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# Jet Flavour summary

Les Houches 2023

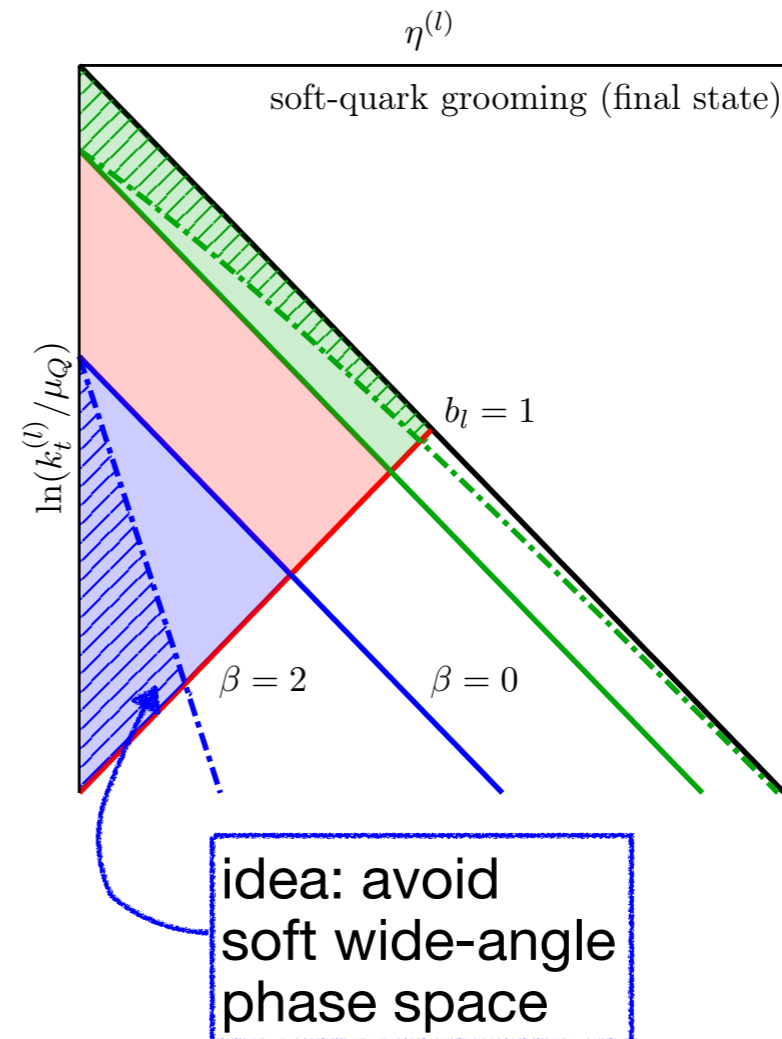
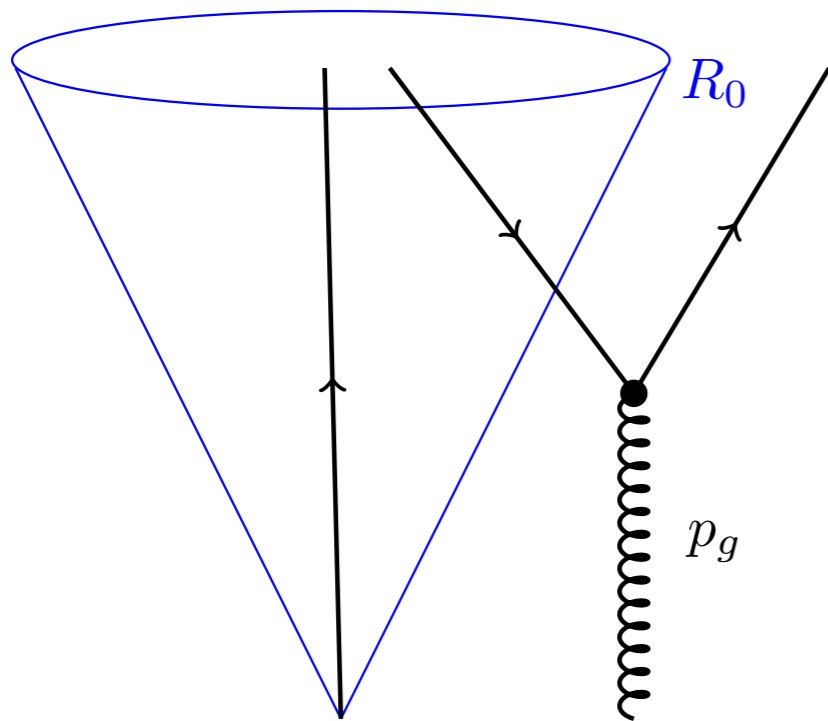
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Yeah, but what **flavour**???

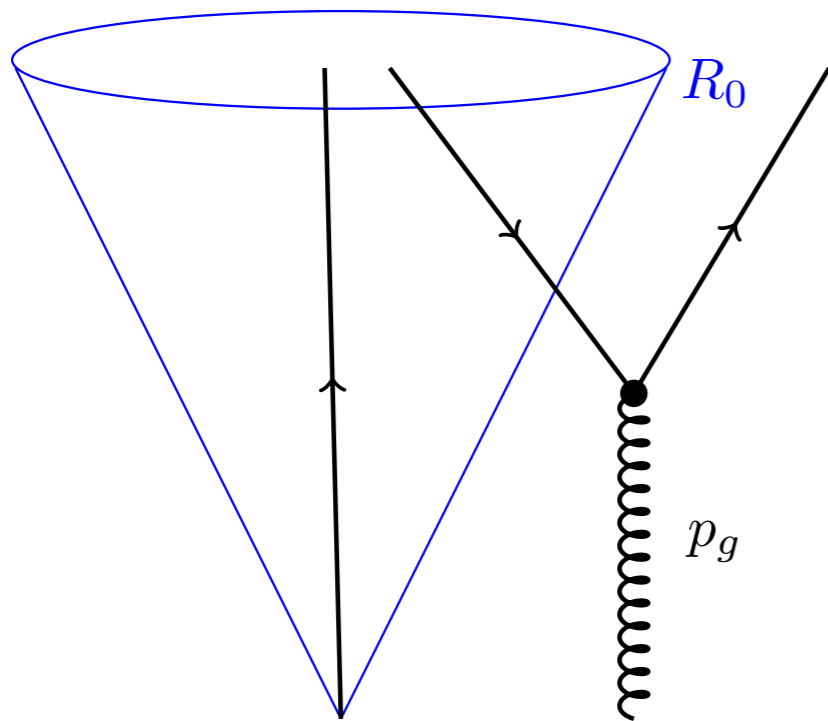
This isn't working,  
maybe we should just try  
ice-cream therapy

# Soft Drop Flavour (SDF)



- Safe at NNLO with Jade reclustering (but not beyond)
- Only looks at information in the original anti- $k_t$  jet
- SD only used for flavour determination, no change in the jet kinematics

