

The role of soft quarks in next-to-leading power threshold effects

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1. Why is this interesting?

Perturbation theory

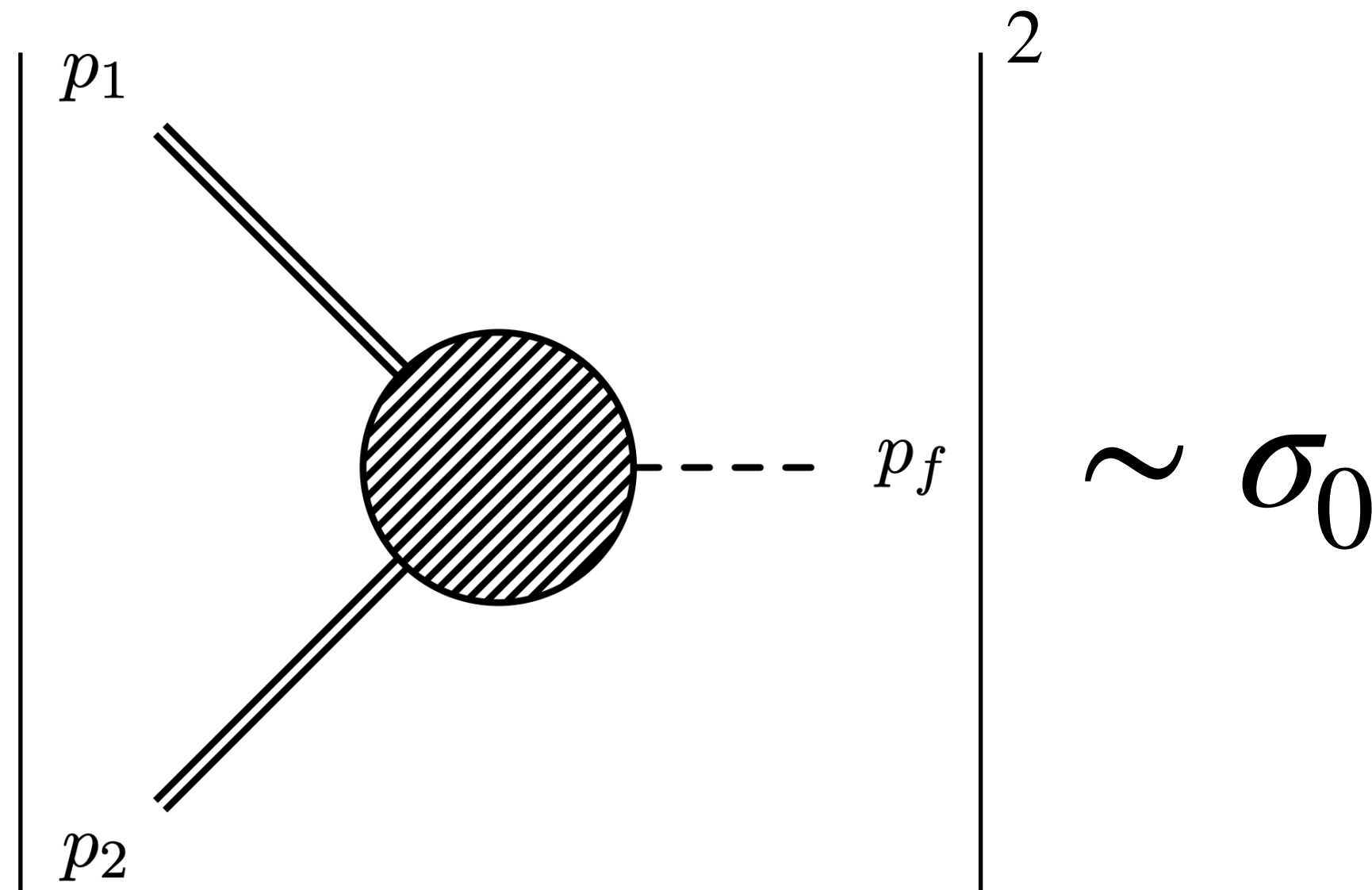
A generic cross section can be written as

$$\sigma = \sum_n c_n \alpha_s^n$$

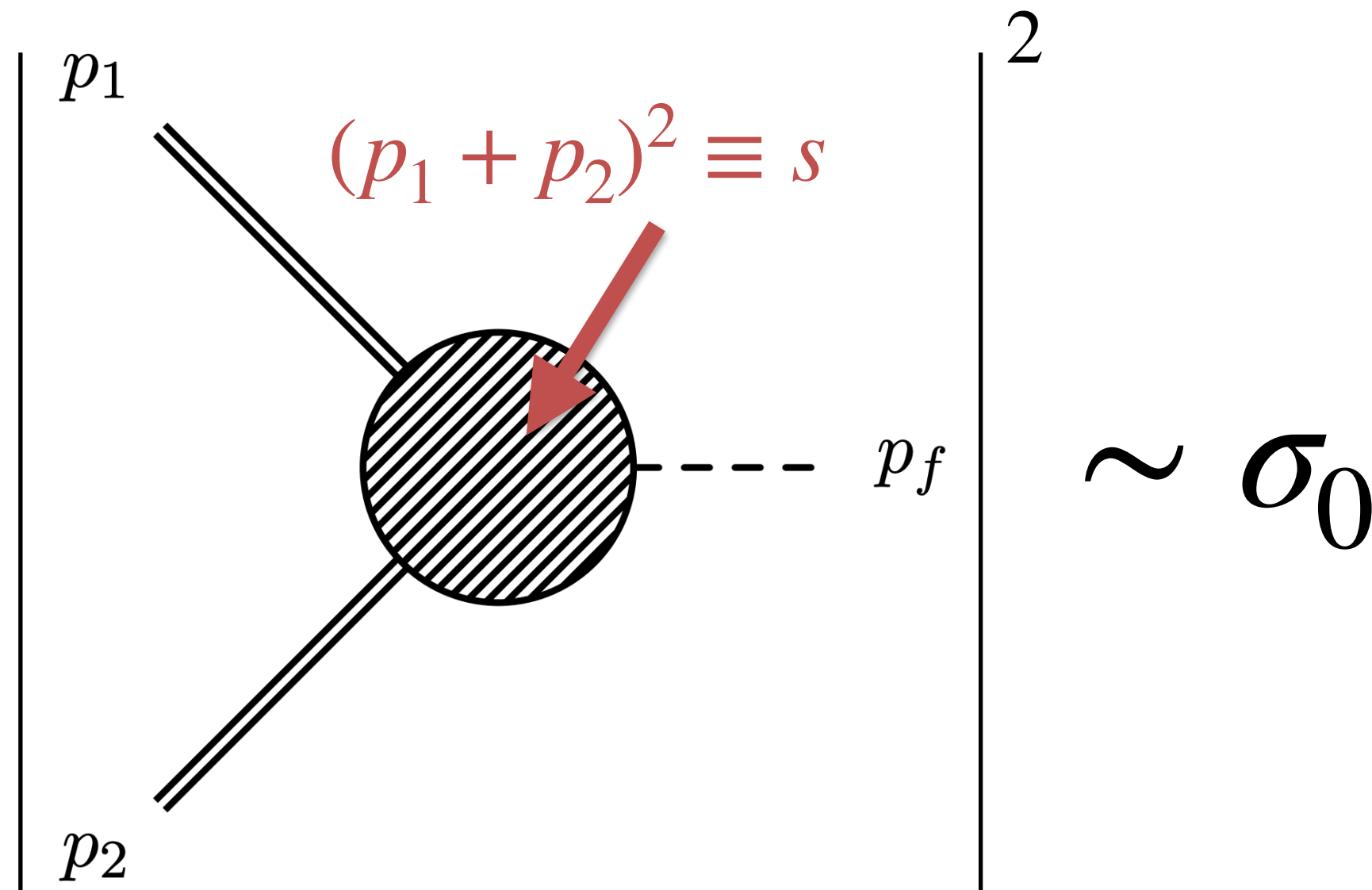
The c_n are computed using Feynman diagrams.

*Hopefully, the series converges rapidly and a **limited** number of orders is sufficient to describe the process*

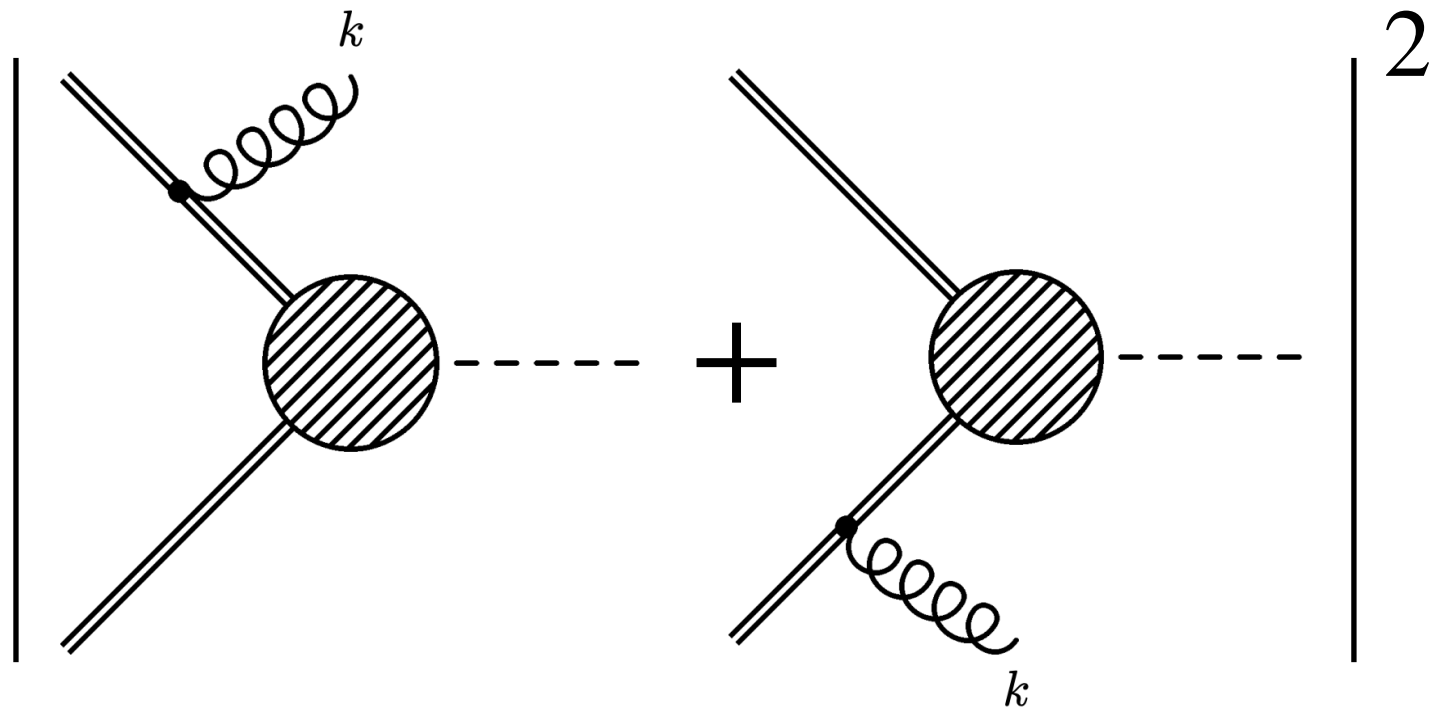
LO process



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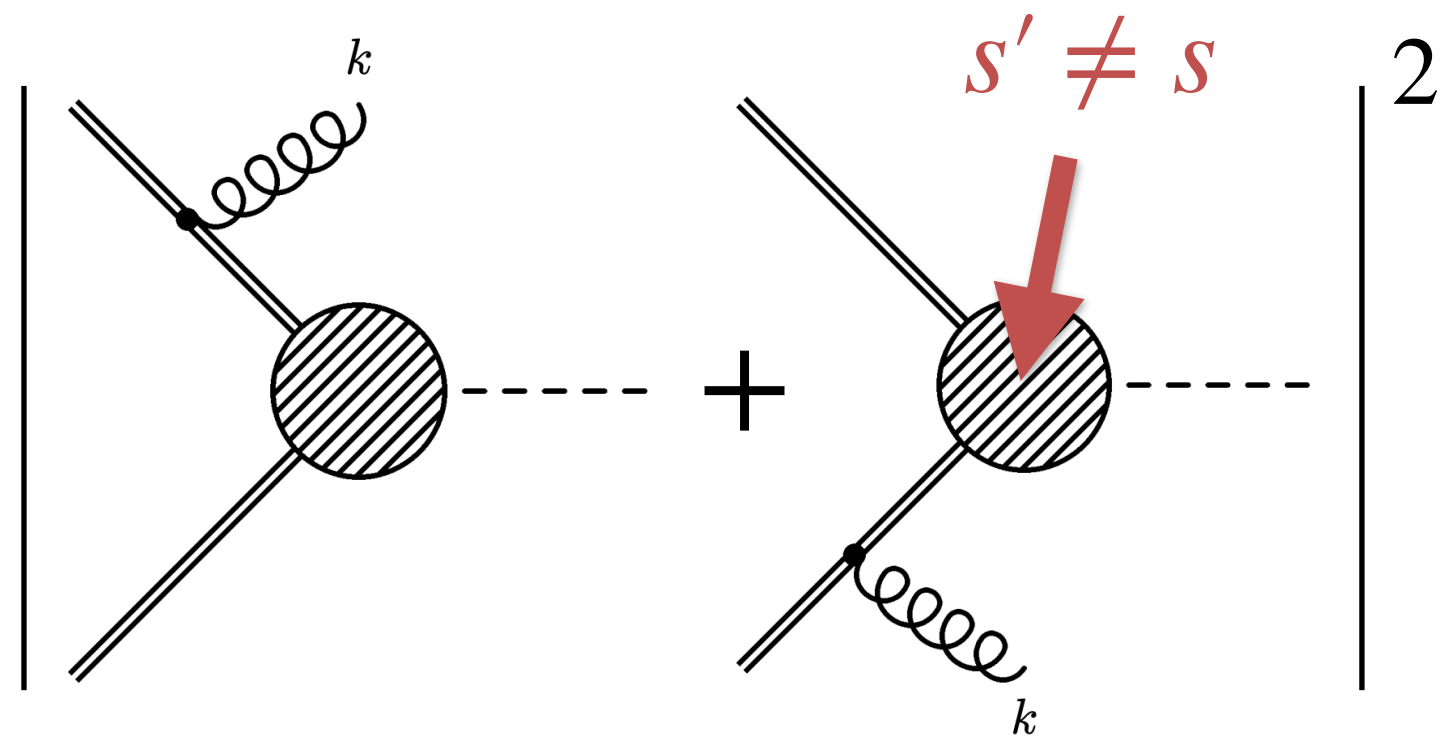


