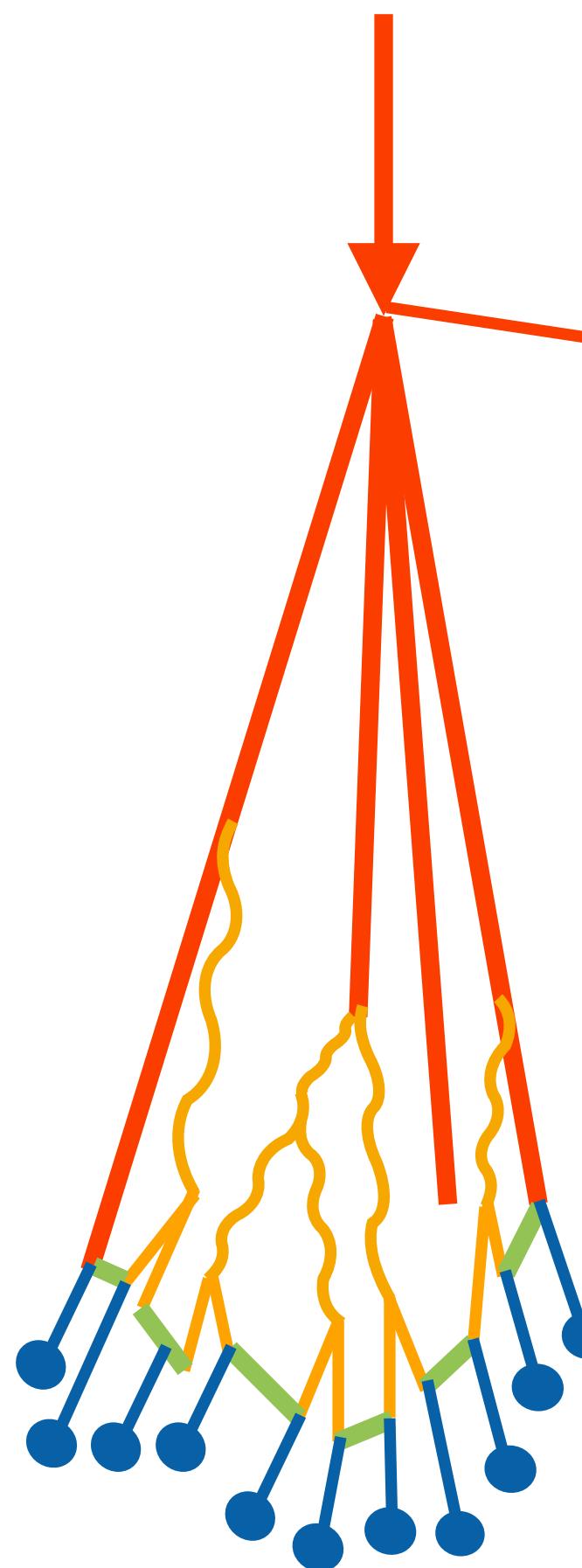


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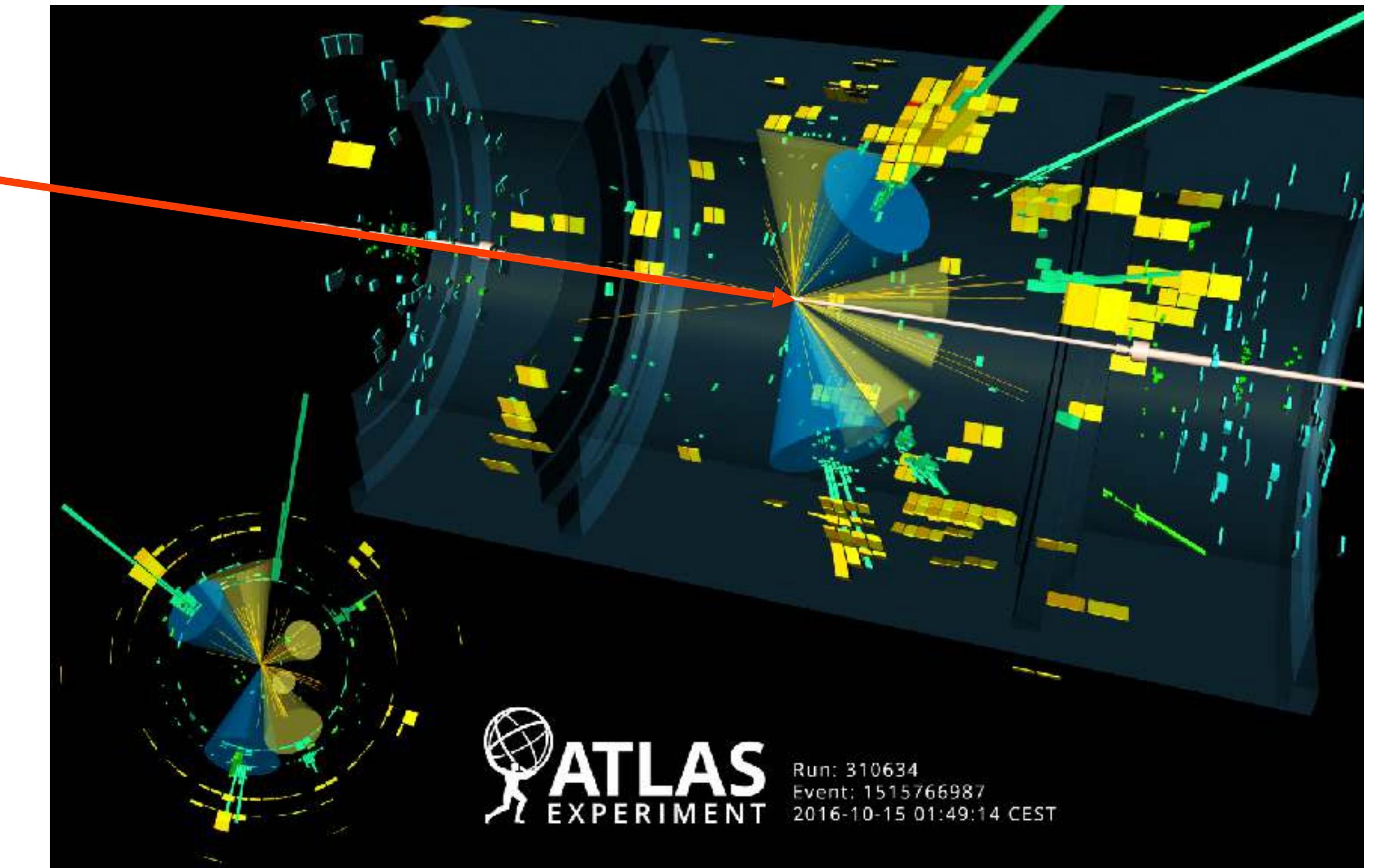
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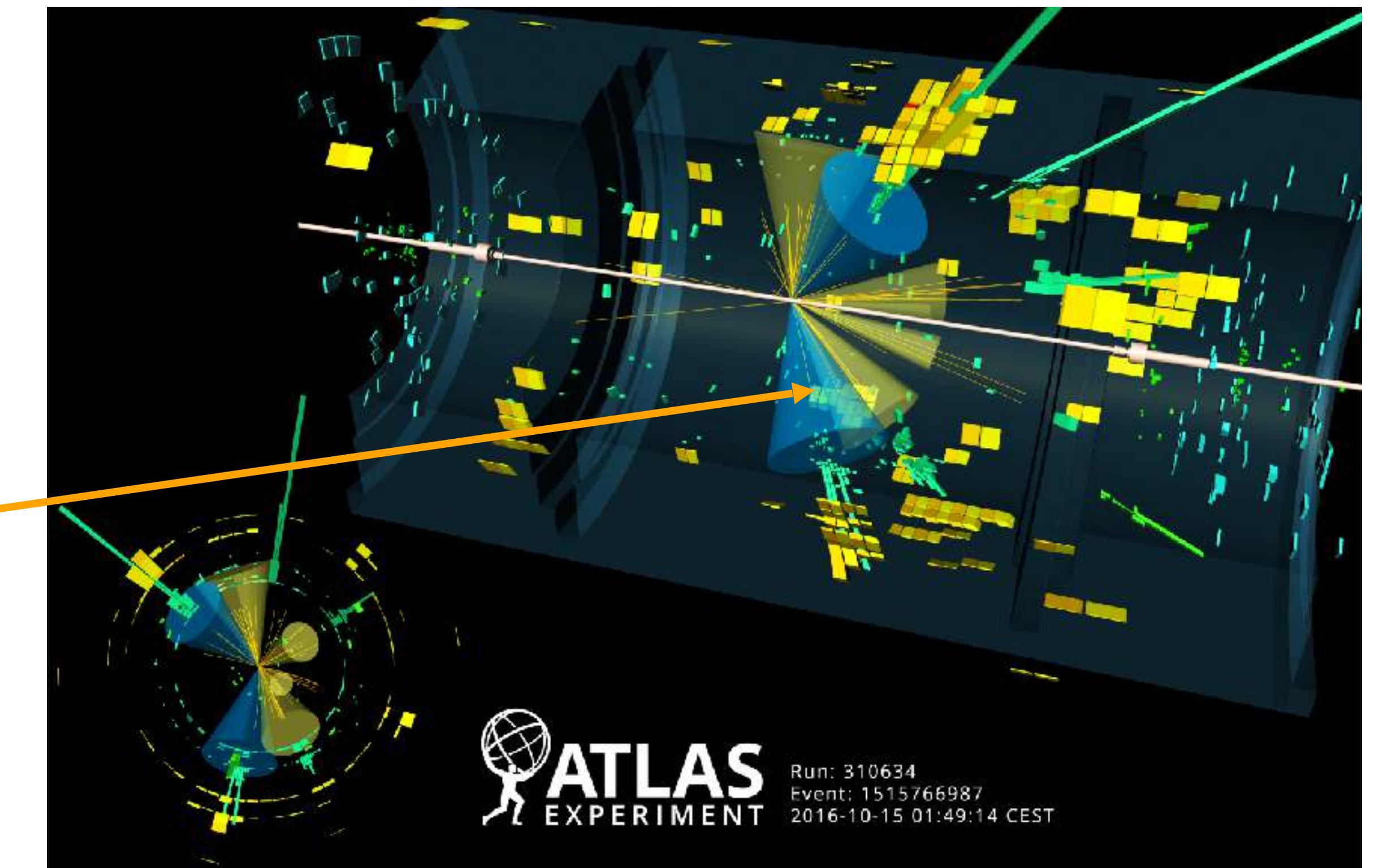
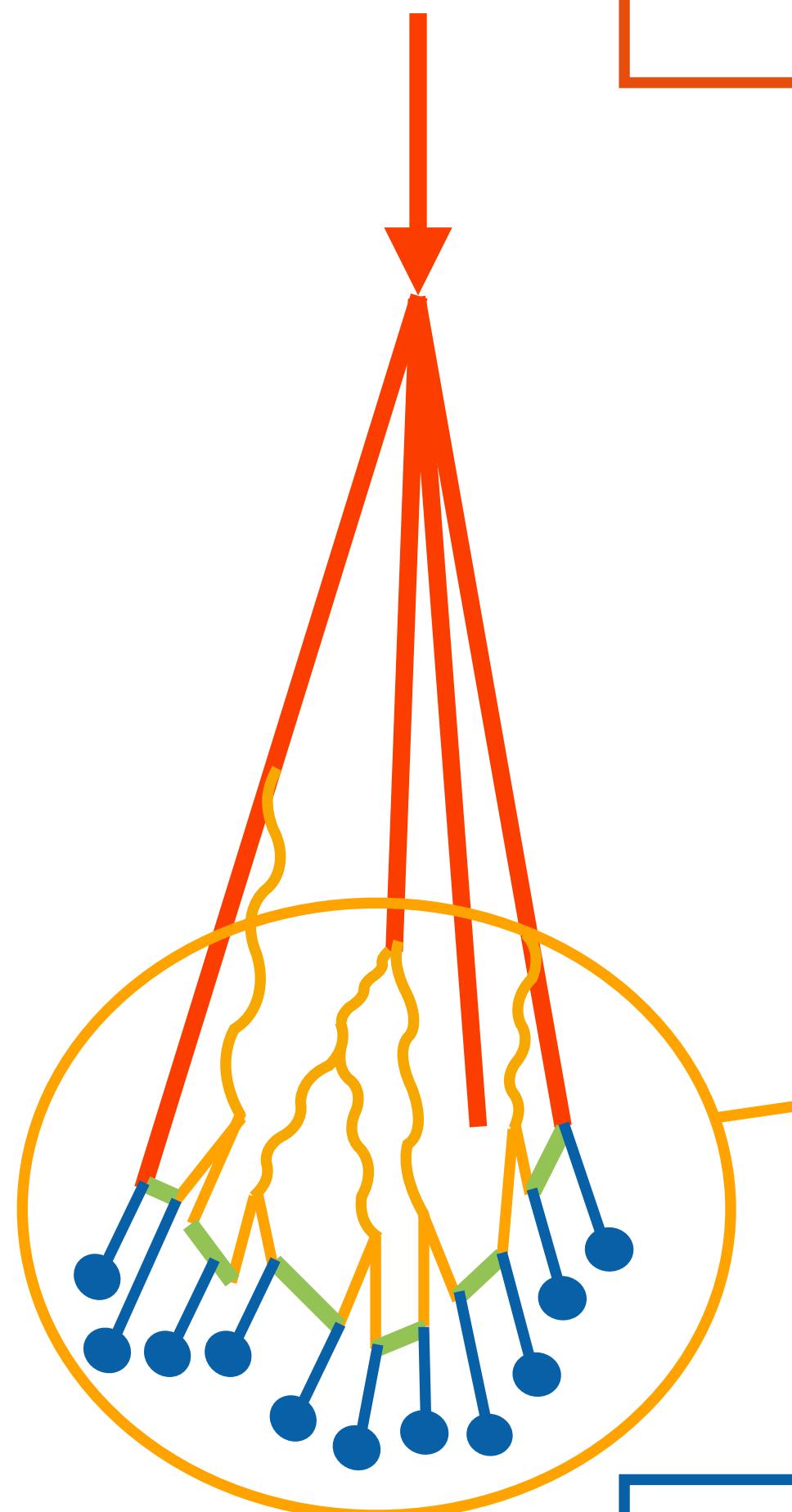
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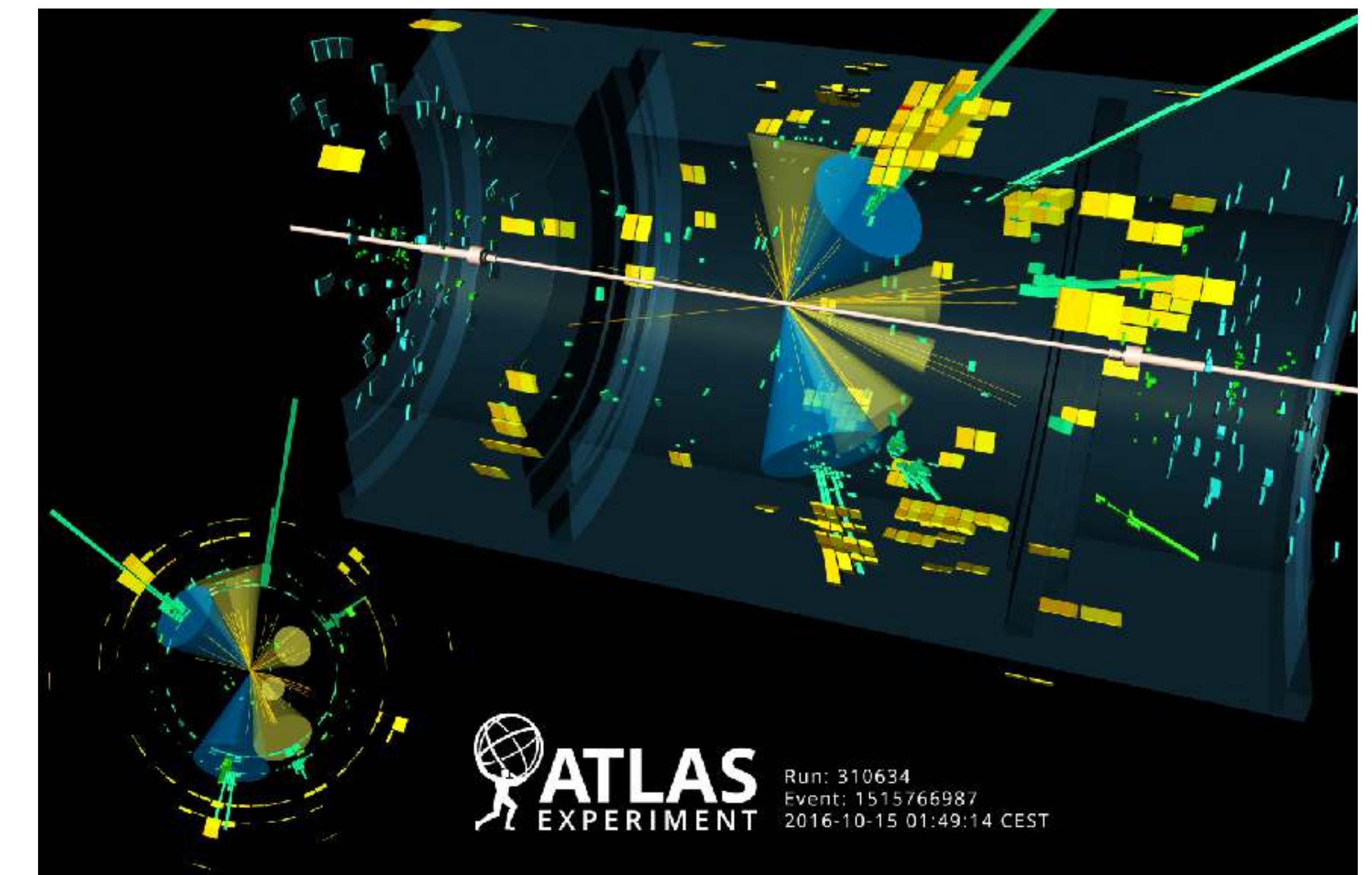
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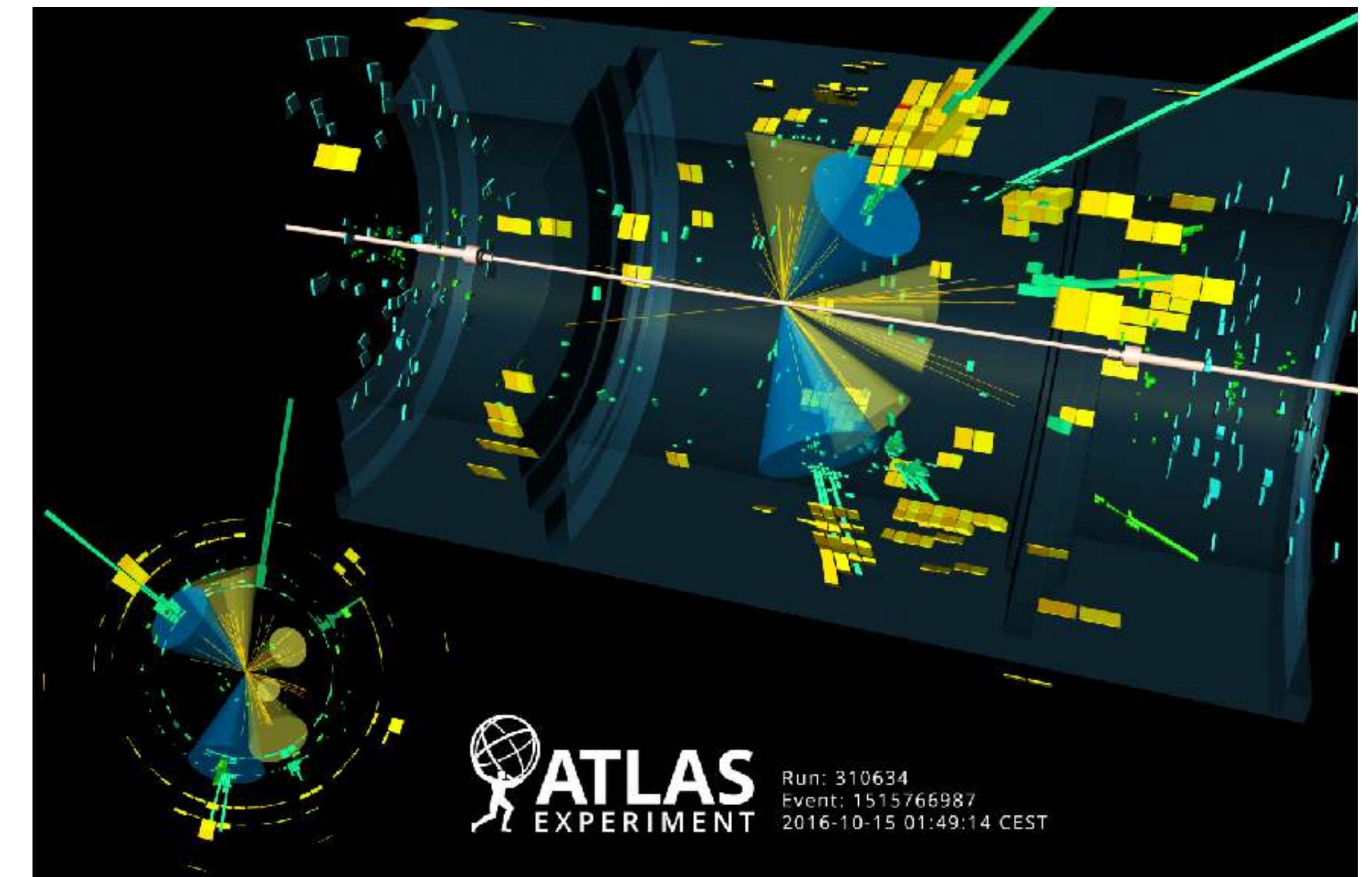
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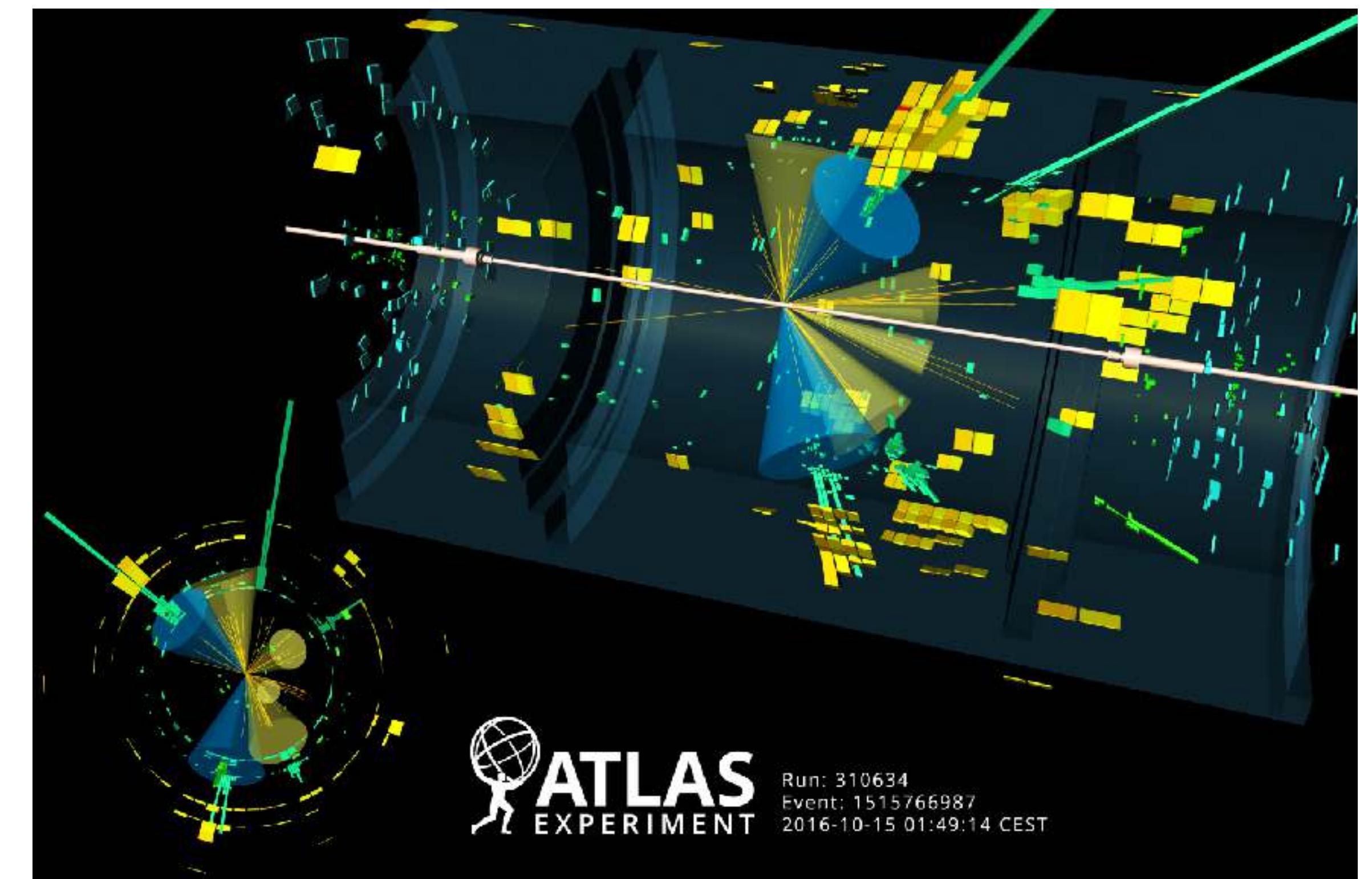
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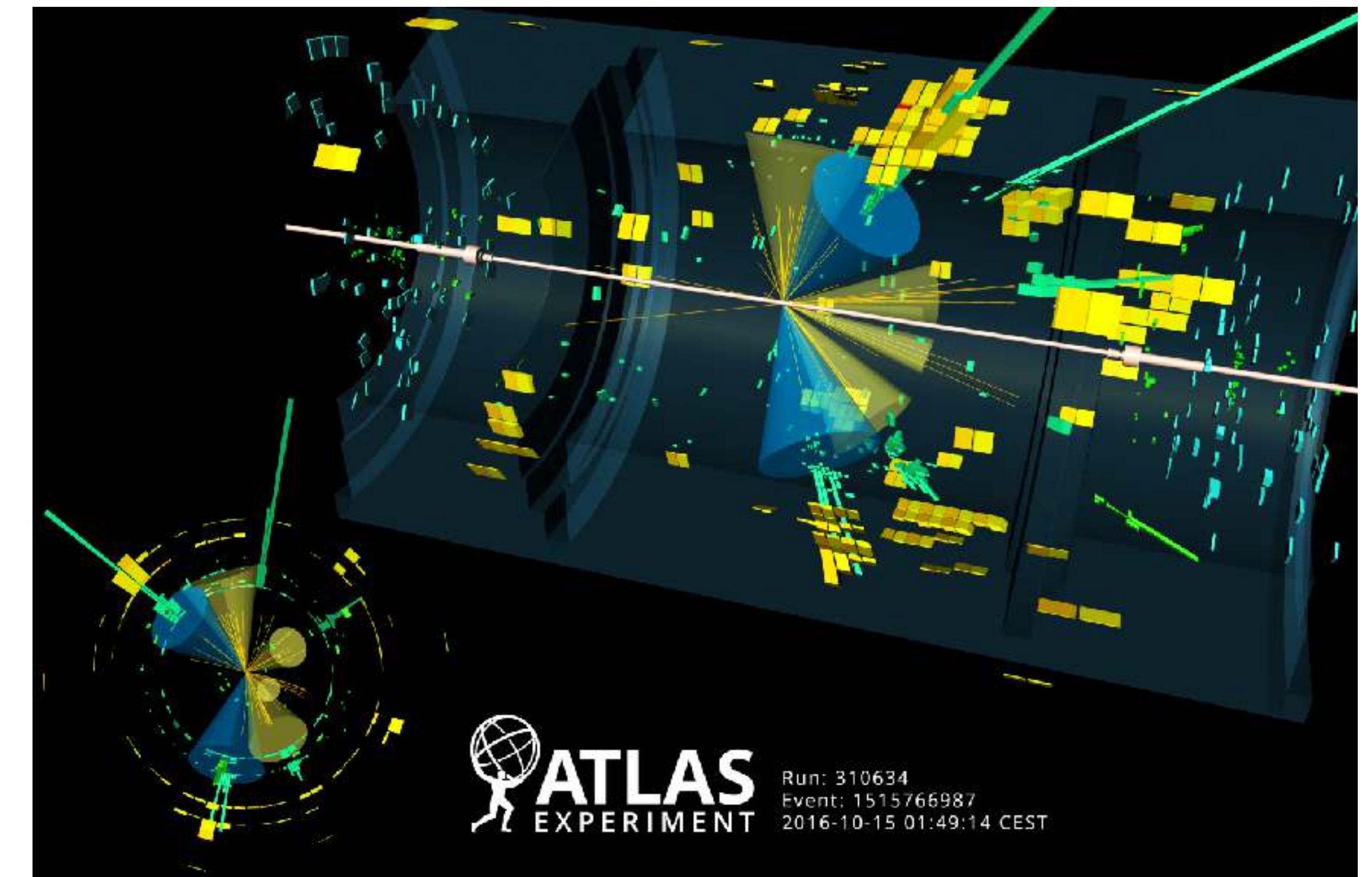


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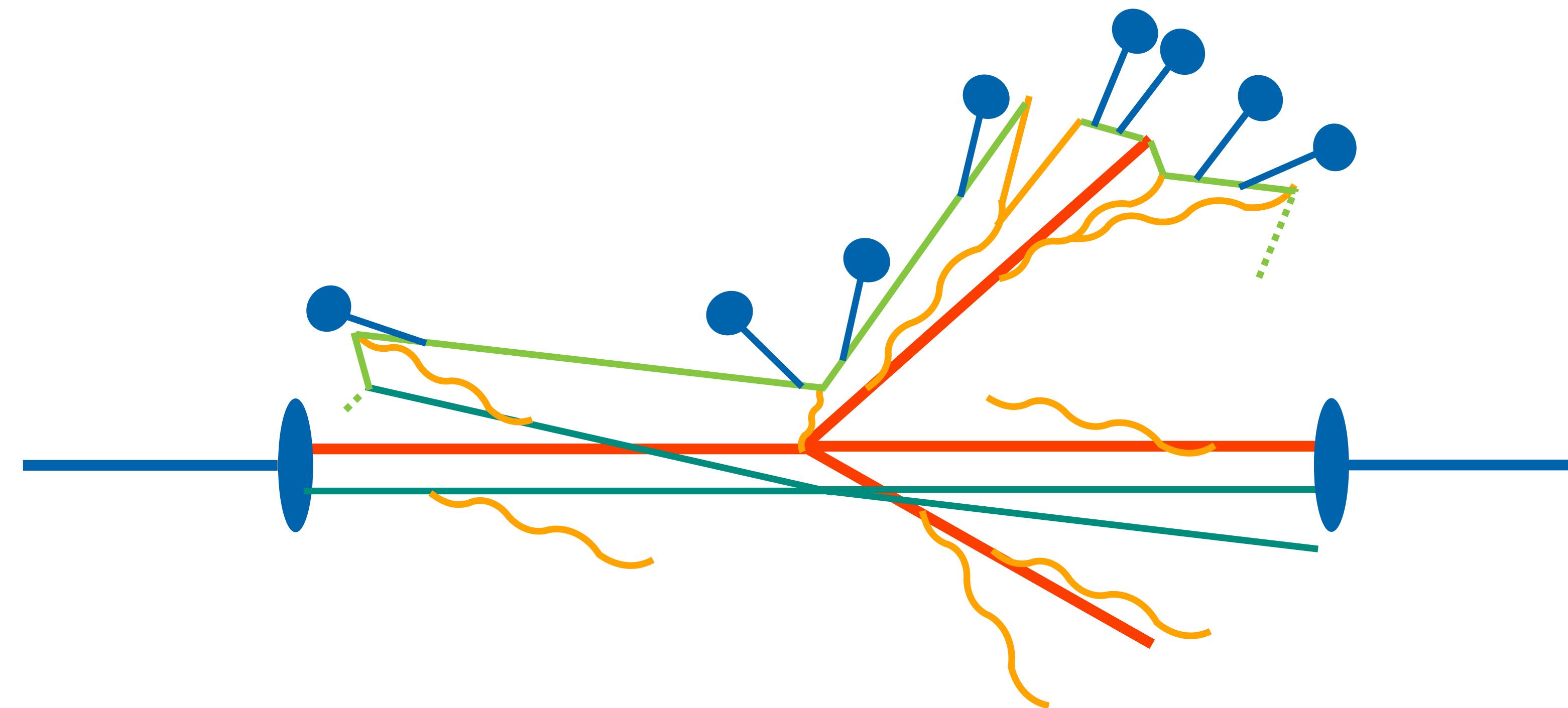
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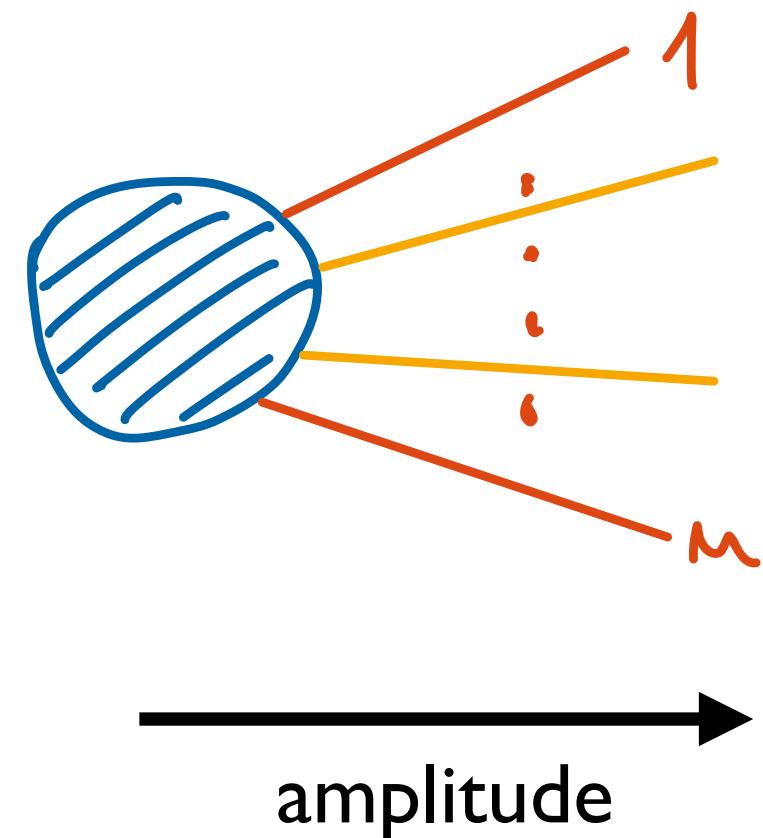


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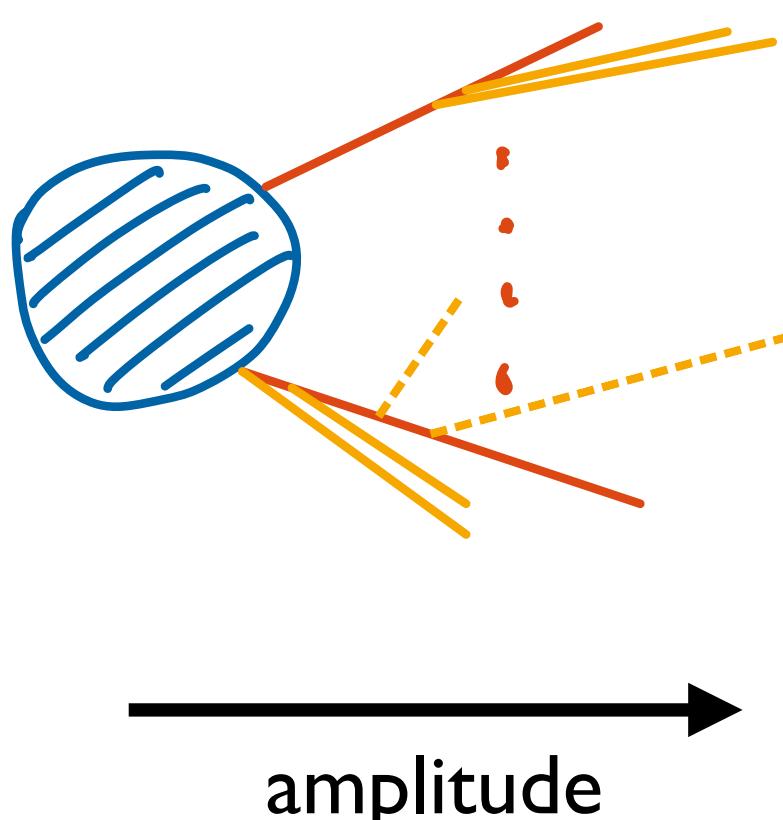
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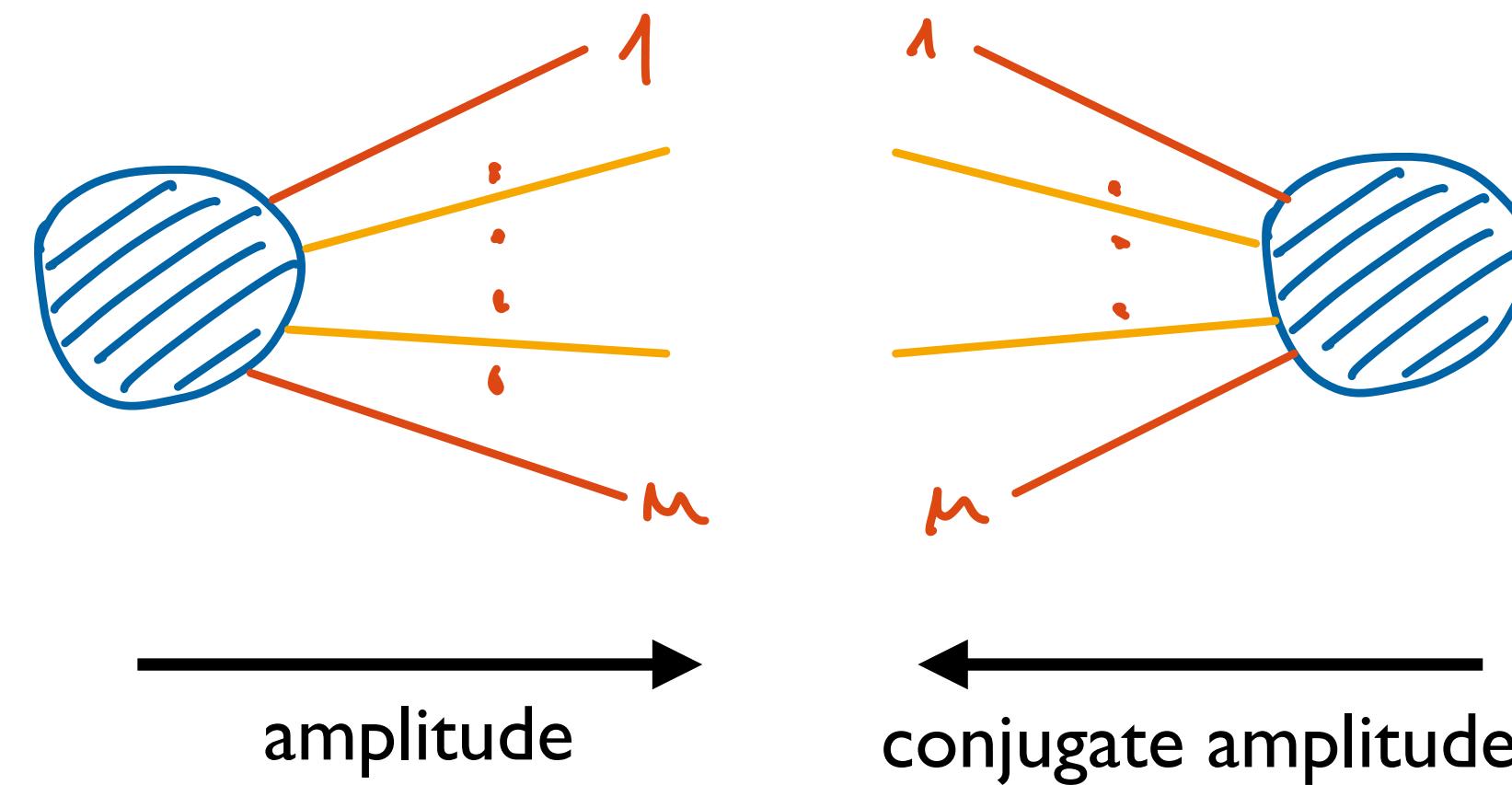
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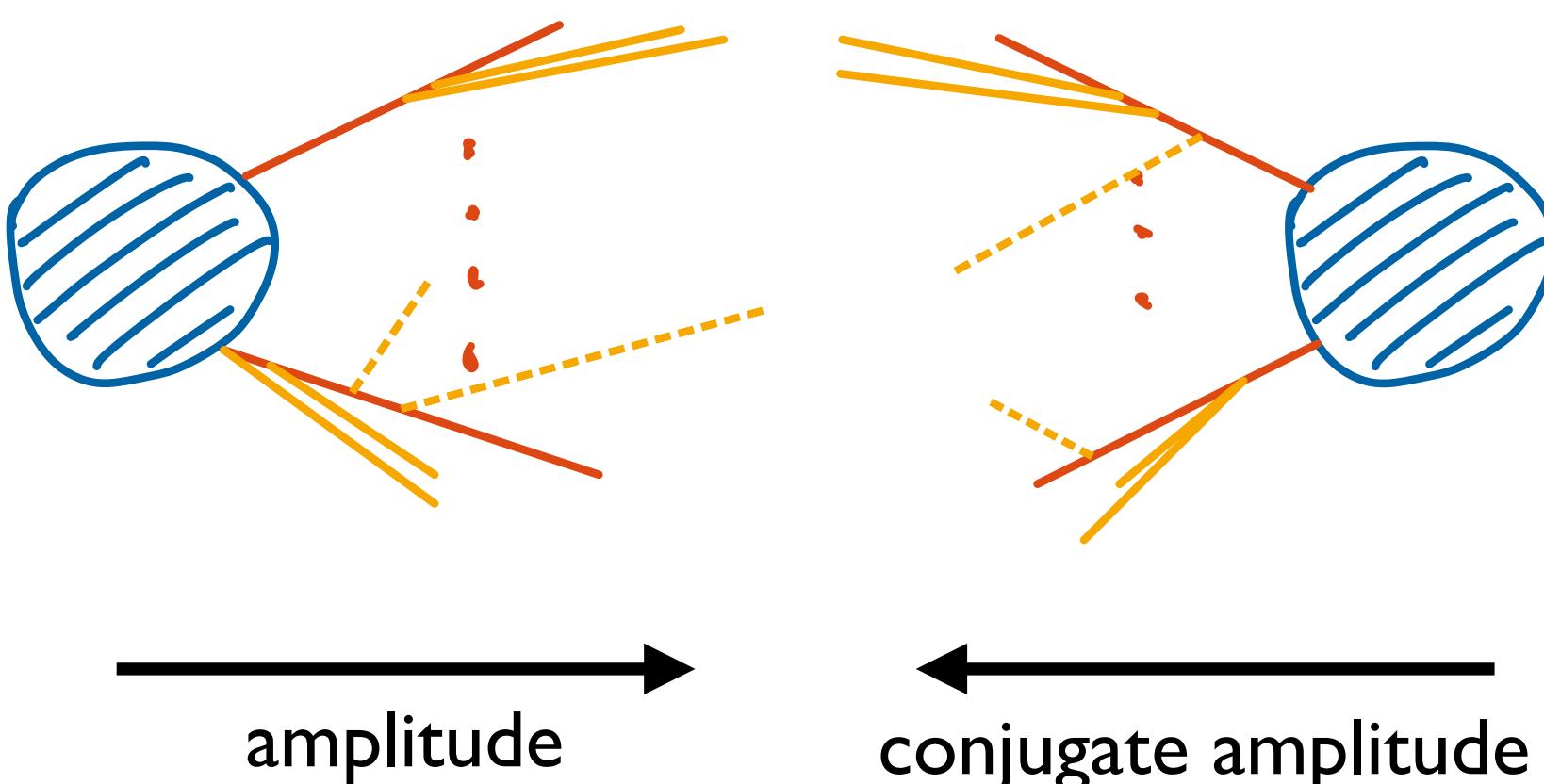
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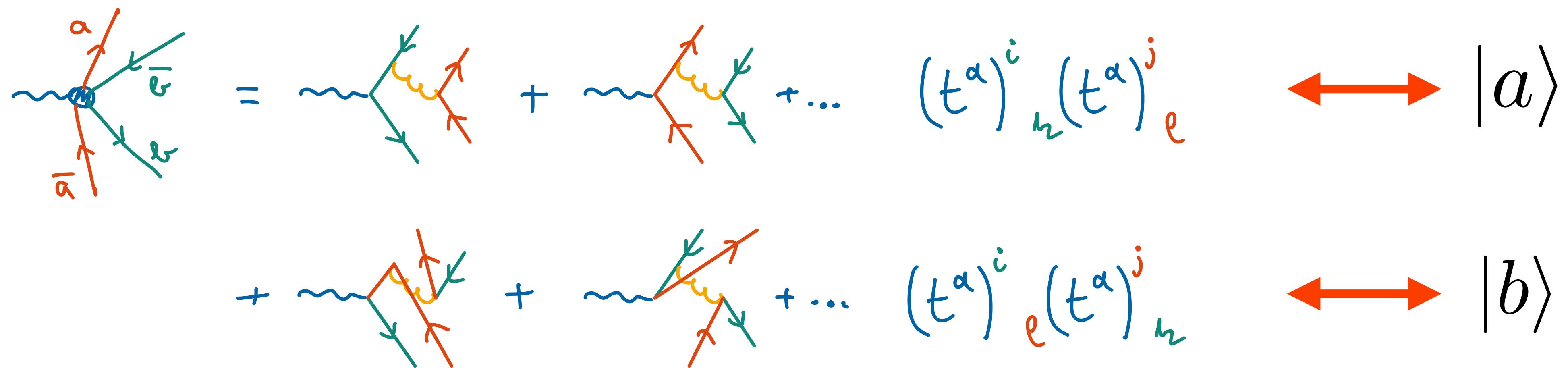


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Cross section: squared amplitudes contract all open colour indices of the amplitude.

