



New physics simulations at colliders

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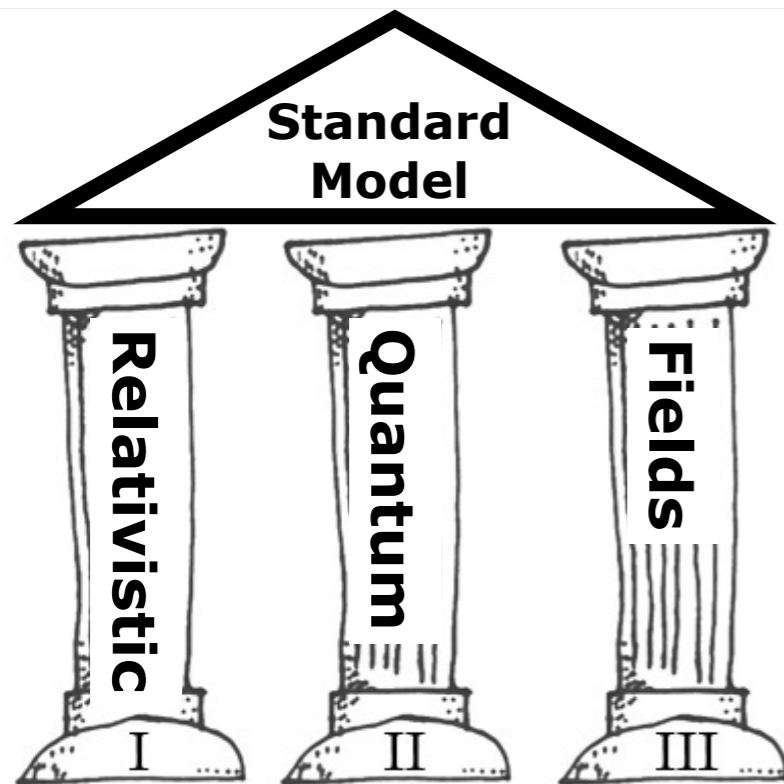
Beyond the Standard Model

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1. The Standard Model of particle physics and Monte Carlo simulations
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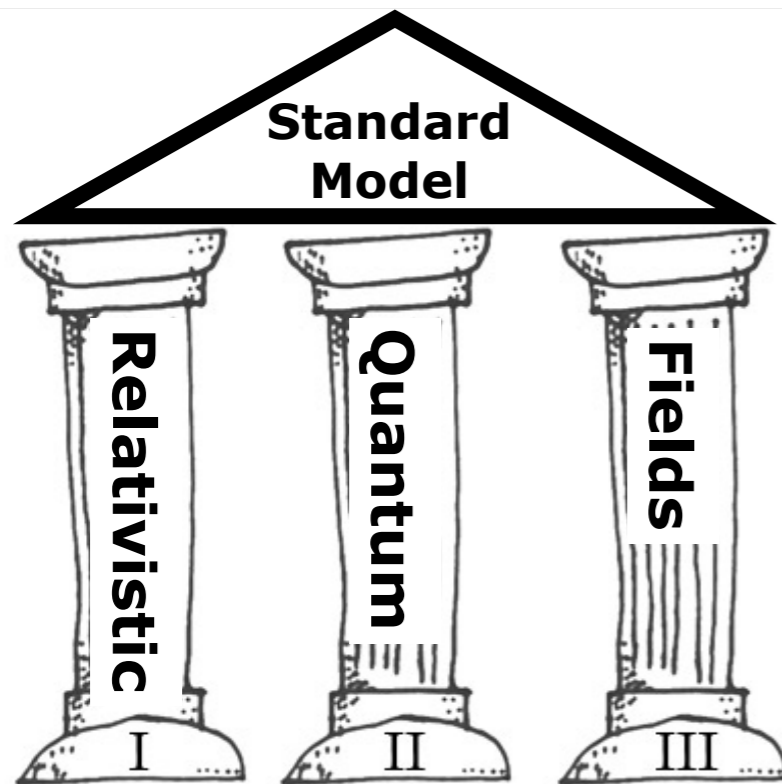


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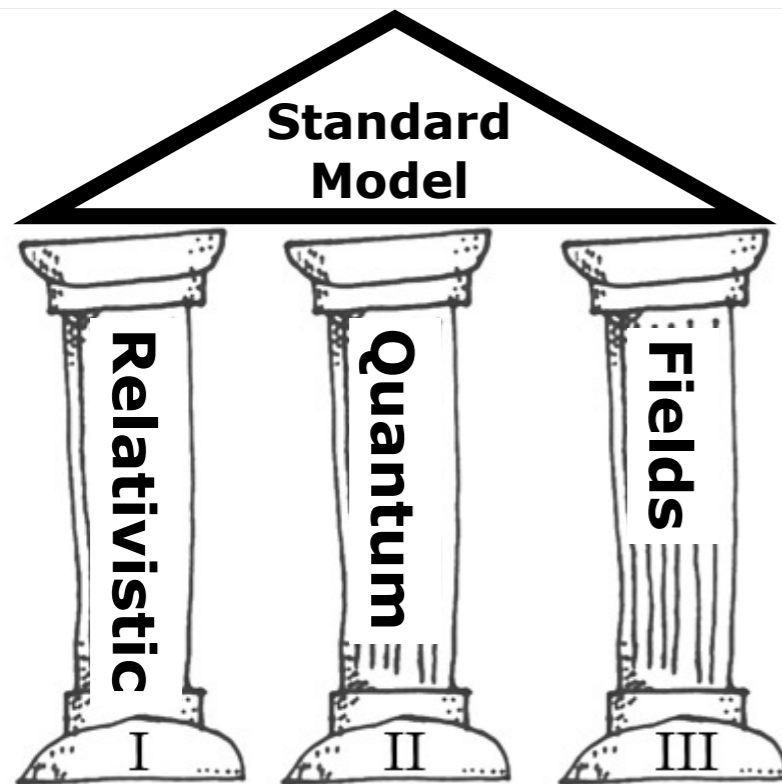
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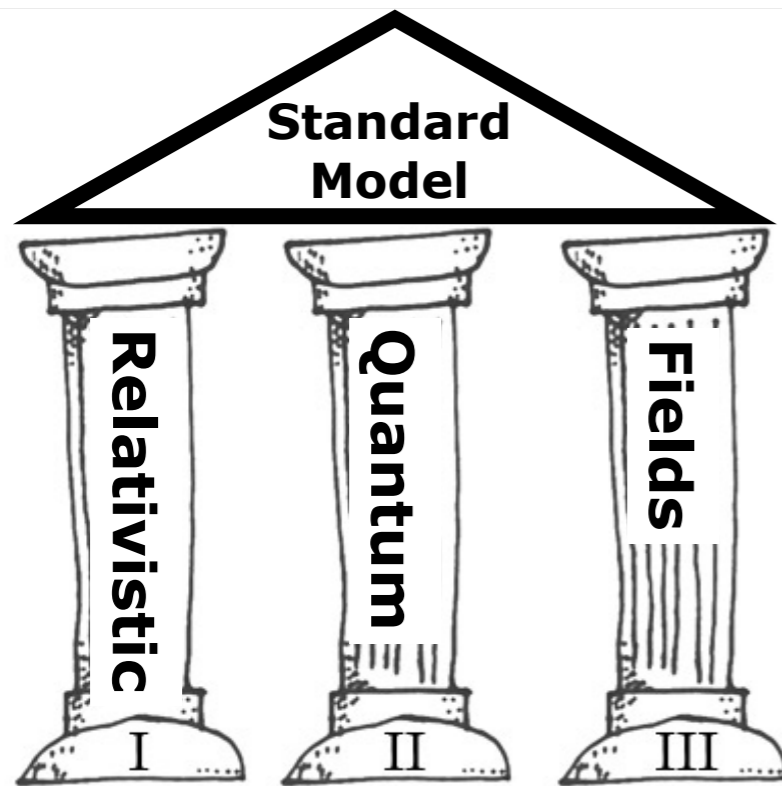
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◆ Particle physics is all about symmetries

❖ Energy-momentum conservation (translation invariance)

❖ Particulate nature (Lorentz invariance)

❖ Charge - parity - time reversal (CPT invariance)

❖ Gauge invariance (fundamental interactions) \sim the intrinsic symmetry of the world



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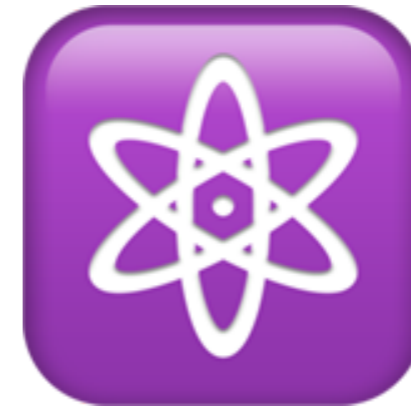
♣ First generation

- ★ Sufficient to describe all matter

♣ Second and third generations

- ★ More massive than the first generation
- ★ Identical quantum properties
- ★ Unstable (disappeared after the big bang)
- ★ Only accessible from highly-energetic collisions (LHC, cosmic rays)

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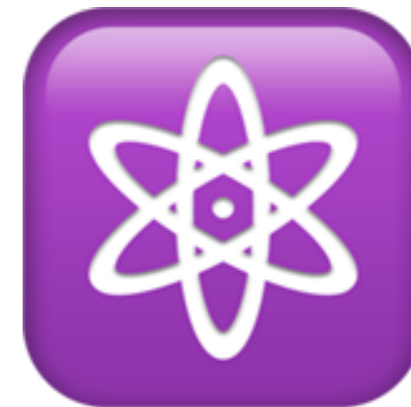
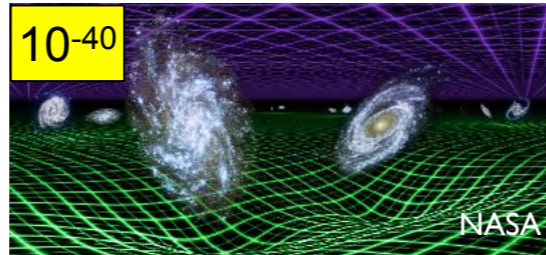
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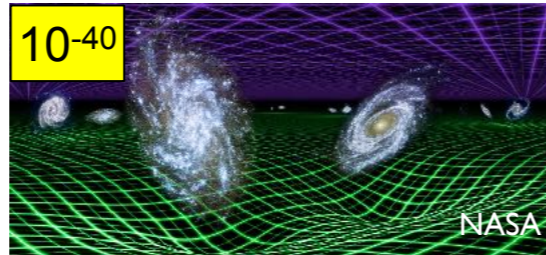
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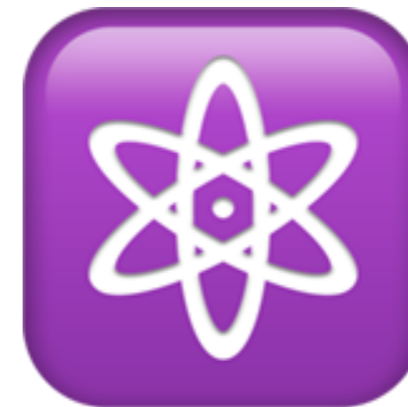
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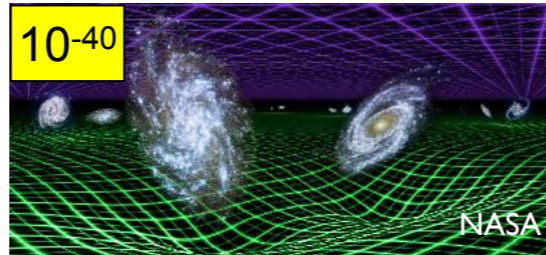
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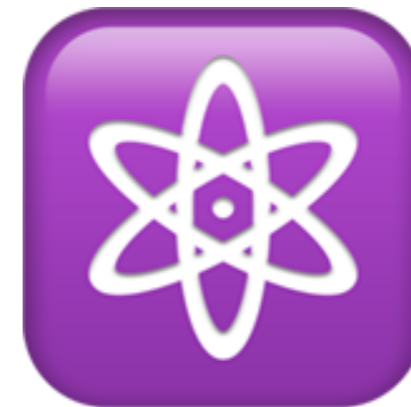
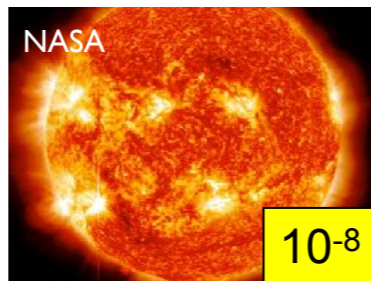
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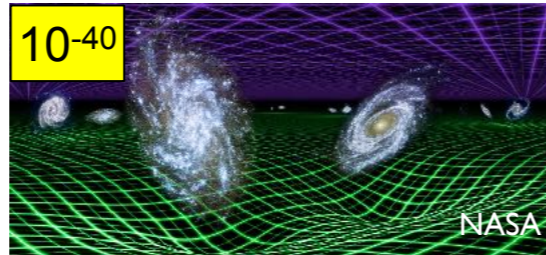
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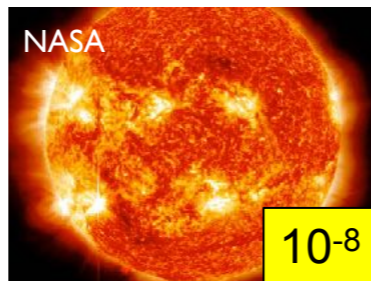
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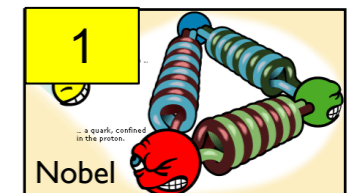
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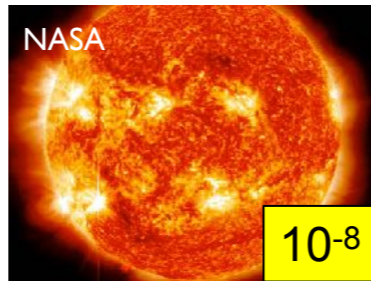
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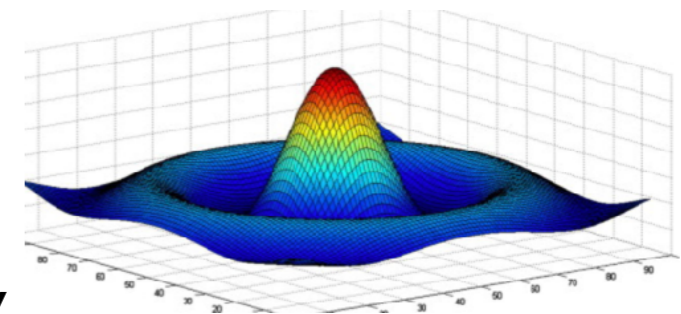
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◆ The Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism saves the day

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- ✓ Cures the infinities (e.g. weak-boson scattering)
- ✓ Introduction of the particle masses in a symmetric way



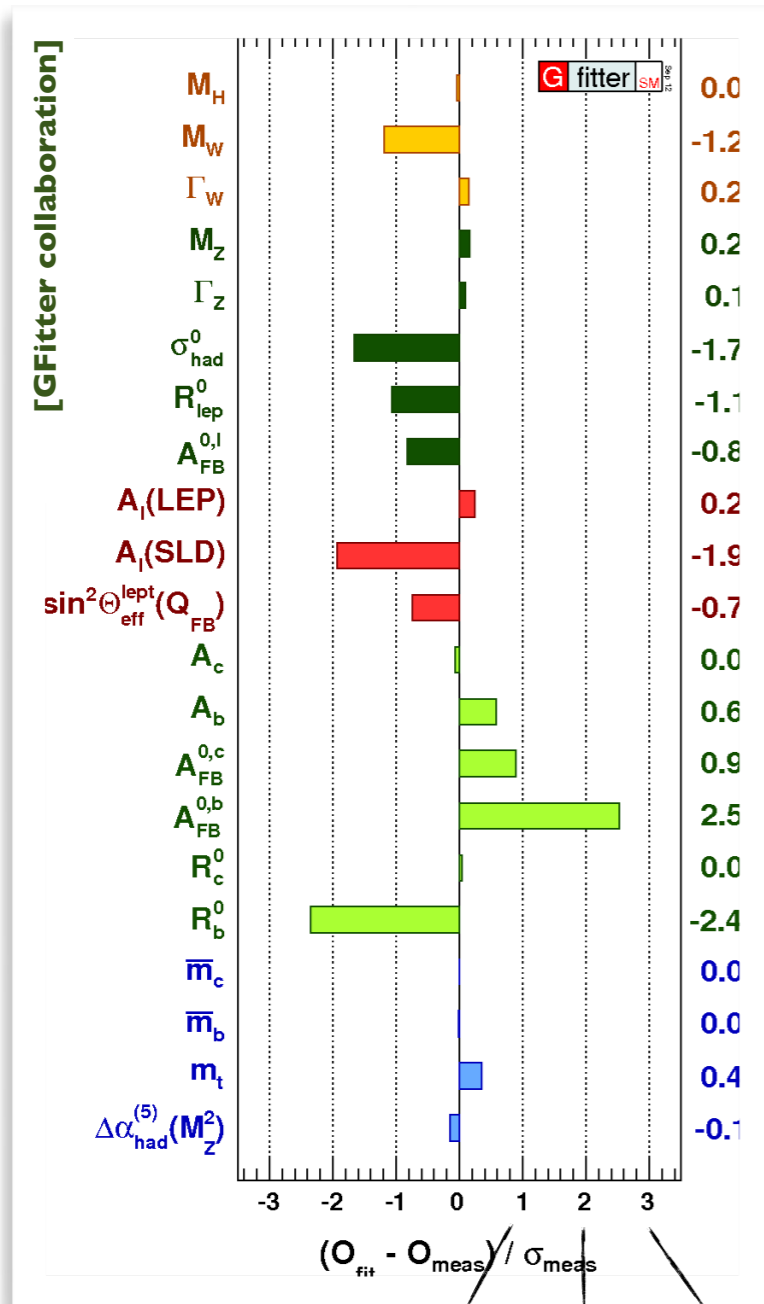
[Englert & Brout (PRL`64); Higgs (PRL`64)]

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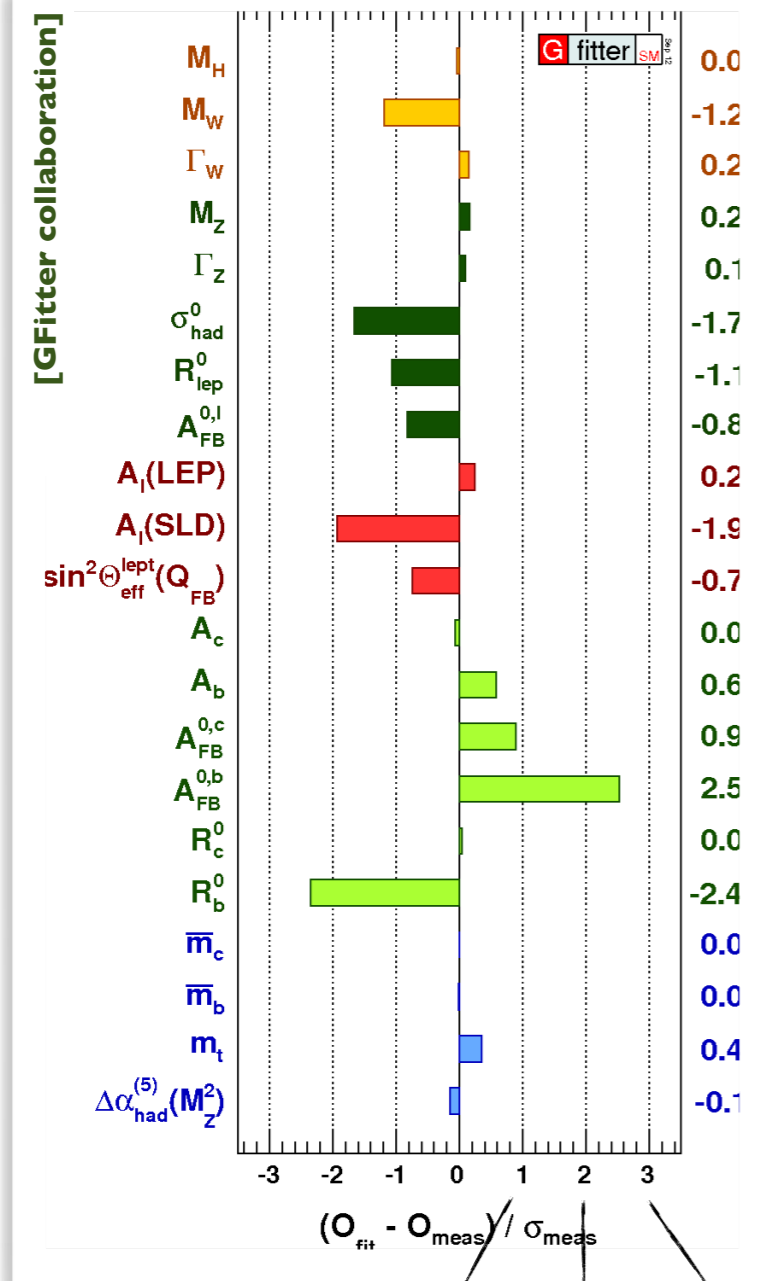
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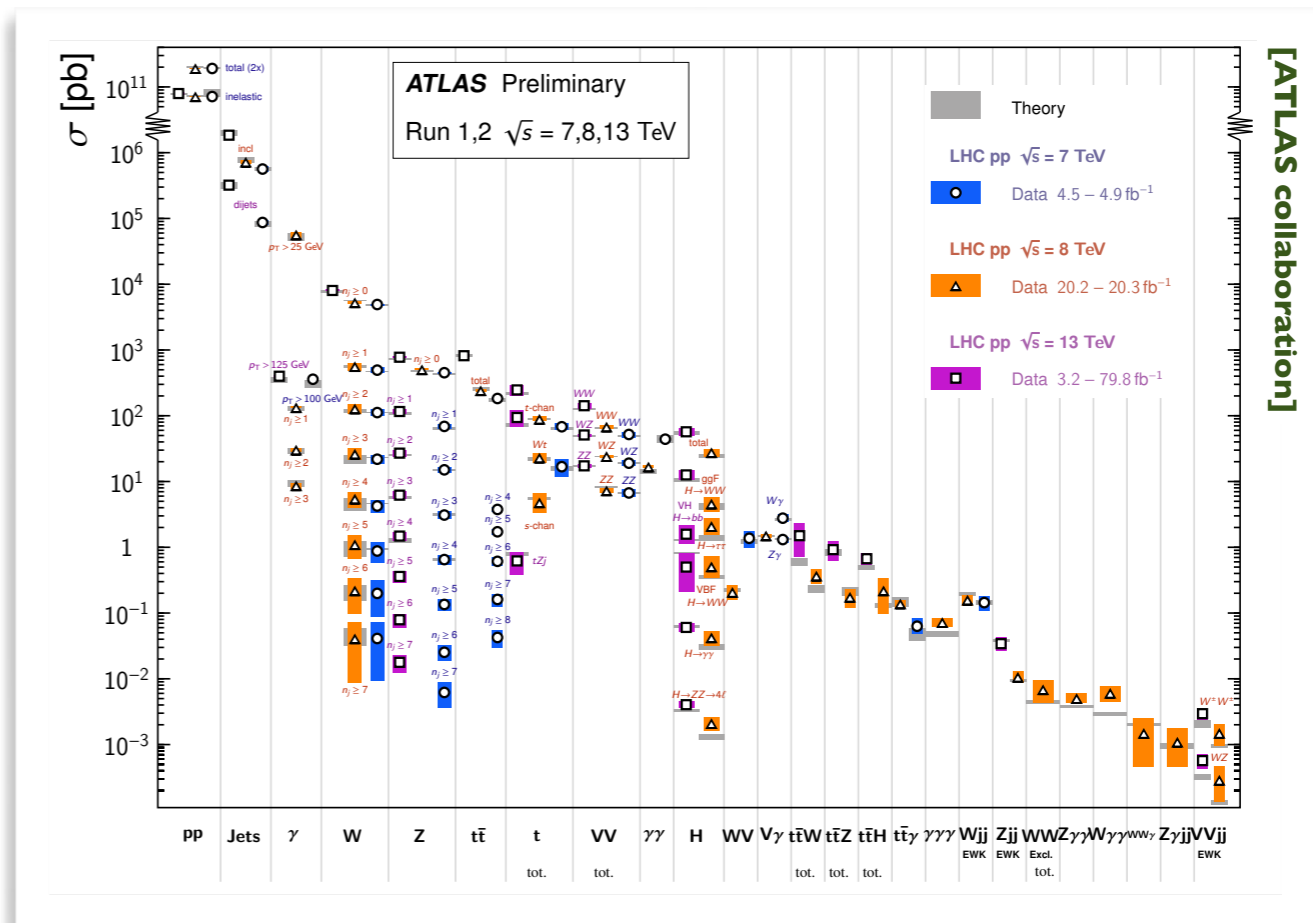
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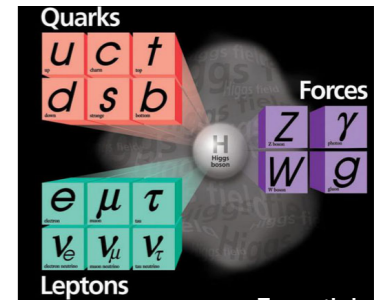
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❖ Standard Model cross sections at the LHC



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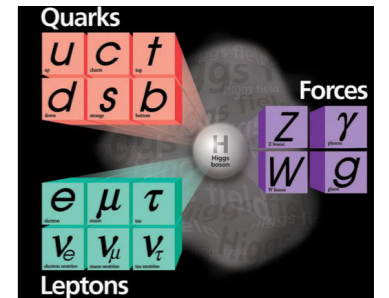
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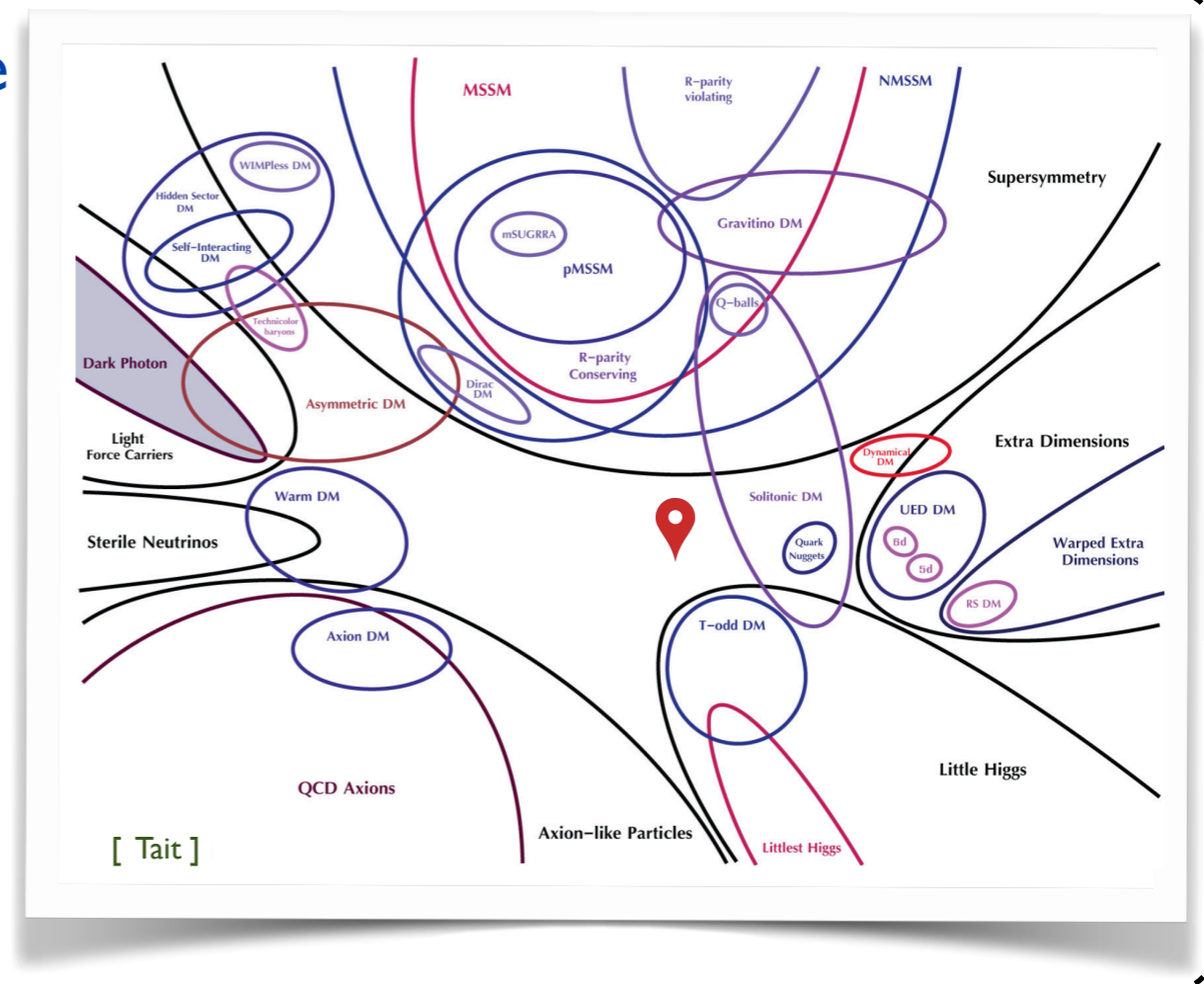
◆ The Standard Model is for sure only the tip of the iceberg

- ❖ Dark matter, neutrino masses, hierarchy problem, unification, etc.
- ❖ New physics is at the heart of the particle physics research programme
 - ★ Theoretically and experimentally
- ❖ **Precision simulations tools are mandatory!**

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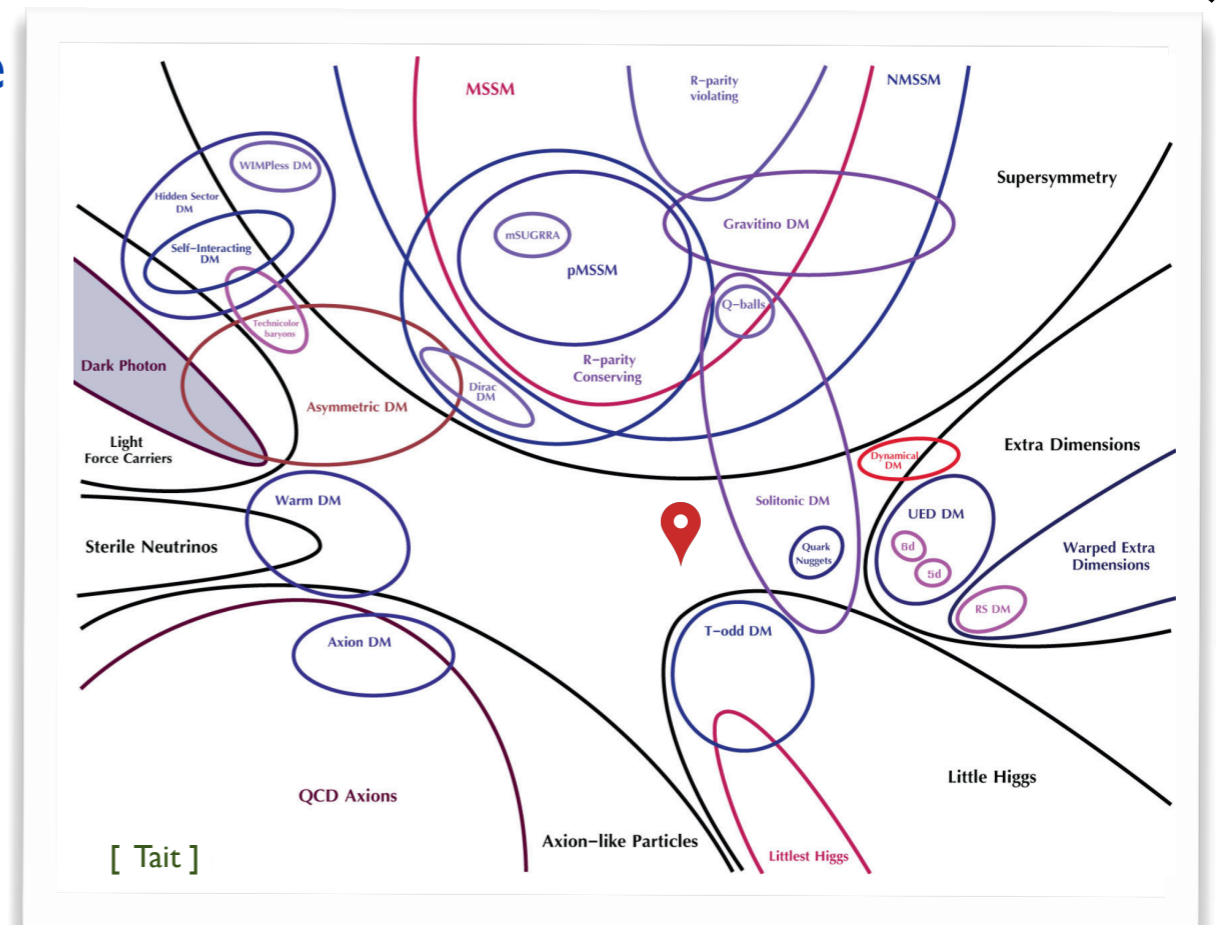


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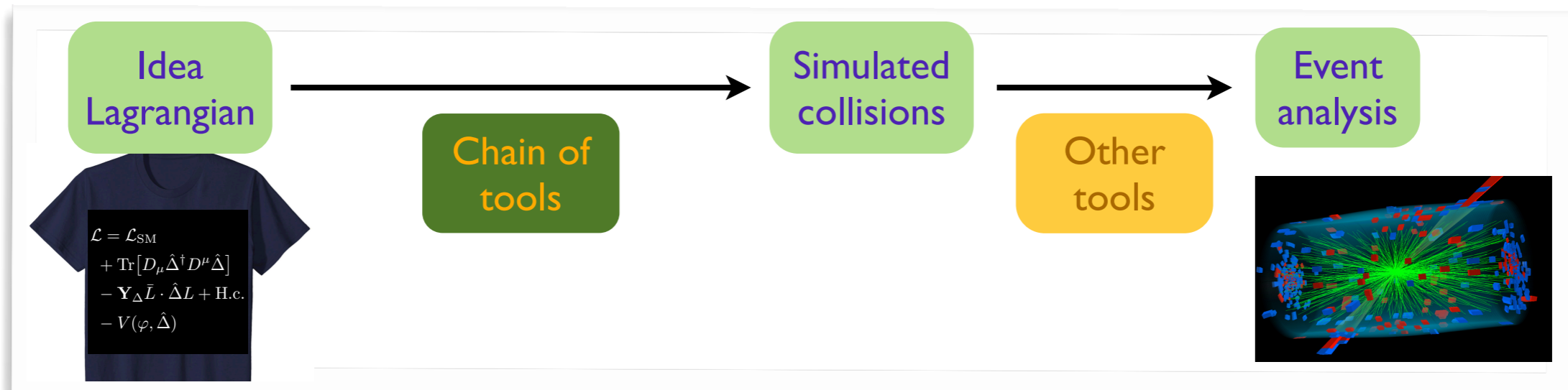
- ❖ 20-25 years of developments ~ LO simulations are bread and butter
- ❖ Simulations at the NLO QCD accuracy easily achieved
 - ★ For any model/process (~ MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO)

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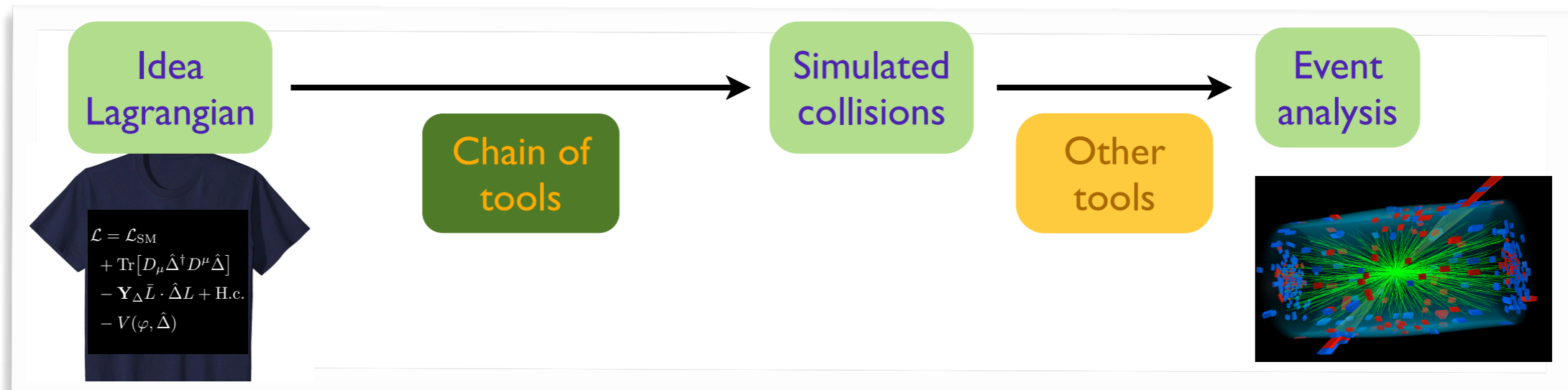


