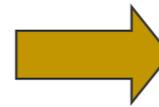
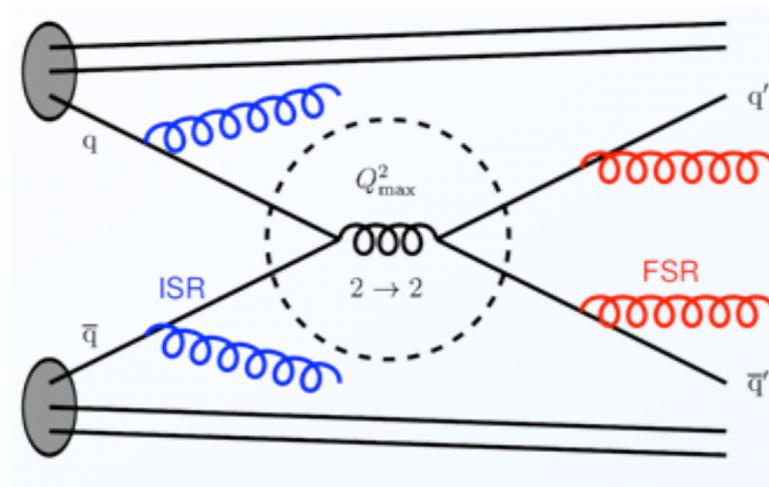


General-Purpose Event Generators



Calculate Everything \approx solve QCD \rightarrow requires compromise!

Improve lowest-order perturbation theory,
by including the 'most significant' corrections
 \rightarrow complete events (can evaluate any observable you want)

The Workhorses

PYTHIA : Successor to JETSET (begun in 1978). Originated in hadronization studies: Lund String.
HERWIG : Successor to EARWIG (begun in 1984). Originated in coherence studies: angular ordering.
SHERPA : Begun in 2000. Originated in "matching" of matrix elements to showers: CKKW-L.
+ MORE SPECIALIZED: ALPGEN, MADGRAPH, HELAC, ARIADNE, VINCIA, WHIZARD, (a)MC@NLO, POWHEG, HEJ, PHOJET, EPOS, QGSJET, SIBYLL, DPMJET, LDCMC, DIPSY, HIJING, CASCADE, GOSAM, BLACKHAT, ...

(PYTHIA)



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SUBROUTINE JETGEN(N)
COMMON /JET/ K(100,2), P(100,5)
COMMON /PAR/ PUD, PS1, SIGMA, CX2, EBEG, WFIN, IFLBEG
COMMON /DATA1/ MESO(9,2), CMIX(6,2), PMAS(19)
IFLSGN=(10-IFLBEG)/5
W=2.*EBEG
I=0
IPD=0
C 1 FLAVOUR AND PT FOR FIRST QUARK
IFL1=IABS(IFLBEG)
PT1=SIGMA*SQRT(-ALOG(RANF(0)))
PHI1=6.2832*RANF(0)
PX1=PT1*COS(PHI1)
PY1=PT1*SIN(PHI1)
100 I=I+1
C 2 FLAVOUR AND PT FOR NEXT ANTIQUARK
IFL2=1+INT(RANF(0)/PUD)
PT2=SIGMA*SQRT(-ALOG(RANF(0)))
PHI2=6.2832*RANF(0)
PX2=PT2*COS(PHI2)
PY2=PT2*SIN(PHI2)
C 3 MESON FORMED, SPIN ADDED AND FLAVOUR MIXED
K(I,1)=MESO(3*(IFL1-1)+IFL2,IFLSGN)
ISPIN=INT(PS1+RANF(0))
K(I,2)=1+9*ISPIN+K(I,1)
IF(K(I,1).LE.6) GOTO 110
TMIX=RANF(0)
KM=K(I,1)-6+3*ISPIN
K(I,2)=8+9*ISPIN+INT(TMIX+CMIX(KM,1))+INT(TMIX+CMIX(KM,2))
C 4 MESON MASS FROM TABLE, PT FROM CONSTITUENTS
110 P(I,5)=PMAS(K(I,2))
P(I,1)=PX1+PX2
P(I,2)=PY1+PY2
PMTS=P(I,1)**2+P(I,2)**2+P(I,5)**2
C 5 RANDOM CHOICE OF X=(E+PZ)MESON/(E+PZ)AVAILABLE GIVES E AND PZ
X=RANF(0)
IF(RANF(0).LT.CX2) X=1.-X**(1./3.)
P(I,3)=(X*W-PMTS/(X*W))/2.
P(I,4)=(X*W+PMTS/(X*W))/2.
C 6 IF UNSTABLE, DECAY CHAIN INTO STABLE PARTICLES
120 IPD=IPD+1
IF(K(IPD,2).GE.8) CALL DECAY(IPD,I)
IF(IPD.LT.1.AND.I.LE.96) GOTO 120
C 7 FLAVOUR AND PT OF QUARK FORMED IN PAIR WITH ANTIQUARK ABOVE
IFL1=IFL2
PX1=-PX2
PY1=-PY2
C 8 IF ENOUGH E+PZ LEFT, GO TO 2
W=(1.-X)*W
IF(W.GT.WFIN.AND.I.LE.95) GOTO 100
N=I
RETURN
END
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(PYTHIA)



PYTHIA anno 2013

(now called PYTHIA 8)

~ 100,000 lines of C++

What a modern MC generator has inside:

LU TP 07-28 (CPC 178 (2008) 852)
October, 2007

A Brief Introduction to PYTHIA 8.1

T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, P. Skands

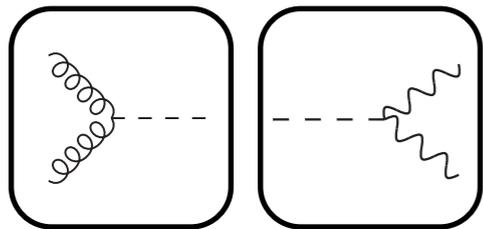
The Pythia program is a standard tool for the generation of high-energy collisions, comprising a coherent set of physics models for the evolution from a few-body hard process to a complex multihadronic final state. It contains a library of hard processes and models for initial- and final-state parton showers, multiple parton-parton interactions, beam remnants, string fragmentation and particle decays. It also has a set of utilities and interfaces to external programs. [...]

- Hard Processes (internal, interfaced, or via Les Houches events)
- BSM (internal or via interfaces)
- PDFs (internal or via interfaces)
- Showers (internal or inherited)
- Multiple parton interactions
- Beam Remnants
- String Fragmentation
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Divide and Conquer

Factorization → Split the problem into many (nested) pieces
+ Quantum mechanics → Probabilities → Random Numbers

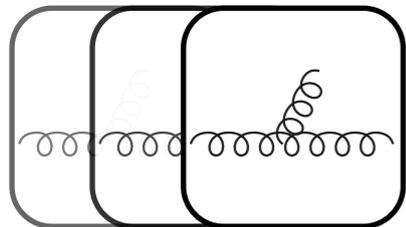
$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{event}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{hard}} \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\text{dec}} \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\text{ISR}} \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\text{FSR}} \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\text{MPI}} \otimes \mathcal{P}_{\text{Had}} \otimes \dots$$



Hard Process & Decays:

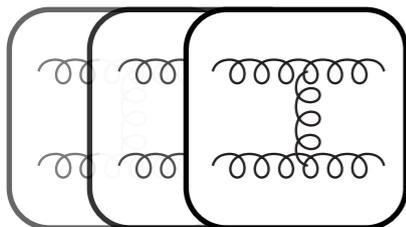
Use (N)LO matrix elements

→ Sets "hard" resolution scale for process: Q_{MAX}



Initial- & Final-State Radiation (ISR & FSR):

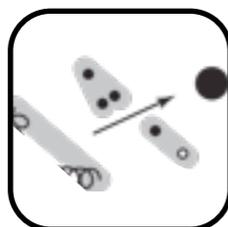
Altarelli-Parisi equations → differential evolution, dP/dQ^2 , as function of resolution scale; run from Q_{MAX} to ~ 1 GeV (This Lecture)



MPI (Multi-Parton Interactions)

Additional (soft) parton-parton interactions: LO matrix elements

→ Additional (soft) "Underlying-Event" activity

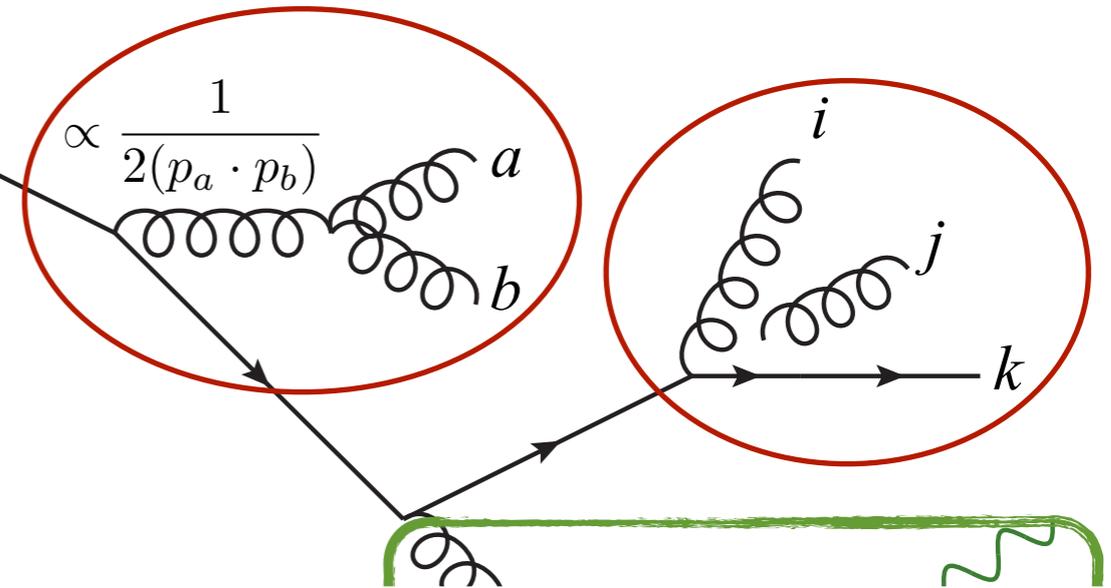


Hadronization

Non-perturbative model of color-singlet parton systems → hadrons

Recall: Jets \approx Fractals

- **Most bremsstrahlung** is driven by divergent propagators \rightarrow simple structure
- **Amplitudes factorize in singular limits** (\rightarrow universal "conformal" or "fractal" structure)



Partons $ab \rightarrow$ "collinear": $P(z) =$ DGLAP splitting kernels, with $z =$ energy fraction $= E_a/(E_a+E_b)$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{F+1}(\dots, a, b, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{a||b} g_s^2 C \frac{P(z)}{2(p_a \cdot p_b)} |\mathcal{M}_F(\dots, a + b, \dots)|^2$$

Gluon $j \rightarrow$ "soft": Coherence \rightarrow Parton j really emitted by (i, k) "colour antenna"

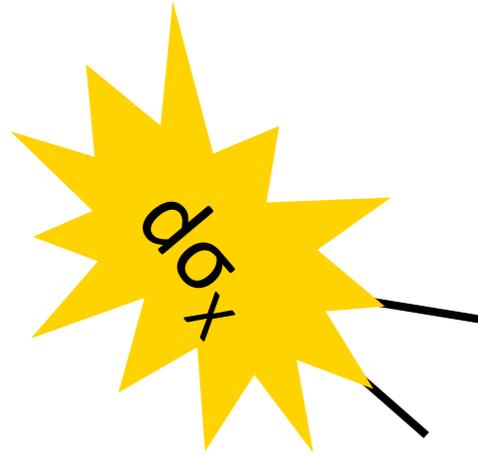
$$|\mathcal{M}_{F+1}(\dots, i, j, k, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{j_g \rightarrow 0} g_s^2 C \frac{(p_i \cdot p_k)}{(p_i \cdot p_j)(p_j \cdot p_k)} |\mathcal{M}_F(\dots, i, k, \dots)|^2$$

+ scaling violation: $g_s^2 \rightarrow 4\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)$

See: PS, *Introduction to QCD*, TASI 2012, [arXiv:1207.2389](https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.2389)

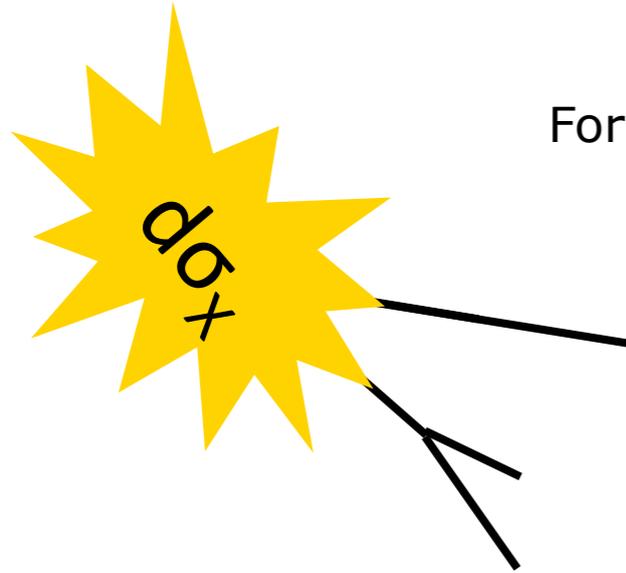
Can apply this many times
 \rightarrow nested factorizations

