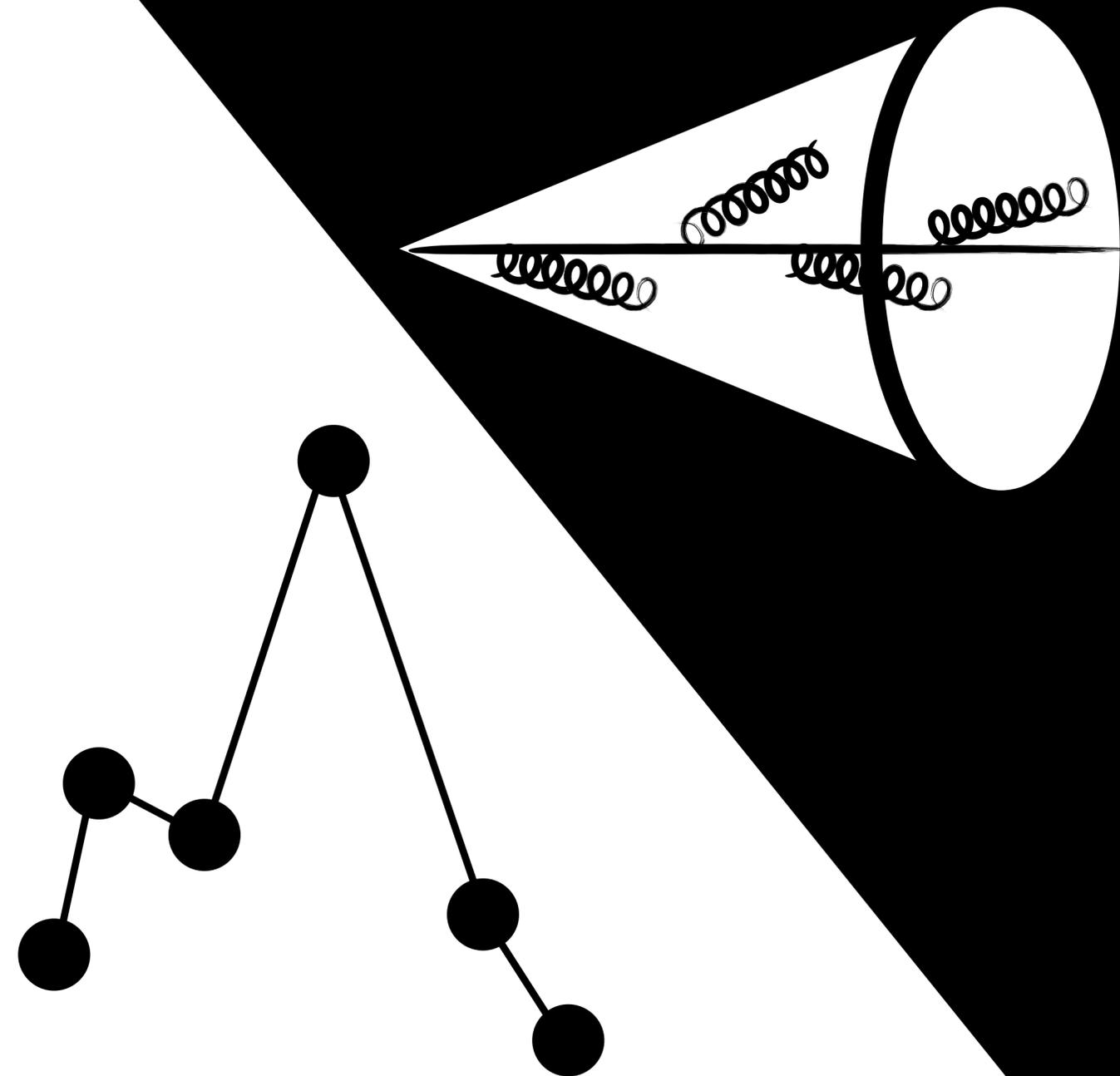


# Jet physics in 2024

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# Plan for the course

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## Lecture 1: big picture

- Why jets?
- $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$ : singularity structure
- Resummation and parton showers

## Lecture 2: jet algorithms

- Core ideas of jet reconstruction
- Sequential recombination algorithms
- The question of flavour

## Lecture 3: jet substructure

- Concepts and tools
- Calculability: groomed jet mass
- Observables at the LHC

# A few useful references

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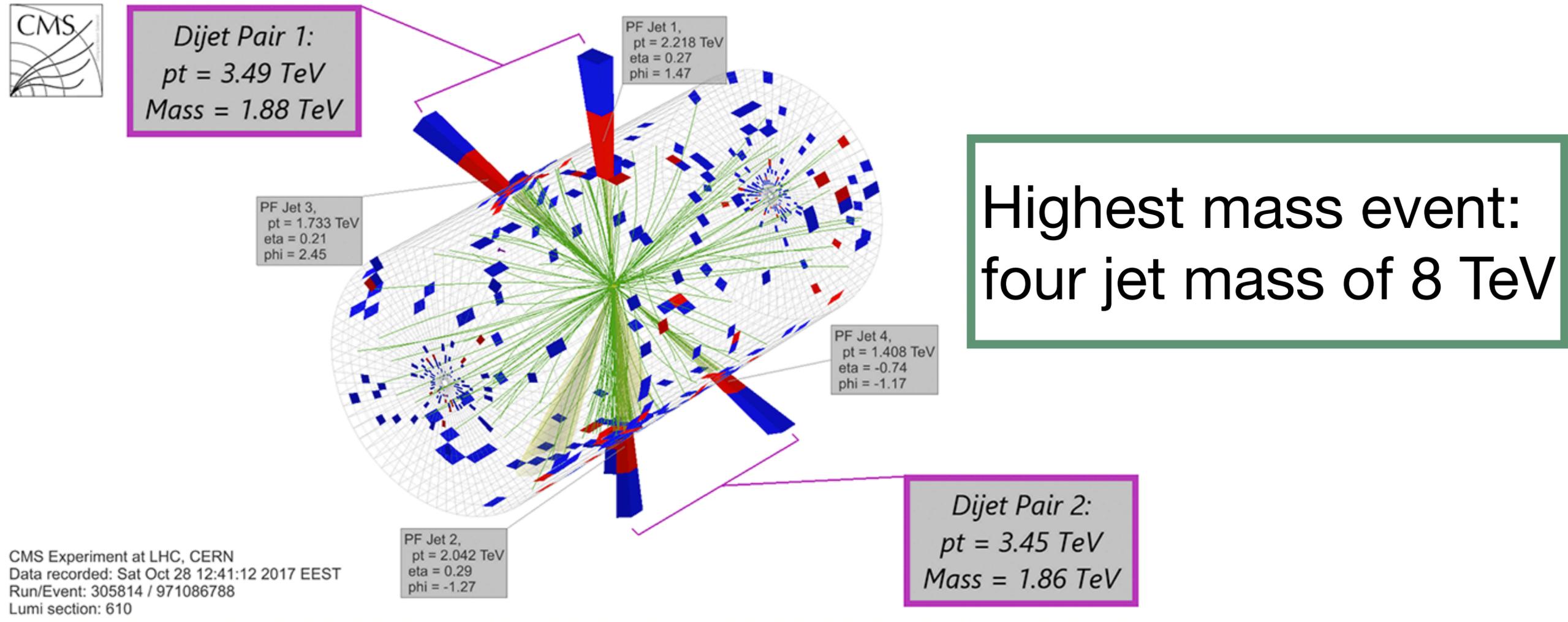
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- *Jet substructure at the LHC: A review of recent advances in theory and machine learning*, A. Larkoski, I. Mout, B. Nachman
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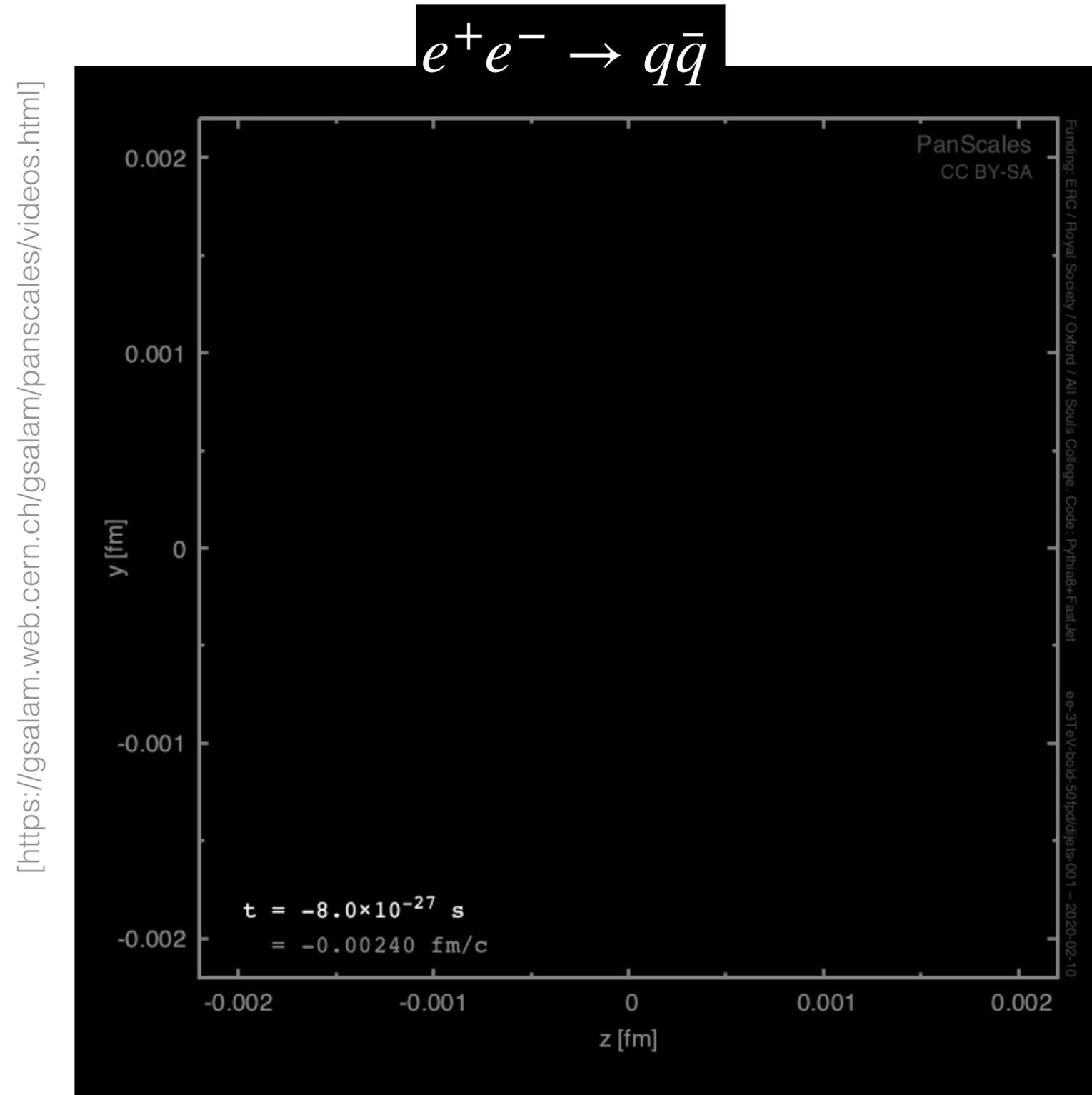
One, of many, definitions: collimated, energetic bunches of hadrons

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Interactive view of a dijet event: <https://cms3d.web.cern.ch/SMP-20-011/>

# What are jets? Numerical simulation



## Color coding:

incoming beam particles

intermediate particles  
(quarks or gluons)

final particle (hadron)

