

# Perturbative QCD

from basic principles to current applications

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disclaimer:

pQCD is about 40 years old - impossible to review in 3 hrs



# topics & questions to be addressed

we will mainly concentrate on a few basics  
and their consequences for phenomenology

- What are the foundations of QCD?  
keywords: color;  $SU(3)$  gauge group; local gauge invariance; Feynman rules
- What are the general features of QCD?  
keywords: asymptotic freedom; infrared safety; origin of "singularities"
- How to relate QCD to experiment?  
keywords: partons; factorization; renormalization group eqs. / evolution
- How reliable is a theoretical QCD calculation?  
keywords: scale dependence; NLO; small- $x$ ; all-order resummations
- What is the status of some non-perturbative inputs  
keywords: global QCD analysis

# bibliography – a personal selection

## textbooks:

- the “pink book” on QCD and Collider Physics by R.K. Ellis, W.J. Stirling, and B.R. Webber *always a good reference*
- R.D. Field, Applications of pQCD *detailed examples*
- Y.V. Kovchegov, E. Levin, QCD at High Energy *focus on small  $x$  physics*
- J. Collins, Foundations of pQCD *focus on formal aspects of evolution*



Photo by Matt Heyssler



## lecture notes & write-ups:

- D. Soper, Basics of QCD Perturbation Theory, [hep-ph/9702203](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9702203)
- Collins, Soper, Sterman, Factorization of Hard Processes in QCD, [hep-ph/0409313](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0409313)
- G. Salam, Elements of QCD for Hadron Colliders, [arXiv:1011.5131](https://arxiv.org/abs/1011.5131)
- Particle Data Group, Review of Particle Physics, [pdg.lbl.gov](https://pdg.lbl.gov)

## talks & lectures on the web:

- annual CTEQ summer school, tons of material on [www.cteq.org](http://www.cteq.org)
- annual CERN/FNAL Hadron Collider Physics School [hcpss.web.cern.ch/hcpss](http://hcpss.web.cern.ch/hcpss)



# tentative outline of the lectures

## Part 1:    the foundations

SU(3); color algebra; gauge invariance;  
QCD Lagrangian; Feynman rules



## Part 2:    the QCD toolbox

asymptotic freedom; infrared safety;  
the QCD final-state; jets; factorization



## Part 3:    inward bound: “femto spectroscopy”

QCD initial-state; DIS process; partons;  
factorization; renormalization group; scales;  
hadron-hadron collisions





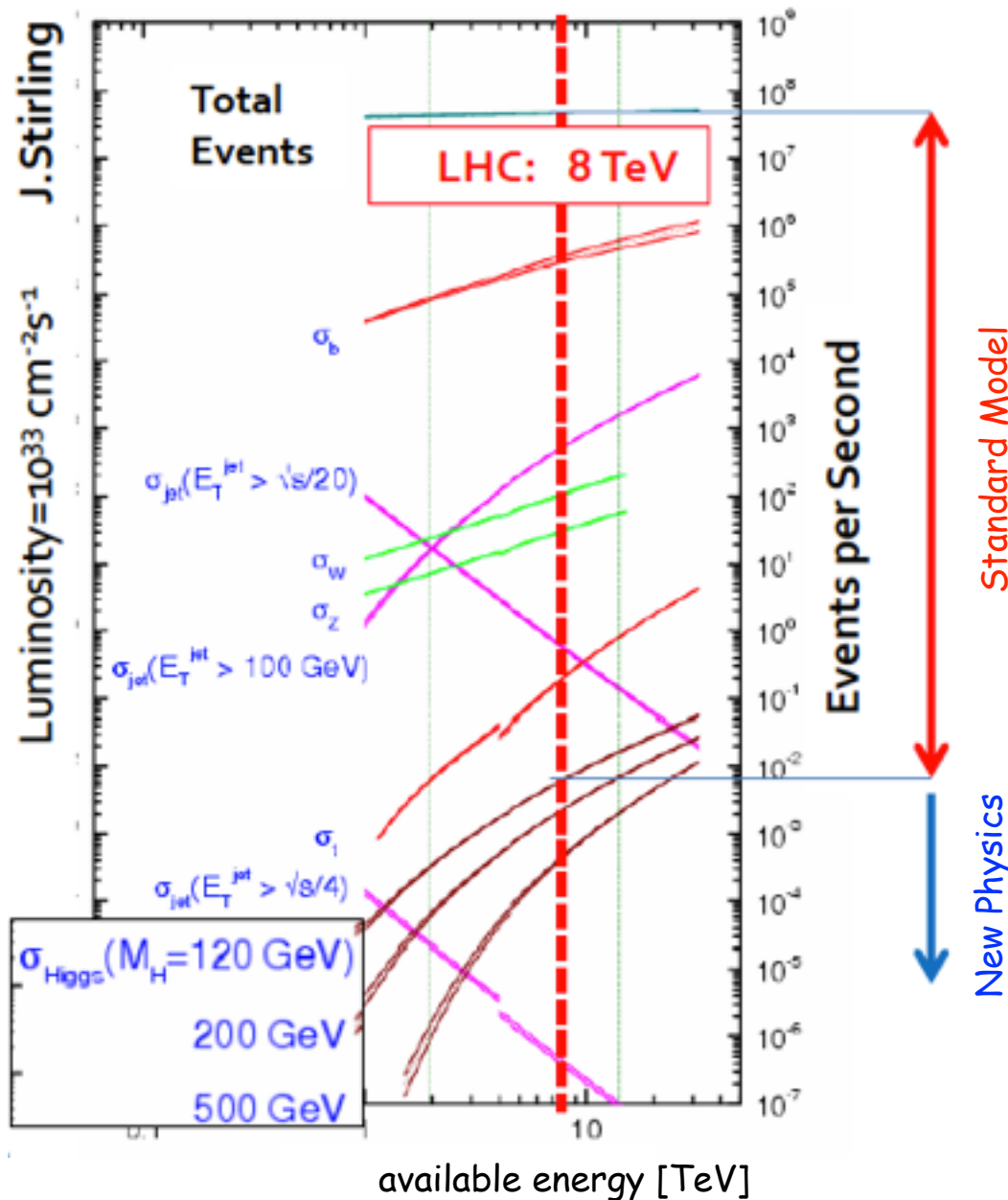
# Part I

the QCD fundamentals

all about color

the concept of gauge invariance

# QCD – why do we still care (or perhaps more than ever)



hadron colliders inevitably  
have to deal with QCD

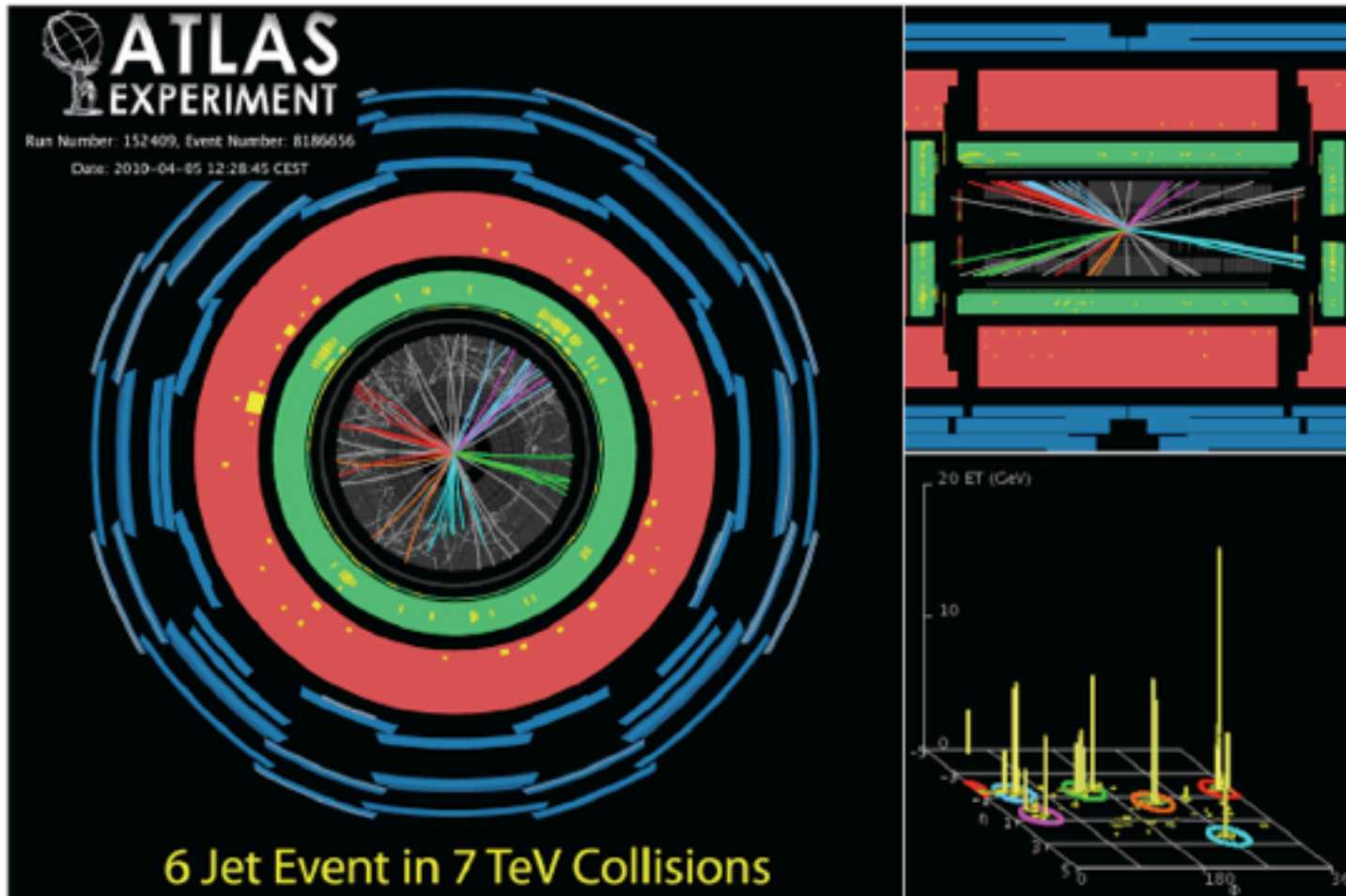
discovering the Higgs or  
some New Physics requires  
a sophisticated **quantitative**  
**understanding of QCD**



P.W. Higgs, F. Englert (2013)

achieving that can be quite a challenge ...

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^A F_A^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\text{flavors}} \bar{q}_i (i\not{D} - m)_{ij} q_j$$





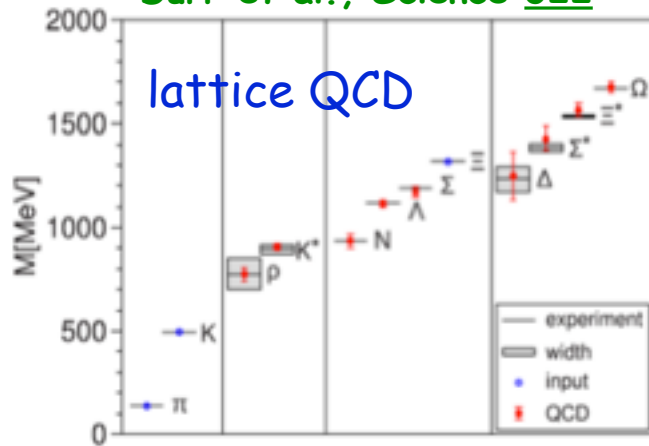
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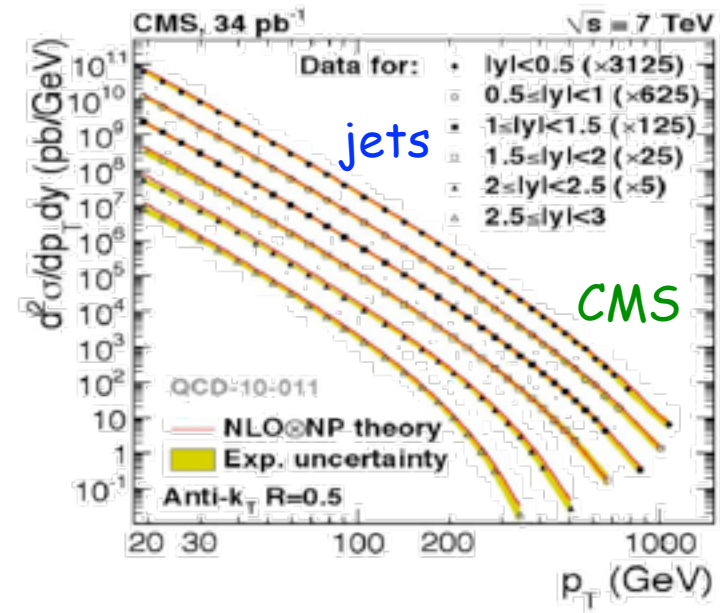
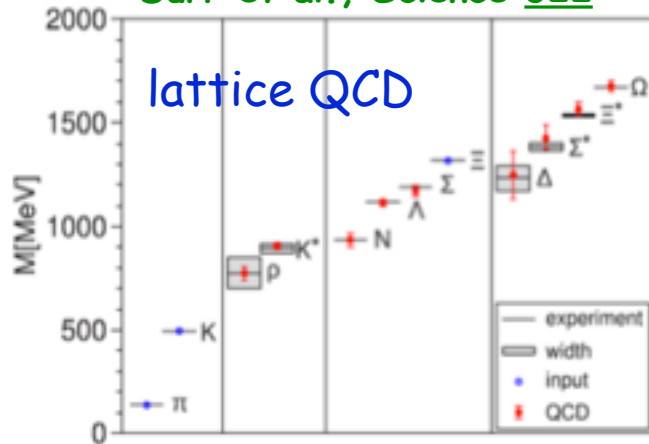
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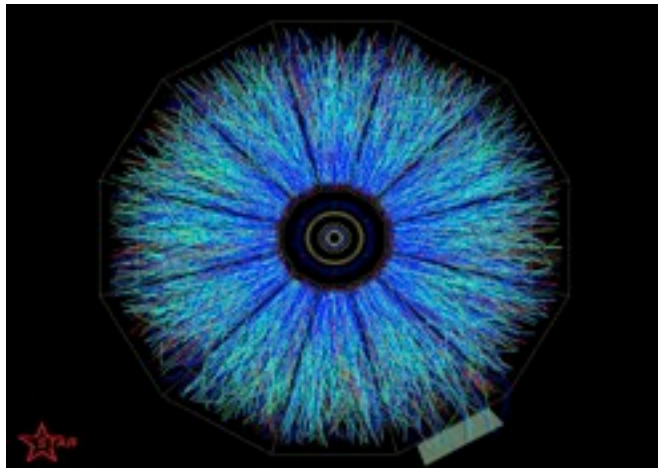
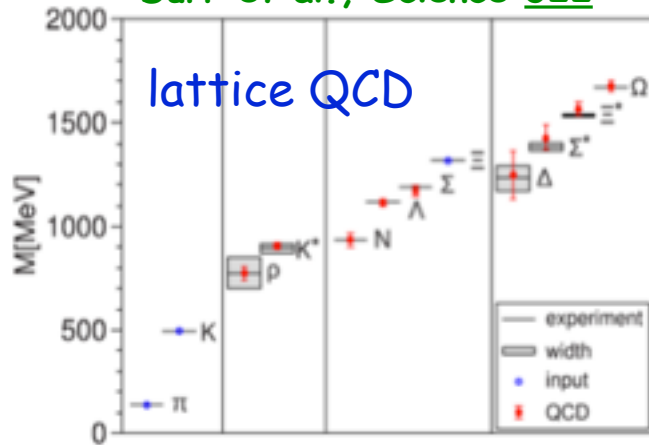
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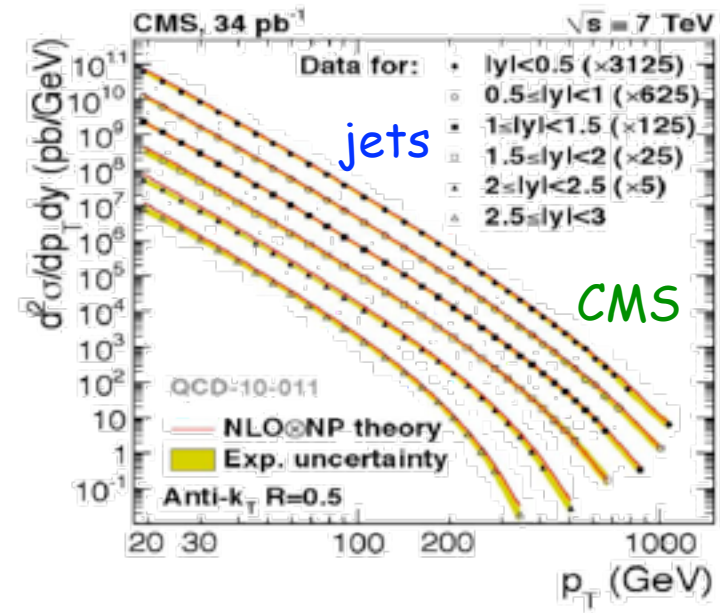
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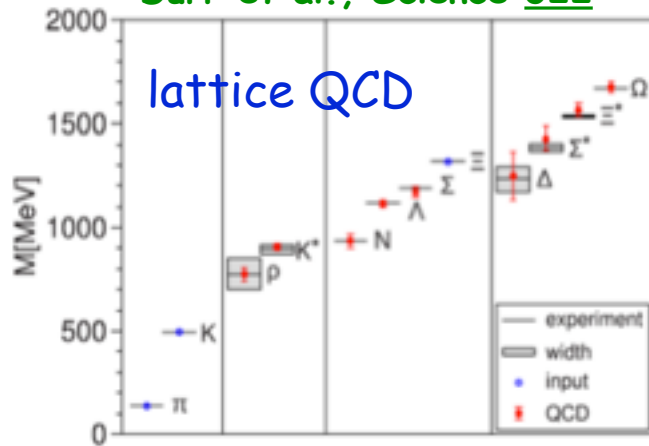


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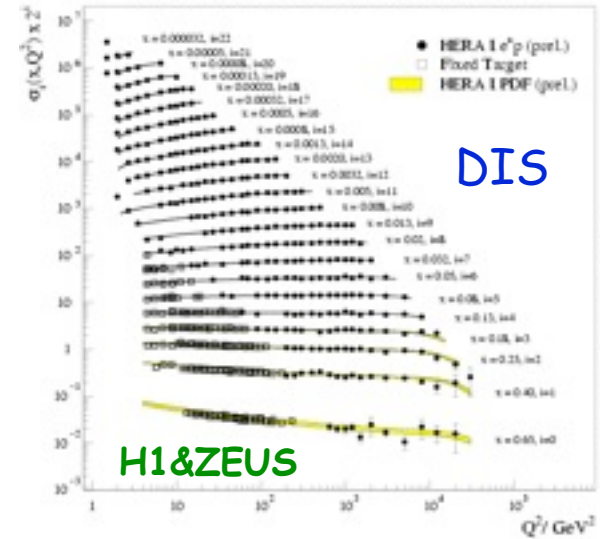
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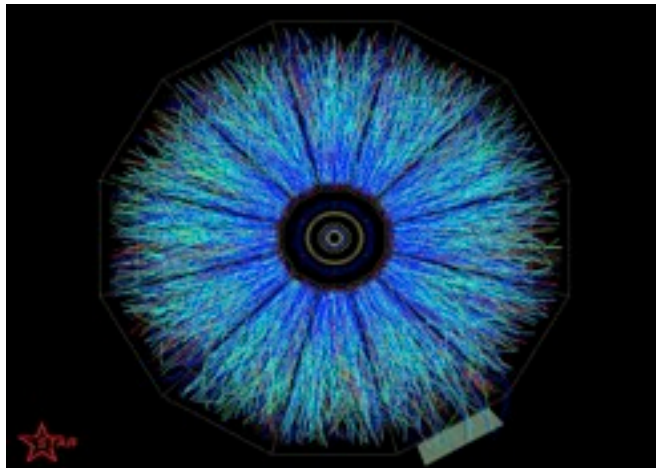
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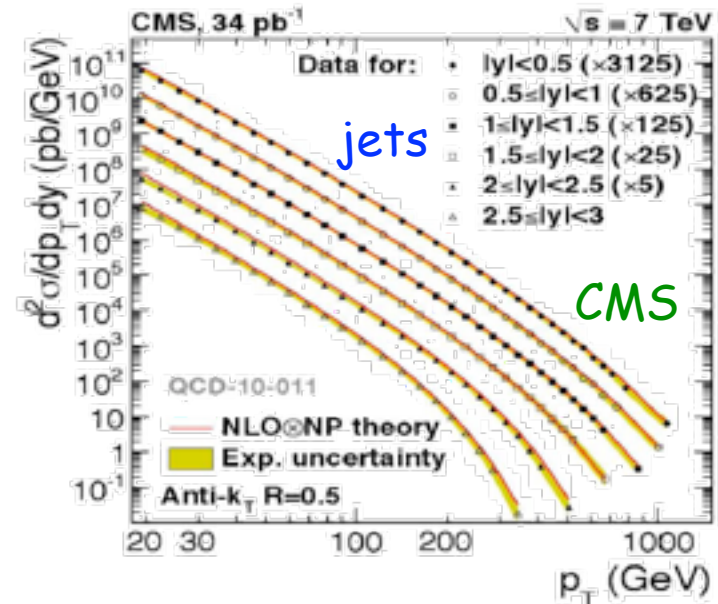
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H1&ZEUS



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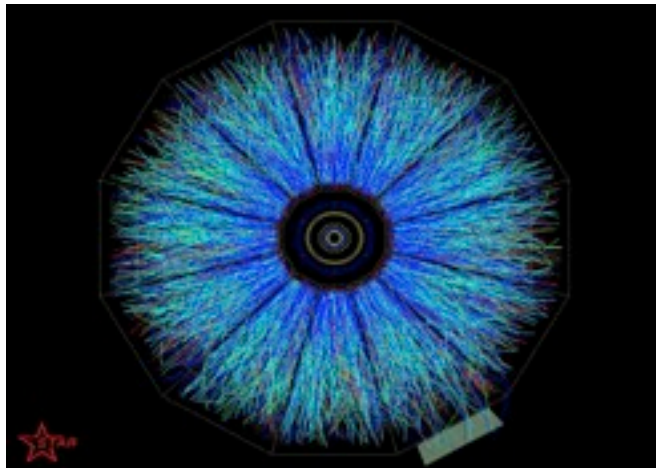
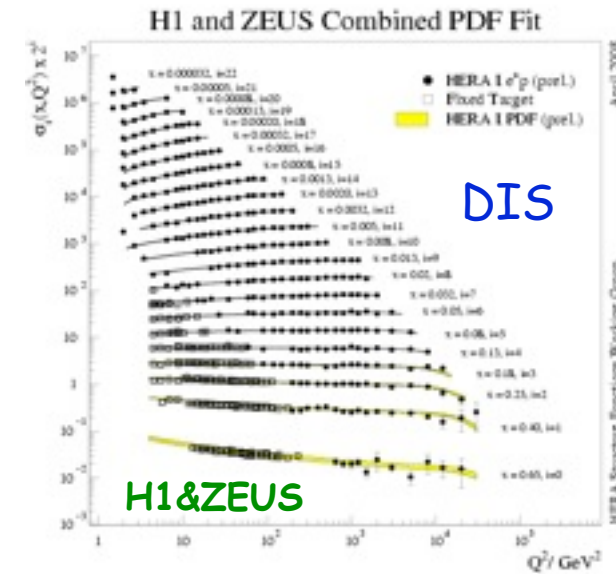
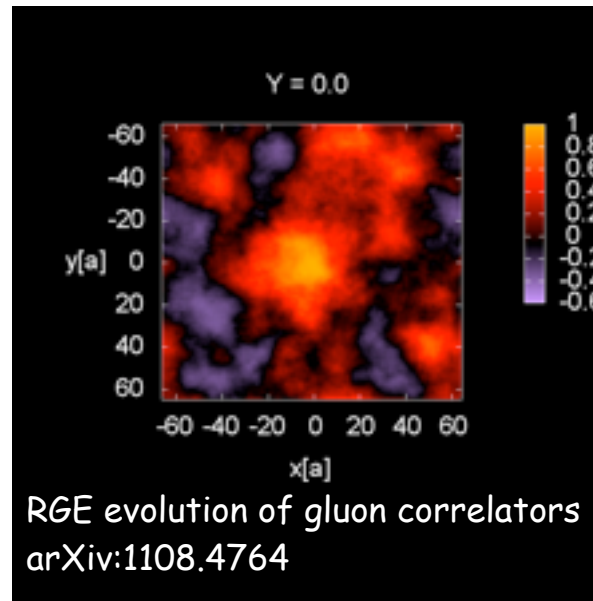


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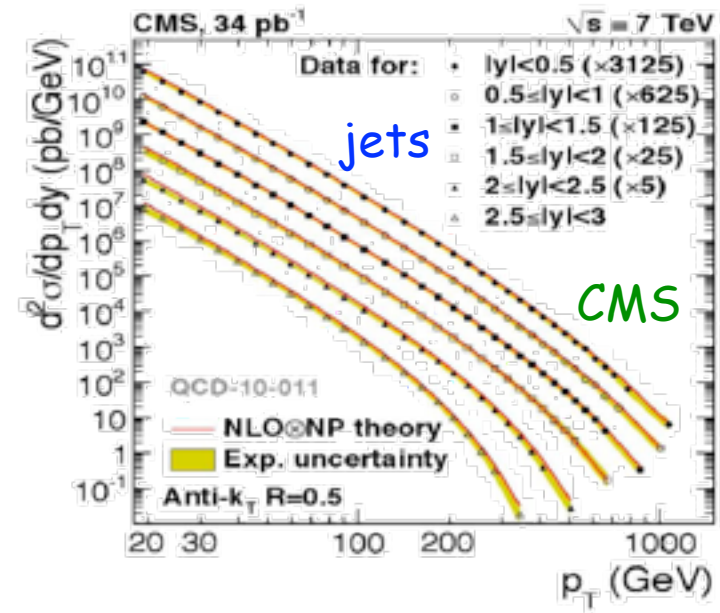
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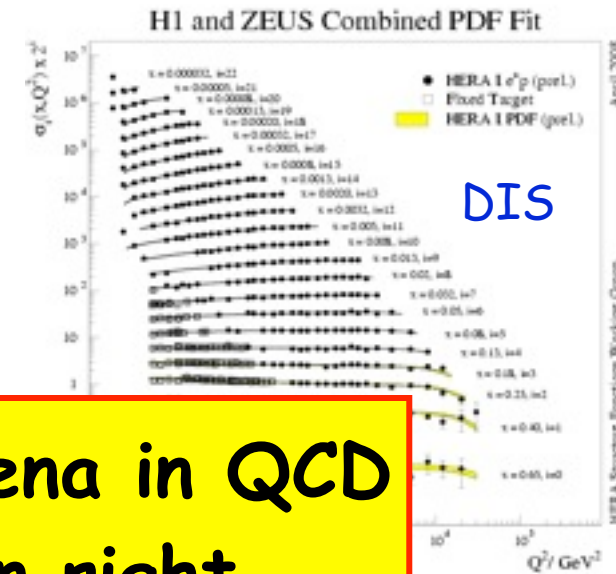
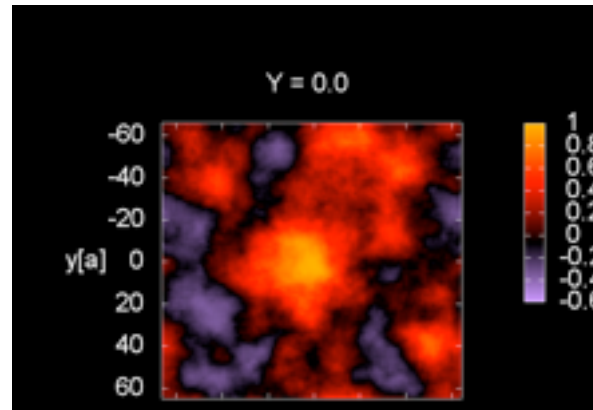
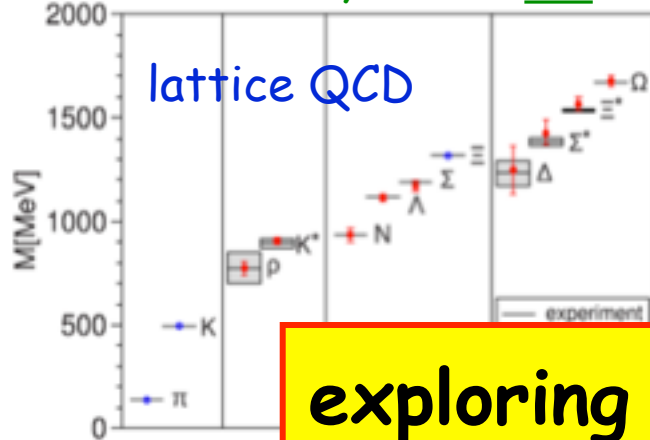


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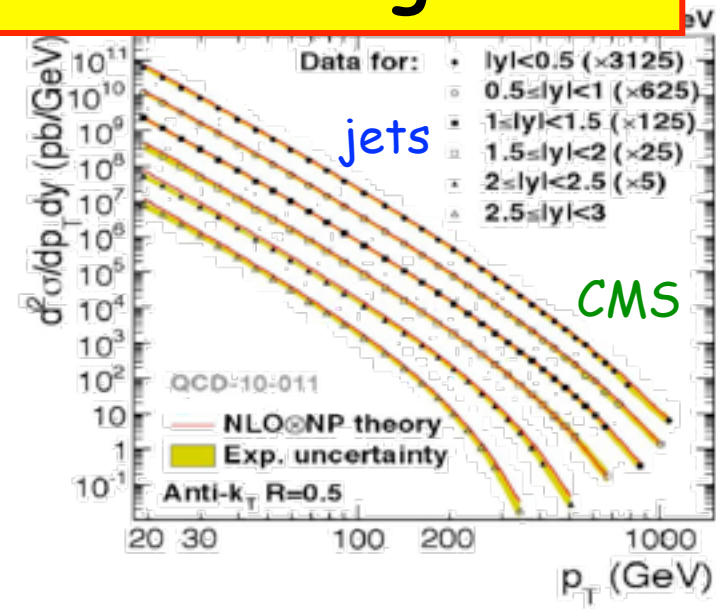
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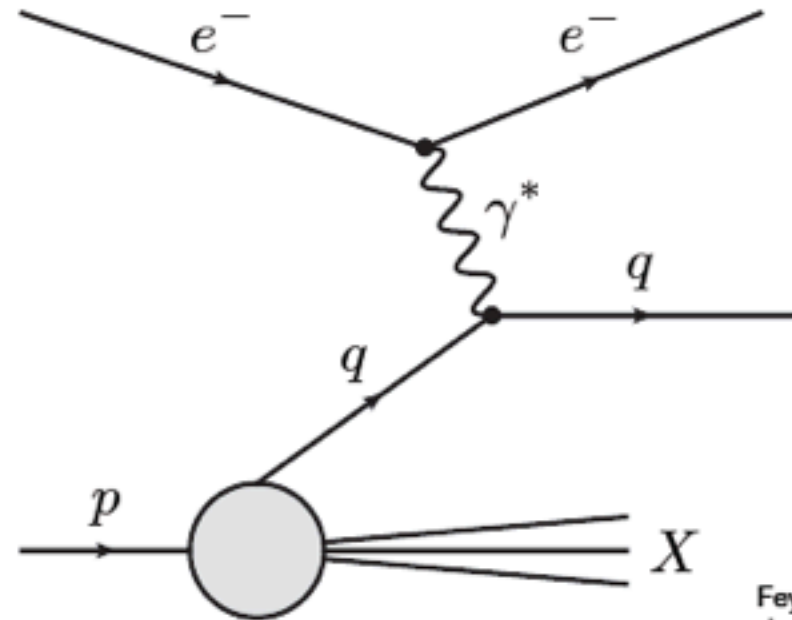
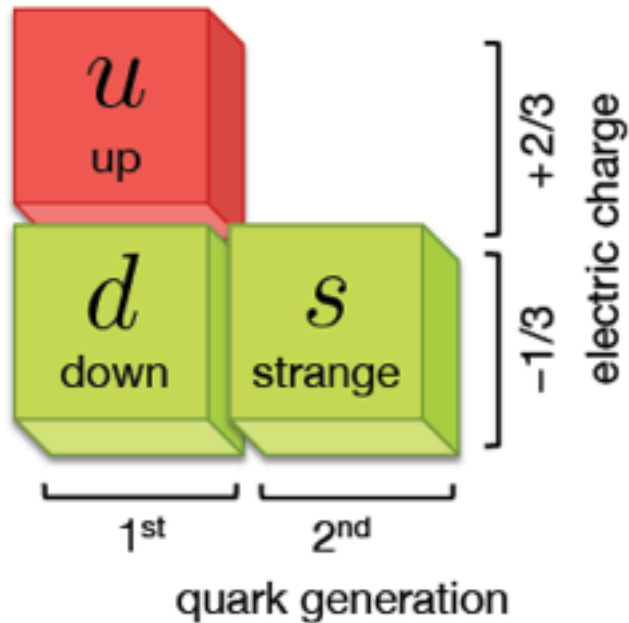
exploring all these phenomena in QCD  
is interesting in its own right



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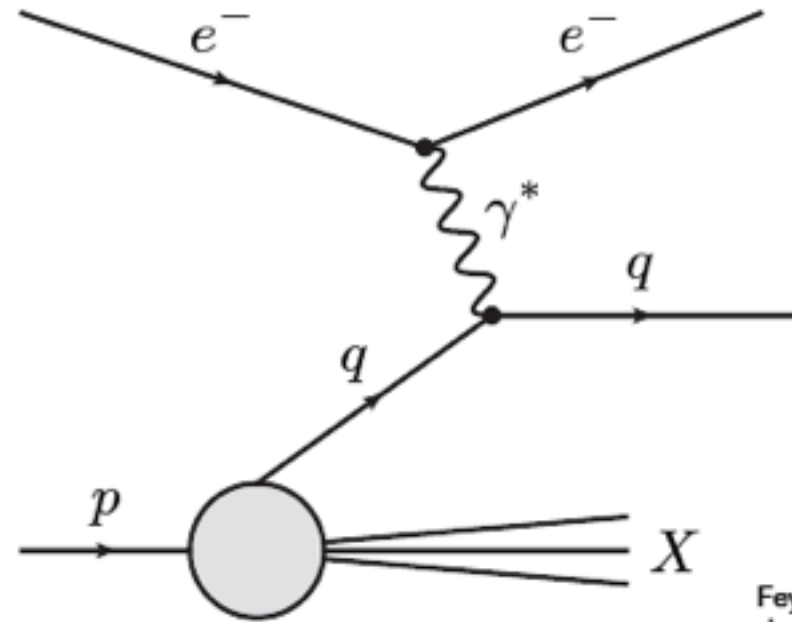
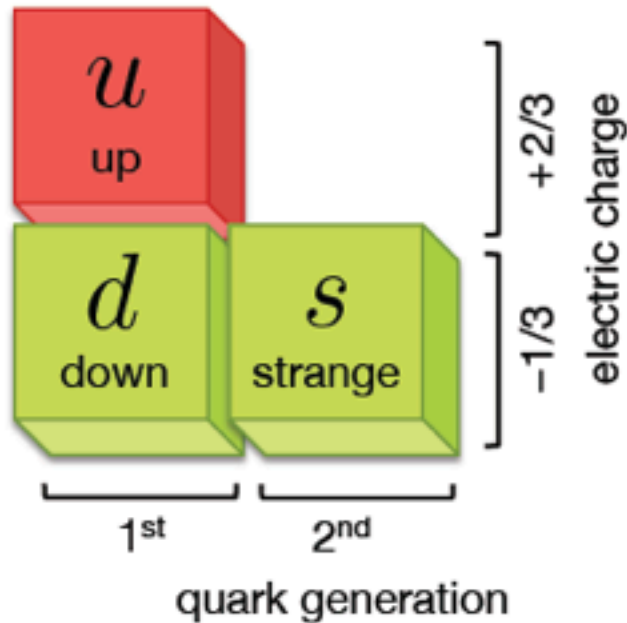


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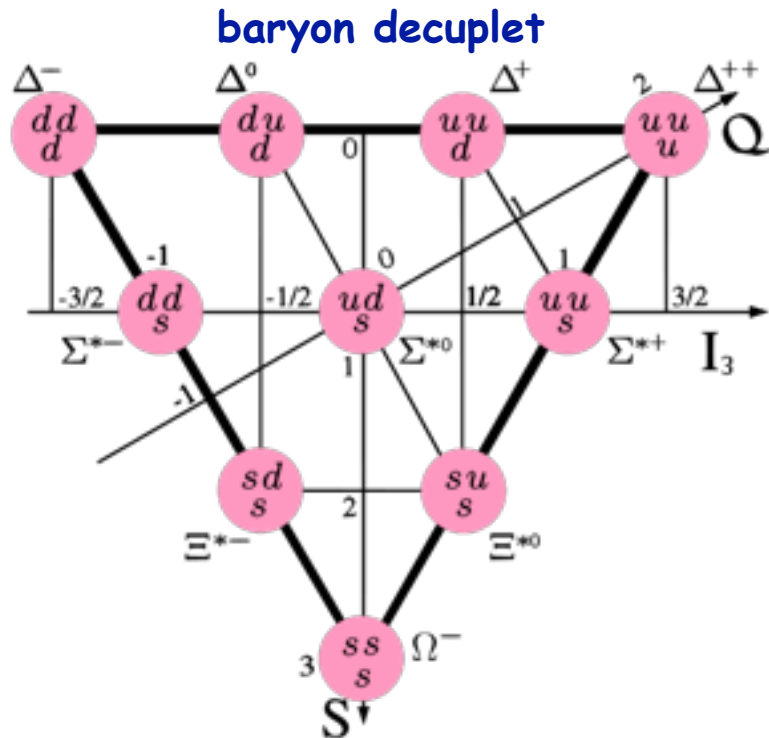
strange quarks necessary component in **quark model** to classify the observed slew of mesons/baryons *Gell-Mann, Zweig (1964)*

based on "**Eightfold Way**" ( $= SU(3)_{\text{flavor}}$ ) *Gell-Mann; Ne'eman (1961)*



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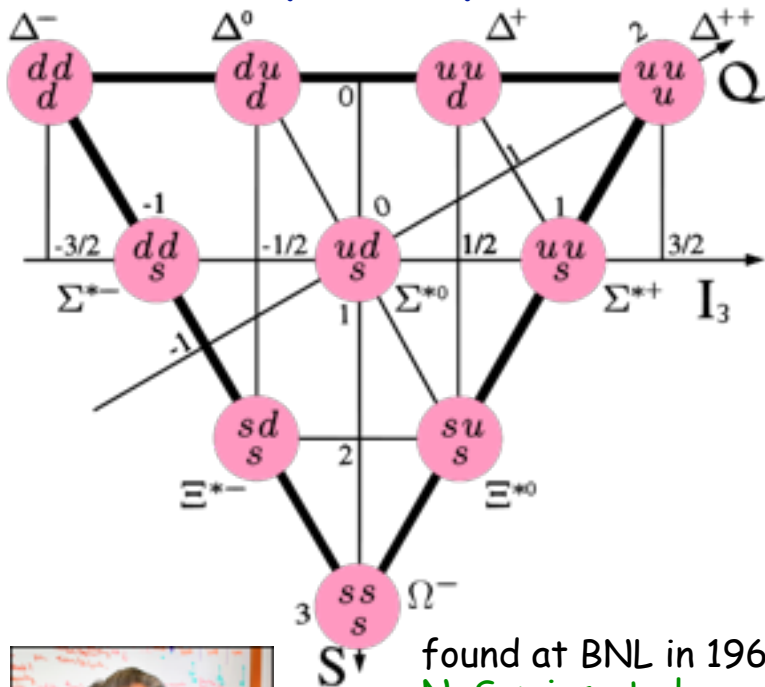
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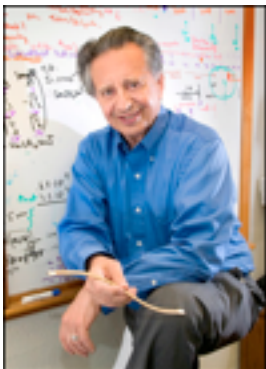
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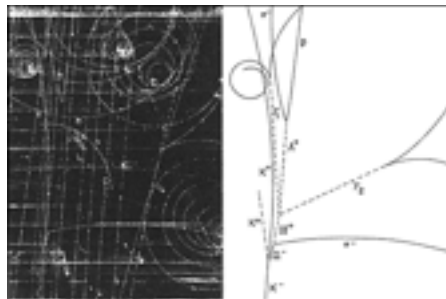
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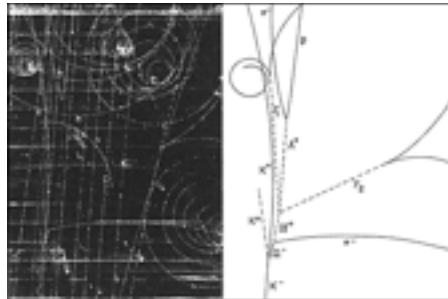
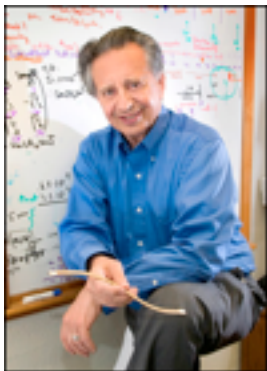
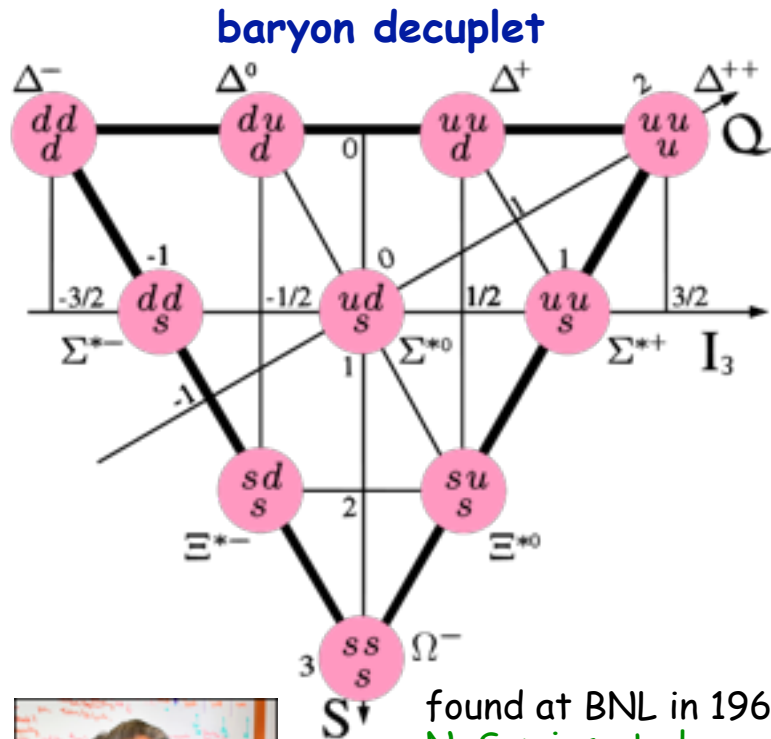


found at BNL in 1964  
N. Samios et al.



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also, **first evidence of color**

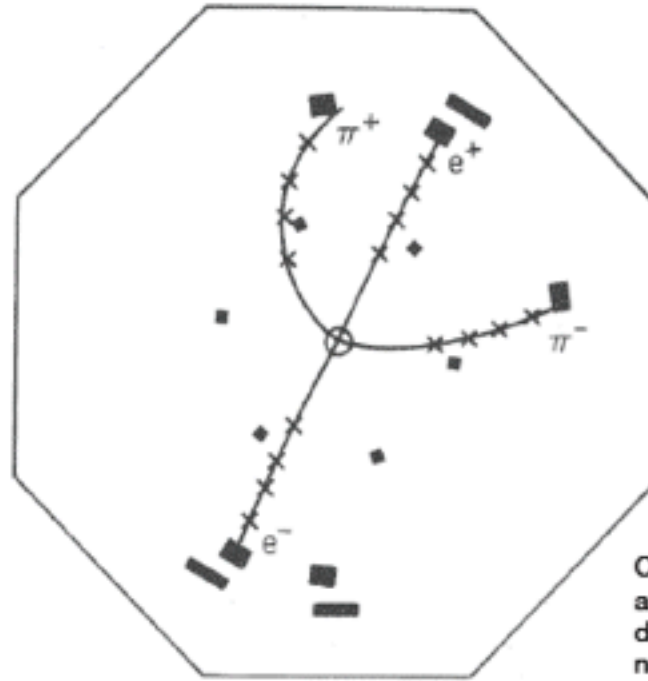
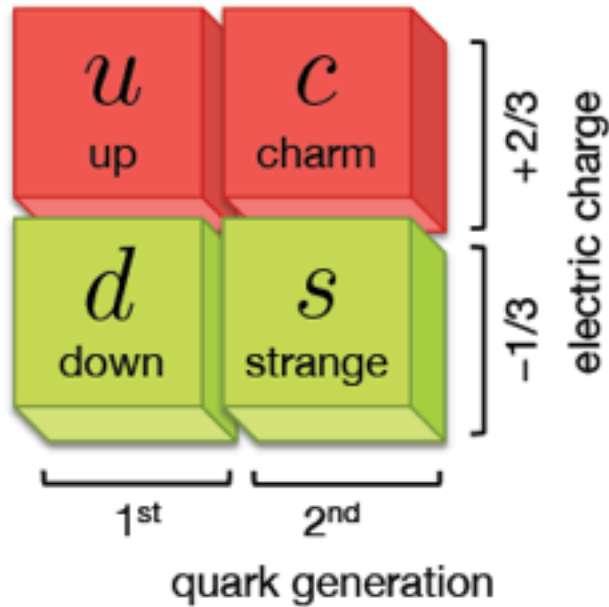
- $\Delta^{++}$  wave function  $|uuu\rangle$  not anti-sym  
(violates Pauli principle)
- remedy: color quantum number  
but hadrons remain colorless/color singlets

$$\sim \sum_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} |q_i q_j q_k\rangle$$

$$\sim \sum_i |\bar{q}_i q_i\rangle$$



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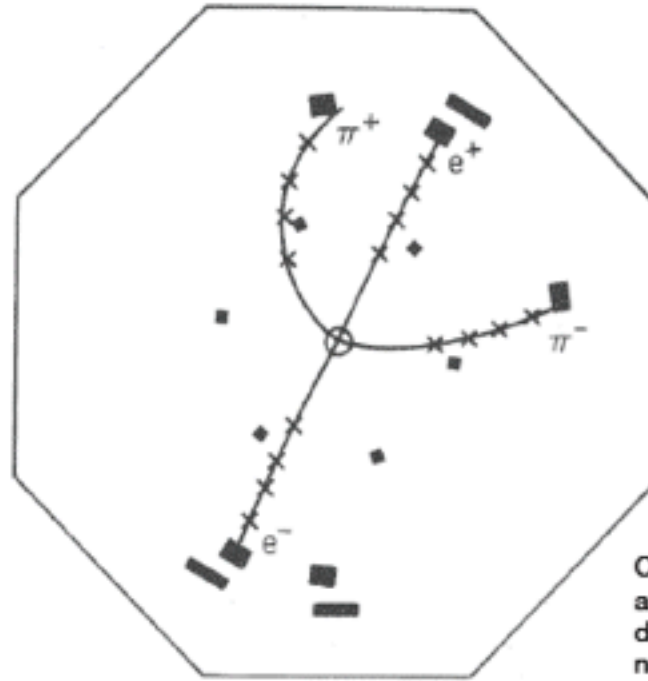
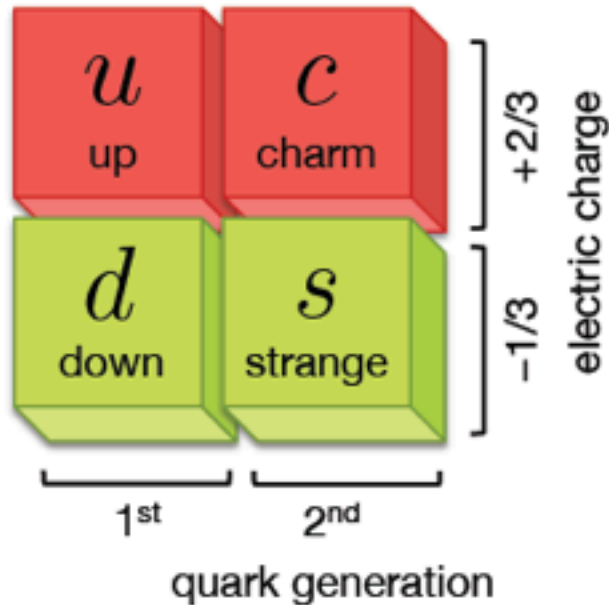


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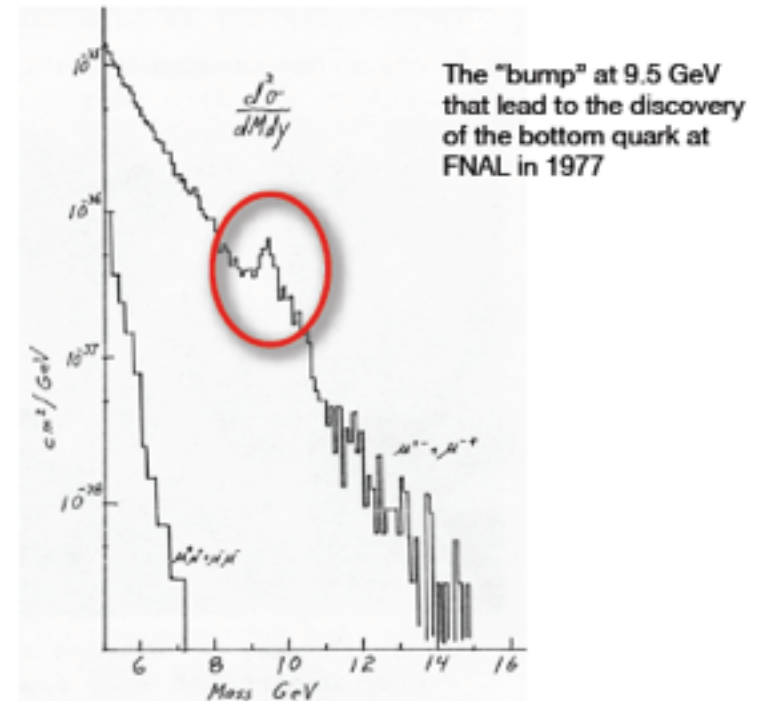
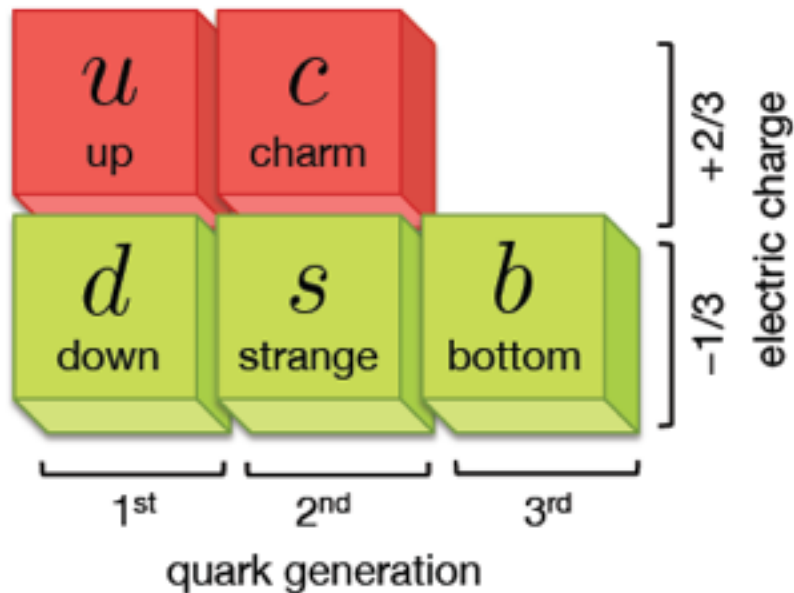
observed during "November revolution" in 1974 both at

SLAC ([Richter et al.](#)) and BNL ([Ting et al.](#))

discovered meson became known as  $J/\Psi$ ; Nobel Prize in 1976



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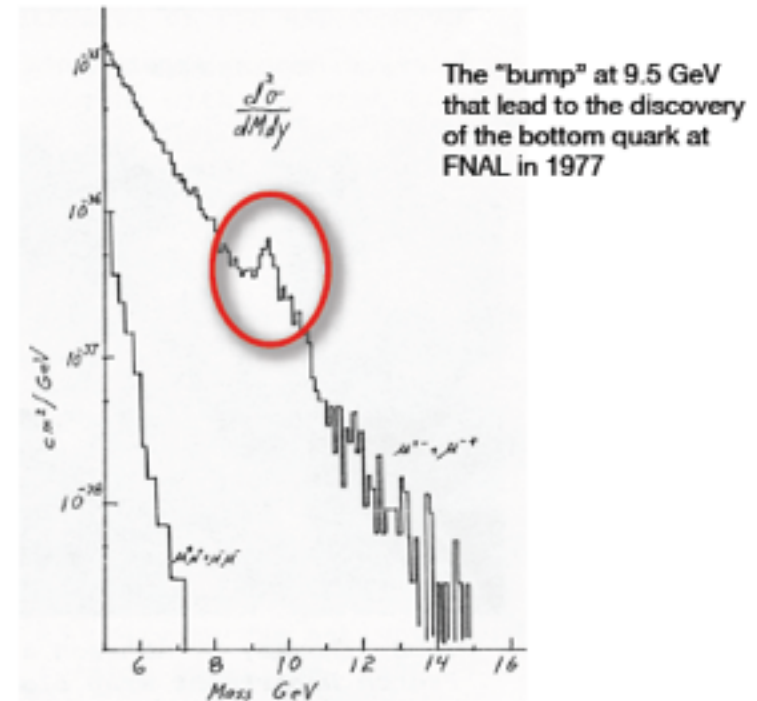
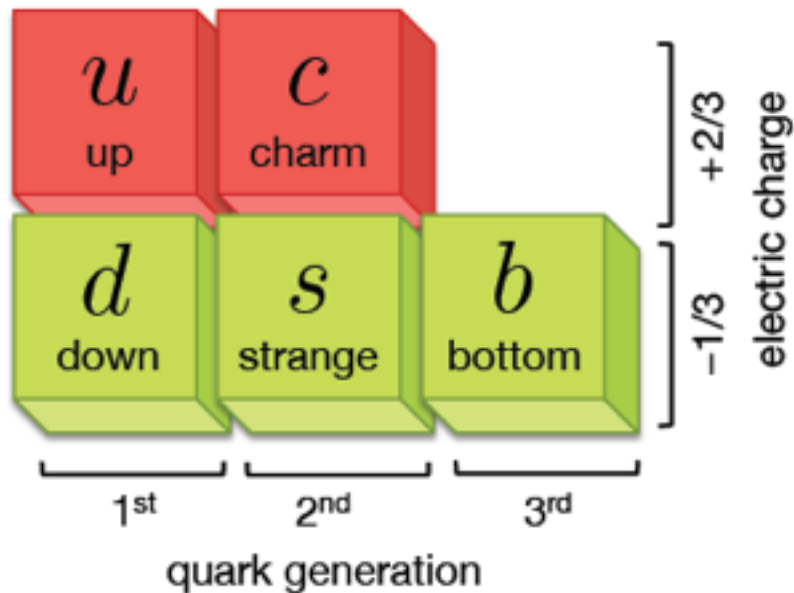


