

Super-Leading Logarithms and Sommerfeld Effect in $t\bar{t}$ -Production

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Origin of SLLs

Large Logarithms in $pp \rightarrow$ jets processes: $\ln\left(\frac{Q}{Q_0}\right) \gg 1$
 (gap-between-jets cross sections)

Partonic cross section evaluated at $\mu = \mu_s \sim Q_0$:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{2 \rightarrow M}^{\text{SLL}} = \langle \mathcal{H}(Q, \mu = \mu_s) \otimes \mathbf{1} \rangle$$

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Hard function

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Trivial low energy
matrix element

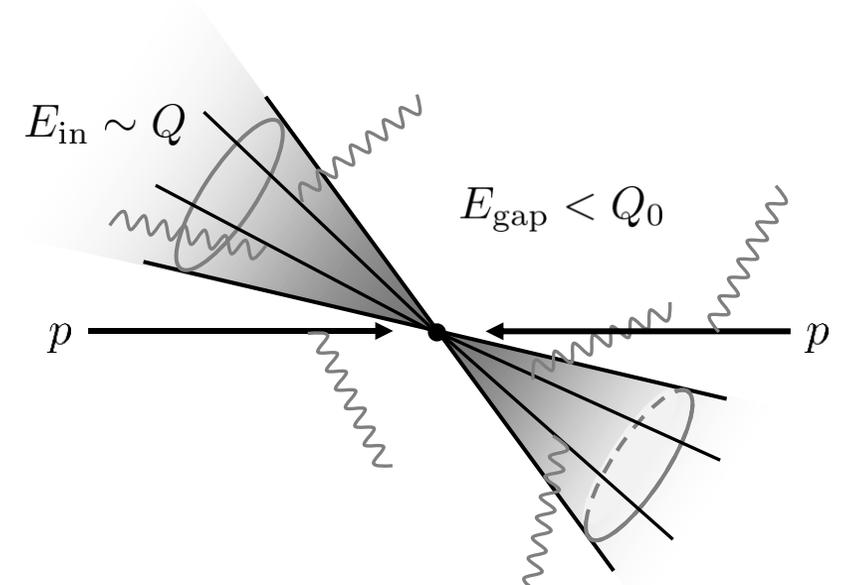
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Evaluated at: $\mu_s \sim Q_0$

Natural scale: $\mu_h \sim Q$