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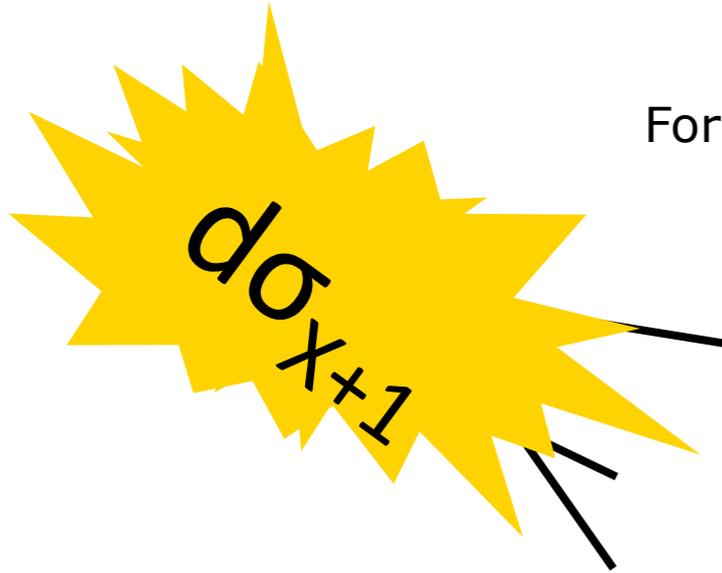
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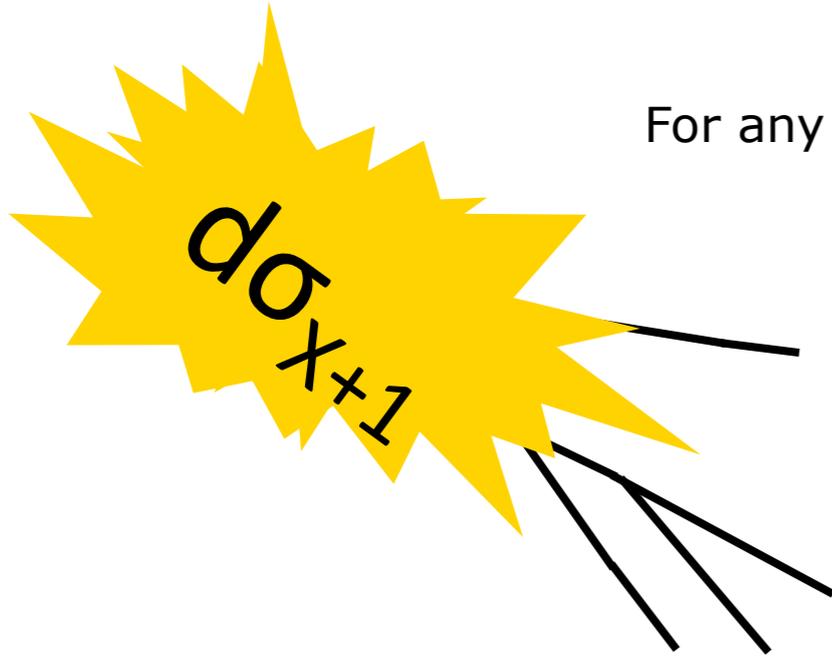
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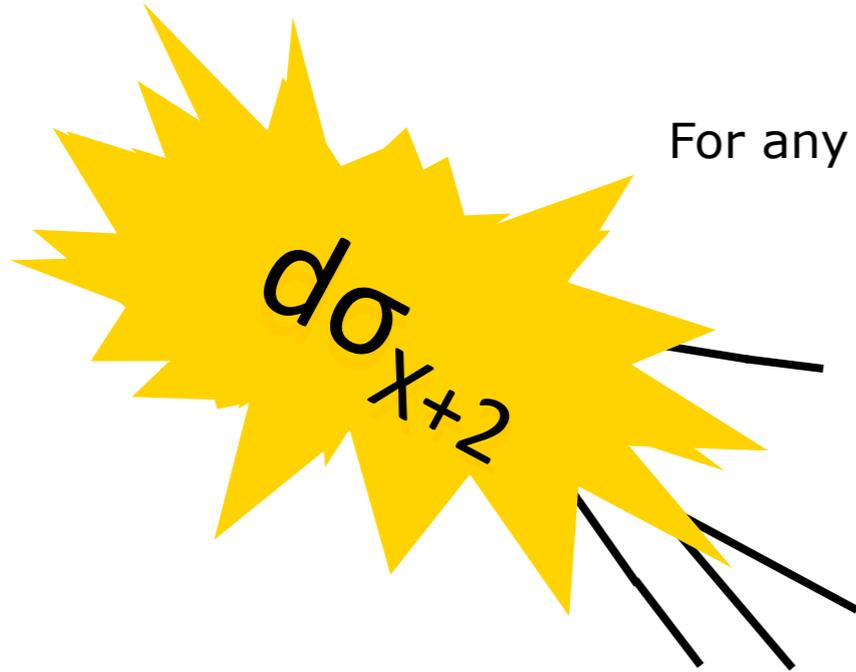


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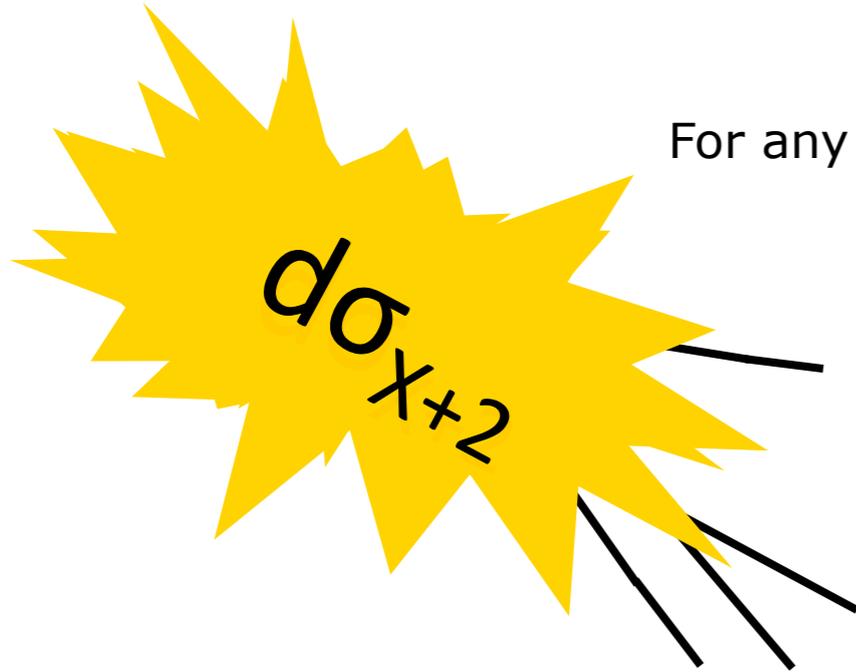


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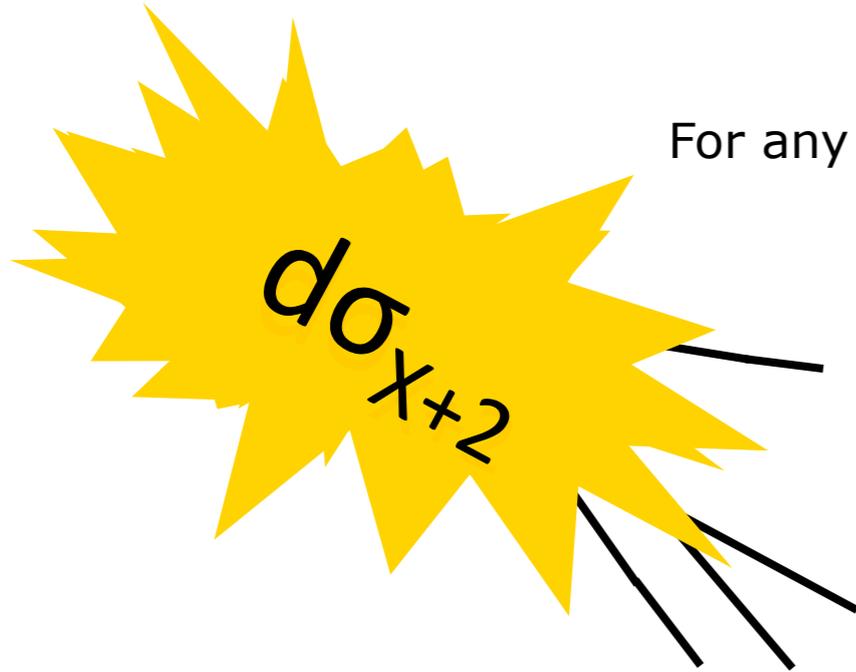
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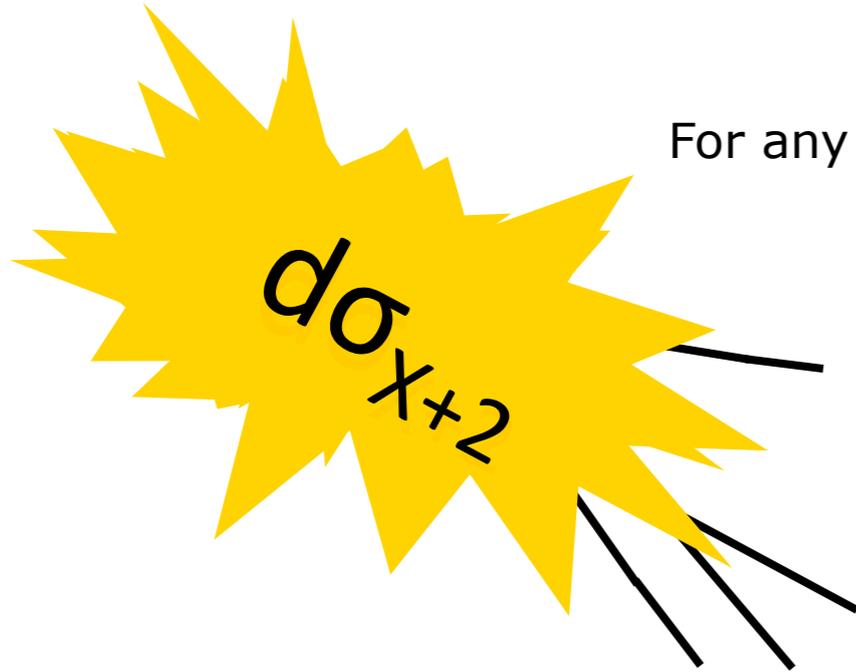
$P(z)$: "DGLAP Splitting Functions"

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"Soft Eikonal" : generalizes to Dipole/Antenna Functions (more later)

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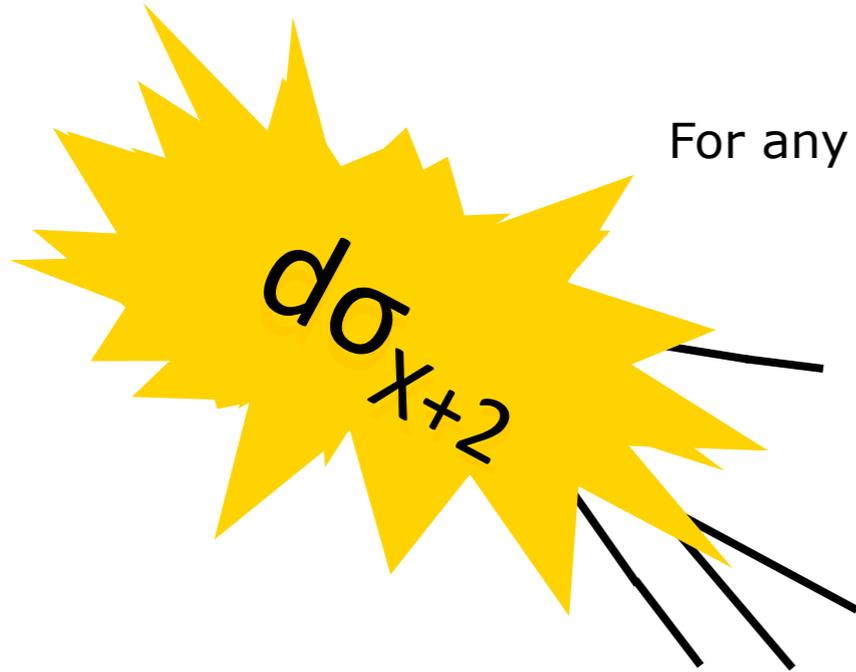
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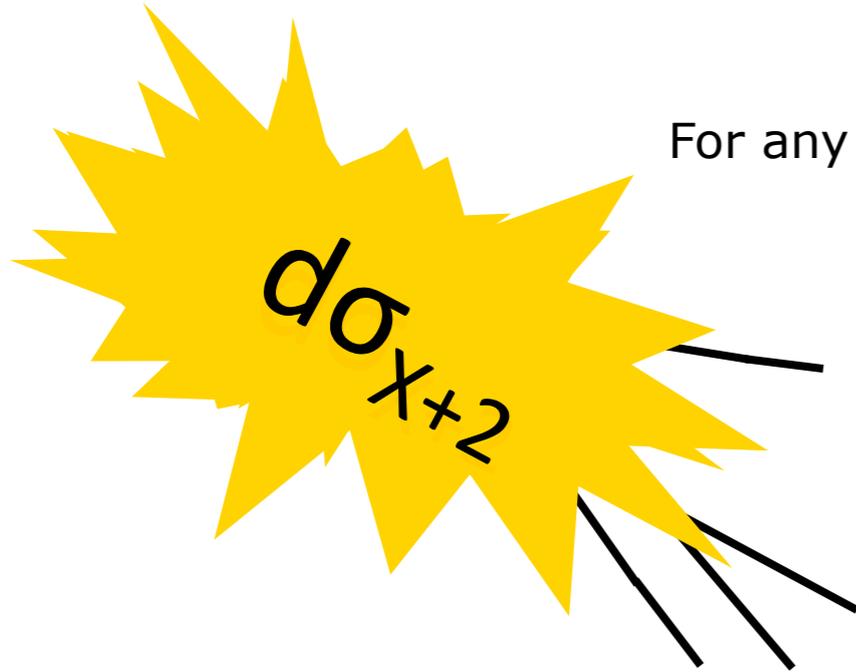
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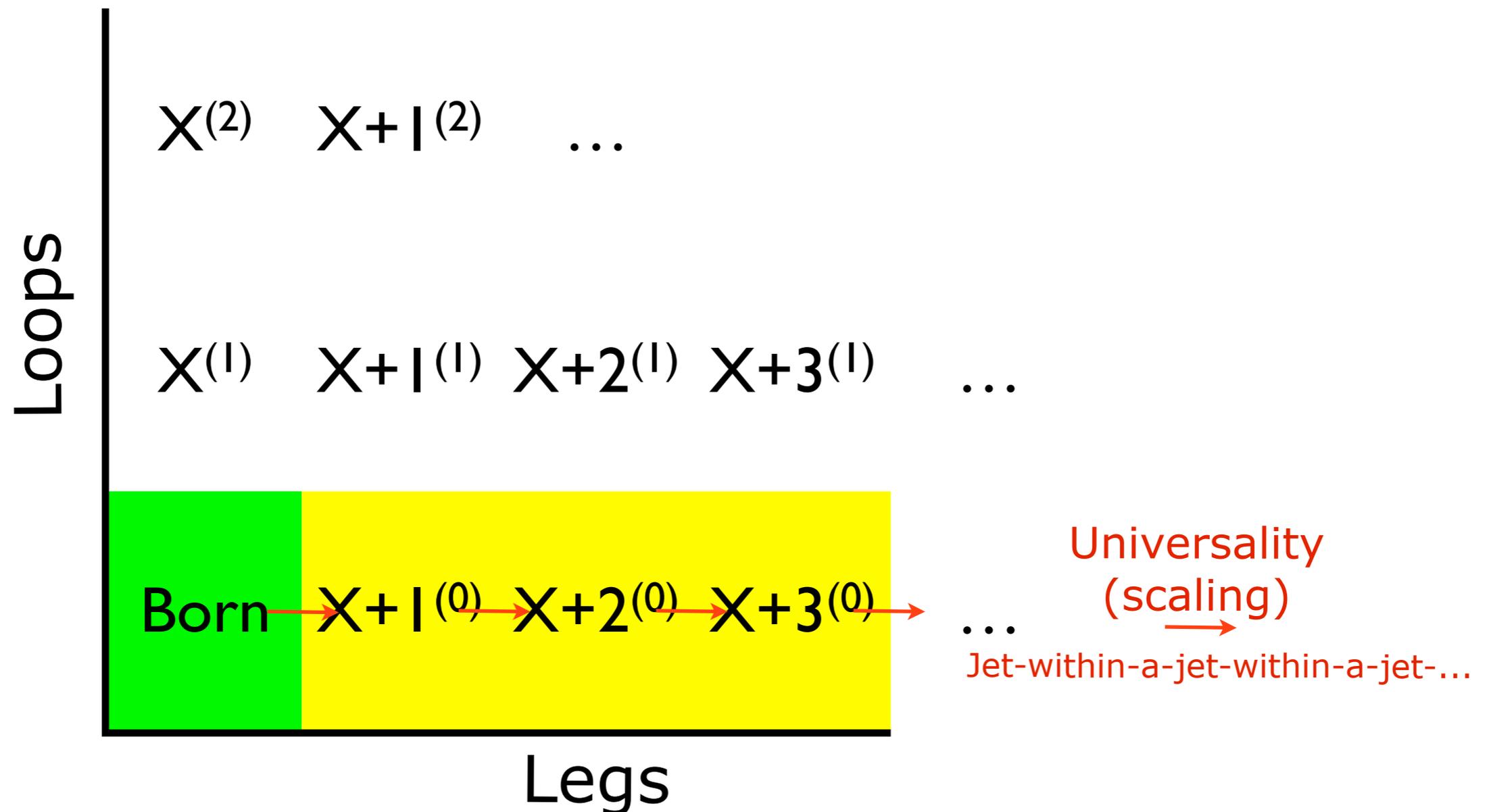
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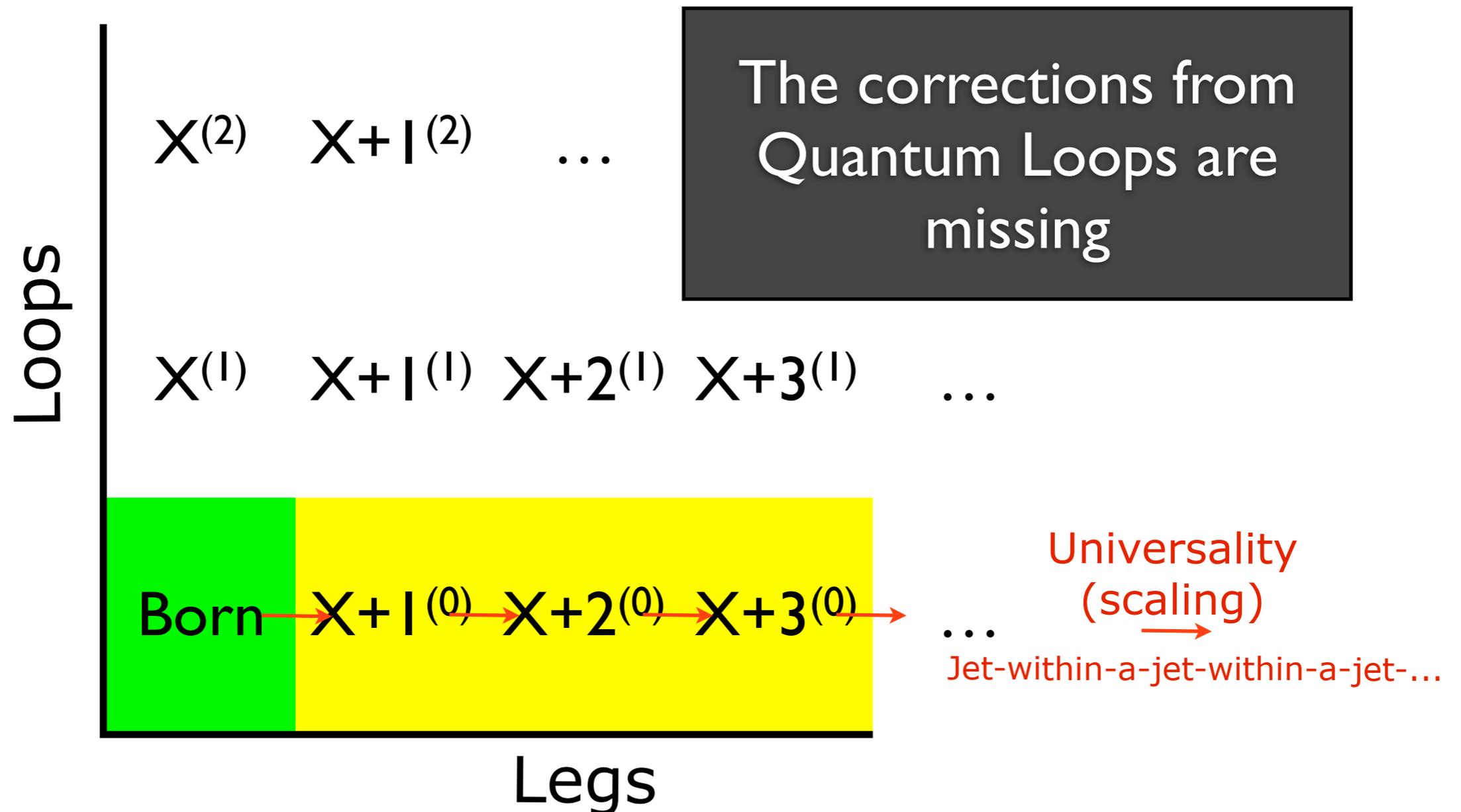
Loops and Legs