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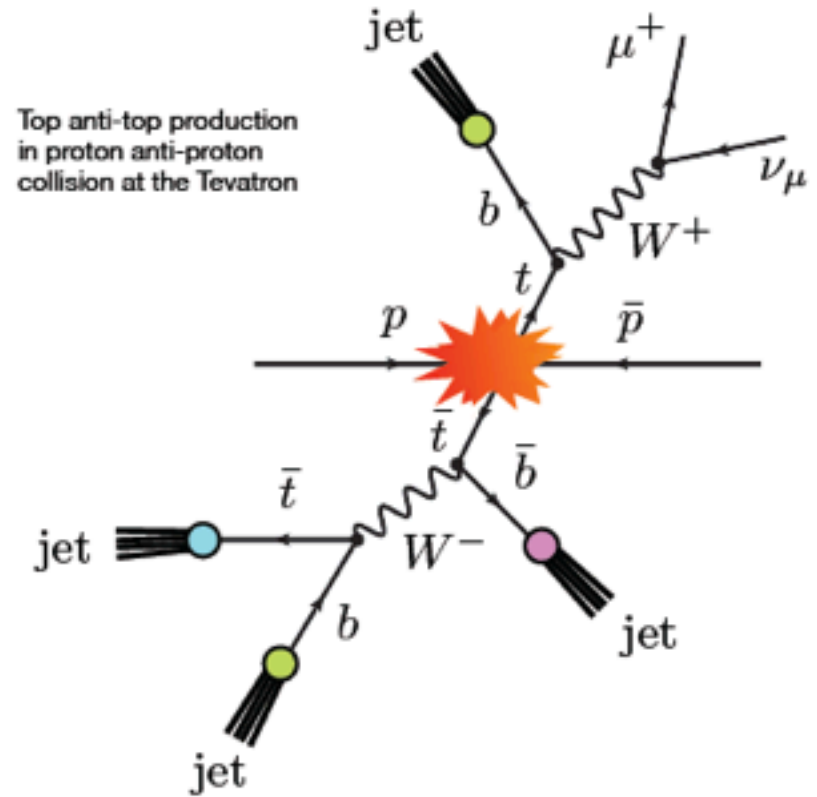
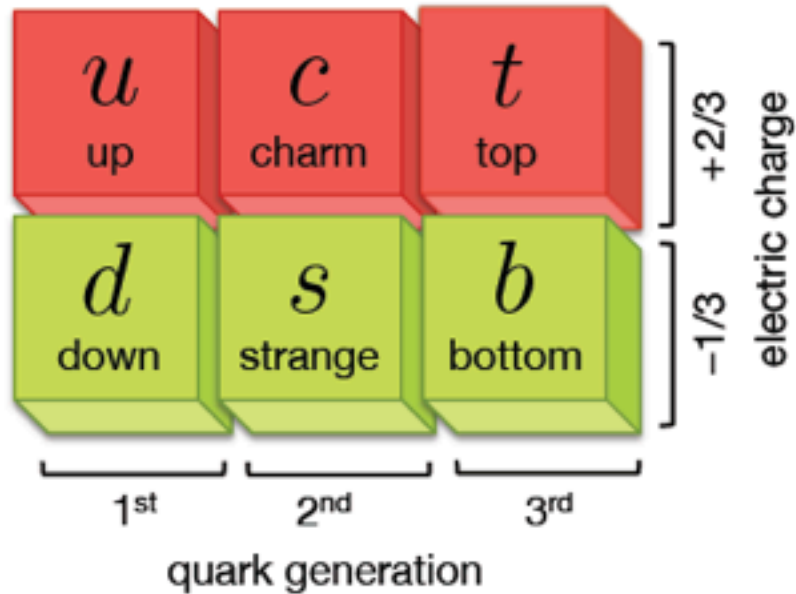
discovered in 1977 at FNAL ( $\Upsilon$  meson or "bottomium")  
**Ledermann et al.**



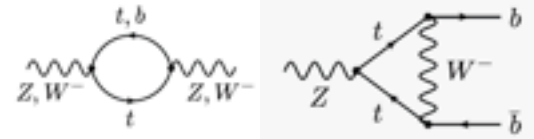
L.L. coined also the term "God particle"

Nobel Prize in 1988 for muon neutrino

# QCD matter sector: top



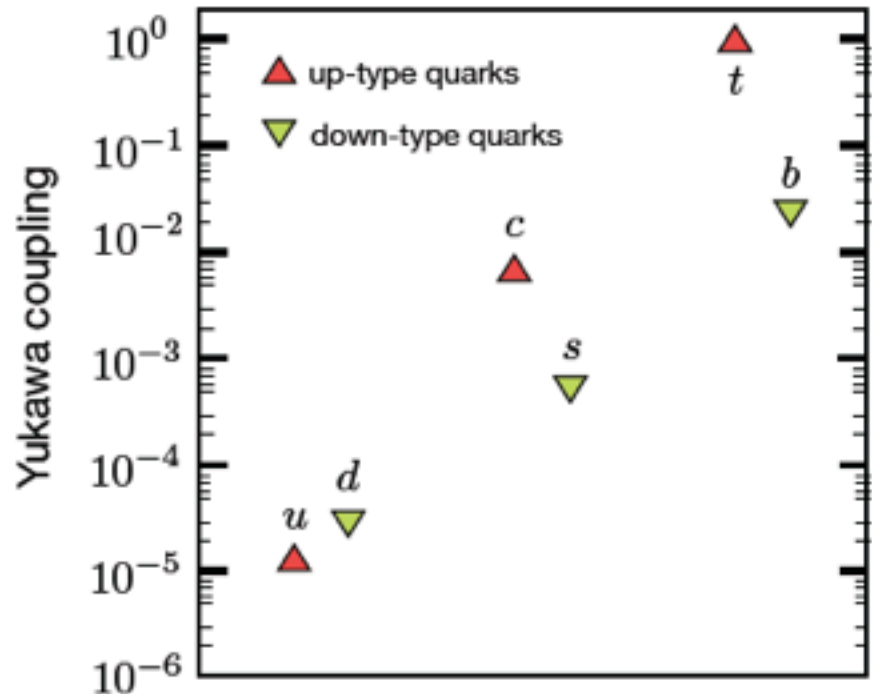
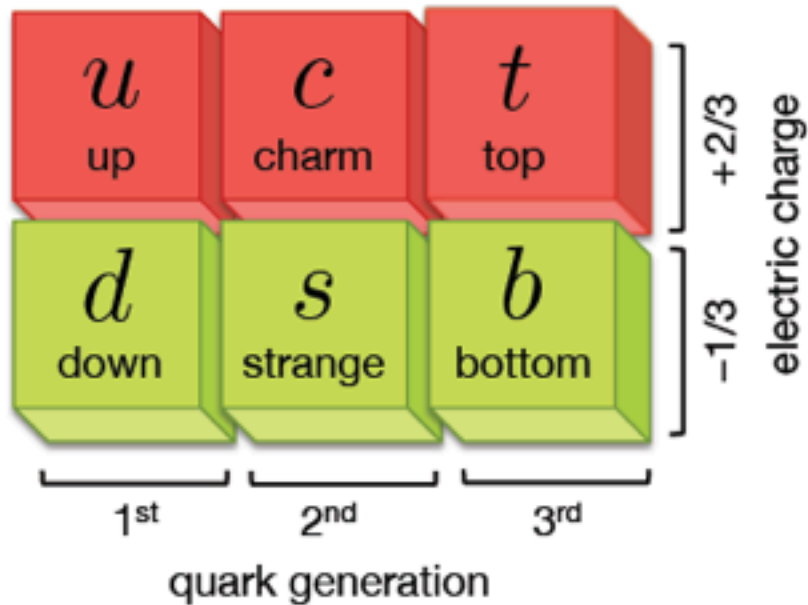
by around 1994 electroweak precision fits point towards mass in range 145-185 GeV  
(vector boson mass and couplings are sensitive to top mass)



eventually discovered in 1995 by CDF and DØ at FNAL  
(mass nowadays known to about 1 GeV)

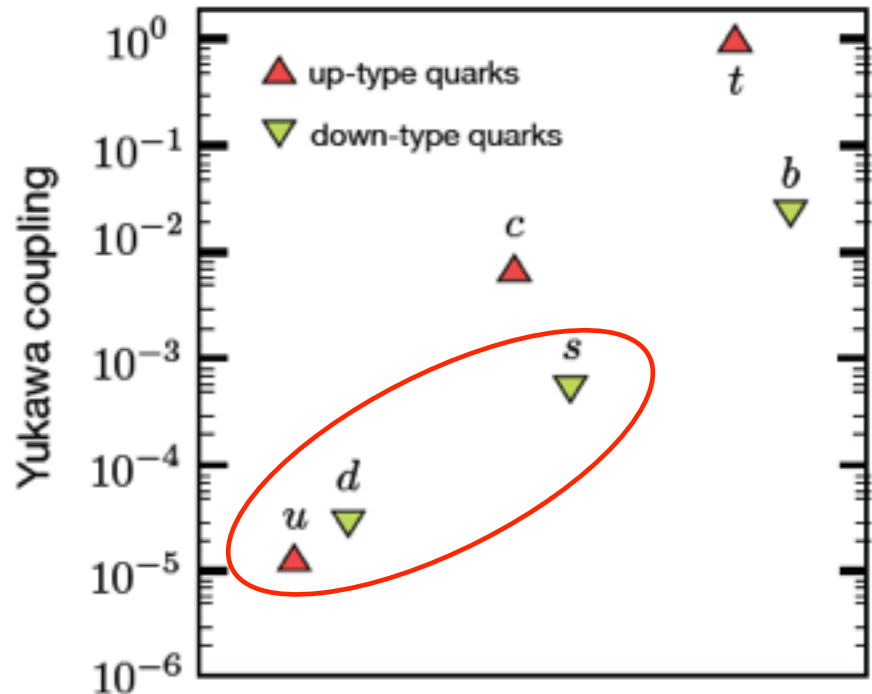
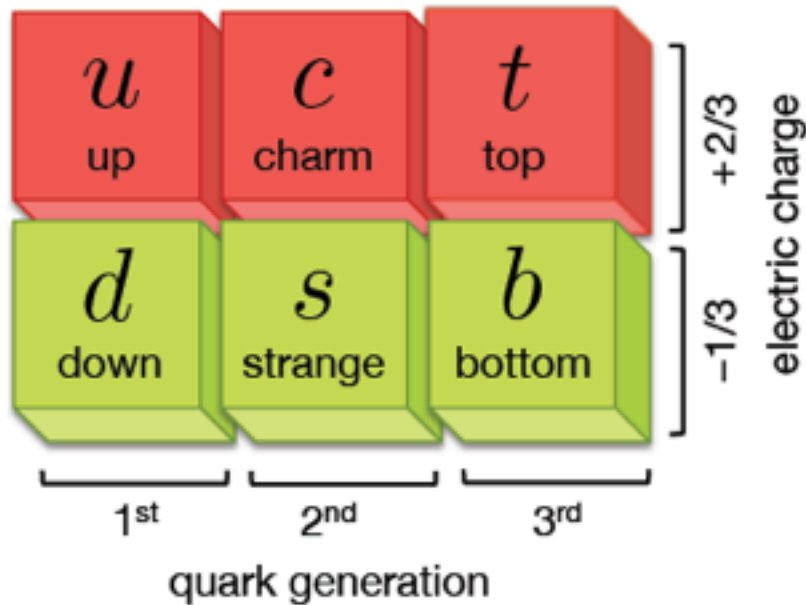


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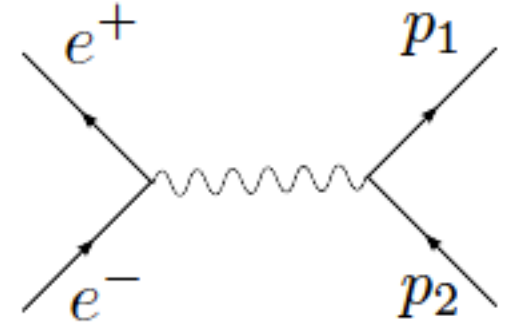
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in the limit of vanishing  $u, d, s$  masses there is an exact  $SU(3)_{\text{flavor}}$  symmetry

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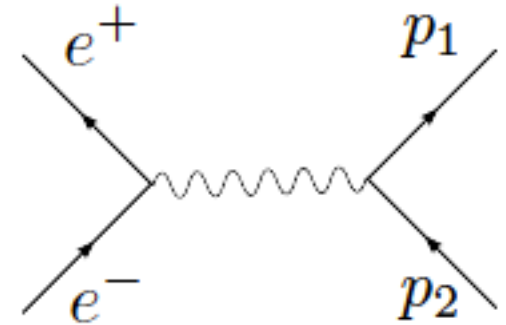


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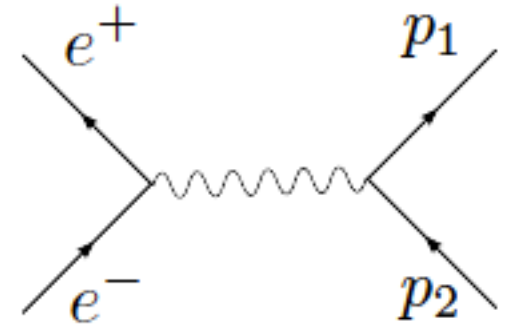
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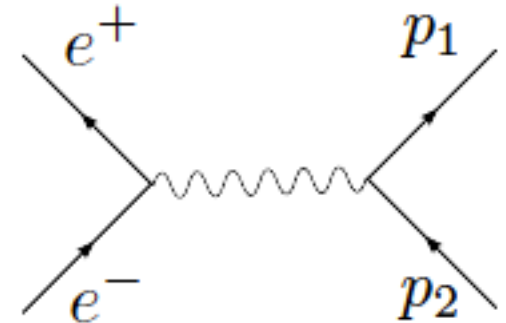


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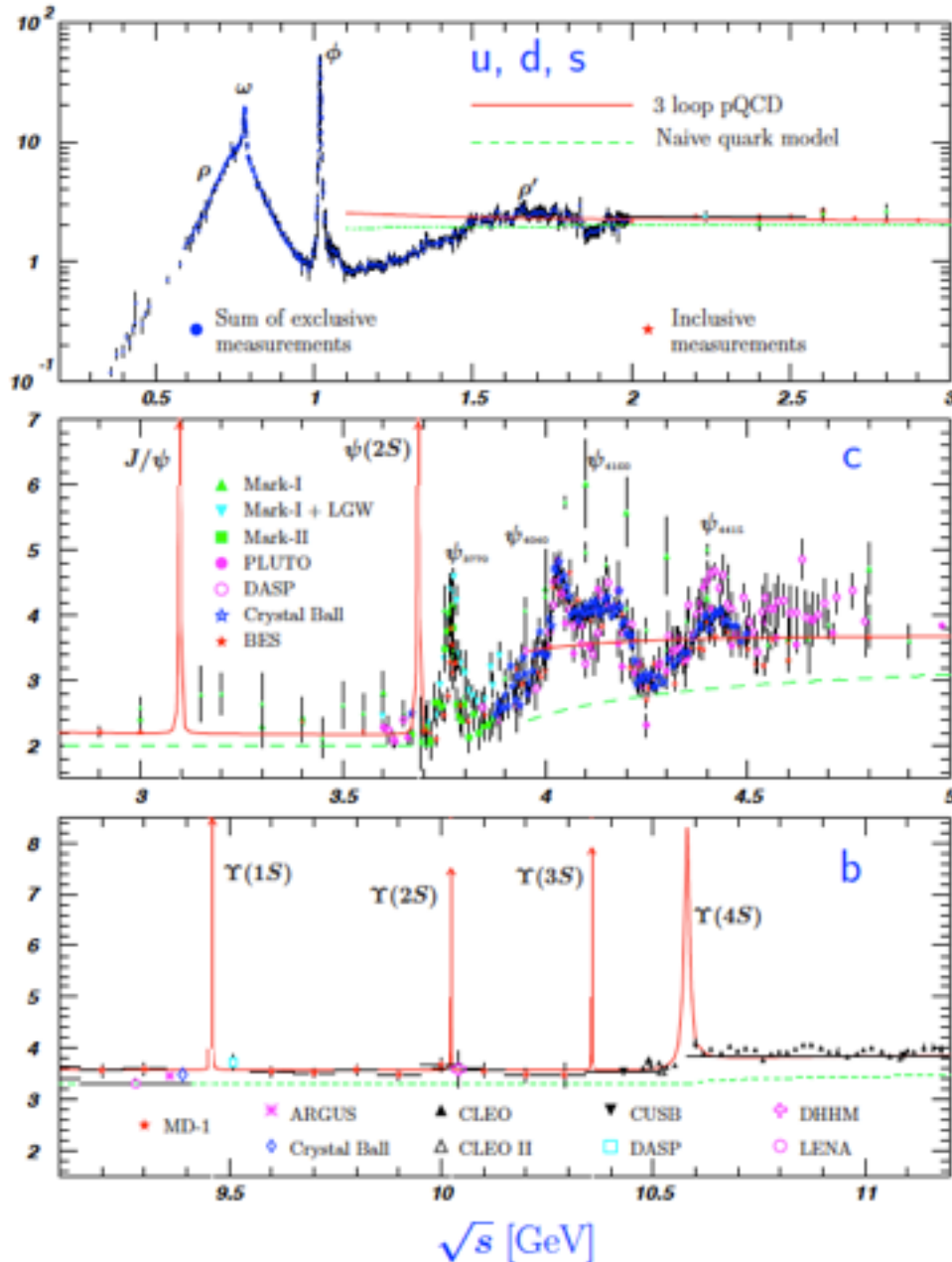
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- each active quark is produced in one out of  $N_c$  colors above kinematic threshold

# experimental results for R ratio

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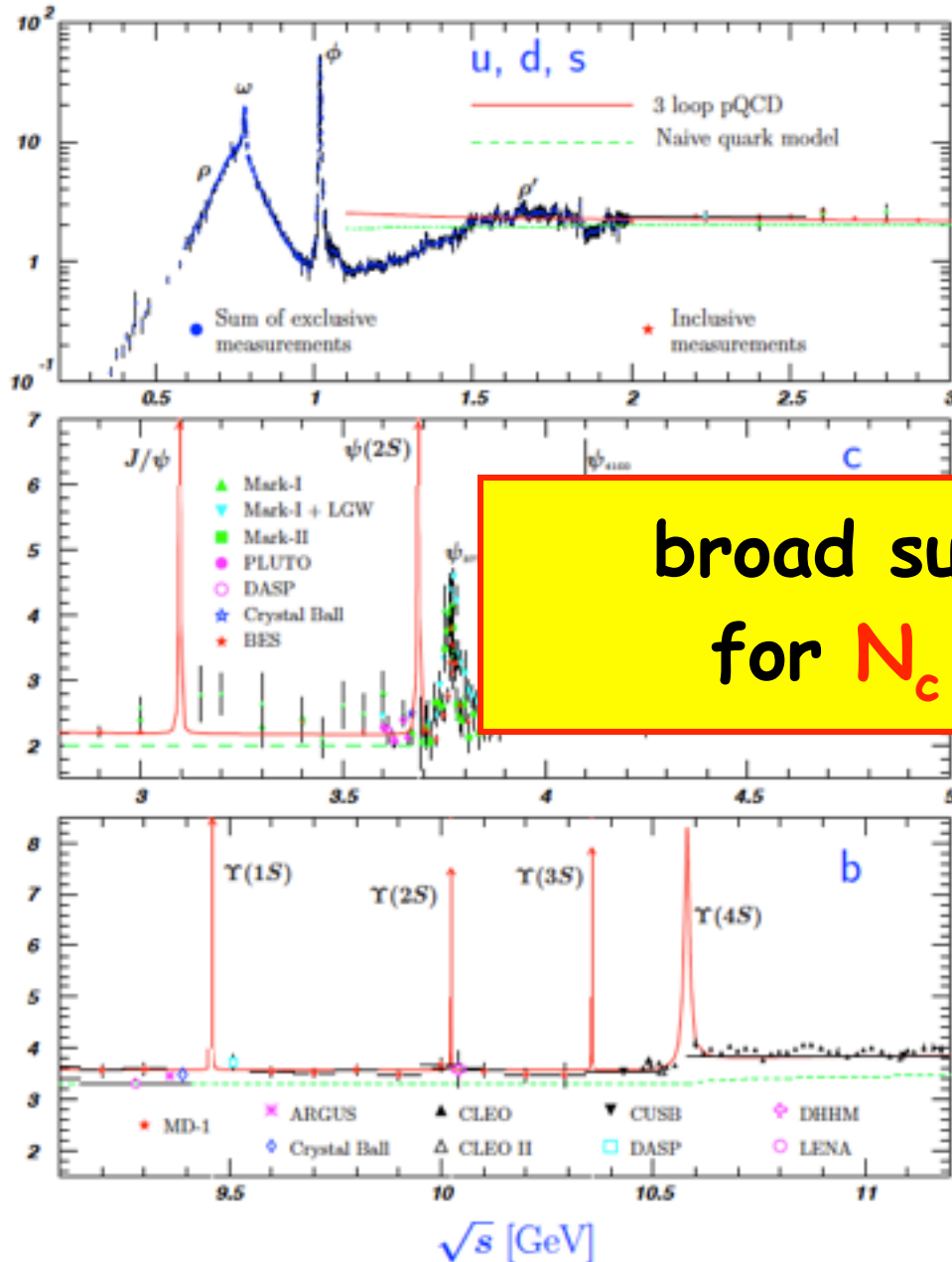
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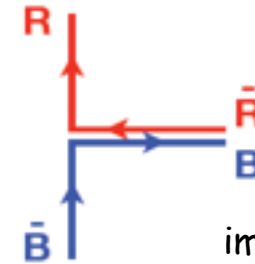
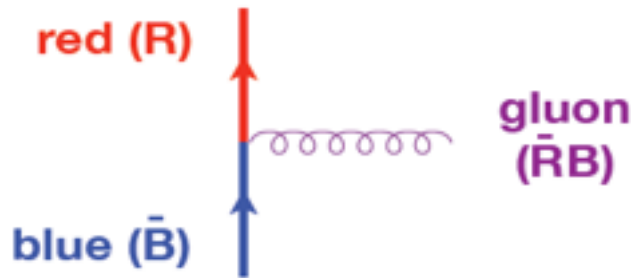
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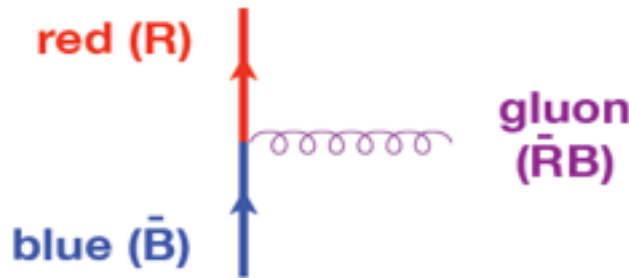
**"color flow"**  
important calculational tool

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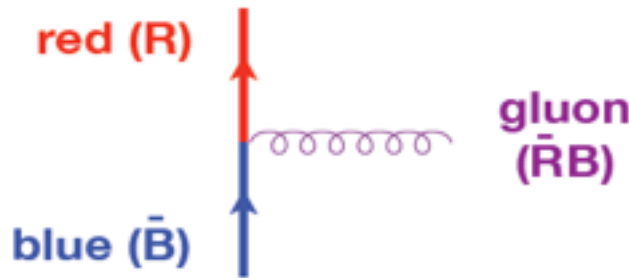


# QCD color interactions heuristically



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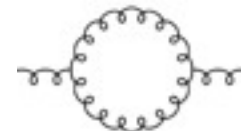
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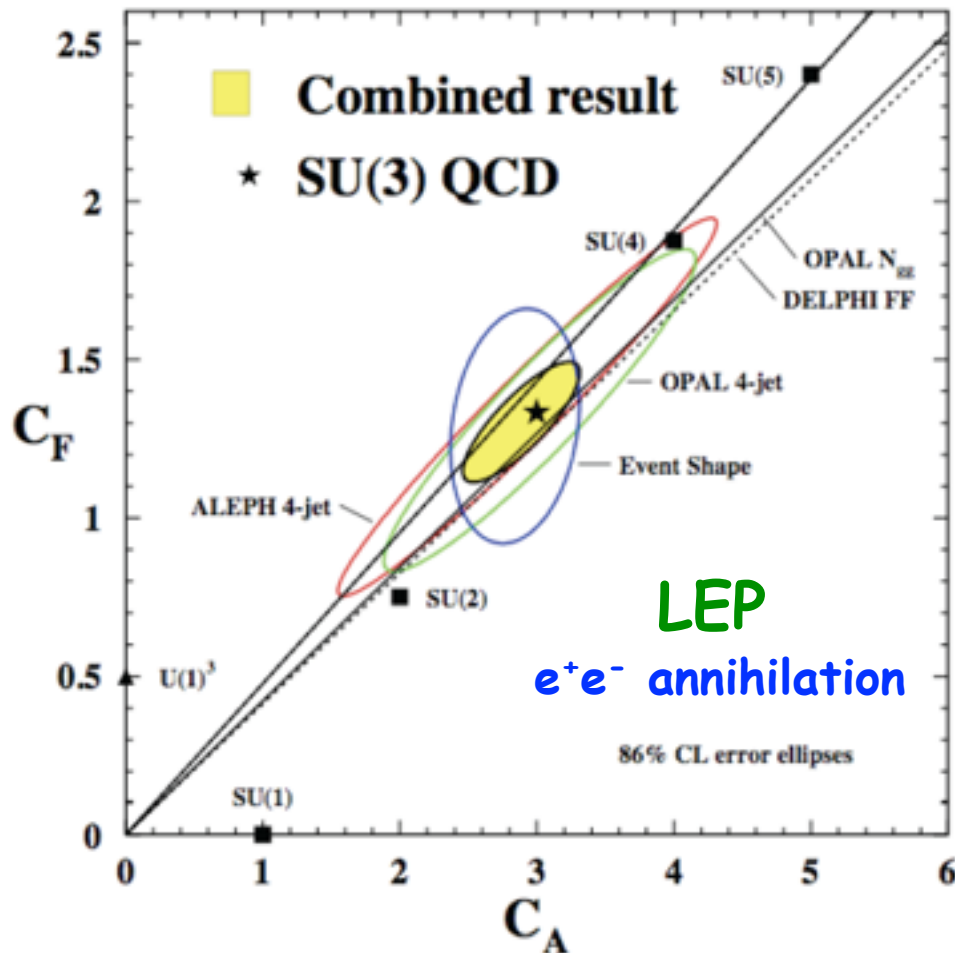
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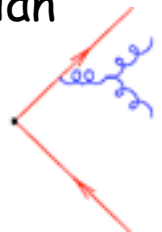
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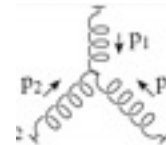
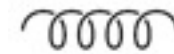
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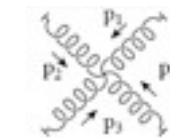
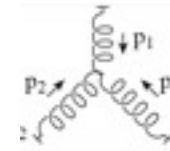
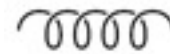
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# take home message for part I

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- concept of local gauge invariance dictates interactions
- similarities to QED, yet profound differences (and more to come)
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- perturbation theory can be based on a short list of Feynman rules



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## Part II

### the QCD toolbox

asymptotic freedom, IR safety,  
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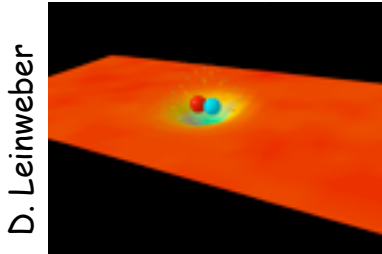
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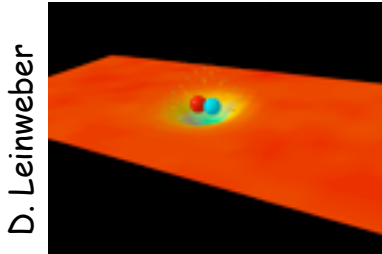
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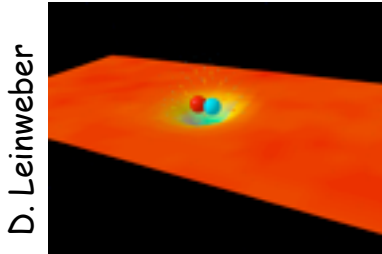
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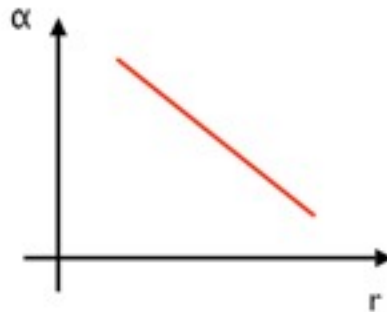
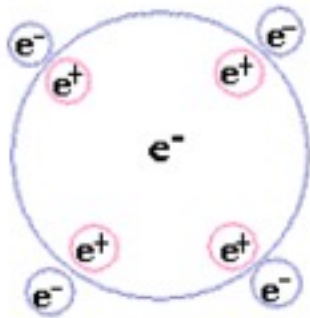


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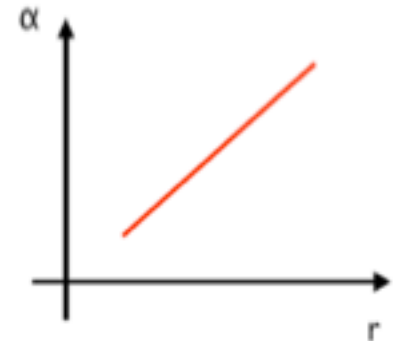
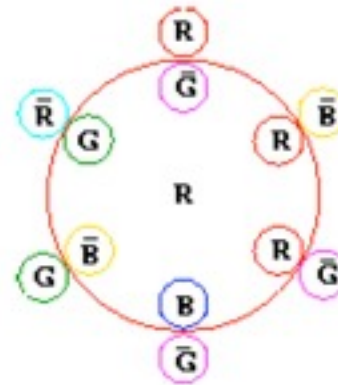
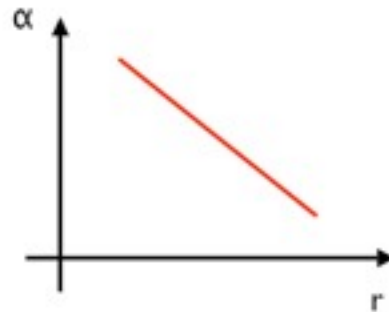
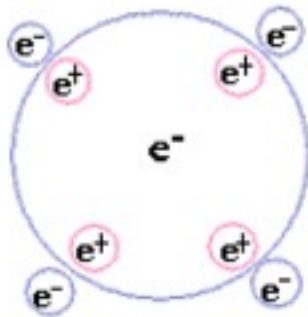
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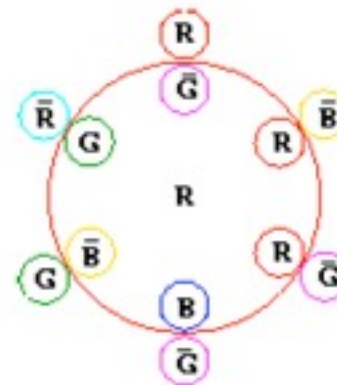
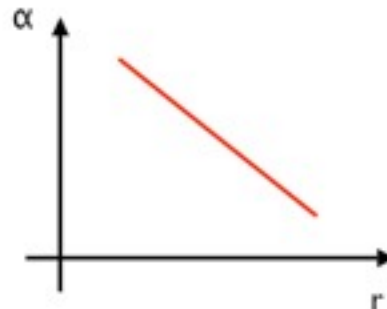
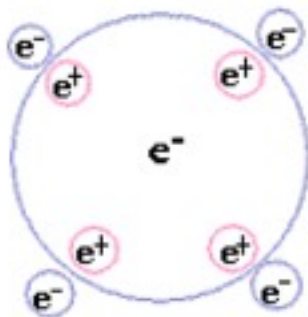
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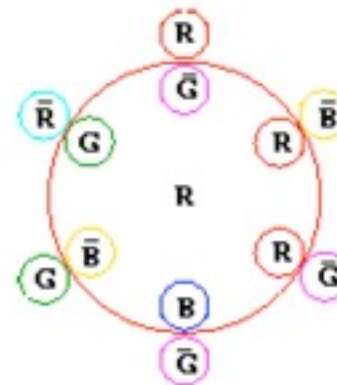
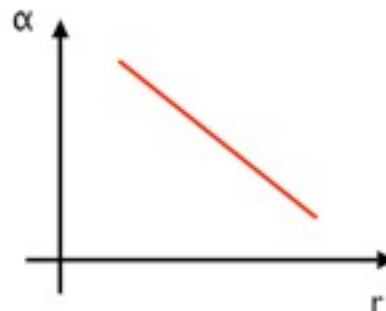
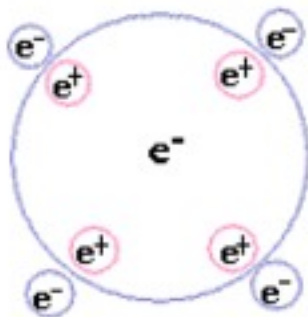
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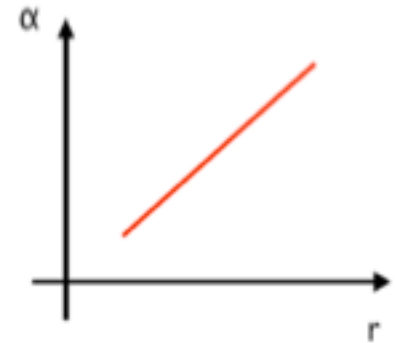
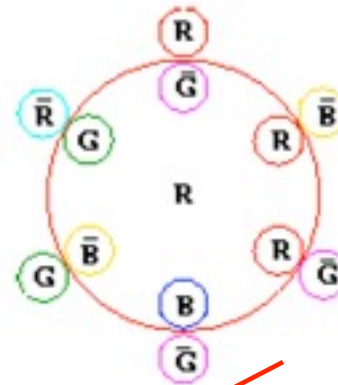
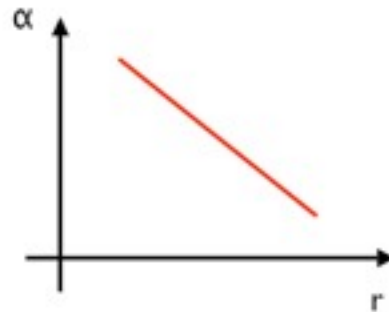
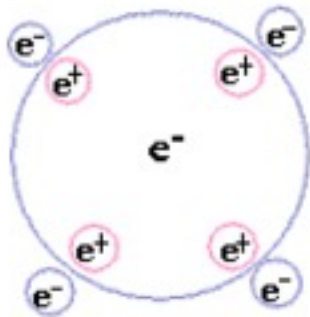
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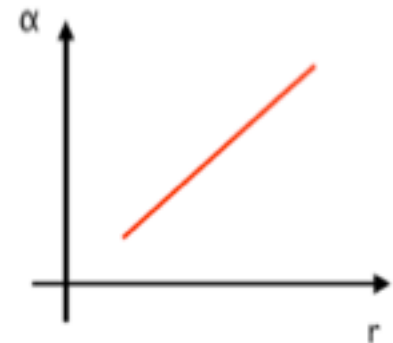
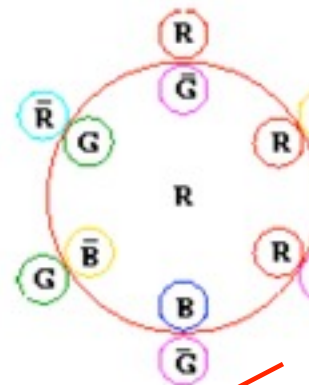
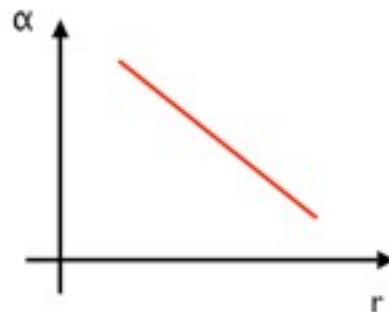
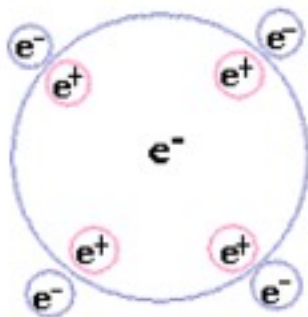
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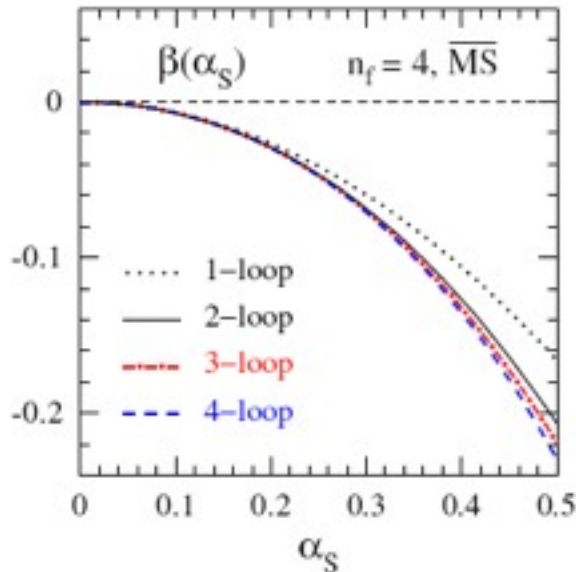
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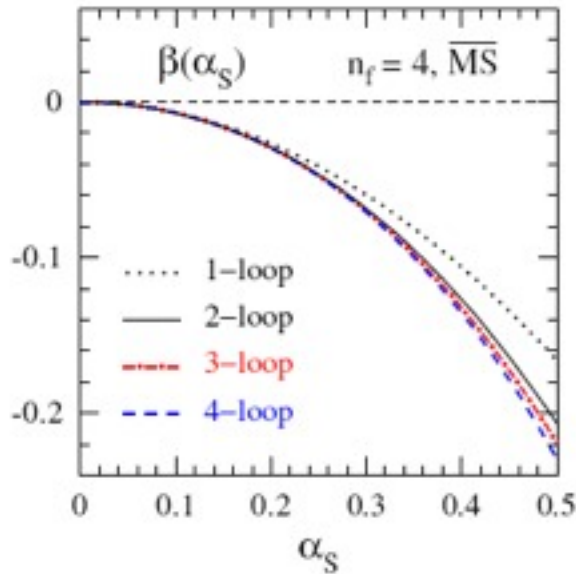
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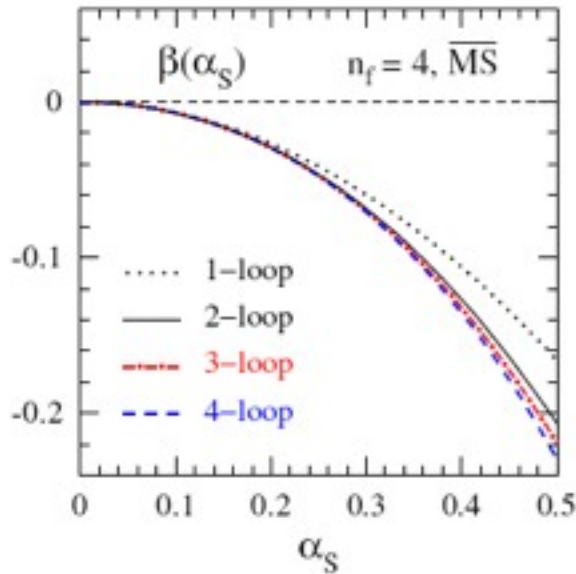
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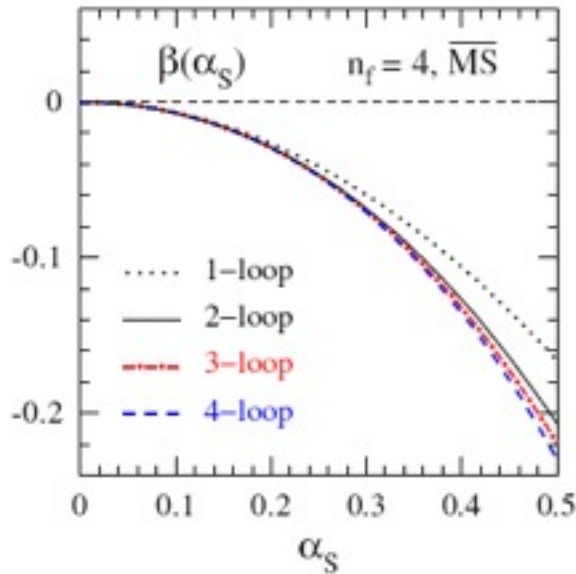
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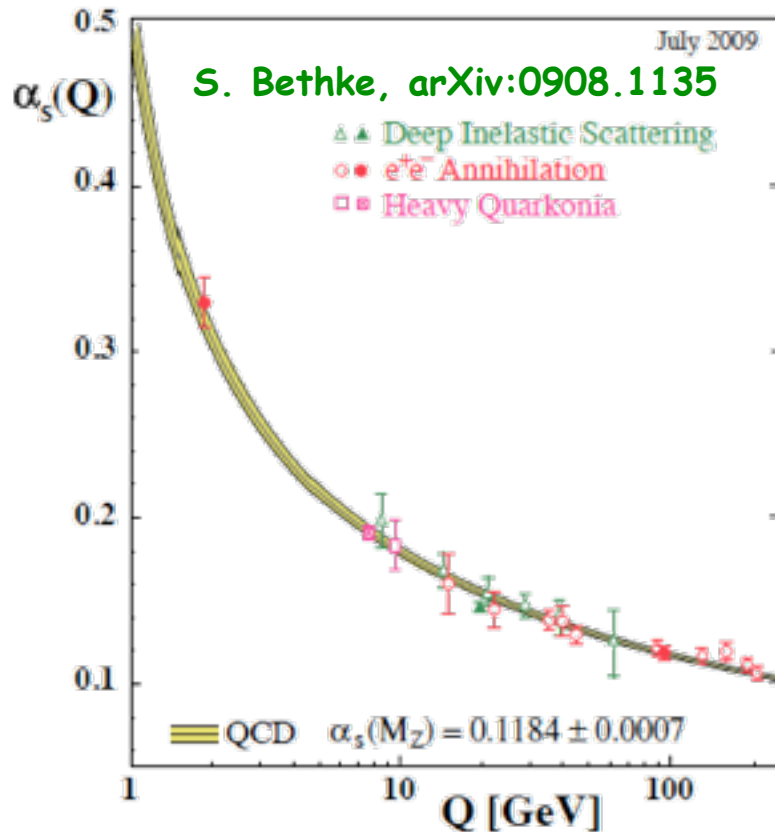
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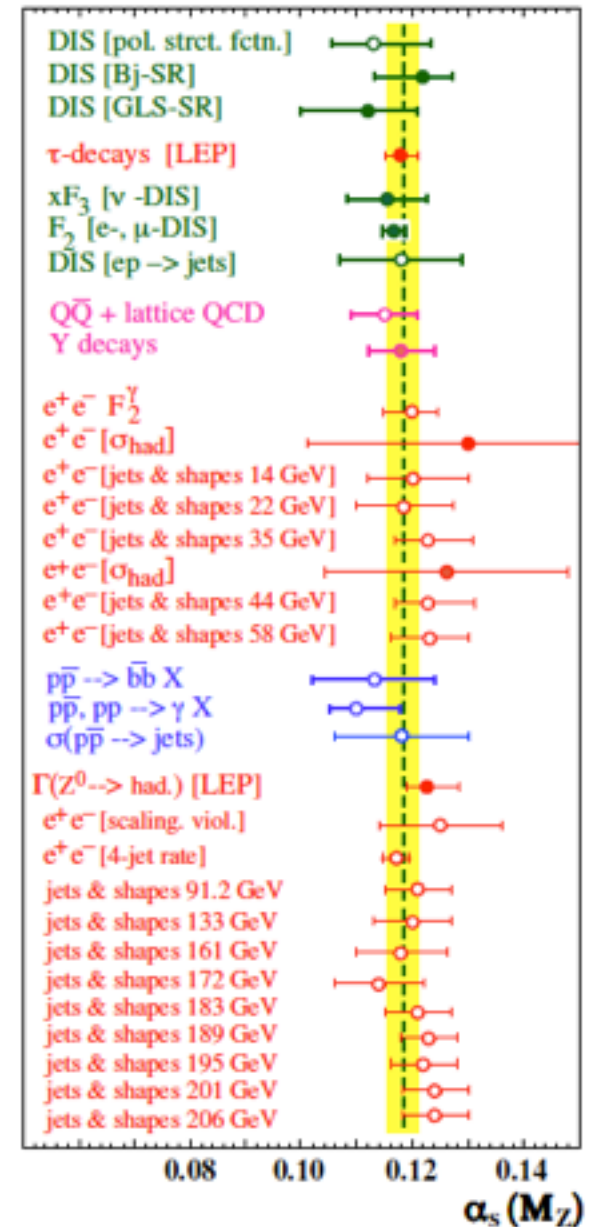


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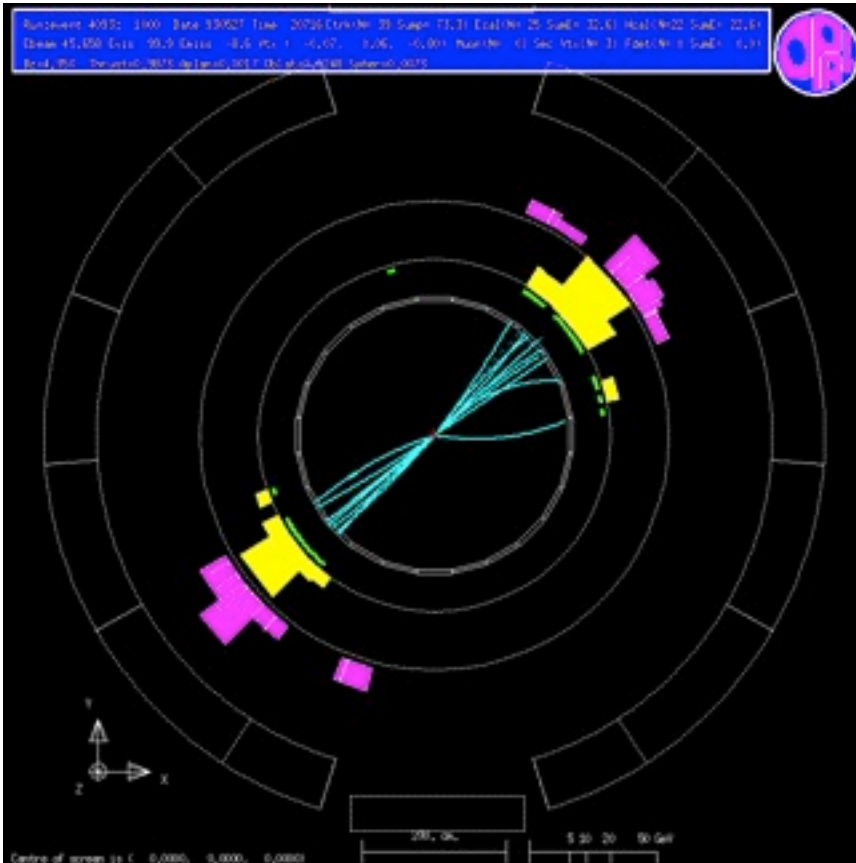
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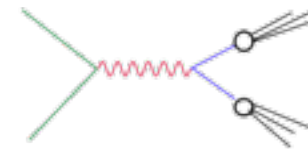
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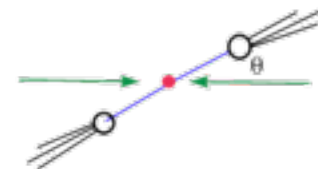


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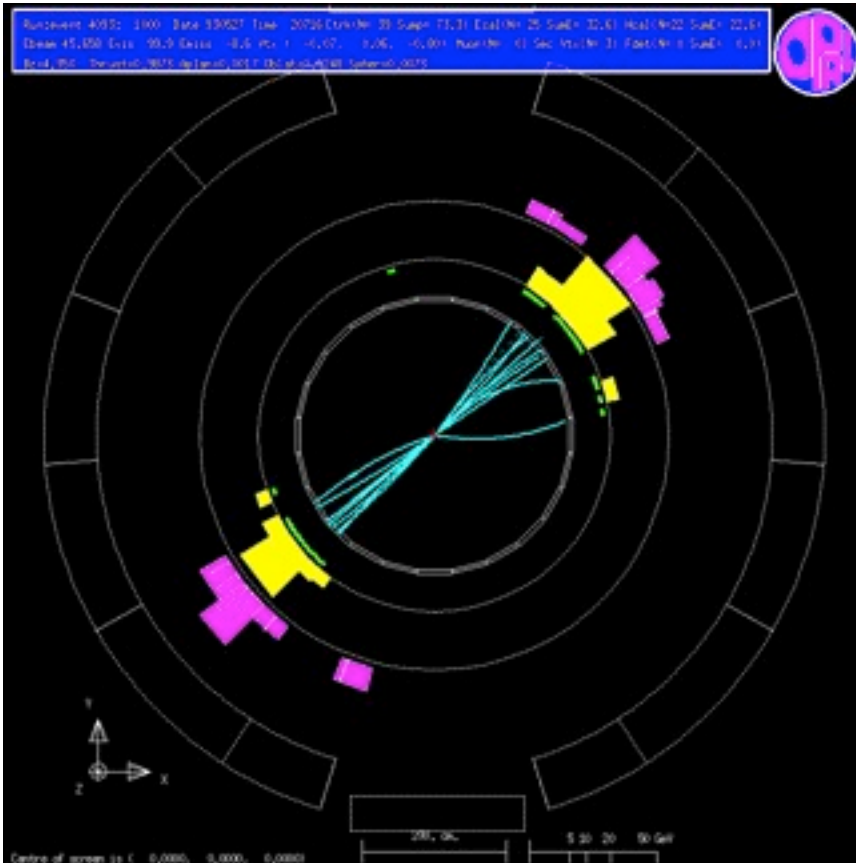


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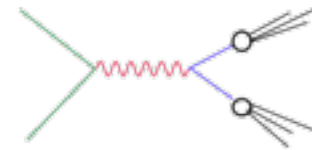
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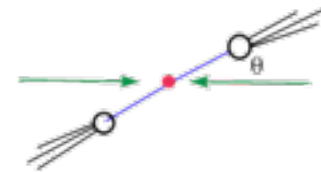


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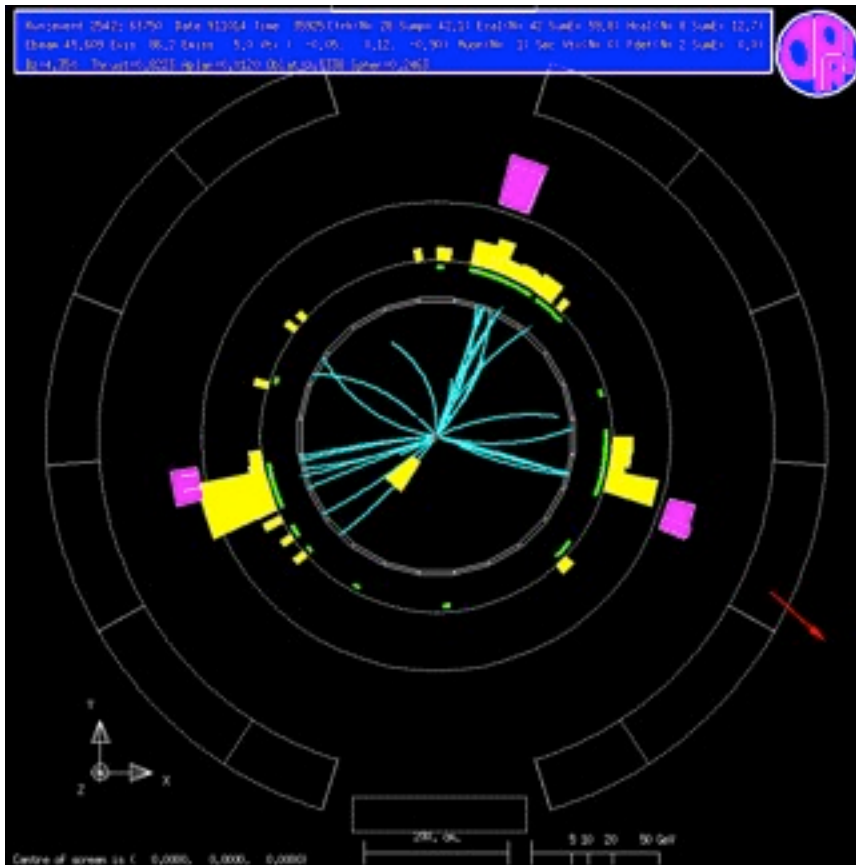