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Purely soft emissions

⇒ Josua's talk

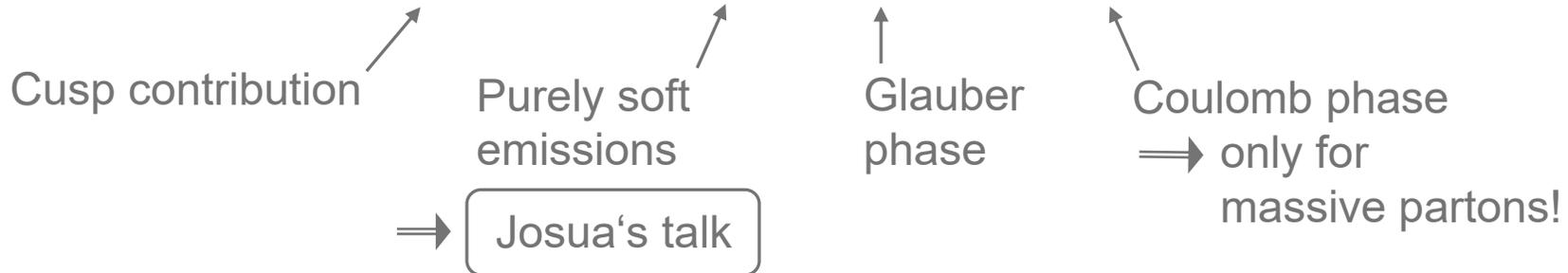
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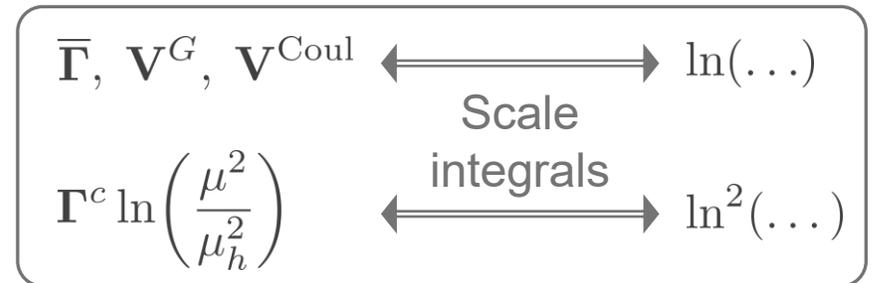
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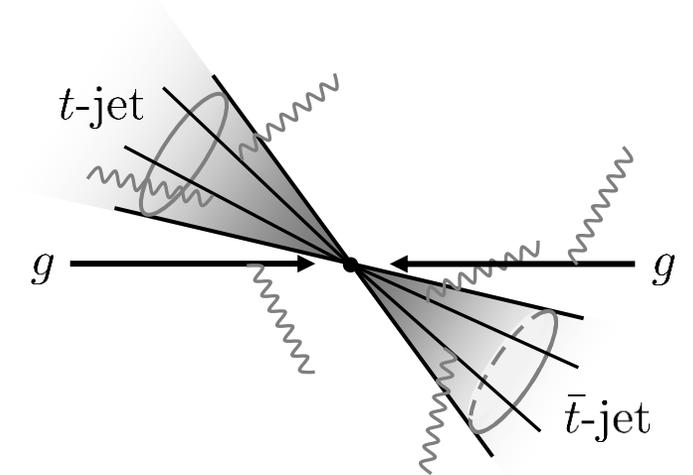
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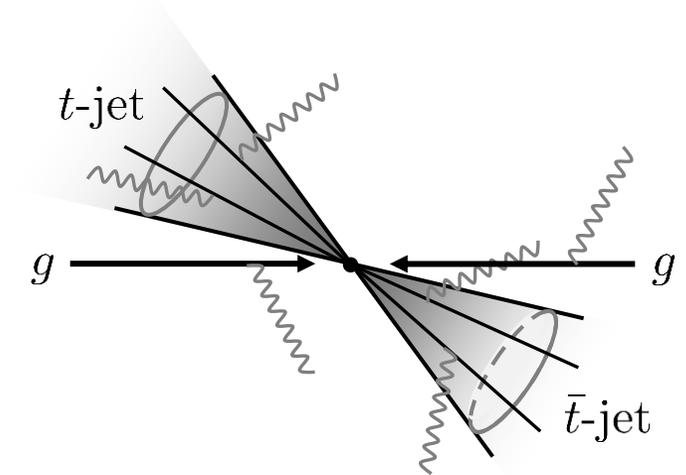
