

Soft-gluon effective coupling

perturbative results and the large n_F limit to all orders

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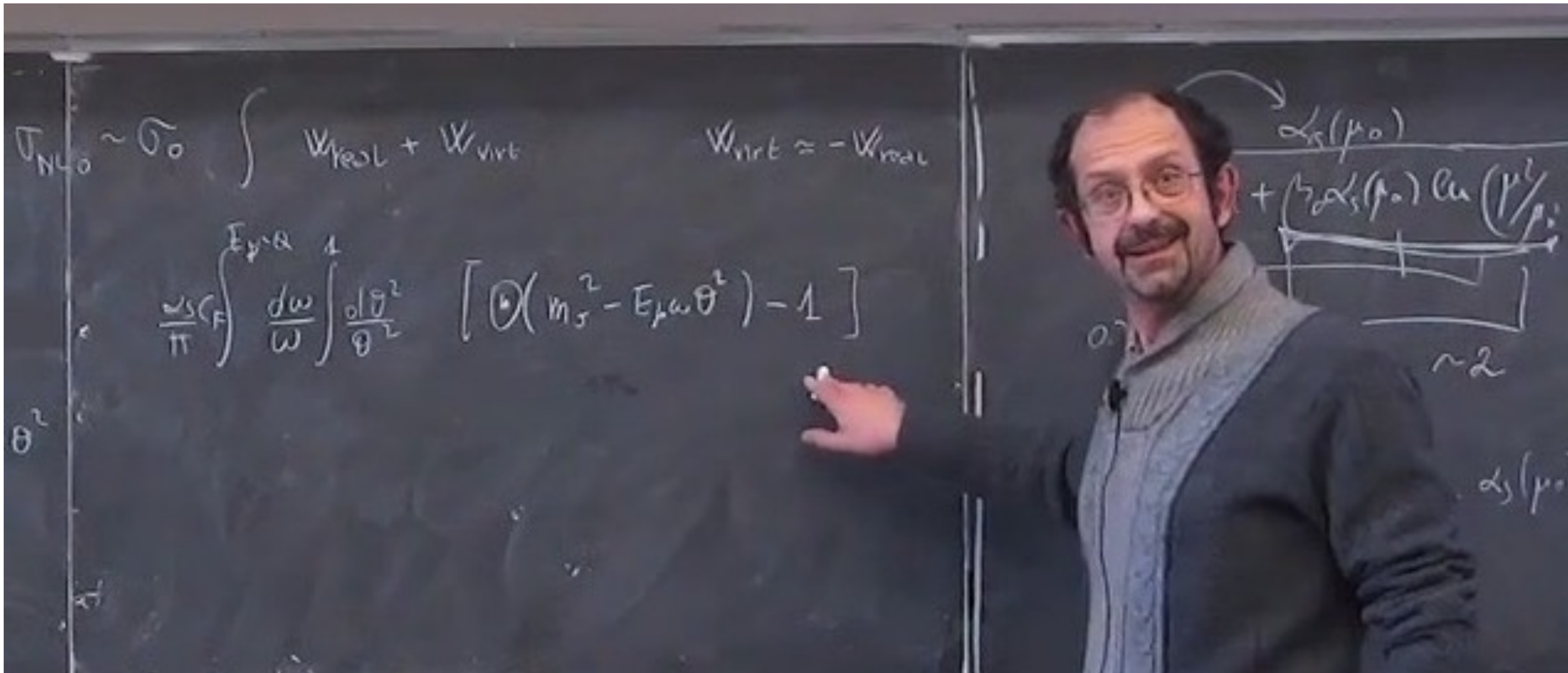
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- 📌 Soft-gluon effective coupling introduction
- 📌 NLO
- 📌 NNLO and beyond
- 📌 Conformal relation
- 📌 Large n_F limit to all orders
- 📌 Conclusions

► Hard scattering observables sensitive to soft-gluon effects

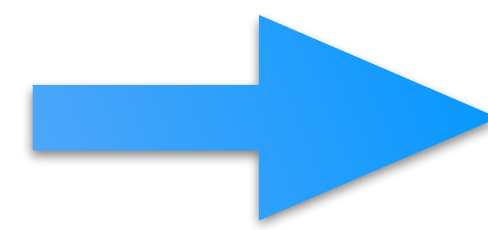
- originate from boundaries of phase space
- real-radiation strongly suppressed : unbalance virtual-radiation
- generate large logarithmic corrections $\alpha_s^n L^{2n}$