# Colour space

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SU(N) tensors of high rank

invariance under global colour rotations

$$\sum_i T_i |\mu\rangle = 0$$

$$\sum_{i \neq j} T_i \cdot T_j \stackrel{\wedge}{=} -T_i \circ T_i = -c_i \mathbb{1}$$

# Notation

Abstract basis vectors (“basis independent notation”)

$$\mathbf{A}_n = \sum_{\sigma, \bar{\sigma}} \mathcal{A}_n^{\sigma \bar{\sigma}} |\sigma_n\rangle \langle \bar{\sigma}_n|$$

Choice of basis — actual tensor structures:  $\mathcal{S}_{\sigma}^{a_1, \dots, a_n} = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n | \sigma_n \rangle$   $\mathcal{S}_{\bar{\sigma}}^{\dagger, \bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n} = \langle \bar{\sigma}_n | a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$

Colour charges extend tensor structures, satisfy group algebra.

$$\langle a_1, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots, a_{n+k} | \mathbf{T}_{i_1} \cdots \mathbf{T}_{i_k} | \sigma_n \rangle = \mathbf{T}_{i_1}^{a_{n+1}} \cdots \mathbf{T}_{i_k}^{a_{n+k}} \mathcal{S}_{\sigma}^{a_1, \dots, a_n}$$

$$[\mathbf{T}_i^a, \mathbf{T}_j^b] = i f^{abc} \mathbf{T}_{i,c} \delta_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_i^a \mathcal{S}_{\sigma}^{a_1, \dots, a_n} = (T_{R_i}^a)^{a_i} {}_{b_i} \mathcal{S}_{\sigma}^{a_1, \dots, b_i, \dots, a_n}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j = \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^a$$

Detailed relation to JIMWLK formalism: [Plätzer, Weigert — in progress]

$$\int dk_1 \cdots dk_m G_{c_1, \dots, c_r; \bar{c}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{c}_m}(k_1, \dots, k_m)$$

$$\nabla_{k_1}^{c_1} \cdots \nabla_{k_r}^{c_r} \bar{\nabla}_{k_{r+1}}^{\bar{c}_{r+1}} \cdots \bar{\nabla}_{k_m}^{\bar{c}_m}$$

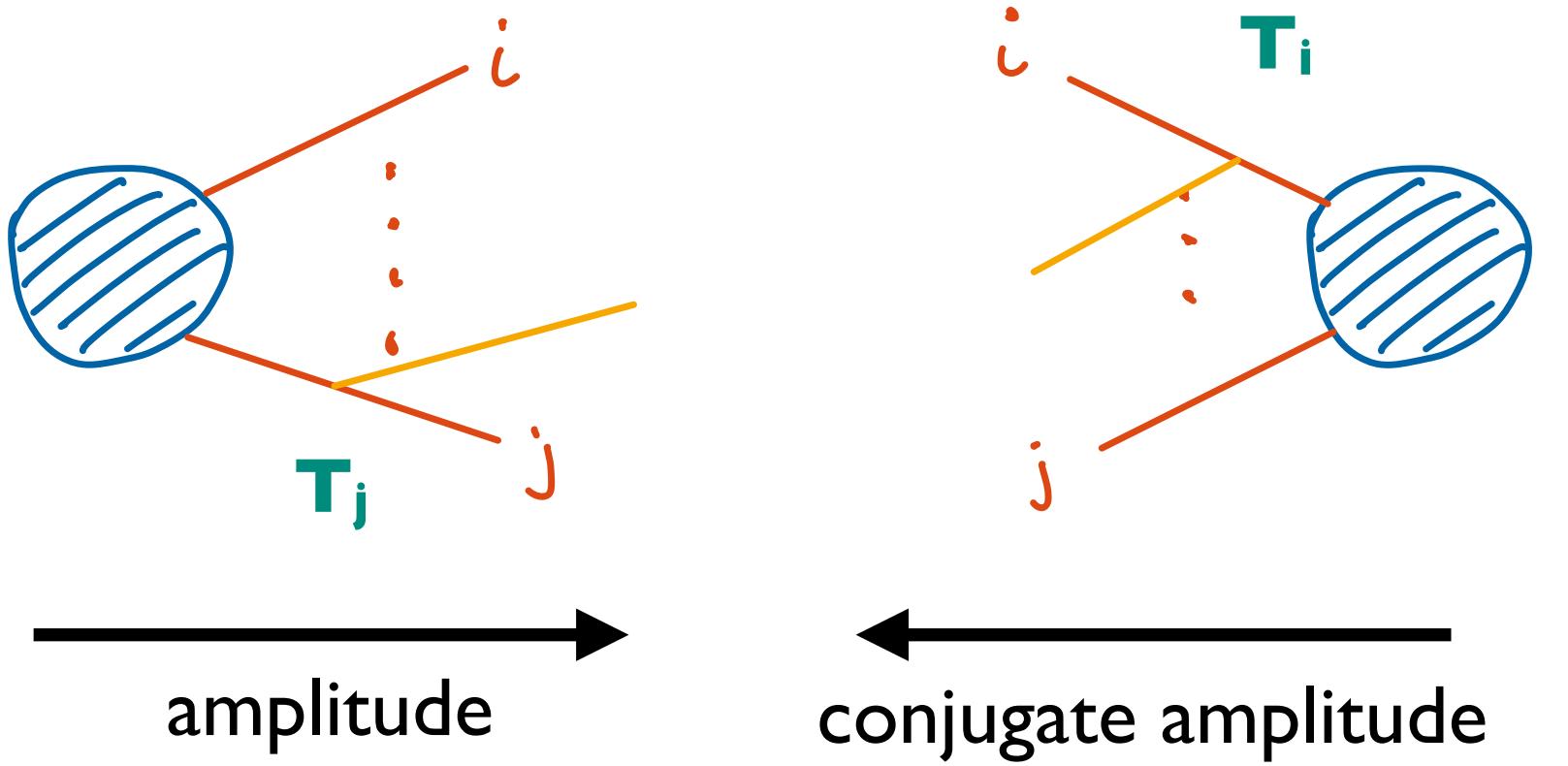


$$\mathcal{G}[\circ] = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m} G_{c_1, \dots, c_r; \bar{c}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{c}_m}(p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_m})$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{i_1}^{c_1} \cdots \mathbf{T}_{i_r}^{c_r} \circ \mathbf{T}_{i_{r+1}}^{\dagger, \bar{c}_{r+1}} \cdots \mathbf{T}_{i_m}^{\dagger, \bar{c}_m}$$

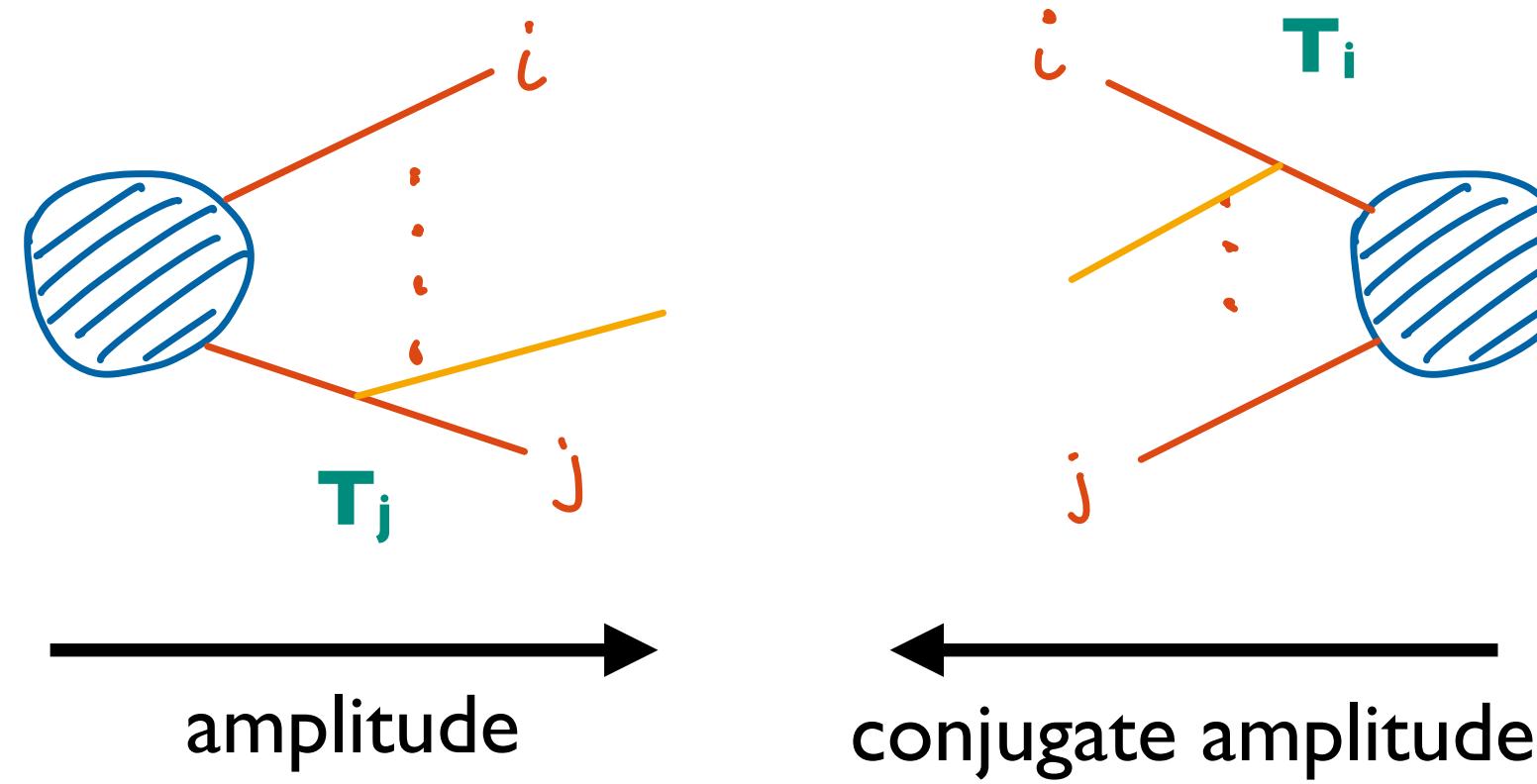
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$|M_{n+m}(p_1, \dots, p_n; q_1, \dots, q_m)|^2$

soft       $= \sum_{i,j} \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{p_i \cdot q_m q_m \cdot p_j} (M_{n+m-1}(\dots))^+ T_i \circ T_j M_{n+m-1}(\dots)$

collinear       $= \sum_i \frac{p_i(p_i \cdot q_m)}{2p_i \cdot q_m} (M_{n+m-1}(\dots))^+ T_i \circ T_i M_{n+m-1}(\dots)$

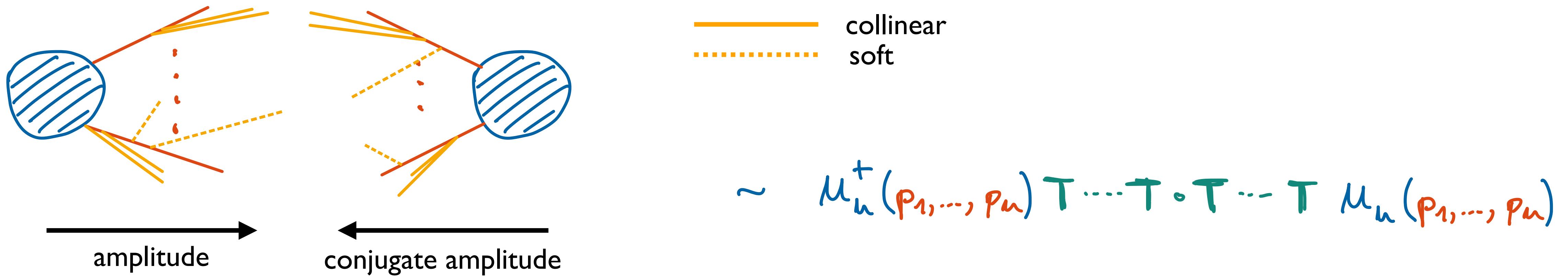
colour charge correlations       $= C_i \mathbb{1}$

colour charge squared

Emission of small energy and/or collinear gluons factorize from the amplitude.  
 Colour correlations are simple in the collinear limit.

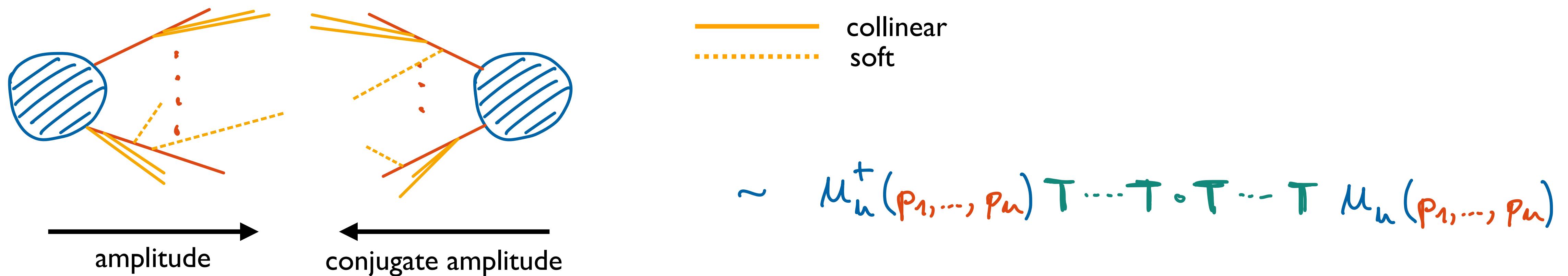
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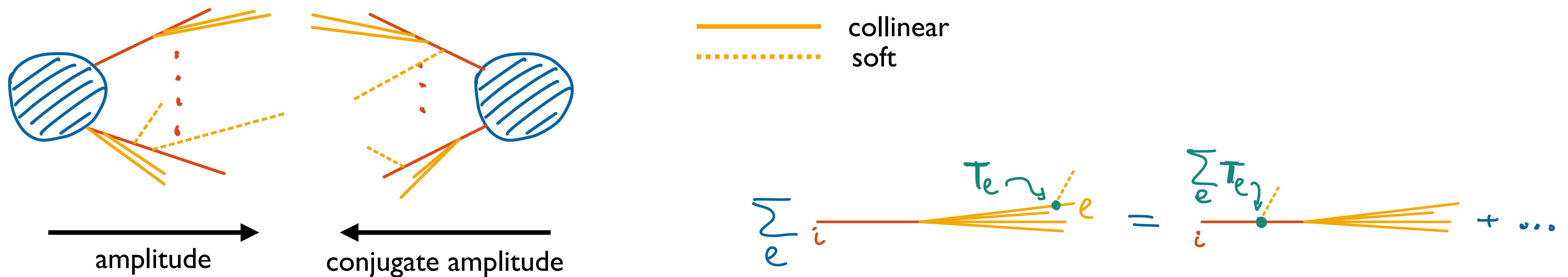
Exploit QCD coherence:

$$\sum_e \sum_i T_e \sim e = \sum_i \sum_e T_{ei} \sim e + \dots$$

$$T_j T_e T_i \circ T_i T_m T_j = C_i T_j T_e \circ T_m T_j$$

# Coherent branching parton showers

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$$dS = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{d\tilde{q}_i^2}{\tilde{q}_i^2} dz P(z_i) \exp \left( - \int_{\tilde{q}_i^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \int_{z_-(k^2)}^{z_+(k^2)} d\xi \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P(z) \right)$$

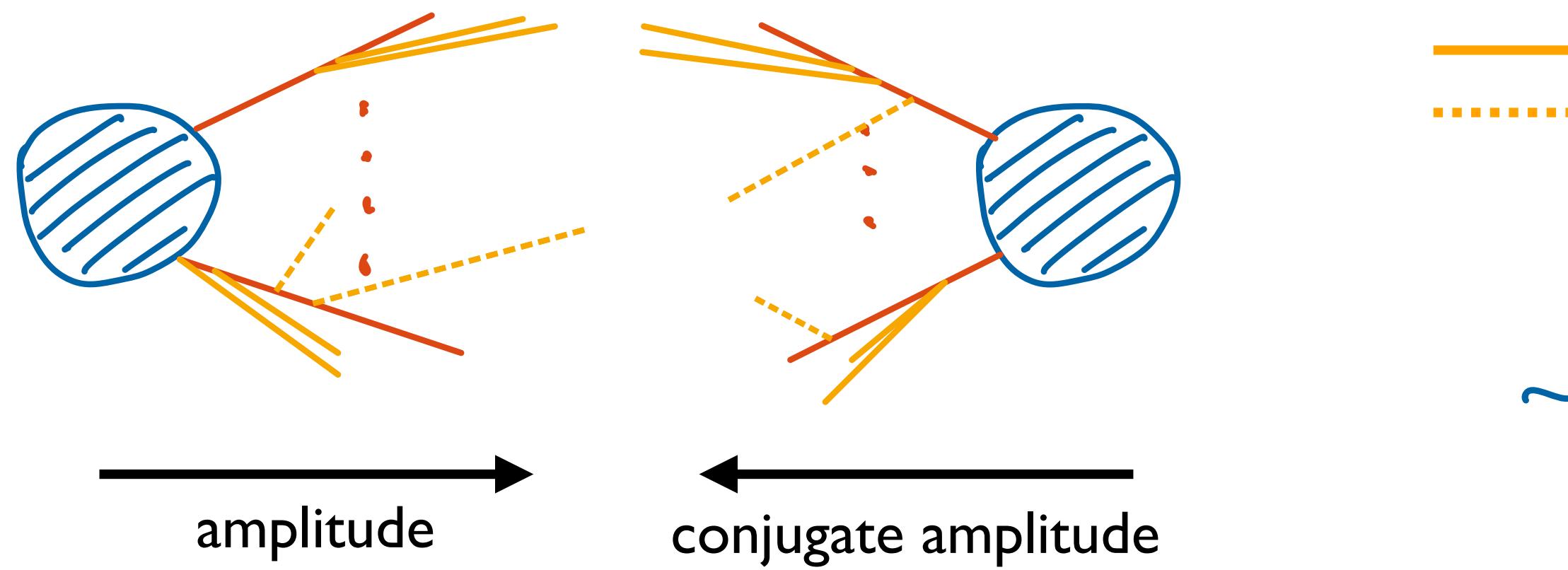
emission rate

no emission probability

All probabilistic algorithms determine the effect of gluon exchange and virtual corrections by unitarity.

# Beyond coherence: amplitude evolution

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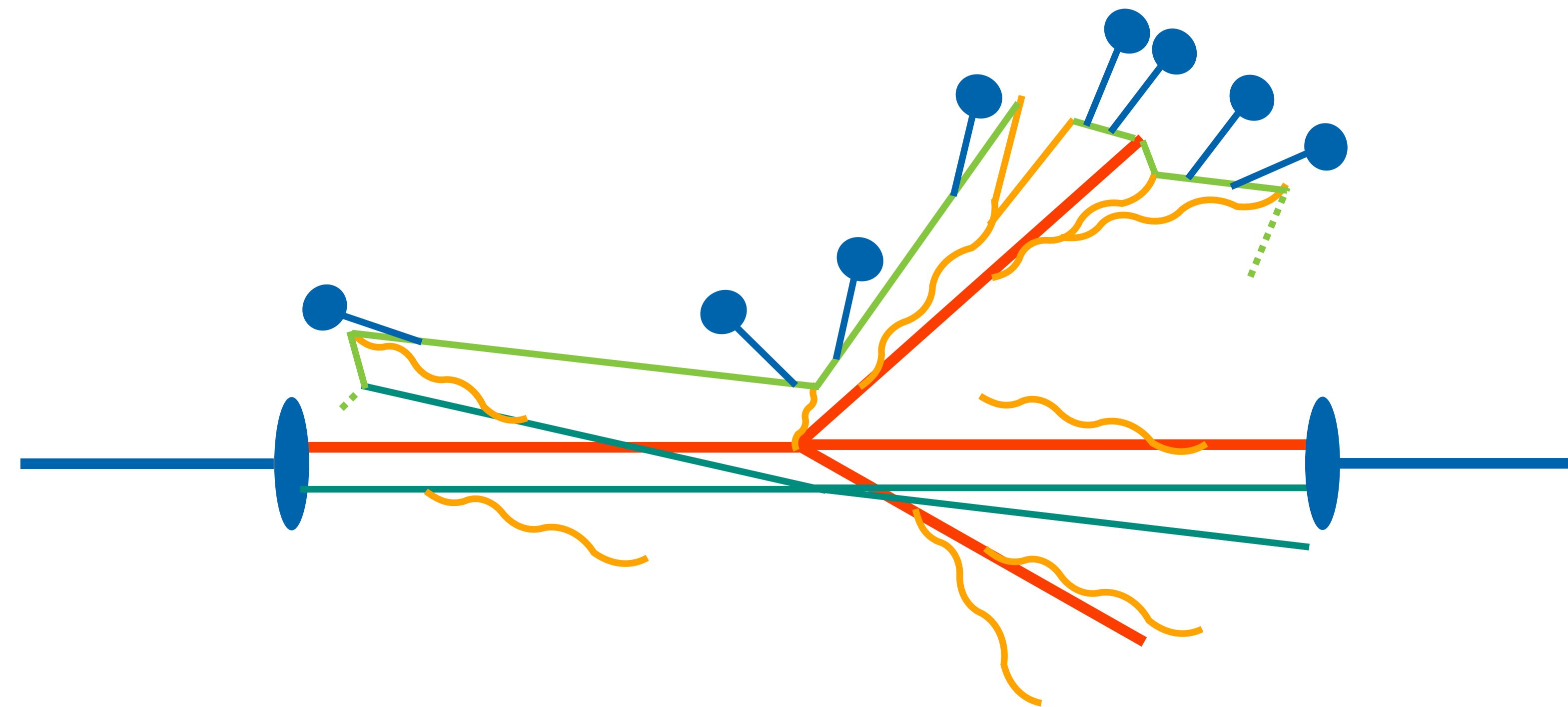


$$\sim \mu_n^+(p_1, \dots, p_n) T \cdots T \cdot T \cdots T \mu_n(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

A vertical red dotted line connects the two vertices, representing the iterative process of building the amplitude and conjugate amplitude.

Suggests an iterative procedure to build amplitude and conjugate amplitude with many emissions.

# The full picture



$$d\sigma \sim \text{Tr} \left[ \mathbf{PS}(Q \rightarrow \mu) d\mathbf{H}(Q) \mathbf{PS}^\dagger(Q \rightarrow \mu) \mathbf{Had}(\mu \rightarrow \Lambda) \right]$$

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# Colour matrix element corrections

**Colour matrix element corrections:**  
**Real emissions only amplitude evolution —**  
**first implementation in a shower algorithm.**

$$|\mathcal{M}_n\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{d_n} c_{n,\alpha} |\alpha_n\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{M}_n = (c_{n,1}, \dots, c_{n,d_n})^T$$

[Plätzer, Sjödahl '12]  
[Plätzer, Sjödahl, Thoren '18]

$$|\mathcal{M}_n|^2 = \mathcal{M}_n^\dagger S_n \mathcal{M}_n = \text{Tr} (S_n \times \mathcal{M}_n \mathcal{M}_n^\dagger)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{M}_n | \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{k}} | \mathcal{M}_n \rangle = \text{Tr} (S_{n+1} \times T_{\tilde{k},n} \mathcal{M}_n \mathcal{M}_n^\dagger T_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j},n}^\dagger)$$

approximation

→

 $V_{ij,k}(p_\perp^2, z; p_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}}, p_{\tilde{k}}) \times$ 

 $\frac{-1}{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}}^2} \frac{\langle \mathcal{M}_n | \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} \cdot \mathbf{T}_k | \mathcal{M}_n \rangle}{|\mathcal{M}_n|^2}$

$$M_{n+1} = - \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{k \neq i,j} \frac{4\pi\alpha_s}{p_i \cdot p_j} \frac{V_{ij,k}(p_i, p_j, p_k)}{\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}}^2} T_{\tilde{k},n} M_n T_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j},n}^\dagger$$

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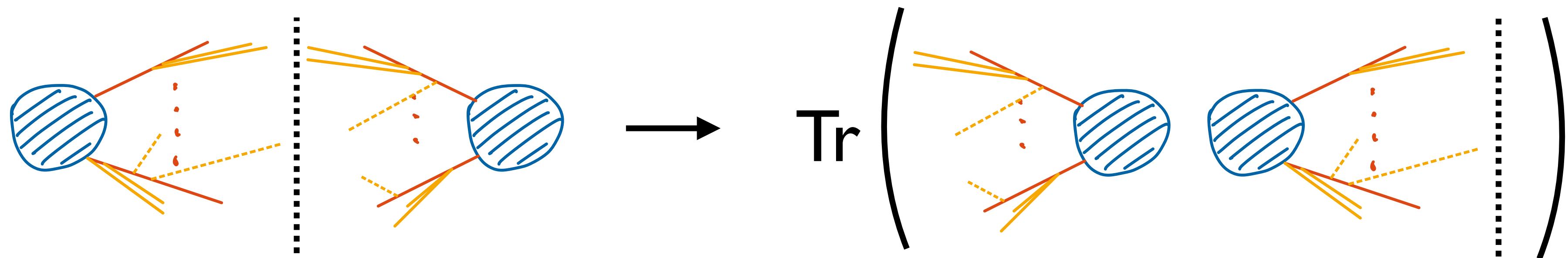
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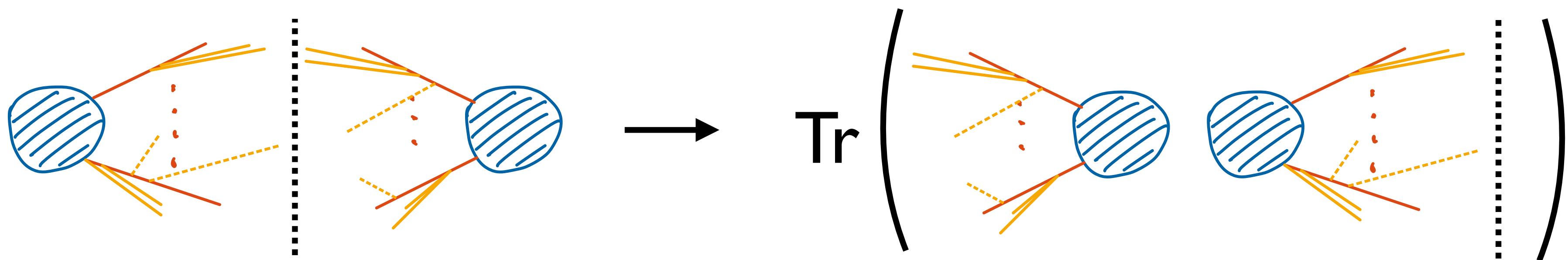
$$\mathbf{A}_n(q) = \int_q^Q \frac{dk}{k} \mathbf{P} e^{-\int_q^k \frac{dk'}{k'} \Gamma(k')} \mathbf{D}_n(k) \mathbf{A}_{n-1}(k) \mathbf{D}_n^\dagger(k) \overline{\mathbf{P}} e^{-\int_q^k \frac{dk'}{k'} \Gamma^\dagger(k')}$$

Markovian algorithm at the amplitude level: Iterate **gluon exchanges** and **emission**.  
Different histories in amplitude and conjugate amplitude needed to include interference.

**CVolver** solves evolution equations in colour flow space. Flexible for dedicated resummation and new parton showers.

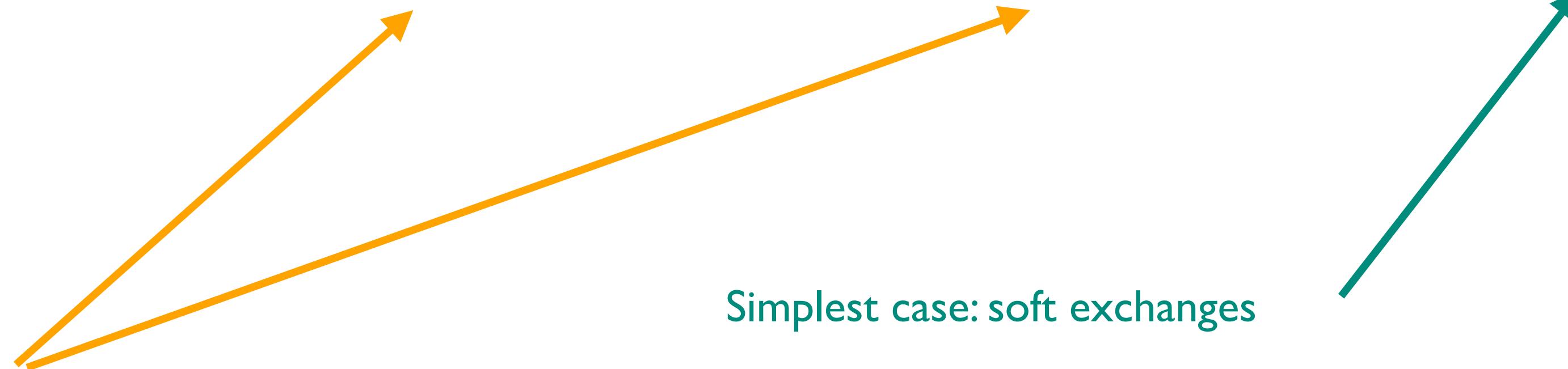
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# Amplitude evolution



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Simplest case: Eikonal current



Simplest case: soft exchanges

$$\mathbf{D}^{(1,0)} \circ \mathbf{D}^{(1,0)\dagger} = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sum_{i,j} \omega_{ij} \mathbf{T}_i \circ \mathbf{T}_j^\dagger$$

$$\Gamma^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \sum_{i < j} \int d\Omega \omega_{ij} \mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j$$

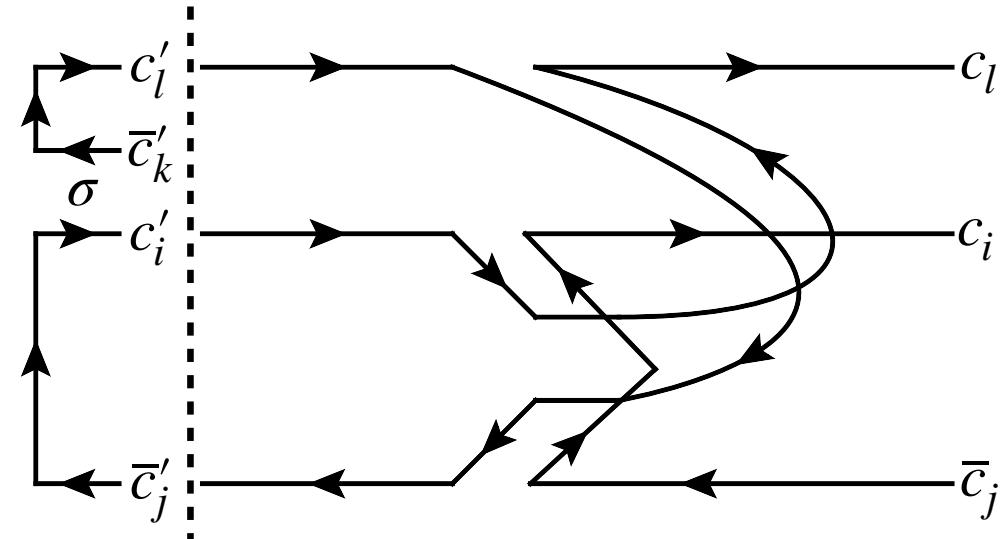
# Colour bases

Basis choice not unique, typical “bases” are merely spanning sets, non-orthogonal ...

Advantages and disadvantages not clear from the beginning, colour also intertwined with kinematics.

## Colour flows

Reveal algorithmic structures  
for (Monte Carlo) approach.



[Forshaw, Plätzer, Ruffa, Löschner, ... –  
'18+ & in progress]

## Trace bases

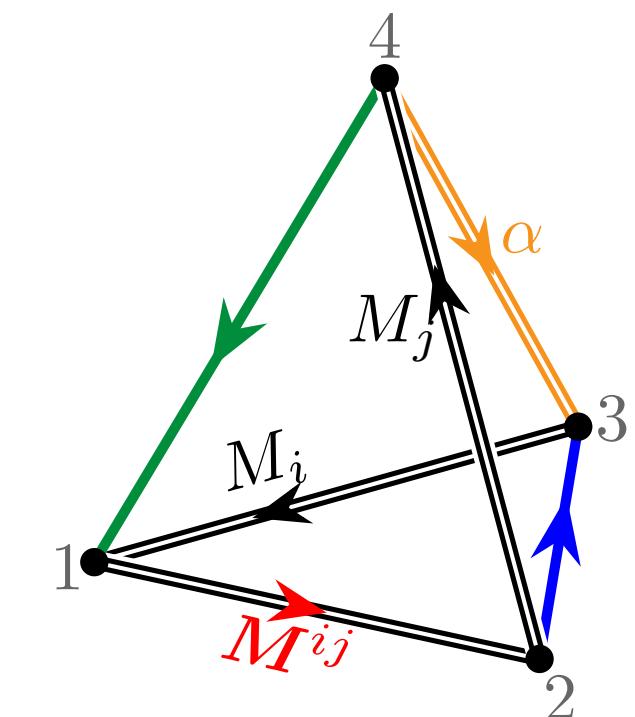
Those had been used at  
some point.

$$(t^\alpha)^i \epsilon (t^\alpha)^j_{\mu}$$

e.g. used in fixed-order calculations  
[Plätzer, Sjödahl — '12 to '18]

## Proper bases

Understand colour  
multiplets for many legs.

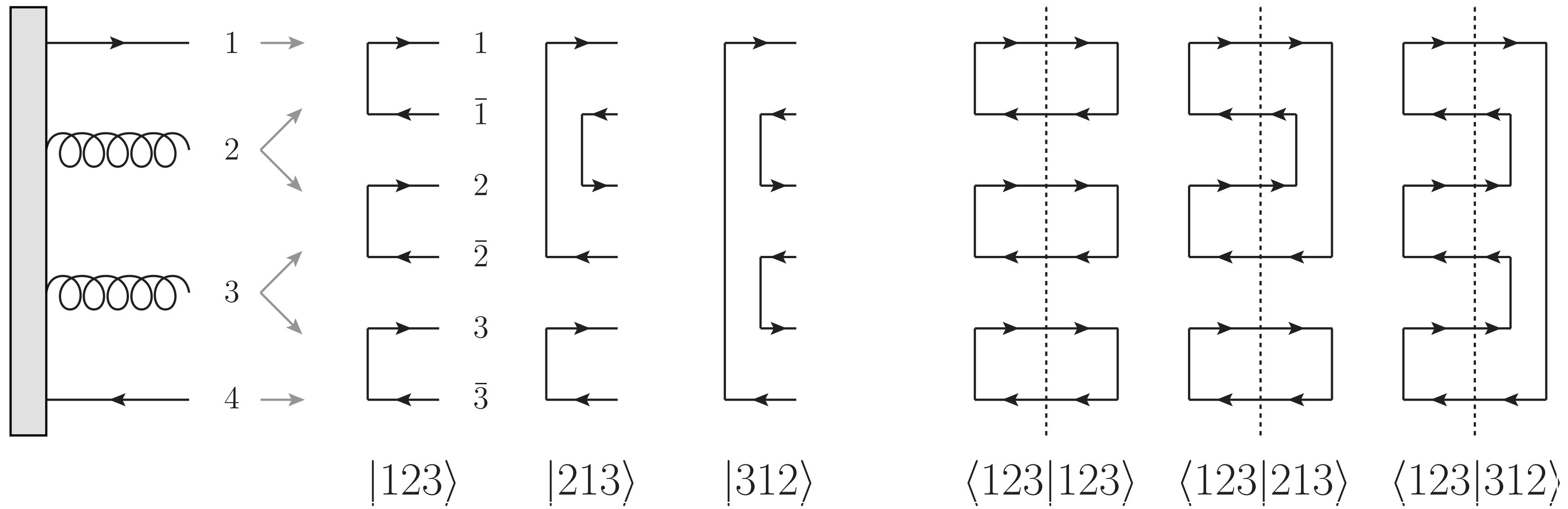


[Alcock-Zeilinger, Keppeler, Plätzer,  
Sjödahl – '22,'23 & in progress]

# Tracking colour flow

Decompose amplitudes in flow of colour charge.

$$(t^a)^i{}_k (t^a)^j{}_l = T_R \left( \delta_l^i \delta_k^j - \frac{1}{N} \delta_k^i \delta_l^j \right)$$



Suppression of interferences outside of colour connected dipoles.

[Plätzer '13]

[Angeles, De Angelis, Forshaw, Plätzer, Seymour '18]

# Non-orthogonal, spanning set, ...

Define orthogonal basis:

$$S_{\tau\sigma} = \langle \tau | \sigma \rangle \quad |\sigma] = \sum_{\tau} S_{\tau\sigma}^{-1} |\tau\rangle \quad [\tau | \sigma \rangle = \langle \tau | \sigma] = \delta_{\tau\sigma} \quad \sum_{\sigma} |\sigma] \langle \sigma| = \sum_{\sigma} |\sigma\rangle [\sigma| = 1$$

Singular for a critical N in SU(N) or for a critical number of external legs.

