

The gradient flow at higher orders in perturbation theory

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based on work with

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Lüscher '10, '13

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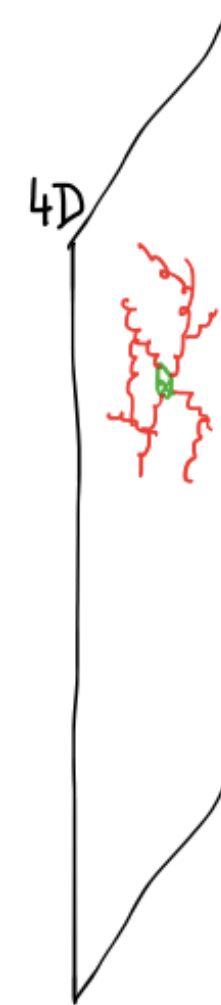
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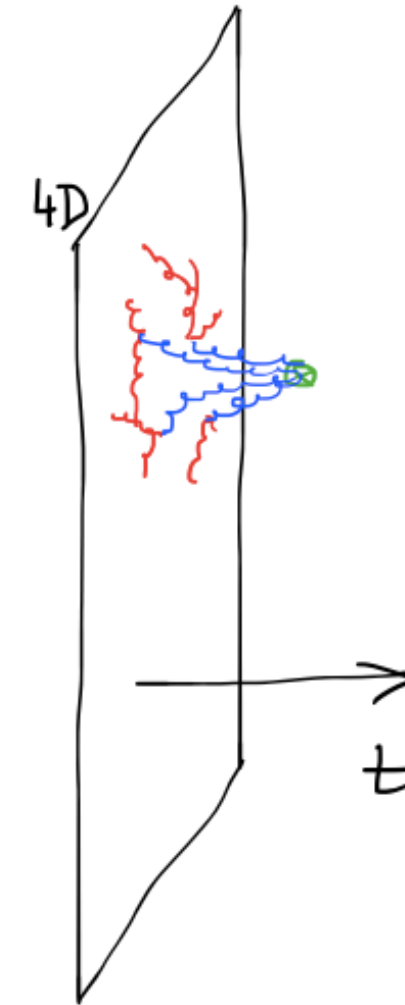
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see also talks by A. Hasenfratz, C. Monahan, M. Rizik, ...

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small flow-time expansion:

Lüscher, Weisz '11

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_n(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_m \zeta_{nm}(t) \mathcal{O}_m$$

$$\tilde{C}_n(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_m C_m \zeta_{mn}^{-1}(t)$$

\Rightarrow need $\zeta_{nm}(t)$ for small t \Rightarrow perturbation theory

Method of projectors

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_n(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_m \zeta_{nm}(t) \mathcal{O}_m$$

define **projector**: $P_k[\mathcal{O}_m] \equiv \delta_{km}$ to all orders in perturbation theory

$$P_k[\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_n(t)] \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_m \zeta_{nm}(t) P_k[\mathcal{O}_m] \Rightarrow \zeta_{nk}(t) = P_k[\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_n(t)]$$

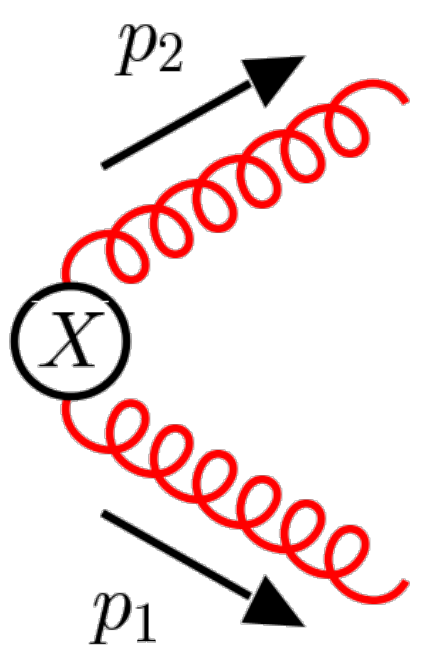
$$P_k[\cdot] \sim H(\partial/\partial p_i, \partial/\partial m) \langle 0 | \cdot | p_1, \dots \rangle \Big|_{p_i=m=0}$$

Gorishny, Larin, Tkachov '83

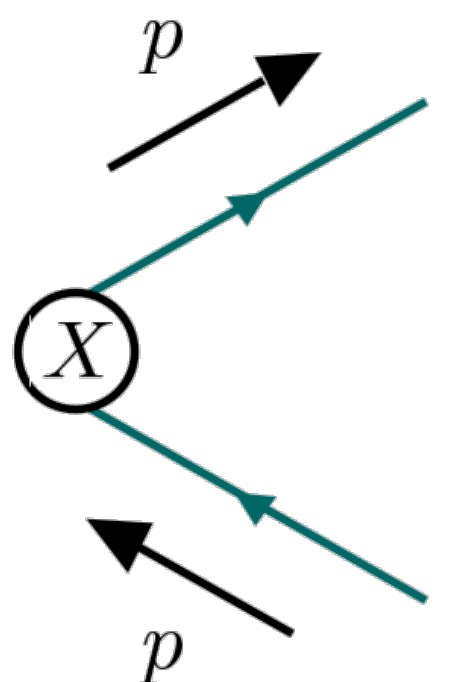
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Example: dim-4 operators of QCD:

$$\mathcal{O}_1 \sim F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a$$

$$P_1[X] \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial p_1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p_2} \left(\text{Diagram} \right) \Big|_{p_1 = p_2 = m = 0}$$


$$\mathcal{O}_2 \sim m\bar{\psi}\psi$$

$$P_2[X] \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left(\text{Diagram} \right) \Big|_{p = m = 0}$$


note: scale-less integrals = 0 in dimensional regularization!

$$\Rightarrow P_k[\mathcal{O}_m] \equiv \delta_{km} \quad \text{to all orders in perturbation theory}$$

but: $P_k[\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_m(t)]$ is *not* scale-less!

