



# Matching and Merging

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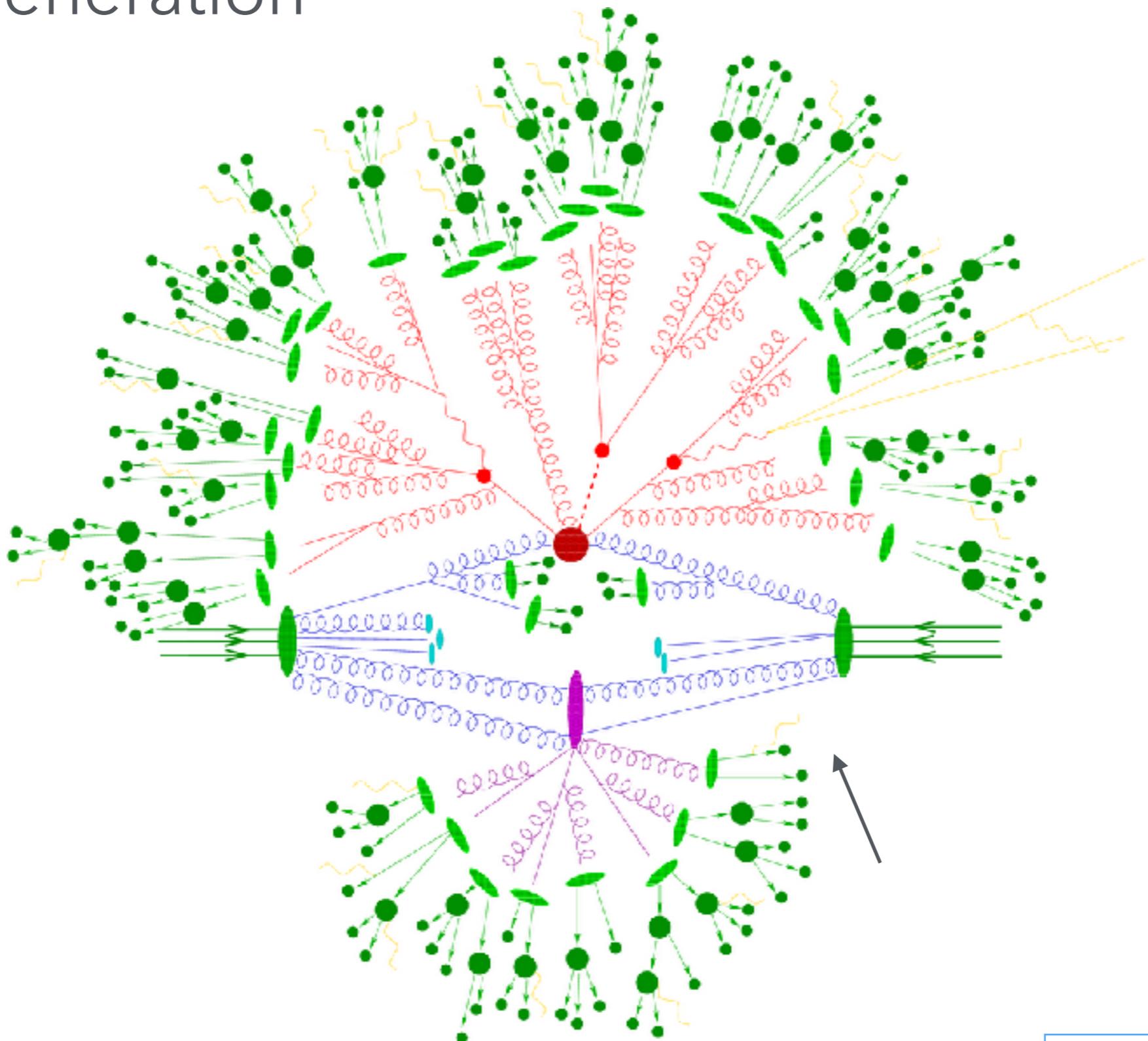


# Outline

1. Recap on Matrix elements and Parton Shower
2. Scale dependence
3. LO Merging
4. NLO Matching
5. NLO Merging



# Event Generation

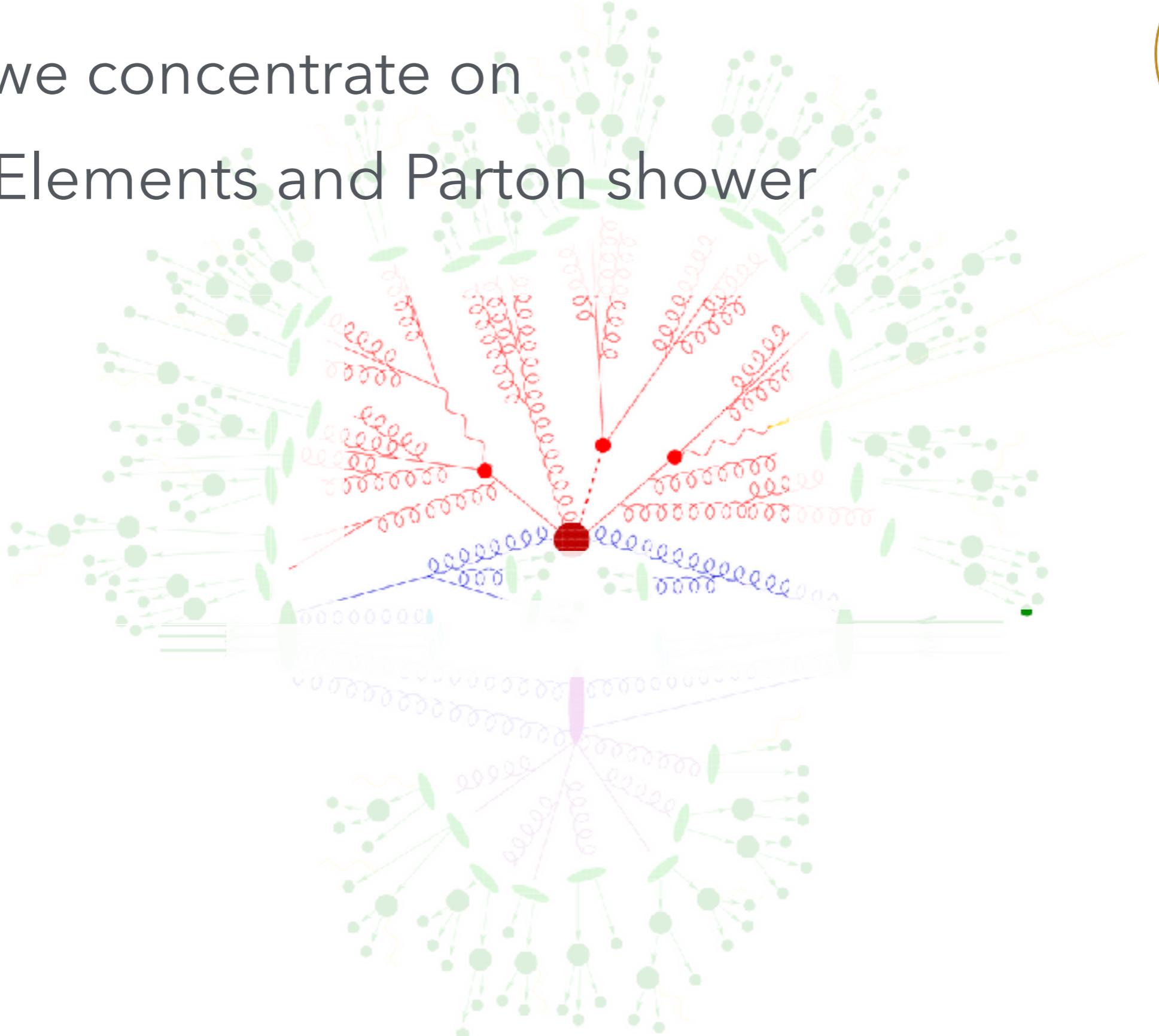


picture: arXiv:1411.4085



# Today we concentrate on

## Matrix Elements and Parton shower





# Recap and Comments

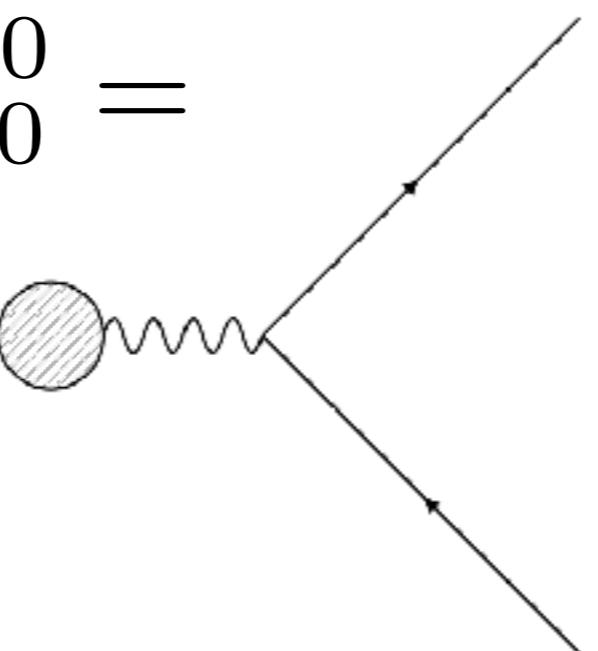
We start with a short recap on matrix elements and parton shower and their connection. To remind you about the terminology and to review.

Warning ! and apologies:

- In todays lecture many of the formula are simplified versions.
- The historical picture is altered in order to be more pedagogical.
- The references are given in terms of arXiv or inspireHEP record numbers not the Journals.. Links are provided.
- Green means affiliation to Lund  
(either work was partially done here or person is currently here).



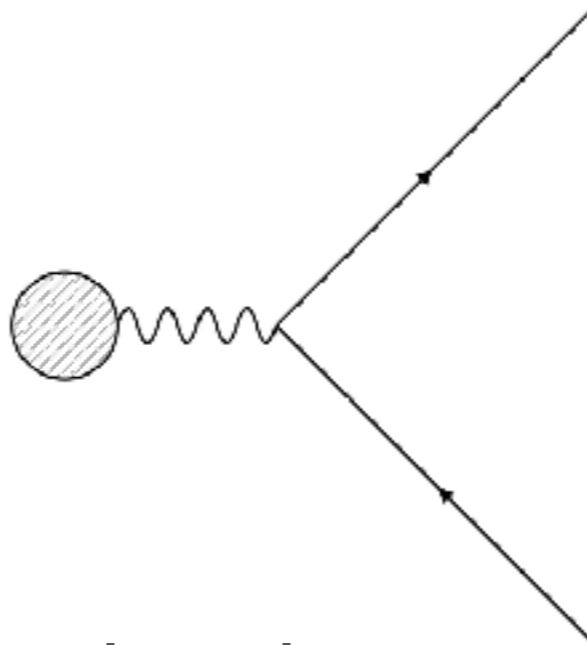
# Start simple

$$d\sigma_0^0 =$$


A Feynman diagram illustrating a simple scattering process. It consists of a single shaded circular vertex from which two straight lines extend outwards at different angles, each ending in a small arrowhead indicating the direction of particle flow.



# Start simple



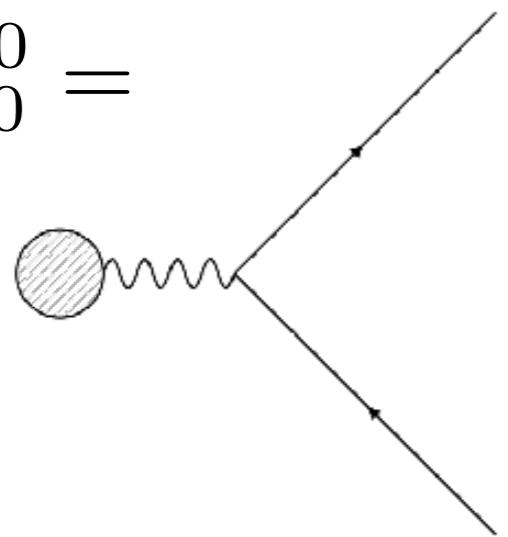
Feynman gave a set of ‚simple‘ rules  
how to get cross sections from Lagrangians  
(applying them is complicated)

- extract rules from Lagrangian
- draw diagrams and apply rules
- average incoming possibilities
- sum all final possibilities (once)

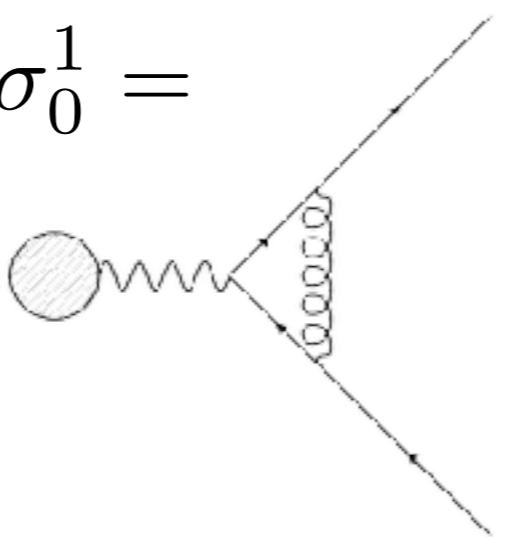


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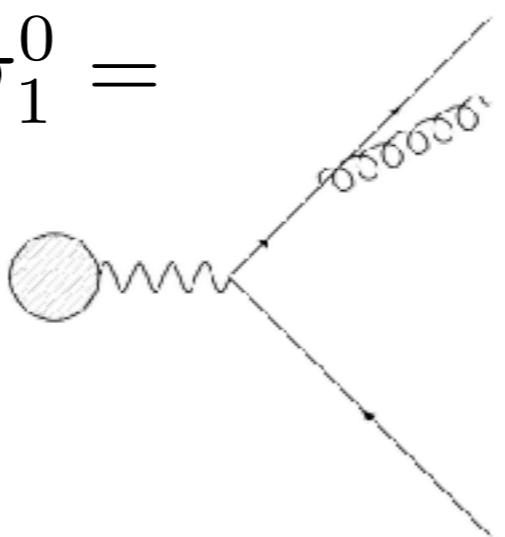
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$$d\sigma_0^1 =$$