Definition of matrix elements formally  
and algorithmically possible:

$$\mathbf{A}|\sigma\rangle = \sum_{\tau} \mathcal{A}_{\tau\sigma} |\tau\rangle \quad [\tau | \mathbf{A}|\sigma\rangle = \mathcal{A}_{\tau\sigma}$$

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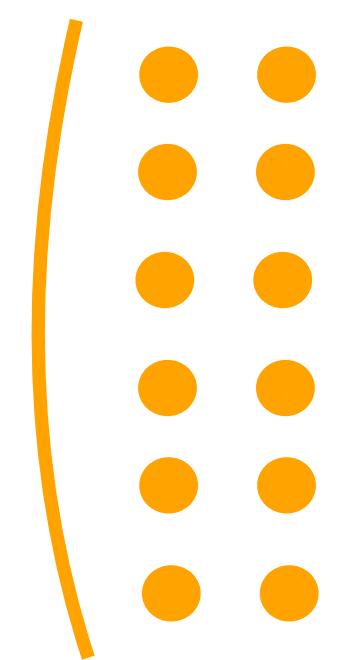
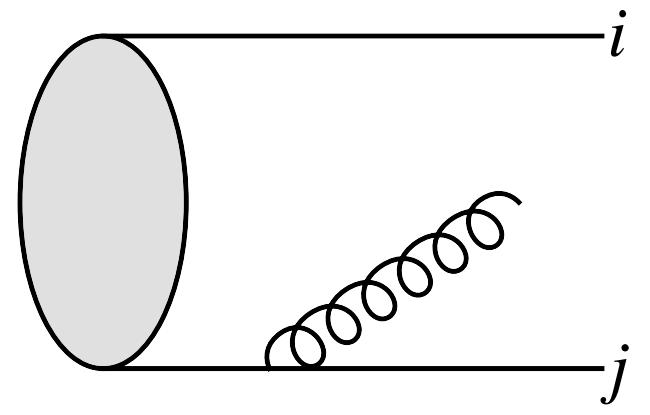
After tracing, any perturbative calculation will only give poles in 1/N from the trace condition, but is otherwise an analytic function in N. If we are algorithmically never forced to pick a value of N or to evaluate the inverse Gram, we can equally well **assume any non-critical N > 0 as a regulator.**

This might have further implications — [Plätzer — wip]

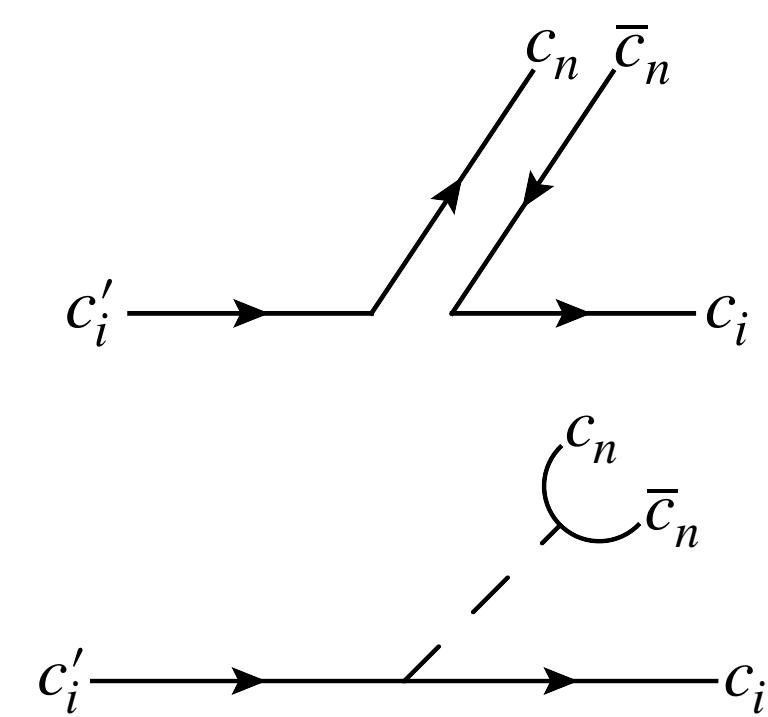
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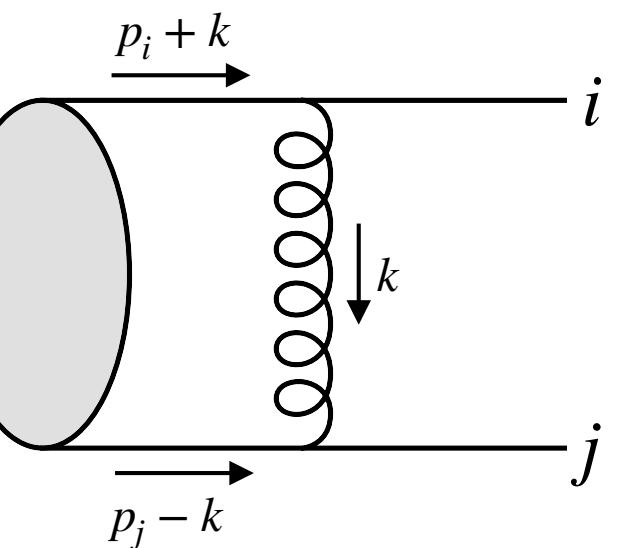
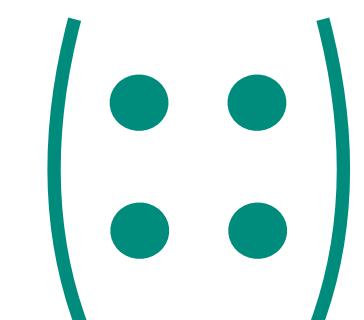


Explicit suppression in I/N

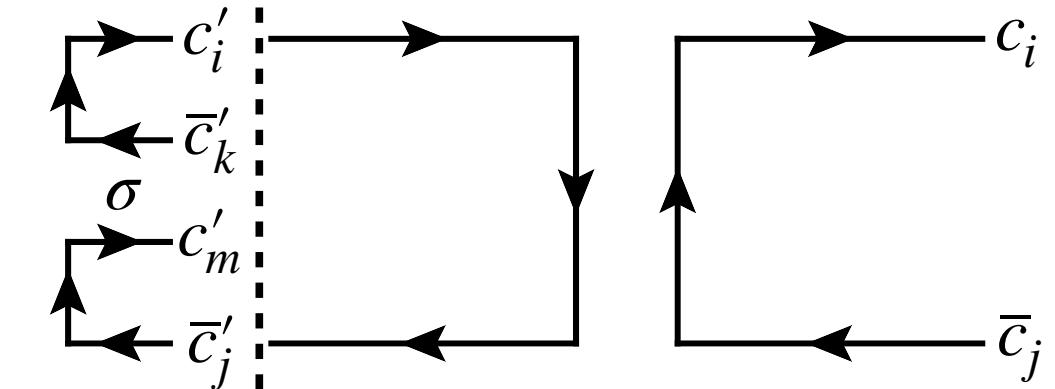
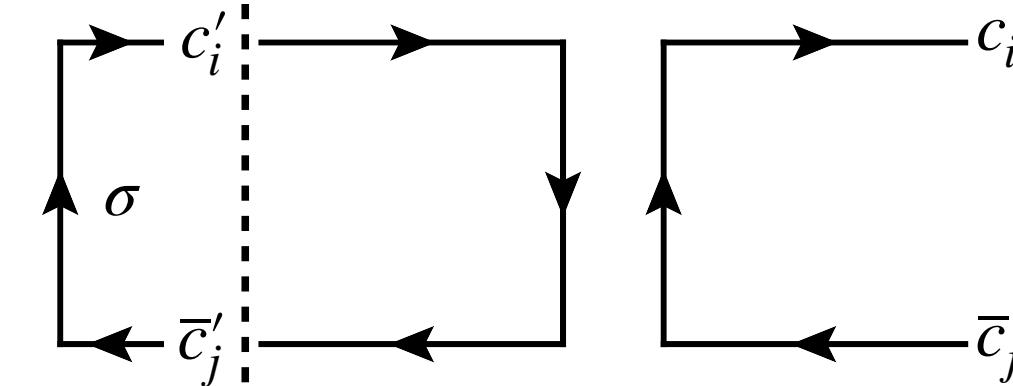


Gluon exchange

$$Pe^{-\int_q^k \frac{dk'}{k'} \Gamma(k')}$$



$$[\tau|\Gamma|\sigma\rangle = (\alpha_s N)[\tau|\Gamma^{(1)}|\sigma\rangle + (\alpha_s N)^2[\tau|\Gamma^{(2)}|\sigma\rangle + \dots]$$



$$[\tau|\Gamma^{(1)}|\sigma\rangle = \left( \Gamma_\sigma^{(1)} + \frac{1}{N^2} \rho^{(1)} \right) \delta_{\sigma\tau} + \frac{1}{N} \Sigma_{\sigma\tau}^{(1)}$$



Systematically expand around large-N limit  
summing towers of terms enhanced by  $\alpha_S N$

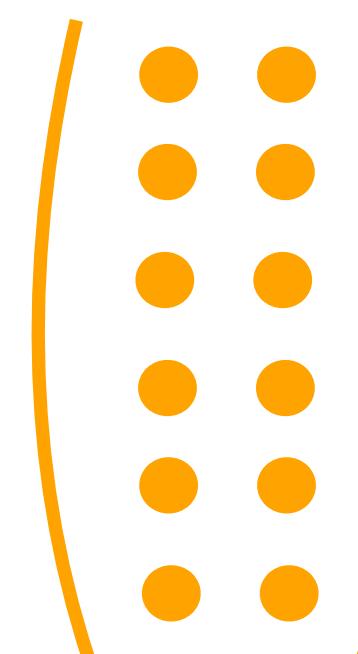
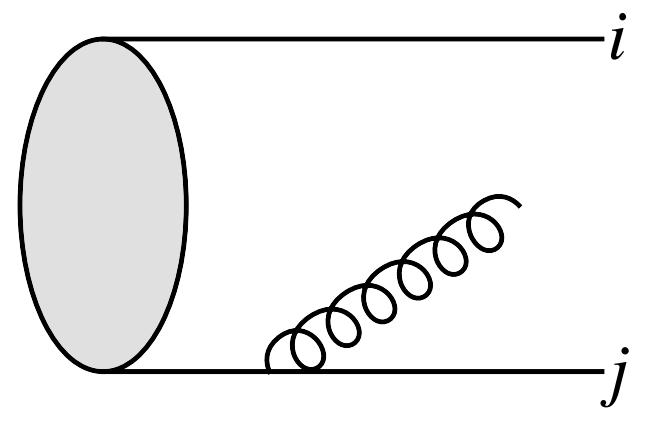
dipole flips — implicit suppression in I/N

[Plätzer – '13] — diagrams from [Ruffa, MSc thesis 2020]

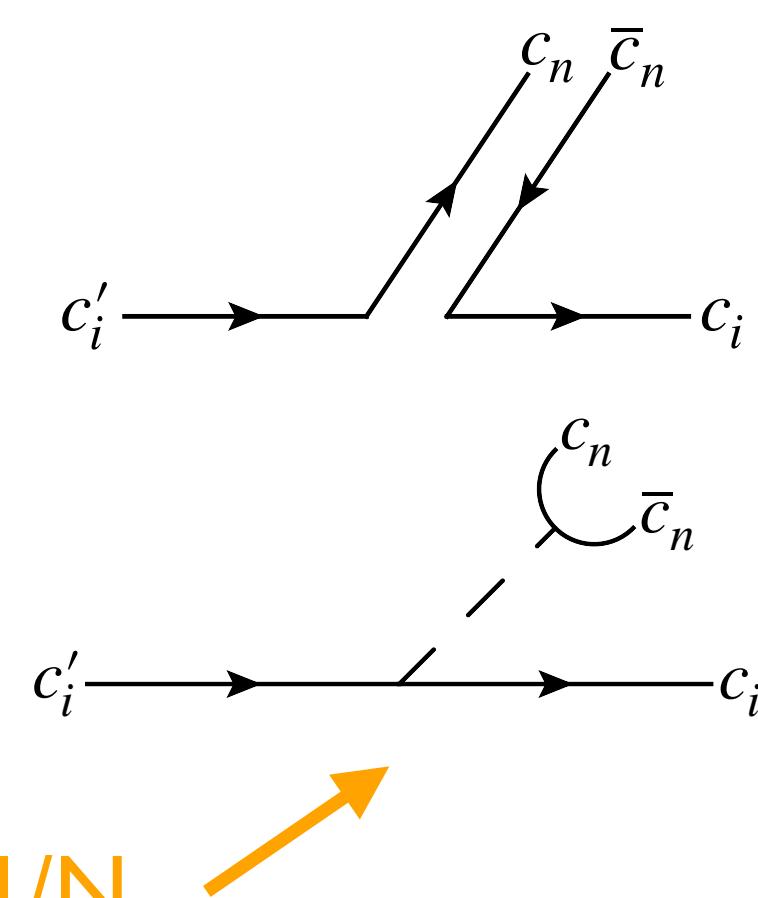
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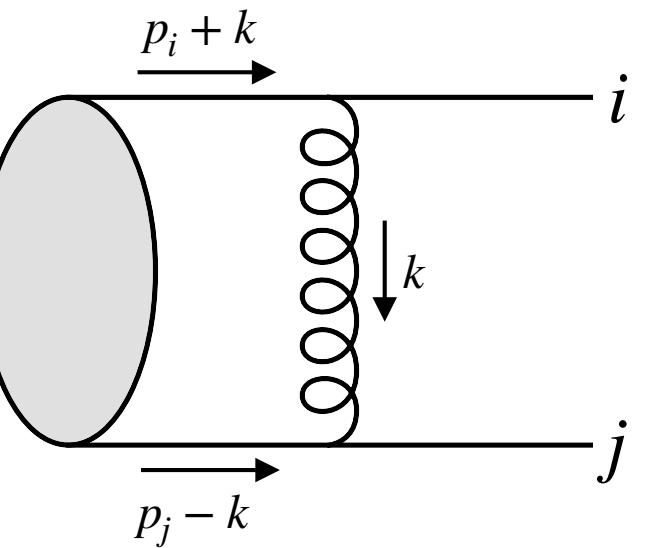
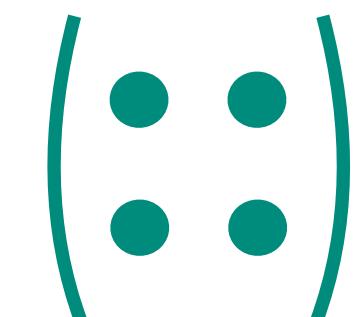


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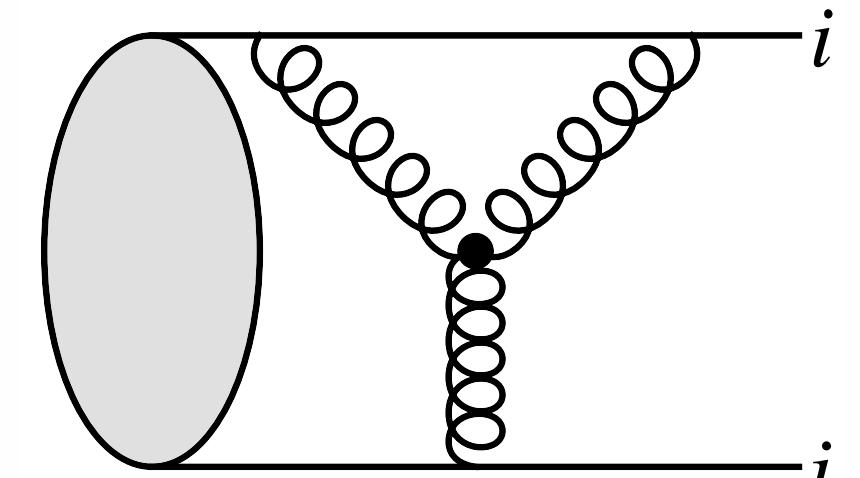
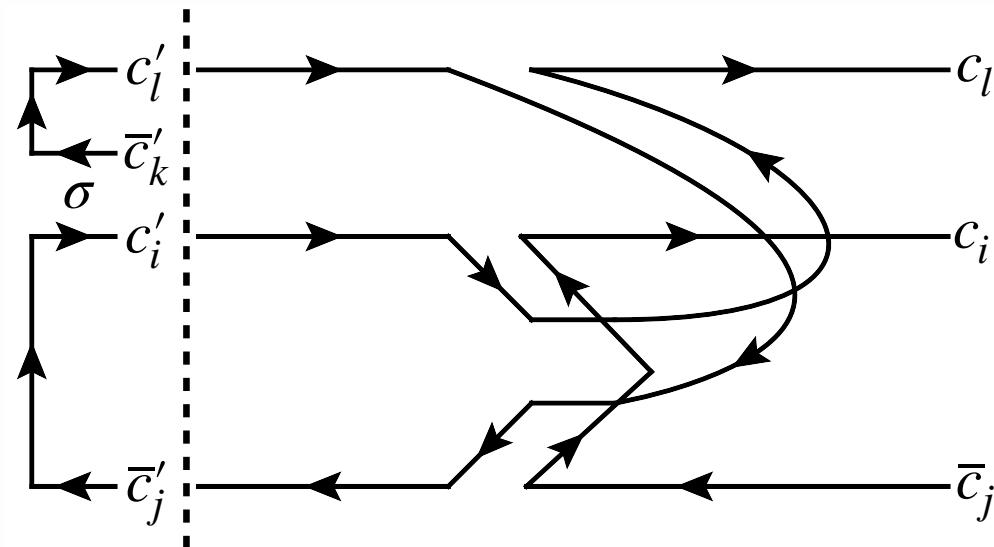


Gluon exchange

$$Pe^{-\int_q^k \frac{dk'}{k'} \Gamma(k')}$$



$$[\tau|\Gamma|\sigma\rangle = (\alpha_s N)[\tau|\Gamma^{(1)}|\sigma\rangle + (\alpha_s N)^2 [\tau|\Gamma^{(2)}|\sigma\rangle + \dots]$$



[Plätzer, Ruffa — '21]

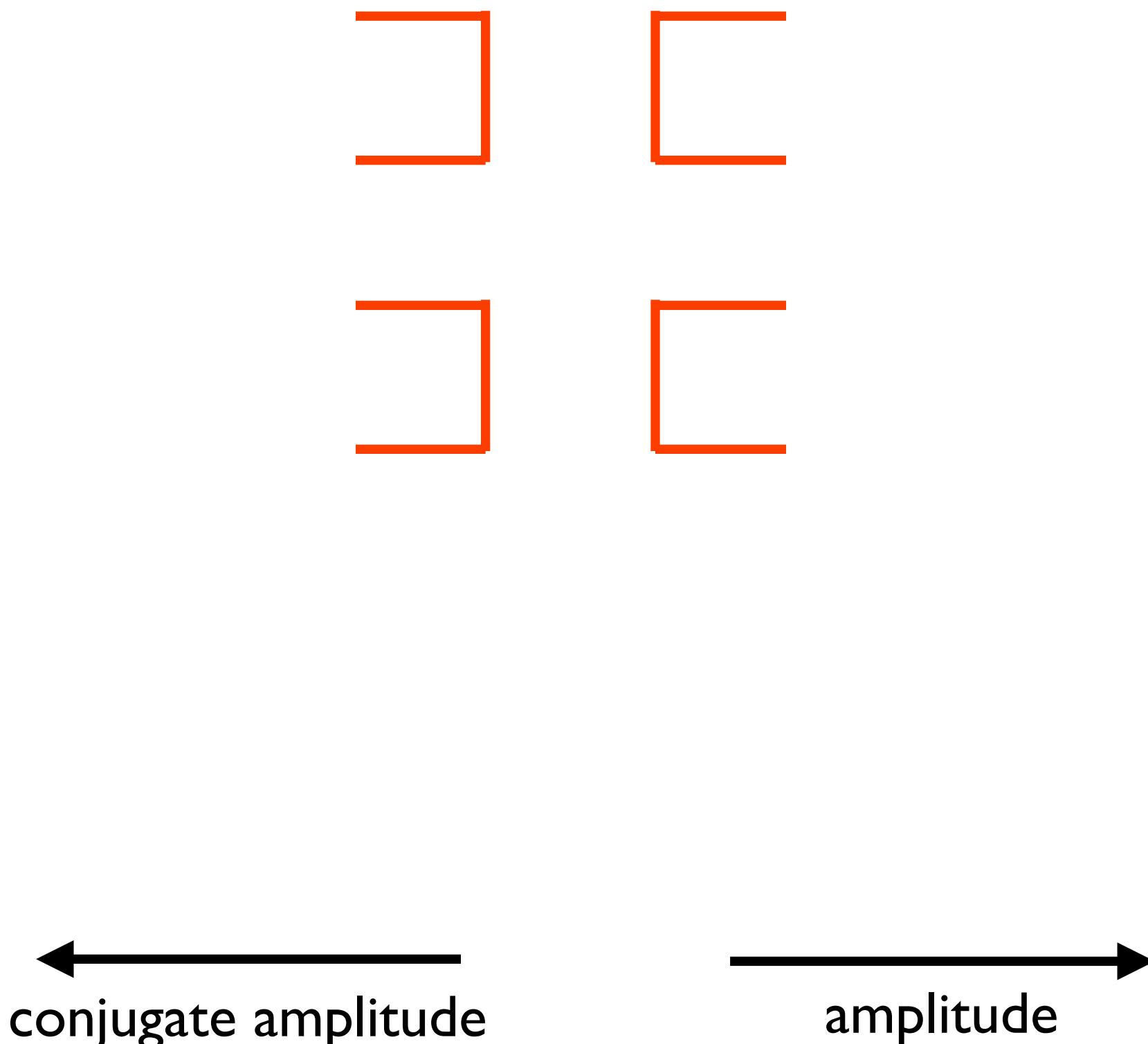
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[Plätzer — '13] — diagrams from [Ruffa, MSc thesis 2020]

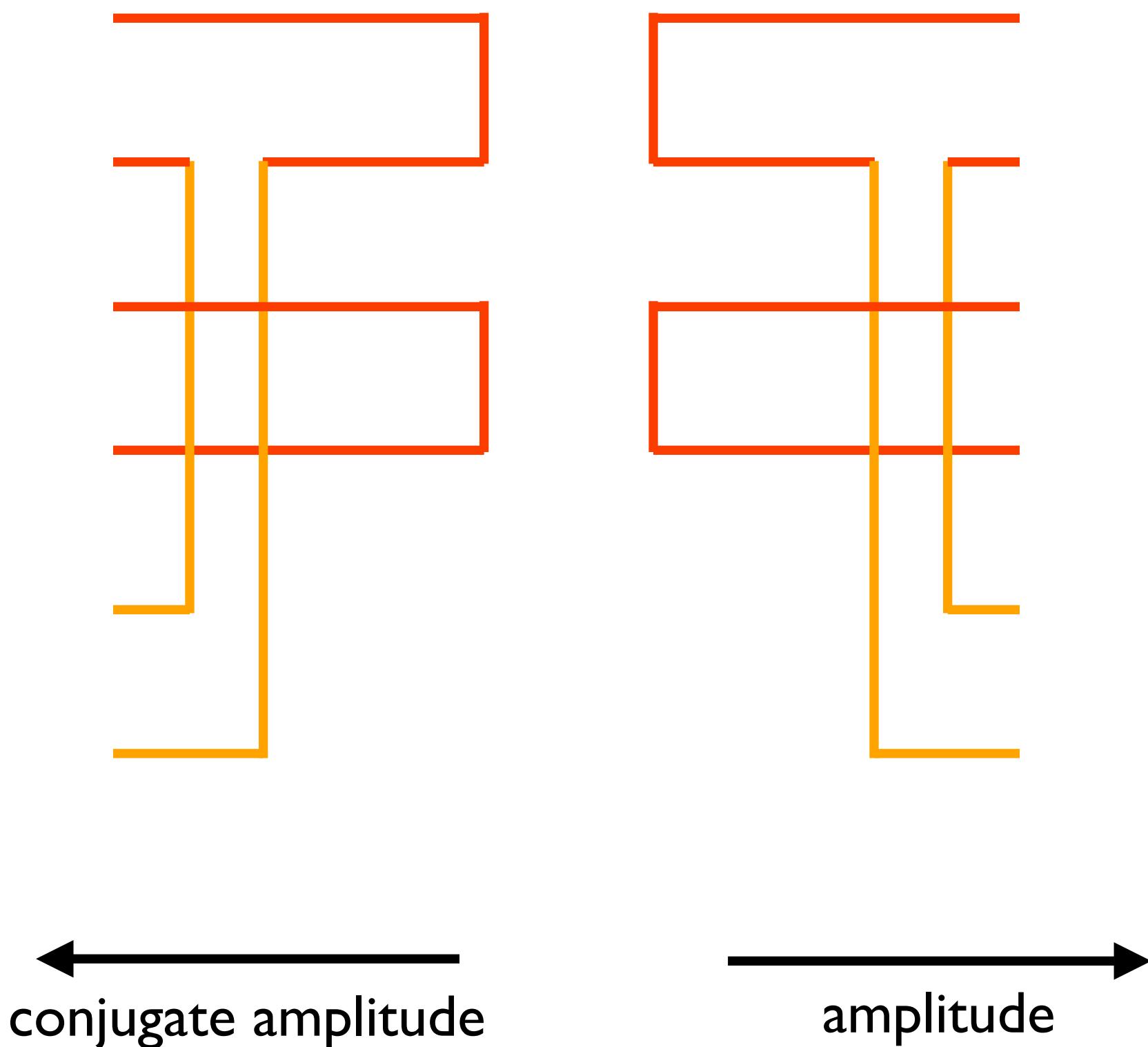
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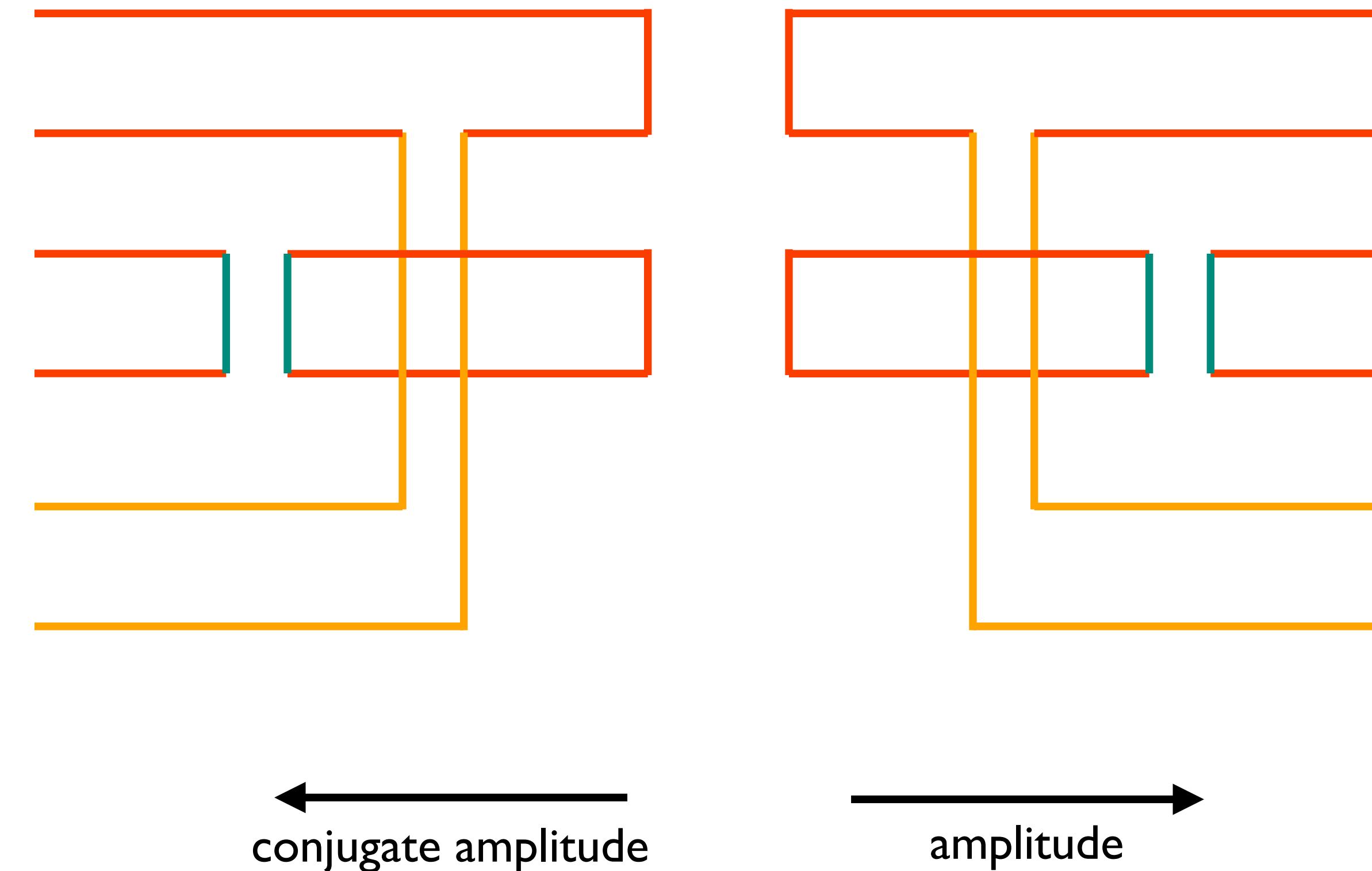
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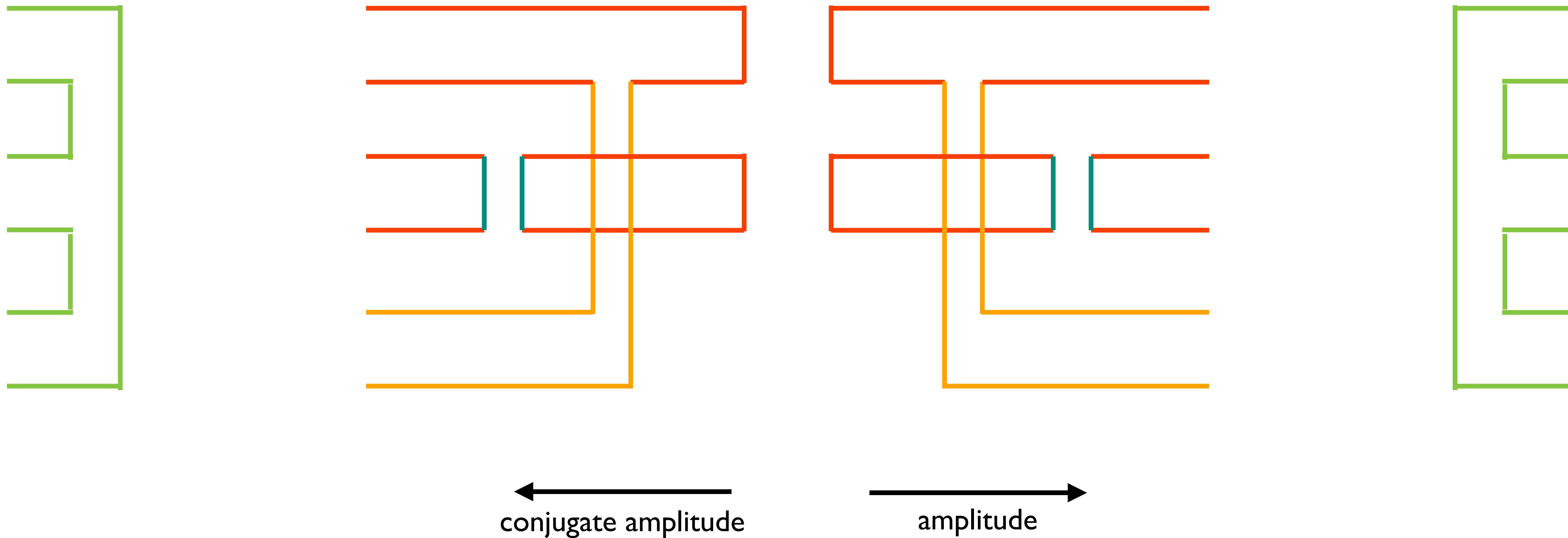
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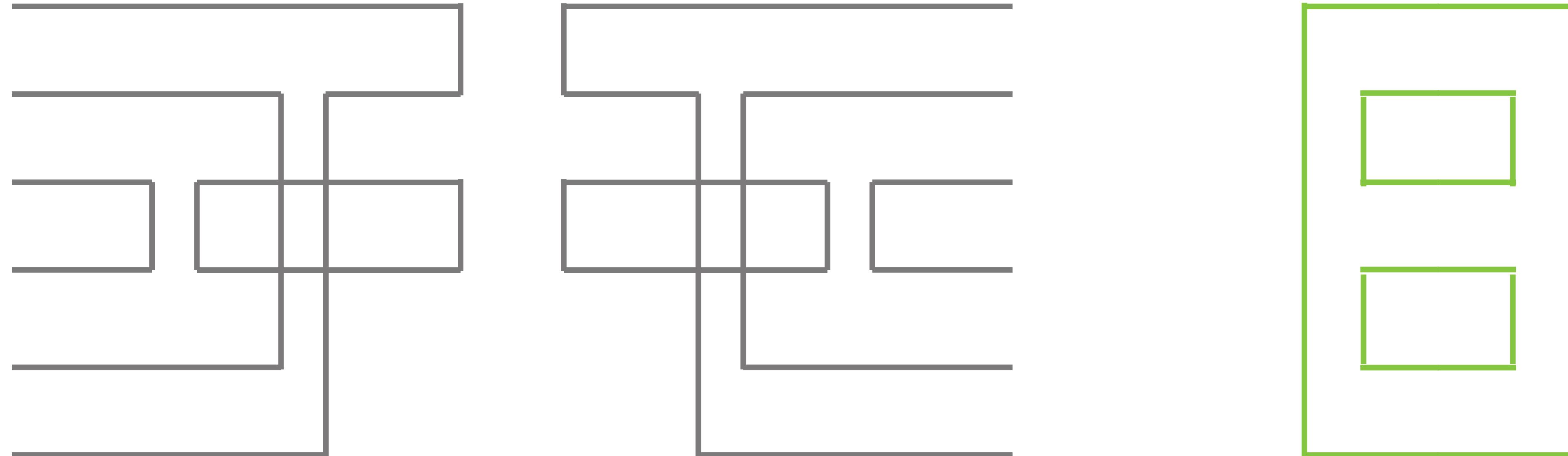
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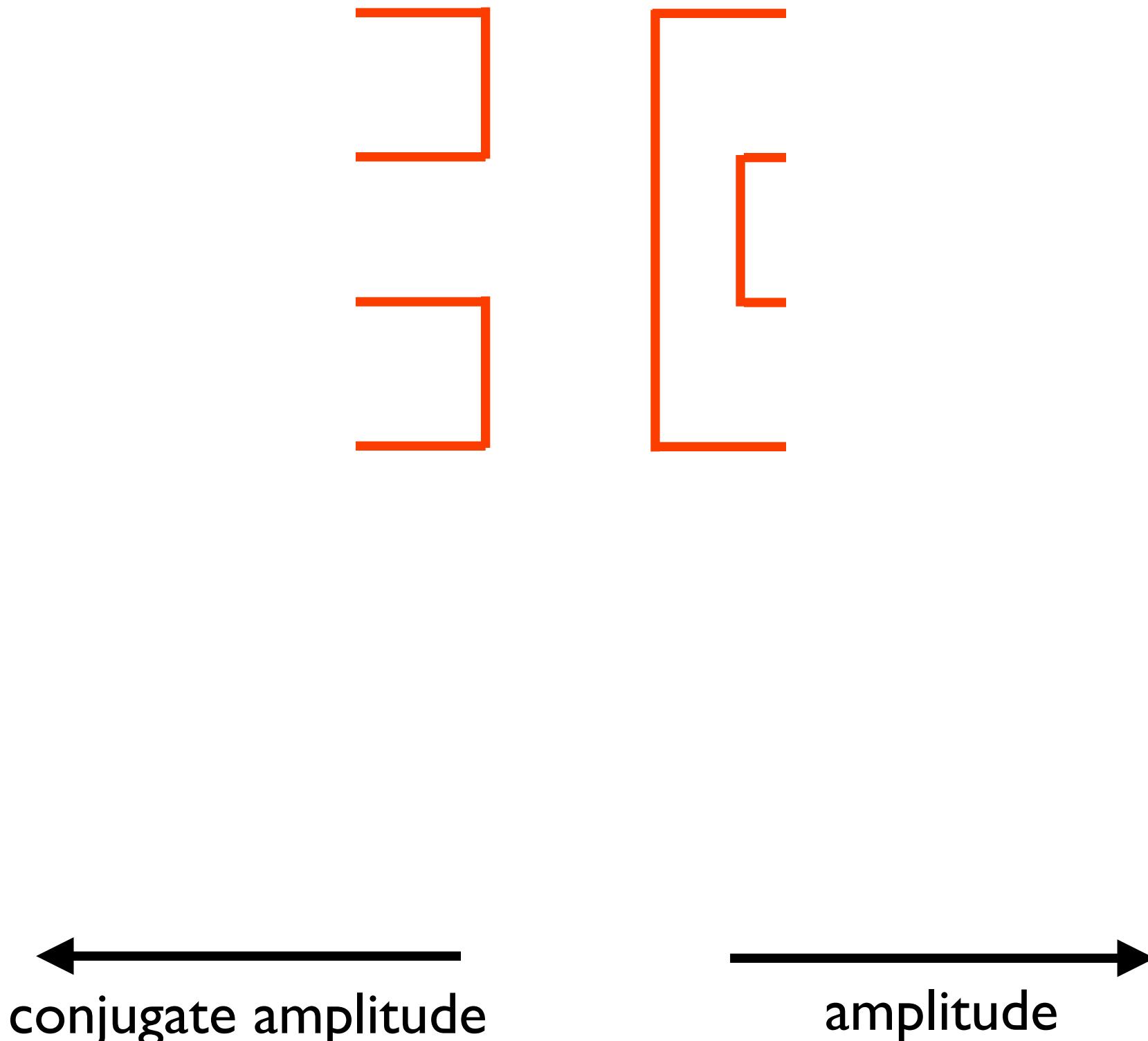
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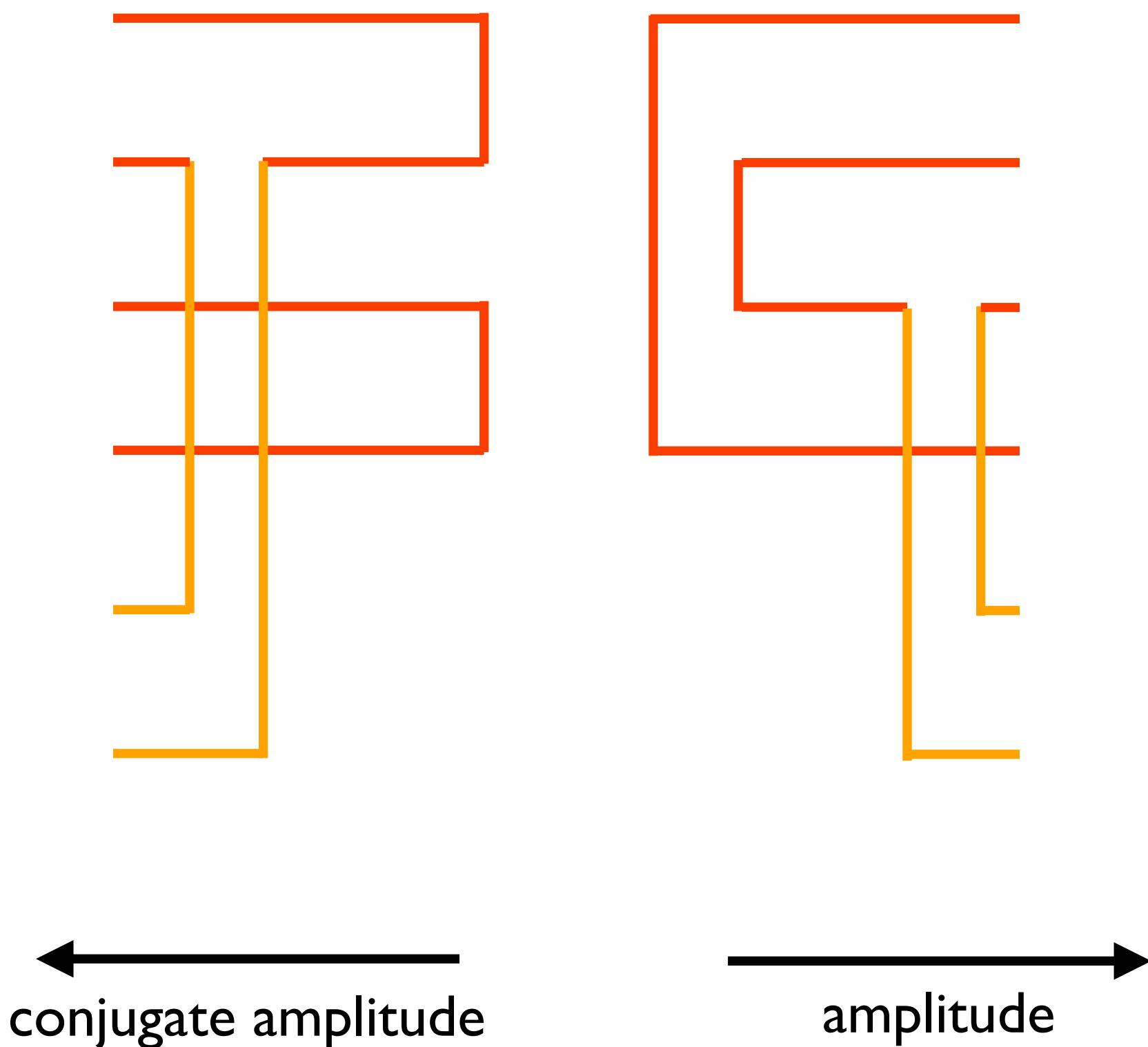
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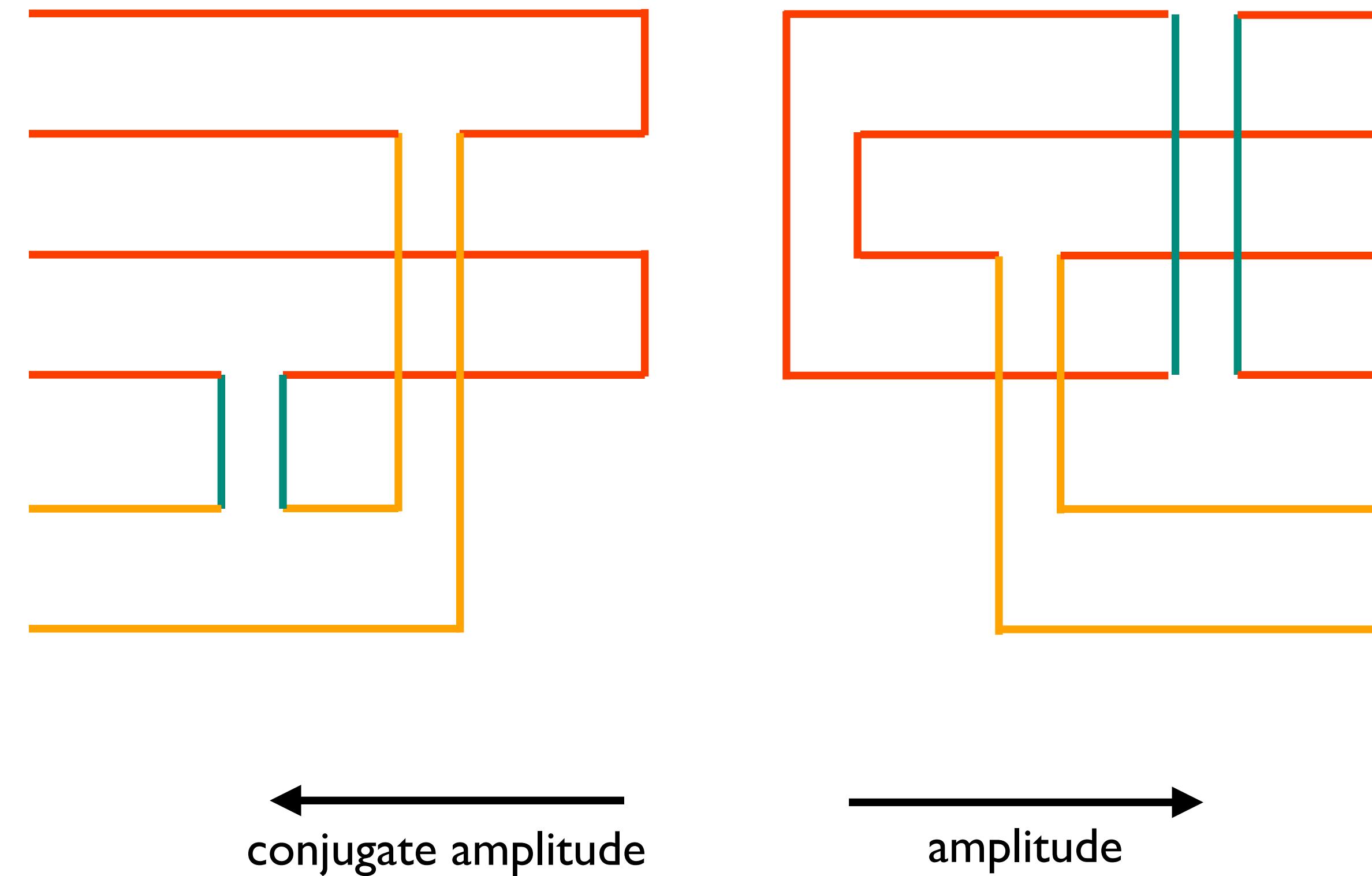
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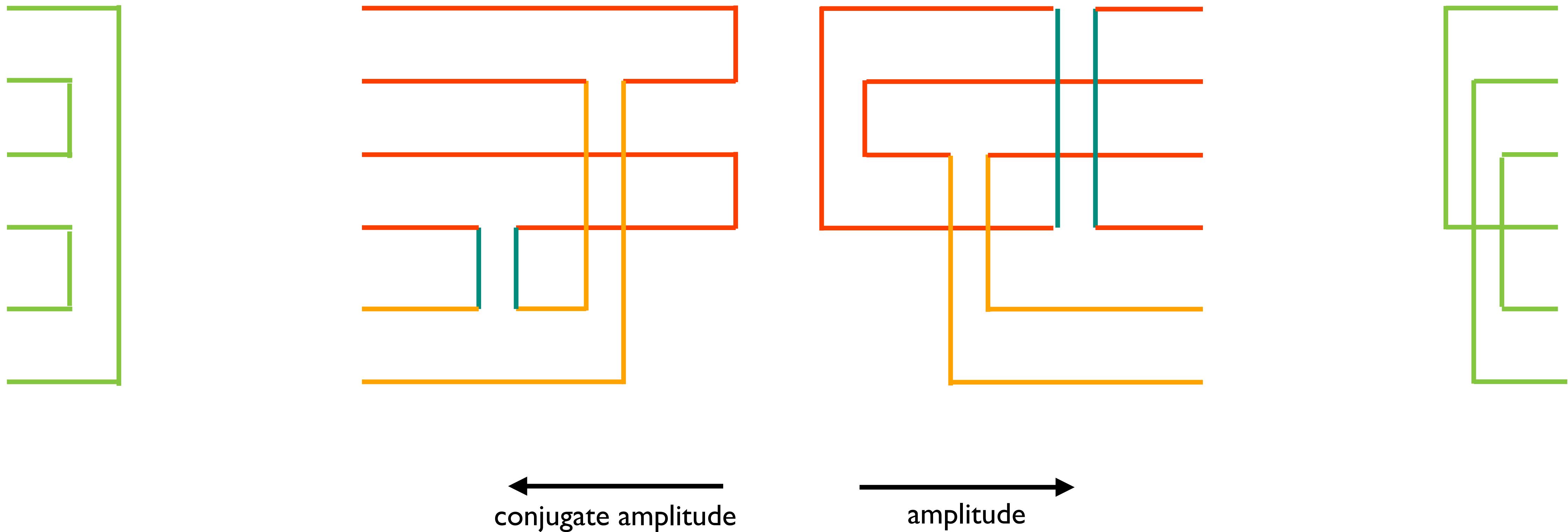
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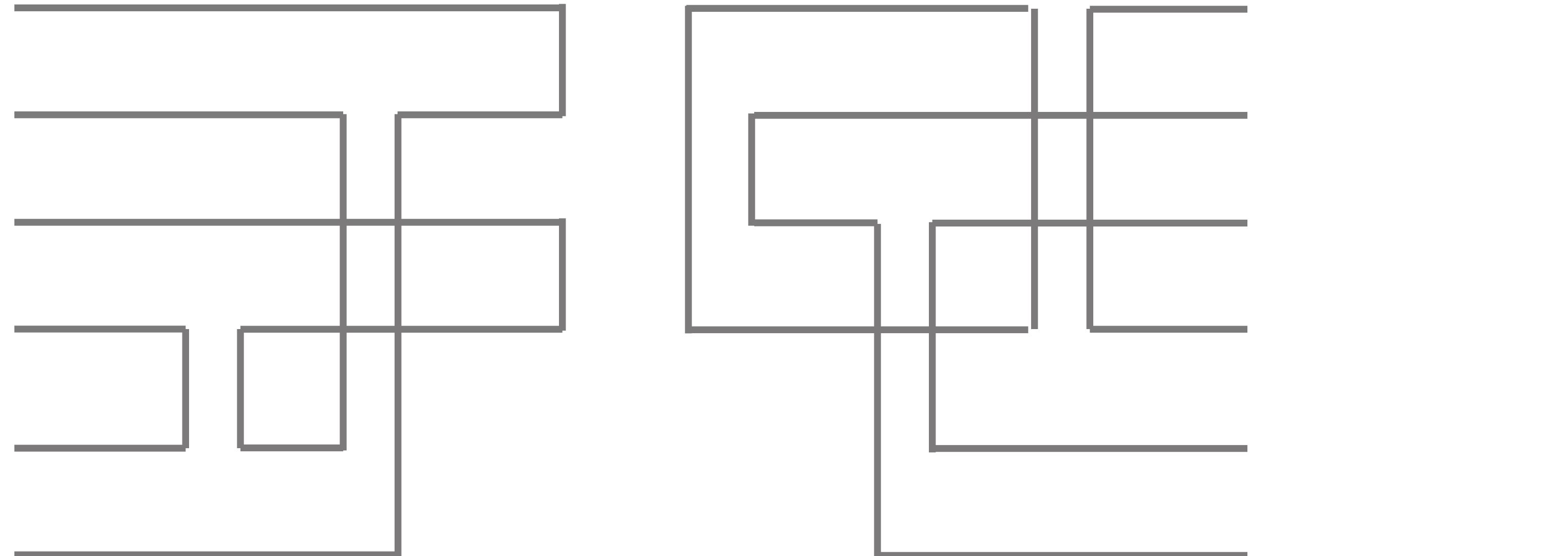
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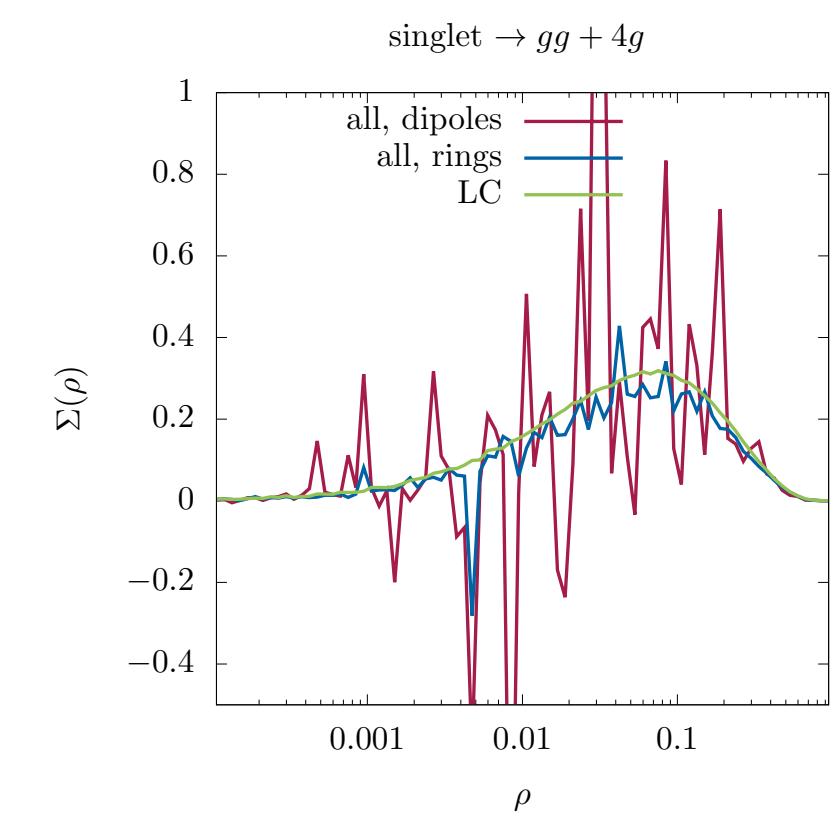
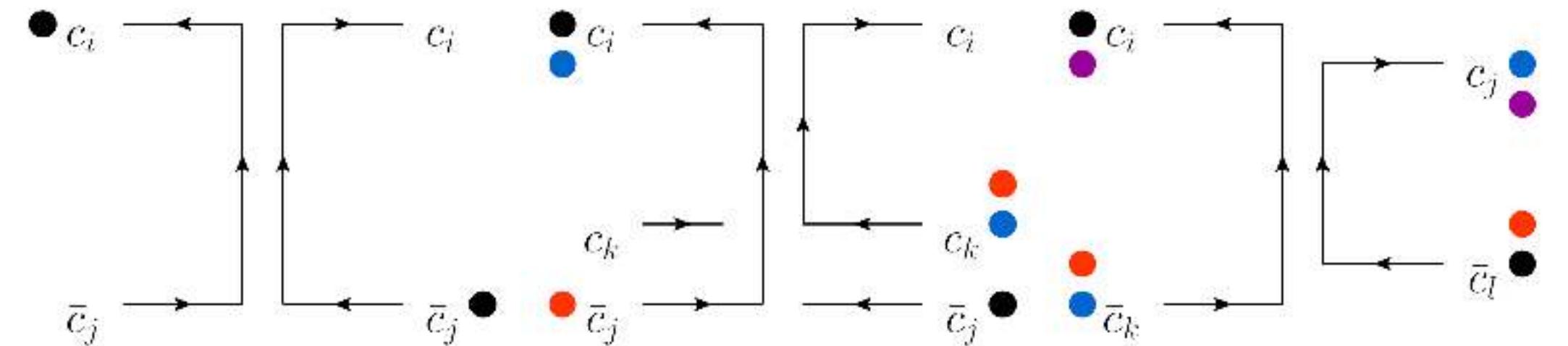
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Understand basis functions beyond large-N.  
Shows how to sample colour flows.

