

# GenEvA

A New Framework for Event Generation

Jesse Thaler (Berkeley)

with Christian Bauer and Frank Tackmann

[arXiv:0801.4026](https://arxiv.org/abs/0801.4026) [ Physics ]

[arXiv:0801.4028](https://arxiv.org/abs/0801.4028) [Techniques]

# Background Estimation

Essential for Understanding BSM signals at LHC

Partonic Strategy

Hadronic Strategy

# Background Estimation

Essential for Understanding BSM signals at LHC

## Partonic Strategy

**Inclusive** Measurement Function

$$\sigma_X = \sum_n \int d\Phi_n |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 X(\Phi_n)$$

Well-Defined if Infrared Safe

$$X \left( \text{diagram with 4 external lines} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{soft or collinear}} X \left( \text{diagram with 3 external lines} \right)$$

Infrared Divergences Cancel

$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{loop}}|^2 X(\Phi) + \int_{+1} |\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}}|^2 X(\Phi_{+1}) = \text{finite}$$

## Hadronic Strategy

# Background Estimation

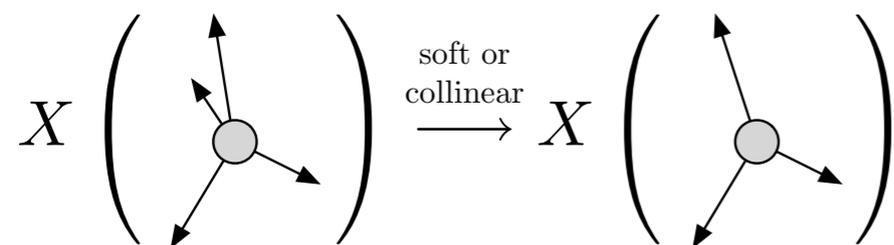
Essential for Understanding BSM signals at LHC

## Partonic Strategy

**Inclusive** Measurement Function

$$\sigma_X = \sum_n \int d\Phi_n |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 X(\Phi_n)$$

Well-Defined if Infrared Safe

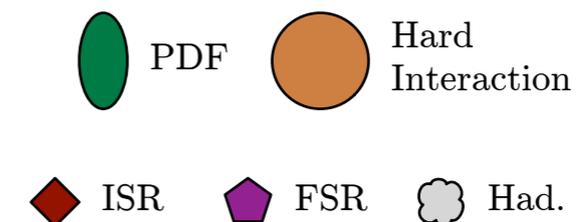
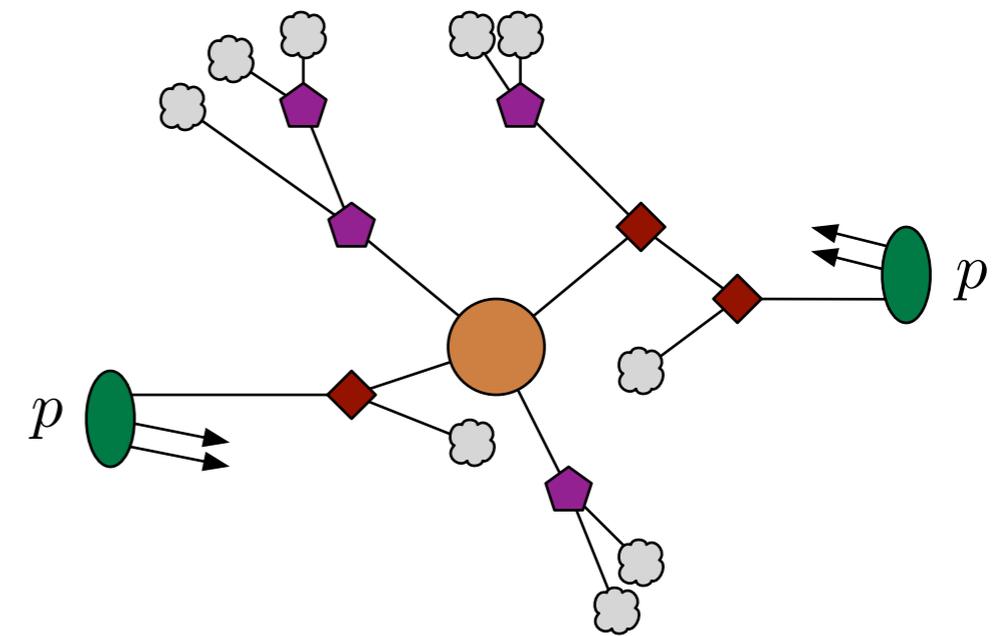


Infrared Divergences Cancel

$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{loop}}|^2 X(\Phi) + \int_{+1} |\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}}|^2 X(\Phi_{+1}) = \text{finite}$$

## Hadronic Strategy

**Exclusive** Event Generation



# Background Estimation

Essential for Understanding BSM signals at LHC

## Partonic Strategy

### Inclusive Measurement Function

- + Completely Well-Defined
- + Can quantify showering & hadronization uncertainties using factorization (SCET)
- Requires strictly infrared safe observables
- Assumes same experimental and theoretical protocols
- Need to do separate calculation for each observable

## Hadronic Strategy

### Exclusive Event Generation

- + Gives reasonable answers for any experimental observable
- + Can be used directly with detector simulation
- Requires care in interpreting results
- Difficult to attach meaningful error bars
- Challenging to include higher order corrections

# “Ideal” Strategy

Exclusive event generator that reproduces the results of any inclusive measurement function to the calculated accuracy.

# “Ideal” Strategy

Exclusive event generator that reproduces the results of any inclusive measurement function to the calculated accuracy.

$N^iLO$  :  $O(\alpha_s^i)$  beyond Born Level

$N^jLL$  : Resummation of  $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-j} r$  terms  
( $r$  is ratio of kinematic scales)

# “Ideal” Strategy

Exclusive event generator that reproduces the results of any inclusive measurement function to the calculated accuracy.

N<sup>i</sup>LO :  $O(\alpha_s^i)$  beyond Born Level

N<sup>j</sup>LL : Resummation of  $\alpha_s^n \log^{2n-j} r$  terms  
( $r$  is ratio of kinematic scales)

Fully hadronized events (exclusive)  
using best perturbative calculations (inclusive).

MC@NLO is a concrete example in this direction  
for NLO/LL calculations (see also POWHEG)

# “Ideal” is Not Generic

LO/LL :

CKKW(-L), MLM, SMPR, ...

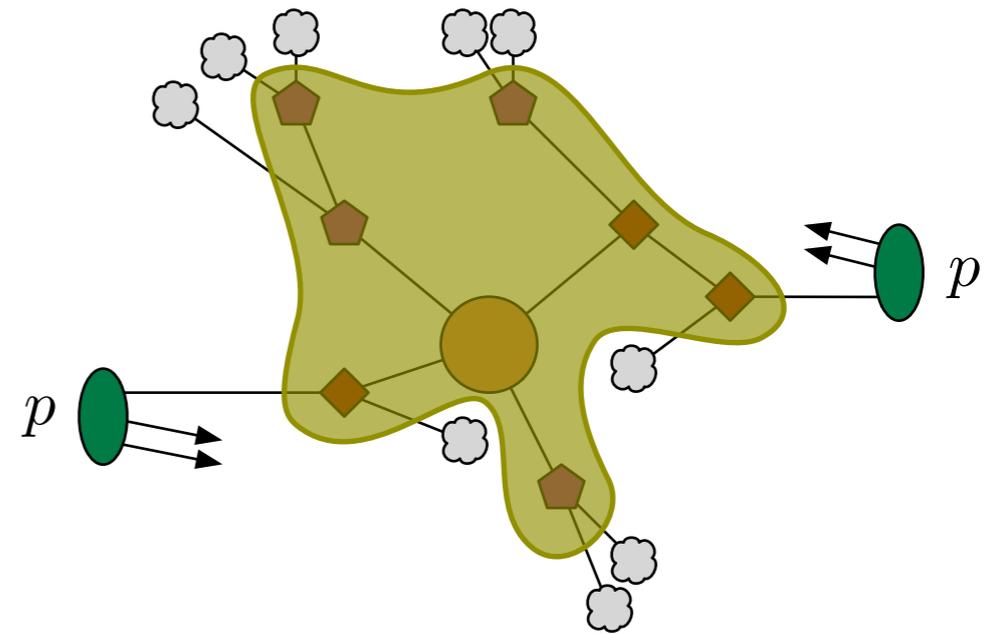
NLO/LL :

MC@NLO, POWHEG, ...

NLO/LO/LL :

Nagy & Soper, VINCIA, ...

Different algorithmic  
procedures for each strategy



Yet all formally equivalent

“Universal” Monte Carlo:

Framework to accomodate any\* theory calculation?

# GenEvA Prototype

Towards a “universal” Monte Carlo tool

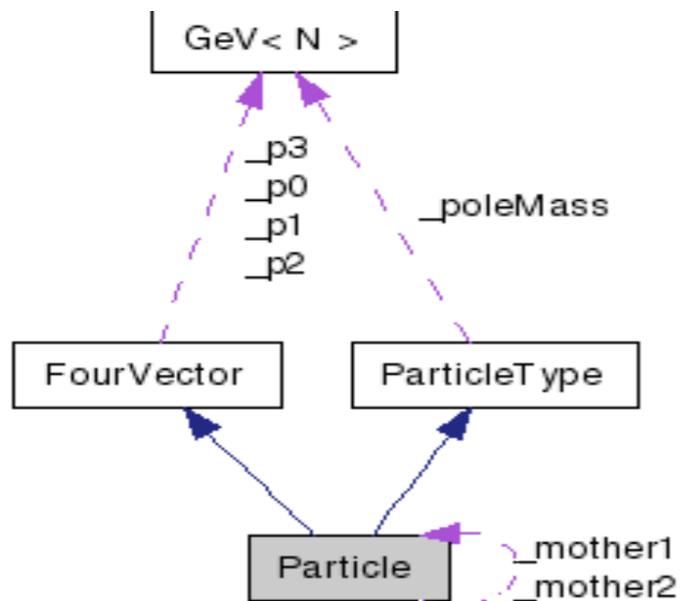
$$e^+ e^- \longrightarrow n \text{ jets}$$

# GenEvA Prototype

Towards a “universal” Monte Carlo tool

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow n \text{ jets}$$

## Actual Code

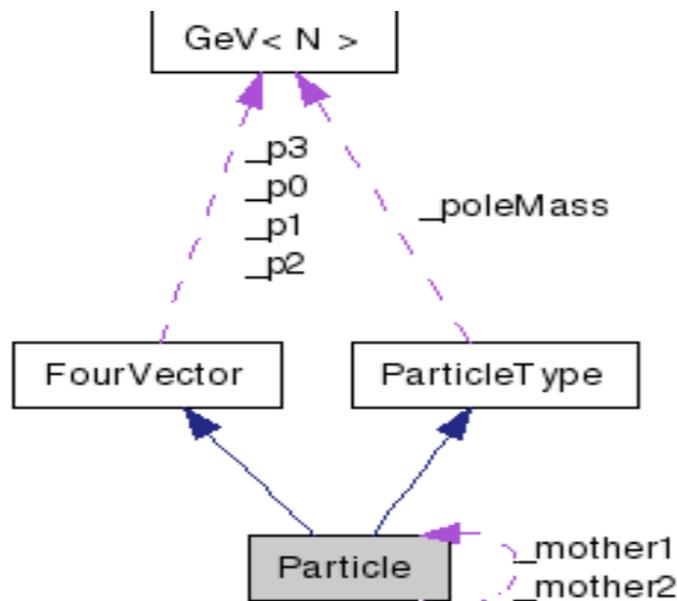


# GenEvA Prototype

Towards a “universal” Monte Carlo tool

$$e^+ e^- \longrightarrow n \text{ jets}$$

## Actual Code



## Actual Calculations

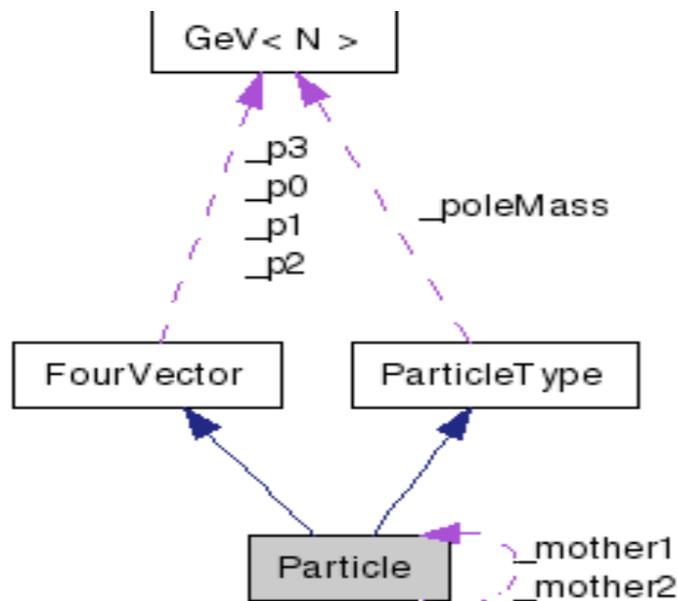
```
+----- Run Statistics
| Process:      Sigma +/- dS (pb)
| Global:      0.253007 +/- 0.001779
| 2j:          0.089849 +/- 0.001760
| 3j:          0.129731 +/- 0.001333
| 4j:          0.029322 +/- 0.000462
| 5j:          0.003693 +/- 0.000104
| 6j:          0.000412 +/- 0.000023
+-----
```

# GenEvA Prototype

Towards a “universal” Monte Carlo tool

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow n \text{ jets}$$

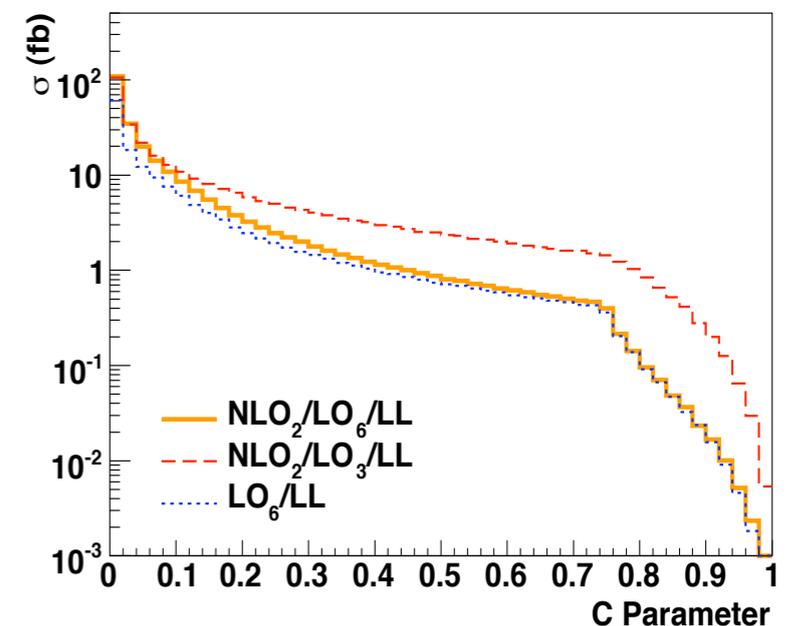
## Actual Code



## Actual Calculations

```
+----- Run Statistics
| Process:      Sigma +/- dS (pb)
| Global:      0.253007 +/- 0.001779
| 2j:          0.089849 +/- 0.001760
| 3j:          0.129731 +/- 0.001333
| 4j:          0.029322 +/- 0.000462
| 5j:          0.003693 +/- 0.000104
| 6j:          0.000412 +/- 0.000023
+-----
```

## Actual Physics

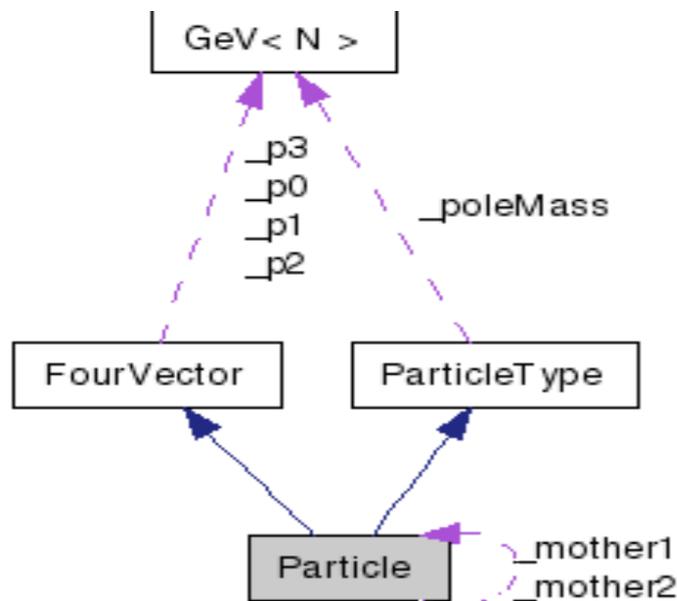


# GenEvA Prototype

Towards a “universal” Monte Carlo tool

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow n \text{ jets}$$

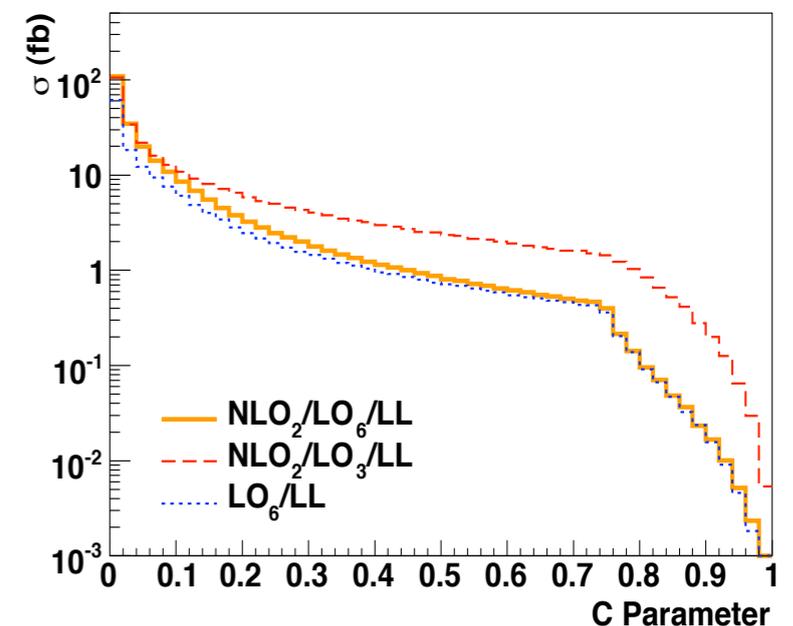
## Actual Code



## Actual Calculations

```
+----- Run Statistics
| Process:      Sigma +/- dS (pb)
| Global:      0.253007 +/- 0.001779
| 2j:          0.089849 +/- 0.001760
| 3j:          0.129731 +/- 0.001333
| 4j:          0.029322 +/- 0.000462
| 5j:          0.003693 +/- 0.000104
| 6j:          0.000412 +/- 0.000023
+-----
```

## Actual Physics



Not actually useful for the Tevatron or LHC... yet.