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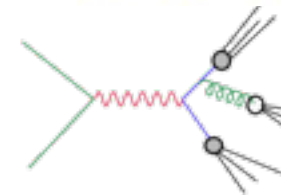
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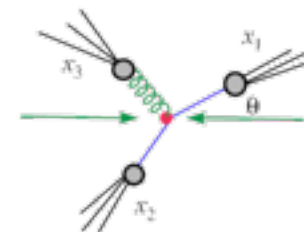
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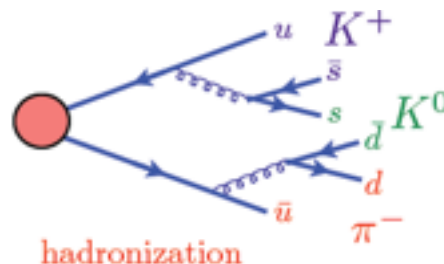


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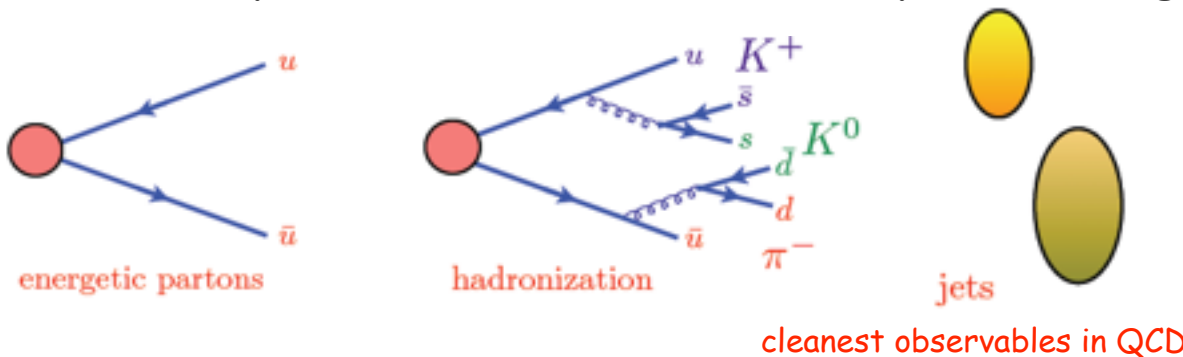


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# bunch of automated LO tools

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ALPGEN

M. L. Mangano et al.

<http://alpgen.web.cern.ch/alpgen/>

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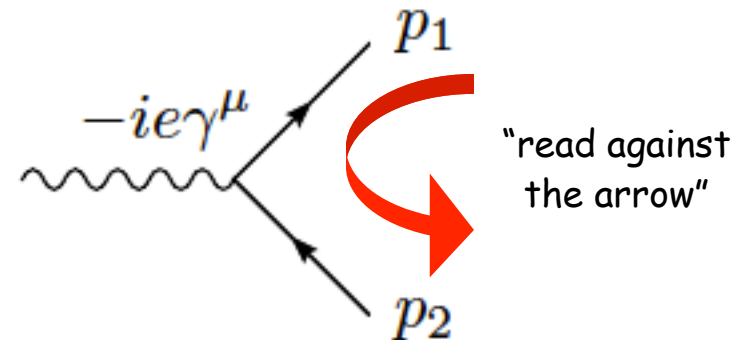
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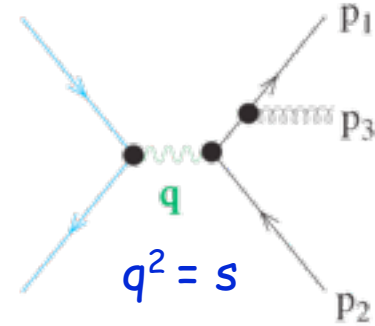
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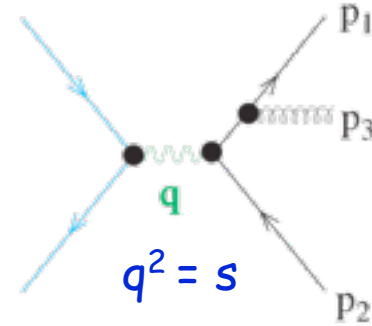
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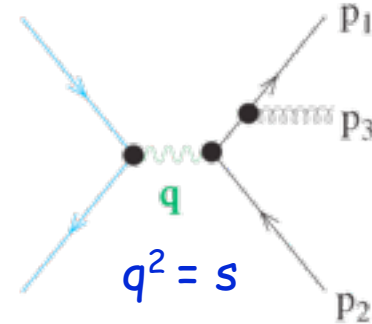
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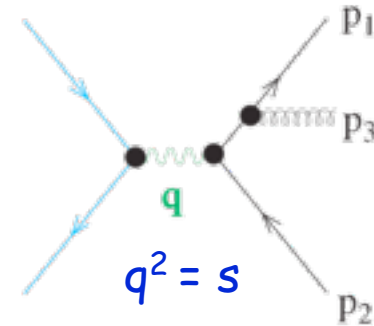
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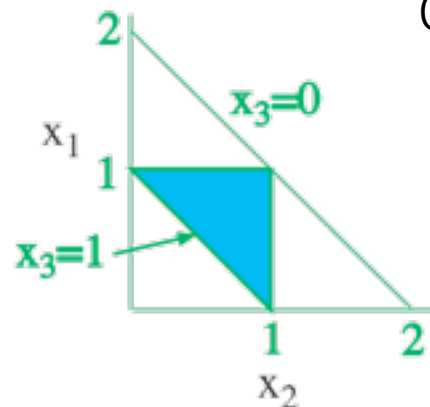
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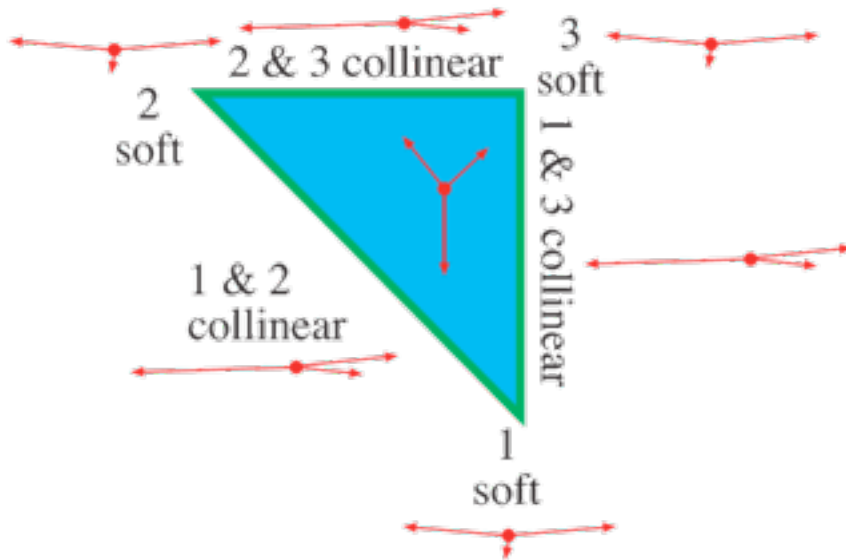
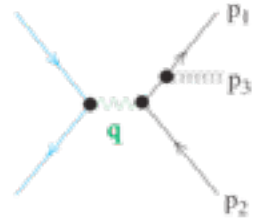
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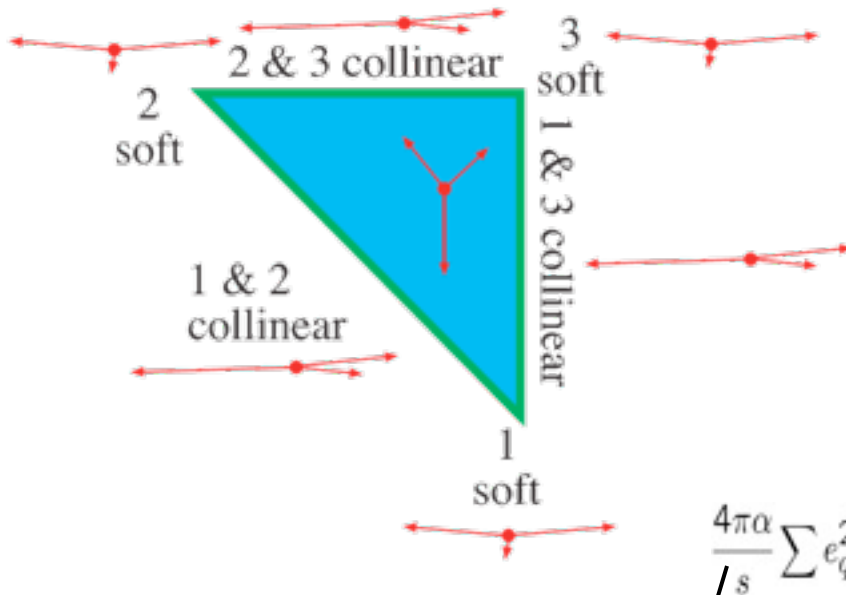
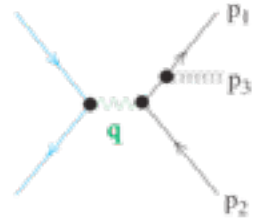
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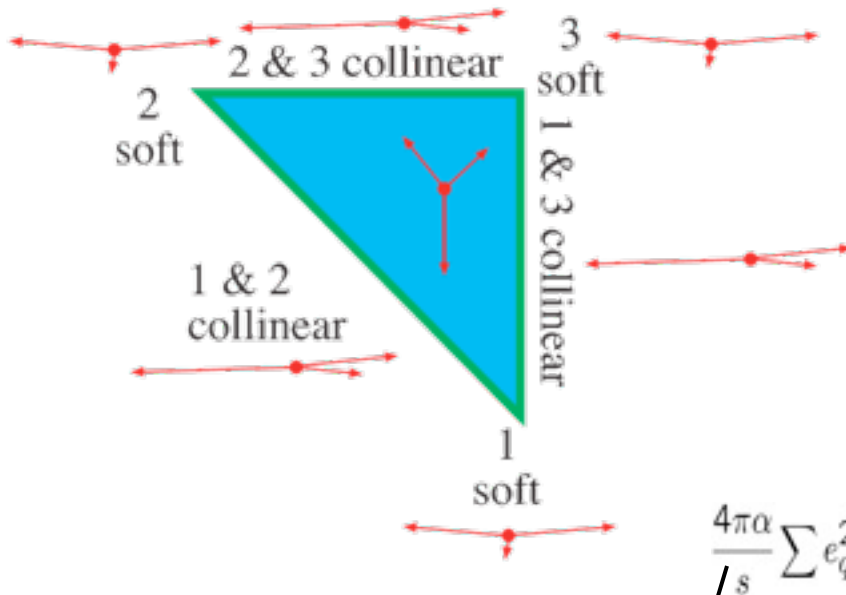
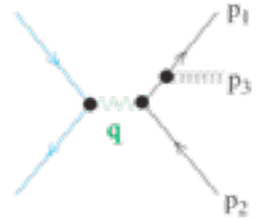
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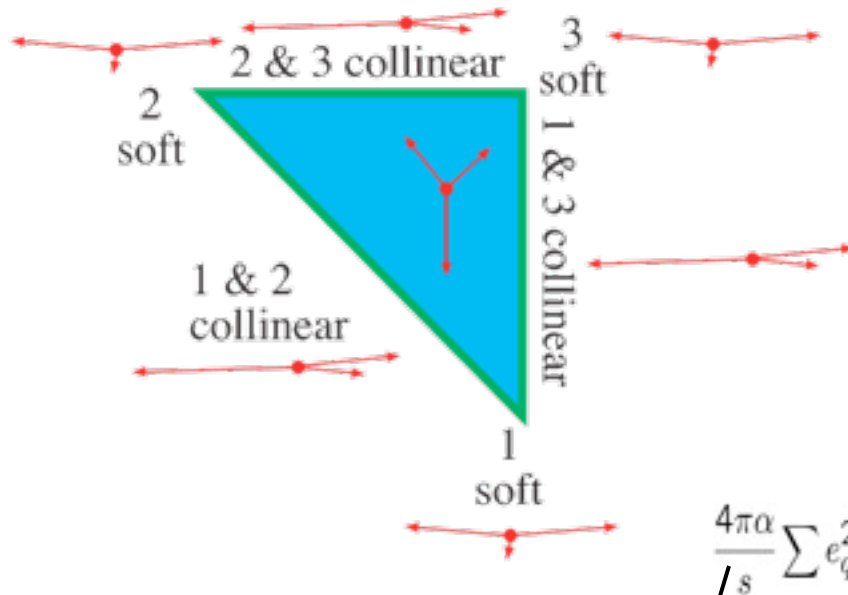
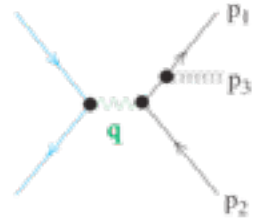
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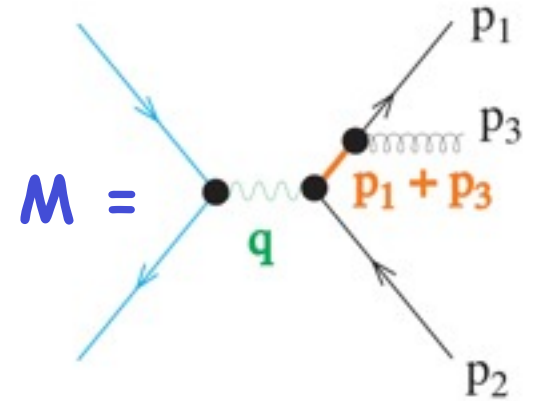
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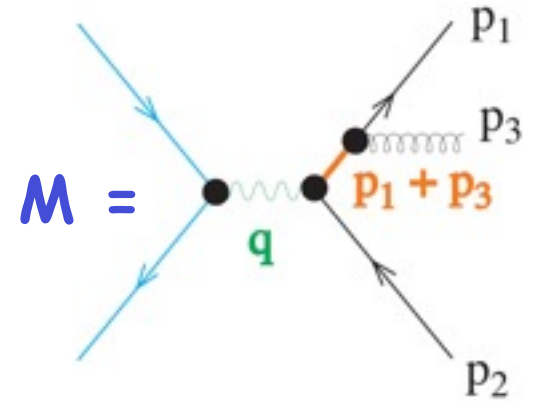


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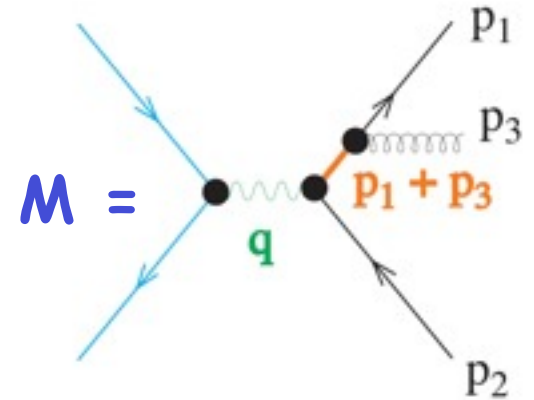
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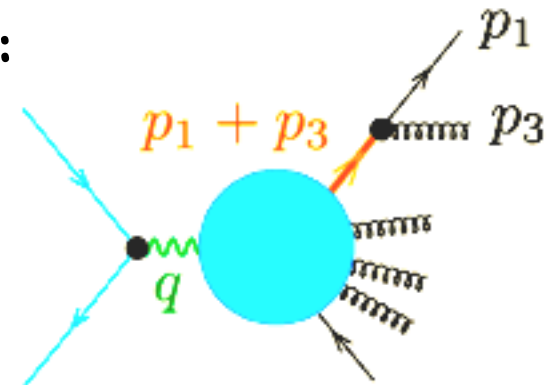
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basis for parton-shower MC codes  
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we have to be much more careful and work a bit harder!

**this applies to all pQCD calculations**

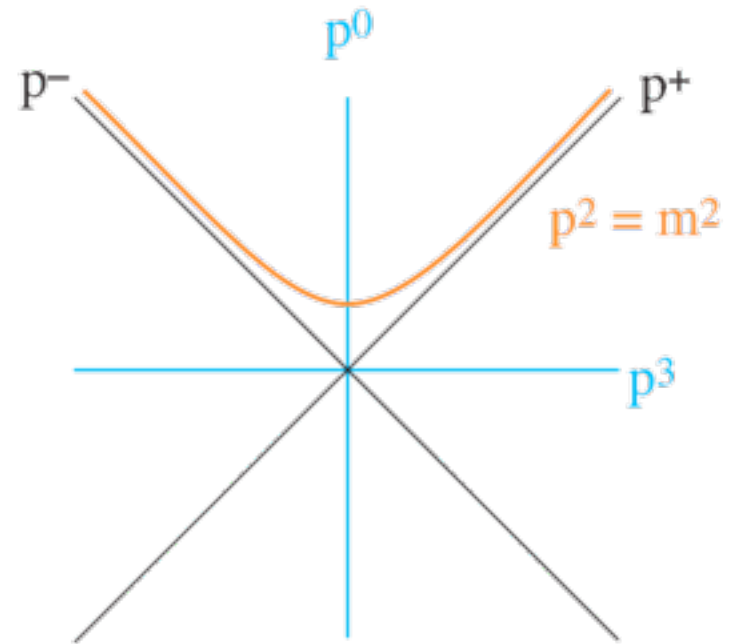
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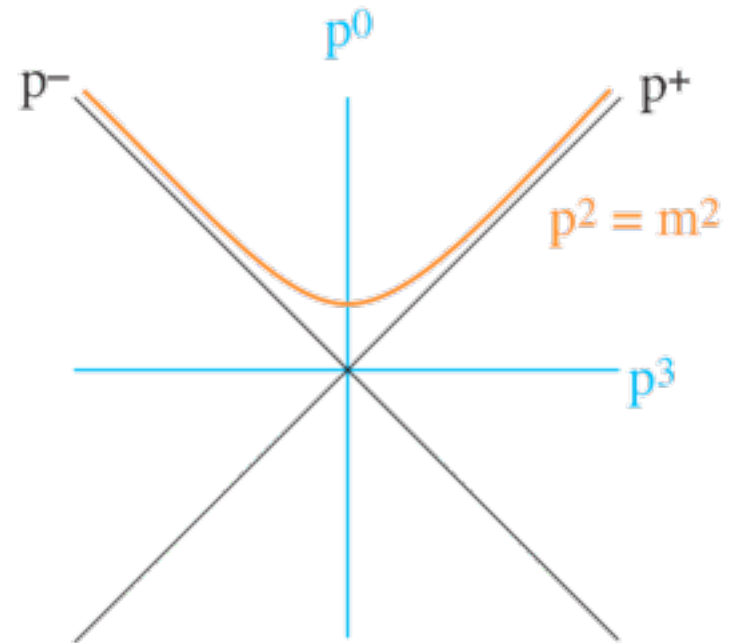
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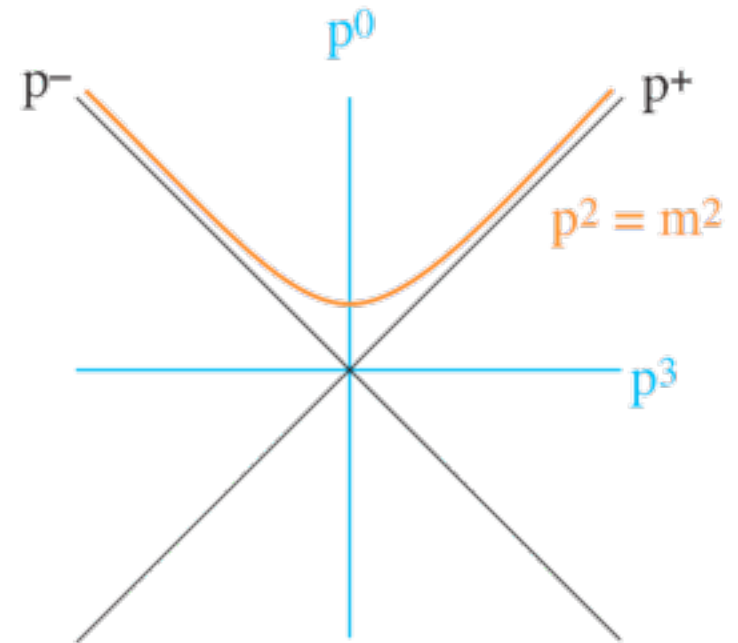
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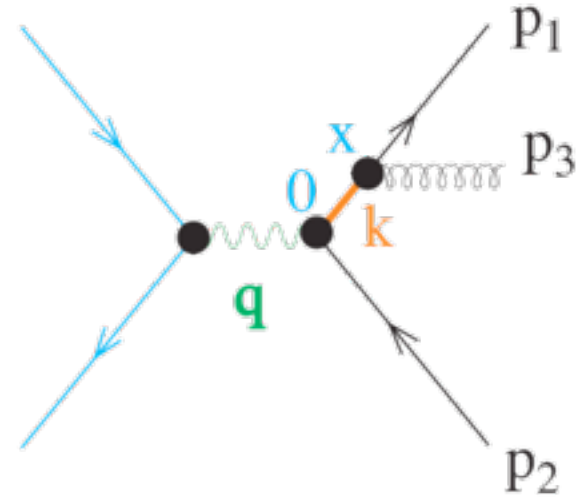
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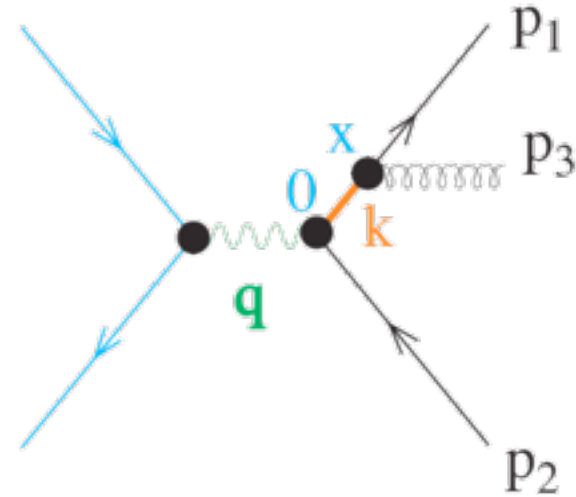
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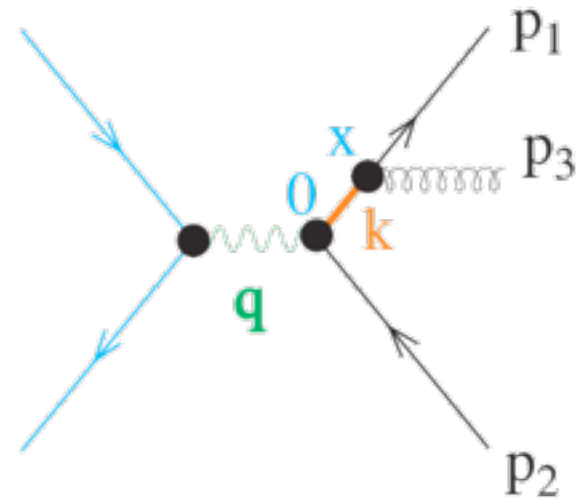


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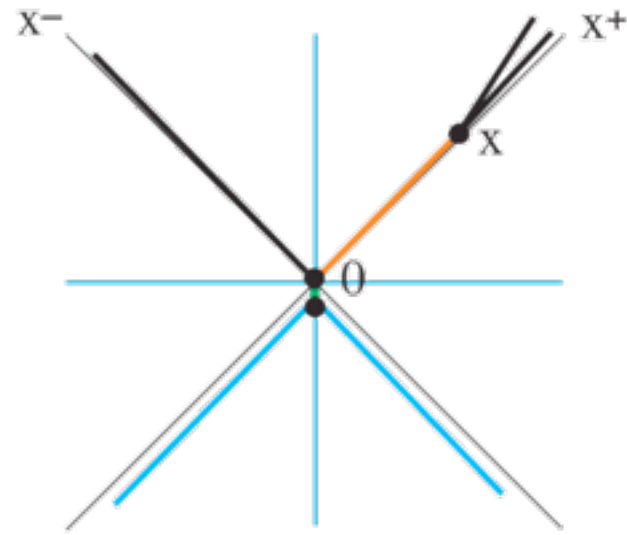
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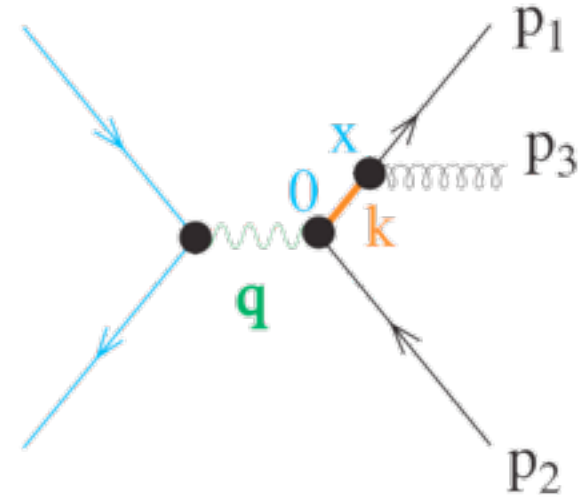
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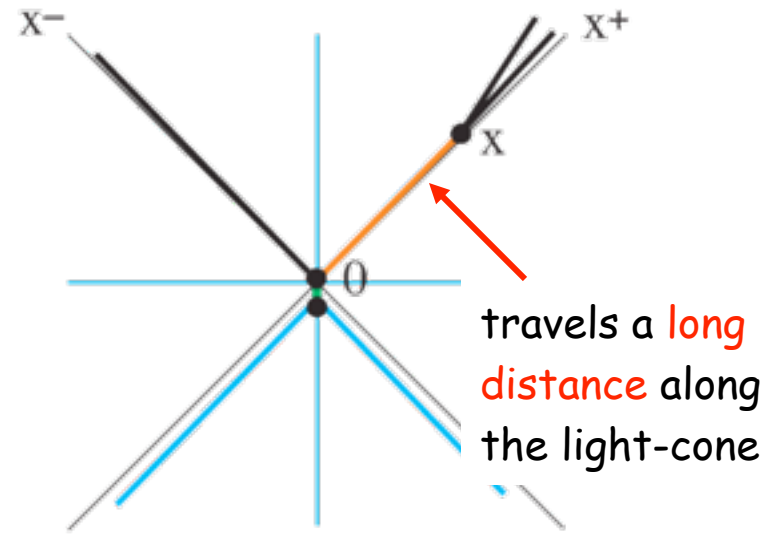
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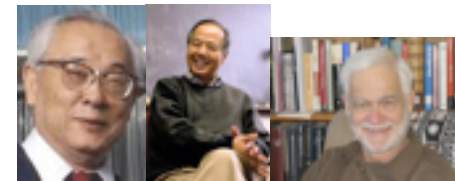
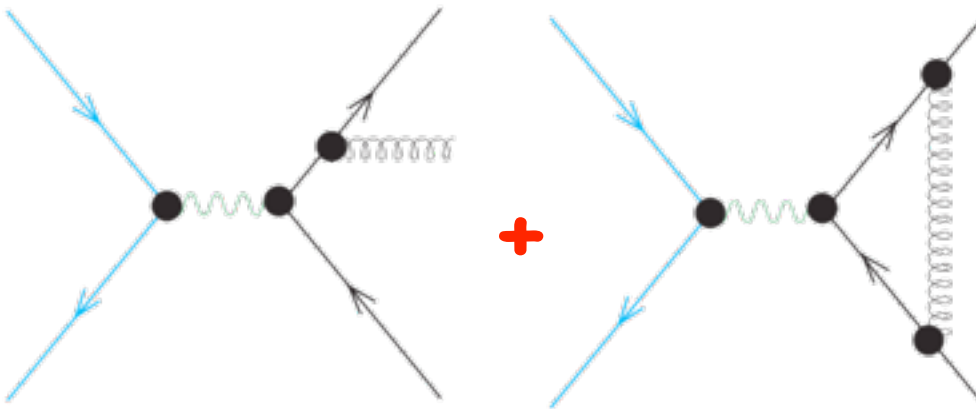
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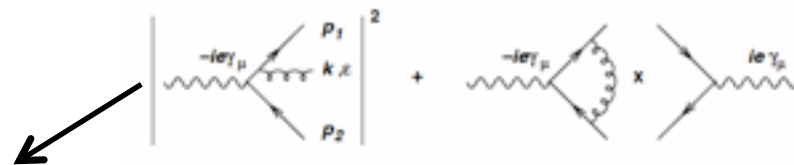
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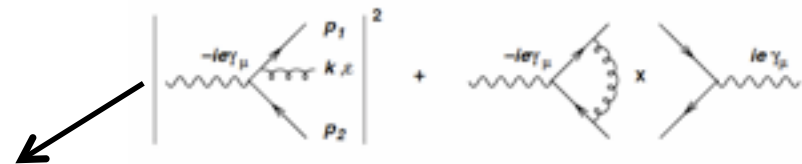
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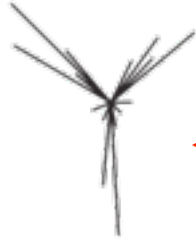
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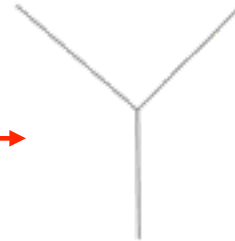
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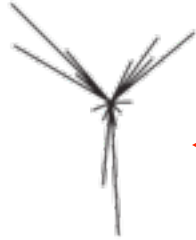
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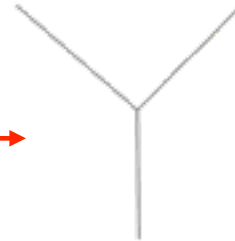
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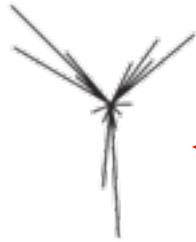
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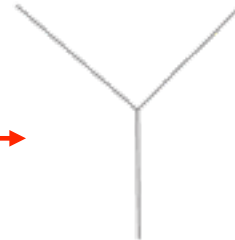


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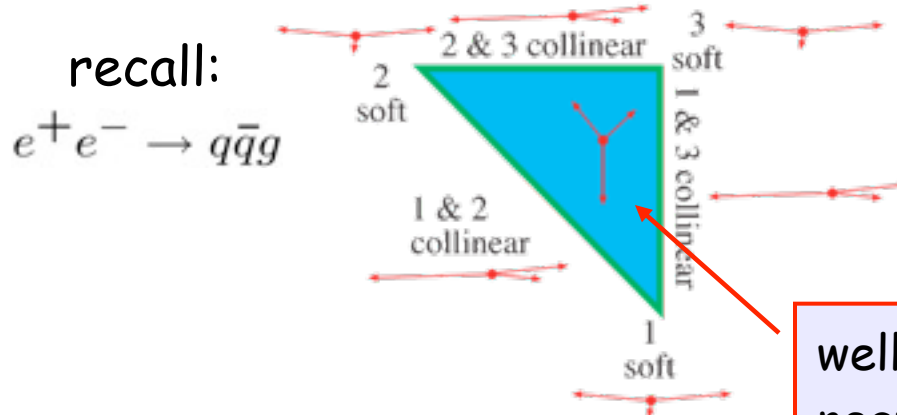


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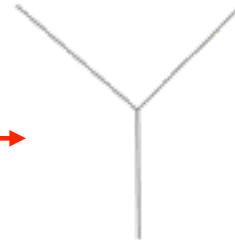
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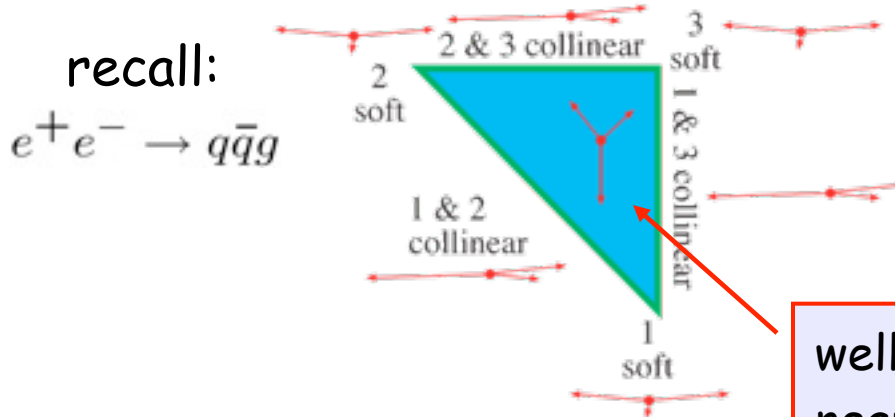
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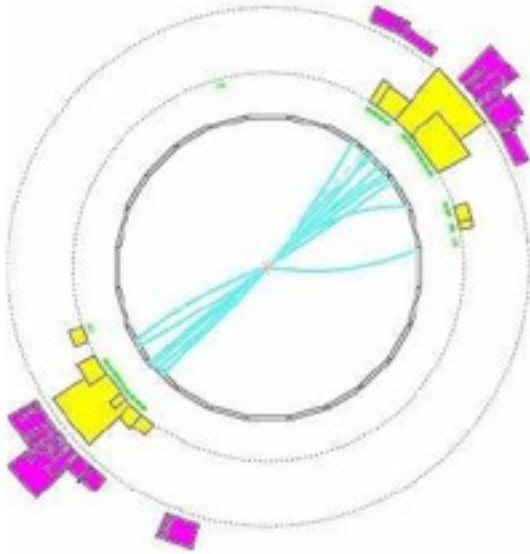


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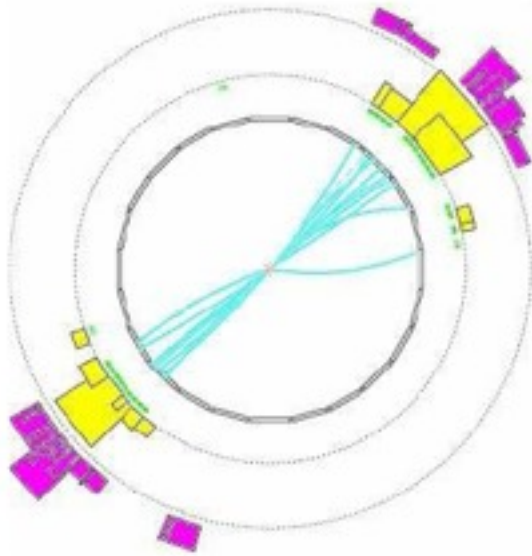
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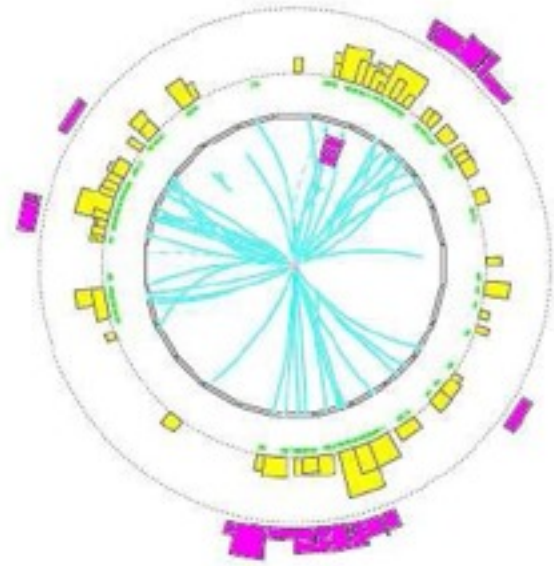


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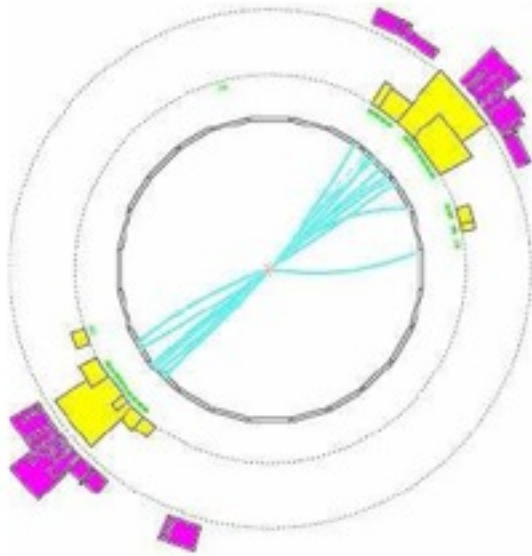
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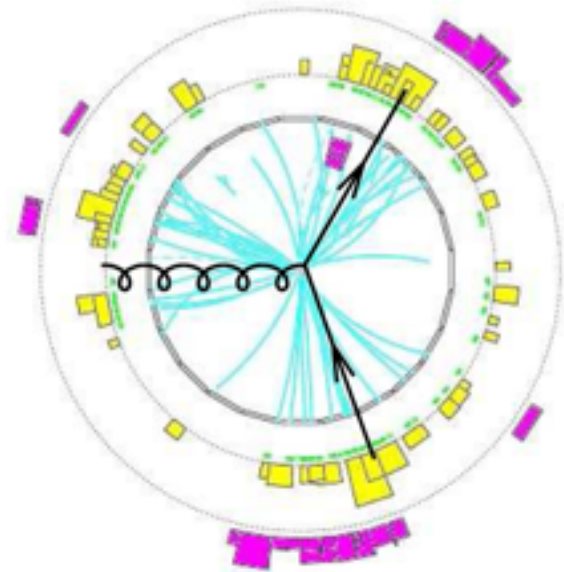
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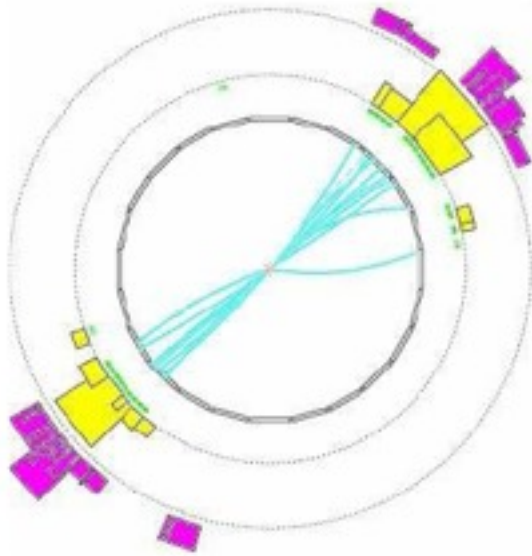


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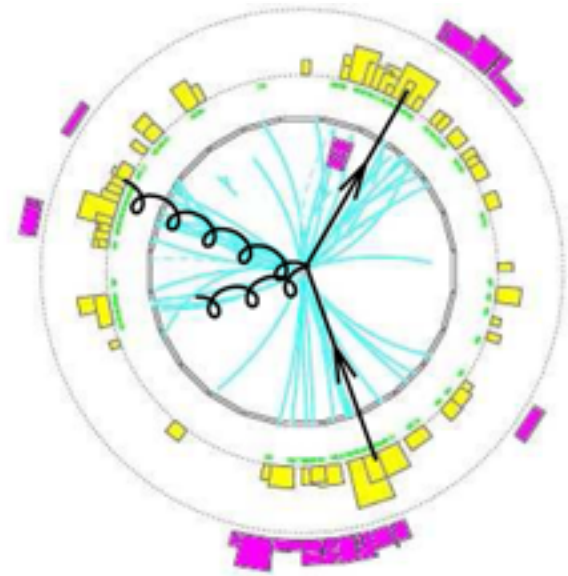


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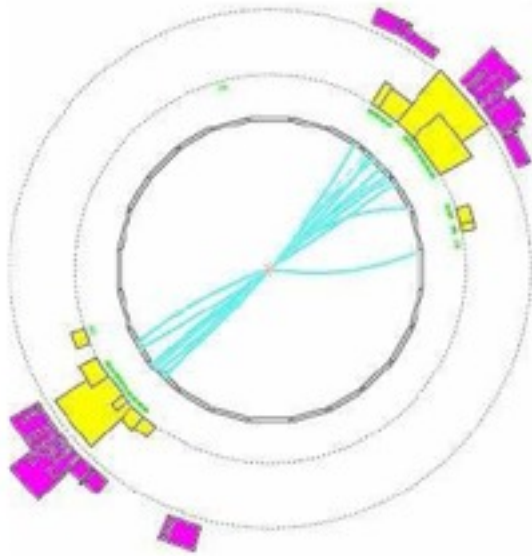


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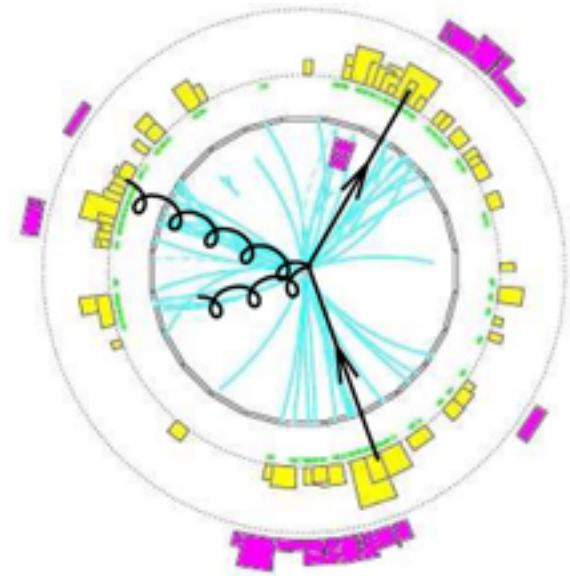


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basically two issues:

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- how to combine their momenta → **recombination scheme**

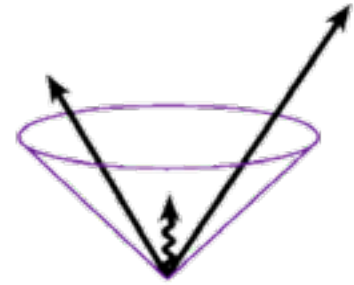
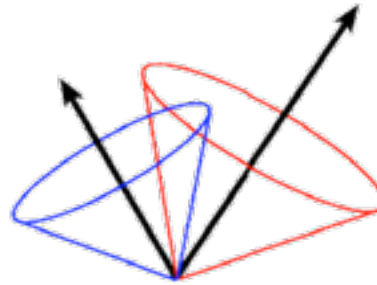
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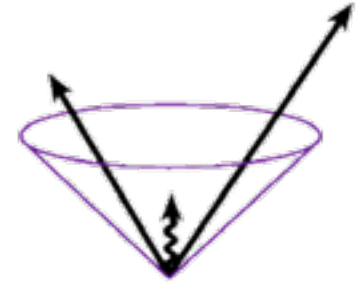
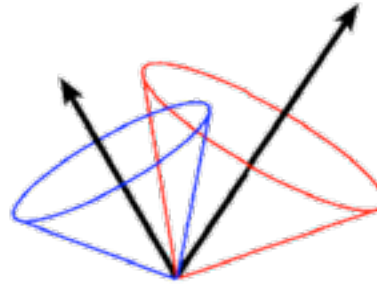
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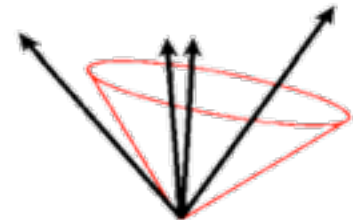
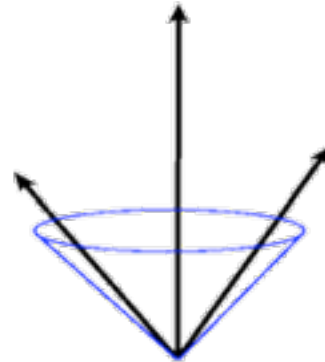
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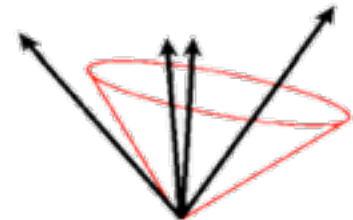
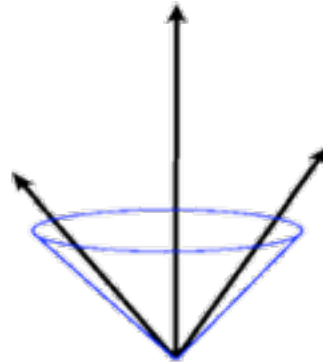
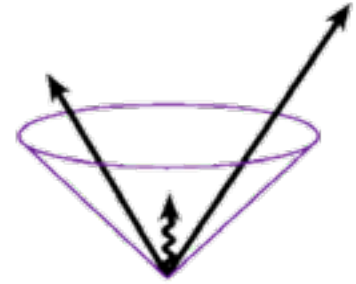
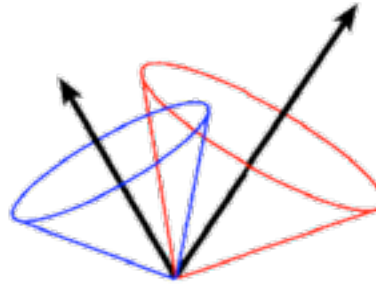


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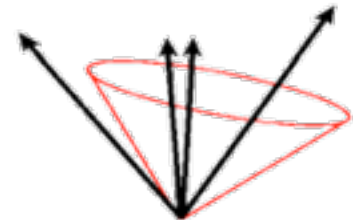
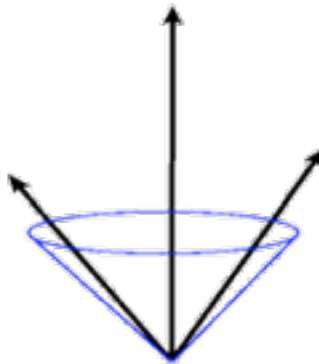
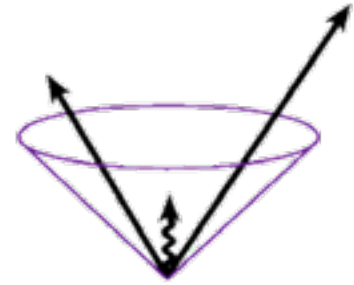
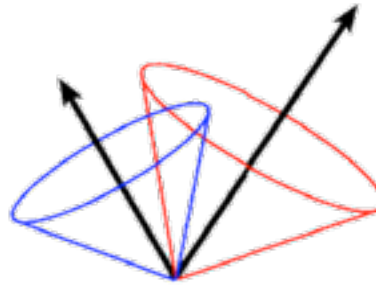


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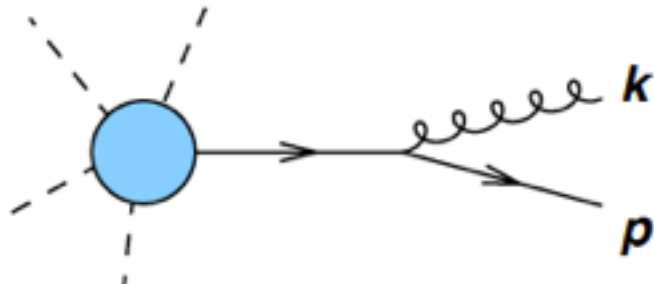
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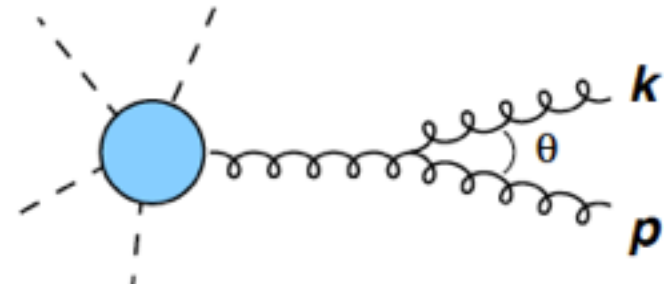
Cacciari, Salam, Soyez (FastJet tool)



# idea behind parton shower MC programs

- we have seen that emission of soft/collinear partons is favored
- we know exactly how and when it occurs (process-independent)


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this will provide the basis for a “parton shower”

- **main idea:** seek for an approx. result such that soft/collinear enhanced terms are included to all orders  
emissions are probabilistic (needed to set up an event generator)

# popular parton shower programs

PYTHIA

T. Sjöstrand et al.

<http://home.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html>

HERWIG

G. Corcella et al.

<http://hepwww.rl.ac.uk/theory/seymour/herwig/>

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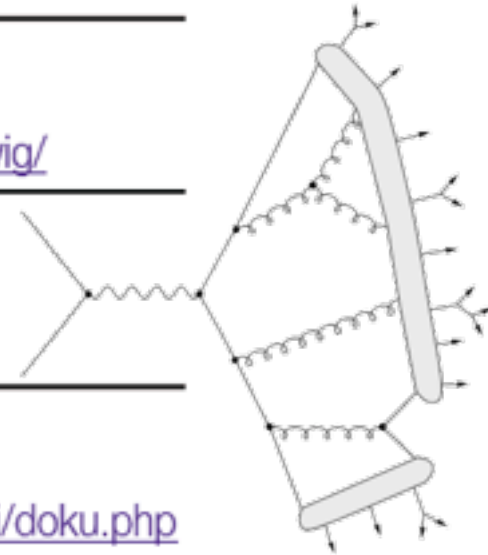
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ISAJET

H. Baer et al.

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- fail in high-multiplicity events or when large-angle emissions are relevant
- do better than fixed order calculations at lowish scales
- matching with NLO matrix elements well advanced: **MC@NLO**, **POWHEG**, ...

