

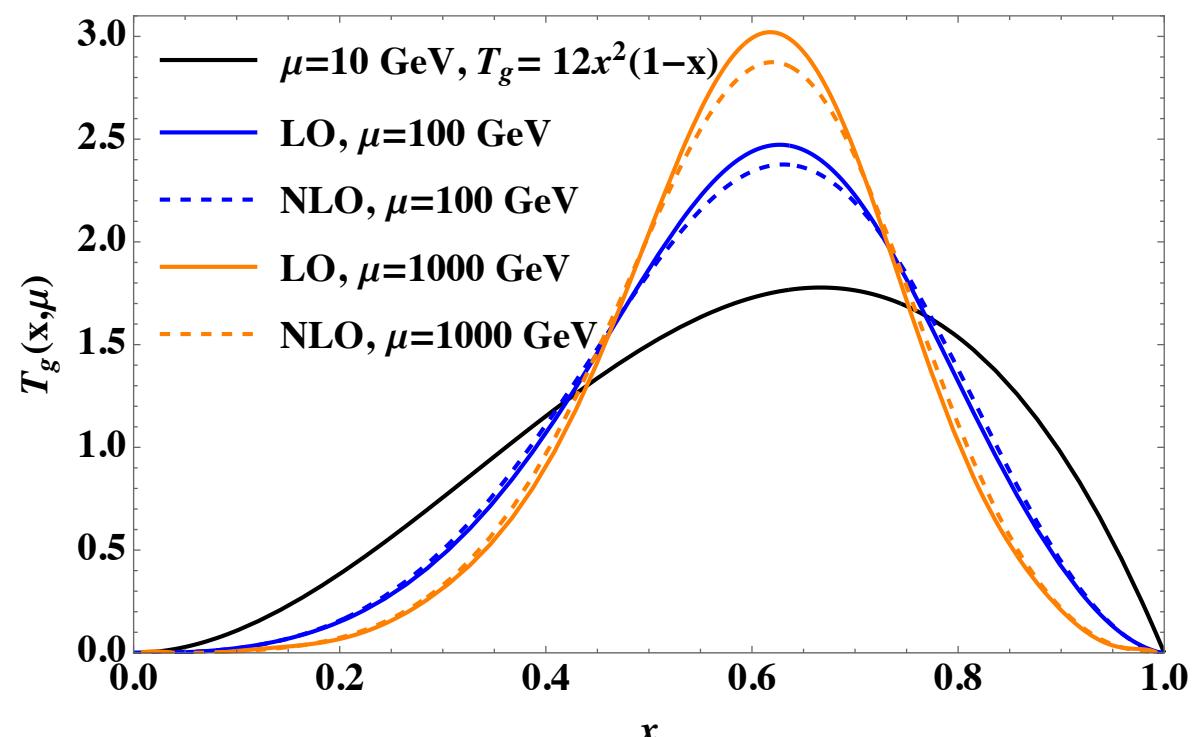
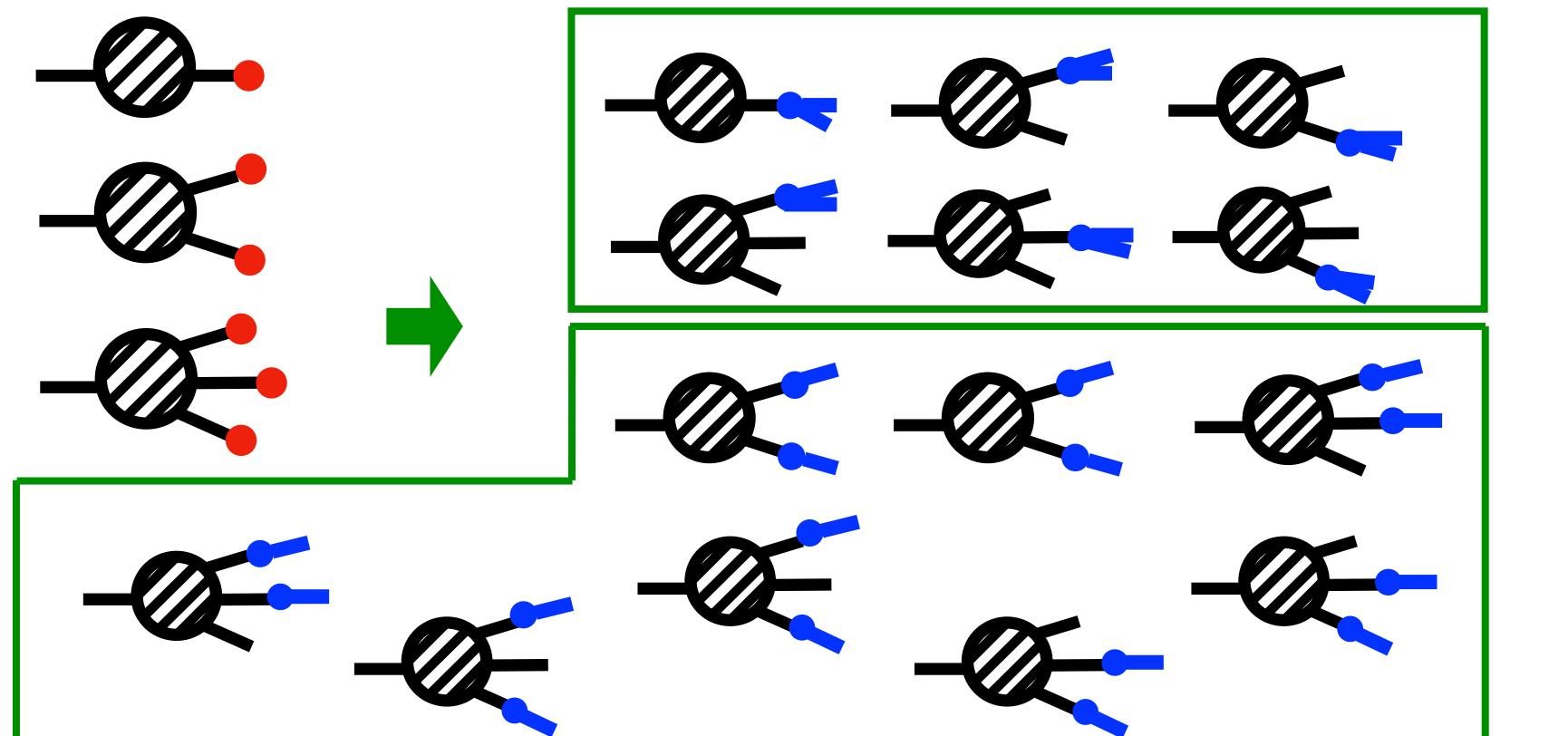
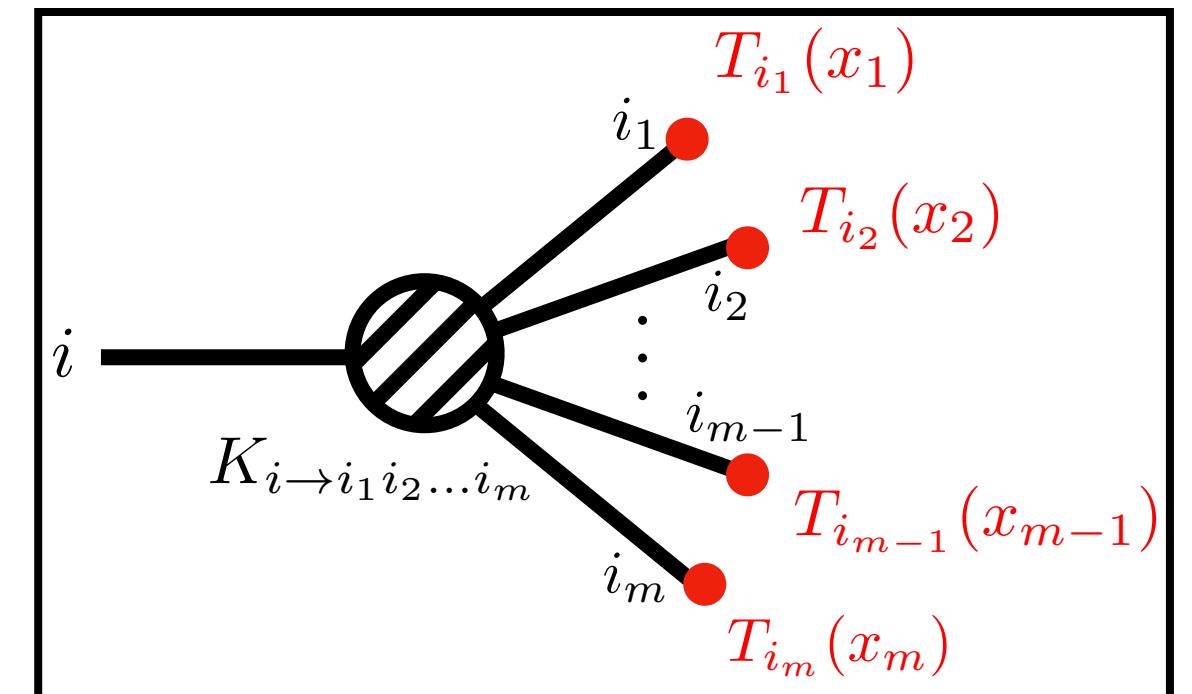


# Extending Precision Perturbative QCD with Track Functions

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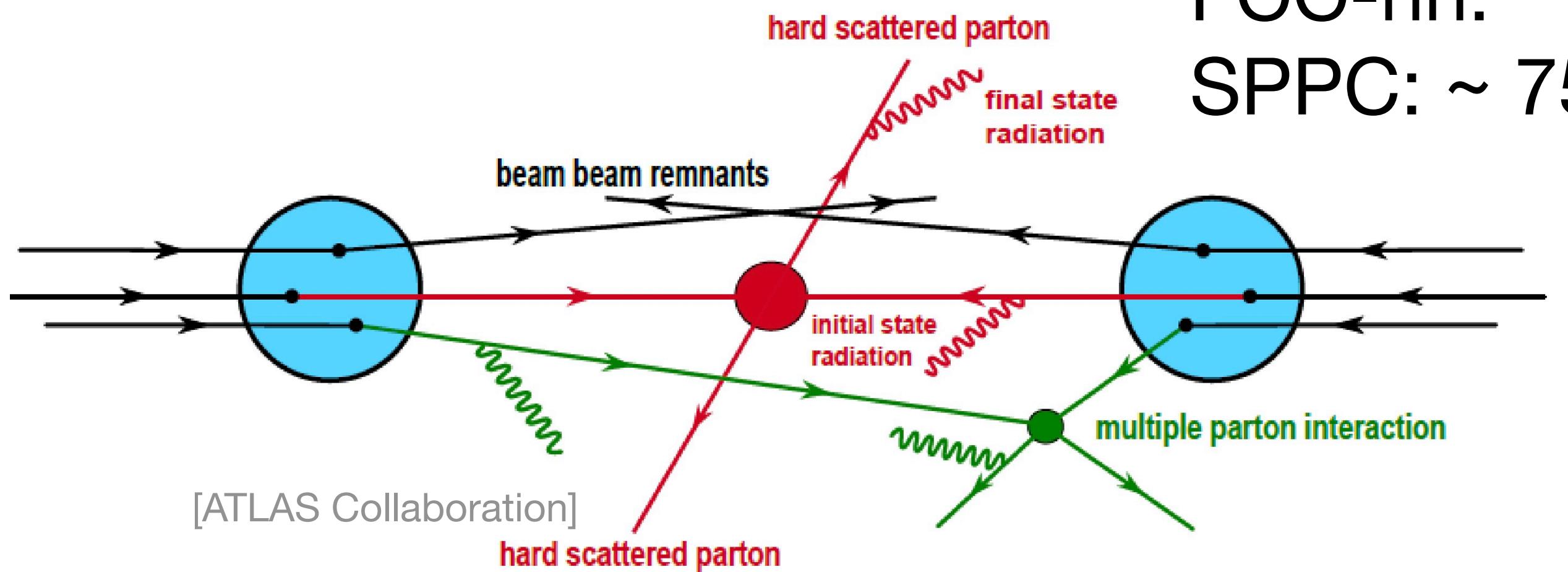
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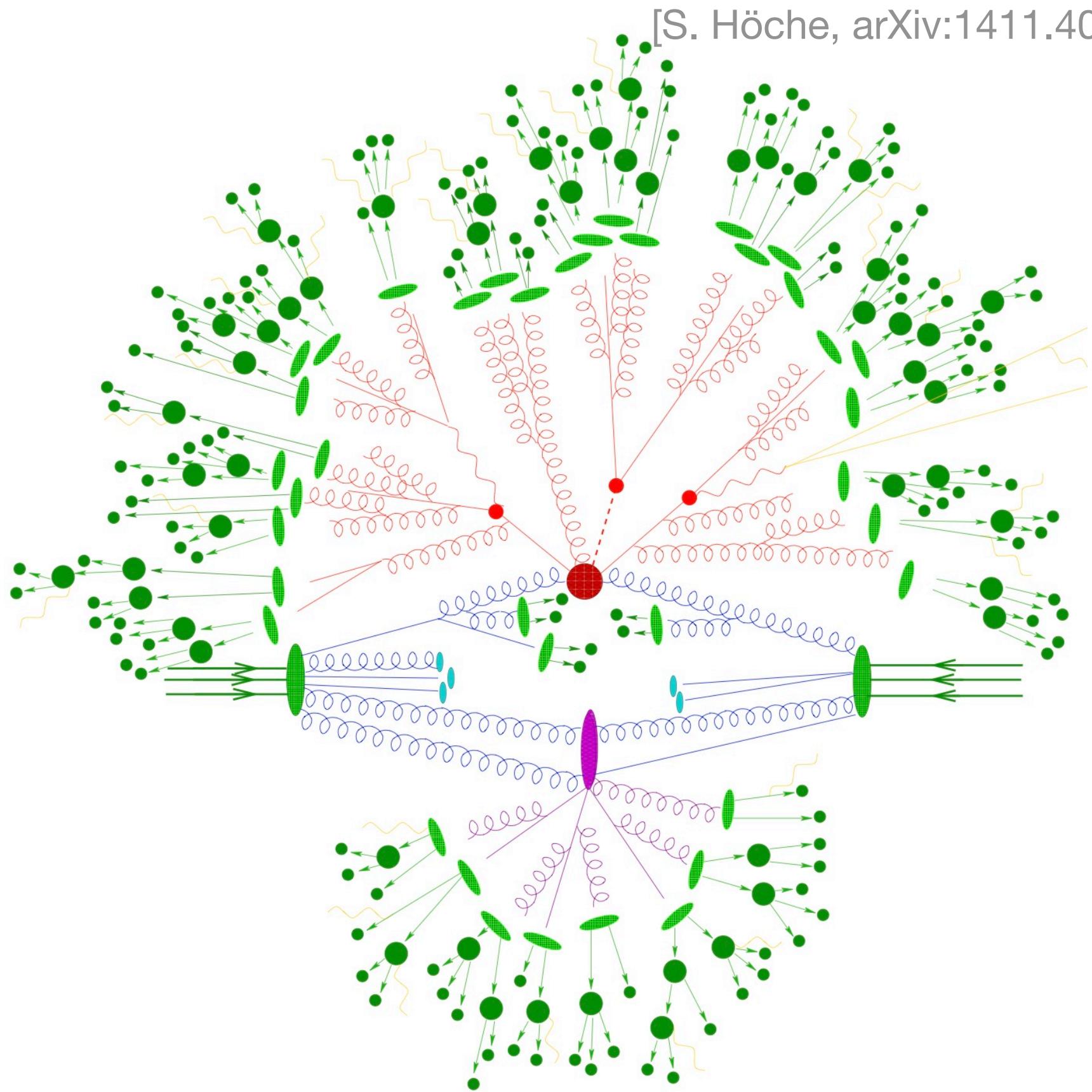


# Advances & Challenges

LHC: ~ 14 TeV



**Future colliders**  
FCC-hh: ~ 100 TeV  
SPPC: ~ 75 TeV



## Jet substructure observables

- Jet mass
- Jet angularity, thrust, broadening
- Energy correlation function observable
- N-subjettiness
- Electric charge of a jet
- ...

Techniques:  
Jet grooming, jet tagging, ...

**Use track-based observables!**  
(experimentally cleaner to measure)

# Track Functions

## Motivation

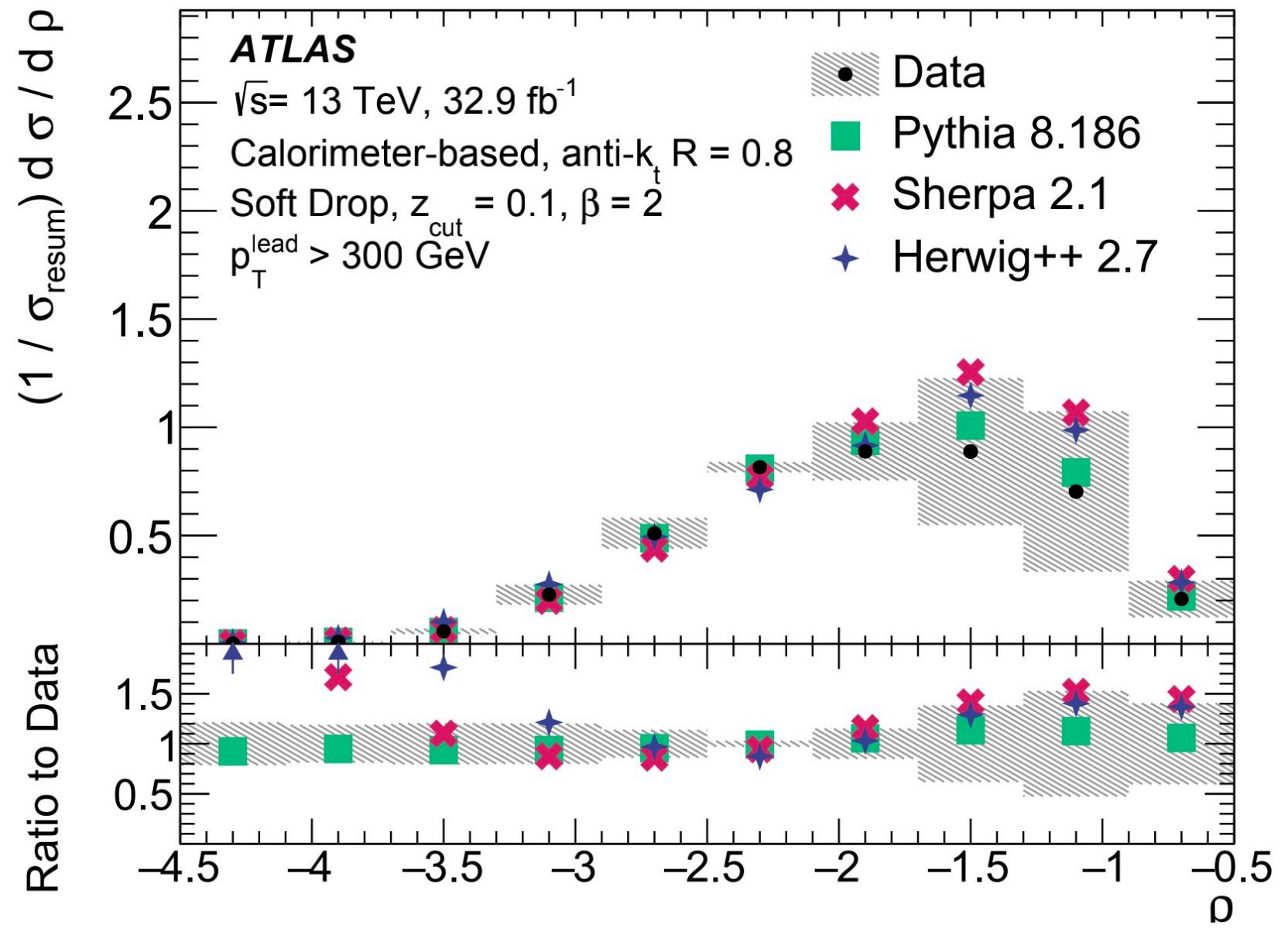
- Track-based measurements offer:
  - superior angular resolution
  - pileup mitigation.
- One problem: Track-based calculations are **not** IR safe in perturbation theory.



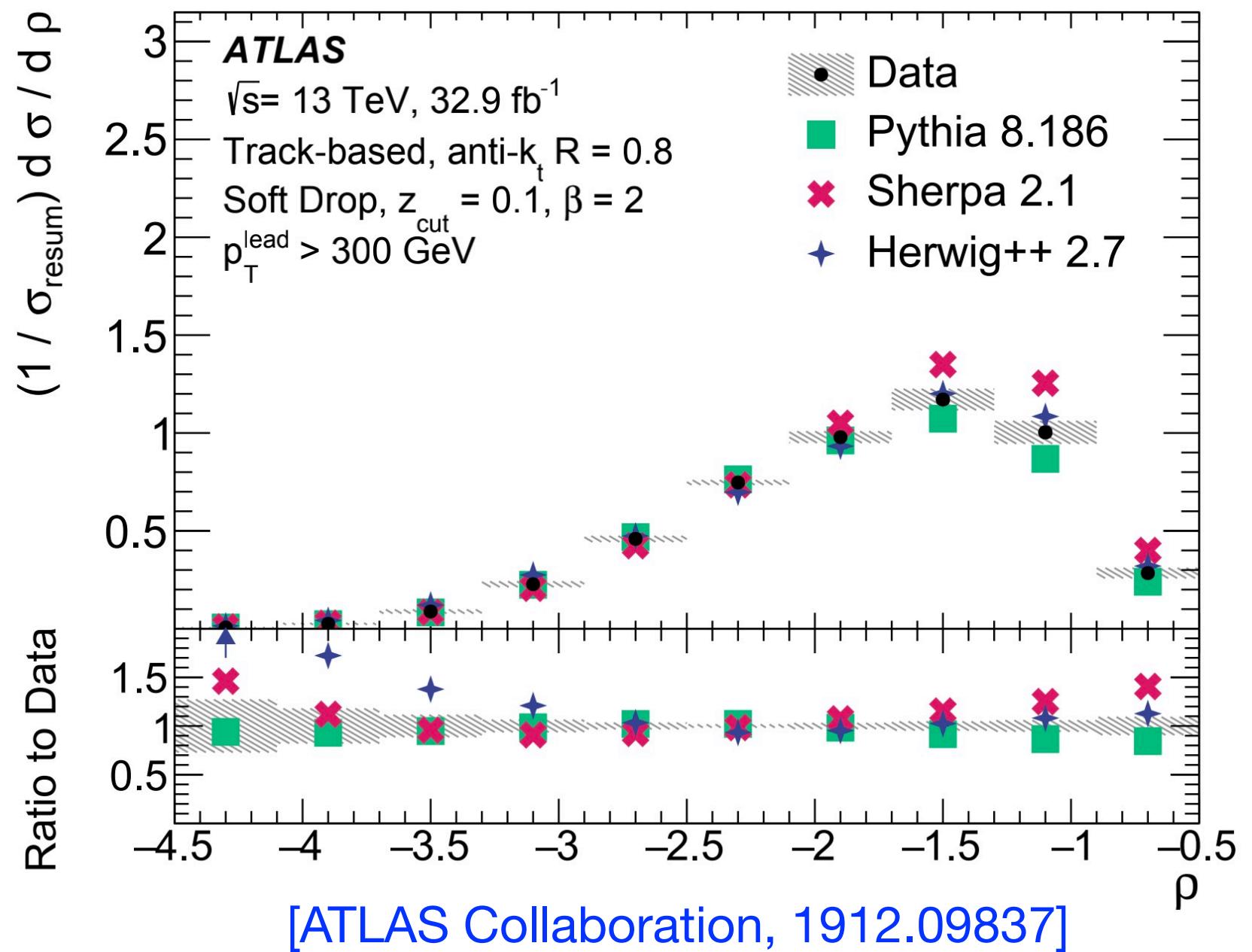
## Track Functions

- ▶ IR divergences are absorbed into these **universal** non-perturbative functions.  
(like the case of parton distribution functions and fragmentation functions)

calorimeter-based  
(all-particle)



track-based  
(charged-particle)



[ATLAS Collaboration, 1912.09837]

✓ Track functions introduced and studied at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ .

[H. Chang, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Waalewijn, arXiv:1303.6637, arXiv:1306.6630]

- Implementing track functions complicates perturbative calculations, which hinders people to apply that to higher order, while experimentalists urge predictions on tracks.

Eg. NNNLL+NNLO for all-particle thrusts but NLL+NLO for track thrusts.

