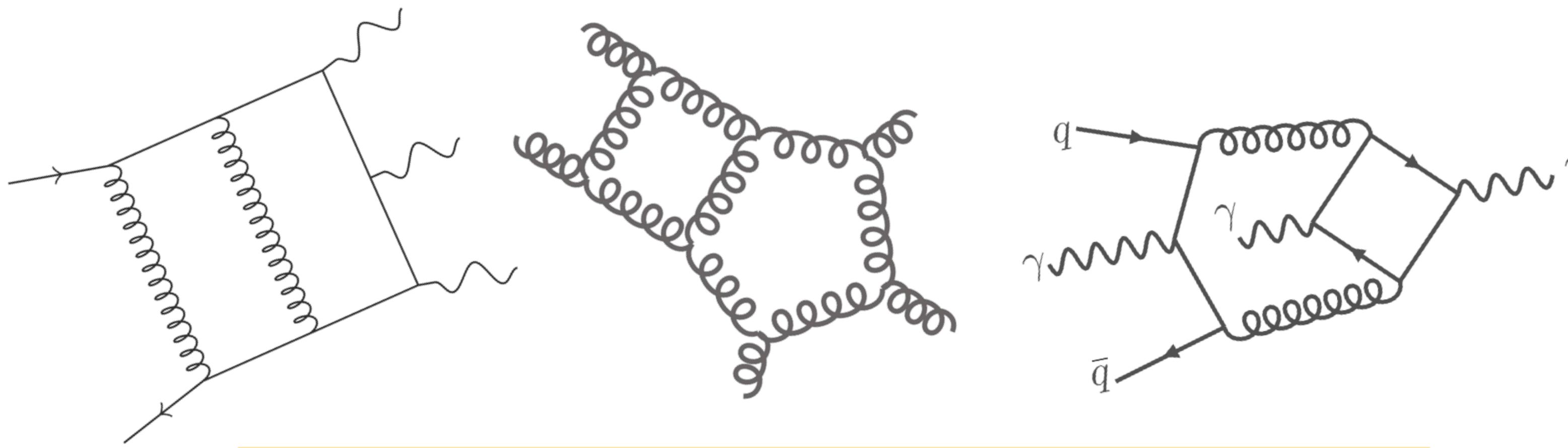


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# TWO-LOOP FIVE-POINT MASSLESS QCD AMPLITUDES IN FULL COLOR

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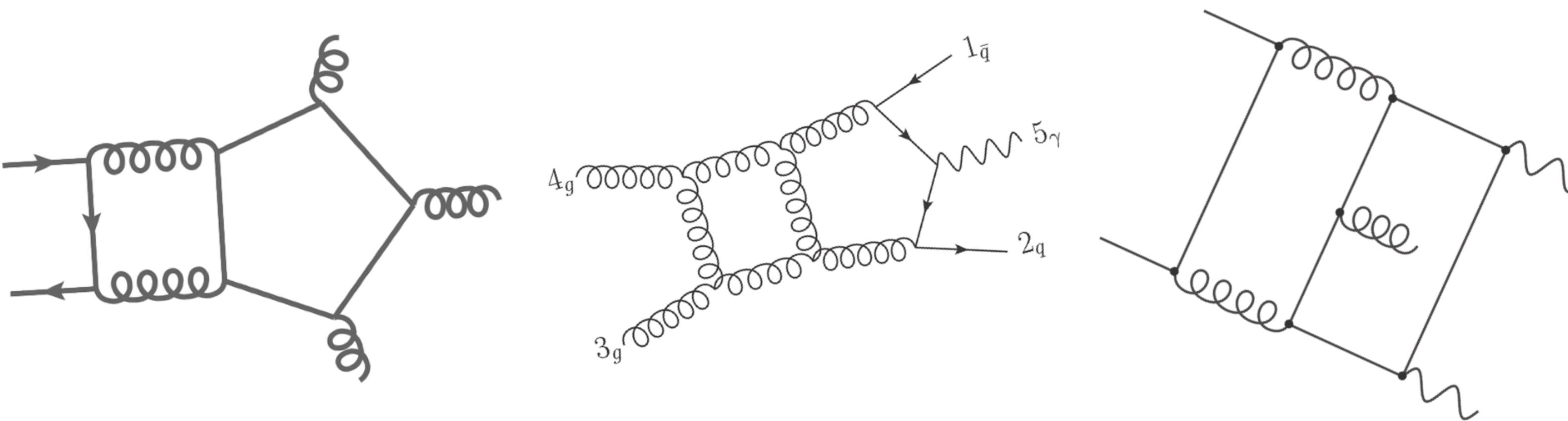
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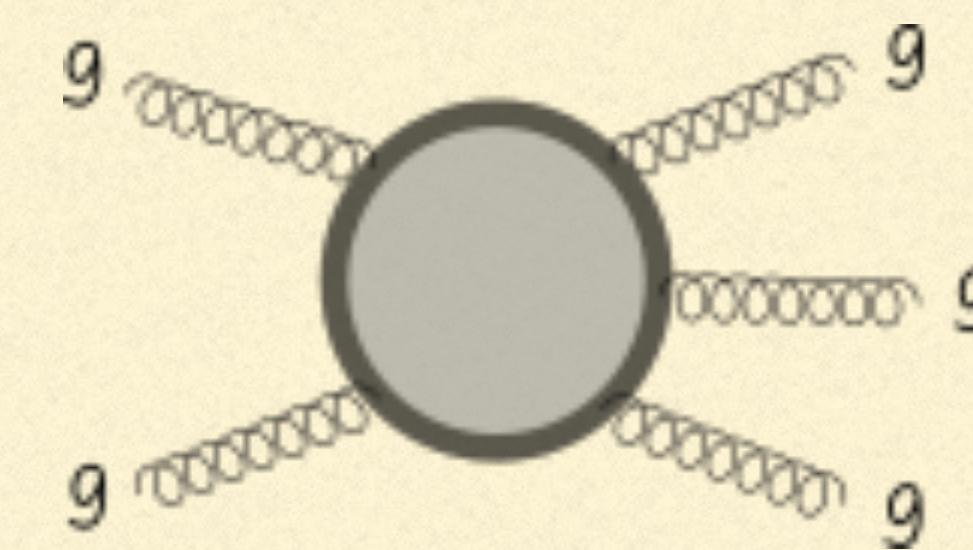
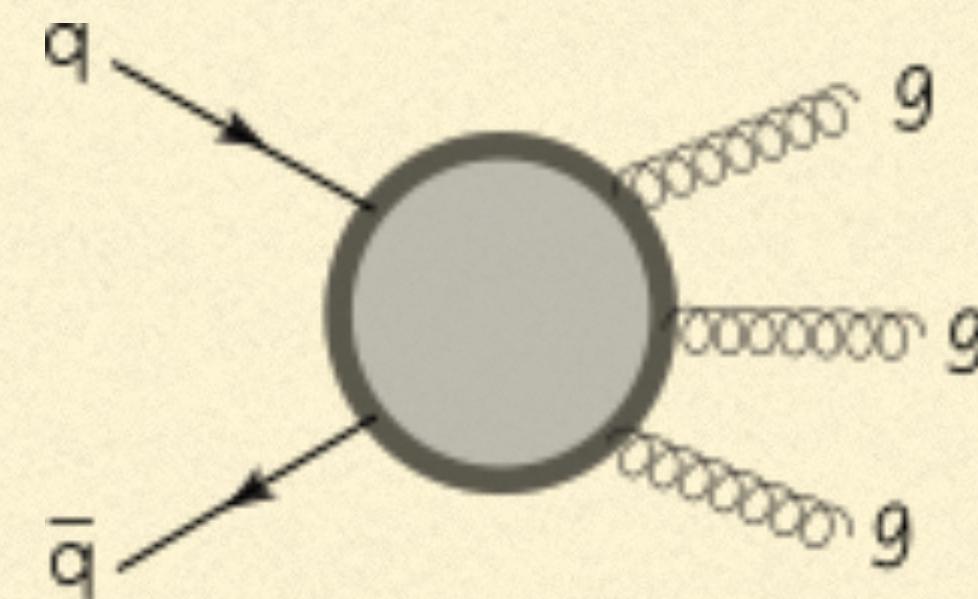
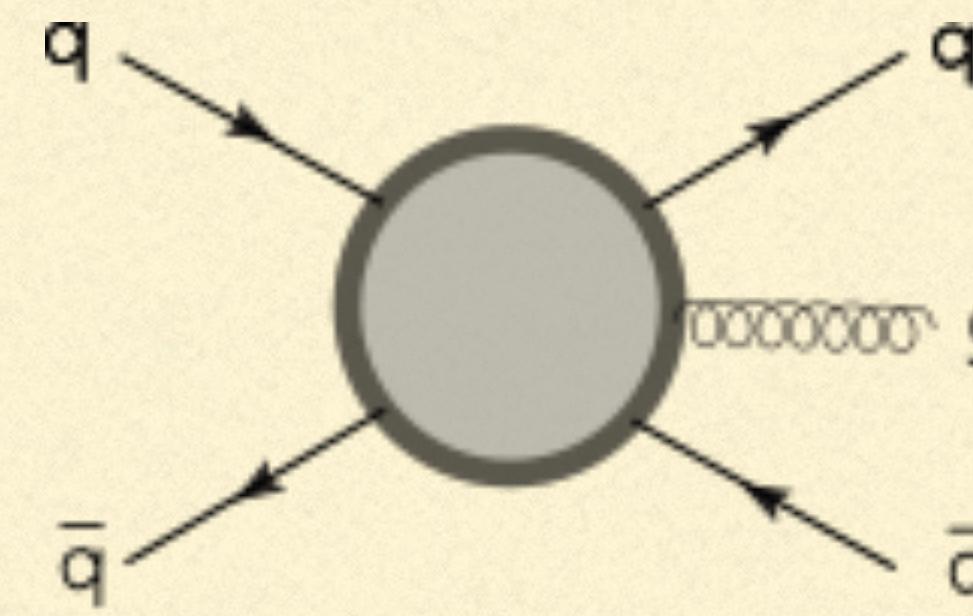
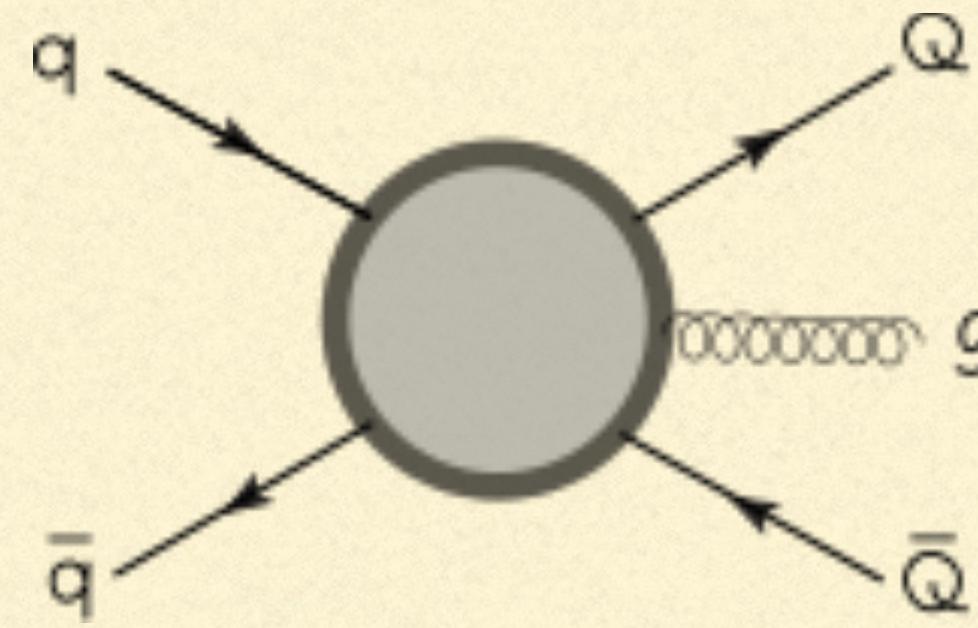
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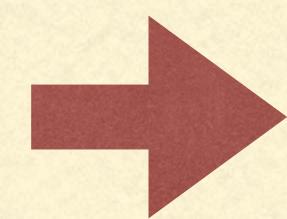
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- Outline of the calculation
- Summary and outlook