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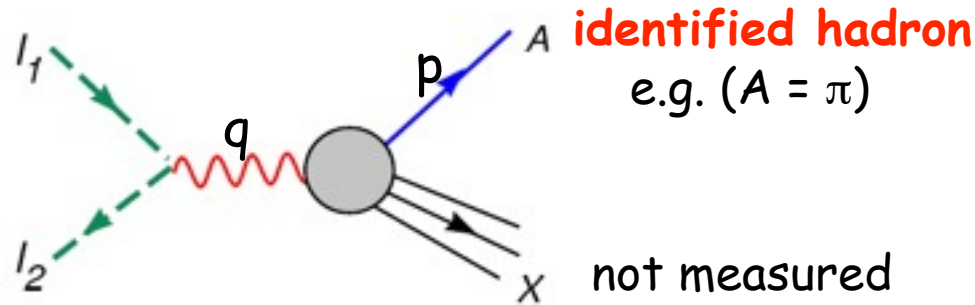
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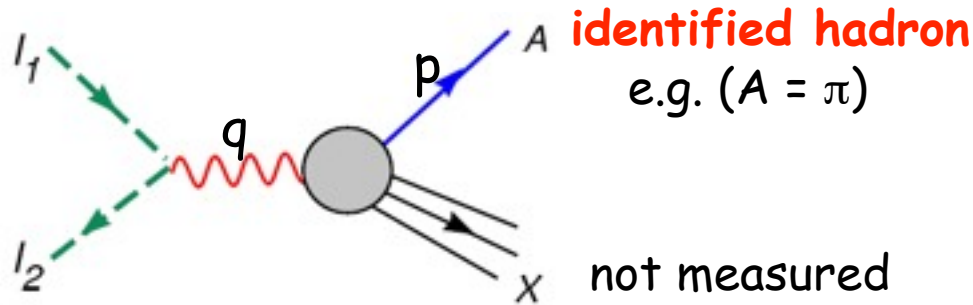


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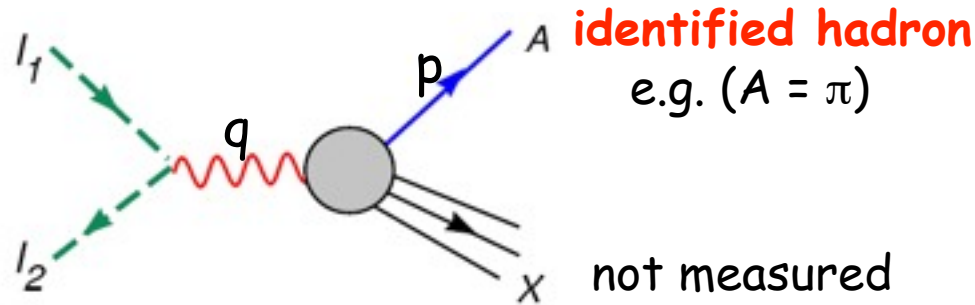
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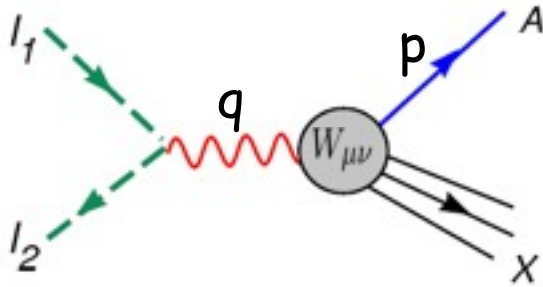
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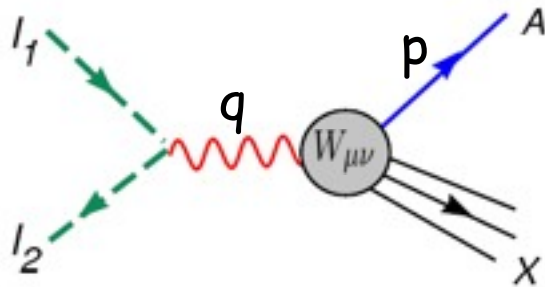
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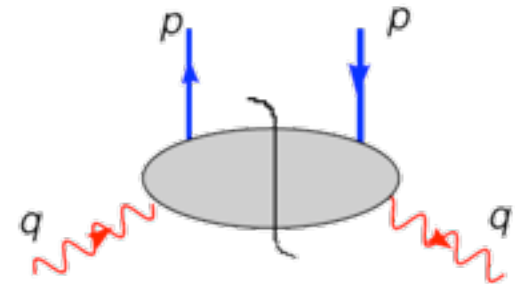
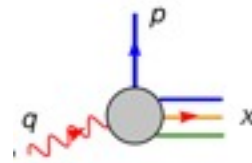
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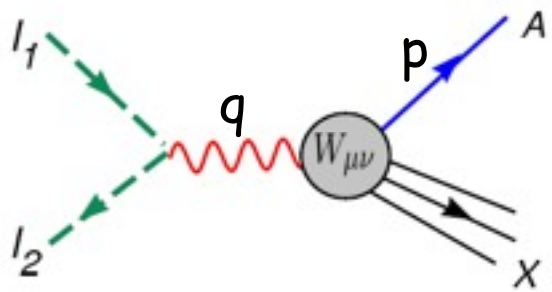
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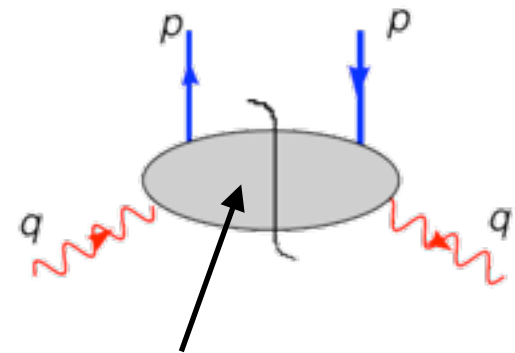
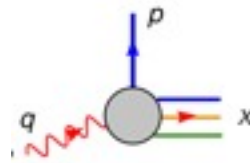
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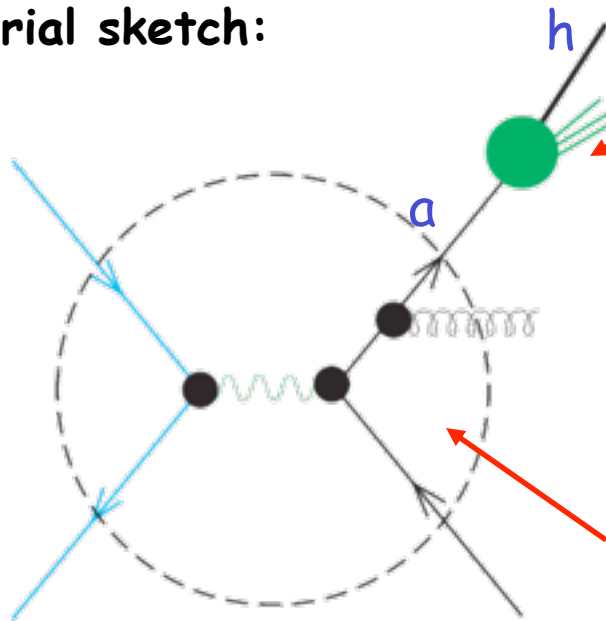
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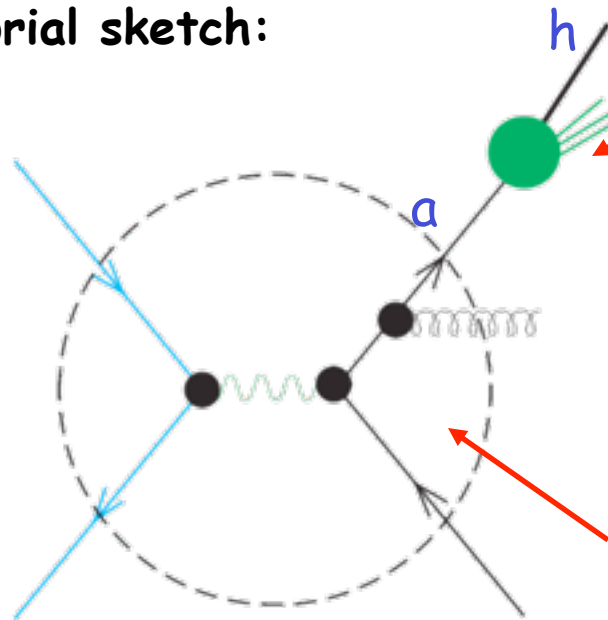
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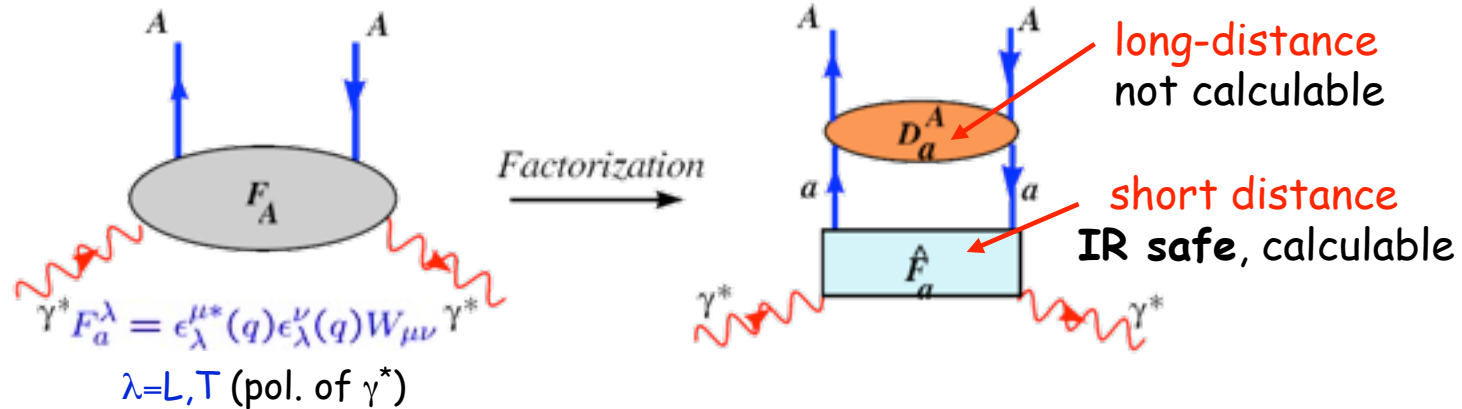
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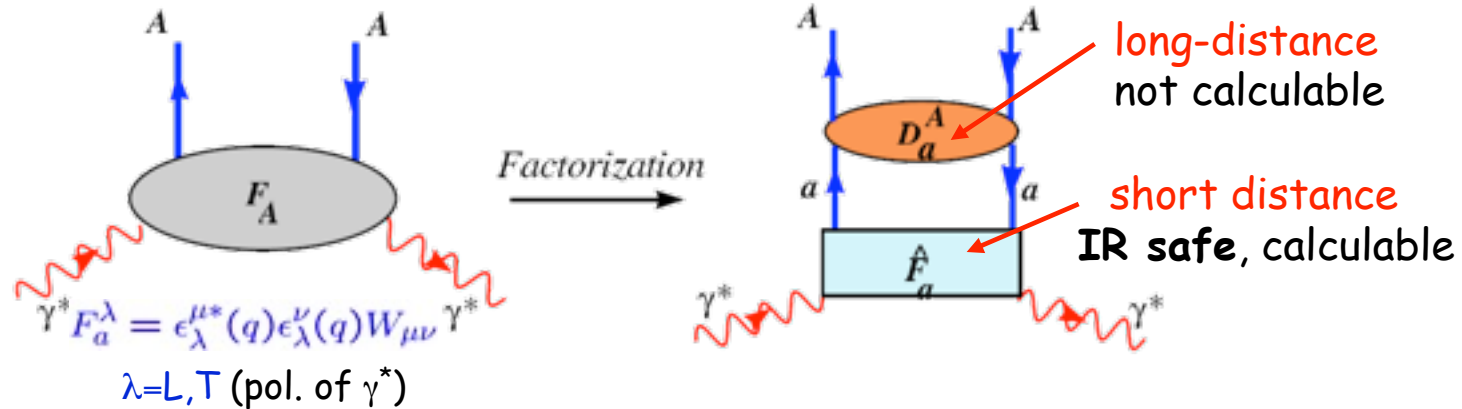
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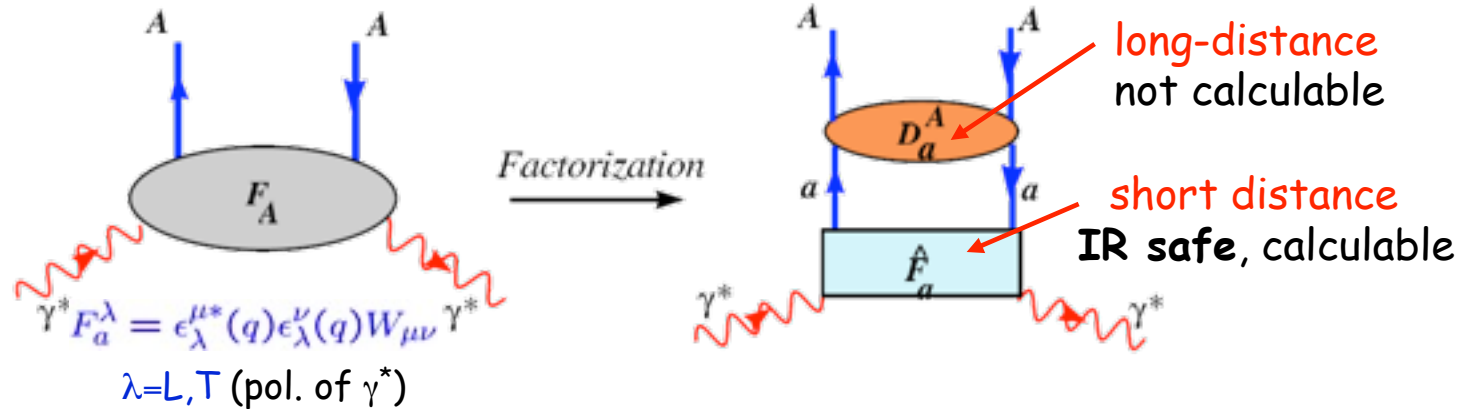
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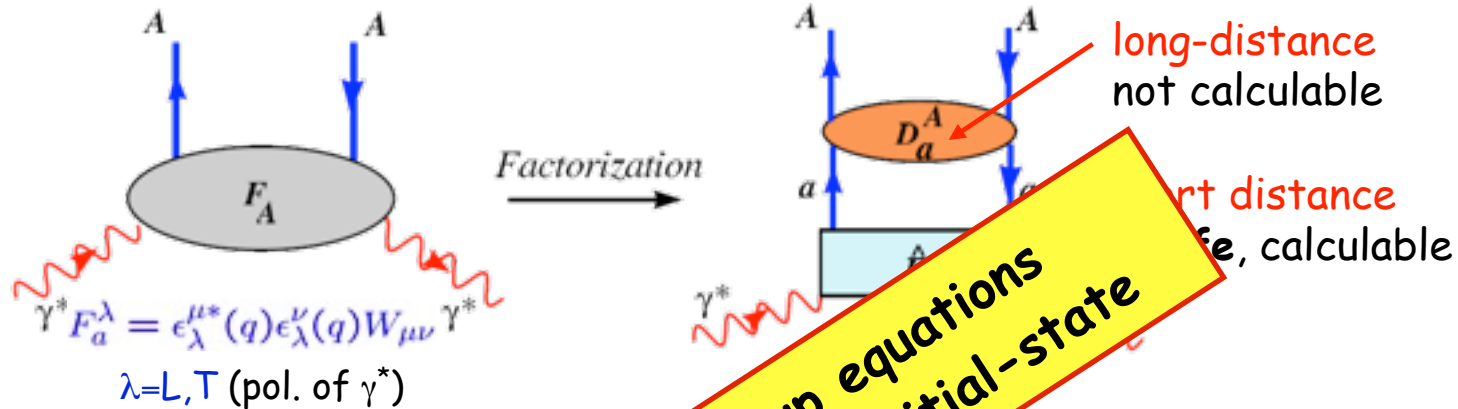
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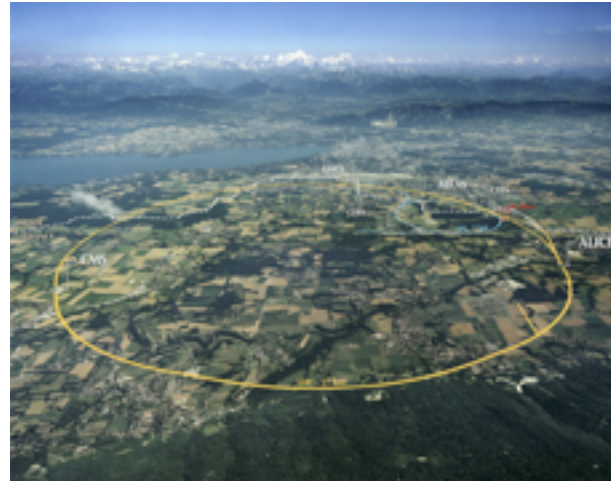
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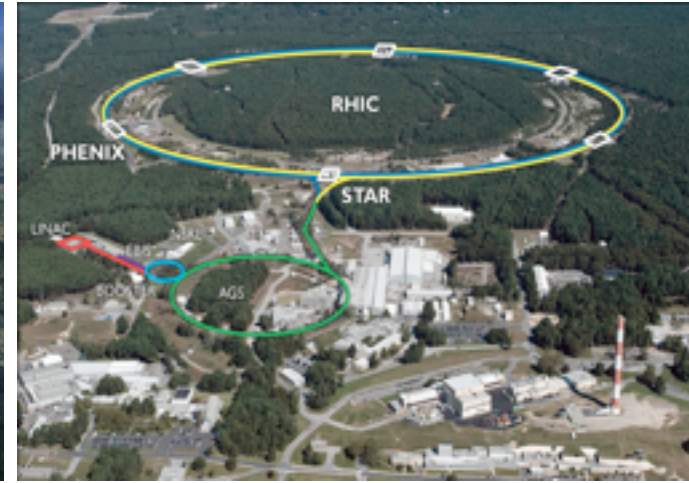
- QCD is a non-Abelian gauge theory: gluons are self-interacting  
→ asymptotic freedom (large  $Q$ ), confinement (small  $Q$ )
- QCD calculations are singular when any two partons become collinear or a gluon becomes soft; basis for parton shower MCs
- choose infrared/collinear safe observables for comparison between experiment and perturbative QCD
- jets (= cluster of partons): best link between theory and exp.; needs a proper IR safe jet definition in theory and experiment
- factorization allows to deal with hadronic processes  
introduces arbitrary scale -> leads to RGEs



early microscopes



the World's most powerful microscopes



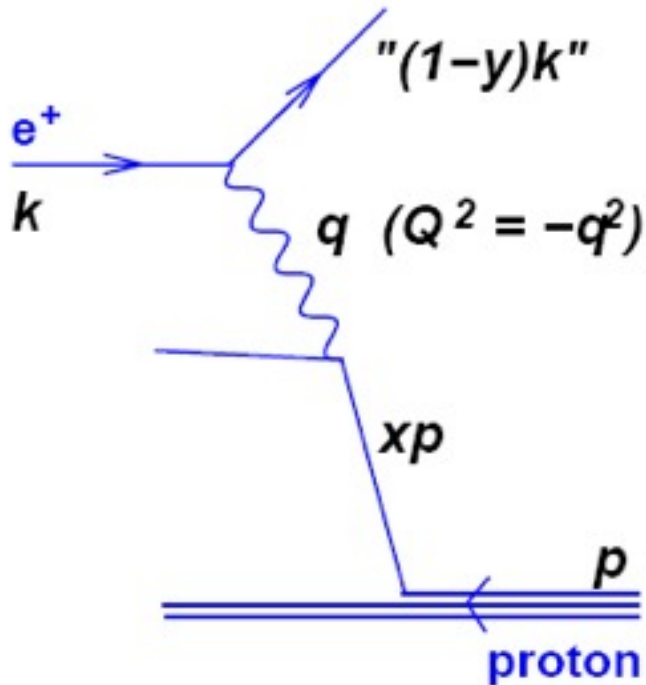
## Part III

inward bound: "femto-spectroscopy"

QCD initial state, partons, DIS, factorization, renormalization group, hadron-hadron collisions

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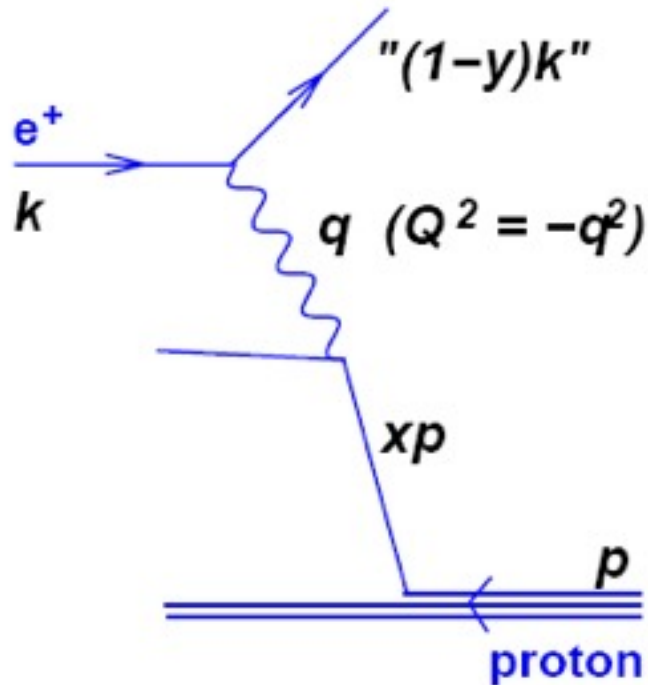
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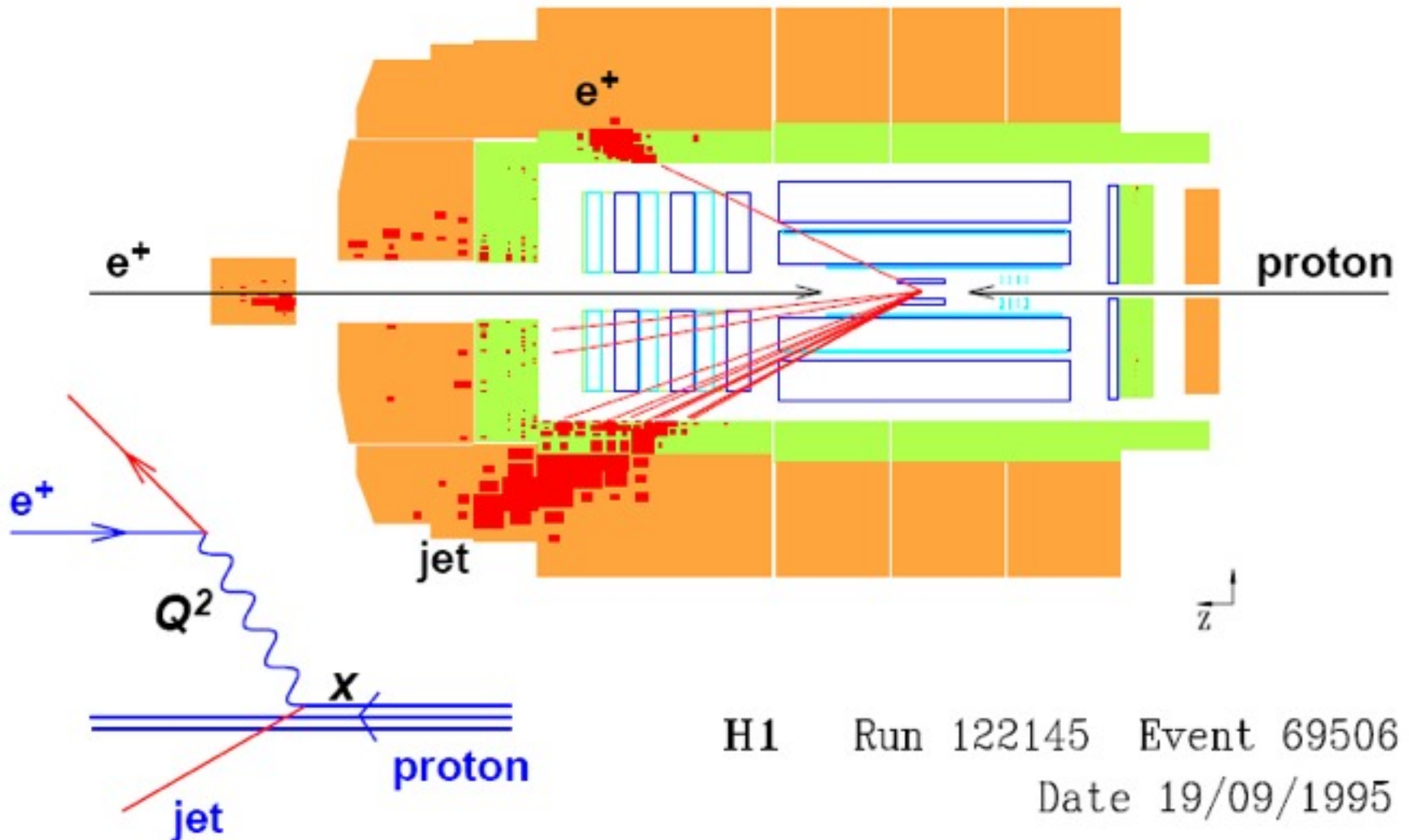
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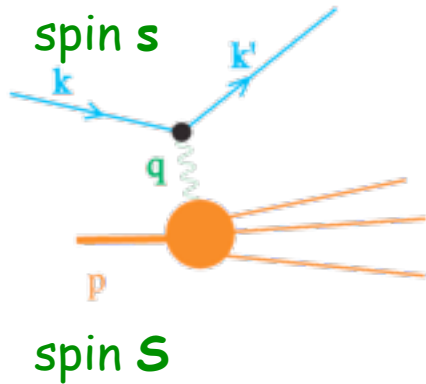


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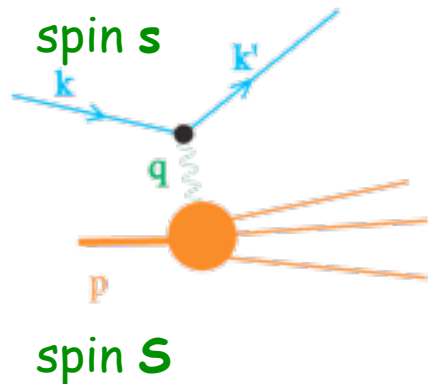
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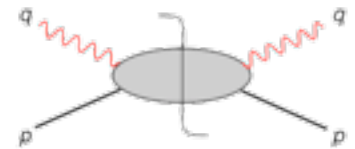
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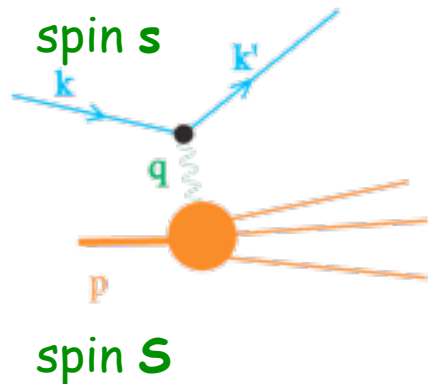
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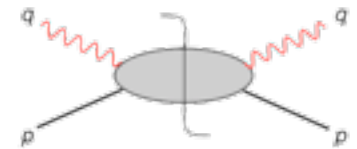
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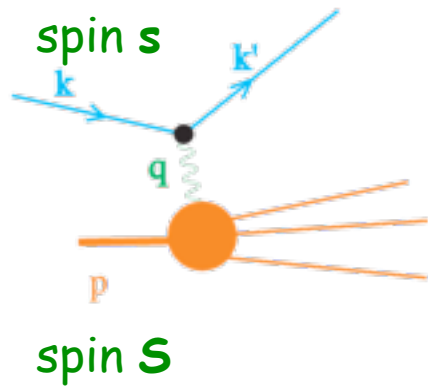


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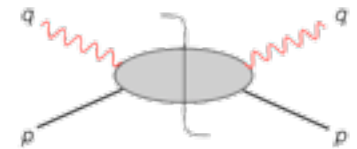
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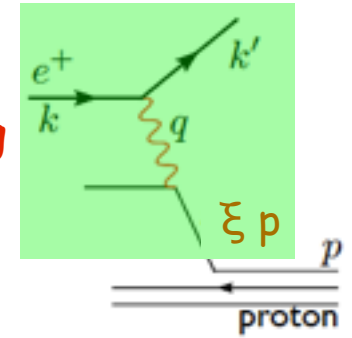
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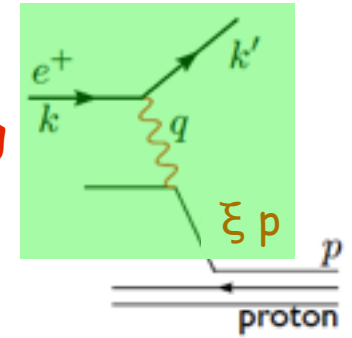
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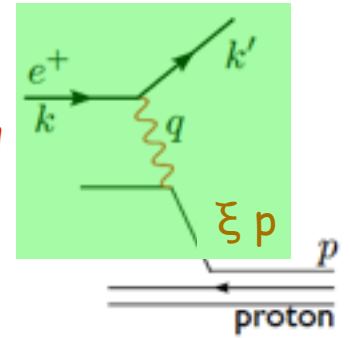
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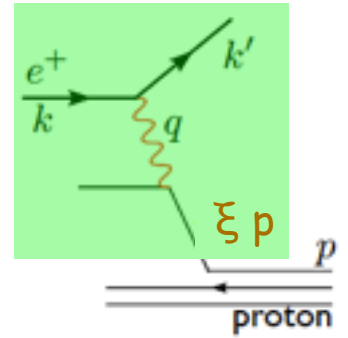


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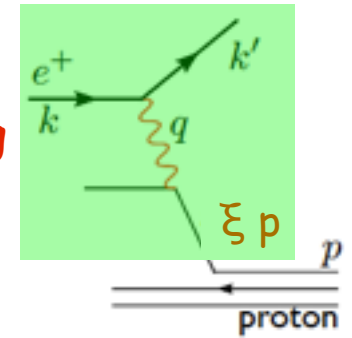
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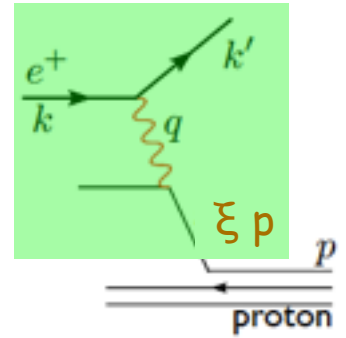
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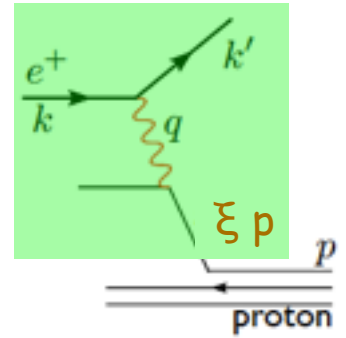
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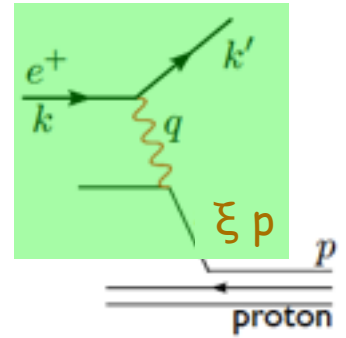
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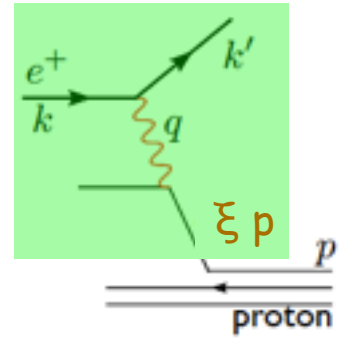
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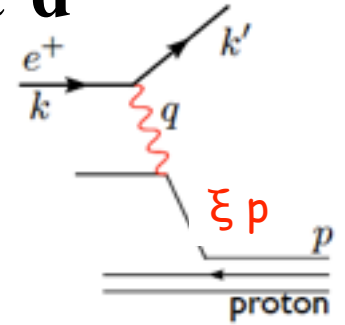
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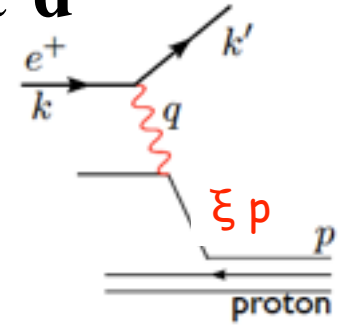
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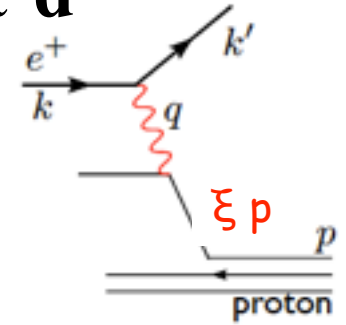
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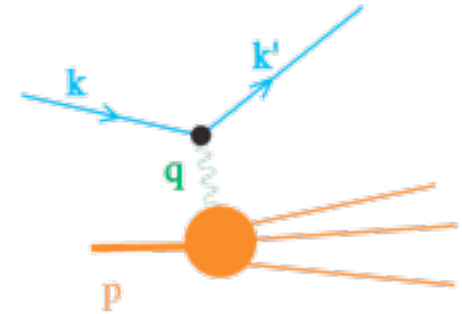
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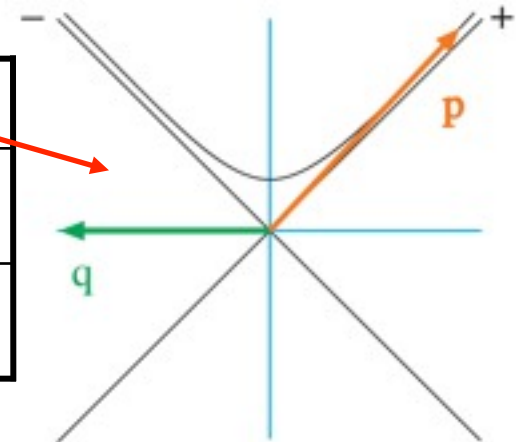
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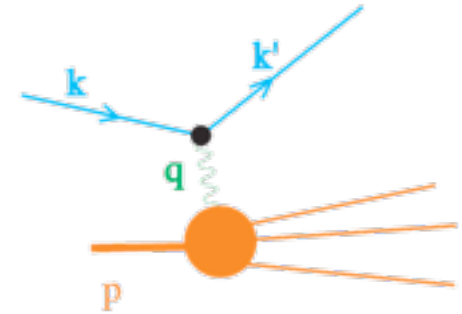
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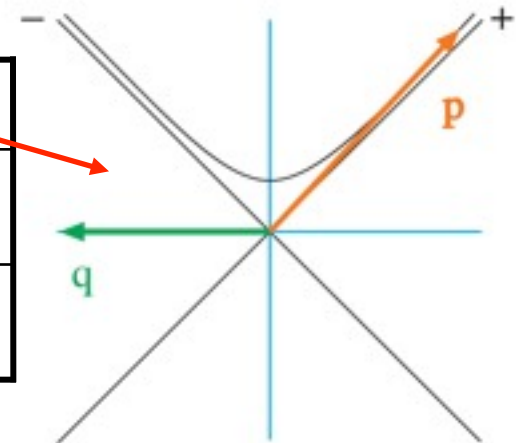
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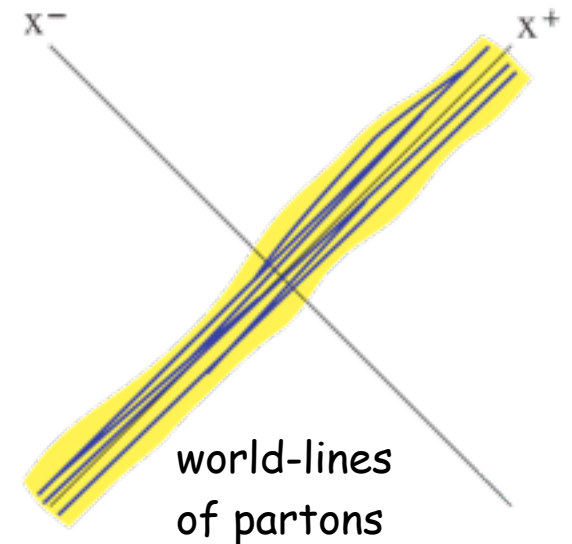
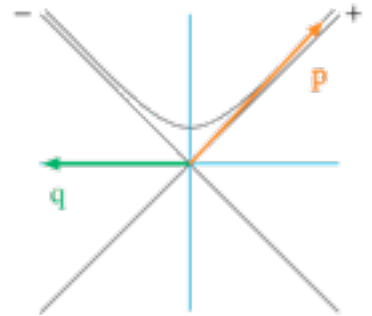
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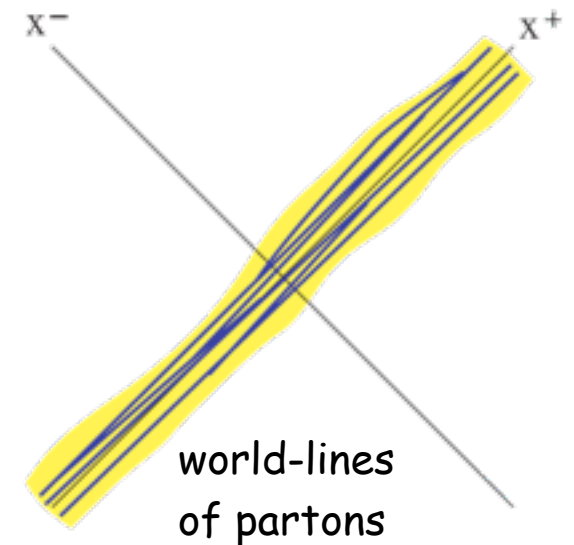
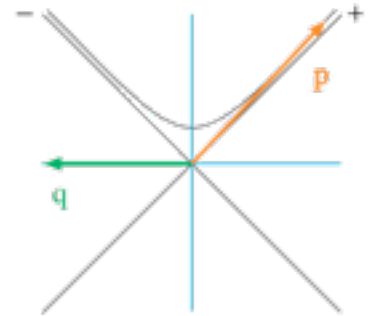
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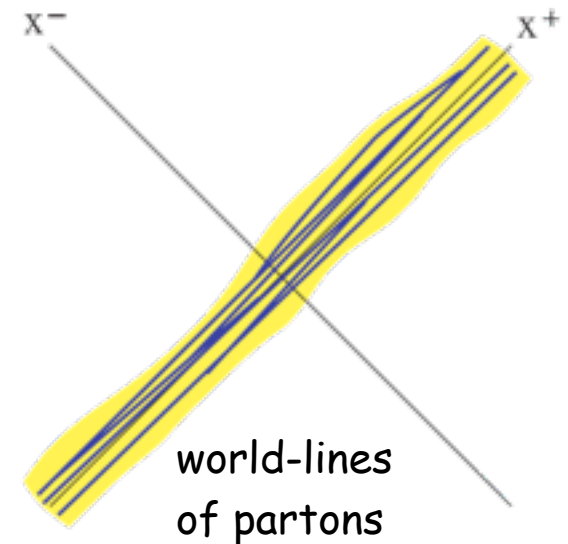
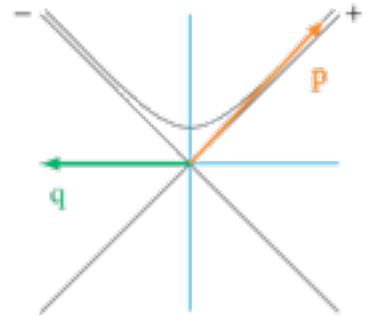
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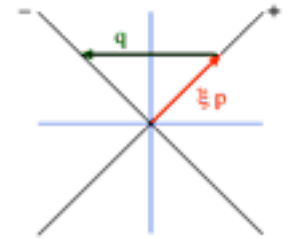
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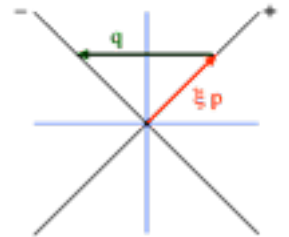
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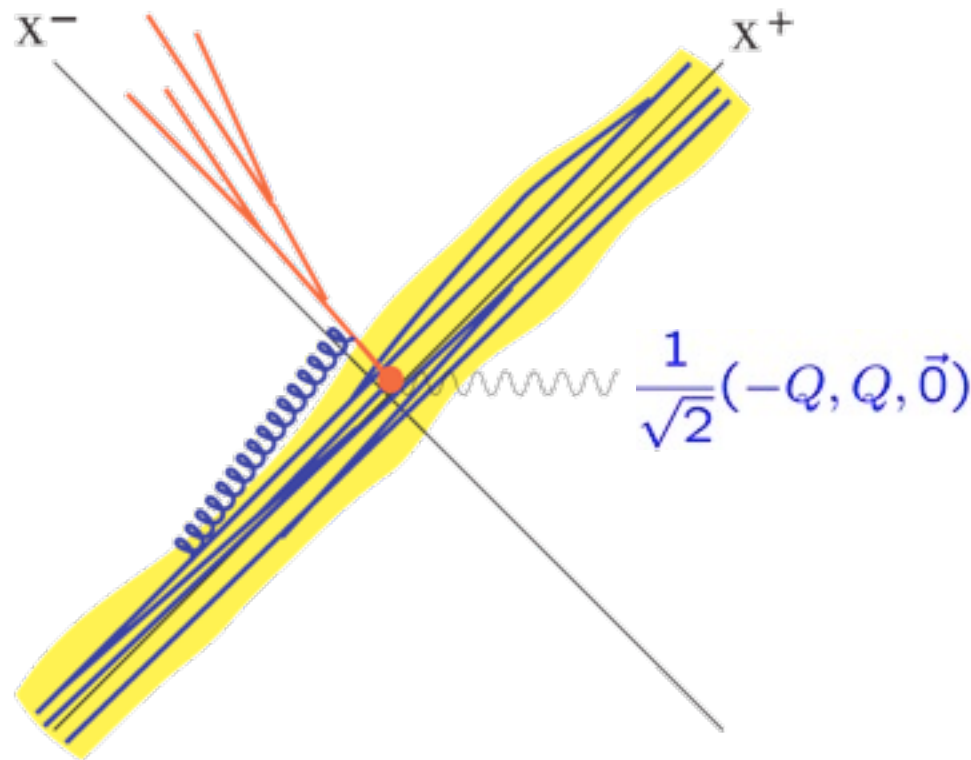
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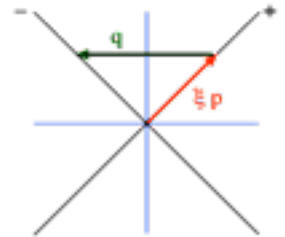
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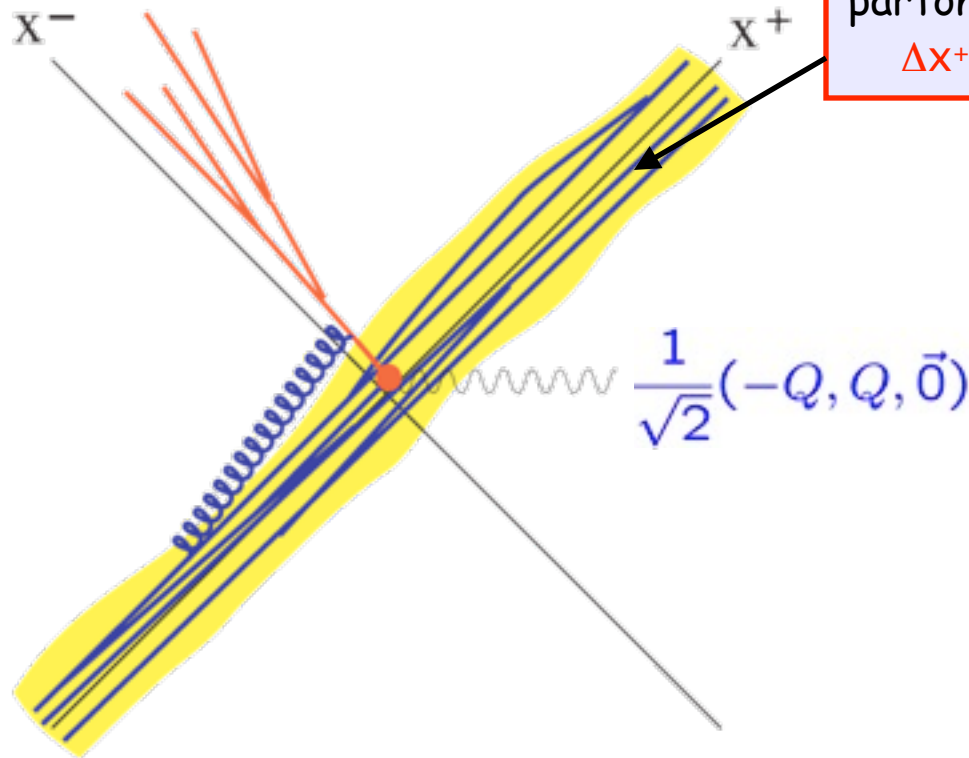
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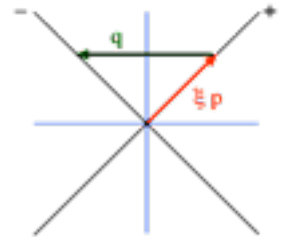
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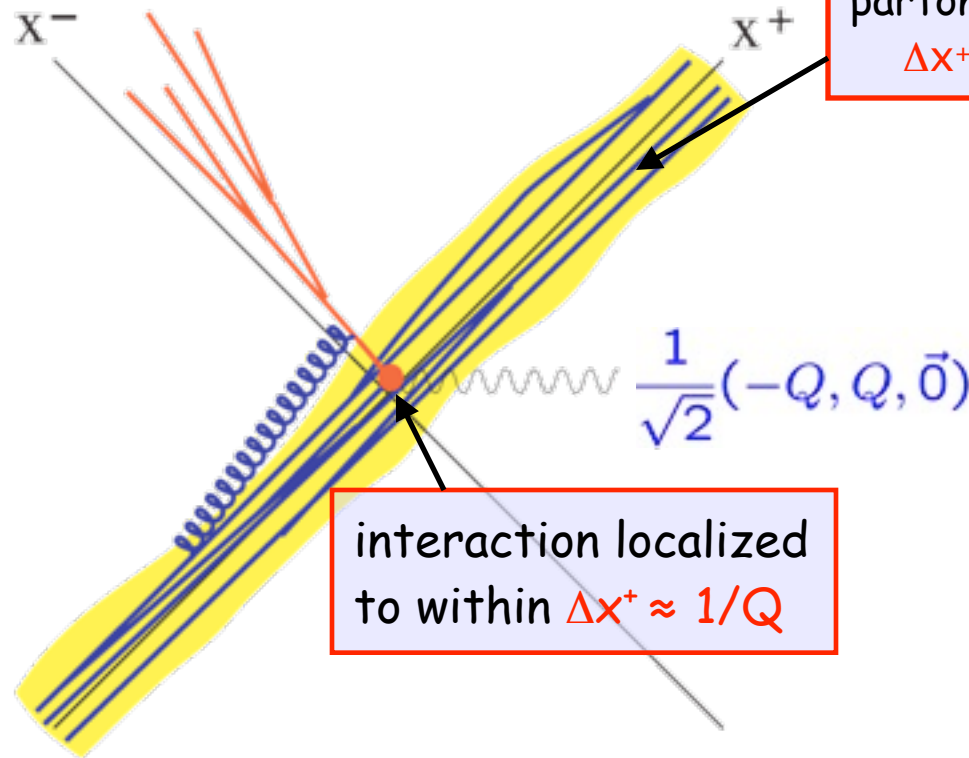
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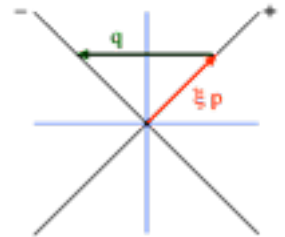
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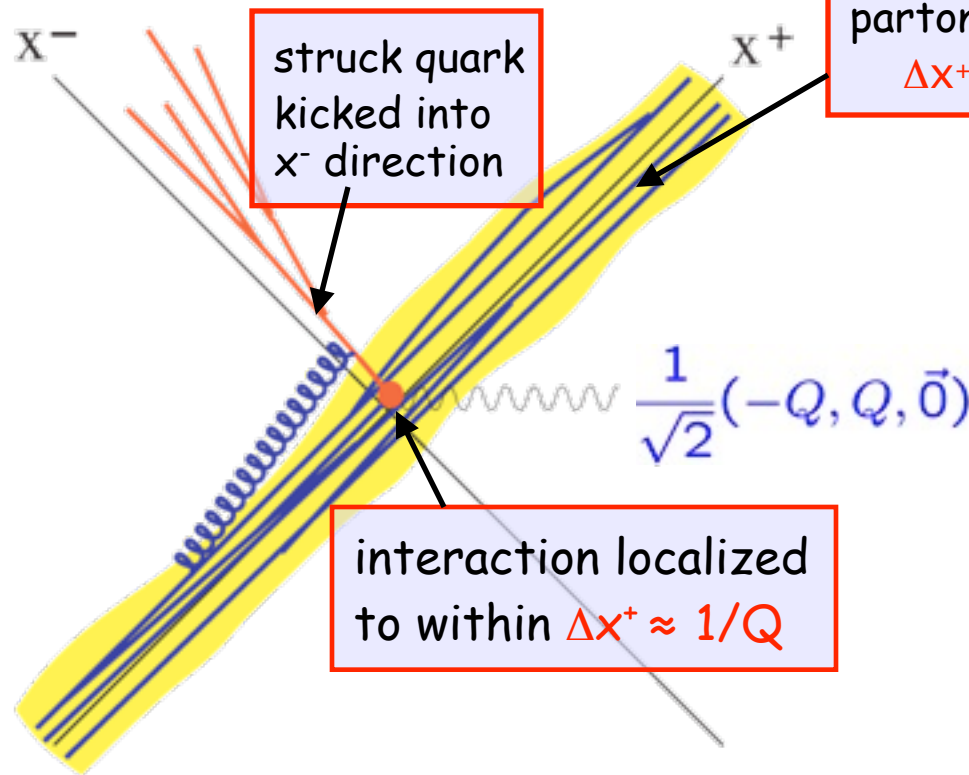
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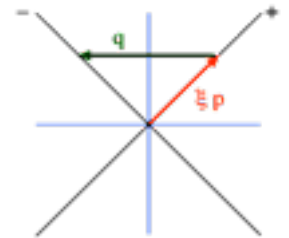
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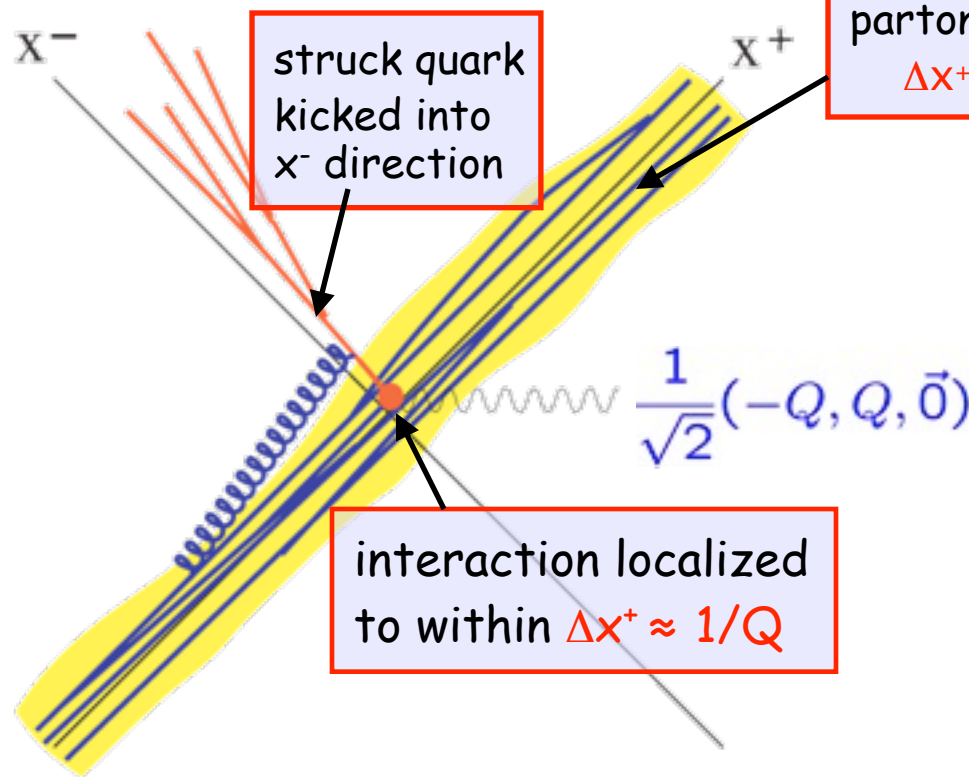
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## upshot:

- partons are free during the hard interaction
- lepton scatters off free partons incoherently
- convenient to introduce **momentum fractions**

$$0 < \xi_i \equiv p_i^+ / p^+ < 1$$

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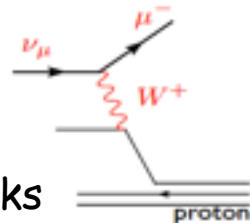
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- measuring both allows to determine  $u^p$  and  $d^p$  separately
- note: CC DIS couples to weak charges and separates quarks and antiquarks

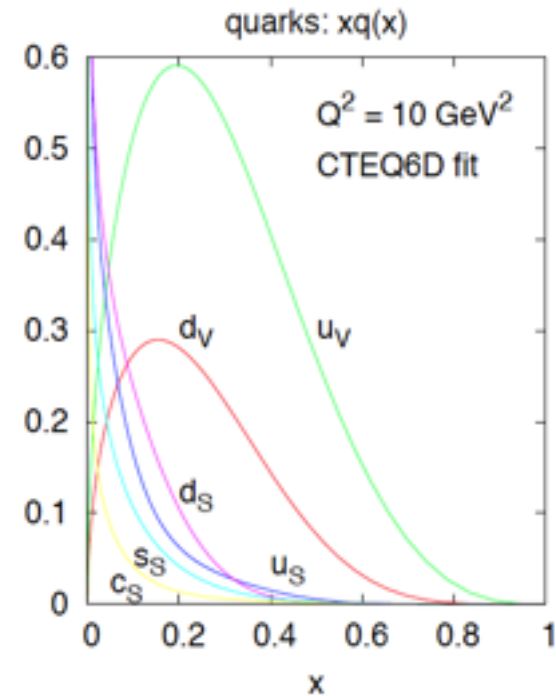


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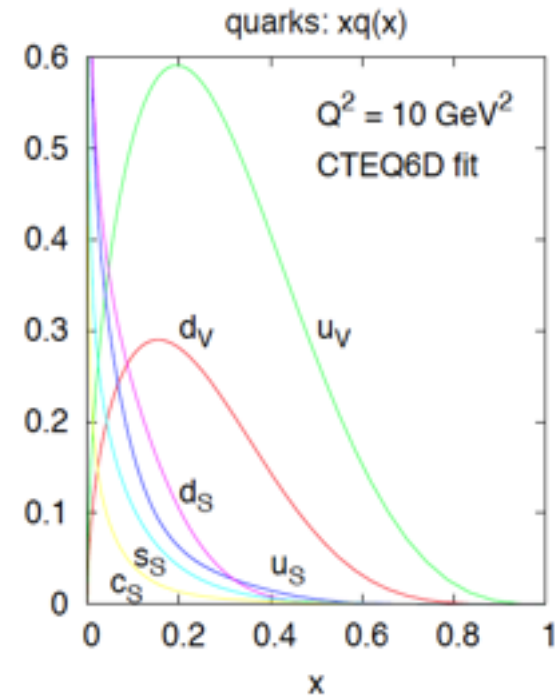
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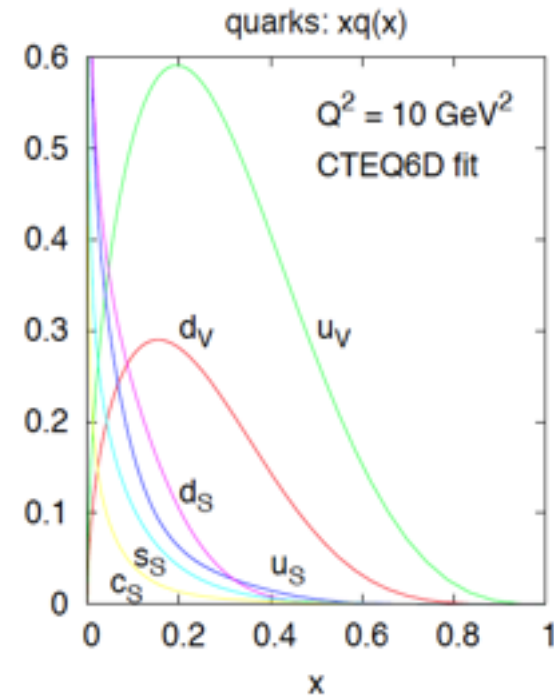
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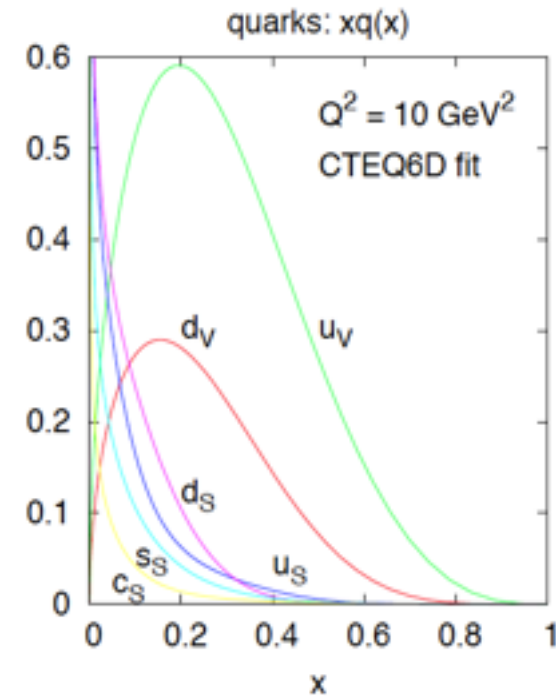
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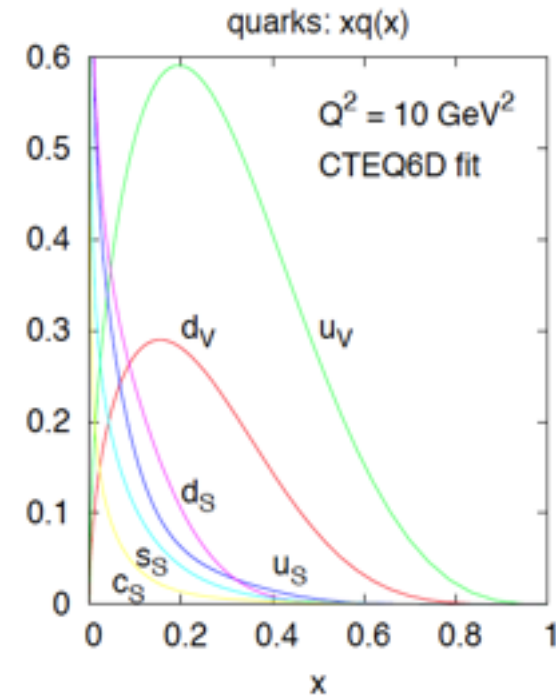
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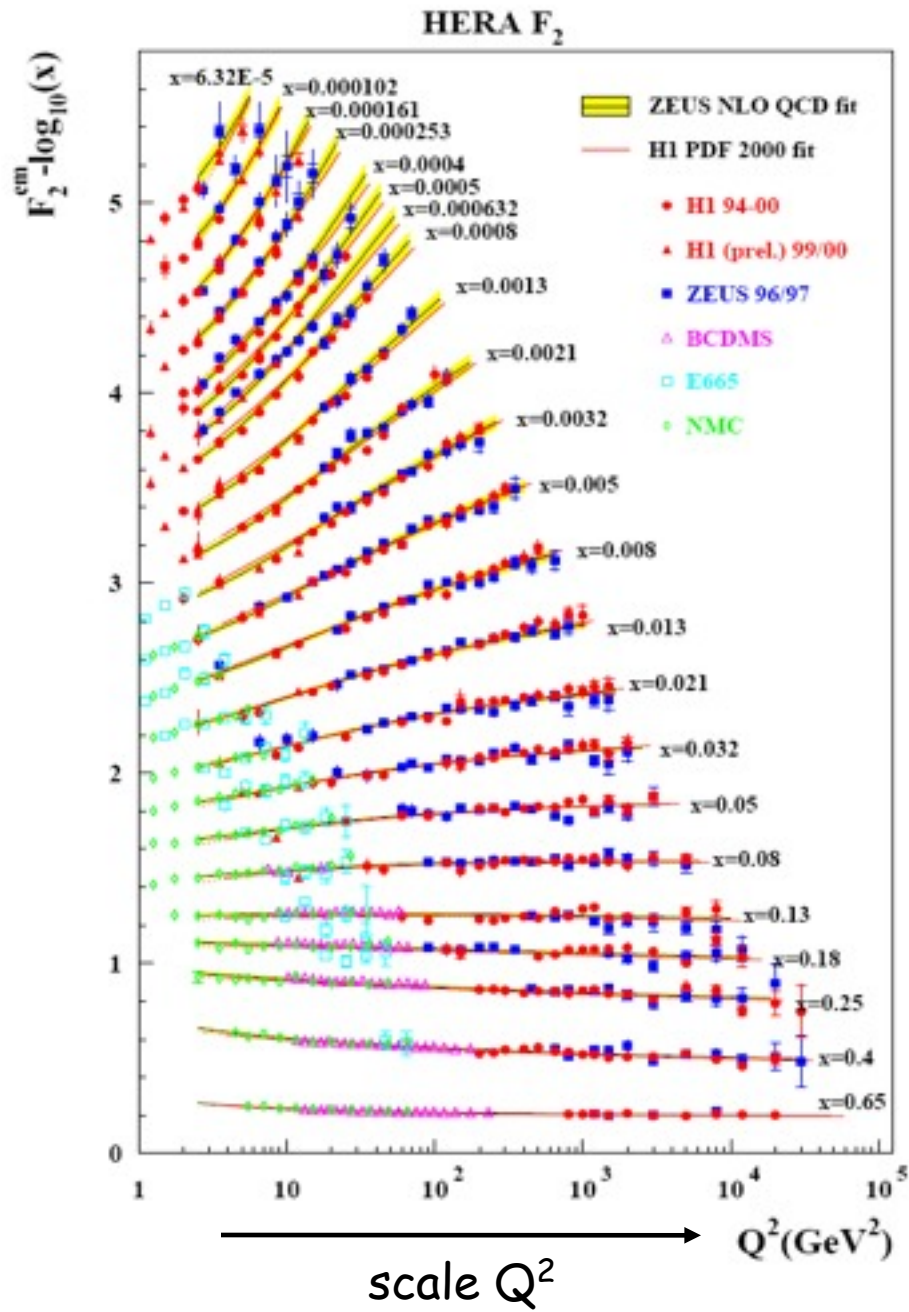