# Flavour anti- $k_t$ (CMP)



Proposed modification:

A soft term designed to modify the distance of flavoured pairs.

$$d_{ij}^{(F)} = d_{ij} \begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{ij} & i,j \text{ is flavoured pair} \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} \equiv 1 - \theta \left(1 - \kappa_{ij}\right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \kappa_{ij}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{a} \frac{k_{T,i}^2 + k_{T,j}^2}{2k_{T,\max}^2}.$$

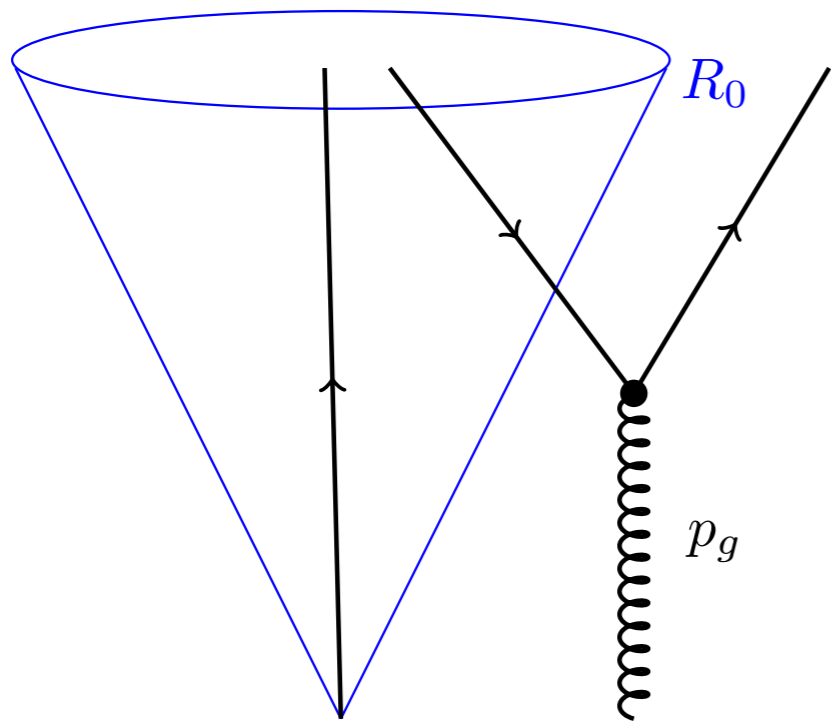
- New jet algorithm to cluster together flavoured pairs first
- Small deviations from anti- $k_t$  kinematics
- IRC sensitivity beyond NNLO can be fixed using a modified metric\*

