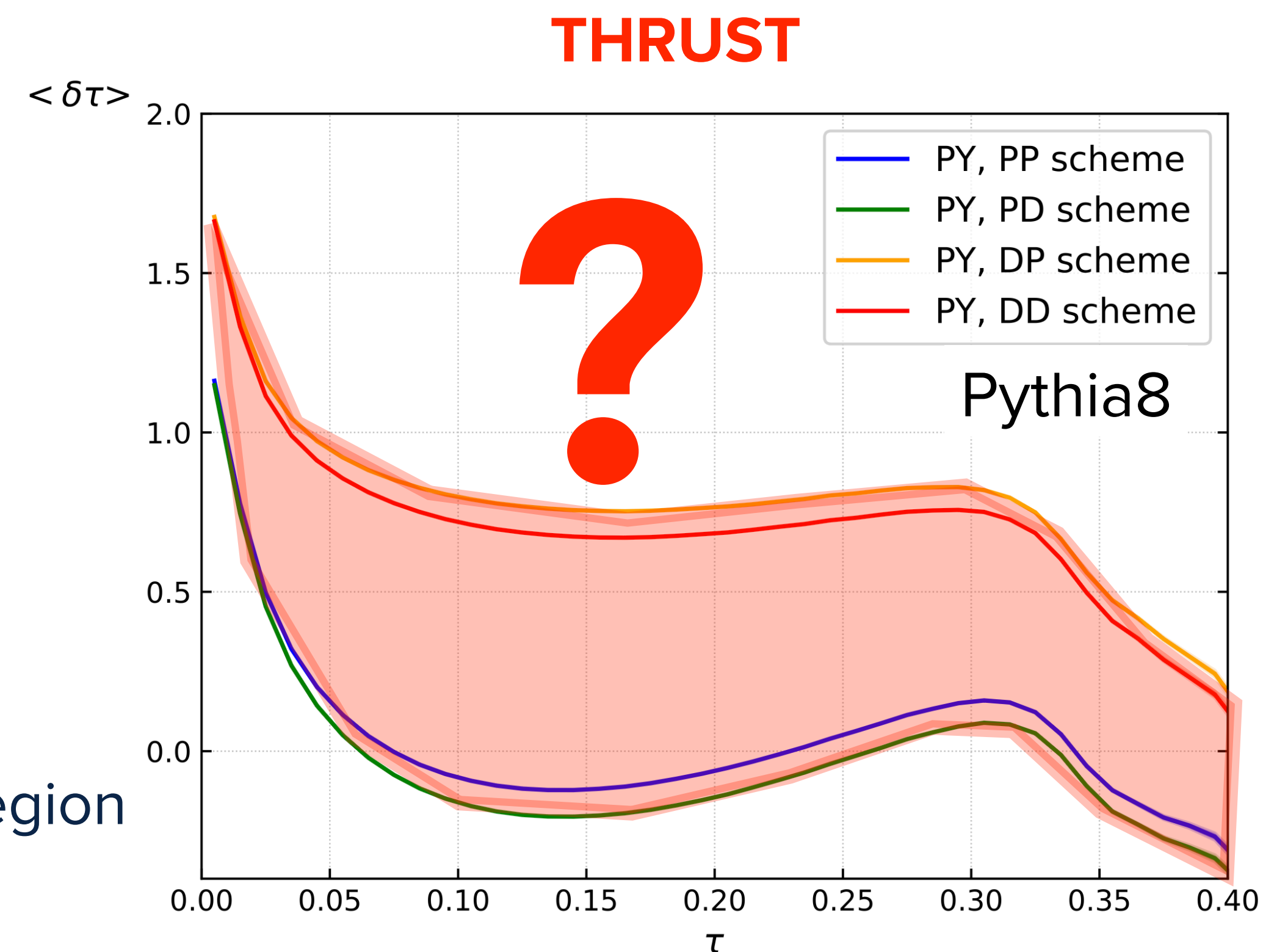
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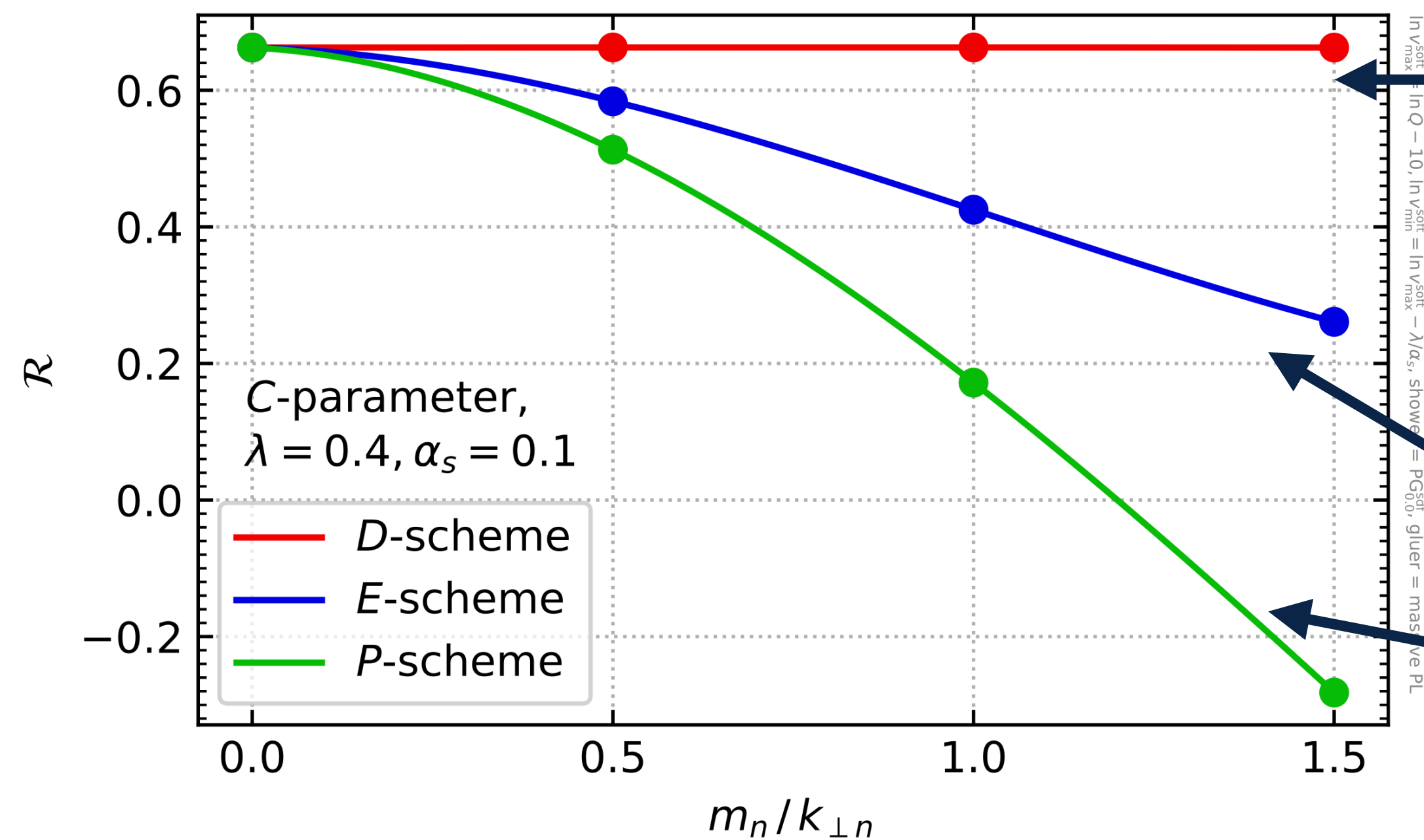
The choice of the scheme is ambiguous, because they all agree in the massless limit, but it induces large differences in the result!