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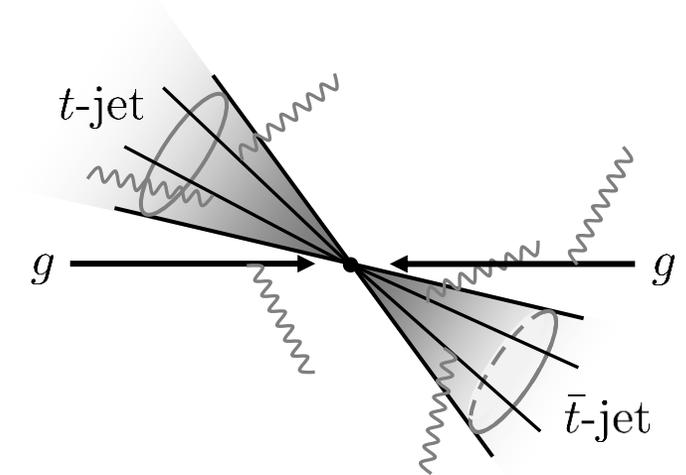
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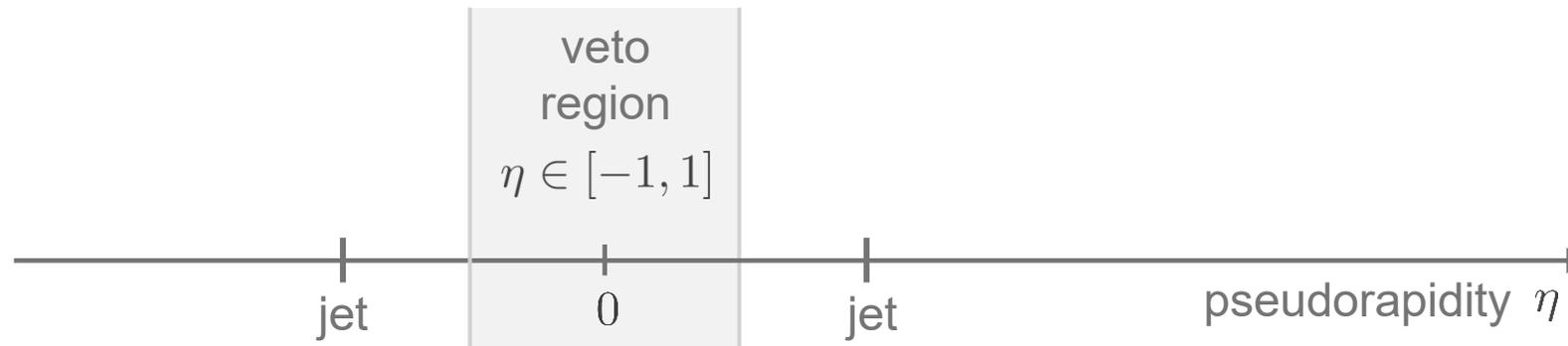
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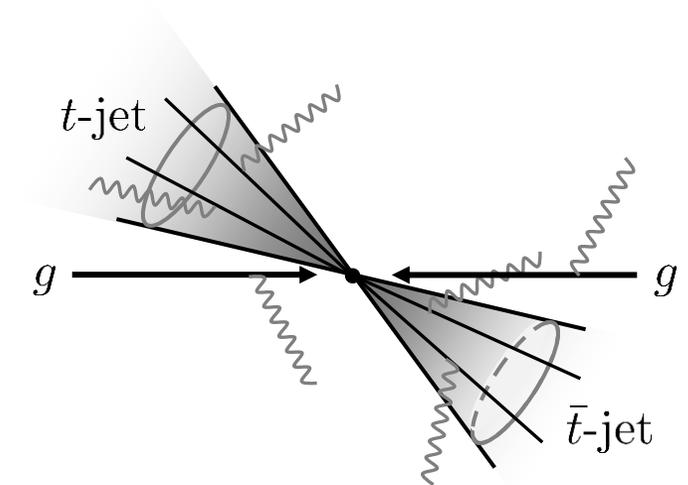
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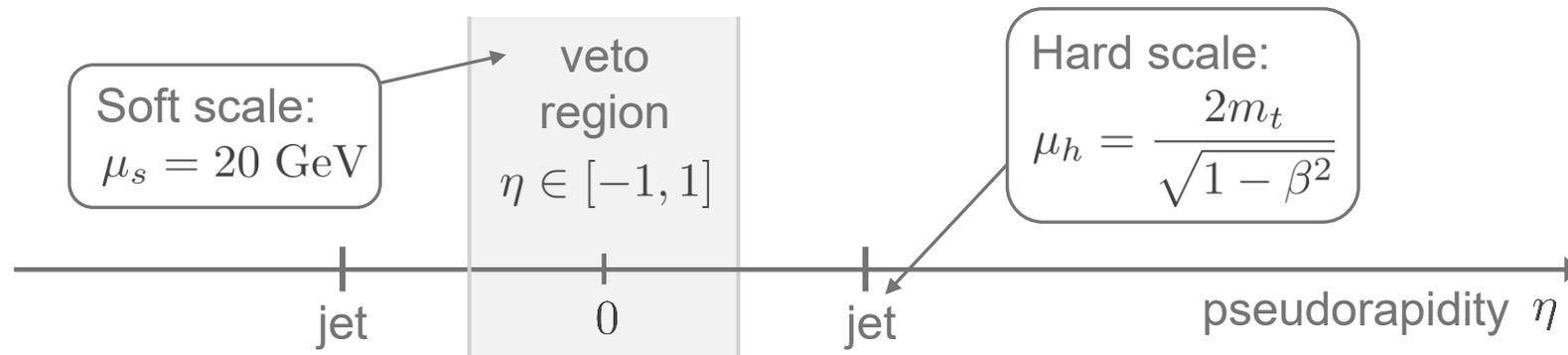
