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# One-loop calculations in QCD and N=4 supersymmetric gauge theories

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## OUTLINE

Lecture 1: QCD basics

Lecture 2: One loop tensor integrals and their reduction

Lecture 3: Unitarity method and amplitudes

Lecture 4: Analytic and numerical computations

Lecture 5: Outlook

# QCD basics

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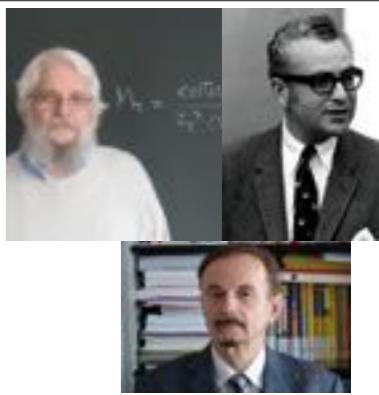
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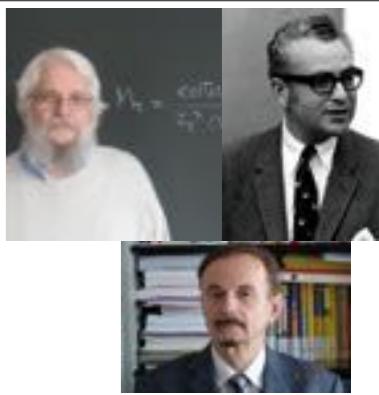
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$$q(x)_i = \left( e^{\{i \sum_{a=1}^8 T^a \xi^a(x)\}} \right)_{ij} q_j(x) = \Omega(x)_{ij} q_j(x)$$

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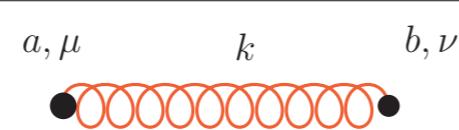
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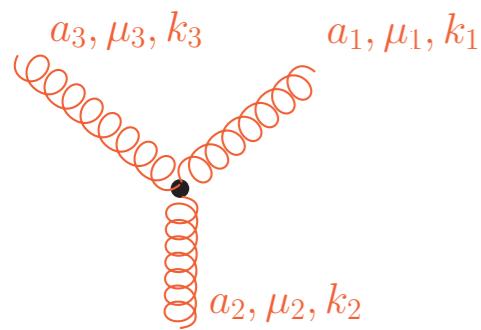
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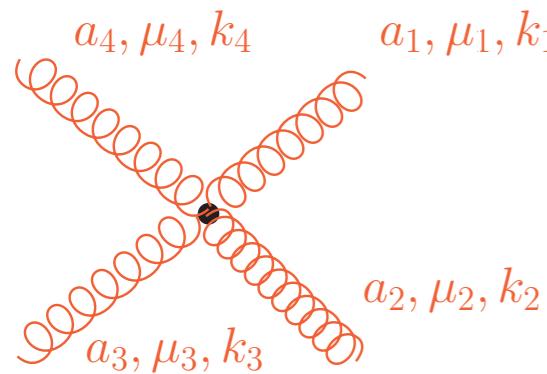
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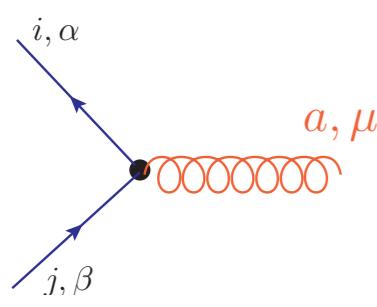
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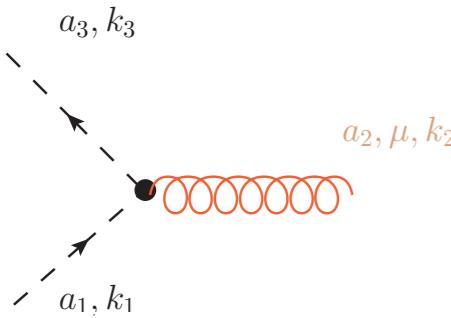
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$$ig(T^a)_{ij}(\gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta}$$



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The diagrammatic rules mathematically are **not always well defined**. In higher orders diagrams with closed loops can appear when the expressions given by the Feynman diagrams have to be integrated over the internal loop momenta. Loop integrals can become divergent both in the ultraviolet region (at large values of the loop momenta) and in the infrared region (soft and collinear regions of the loop momenta).

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$$\int \frac{d^{4-2\epsilon} dk}{(2\pi)^{4-2\epsilon}} \frac{1}{[-k^2 + C - i\epsilon]^s} = i(4\pi)^{-2+\epsilon} [C - i\epsilon]^{2-s-\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(s-2+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(s)}$$

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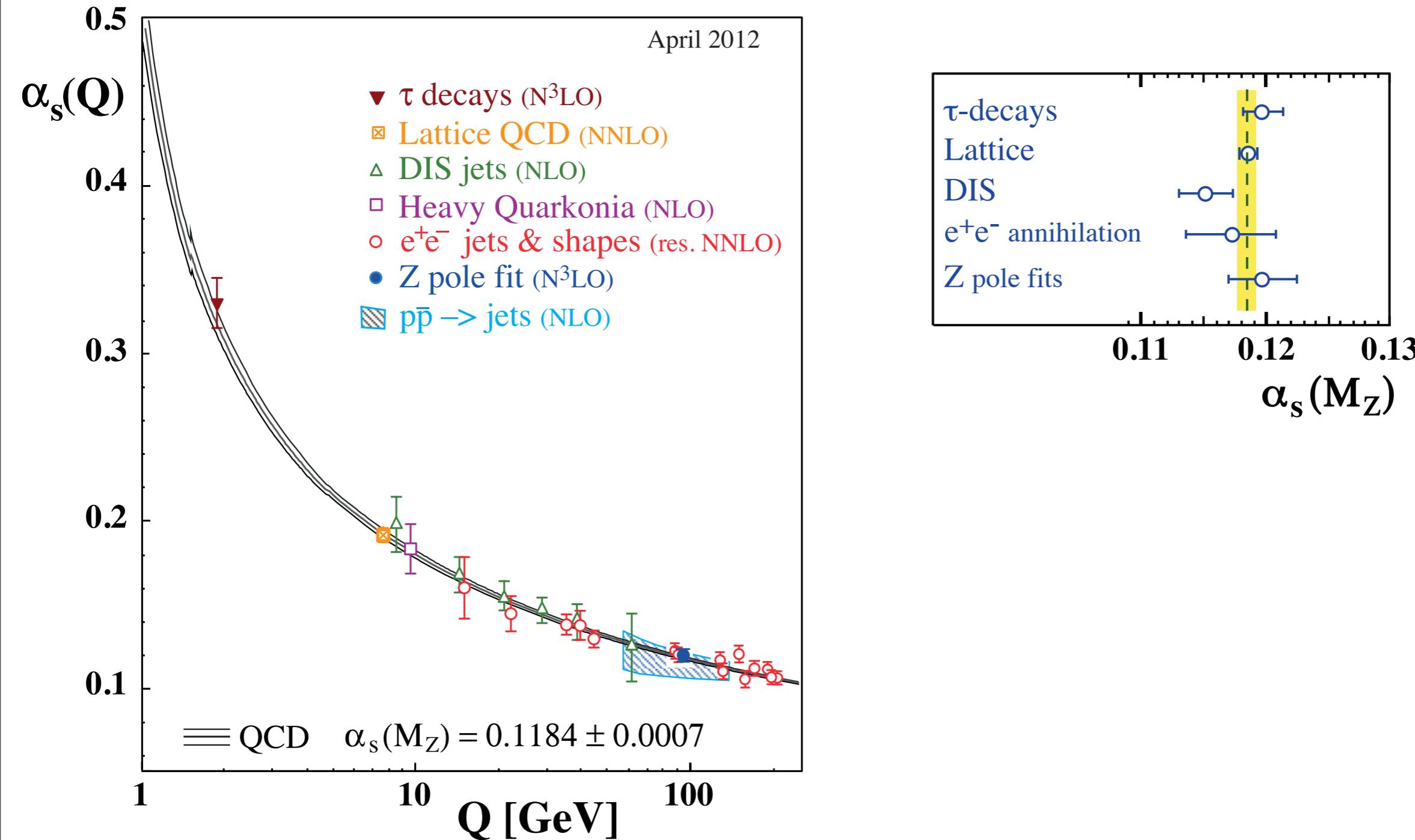
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$\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(5)}$  : hidden fundamental scale of QCD

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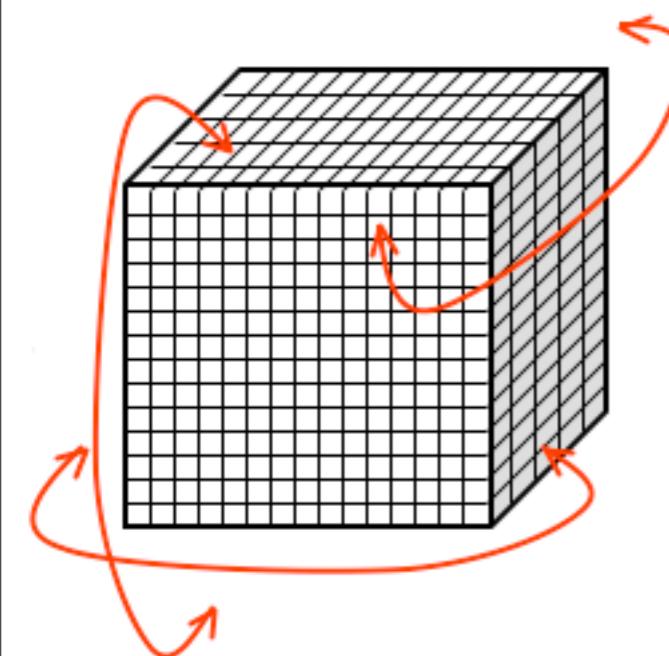
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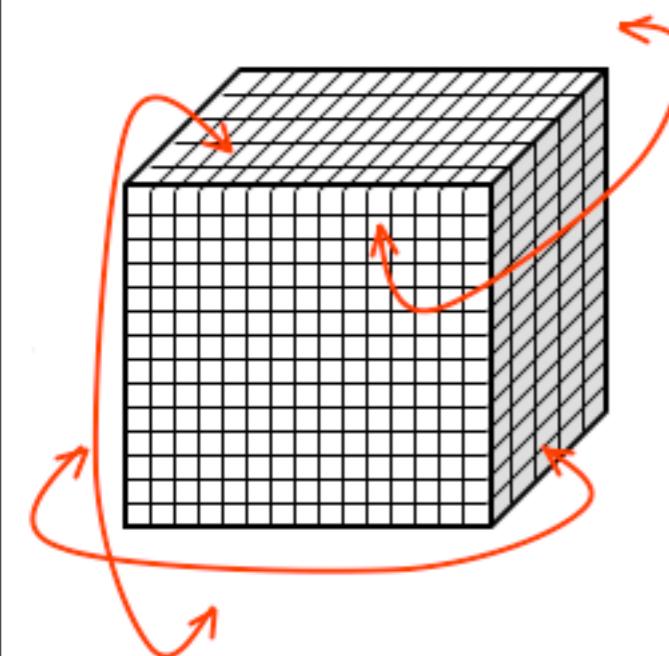


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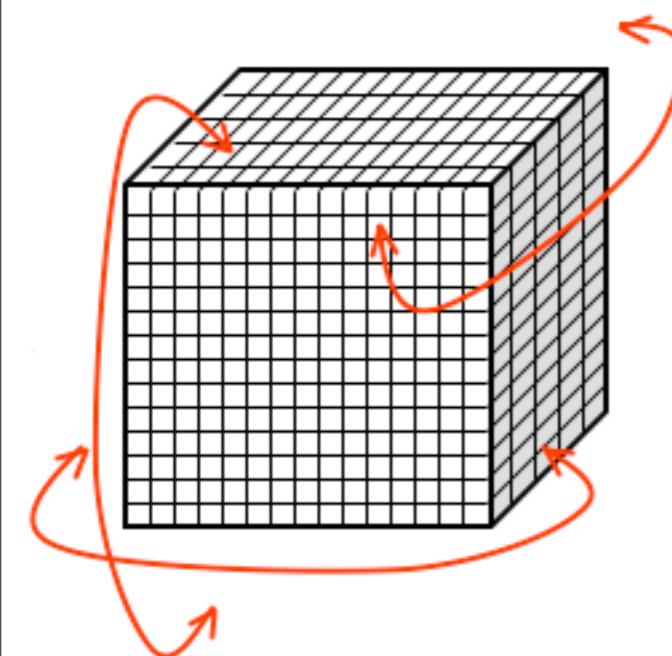


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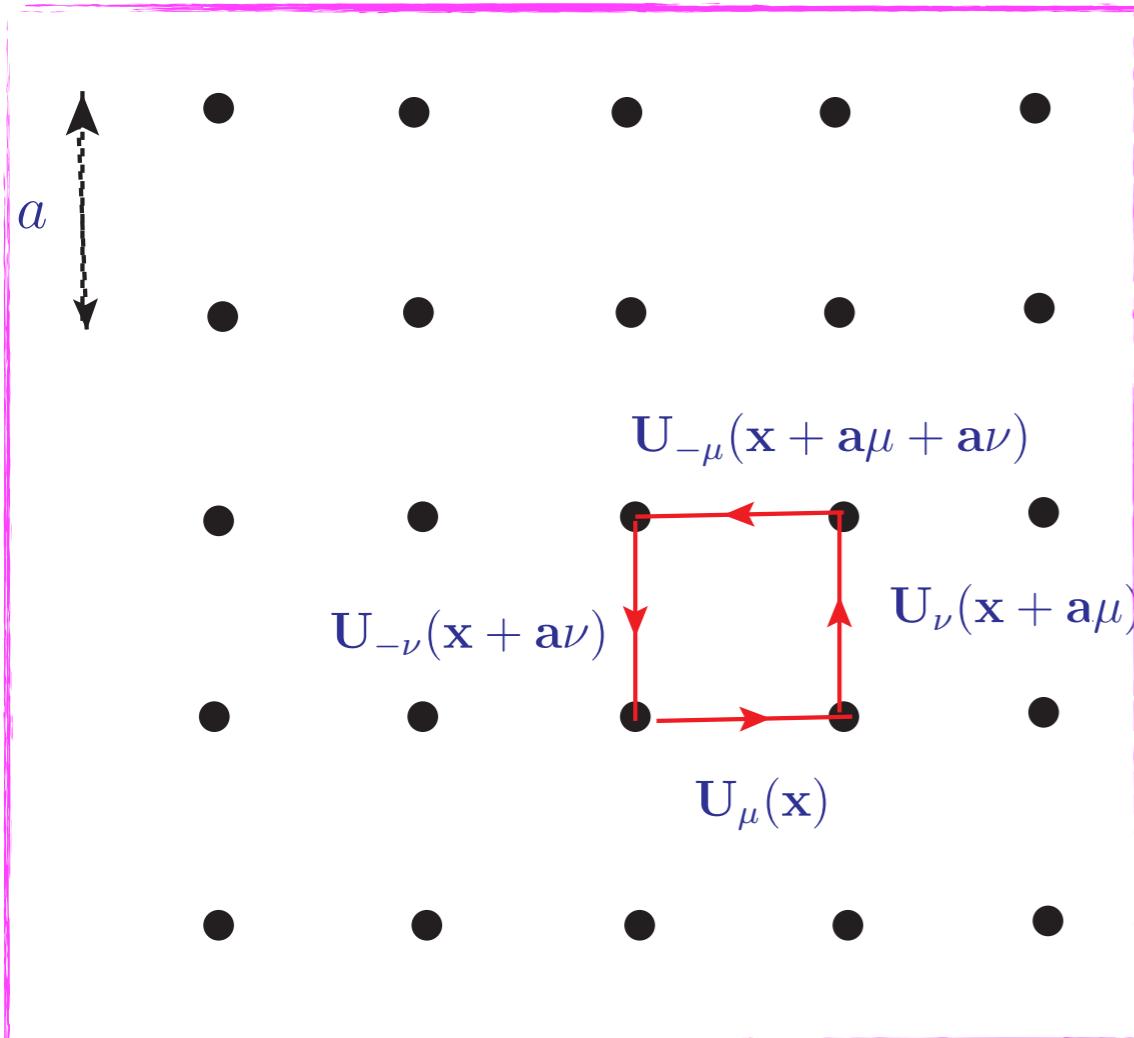
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# Lattice QCD defines the theory with infrared and ultraviolet cut-off

$$x_\mu = n_\mu a \quad \text{with} \quad n_\mu \in \{0, \dots, N_\mu - 1\}$$



The parallel transport  $\mathbf{U}_\mu(\mathbf{x})$  is the discretized version of the path ordered product of continuum gauge fields  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}_\mu$

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$$\langle \mathbf{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U}_\mu \int \mathcal{D}\Psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\Psi} \mathbf{O} e^{-(\bar{\Psi} M(U)\Psi + S_G(U))}$$

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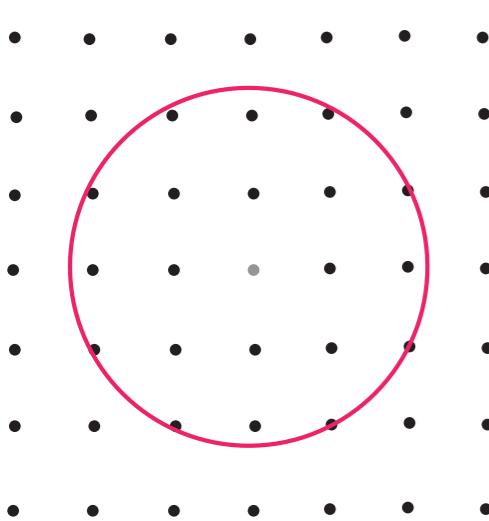
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$$a \ll R_P \ll L = N a$$



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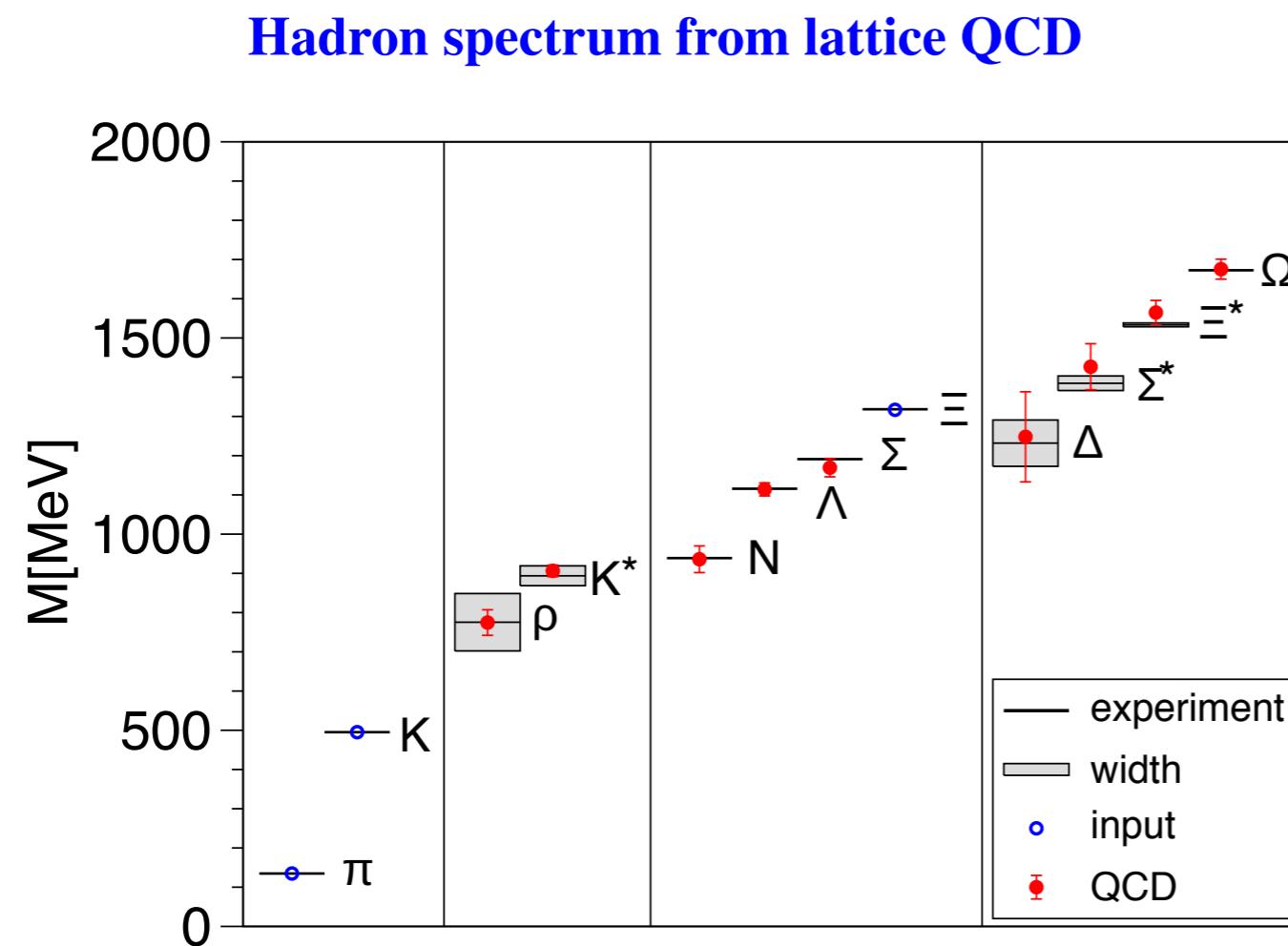
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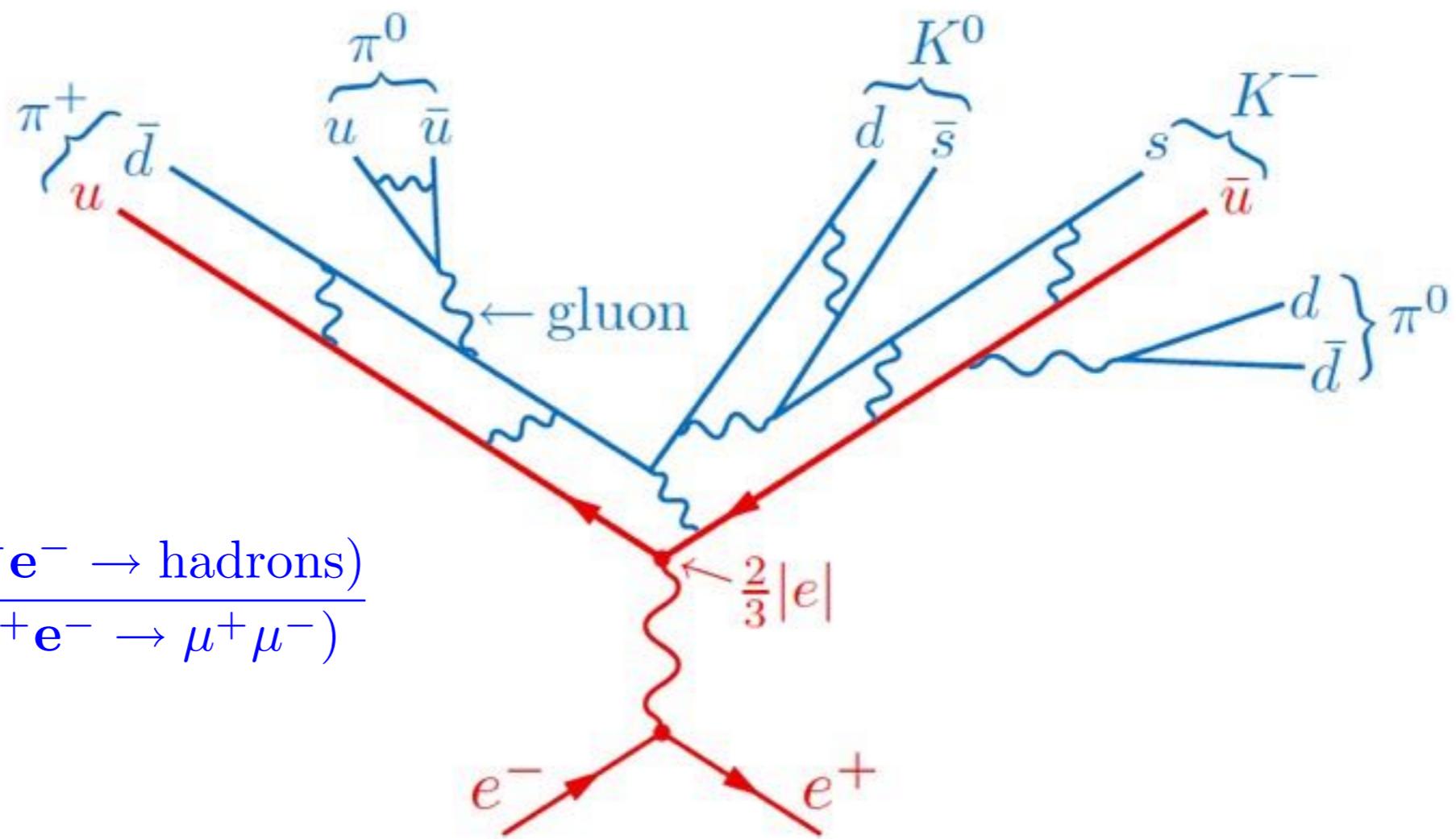
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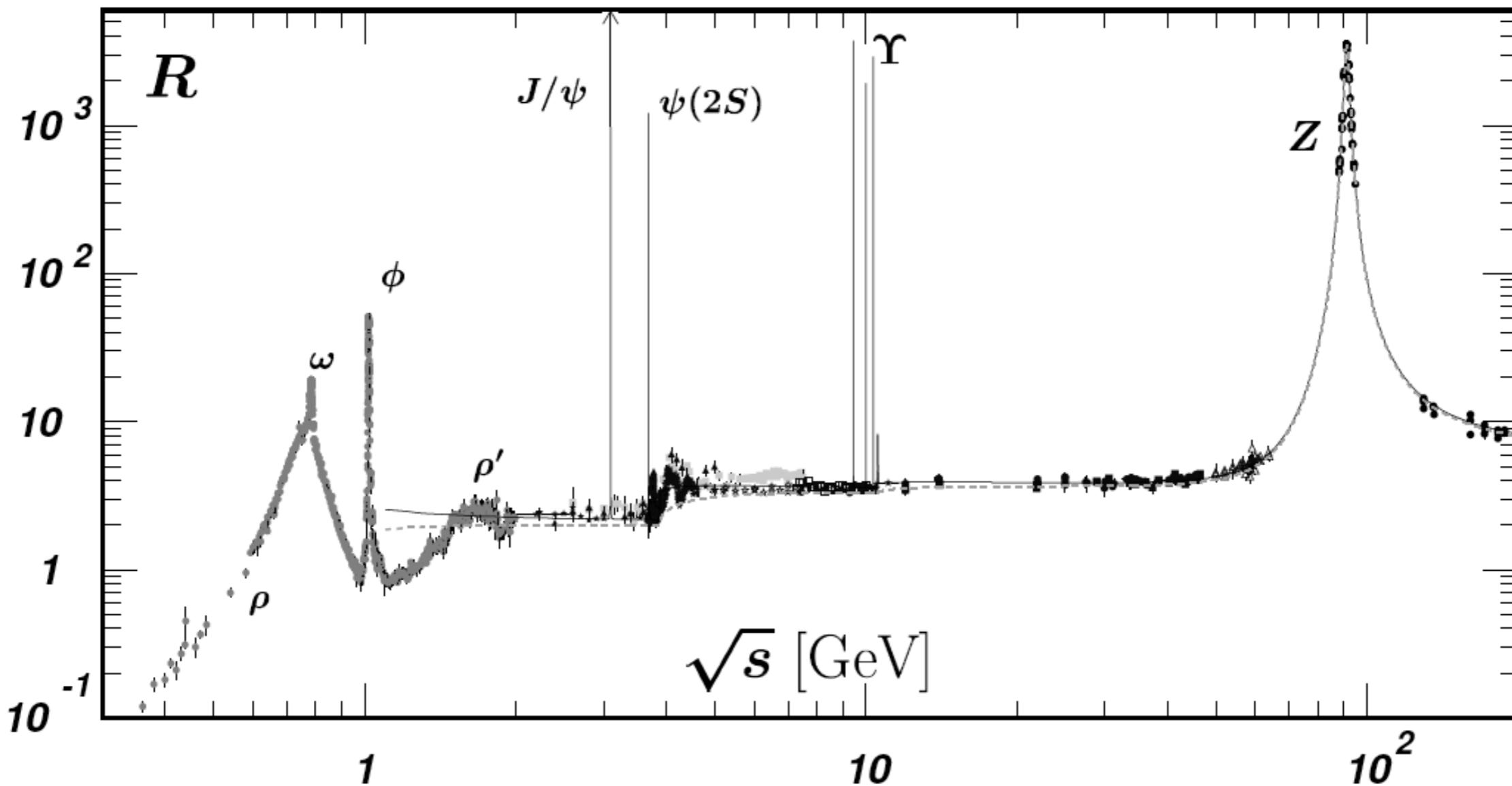
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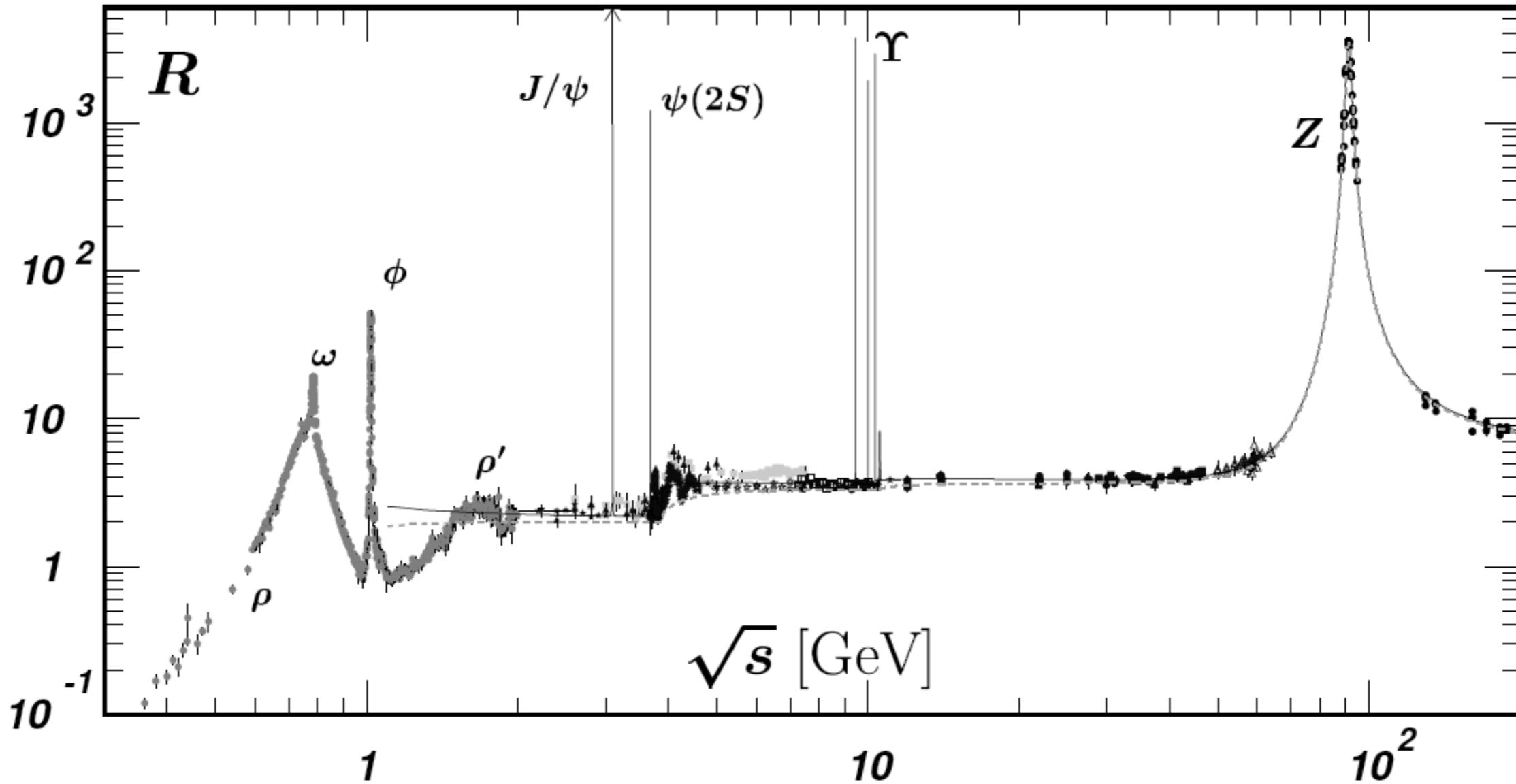
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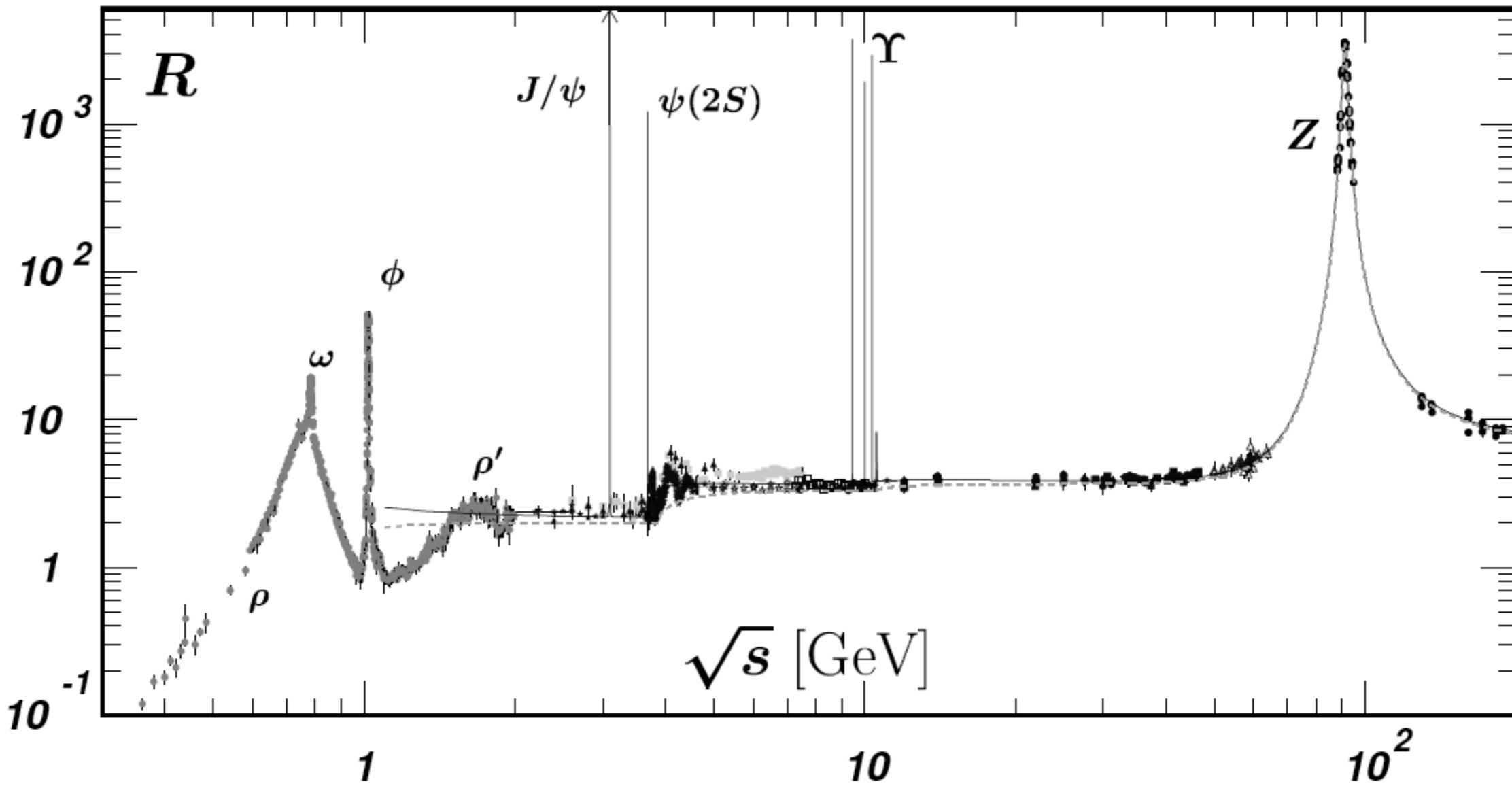
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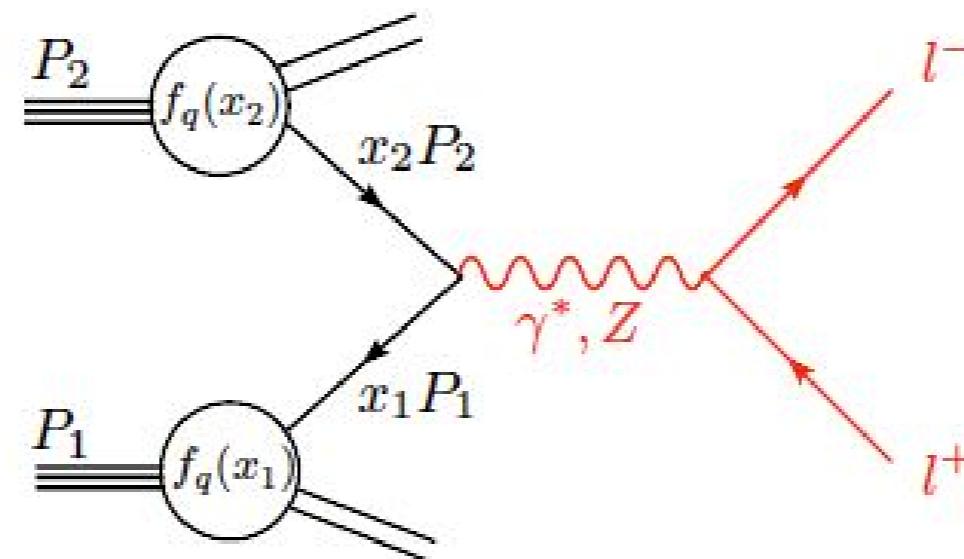
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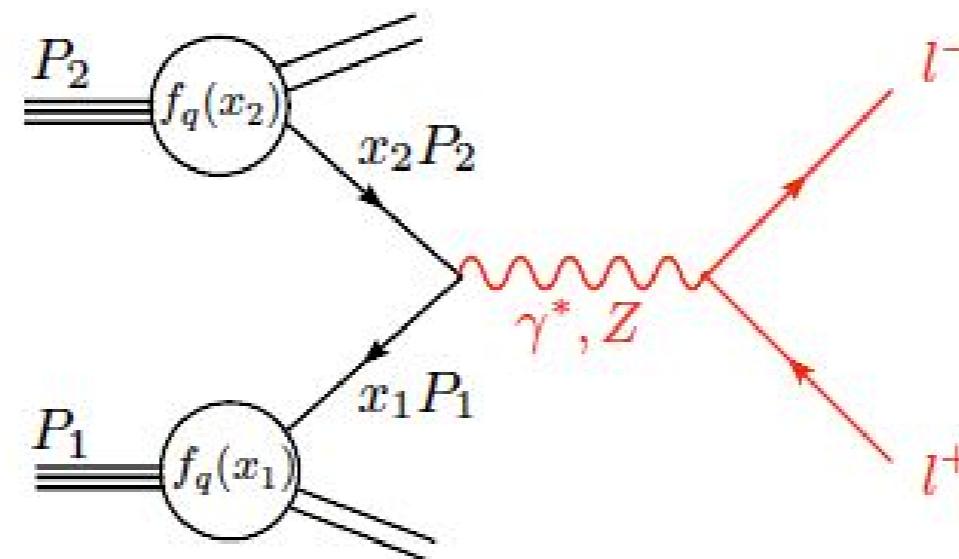
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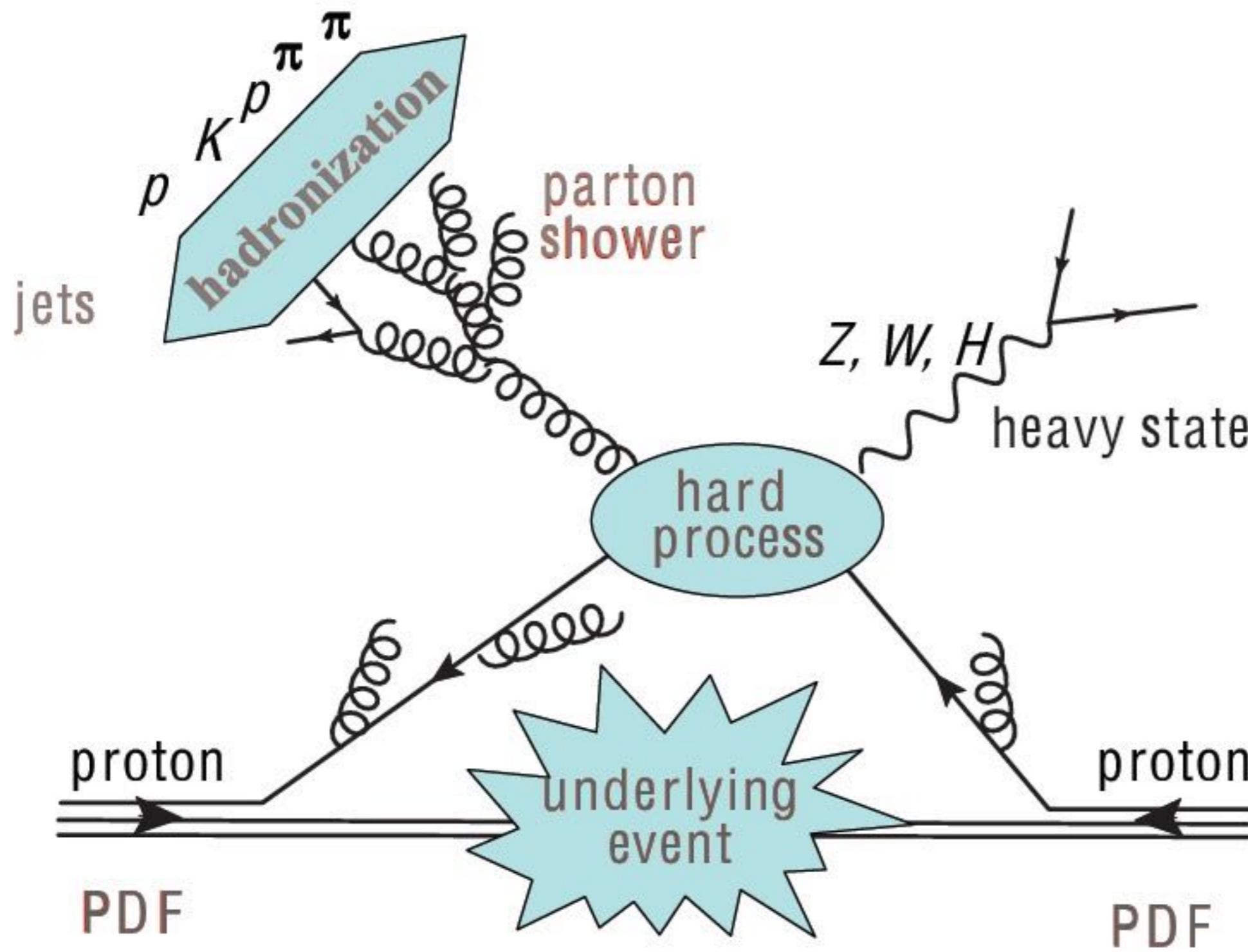
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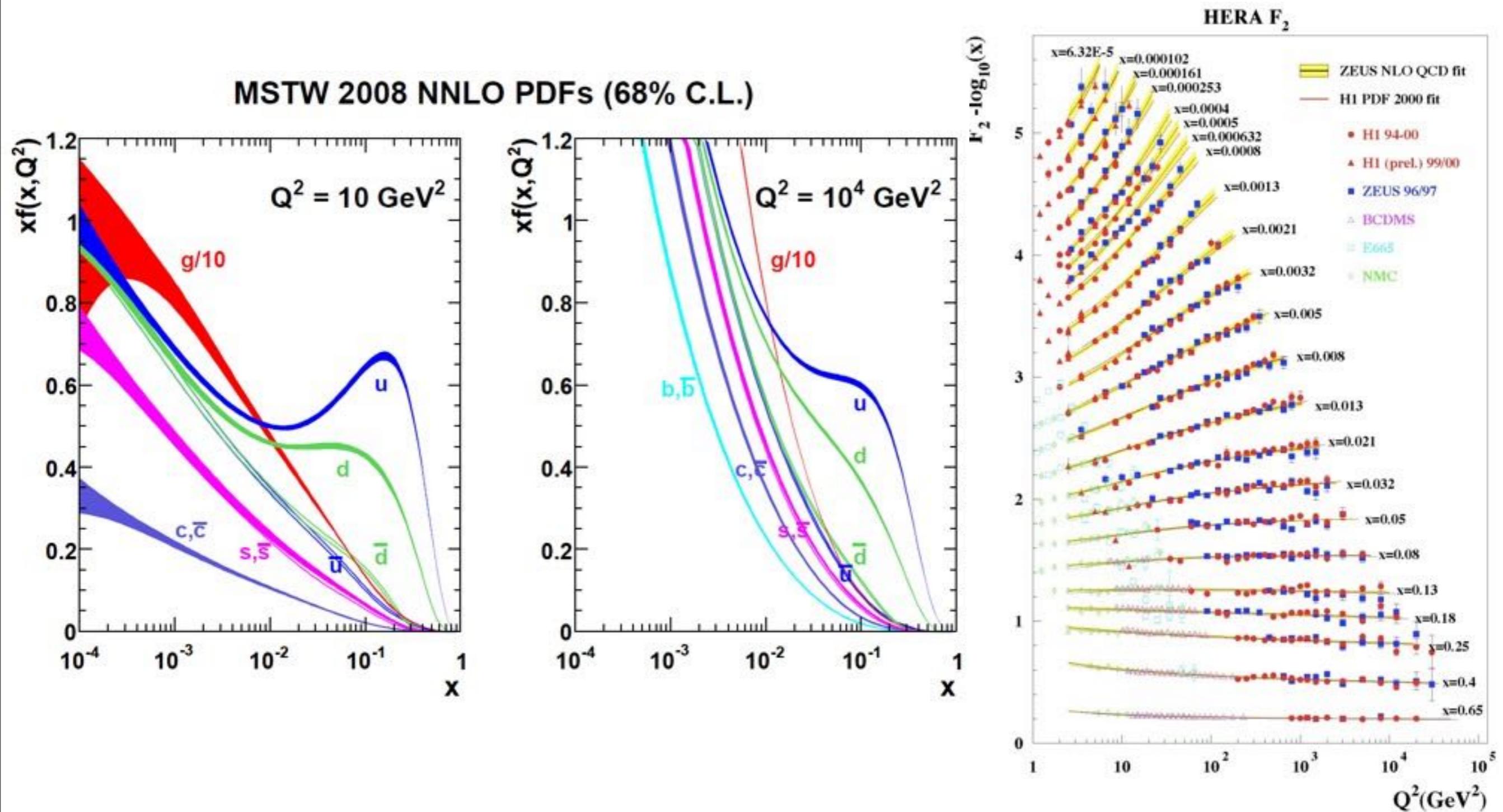
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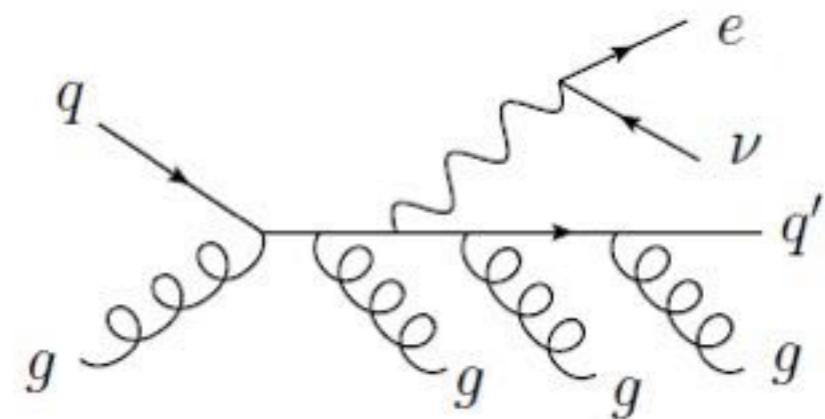
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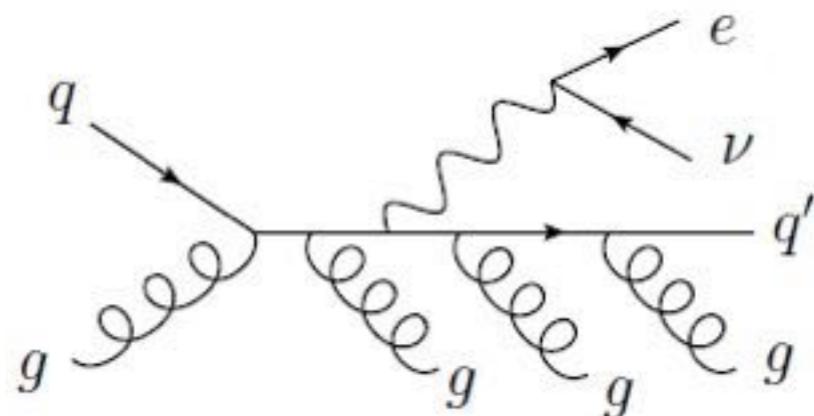
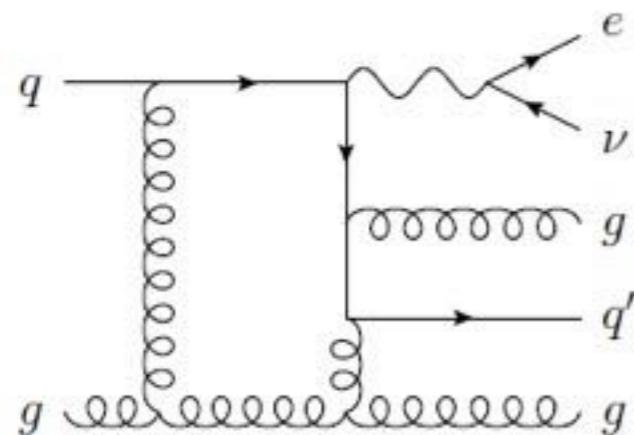
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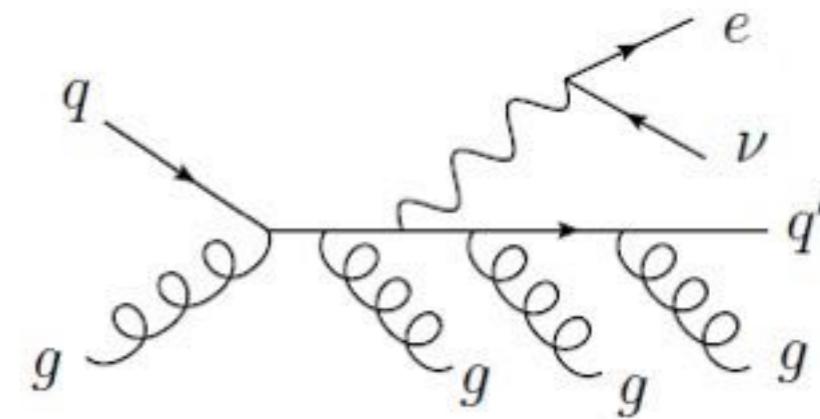
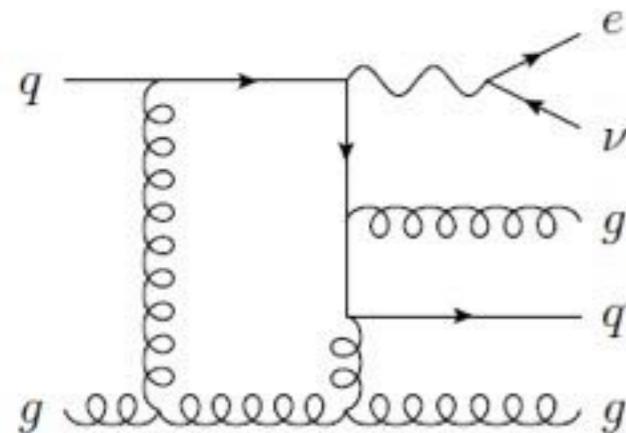