Event evolution spans  
7 orders of magnitude  
in space-time

# Jets are very popular at the LHC

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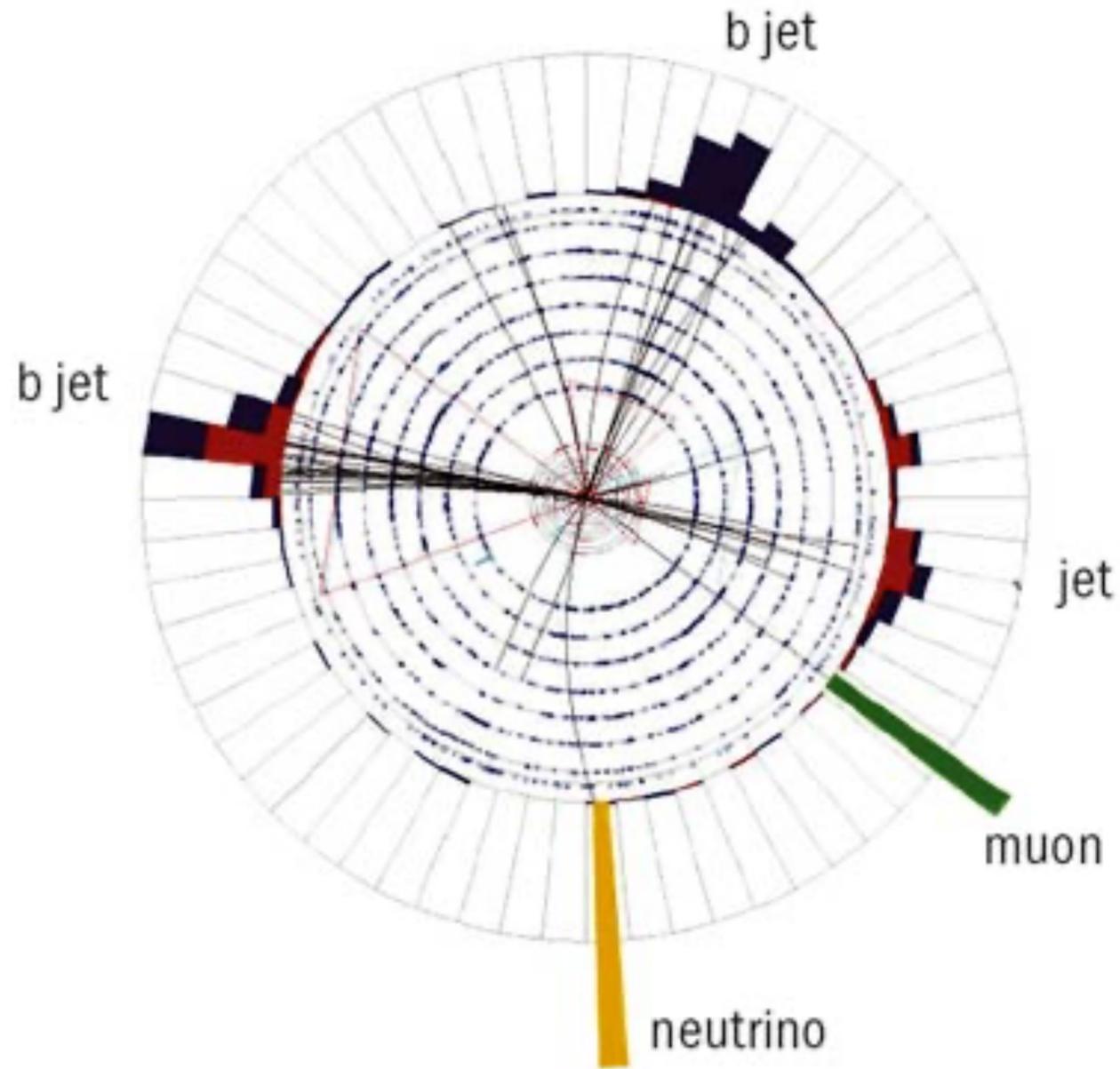
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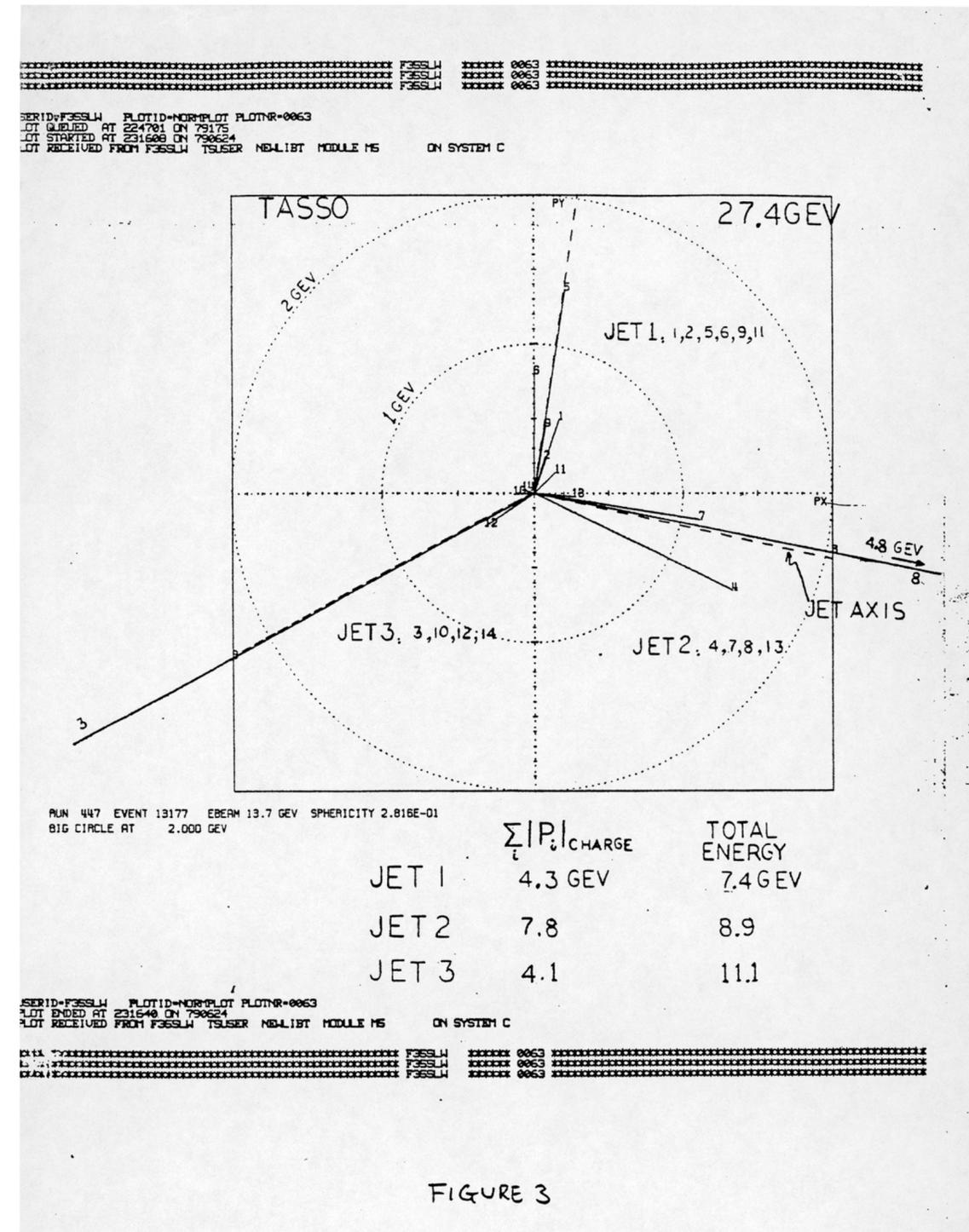
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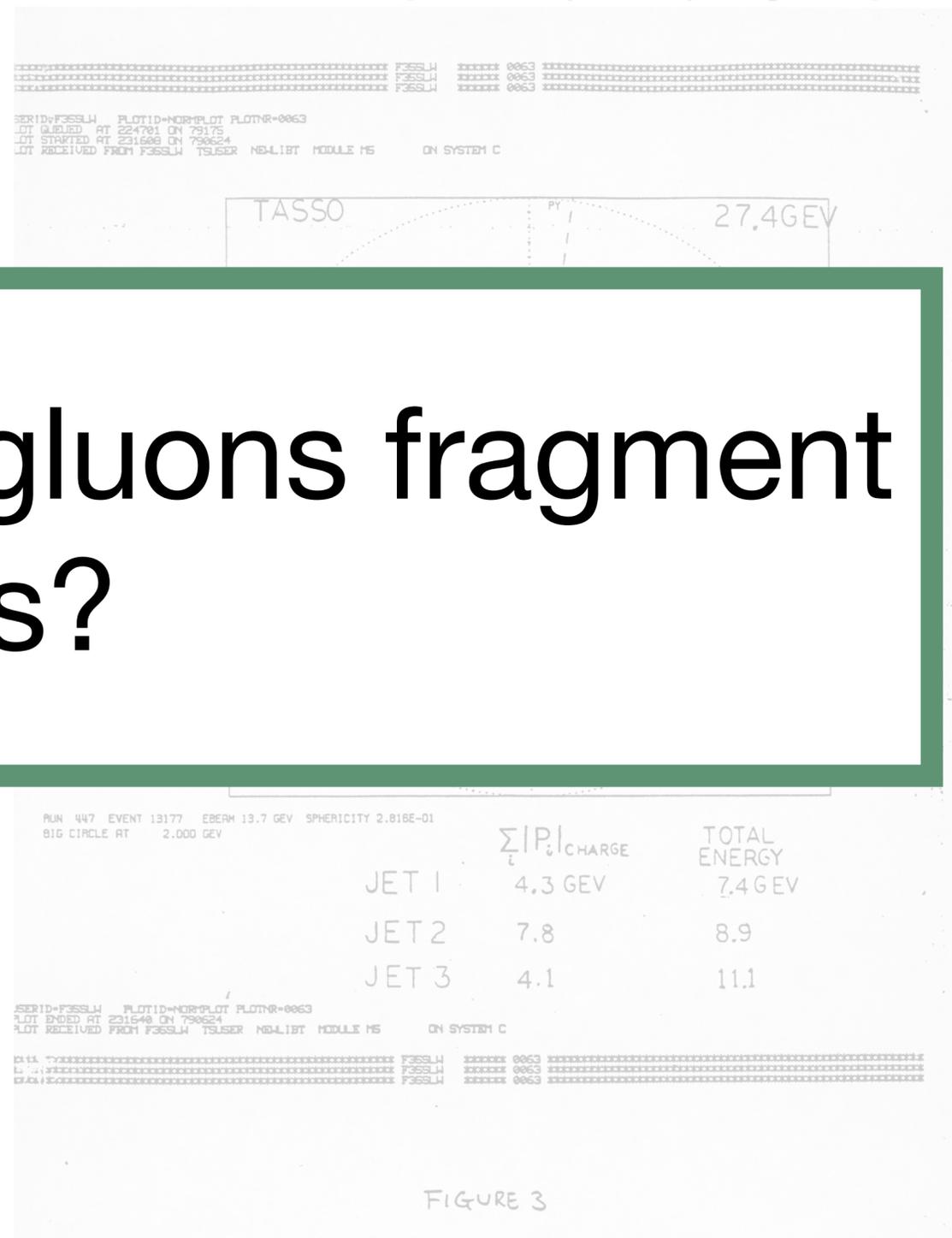


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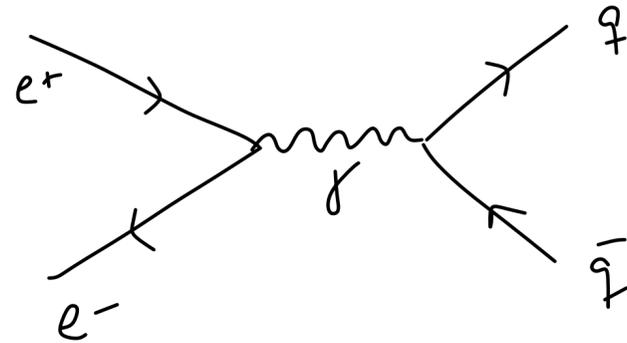
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Why do quarks and gluons fragment into jets?



# Leading order calculation: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q}$ [Adapted from Soyez's lectures]



electron:  $p_1 = (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2})$

positron:  $p_2 = (0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2})$

We neglect masses and use Feynman gauge

Phase-space: 
$$\int d\Phi_2 = \int \frac{d^4 k_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4 k_2}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - k_1 - k_2) (2\pi) \delta(k_1) (2\pi) \delta(k_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \Rightarrow$$

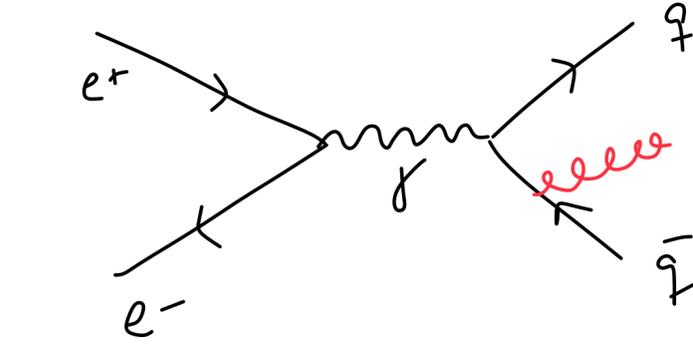
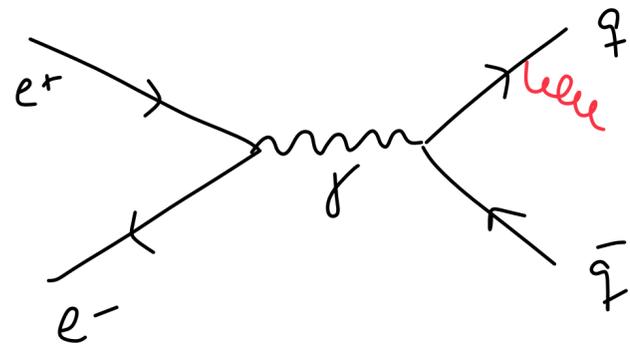
quark:  $k_1 = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} (\sin\theta, 0, \cos\theta, 1)$

antiquark:  $k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} (-\sin\theta, 0, -\cos\theta, 1)$

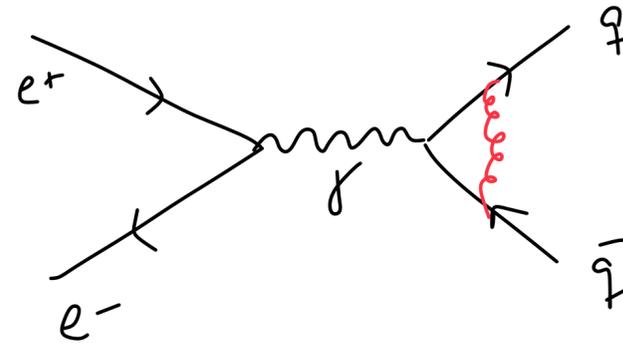
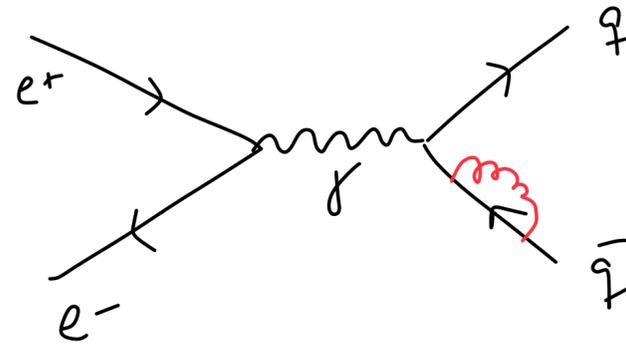
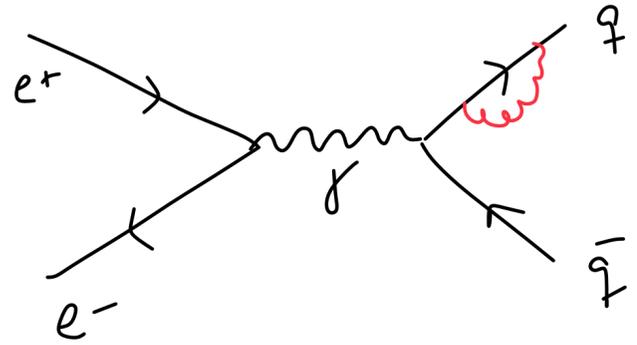
Matrix element: 
$$\sum |M|^2 \propto \text{Tr}(\not{p}_1 \gamma_\mu \not{p}_2 \gamma_\nu) \frac{g^{\mu\nu} g^{\rho\sigma}}{s^2} \underbrace{\text{Tr}(k_1 \gamma_\rho k_2 \gamma_\sigma)}_{k_{1\rho} k_{2\sigma} + k_{1\sigma} k_{2\rho} - k_1 \cdot k_2 g_{\rho\sigma}} \propto 1 + \cos^2\theta$$