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{S}}_{ij} = \mathcal{S}_{ij} \frac{\Omega_{ij}^2}{\Delta R_{ij}^2}$$

$$\Omega_{ik}^2 \equiv 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\omega^2} (\cosh(\omega \Delta y_{ik}) - 1) - (\cos \Delta \phi_{ik} - 1) \right]$$

\* see [2306.07314]

# Flavour Dressing (GHS)



- start with a set of flavour agnostic jets  $\{j_k\}$
- define flavoured clusters in the event  $\{f_i\}$
- associate flavour clusters to jet (association criterion)
- determine the total flavour of a jet (accumulation criterion):

- algorithm only used to assign a flavour label, no kinematic modifications
- potential IRC sensitivity with many hard partons and 2 soft emissions\*

\* see [2306.07314]

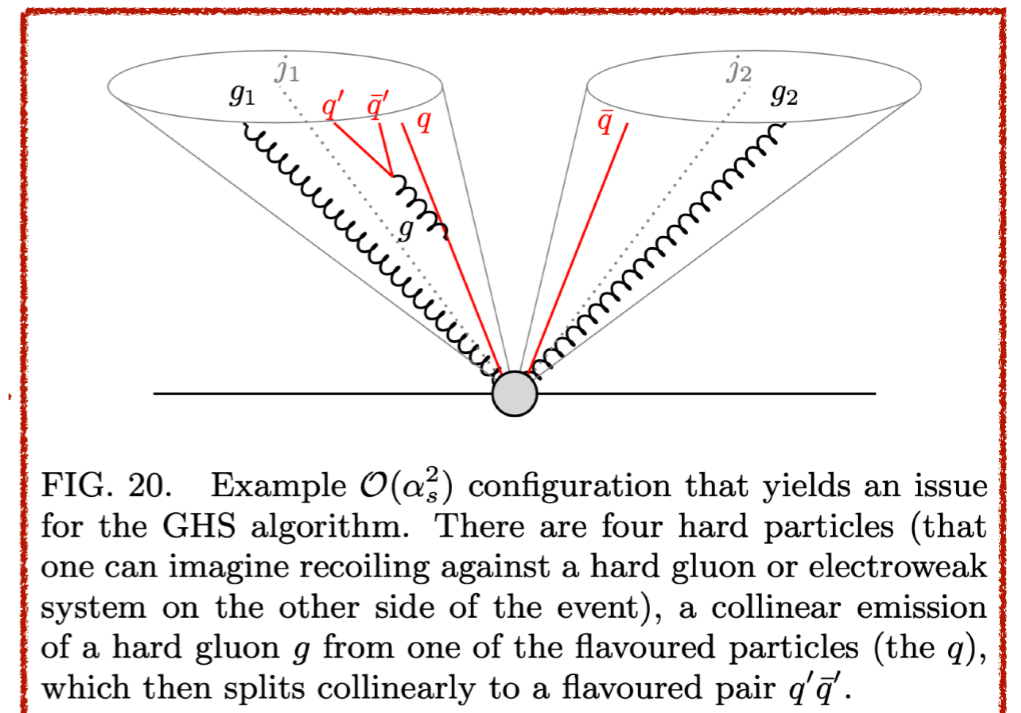
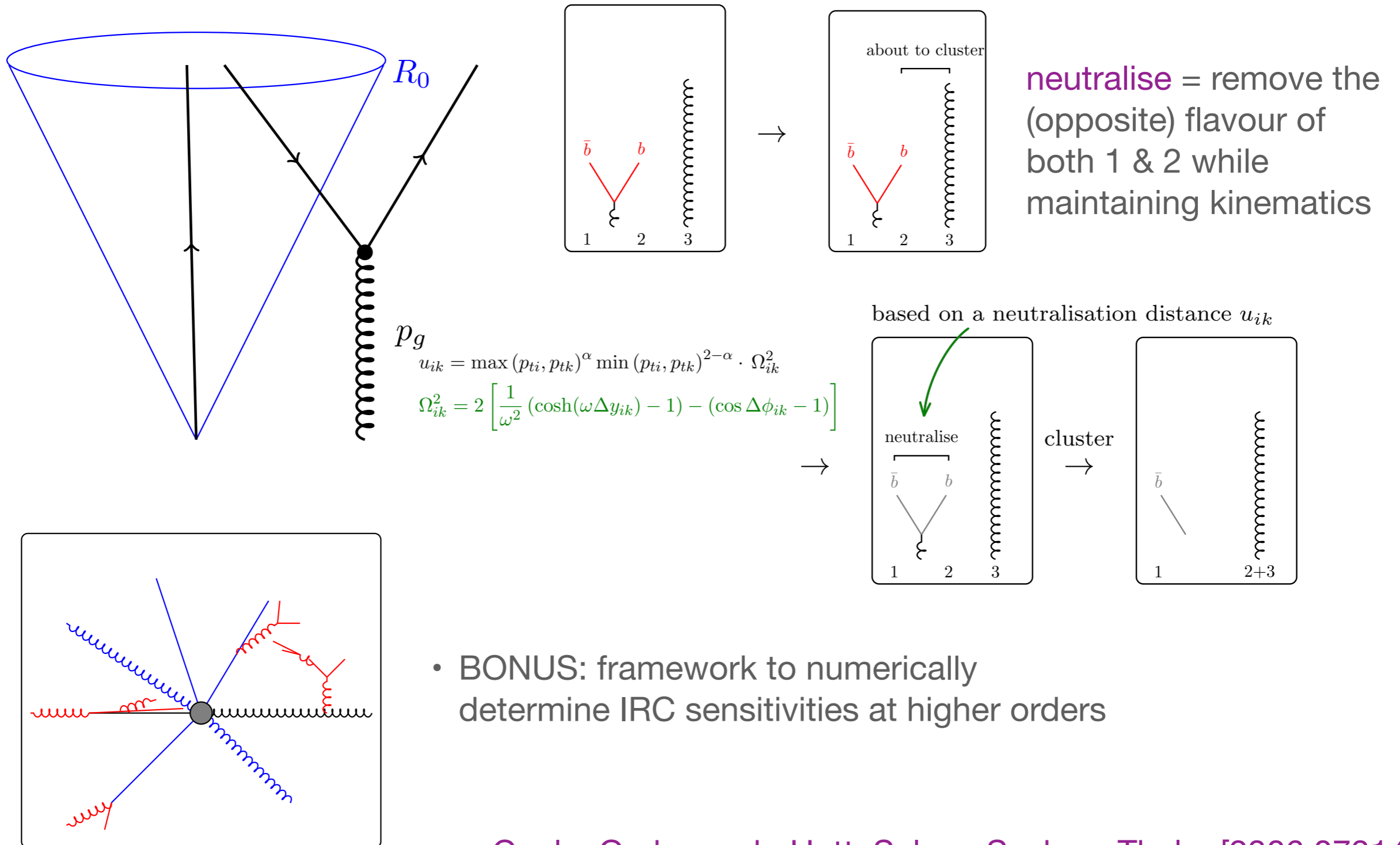