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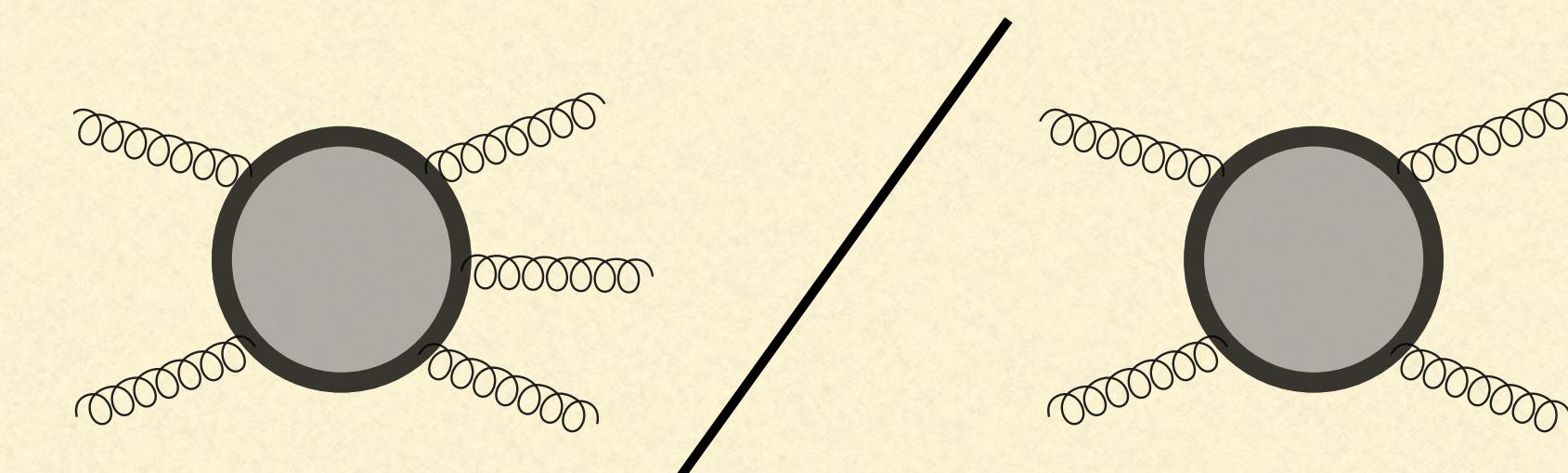
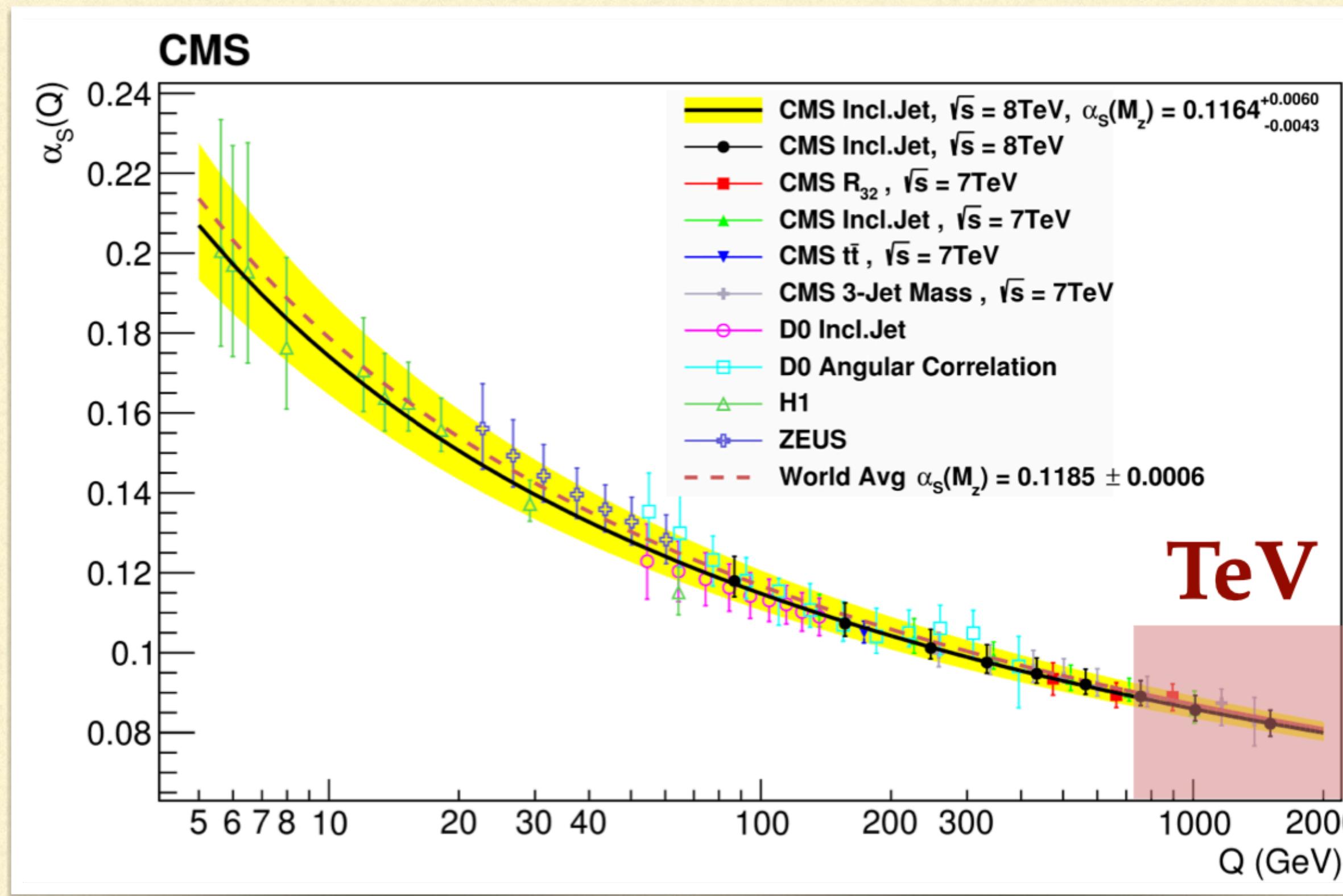
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- Three-to-two jet rates  $R_{3/2}$