Same “ring” & “string” patterns present in gluon exchanges — subleading or free of collinear singularities.

[Plätzer — '13] [Holguin, Forshaw, Plätzer — '21]



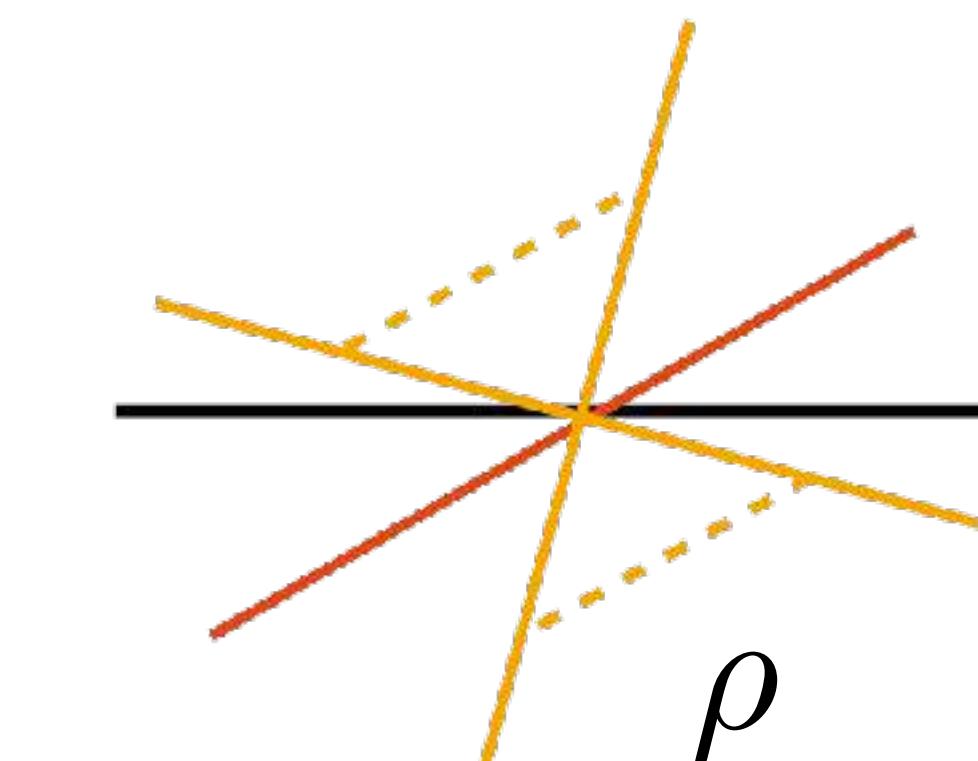
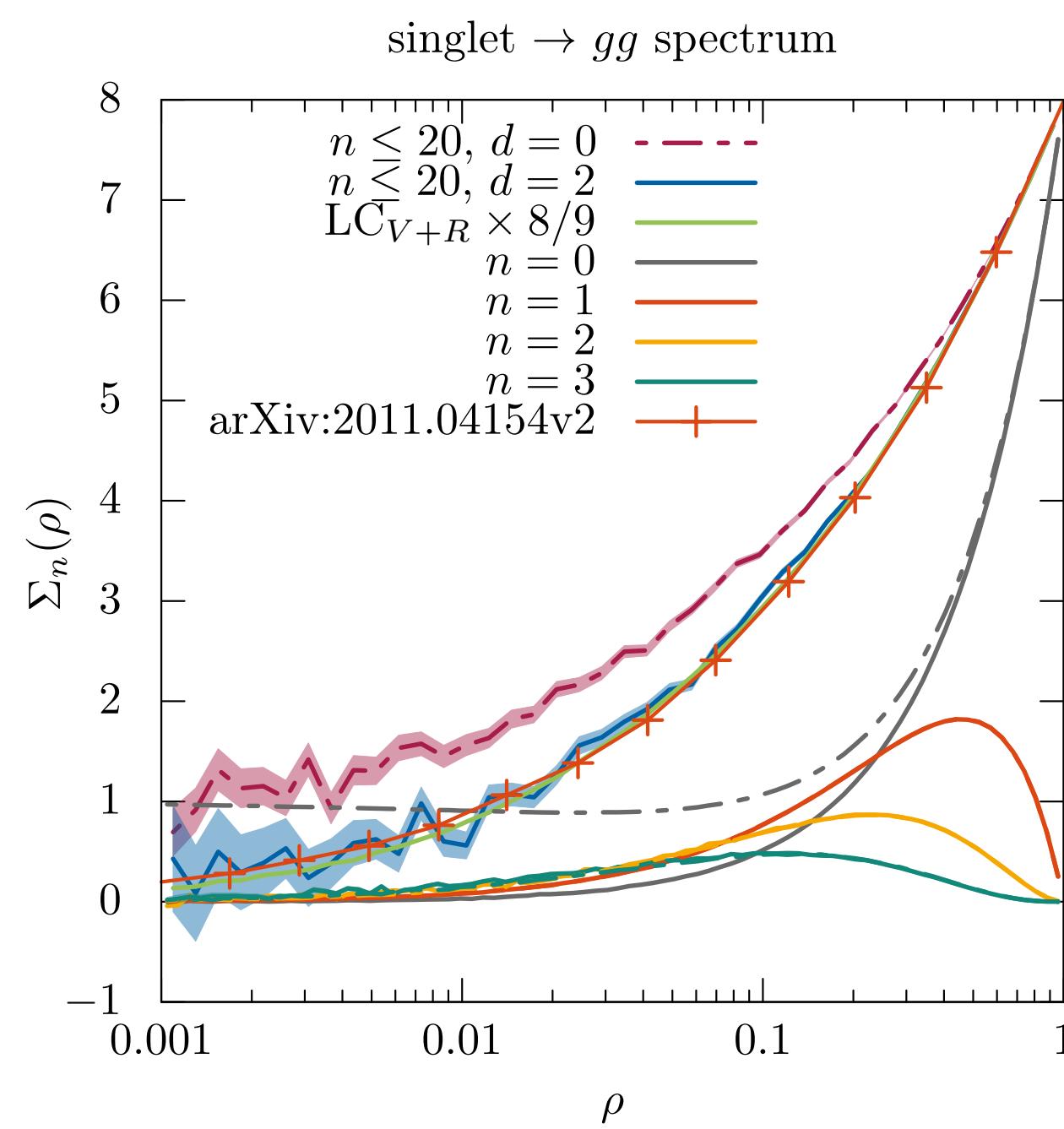
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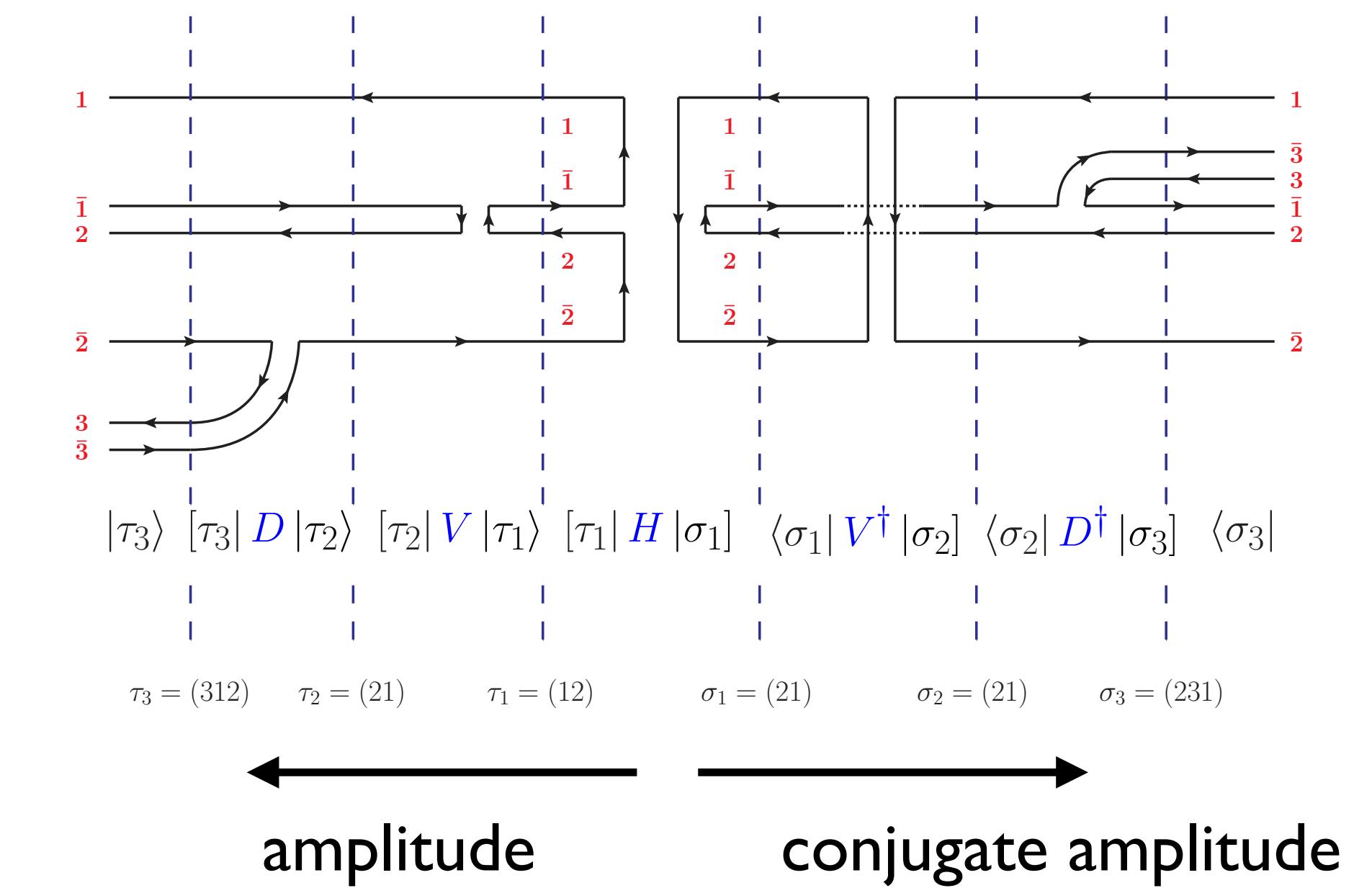
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[De Angelis, Forshaw, Plätzer '21]  
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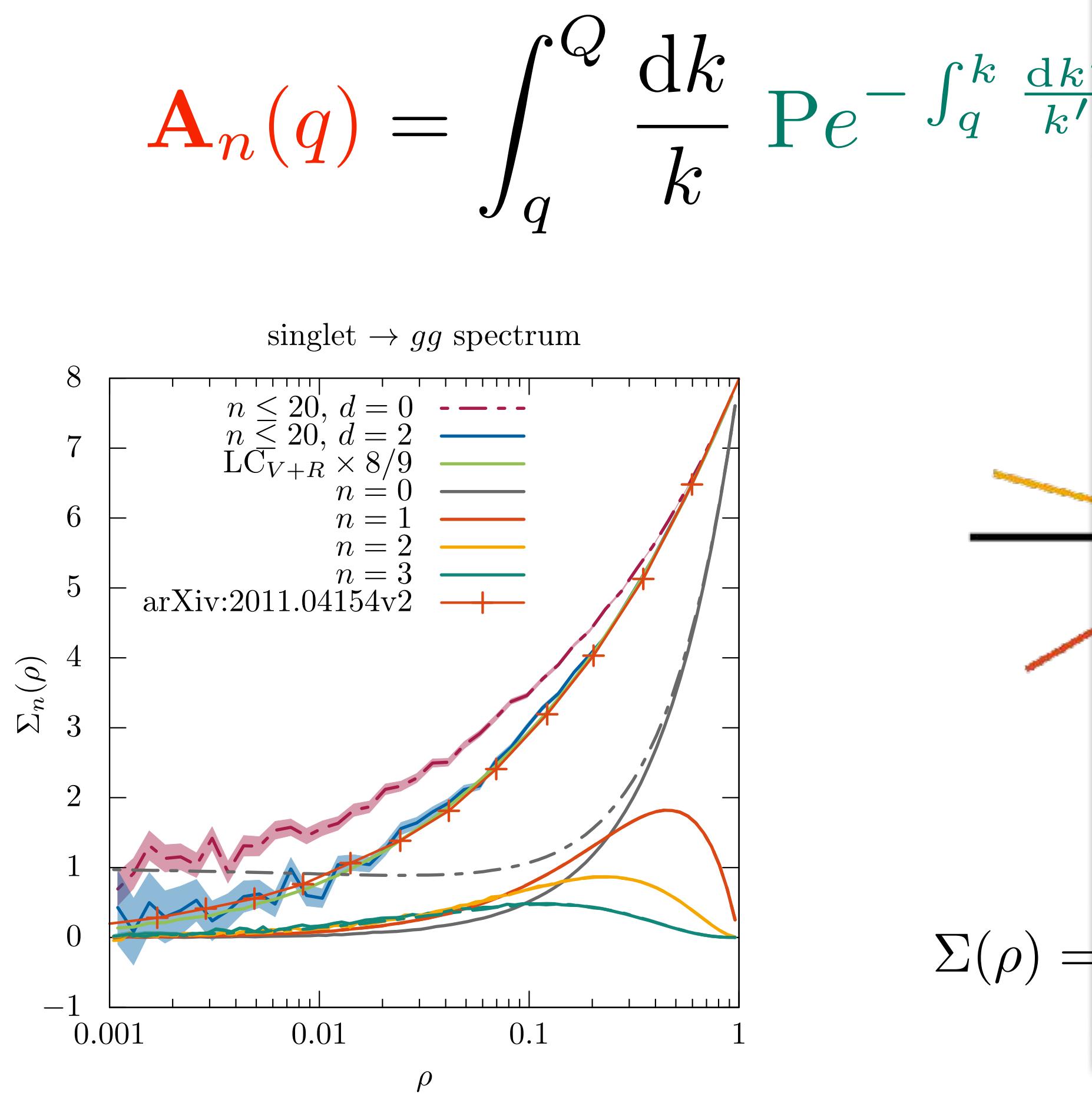
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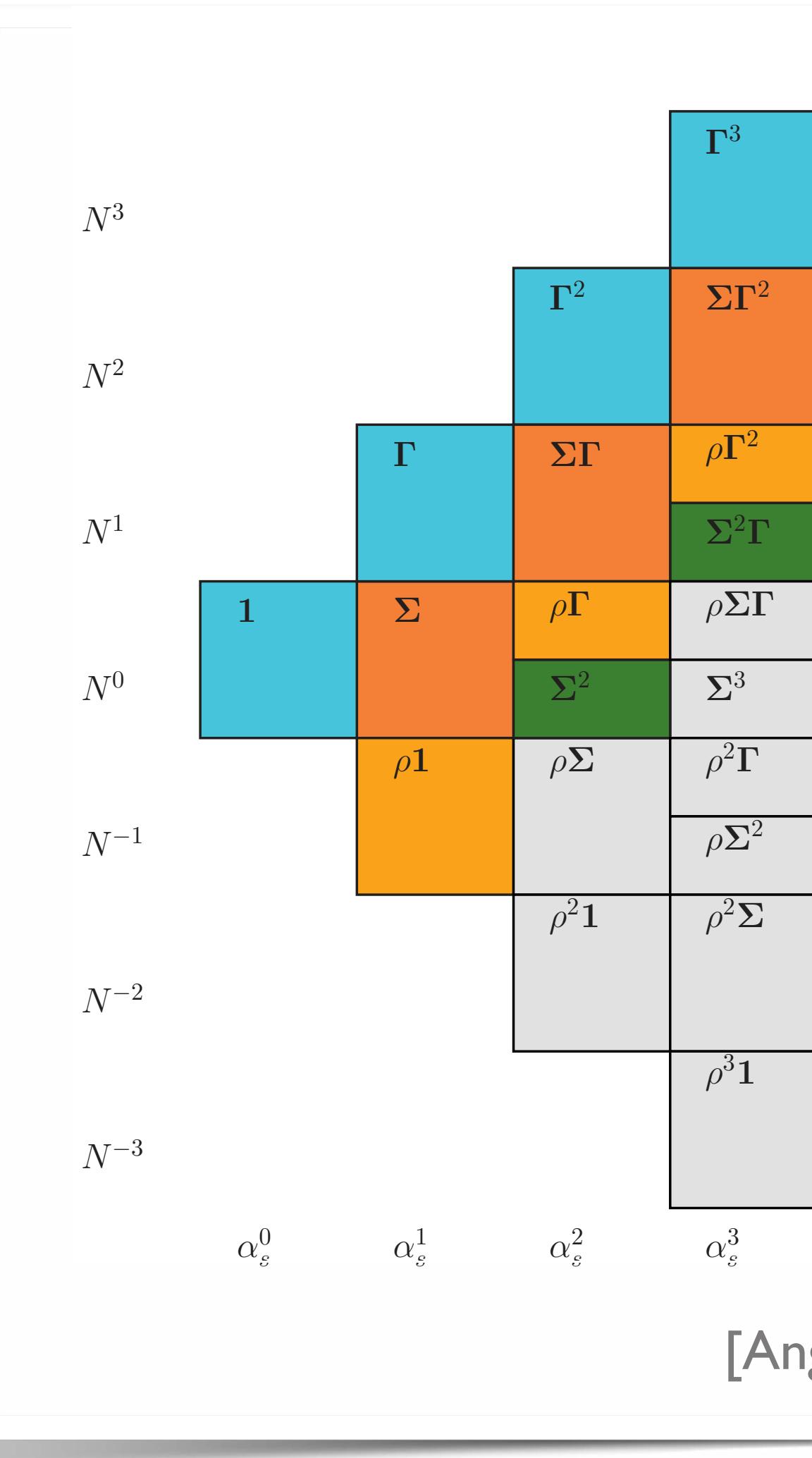
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[Angeles, De Angelis, Forshaw, Plätzer, Seymour – '18]

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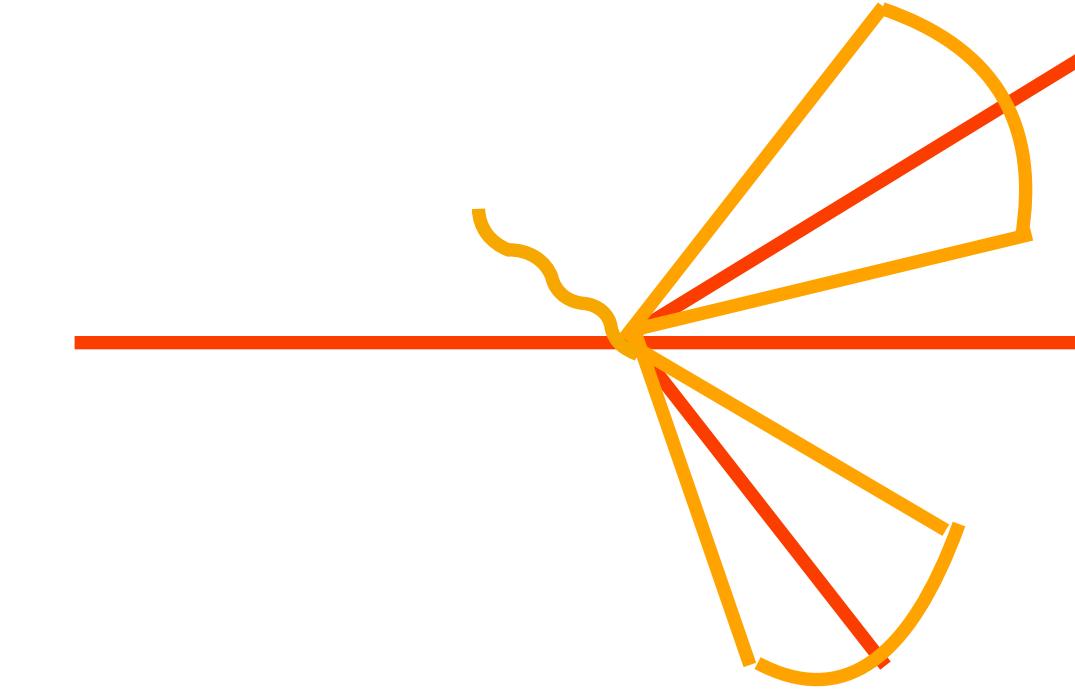
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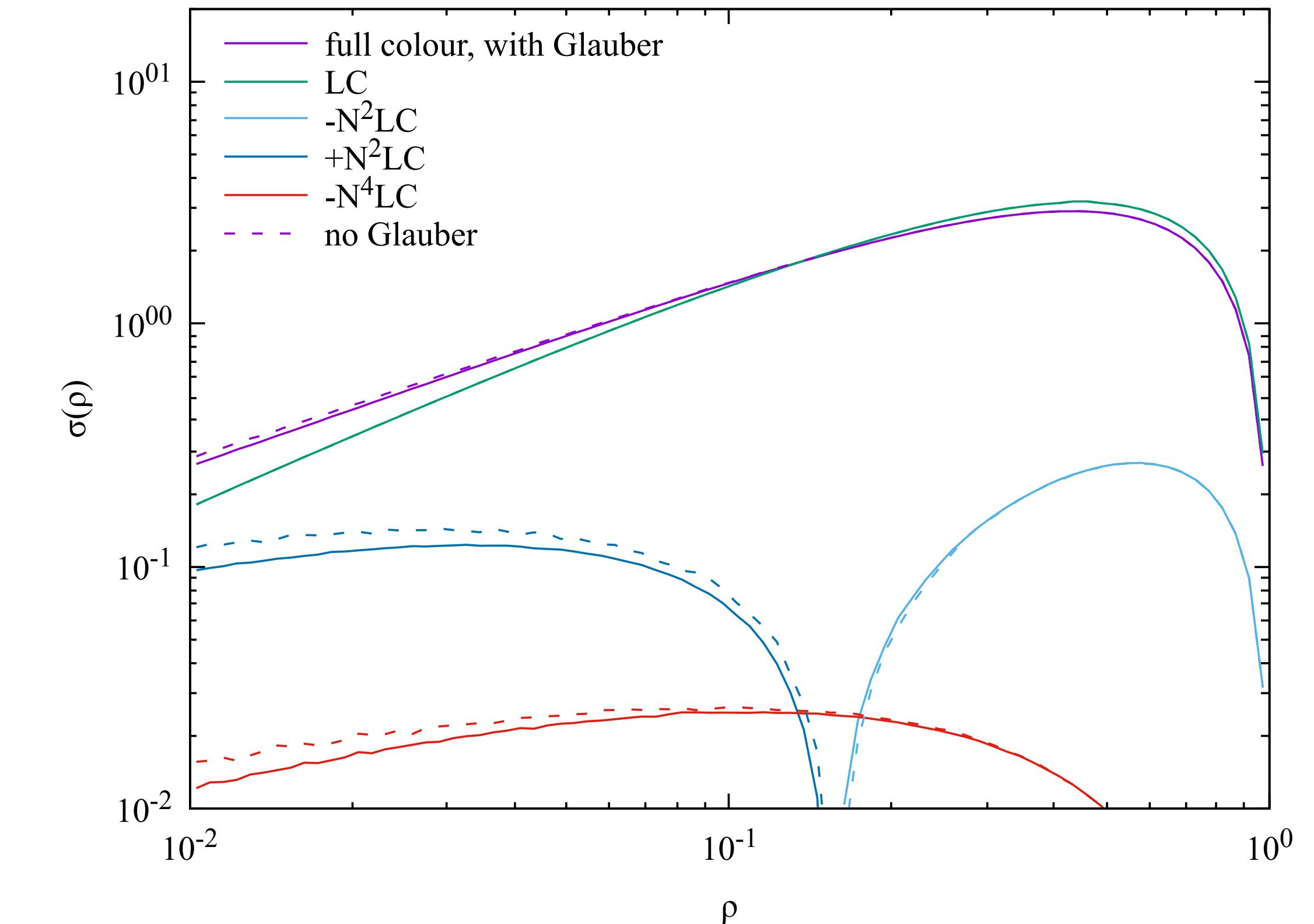
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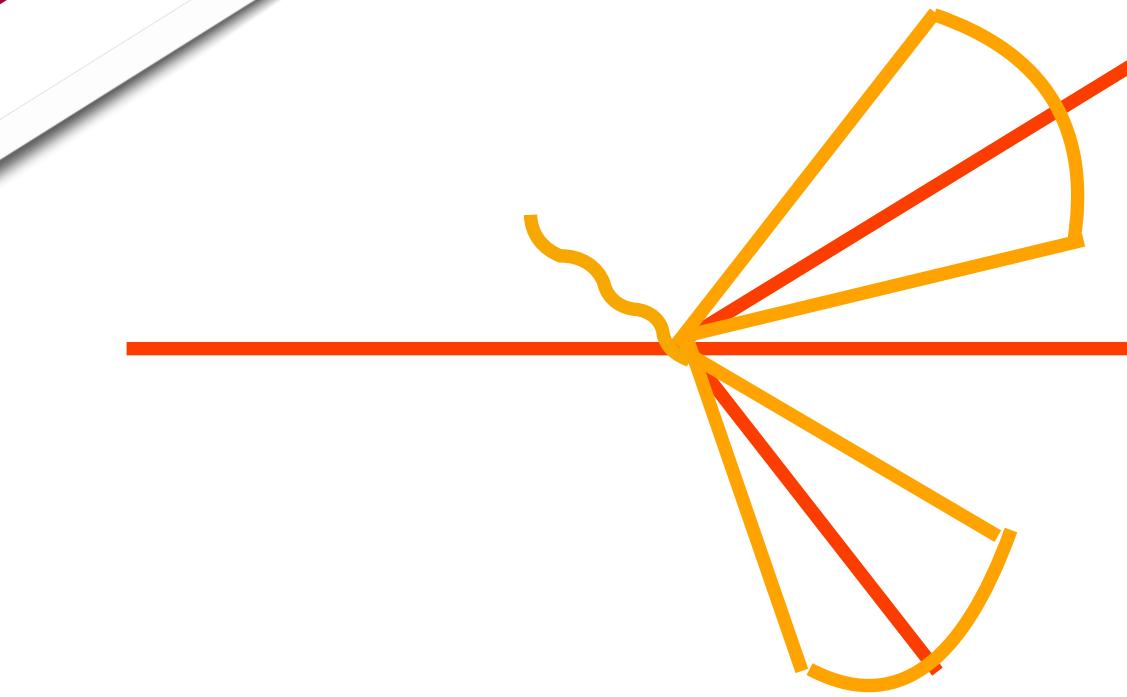
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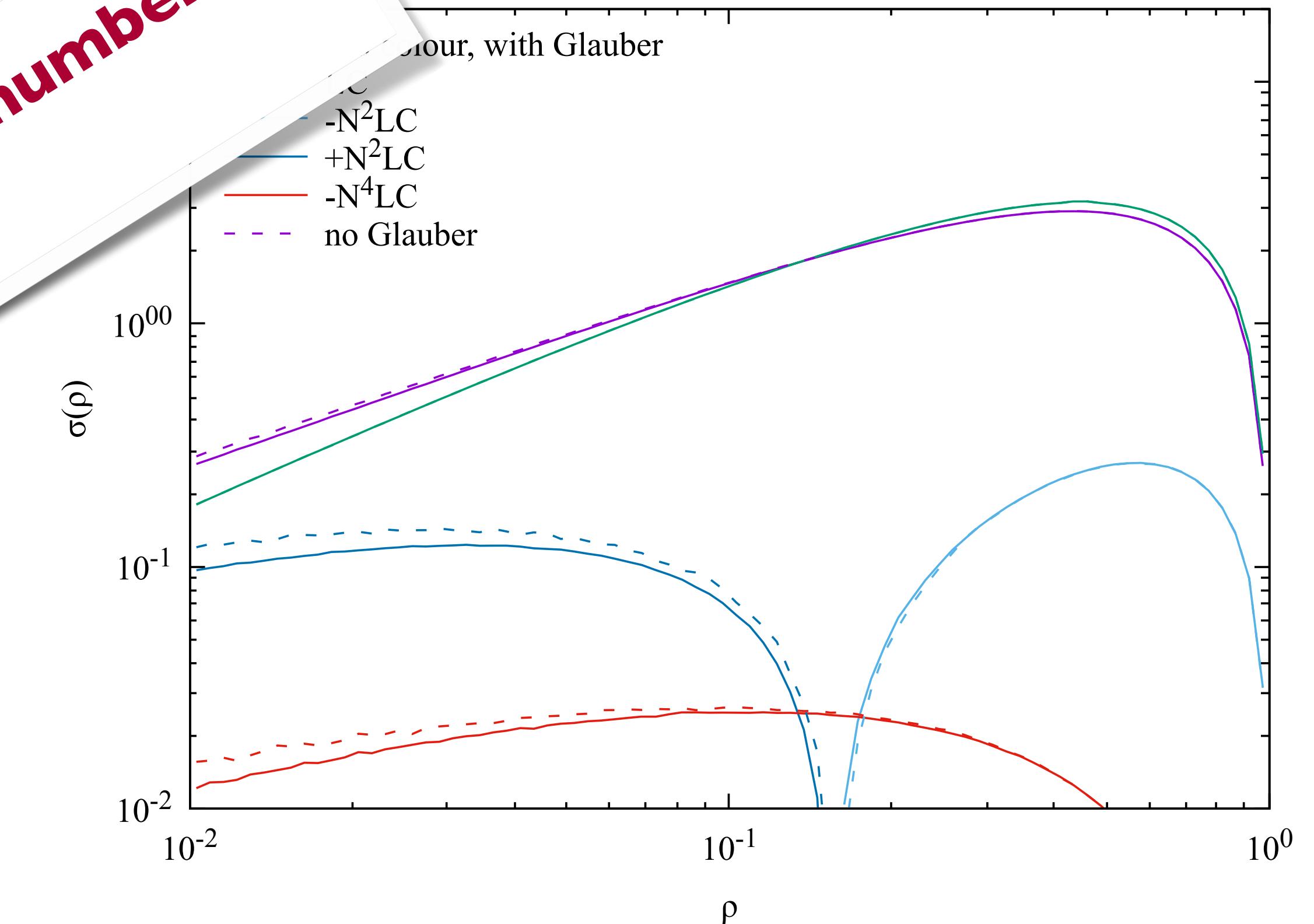
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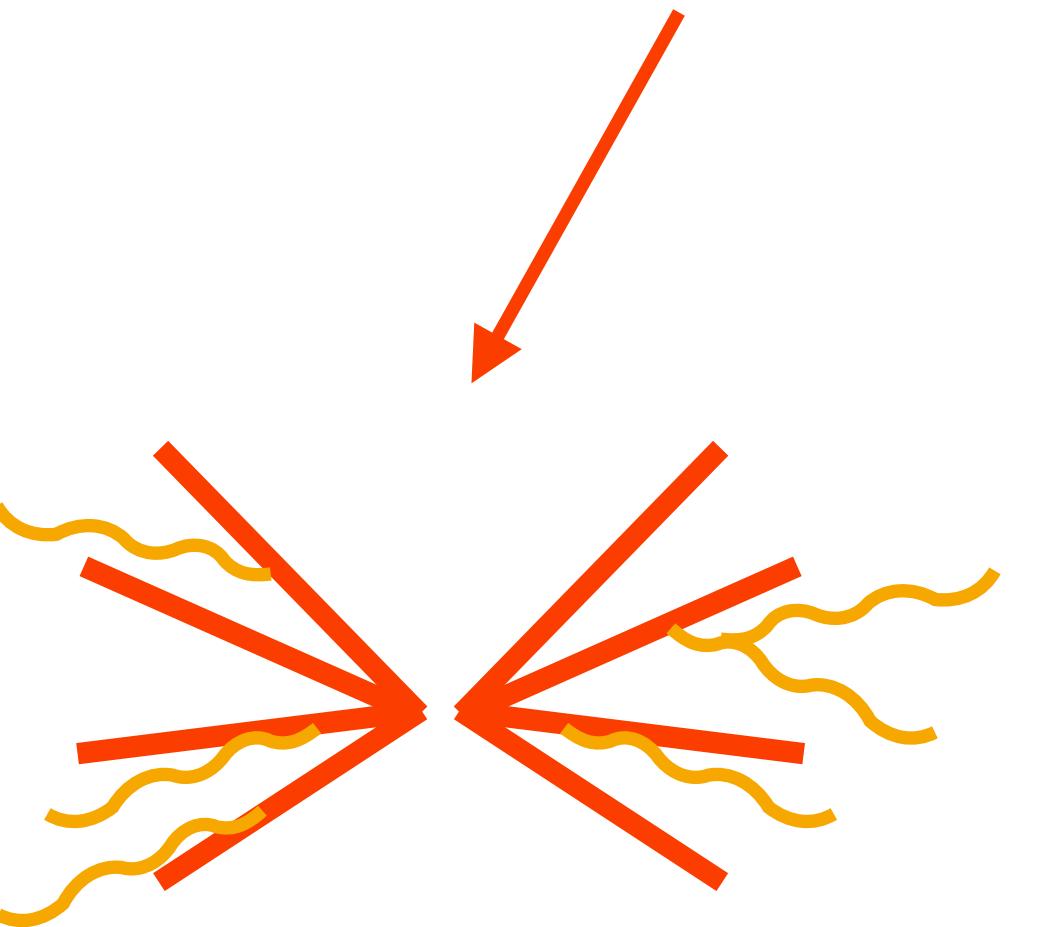
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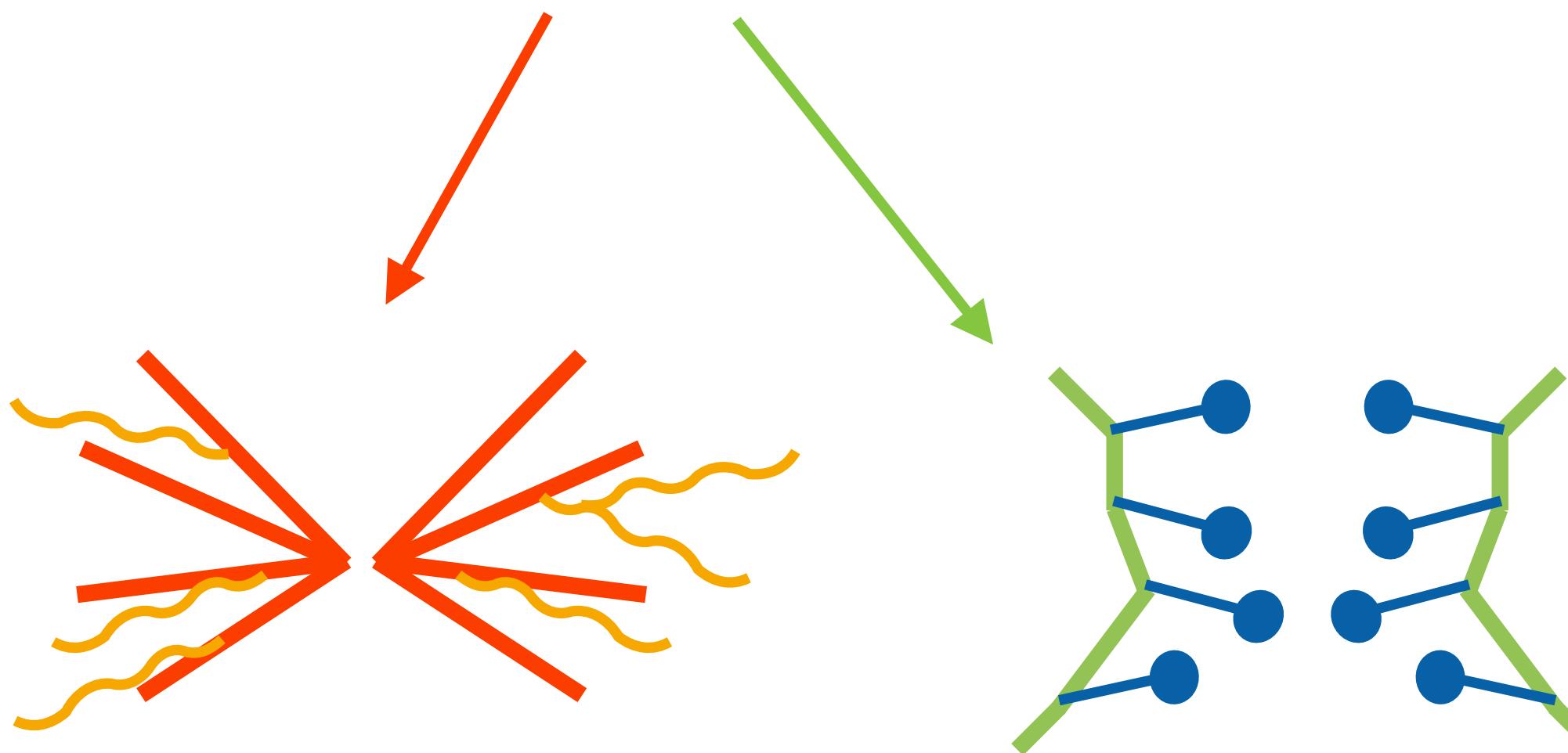
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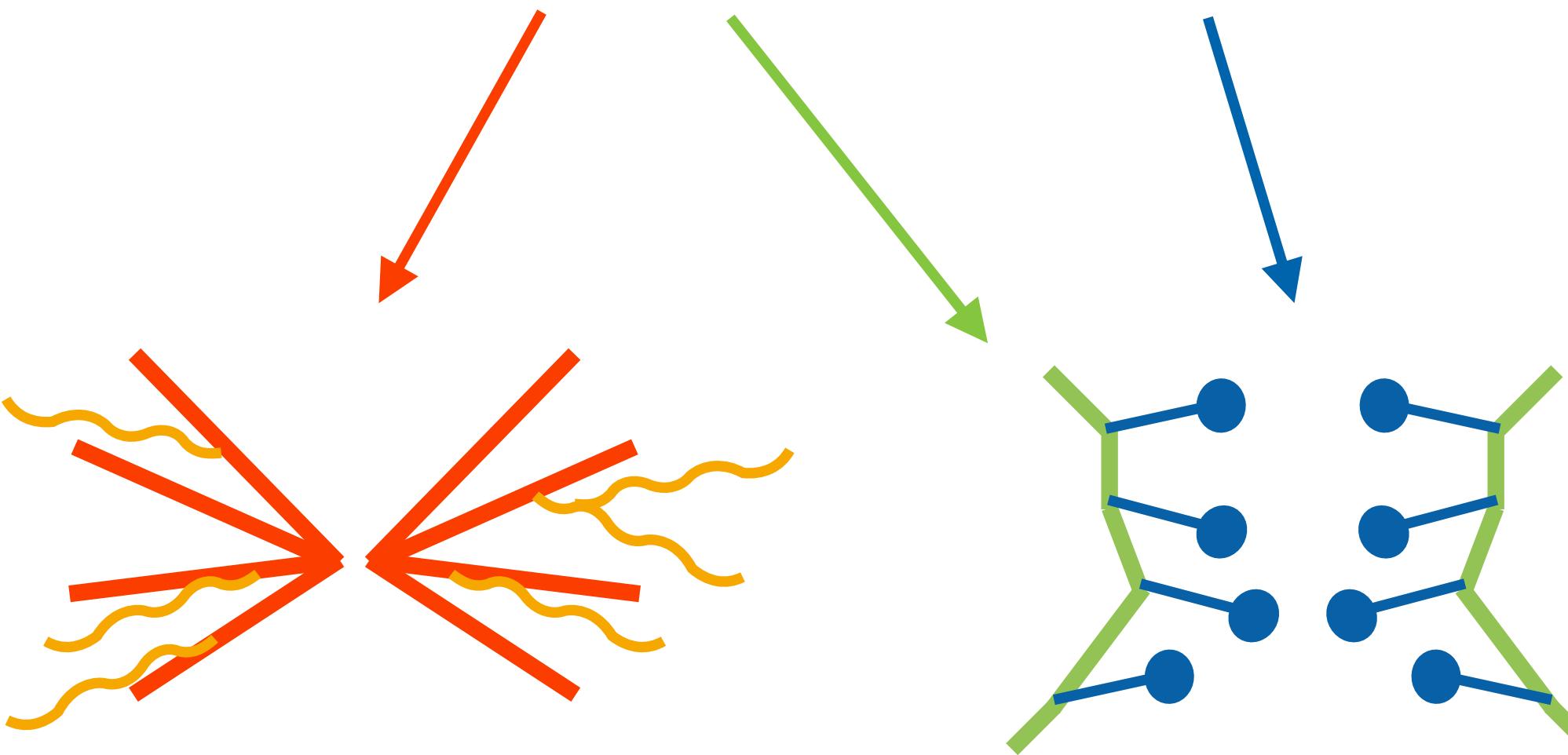
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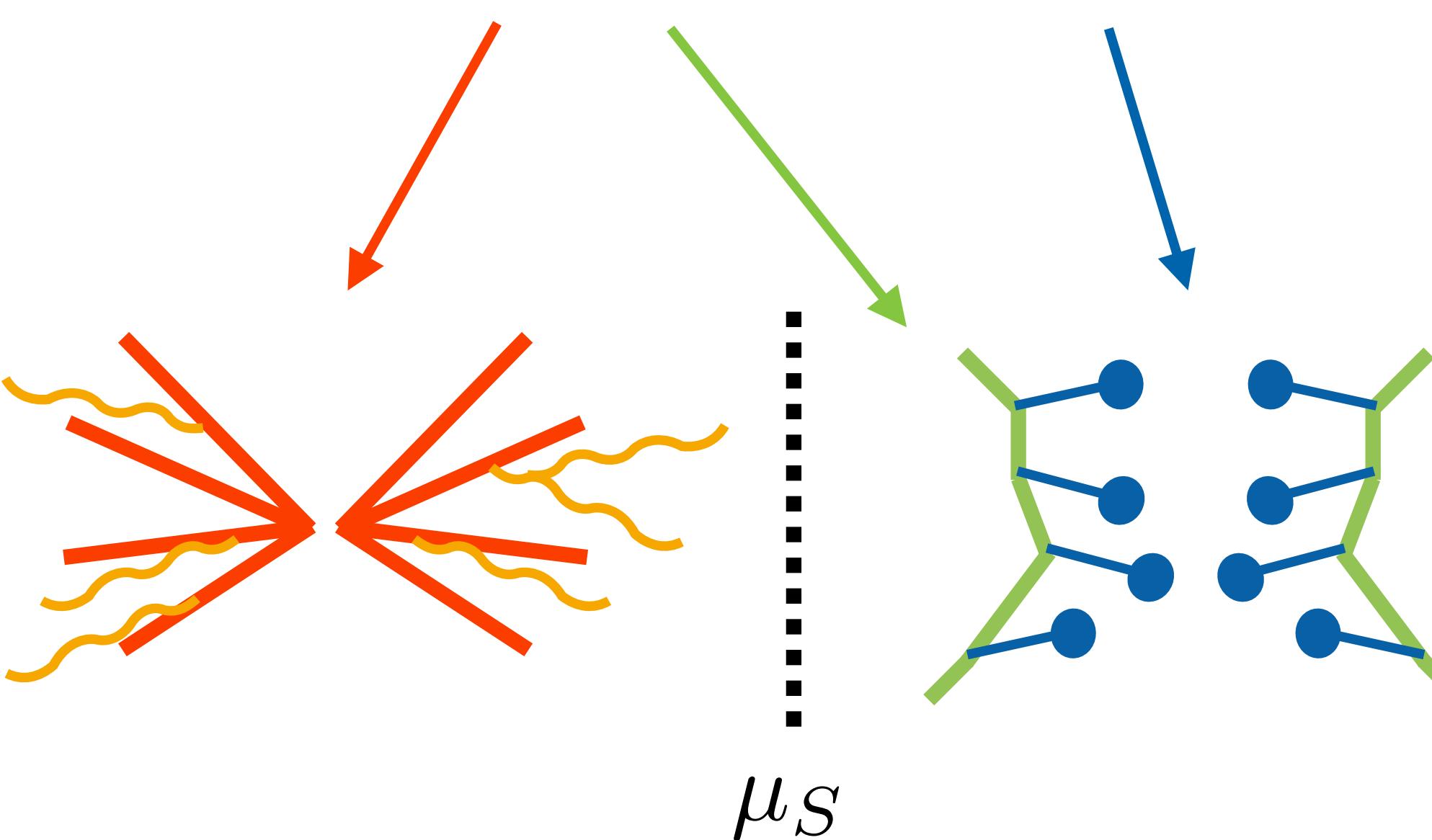
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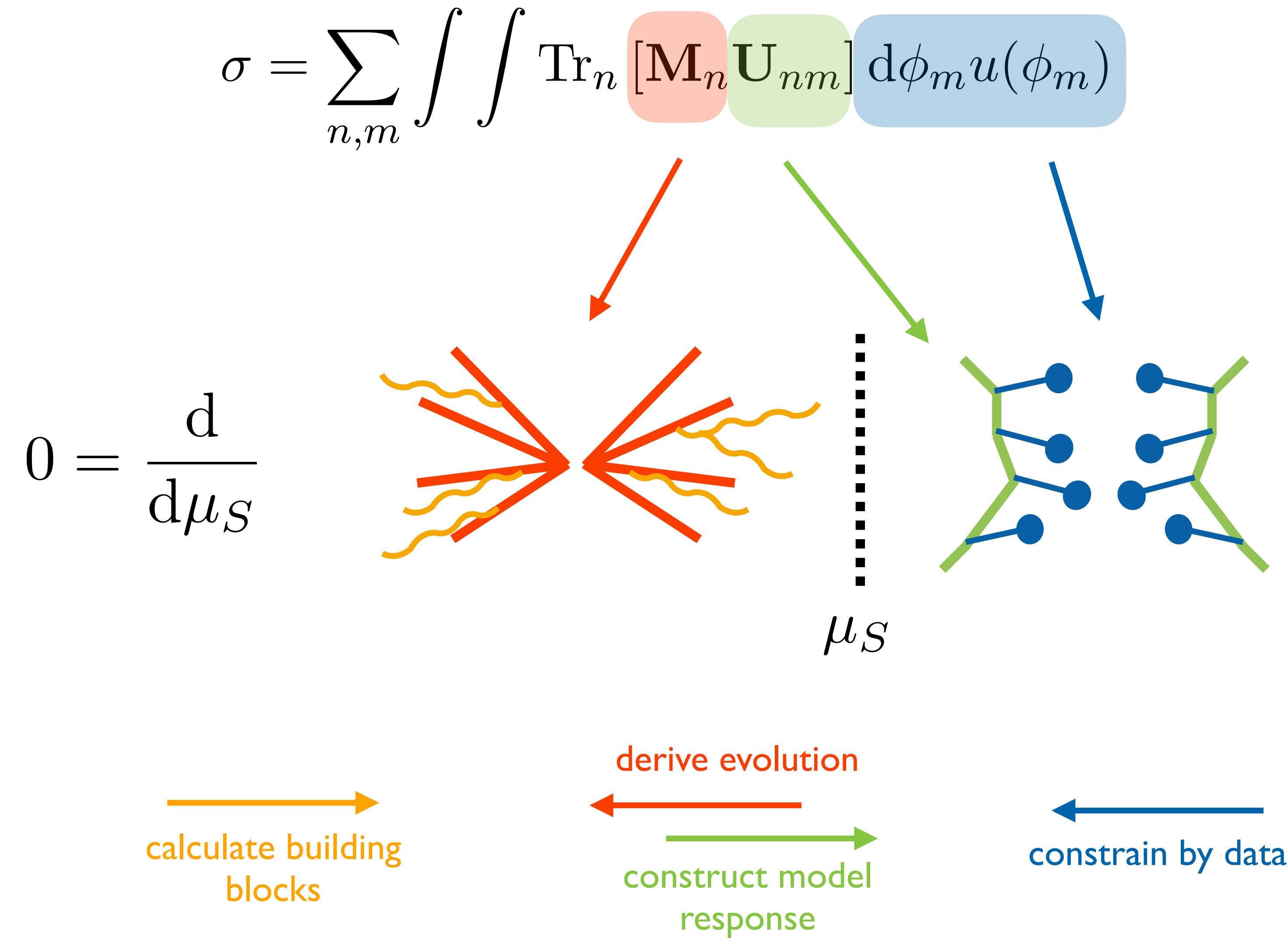
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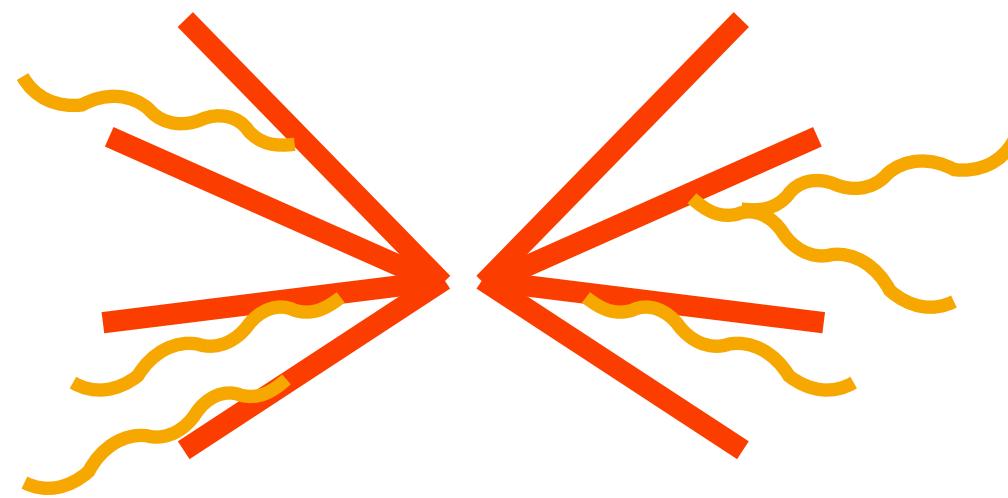
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Starting point: “renormalise” bare colour operators.