NLO process



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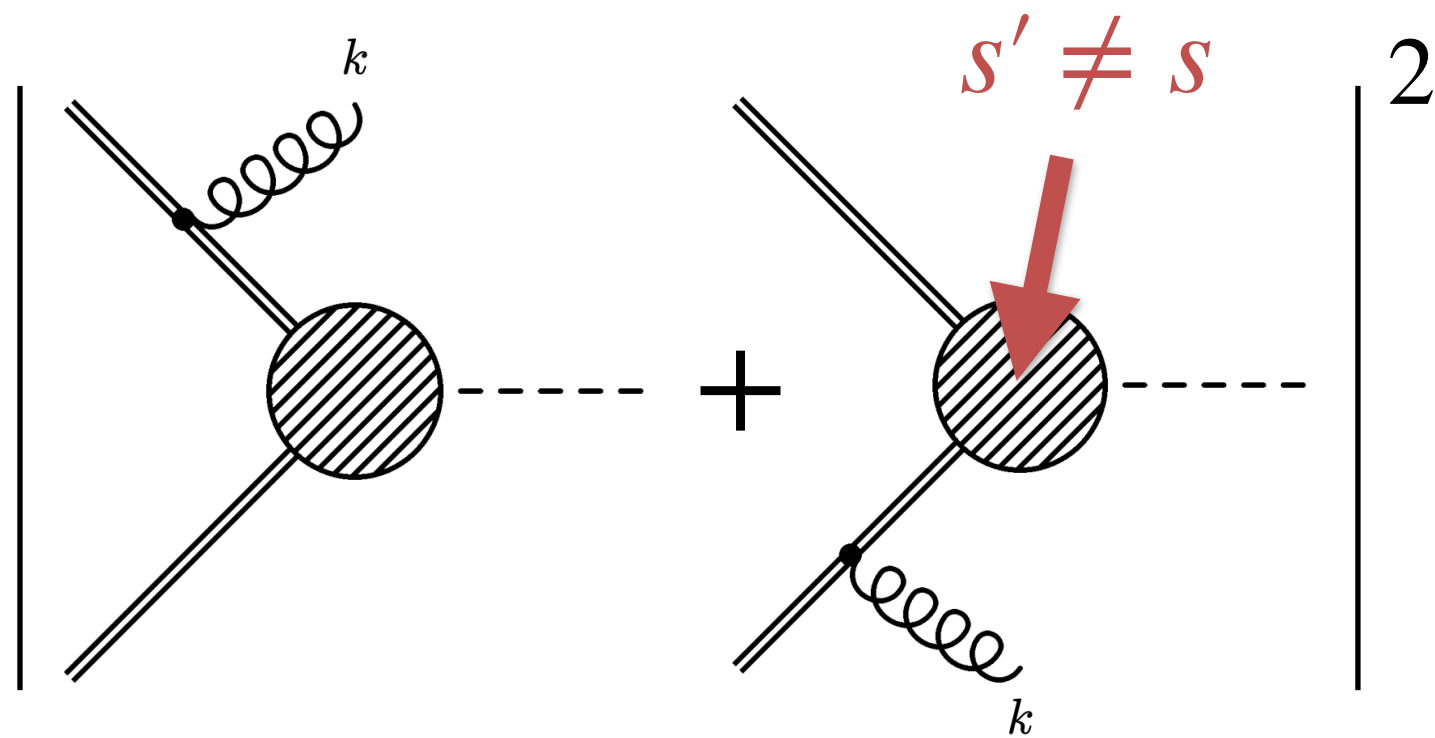
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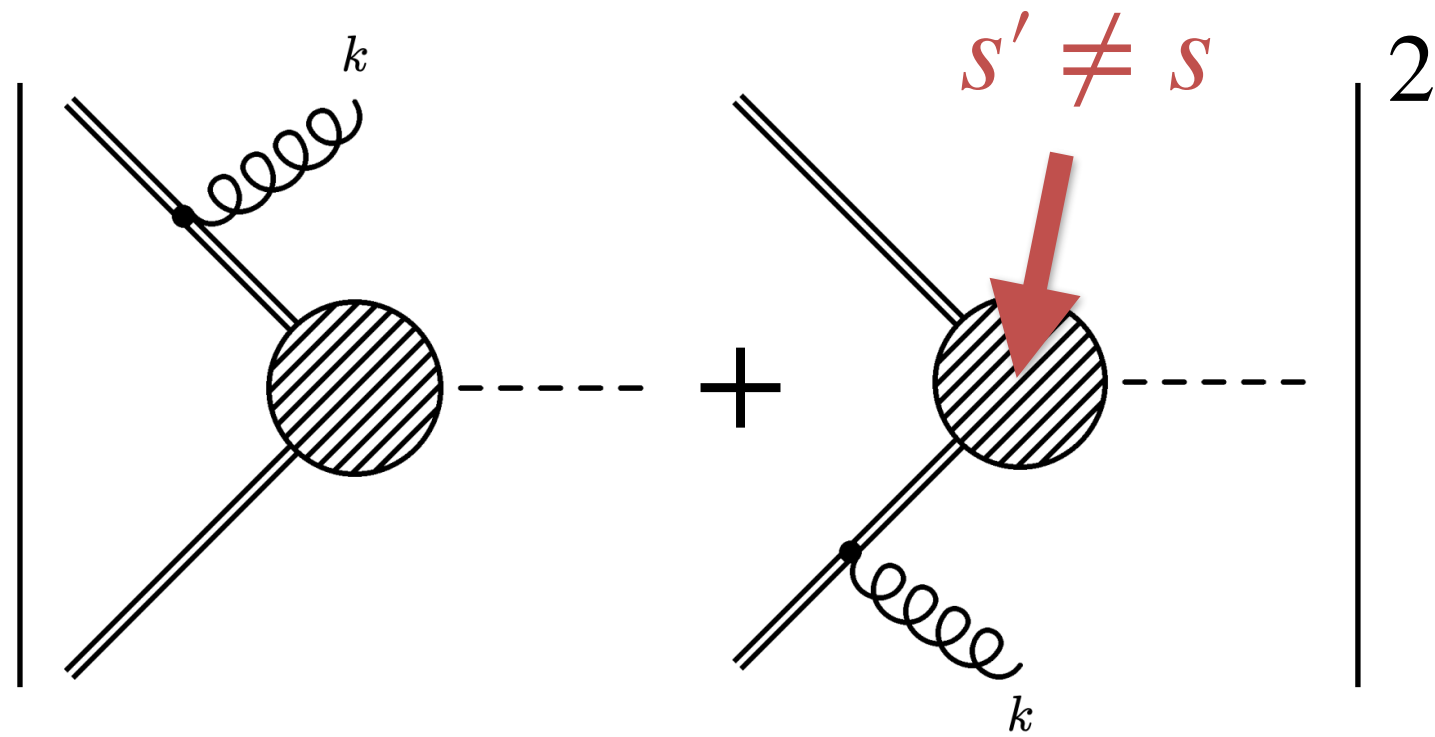
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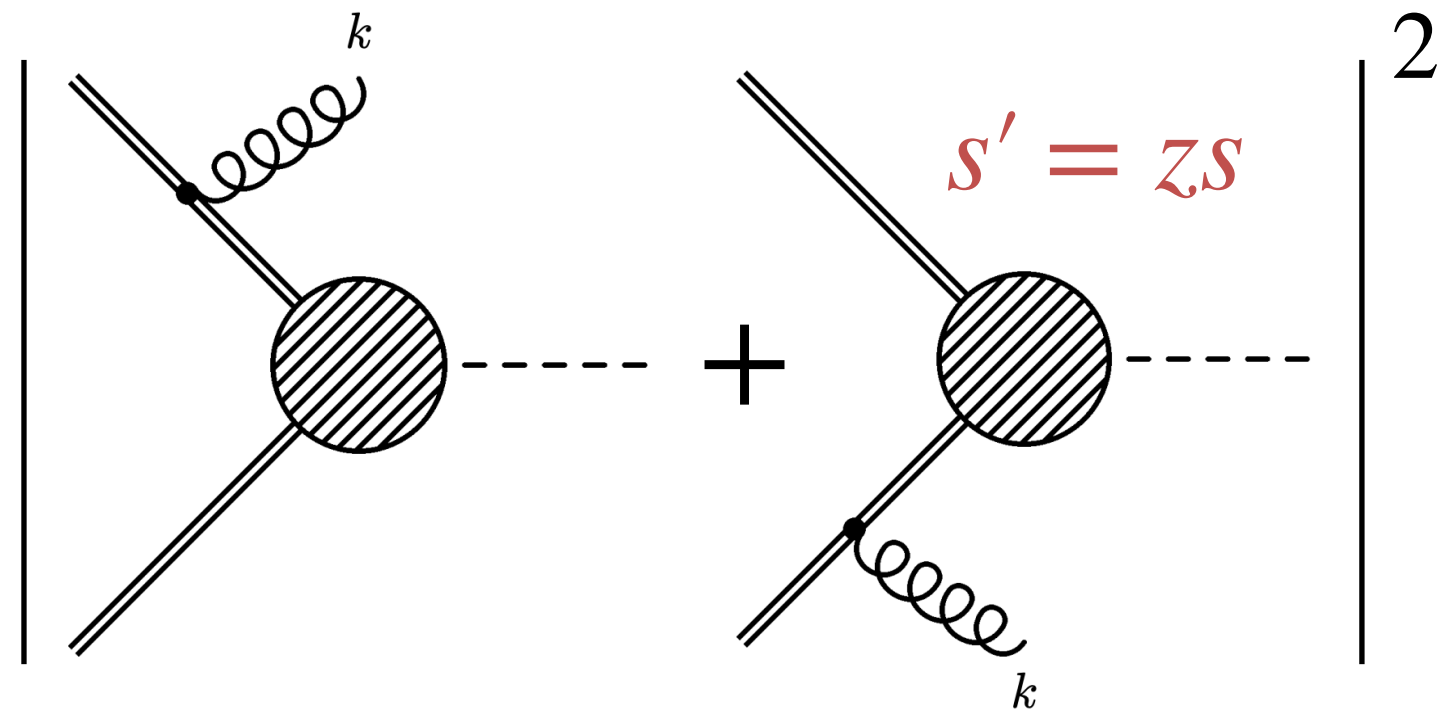
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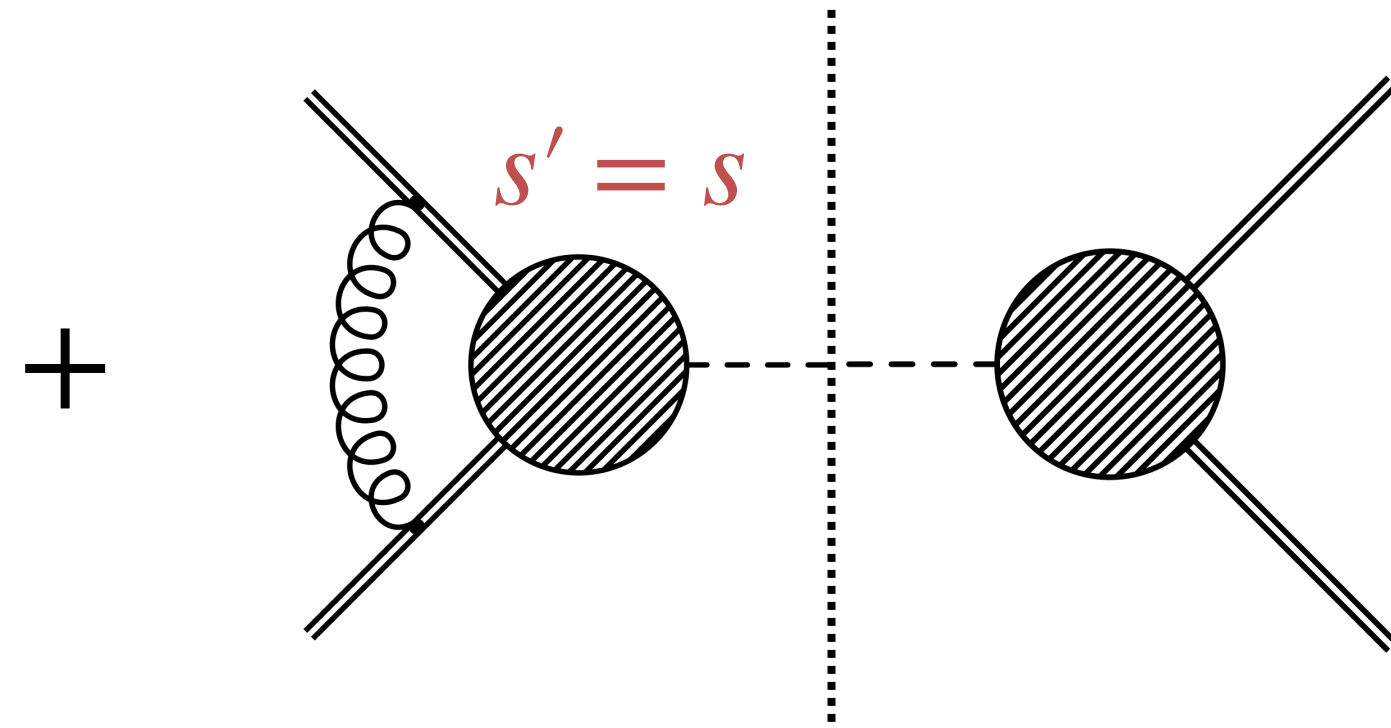
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Diverges for $k \rightarrow 0$ and $k \parallel p$

NLO process

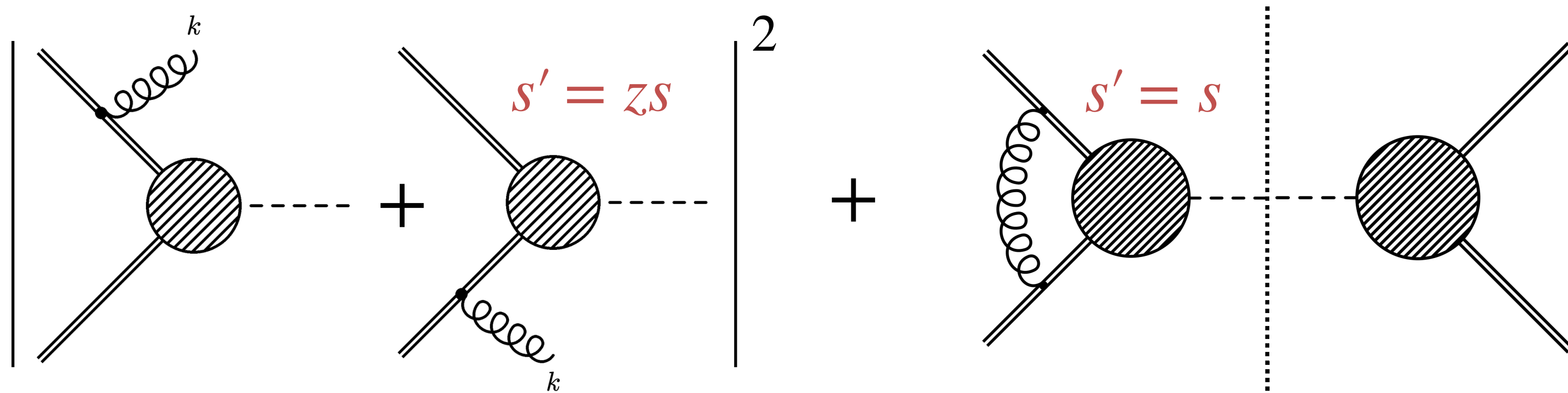


Real emission of a gluon



Virtual exchange of a gluon

Origin of large logarithms



$$\sim \frac{d\sigma_1}{dz} = \alpha_s \left(c_1 \left(\frac{\ln(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ + d_1 \delta(1-z) + f_1 \right)$$

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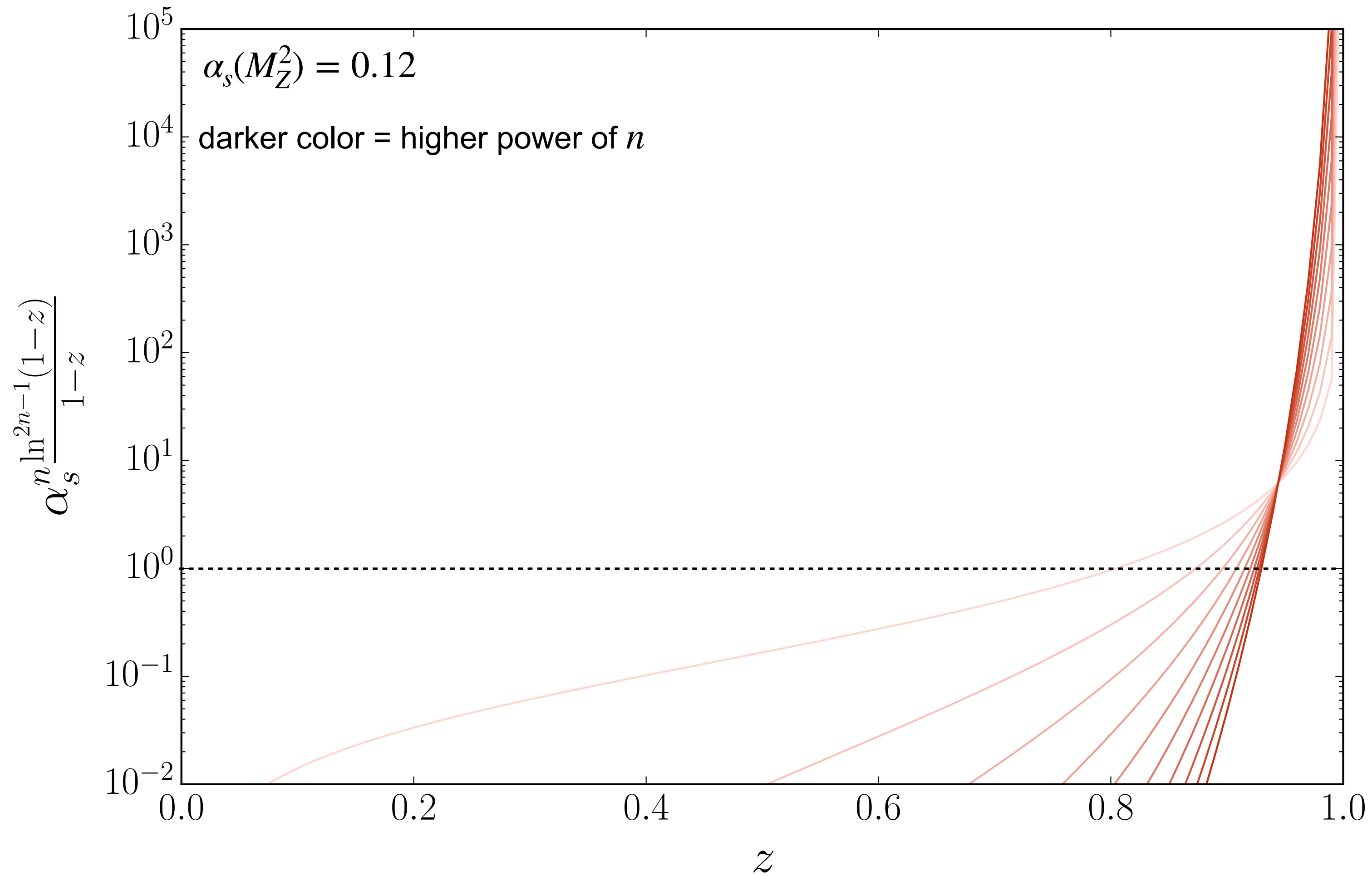
for $z \rightarrow 1$ this is not small...