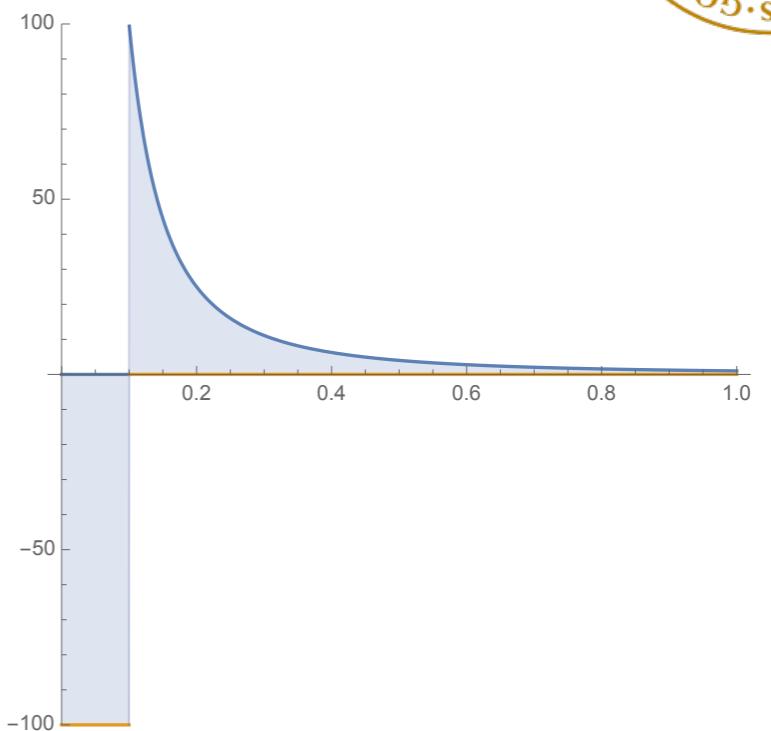
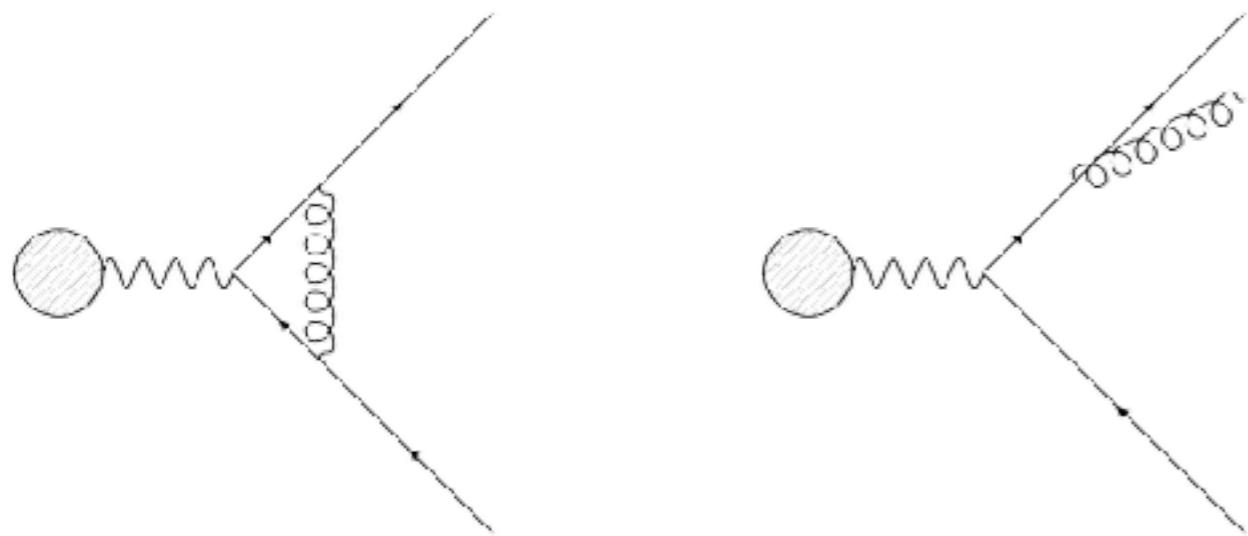


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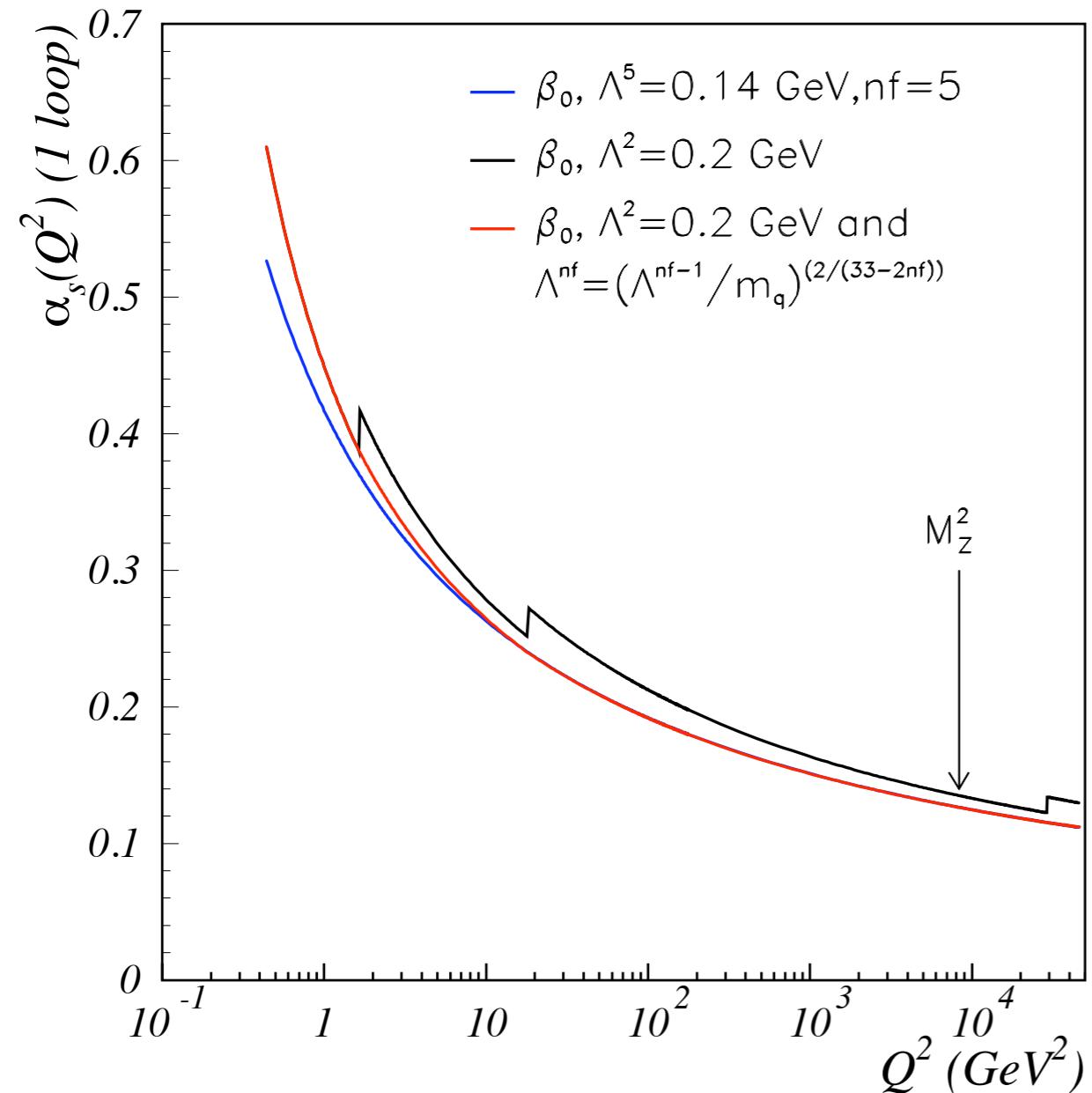


But: Divergences arise!

- UV**      → Solved by renormalisation → scale dependent parameters.
- IR/C**     → Solved by summing all contributions to same order and same observable → incl. vs. excl. observables !?



# Scale Dependent Parameters (UV)



Renormalization Group Equation (RGE):

$$\mu_R^2 \frac{\partial \alpha_S}{\partial \mu_R^2} = \beta(\alpha_S)$$

$$\beta(\alpha_S) = -\alpha_S^2 (b_0 + b_1 \alpha_S + b_2 \alpha_S^2 + \dots)$$

$$b_0 = \frac{11C_A - 2n_f}{12\pi}$$

$$\alpha_S(q^2) = \frac{\alpha_S(\mu_R^2)}{1 + \alpha_S(\mu_R^2)b_0 \log \frac{q^2}{\mu_R^2}}$$

- “Running Coupling”
- If  $nf < 17 \rightarrow$  asymptotic freedom.

Nobel Price 2004: [record/81238](#) and [record/81351](#), [Video](#)

Review on QCD running [arXiv:1604.08082](#)



# Scale Dependent Cross Sections (UV)

NLO cross section dependence on renormalisation scale:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Phi} = \alpha_S^N(\mu_R) B + \alpha_S^{N+1}(\mu_R) \left[ V + N b_0 \log \frac{\mu_R^2}{Q^2} B \right] + \alpha_S^{N+1}(\mu_R) R$$

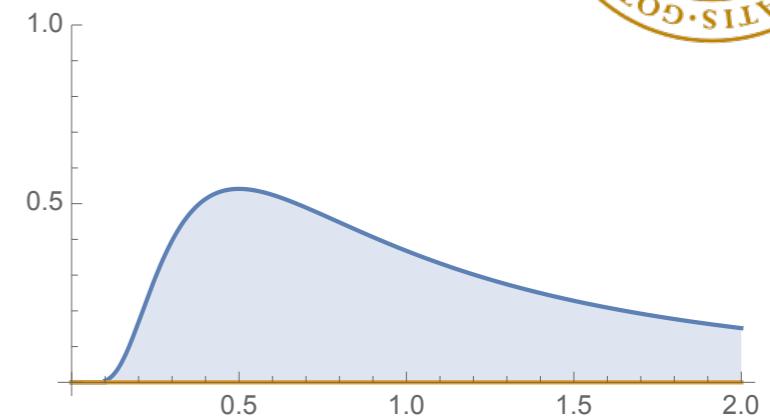
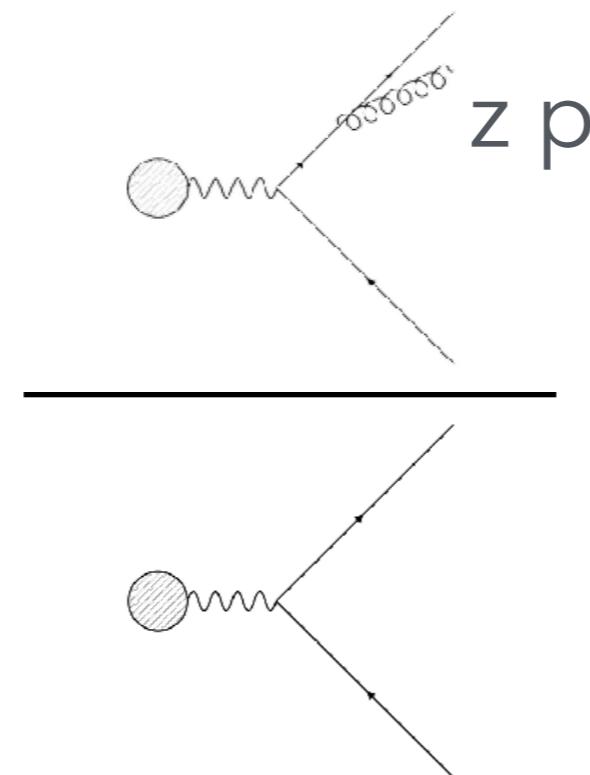
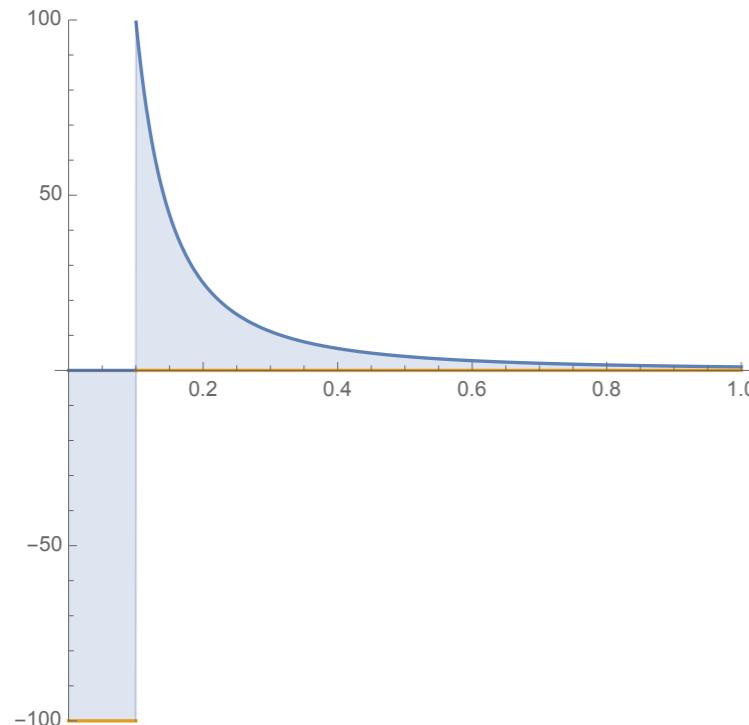
- renormalisation scale dependence moved to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+2})$
- $Q$  is process dependent
- Large correction if scale chosen poorly at LO
- No universal recipe

Warning: Other sources of large corrections  
e.g. new channels.