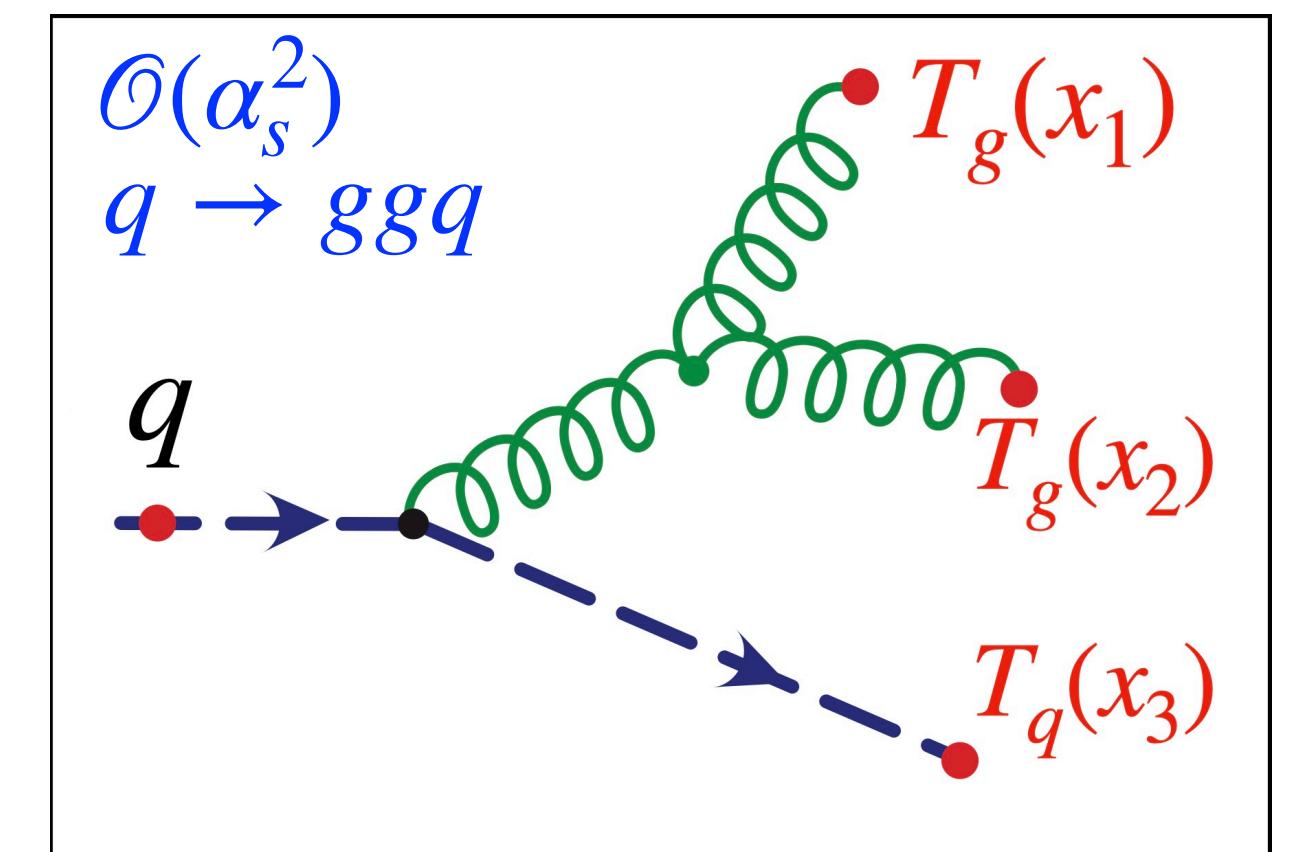
observables. For all of these observables, the uncertainties for the track-based observables are significantly smaller than those for the calorimeter-based observables, particularly for higher values of  $\beta$ , where more soft radiation is included within the jet. However, since no track-based calculations exist at the present time, calorimeter-based measurements are still useful for precision QCD studies. [ATLAS Collaboration, 1912.09837]

the selection of charged particle jets. Note that track-based observables are IRC-unsafe. In general, nonperturbative track functions can be used to directly compare track-based measurements to analytical calculations [67–69]; however, such an approach has not yet been developed for jet angularities. Two

[ALICE Collaboration, 2107.11303]

- The complication due to the RGE: The track function evolution encodes correlations in the hadronization process.

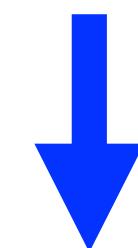
→ collinear evolution beyond DGLAP



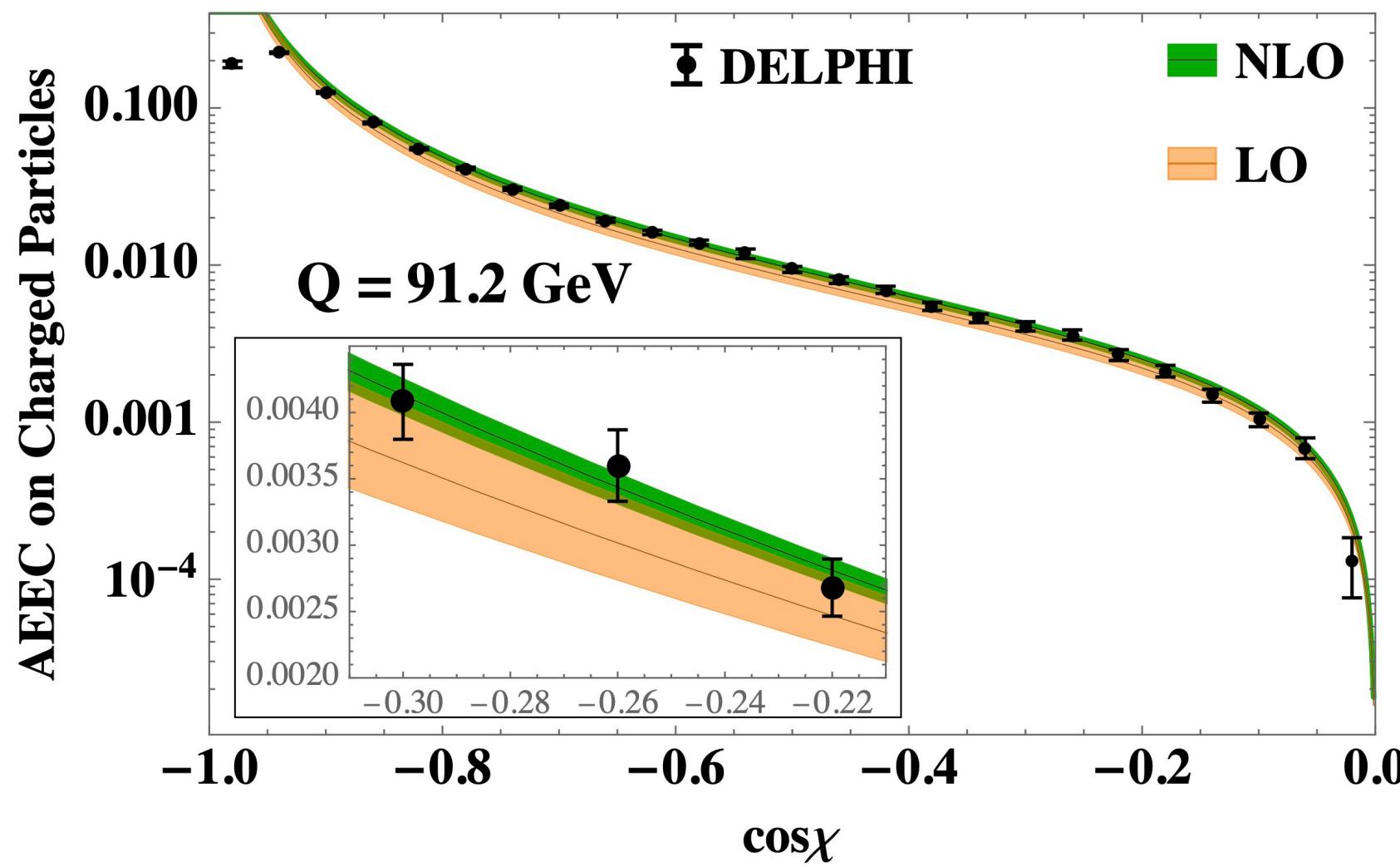
# ✓ Our work: Track function formalism beyond leading order.

[[Y. Li, I. Moult, S. S. van Velzen, W. Waalewijn, H. X. Zhu, arXiv:2108.01674](#);  
[M. Jaarsma, Y. Li, I. Moult, W. Waalewijn, H. X. Zhu, arXiv:2201.05166](#)]

- Energy correlators are much simpler to interface with track functions.
- Moments of track functions have simple evolution.

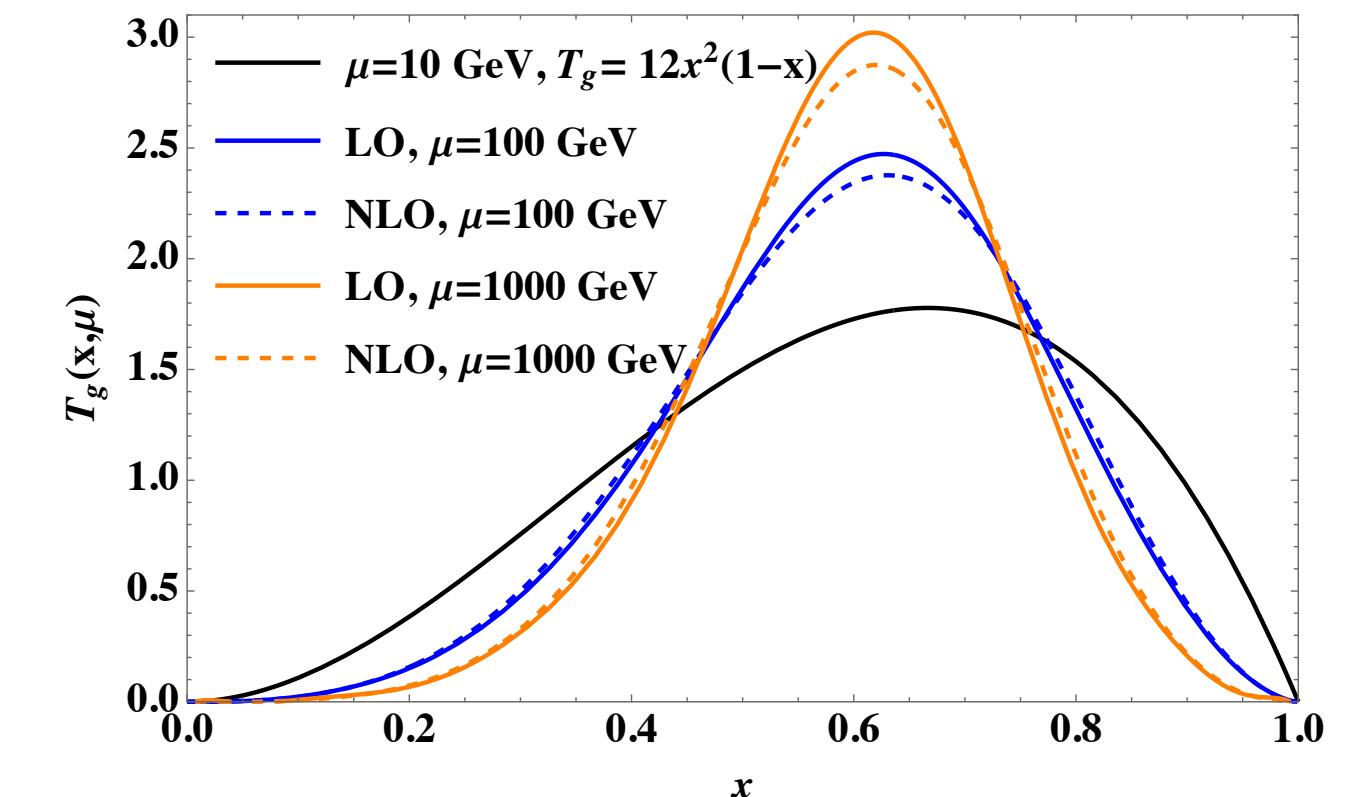
 higher-order calculation

- ◆ Evolution of track functions in moment space and track EEC at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ .

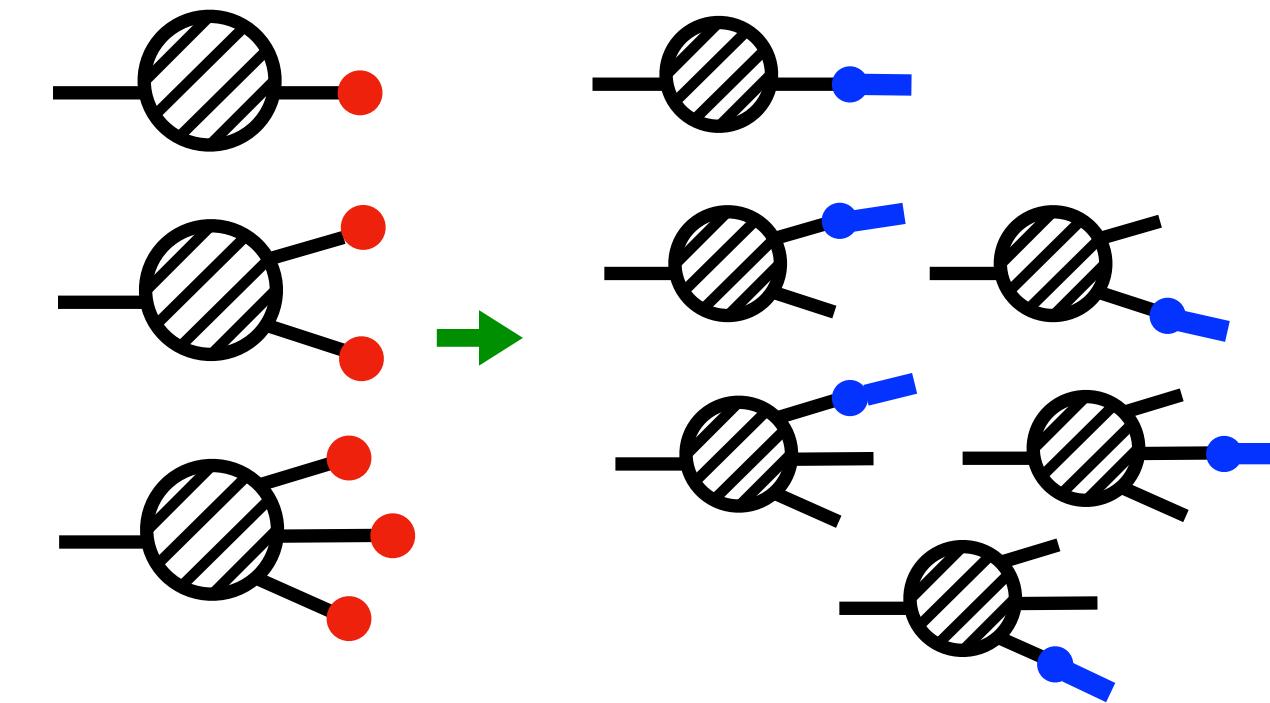


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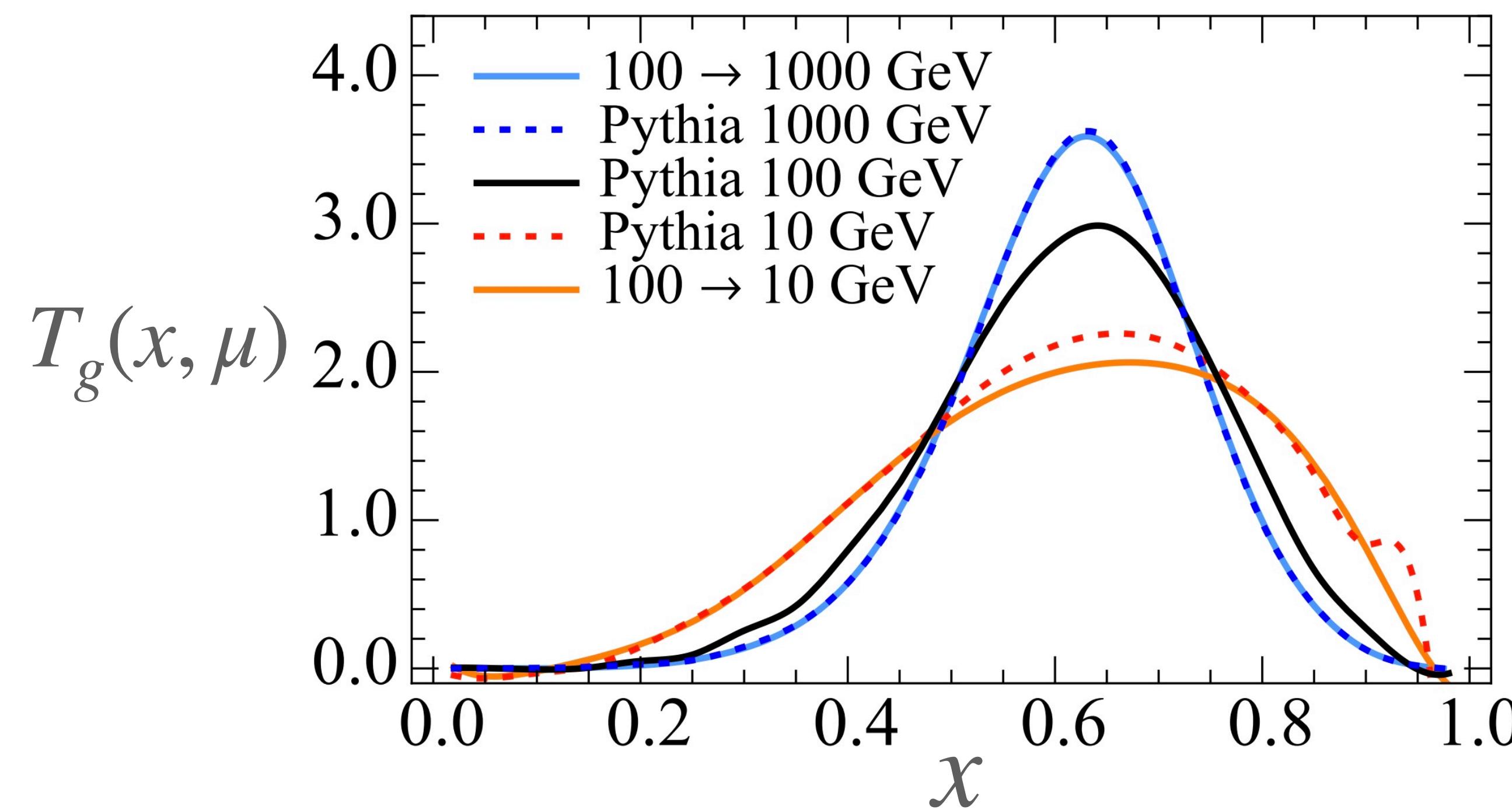
- ◆ Results for the NLO non-linear  $x$ -space evolution **enabling the use of tracks for generic substructure observables!**



- ◆ Correspondence between the evolution of track functions and that of single- or multi-hadron fragmentation functions.



# Introduction to Track Functions



# Track Functions $T_i(x, \mu)$

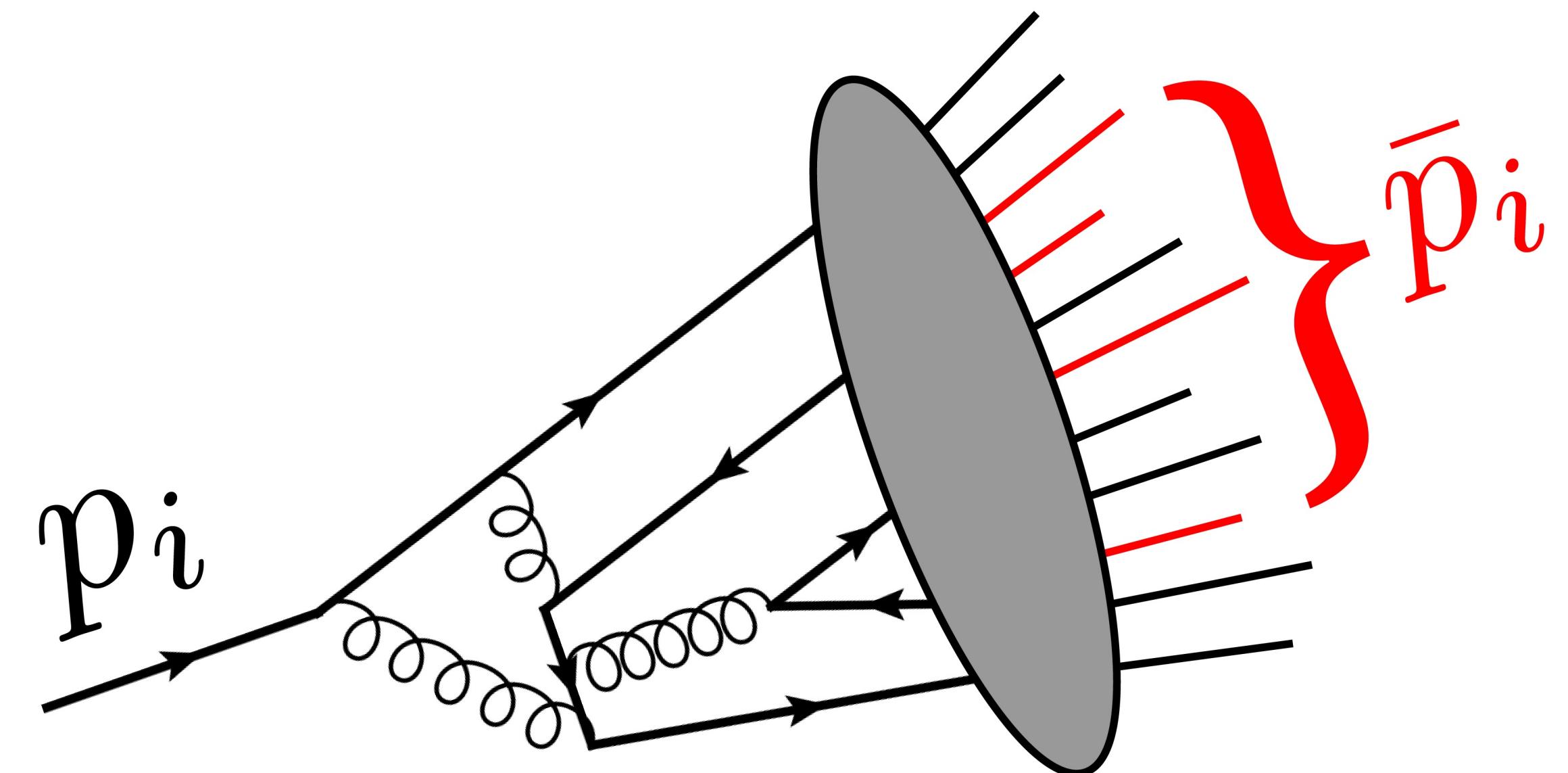
[H. Chang, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Waalewijn,  
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## Definition

- The track function  $T_i(x, \mu)$  describes the total momentum fraction  $x$  of *all charged particles (tracks)* in a jet initiated by a hard parton  $i$ .

$$\bar{p}_i^\mu = x p_i^\mu + O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) , (0 \leq x \leq 1) .$$

- This formalism applies to other subsets of hadrons (positively-charged, strange, etc).