# GENerate EVents Analytically

- ❖ Universal Monte Carlo
  - ◆ Merging Partonic and Hadronic Strategies
  - ◆ Why GenEvA?
- ❖ Approximating Amplitudes
  - ◆ Diagram Visualization
  - ◆ Calculations vs. Algorithms
- ❖ The GenEvA Strategy
  - ◆ Monte Carlo as Effective Theory
  - ◆ Results! NLO/LO/LL Example
- ❖ (Future Directions)
  - ◆ (The NLO Cascade)
  - ◆ (Heavy Resonances & Hadronic Collisions)

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool...

...with a built-in amplitude approximation scheme...

...yielding an efficient, versatile, and improvable event generator.

# Universal Monte Carlo

Merging Partonic and Hadronic Strategies

# Key Assumption

Meaningful Parton  $\rightarrow$  Hadron Map

Strictly speaking, only well defined quantity is

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$

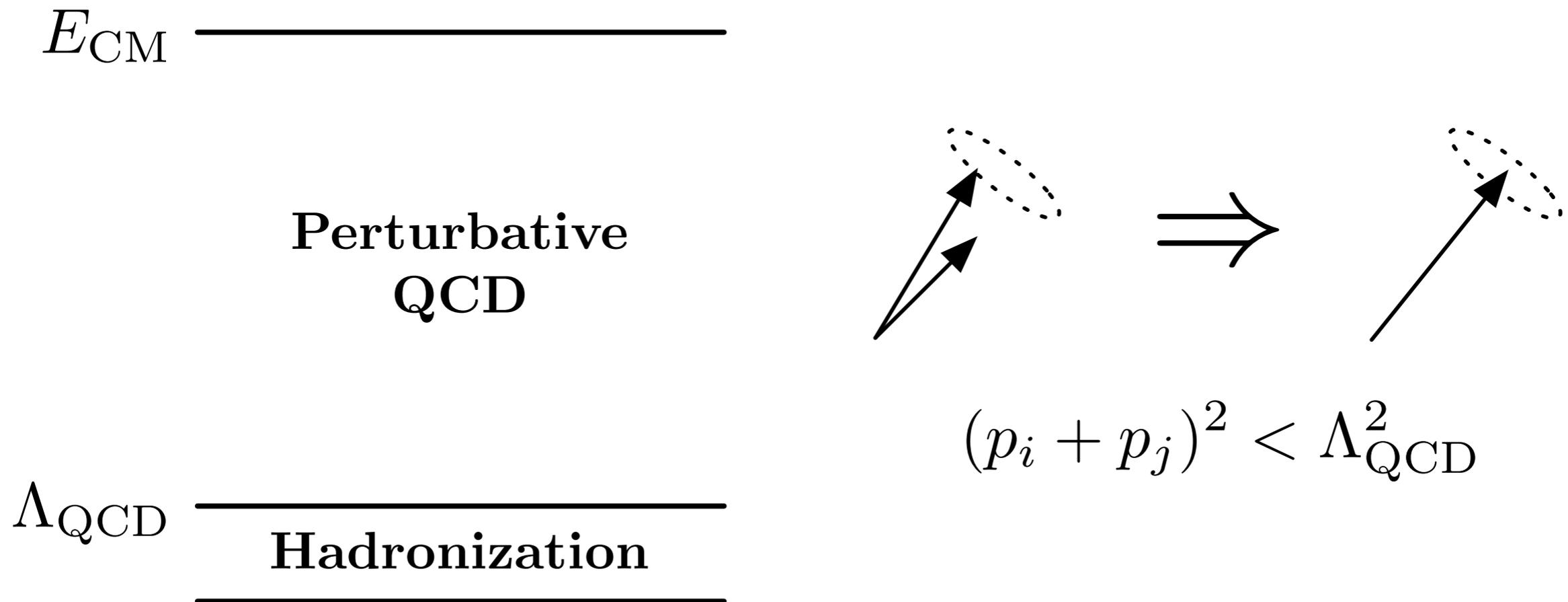
Assume this is well approximated by

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{partons} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$

This violates quantum mechanics, but good enough for jet-based measurements. Proved in certain cases with pQCD/SCET factorization.

# Universal Monte Carlo

Regulated Partonic Phase Space with Hadronization

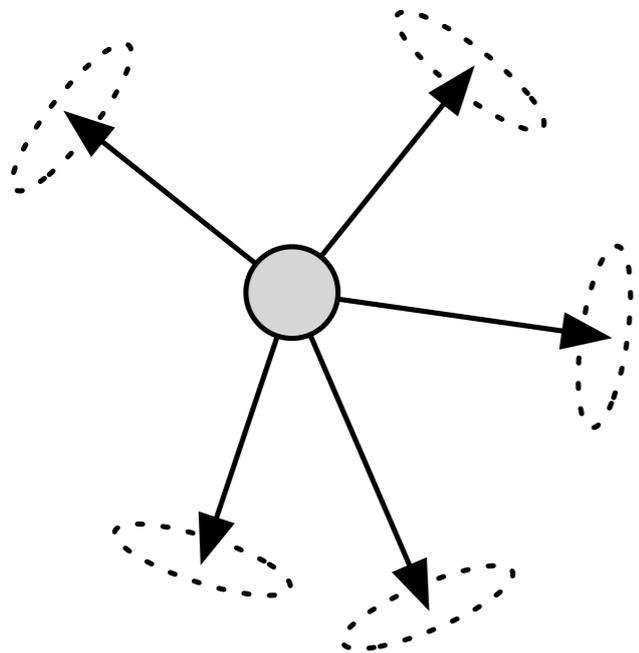


Integrate out partonic phase space below  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$   
and replace with some hadronization model.

# Universal Monte Carlo

## Regulated Partonic Phase Space with Hadronization

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$



$$|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 + \int_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} |\mathcal{M}_{n+1}|^2 + \dots$$

$$d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) = d\Phi_n \theta((p_i + p_j)^2 > \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$$

$$n_{\text{total}} = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{E_{\text{CM}}}$$

This is the best approximation to hadronic observables assuming a probabilistic parton  $\rightarrow$  hadron map.

# Trivial Version of UMC

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

1. Choose random integer  $n$  between 2 and  $n_{\text{total}}$
2. Pick a random point in  $n$ -body Lorentz invariant phase space, subject to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  constraint
3. Assign that point a weight

$$w_{\text{point}} = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2}{\mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n)} \quad \mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n) = \frac{1}{n_{\text{total}} - 1} \frac{1}{\int d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})}$$

4. Run hadronization scheme on phase space point

# Trivial Version of UMC

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

1. Choose random integer  $n$  between 2 and  $n_{\text{total}}$
2. Pick a random point in  $n$ -body Lorentz invariant phase space, subject to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  constraint
3. Assign that point a weight

$$w_{\text{point}} = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2}{\mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n)} \quad \mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n) = \frac{1}{n_{\text{total}} - 1} \frac{1}{\int d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})}$$

4. Run hadronization scheme on phase space point

Cross section for  
any measurement:

$$\sigma_X = \langle w_{\text{point}} X_{\text{point}} \rangle$$

# Trivial Version of UMC

Works on paper, but completely impractical!

$$\sigma_{\text{total}} = \langle w \rangle \quad \delta\sigma_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{\frac{\langle w^2 \rangle - \langle w \rangle^2}{N}}$$

Minimize error if weight distribution peaks at one value

$$w = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2}{\mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n)}$$

Flat phase space  
is really inefficient!

# Trivial Version of UMC

Works on paper, but completely impractical!

$$\sigma_{\text{total}} = \langle w \rangle \quad \delta\sigma_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{\frac{\langle w^2 \rangle - \langle w \rangle^2}{N}}$$

Minimize error if weight distribution peaks at one value

$$w = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2}{\mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n)} \quad \text{Flat phase space is really inefficient!}$$

GenEvA (which is a UMC) solves this problem by choosing a probability distribution that knows about the singularity and symmetry structure of QCD.

# Trivial Version of UMC

Ok, it might be practical, but it needs too much information.

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

To get perfect answer, would need all orders amplitudes.

# Trivial Version of UMC

Ok, it might be practical, but it needs too much information.

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

To get perfect answer, would need all orders amplitudes.

$|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2$  only known for  $n \leq n_{\text{max}} \ll n_{\text{total}}$

$|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2$  usually only known to tree level  
(loop if we're lucky,  
two loop if we're really lucky)

UMC useless unless we can approximate all orders amplitudes.

Every Monte Carlo expert would agree that a Universal Monte Carlo tool would be useful if all amplitudes were known to all orders.

Every Monte Carlo expert would agree that a Universal Monte Carlo tool would be useful if all amplitudes were known to all orders.

But we don't know all amplitudes to all orders.  
That's why different Monte Carlo tools exist.

Every Monte Carlo expert would agree that a Universal Monte Carlo tool would be useful if all amplitudes were known to all orders.

But we don't know all amplitudes to all orders.  
That's why different Monte Carlo tools exist.

In terms of the (perturbative) physics, any standard Monte Carlo is just a Universal Monte Carlo with a specific choice for how to approximate the all orders amplitude.

Every Monte Carlo expert would agree that a Universal Monte Carlo tool would be useful if all amplitudes were known to all orders.

But we don't know all amplitudes to all orders.  
That's why different Monte Carlo tools exist.

In terms of the (perturbative) physics, any standard Monte Carlo is just a Universal Monte Carlo with a specific choice for how to approximate the all orders amplitude.

Pythia/Herwig/etc. work well out of the box because they contain really good amplitude approximations.

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo that takes user-specified partial amplitudes and creates full amplitude approximations out of them.

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo that takes user-specified partial amplitudes and creates full amplitude approximations out of them.

If you don't like the way that GenEvA approximates amplitudes, no problem. Create a user-specified full amplitude, and GenEvA will use that instead.

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool...

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

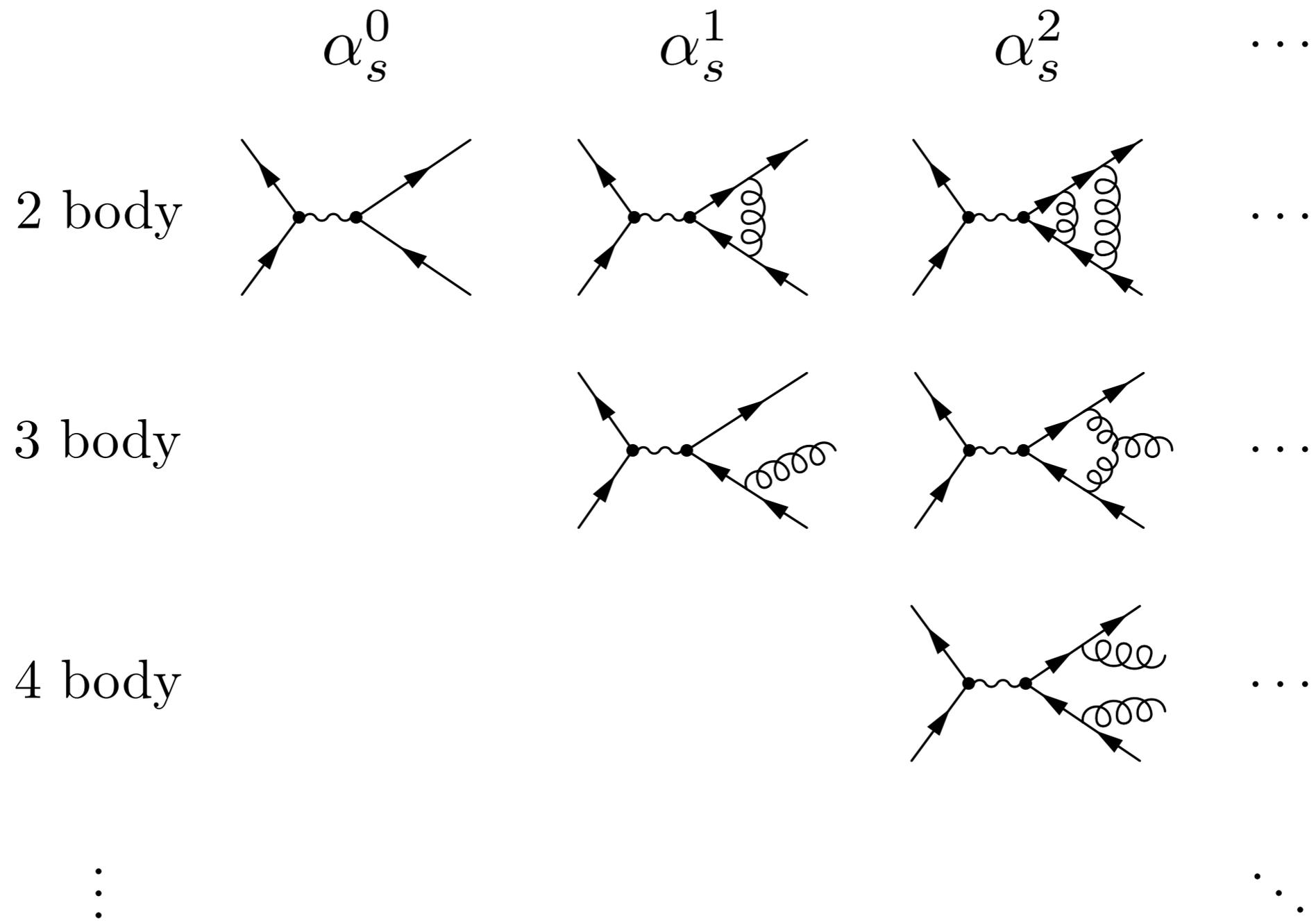
...with a built-in amplitude approximation scheme...

...yielding an efficient, versatile, and improvable event generator.