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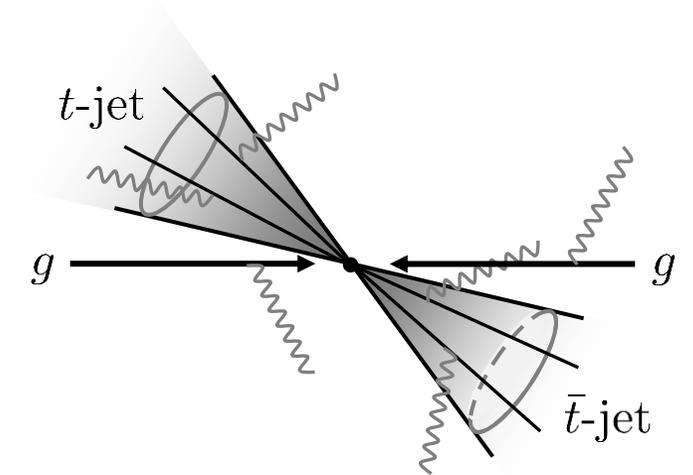


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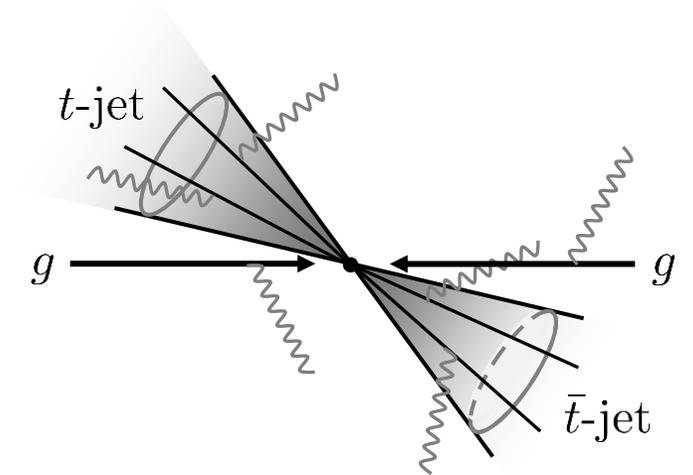
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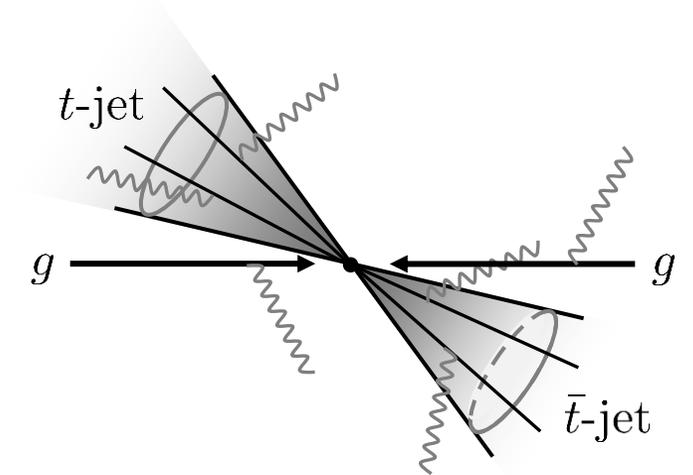
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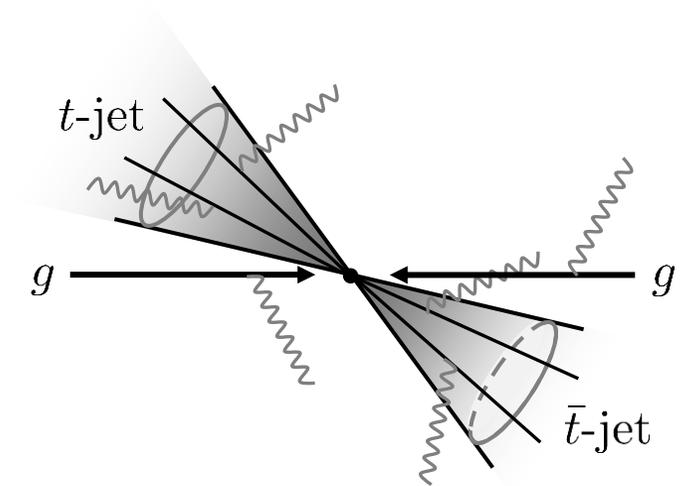