Extraction of  $\alpha_s$  at LHC

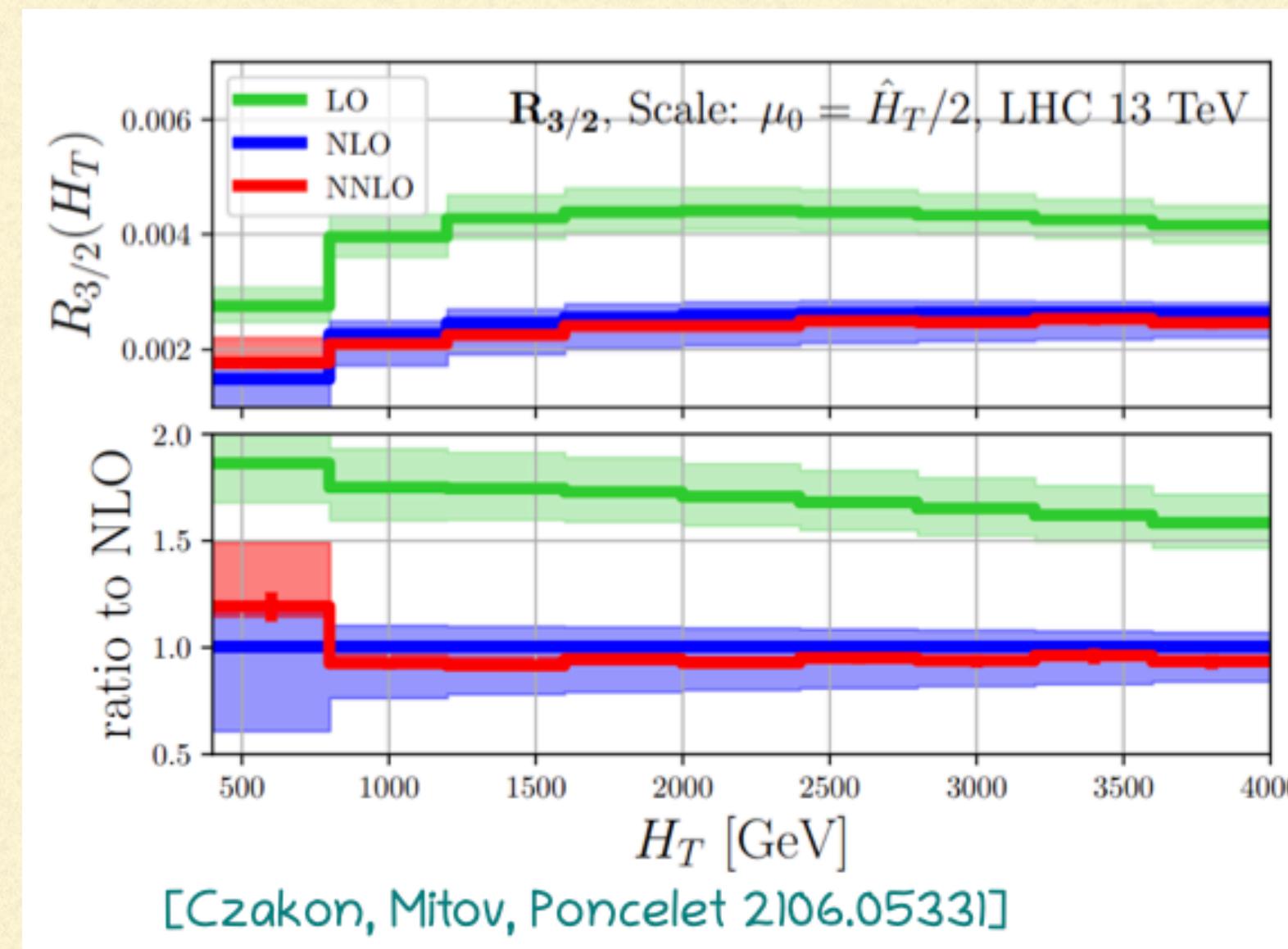


$$\sim \alpha_s(Q)$$

Running of strong  
coupling at TeV scale

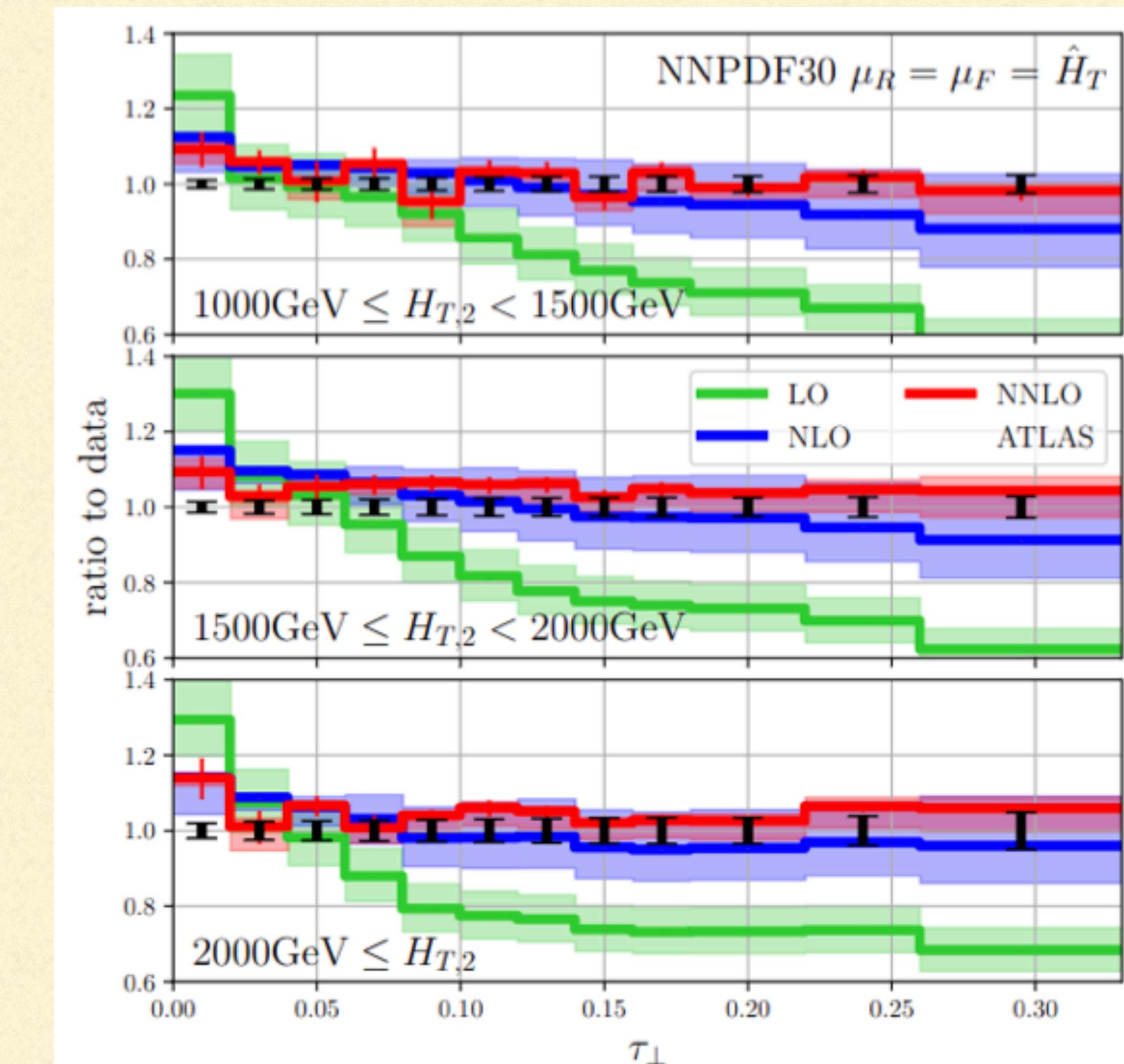
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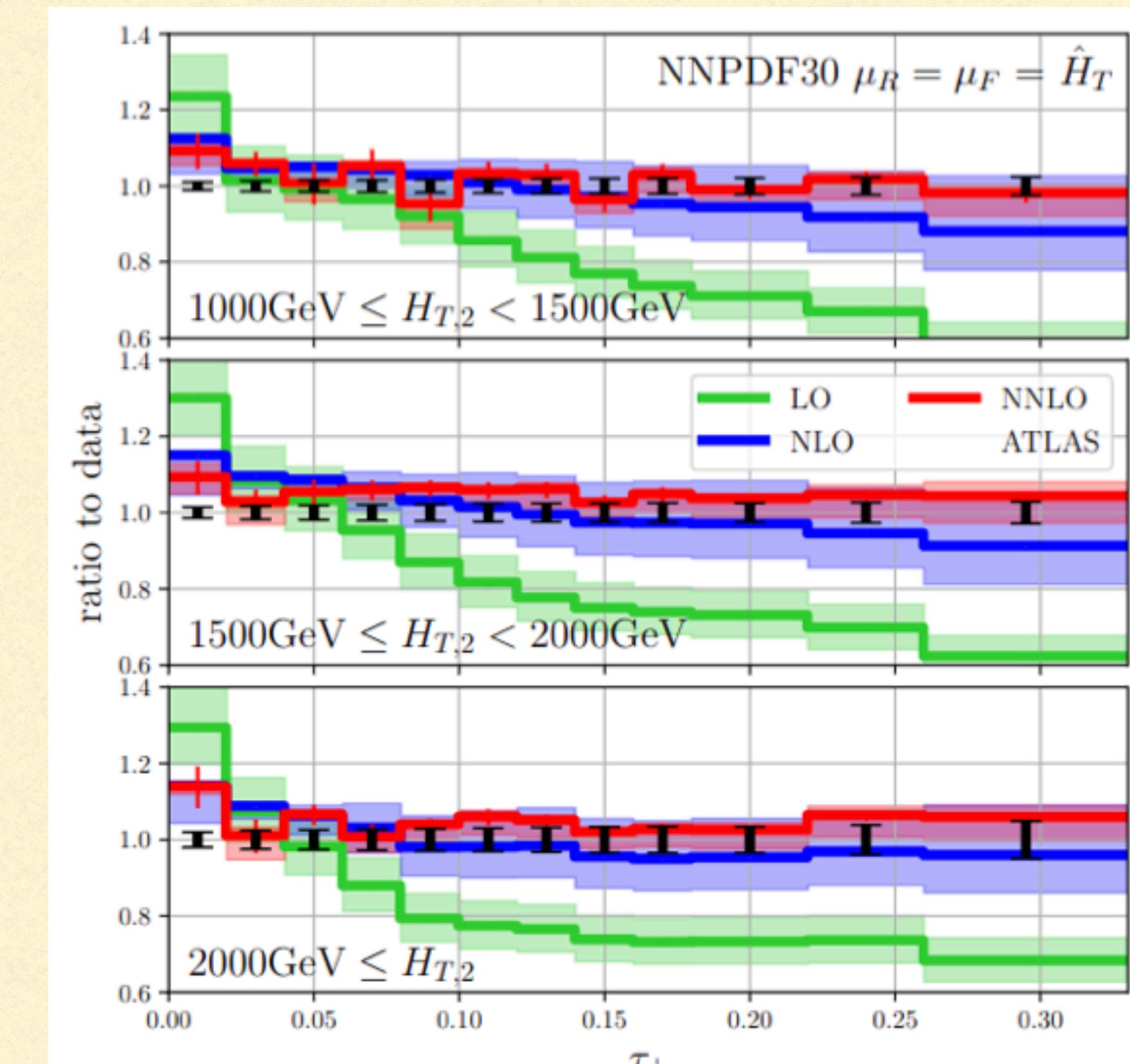