FIG. 20. Example  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  configuration that yields an issue for the GHS algorithm. There are four hard particles (that one can imagine recoiling against a hard gluon or electroweak system on the other side of the event), a collinear emission of a hard gluon  $g$  from one of the flavoured particles (the  $q$ ), which then splits collinearly to a flavoured pair  $q'\bar{q}'$ .

Gauld, Huss, Stagnitto [2208.11138]

e.g.  $Zb\bar{b}$  @ N4LO

# Interleaved Flavour Neutralisation (IFN)

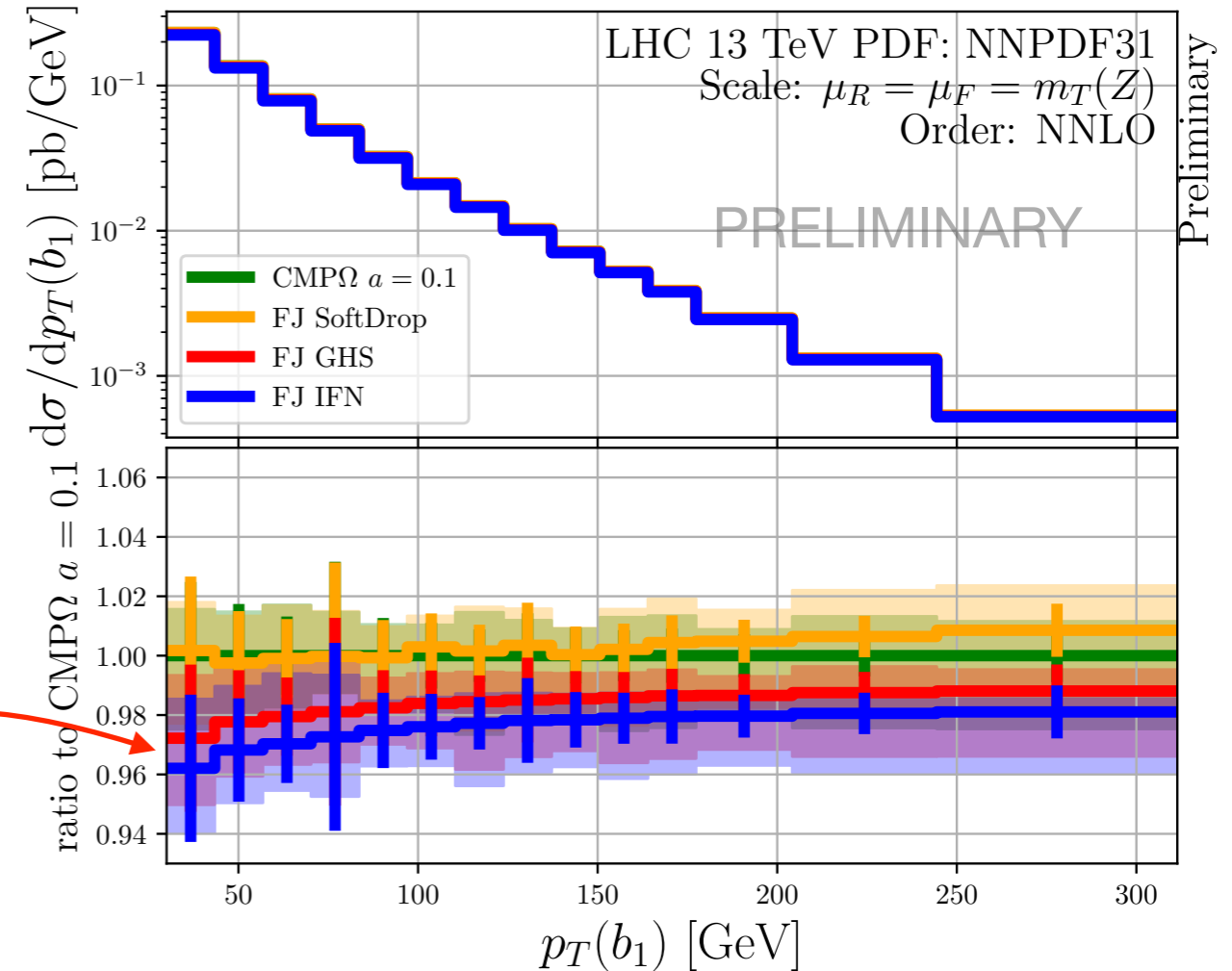
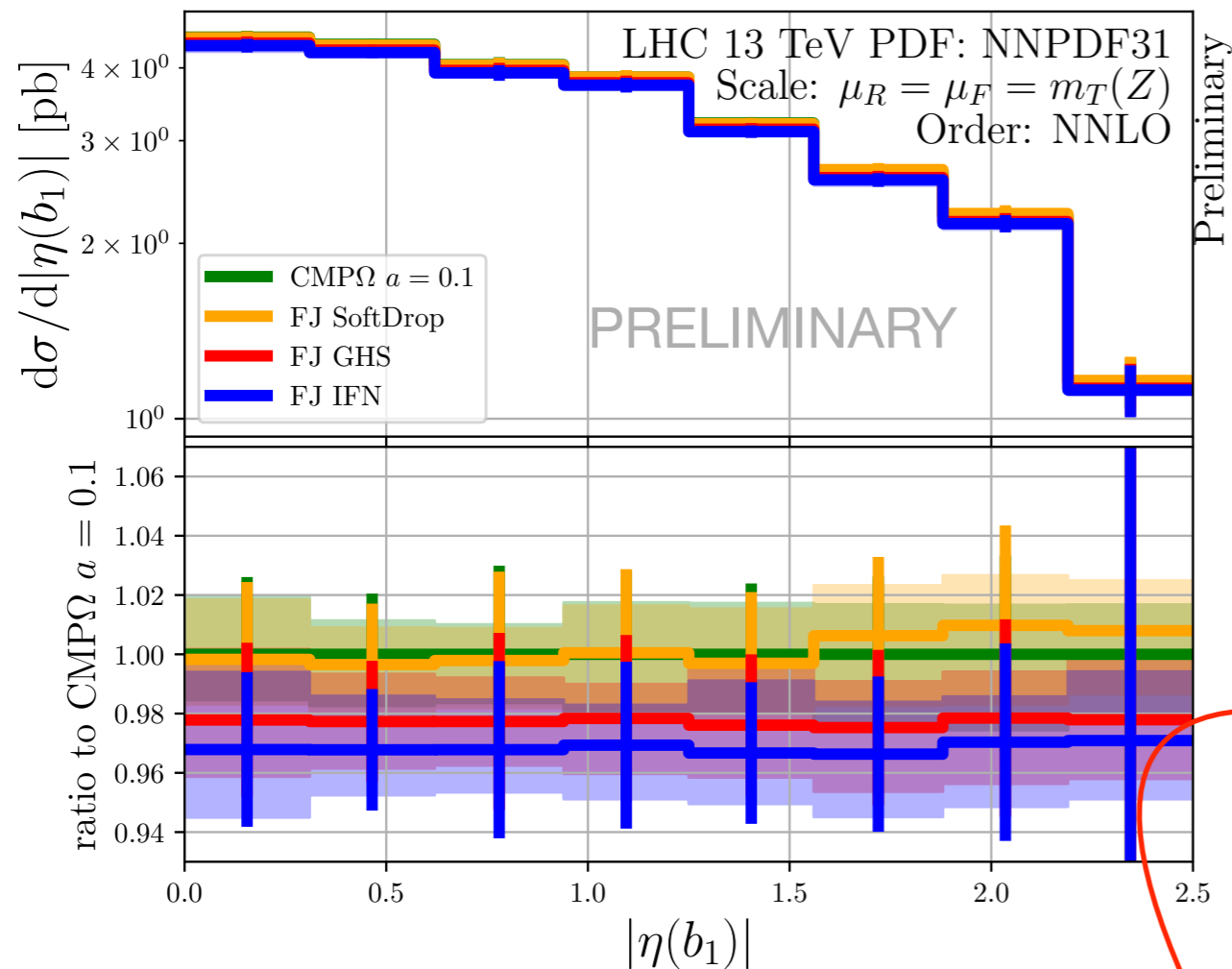


# Flavours at Les Houches

- A common framework for the 4 algorithms was created and made public <https://github.com/jetflav>
  - First stepping stone towards detailed comparisons
1. Comparisons in NNLO calculations (at parton level)
  2. Comparison with LO + parton shower and, eventually, NLO + parton shower, with and without hadronisation corrections
  3. Training machine-learning based b-taggers on jets with different b-labels and compare performances with standard anti- $k_t$



# NNLO studies: Z+b jet (R=0.5)



interesting shape difference at low  $p_T$ : it deserves further investigation!

- all new algorithms are IRC safe at this order (anti-kt is not!) and in reasonable agreement
- CMP and SDF behaves very similarly but they differ wrt GHS/IFN by a few percent

