State-Driven Fragmentation of All-Heavy and Hidden-Heavy Tetraquarks

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¿ Why studying (Heavy) Exotics ?

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Precision & Exploration

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- First discovery of a (crypto-)exotic at Belle (🇯🇵) in 2003 → $X(3872)$

[Today's overview talk by Q. Wang 🔗; talks by Y. Yamaguchi 🔗 and A. Carducci 🔗]

Interpretation of Exotic States

Compact MultiQuark

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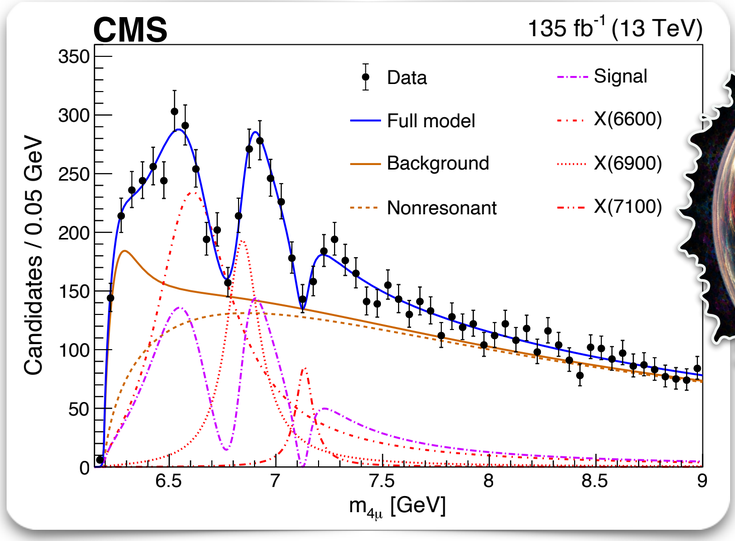

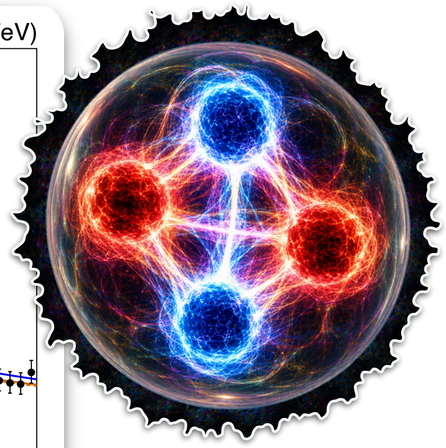

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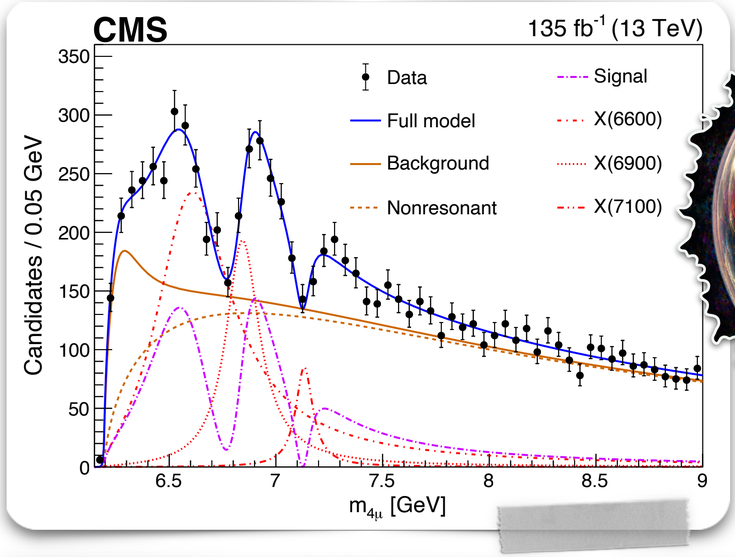

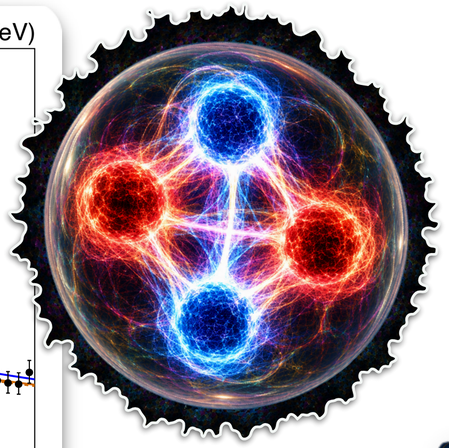

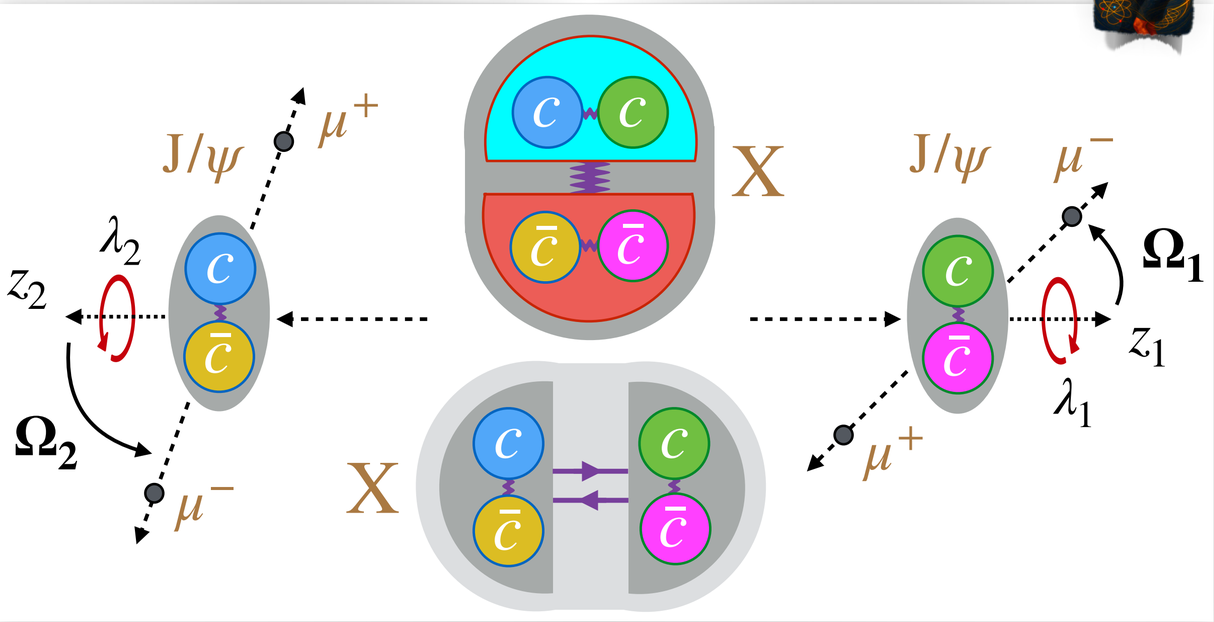

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Fragmentation in QCD (with Heavy Flavors)

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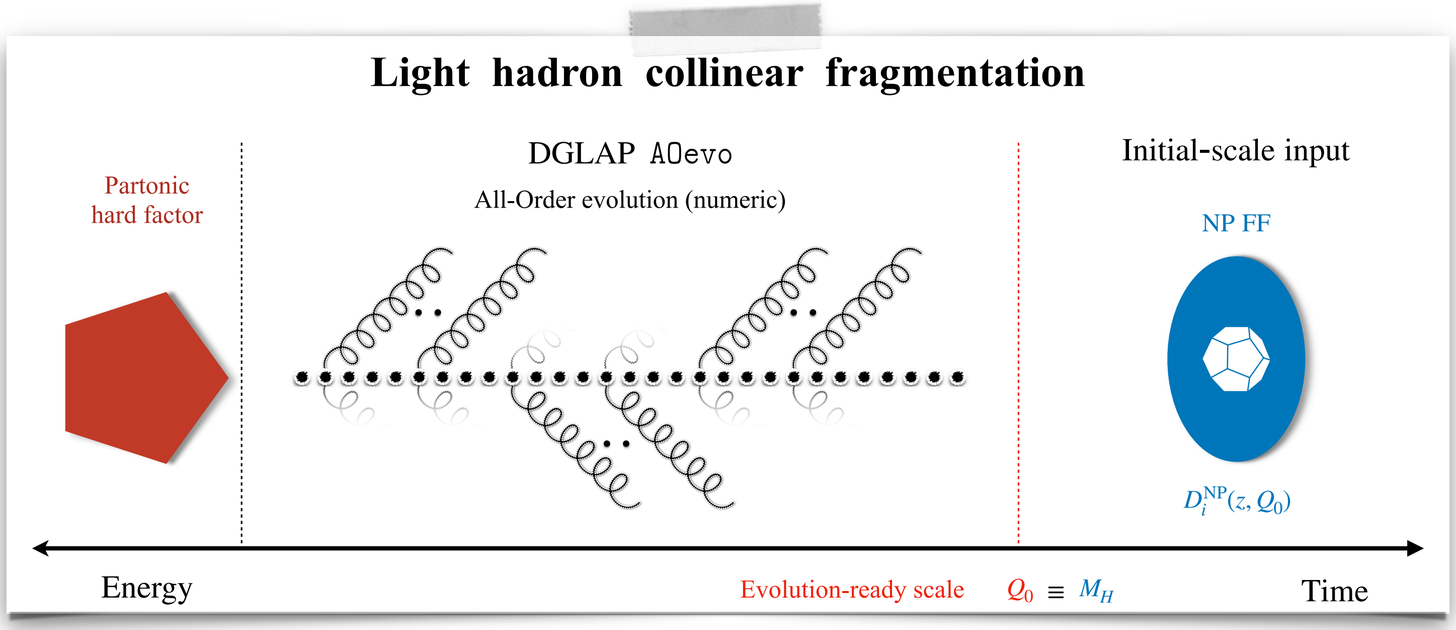

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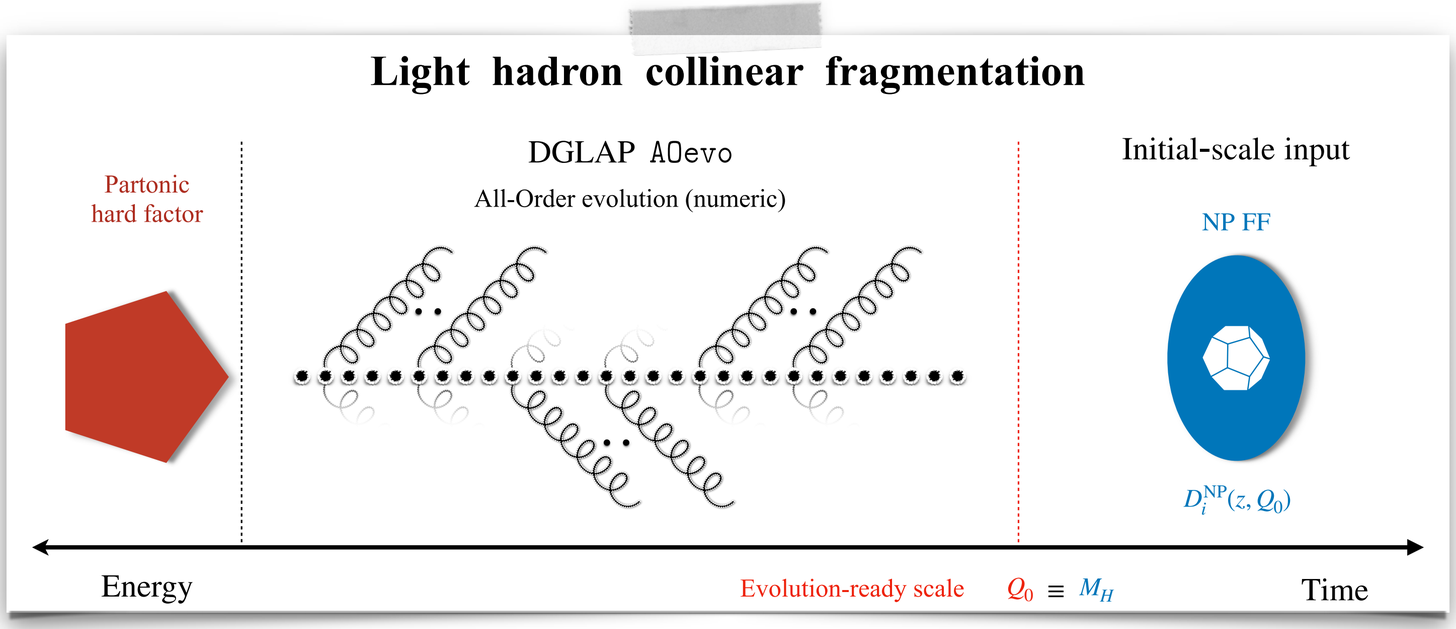

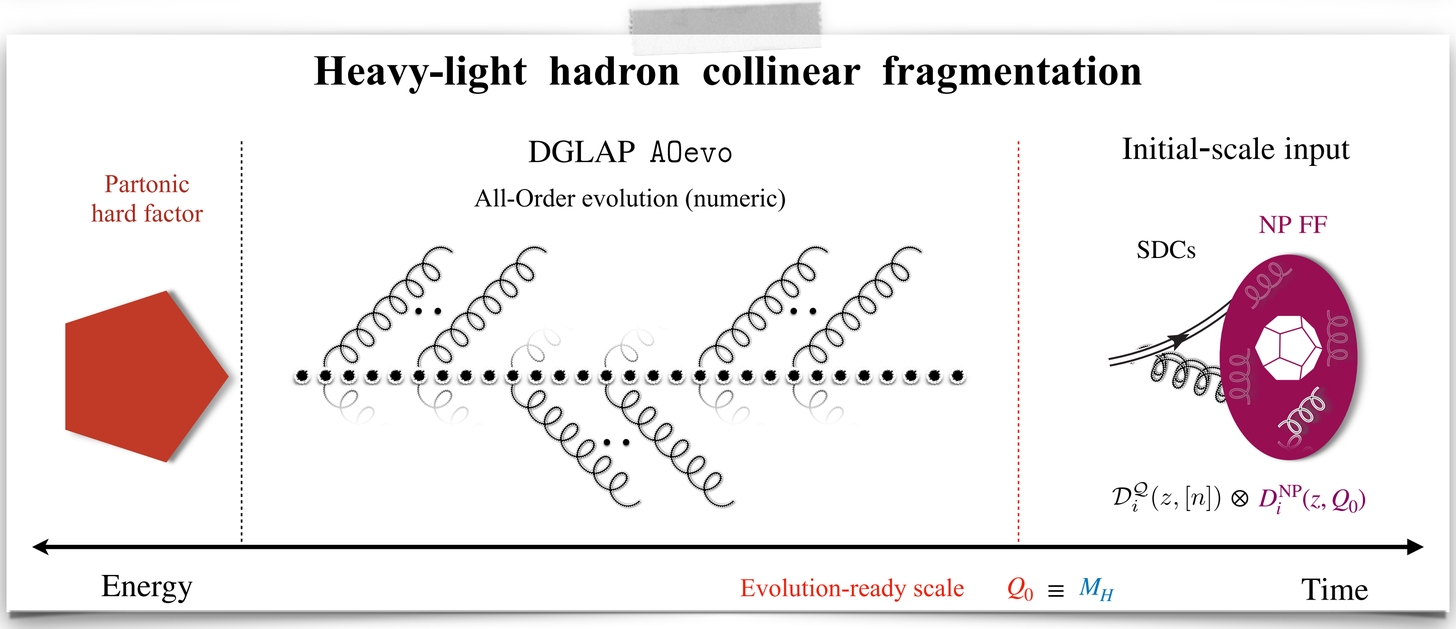

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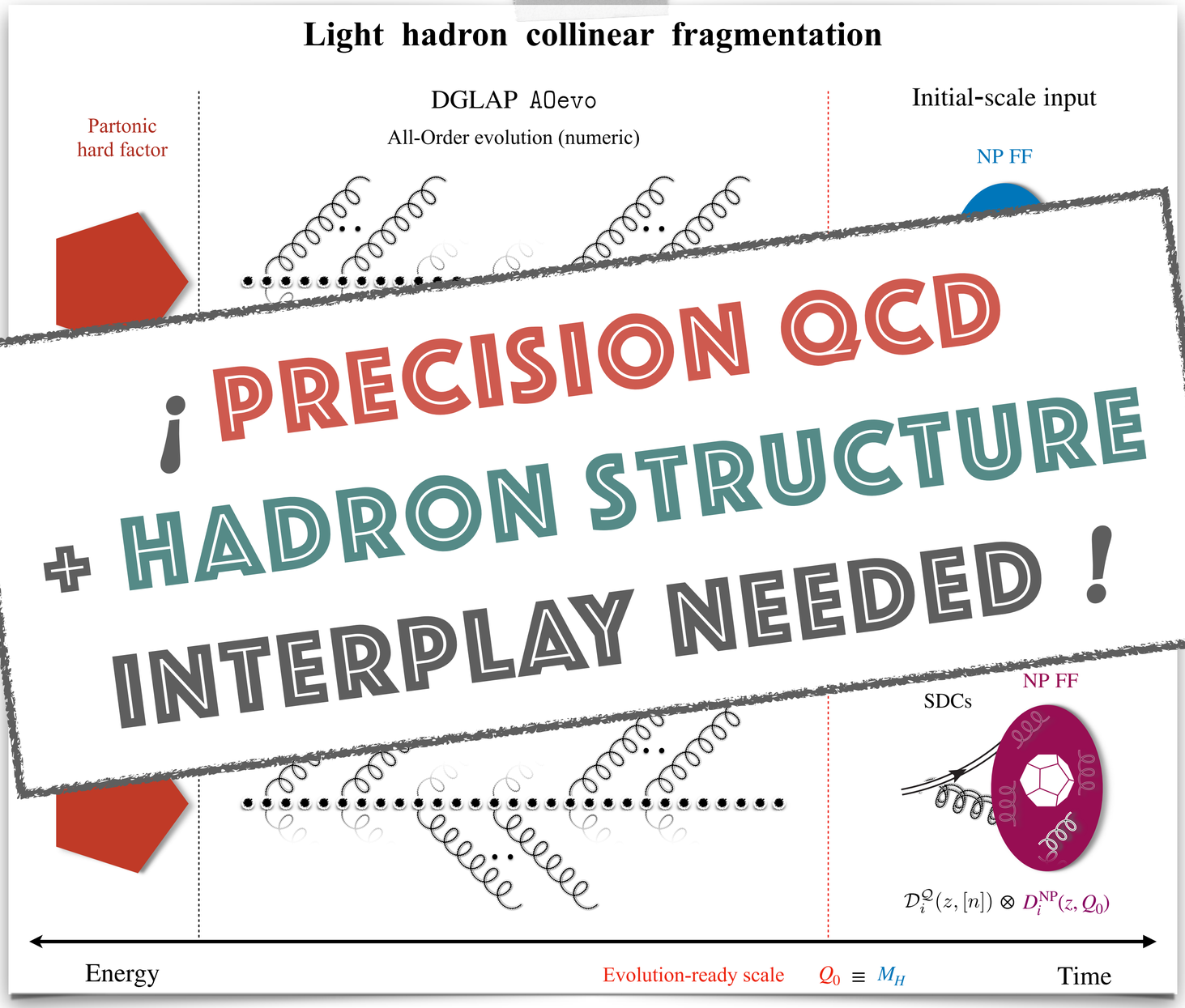

¡ PRECISION QCD
+ HADRON STRUCTURE
INTERPLAY NEEDED !

DISCOVERY POTENTIAL

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Hidden-Heavy TetraQ MultiModal Fragmentation

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TQHL2.0: Toward a State-Driven Fragmentation

Table 1: Scalar (0^{++}) hidden-heavy-flavor tetraquark candidates considered as representative case studies within the multimodal TQHL2.0 fragmentation framework. Masses are quoted as central values with uncertainties in parentheses. Inline references indicate key experimental observations and phenomenological interpretations relevant to each state.

State	Mass [MeV]	Status	Leading Fock	Comments
$X(3860)$	3862(44)	Candidate	$\lvert c\bar{c}\, q\bar{q}\rangle$	Non-strange 0^{++} candidate close to the $D\bar{D}$ threshold [1]. Useful as a controlled test case for assessing $[u \leftrightarrow d]$ quark mixing effects in hidden-heavy tetraquarks, with $q = u, d$.
$X(3960)$	3960(40)	Observed	$\lvert c\bar{c}\, s\bar{s}\rangle$	Observed in the $D_s^+ D_s^-$ channel by LHCb [2, 3]. Its flavor structure is clean, with no $[u \leftrightarrow d]$ quark mixing. Compatible with both compact [4] and molecular [5] interpretations.
$X_b(s)$	10 700(100)	Hypothetical	$\lvert b\bar{b}\, s\bar{s}\rangle$	Bottom counterpart of $X(3960)$ with clean heavy–strange content. Predicted in several tetraquark models [6–8]. Additional constraints may arise from studies of $X_0(4140)$ [9].

[F. G. C., in preparation]

MultiModal Fragmentation to TetraQuarks

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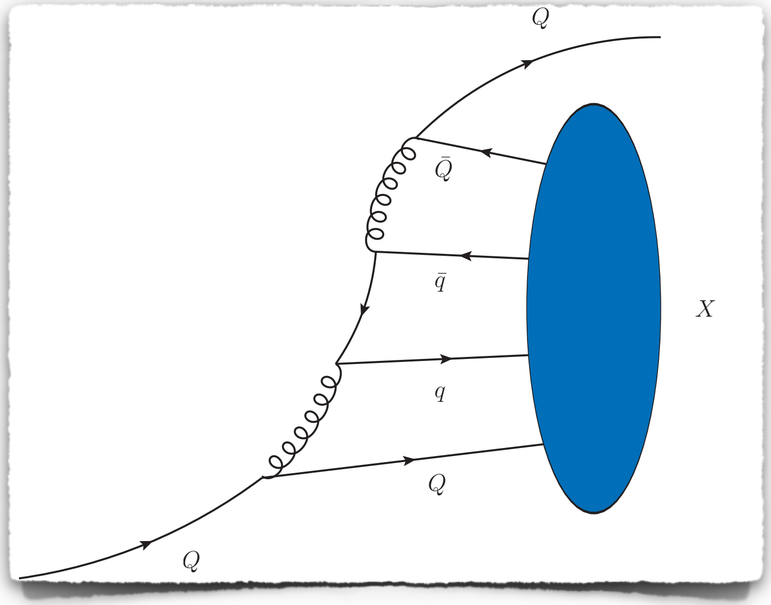

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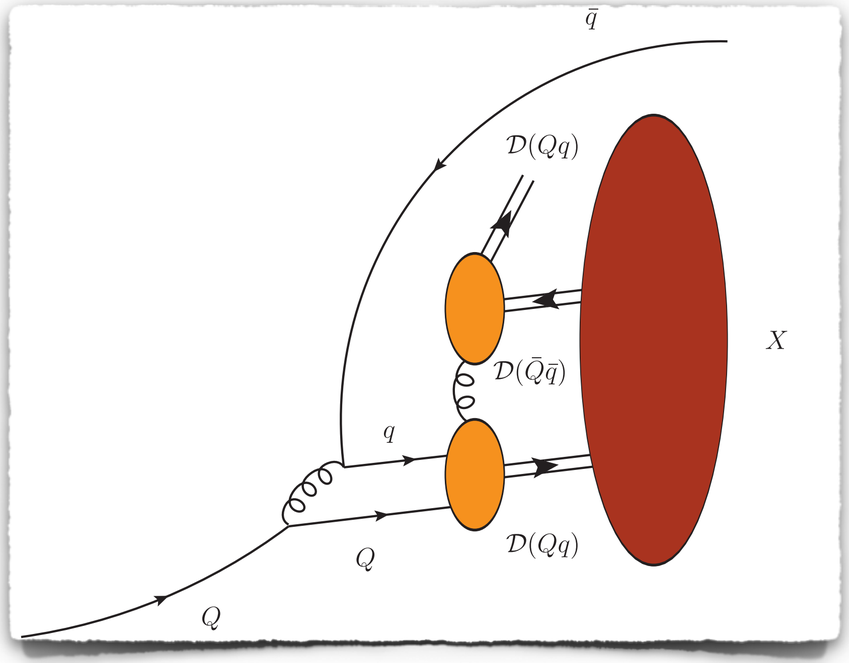

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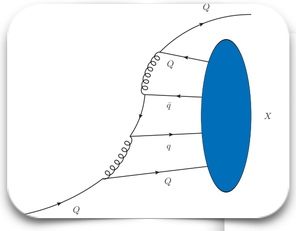

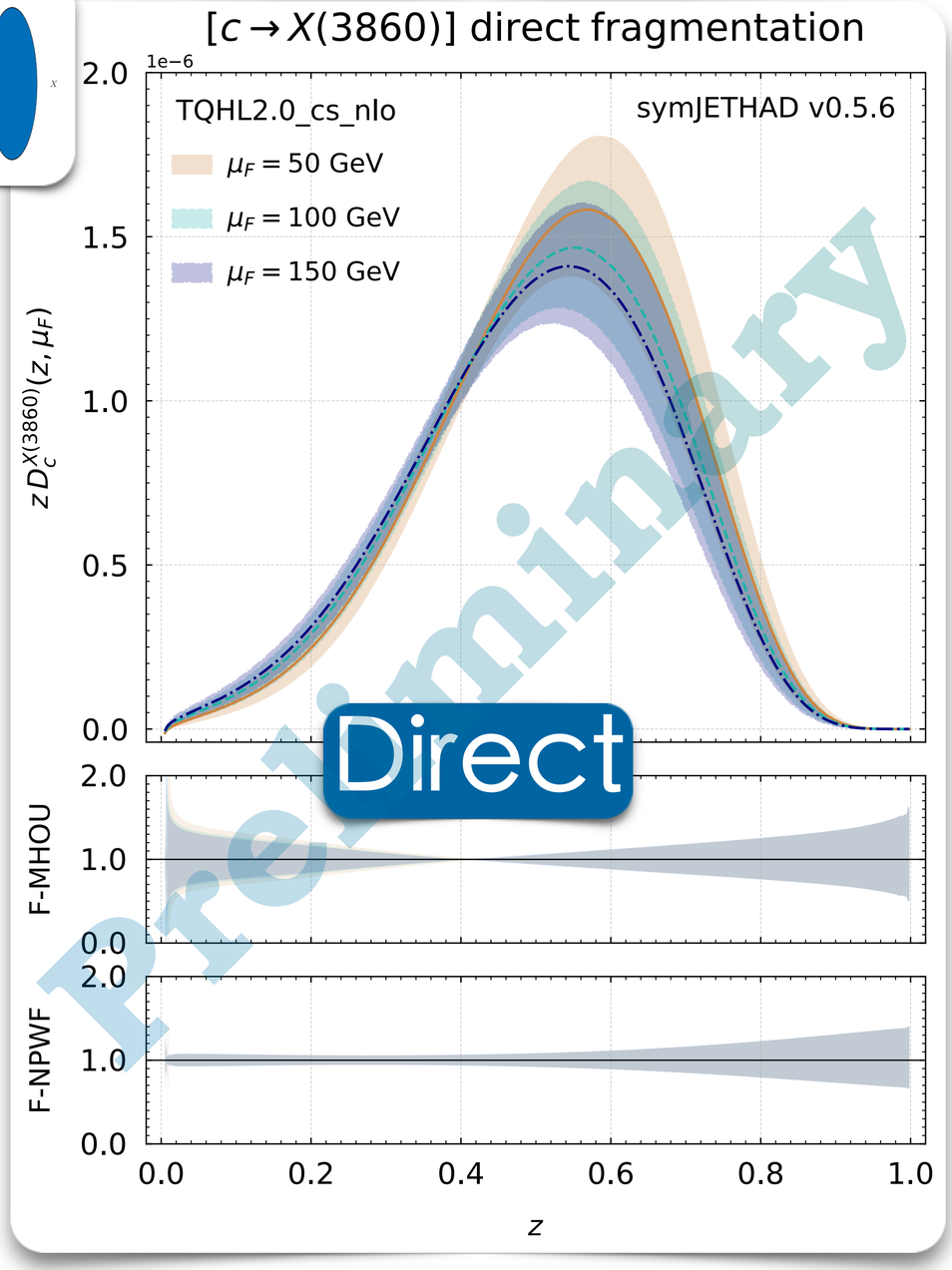

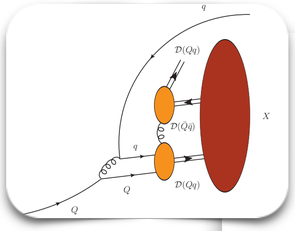

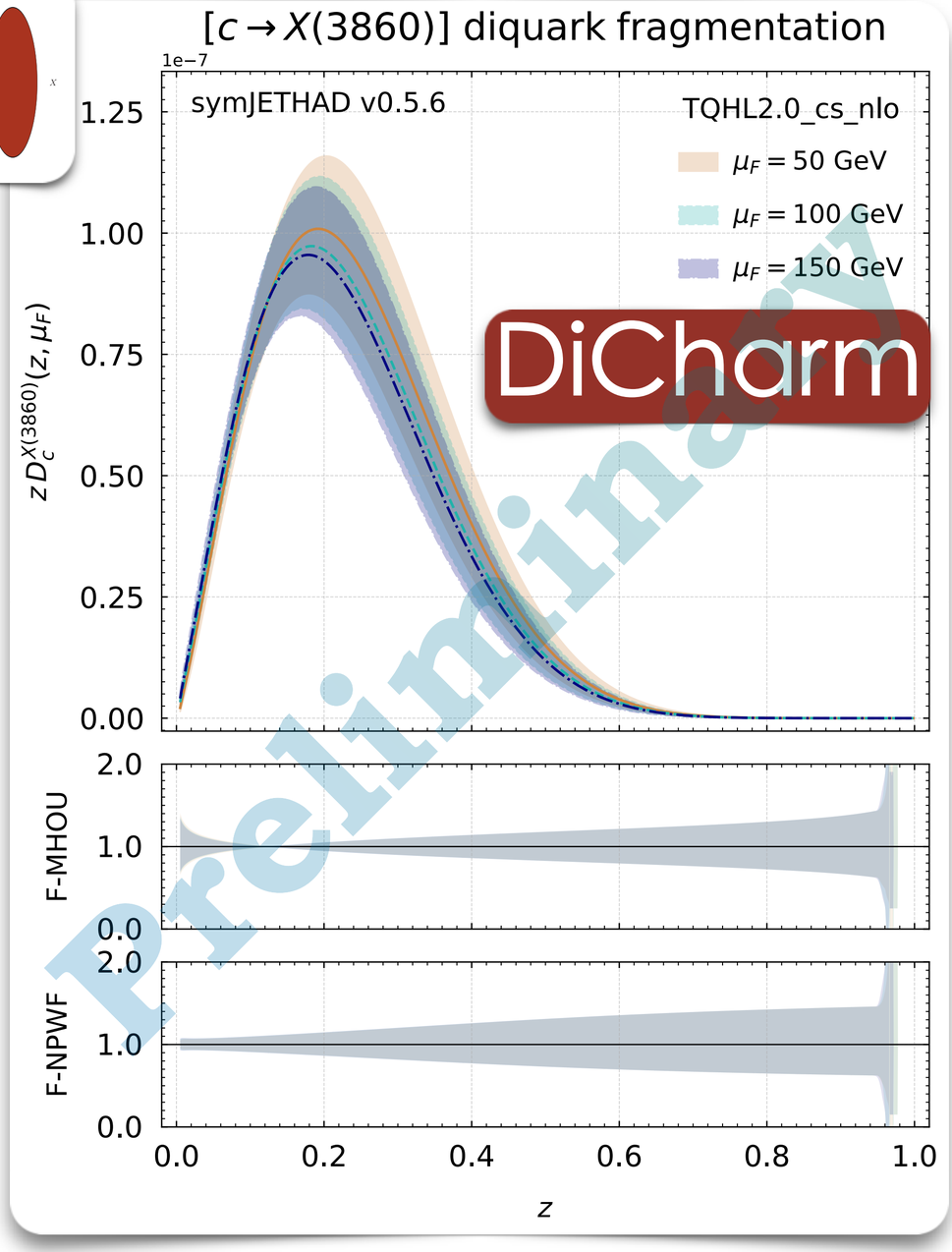

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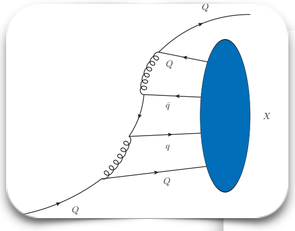