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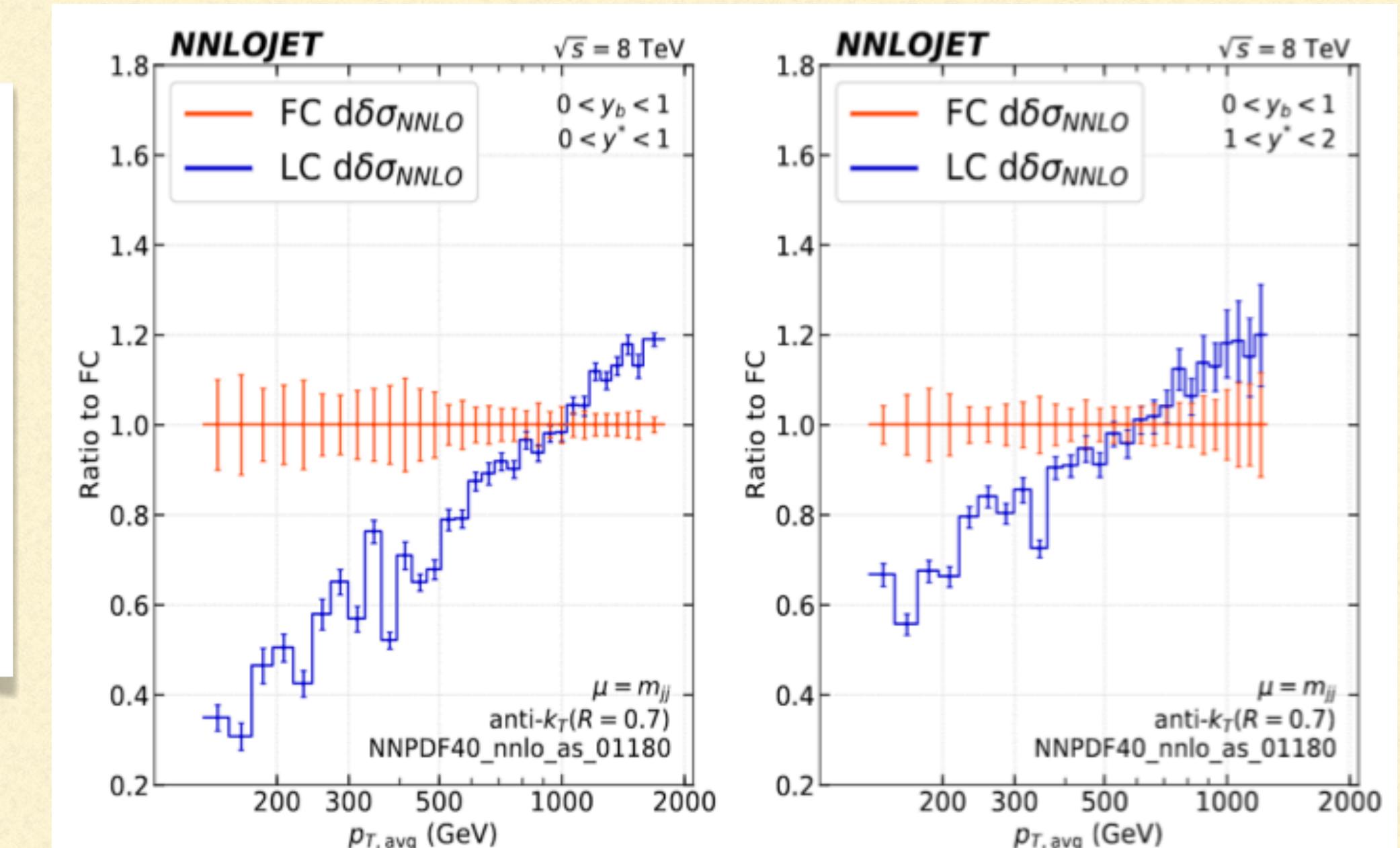
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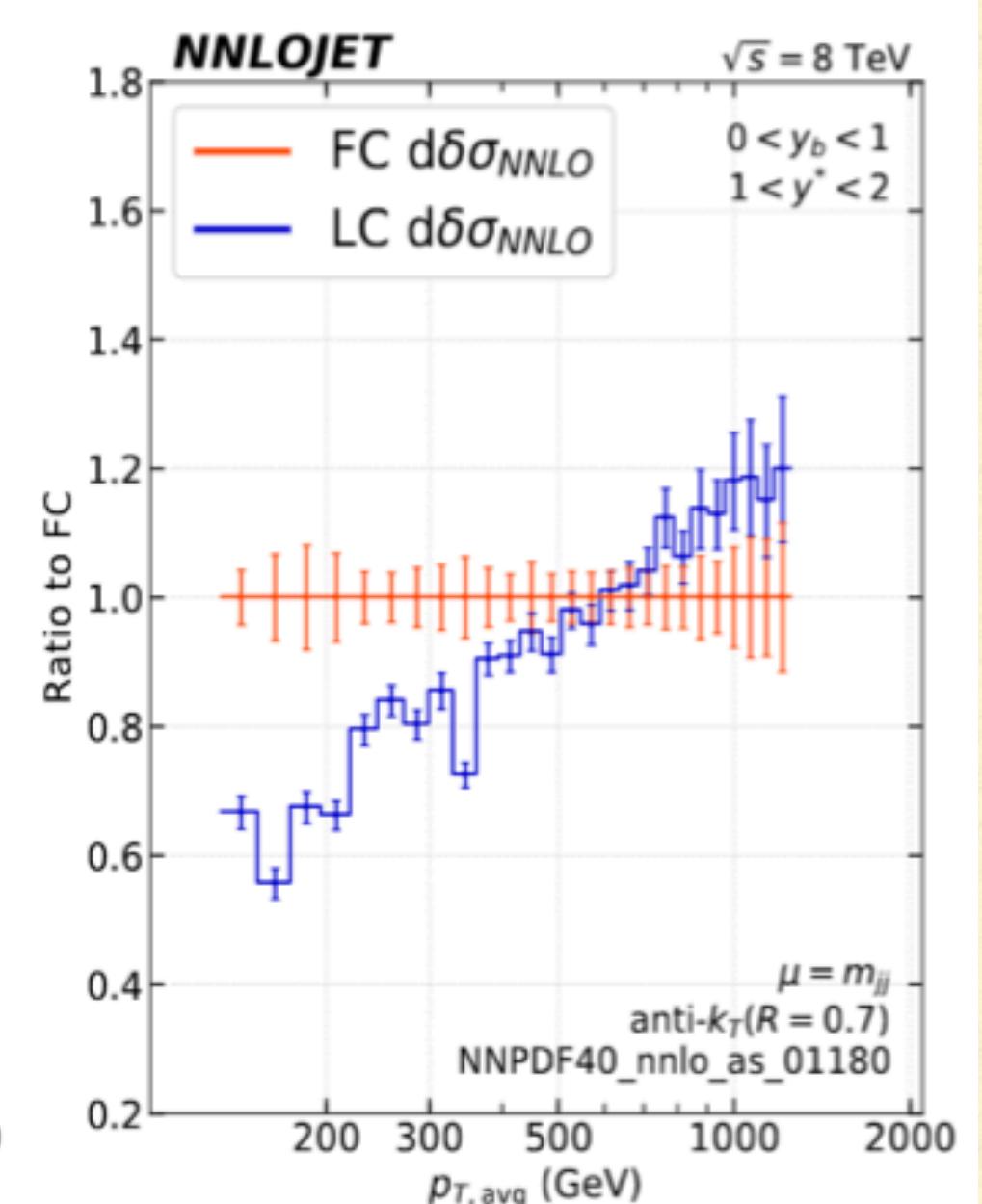
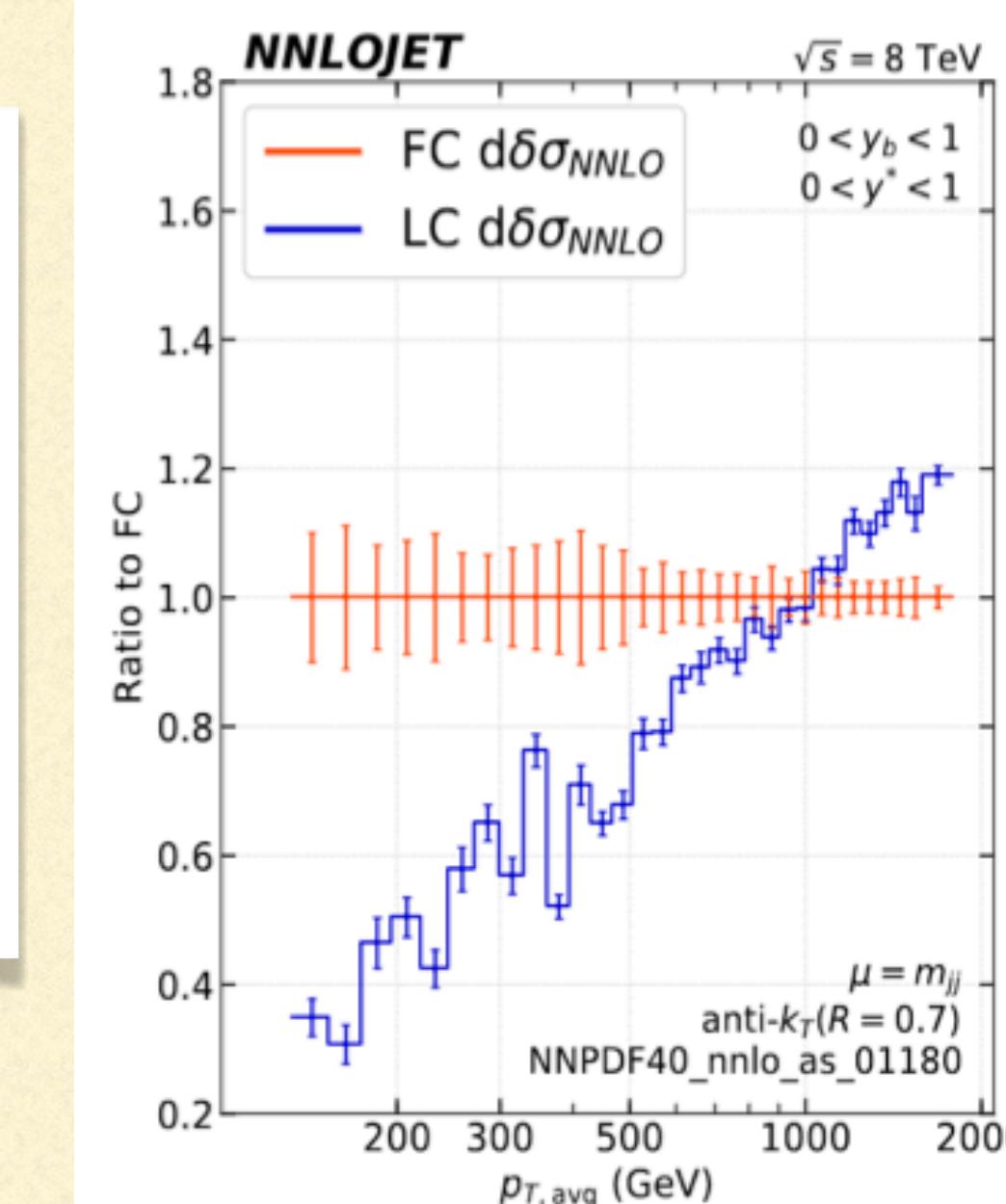
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Triply differential dijet cross-section

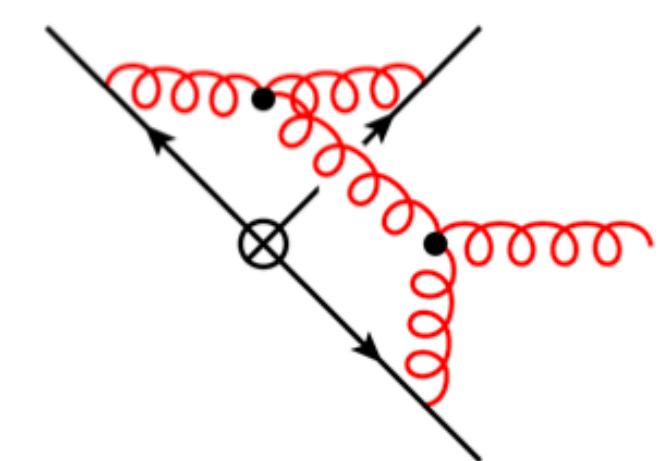
# Structure of QCD amplitudes

Explore QCD non-planar sector



IR limits: soft/collinear  
Example: “tripole” soft gluon current

$$S_{a,ikj}^{+, (2)} = (V_{ij}^q)^2 f^{aa_k b} f^{ba_i a_j} \mathbf{T}_i^{a_i} \mathbf{T}_j^{a_j} \mathbf{T}_k^{a_k} \left[ \frac{\langle ik \rangle}{\langle iq \rangle \langle qk \rangle} F(z_k^{ij}, \epsilon) - \frac{\langle jk \rangle}{\langle jq \rangle \langle qk \rangle} F(z_k^{ji}, \epsilon) \right]$$



Purely non-planar!