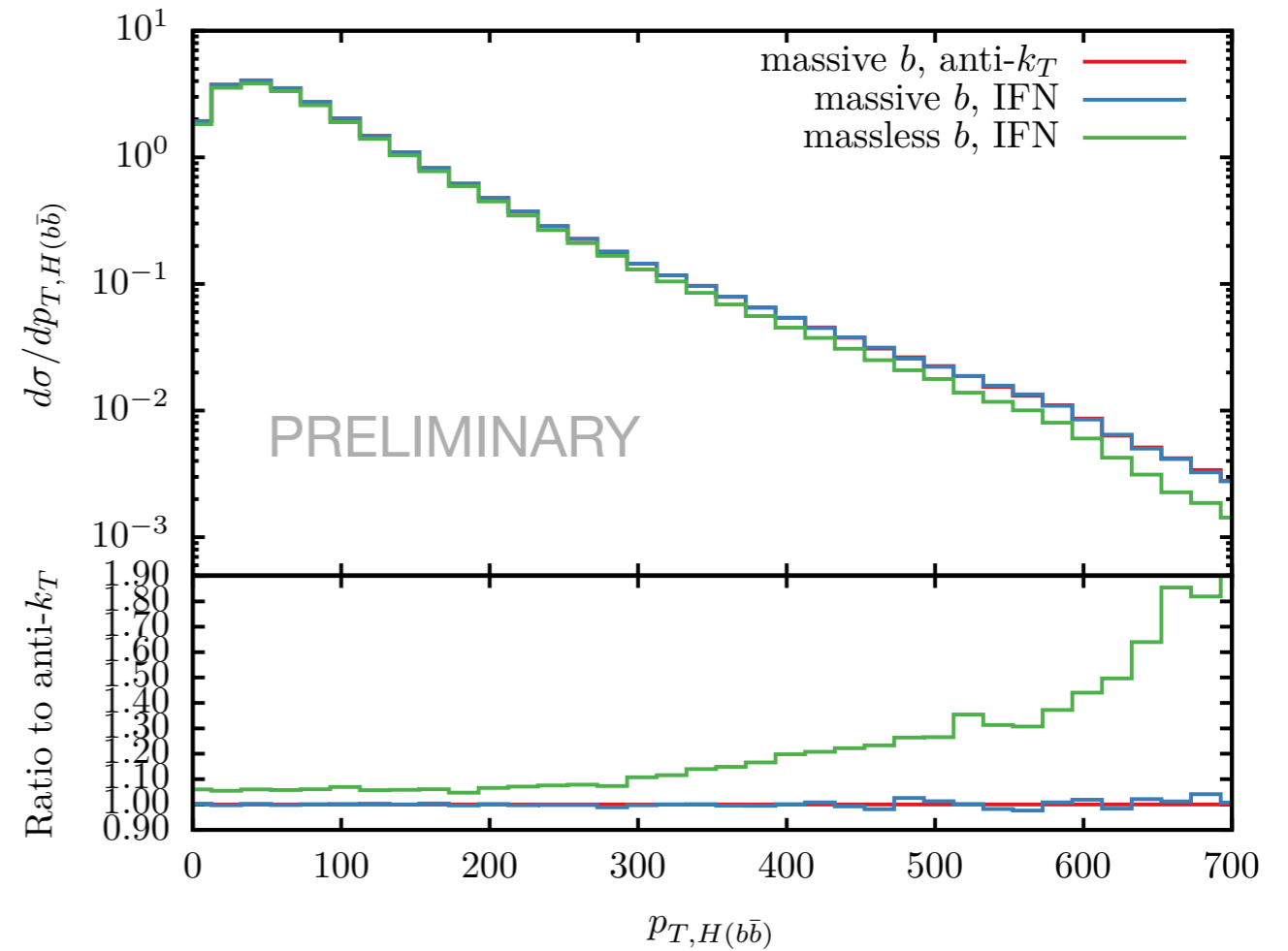
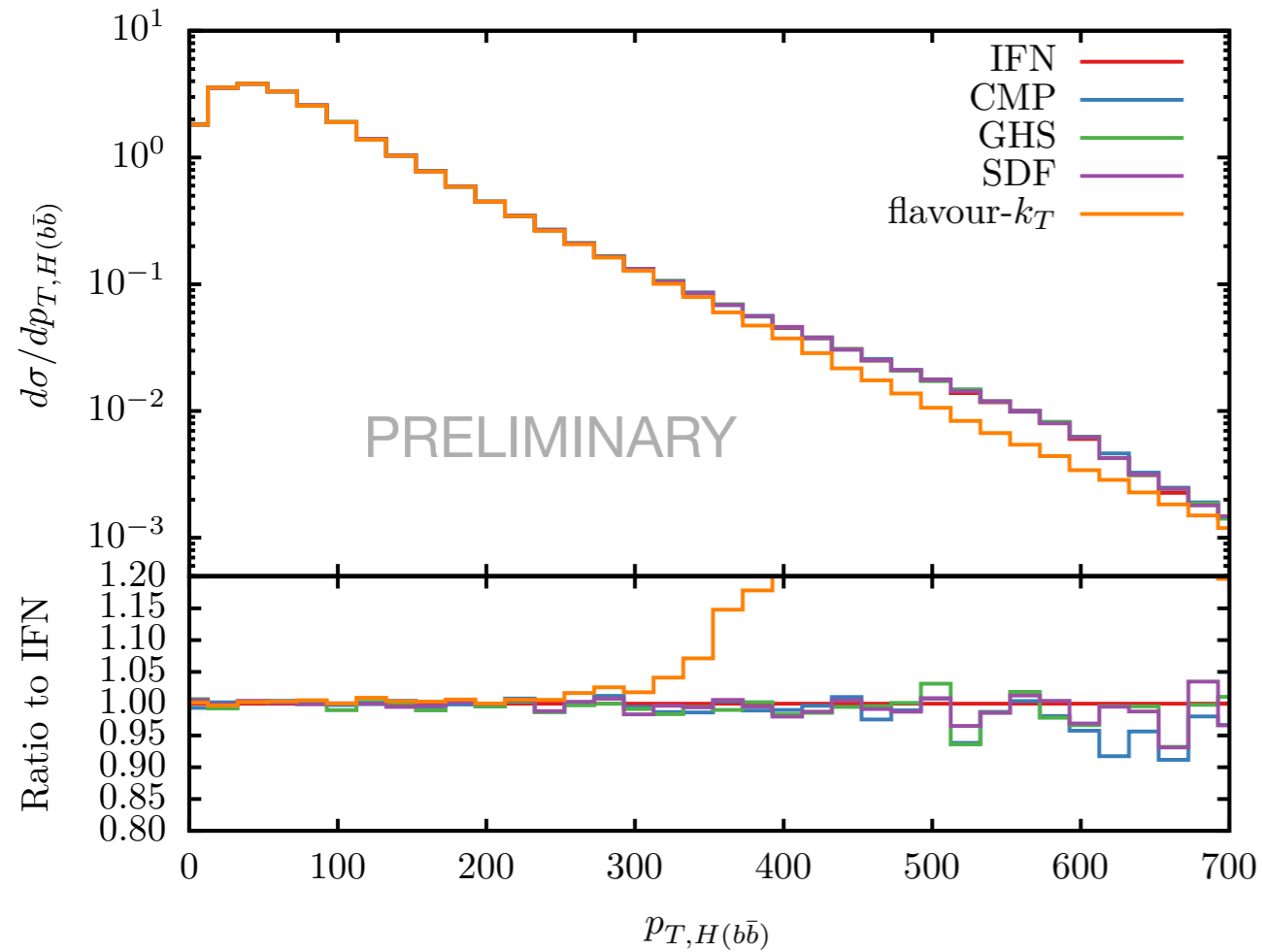
amazing work by Rene!