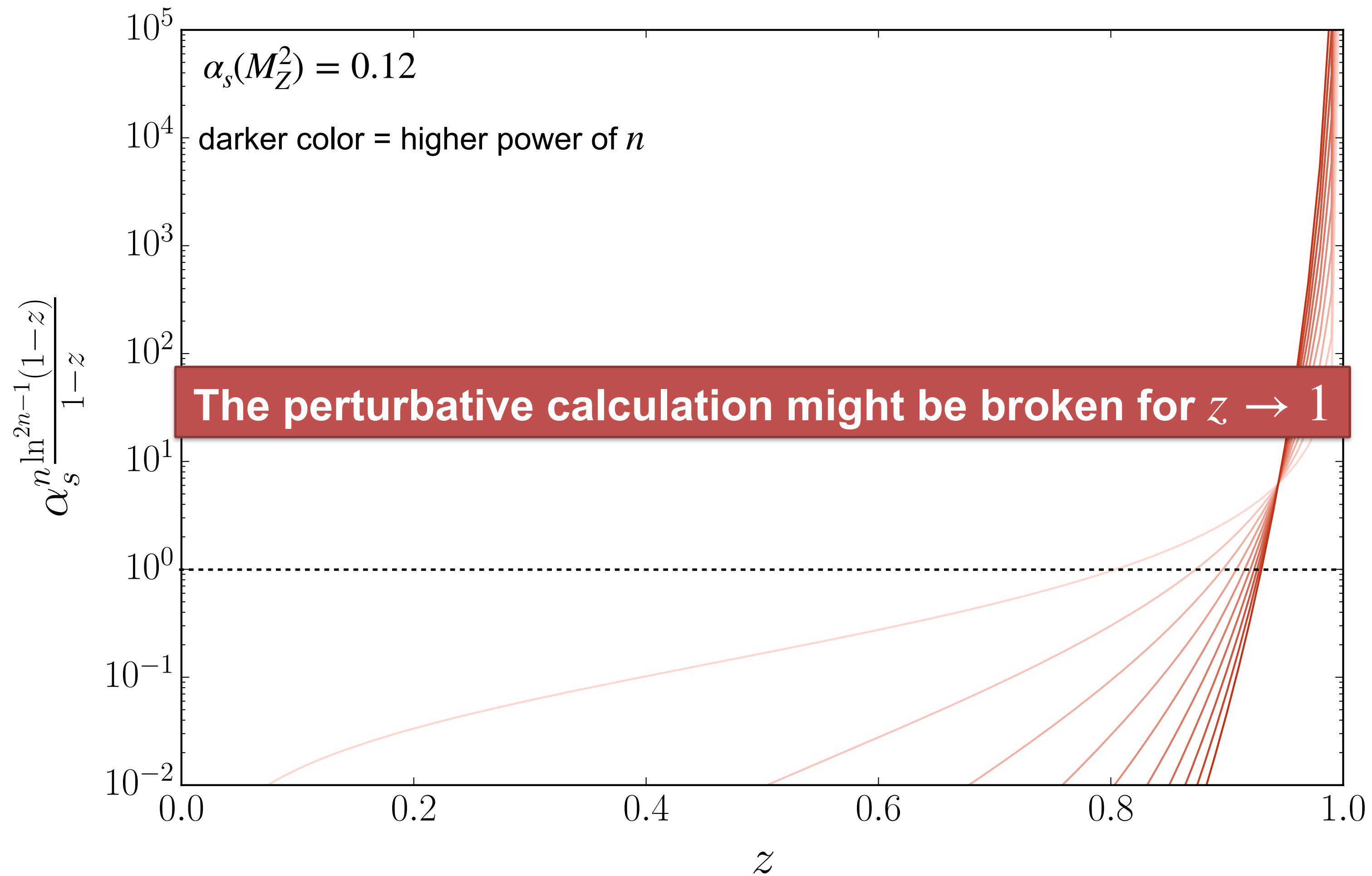
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It gets worse...

There is no guarantee that the next order will get smaller!

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dz} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \left[\sum_{m=0}^{2n-1} d_{nm} \left(\frac{\ln^m(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ + d'_n \delta(1-z) + f_n \right]$$





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And we could organize the perturbative series in a new way

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Next-to-Leading-Log (NLL)

How does resummation solve it?

- Prove that the logarithmic terms can be predicted at all orders
- Separate them from the off-shell degrees of freedom
 - This introduces an arbitrary scale and usually asks for a conjugate space to factorize the kinematics*
- Demand that the cross section does not depend on this scale
- Leads to an evolution equation, whose solution is an exponent
 - This means that you have the terms under control at all orders*

Leading-power contributions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dz} \propto \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \left[\sum_{m=0}^{2n-1} d_{nm} \left(\frac{\ln^m(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ + d'_n \delta(1-z) + f_n \right]$$

- Universal process-independent form
- Localized at threshold
- Linked to the soft and collinear divergences
- Resummation well understood

But there is more...

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Next-to-leading-power contributions

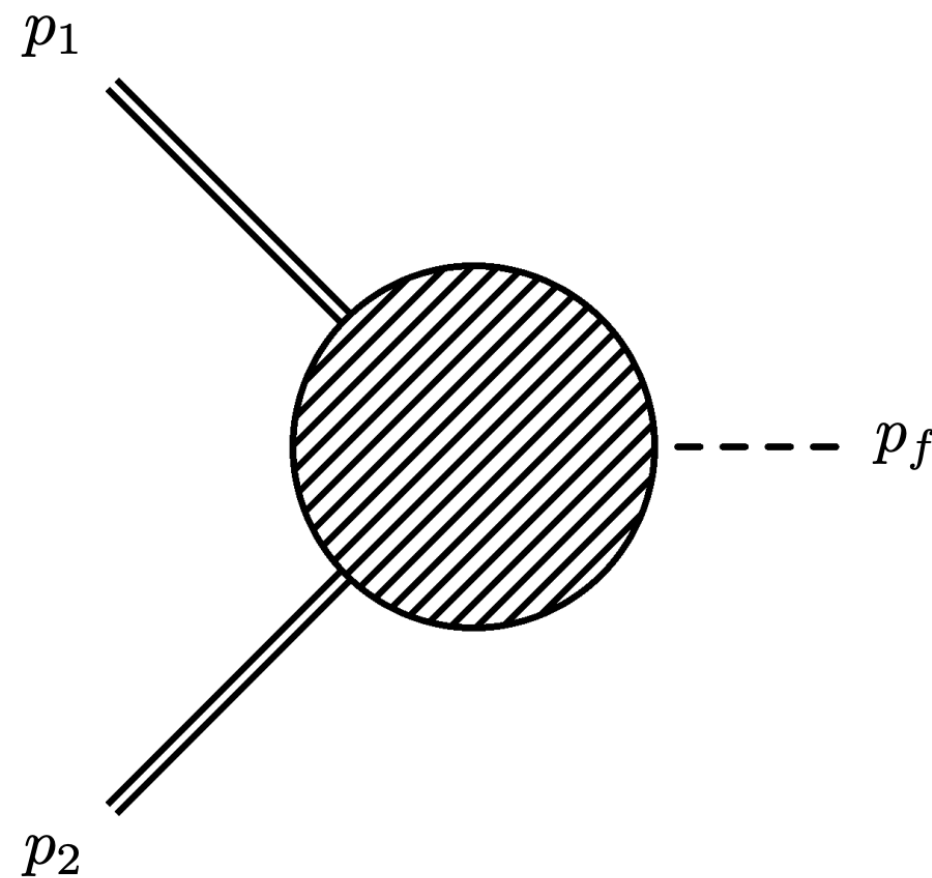
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- Suppressed to leading power, but still singular
- No *general* resummation framework for these!
- Check of higher order corrections
- Might be relevant experimentally
- Might help to reduce scale uncertainties

2. What is the origin of these next-to-leading power logarithms?

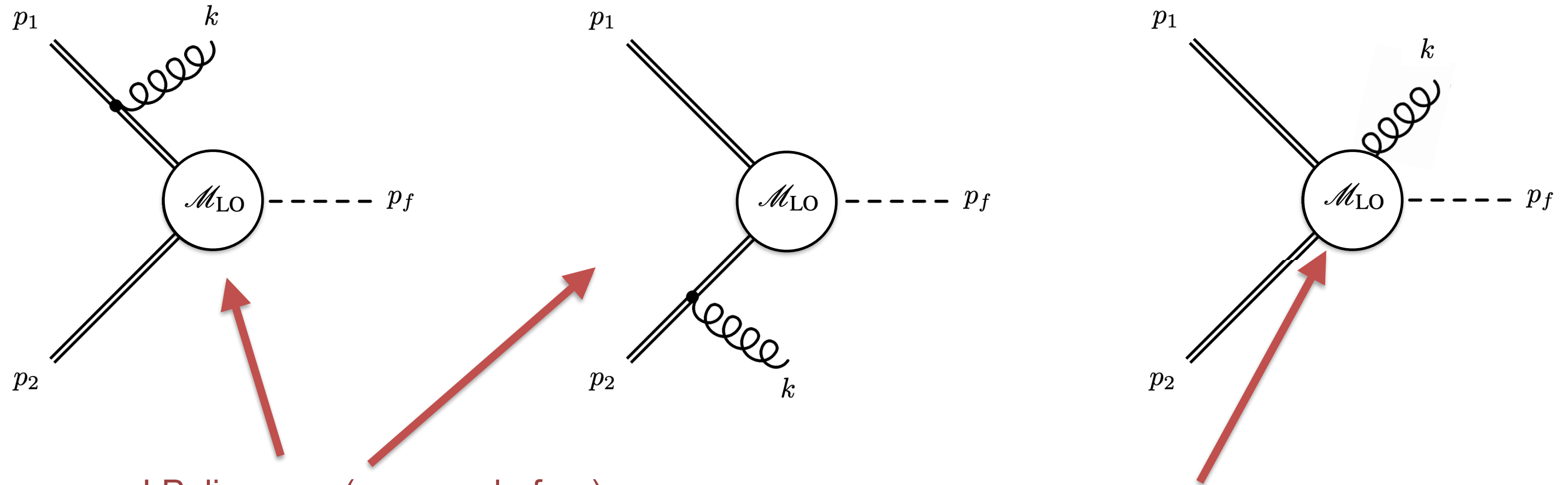
Universality of NLP logs

Let us first examine what happens when a *colorless* final state is produced



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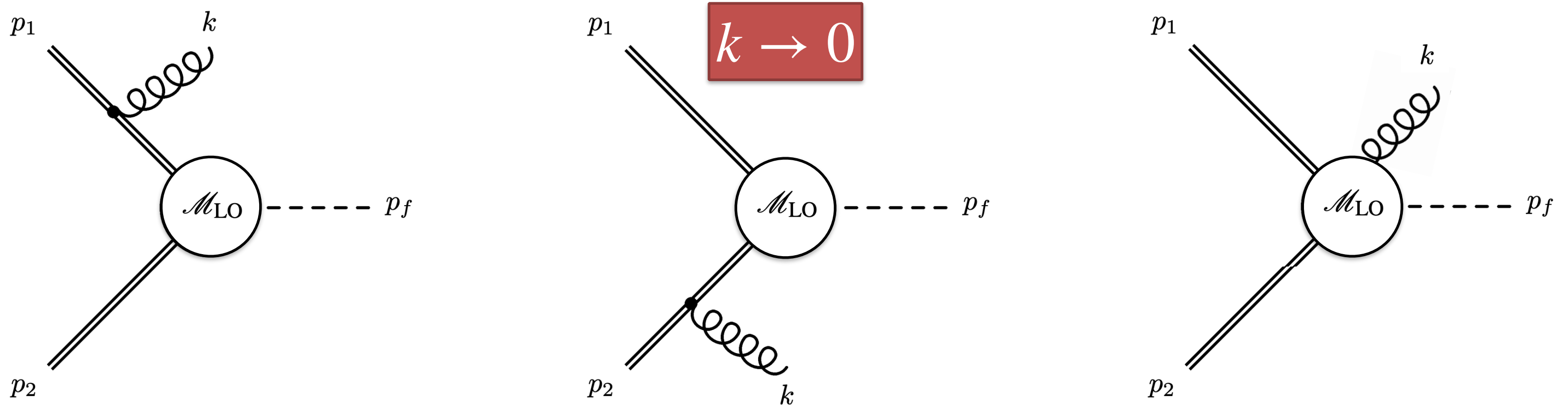
NLO Amplitude at NLP



LP diagrams (same as before)

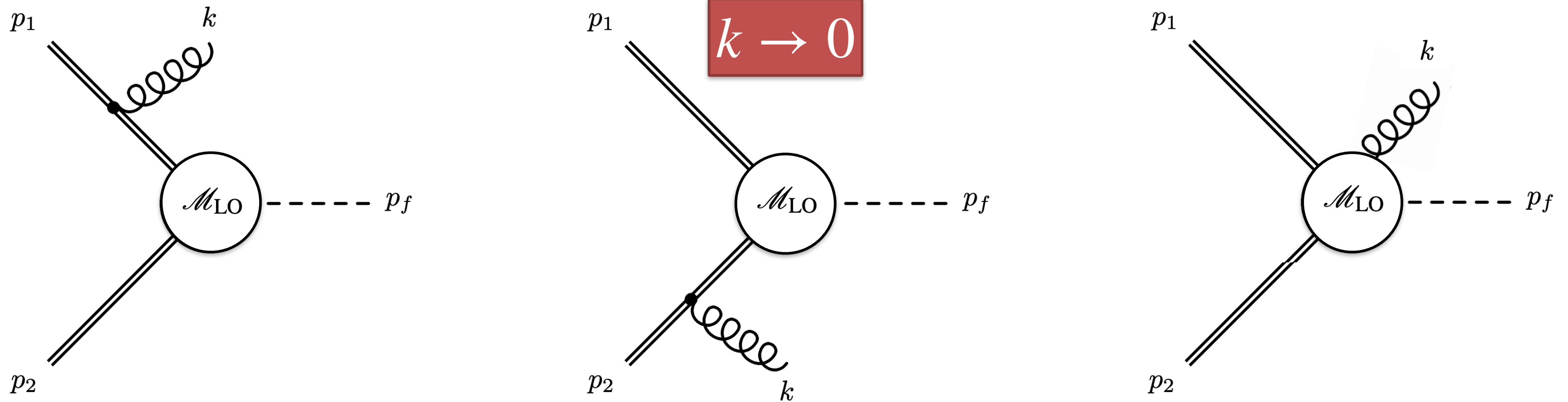
At NLP, also one 'internal' emission contributes

NLO Amplitude at NLP



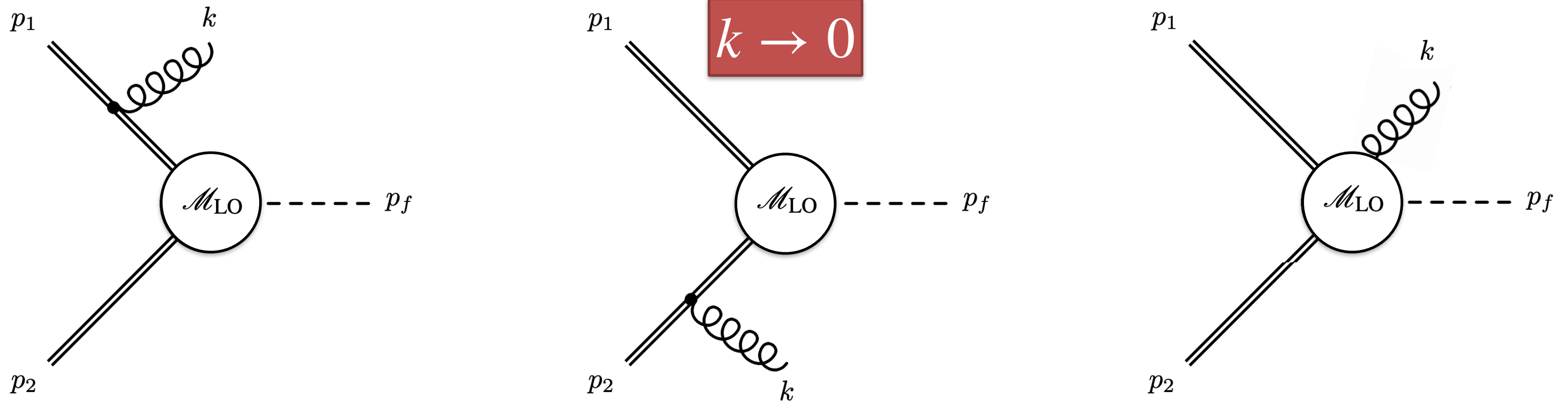
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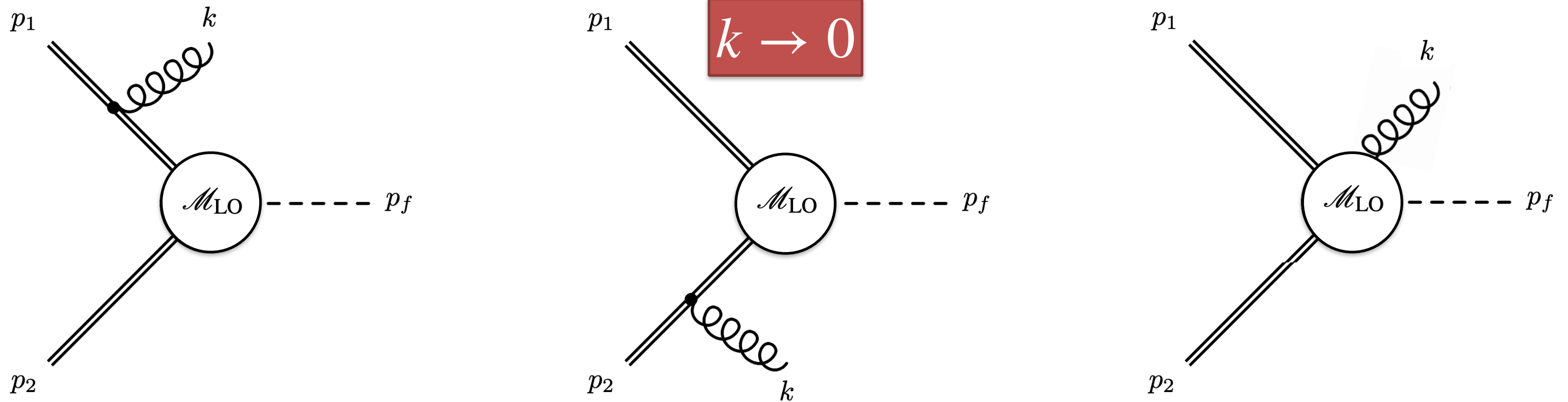
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$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$

NLO Amplitude at NLP

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{NLP}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n=2} \mathbf{T}_i \left(\overset{\text{Scalar}}{\frac{2p_i^\sigma - k^\sigma}{2p_i \cdot k}} - \frac{ik^\alpha}{p_i \cdot k} \Sigma_i^{\sigma\alpha} - \frac{ik^\alpha}{p_i \cdot k} L_i^{\sigma\alpha} \right) \otimes \mathcal{M}_{\text{LO}} \varepsilon_\sigma^*(k)$$
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$\Sigma^{\sigma\alpha} \begin{cases} \frac{i}{4} [\gamma^\sigma, \gamma^\alpha] \equiv S^{\sigma\alpha} \\ i(g^{\rho\sigma} g^{\alpha\nu} - g^{\sigma\nu} g^{\alpha\rho}) \equiv M^{\sigma\alpha, \rho\nu} \end{cases}$

Spin

$\mathcal{O}(1)$

Needs to be inserted at the right place in the matrix element!