low transverse momentum $\log \frac{q_T}{Q}$

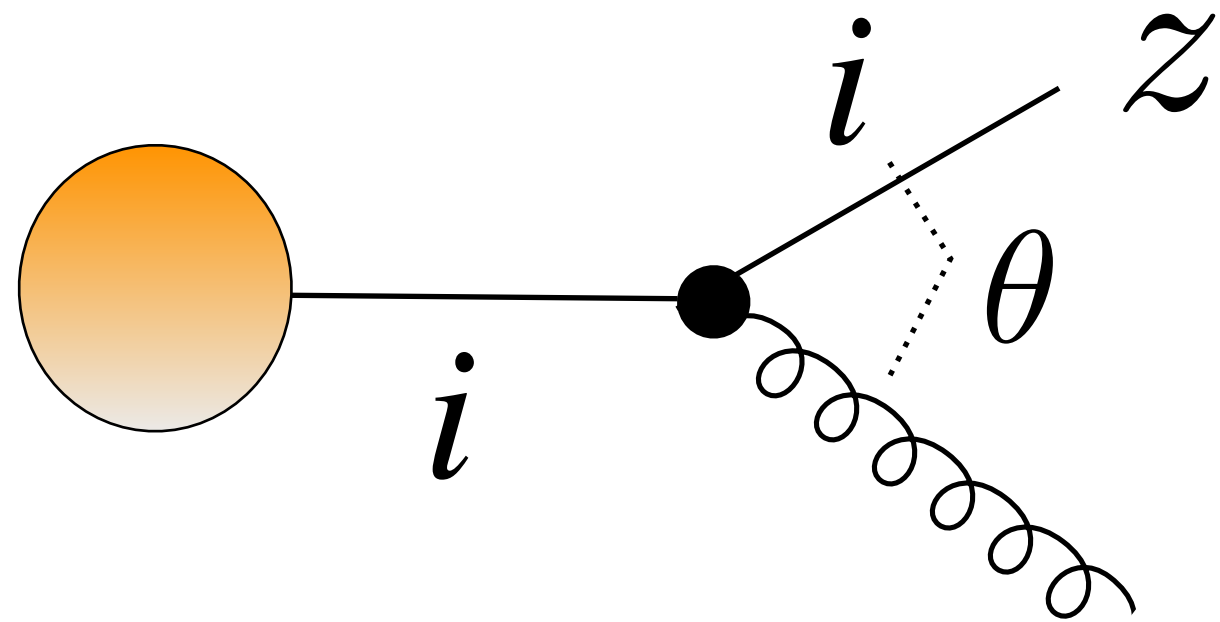
threshold $\log \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}} \right)$

- Need to be resummed to some logarithmic accuracy to improve the convergence of the perturbative expansion