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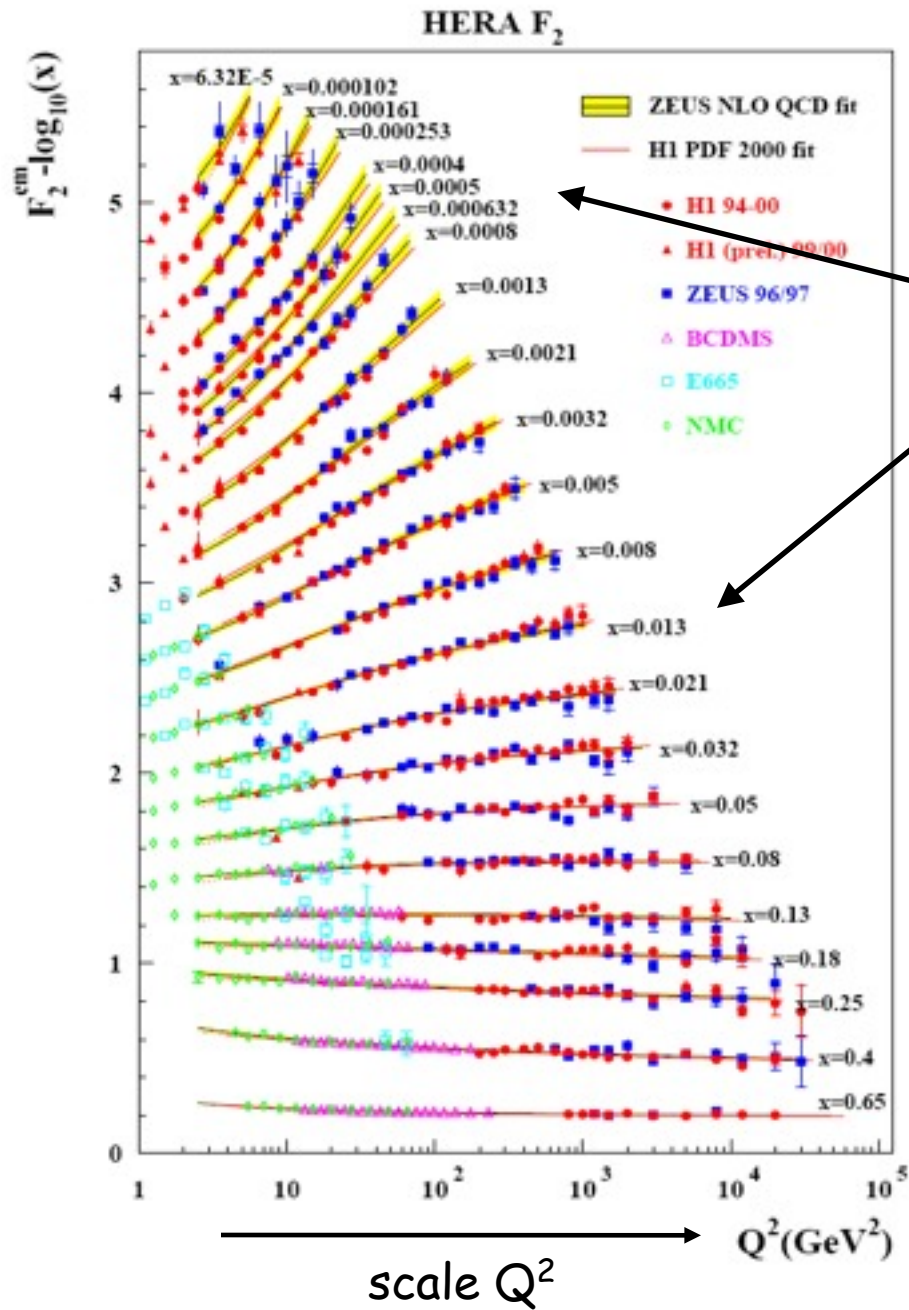


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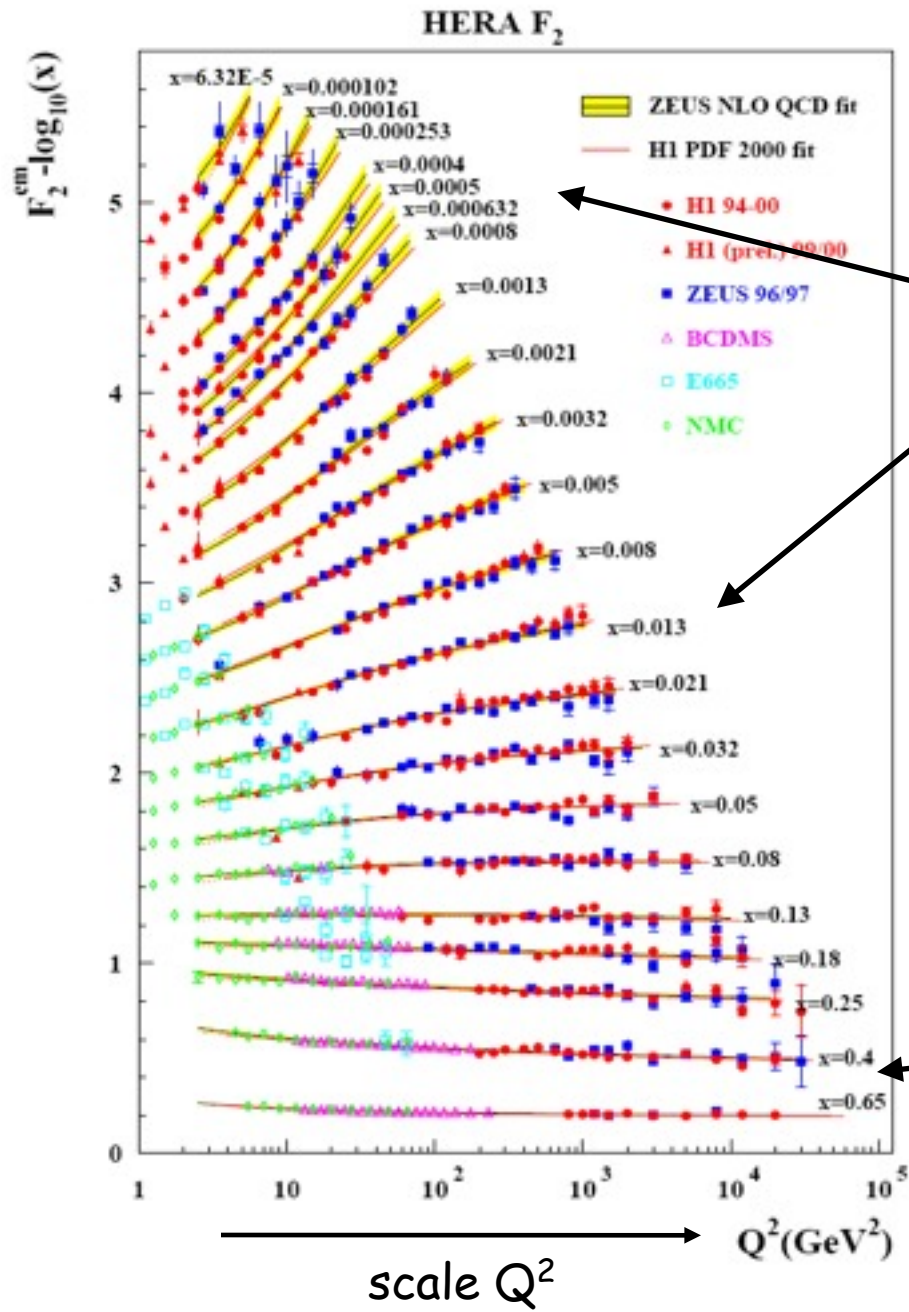
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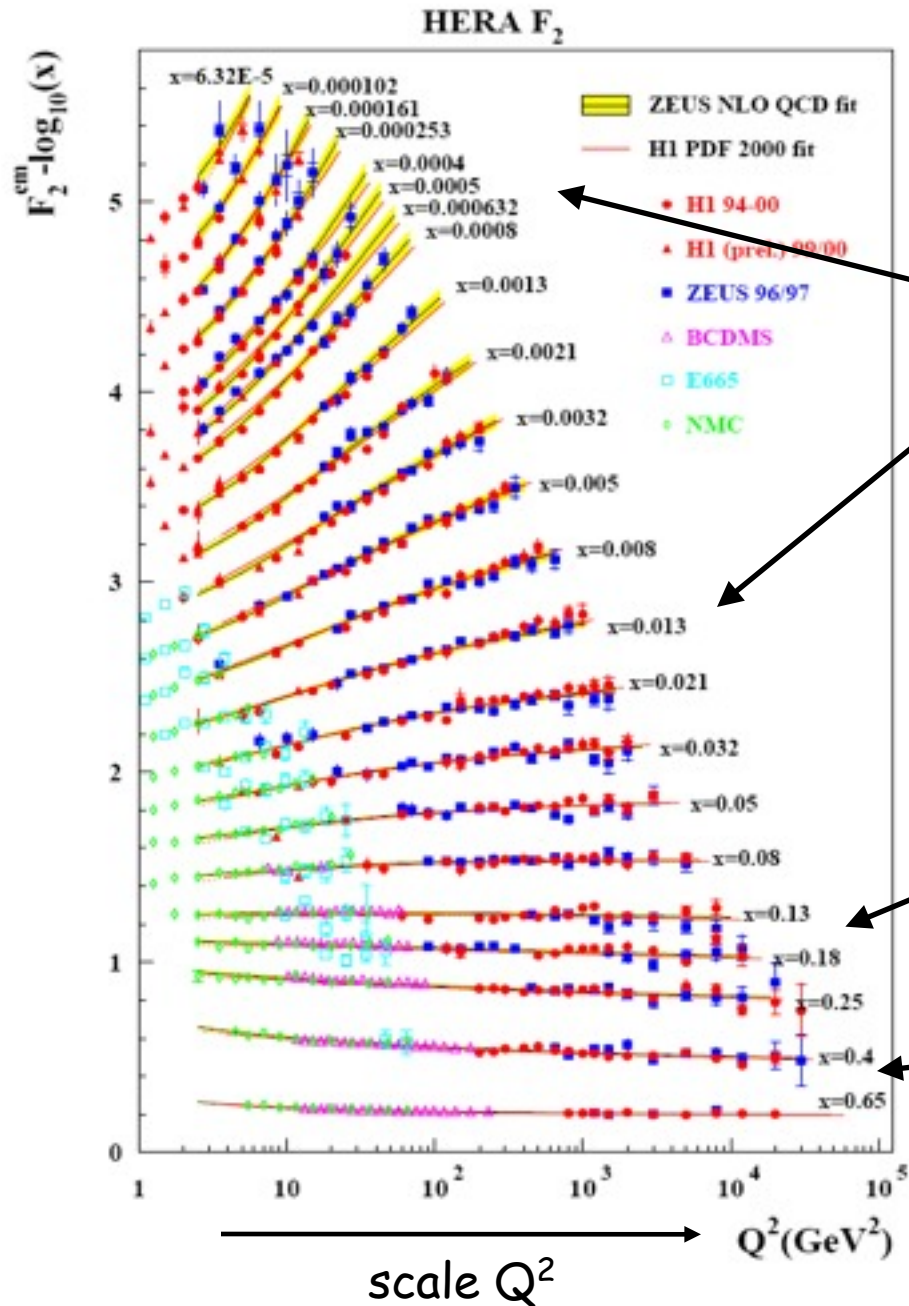
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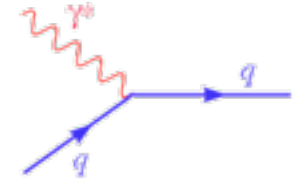
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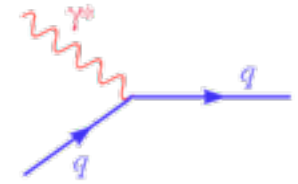


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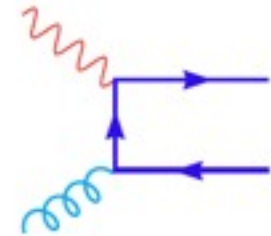
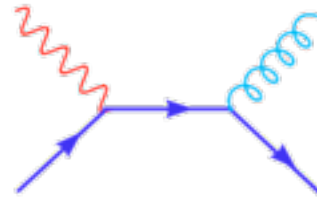
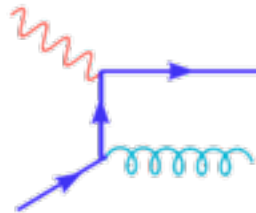
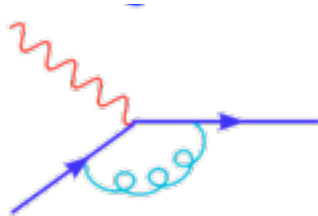
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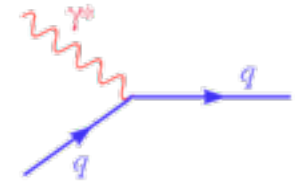
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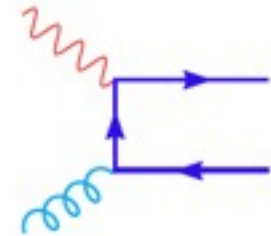
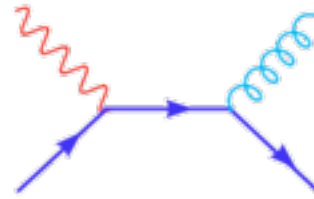
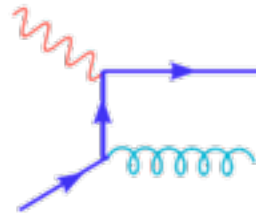
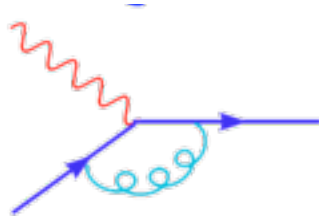
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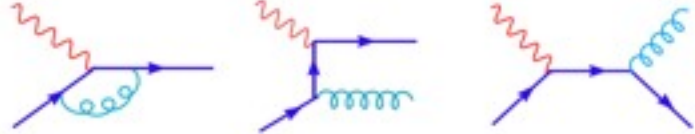
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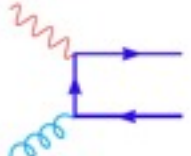
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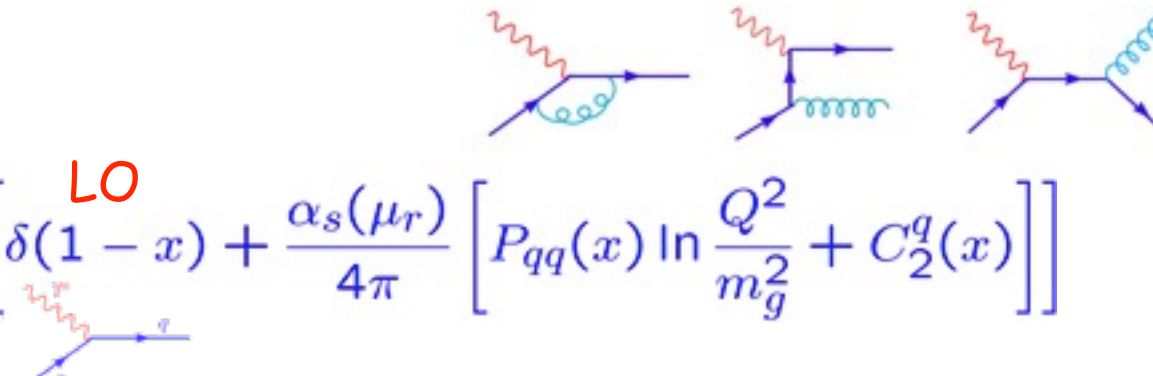
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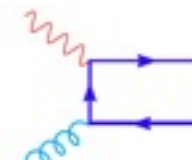
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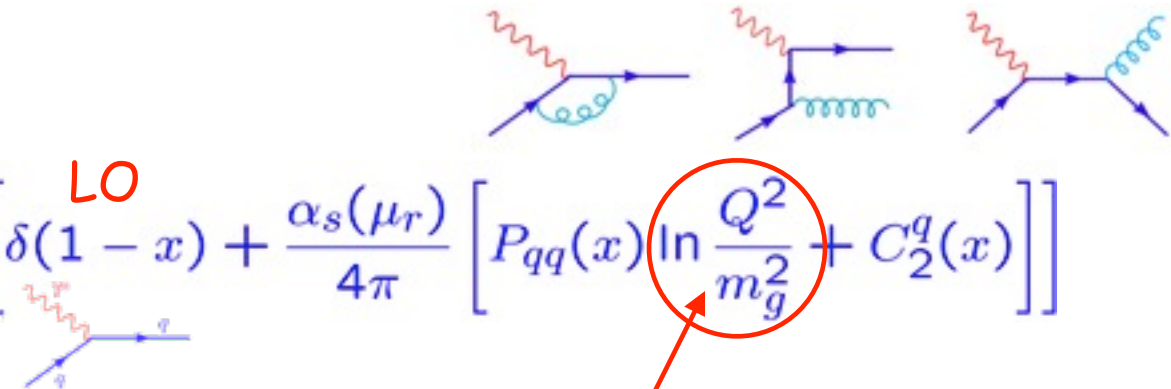
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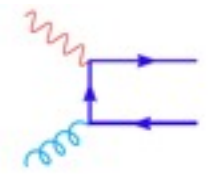
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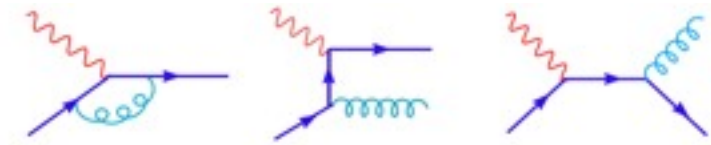
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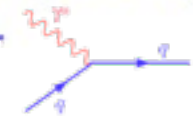
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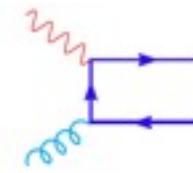




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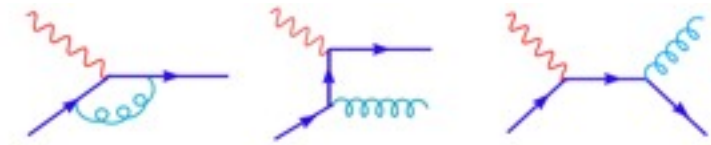
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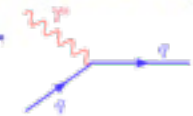


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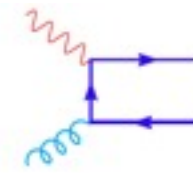




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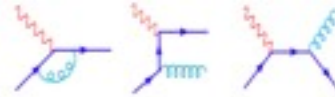
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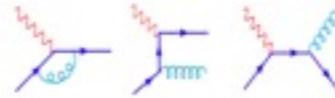
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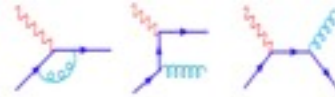
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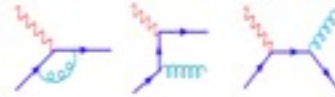
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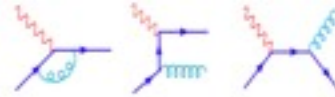
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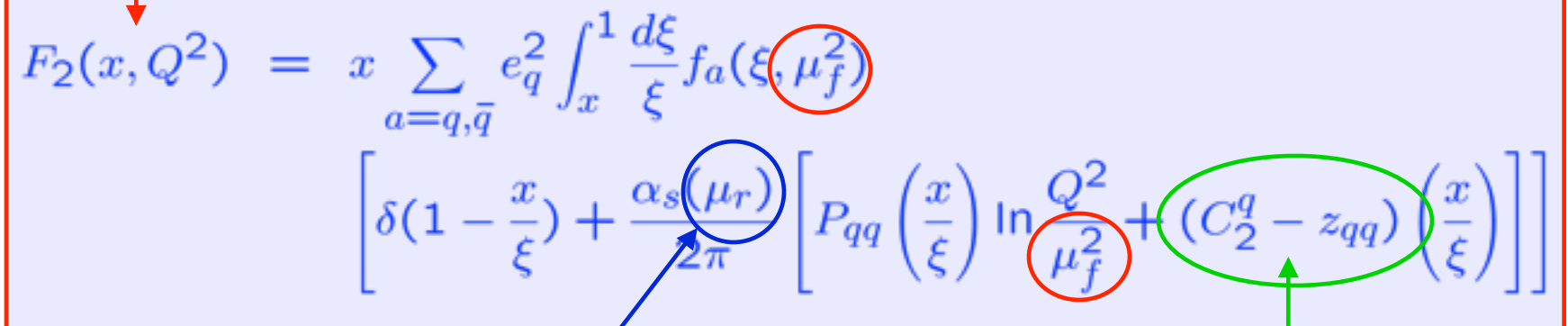
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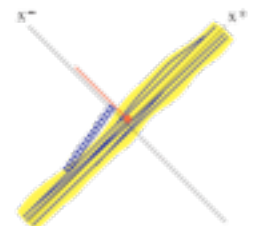
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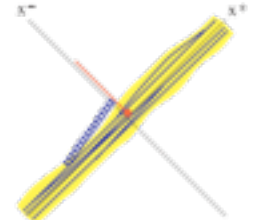
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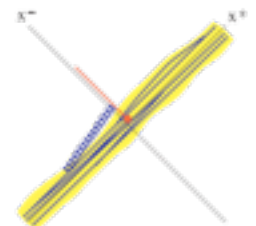
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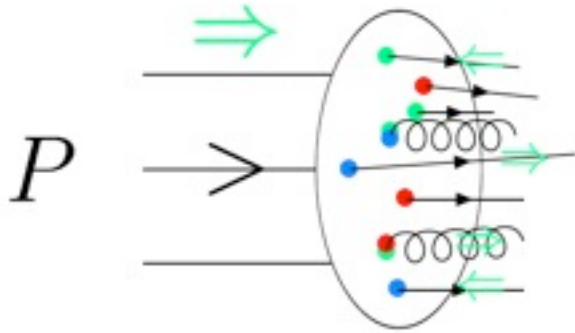
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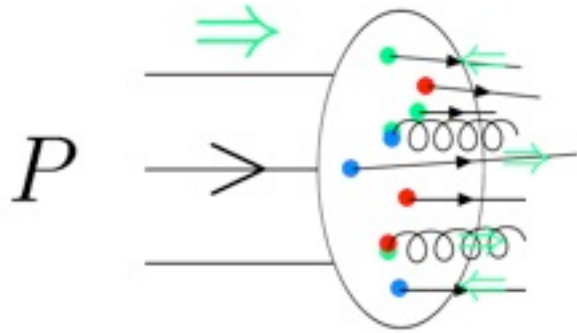
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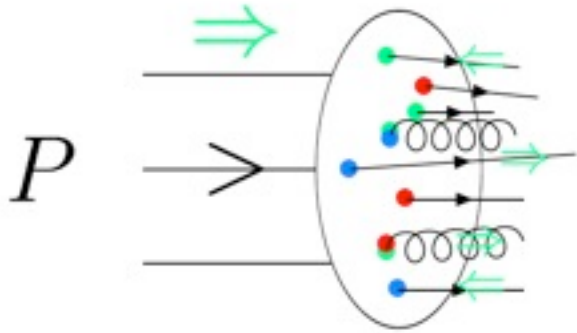
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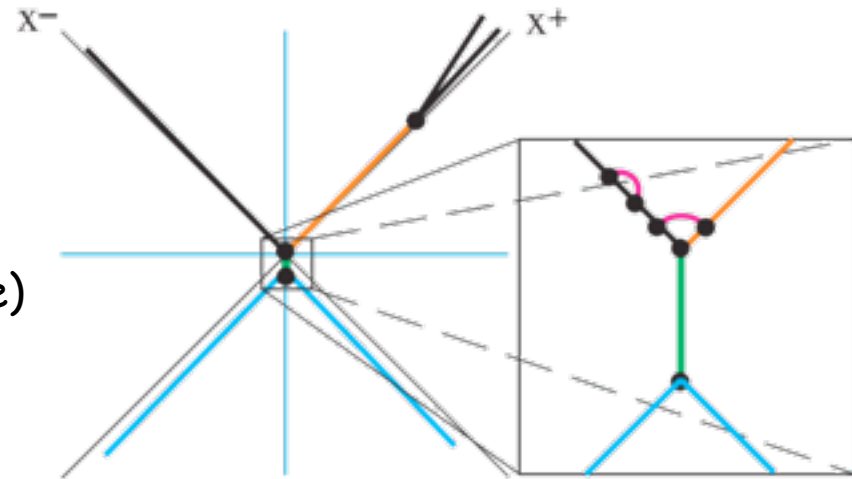
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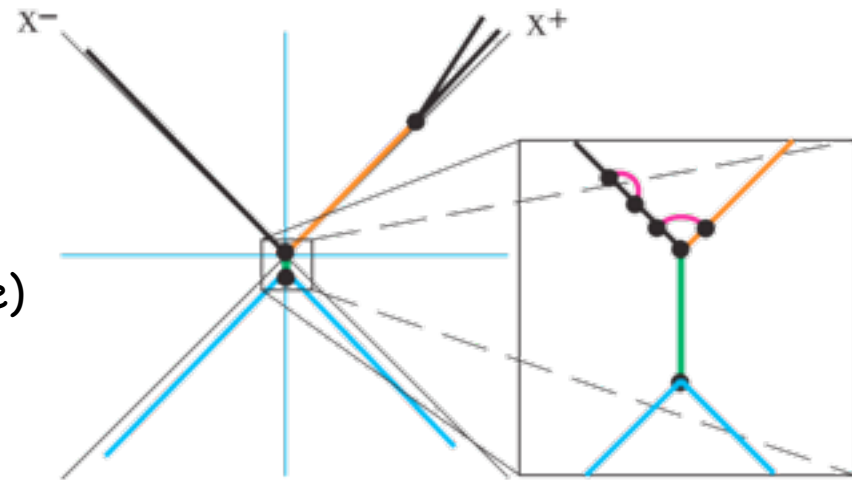
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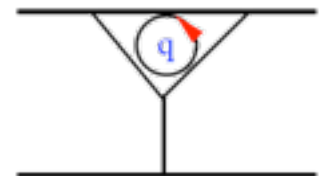
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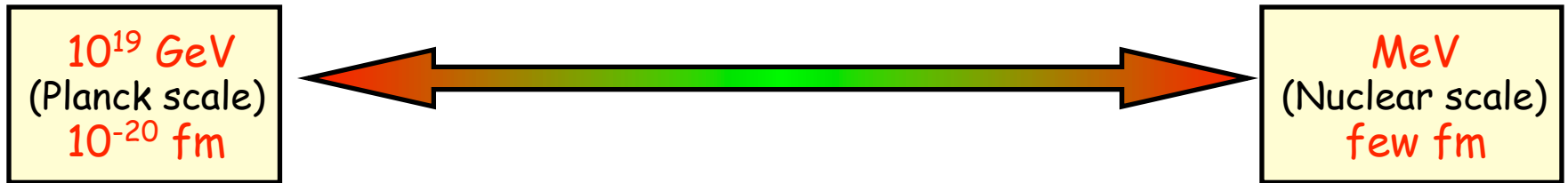


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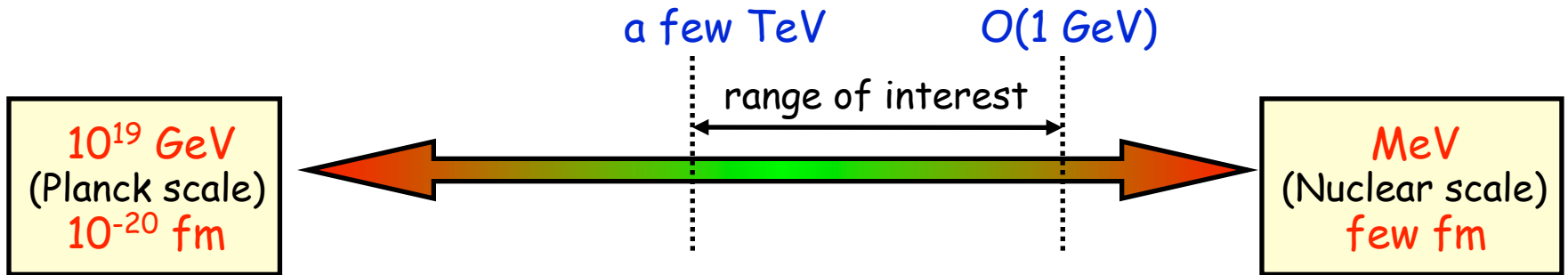
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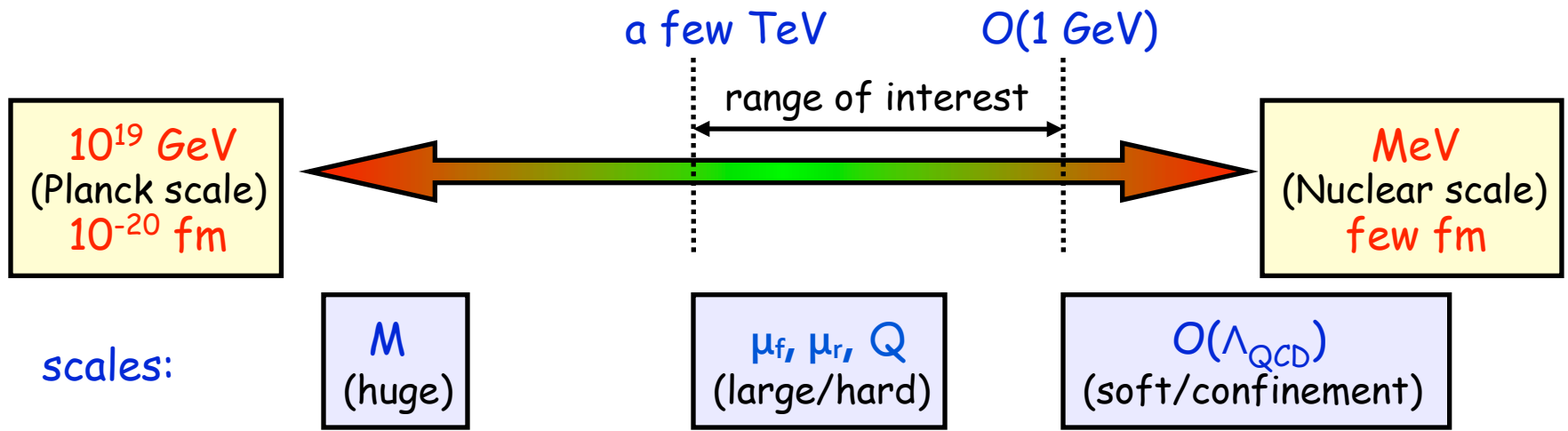
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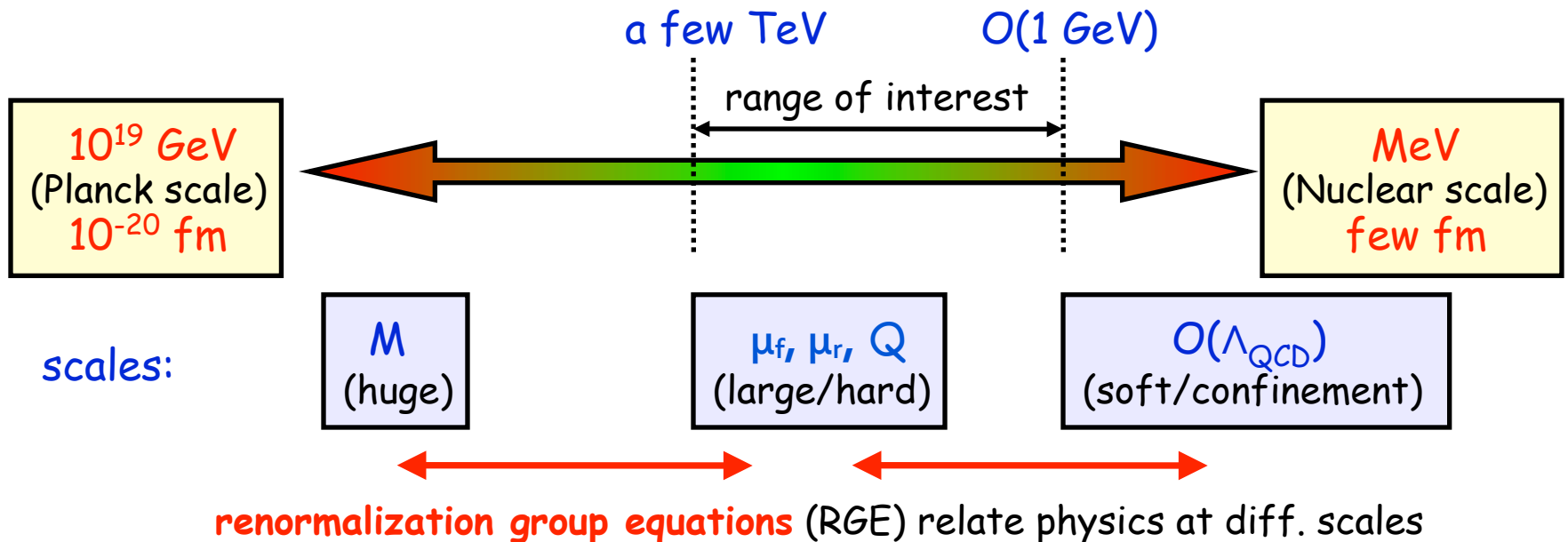
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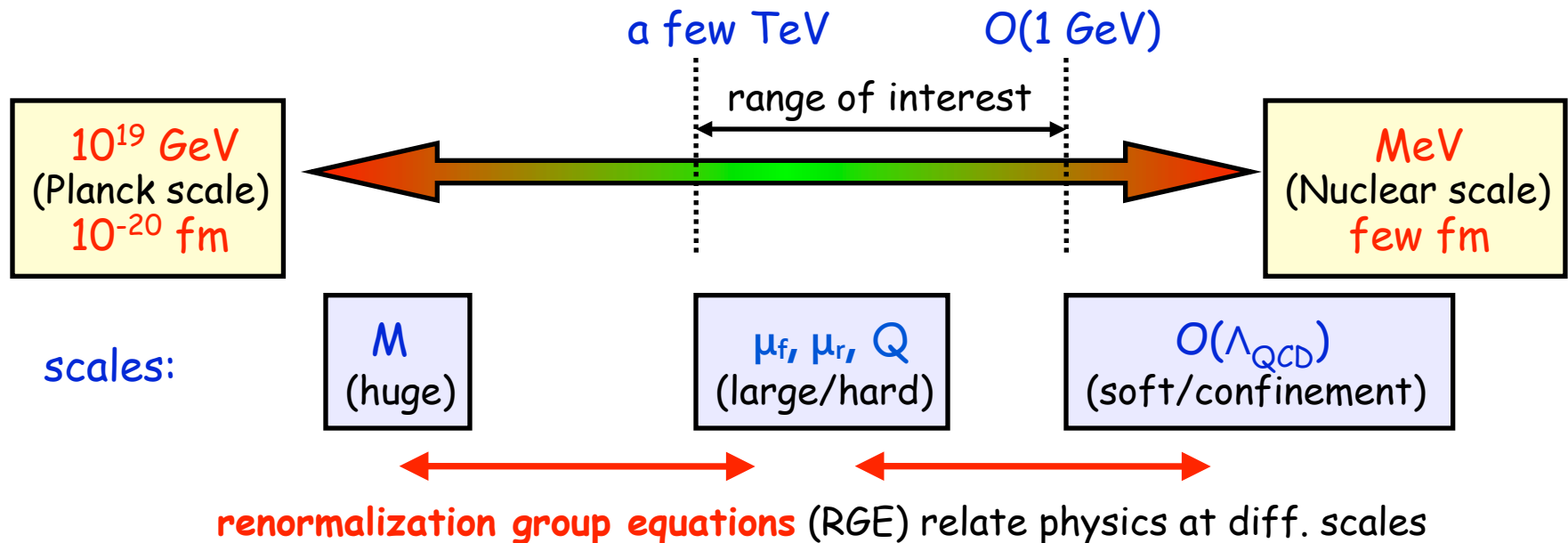
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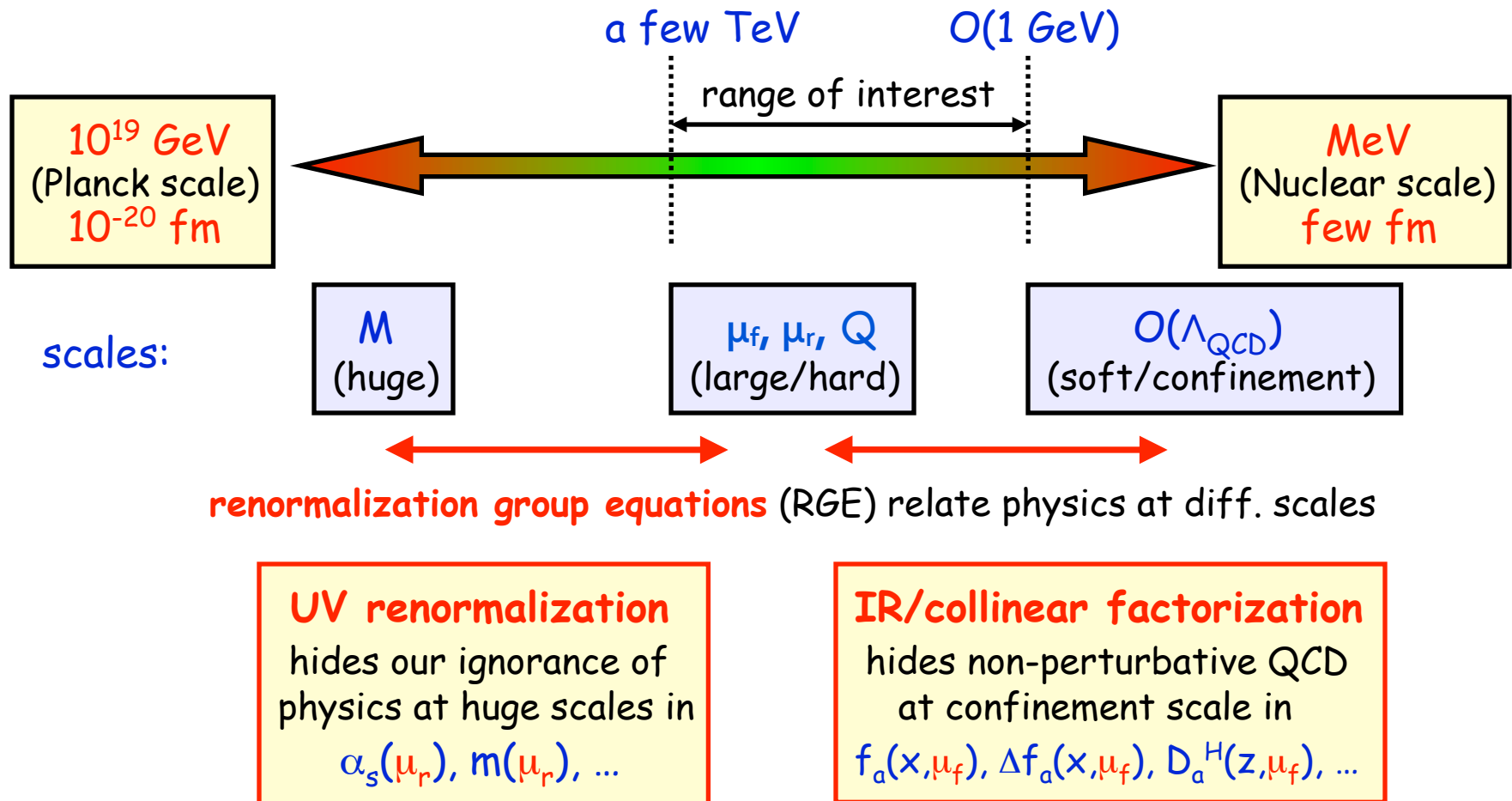
## UV renormalization

hides our ignorance of physics at huge scales in

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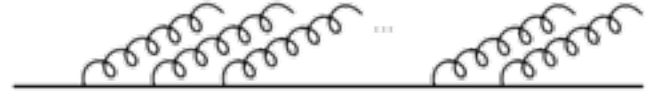
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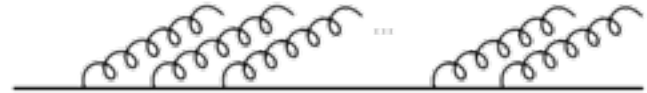
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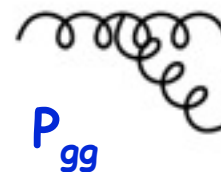
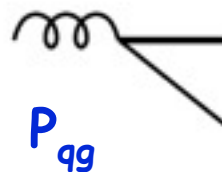
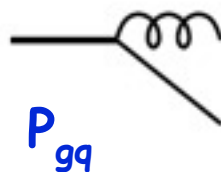
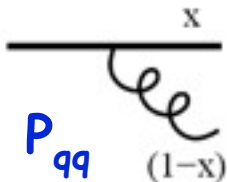
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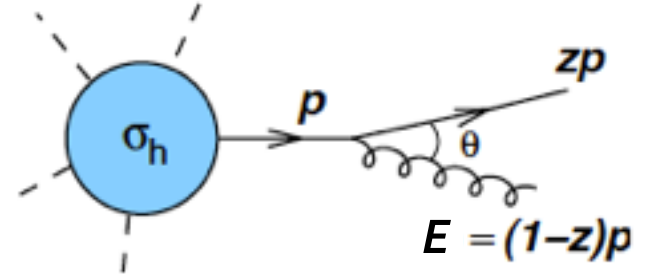




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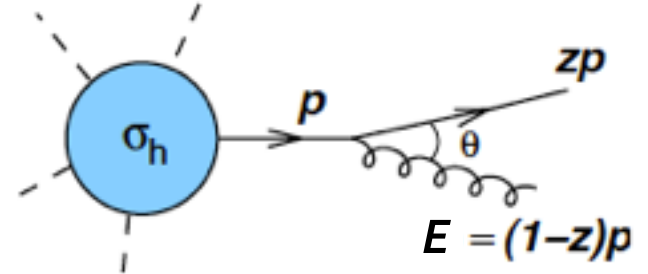
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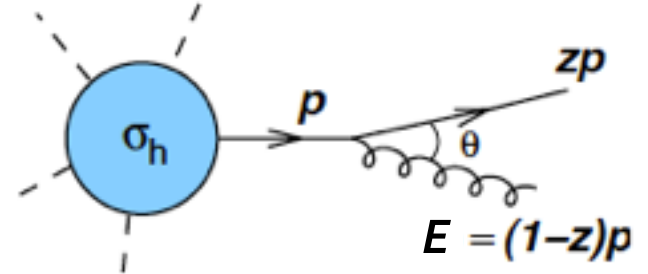
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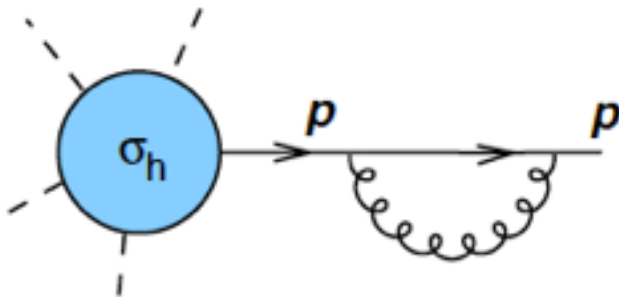


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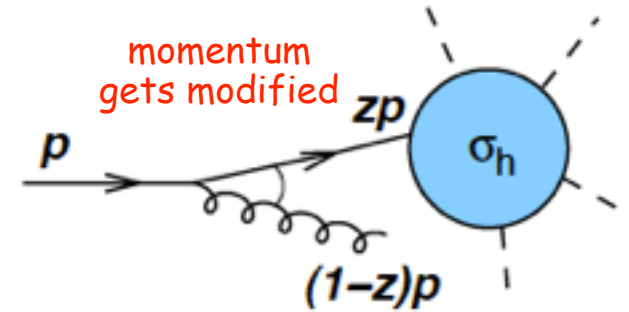


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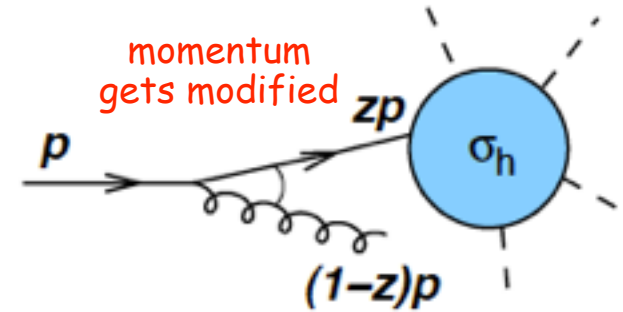
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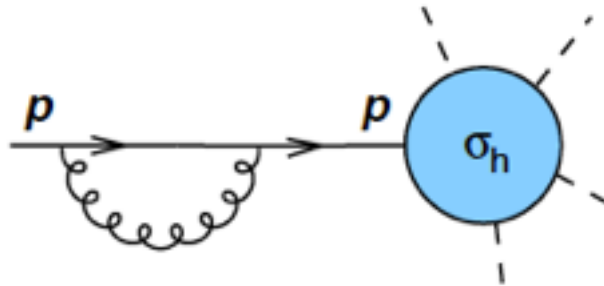
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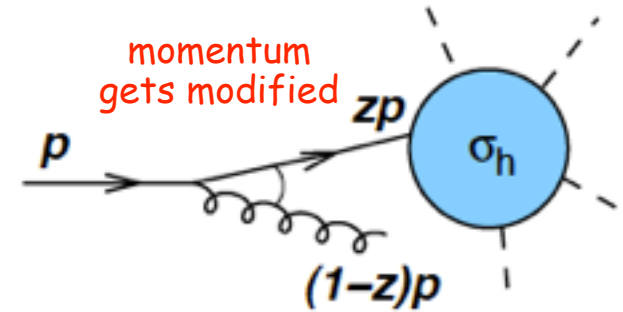


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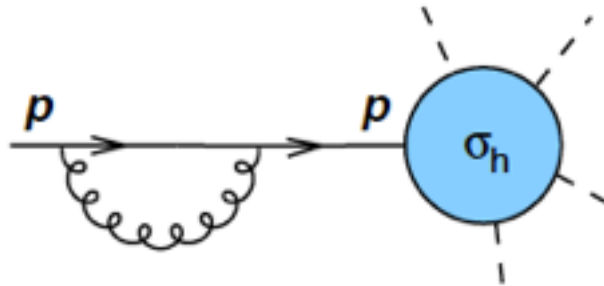
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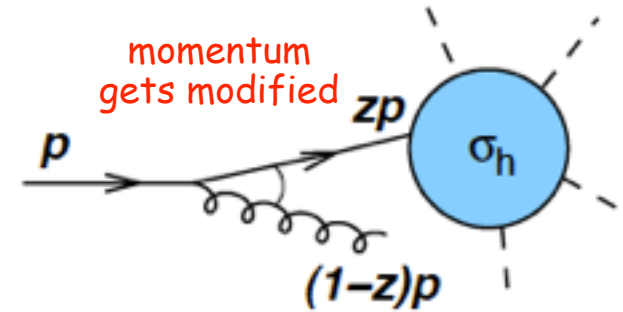
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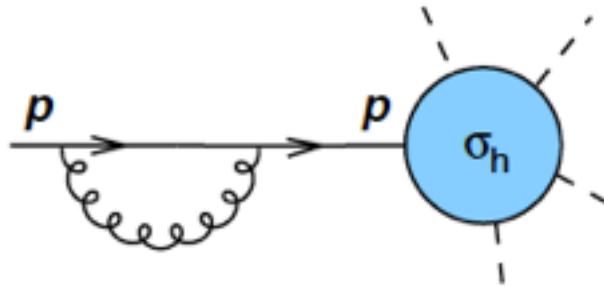
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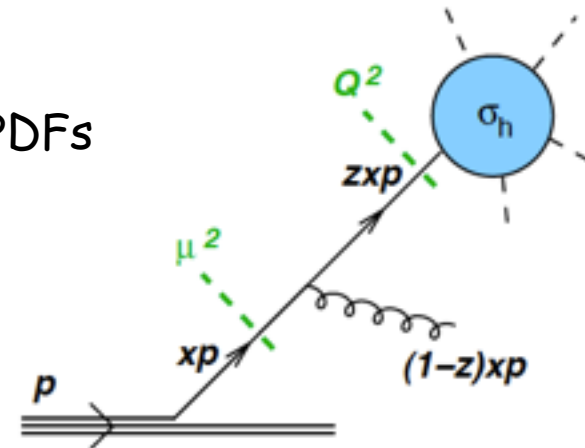
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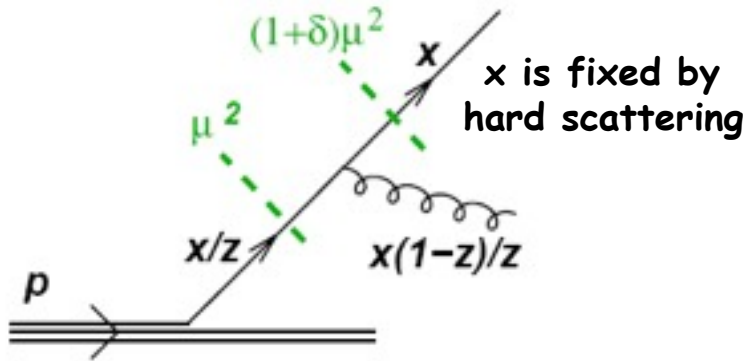


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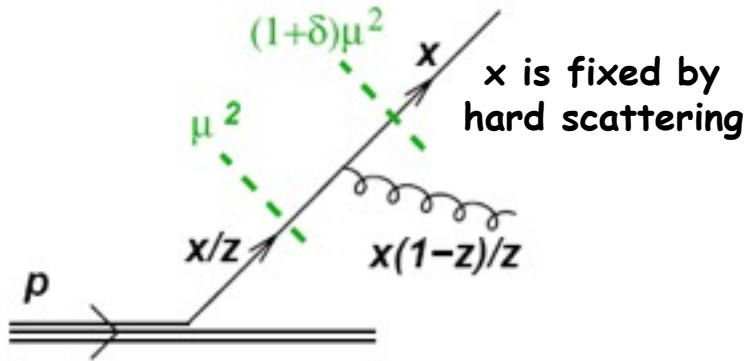