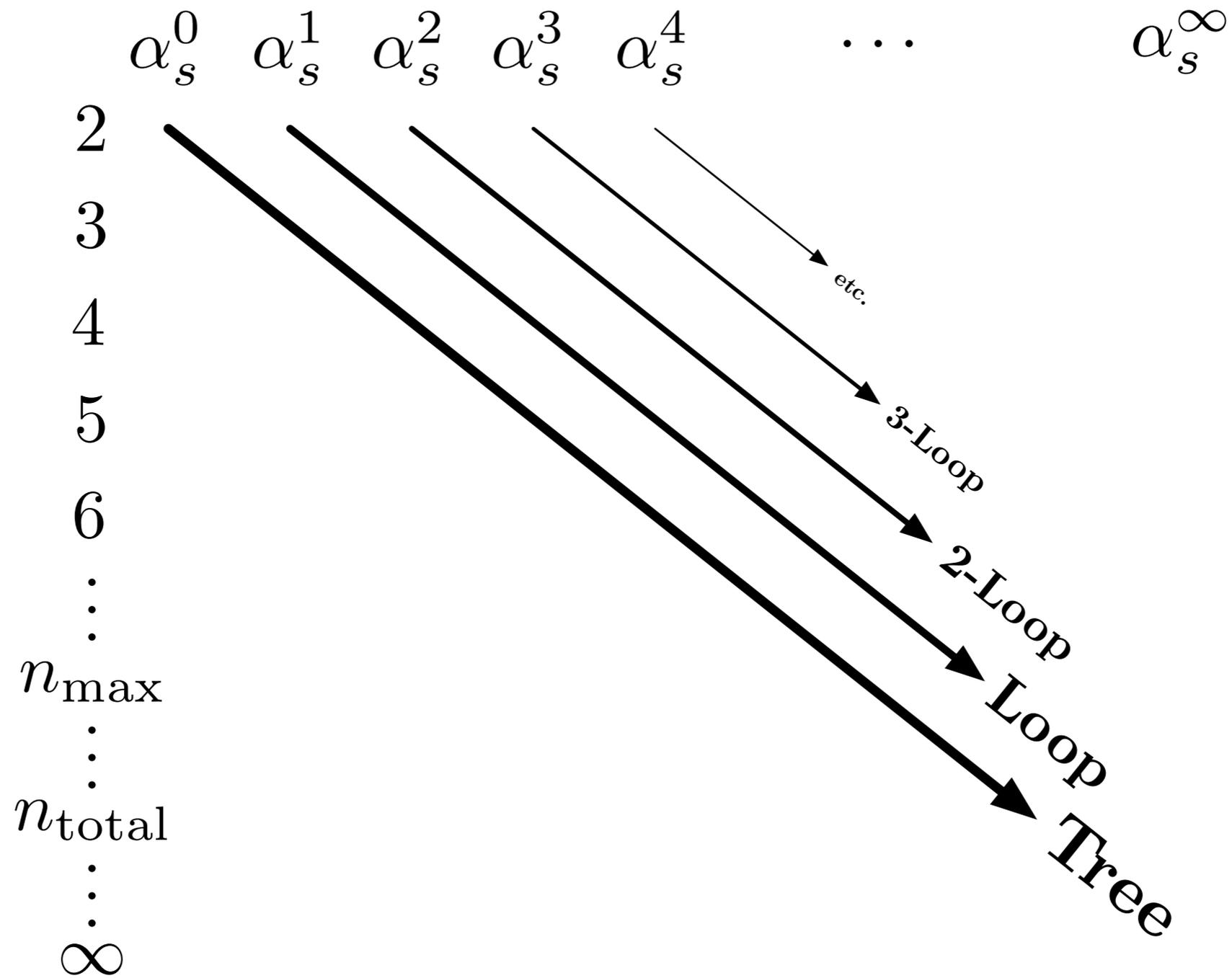
# Approximating Amplitudes

From Loops & Legs to Running & Matching

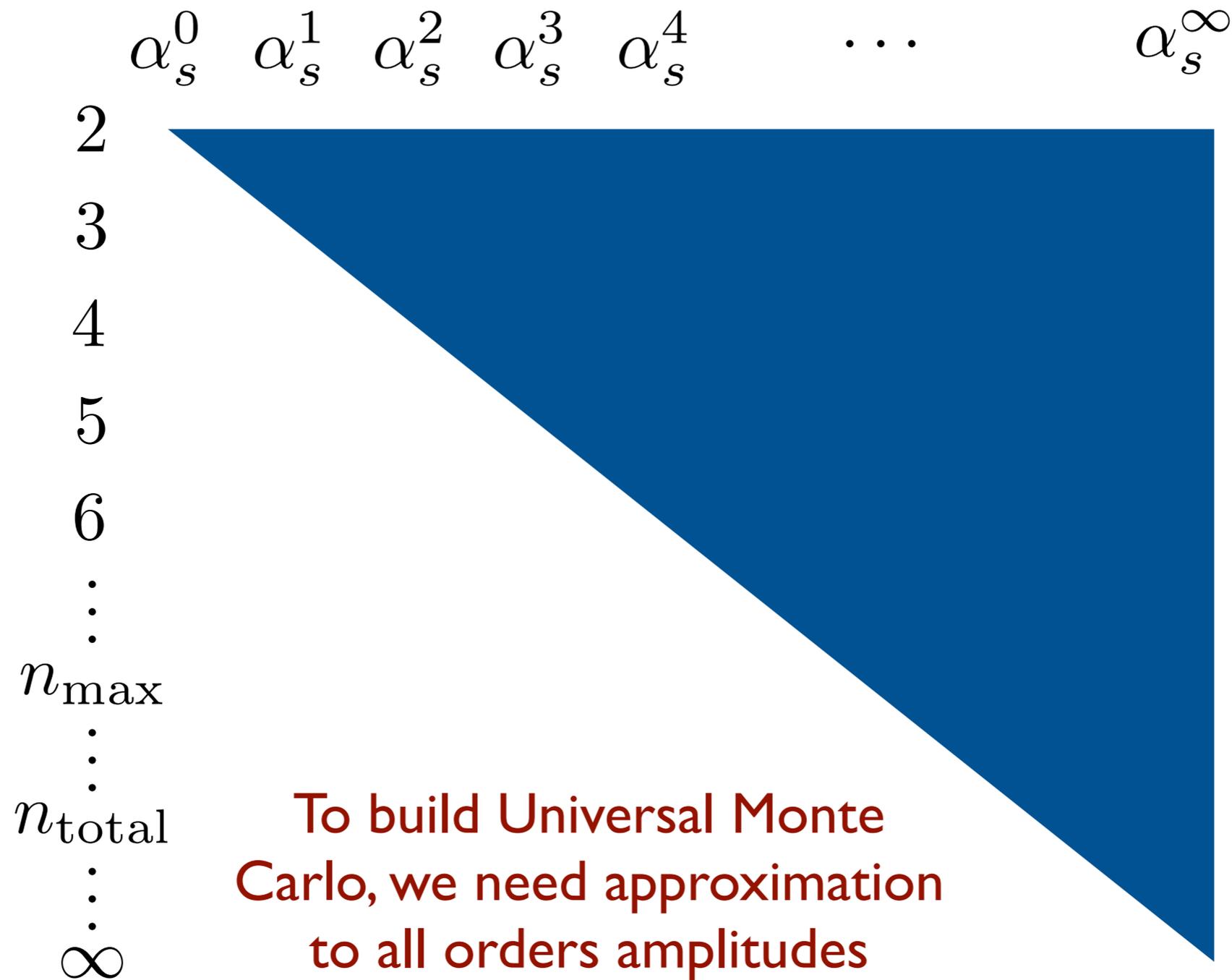
# Diagram Visualization



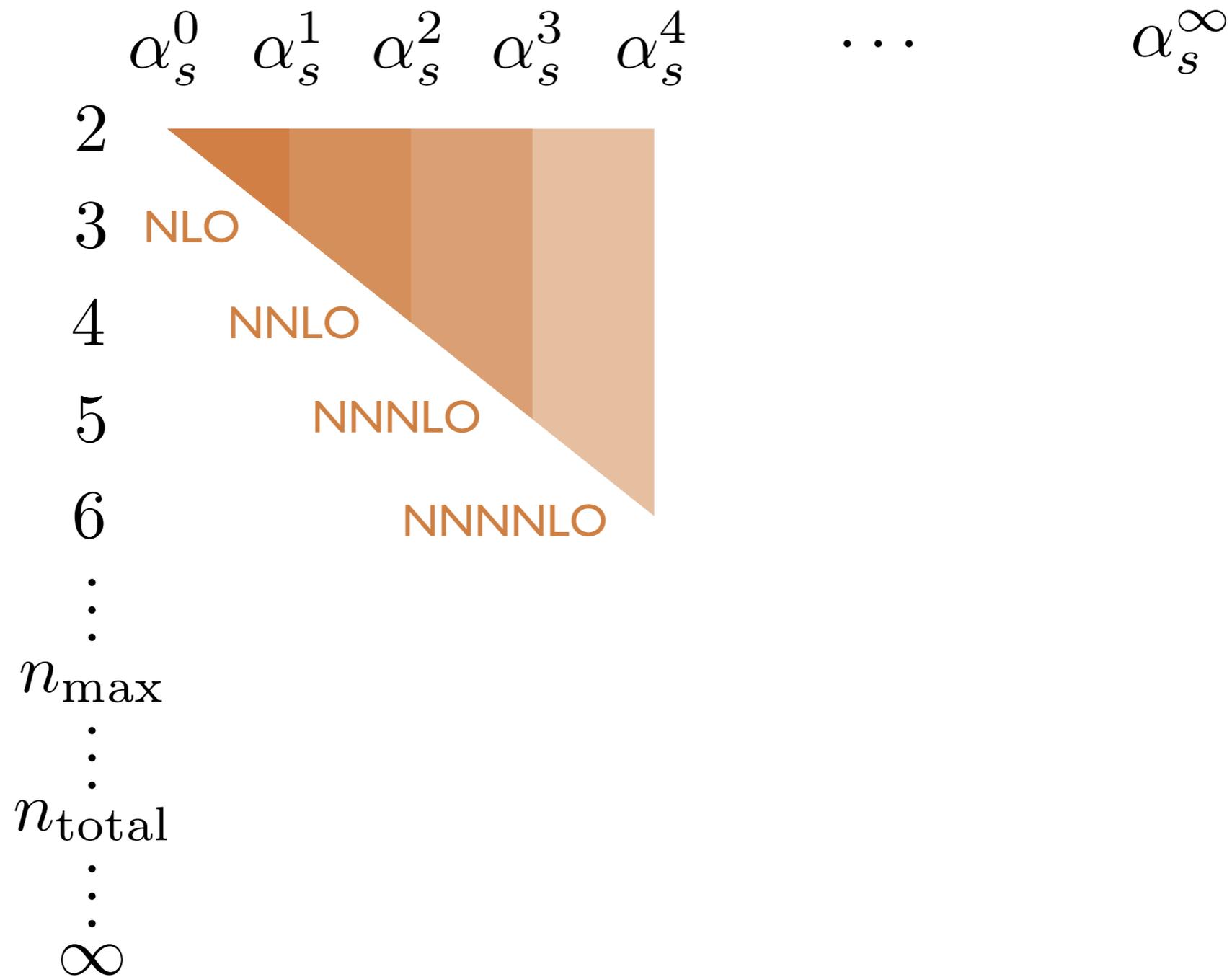
# Diagram Visualization



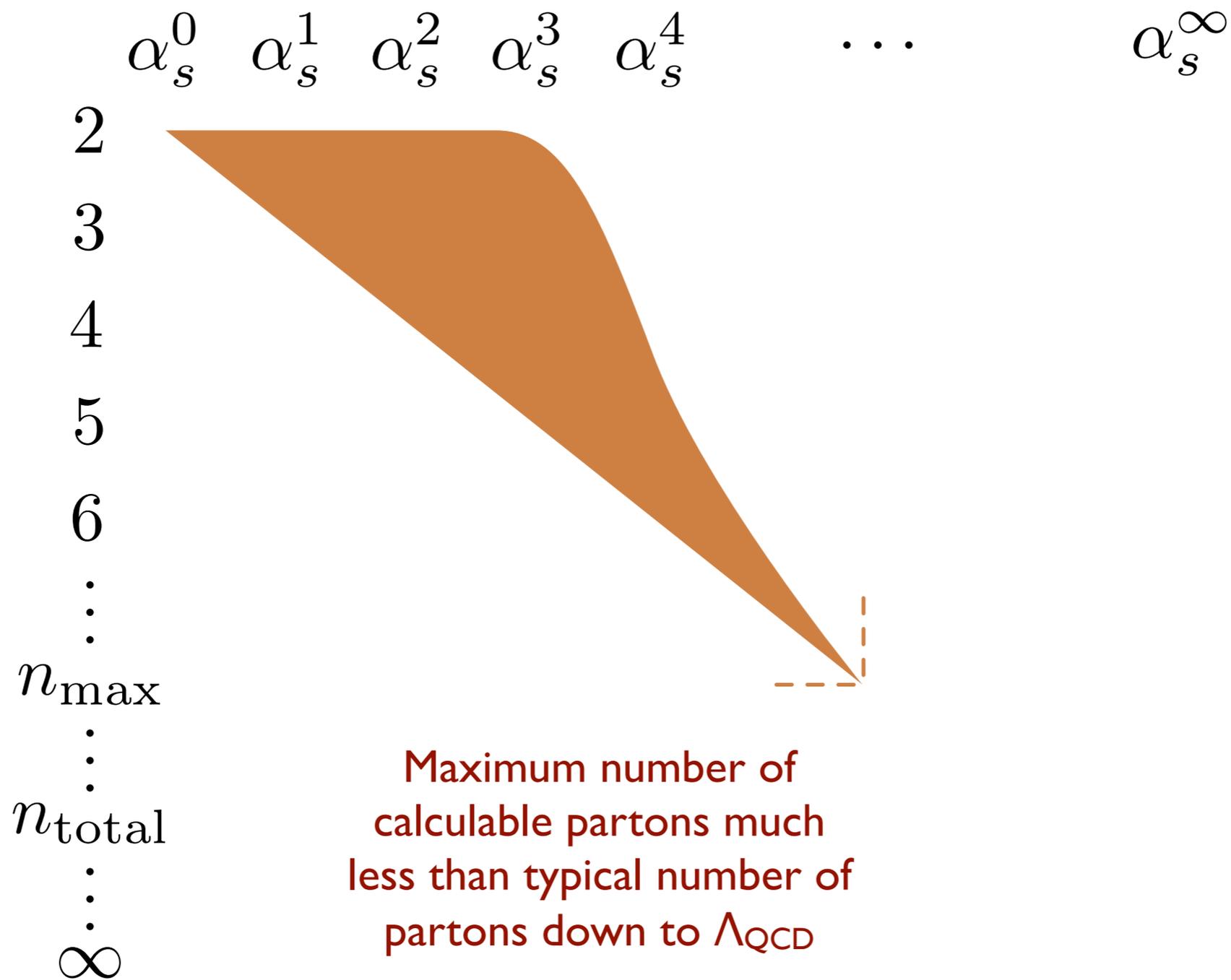
# Universal Monte Carlo?



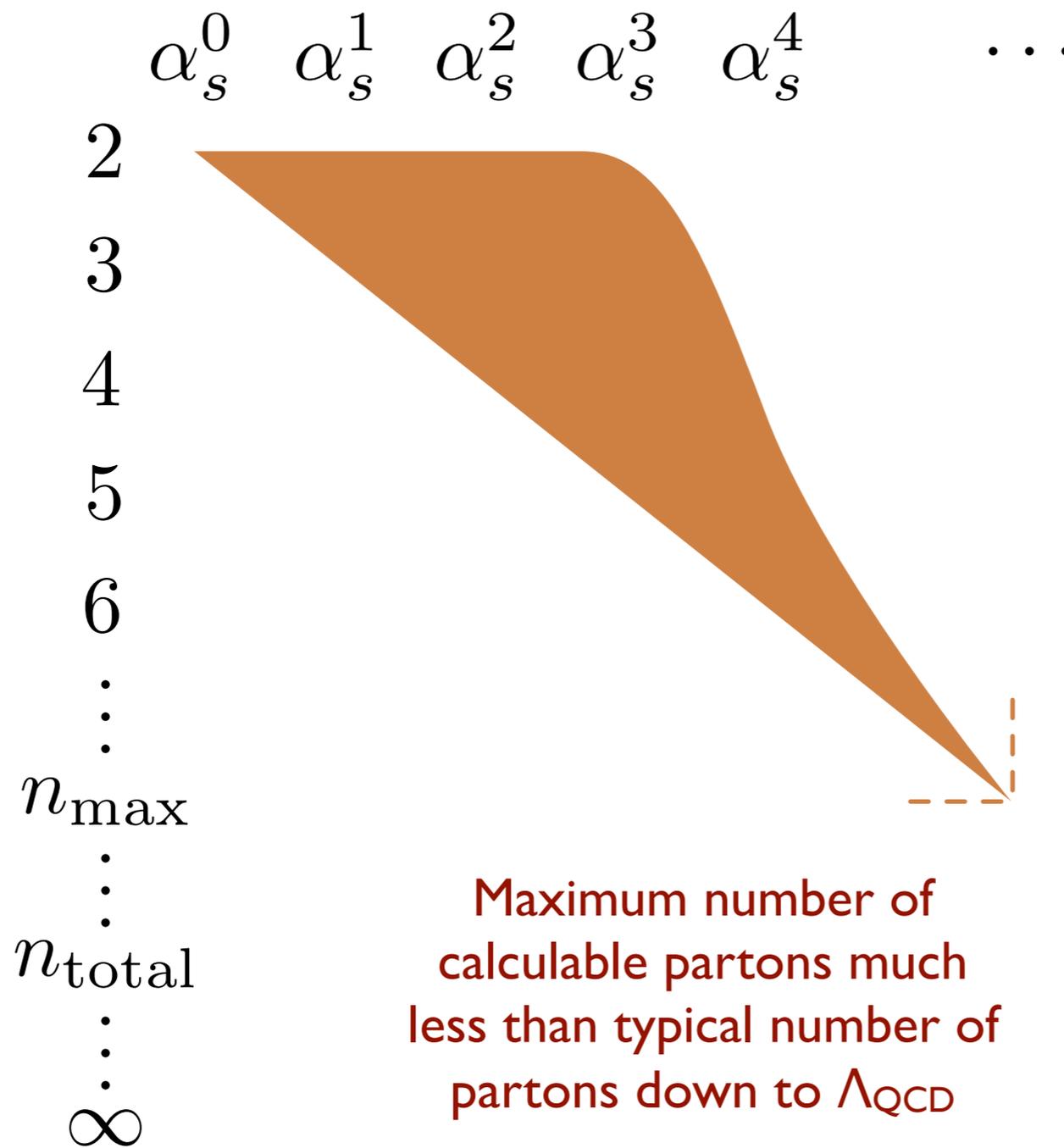
# Fixed-Order Calculations (N<sup>i</sup>LO)



# Known Diagrams



# Known Diagrams



For UMC, very bad approximation to take unknown diagrams as zero.

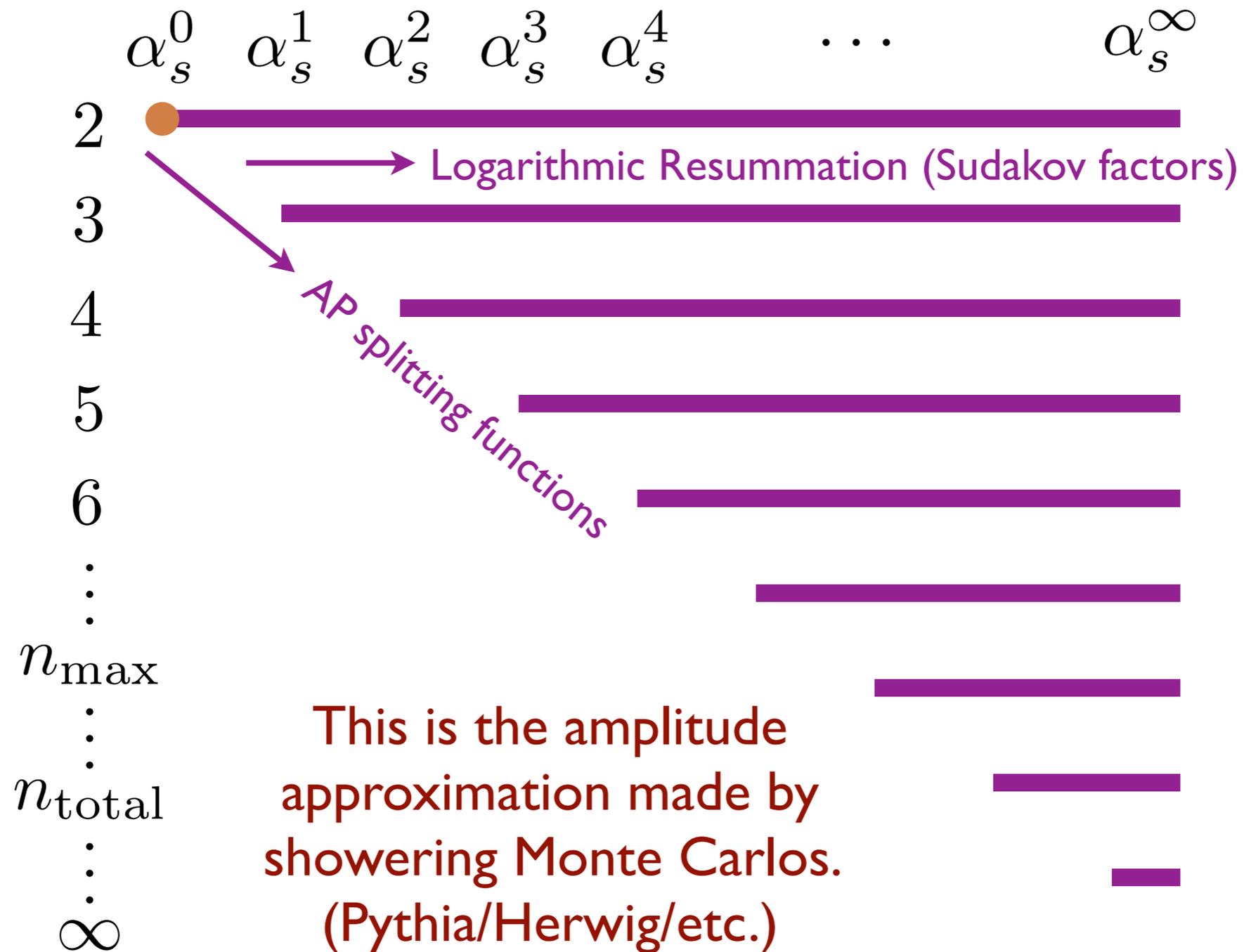
E.g.: 2 jet cross section well approximated by 2 parton tree diagram ( $\alpha_s^0$ ). But in UMC, a typical 2 jet event has 20 partons ( $\alpha_s^{18}$ ).  $\int \alpha_s^{18} \neq \alpha_s^0$