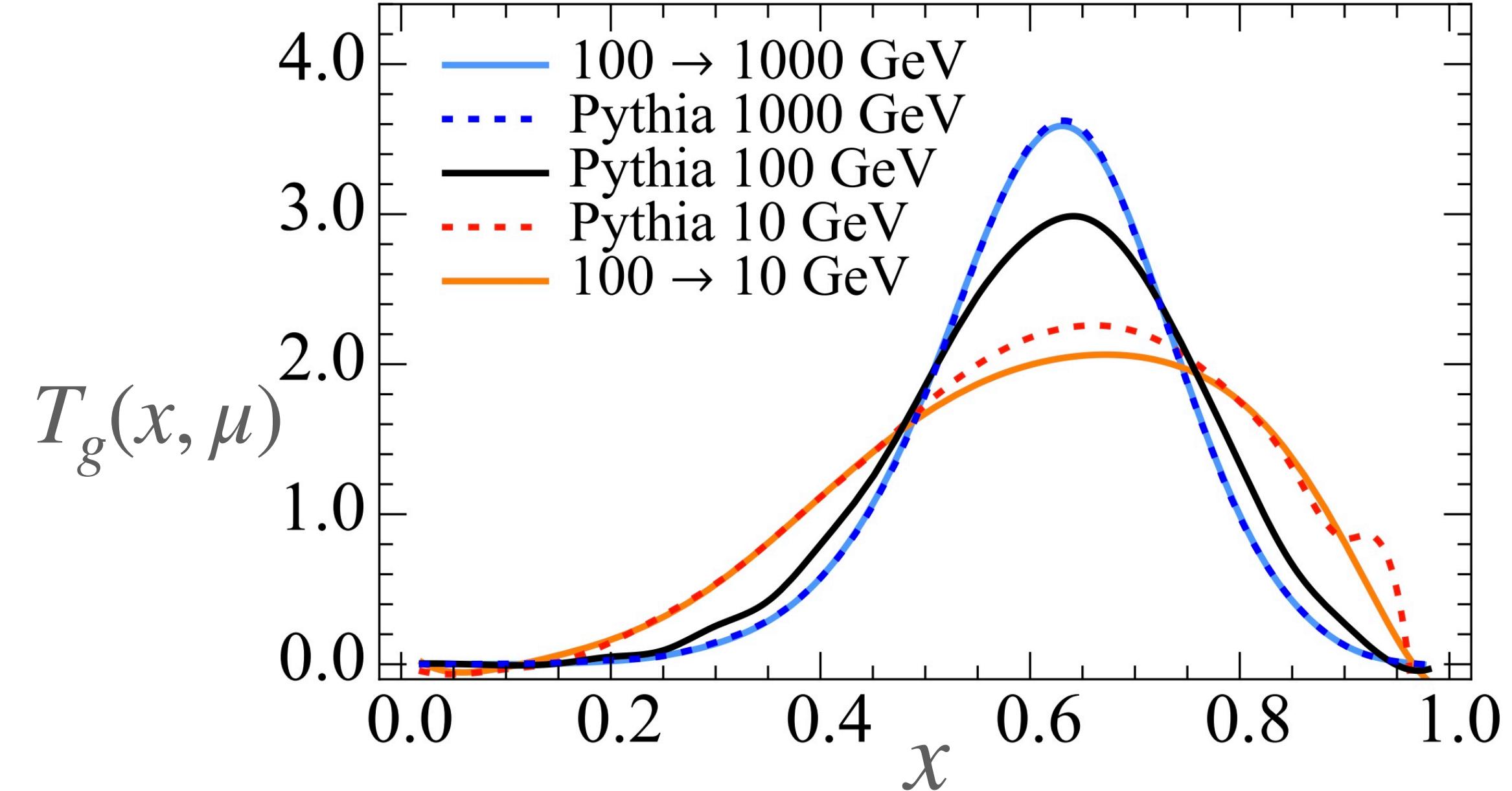
# Track Functions

## Features

[H. Chang, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Waalewijn,  
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- A generalization of fragmentation functions (FFs).
  - Independent of hard process.
  - Fundamentally non-perturbative, with a calculable scale ( $\mu$ ) dependence.
- Incorporating correlations between final-state hadrons, like multi-hadron FFs.

$$\text{Sum rule: } \int_0^1 dx T_i(x, \mu) = 1 .$$



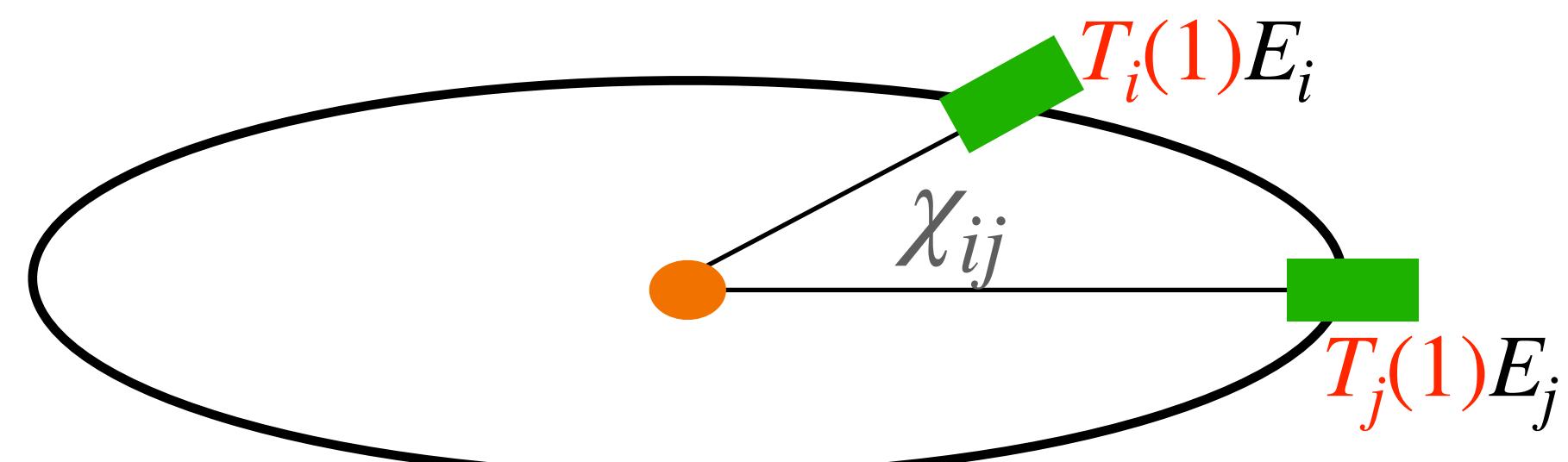
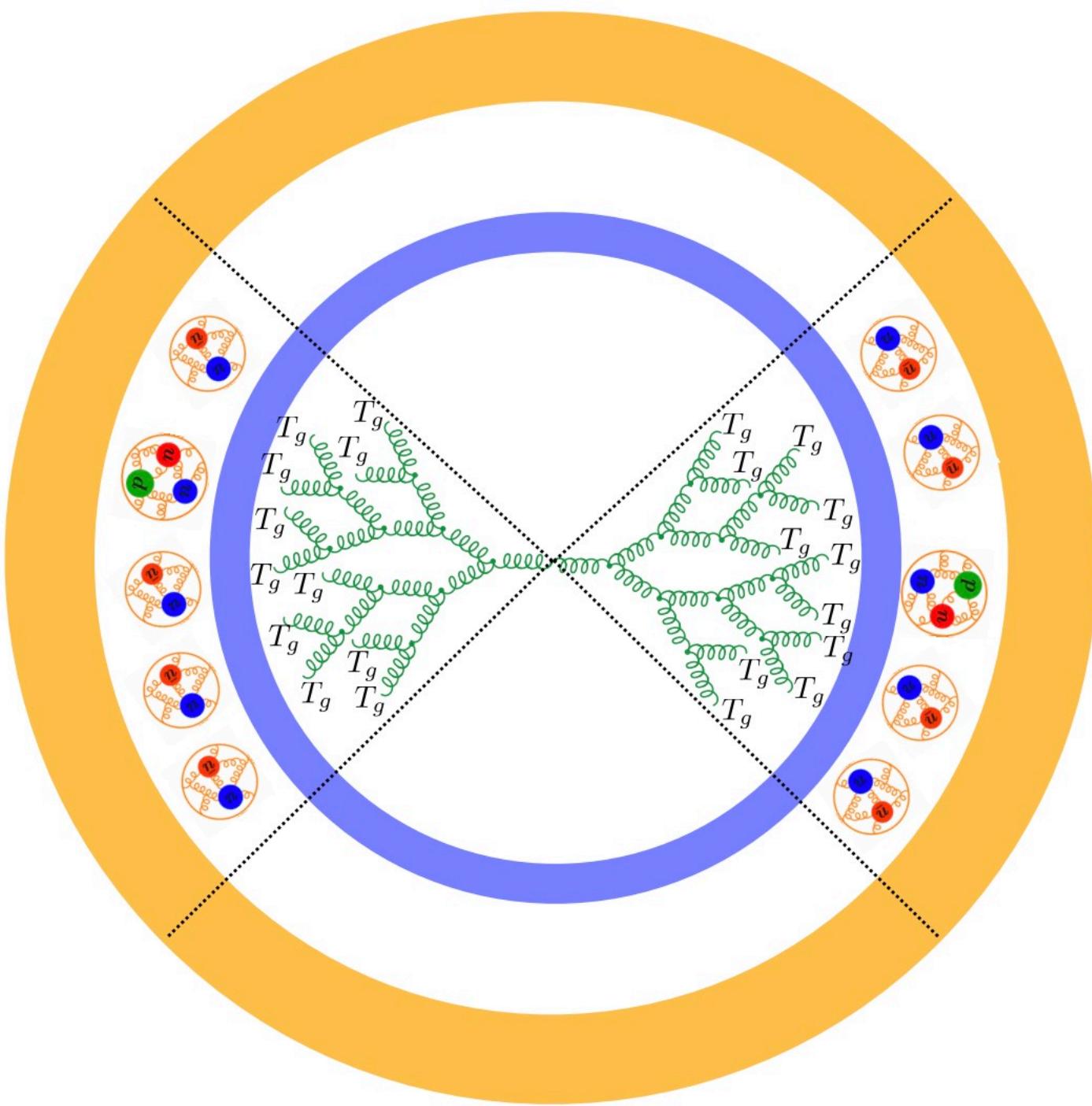
### • The single-hadron fragmentation function:

- The probability of a parton to produce a single-hadron state considered.

### ◦ The momentum sum rule:

$$\sum_h \int_0^1 dz z D_{i \rightarrow h}(z, \mu) = 1 .$$

# Incorporating Tracks



# Two Types of Observables

[1303.6637]

- For a  $\delta$ -function type observable  $e$  measured using partons:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{de} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma_N}{d\Pi_N} \delta \left[ e - \hat{e}(p_i^\mu) \right]$$

tracks

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\bar{e}} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\bar{\sigma}_N}{d\Pi_N} \int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i T_i(x_i) \delta \left[ \bar{e} - \hat{e}(\textcolor{red}{x}_i p_i^\mu) \right]$$

full functional  
form of  $T$

- For correlations of energy flow:  $k$ -point correlation functions

$$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$$

- The energy flow operator that measures energy flow on a restricted set  $R$  of final states:  $\mathcal{E}_R$   
e.g. charged hadrons
- Then, the  $k$ -point correlator on  $R$  is

$$\langle \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$$

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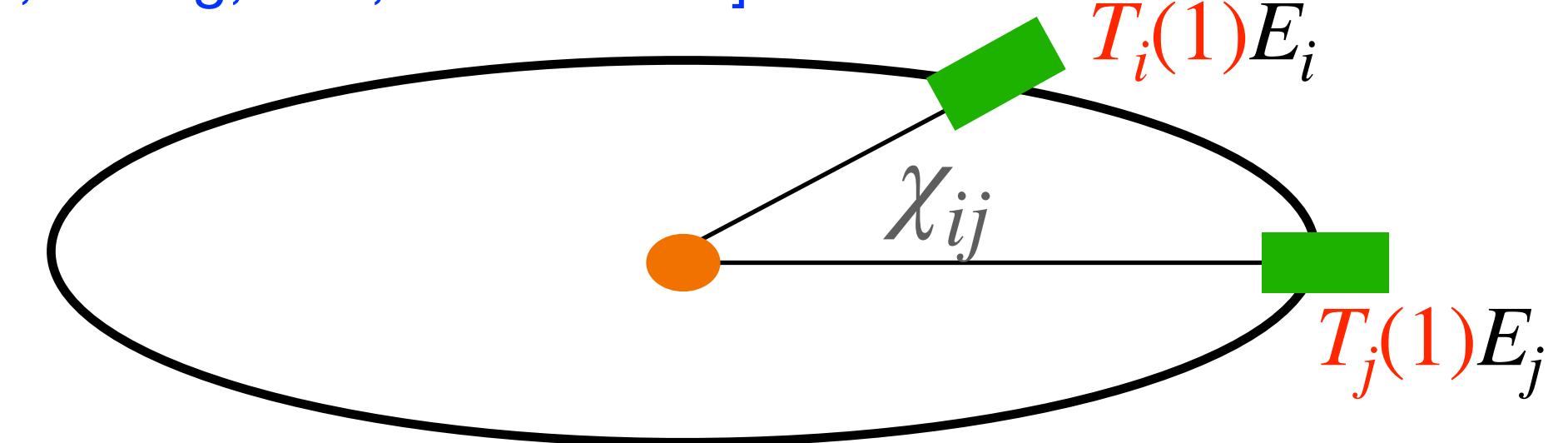
$$\frac{d\sigma}{de} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma_N}{d\Pi_N} \delta [e - \hat{e}(p_i^\mu)]$$

tracks

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full functional form of  $T$

- Energy correlators:** tracking easily included and can use modern fixed-order techniques.



- E.g., 2-point correlator (EEC)

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\cos\chi} = \sum_{i,j} \int \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta (\cos\chi - \cos\chi_{ij}) d\sigma$$

$$E_i^n \rightarrow \int dx_i T_i(x_i) x_i^n E_i^n$$

$$= T_i(n) E_i^n$$

**Mellin moments**

$$\left( \frac{d\Sigma}{d\cos\chi} \right)_{\text{tr}} = \sum_{i \neq j} T_i(1) T_j(1) \int \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta (\cos\chi - \cos\chi_{ij}) d\sigma$$

only moments of  $T$

$$+ \sum_k T_k(2) \int \frac{E_k^2}{Q^2} \delta (\cos\chi - 1) d\sigma$$

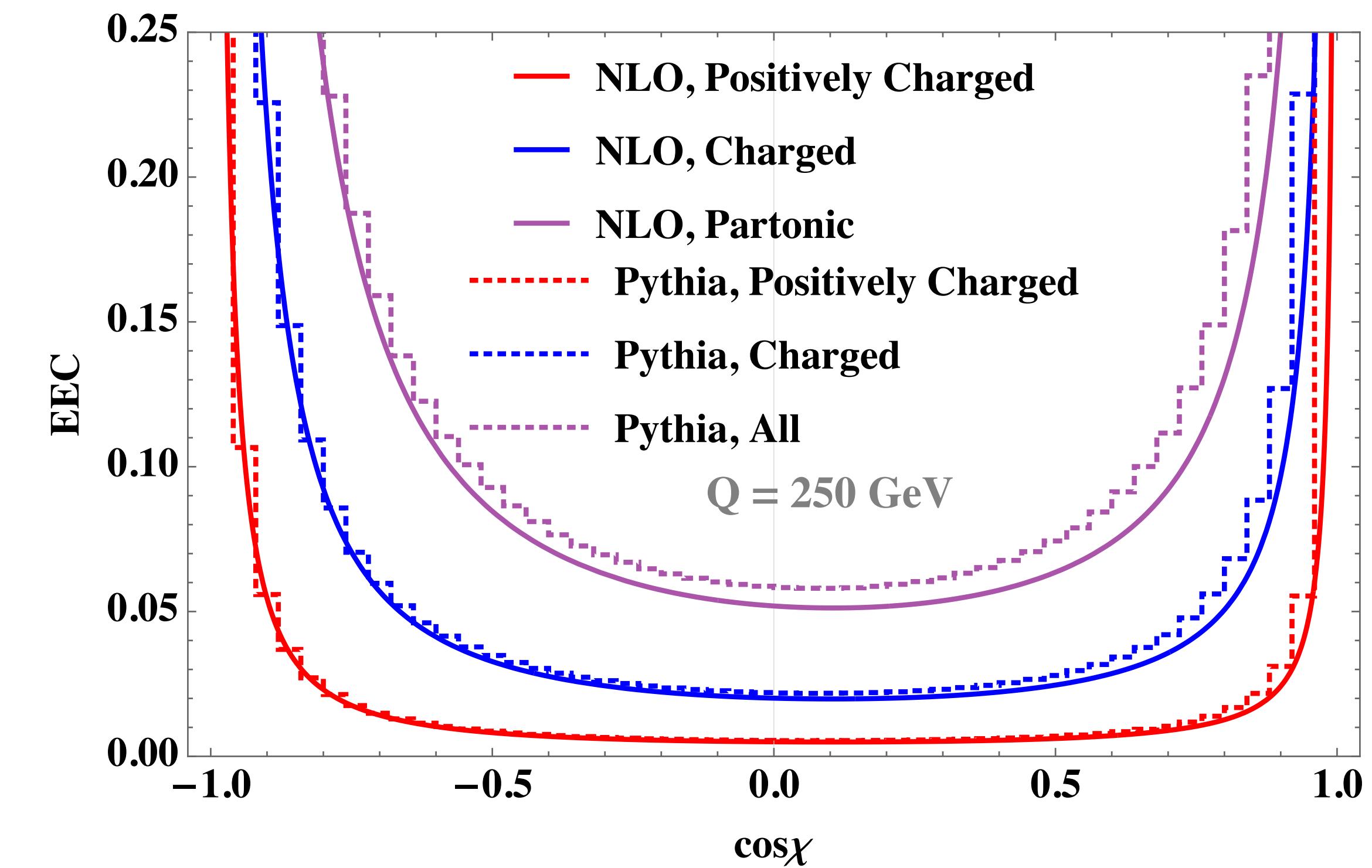
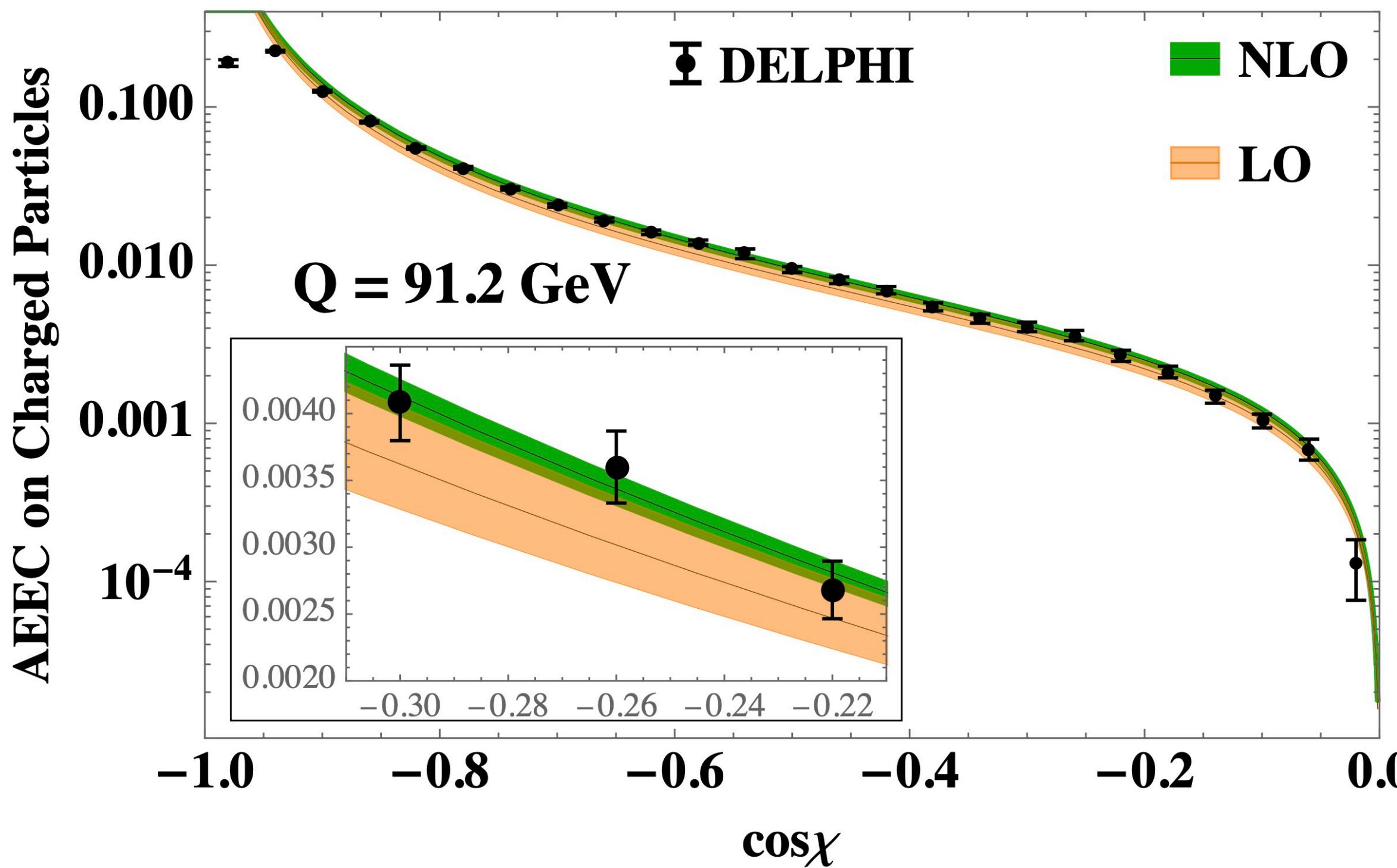
**Track EEC**

Study of RG equations for moments of track functions, resummation of ECs.



# Track EEC for $e^+e^-$ annihilation

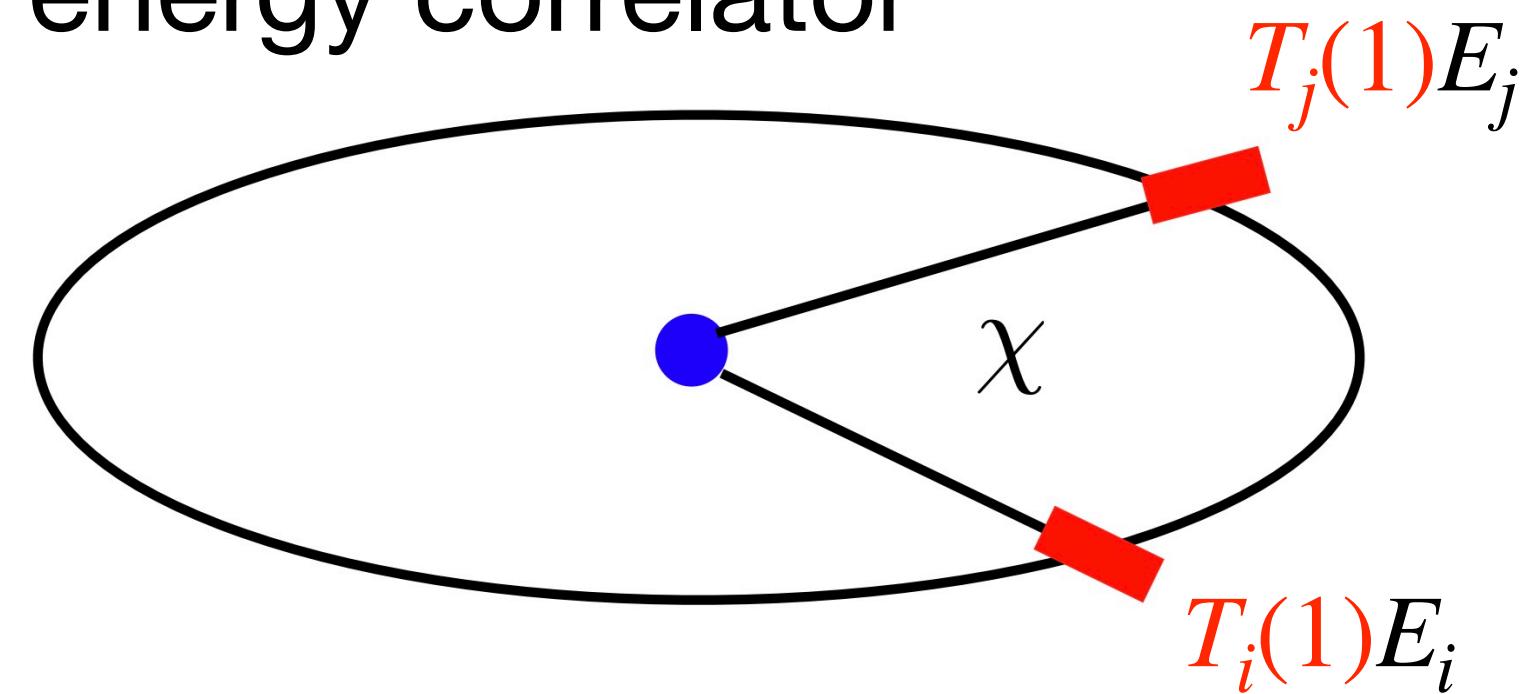
- First NLO ( $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ ) calculations for track-based observables
- Results are available in completely analytical form.
- Track function formalism can be applied to other subsets of hadrons specified by their quantum numbers.



- The DELPHI data were published 27 years ago.