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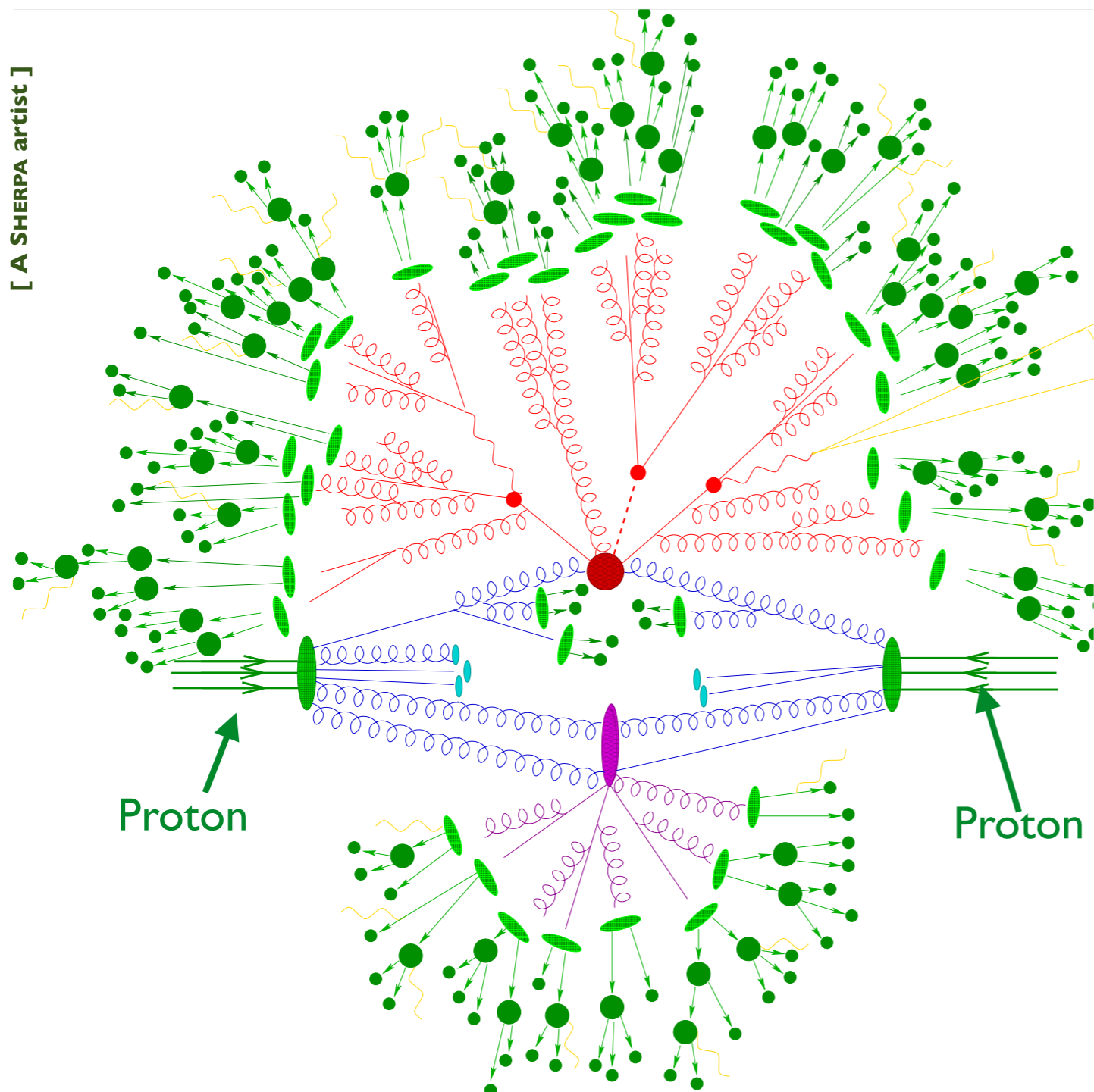
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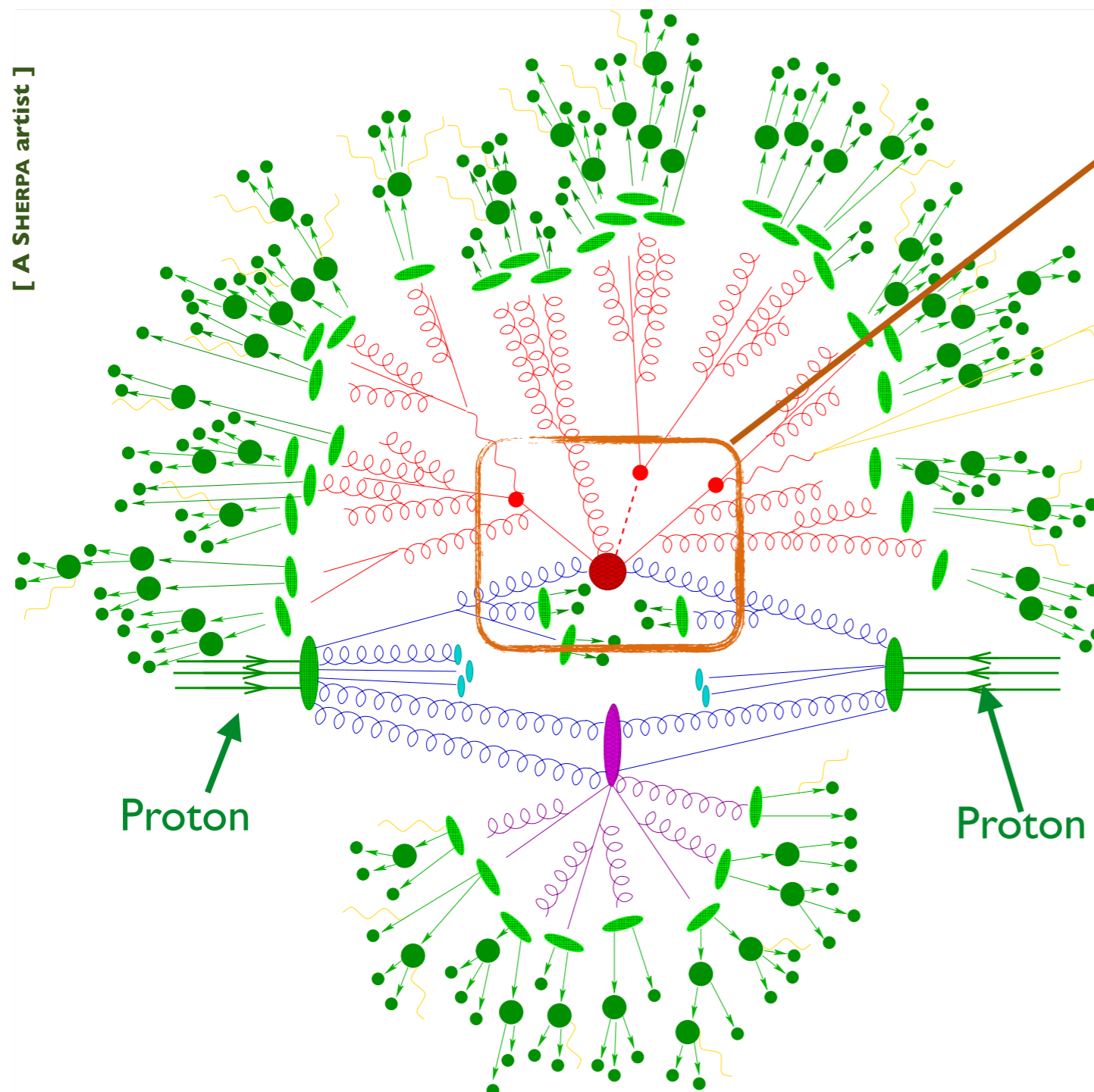
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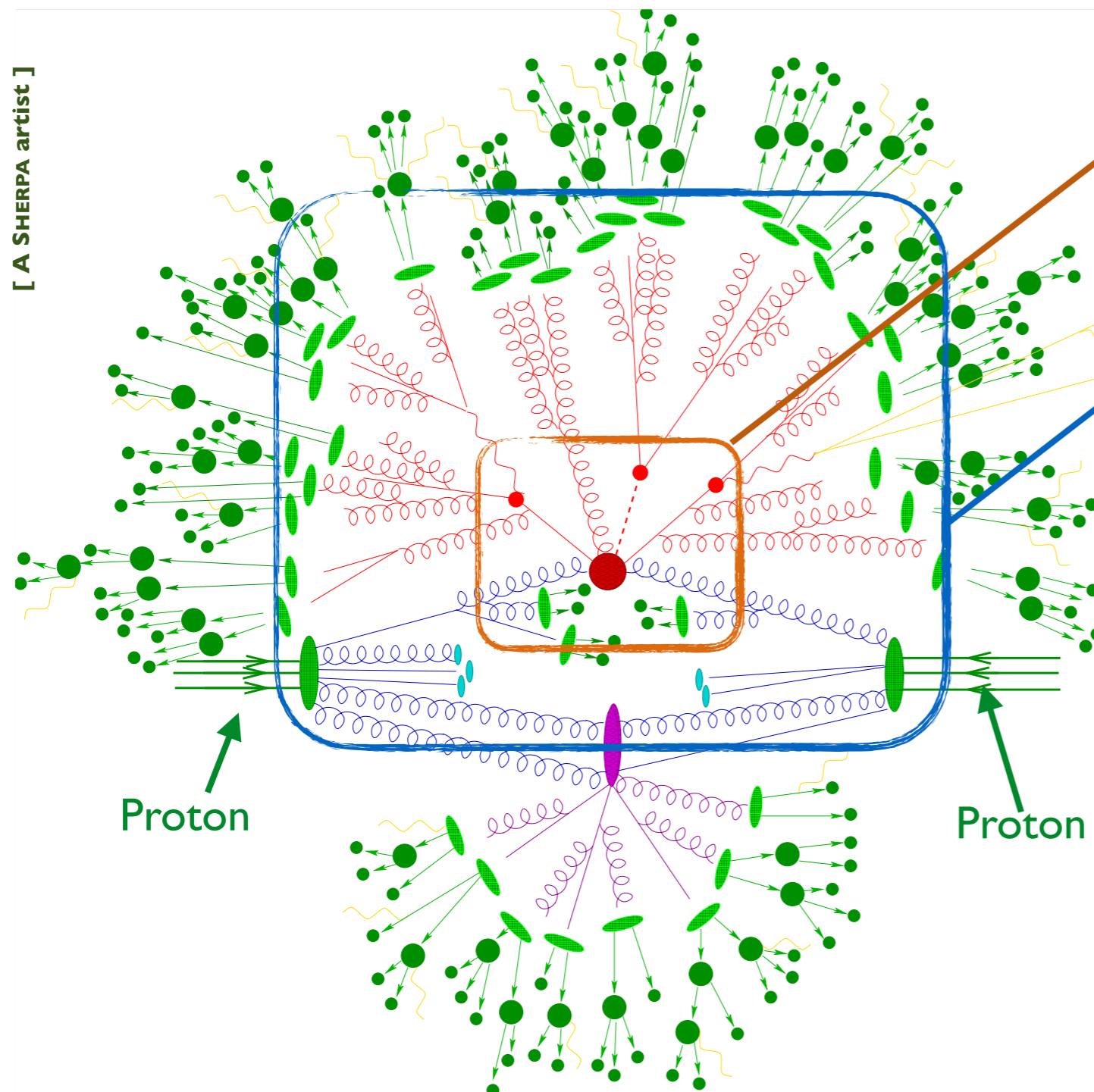
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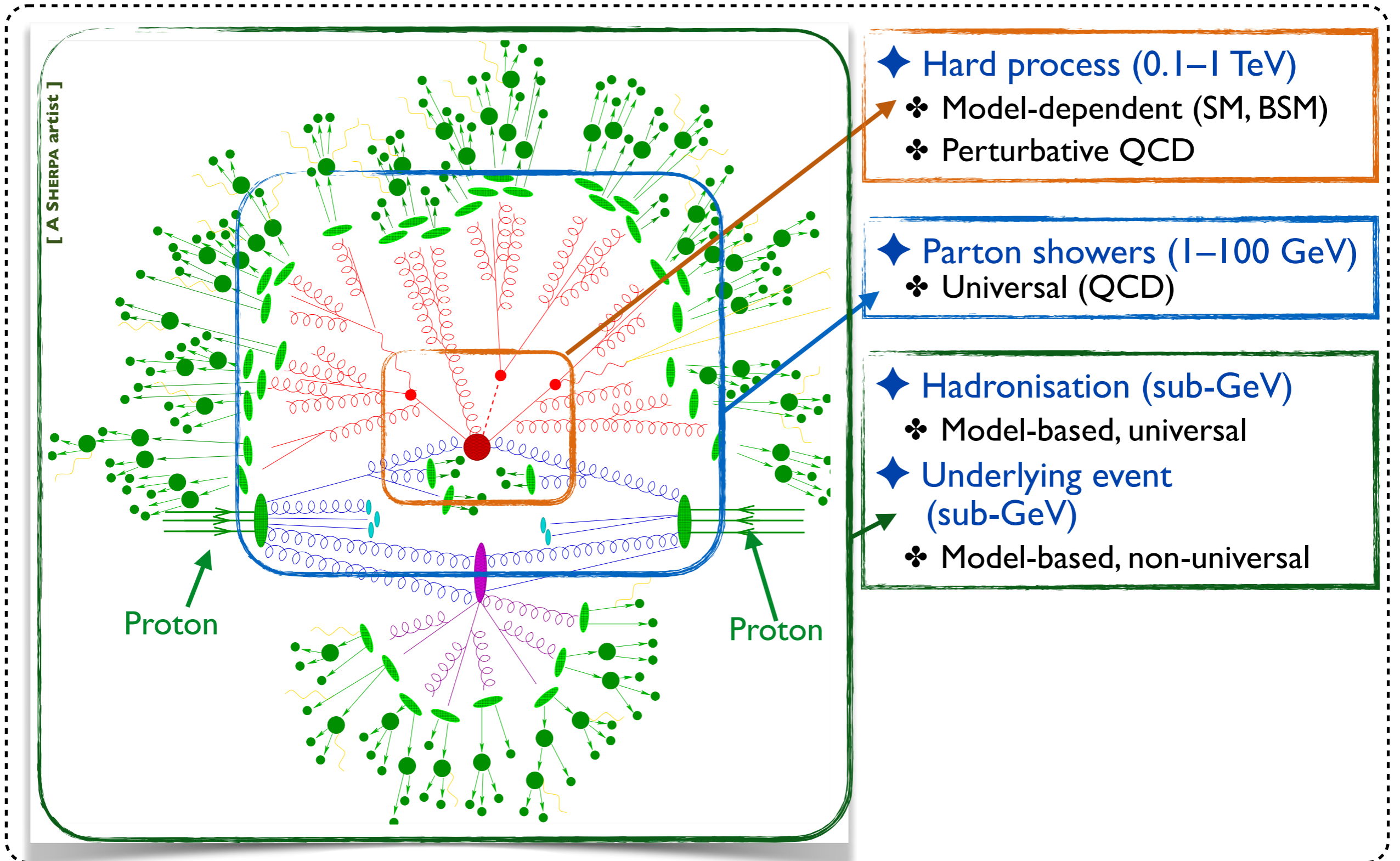
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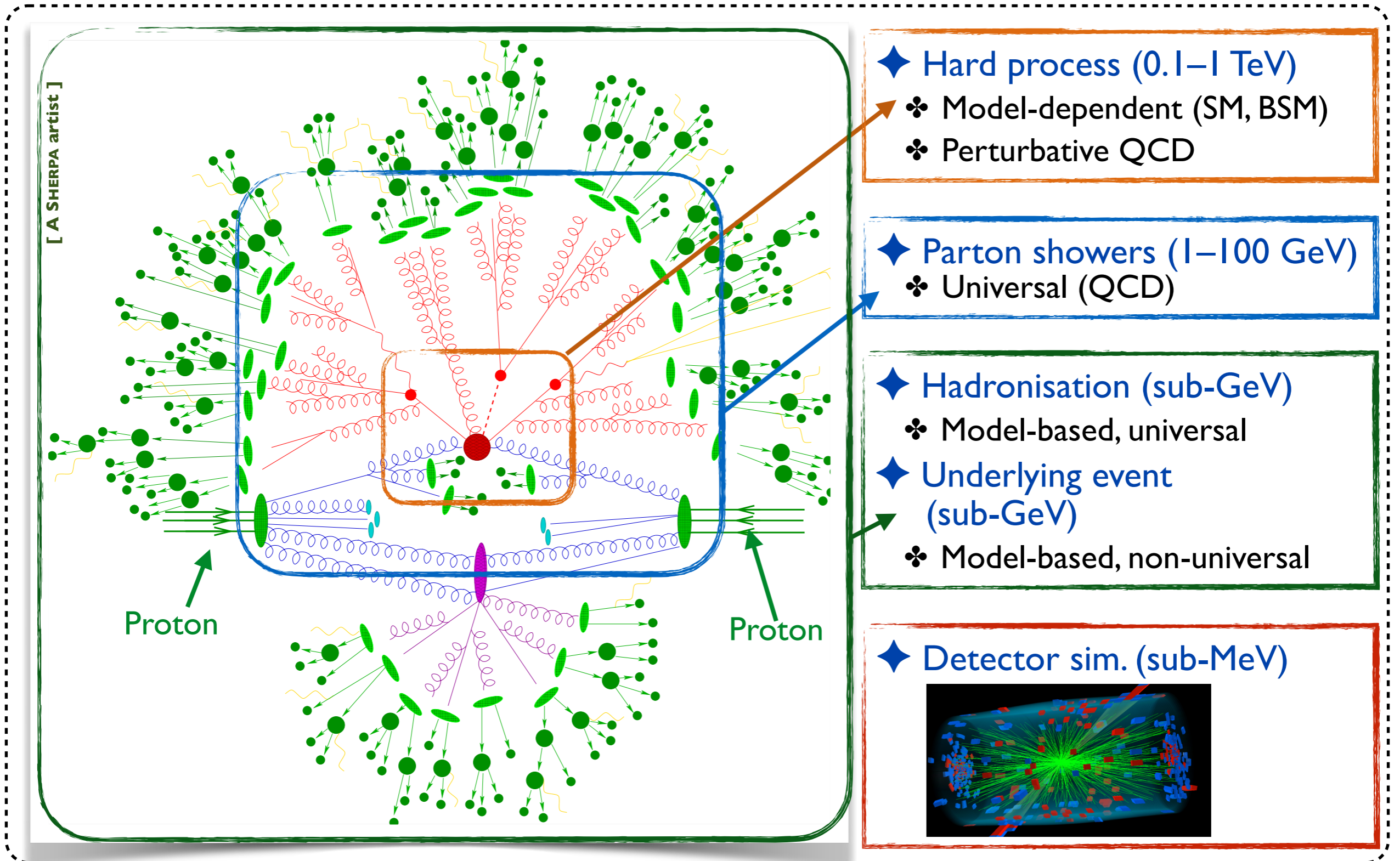
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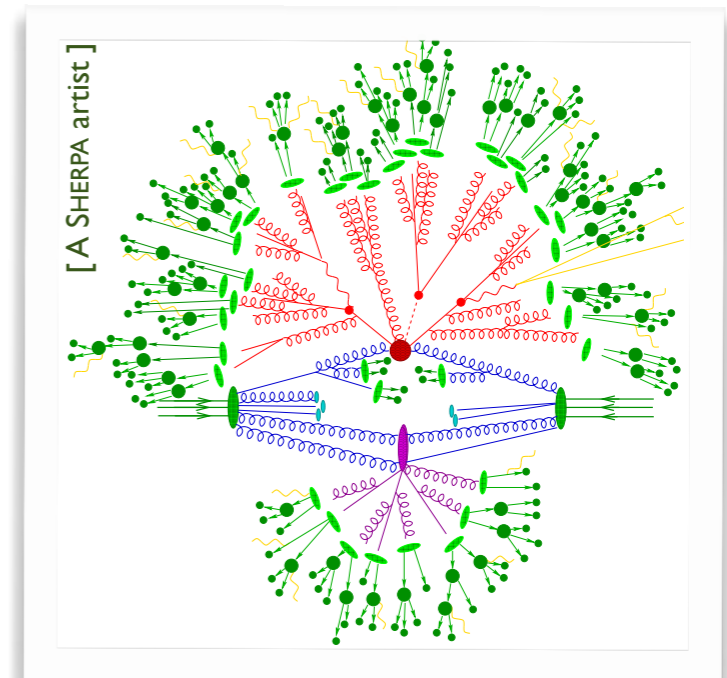


Monte Carlo simulations for proton collisions

◆ Multi-scale problem \leadsto factorisation

- ♣ TeV scale: hard scattering (**new physics?**)
- ♣ Down to Λ_{QCD} : QCD environment
- ♣ Down to sub-MeV: interactions with a detector

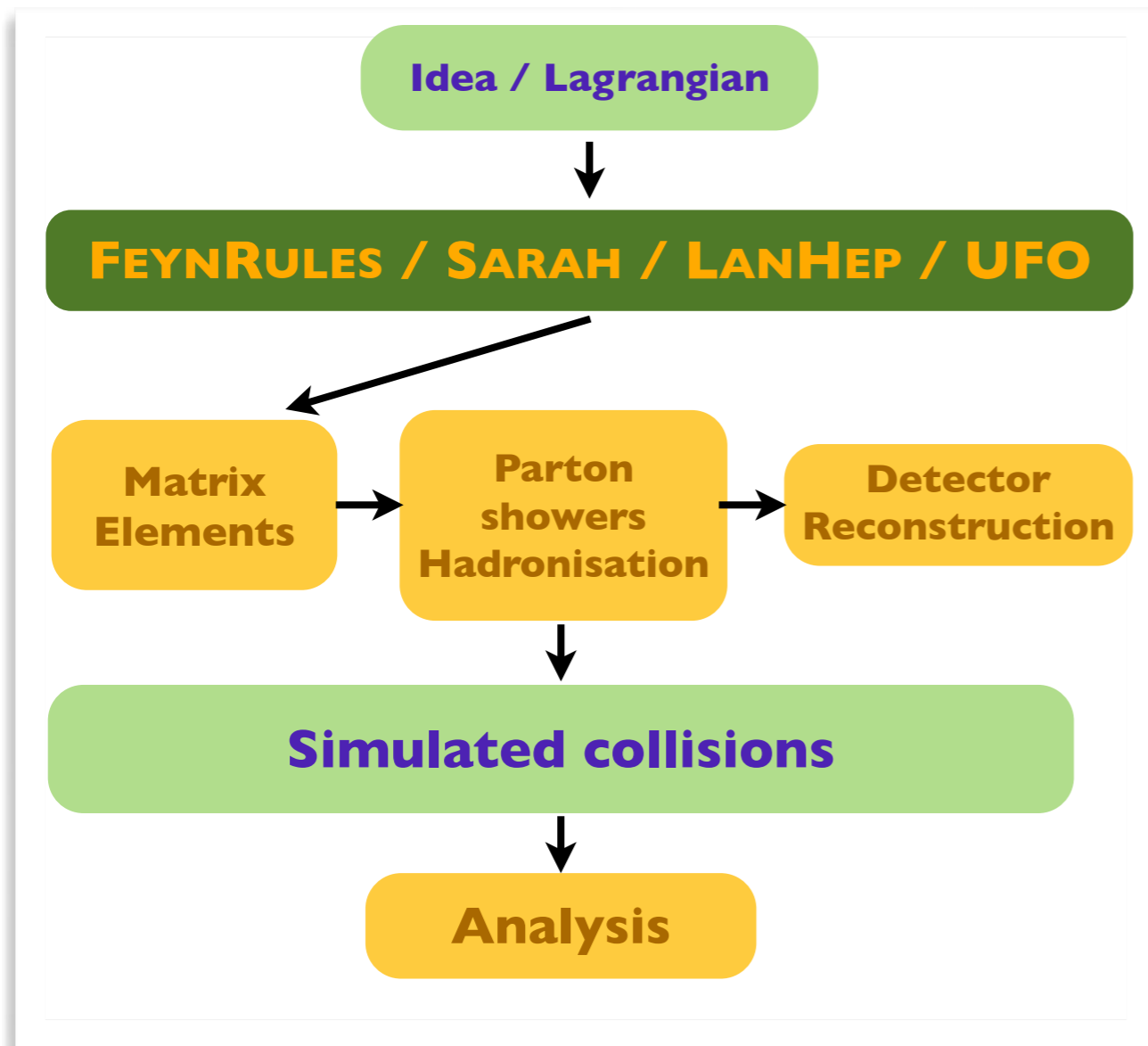
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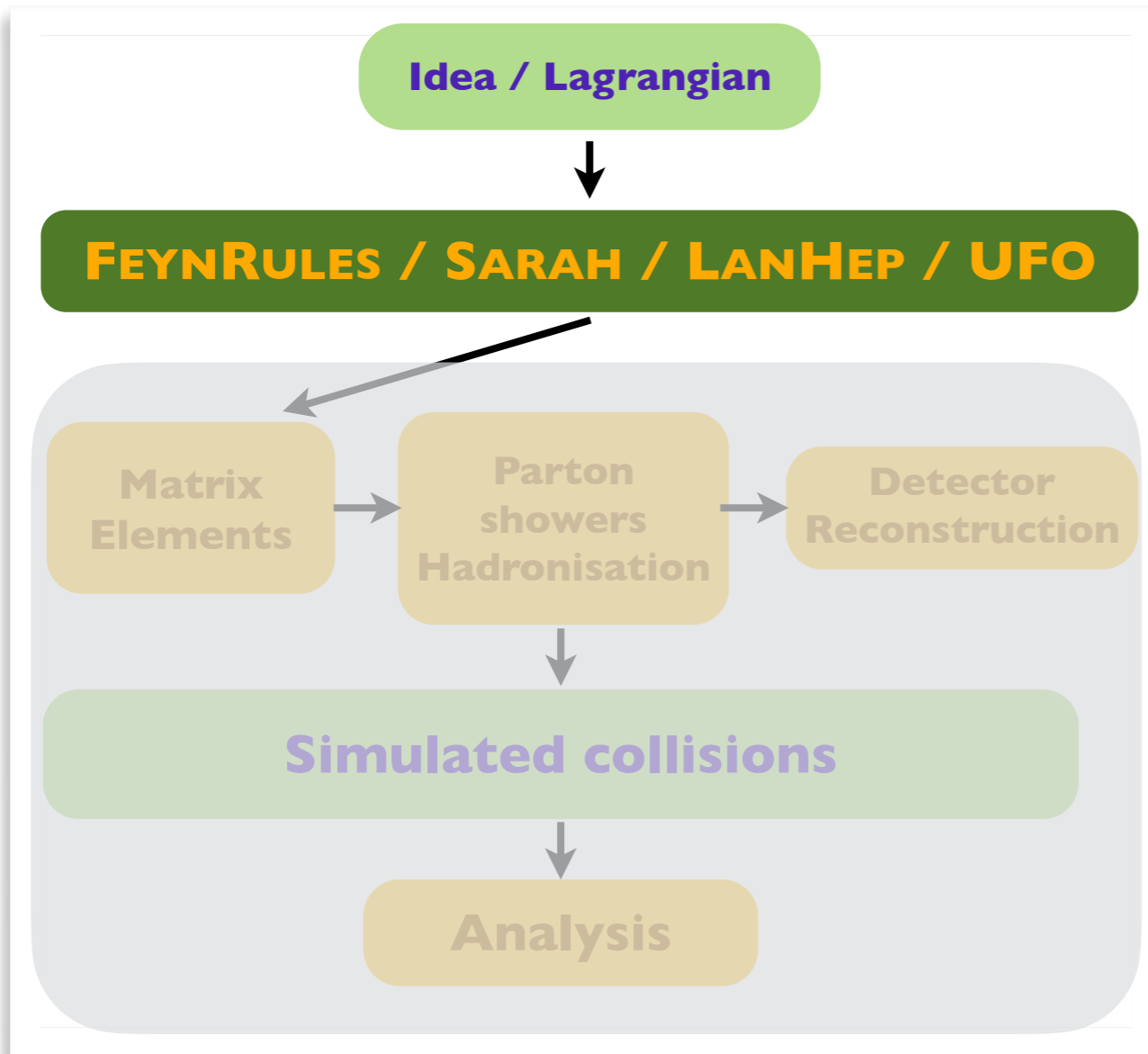


