

# Collider Phenomenology (2)

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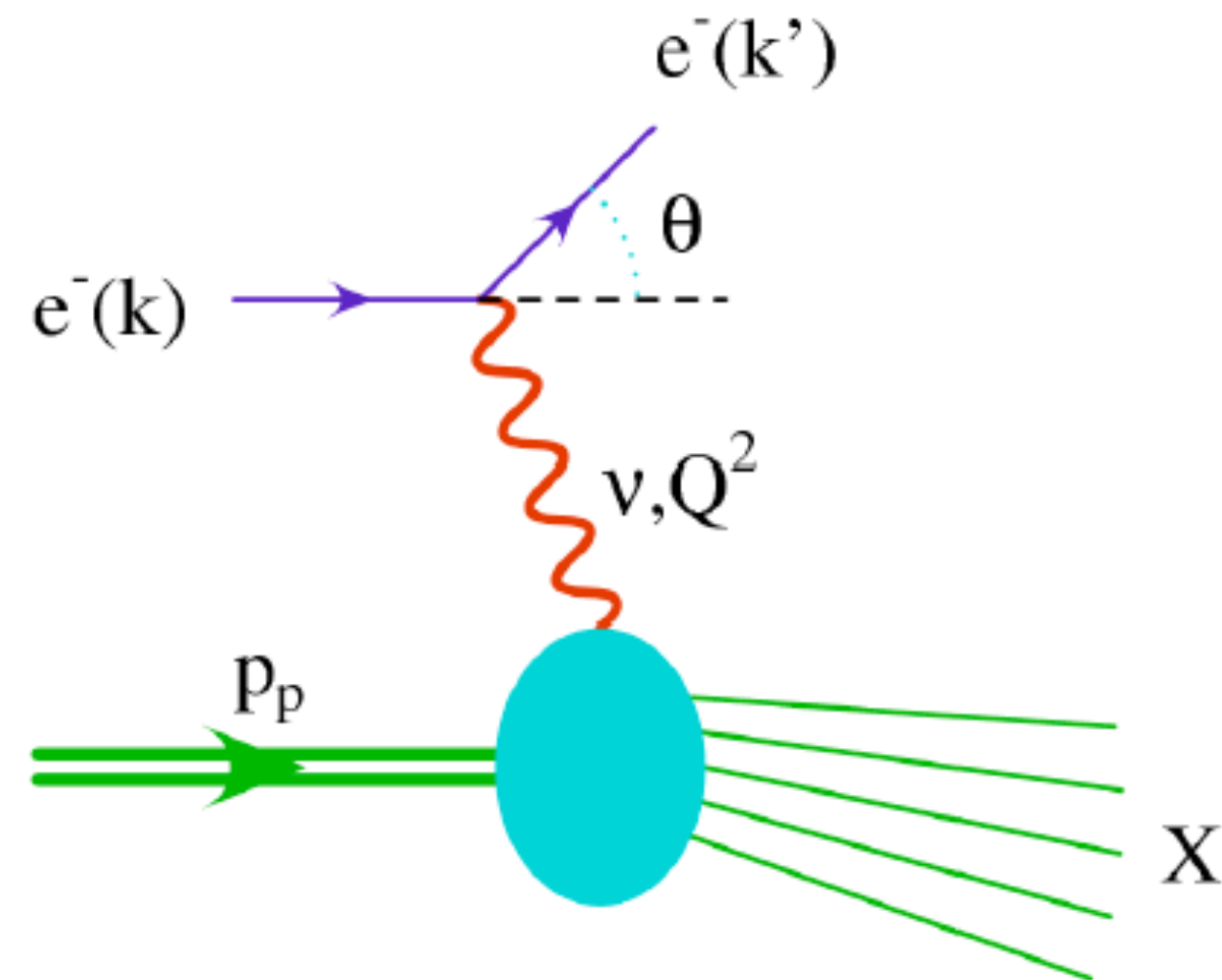
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# The parton model of QCD

## Deep Inelastic Scattering



$$s = (P + k)^2 \quad \text{CoM energy}$$

$$Q^2 = -(k - k')^2 \quad \text{momentum transfer}^2$$

$$x = Q^2 / 2(P \cdot q) \quad \text{scaling variable}$$

$$\nu = (P \cdot q) / M = E - E' \quad \text{energy loss}$$

$$y = (P \cdot q) / (P \cdot k) = 1 - E' / E \quad \text{relative energy loss}$$

$$W^2 = (P + q)^2 = M^2 + \frac{1-x}{x} Q^2 \quad \text{recoil mass}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{elastic}}}{dq^2} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dq^2} \right)_{\text{point}} \cdot F_{\text{elastic}}^2(q^2) \delta(1-x) dx$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{inelastic}}}{dq^2} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dq^2} \right)_{\text{point}} \cdot F_{\text{inelastic}}^2(q^2, x) dx$$

Can we guess what F looks like?

# Deep Inelastic scattering

What can  $F^2(q^2)$  look like?

1. Proton charge is smoothly distributed (probe penetrates proton like a knife through butter)

$$F_{elastic}^2(q^2) \sim F_{inelastic}^2(q^2, x) \ll 1$$

2. Proton consists of tightly bound charges (quarks hit as single particles, but cannot fly away because tightly bound)

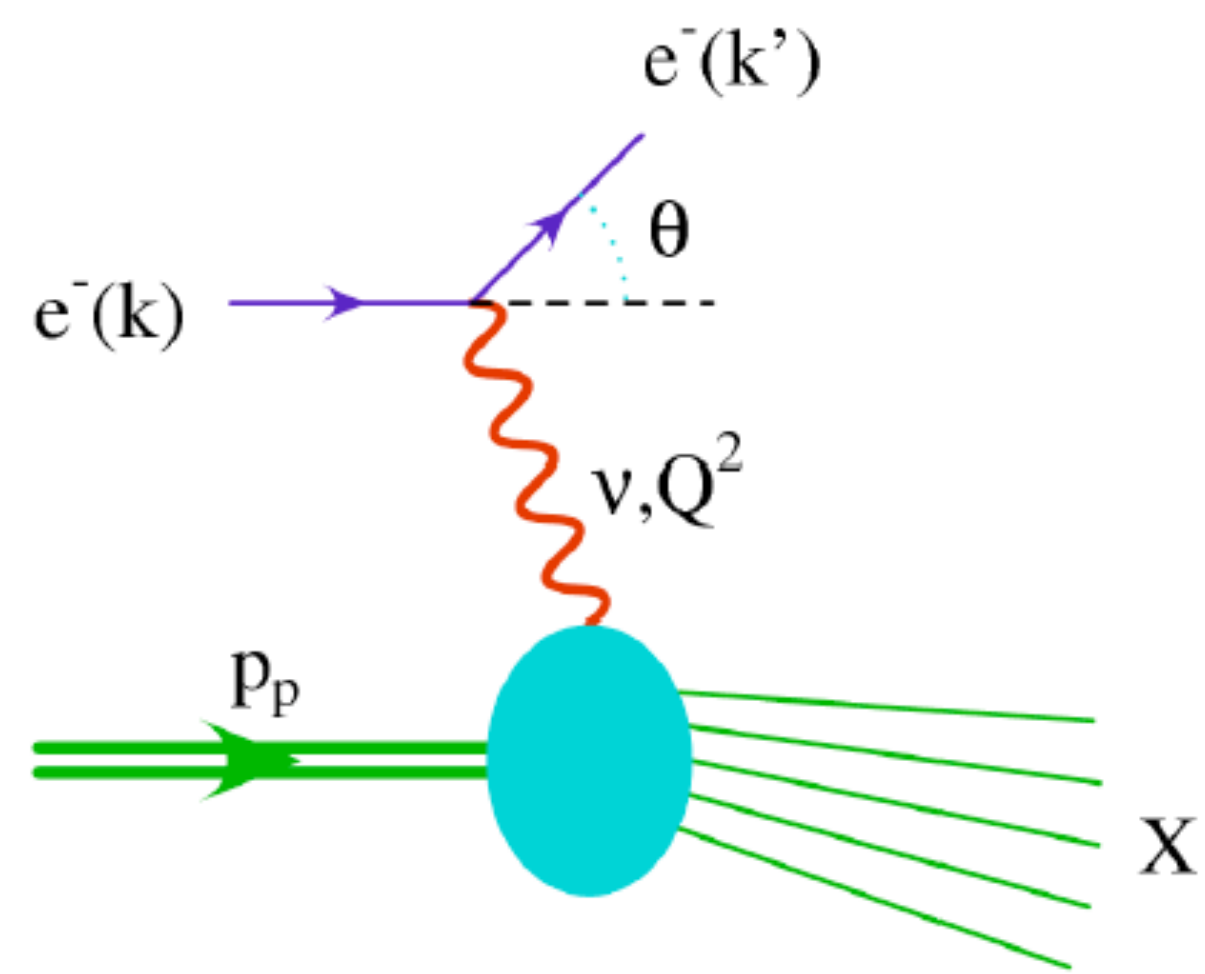
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Quarks are free particles which fly away without caring about confinement!

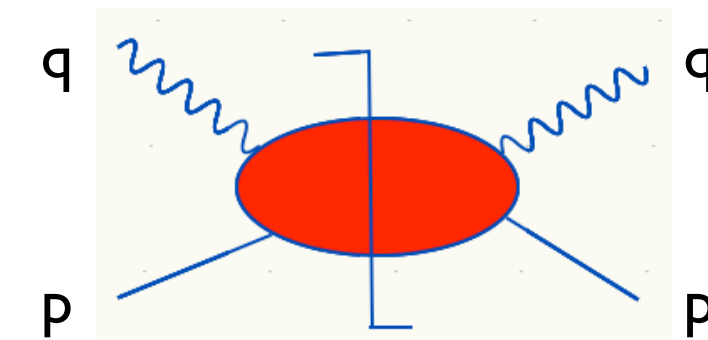
# Parton Model

## DIS cross-section



$$d\Phi = \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3 2E'} d\Phi_X = \frac{ME}{8\pi^2} y dy dx d\Phi_X$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{e^4}{Q^4} L^{\mu\nu} h_{X\mu\nu}$$



Why  $1/Q^4$ ?

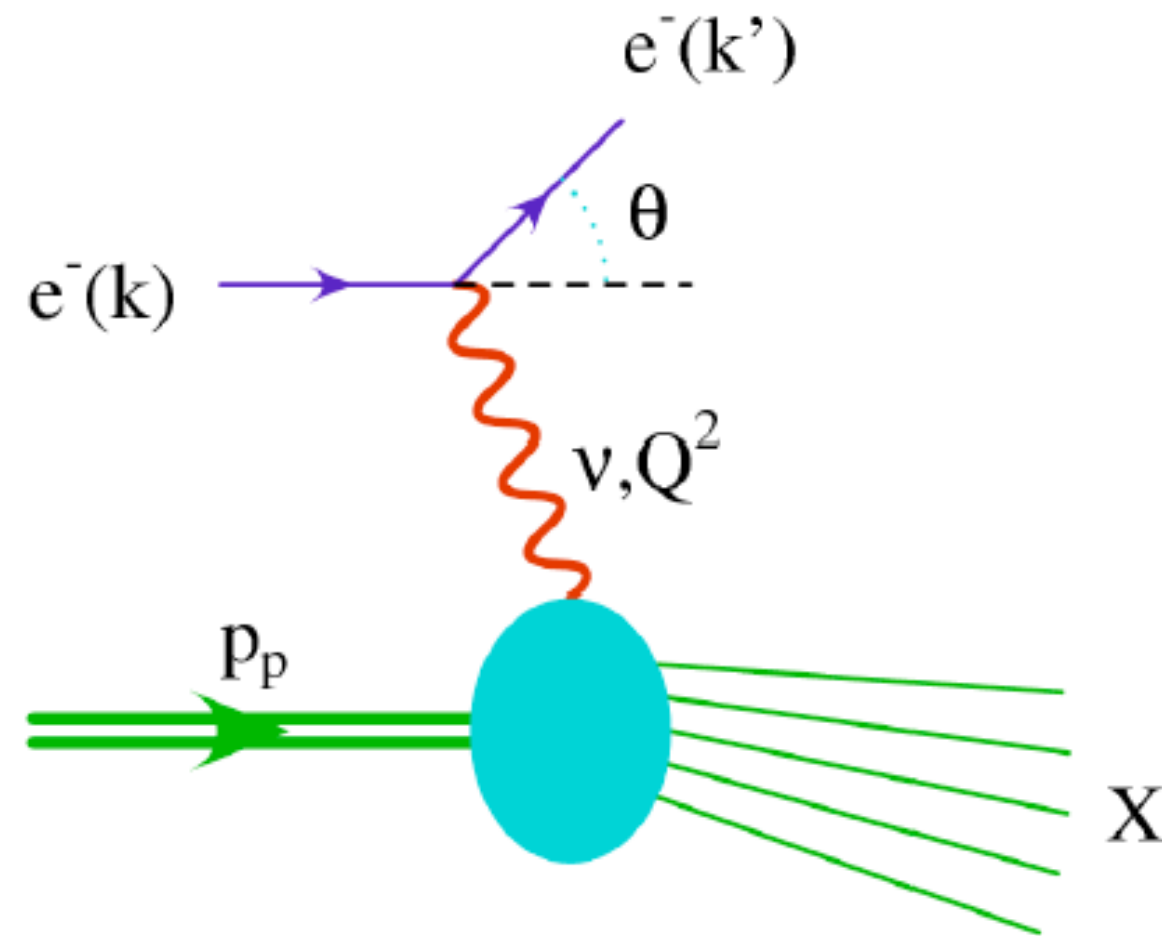
$$L^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} \text{tr}[k \gamma^\mu k' \gamma^\nu] = k^\mu k'^\nu + k'^\mu k^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} k \cdot k'$$

Based on Lorentz and gauge invariance

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \sum_X \int d\Phi_X h_{X\mu\nu}$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}(p, q) = \left( -g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) F_1(x, Q^2) + \left( p_\mu - q_\mu \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} \right) \left( p_\nu - q_\nu \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} \right) \frac{1}{p \cdot q} F_2(x, Q^2)$$

# Parton Model



$$\sigma^{ep \rightarrow eX} = \sum_X \frac{1}{4ME} \int d\Phi \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{spin}} |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

After a bit of maths (good exercise!), we get:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} \left\{ [1 + (1-y)^2] F_1(x, Q^2) + \frac{1-y}{x} [F_2(x, Q^2) - 2xF_1(x, Q^2)] \right\}$$

Transverse photon

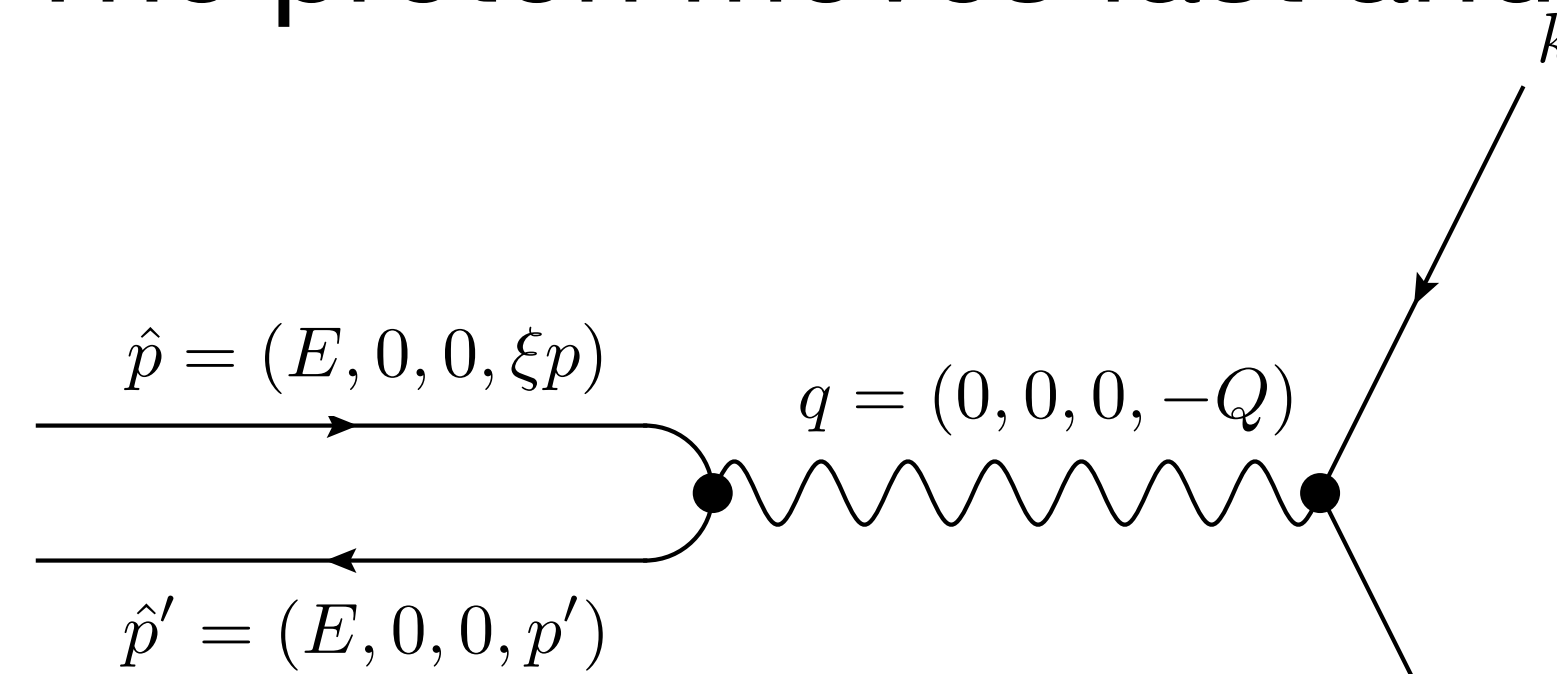
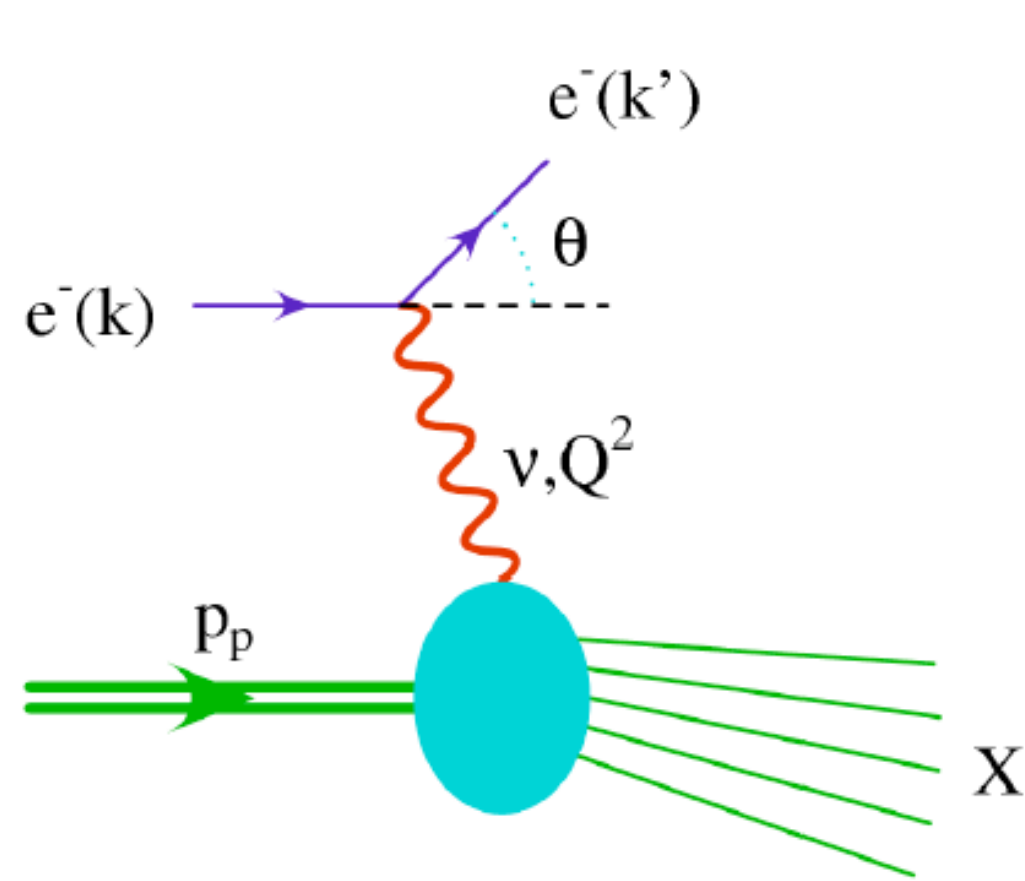
Longitudinal photon



# Parton Model

## Breit frame

The proton moves fast and the photon has zero energy



$$p \equiv \left( \sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{4x^2} + m^2}, \frac{Q}{2x}, \vec{0}_\perp \right) \approx \left( \frac{Q}{2x} + \frac{xm^2}{Q}, \frac{Q}{2x}, \vec{0}_\perp \right)$$

$$q \equiv (0, -Q, \vec{0}_\perp).$$

Rest frame: Proton extent:

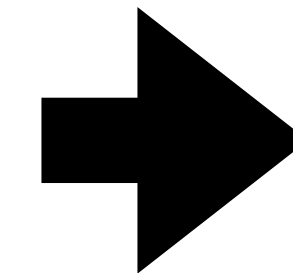
$$\Delta x^+ \sim \Delta x^- \sim \frac{1}{m}$$