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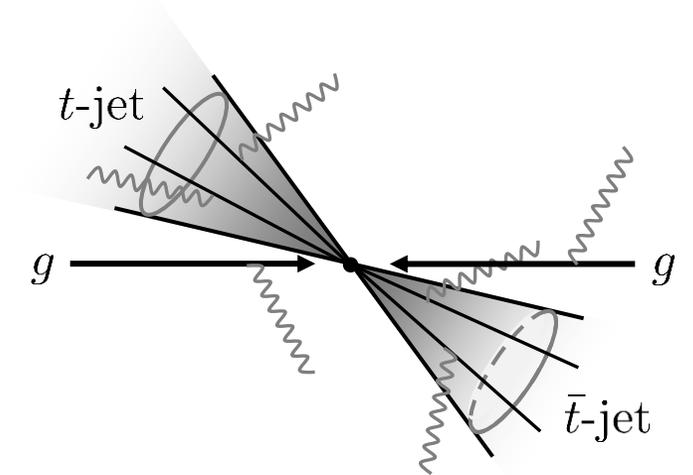
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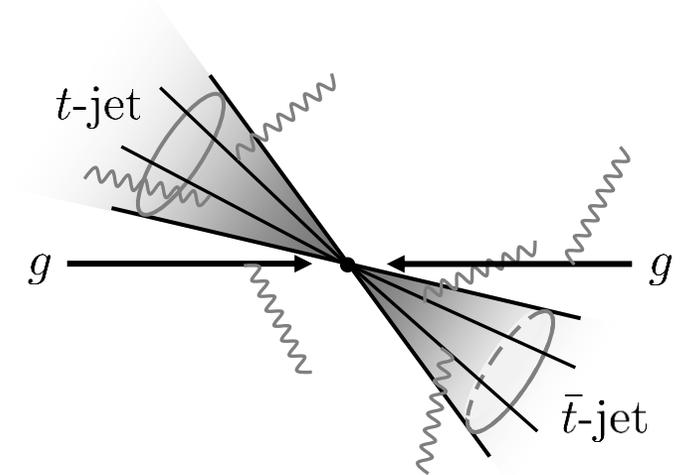
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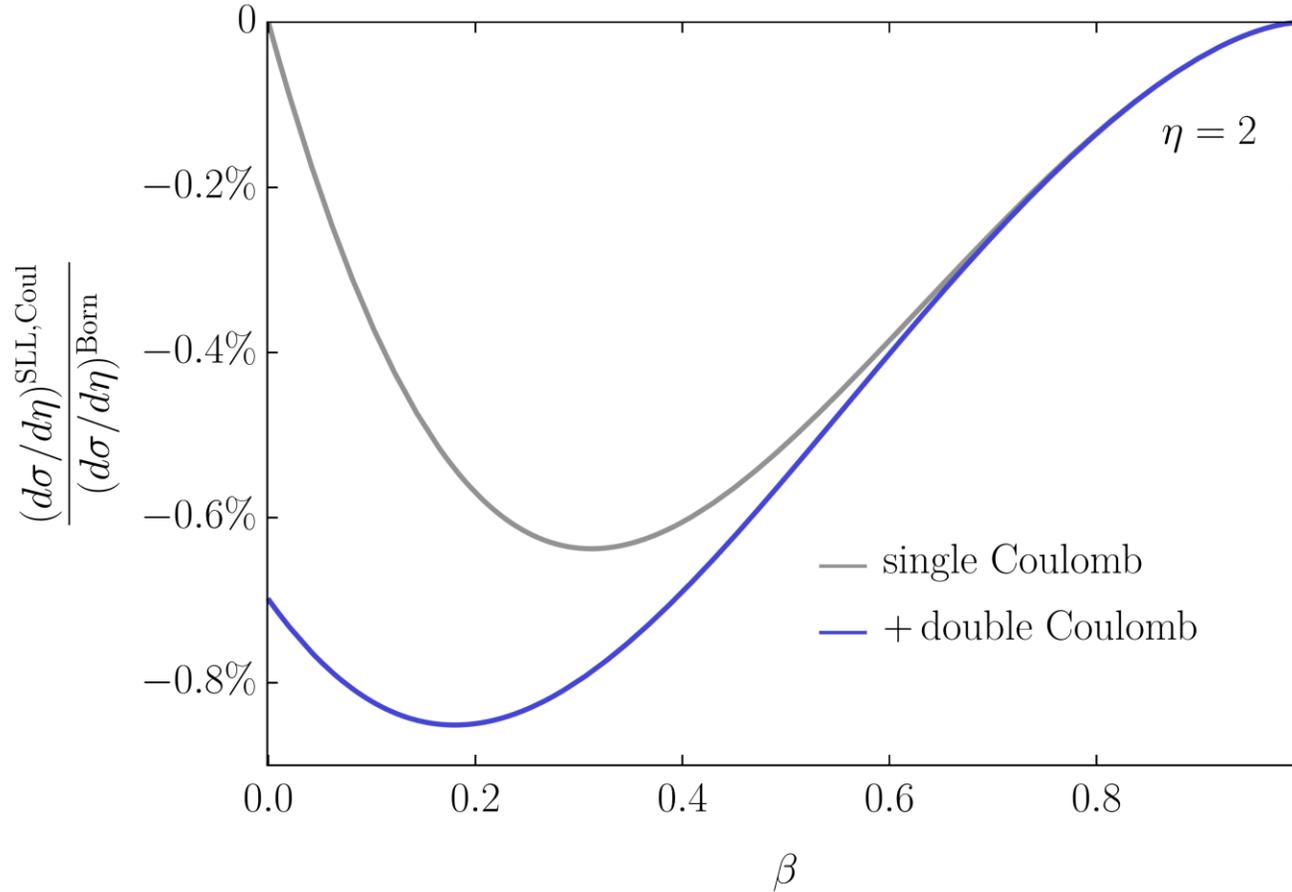
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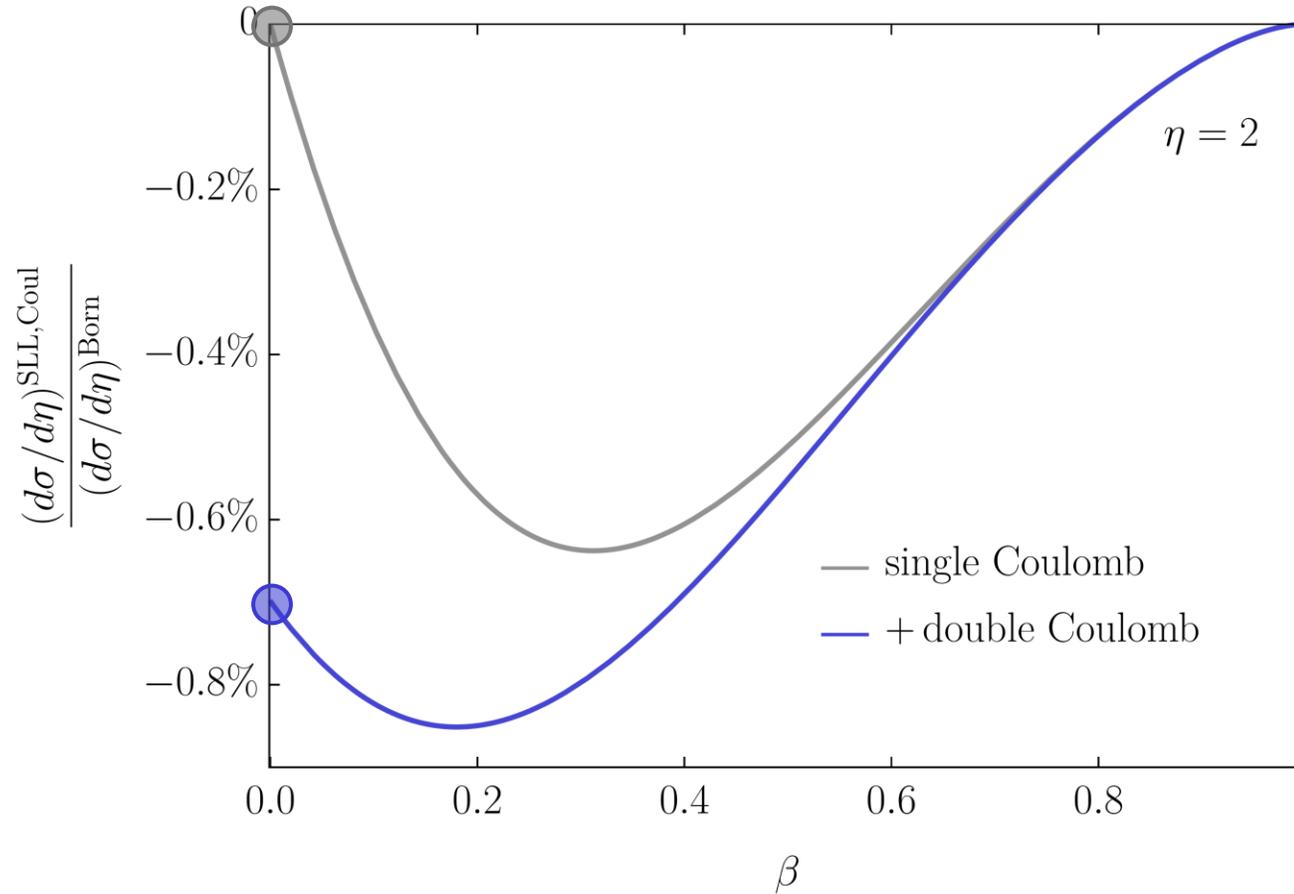
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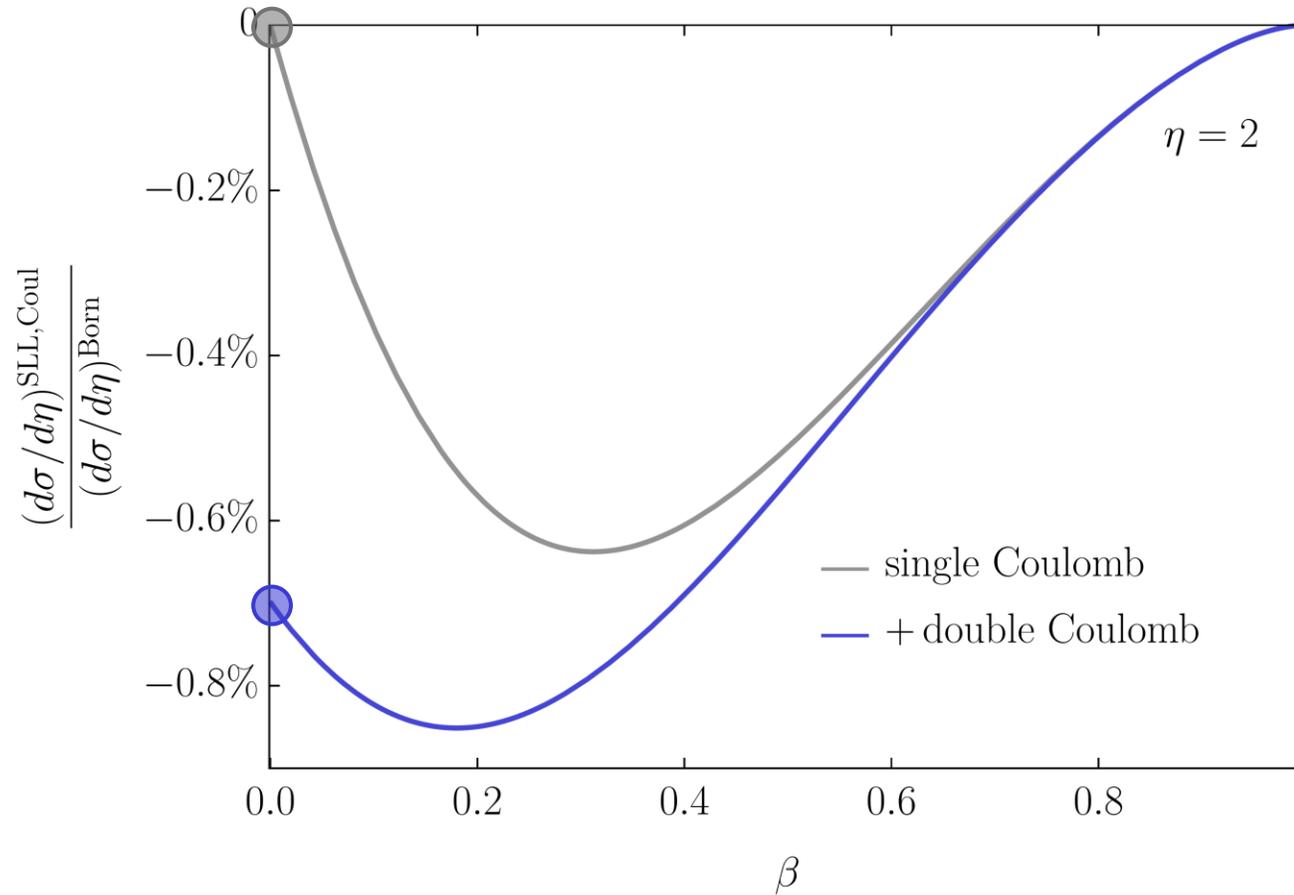