Maximum number of calculable partons much less than typical number of partons down to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

# Logarithmic Resummation (N<sup>j</sup>LL)



# Logarithmic Resummation (LL)



# Logarithmic Resummation (LL)

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ + \text{1-loop} \\ + \text{2-loop} \\ + \dots \end{array} \right|^2 \approx \left| \text{tree} \right|^2 \times \exp \left[ - \int_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}^{E_{\text{CM}}} dt Q(t) \right]$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ + \text{1-loop} \\ + \dots \end{array} \right|^2 \approx \left| \text{tree} \right|^2 \times Q(t) \times \exp \left[ - \int_t^{E_{\text{CM}}} dt' Q(t') \right] \times \exp \left[ - \int_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}^t dt'' \tilde{Q}(t'') \right]$$

# Logarithmic Resummation (LL)

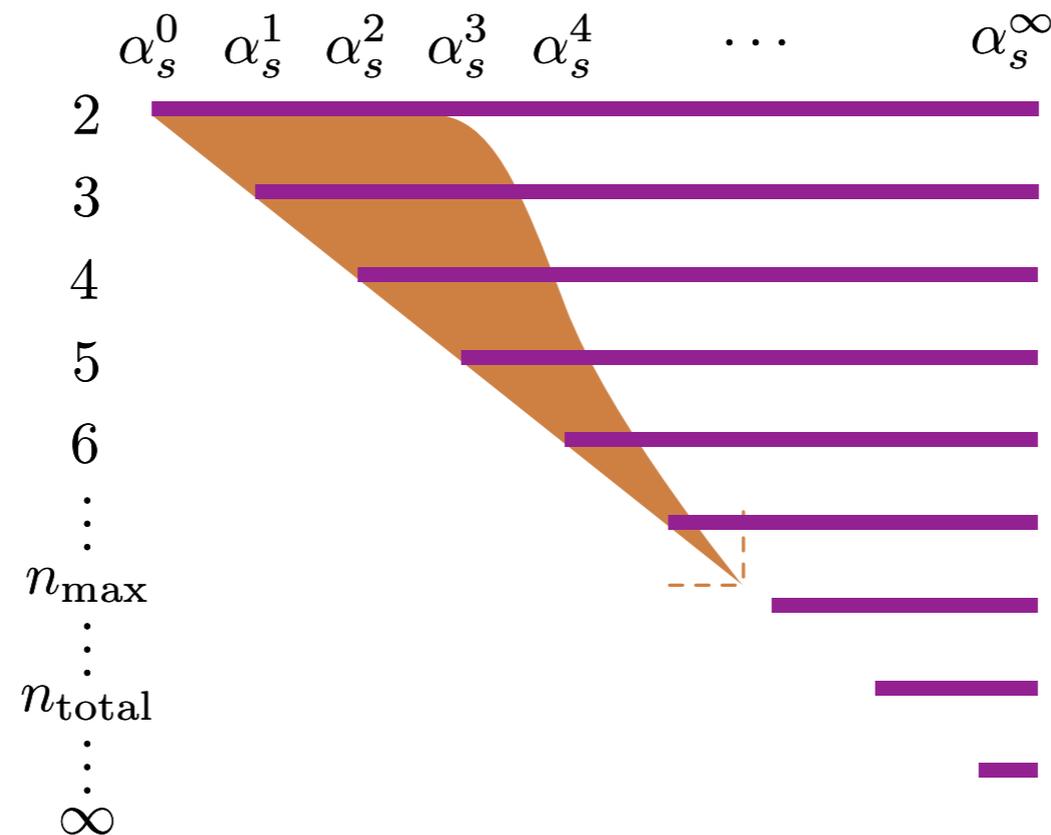
$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Born} \\ \text{tree} \\ \text{level} \end{array} \right|^2 \approx \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Born} \\ \text{tree} \\ \text{level} \end{array} \right|^2 \times \exp \left[ - \int_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}^{E_{\text{CM}}} dt Q(t) \right]$$

- Born Amplitude
- Splitting Function
- Sudakov Factor

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Born} \\ \text{tree} \\ \text{level} \end{array} \right|^2 \approx \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Born} \\ \text{tree} \\ \text{level} \end{array} \right|^2 \times Q(t) \times \exp \left[ - \int_t^{E_{\text{CM}}} dt' Q(t') \right] \times \exp \left[ - \int_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}^t dt'' \tilde{Q}(t'') \right]$$

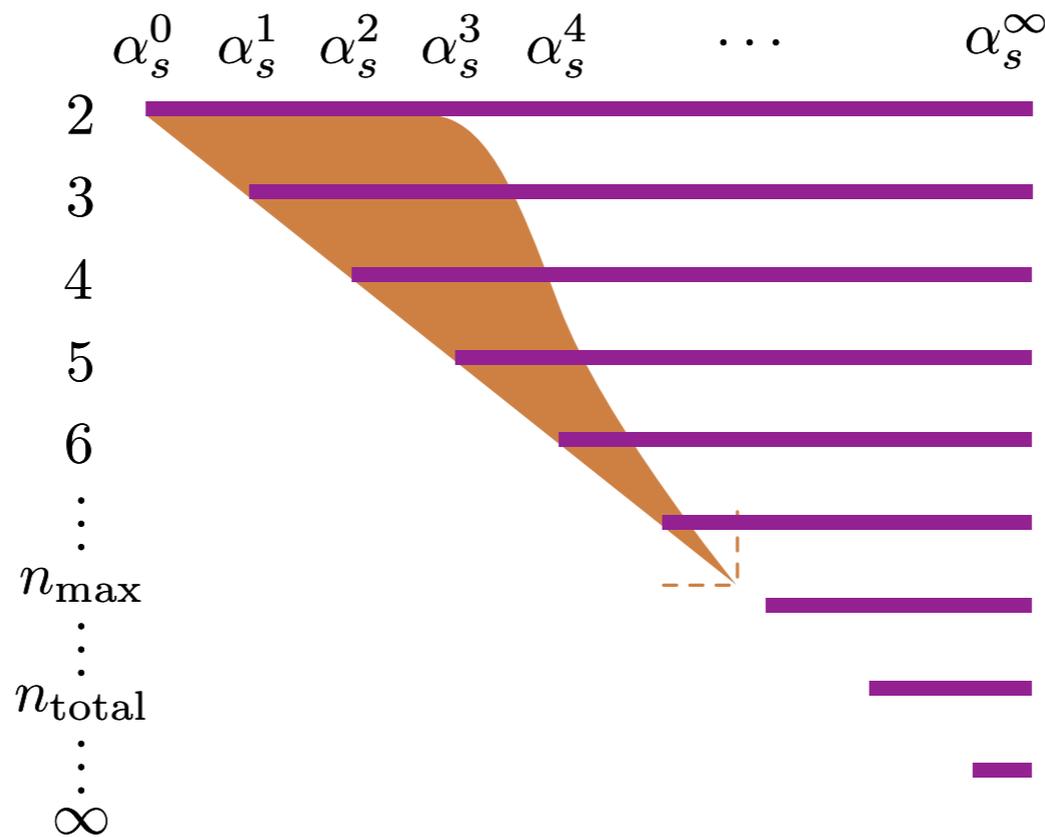
# NiLO/NjLL?

How do we build **inclusive/exclusive** amplitude approximation?  
(Morally equivalent to merging **partonic/hadronic** strategies.)



# N<sup>i</sup>LO/N<sup>j</sup>LL?

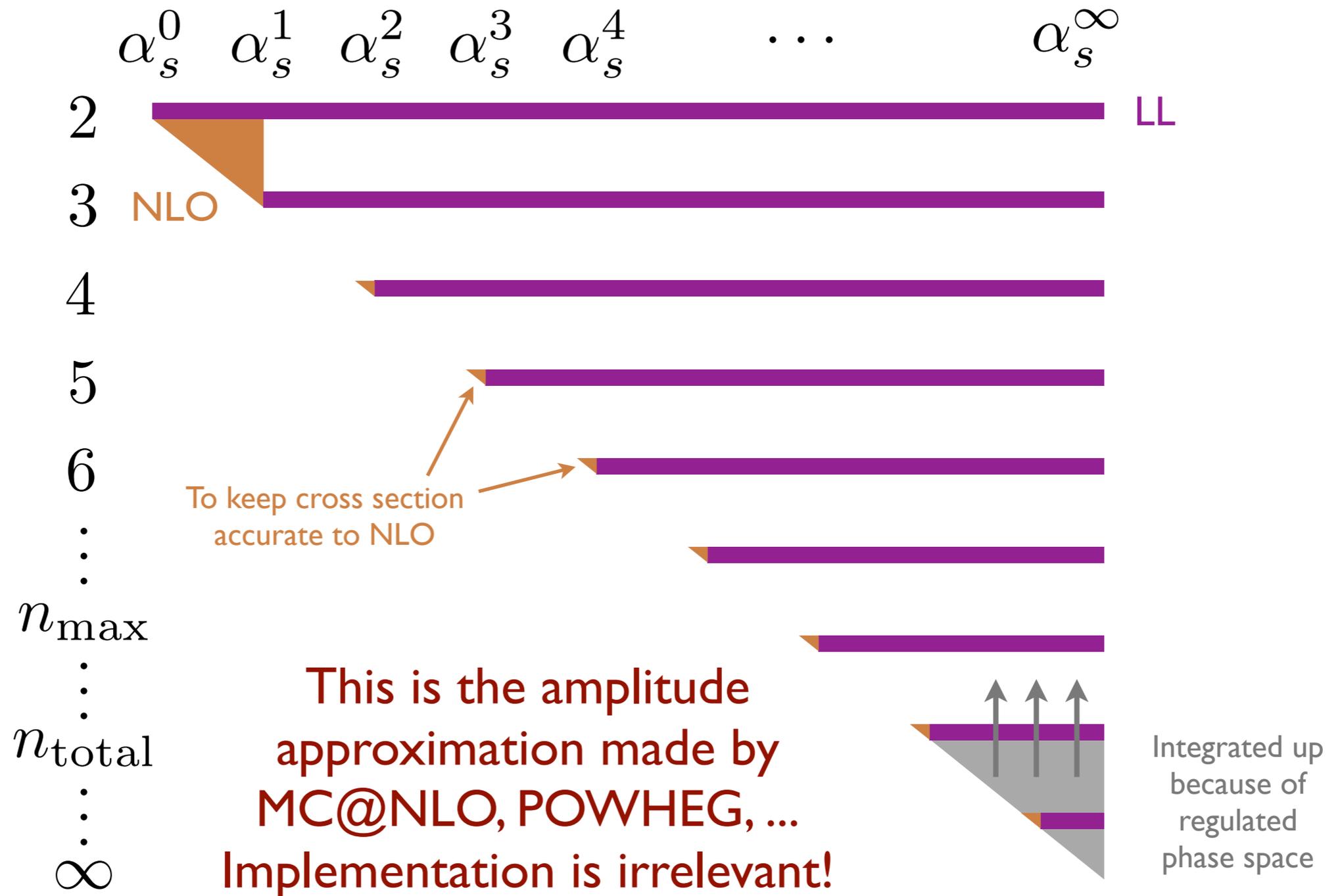
How do we build **inclusive/exclusive** amplitude approximation?  
 (Morally equivalent to merging **partonic/hadronic** strategies.)



Just write down a formal  
 expression with **N<sup>i</sup>LO/N<sup>j</sup>LL**  
 accuracy and hand it to a UMC.

$$|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2$$

# NLO/LL Calculation



# NLO/LL Calculation

Combine Loop Diagrams (NLO) with Sudakov Factors (LL)

$$\begin{aligned}d\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MC@NLO}}^n(\mu) &= d\sigma_{\text{tree}}^n \Delta_{\text{Sudakov}}(\mu) \\ &\quad + \left( d\sigma_{\text{loop}}^n - d\sigma_{\text{tree}}^n \int Q_{\text{split}} \right) \Delta_{\text{Sudakov}}(\mu) \\ &= d\sigma_{\text{tree}}^n + d\sigma_{\text{loop}}^n + \mathcal{O}(\text{NNLO})\end{aligned}$$

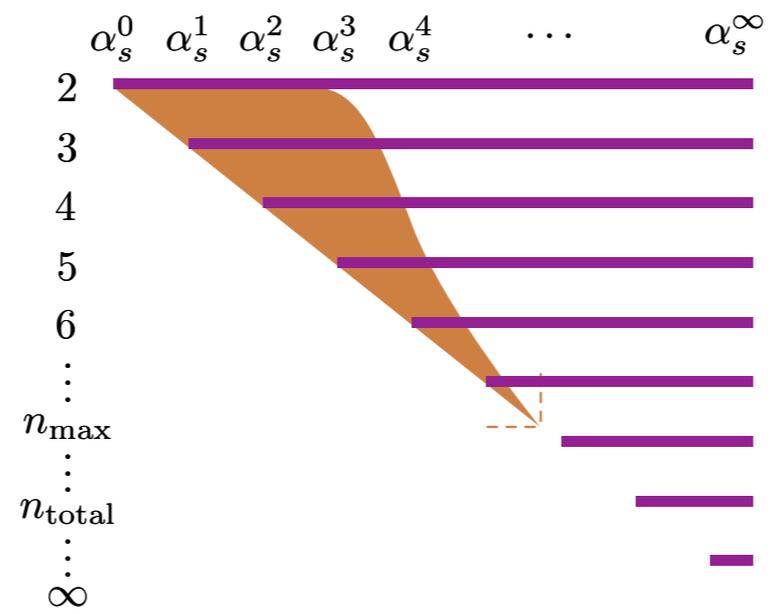
$$\begin{aligned}d\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MC@NLO}}^{n+1}(\mu) &= d\sigma_{\text{tree}}^{n+1} + Q_{\text{split}} \left( \hat{\sigma}_{\text{MC@NLO}}^n(\mu) - d\sigma_{\text{tree}}^n \right) \\ &= d\sigma_{\text{tree}}^{n+1} + \mathcal{O}(\text{NNLO})\end{aligned}$$

LL running while also canceling  
IR divergences. Clever!

(MC@NLO, POWHEG, ...)

If existing  $N^iLO/N^jLL$  methods are equivalent to choosing an amplitude approximation, why isn't there already a UMC program on the market?

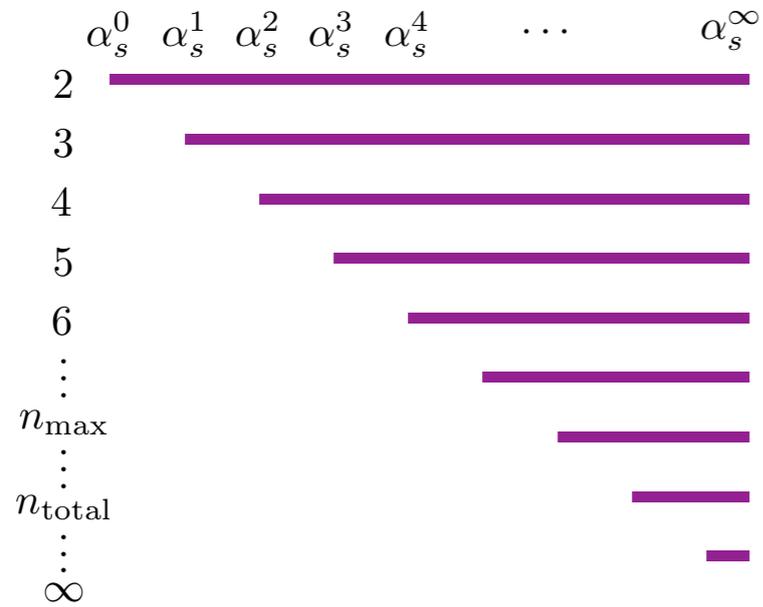
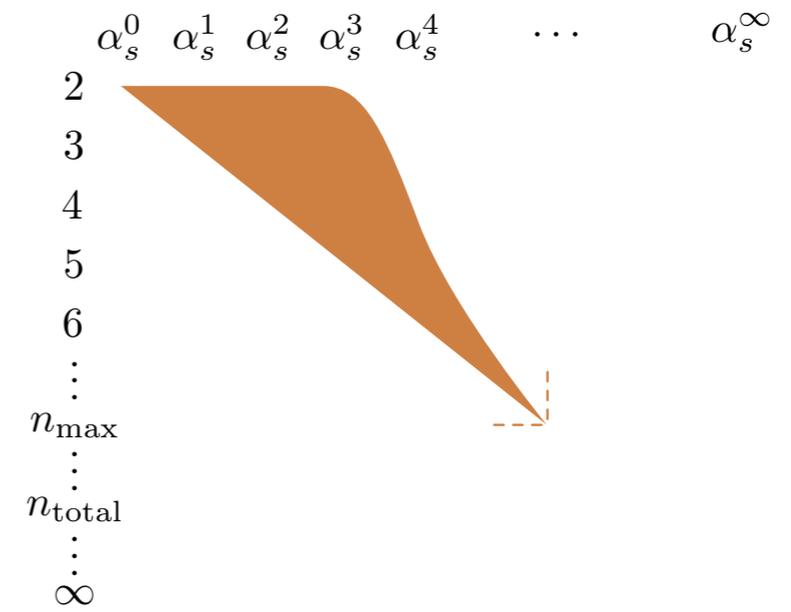
# N<sup>i</sup>LO (Inclusive)



# N<sup>j</sup>LL (Exclusive)

# Partonic Strategy

(Fixed-Order Calc.)

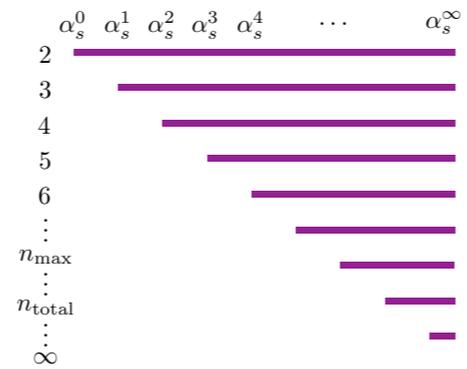
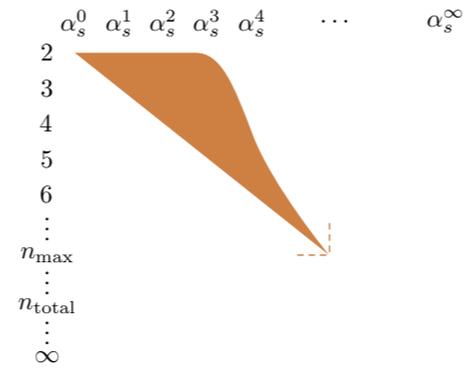


# Hadronic Strategy

(Parton Shower)

# Partonic Strategy

(Fixed-Order Calc.)