Breit frame: Proton extent:

$$\Delta x^+ \sim \frac{Q}{m^2}, \quad \Delta x^- \sim \frac{1}{Q}$$

Photon extent:

$$\Delta x^+ \sim 1/Q,$$

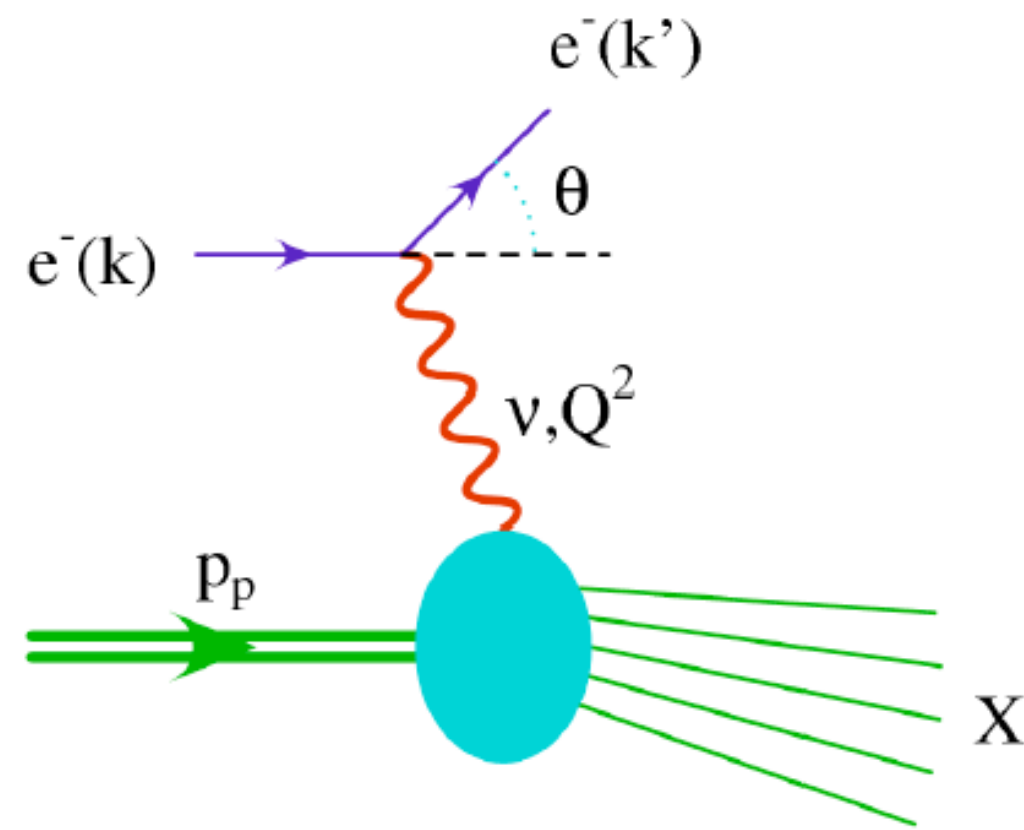


$$(\Delta x^+)_{\text{photon}} \ll (\Delta x^+)_{\text{proton}}$$

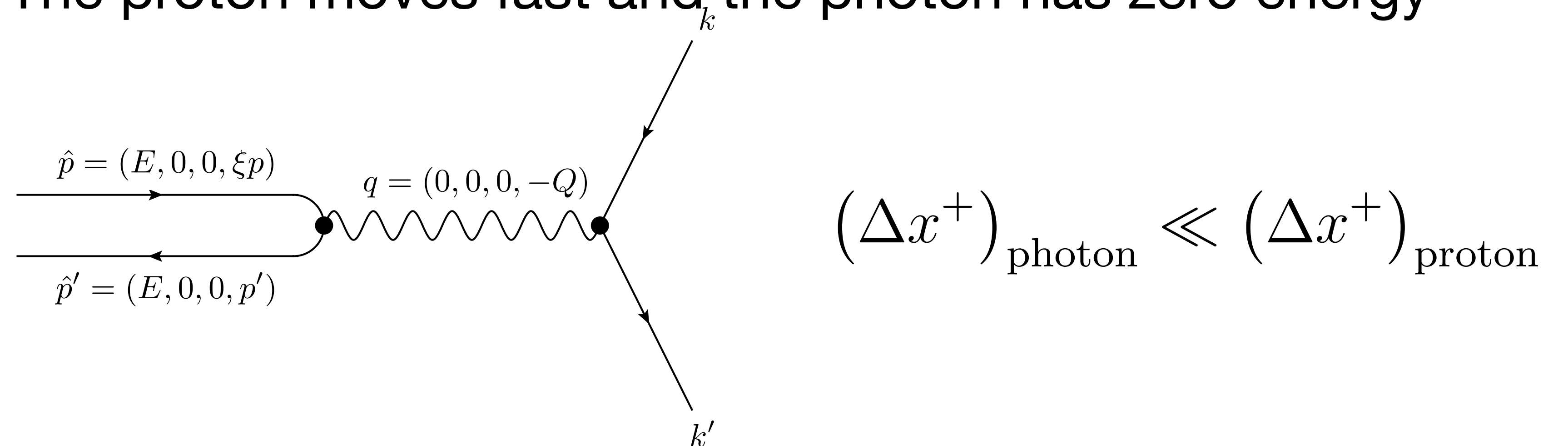
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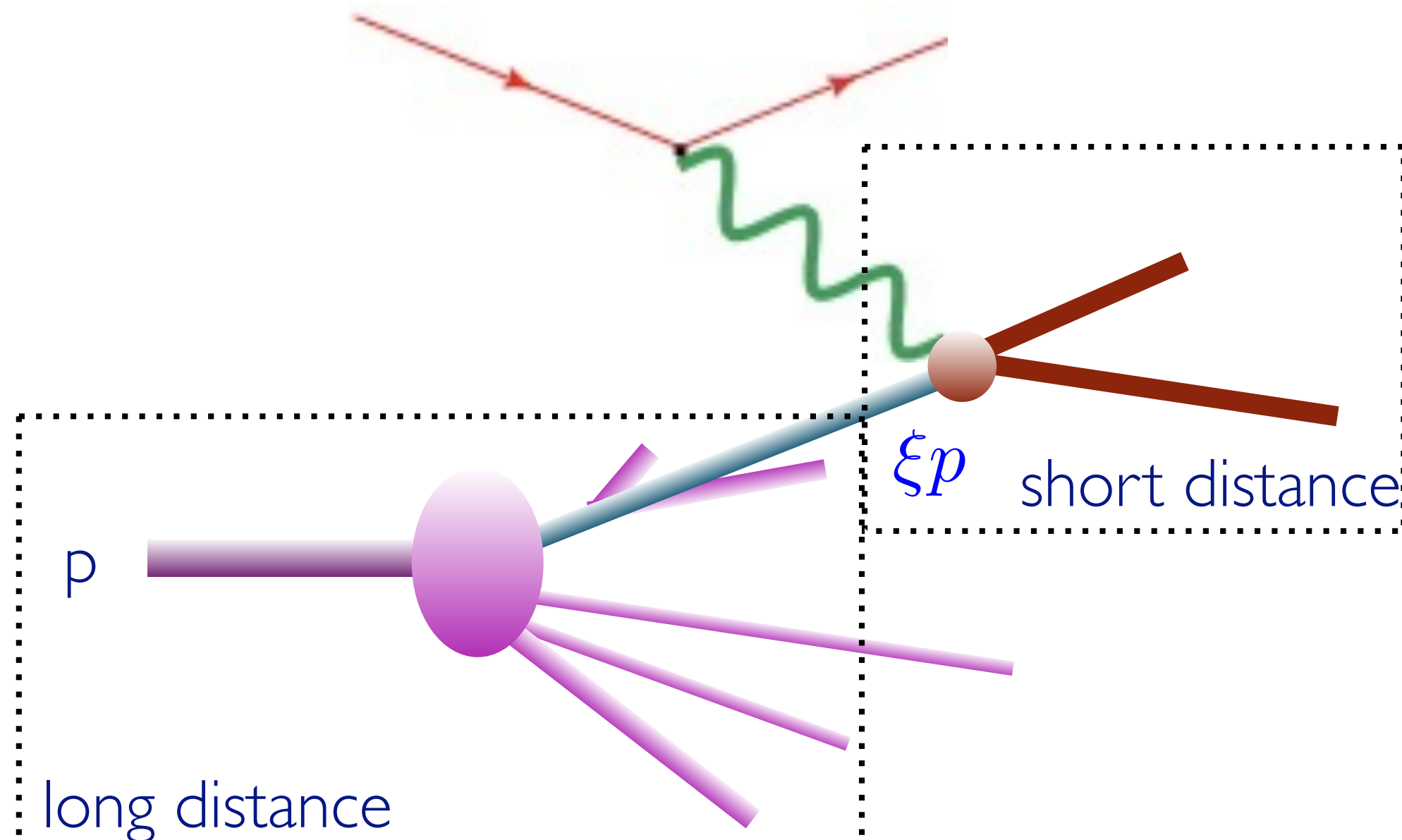


- The time scale of a typical parton-parton interaction is much larger than the hard interaction time.
- Schematically: in the Breit frame the proton moves very fast towards the photon, and is therefore Lorentz contracted to a kind of pancake.
- The photon interaction then takes place on the very short time scale when the photon passes that pancake.
- During the short interaction time, the struck quark thus does not interact with the spectator quarks and can be regarded as a free parton.

# Factorisation

Breit picture frame allows us to assume partons are free within proton:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} = \int_0^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \sum_i f_i(\xi) \frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}}{dx dQ^2} \left( \frac{x}{\xi}, Q^2 \right)$$



$f_i(\xi)$  Probability of finding parton  $i$  in hadron carrying momentum fraction  $\xi$

$\frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}}{dx dQ^2}$  Cross-section for parton-photon scattering

# DIS cross-section

Comparing our inclusive cross-section:

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Factorised cross-section in the parton model:

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We can express the structure functions as:

$$F_2(x) = 2xF_1 = \sum_{i=q,\bar{q}} \int_0^1 d\xi f_i(\xi) x e_q^2 \delta(x - \xi) = \sum_{i=q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 x f_i(x)$$

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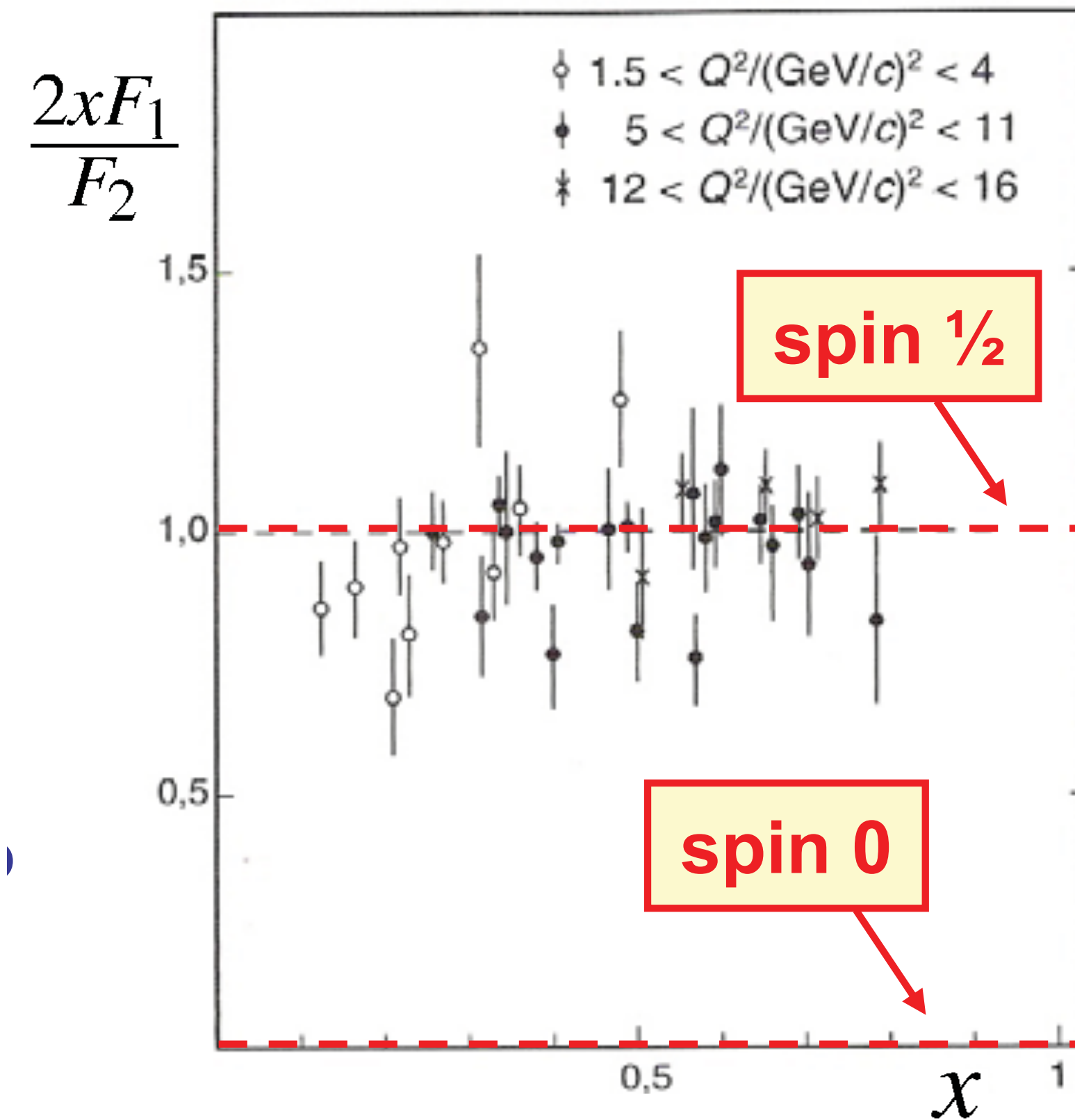
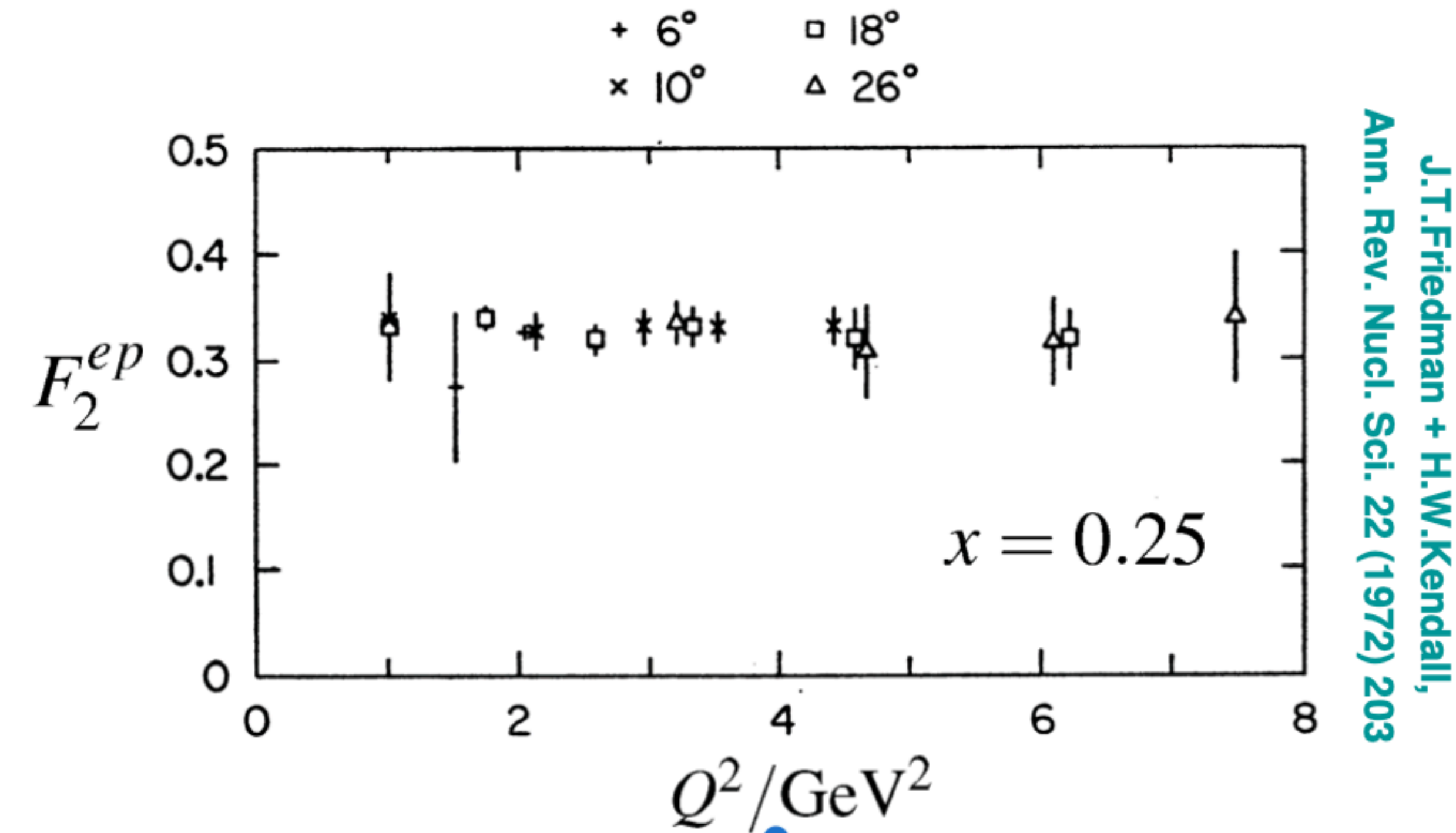
Quarks and anti-quarks enter together.

How can we separate them?

No dependence on Q: **Scaling**

$f_i(x)$  are the parton distribution functions which describe the probabilities of finding specific partons in the proton carrying momentum fraction  $x$

# Scaling and Callan-Gross relation

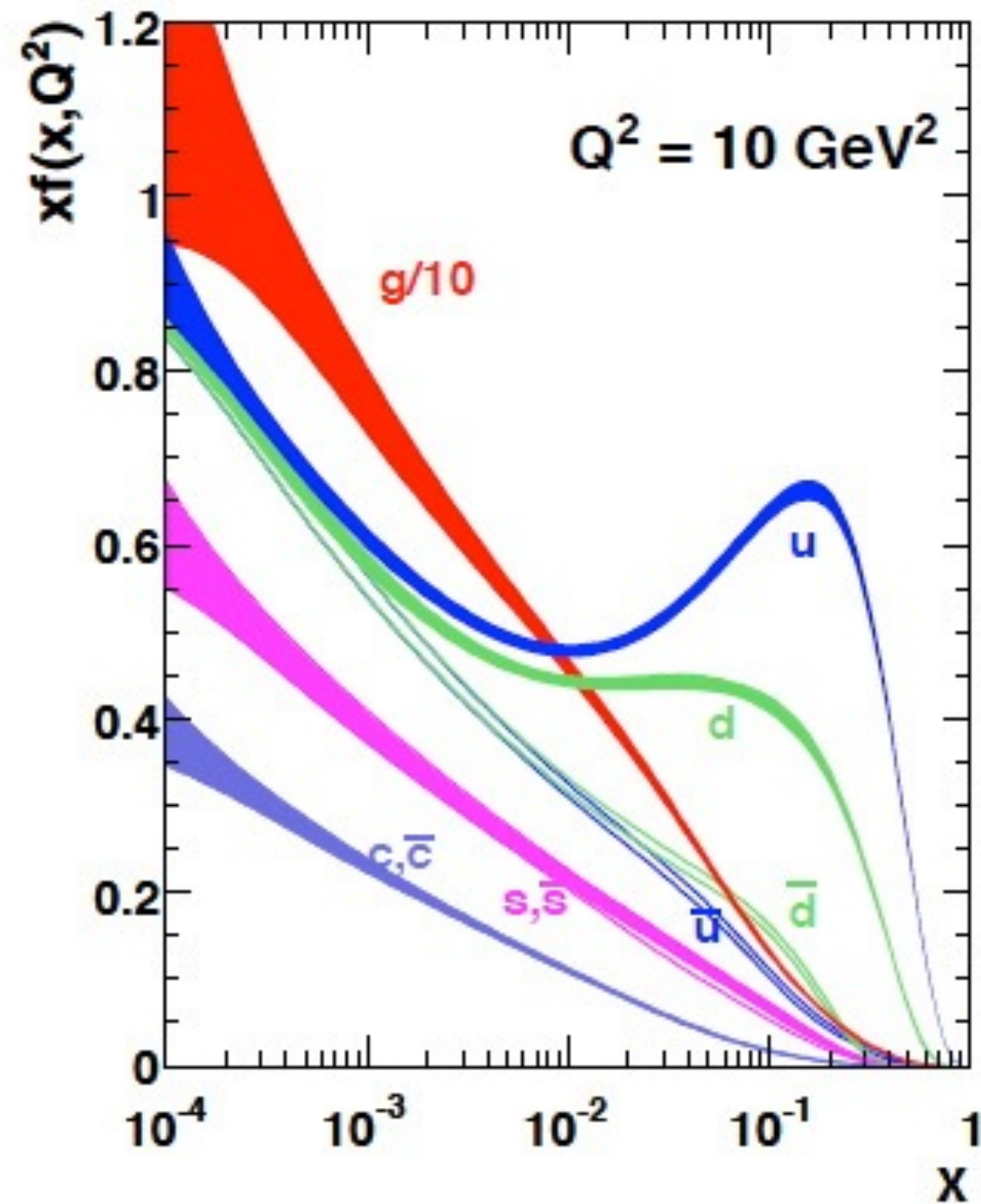


Scaling: Structure function does not depend on  $Q$

Callan-Gross relation

Quarks are spin-1/2 particles!

# Parton distribution functions



$$u(x) = u_V(x) + \bar{u}(x)$$

$$d(x) = d_V(x) + \bar{d}(x)$$

$$s(x) = \bar{s}(x)$$

$$\int_0^1 dx u_V(x) = 2, \quad \int_0^1 dx d_V(x) = 1$$

$$\sum_q \int_0^1 dx x [q(x) + \bar{q}(x)] \simeq 0.5$$

Quarks carry only 50% of the proton momentum

Evidence for gluons!