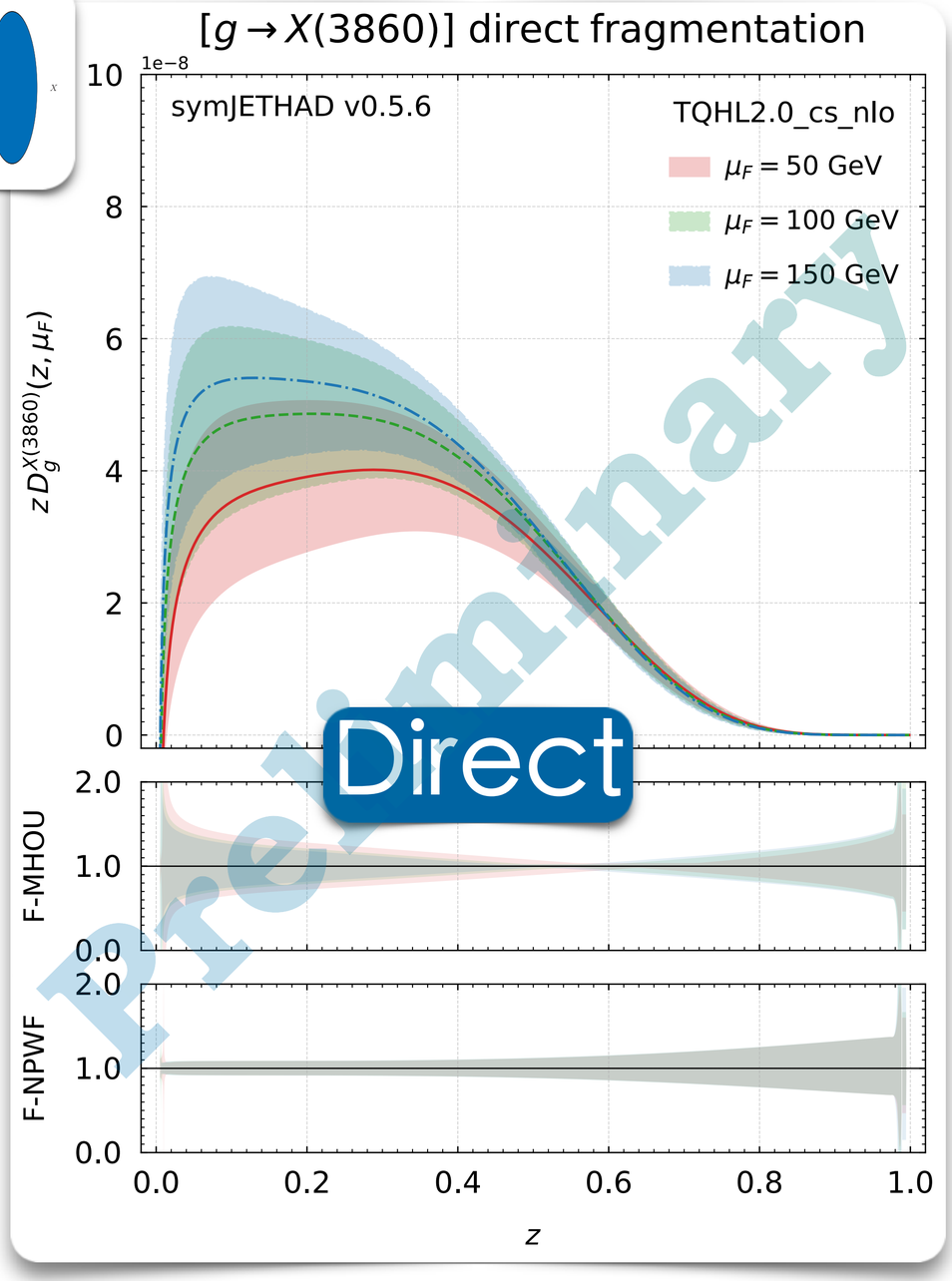

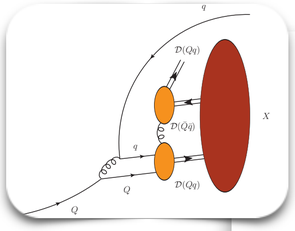

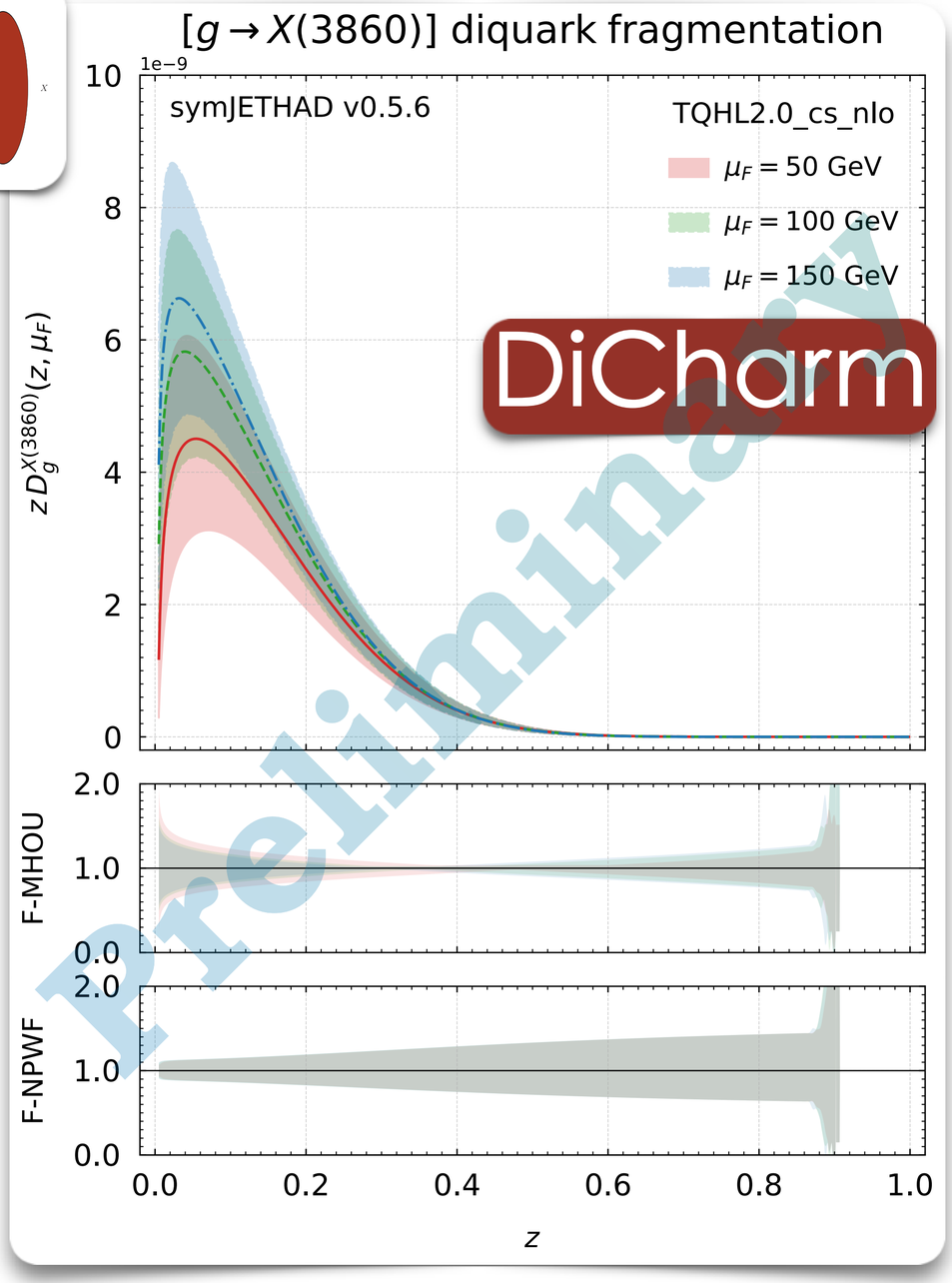

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All-Heavy-TetraQ NonRelativistic Fragmentation

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Heavy-Flavor Non-Relativistic evolution

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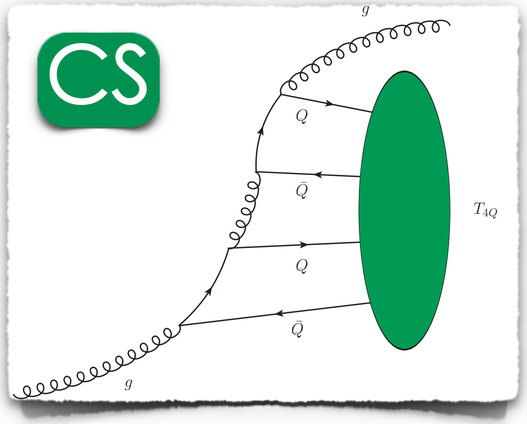

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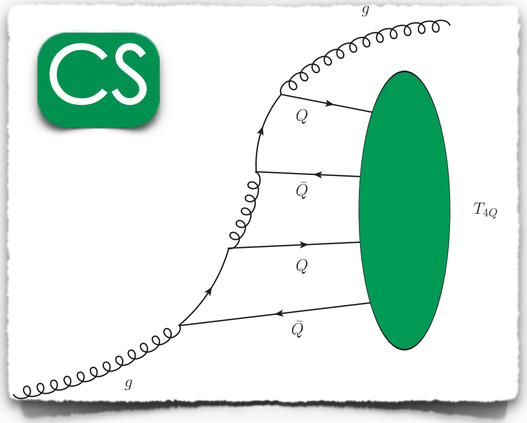

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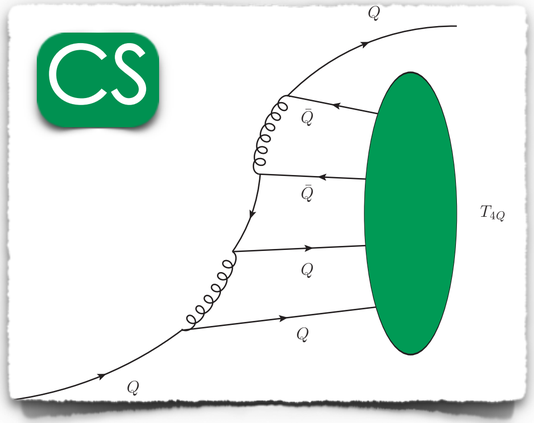

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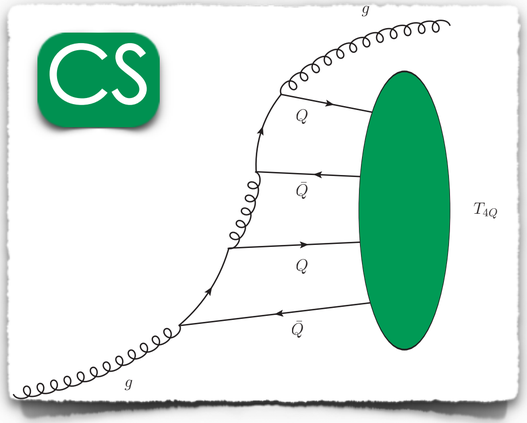

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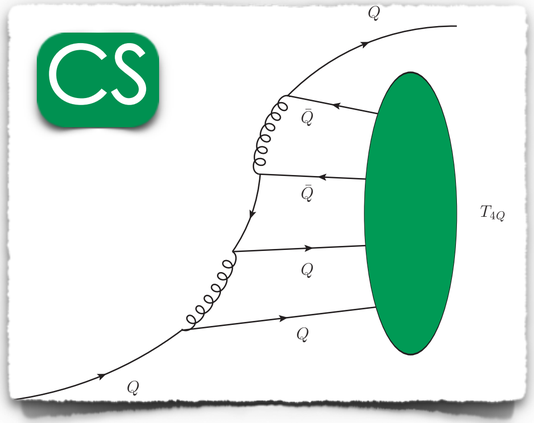

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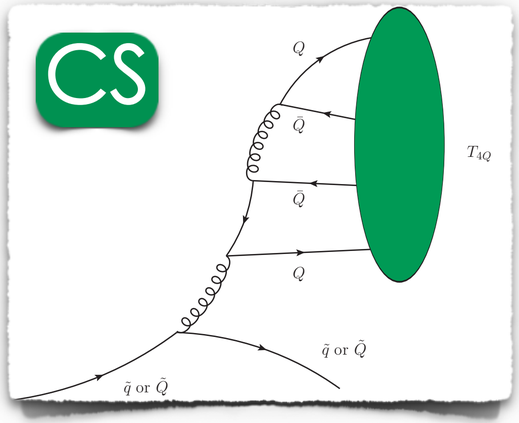

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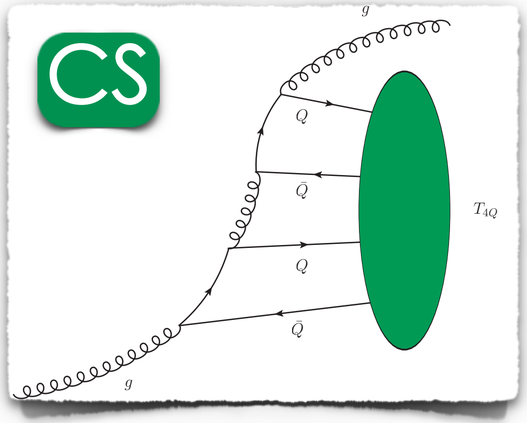

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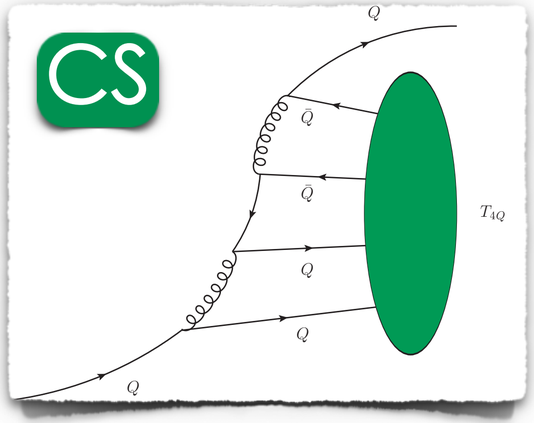

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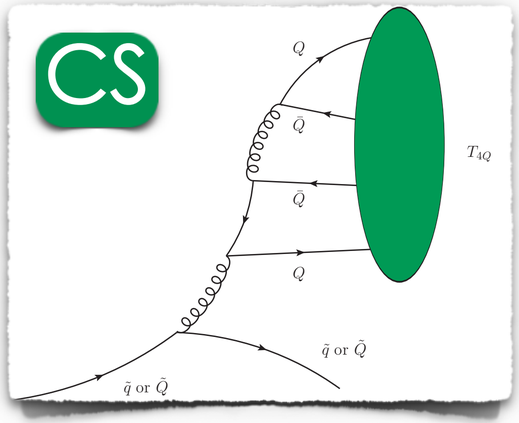

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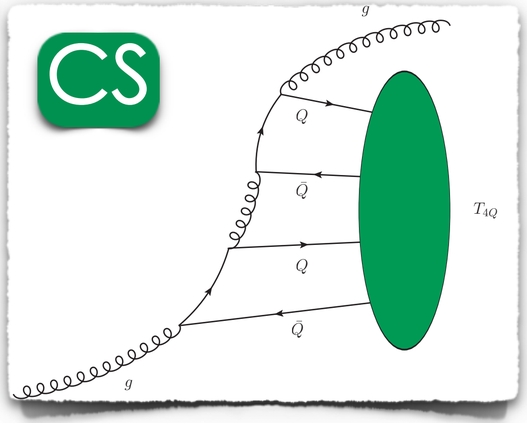	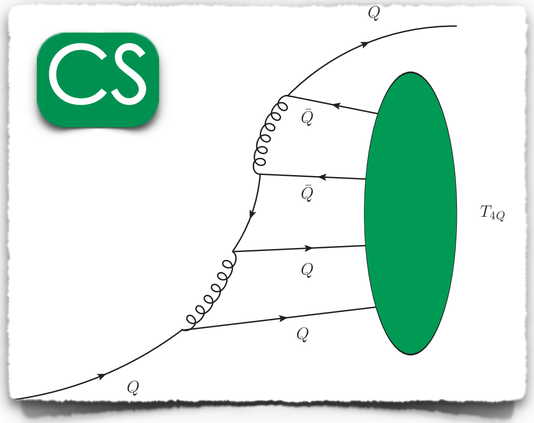	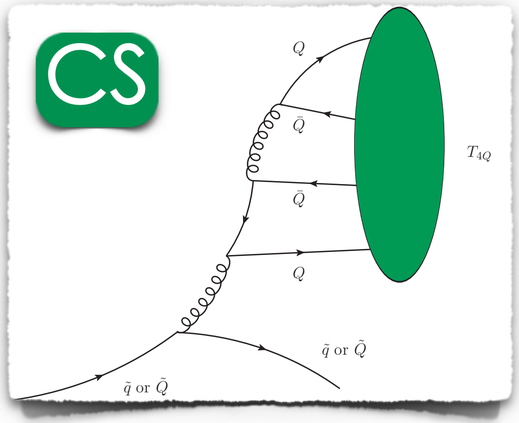
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2024 → 2025

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	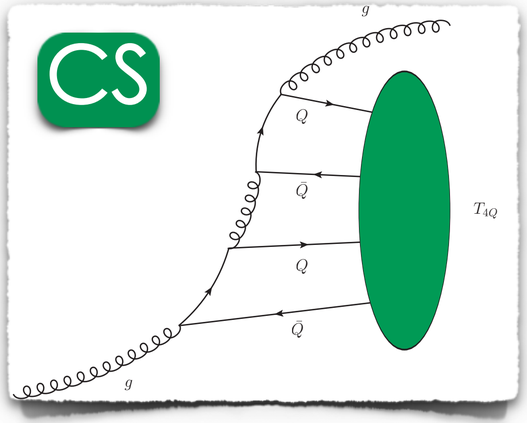	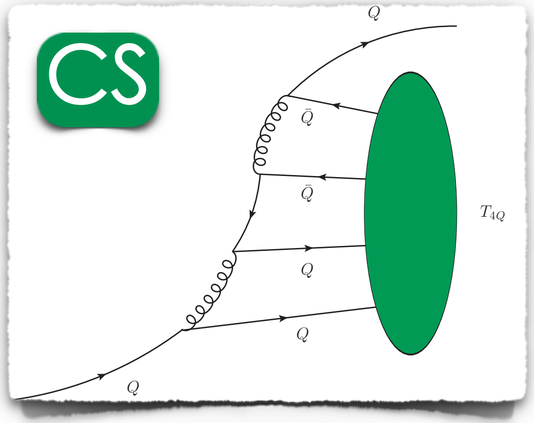	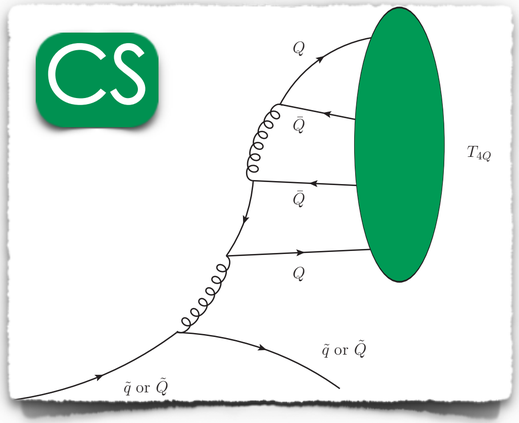
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	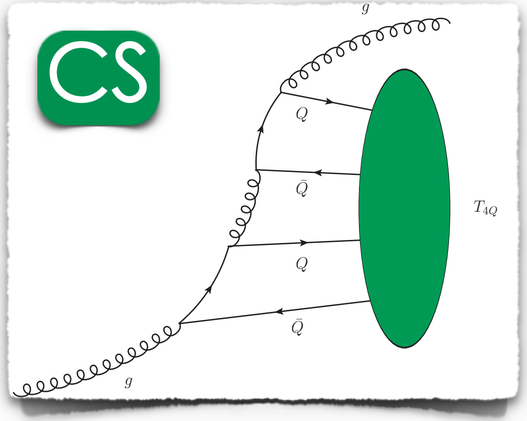	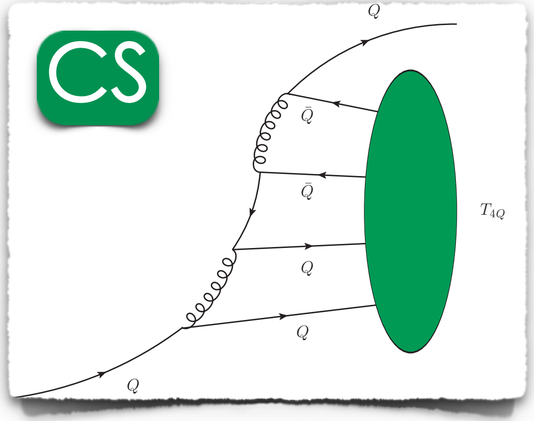	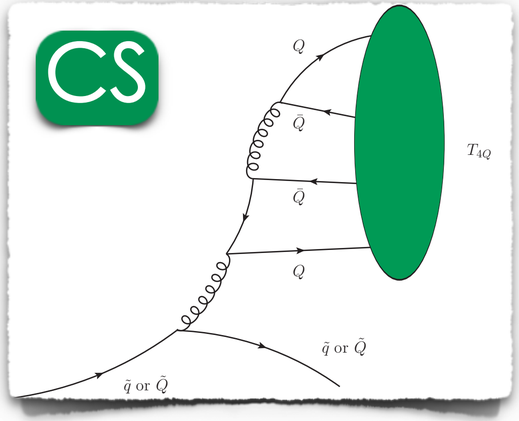
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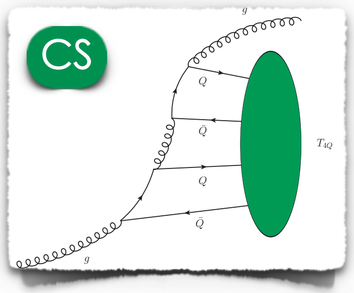

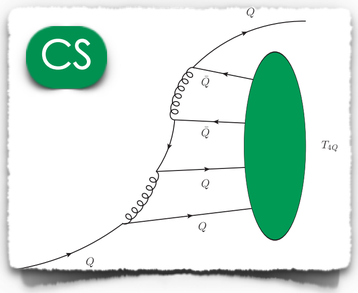

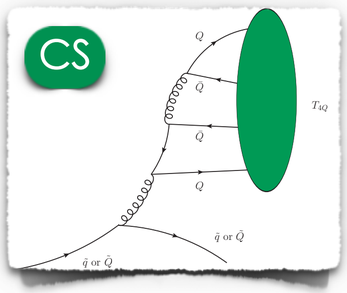

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HF-NRevo for $T_{4c}(0^{++}, 2^{++})$ collinear fragmentation

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All-Order evolution (numeric)

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$\tilde{q}$

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$4m_c$

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Energy

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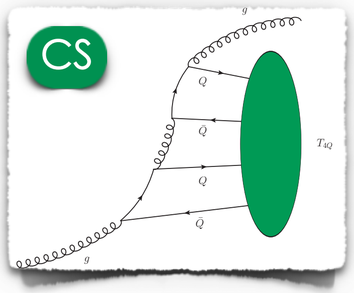

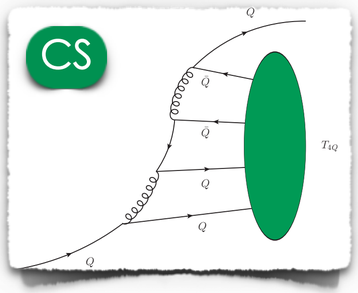

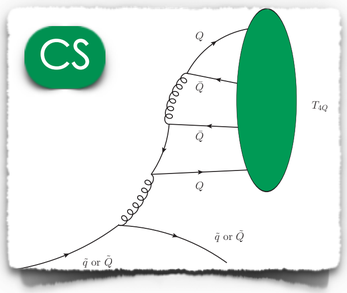

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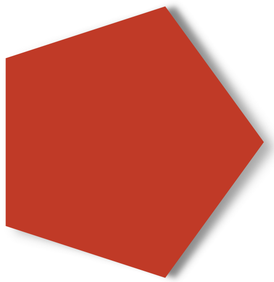

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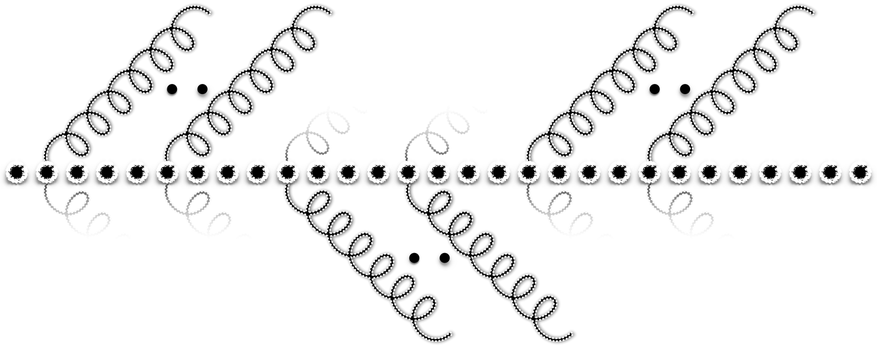

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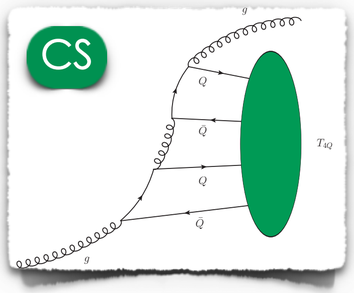

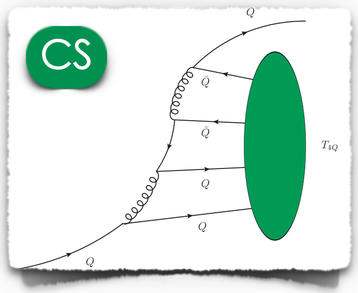

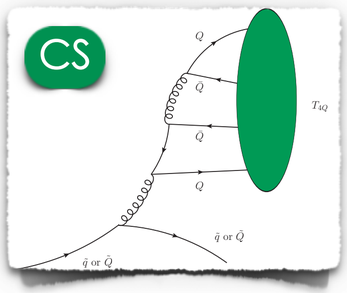

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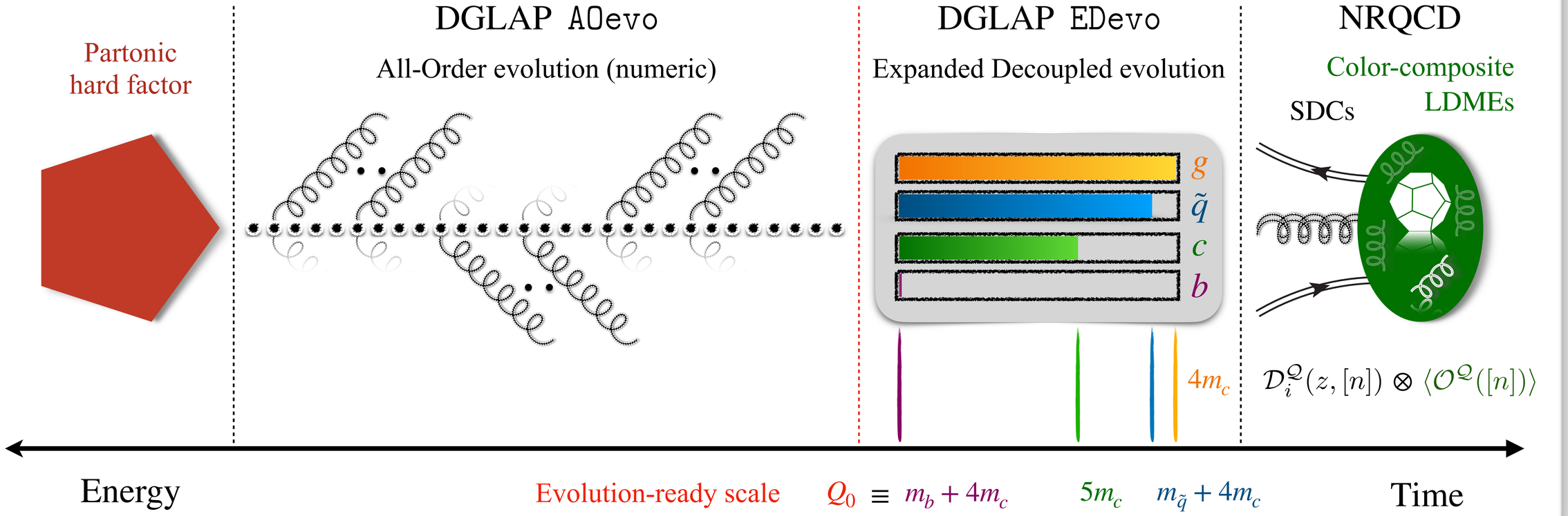

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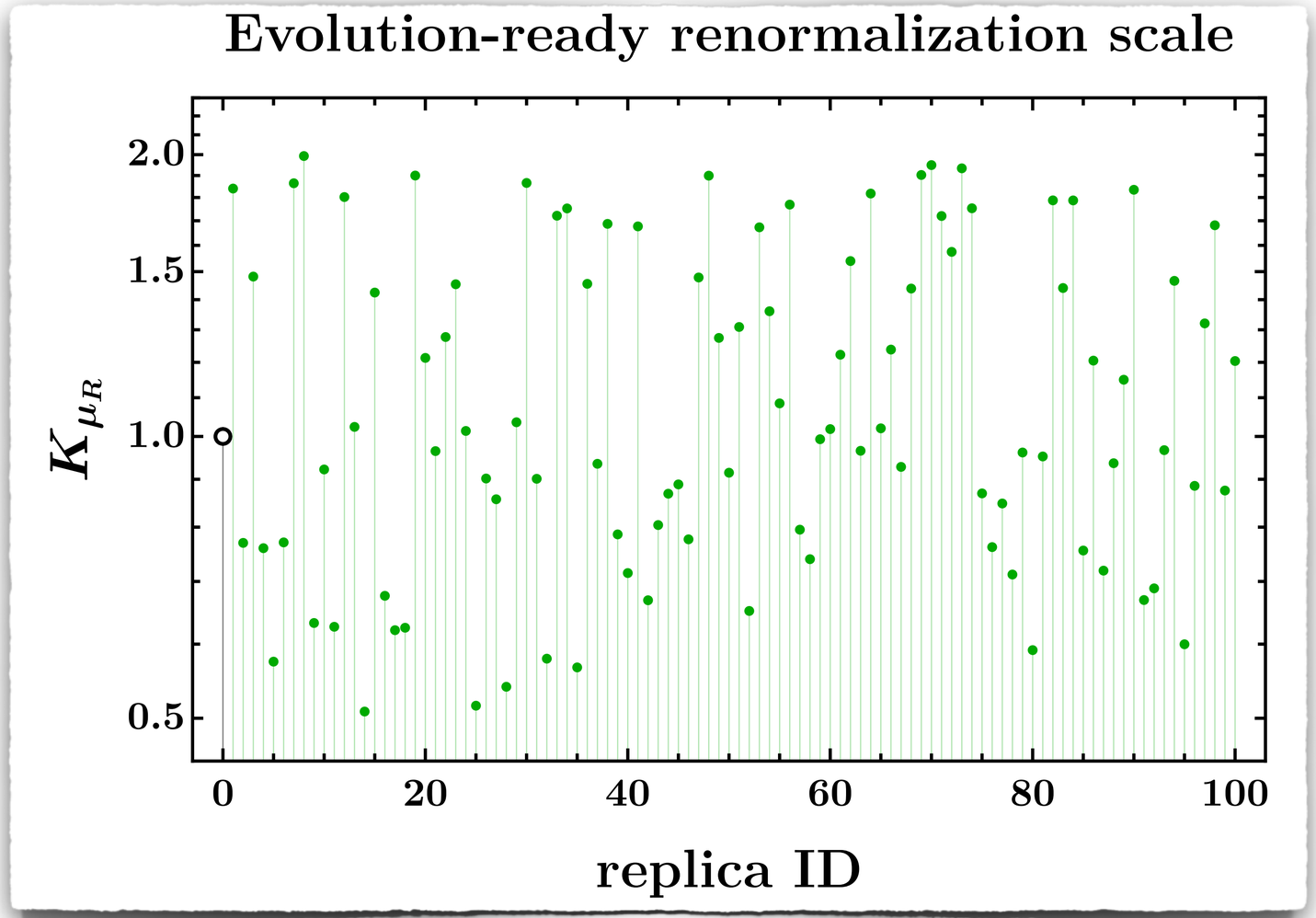