NLO Amplitude at NLP

$$L_i^{\sigma\alpha} = -i \left(p_i^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{i\alpha}} - p_i^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{i\sigma}} \right)$$

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Orbital
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*Result is derived by using the soft approximation of the matrix element & the Ward identity
Can also be derived from an all order factorization theorem (see e.g. 1503.05156, 1610.06842)*

Towards the NLP cross section

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$\propto \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$ $\propto \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$

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Eikonal factor

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Shift in Born matrix element

$$\delta p_{i;j}^\alpha \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \left(k^\alpha + \frac{p_j \cdot k}{p_i \cdot p_j} p_i^\alpha - \frac{p_i \cdot k}{p_i \cdot p_j} p_j^\alpha \right)$$

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Integrate over phase space \longrightarrow one obtains all NLP terms!

Demonstrated for DY, (di-)Higgs, VV, in [1706.04018]

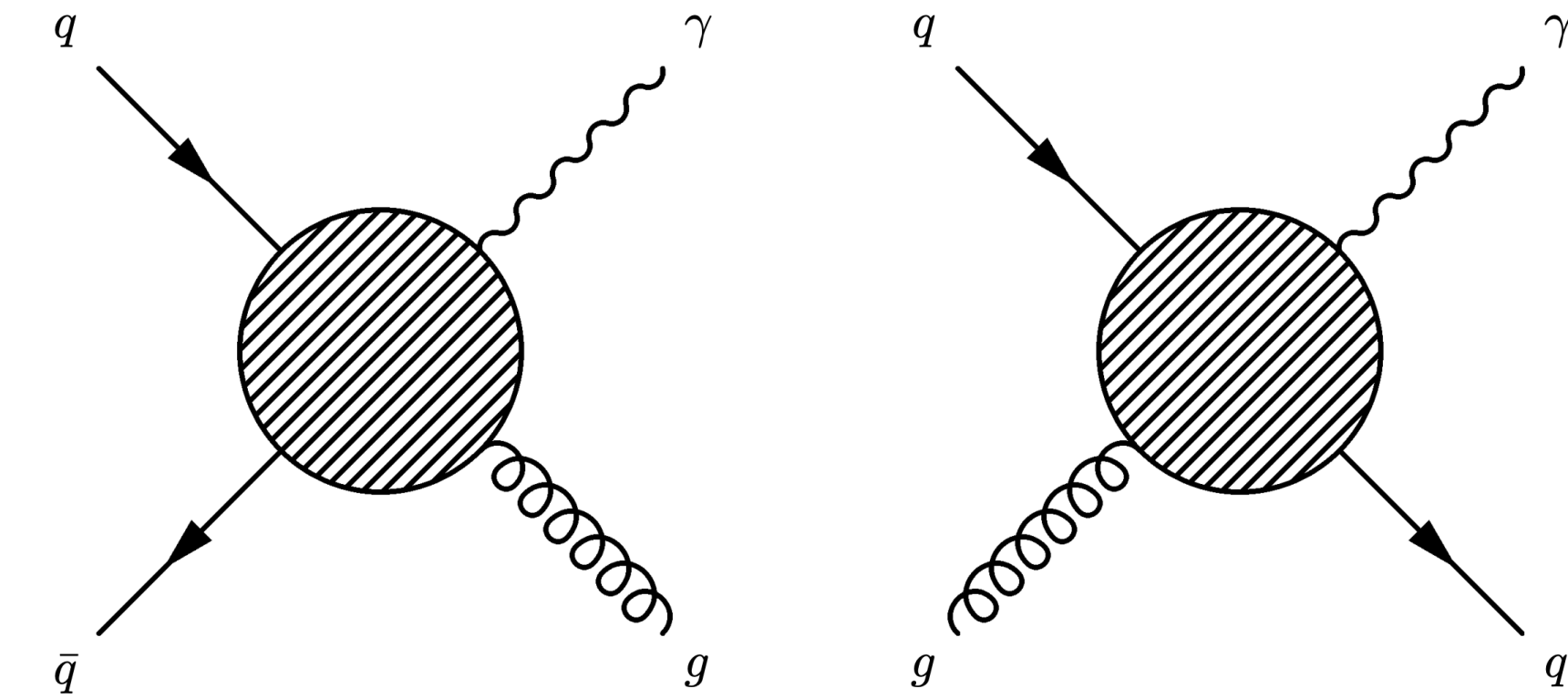
Let's extend these results

- What happens with colored particles in the final state?
- What role do soft quarks play?

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Prompt photon production

$$pp \rightarrow \gamma + X$$



$$u_1 = (p_1 - p_\gamma)^2 = -svw$$

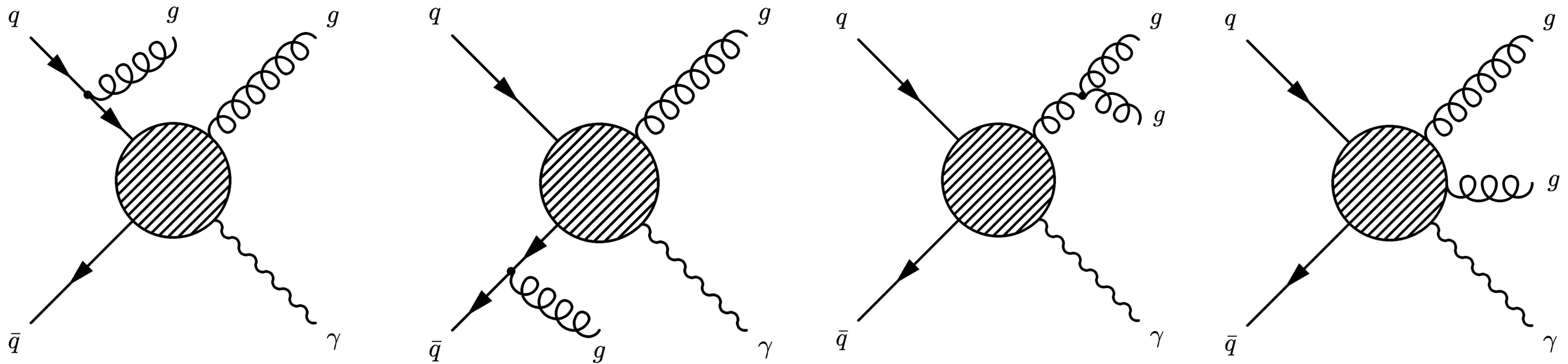
$$t_1 = (p_2 - p_\gamma)^2 = -s(1 - v)$$

$$s_4 = (p_1 + p_2 - p_\gamma)^2 = sv(1 - w)$$

Photon recoils against hard radiation, singular behavior for $w \rightarrow 1$

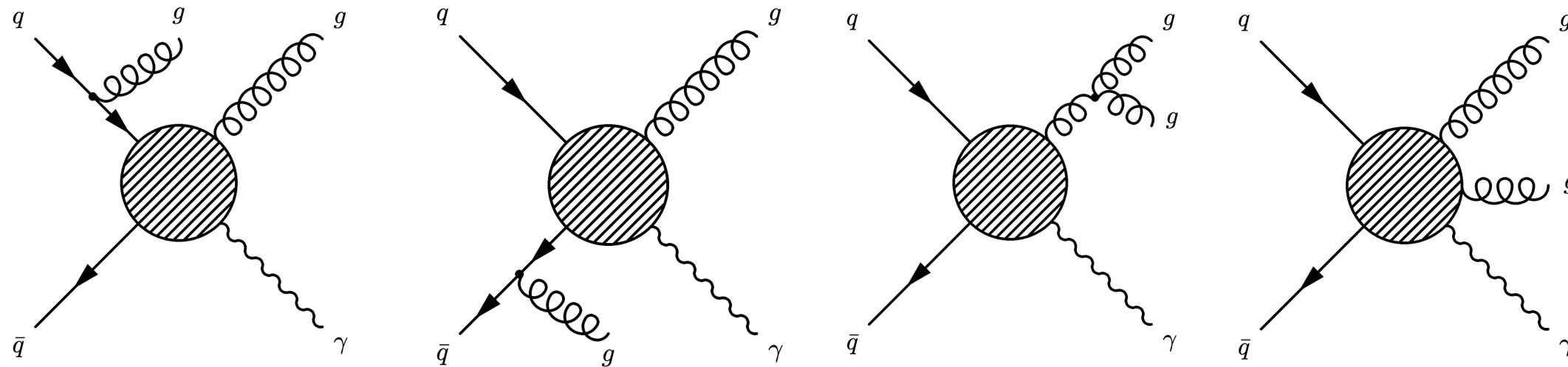
Simplest channel: $q\bar{q}$

$$q(p_1)\bar{q}(p_2) \rightarrow \gamma(p_\gamma)g(k)g(p_R)$$

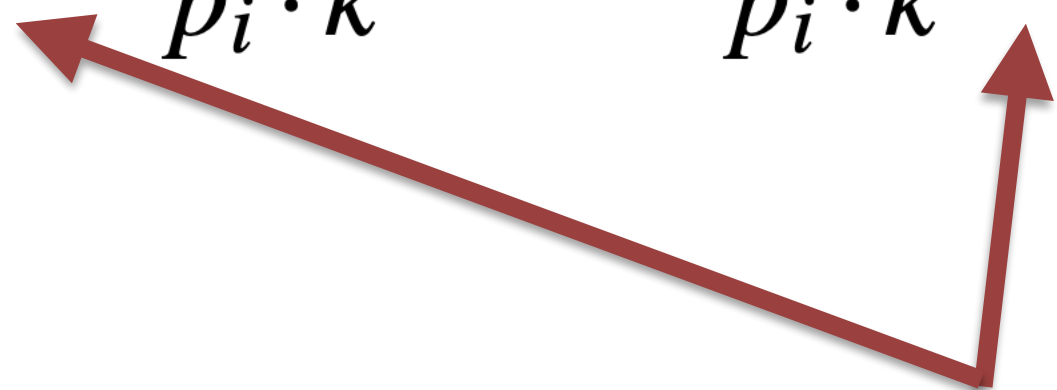


Similar NLP amplitude emerges!

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Difference:
sign change for final state radiation

Towards the NLP cross section

Process: $q(p_1)\bar{q}(p_2) \rightarrow \gamma(p_\gamma)g(k)g(p_R)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{A}_{\text{NLP},q\bar{q}}|^2 &= \frac{C_F}{C_A} \left[C_F \frac{2p_1 \cdot p_2}{(p_1 \cdot k)(p_2 \cdot k)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{LO}}^{q\bar{q}}(p_1 + \delta p_{1;2}, p_2 + \delta p_{2;1}) \right|^2 \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} C_A \frac{2p_1 \cdot p_R}{(p_1 \cdot k)(p_R \cdot k)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{LO}}^{q\bar{q}}(p_1 + \delta p_{1;R}, p_R - \delta p_{R;1}) \right|^2 \\
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Towards the NLP cross section

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Eikonal factors

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Interferences are created!

Towards the NLP cross section

Process: $q(p_1)\bar{q}(p_2) \rightarrow \gamma(p_\gamma)g(k)g(p_R)$

Shifts in Born amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{A}_{\text{NLP},q\bar{q}}|^2 &= \frac{C_F}{C_A} \left[C_F \frac{2p_1 \cdot p_2}{(p_1 \cdot k)(p_2 \cdot k)} \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{LO}}^{q\bar{q}}(p_1 + \delta p_{1;2}, p_2 + \delta p_{2;1}) \right|^2 \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Towards the NLP cross section

Process: $q(p_1)\bar{q}(p_2) \rightarrow \gamma(p_\gamma)g(k)g(p_R)$

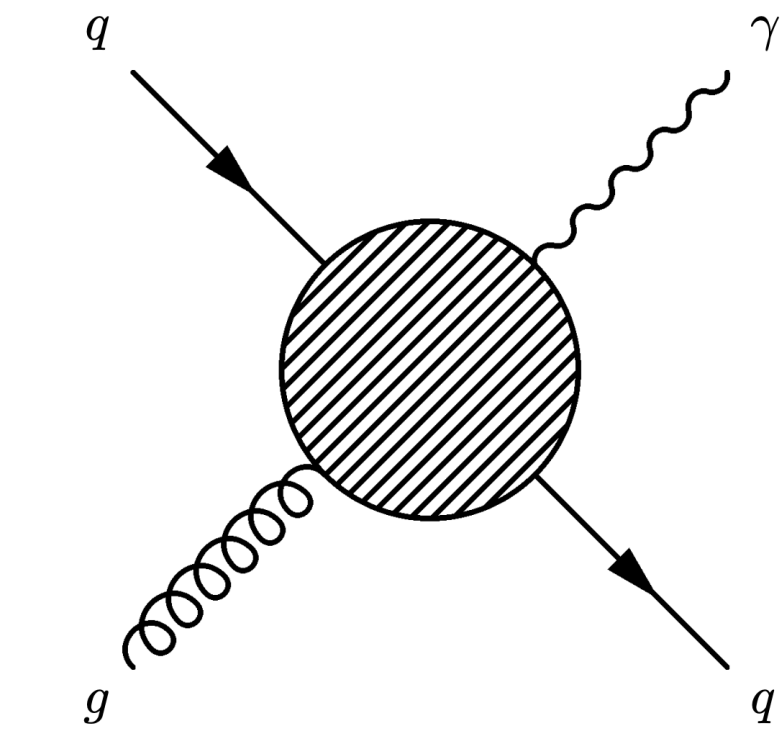
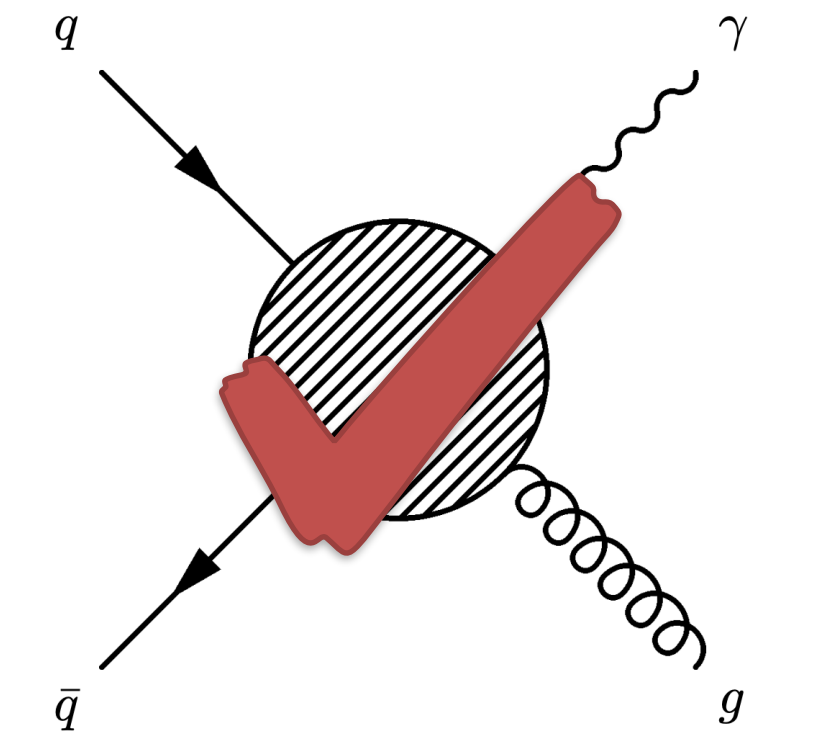
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After integration over phase space all LL terms up to NLP are obtained. Missing LP NLL terms are recovered by adding the $g \rightarrow gg(q\bar{q})$ splittings.