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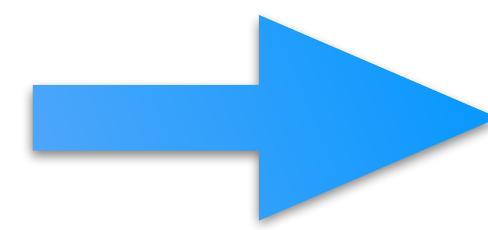
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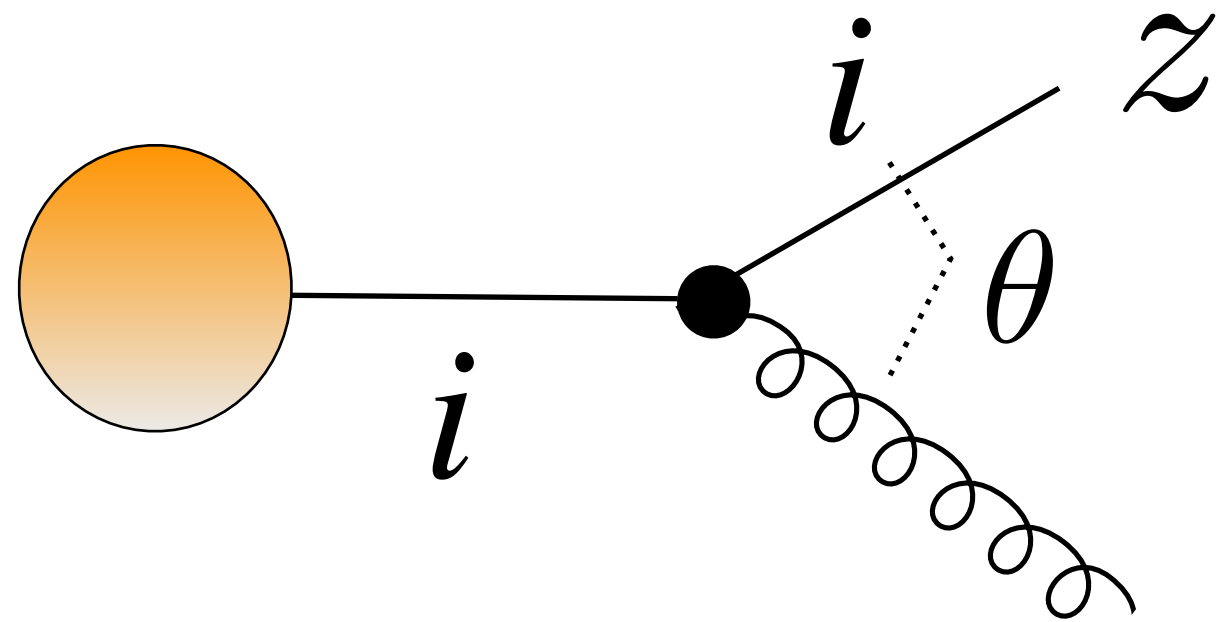
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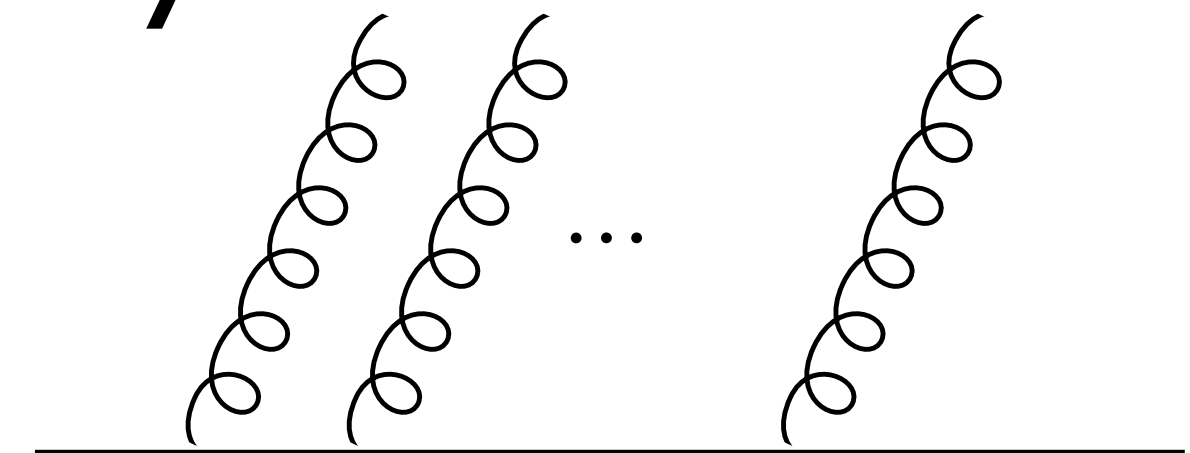
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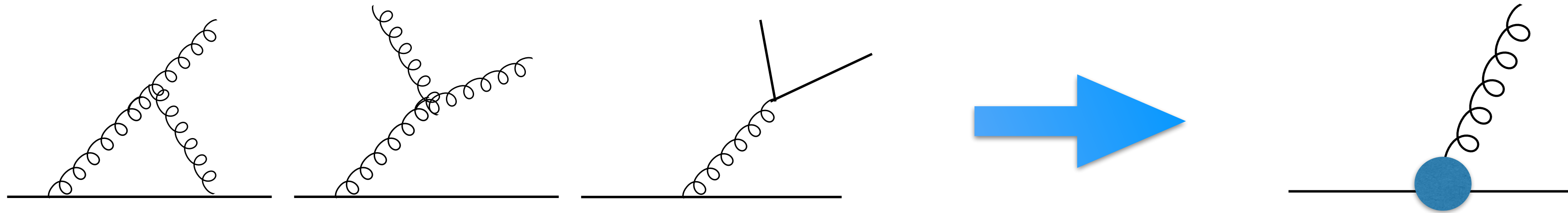
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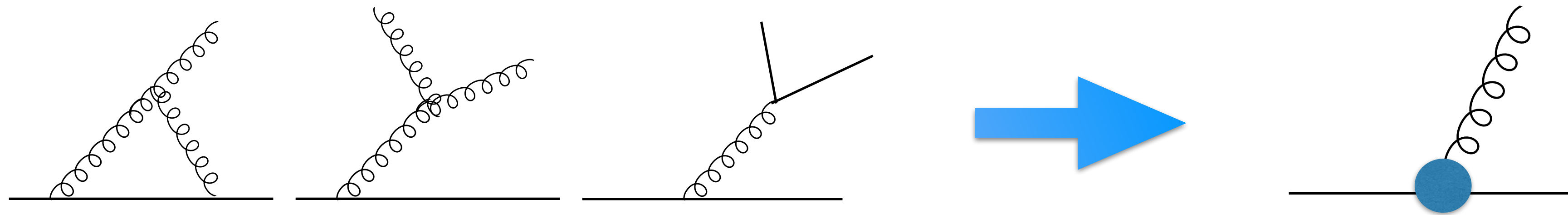
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- ▶ Up to 2-loops, the soft-gluon effective coupling is still given by the **cusplike anomalous dimension**