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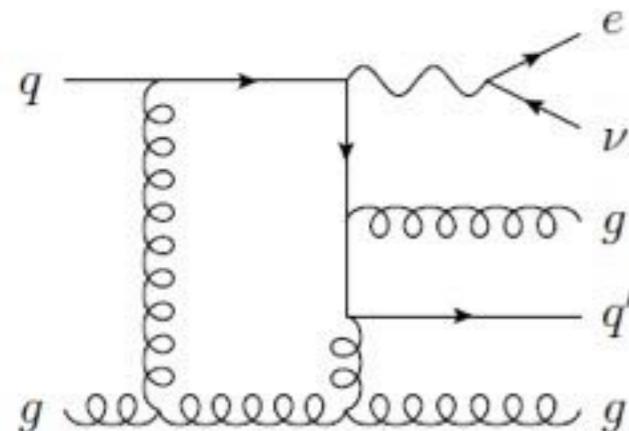
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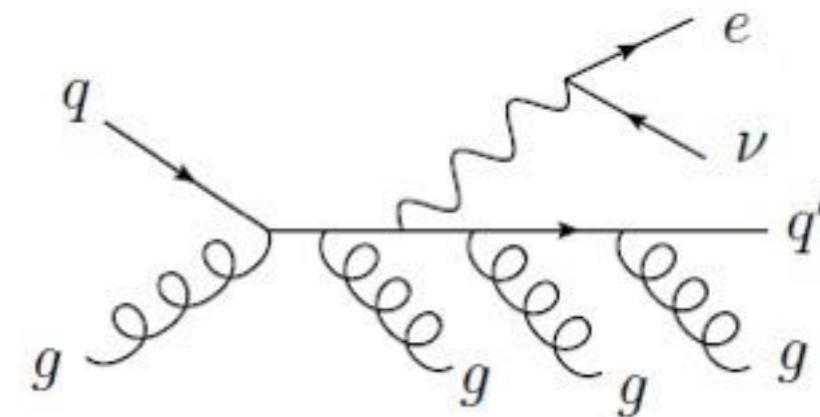


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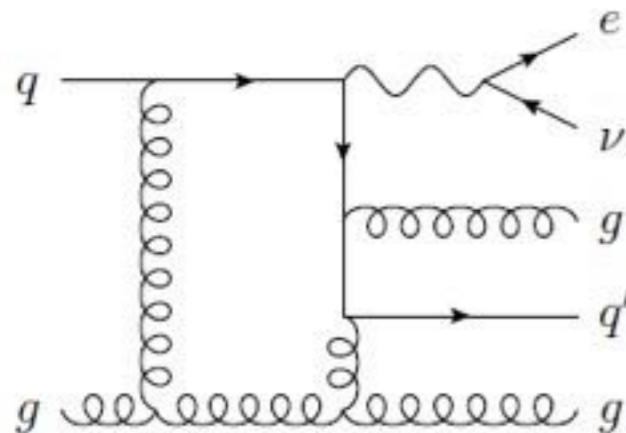
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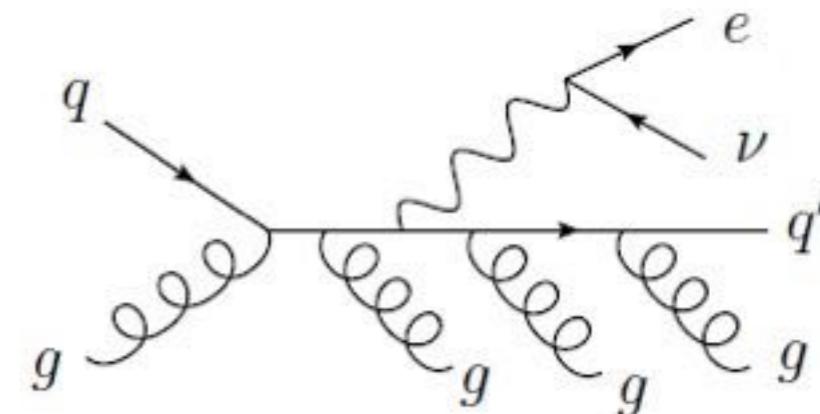
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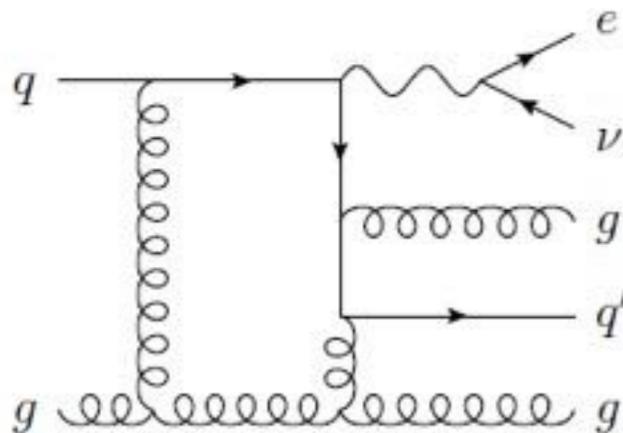


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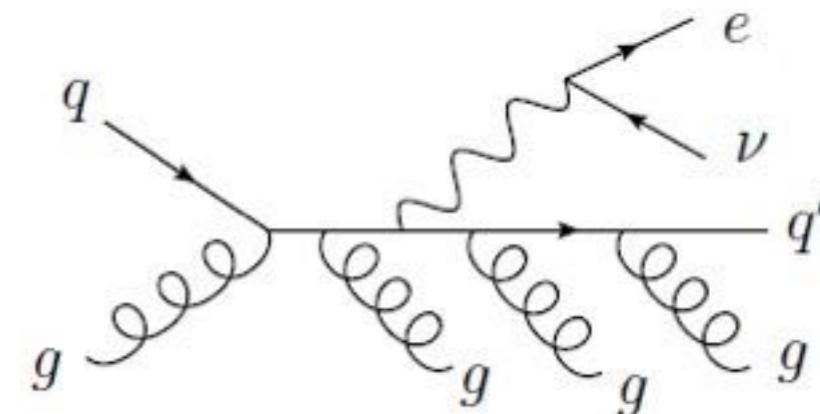
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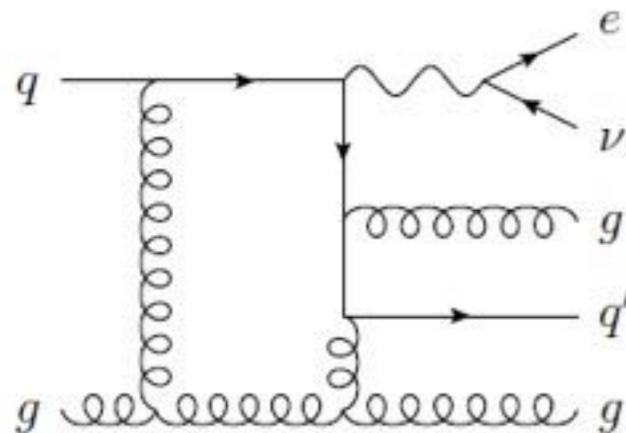
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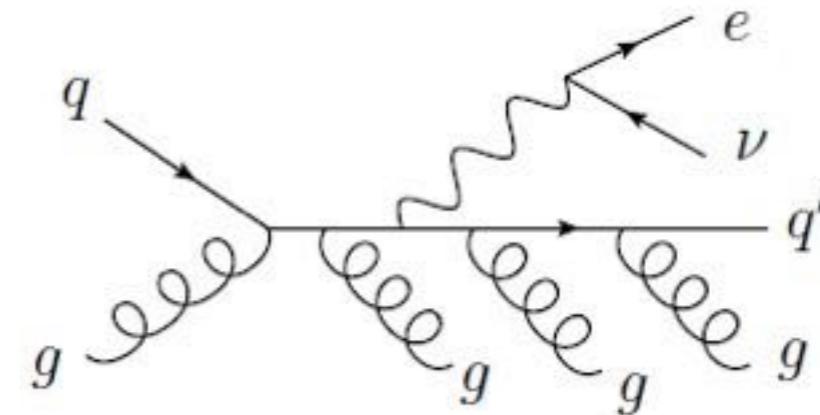
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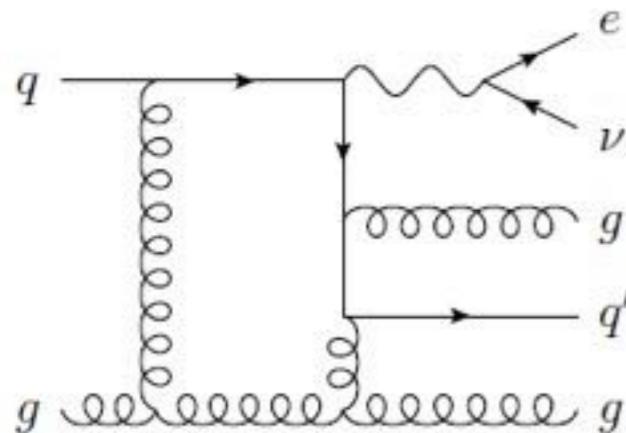
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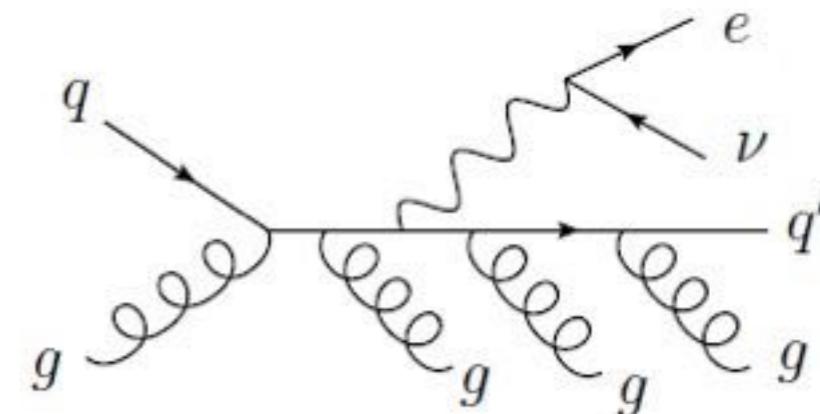
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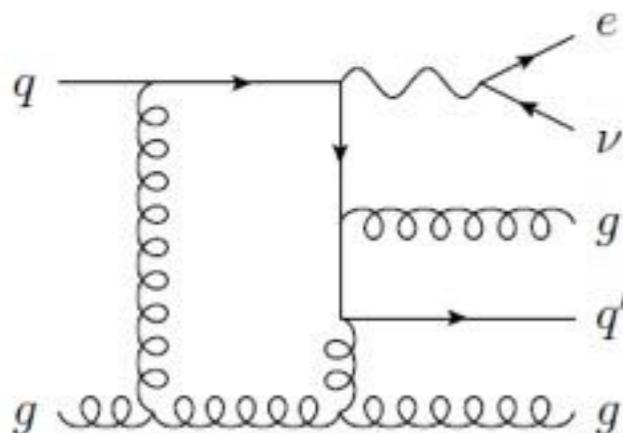
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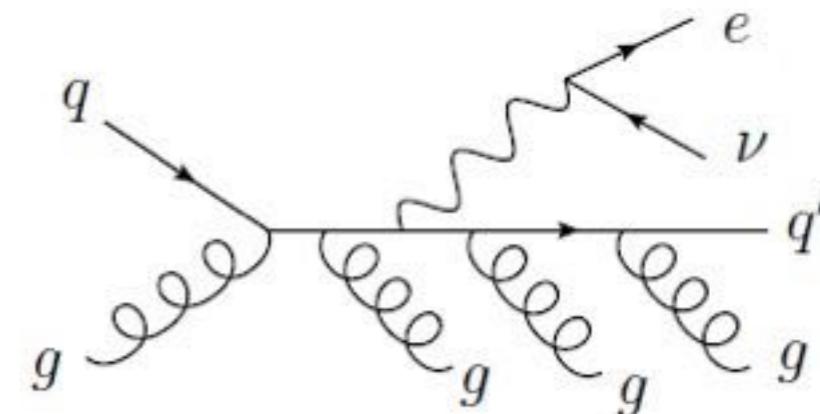
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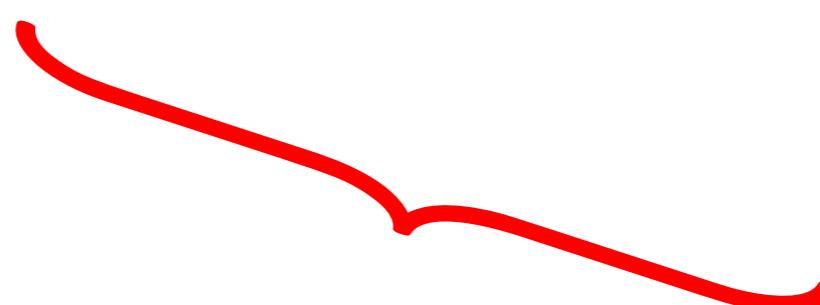
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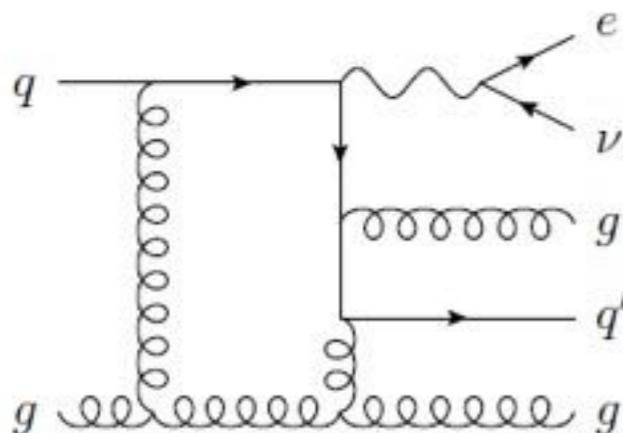
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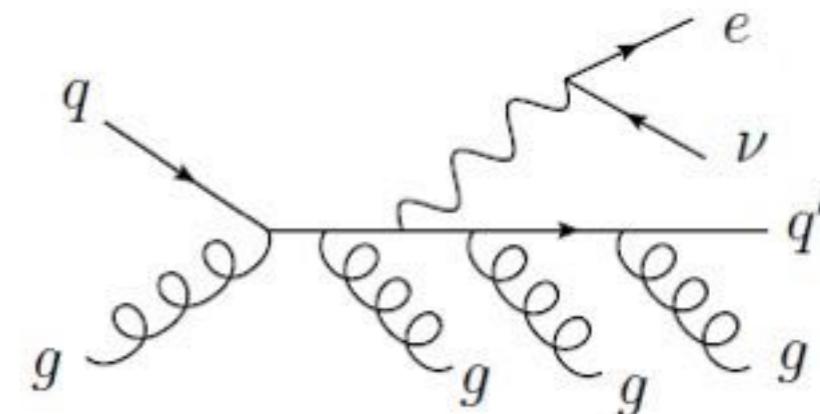


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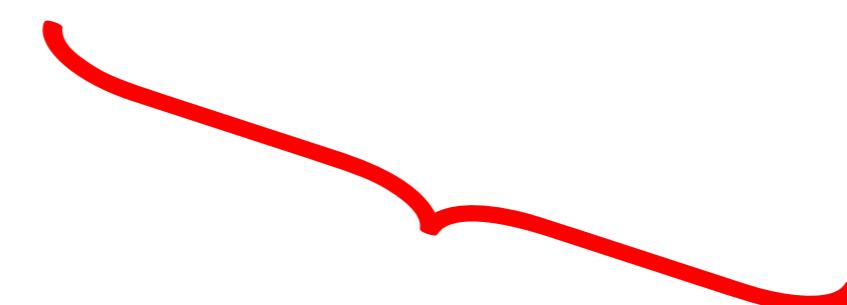
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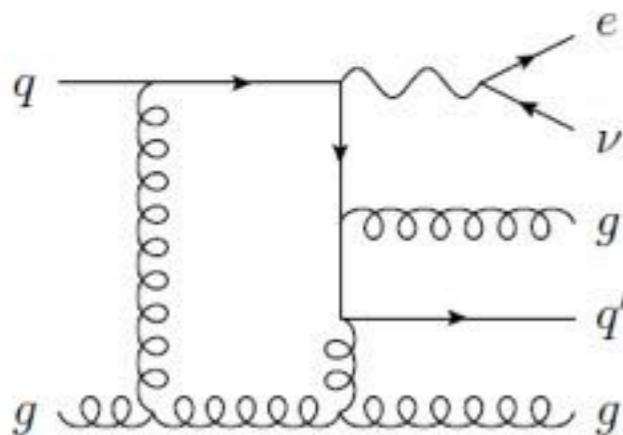
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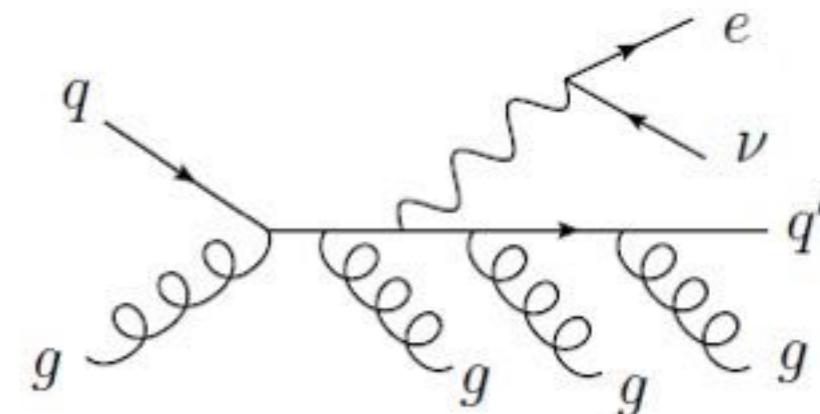


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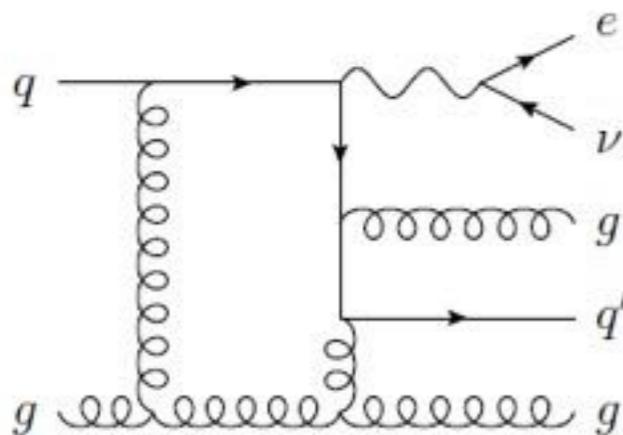
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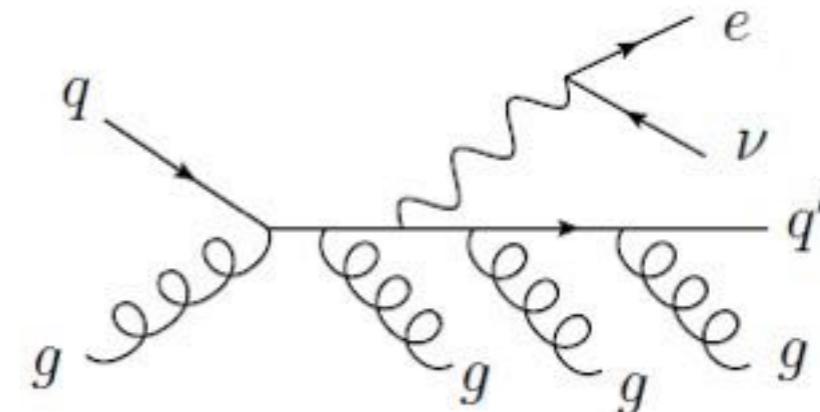
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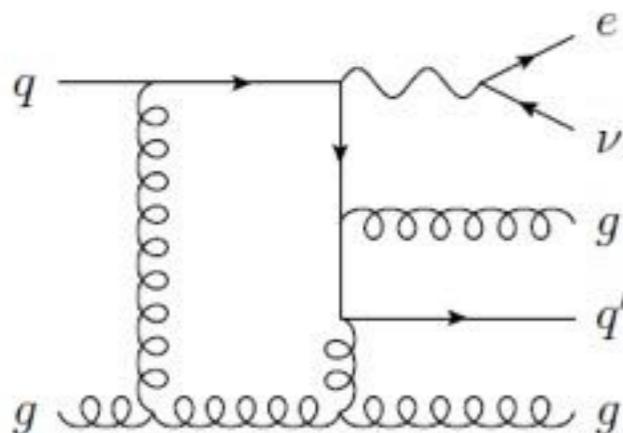
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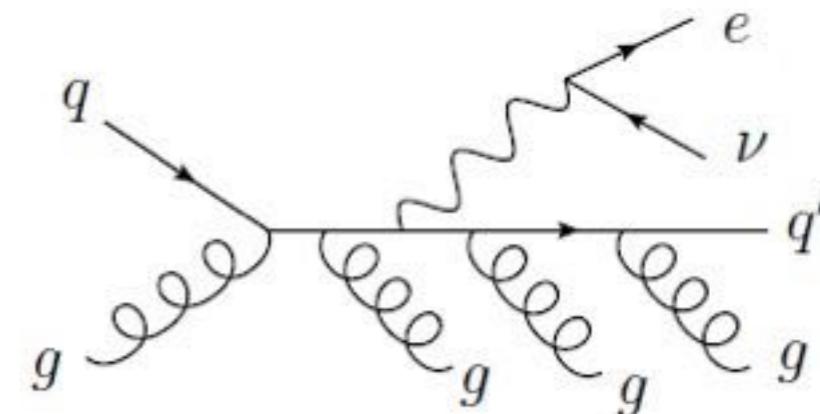
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- Major improvements in the last 15 years

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- NNLO and multi-leg NLO spectacular progress
- NNLO evolution of parton densities (Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2005)
- Subtraction methods for the real contributions (dipole, FKS)
- Embedding into shower Monte Carlo programs

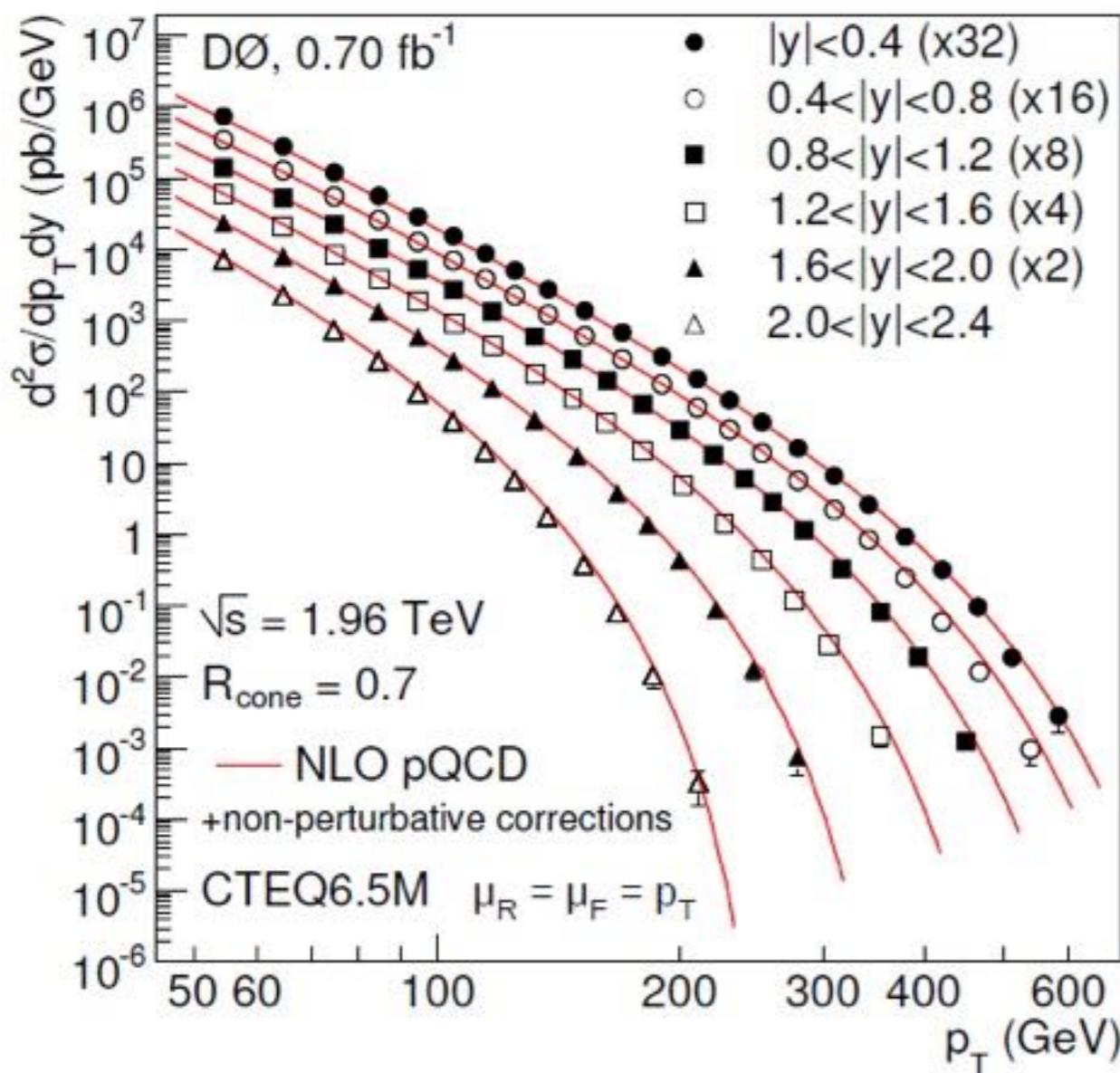
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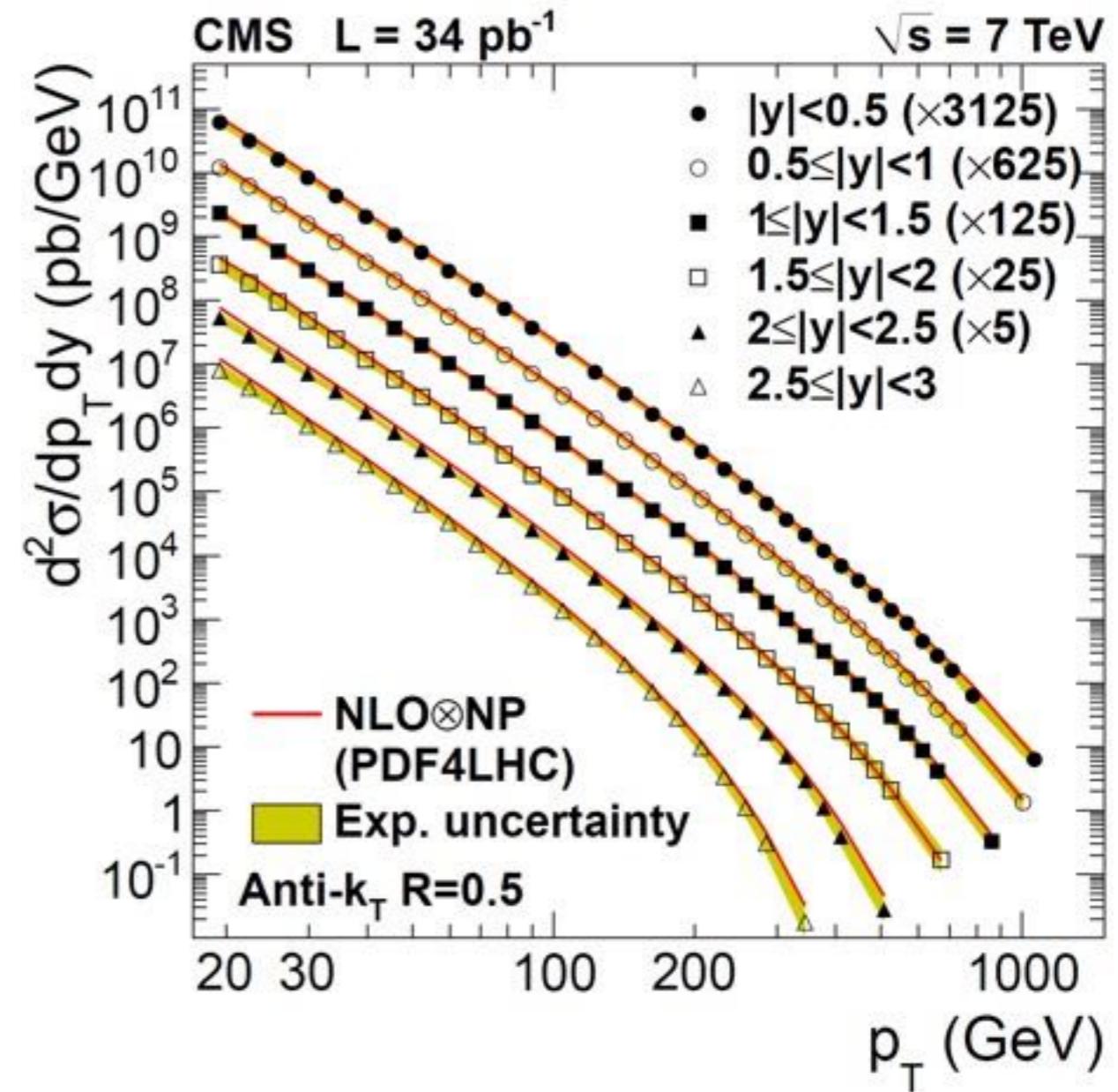
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- \* Generation of one loop integrand by parametric fit, (in dimensions D, OPP).
- \* Automatic procedures for generation of graphs and the consequent integrands.
- \* Automatic procedures for the generation of counter terms to implement the real virtual subtraction.
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# Jet production at Tevatron and the LHC

$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$  Tevatron



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- NLO QCD predictions (Ellis, ZK, Soper 1990)