Cross section: 
$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2s} |M|^2 d\Phi_2 \Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = e_q^2 N_c \frac{\pi \alpha_e^2}{2s} (1 + \cos^2\theta)$$

# Next-to-leading order calculation: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$



2 real contributions



3 virtual contributions

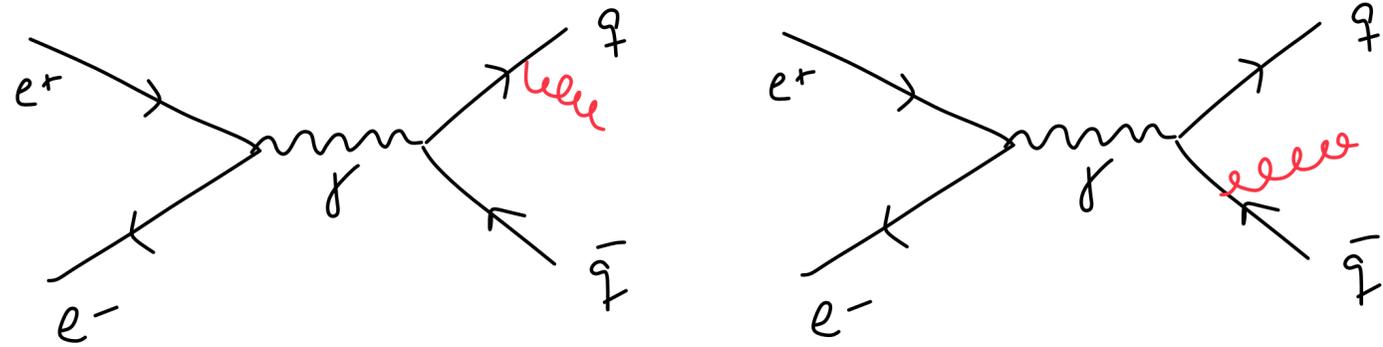
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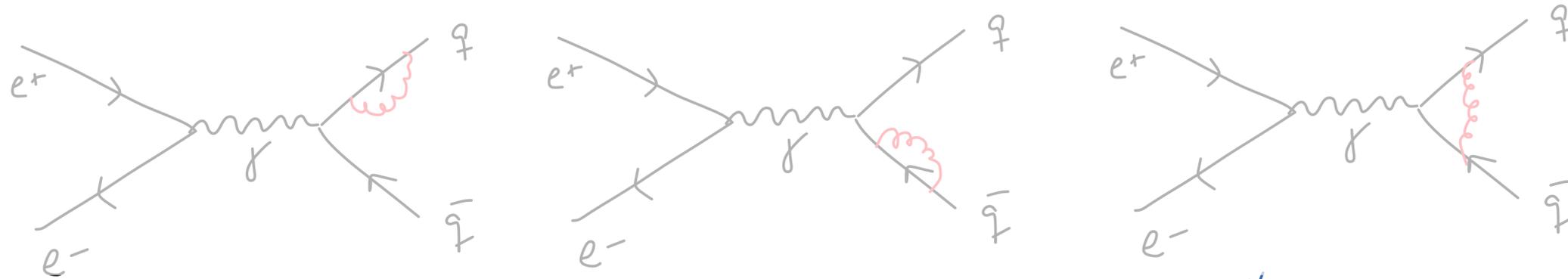
$$= \frac{s}{32 (2\pi)^5} \int dx_1 dx_2 \underbrace{d\alpha d\cos\beta d\chi}_{\text{Euler angles}}$$

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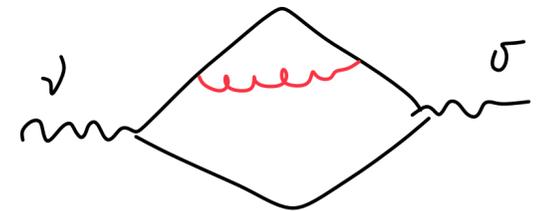
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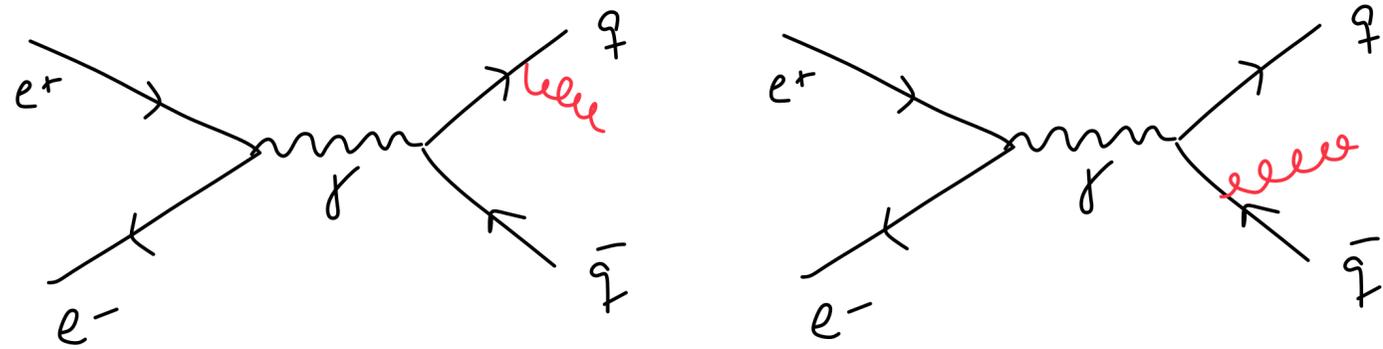
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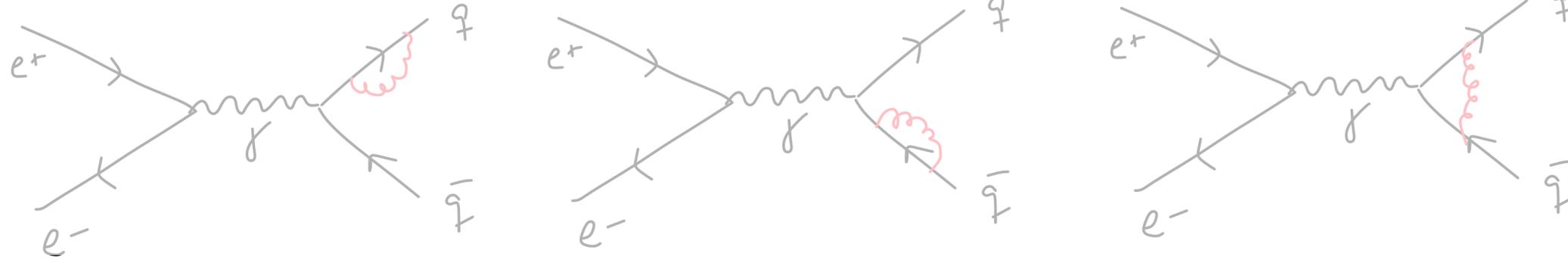


$-\frac{1}{(k_1+k_3)^2 (k_2+k_4)^2} \text{Tr}(k_1 \gamma^\alpha (k_1+k_3) \gamma_\nu k_2 \gamma_\alpha (k_2+k_4) \gamma_\sigma) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$

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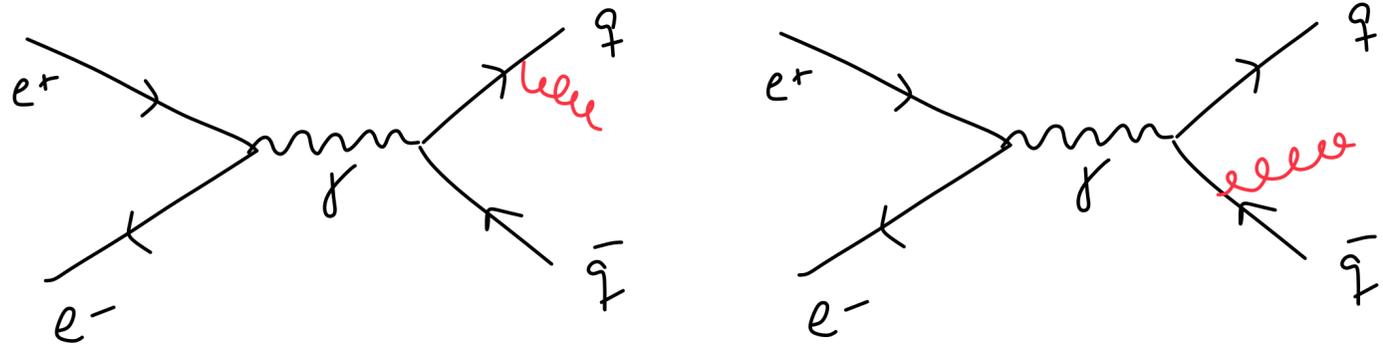
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Cross section: integrated over Euler angles

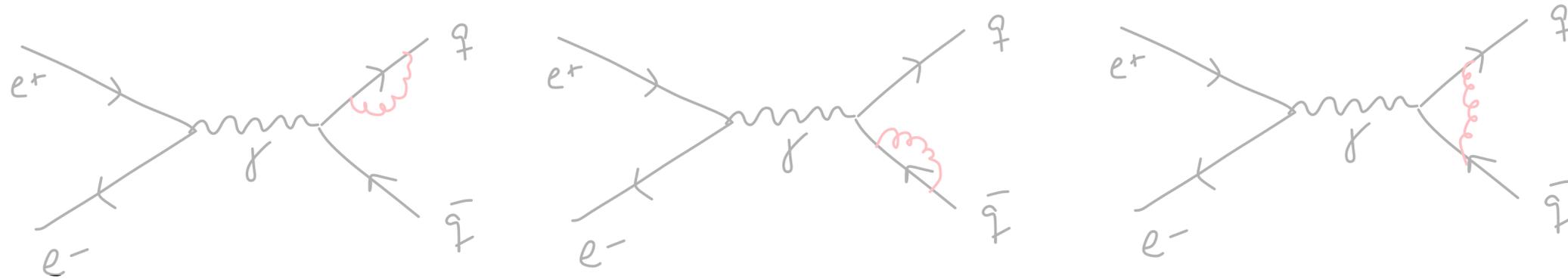
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = e_q^2 N_c \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq x_1, x_2 \leq 1$$

Born-level cross section

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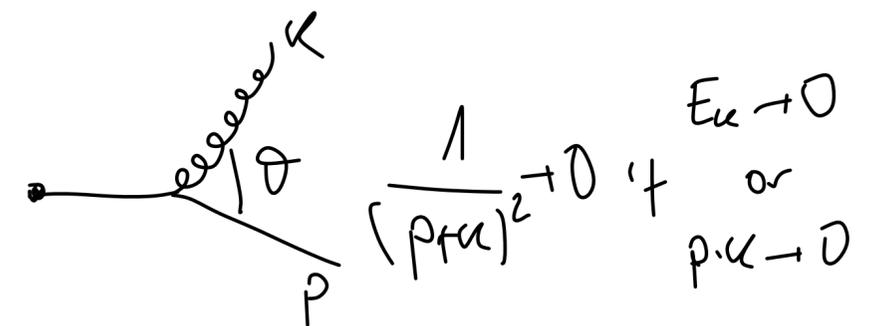
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$$1-x_1 = \frac{1}{2} x_2 x_3 [1 - \cos \theta_{23}]$$

$$1-x_2 = \frac{1}{2} x_1 x_3 [1 - \cos \theta_{13}]$$

Divergences cancelled by virtual terms

- Soft:  $x_3 \rightarrow 0$  (or  $E_{gluon} \rightarrow 0$ )
- Collinear:  $\theta_{13}$  or  $\theta_{23} \rightarrow 0$



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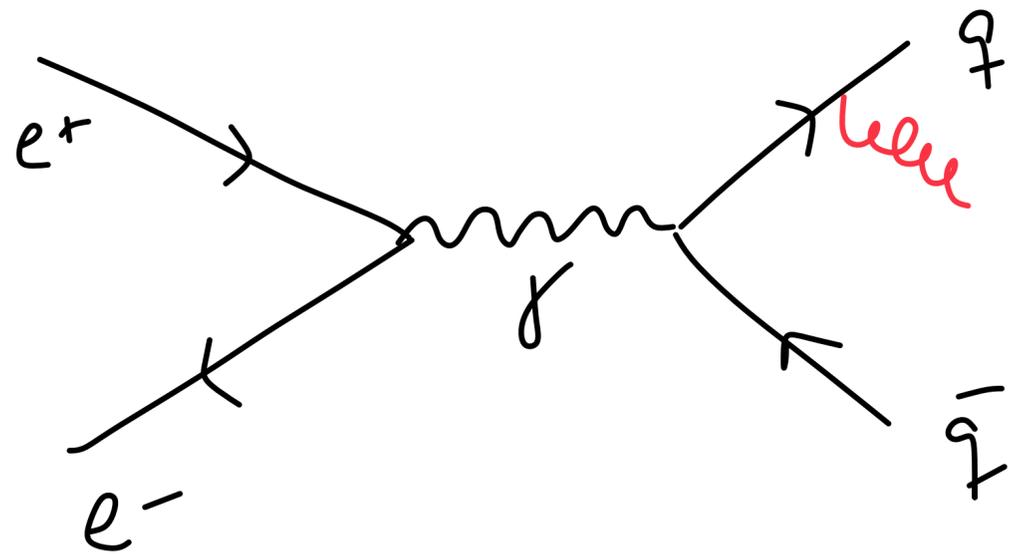
Energy flow into a cone is IRC safe

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[soft emissions don't change energy flow,  
collinear emissions don't change its direction]

# Next-to-leading order calculation: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$



Collinear limit:  $d\sigma = (e_q^2 \sigma_0 N_c) \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{1+(1-z)^2}{z} dz \frac{d^2\theta}{\theta^2}$

Annotations:  
 -  $z = x_3 = E_g/E_q$   
 -  $\frac{1+(1-z)^2}{z}$  is the splitting function  $P_{qq}(z)$   
 -  $\frac{d^2\theta}{\theta^2}$  is the log divergence

