

# **Toward precision studies of gluon saturation**

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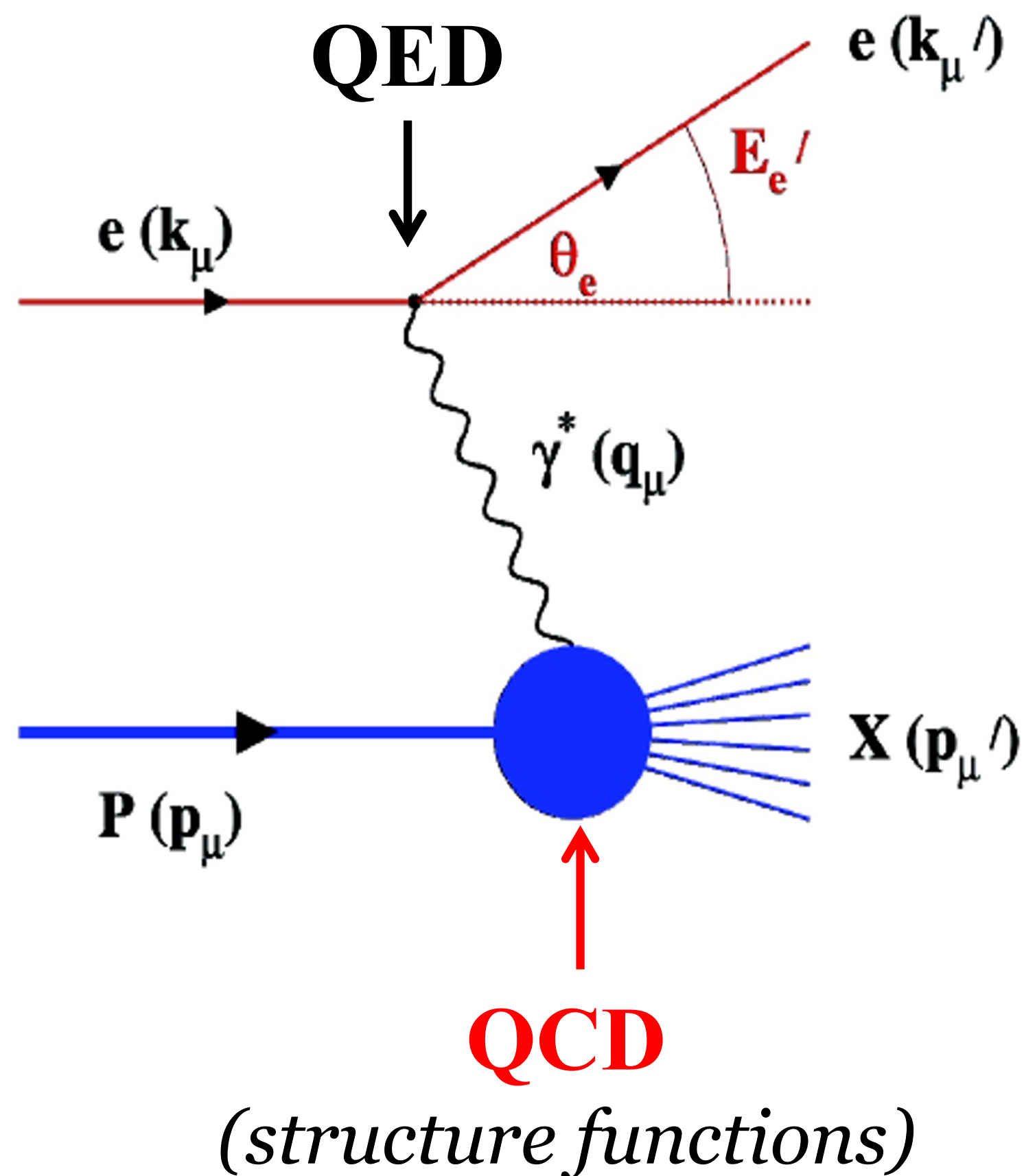
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# Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

probing hadron structure

## Kinematic Invariants



$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k_\mu - k'_\mu)^2$$

$$Q^2 = 4E_e E'_e \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{pq}{pk} = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

$$s \equiv (p + k)^2$$

Measure of  
resolution  
power

Measure of  
inelasticity

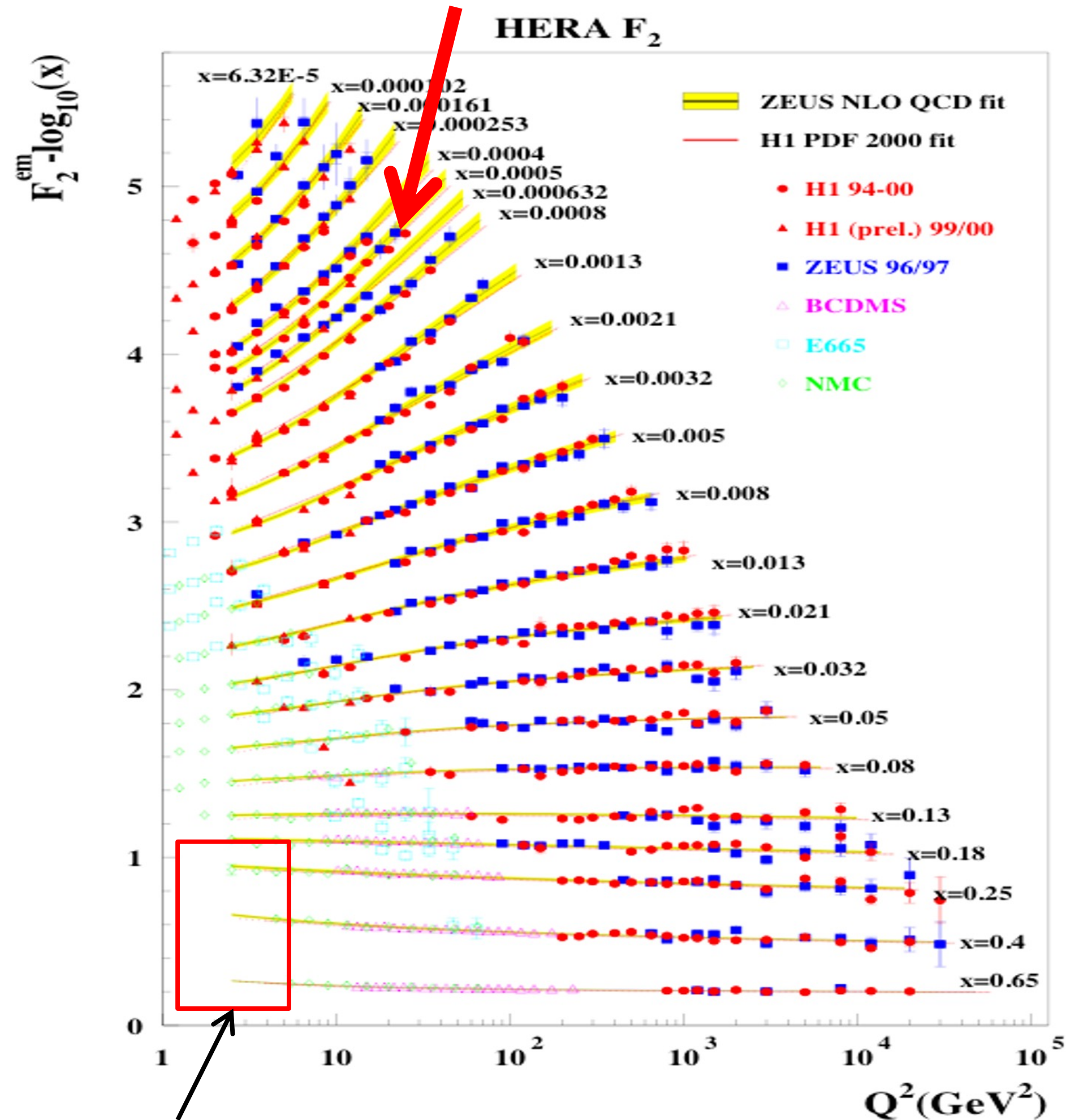
Measure of  
momentum  
fraction of  
struck quark



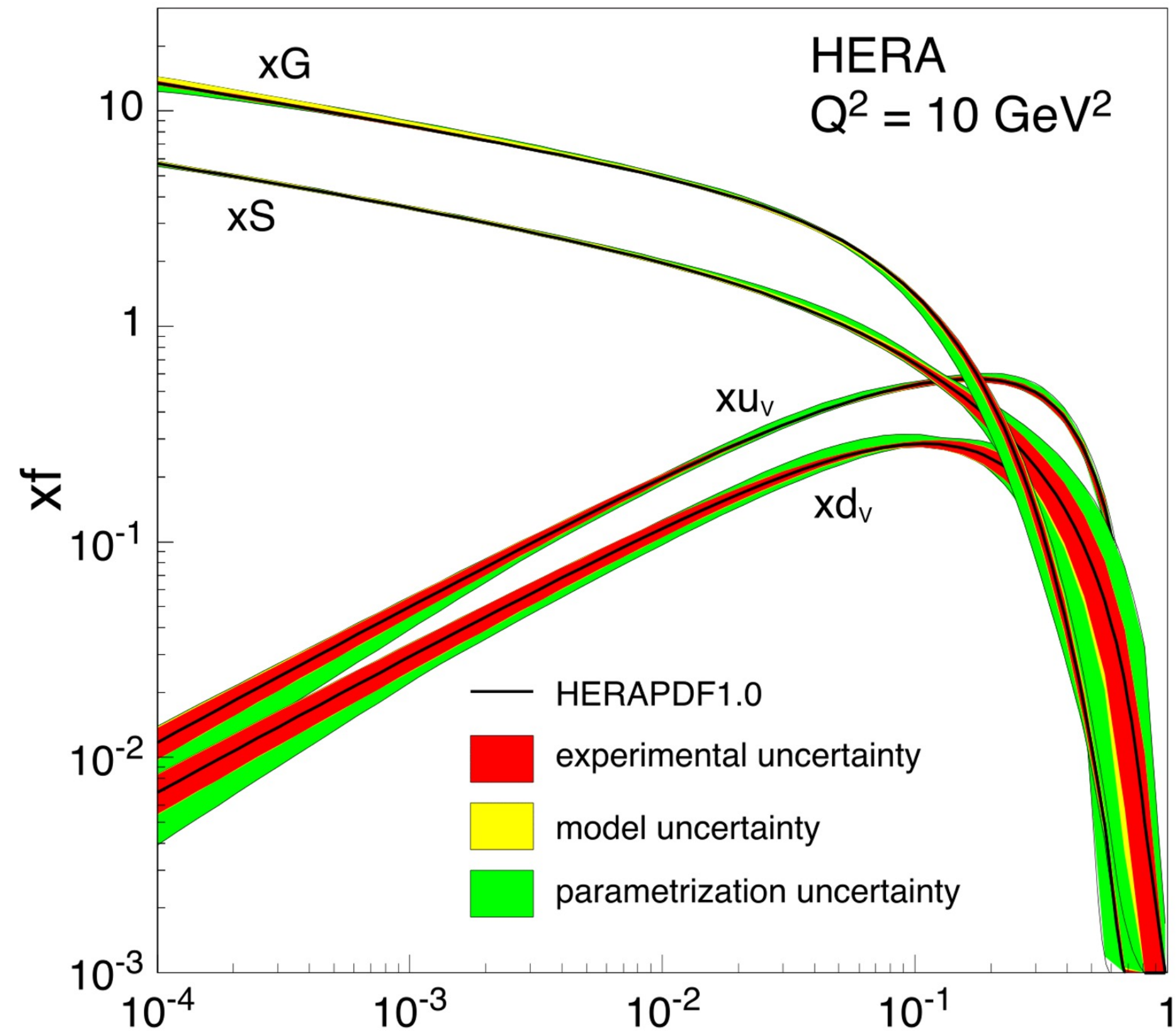
# Deep Inelastic Scattering

**QCD: scaling violations**

$$F_2 \equiv \sum_{f=q,\bar{q}} e_f^2 xq(x, Q^2)$$



early experiments (SLAC,...):  
**scale invariance** of hadron structure



$$x = \frac{p^+}{P^+}$$

$x$  is the fraction of hadron energy carried by a parton



# What drives the growth of parton distributions?

Splitting functions at leading order  $O(\alpha_s^0)$  ( $x \neq 1$ )

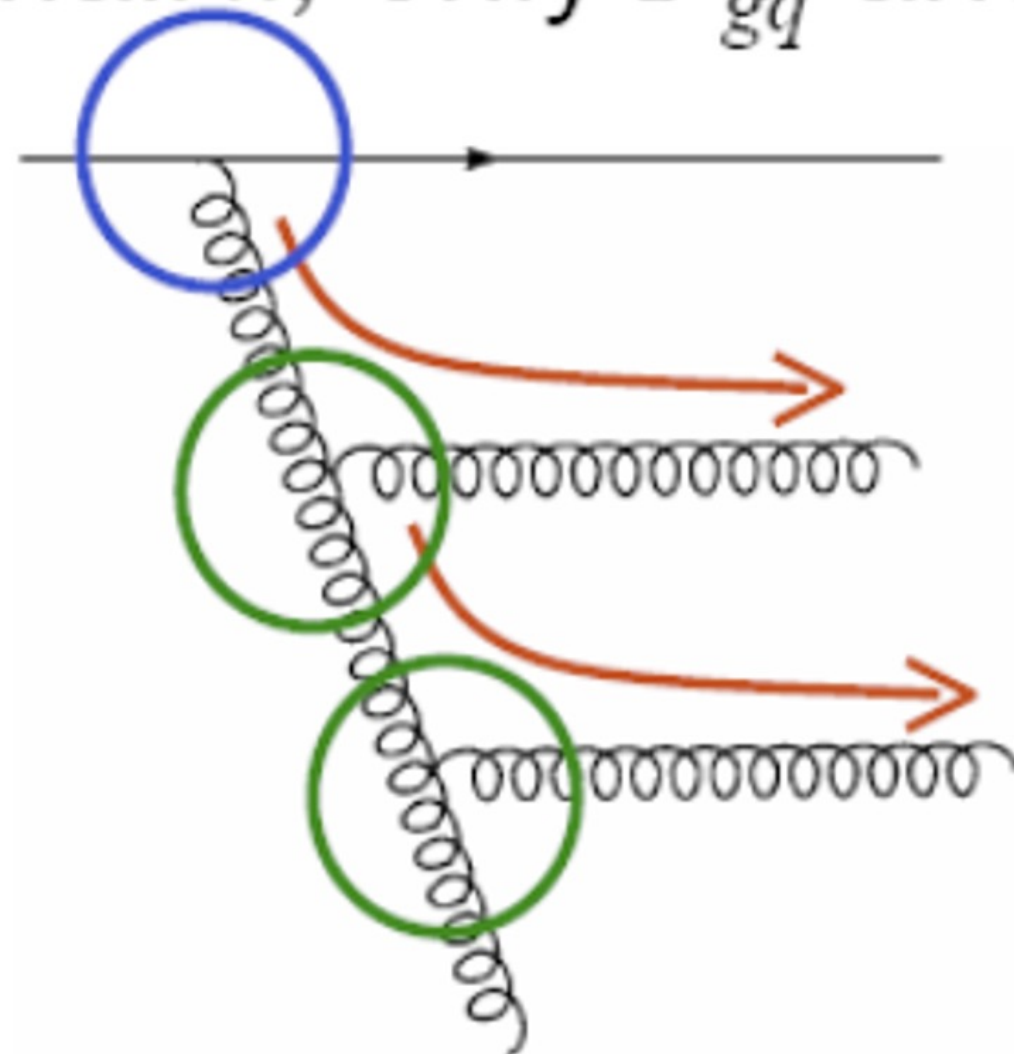
$$P_{qq}^{(0)}(x) = C_F \frac{1+x^2}{1-x}$$

$$P_{qg}^{(0)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} [x^2 + (1-x)^2]$$

$$P_{gq}^{(0)}(x) = C_F \frac{1+(1-x)^2}{x}$$

$$P_{gg}^{(0)}(x) = 2C_A \left[ \frac{x}{1-x} + \frac{1-x}{x} + x(1-x) \right]$$

At small  $x$ , only  $P_{gq}$  and  $P_{gg}$  are relevant.



→ **Gluon dominant at small  $x$ !**

The double log approximation (DLA) of DGLAP is easily solved.

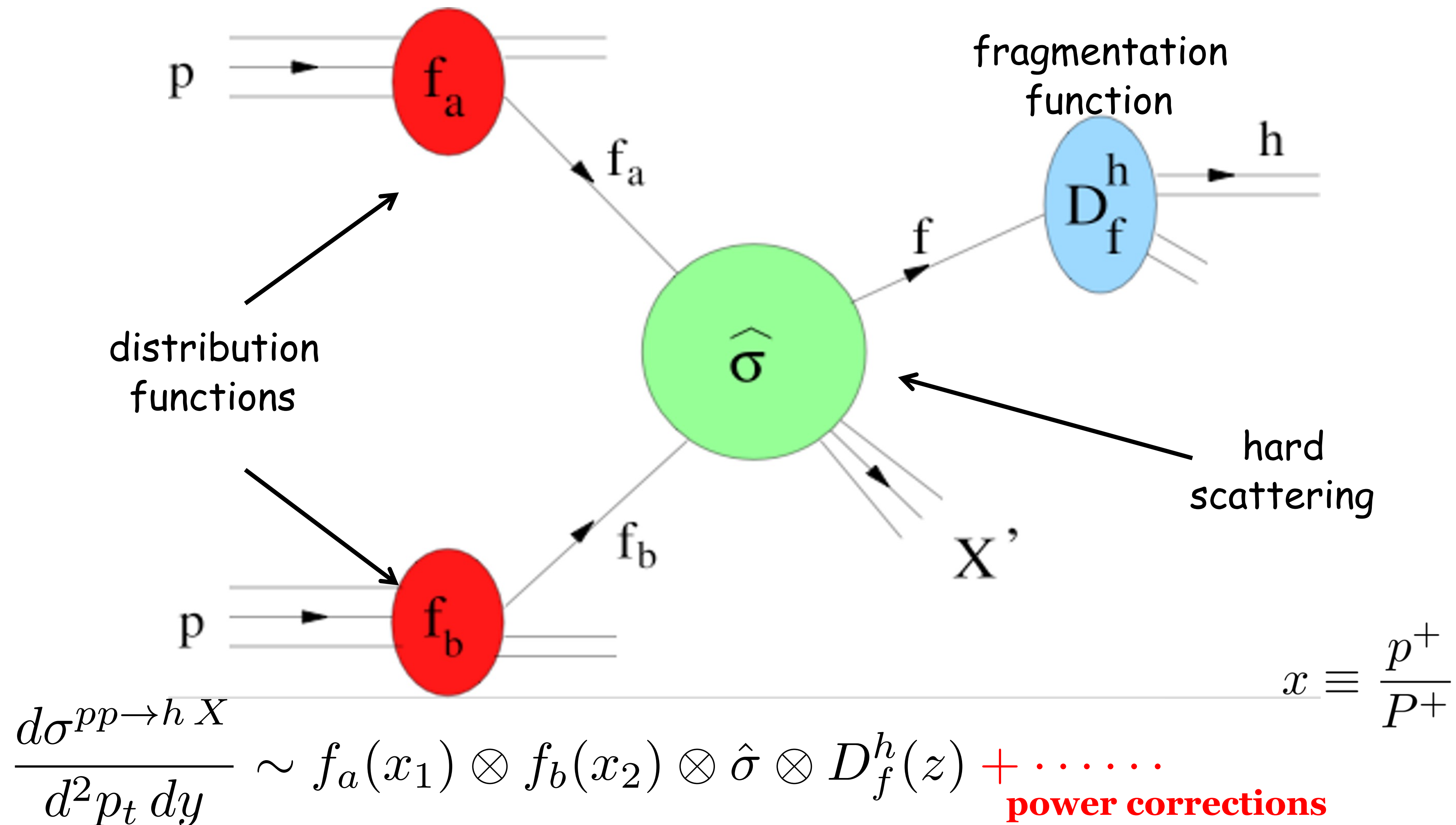
-- increase of gluon distribution at small  $x$