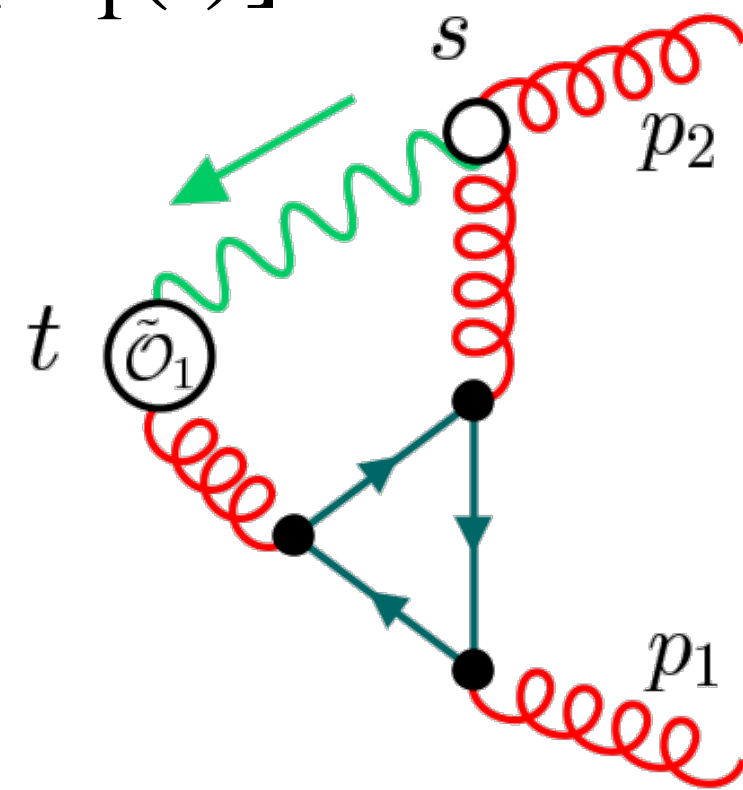
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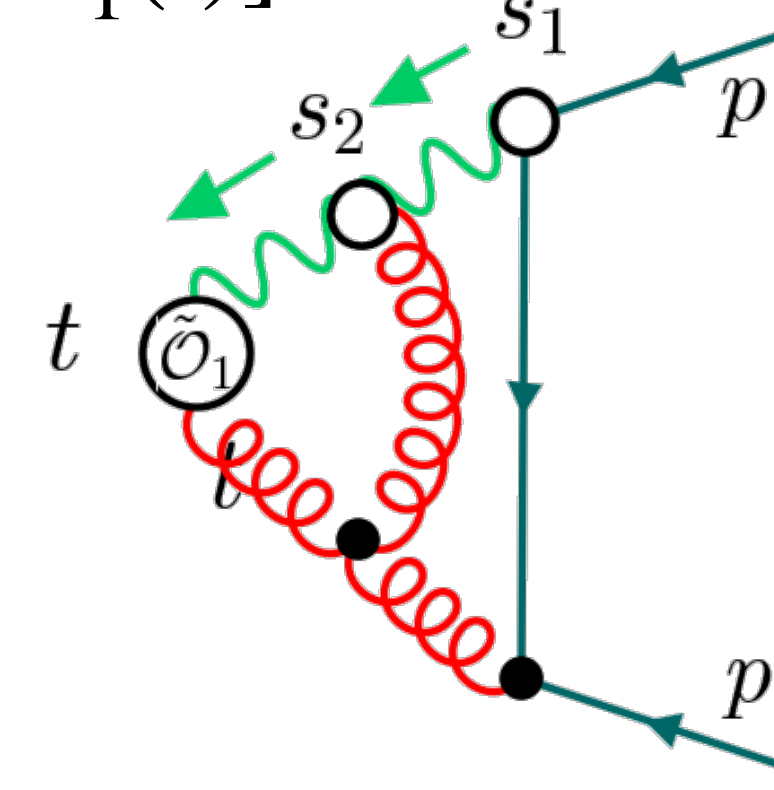
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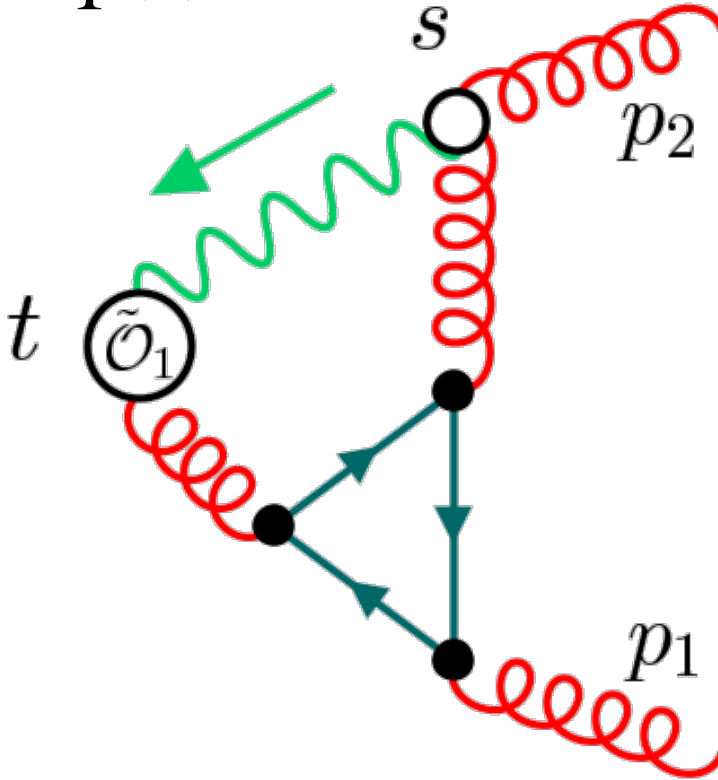