Soft limit:  $d\sigma = (d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}) \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{k_1 \cdot k_2}{(k_1 \cdot k_3)(k_2 \cdot k_3)} \delta(k_3) d^4k_3$

Annotations:  
 -  $(d\sigma_{q\bar{q}})$  is factorization  
 -  $\frac{k_1 \cdot k_2}{(k_1 \cdot k_3)(k_2 \cdot k_3)}$  is the antenna/leikard factor

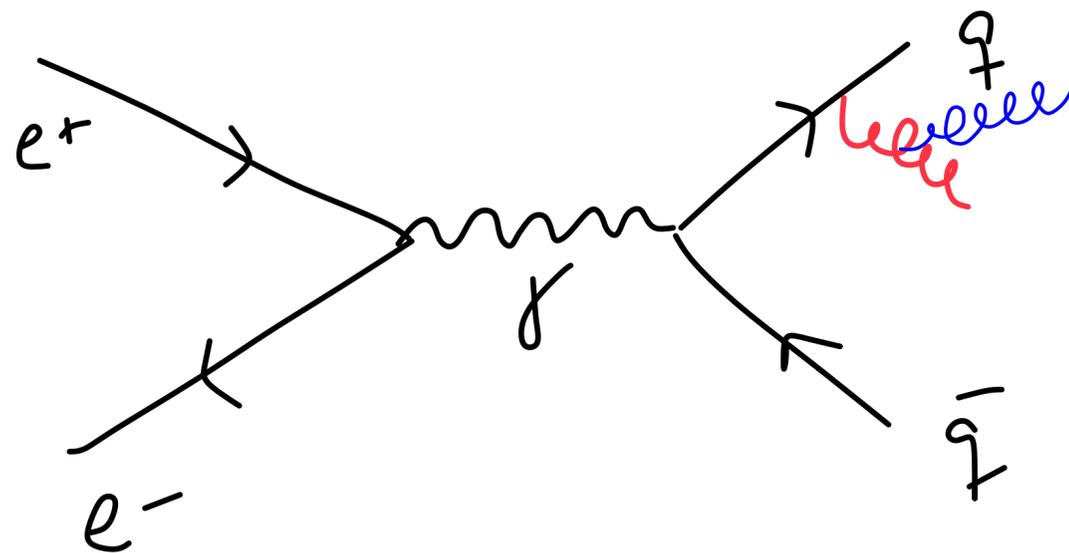
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Annotation:  
 -  $\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi}$  is  $\alpha_s^2 L^2$

QCD radiation logarithmically enhanced in soft and collinear limits

# Next-to-next-to-leading order calculation: $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}gg$

Soft and collinear limit:



$$dP_2 = \overset{\text{gluon emission}}{C_A \alpha_s} \frac{dz_2}{z_2} \frac{d\theta_2}{\theta_2} \Theta(\theta_2 < \theta_1) \text{ (also factors)}$$

$$\langle N_{\text{gluon}} \rangle \propto \int_{\frac{\lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{E_1}}^{\theta_1} \frac{d\theta_2}{\theta_2} \int_{\frac{\lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{\theta_2}}^{E_1} \frac{dE_g}{E_g} = \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} L_n^2 \frac{E_1 \theta_1}{\lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$$

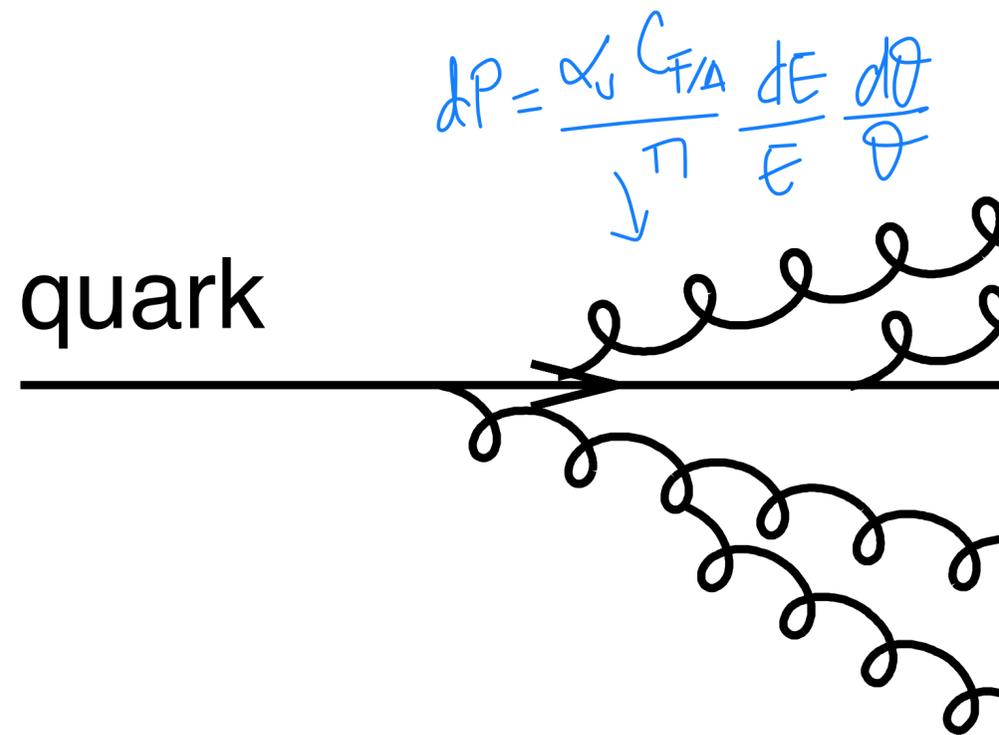
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Additional gluon radiation is angular ordered, i.e. confined within a cone of angle  $\theta_2 < \theta_1$ . Fundamental property for parton showers.

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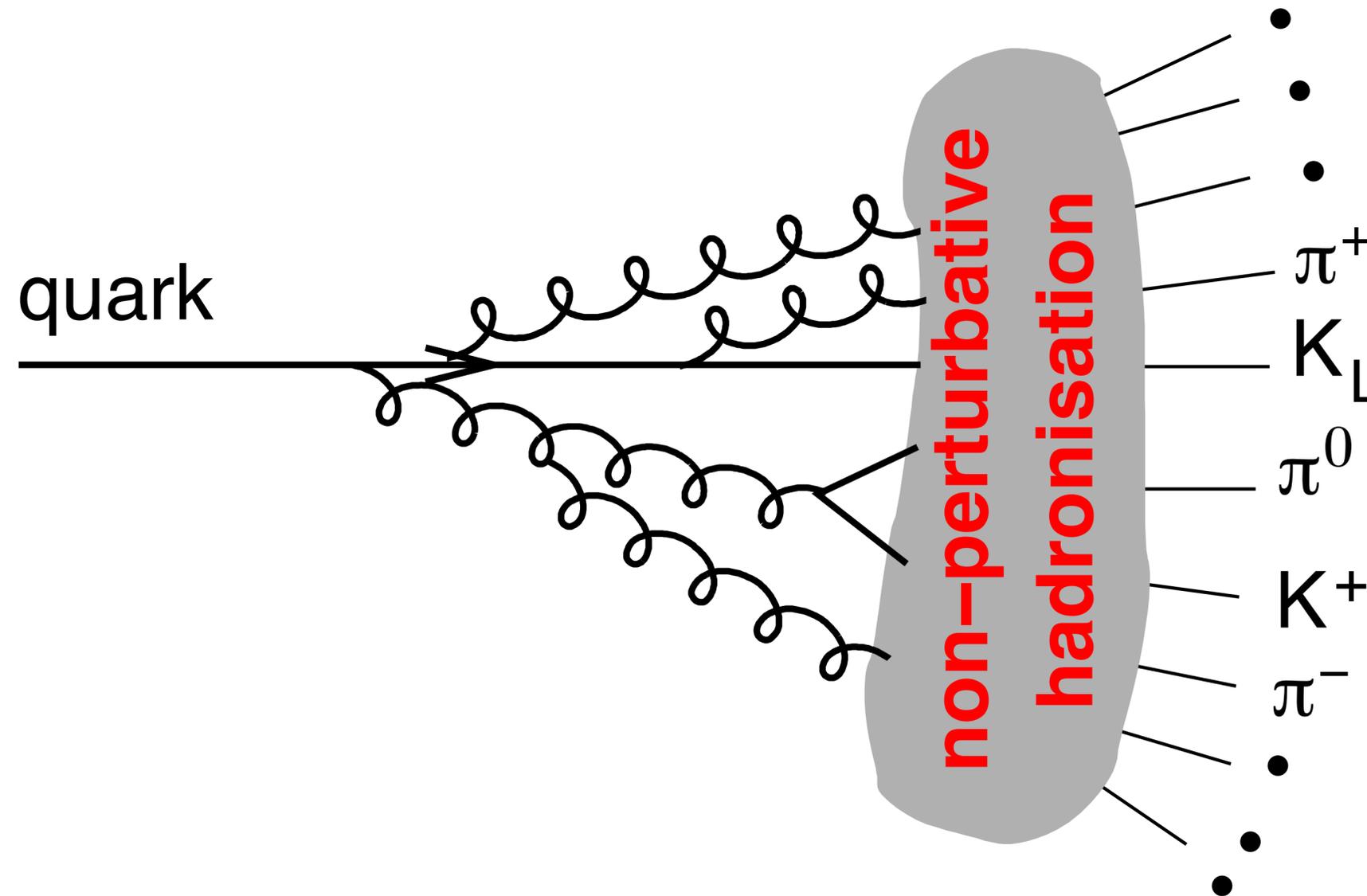
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giving a collimated jet of partons (mostly gluons) that hadronize at  $E \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$

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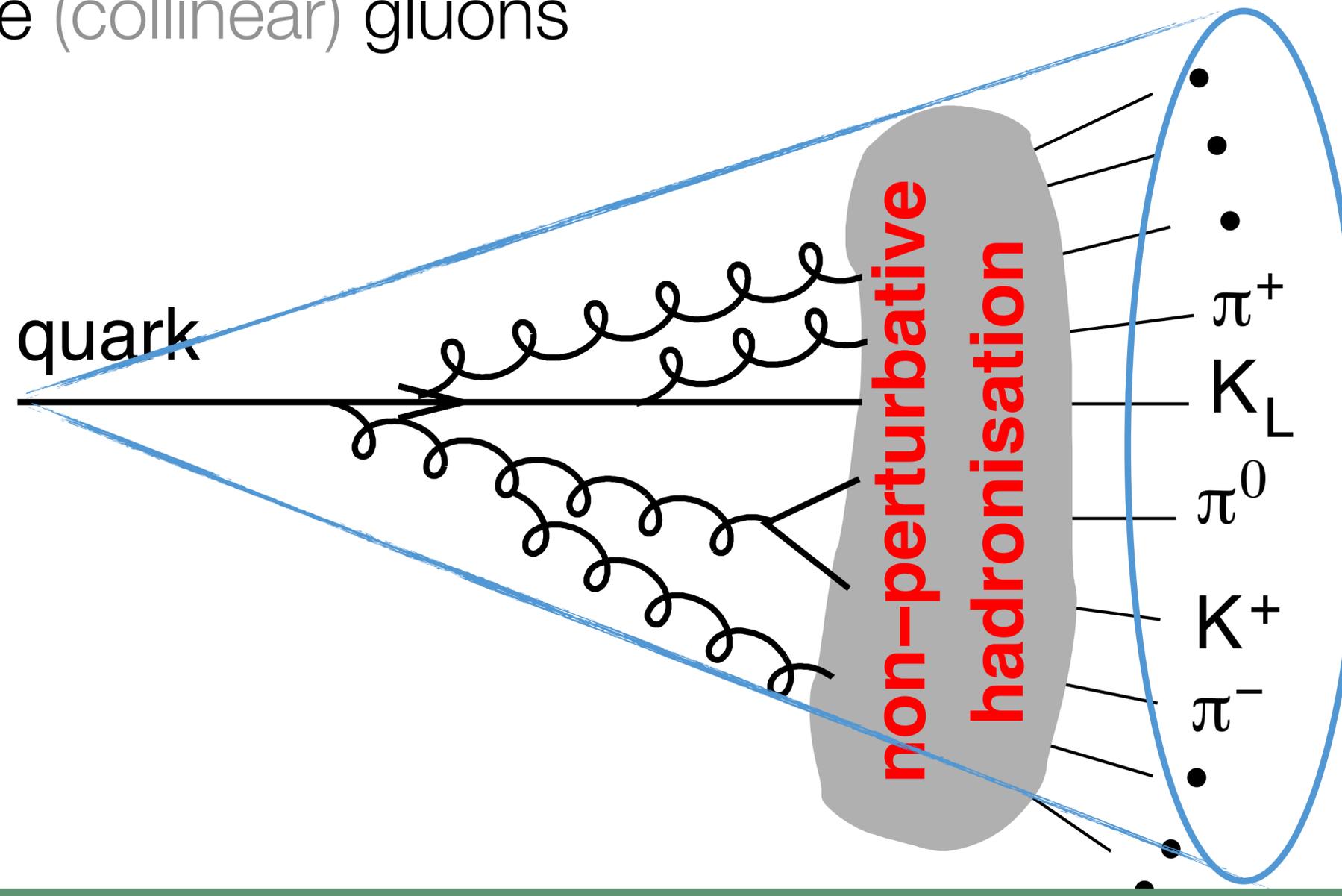
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The hadrons go in similar directions to the partons.