$$xg(x, Q^2) \sim e^{\sqrt{\alpha_s (\log 1/x) (\log Q^2)}}$$

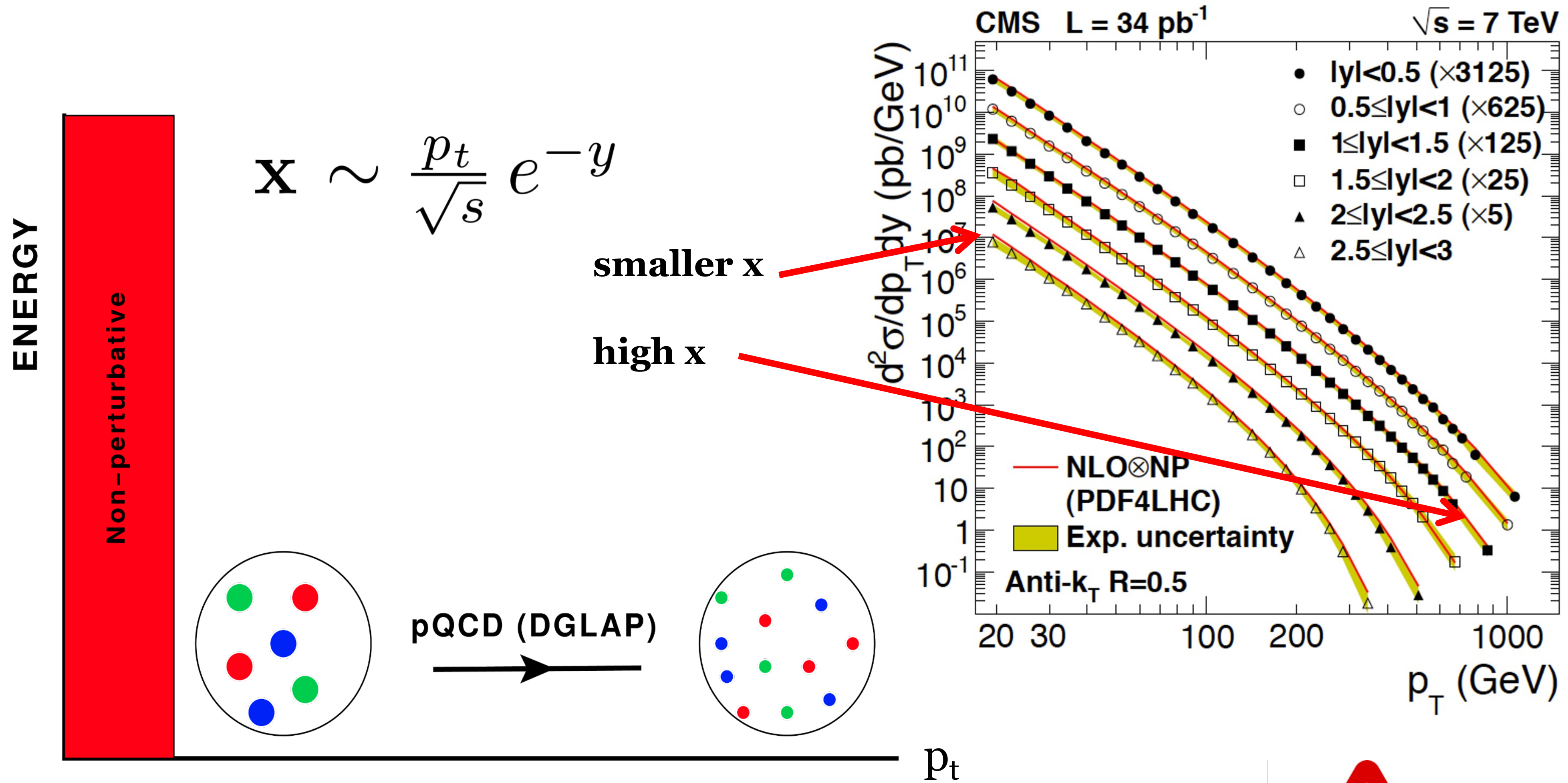


# QCD in proton-proton collisions

collinear factorization: separation of soft (long distance) and hard (short distance)



# pQCD: the standard paradigm



bulk of QCD phenomena happens at low  $p_t$  (small x)





# QCD in the Regge-Gribov limit

recall  $X_{Bj} \equiv \frac{Q^2}{S}$      $S \rightarrow \infty, Q^2 \text{ fixed} : X_{Bj} \rightarrow 0$



Regge



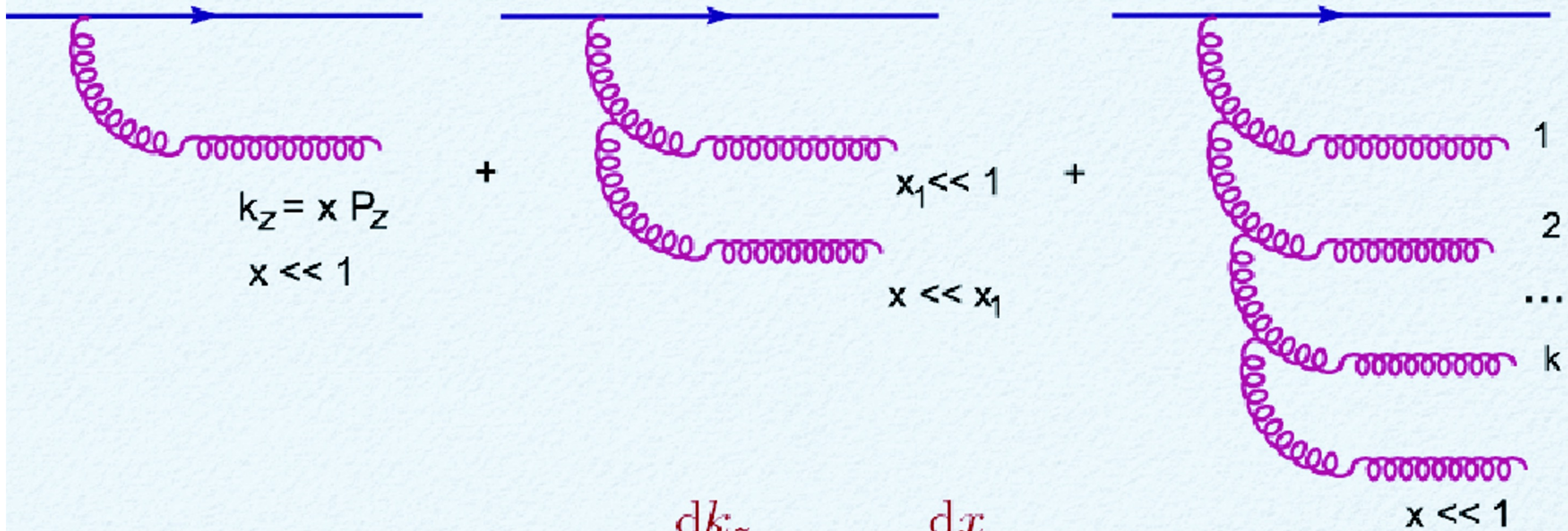
Gribov



# gluon radiation at small $x$ : pQCD

The infrared sensitivity of bremsstrahlung favors the emission of 'soft' (= small- $x$ ) gluons

$$P_{gg}(x) \sim \frac{1}{x} \text{ for } x \rightarrow 0$$



$$d\mathcal{P} \propto \alpha_s \frac{dk_z}{k_z} = \alpha_s \frac{dx}{x}$$

The 'price' of an additional gluon:

$$\mathcal{P}(1) \propto \alpha_s \int_x^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} = \alpha_s \ln \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{number of gluons grows fast}$$

$$n \sim e^{\alpha_s \ln 1/x}$$



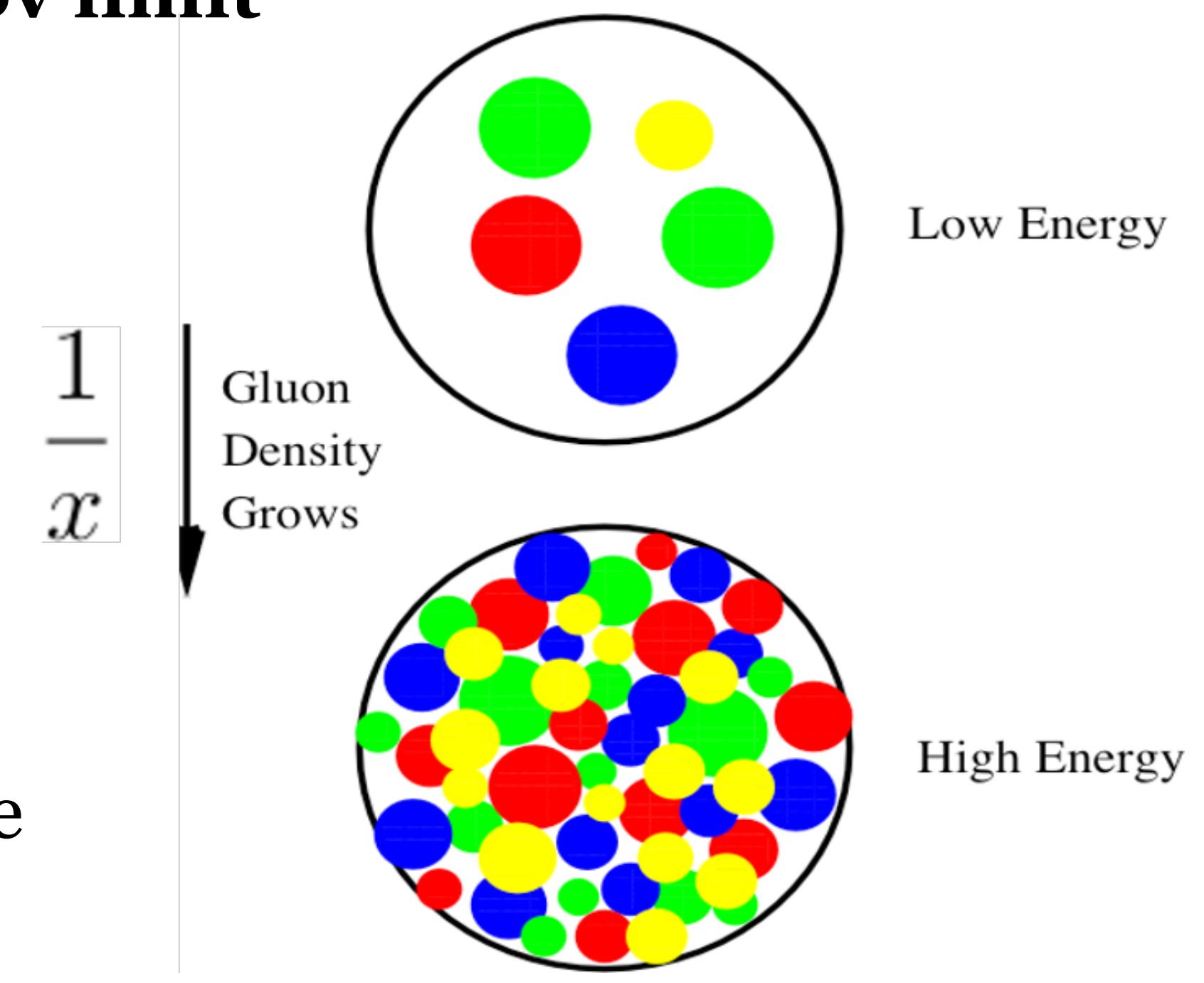
# Resolving the nucleus/hadron: Regge-Gribov limit

$$Q^2 \text{ fixed and } \sqrt{S} \rightarrow \infty \quad (x \equiv \frac{Q^2}{S} \rightarrow 0)$$

gluons are radiated into fixed resolved area  
 number of gluons increases due to increased longitudinal phase space

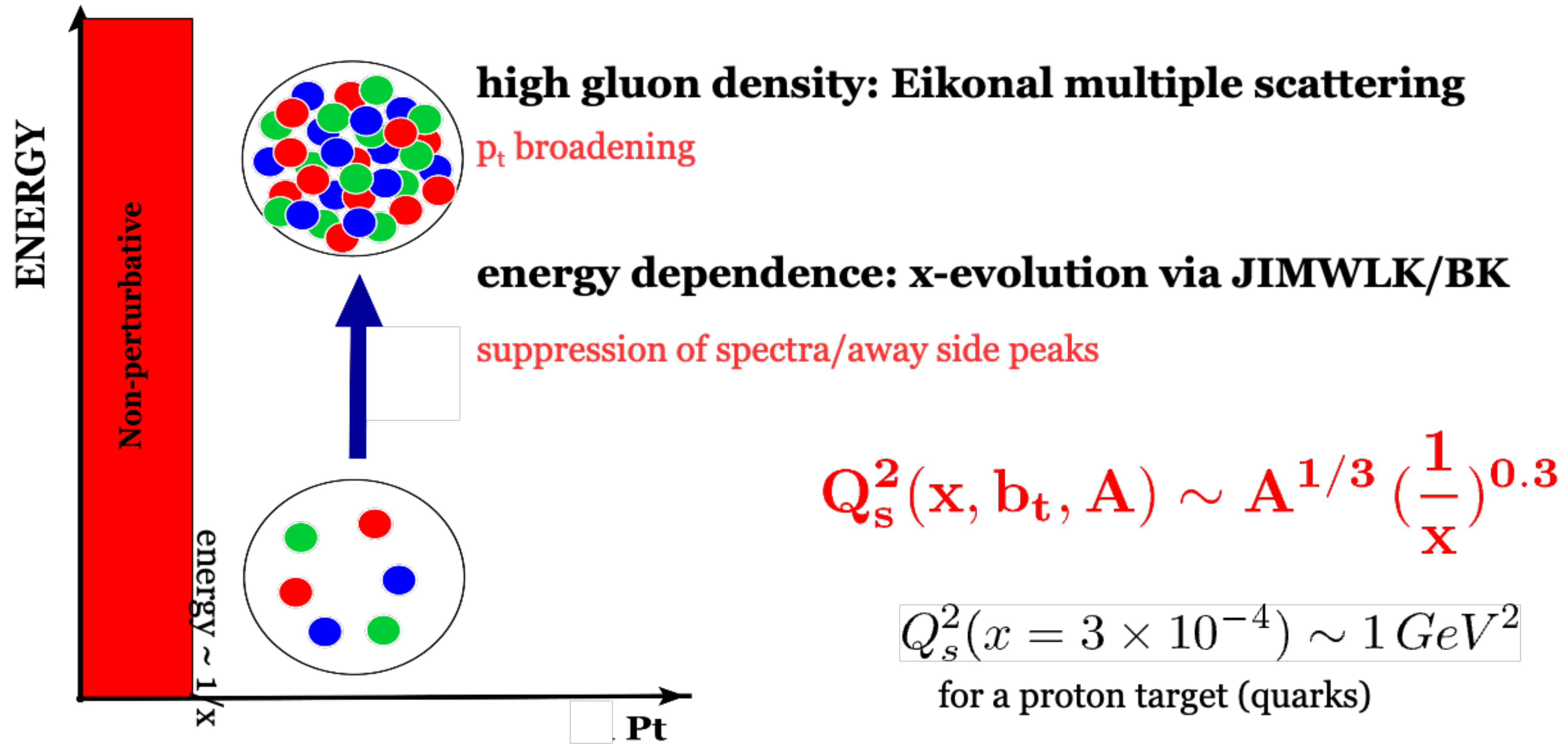
hadron/nucleus becomes a dense state of gluons (CGC)  $\frac{\alpha_s}{Q^2} \frac{xG(x, Q^2)}{S_\perp} \sim 1$   $Q_s^2(x, A, b_\perp) \sim A^{1/3} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{0.3}$

Gribov-Levin-Ryskin



**possible universal properties of QCD observables ?**

# QCD at high energy: gluon saturation



a framework for multi-particle production in QCD at small  $x$ /low  $p_t$

*Shadowing/Nuclear modification factor*

*Azimuthal angular correlations (dihadrons/dijets,...)*

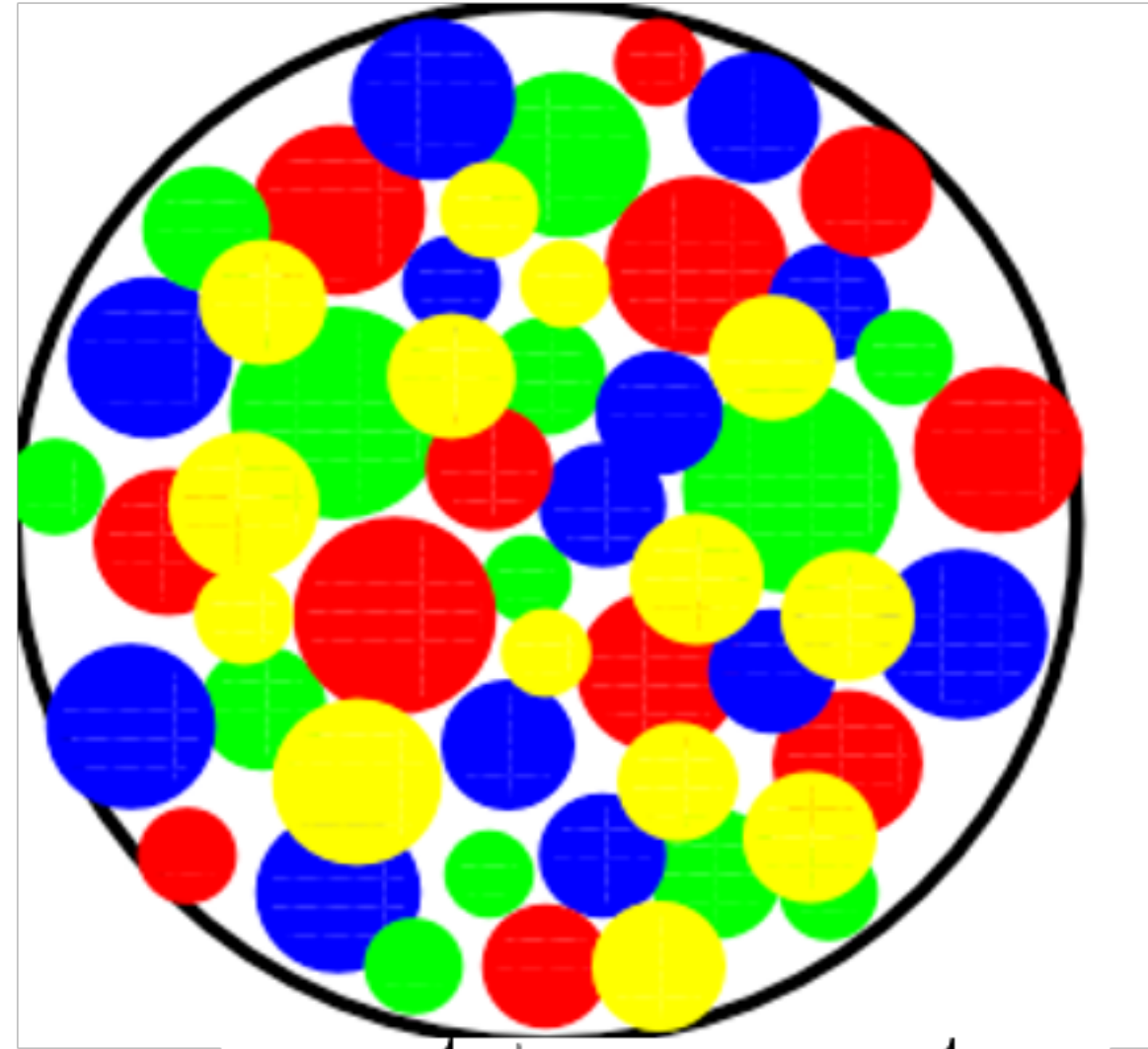
*Long range rapidity correlations (ridge,...)*