This is the largest uncertainty (1.7%) in a fit of α_s in the 3-jet region
[Nason, Zanderighi 2501.18173]



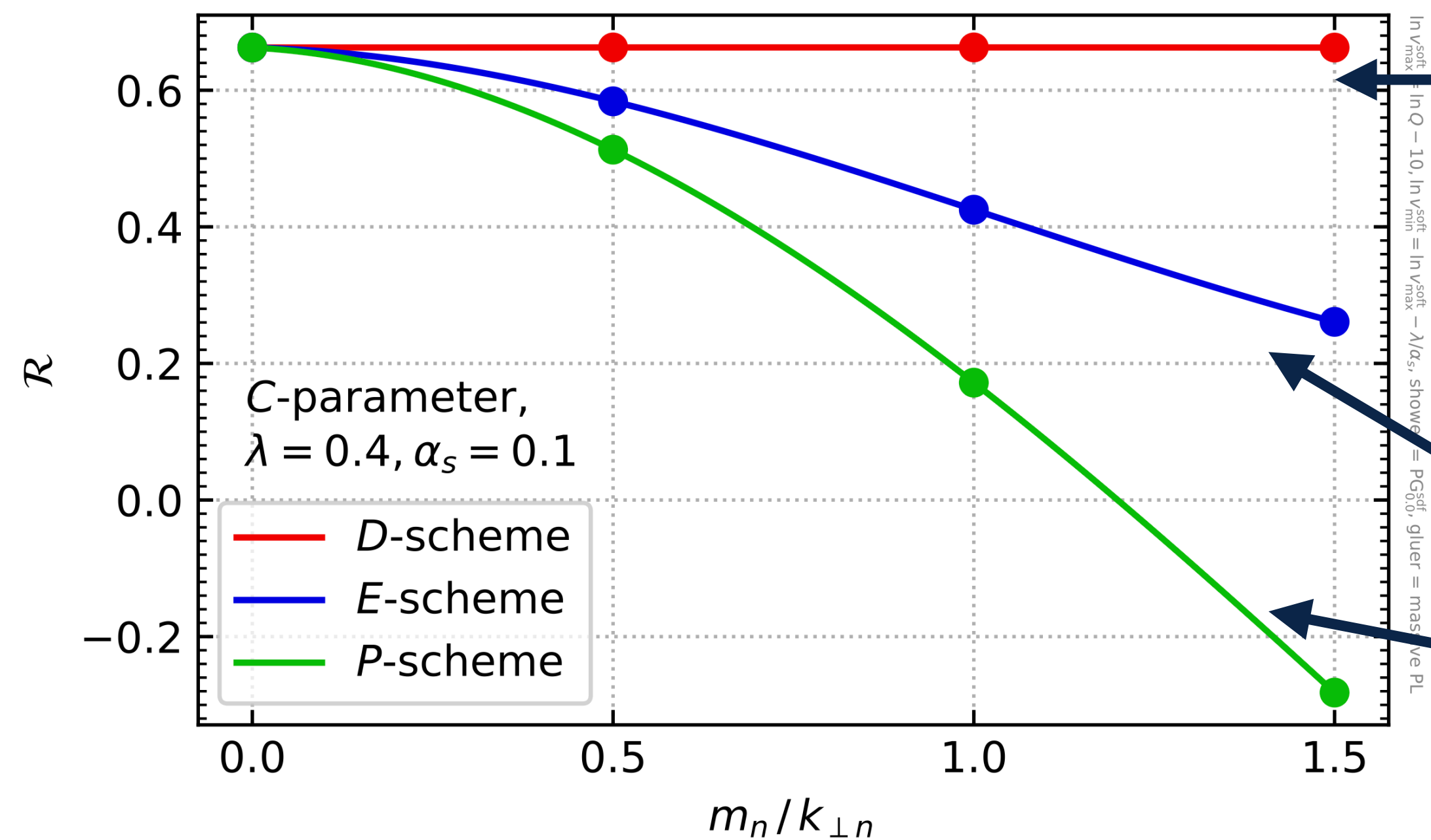
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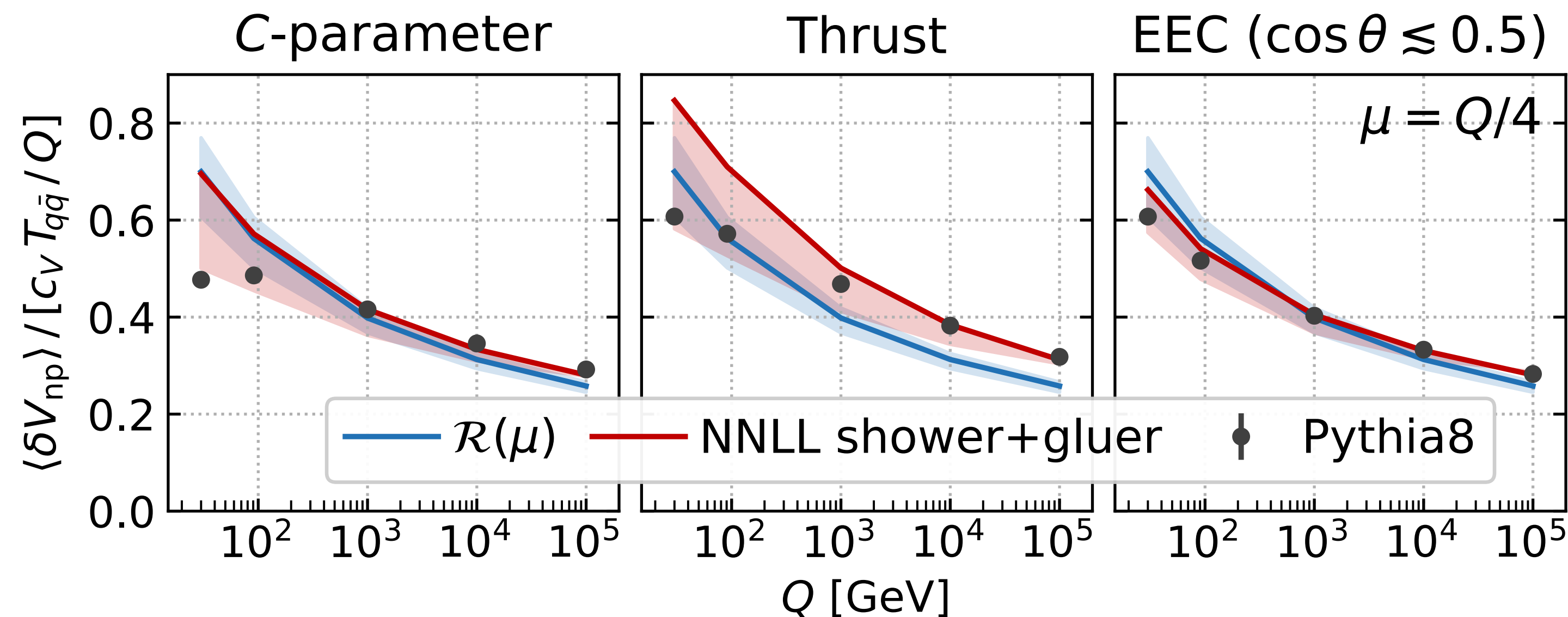
Strong dependence on additional non-perturbative parameters, other than $T_{q\bar{q}}$.