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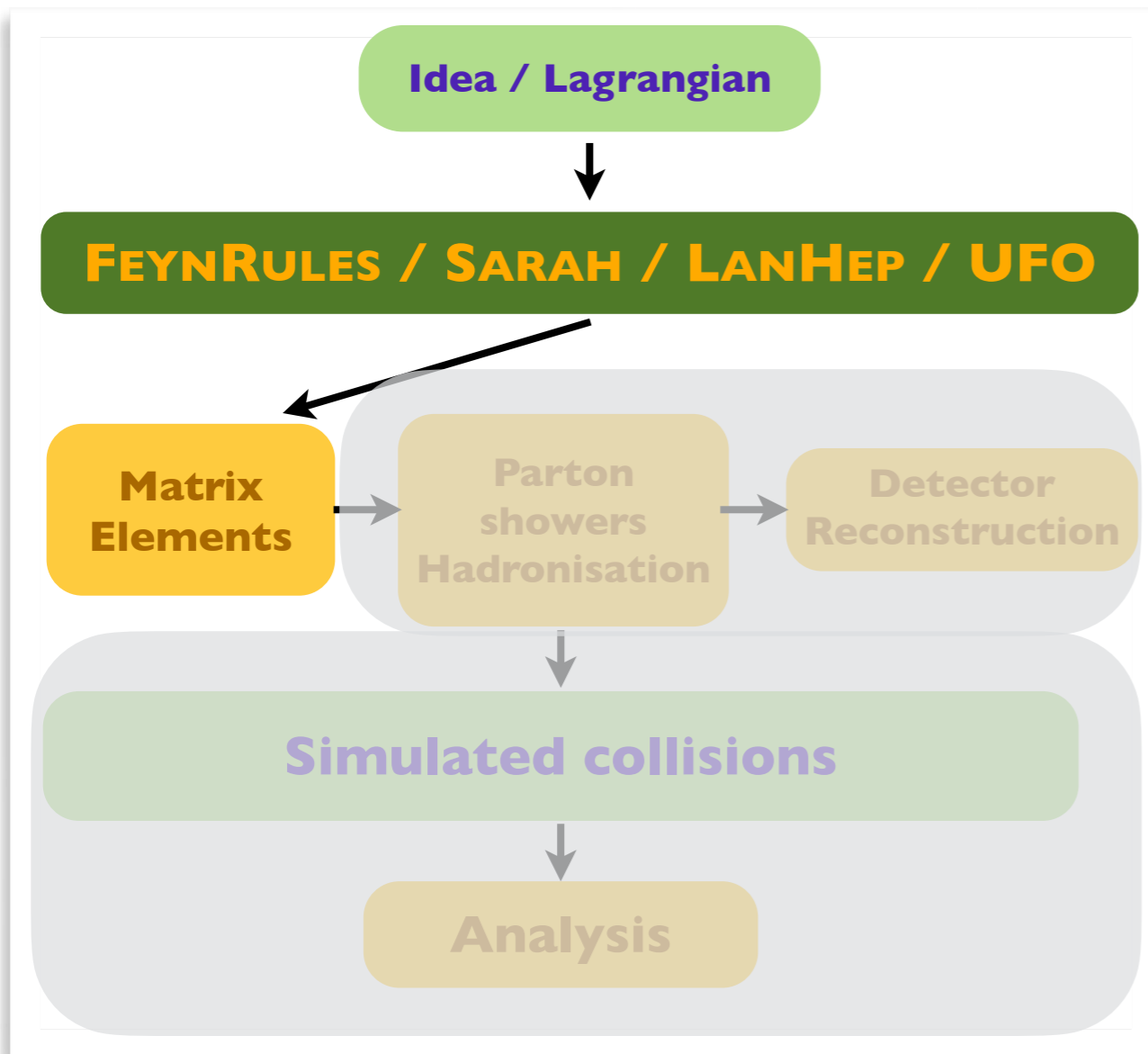
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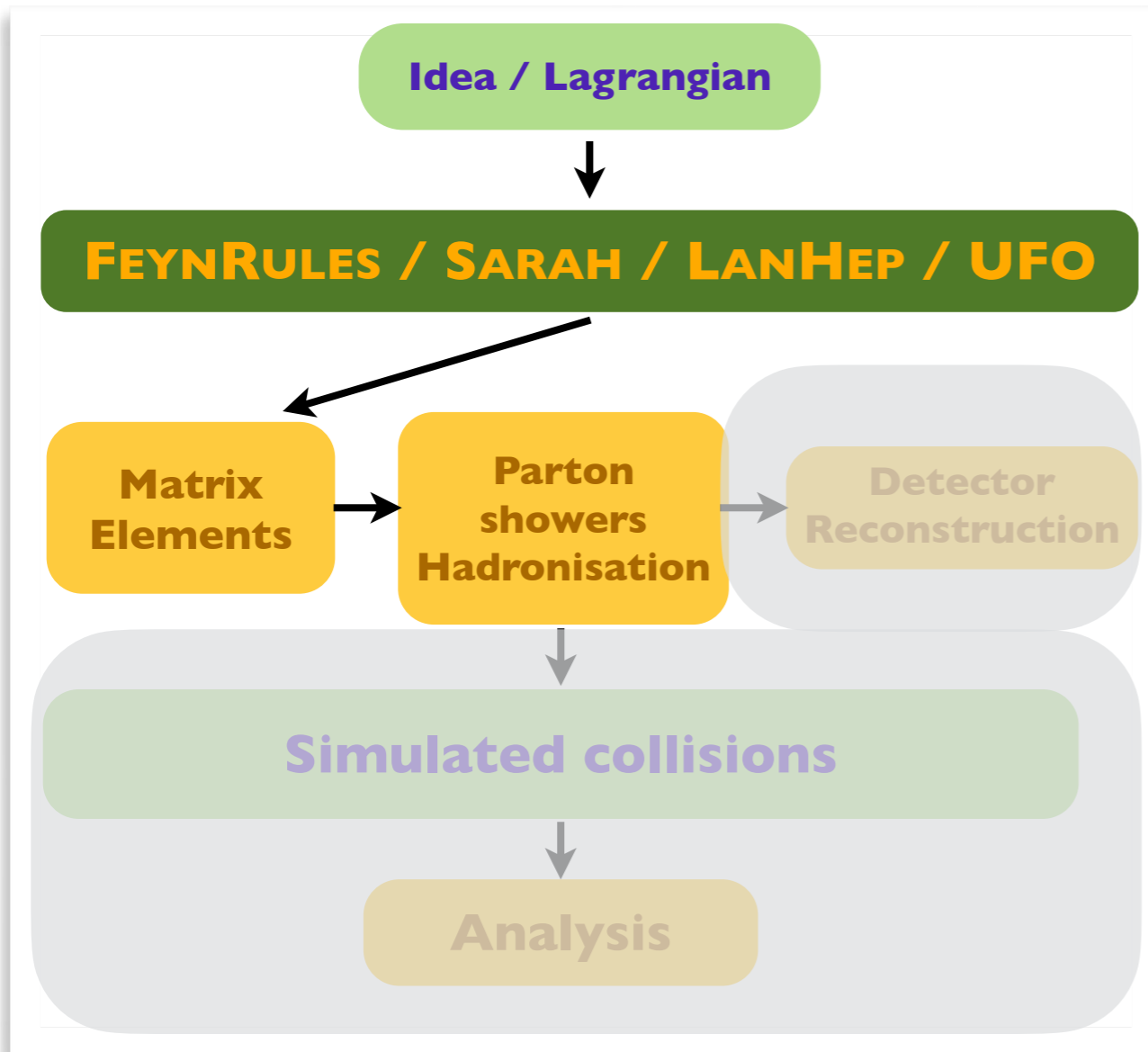
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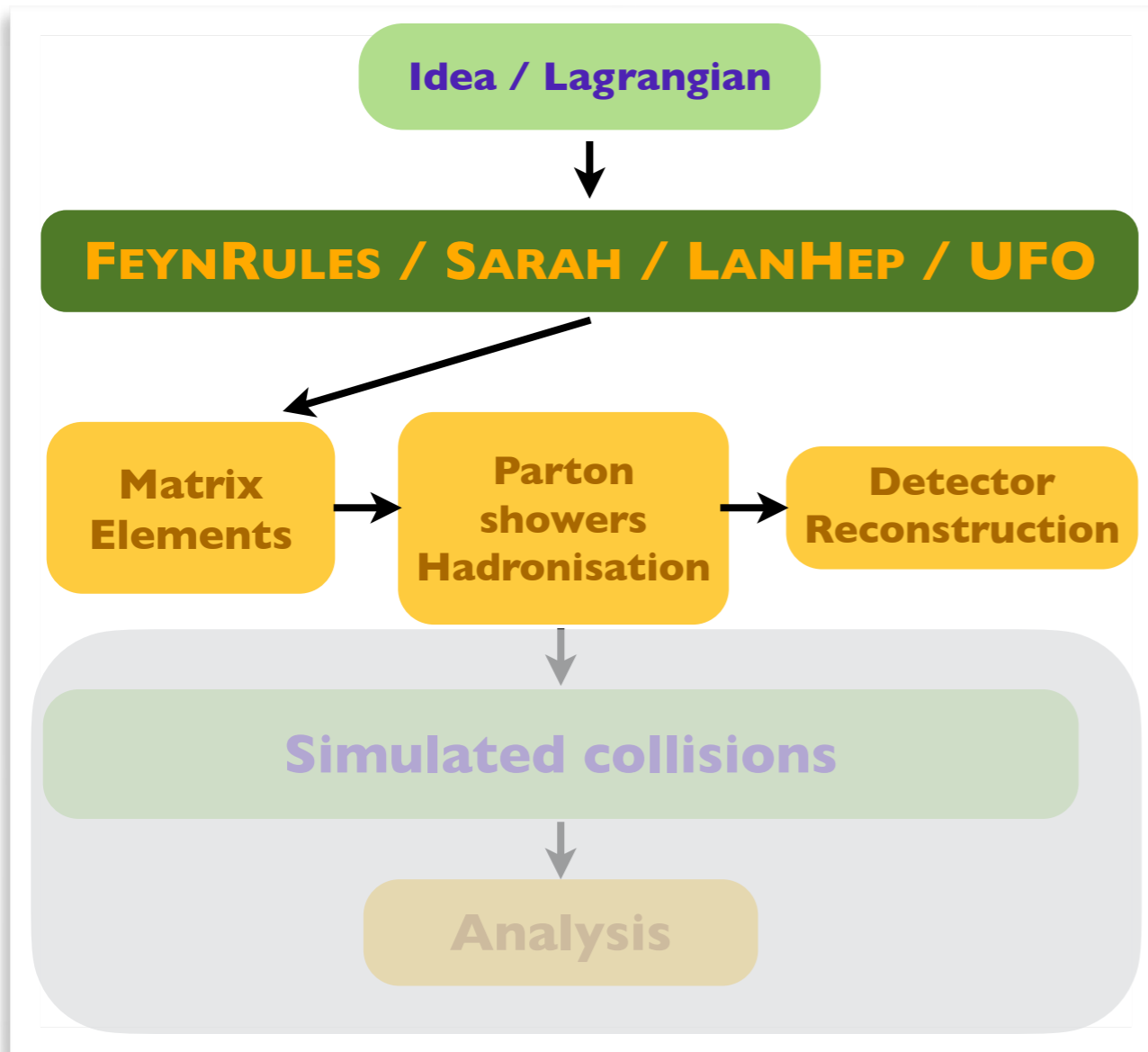
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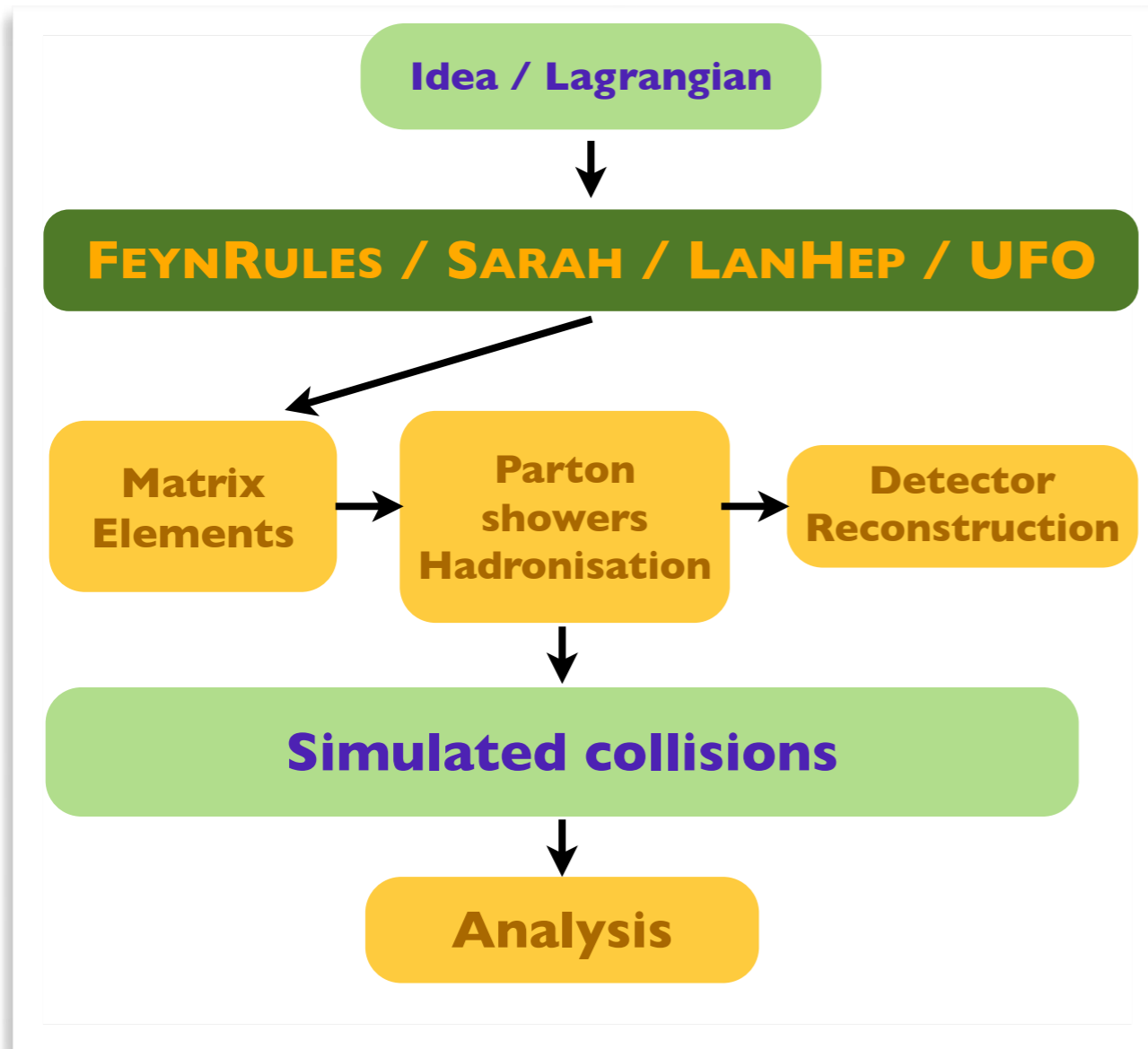
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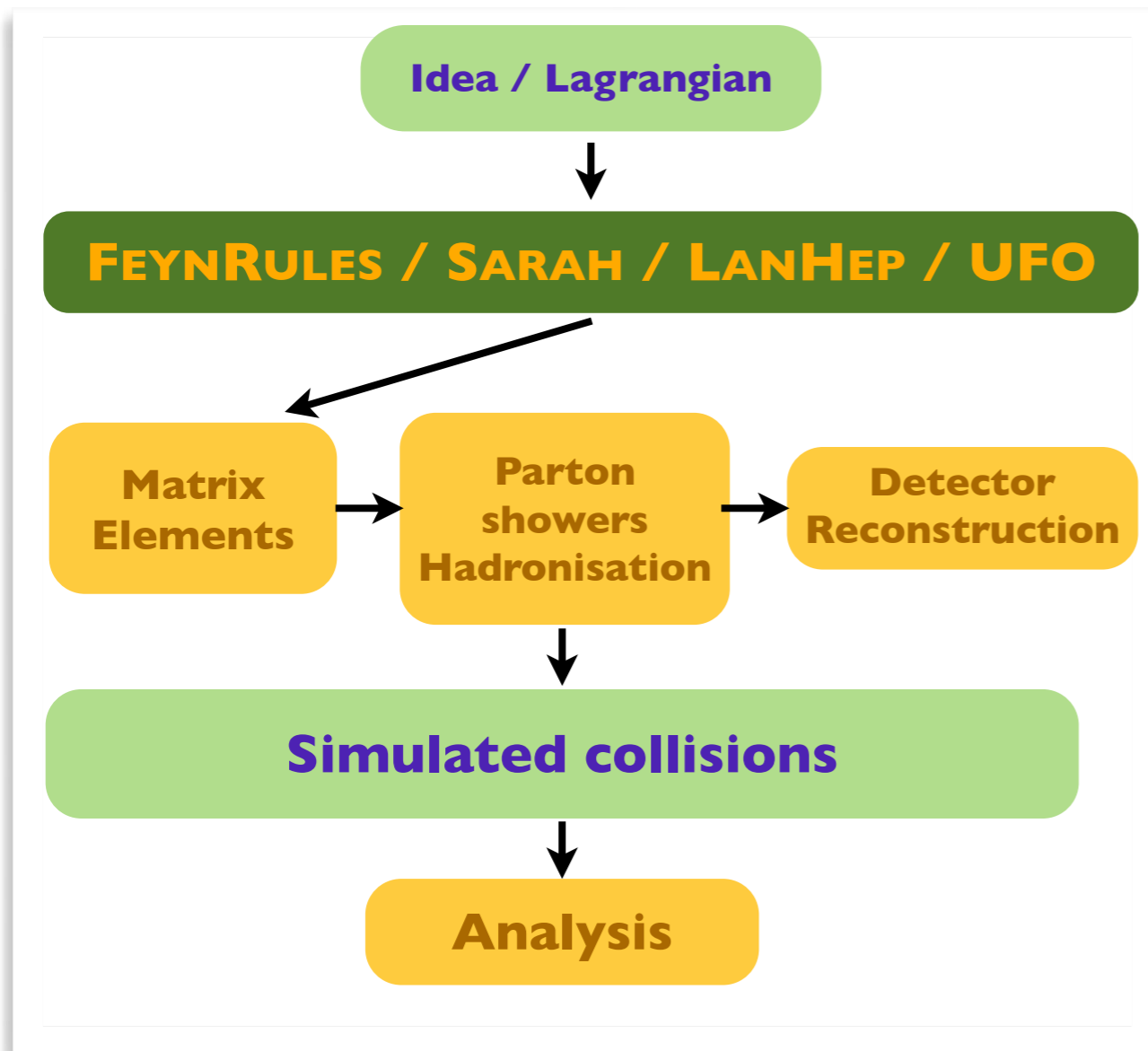


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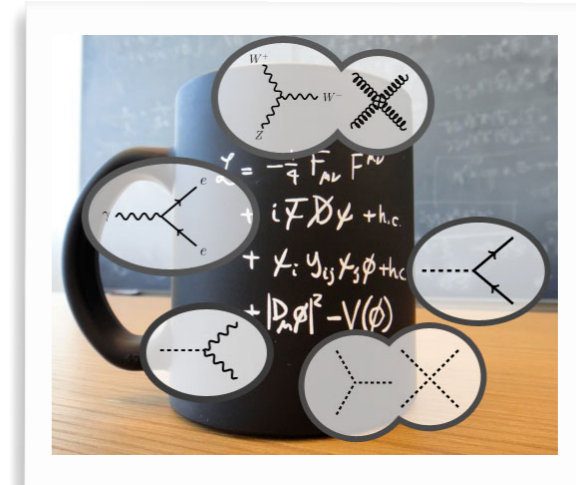
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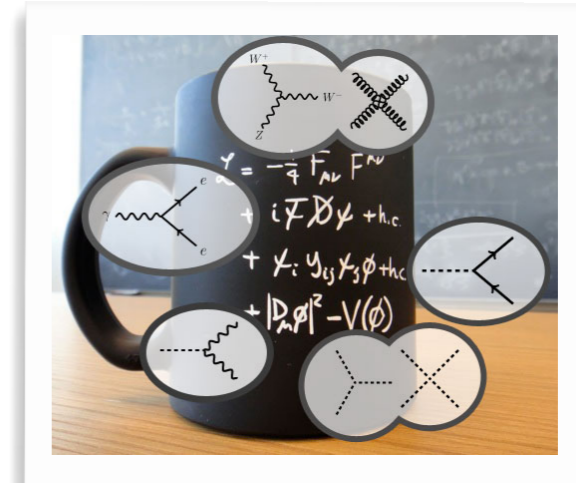
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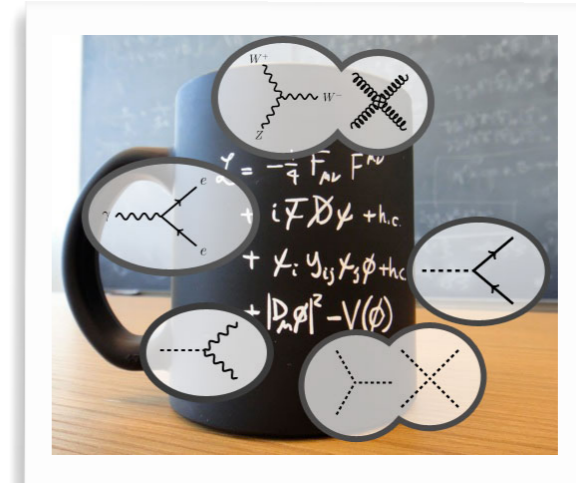
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◆ Systematisation / automation

- ❖ Highly redundant (each tool, each model)
- ❖ No-brainer tasks (from Feynman rules to code)

From models to LO and NLO simulations

◆ The FEYNRULES platform (since 2009)

- ❖ From Lagrangians to files in a programming language
 - ★ Few limitations (spin, colour representation, EFT)
 - ★ Renormalisation in the on-shell scheme

[Christensen & Duhr (CPC '09); Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr & BF (CPC'14)]

[Degrande (CPC'15); Frixione, BF, Hirschi, Mawatari, Shao, Sunder & Zaro (JHEP'19)]



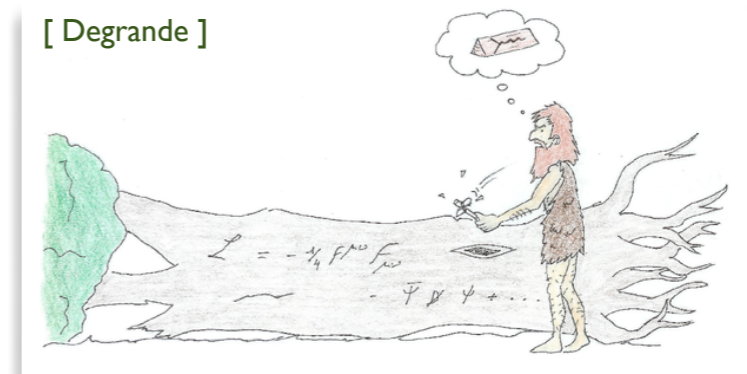
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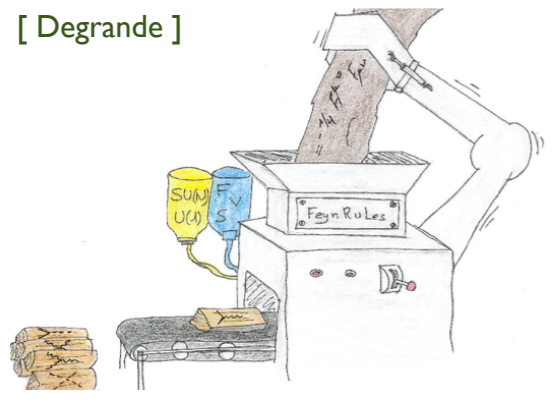
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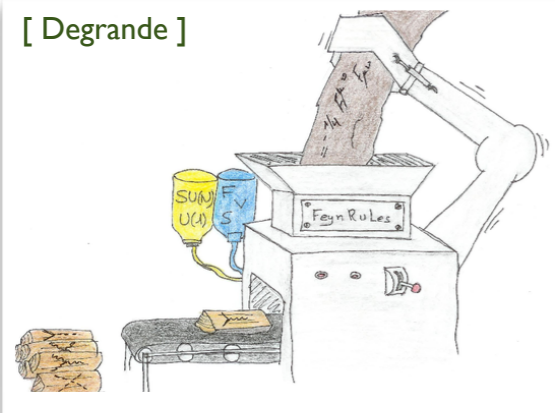
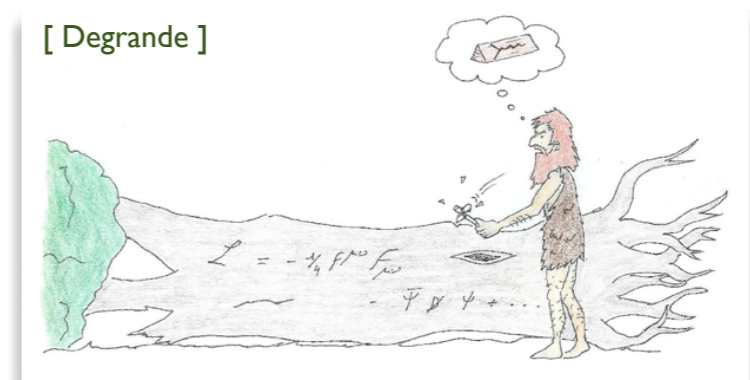
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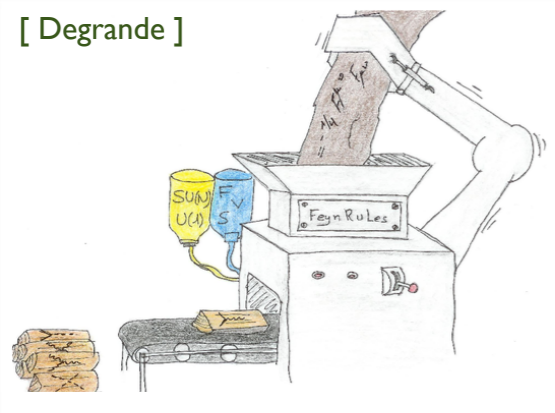
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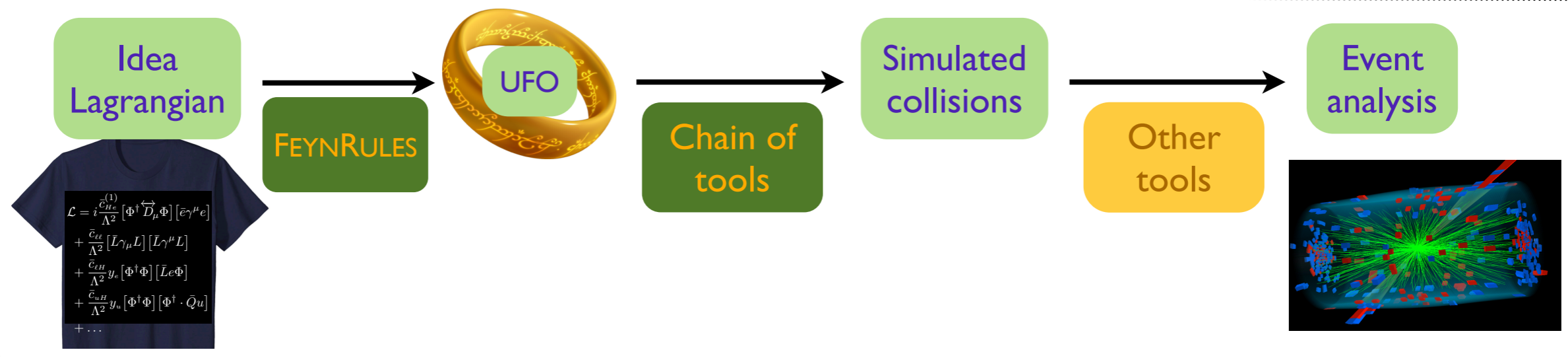
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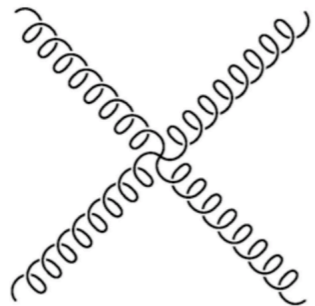
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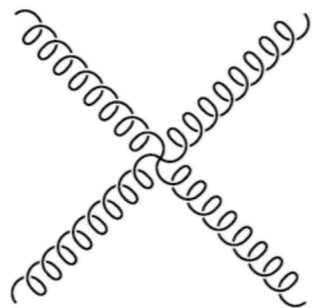


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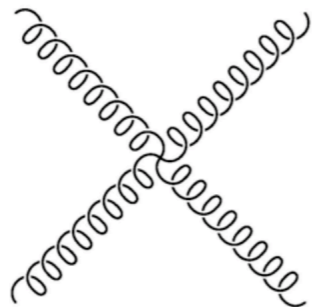
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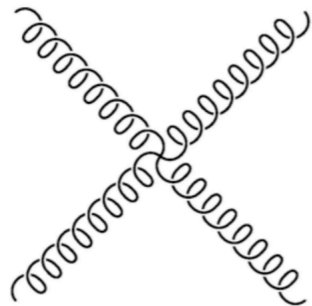
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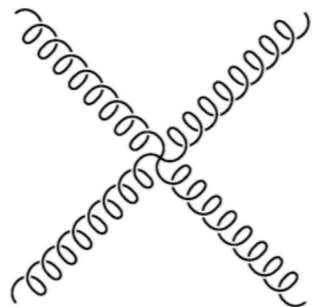
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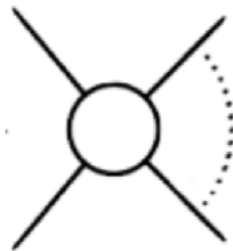
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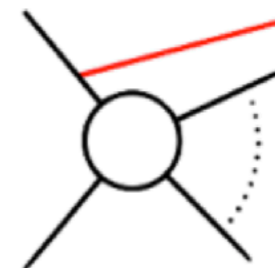
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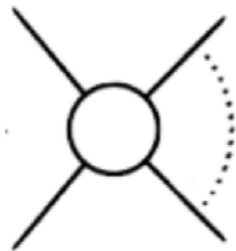
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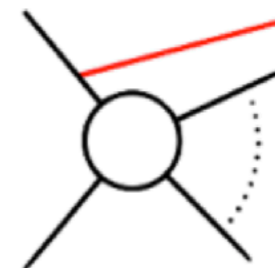
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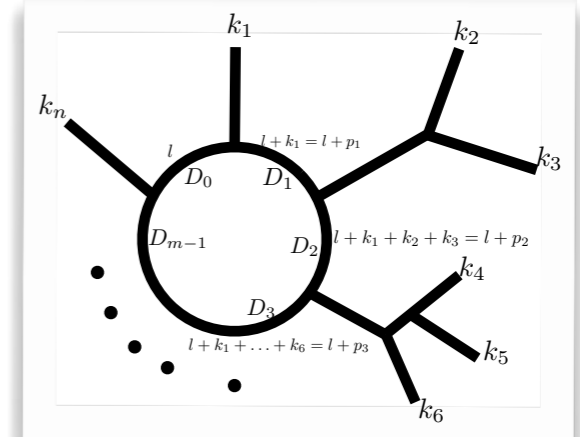
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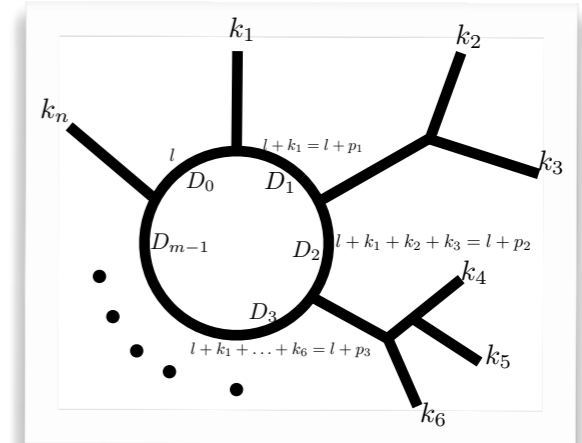
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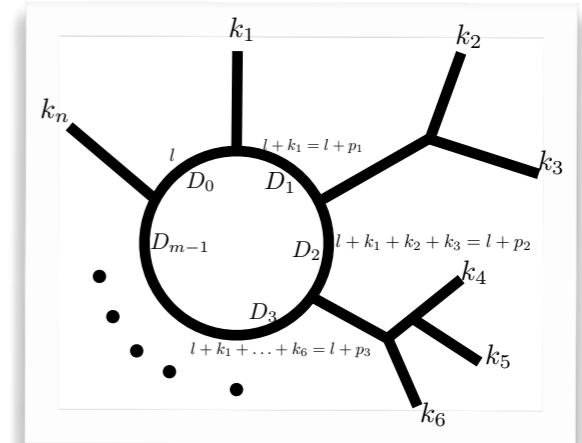
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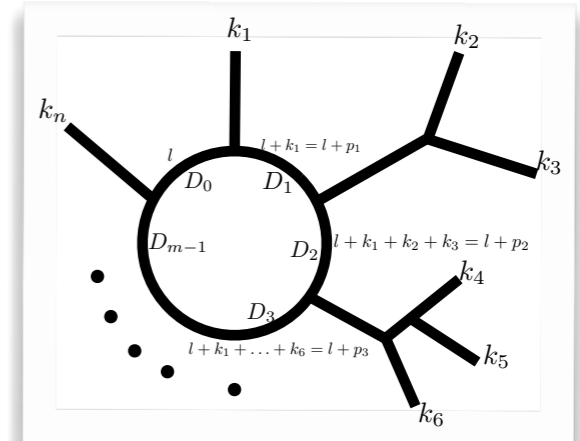
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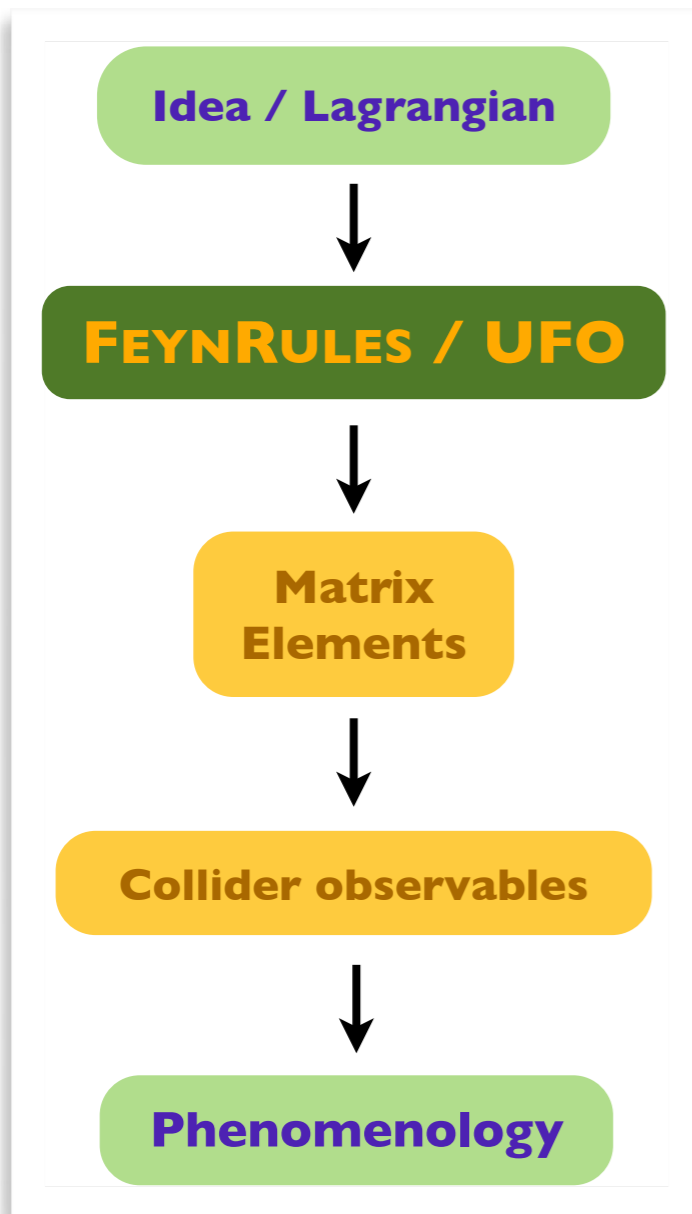
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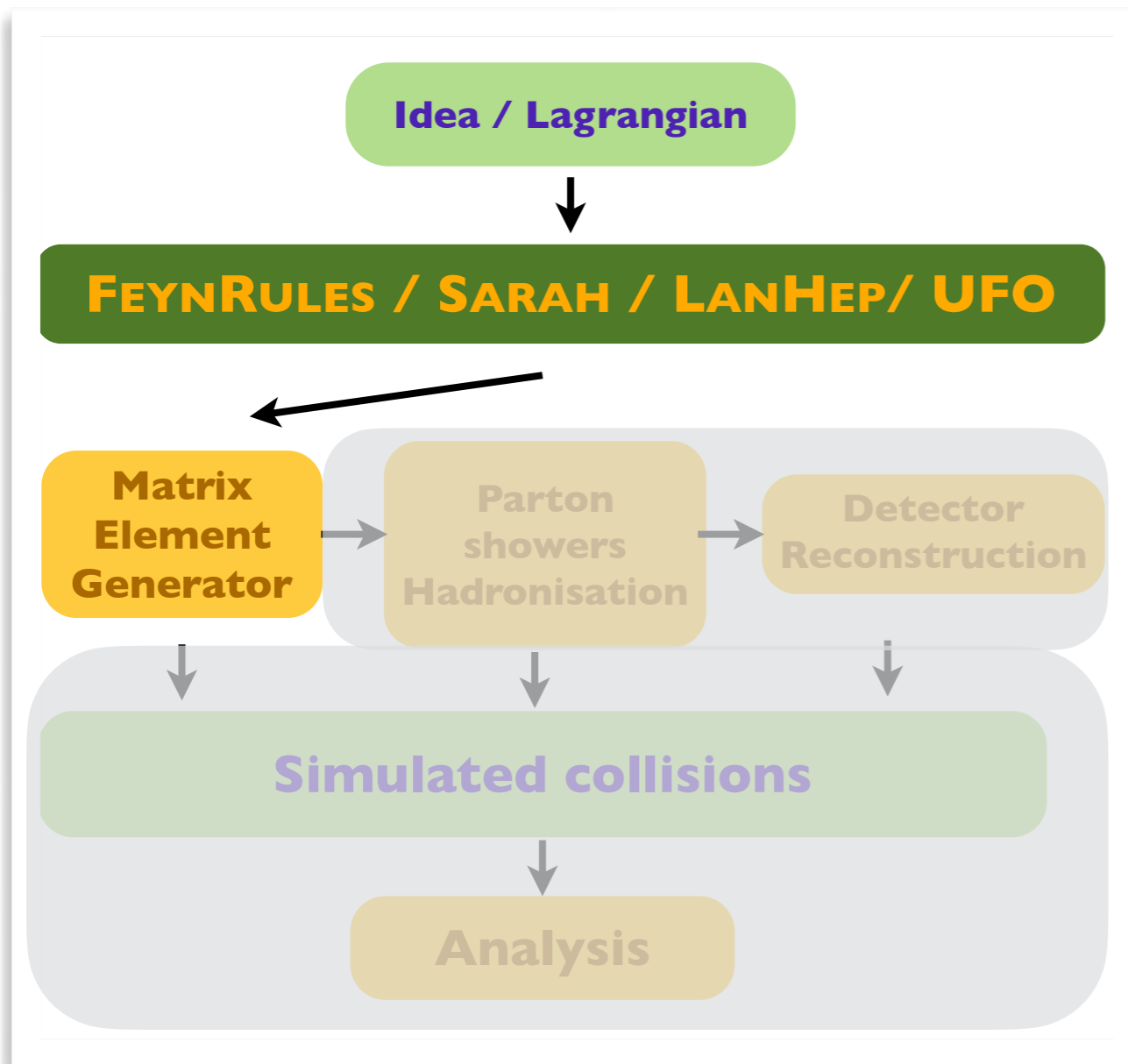
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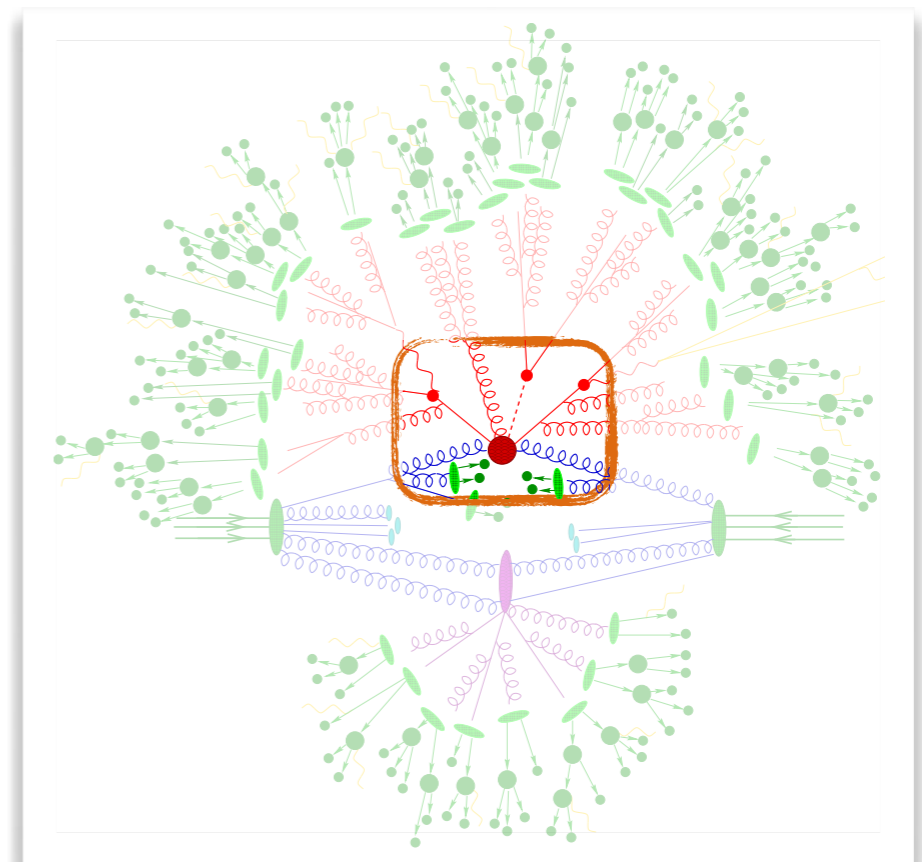
Back to the simulation chain