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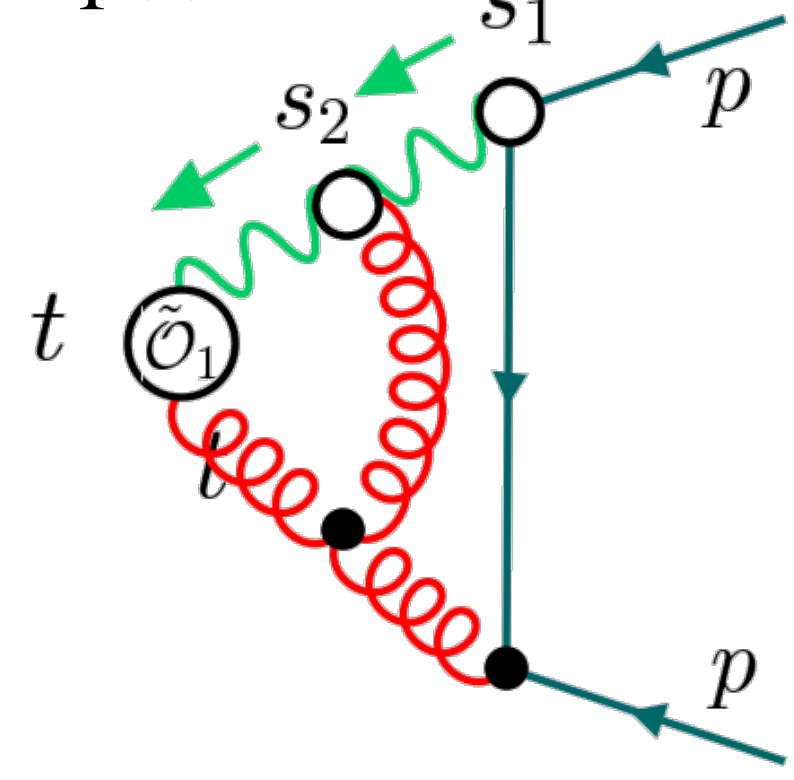
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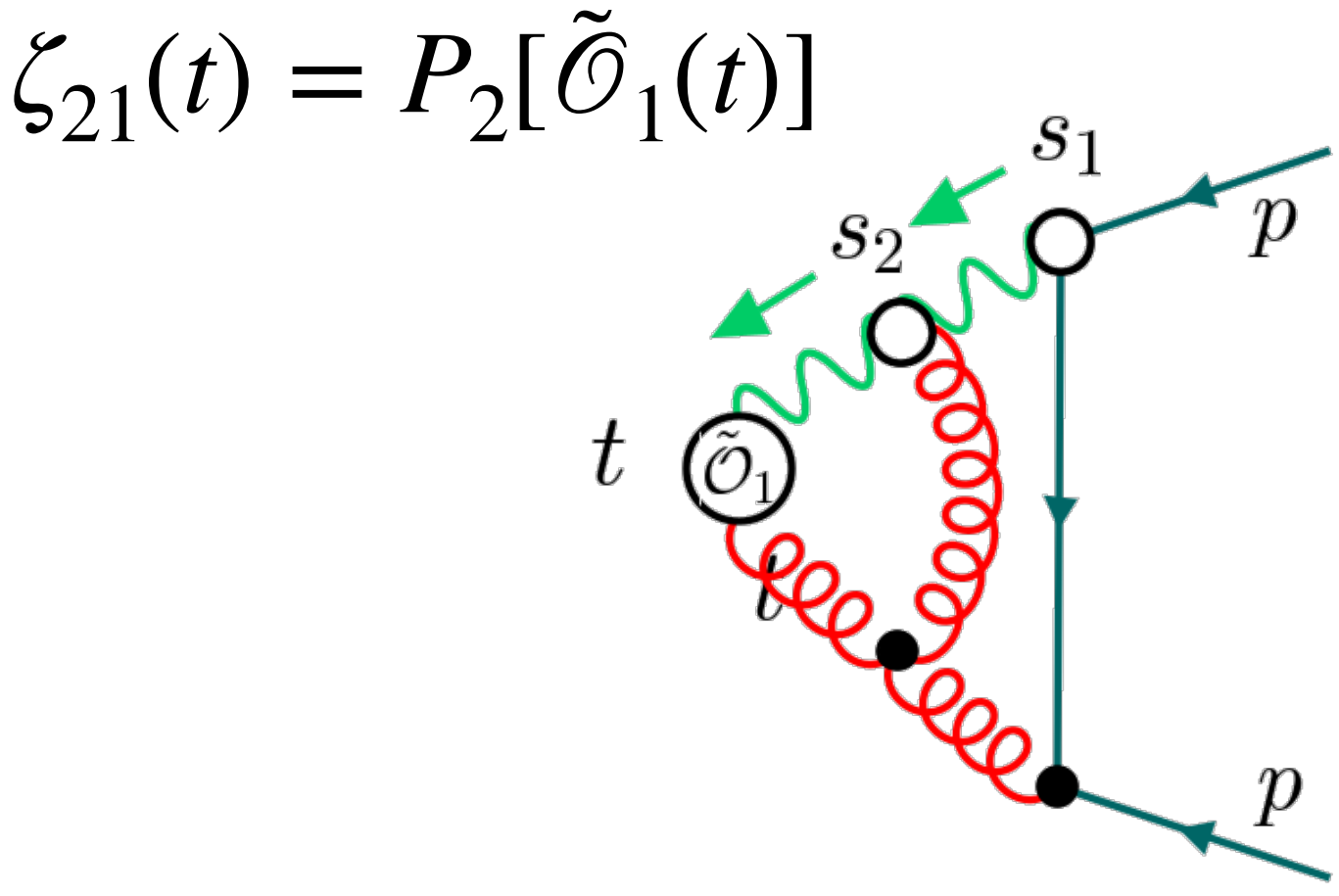
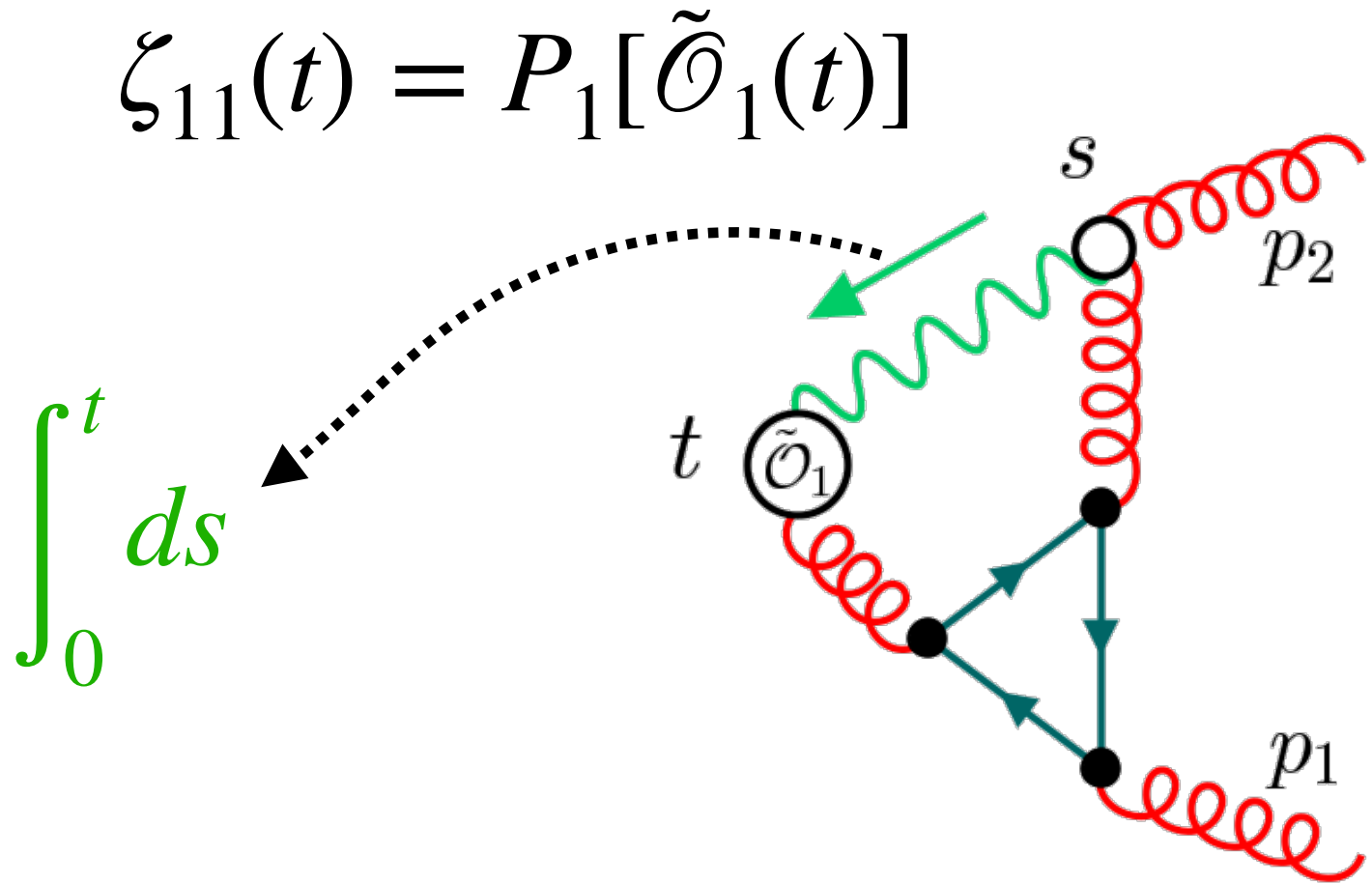