# NNLO studies: WH(bb)

massless  $b$ , NNLO

NNLO

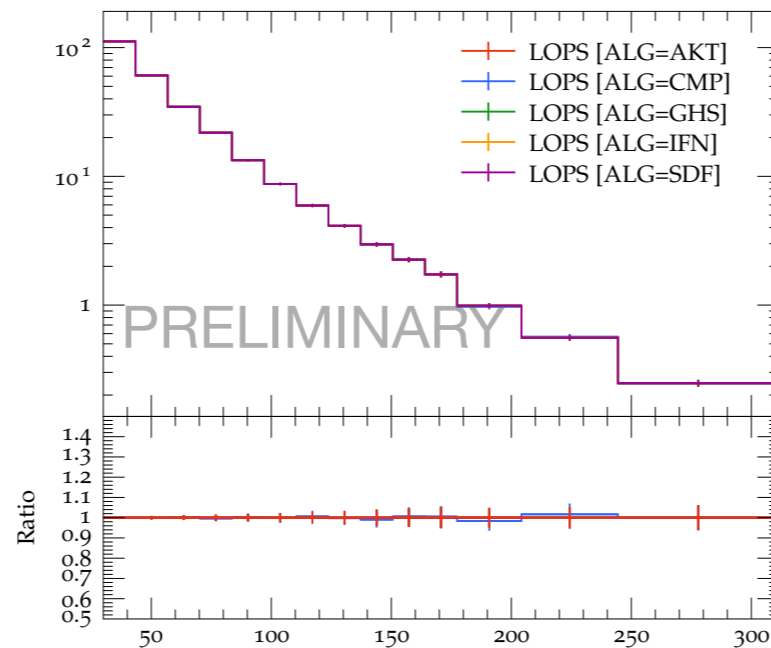
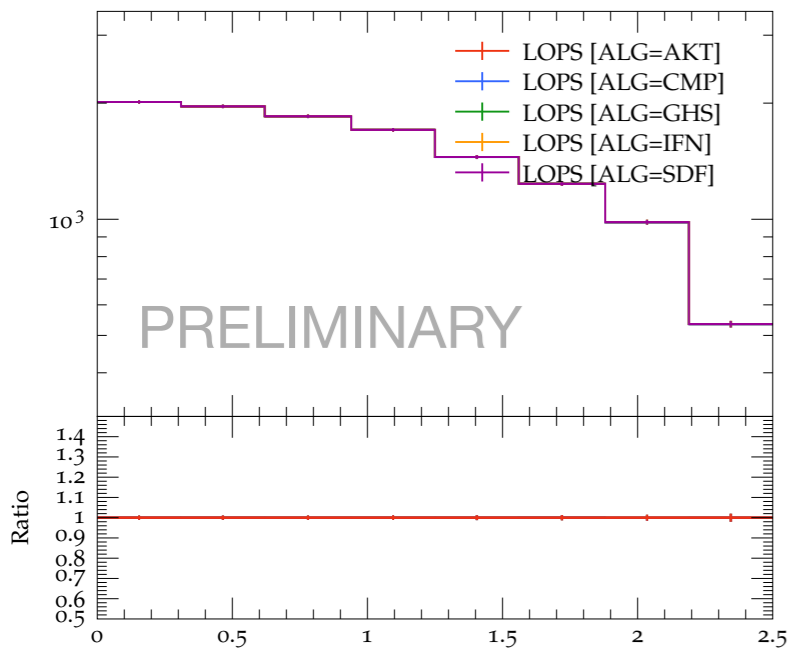


- with both massless and massive  $b$  quarks

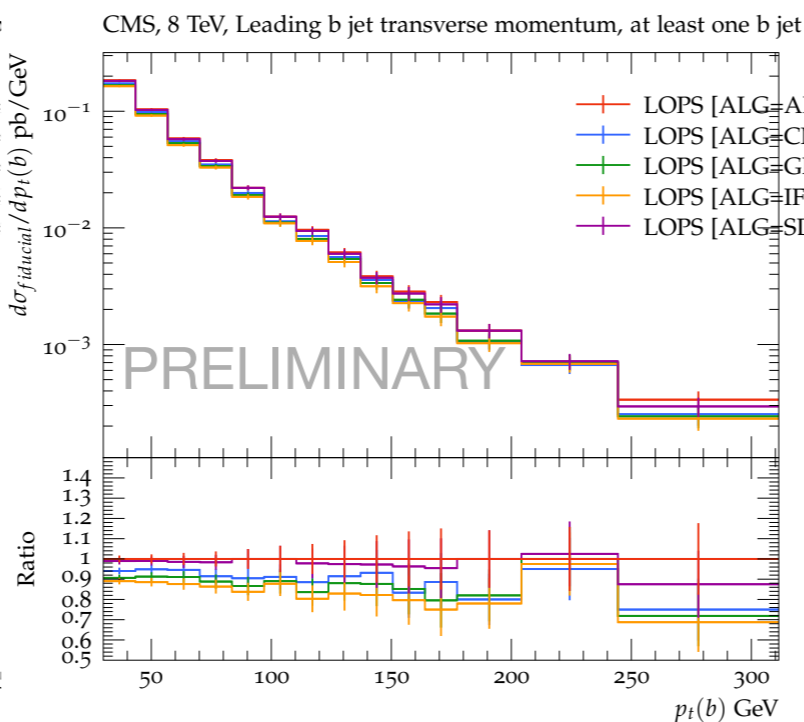
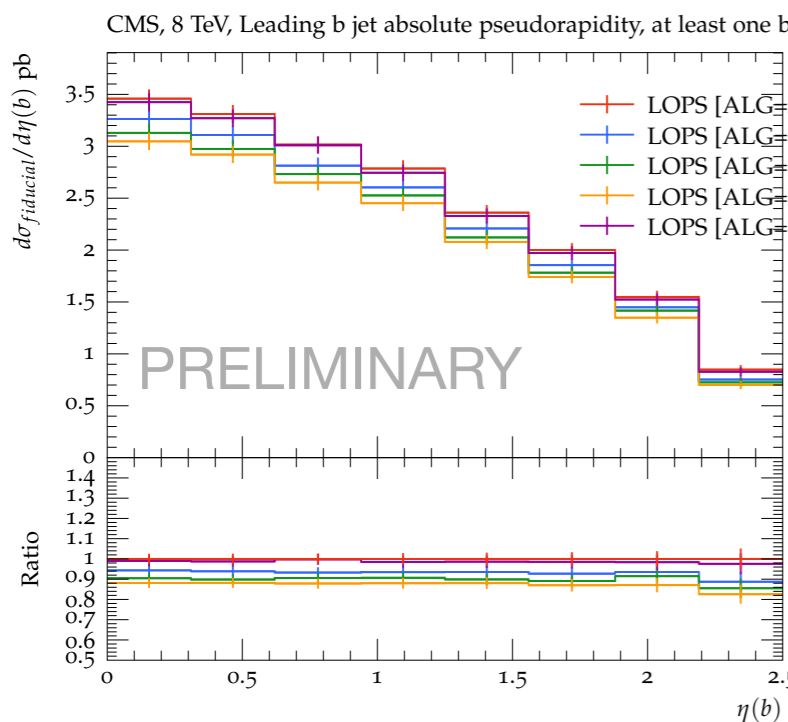
thanks to Arnd and Raoul!