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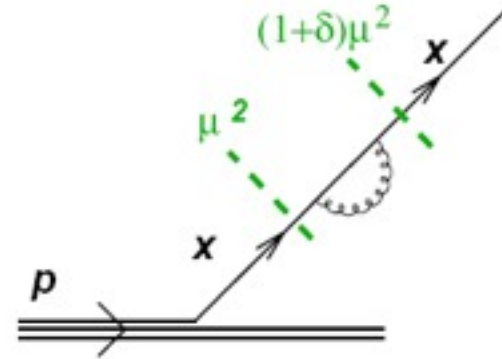
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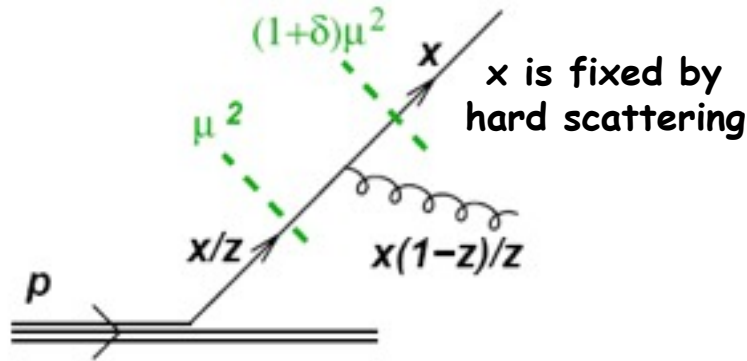


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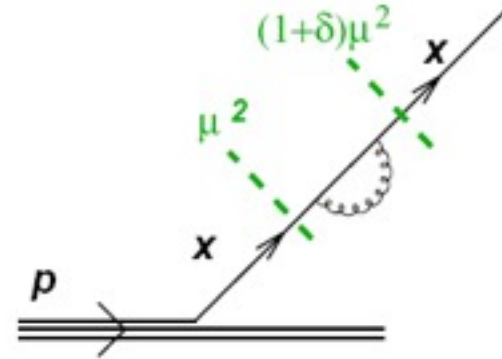
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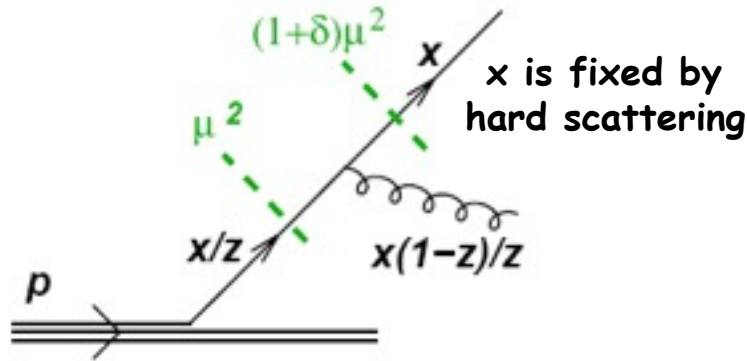
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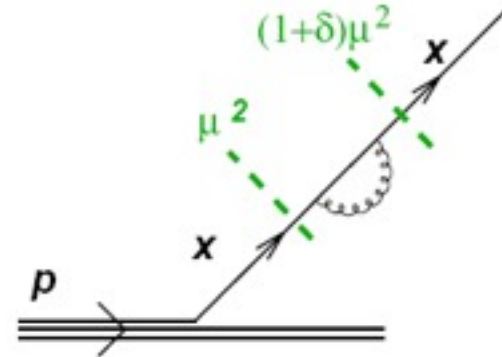
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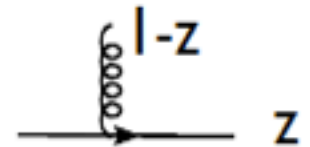
$$\int_0^1 dz [g(z)]_+ f(z) \equiv \int_0^1 dz g(z) [f(z) - f(1)]$$

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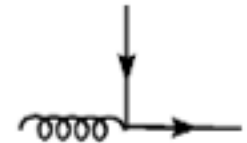
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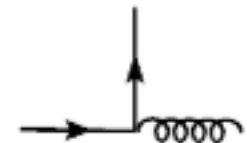
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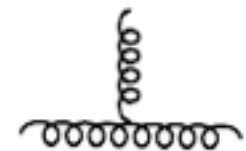
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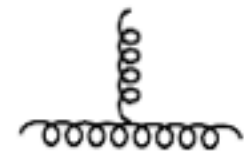
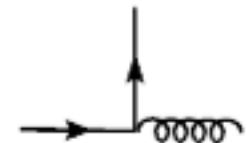
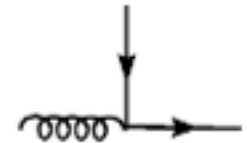
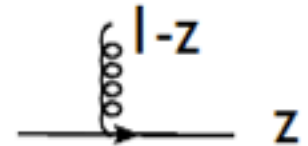
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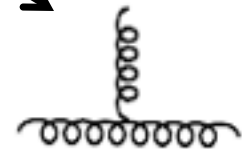
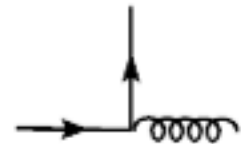
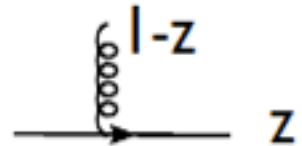
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Curci, Furmanski, Petronzio;  
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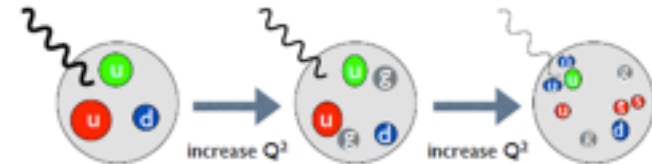
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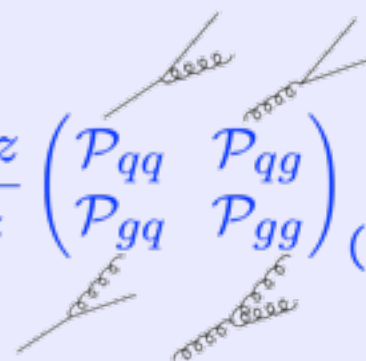
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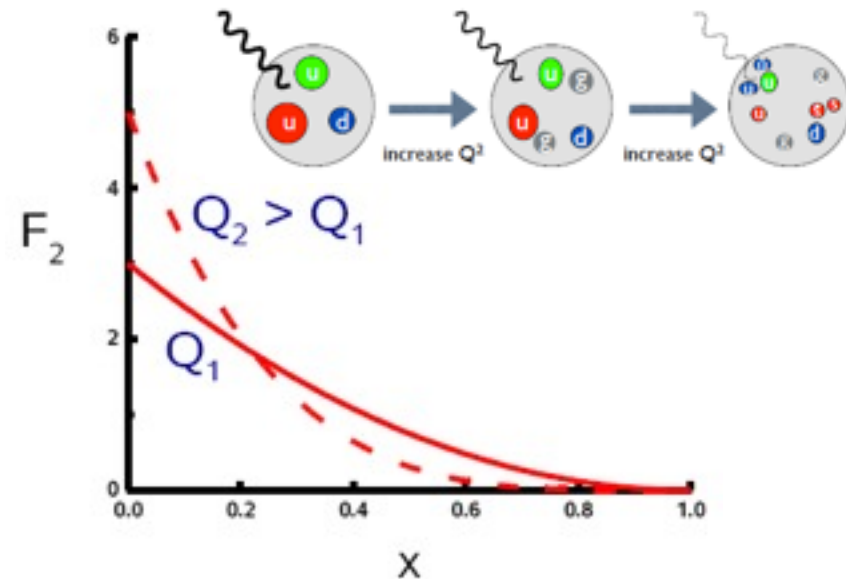
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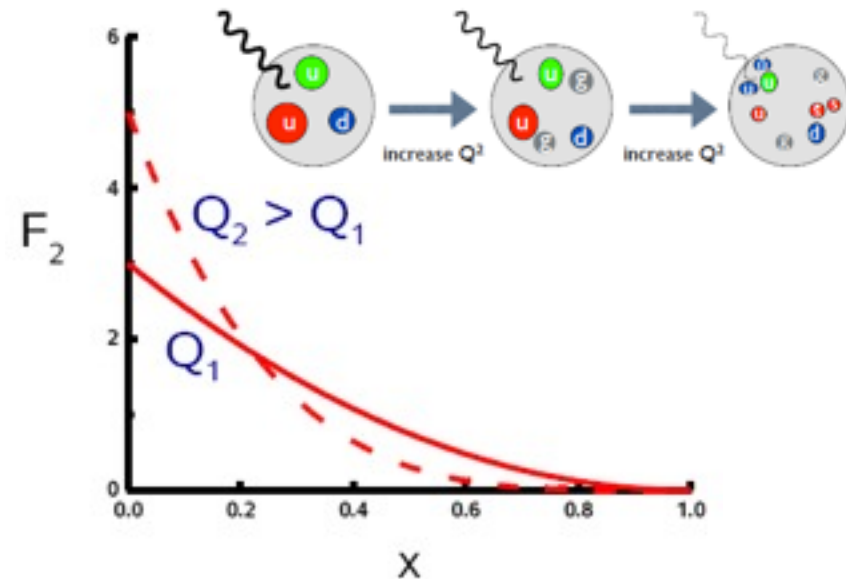
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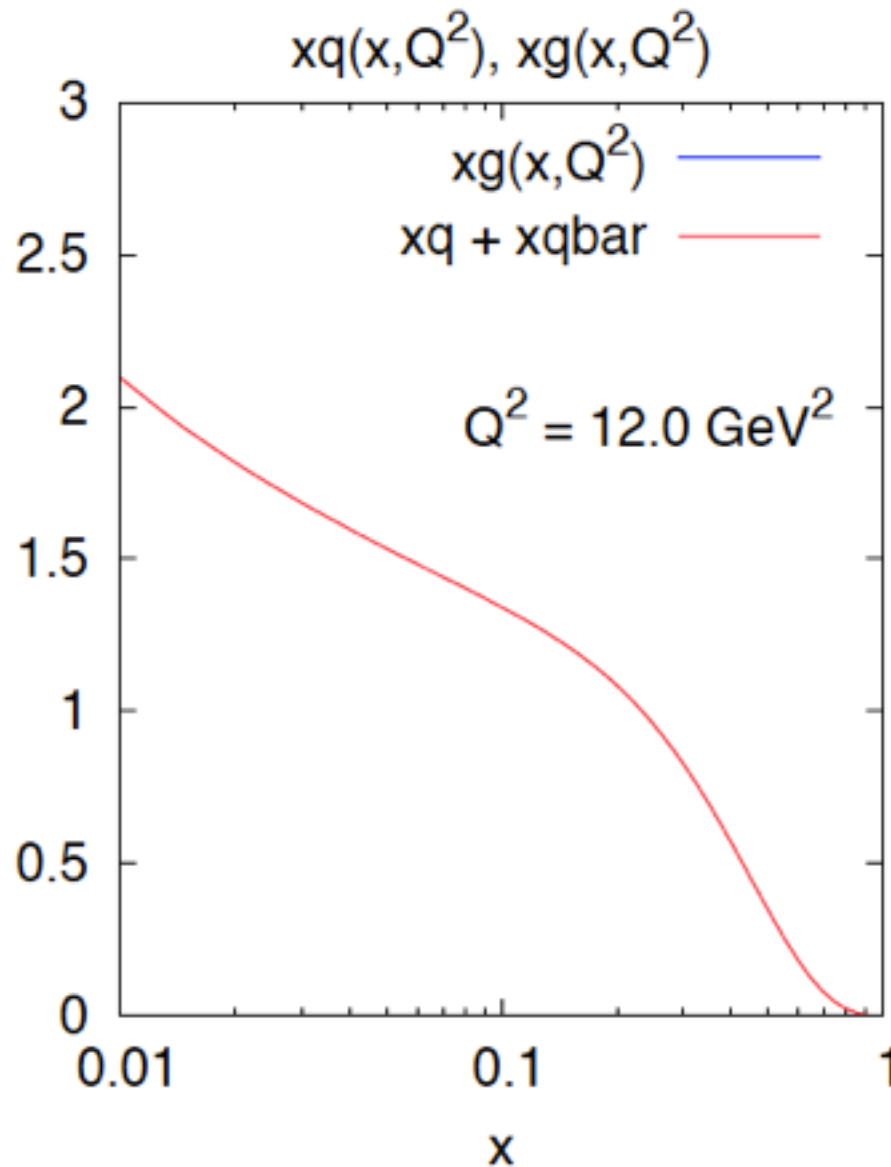
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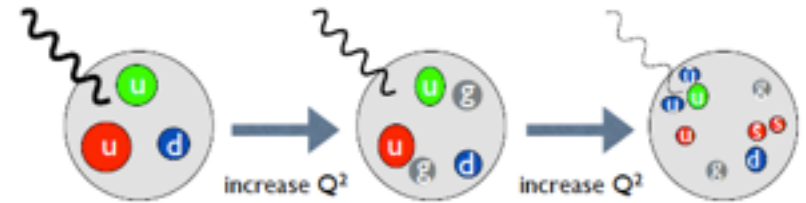
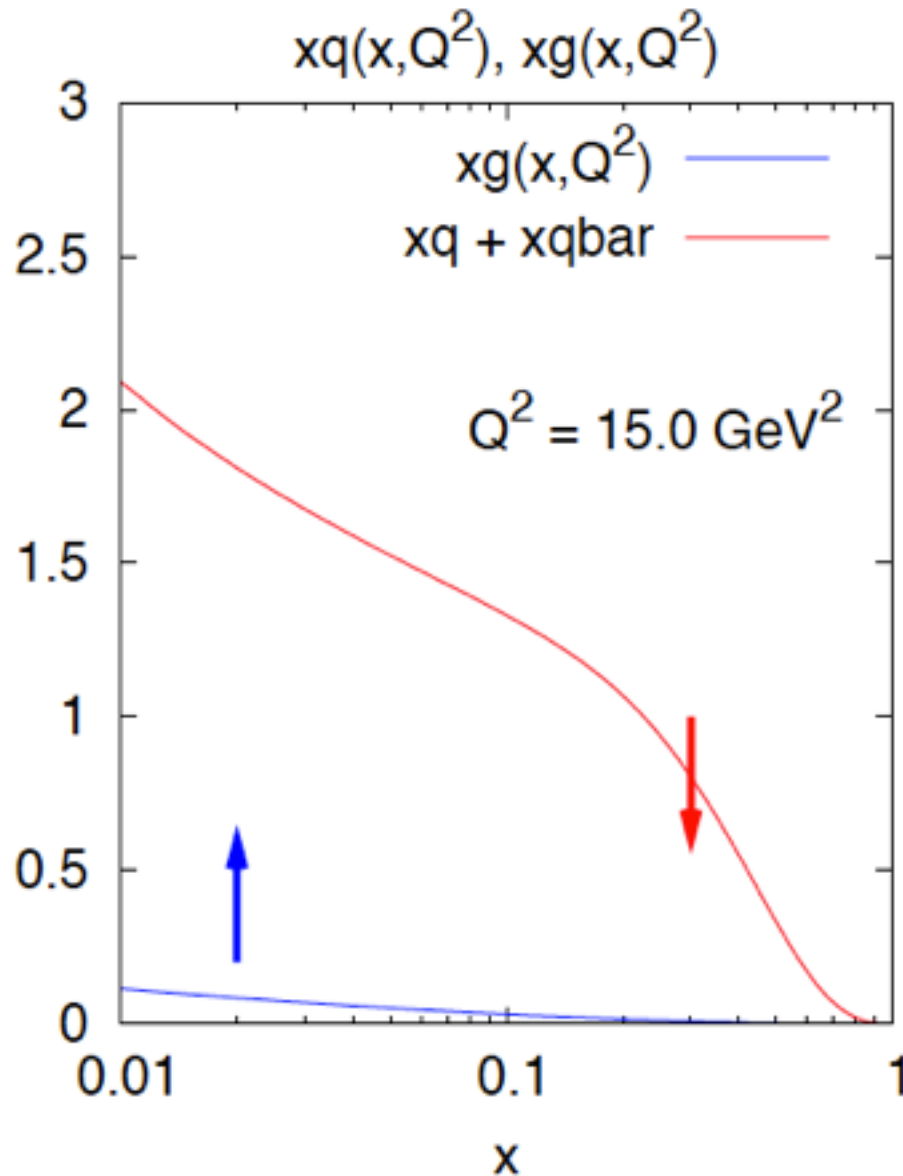
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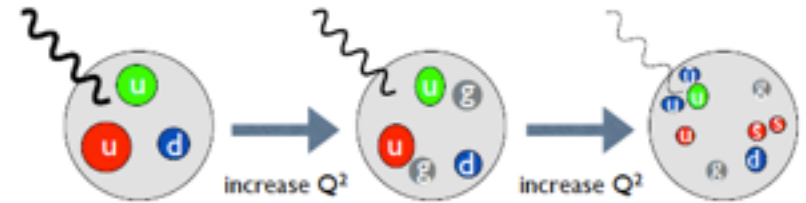
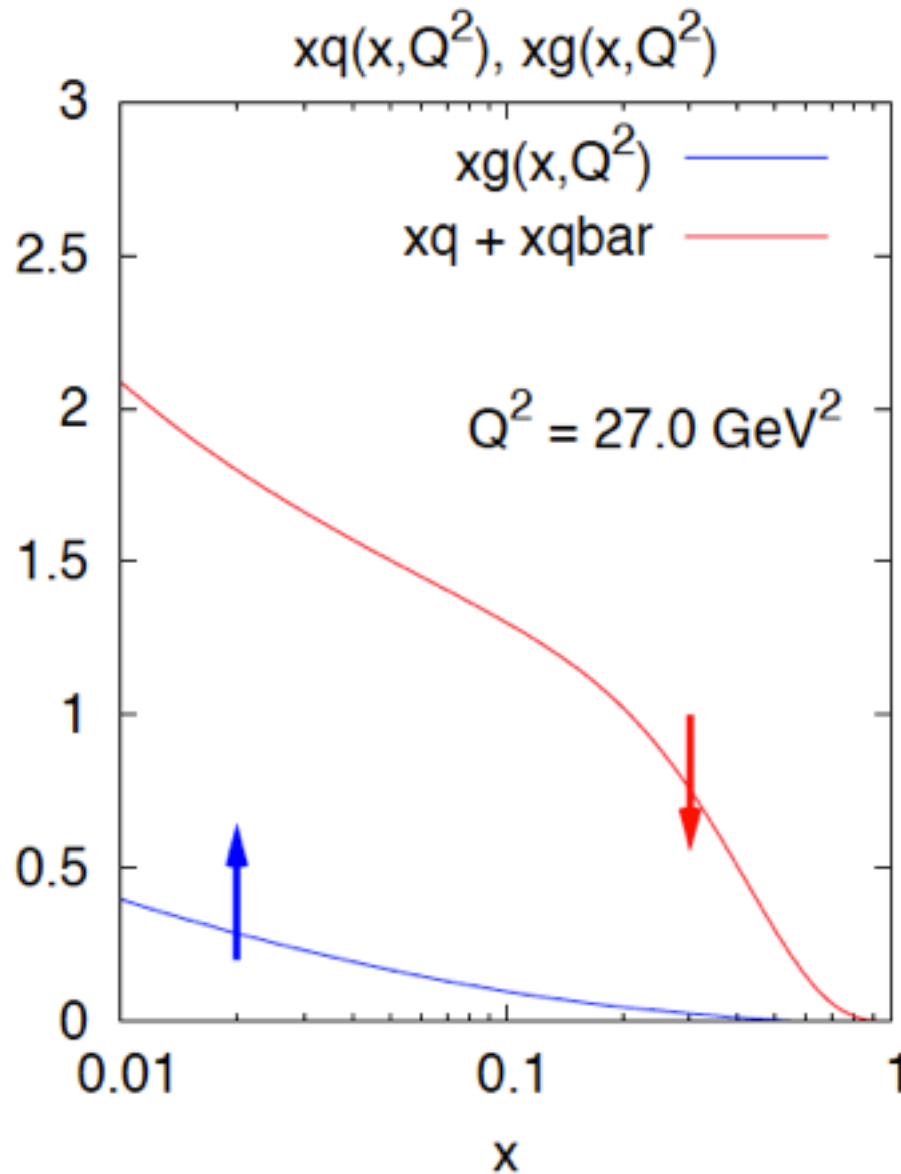
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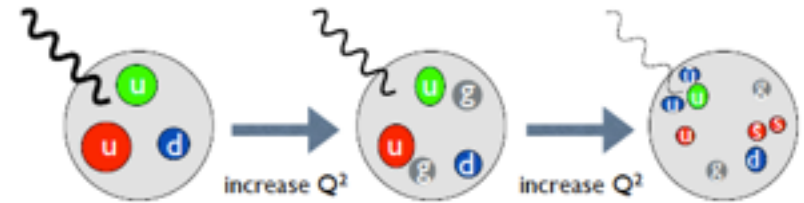
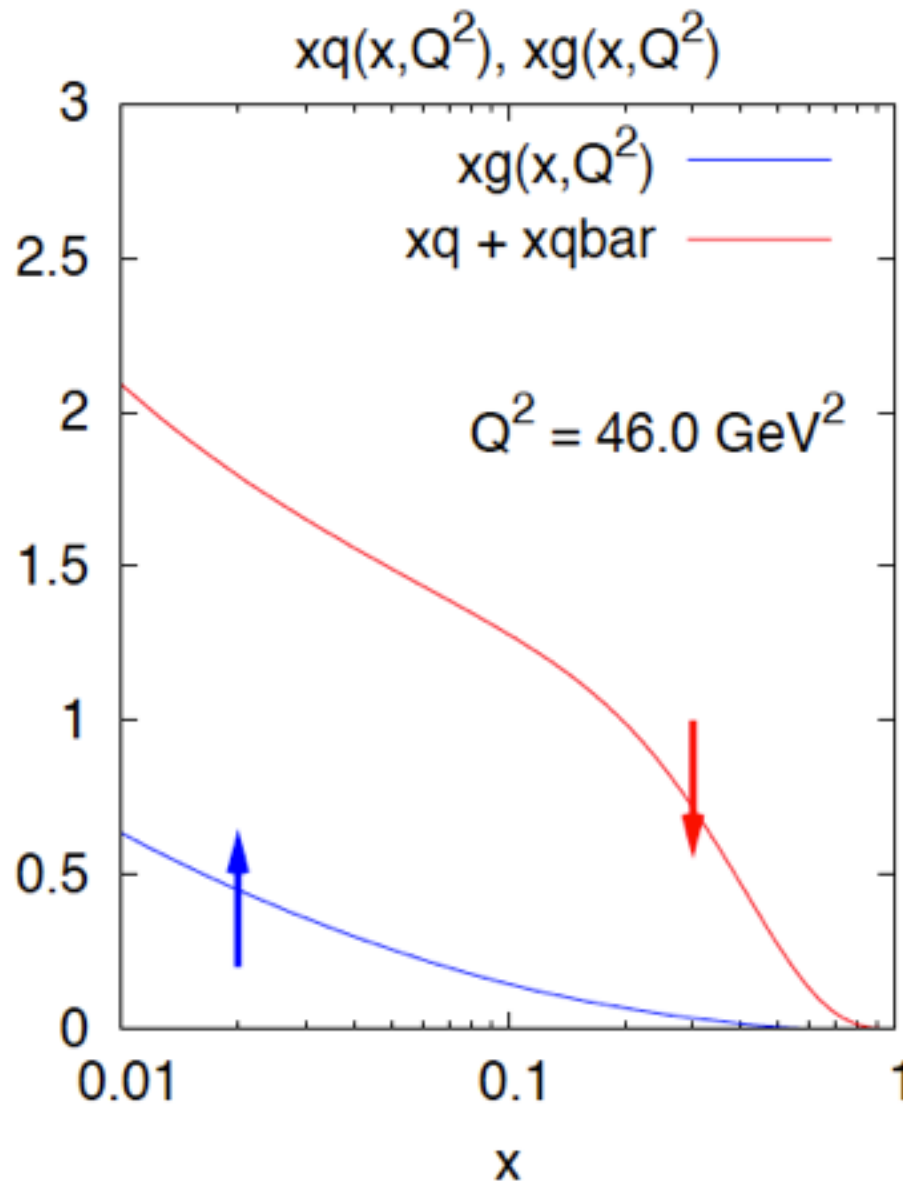
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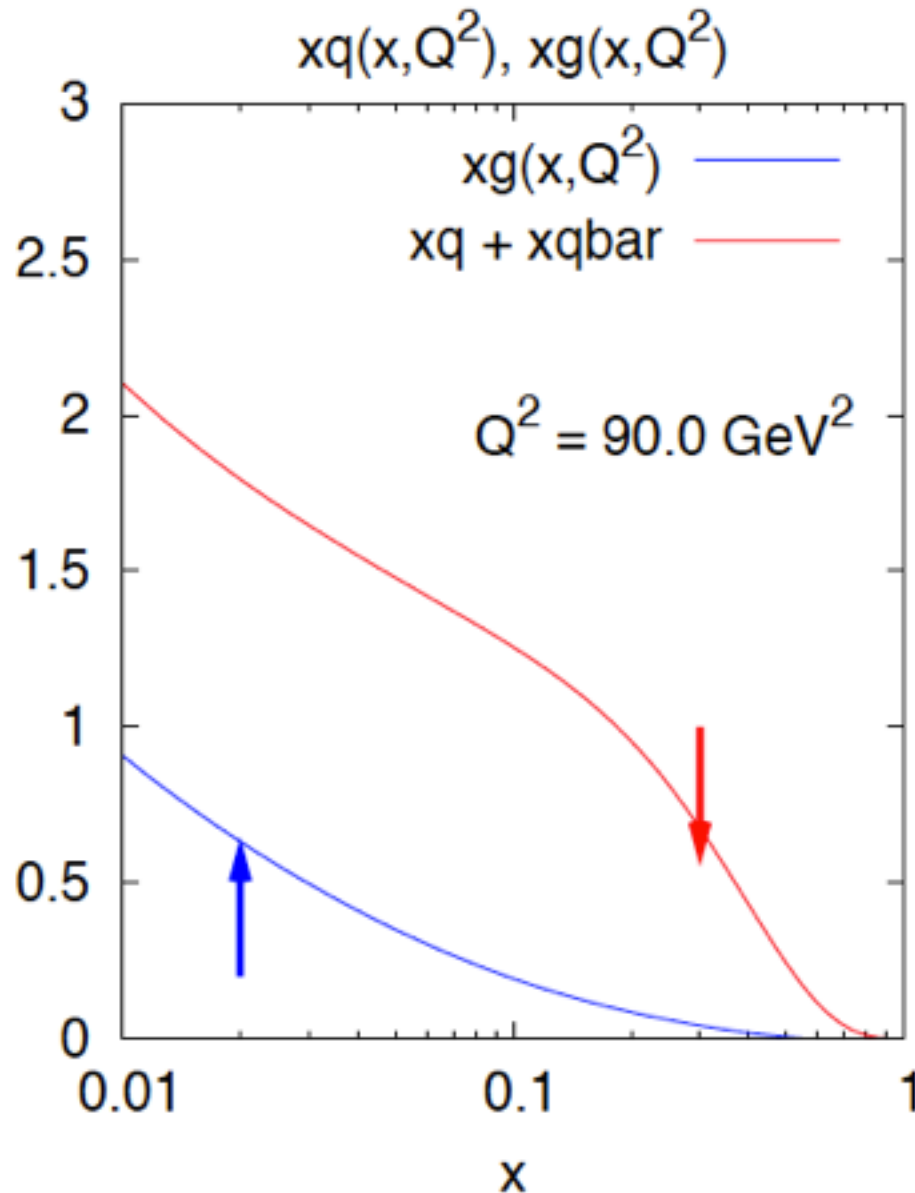
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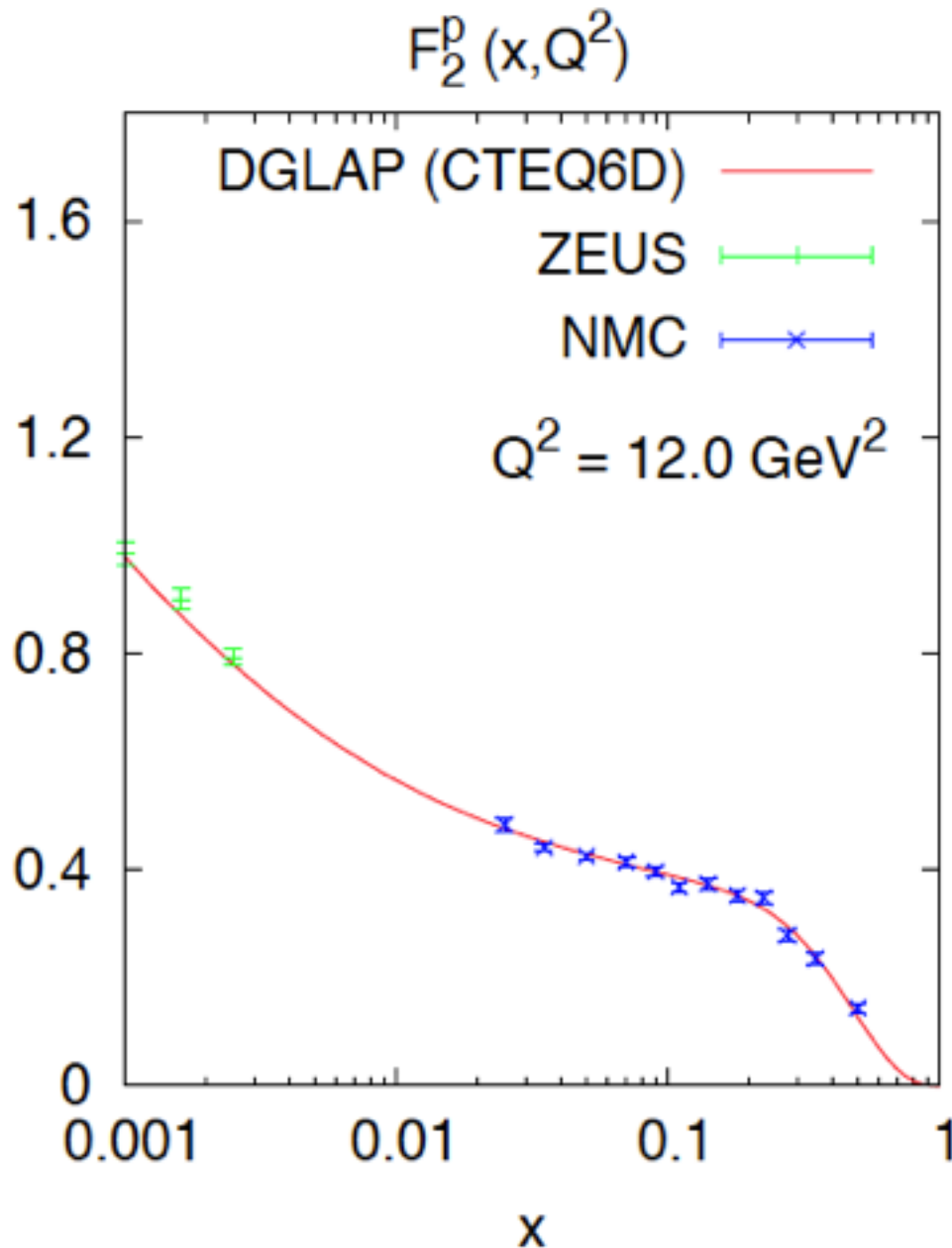
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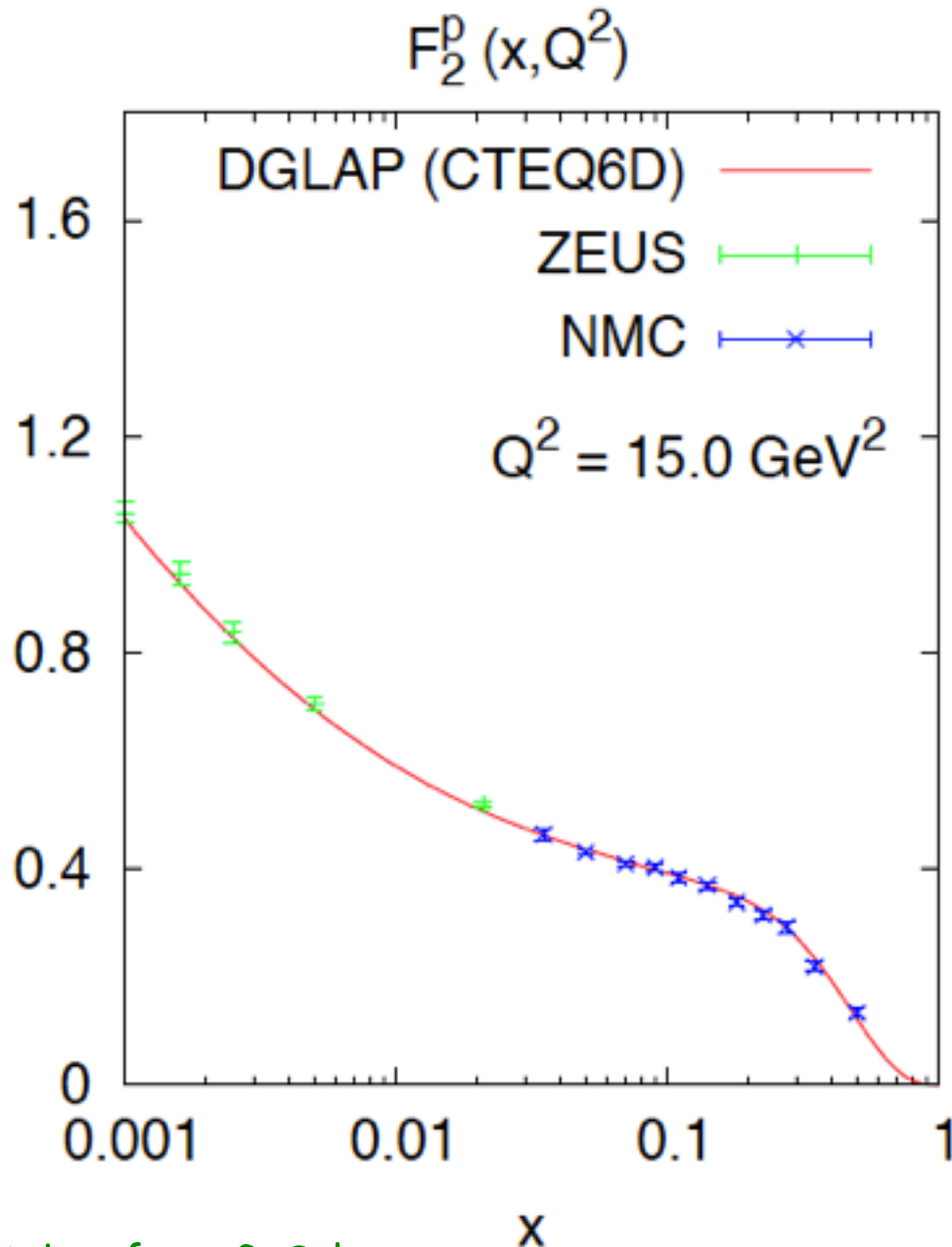
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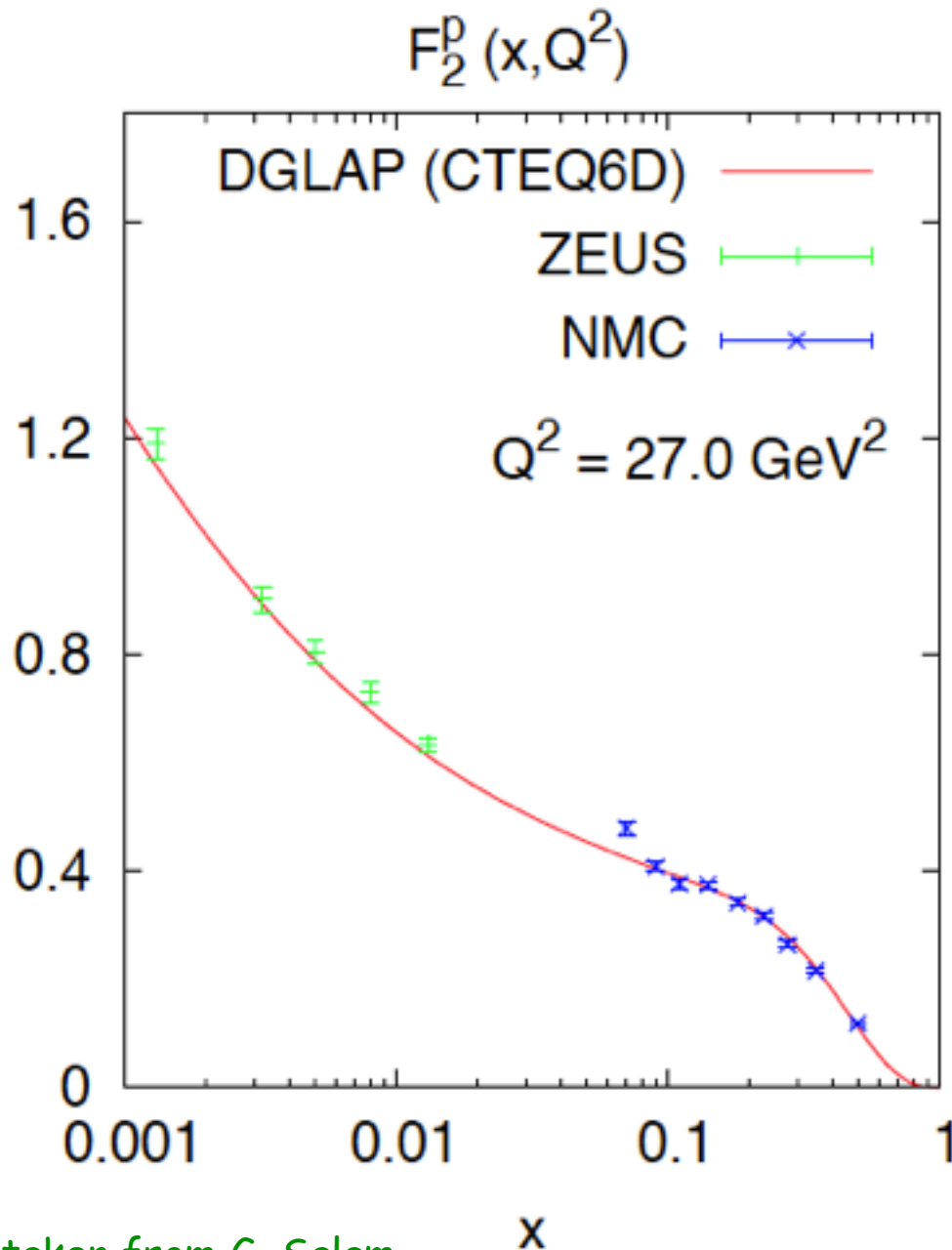


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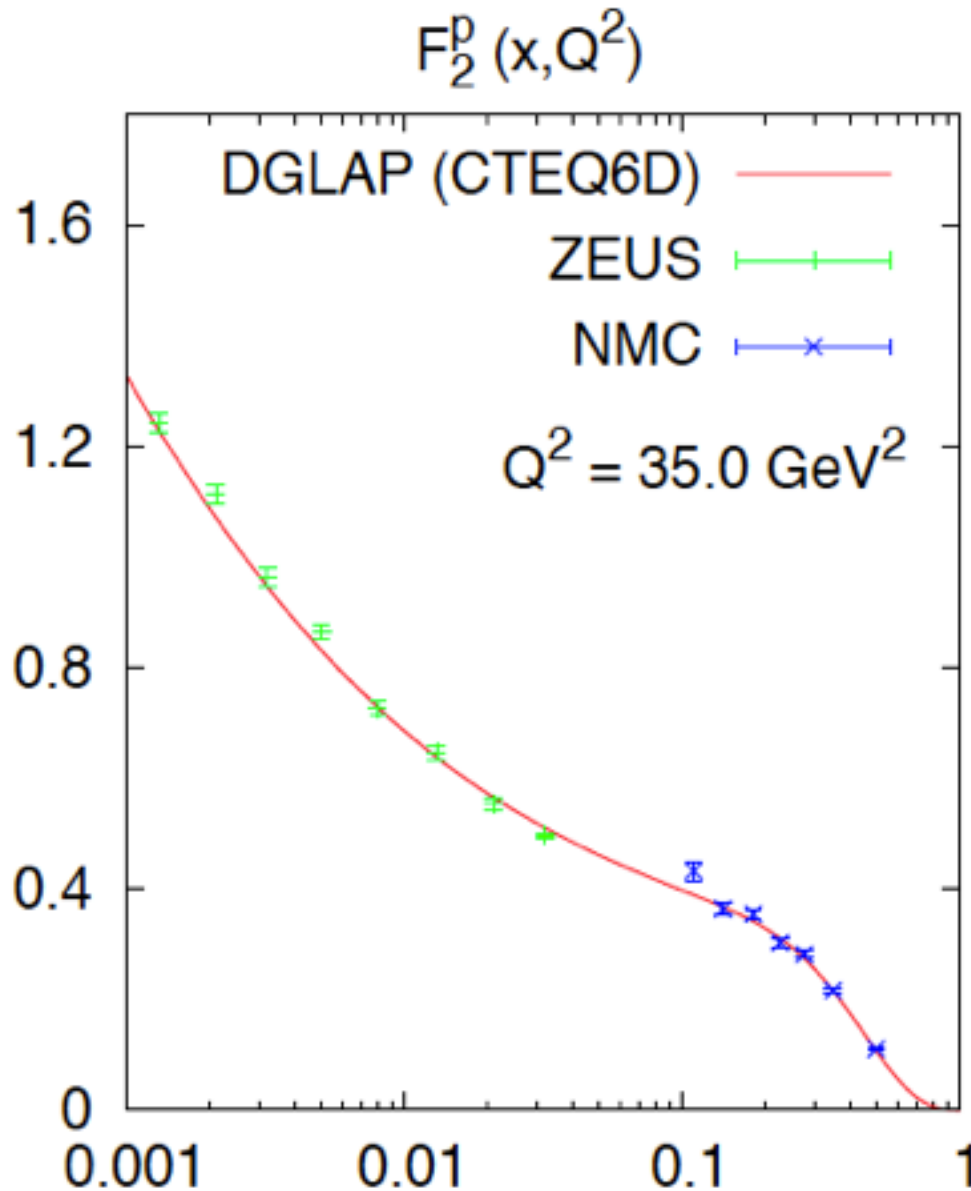
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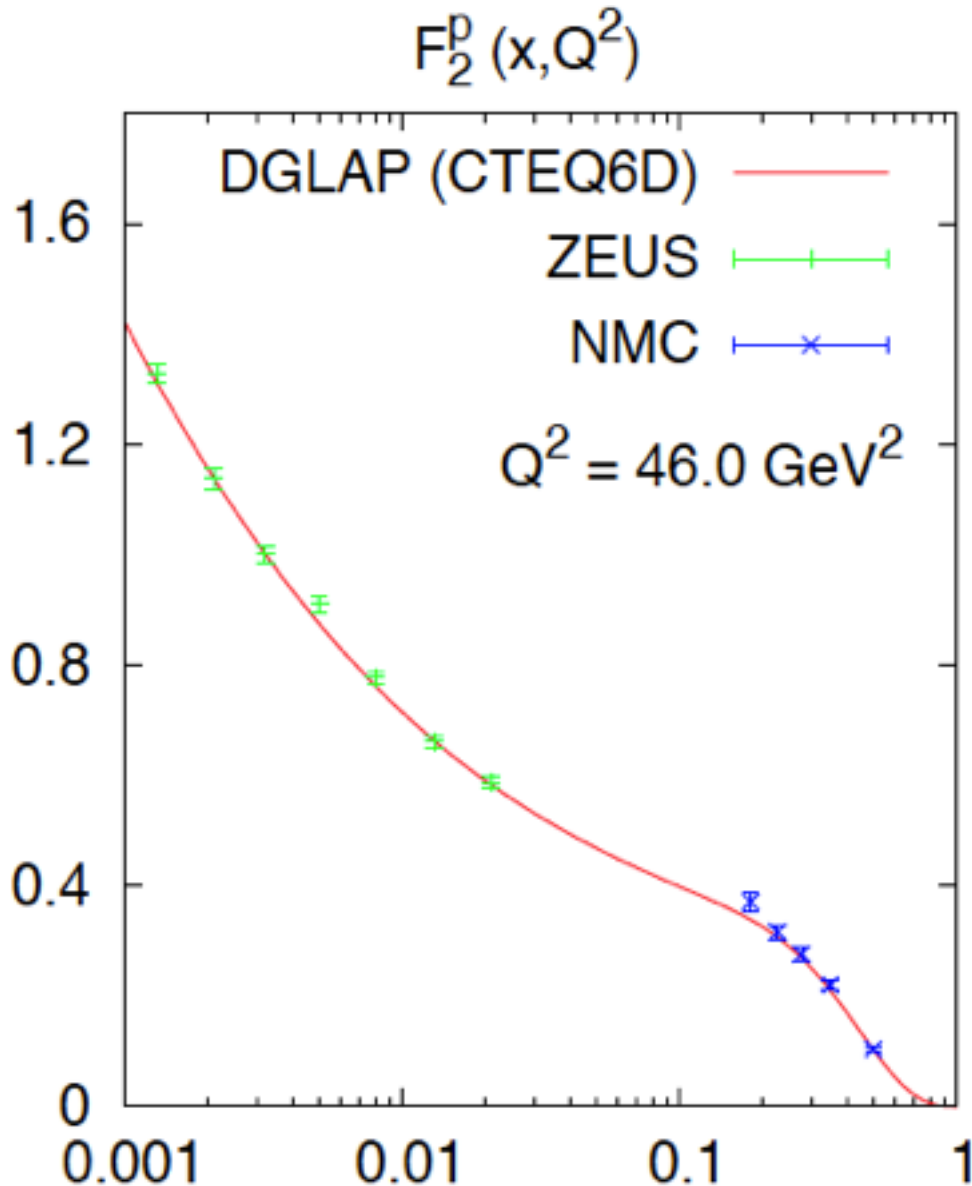
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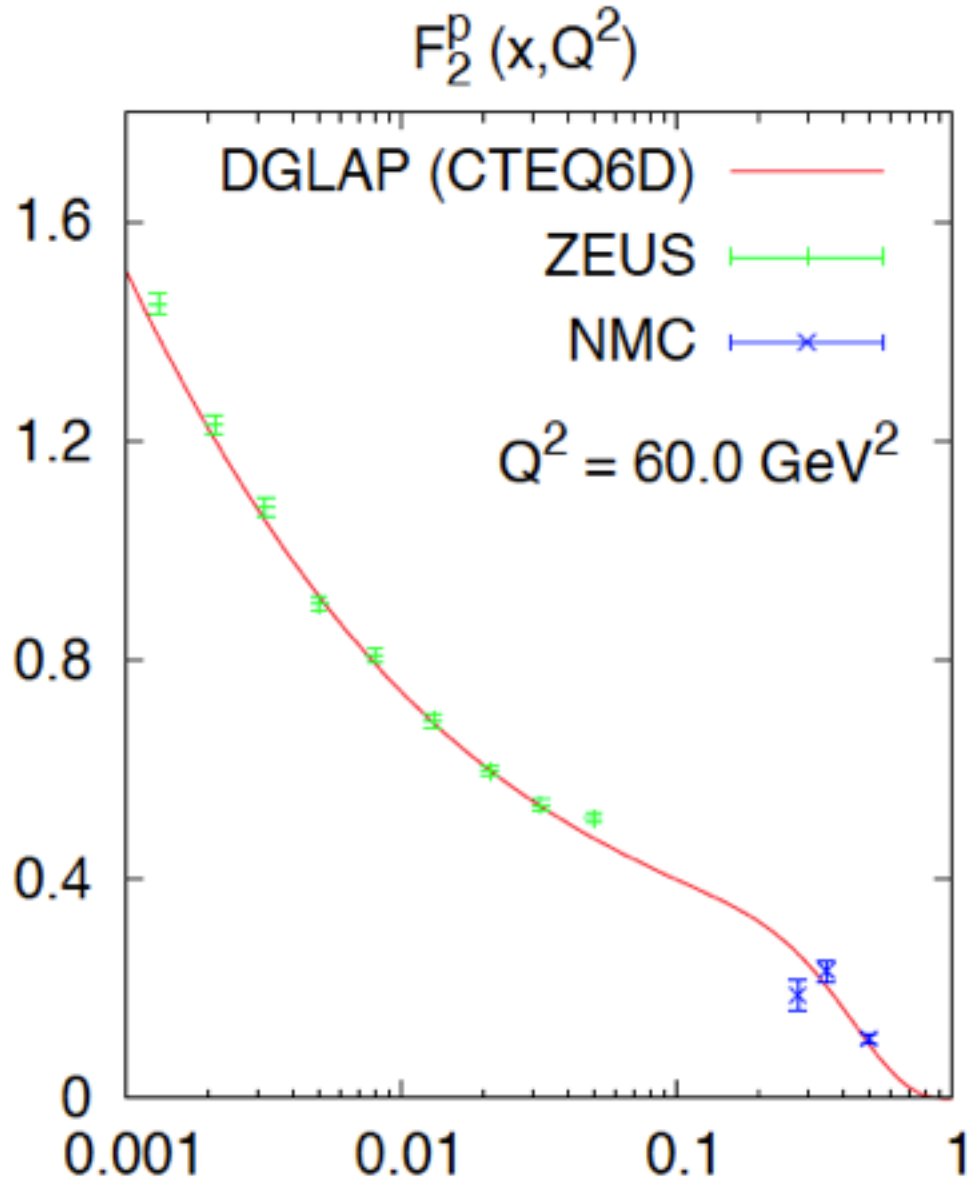
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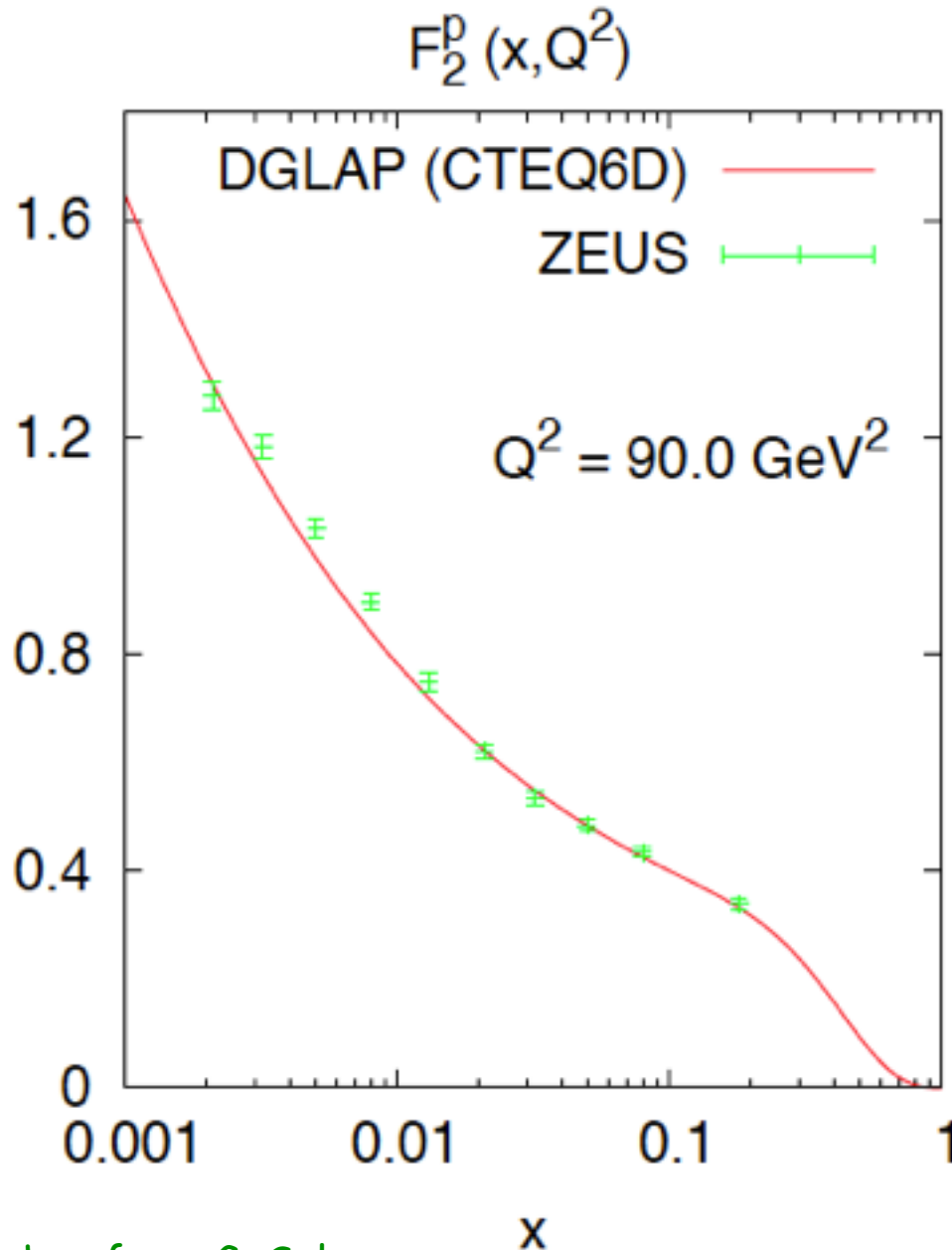
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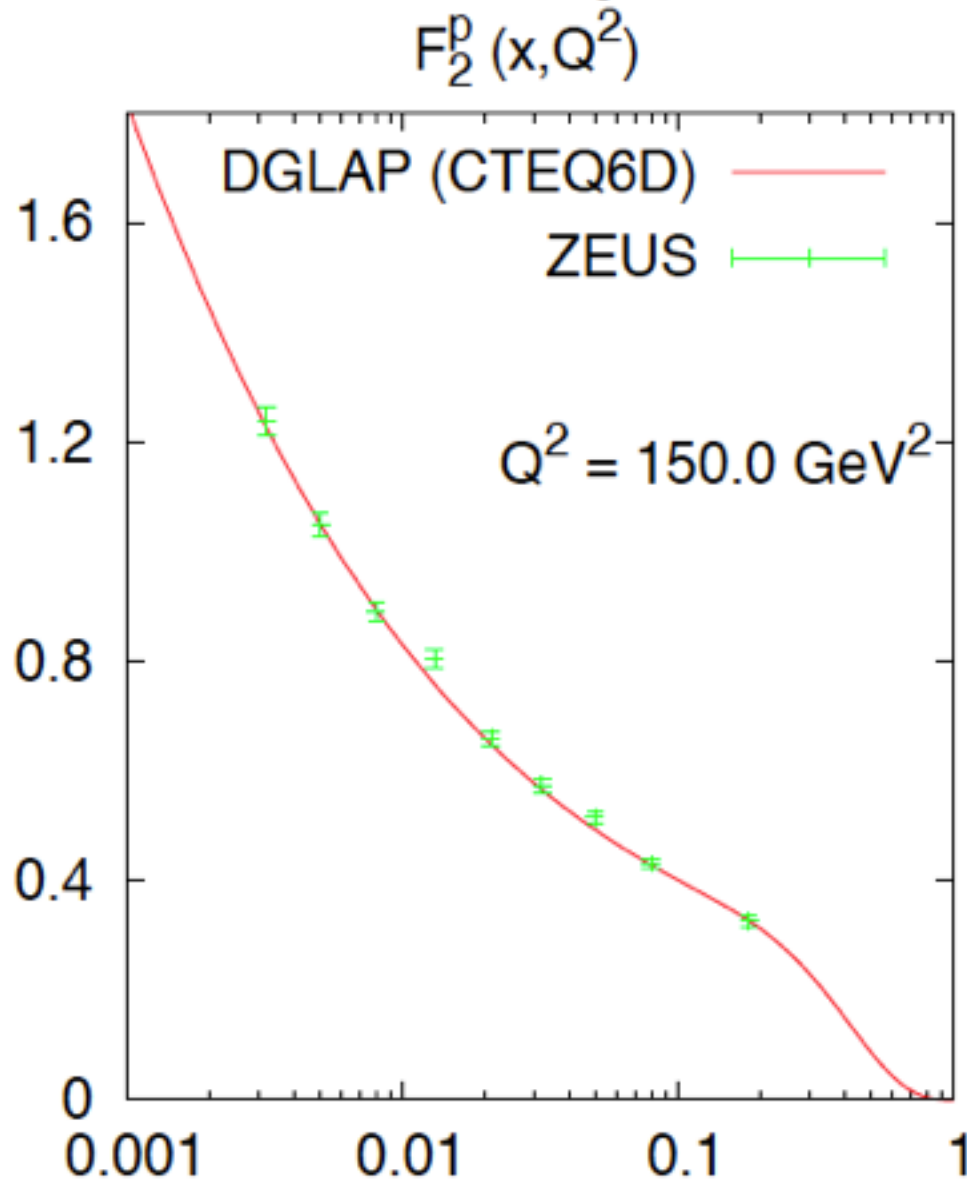
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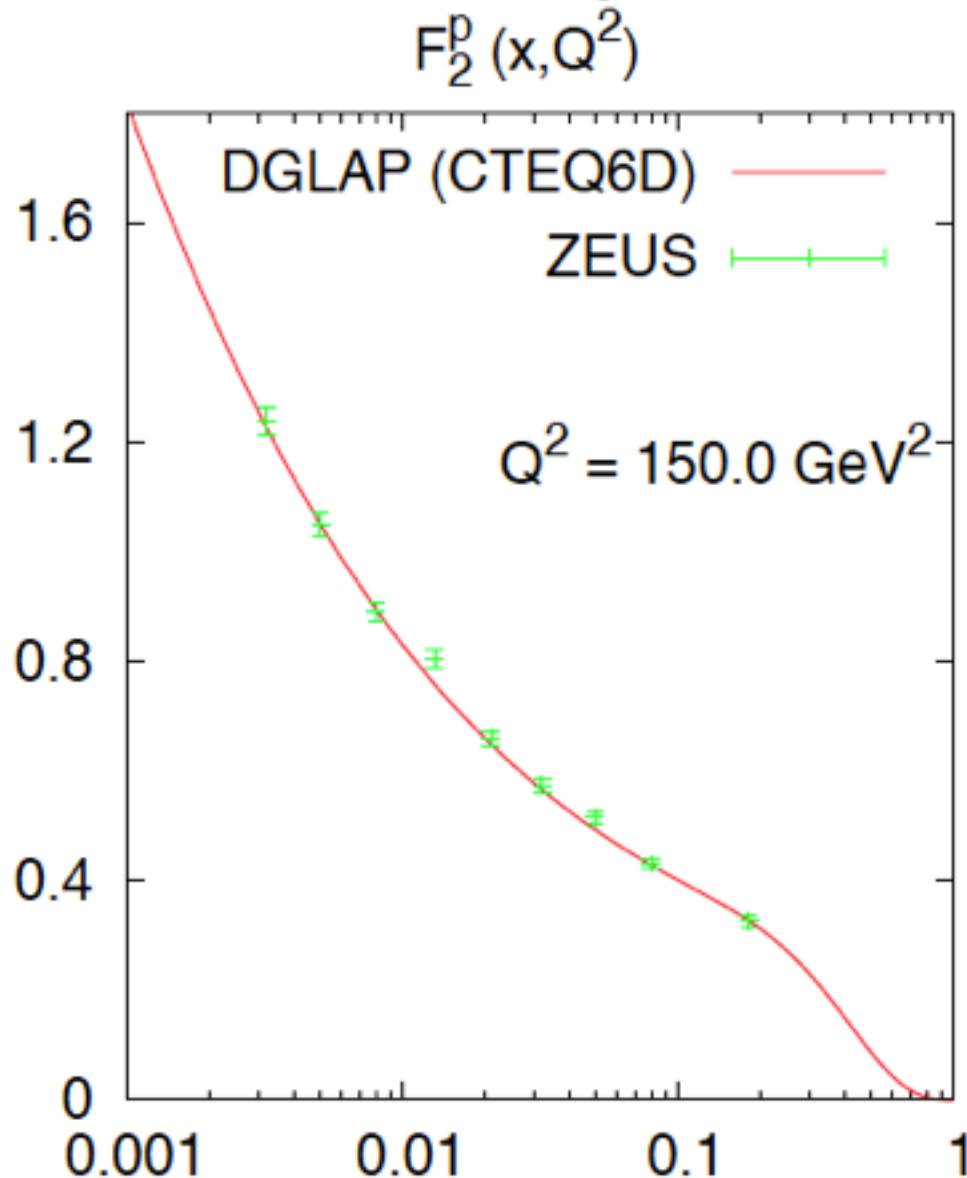
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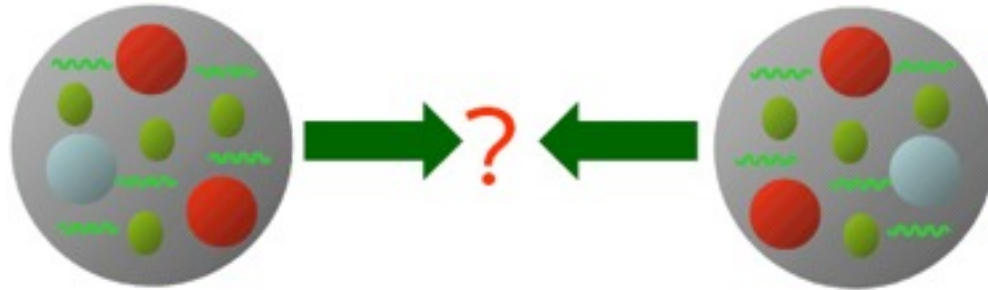
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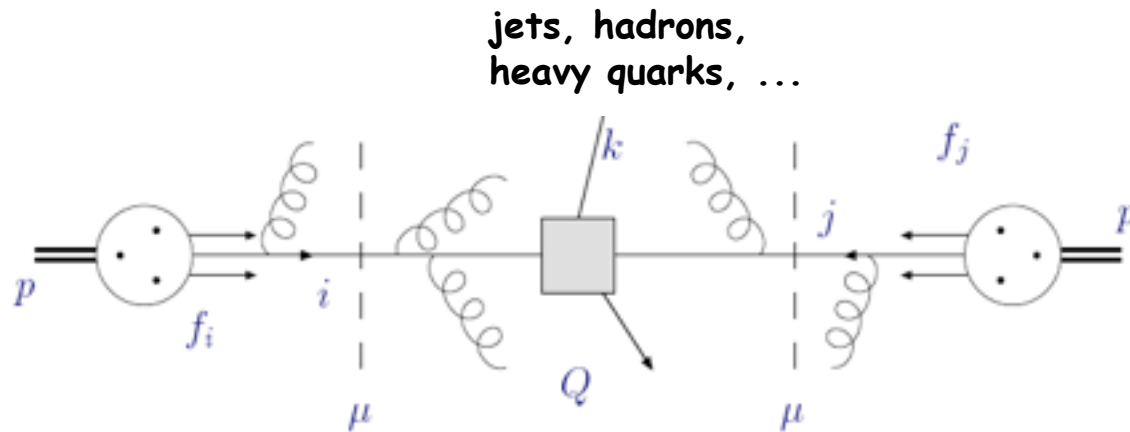