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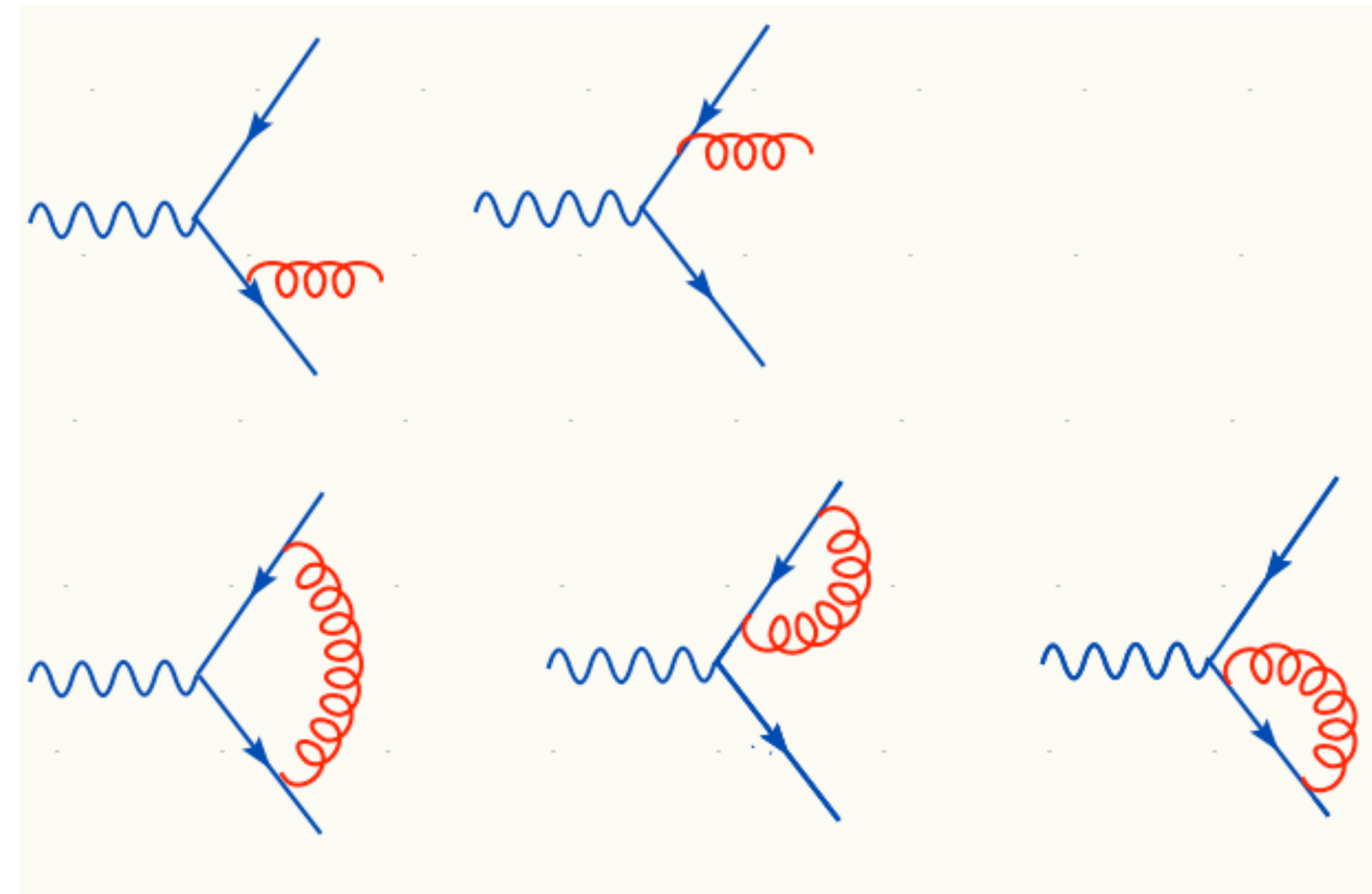
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# Higher order corrections

## R-ratio@NLO



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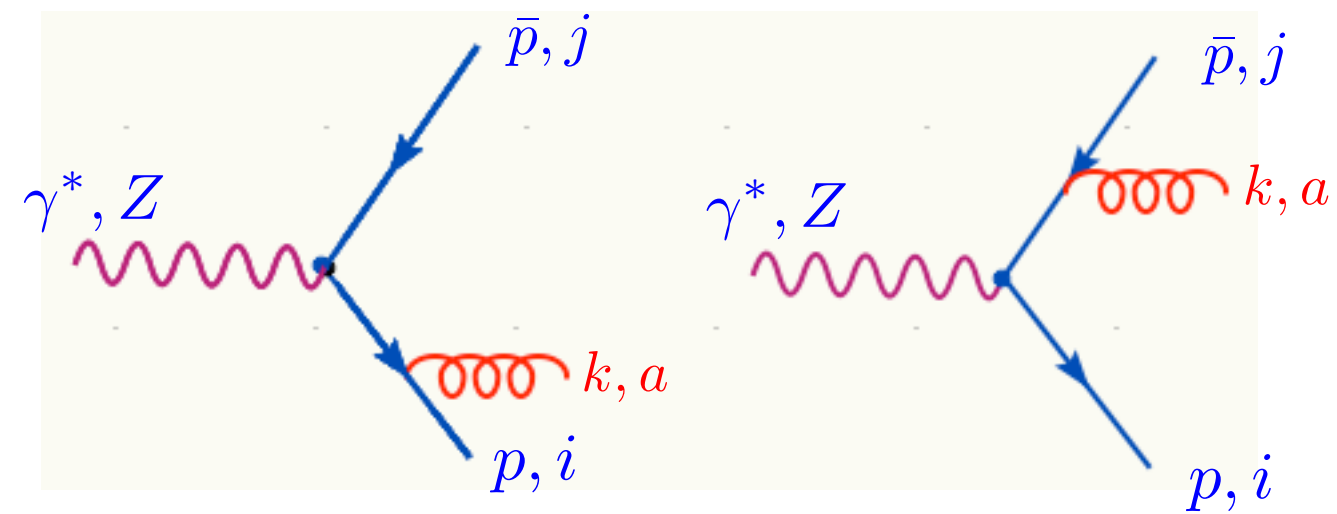
Virtual

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \sigma_{LO} + \int_R |M_{real}|^2 d\Phi_3 + \int_V 2\text{Re}(M_0 M_{vir}^*) d\Phi_2$$

# QCD in the final state

## R-ratio@NLO

Real corrections:



$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \bar{u}(p) \not{\epsilon} (-ig_s) \frac{-i}{\not{p} + \not{k}} \Gamma^\mu v(\bar{p}) t^a + \bar{u}(p) \Gamma^\mu \frac{i}{\not{\bar{p}} + \not{k}} (-ig_s) \not{\epsilon} v(\bar{p}) t^a \\
 &= -g_s \left[ \frac{\bar{u}(p) \not{\epsilon} (\not{p} + \not{k}) \Gamma^\mu v(\bar{p})}{2p \cdot k} - \frac{\bar{u}(p) \Gamma^\mu (\not{\bar{p}} + \not{k}) \not{\epsilon} v(\bar{p})}{2\bar{p} \cdot k} \right] t^a
 \end{aligned}$$

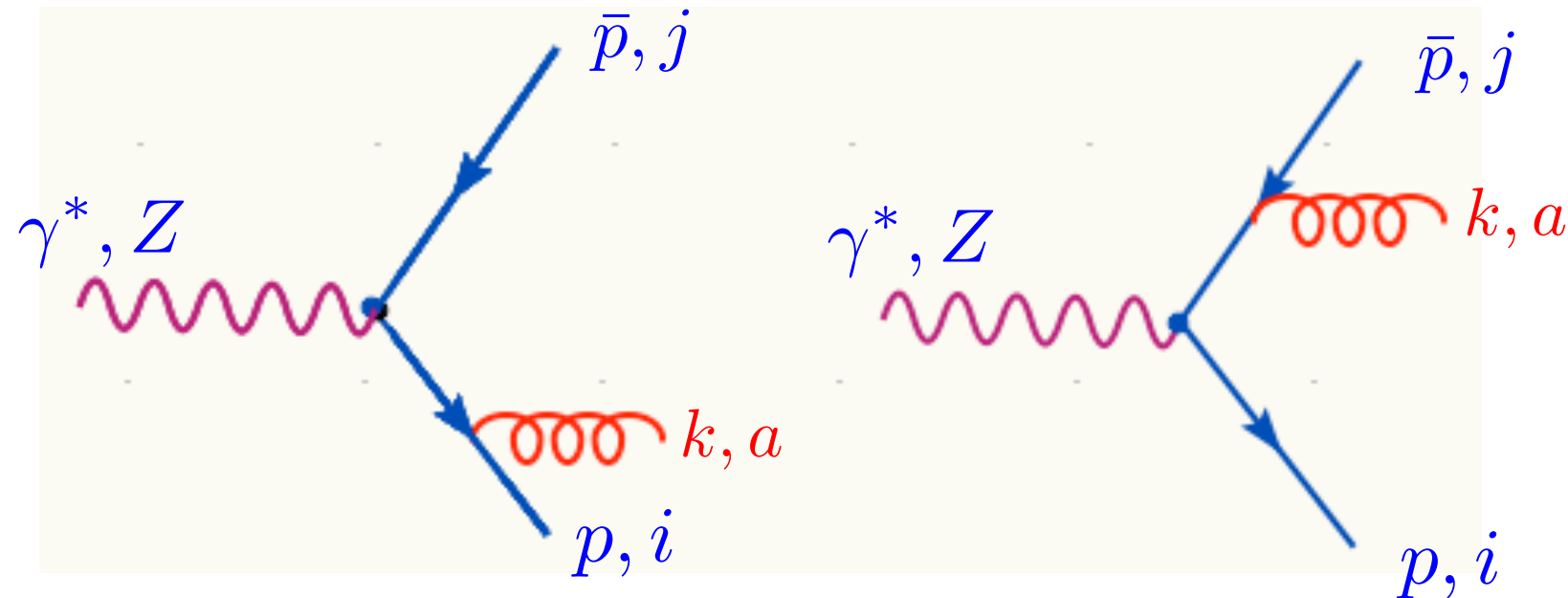
What are those denominators?

$$p \cdot k = p_0 k_0 (1 - \cos\theta)$$

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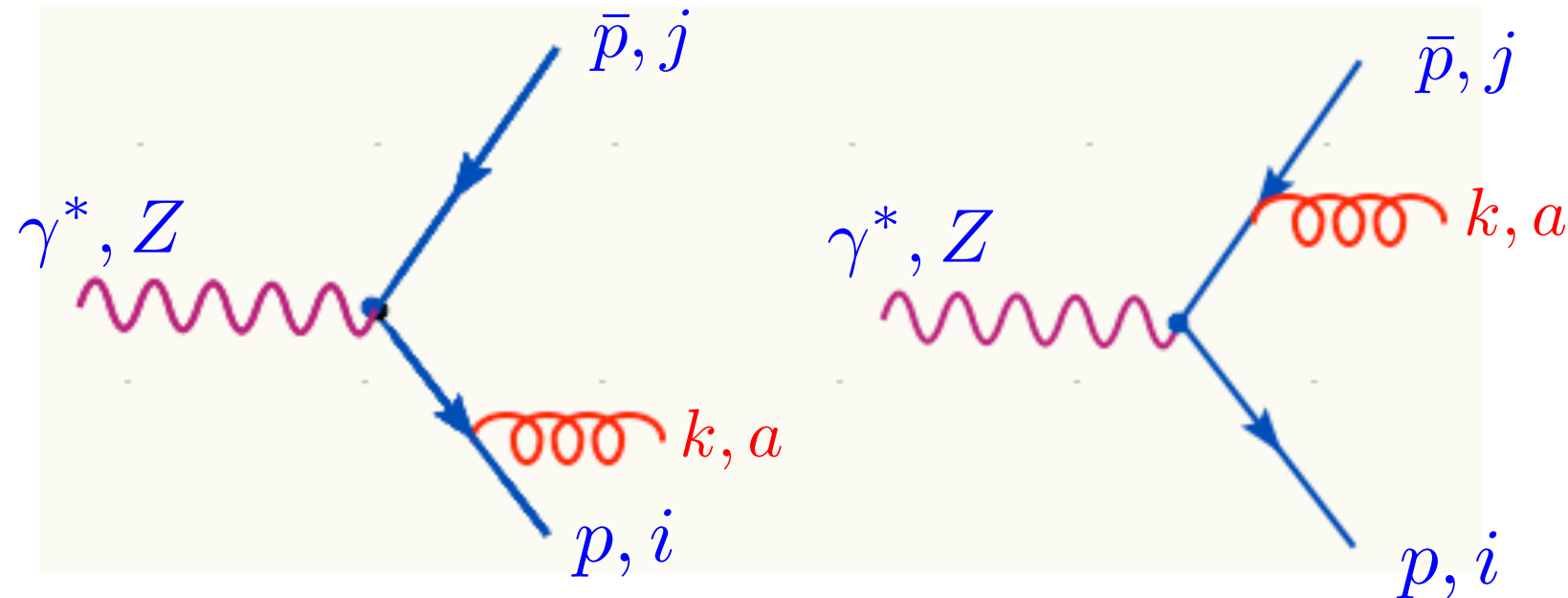
Very important property of QCD

Factorisation of long-wavelength (soft) emission from the short-distance (hard) scattering!

Soft emission factor is universal!

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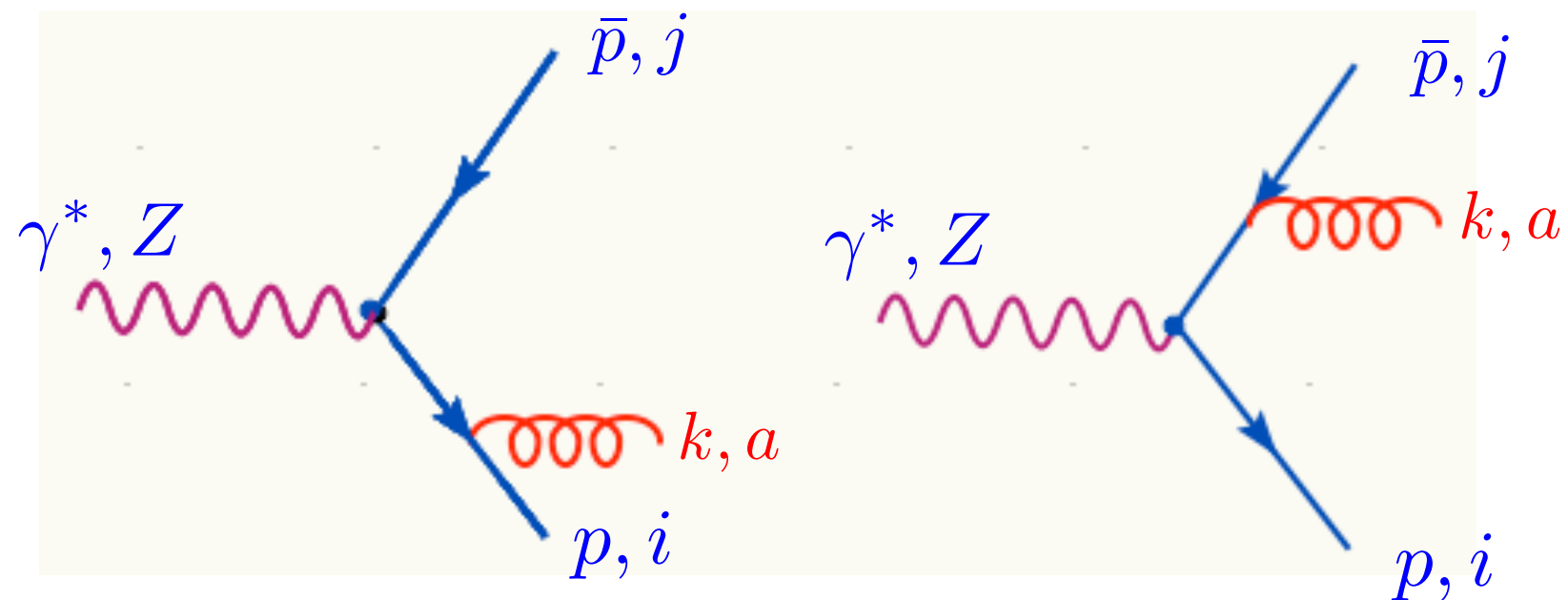
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What does that mean for the NLO cross-section?

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{q\bar{q}g}^{\text{REAL}} &= C_F g_s^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{Born}} \int \frac{d^3 k}{2k^0 (2\pi)^3} 2 \frac{p \cdot \bar{p}}{(p \cdot k)(\bar{p} \cdot k)} \\ &= C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{Born}} \int d\cos\theta \frac{dk^0}{k^0} \frac{4}{(1 - \cos\theta)(1 + \cos\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

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Soft divergence      Collinear divergence

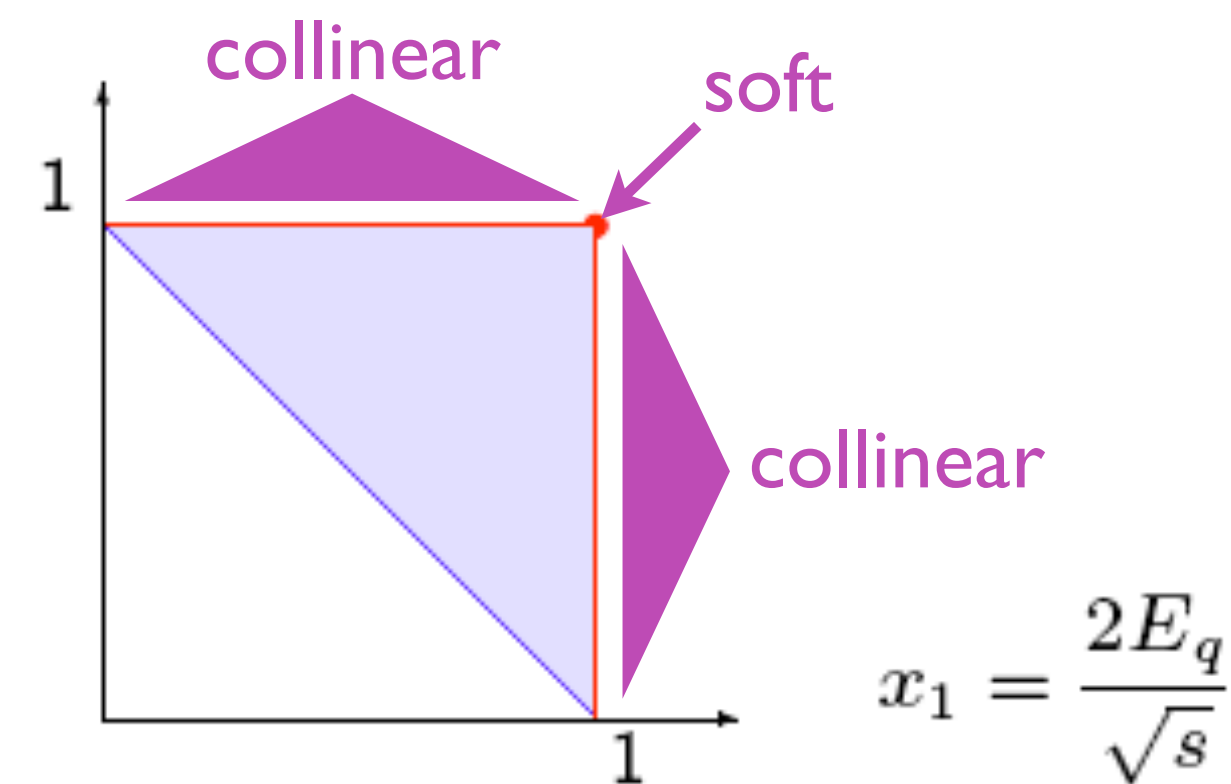
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# Divergences

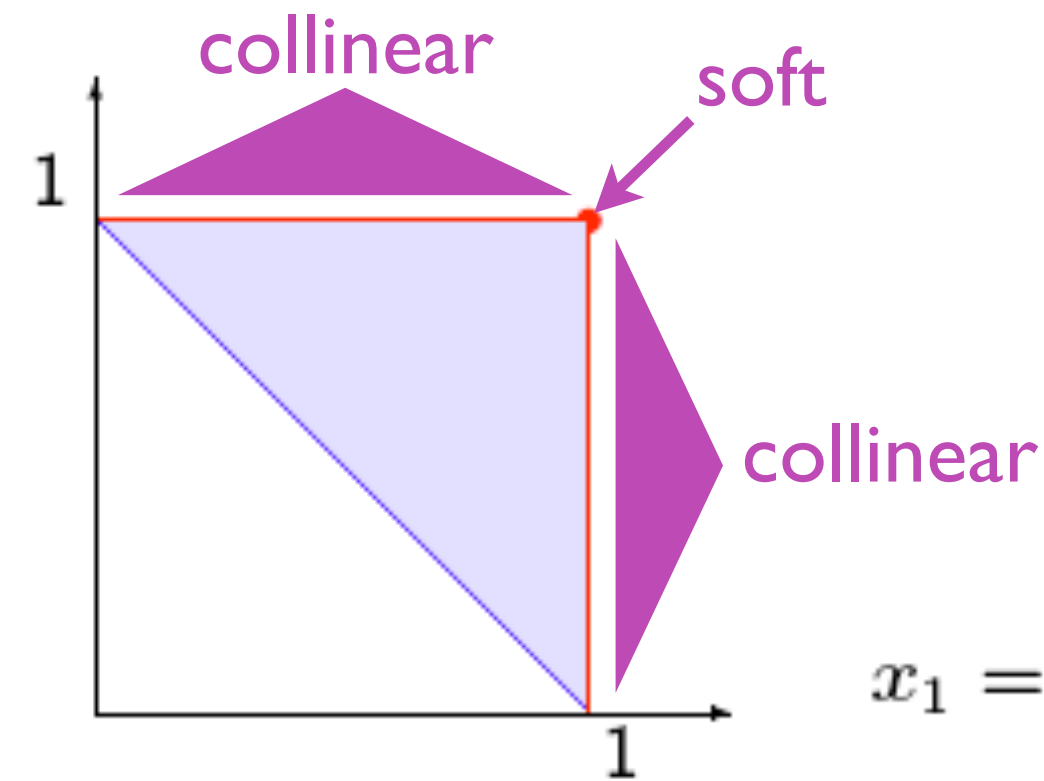
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Why is  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$  the soft case?

$$x_1 = \frac{2E_q}{\sqrt{s}}$$

$$\sigma^{q\bar{q}g} = \frac{4\pi^2}{3s} f_q^2 C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int \int dx_1 dx_2 \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)}$$

Integral diverges if  $x_1 \rightarrow 1$  or  $x_2 \rightarrow 1$  or  $x_1, x_2 \rightarrow 1$ !