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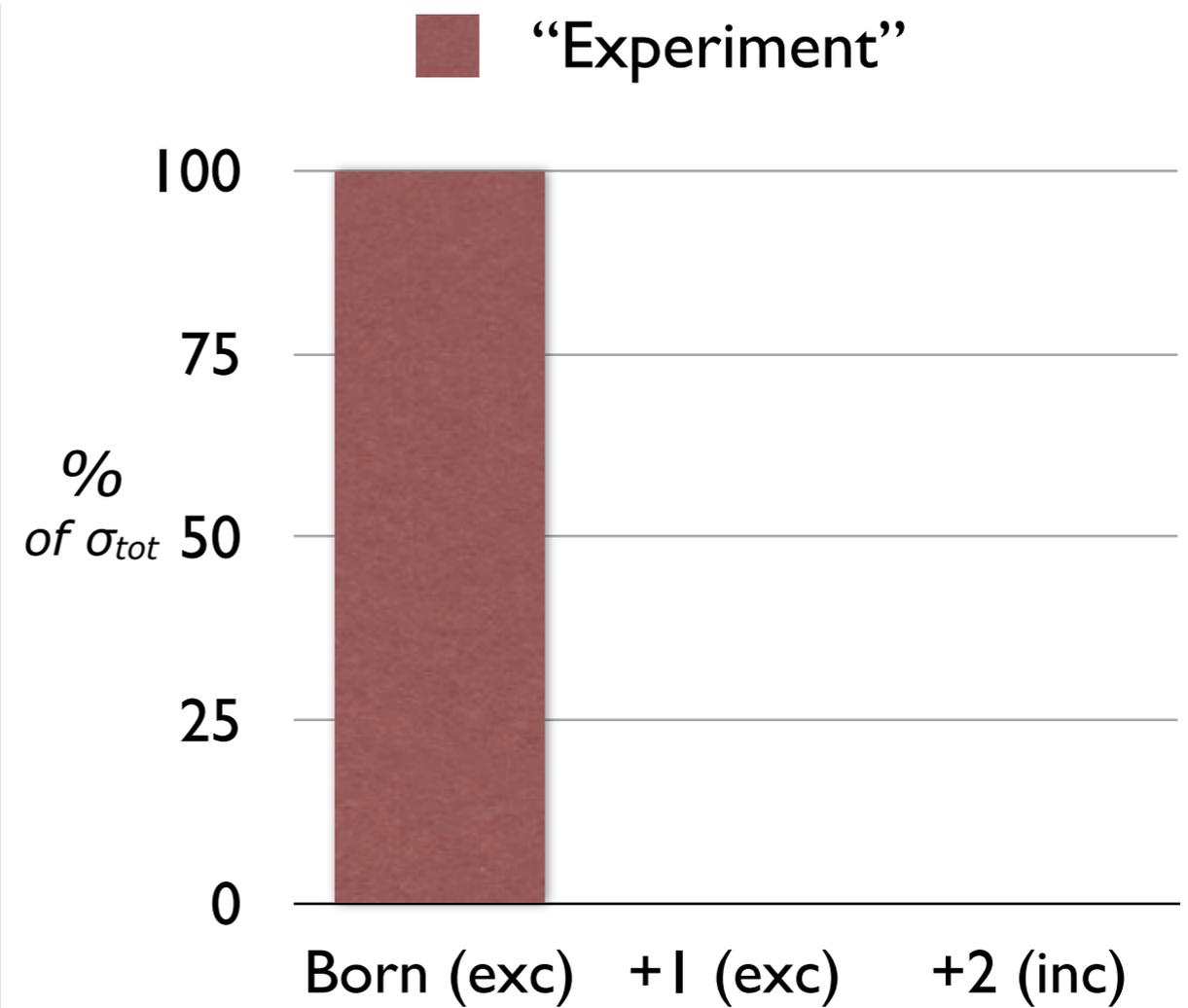
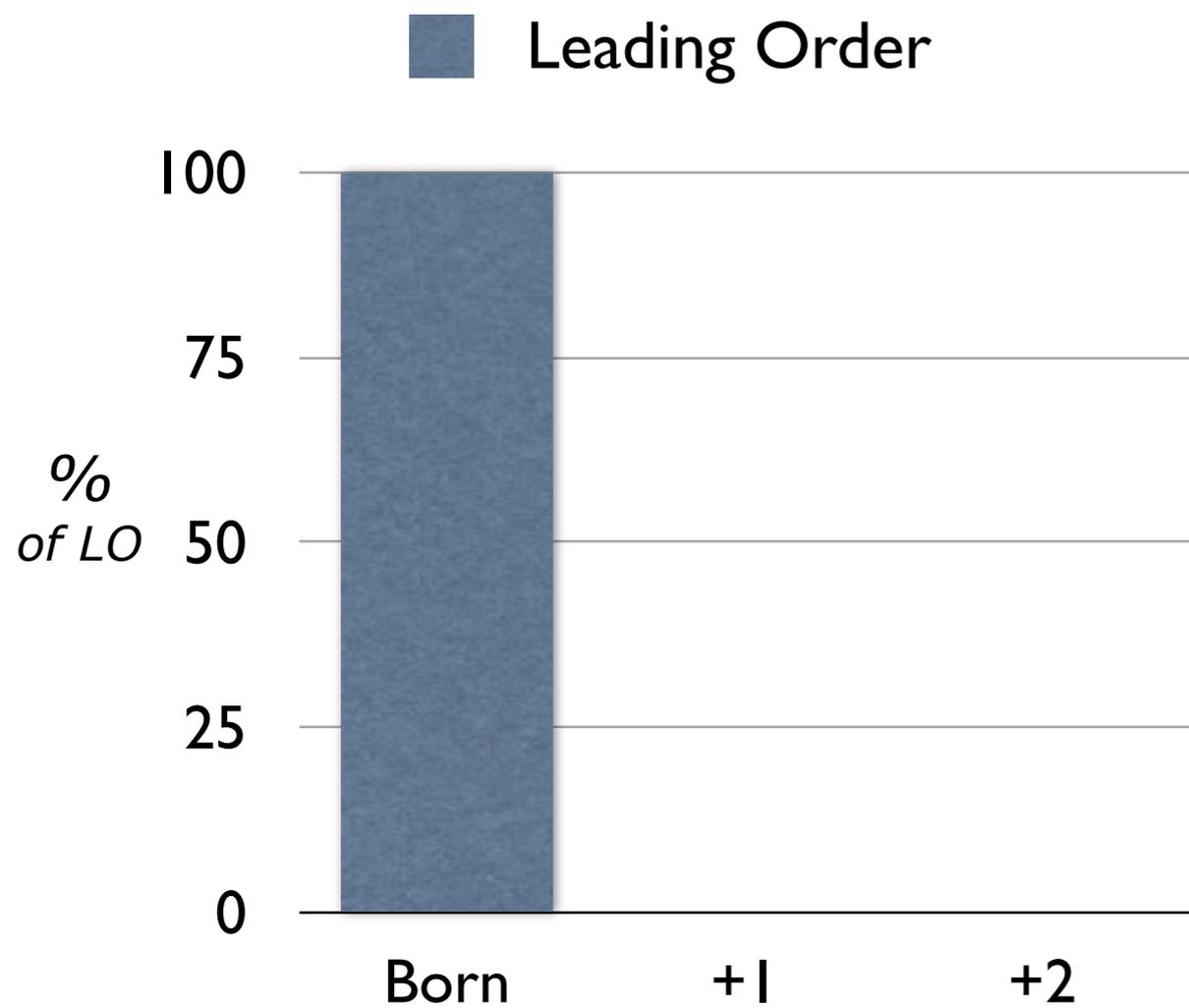
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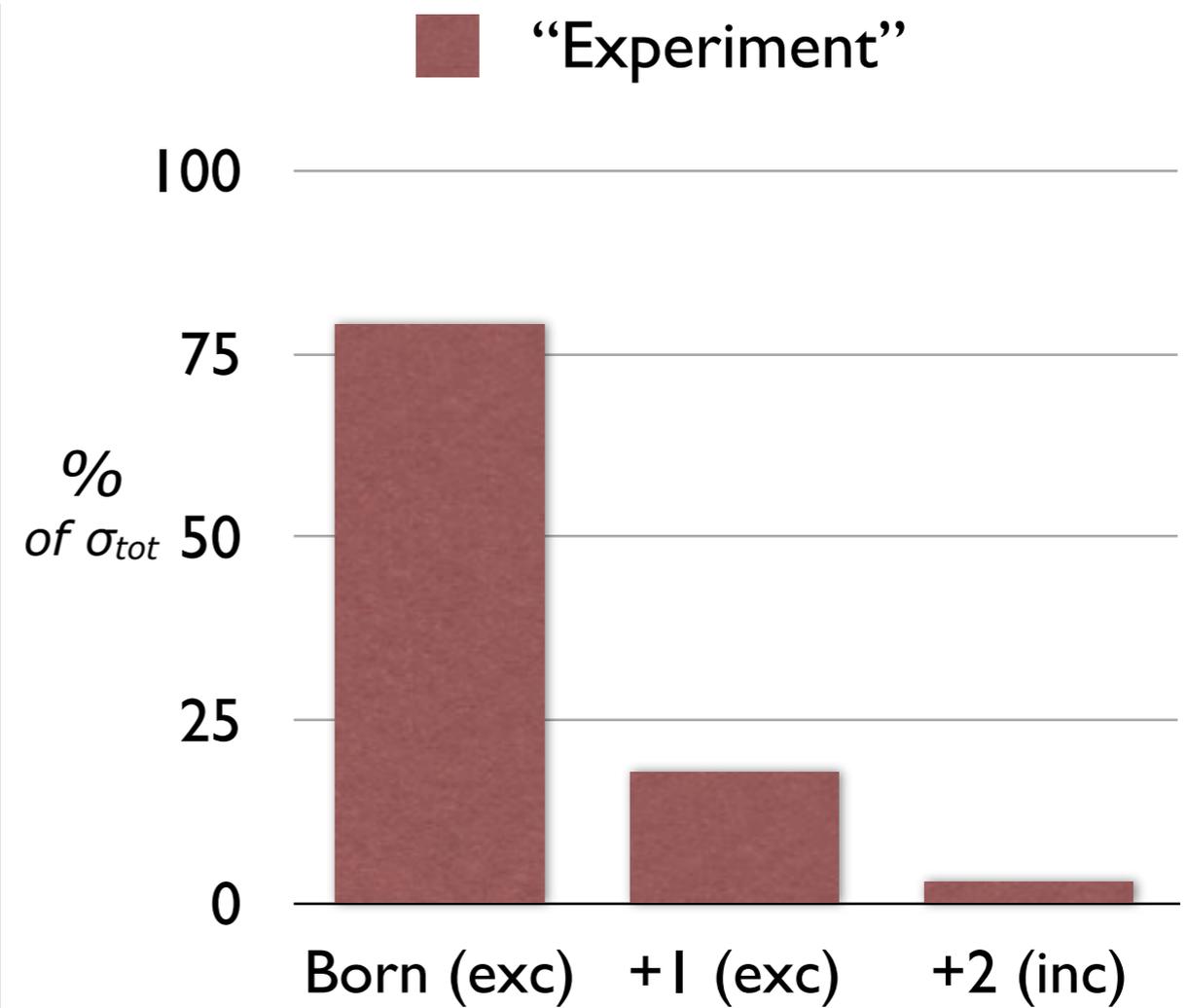
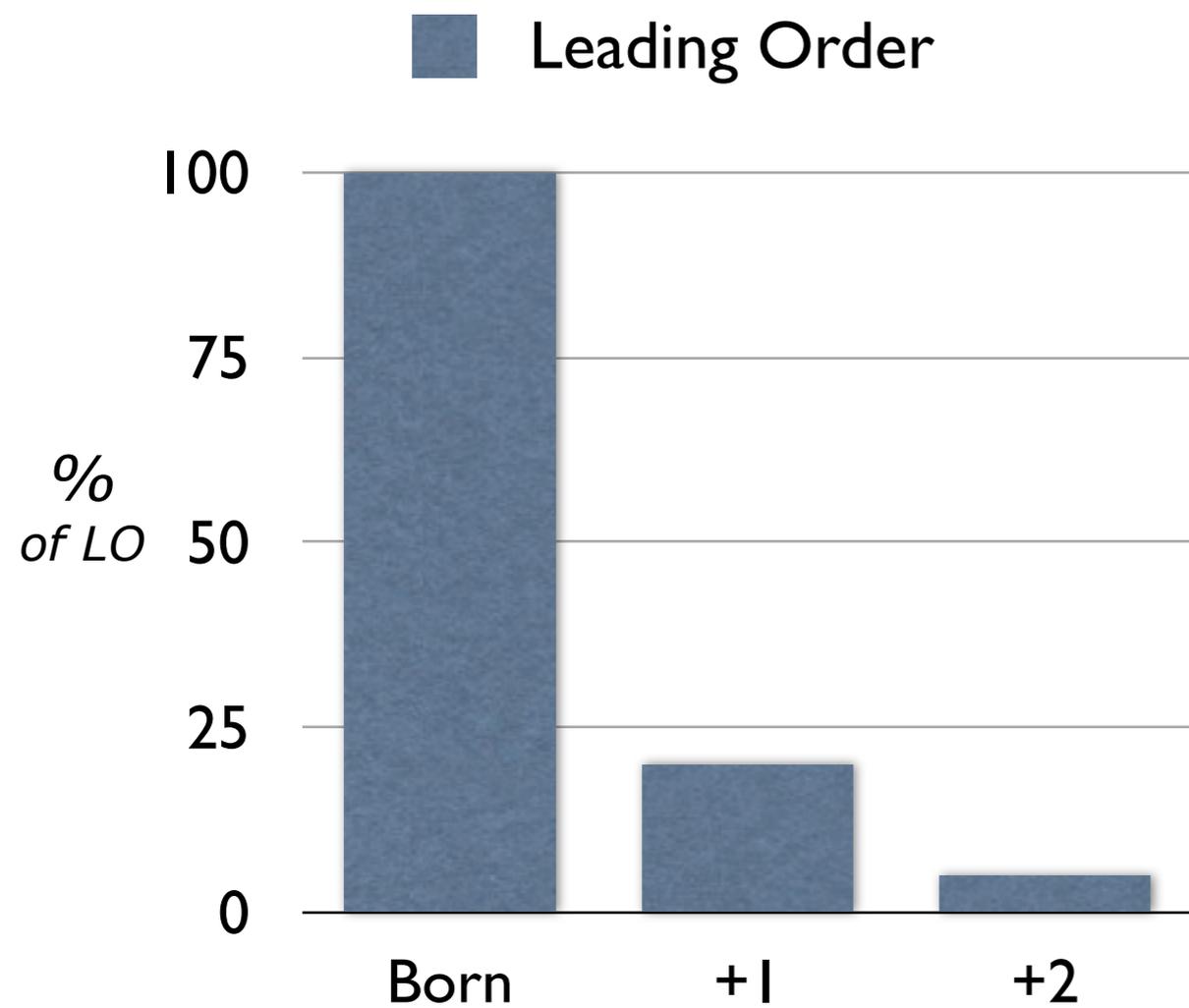
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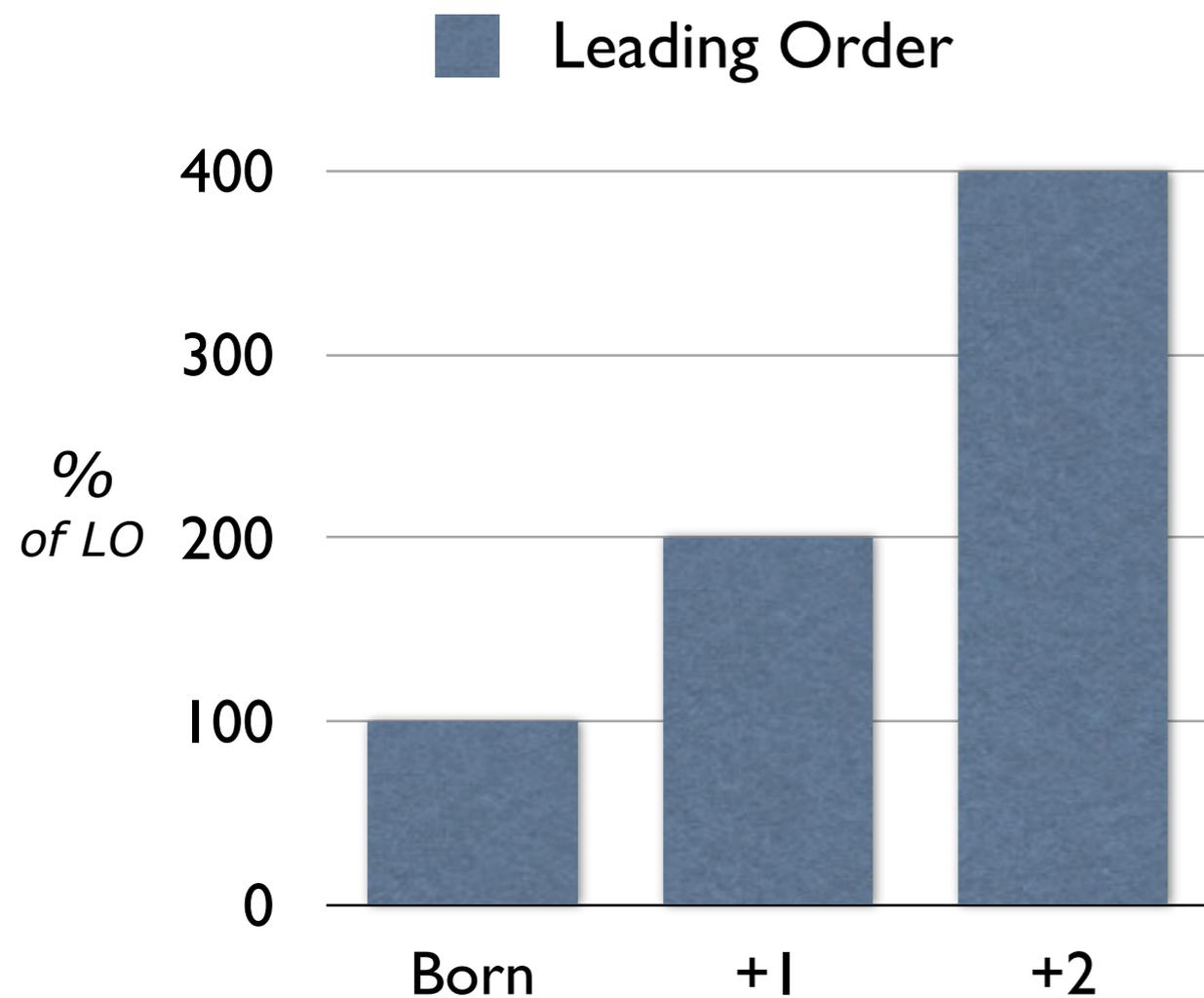
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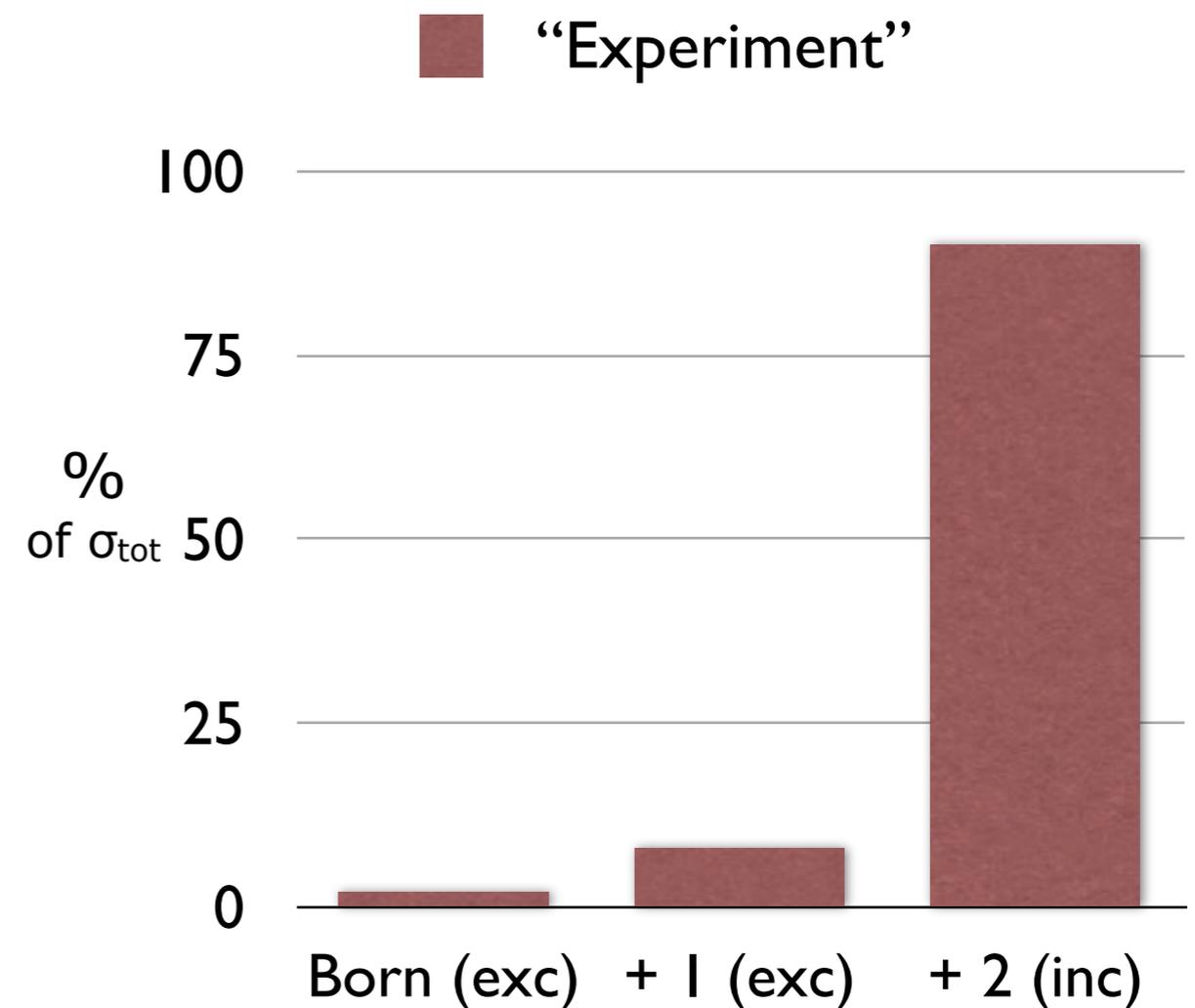
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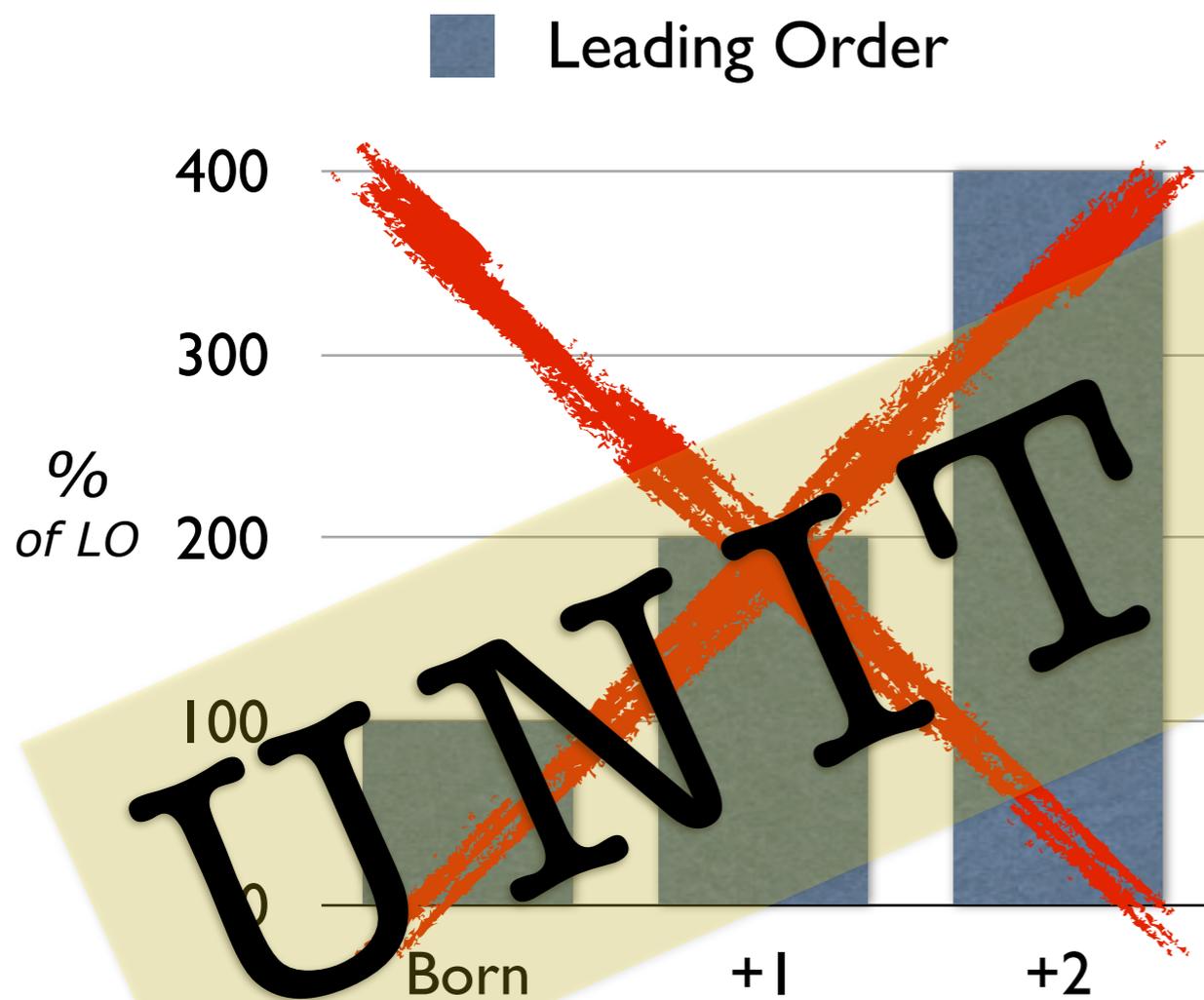
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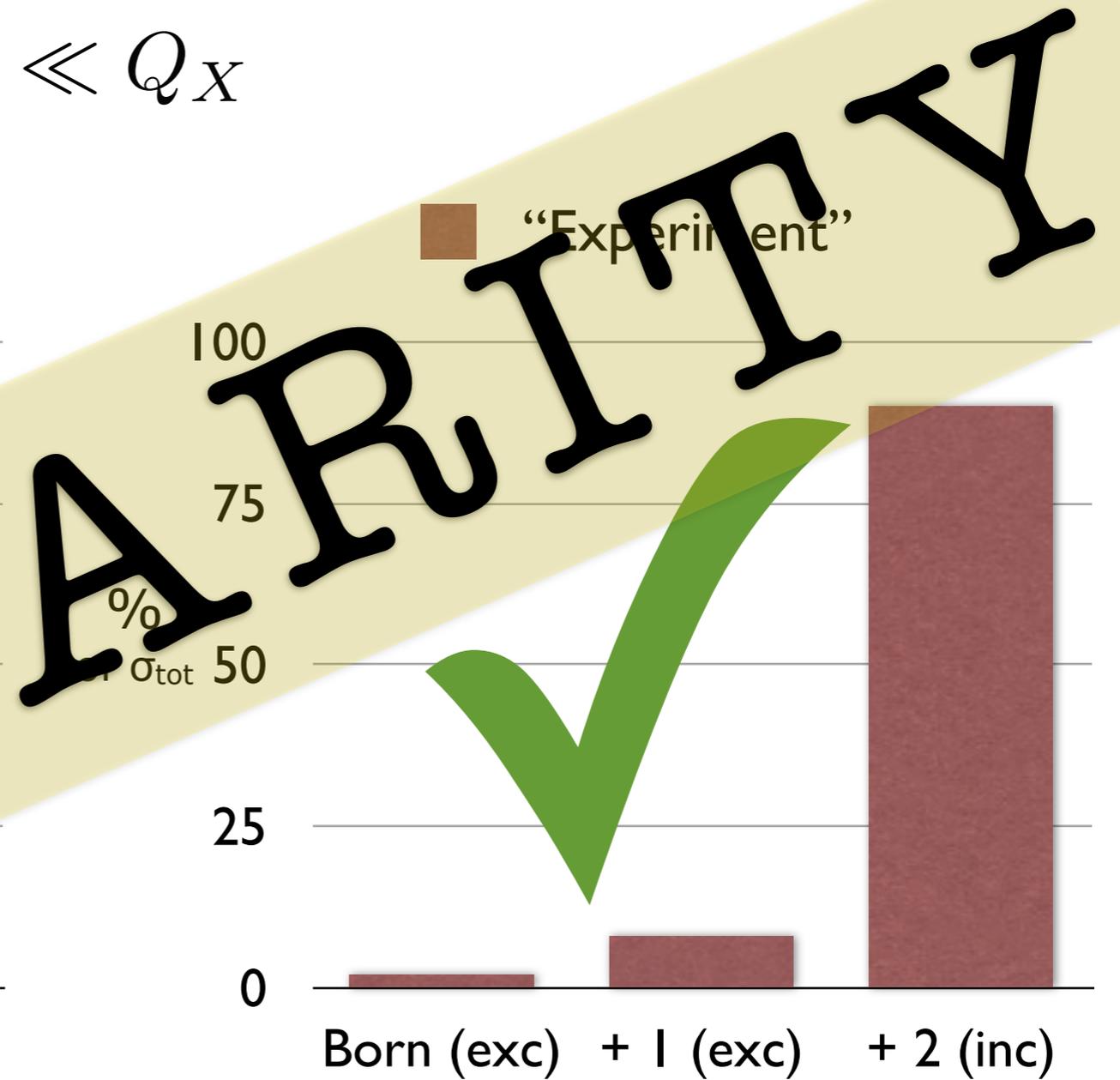
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Evolve an unstable nucleus. Check if it decays + follow chains of decays.