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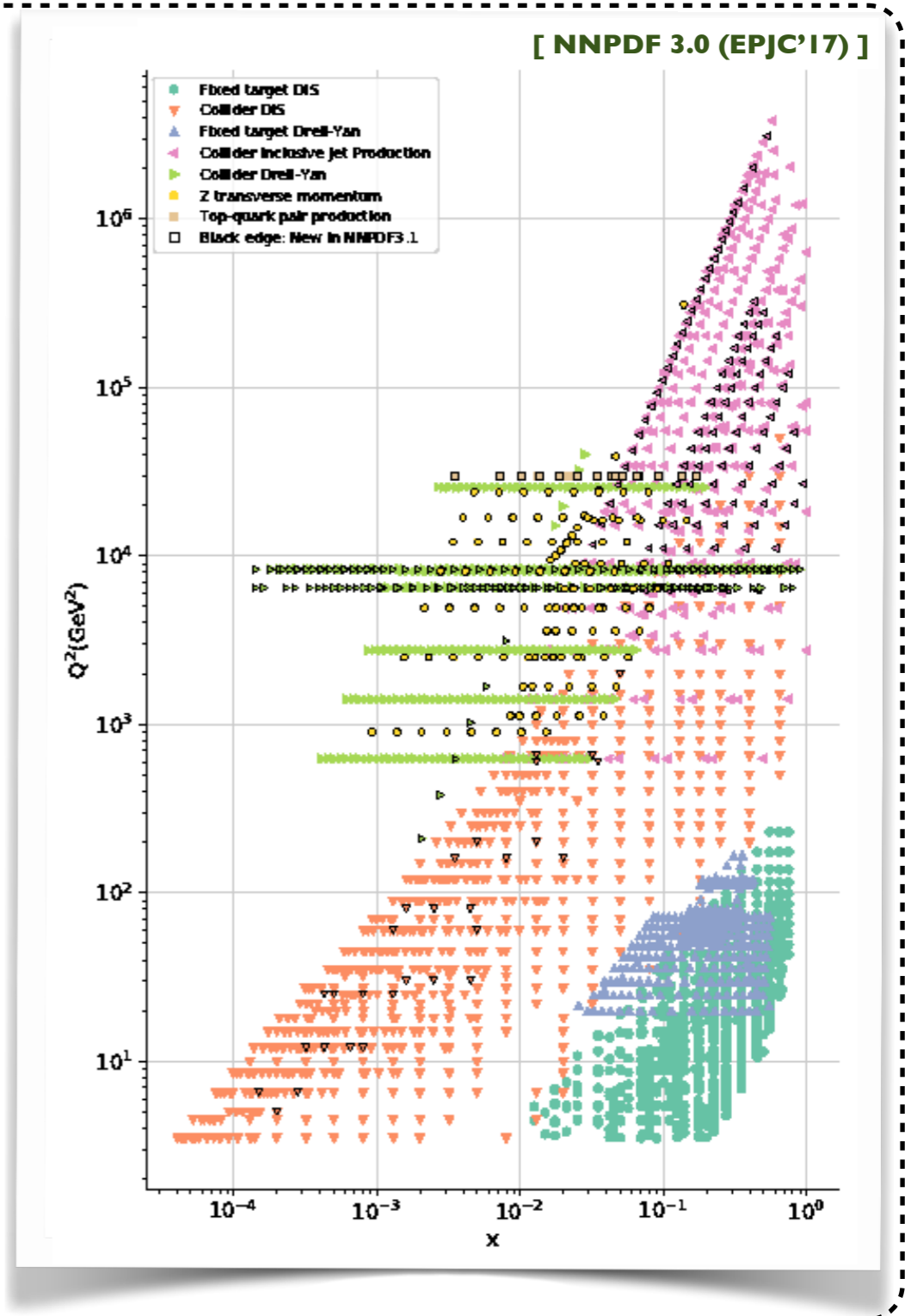
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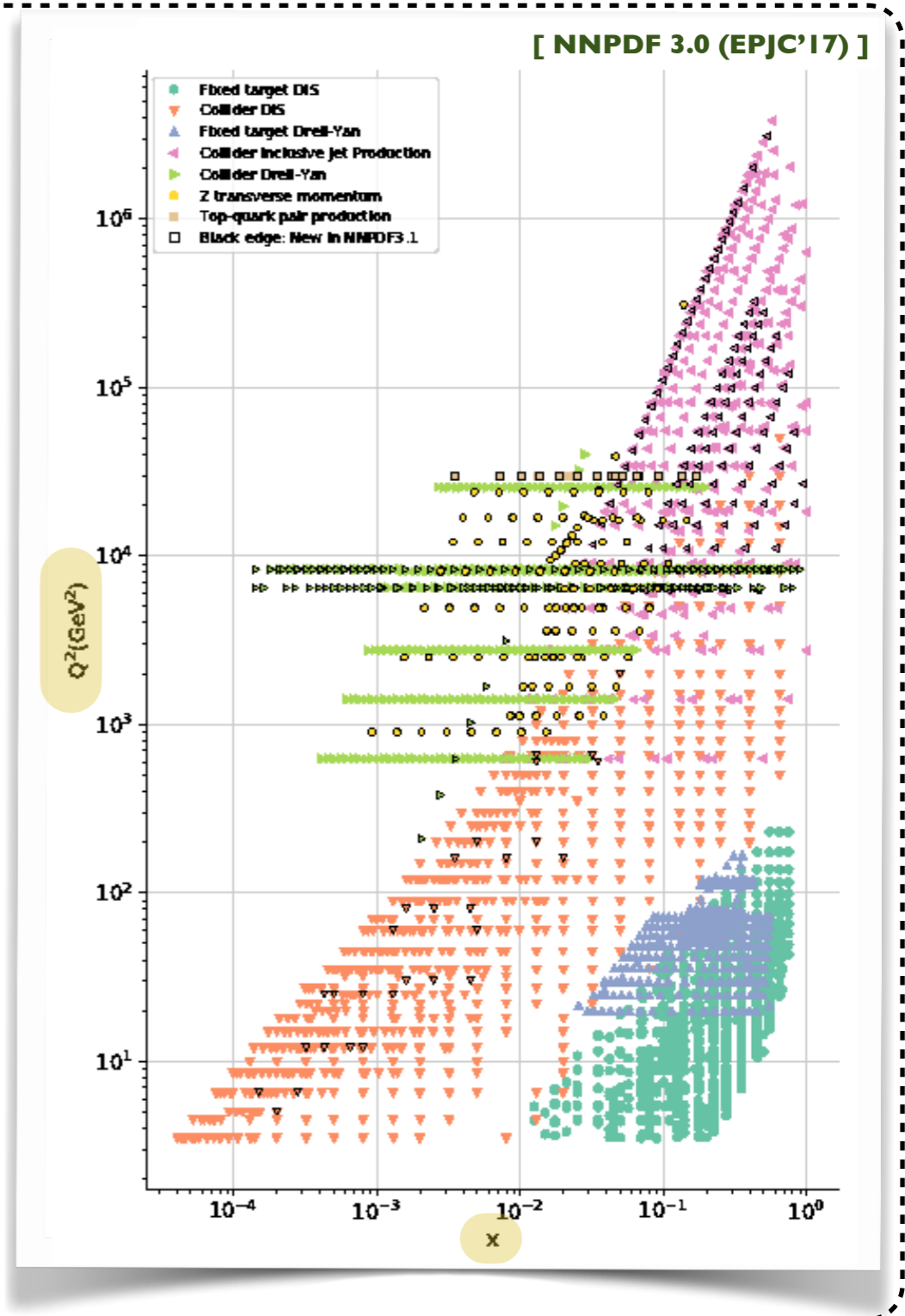
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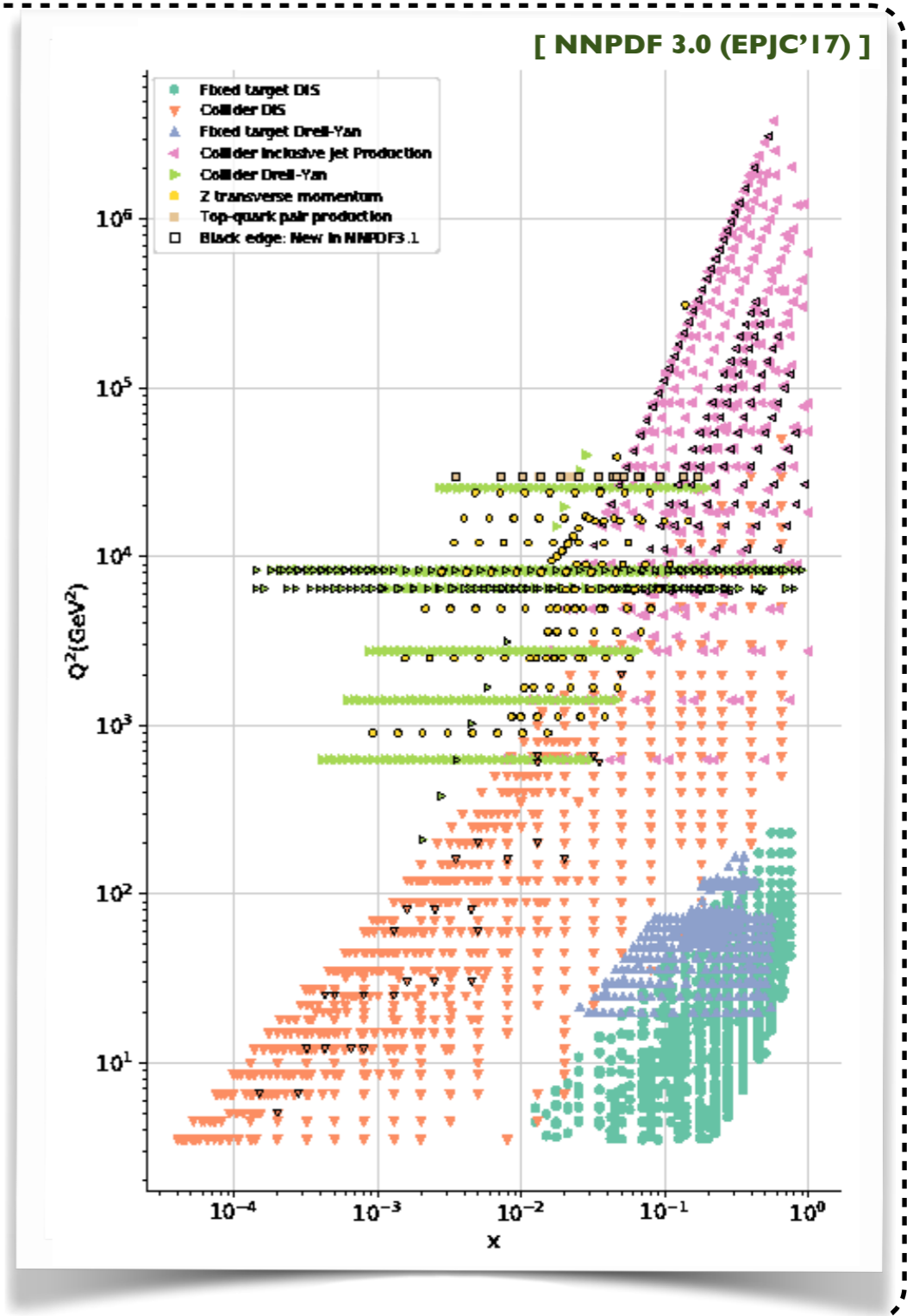
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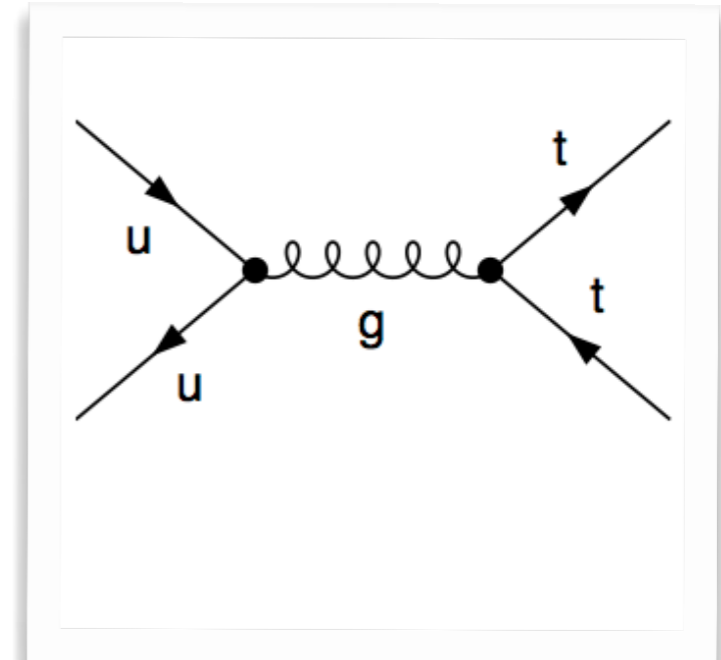


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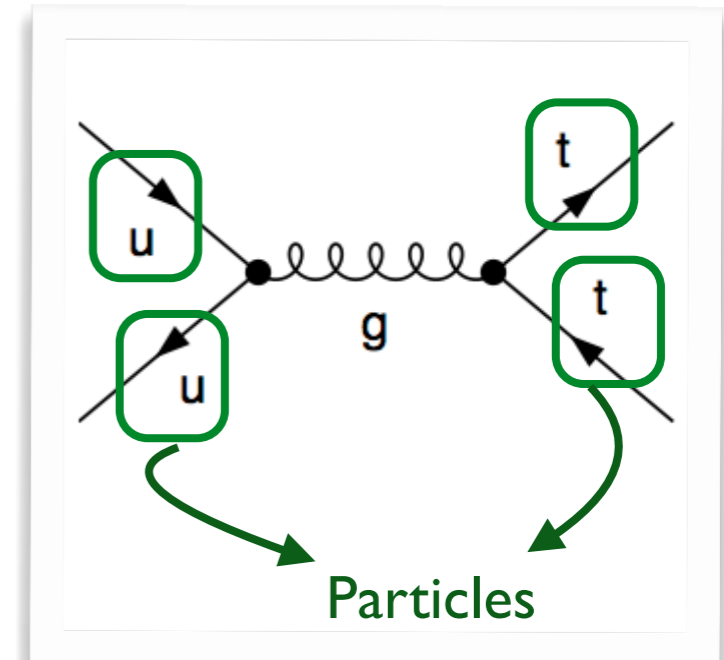


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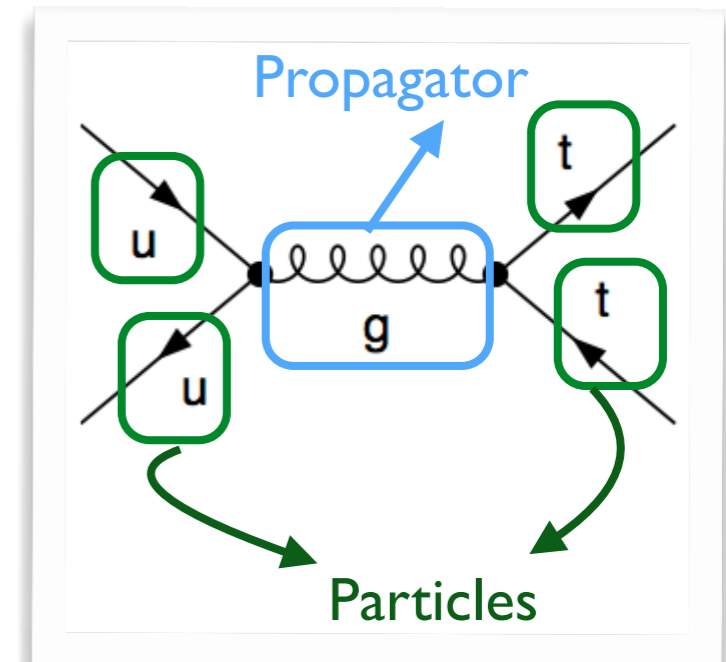


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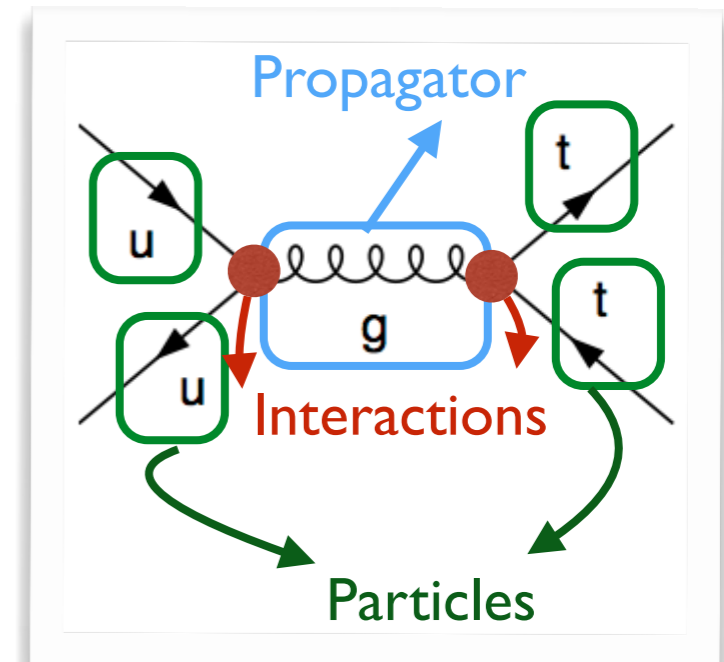


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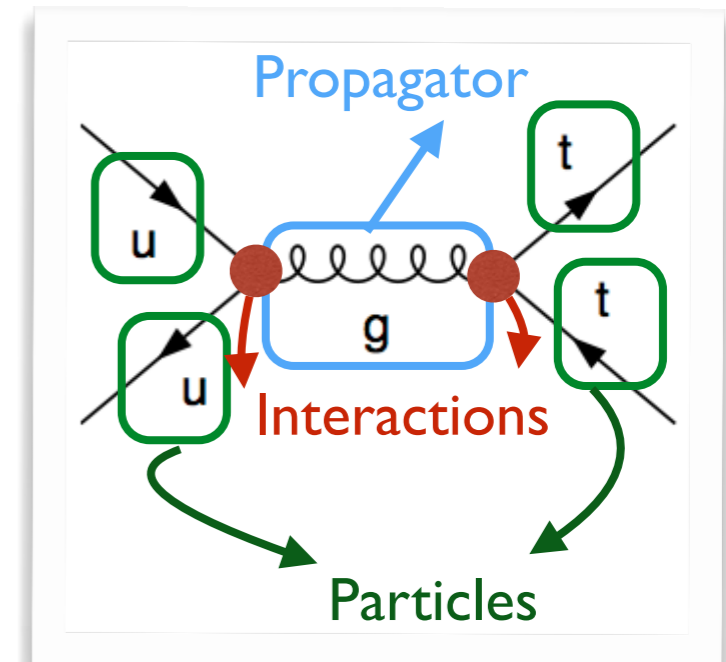
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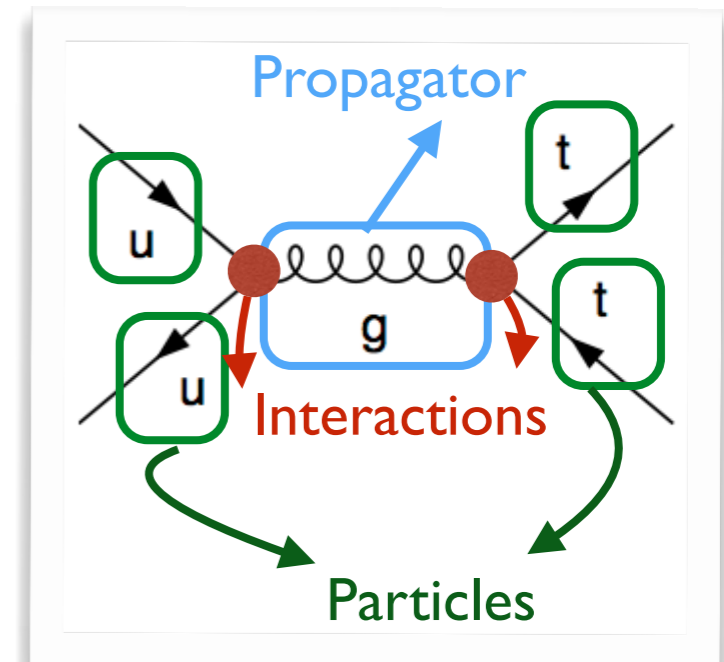
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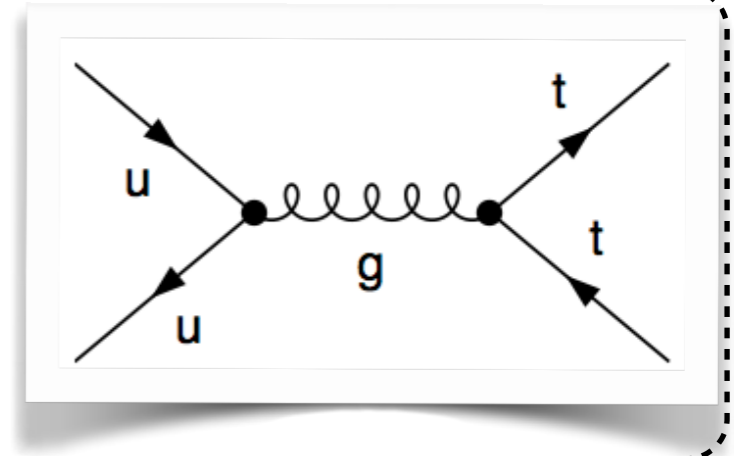
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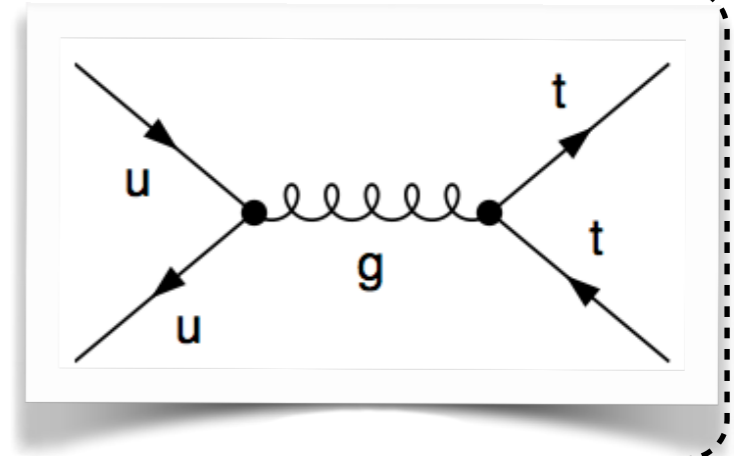
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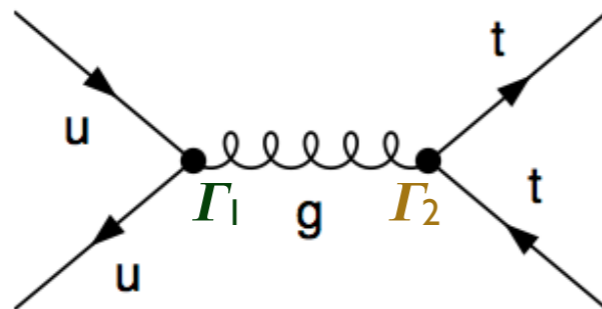
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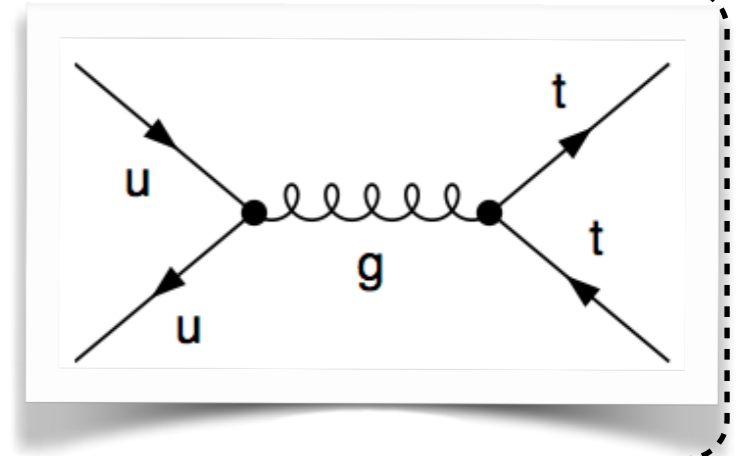
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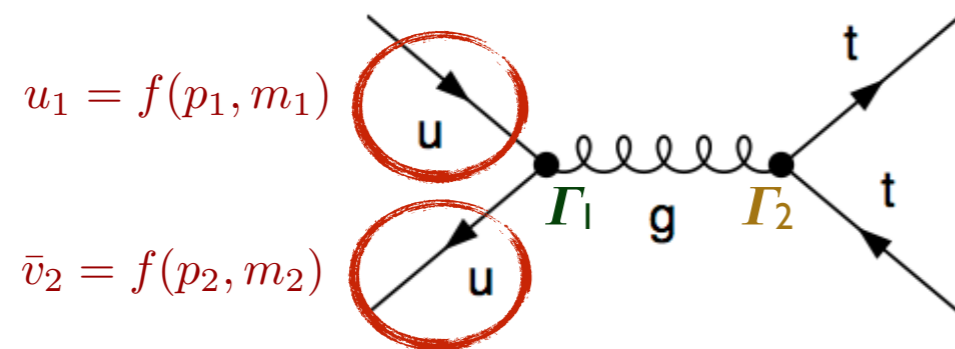
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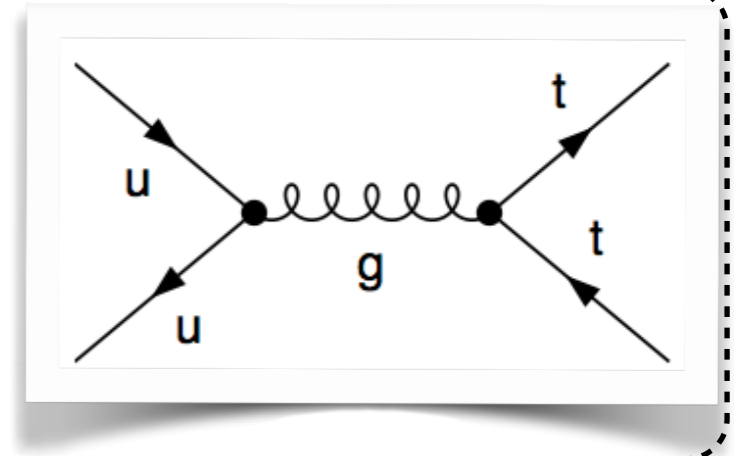
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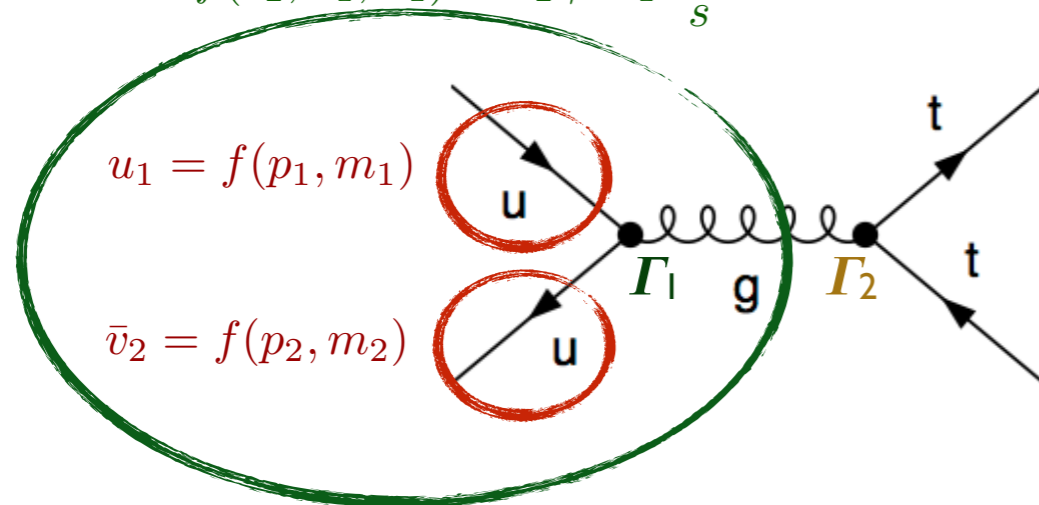
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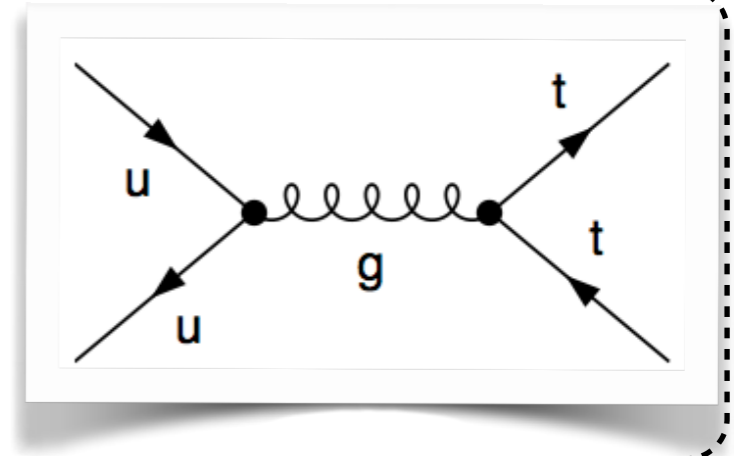


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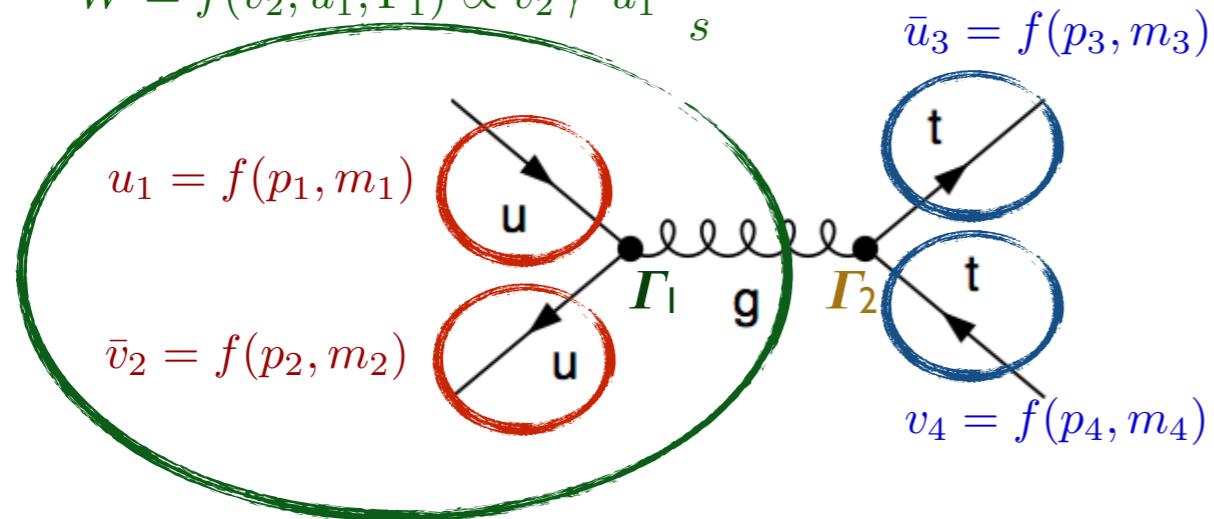
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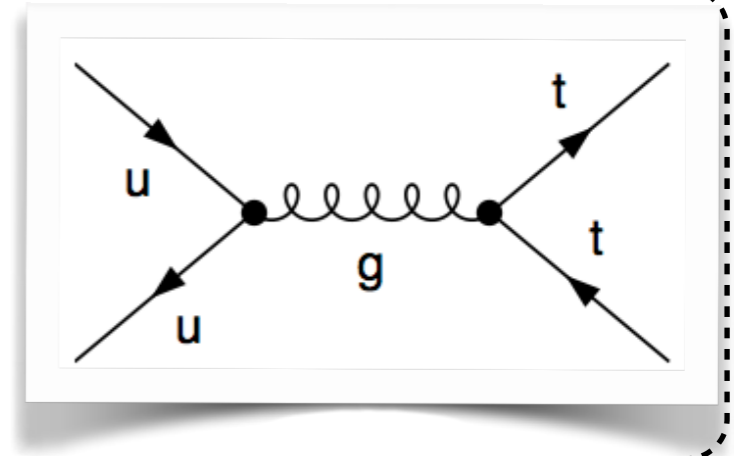


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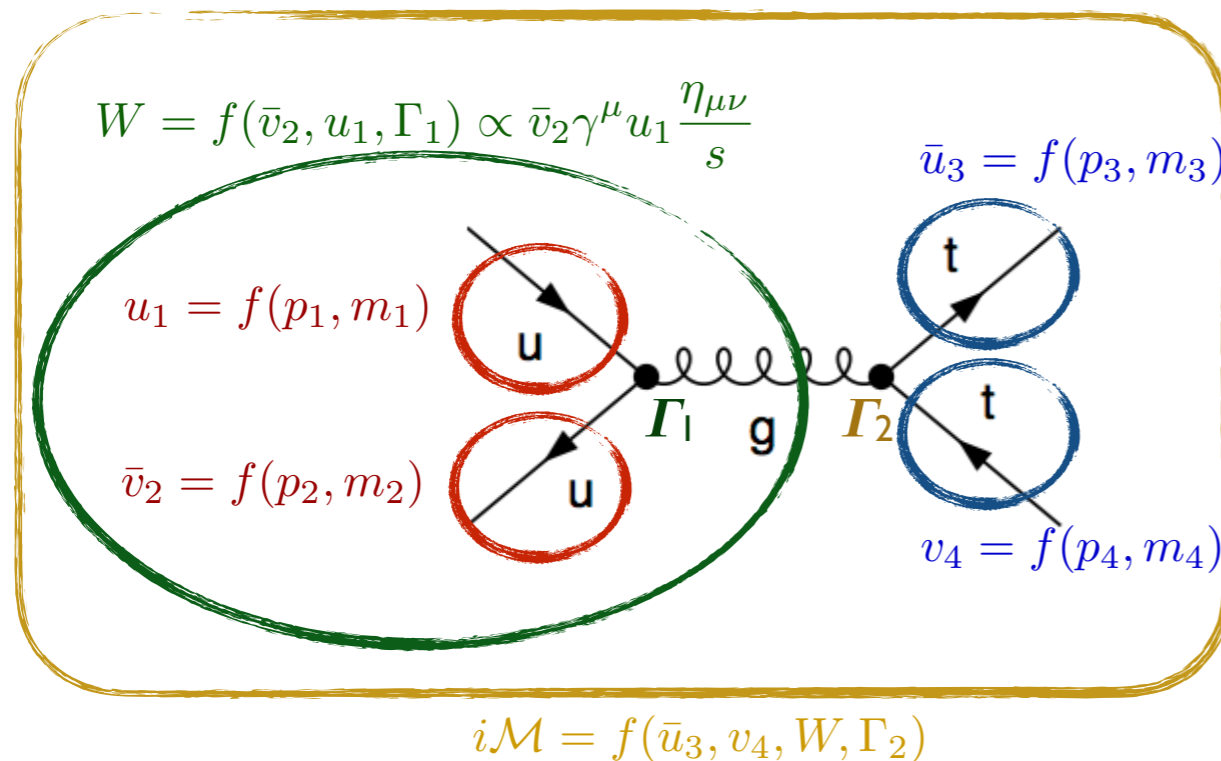
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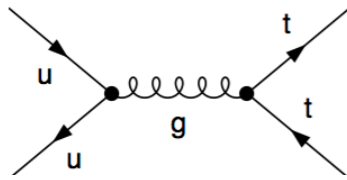
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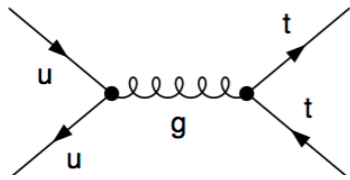
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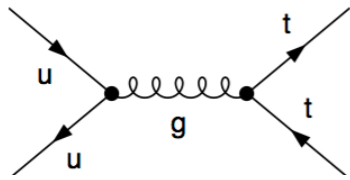
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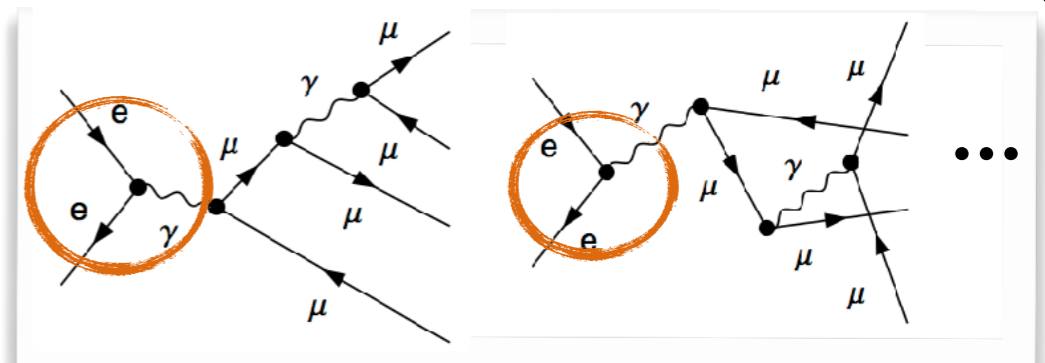
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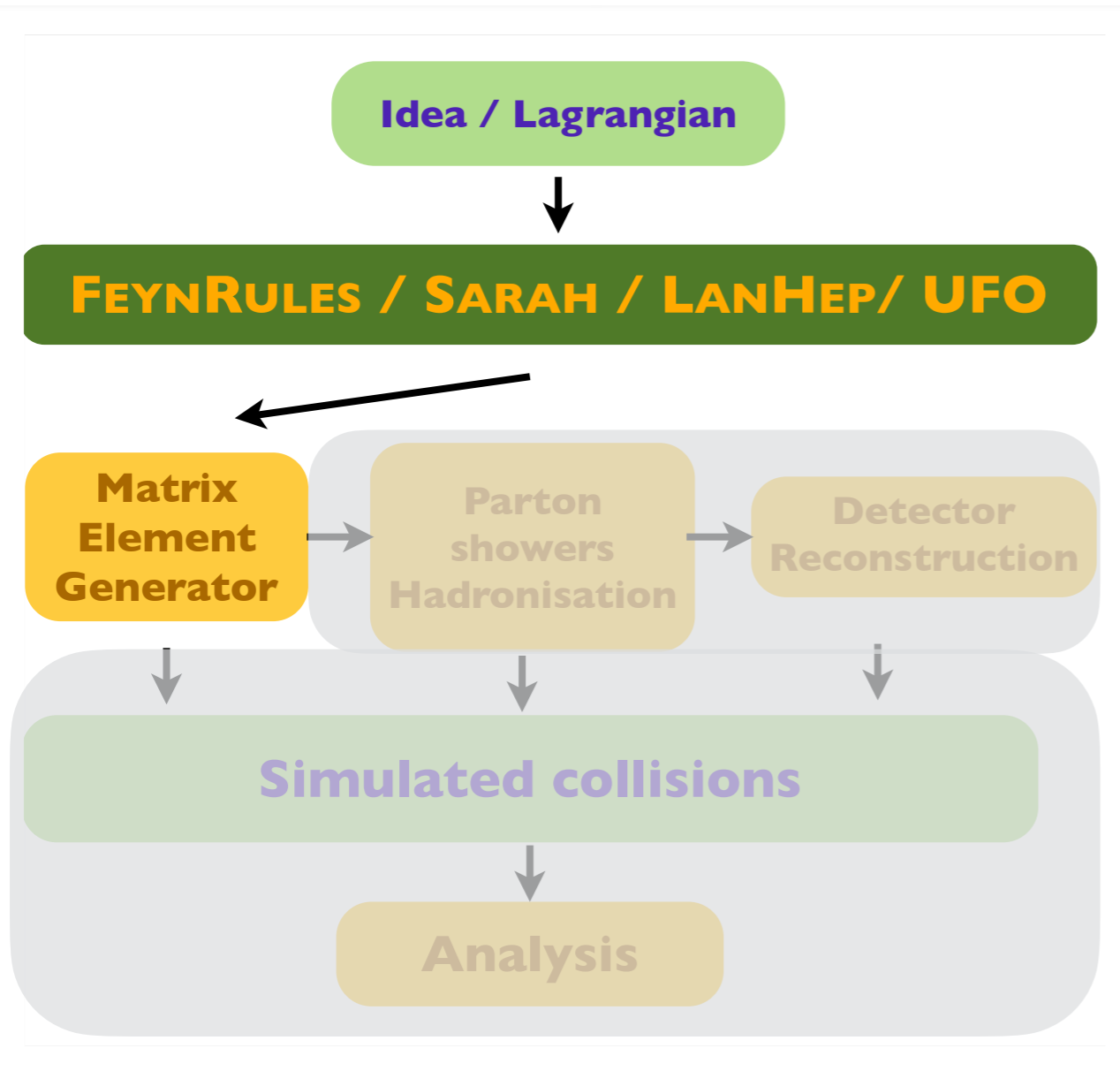