Most of these structures have been studied in more symmetric theories such as N=4 sYM

High energy limits:  
multi-Regge  
kinematics

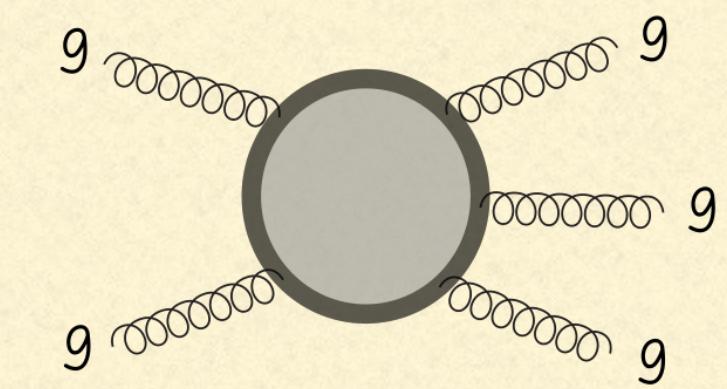
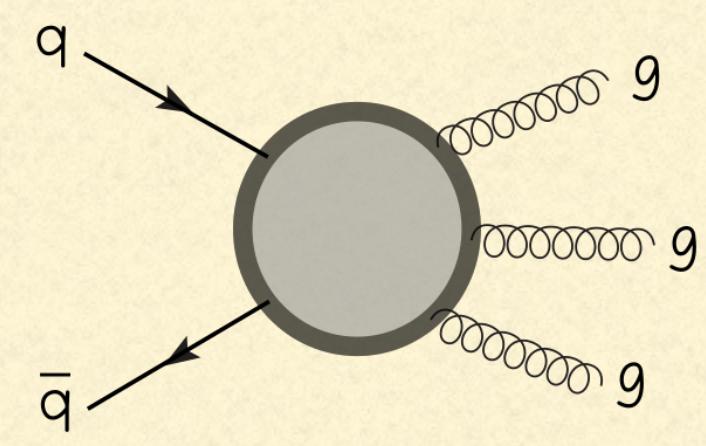
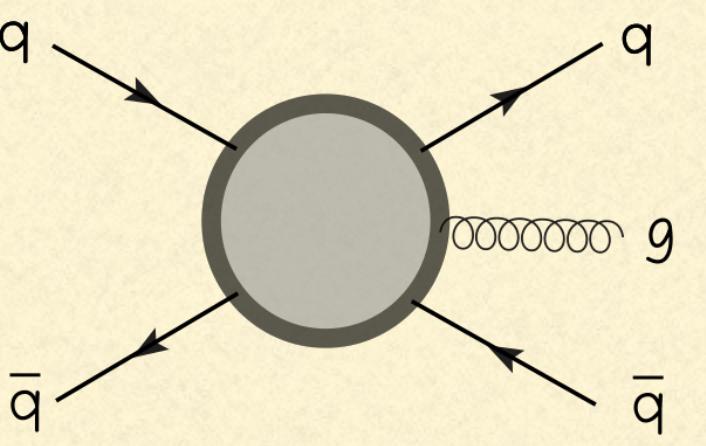
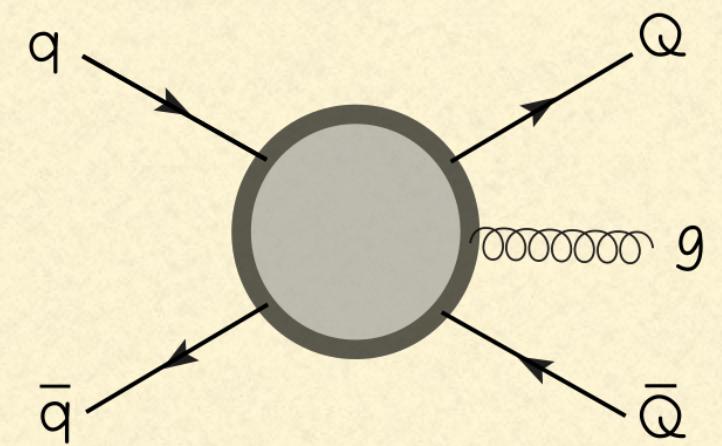
[Dixon, Herrmann, Yan, Zhu: 1912.09370]

Image taken from G. Gambuti

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# DETAILS OF THE CALCULATION

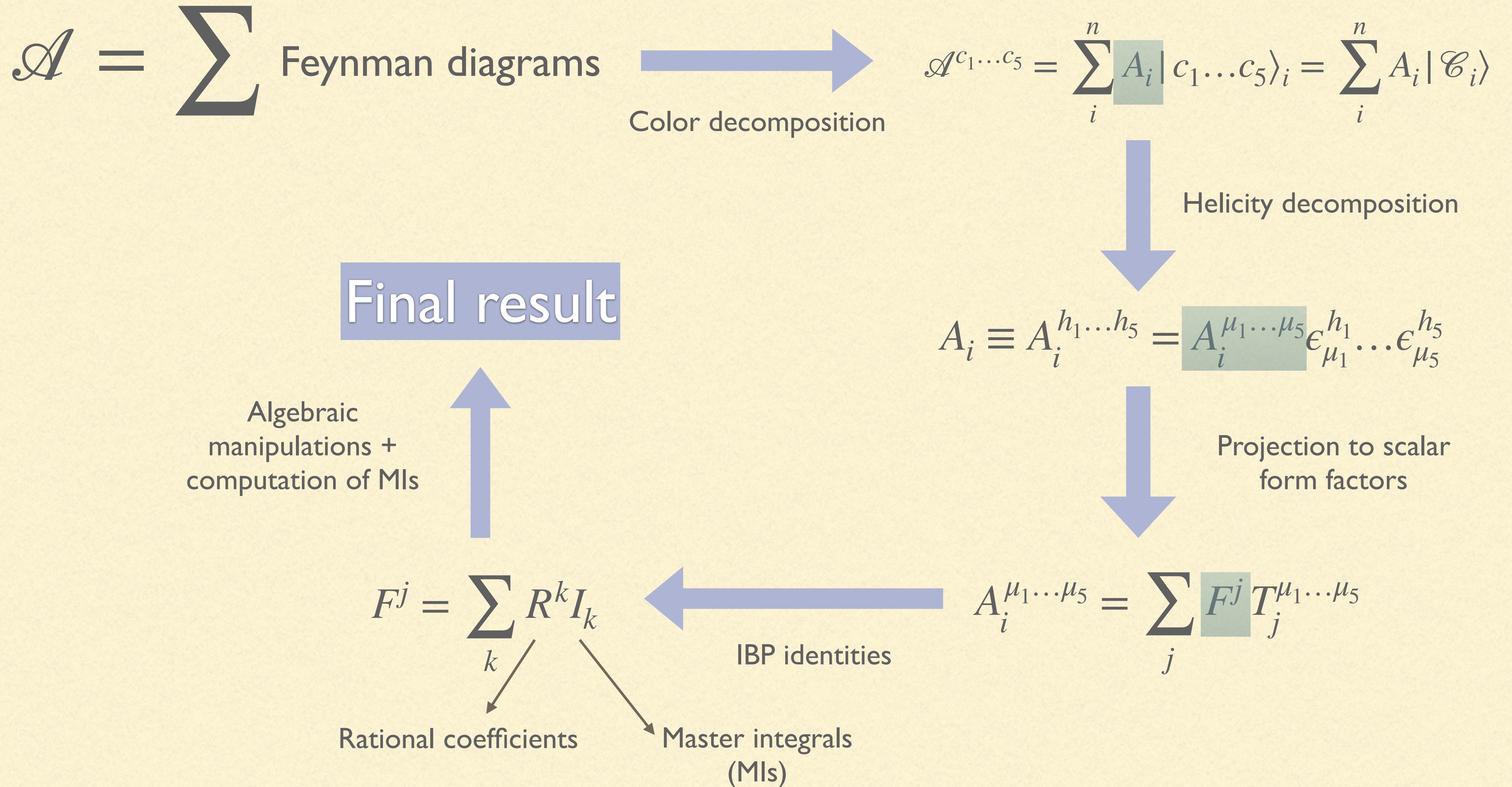
$$\mathcal{A} = \sum \text{Feynman diagrams}$$

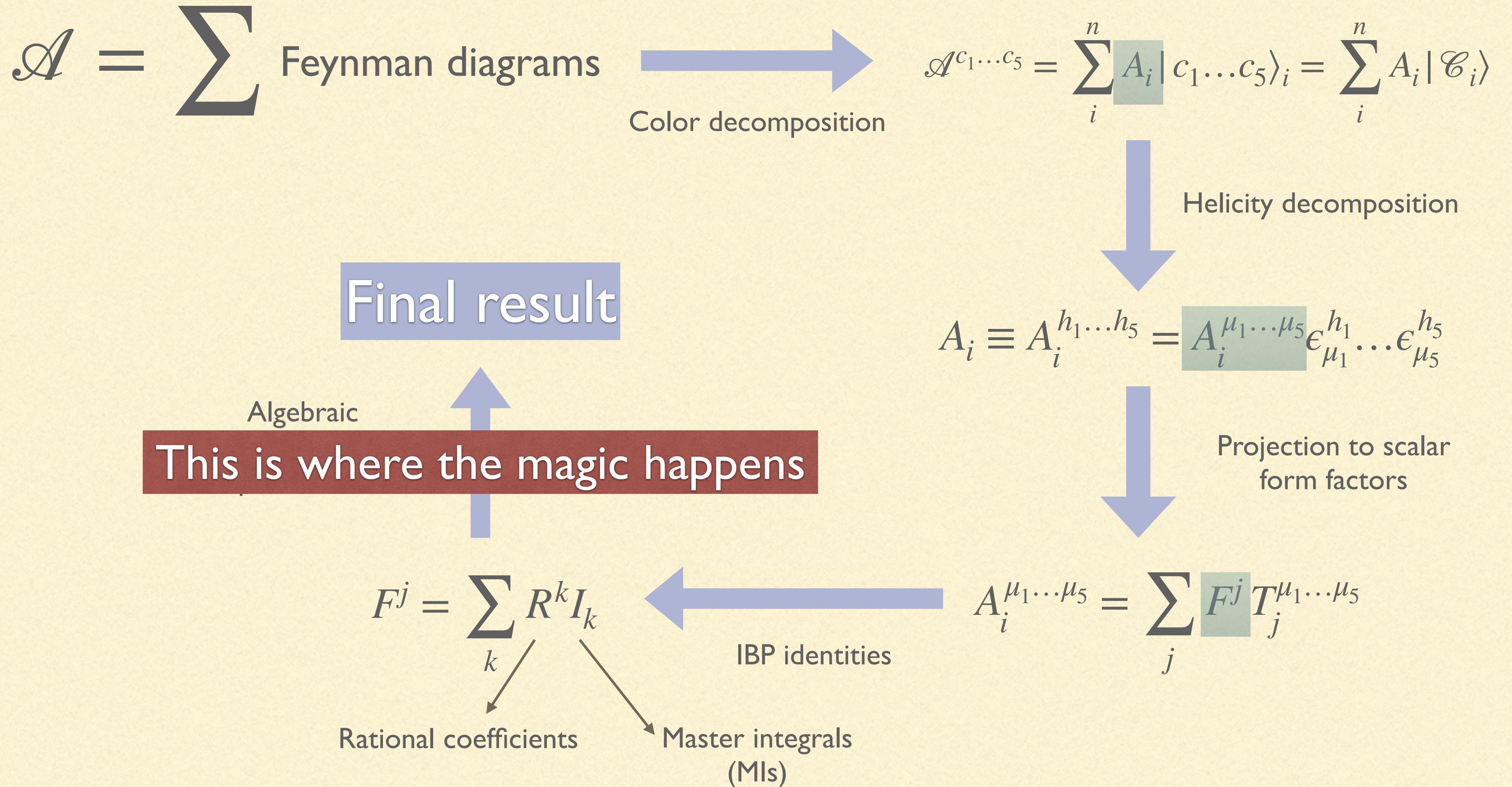



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Feynman Diagrams	2522	4258	9136	28020
Helicities	8	8	16	32
Dimension colour space	4	4	11	22
Tot # colour structures	24	24	54	75