*Connections to TMDs,...*

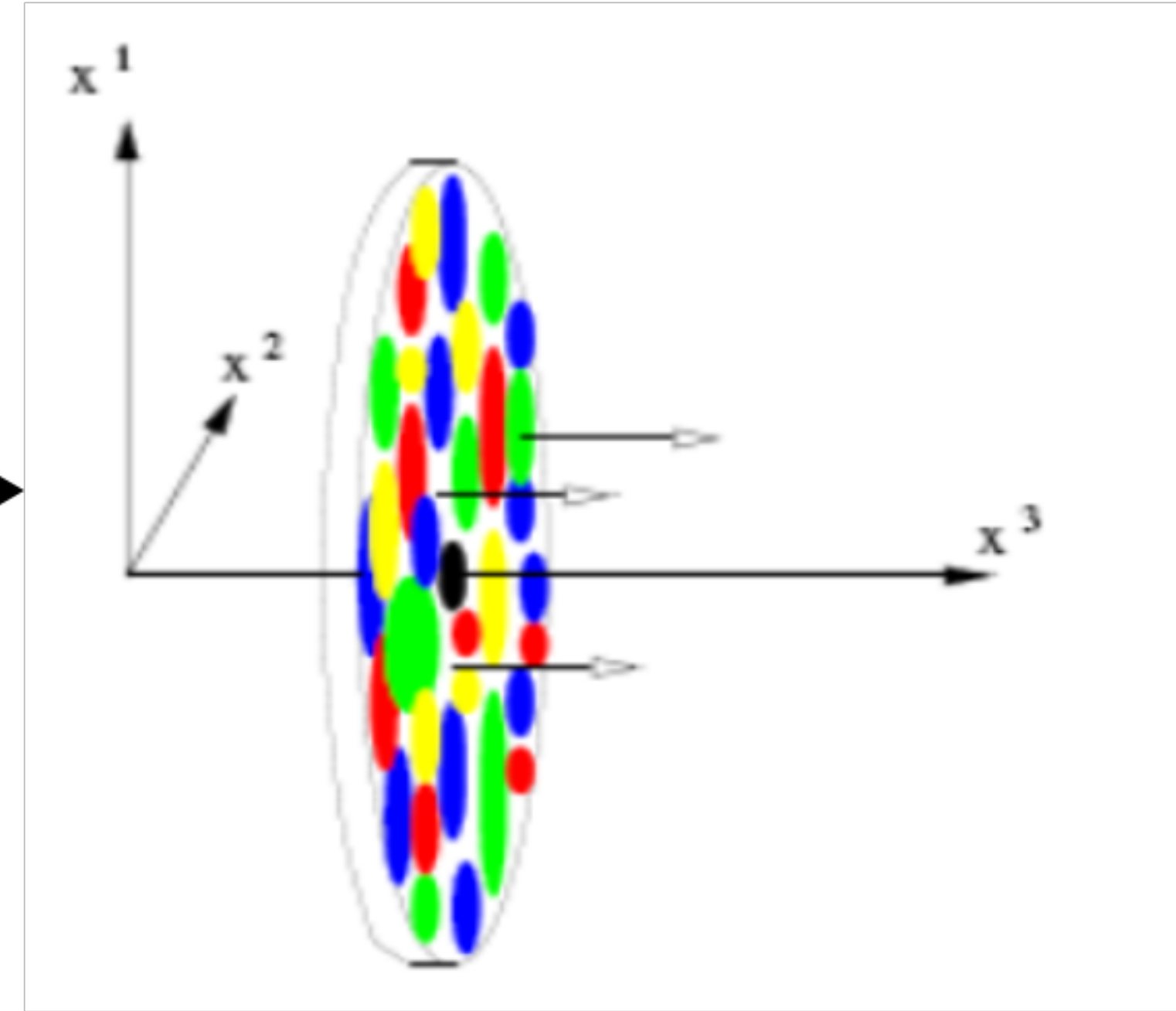
$$\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0.01}$$



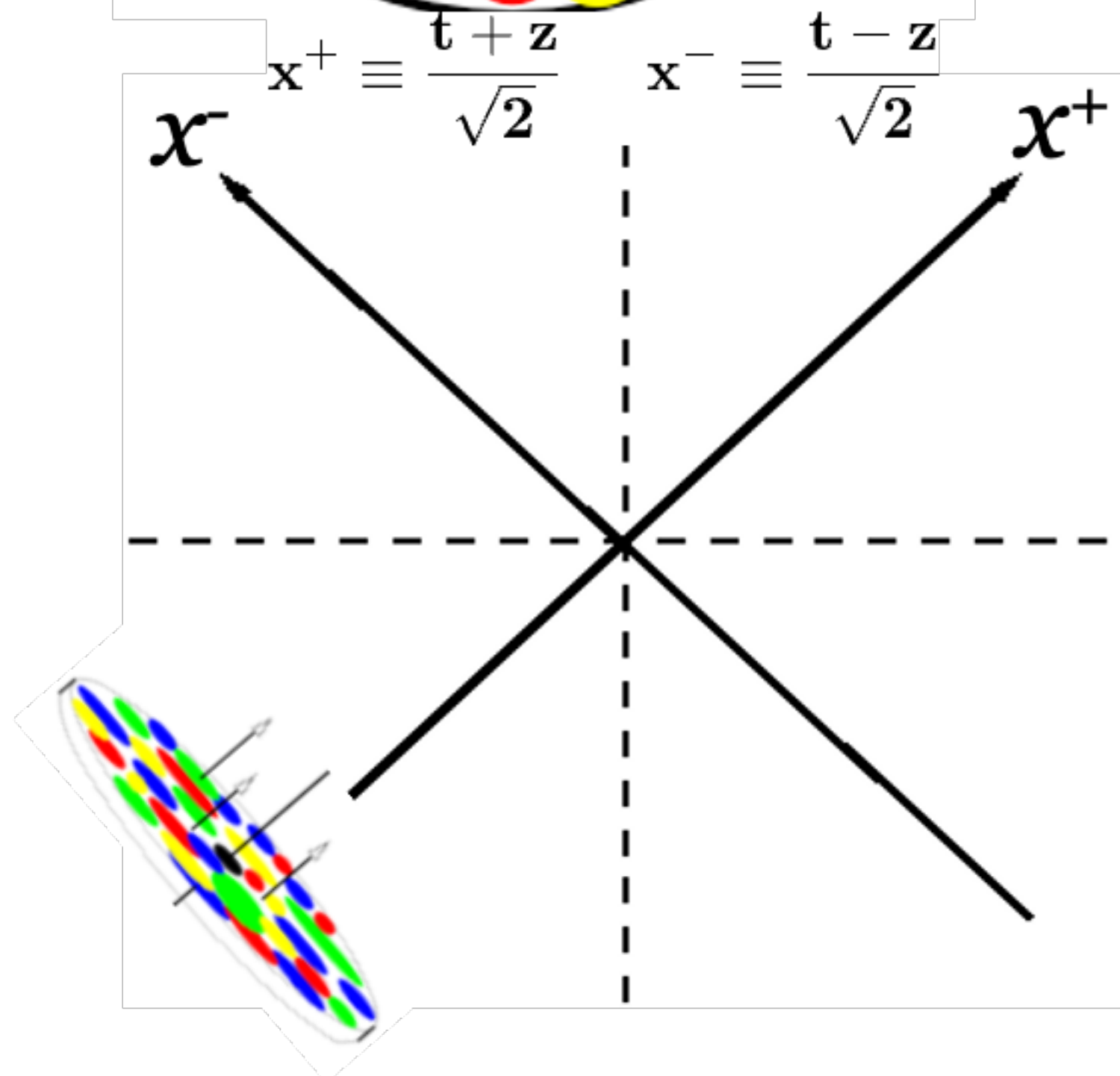
# A very large nucleus at high energy: MV model



*boost*



$R$	$\rightarrow$	$\frac{R}{\gamma}$	
$\gamma$	$\sim$	100	RHIC
$\gamma$	$\sim$	2500	LHC



*sheet of color charge moving along  $x^+$  and sitting at  $x^- = 0$*

$$\mathbf{J}_a^\mu(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \delta^{\mu+} \delta(\mathbf{x}^-) \rho_a(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

*color current*

*color charge*

$$\mathbf{A}_i^a(\mathbf{x}^-, \mathbf{x}_t) = \theta(\mathbf{x}^-) \alpha_i^a(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

*with*  $\partial_i \alpha_i^a = g \rho^a$

# Eikonal approximation

$$J_a^\mu \simeq \delta^{\mu-} \rho_a$$

$$D_\mu J^\mu = D_- J^- = 0$$

$$\partial_- J^- = 0 \quad (\text{in } A^+ = 0 \text{ gauge})$$

does not depend on  $x^-$

solution to  
classical  
EOM:

$$A_a^-(x^+, x_t) \equiv n^- S_a(x^+, x_t)$$

with

$$n^\mu = (n^+ = 0, n^- = 1, n_\perp = 0)$$

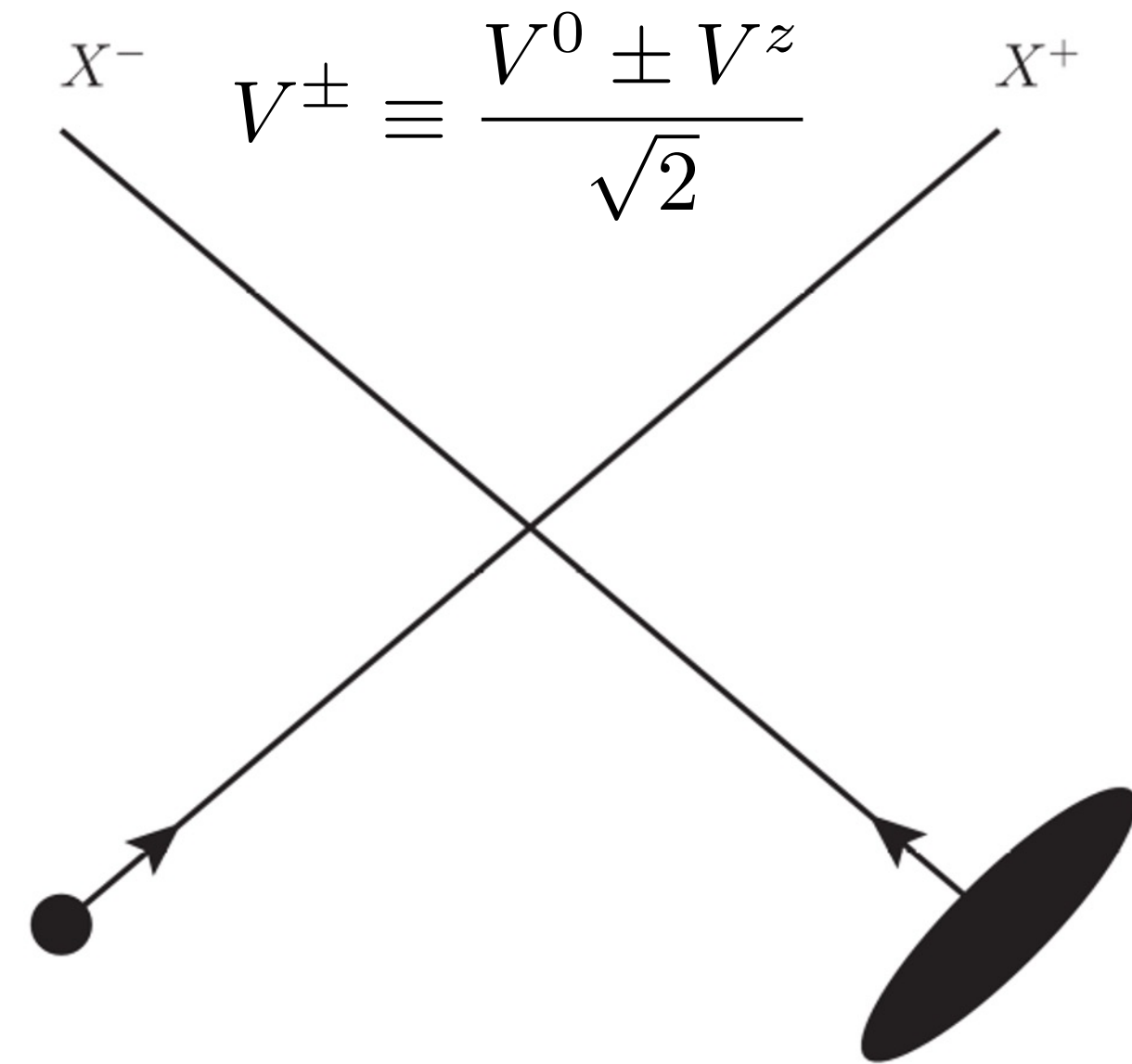
$$n^2 = 2n^+n^- - n_\perp^2 = 0$$

recall (eikonal limit):

$$\bar{u}(q)\gamma^\mu u(p) \rightarrow \bar{u}(p)\gamma^\mu u(p) \sim p^\mu$$

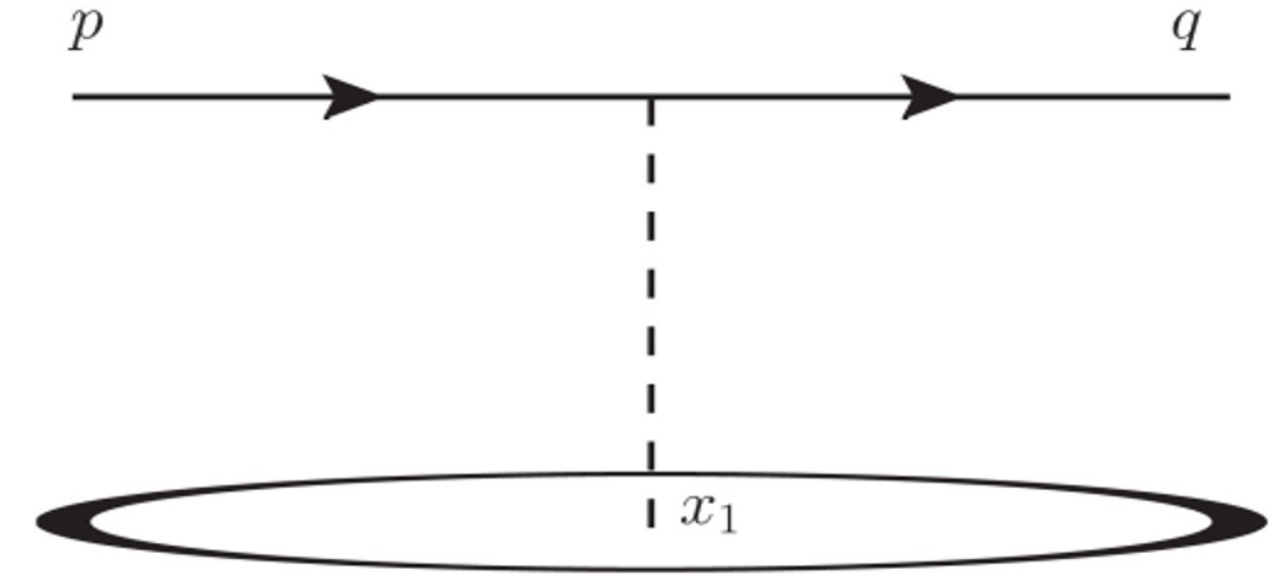
$$\bar{u}(q)A u(p) \rightarrow p \cdot A \sim p^+ A^-$$

**scattering of a quark from background color field**  $A_a^-(x^+, x_t)$

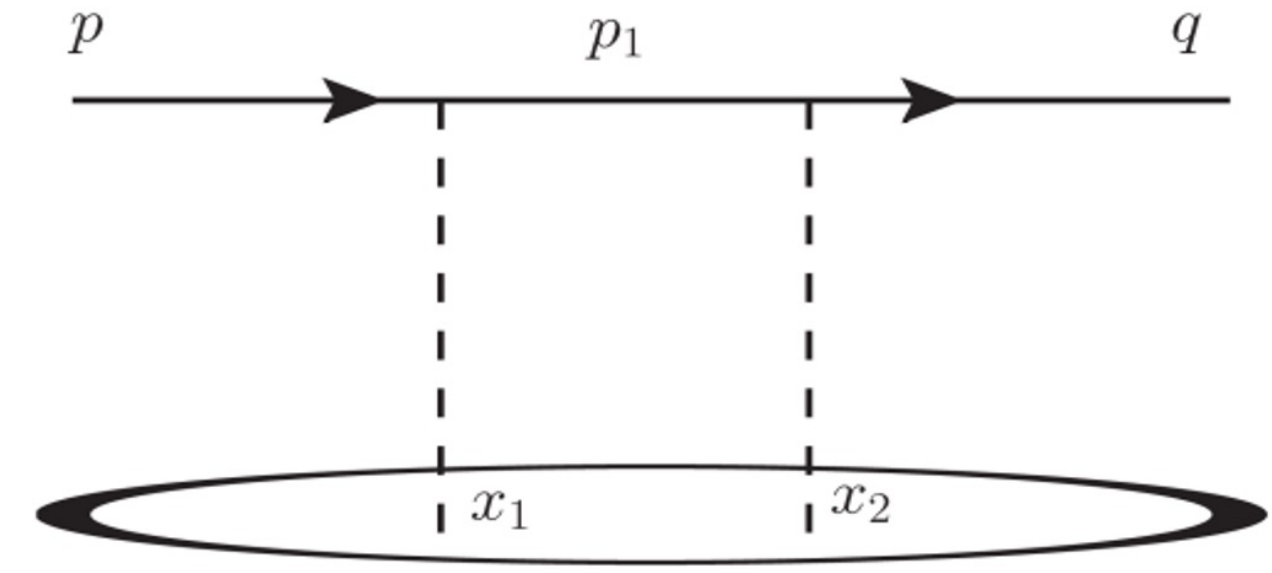




$$\begin{aligned}
i\mathcal{M}_1 &= (ig) \int d^4x_1 e^{i(q-p)x_1} \bar{u}(q) [\not{x} S(x_1)] u(p) \\
&= (ig)(2\pi)\delta(p^+ - q^+) \int d^2x_{1t} dx_1^+ e^{i(q^- - p^-)x_1^+} e^{-i(q_t - p_t)x_{1t}} \\
&\quad \bar{u}(q) [\not{x} S(x_1^+, x_{1t})] u(p)
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
i\mathcal{M}_2 &= (ig)^2 \int d^4x_1 d^4x_2 \int \frac{d^4p_1}{(2\pi)^4} e^{i(p_1-p)x_1} e^{i(q-p_1)x_2} \\
&\quad \bar{u}(q) \left[ \not{x} S(x_2) \frac{i\not{p}_1}{p_1^2 + i\epsilon} \not{x} S(x_1) \right] u(p)
\end{aligned}$$