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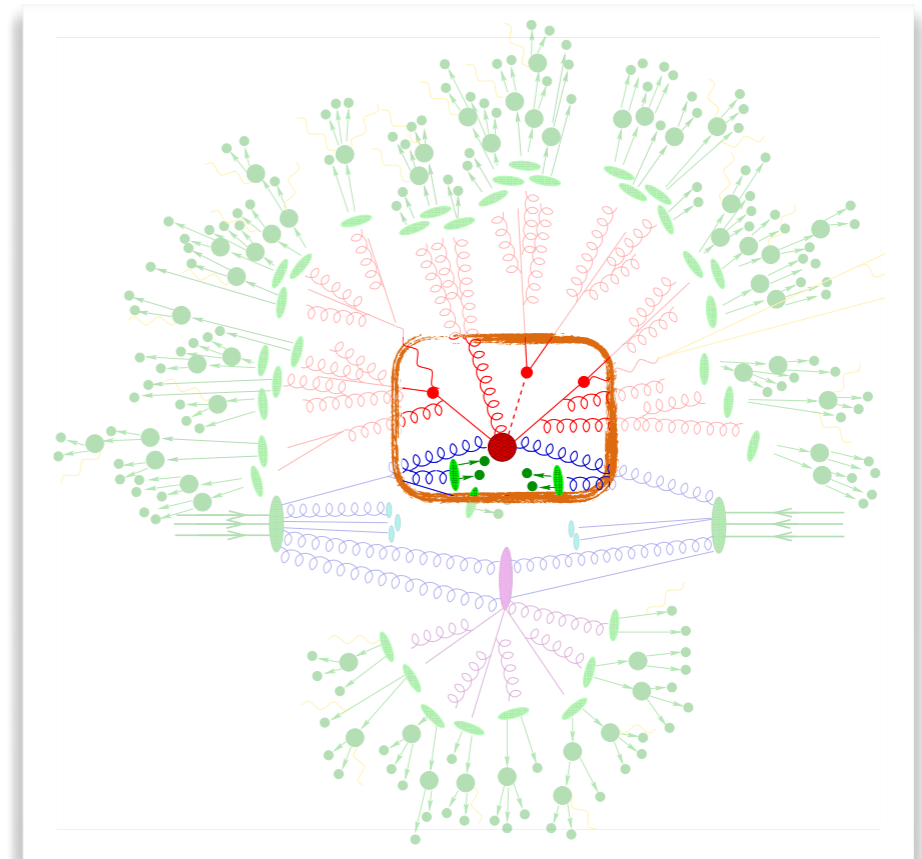
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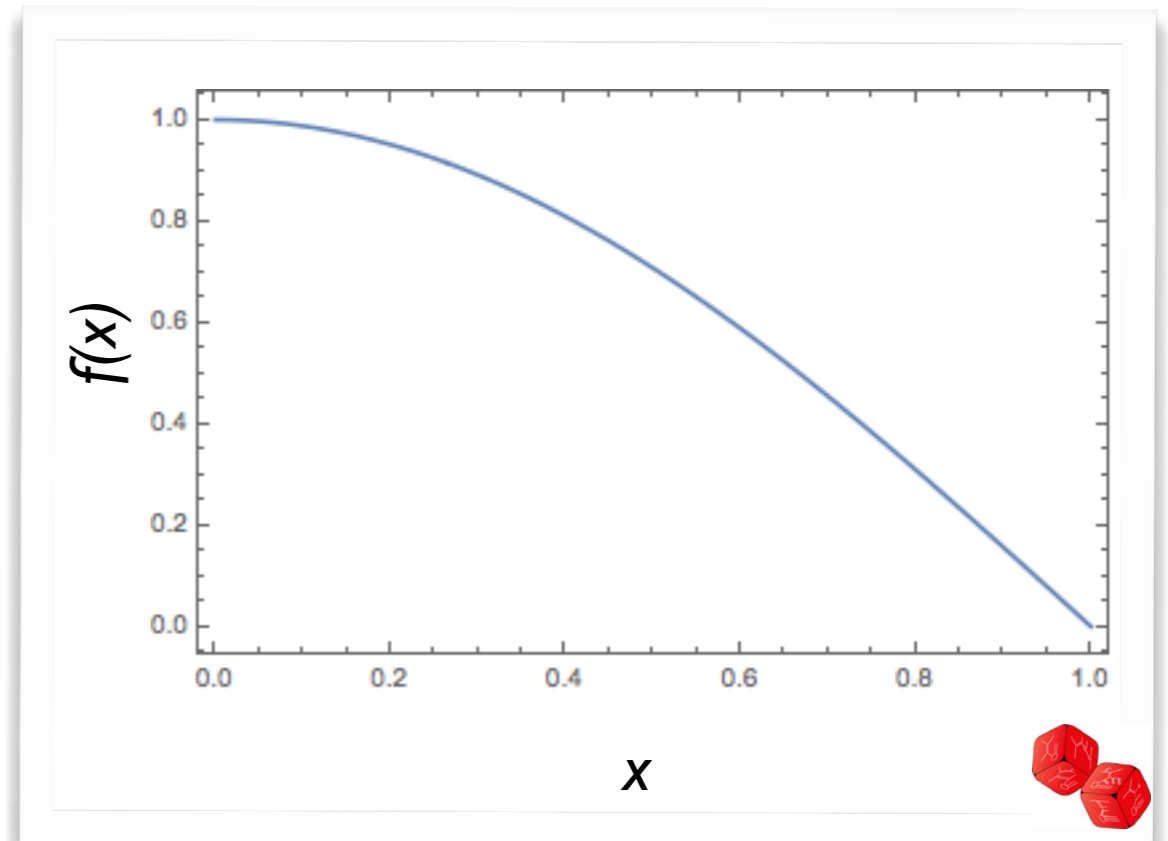
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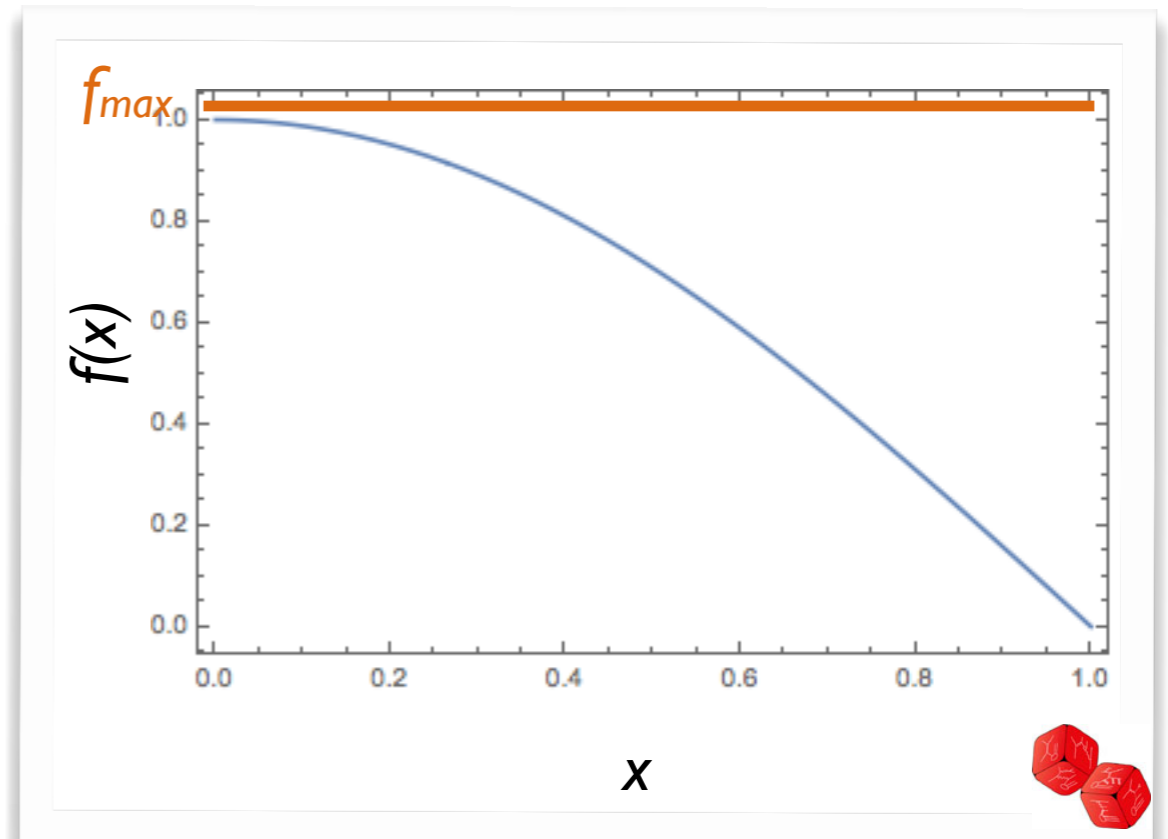


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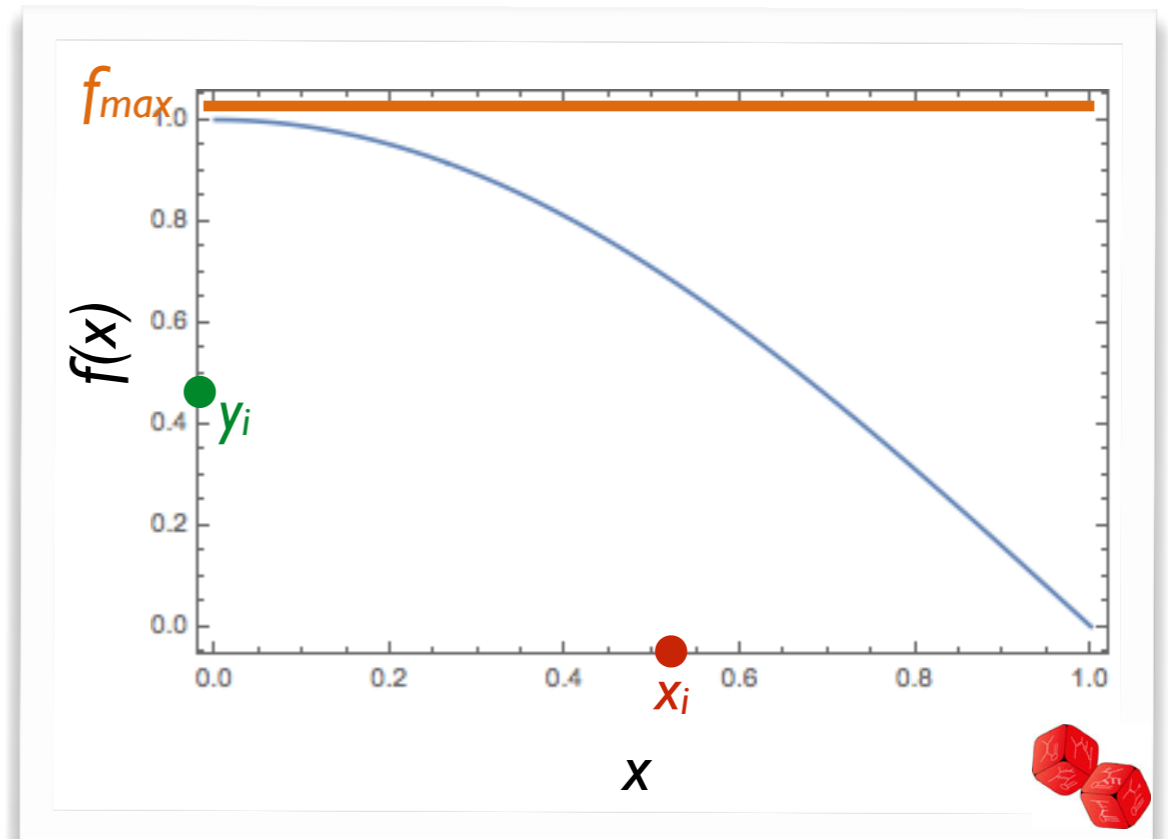


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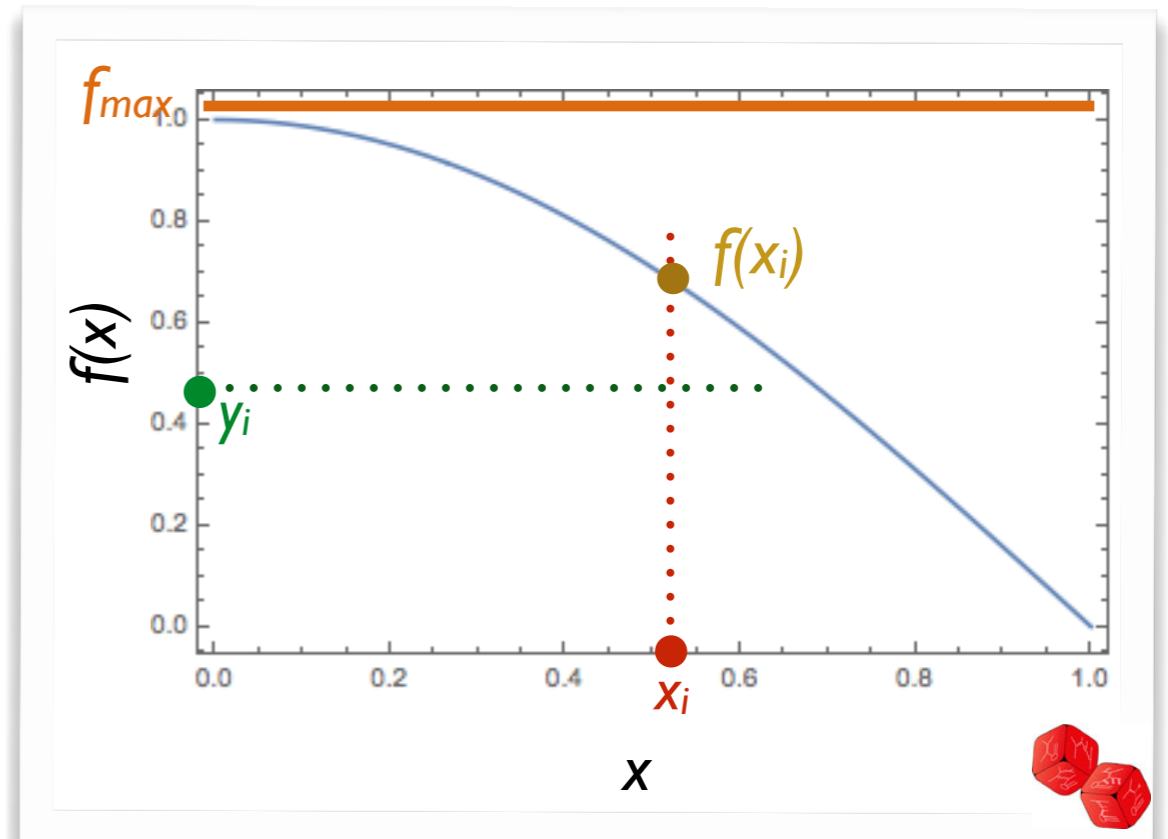


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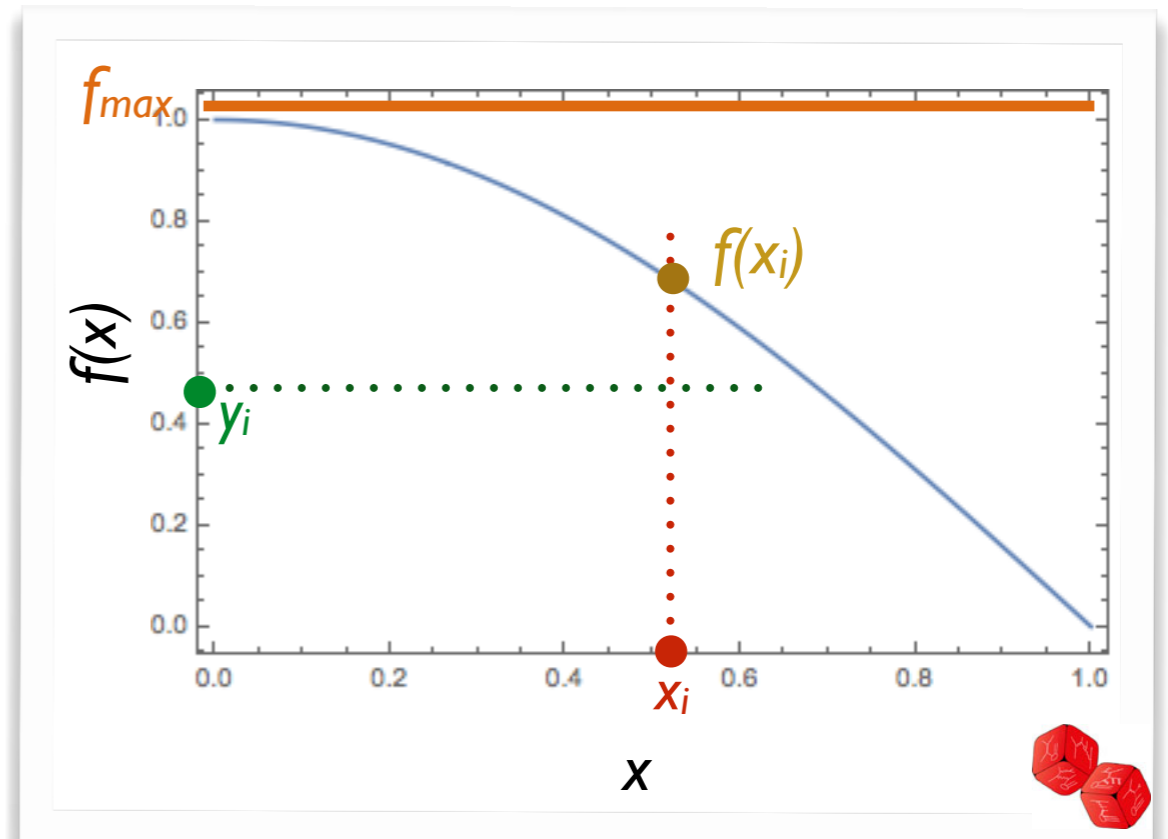
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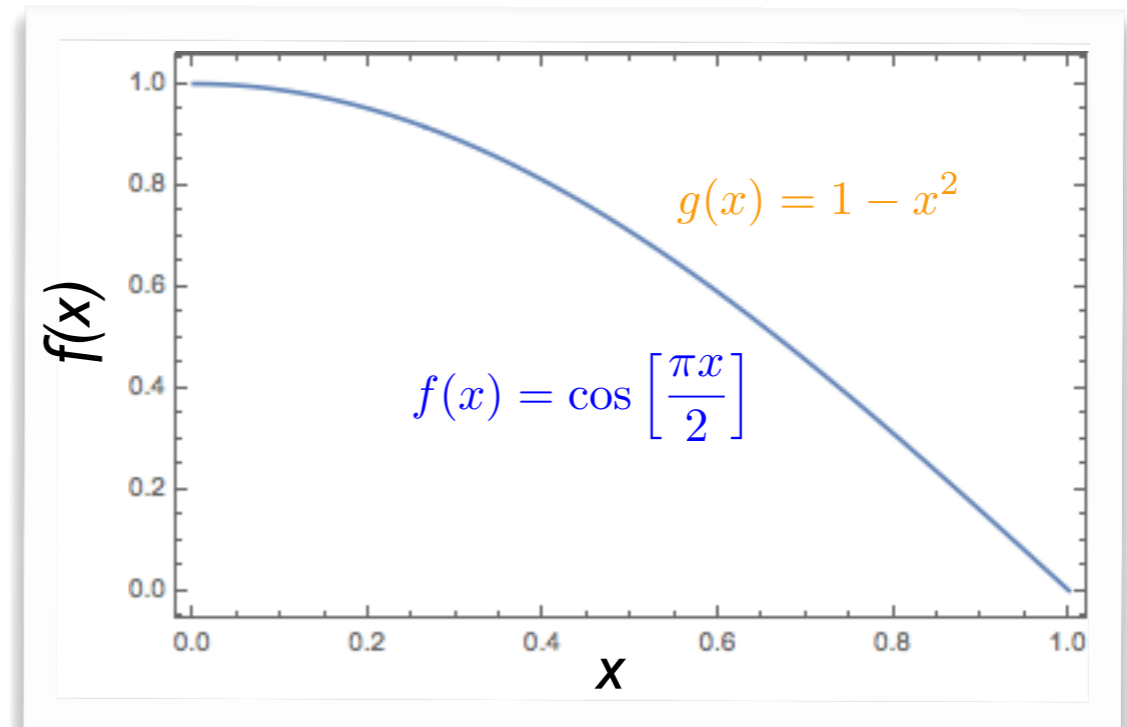
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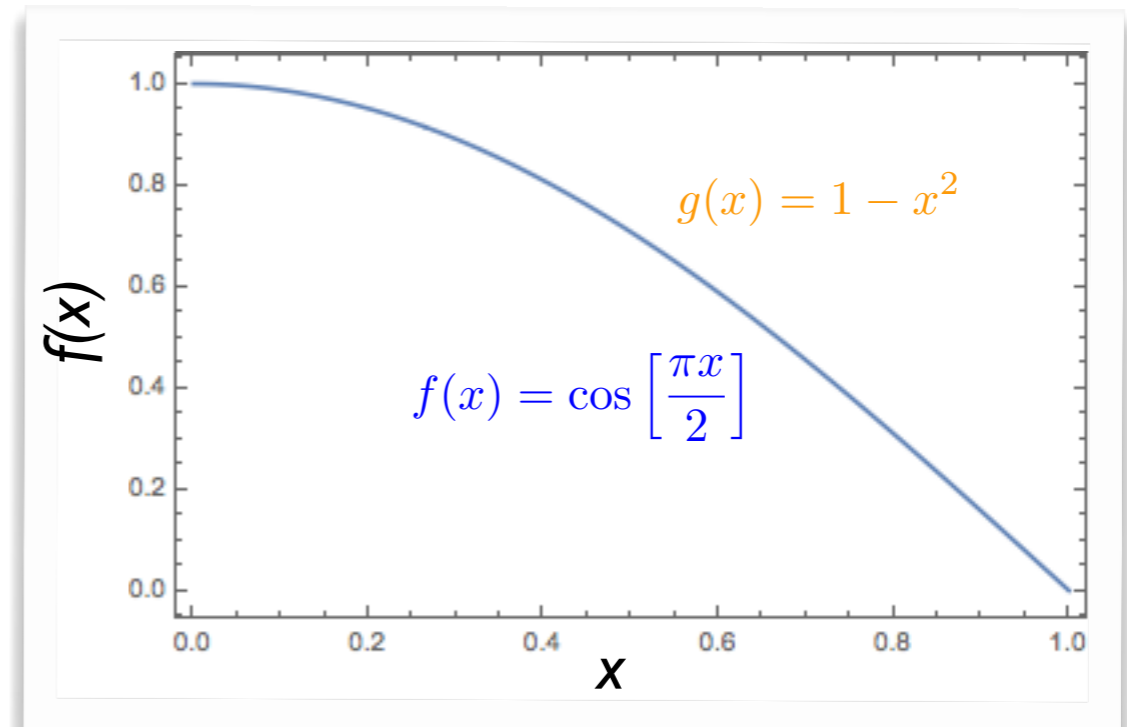
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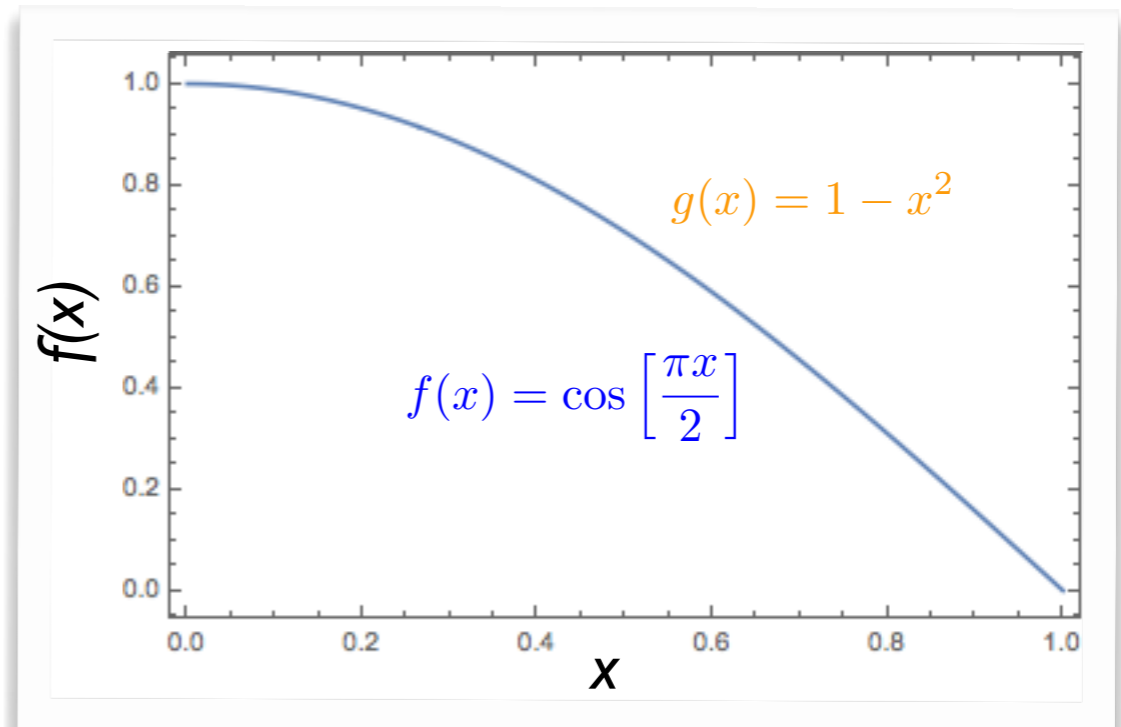
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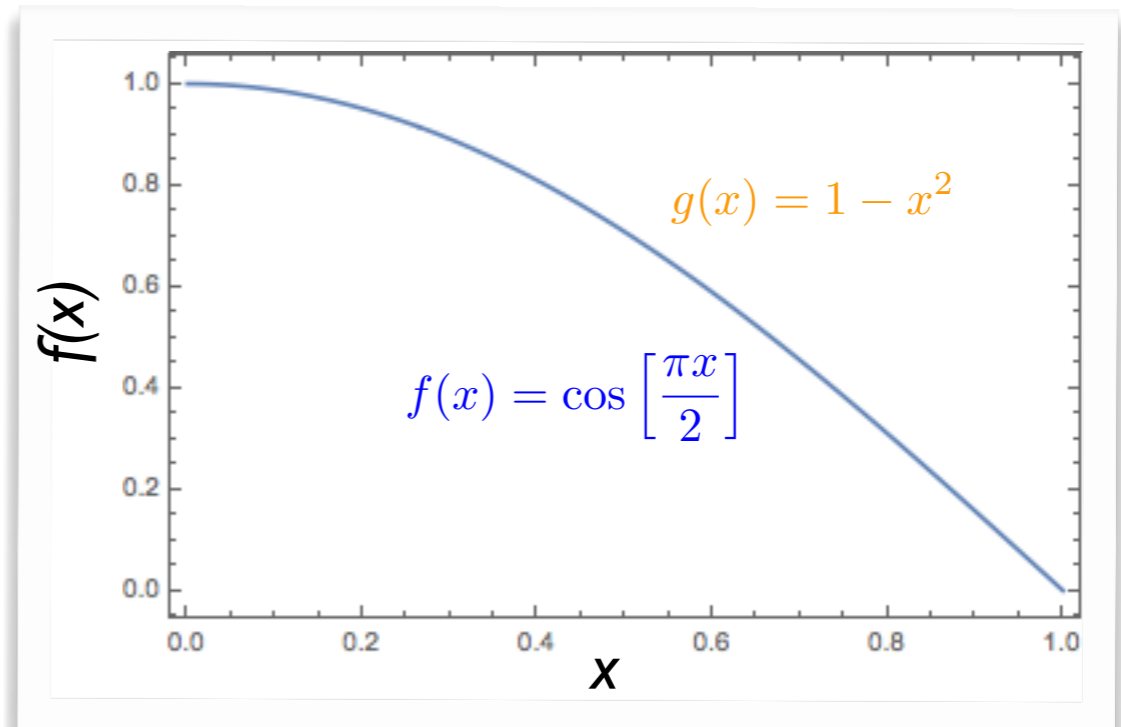
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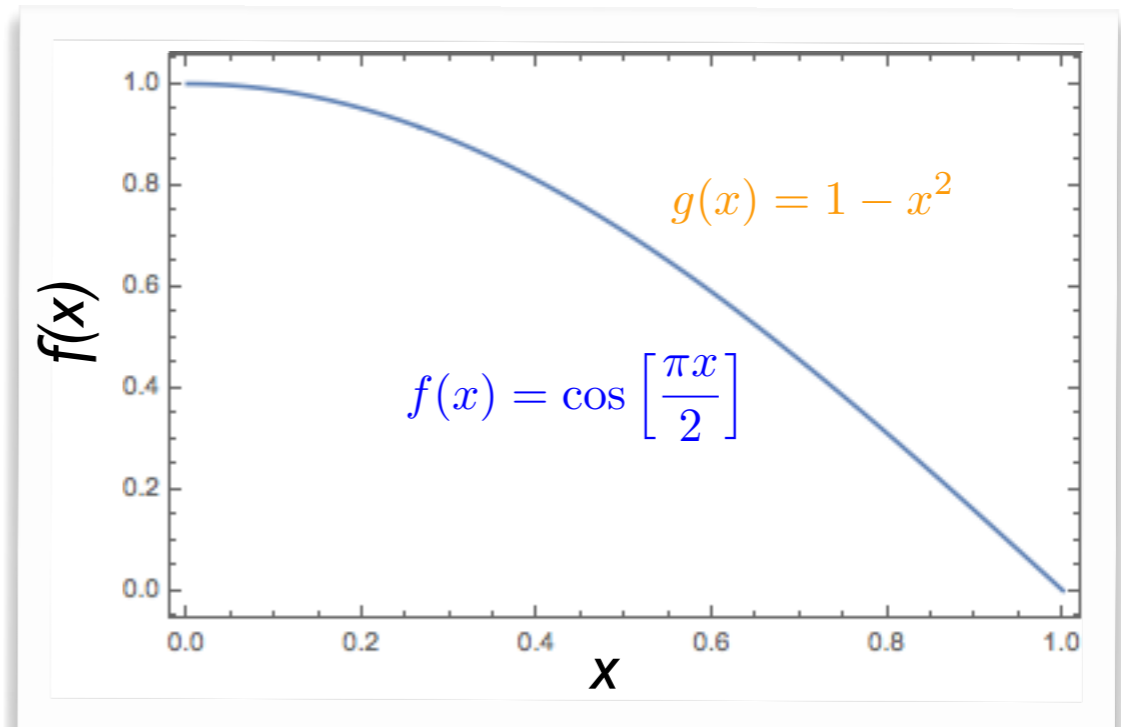
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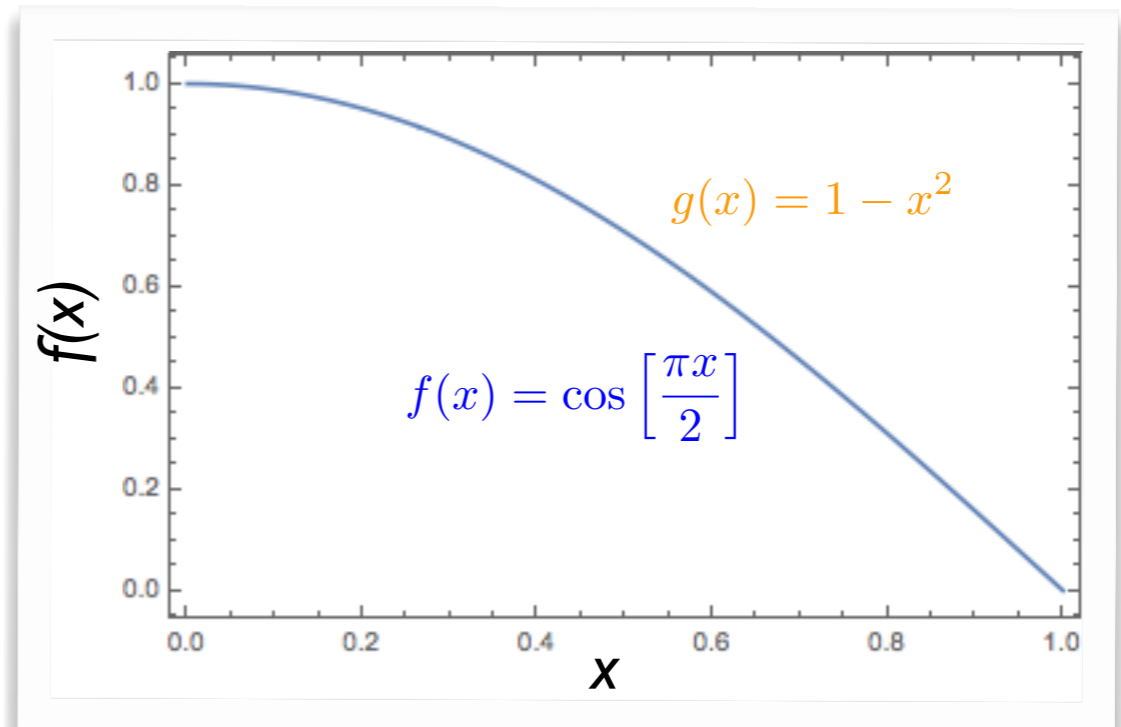
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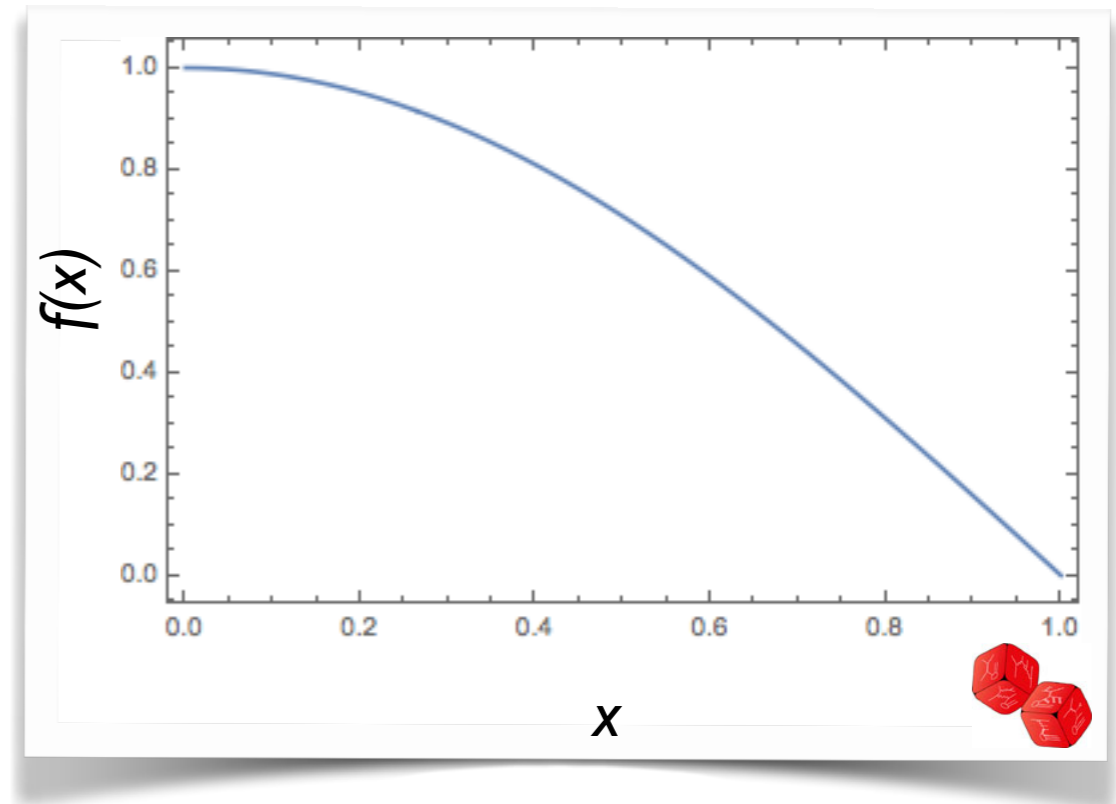
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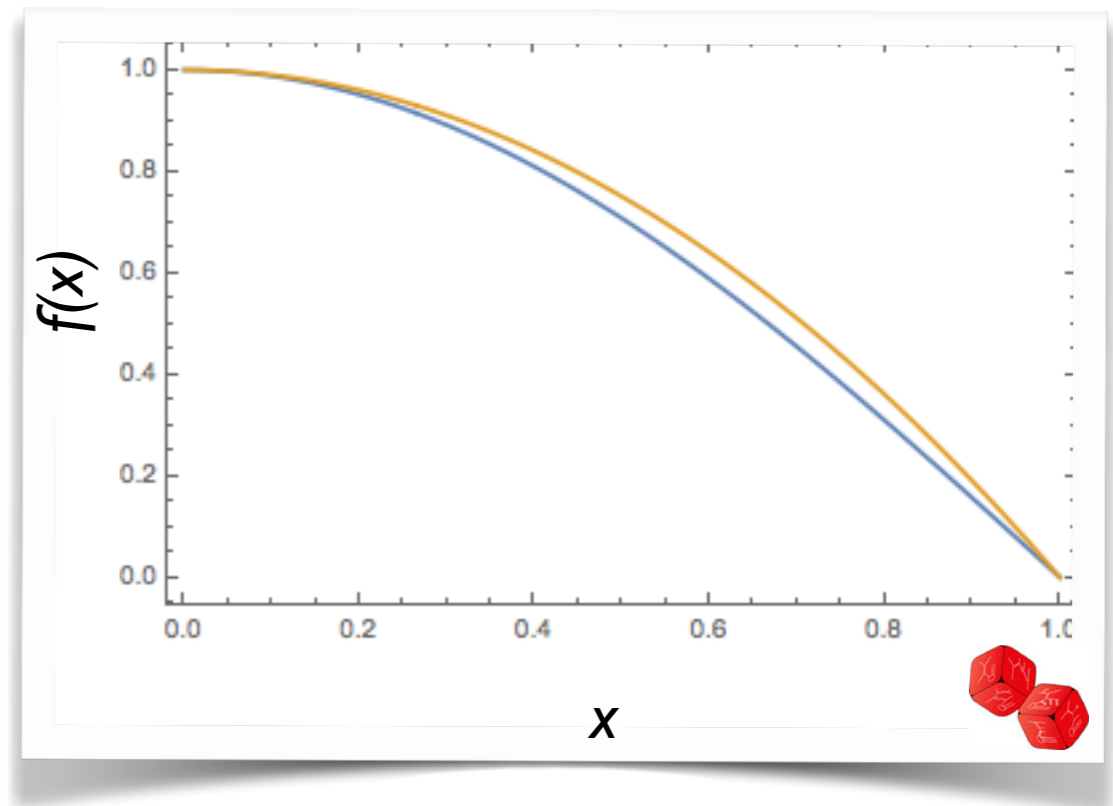