MINLO arXiv:1206.3572



# Construct (no-)emission probability (IR/C)



$$d\mathcal{P}_{\tilde{i}j \rightarrow ij} = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{d\tilde{q}^2}{\tilde{q}^2} dz P_{\tilde{i}j \rightarrow ij}(z, \tilde{q})$$

$$P_{q \rightarrow qg}(z) = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{resolved}) + \mathcal{P}(\text{unresolved}) = 1$$

(Over-) simplified parton shower:

1. Factorize ME and phase space to get splitting probability.

**(IR and C Approximation)**

2. Use radiative decay formula to exponentiate and get no emission probability.

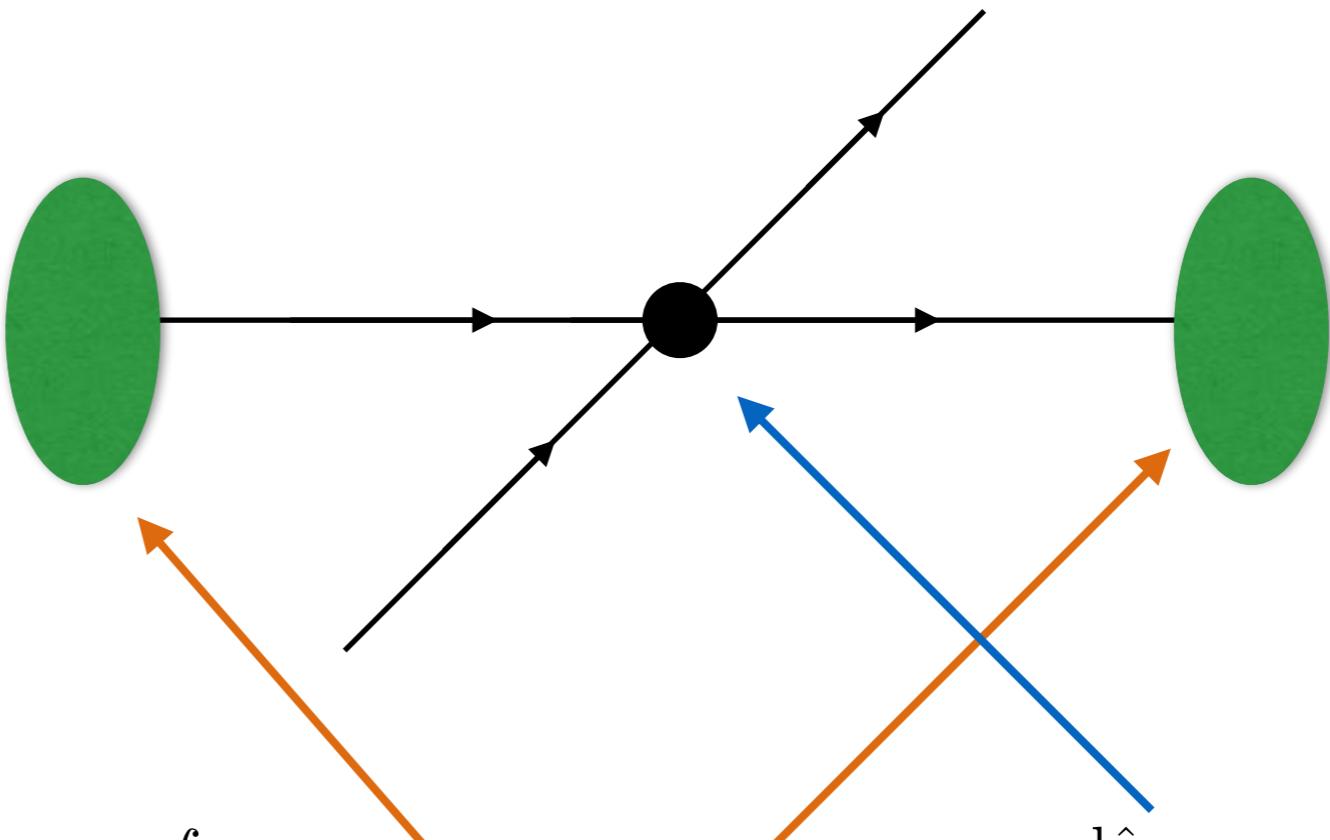
$$\Delta_{\tilde{i}j \rightarrow ij}(\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}_h) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{\tilde{q}}^{\tilde{q}_h} \frac{d\tilde{q}'^2}{\tilde{q}'^2} \int dz \frac{\alpha_S(z, \tilde{q}')}{2\pi} P_{\tilde{i}j \rightarrow ij}(z, \tilde{q}') \Theta(p_\perp^2 > 0) \right\}$$

$$\Delta(\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}_h) = \mathcal{R}$$



# Another Collinear Problem

Another factorization (incoming hadrons):



$$d\sigma_{h_1 h_2} = \sum_{i,j} \int_0^1 dx_i \int_0^1 dx_j \sum_f \int d\Phi_f f_{i/h_1}(x_i, \mu_F^2) f_{j/h_2}(x_j, \mu_F^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow f}}{dx_i dx_j d\Phi_f}$$

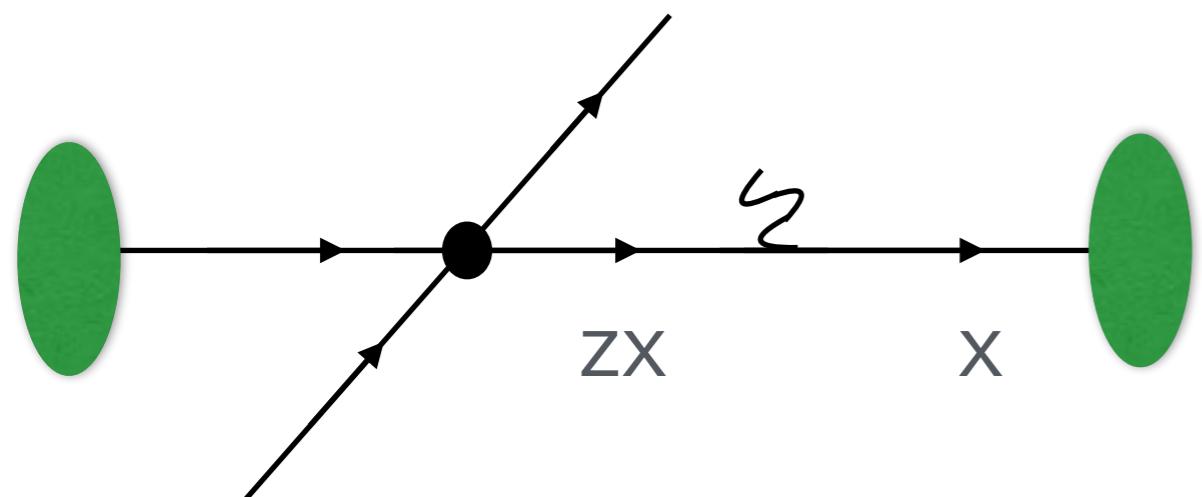
Protons are complicated, composite, non-perturbative objects

Factories cross section calculation into PDF and ME



# Another Collinear Problem

NLO:



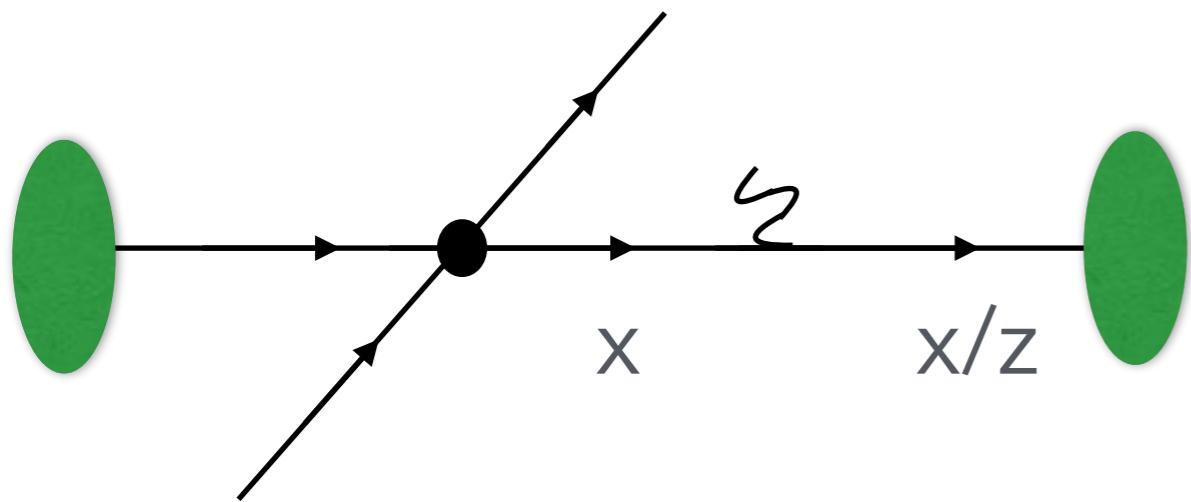
$$V \sim dx f(x) \frac{dq^2}{q^2} dz P(z) B(x)$$

$$R \sim dx f(x) \frac{dq^2}{q^2} dz P(z) B(zx)$$

Mismatch between virtual and real correction...



# Another Collinear Problem



$$V \sim dx f(x) \frac{dq^2}{q^2} dz P(z) B(x)$$

$$R \sim dx f(x/z) \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \frac{dz}{z} P(z) B(x)$$

Redefine PDFs, here with cutoff (not usual):

$$f_B(x) = f(x, \mu_F) - \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \int_0^{\mu_F^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \int_0^1 dz [f(x/z)P(z)/z - f(x)P(z)]$$

Collinear divergency needs renormalisation of PDF to absorb the remaining part (universal).

I did not specify  $\mathbf{q}$ , which is scheme dependent.

Usually the integration of the virtual part is even performed in d dimensions leaving behind  $\sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mu^2} \right)^\epsilon = \frac{1}{\epsilon} e^{\epsilon \log \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mu^2}}$

e.g. Eq. 6.6 in Catani, Seymour [arXiv:9605323](https://arxiv.org/abs/9605323)



# DGLAP

Scale dependent PDFs:

$$\frac{\partial f(x, \mu_F^2)}{\partial \log \mu_F^2} = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \int \frac{dz}{z} [f(x/z) P_+(z)] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$$

D: [inspirehep:126153](#)

GL: [inspirehep:73449](#)

AP: [inspirehep:119585](#)

For parton showers this in the end means can be rewritten to:

$$\Delta_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j} \rightarrow ij}(x, \tilde{q}, \tilde{q}_h) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{\tilde{q}}^{\tilde{q}_h} \frac{d\tilde{q}'^2}{\tilde{q}'^2} \int_x^{z+} dz \frac{\alpha_S(z, \tilde{q}')}{2\pi} P_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j} \rightarrow ij}(z, \tilde{q}') \boxed{\frac{\frac{x}{z} f_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} \left( \frac{x}{z}, \tilde{q}' \right)}{x f_i(x, \tilde{q}')} \Theta(p_\perp^2 > 0)} \right\}$$

Initial State Showers [inspirehep:212950](#)



# From DGLAP to initial state showers

$$\Delta(t) = \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t \int dz \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P(z) \right] \quad t = q^2$$

$$t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(x, t) = \int \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P(z) f(x/z, t) + \frac{f(x, t)}{\Delta(t)} t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Delta(t)$$

$$t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{f(x, t)}{\Delta} \right) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P(z) f(x/z, t)$$

$$f(x, t) = \frac{\Delta(t)}{\Delta(t_0)} f(x, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{dt'}{t'} \frac{\Delta(t)}{\Delta(t')} \int \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P(z) f(x/z, t')$$

$$1 = \boxed{\frac{\Delta(t)}{\Delta(t_0)} \frac{f(x, t_0)}{f(x, t)}} + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{dt'}{t'} \int \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P(z) \frac{f(x/z, t')}{f(x, t')} \boxed{\frac{\Delta(t)}{\Delta(t')} \frac{f(x, t')}{f(x, t)}}$$

From Ellis , Stirling, Webber, “QCD and Colliders”



# Summary 1

1. Divergences at NLO
2. Divergences transformed in
  - scale dependent parameters
  - or a IR/C save observable definition.
3. “Wrong” scale choice at LO is partially cured at NLO
4. Parton Showers use IR/C approx. to mimic multiple higher orders.



# Can we improve the description?

Yes we can! Correct IR/C approximation with actual matrix elements!  
And possibly higher orders (loops).

Problem: The parton shower already approximates both.  
Solution: Avoid double counting of similar contributions.

Merging: Calculate the higher multiplicities with merging scale  
but **multiply with no emission probability** of shower.

Matching: Expand shower to first order in coupling.  
**Subtract** from NLO configuration. Start shower.