**What happens now?**

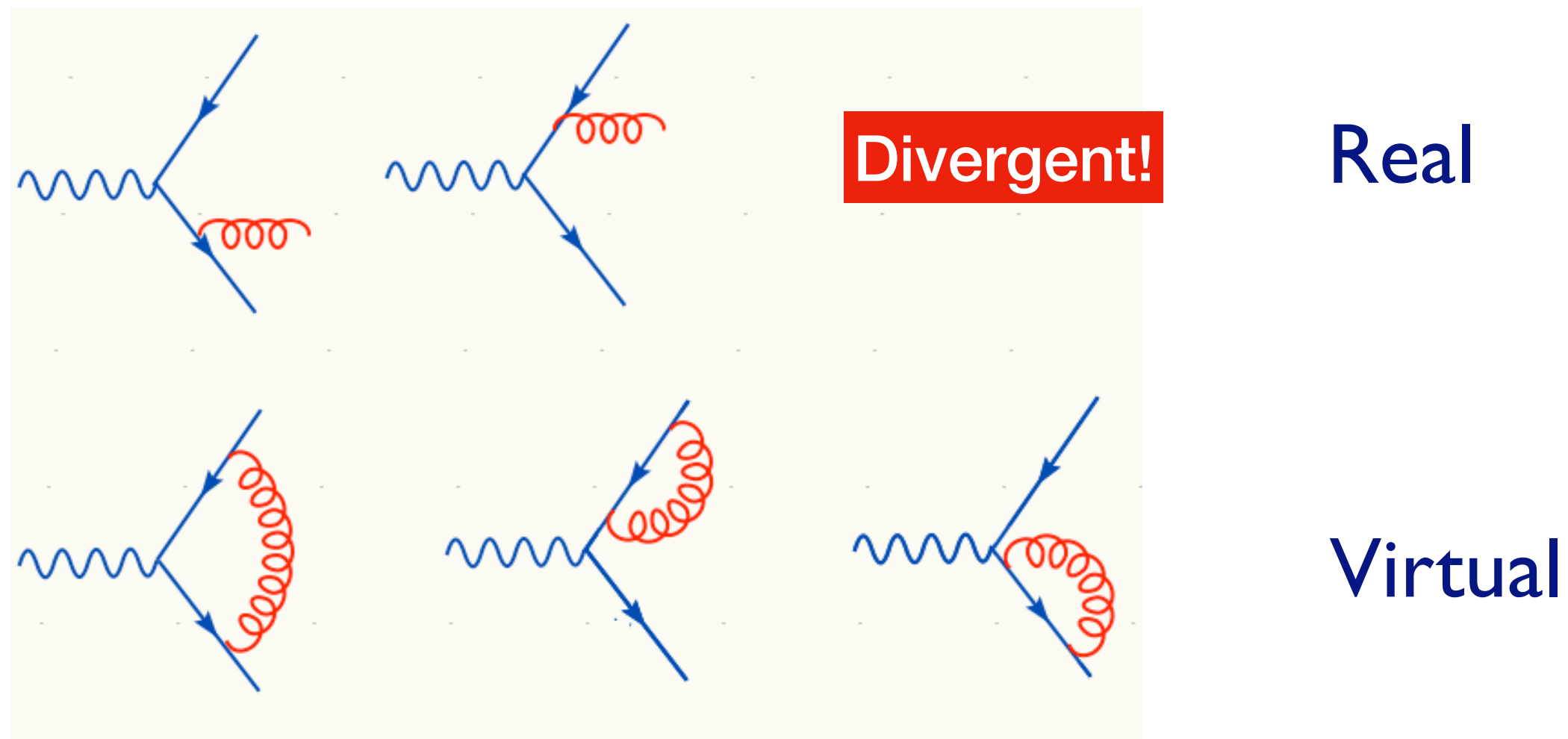
# IR singularities

IR singularities arise when a parton is too soft or if two partons are collinear

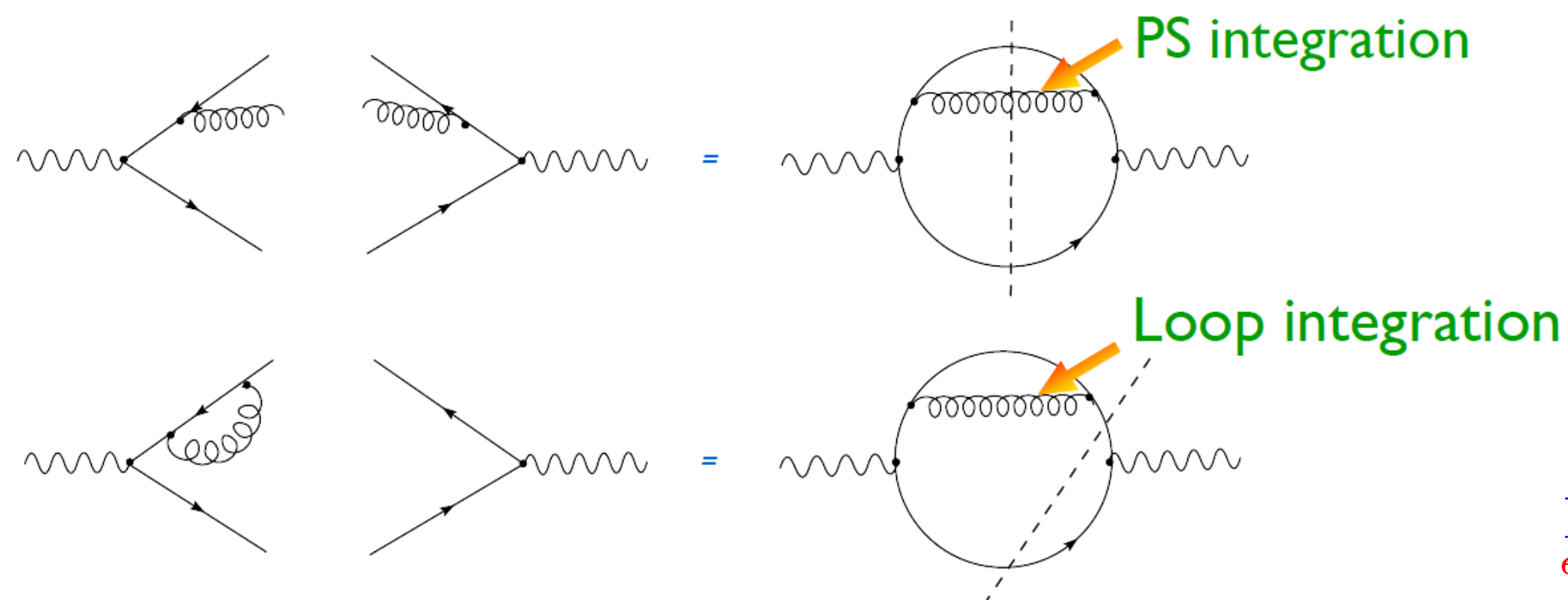
- Infrared divergences arise from interactions that happen a long time after the creation of the quark/antiquark pair.
- When distances become comparable to the hadron size of  $\sim 1$  Fermi, quasi-free partons of the perturbative calculation are confined/hadronized non-perturbatively.

**How do we proceed with our calculation?**

# Cancellation of divergences



In practice: regularise both divergences (with either dimensional regularisation or mass regulator)



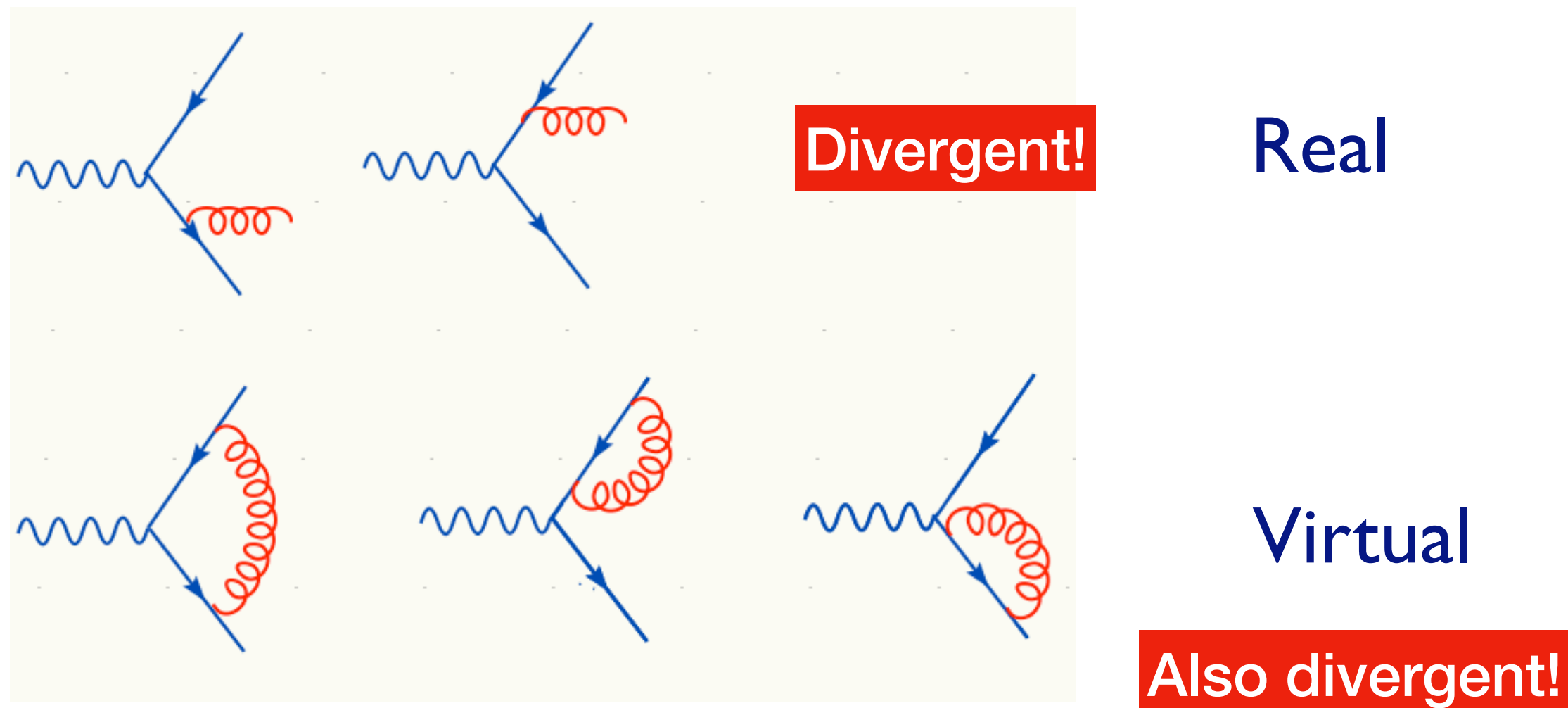
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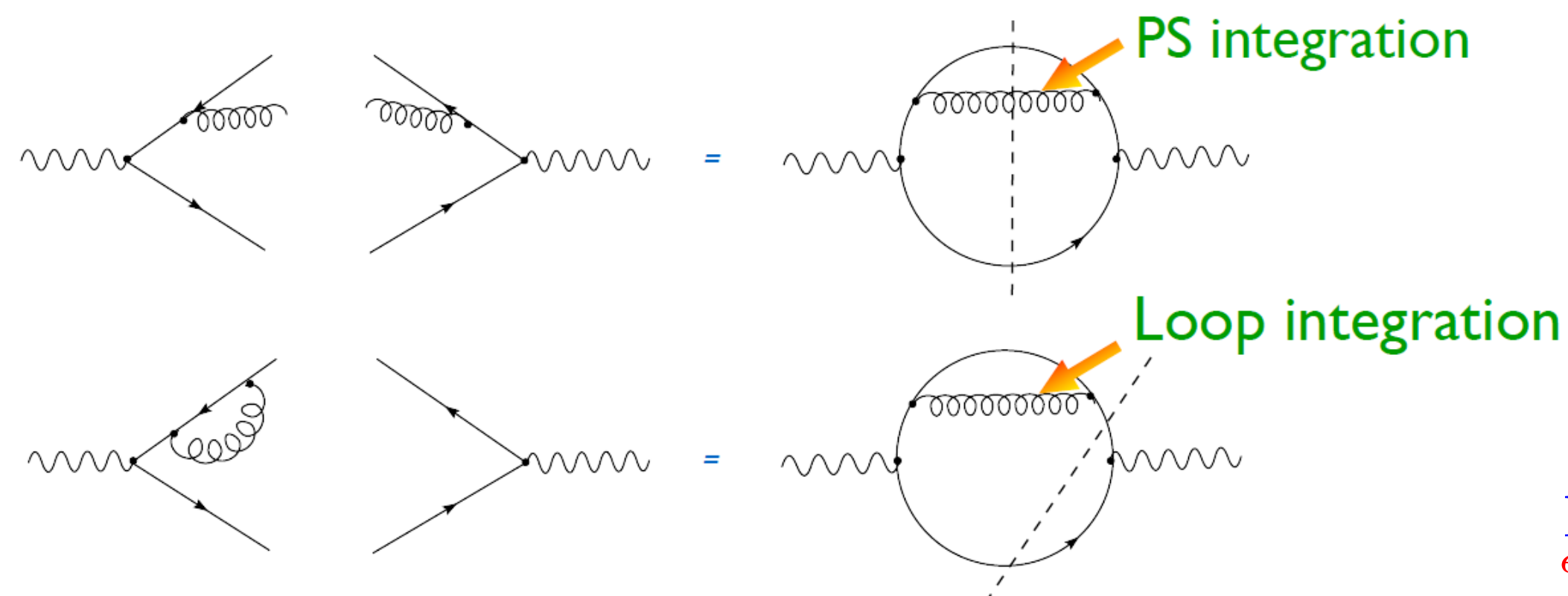
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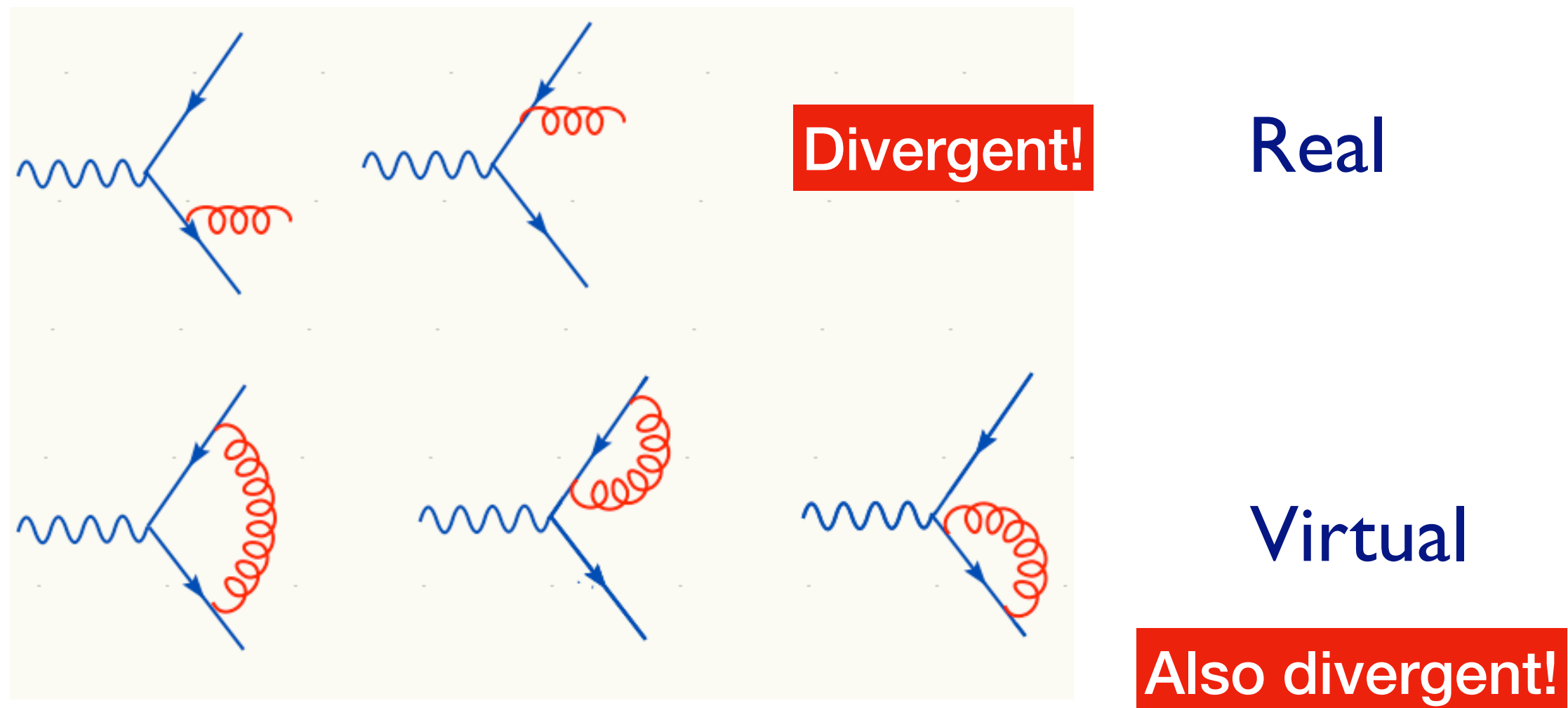
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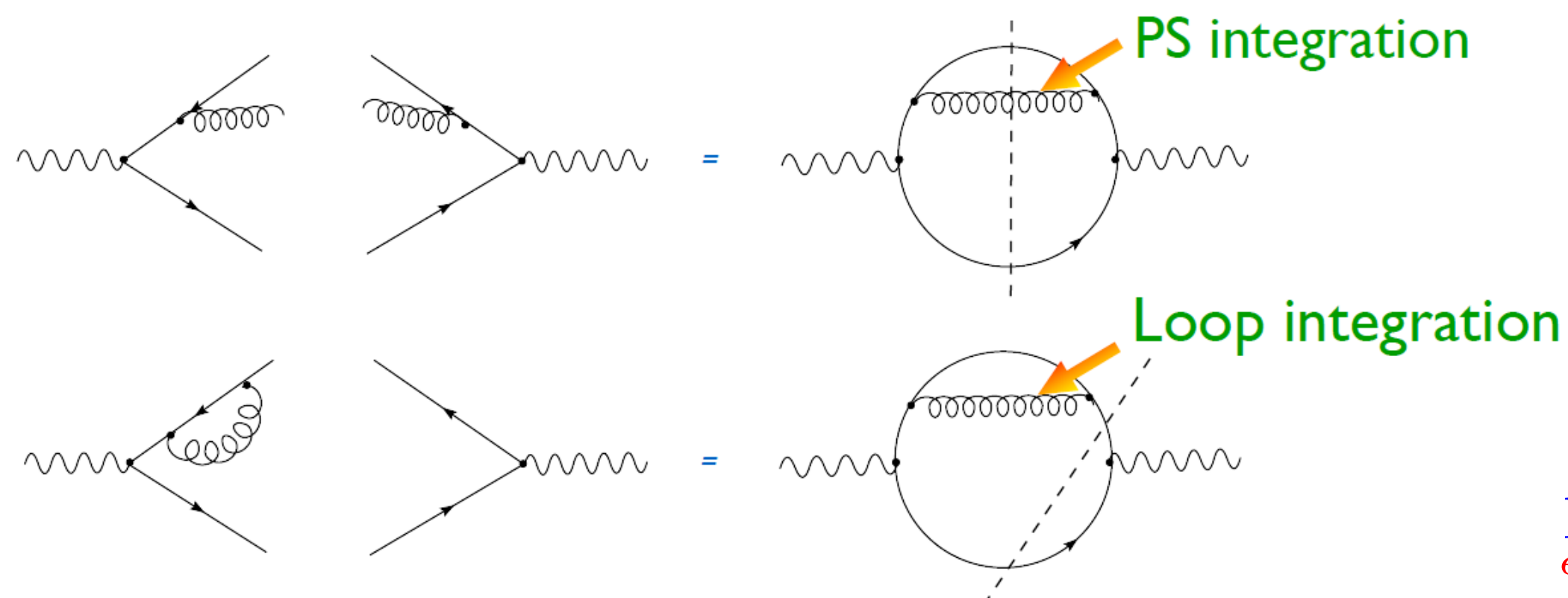
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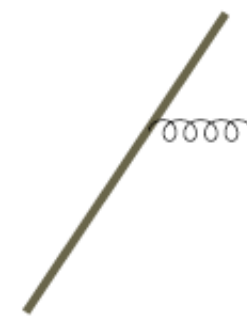
# KLN Theorem

## Why does this work?

**Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg theorem:** Infrared singularities in a massless theory cancel out after summing over degenerate (initial and final) states



hard



hard + soft gluon



2 collinear partons

Physically a hard parton can not be distinguished from a hard parton plus a soft gluon or from two collinear partons with the same energy. They are degenerate states. A final state with a soft gluon is nearly degenerate with a final state with no gluon at all (virtual)

**Hence, one needs to add all degenerate states to get a physically sound observable**

# Infrared safety

## How can we make sure IR divergences cancel?

We need to pick observables which are insensitive to soft and collinear radiation. These observables are determined by hard, short-distance physics, with long distance effects suppressed by an inverse power of a large momentum scale.