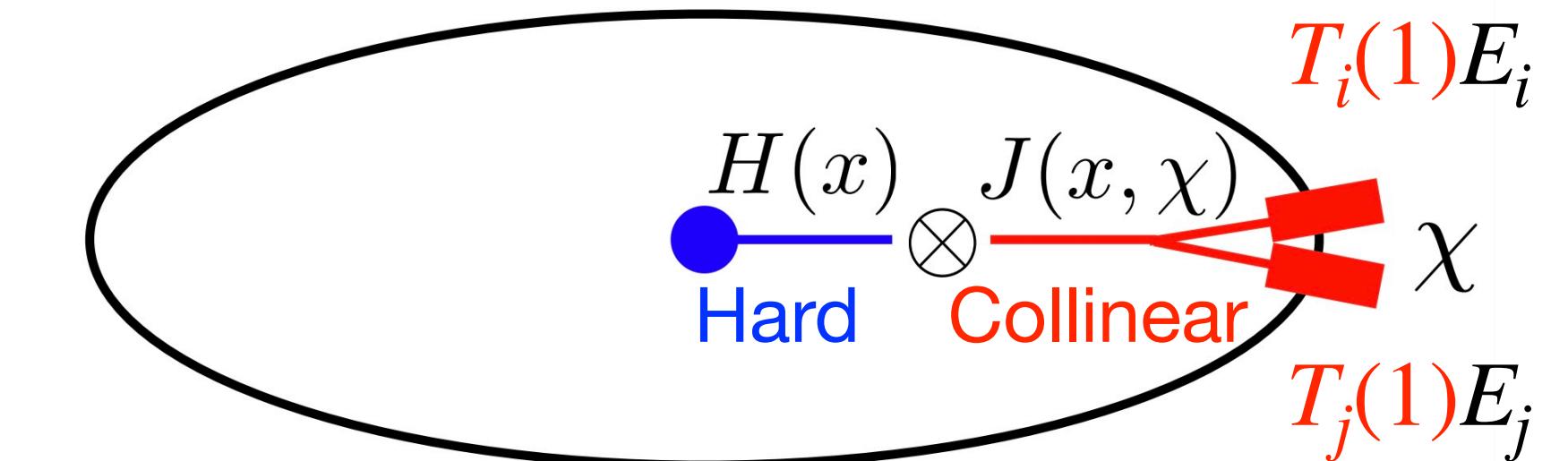
# Energy Correlators Within Jets

2-point energy correlator

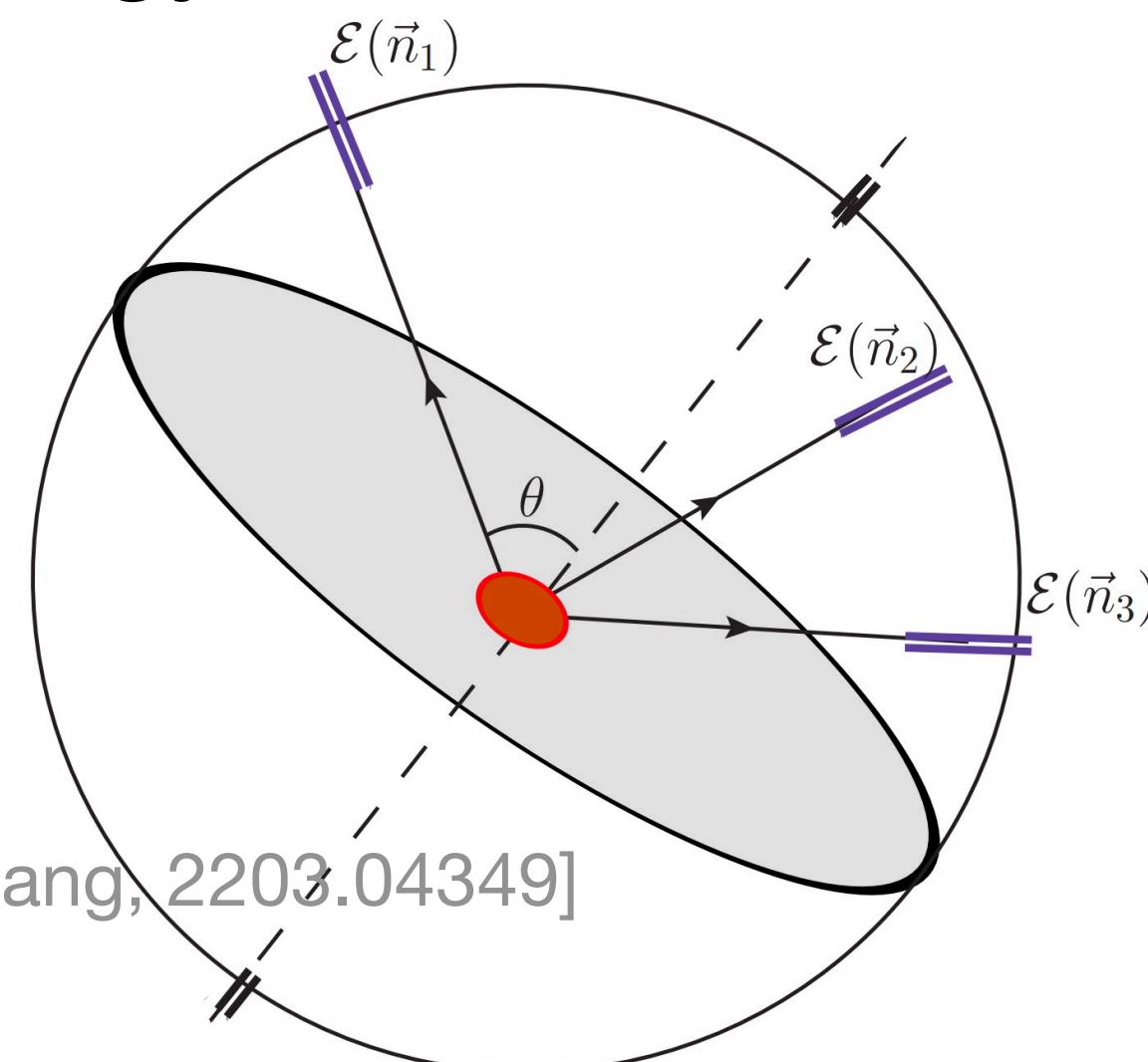


In the collinear limit:

$$\chi \rightarrow 0$$

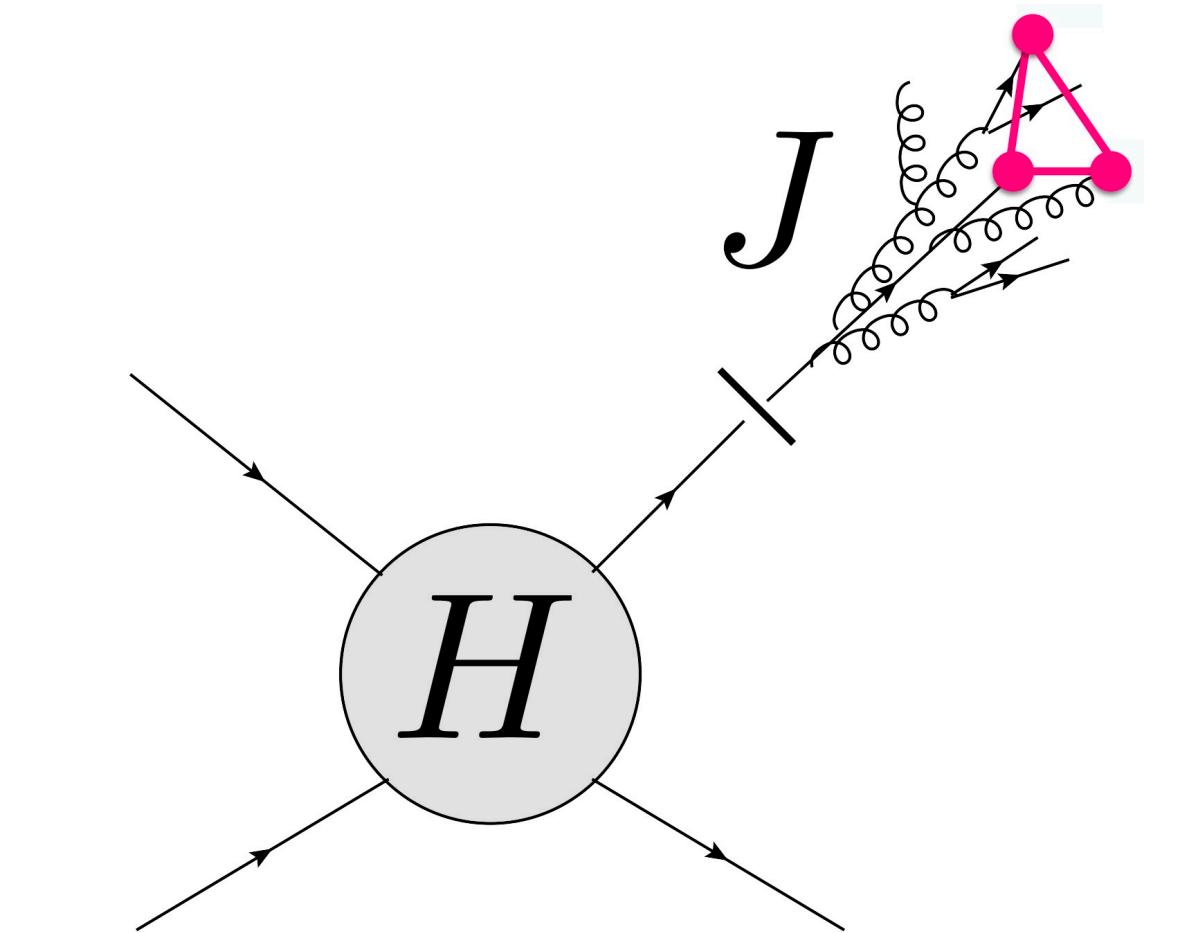


3-point energy correlator



[K. Yan, X. Zhang, 2203.04349]

$$\xrightarrow{\quad}$$



[H. Chen, M.X. Luo, I. Moult, T.Z. Yang, X. Zhang, H.X. Zhu, 1912.11050]

- The energy correlator is a jet substructure observable:  $\Sigma(x_L) = \vec{J} \otimes \vec{H}$ .

# Energy Correlators Within Jets

- Projected energy correlators are single logarithmic collinear (soft insensitive) observables, like the groomed jet mass.

The longest side definition

$$\frac{d\sigma^{[k]}}{dx_L} = \int d\vec{\Omega} \delta(x_L - \frac{1 - \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{2}) \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i < j \leq k \\ i+j > 3}} \theta(|\vec{n}_1 - \vec{n}_2| - |\vec{n}_i - \vec{n}_j|) \langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$$

- Jet functions for projected energy correlators **on tracks**,  $\vec{J}_{\text{tr}}\left(\ln \frac{x_L Q^2}{\mu^2}, T_i(n, \mu), a_s(\mu)\right)$ : Integer moments  $T_i(n, \mu)$  appear as the coefficients. **Resummation convenient!**

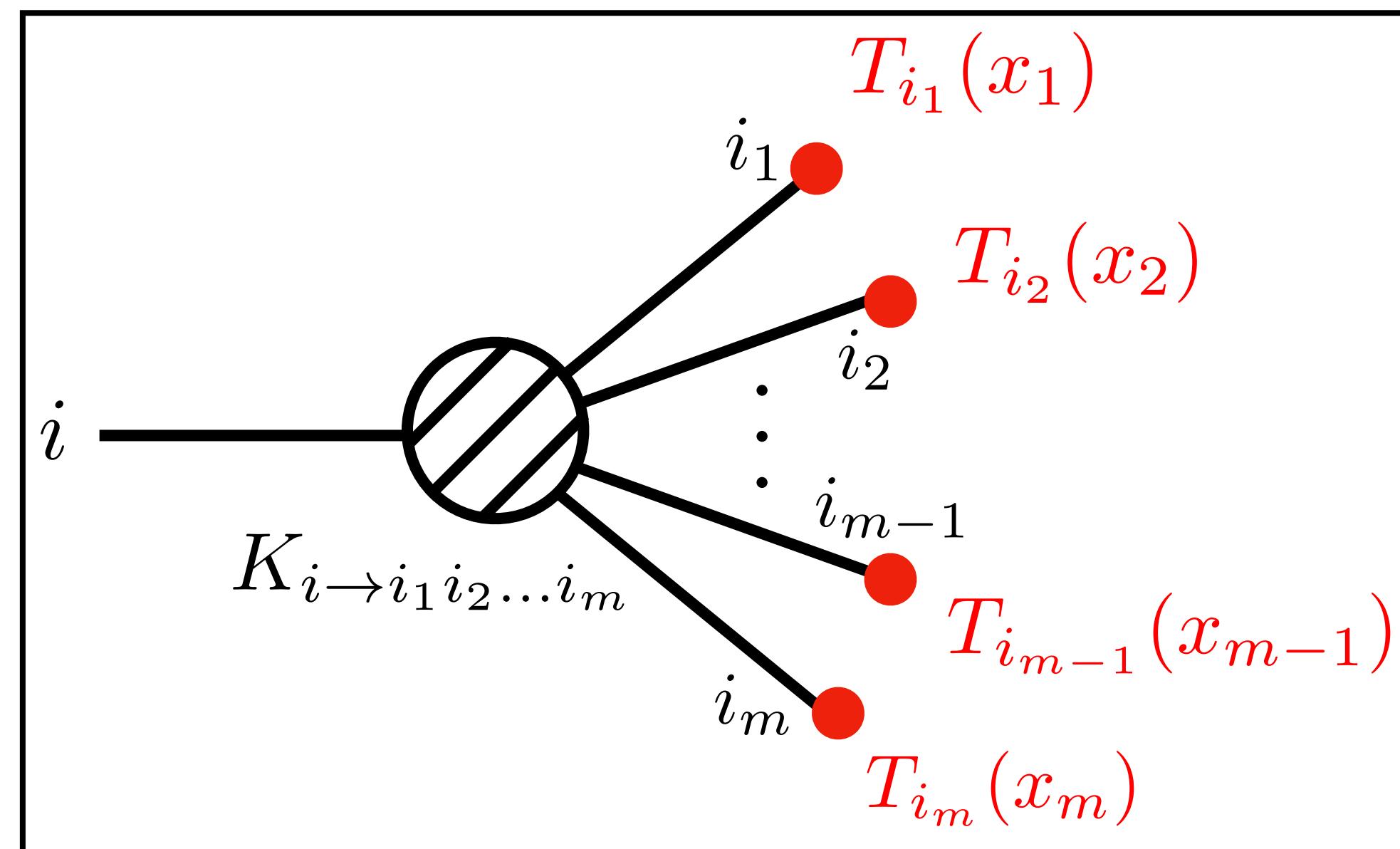
- The jet function constants (the jet functions with the logarithmic dependence excluded): e.g. for track EECs, up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

$$j^g = \frac{1}{4} T_g(2) + a_s \left\{ T_g(1) T_g(1) C_A \left( -\frac{449}{150} \right) + \sum_q T_q(1) T_{\bar{q}}(1) T_F \left( -\frac{7}{25} \right) \right\}$$

$$+ a_s^2 \left\{ T_g(1) T_g(1) \left\{ C_A^2 \left( -\frac{527 \zeta_3}{10} + \frac{133639871}{3240000} - \frac{2159 \pi^2}{1800} + \frac{19 \pi^4}{90} \right) + C_A n_f T_F \frac{139}{270} \right\} + \sum_q T_q(1) T_{\bar{q}}(1) \cdots \right\}$$

- Matches the state-of-the-art calculation for jet substructure, but now **on tracks**.

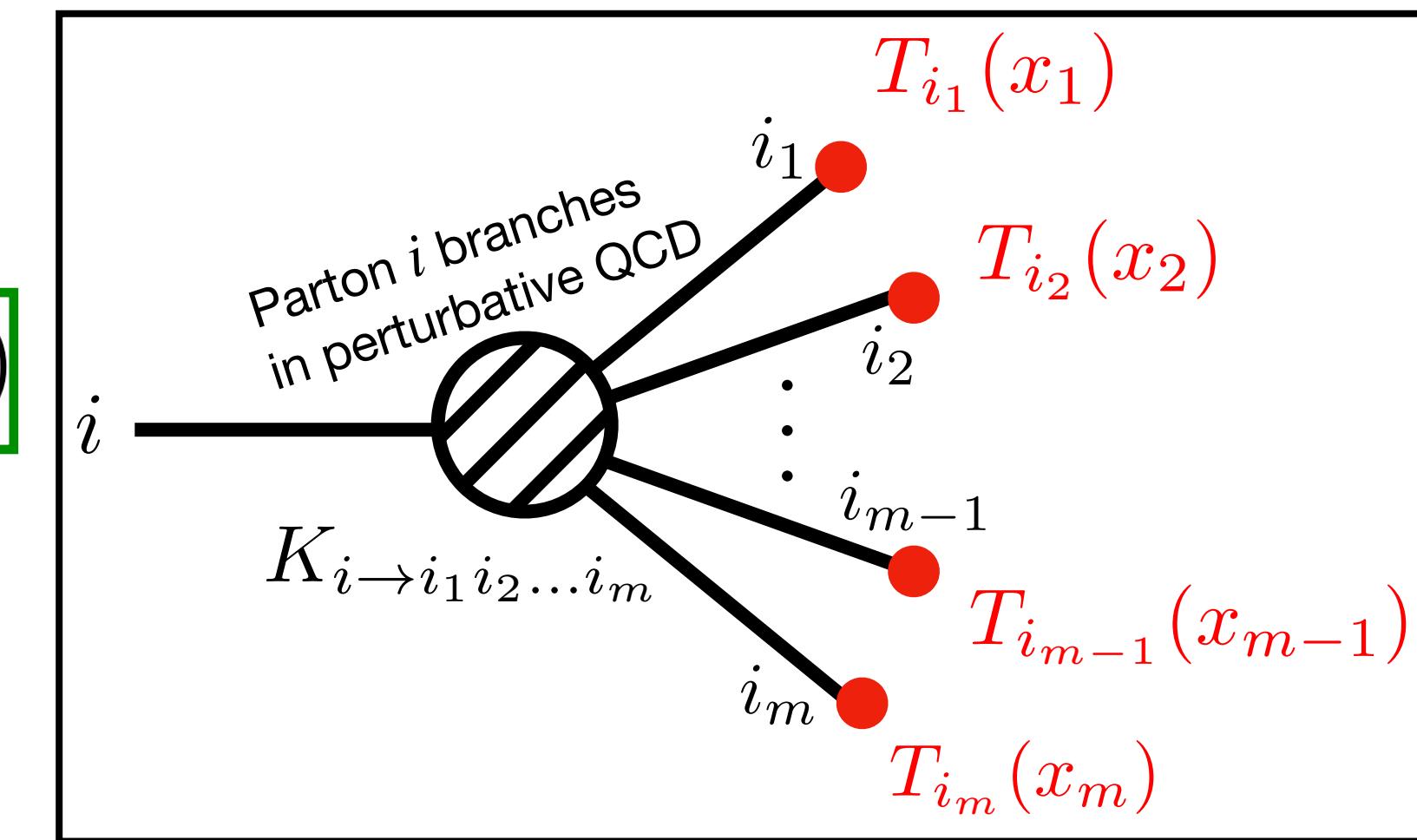
# Track Function Evolution



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$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = \sum_M \sum_{\{i_f\}} \left[ \prod_{m=1}^M \int_0^1 dz_m \right] \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^M z_m \right) K_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}} (\{z_f\}) \\ \times \left[ \prod_{m=1}^M \int_0^1 dx_m T_{i_m}(x_m) \right] \delta \left( x - \sum_{m=1}^M z_m x_m \right)$$

$(i, i_f = g, u, \bar{u}, d, \dots)$

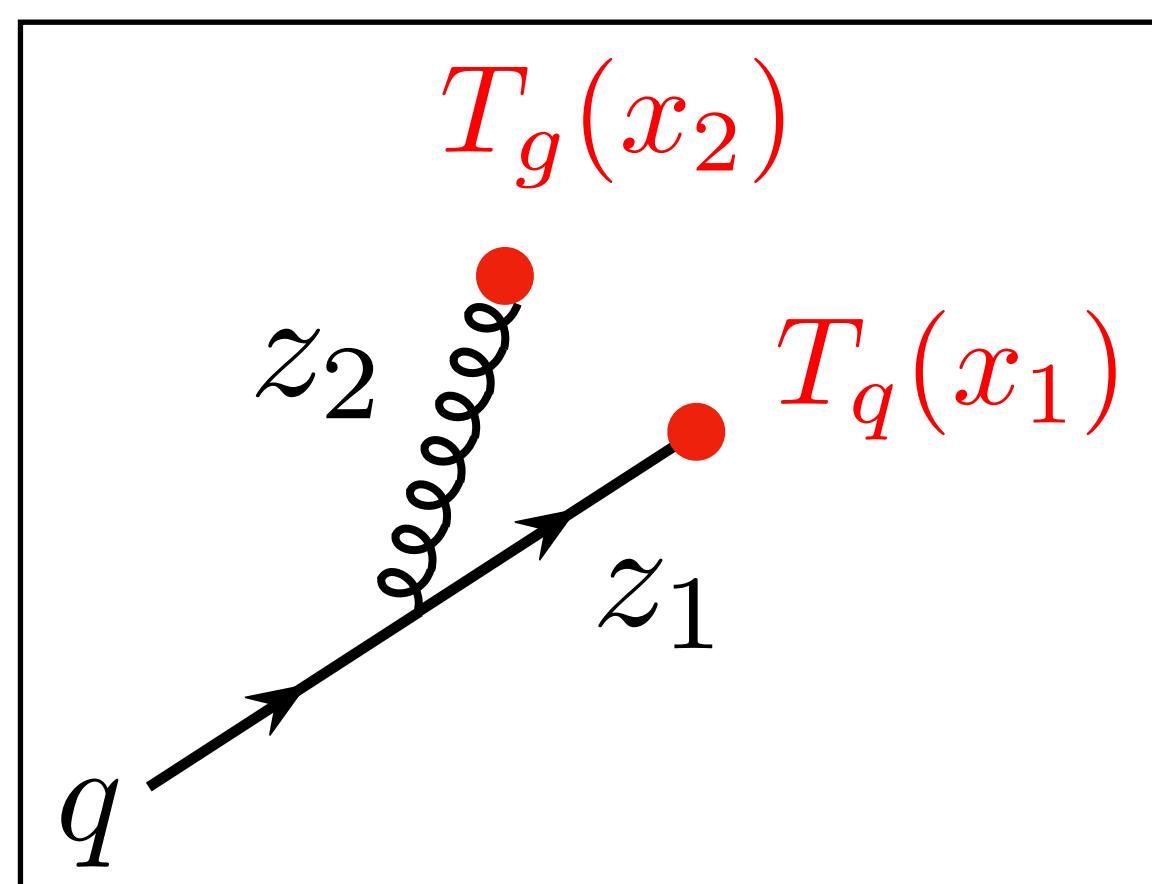


- **Nonlinear**, involving contributions from all branches of splittings.
- E.g., LO evolution:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x, \mu) = a_s(\mu) \sum_{\{jk\}} \int dz_1 dz_2 K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)}(z_1, z_2) \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \\ \times \int dx_1 dx_2 T_j(x_1, \mu) T_k(x_2, \mu) \delta[x - z_1 x_1 - z_2 x_2] .$$

Involving contributions from both the branches of the splitting.

- For single-hadron FFs: Only one branch observed → **Linearity**



# Track Function Evolution In Mellin Space

$$\int_0^1 dx \ x^n \longrightarrow \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = \sum_N \sum_{\{i_f\}} \left[ \prod_{m=1}^N \int_0^1 dz_m \right] \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^N z_m \right) P_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}}(\{z_f\})$$

$$\times \left[ \prod_{m=1}^N \int_0^1 dx_m T_{i_m}(x_m) \right] \delta \left( x - \sum_{m=1}^N z_m x_m \right)$$

- RG equations for  $\mathbf{T} =$

$$\{T_i(n), \dots, T_{i_1}(k)T_{i_2}(n-k), \dots, T_{i_1}(1)\cdots T_{i_n}(1)\}^t$$

- For fragmentation functions:

► Matrix form:  $\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \mathbf{T} = \mathbb{R} \mathbf{T}$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(n) = - \sum_j D_{j \rightarrow h}(n) \gamma_{ji}^T(n+1)$$

- $\mathbb{R}$ : related to moments of timelike splitting functions.

- $\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(n) = - \sum_j T_j(n) \gamma_{ji}^T(n+1) + \text{terms of products of lower moments}$

# A Surprising Symmetry:

- Energy conservation implies the evolution is **shift-symmetric**:  $x \rightarrow x + a$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x+a) = \sum_X \int \left( \prod_m dx_m dz_m T_{i_m}(x_m+a) \right) P_{i \rightarrow i_1 \dots i_m \dots}(\{z_m\}) \delta \left( 1 - \sum_m z_m \right) \delta \left( x - \sum_m x_m z_m \right)$$

- This uniquely fixes the form of the evolution of the first three moments:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \Delta = [-\gamma_{qq}(2) - \gamma_{gg}(2)] \Delta ,$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(2) \\ \sigma_q(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma_{gg}(3) & -\gamma_{qg}(3) \\ -\gamma_{gq}(3) & -\gamma_{qq}(3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(2) \\ \sigma_q(2) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_g^{\Delta^2} \\ \gamma_q^{\Delta^2} \end{bmatrix} \Delta^2 ,$$

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Here  $\gamma_{ji}(n) = - \int_0^1 dz z^{n-1} P_{ji}(z, a_s)$  where  $P_{ji}$  denotes the singlet timelike splitting function.