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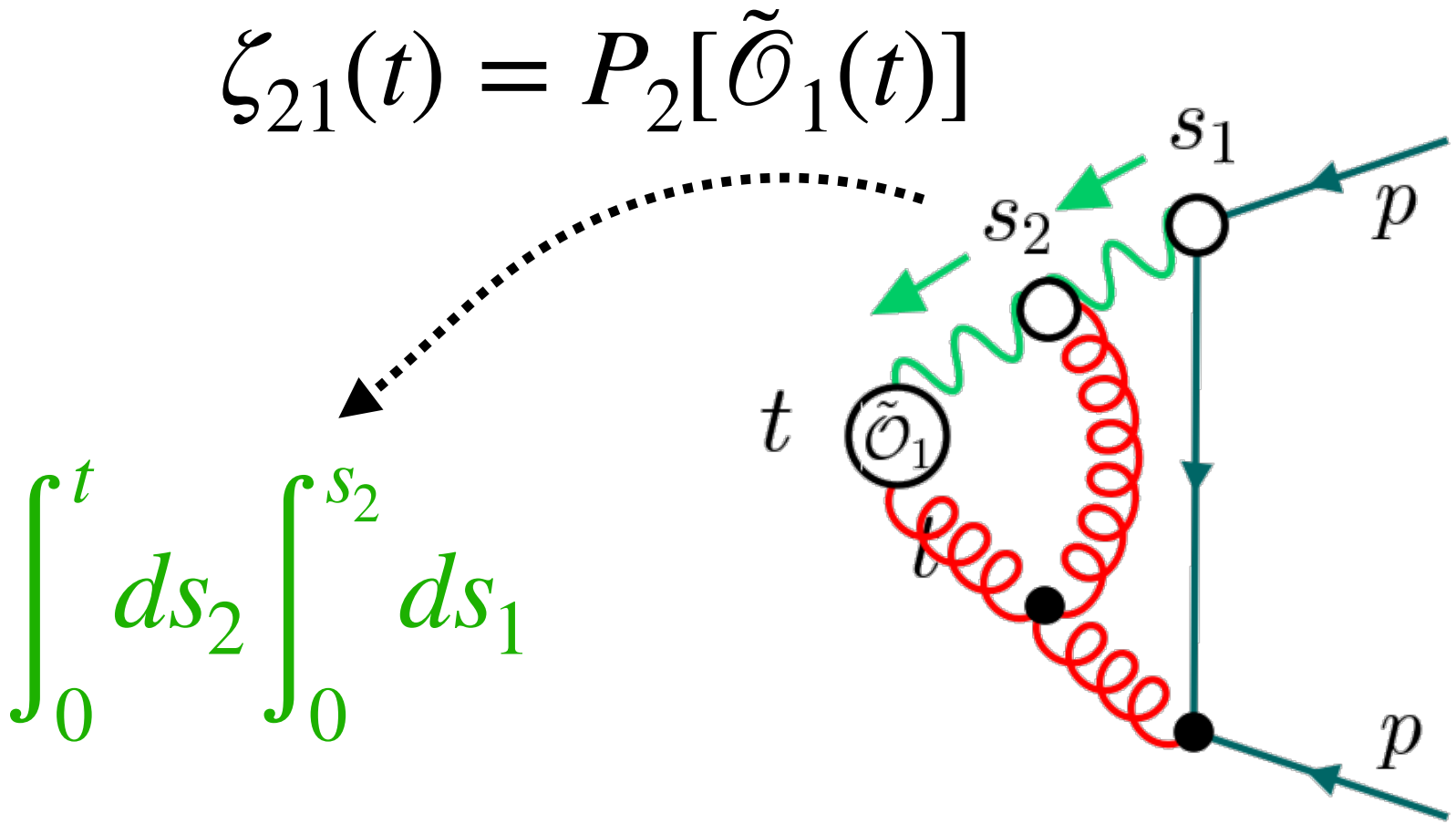
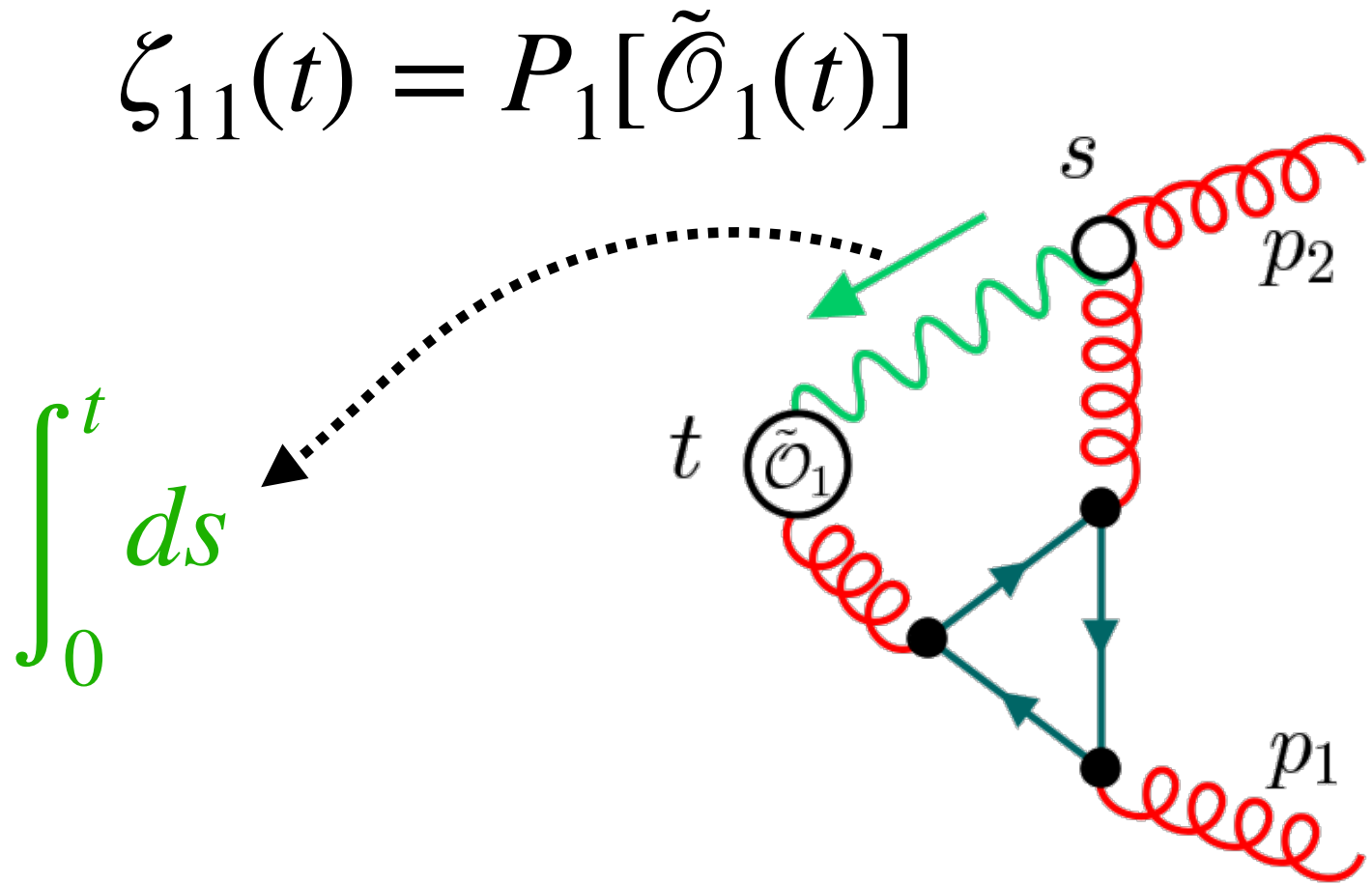
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The perturbative toolbox