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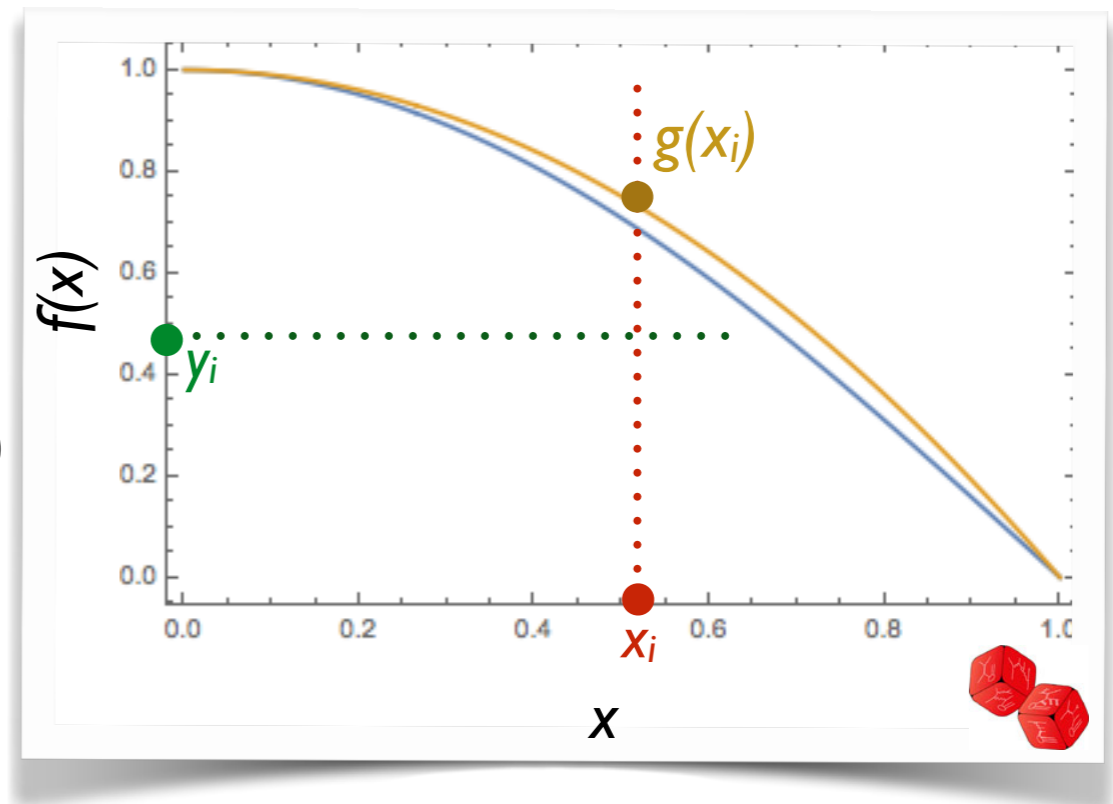


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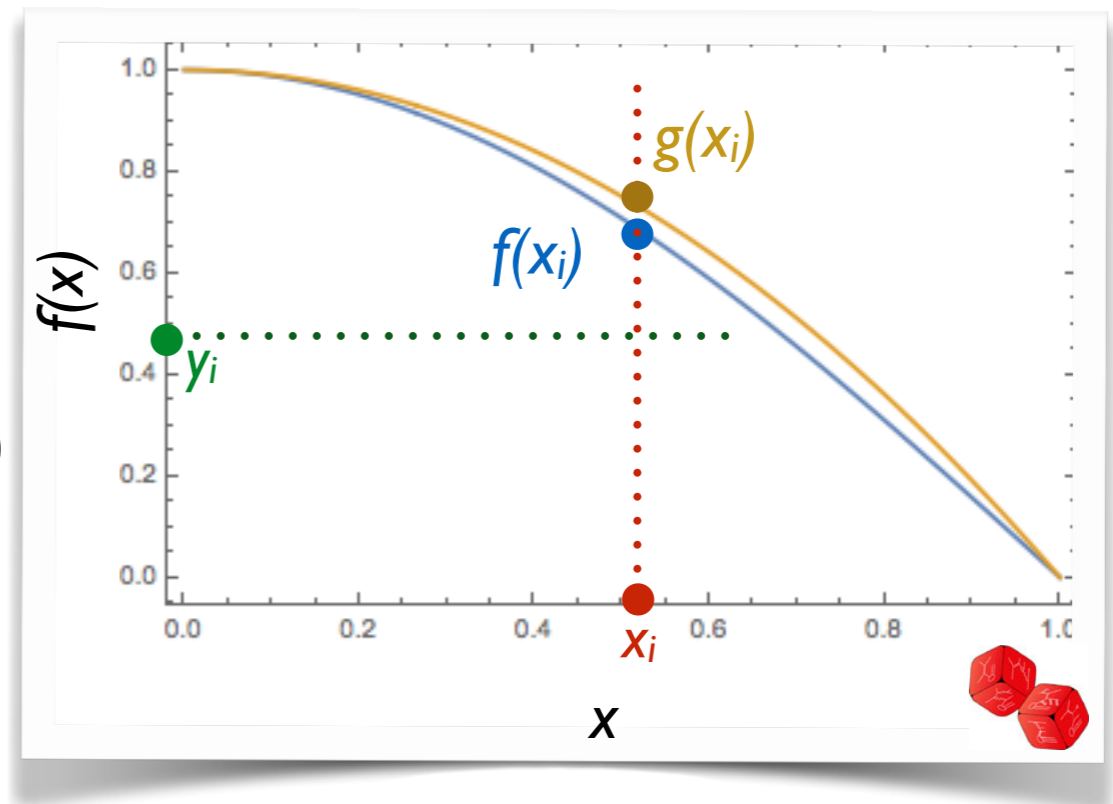


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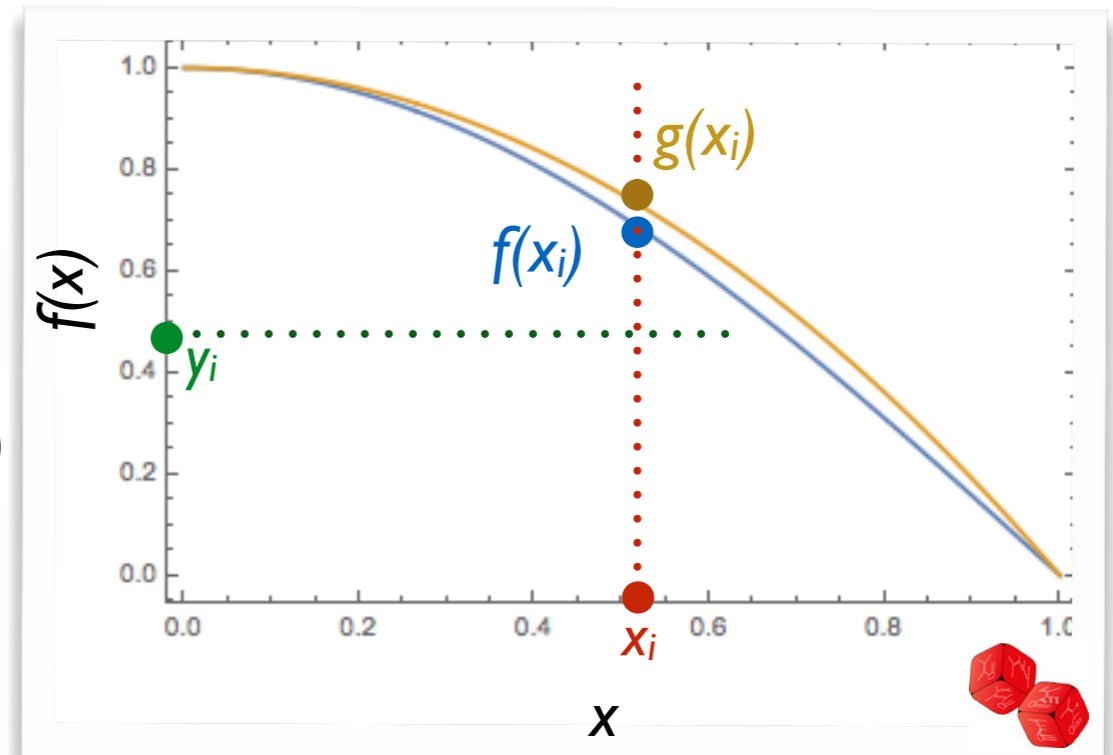
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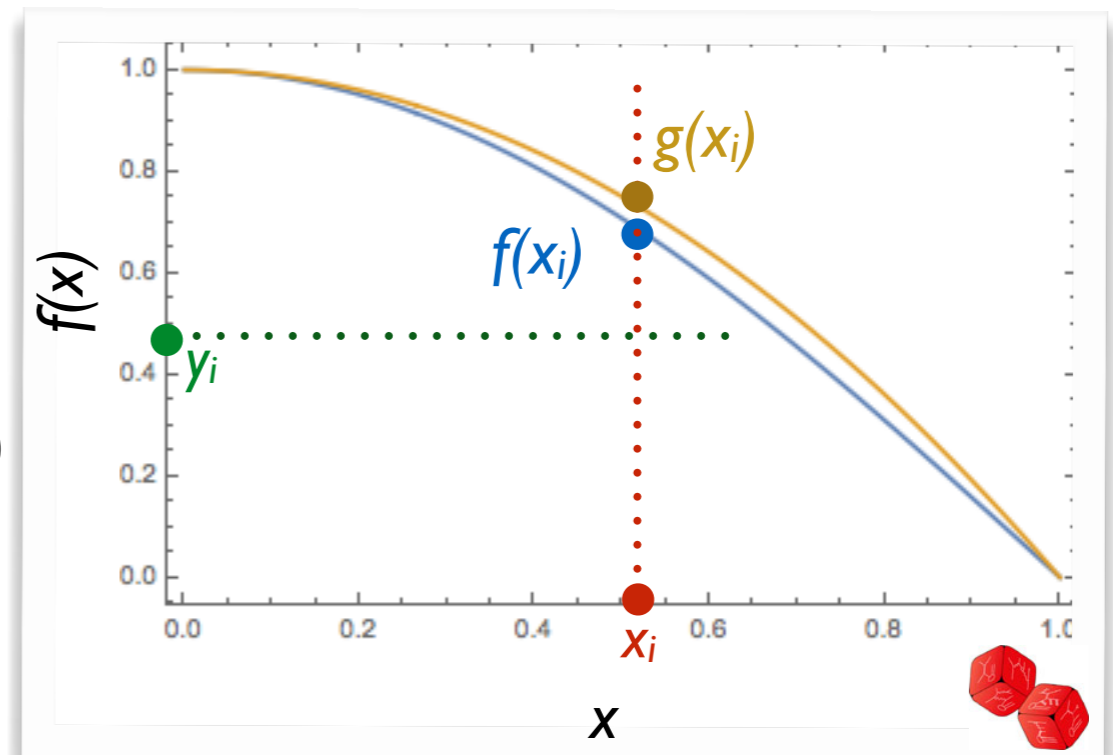
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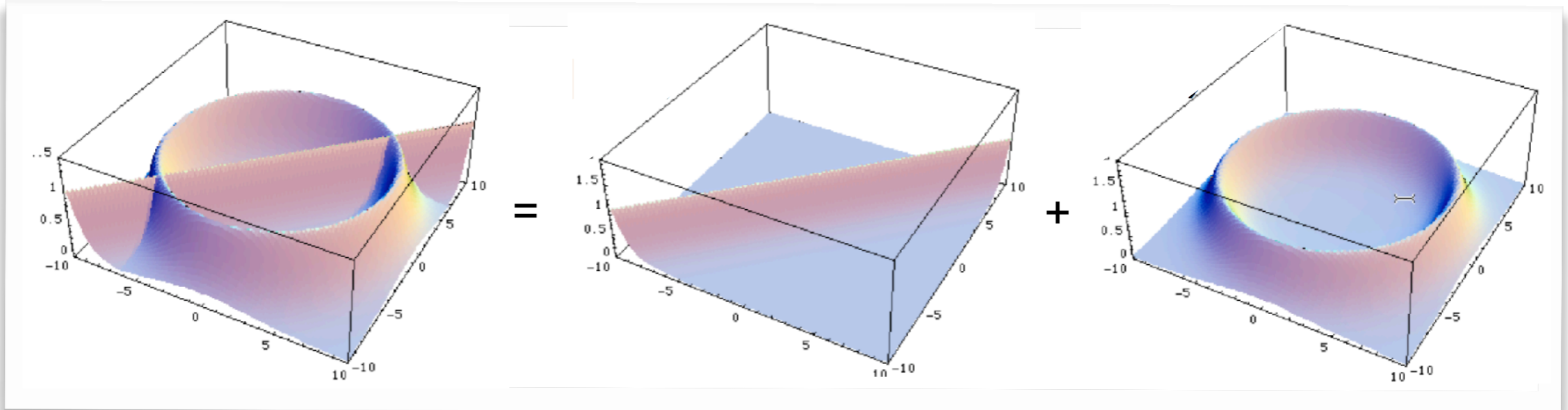
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 - ★ Minimisation of the overall variance
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◆ Separation of the integral among different channels

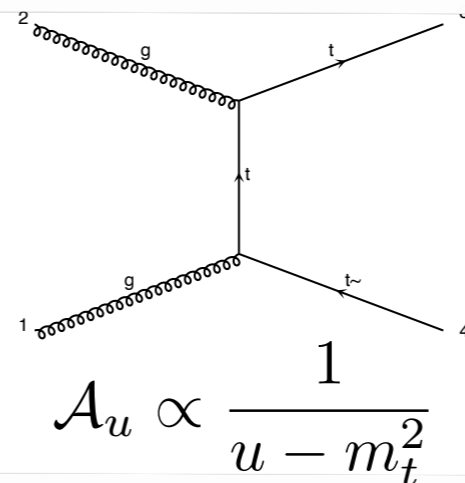
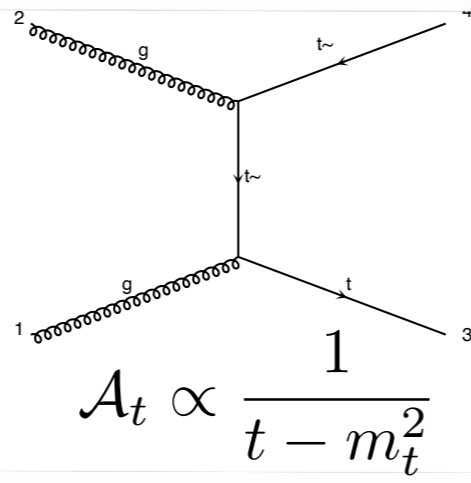
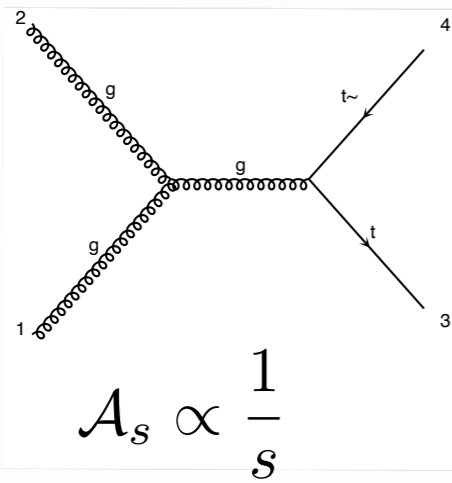
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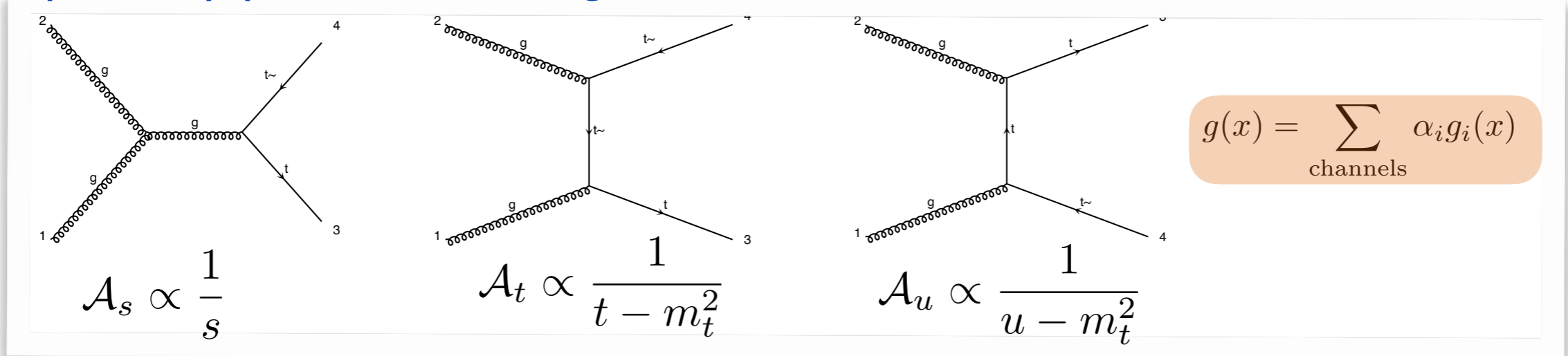
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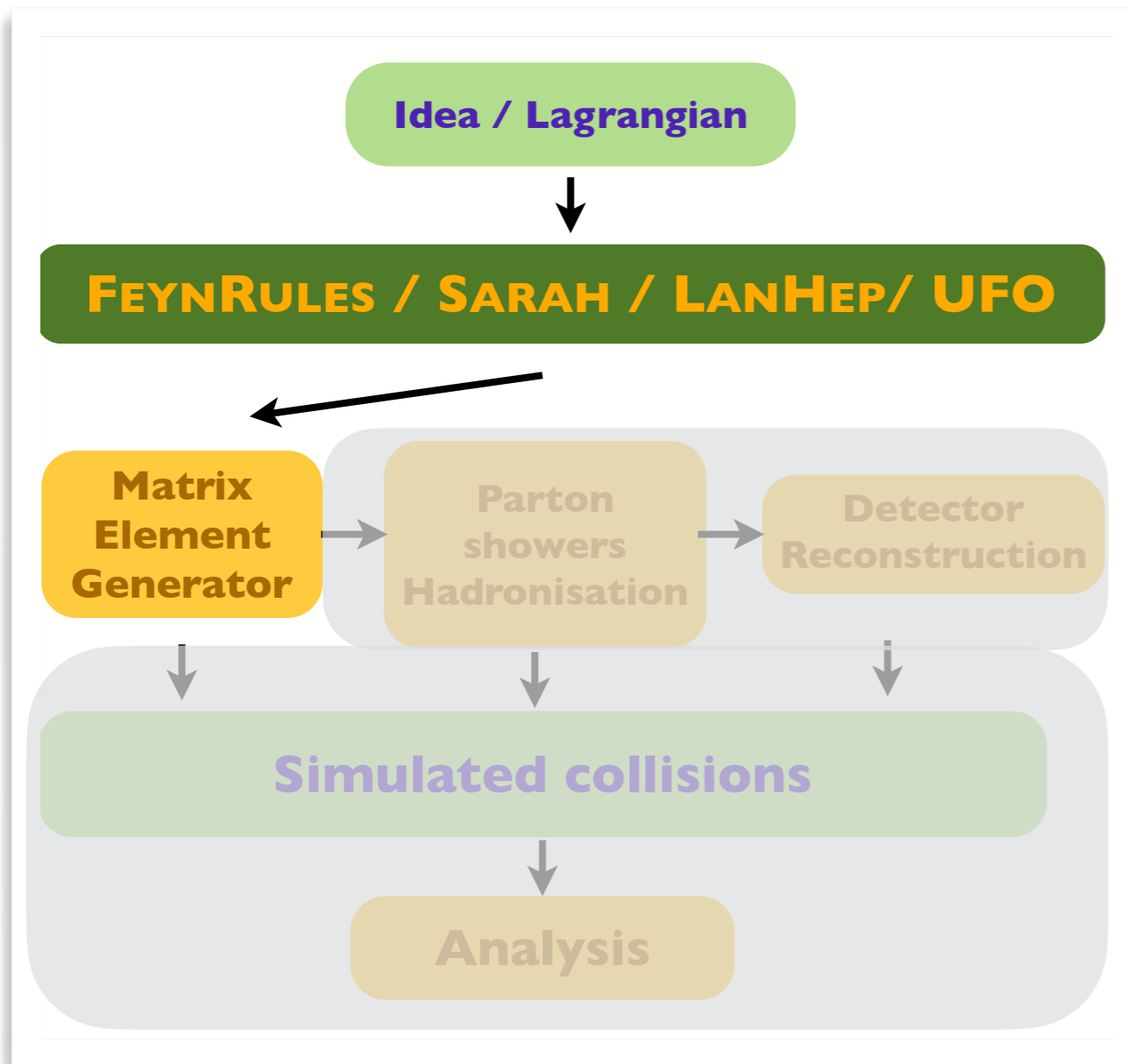
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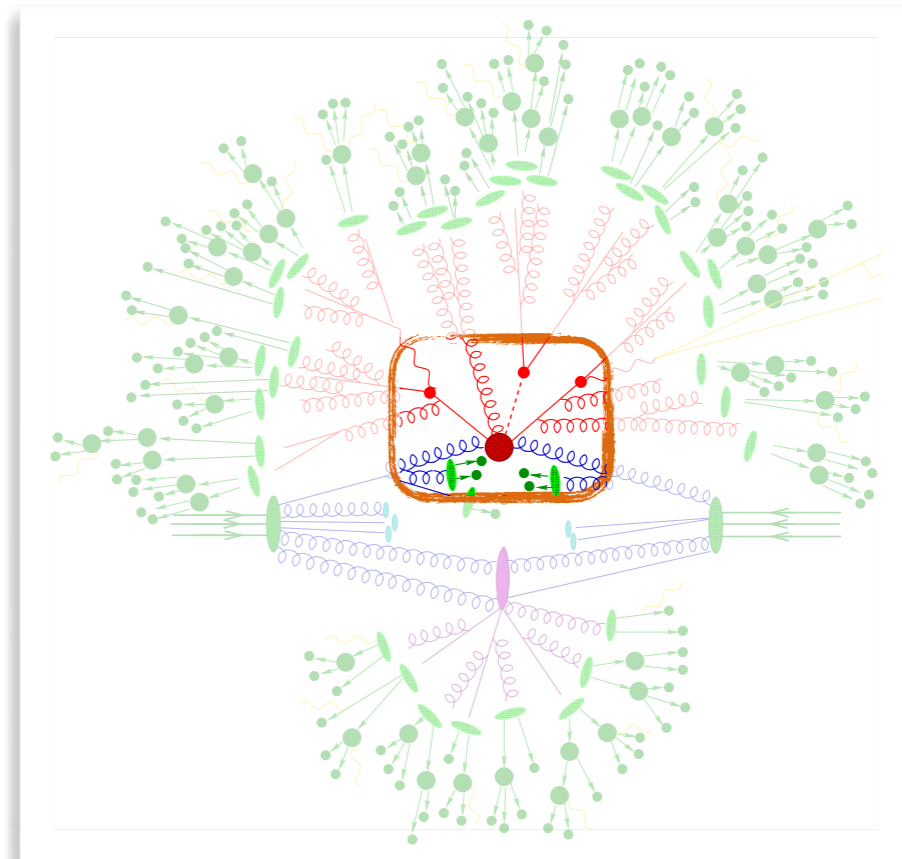
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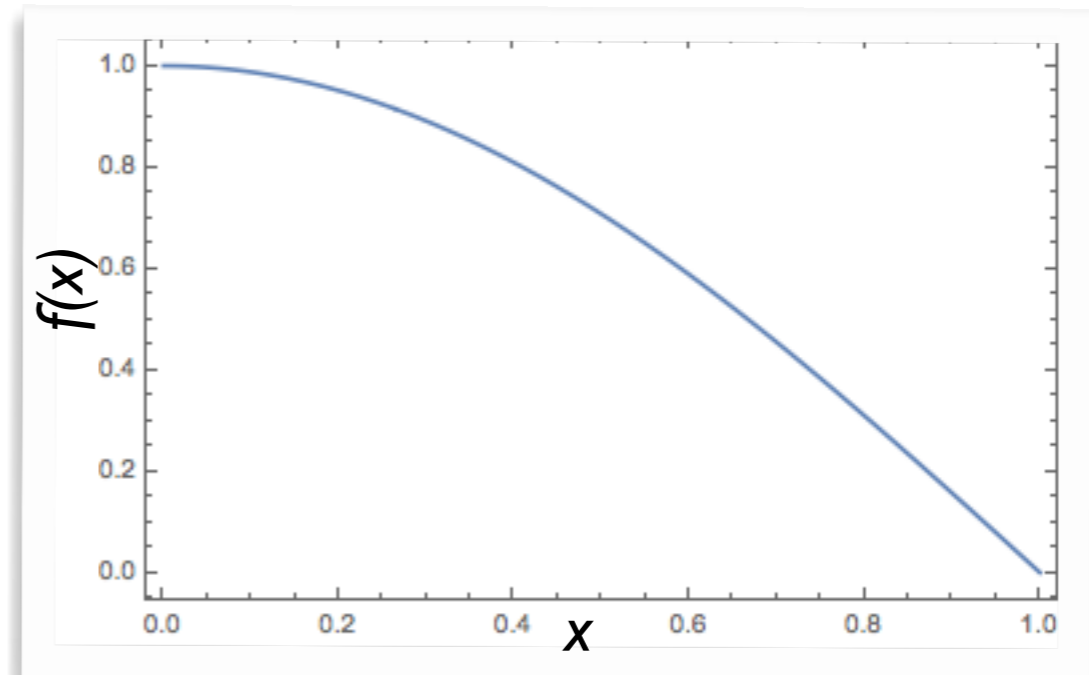
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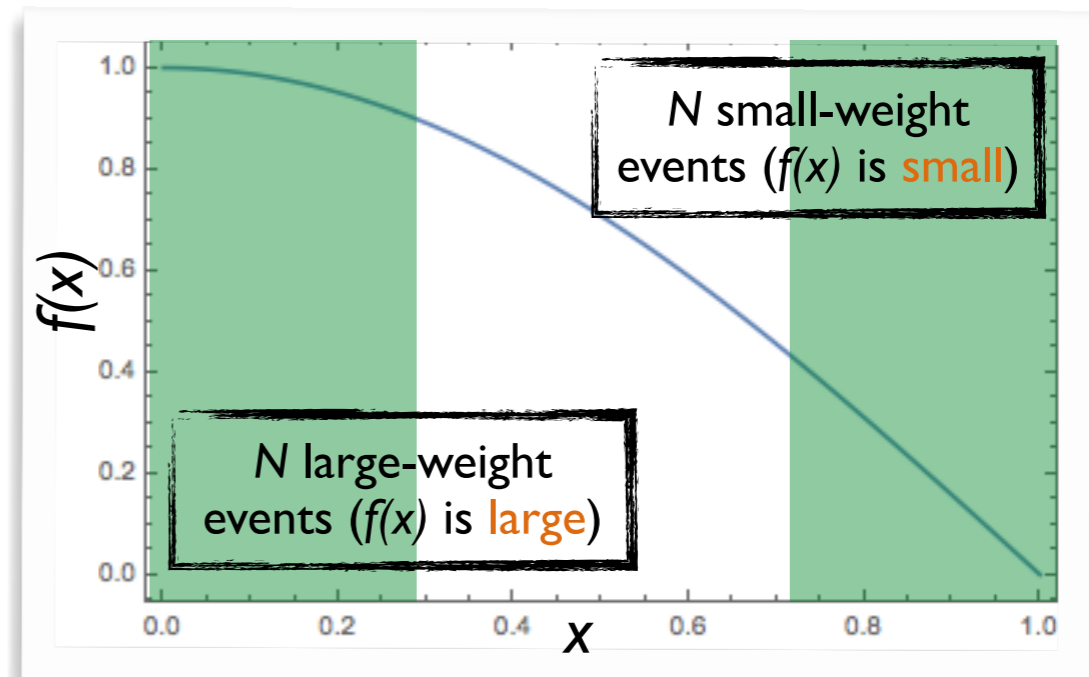


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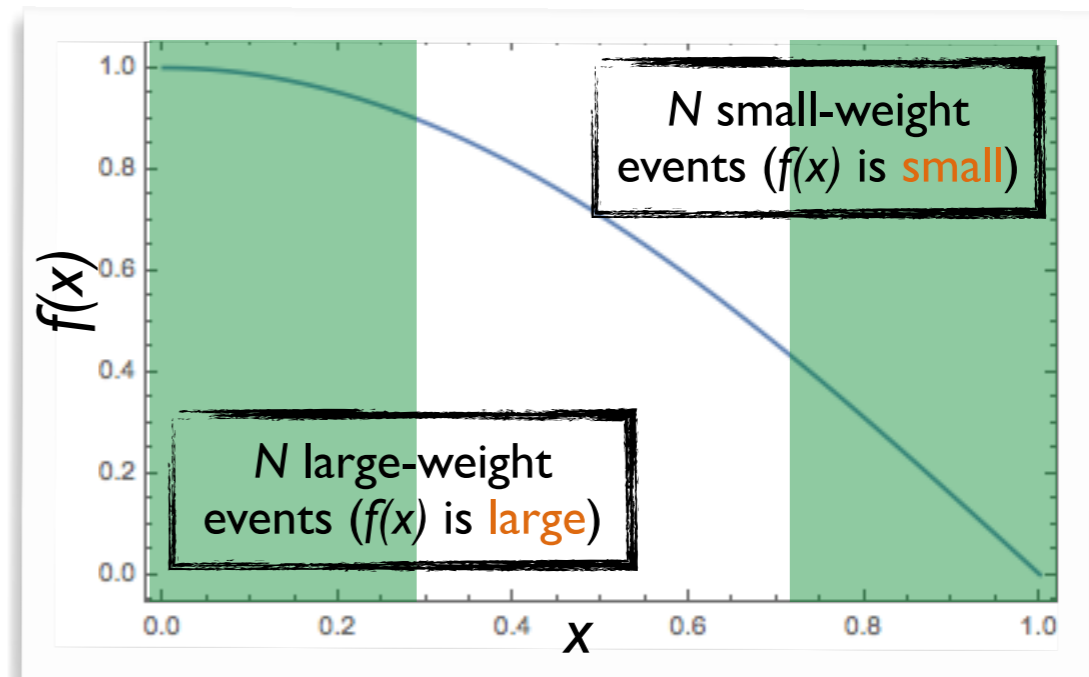