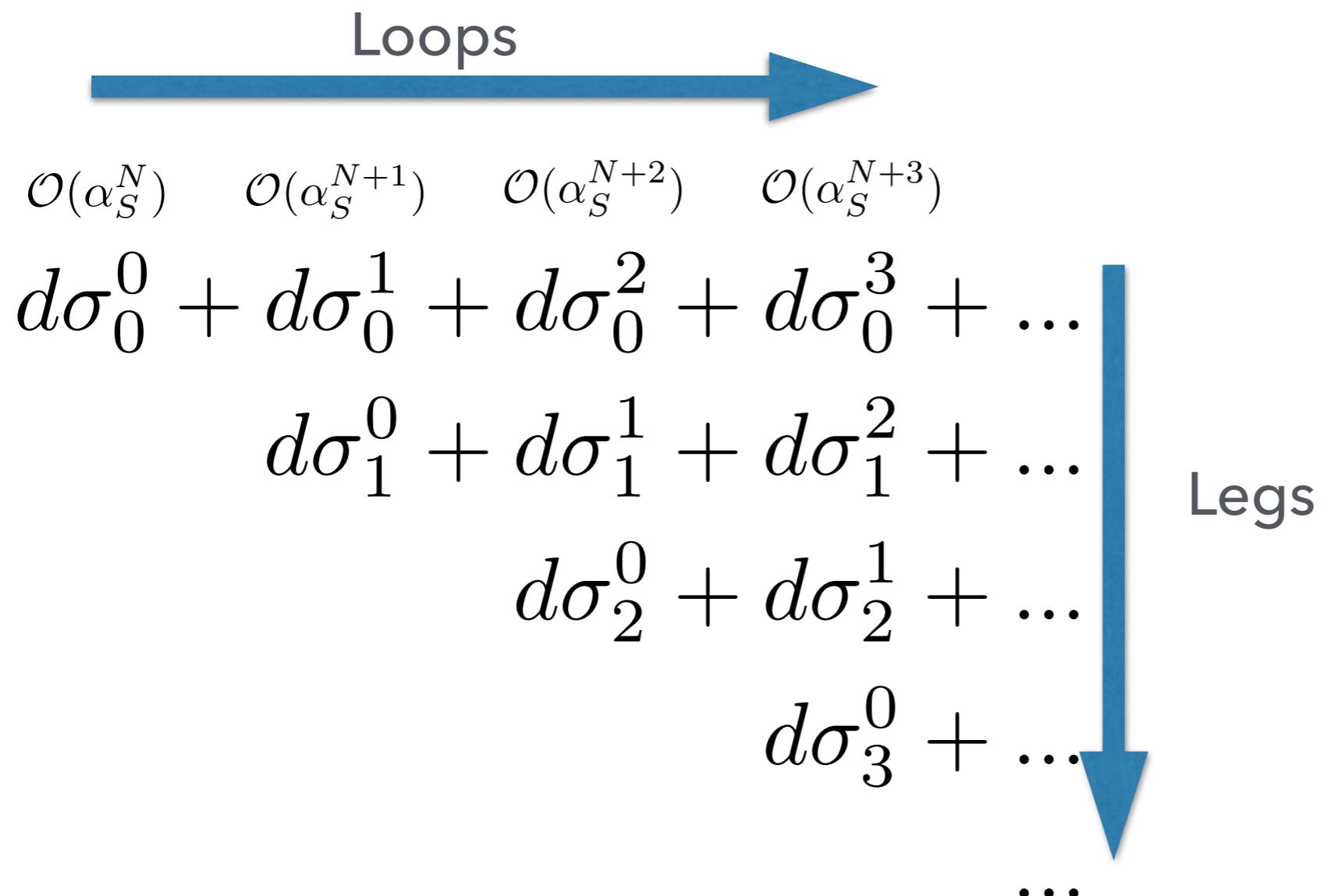
# Matching and Merging, whats the difference??





# Loops and Legs

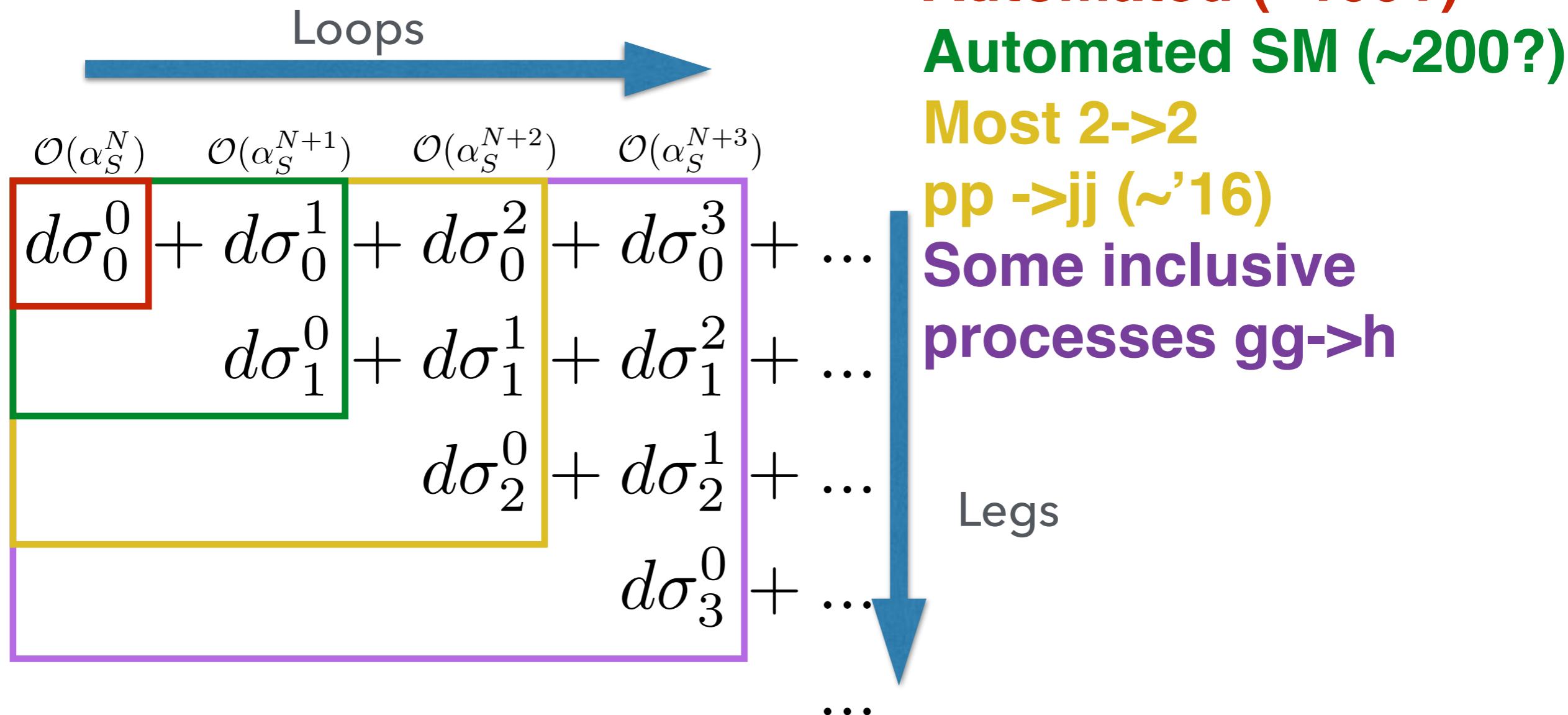
If we could calculate everything, we would. But...





# Loops and Legs

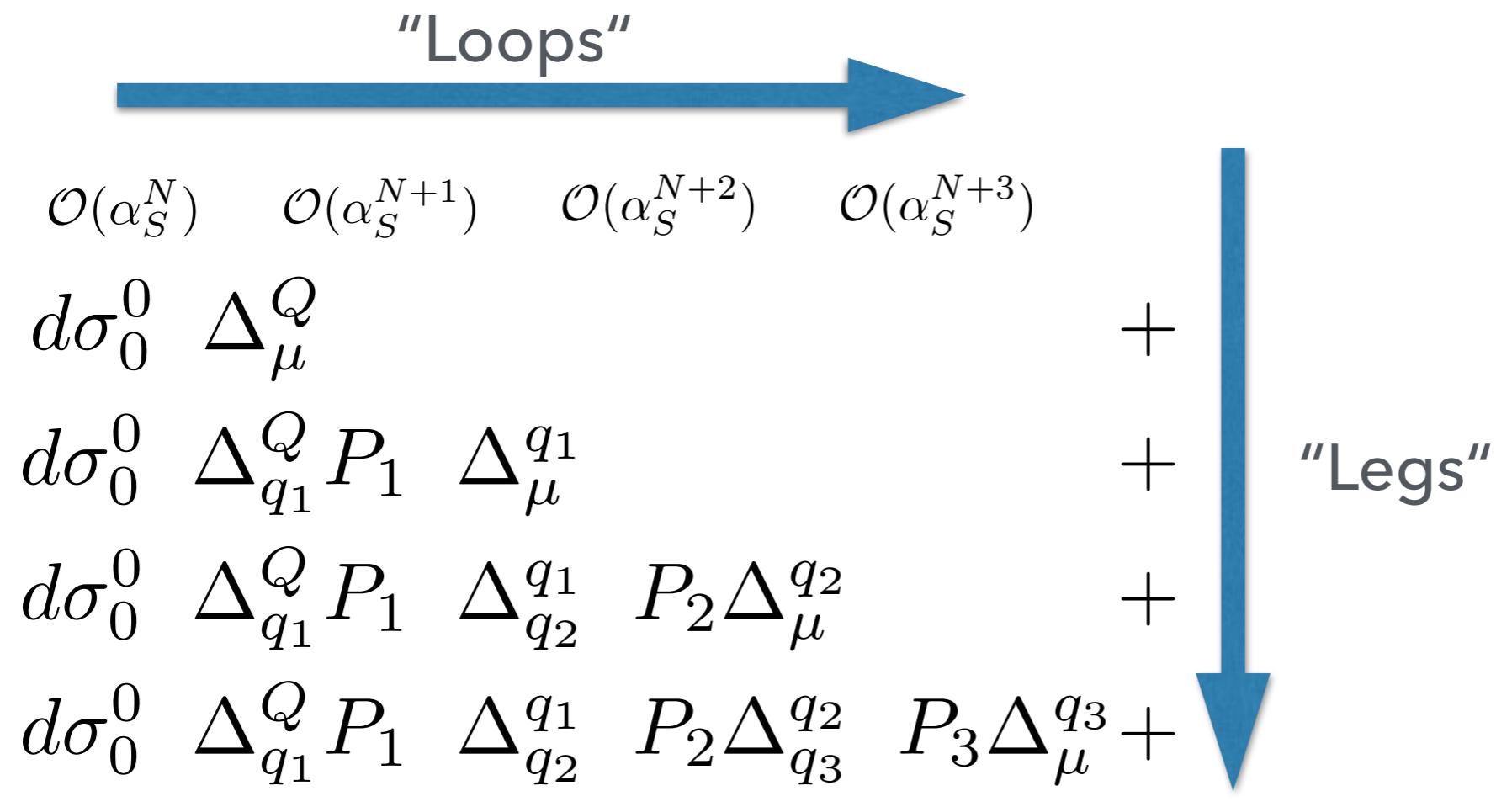
Todays standards:





# Loops and Legs

Parton shower approximation:



$$P_1 \approx \frac{d\sigma_1^0}{d\sigma_0^0}$$

$$\Delta_\mu^Q + \int_\mu^Q dq_1 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1(q_1) = 1$$



# Loops and Legs

Transform to LO merging:

$$P_1 \approx \frac{d\sigma_1^0}{d\sigma_0^0}$$

“Loops”

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^N) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+1}) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+2}) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+3})$$

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_\mu^Q$$

+

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q \frac{d\sigma_1^0}{d\sigma_0^0} \Delta_\mu^{q_1}$$

+

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q \frac{d\sigma_1^0}{d\sigma_0^0} \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \frac{d\sigma_2^0}{d\sigma_1^0} \Delta_\mu^{q_2}$$

+

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q \frac{d\sigma_1^0}{d\sigma_0^0} \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \frac{d\sigma_2^0}{d\sigma_1^0} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} \frac{d\sigma_3^0}{d\sigma_2^0} \Delta_\mu^{q_3} +$$

...

# LO Merging



# “Loops”

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^N) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+1}) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+2}) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+3})$$

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_\mu^Q$$

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0 \quad \Delta_\mu^{q_1}$$

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad d\sigma_2^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_2}$$

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# Legs and “Legs”