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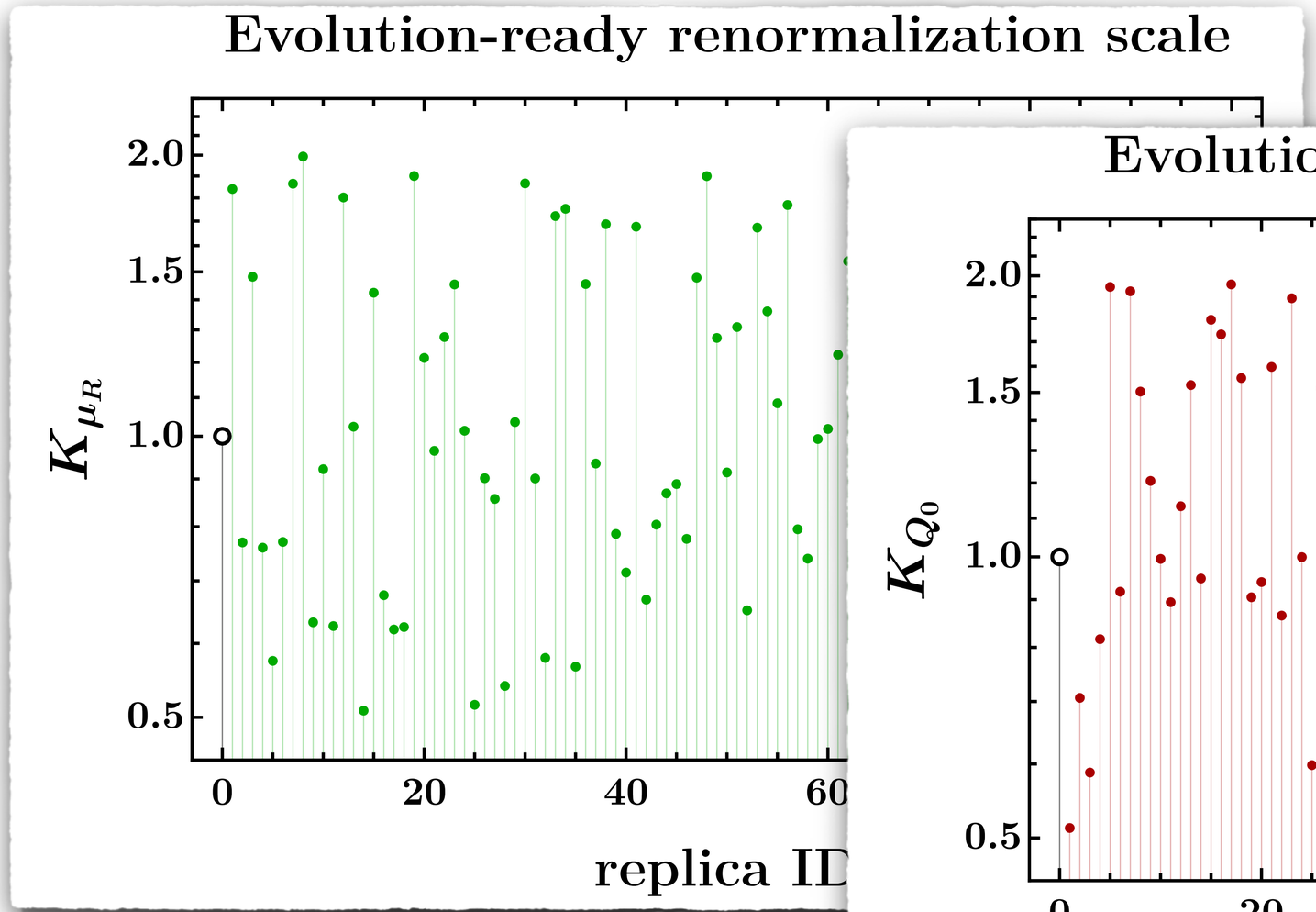

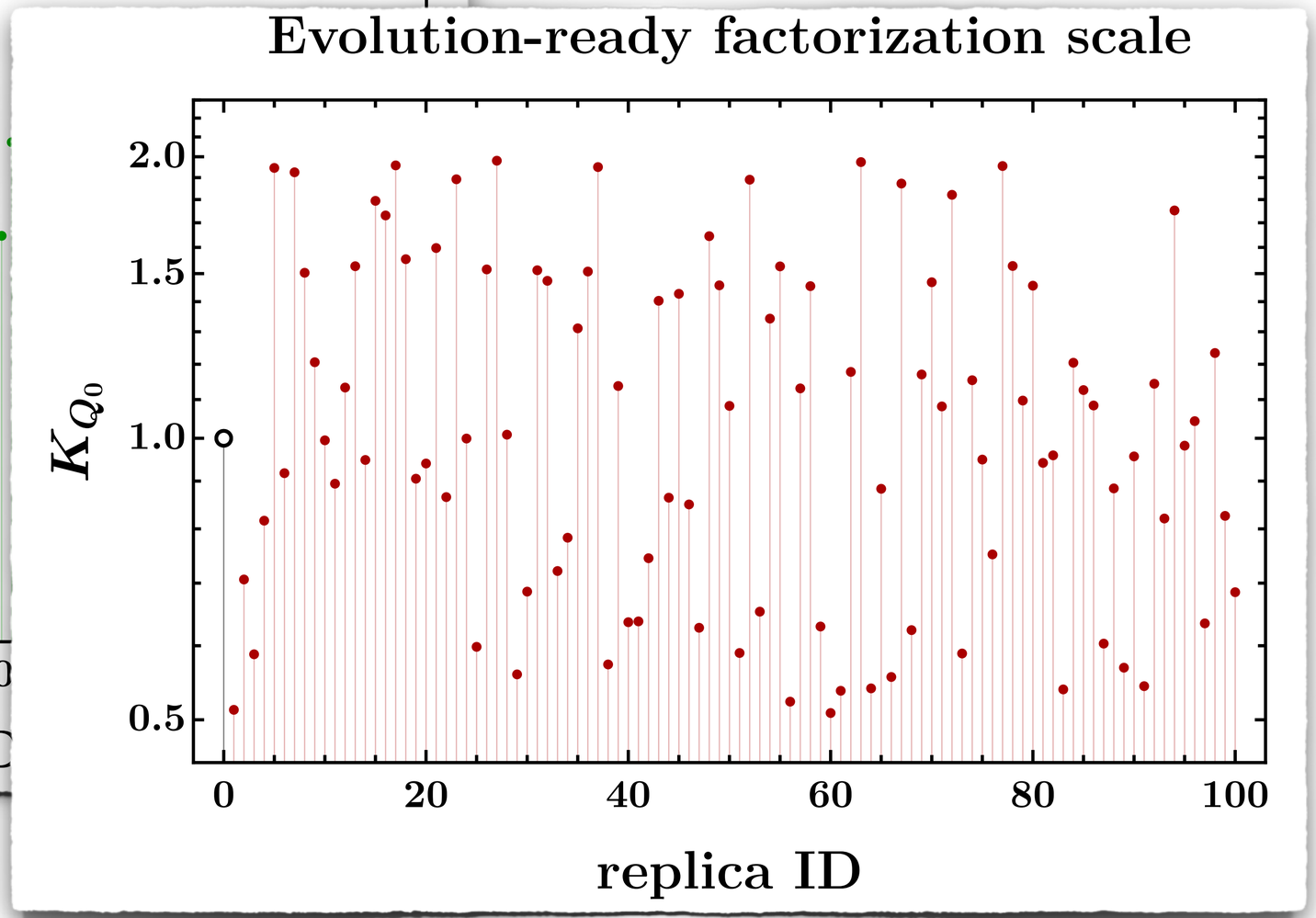

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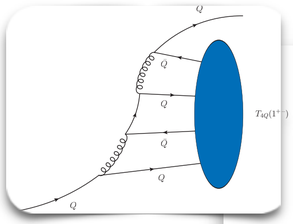

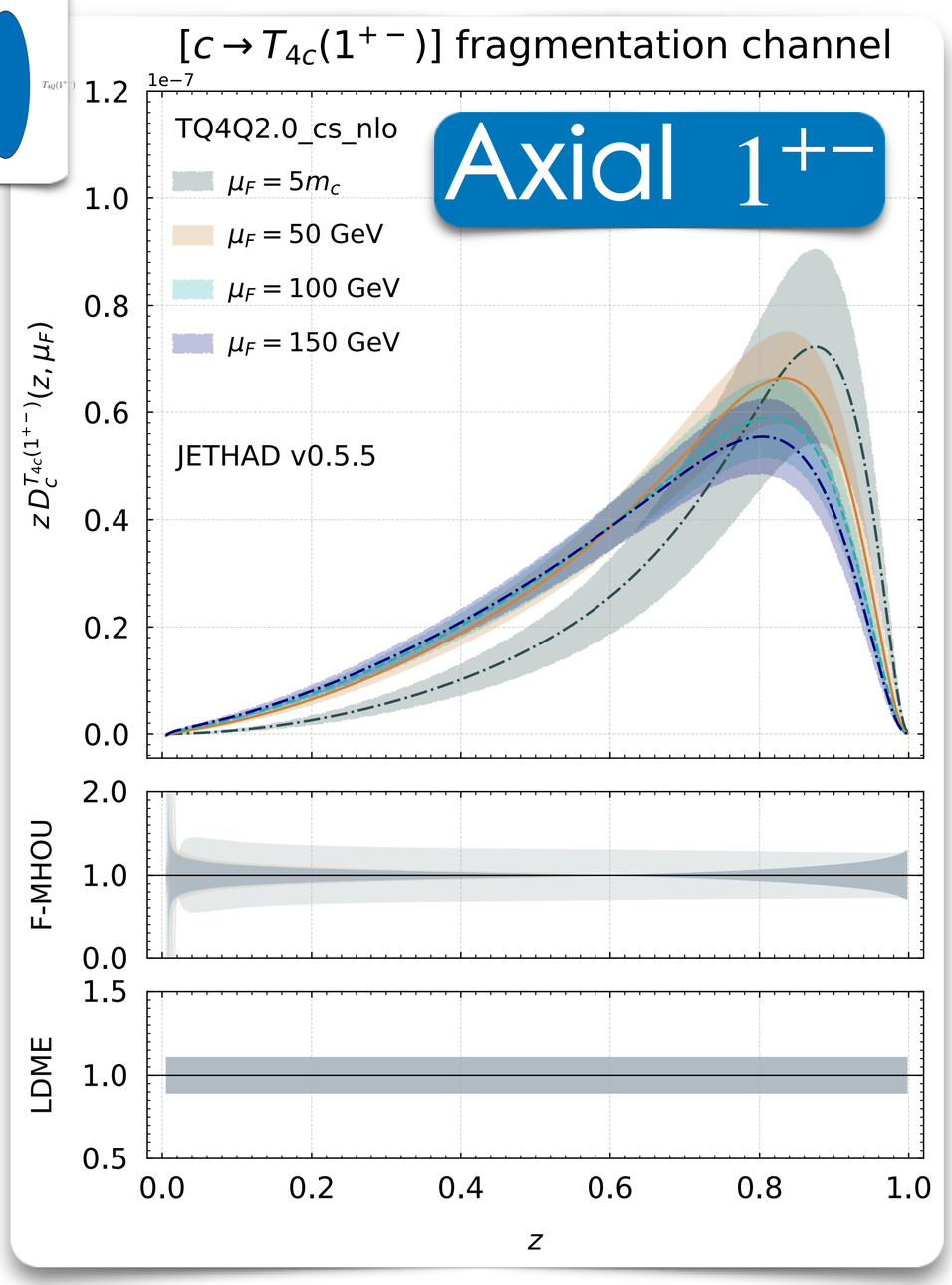

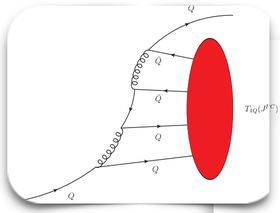

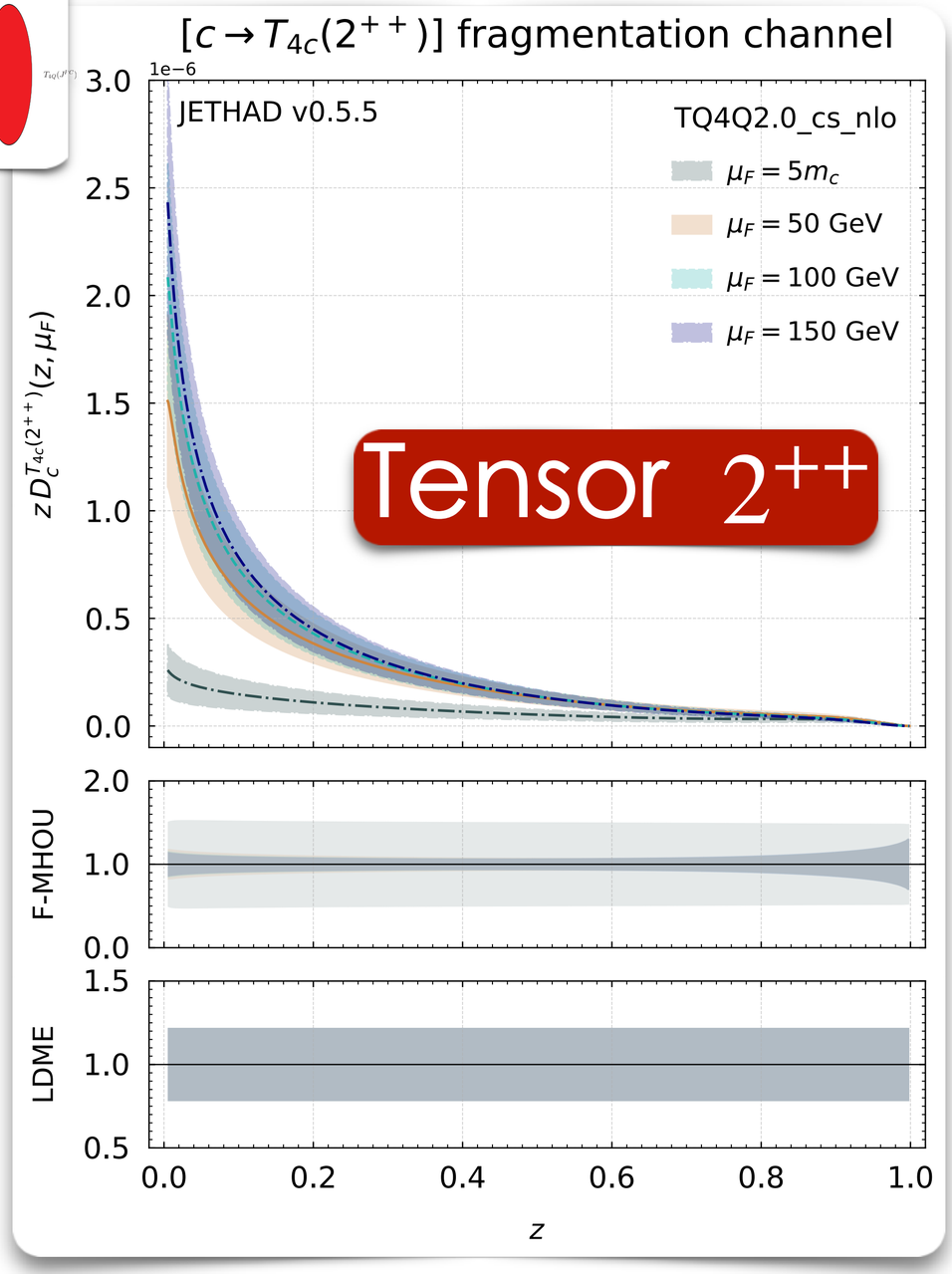

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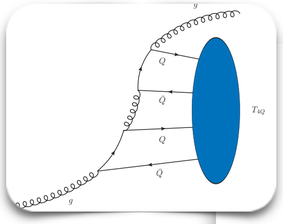

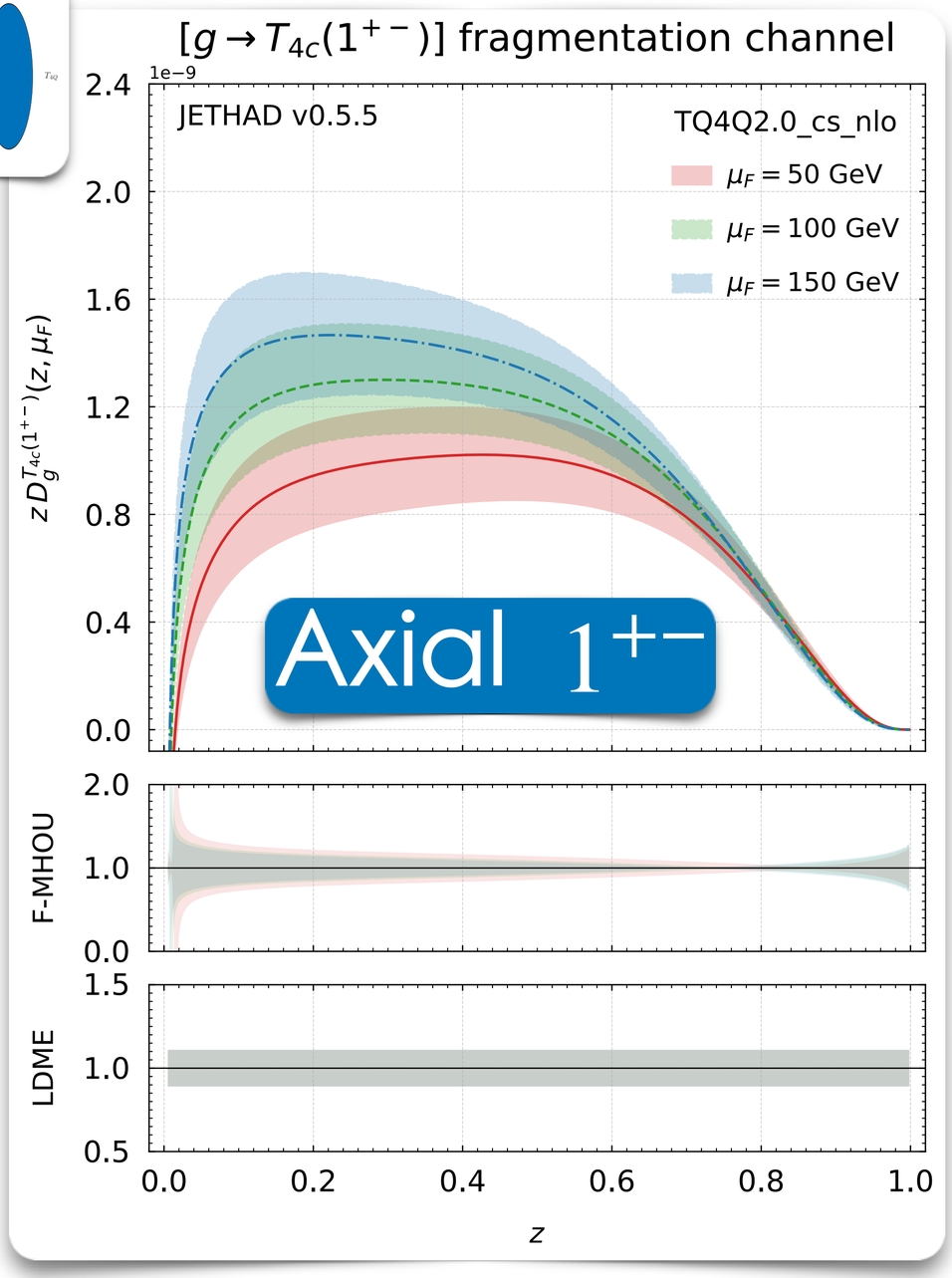

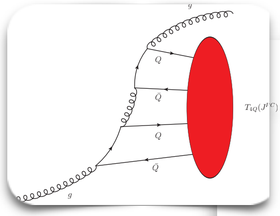

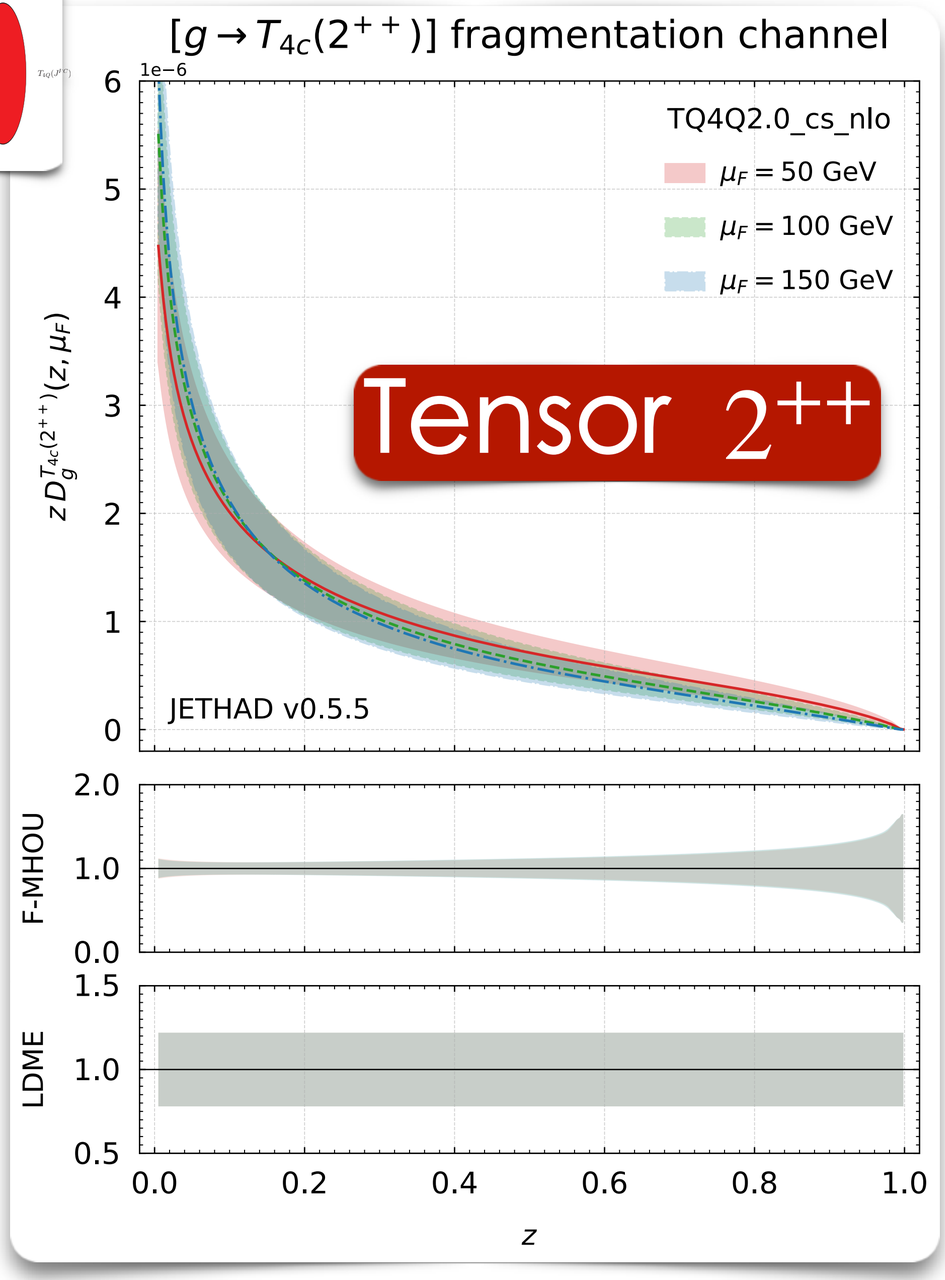

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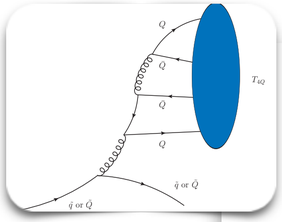

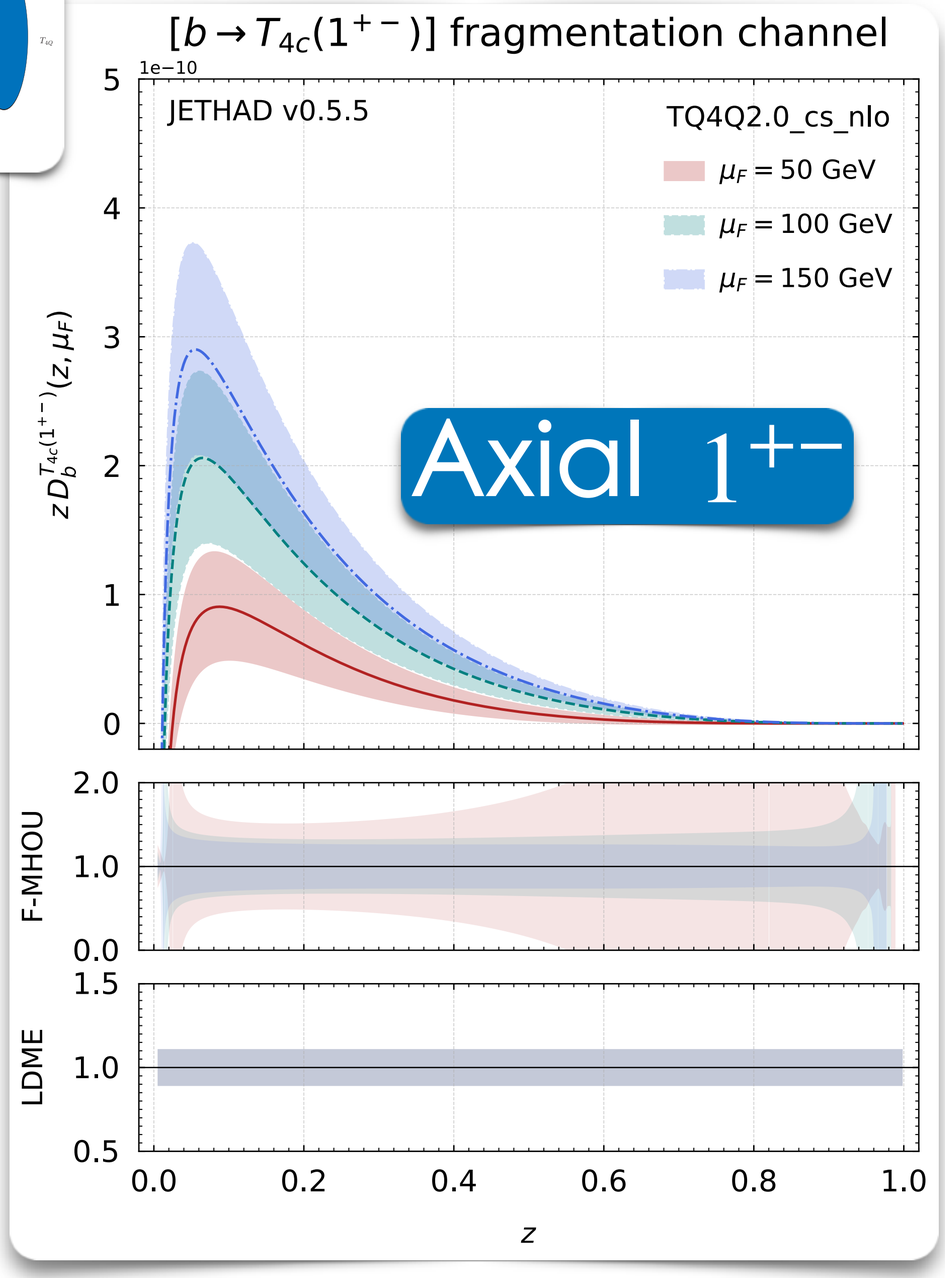

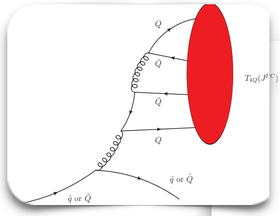

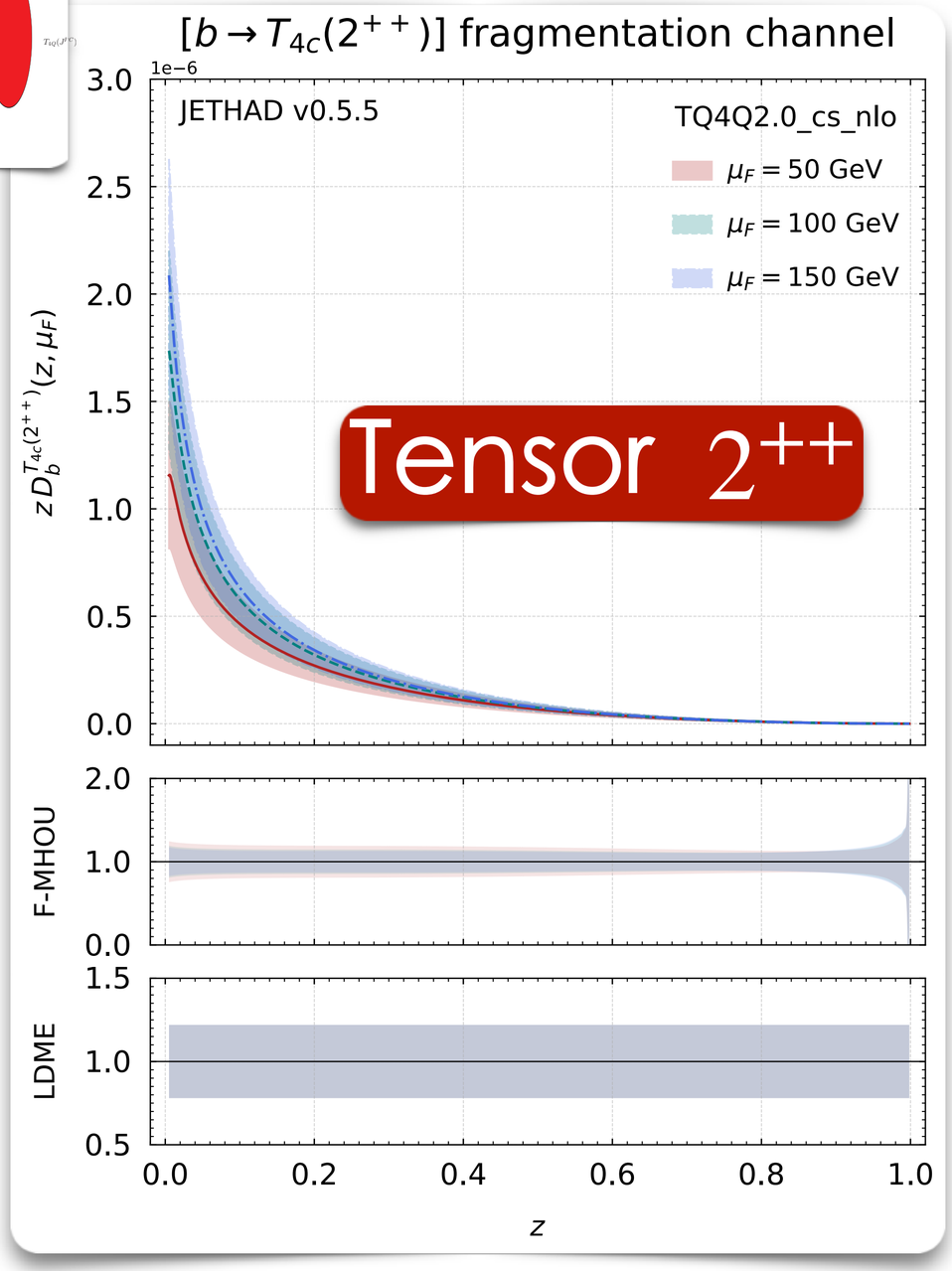

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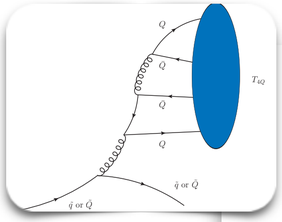