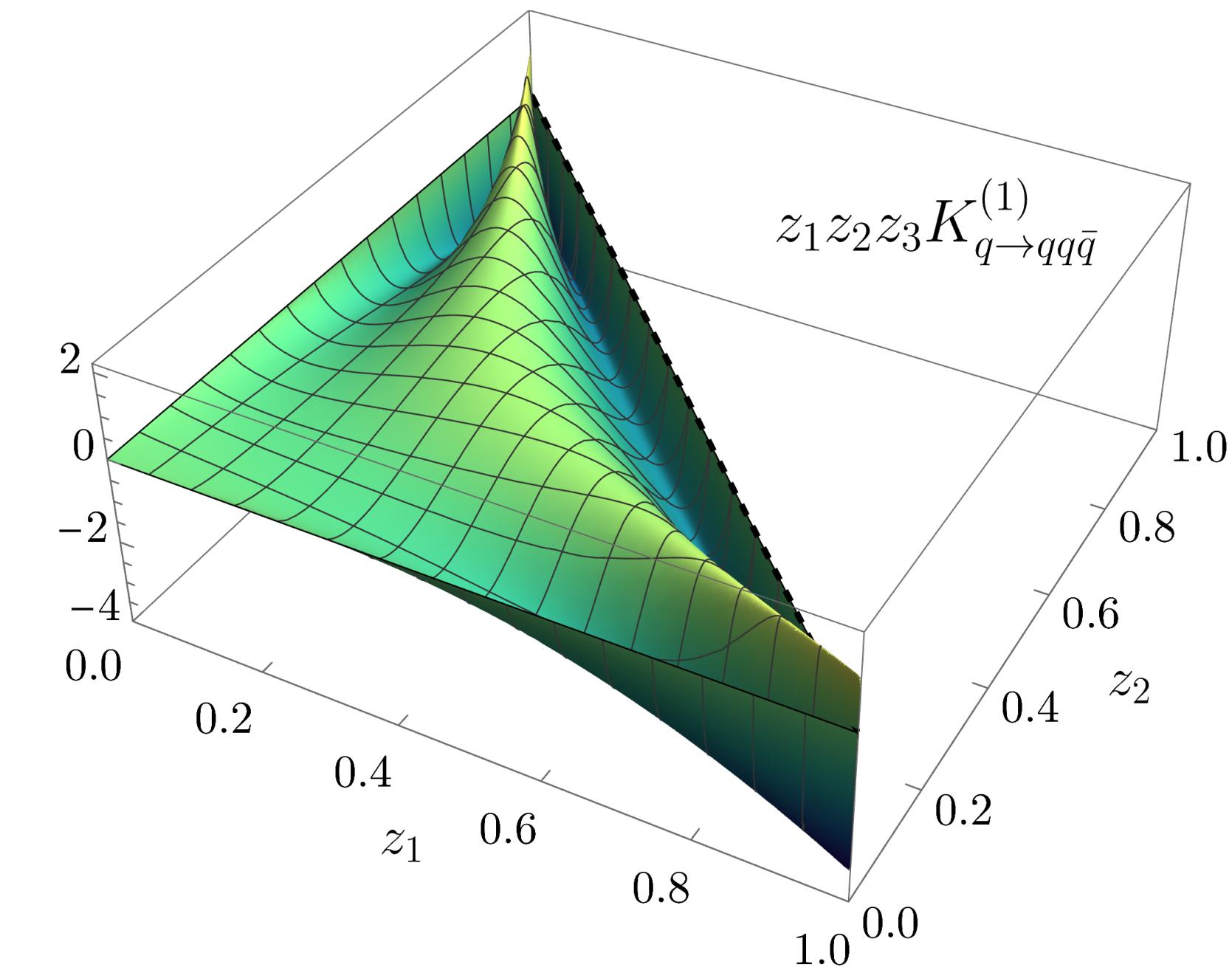
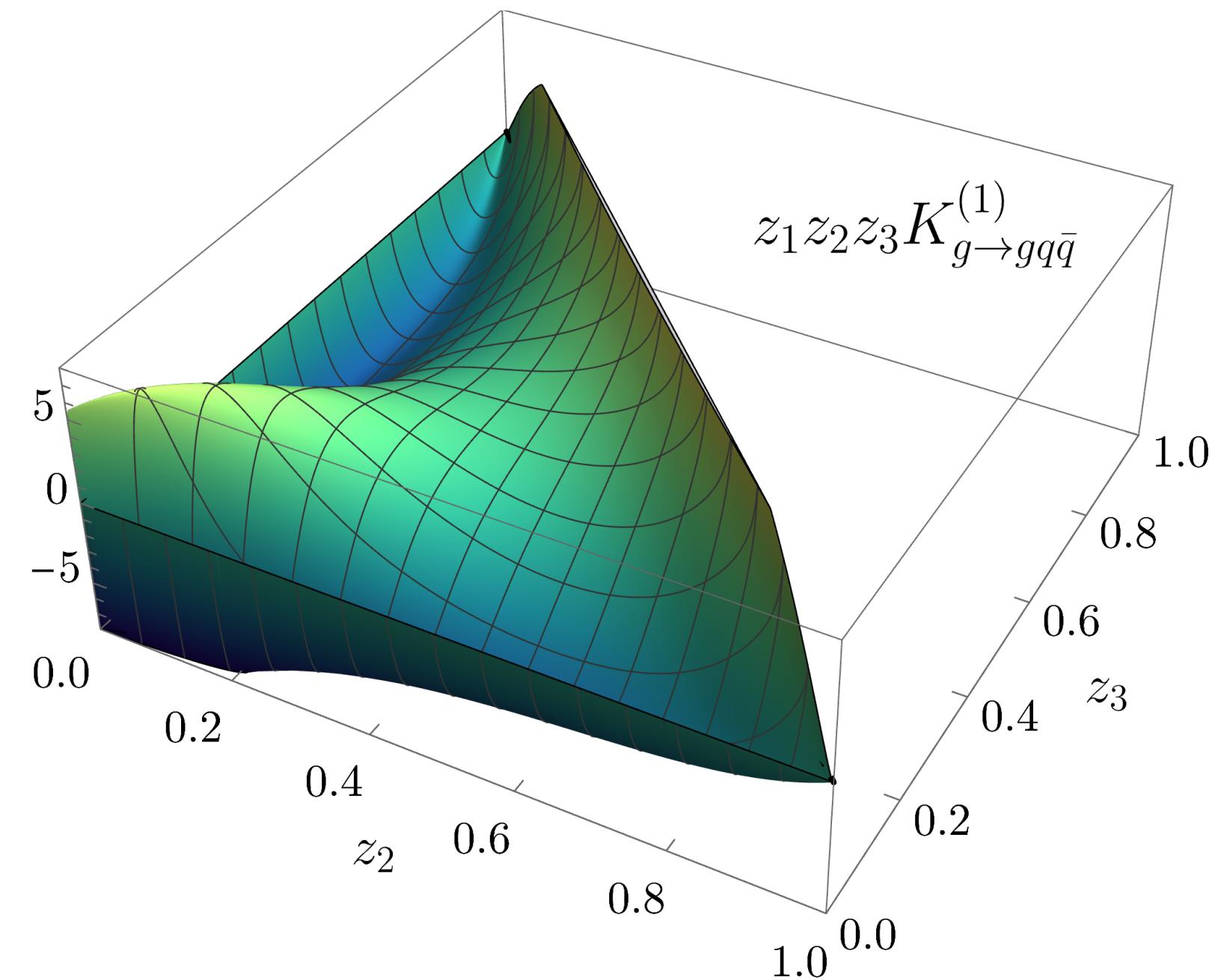
**shift-invariant objects:**

$$\Delta := T_q(1) - T_g(1)$$

$$\sigma_i(2) := T_i(2) - T_i(1)^2$$

$$\sigma_i(3) := T_i(3) - 3T_i(2)T_i(1) + 2T_i(1)^3$$

# Calculational Techniques & NLO Results



# Track Jet Functions

In DR:  $T_i^{(0)} = T_i^{\text{bare}}$

LO track jet function:  
 $J_i^{(0)} = \delta(s) T_i^{(0)}$

- We use the jet function to extract the track function evolution.
- The definition for the jet function on tracks is

$$J_{\text{tr},i}^{\text{bare}}(s, x) = \sum_N \sum_{\{i_f\}} \int d\Phi_N^c \delta(s - s') \sigma_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}}^c(\{i_f\}, \{s_{ff'}\}, s') \int \left[ \prod_{m=1}^N dx_m T_{i_m}^{(0)}(x_m) \right] \delta\left(x - \sum_{m=1}^N \mathbf{x}_m z_m\right)$$

- After integration over angular variables,

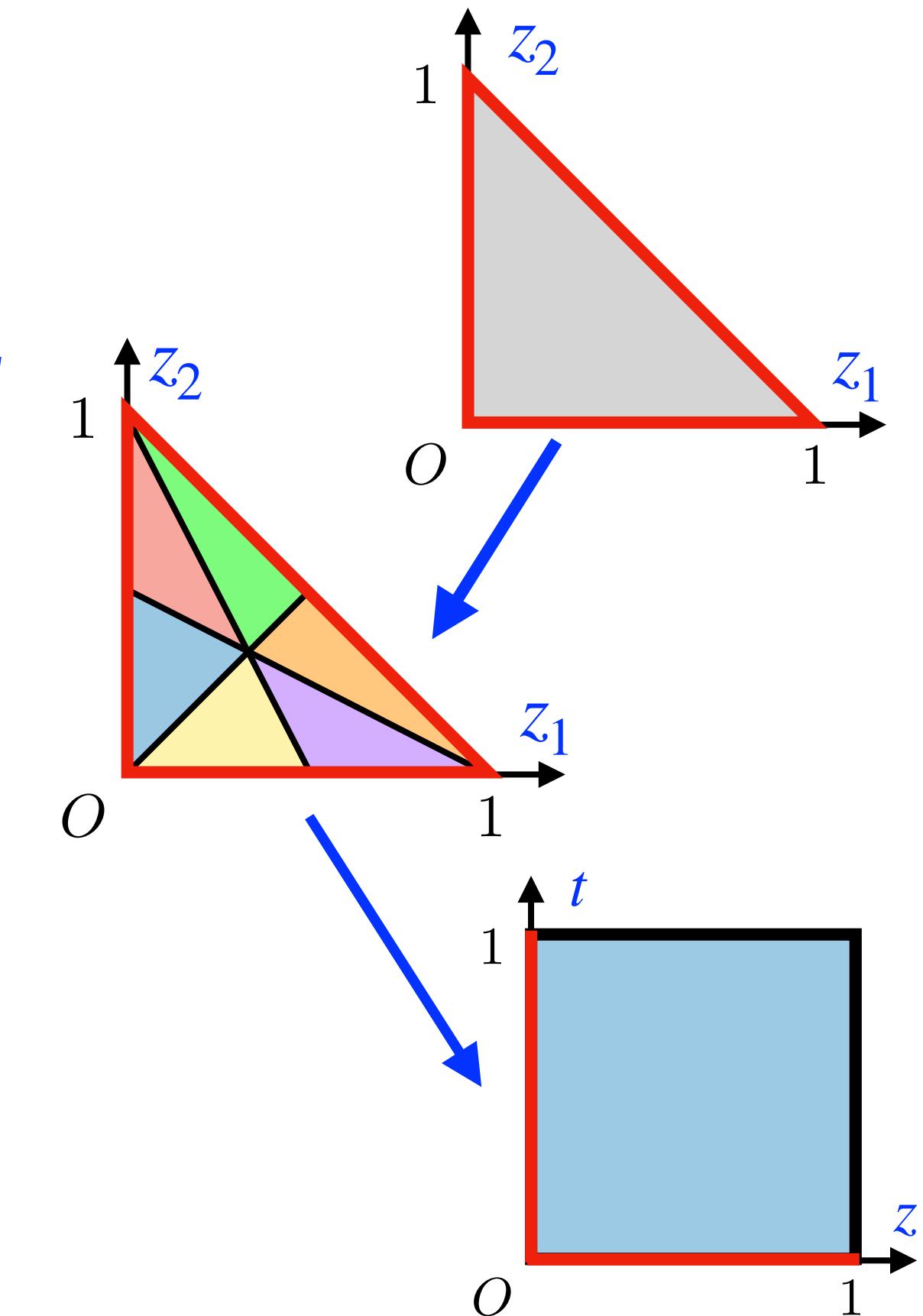
$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{tr},i}^{\text{bare}}(s, x) &\supset \int dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \int_0^1 dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z_3) P_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 i_3}(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\ &\quad \times T_{i_1}^{(0)}(x_1) T_{i_2}^{(0)}(x_2) T_{i_3}^{(0)}(x_3) \delta(x - z_1 x_1 - z_2 x_2 - z_3 x_3) \end{aligned}$$

have not been expanded in  $\epsilon$

- For  $z_{i_1} < z_{i_2} < z_{i_3}$  ( $i_1, i_2, i_3 = 1, 2, 3$ ), do the coordinate transformation

[Sector decomposition (Heinrich, arXiv:0803.4177)]

$$t = \frac{z_{i_1}}{z_{i_2}}, z = \frac{z_{i_2}}{z_{i_3}} \quad , \text{i.e., } z_{i_1} \rightarrow \frac{zt}{1 + z + zt}, z_{i_2} \rightarrow \frac{z}{1 + z + zt}, z_{i_3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + z + zt}$$



# Results in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$a$ : t' Hooft coupling constant

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T(x) = & \quad a^2 \left\{ K_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(1)} T(x) + \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^1 dz \ K_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(1)}(z) \ T(x_1)T(x_2) \ \delta \left( x - x_1 \frac{1}{1+z} - x_2 \frac{z}{1+z} \right) \right. \\ & + \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^1 dx_3 \int_0^1 dz \int_0^1 dt \ K_{1 \rightarrow 3}^{(1)}(z, t) \ T(x_1)T(x_2)T(x_3) \\ & \left. \times \delta \left( x - x_1 \frac{1}{1+z+zt} - x_2 \frac{z}{1+z+zt} - x_3 \frac{zt}{1+z+zt} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(1)} = -25\zeta_3$$

$$K_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(1)}(z) = \frac{8}{3}\pi^2 \left[ \frac{1}{z} \right]_+ + \frac{32 \ln^2(z+1)}{z} - \frac{16 \ln(z) \ln(z+1)}{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{1 \rightarrow 3}^{(1)}(z, t) = & 8 \left\{ \frac{4 \ln(1+z)}{z} \left[ \frac{1}{t} \right]_+ + \left[ \frac{1}{z} \right]_+ \left( 4 \left[ \frac{\ln t}{t} \right]_+ - \frac{\ln t}{1+t} - \frac{7 \ln(1+t)}{t} \right) \right. \\ & + \frac{2 [\ln(1+tz) - \ln(1+z+tz)]}{(1+t)(1+z)(1+tz)} + \frac{10 [\ln(1+z+tz) - \ln(1+z)]}{tz} + \frac{\ln(1+tz)}{(1+t)z(1+z)} \\ & - \frac{7 \ln(1+tz)}{tz} + \frac{\ln(1+t) - \ln t}{(1+t)(1+tz)} + \frac{\ln(1+z) + \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)(1+z)} - \frac{\ln(1+z)}{(1+t)z} - \frac{z \ln(1+z)}{(1+z)(1+tz)} \left. \right\} \end{aligned}$$