[Plätzer – JHEP 07 (2023) 126]

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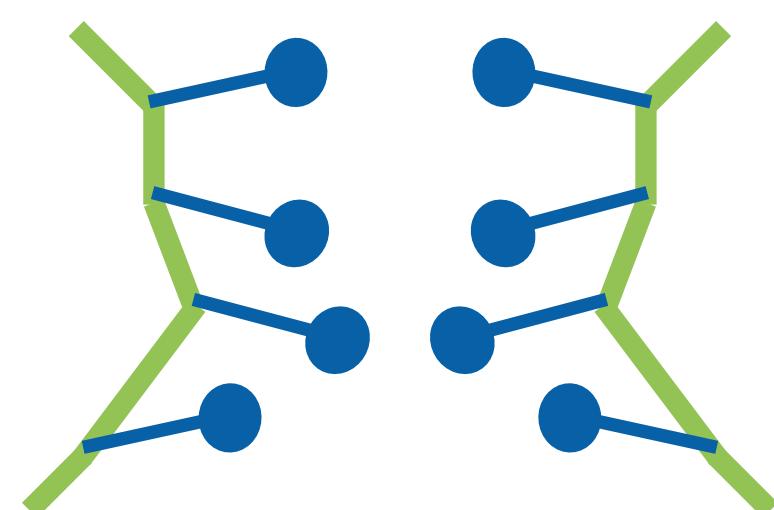
Subtract IR divergencies  
in unresolved regions

Re-arrange to resum  
IR enhancements

$$\mathbf{U}_n = \mathcal{X}_n [\mathbf{S}(\mu_S), \mu_S]$$

$$\mathbf{M}_n Z_g^n = \mathcal{Z}_n [\mathbf{A}(\mu_S), \mu_S]$$

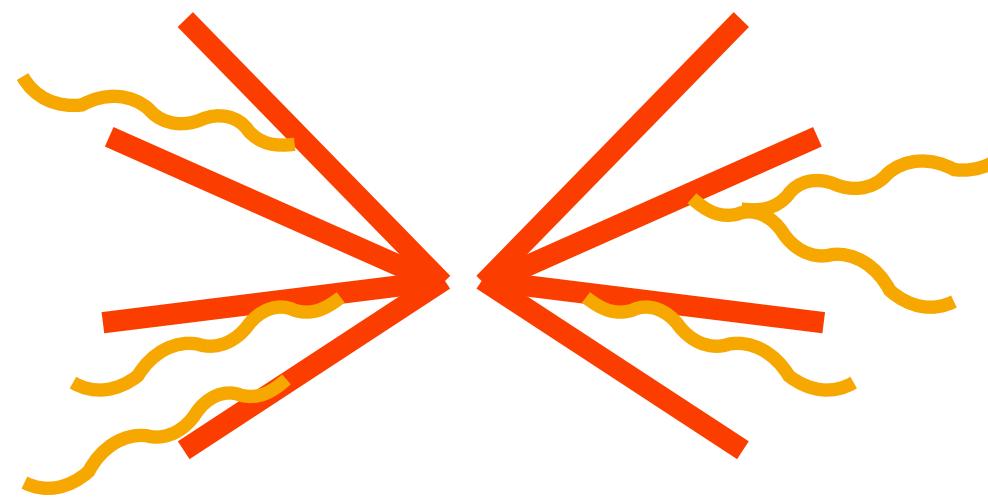
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- Even if we include explicit virtual contributions, a cutoff is present. This is independent of the UV renormalisation scheme, and impacts the structure of the resummation.

[Plätzer – (slow) progress]

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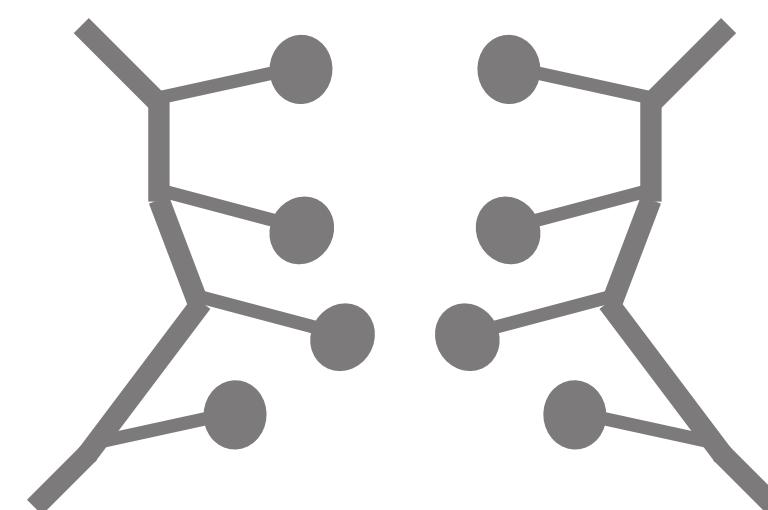


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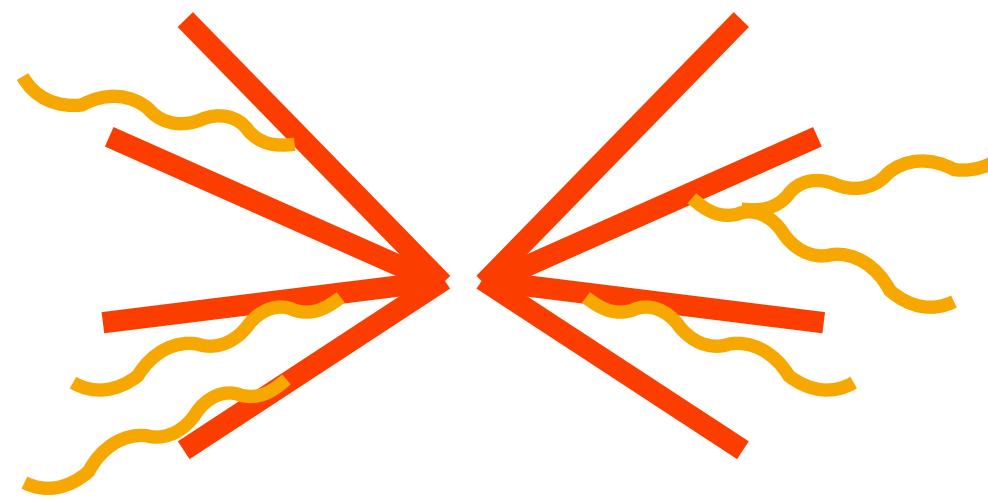
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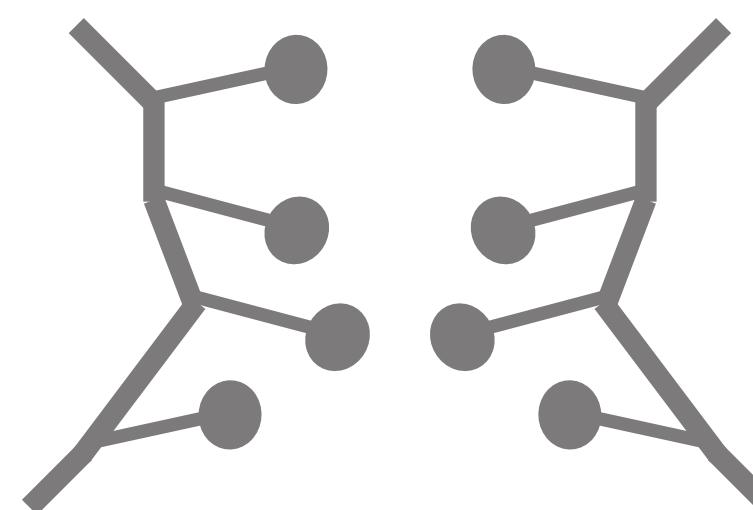
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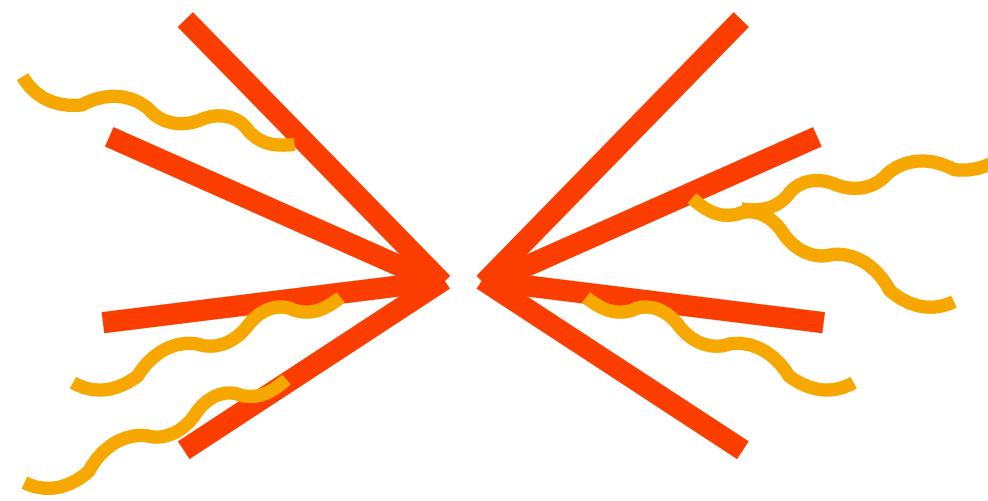


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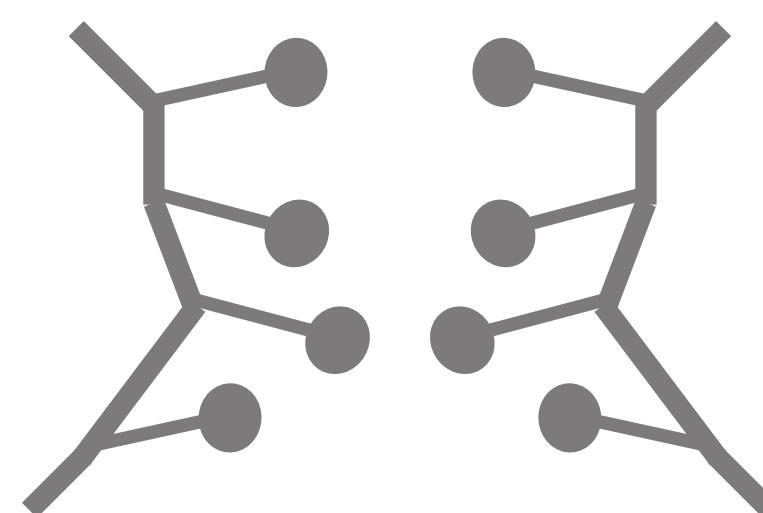
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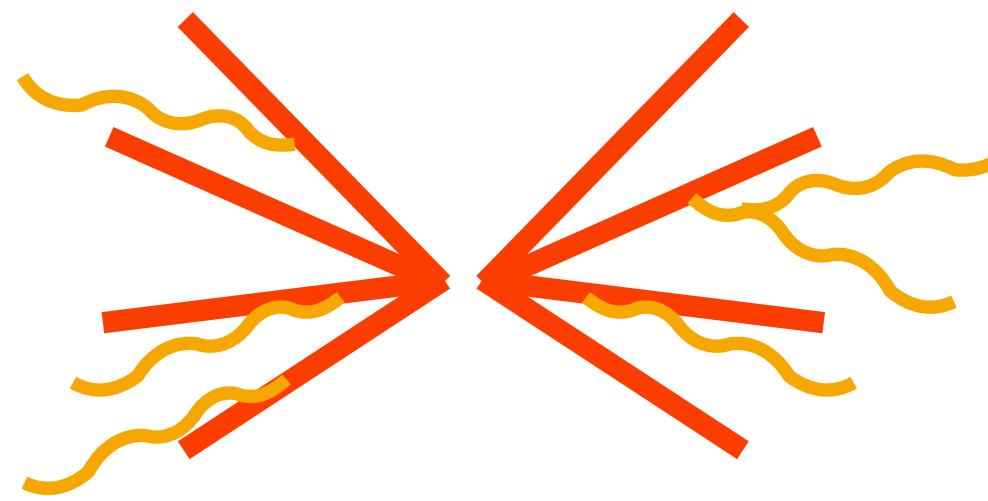
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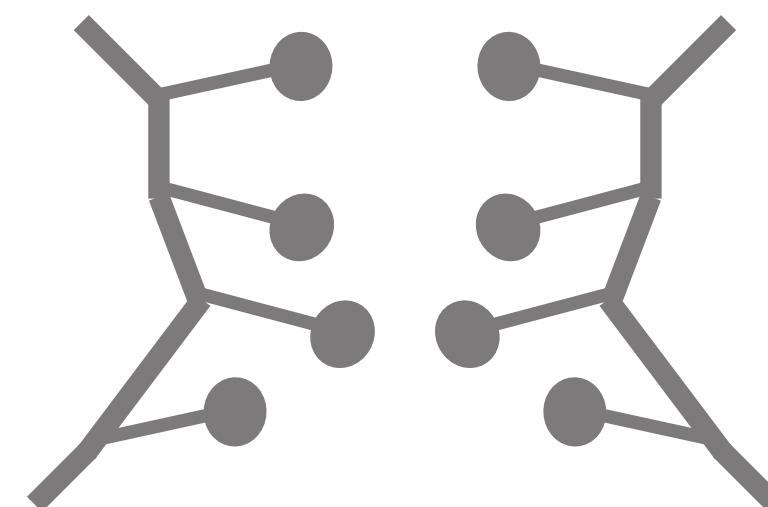
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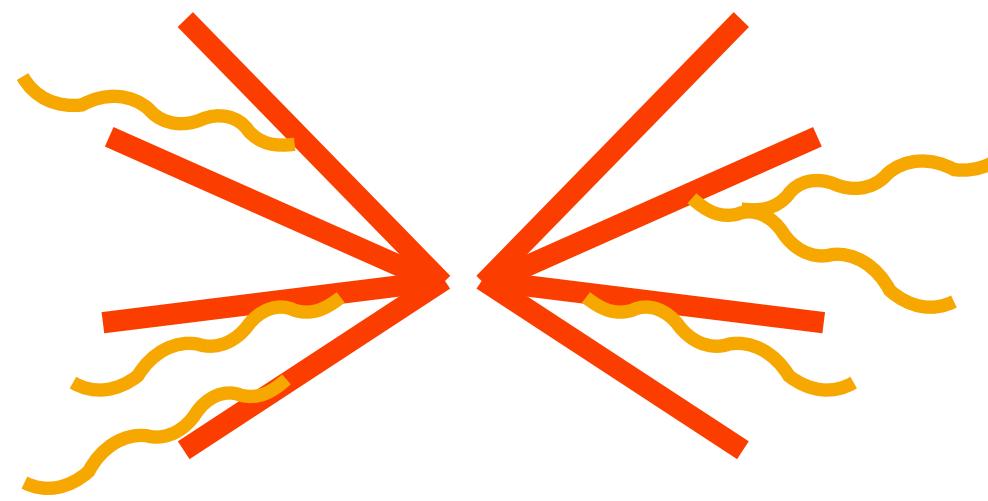
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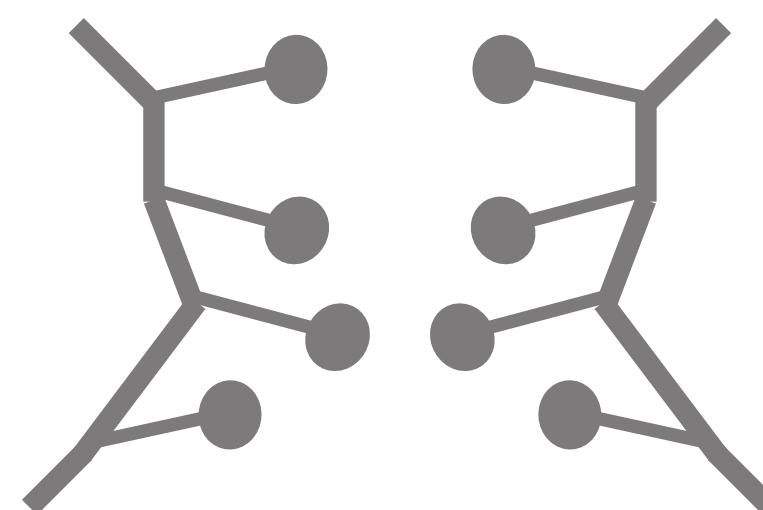
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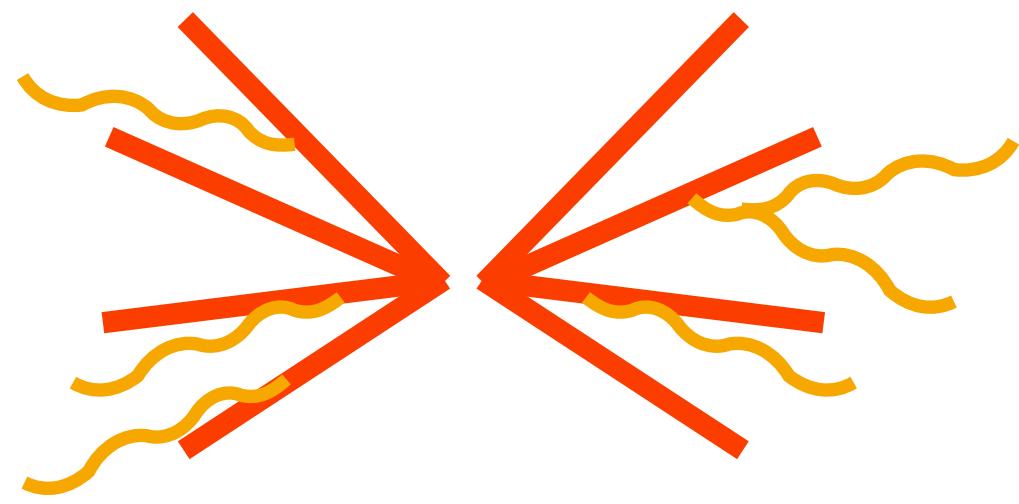
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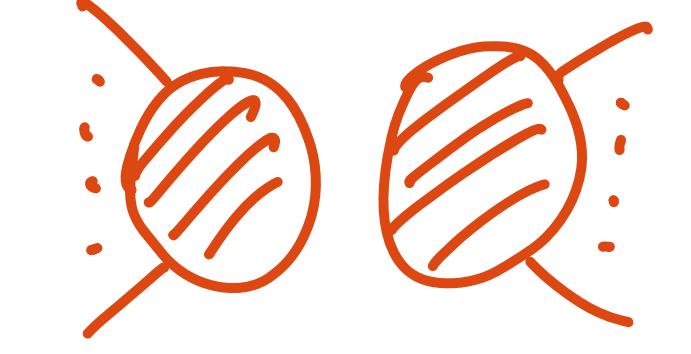
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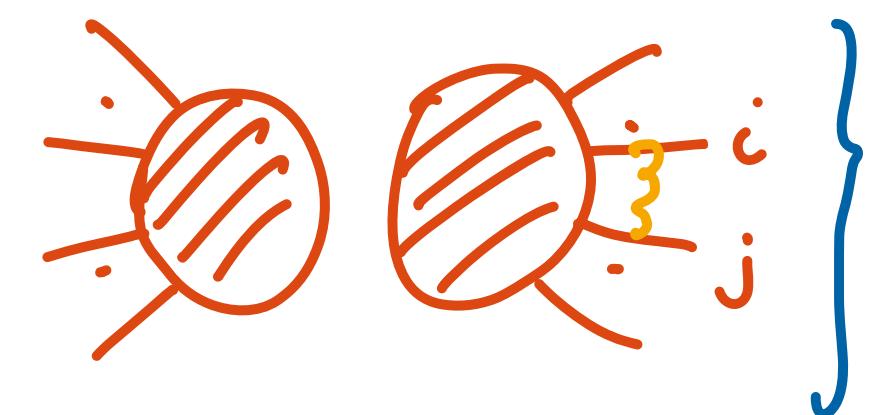


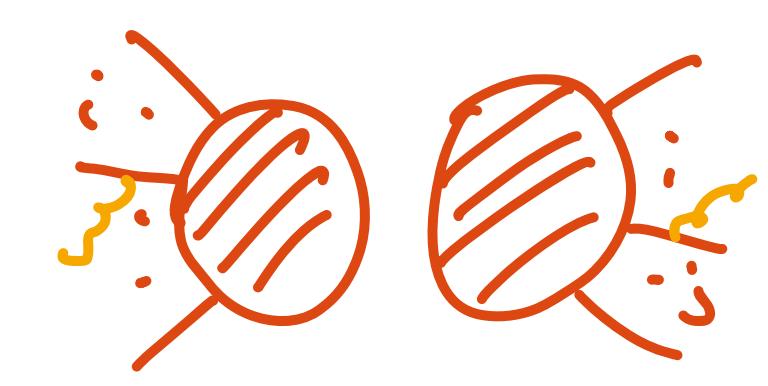
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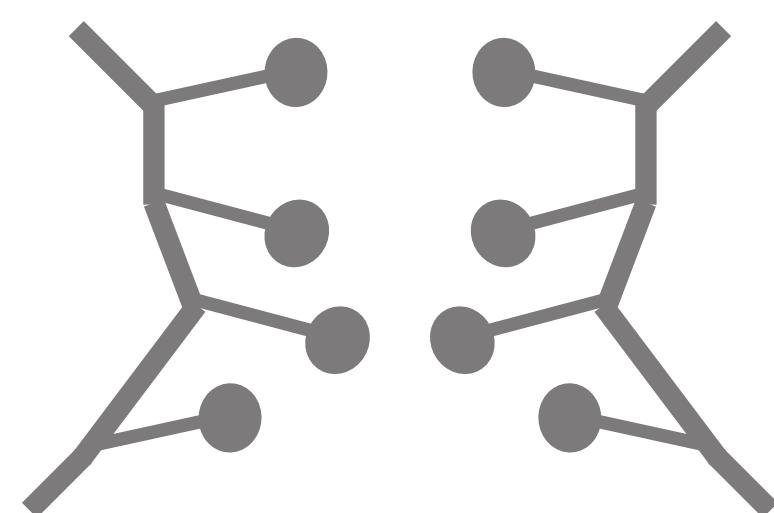
# The role of the IR cutoff



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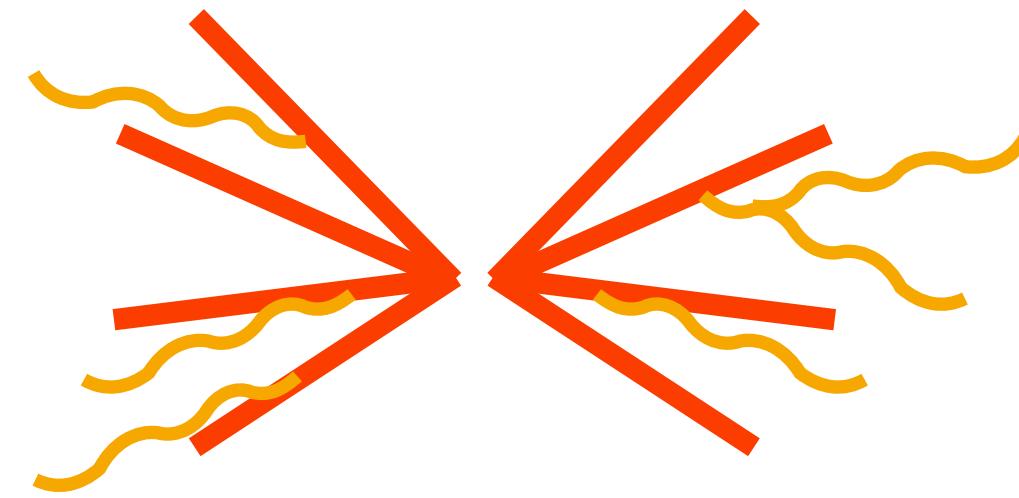
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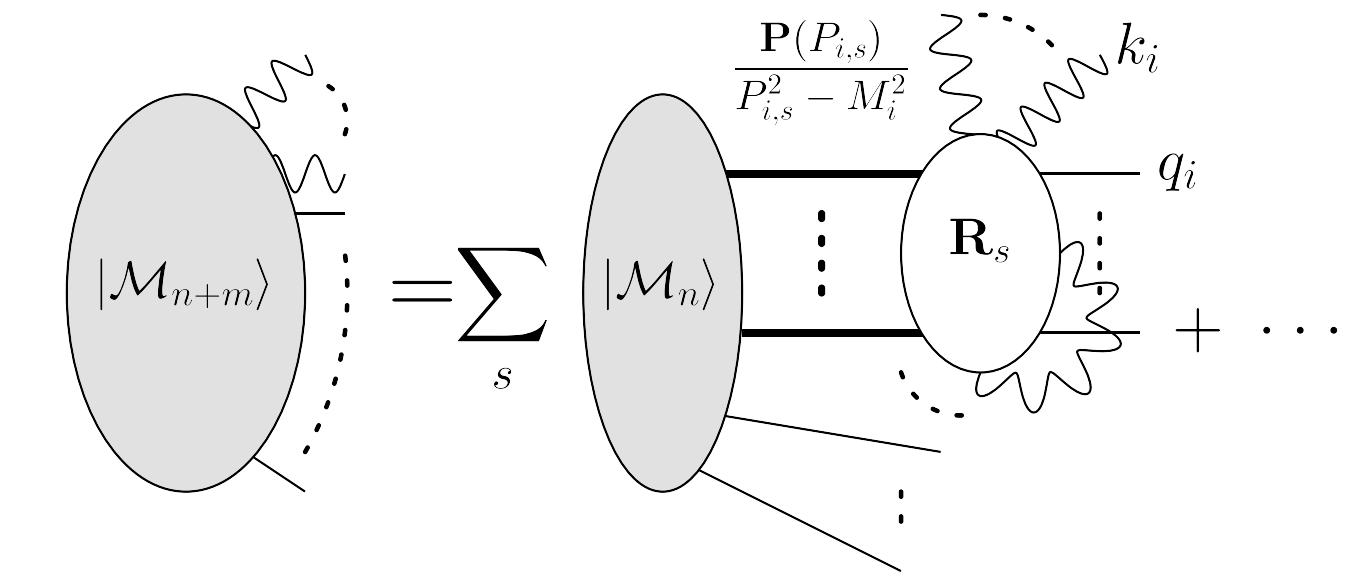
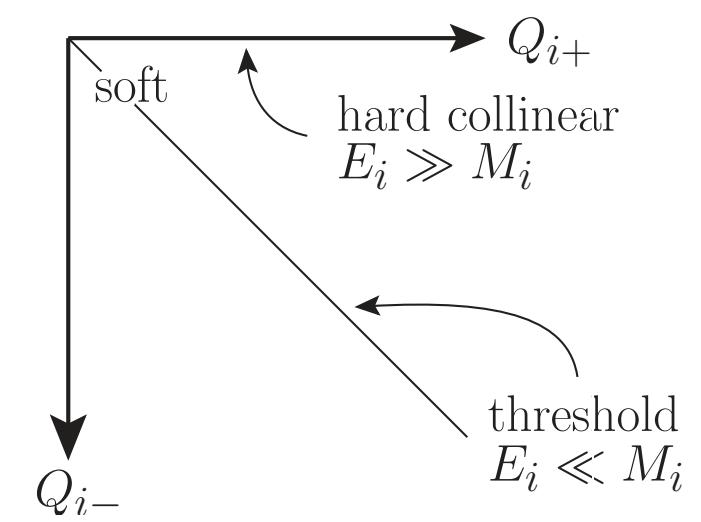
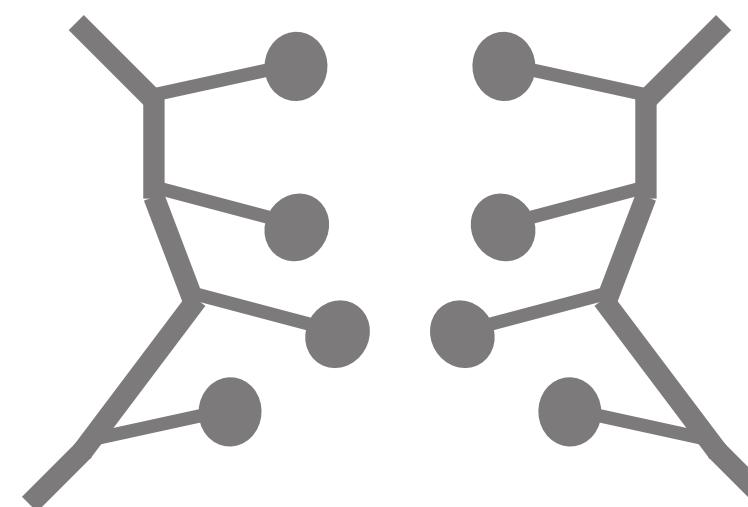


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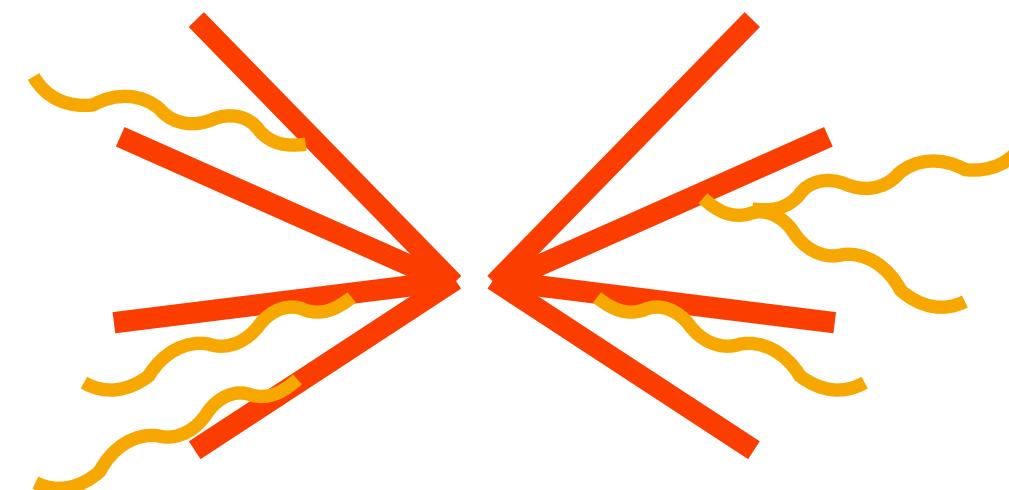
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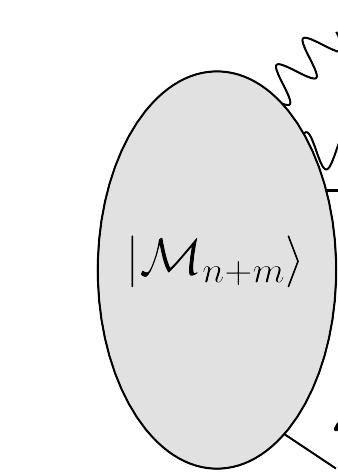
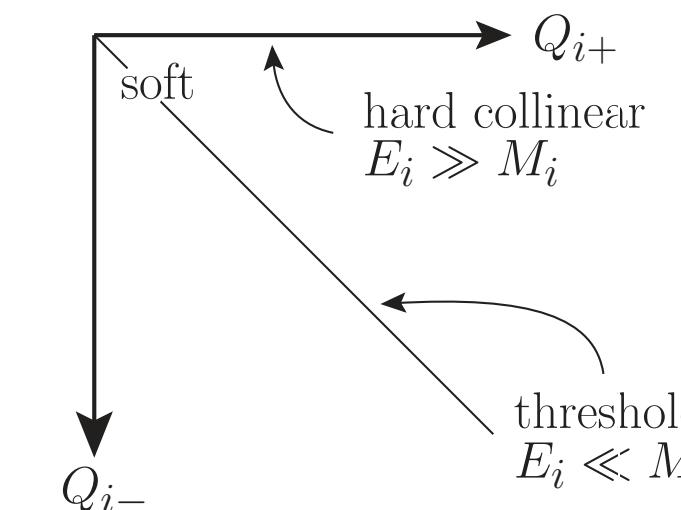