Schematically for an IR safe observable:

$$\mathcal{O}_{n+1}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_i, k_j, \dots, k_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_n(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_i + k_j, \dots, k_n)$$

whenever one of the  $k_i/k_j$  becomes soft or  $k_i$  and  $k_j$  are collinear

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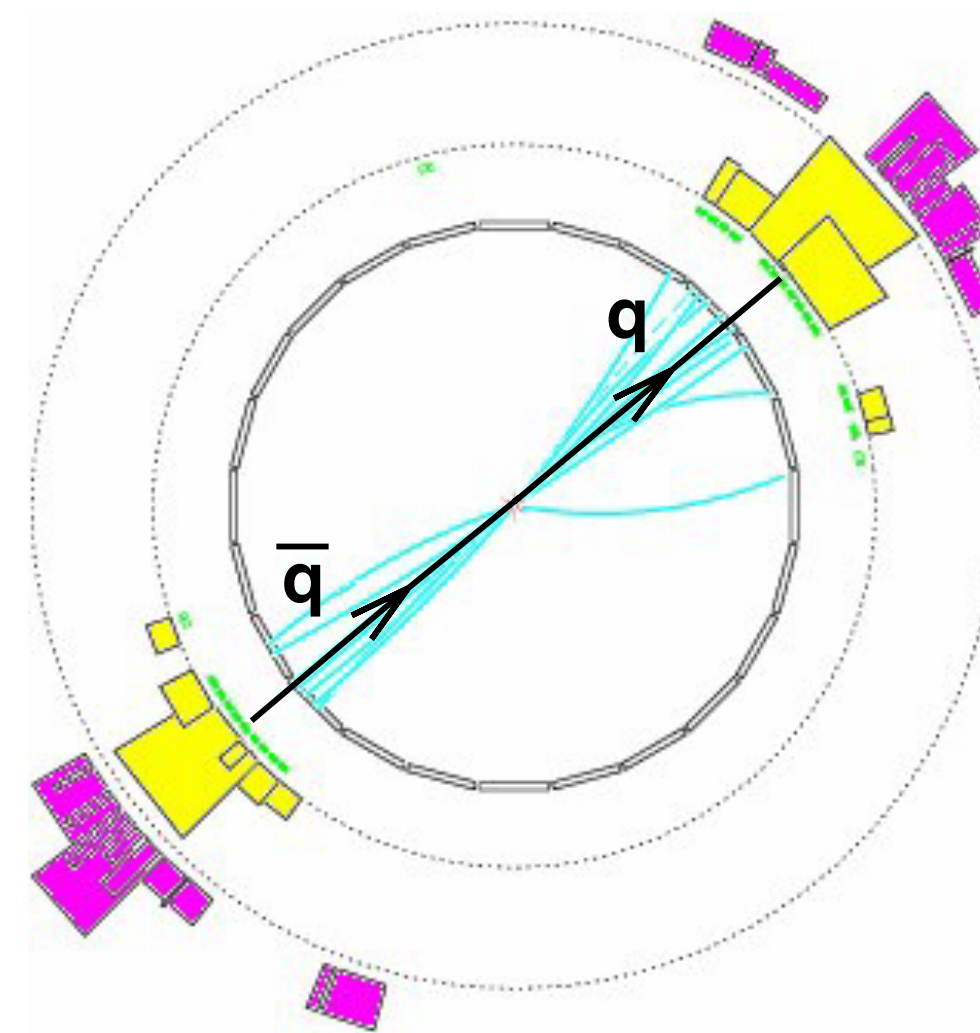
- ▶ energy of the hardest particle in the event **NO**
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- ▶ jet cross-sections **DEPENDS**

**See exercises!**

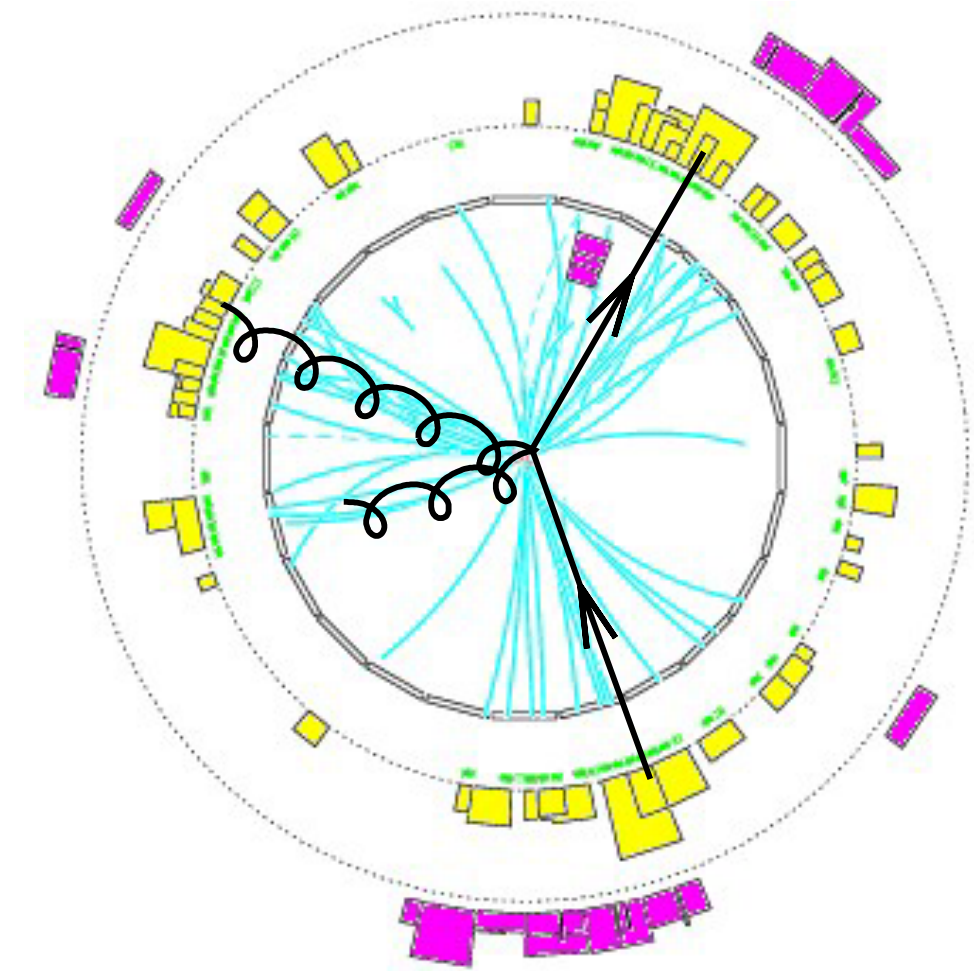
# Event shapes

**Event shapes:** describe the shape of the event, but are largely insensitive to soft and collinear branching

- widely used to measure  $\alpha_s$
- measure colour factors
- test QCD
- learn about non-perturbative physics



pencil-like



spherical

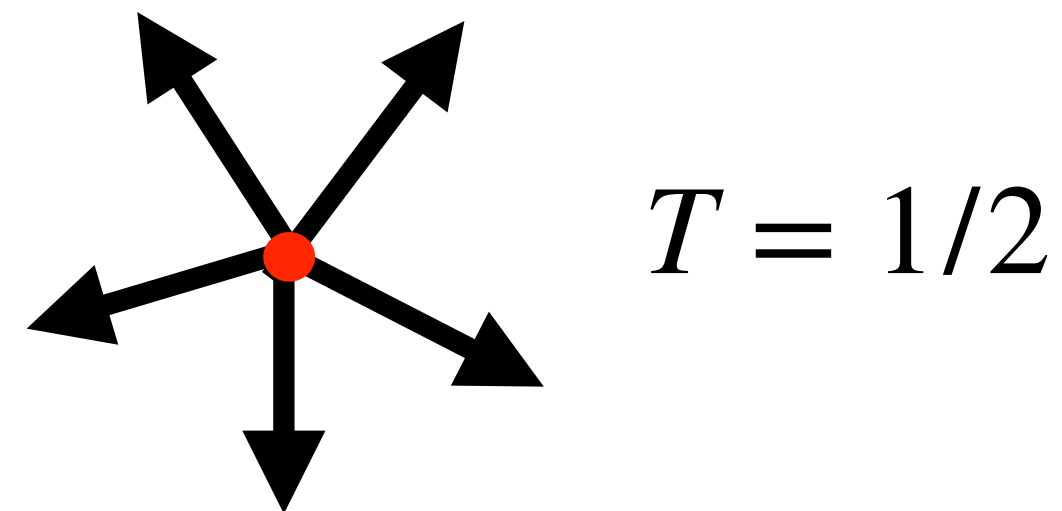
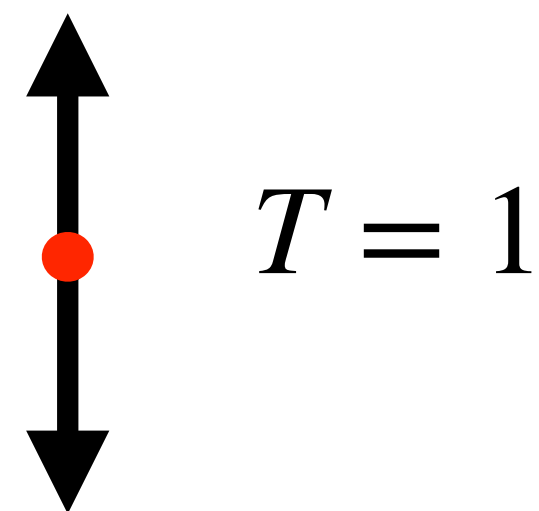
# Thrust

## Event-shape example

$$T = \max_{\vec{\hat{n}}} \frac{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{\hat{n}}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|}$$

Sum over all final state particles

Find axis  $n$  which maximises this projection



Noteby: if one of the partons emits a soft or collinear gluon the value of thrust is not changing. **IRC safe**

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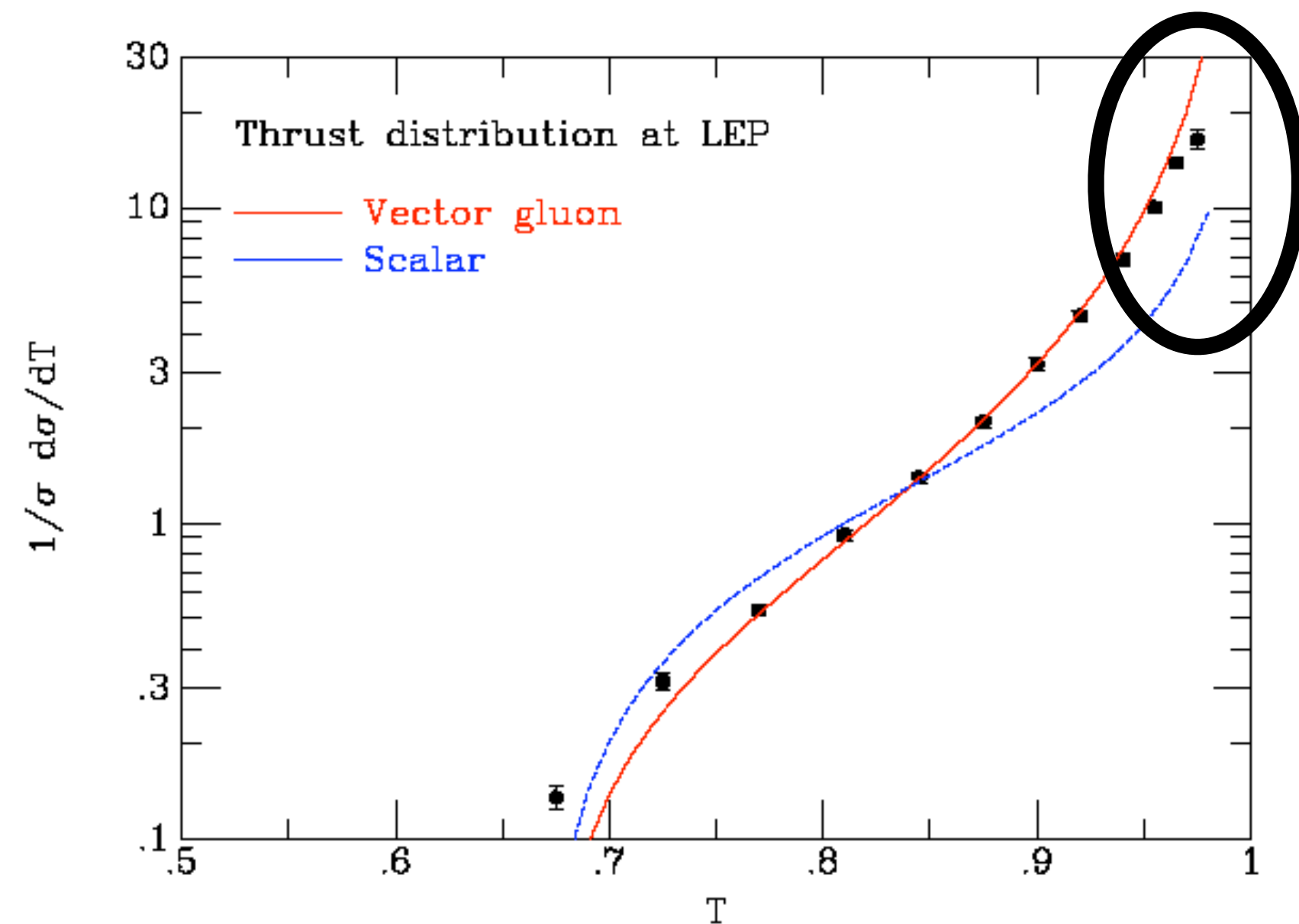
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Divergent for  $T=1$

Why?



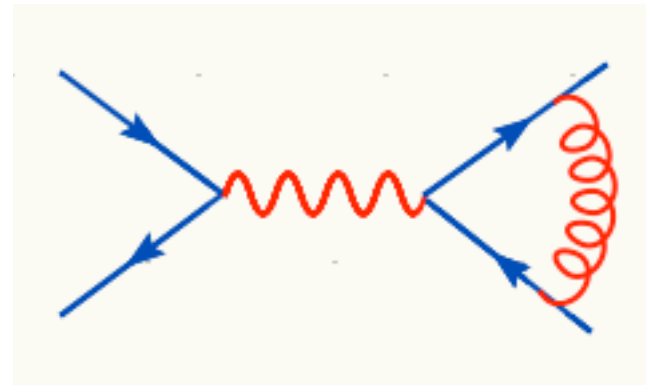
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Large higher order terms of the form  $\alpha_S^N \frac{\text{Log}^{2N-1}(1-T)}{1-T}$  need to be resummed.

Use either analytic resummation or the parton shower! See later!

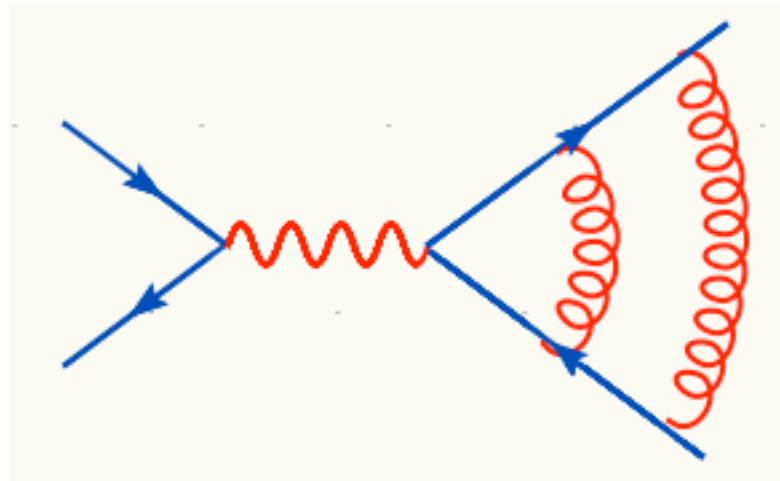
# Asymptotic freedom

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$$R_1 = R_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right) \quad \text{No divergences!}$$

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$$R^{(2)} = R^{(0)} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} + \left( \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^2 \left( c + \pi b_0 \log \left( \frac{M_{\text{UV}}^2}{Q^2} \right) \right) \right) \quad b_0 = \frac{11N_c - 4n_f T_R}{12\pi}$$

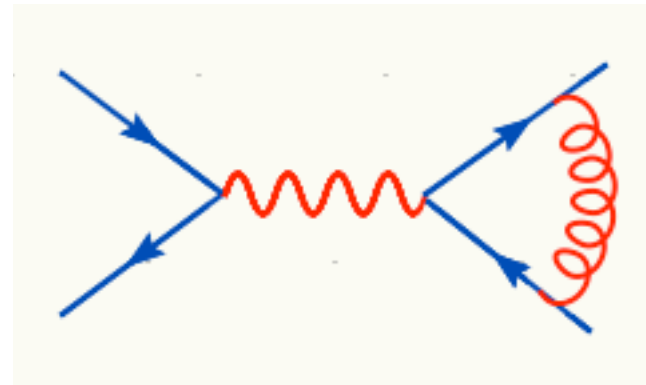
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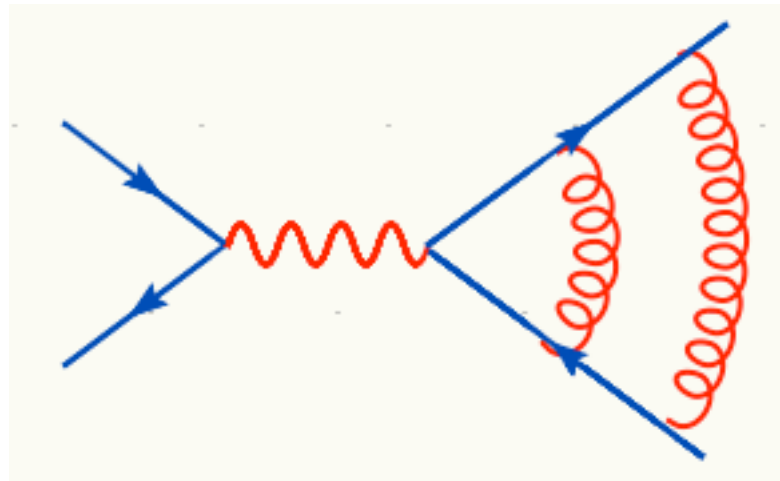
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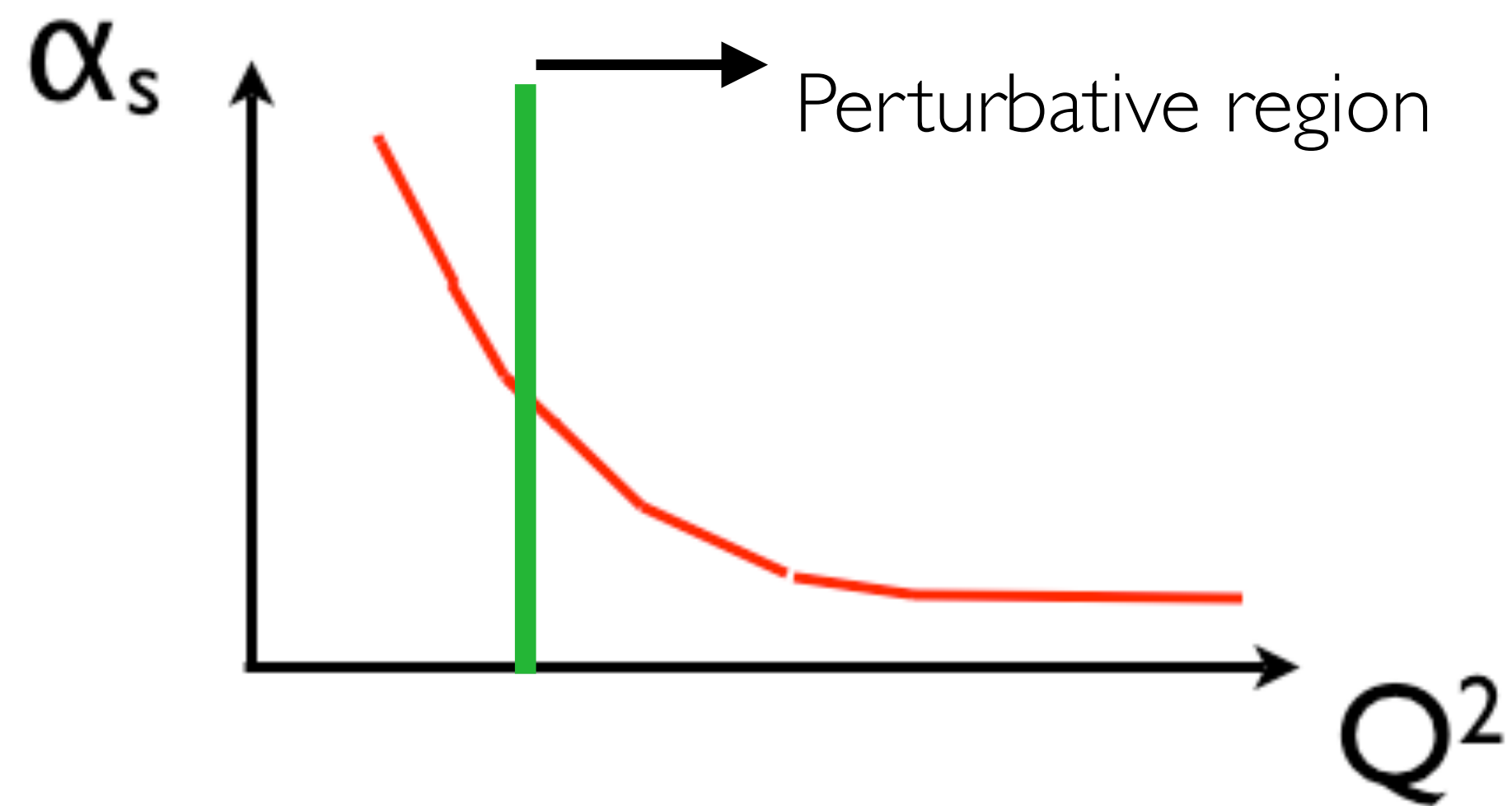
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Finite but scale dependent!