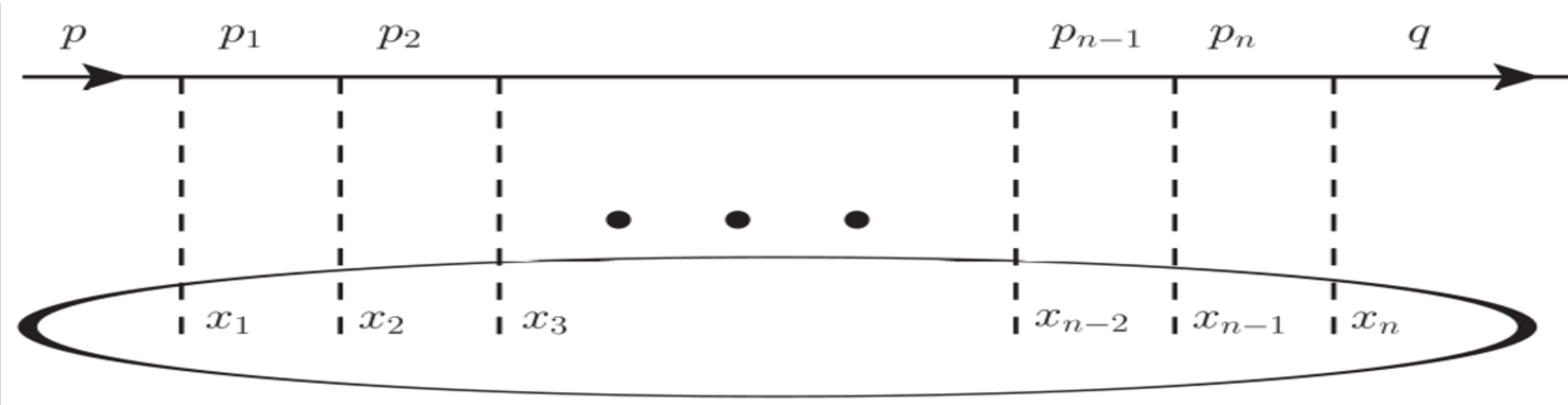
$$\int \frac{dp_1^-}{(2\pi)} \frac{e^{ip_1^-(x_1^+ - x_2^+)}}{2p^+ \left[ p_1^- - \frac{p_{1t}^2 - i\epsilon}{2p^+} \right]} = \frac{-i}{2p^+} \theta(x_2^+ - x_1^+) e^{i\frac{p_{1t}^2}{2p^+}(x_1^+ - x_2^+)}$$

contour integration over the pole leads to path ordering of scattering

ignore all terms:  $O\left(\frac{p_t}{p^+}, \frac{q_t}{q^+}\right)$  and use  $\not{x} \frac{\not{p}_1}{2n \cdot p} \not{x} = \not{x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
i\mathcal{M}_2 &= (ig)^2 (-i)(i) 2\pi\delta(p^+ - q^+) \int dx_1^+ dx_2^+ \theta(x_2^+ - x_1^+) \int d^2x_{1t} e^{-i(q_t - p_t) \cdot x_{1t}} \\
&\quad \bar{u}(q) [S(x_2^+, x_{1t}) \not{x} S(x_1^+, x_{1t})] u(p)
\end{aligned}$$

# Eikonal scattering from a dense target (proton/nucleus)



$$i\mathcal{M}_n = 2\pi\delta(p^+ - q^+) \bar{u}(q) \not{h} \int d^2x_t e^{-i(q_t - p_t) \cdot x_t} \left\{ (ig)^n (-i)^n (i)^n \int dx_1^+ dx_2^+ \cdots dx_n^+ \theta(x_n^+ - x_{n-1}^+) \cdots \theta(x_2^+ - x_1^+) [S(x_n^+, x_t) S(x_{n-1}^+, x_t) \cdots S(x_2^+, x_t) S(x_1^+, x_t)] \right\} u(p)$$

sum all multiple scatterings  $i\mathcal{M}(p, q) = 2\pi\delta(p^+ - q^+) \bar{u}(q) \not{h} \int d^2x_t e^{-i(q_t - p_t) \cdot x_t} [V(x_t) - 1] u(p)$

with  $V(x_t) \equiv \hat{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx^+ n^- S_a(x^+, x_t) t_a \right\}$

Wilson lines: effective degree of freedom

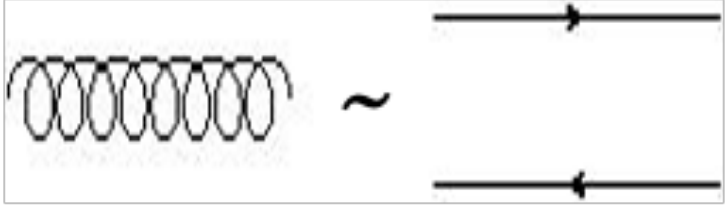
$$\frac{d\sigma^{qT \rightarrow qX}}{d^2p_t dy} \sim |i\mathcal{M}|^2 \sim F.T. \langle Tr V(x_t) V^\dagger(y_t) \rangle$$

**dipole**



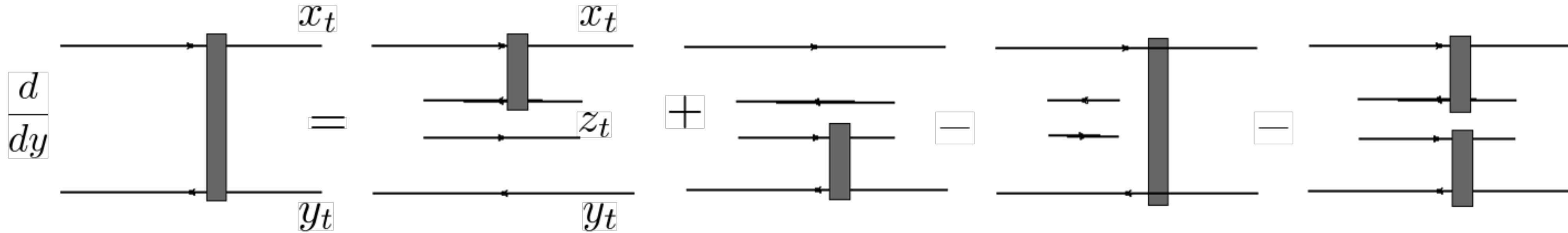


# One-loop corrections: BK-JIMWLK eq.

at large  $N_c$   
 $3 \otimes \bar{3} = 8 \oplus 1 \simeq 8$  

$$\frac{d}{dy} T(x_t, y_t) = \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 z_t \frac{(x_t - y_t)^2}{(x_t - z_t)^2 (y_t - z_t)^2} [T(x_t, z_t) + T(z_t, y_t) - T(x_t, y_t) - T(x_t, z_t)T(z_t, y_t)]$$

$$T \equiv 1 - S$$



$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}(p_t) &\sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] & Q_s^2 &\ll p_t^2 \\ \tilde{T}(p_t) &\sim \log \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] & Q_s^2 &\gg p_t^2 \\ \tilde{T}(p_t) &\sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right]^\gamma & Q_s^2 &< p_t^2 \end{aligned}$$

nuclear modification factor

$$R_{pA} \equiv \frac{\frac{d\sigma^{pA}}{d^2 p_t dy}}{A^{1/3} \frac{d\sigma^{pp}}{d^2 p_t dy}}$$

nuclear shadowing

suppression of  $p_t$  spectra

disappearance of back to back peaks

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# initial condition

*McLerran-Venugopalan (93)*  $\langle \mathbf{O}(\rho) \rangle \equiv \int \mathbf{D}[\rho] \mathbf{O}(\rho) \mathbf{W}[\rho]$

$$\mathbf{W}[\rho] \simeq e^{-\int d^2 \mathbf{x}_t \frac{\rho^a(\mathbf{x}_t) \rho^a(\mathbf{x}_t)}{2 \mu^2}} \quad \mu^2 \equiv \frac{g^2 A}{S_\perp}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{r}_t) \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \mathbf{Tr} [\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}_t)^\dagger \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{0})] \rangle \sim \mathbf{1} - e^{-[\mathbf{r}_t^2 Q_s^2] \log(\frac{1}{r_t \Lambda_{QCD}})}$$

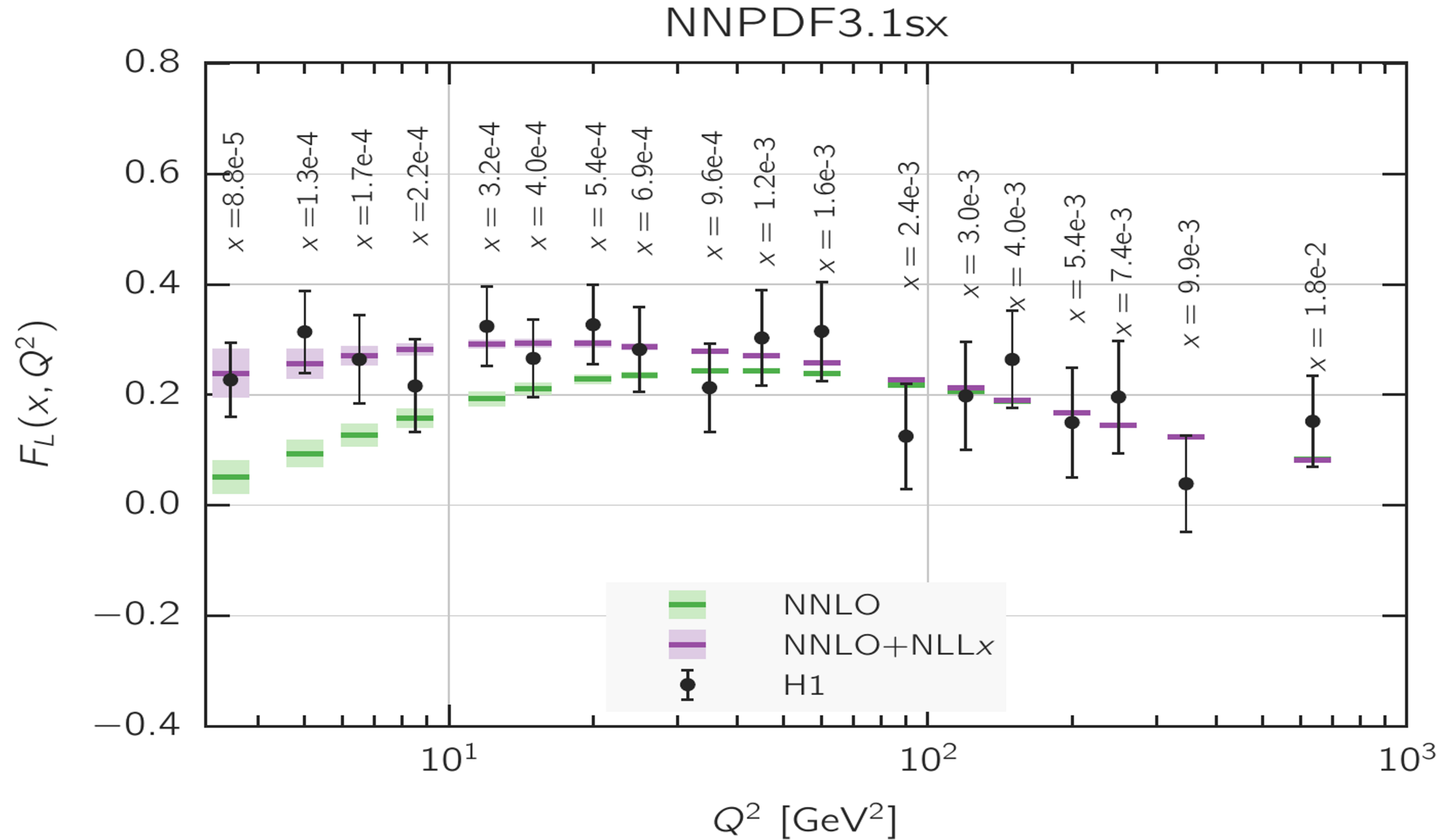
$$\mathbf{r}_t \equiv \mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{y}_t$$

$$r_t \ll \frac{1}{Q_s} \quad T(r_t) \longrightarrow r_t^2 Q_s^2 \log\left(\frac{1}{r_t \Lambda_{QCD}}\right) \quad \text{color transparency}$$

$$r_t \gg \frac{1}{Q_s} \quad T(r_t) \longrightarrow 1 \quad \text{perturbative unitarization}$$

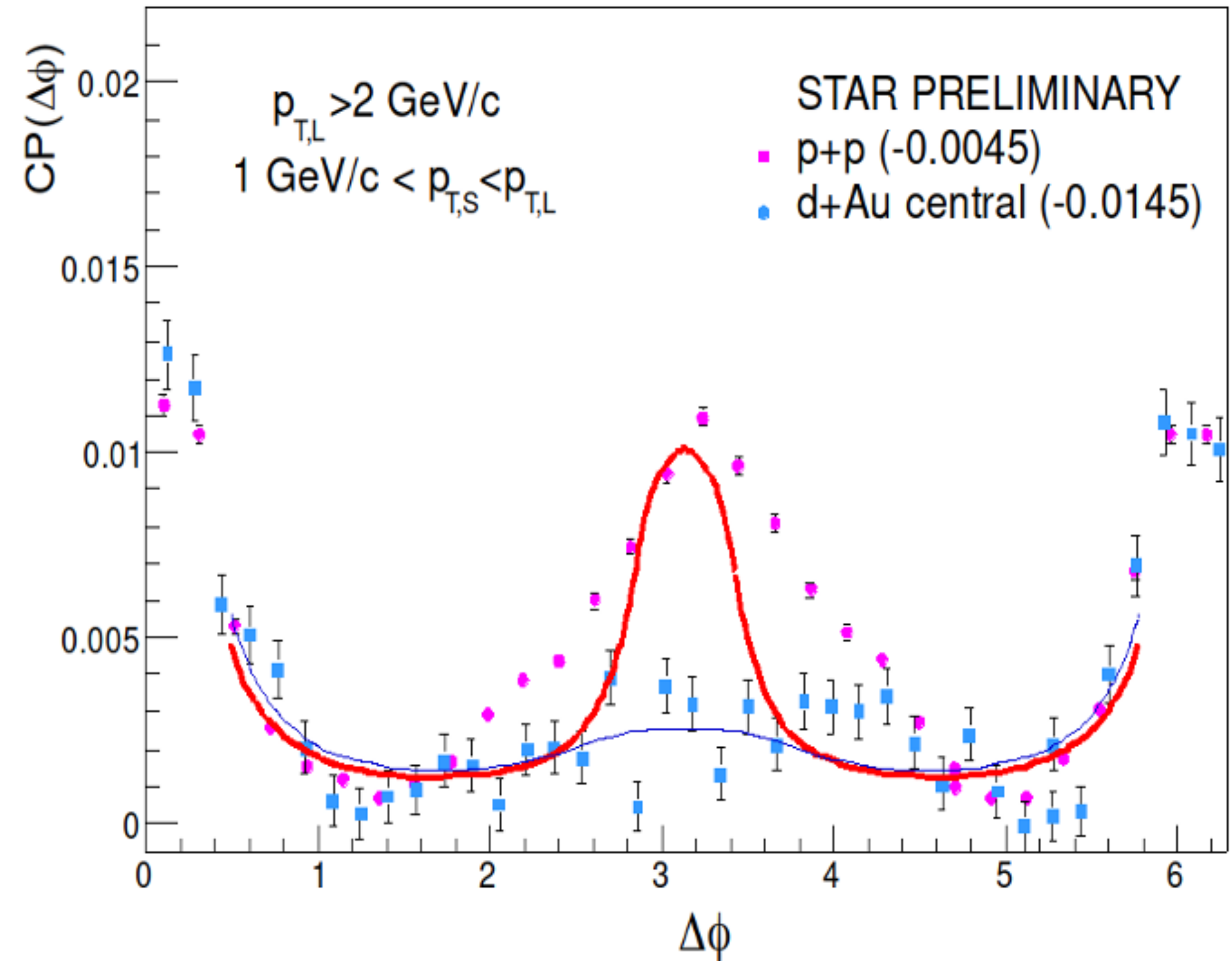
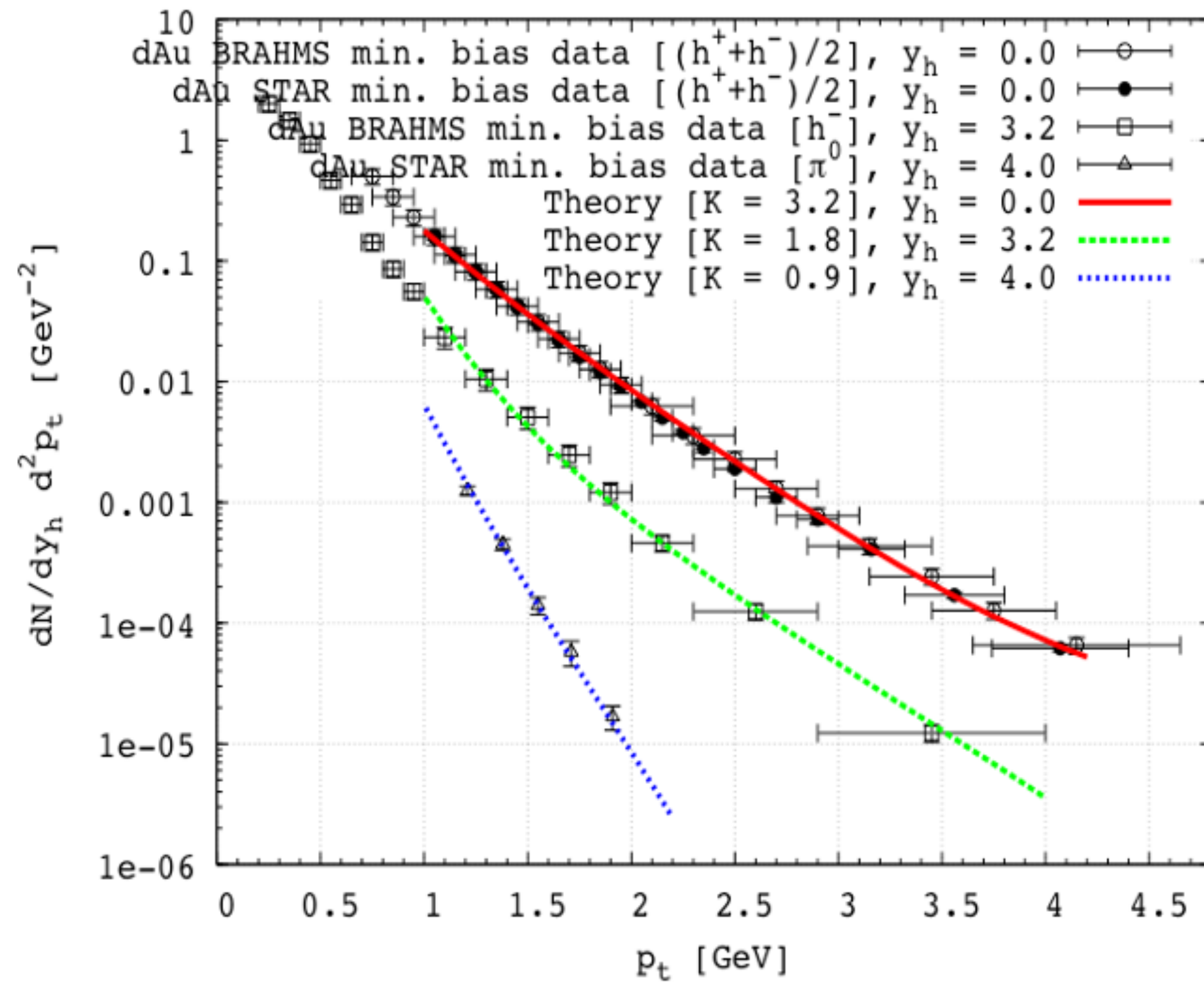


# $F_L$ at HERA



# CGC at RHIC

## Single and double inclusive hadron production in dA collisions



Dumitru, Hayashigaki, JJM, NPA770 (2006) 57

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Albacete, Marquet, PRL105 (2010) 162301



# Toward precision CGC: inclusive DIS

## NLO BK/JIMWLK evolution equations

Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian (2013)

Balitsky, Chirilli (2007)

## NLO corrections to structure functions

Beuf, Lappi, Paatelainen (2022), Beuf (2017)

## NLO corrections to SIDIS (+)

Altinoluk, JJM, Marquet (2024)

Bergabo, JJM (2023, 2024)

Caucal, Ferrand, Salazar (2024)

## NLO corrections to dihadron/dijets (+)

Bergabo, JJM (2022, 2023)

Iancu, Mulian (2023)

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Stebel, Venugopalan (2023), Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan (2022)

Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet (2022), Taels (2023)

Caucal, Salazar, Venugopalan (2021)

Ayala, Hentschinski, JJM, Tejeda-Yeomans (2016,2017),.....