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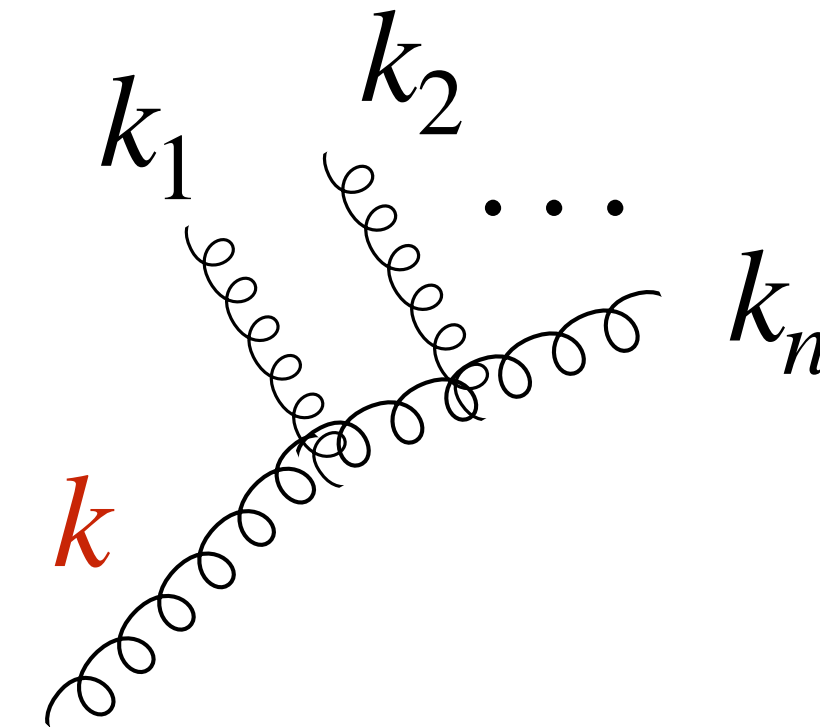
- Higher orders of cusp known $A_i^{(3)}$ $A_i^{(4)}$

- ▶ But, cusp=soft coupling beyond 2-loops?

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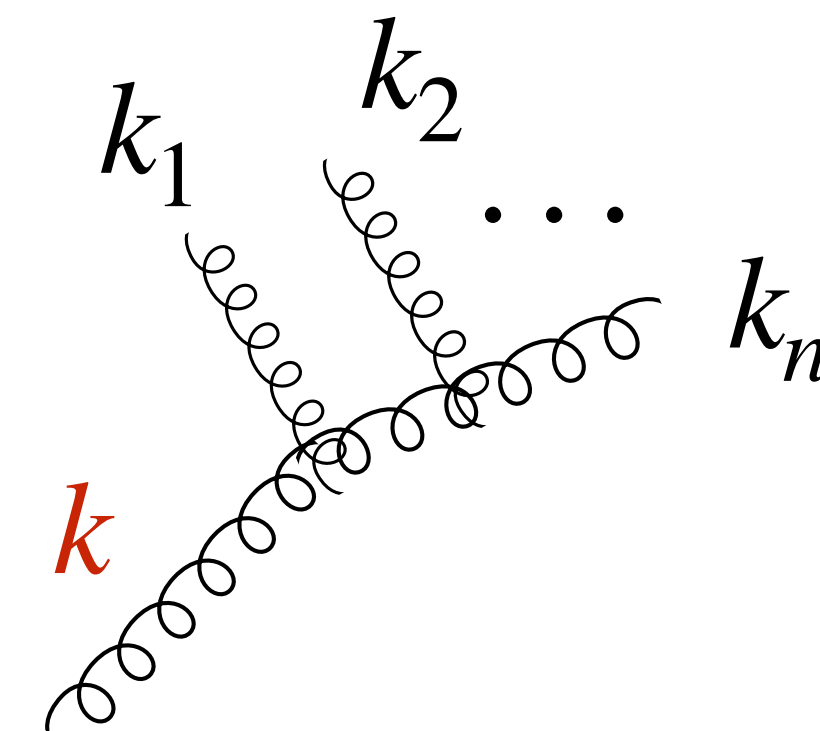