# Asymptotic freedom



$$\mu^2 \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu^2} = \beta(\alpha) = -(b_0\alpha^2 + b_1\alpha^3 + b_2\alpha^4 + \dots)$$



**1-loop**

$$\beta(\alpha_S) \equiv \mu^2 \frac{\partial \alpha_S}{\partial \mu^2} = -b_0 \alpha_S^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_S(\mu) = \frac{1}{b_0 \log \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}}$$

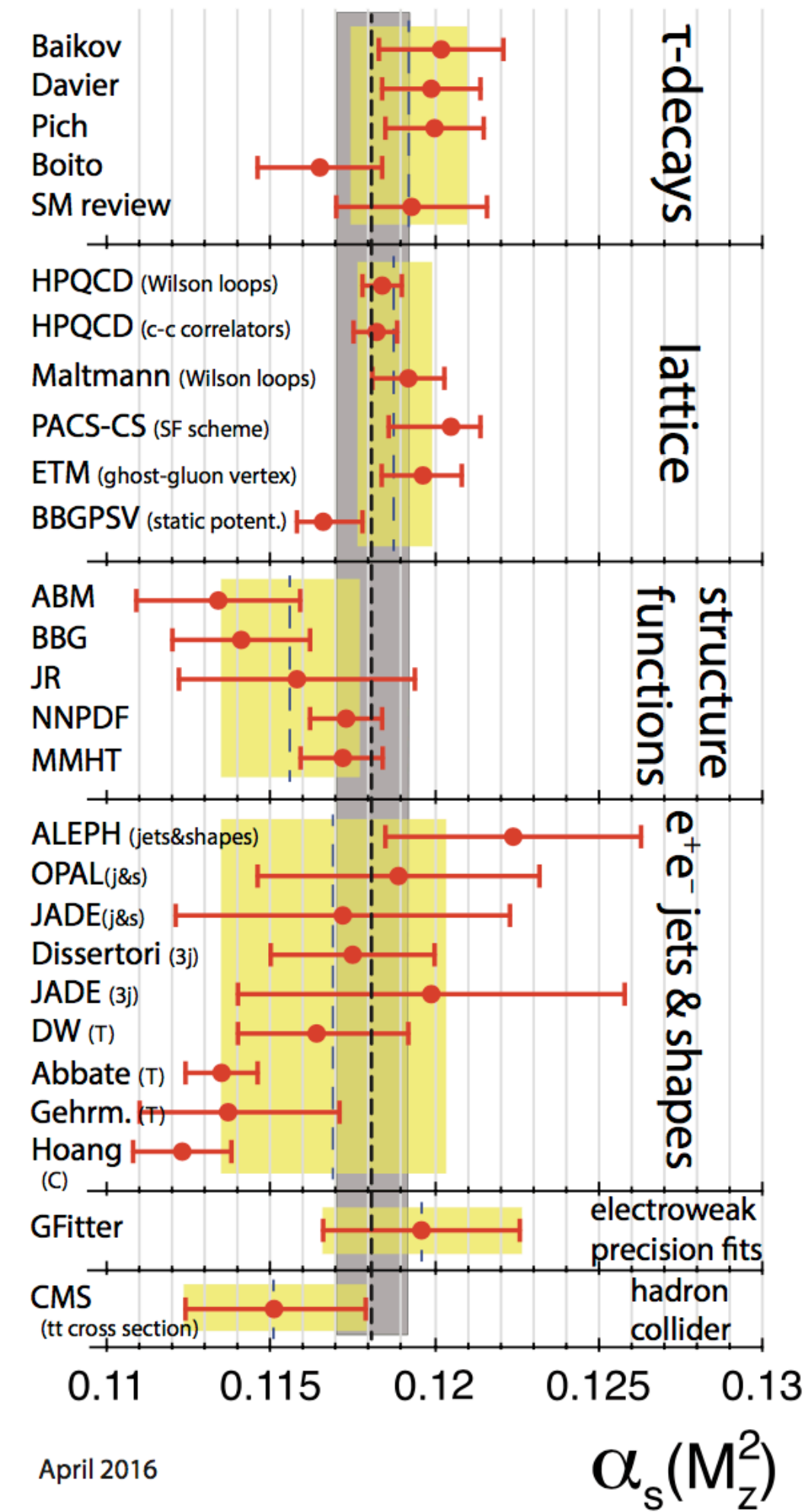
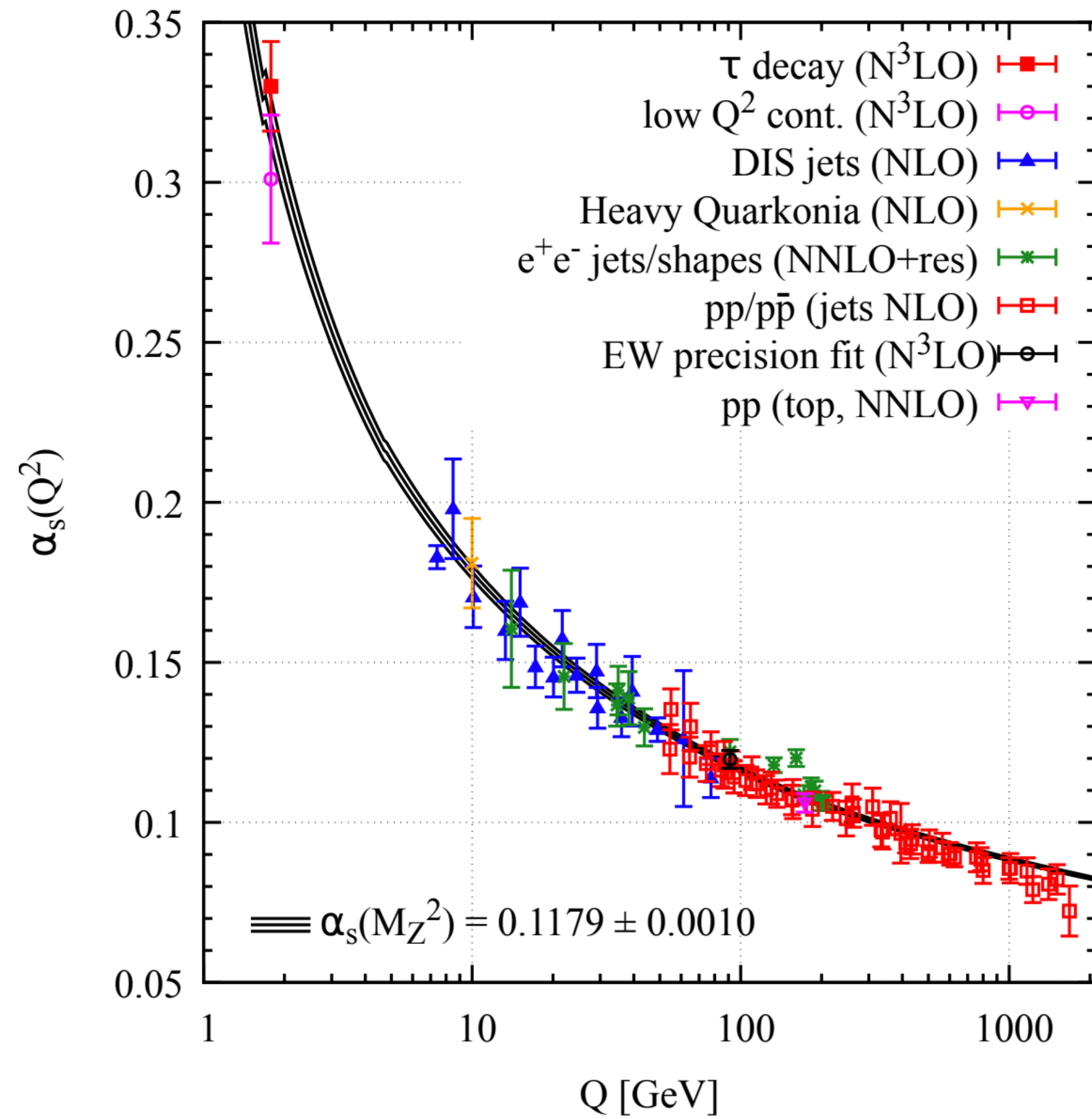
**2-loop**

$$\alpha_S(\mu) = \frac{1}{b_0 \log \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}} \left[ 1 - \frac{b_1}{b_0^2} \frac{\log \log \mu^2 / \Lambda^2}{\log \mu^2 / \Lambda^2} \right]$$

QCD  $b_0 = \frac{11N_c - 2n_f}{12\pi} \Rightarrow \beta(\alpha_S) < 0$

QED  $b_0 = -\frac{n_f}{3\pi} \Rightarrow \beta(\alpha_{EM}) > 0$

# Running of $\alpha_s$



Many measurements at different scales all leading to very consistent results once evolved to the same reference scale,  $M_Z$ .



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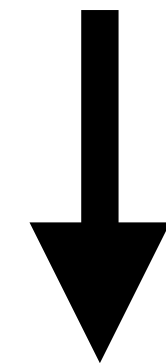
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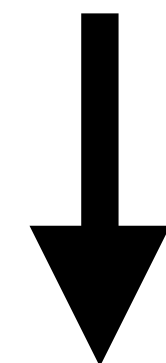
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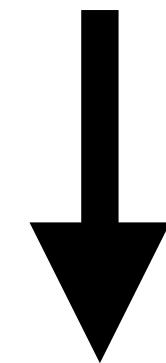
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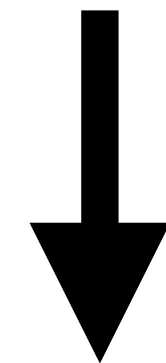
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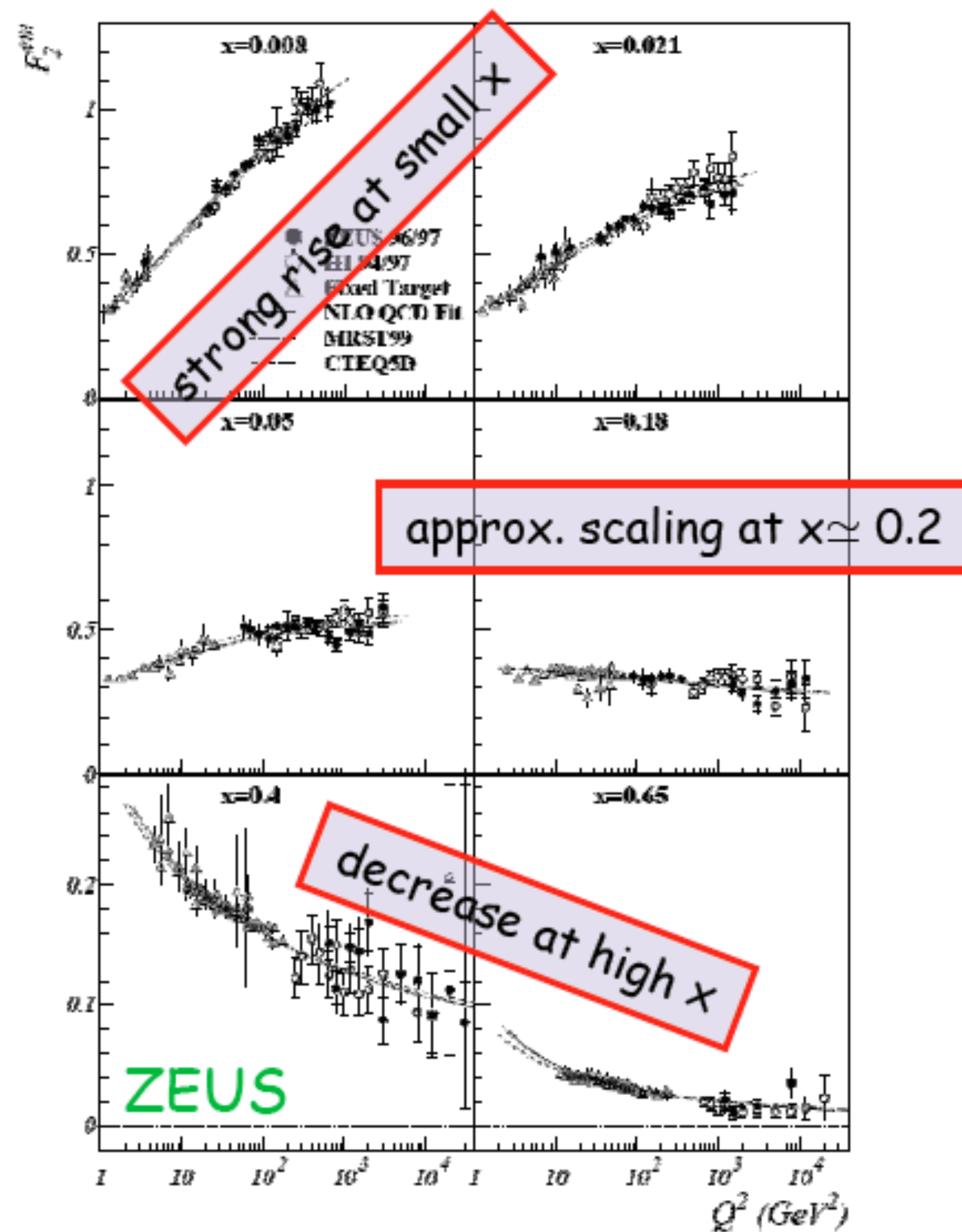


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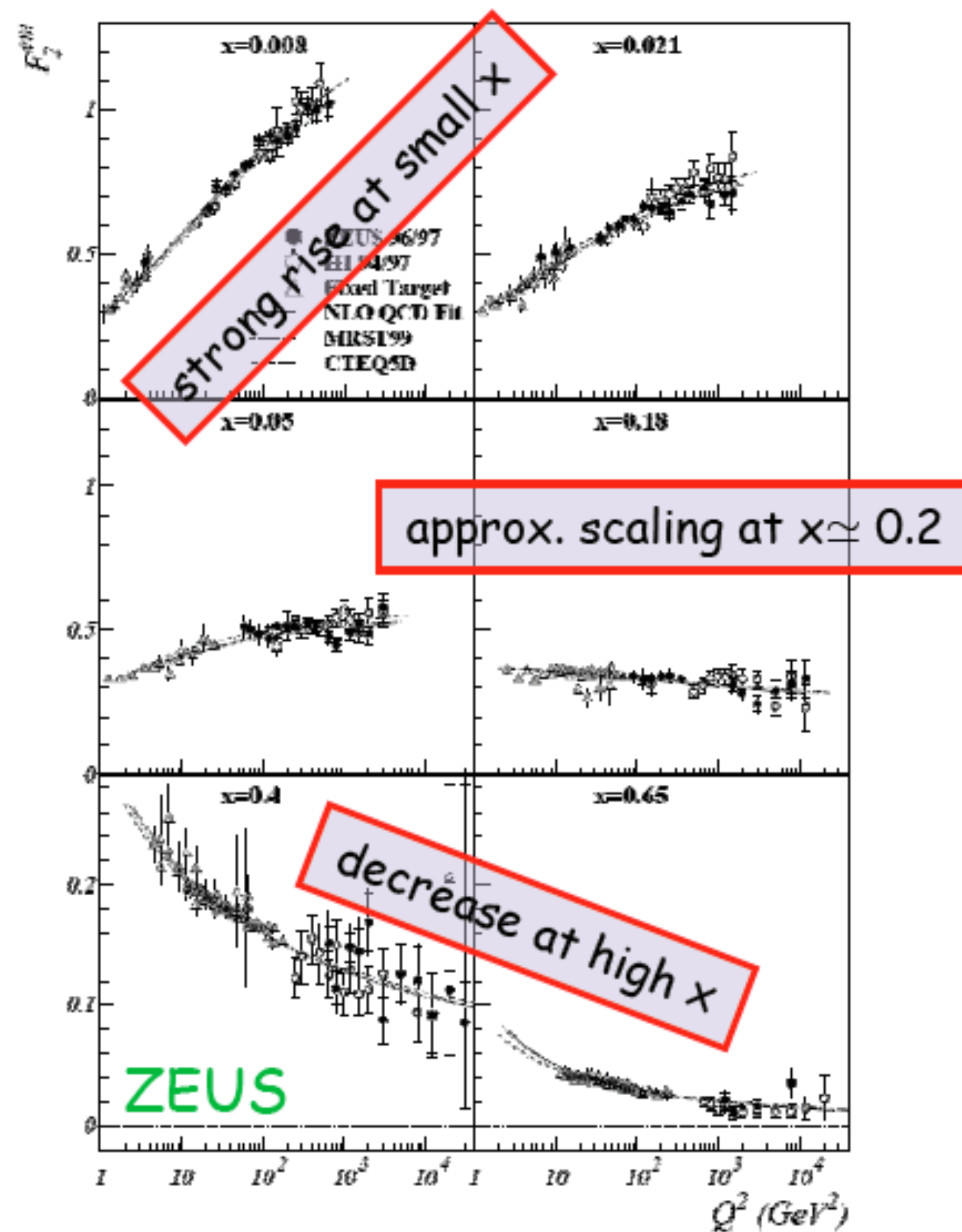
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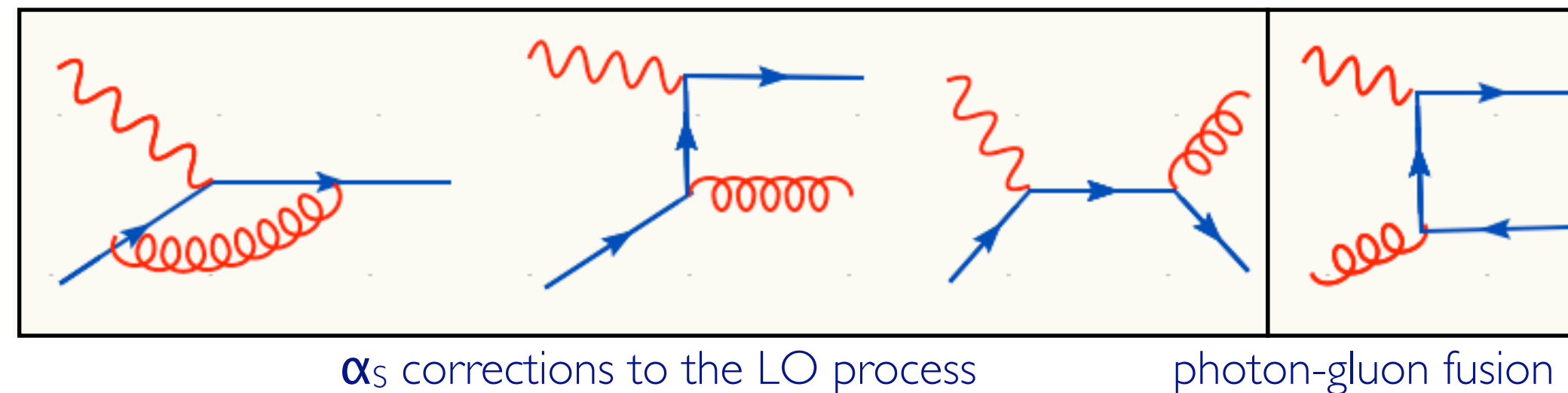
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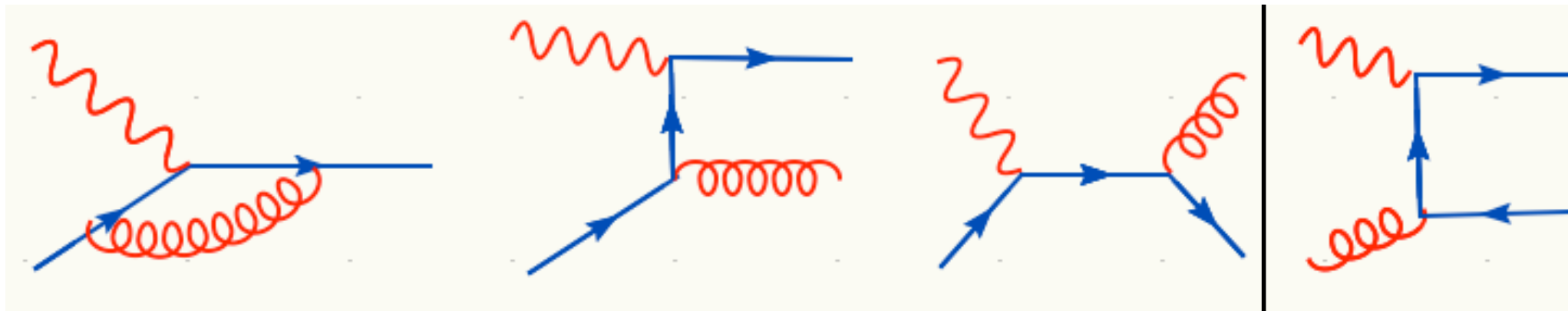


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What are we missing?



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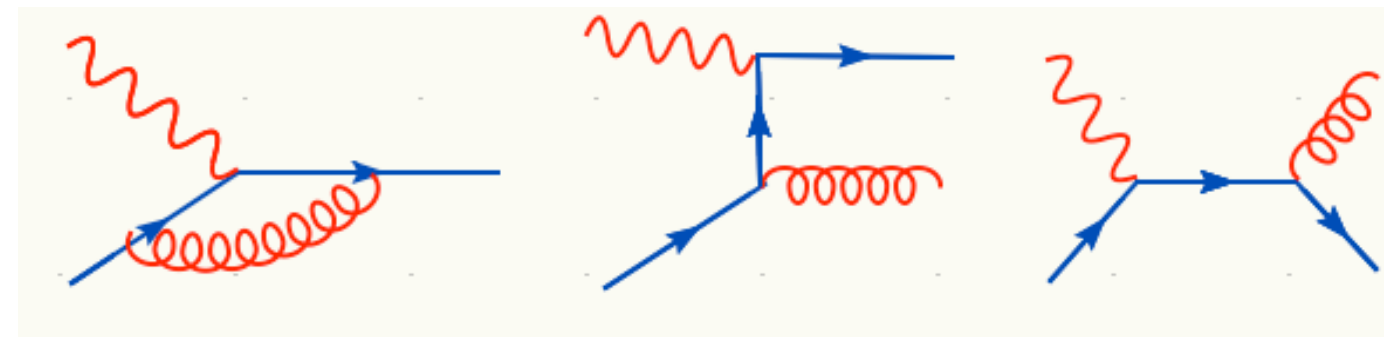
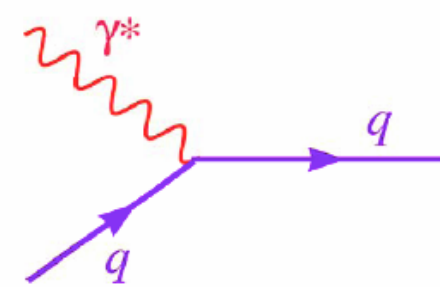


What do we expect?

Given the computation of R at NLO, we expect IR divergences

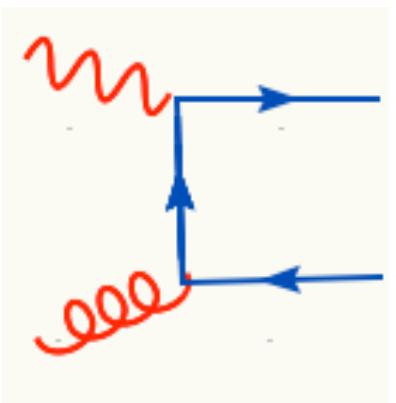
We need to regulate these, and hope that they cancel!