# Toward precision CGC: exclusive/diffractive DIS

## NLO corrections to diffractive structure functions

Beuf, Hanninen, Lappi, Mulian, Mantyssari (2022)

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## NLO corrections to diffractive dihadron/dijets (+)

Boussarie, Grabovsky, Szymanowski, Wallon (2016)

Iancu, Mueller, Triantafyllopoulos (2021, 2022)

Fucilla, Grabovsky, Li, Szymanowski, Wallon (2023)

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## NLO corrections to exclusive light/heavy vector meson production (+)

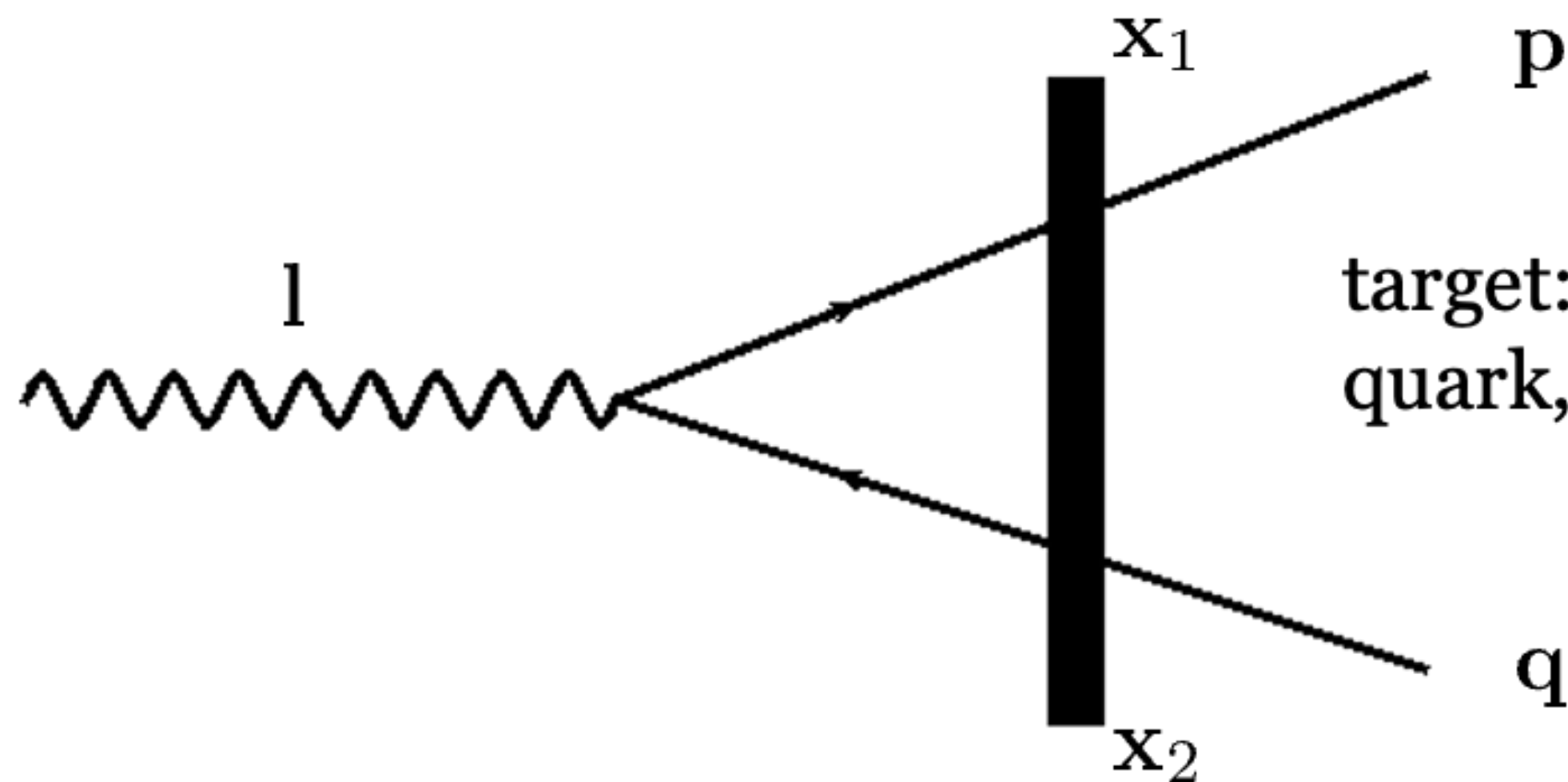
Boussarie, Grabovsky, Ivanov, Szymanowski, Wallon (2016)

Mantyssari, Penttala (2021, 2022)

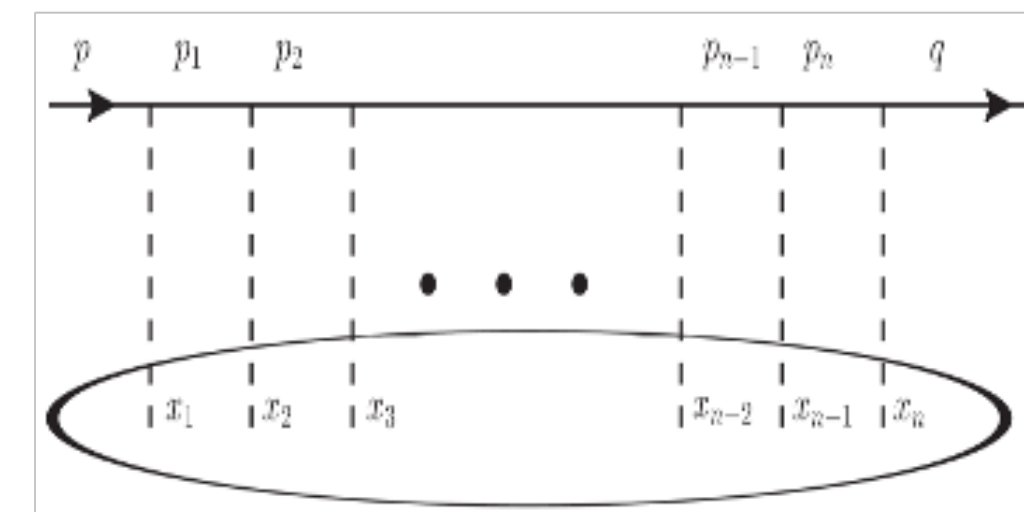
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# Inclusive dihadron production in forward rapidity: LO



target: a classical color field  
quark, antiquark multiply scatter on the target



$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow q\bar{q}X}}{d^2p d^2q dy_1 dy_2} = \frac{e^2 Q^2 (z_1 z_2)^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^7} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2)$$

$$\int d^8 x_{\perp} e^{ip \cdot (x'_1 - x_1)} e^{iq \cdot (x'_2 - x_2)} [S_{122'1'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2'} + 1]$$

with

$$\left\{ 4z_1 z_2 K_0(|x_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|x_{1'2'}|Q_1) + \right.$$

**dipole**  $S_{12} \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} V(x_1) V^\dagger(x_2)$

$$\mathbf{x}_{12} \equiv \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$$

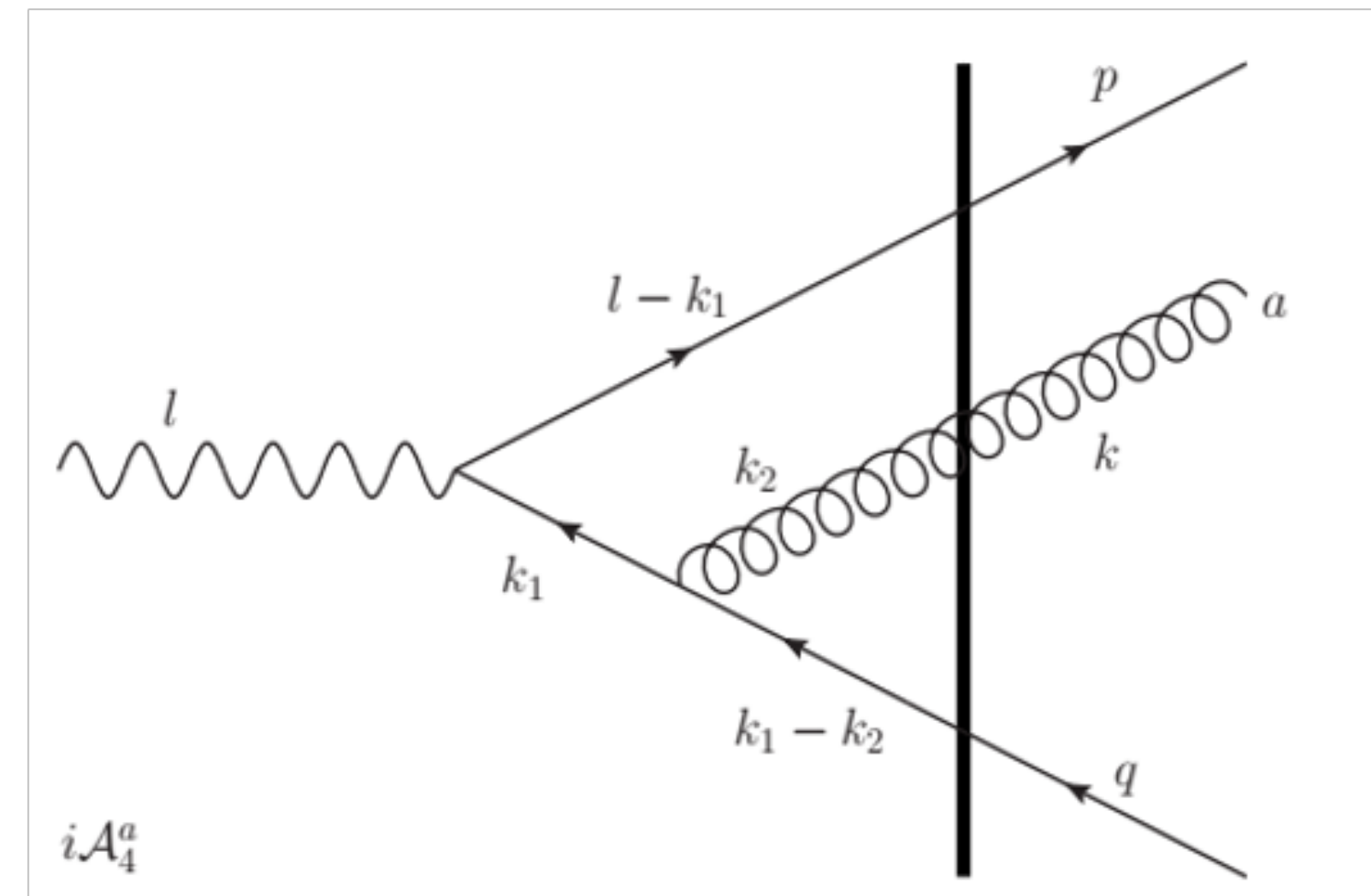
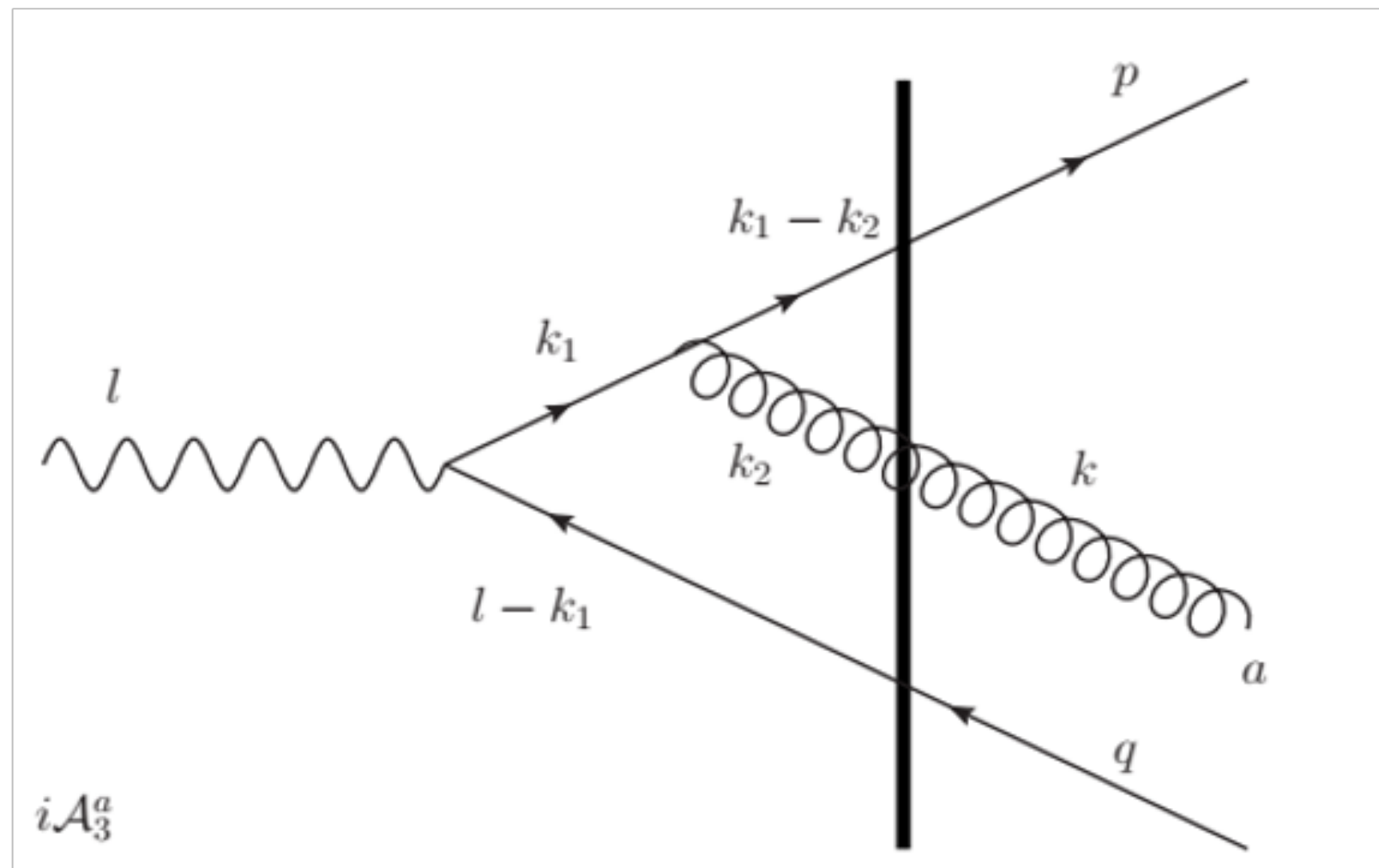
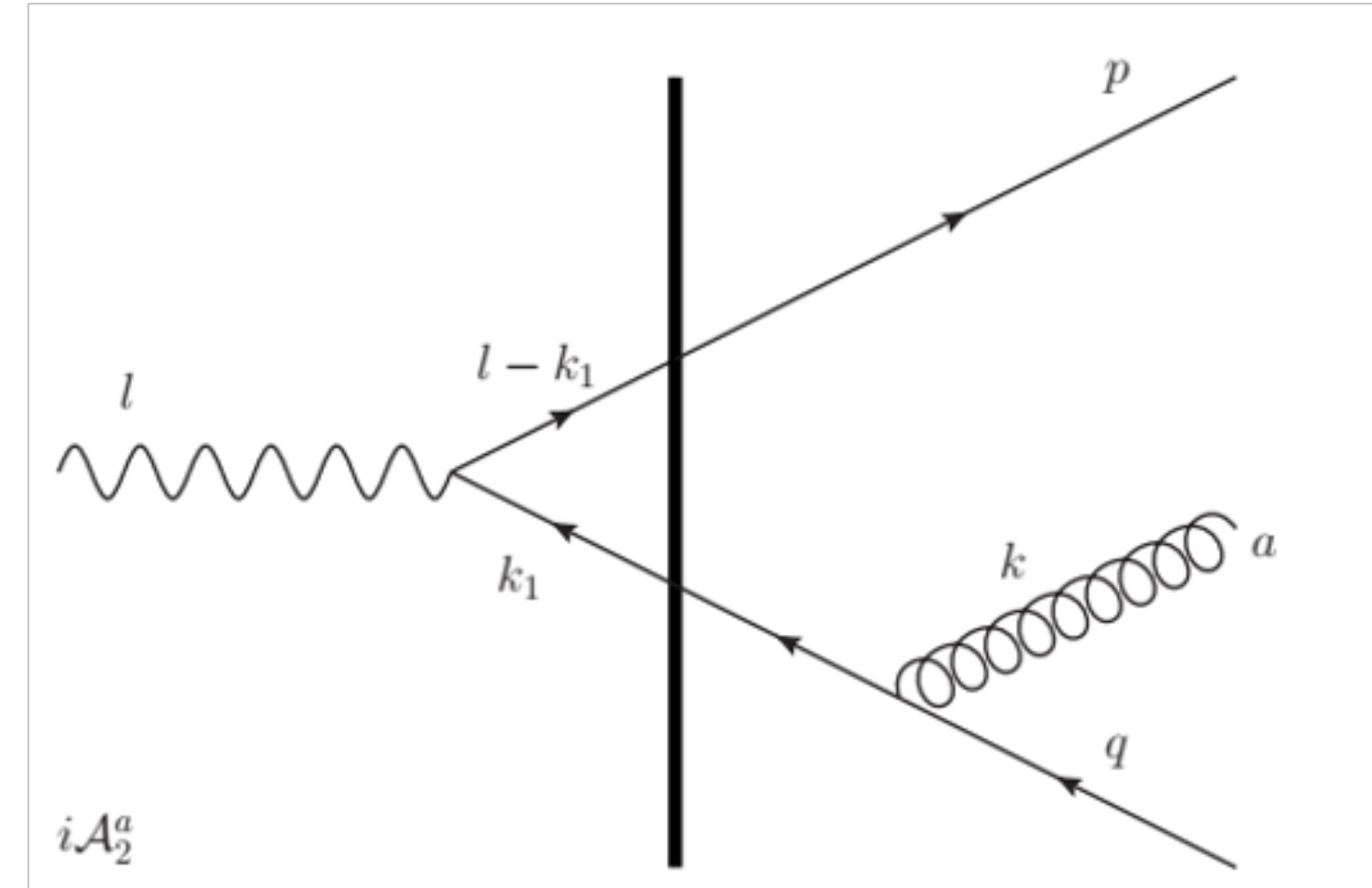
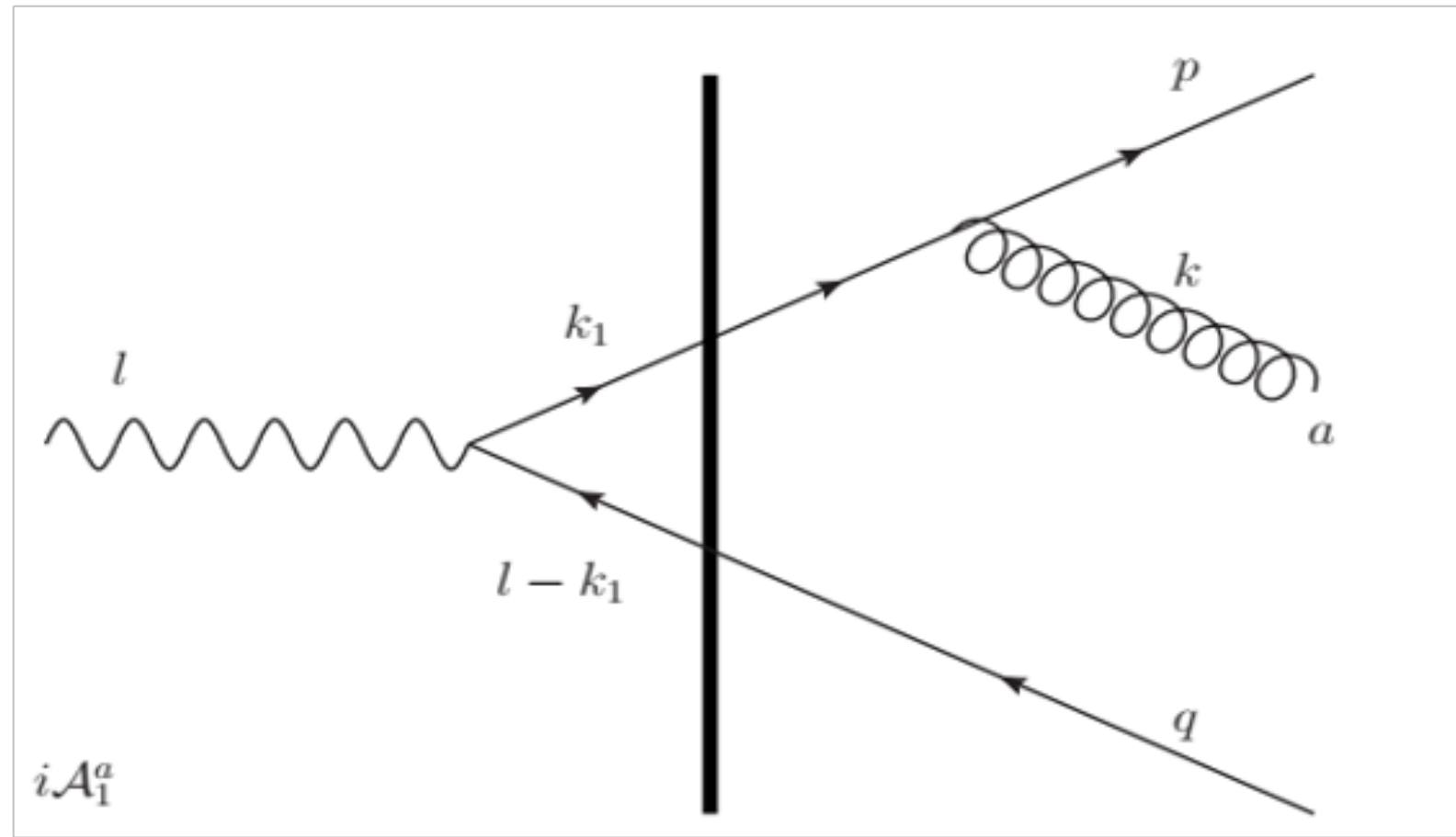
$$\left. (z_1^2 + z_2^2) \frac{x_{12} \cdot x_{1'2'}}{|x_{12}| |x_{1'2'}|} K_1(|x_{12}|Q_1) K_1(|x_{1'2'}|Q_1) \right\}$$