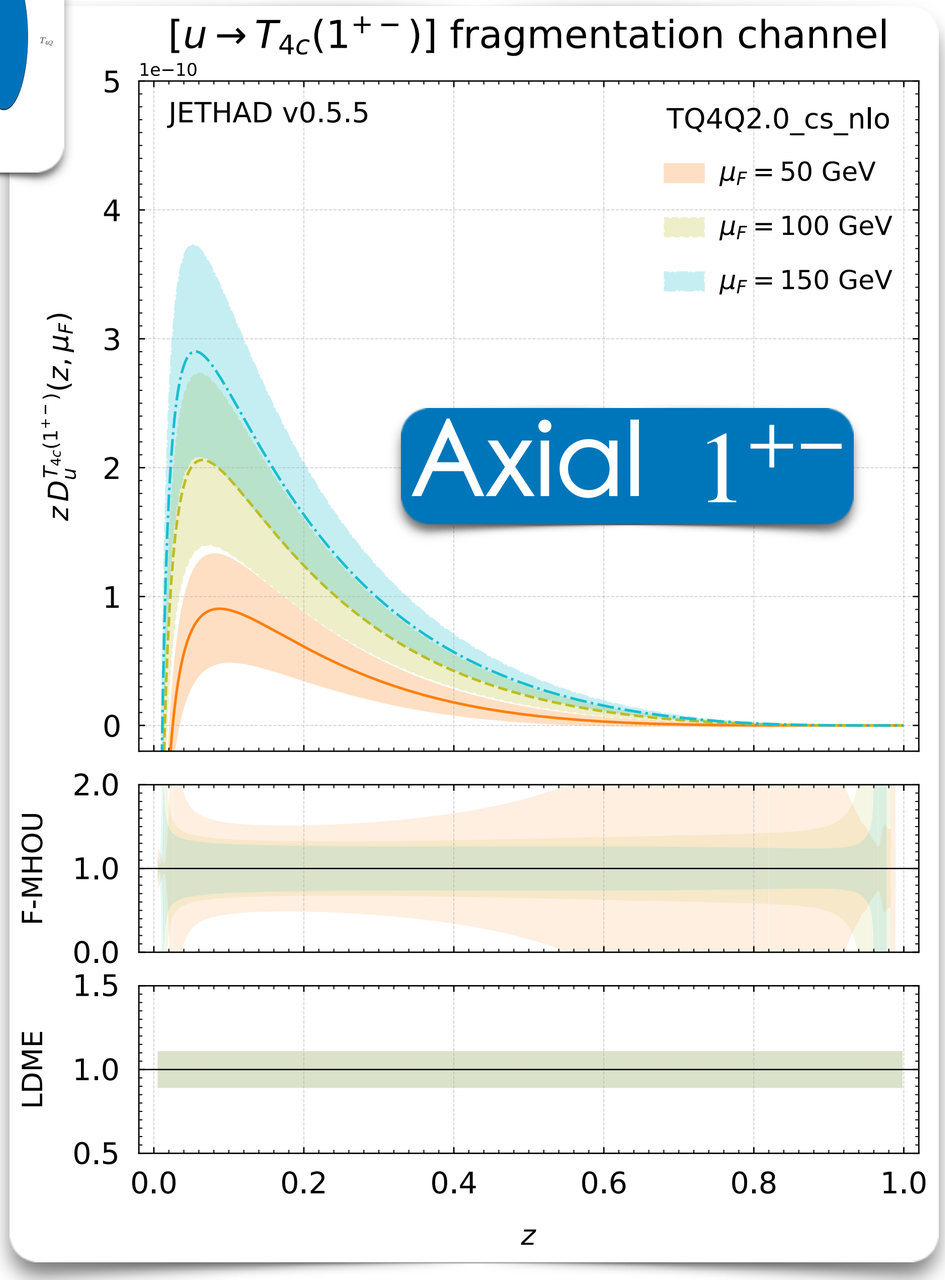

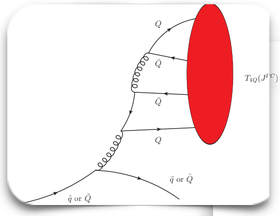

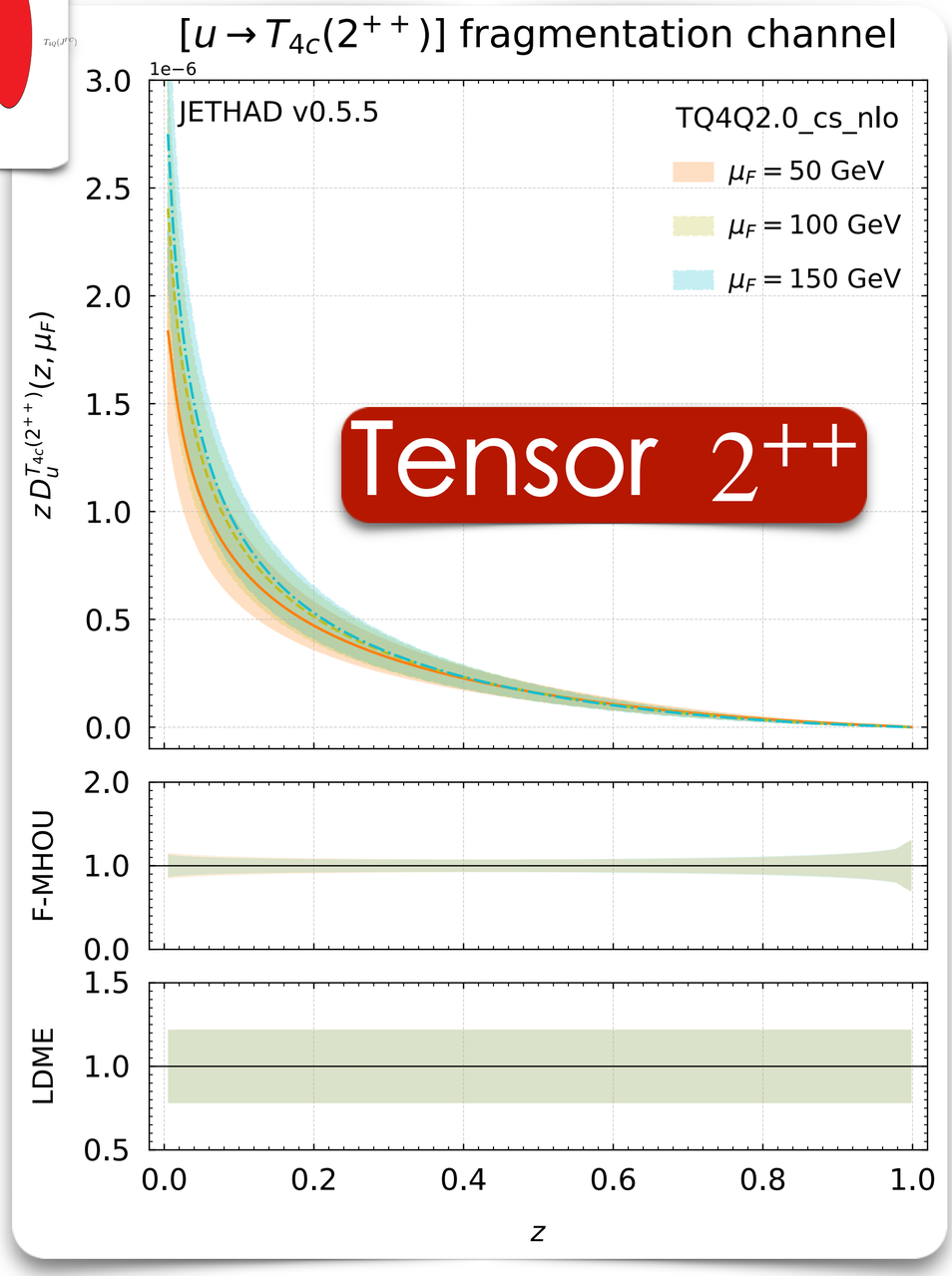

A Multimodal Perspective

Final Remarks

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A Portal to Exotic Matter

Exotic Matter State-Driven MultiModal Fragmentation

Quantum Superposition

Compact

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Diquark

$$+ e^{-i\vartheta_2 \Delta t}$$

Molecule

$$+ e^{-i\vartheta_3 \Delta t}$$

Hadro-onium

Exotic Matter State-Driven MultiModal Fragmentation

Quantum Superposition

$+ e^{-i\vartheta_1 \Delta t}$

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Energy-Time Evolution

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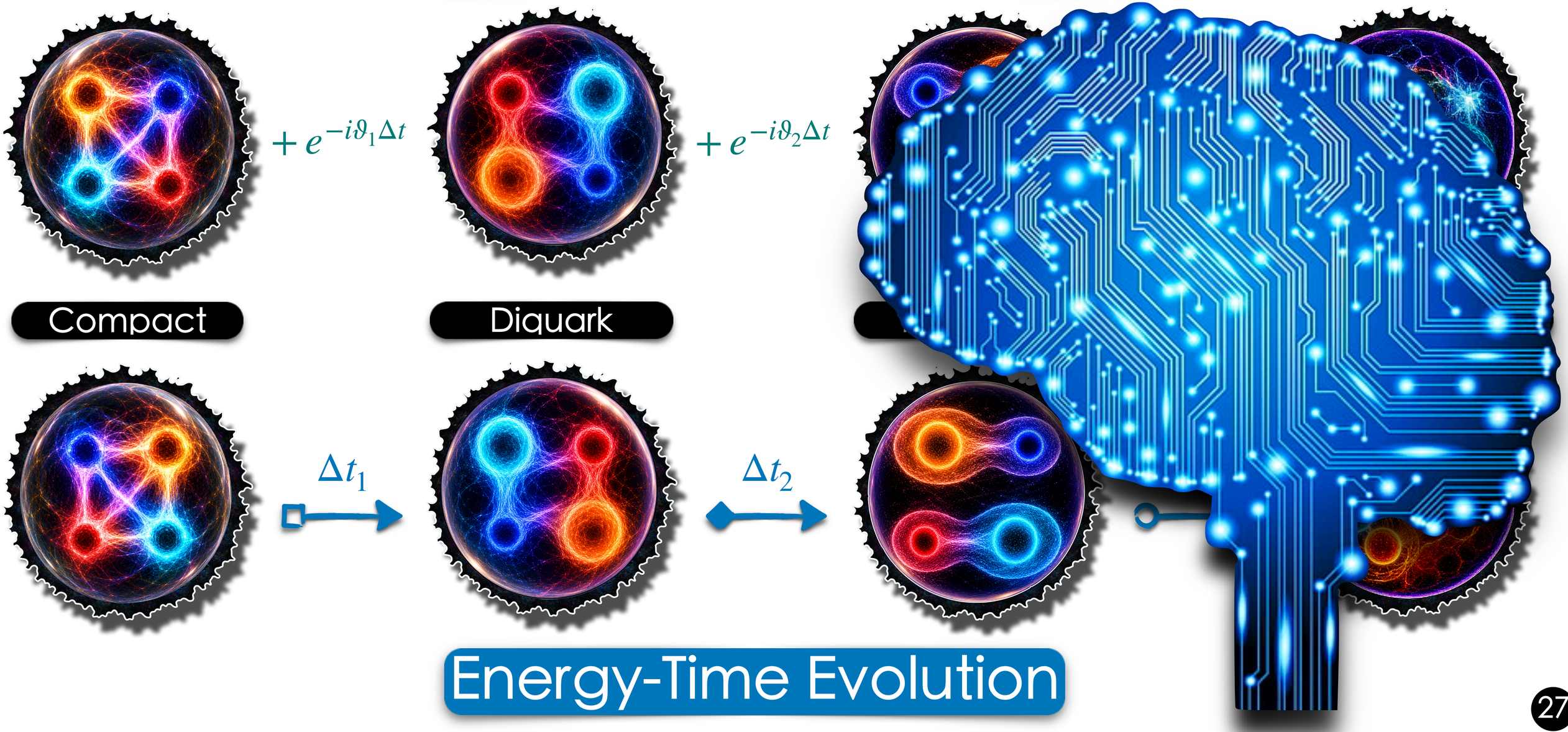

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Collinear_FFs

Collections of collinear fragmentation functions (FFs) given as LHPDF grids.

Available FF families to date:

1. NRFFx.y (NonRelativistic Fragmentation Functions)

   NRFF1.0 (NLO, 2 sets, central value only, LDME uncertainties)

2. OMG3Qx.y (OMeGa baryons with 3 heavy Quarks VFNS FFs)

   OMG3Q1.0 (NLO, 2 sets, central value only, diquark-like)

   OMG3Q1.1 (NLO, 2 sets, F-MHOU + F-NPWF uncertainties, replica 0->8, diquark-like)

3. TQHLx.y (TetraQuarks with Heavy and Light flavors)

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Collections of collinear fragmentation functions (FFs) given as LHPDF grids.

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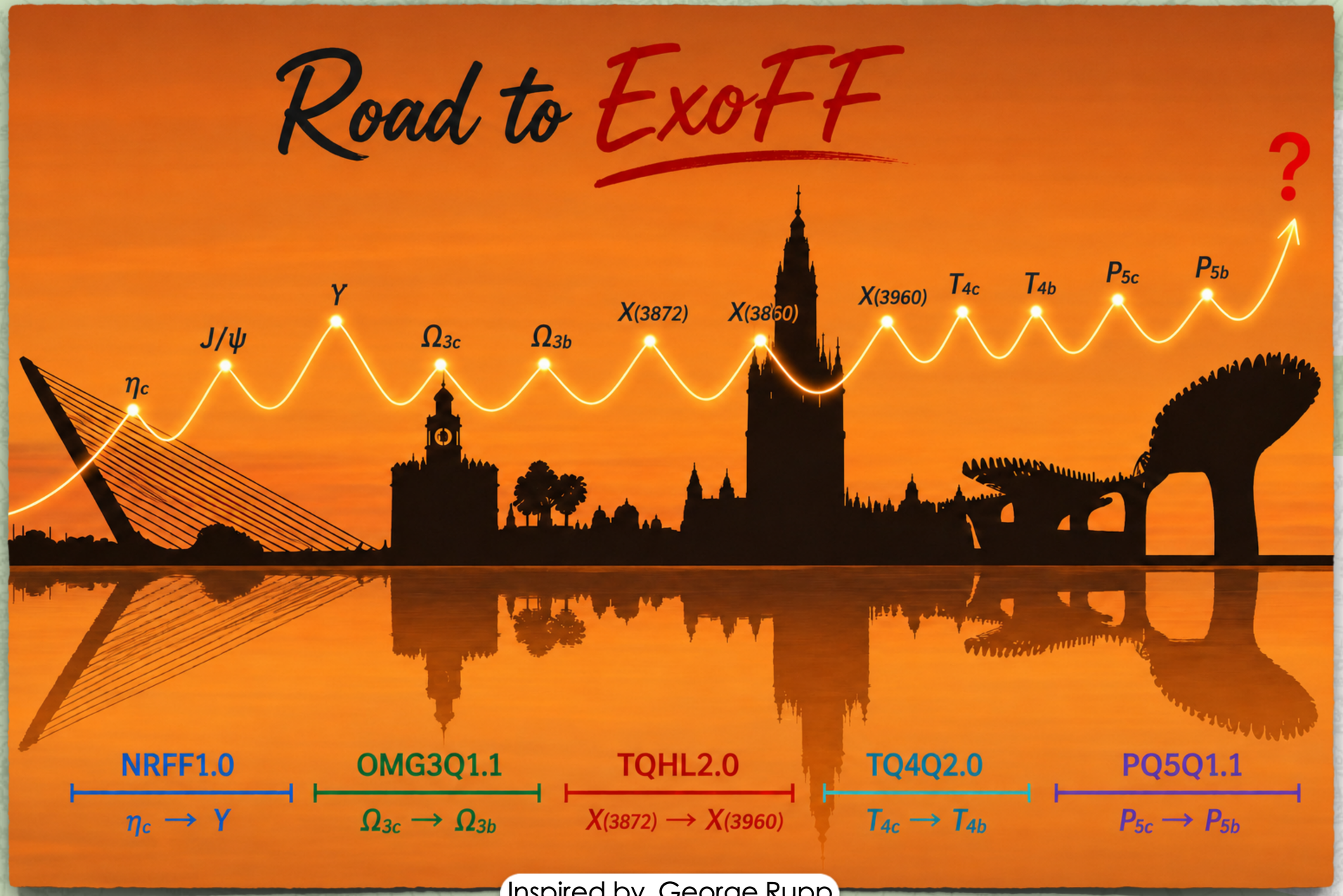

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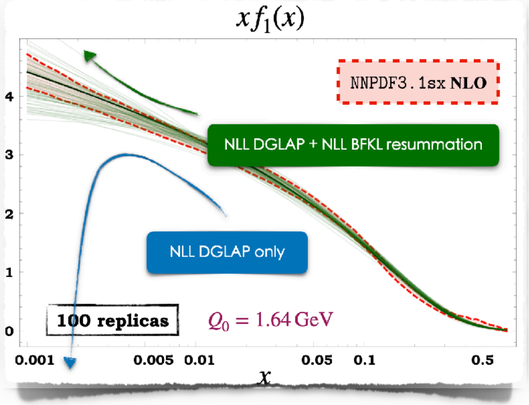

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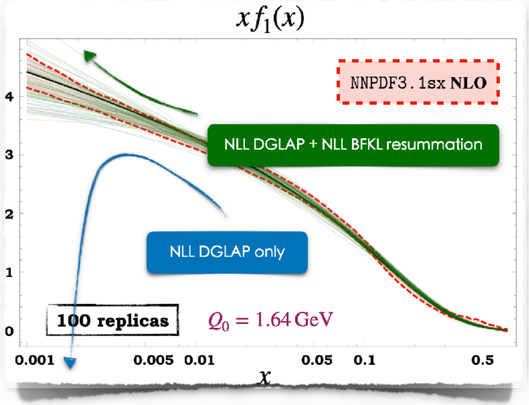

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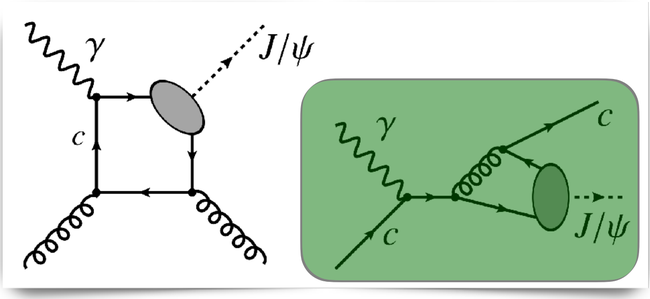

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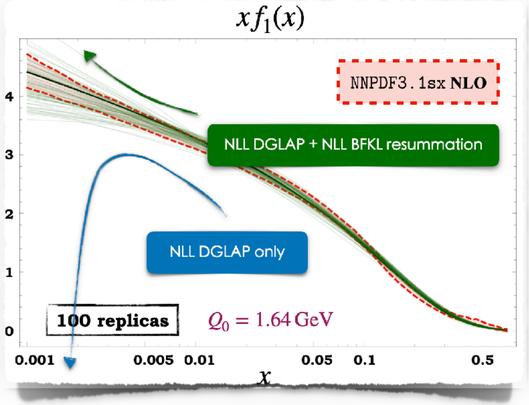

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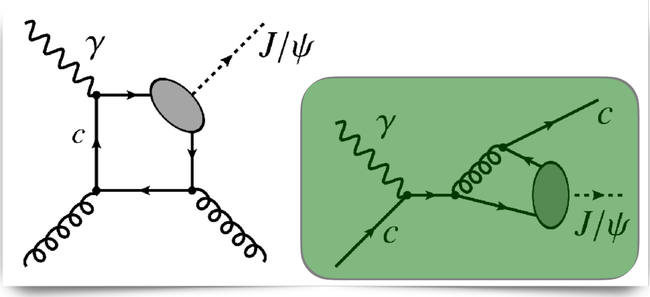

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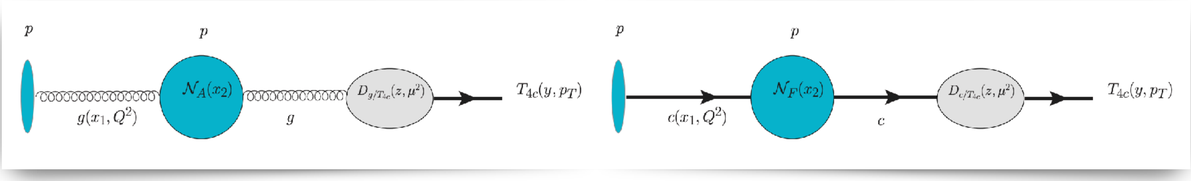

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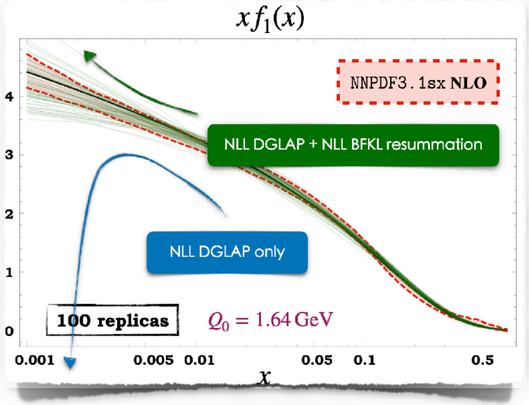

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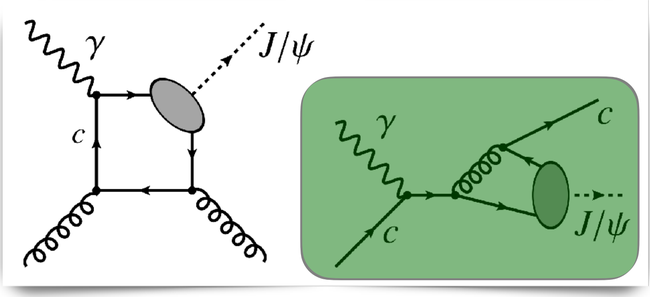

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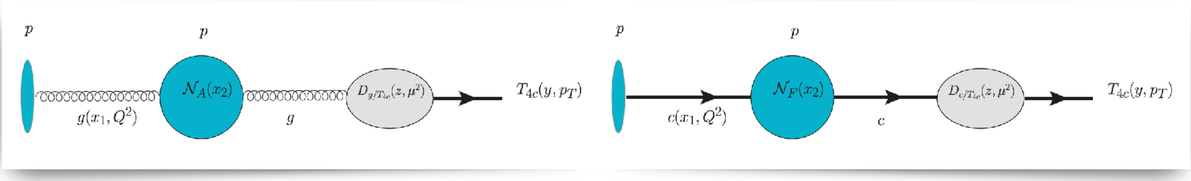

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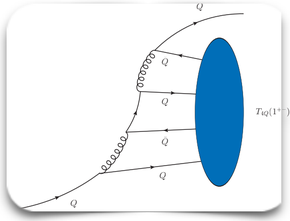

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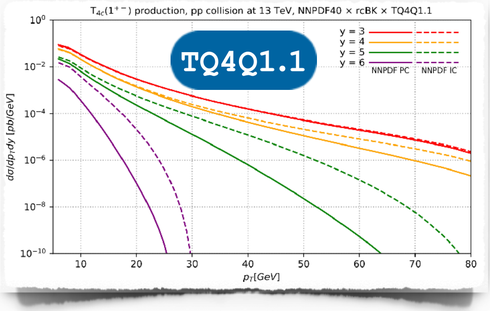

Highlights on Heavy-Flavor Fragmentation

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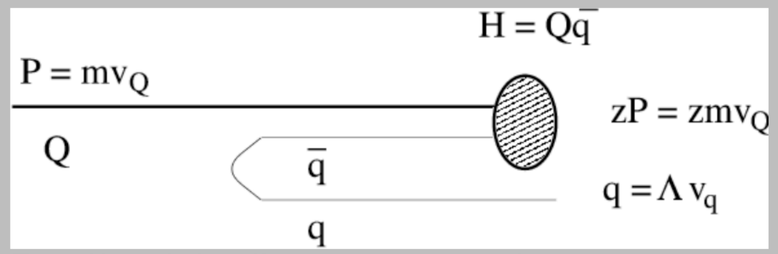

The heavy quark has momentum $P = mv_Q$, the light quarks have momentum $q = \Lambda v_q$, with Λ a hadronic mass scale

For the binding we need $v_Q \simeq v_q = v$. We have then

$$P = zP + q \qquad\qquad mv = zmv + \Lambda v$$

and therefore

$$\langle z \rangle \simeq 1 - \frac{\Lambda}{m}$$

Hence, FF(quark$\rightarrow$hadron) is peaked near $z = 1$ and binding effects scale linearly in the heavy quark mass (Bjorken/Suzuki ($\sim$ 1977))

(NB. more rigorous derivations of this result are available)

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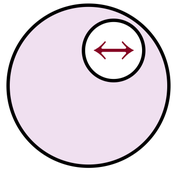

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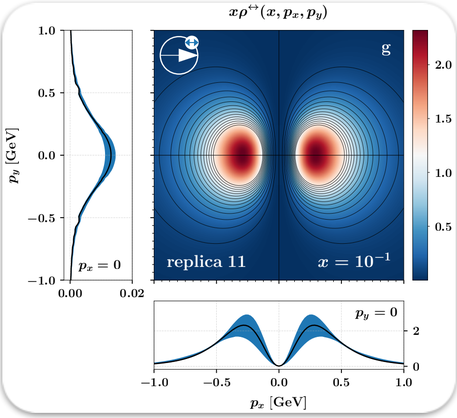

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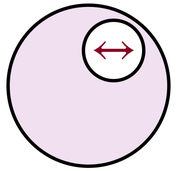

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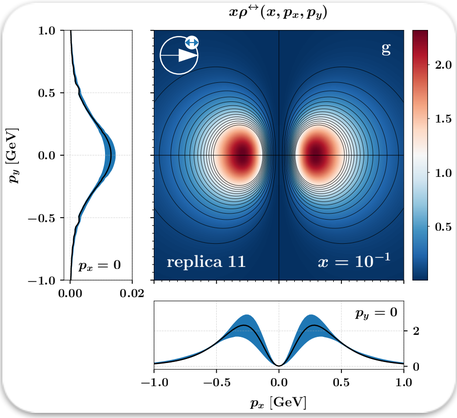

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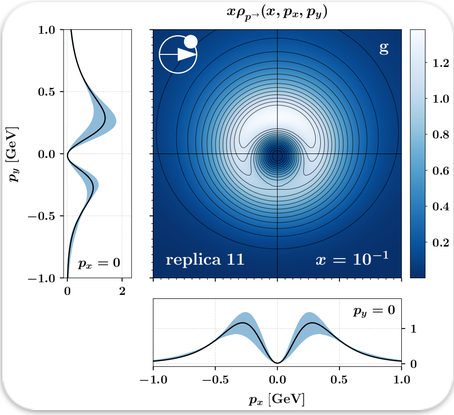

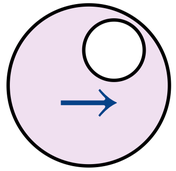

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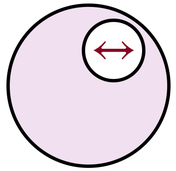

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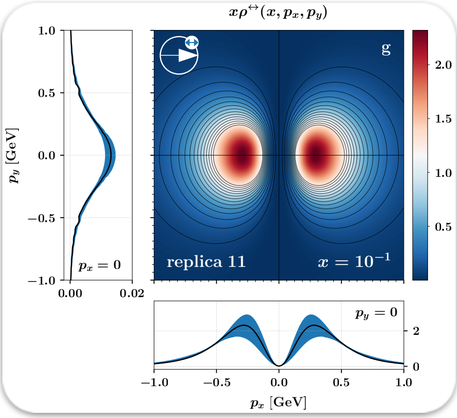

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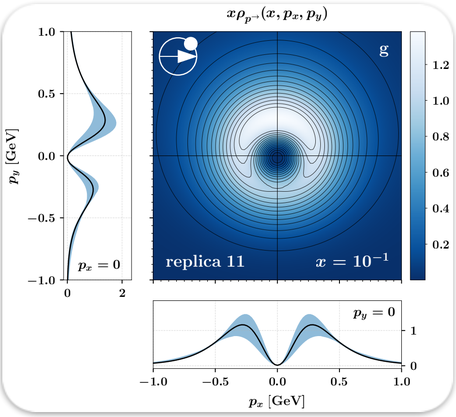

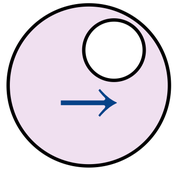

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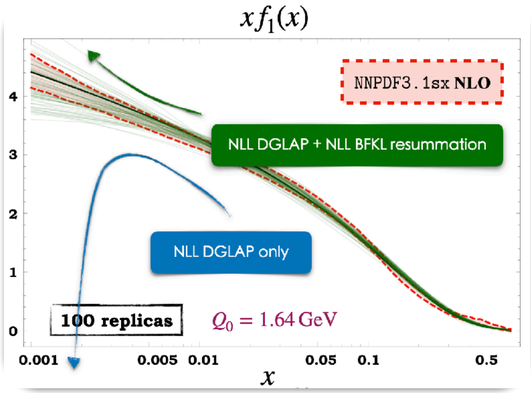

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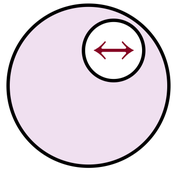

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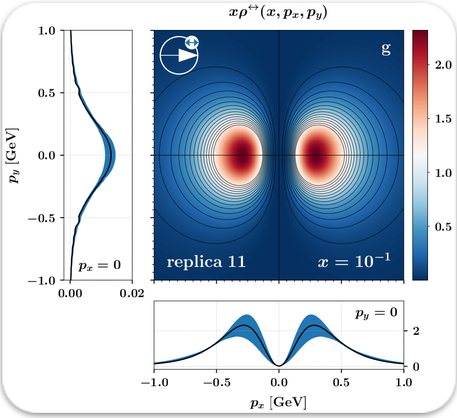