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# Full color vs Leading color

Decompose amplitude in color space

$$\mathcal{A}^{c_1 \dots c_5} = \sum_i^n A_i |c_1 \dots c_5\rangle_i = \sum_i^n A_i |\mathcal{C}_i\rangle$$

↓                                  ↓  
Polynomials in  $N_c, n_f$       Color basis

Example @ 2-loops:

Subleading color

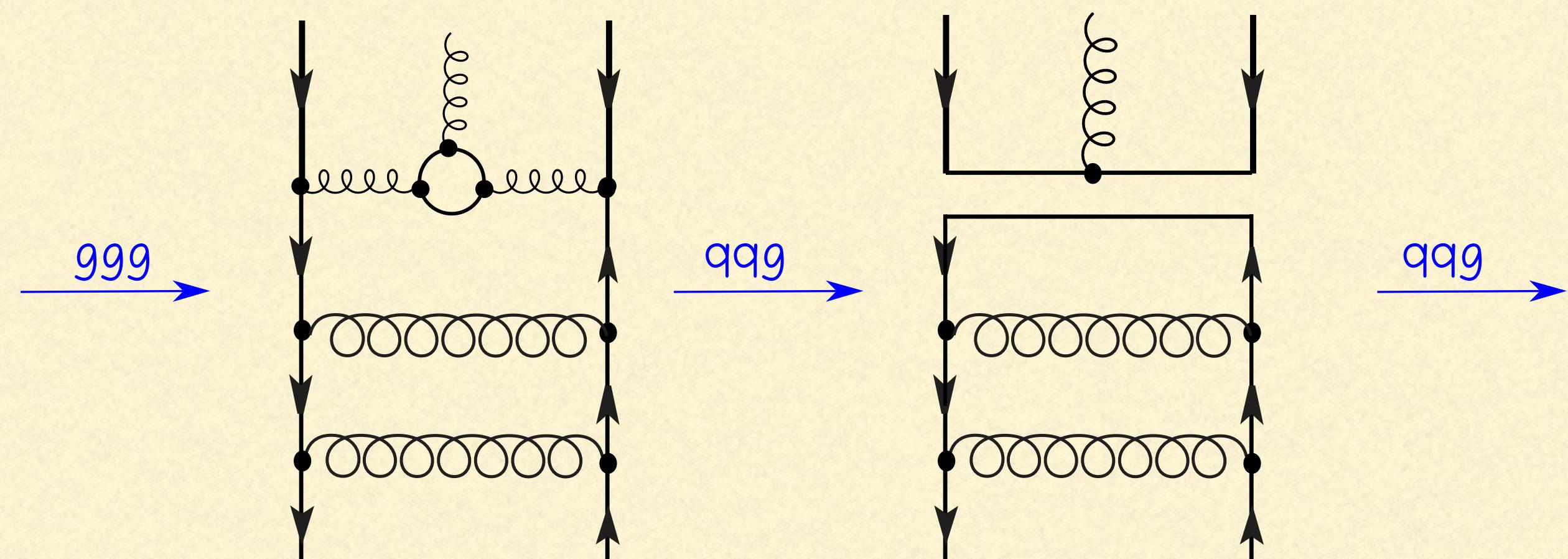
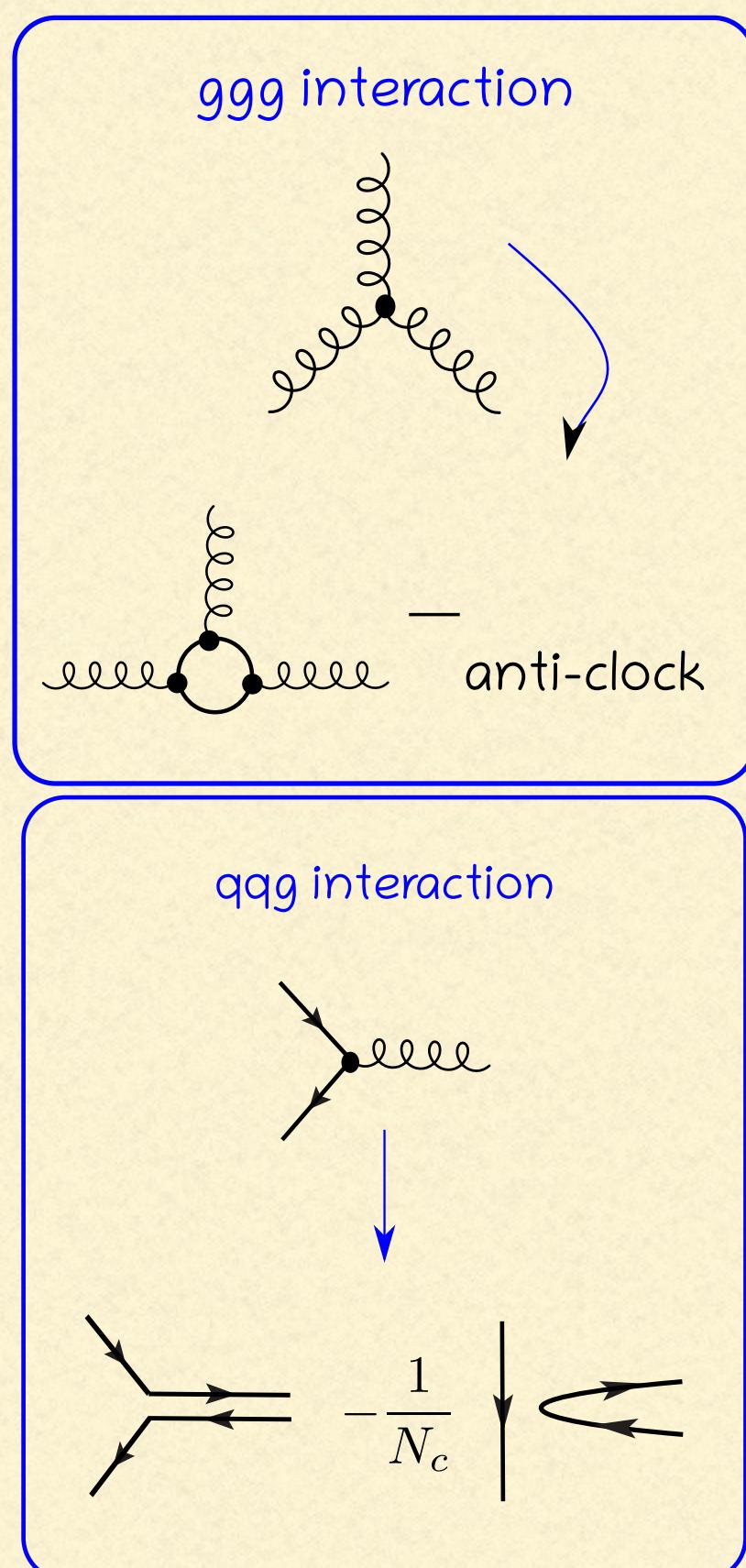
$$A_i = b_i^{(2,0)} N_c^2 + b_i^{(1,0)} N_c + b_i^{(0,0)} 1 + b_i^{(-1,0)} N_c^{-1} + b_i^{(-2,0)} N_c^{-2} + b_i^{(1,1)} N_c n_f + \dots$$

Leading color

# Full color vs Leading color - II

In QCD:

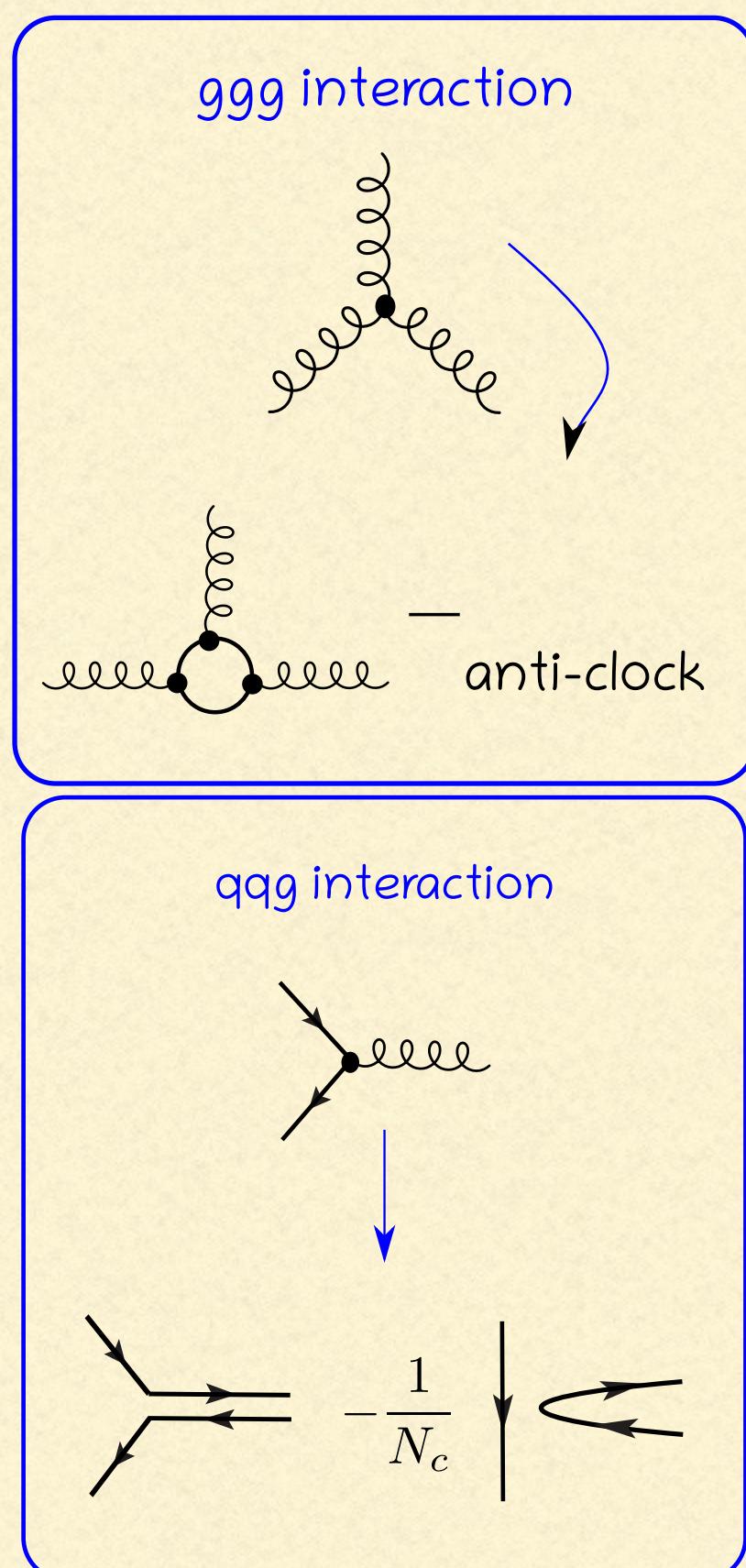
Leading color      ↔      Planar topologies [t Hooft]