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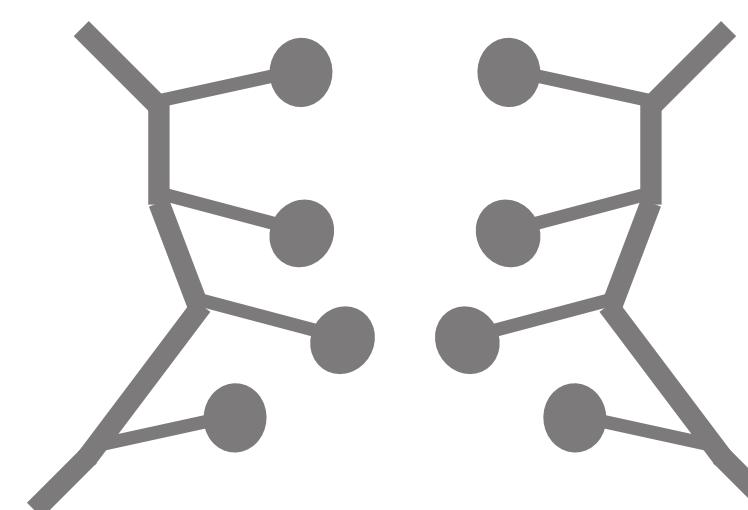
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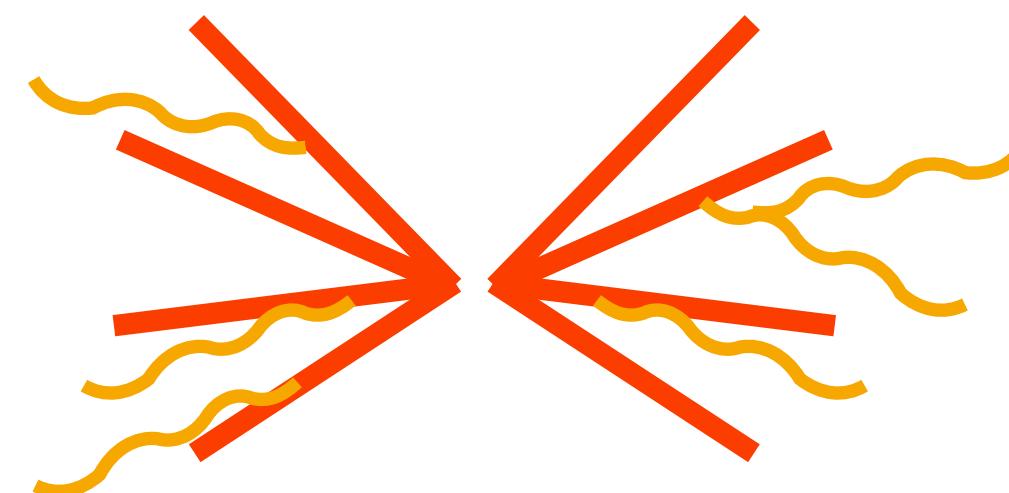
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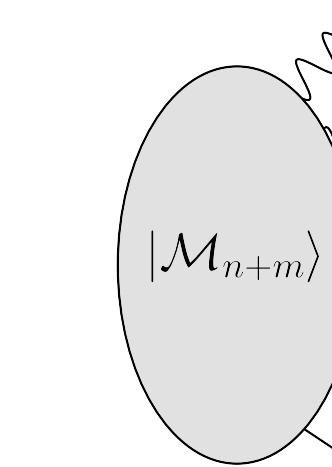
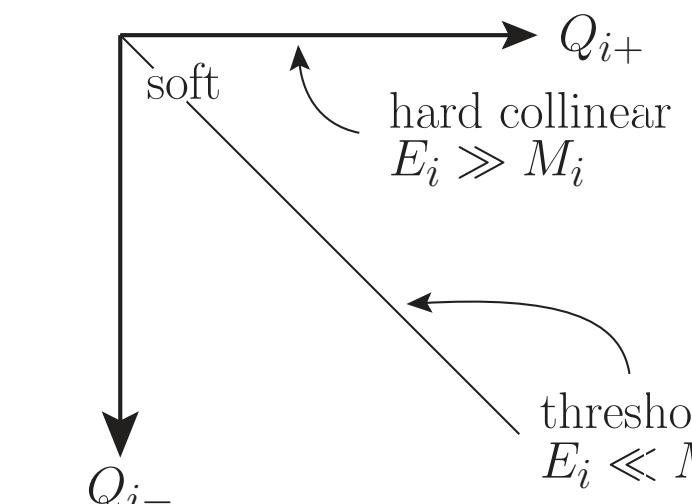
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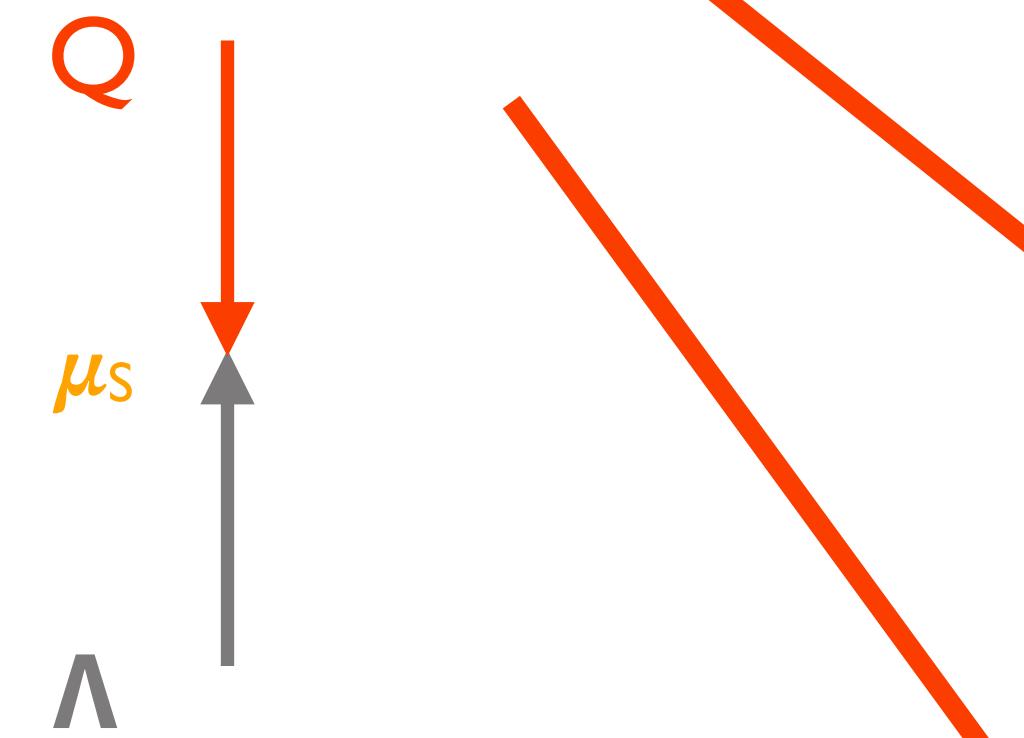


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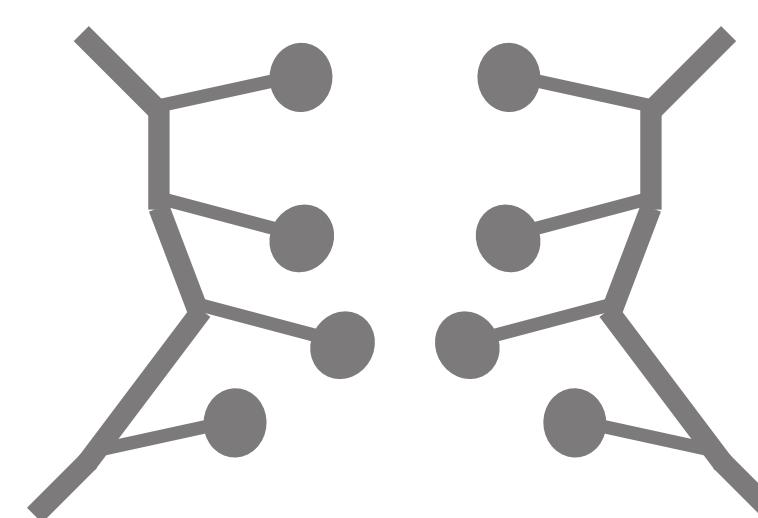
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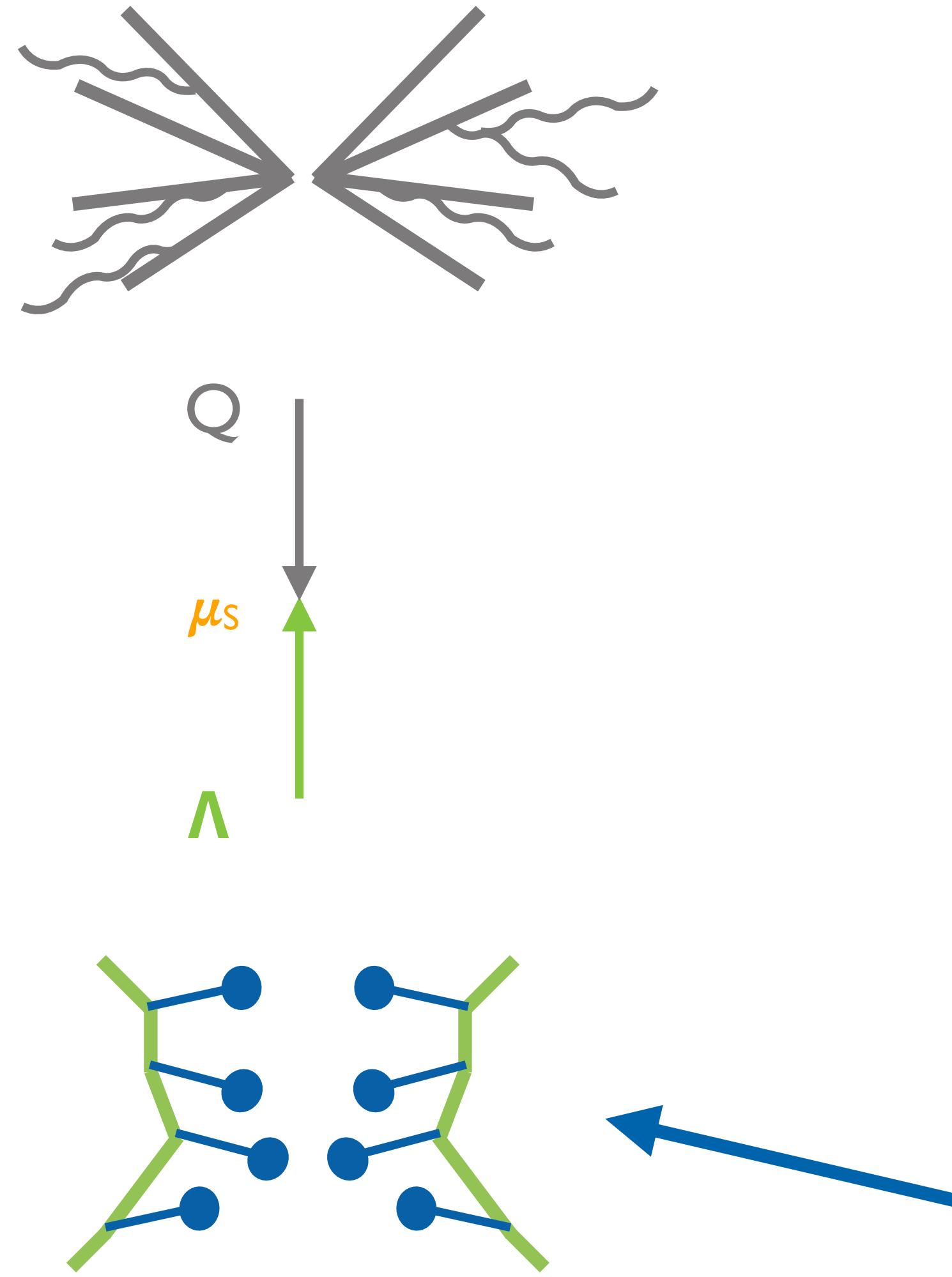
Amplitude evolution and resummation algorithms.

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[Forshaw, Plätzer et al. — '18+]

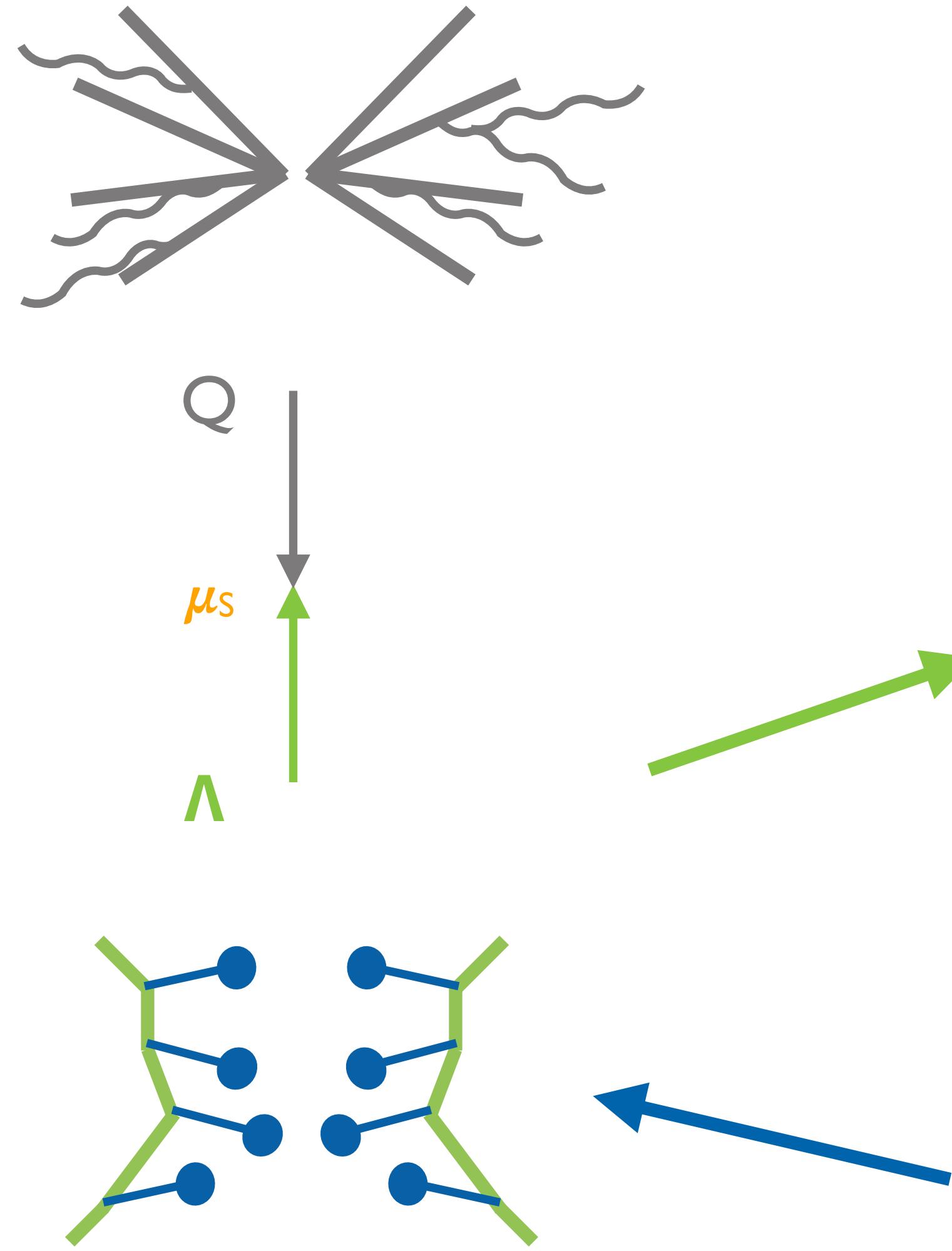
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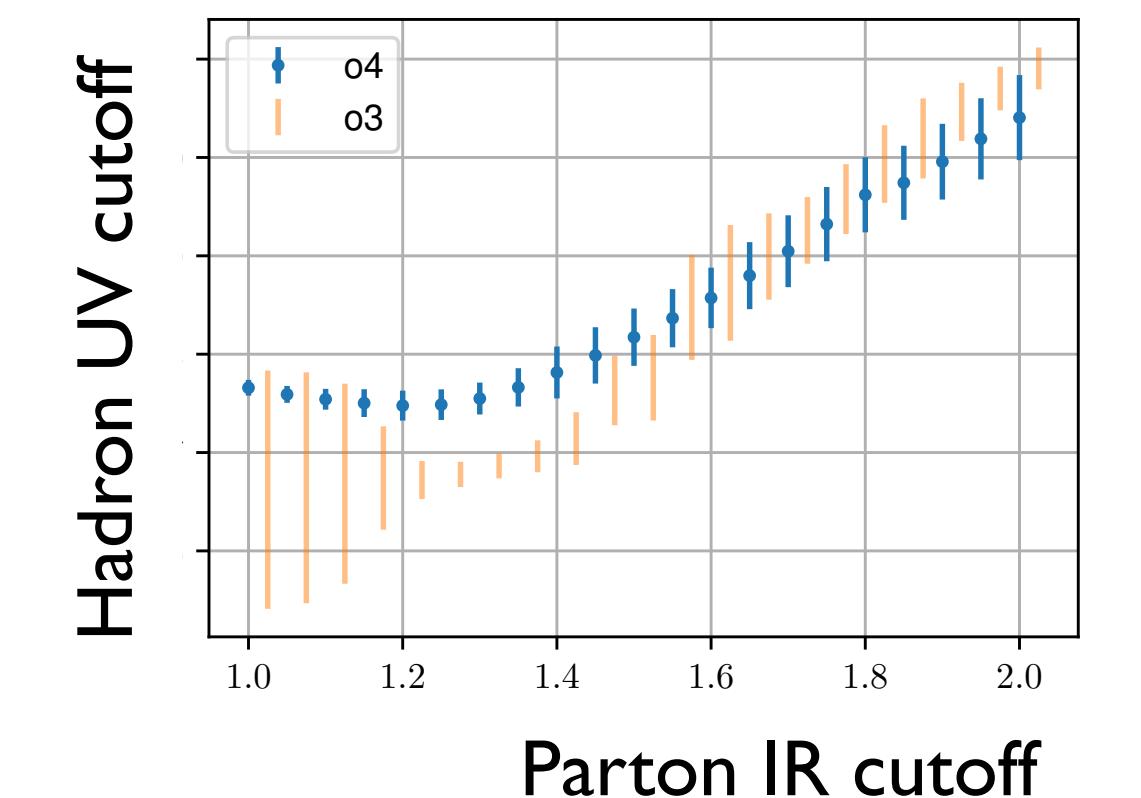
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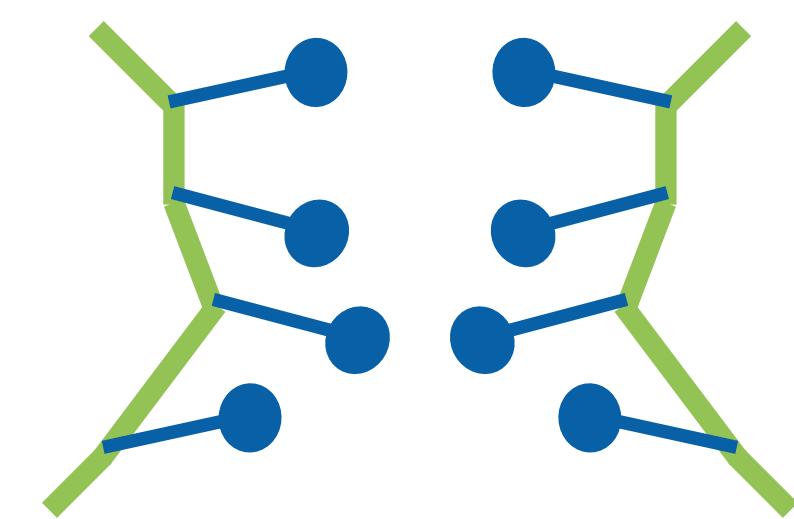
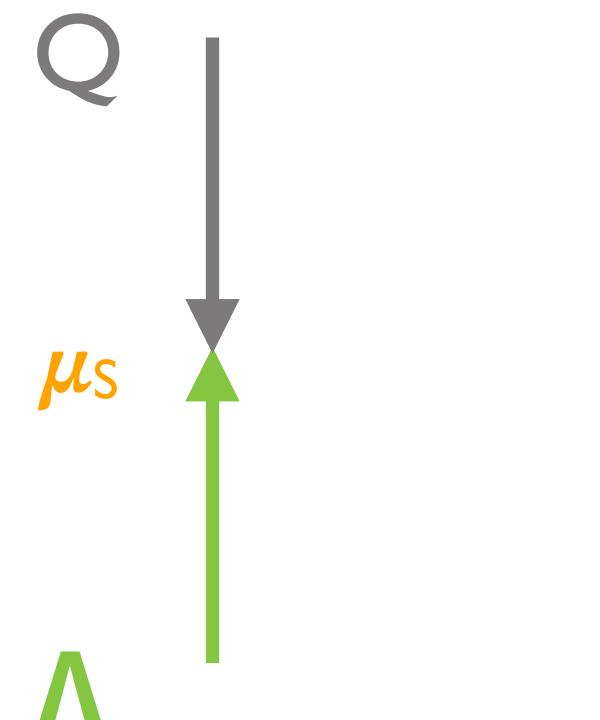
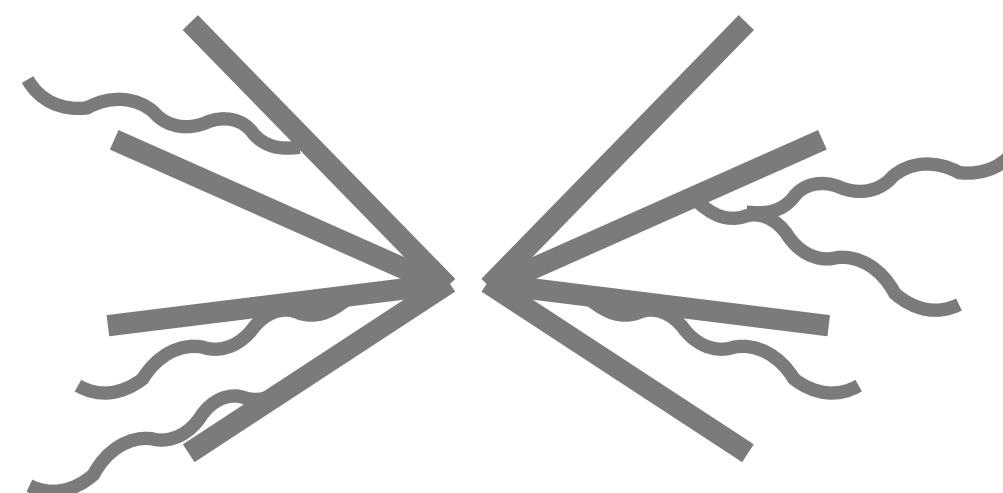
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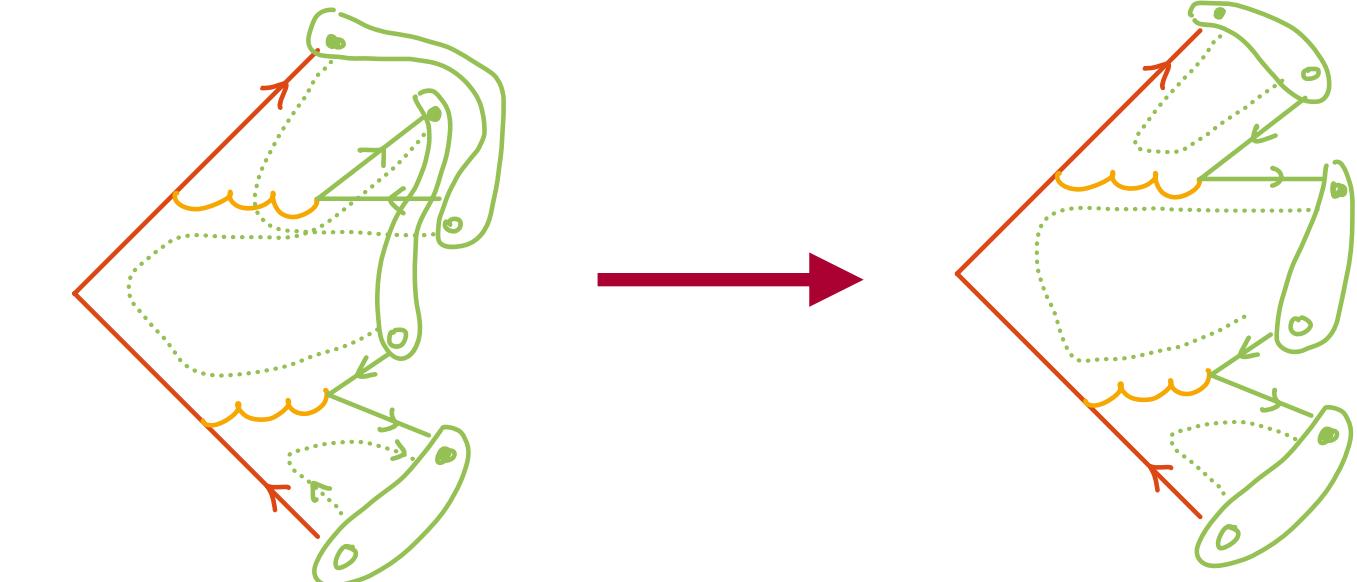


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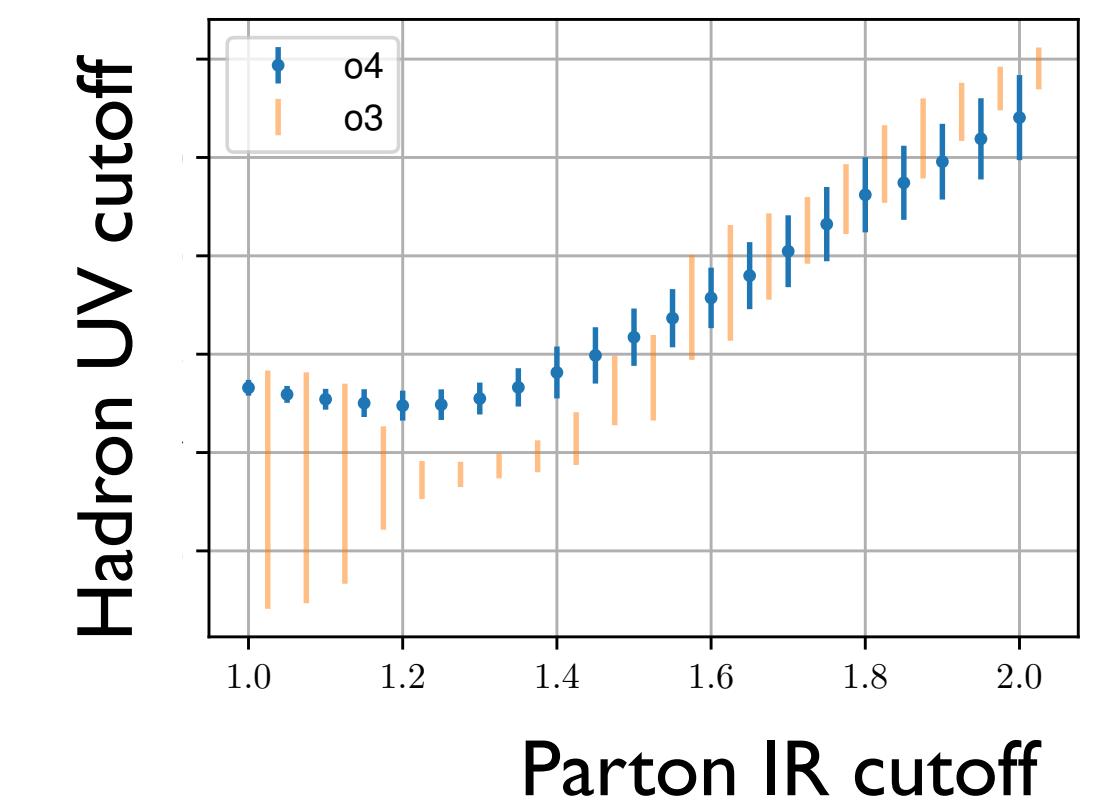
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[Gieseke, Kiebacher, Plätzer, Priedigkeit — in progress]



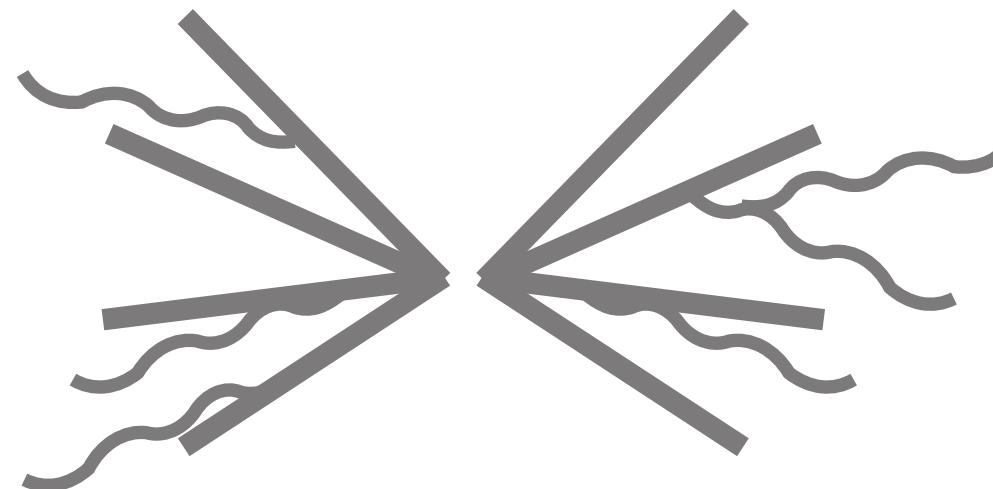
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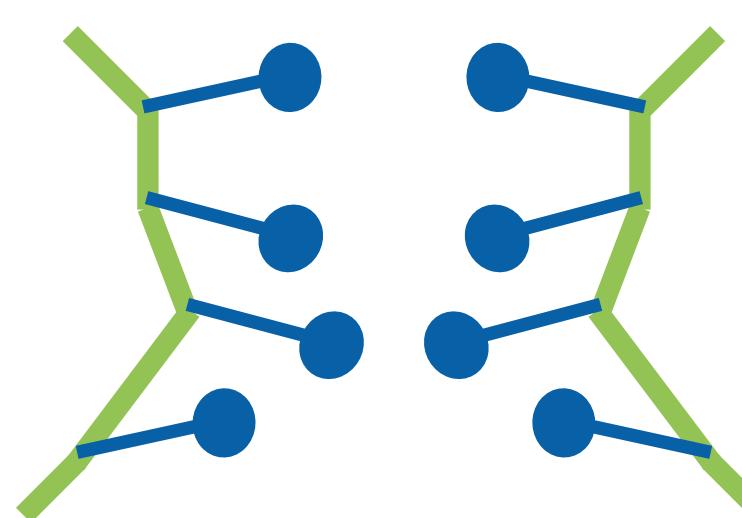
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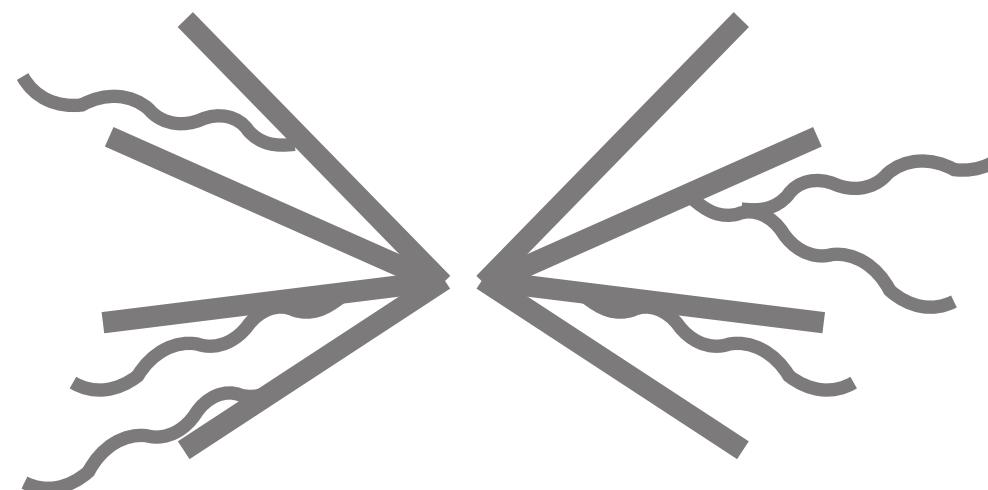
$$S_n = Z_n^\dagger U_n Z_n + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s^s \int E_{n+s}^{(s)\dagger} U_{n+s} E_{n+s}^{(s)} \prod_{i=n+1}^{n+s} \mu_R^{2\epsilon} [dp_i] \tilde{\delta}(p_i)$$



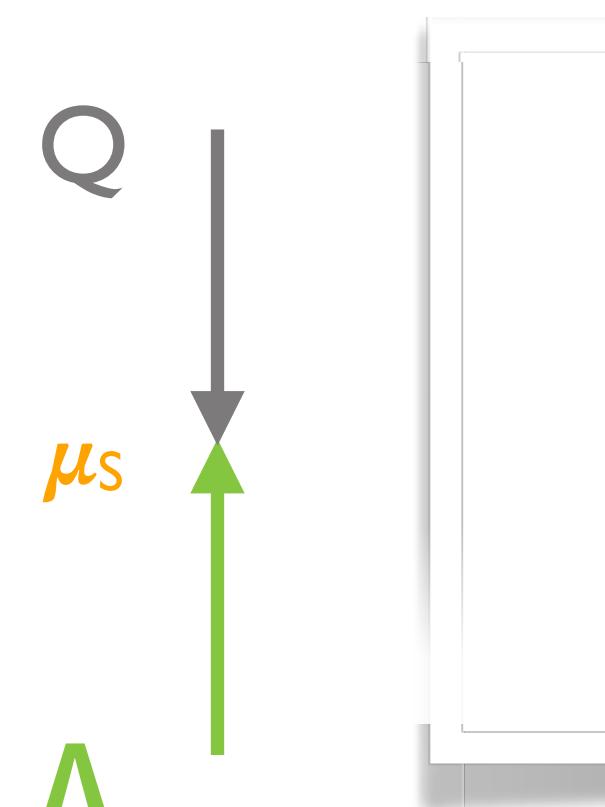
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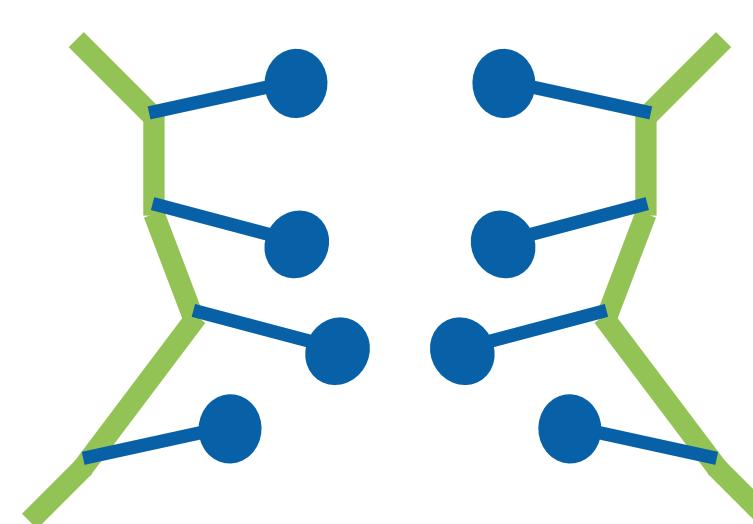


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**infrared resolution vs observable**

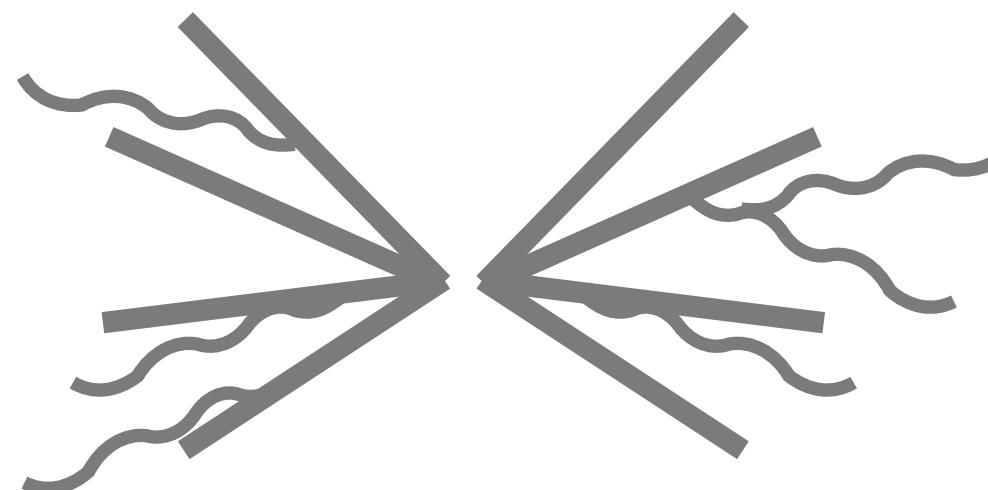
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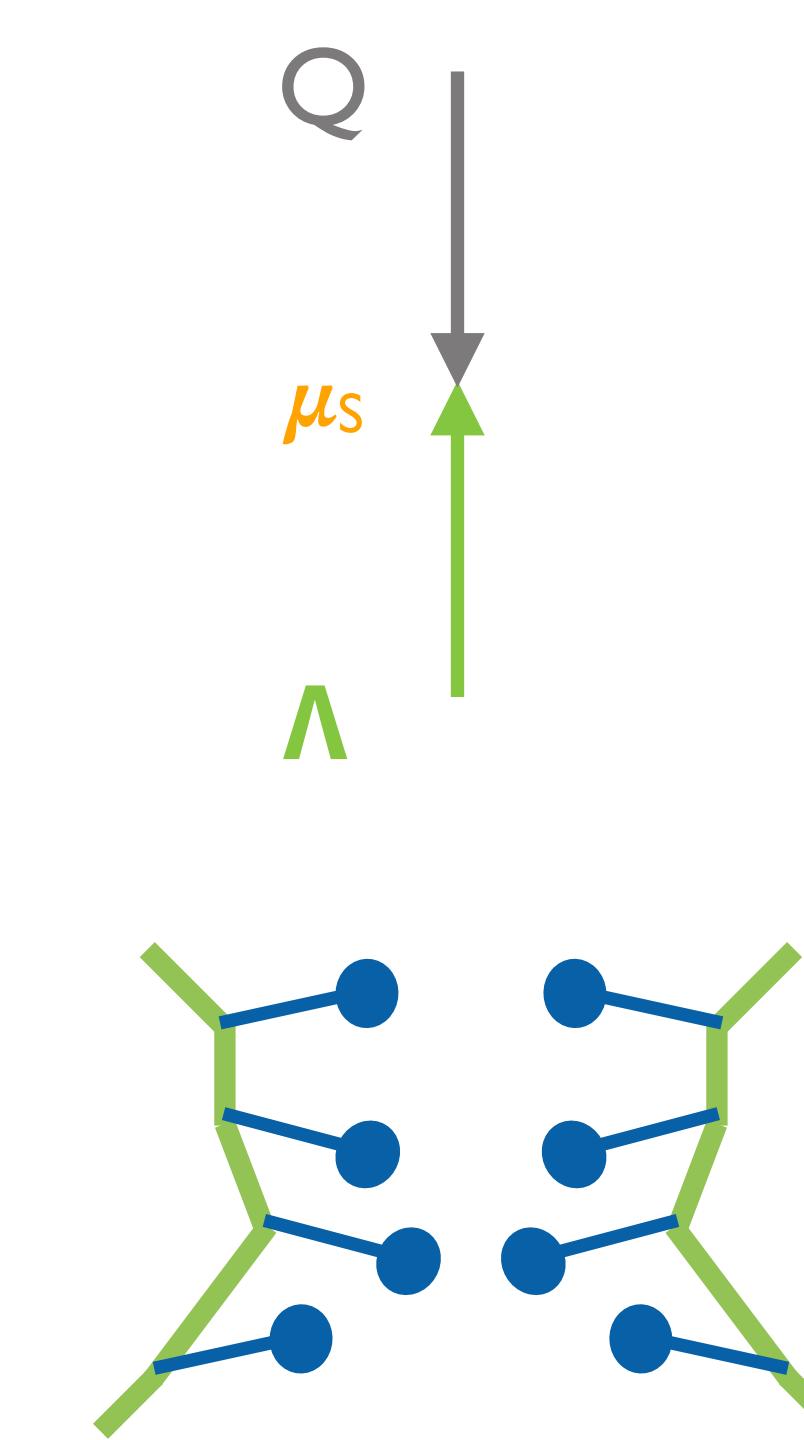
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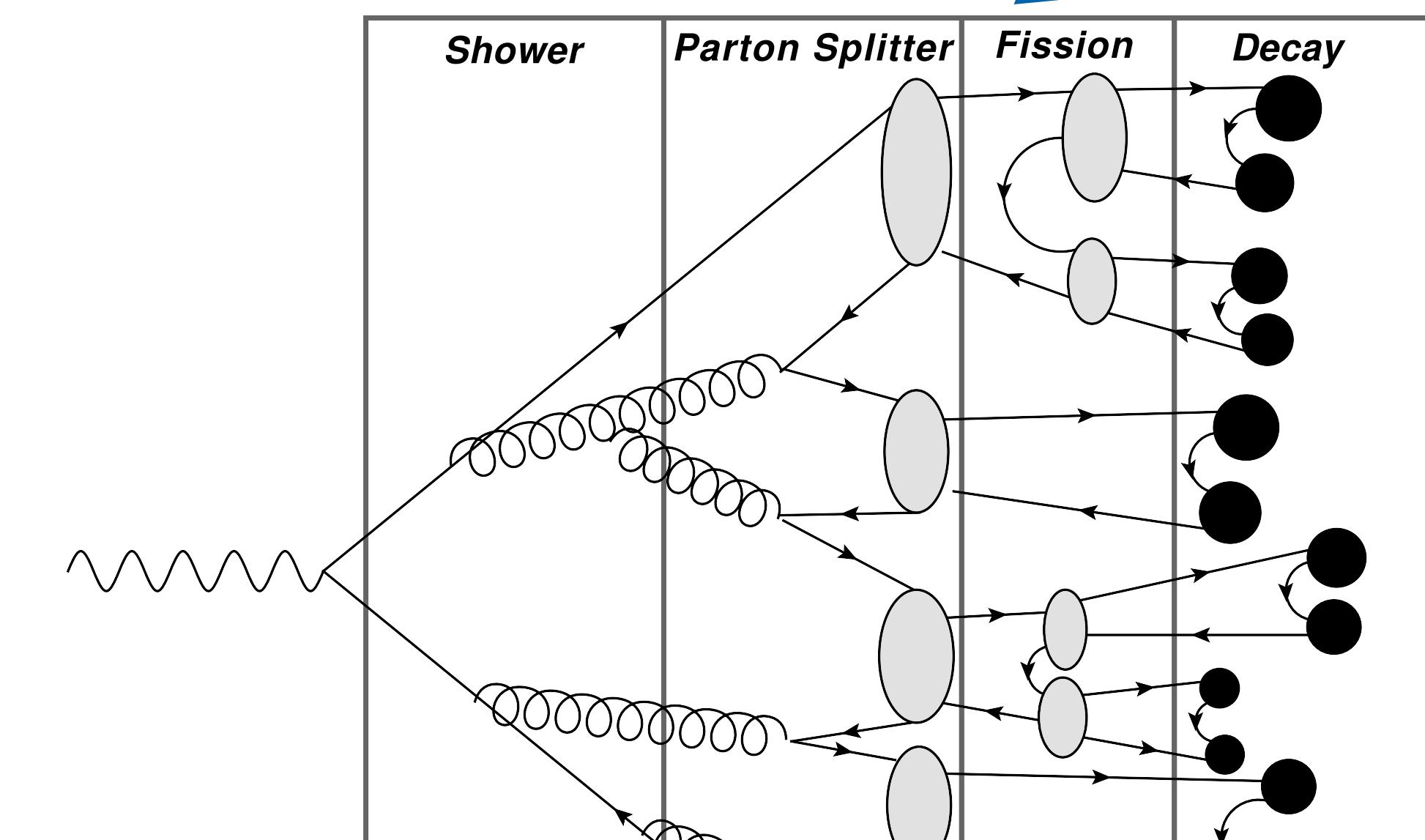
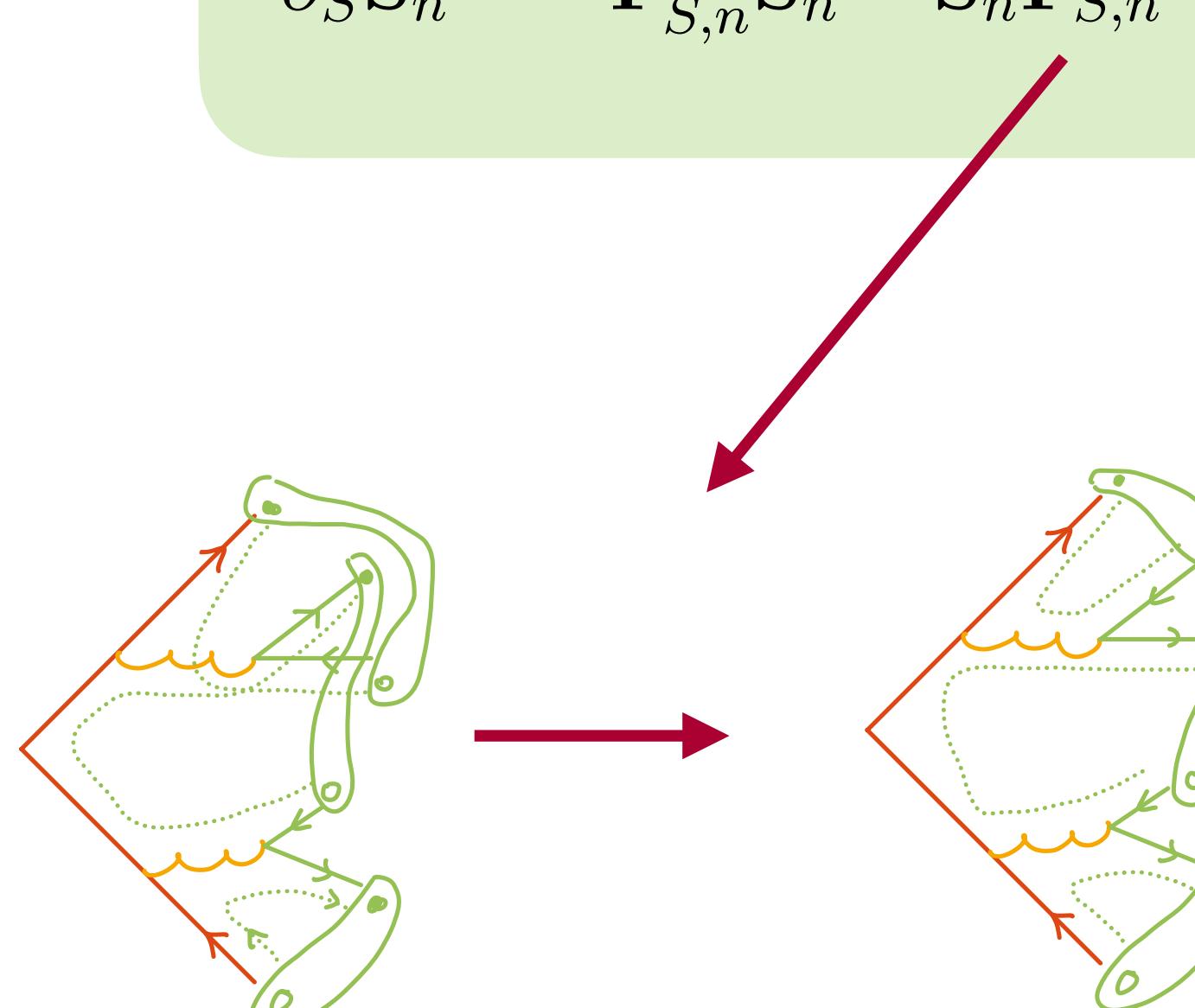
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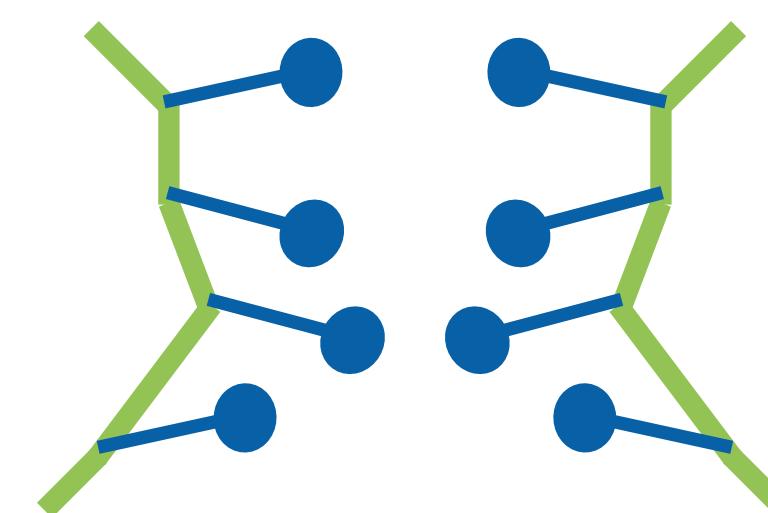
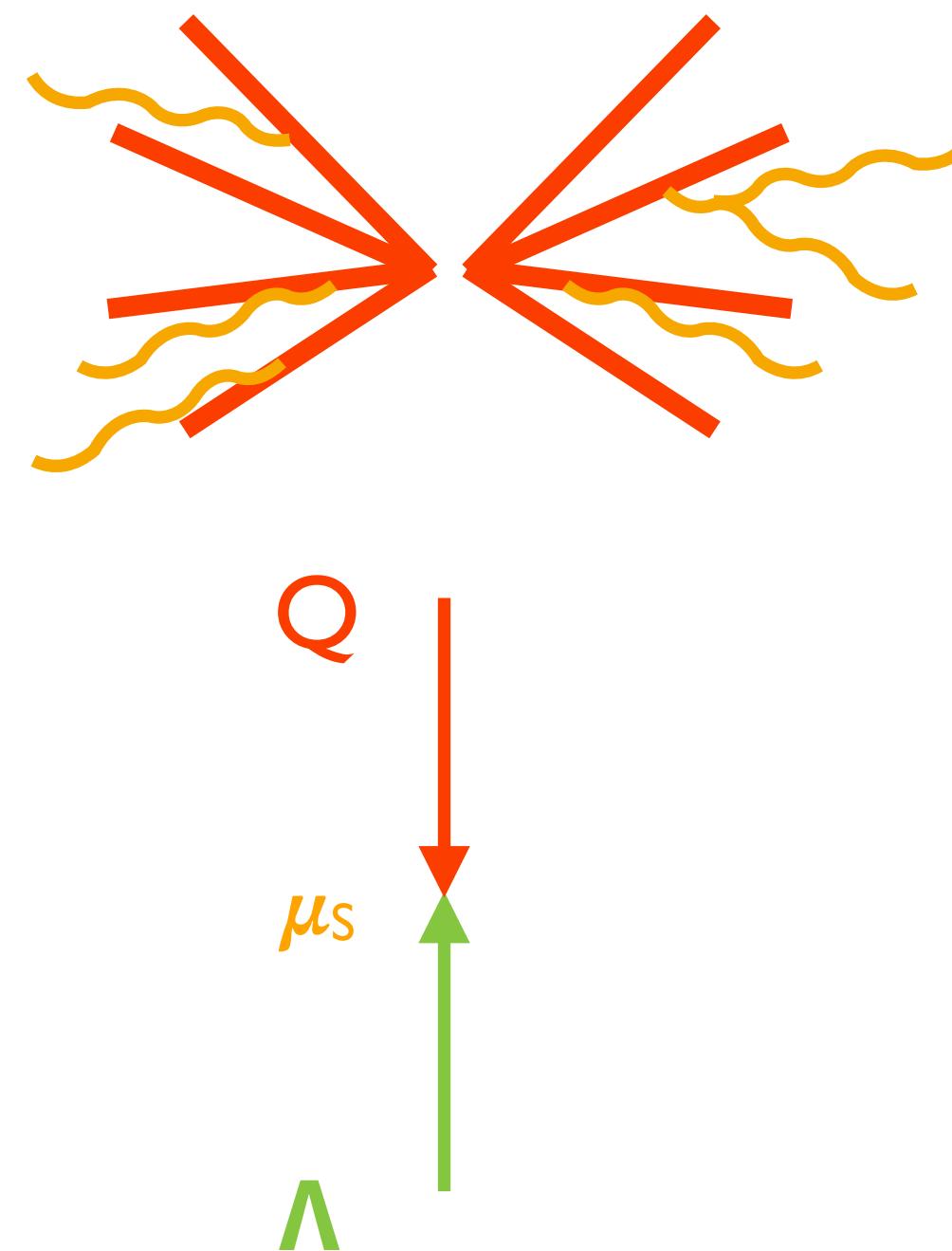
Hadronization models would start by studying clusters.  
Possible relation to amplitudes from functional methods.