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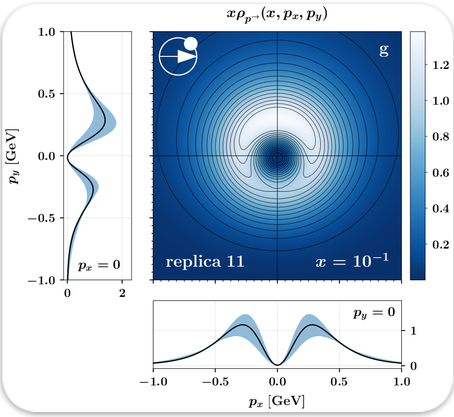

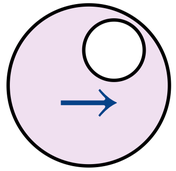

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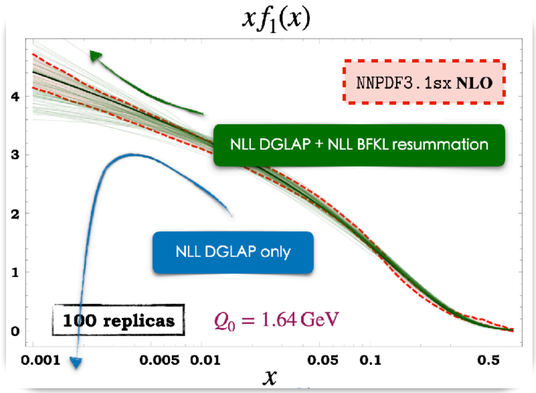

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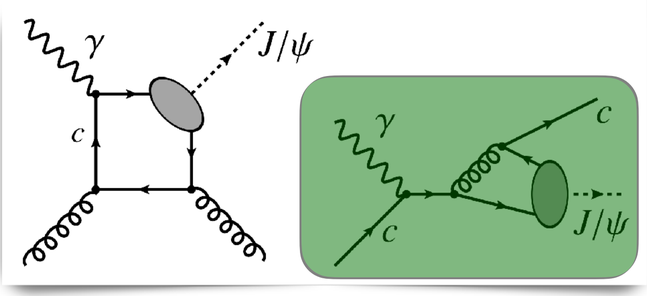

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- A heavy-flavor-scheme based vision
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- Proper DGLAP collinear evolution
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ALL-HEAVY PENTAQUARK FRAGMENTATION

MultiModal Fragmentation to PentaQuarks

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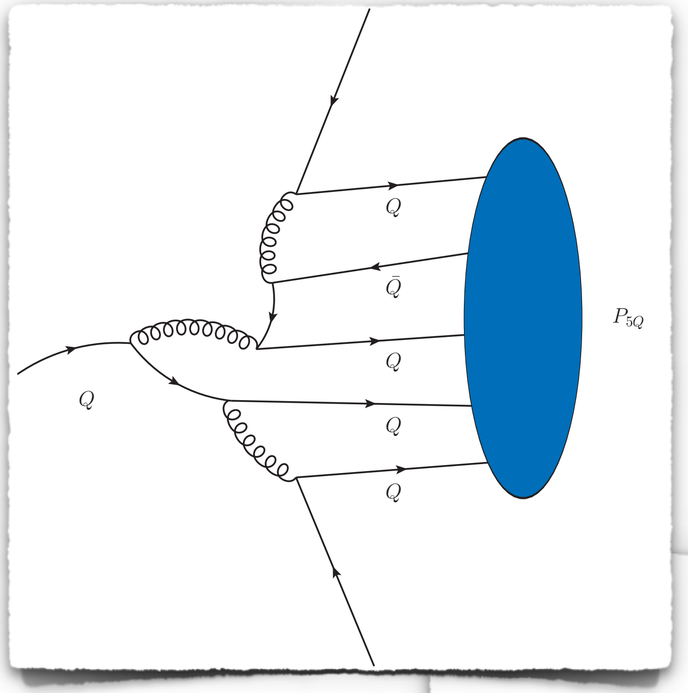

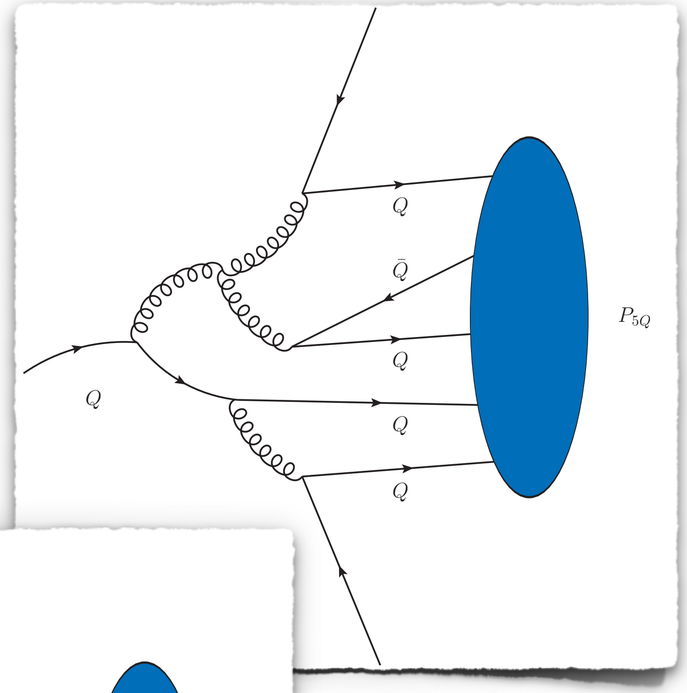

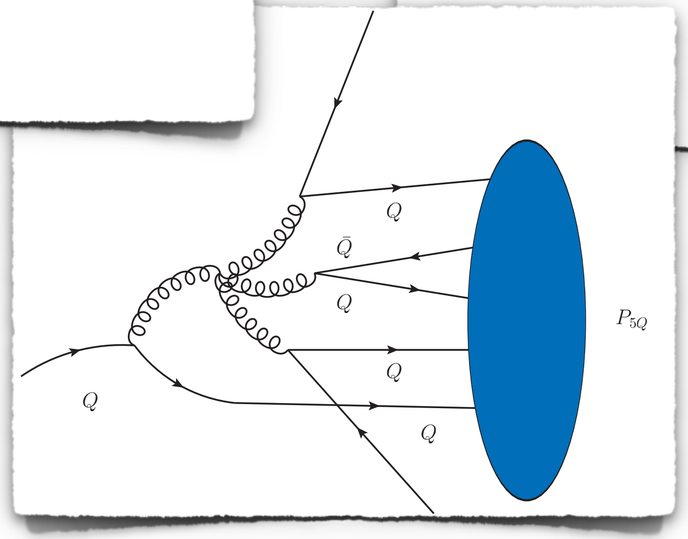

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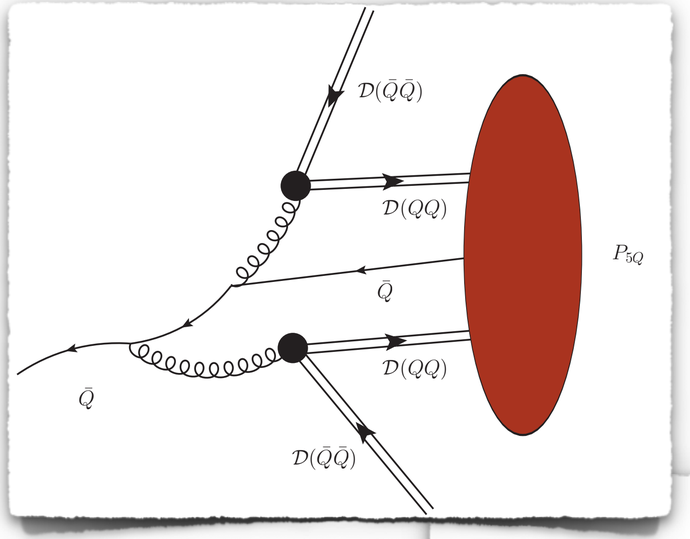

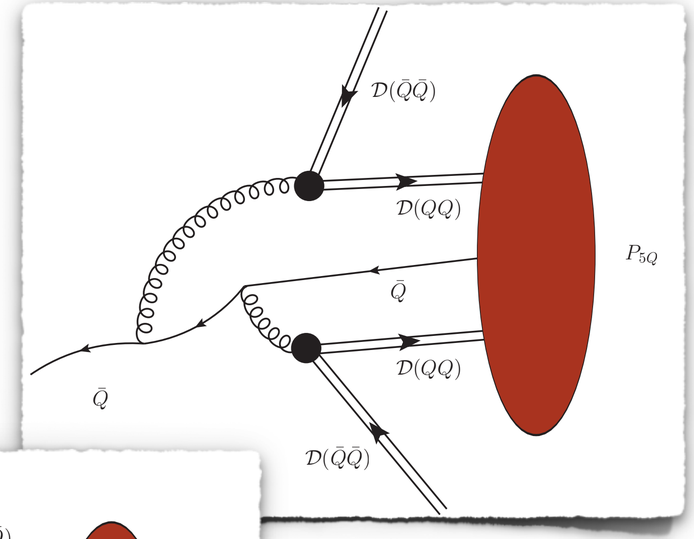

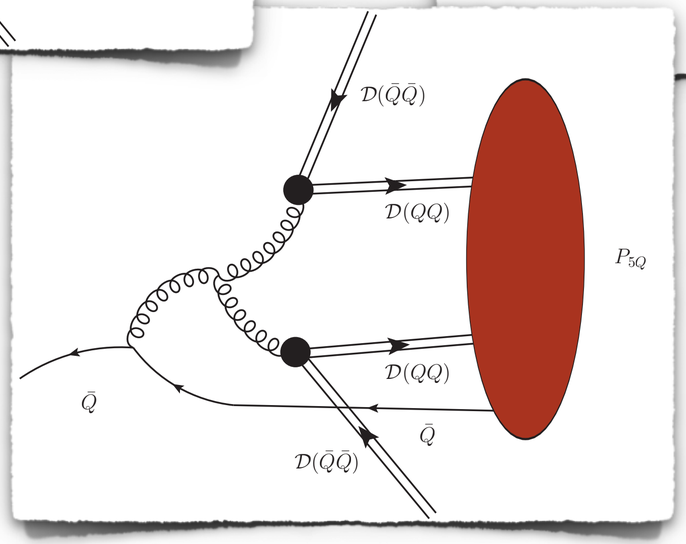

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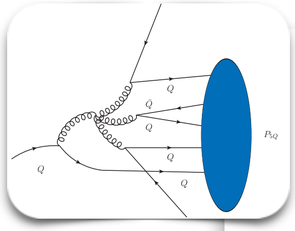

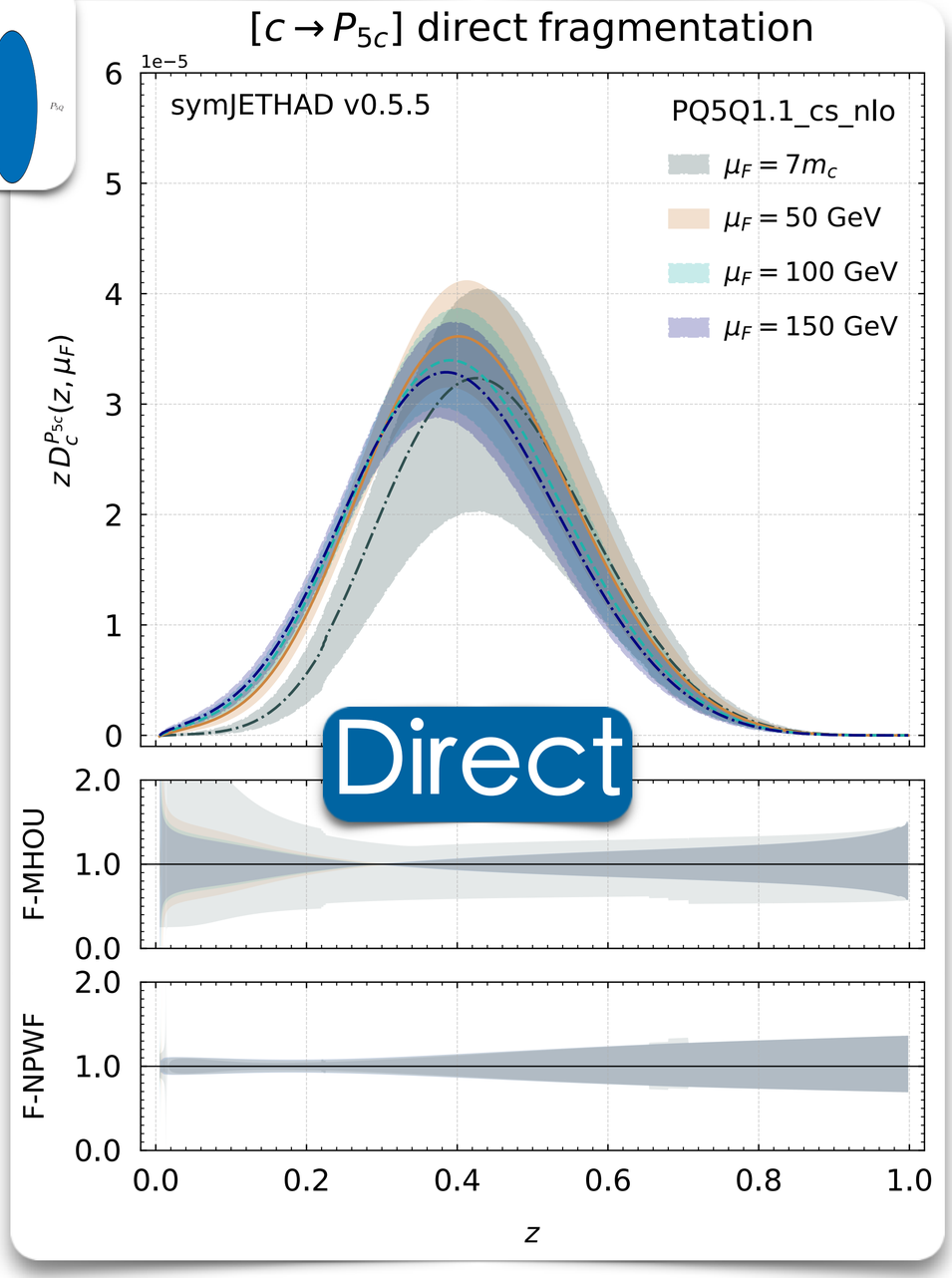

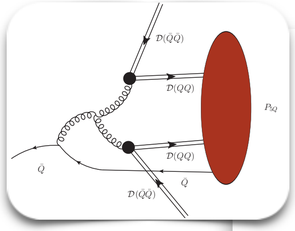

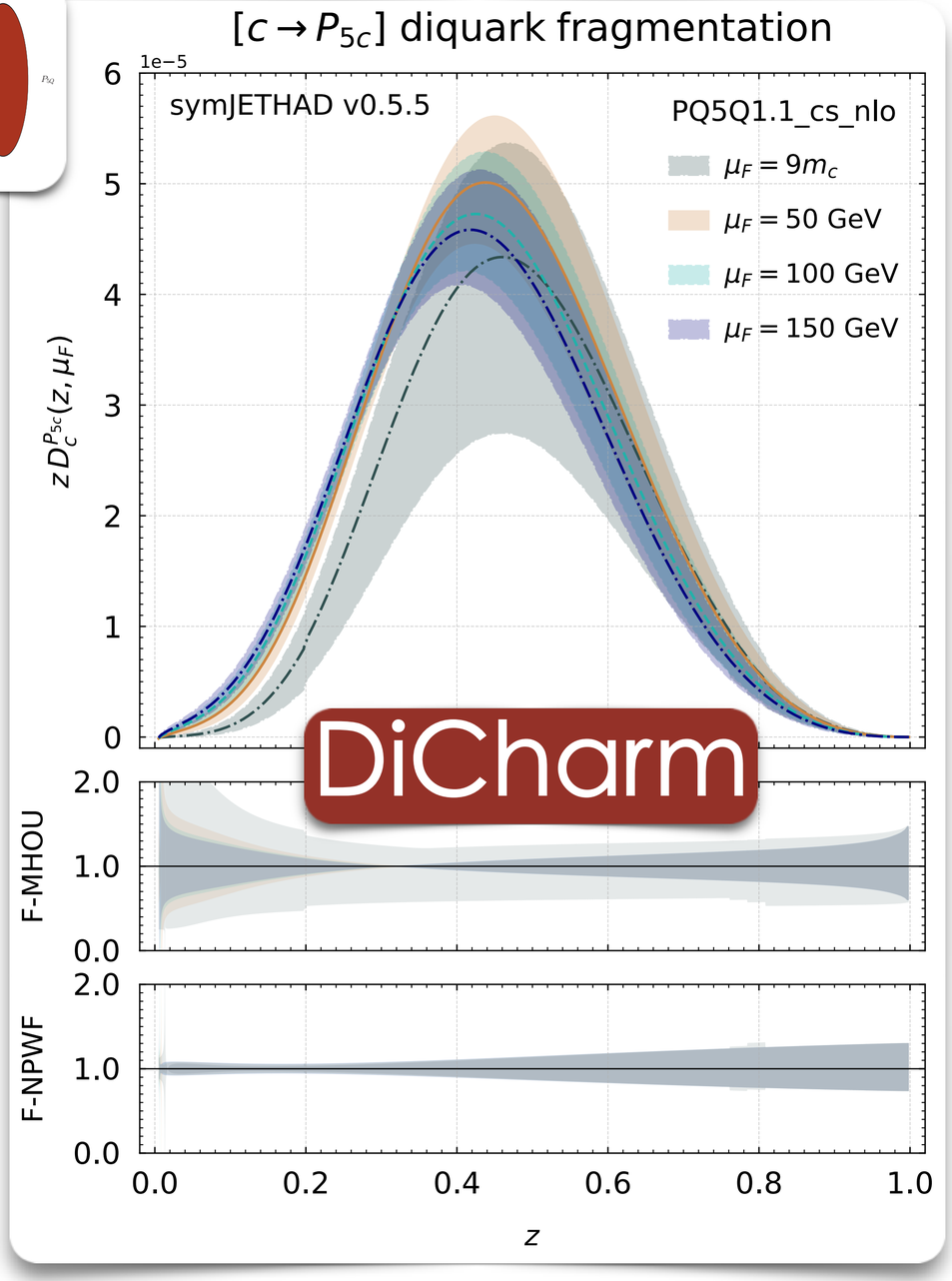

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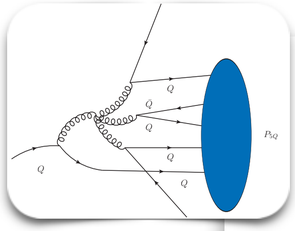

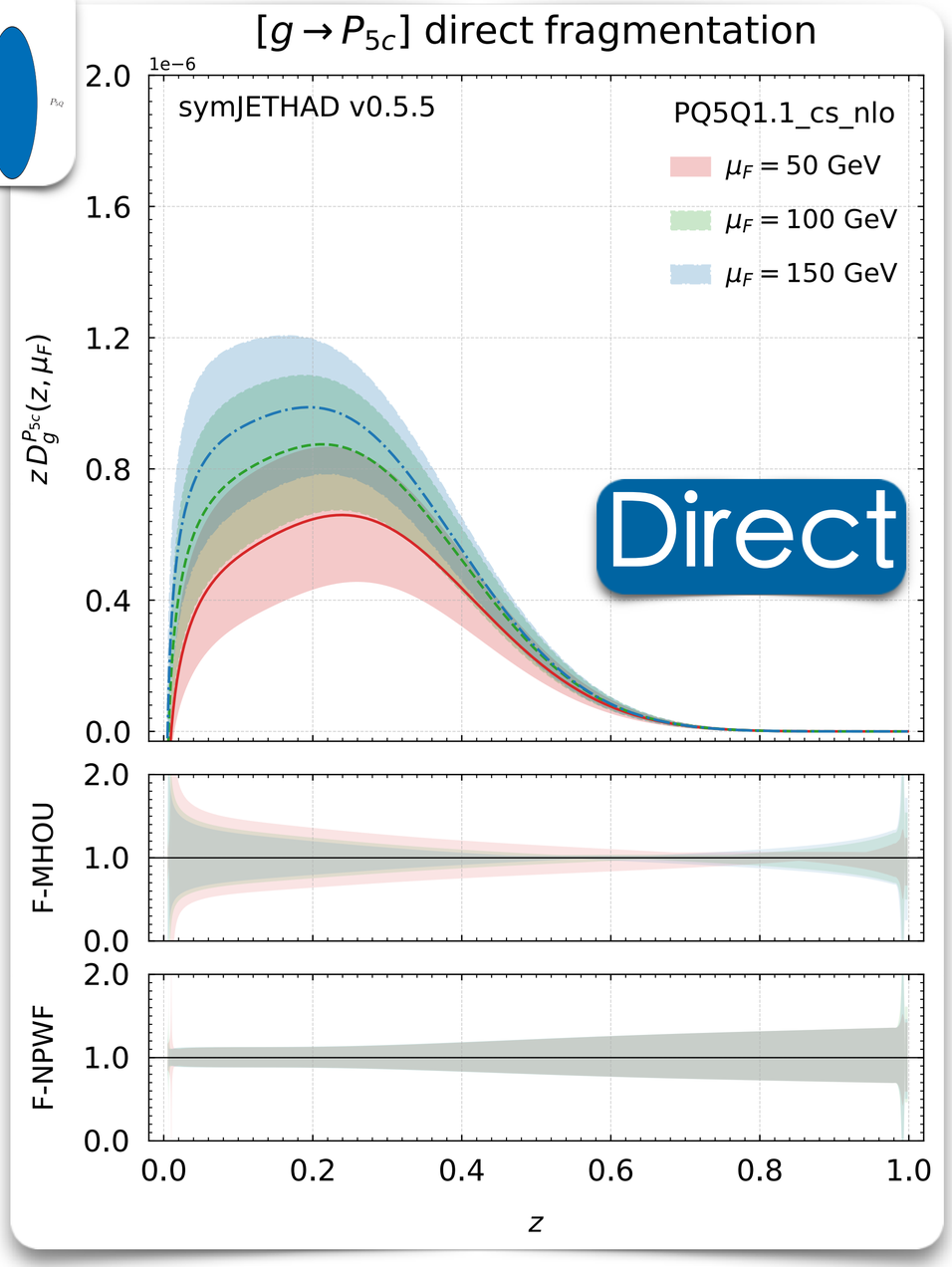

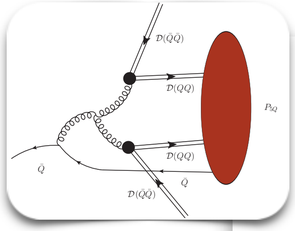

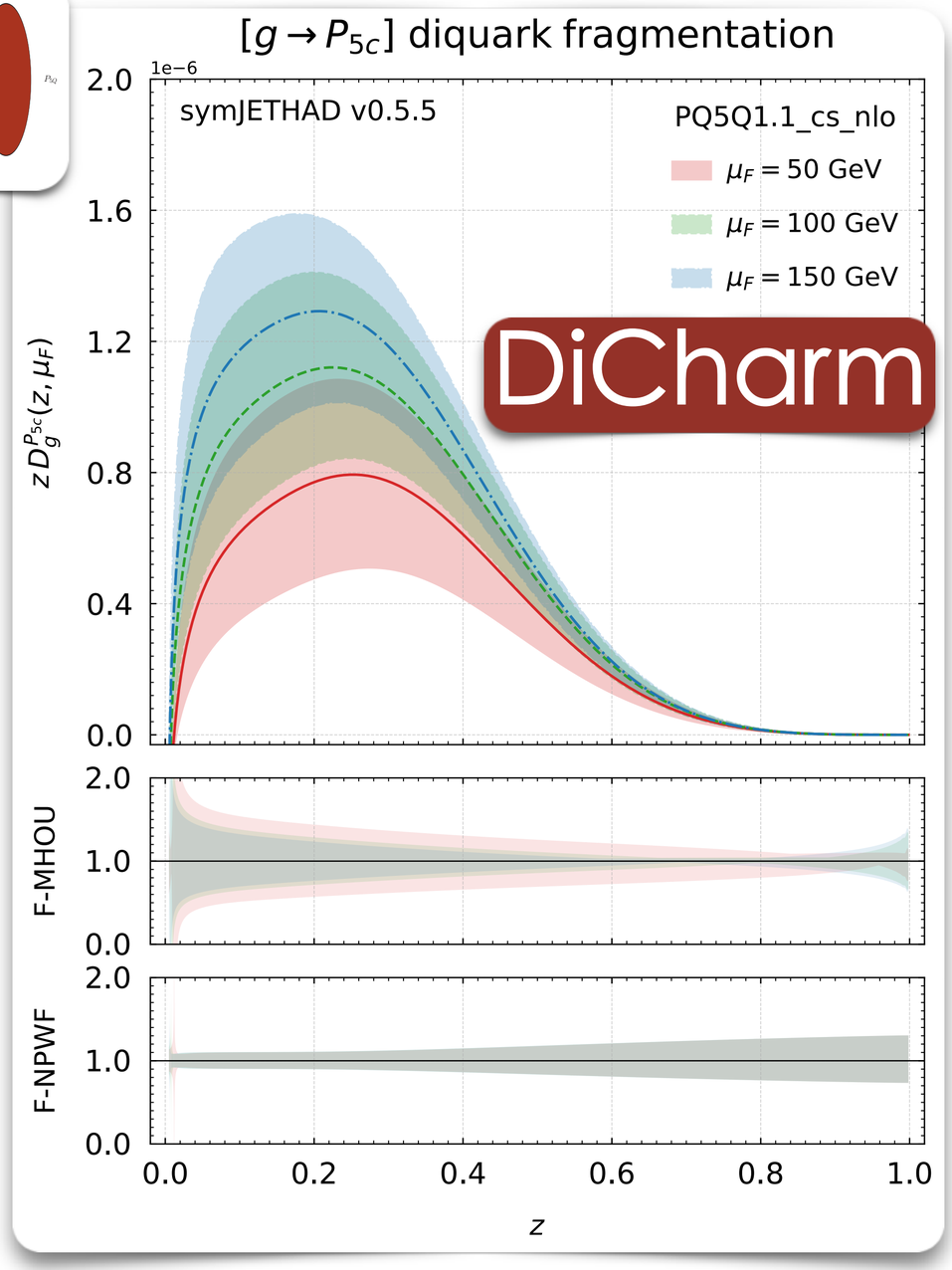

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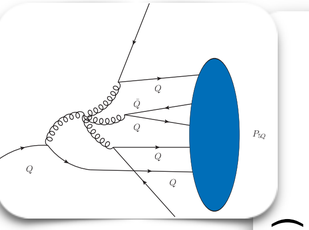

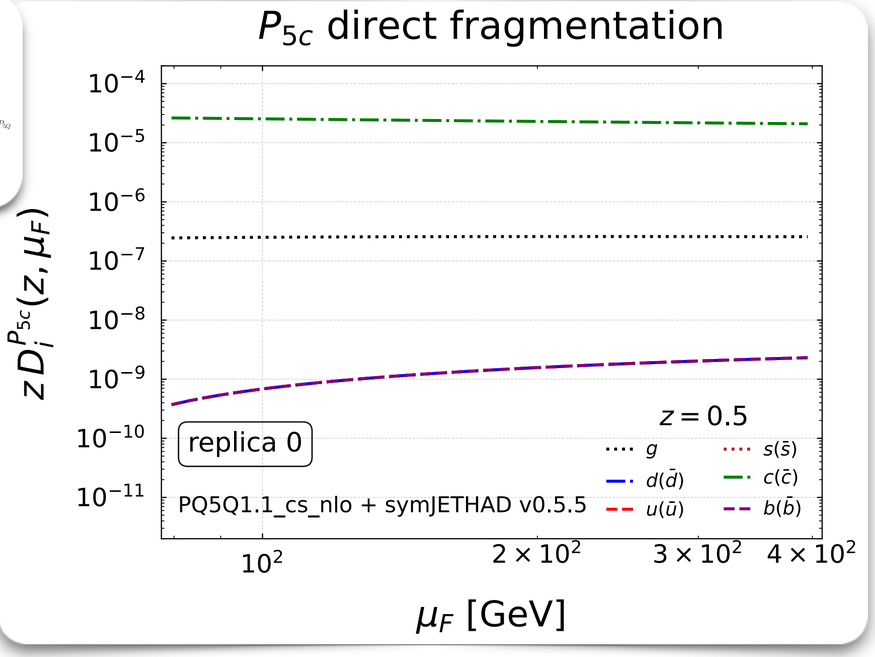

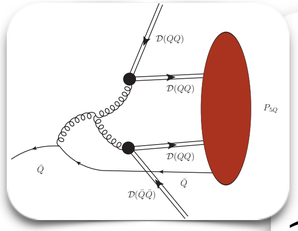

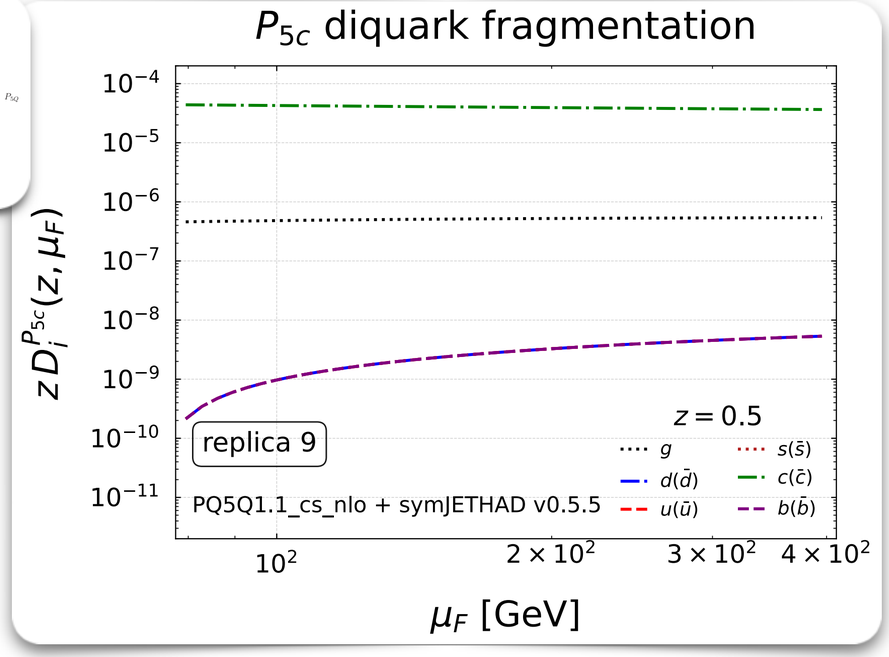

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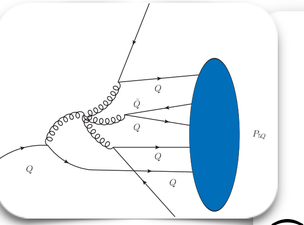