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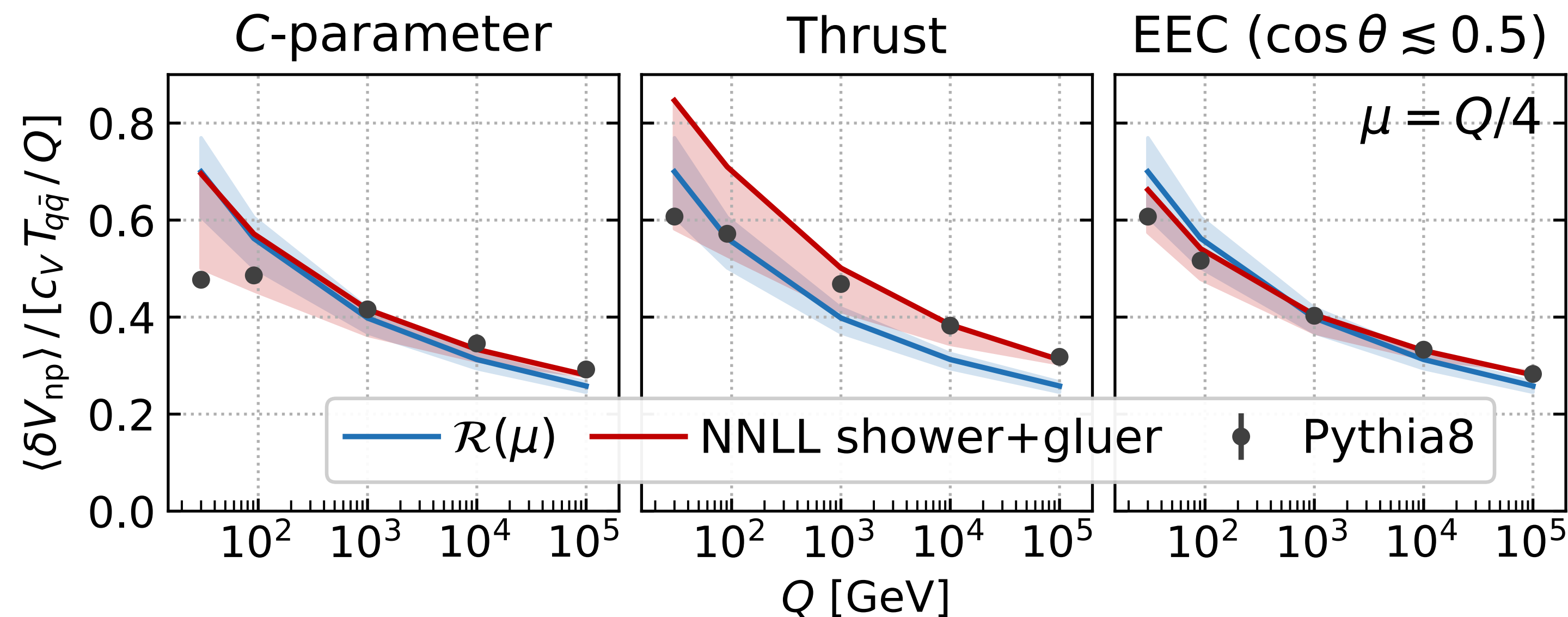
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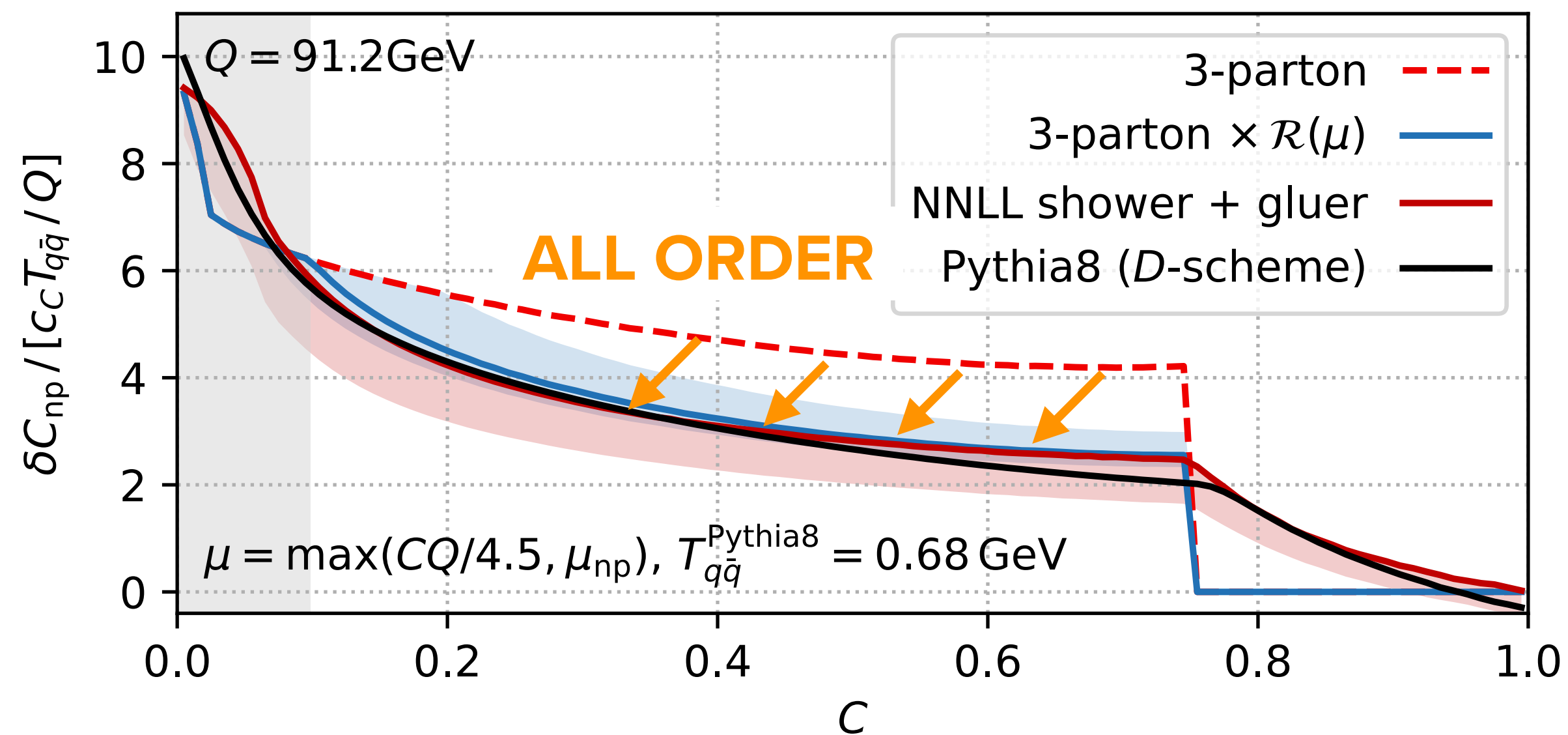