$$\partial_S \mathbf{S}_n = -\tilde{\Gamma}_{S,n}^\dagger \mathbf{S}_n - \mathbf{S}_n \tilde{\Gamma}_{S,n} + \sum_{s \geq 1} \alpha_S^s \int \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{S,n+s}^{(s)\dagger} \mathbf{S}_{n+s} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{S,n+s}^{(s)} \prod_{i=n+1}^{n+s} [dp_i] \delta(p_i)$$



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$$K_{i,s}^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu (Q_{i,s}^\nu + \delta_{i,s} n_{i,s}^\nu)$$

$$q_i^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \left( \alpha p_i^\nu + \frac{(1-\alpha^2)M_i^2 + p_i \cdot Q_{i,s} n_{i,s}^\nu}{2\alpha n_{i,s} \cdot p_i} n_{i,s}^\nu \right) - K_{i,s}^\mu$$

Momentum mappings to systematically factor renormalised matrix elements.

$$\text{Composite particle} = \frac{1}{2p_i \cdot Q_{i,s}} \frac{\Psi(\Lambda p_i, M_i) \bar{\Psi}(\Lambda p_i, M_i)}{1 - \Sigma'(M_i^2)} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$$

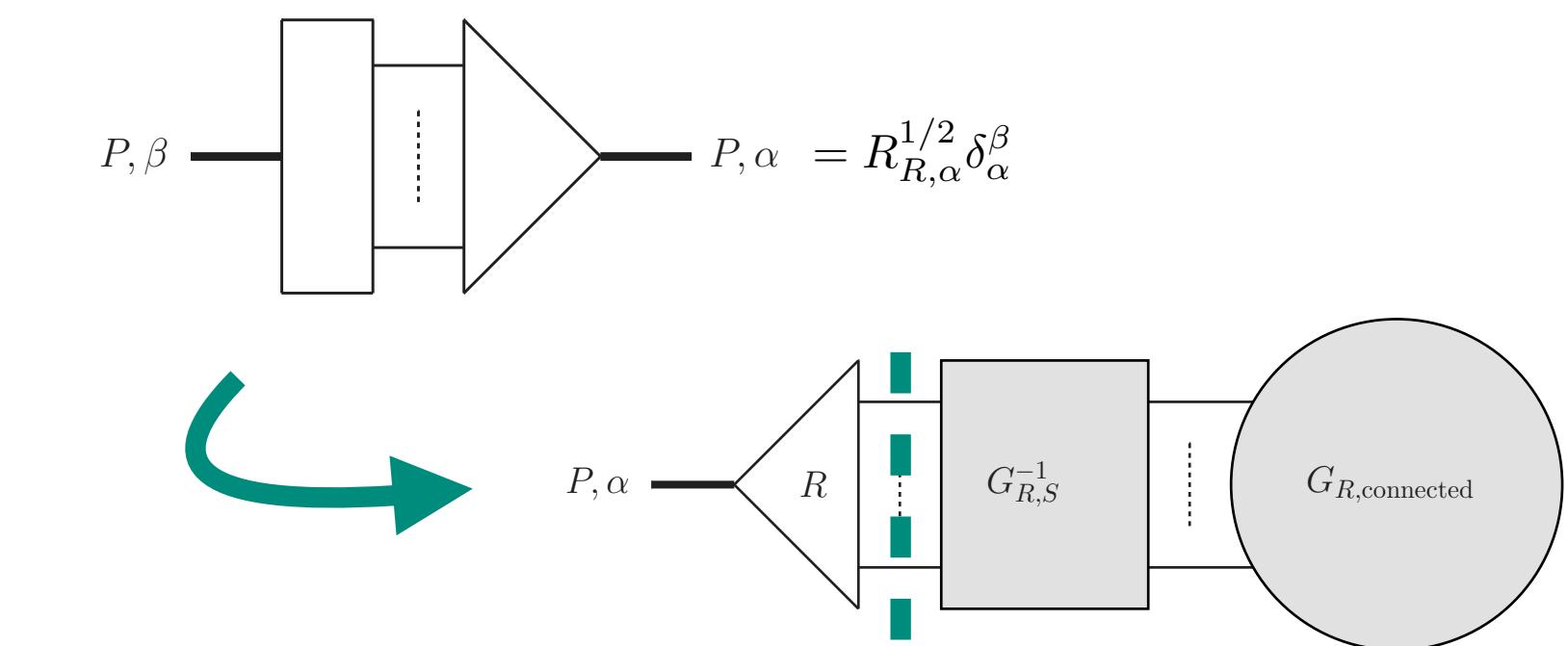
$$|\mathcal{M}_{n+m}\rangle = \sum_s \left( |\mathcal{M}_n\rangle \frac{\mathbf{P}(P_{i,s})}{P_{i,s}^2 - M_i^2} \mathbf{R}_s \right) + \dots$$

[Plätzer, Sjödahl — '22]

$$\chi_{\alpha|j_1, \dots, j_n}(\vec{P}, M|p_1, \dots, p_n) \delta \left( P - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \right) =$$

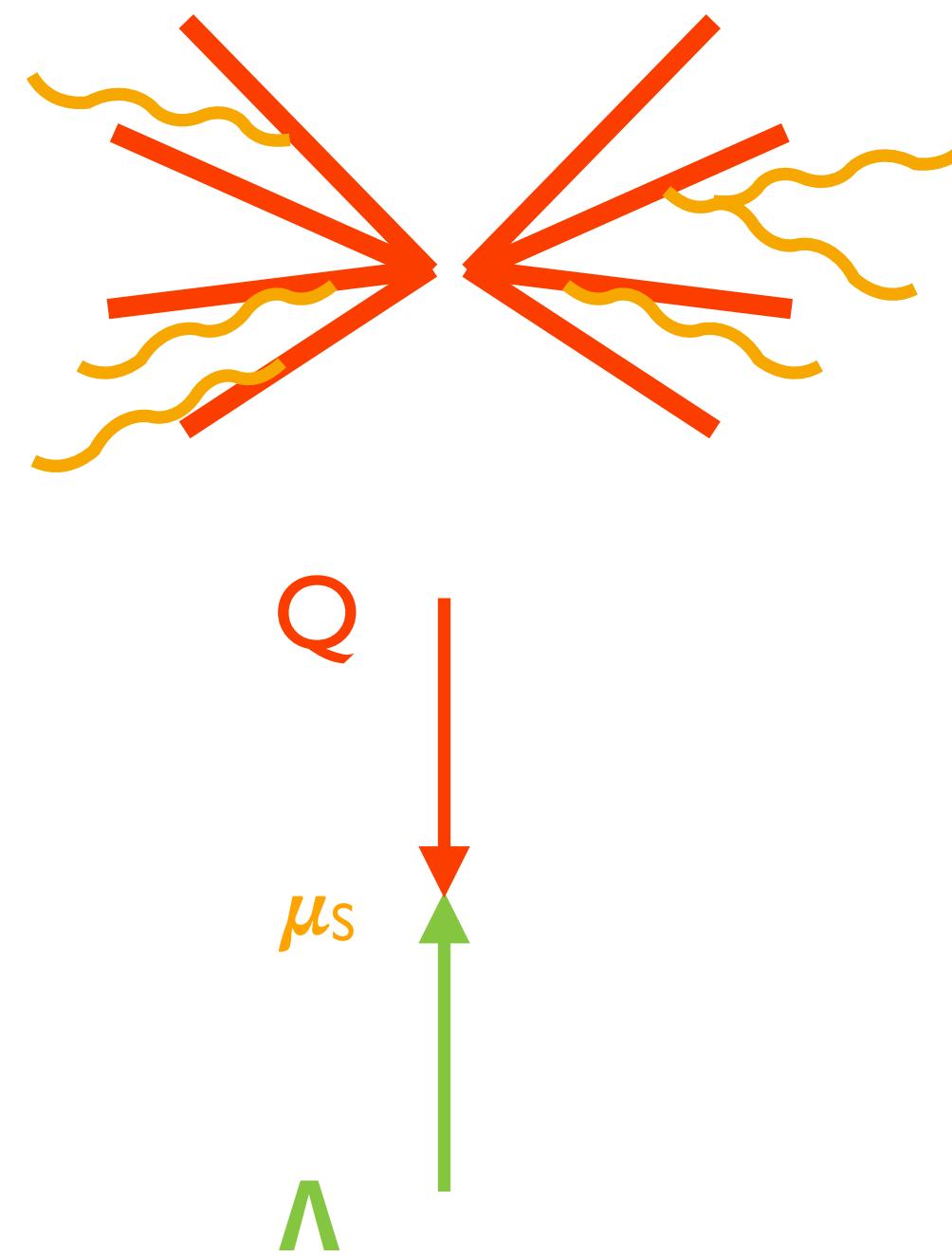
$$\left( Z_\Phi^{-1/2} \prod_{i=1}^n Z_{\phi_i}^{-1/2} \right) \bar{X}^\alpha(\vec{P}, M|p_1, \dots, p_n) u_\alpha^{j_1, \dots, j_n} = P, \alpha$$

Composite particle scattering — for FMS as well as to study exclusive processes.



[Maas, Plätzer — in progress]

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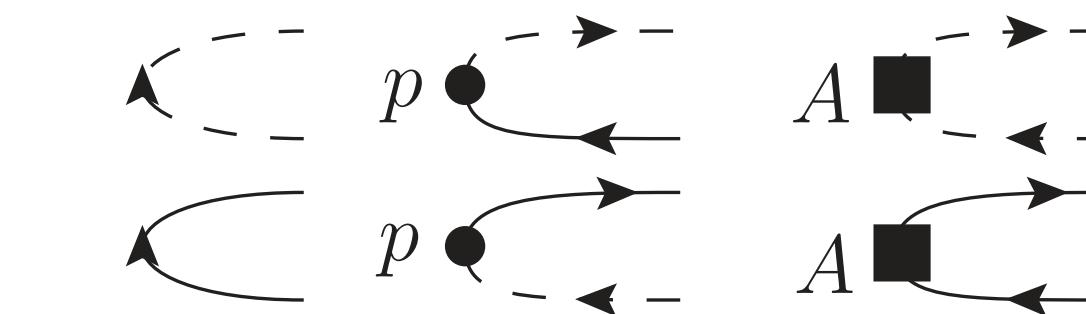


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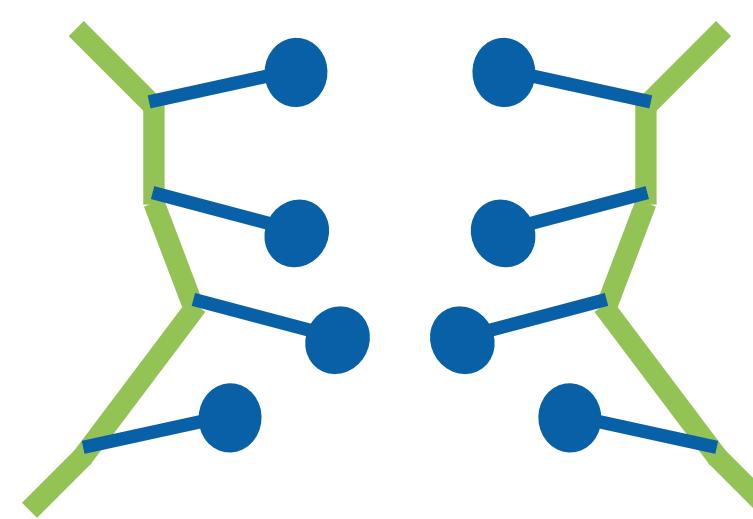
Find a basis of spin structures, together with isospin and colour.

Essentially a basis of

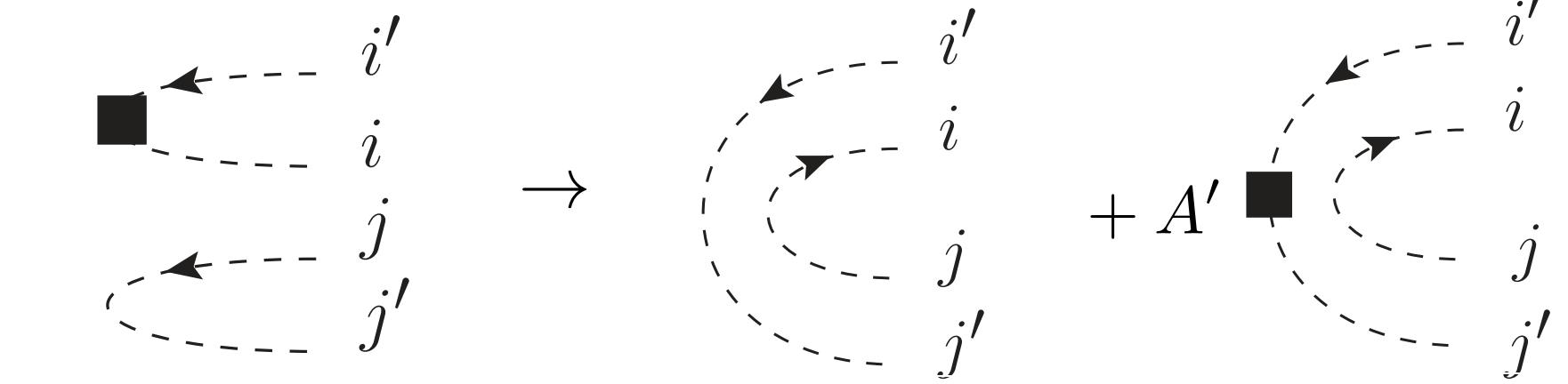
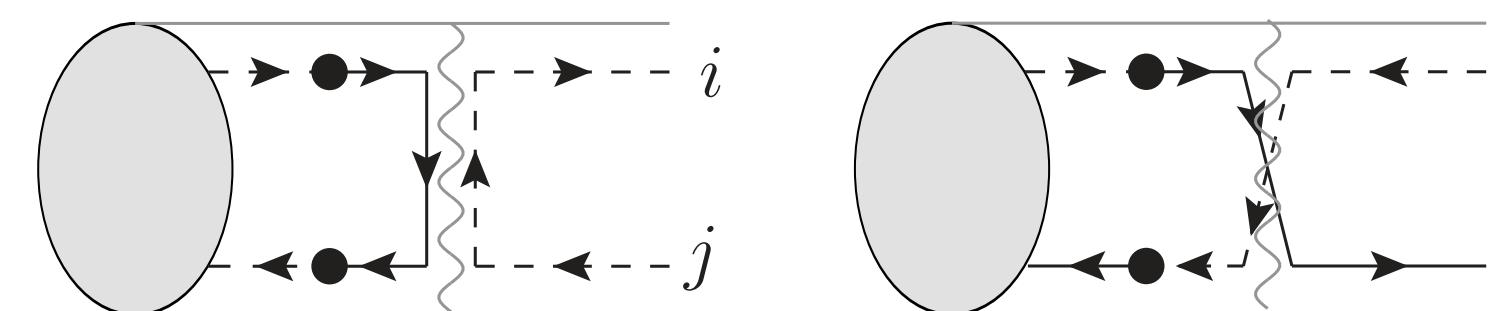
$$1 \quad \sigma^\mu \quad \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^\mu \bar{\sigma}^\nu - \sigma^\nu \bar{\sigma}^\mu)$$



Could this point to a more general version of setting up graphical tensor calculus?



Electroweak bosons now mix different chiral basis states.



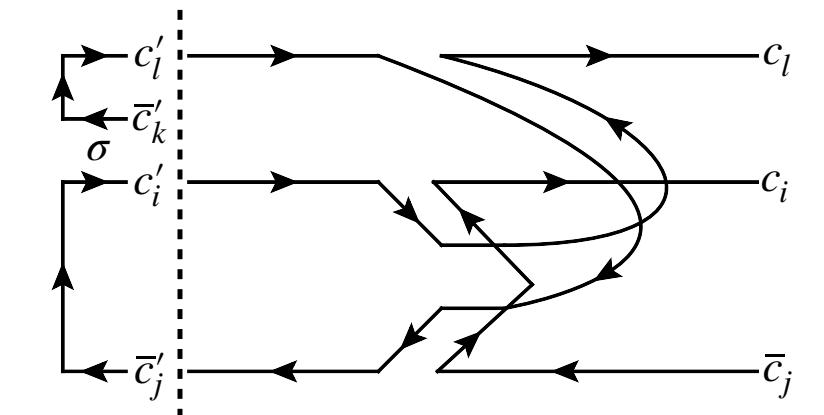
# Summary

Colour space evolution equations:

- exiting theoretical tool to build parton shower and resummation algorithms,
- important subject in their own right to study structures in (QCD) amplitudes.

Graphical methods for tensor calculus 🤔 are crucial to reveal structure, to design algorithms, to perform explicit analytic calculations, ...

Definitions of measurements and completeness of (asymptotic) final states will become an even more interesting tool in developing a comprehensive understanding of how we predict exclusive cross sections and how we can built simulations.



$$\sigma = \sum_{n,m} \int \int \text{Tr}_n [\mathbf{M}_n \mathbf{U}_{nm}] d\phi_m u(\phi_m)$$

A lot of work in progress I wasn't able to talk about ... including some interesting constructions of lattice operators, which complement the technology we use for perturbative calculations.

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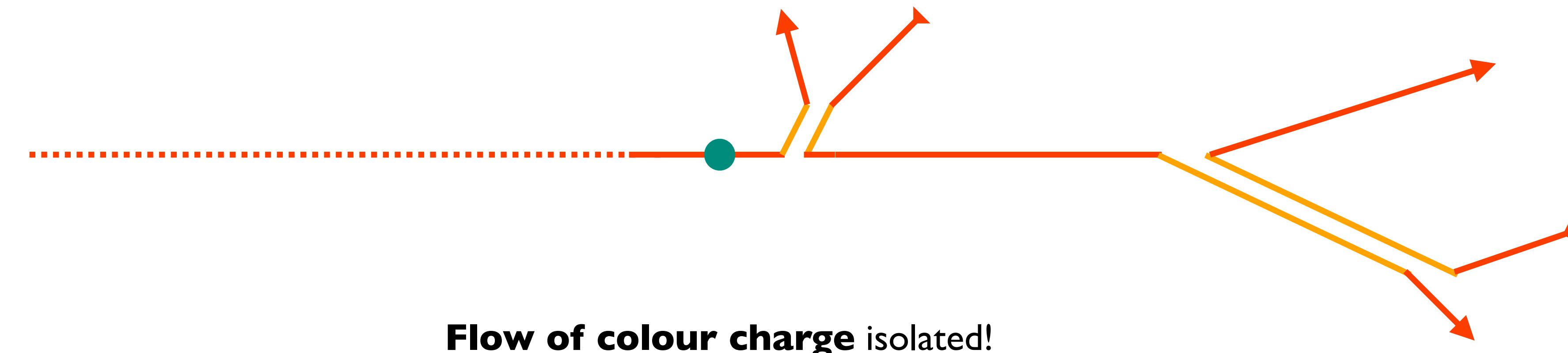
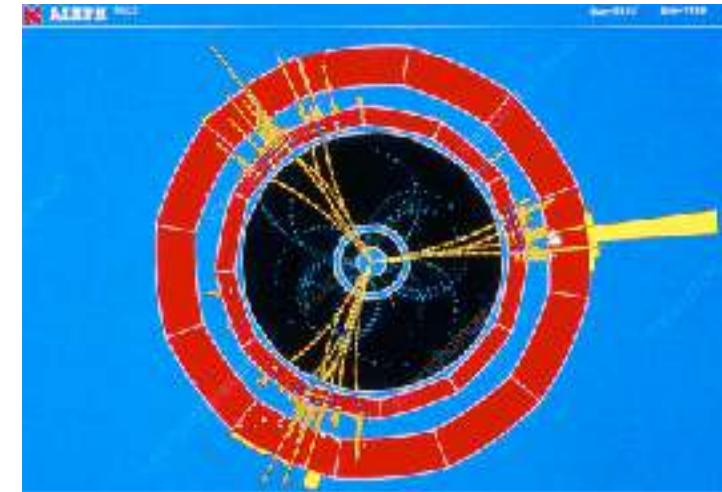
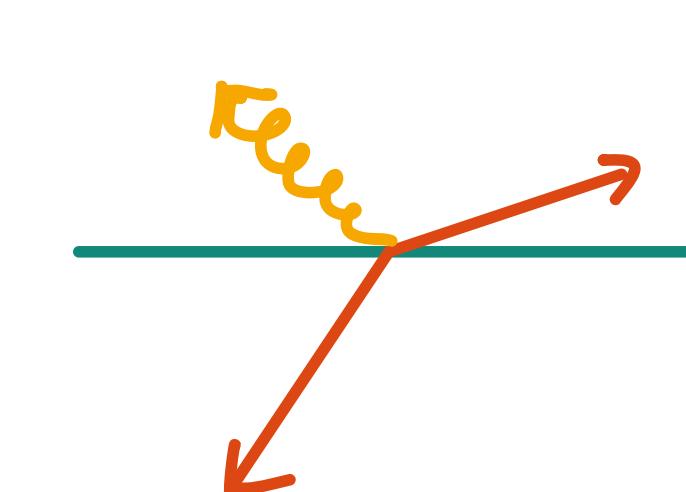
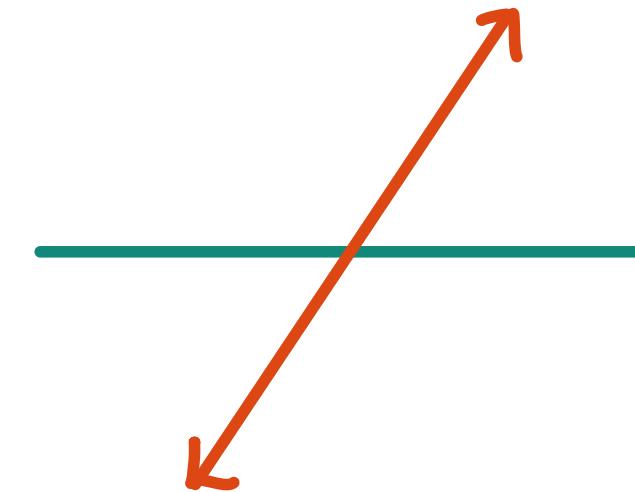
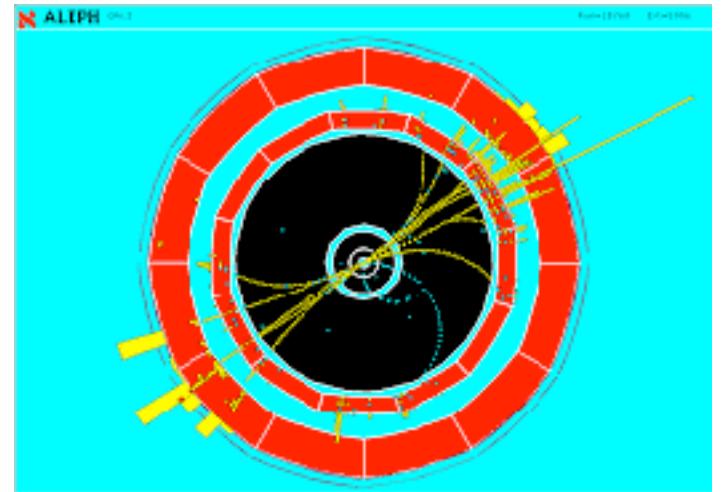
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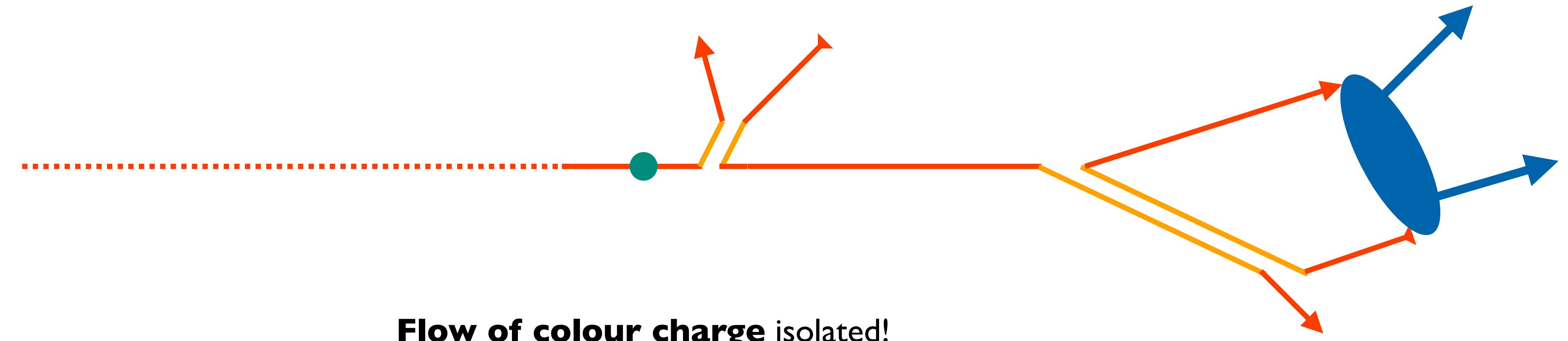
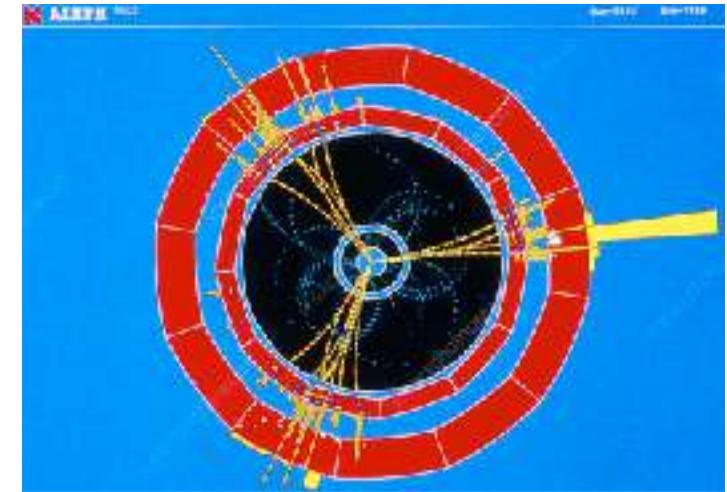
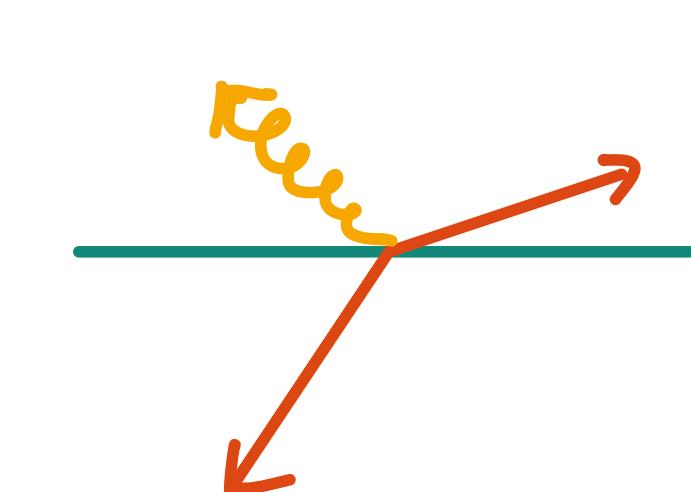
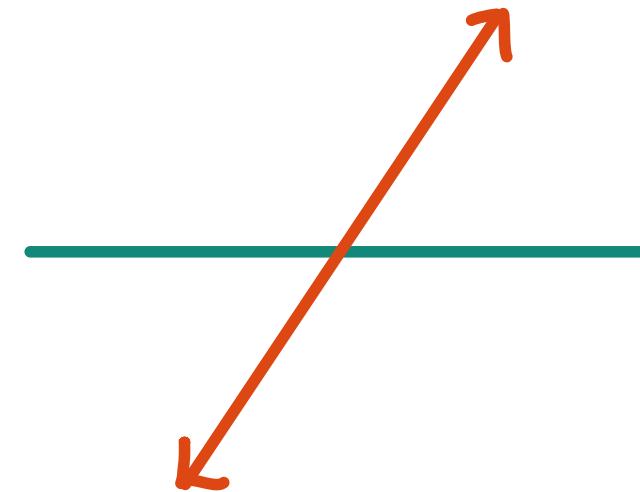
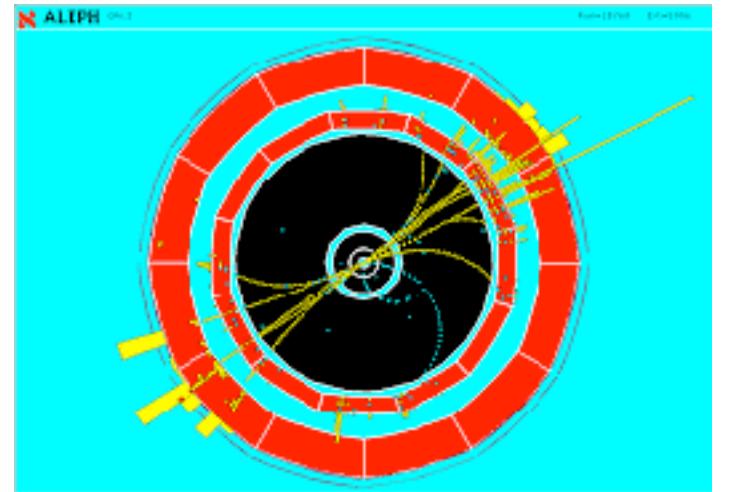
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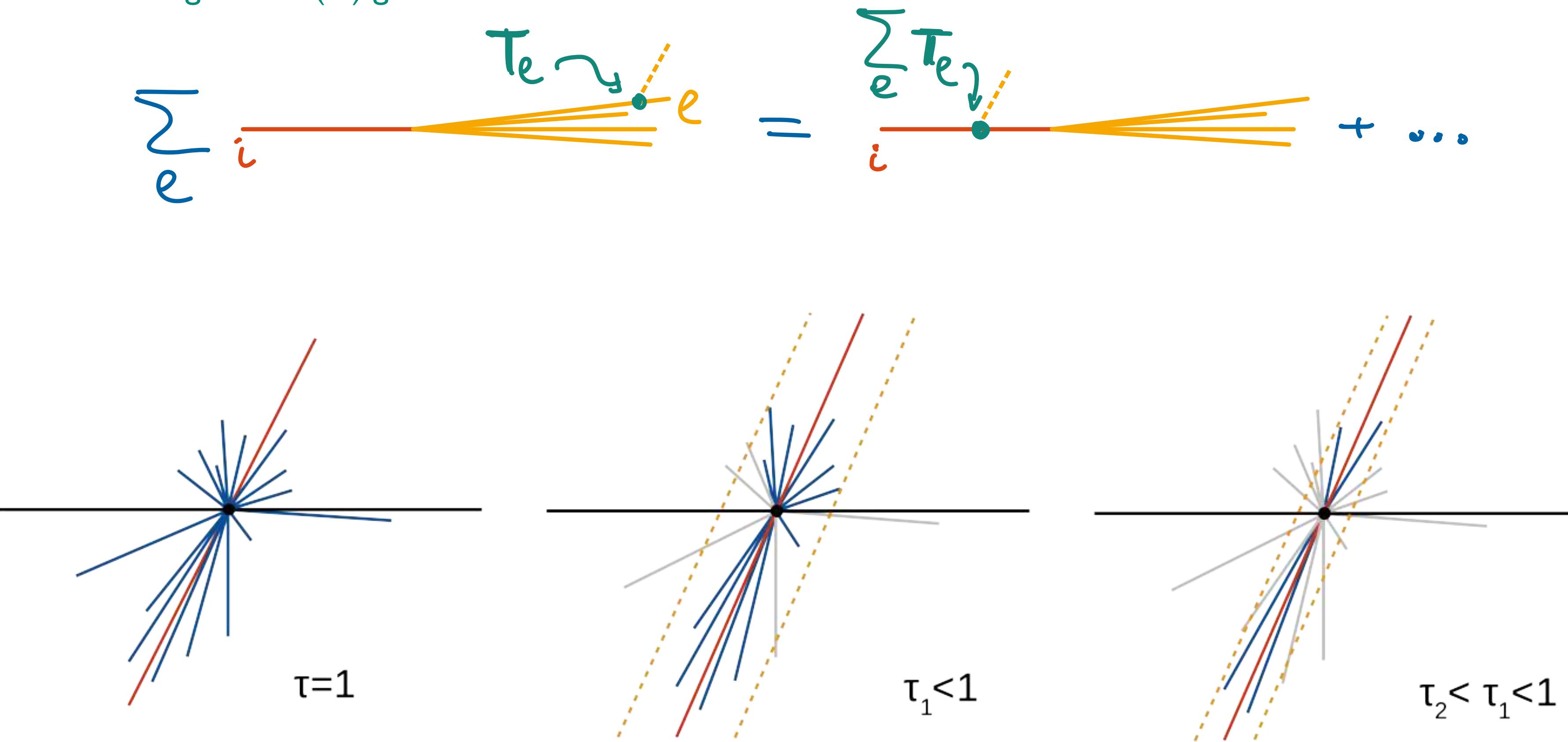
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# Jets in momentum space: coherence

Flow of colour charge is a statement at the level of scattering amplitudes.