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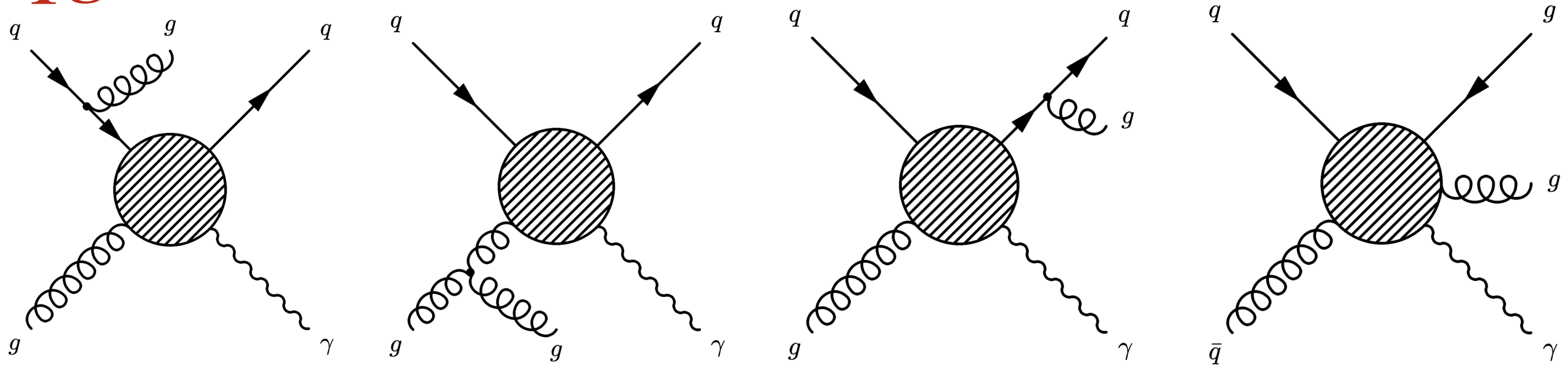
Process that addresses all questions

Prompt photon production $pp \rightarrow \gamma + X$



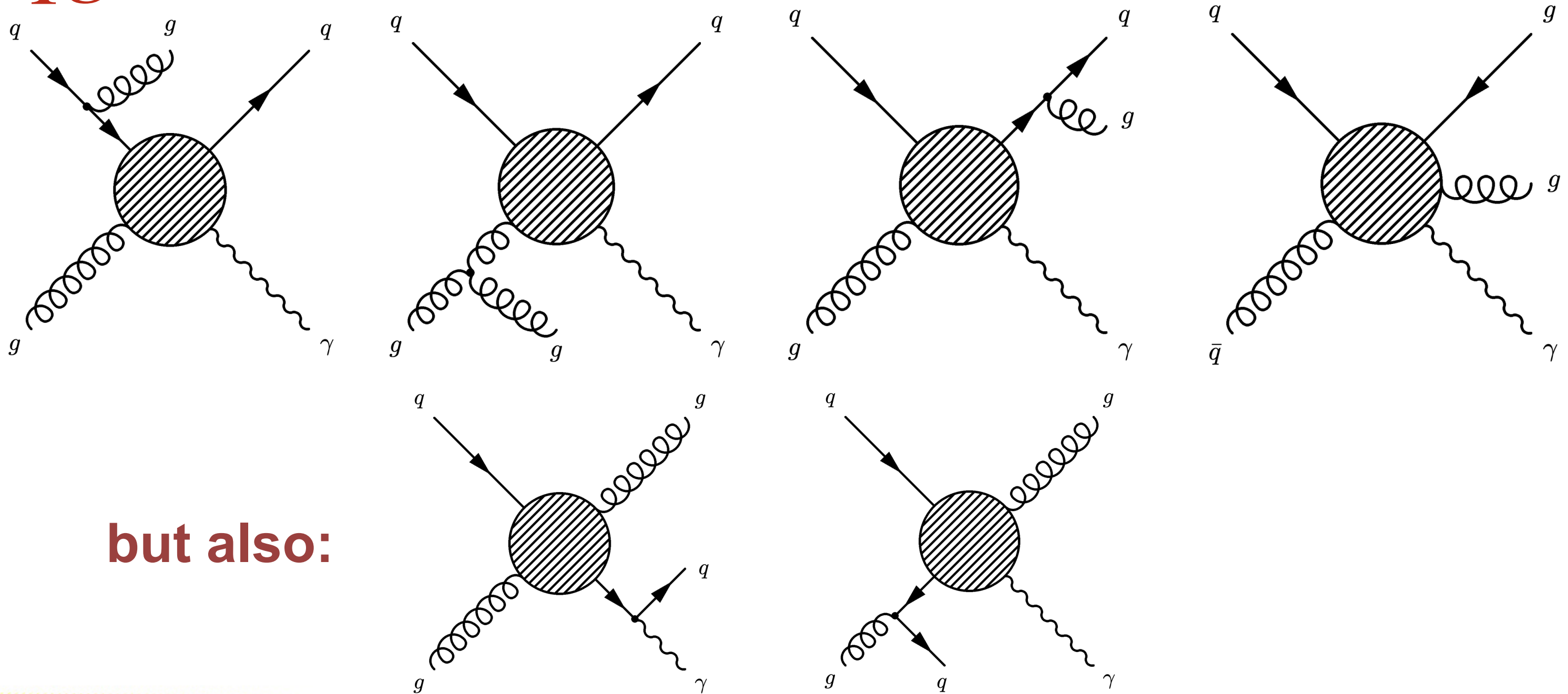
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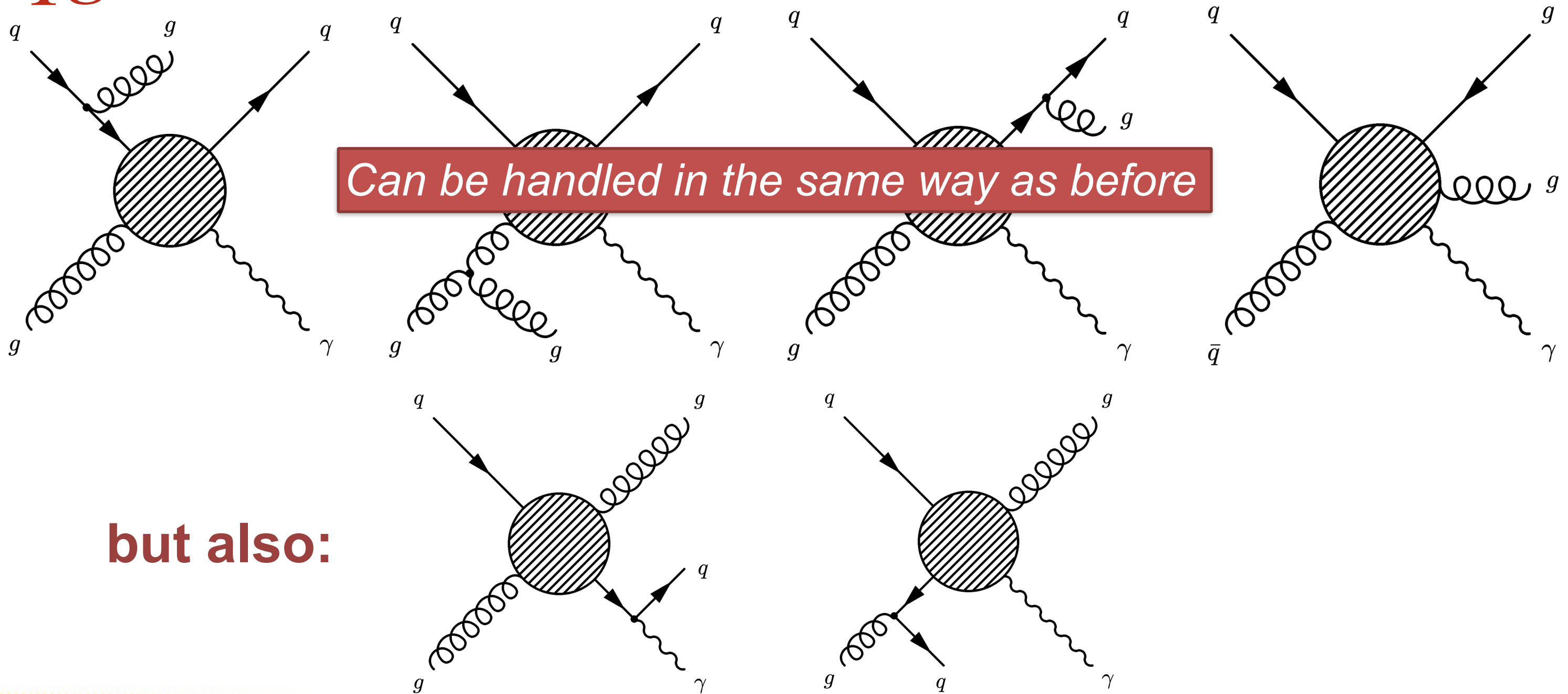
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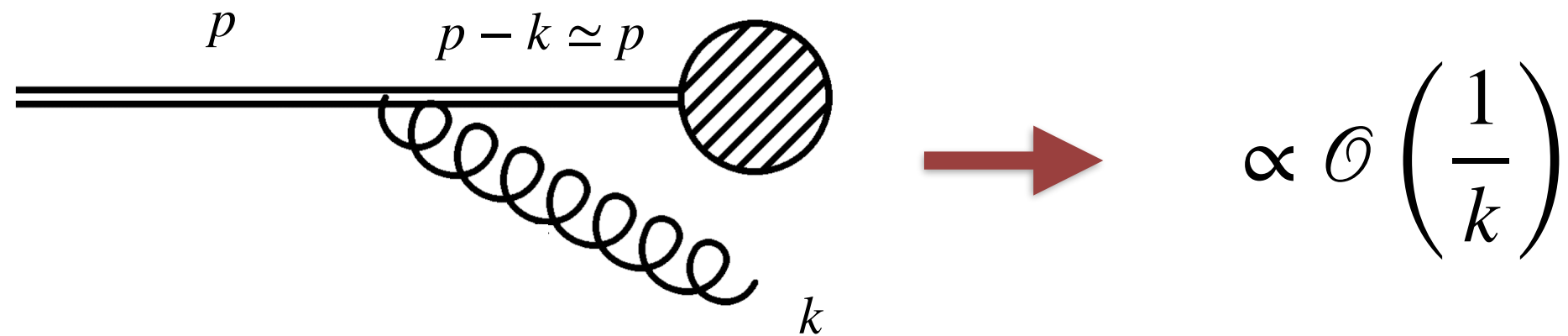
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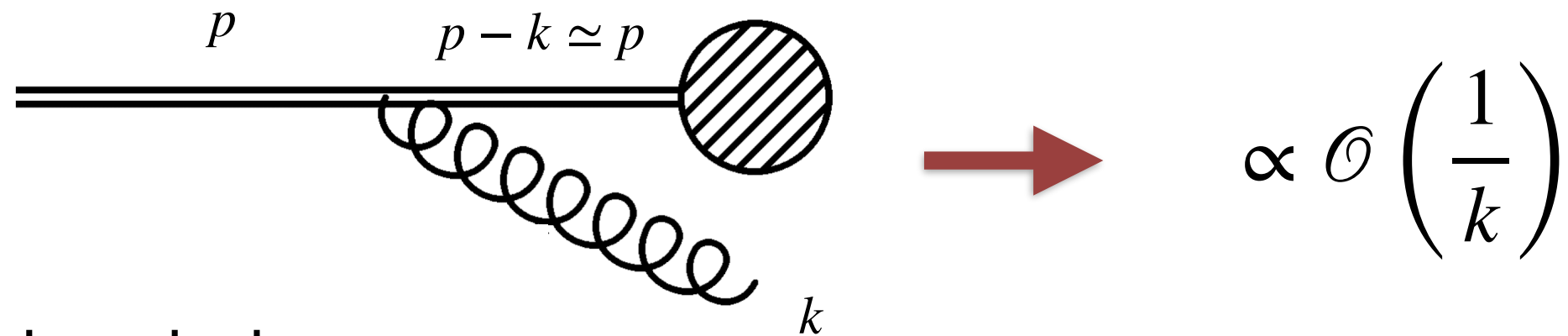
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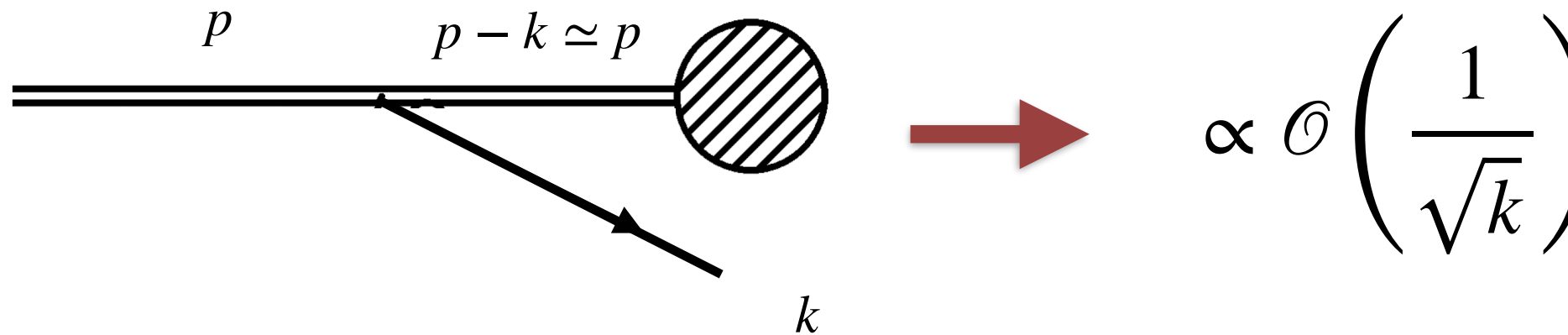


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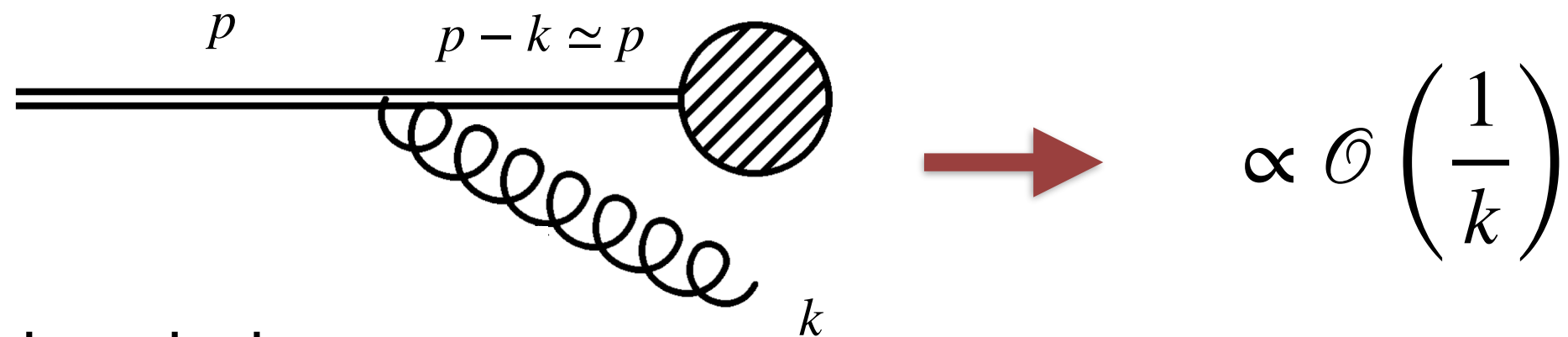


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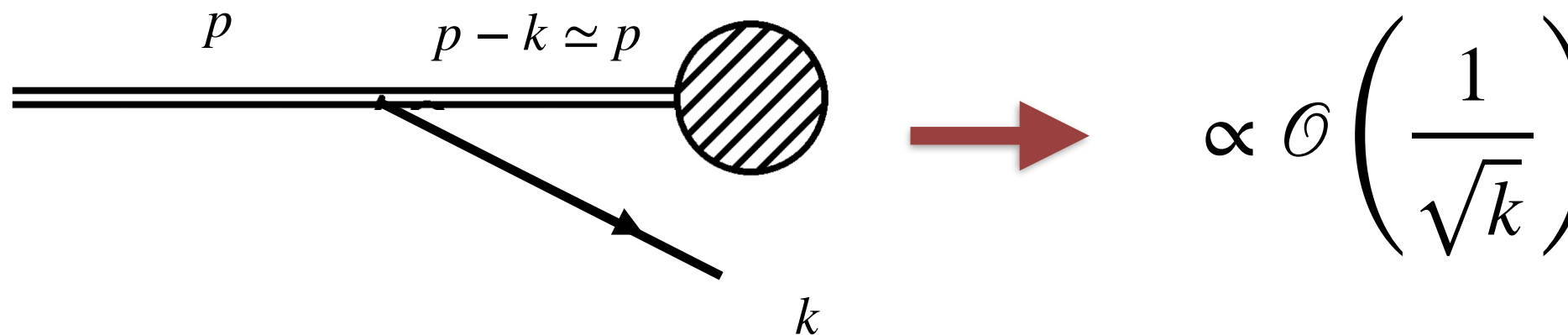


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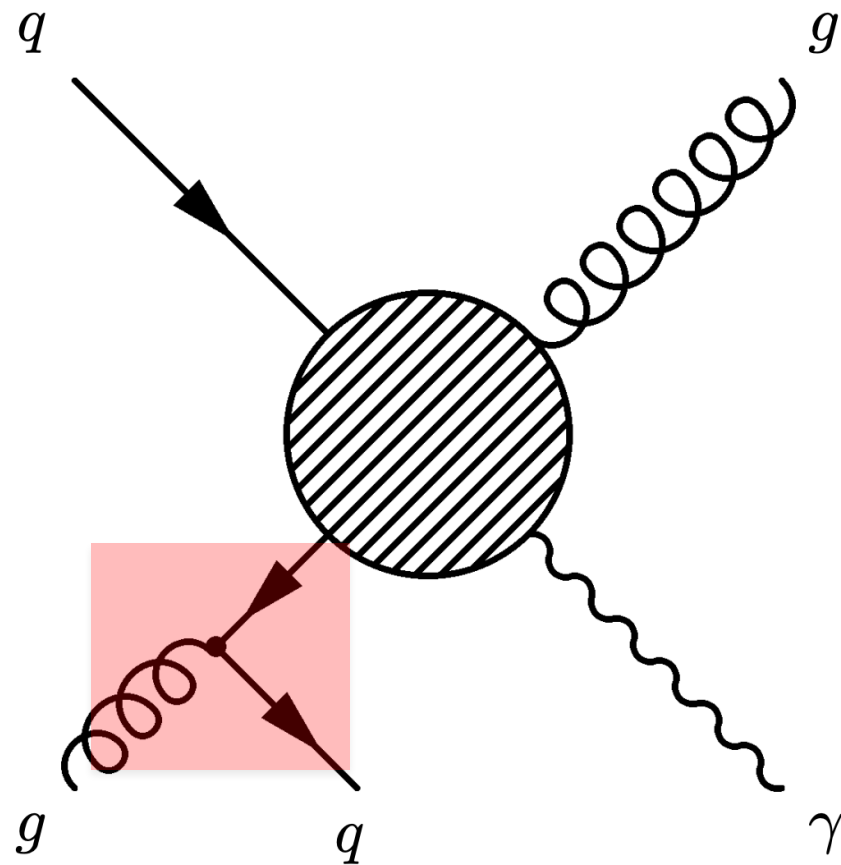


Soft quark emission:



How to handle the soft quark contributions?