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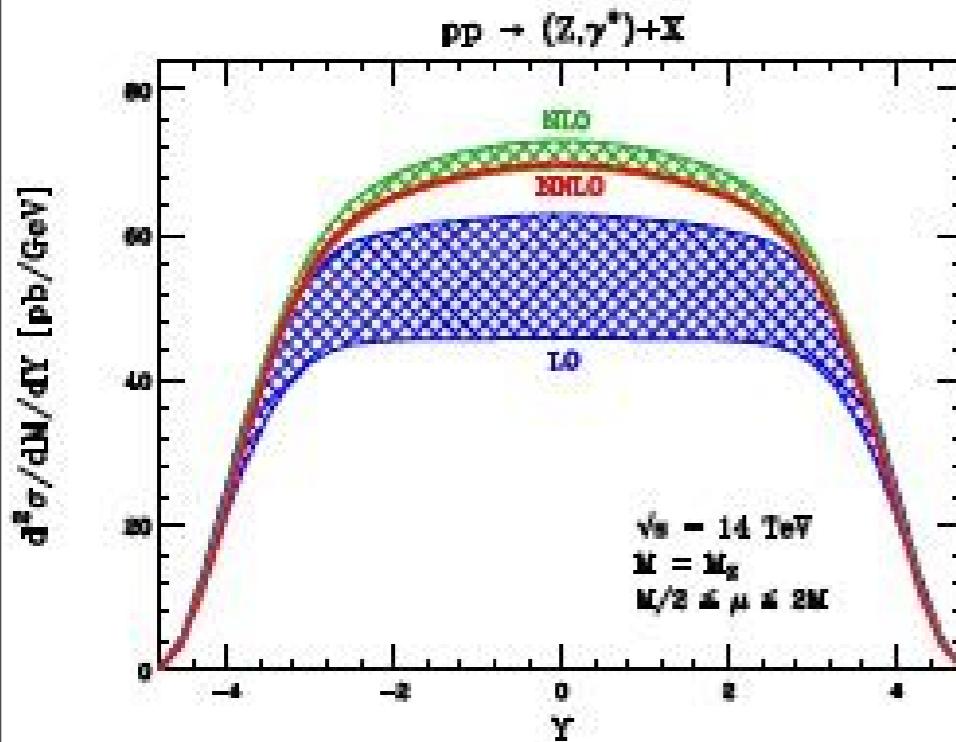
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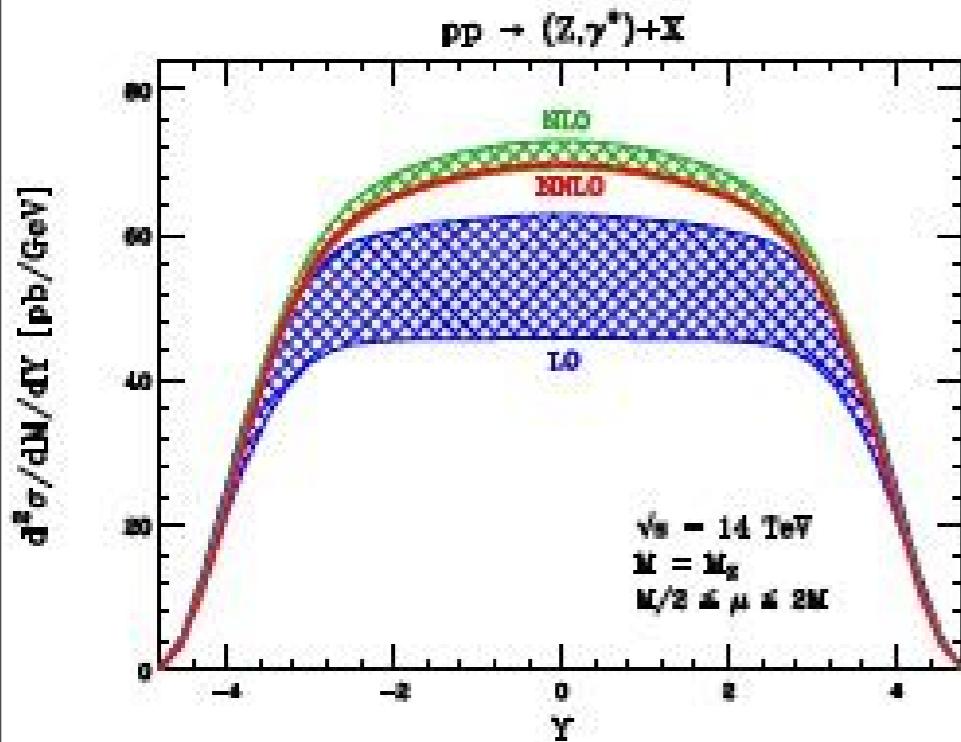
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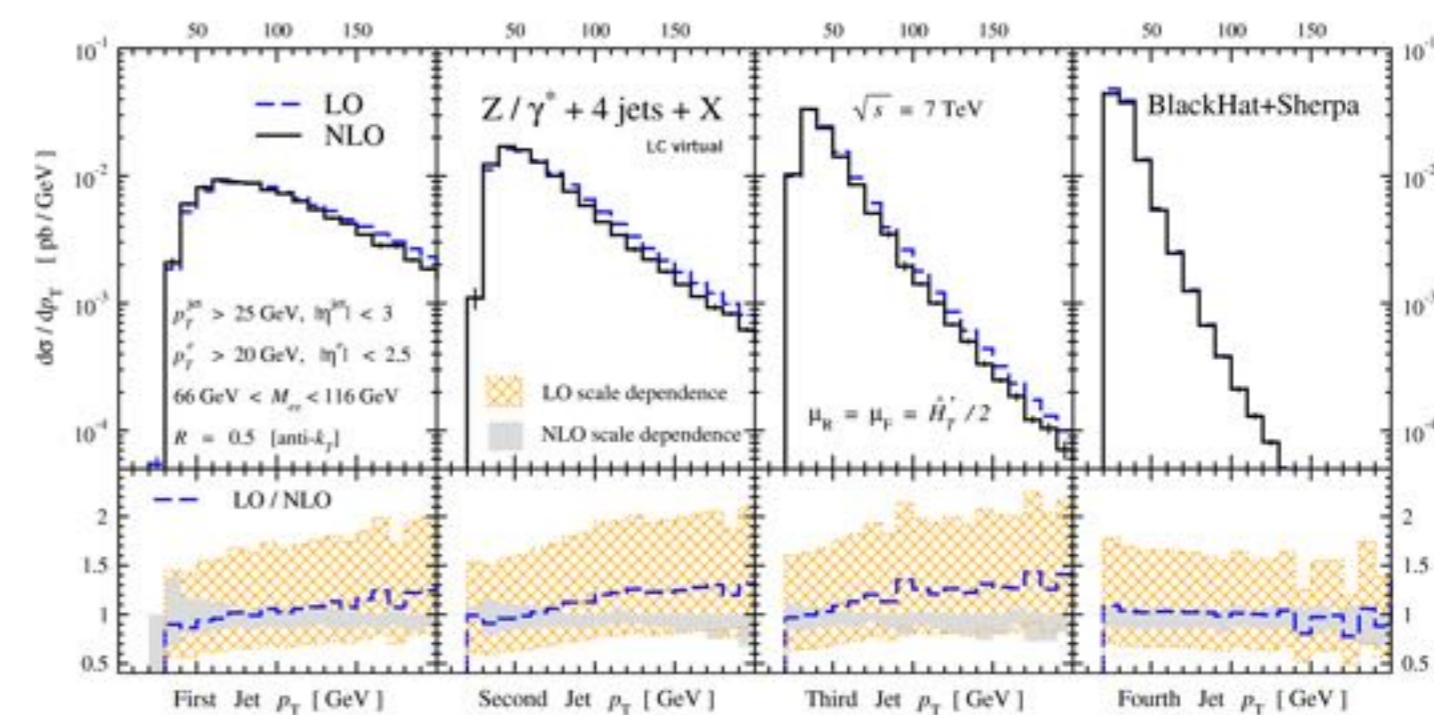
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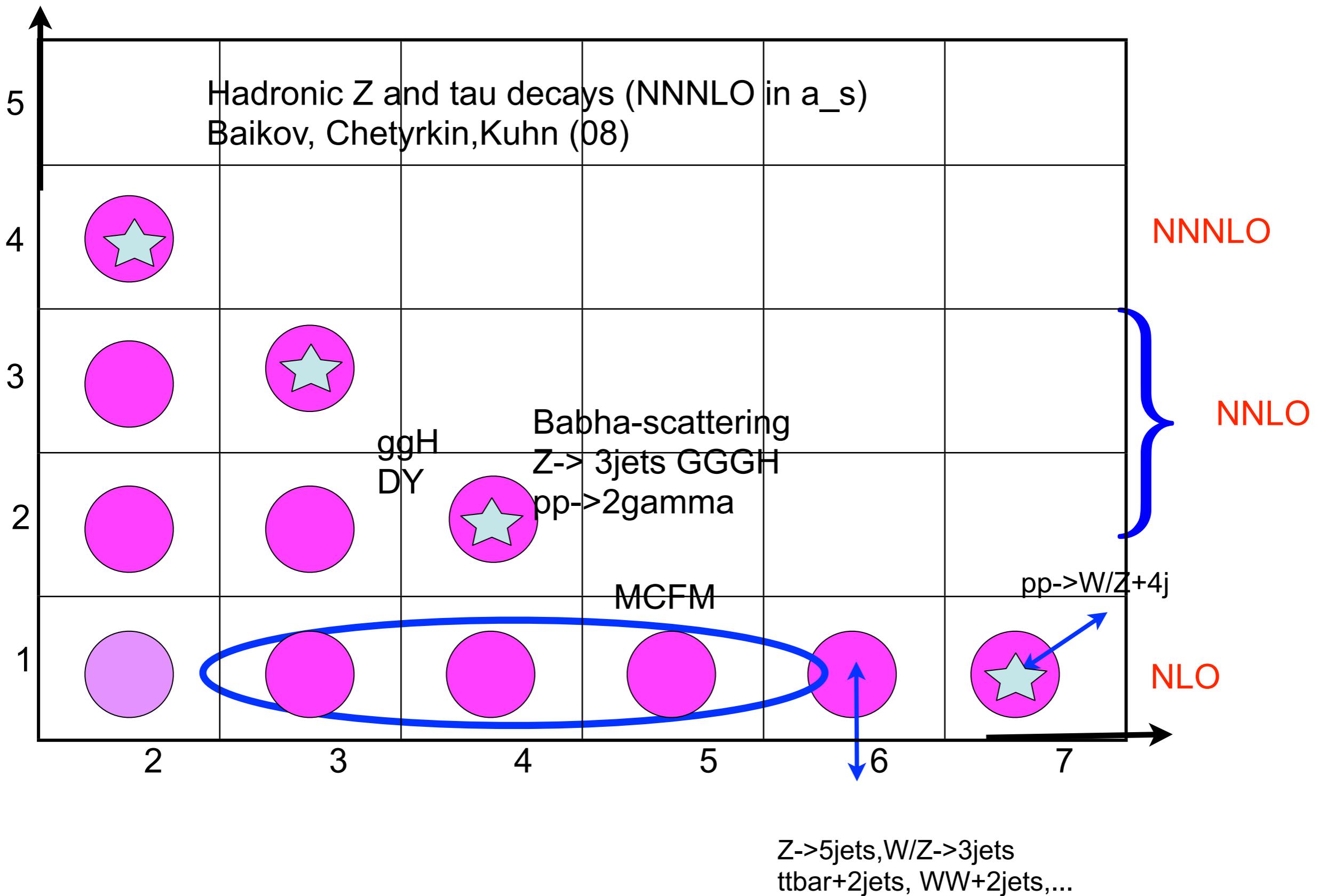
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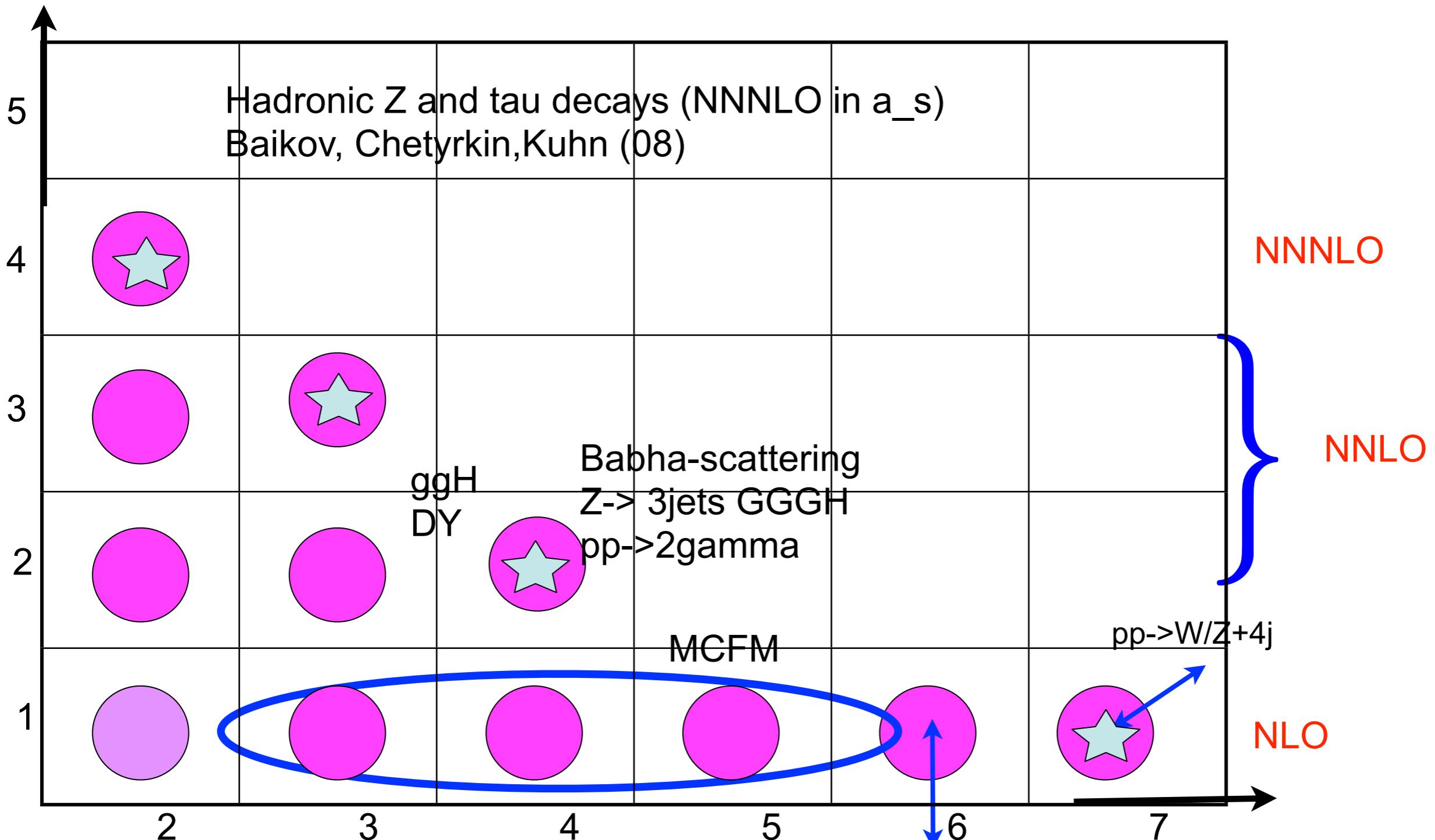


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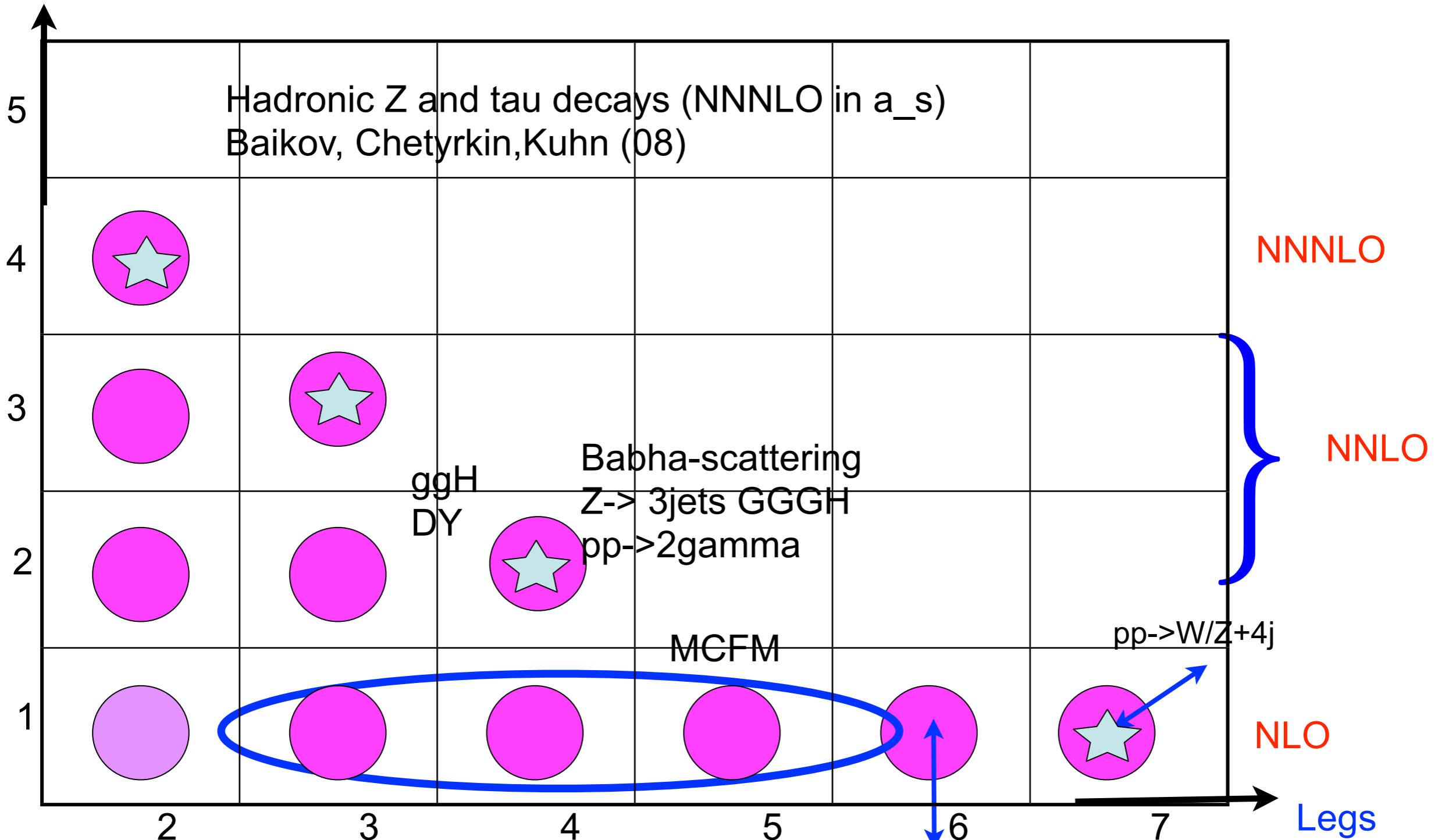
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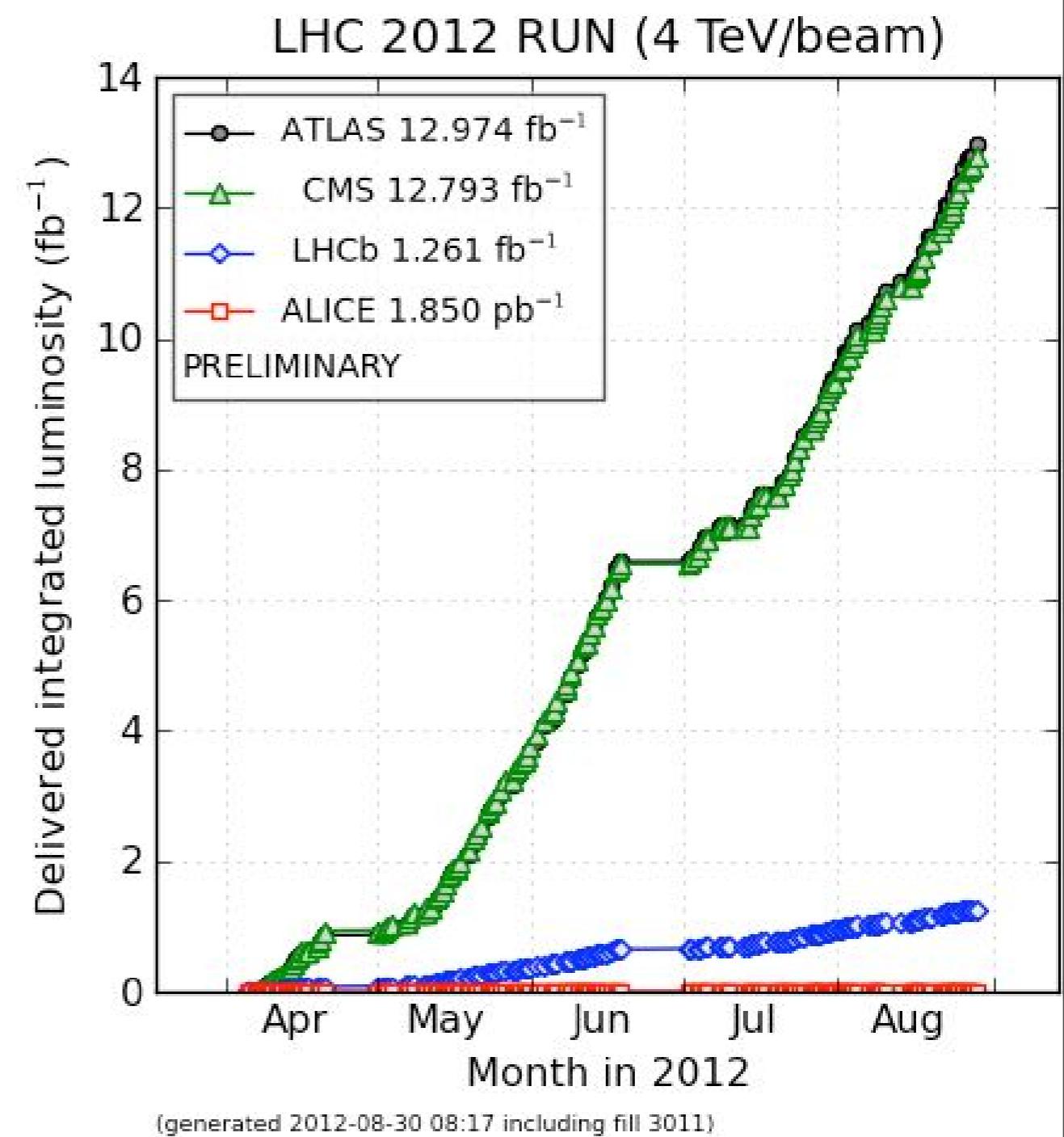
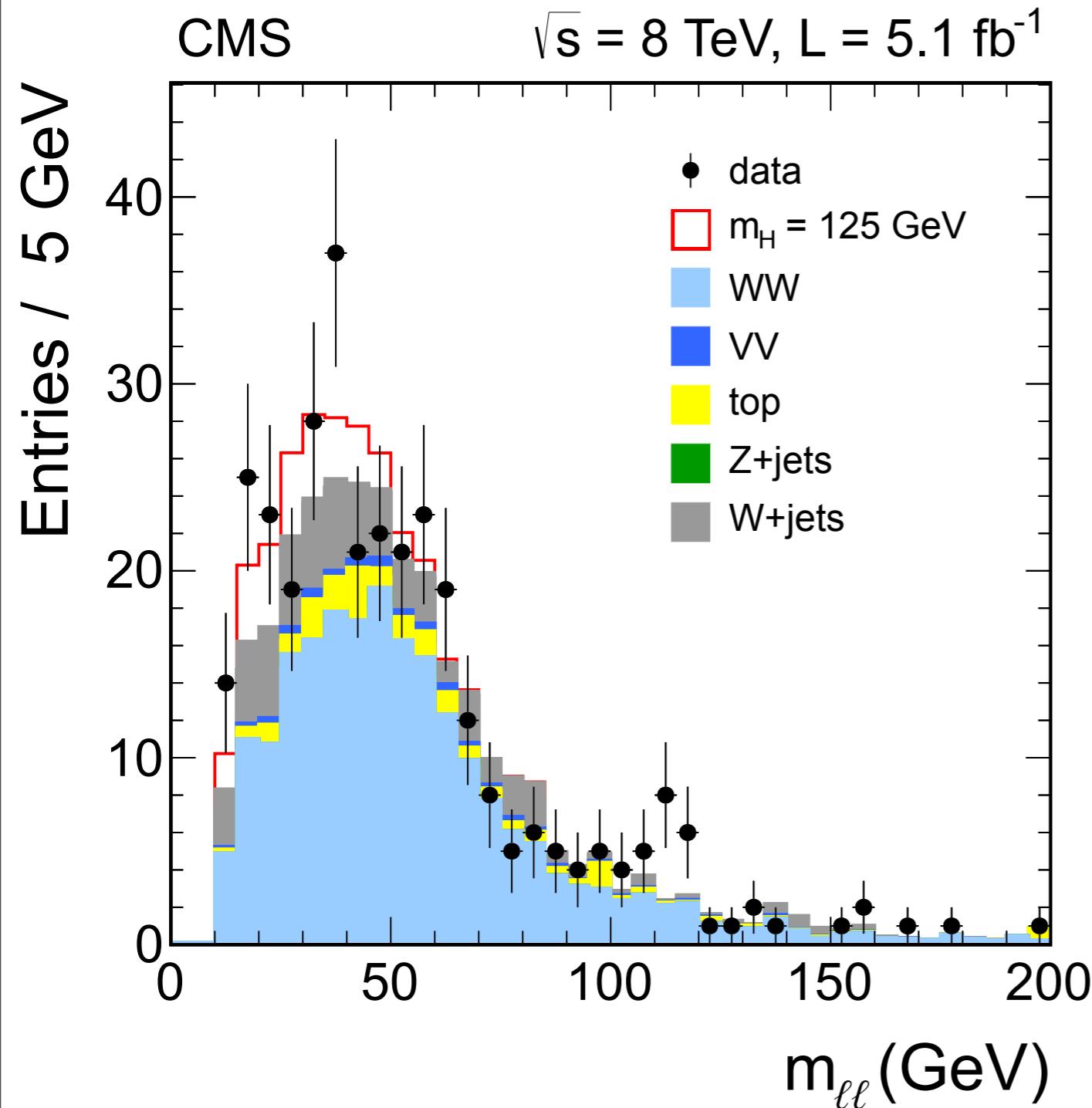


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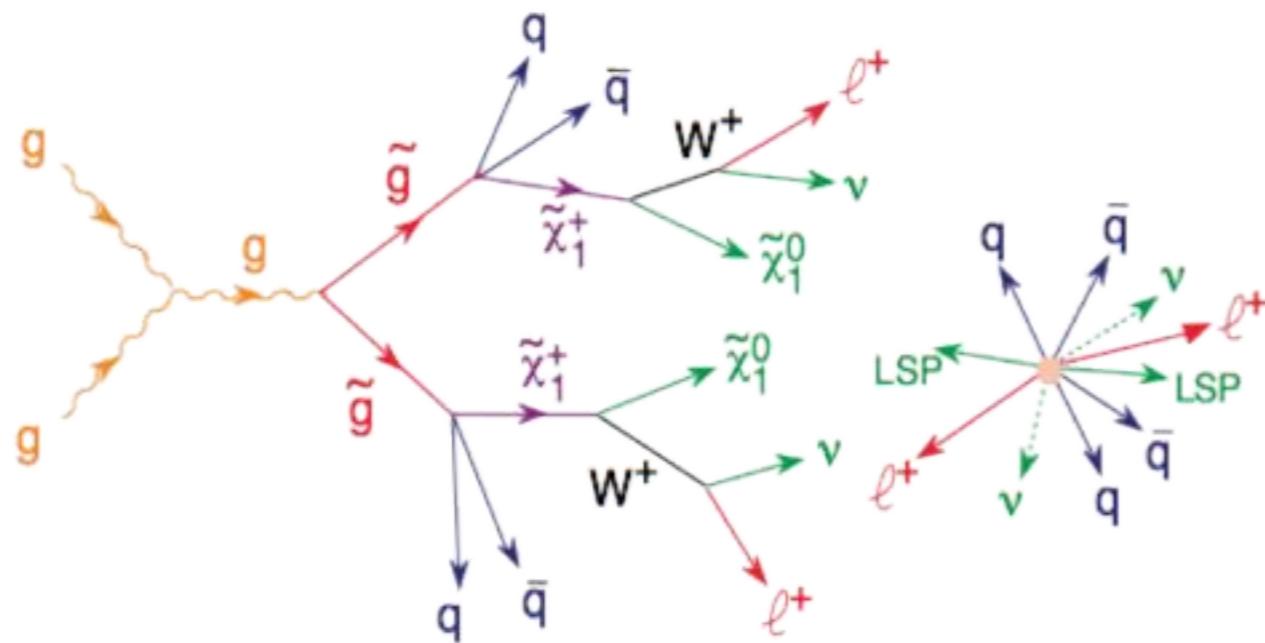
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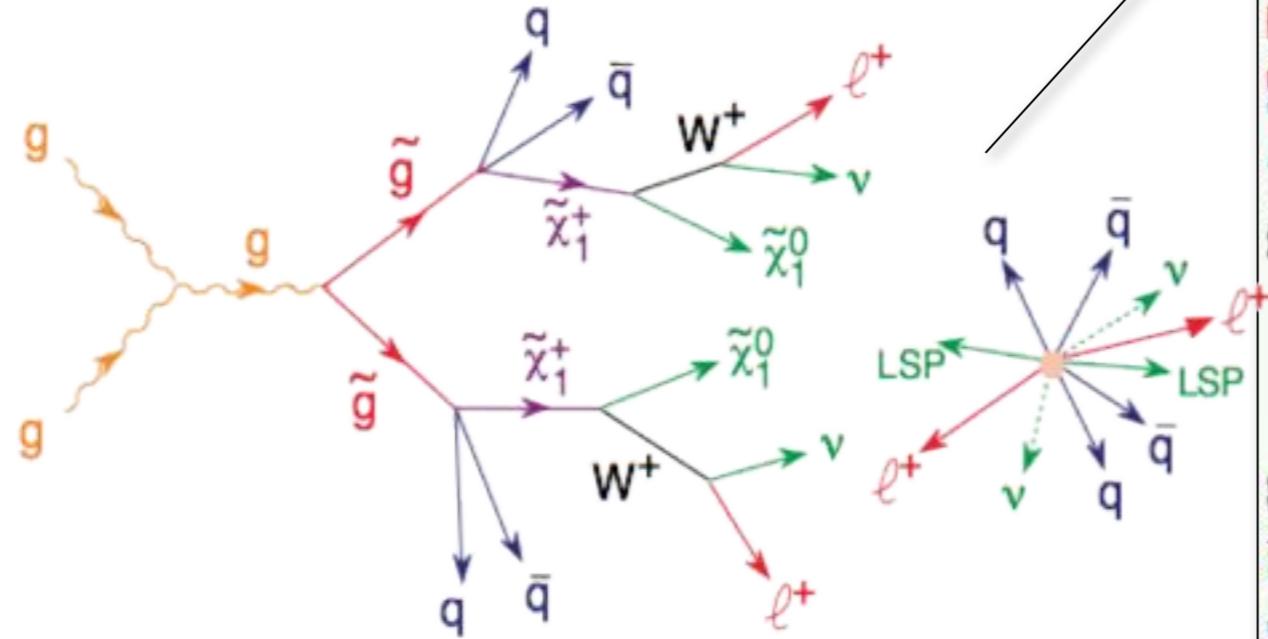
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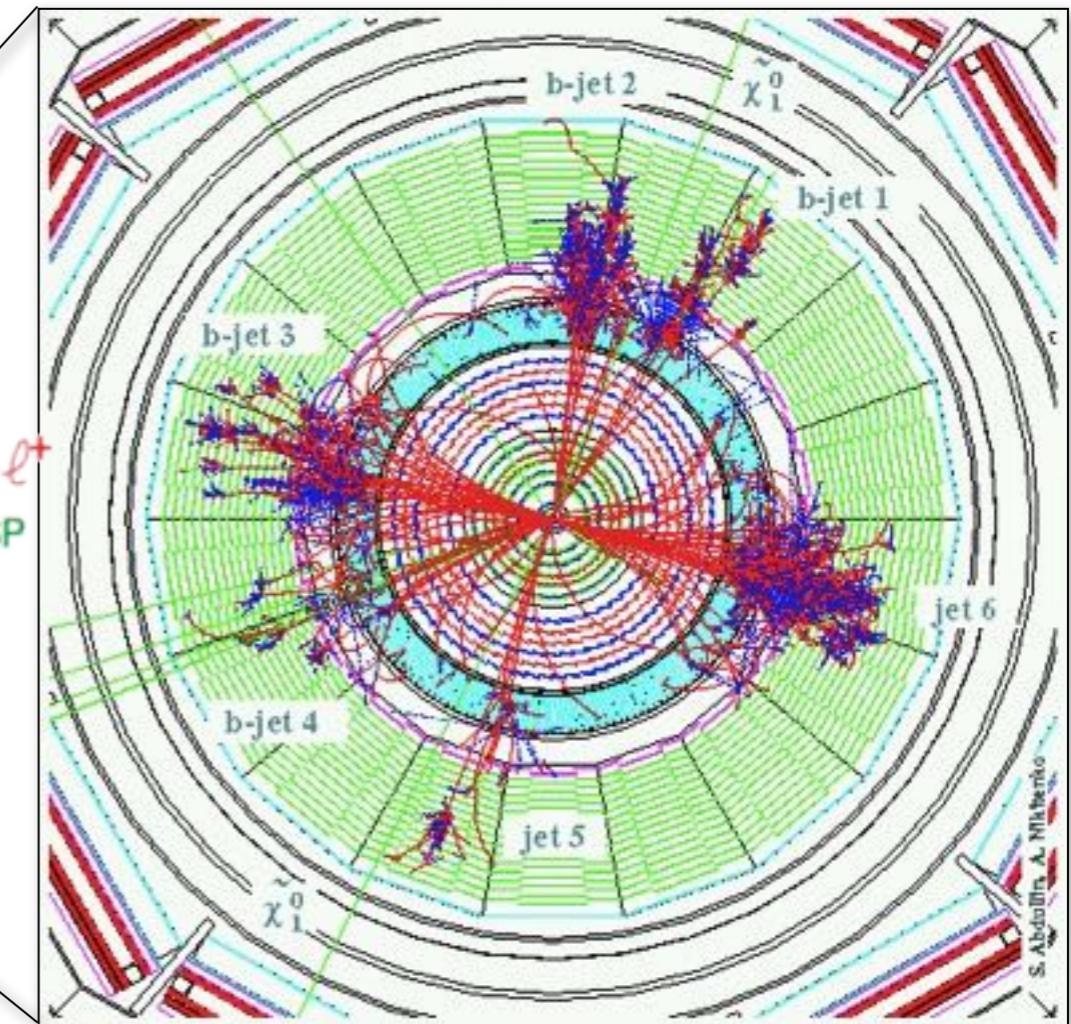


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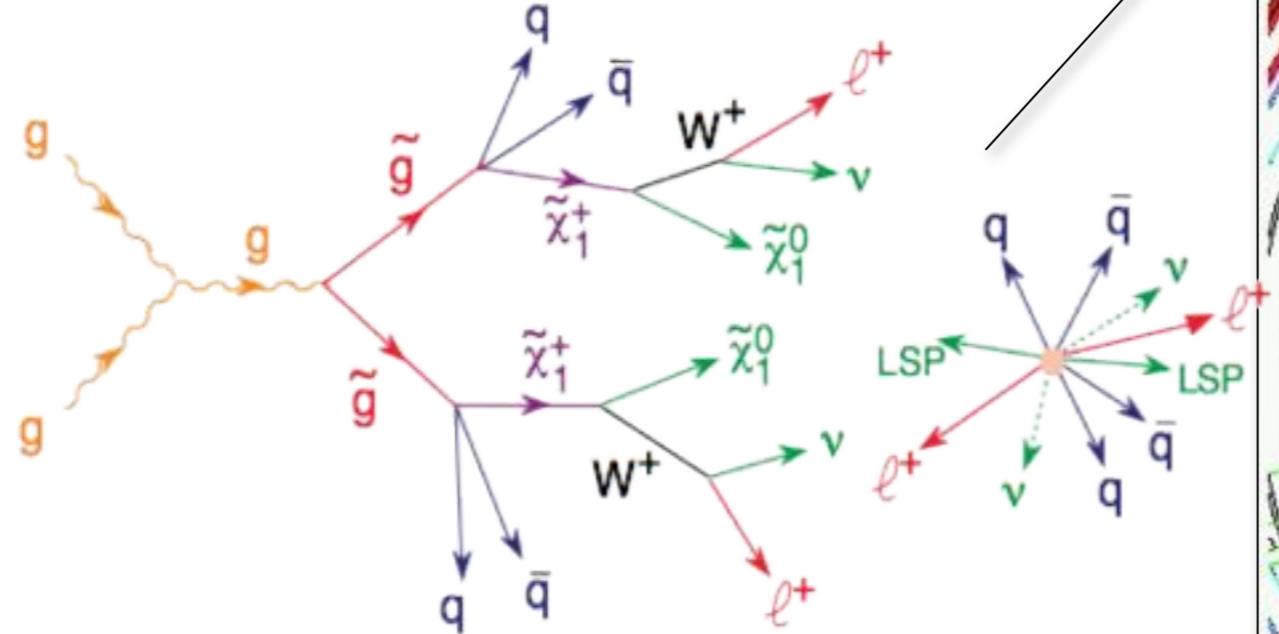
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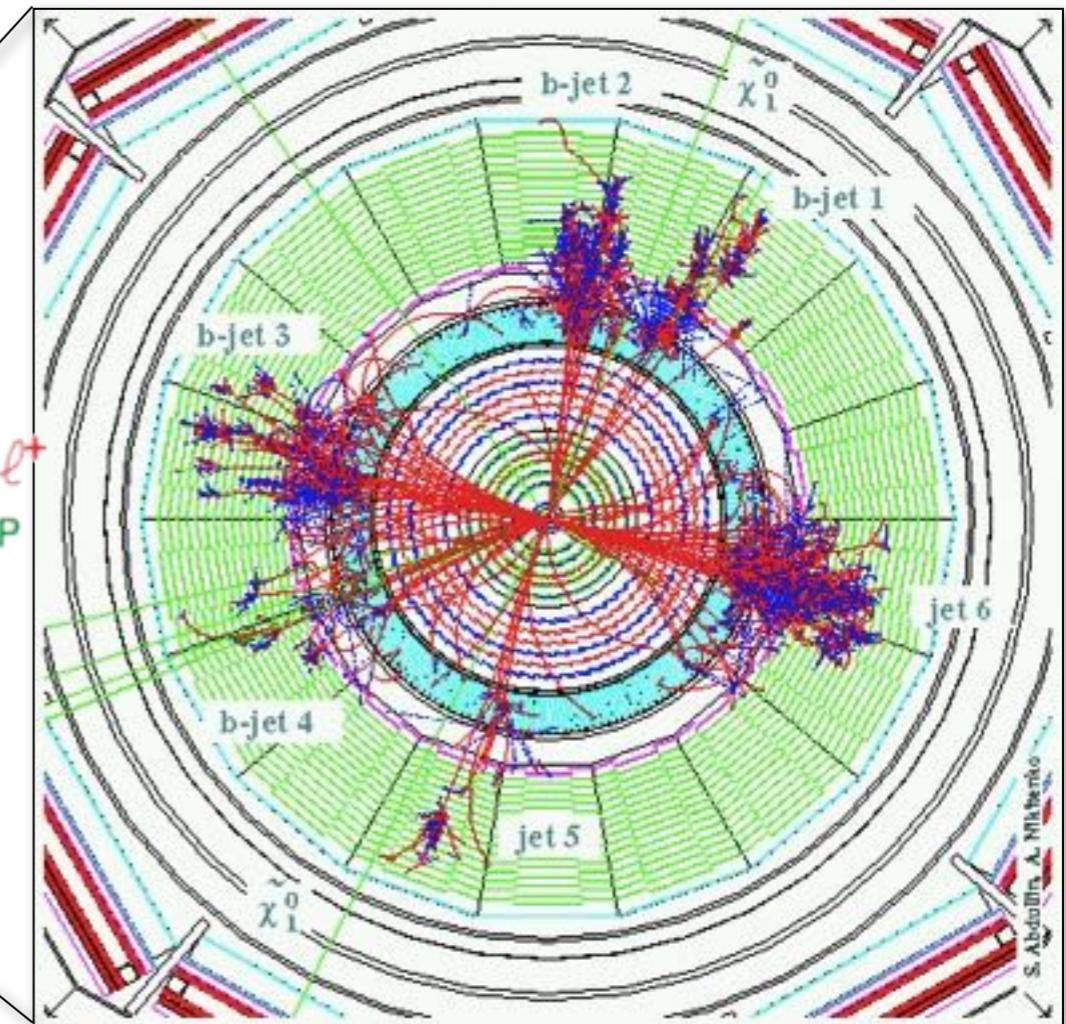
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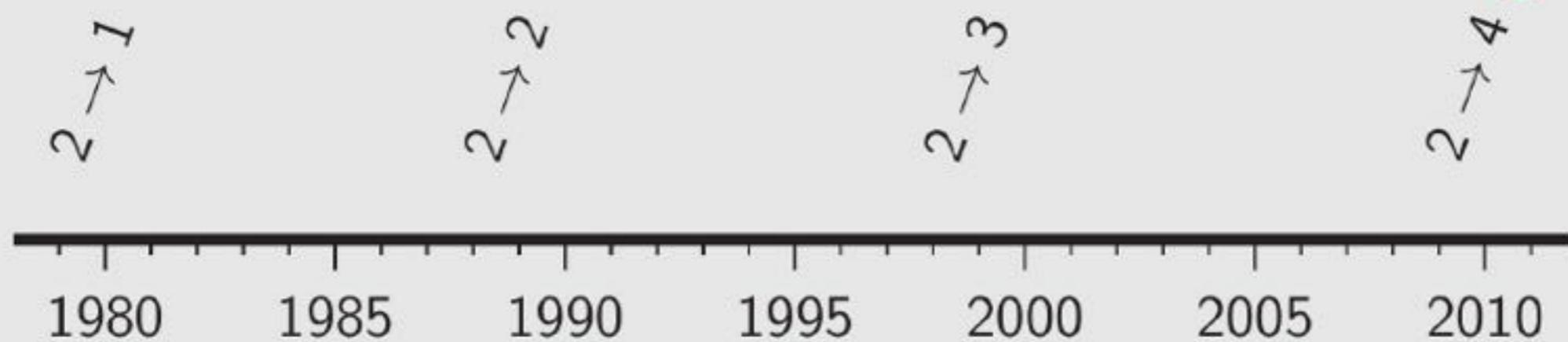
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# Schematic view of hard processes at the LHC

## The NLO revolution

G. Salam, ICHEP 2010



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# Les Houches Experimenters' Wish List

2010

process wanted at NLO	background to
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2. $pp \rightarrow H + 2 \text{ jets}$	$H$ in VBF BCDEGMRSW; Campbell, Ellis, Williams Campbell, Ellis, Zanderighi; Ciccolini, Denner Dittmaier
3. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}H$ Bredenstein, Denner Dittmaier, Pozzorini; Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Worek
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7. $pp \rightarrow V + 3 \text{ jets}$	new physics Berger Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre; Ellis, Melnikov, Zanderighi
8. $pp \rightarrow VVV$	SUSY trilepton Lazopoulos, Melnikov, Petriello; Hankele, Zeppenfeld; Binoth, Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau
9. $pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	Higgs, new physics GOLEM

Feynman  
diagram  
methods

now joined  
by

on-shell  
methods

table courtesy of  
C. Berger

# N=4 sYM Lagrangian

The field content of the model:

one gauge field  $\mathbf{A}_\mu$ , four Majorana fermions  $\psi_i$ , three real scalars  $\mathbf{X}_p$  and three real pseudo-scalars  $\mathbf{Y}_q$ . All fields are in the adjoint representation.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = \text{tr} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{F}^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}_i \not{D} \psi_i + \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{X}_p \mathbf{D}_\mu \mathbf{X}_p + \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{Y}_q \mathbf{D}_\mu \mathbf{Y}_q \right. \\ \left. - i g \bar{\psi}_i \alpha_{ij}^p [\mathbf{X}_p, \psi_j] + g \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_5 \beta_{ij}^q [\mathbf{Y}_q, \psi_j] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{g^2}{2} \left( [\mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{X}_k] [\mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{X}_k] + [\mathbf{Y}_l, \mathbf{Y}_k] [\mathbf{Y}_l, \mathbf{Y}_k] + 2 [\mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{Y}_k] [\mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{Y}_k] \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

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Beta function vanishes to all orders in PT.