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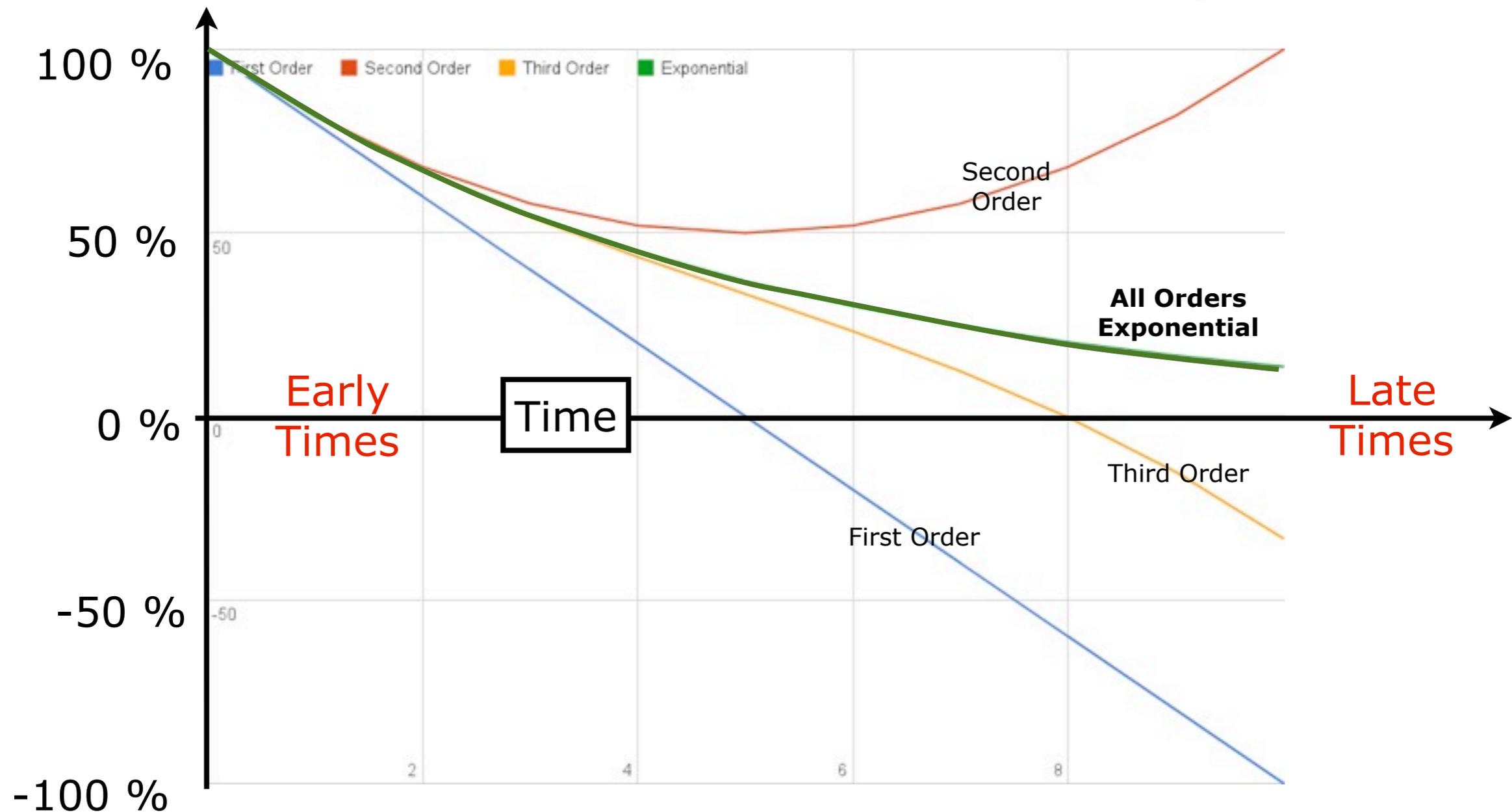
(requires that the nucleus did not already decay)