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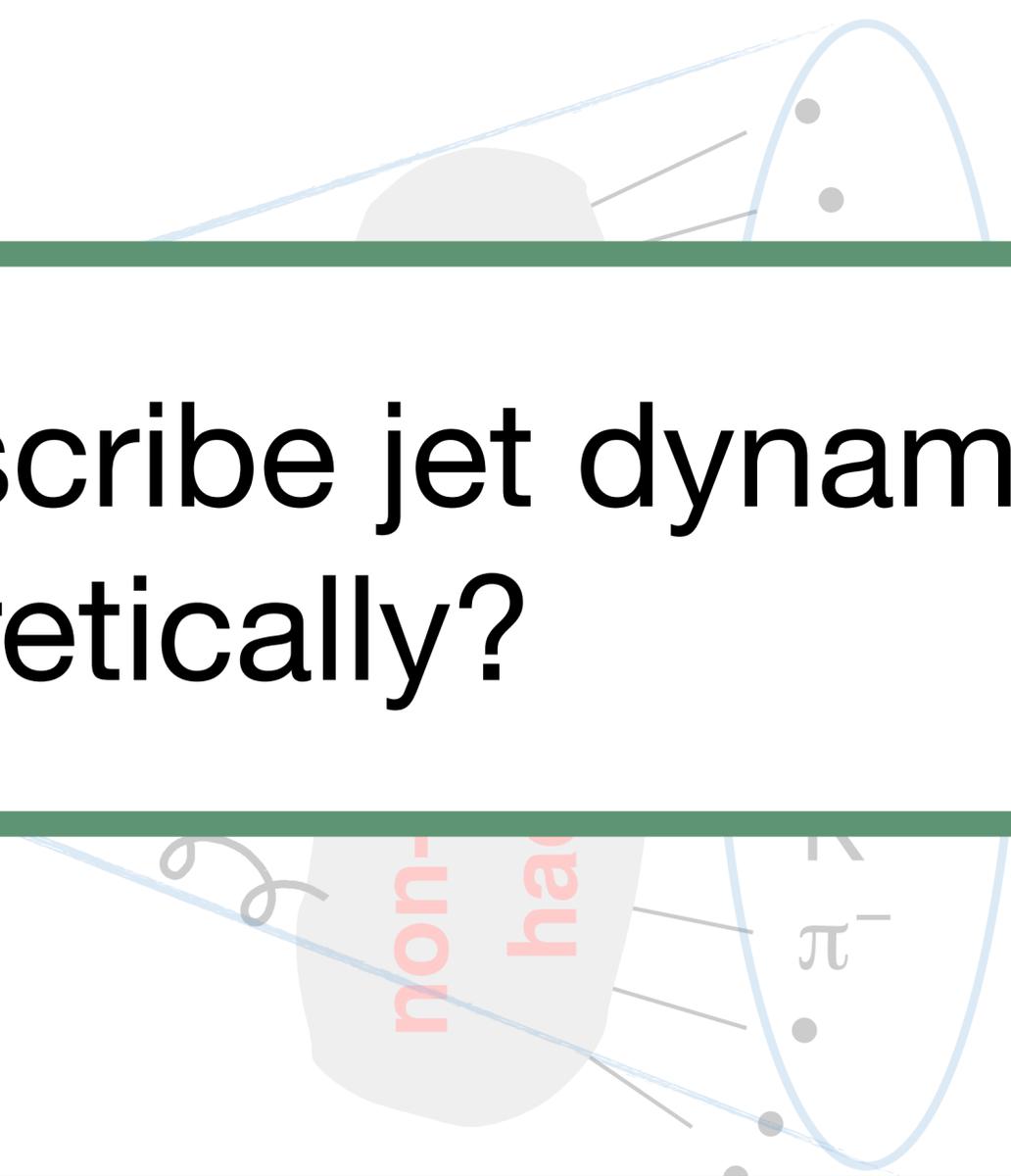


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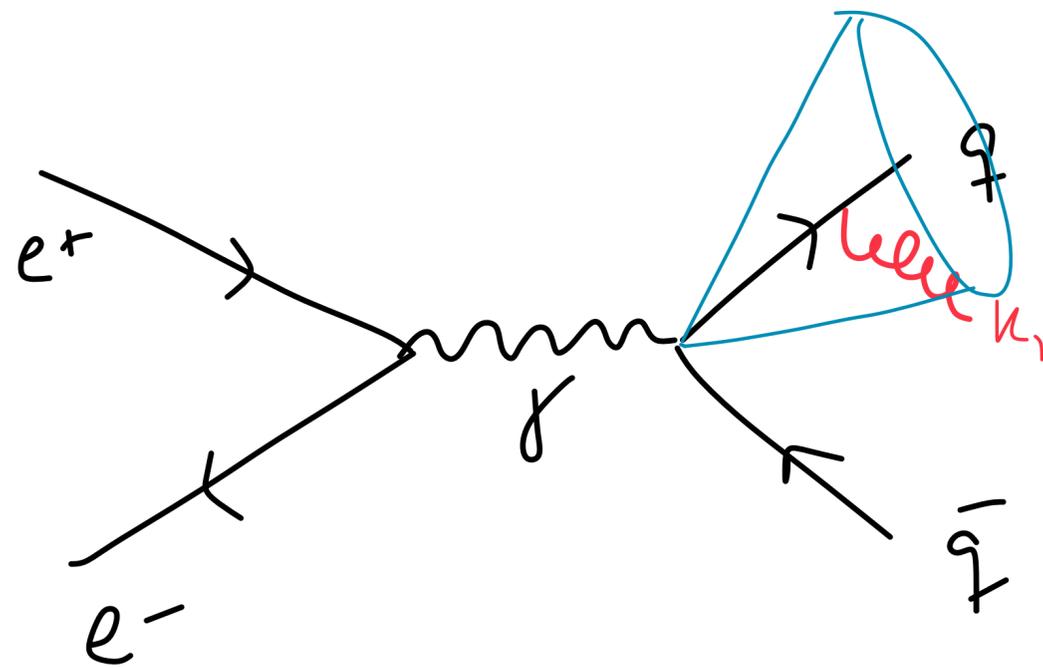
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A Feynman diagram illustrating the formation of a jet. It shows a quark line (represented by a grey oval) emitting a series of gluons (represented by blue wavy lines) in a collinear cascade. The diagram is partially obscured by a green box containing text. Labels include 'non-hadronic' in red, 'π<sup>-</sup>' in black, and 'R' in black.

**How do we describe jet dynamics theoretically?**

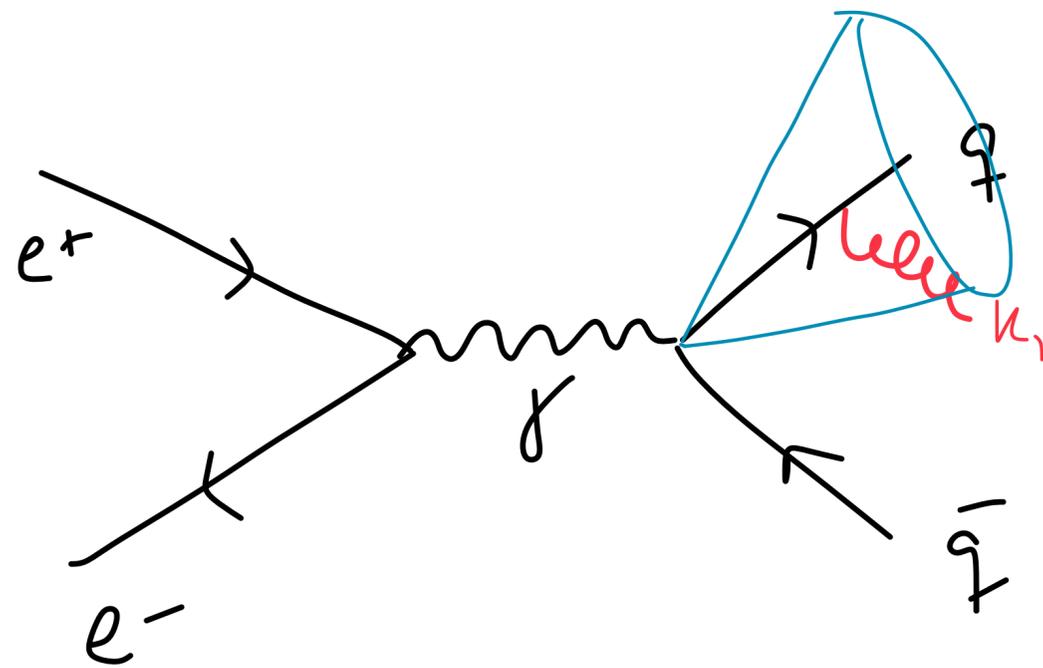
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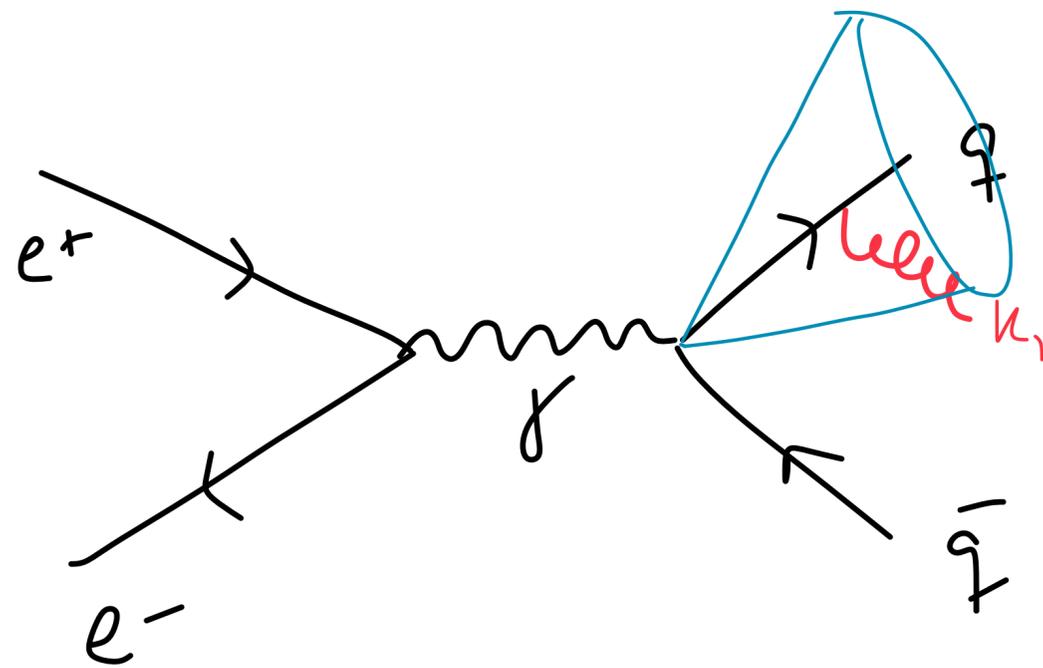
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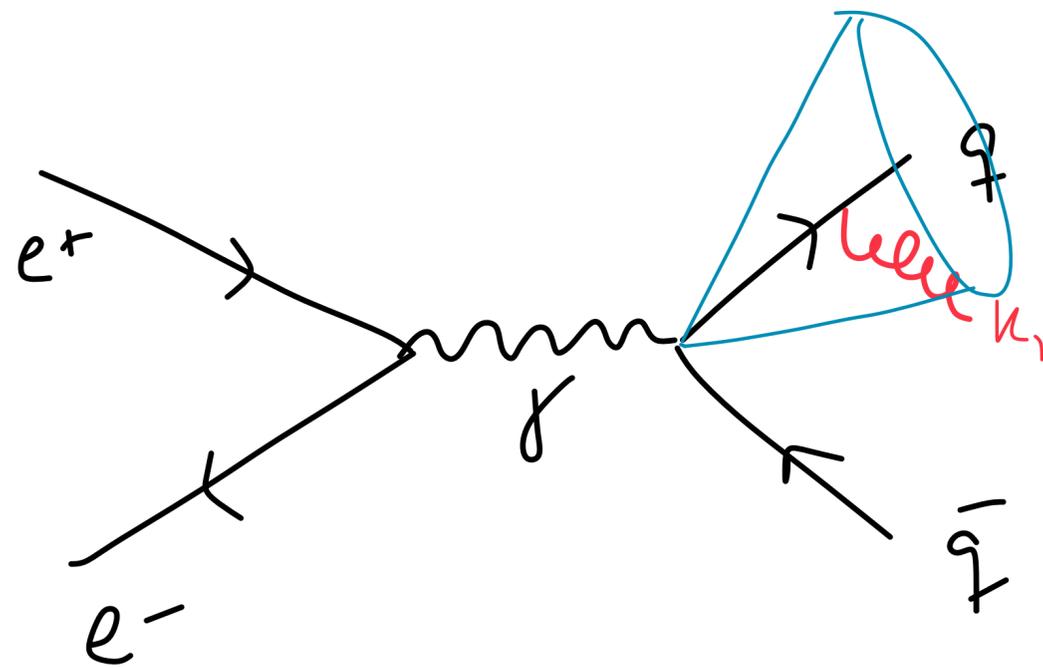
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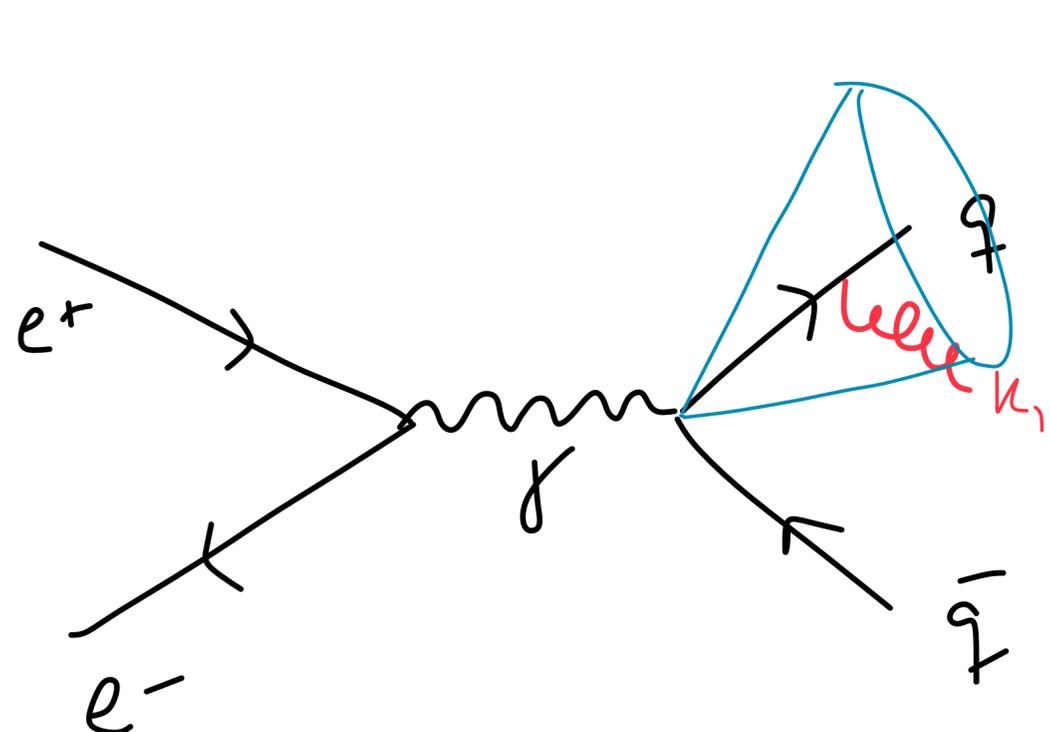
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$$\times \left[ \Theta_{\text{in-jet}} \Theta \left( \frac{2Qw}{2} (1-\cos\theta) < m^2 \right) + \Theta_{\text{out-jet}} - 1 \right]$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
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↑ double-log enhancement

**Adding collinear limit:**

$$\alpha_s \Sigma^{(1)}(\rho) = -\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{Ln}^2 \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right) + B_q \text{Ln} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \right]$$

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↑  $\alpha_s \text{Ln}^2$  !!