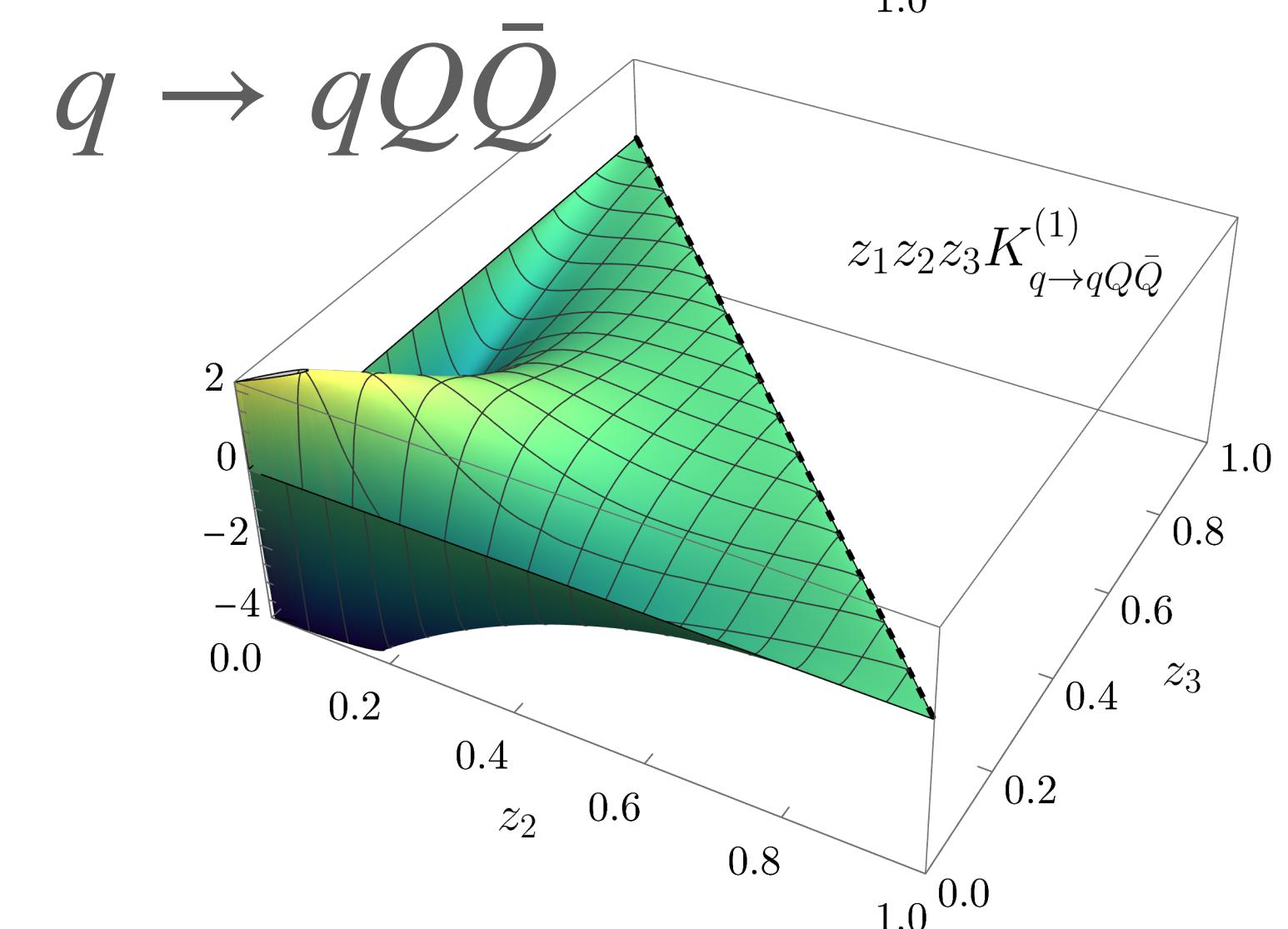
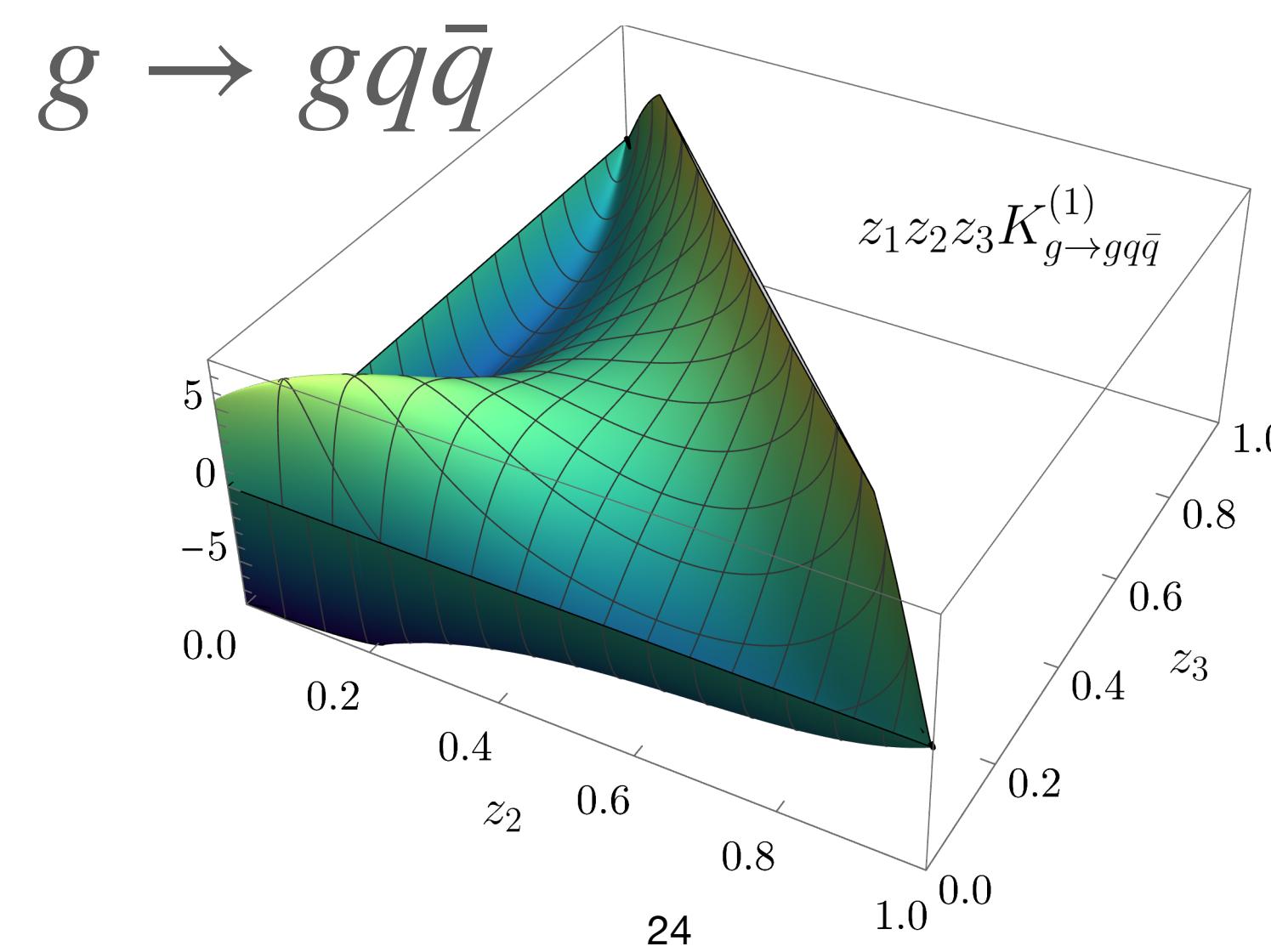
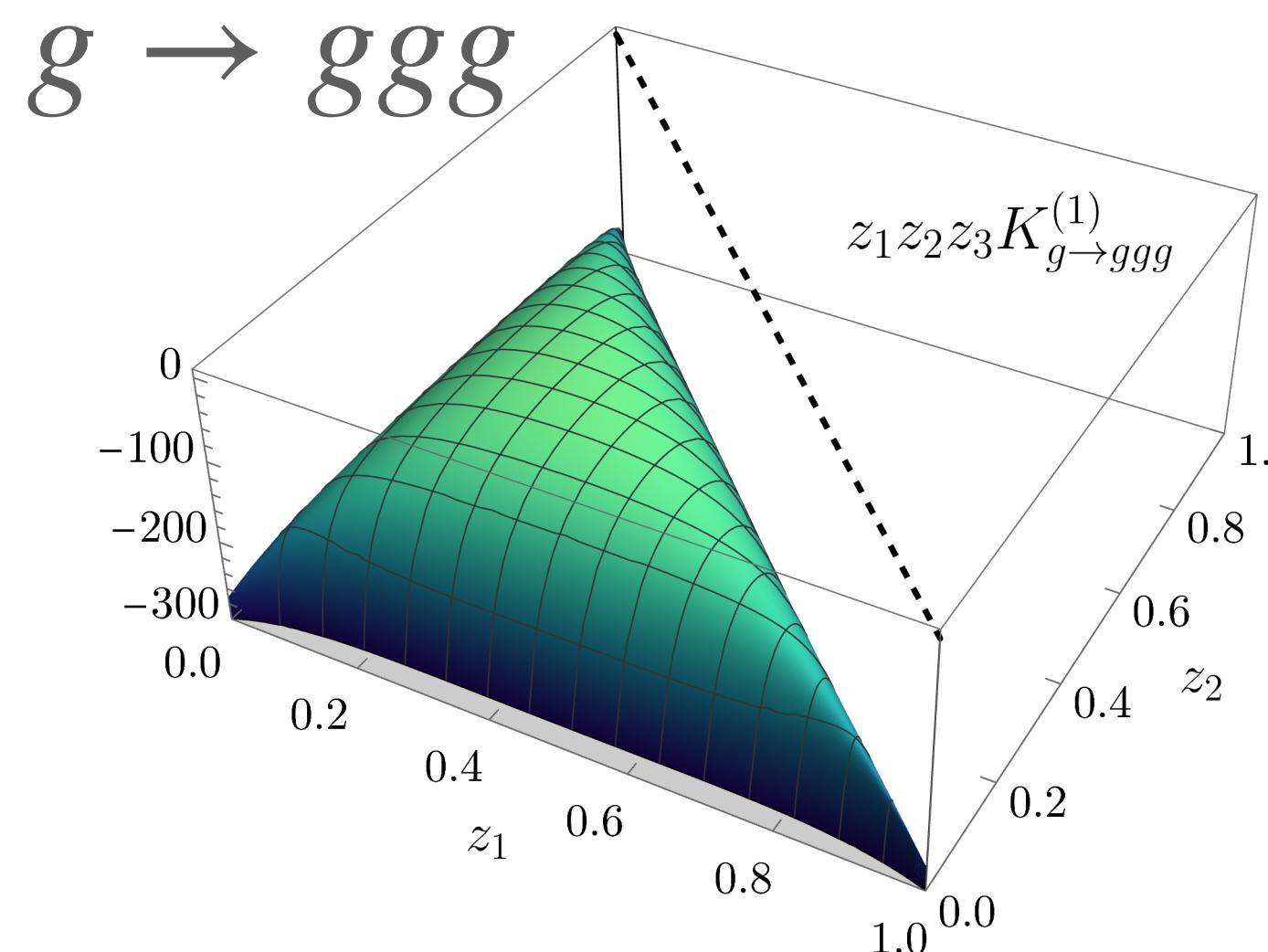
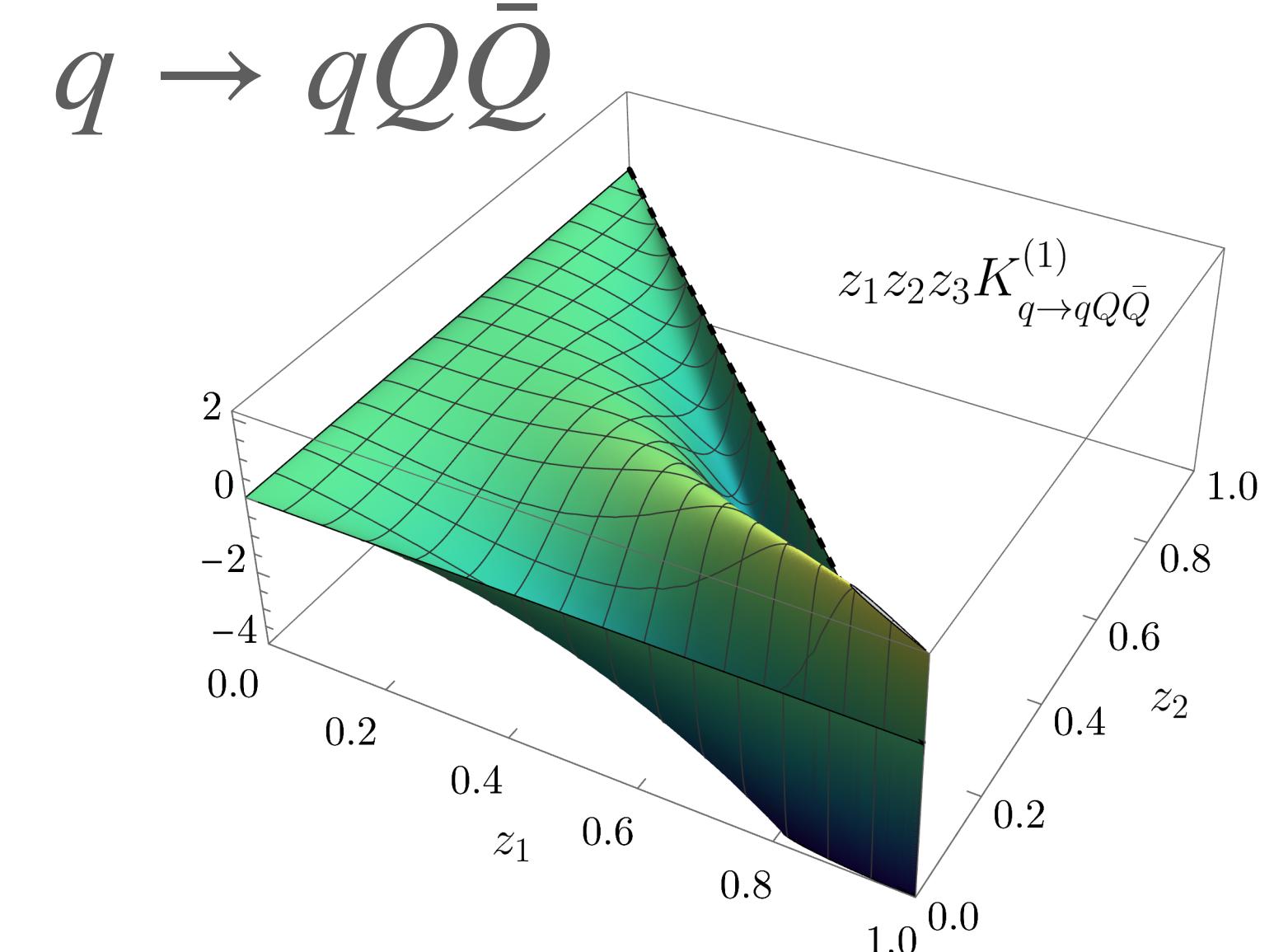
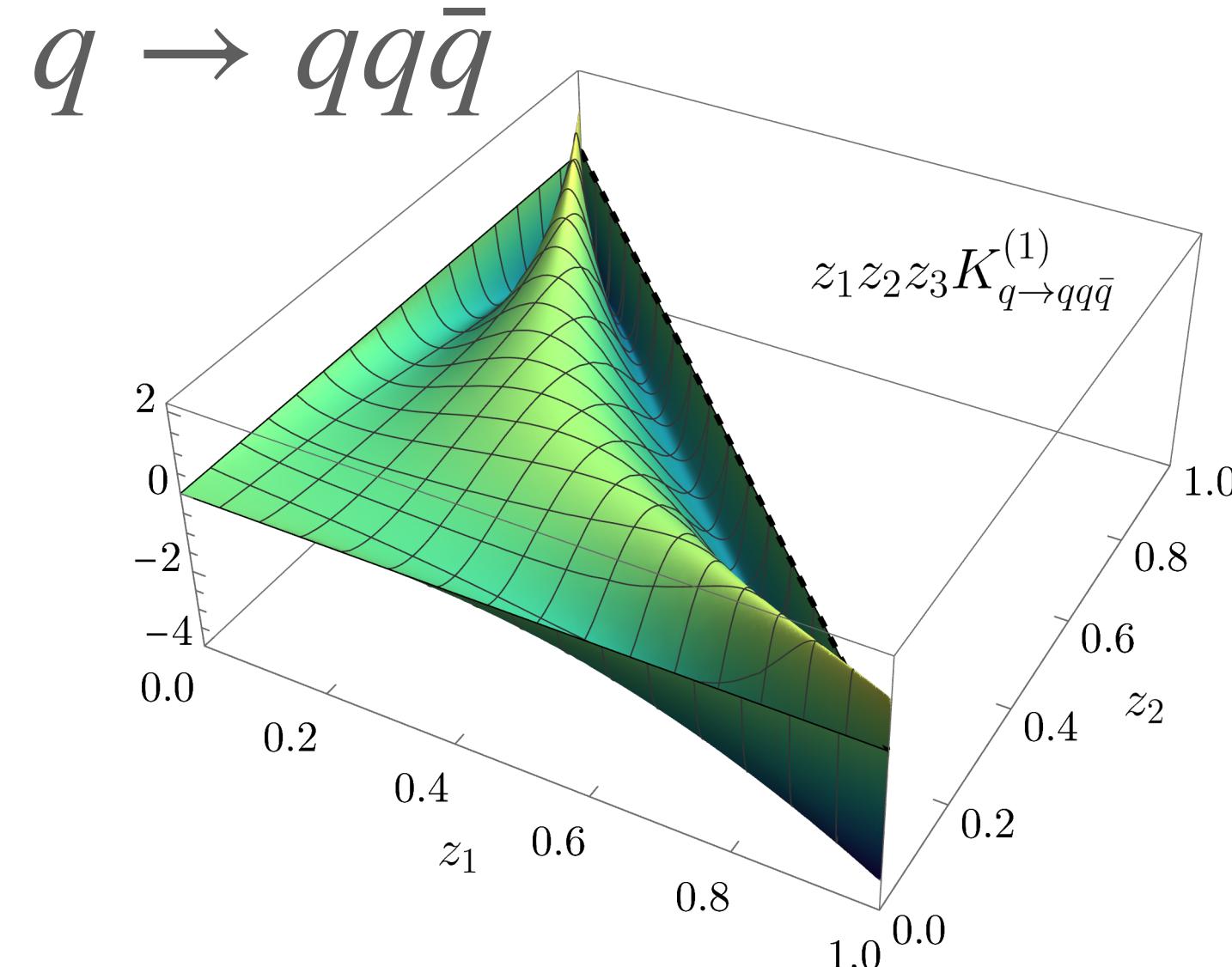
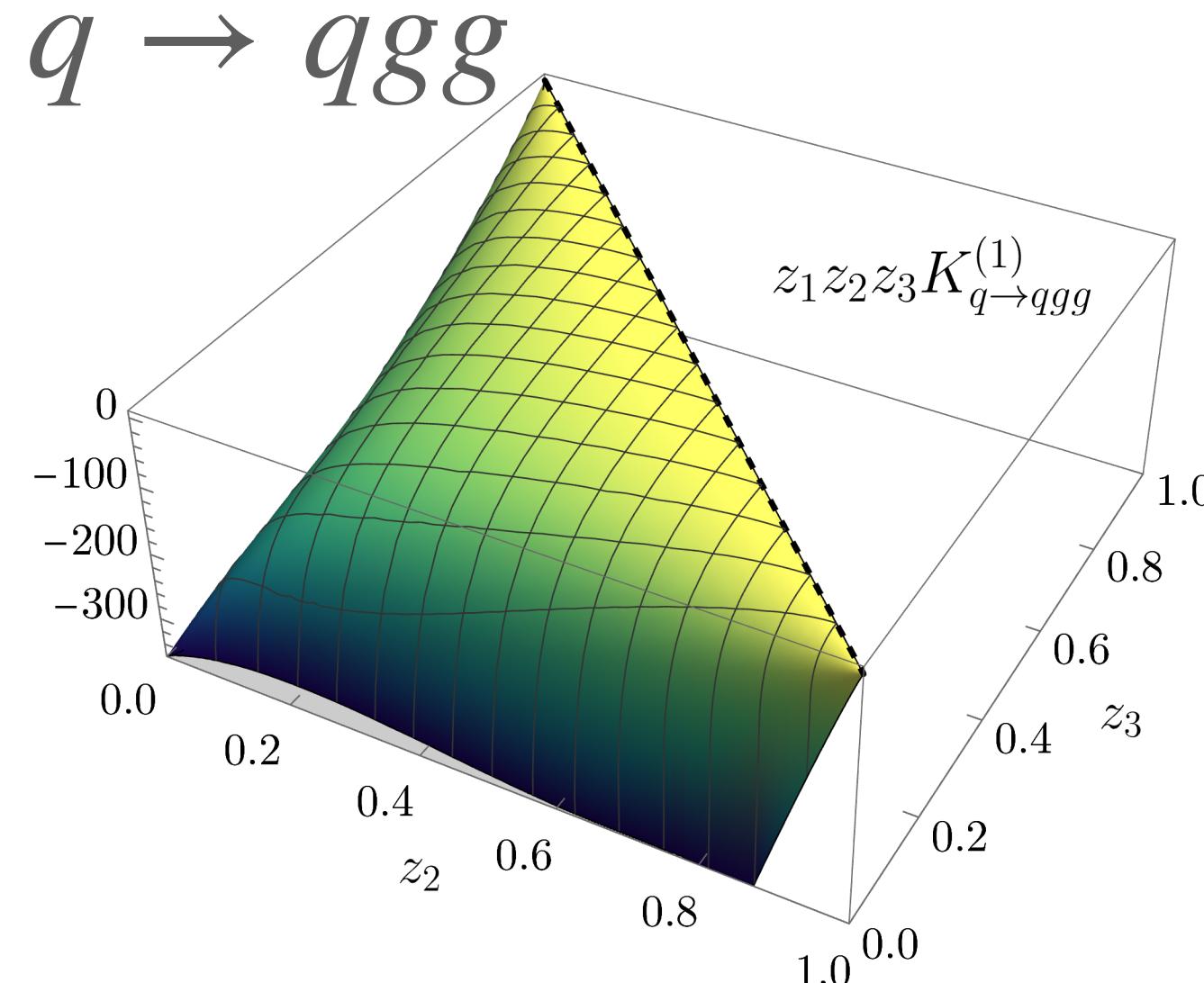
# Results in QCD

**E.g. Gluon case:**

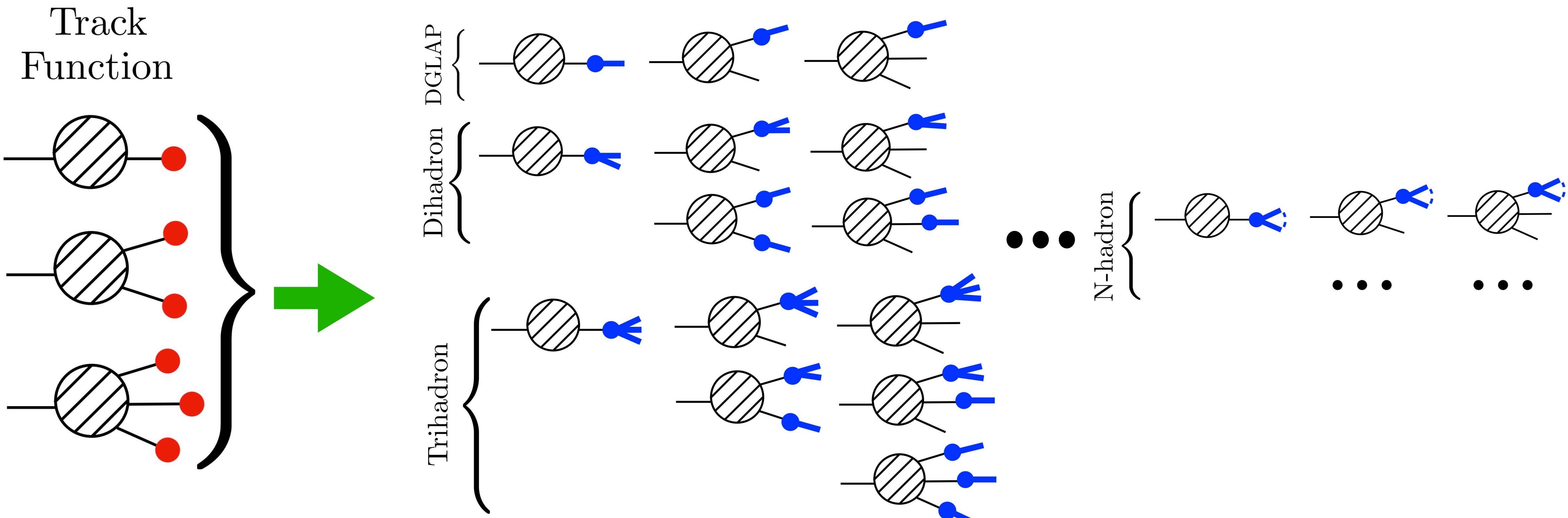
For brevity,  $a_s^2 = [\alpha_s(\mu)/(4\pi)]^2$  is suppressed.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_g(x) &= \textcolor{red}{T_g(x)} K_g^{(1)} \\
 &+ \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^1 dz \delta \left( x - x_1 \frac{1}{1+z} - x_2 \frac{z}{1+z} \right) \left[ \textcolor{red}{T_g(x_1)} T_g(x_2) K_{gg,1}^{(1)}(z) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{\textcolor{red}{q}} (T_q(x_1) T_{\bar{q}}(x_2) + T_q(x_2) T_{\bar{q}}(x_1)) K_{q\bar{q},1}^{(1)}(z) \right] \\
 &+ \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^1 dx_3 \int_0^1 dz \int_0^1 dt \delta \left( x - x_1 \frac{1}{1+z+zt} - x_2 \frac{z}{1+z+zt} - x_3 \frac{zt}{1+z+zt} \right) \\
 &\times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 6 \textcolor{red}{T_g(x_1)} T_g(x_2) T_g(x_3) K_{ggg,1}^{(1)}(z,t) \\ + \sum_{\textcolor{red}{q}} \left[ T_g(x_3) (T_q(x_2) T_{\bar{q}}(x_1) + T_q(x_1) T_{\bar{q}}(x_2)) K_{gq\bar{q},1}^{(1)}(z,t) \right. \\ + T_g(x_2) (T_q(x_3) T_{\bar{q}}(x_1) + T_q(x_1) T_{\bar{q}}(x_3)) K_{gq\bar{q},2}^{(1)}(z,t) \\ \left. + T_g(x_1) (T_q(x_3) T_{\bar{q}}(x_2) + T_q(x_2) T_{\bar{q}}(x_3)) K_{gq\bar{q},3}^{(1)}(z,t) \right] \end{array} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Results in QCD, Pictorially the $1 \rightarrow 3$ Kernels



# Reduction to Single- & Multi-Hadron Fragmentation



# Fragmentation Functions

## Single- and Multi-hadron cases

[U. P. Sukhatme and K. E. Lassila, *Phys.Rev.D* 22 (1980) 1184]

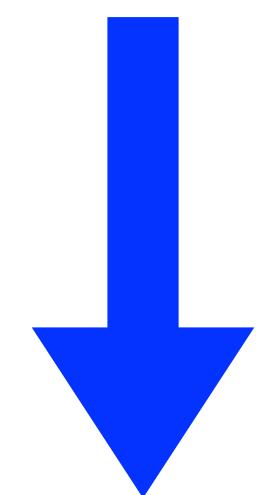
[D. de Florian, L. Vanni: arXiv:0310196]

- **The single-hadron fragmentation function**  $D_{i \rightarrow h}(y)$  gives the probability of finding in a jet a single hadron  $h$  with momentum fraction  $y$  of that possessed by the jet-initiating parton  $i$  (a quark, antiquark or gluon).
- **The  $N$ -hadron fragmentation function**  $D_{i \rightarrow h_1 h_2 \dots h_N}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)$  for fragmentation of parton  $i$  into  $N$  hadrons which carry fractions  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$  of the momentum carried by the initial parton.
- $N = 2$ : **Di-hadron fragmentation function**  $D_{i \rightarrow h_1 h_2}(y_1, y_2)$ .

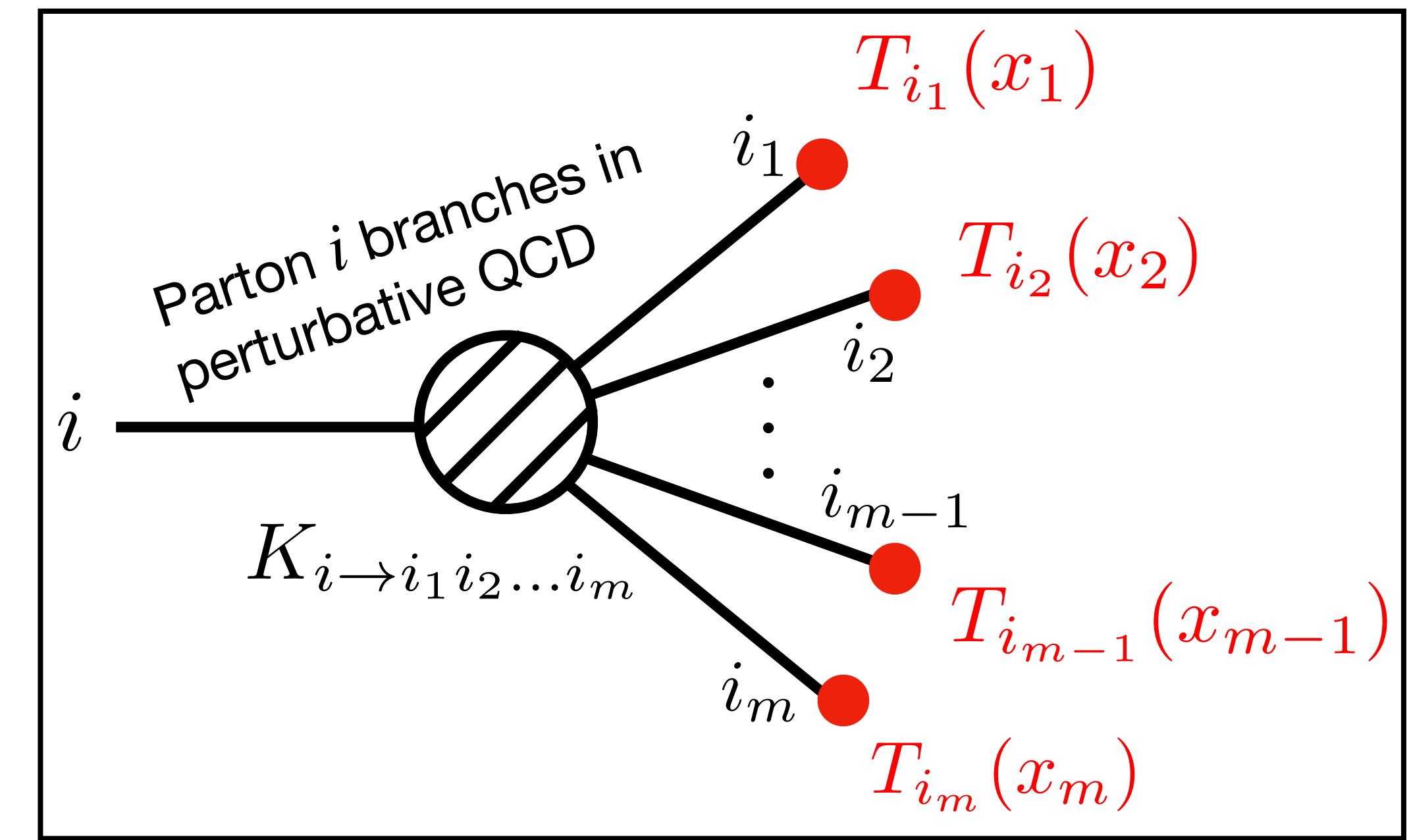
# Notation

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = \sum_M \sum_{\{i_f\}} \left[ \prod_{m=1}^M \int_0^1 dz_m \right] \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{m=1}^M z_m \right) K_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}} (\{z_f\})$$

$$x \left[ \prod_{m=1}^M \int_0^1 dx_m T_{i_m}(x_m) \right] \delta \left( x - \sum_{m=1}^M z_m x_m \right)$$

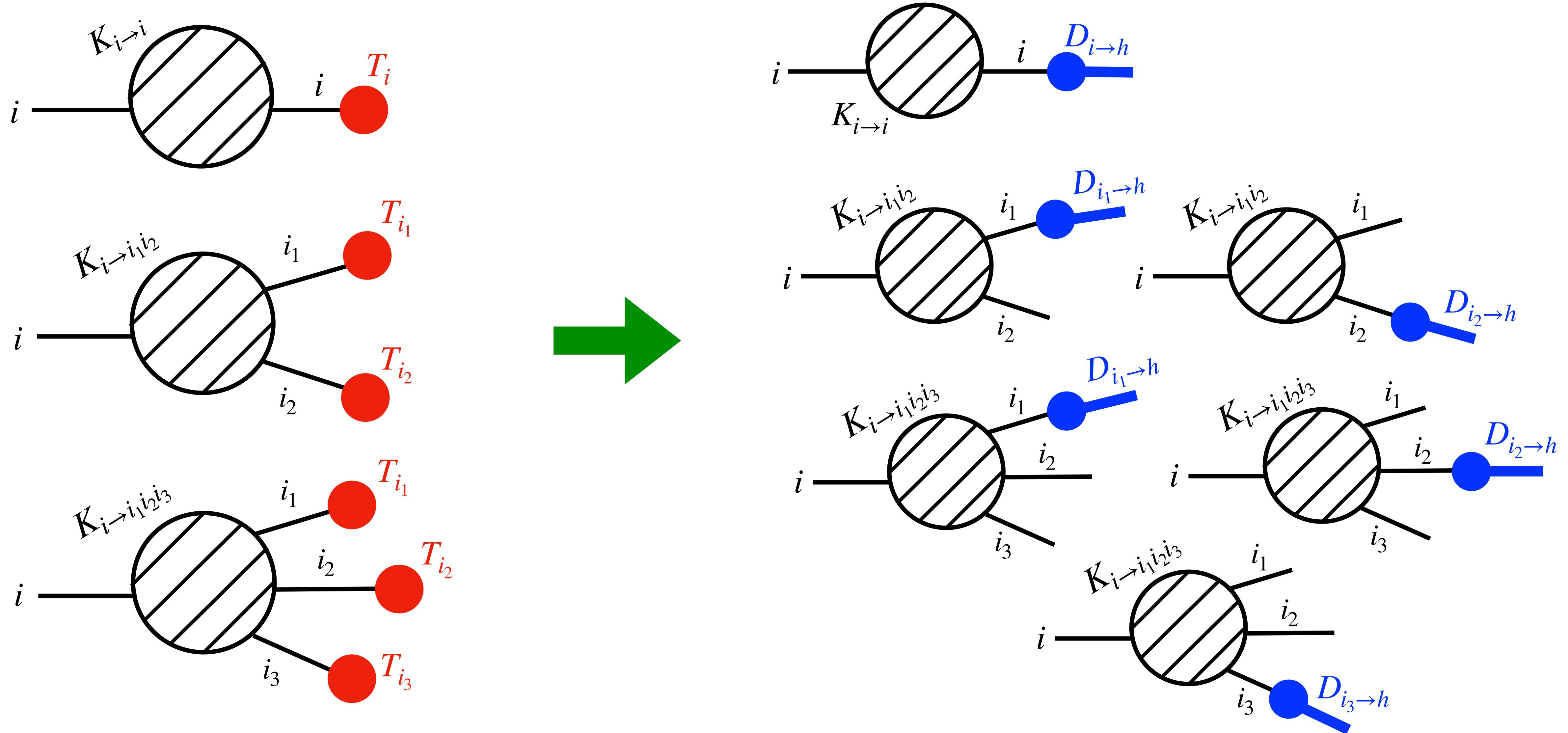


$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = \sum_M \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 \dots i_M} \otimes T_{i_1} T_{i_2} \dots T_{i_M}(x)$$



- For notational simplicity, set  $M \leq 3$ .