- Overall **good agreement in the entire spectrum** for all observables.
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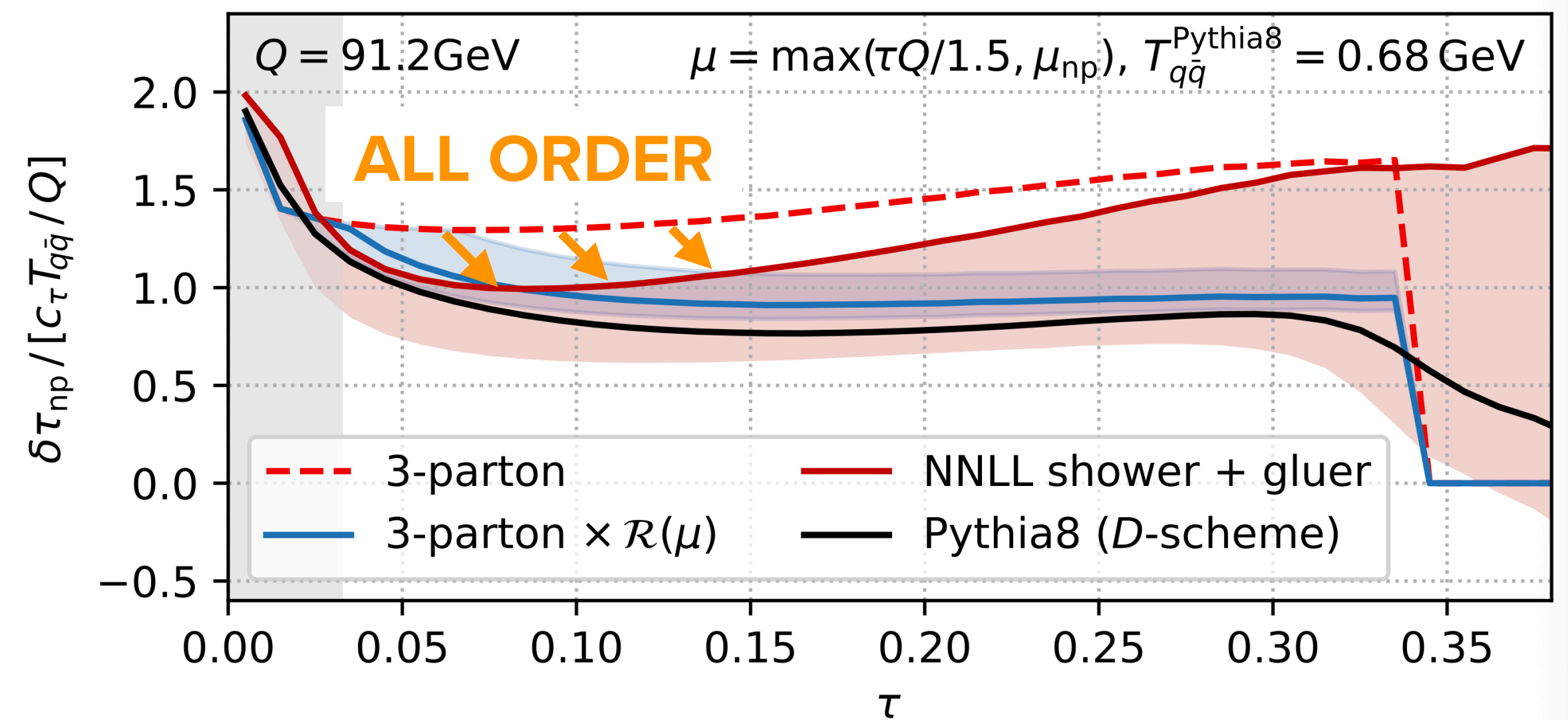
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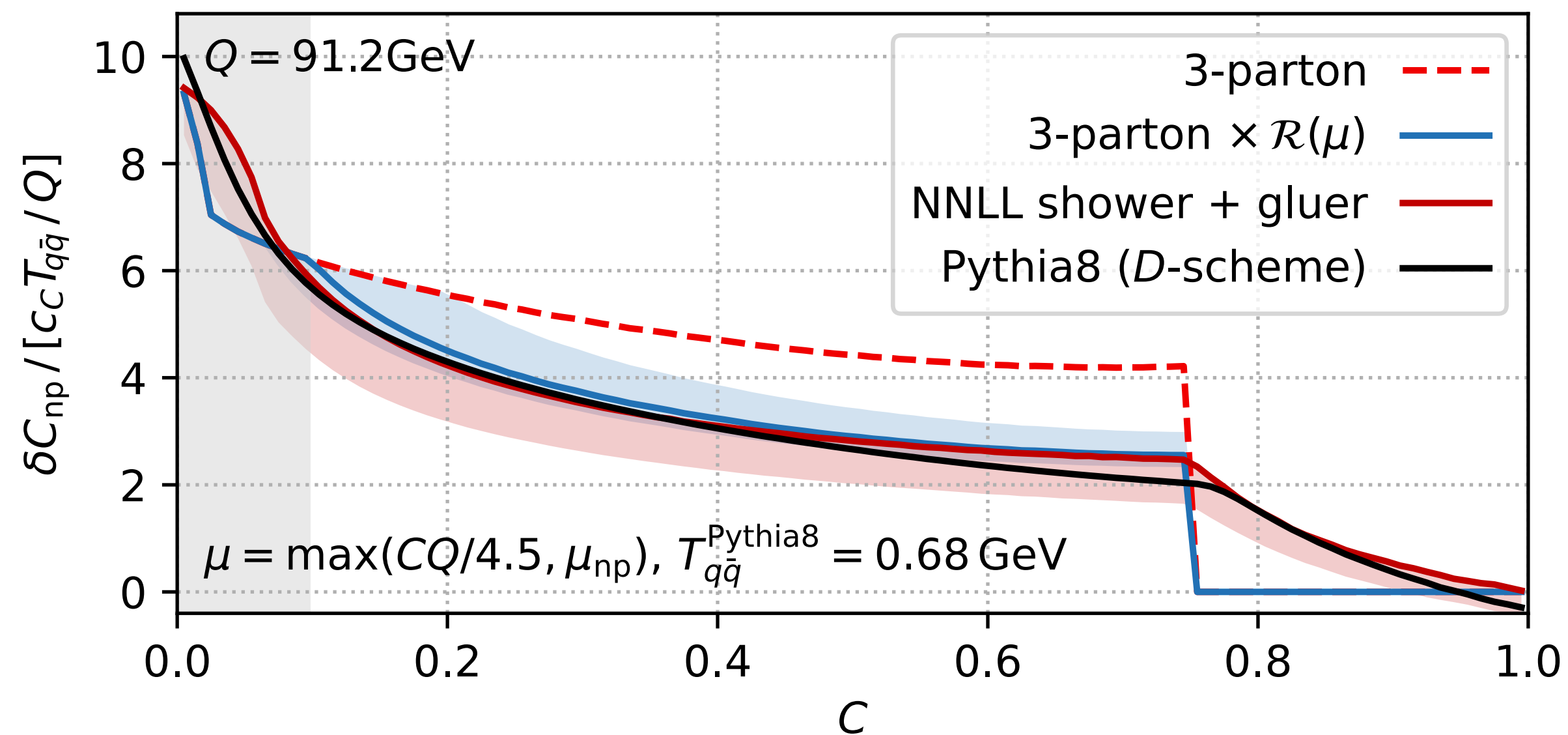


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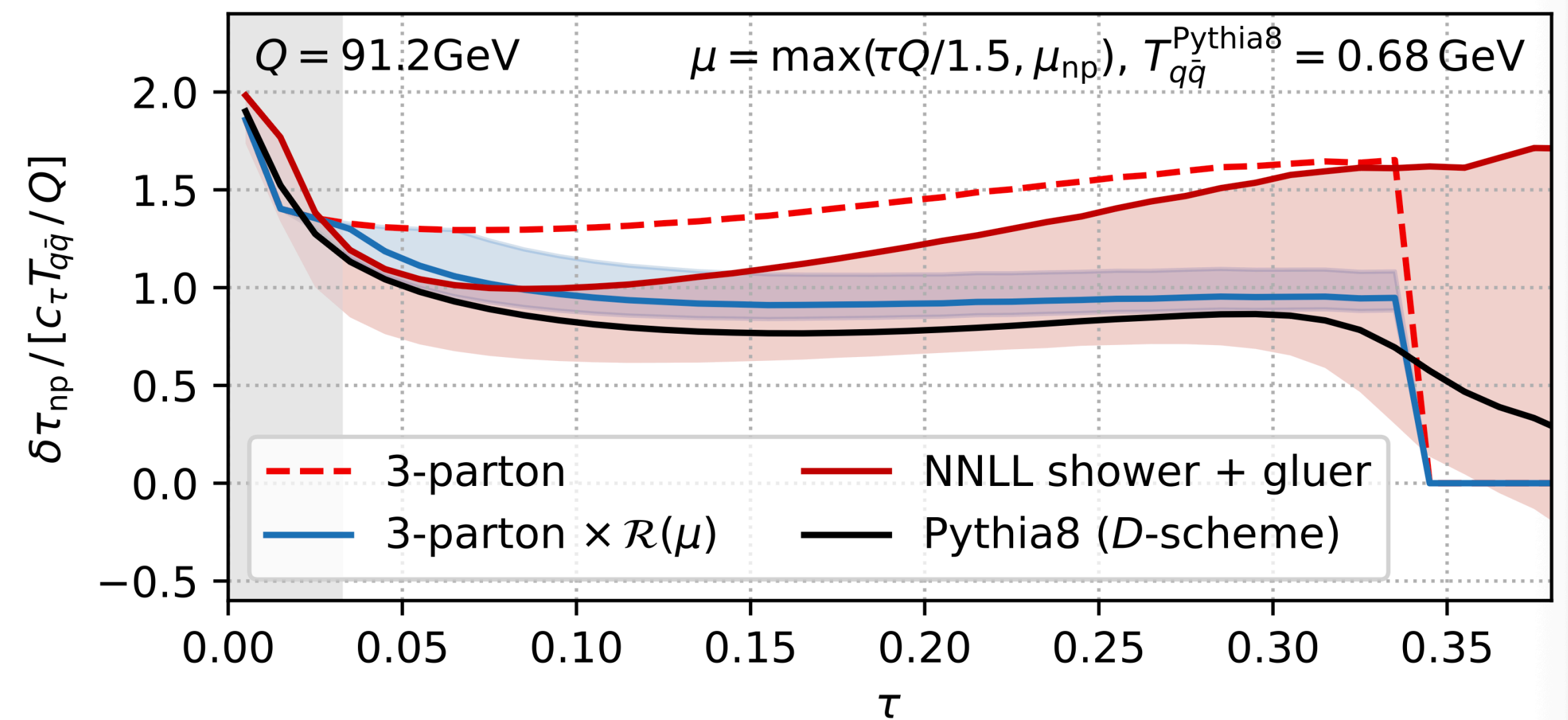
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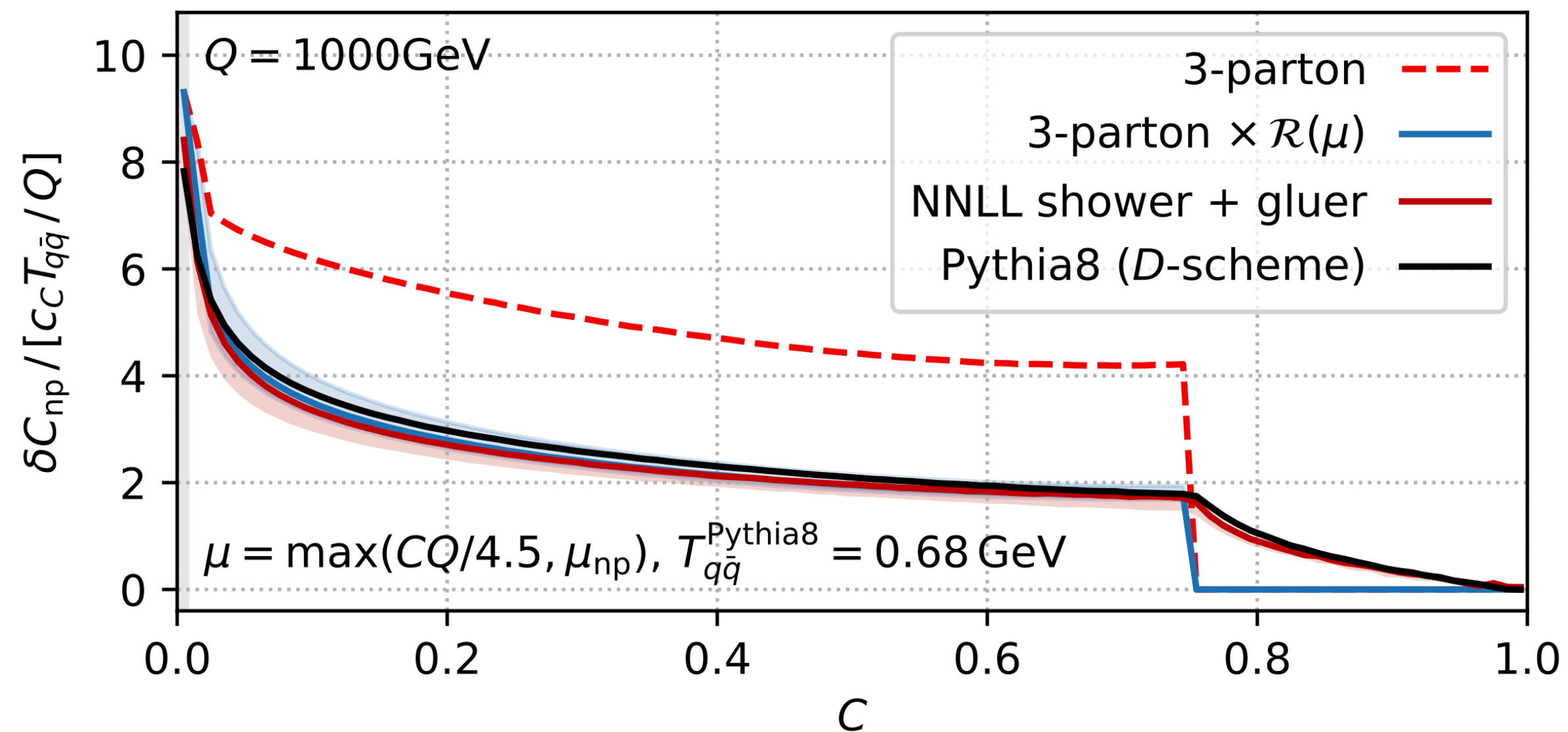