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This simple exercise reveals 2 regimes:

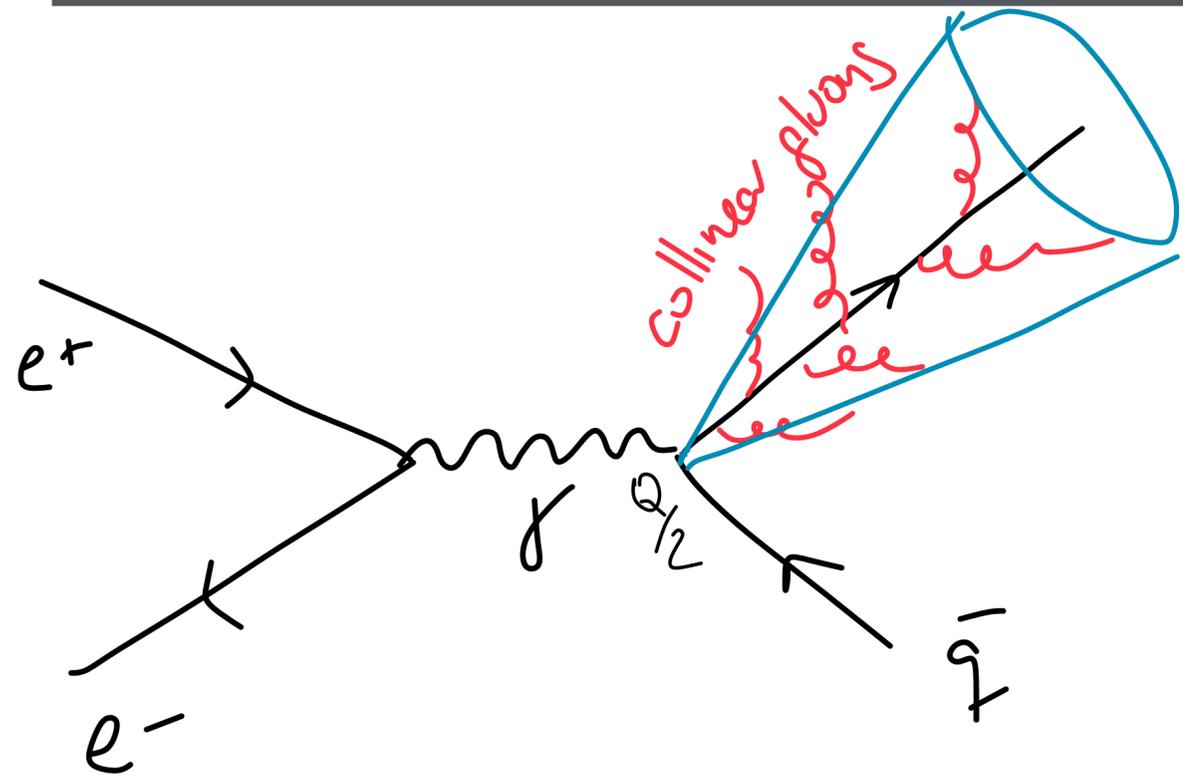
- $m \sim Q$ : perturbative expansion valid
- $m \ll Q$ : potentially-large logarithms, need to resum them!

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Collinear limit:

$$m^2 = 2 \sum_{(i,j) \in \text{jet}} k_i \cdot k_j = \sum_{(i,j) \in \text{jet}} w_i w_j \theta_{ij}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\theta_{ij}^4) = \frac{Q}{2} \sum_i w_i \theta_i^2$$

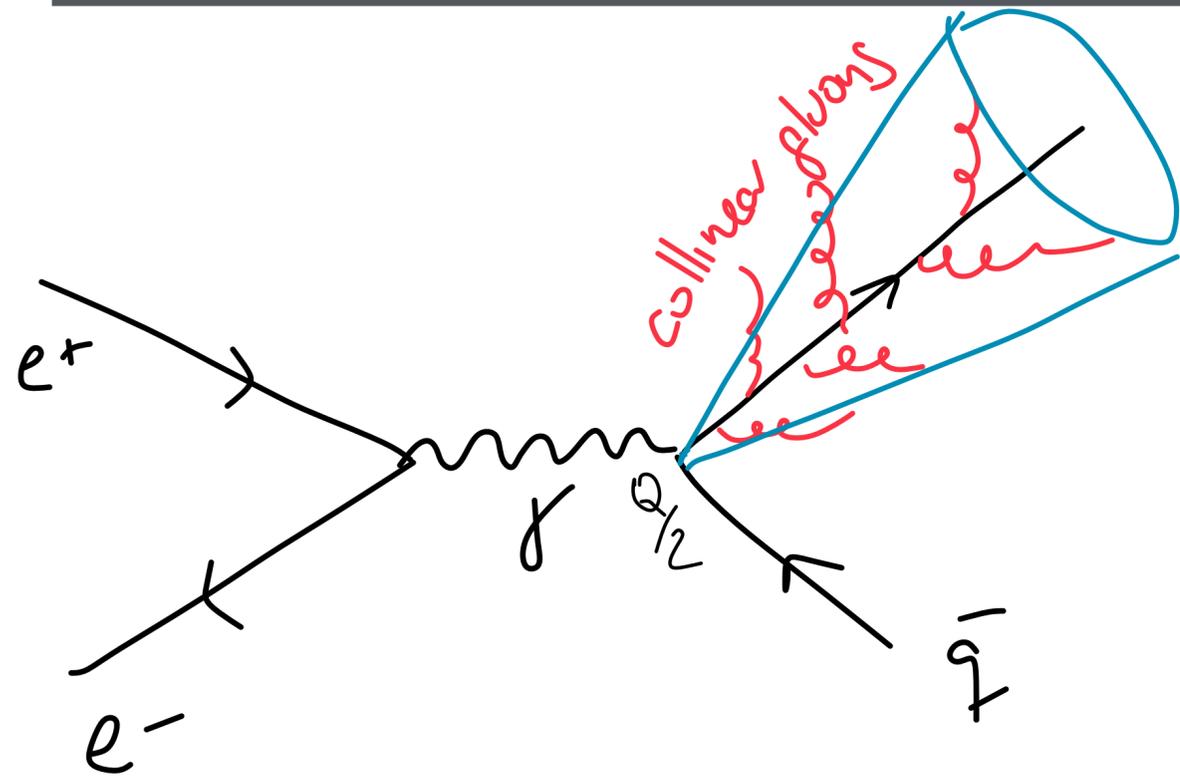
All-orders expression:

$$\Sigma(\ell) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \int \frac{d\theta_i^2}{\theta_i^2} \int dz_i P_g(z_i) \frac{\alpha_s(z_i \theta_i \frac{Q}{2})}{2\pi} \Theta_{i \in \text{jet}} \Theta(\theta_i < R) \Theta\left(\sum_{i=1}^n z_i \frac{\theta_i^2}{R^2} < \ell\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \int \frac{d\theta_i^2}{\theta_i^2} \int dz_i P_g(z_i) \frac{\alpha_s(z_i \theta_i \frac{Q}{2})}{2\pi} \left[ \Theta_{i \notin \text{jet}} - 1 \right]$$

↑ angular ordering
← virtual

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Leading-log accuracy = strong ordering

$$E_1 \gg E_2 \gg \dots \gg E_n \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z_i \theta_i^2 \text{ also ordered} \\ \theta_1 \gg \theta_2 \gg \dots \gg \theta_n \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Theta\left(\sum_{i=1}^n l_i < \ell\right) \approx \Theta\left(\max_i l_i < \ell\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Theta(l_i < \ell)$$

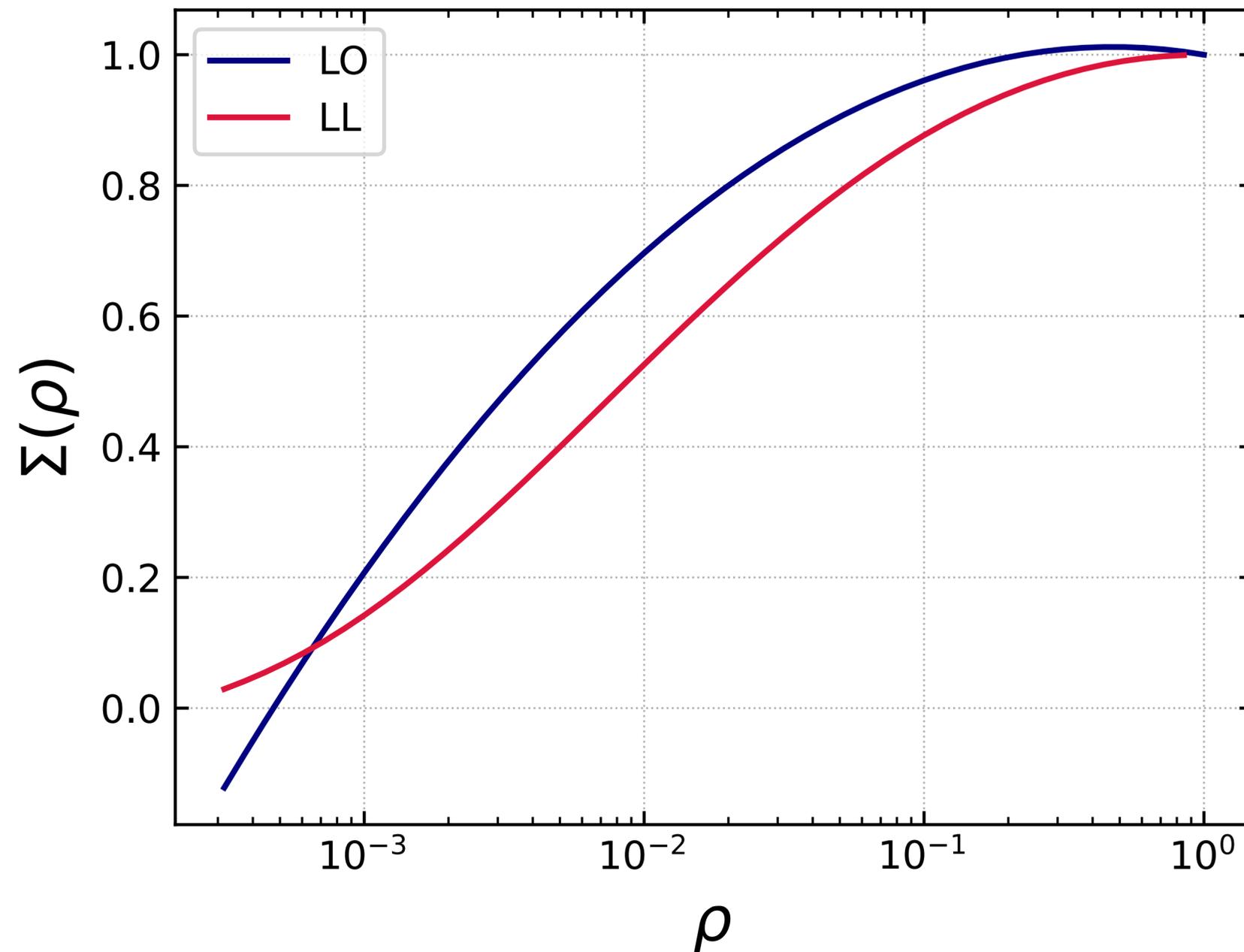
a single emission dominates the result

The cumulative distribution at leading-log reads

$$\Sigma^u(\ell) = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \int \frac{dl_i}{l_i} \int dz_i P_q(z_i) \frac{\alpha_s(\sqrt{z_i l_i} \frac{QR}{2})}{2\pi} \Theta(\theta_i < R) \Theta(l_i > \ell)$$

$$= \exp\left[- \int_{\ell}^{\infty} \frac{d\ell'}{\ell'} \int dz P_q(z) \frac{\alpha_s(\sqrt{\ell' z} \frac{QR}{2})}{2\pi}\right] = \text{Sudakov exponent}$$

# Fixed-order vs resummation at lowest order



Resummation cures the divergence when  $\rho \ll 1$

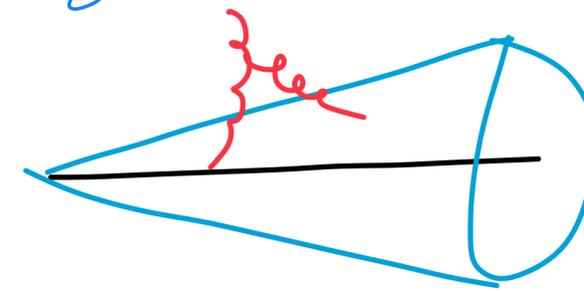
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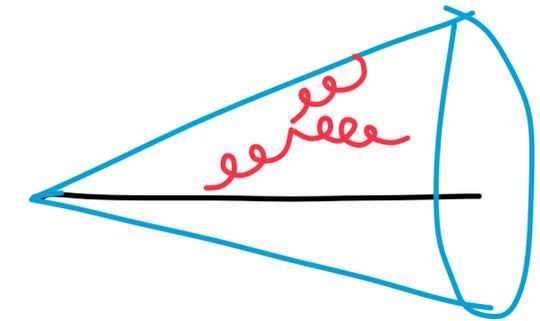
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$$\frac{1}{z} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(z)$$



● Soft but not collinear emissions



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$$\Theta\left(\sum_{i=1}^n l_i < \ell\right) \neq \Theta\left(\max_i l_i < \ell\right)$$

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$$\beta_0, \beta_1$$

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**Is there a way of automating  
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# Parton shower basics: example of radioactive decay

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[Adapted from Gavin Salam]

Consider decay rate  $\mu$  per unit time, total time  $t_{\max}$ . Find distribution of emissions

$$\frac{dP_n}{dt} = -\mu P_n(t) \quad n \rightarrow n + 1$$

How to solve this with Monte Carlo methods?