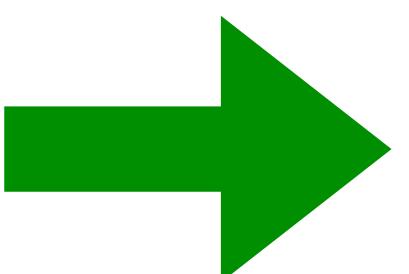
# Reduction to DGLAP, Pictorially



# Reduction to DGLAP

- At NLO,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) \\
 &= K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(1)} \textcolor{red}{T}_i(x) \\
 &+ \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} \otimes \textcolor{red}{T}_{i_1}(x_1) T_{i_2}(x_2) \\
 &+ \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(1)} \otimes \textcolor{red}{T}_{i_1}(x_1) T_{i_2}(x_2) T_{i_3}(x_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

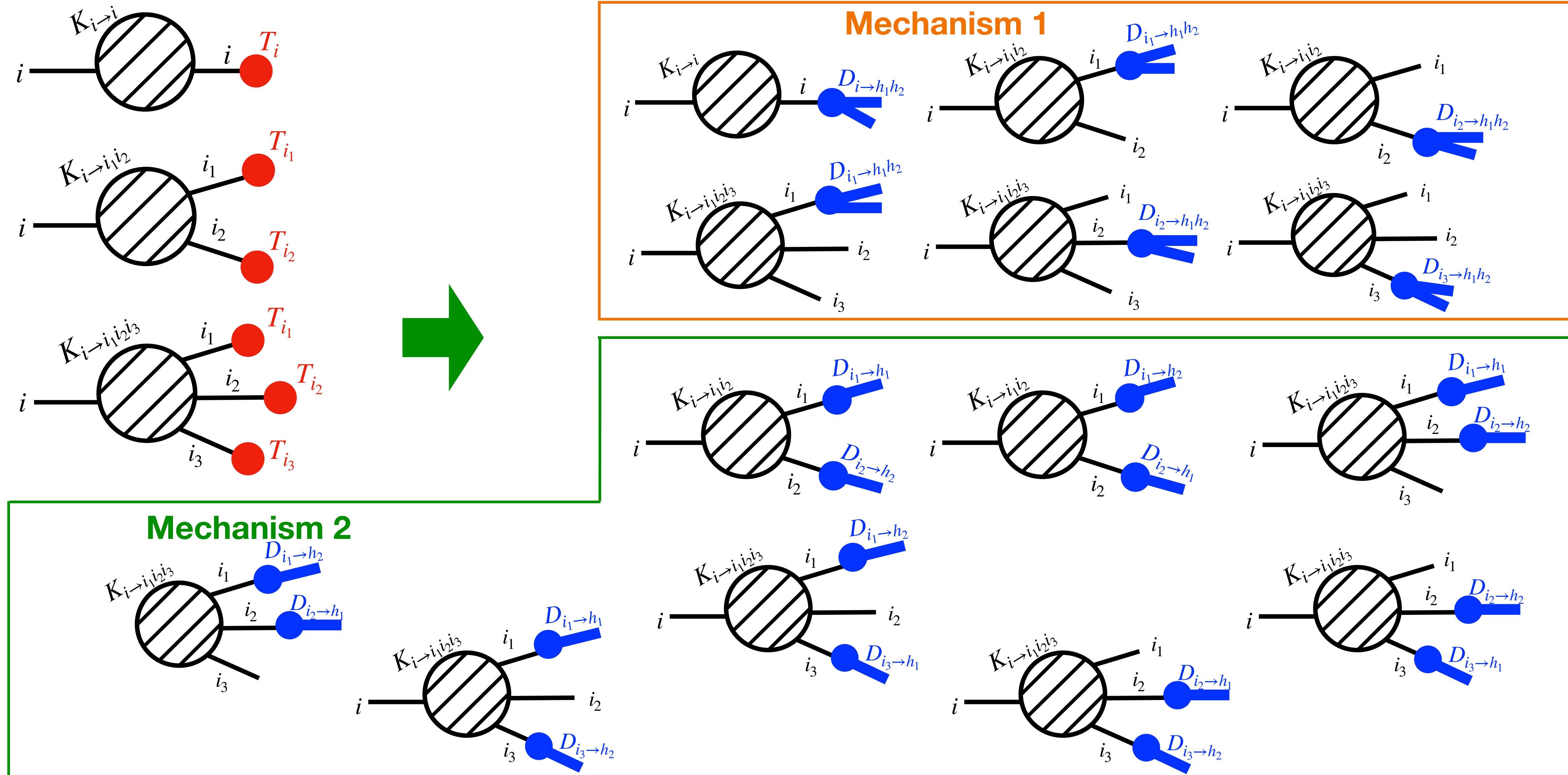


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(x) \\
 &= K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(1)} \textcolor{blue}{D}_{i \rightarrow h}(x) \\
 &+ \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} \otimes [\textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_1 \rightarrow h}(x_1) + \textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_2 \rightarrow h}(x_2)] \\
 &+ \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(1)} \otimes [\textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_1 \rightarrow h}(x_1) + \textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_2 \rightarrow h}(x_2) \\
 &\quad + \textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_3 \rightarrow h}(x_3)]
 \end{aligned}$$

equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(x) = \sum_j D_{j \rightarrow h} \otimes P_{ji}^T(x)$$

# Reduction to Di-hadron Fragmentation, Pictorially

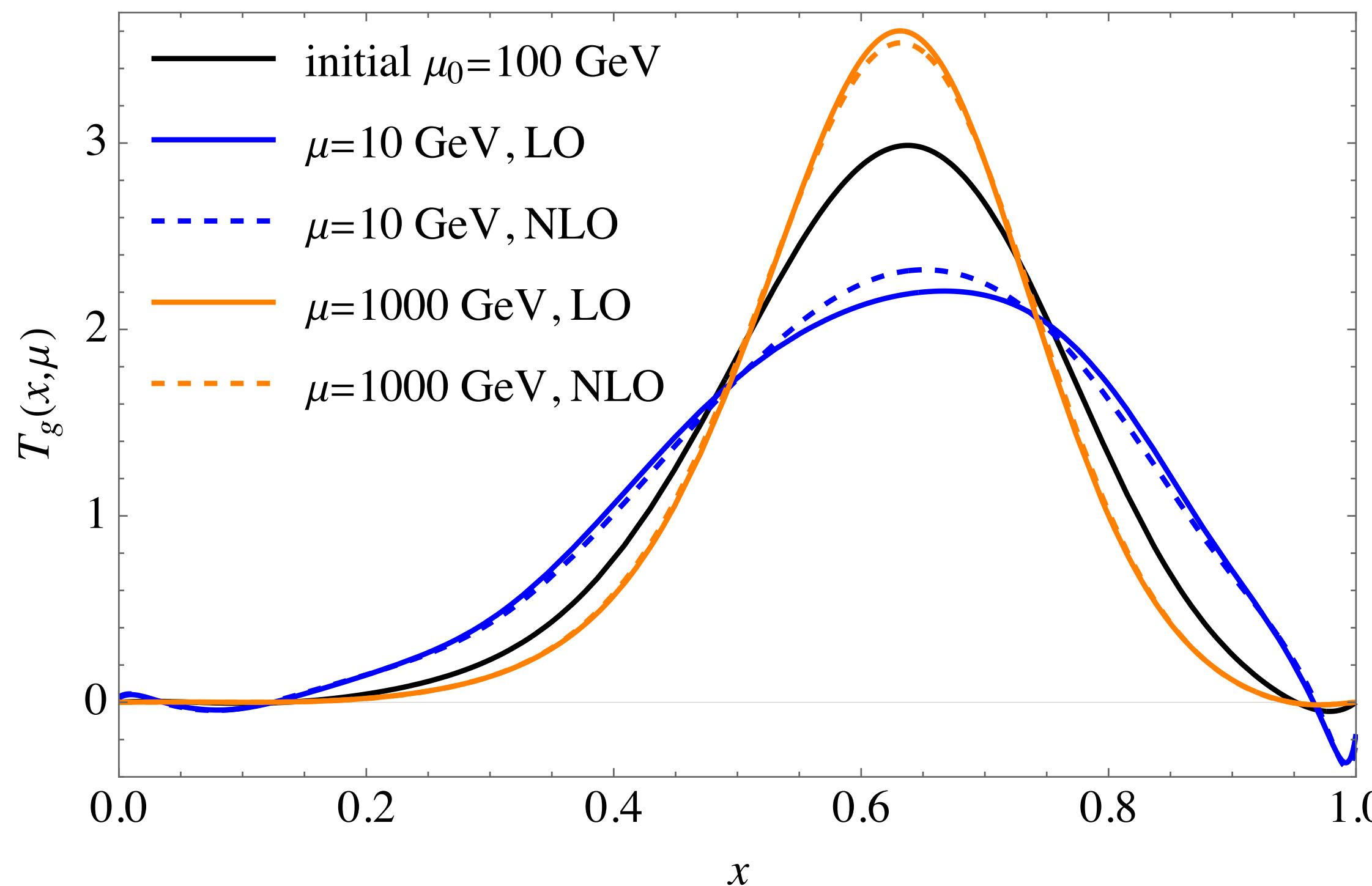


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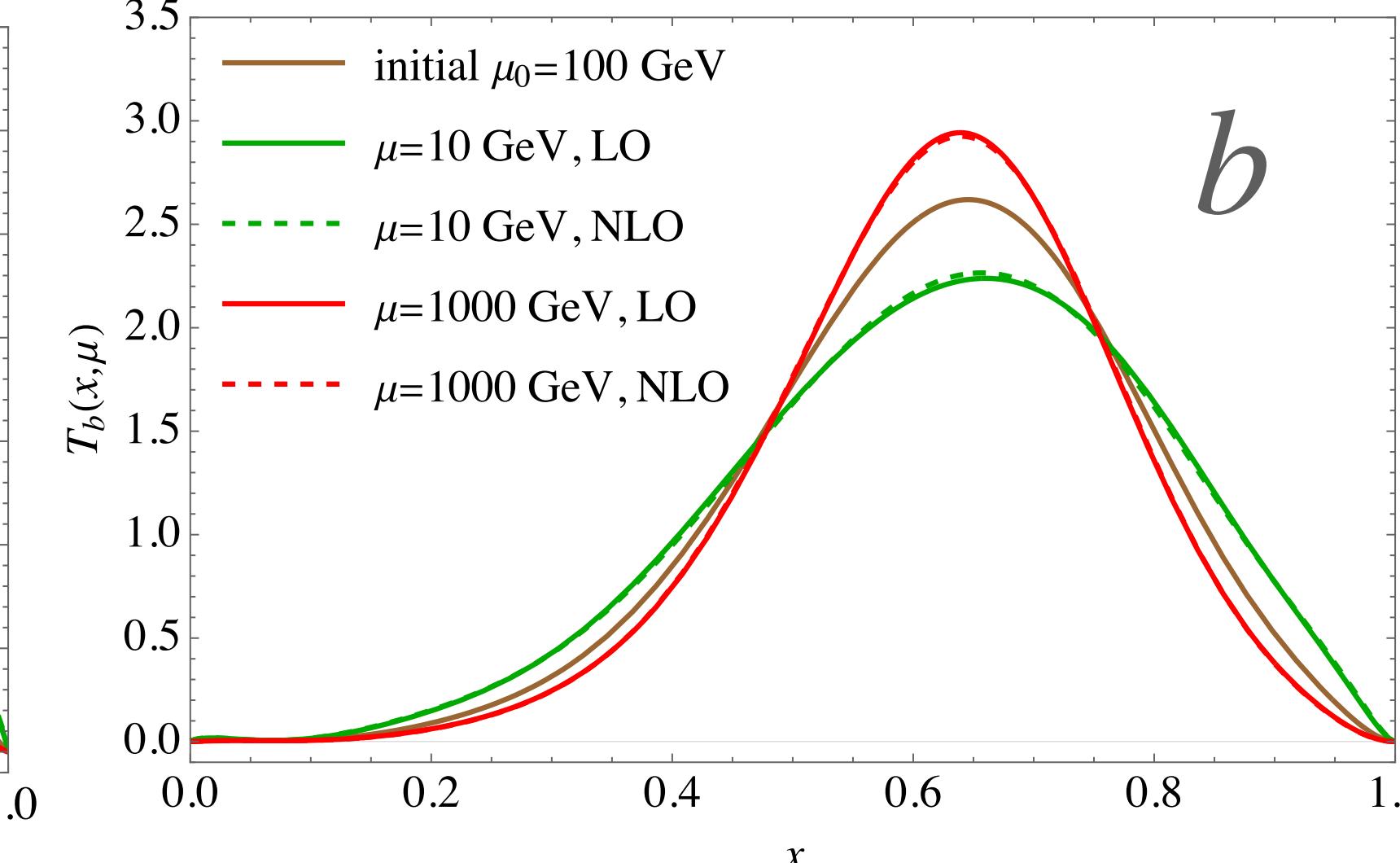
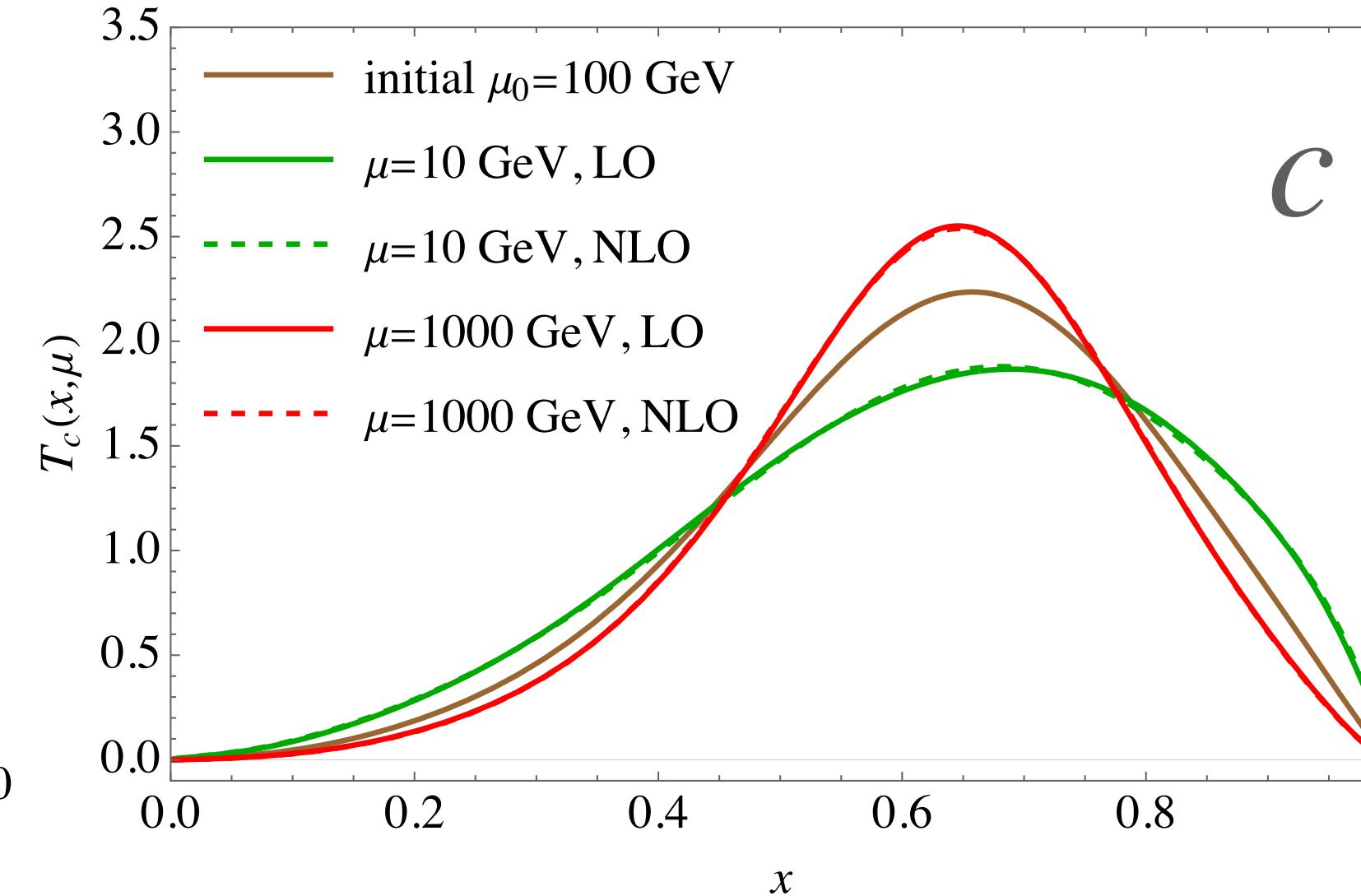
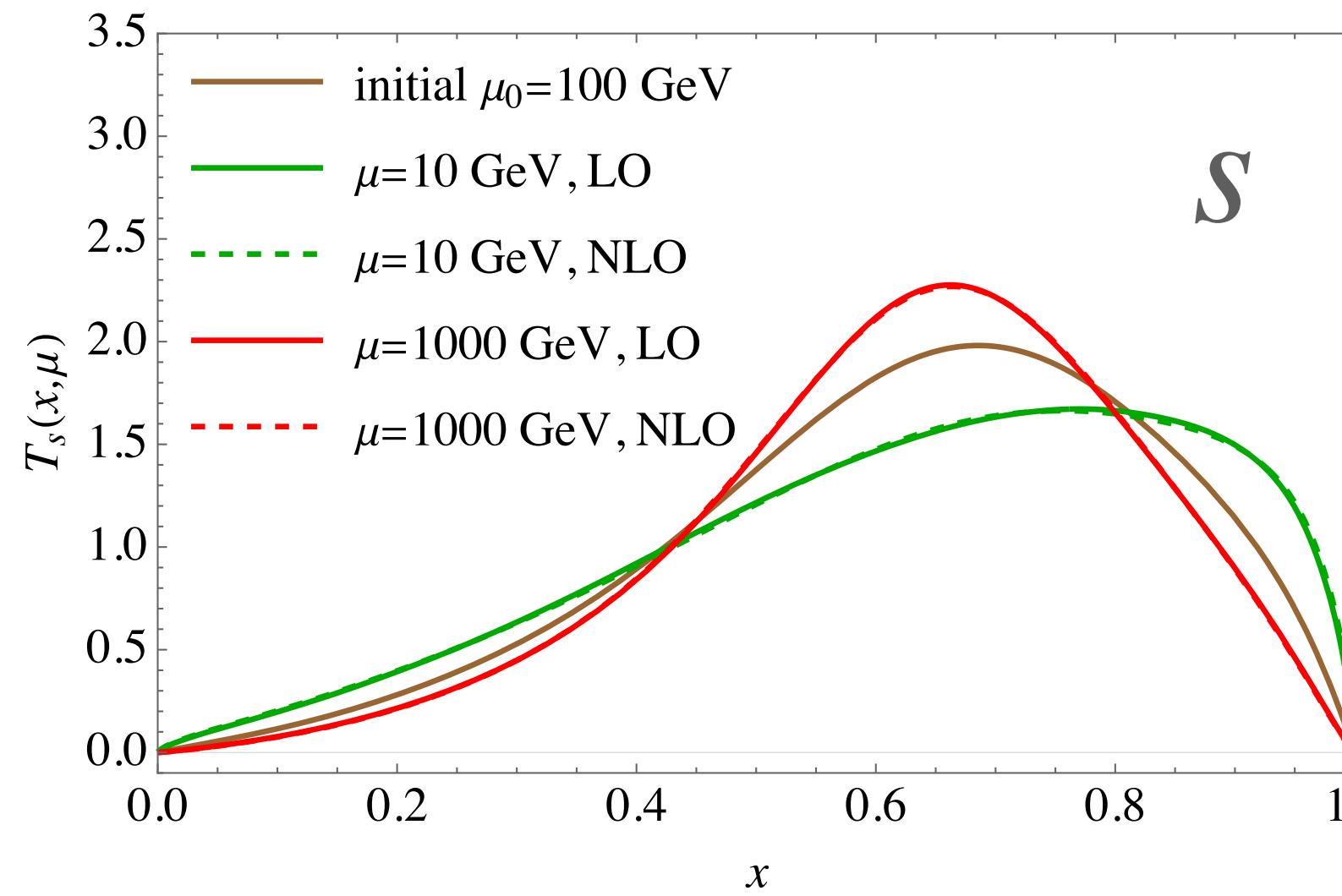
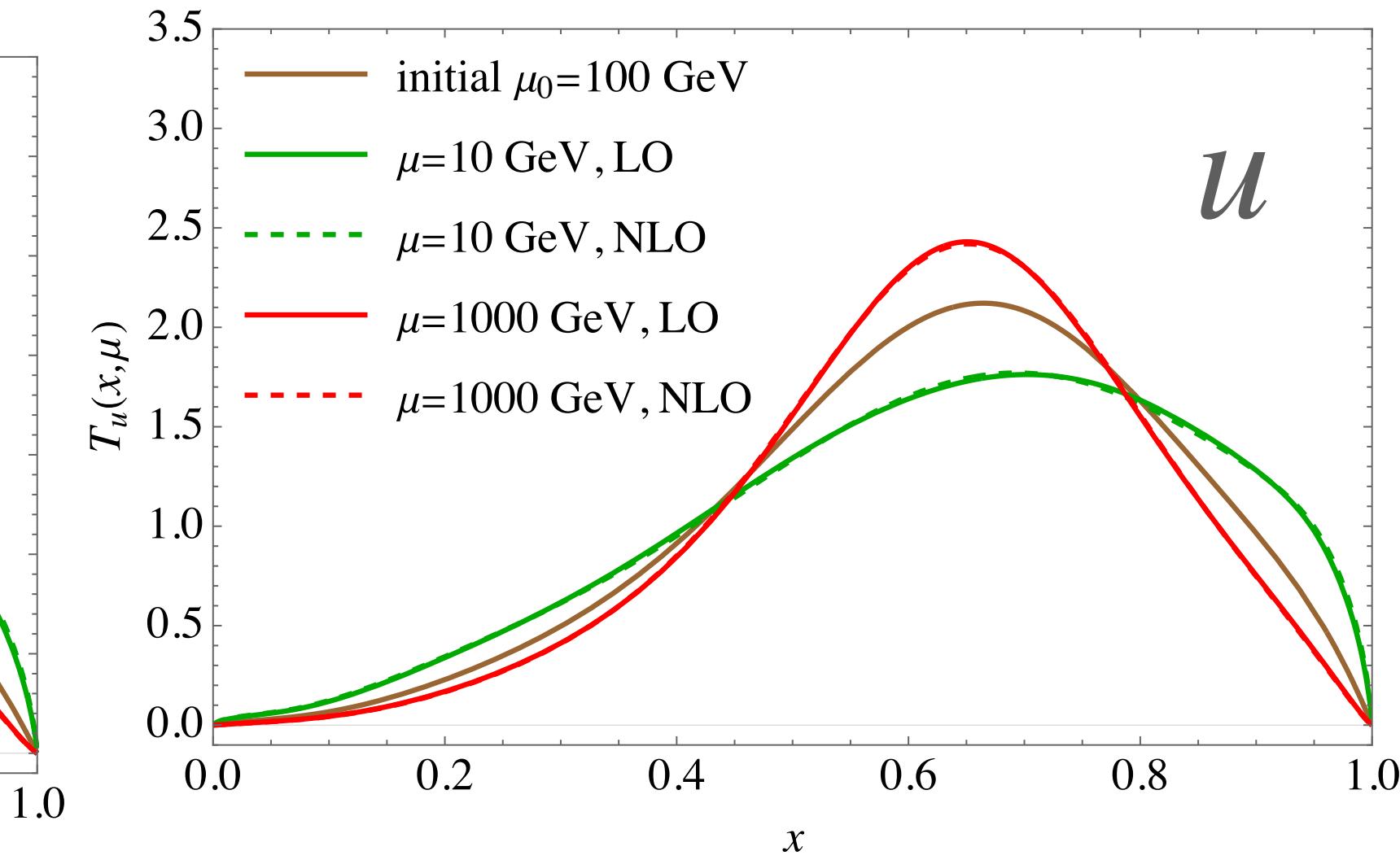
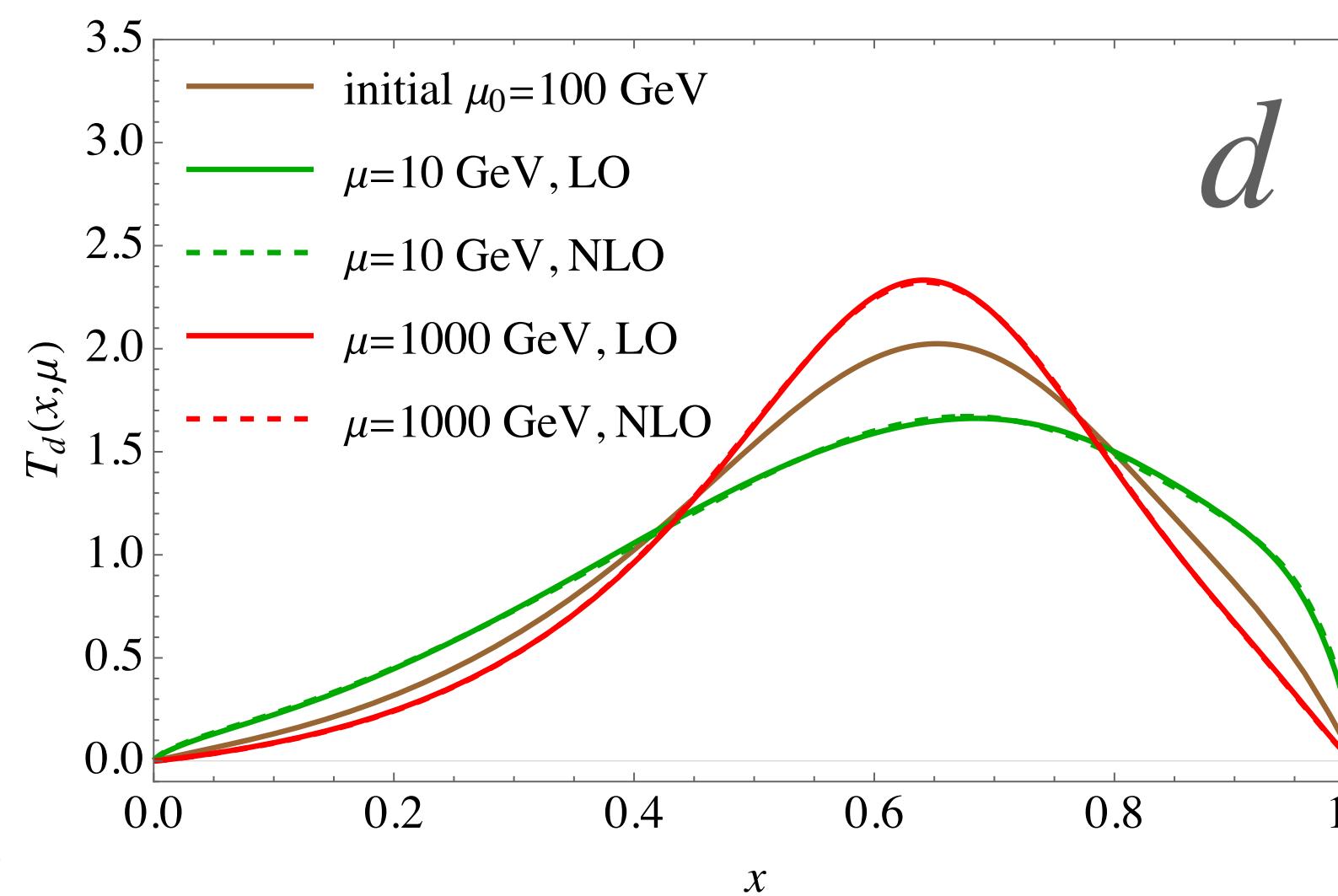
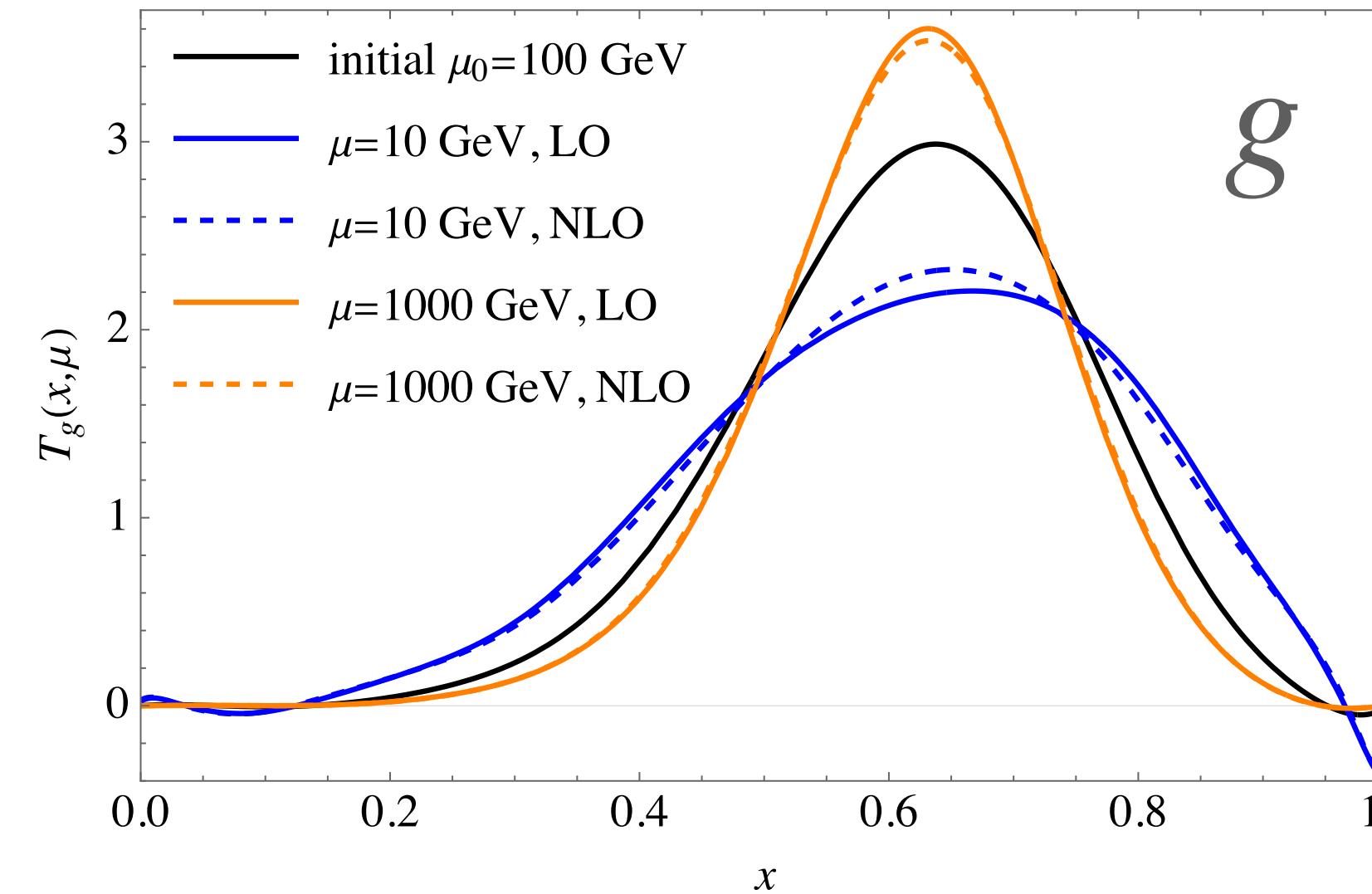
- First NLO ( $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ ) equation for the di-hadron fragmentation function evolution:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h_1 h_2}(y_1, y_2) = \left\{ K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(1)} \textcolor{blue}{D}_{i \rightarrow h_1 h_2}(y_1, y_2) + \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} \otimes [\textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_1 \rightarrow h_1 h_2} + D_{i_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_2}] \right.$$
$$+ \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(1)} \otimes [\textcolor{blue}{D}_{i_1 \rightarrow h_1 h_2} + D_{i_2 \rightarrow h_1 h_2} + D_{i_3 \rightarrow h_1 h_2}] \Bigg\}$$
$$+ \left\{ \sum_{\{i_f\}} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} \otimes [D_{i_1 \rightarrow h_1} D_{i_2 \rightarrow h_2} + D_{i_1 \rightarrow h_2} D_{i_2 \rightarrow h_1}] \right.$$
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$$+ D_{i_2 \rightarrow h_1} D_{i_3 \rightarrow h_2} + D_{i_2 \rightarrow h_2} D_{i_3 \rightarrow h_1}] \Bigg\}$$