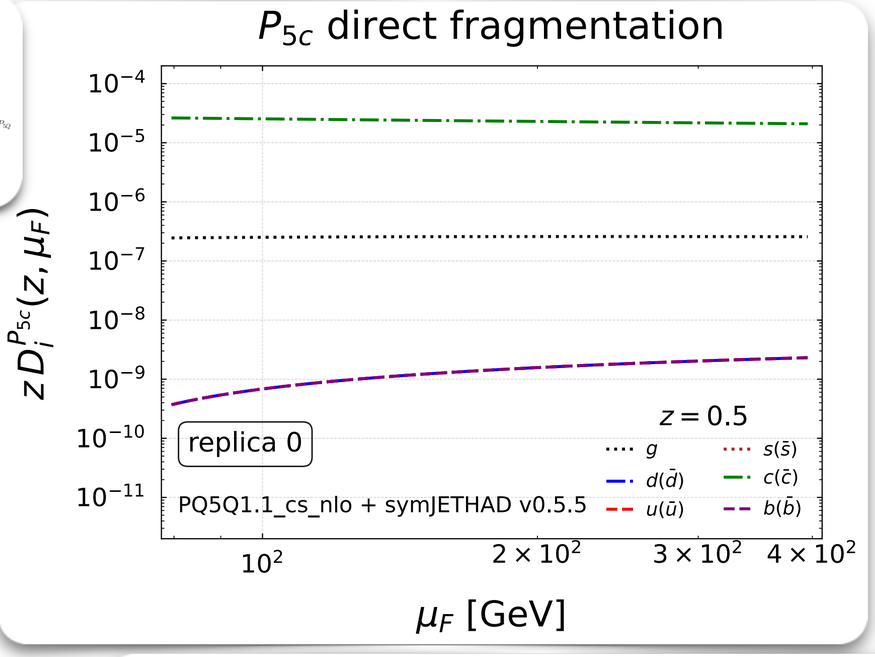

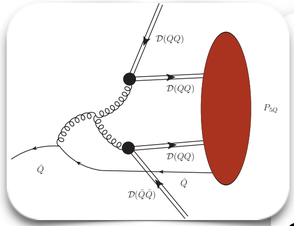

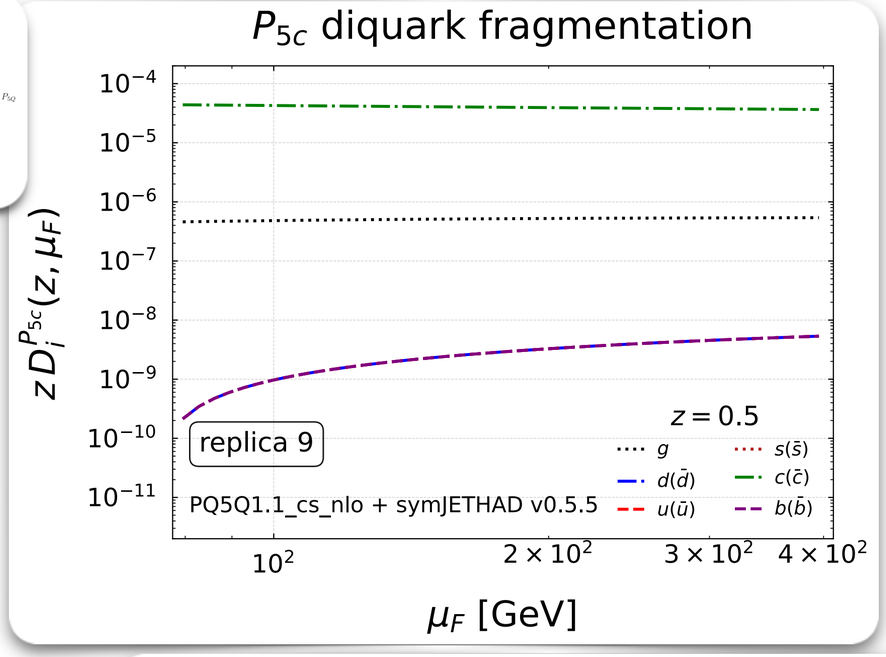

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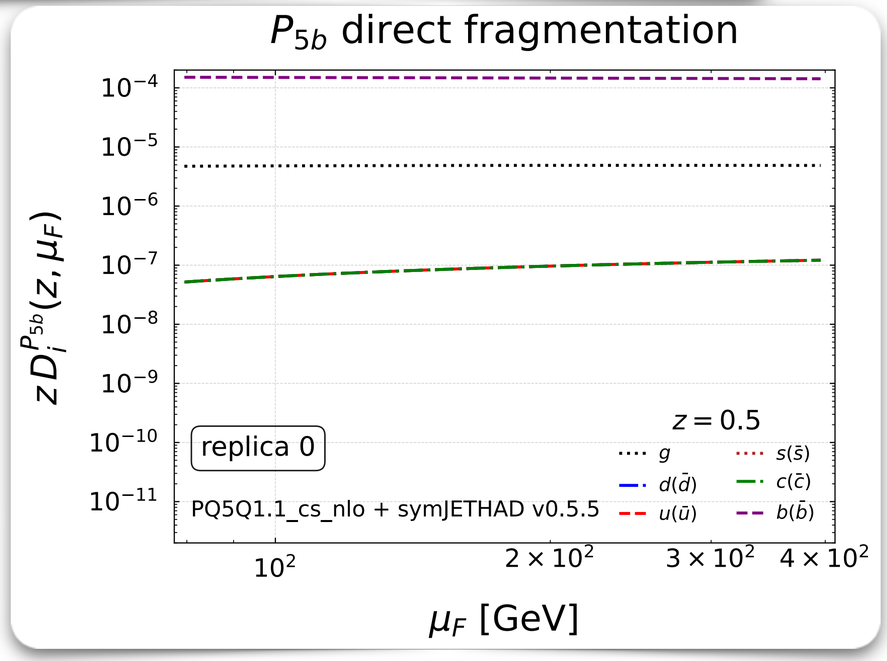

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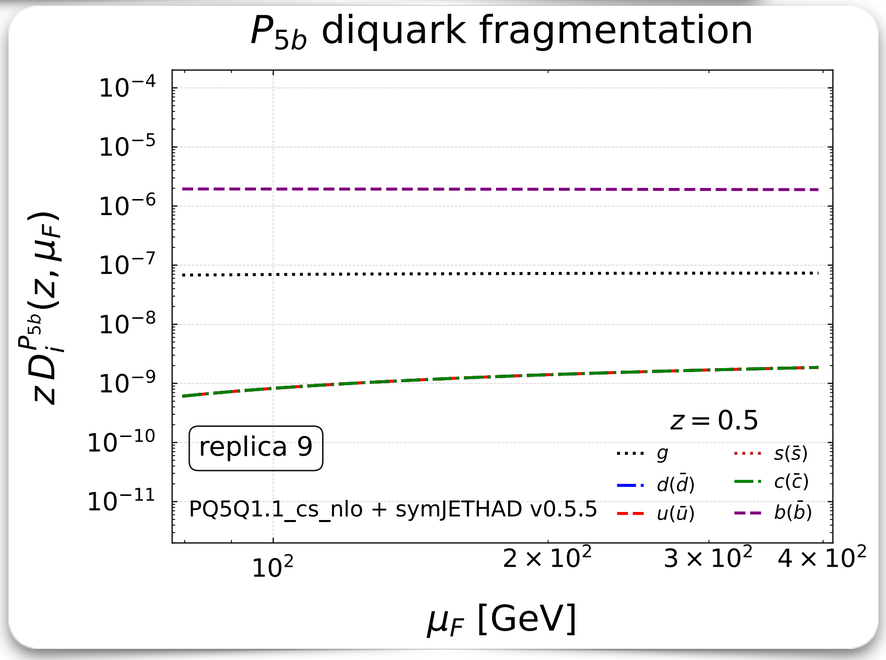

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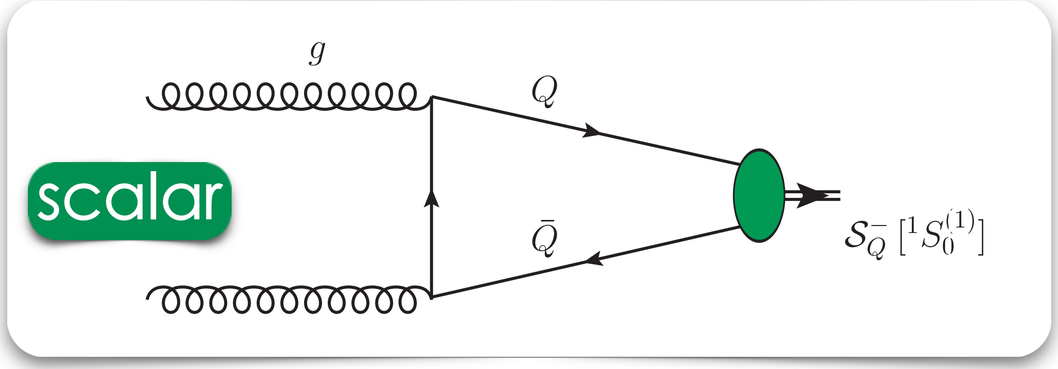

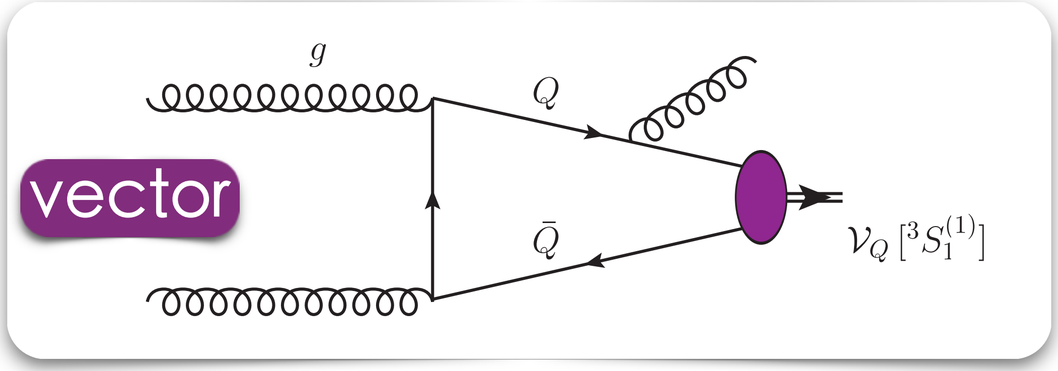

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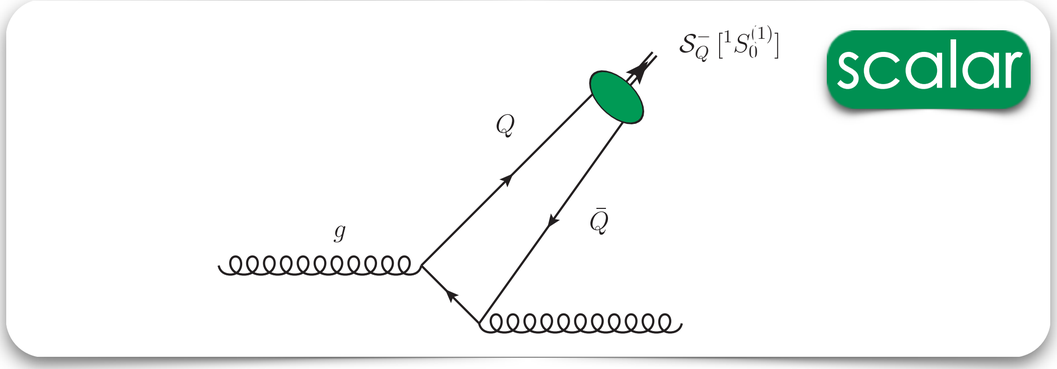

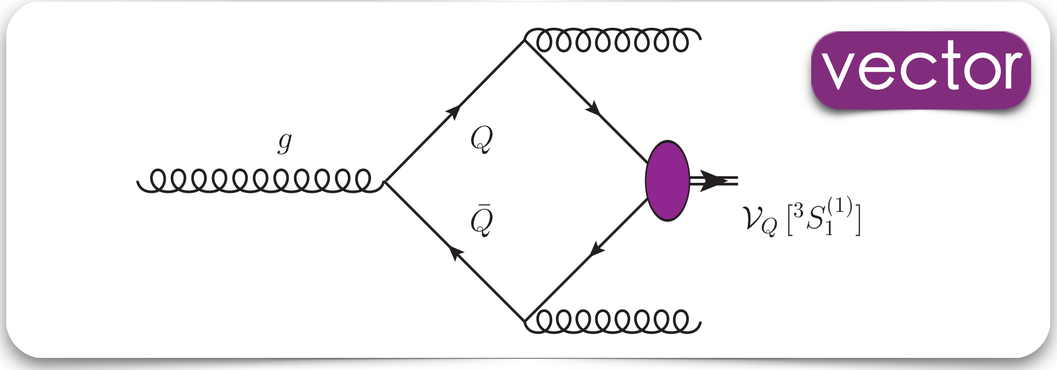

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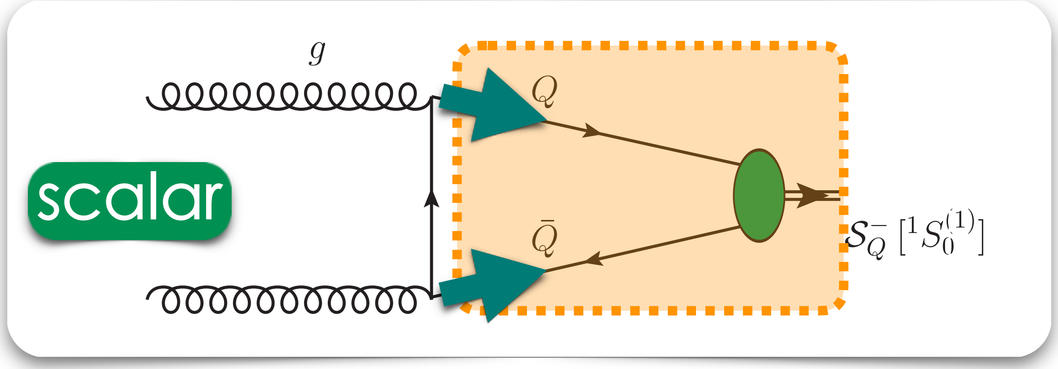

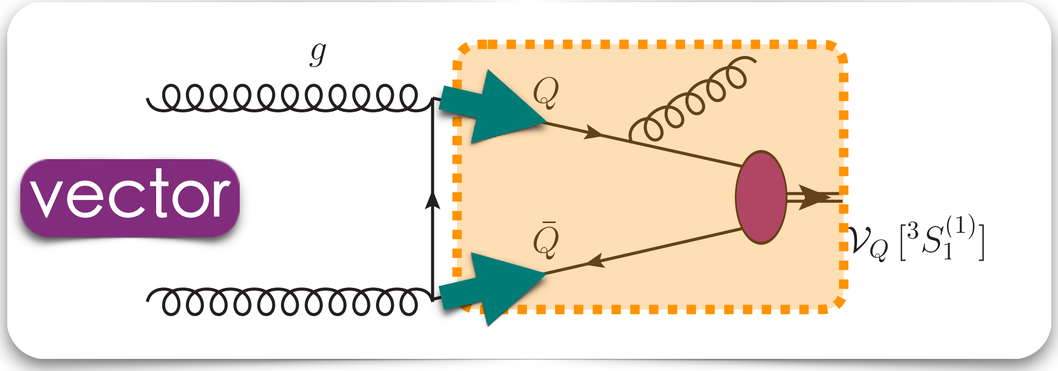

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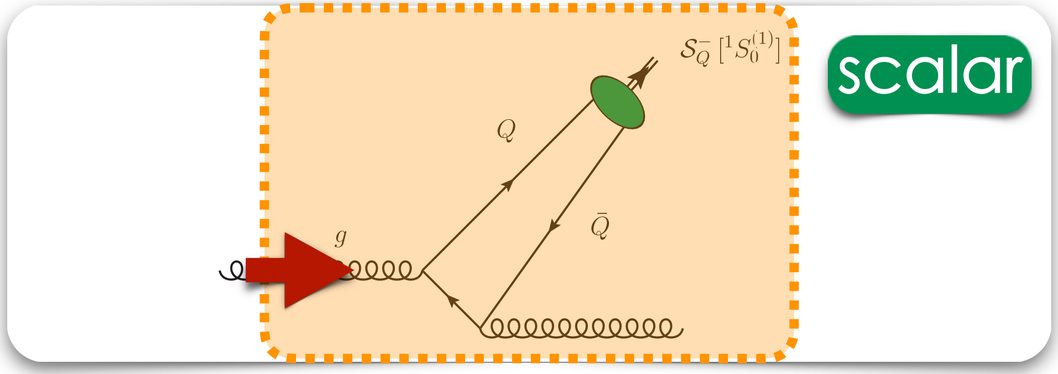

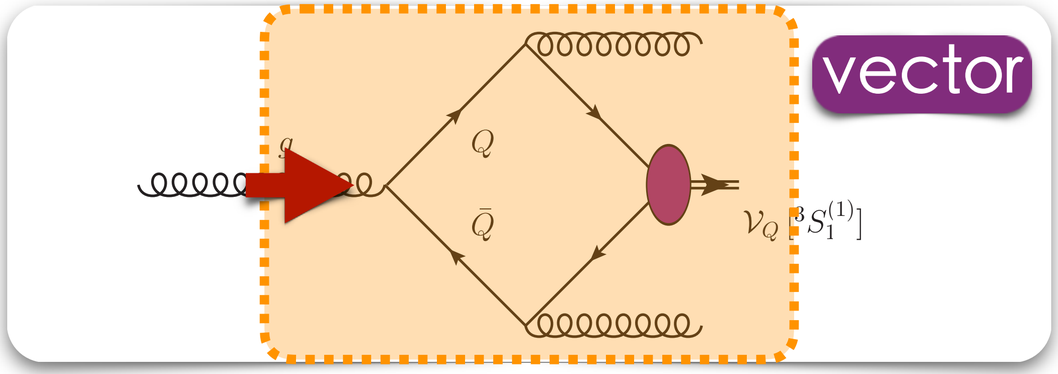

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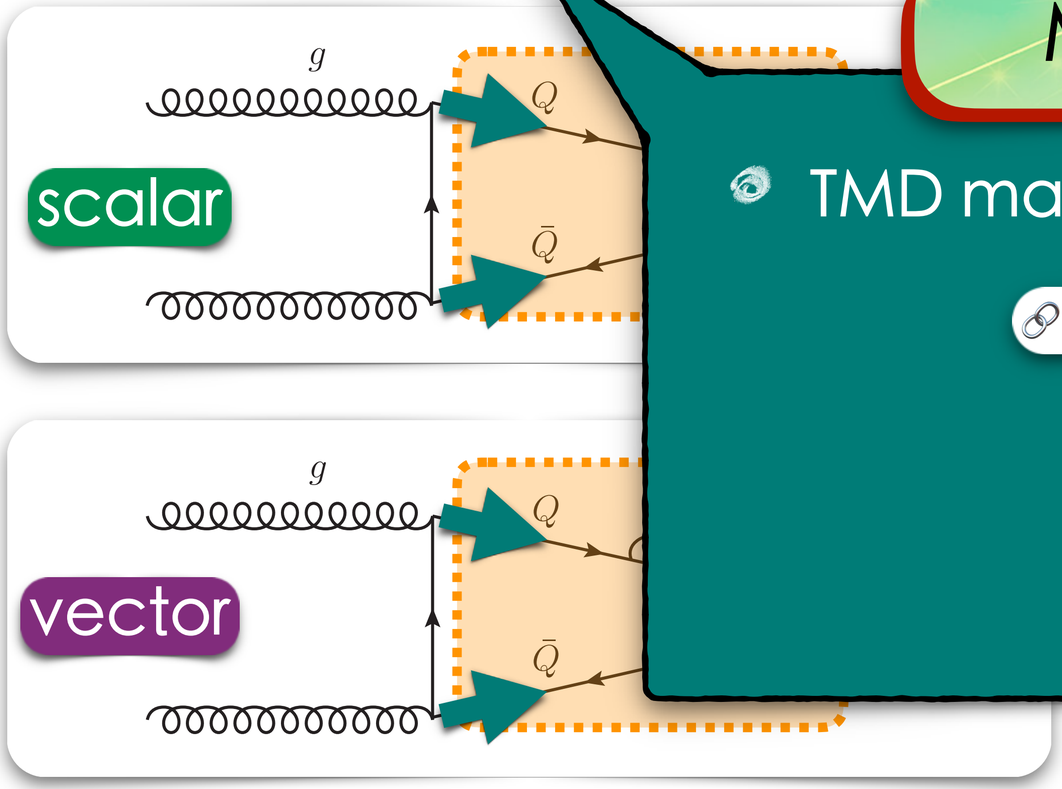

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[D. Boer, J. Bor, L. Maxia, C. Pisano, F. Yuan (2023)]

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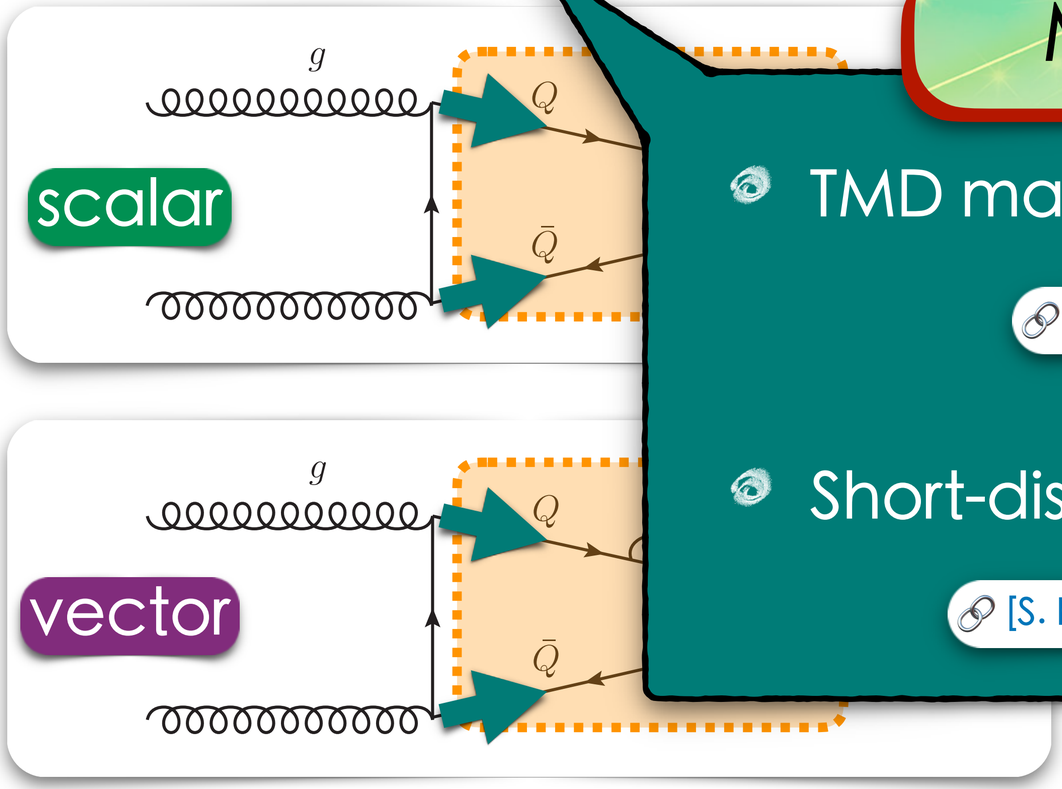

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  [D. Boer, J. Bor, L. Maxia, C. Pisano, F. Yuan (2023)]

- Short-distance $\Leftrightarrow$ double-parton FFs (SCET)

  [S. Fleming, A.K. Leibovich, T. Mehen, I.Z. Rothstein (2012)]

From low energies to high energies

Low energy, low p_T
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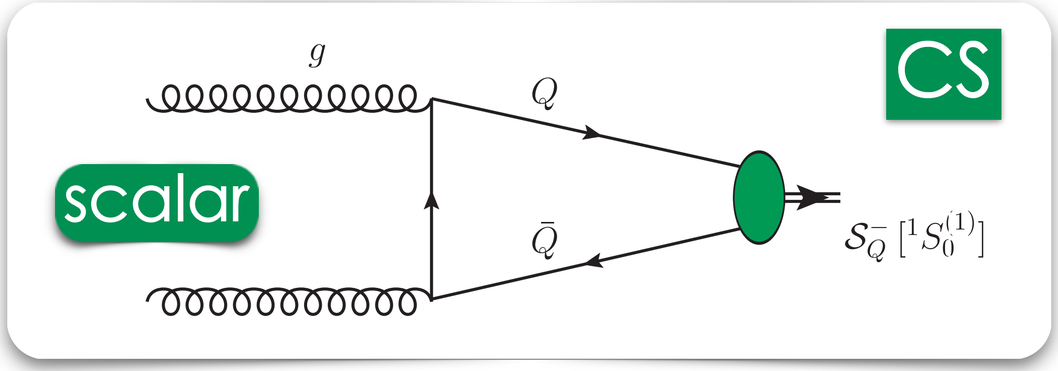

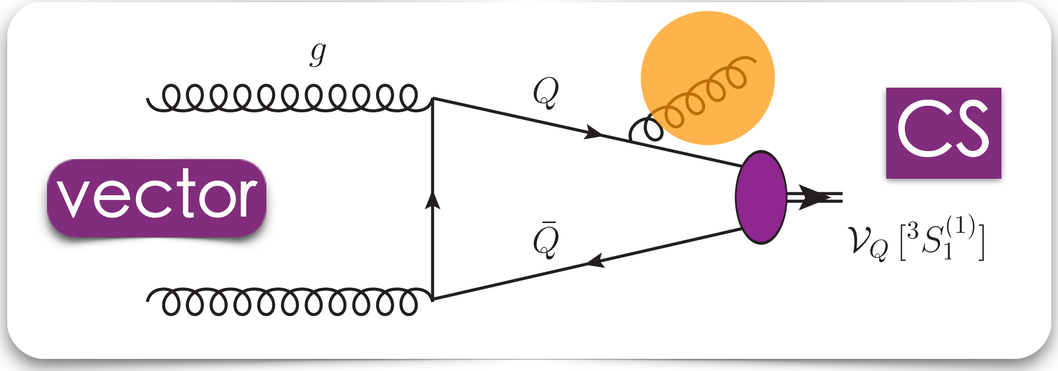

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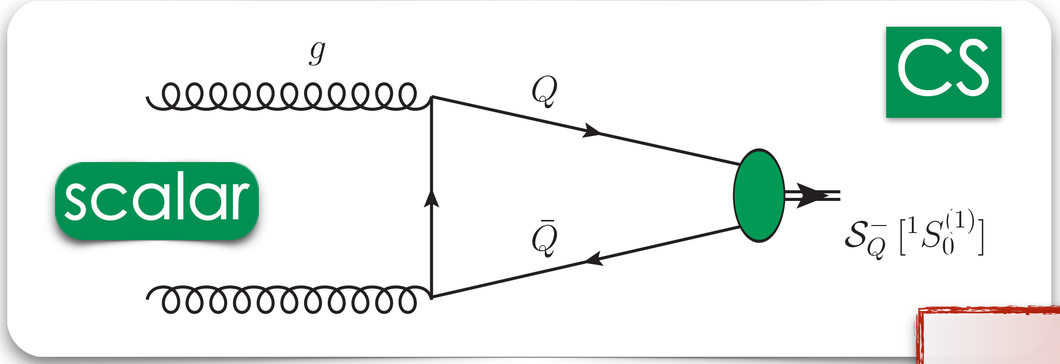

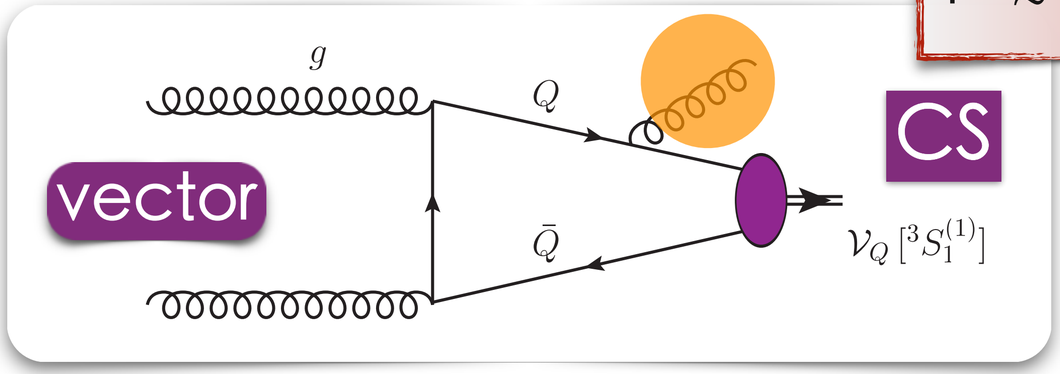

$p_T \gtrsim 10 \div 15$ GeV
(charmonia)

High energy, high p_T
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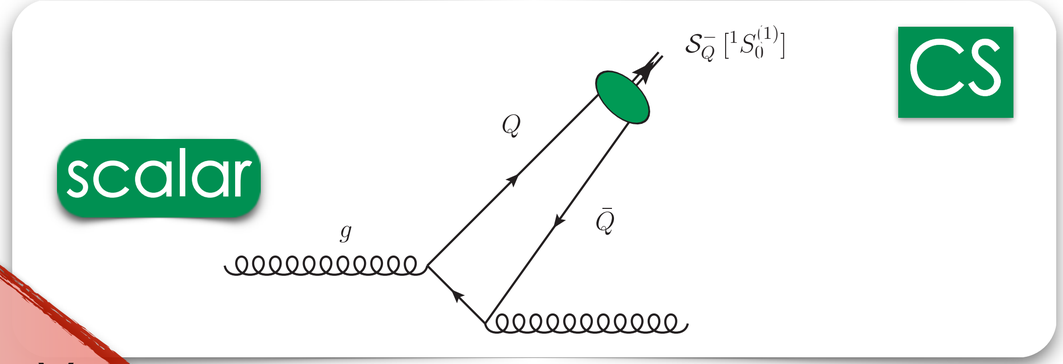

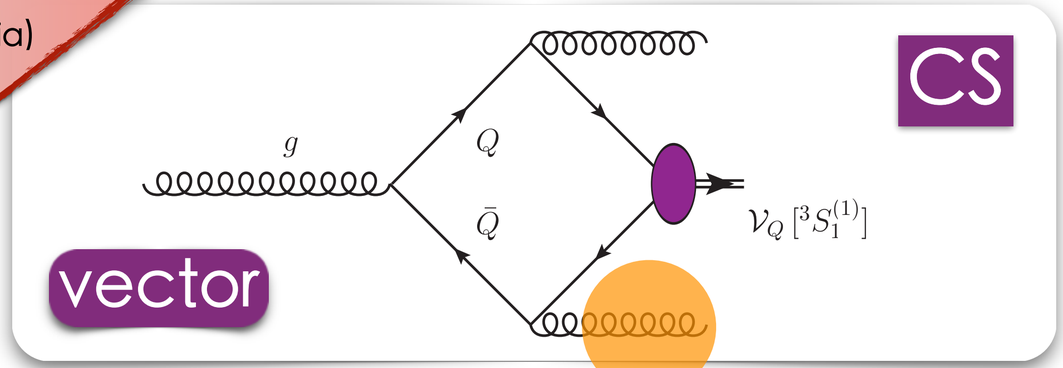

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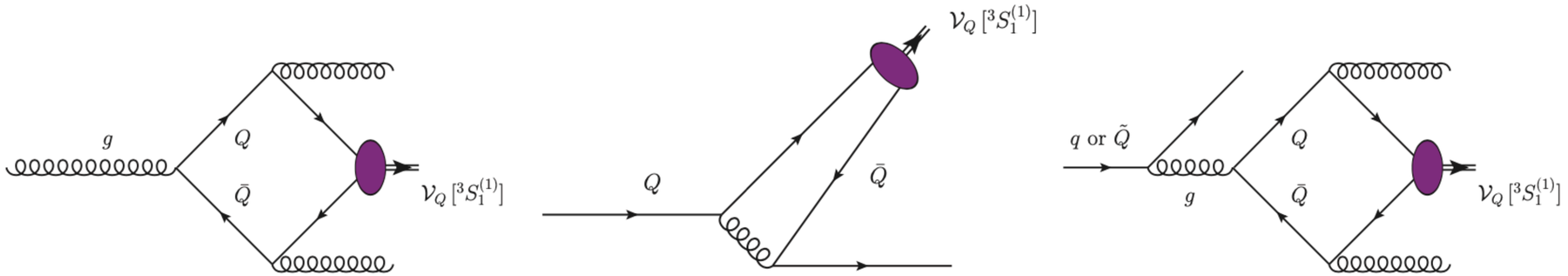