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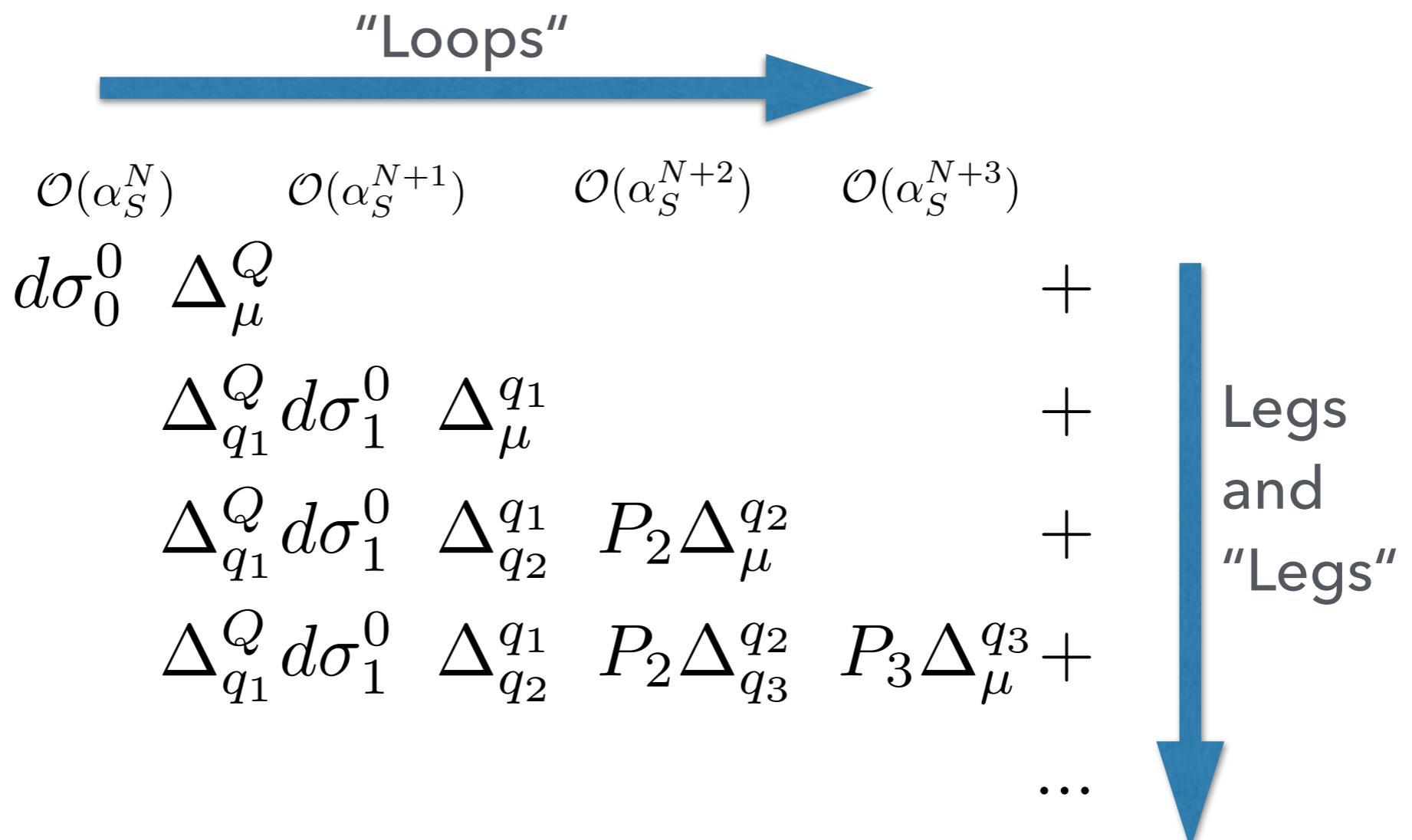
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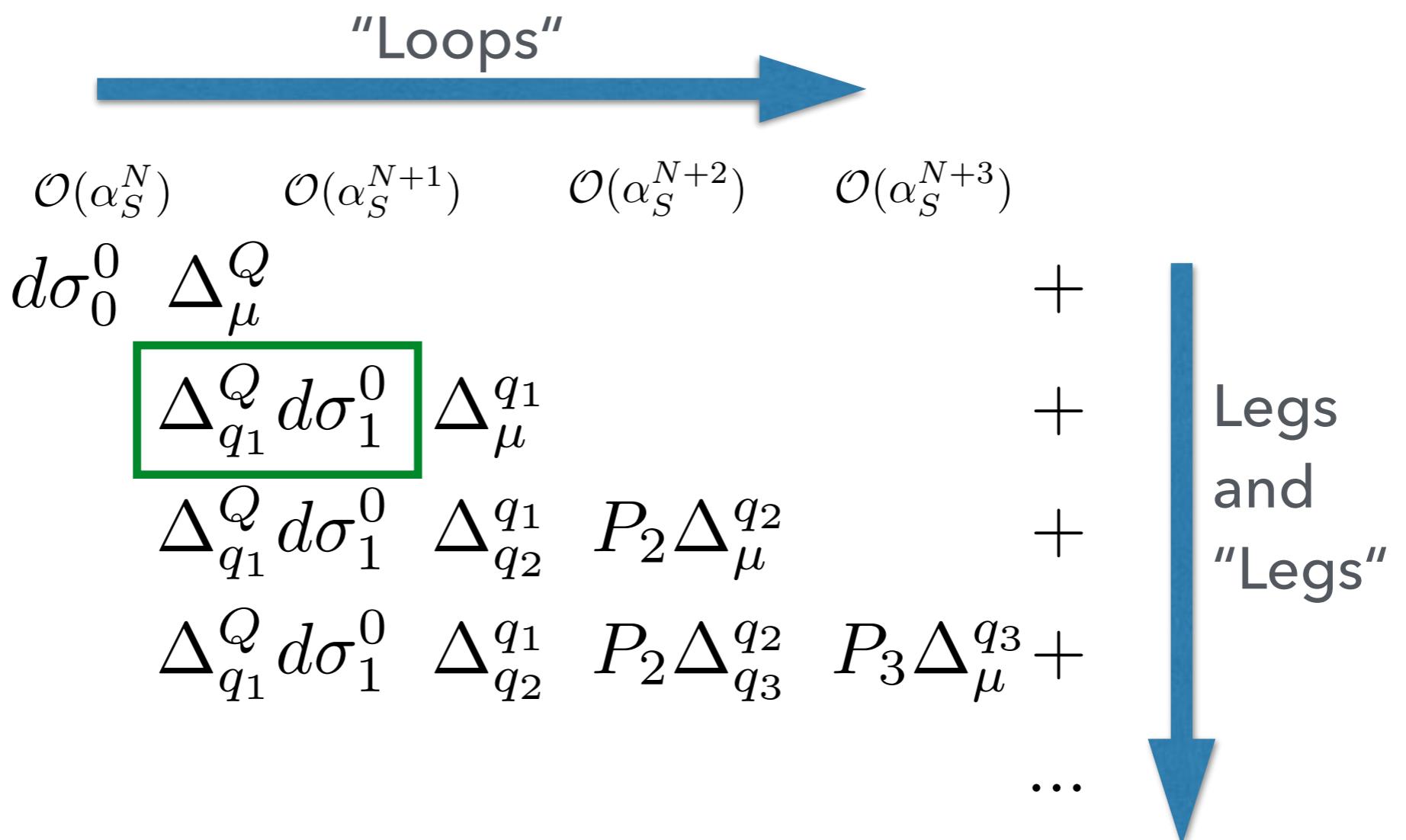
Step back: LO Merging with one additional leg:





# LO Merging

LO Merging with one additional leg:





# LO Merging

Lets discuss  $\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0$  a bit closer.

The shower produces the emission and no-emission simultaneously.  
 $d\sigma_1^0$  corrects and produces the emission probability.

So we need an expression for no-emission probability.

Idea: Get it from analytic resummation.

In e+e- collisions with only final state emission the jet structure and no-emission probability was calculated for clustering partons with measure:

$$y_{kl} = 2(1 - \cos \theta_{kl}) \min(E_k^2, E_l^2) / s$$

Will come back:

1991: kT Algorithm [inspirehep:317695](#)



# LO Merging

Lets discuss  $\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0$  a bit closer.

The result with  $y_{cut} = q^2/Q^2$

$$q \rightarrow q g: -\log \Delta_{q_1}^Q \approx \int_{q_1^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \frac{\alpha_S(q^2)}{2\pi} C_F \left( \log \frac{Q^2}{q^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$g \rightarrow g g: -\log \Delta_{q_1}^Q \approx \int_{q_1^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \frac{\alpha_S(q^2)}{2\pi} C_A \left( \log \frac{Q^2}{q^2} - \frac{11}{6} \right)$$

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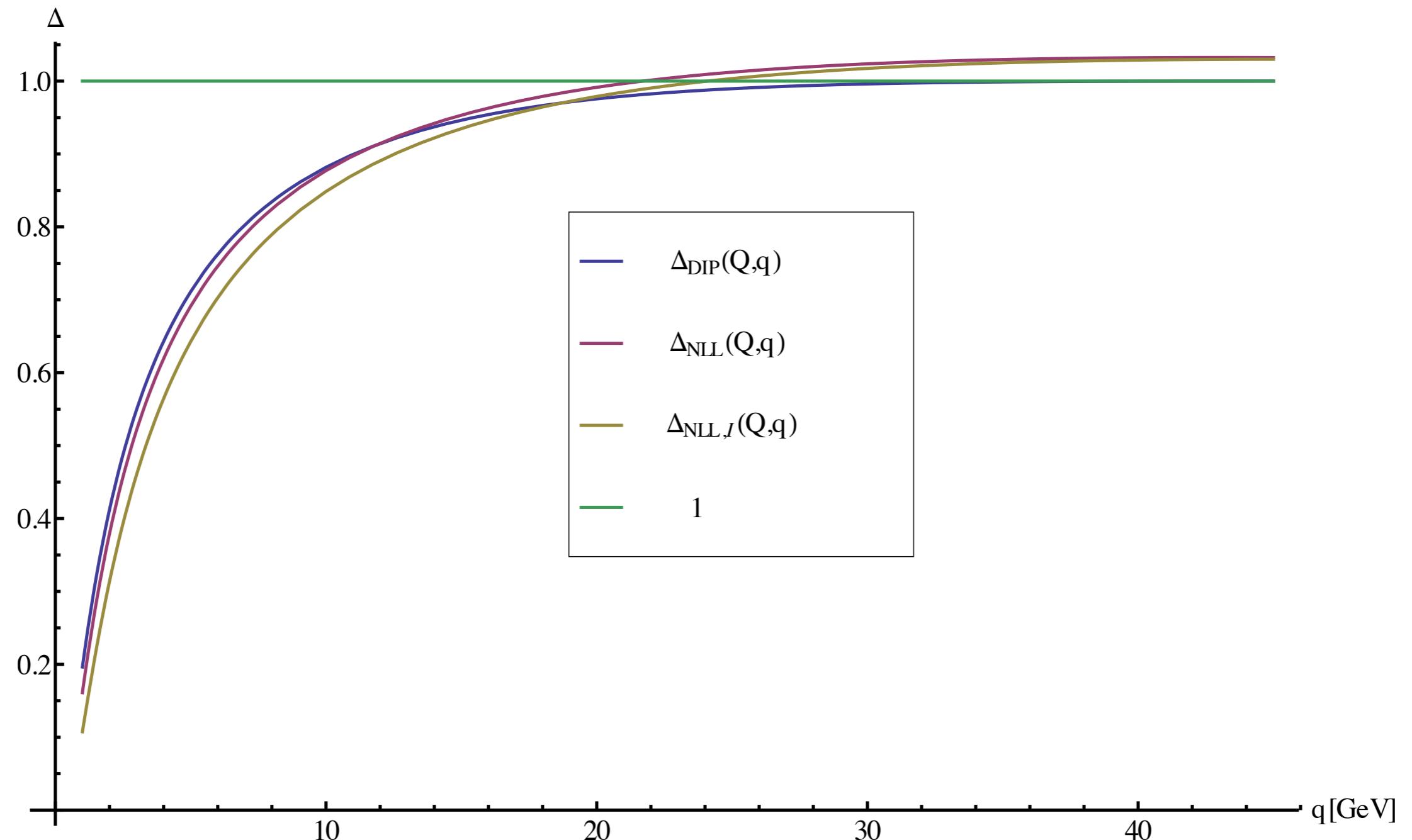
This can now be used to reweights the events to make them **exclusive**.  
For stability and since in the collinear approximation the shower is pretty good, one introduces a **merging scale**.

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# LO Merging

Lets discuss  $\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0$  a bit closer.

Now we have the no-emission probabilities...

But  $d\sigma_n^0(\mu_R) = \frac{\alpha_S^{X+n}(\mu_R)}{\alpha_S^{X+n}(\mu'_R)} d\sigma_1^0(\mu'_R)$

Shower scales:

$$d\sigma_2^0 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_S(q_2)}{\alpha_S(Q)} \frac{\alpha_S(q_1)}{\alpha_S(Q)} d\sigma_2^0(Q)$$

Similar for PDFs, but need to care about momentum fractions.

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# LO Merging

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_\mu^Q$$

LO Merging:

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_1}$$

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} d\sigma_2^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_2} +$$

The algorithm:

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} d\sigma_3^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_3} + \dots$$

1. Calculate cross section for X+n partons.
2. Cluster according to Jet algorithm with a measure you can calculate the no-emission probability.
3. Multiply with no-emission for the received history.
4. Multiply with scale dependent ratios.
5. If n<N make the state exclusive towards merging scale.
6. Allow further emissions only below merging scale (veto above).



# LO Merging (Exercise)

In exercise we calculate  $\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0$  for hadron colliders and compare spectrum to parton shower.

Here we need that:

$$\Pi(t_1, t_2; x_2) = \frac{f_b(x_2, t_1)}{f_b(x_2, t_2)} \frac{\Delta_b(t_2, t_0)}{\Delta_b(t_1, t_0)}$$

With this and the splitting function:

$$\frac{\alpha_s[p_\perp(z, t_1)]}{2\pi} \frac{x_2/z f_a(x_2/z, t_1)}{x_2 f_b(x_2, t_1)} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z)$$

We write down  $\Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0$  for hadron colliders.

CKKW for initial states [arXiv:0205283](https://arxiv.org/abs/0205283)



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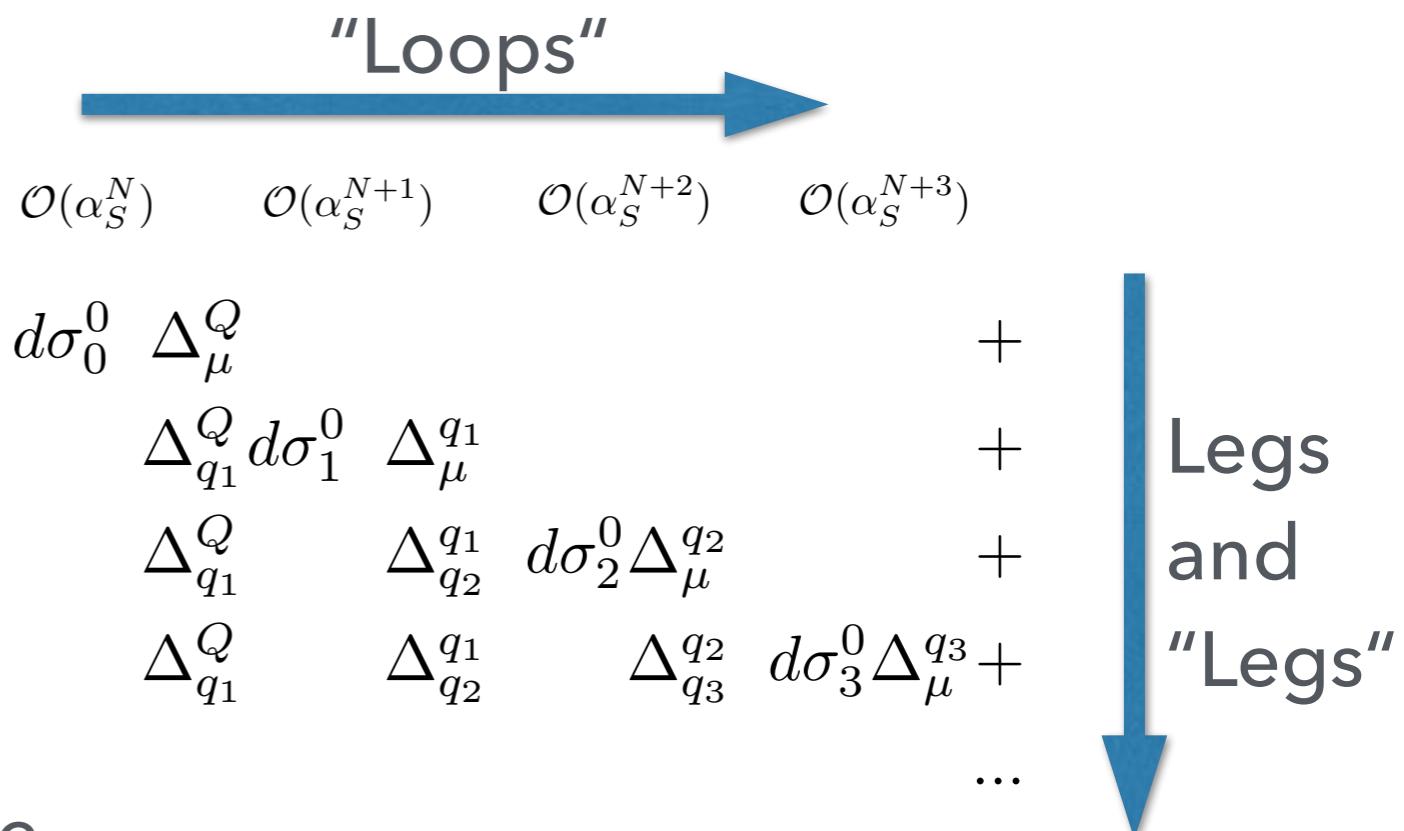
But:

1. If shower evolution variable is not the cutting variable.
2. Does shower produce the same no emission probability?

Solution:

Ask the shower for the no-emission probabilities with trial emissions.