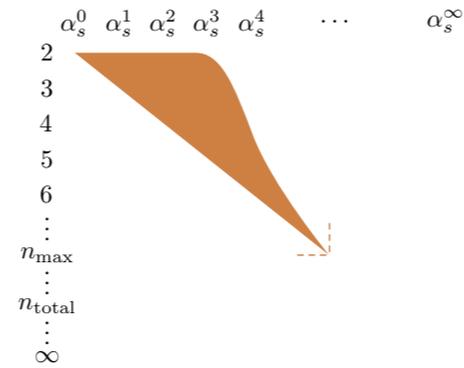
# Hadronic Strategy

(Parton Shower)

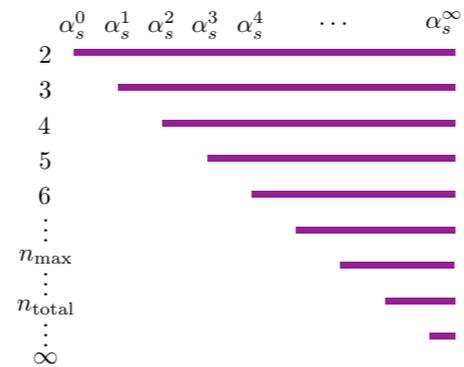
Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion

# Partonic Strategy

(Fixed-Order Calc.)



Fixed n-body  
Phase Space

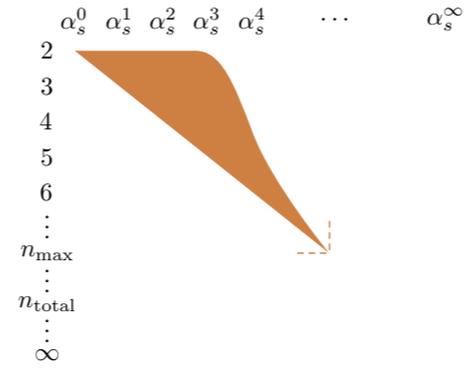


# Hadronic Strategy

(Parton Shower)

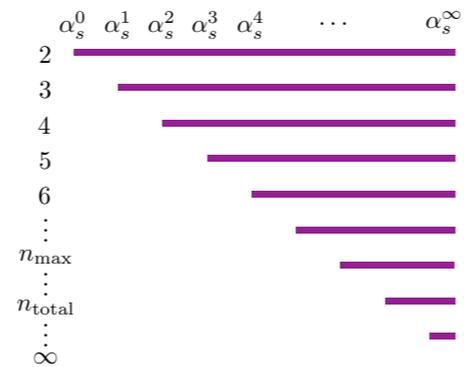
Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion

Partonic  
Strategy  
(Fixed-Order Calc.)



Fixed n-body  
Phase Space

Soft Collinear  
Limit



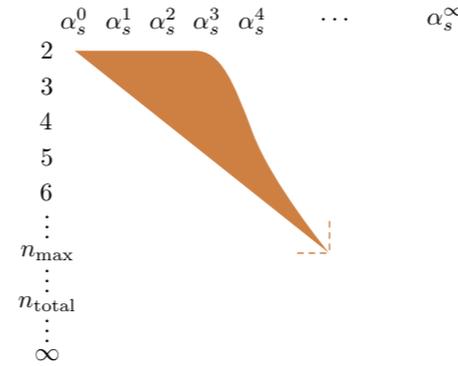
Hadronic  
Strategy  
(Parton Shower)

Recursive  
Phase Space

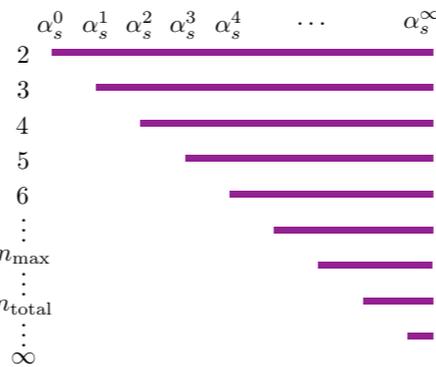
Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion

Partonic  
Strategy  
(Fixed-Order Calc.)

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space



Soft Collinear  
Limit



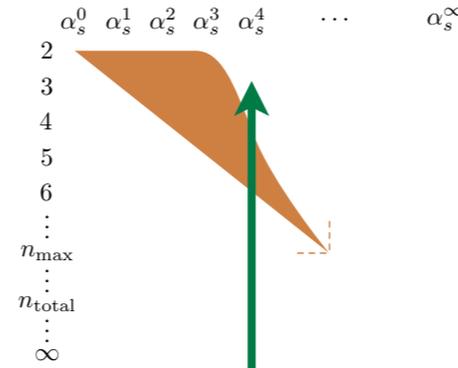
Hadronic  
Strategy  
(Parton Shower)

Recursive  
Phase Space

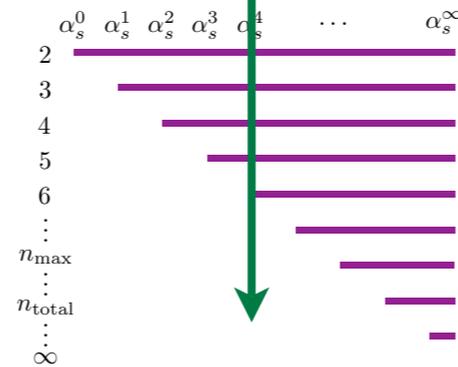
Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion

Partonic  
Strategy  
(Fixed-Order Calc.)

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space



Merge?



Soft Collinear  
Limit

Hadronic  
Strategy  
(Parton Shower)

Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space

Soft Collinear  
Limit

Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion

Soft Collinear  
Limit

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space

Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion



Soft Collinear  
Limit

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space

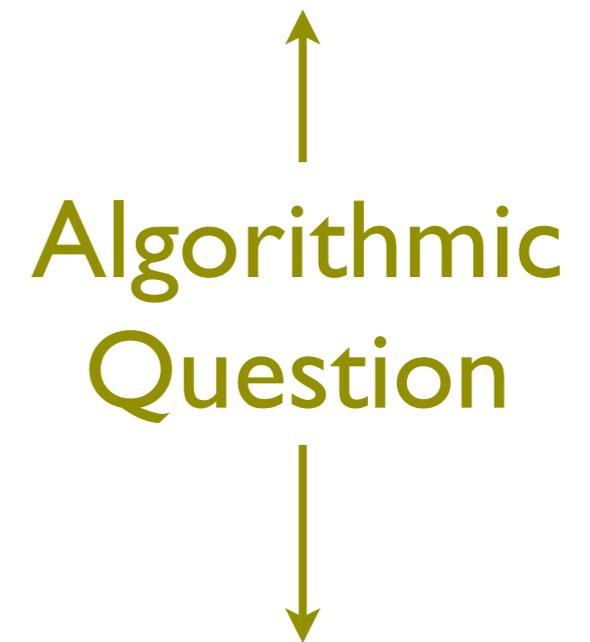
Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion



Soft Collinear  
Limit

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space



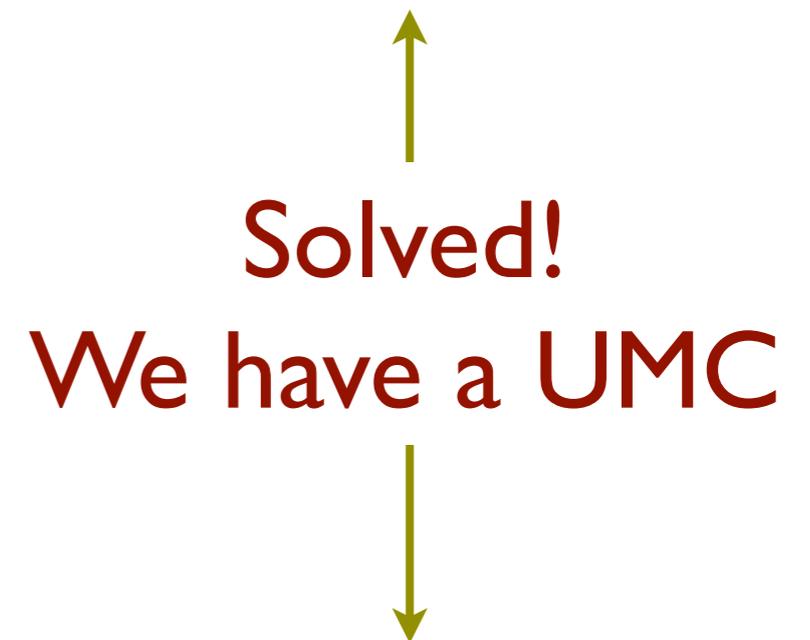
Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion



Soft Collinear  
Limit

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space



Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion



Amplitude  
Approximation?



Soft Collinear  
Limit

Fixed n-body  
Phase Space



Solved!  
We have a UMC



Recursive  
Phase Space

Perturbative  
 $\alpha_s$  Expansion



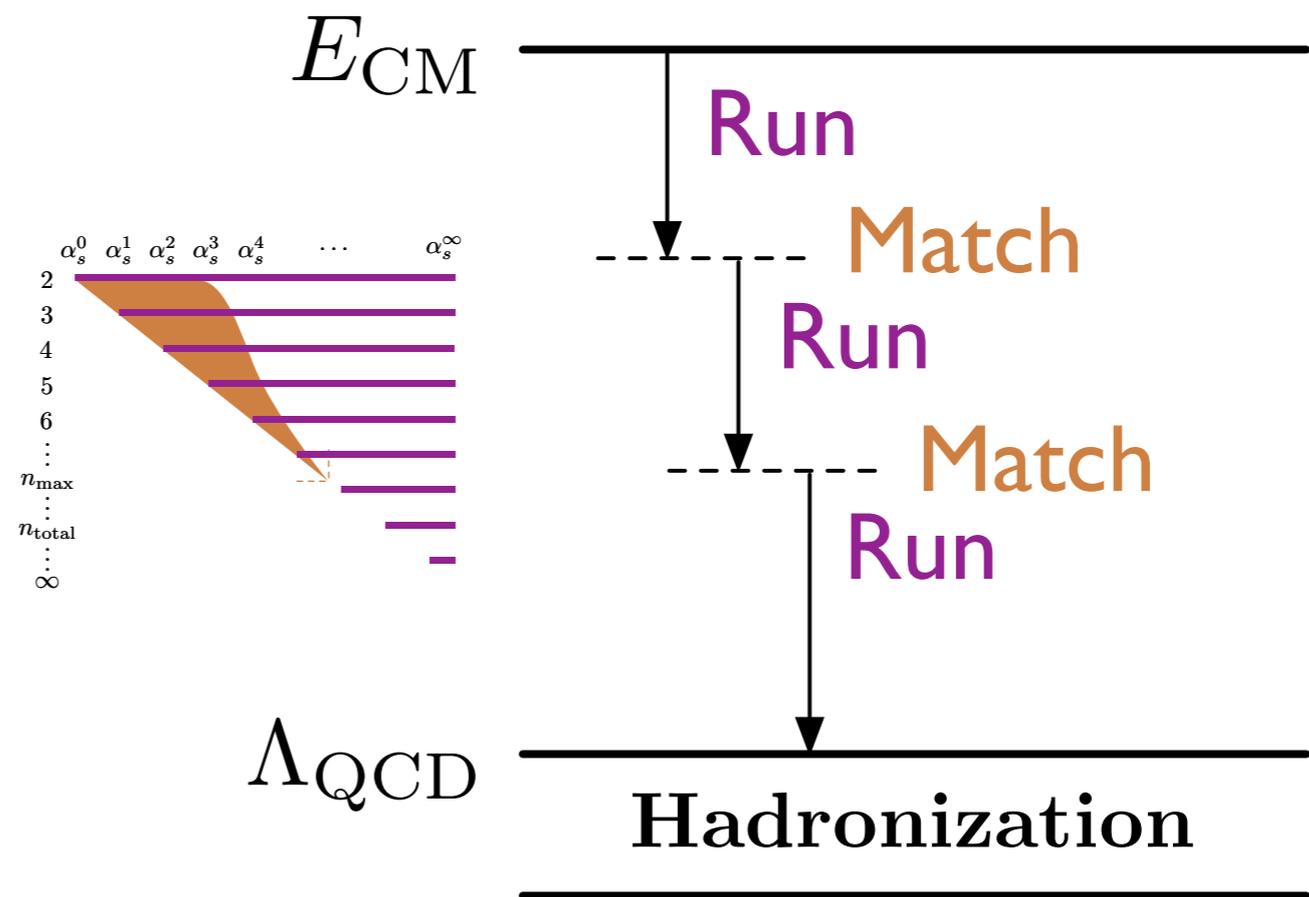
Amplitude  
Approximation?



Soft Collinear  
Limit

# GenEvA

Organize MC same way  
you would organize EFT!



(Just a choice of amplitude approximation)

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool...

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

...with a built-in amplitude approximation scheme...

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

**Matching** **Running**

...yielding an efficient, versatile, and improvable event generator.

# The GenEvA Strategy

Monte Carlo as Effective Theory

# Key Technical Advance

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

# Key Technical Advance

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

## Amplitude Approximation Scheme

$$|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2$$

*is*

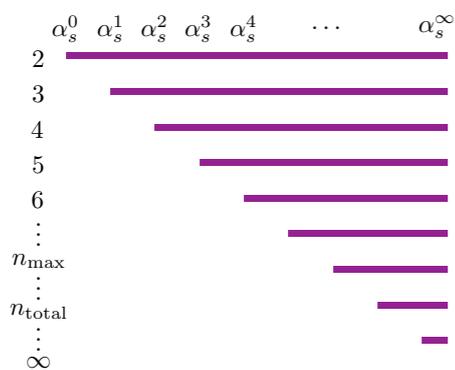
## Phase Space Generator

$$d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

# The Parton Shower

For high enough multiplicity, the only tractable amplitude approximation is a **leading log** parton shower.

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$



$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \prod \text{Splittings} \times \text{Sudakovs}$$

**GenEvA** has an **efficient algorithm** for **Generating Events** according to this **Analytic amplitude approximation**.

$$\mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n) = |\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 \quad w = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2}{\mathcal{P}(n, \Phi_n)} = 1$$

# The Parton Shower

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \prod \text{Splittings} \times \text{Sudakovs}$$

Parton Showers are Markovian  
(kind of like Effective Theories being “single scale”)

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

# The Parton Shower

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \prod \text{Splittings} \times \text{Sudakovs}$$

Parton Showers are Markovian  
(kind of like Effective Theories being “single scale”)

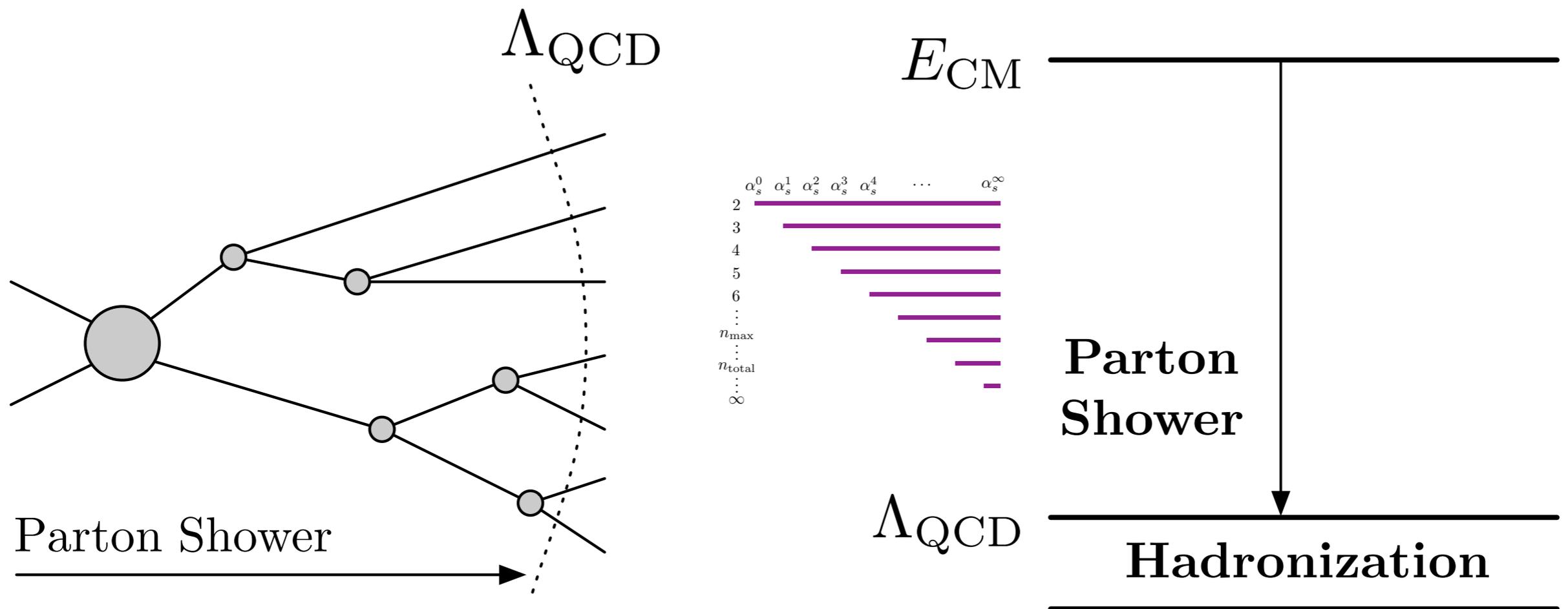
$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

Choose a scale  $\mu$  with tractable number of final state partons.  
Swap out the shower approximation for a better amplitude.