**quadrupole**

$$S_{122'1'} \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} V(\mathbf{x}_1) V^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_2) V(\mathbf{x}_2') V^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1')$$

Only dipoles and quadrupoles contribute: DMXY, PRD 83 (2011) 105005

# One loop corrections - real diagrams



3-parton production: Ayala, Hentschinski, JJM, Tejeda-Yeomans  
PLB 761 (2016) 229 and NPB 920 (2017) 232



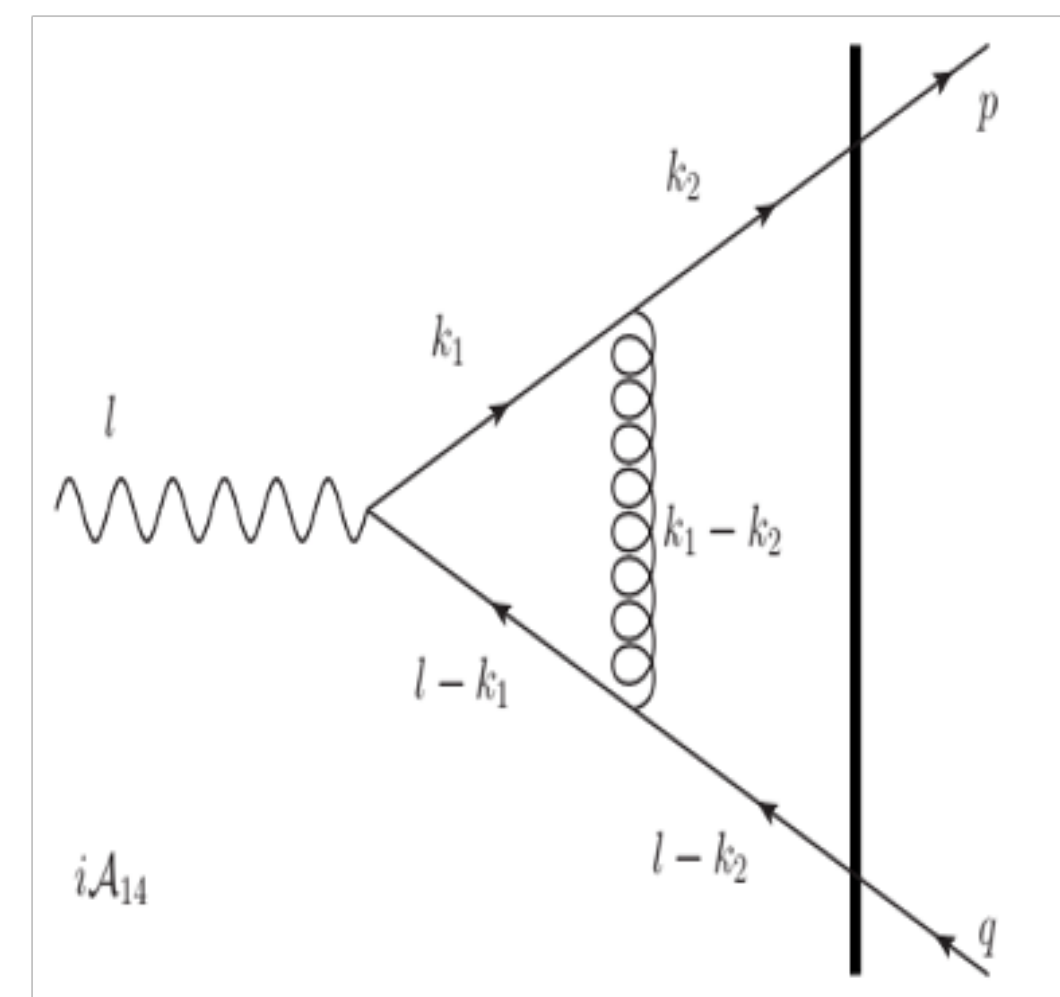
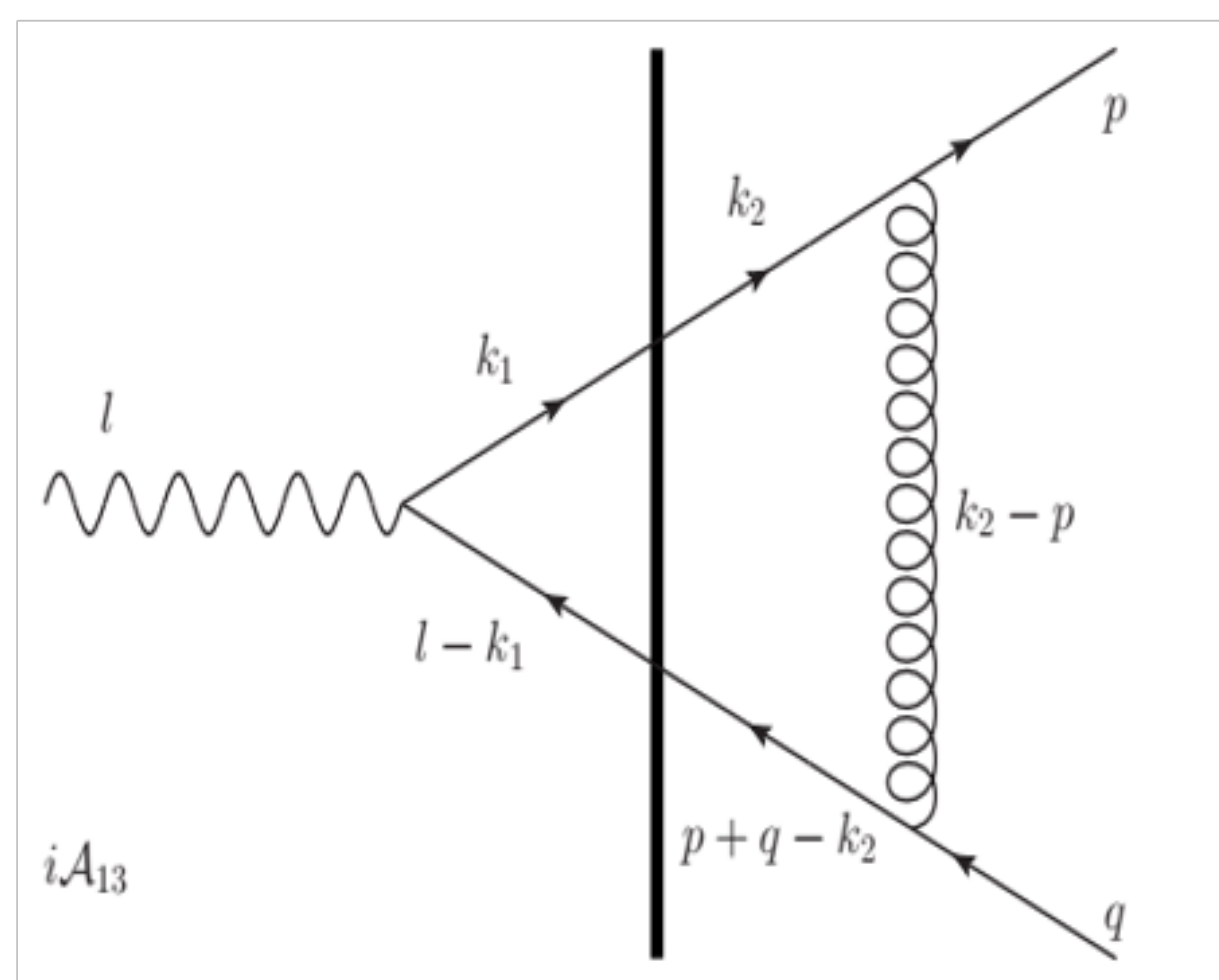
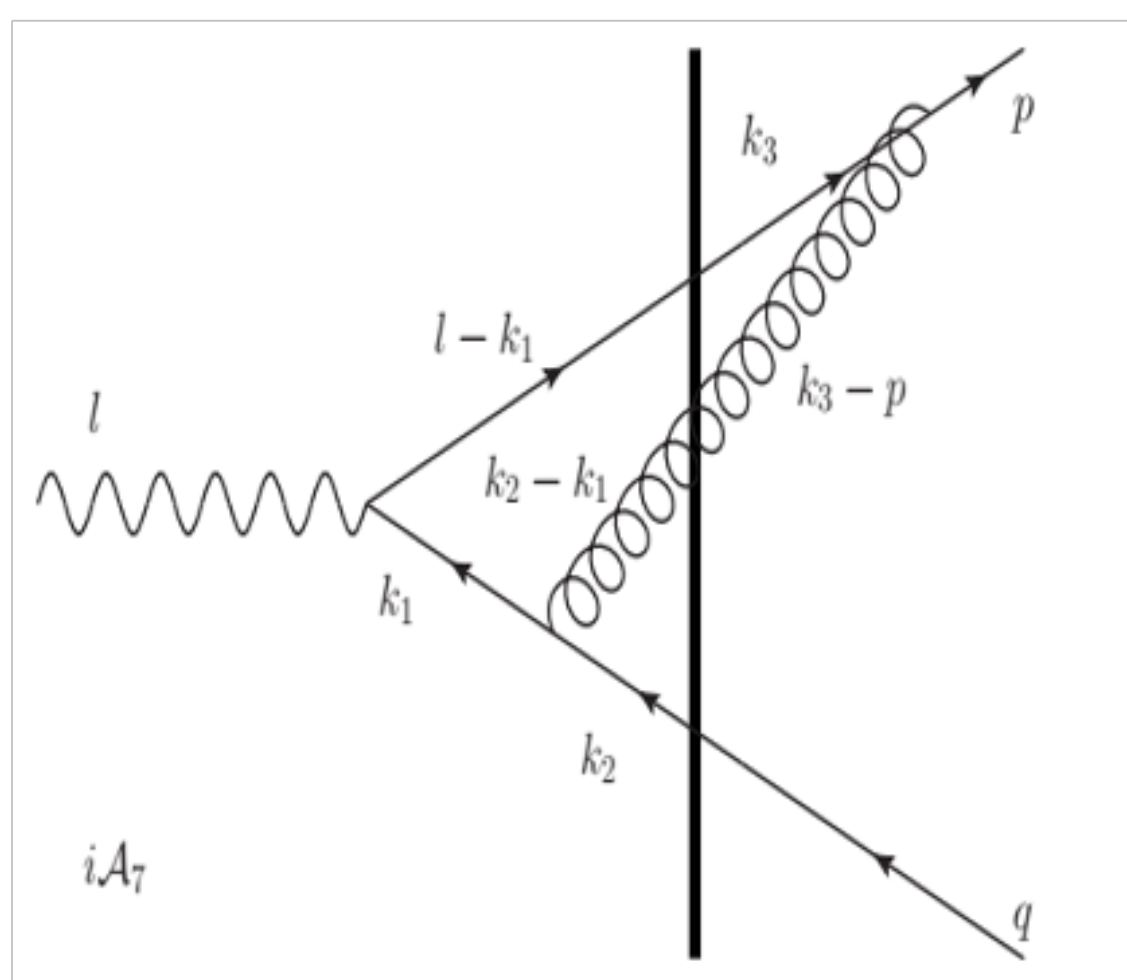
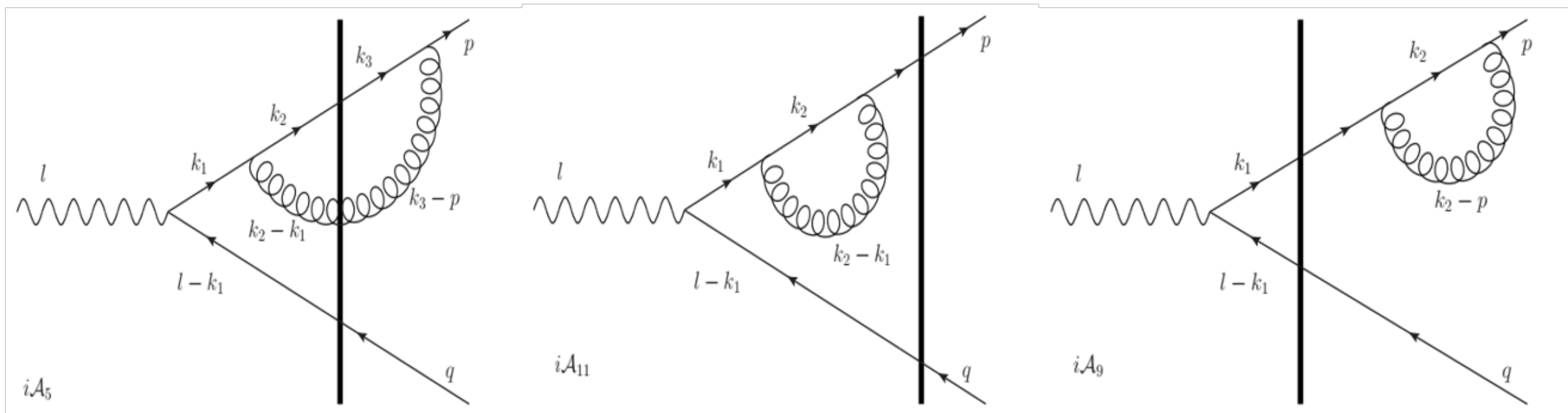
# Spinor helicity formalism: helicity amplitudes

Numerator	$\lambda_\gamma; \lambda_q, \lambda_g$	$N_i^{\lambda_\gamma; \lambda_q, \lambda_g}$
$N_1$	$L; +, +$	$-Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_2) \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2}$
	$L; +, -$	$-Q(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2)^2 \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2}$
	$++; +, +$	$-(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_2) \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$++; +, -$	$-\sqrt{z_1 z_2} (1 - z_2)^2 \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$++; -, +$	$(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2) \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
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	$++; +, +$	$-(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1) \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$++; +, -$	$-(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$++; -, +$	$(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_1) \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$++; -, -$	$\sqrt{z_1 z_2} (1 - z_1)^2 \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
$N_3$	$L; +, +$	$Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_2) \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1 - z_2} \right)$
	$L; +, -$	$Q(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2)^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1 - z_2} \right)$
	$++; +, +$	$(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_2) \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1 - z_2} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
	$++; +, -$	$\sqrt{z_1 z_2} (1 - z_2)^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1 - z_2} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
	$++; -, +$	$-(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2) \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1 - z_2} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
	$++; -, -$	$-(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1 - z_2} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon + \frac{\mathbf{k}_1^2 + z_2(1 - z_2)Q^2}{2z_2(1 - z_2)} \right]$
$N_4$	$L; +, +$	$-Q(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1)^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1 - z_1} \right)$
	$L; +, -$	$-Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_1) \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1 - z_1} \right)$
	$++; +, +$	$(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1) \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1 - z_1} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
	$++; +, -$	$(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1 - z_1} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon + \frac{\mathbf{k}_1^2 + z_1(1 - z_1)Q^2}{2z_1(1 - z_1)} \right]$
	$++; -, +$	$-(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_1) \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1 - z_1} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
	$++; -, -$	$-\sqrt{z_1 z_2} (1 - z_1)^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1 - z_1} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\sigma_{1-1}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_2^3 (1-z_2)^2 (z_1^2 + (1-z_2)^2)}{(2\pi)^{10} z_1} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_2) \Delta_{11'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{122'1'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2'} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_1}\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{2-2}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1^3 (1-z_1)^2 (z_2^2 + (1-z_1)^2)}{(2\pi)^{10} z_2} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_1) \Delta_{22'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{122'1'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2'} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_2}\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{1-2}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{-2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1 z_2 (1-z_1)(1-z_2)(z_1(1-z_1) + z_2(1-z_2))}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_1) \\
&\quad \Delta_{12'}^{(3)} [S_{12} S_{1'2'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2'} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_1}\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_3)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_2}\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_1)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{3-3}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1 z_2^3 (z_1^2 + (1-z_2)^2)}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(QX) K_0(QX') \Delta_{11'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{11'} S_{22'} - S_{13} S_{23} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{4-4}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1^3 z_2 (z_2^2 + (1-z_1)^2)}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(QX) K_0(QX') \Delta_{22'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{11'} S_{22'} - S_{13} S_{23} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{3-4}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{-2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1^2 z_2^2 (z_1(1-z_1) + z_2(1-z_2))}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(QX) K_0(QX') \Delta_{12'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{11'} S_{22'} - S_{13} S_{23} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{1-3}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{-2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_2^3 (1-z_2)(z_1^2 + (1-z_2)^2)}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(QX') \Delta_{11'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{122'3} S_{1'3} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{12} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_1}\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_1)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{1-4}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1 z_2^2 (1-z_2)(z_1(1-z_1) + z_2(1-z_2))}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(QX') \Delta_{12'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{122'3} S_{1'3} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{12} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_1}\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_1)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{2-3}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1^2 z_2 (1-z_1)(z_1(1-z_1) + z_2(1-z_2))}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(QX') \Delta_{21'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{1231'} S_{2'3} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{12} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_2}\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_2)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z). \\
\frac{\sigma_{2-4}^{\text{Real},L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 dy_2} &= \frac{-2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 z_1^3 (1-z_1)(z_2^2 + (1-z_1)^2)}{(2\pi)^{10}} \int \frac{z}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(QX') \Delta_{22'}^{(3)} \\
&\quad [S_{1231'} S_{2'3} - S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{12} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'_2 - \mathbf{x}_2)} e^{i\frac{z}{z_2}\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_2)} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z).
\end{aligned}$$