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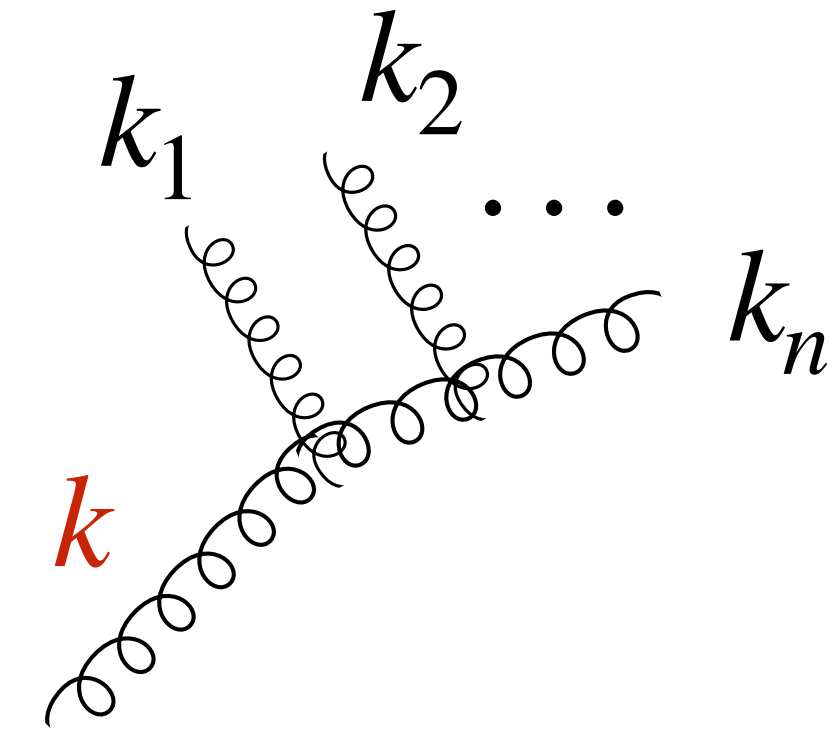
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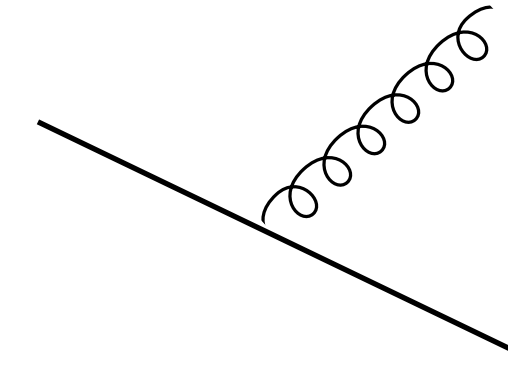
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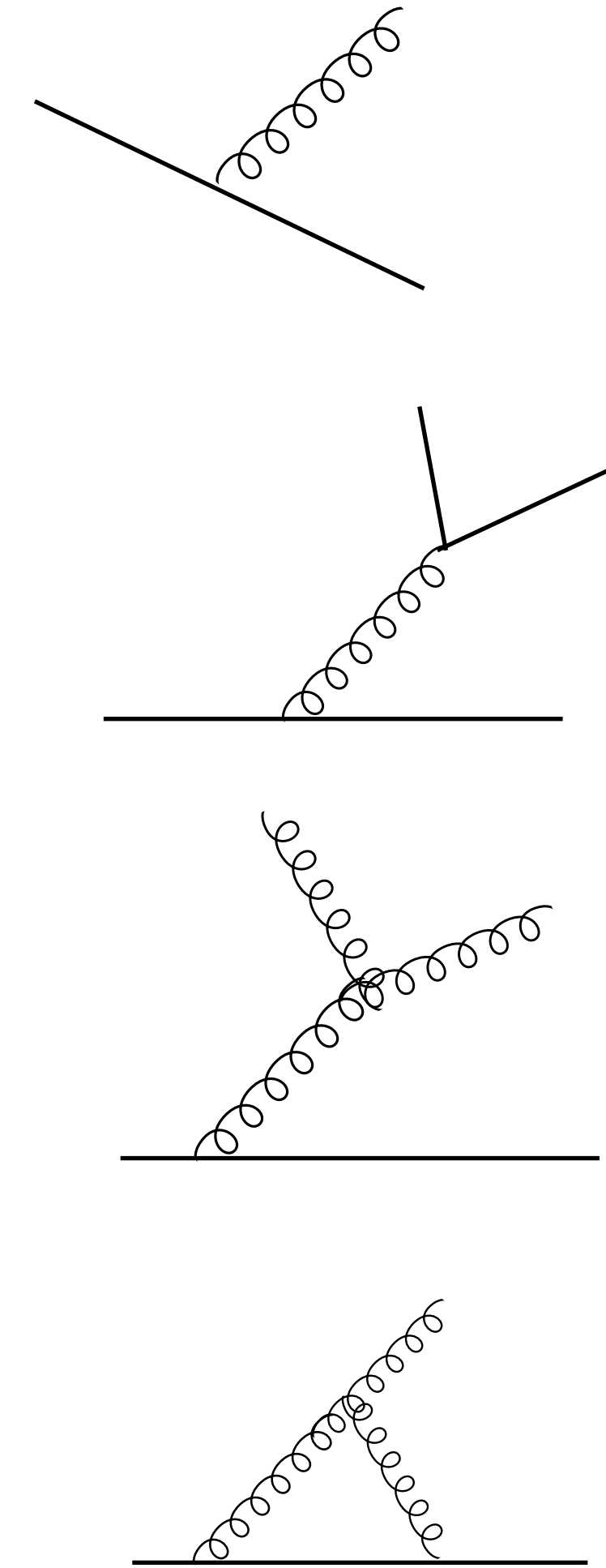
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- ▶ we computed both couplings at α_s^2 (all orders in ϵ)