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\sigma}}{dx dQ^2} \Big|_{F_2} \equiv \hat{F}_2^q$$

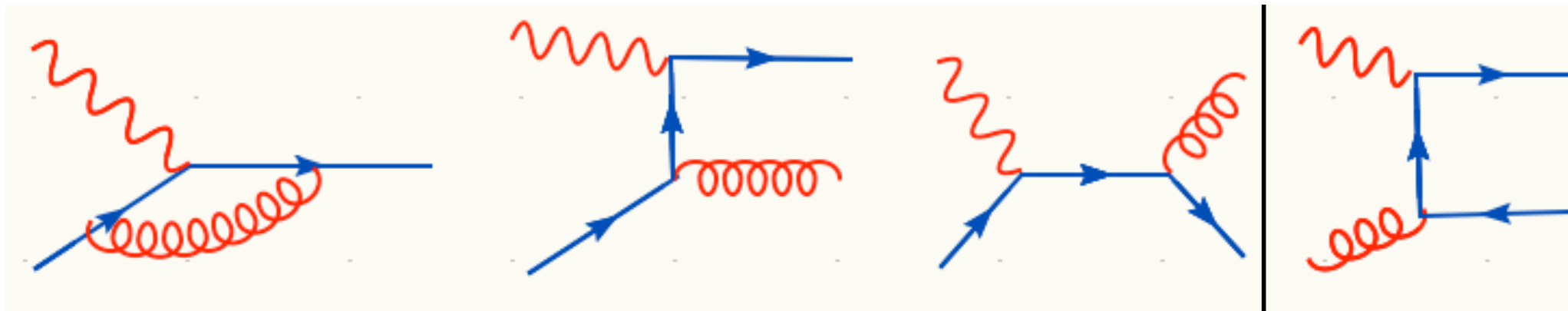


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IR cut-off

What are functions  $P_{qq}$  and  $P_{qg}$ ?

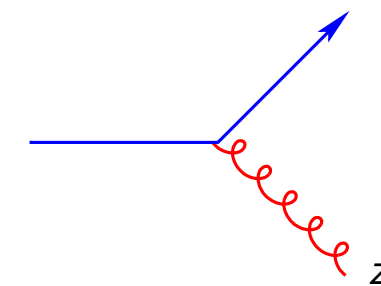
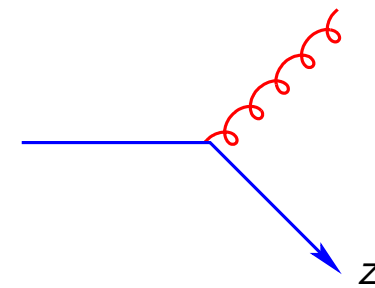
Splitting functions  $P_{ij}(x)$ : they give the probability of parton  $j$  splitting into parton  $i$  which carries momentum fraction  $x$  of the original parton



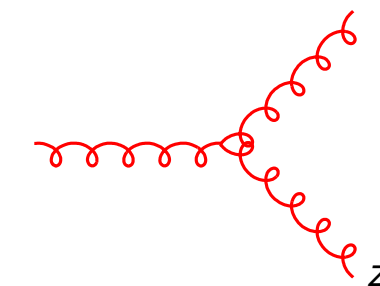
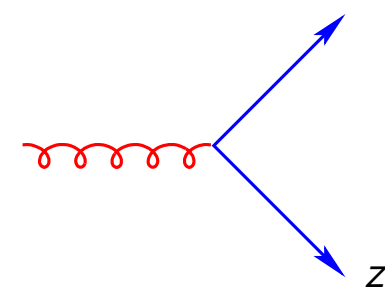
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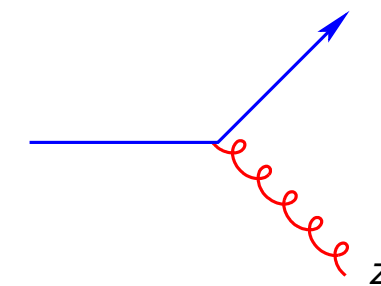
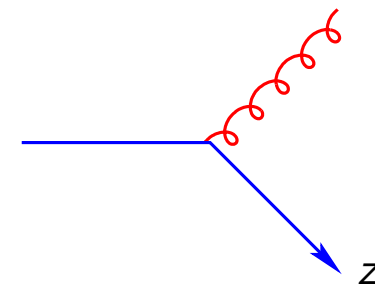
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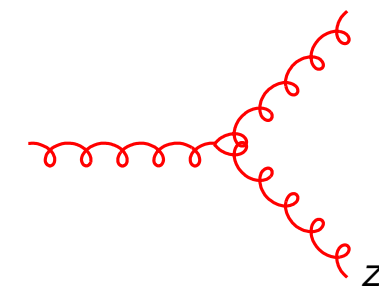
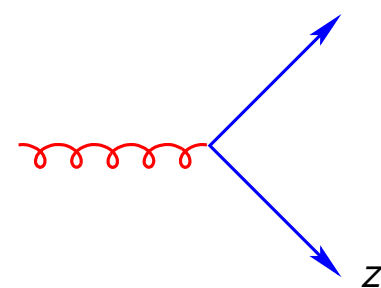
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**These functions are universal for each type of splitting**

# What does this collinear divergence mean?

Residual long-distance physics, not disappearing once real and virtual corrections are added. These appear along with the universal splitting functions.

Can a physical observable be divergent?

No, as the physical observable is the hadronic structure function:

$$F_2^q(x, Q^2) = x \sum_{i=q, \bar{q}} e_q^2 \left[ f_{i,0}(x) + \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_{i,0}(\xi) \left[ P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \log \frac{Q^2}{m_g^2} + C_2^q\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \right] \right]$$

We can absorb the dependence on the IR cutoff into the PDF:

$$f_q(x, \mu_f) \equiv f_{q,0}(x) + \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_{q,0}(\xi) P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \log \frac{\mu_f^2}{m_g^2} + z_{qq}$$

Renormalised PDFs!

# Factorisation

Structure function is a measurable object and cannot depend on scale at all orders (renormalisation group invariance)

$$F_2^q(x, Q^2) = x \sum_{i=q, \bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_i(\xi, \mu_f^2) \left[ \delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{\xi}\right) + \frac{\alpha_S(\mu_r)}{2\pi} \left[ P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2} + (C_2^q - z_{qq})\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \right] \right]$$

Long distance physics is universally factorised into the PDFs, which now depend on  $\mu_f$ . PDFs are not calculable in perturbation theory. PDFs are universal, they don't depend on the process.

Factorisation scale  $\mu_f$  acts as a cut-off, emissions below  $\mu_f$  are included in the PDFs.

# LHC Master Formula

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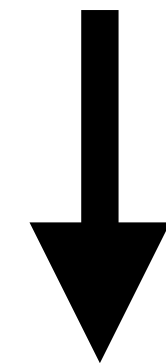
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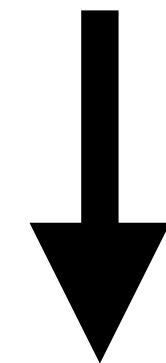
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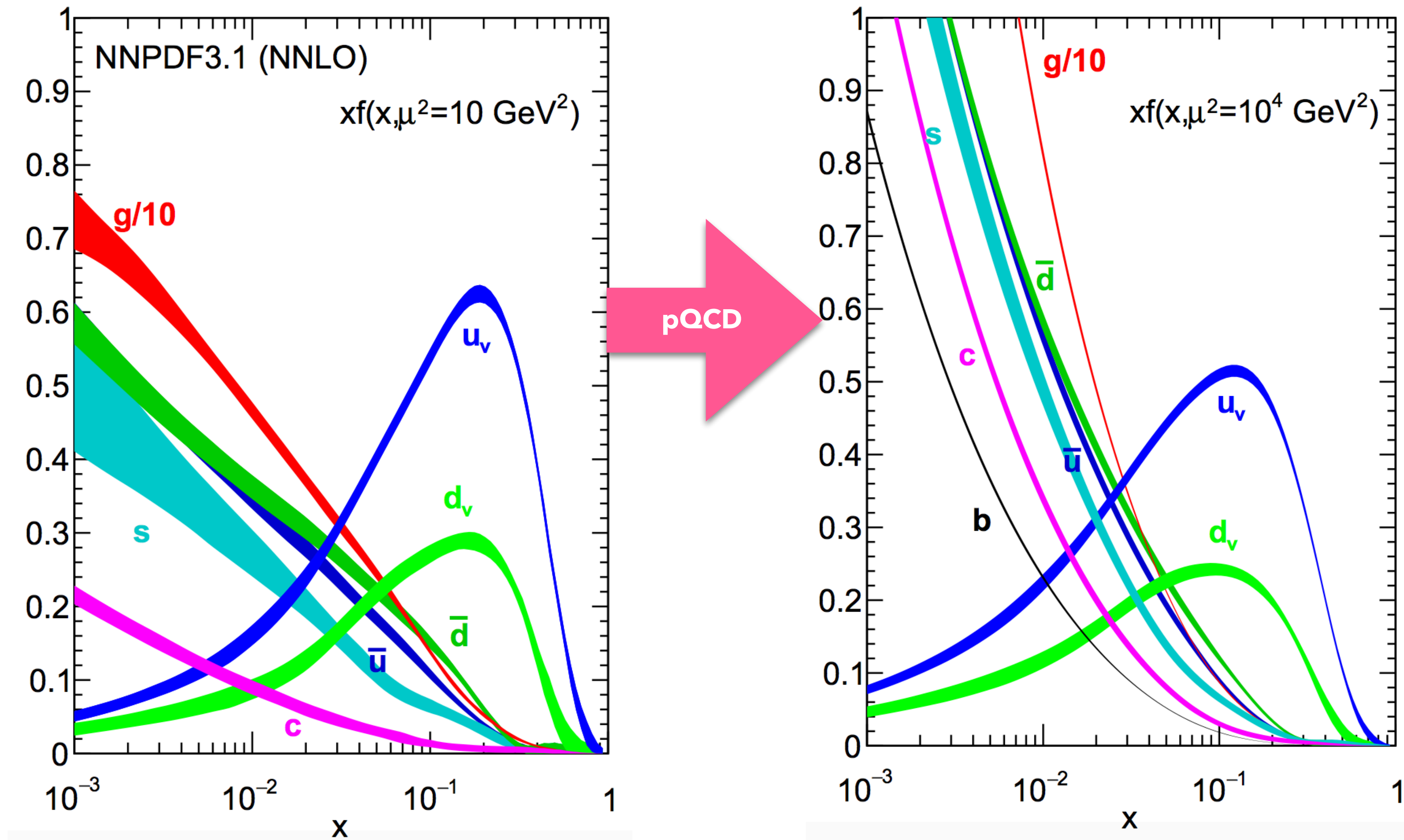
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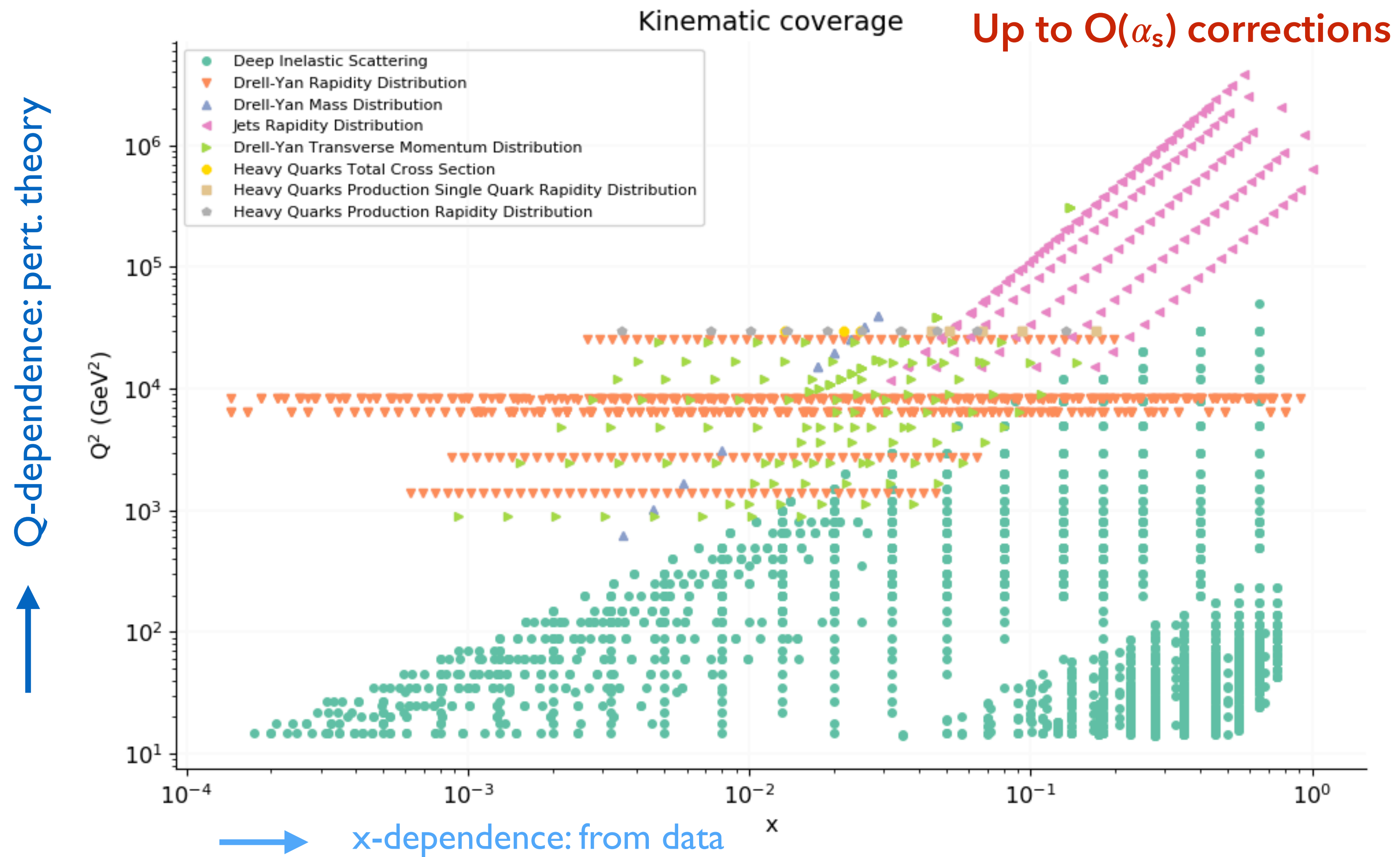


# PDF extraction

We can't compute PDFs in perturbation theory but we can extract them from data, and use DGLAP equations to evolve them to different scales.

- Choose **experimental data** to fit and include all info on correlations  
**Theory settings:** perturbative order, EW corrections, intrinsic heavy quarks,  $\alpha_s$ , quark masses value and scheme
- Choose a starting scale  $Q_0$  where pQCD applies
- **Parametrise** independent quarks and gluon distributions at the starting scale
- Solve **DGLAP equations** from initial scale to scales of experimental data and build up observables
- **Fit** PDFs to data
- Provide PDF **error sets** to compute PDF uncertainties

# Data for PDF determination



# LHC kinematics

How can we tell which x data probes?

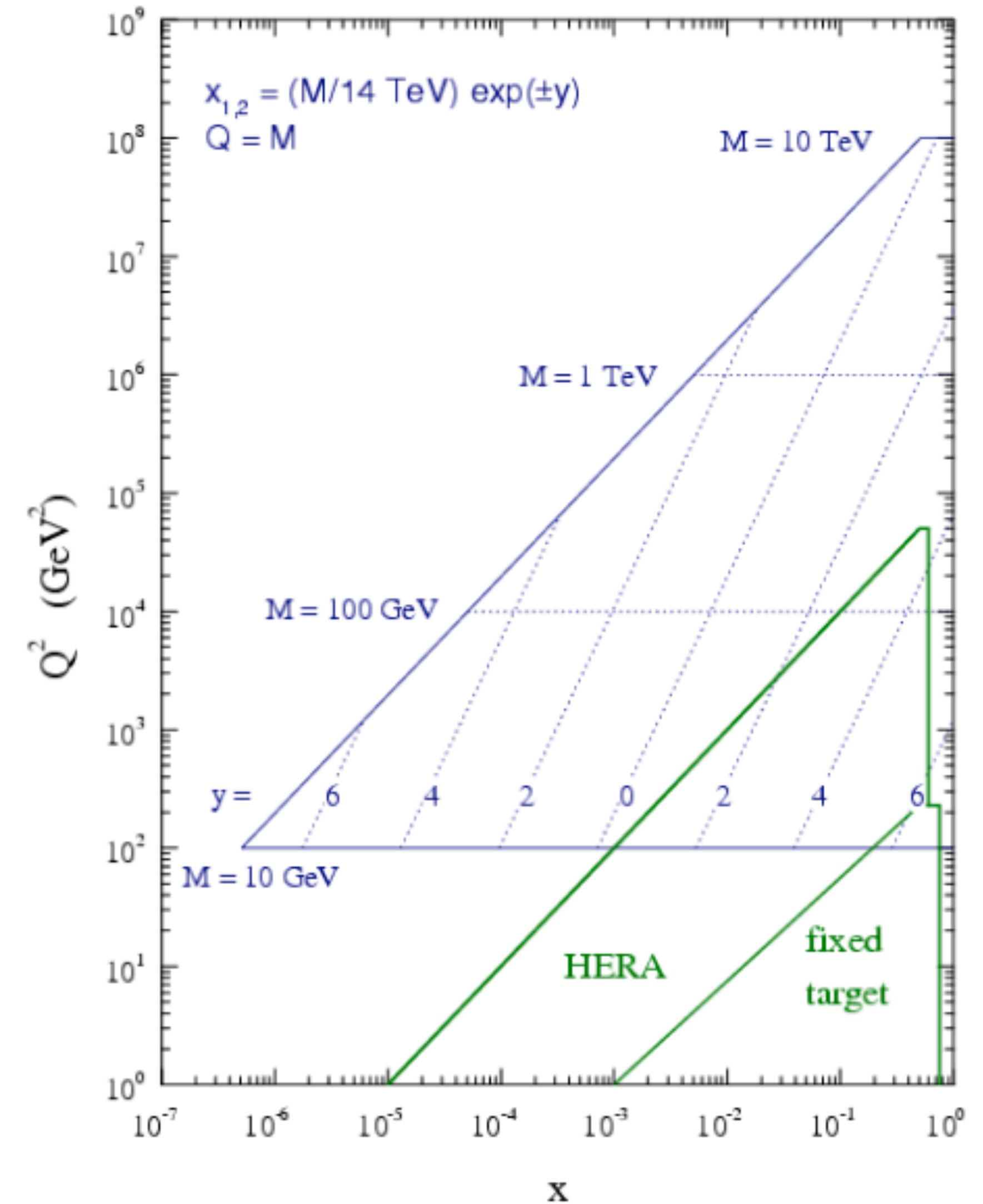
For the production of a particle of mass M:

$$M^2 = x_1 x_2 S = x_1 x_2 4E_{\text{beam}}^2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

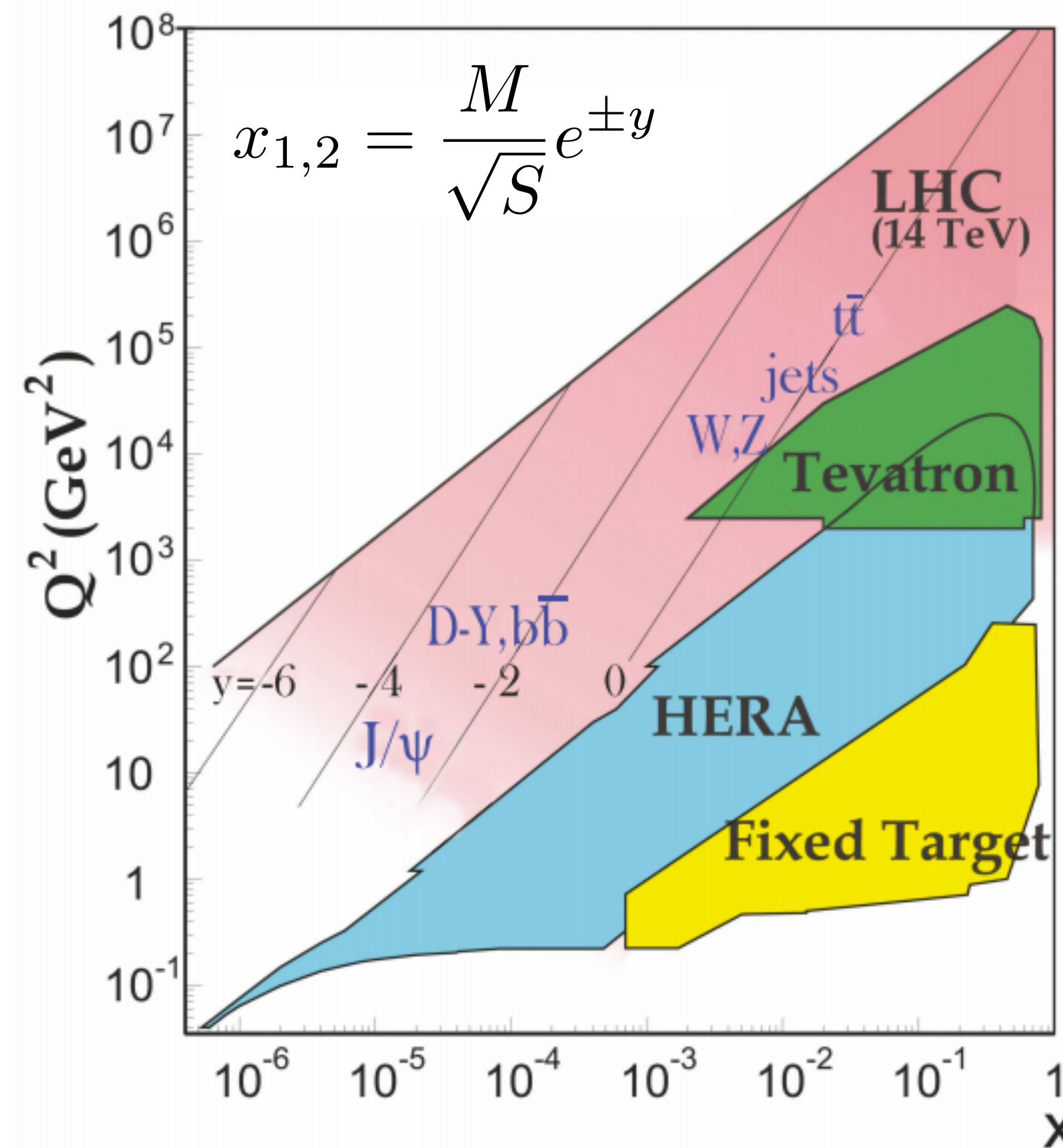
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**See exercises!**