Reconstruct shower history, then start shower from intermediate states, remove event if first emission to hard.

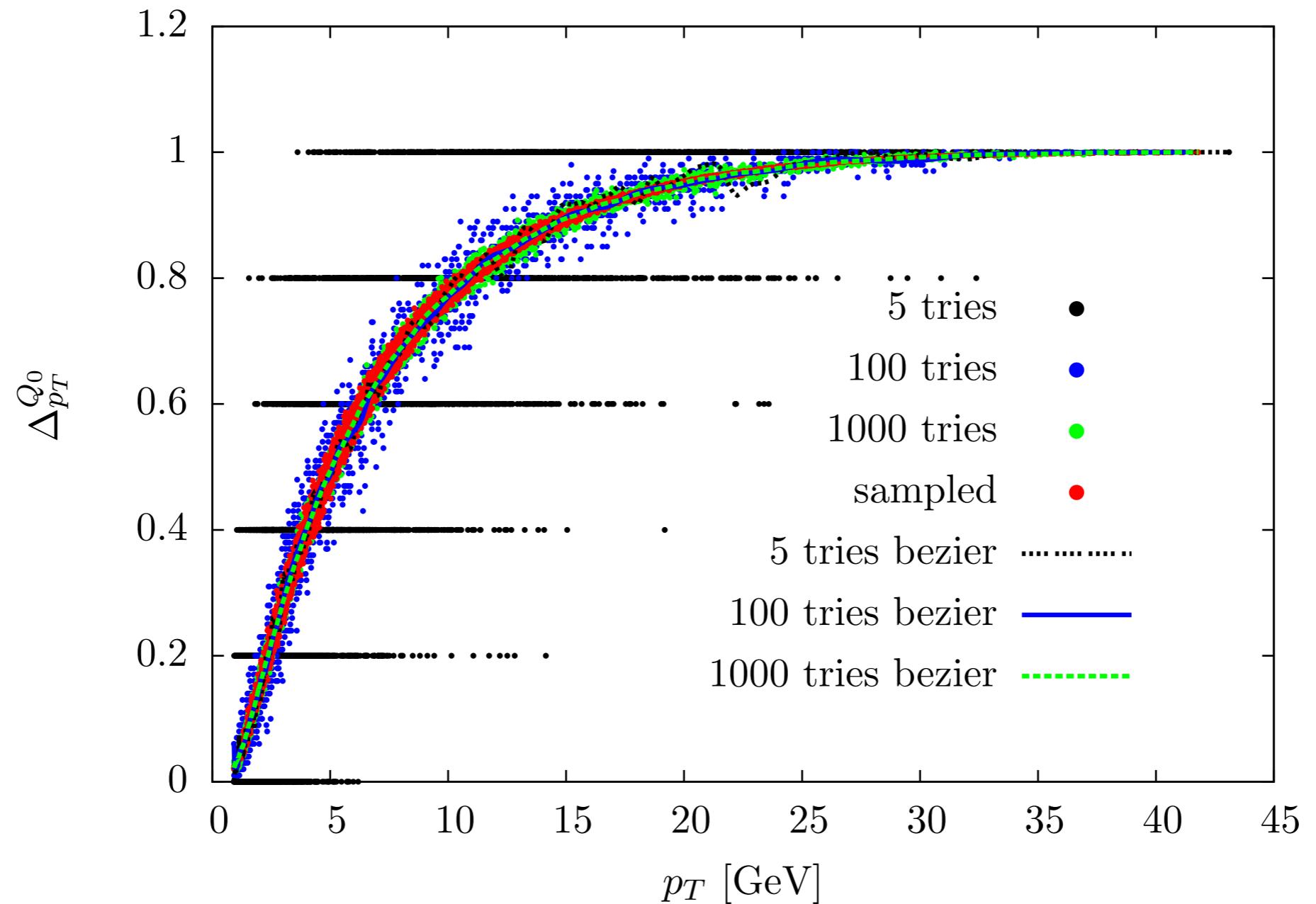


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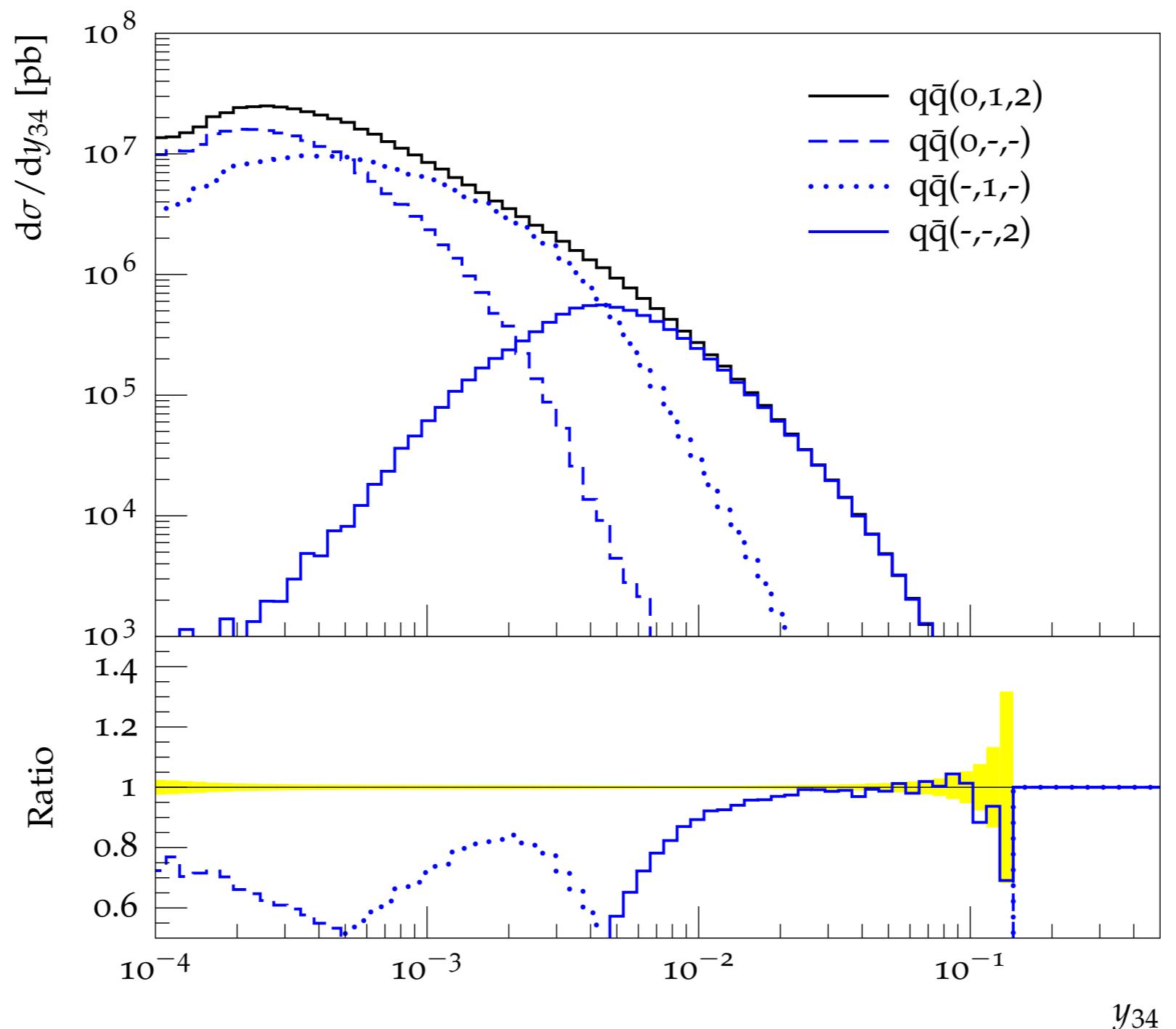
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# Loops and Legs

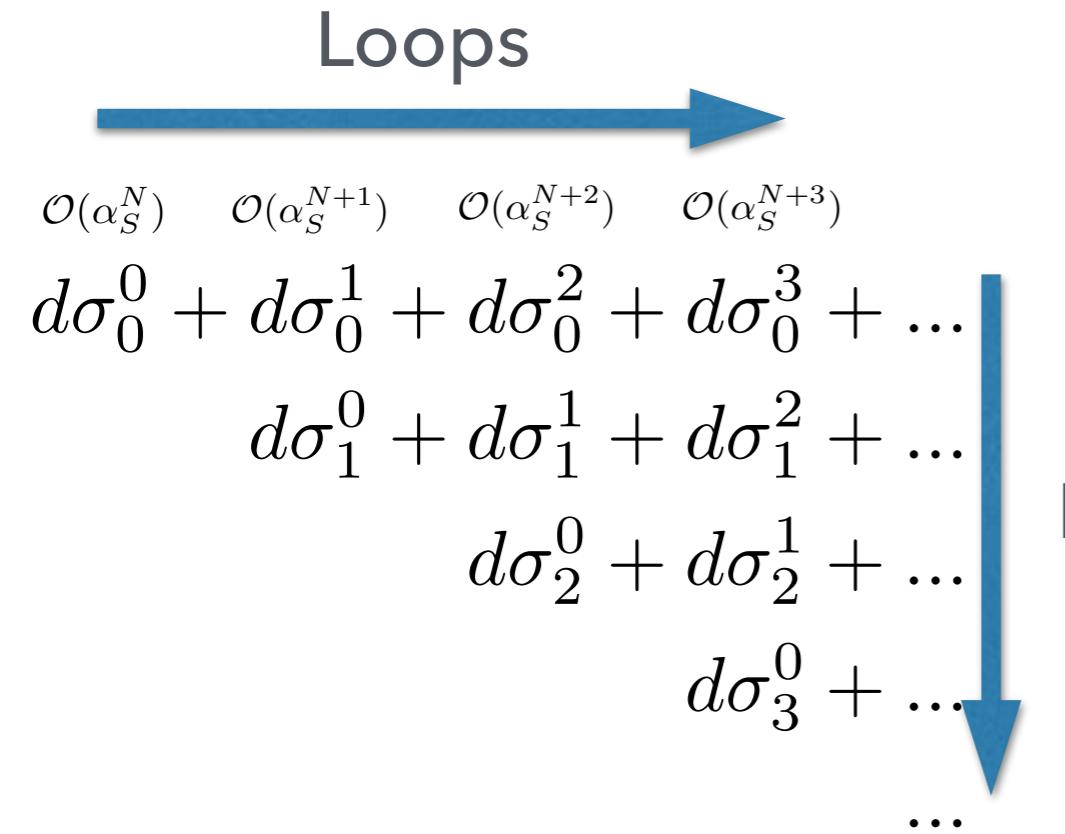
Multiple LO merged: Example  $e^+e^- \rightarrow jj[jj]$



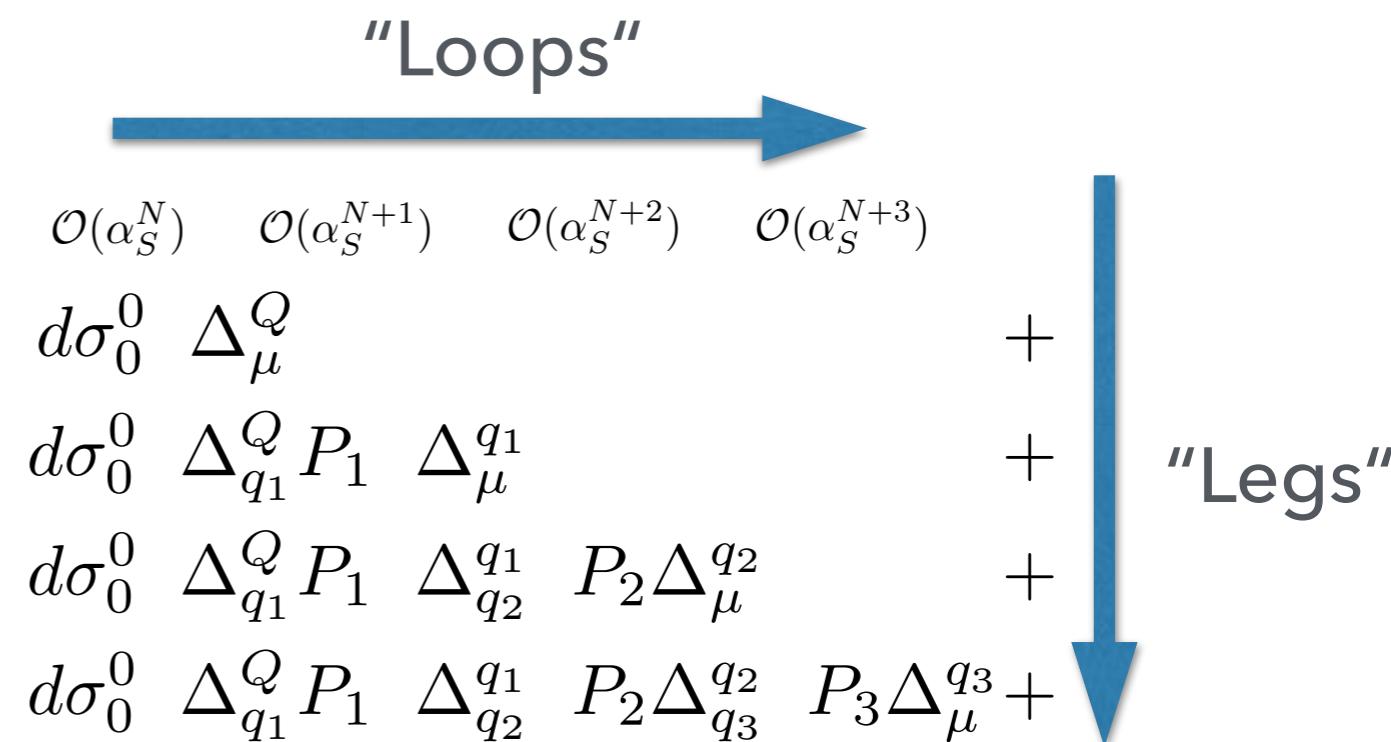


# Loops and Legs

This was all for merging for now. Lets see what's matching.