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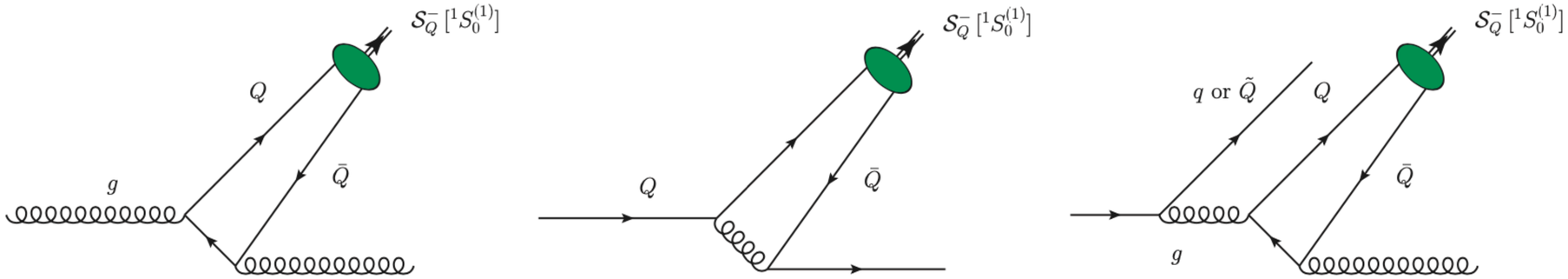

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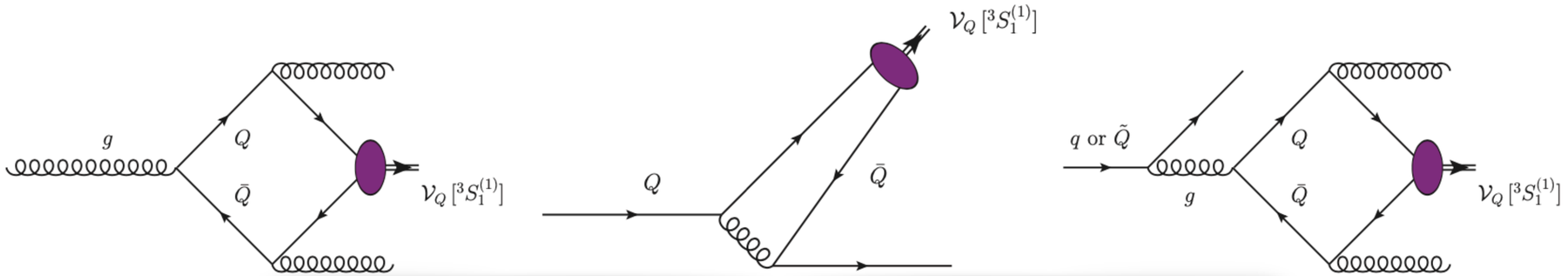

Quarkonium ($\mathcal{Q}$)	$g \to \mathcal{Q}$	$Q \to \mathcal{Q}$	q or $\tilde{Q} \to \mathcal{Q}$
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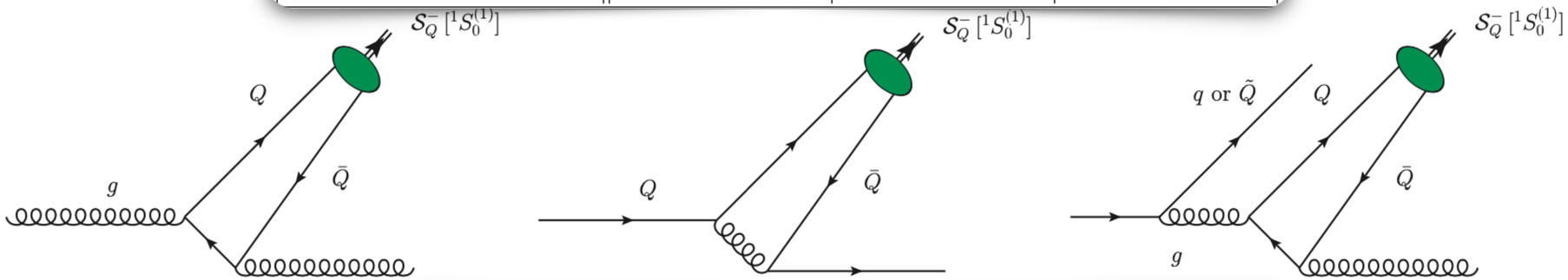

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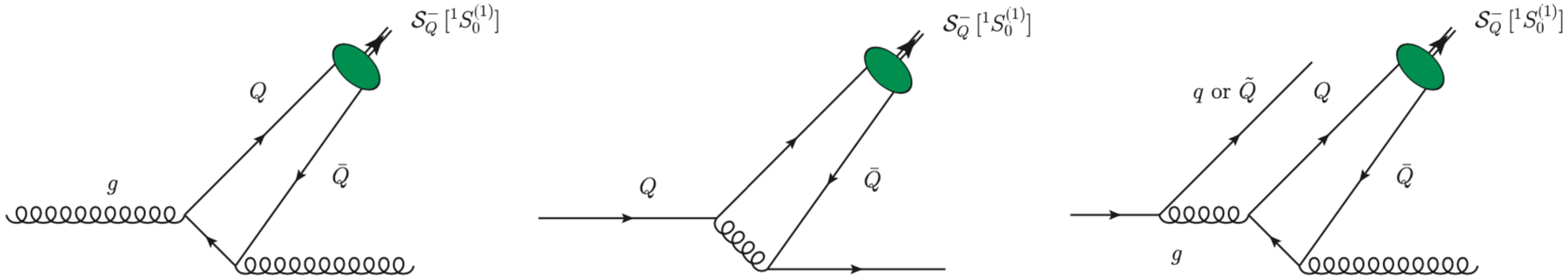

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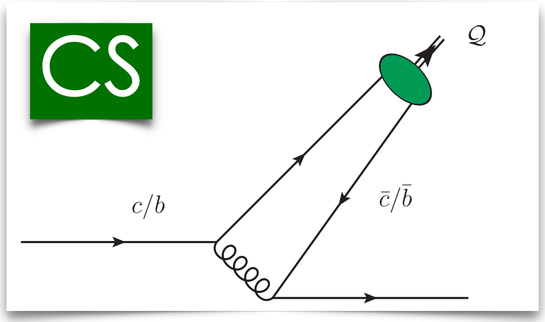

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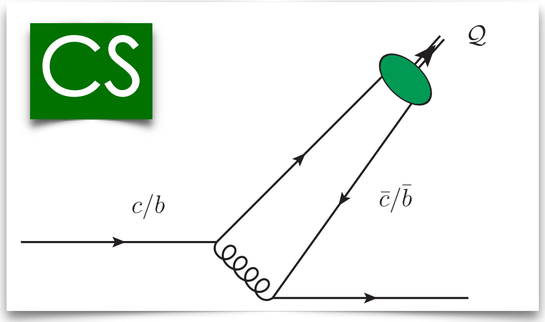

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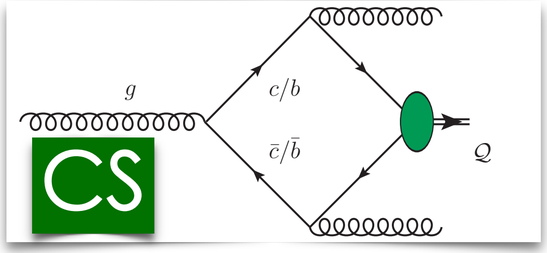

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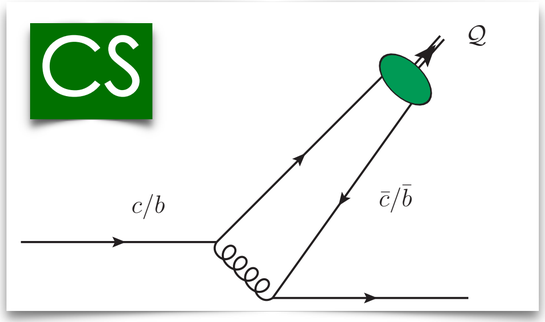

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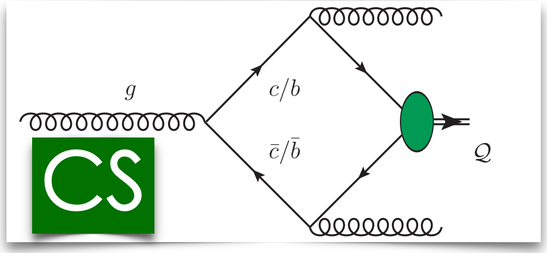

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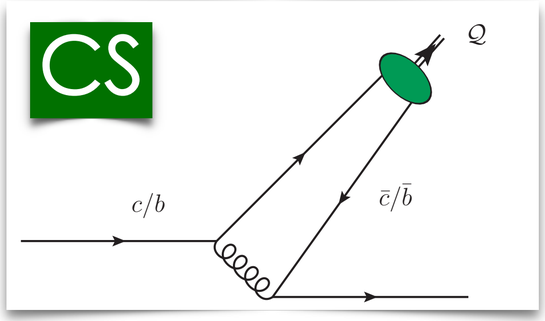

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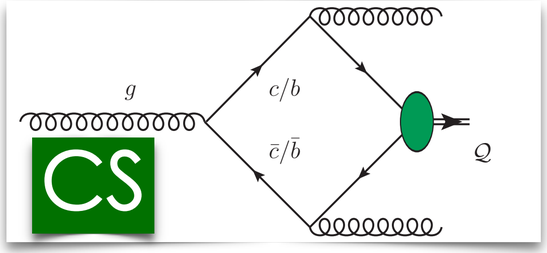

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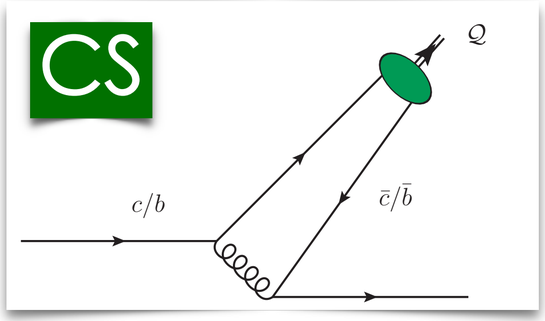

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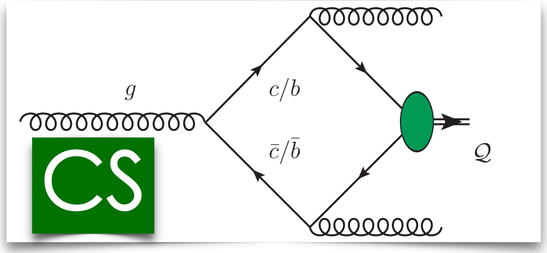

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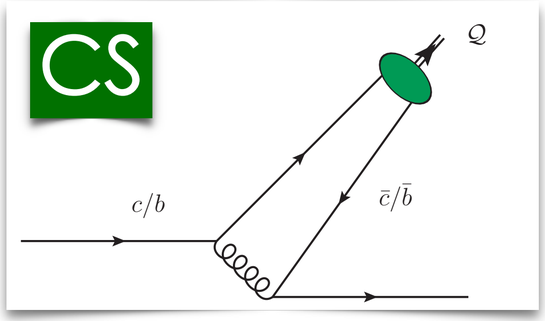

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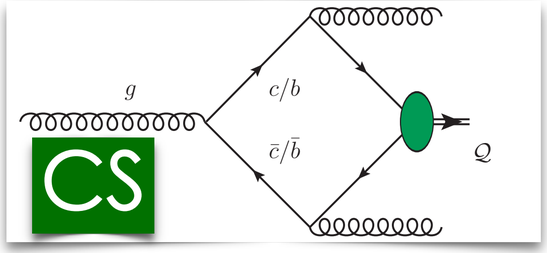

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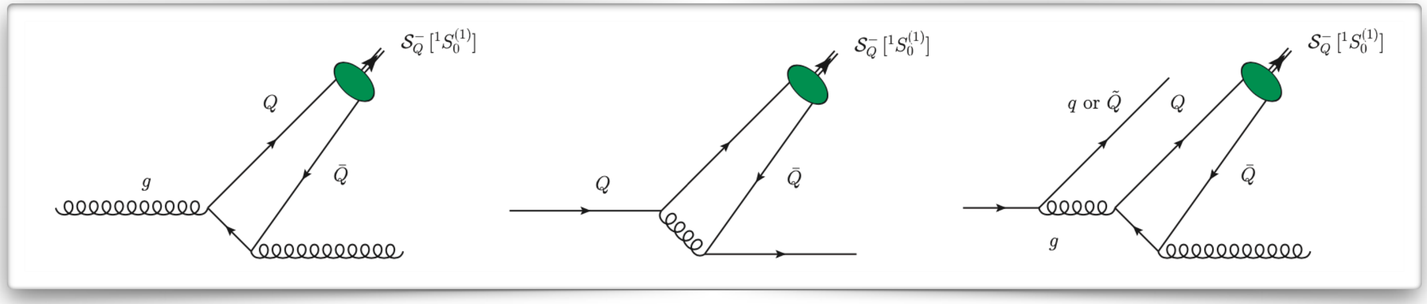

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All-Order evolution (numeric)

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Expanded Decoupled evolution

NRQCD

SDCs

LDMEs

g
$\tilde{q}$
c
b

$2m_c$

$\mathcal{D}_i^{\mathcal{Q}}(z,[n]) \otimes \langle \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{Q}}([n]) \rangle$

Energy

Evolution-ready scale $Q_0 \equiv m_b + 2m_c$ $3m_c$ $m_{\tilde{q}} + 2m_c$

Time

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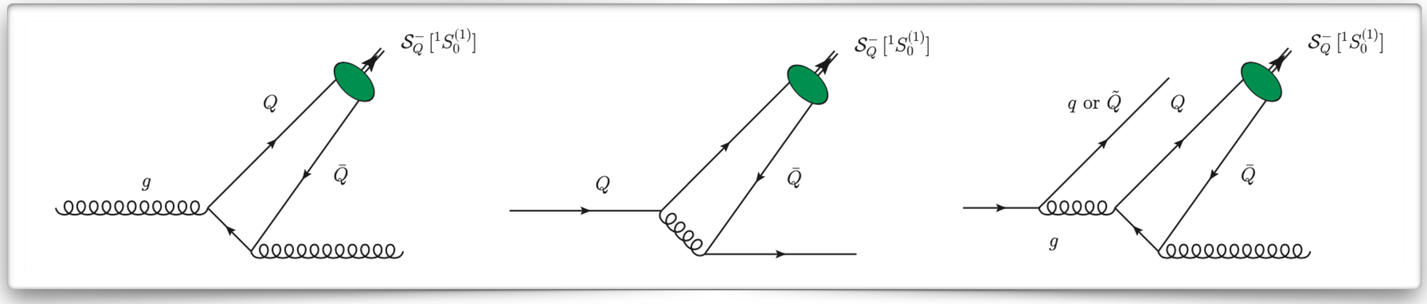

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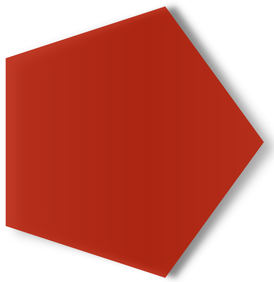

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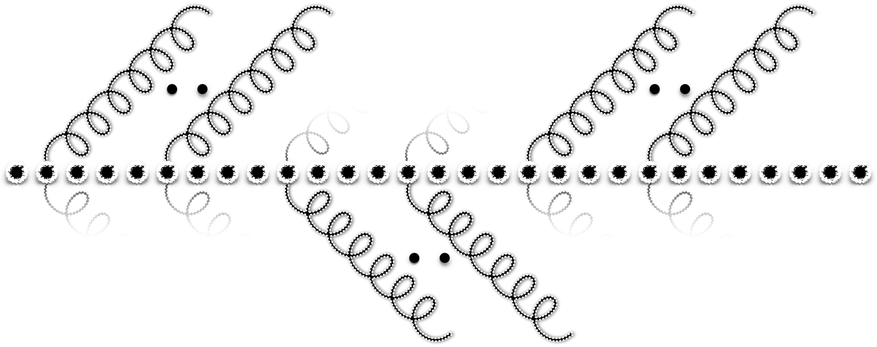

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Energy — Evolution-ready scale $Q_0 \equiv m_b + 2m_c$ — $3m_c$ — $m_{\tilde{q}} + 2m_c$ — Time

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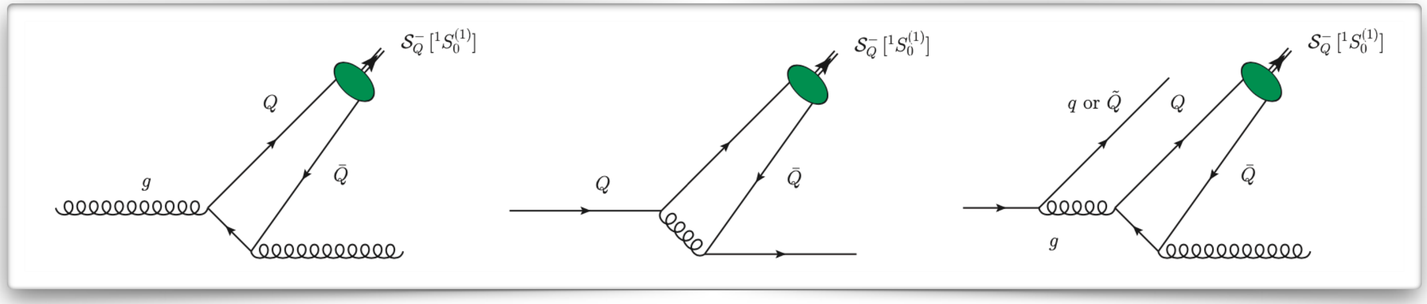

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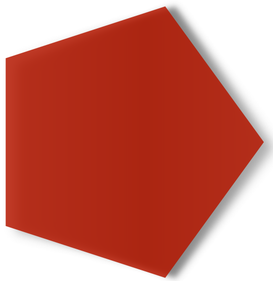
HF-NRevo for $\eta_c[^1S_0^{(1)}]$ collinear fragmentation

Partonic hard factor



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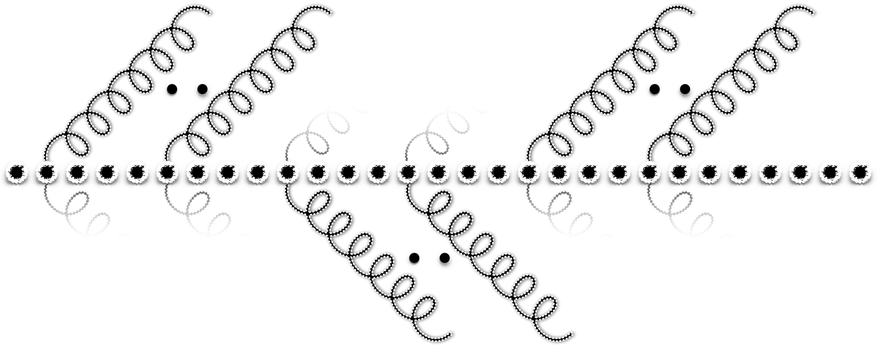

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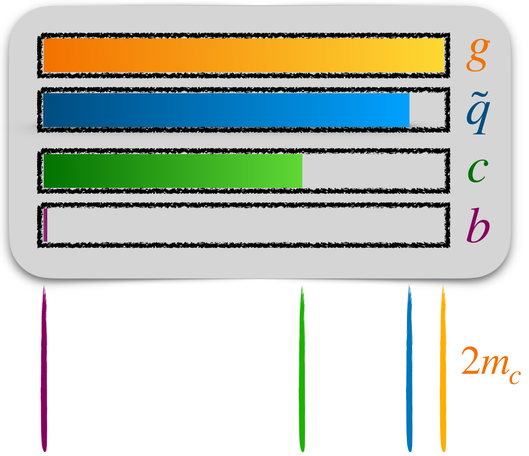

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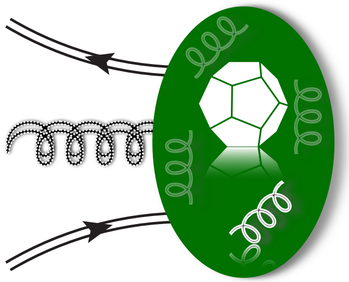

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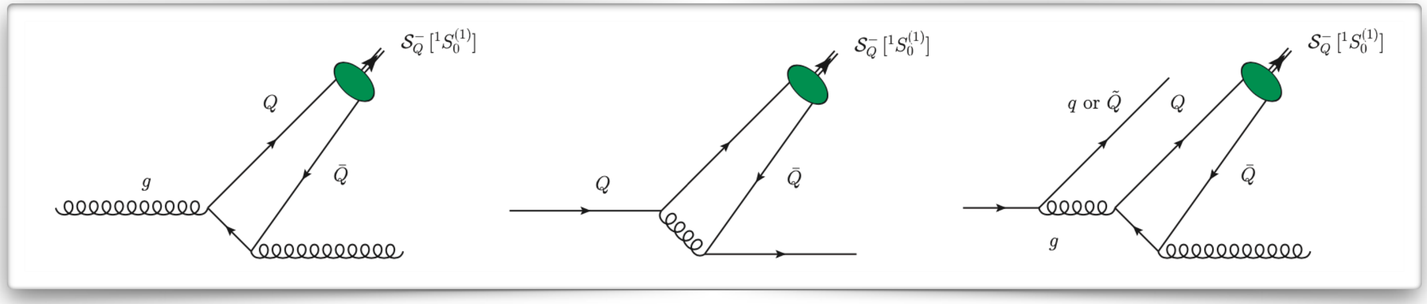

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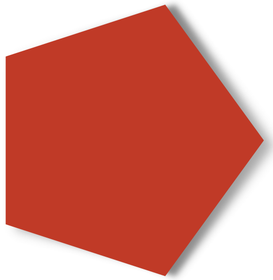

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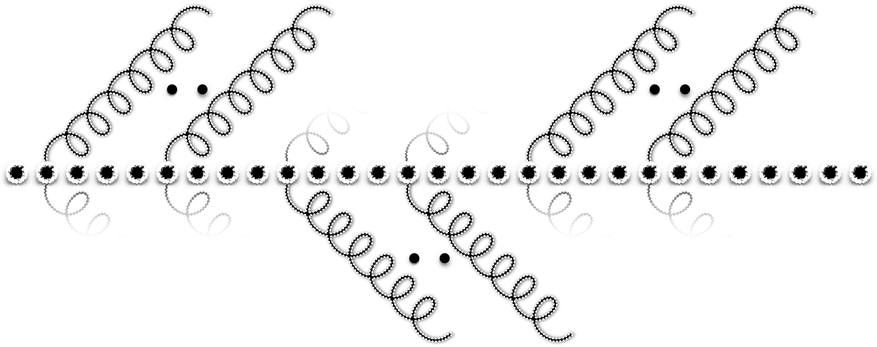

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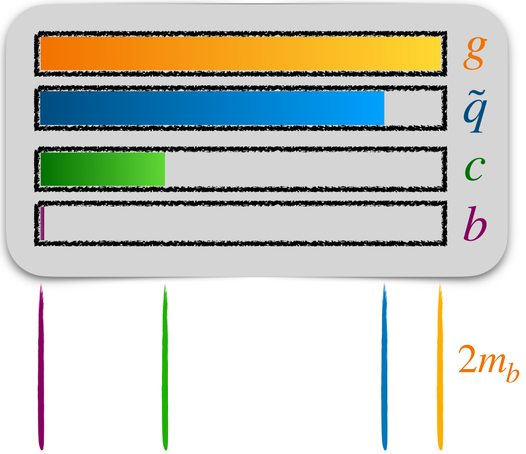

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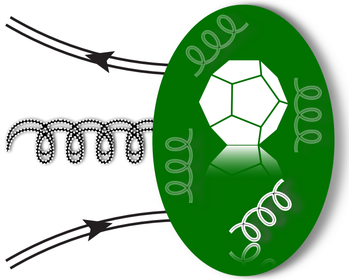

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Energy ⟷ Time

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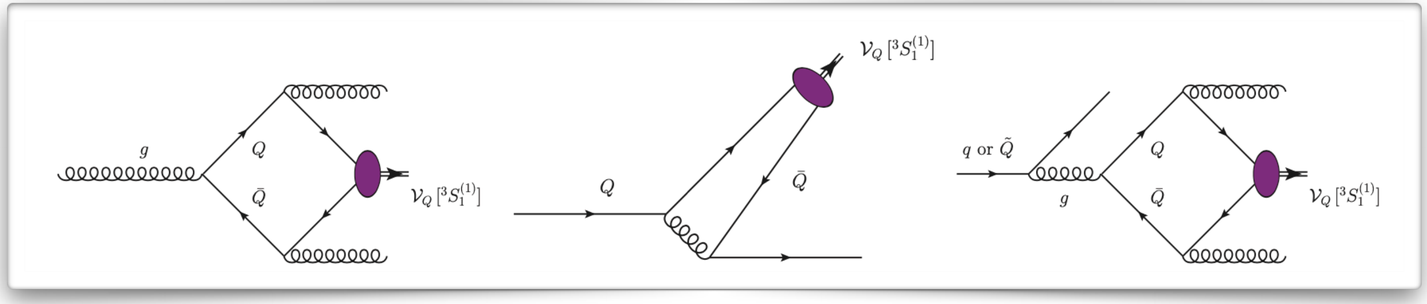

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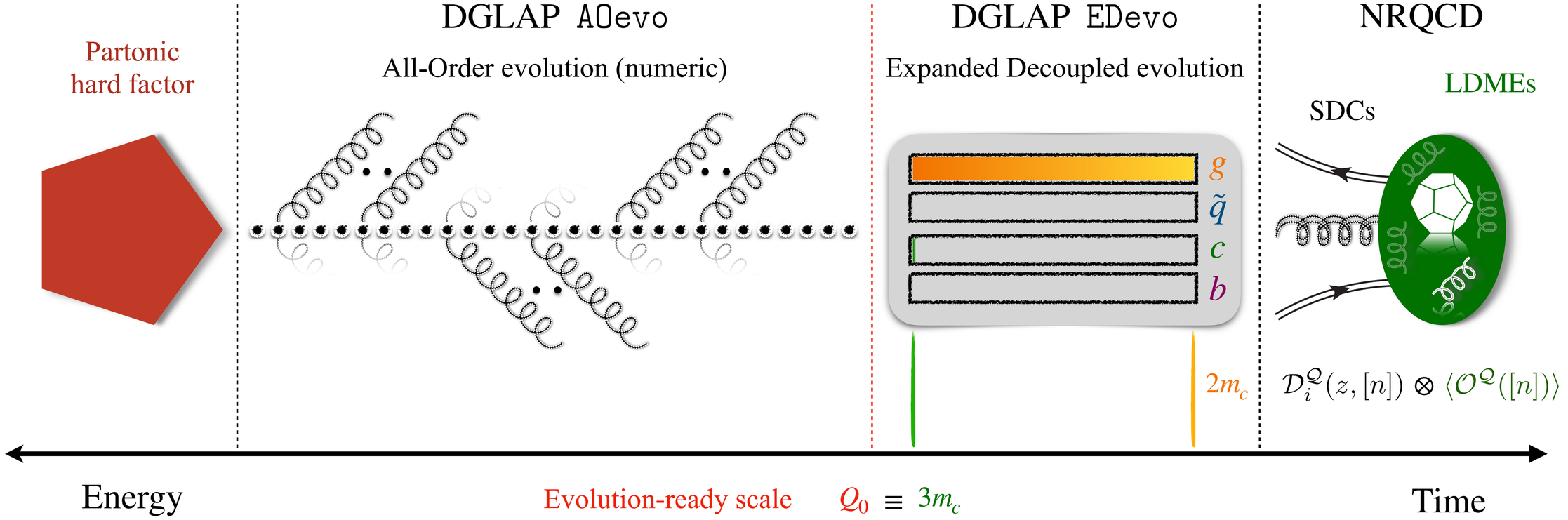

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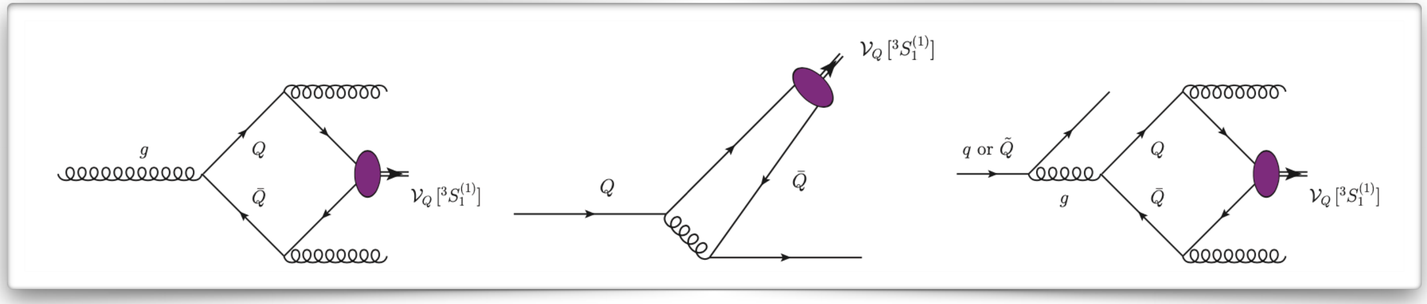