# Data complementarity

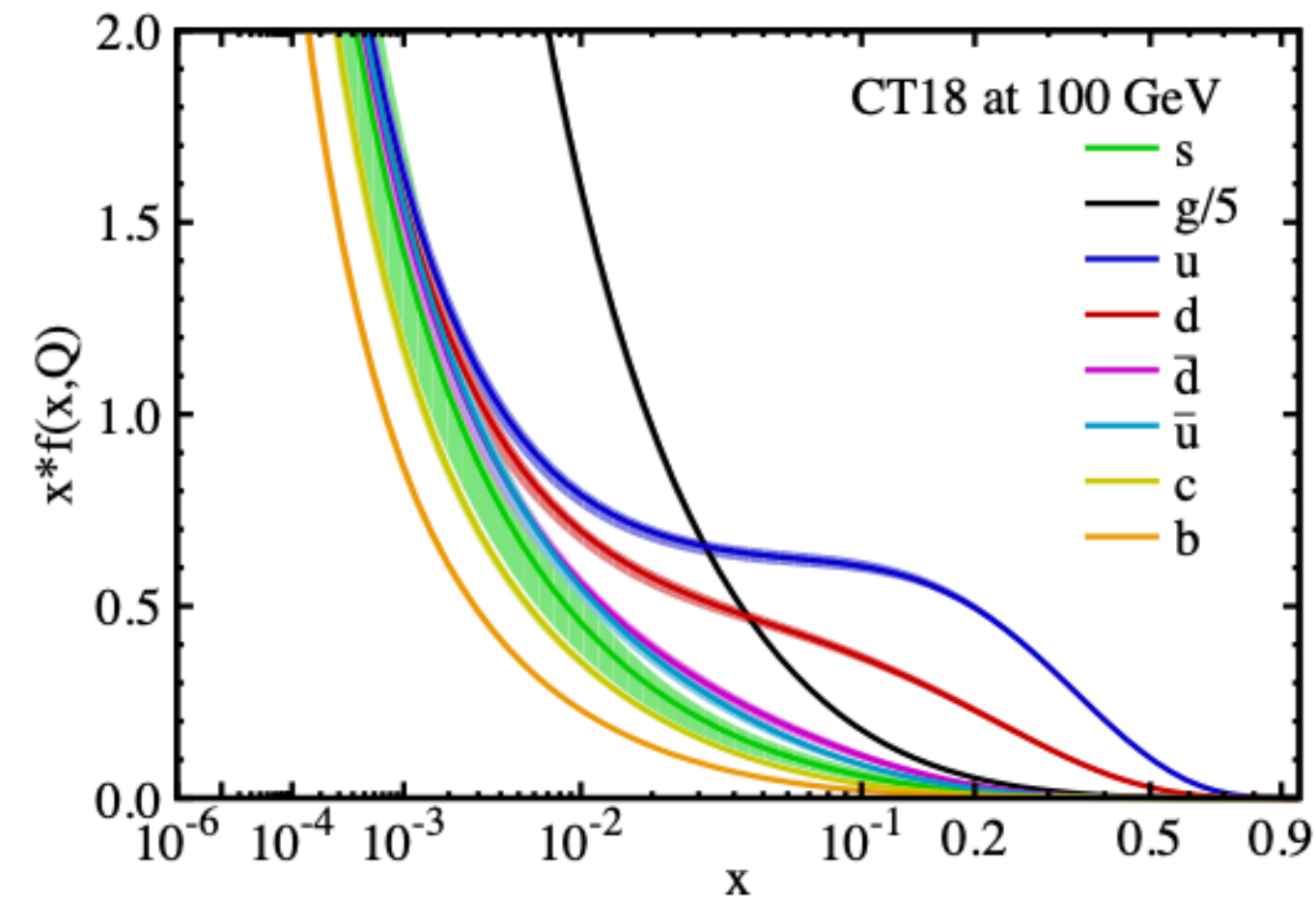
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**(small/medium x)**
- QUARKS**
- High  $p_T$  W(+jets) ratios  
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  - W and Z production  
**(medium x)**
  - Low and high mass Drell-Yan  
**(small and large x)**
  - $W_c$  (strangeness at medium x)
- PHOTON**
- Low and high mass Drell-Yan
  - WW production



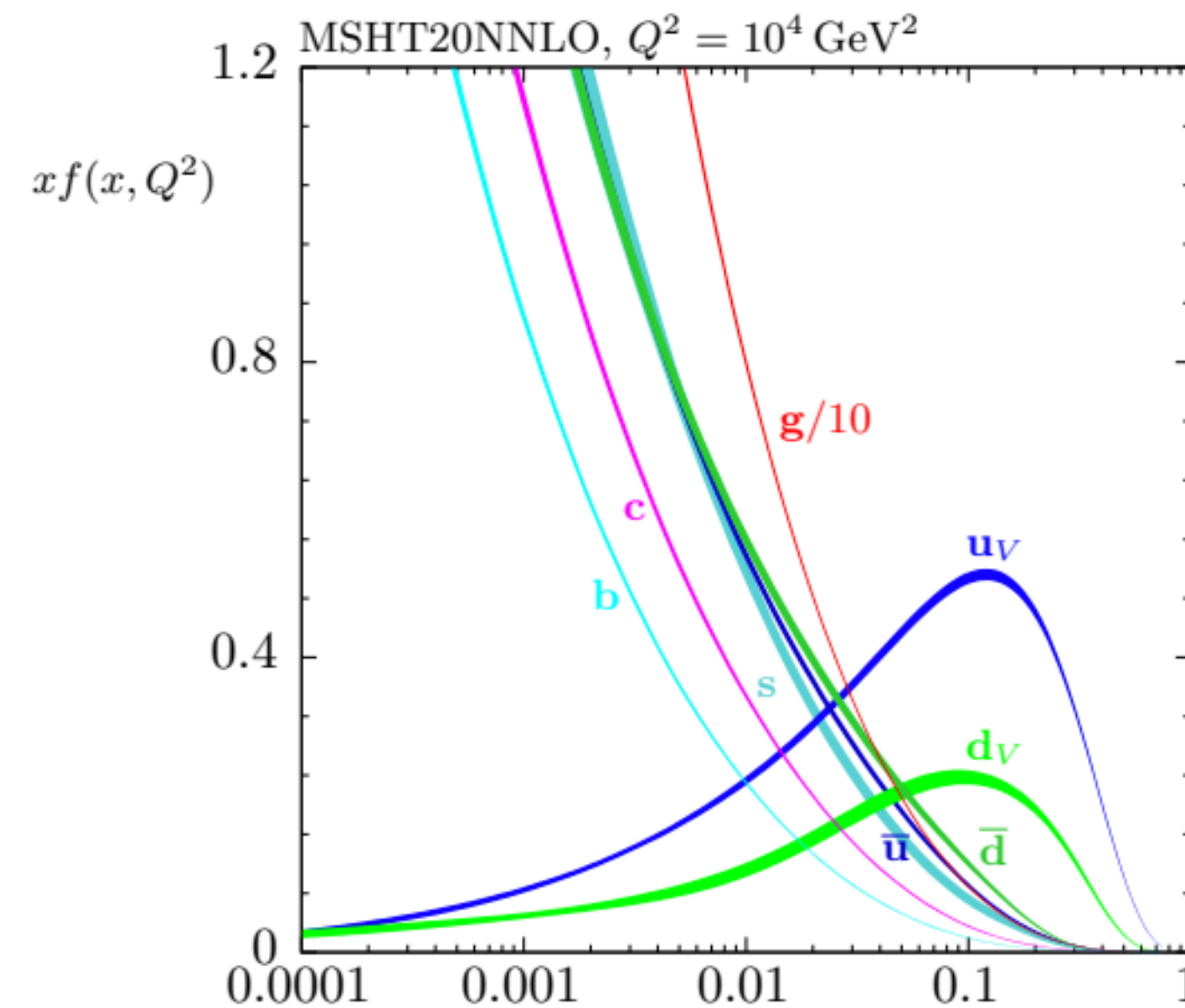
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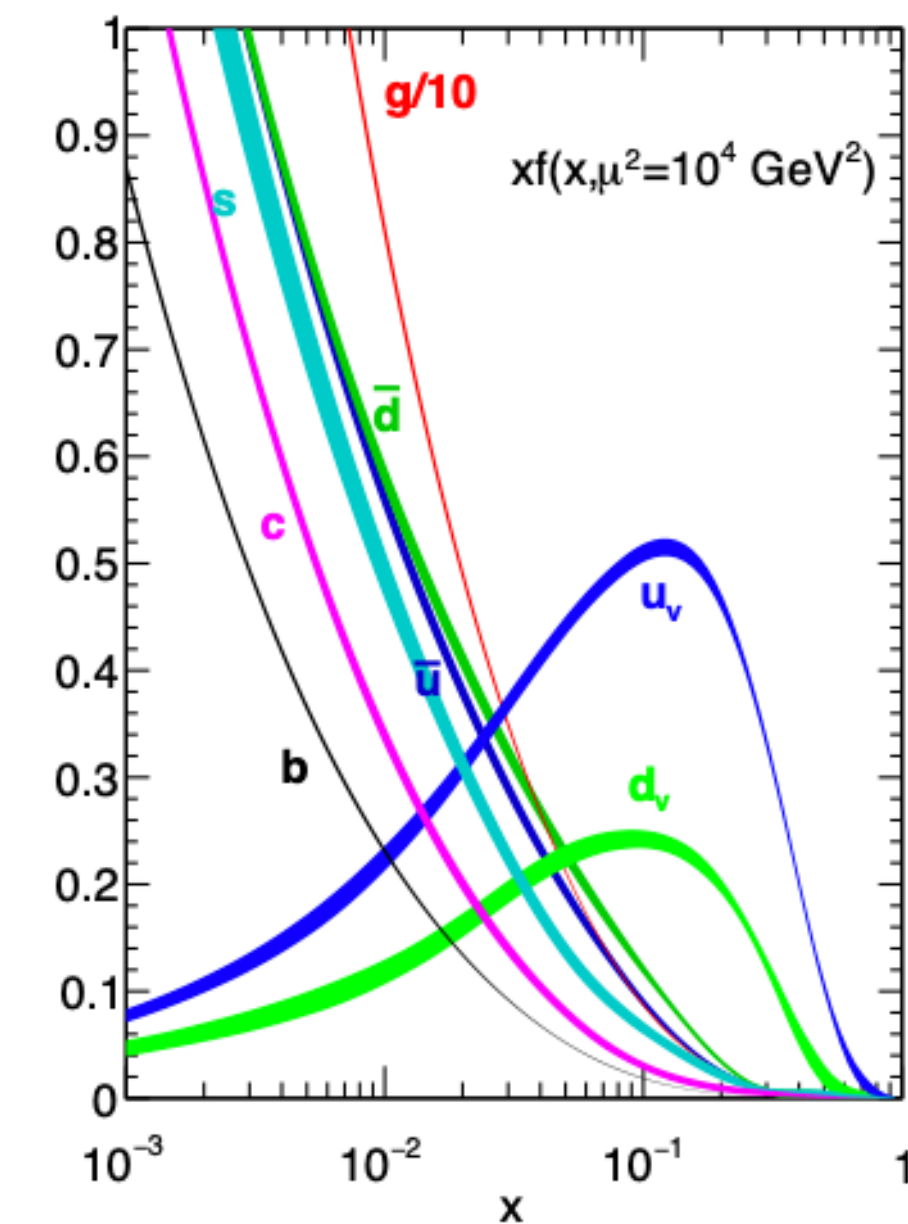
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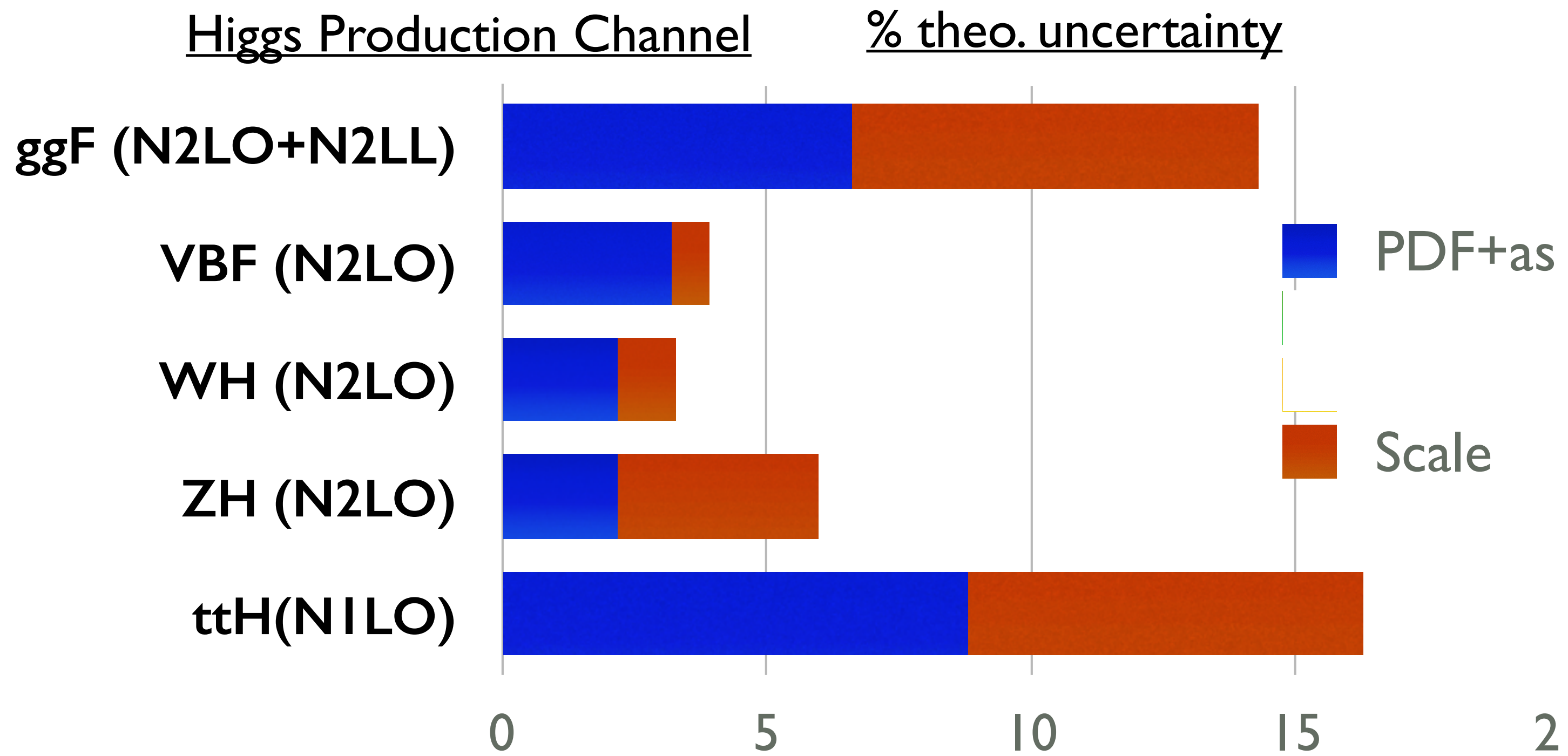


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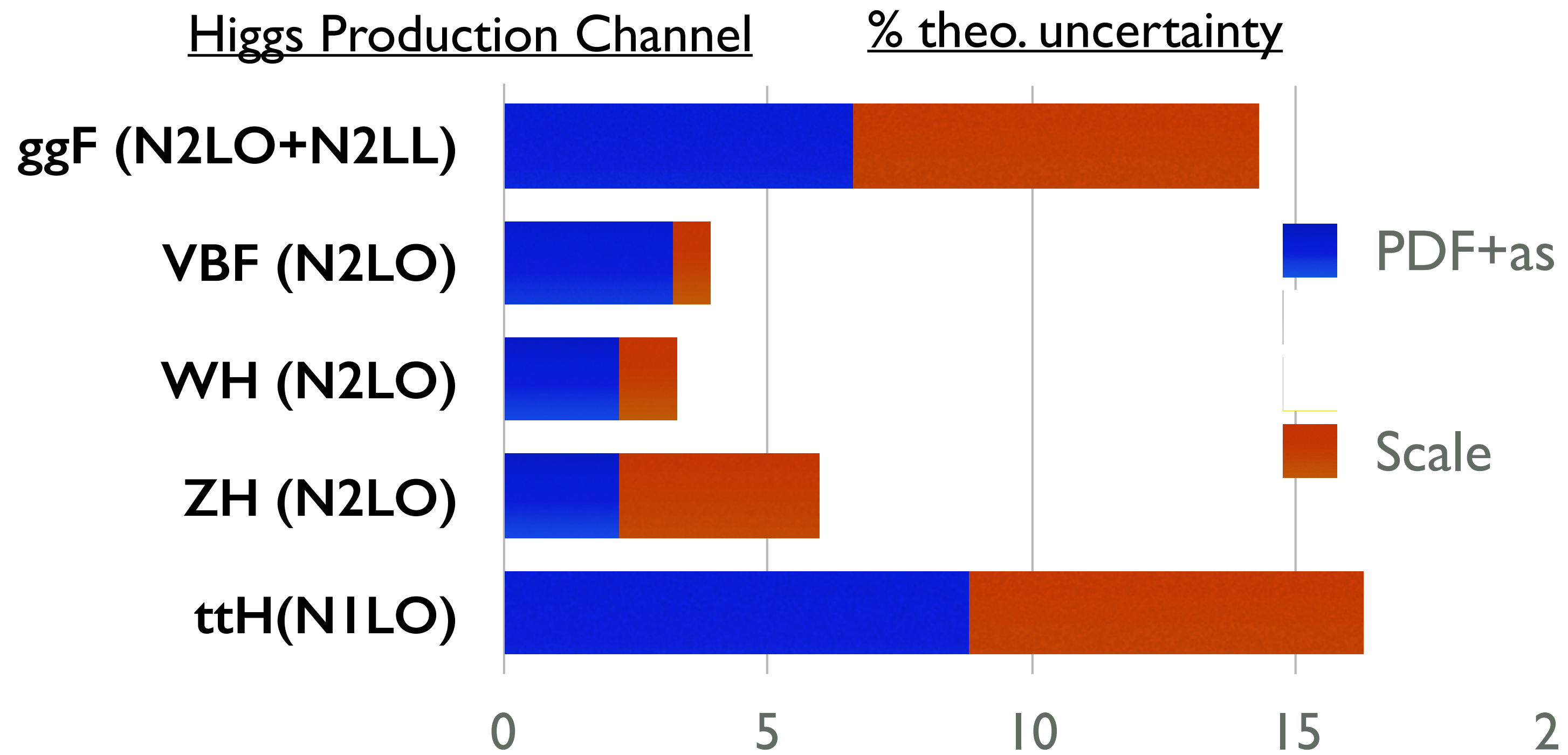
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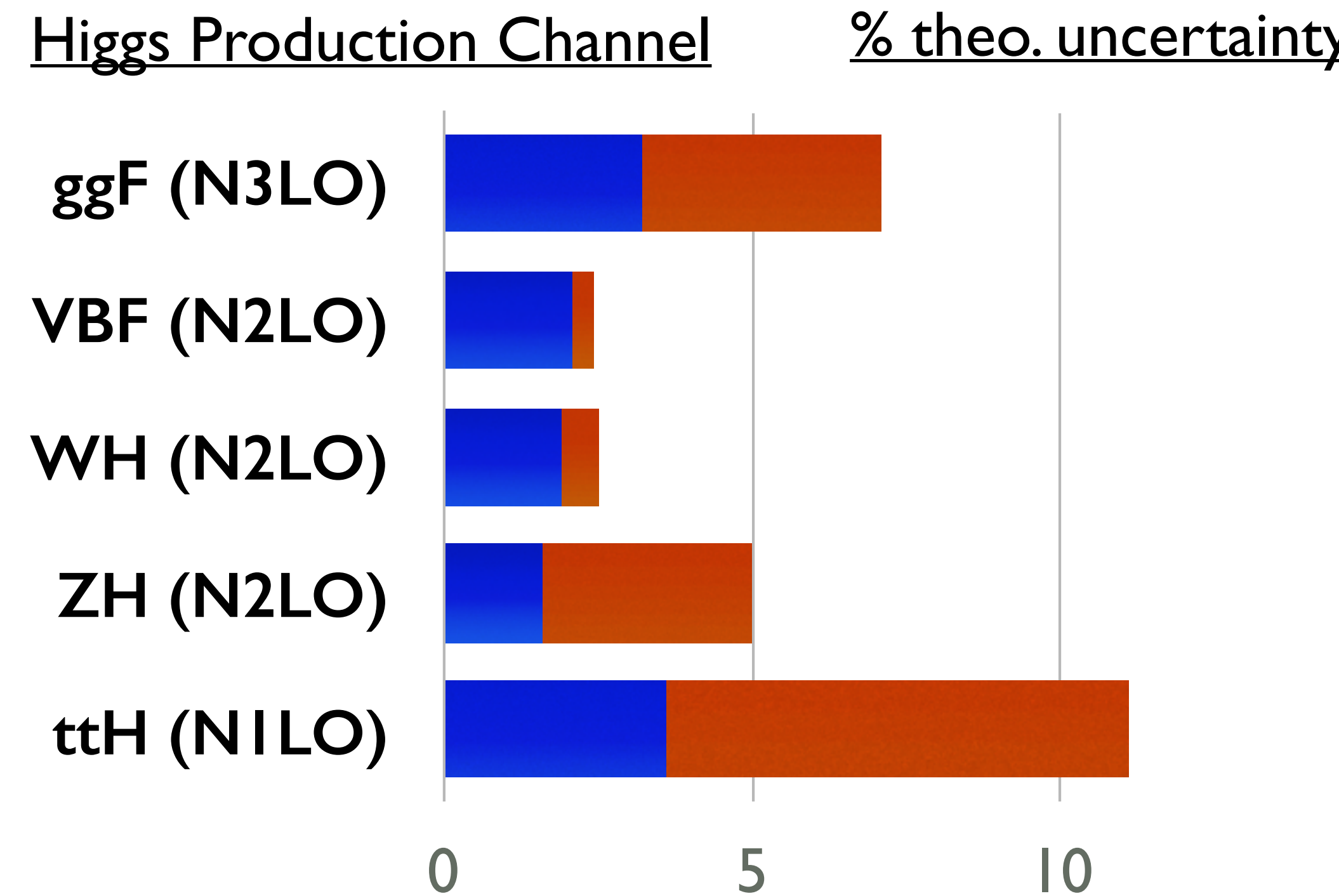


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