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

**Matching** **Running**

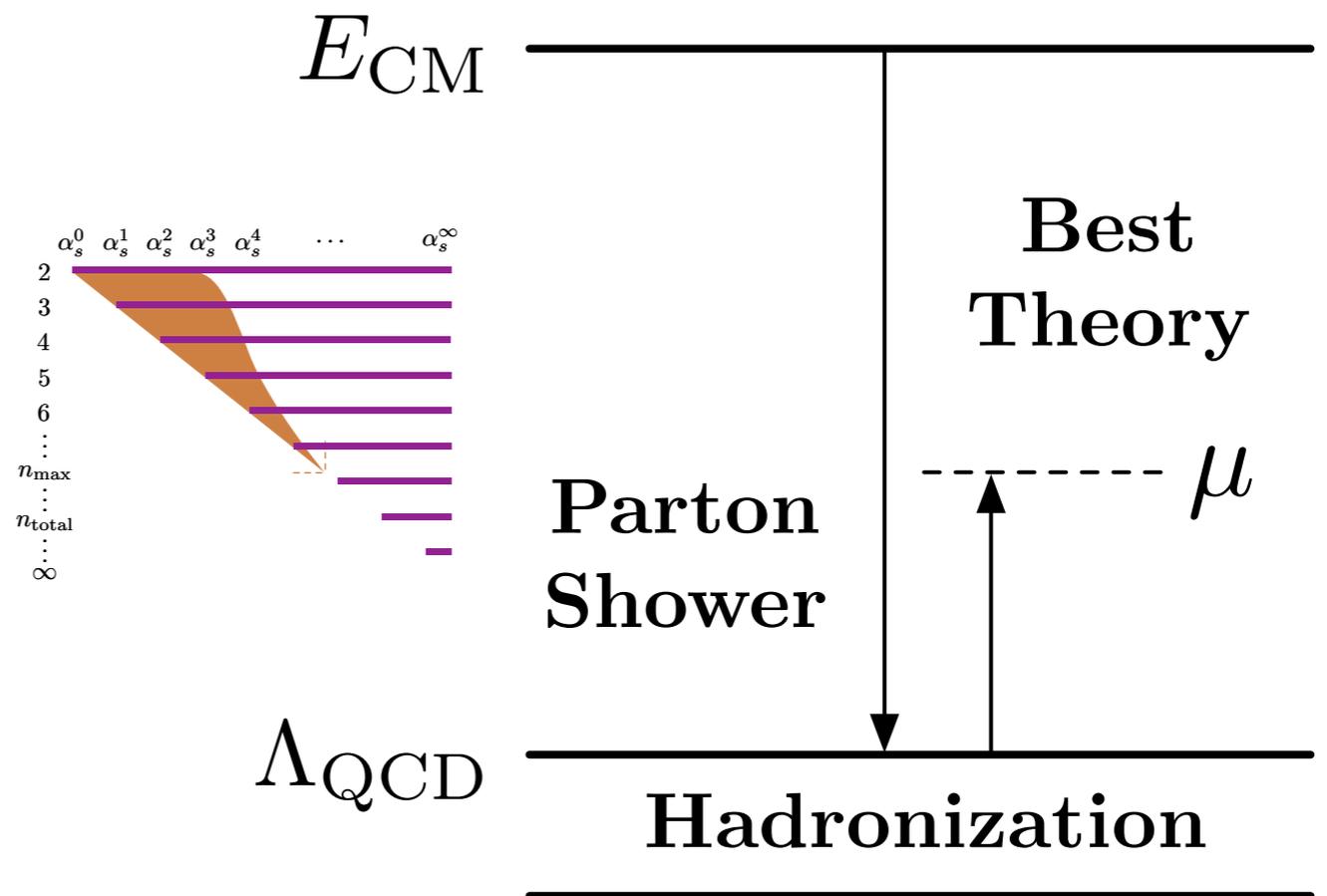
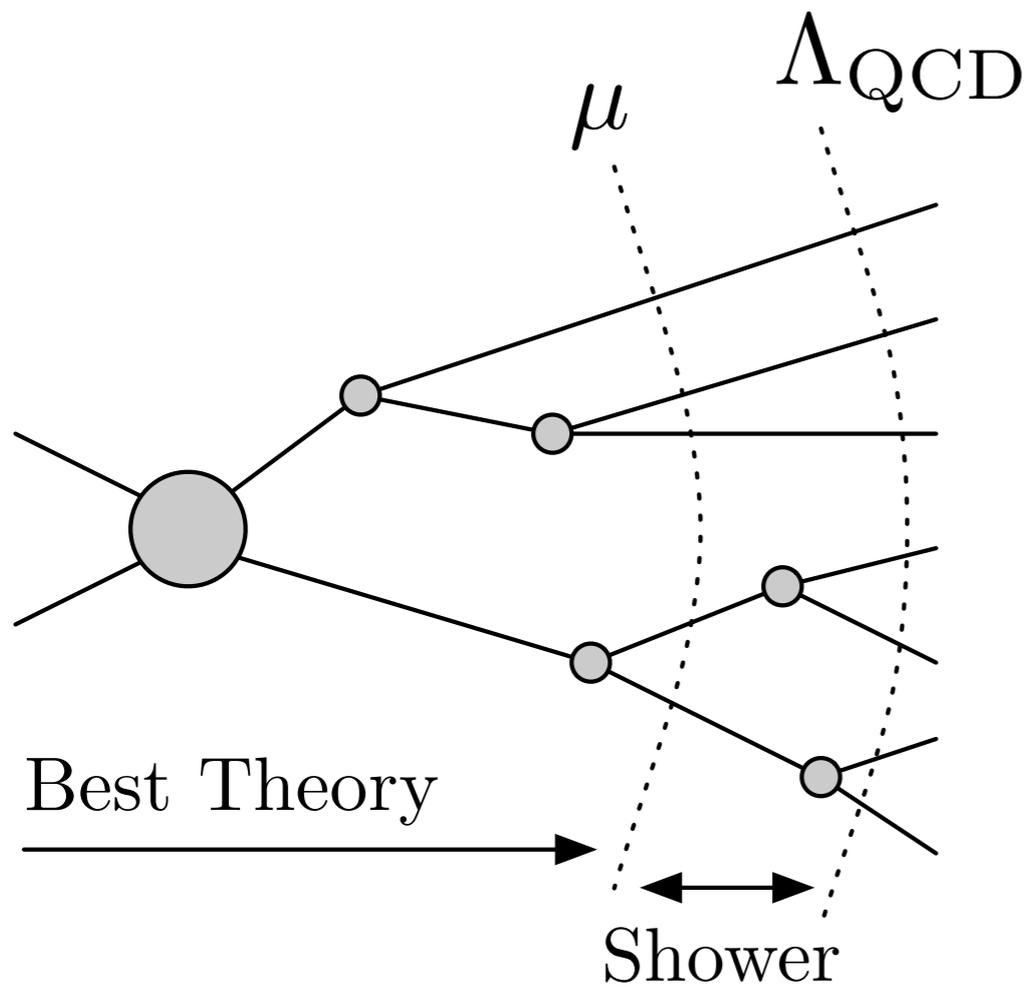
# The GenEvA Strategy



$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2$$

$$w = 1$$

# The GenEvA Strategy



$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 \times \frac{|\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu)|^2}$$

$$w = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu)|^2}$$

# The GenEvA Strategy

$$w = \left| \mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu) \right|^2 / \left| \mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu) \right|^2$$

## Efficient MC!

Shower has singularities/symmetries of QCD built in. Difference between shower and improved theory is small. We also use numeric tricks inspired by ALPGEN & MadEvent for speed.

## Versatile MC!

Same kinematics can yield multiple theory predictions, even if different amplitude approximations require different  $\mu$  scales!

## Improvable MC!

Discrepancy between theory and experiment? Do a better calculation with lower  $\mu$  scale and improve weight even after detector simulation.

# The GenEvA Strategy

$$w = \left| \mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu) \right|^2 / \left| \mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu) \right|^2$$

As theorists, we have a non-trivial task.

$$\left| \mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu) \right|^2$$

This is a complicated object with  $\mu$  scale dependence.  
Need N<sup>i</sup>LO/N<sup>j</sup>LL expressions for this partial amplitude.

Will use heavily the methods and experience of

CKKW(-L), MLM, SMPR, MC@NLO,  
POWHEG, Nagy & Soper, VINCIA, ...

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool...

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

...with a built-in amplitude approximation scheme...

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

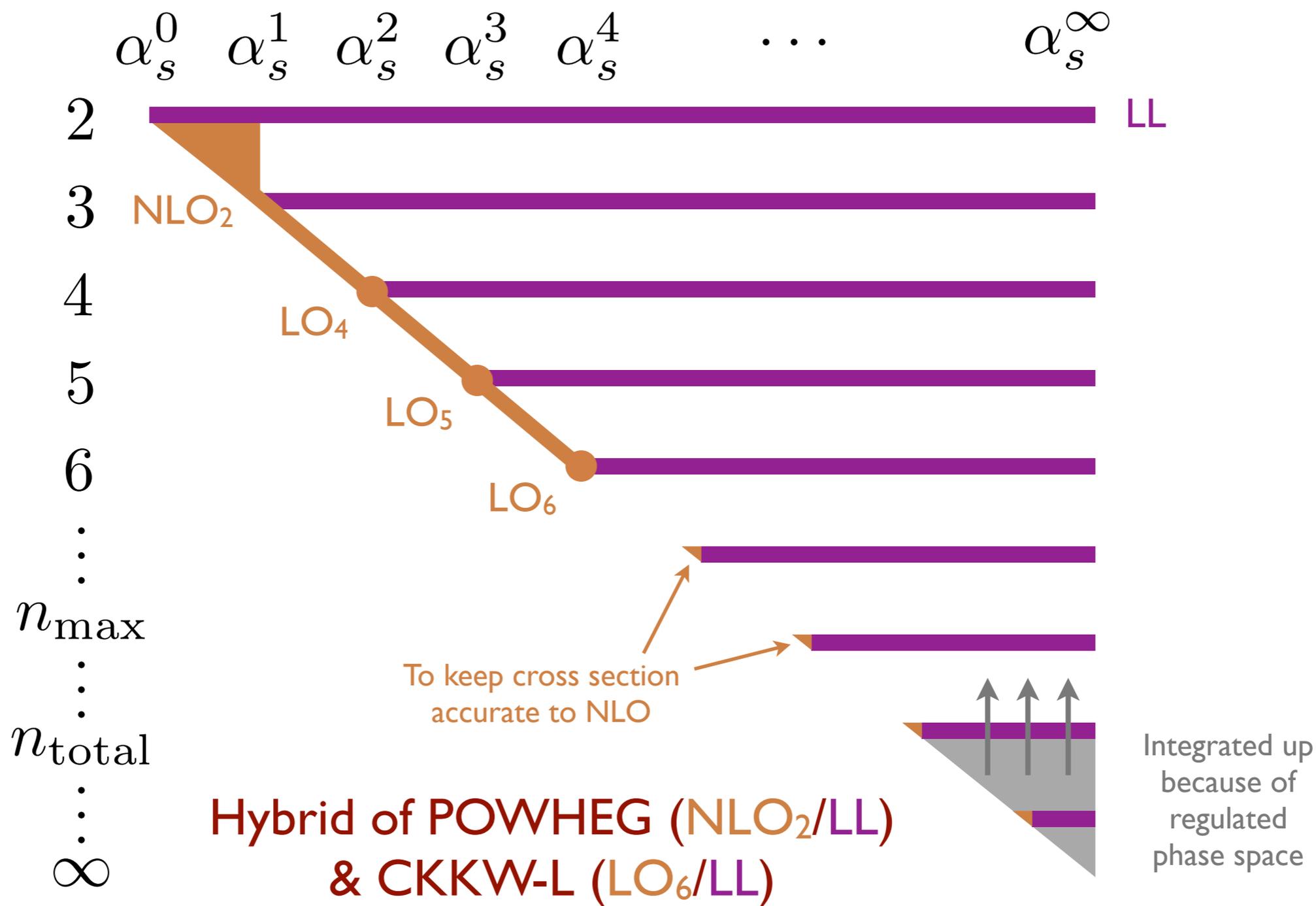
**Matching** **Running**

...yielding an efficient, versatile, and improvable event generator.

$$w = |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 / |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu)|^2$$

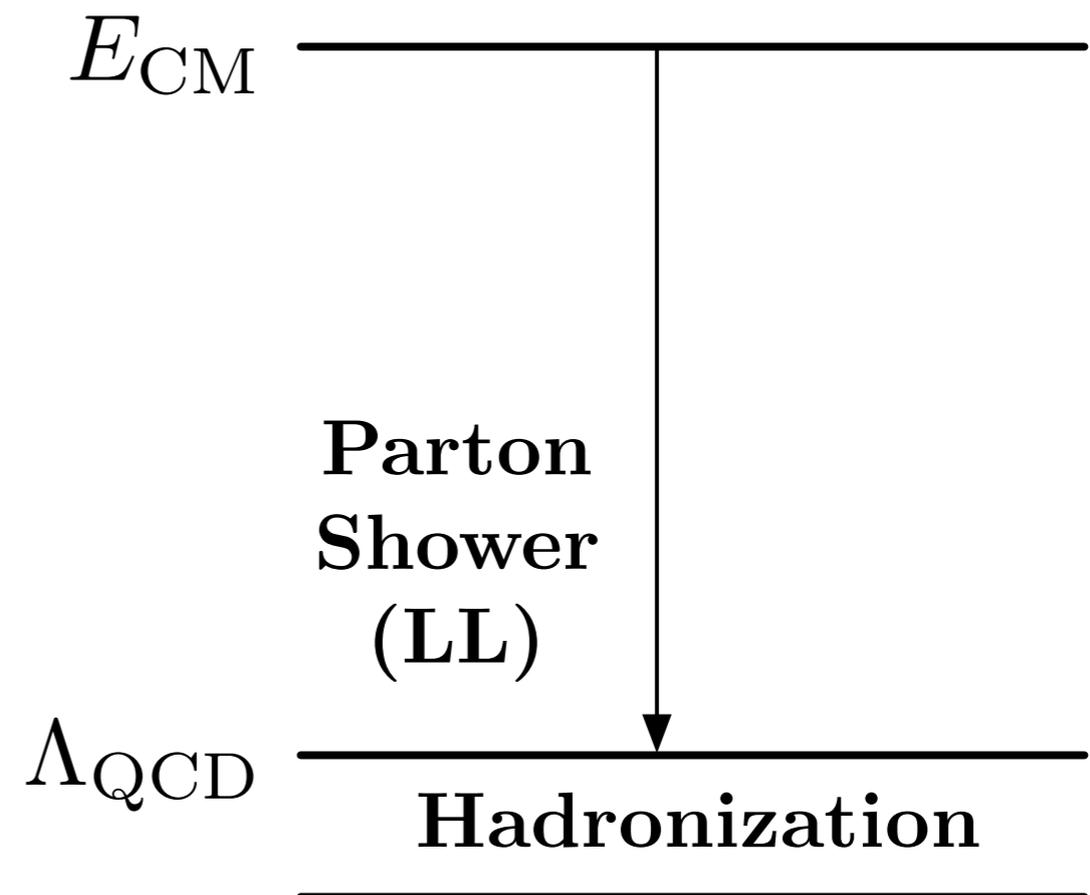
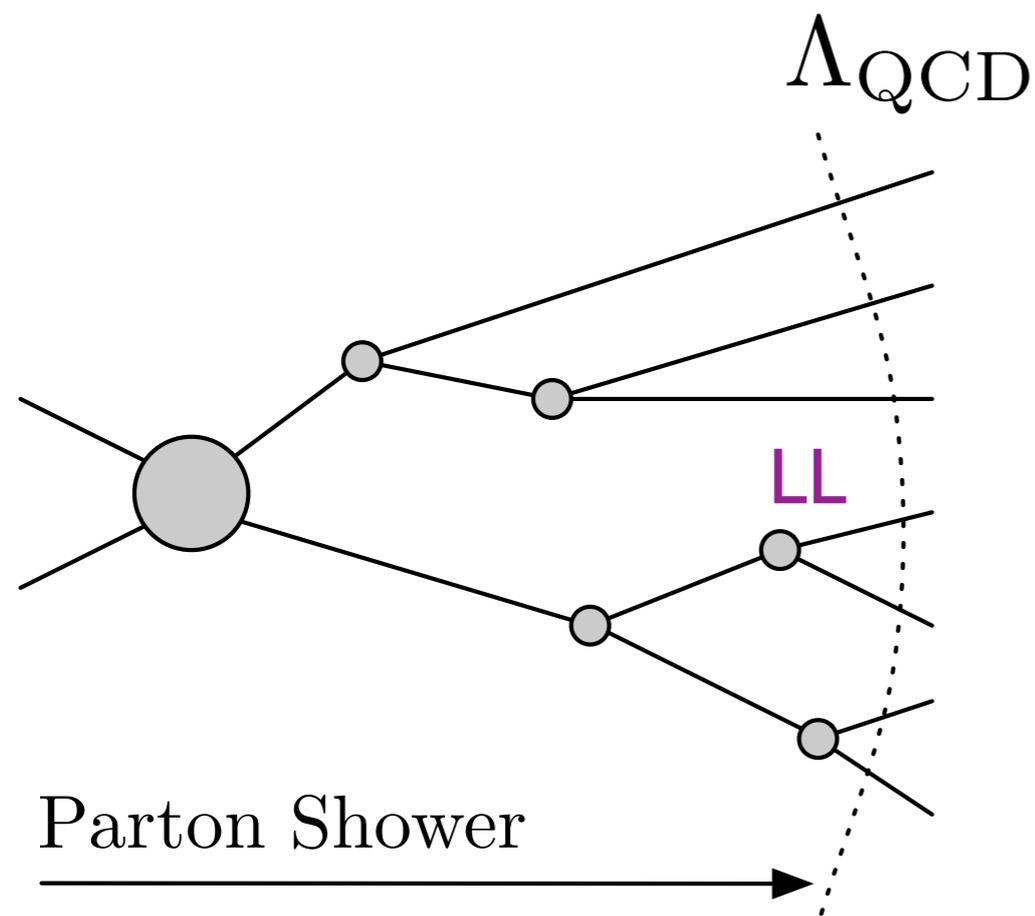
**Results!**