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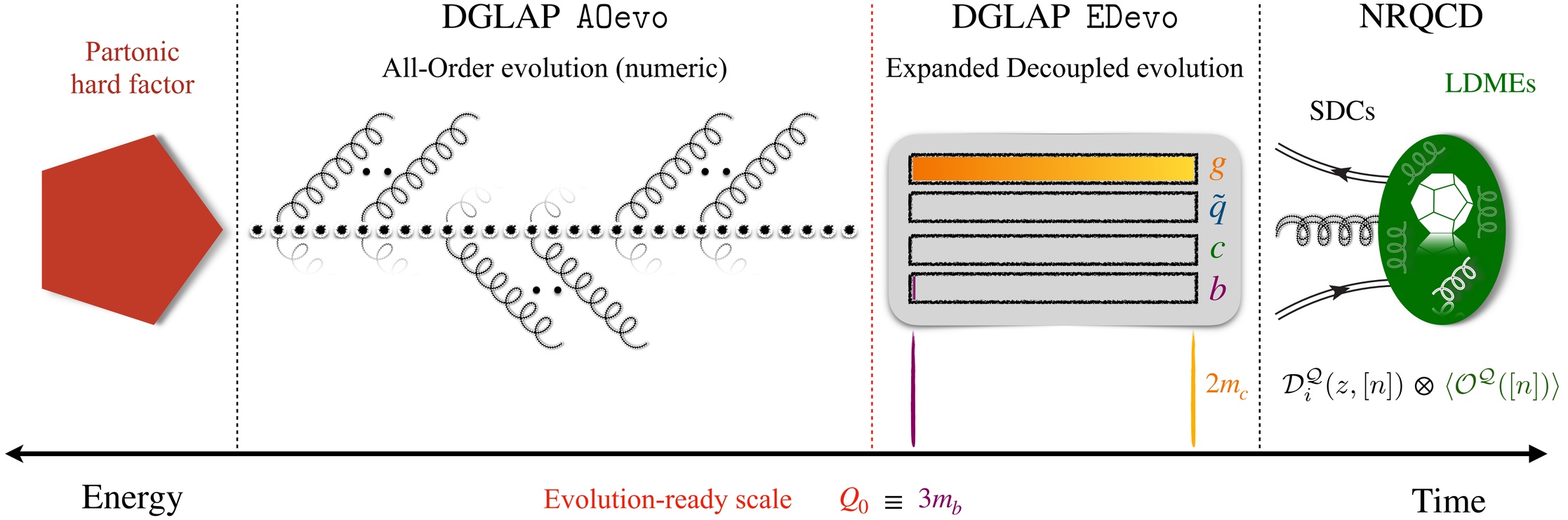
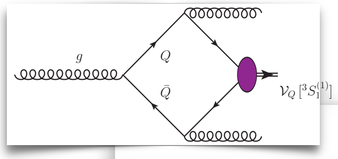
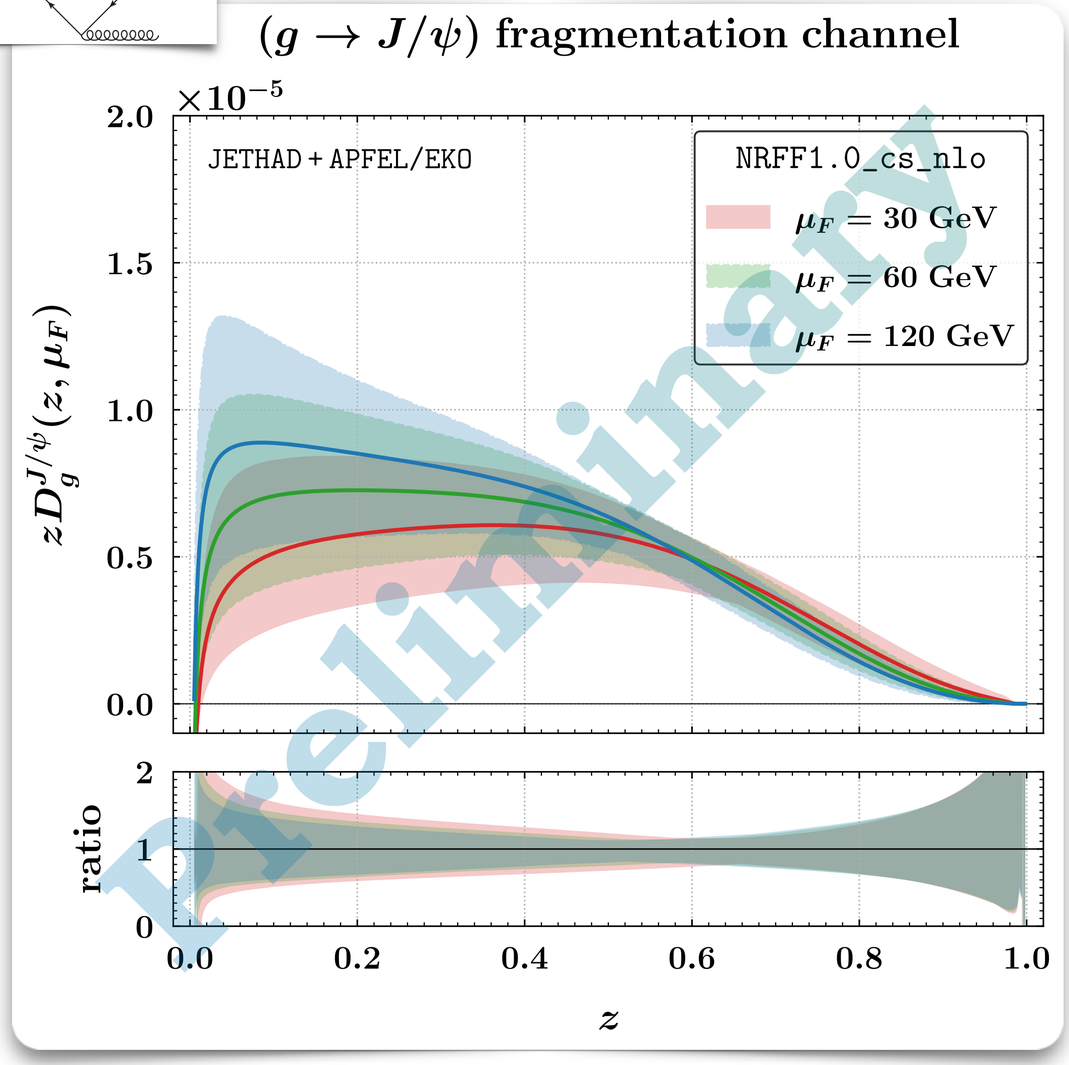


NRFF1.0: Gluon fragmentation to charmonia

Vector J/ψ





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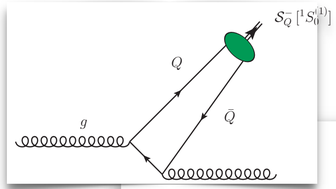

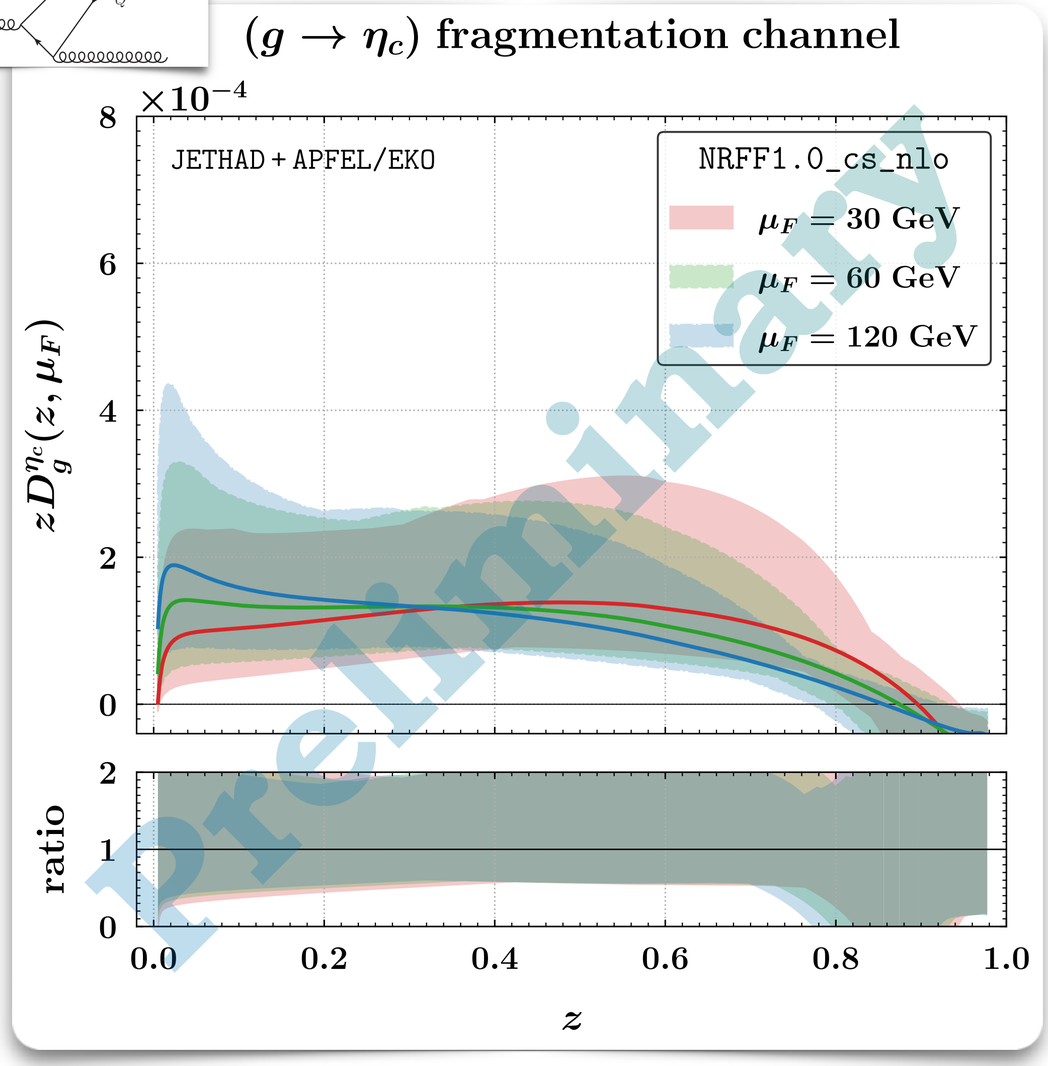

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NRFF1.0: Gluon fragmentation to bottomonia

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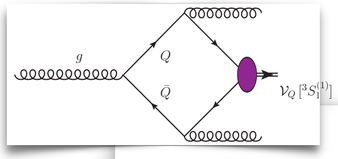

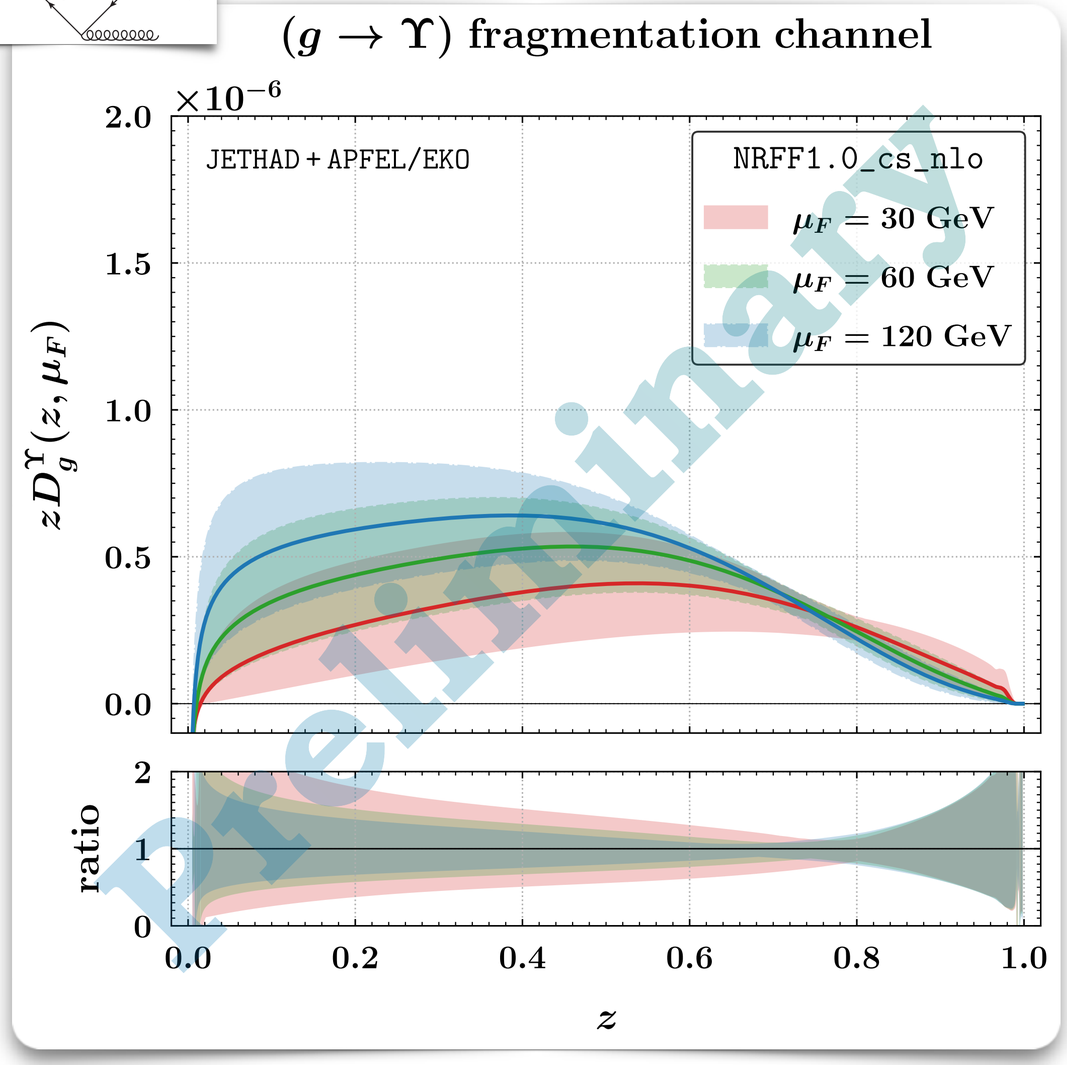

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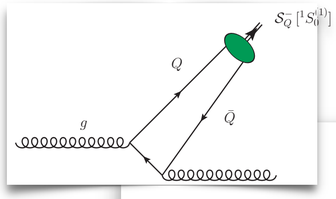

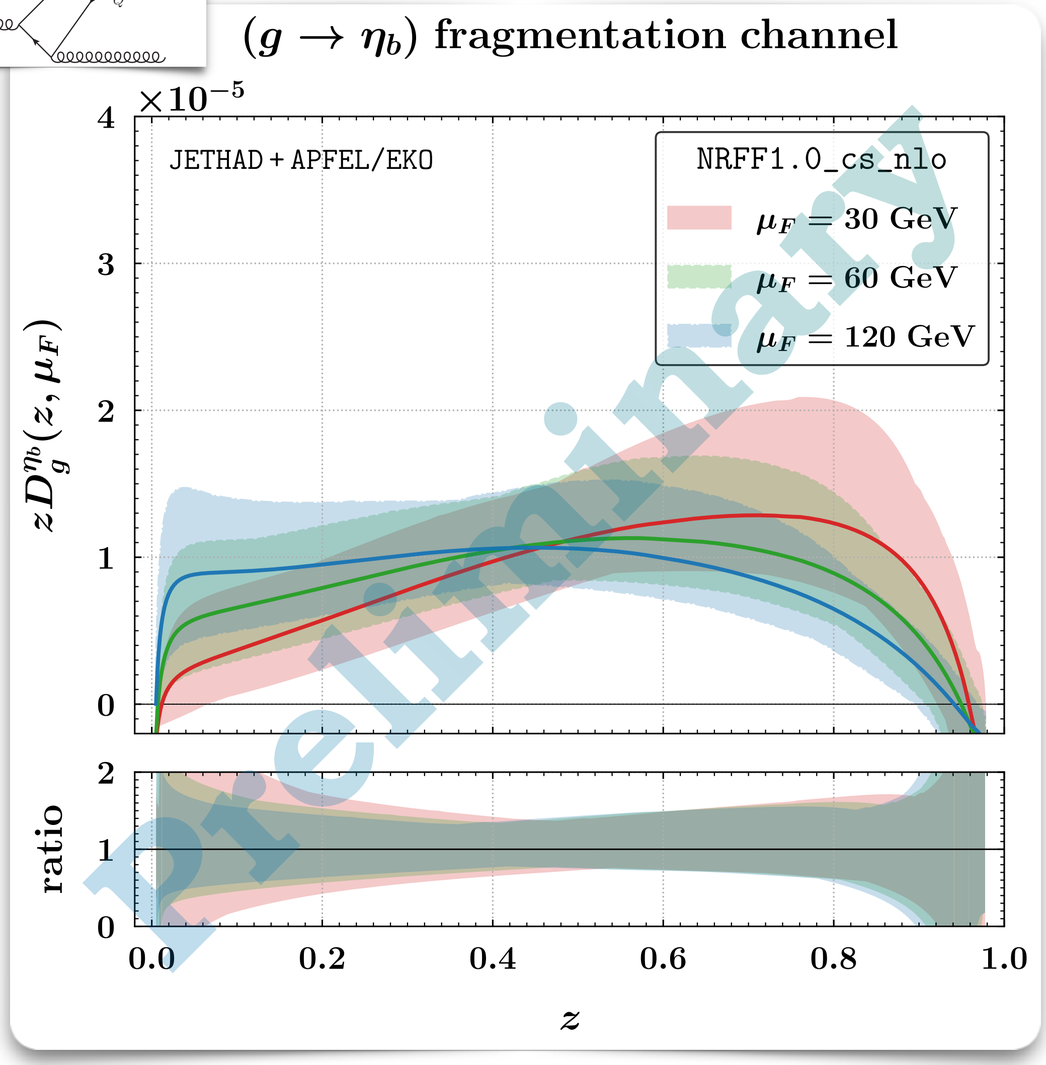

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NRFF1.0: Charm fragmentation to charmonia

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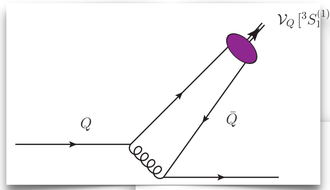

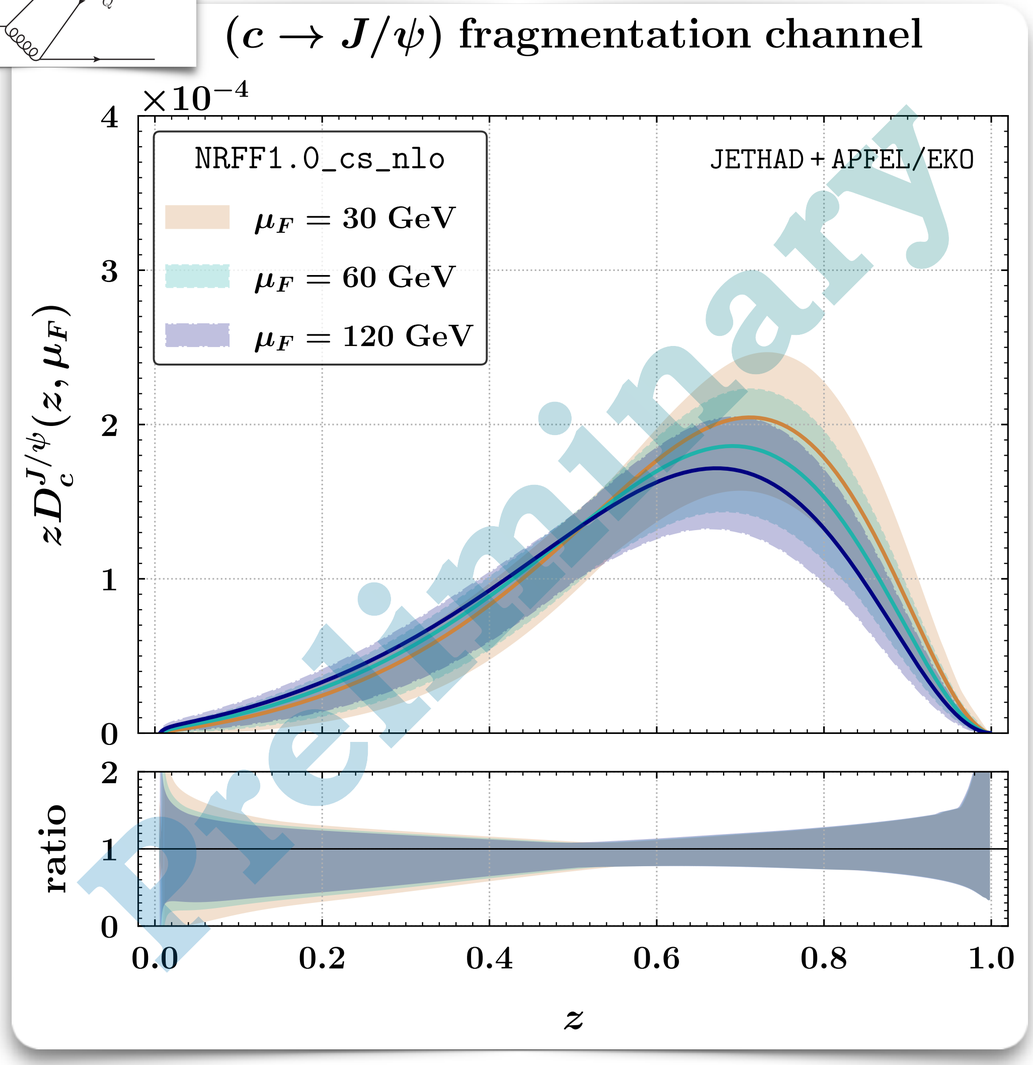

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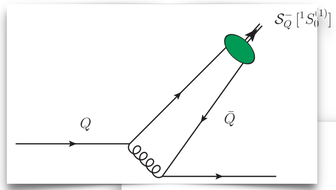

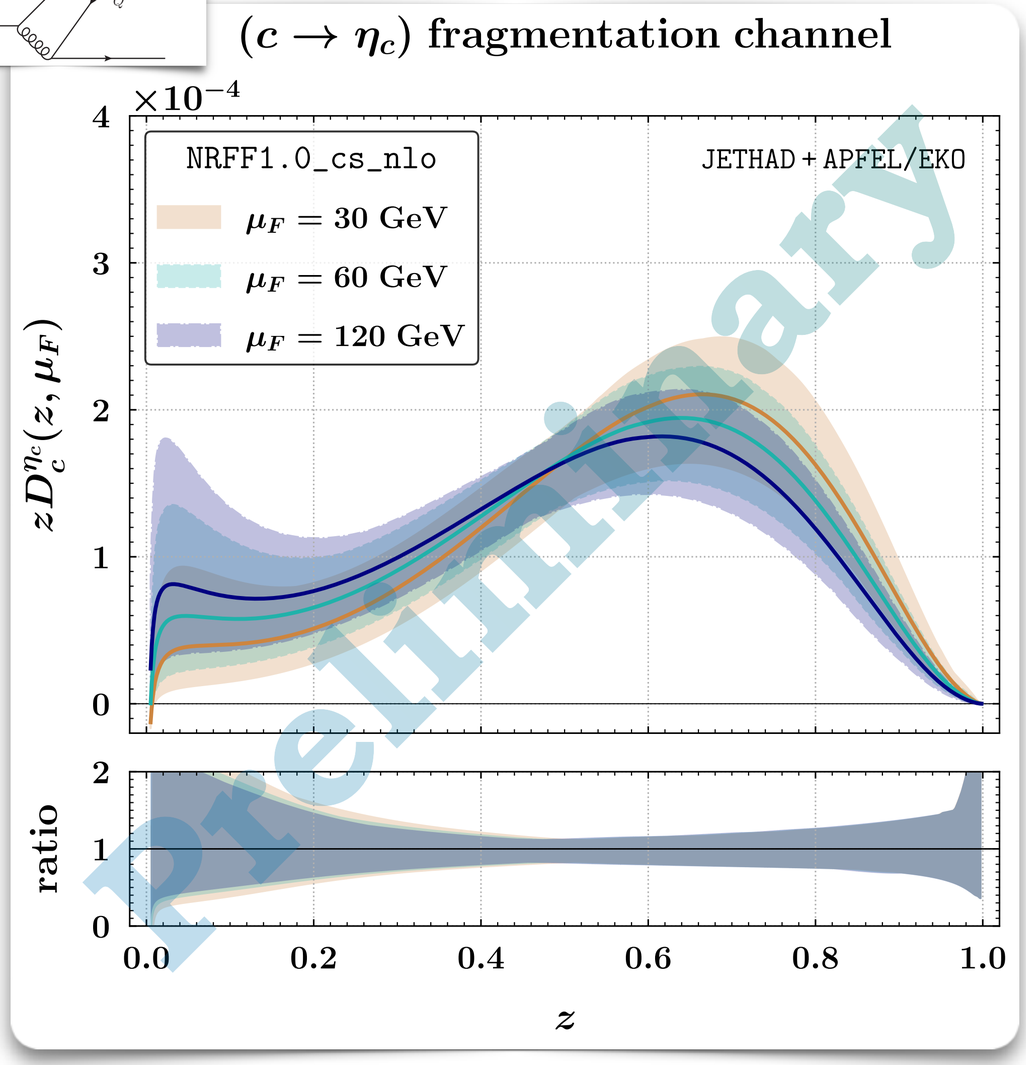

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NRFF1.0: Bottom fragmentation to bottomonia

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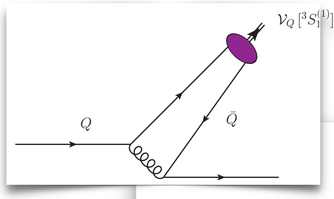

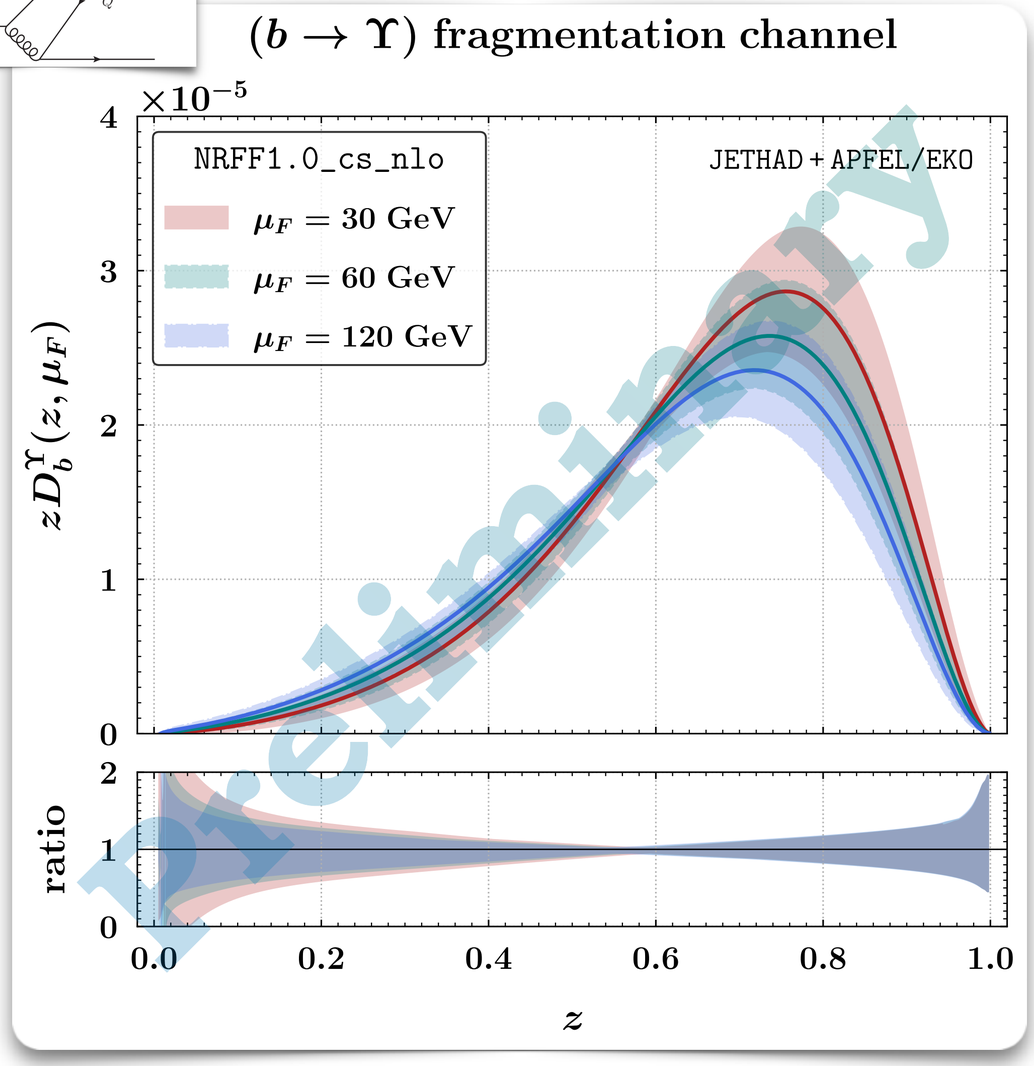

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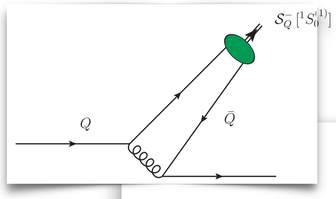

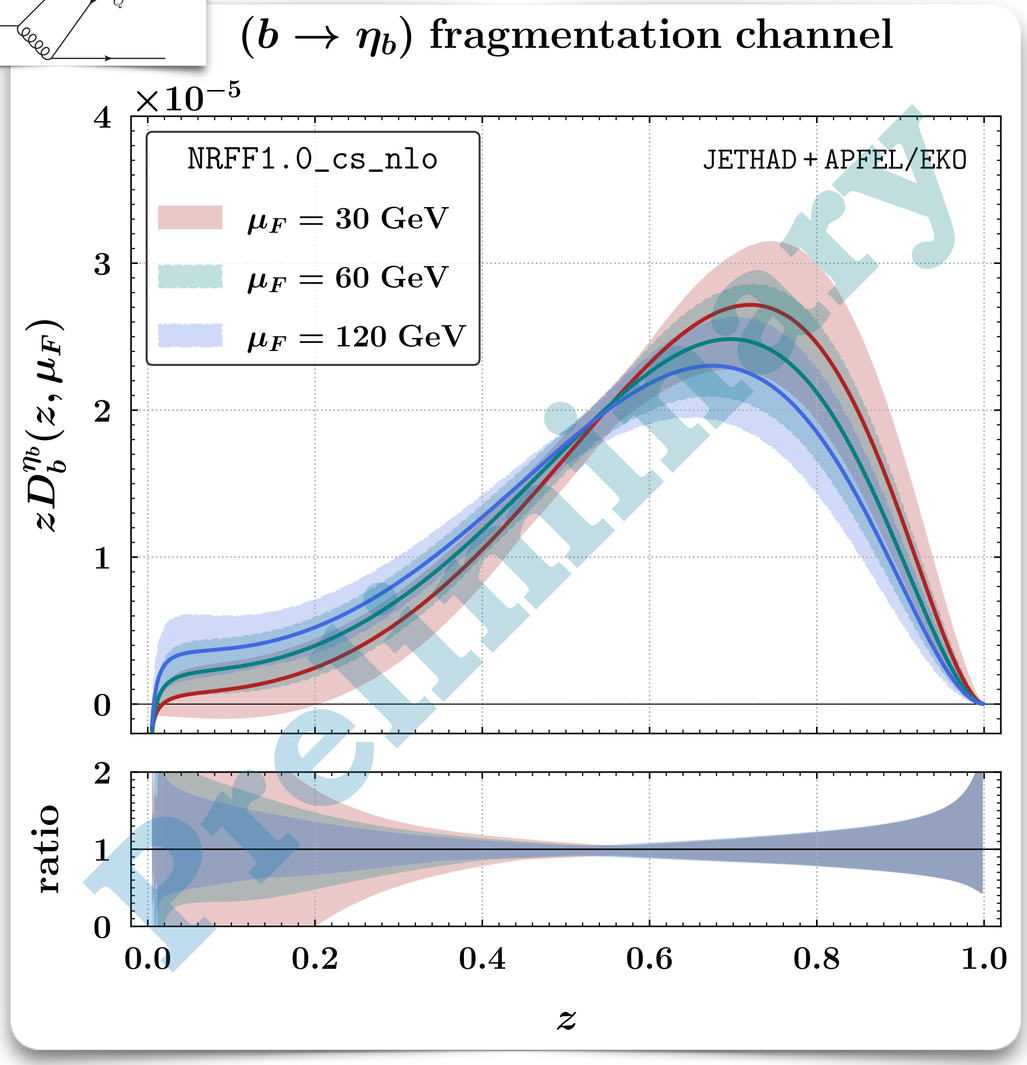

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