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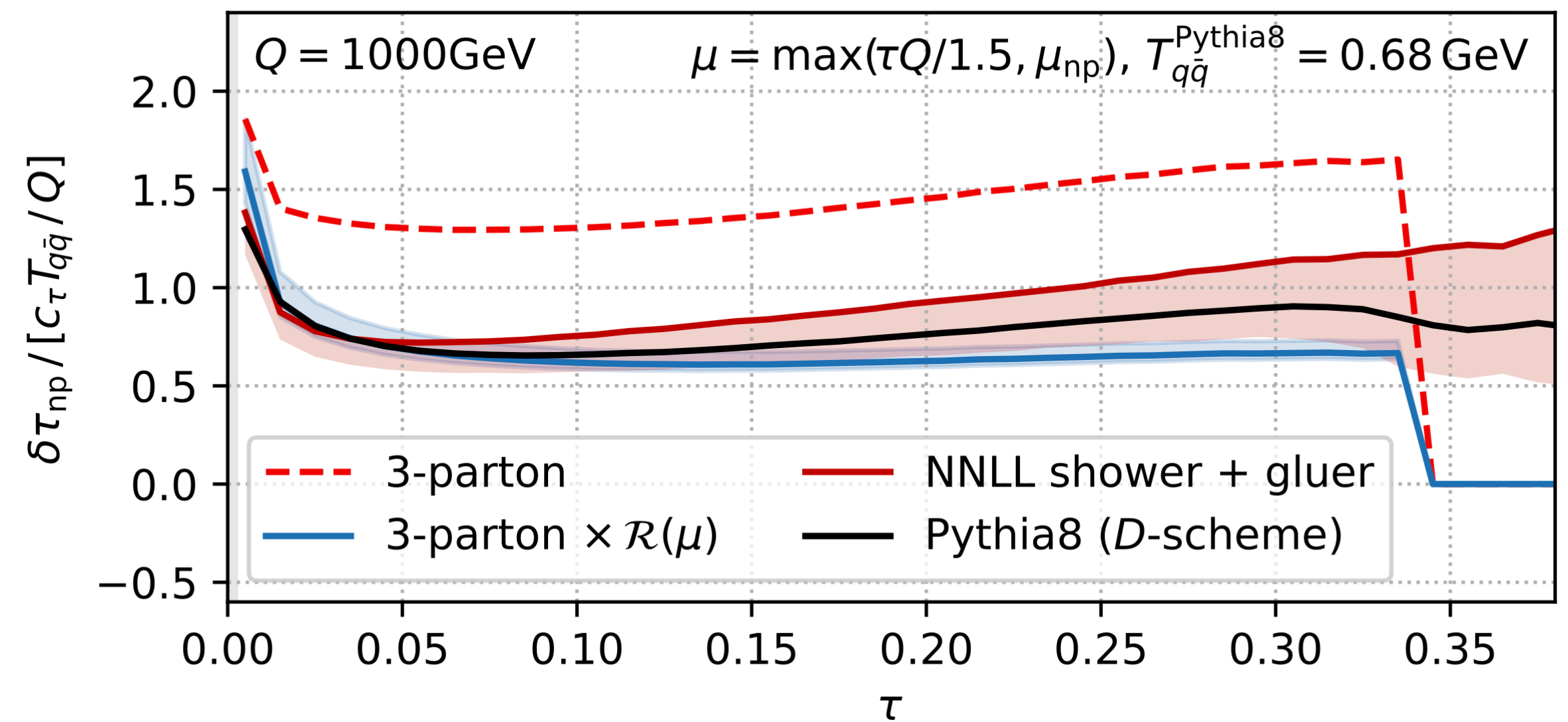
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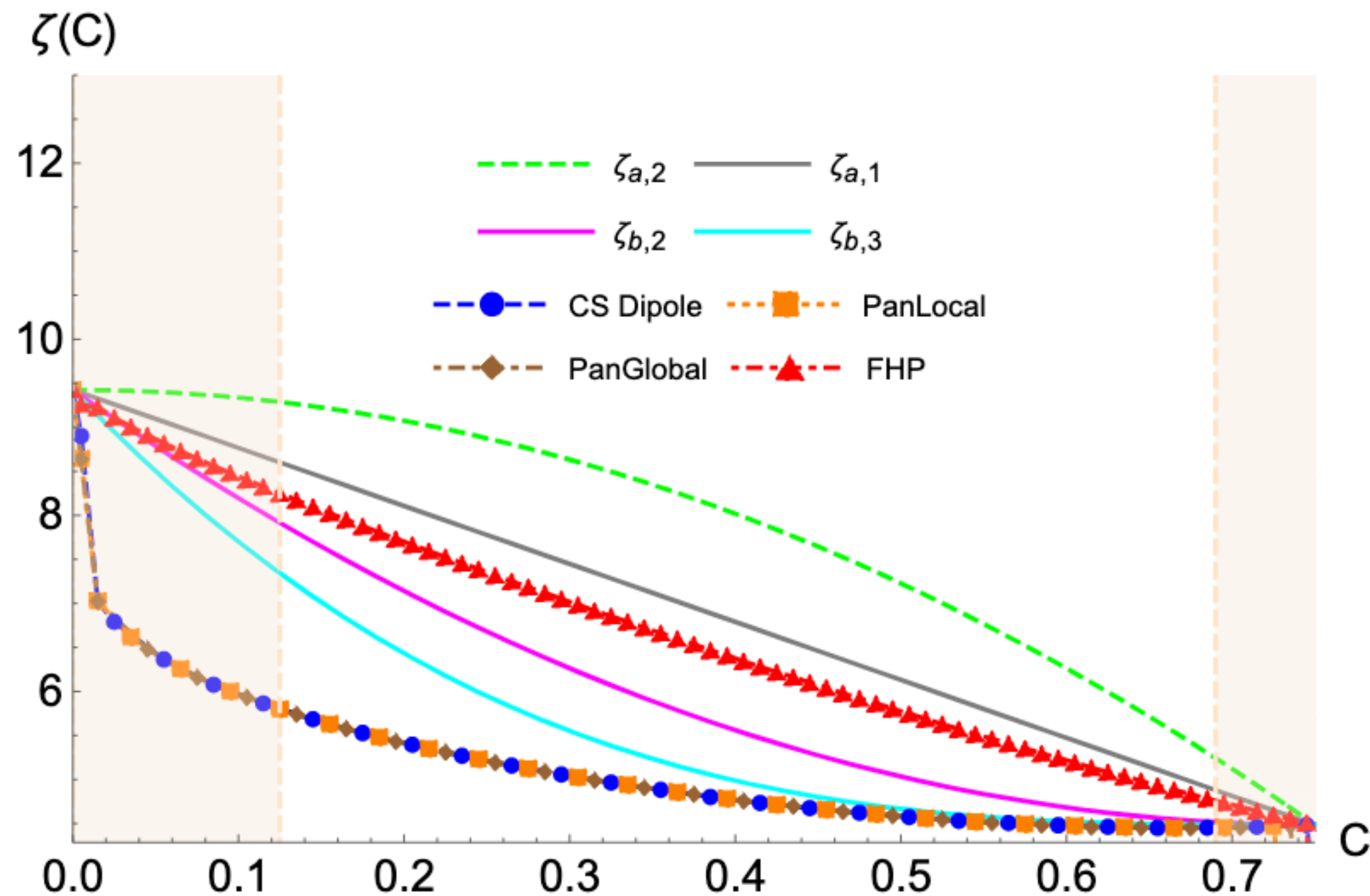
Many developments are possible:

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- What's the impact of our findings in a fit of α_s ?
- Can we obtain an analytic understanding of the comparison with Pythia8?
- Can we learn something more on the analytics behind hadronisation? Can we constrain hadronisation models?

BACKUP

IMPACT OF MAPPINGS

The calculation of the non perturbative shift associated to a gluer emission requires a recoil scheme to enforce energy-momentum conservation. What is the impact of this choice on our result?



Same results for mappings in which the longitudinal recoil is kept local within the dipole

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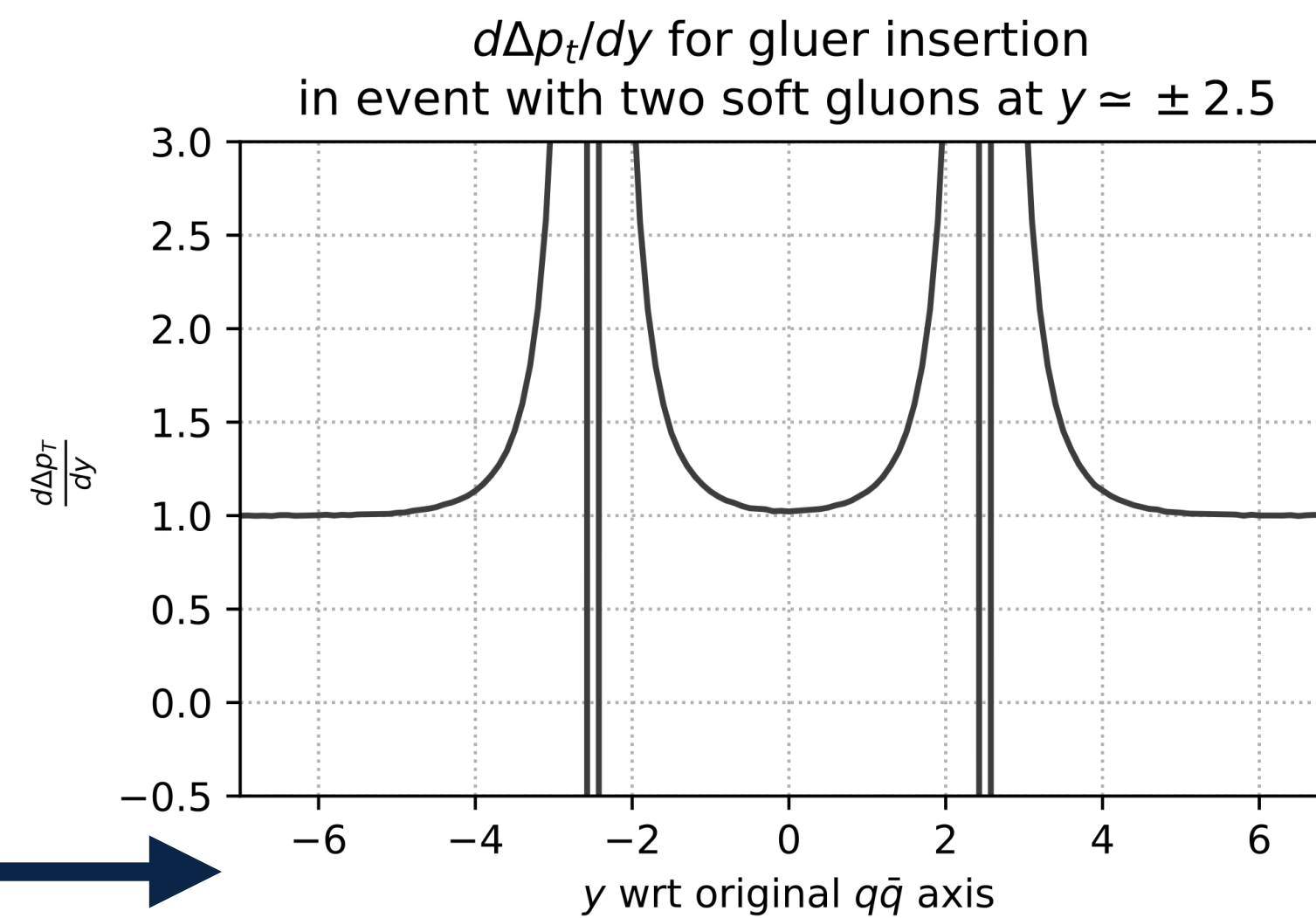
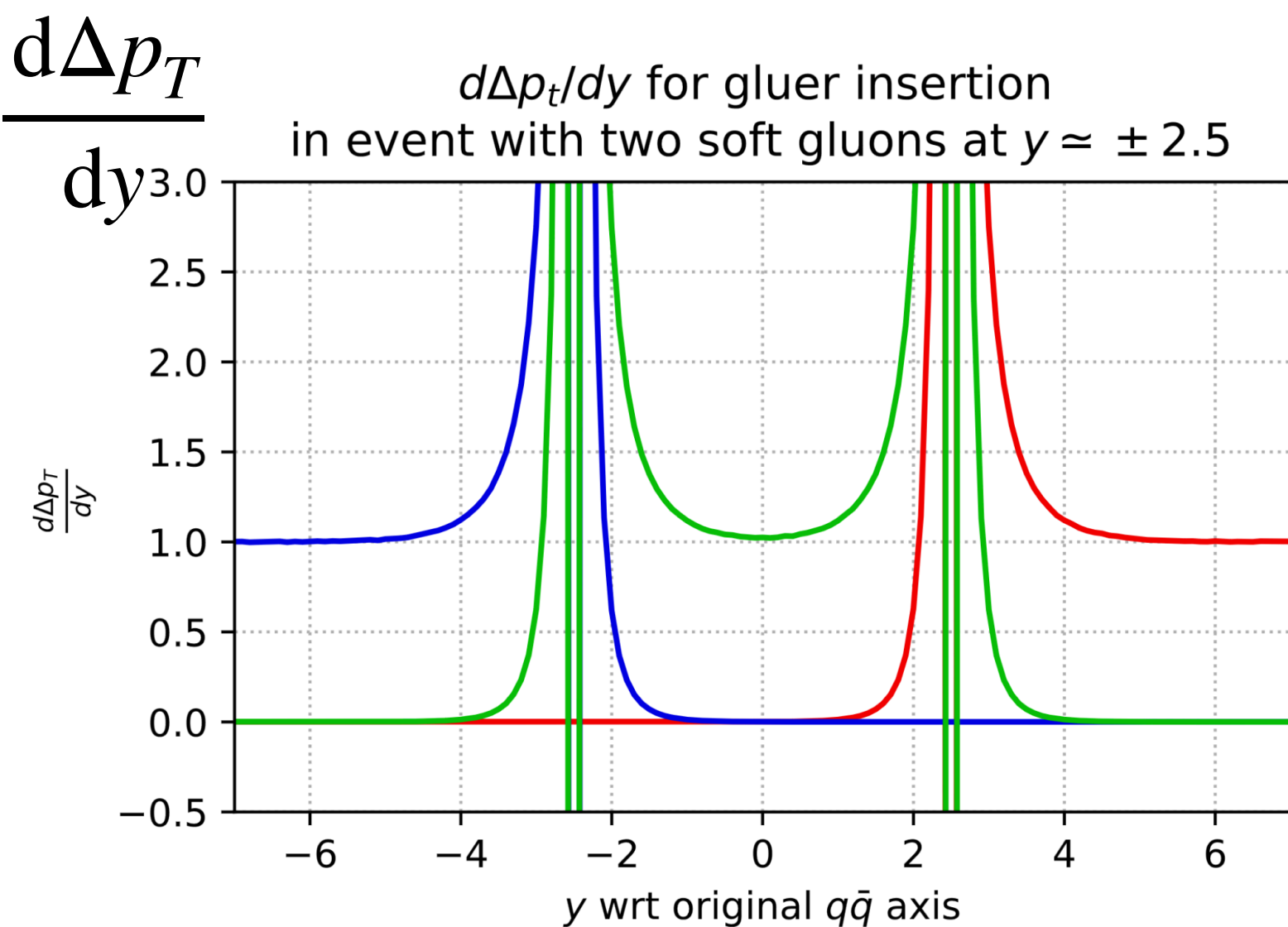
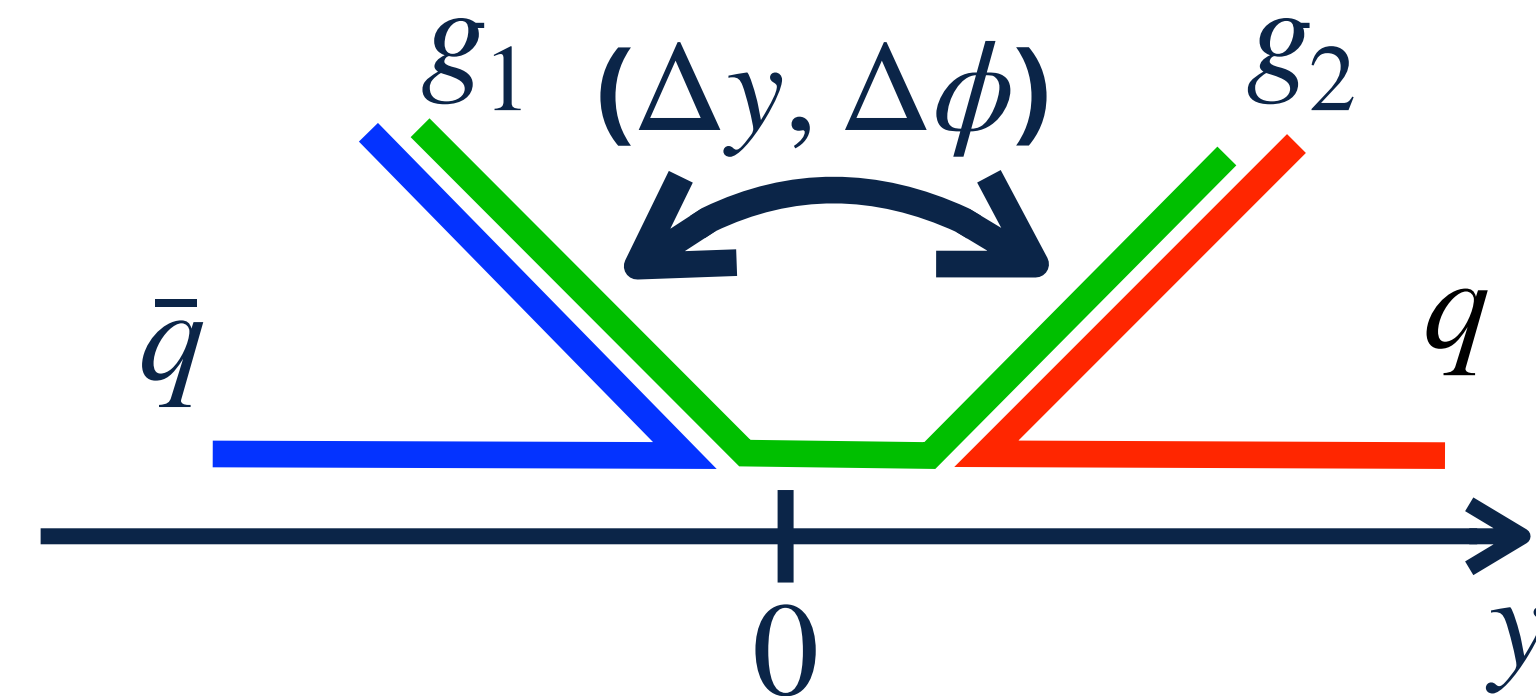
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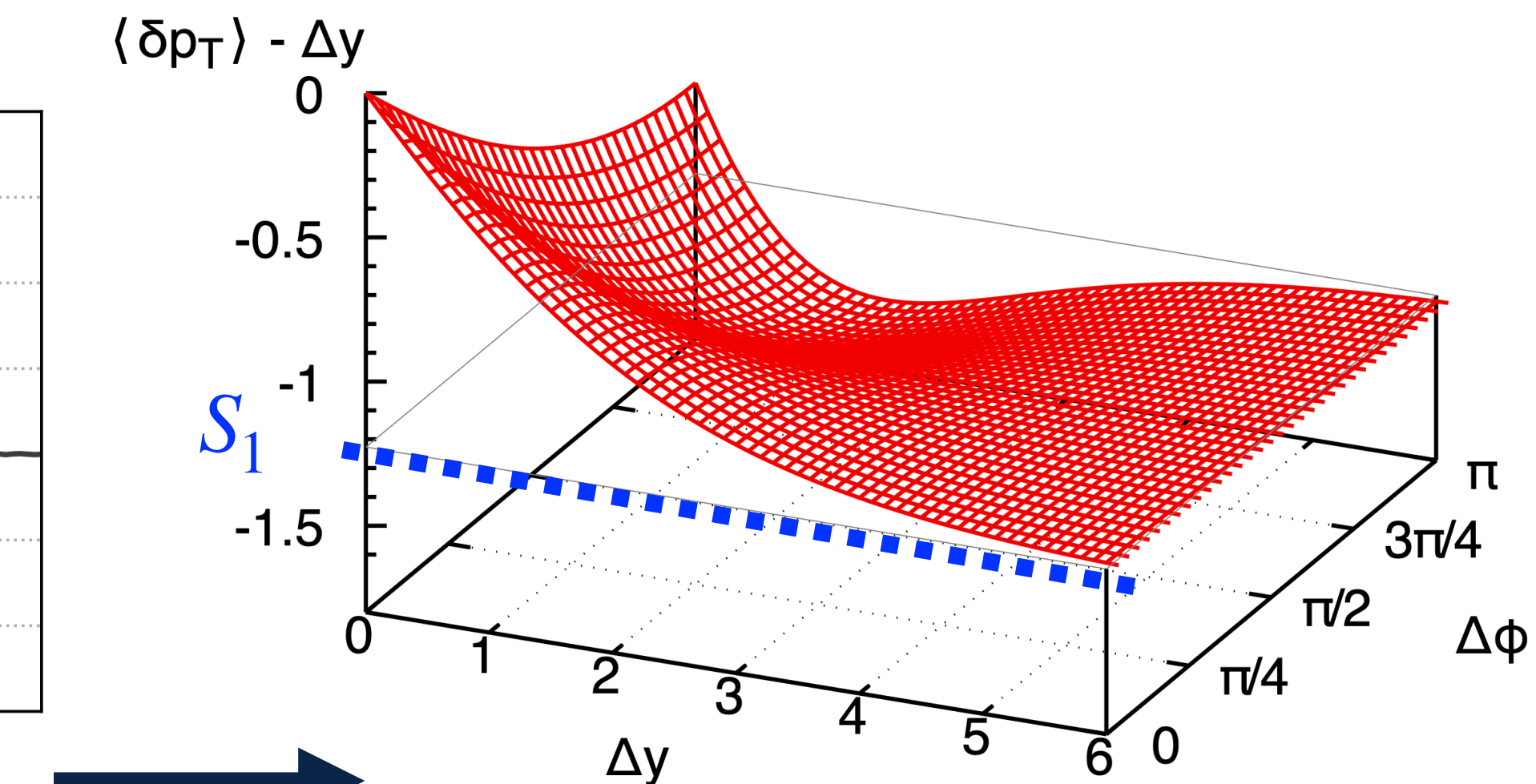
GENERAL DIPOLE CONFIGURATION

Can we extend this result to any possible dipole configuration?