[For details, see: Artz, RH, Lange, Neumann, Prausa]

Diagram generation:

qgraf Nogueira

Diagram analyzation:

q2e/exp RH, Seidensticker, Steinhauser

Algebraic manipulations:

FORM Vermaseren

Reduction to masters:

Kira \otimes FireFly

Chetyrkin, Tkachov
Laporta

Usovitsch, Uwer, Maierhöfer \otimes Klappert, Klein, Lange

Sector Decomposition:

Binoth, Heinrich

$$\int d^D k \int d^D p \int_0^t ds \frac{e^{-tp^2 - s(k-p)^2}}{k^2 p^2 (k-p)^2} = \frac{A}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{B}{\epsilon} + C + \dots$$

Ex. 1: QCD energy-momentum tensor Suzuki, Makino '13, '14

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \sum_n C_n \mathcal{O}_{n,\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{1,\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{g_0^2} F_{\mu\rho}^a F_{\nu\rho}^a$$

$$C_1 \equiv 1$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{2,\mu\nu} = \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{g_0^2} F_{\rho\sigma}^a F_{\rho\sigma}^a$$

$$C_2 \equiv -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{3,\mu\nu} = \bar{\psi} \left(\gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \gamma_\nu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \right) \psi$$

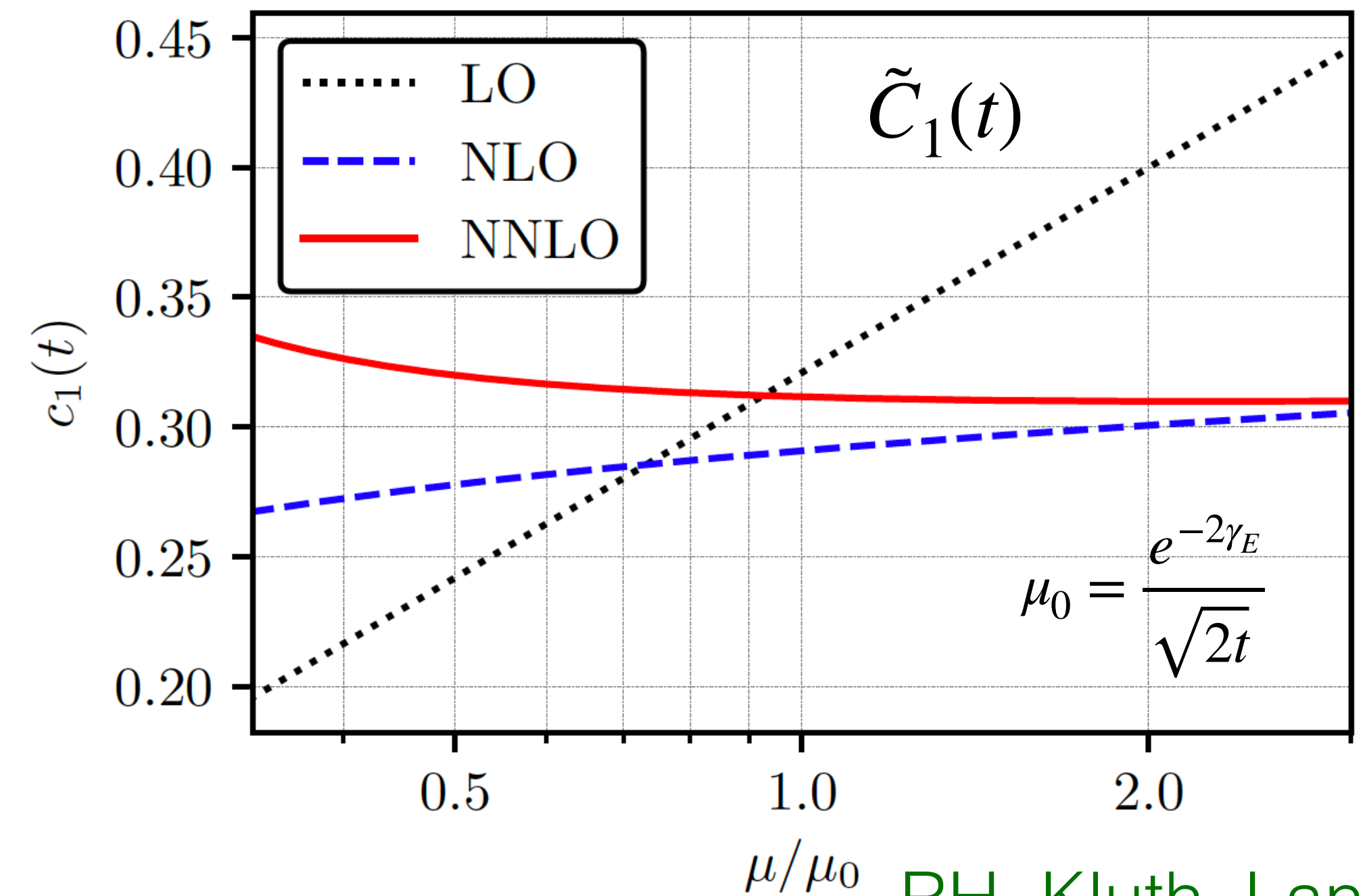
$$C_3 \equiv \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{4,\mu\nu} = \delta_{\mu\nu} \bar{\psi} \overleftrightarrow{D} \psi$$

$$C_4 \equiv 0$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \sum_n \tilde{C}_n(t) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n,\mu\nu}(t)$$

$$\mu_0 = 3 \text{ GeV}$$



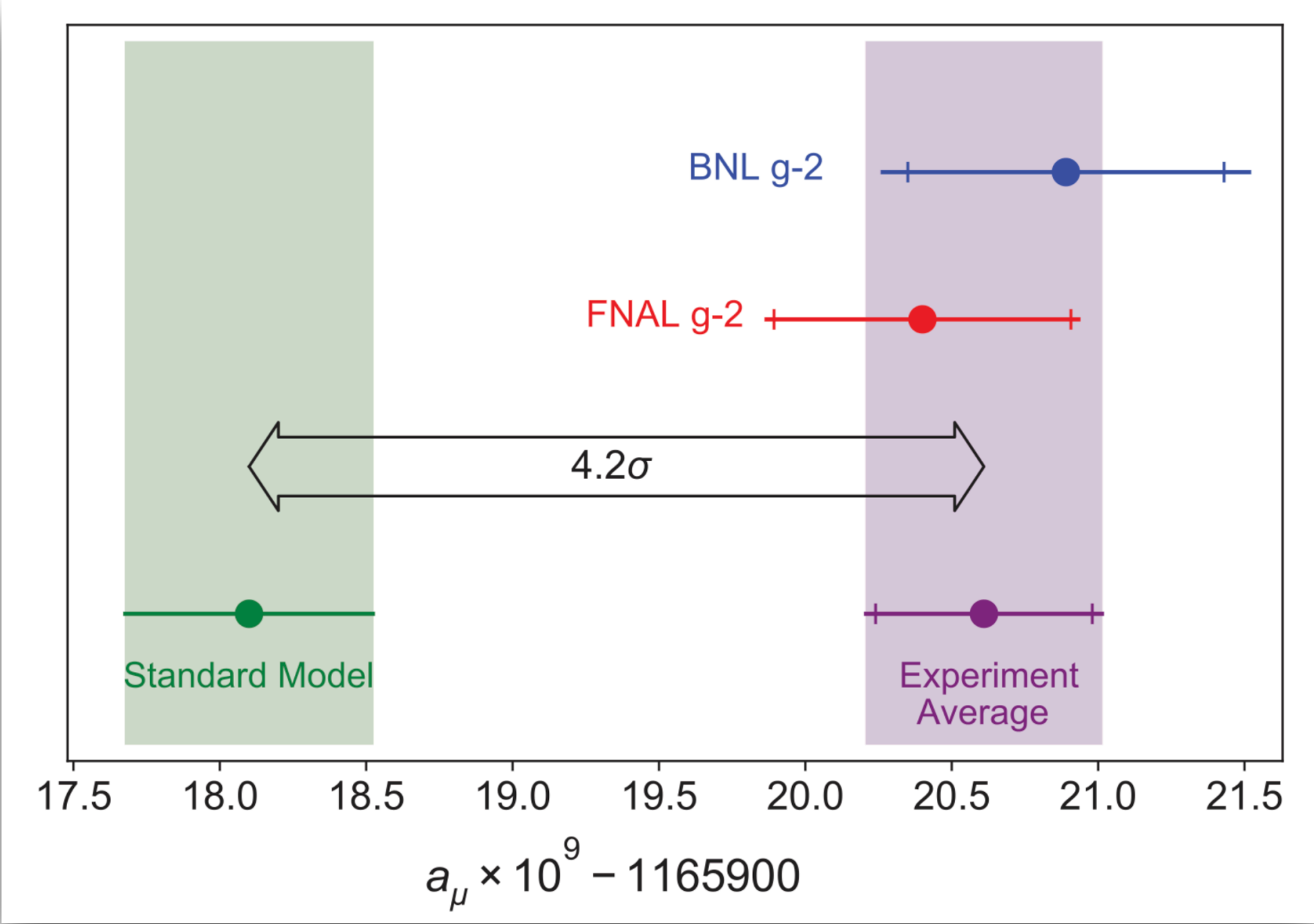
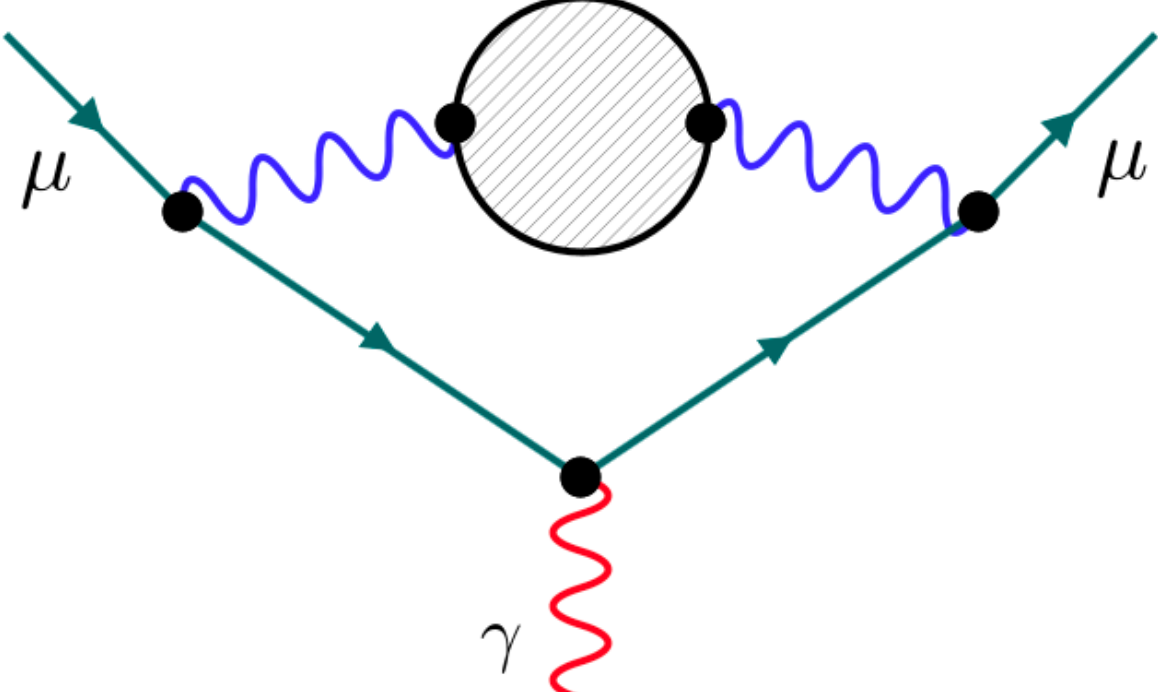
RH, Kluth, Lange '18