# One loop corrections – virtual diagrams



F. Bergabo and JJM, dihadrons, 2207.03606

P. Tael et al., dijets, 2204.11650

P. Caucal et al., dijets, 2108.06347

# *divergences*

- Ultraviolet:**

Real corrections are UV finite

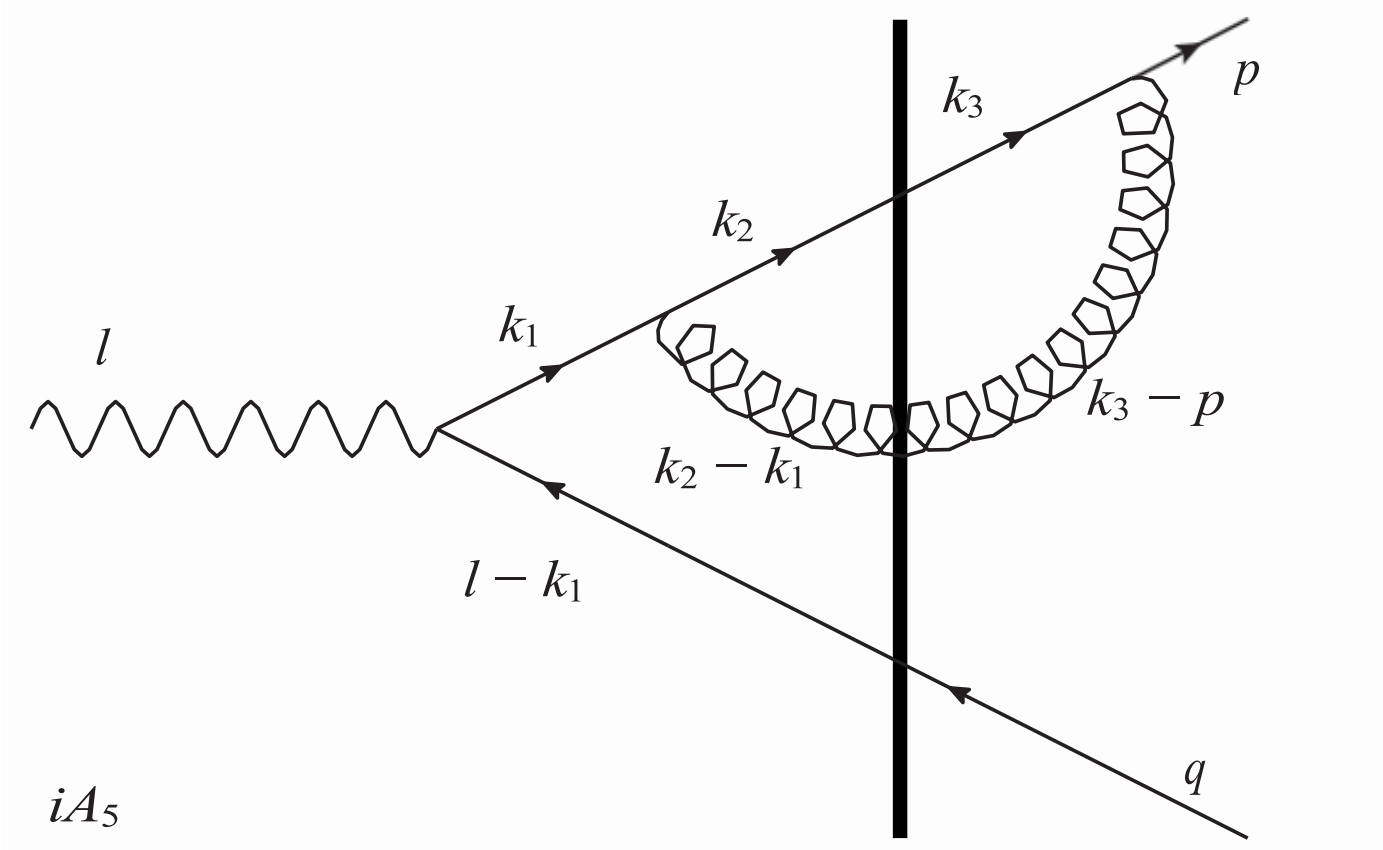
UV divergences cancel among virtual corrections

$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \infty$     **or**     $\mathbf{x}_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$

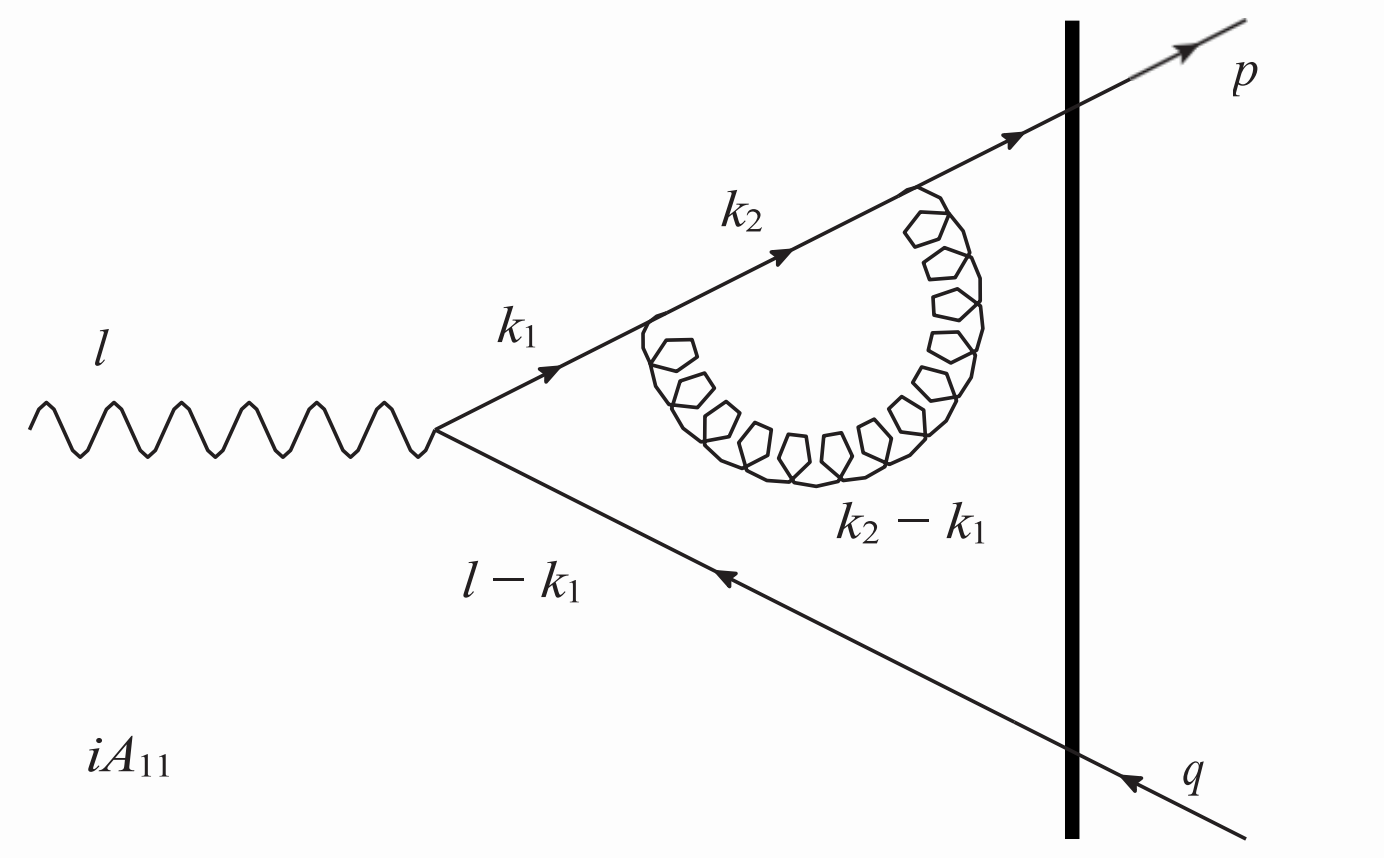
$$(d\sigma_5 + d\sigma_{11})_{UV} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_6 + d\sigma_{12})_{UV} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_9 + d\sigma_{10} + d\sigma_{14(1)} + d\sigma_{14(2)})_{UV} = 0$$



+



= 0



# *divergences*

• **Soft:**

$$\mathbf{k}^\mu \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \quad (\mathbf{x}_3 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{AND} \quad \mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0})$$

Soft divergences cancel between real and virtual corrections

$$(d\sigma_{1-1} + d\sigma_9)_{soft} = 0,$$

$$\left( d\sigma_{1-2} + d\sigma_{13}^{(1)} + d\sigma_{13}^{(2)} \right)_{soft} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_{3-3} + d\sigma_{4-4} + d\sigma_{3-4})_{soft} = 0$$

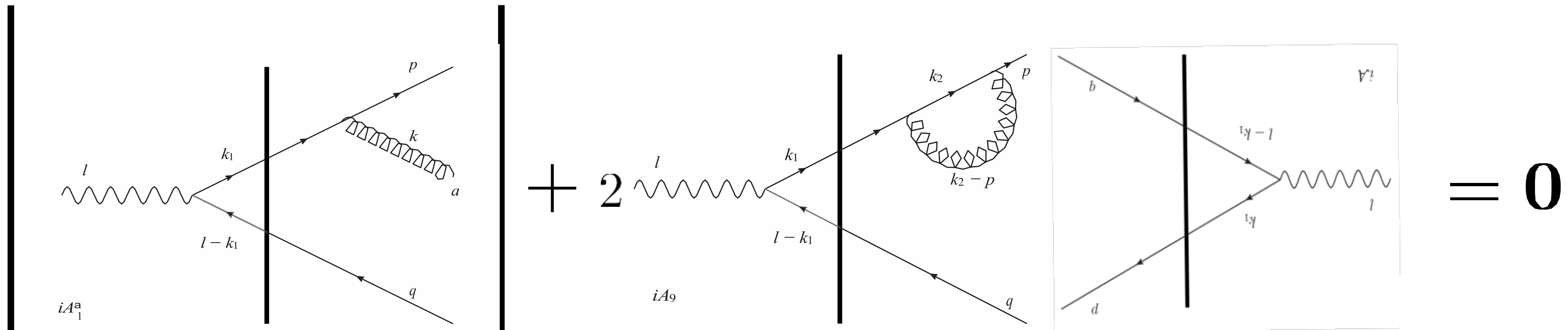
$$(d\sigma_{1-3} + d\sigma_{1-4})_{soft} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_{2-3} + d\sigma_{2-4})_{soft} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_5 + d\sigma_7)_{soft} = 0$$

$$\left( d\sigma_{11} + d\sigma_{14}^{(1)} \right)_{soft} = 0$$

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# divergences

• **Rapidity:**  $\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ , but finite  $k_t$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} = \int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} + \int_{z_f}^1 \frac{dz}{z}$$

rapidity divergences are absorbed into JIMWLK evolution of dipoles and quadrupoles

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^L}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 y_2} = \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 (z_1 z_2)^3}{(2\pi)^{10}} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_1)$$

$$e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{2'2}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} \right) S_{132'1'} S_{23} + \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{1'321} S_{2'3} \\ & + \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{322'1'} S_{13} + \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} \right) S_{32'21} S_{1'3} \\ & - \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} \right) S_{122'1'} - \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{12} S_{1'2'} \\ & - \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{11'} S_{22'} - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{12} (S_{13} S_{23} - S_{12}) - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} (S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{1'2'}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

JIMWLK evolution of quadrupoles

JIMWLK evolution of dipoles

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{12} \equiv \frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2 (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2}$$

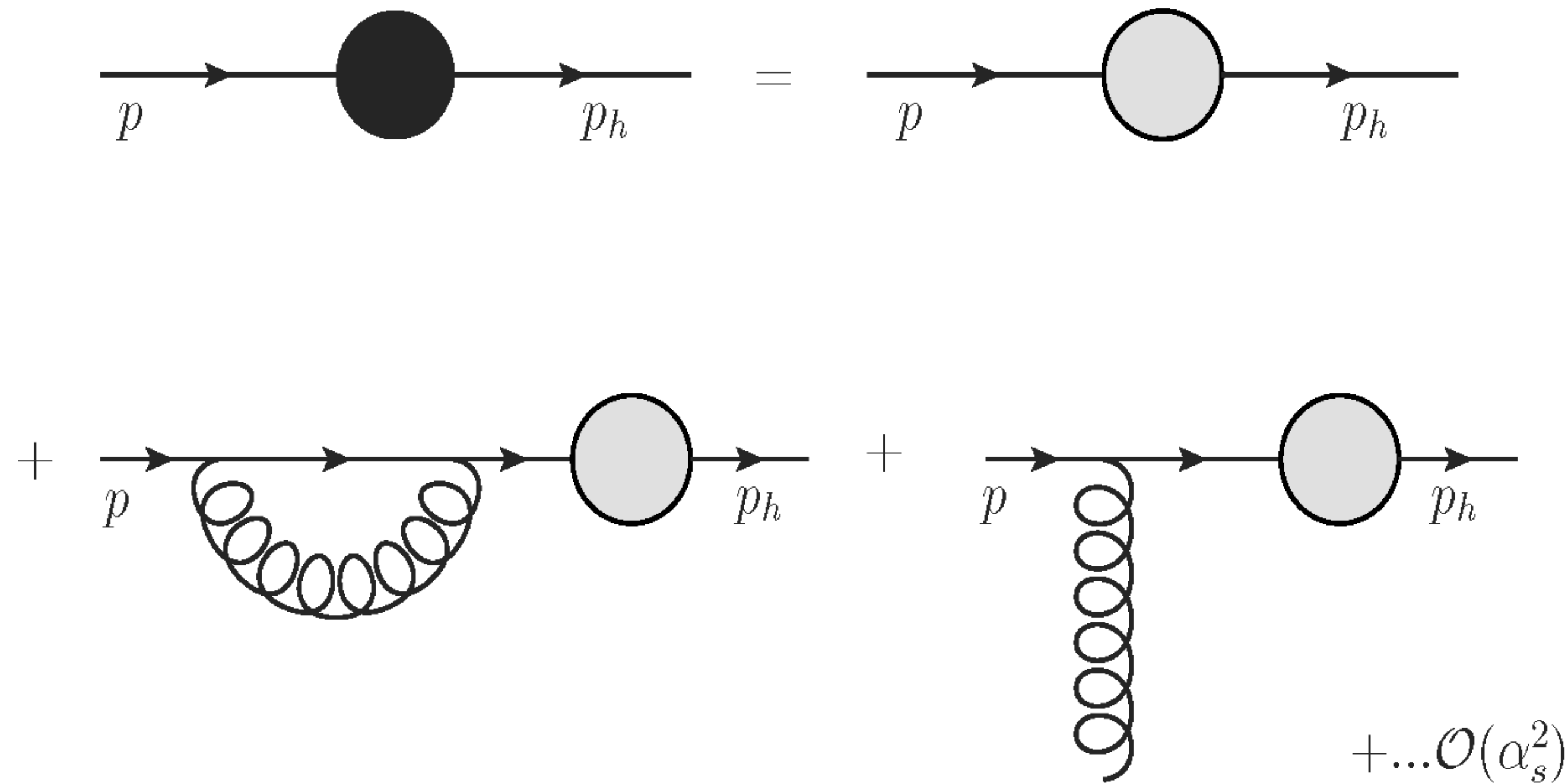


# *divergences*

- **Collinear:**

$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2} = \frac{1}{|\vec{p}||\vec{k}|(1-\cos\theta)} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \theta \rightarrow 0$$

Collinear divergences are absorbed into evolution of parton-hadron fragmentation functions



# collinear divergences

real corrections

$$\frac{d\sigma_{LO+1-1}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h d^2\mathbf{q}_h dy_1 dy_2} = \int_0^1 dz_{h_1} \int_0^1 dz_{h_2} \frac{4e^2 Q^2 N_c (z_1 z_2)^3}{(2\pi)^7 (z_{h_1} z_{h_2})^2} H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, z_2) D_{h_1/q}^0(z_{h_1}) D_{h_2/\bar{q}}^0(z_{h_2})$$

$$\int \frac{d\xi_1}{\xi_1^3} \delta(1 - z_2 - z_1/\xi_1) \left[ \delta(1 - \xi_1) + 2\alpha_s P_{qq}(\xi_1) \int d^2\mathbf{k} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)}}{(\xi_1 \mathbf{k} - (1 - \xi_1)\mathbf{p})^2} \right]$$

with  $P_{qq}(\xi_1) = C_F \frac{(1 + \xi_1^2)}{(1 - \xi_1)}$

virtual corrections

$$\frac{d\sigma_9^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h d^2\mathbf{q}_h dy_1 dy_2} = - \int_0^1 dz_{h_1} \int_0^1 dz_{h_2} \frac{4e^2 Q^2 (z_1 z_2)^3 N_c}{(2\pi)^7 (z_{h_1} z_{h_2})^2} H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, z_2) D_{h_1/q}^0(z_{h_1}) D_{h_2/\bar{q}}^0(z_{h_2})$$

$$\times \alpha_s \int_0^1 d\xi P_{qq}(\xi) \int d^2\mathbf{k} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} - (1 - \xi)\mathbf{p})^2} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2)$$

these are combined into DGLAP evolution of fragmentation functions

$$D_{h_1/q}(z_{h_1}, \mu^2) = \int_{z_{h_1}}^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} D_{h_1/q}^0\left(\frac{z_{h_1}}{\xi}\right) \left[ \delta(1 - \xi) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(\xi) \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \right]$$



# Divergences

- Ultraviolet

  - real corrections are UV finite

  - UV divergences cancel among virtual diagrams

- Soft

  - soft divergences cancel Soft

  - soft divergences cancel between real and virtual diagrams real and virtual diagrams

- Collinear

  - collinear divergences are absorbed into fragmentation functions

- Rapidity

  - Rapidity divergences are absorbed into JIMWLK evolution of dipoles and quadrupoles

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X} = \sigma_{LO} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + \sigma_{LO} \otimes D_{h/q}(z_h, \mu^2) \otimes D_{h/q}^{(0)}(z_h) + \sigma_{NLO}^{\text{finite}}$$

Back to back limit: deep connections to physics of TMDs, Sudakov effect,....