Let's start from the case with two insertions:



SUM OVER
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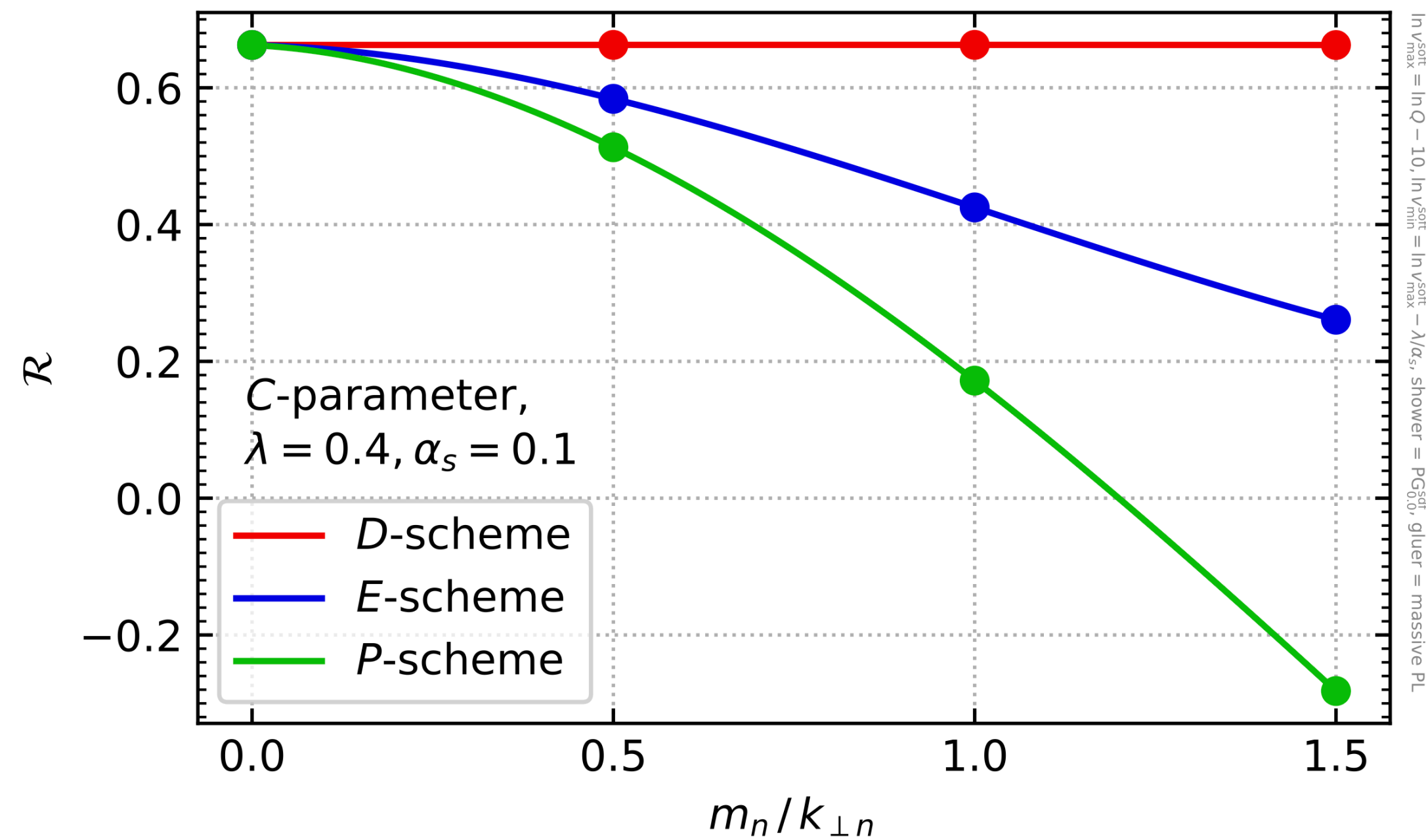


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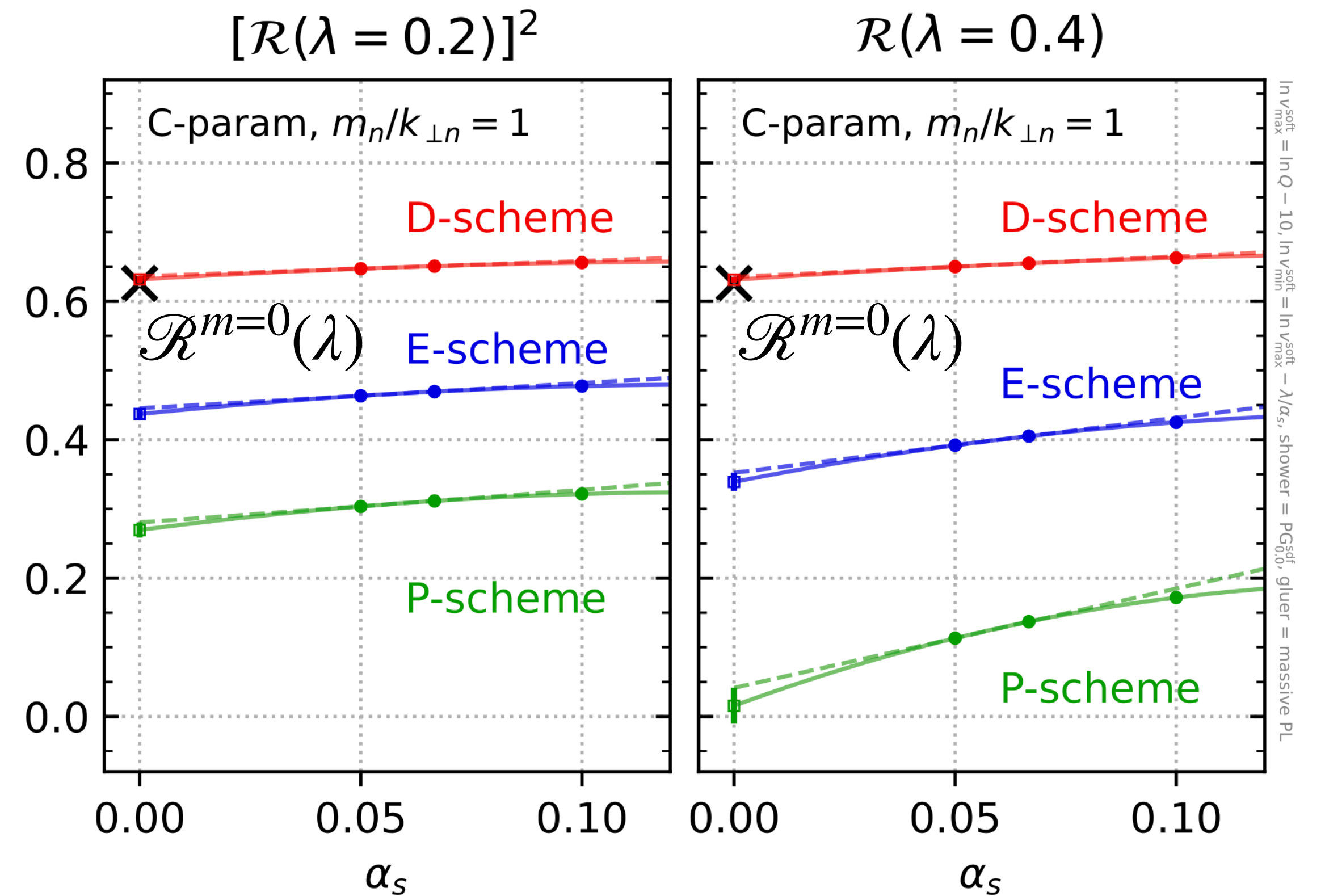
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