$$= 1 - c_N \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(c_N^2)$$

$\Delta(t_1, t_2)$: “Sudakov Factor”

Nuclear Decay

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(replace t by shower evolution scale)
(replace c_N by proper shower evolution kernels)

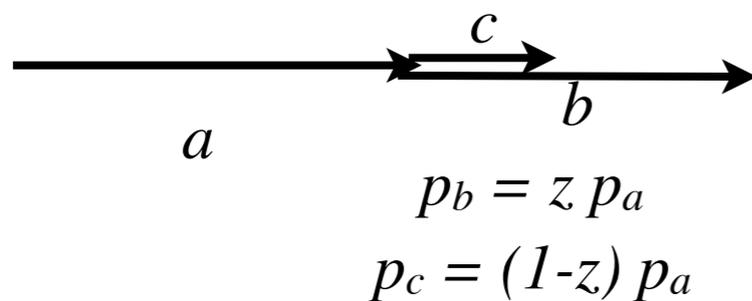
What's the evolution kernel?

DGLAP splitting functions

Can be derived from *collinear limit* of MEs $(p_b+p_c)^2 \rightarrow 0$
 + evolution equation from invariance with respect to $Q_F \rightarrow RGE$

DGLAP
 (E.g., PYTHIA)

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$$P_{l \rightarrow l\gamma}(z) = e_l^2 \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} ,$$

$$dt = \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} = d \ln Q^2$$

... with Q^2 some measure of "hardness"
 = event/jet resolution
 measuring parton virtualities / formation time / ...

Note: there exist now also alternatives to AP kernels (with same collinear limits!): dipoles, antennae, ...

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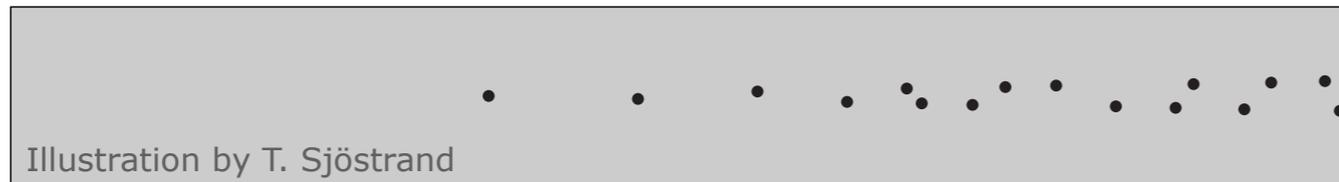
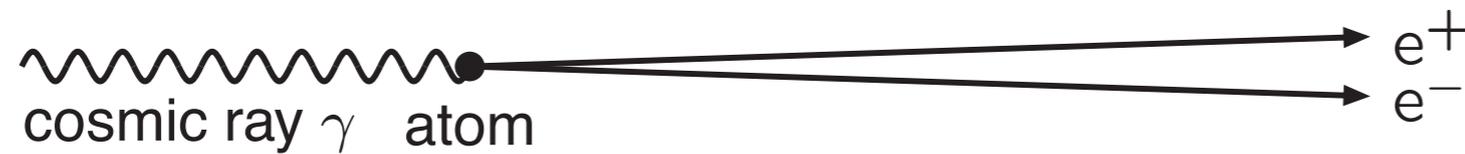
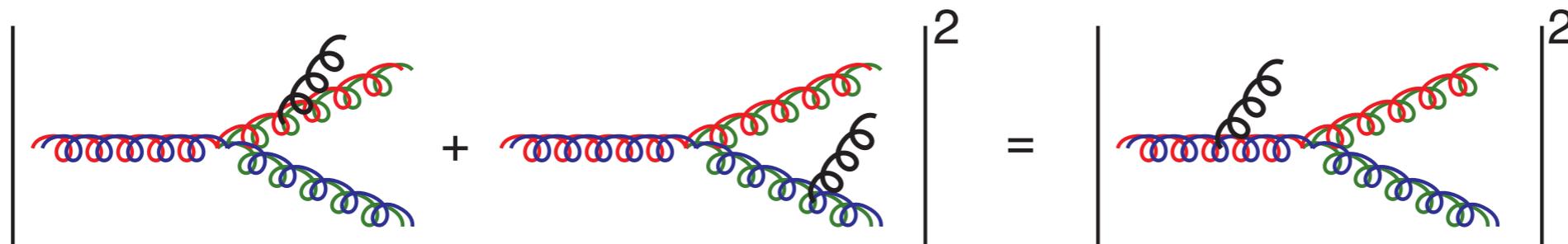


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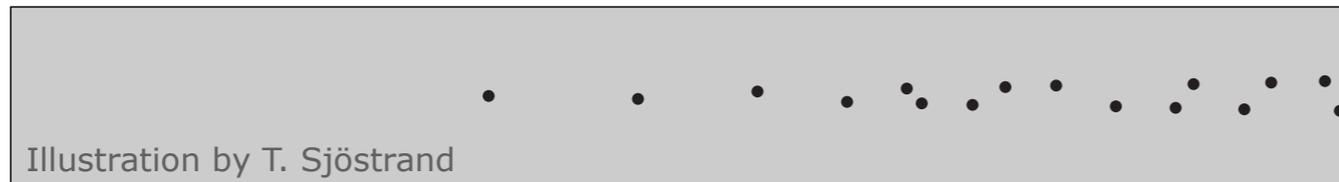
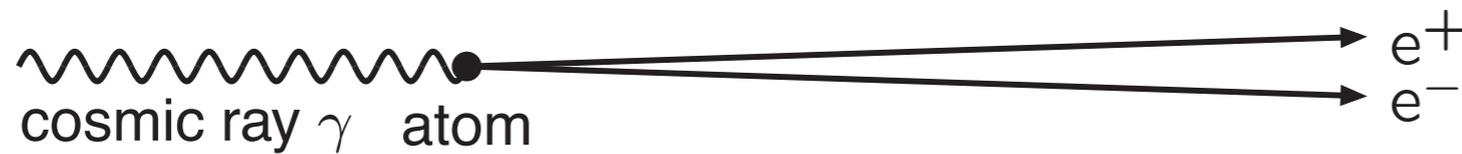