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(b) choose random number  $r(0 < r < 1)$  and find  $t_{n+1}$  that satisfies

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E.g. for decay rate  $\mu = 1$ ,  $t_{\max} = 2$

▶ start with  $n = 0$ ,  $t_0 = 0$

▶  $r = 0.6 \rightarrow t_1 = t_0 + \ln(1/r) = 0.51$  [emission 1]

▶  $r = 0.3 \rightarrow t_2 = t_1 + \ln(1/r) = 1.71$  [emission 2]

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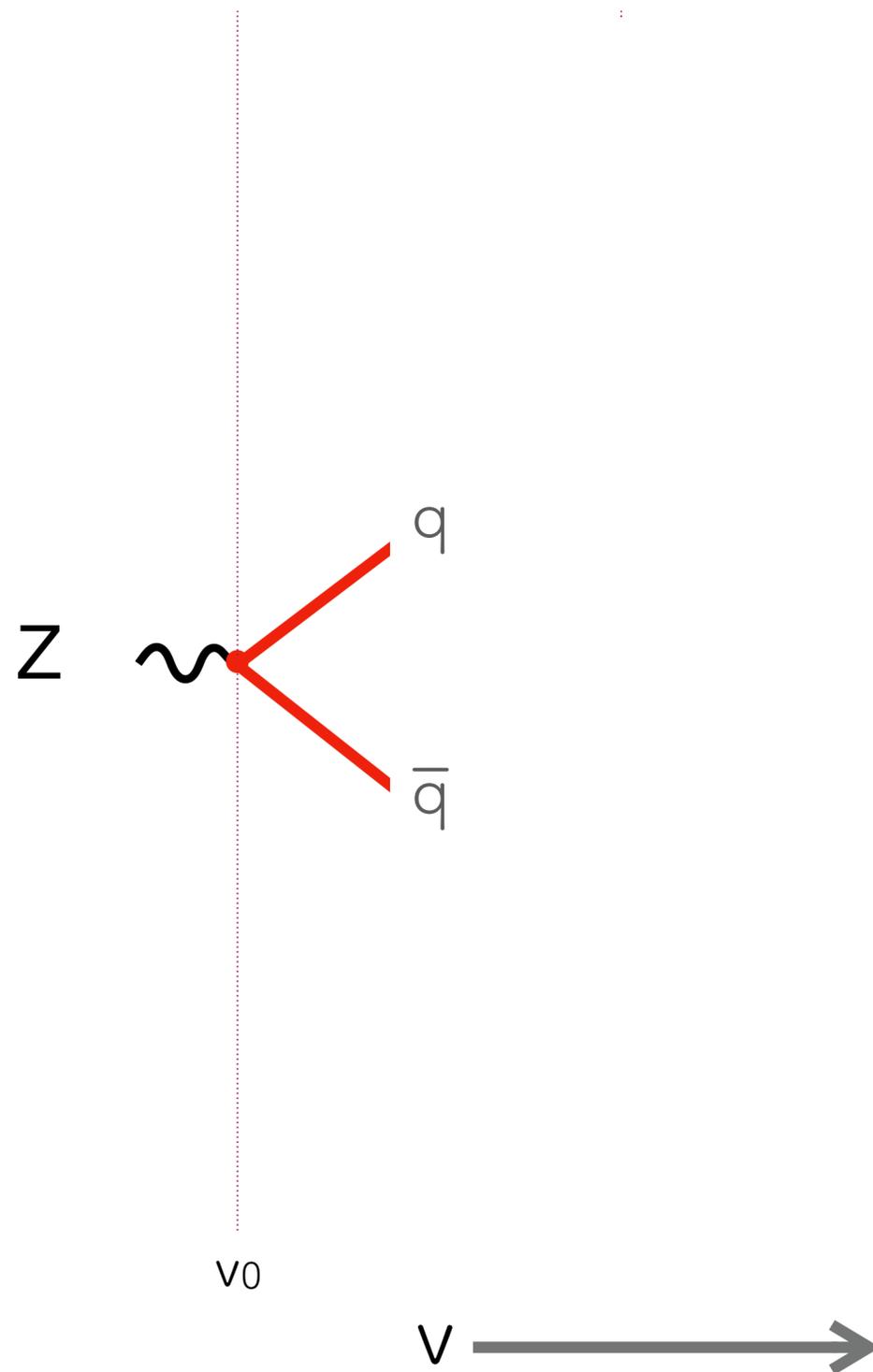
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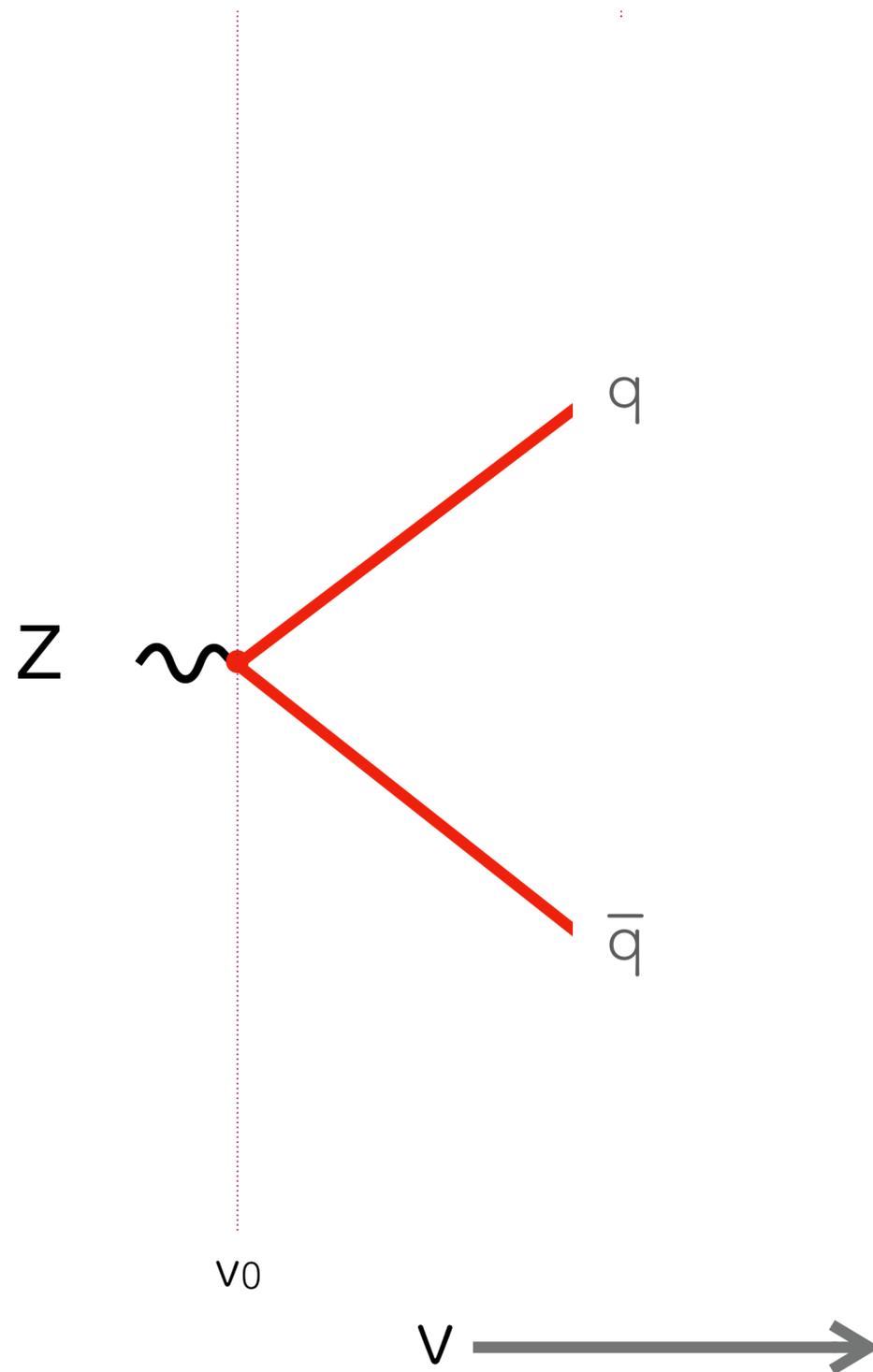
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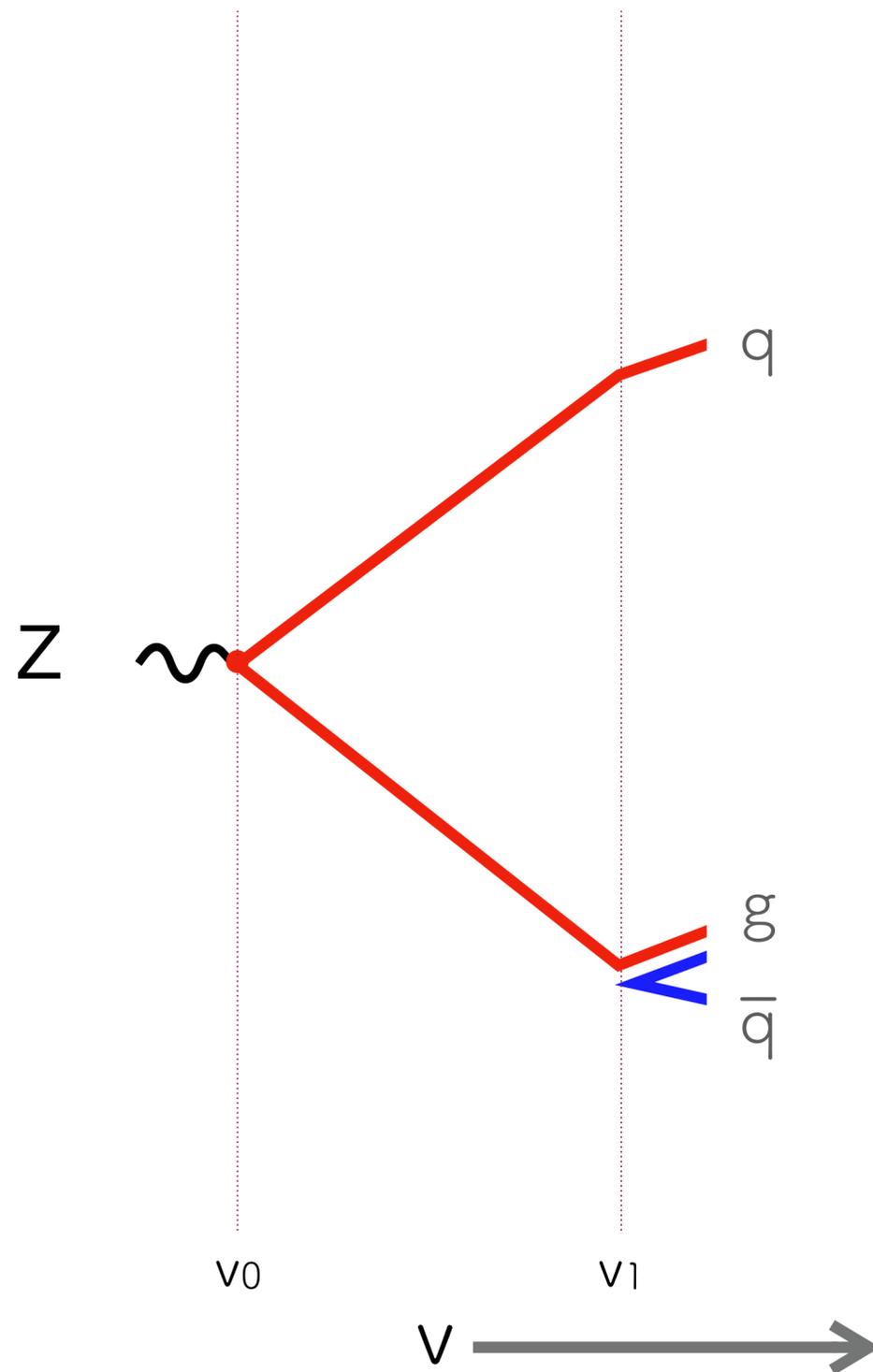
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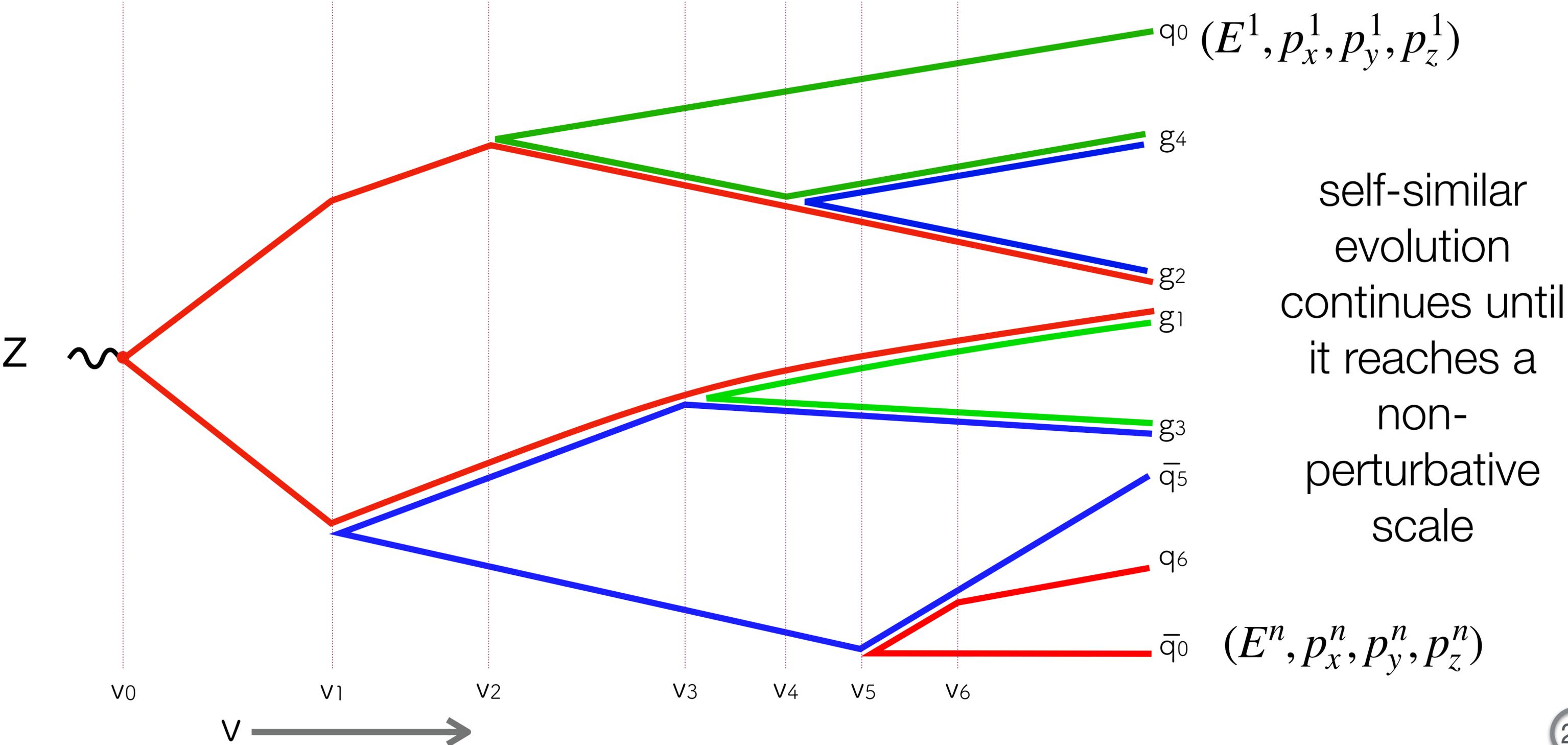