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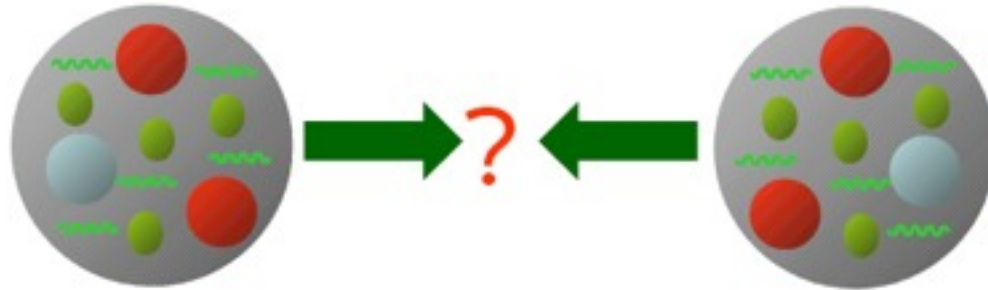


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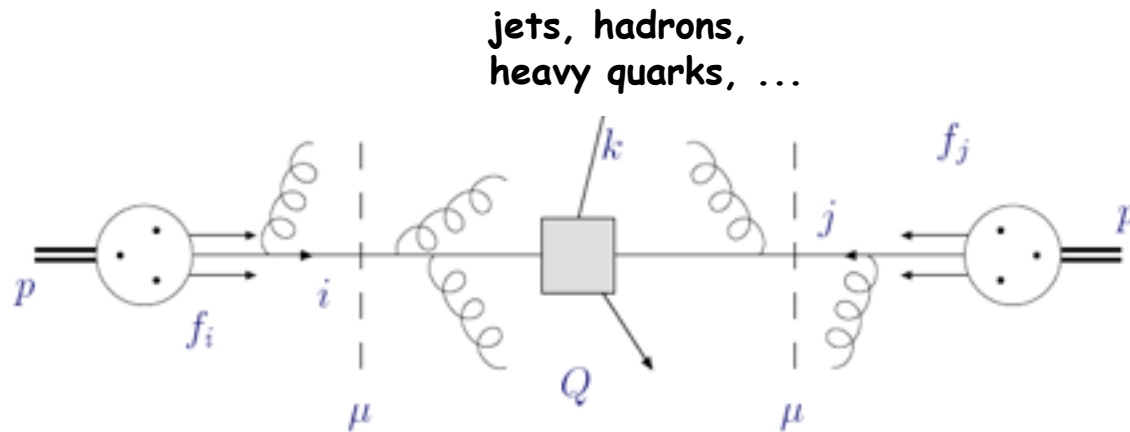


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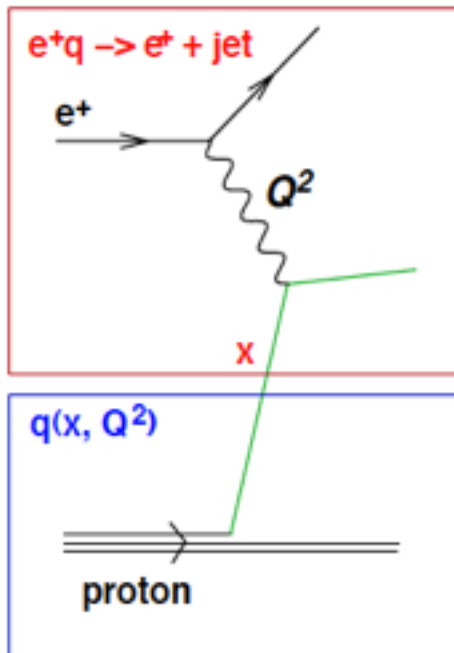
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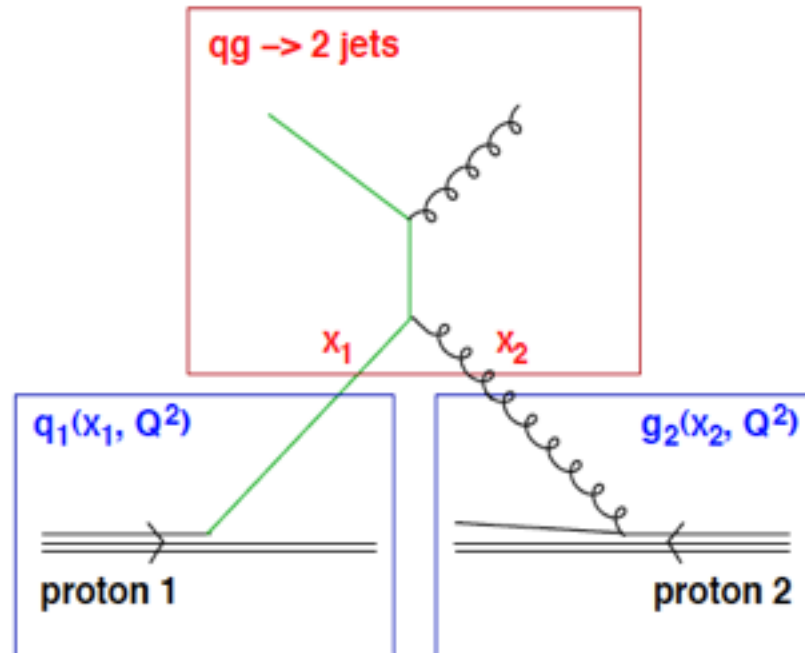
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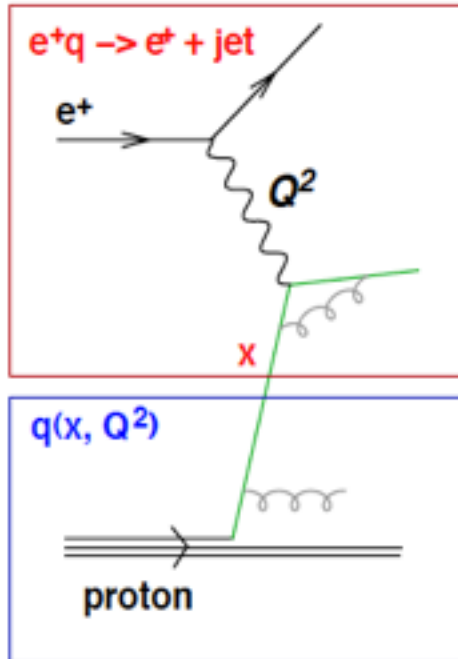
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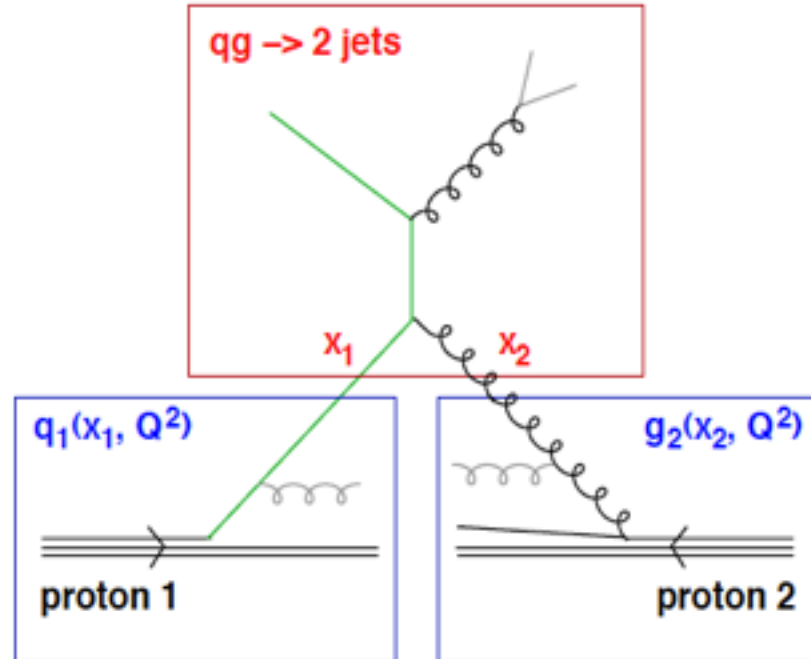
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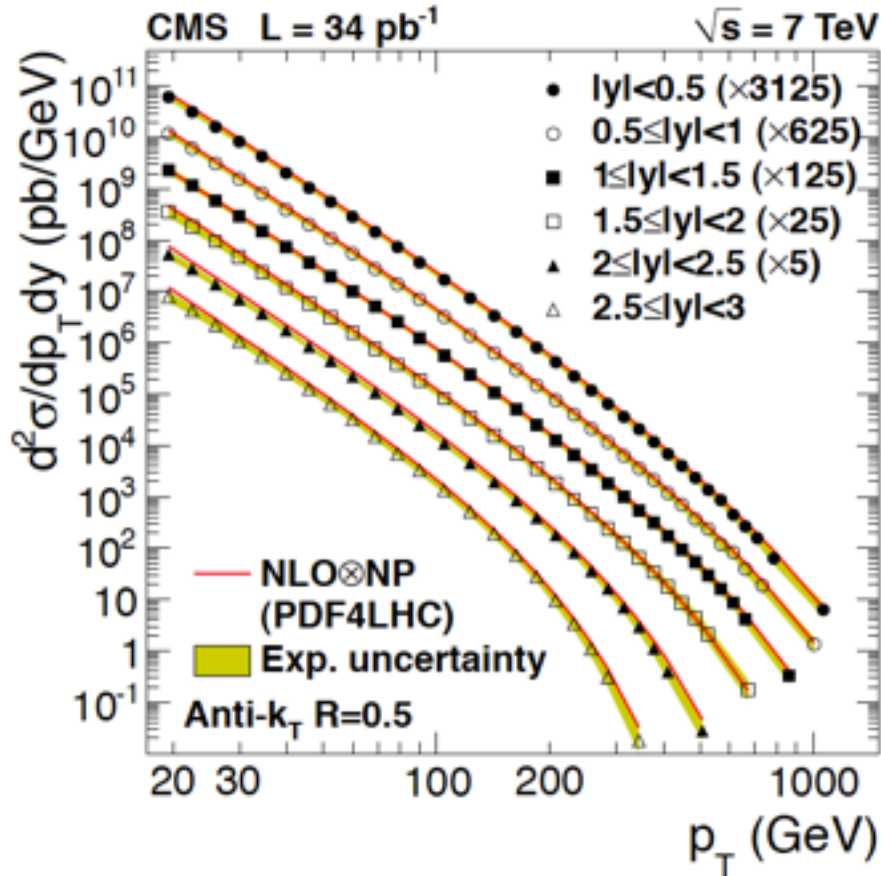


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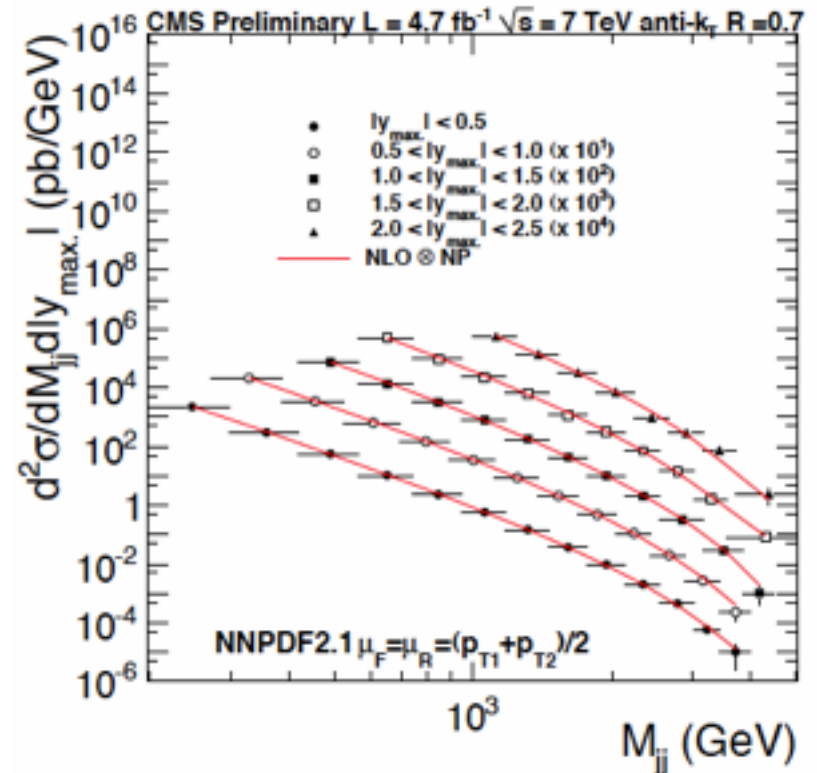
two recent examples from the LHC:

1-jet and di-jet cross sections

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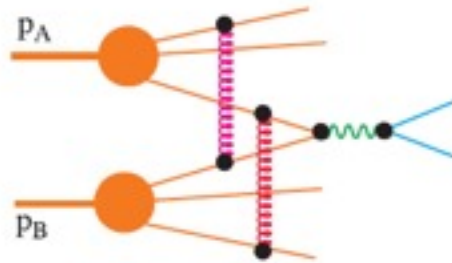


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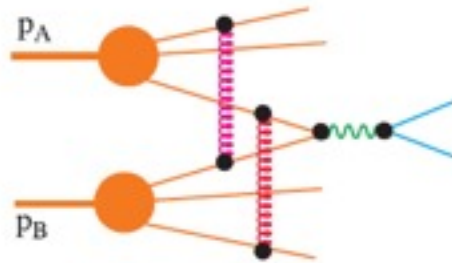


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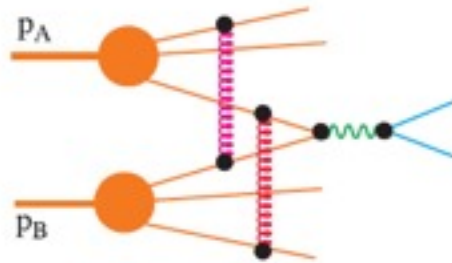


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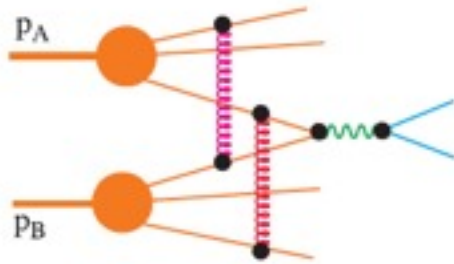
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  - powerful concept of renormalization group equations
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## *unofficial* Part IV

some applications & advanced topics

scales and theoretical uncertainties; Drell-Yan process  
small- $x$  physics; global QCD analysis; resummations

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applies in general also for  $\mu_f$

**uncertainty is formally of higher order**

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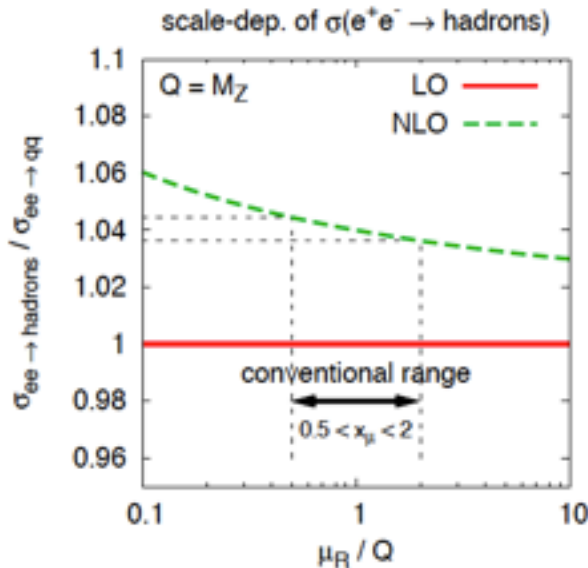
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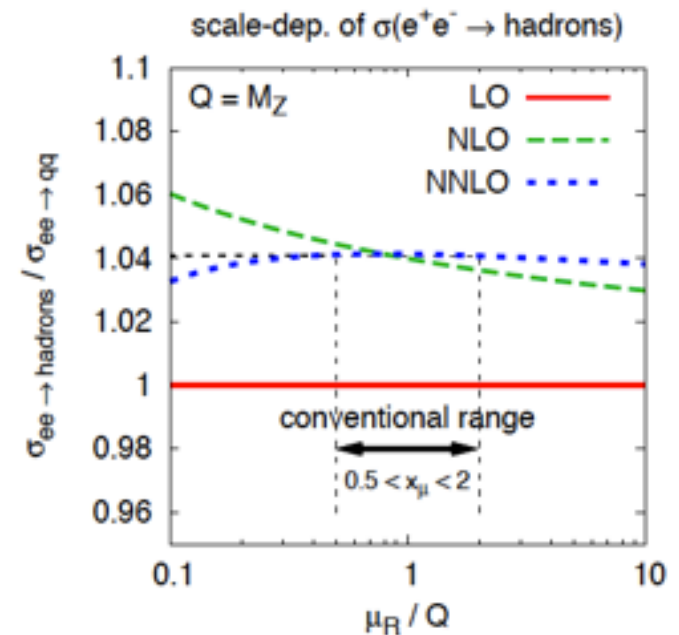
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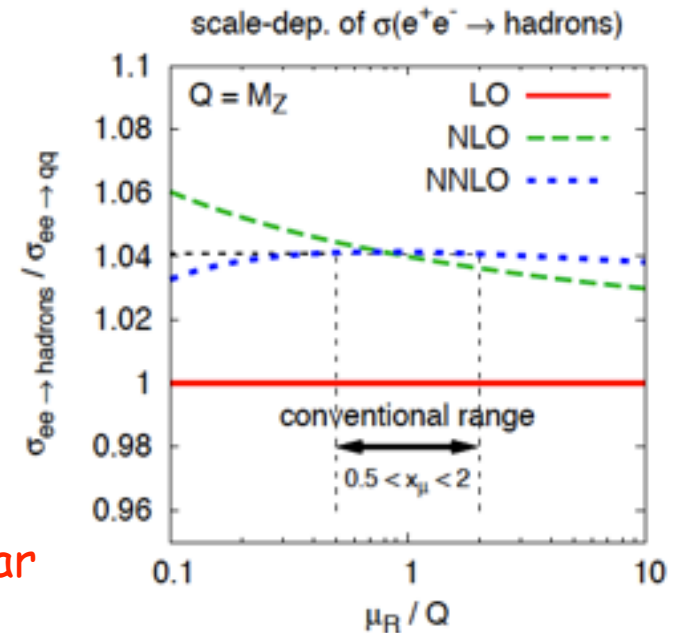
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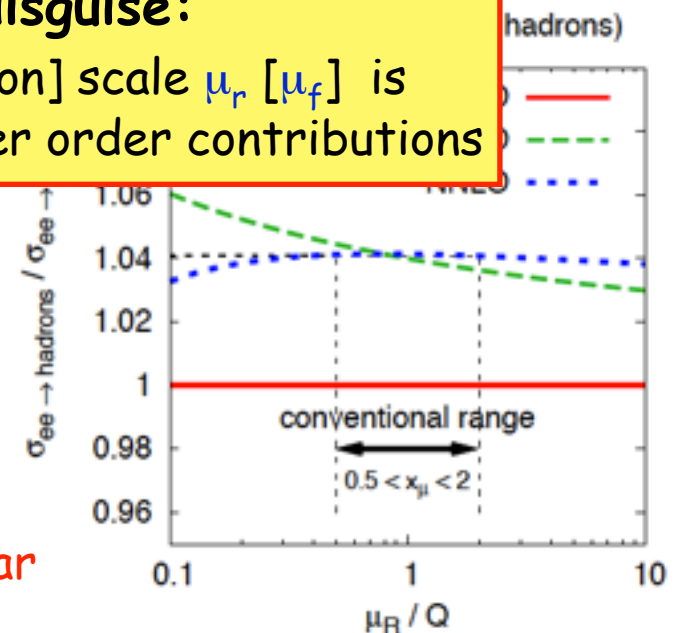
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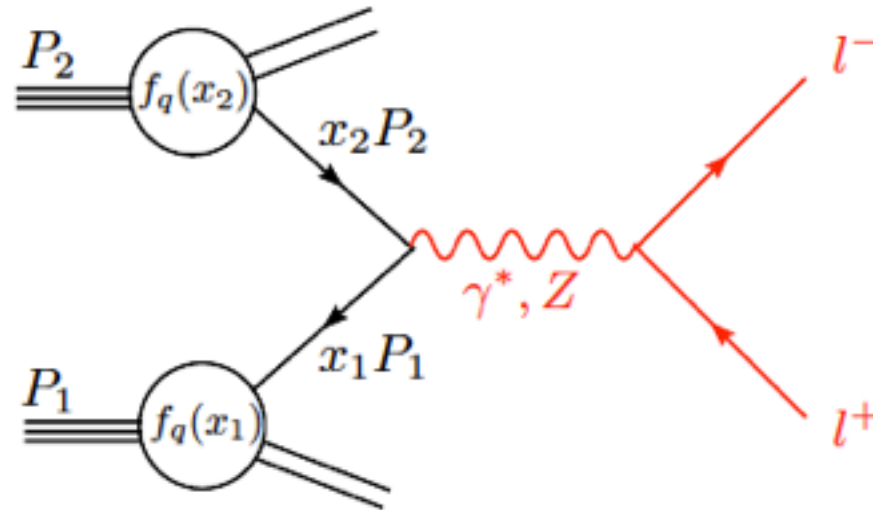
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take the “classic” **Drell Yan process**



- dominated by quarks in the initial-state
- at LO no colored particles in the final-state
- clean experimental signature
- at LO an electromagnetic process (low rate)
- one of the best studied processes (known to NNLO)

as “clean” as it can get at a hadron collider

# uncertainties for the Drell Yan process – cont'd

at NLO:

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow Z}^{\text{NLO}} = \sum_{i,j} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu_F^2) f_j(x_2, \mu_F^2) \left[ \overset{\text{LO piece}}{\hat{\sigma}_{0,ij \rightarrow Z}(x_1, x_2)} + \alpha_s(\mu_R) \hat{\sigma}_{1,ij \rightarrow Z}(x_1, x_2, \mu_F) \right]$$

- no  $\alpha_s$  at LO but  $\mu_F$  appears in PDFs
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- NLO terms reduce dep. on  $\mu_F$

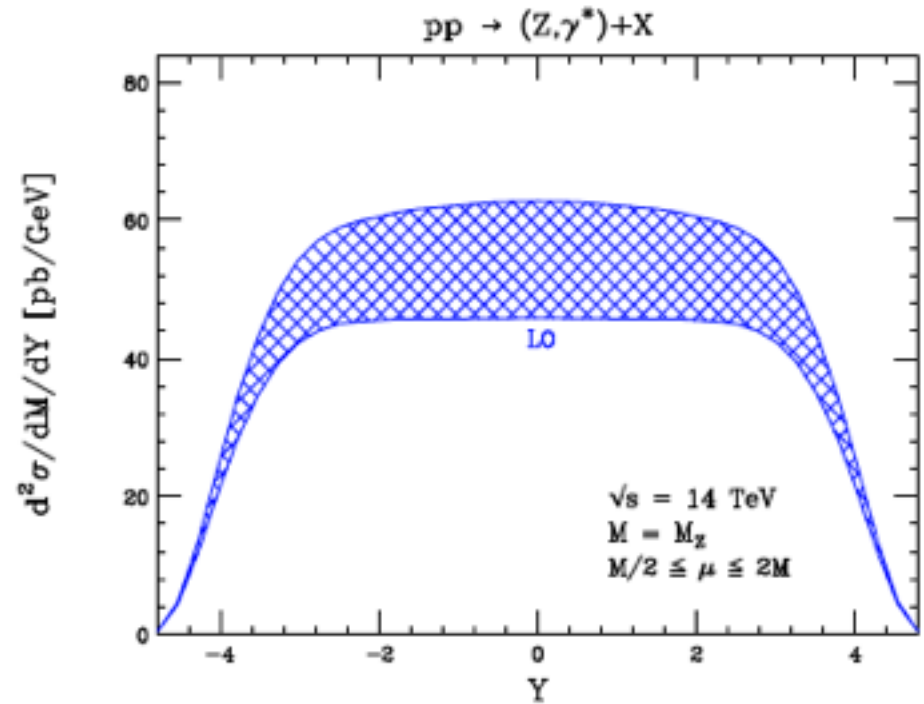


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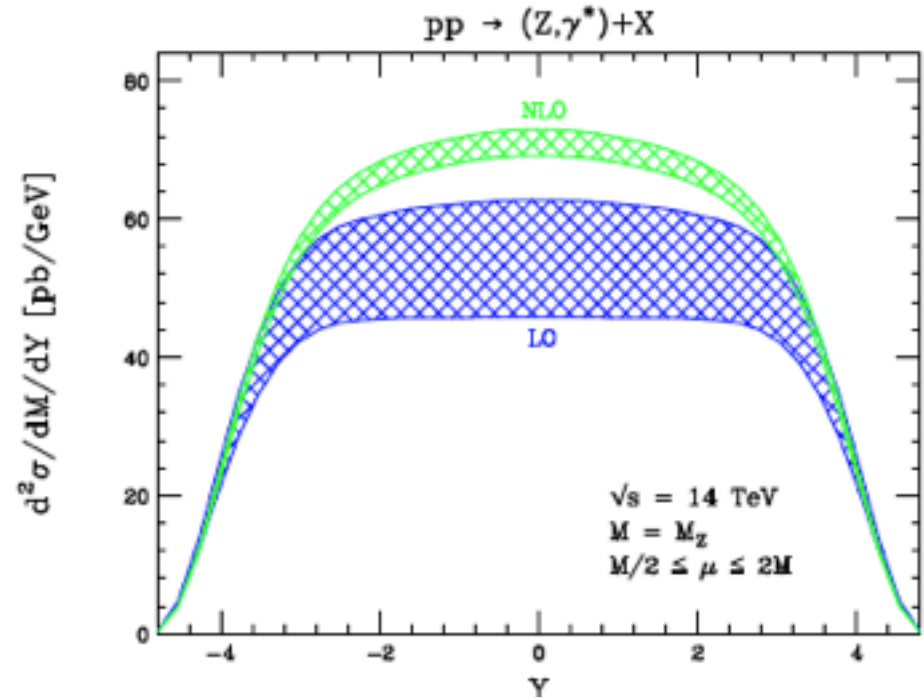


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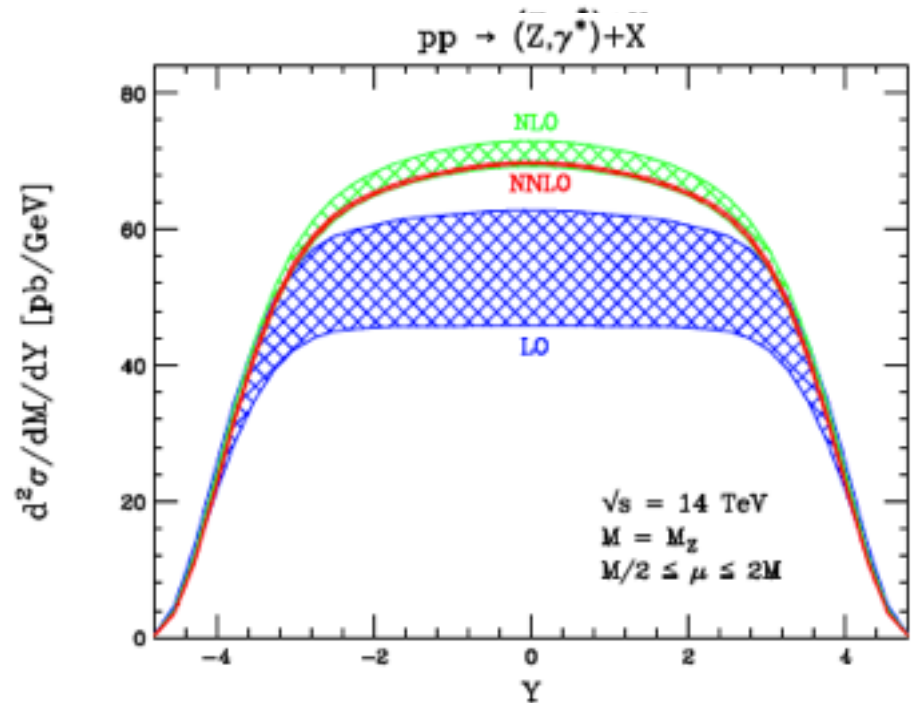


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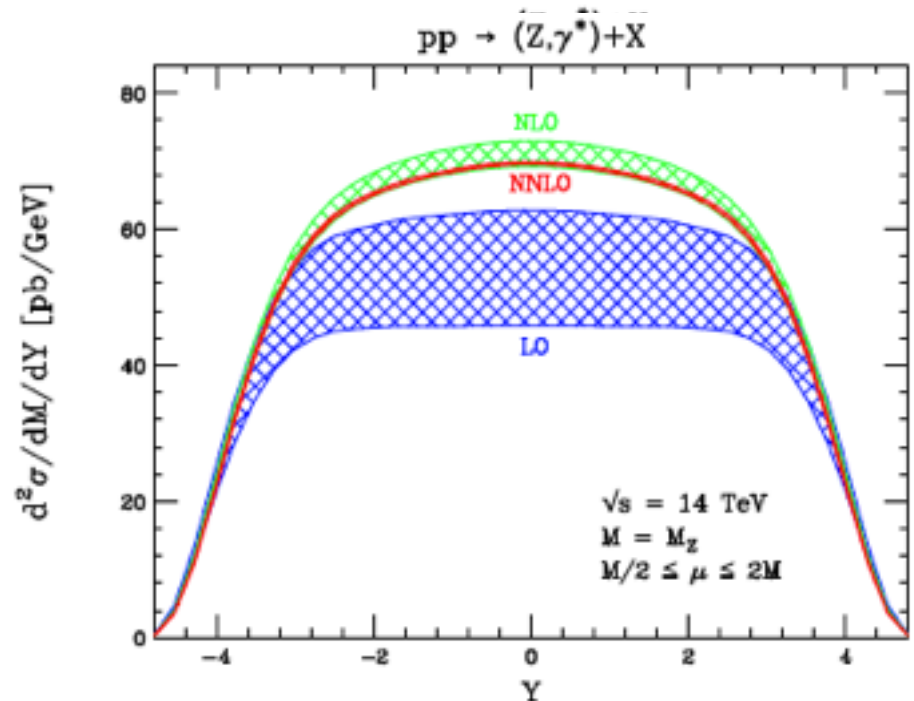


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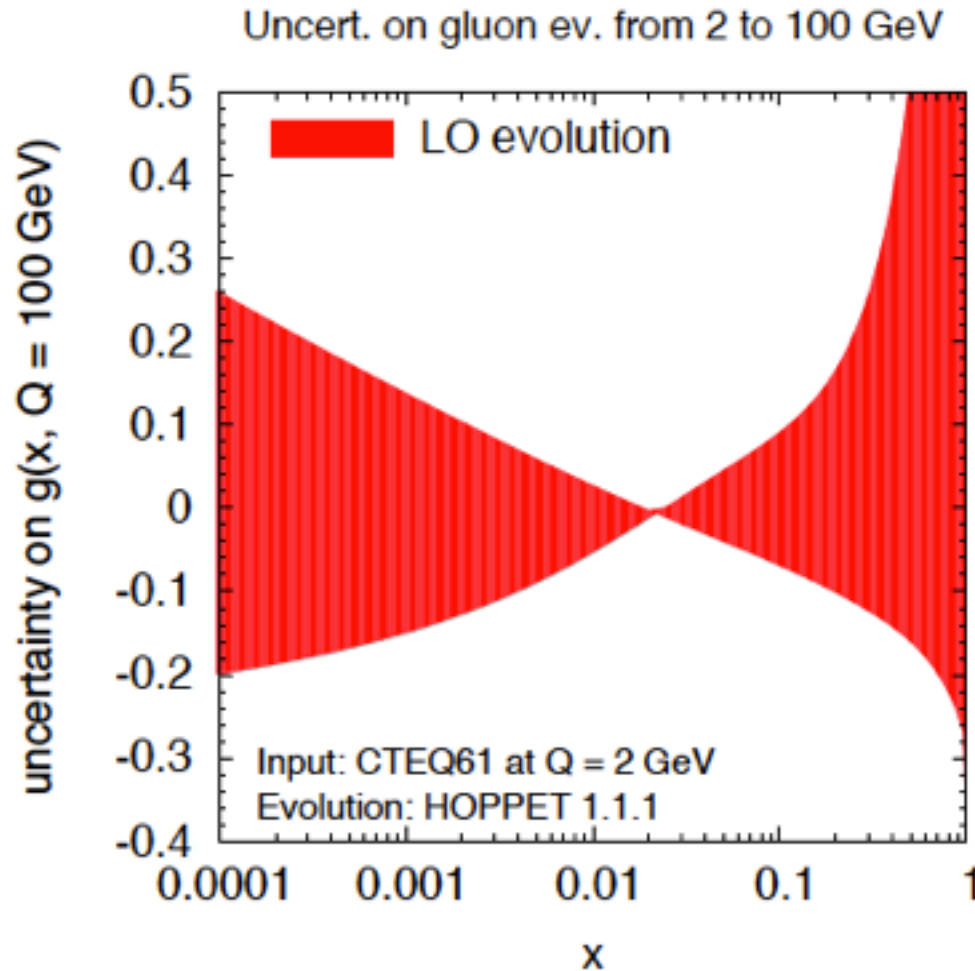
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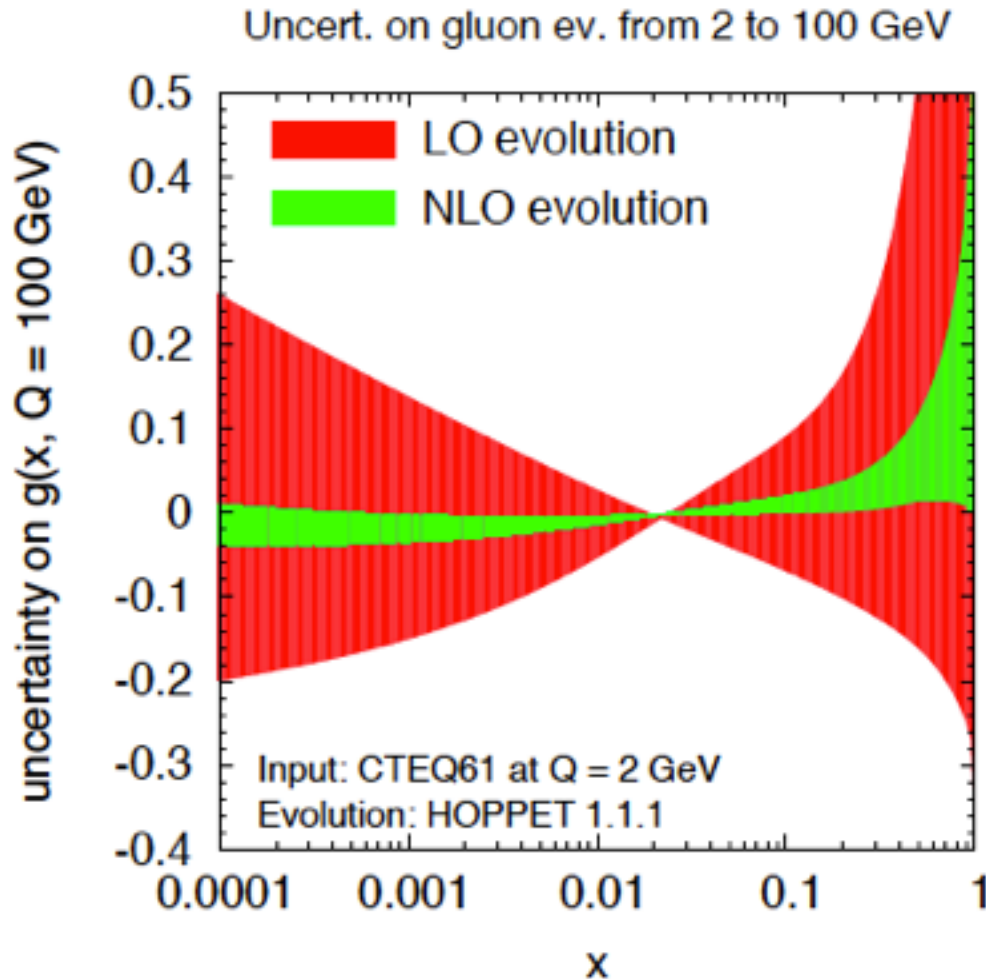
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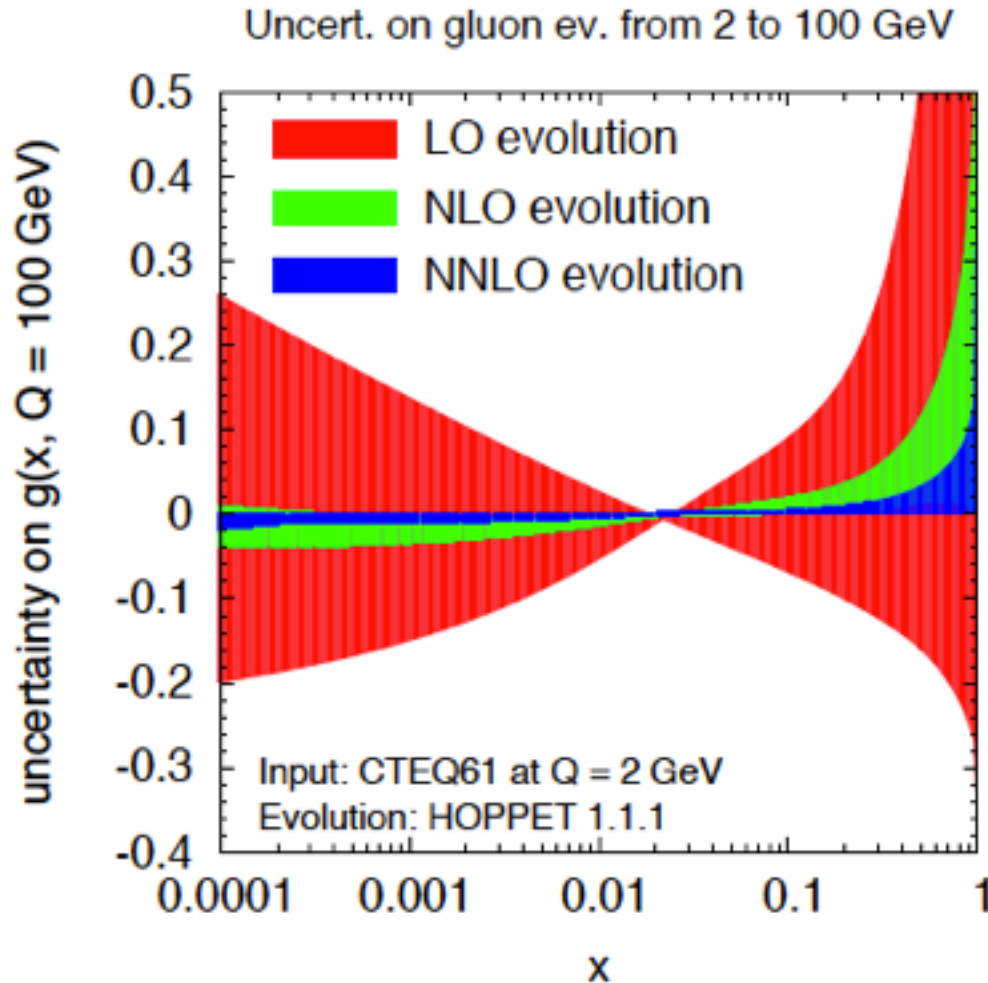


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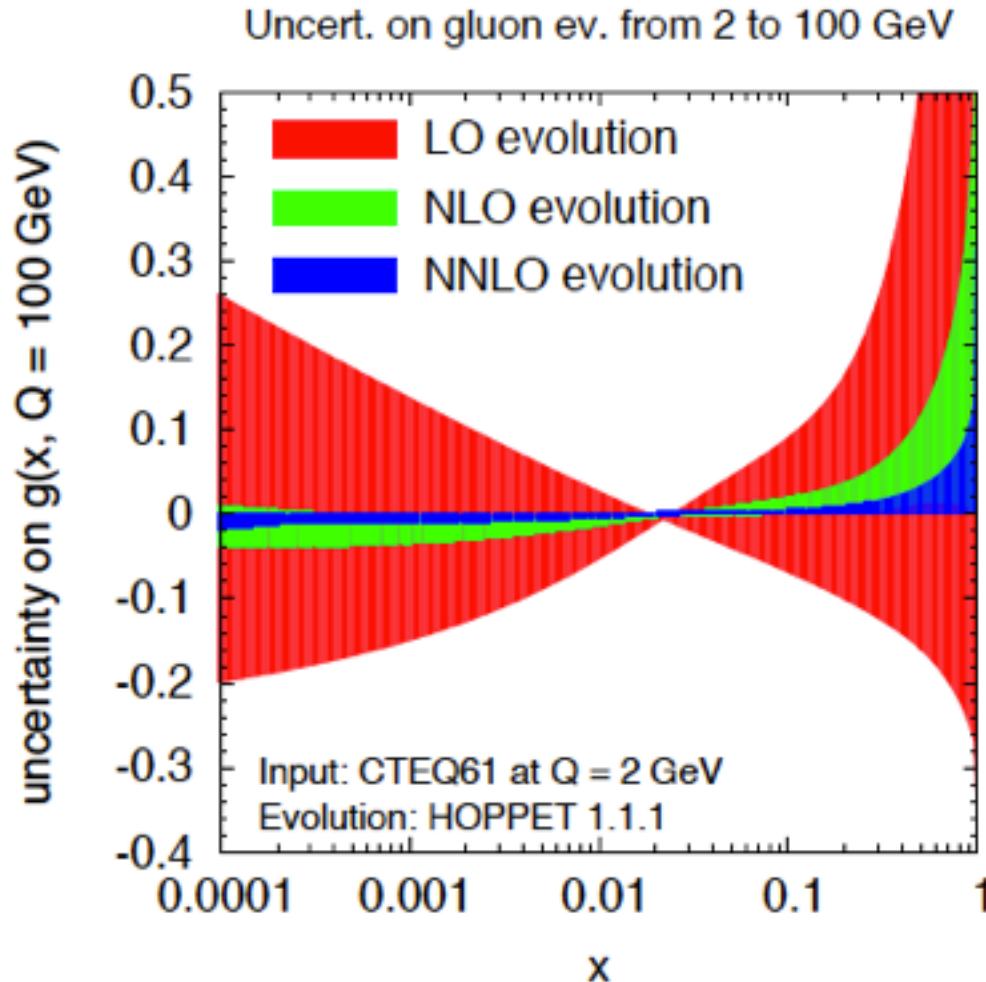
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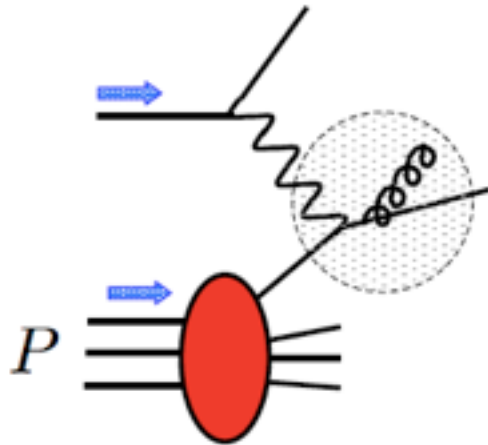
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## Anatomy of a Global QCD Analysis