application: see WHOT collaboration

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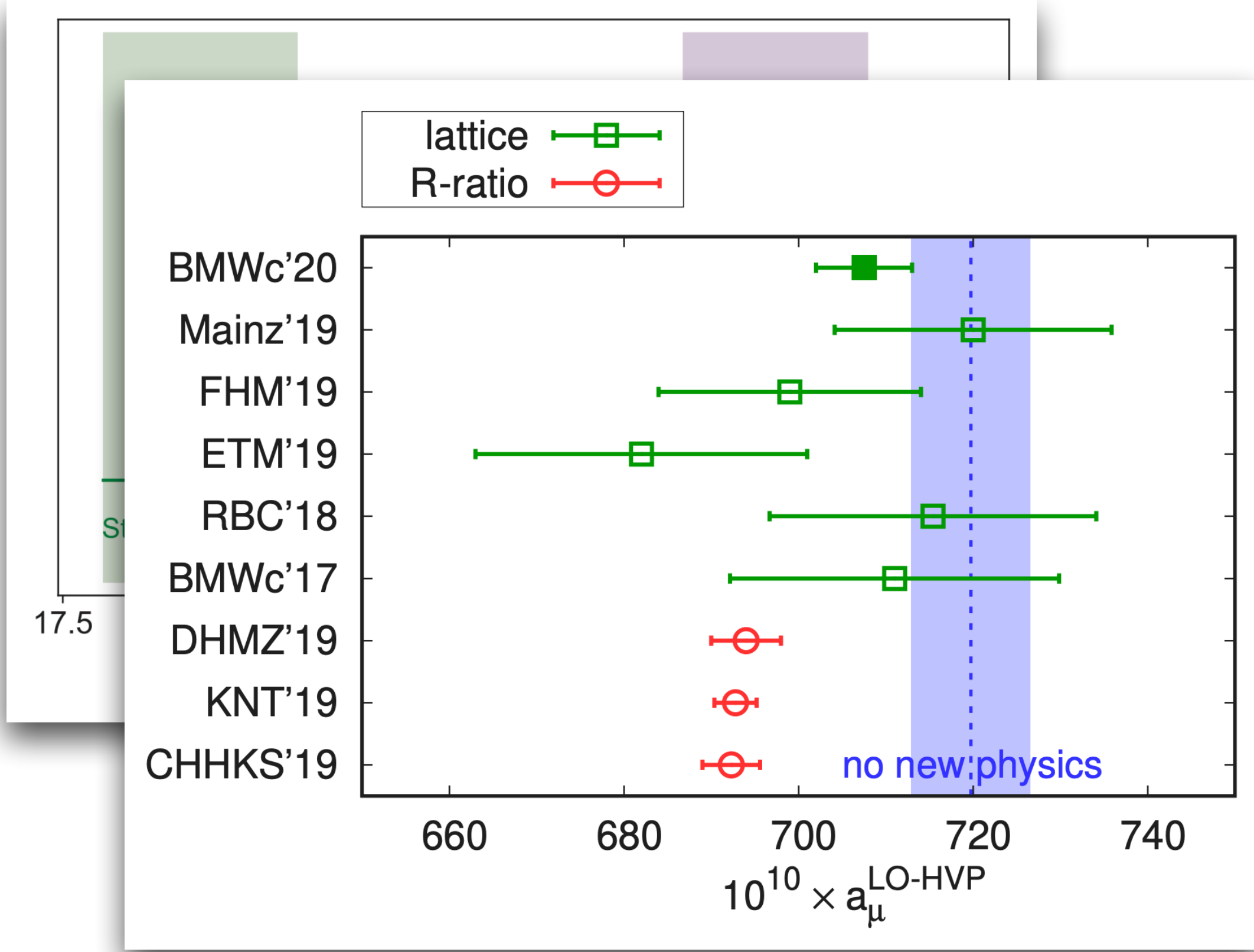
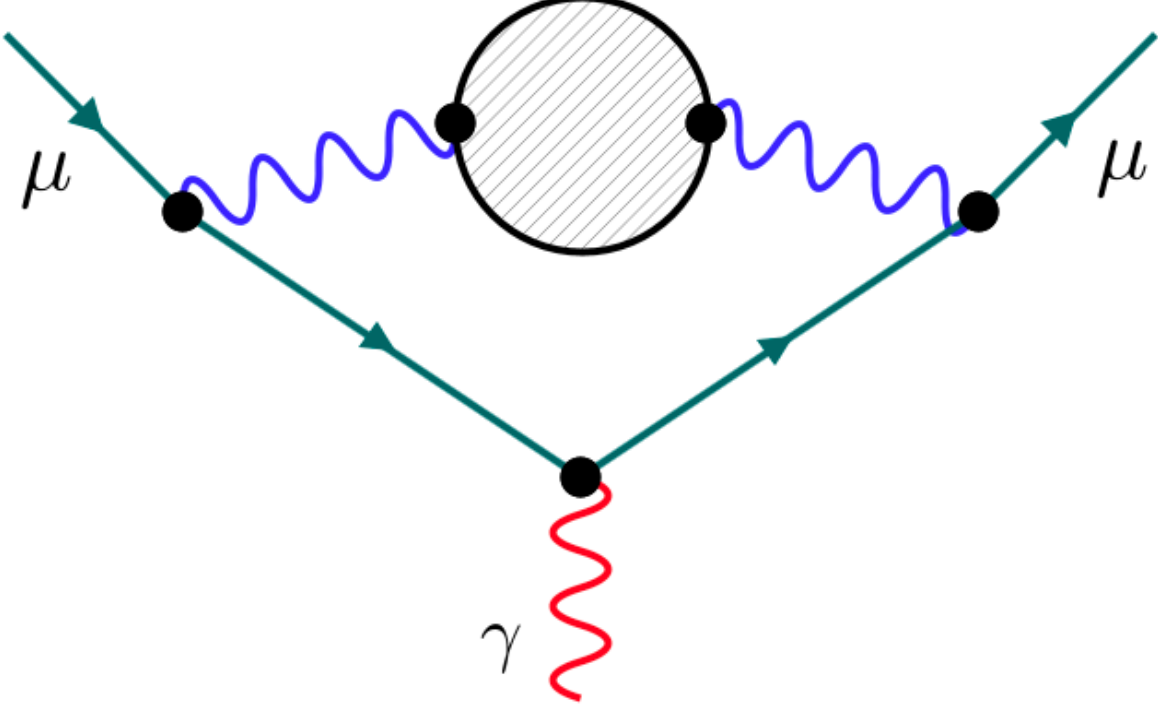
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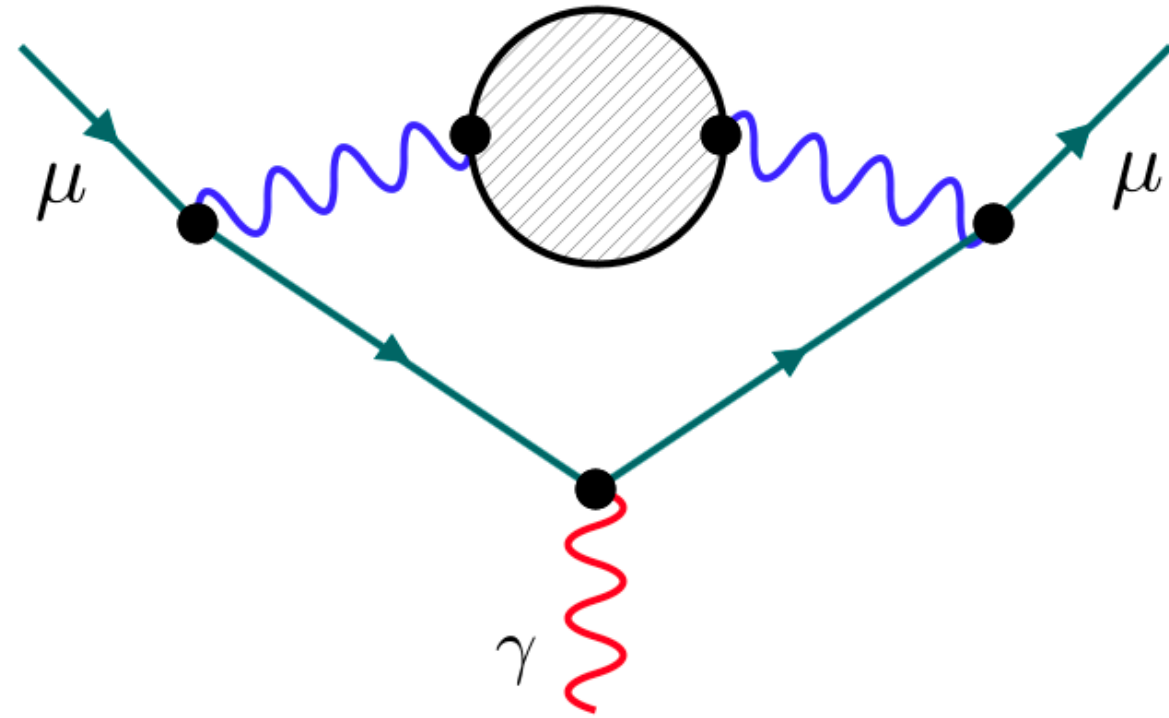