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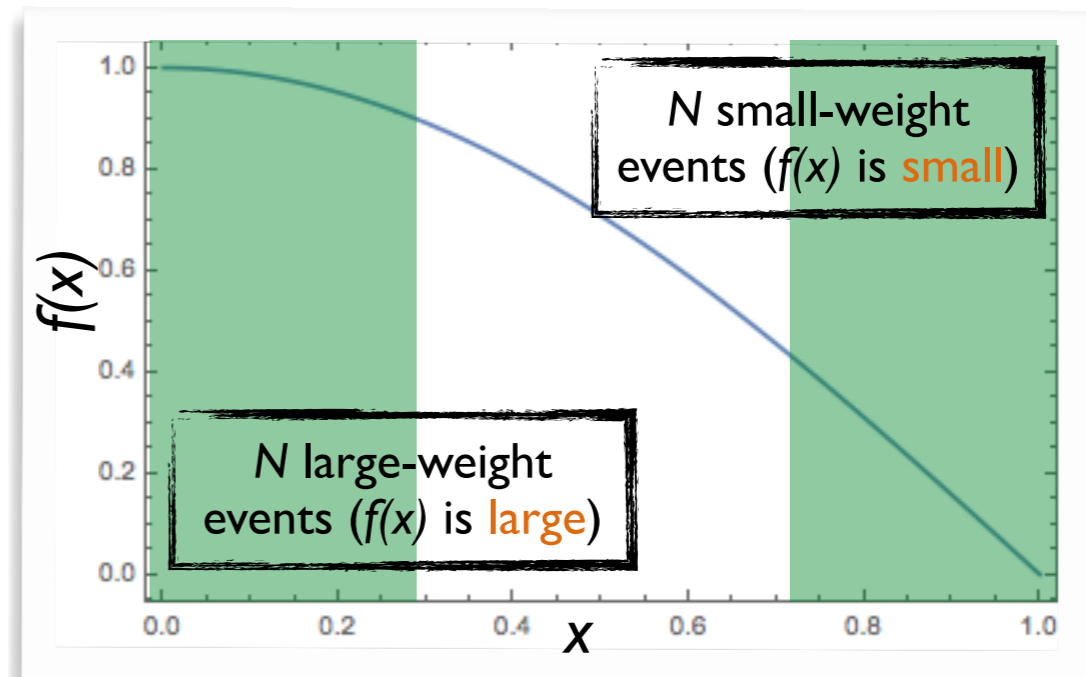
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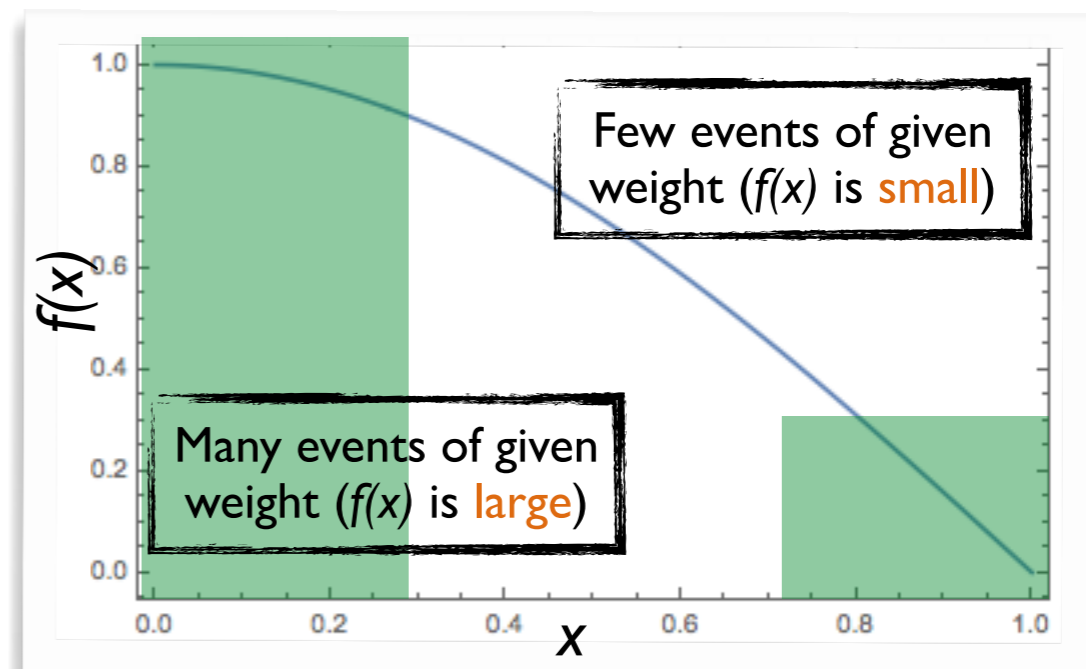
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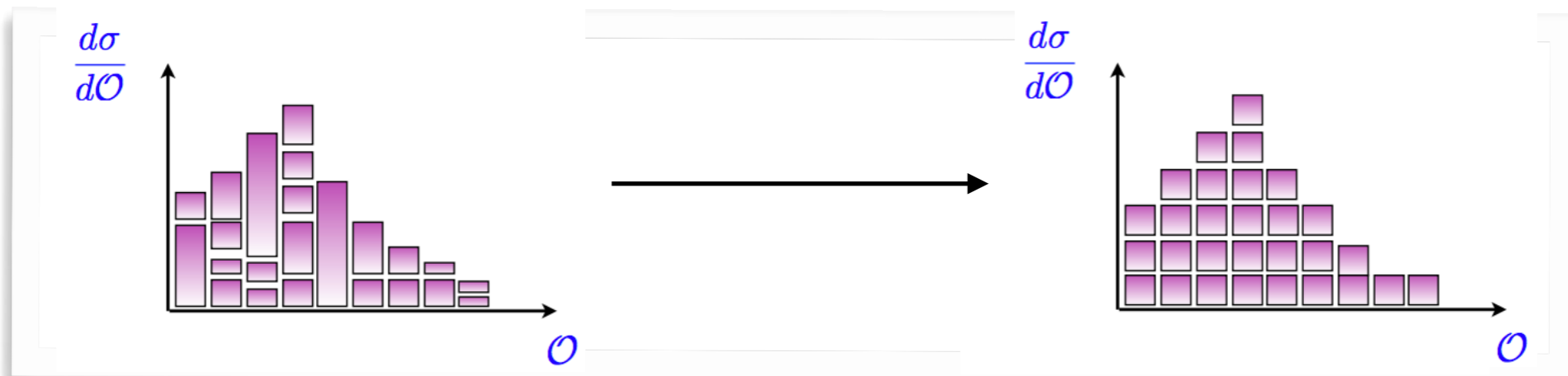
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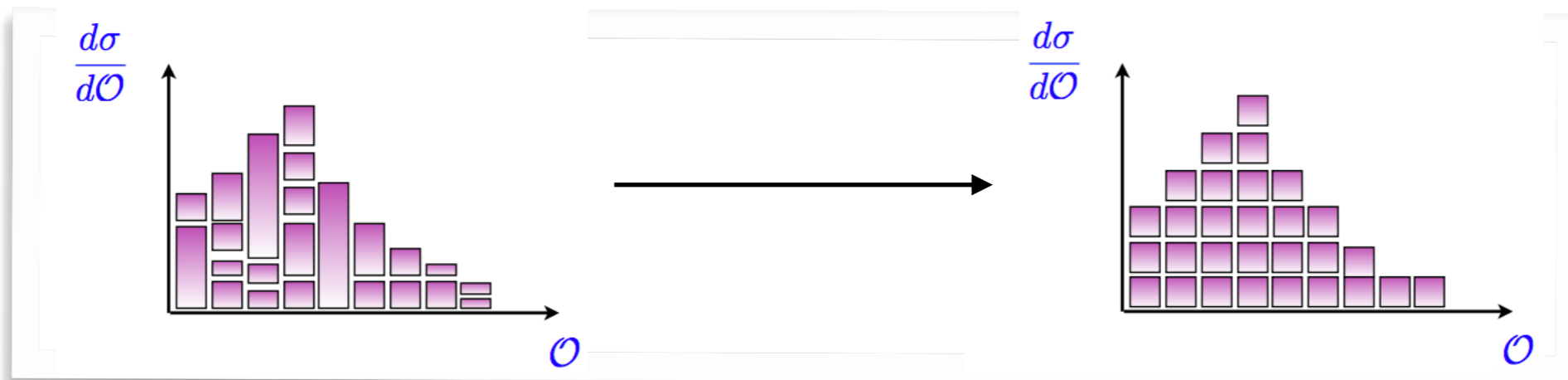
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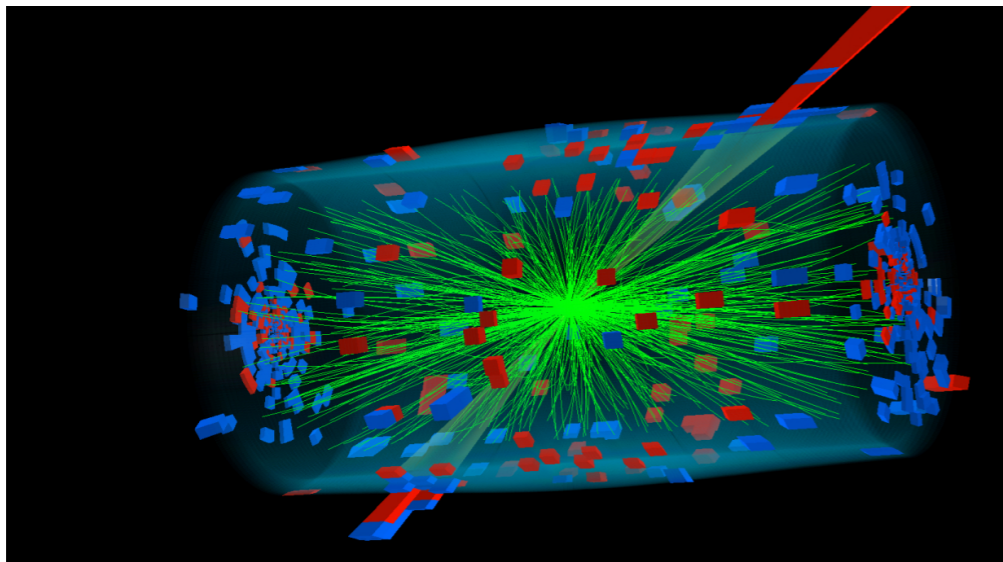
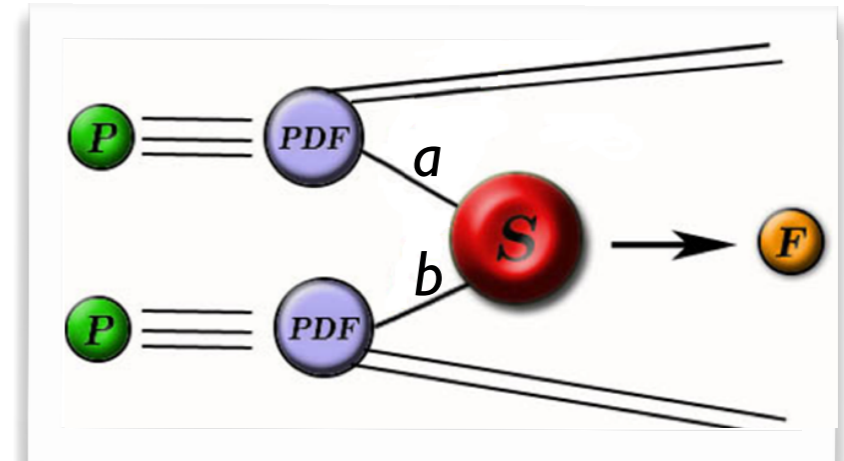


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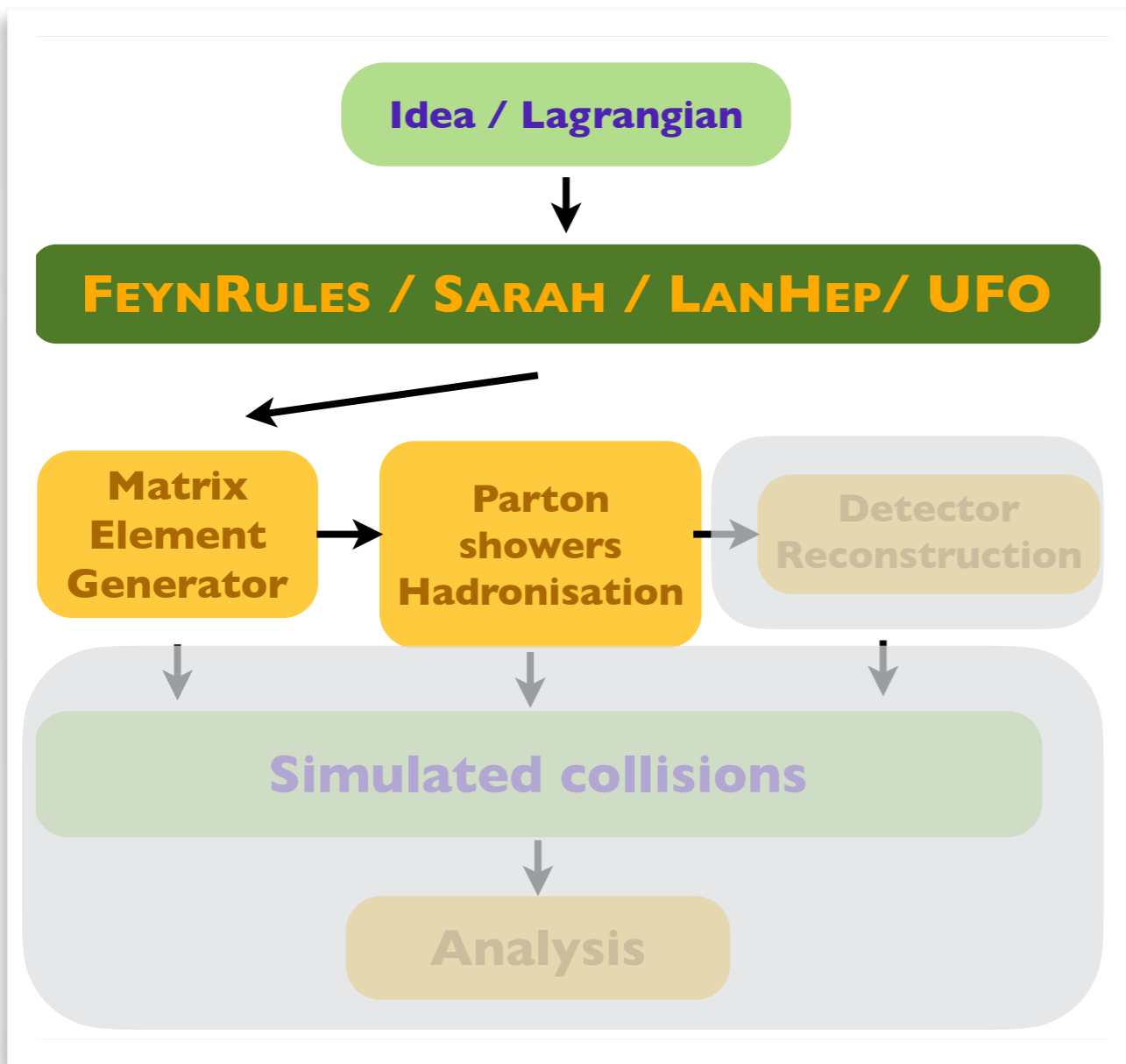
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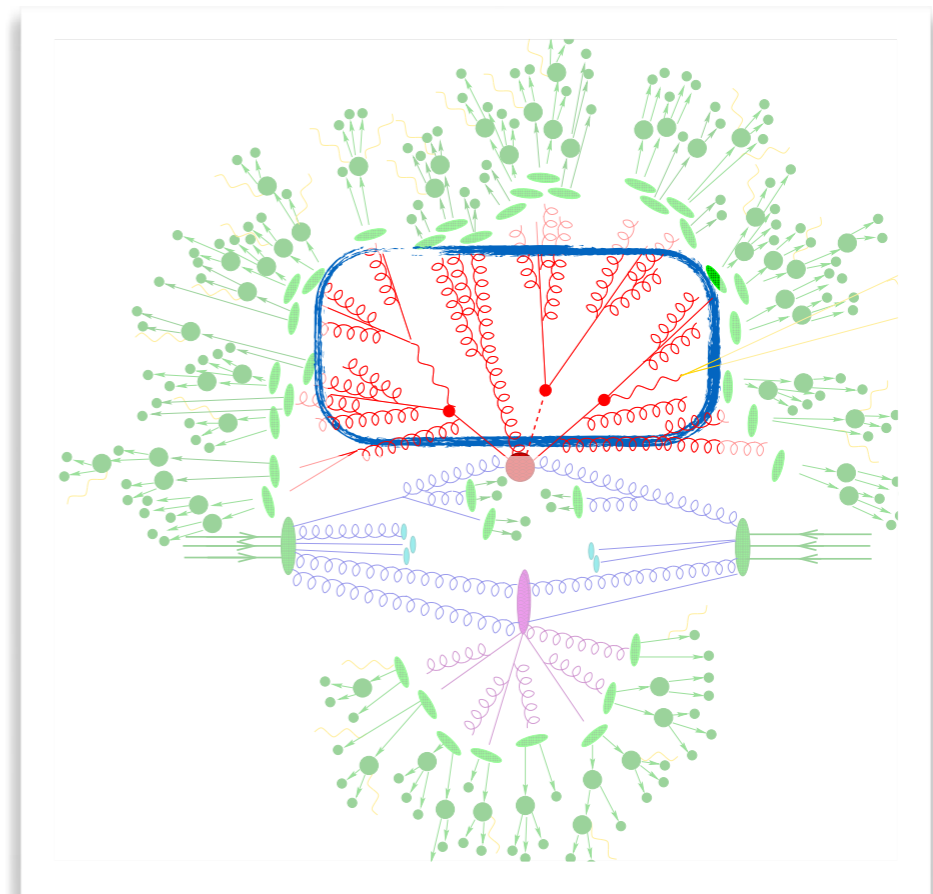
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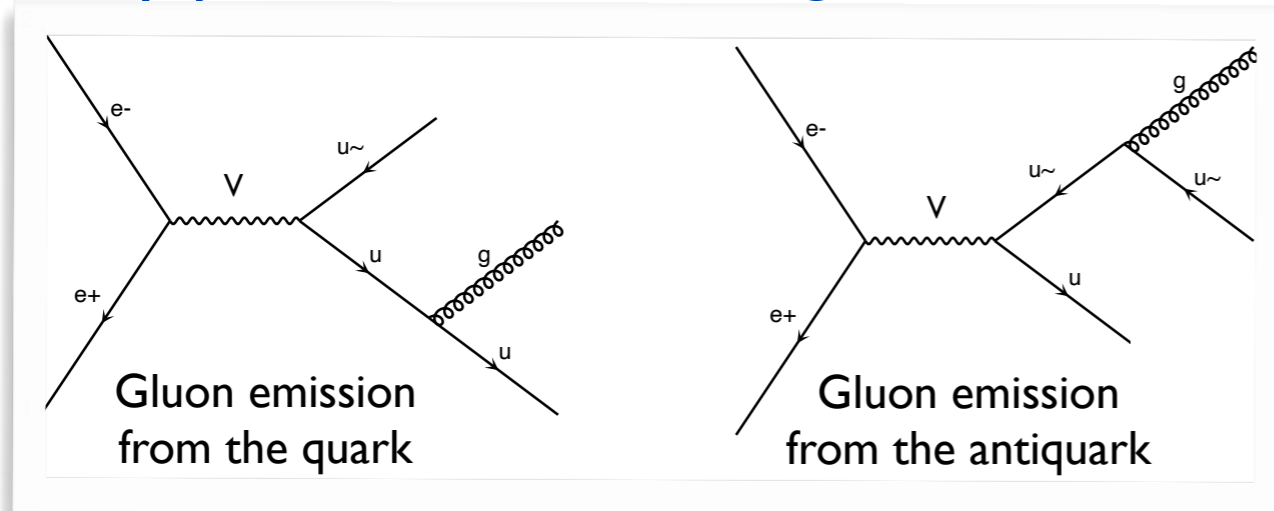
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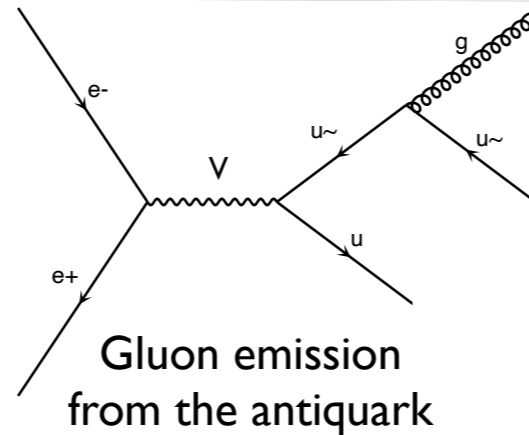
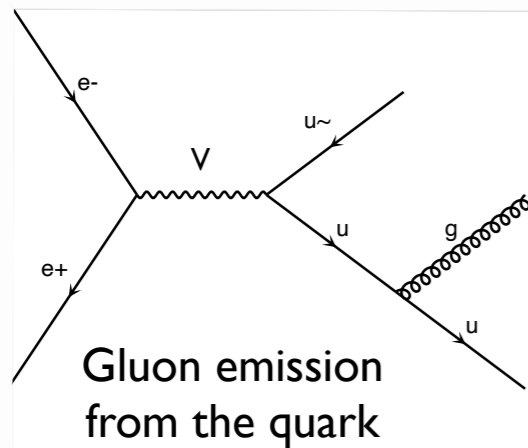
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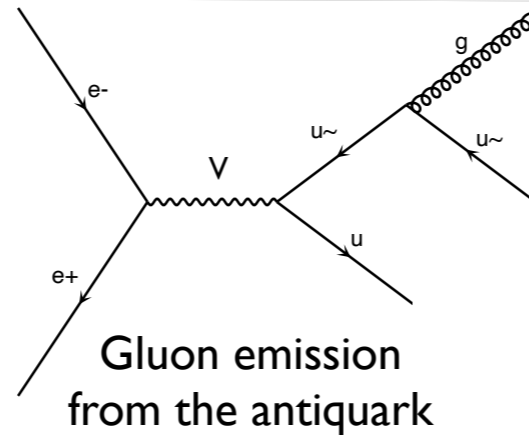
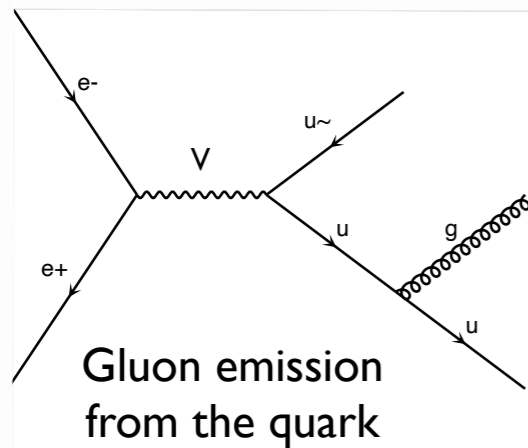
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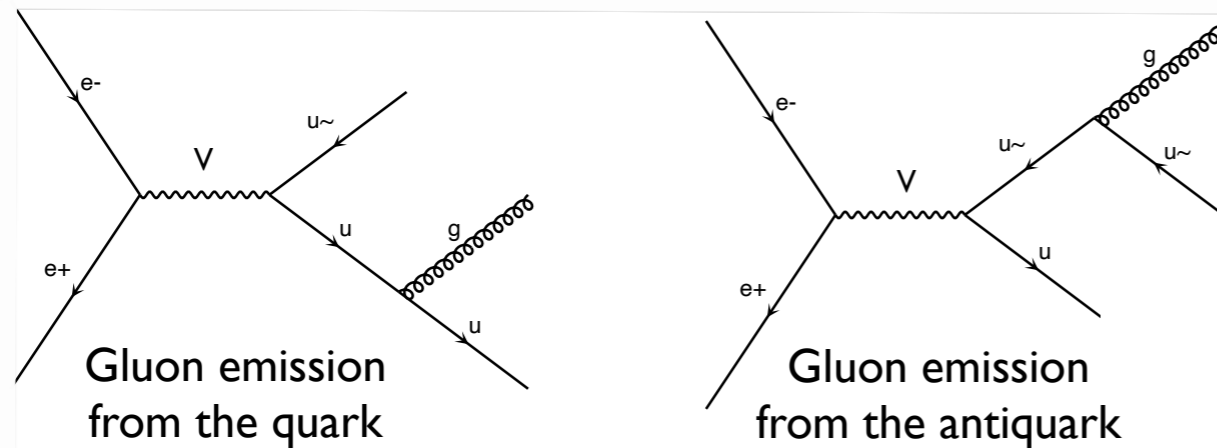