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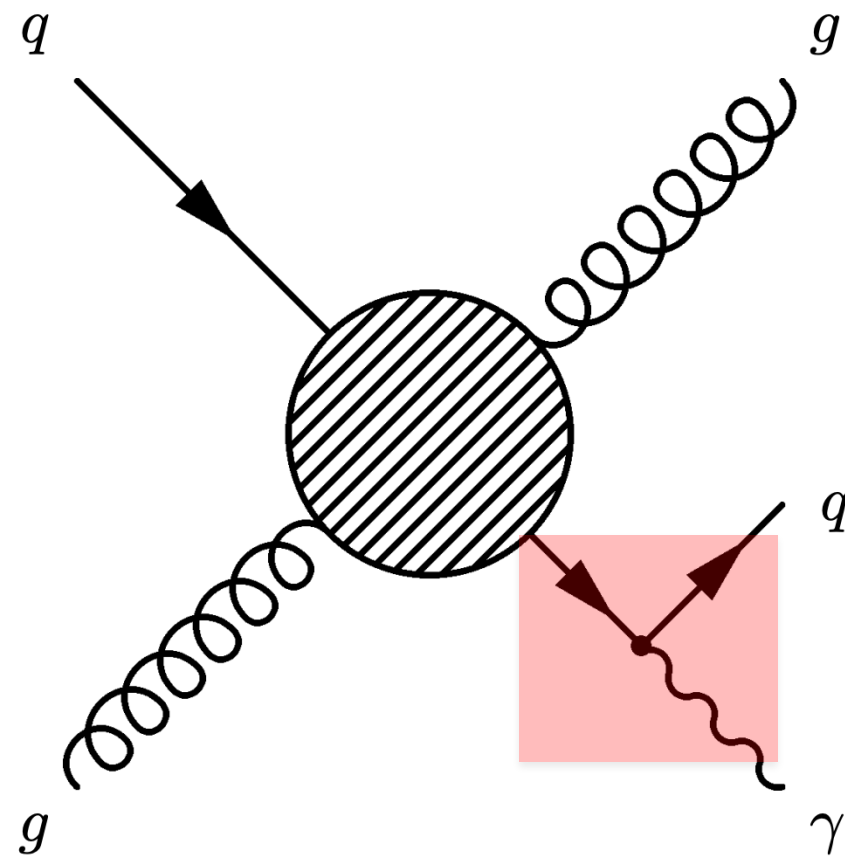


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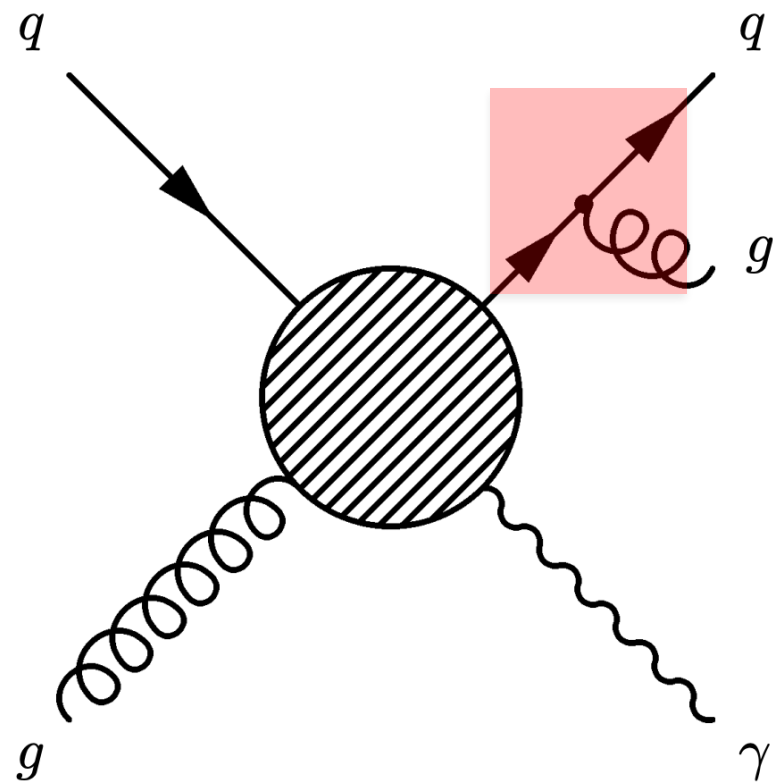


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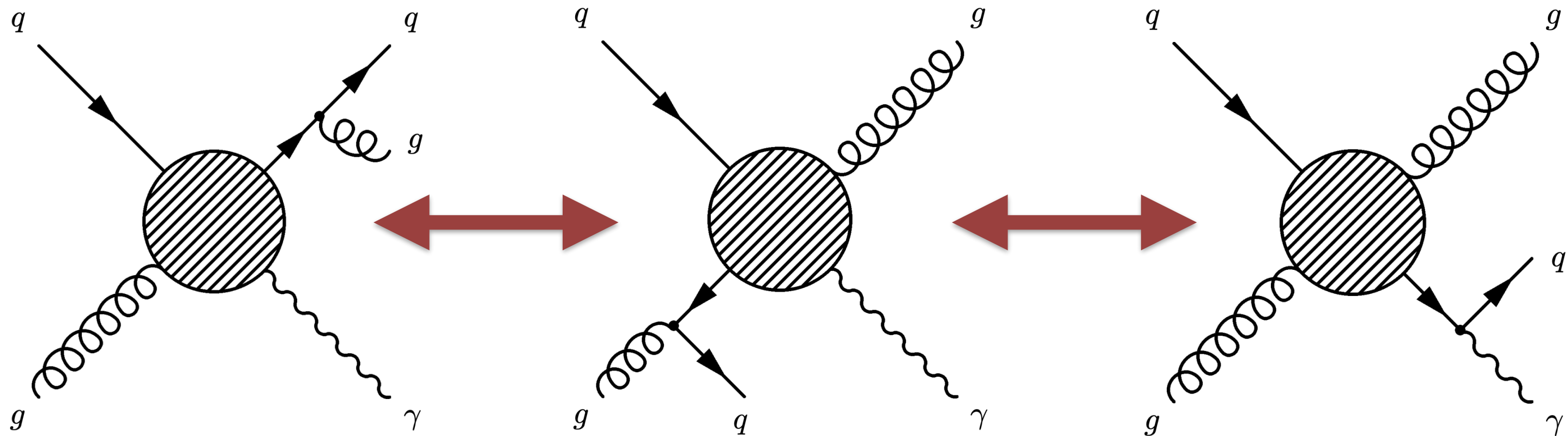
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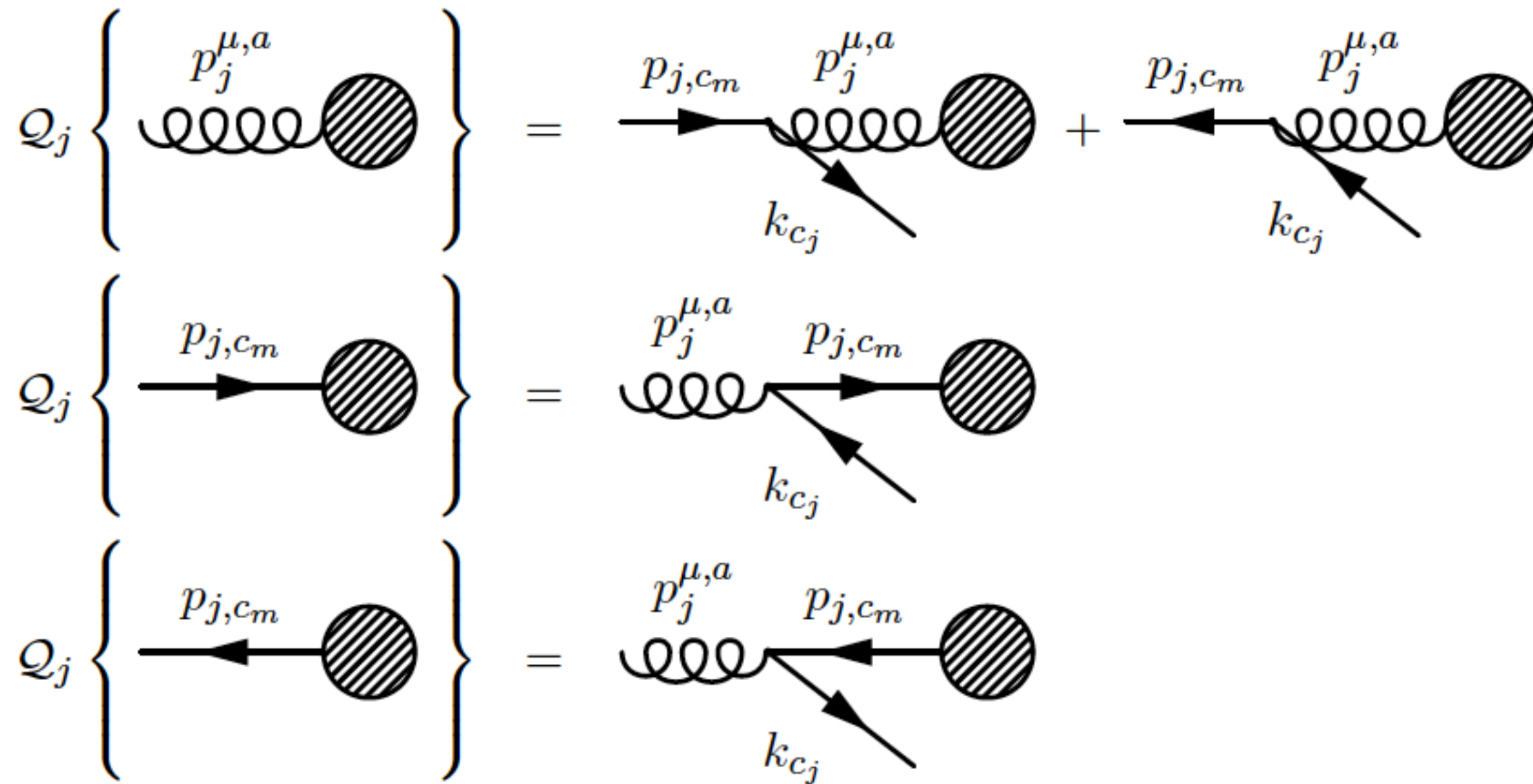
Either g or q can become soft, or $q||g$

Leads to $\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right)_+$ contributions, since final state partons are *unobserved*

And they interfere!



Quark emission operator (schematically)



Full NLP NLO amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_{\text{NLP}} = & \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{T}_i \left(\frac{2p_i^\sigma - k^\sigma}{2p_i \cdot k} - \frac{ik^\alpha}{p_i \cdot k} \Sigma_i^{\sigma\alpha} - \frac{ik^\alpha}{p_i \cdot k} L_i^{\sigma\alpha} \right) \otimes \mathcal{M}_{\text{LO}} \\
 & + \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{T}_i \frac{1}{2p_i \cdot k} Q_i \otimes \mathcal{M}_{i,\text{LO}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Soft gluon contribution

Soft quark contribution

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Take-home message 1:

Soft quarks and gluons generate all NLP LL contributions at NLO

Open questions:

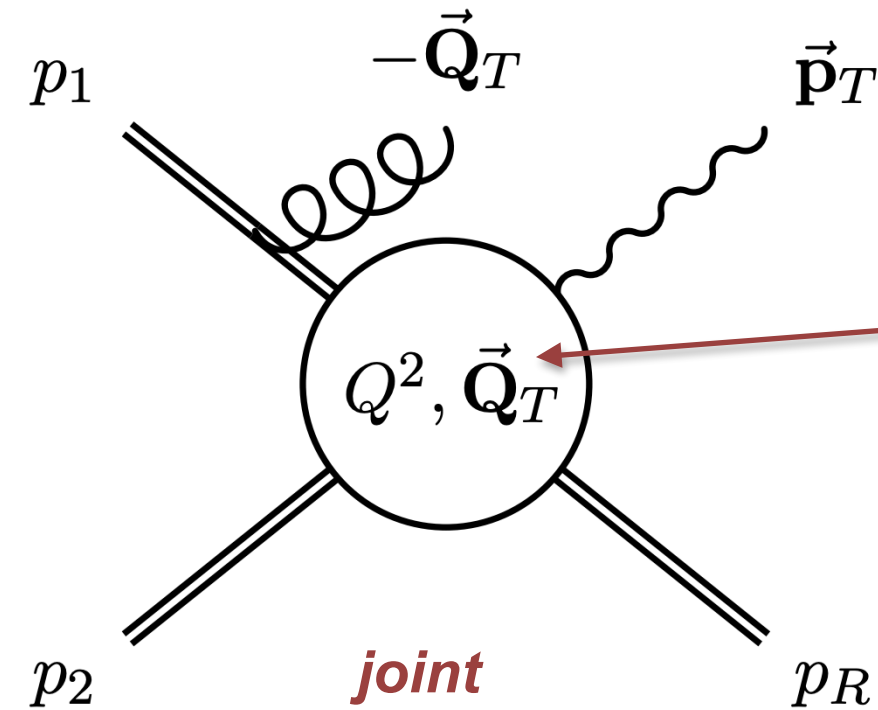
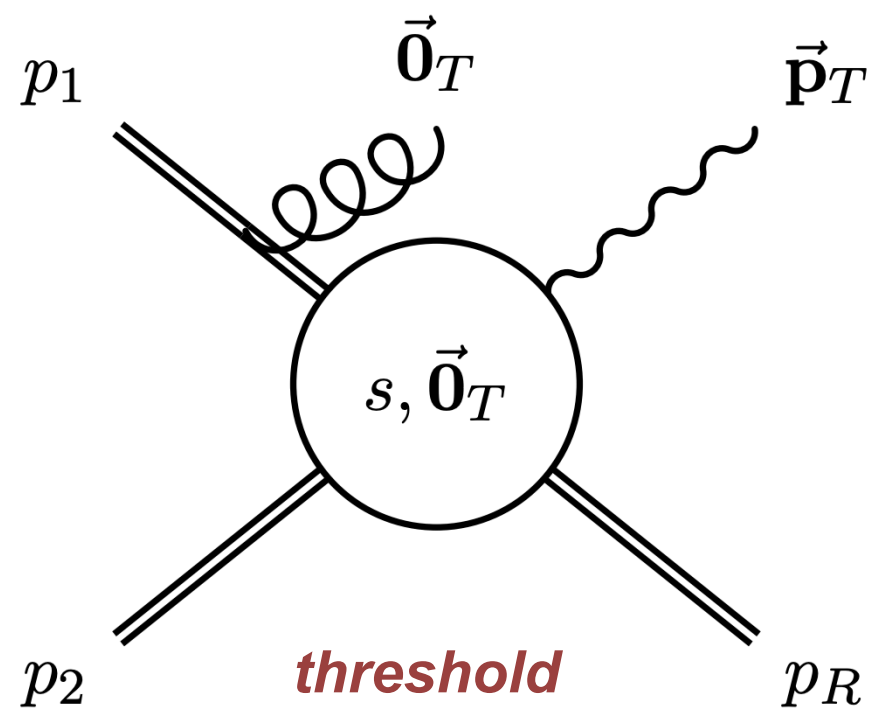
1. *How does this extend to higher orders?*
2. *What happens at NLP NLL, in particular with final state next-to-collinear contributions?*

3. What is the numerical impact of NLP logarithms?

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NLP resummation of prompt photon

- Threshold resummation of powers of $\ln(1 - x_T^2)$ with $x_T^2 = \frac{4p_T^2}{s}$
- We consider joint resummation of threshold and recoil to NLL, $\tilde{x}_T^2 = \frac{4p_T^2}{Q^2}$



Can lower the invariant mass Q^2 necessary to produce the photon

Joint resummation

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Mellin transform hard scattering

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PDFs

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Fourier transform

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Inverse Mellin transform

The inverse transform links threshold and recoil logs. To recover threshold resummation: put \mathbf{Q}_T to zero.