- ◆ The scale invariance of the classical Lagrange density remains a symmetry at the quantum level.
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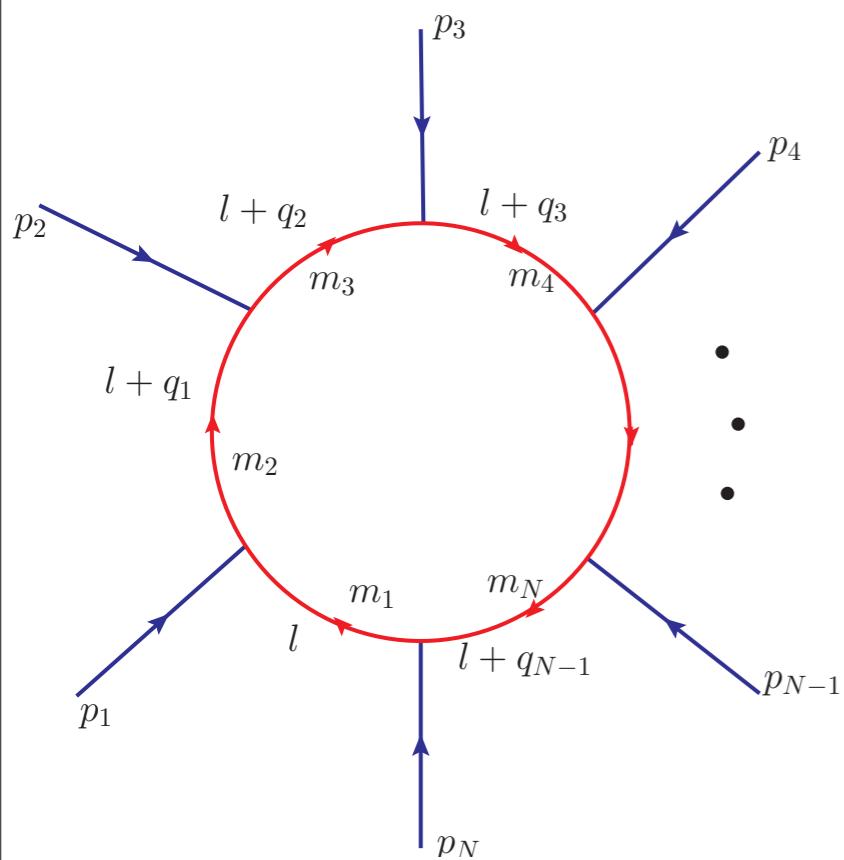
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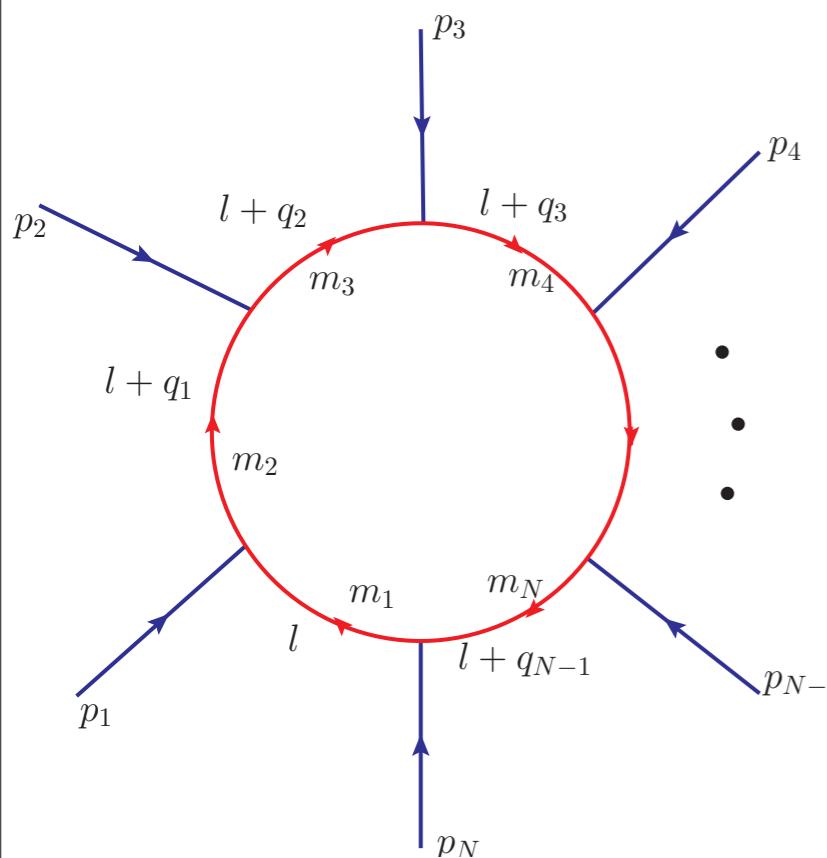
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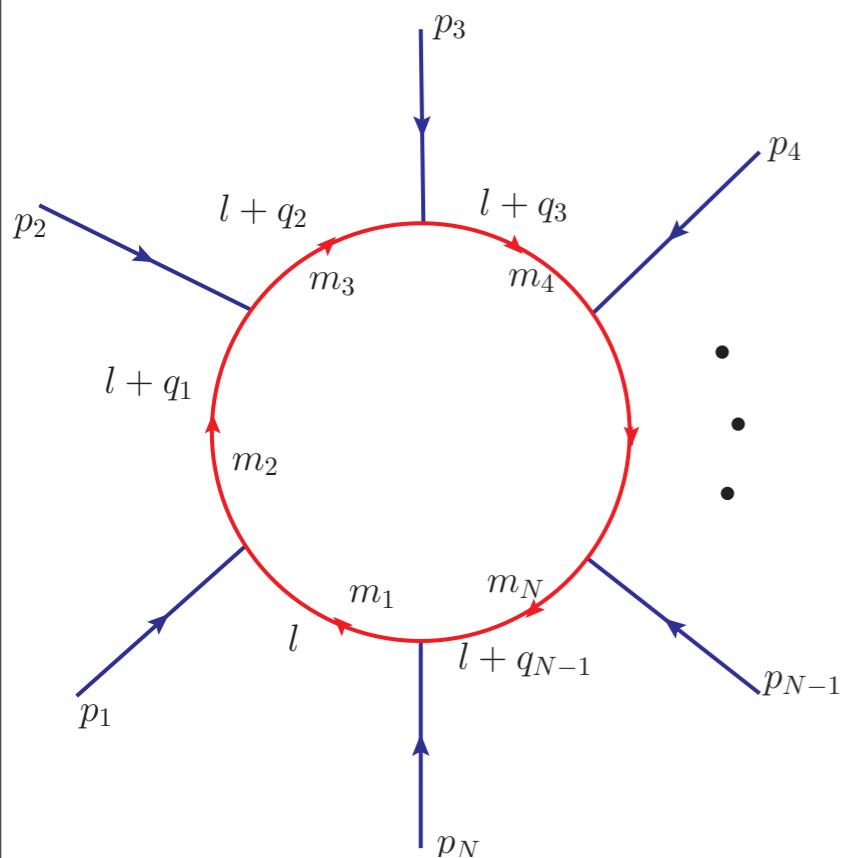


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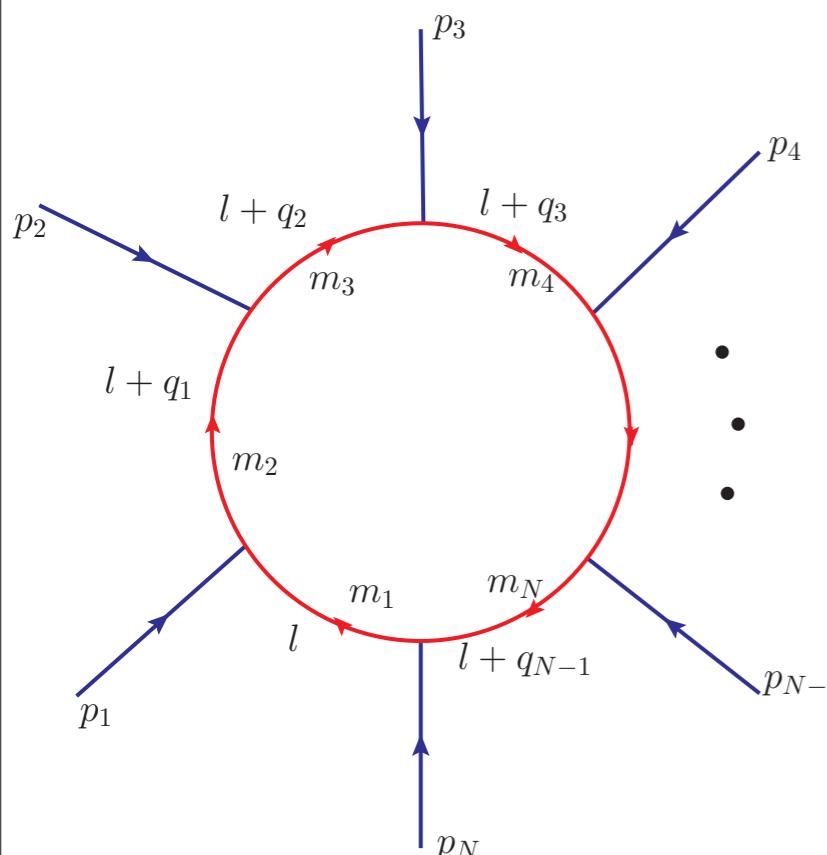
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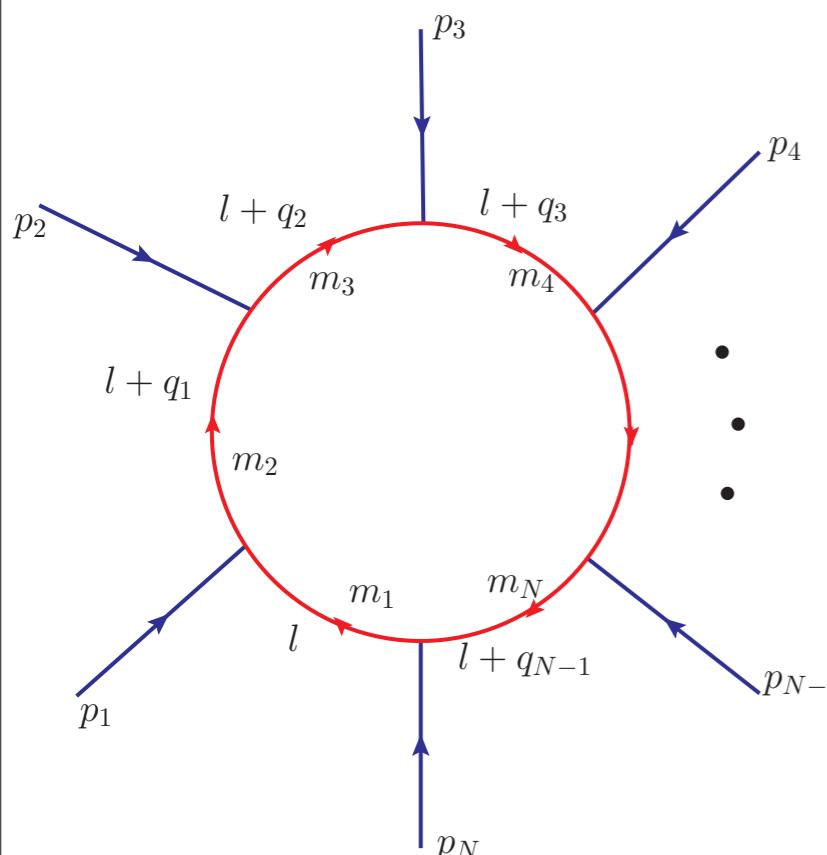


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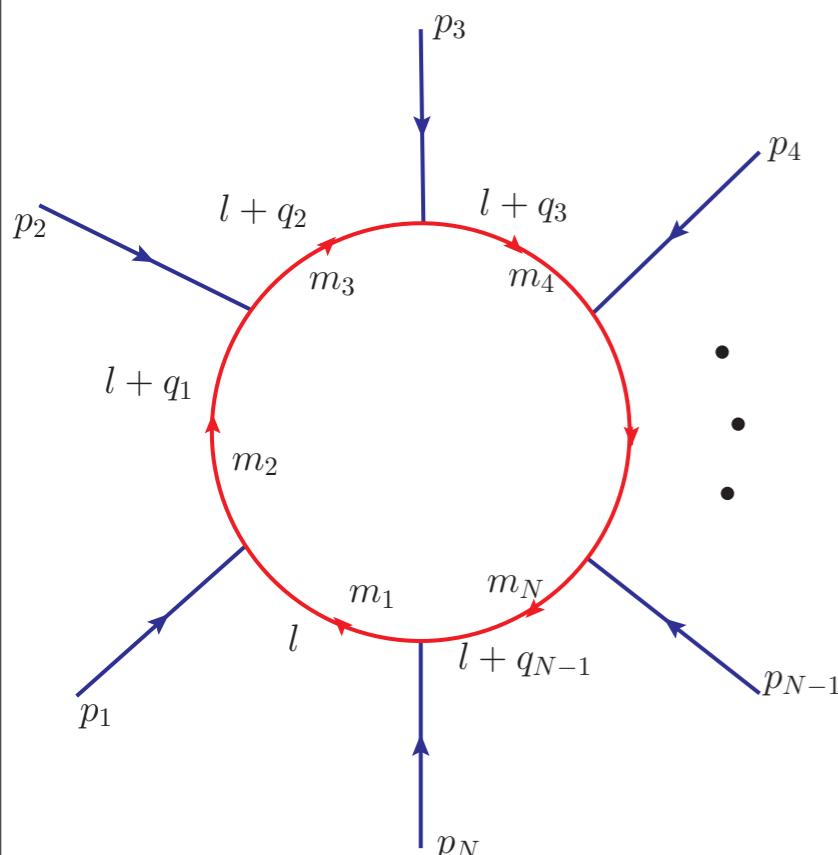
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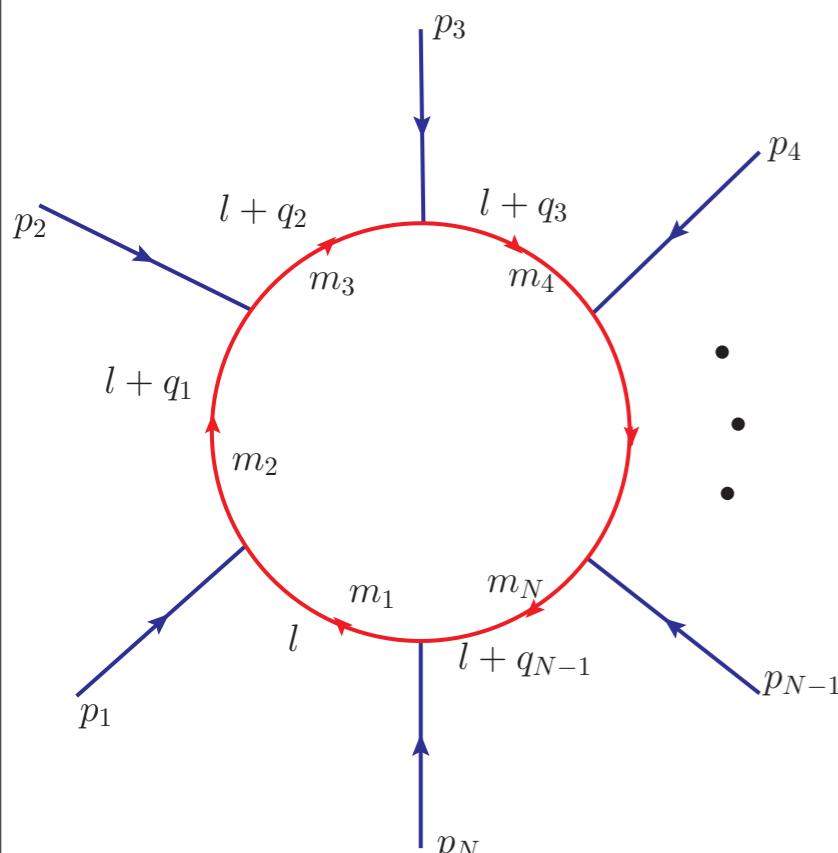
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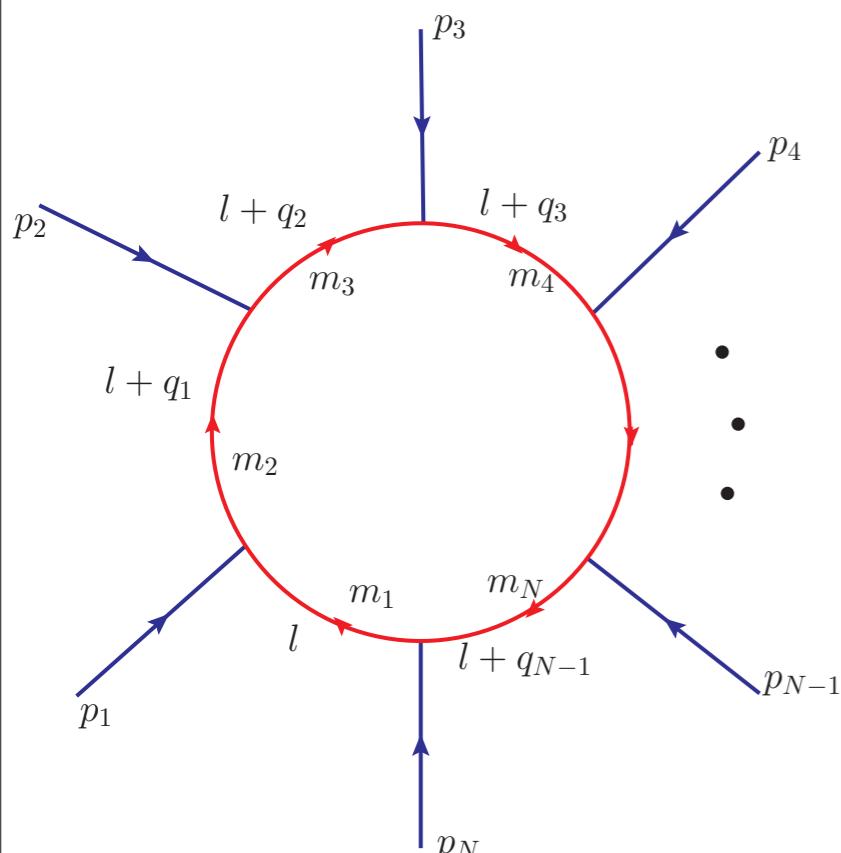
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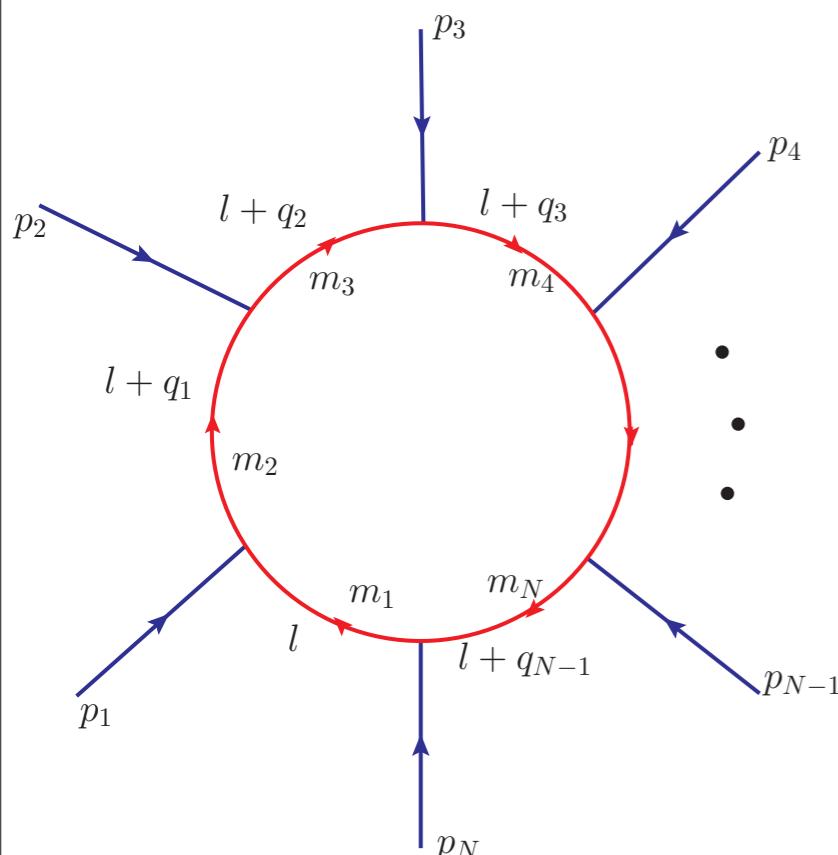
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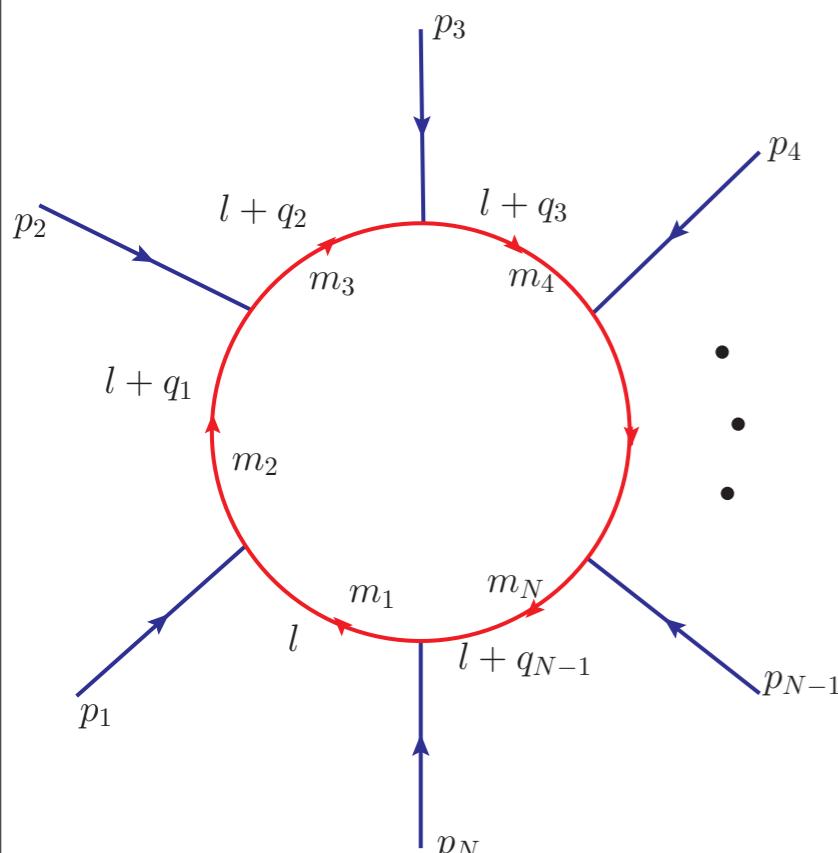
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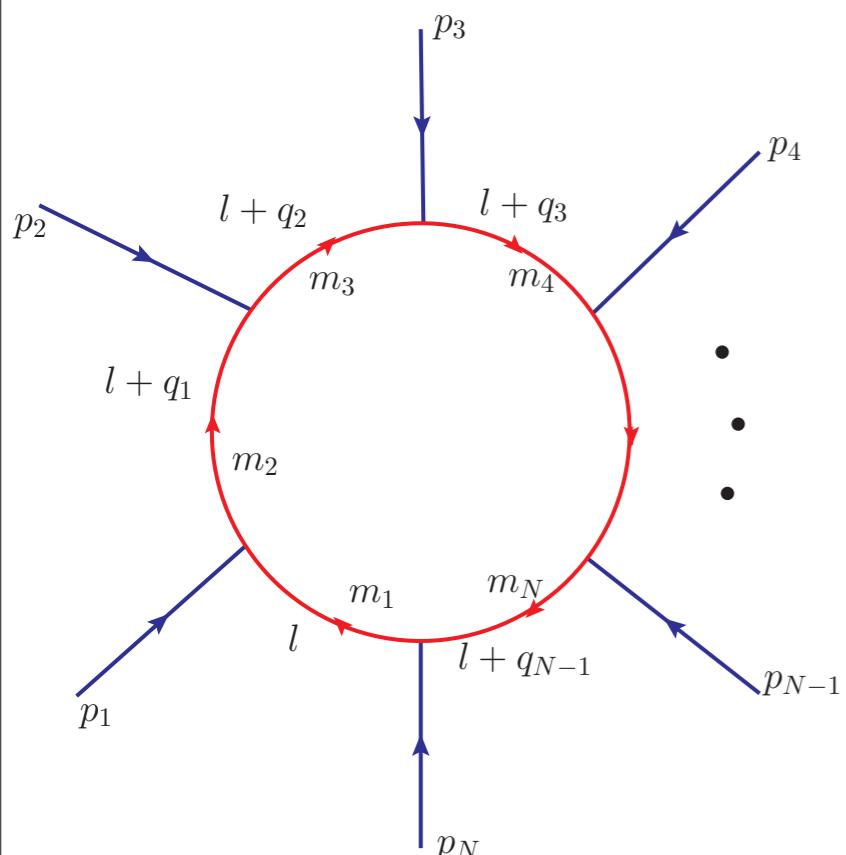
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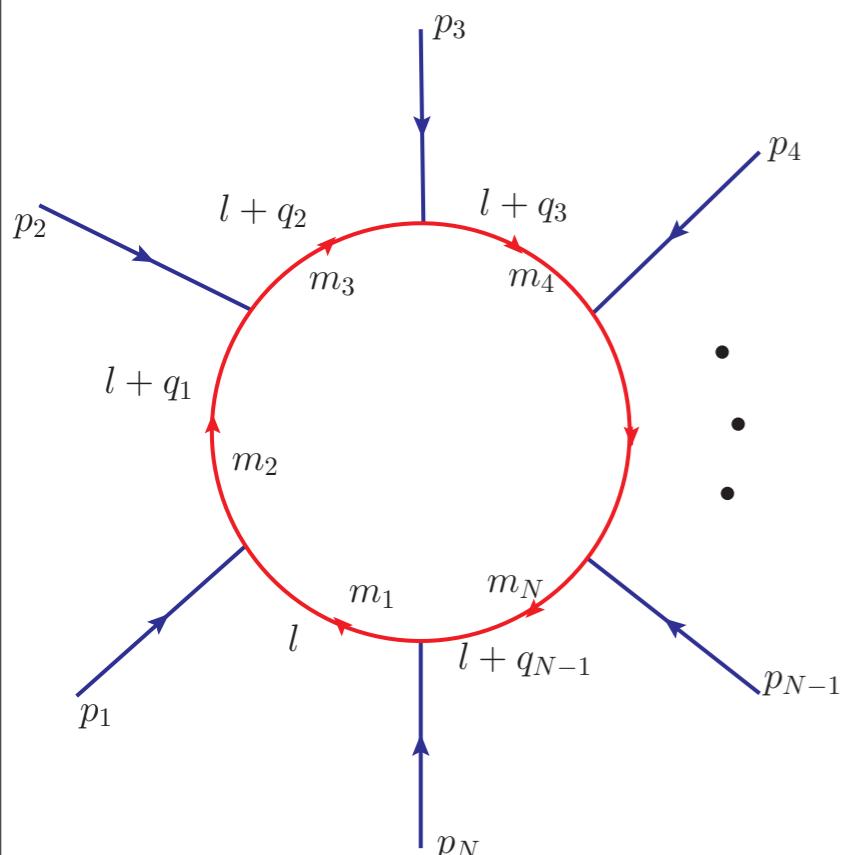
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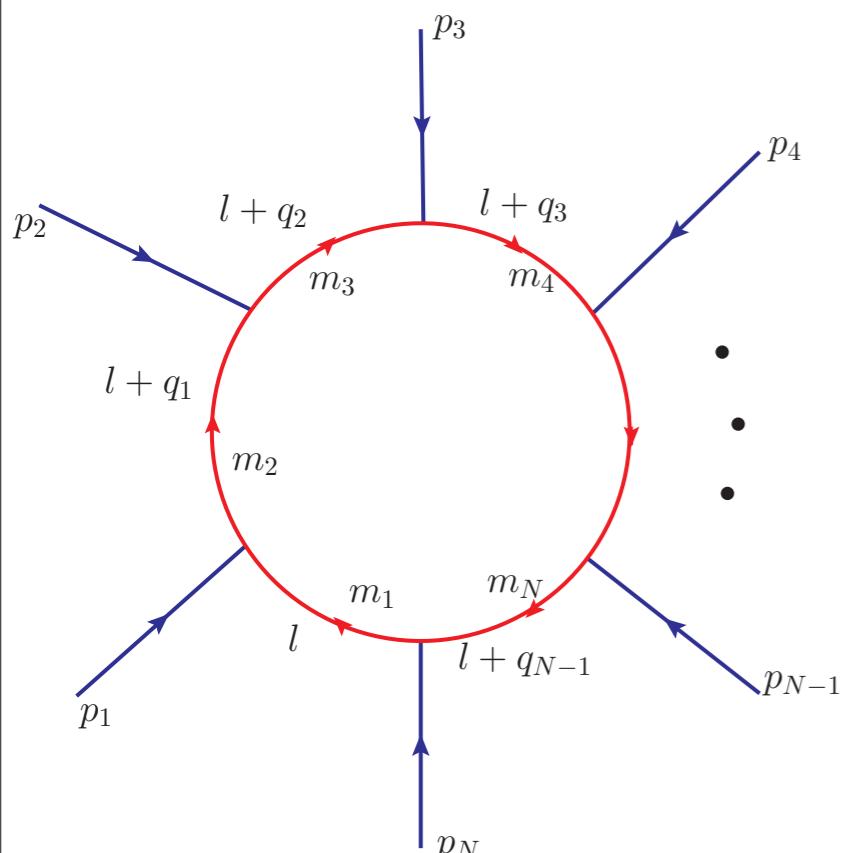
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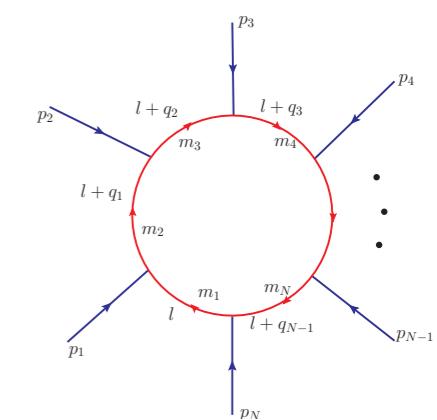
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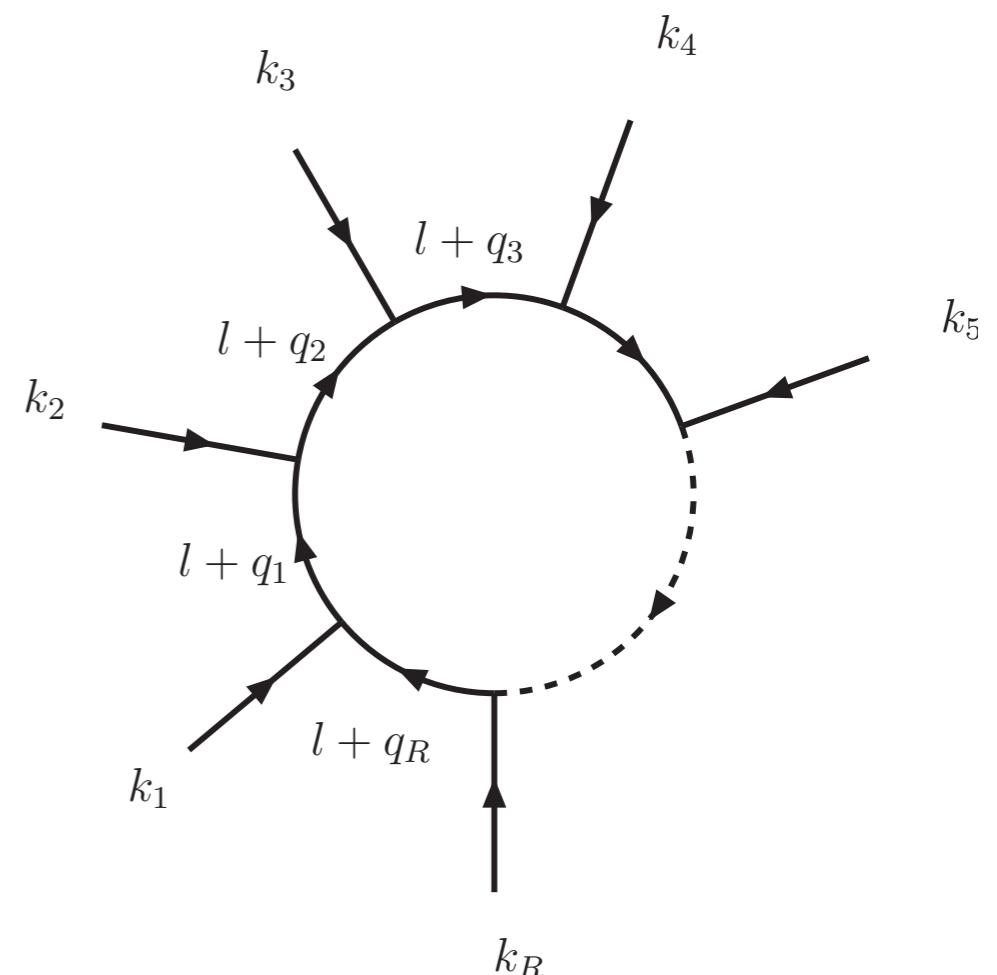
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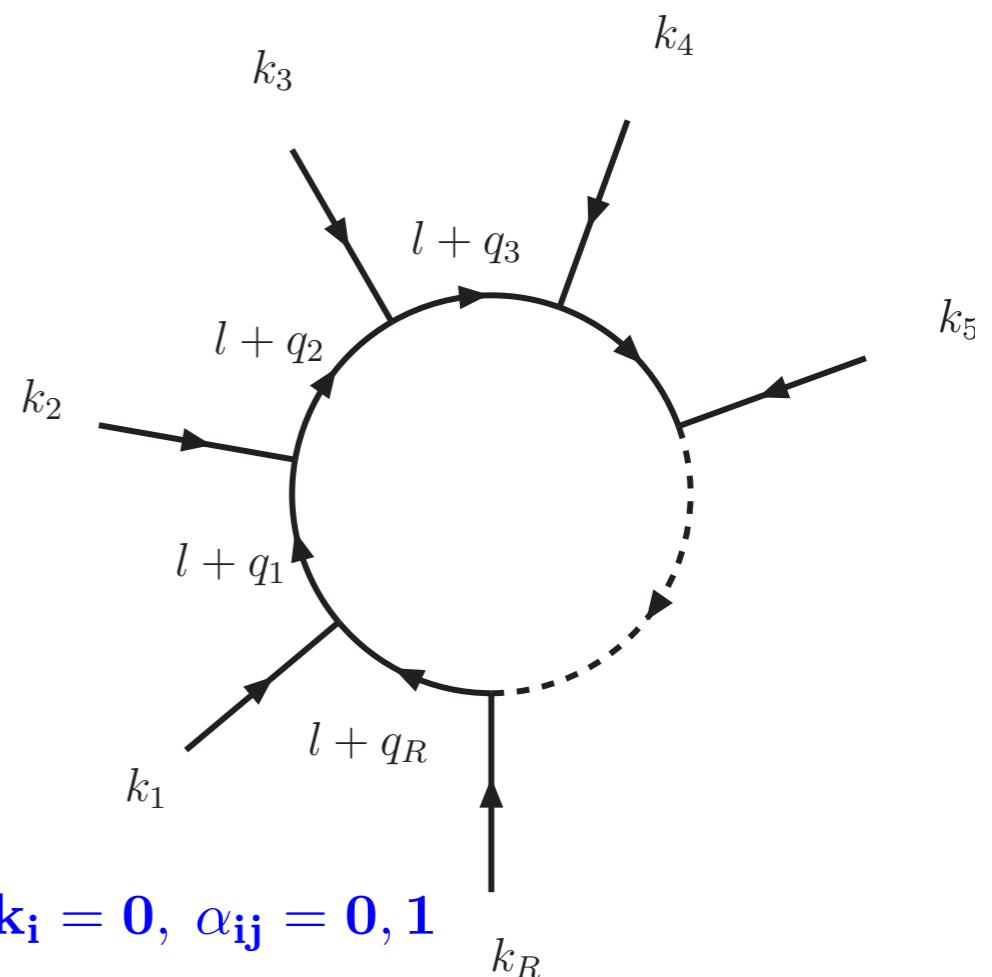
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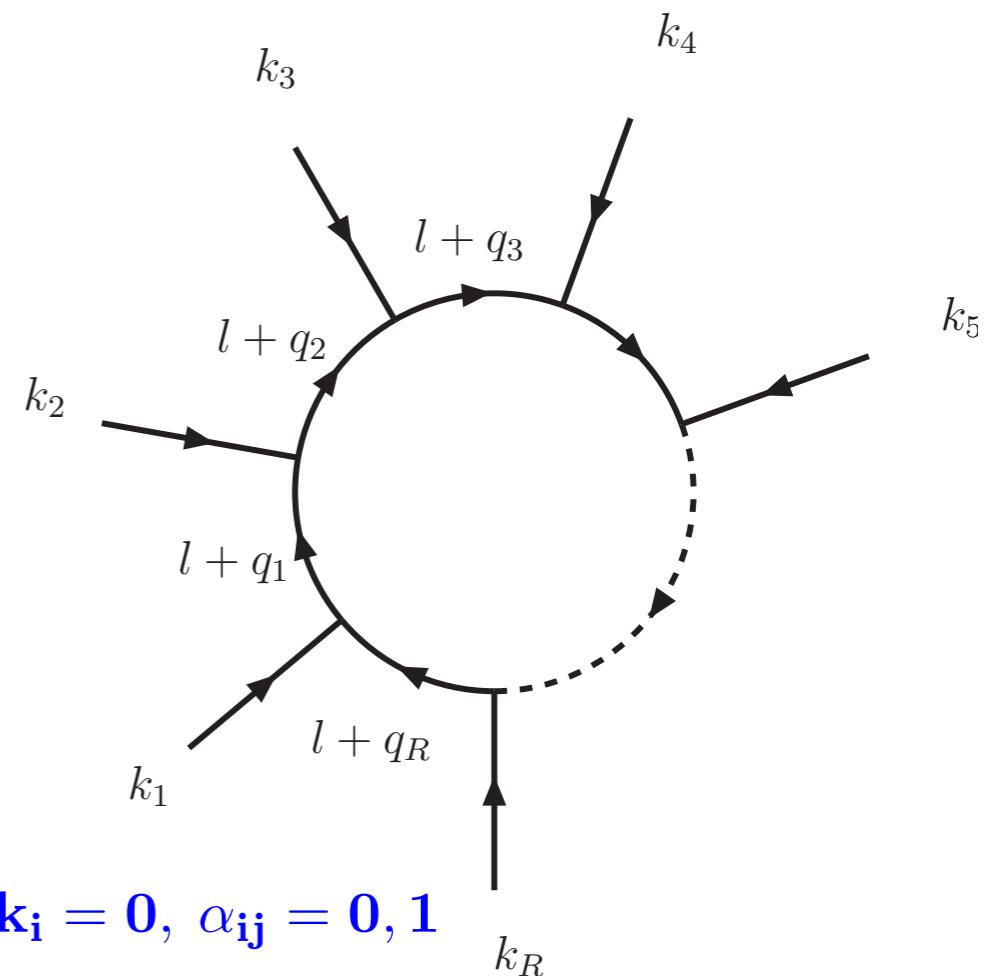
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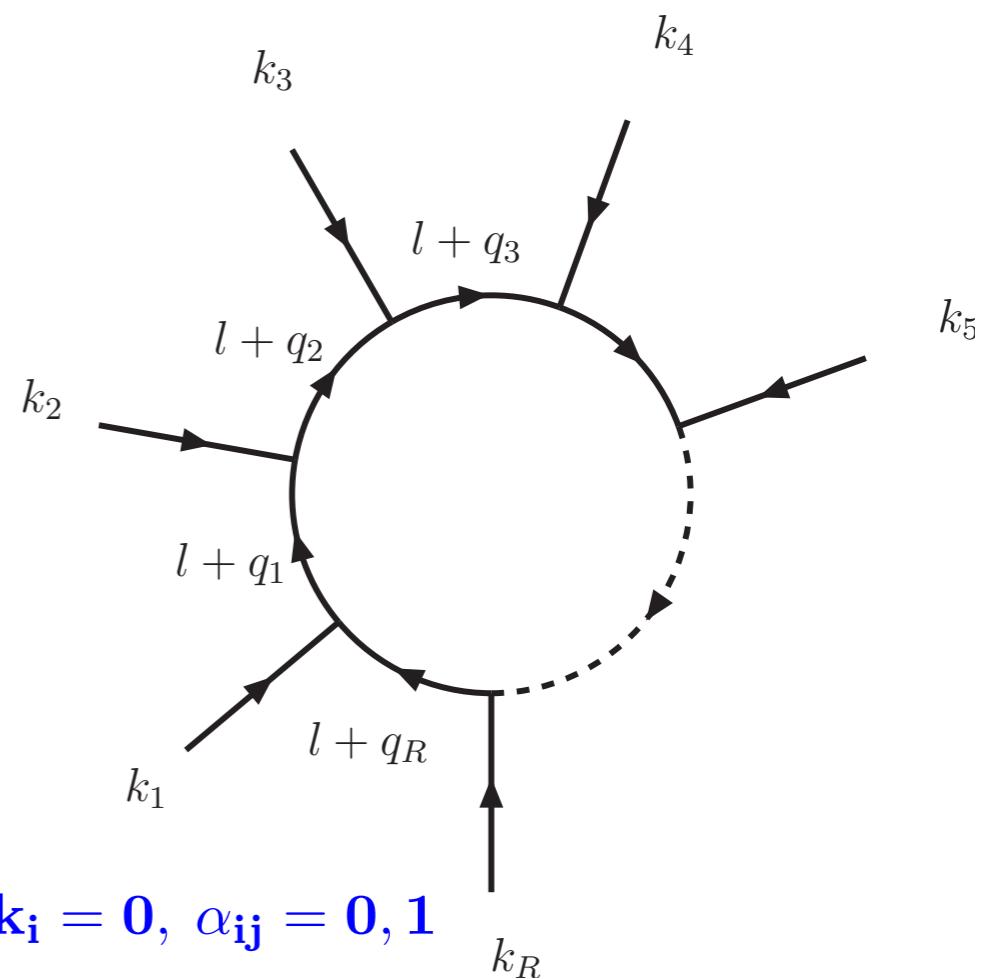
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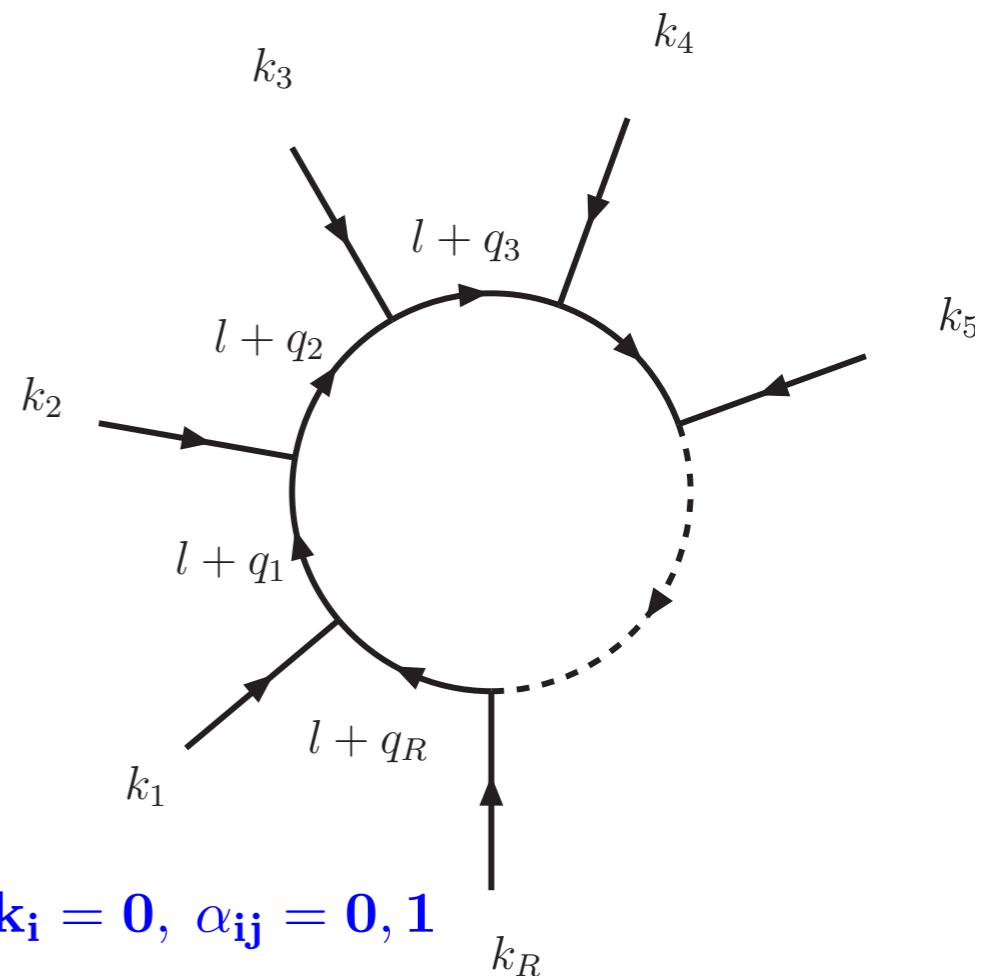
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### Exercise:

Any N-point scalar one-loop integrand function, for  $N > D$ , where  $D$  is the dimensionality of space-time, can be written as a linear combination of the  $D$ -point scalar and vector integrand functions.