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- ▶ agree with cusp anomalous dimension in 4 dimensions
 - ϵ terms different = effect at the next order

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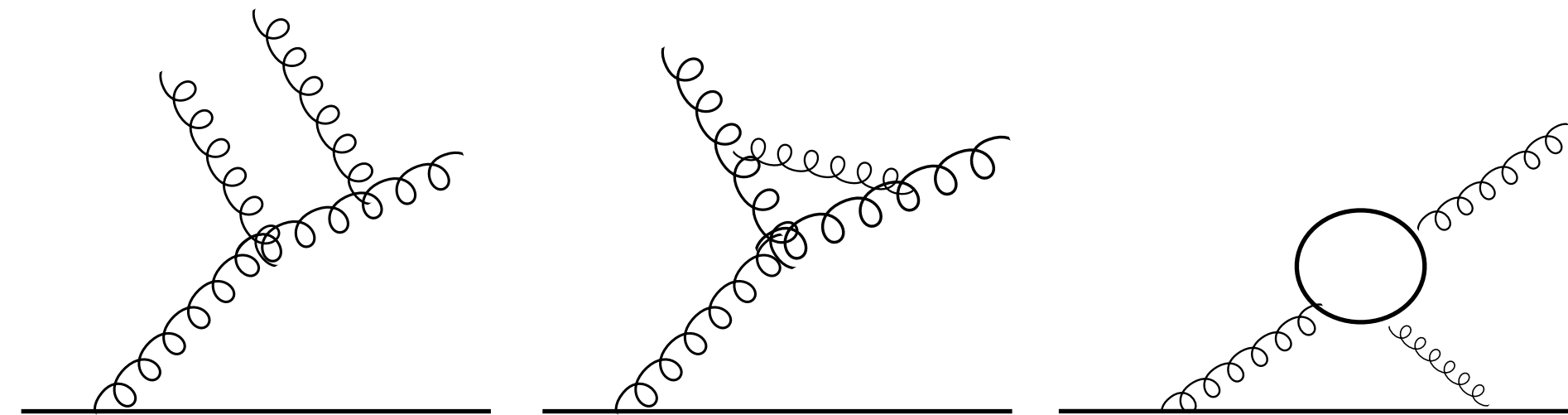
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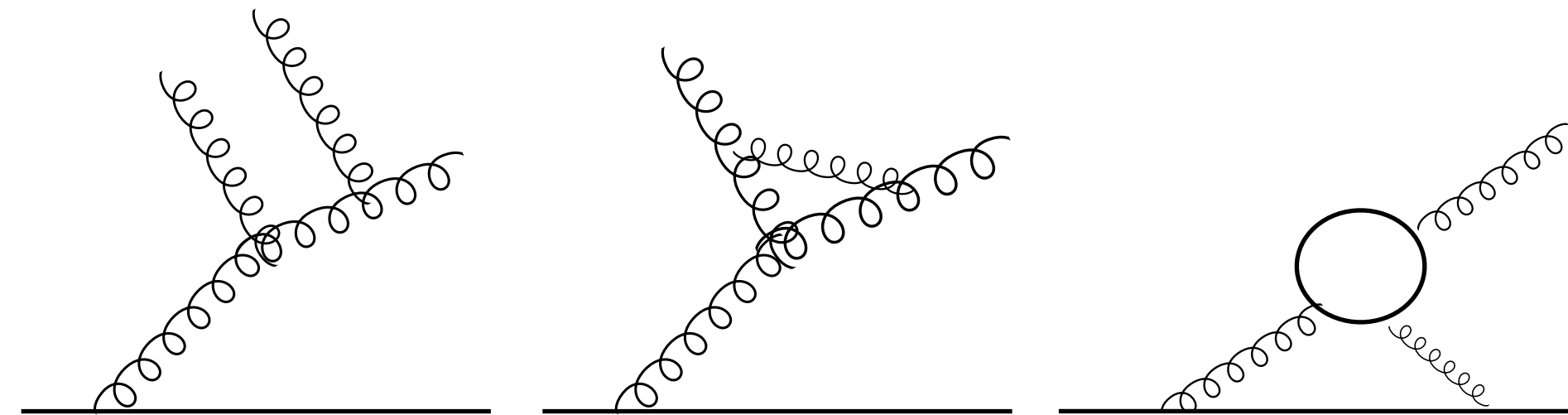
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► Expanding conformal equation to third order one directly obtains