Approximation of kinematic function

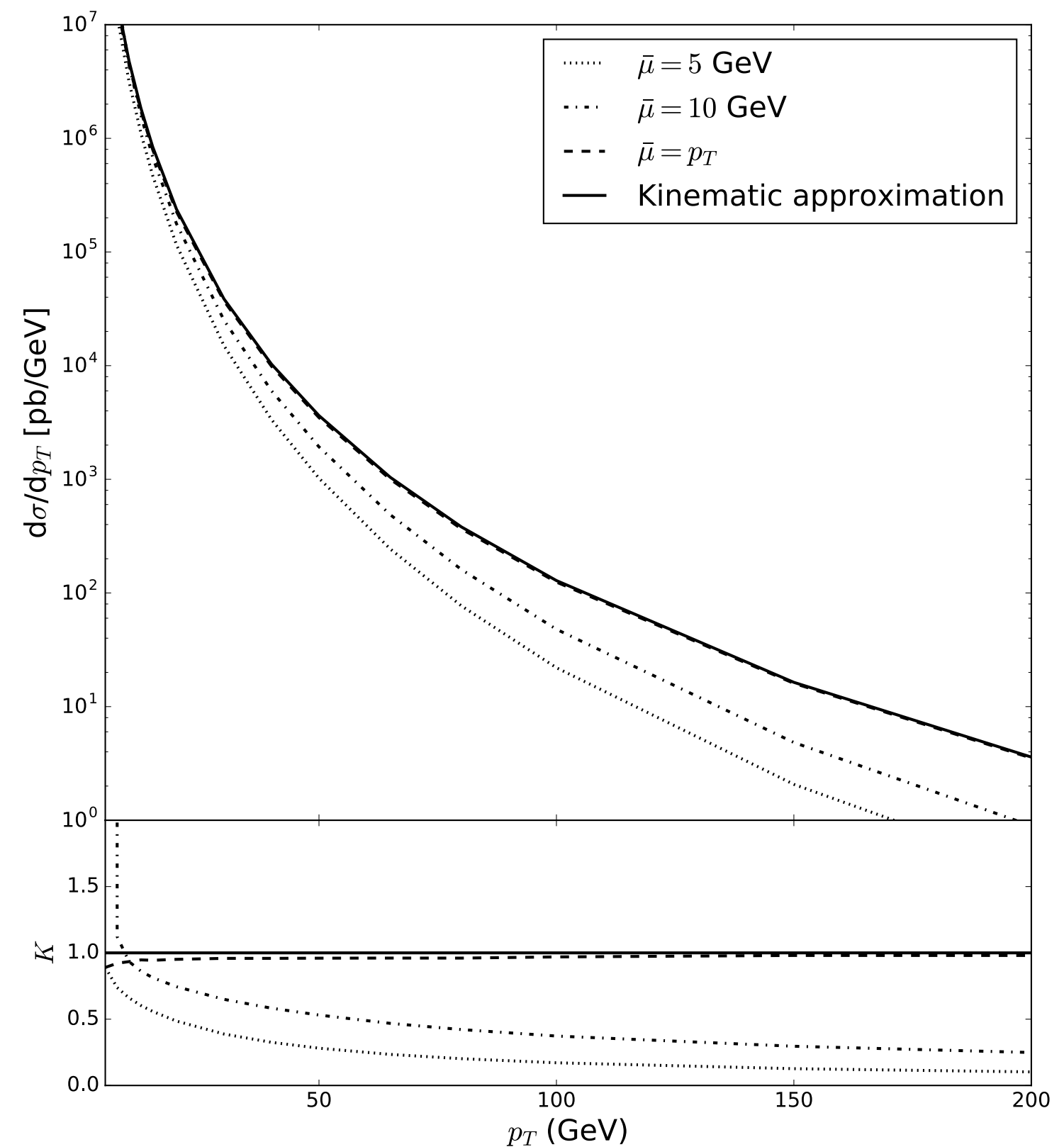
$$\left(\frac{S}{4(\mathbf{p}_T - \mathbf{Q}_T/2)^2} \right)^{N+1} = \left(\frac{4p_T^2}{S} \right)^{-N-1} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{Q}_T}{p_T^2} + \frac{Q_T^2}{4p_T^2} \right)^{-N-1}$$
$$\simeq (x_T^2)^{-N-1} \exp \left[(N+1) \frac{\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{Q}_T}{p_T^2} [1 + \mathcal{O}(Q_T/p_T)] \right]$$

Produces $\delta(\mathbf{b} - i(N+1)\mathbf{p}_T/p_T^2)$ when integrated over $\int \frac{d^2\mathbf{Q}_T}{(2\pi)^2}$

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Approximation

- Reduces the 5D integral to 1D
- Numerically more stable
- Converges to the result obtained by setting $\bar{\mu} = p_T = Q_T/2$



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There is no general NLP resummation framework, but can we make an educated guess?

Extension to NLP

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Joint resummation:

- Recoil can be separated from threshold resummation.
- Gives NLP contribution for $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Threshold resummation at NLP

Isolate pure threshold behavior in:

$$\begin{aligned} E_a^{\text{thres}}(N, Q, \mu_F, \mu) &= - \int_{Q^2}^{Q^2/\bar{N}^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T^2)) \ln\left(\frac{\bar{N}k_T}{Q}\right) \\ &\quad - \ln \bar{N} \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T^2)) . \\ &= \int_0^1 dz \frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1-z} \int_{\mu_F^2}^{(1-z)^2 Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T^2)) \end{aligned}$$

How to 'dress' this with NLP contributions?

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Option 1: $\frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1 - z} A_a^{(1)} \rightarrow \left(\frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1 - z} - z^{N-1} \right) A_a^{(1)}$

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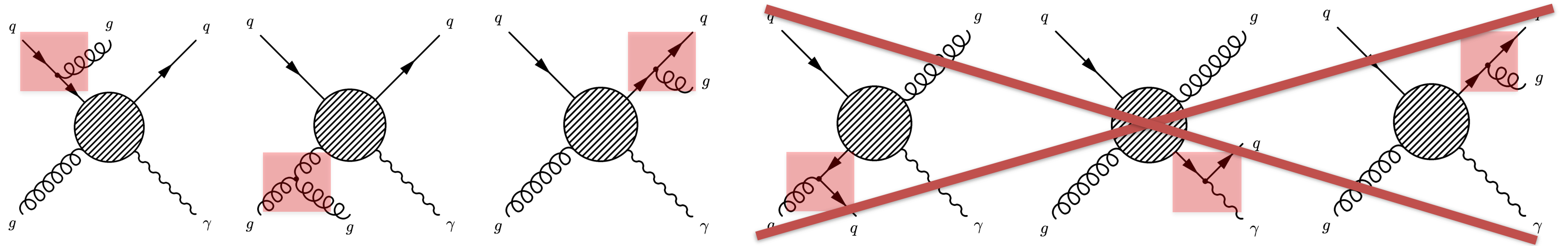
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Option 2: $= - \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2/\bar{N}^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T^2)) \ln \bar{N} \rightarrow - \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2/\bar{N}^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} P_{aa}(\alpha_s(k_T^2))$

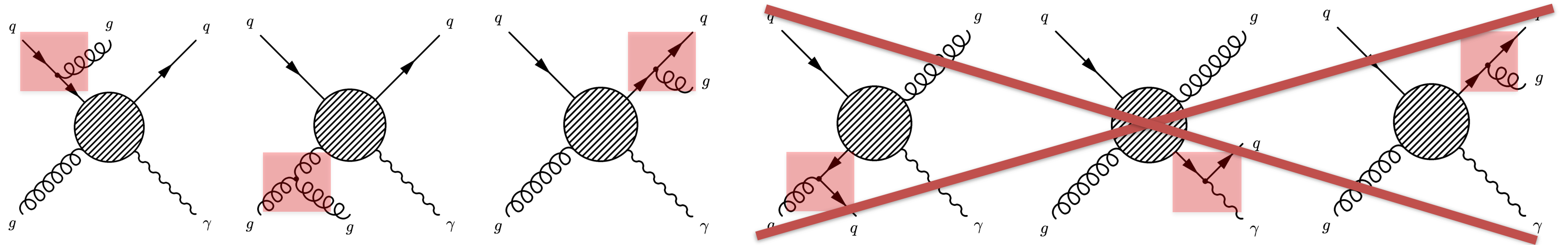
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Splitting functions



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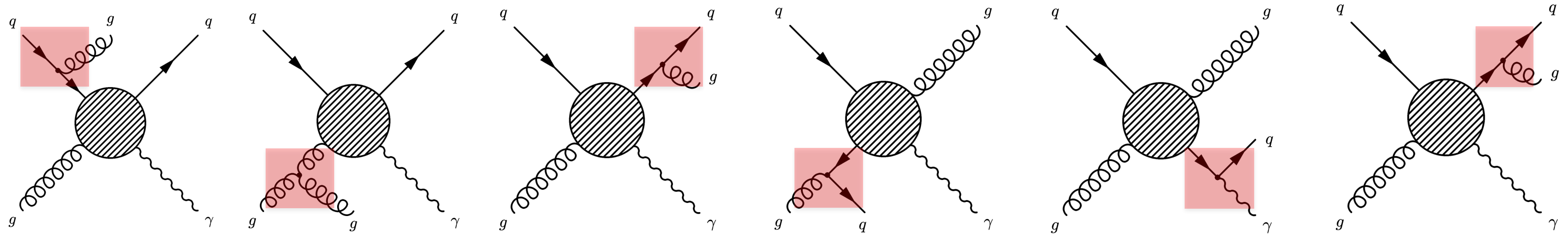


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$$P_{q \rightarrow q+g}^{(1)} = C_F \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right)_+ \stackrel{\text{NLP}}{=} 2C_F \left[\left(\frac{1}{1-z} \right)_+ - 1 \right]$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow g+g}^{(1)} = 2C_A \left[\left(\frac{z}{1-z} \right)_+ + \frac{1-z}{z} + z(1-z) \right] \stackrel{\text{NLP}}{=} 2C_A \left[\left(\frac{1}{1-z} \right)_+ - 1 \right]$$

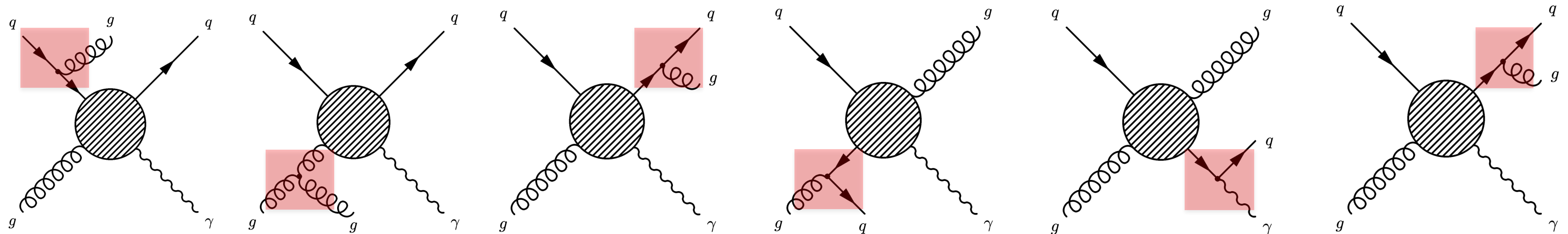
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Option 2a: Include only diagonal contributions up to NLP

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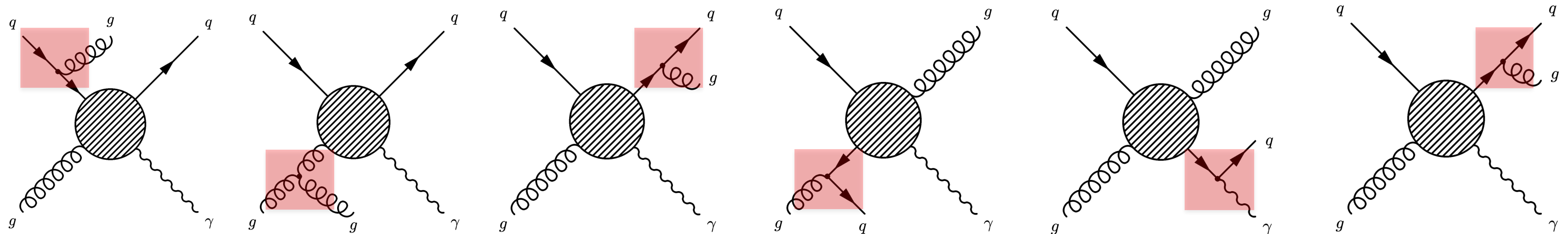


Option 2a: Include only diagonal contributions up to NLP

Option 2b: Include also off-diagonal contributions up to NLP

$$P_{q \rightarrow g+q}^{(1)} = C_F \left[\frac{1 + (1-z)^2}{z} \right] \stackrel{\text{NLP}}{=} C_F \quad P_{g \rightarrow q+\bar{q}}^{(1)} = T_R [z^2 + (1-z)^2] \stackrel{\text{NLP}}{=} T_R$$

Splitting functions



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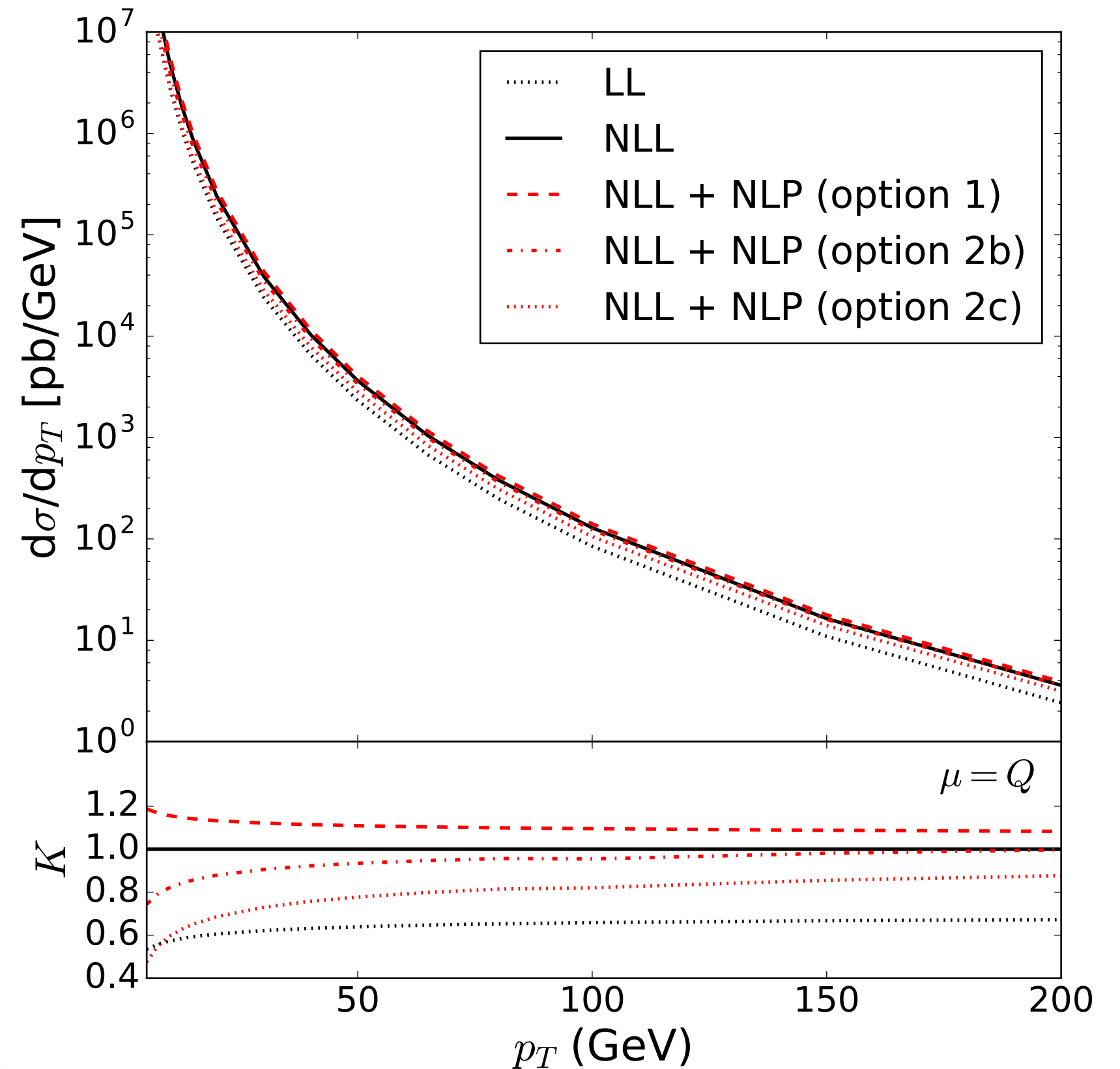
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Option 2c: Keep the full form of the splitting functions