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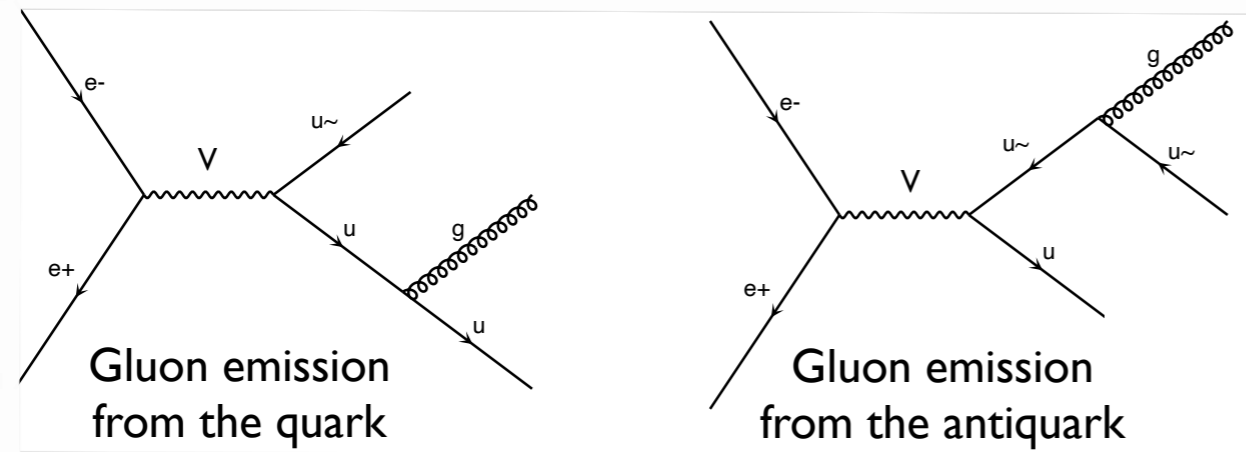
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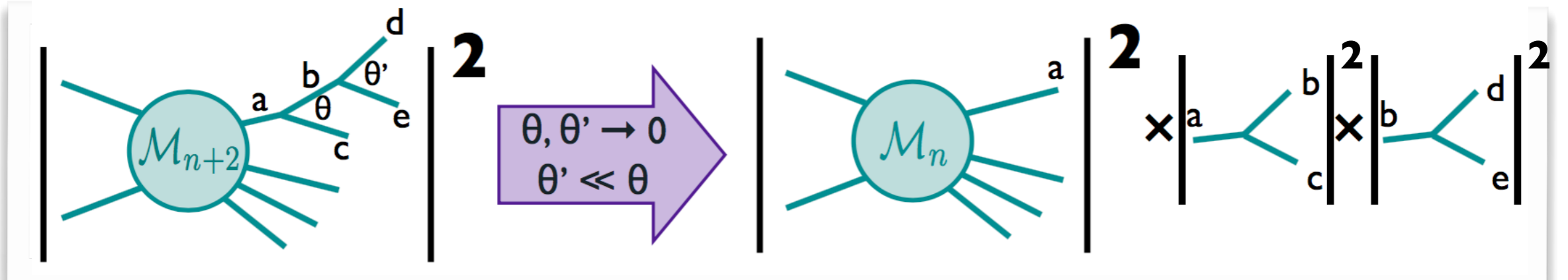
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 - ★ t controls the **collinear behaviour**
- ❖ $P_{ab}(z)$ consists in the QCD splitting kernels
 - ★ z controls the **soft behaviour**
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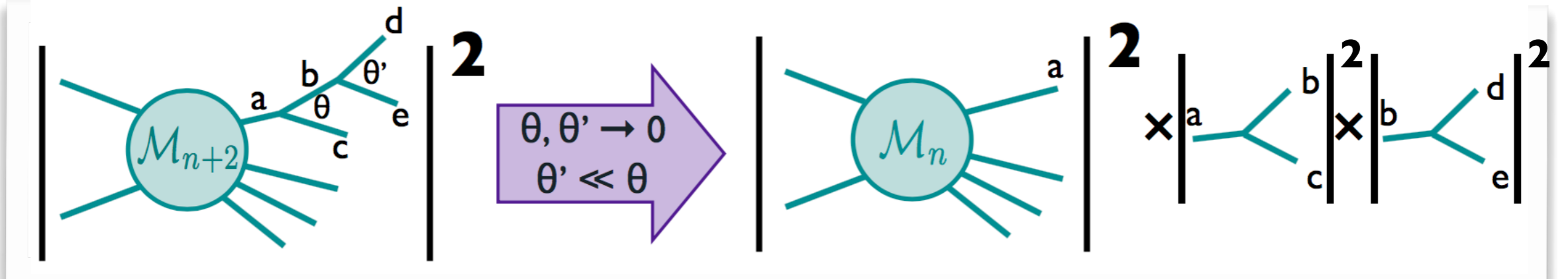
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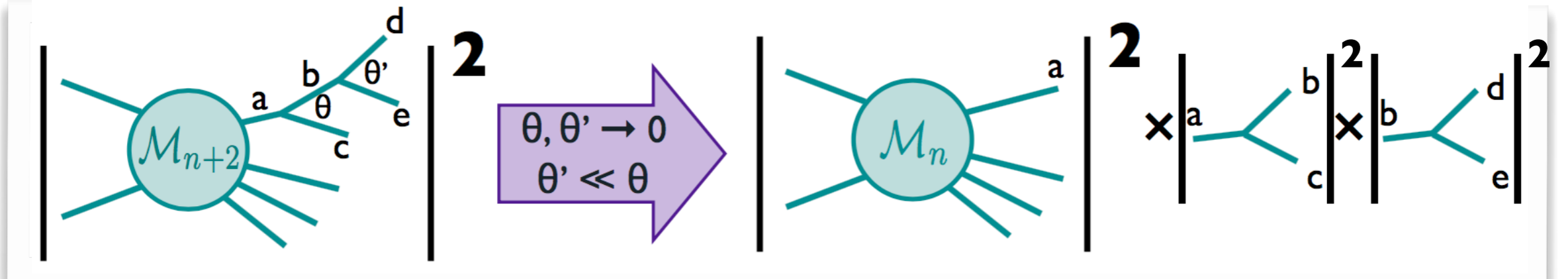
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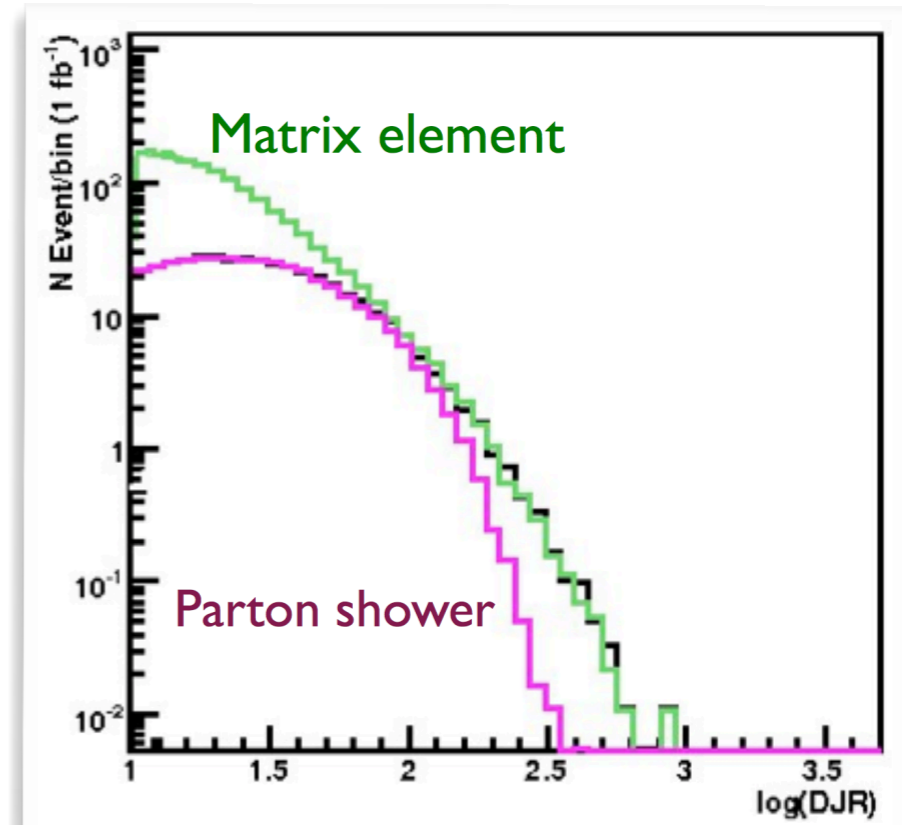
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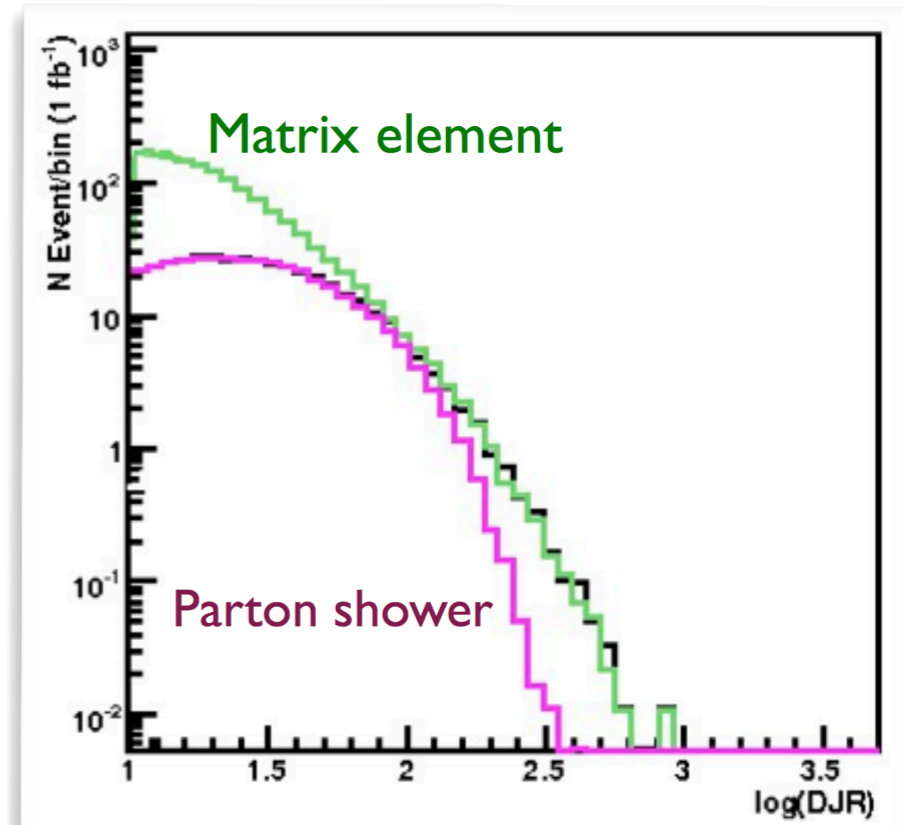
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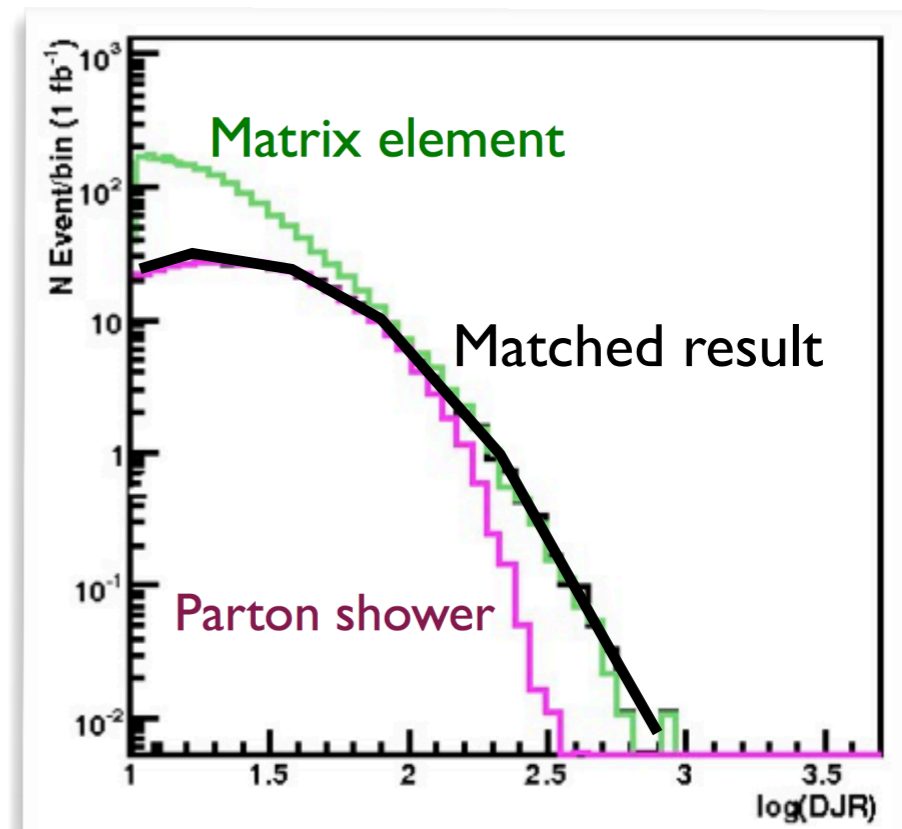
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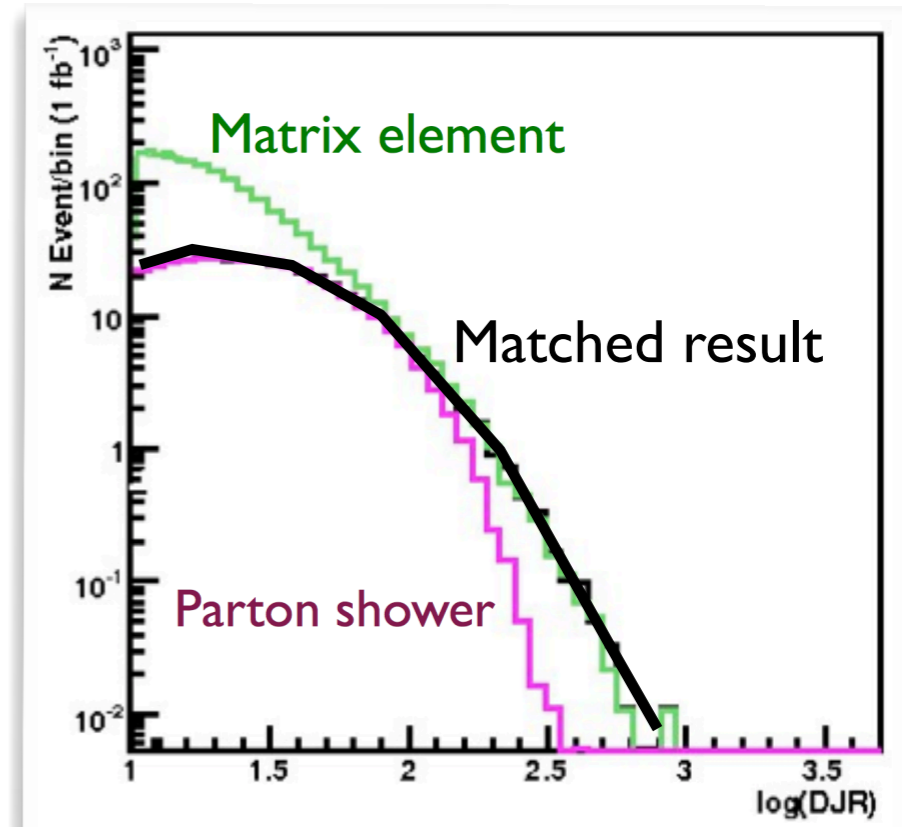
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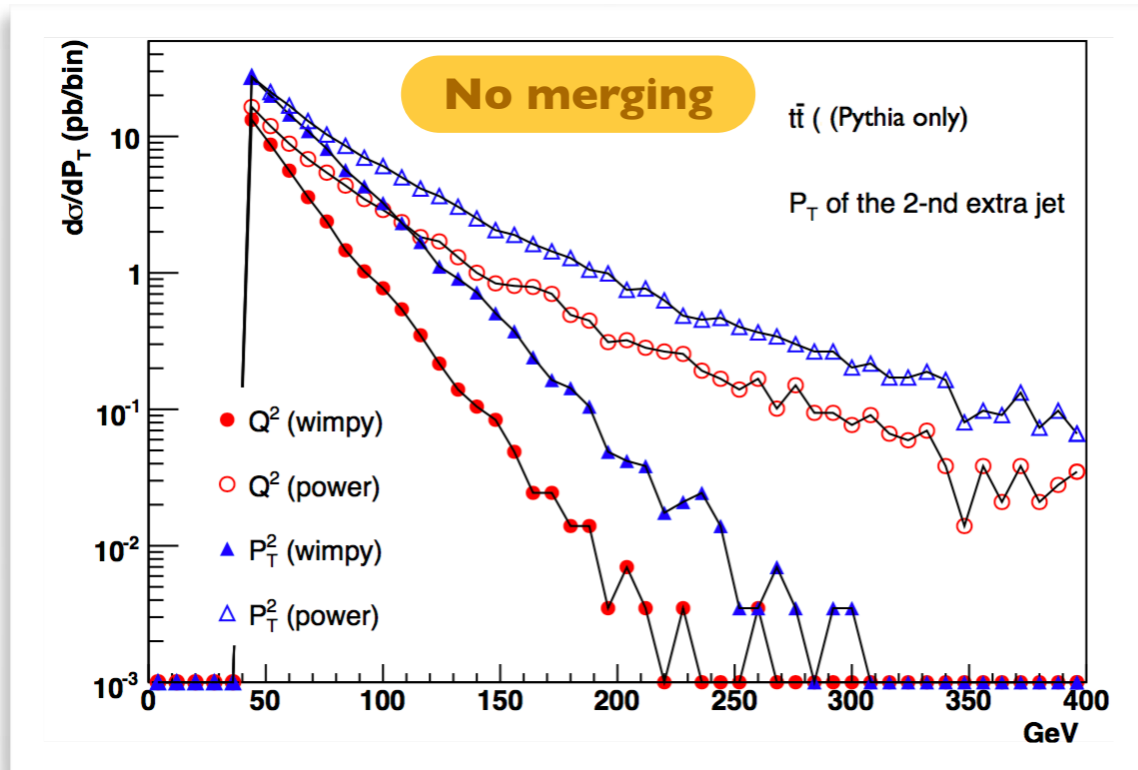
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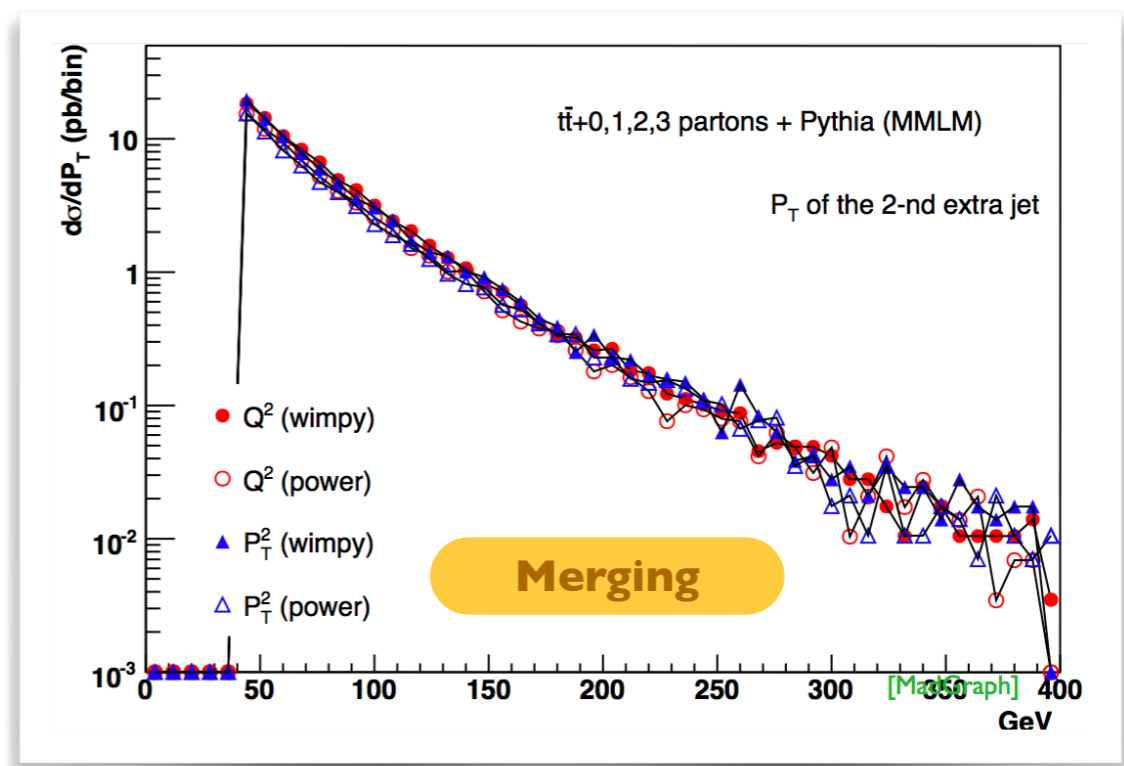
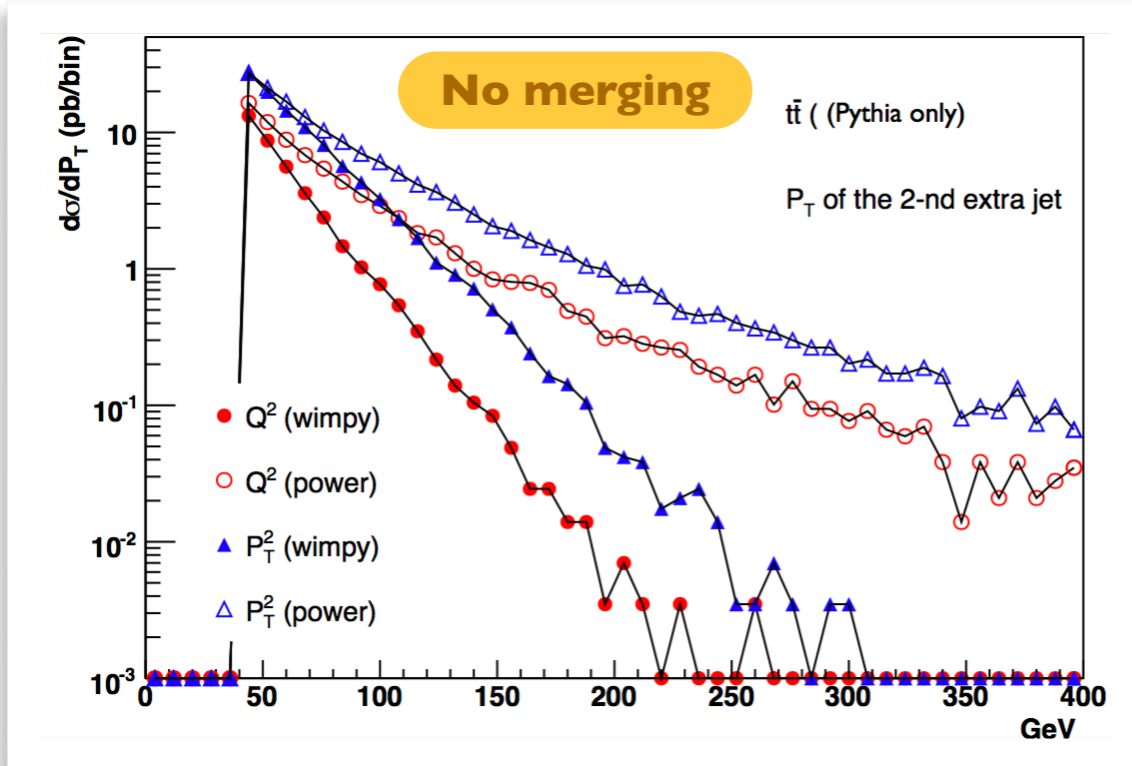
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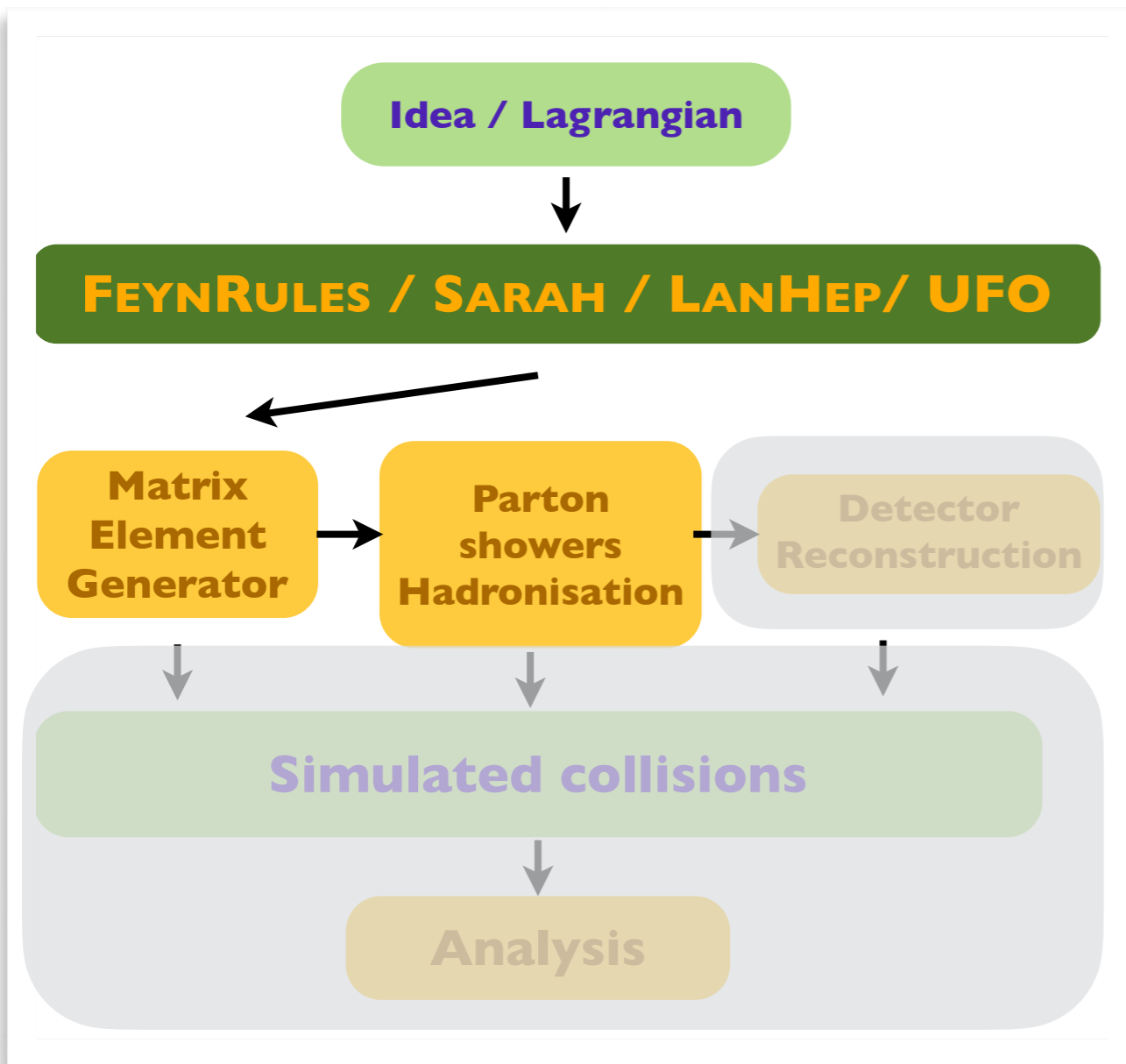
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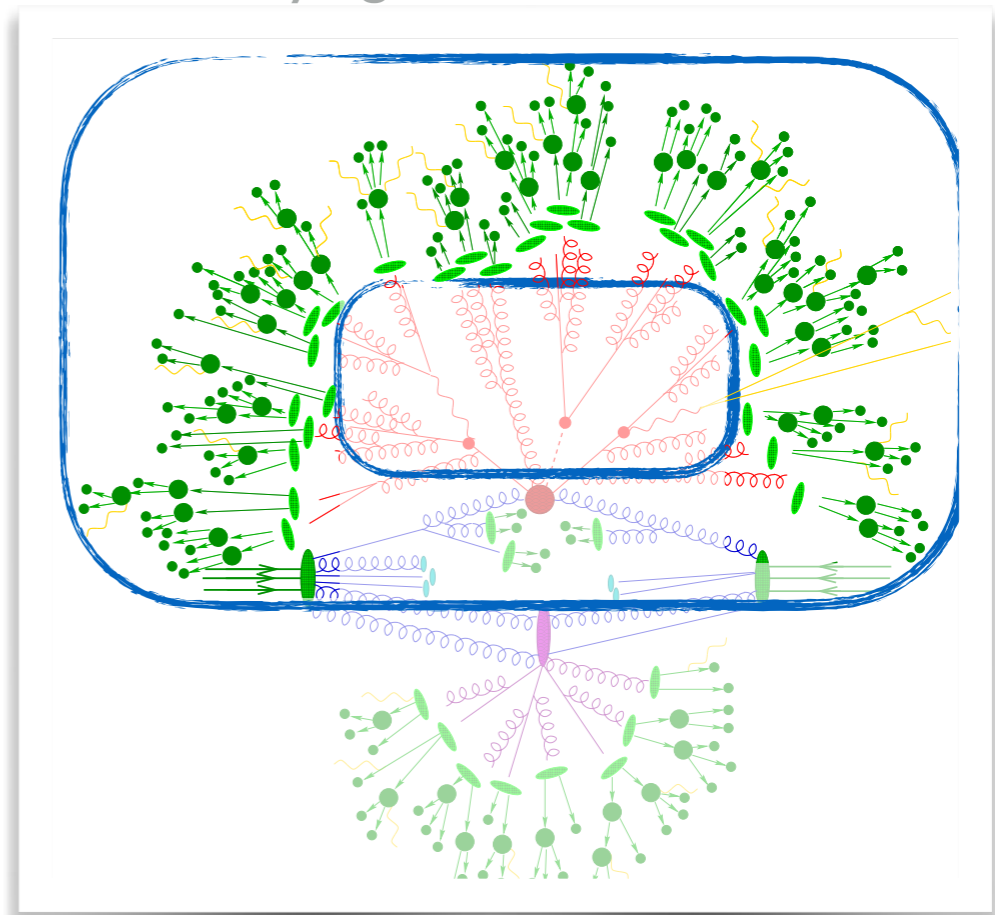
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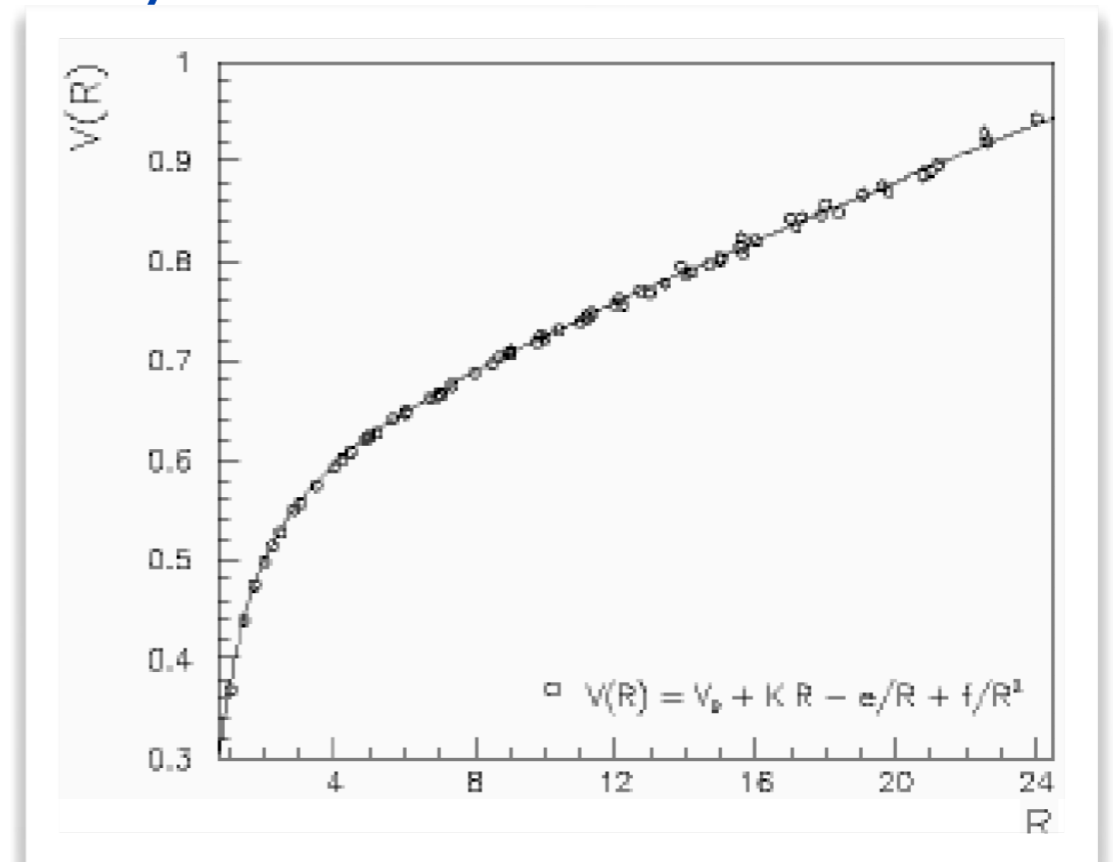
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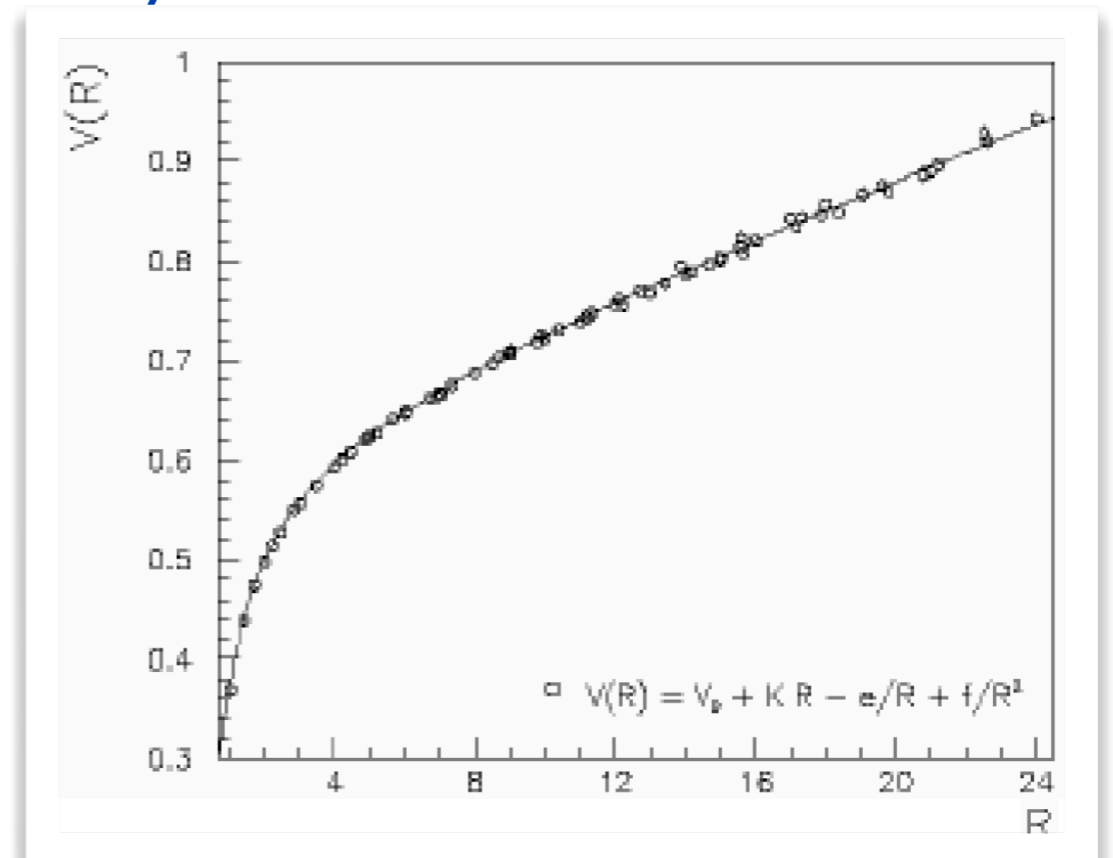
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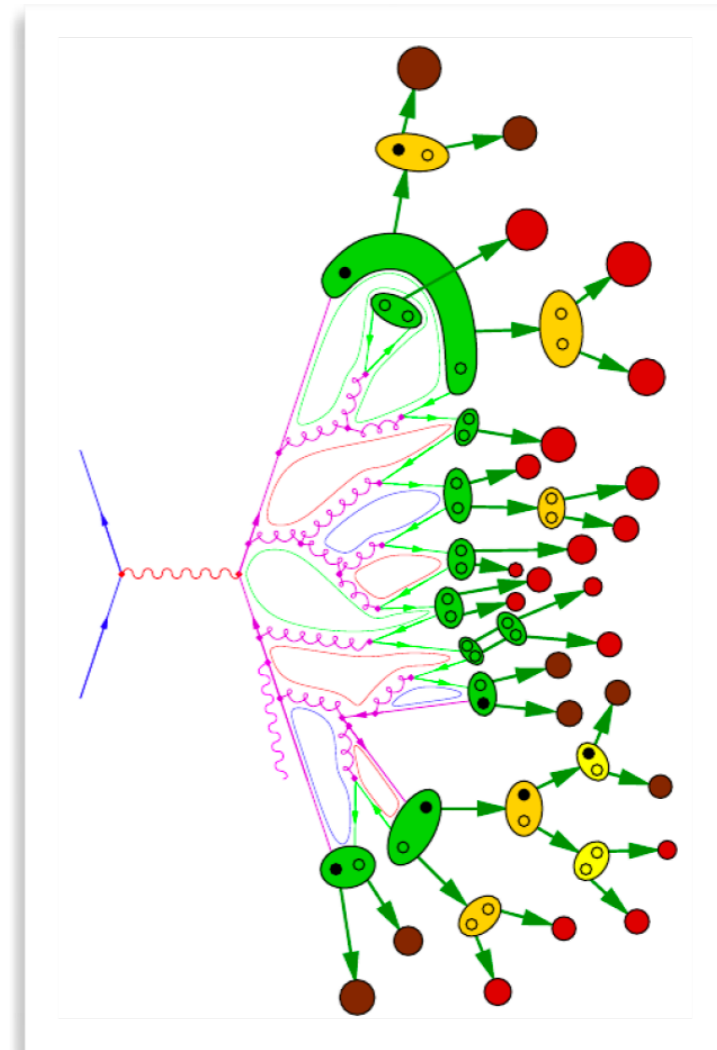
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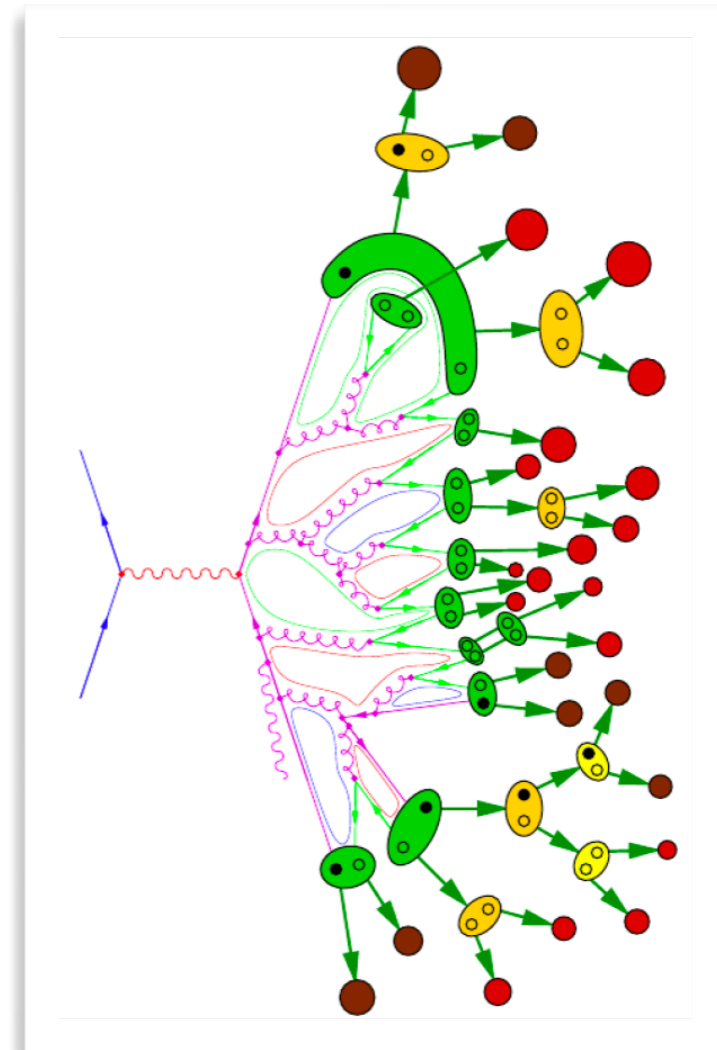
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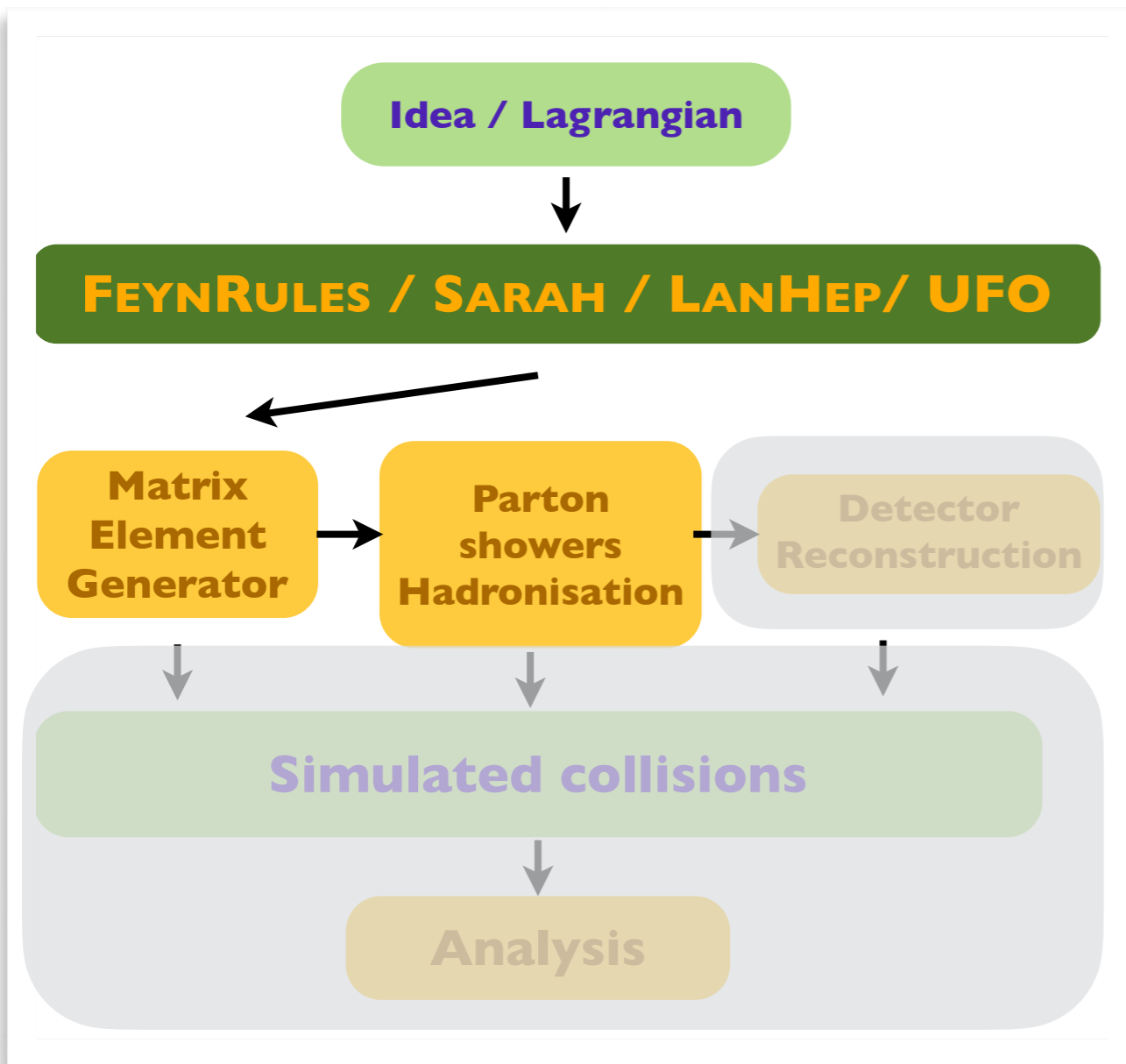
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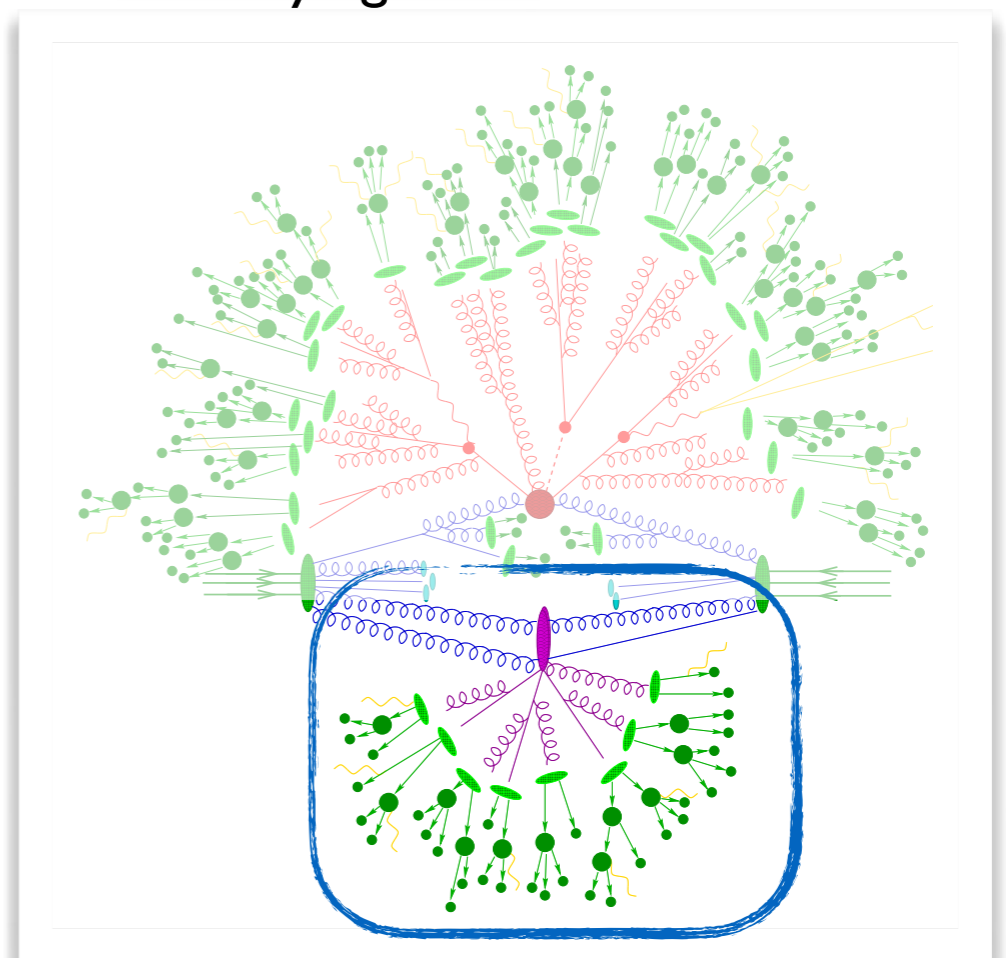
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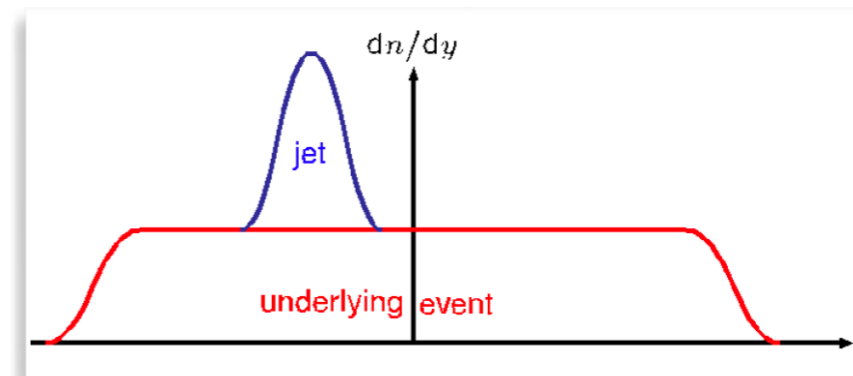
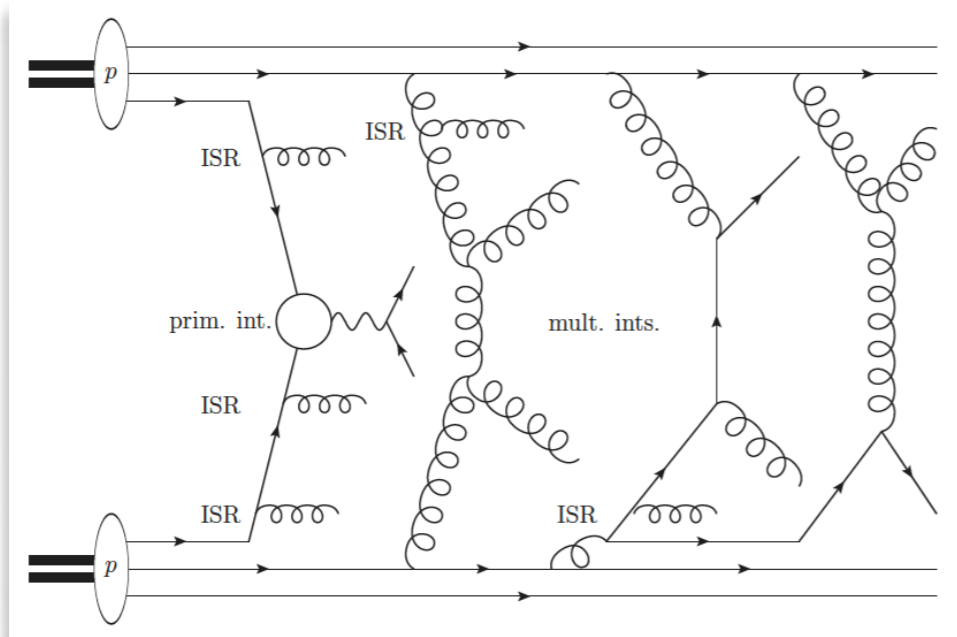
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