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It follows the parametrization:

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## Exercise:

Calculate the photon self-energy in D=2 QED (Scwinger-model) using NV reduction at the integrand level.

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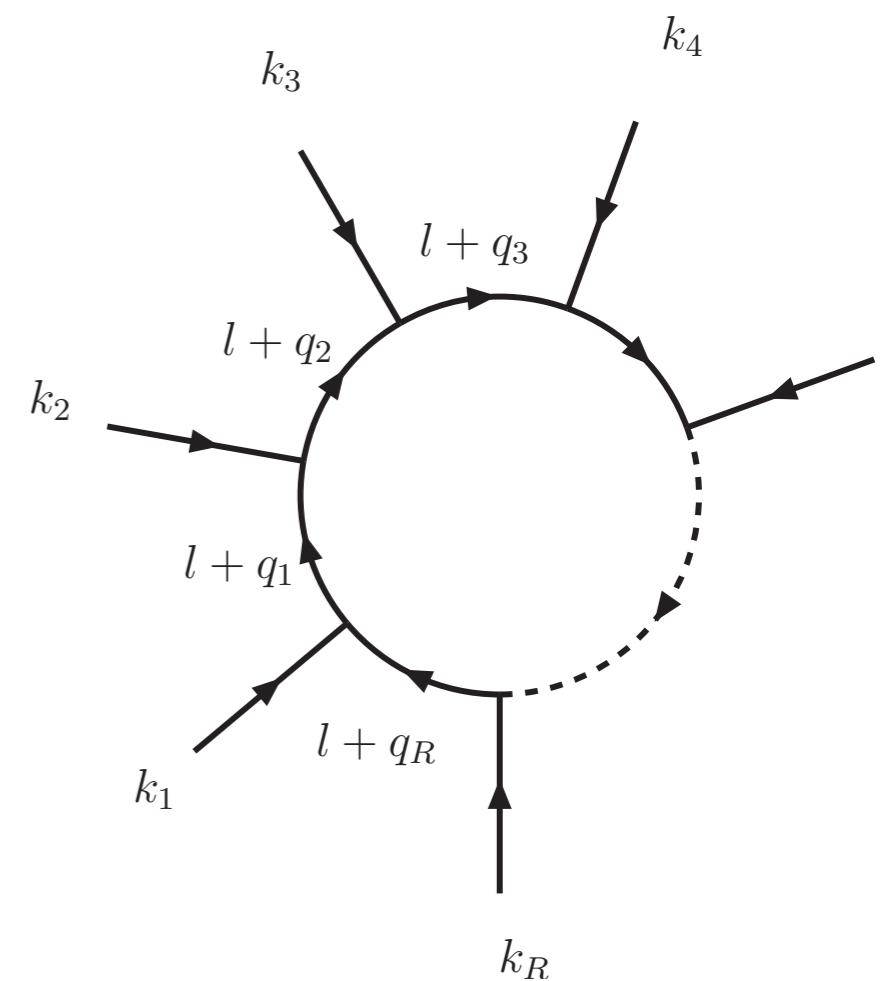
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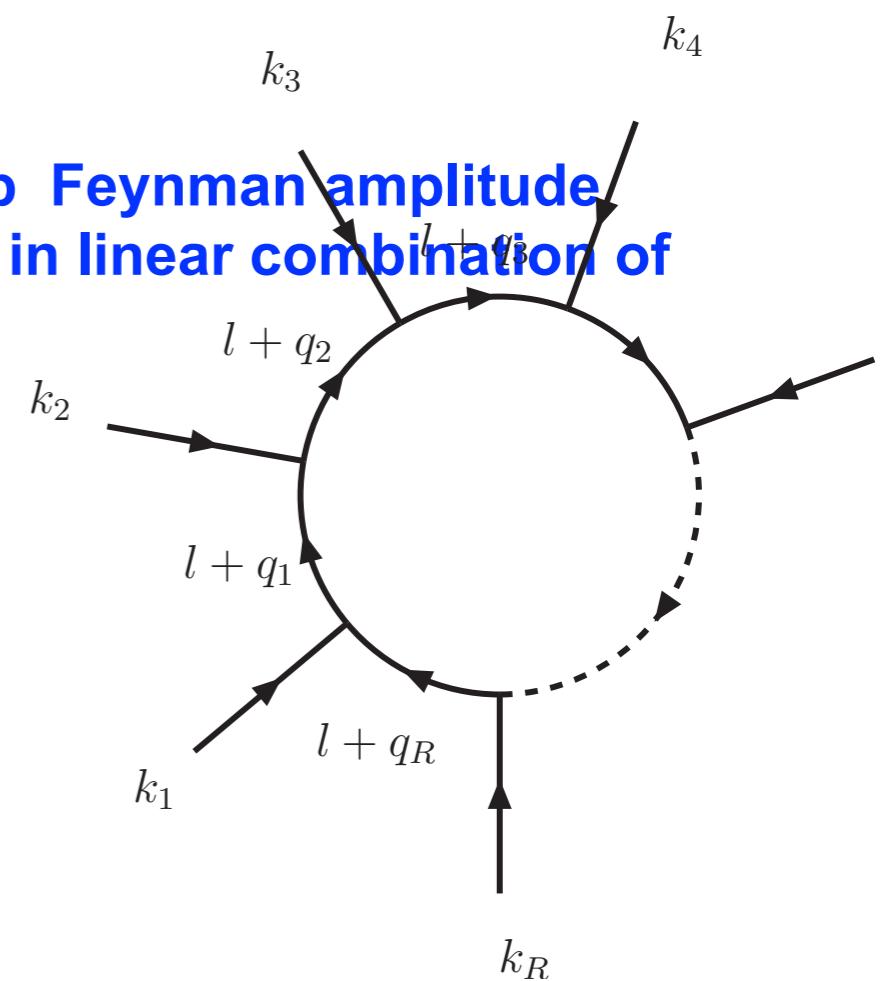


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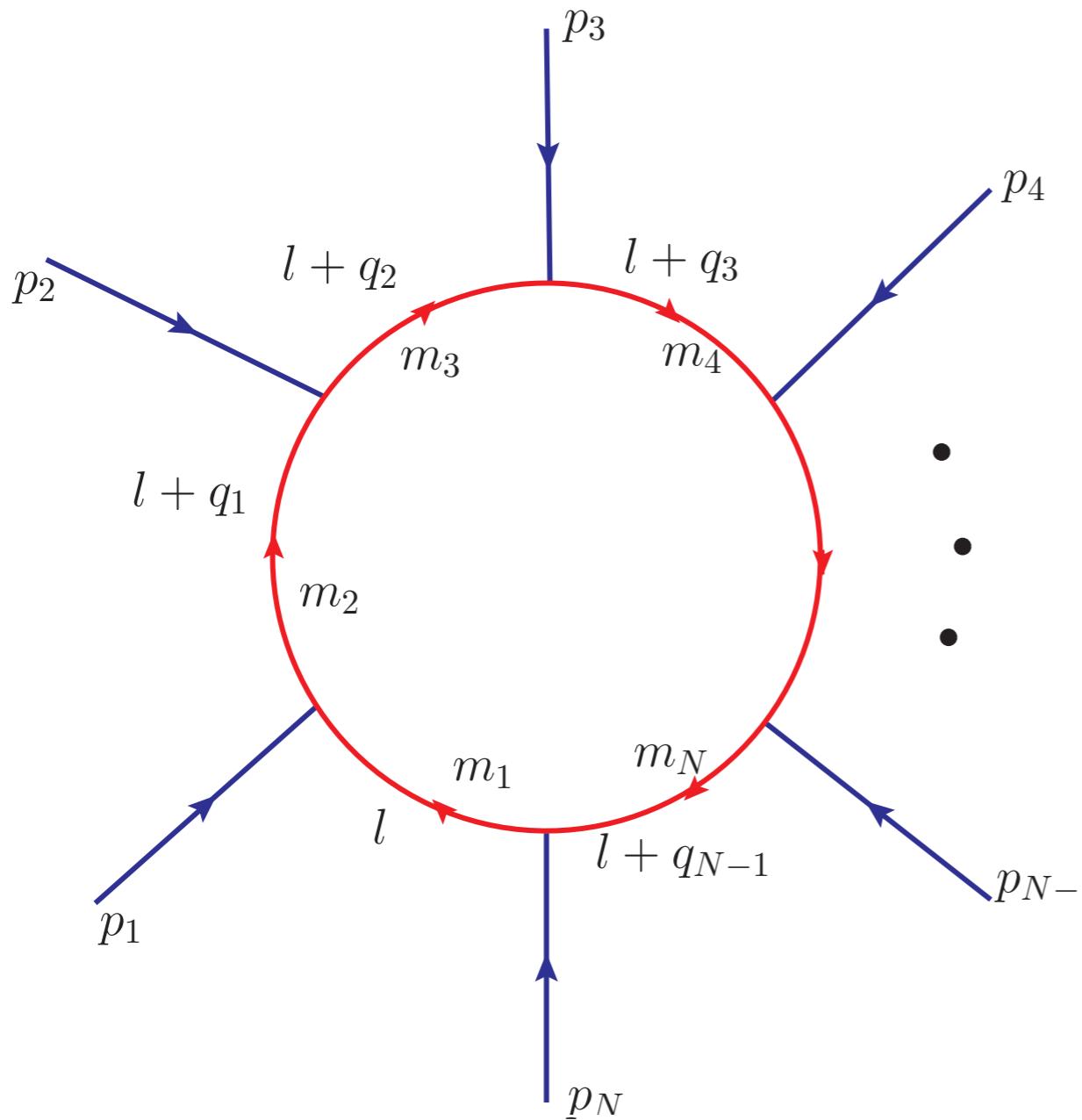
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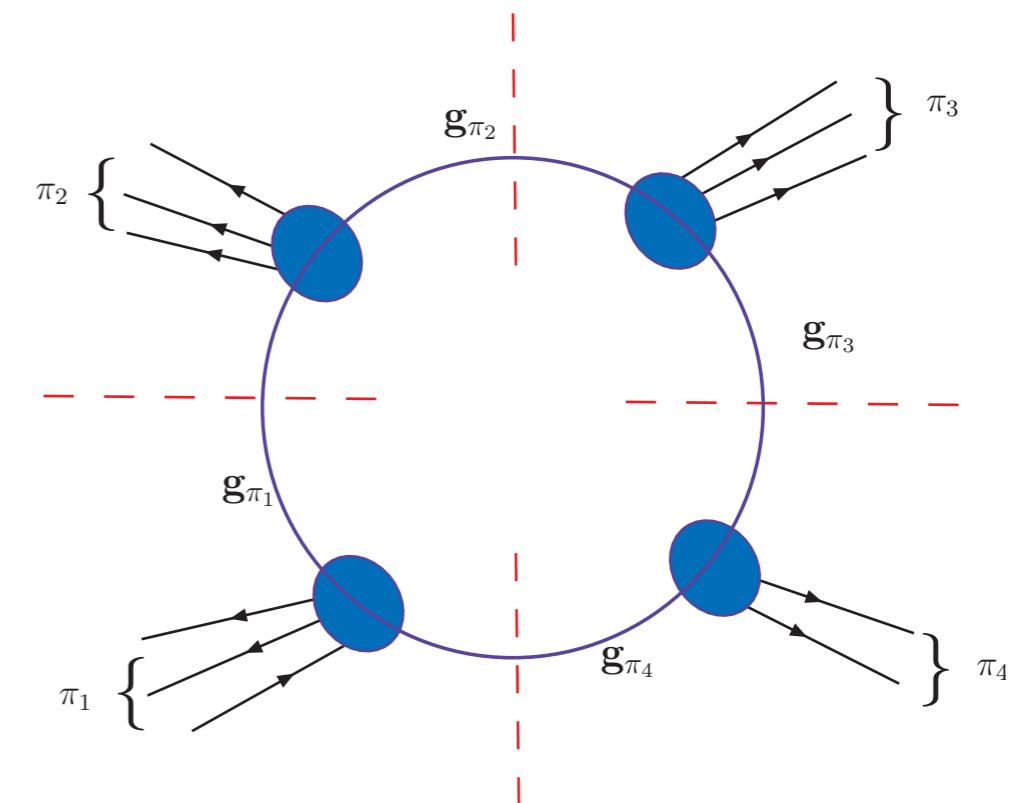
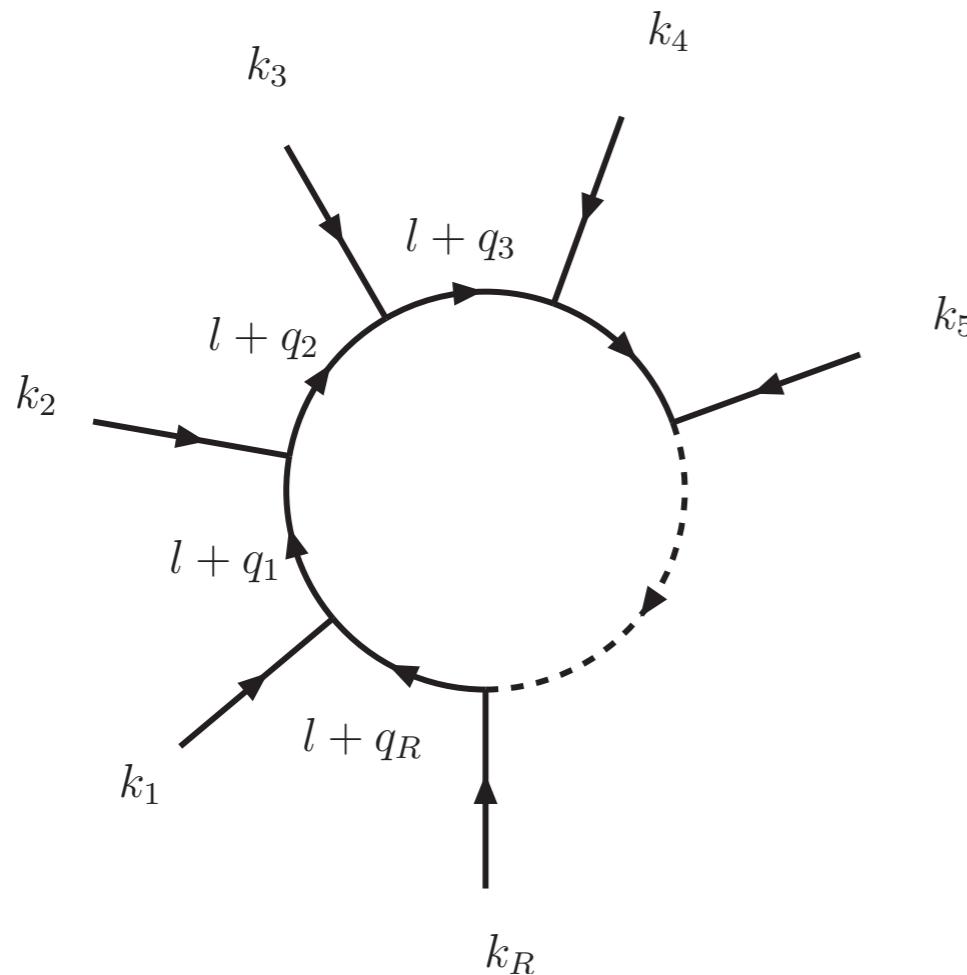
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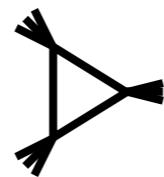
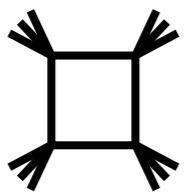
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# Example: Projecting out individual (quadrupole) coefficients in D-dimension

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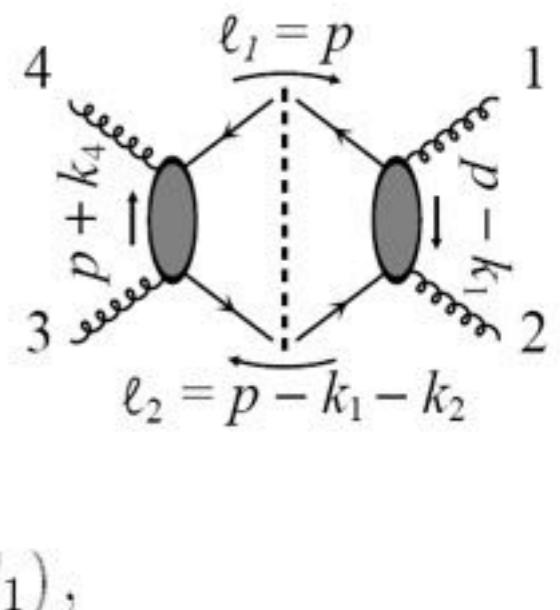
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## Lecture 3: Unitarity method and amplitudes

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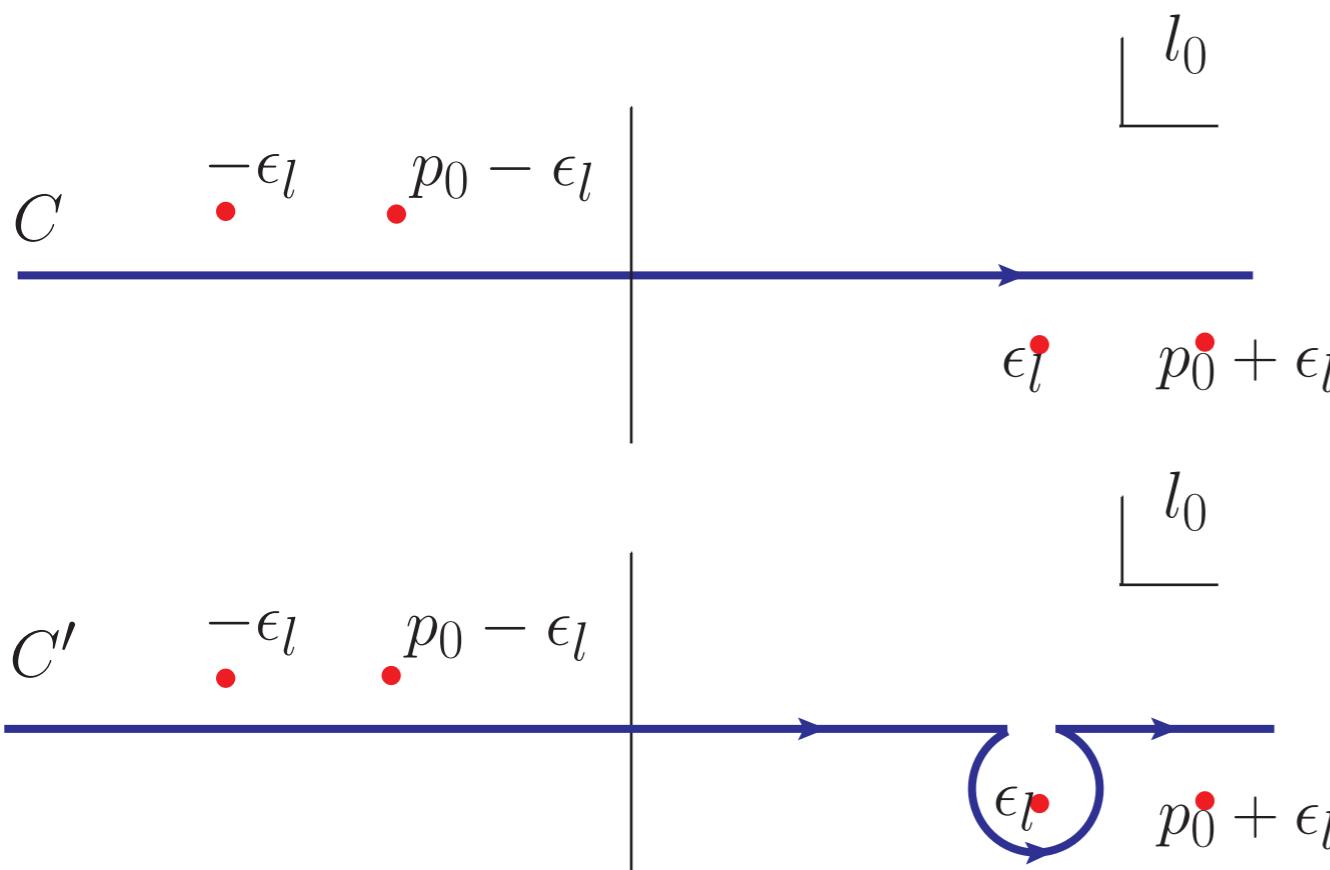
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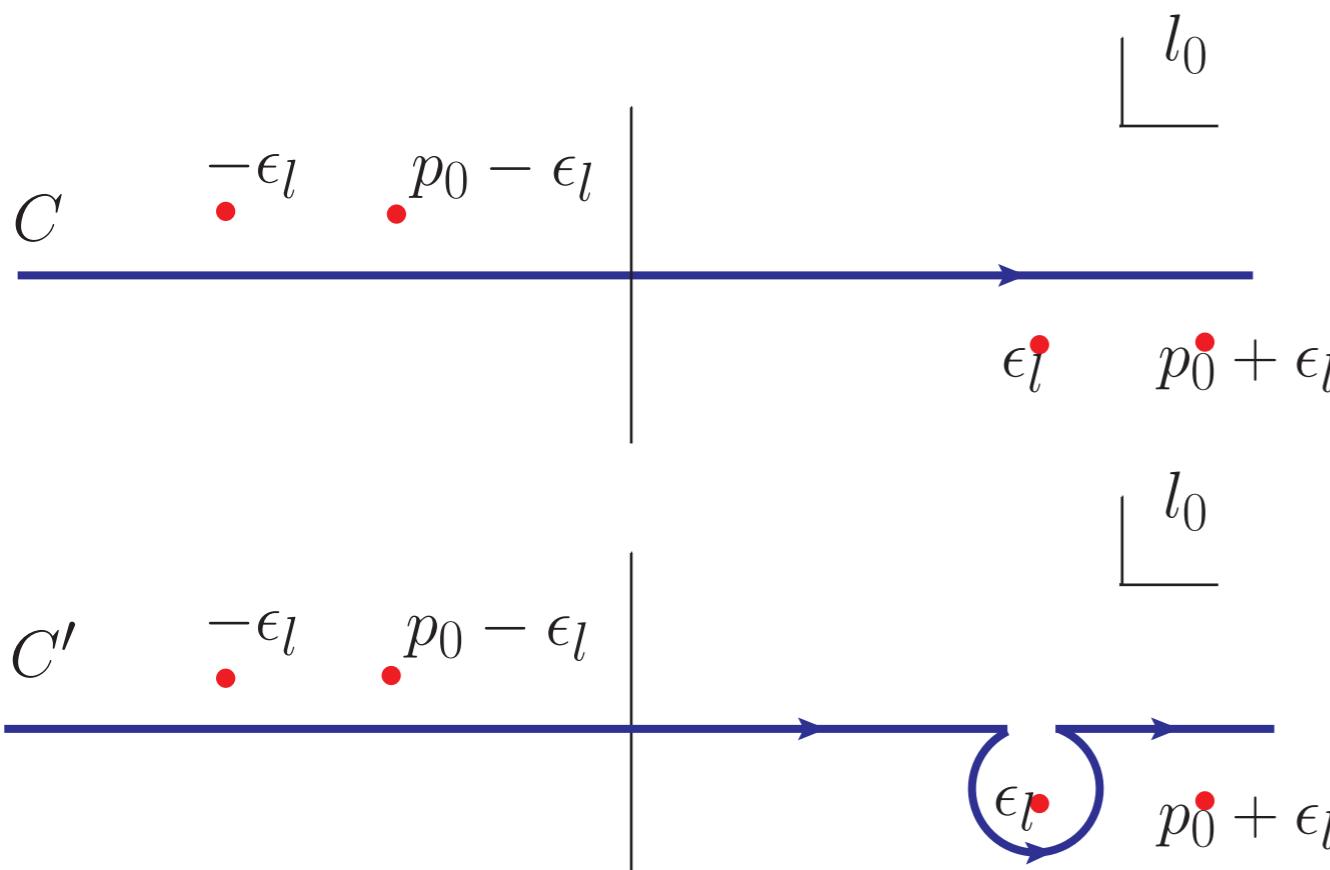
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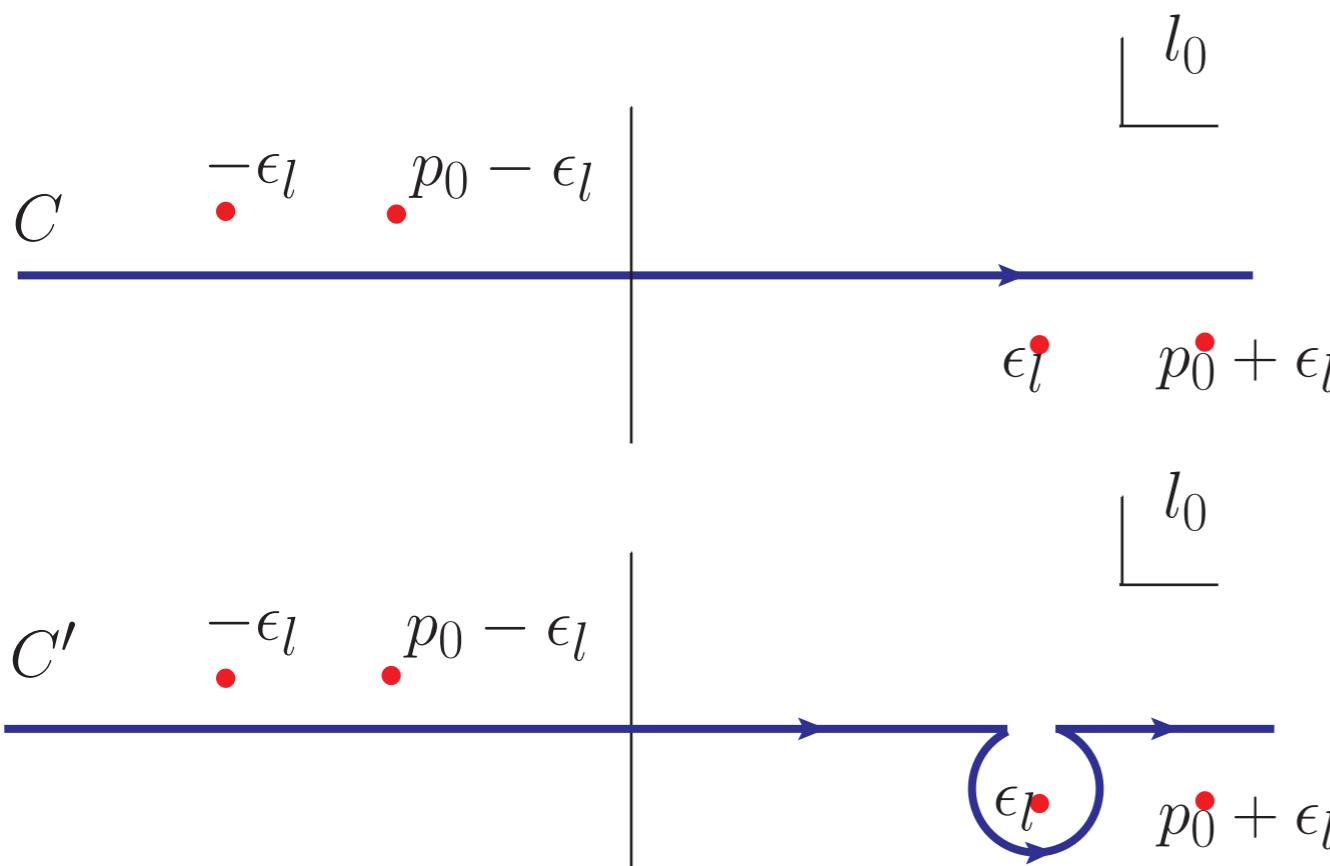
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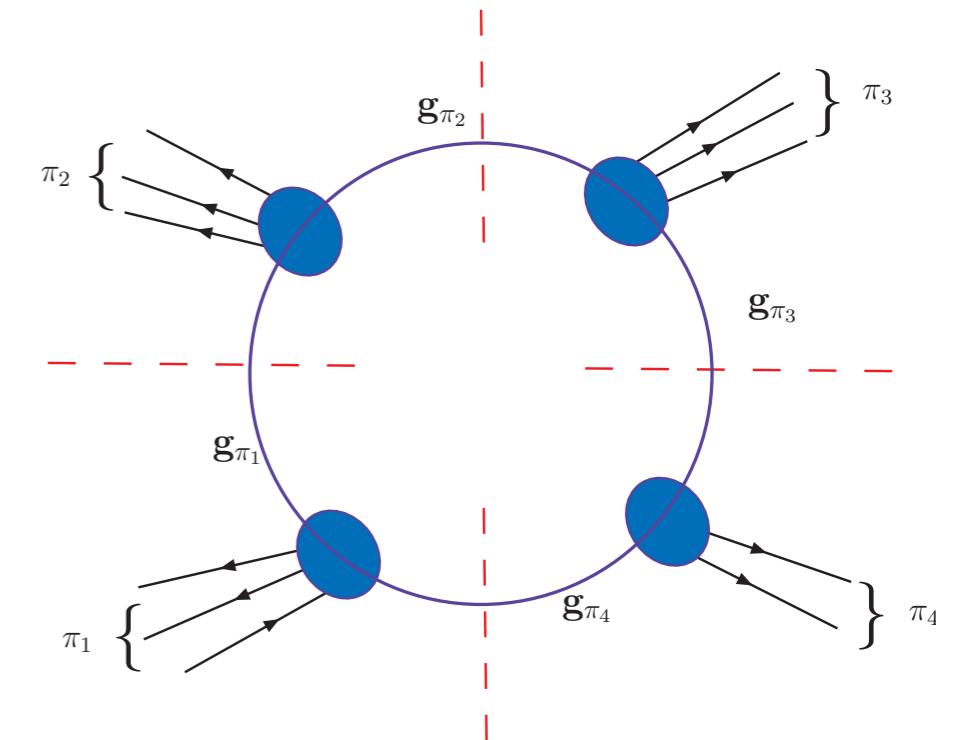
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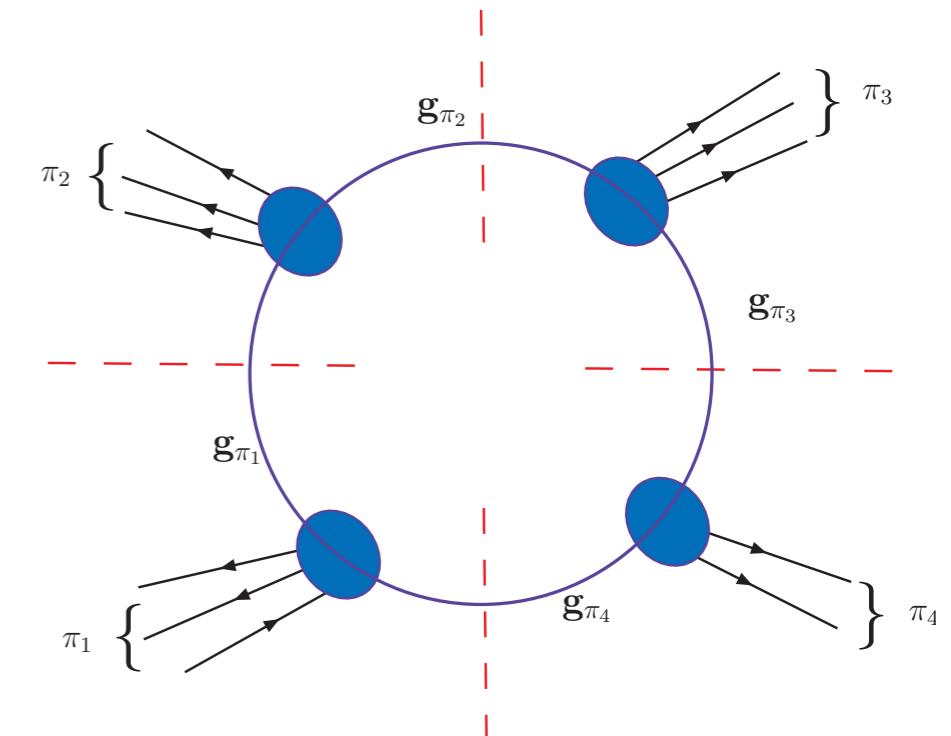
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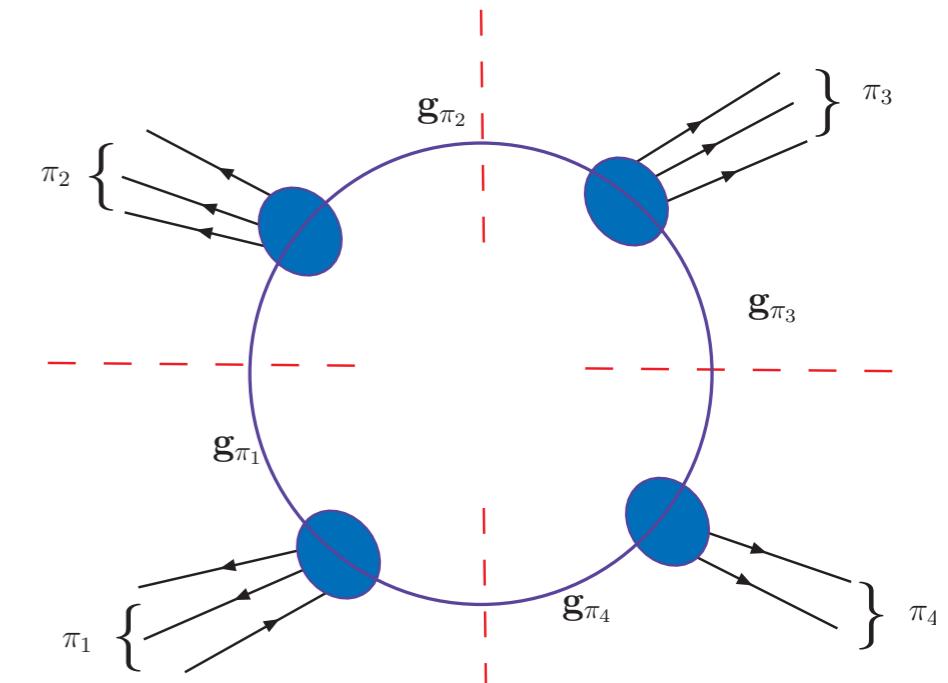


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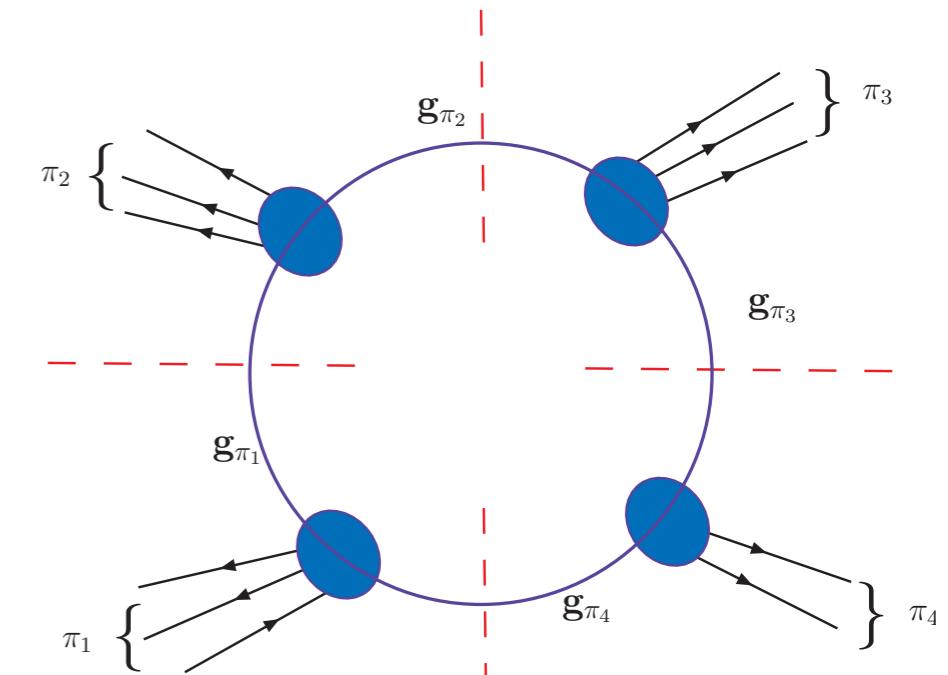


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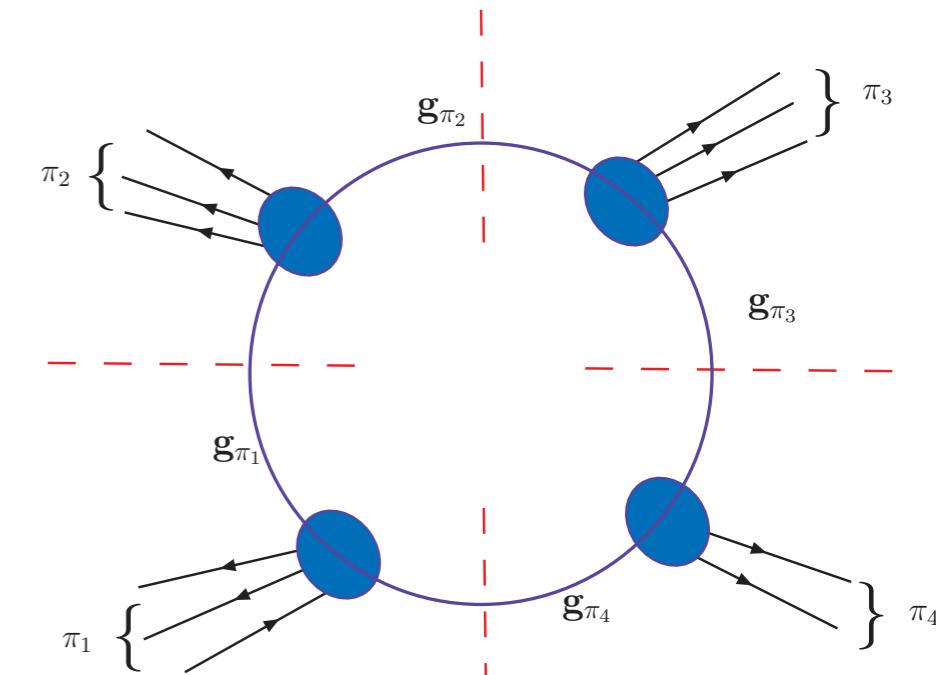
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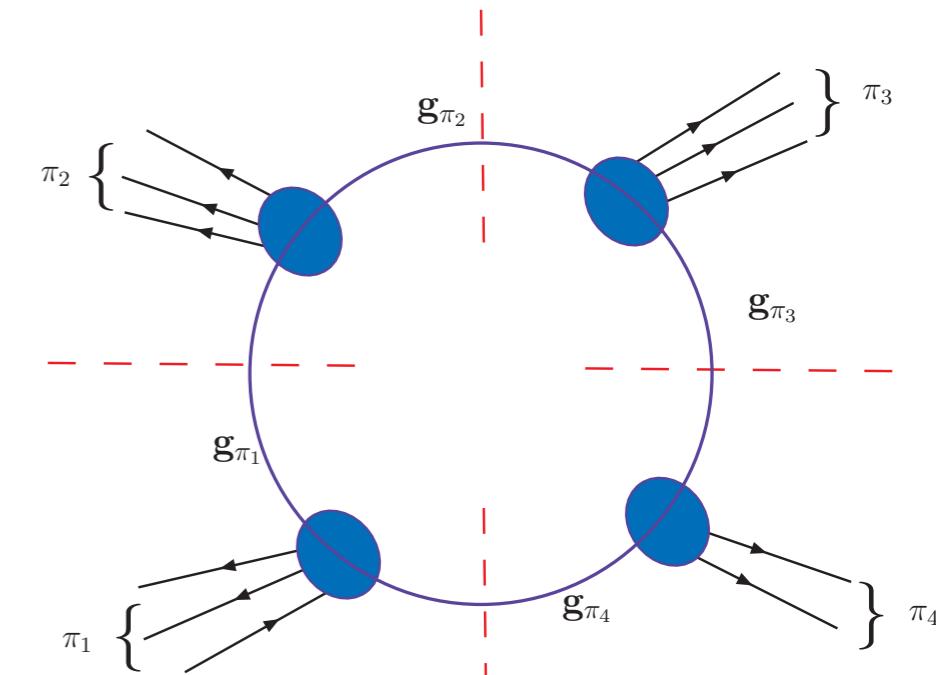
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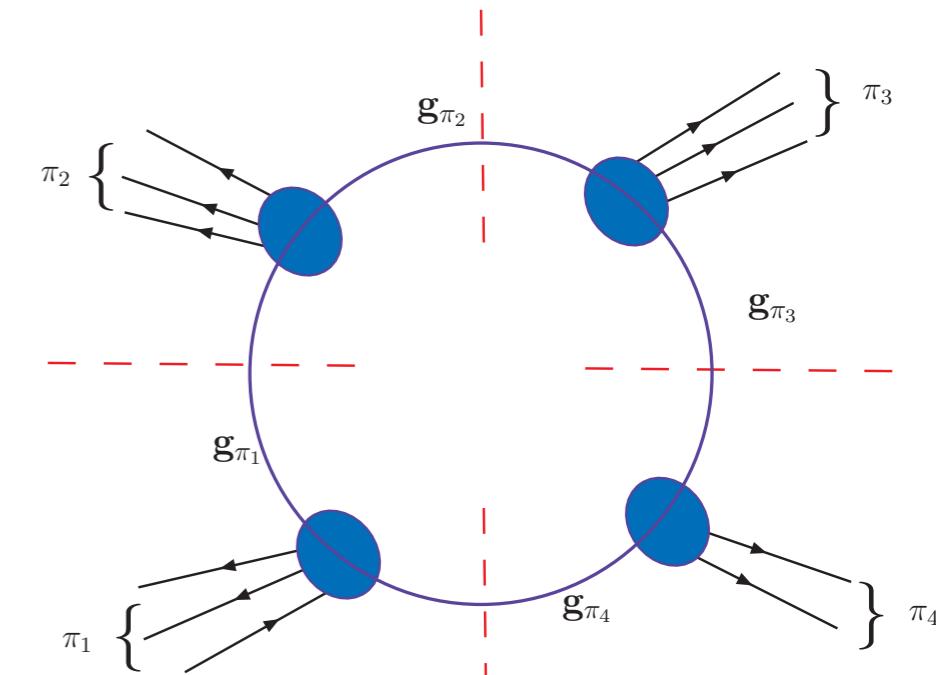
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$$\text{Res}_{ij\dots k} [F(l)] \equiv \left[ d_i(l) d_j(l) \cdots d_k(l) F(l) \right]_{l=l_{ij\dots k}} .$$

$$\bar{d}_{ijkl}(l) = \text{Res}_{ijkl}(\mathcal{A}_N(l)) \quad d_i=d_j=d_k=d_l=0 \quad \text{two solutions}$$