Exact not easily extendable to  $X+n$  legs.  
But the cross section and the scale dependence is improved.  
Try to include one NLO calculation.  
Beware of **double counting!!**





# Loops and Legs

**Double counting:** The shower already approximates the loops and legs. Adding a loop and a leg from NLO virtual and reals requires to remove shower parts first.

**Matching:** Expand the approximation to same order as the correct result. Subtract approximation and add correct result.

## Shower “Virtual”

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_\mu^Q = d\sigma_0^0 \left( 1 - \int_\mu^Q dq_1 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P(q_1) \right) \rightarrow -d\sigma_0^0 \int_\mu^Q dq_1 P(q_1)$$

## Shower “Real”

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1 \Delta_\mu^{q_1} \rightarrow d\sigma_0^0 P_1$$

[MC@NLO arXiv:0204244](#)

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^N)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+1})$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+2})$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+3})$
$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_\mu^Q$			
		+	
$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1 \Delta_\mu^{q_1}$			
		+	
$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1 \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} P_2 \Delta_\mu^{q_2}$			
		+	
$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1 \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} P_2 \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} P_3 \Delta_\mu^{q_3} +$			

$$\Delta_\mu^Q + \int_\mu^Q dq_1 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1(q_1) = 1$$



# Matching: MC@NLO

**Virtual      Shower "Virtual"**

$$d\sigma_0^1 + d\sigma_0^0 \int^Q dq_1 P_1(q_1) \quad \mathcal{O}(\phi_X)$$

$$d\sigma_1^0 - d\sigma_0^0 \quad P_1(q_1)\theta(Q - q_1)\mathcal{O}(\phi_{X+1})$$

**Real      Shower "Real"**

- Observables are here shower starting conditions.
- Without additional shower and Born cross section the formula make sense.
- Both parts can get negative, e.g. : Shower "Real" > Real
- Do we need to calculate Shower "Virtuals" and virtual correction together?

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# Intermezzo: Subtraction

**Virtual**

$$d\sigma_0^1 \mathcal{O}(\phi_X) + d\sigma_0^0 \oplus \mathcal{I}_1 \mathcal{O}(\phi_X)$$

$$d\sigma_1^0 \mathcal{O}(\phi_{X+1}) - d\sigma_0^0 \oplus D_1 \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\phi}_X(\phi_{X+1}))$$

**Real**

**Subtraction**

- Auxiliary/helper cross sections subtracted in four dimensions and added integrated in d-dimensions. Sum is zero.  $\int d\tilde{\phi}_X = \int d\phi_X$
- Construction independent of process. Integrate once, reuse.
- $\oplus$  stands here for more than multiplication  $\langle M|T_i T_j|M \rangle$ .  
 $\langle M|T_i T_j|M \rangle$  in large color limit encoded in showers.
- Event interpretation hardly possible as  $\mathcal{O}(\phi_{X+1}) \neq \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\phi}_X(\phi_{X+1}))$

e.g. Catani, Seymour [arXiv:9605323](https://arxiv.org/abs/9605323)



# Matching: MC@NLO

**Virtual    Int. Subt.**

$$(d\sigma_0^1 + d\sigma_0^0 \oplus \mathcal{I}_1) + d\sigma_0^0 \int dq_1 \{P_1(q_1)\theta(Q - q_1) - D_1\} \mathcal{O}(\phi_X)$$

$$d\sigma_1^0 - d\sigma_0^0$$

**Real**

**Shower "Virtual"    Subtraction**

$$P_1(q_1)\theta(Q - q_1)\mathcal{O}(\phi_{X+1})$$

**Shower "Real"**

- Technical “Trick” of adding zero cross section gives nice picture.
- Different parts are all at defined phase space points.
- No counter events with different kinematic.
- Event interpretation possible.
- Can still be negative.
- Can be unstable if P differs strongly from D.
- More and more showers appeared to remove P – D.  
(e.g. CSS or Vincia, but not the only motivation..)

MC@NLO arXiv:0204244



Modify Shower to get: **Real = Shower “Real”** for hardest emission.

**Virtual    Int. Subt.**

$$(d\sigma_0^1 + d\sigma_0^0 \oplus \mathcal{I}_1) + \int dq_1 \{d\sigma_1^0 - d\sigma_0^0 \oplus D_1\} \mathcal{O}(\phi_X)$$

**Shower “Virtual”**

**Subtraction**

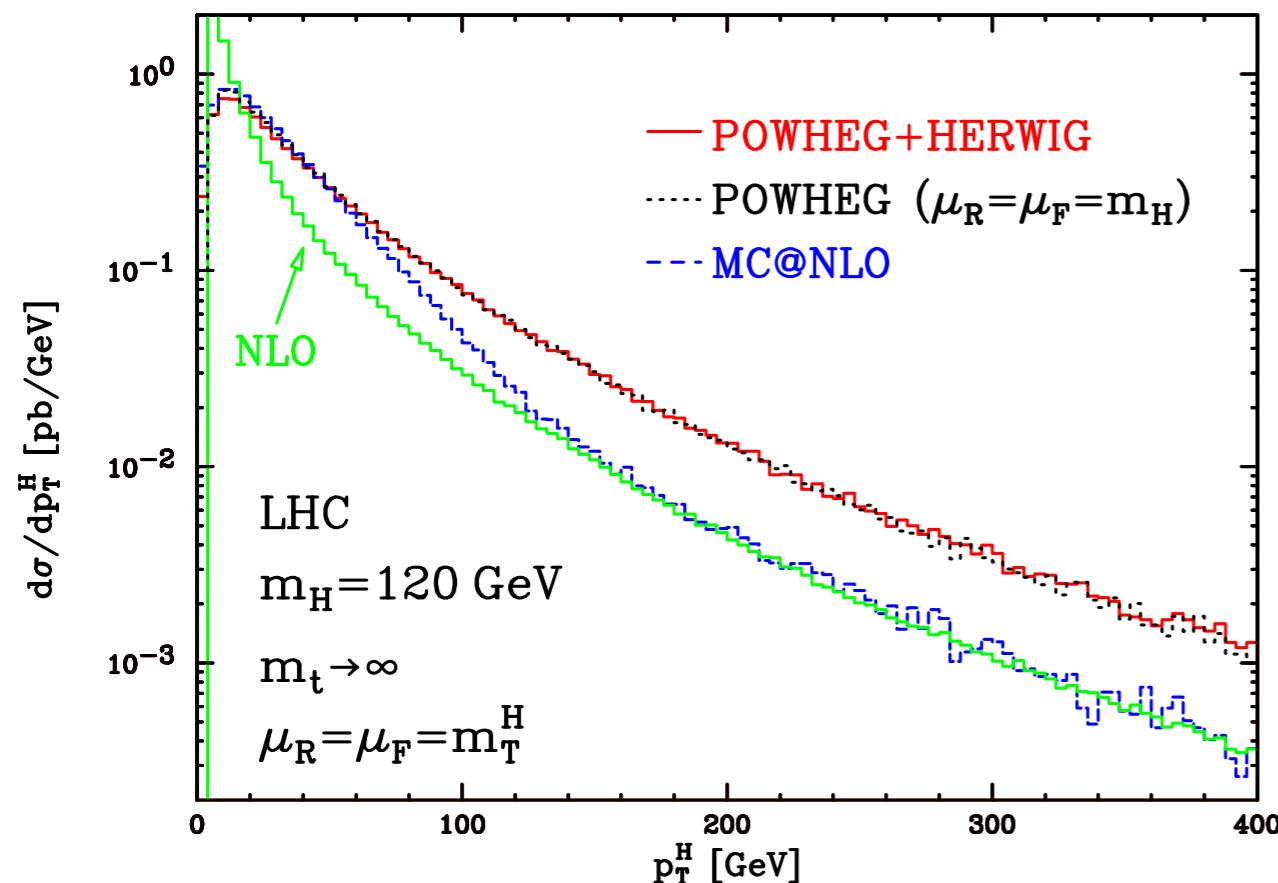
- Again all in one kinematic.
- Sum mostly positive  $\rightarrow$  improves efficiency in event generation.
- Now hardest emission can emit in full phase space.
- Efficient implementation usually process by process.
- Possible problems with cuts on  $\phi_X$ , as  $\phi_{X+1}$  needs to be filled.

Nason arXiv:0409146

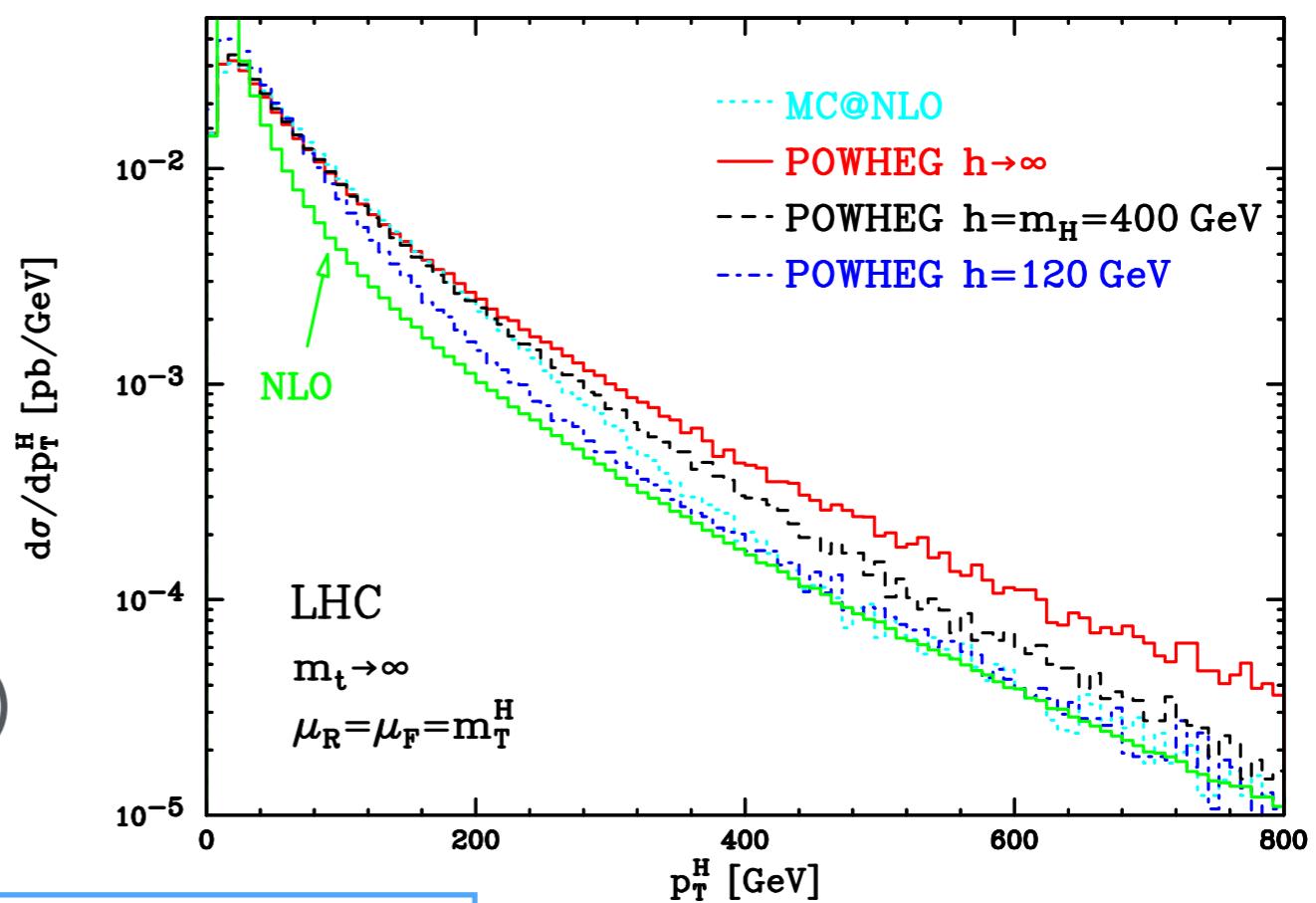
Powheg arXiv:0709.2092



# Matching: MC@NLO vs. POWHEG



- MC@NLO starts shower from born-like structure.
- POWHEG fills full phase space with B+V+R.
- hdamp introduced to reduce tails to only R.