# NLO<sub>2</sub>/LO<sub>6</sub>/LL Calculation



# NLO/LO/LL Method?

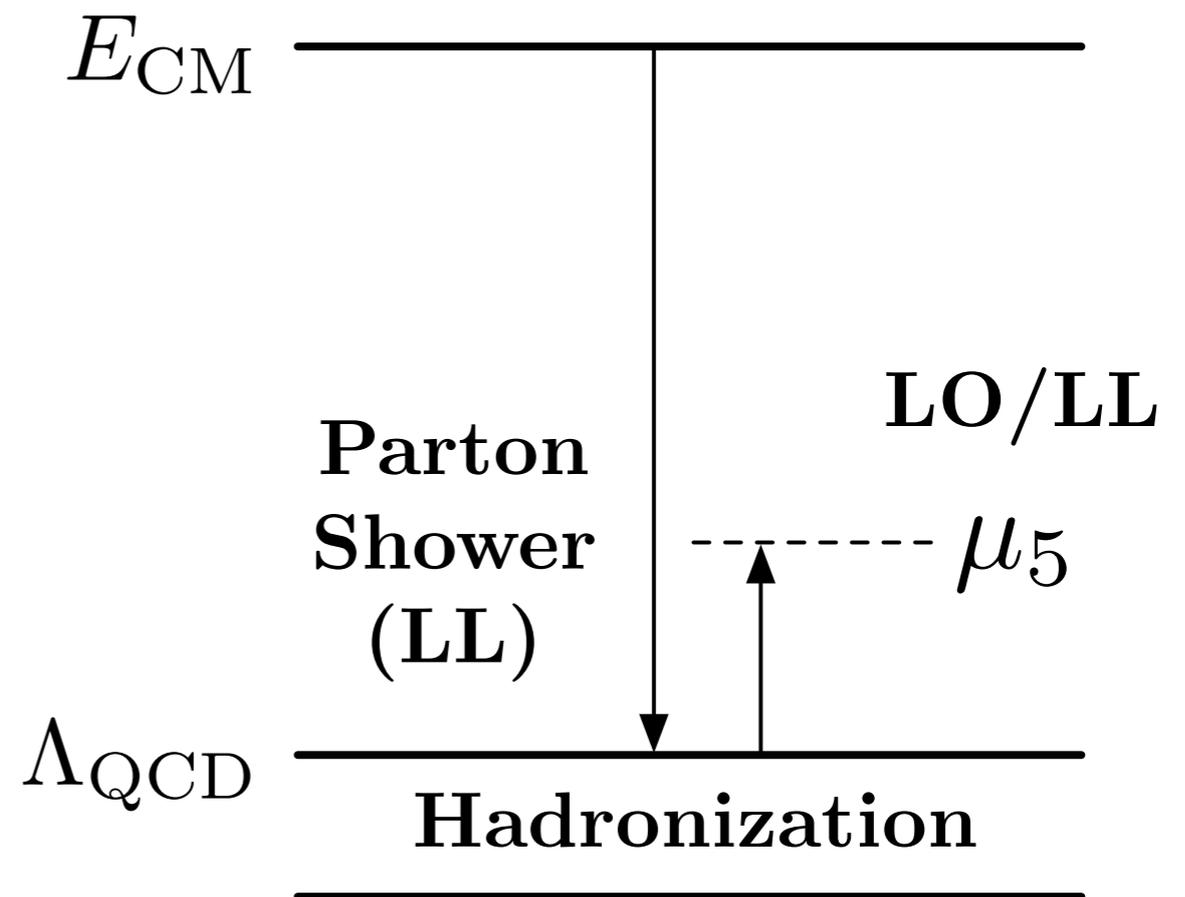
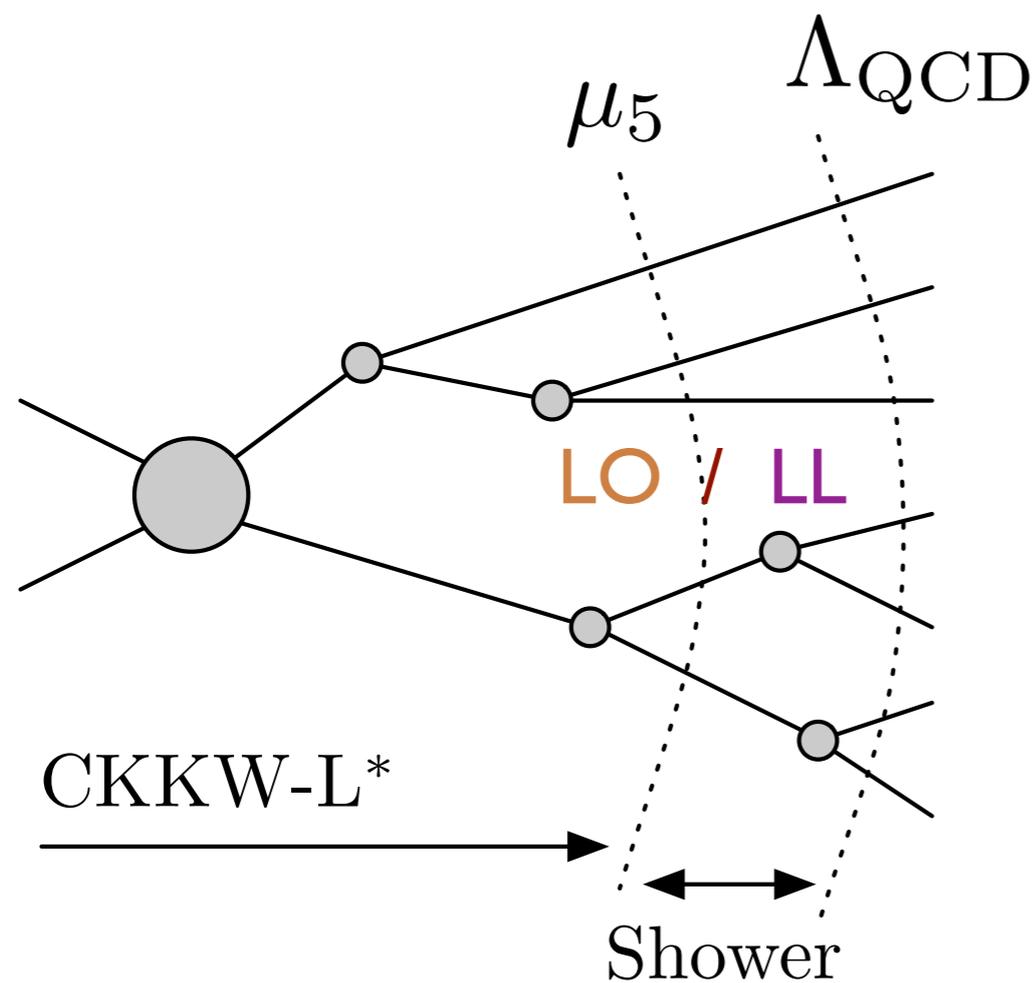
Running and matching to the extreme!



$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{best}}(\Lambda)|^2 = |\mathcal{M}^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda)|^2$$

# NLO/LO/LL Calculation

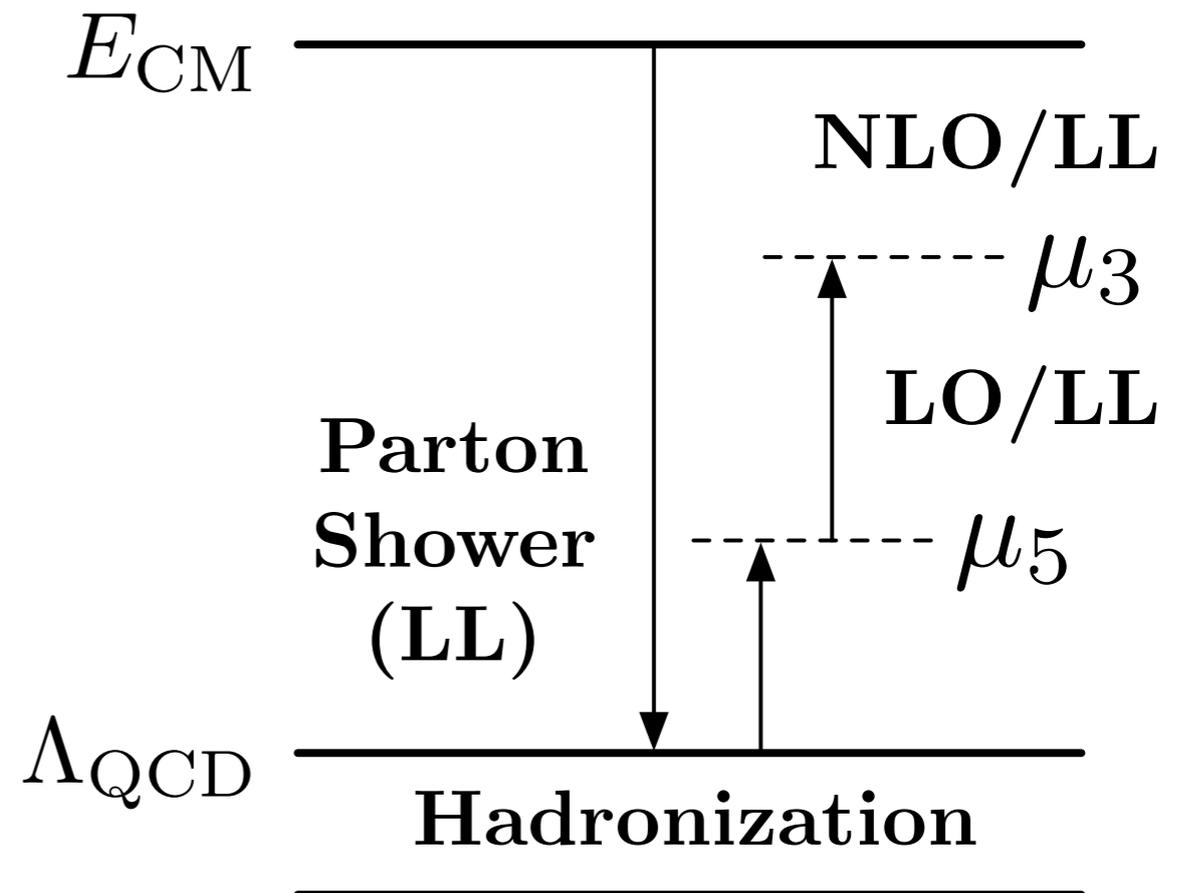
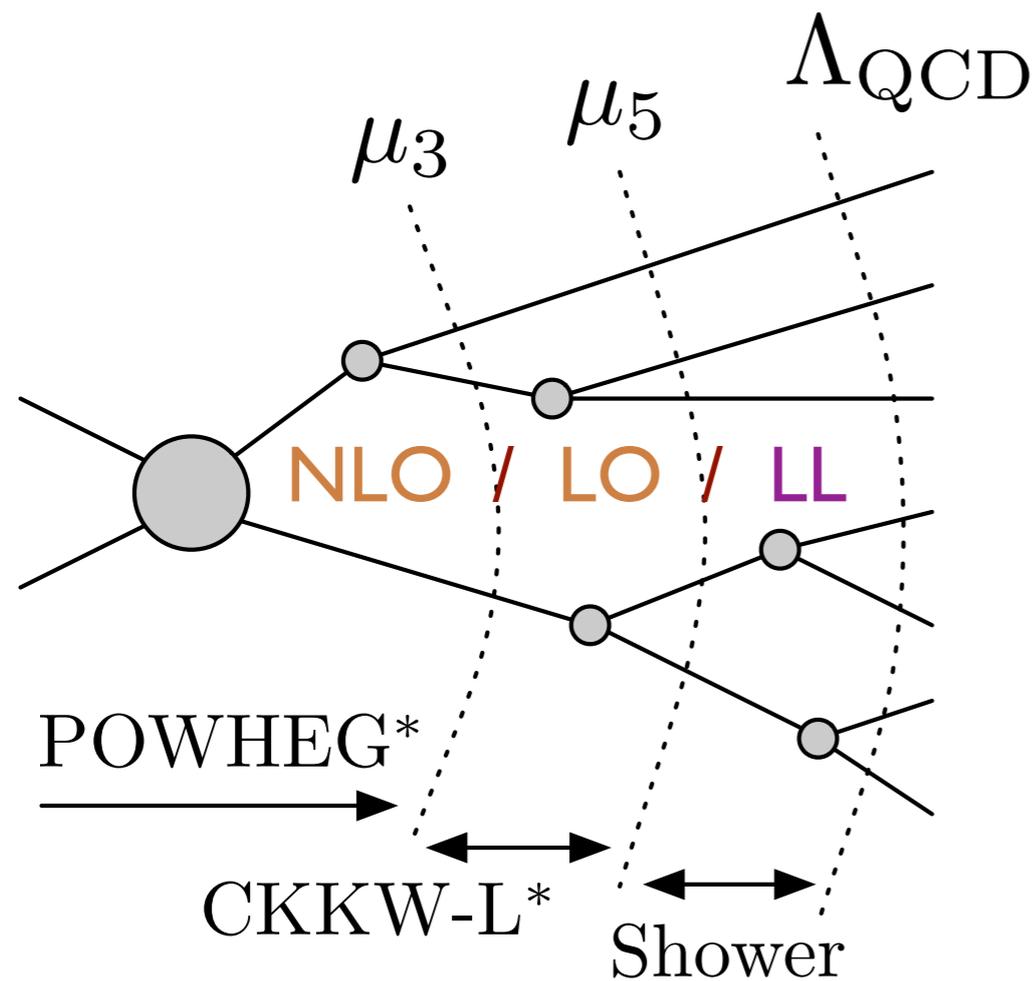
Running and matching to the extreme!



$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{best}}(\Lambda)|^2 = |\mathcal{M}^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda)|^2 \times \frac{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{CKKW-L}^*}(\mu_5)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{shower}}(\mu_5)|^2}$$

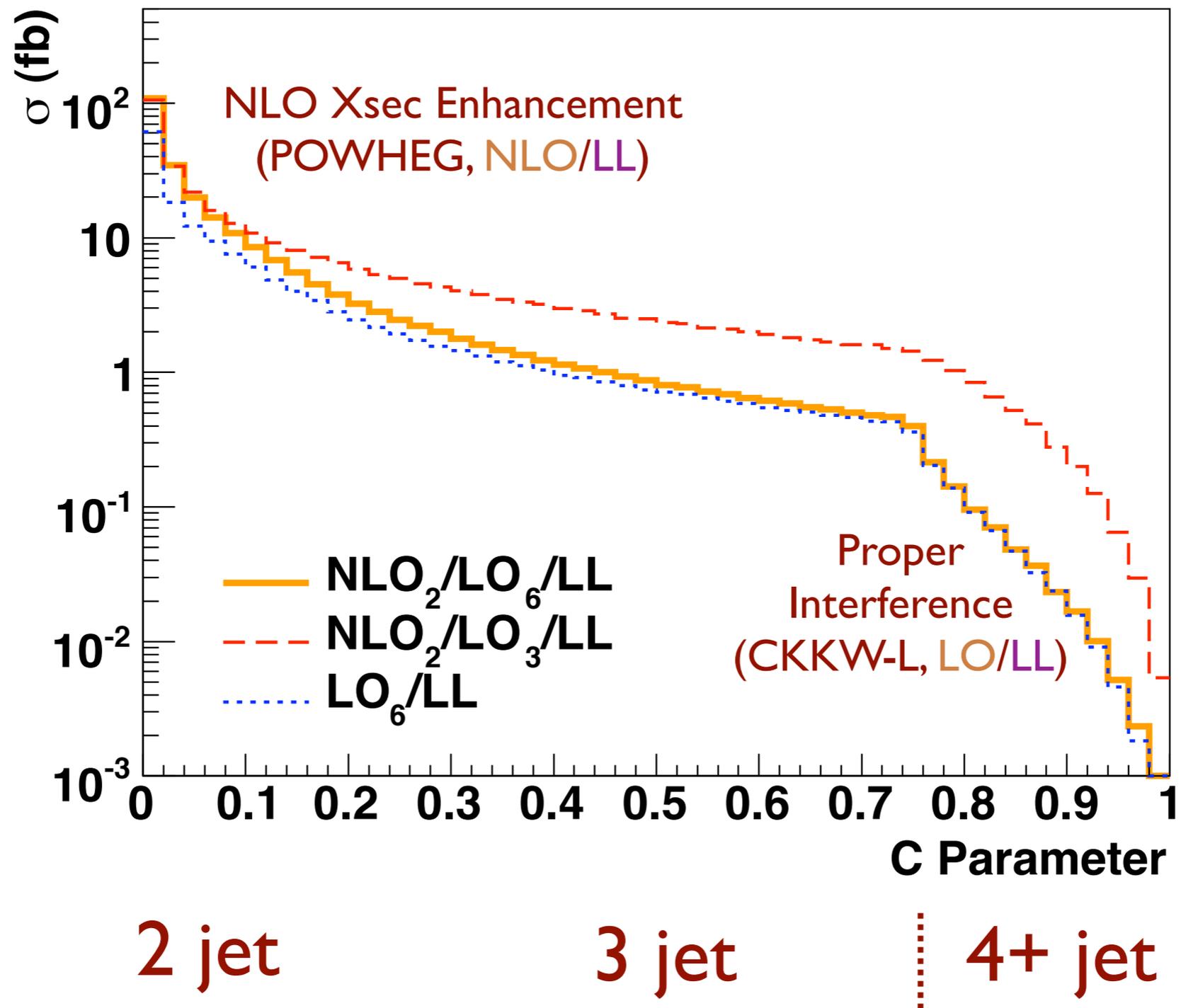
# NLO/LO/LL Calculation

Running and matching to the extreme!