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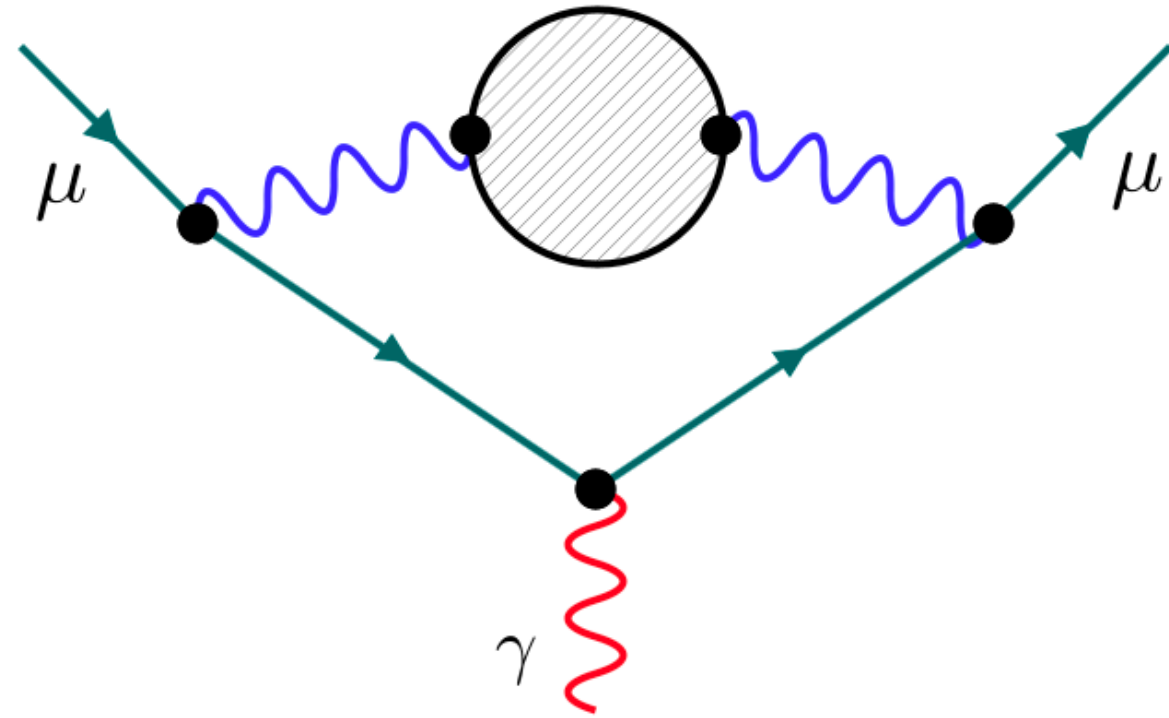
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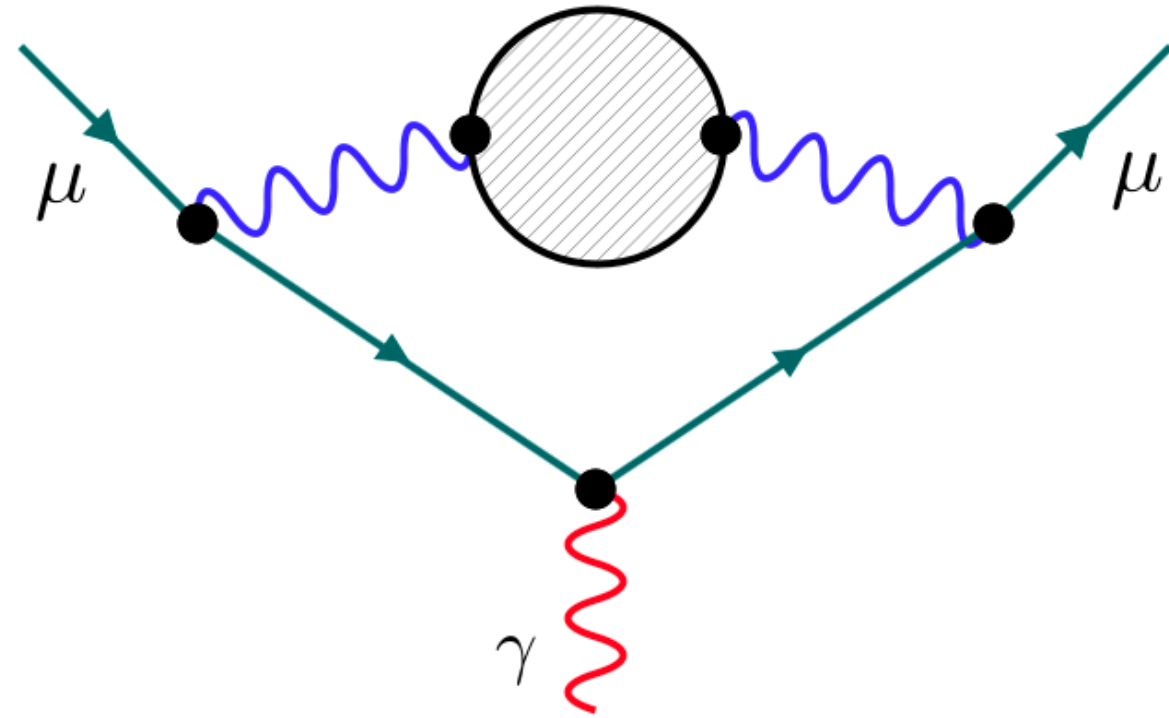
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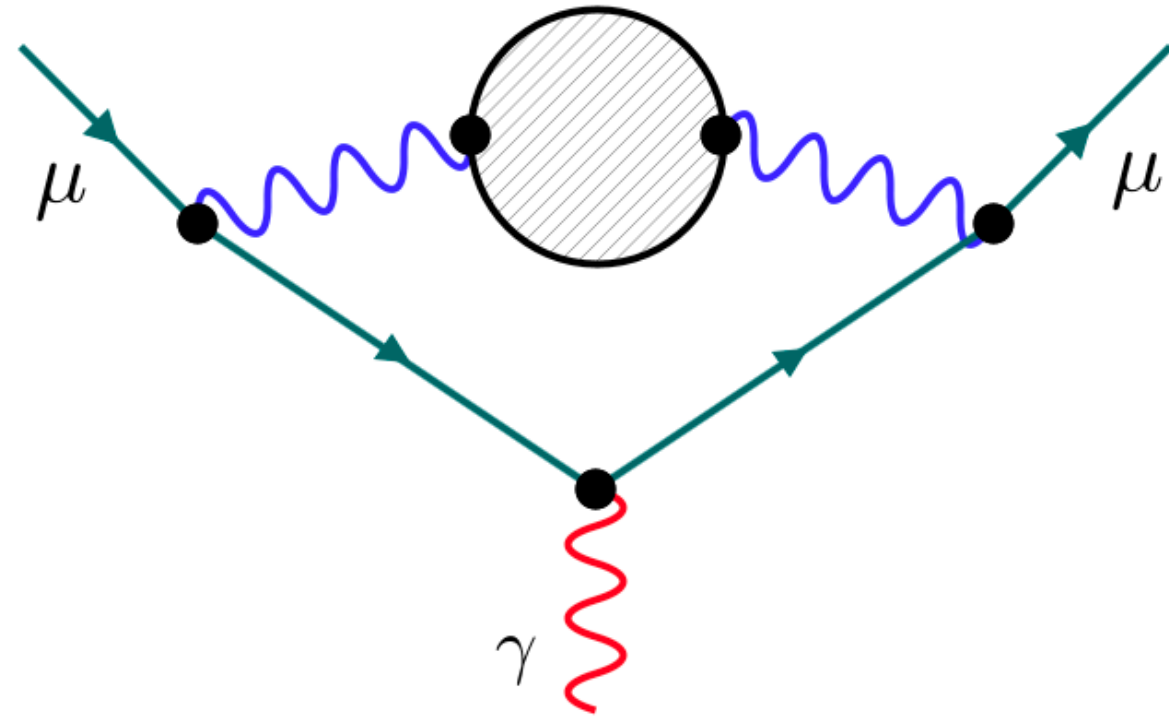