# Summary 2

## LO Merging

- \* Produce exclusive states.
- + Extendable to multi legs
- + Positive weights
- + Multiple LO jets well described.
- LO
- merging scale

## NLO Matching

- \* Include NLO corrections to cross section.
- \* Identify expansion of shower.
- \* remove double counting by subtraction.
- + NLO cross section
- + Only one additional jet at LO

## MC@NLO

- \* original method
- \* Simplification if shower  $\sim D$
- + dont modify peak
- negative weights

## POWHEG

- \* Modify shower to emit with R
- + positive weights.
- power shower or hdamp needed



# NLO Merging (many ambiguities/choices)

Here, unitarised NLO merging

"Loops"

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^N) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+1}) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+2}) \quad \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^{N+3})$$

$$d\sigma_0^0 \Delta_\mu^Q + \Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_1} + \Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} d\sigma_2^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_2} + \Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} d\sigma_3^0 \Delta_\mu^{q_3} + \dots$$

Legs  
and  
"Legs"

Replace

with

$$\Delta_\mu^Q + \int_\mu^Q dq_1 \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1(q_1) = 1$$

NL3 [arXiv:0811.2912](#)

MEPS@NLO [arXiv:1207.5031](#)

FxFx [arXiv:1209.6215](#)

UNLOPS [arXiv:1211.7278](#)

Plätzer [arXiv:1211.5467](#)

H71 [arXiv:1705.06700](#)



# NLO Merging

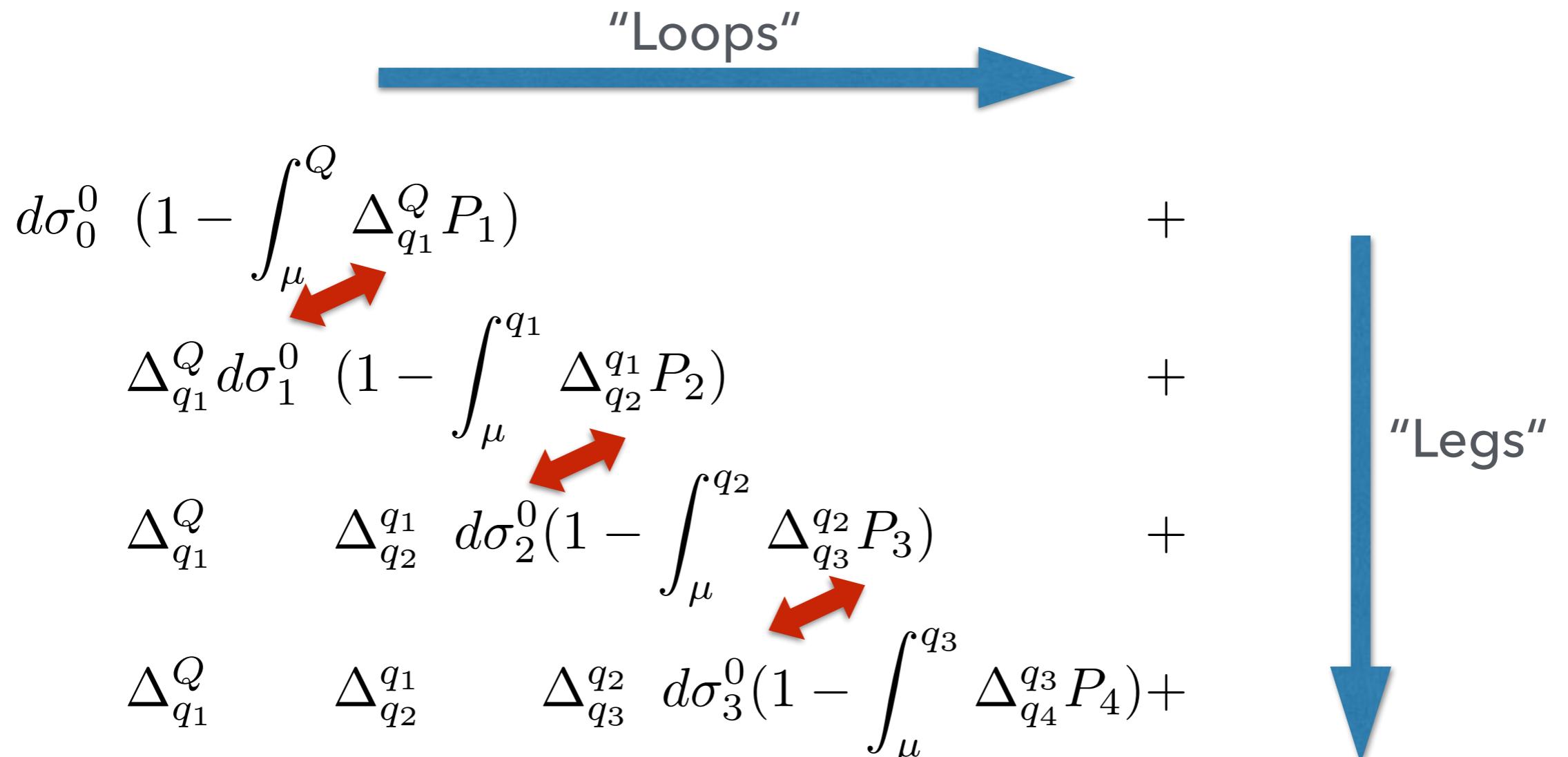
"Loops"

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma_0^0 \left(1 - \int_{\mu}^Q \Delta_{q_1}^Q P_1\right) &+ \\ \Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0 \left(1 - \int_{\mu}^{q_1} \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} P_2\right) &+ \\ \Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad d\sigma_2^0 \left(1 - \int_{\mu}^{q_2} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} P_3\right) &+ \\ \Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} \quad d\sigma_3^0 \left(1 - \int_{\mu}^{q_3} \Delta_{q_4}^{q_3} P_4\right) &+ \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

Legs  
and  
"Legs"



# NLO Merging



Mismatch between emission and no-emission!



# NLO Merging

Unitarised LO merging:

"Loops"

$$(d\sigma_0^0 - \int_{\mu}^Q \Delta_{q_1}^Q d\sigma_1^0) + \Delta_{q_1}^Q (d\sigma_1^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_1} \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} d\sigma_2^0) + \Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} (d\sigma_2^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_2} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} d\sigma_3^0) + \Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} (d\sigma_3^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_3} \Delta_{q_4}^{q_3} d\sigma_4^0) + \dots$$

"Legs"

Replace no-emission with  $(1 - \text{emission})$



# NLO Merging

Expand unitarised LO merging (simplified!):

“Loops” 

$$\begin{aligned} & (d\sigma_0^0 - \int_{\mu}^Q d\sigma_1^0) + \\ & \Delta_{q_1}^Q (d\sigma_1^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_1} d\sigma_2^0) + \\ & \Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} (d\sigma_2^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_2} d\sigma_3^0) + \\ & \Delta_{q_1}^Q \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} (d\sigma_3^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_3} d\sigma_4^0) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

 Legs  
and  
“Legs”



# NLO Merging

Add  $d\sigma_n^1$  and  $d\sigma_{n+1}^0$  but subtract expansion (simplified!):

Loops and “Loops”

$$(d\sigma_0^1 + \int_\mu^Q d\sigma_1^0)$$

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q (d\sigma_1^1 + \int_\mu^{q_1} d\sigma_2^0)$$

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} (d\sigma_2^1 + \int_\mu^{q_2} d\sigma_3^0)$$

$$\Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} (d\sigma_3^1 + \int_\mu^{q_3} d\sigma_4^0) +$$

+

+

+

...

Legs  
and  
“Legs”

That's part of the addition. Now unitarize once more.



# NLO Merging

## NLO cross section

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( d\sigma_0^1 + \int_{\mu}^Q dq_1 d\sigma_1^0 \right) - \int_{\mu}^Q dq_1 \Delta_{q_1}^Q (d\sigma_1^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_1} dq_2 d\sigma_2^0) \\
 & \quad \Delta_{q_1}^Q (d\sigma_1^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_1} dq_2 d\sigma_2^0) - \int_{\mu}^{q_1} dq_2 \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} (d\sigma_2^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_2} dq_3 d\sigma_3^0) \\
 & \quad \Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} (d\sigma_2^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_2} dq_3 d\sigma_3^0) - \int_{\mu}^{q_2} dq_3 \Delta_{q_3}^{q_1} (d\sigma_3^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_3} dq_4 d\sigma_4^0) \\
 & \quad \Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} (d\sigma_3^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_3} dq_4 d\sigma_4^0) - \int_{\mu}^{q_3} dq_4 (d\sigma_4^1 + \int_{\mu}^{q_4} dq_5 d\sigma_5^0) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- Red and blue (...) parts cancel in inclusive cross section.
- NLO cross section restored.
- Subtraction not discussed here (makes it really messy).



# NLO Merging

Thats not all!

What scales to choose?

Did we expand the shower history? Not yet!

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( d\sigma_0^0 - \int_{\mu}^Q d\sigma_1^0 \right) + \\ & \boxed{\Delta_{q_1}^Q (d\sigma_1^0)} - \int_{\mu}^{q_1} d\sigma_2^0 ) + \\ & \Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad \left( d\sigma_2^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_2} d\sigma_3^0 \right) + \\ & \Delta_{q_1}^Q \quad \Delta_{q_2}^{q_1} \quad \Delta_{q_3}^{q_2} \quad \left( d\sigma_3^0 - \int_{\mu}^{q_3} d\sigma_4^0 \right) + \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$



# NLO Merging

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What scales to choose?

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We discussed:

$$d\sigma_2^0 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_S(q_2)}{\alpha_S(Q)} \frac{\alpha_S(q_1)}{\alpha_S(Q)} d\sigma_2^0(Q)$$

Expanded:

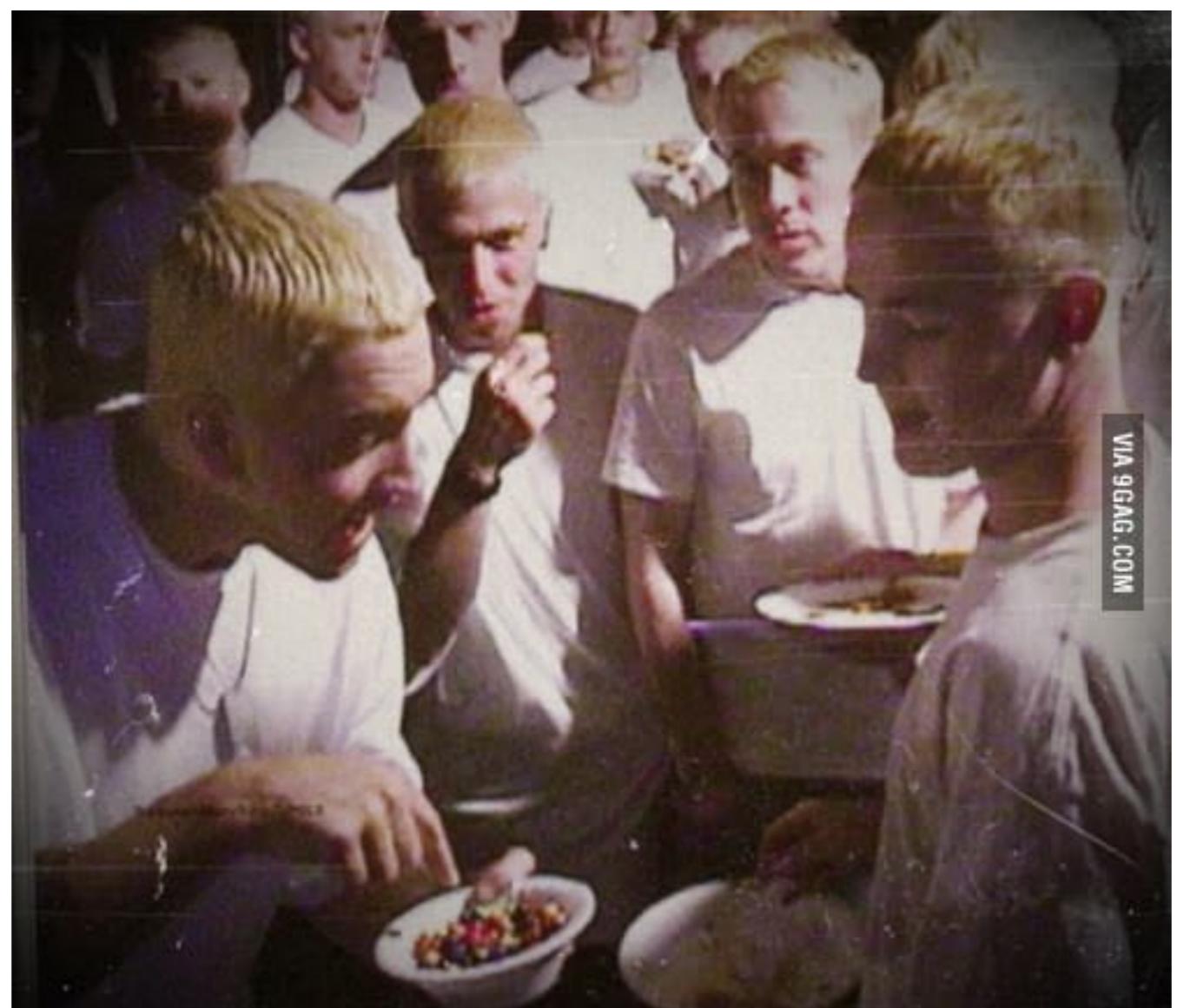
$$(1 + \alpha_S(Q)b_0 \log \frac{q_1^2}{Q^2} + \alpha_S(Q)b_0 \log \frac{q_2^2}{Q^2} + \dots) d\sigma_2^0(Q)$$

This dictates what scales to use.

Similar for PDFs and Sudakov expansion.



# Thank you!



**Eminem eating M&Ms with other Eminems**