# LO-PS (Pythia parton level)

- CMS 8 TeV analysis but identifying **strange quarks** rather than b's to highlight differences



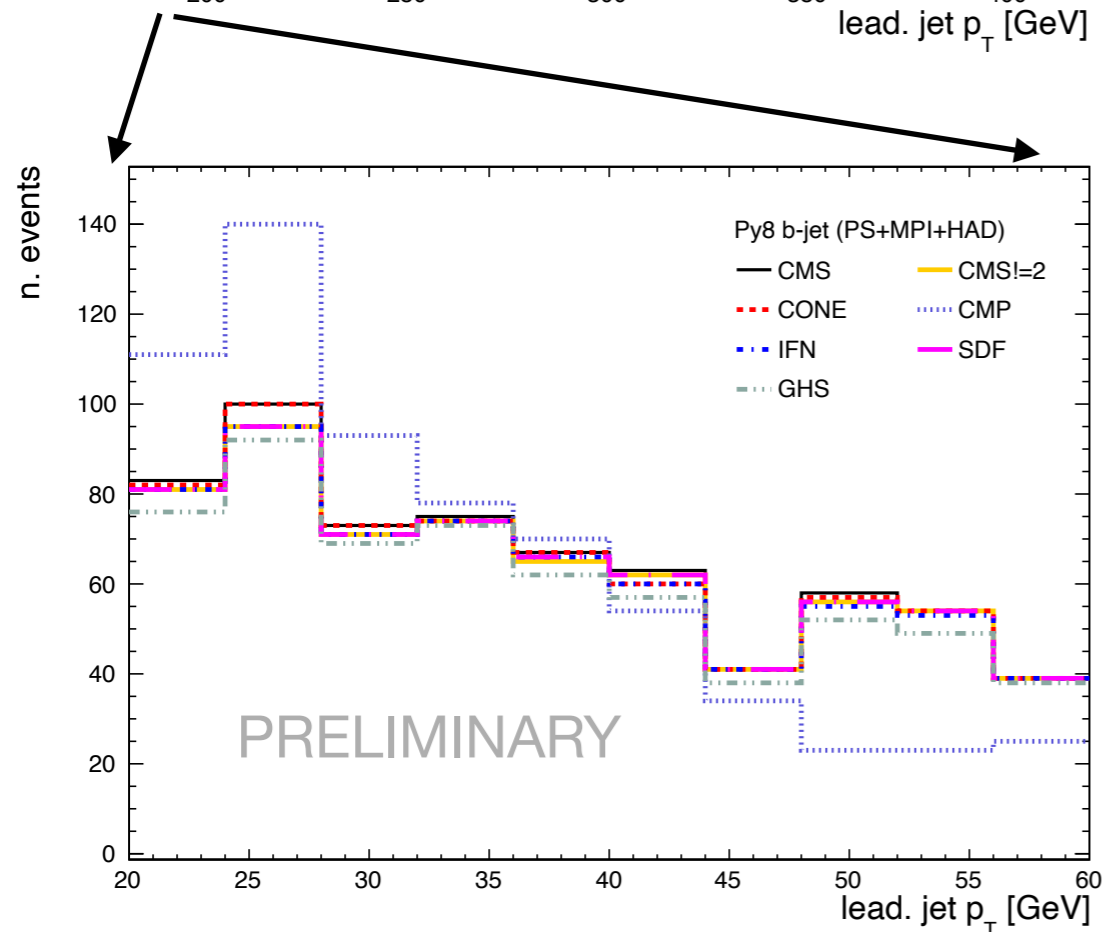
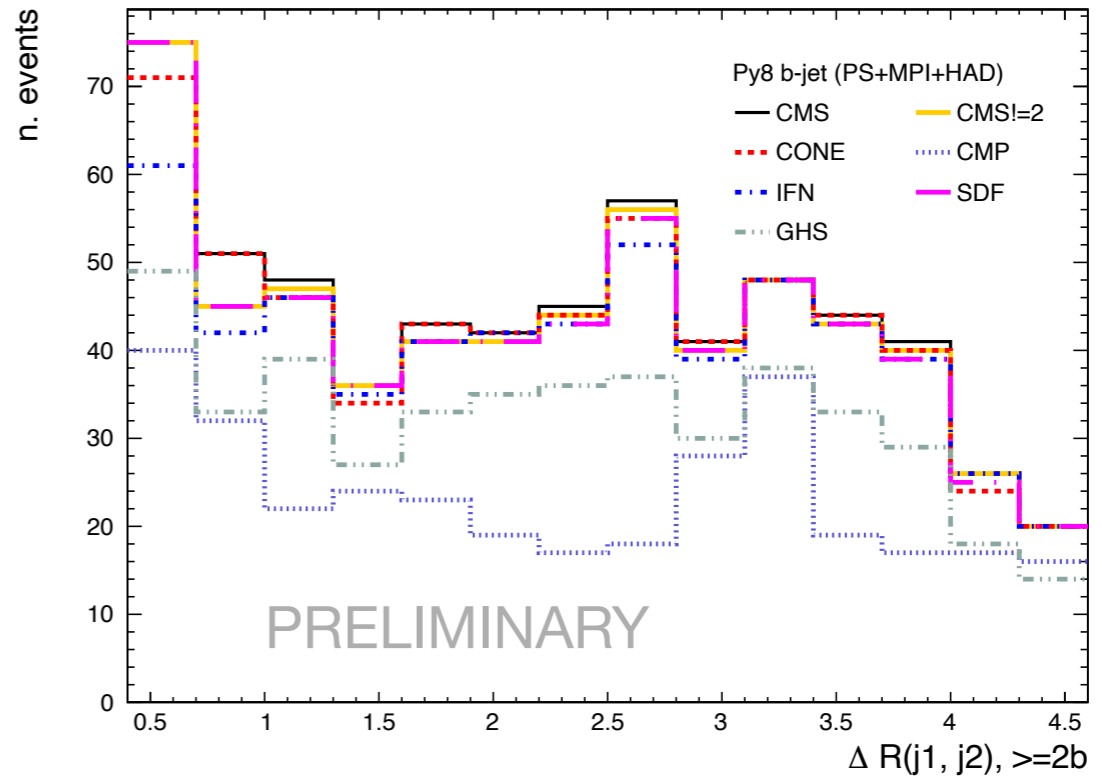
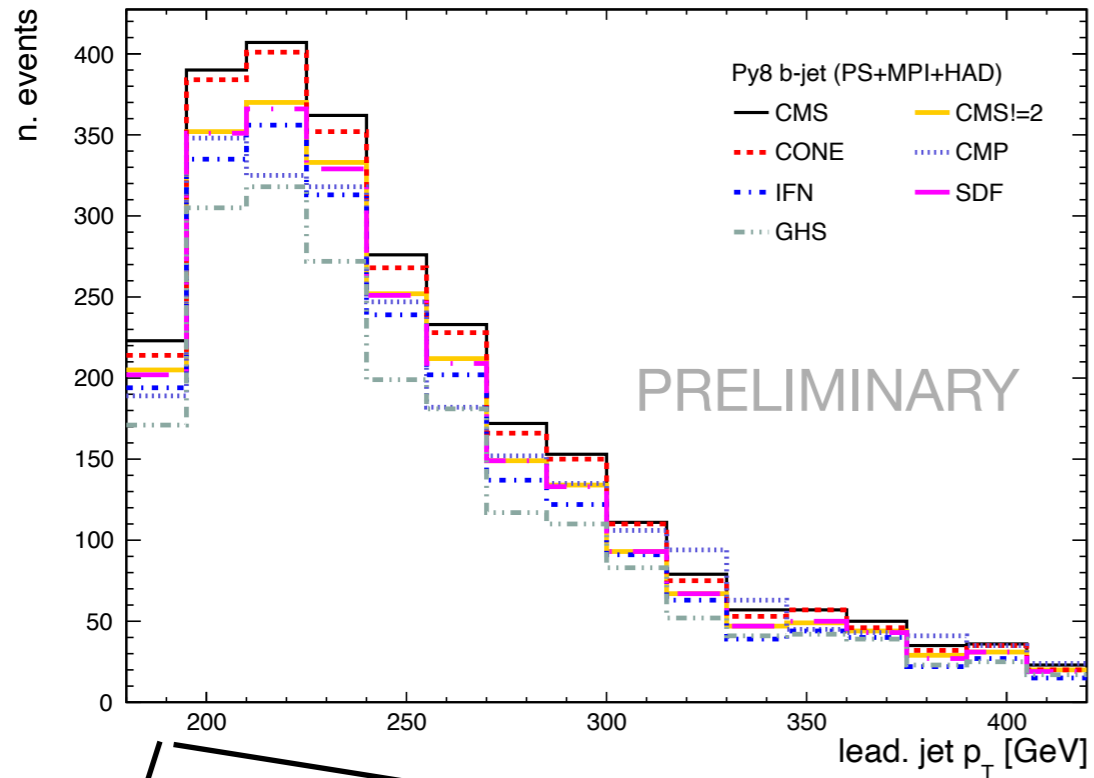
- For inclusive  $\eta, p_T$  distributions only CMP shows a tiny deviation from anti- $k_t$  kinematics (baseline)