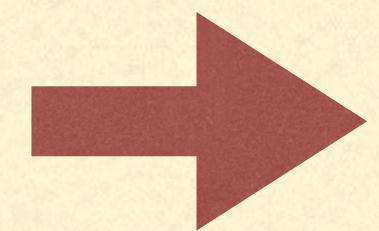
$$\sim N_c^2$$

# Full color vs Leading color - II

In QCD:



Leading color



Planar topologies

[t Hooft]

ggg

qqq

qqq

$\sim N_c^{-2}$

# Color decomposition

$$\mathcal{A}^{c_1 \dots c_5} = \sum_i^n A_i |c_1 \dots c_5\rangle_i = \sum_i^n A_i |\mathcal{C}_i\rangle$$

Full color: span the whole color space

“Partial amplitudes”

$ \mathcal{C}_i\rangle$	$ggggg$	$q\bar{q}ggg$	$q\bar{q}Q\bar{Q}g$
Tree level	$\text{Tr}(T^{a_1}T^{a_2}T^{a_3}T^{a_4}T^{a_5}) - \text{Tr}(T^{a_5}T^{a_4}T^{a_3}T^{a_2}T^{a_1}) + \text{permutations}$	$(T^{a_1}T^{a_2}T^{a_3})_{ji}$ + permutations	$T_{ij}^a \delta_{kl}$ $T_{ik}^a \delta_{jl}$
Beyond tree	$\text{Tr}(T^{a_1}T^{a_2}) \times (\text{Tr}(T^{a_3}T^{a_4}T^{a_5}) - \text{Tr}(T^{a_5}T^{a_4}T^{a_3})) + \text{permutations}$	$\text{Tr}(T^{a_1}T^{a_2}) T_{ij}^{a_3}$ $(\text{Tr}(T^{a_3}T^{a_4}T^{a_5}) - \text{Tr}(T^{a_5}T^{a_4}T^{a_3})) \delta_{ij}$ $(\text{Tr}(T^{a_3}T^{a_4}T^{a_5}) + \text{Tr}(T^{a_5}T^{a_4}T^{a_3})) \delta_{ij}$	Same as tree

# Helicity decomposition

$$A_i \equiv A_i^{h_1 \dots h_5} = A_i^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5} \epsilon_{\mu_1}^{h_1} \dots \epsilon_{\mu_5}^{h_5}$$

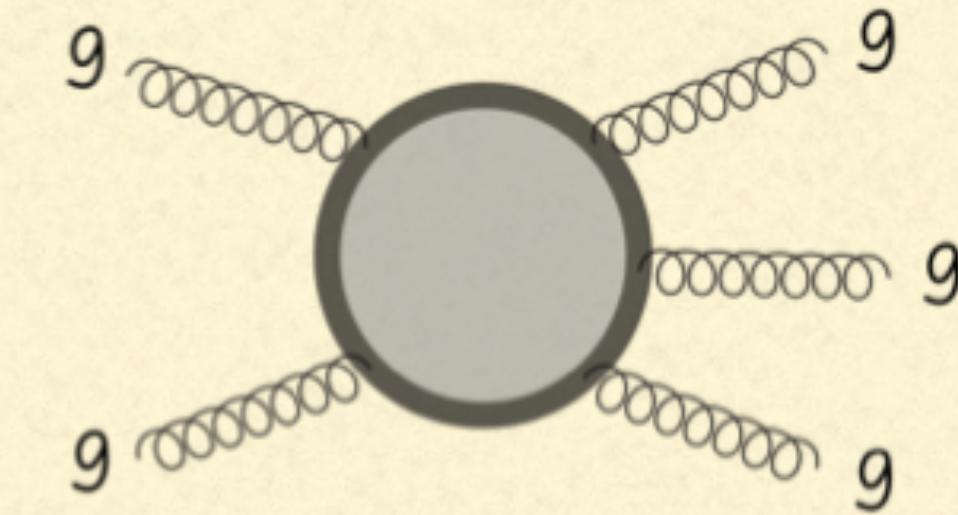
For n>4 can be constructed in terms of external momenta!

Independent in d=4

[Peraro, Tancredi | 906.03298, 2012.00820]

Transversality + choice reference vector

# of independent structures =  
# helicity configurations !



tHV scheme: external particles in d=4

$$A_i^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5} = \sum_{j=1}^{32} F^j T_j^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5}$$

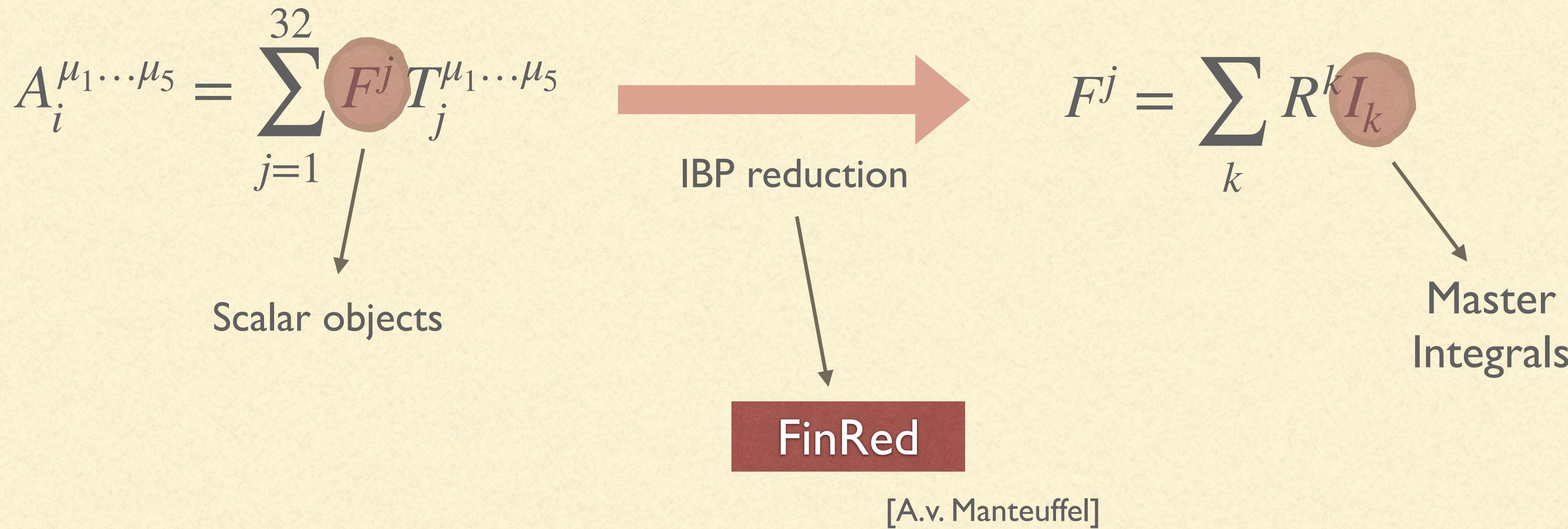
Tensors

Form Factors

$$F^j = \sum_{pol} \mathcal{P}^j(\mathbf{h}) A(\mathbf{h})$$

Projectors

# Reduction to master integrals



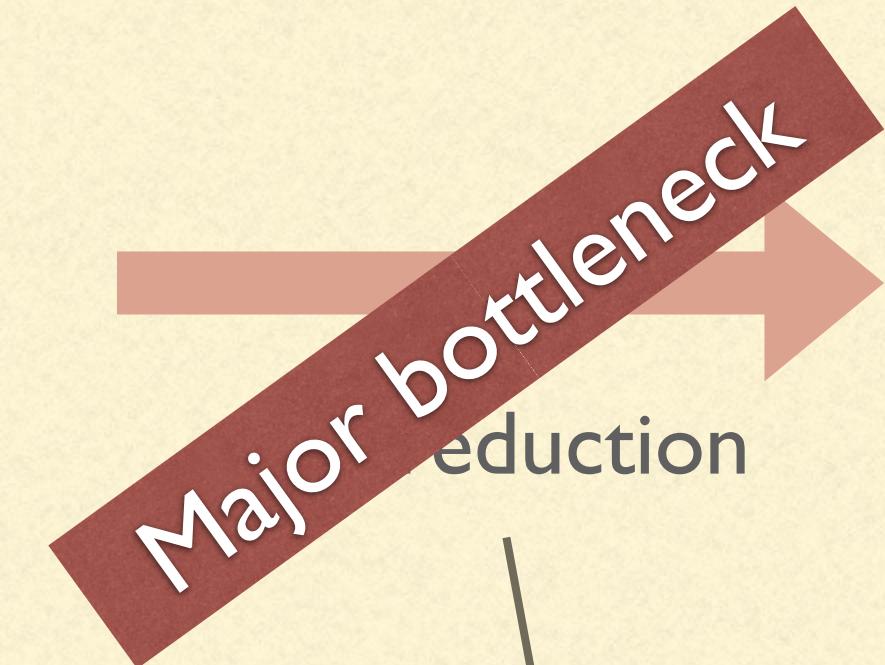
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# Reduction to master integrals

$$A_i^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5} = \sum_{j=1}^{32} F_j^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5}$$

Scalar objects



$$F_j^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5} = \sum_k R_k^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_5} I_k$$

Master Integrals

Wise choice of MIs?