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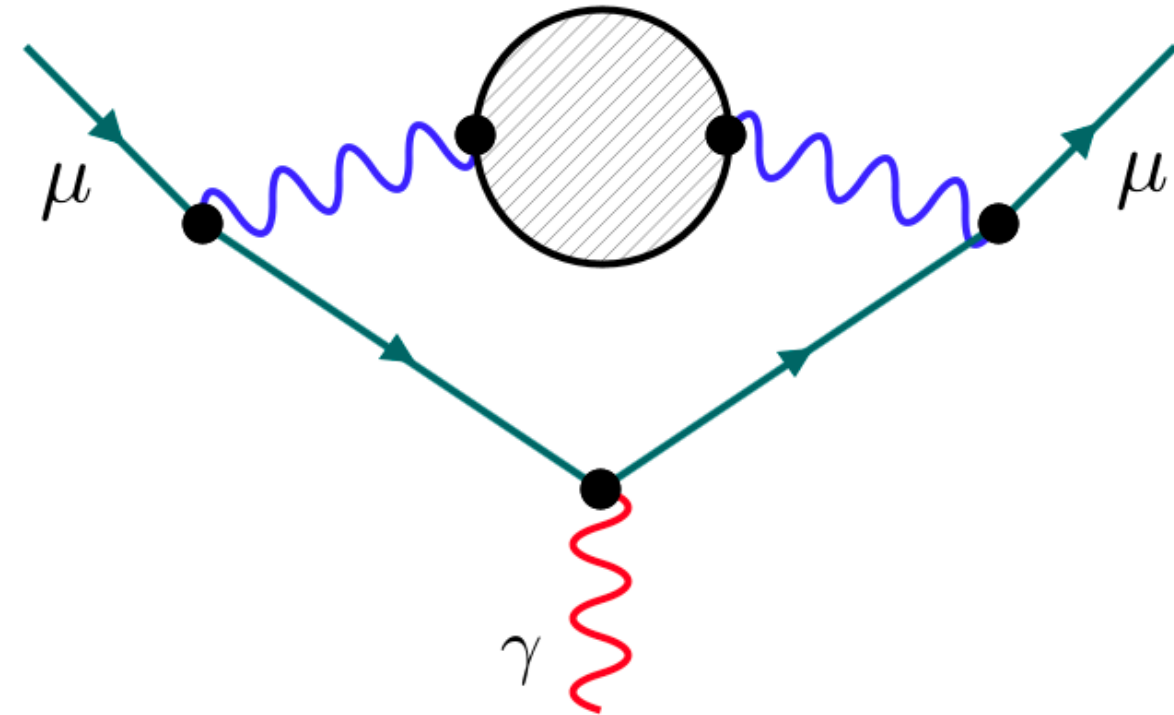


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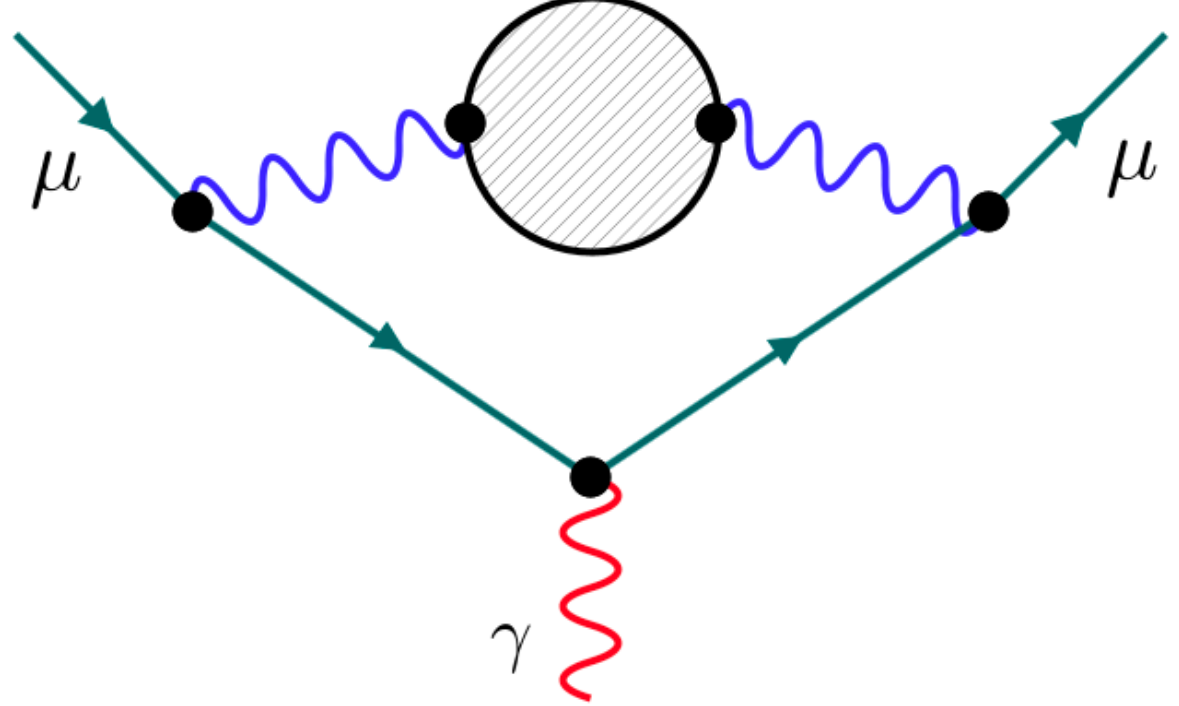
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$\tilde{C}_n(Q, t)$ to NNLO

RH, Lange, Neumann '20

Flow-time evolution

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matrix notation: $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(t) = \zeta(t) \mathcal{O}$

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3-loop gradient flow coupling / beta-function RH, Neumann, Lange '16, '20

see talks by K. Holland, J. Kuti, C. Peterson, ...