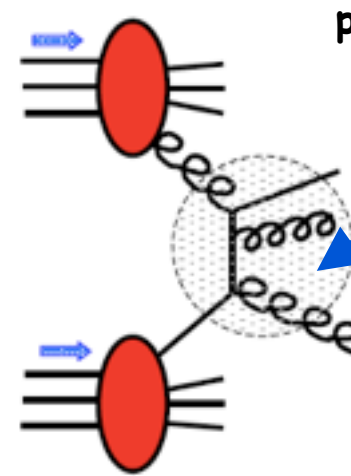
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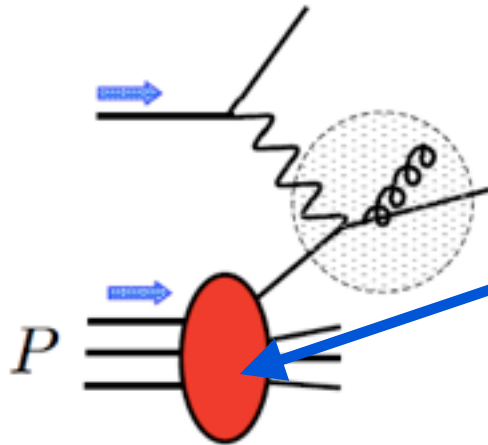
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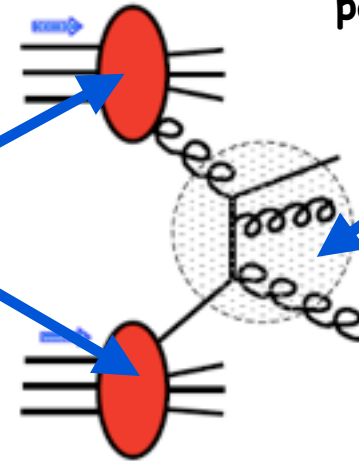
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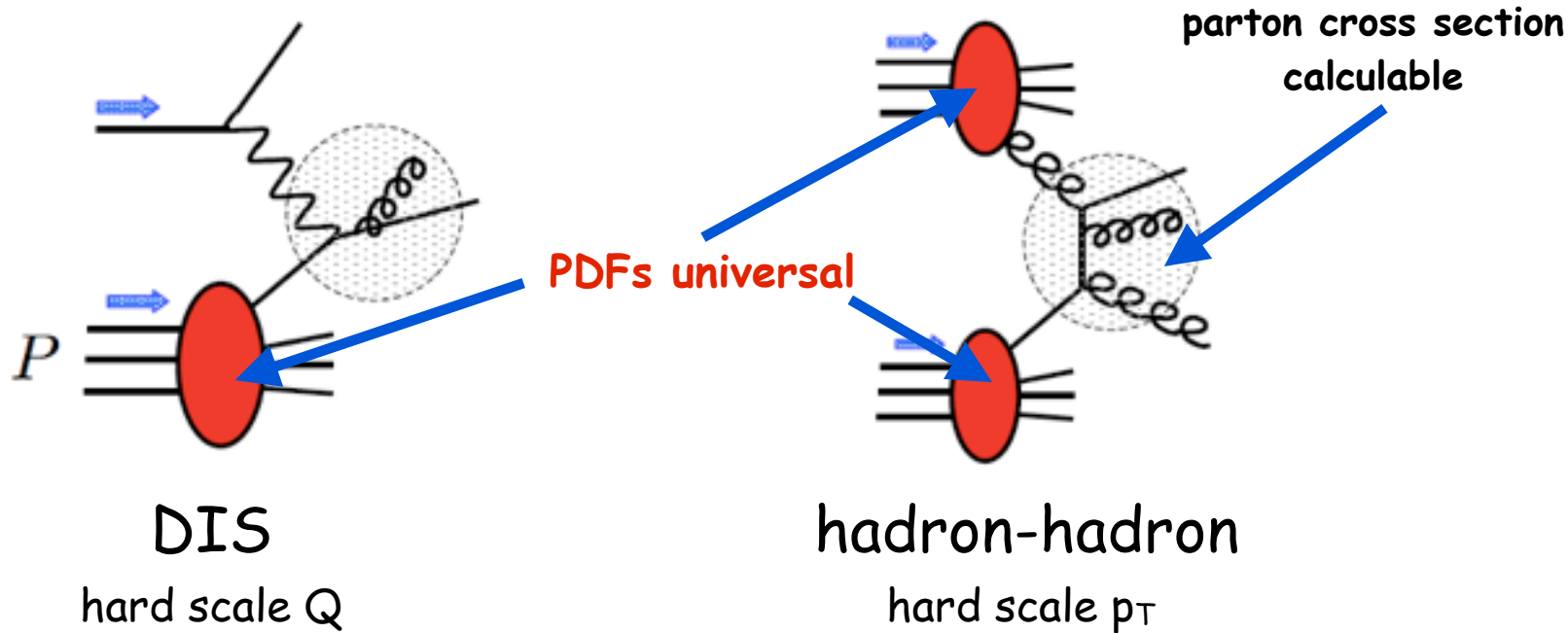
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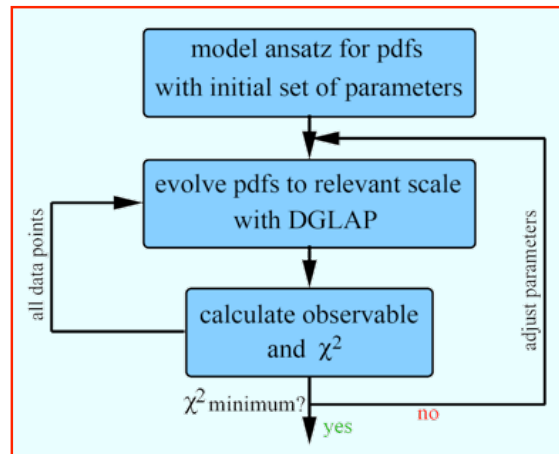


**task:** extract PDFs and their uncertainties (assume factorization)

- all processes tied together: universality of pdfs &  $Q^2$  - evolution
- each reaction provides insights into different aspects and kinematics
- need at least NLO accuracy for quantitative analyses
- information on PDFs "hidden" inside complicated (multi-)convolutions

# anatomy of global PDF analyses

obtain PDFs  
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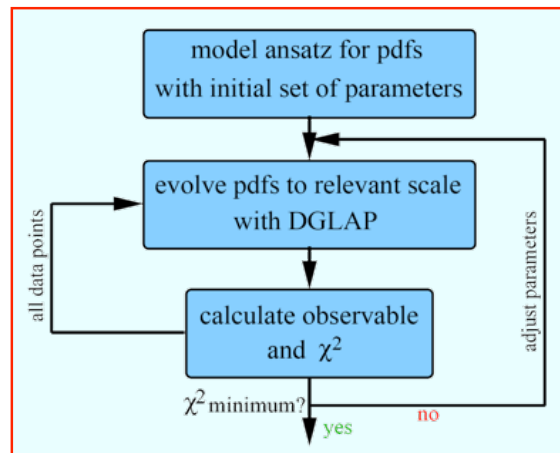
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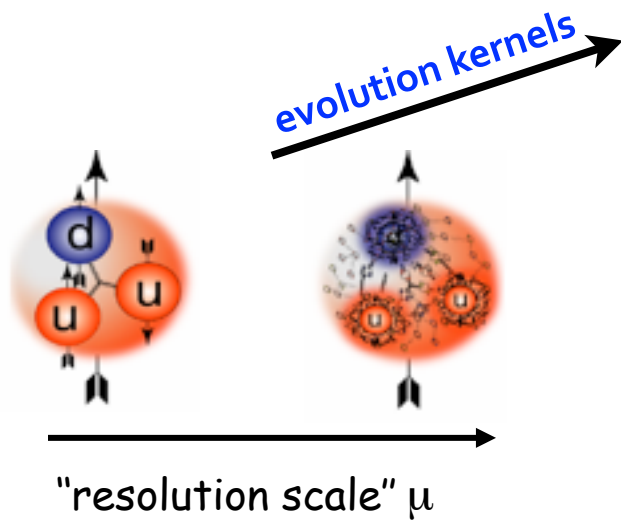
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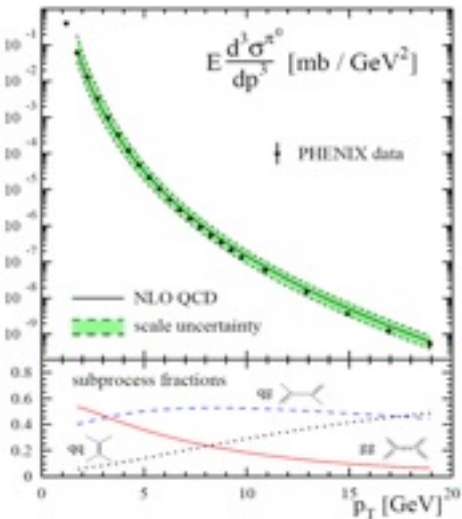
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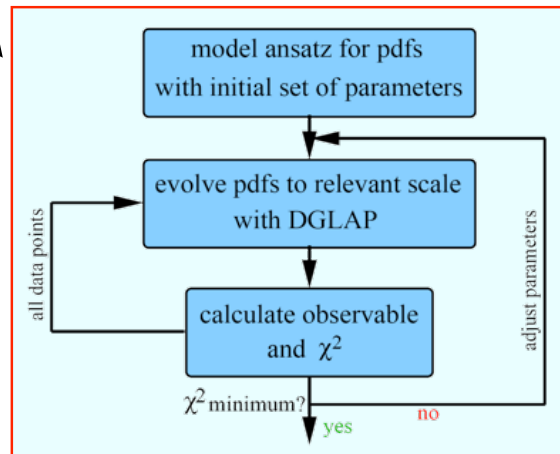


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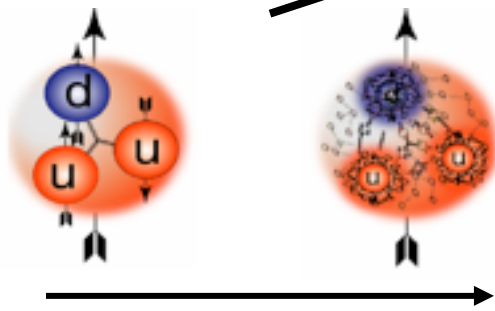


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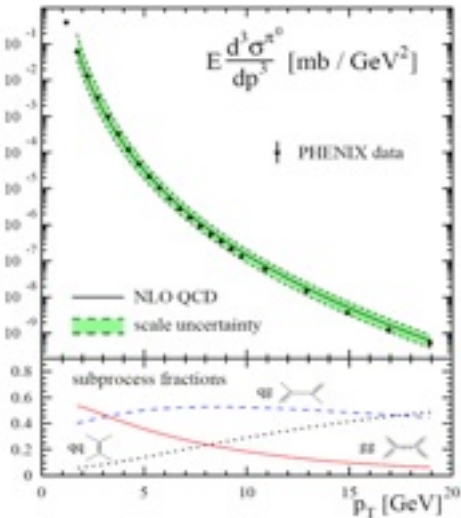


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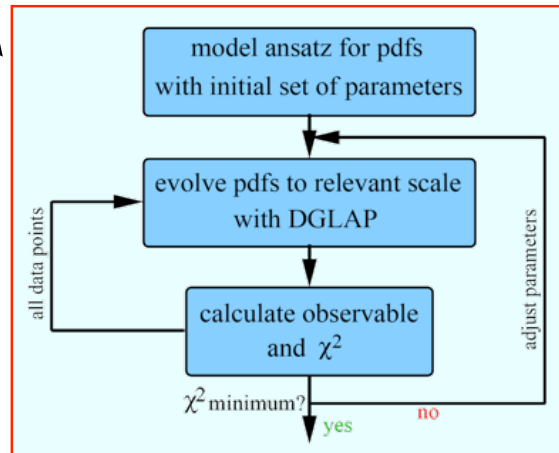
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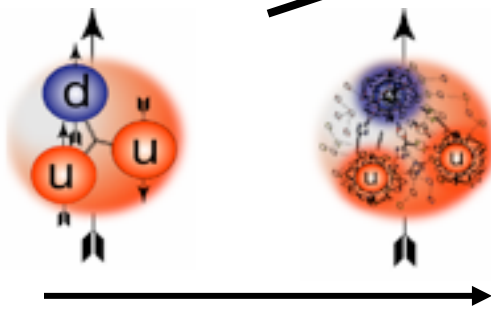
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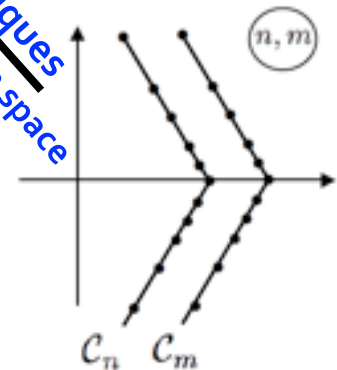
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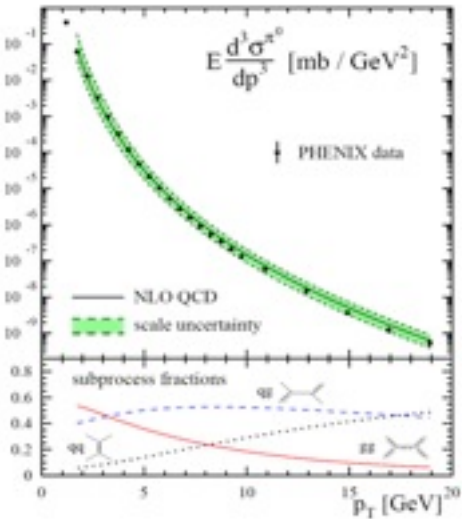
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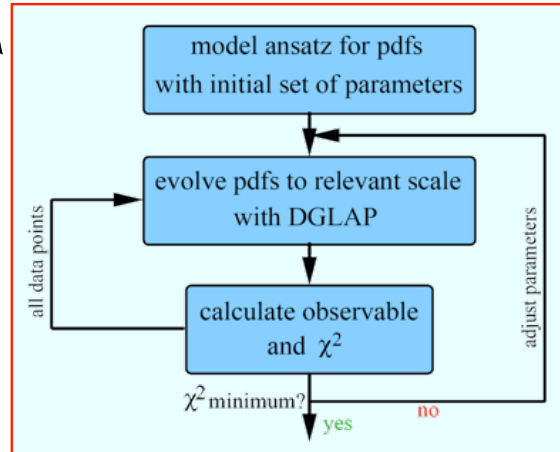


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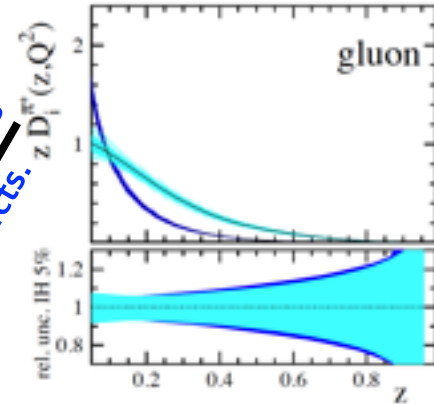
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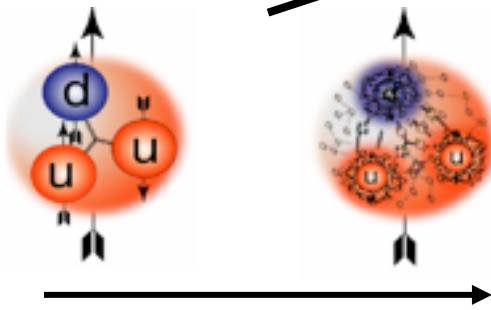


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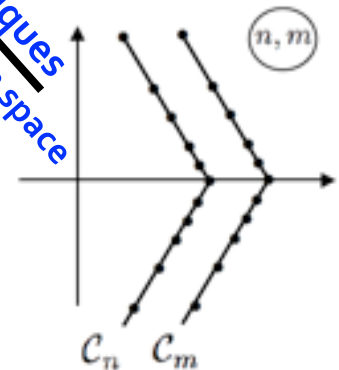


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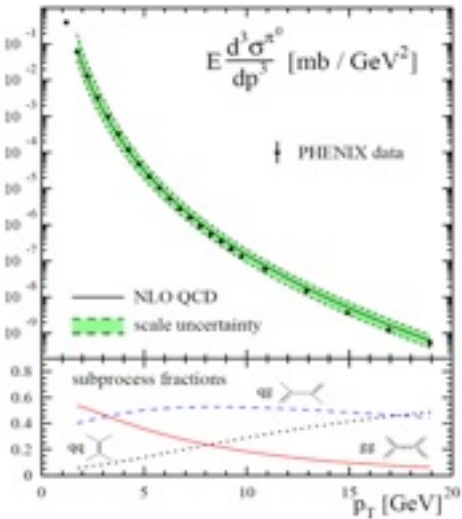


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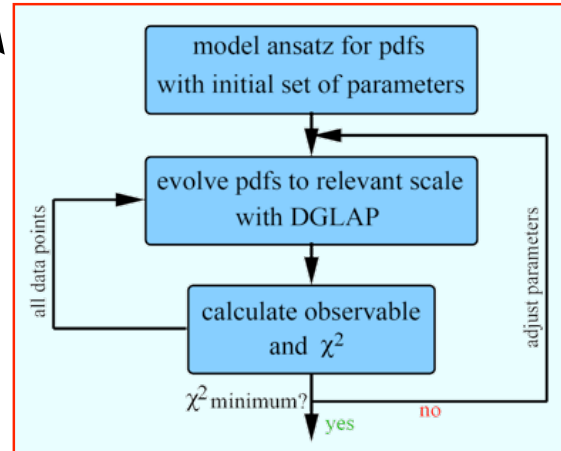


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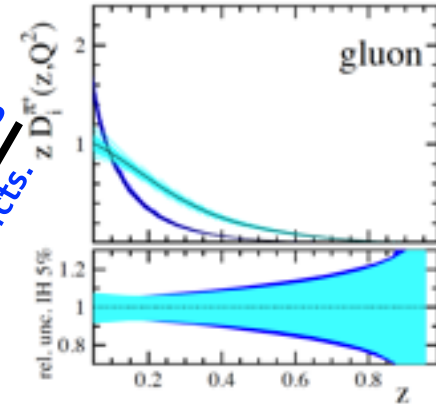
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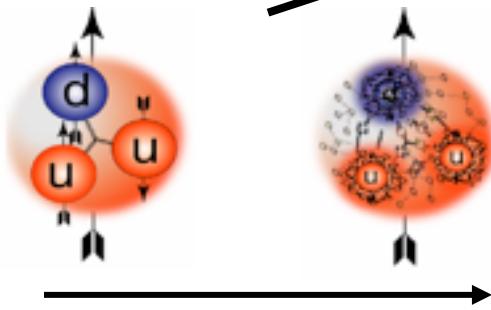
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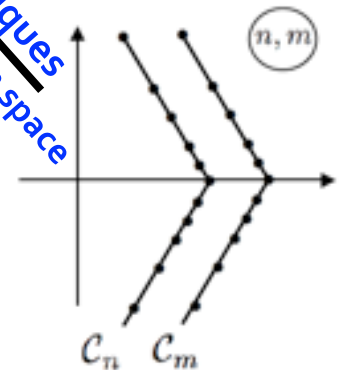
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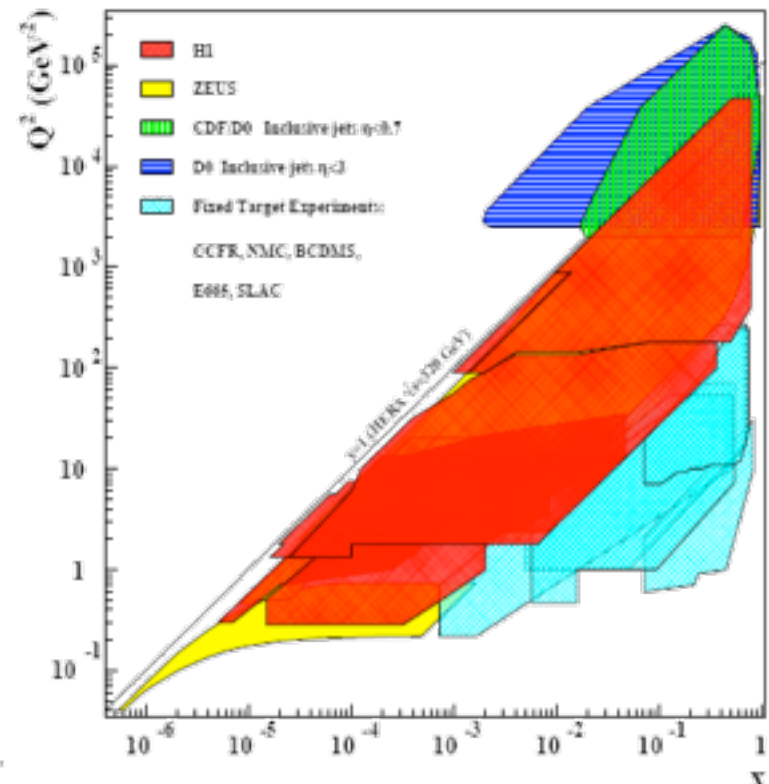
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data sets &  $(x, Q^2)$  coverage used in MSTW fit  
Martin, Stirling, Thorne, Watt, arXiv:0901.0002

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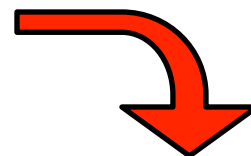
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All data sets	2743

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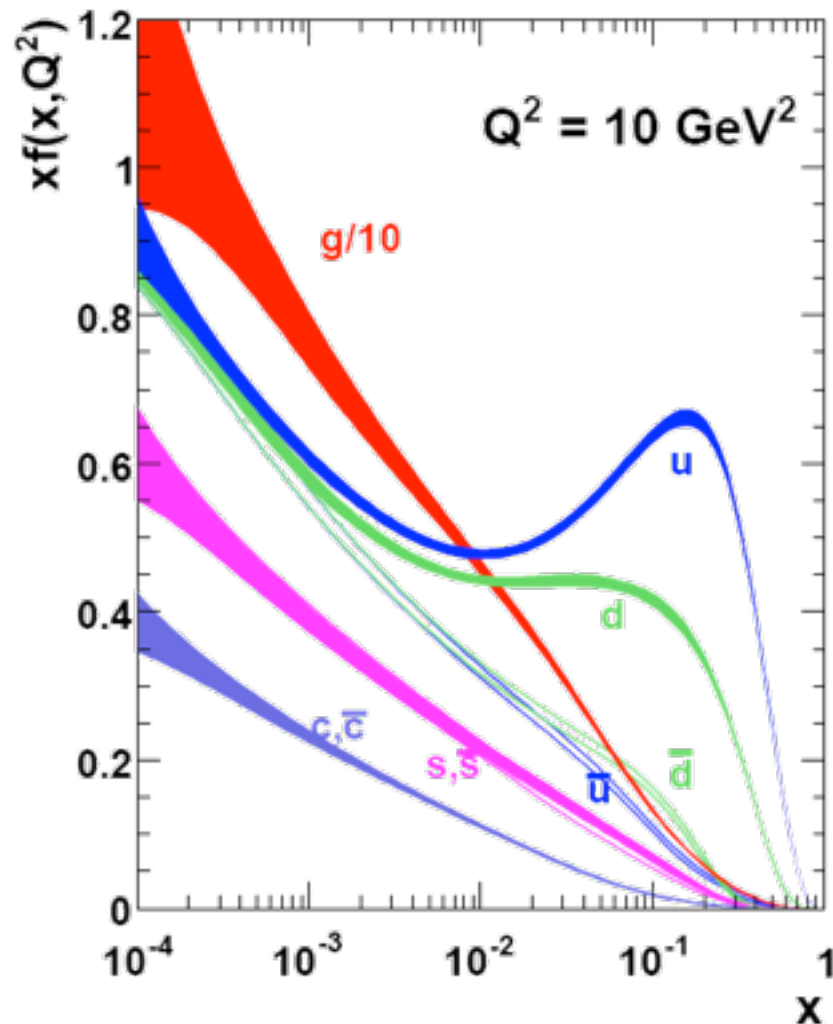


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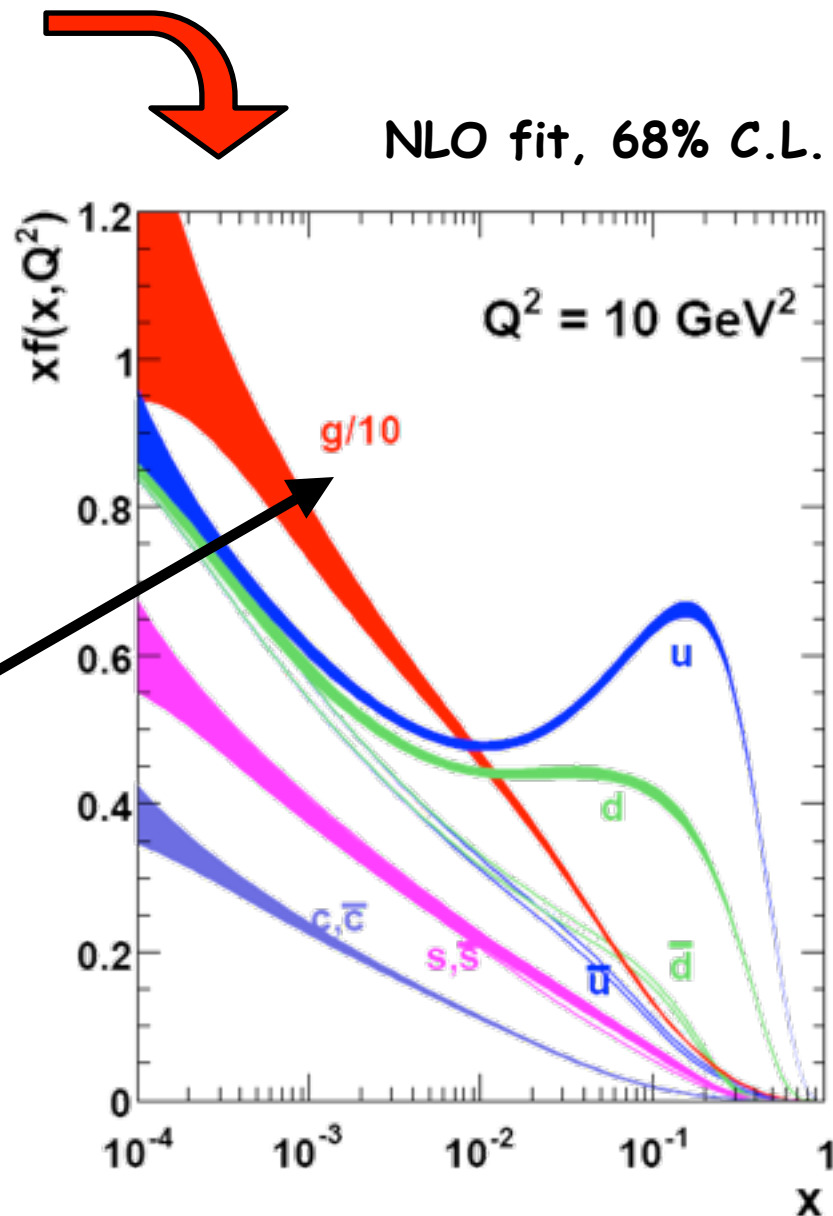
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- notice the huge gluon distribution
- quality of the fit:

$\chi^2 / \text{\#data pts.}$

- 2543/2699 **NLO**
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interplay of many data sets crucial





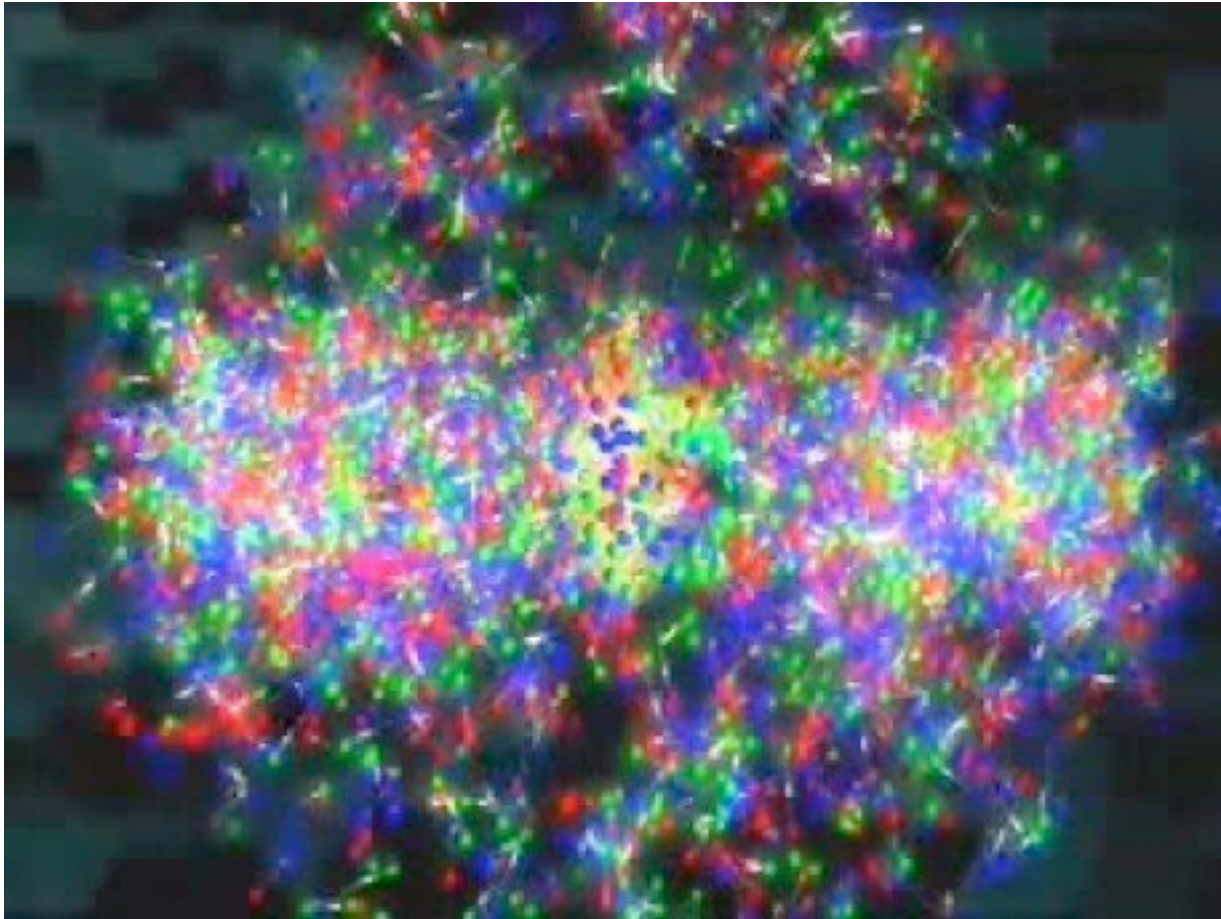


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**Drive carefully**

**Burial place of  
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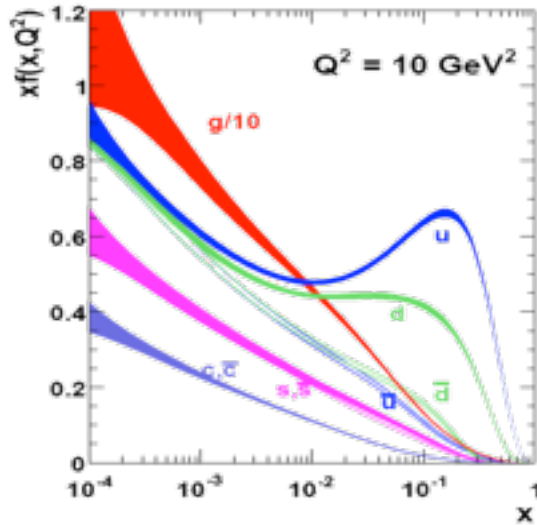
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when there is not enough room:  
gluons at small  $x$



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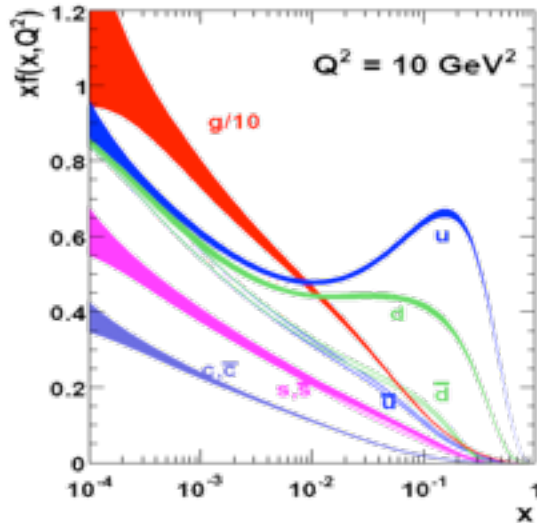


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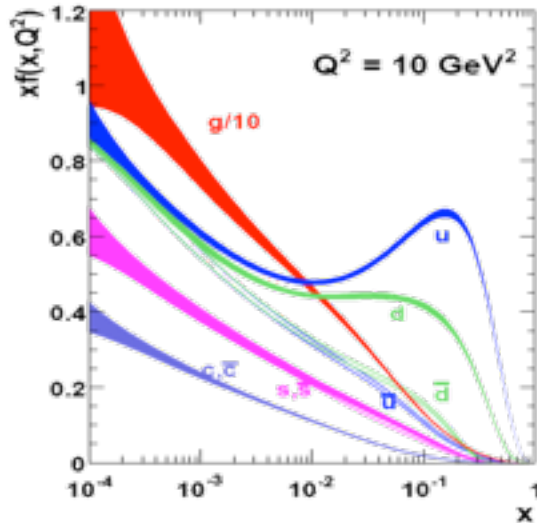
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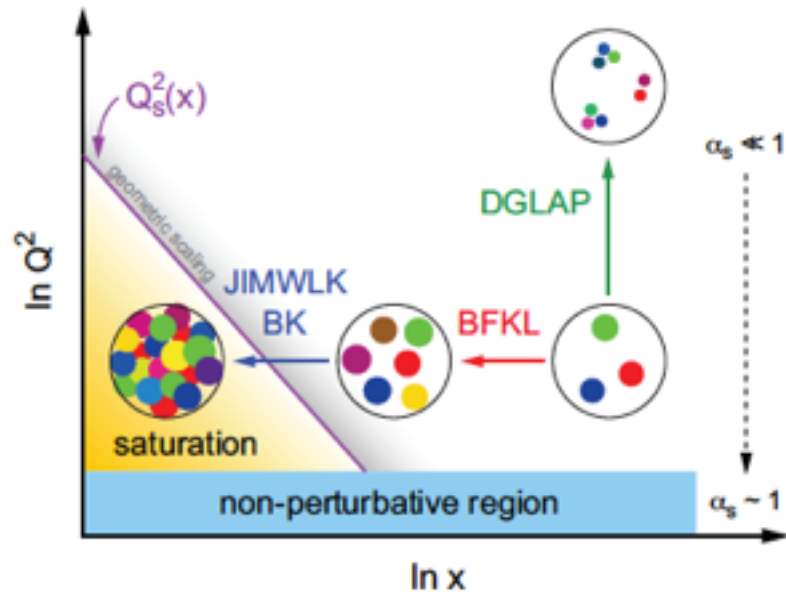
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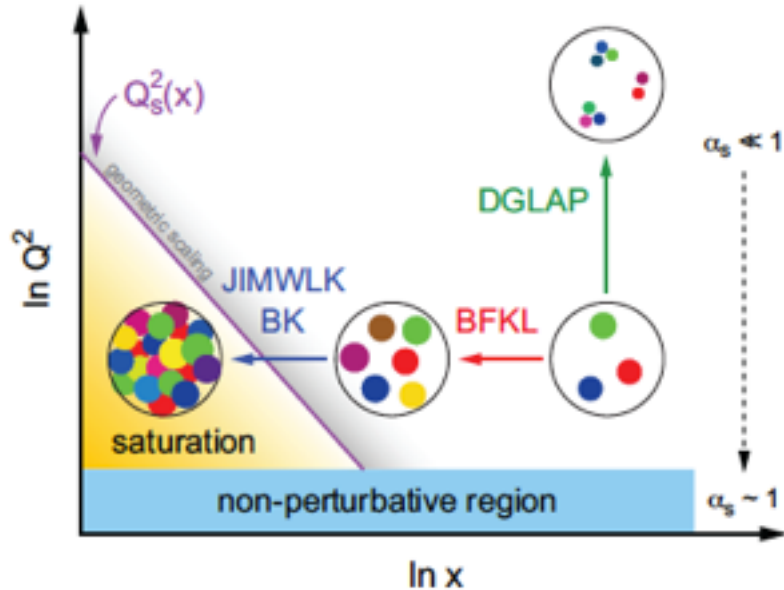
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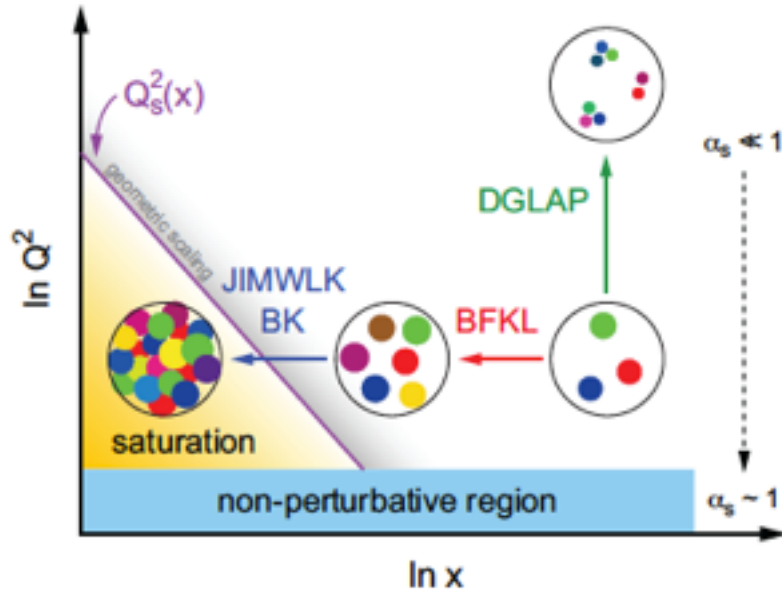
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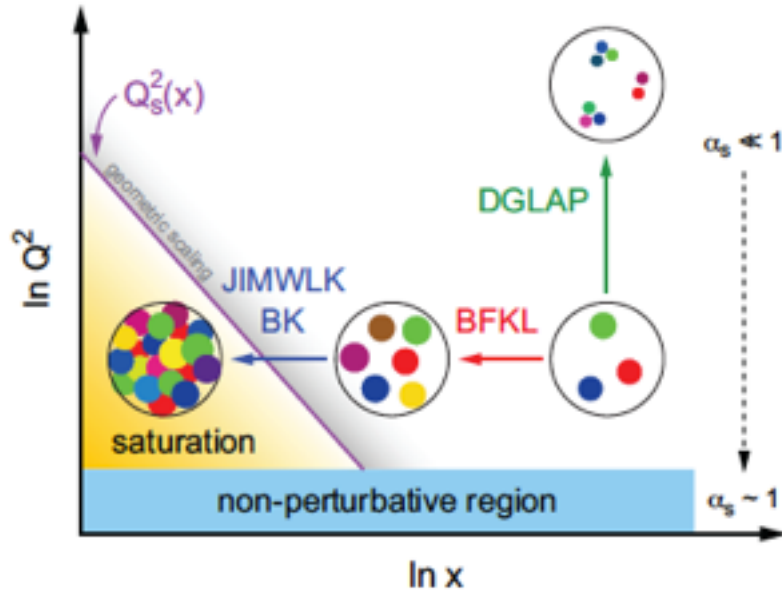
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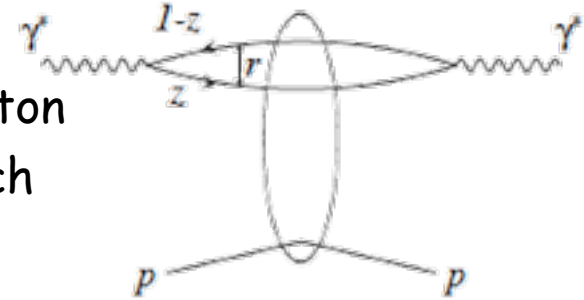
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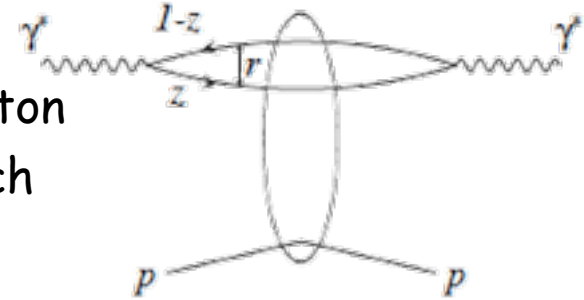




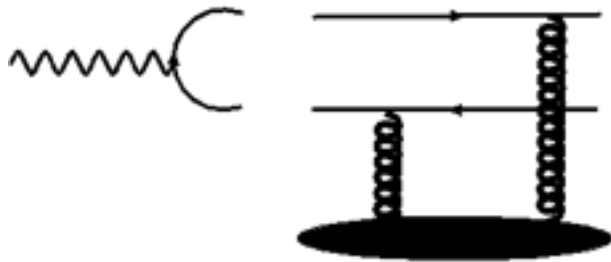
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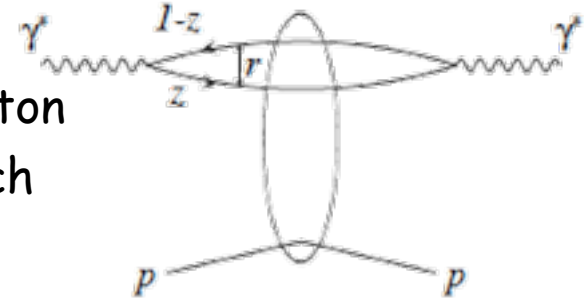
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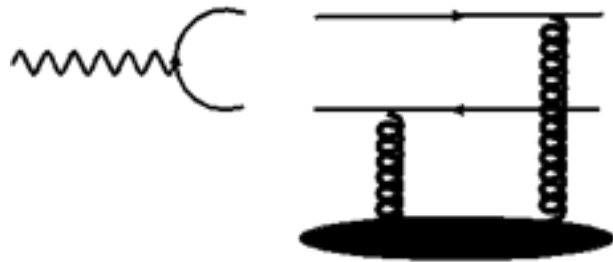
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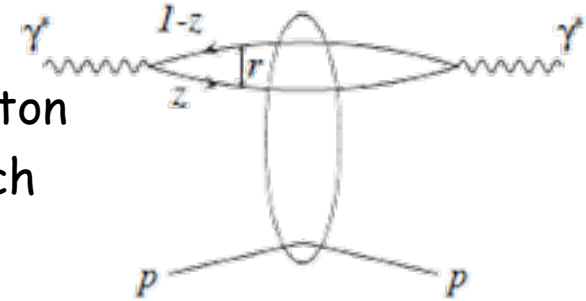
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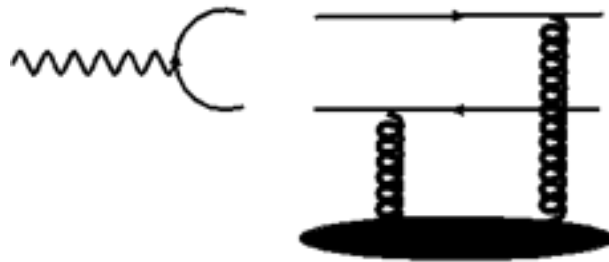
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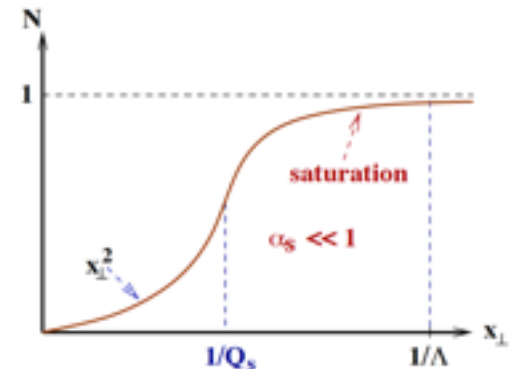
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- suited to treat collective phenomena (shadowing, diffraction)
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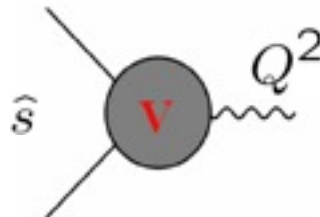
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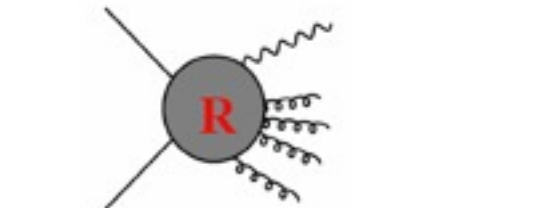
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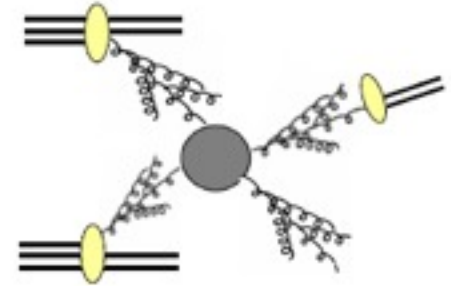

$$\propto \alpha_s^k \frac{\ln^{2k-1}(1-z)}{1-z}$$

"imbalance" of real and virtual contributions: **IR cancellation leaves large log's**

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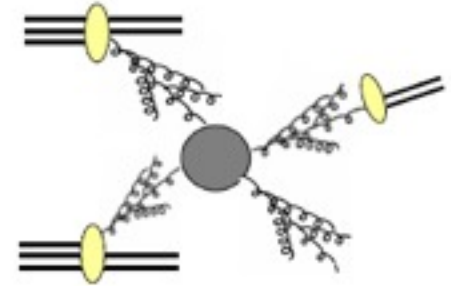
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large at small  $\tau/z$

$z = 1$  emphasized,  
in particular as  $\tau \rightarrow 1$

→ important for fixed target phenomenology: threshold region more relevant (large  $\tau$ )



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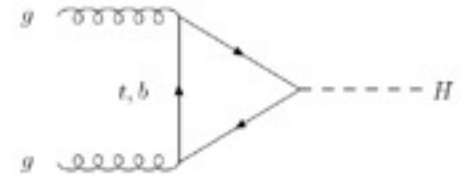
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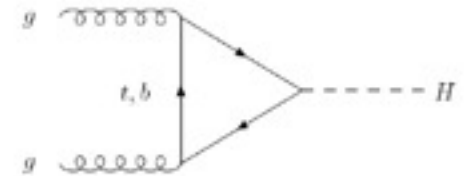
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Mellin moments for  
threshold logs

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- fixed order calculations needed to determine “coefficients”
- the more orders are known, the more subleading logs can be resummed

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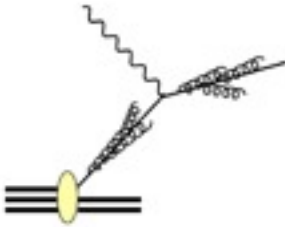
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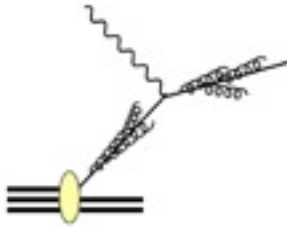
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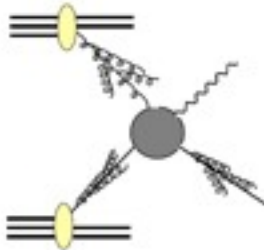


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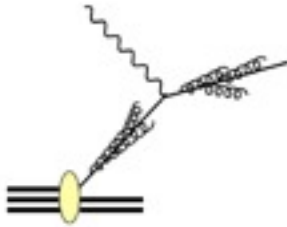
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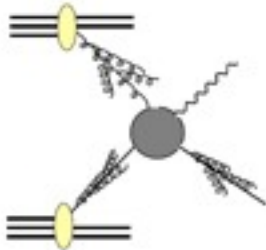


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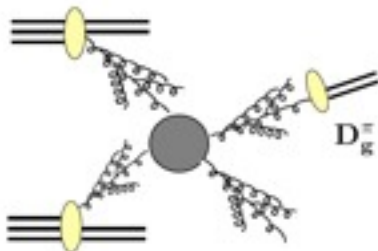
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e.g.

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observed partons unobserved

expect much larger enhancement



# resummations: window to non-perturbative regime

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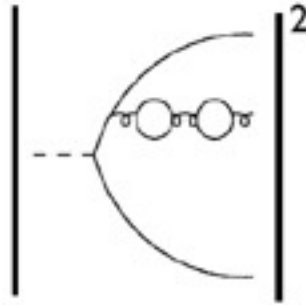
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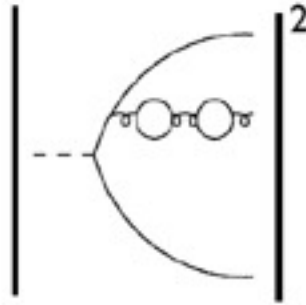
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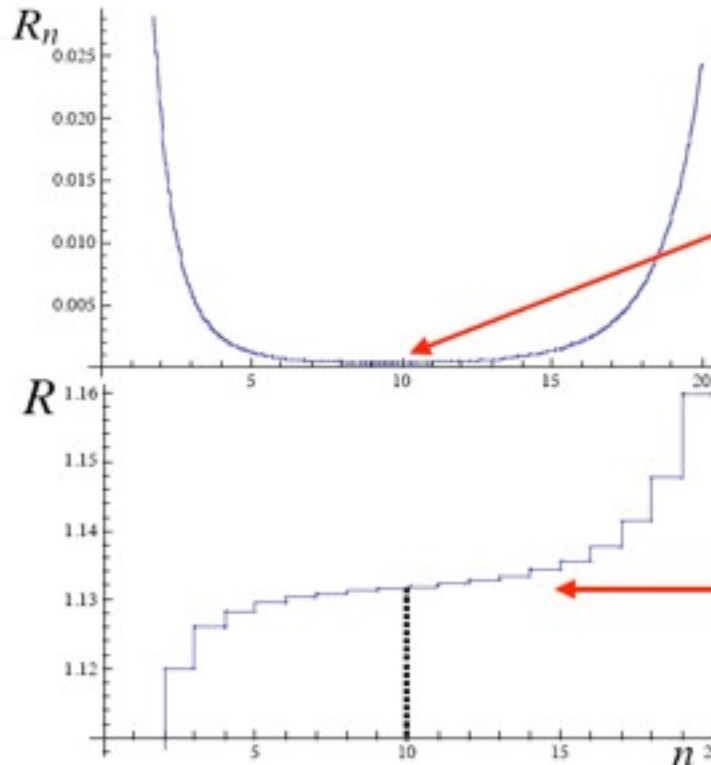
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**illustration:**

try resumming

$$R = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n n!$$

[with  $\alpha_s = 0.1$ ]



**minimal term**

$$R_{\min} = 1/\alpha_s$$

**asymptotic value of the sum:**

$$R_{\text{asympt}} = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\min}} \alpha_s^n n!$$

taken from [M. Cacciari](#)

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- QCD: NP corrections are power suppressed:

$$R^{NP} = \exp \left( -p \ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) = \left( \frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2} \right)^p$$

the value of  $p$  depends on the process and can sometimes be predicted



# SUMMARY & OUTLOOK



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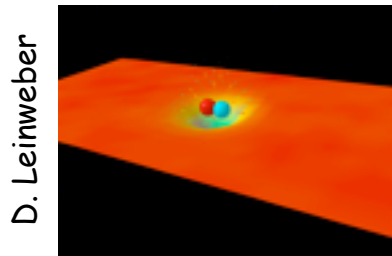
simple  $\mathcal{L}$  but rich & complex phenomenology; few parameters

in principle complete up to the Planck scale  
(issue: CP, axions?)

highly non-trivial ground state responsible  
for all the structure in the visible universe

**emergent phenomena:** confinement,  
chiral symmetry breaking, hadrons

**confinement**



non-perturbative  
structure of hadrons

e.g. through lattice QCD



interplay between  
**High Energy and  
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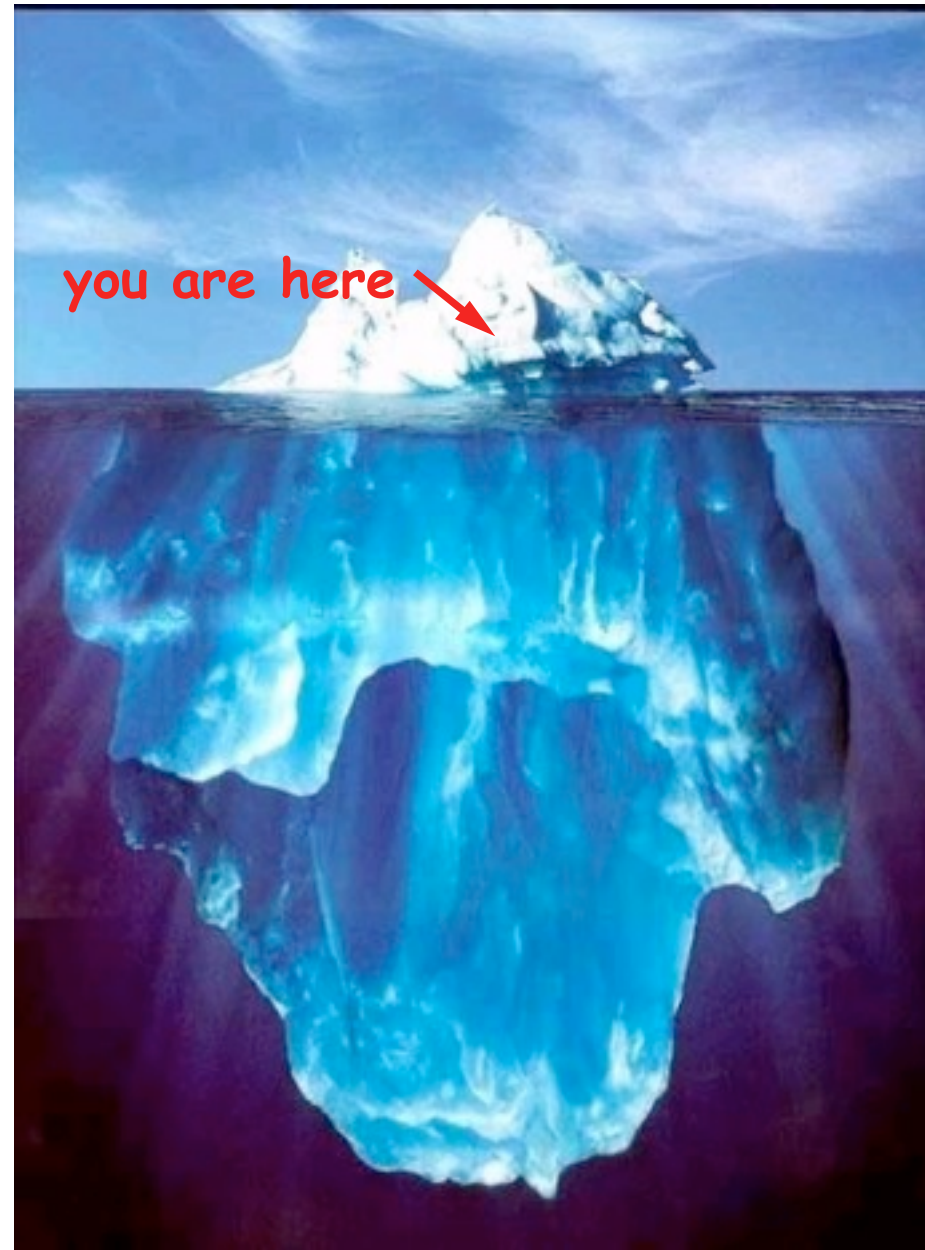
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