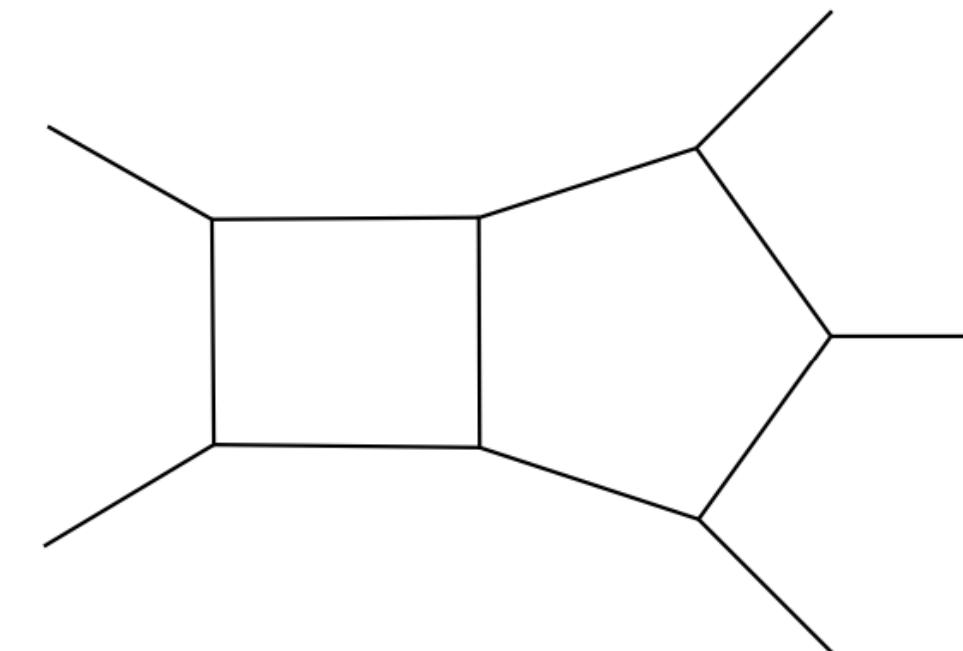
[A.v. Manteuffel]

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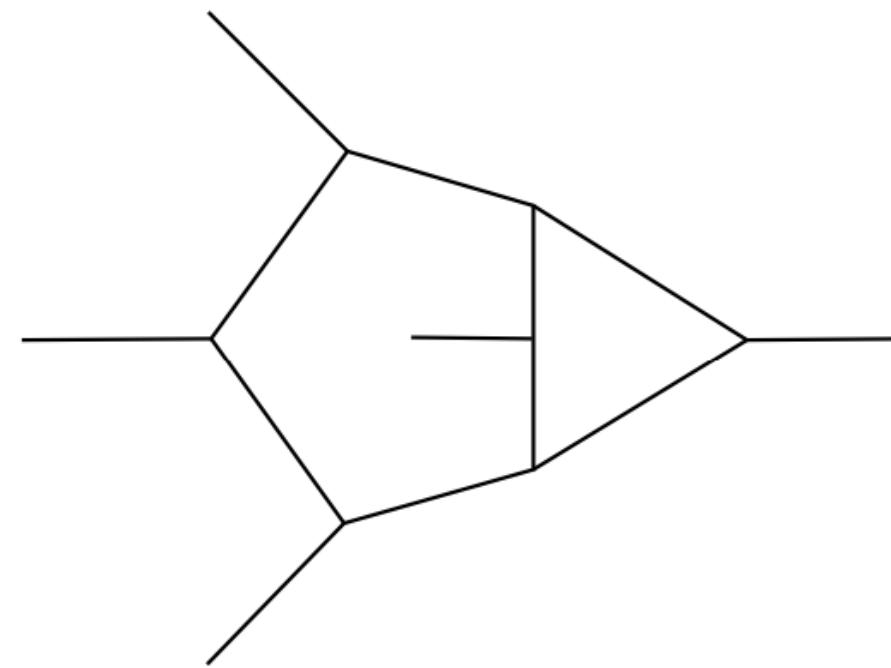
# MIs: Pentagon Functions

Pentagon-Box



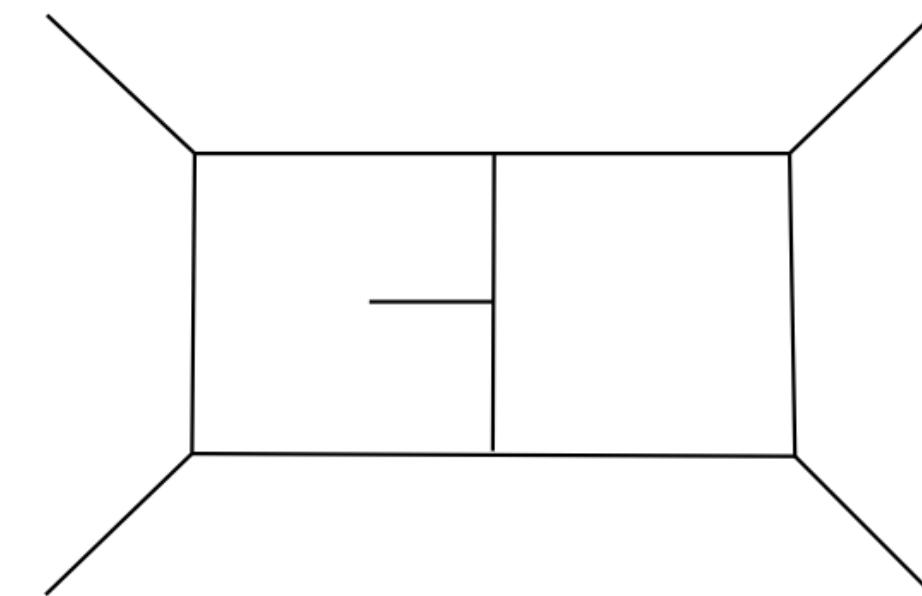
[Gehrman, Henn, Lo Presti 1511.05409, 1807.09812],  
[Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever 1511.09404]

Hexagon-Box



[Boehm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schoenemann, Zhang],  
[Abreu, Page, Zeng, 1807.11522]  
[Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti, Mitev, Wasser 1809.06240]

Double-Pentagon



[Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng 1901.08563],  
[Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, Zoia 1812.11160]

Expressed as Chen iterated integrals, full set available

[Chicherin, Sotnikov 2009.07803]

$$f^{(\omega)}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\gamma} d \log W_{i_1} \dots d \log W_{i_n}$$

Evaluation time:  $\sim 1s$

- Canonical basis
- UT weight integrals

# Reduction to master integrals - II

$$I(s_{ij}, d) = \sum_{k=1}^M a_k(s_{ij}, d) \mathcal{J}(s_{ij}, d)$$

Common denominator

$$a_k(s_{ij}, d) = \frac{N(s_{ij}, d)}{Q(d)D(s_{ij})}$$

Partial-fractioned form

$$a_k(s_{ij}, d) = \sum_l g_l(d) R_l(s_{ij})$$

Crucial step:  
drastic reduction  
in size!

We employ `MultivariateApart` for multivariate partial fractioning:

[Heller, von Manteuffel 2101.08283]

- Avoids spurious denominators
- Produces unique results when applied to terms of a sum separately

# Simplifying the rational coefficients

$$a_k(s_{ij}, d) = \frac{N(s_{ij}, d)}{Q(d)D(s_{ij})} \xrightarrow{\text{MultivariateApart + Singular}} a_k(s_{ij}, d) = \sum_l g_l(d) R_l(s_{ij})$$

[Heller, von Manteuffel 2101.08283][Decker, Greuel, Pfister, Schoenemann]

Drastic simplifications occur:

**PB:** INT[TA,8,255,8,5,{1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,-5,0,0}]

GCD

PF

162 MB  $\longrightarrow$  3.9 MB

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513 MB  $\longrightarrow$  9.9 MB

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2.9 GB  $\longrightarrow$  24 MB

$\sim \mathcal{O}(100)!!$

# Final result: infrared structure

UV and IR subtraction

$$A_i(\mathbf{h}) = \sum_l r_l(s_{ij}, \epsilon_5) f_l(s_{ij}, \epsilon_5)$$



$$\mathbf{Z}^{-1} = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \mathbf{I}_1 - \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^2 \mathbf{I}_2$$

$$A_{ren}(\epsilon, p_i) = \mathbf{Z}(\epsilon, p_i, \mu) A_{fin}(p_i, \mu)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_1(\epsilon) = \frac{e^{\epsilon\gamma_E}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \sum_i \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{\gamma_0^i}{2\epsilon} \frac{1}{\mathbf{T}_i^2} \right) \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j}{2} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij}} \right)^\epsilon$$

$$\mathbf{I}_2(\epsilon) = \frac{e^{-\epsilon\gamma_E} \Gamma(1-2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \sum_i \left( \frac{\gamma_1^{cusp}}{8} + \frac{\beta_0}{2\epsilon} \right) \mathbf{I}_1(2\epsilon) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{I}_1(\epsilon) \left( \mathbf{I}_1(\epsilon) + \frac{\beta_0}{\epsilon} \right) + \text{H}_2(\epsilon)$$

$I_1$  and  $I_2$  diagonal in LC approximation, but not in full color

Contains non-trivial triple color correlated contributions beyond LC

# Final result: checks

## 1-loop:

- Match prediction for IR poles @ NLO
- For 5 gluon amplitudes: check color trace identities [Bern, Kosower Nucl.Phys.B 362 (1991)]
- Reproduce available results and checked vs OpenLoops

## 2-loop:

- $gggg \rightarrow 0, q\bar{q}ggg \rightarrow 0, q\bar{q}Q\bar{Q}g \rightarrow 0$  completed
- Match prediction for IR poles @ NNLO
- For  $gggg$ : agreement with LC result [Abreu, Febres Cordero, Ita, Page, Sotnikov: 2102.13609]
- For  $gggg$ : agreement with all-plus full color Yang Mills result [Badger, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Heinrich, Henn, Peraro, Wasser, Zhang, Zoia 1905.03733]

## TO DO:

- Check against LC result for other partonic channels
- Check color trace identities for  $gggg$

# Outlook and conclusions

- Calculation of 5-points 2-loops QCD massless amplitudes in full color
- In principle everything is there to study numerical impact and analyse structure
- In practice, final result still needs to be massaged and simplified (understand/remove spurious singularities, stability tests in soft/collinear configurations, representation of rational functions)

## For the future...

- Make amplitude available and use it for pheno applications (study FC vs LC)
- Multi-Regge kinematics of QCD amplitudes + IR limits (soft-gluon current etc.)

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THANK YOU!