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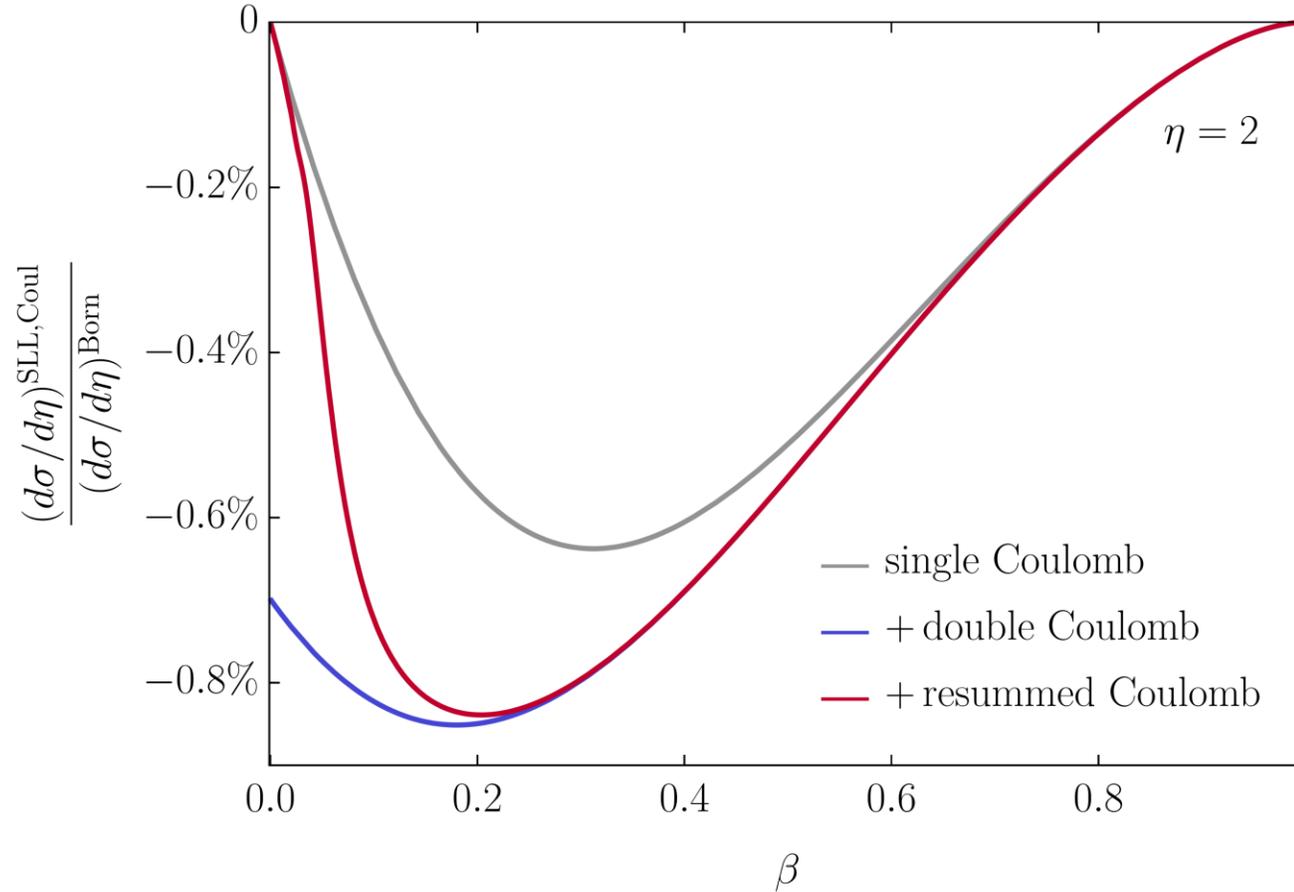
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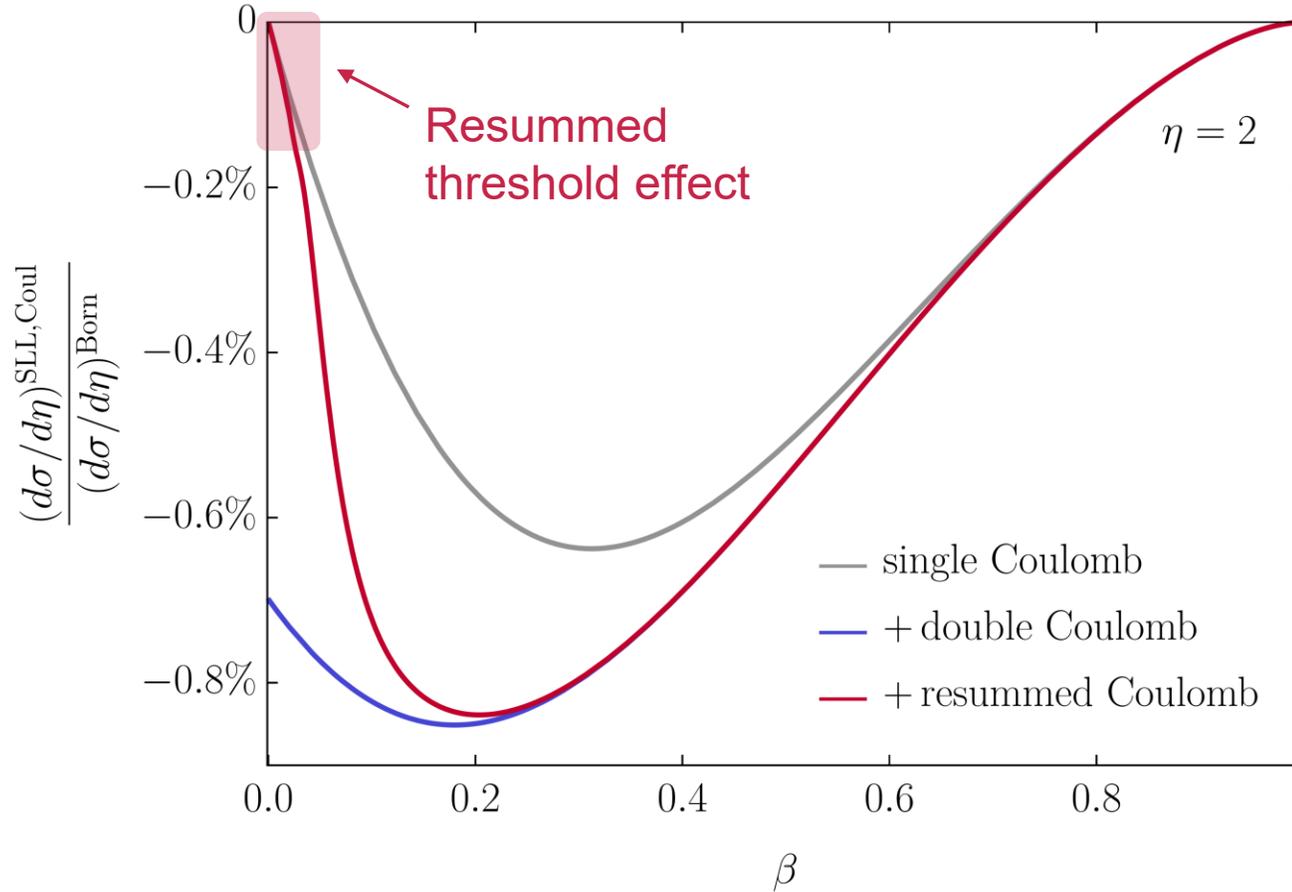
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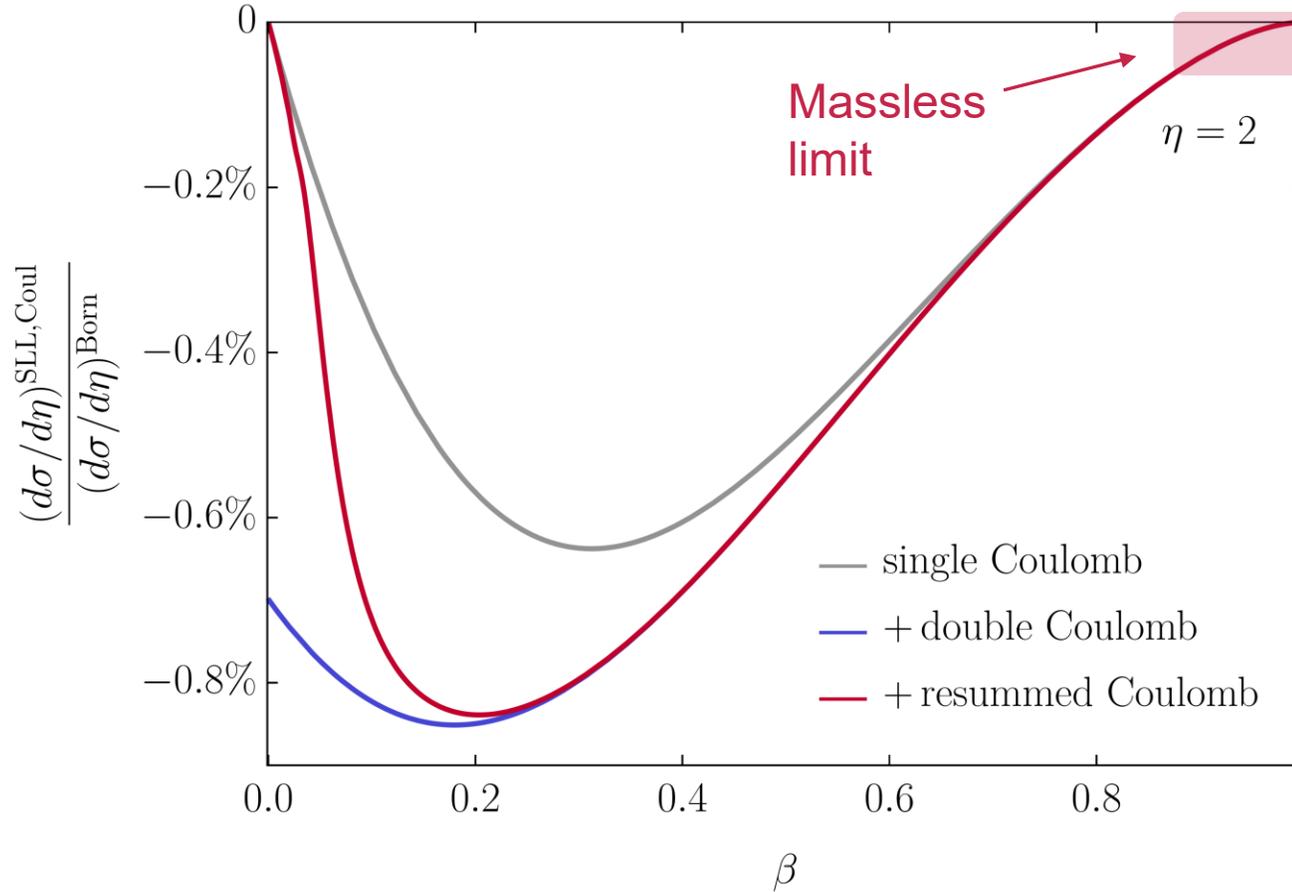
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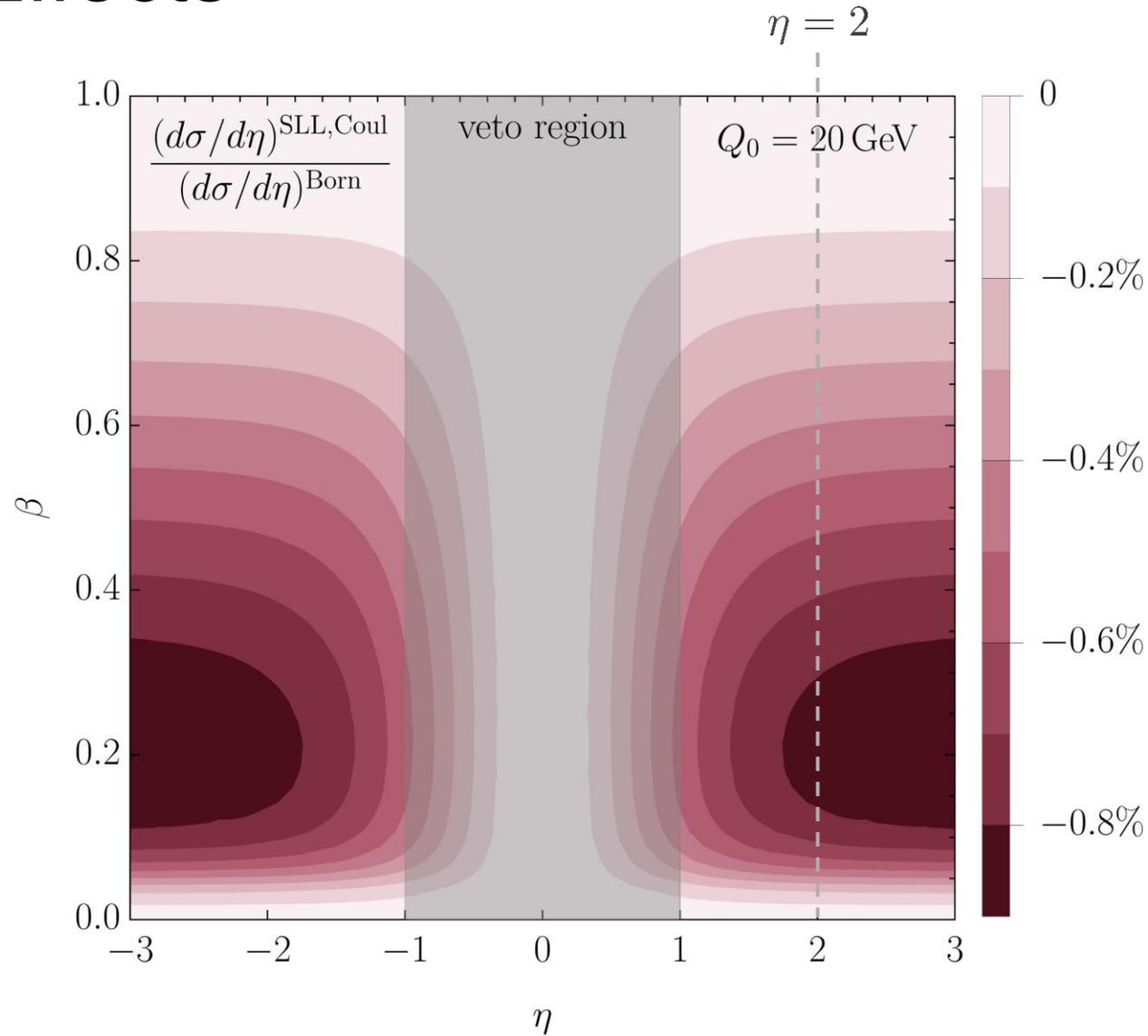