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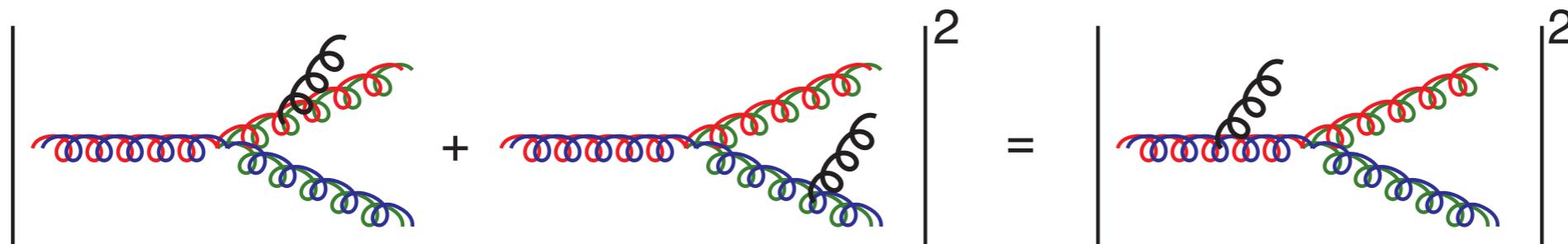
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Approximations to Coherence:
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 Angular Vetos (PYTHIA)
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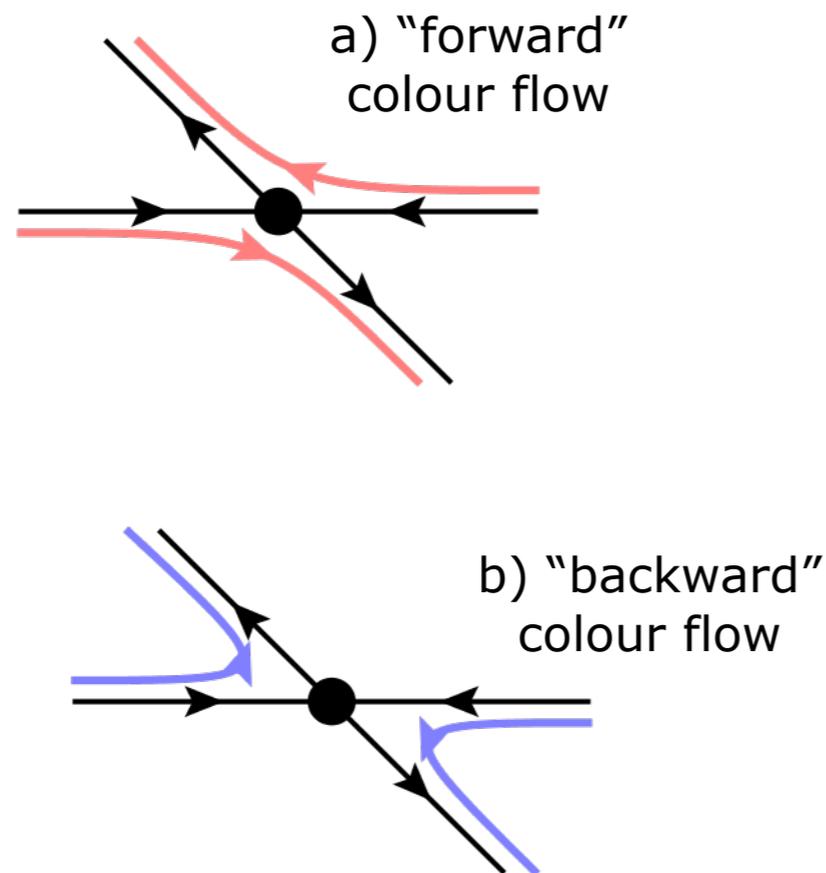
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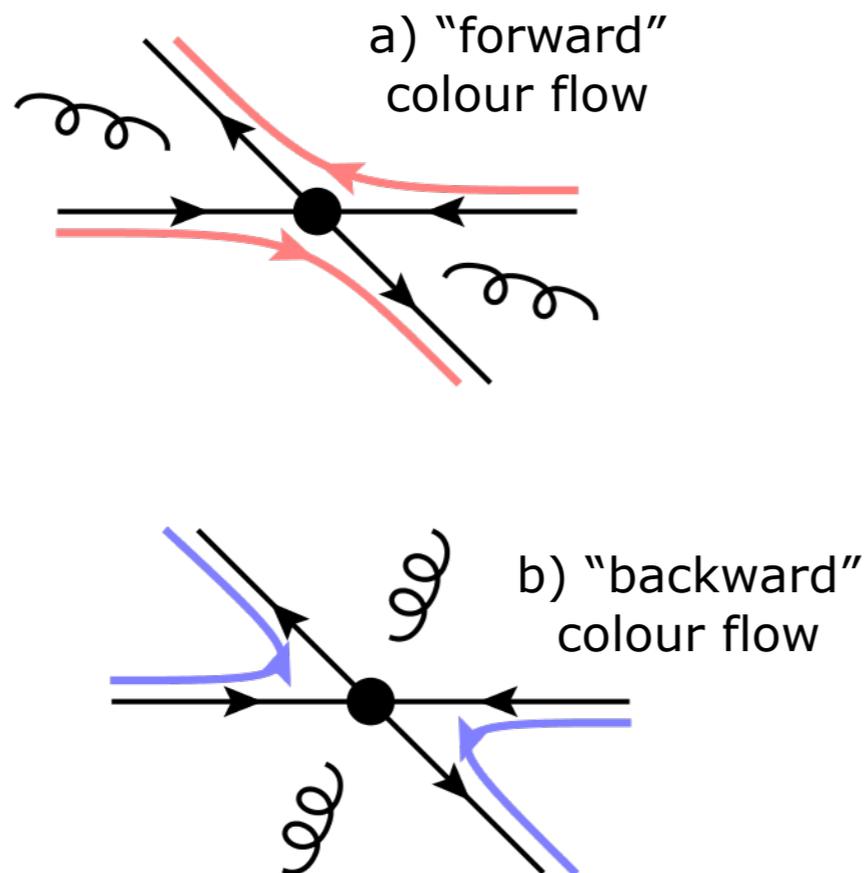
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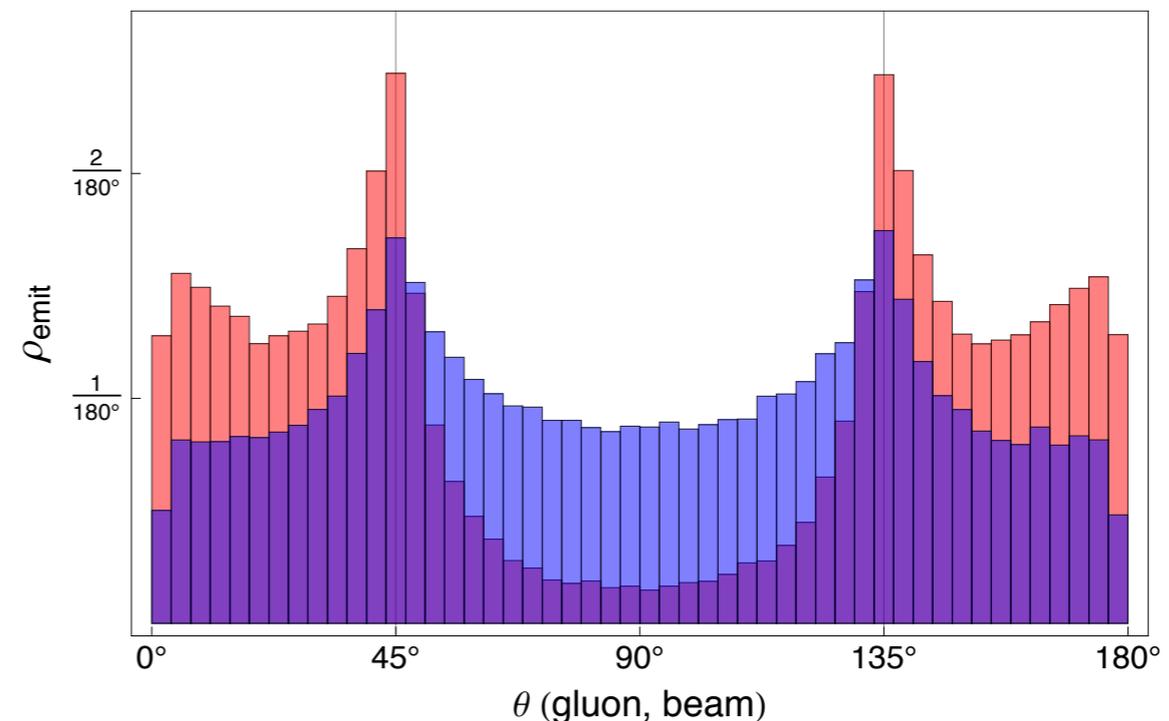
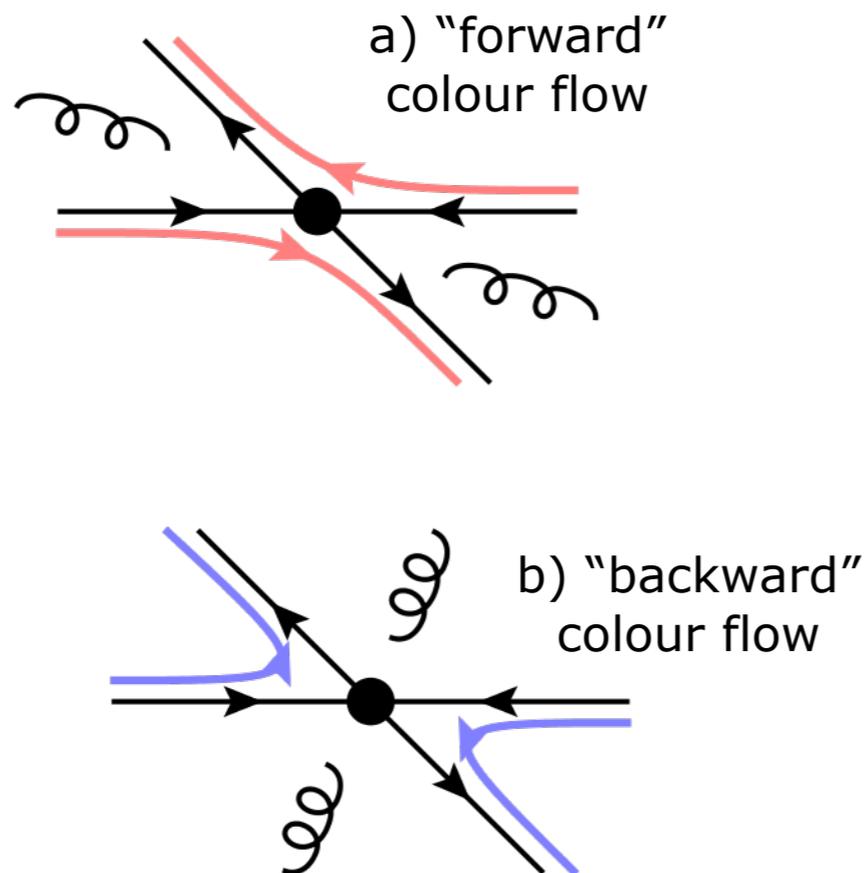
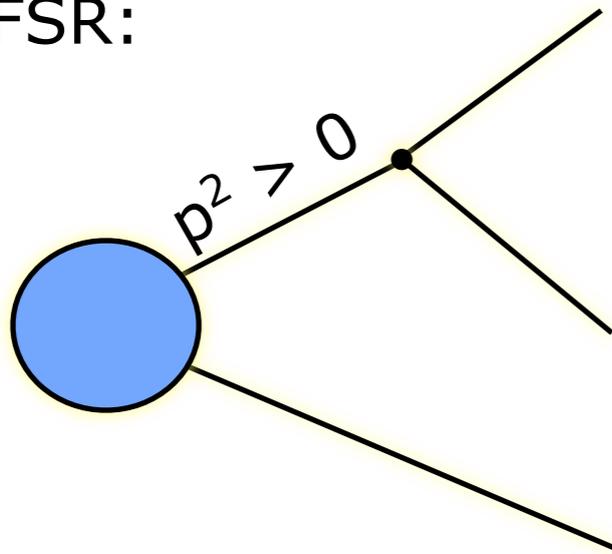


Figure 4: Angular distribution of the first gluon emission in $qq \rightarrow qq$ scattering at 45° , for the two different color flows. The light (red) histogram shows the emission density for the forward flow, and the dark (blue) histogram shows the emission density for the backward flow.