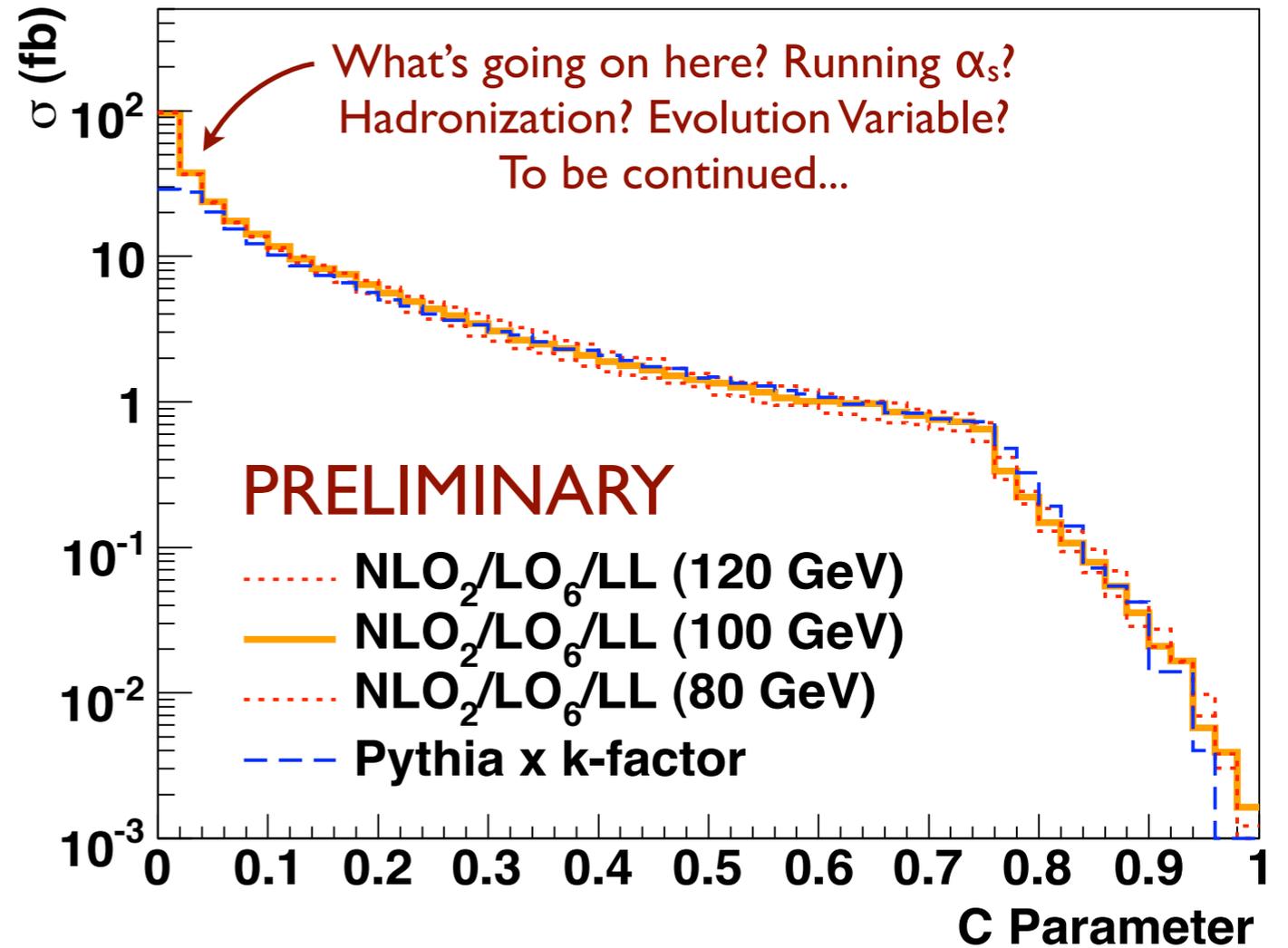
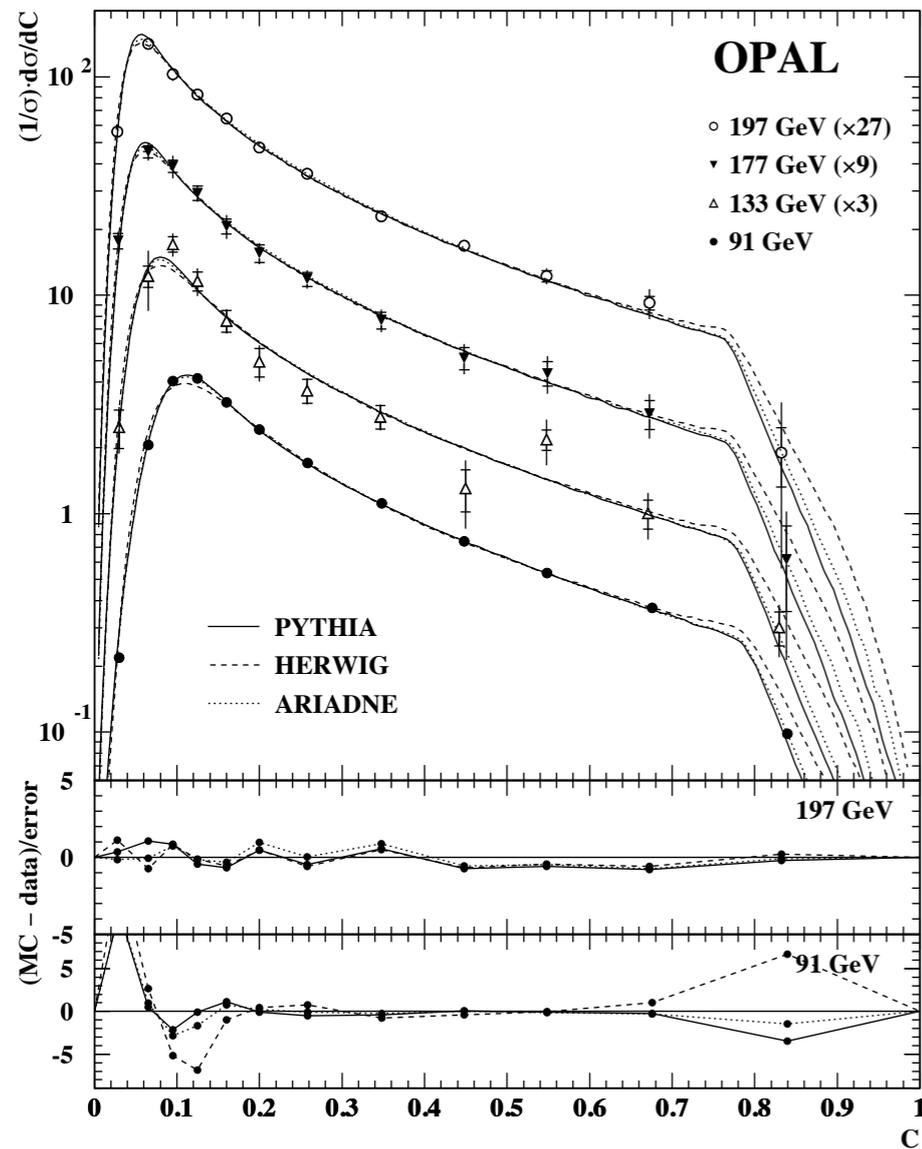


$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{best}}(\Lambda)|^2 = |\mathcal{M}^{\text{shower}}(\Lambda)|^2 \times \frac{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{CKKW-L}^*}(\mu_5)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{shower}}(\mu_5)|^2} \times \frac{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{POWHEG}^*}(\mu_3)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{CKKW-L}^*}(\mu_3)|^2}$$

# NLO/LO/LL Calculation



# “Data” Comparison



LEP  $\approx$  Pythia, Pythia\*  $\approx$  GenEvA (large angle region)

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool..

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool...

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

...with a built-in amplitude approximation scheme...

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

**Matching** **Running**

# GENerate EVents Analytically

GenEvA is a Universal Monte Carlo tool...

$$d\sigma = \text{Had} \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{n_{\text{total}}} |\mathcal{M}_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 d\Phi_n(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \right]$$

...with a built-in amplitude approximation scheme...

$$|\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{best}}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})|^2 = \sum_m |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 \times f_{m \rightarrow n}(\mu, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

**Matching** **Running**

...yielding an efficient, versatile, and improvable event generator.

$$w = |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{best}}(\mu)|^2 / |\mathcal{M}_m^{\text{shower}}(\mu)|^2$$

# GENerate EVents Analytically

Will it work with hadronic collisions?

Will it work with more loop diagrams?

Will it work with subleading logs?

# GENerate EVents Analytically

Will it work with hadronic collisions?

Yes. “All” you need to do is determine an analytic expression for the amplitude approximation to initial state radiation.

Will it work with more loop diagrams?

Will it work with subleading logs?

# GENerate EVents Analytically

Will it work with hadronic collisions?

Yes. “All” you need to do is determine an analytic expression for the amplitude approximation to initial state radiation.

Will it work with more loop diagrams?

Yes. “All” you need to do is figure out how to deal with one-loop 3-body diagrams if the two-loop 2-body diagrams are unknown. (Uncanceled IR divergences.)

Will it work with subleading logs?

# GENerate EVents Analytically

**Will it work with hadronic collisions?**

Yes. “All” you need to do is determine an analytic expression for the amplitude approximation to initial state radiation.

**Will it work with more loop diagrams?**

Yes. “All” you need to do is figure out how to deal with one-loop 3-body diagrams if the two-loop 2-body diagrams are unknown. (Uncanceled IR divergences.)

**Will it work with subleading logs?**

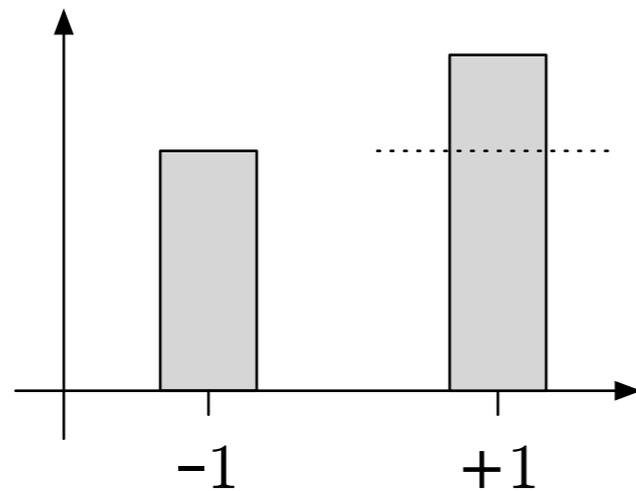
Yes. “All” you need to do is figure out how to interpret the hard/jet/soft functions of SCET in terms of the Universal Monte Carlo formula.

# Backup Slides

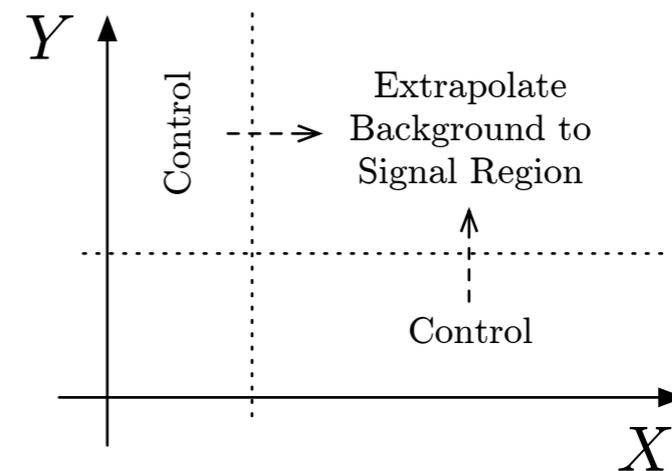
# Signal/Background

# Signal/Background

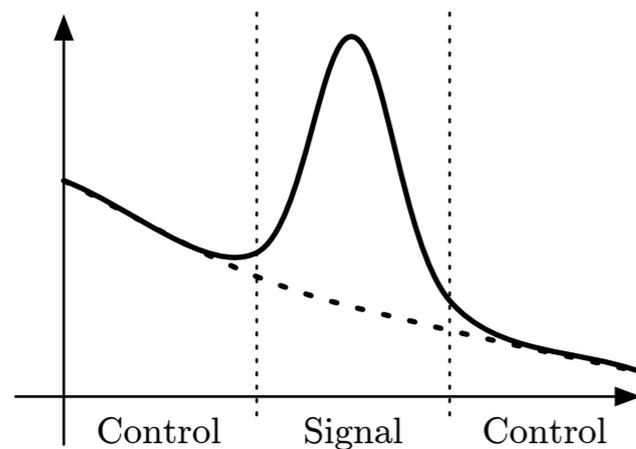
## Self-Calibrating



## Cross-Calibrated

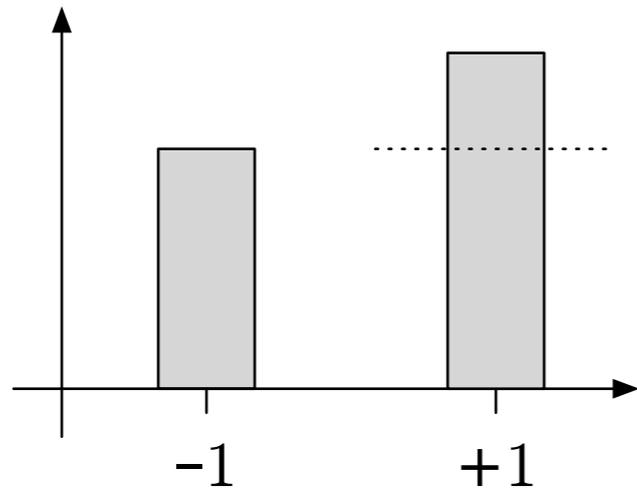


## Sidebandable

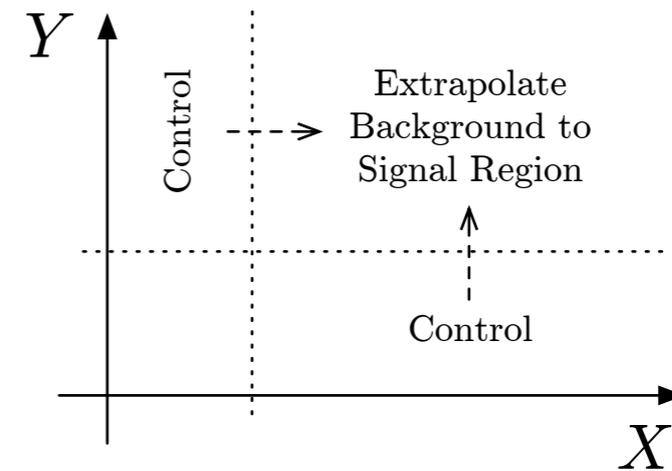


# Signal/Background

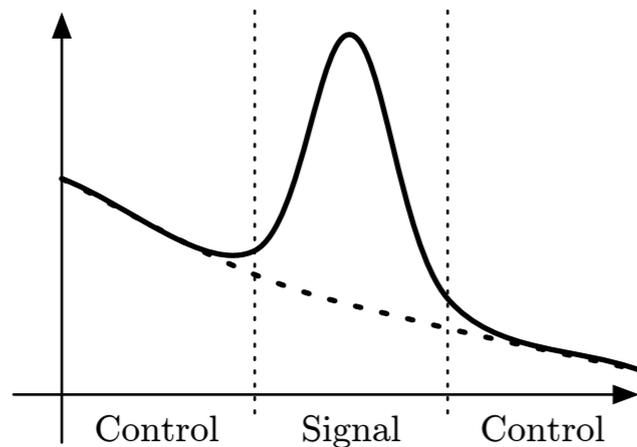
## Self-Calibrating



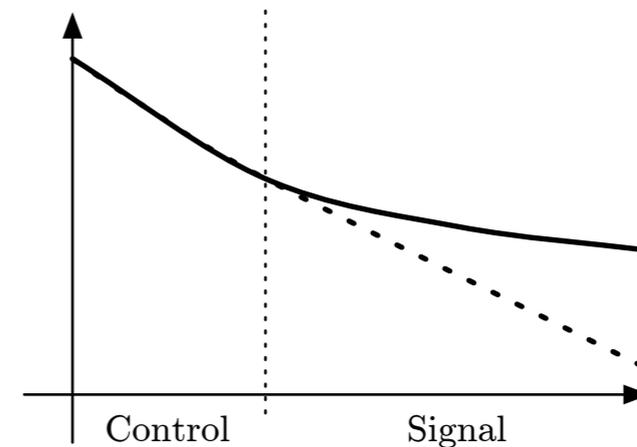
## Cross-Calibrated



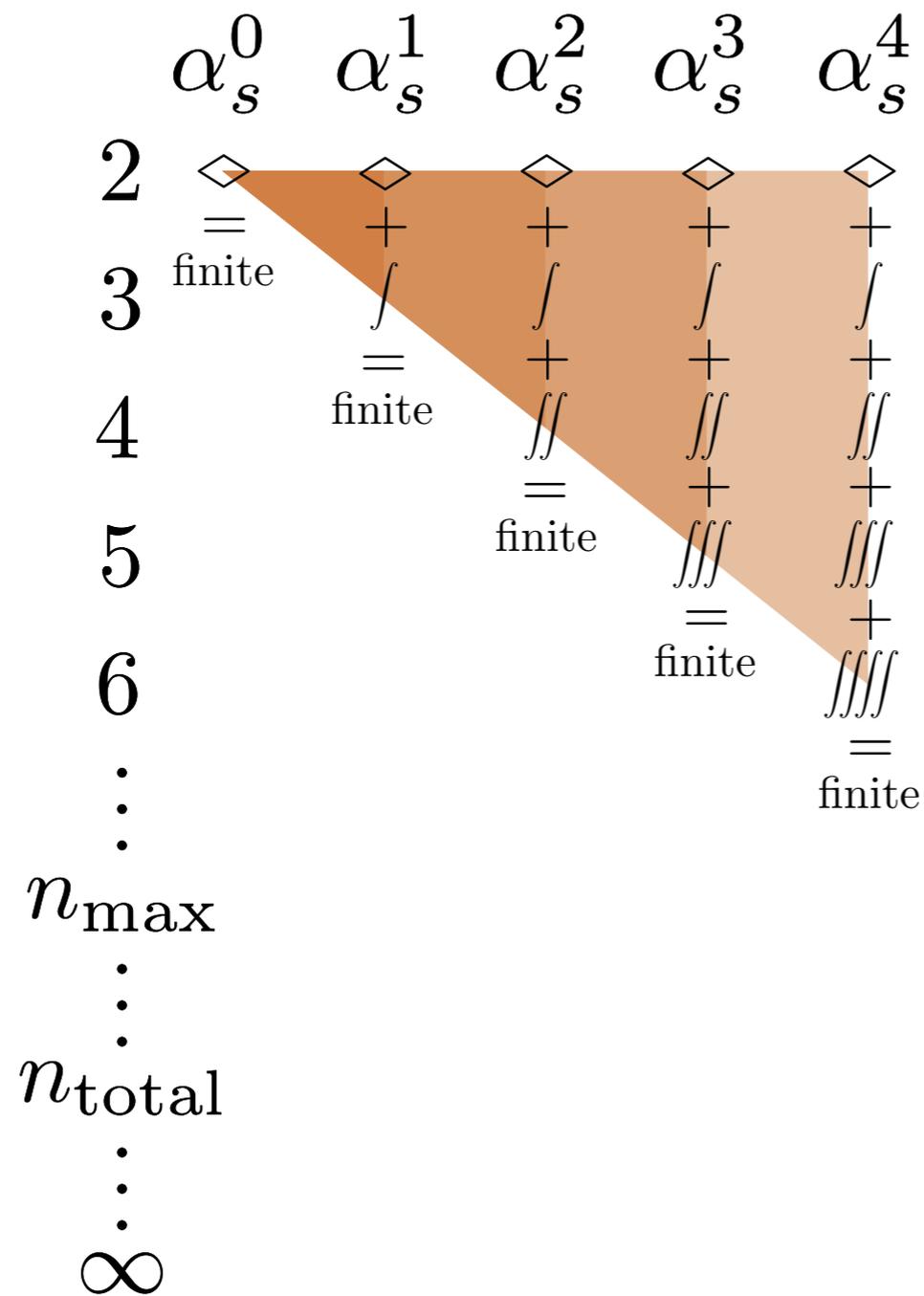
## Sidebandable



## Semi-Calibrated



# Infrared Divergences



Infrared Divergences  
Cancel at Each Order in  
Perturbation Theory