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**we fully reconstruct the integrand in terms of product of tree amplitudes**

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# Managing color of amplitudes

Unitarity: instead of Feynman diagrams amplitudes

Tree and one loop Feynman diagrams: color and space time part

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{n}}^{\text{tree}}(\{\mathbf{k}\}, \{\mathbf{h}\}, \{\mathbf{a}\}), \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{n}}^{\text{1-loop}}(\{\mathbf{k}\}, \{\mathbf{h}\}, \{\mathbf{a}\})$$

- Color decomposition of amplitudes with the help of a basis color space  
(T-based, F-based, color flow based}

$$[T^a, T^b] = -F_{bc}^a T^c, \quad \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \delta_{ab}.$$

$$[F^a, F^b] = -F_{bc}^a F^c, \quad F_{bc}^a = -i\sqrt{2}f^{abc}, \quad \text{Tr}(F^a F^b) = 2N_c \delta_{ab}.$$
$$(F^{a_1})_{a_2 a_3} = -\frac{1}{2N_c} \text{Tr}([F^{a_1}, F^{a_2}] F^{a_3}) = -\text{Tr}([T^{a_1}, T^{a_2}] T^{a_3}).$$

$$(T^a)_{i_1}^{\bar{j}_1} (T^a)_{i_2}^{\bar{j}_2} = (\delta)_{i_1}^{\bar{j}_2} (\delta)_{i_2}^{\bar{j}_1} - \frac{1}{N_c} (\delta)_{i_1}^{\bar{j}_1} (\delta)_{i_2}^{\bar{j}_2}$$

$$(F^{a_2} F^{a_3} \dots F^{a_{(n-2)}} F^{a_{(n-1)}})_{a_1 a_n} = \frac{1}{2N_c} \text{Tr}([[[\dots [[F^{a_1}, F^{a_2}], F^{a_3}], \dots, F^{a_{n-2}}] [F^{a_{n-1}}, F^{a_n}])$$
$$= \text{Tr}([[\dots [[T^{a_1}, T^{a_2}], T^{a_3}], \dots, T^{a_{n-2}}] [T^{a_{n-1}}, T^{a_n}]).$$

# Color ordered n-gluon tree sub-amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}} = \frac{g_s^{n-2}}{2N_c} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n/Z_n} \text{Tr} (\mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(3)}} \dots \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) \mathbf{A}_{n,\sigma}^{\text{tree}},$$

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$$\mathbf{A}_{n,\sigma}^{\text{tree}} = \mathbf{m}_n(g_{\sigma(1)}, g_{\sigma(2)}, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)})$$

Some properties of sub-amplitudes:

$$\mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) = \mathbf{m}_n(g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n, g_1) \quad (\text{cyclic identity})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{n-1}, g_n) = (-1)^n \mathbf{m}_n(g_n, g_{n-1}, \dots, g_2, g_1), \quad (\text{reflection identity})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_n(1, \underline{2, \dots, n_1}, \overline{n_1 + 1, \dots, n}) \equiv \sum_{\sigma(n)} \mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}) = 0 \quad (\text{Abelian identity})$$

~ Kleiss-Kuijf relations

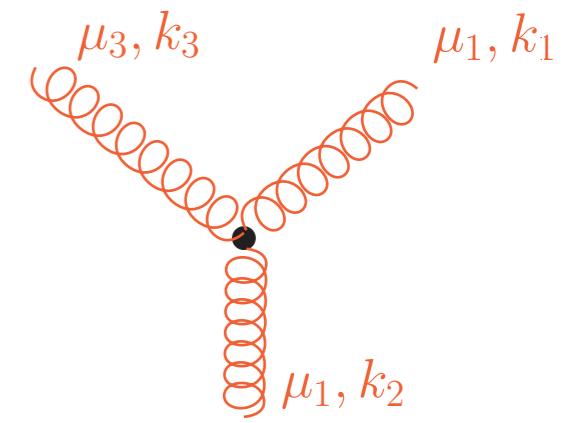
$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = g_s^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma=\mathcal{P}(2,3,\dots,n-1)} (\mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \dots \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(n-1)}})_{a_1 a_n} \mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n-1)}, g_n).$$

(n-2)! color ordered sub-amplitudes (see also BCJ relations)

Unitary color basis: on each pole of the tree amplitude the color factor of a given colorless amplitude also factorizes

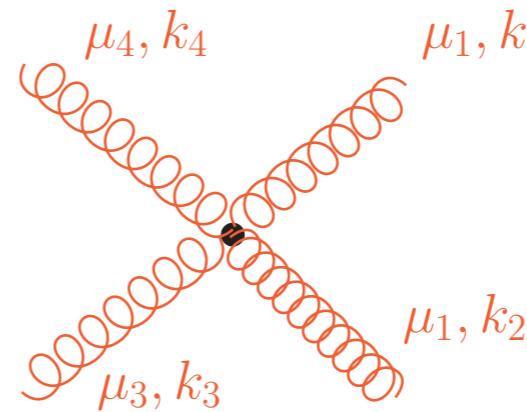
three gluon vertex

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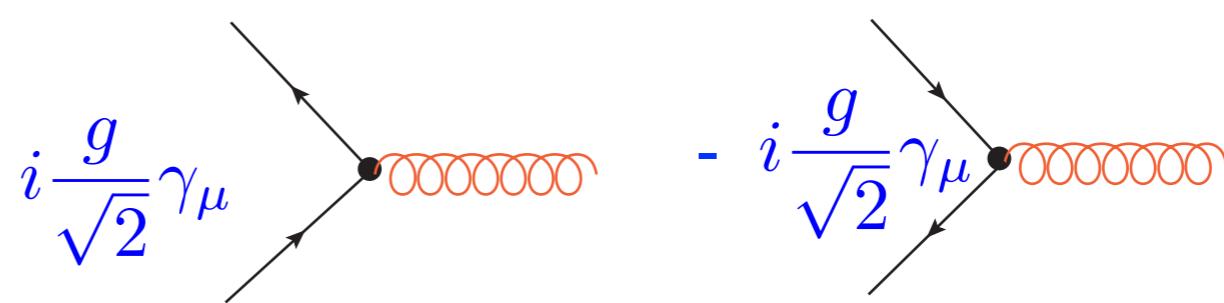


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gluon-quark-antiquark vertex

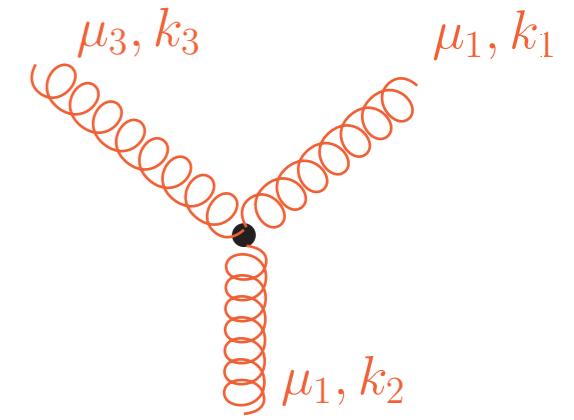


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# Color stripped Feynman rules for color ordered sub-amplitudes

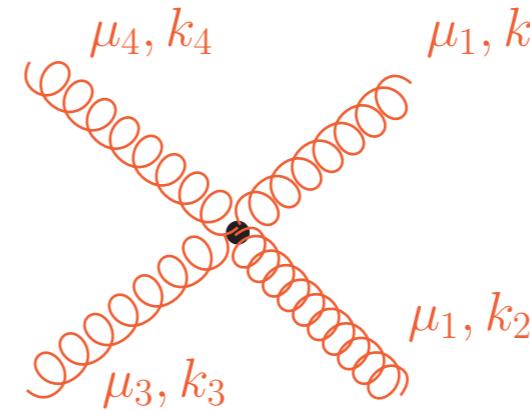
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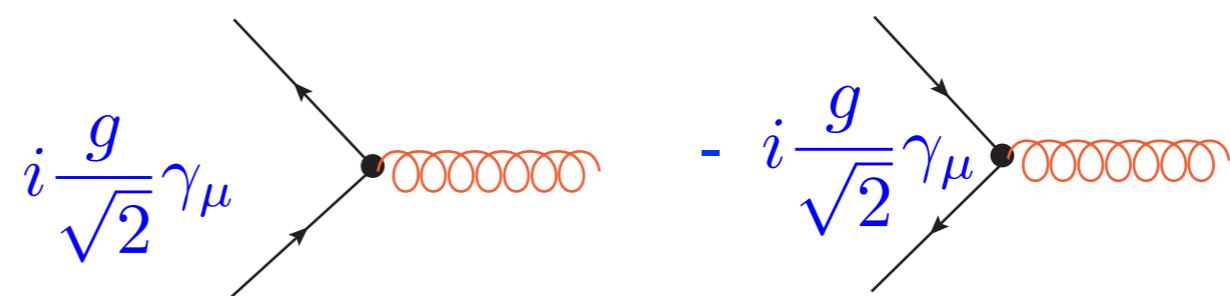


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# Color ordered n-gluon one-loop sub-amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} A_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}),$$

$$c_\Gamma = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2-\epsilon}} \frac{\Gamma(1+\epsilon)\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)}$$

Consider a double cut between external line k and k+1 and n and 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}_{(k,n)} \left[ A_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \right] &= \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_k\}_{vu} \{a_{k+1} \cdots a_n\}_{uv} \\ &\quad \times m_{k+2}(g_v, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k, g_u) m_{n-k+2}(g_u, g_{k+1}, \dots, g_n, g_v) \\ &= \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n\} \text{Im}_{(k,n)} \left[ m_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)/\mathcal{R}} \text{Tr}(F^{a_1}, \dots, F^{a_n}) m_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$$

one loop color order sub-amplitude

A reflection transformation is factored out. The cyclic property and reflection symmetry remain valid. The number of independent one-loop amplitudes is  $(n-1)!/2$ .

Decomposition in T-basis:

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n N_c c_\Gamma \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)/\mathcal{R}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_1}, \dots, \mathbf{T}^{a_n}) m_{1,n}^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$$

$$+ g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{r=2}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} \left( \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)/\mathcal{Z}_{r-1} \times \mathcal{Z}_{n-r+1}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_1}, \dots, \mathbf{T}^{a_{r-1}}) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_r}, \dots, \mathbf{T}^{a_n}) m_{2,n}^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \right)$$

- The single-trace color structures have an explicit factor of  $N_c$  out.
- They dominate in the large  $N_c$  limit.
- The planar L-loop color decomposition formula remains the same .
- The decomposition remains the same also for the  $N=4$ sYM theory.
- T-based color decomposition is preferred.

Two particle unitarity gives color decomposition of a quark-loop to n-gluon amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_{n;n_f}^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n c_\Gamma n_f \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_1} \mathbf{T}^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \dots \mathbf{T}^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) m_{n;n_f}^{(1)}(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}),$$

# $\bar{q}q + (n - 2)g$ amplitudes and fully ordered primitive amplitudes

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Color factors of Feynman diagrams

$$(T^{b_1} \dots T^{b_k} \dots)_{j_{\bar{i}}} \times (F^{a_1} \dots F^{a_r})_{b_1 a_{r+1}} \dots (F^{a_p} \dots F^{a_t-1})_{b_k a_t} \dots$$

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) = g_s^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} (T^{a_{\sigma(3)}} T^{a_{\sigma(4)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} m_n(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}).$$

(n-2)! colorless color ordered tree sub-amplitudes

the quark labels do not participate in the permutation sum

Decomposition in mixed basis such that the quark is also in the permutation sum

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) &= g_s^{n-2} (-1)^n \sum_{k=3}^n \sum_{\mathcal{P}(4, \dots, n)} (T^y T^{a_{k+1}} \dots T^{a_n})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} \text{Tr} (F^{a_4} \dots F^{a_k})_{a_3 y} \\ &\quad \times \tilde{m}_n(\bar{q}_1, g_n, \dots, g_{k+1}, q_2, g_k, \dots, g_3) \end{aligned}$$

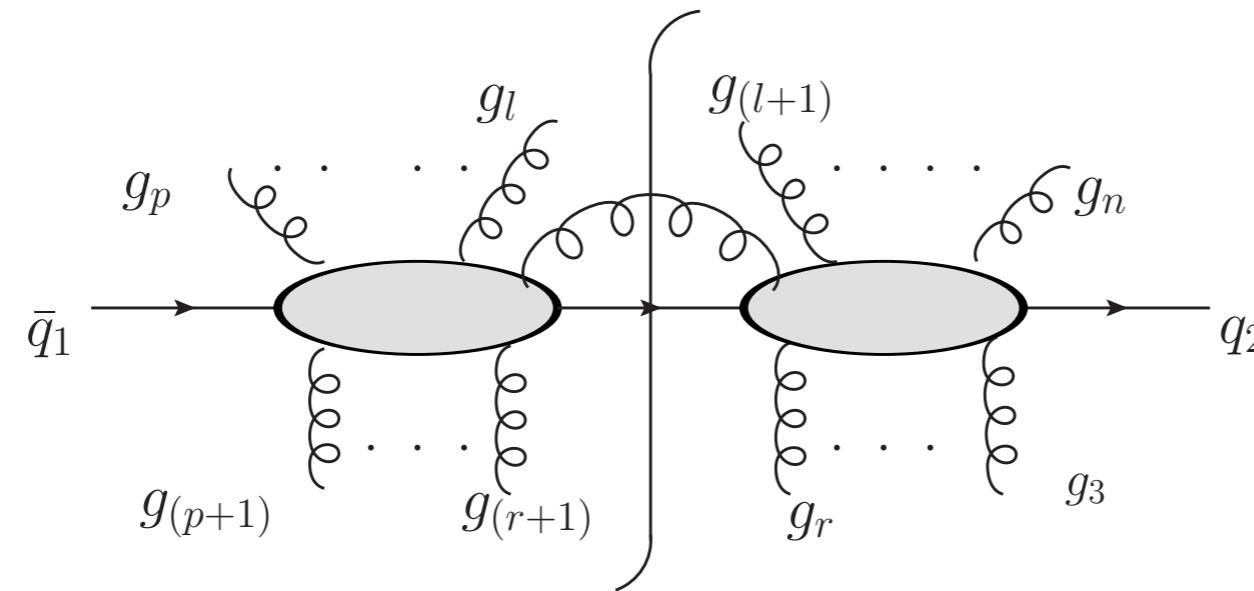
Color ordered tree “left primitive amplitudes”

$$\tilde{m}_n(\bar{q}_1, g_n, \dots, g_{(k+1)}, q_2, g_k, \dots, g_3) = (-1)^k m_n(\bar{q}_1, q_2, \underline{k}, \dots, \underline{3}, \overline{(k+1), \dots, n})$$

**Excercise:** derive this relation using commutator identities

When anti-quark is in the permutation sum: “right primitive amplitude”

This mixed basis is “unitary”



$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) = g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{p=2}^n \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-p}} (T^{x_2} T^{a_{\sigma_3}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma_p}} T^{x_1})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} (F^{a_{\sigma_{p+1}}} \dots F^{a_{\sigma_n}})_{x_1 x_2} \times (-1)^n \tilde{m}_n^{(1)}(\bar{q}_1, g_{\sigma(p)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(3)}, q_2, g_{\sigma(n)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(p+1)})$$

Color ordered amplitudes for n-gluons and primitive amplitudes for  $\bar{q}q + (n - 2)g$  can be calculated using colorless Feynman rules Berends-Giele recursion relations

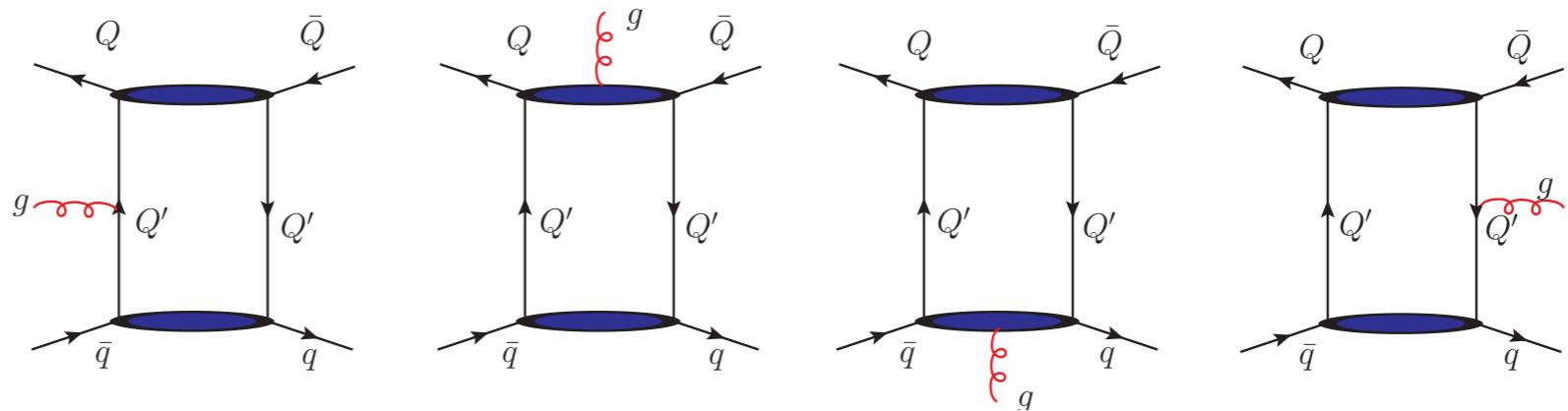
Comment: Leading color is good approximations for gluons only

# Amplitudes with multiple quarks

Colorless ordered amplitudes, primitive amplitudes, parent diagrams

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}^{\text{tree}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, \bar{Q}_3, Q_4, g_5) &= g_s^3 \left[ (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;1}^{\text{tree}} + \frac{1}{N_c} (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;2}^{\text{tree}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;3}^{\text{tree}} + \frac{1}{N_c} (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;4}^{\text{tree}} \right], \\ \mathcal{B}^{\text{1-loop}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, \bar{Q}_3, Q_4, g_5) &= g_s^5 \left[ N_c (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;1} + (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;2} + N_c (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;4} \right] \\ B_{5;i} &= B_{5;i}^{[1]} + \frac{n_f}{N_c} B_{5;i}^{[1/2]}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{5;1}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, g_5, Q_4, \bar{Q}_3, q_2), & B_{5;2}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, Q_4, \bar{Q}_3, q_2, g_5), \\ B_{5;3}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, Q_4, \bar{Q}_3, g_5, q_2), & B_{5;4}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, Q_4, g_5, \bar{Q}_3, q_2). \end{aligned}$$



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More and more complicated.....

**End of color management**

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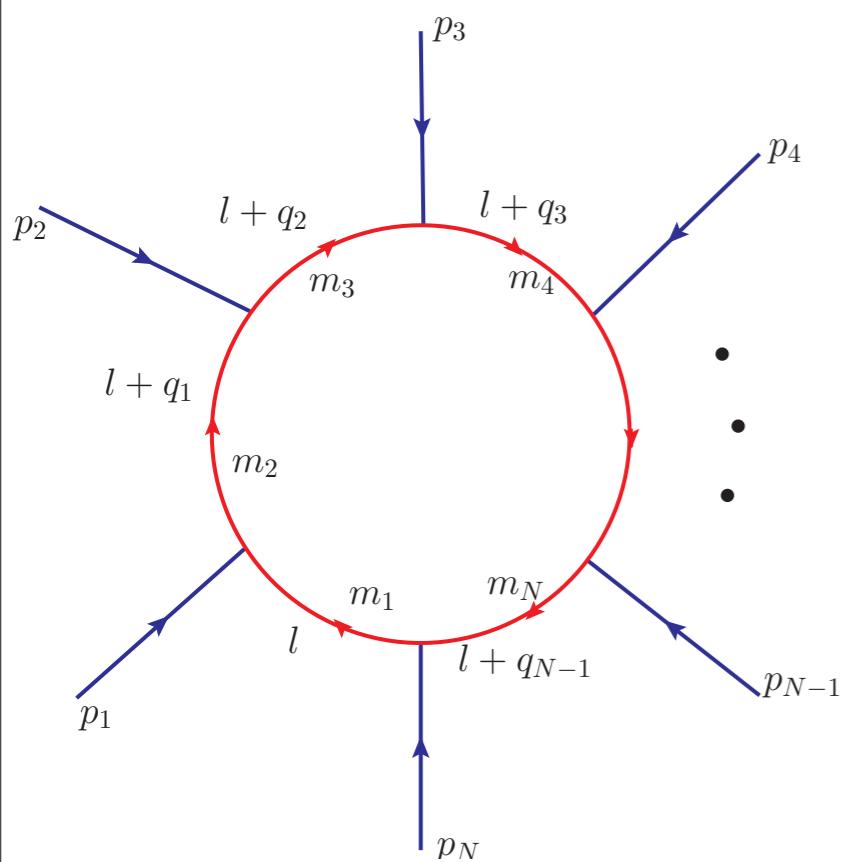
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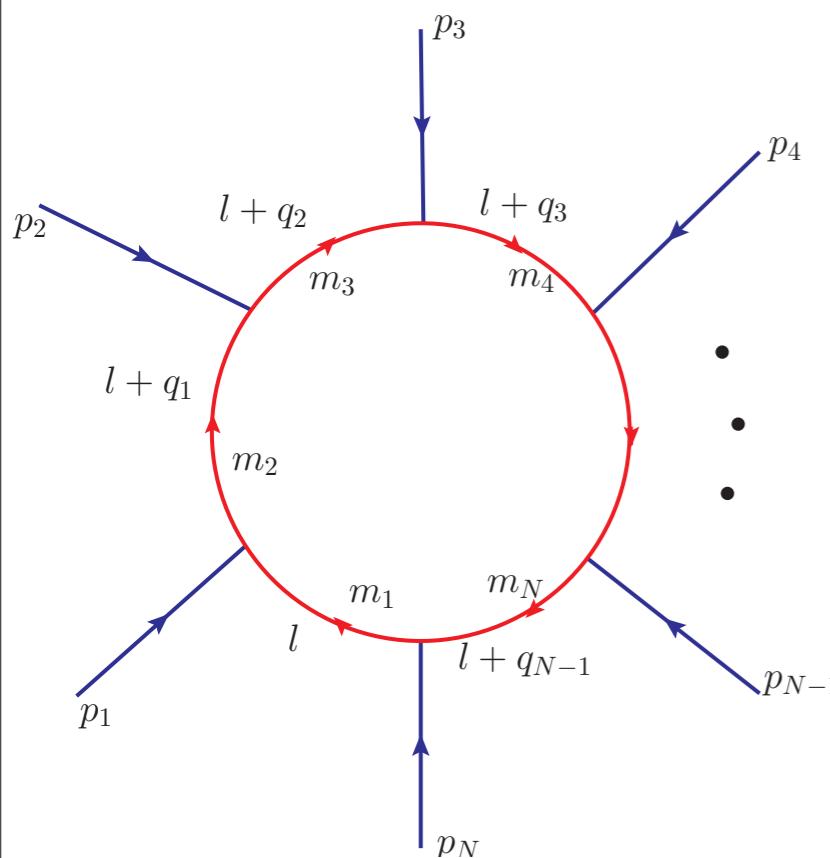
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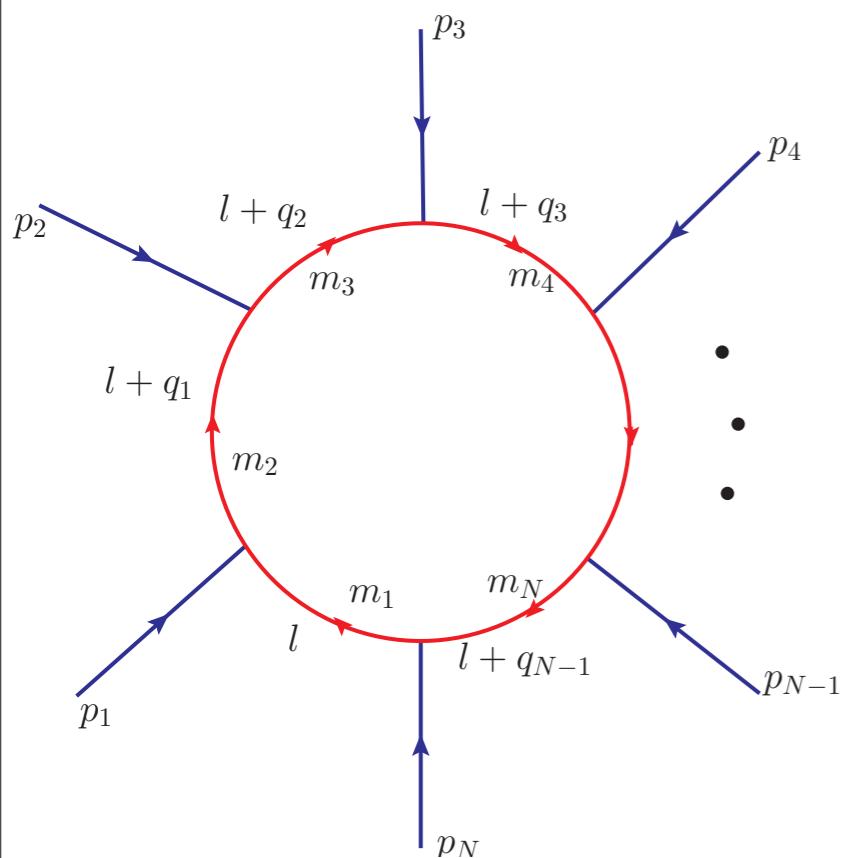


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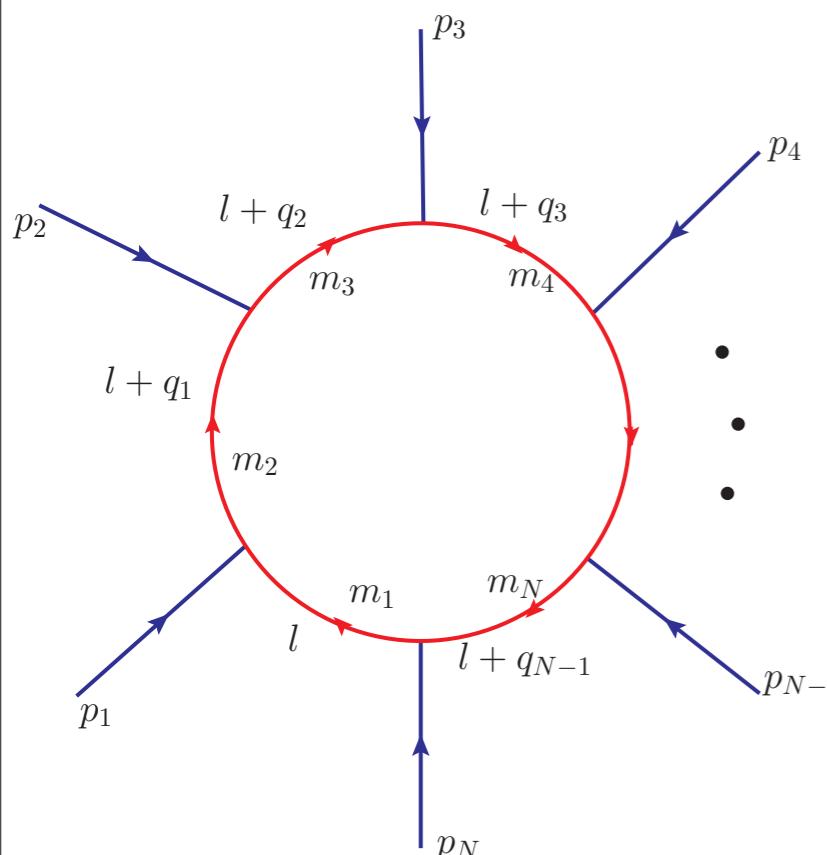
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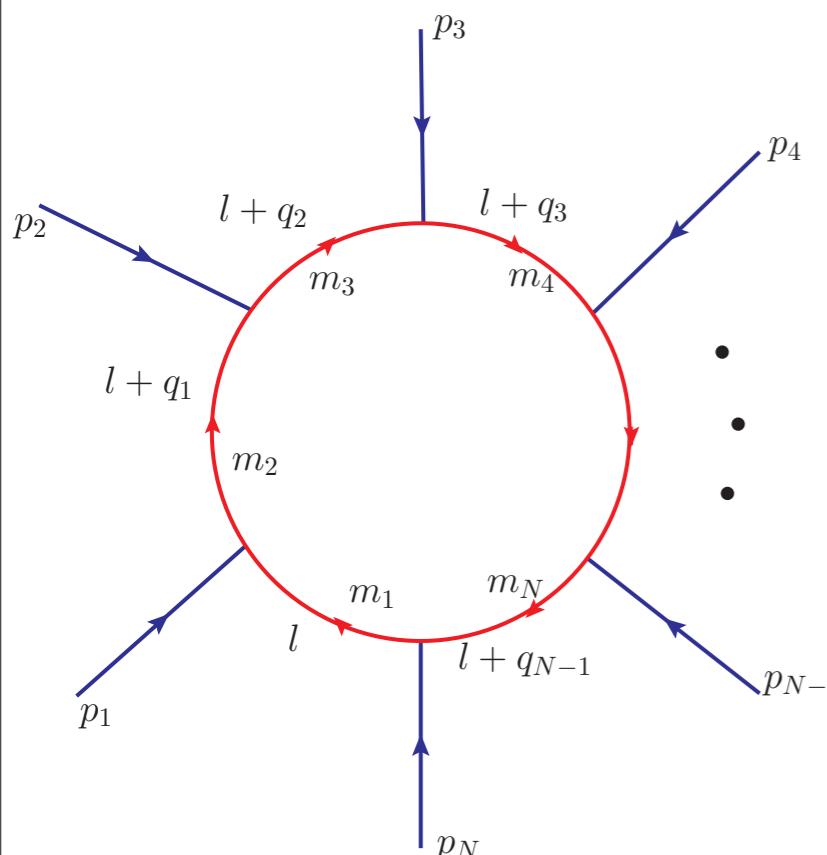