Colour charge — SU(N) generator



# Redefinitions of “bare” operators

$$\sigma = \sum_{n,m} \int \int \text{Tr}_n [\mathbf{M}_n \mathbf{U}_{nm}] d\phi_m u(\phi_m)$$

Redefinitions of hard and soft factor **inverse** to each other:

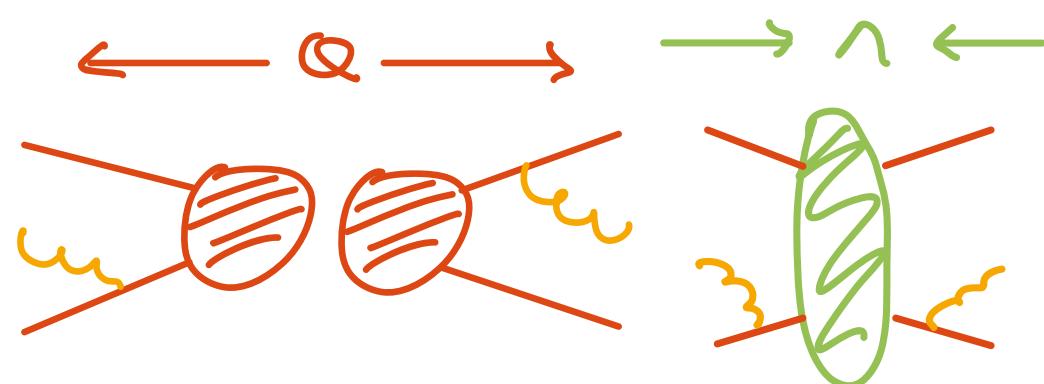
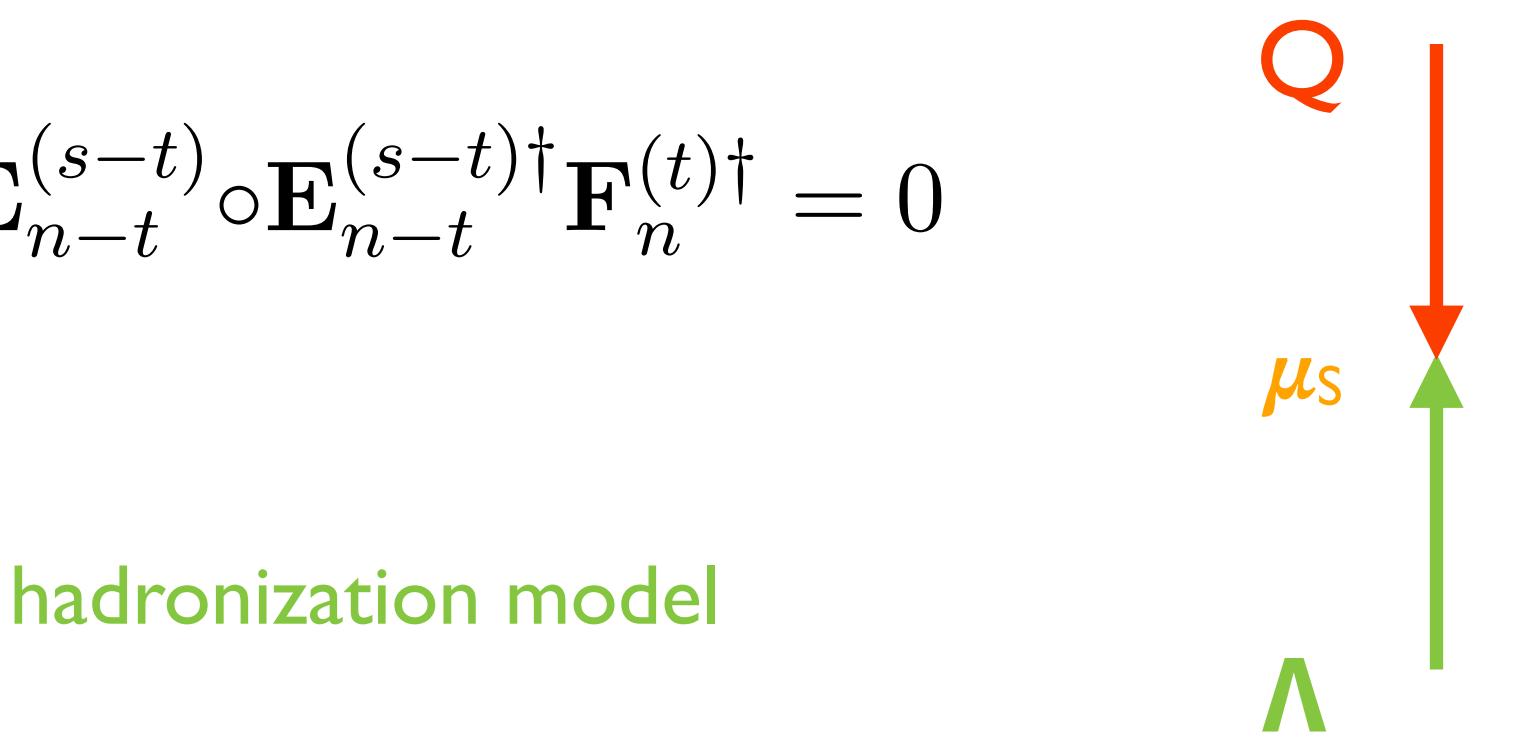
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dressing of hard process  $\sim$  parton shower

soft evolution  $\sim$  hadronization model

$$\sum_n \int \alpha_S^n \text{Tr} [(\mathbf{A}_n + \Delta_n) \mathbf{S}_n] d\phi(Q) \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_R^{2\epsilon} [dp_i] \tilde{\delta}(p_i)$$

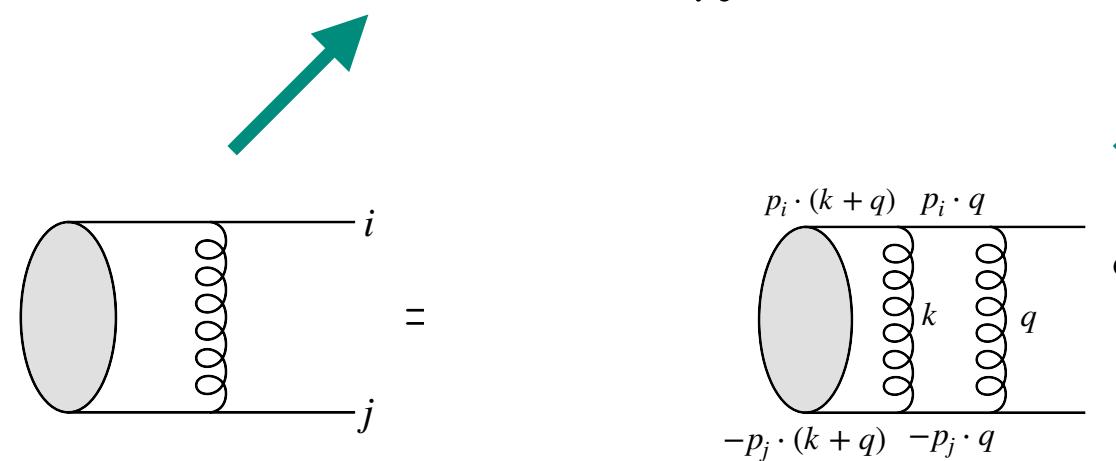
$\alpha_s$  corrections to tower of logarithms in  $A$  —  
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# (Soft) factorisation of amplitudes

## Factorisation of virtual contributions

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{(l)} = \mathbf{V}^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_n^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{M}_n^{(l-1)} \mathbf{V}^{(1)\dagger} + \mathbf{V}^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_n^{(l-2)} \mathbf{V}^{(1)\dagger} + \mathbf{V}^{(2)} \mathbf{M}_n^{(l-2)} + \mathbf{M}_n^{(l-2)} \mathbf{V}^{(2)\dagger} + \dots$$



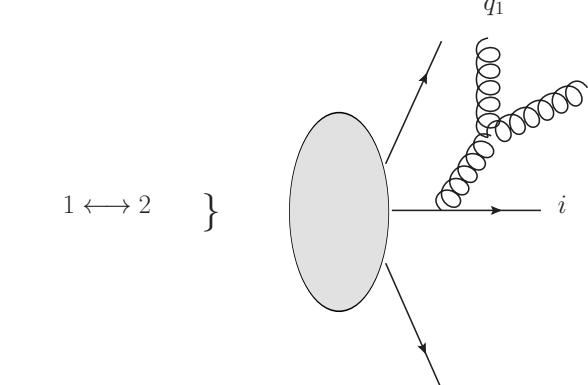
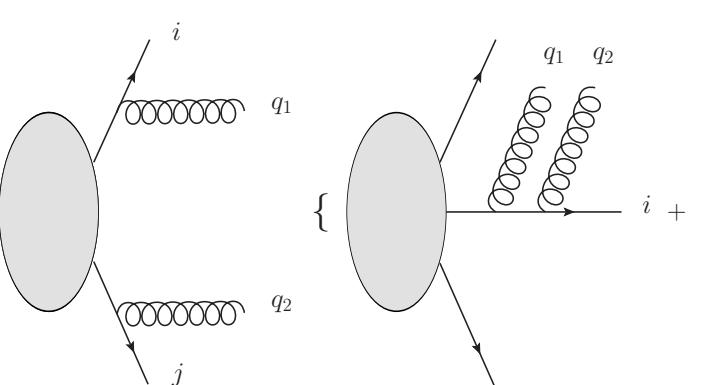
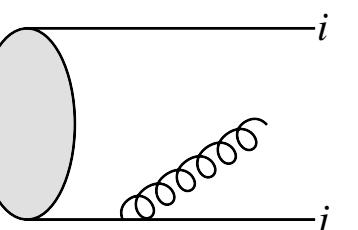
Handle virtual as phase-space type integrals to remove divergencies with subtractions.

## Factorisation of real contributions

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{(l)} = \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)} \mathbf{M}_{n-1}^{(l)} \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} + \dots$$

$$+ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,1)} \mathbf{M}_{n-1}^{(l-1)} \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} + \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)} \mathbf{M}_{n-1}^{(l-1)} \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,1)\dagger}$$

$$+ \mathbf{D}_n^{(2,0)} \mathbf{M}_{n-2}^{(l)} \mathbf{D}_n^{(2,0)\dagger} + \dots$$



$$\sigma = \sum_{n,m} \int \int \text{Tr}_n [\mathbf{M}_n \mathbf{U}_{nm}] d\phi_m u(\phi_m)$$

Coefficient	Diagram	Colour-factor
$\Omega_{ij}^{(2)}$		$(\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j)(\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j)$
$\tilde{\Omega}_{ij}^{(2)}$		$\mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_i^b \mathbf{T}_j^b \mathbf{T}_j^a$
$\Omega_{ijl}^{(2)}$		$(\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_l)(\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j)$
$\hat{\Omega}_{ijl}^{(2)}$		$if^{abc} \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^b \mathbf{T}_l^c$
$\Omega_{ij,\text{self-en.}}^{(2)}$		$T_R(\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j)$
$\Omega_{ij,\text{vertex-corr.}}^{(2)}$		$T_R(\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j)$
$\hat{\Omega}_{ij}^{(2)}$		$\mathbf{T}_i^b \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^b \mathbf{T}_j^a$

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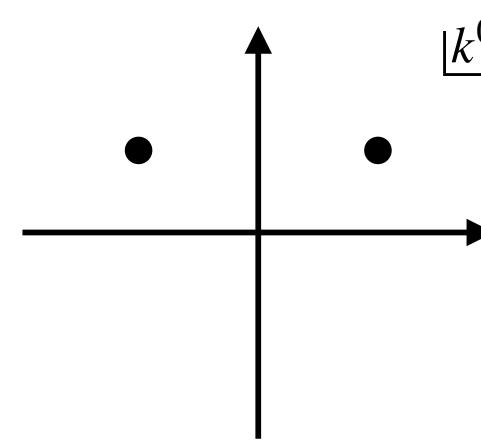
$$\sum_{(a,b),(c,d)} \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n \omega_{ijkl}^{abcd} \mathbf{T}_i^{(a)} \mathbf{T}_j^{(b)} \circ \mathbf{T}_k^{(c),\dagger} \mathbf{T}_l^{(d),\dagger}$$

[Majcen — M.Sc. thesis 2022]  
based on Catani & Grazzini

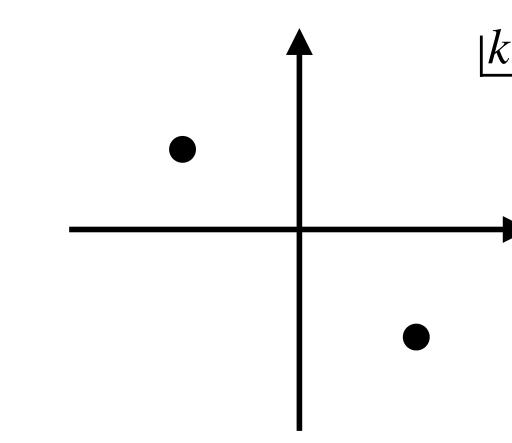
# Cutting rules

[Plätzer, Ruffa — '21]

Algorithmic treatment of virtual corrections needed



Advanced



Feynman

Feynman tree theorem:

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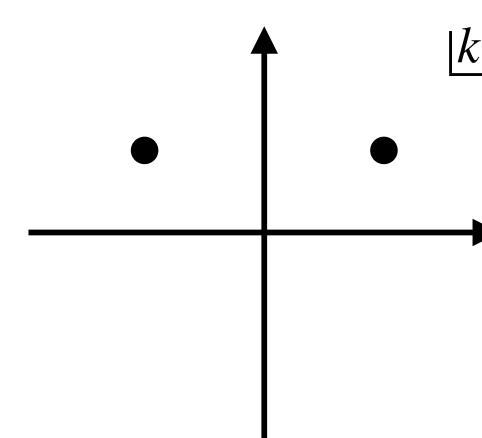
$$(T^\mu) = (\sqrt{2}, \vec{0})$$

$$\frac{1}{[q^2 - i0(T \cdot q)|T \cdot q|]} = \frac{1}{[q^2 + i0(T \cdot q)^2]} + 2\pi i \delta(q^2) \theta(T \cdot q)$$

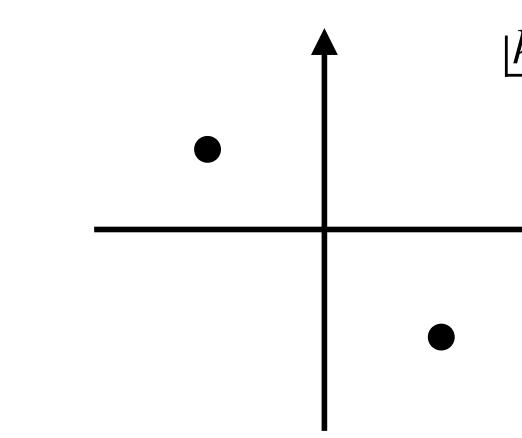
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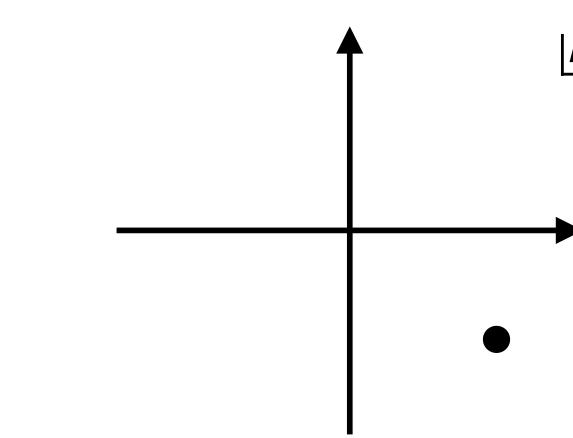
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Extend to Eikonal and higher-power propagators:

$$\frac{1}{2p_i \cdot k - i0(T \cdot p_i)^2} = \frac{1}{2p_i \cdot k + i0(T \cdot p_i)^2} + 2\pi i \delta(2p_i \cdot k)$$

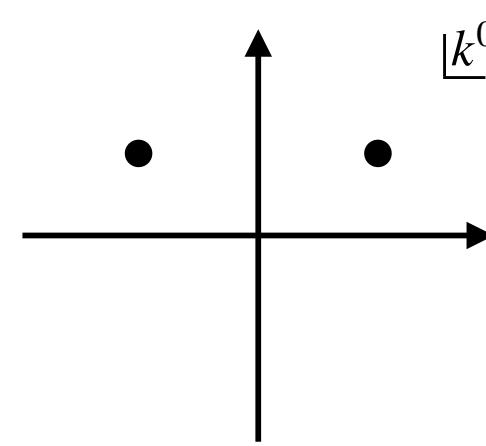
$$\omega^{(ij)} = \frac{(2\pi)^{2\epsilon}}{\pi} \left[ \int \frac{d\Omega^{(d-2)}}{4\pi} \frac{n_i \cdot n_j}{n_i \cdot n \ n \cdot n_j} - i\pi \int \frac{d\Omega^{(d-3)}}{2\pi} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{[q^2 - i0(T \cdot q)|T \cdot q|]^2} - \frac{1}{[q^2 + i0(T \cdot q)^2]^2} = -2i\pi \theta(T \cdot q) \delta'(q^2)$$

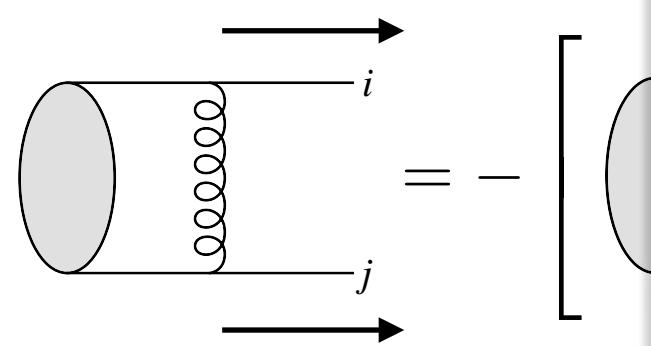
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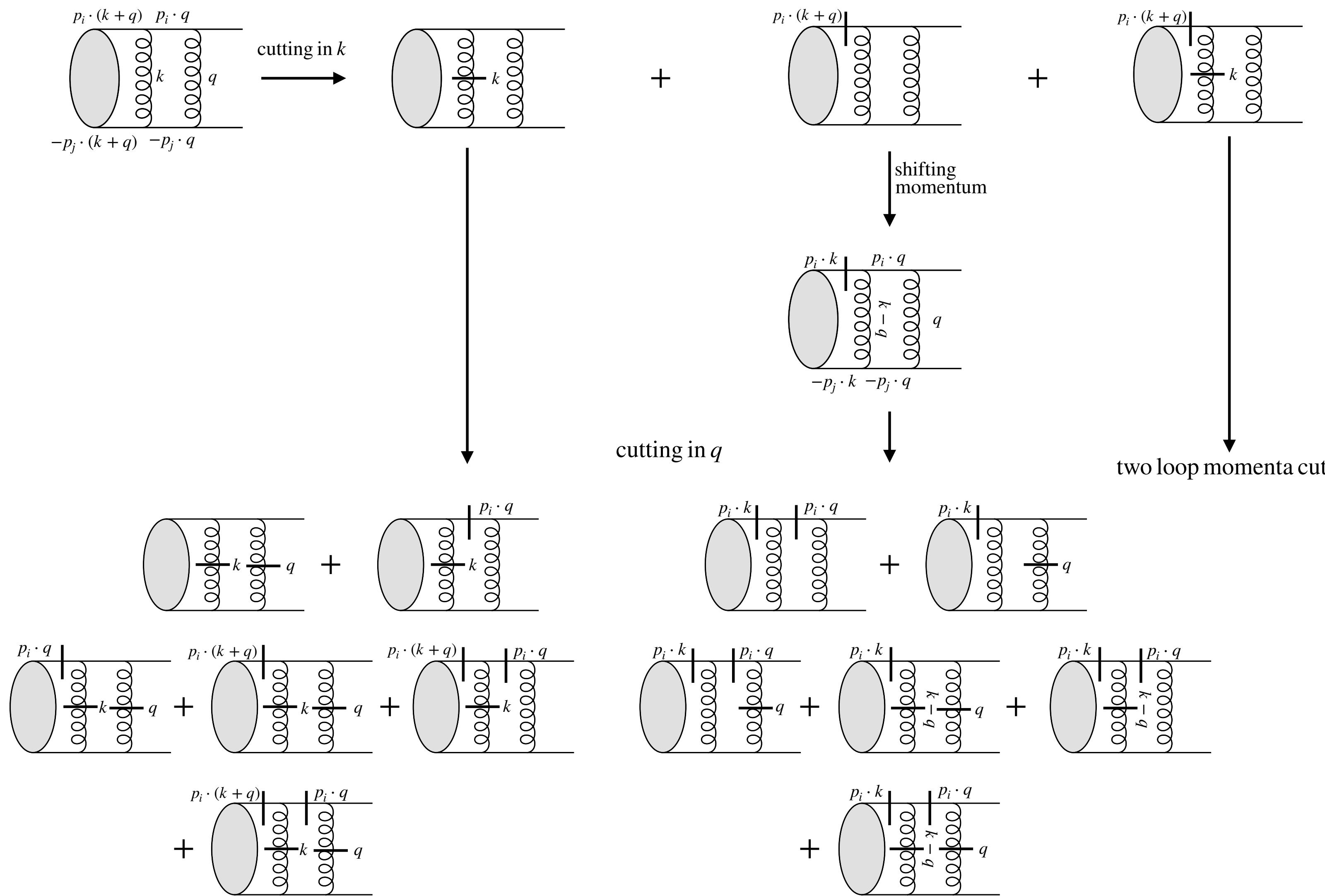
$$\frac{1}{(T \cdot q)^2] + 2\pi i\delta(q^2)\theta(T \cdot q)}$$

Propagators:

$$\frac{1}{(T \cdot p_i)^2} + 2\pi i \delta(2p_i \cdot k)$$

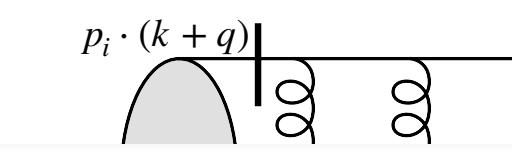
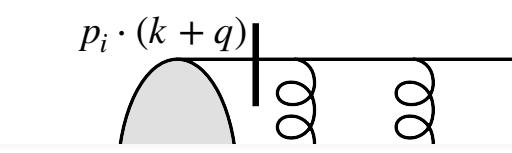
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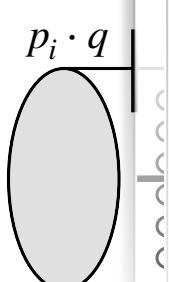
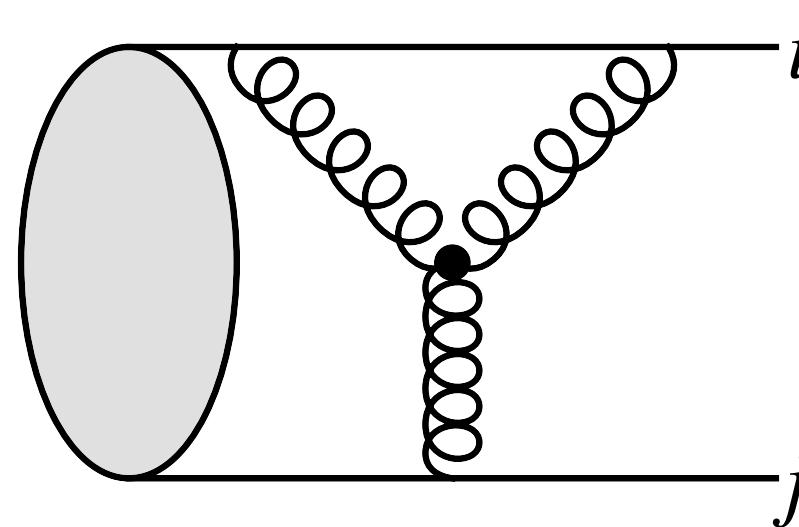
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$$\mu^{4\varepsilon} \int \frac{d^d k}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{d^d q}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{1}{[p_i \cdot k + i0][-p_j \cdot (k + q) + i0][k^2 + i0][q^2 + i0][(k + q)^2 + i0]}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mu^{4\varepsilon} \int \frac{d^d k}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{d^d q}{i\pi^{d/2}} \left\{ \frac{(2\pi i)^2 \tilde{\delta}(k) \tilde{\delta}(q)}{[p_i \cdot k + i0][(k + q)^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot (k + q) + i0]} \right. \\
 & + \frac{(2\pi i)^2 \tilde{\delta}(q) \delta(p_i \cdot k)}{[k^2 + i0][(k + q)^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot (k + q) + i0]} \\
 & + \frac{(2\pi i)^2 \tilde{\delta}(k) \tilde{\delta}(q)}{[p_i \cdot k + i0][(q - k)^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot q + i0]} \\
 & + \frac{(2\pi i)^2 \tilde{\delta}(q) \delta(p_i \cdot k)}{[k^2 + i0][(q - k)^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot q + i0]} \\
 & - \frac{(2\pi i)^2 \tilde{\delta}(q) \tilde{\delta}(k)}{[p_i \cdot (k - q) + i0][(k - q)^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot k + i0]} \\
 & + \frac{(2\pi i)^3 \tilde{\delta}(k) \tilde{\delta}(q) \tilde{\delta}(k + q)}{[p_i \cdot k + i0][-p_j \cdot (k + q) + i0]} \\
 & + \frac{(2\pi i)^3 \tilde{\delta}(q) \tilde{\delta}(k + q) \delta(p_i \cdot k)}{[k^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot (k + q) + i0]} + \frac{(2\pi i)^3 \tilde{\delta}(q) \tilde{\delta}(k) \tilde{\delta}(q - k)}{[p_i \cdot k + i0][-p_j \cdot q + i0]} \\
 & \left. + \frac{(2\pi i)^3 \tilde{\delta}(q - k) \tilde{\delta}(q) \delta(p_i \cdot k)}{[k^2 + i0][-p_j \cdot q + i0]} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$



Eikonal coupling only to hard lines!

see also [Angeles, Forshaw, Seymour — '15]

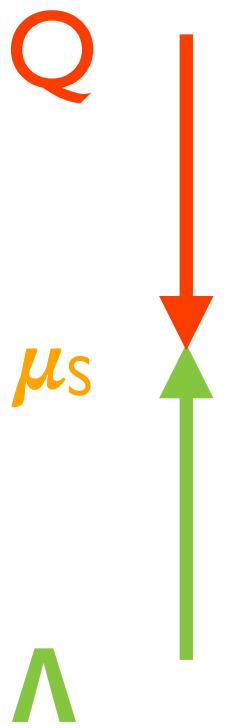
# Infrared subtractions

$$\sigma = \sum_{n,m} \int \int \text{Tr}_n [\mathbf{M}_n \mathbf{U}_{nm}] d\phi_m u(\phi_m)$$

Subtractions necessitate a resolution:  
what is it we call ‘unresolved’?

Encompass all singular regions!

$$\mathbf{U}_n = \mathbf{X}_n^\dagger \mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{X}_n - \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \alpha_S^s \int \mathbf{F}_{n+s}^{(s)\dagger} \mathbf{S}_{n+s} \mathbf{F}_{n+s}^{(s)} \prod_{i=n+1}^{n+s} \mu_R^{2\epsilon} [dp_i] \tilde{\delta}(p_i)$$



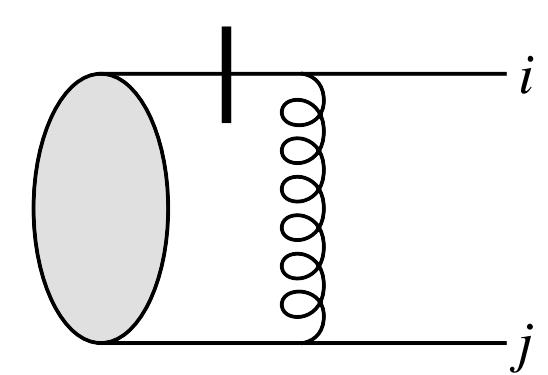
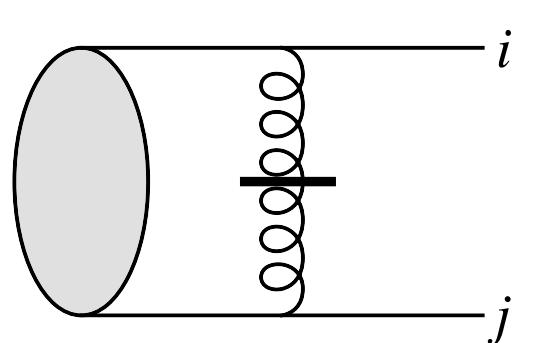
resolution function for (cut) loop momenta

$$\mathbf{X}_n^{(1)} = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{(1)}[\Xi_{n,1}]$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{(l)}[\Xi_{n,l}] = \sum_{\alpha} \int \mathcal{I}_{n,\alpha}^{(l)}(p_1, \dots, p_n; k_1, \dots, k_l) \Xi_{n,l}^{(\alpha)} \prod_{i=1}^l \mu_R^{2\epsilon} [dk_i]$$

$$\mathbf{F}_n^{(1,0)} \circ \mathbf{F}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} = \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)} \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} \Theta_{n,1}$$

resolution function for real emission



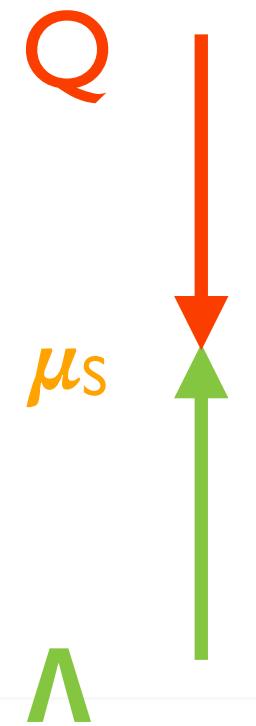
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resolution function for (cut) loop momen

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resolution function for real emission

Continues to higher orders ...

$$\mathbf{X}_n^{(2)} = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{(2)} [\Xi_{n,2}] - \hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{(1)} [\Xi_{n,1}] \hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{(1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_n^{(1,1)} \circ \mathbf{F}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} &= \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,1)} [\Xi_{n-1,1}] \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} \Theta_{n,1} \\ &\quad + \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,1)} [1 - \Xi_{n-1,1}] \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} \Theta_{n,1} + \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,1)} [\Xi_{n-1,1}] \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} (1 - \Theta_{n,1}) \\ &\quad - \hat{\mathbf{V}}_n^{(1)} [\Xi_{n-1,1}] \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)} \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} + \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)} \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{n-1}^{(1)} \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} \Theta_{n,1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_n^{(2,0)} \circ \mathbf{F}_n^{(2,0)\dagger} = \mathbf{D}_n^{(2,0)} \circ \mathbf{D}_n^{(2,0)\dagger} \Theta_{n,2} - \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)} \mathbf{D}_{n-1}^{(1,0)} \circ \mathbf{D}_{n-1}^{(1,0)\dagger} \mathbf{D}_n^{(1,0)\dagger} \Theta_{n,1}$$

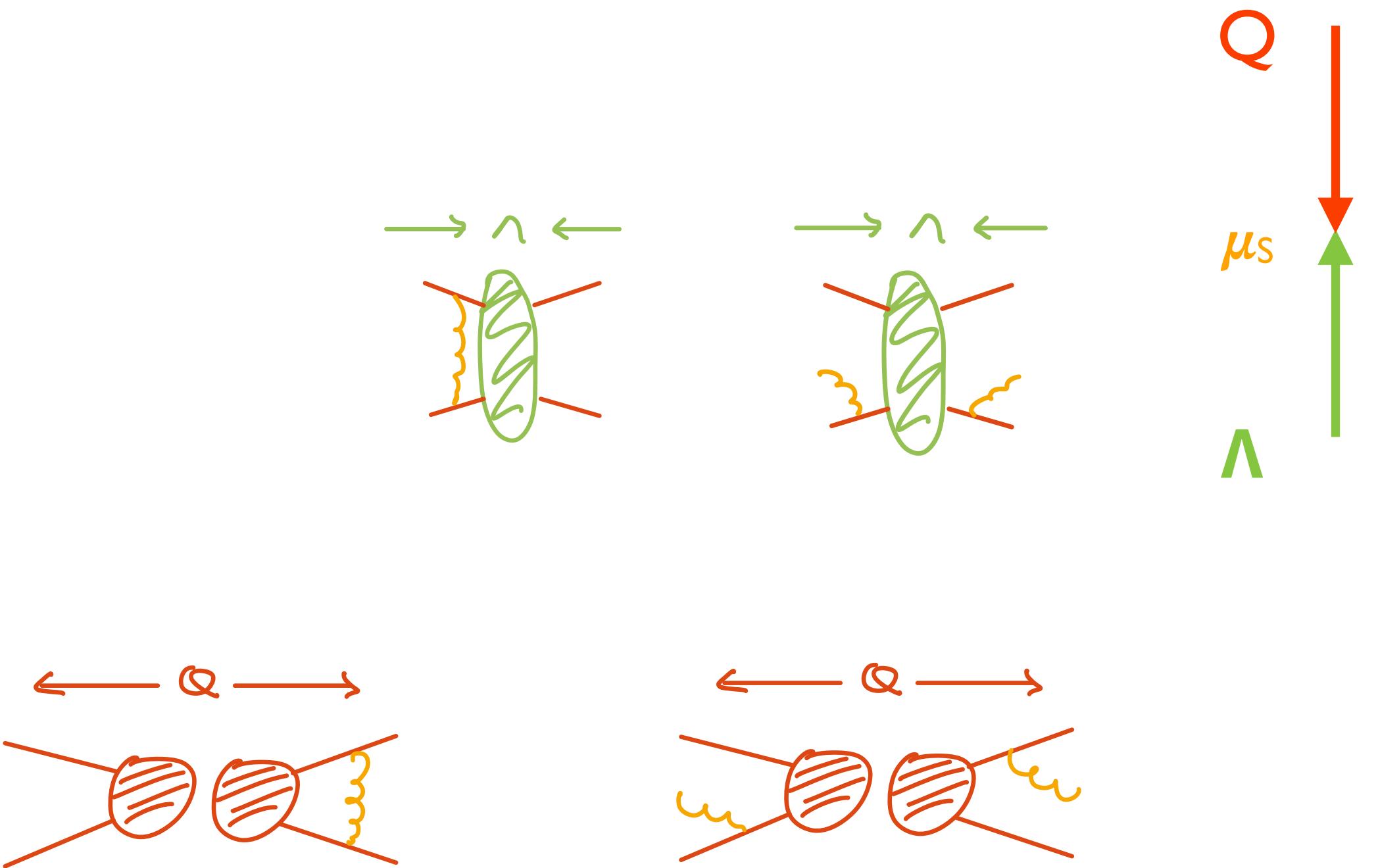
# Redefinitions of “bare” operators

$$\sigma = \sum_{n,m} \int \int \text{Tr}_n [\mathbf{M}_n \mathbf{U}_{nm}] d\phi_m u(\phi_m)$$

Hard factor reproduces CVolver algorithm and predicts key features of second order evolution.

$$\partial_S \mathbf{S}_n = -\tilde{\Gamma}_{S,n}^\dagger \mathbf{S}_n - \mathbf{S}_n \tilde{\Gamma}_{S,n} + \sum_{s \geq 1} \alpha_S^s \int \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{S,n+s}^{(s)\dagger} \mathbf{S}_{n+s} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{S,n+s}^{(s)} \prod_{i=n+1}^{n+s} [dp_i] \delta(p_i)$$

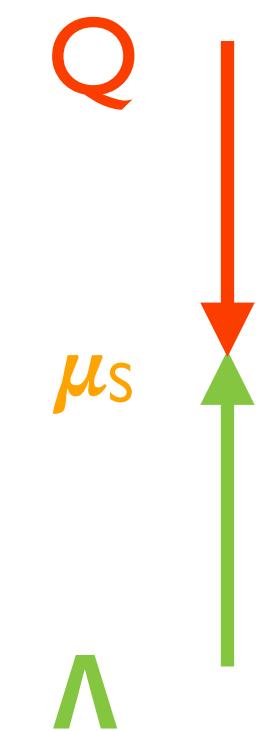
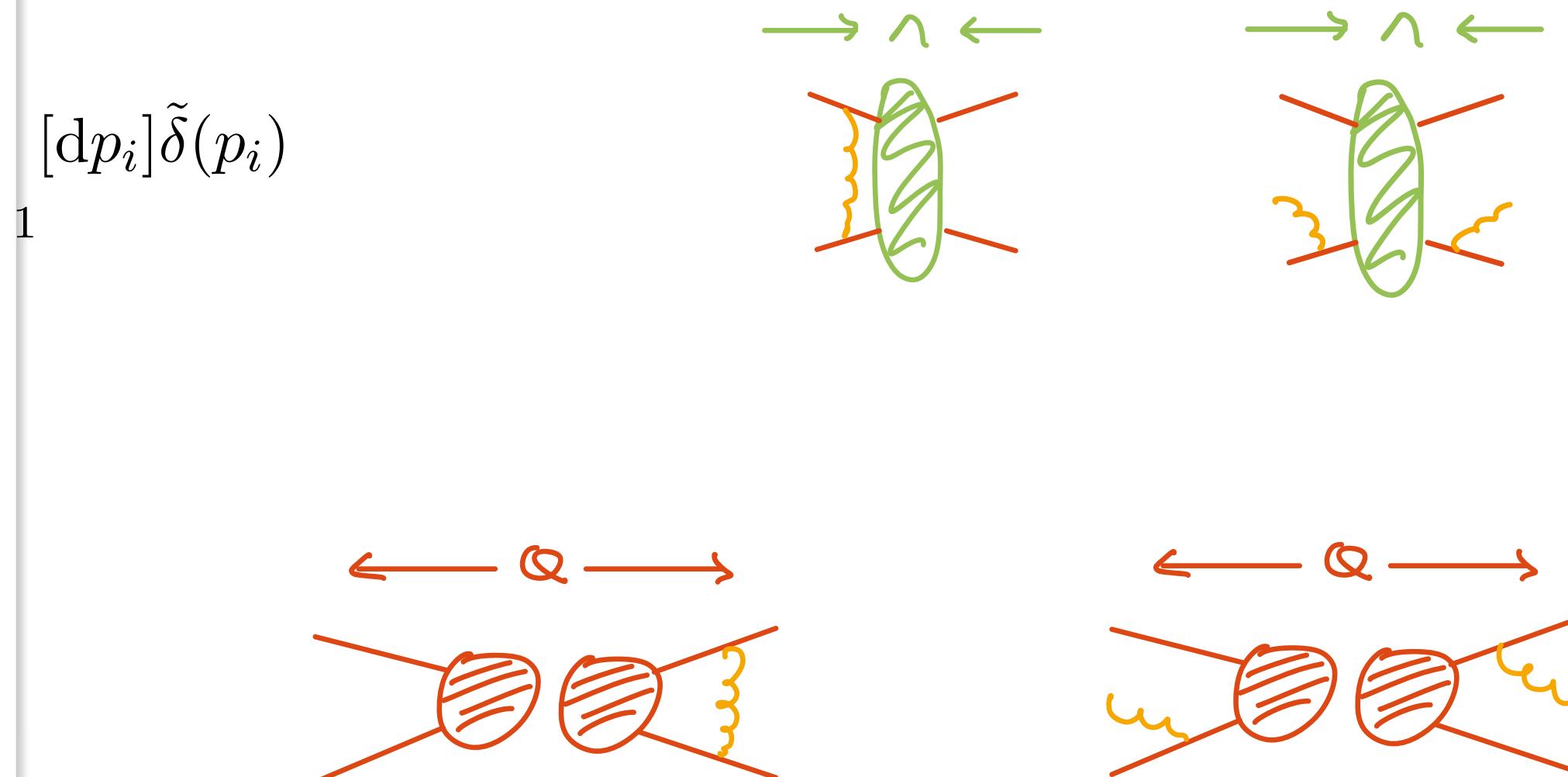
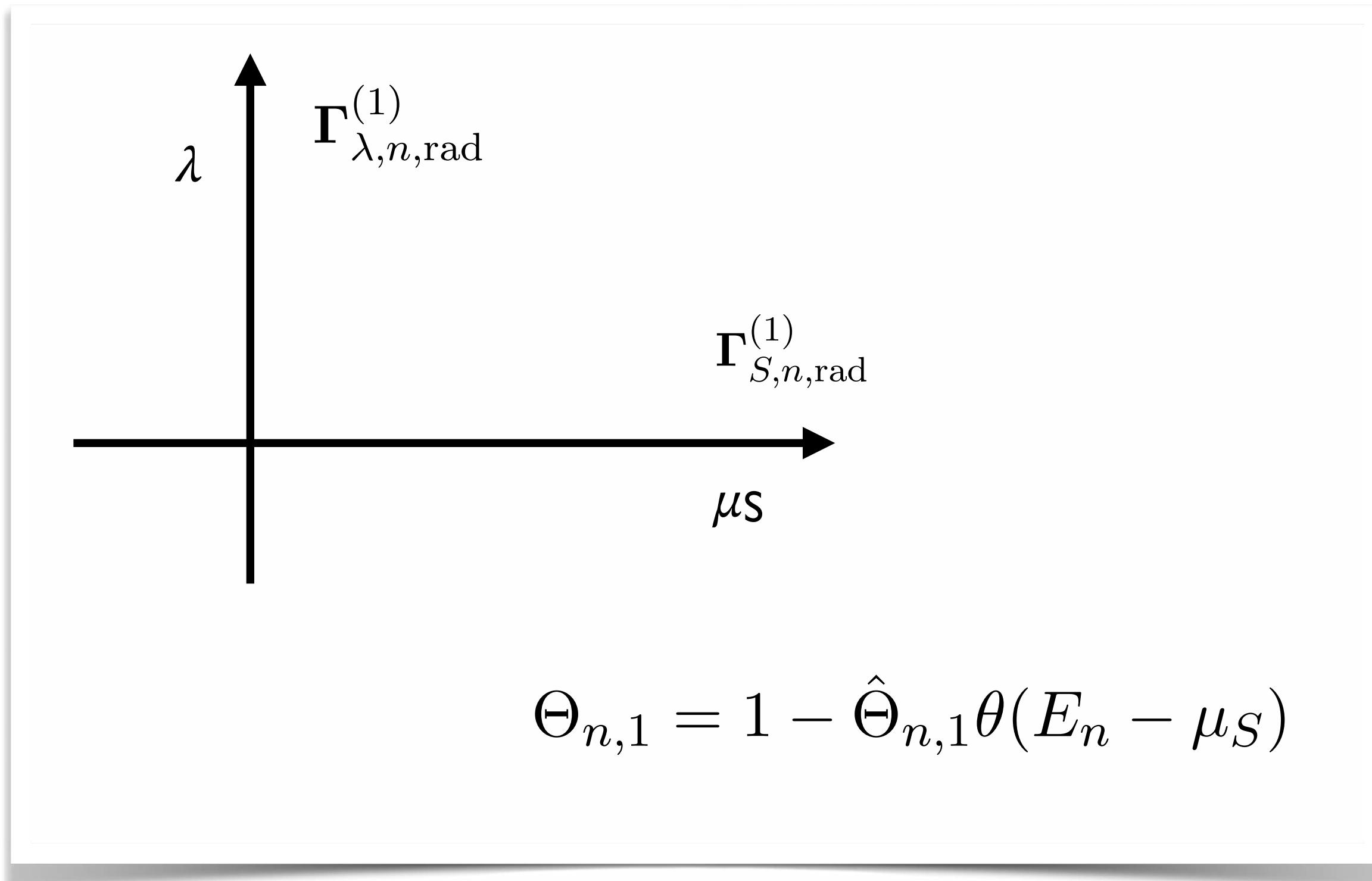
$$\partial_S \mathbf{A}_n = \Gamma_{n,S} \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{A}_n \Gamma_{n,S}^\dagger - \sum_{s \geq 1} \alpha_S^s \mathbf{R}_{S,n}^{(s)} \mathbf{A}_{n-s} \mathbf{R}_{S,n}^{(s)\dagger}$$



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# Constructing evolution algorithms

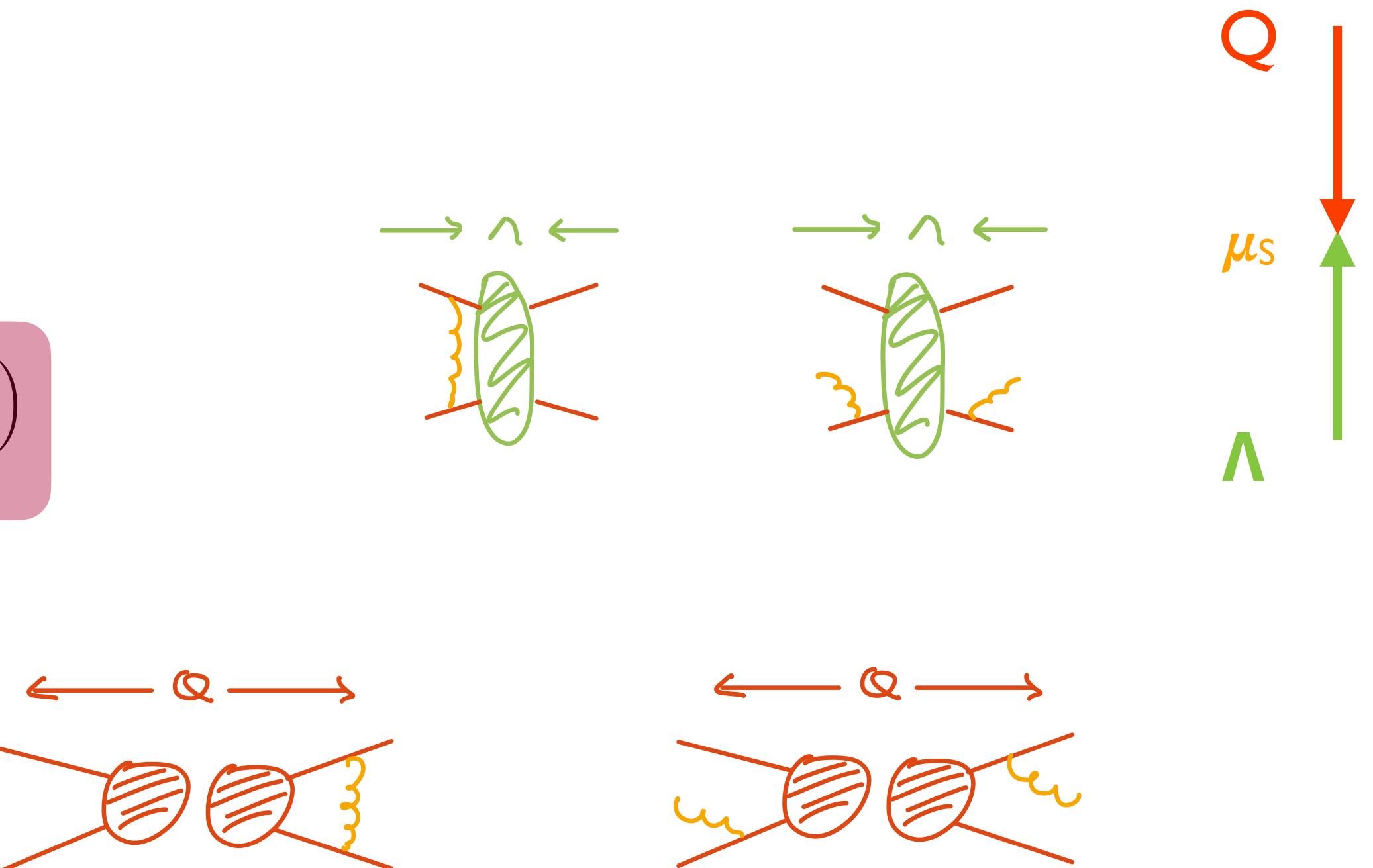
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Subtract iterated contribution in ordered phase space.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_n^{(2,0)} \circ \mathbf{R}_n^{(2,0)\dagger} &= \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_n^{(0,2)} \circ \hat{\mathbf{D}}_n^{(0,2)\dagger} \hat{\Theta}_{n,2} - \hat{\mathbf{D}}_n^{(0,1)} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n-1}^{(0,1)} \circ \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n-1}^{(0,1)\dagger} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_n^{(0,1)\dagger} \hat{\Theta}_{n-1,1} \hat{\Theta}_{n,1} \right) \\ &\quad \times \theta(E_{n-1} - \mu_S) \delta(E_n - \mu_s) \\ &+ \hat{\mathbf{D}}_n^{(0,2)} \circ \hat{\mathbf{D}}_n^{(0,2)\dagger} \hat{\Theta}_{n,2} \theta(E_n - \mu_S) \delta(E_{n-1} - \mu_S) \end{aligned}$$

Use full double gluon matrix element outside.



Similar consequences for virtual corrections.