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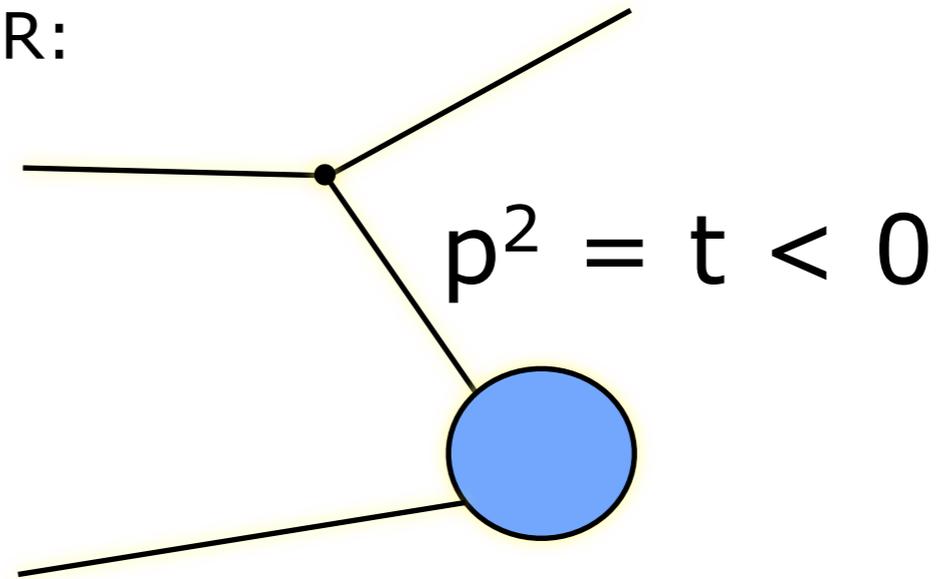
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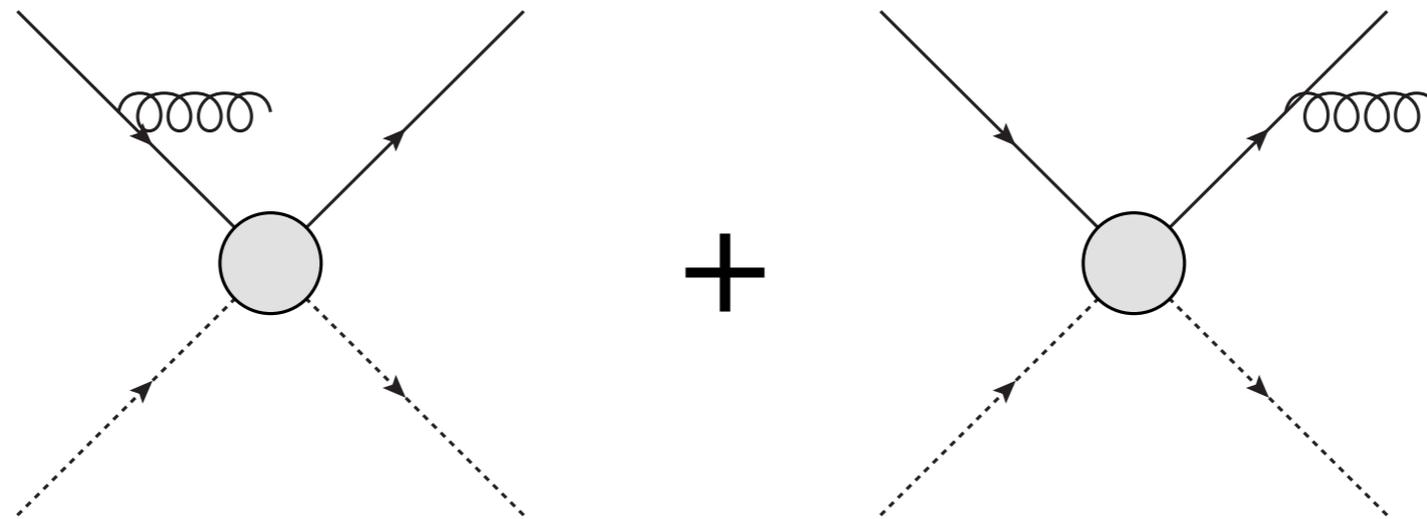
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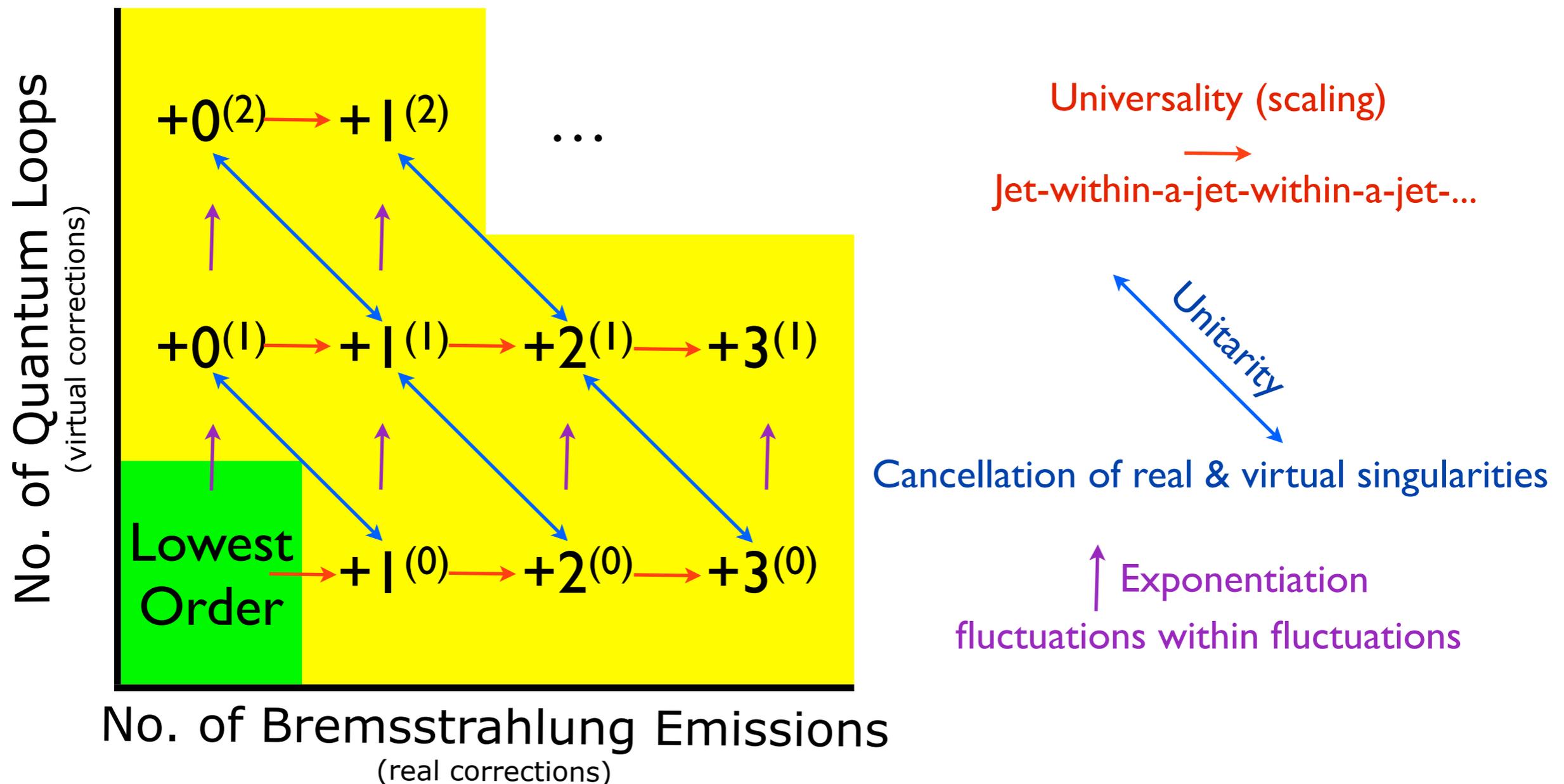
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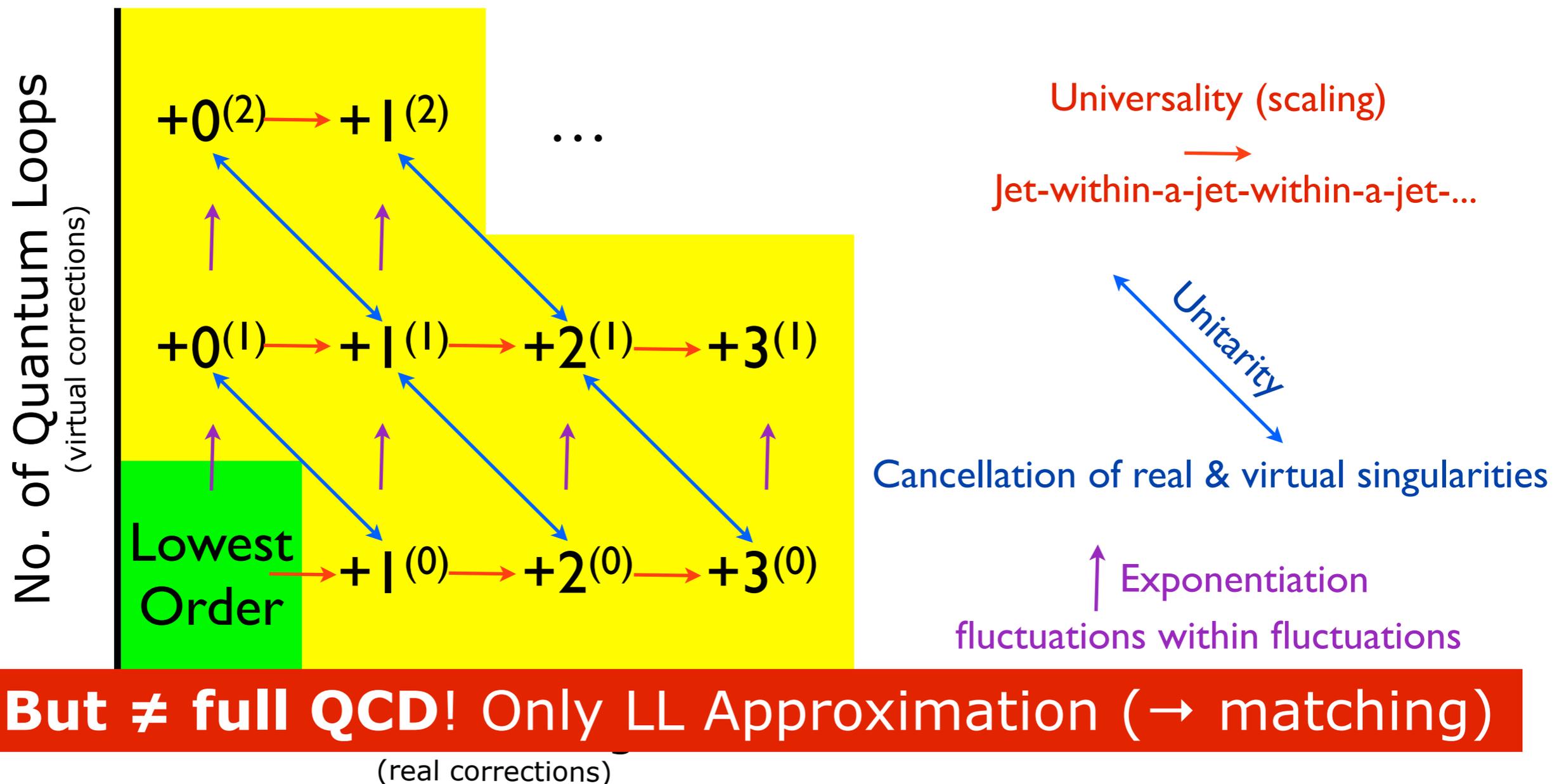
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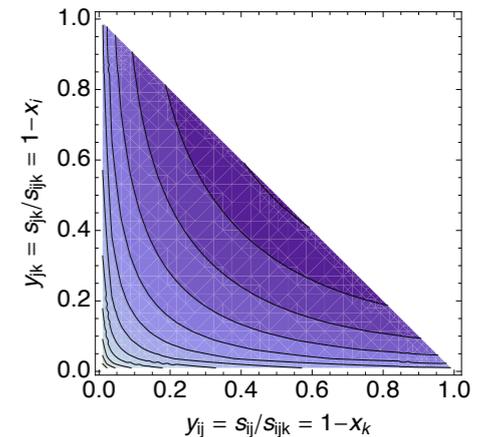
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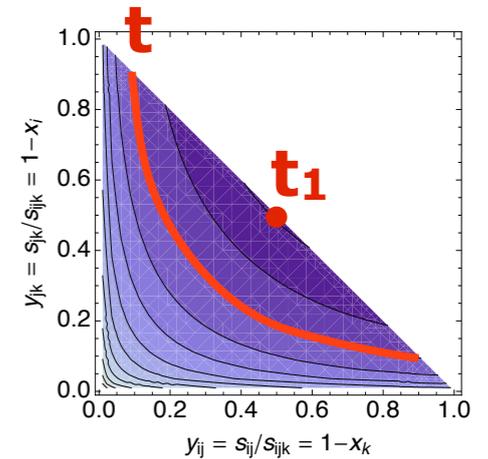
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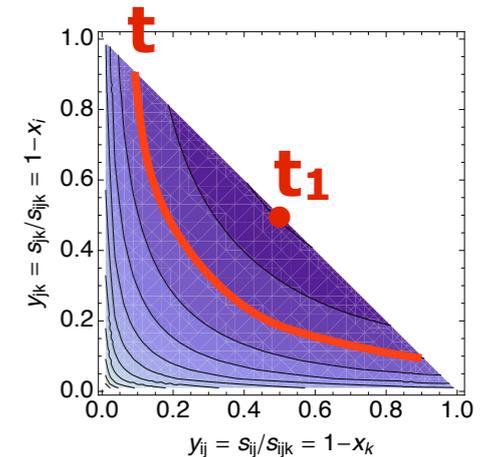
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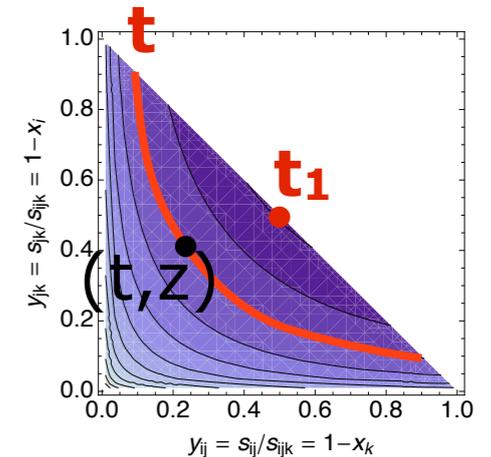
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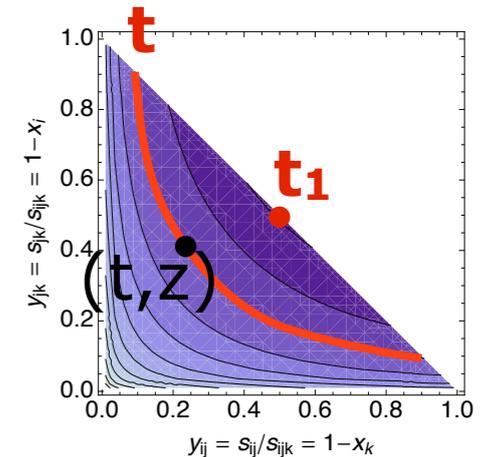
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See also: PS, *Introduction to QCD*, TASI 2012, [arXiv:1207.2389](https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.2389)