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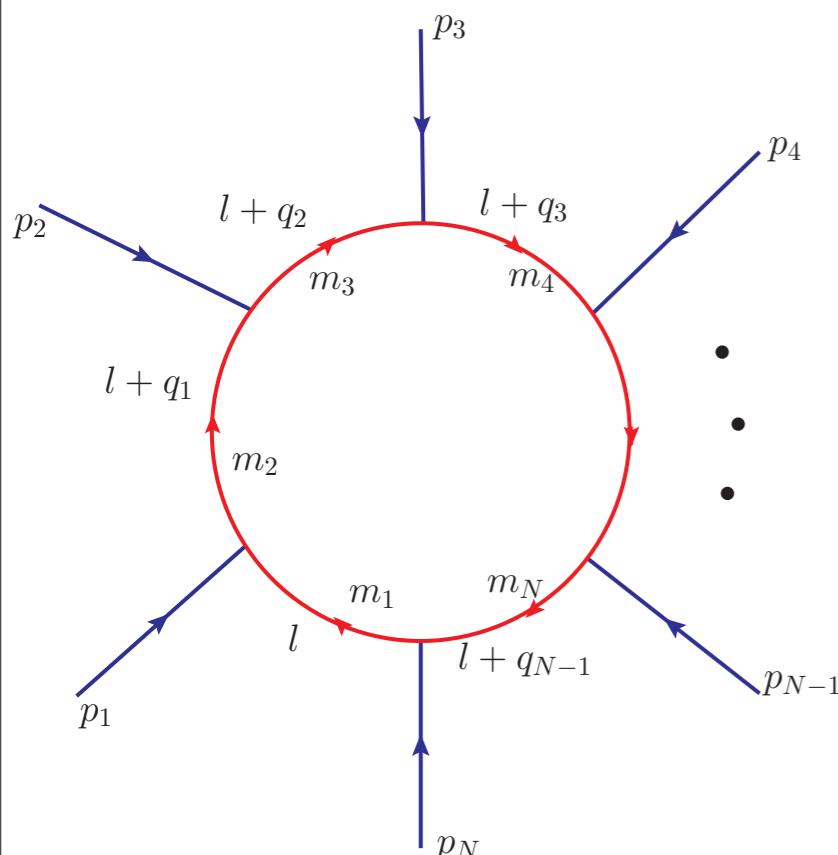
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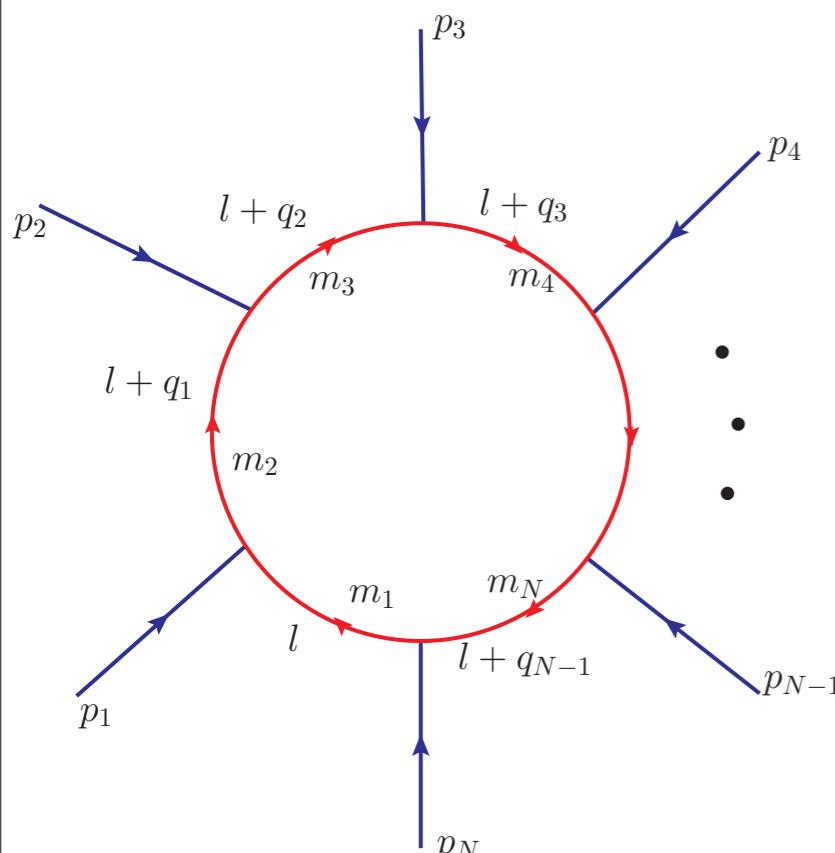
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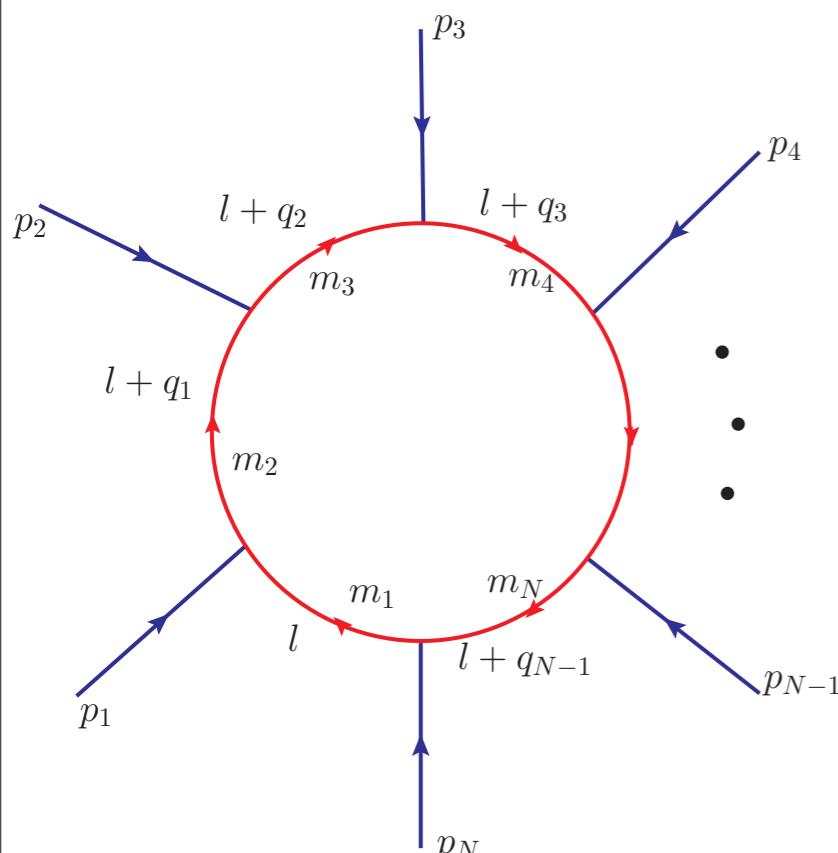
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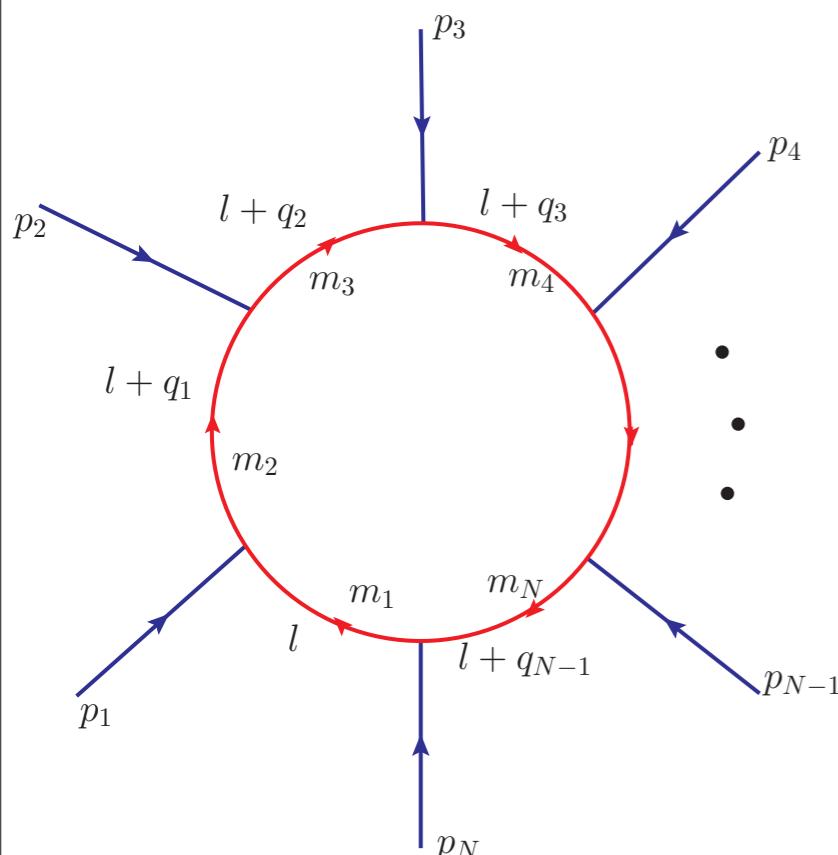
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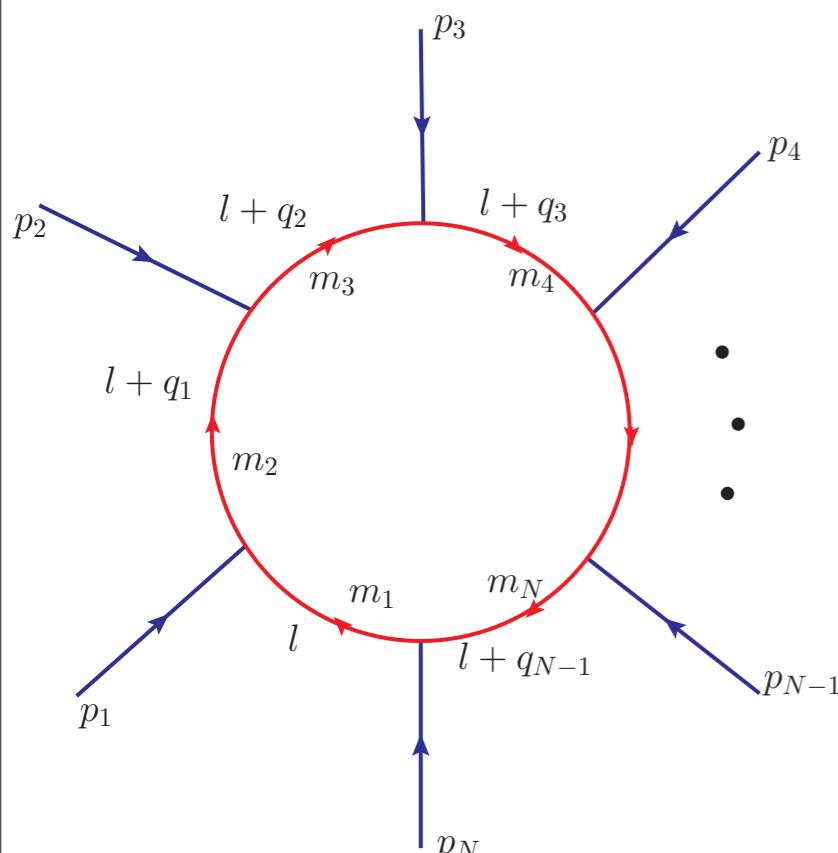
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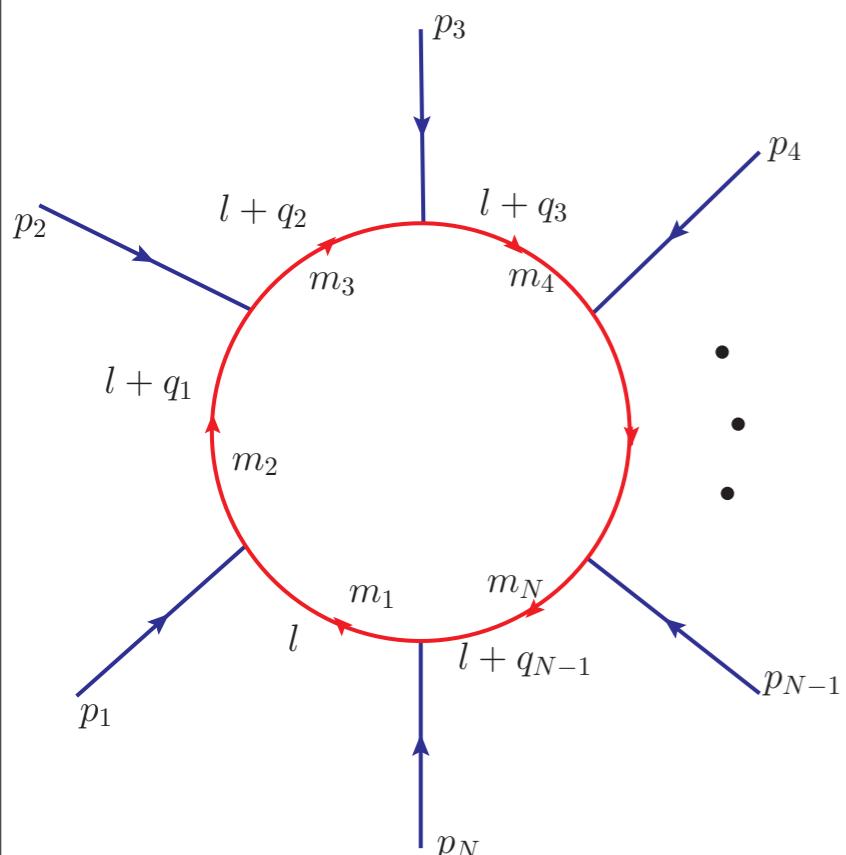
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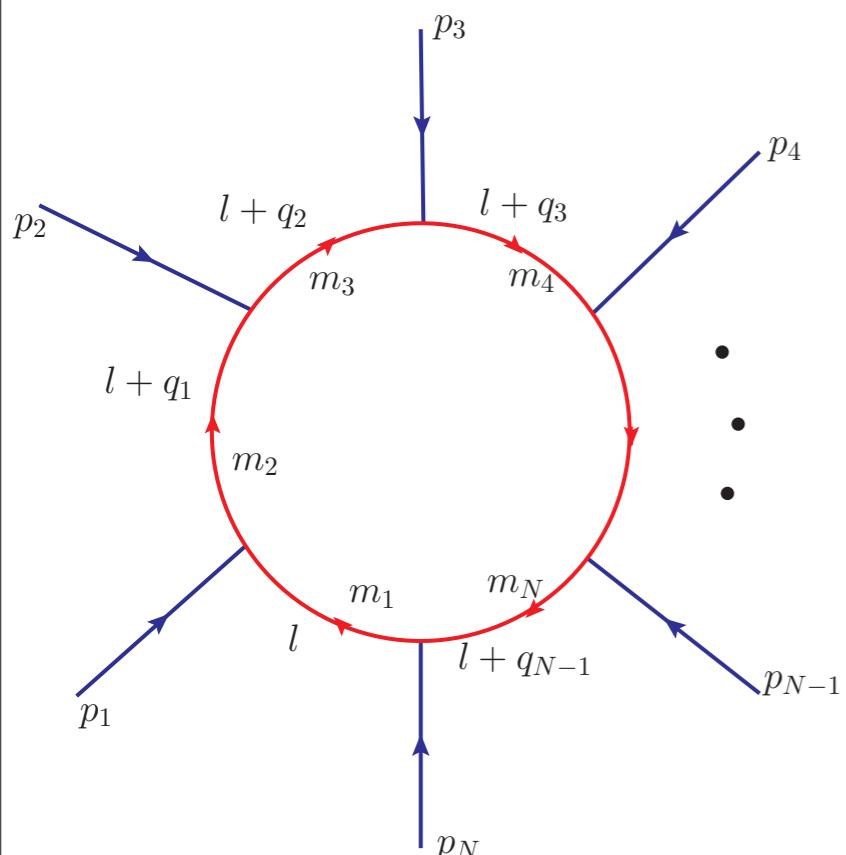
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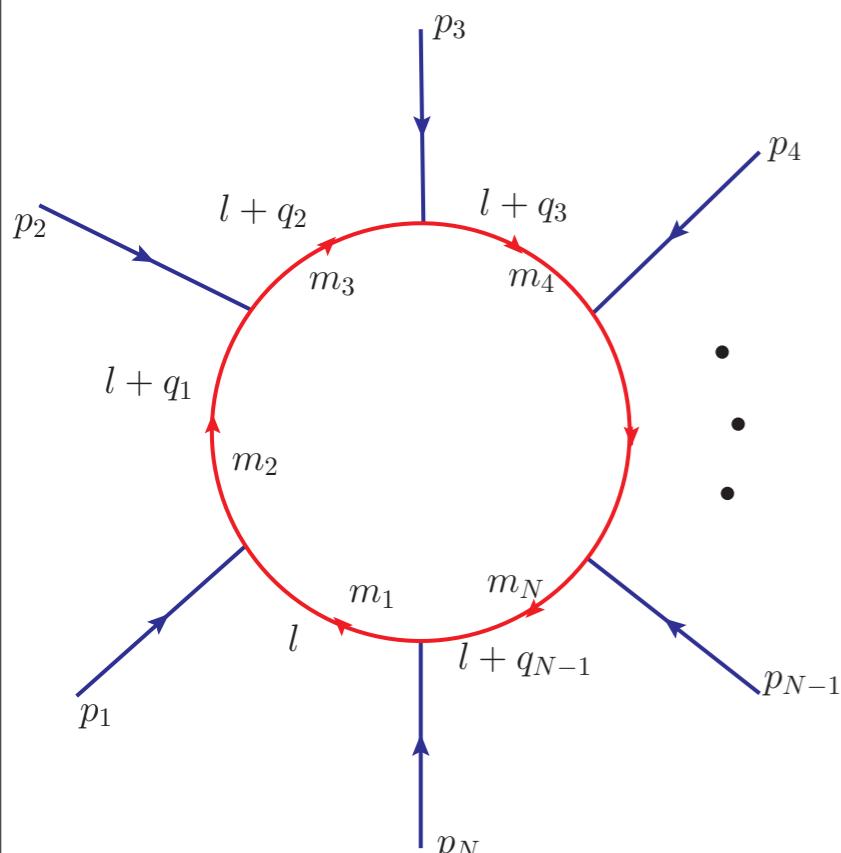
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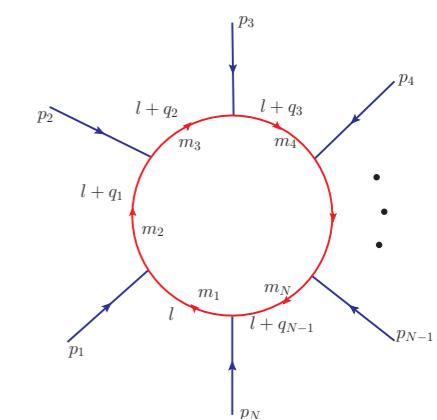
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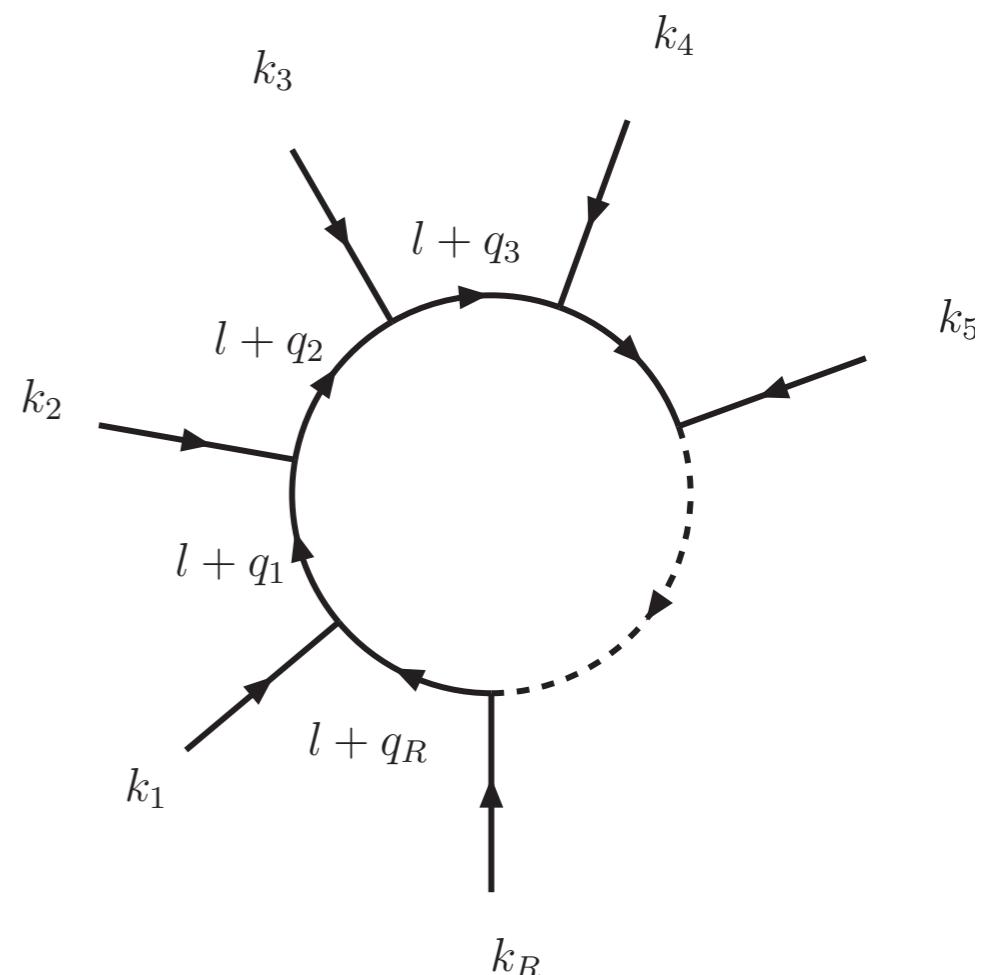
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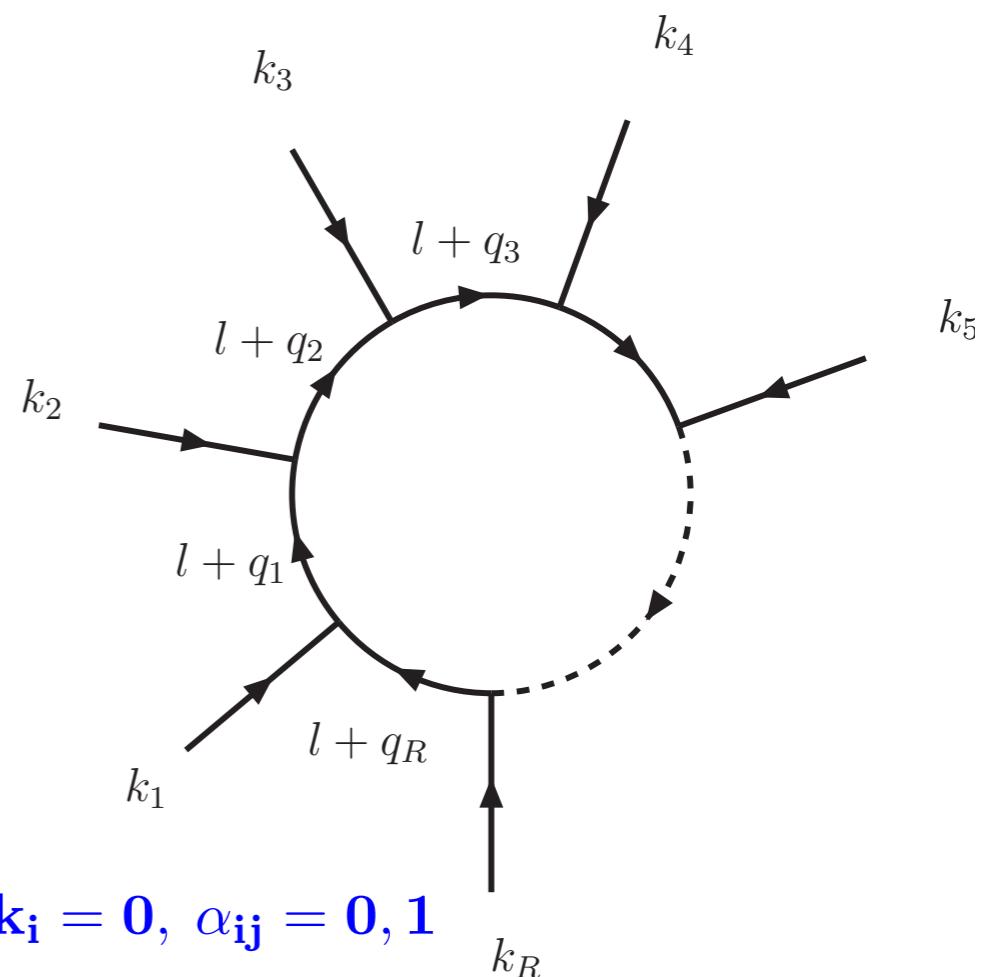
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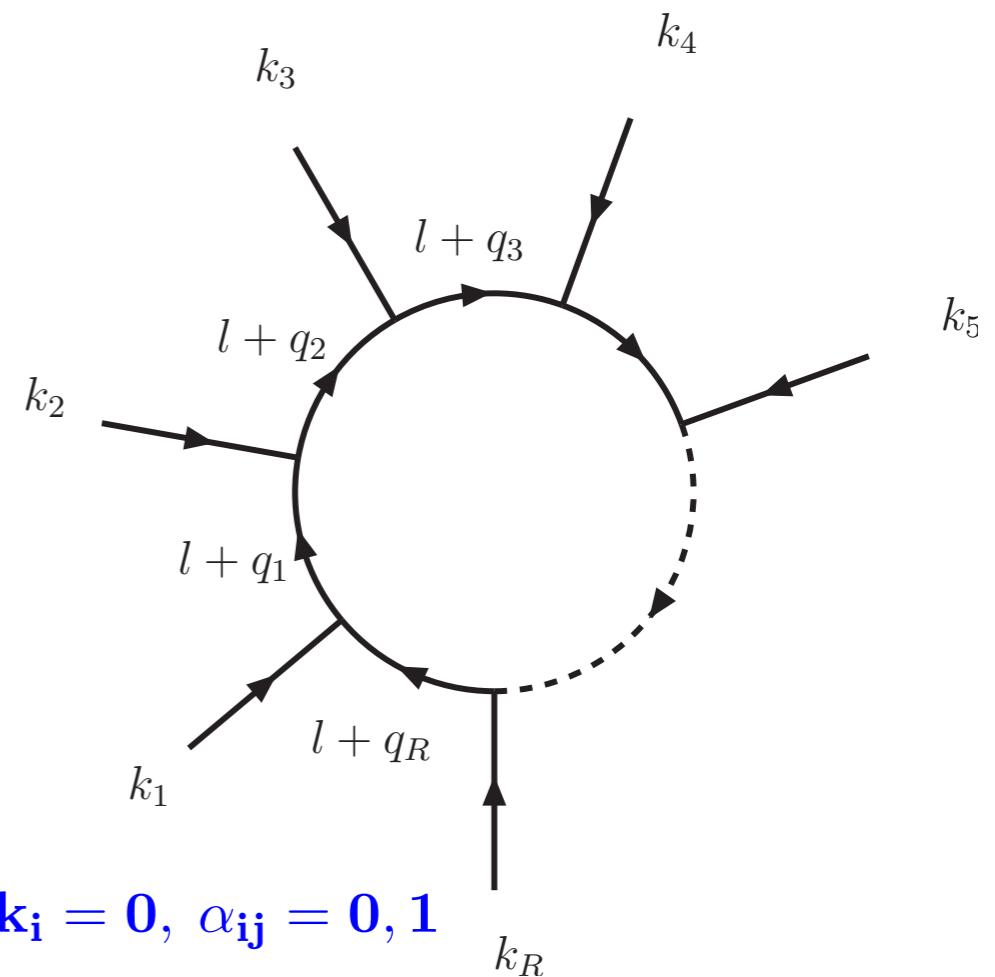
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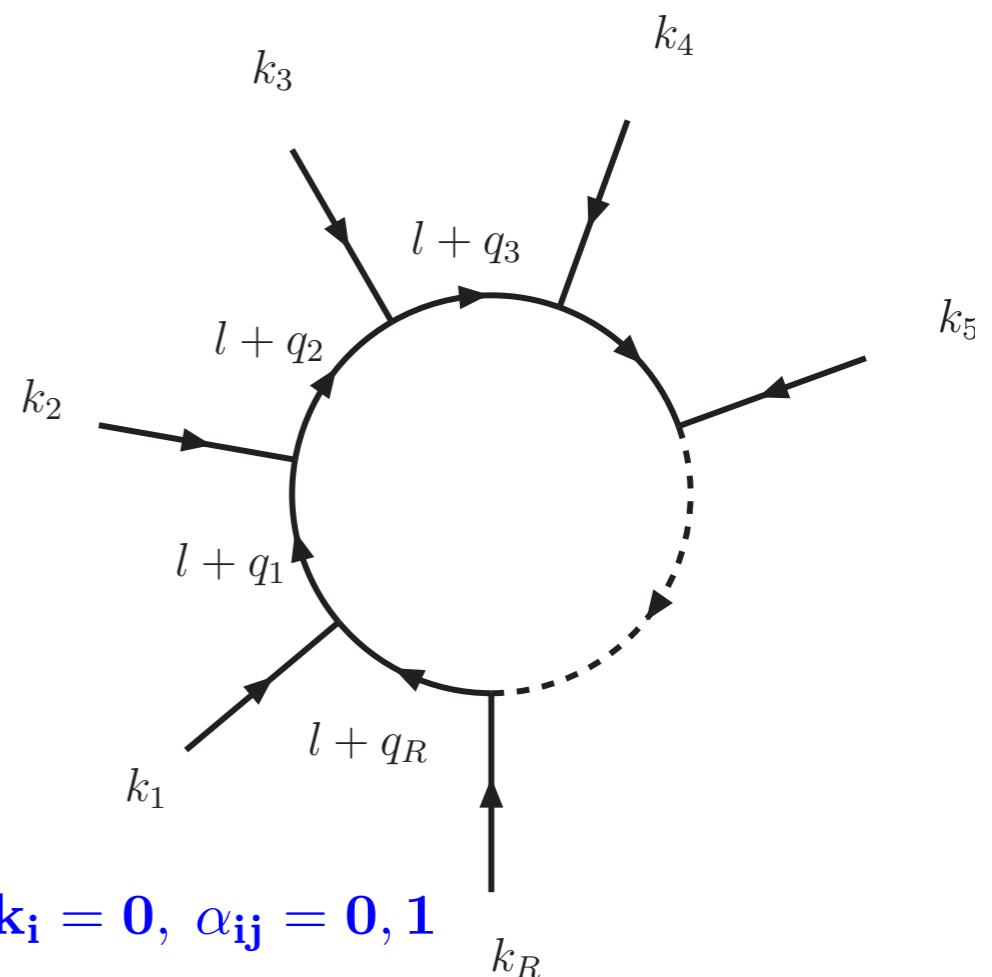
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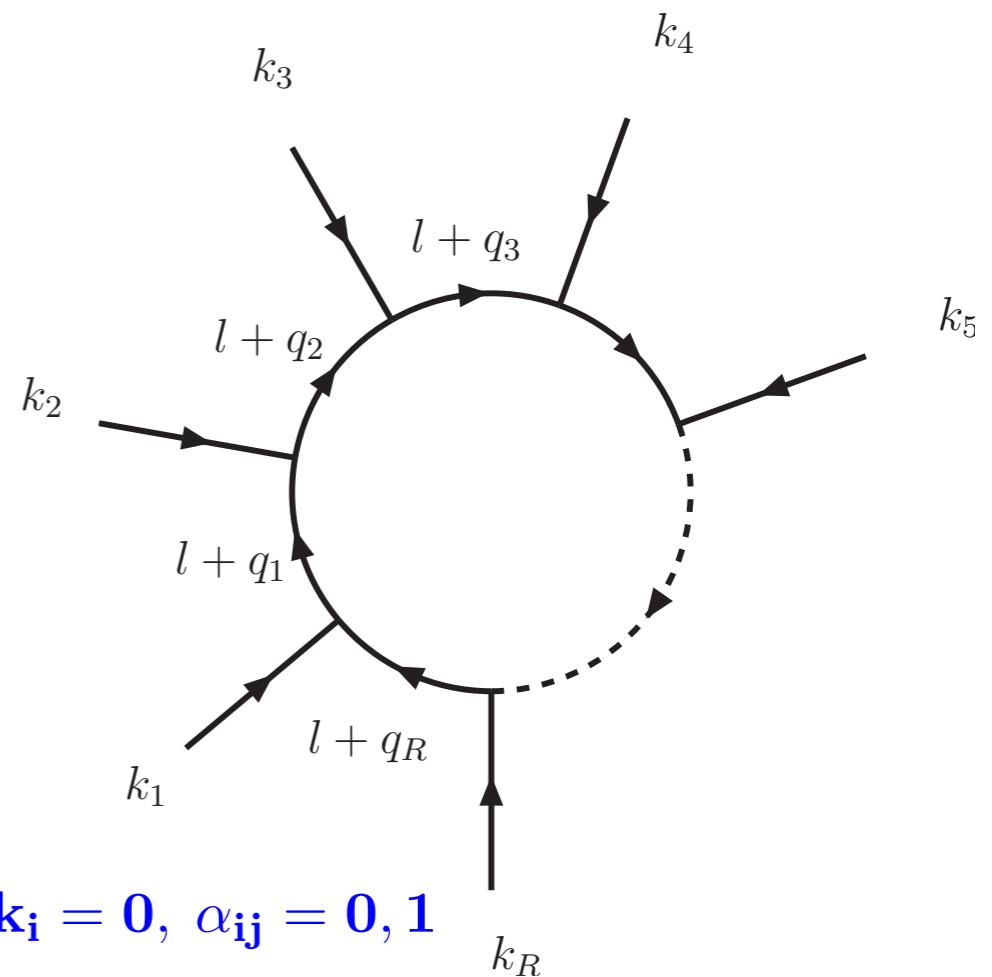
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First we made direct NV reduction of the loop integrand.

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The loop integration can be easily carried out:

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### Exercise:

Calculate the photon self-energy in D=2 QED (Scwinger-model) using NV reduction at the integrand level.

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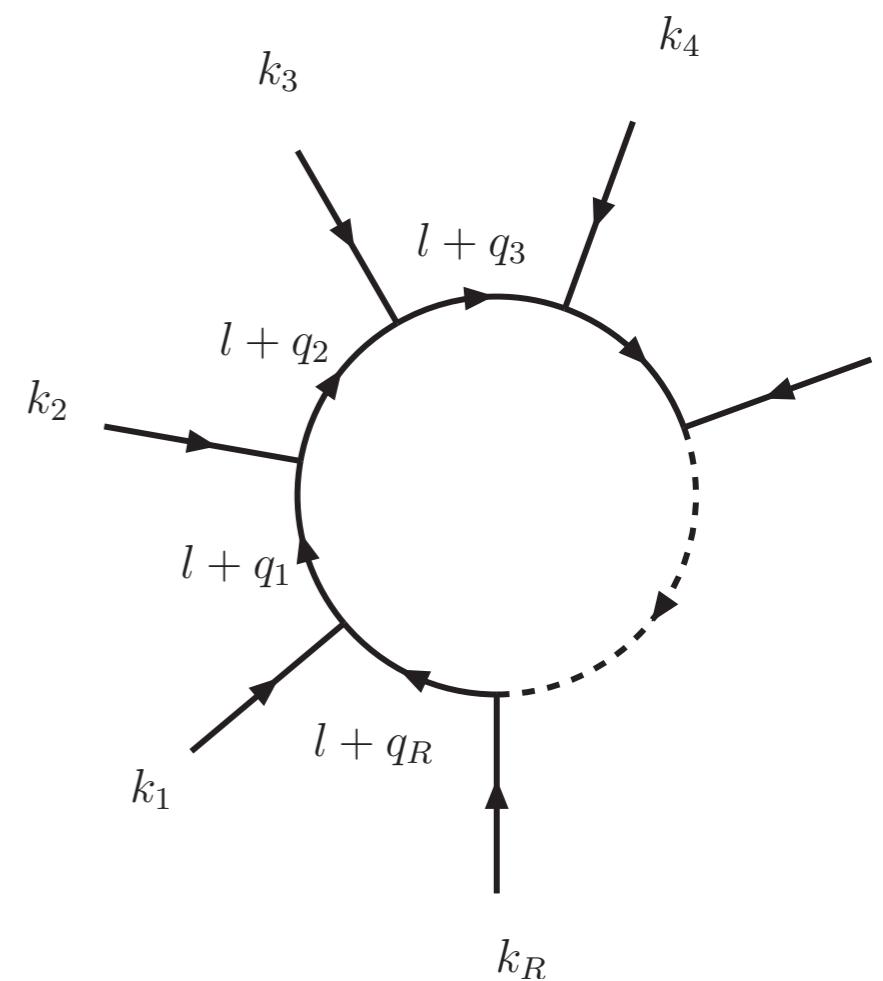
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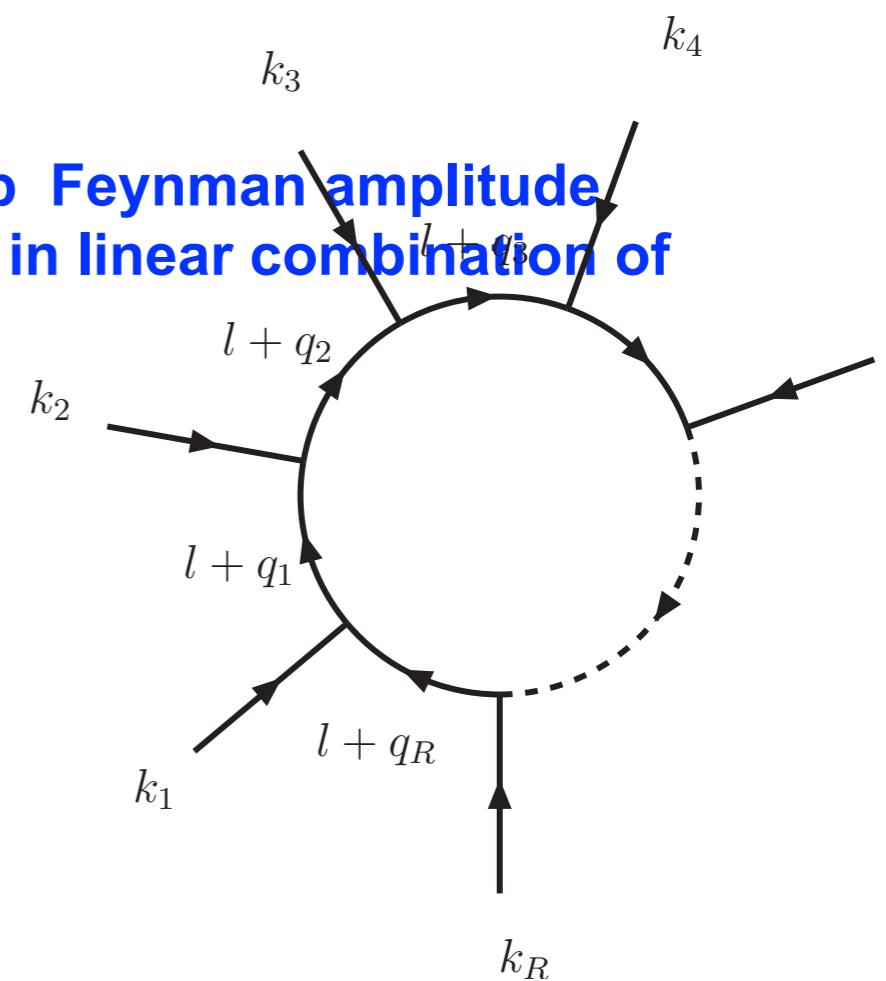


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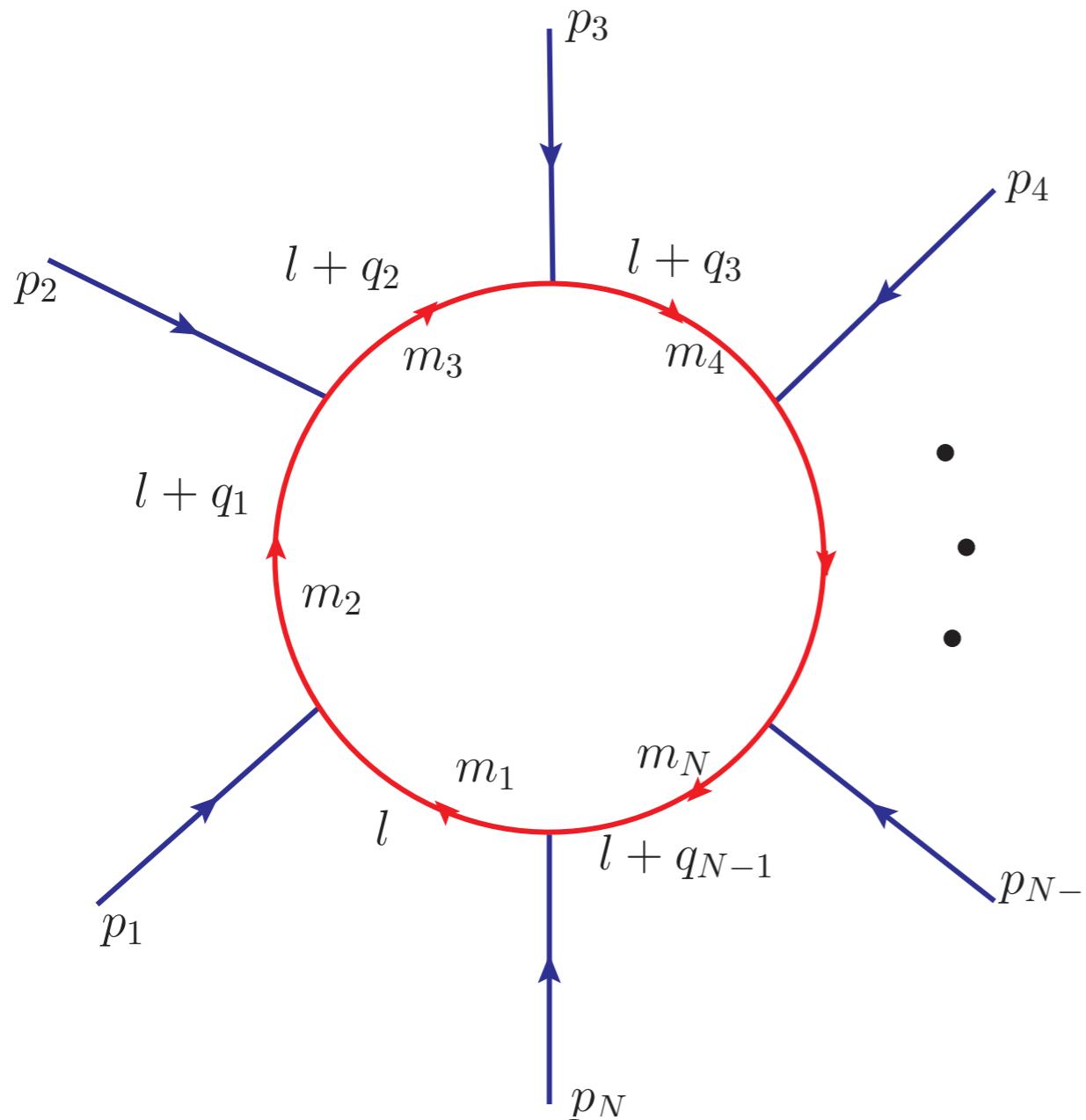
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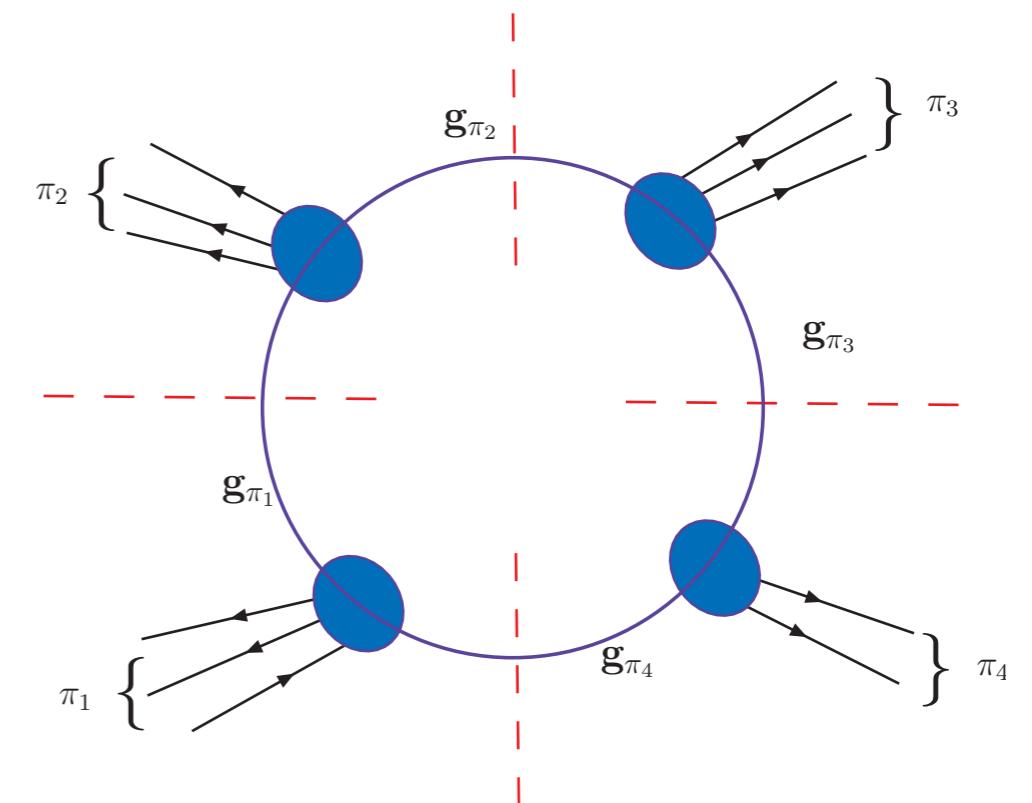
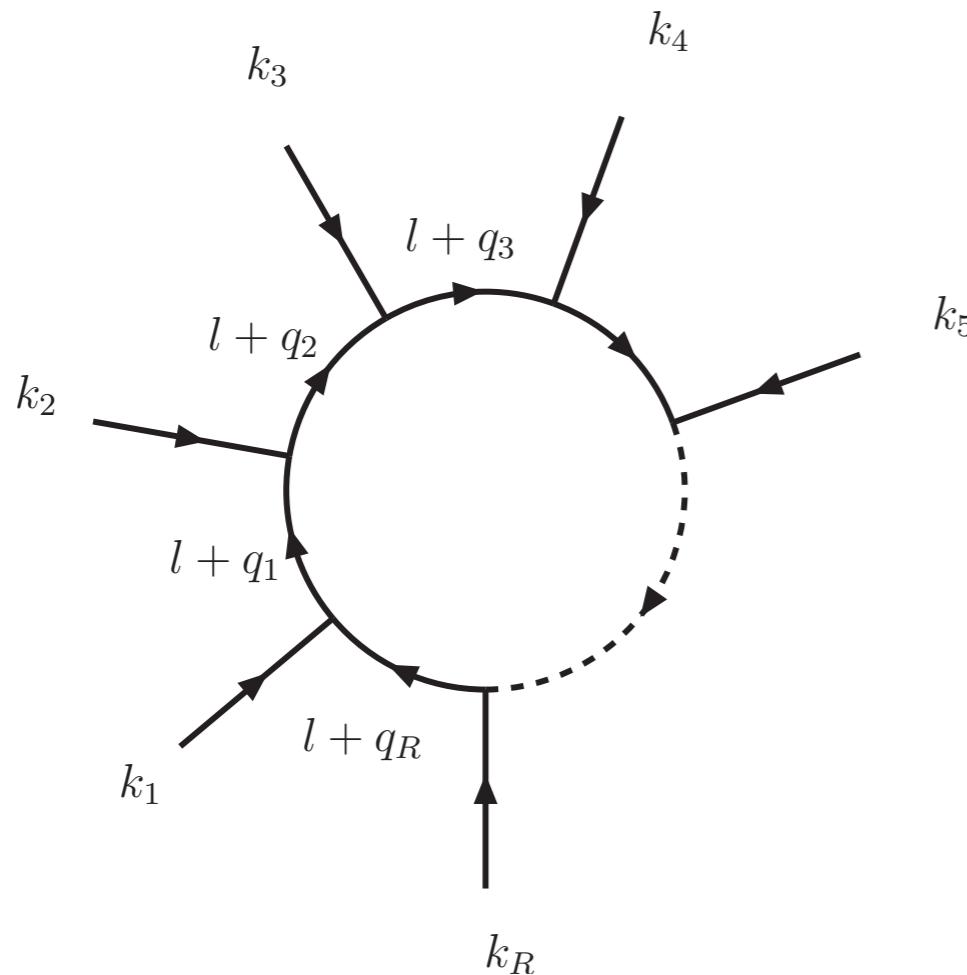
## Ordered amplitudes have well defined integrand

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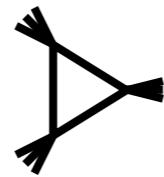
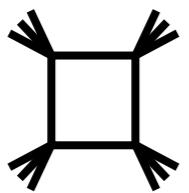
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# Example: Projecting out individual (quadrupole) coefficients in D-dimension

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Sophisticated recursion relations (BDK) as an option in Black Hat

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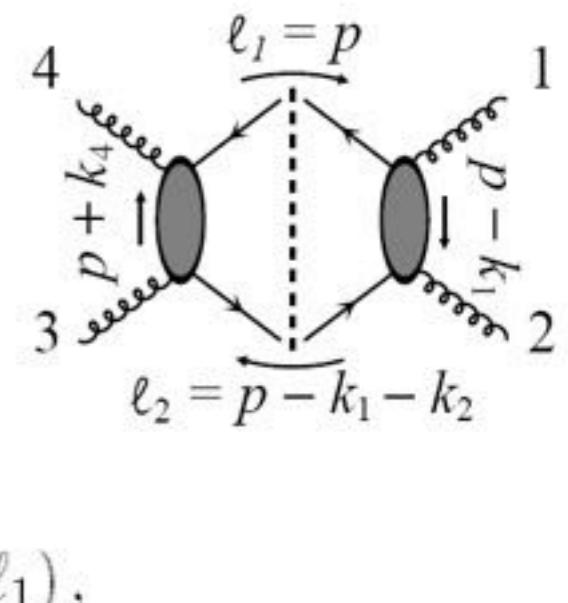
**Excercise (not easy):**

Find proper parametrization for the bubble numerator  $\tilde{b}_{01}(l)$  in case of light-like inflow momentum.