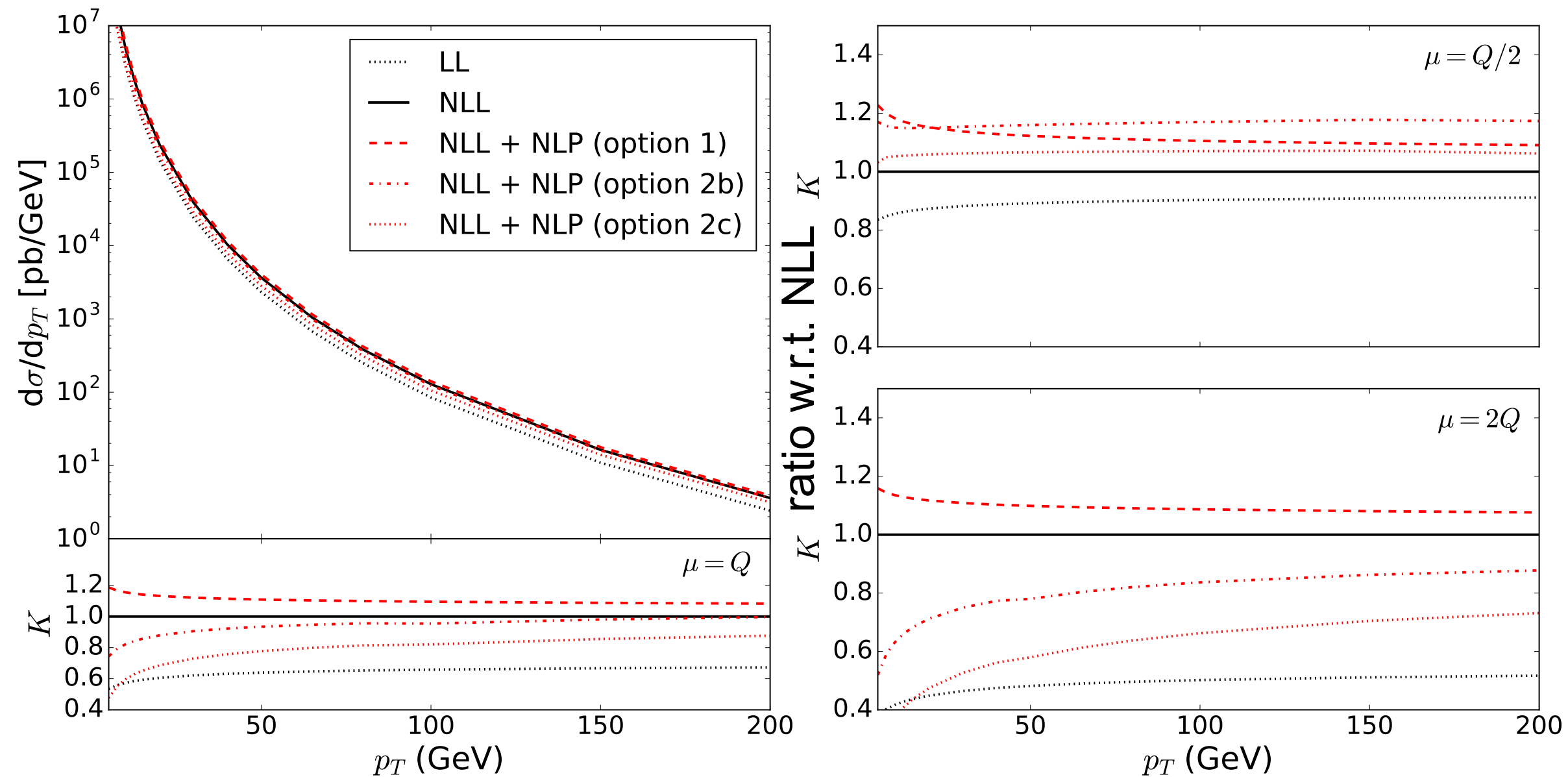
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Numerical results

- Results for LHC@13 TeV, MMHT PDF set, $\mu_F = \mu = Q = 2p_T$
- NLP effects smaller than LL \rightarrow NLL
- The NLP effects of option 1 (=2a) give a 5-10% correction



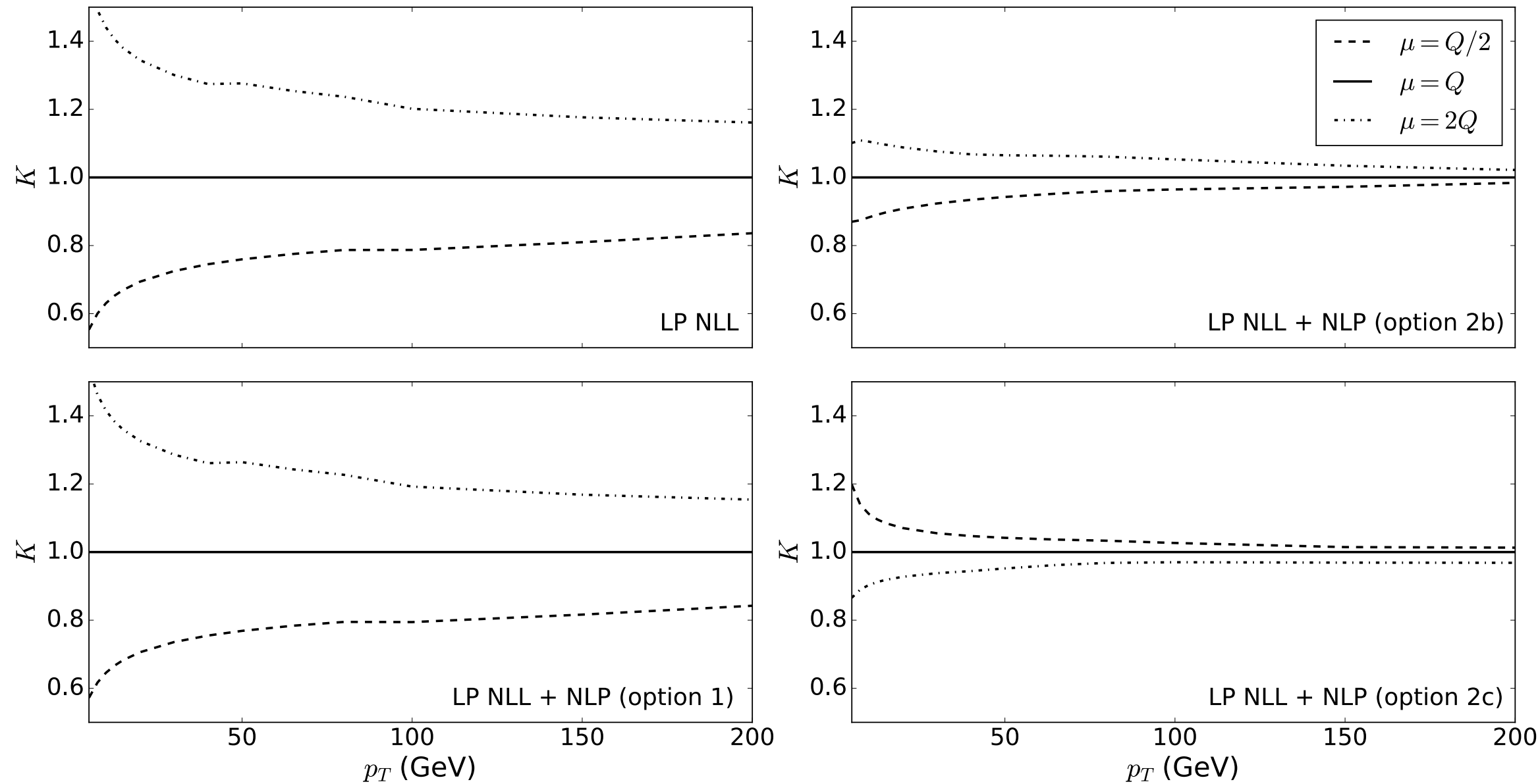
Scale dependence



Numerical correction of option 2b and 2c depends on the scale

Scale dependence

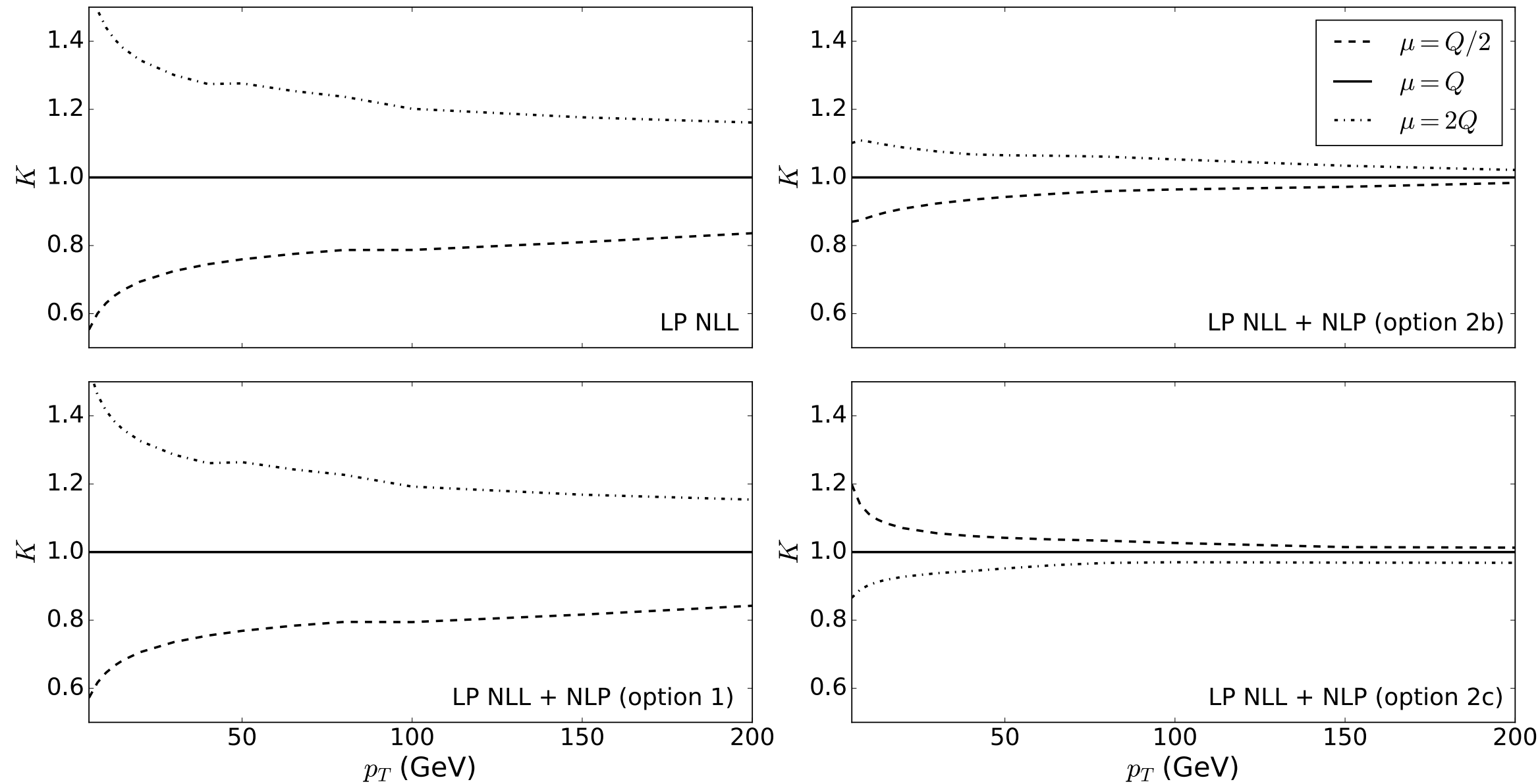
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*Cause of scale dependence:
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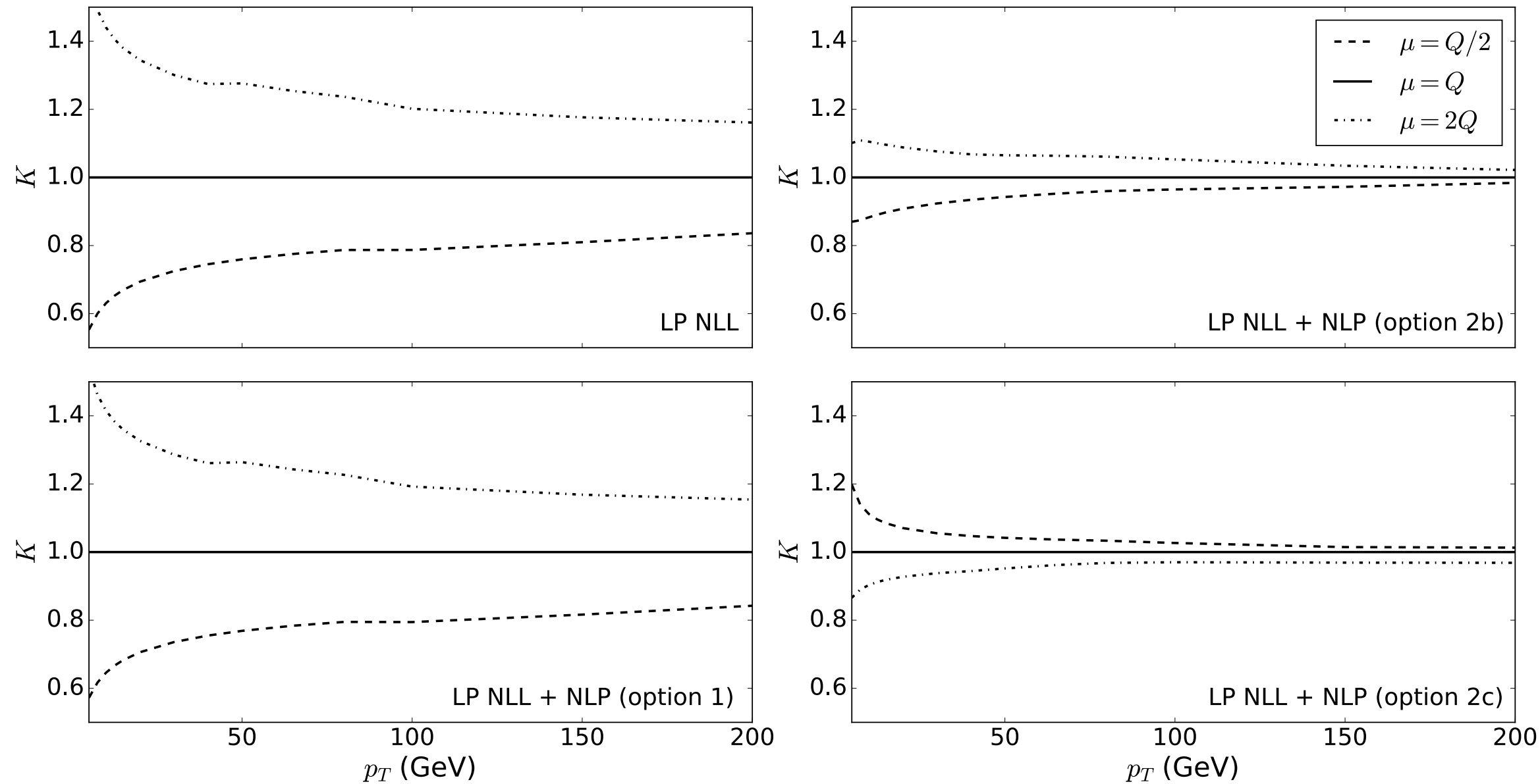


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Take-home message 2:
**Scale dependence hugely
decreased by including
off-diagonal contributions
of the splitting functions**

Scale dependence

ratio w.r.t. $\mu = Q = 2p_T$



Both approaches only include NLP effects of collinear origin

So not all LL NLP contributions at NLO are covered!

Open questions:

- What happens when all NLP contributions are included?*
- How do other processes behave?*

Conclusions

- NLP amplitude for soft gluons is universal and creates a shift to the Born matrix element
 - But note that the emission of soft quarks is needed to create the full NLO expression at NLP
- For processes with final state partons we recover all LL NLP contributions at NLO
 - If one were to extend this to NLL, one has to worry about (next-to-)collinear emissions
- Gluon NLP terms give a 5-10% correction to the NLL distribution for prompt photon
- Including quark emissions can significantly decrease the scale dependence

Extra slides

Recoil NLP correction

$$\begin{aligned} E_a^{\text{recoil}}(N, Q, \mu) &= 2A_a^{(1)} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_0^{2N} \frac{dx}{x} \left(1 + 2\alpha_s b_0 \ln \frac{x}{2N} \right) \left[(I_0(x) - 1) K_0(x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{x}{N} I_1(x) K_0(x) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right) \\ &\simeq A_a^{(1)} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\zeta(2)}{1-2\lambda} + \frac{\ln \bar{N}}{N} \right) \equiv h_{a,\text{recoil}}^{(1)}(\lambda, \alpha_s). \end{aligned}$$

*Can be regarded as a wide angle contribution,
as it is only there for non-zero k_T*

Isolating threshold behavior

$$\begin{aligned} E_a^{\text{joint}} \left(N, b = i \frac{N+1}{p_T}, Q, \mu \right) &= \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T^2)) \left[K_0 \left(\frac{2Nk_T}{Q} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{\bar{N}k_T}{Q} \right) \right] \\ &+ \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T^2)) \left[I_0 \left(\frac{(N+1)k_T}{p_T} \right) - 1 \right] K_0 \left(\frac{Nk_T}{p_T} \right) . \\ &\equiv E_a^{\text{leading}}(N, Q, \mu) + E_a^{\text{recoil}}(N, Q, \mu) . \end{aligned}$$

Extended evolution

$$P_{aa}(N) = -A_a(\alpha_s) \ln \bar{N} - B_a(\alpha_s) + \mathcal{O}(1/N)$$

Non-singlet evolution is diagonal:

$$\exp \left[\frac{P_{\text{NS}}^{(0)}(N)}{2\pi b_0} \ln(1 - 2\lambda) \right] = \exp \left[\frac{1}{2\pi b_0} \left(-2A_q^{(1)} \ln \bar{N} - 2B_q^{(1)} - \frac{A_q^{(1)}}{N} \right) \ln(1 - 2\lambda) \right]$$

Same term as in option 1

Stems from evolution $\alpha_s(k_T^2)$ from μ_F^2 to Q^2/\bar{N}^2

Singlet: 2x2 matrix, off-diagonal terms correspond to flavor changes (quark emission)

Similar approach for the fragmentation function

Scale dependence of direct vs fragmentation components