$$\mathcal{A}_i^{(3)} = A_i^{(3)} - (\beta_0 \pi)^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(1;2)} + (\beta_0 \pi) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(2;1)}$$

► q_T
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- Agrees with previous result and 3rd order coefficient for q_T resummation

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Becher, Neubert (2011)

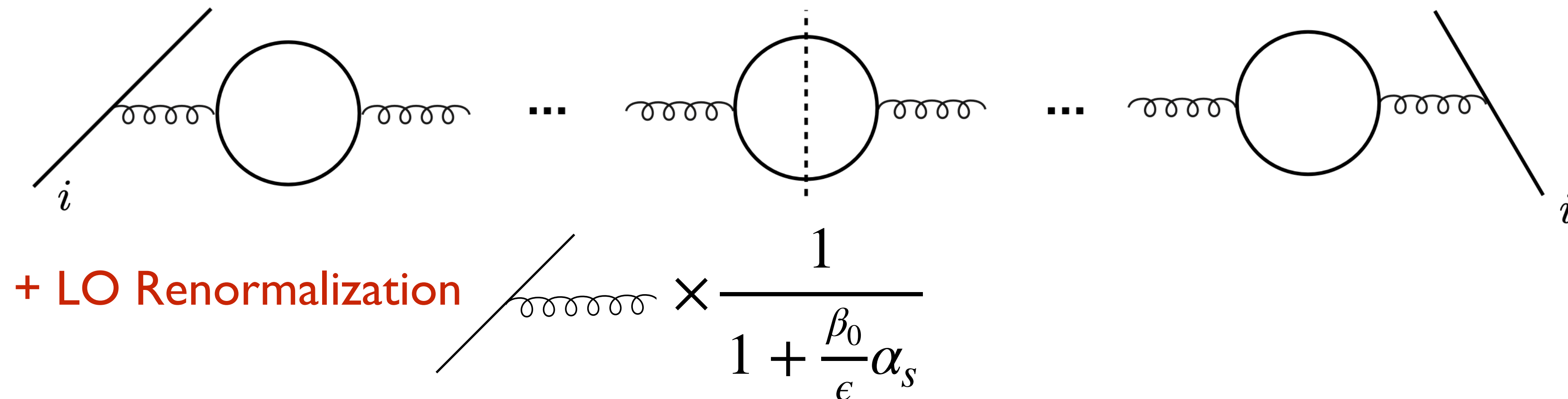
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- Also computed for threshold at 4th order