## Lecture 3: Unitarity method and amplitudes

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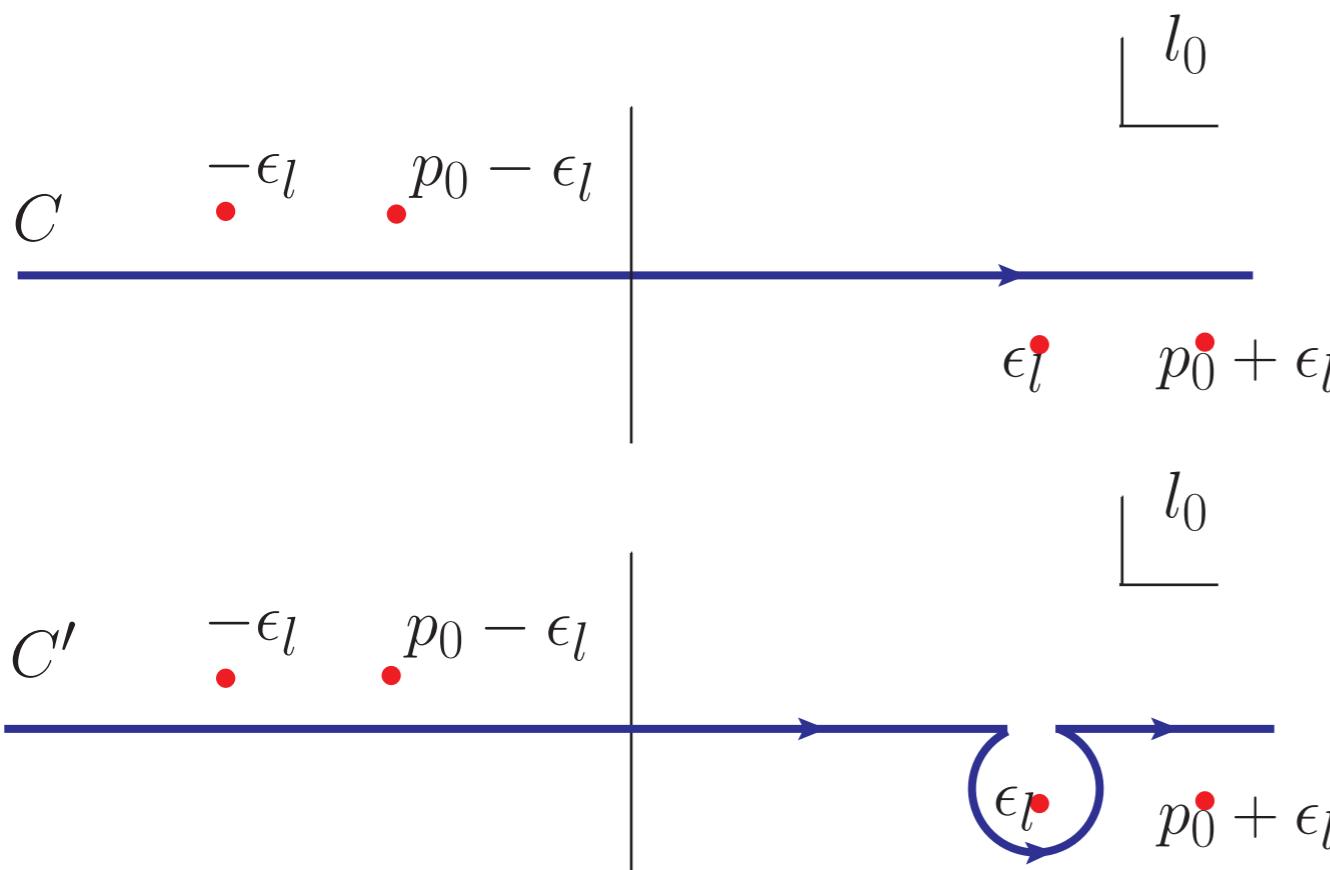
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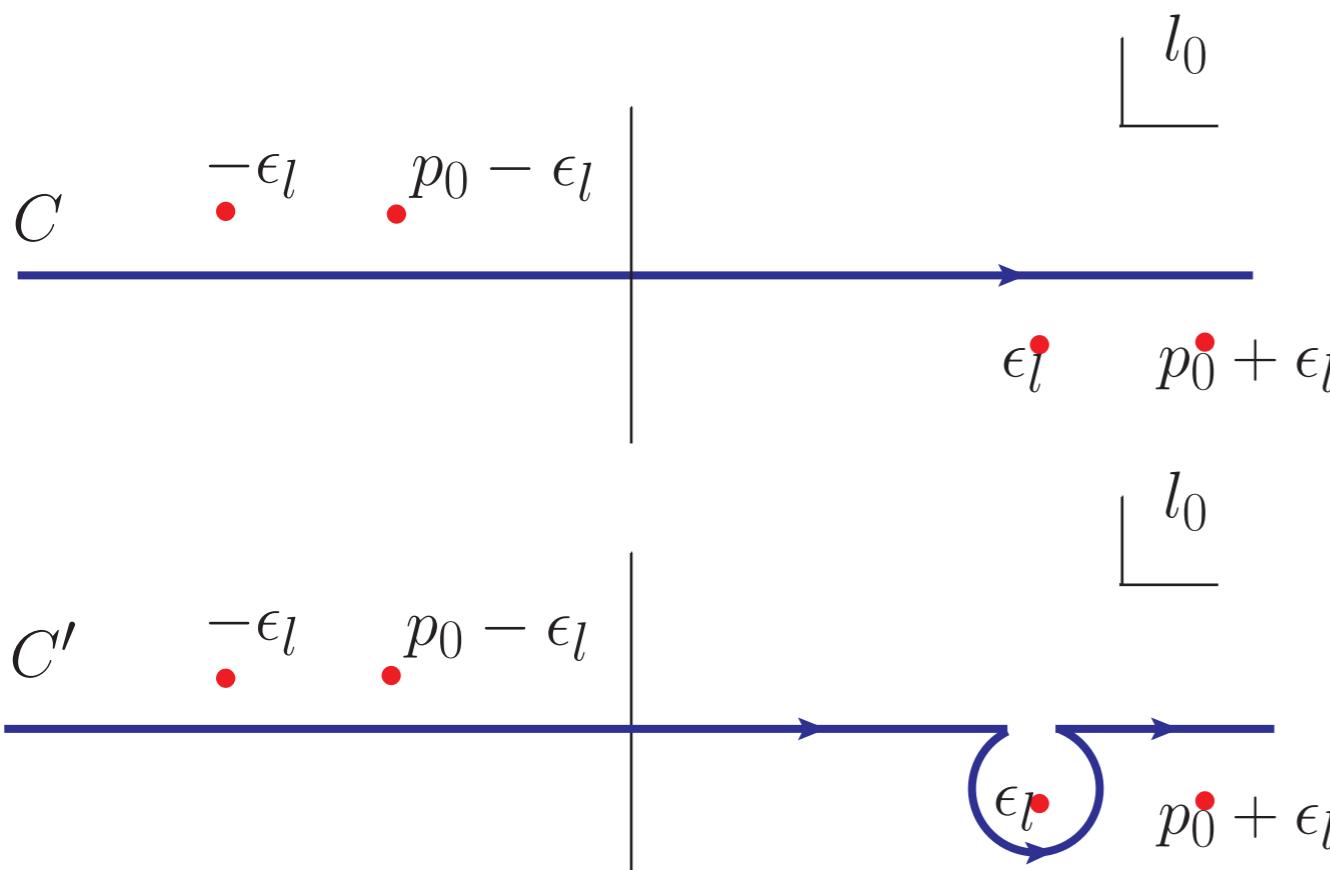
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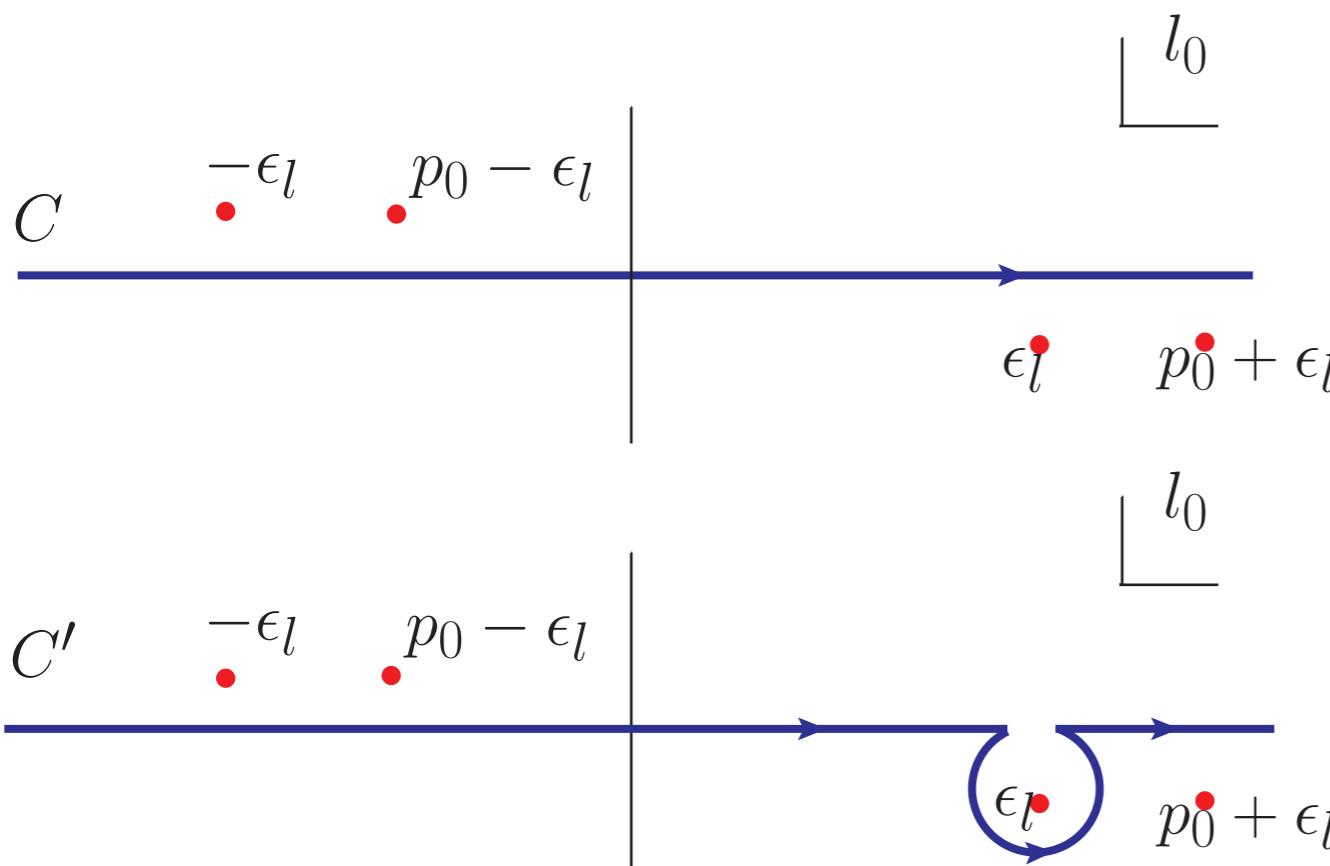
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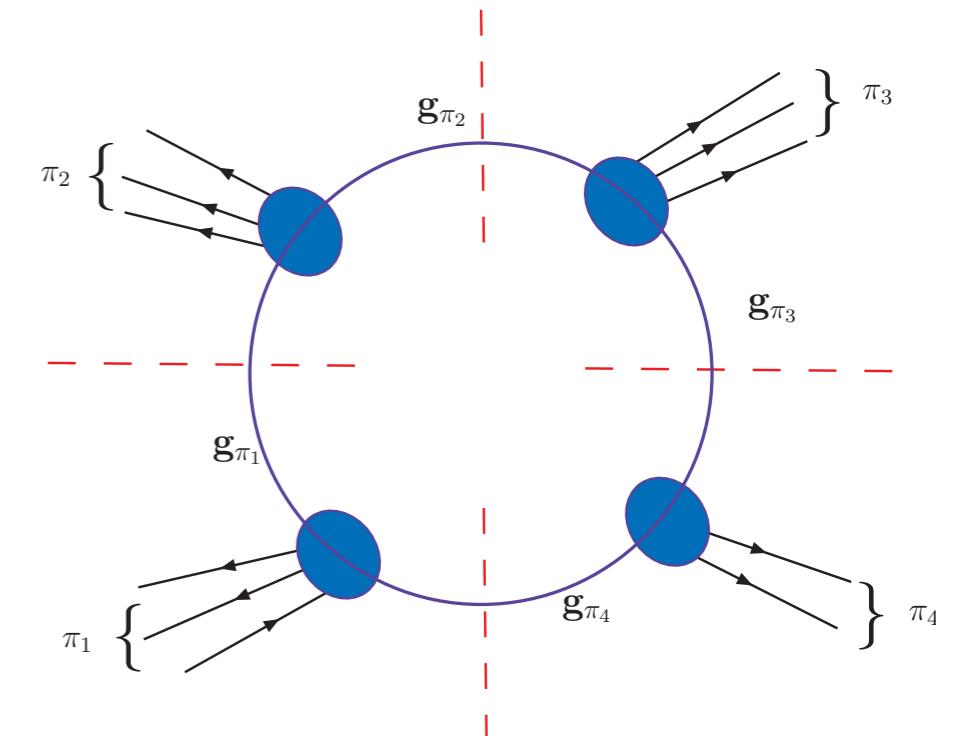
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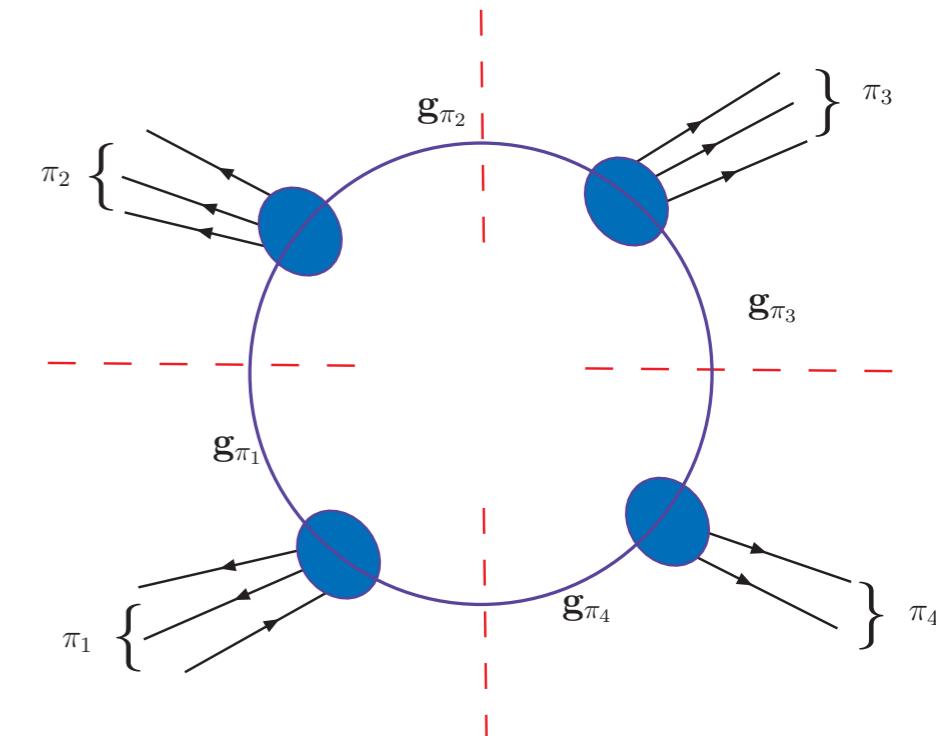
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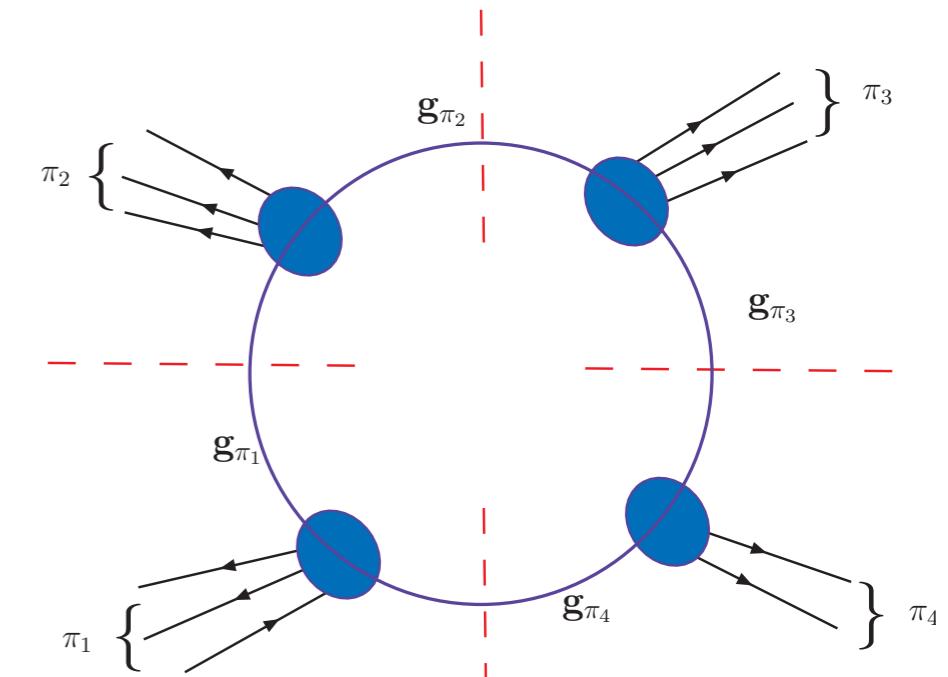


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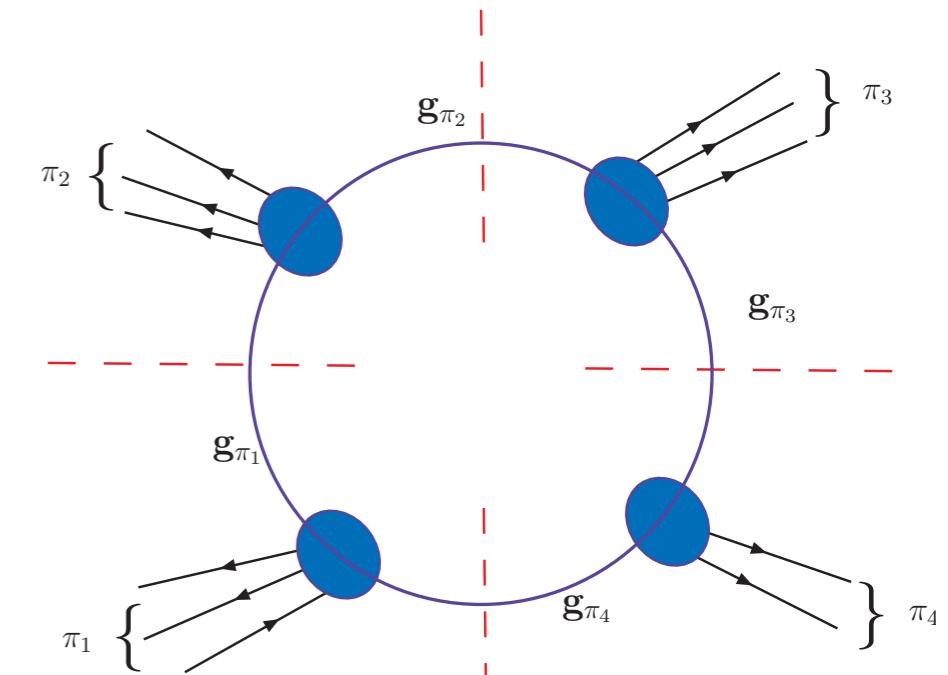


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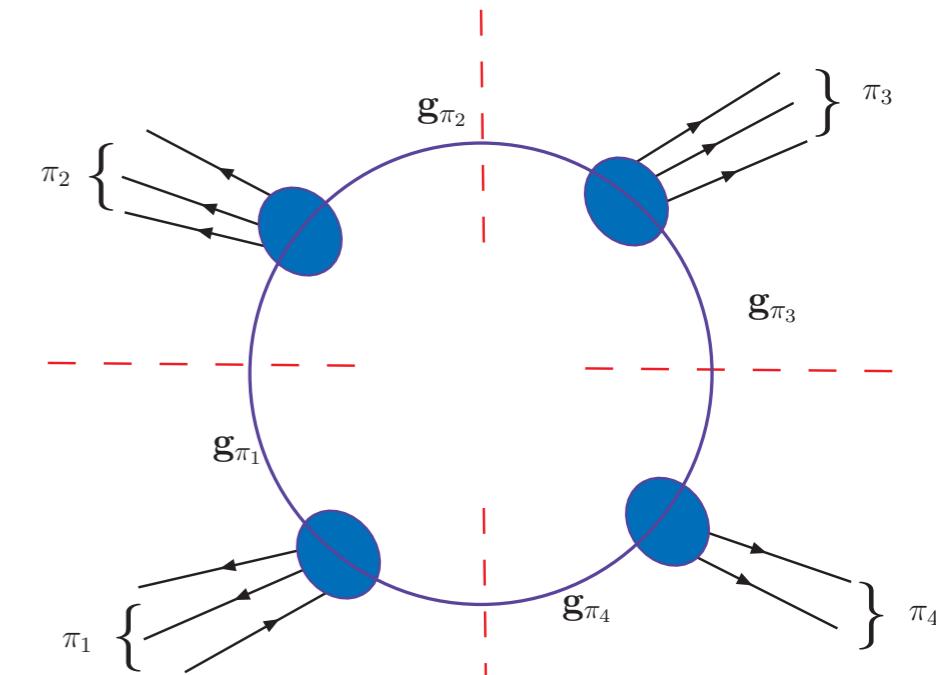
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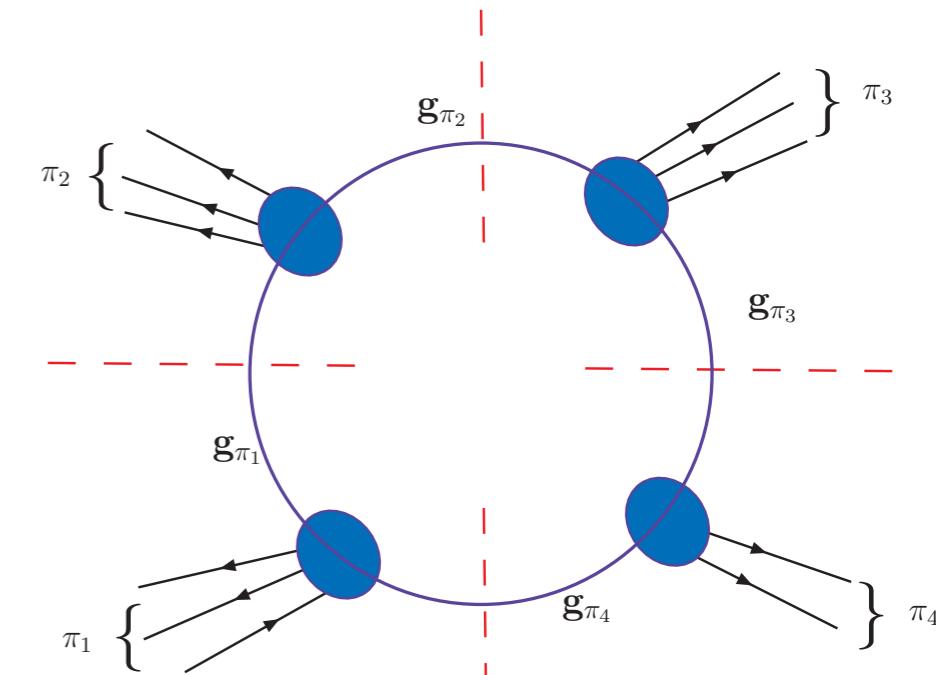
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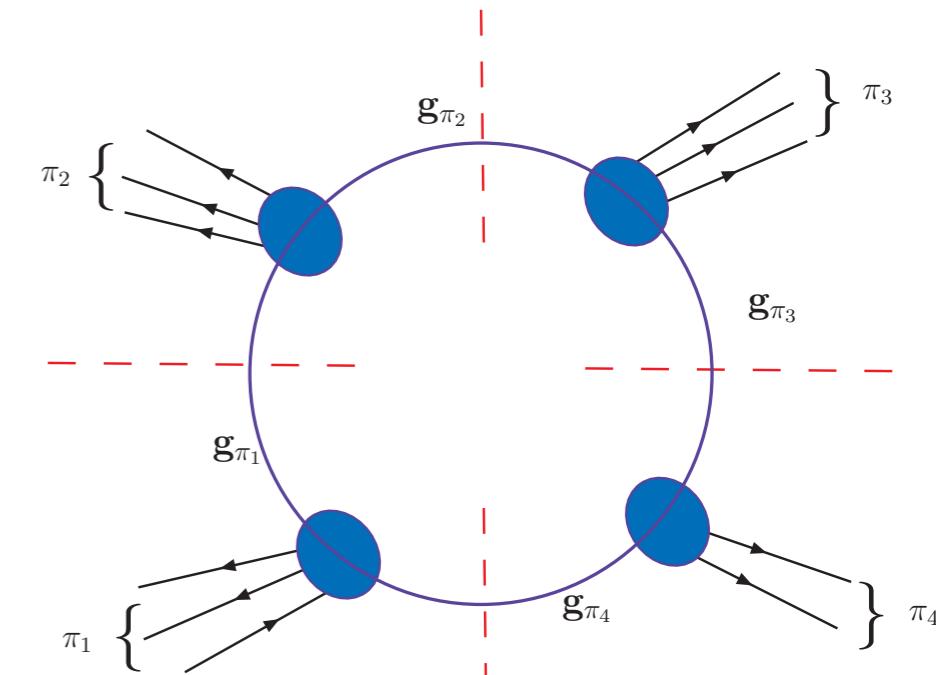
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# The parameters are fixed by linear algebraic equations

$$\text{Res}_{ij\dots k} [F(l)] \equiv \left[ d_i(l) d_j(l) \cdots d_k(l) F(l) \right]_{l=l_{ij\dots k}} .$$

$$\bar{d}_{ijkl}(l) = \text{Res}_{ijkl}(\mathcal{A}_N(l)) \quad d_i=d_j=d_k=d_l=0 \quad \text{two solutions}$$

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**unitarity: the residues factorize into the products of tree amplitudes**

**we fully reconstruct the integrand in terms of product of tree amplitudes**

**no Feynman diagrams**

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# Managing color of amplitudes

Unitarity: instead of Feynman diagrams amplitudes

Tree and one loop Feynman diagrams: color and space time part

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{n}}^{\text{tree}}(\{\mathbf{k}\}, \{\mathbf{h}\}, \{\mathbf{a}\}), \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{n}}^{\text{1-loop}}(\{\mathbf{k}\}, \{\mathbf{h}\}, \{\mathbf{a}\})$$

- Color decomposition of amplitudes with the help of a basis color space  
(T-based, F-based, color flow based}

$$[T^a, T^b] = -F_{bc}^a T^c, \quad \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \delta_{ab}.$$

$$[F^a, F^b] = -F_{bc}^a F^c, \quad F_{bc}^a = -i\sqrt{2}f^{abc}, \quad \text{Tr}(F^a F^b) = 2N_c \delta_{ab}.$$
$$(F^{a_1})_{a_2 a_3} = -\frac{1}{2N_c} \text{Tr}([F^{a_1}, F^{a_2}] F^{a_3}) = -\text{Tr}([T^{a_1}, T^{a_2}] T^{a_3}).$$

$$(T^a)_{i_1}^{\bar{j}_1} (T^a)_{i_2}^{\bar{j}_2} = (\delta)_{i_1}^{\bar{j}_2} (\delta)_{i_2}^{\bar{j}_1} - \frac{1}{N_c} (\delta)_{i_1}^{\bar{j}_1} (\delta)_{i_2}^{\bar{j}_2}$$

$$(F^{a_2} F^{a_3} \dots F^{a_{(n-2)}} F^{a_{(n-1)}})_{a_1 a_n} = \frac{1}{2N_c} \text{Tr}([[[\dots [[F^{a_1}, F^{a_2}], F^{a_3}], \dots, F^{a_{n-2}}] [F^{a_{n-1}}, F^{a_n}])$$
$$= \text{Tr}([[\dots [[T^{a_1}, T^{a_2}], T^{a_3}], \dots, T^{a_{n-2}}] [T^{a_{n-1}}, T^{a_n}]).$$

# Color ordered n-gluon tree sub-amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}} = \frac{g_s^{n-2}}{2N_c} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n/Z_n} \text{Tr} (\mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(3)}} \dots \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) \mathbf{A}_{n,\sigma}^{\text{tree}},$$

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$$\mathbf{A}_{n,\sigma}^{\text{tree}} = \mathbf{m}_n(g_{\sigma(1)}, g_{\sigma(2)}, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)})$$

Some properties of sub-amplitudes:

$$\mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) = \mathbf{m}_n(g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n, g_1) \quad (\text{cyclic identity})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{n-1}, g_n) = (-1)^n \mathbf{m}_n(g_n, g_{n-1}, \dots, g_2, g_1), \quad (\text{reflection identity})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_n(1, \underline{2, \dots, n_1}, \overline{n_1 + 1, \dots, n}) \equiv \sum_{\sigma(n)} \mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}) = 0 \quad (\text{Abelian identity})$$

~ Kleiss-Kuijf relations

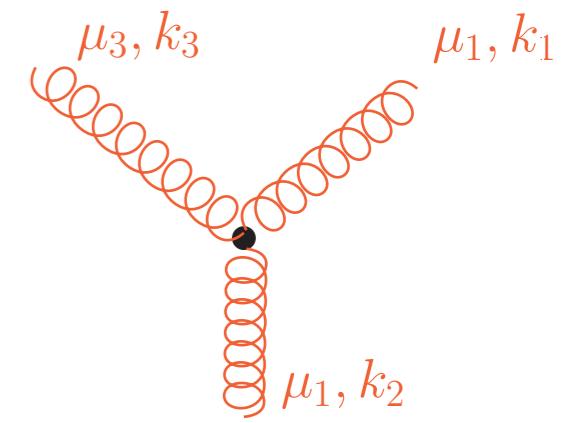
$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = g_s^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma=\mathcal{P}(2,3,\dots,n-1)} (\mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \dots \mathbf{F}^{a_{\sigma(n-1)}})_{a_1 a_n} \mathbf{m}_n(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n-1)}, g_n).$$

(n-2)! color ordered sub-amplitudes (see also BCJ relations)

Unitary color basis: on each pole of the tree amplitude the color factor of a given colorless amplitude also factorizes

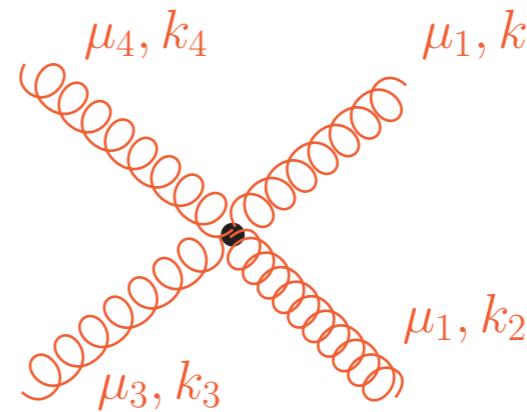
three gluon vertex

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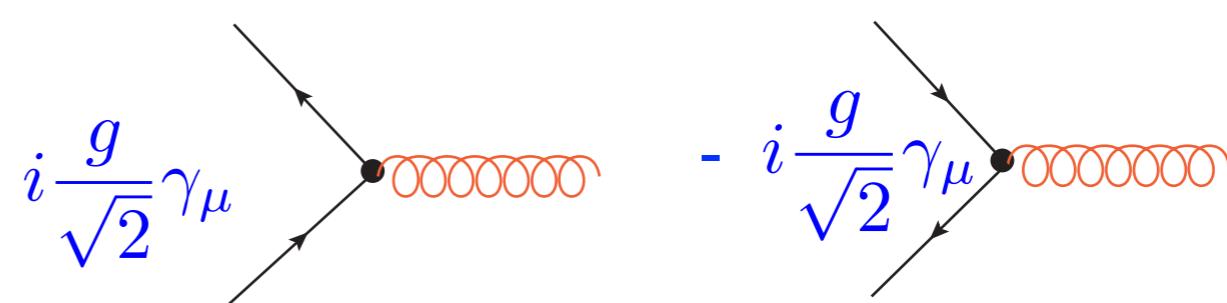


four gluon vertex

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gluon-quark-antiquark vertex

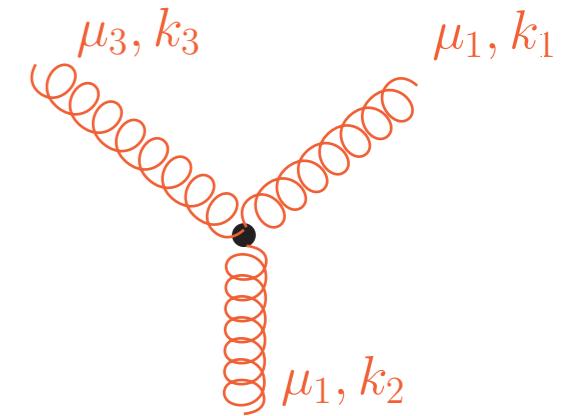


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# Color stripped Feynman rules for color ordered sub-amplitudes

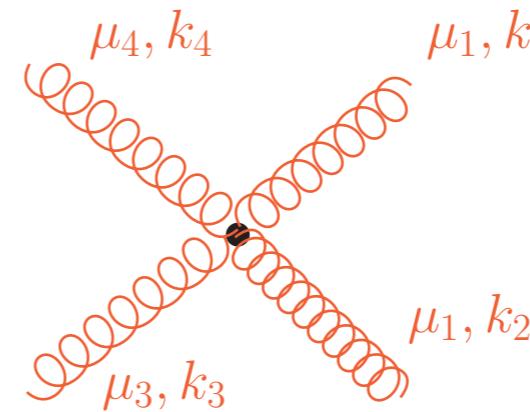
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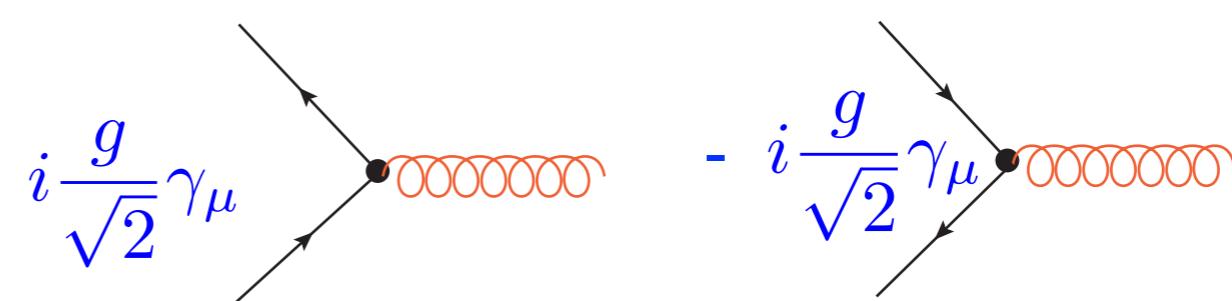


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# Color ordered n-gluon one-loop sub-amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} A_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}),$$

$$c_\Gamma = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2-\epsilon}} \frac{\Gamma(1+\epsilon)\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)}$$

Consider a double cut between external line k and k+1 and n and 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}_{(k,n)} \left[ A_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \right] &= \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_k\}_{vu} \{a_{k+1} \cdots a_n\}_{uv} \\ &\quad \times m_{k+2}(g_v, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k, g_u) m_{n-k+2}(g_u, g_{k+1}, \dots, g_n, g_v) \\ &= \{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n\} \text{Im}_{(k,n)} \left[ m_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)/\mathcal{R}} \text{Tr}(F^{a_1}, \dots, F^{a_n}) m_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$$

one loop color order sub-amplitude

A reflection transformation is factored out. The cyclic property and reflection symmetry remain valid. The number of independent one-loop amplitudes is  $(n-1)!/2$ .

Decomposition in T-basis:

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n N_c c_\Gamma \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)/\mathcal{R}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_1}, \dots, \mathbf{T}^{a_n}) m_{1,n}^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$$

$$+ g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{r=2}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} \left( \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)/\mathcal{Z}_{r-1} \times \mathcal{Z}_{n-r+1}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_1}, \dots, \mathbf{T}^{a_{r-1}}) \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_r}, \dots, \mathbf{T}^{a_n}) m_{2,n}^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \right)$$

- The single-trace color structures have an explicit factor of  $N_c$  out.
- They dominate in the large  $N_c$  limit.
- The planar L-loop color decomposition formula remains the same .
- The decomposition remains the same also for the  $N=4$ sYM theory.
- T-based color decomposition is preferred.

Two particle unitarity gives color decomposition of a quark-loop to n-gluon amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_{n;n_f}^{1\text{-loop}} = g_s^n c_\Gamma n_f \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^{a_1} \mathbf{T}^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \dots \mathbf{T}^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) m_{n;n_f}^{(1)}(g_1, g_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}),$$

# $\bar{q}q + (n - 2)g$ amplitudes and fully ordered primitive amplitudes

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Color factors of Feynman diagrams

$$(T^{b_1} \dots T^{b_k} \dots)_{j_{\bar{i}}} \times (F^{a_1} \dots F^{a_r})_{b_1 a_{r+1}} \dots (F^{a_p} \dots F^{a_t-1})_{b_k a_t} \dots$$

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) = g_s^{n-2} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} (T^{a_{\sigma(3)}} T^{a_{\sigma(4)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} m_n(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(n)}).$$

(n-2)! colorless color ordered tree sub-amplitudes

the quark labels do not participate in the permutation sum

Decomposition in mixed basis such that the quark is also in the permutation sum

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) &= g_s^{n-2} (-1)^n \sum_{k=3}^n \sum_{\mathcal{P}(4, \dots, n)} (T^y T^{a_{k+1}} \dots T^{a_n})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} \text{Tr} (F^{a_4} \dots F^{a_k})_{a_3 y} \\ &\quad \times \tilde{m}_n(\bar{q}_1, g_n, \dots, g_{k+1}, q_2, g_k, \dots, g_3) \end{aligned}$$

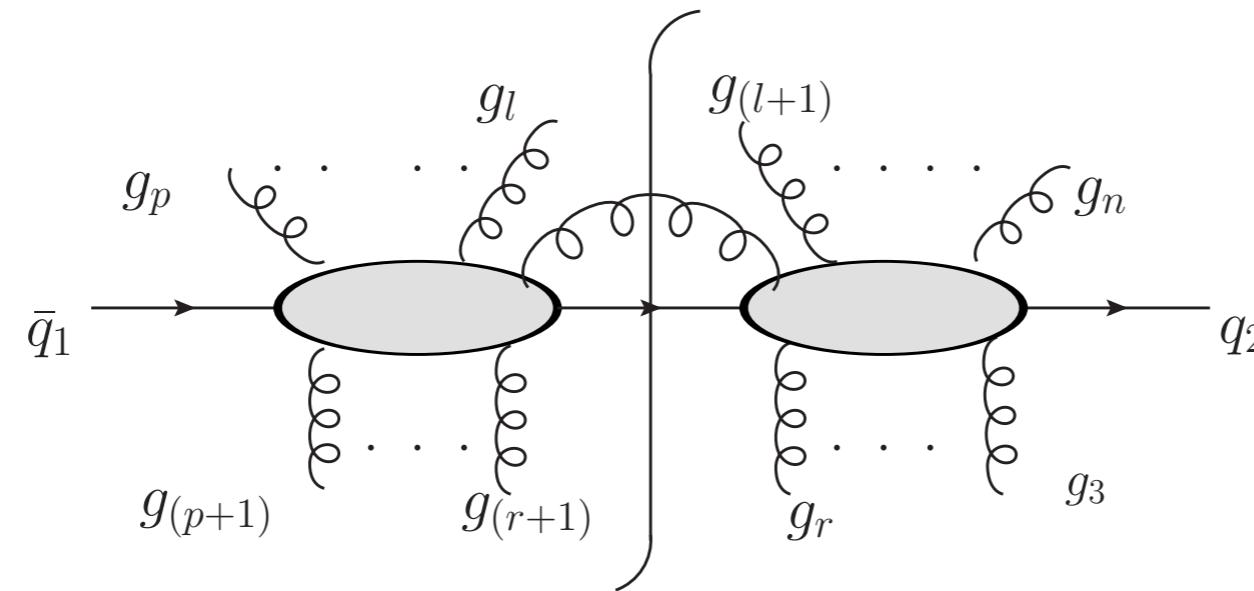
Color ordered tree “left primitive amplitudes”

$$\tilde{m}_n(\bar{q}_1, g_n, \dots, g_{(k+1)}, q_2, g_k, \dots, g_3) = (-1)^k m_n(\bar{q}_1, q_2, \underline{k}, \dots, \underline{3}, \overline{(k+1), \dots, n})$$

**Excercise:** derive this relation using commutator identities

When anti-quark is in the permutation sum: “right primitive amplitude”

This mixed basis is “unitary”



$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1\text{-loop}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_n) = g_s^n c_\Gamma \sum_{p=2}^n \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} (T^{x_2} T^{a_{\sigma 3}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma p}} T^{x_1})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} (F^{a_{\sigma p+1}} \dots F^{a_{\sigma n}})_{x_1 x_2} \times (-1)^n \tilde{m}_n^{(1)}(\bar{q}_1, g_{\sigma(p)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(3)}, q_2, g_{\sigma(n)}, \dots, g_{\sigma(p+1)})$$

Color ordered amplitudes for  $n$ -gluons and primitive amplitudes for  $\bar{q}q + (n - 2)g$  can be calculated using colorless Feynman rules Berends-Giele recursion relations

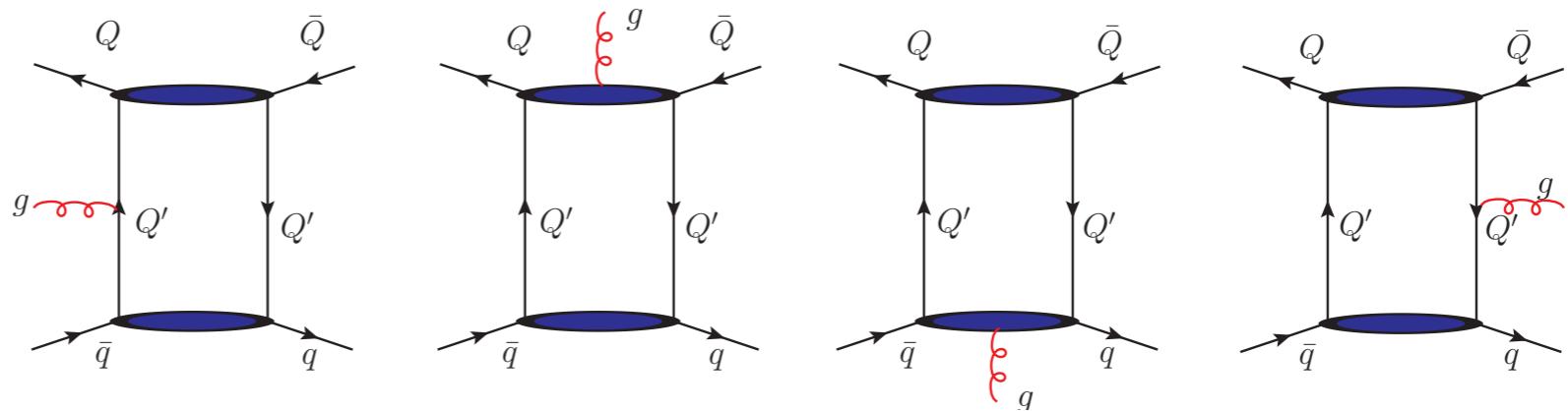
Comment: Leading color is good approximations for gluons only

# Amplitudes with multiple quarks

Colorless ordered amplitudes, primitive amplitudes, parent diagrams

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}^{\text{tree}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, \bar{Q}_3, Q_4, g_5) &= g_s^3 \left[ (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;1}^{\text{tree}} + \frac{1}{N_c} (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;2}^{\text{tree}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;3}^{\text{tree}} + \frac{1}{N_c} (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;4}^{\text{tree}} \right], \\ \mathcal{B}^{\text{1-loop}}(\bar{q}_1, q_2, \bar{Q}_3, Q_4, g_5) &= g_s^5 \left[ N_c (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;1} + (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} B_{5;2} + N_c (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_2 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_4 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathbf{T}^{a_5})_{i_4 \bar{i}_3} \delta_{i_2 \bar{i}_1} B_{5;4} \right] \\ B_{5;i} &= B_{5;i}^{[1]} + \frac{n_f}{N_c} B_{5;i}^{[1/2]}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}B_{5;1}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, g_5, Q_4, \bar{Q}_3, q_2), & B_{5;2}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, Q_4, \bar{Q}_3, q_2, g_5), \\ B_{5;3}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, Q_4, \bar{Q}_3, g_5, q_2), & B_{5;4}^{[1/2]} &= -A_L^{[1/2]}(\bar{q}_1, Q_4, g_5, \bar{Q}_3, q_2).\end{aligned}$$



## Amplitudes with multiple quarks

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More and more complicated.....

**End of color management**

# Singular behavior of one loop primitive amplitudes

n-gluon:

$$m_n^{(1)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{11}{3n} + L_{i,i+1} \right) \right] m_n^{(0)}(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n),$$

$$\bar{q}q + (n-2)g : \quad L_{kn} = \ln \left( \mu^2 / (-s_{kn} - i0) \right)$$

$$\tilde{m}_n^{(1)}(\bar{q}_n, g_{k+1}, \dots, g_{n-1}, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_k) = \\ \tilde{m}_n(\bar{q}_n, g_{k+1}, \dots, g_{n-1}, q_2, g_3, \dots, g_k) \left[ -\frac{k}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} L_{ii+1} + L_{kn} \right) \right]$$

Color is eliminated. Important for testing the calculations.

Primitive tree amplitude is calculated with Berends-Giele recursion relations based on color stripped Feynman rules or BCFW recursion relations