- For  $\eta_s, p_{T_s}$  distributions IRC sensitivity of SDF at higher order becomes visible, while the other 3 algorithms behave similarly
- It would be interesting to see hadronisation corrections to this picture

thanks Silvia! ... even if it's not your favourite shower...

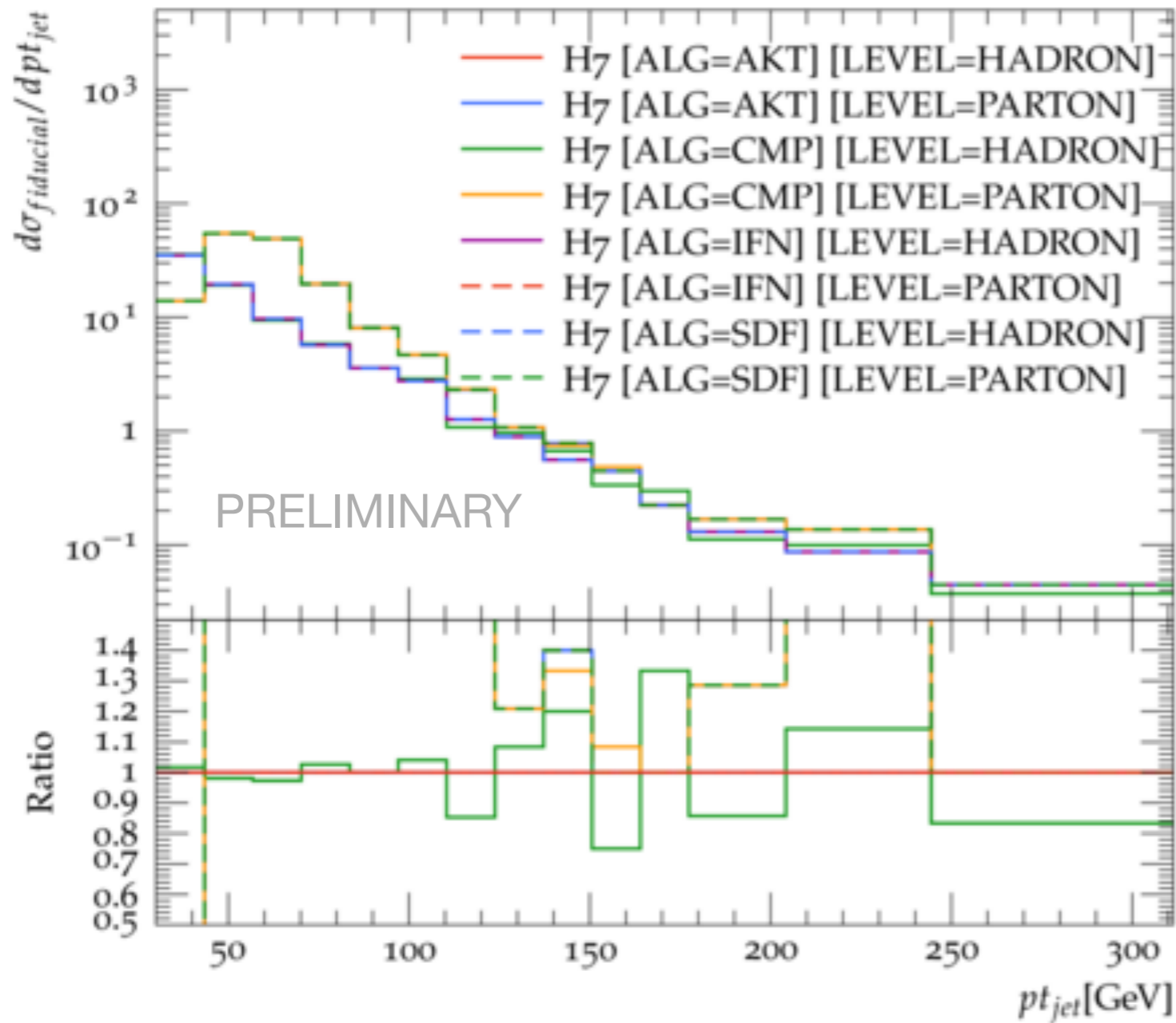
# LO-PS (Pythia hadron level)



- first hadron-level studies show larger differences... something to investigate further

thanks Federico!

# LO-PS (Herwig parton & hadron level)



- First step to understand the behaviour of these algorithms on hadrons
- longer runs are needed to draw conclusions
- it would be interesting to also see correlations plots

thanks to Andrzej & the Herwig team!

# Lessons learnt and future plans

- First fixed-order studies here at Les Houches show are reassuring: the algorithms behave as expected
  - When we add parton shower and hadronisation the picture changes but we haven't reached a full understanding yet
  - It's important to make these comparison more detailed and consistent (all stages of the simulation for each MC generator)
  - This will allows us to understand better the use of b-labelled jets as input for ML training and for data/theory comparisons
  - We don't always want the same thing (e.g. the discussion we had about double b-tagging) but it's important to record any useful information
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- We have an overleaf document <https://www.overleaf.com/project/648ab3e1c164ede47c68c368>
  - We will setup a mailing list for those of you interested in follow-up studies



Thanks everyone for the great work!