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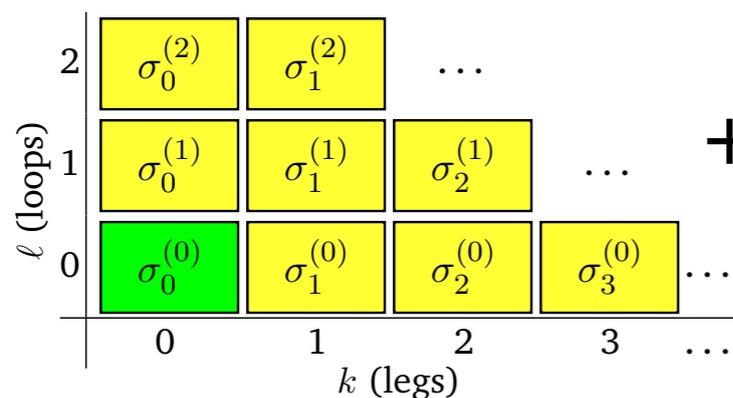
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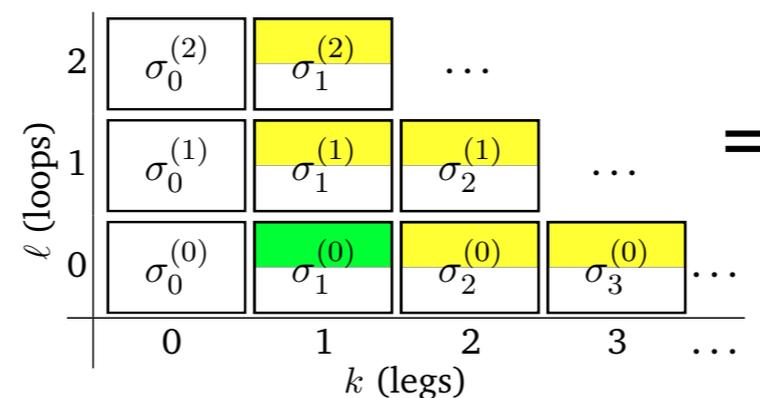
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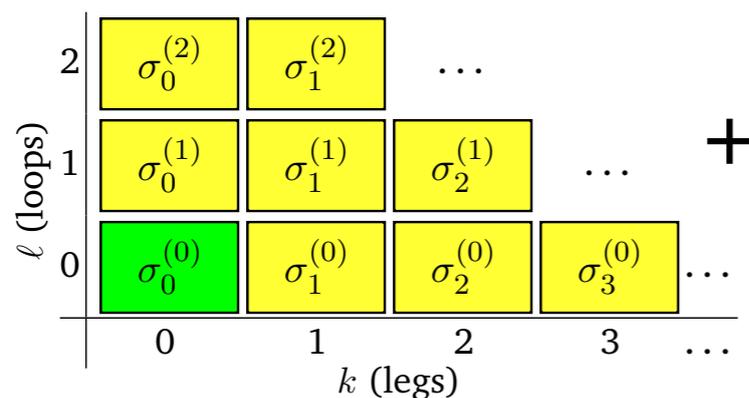
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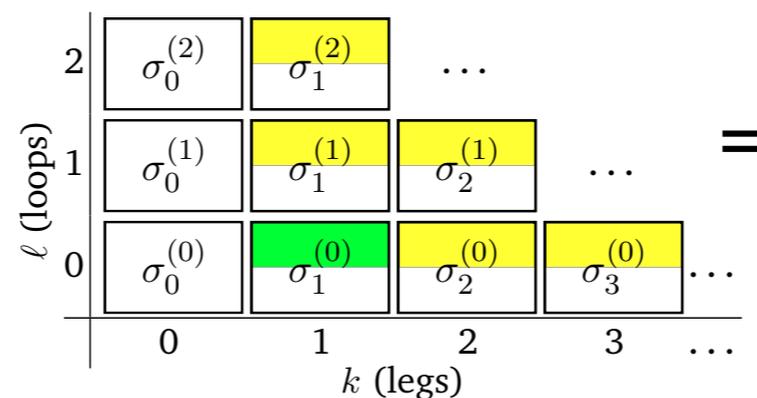
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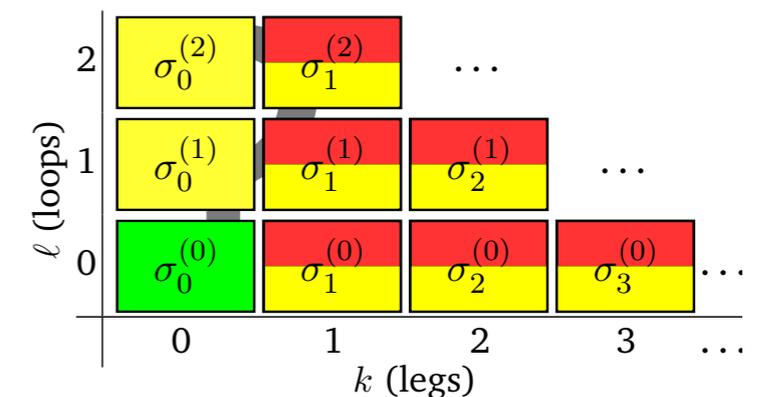
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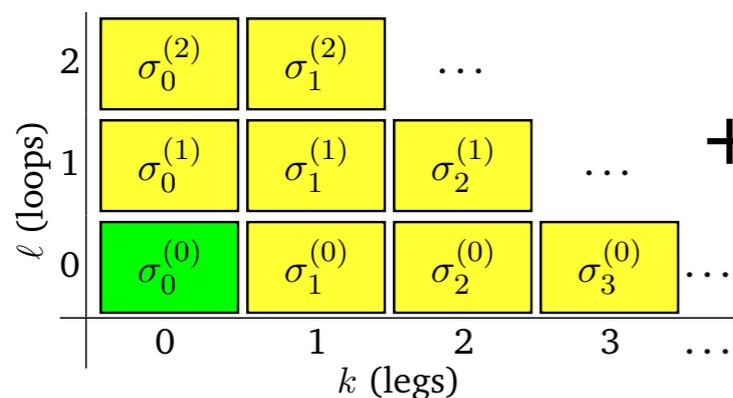
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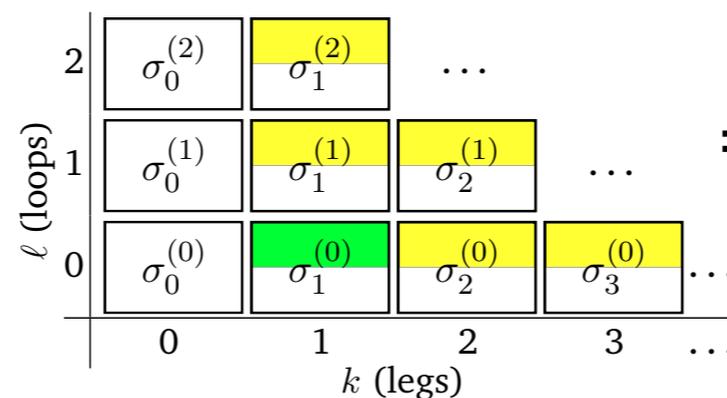
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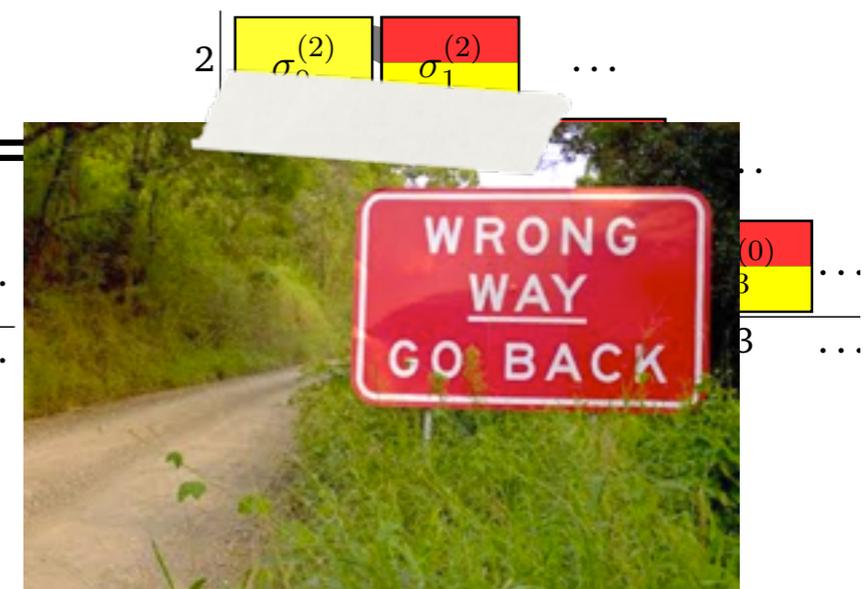
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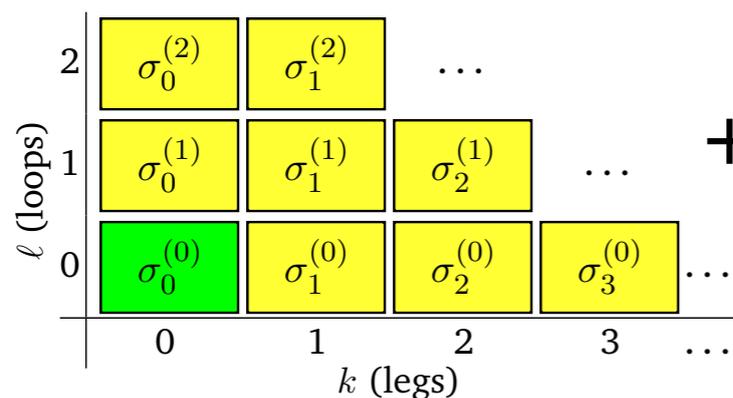
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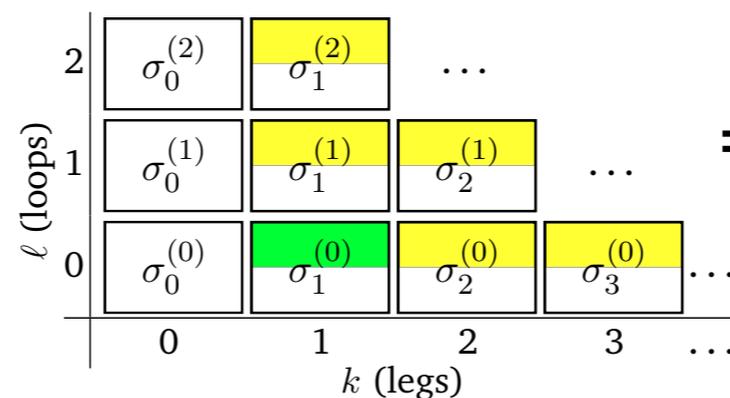
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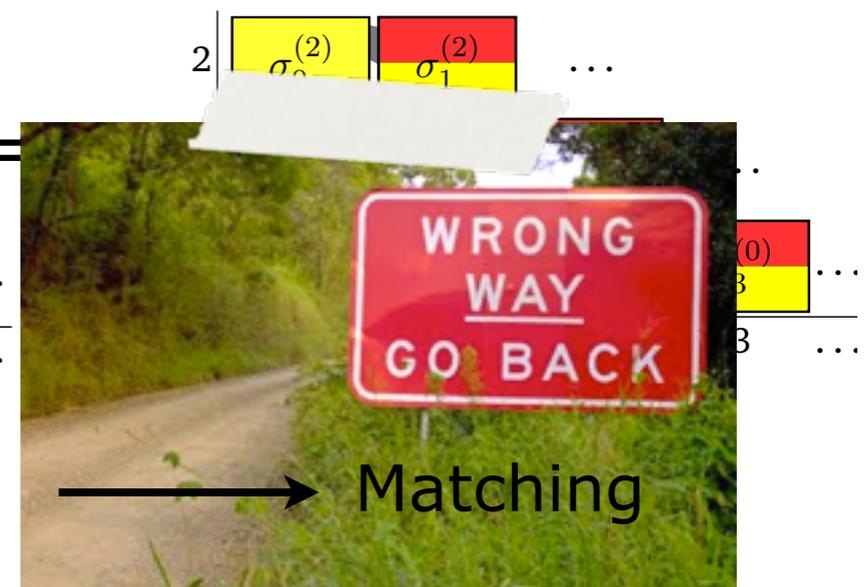
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Summary: Two ways to compute Quantum Corrections

Standard Paradigm: consider a single physical system; a single physical process

Explicit solutions (to given perturbative order)

Standard-Model: typically NLO or NNLO

Beyond-SM: typically LO or NLO

LO: Leading Order (Born)
NLO = Next-to-LO, ...

Limited generality

Event generators: consider all possible physical processes (within perturbative QFT)

Approximate solutions

Process-dependence = subleading correction (\rightarrow matching)

Maximum generality

Emphasis is on universalities; physics

Common property of all processes is, for instance, limits in which they factorize!

Summary: Parton Showers

Aim: generate events in as much detail as mother nature

→ Make stochastic choices \sim as in Nature (Q.M.) → Random numbers

Factor complete event probability into separate universal pieces, treated independently and/or sequentially (Markov-Chain MC)

Improve lowest-order perturbation theory by including 'most significant' corrections

Resonance decays (e.g., $t \rightarrow bW^+$, $W \rightarrow qq'$, $H^0 \rightarrow \gamma^0 \gamma^0$, $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, ...)

Bremsstrahlung (FSR and ISR, exact in collinear and soft* limits)

Hard radiation (matching, discussed tomorrow)

Hadronization (strings/clusters, discussed tomorrow)

Additional Soft Physics: multiple parton-parton interactions, Bose-Einstein correlations, colour reconnections, hadron decays, ...

Coherence*

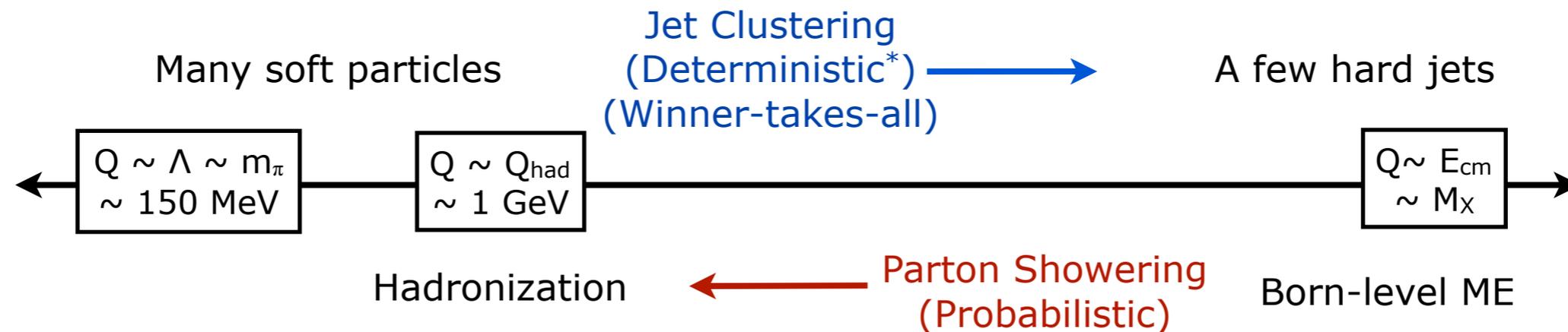
Soft radiation → Angular ordering or Coherent Dipoles/Antennae

See also: **1)** MCnet Review (long): [Phys.Rept. 504 \(2011\) 145-233](#) and/or **2)** PDG Review on Monte Carlo Event Generators, and/or **3)** PS, TASI Lectures (short): [arXiv:1207.2389](#)

Jets vs Parton Showers

Jet clustering algorithms

Map event from low E-resolution scale (i.e., with many partons/hadrons, most of which are soft) to a higher E-resolution scale (with fewer, hard, IR-safe, jets)



Parton shower algorithms

Map a few hard partons to many softer ones

Probabilistic → closer to nature.

Not uniquely invertible by any jet algorithm*

(* See "Qjets" for a probabilistic jet algorithm, [arXiv:1201.1914](https://arxiv.org/abs/1201.1914))

(* See "Sector Showers" for a deterministic shower, [arXiv:1109.3608](https://arxiv.org/abs/1109.3608))