# Numerical Implementation



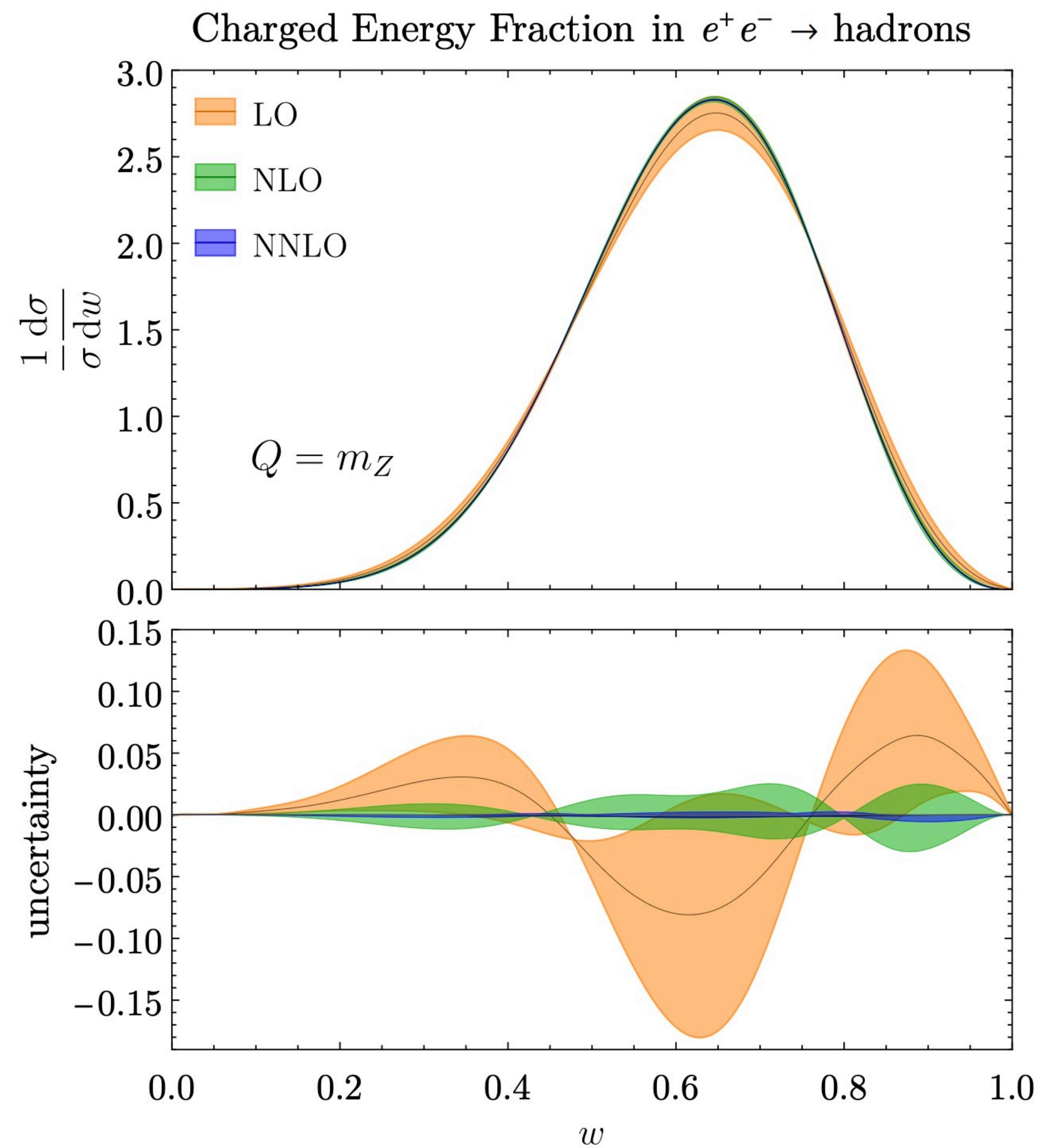
- Numerical methods developed: The moment method, Fourier series, ...
- Initial condition: The NLO track functions extracted from Pythia.



Ready for phenomenology!

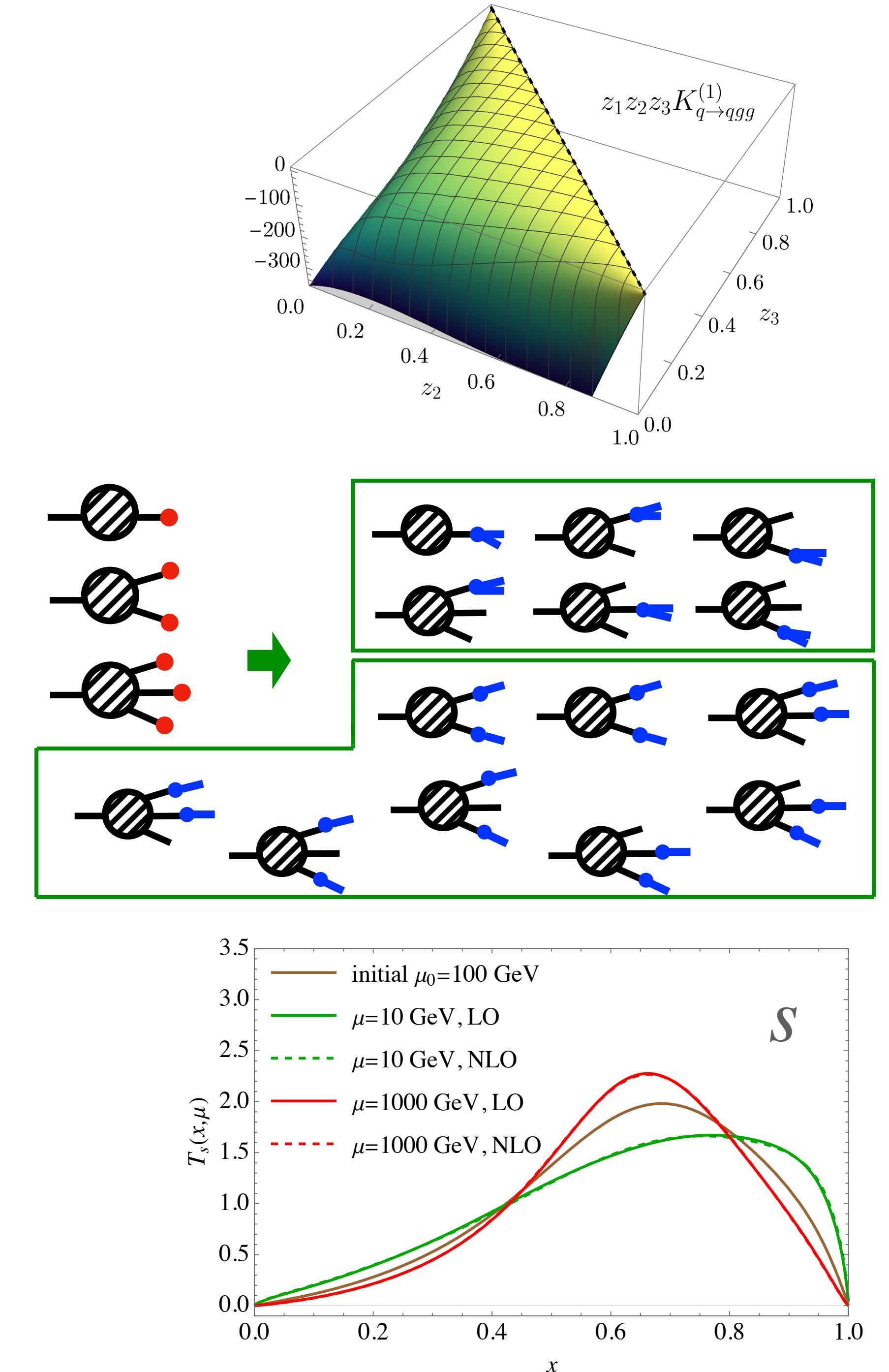
# Fraction of Charged Hadrons

- Significant reduction in scale uncertainties with the NLO evolution of track functions included.



# Summary

- Track functions offer a QFT approach to calculating track-based observables.
- Track energy correlators involve the integer moments for which the track function evolution simplifies.
- Full results of the nonlinear  $x$ -space evolution at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ :
  - Most general equation for collinear evolution at NLO; → the NLO corrections to any  $N$ -hadron fragmentation function evolution derived.
  - Numerical implementation.



# Outlook

- A benchmark for triple collinear evolution in parton showers.
- Precision phenomenology with tracks.
- Applications of multi-hadron fragmentation functions.



Thanks!

# **Backup**

# A Surprising Symmetry:

- $x \rightarrow x + a$  leads to  $T_j(n) \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-a)^{n-k} T_j(k)$  in Mellin space, e.g.,
 
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- The **shift symmetry** requires that the evolution for moments of track function should *still* hold after the above **transformation**, which constrains the form of the evolution up to all loop orders: e.g.,

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} [T_g(1) - a] = c_1 [T_g(1) - a] + c_2 [T_q(1) - a] ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} [T_g(2) - 2aT_g(1) - a^2] &= b_1 [T_g(2) - 2aT_g(1) - a^2] + b_2 [T_q(2) - 2aT_q(1) - a^2] \\ &\quad + y_1 [T_g(1) - a]^2 + y_2 [T_g(1) - a] [T_q(1) - a] + y_3 [T_q(1) - a]^2 \end{aligned}$$

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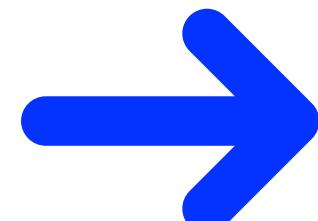
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$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_g(2) &= b_1 T_g(2) + b_2 T_q(2) + y_1 T_g(1) T_g(1) + y_2 T_g(1) T_q(1) + y_3 T_q(1) T_q(1) \\ &\quad + \textcolor{red}{a} [(-2b_1 - 2y_1 - y_2 + 2c_1) T_g(1) + (-2b_2 - y_2 - 2y_3 + 2c_2) T_q(1)] \\ &\quad + \textcolor{red}{a}^2 (b_1 + b_2 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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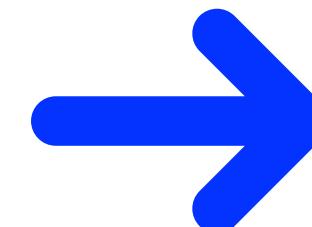
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This implies there is redundancy for these evolution kernels.

- We can use shift invariant objects to reorganize the form of the evolution to avoid this redundancy.

Up to this stage we haven't used the Feynman diagram approach.

# Calculational Techniques

$$T_i^{(0)}(x) = T_i^{\text{bare}}(x)$$

$$T_i(x, \mu) \text{ in } a_s\text{-series:} \quad T_i(x, \mu) = T_i^{(0)}(x) + a_s T_i^{(1)}(x) + a_s^2 T_i^{(2)}(x) + \mathcal{O}(a_s^3)$$

----- LO track function    UV-renormalized NLO track function    UV-renormalized NNLO track function

$$T_i^{(1)}(x) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}} K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)} \otimes T_j^{(0)} T_k^{(0)}(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_i^{(2)}(x) = & \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}} \left[ K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(1)} \otimes T_j^{(0)} T_k^{(0)}(x) + K_{i \rightarrow jm n}^{(1)} \otimes T_j^{(0)} T_m^{(0)} T_n^{(0)}(x) \right] \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}^2} \left\{ K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)} \otimes \left[ T_j^{(0)} \left( K_{k \rightarrow mn}^{(0)} \otimes T_m^{(0)} T_n^{(0)} \right) \right](x) + \beta_0 K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)} \otimes T_j^{(0)} T_k^{(0)}(x) \right. \\ & \left. \left. + K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)} \otimes \left[ T_k^{(0)} \left( K_{j \rightarrow mn}^{(0)} \otimes T_m^{(0)} T_n^{(0)} \right) \right](x) \right\}. \right. \end{aligned}$$

# Track Jet Functions

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{\text{tr},i}(s, x, \mu) &= \delta(s) \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\{i_f\}} \left[ a_s^\ell \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}}^{(\ell)} \otimes \prod_{j \in \{i_f\}} T_j \right] (x, \mu) \\
J_{\text{tr},i}(s, x, \mu) &= \delta(s) T_i^{(0)}(x) + a_s(\mu) \delta(s) \left\{ \left( \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(0)} \right) \otimes T_i^{(0)}(x) + \left( \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(0)} \right) \otimes T_{i_1}^{(0)} T_{i_2}^{(0)}(x) \right\} \\
&\quad + a_s^2(\mu) \delta(s) \left\{ \left( \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(1)} + \frac{\beta_0}{2\epsilon^2} K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(0)} \right) \otimes T_i^{(0)} \right. \\
&\quad + \left( \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} + \frac{\beta_0}{2\epsilon^2} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(0)} \right) \otimes T_{i_1}^{(0)} T_{i_2}^{(0)} \\
&\quad + \left( \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2 i_3}^{(1)} \right) \otimes T_{i_1}^{(0)} T_{i_2}^{(0)} T_{i_3}^{(0)} \\
&\quad + \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(0)} \right) \otimes \left( K_{i \rightarrow i}^{(0)} \otimes T_i^{(0)} + K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(0)} \otimes T_{i_1}^{(0)} T_{i_2}^{(0)} \right) \\
&\quad + \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{J}_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} K_{i \rightarrow i_1 i_2}^{(0)} \right) \otimes \left[ T_{i_1}^{(0)} \left( K_{i_2 \rightarrow i_2}^{(0)} \otimes T_{i_2}^{(0)} + K_{i_2 \rightarrow j_1 j_2}^{(0)} \otimes T_{j_1}^{(0)} T_{j_2}^{(0)} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( K_{i_1 \rightarrow i_1}^{(0)} \otimes T_{i_1}^{(0)} + K_{i_1 \rightarrow k_1 k_2}^{(0)} \otimes T_{k_1}^{(0)} T_{k_2}^{(0)} \right) T_{i_2}^{(0)} \right] \} + \mathcal{O}(a_s^3),
\end{aligned}$$

LO evolution kernel

NLO evolution kernel