At some point, state splits ( $2 \rightarrow 3$ , i.e. emits gluon). Evolution equation changes

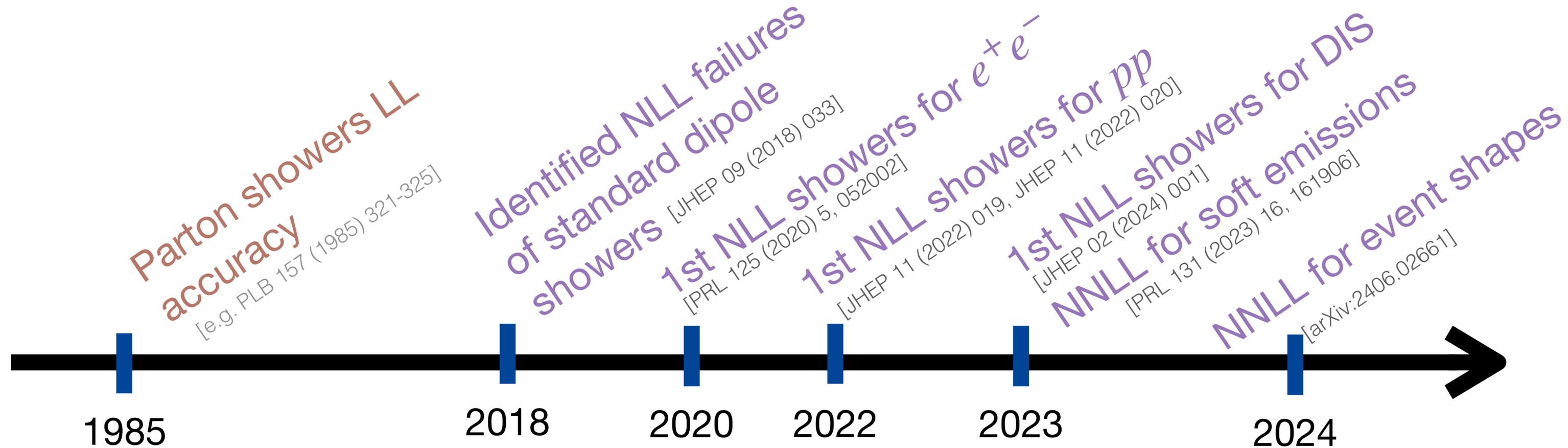
$$\frac{dP_3(v)}{dv} = - \left[ f_{2 \rightarrow 3}^{qg}(v) + f_{2 \rightarrow 3}^{g\bar{q}}(v) \right] P_3(v)$$

- Recoil scheme:  $\tilde{P}_{q,\bar{q}} \rightarrow P_{q,\bar{q},g}$

# QCD shower: an evolution equation



# Current status of parton shower development



PanScales code

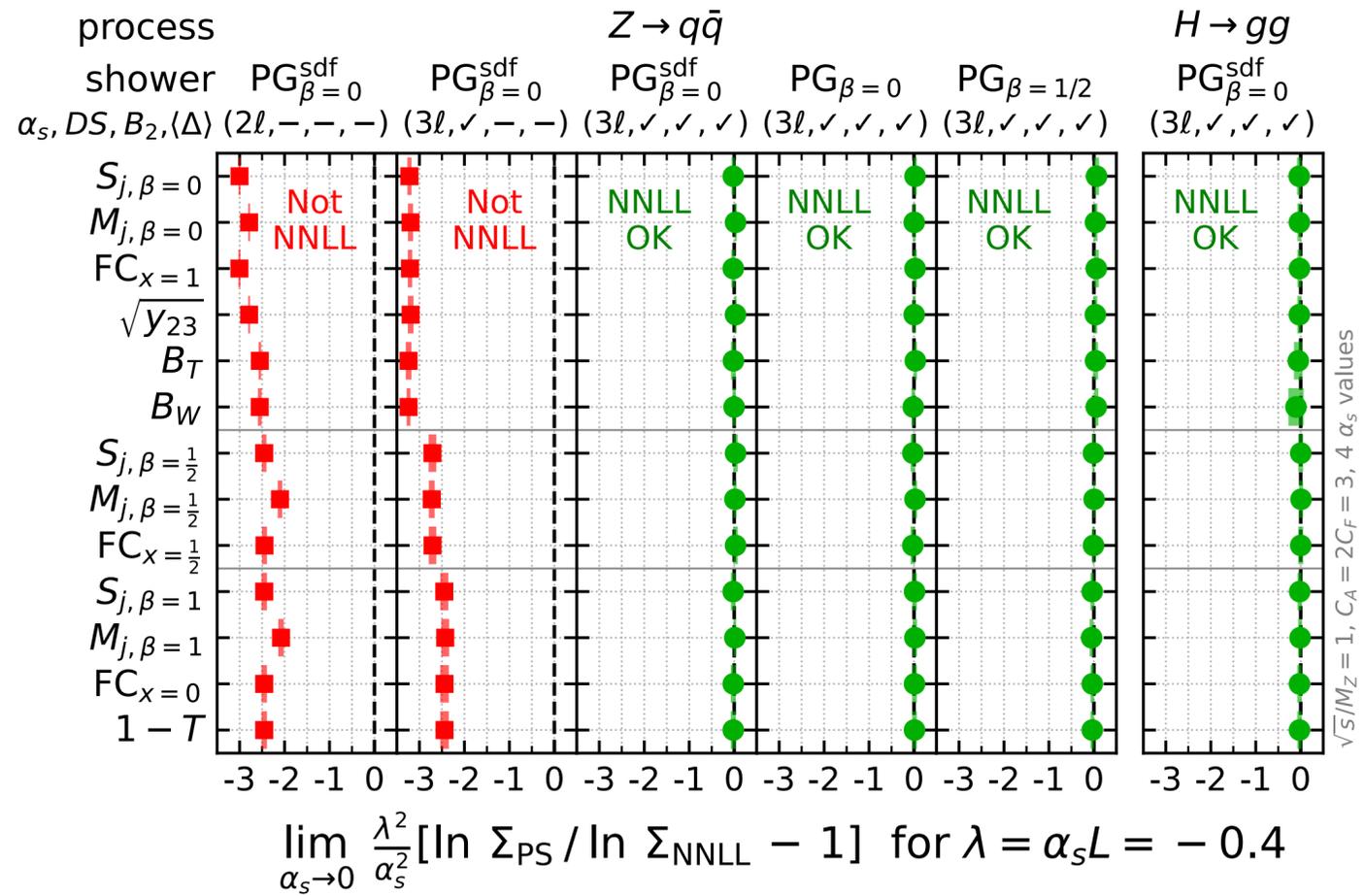
Note work by other groups: JHEP 09 (2020) 014, PRD 104 (2021) 5, 054049, JHEP 10 (2023) 091

Understanding and improving the accuracy of parton showers is a very active field of research

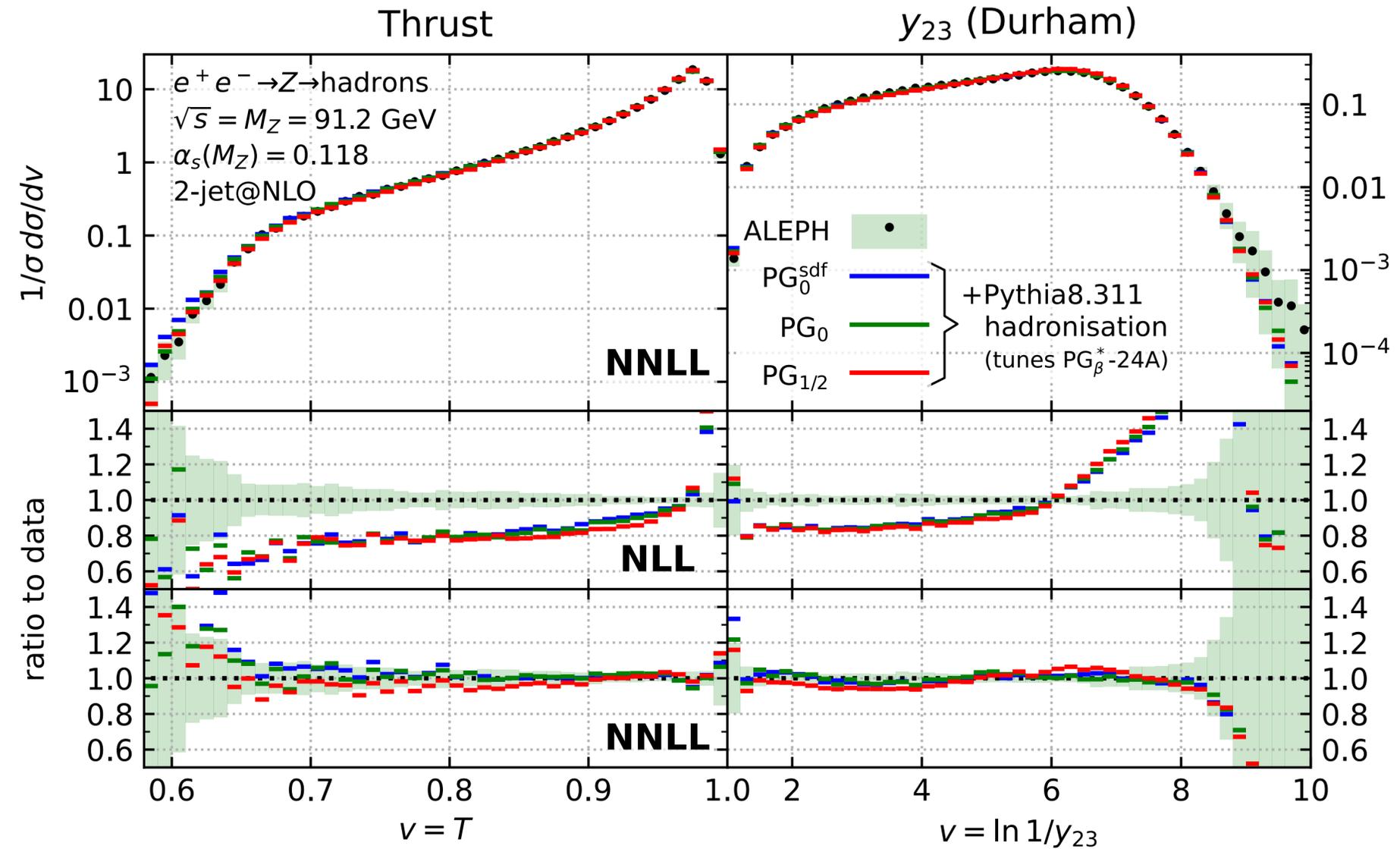
# A single tool to resum them all!

[PanScales collaboration, arXiv:2406.02661]

## NNLL accuracy tests



## Pheno impact

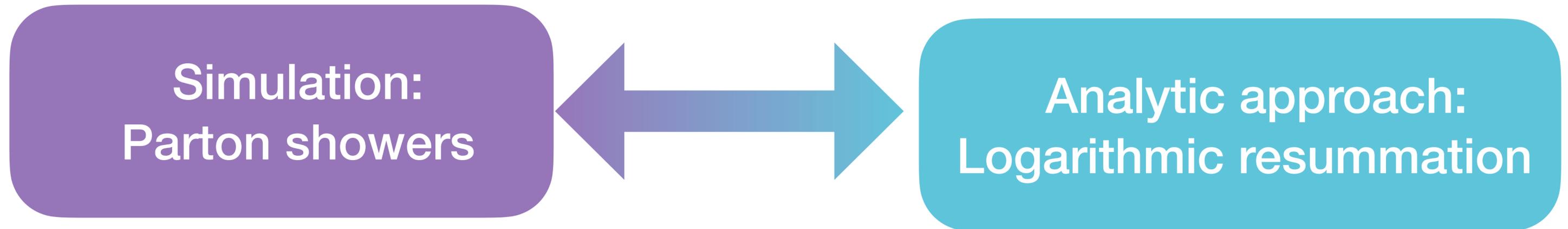


NNLL parton showers for  $e^+ e^-$  collisions is the new standard

# Some conclusions

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- Jets are a consequence of the soft & collinear enhancements of gluon emission (even at small coupling), followed by hadronisation
- Theoretical tools to understand jet dynamics



- Tomorrow: jets are not just rigid cones!