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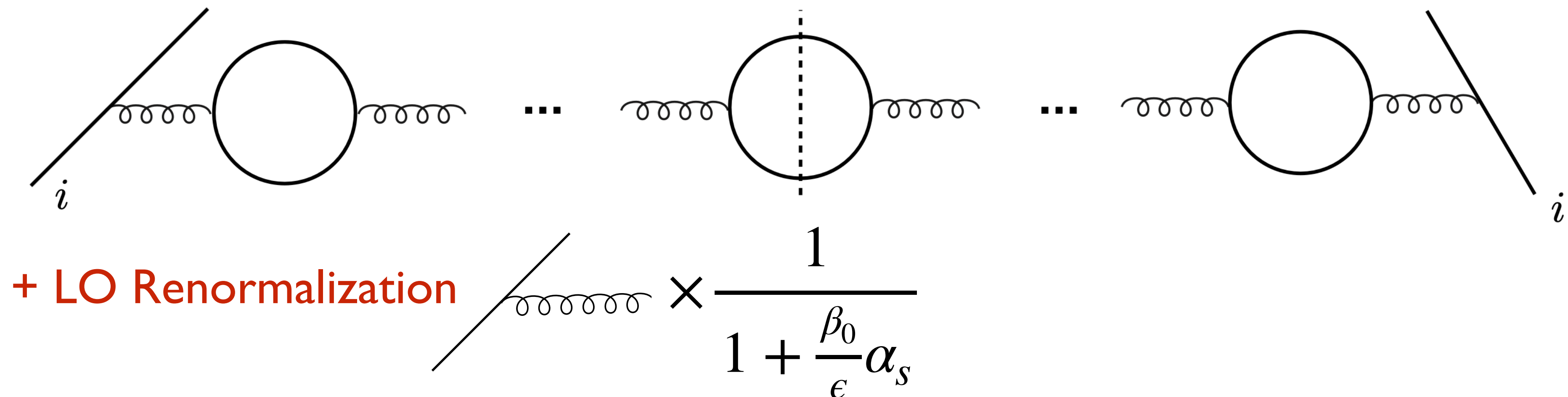


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- ▶ find all-order expression and sum the series ✓ Beneke, Braun (1995)

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Conclusions

📌 Definition(s) of Soft-gluon effective coupling at higher orders

📌 Explicit results for NNLO

📌 N³LO soft-coupling for threshold related observables

📌 Conformal relation (all orders)

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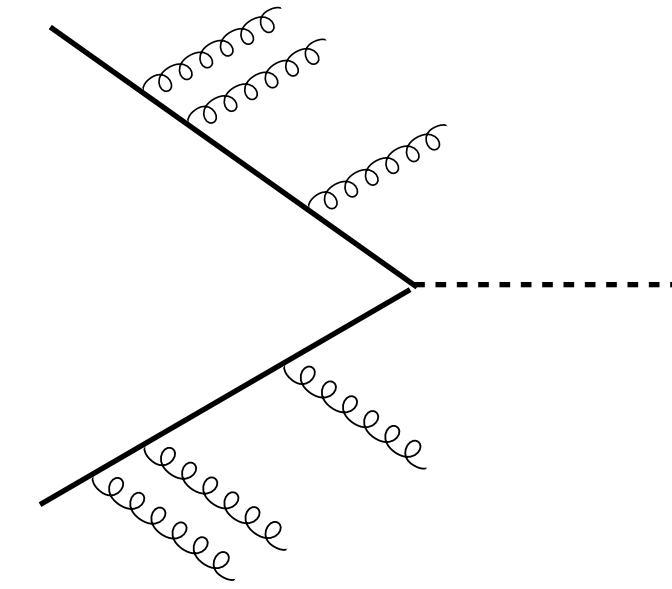
📌 Checked to all orders in large n_F limit

📌 **Towards improving the precision of PS** : still need to account for soft wide-angle and collinear radiation but soft-collinear effective coupling is known

Backup

Full Soft-collinear radiation from hard partons

- ▶ Simpler for $c\bar{c} \rightarrow F$
 - DY $q\bar{q}$
 - Higgs gg
- ▶ Processes involving several hard partons more complicated (MC)
 - need to account for soft wide-angle emission and collinear radiation
- ▶ But soft coupling \mathcal{A}_i not affected
 - intensity of soft-collinear radiation from parton i
 - exactly known to 4th order (for threshold related)
- ▶ All information for (threshold) resummation is contained in the **d-dimensional** version of the soft-coupling (work in progress)



► in general
$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathcal{F},i}(\alpha_S(\mu^2); \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \int_0^\infty dm_T^2 dk_T^2 \delta\left(\mu^2 - \frac{k_T^2}{\mathcal{F}(k_T^2/m_T^2)}\right) w_i(k; \epsilon)$$

measures intensity of soft emission at scale $\mu^2 = k_T^2/\mathcal{F}(k_T^2/m_T^2)$

► The difference between two definitions is given order by order $t = k_T^2/m_T^2$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathcal{F}_1,i}(\alpha_S(\mu^2); \epsilon) - \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\mathcal{F}_2,i}(\alpha_S(\mu^2); \epsilon) = \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^n} \int_0^1 dt \left[\alpha_S^n(\mu^2 \mathcal{F}_1(t)) - \alpha_S^n(\mu^2 \mathcal{F}_2(t)) \right] \widehat{w}_{T,i}^{(n)}(t; \epsilon)$$

► For (D-dimensional) $\beta = 0$ all soft-couplings agree (with cusp)

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