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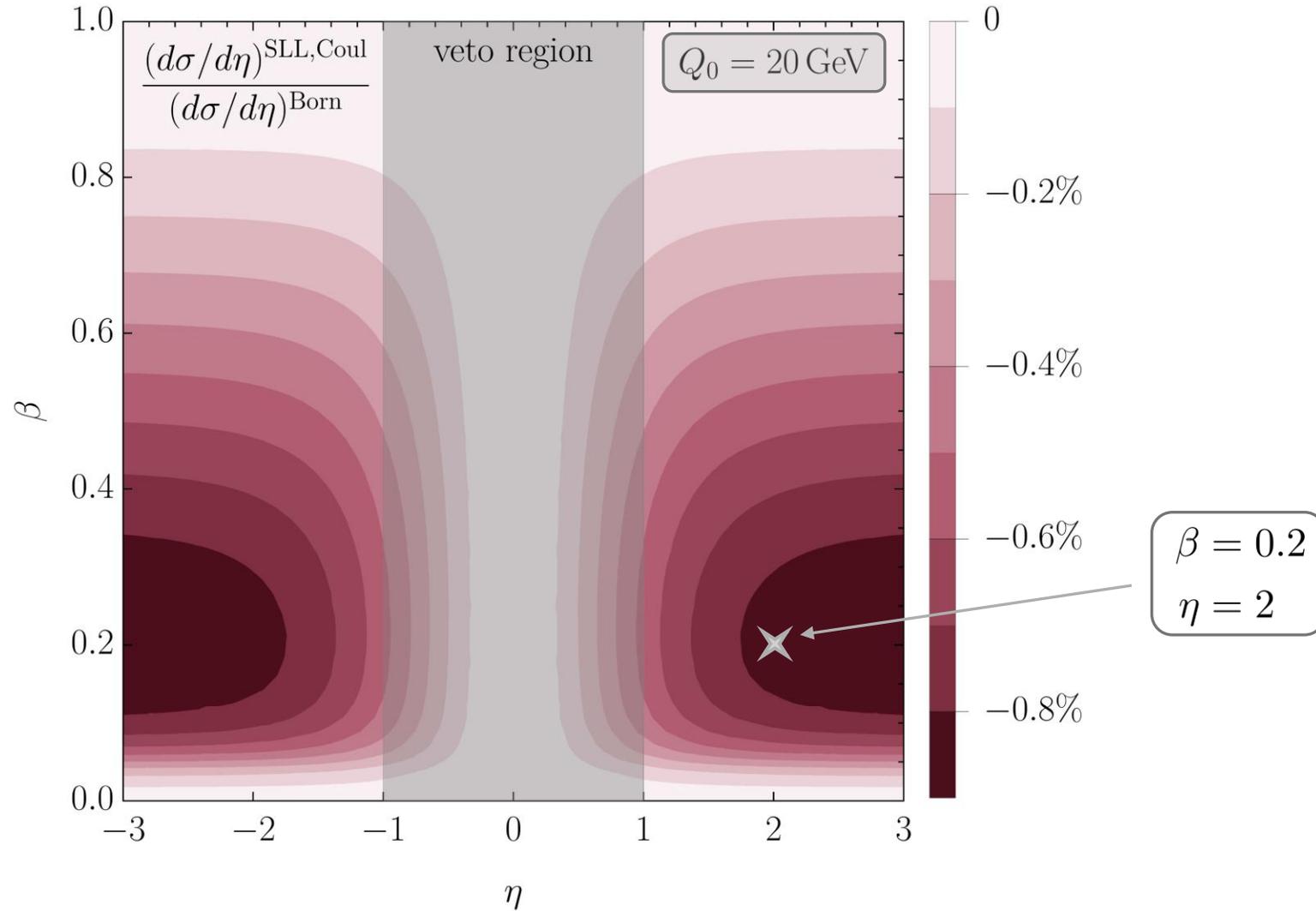
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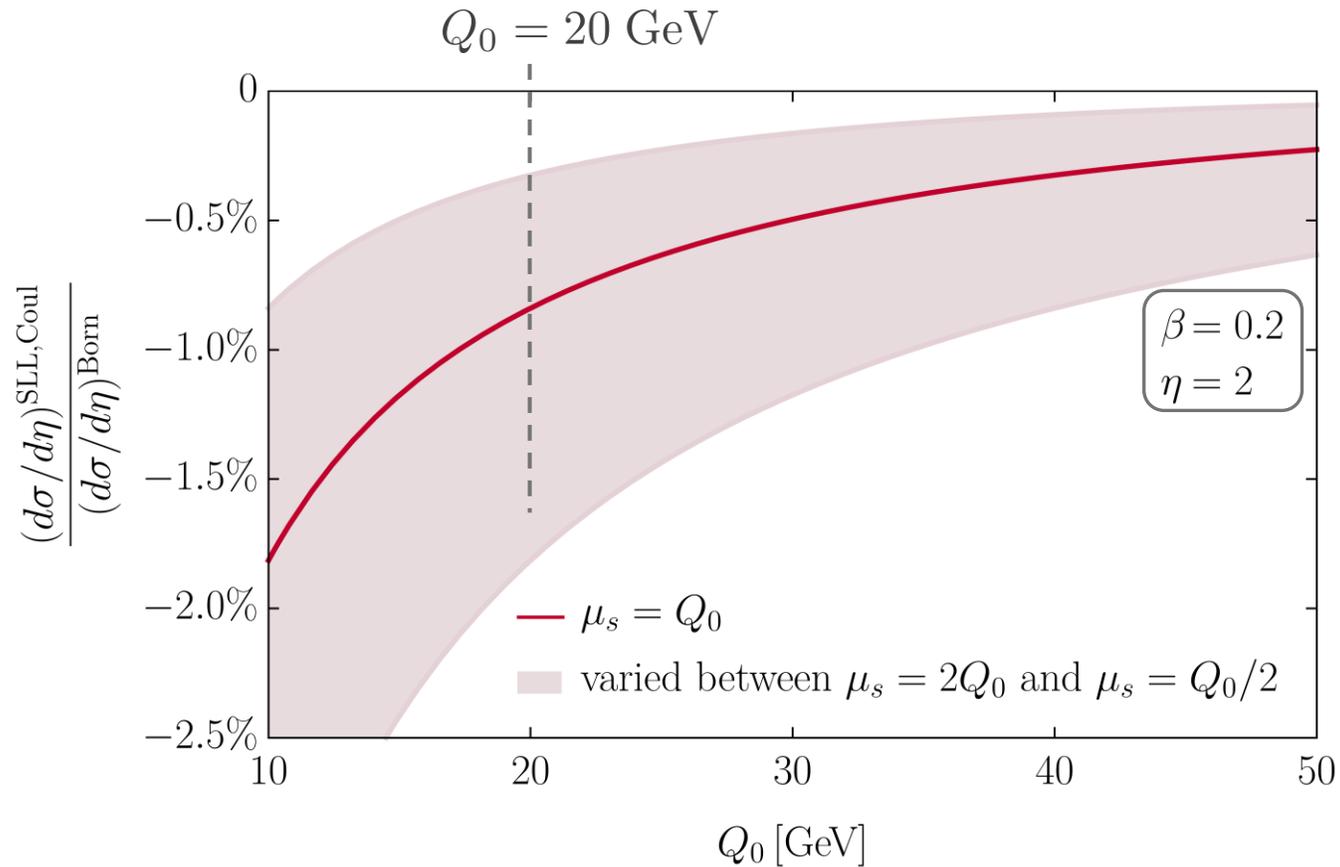
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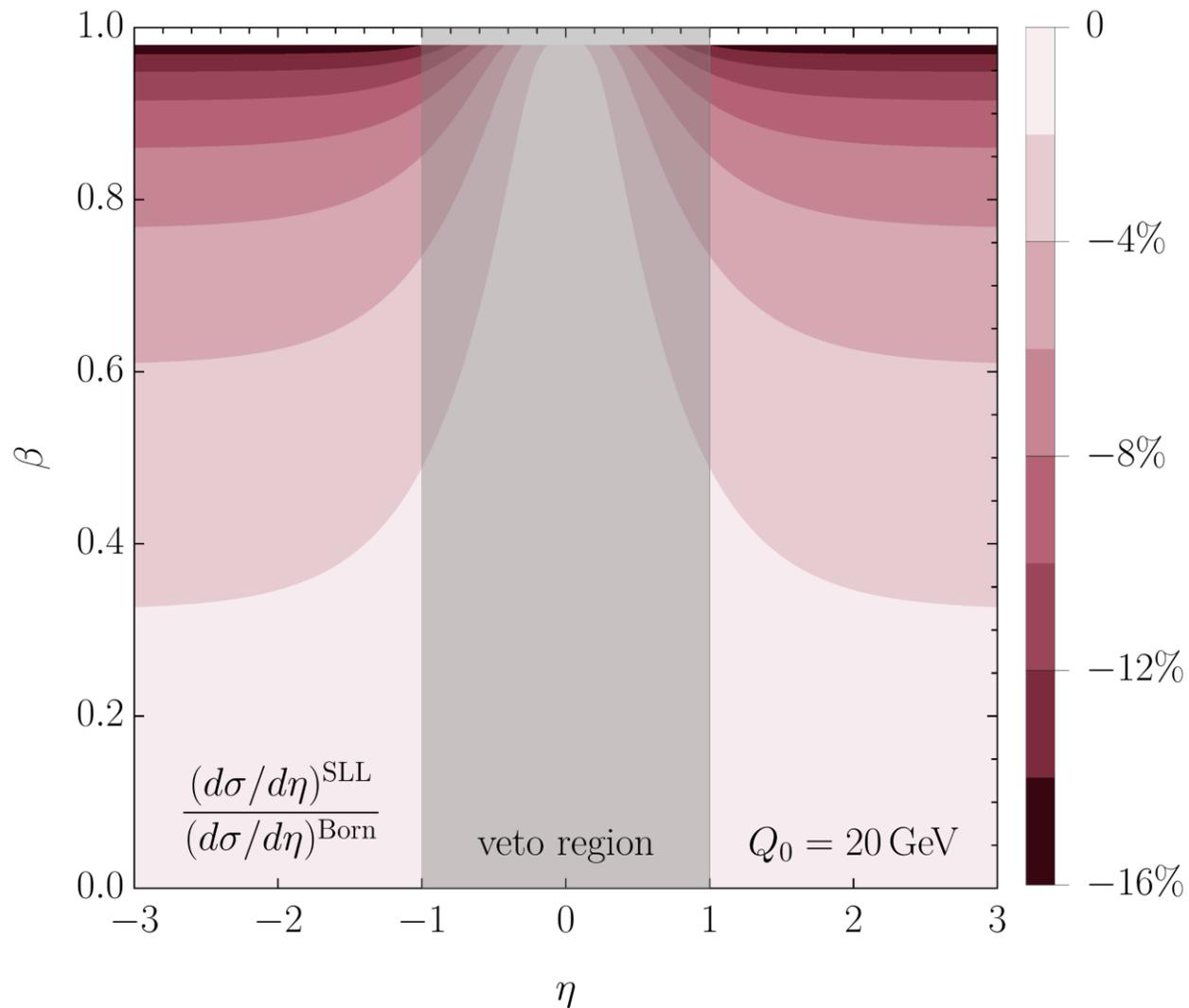
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Backup-Slides

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