# Dihadron/dijets kinematics at EIC

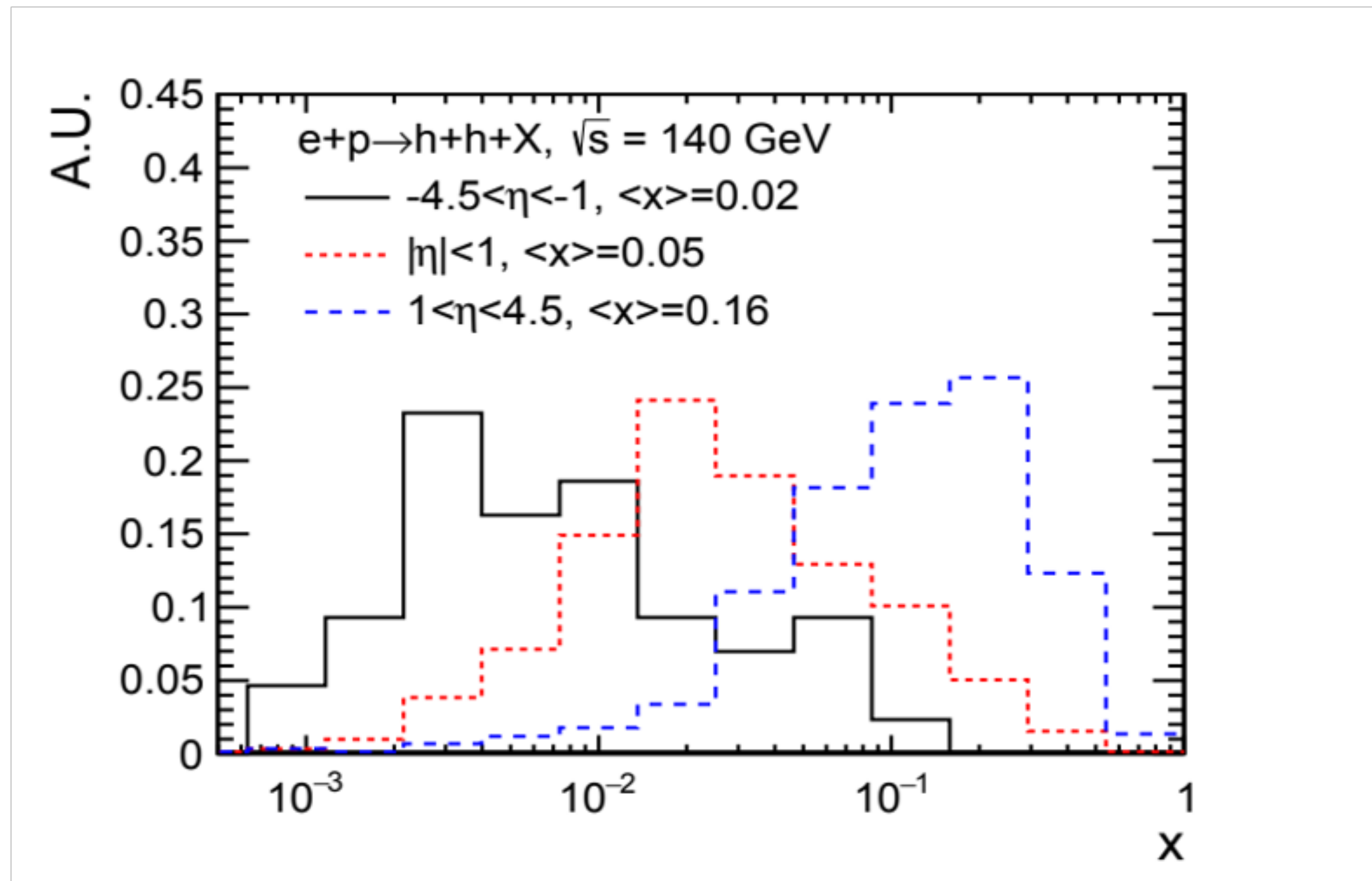
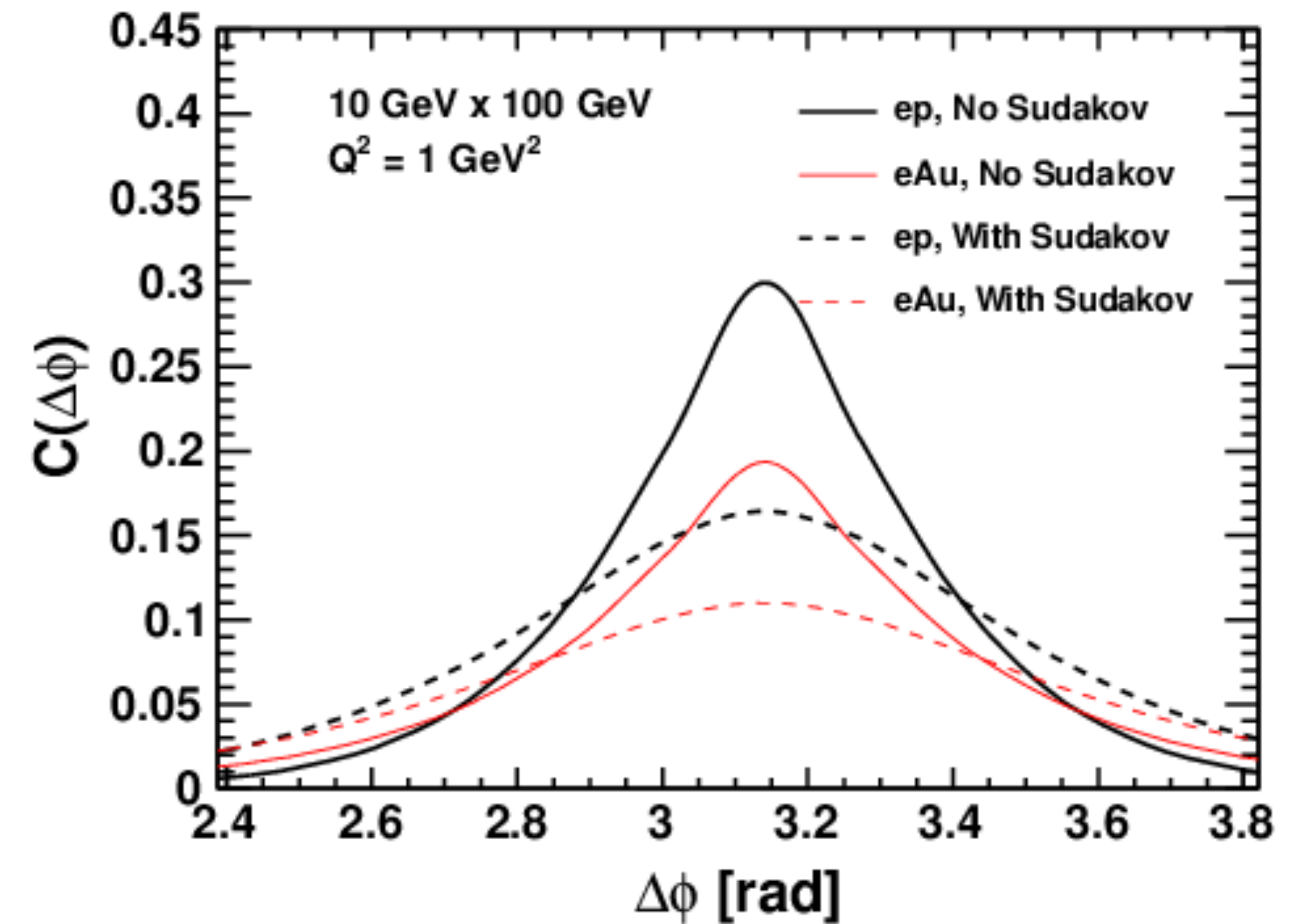


Fig courtesy of Xiaoxuan Chu



Zheng, Aschenauer, Lee, Xiao, arXiv:1403.2413

SIDIS a better process (?)

larger kinematic phase space than dihadrons

Sudakov effect can be avoided



# SIDIS at small x: NLO corrections

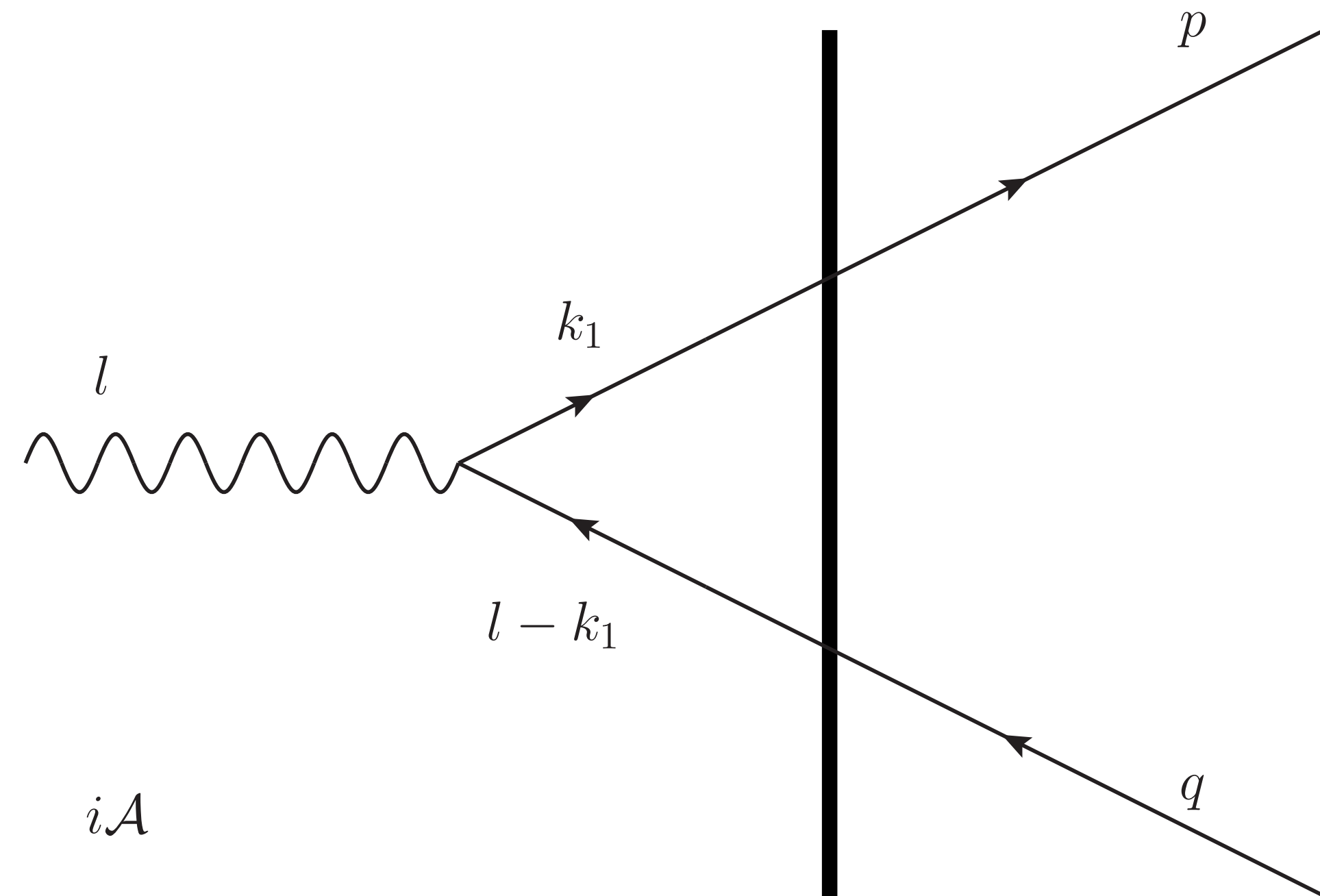
F. Bergabo, JJM, JHEP 01 (2023) 095, and arXiv:2401.06259

Caucal, Ferrand, Salazar, arXiv:2401.01934

Forward rapidity

LO:

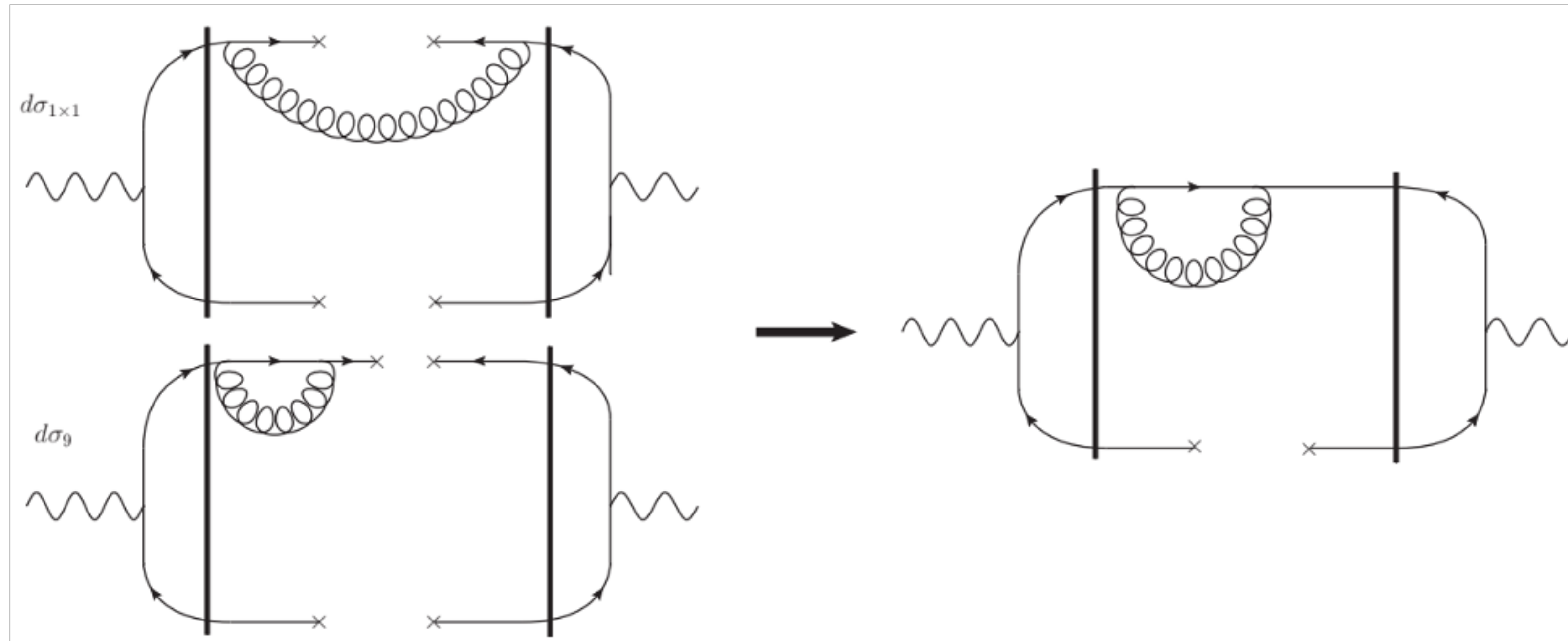
integrate over final state antiquark



$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* p/A \rightarrow q(\mathbf{p}, y_1) X}}{d^2\mathbf{p} dy_1} = \frac{e^2 Q^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^5} \int dz_2 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) (z_1^2 z_2) \int d^6\mathbf{x} [S_{11'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2} + 1] e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'1}} \left\{ 4z_1 z_2 K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}| Q_1) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}| Q_1) + (z_1^2 + z_2^2) \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'2}}{|\mathbf{x}_{12}| |\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|} K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{12}| Q_1) K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}| Q_1) \right\}$$

# Single inclusive hadron production in DIS at small $x$ : NLO

start with NLO corrections to dihadron production and integrate out quark  
cancellations among diagrams



some of the contributions are

$$\frac{d\sigma_{1\times 1}^T}{d^2\mathbf{p} dy_1} = \frac{e^2 g^2 Q^2}{(2\pi)^8} \int_0^{1-z_1} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{(1-z-z_1)(z+z_1)}{z_1} \left[ z_1^2(1-z-z_1)^2 + (z_1^2 + (1-z-z_1)^2)(z+z_1)^2 + (z+z_1)^4 \right] \\ \int d^8\mathbf{x} K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_{1z}) K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|Q_{1z}) N_c C_F [S_{11'} - S_{12} - S_{21'} + 1] \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'2}}{|\mathbf{x}_{12}||\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|} \Delta_{11'}^{(3)} e^{i\frac{z_1+z}{z_1}\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_9^T}{d^2\mathbf{p} dy_1} = -\frac{e^2 g^2 Q^2}{2(2\pi)^6} \int_0^{z_1} \frac{dz}{z} (1-z_1)(z_1^2 + (1-z_1)^2) [z_1^2 + (z_1-z)^2] \int d^6\mathbf{x} K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|Q_1) e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}} \\ N_c C_F [S_{11'} - S_{12} - S_{21'} + 1] \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'2}}{|\mathbf{x}_{12}||\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_3}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{\mathbf{x}_{31}^2}$$

with  $\Delta_{ij}^{(3)} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_{3i} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{3j}}{\mathbf{x}_{3i}^2 \mathbf{x}_{3j}^2}$  and  $Q_1^2 \equiv z_1(1-z_1)Q^2$   
 $Q_{1z}^2 \equiv (1-z-z_1)(z+z_1)Q^2$



# SIDIS at small $x$ : NLO corrections

all quadrupole contributions cancel: dipoles only at leading  $N_c$

cancelation of UV/soft divergences

rapidity/collinear divergences renormalize the dipoles/fragmentation functions

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* \text{A} \rightarrow \text{h X}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + \sigma_{\text{LO}} \otimes \mathbf{D}_{\text{h/q}}(\mathbf{z}_{\text{h}}, \mu^2) + \sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{finite}}$$

there are no Sudakov double logs in SIDIS unlike inclusive dihadron production (wrong sign)

# SIDIS at small x: including Sudakov double logs

EIC will have a reasonably large window in  $Q^2$  where  $Q^2 \gg p_{t,h}^2$  so that  $\alpha_s \log \left( \frac{Q^2}{p_{t,h}^2} \right) \sim 1$

avoid large Sudakov logs:  $p_{t,h}^2 \sim Q^2$  so that  $\log \left( \frac{Q^2}{p_{t,h}^2} \right) \simeq 0$

to get Sudakov logs one must introduce a kinematic constraint

needed for self-consistency of evolution equations (avoid negative cross sections)

at small x we require  $k^+ < z_f l^+$ , this is sufficient at LL accuracy

at NLO accuracy we also need to impose a condition on lifetimes of fluctuations

introduce a cutoff on - component of momenta  $k^- > \tilde{z}_f l^-$  with  $z_f \tilde{z}_f = 1$

# SIDIS at small x: including Sudakov double logs

taking the high  $Q^2$  is tricky!  $Q_1^2 \equiv z_1(1-z_1)Q^2 \rightarrow 0$  inside the Bessel functions

introduce the delta function

$$Q_1^{2n} K_{(0,1)}(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_{(0,1)}(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|Q_1) = \int_0^{Q^2/4} d\bar{Q}^2 (\bar{Q}^2)^n K_{(0,1)}(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|\bar{Q}) K_{(0,1)}(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|\bar{Q}) \delta[\bar{Q}^2 - z_1(1-z_1)Q^2]$$

$$\delta[\bar{Q}^2 - z_1(1-z_1)Q^2] = \frac{\delta(z_1 - z_+)}{Q^2|1-2z_+|} + \frac{\delta(z_1 - z_-)}{Q^2|1-2z_-|} \quad \text{with} \quad z_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4\bar{Q}^2/Q^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d\sigma_{LO+NLO}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h(\mathbf{p}_h, y_h) X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h dy_h} \right|_{LP} &= \frac{\pi e^2}{Q^2} \frac{1}{z_h} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_{11'}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\frac{\mathbf{p}_h}{z_h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} x \tilde{q}(x, \mathbf{x}_{11'}) \\ &\times \left\{ D_{h/q}(z_h) + \left[ \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi^2} \left( \int_0^{1-z_h} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{1+(1-z)^2}{1-z} D_{h/q}\left(\frac{z_h}{1-z}\right) - \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} [1+(1-z)^2] D_{h/q}(z_h) \right) \right] \int_{|\mathbf{x}_3|} \right. \\ &\left. + \left[ \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{1-z_h} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{[1+(1-z)^2]}{1-z} \left( \int d^2\mathbf{x}_3 \Delta_{1'1}^{(3)} - \int_{|\mathbf{x}_3|_{\mu>1}} \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_3}{\mathbf{x}_3^2} \right) \right] D_{h/q}\left(\frac{z_h}{1-z}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$



# SIDIS at small $x$ : including Sudakov double logs

introduce the longitudinal factorization  $z_f$

$$\int_0^{1-z_h} dz = \int_0^{z_f} dz + \int_{z_f}^{1-z_h} dz$$

add and subtract the kinematic constraint

$$\Theta(\text{kin.const.}) = \Theta\left(z_f \frac{p^2}{Q^2} - z\right)$$

$$\int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} \left[ 1 - \Theta\left(z_f \frac{p^2}{Q^2} - z\right) \right] = \int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} \Theta\left(z - z_f \frac{p^2}{Q^2}\right) = \Theta\left(\frac{Q^2}{p^2}\right) \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{p^2}\right)$$

and dipoles satisfy constrained JIMWLK evolution

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{LO+NLO}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h(\mathbf{p}_h, y_h) X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h dy_h} \right|_{LP} = d\sigma_{LO}(z_f) \otimes D_{h/q}(z_h, Q^2) + d\sigma_{NLO-rap-finite} +$$

$$\frac{\pi e^2}{Q^2} \frac{D_{h/q}(z_h)}{z_h} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_{11'}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\frac{\mathbf{p}_h}{z_h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} x \tilde{q}(x, \mathbf{x}_{11'})$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi^2} \int^{Q^2} \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}}{p^2} (e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'1}} - 1) \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{p^2}\right) \right\}$$

# Sudakov double logs in SIDIS

using

$$\int^{Q^2} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{p}}{\mathbf{p}^2} [e^{-i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} - 1] \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{\mathbf{p}^2} \right) = 4\pi \int_0^{Q|\mathbf{x}_{11'}|} \frac{d\tau}{\tau} [J_0(\tau) - 1] \ln \left( \frac{Q|\mathbf{x}_{11'}|}{\tau} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 (Q^2 \mathbf{x}_{11'}^2 / c_0^2) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{Q|\mathbf{x}_{11'}|}}\right)$$

we get

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma_{LO+NLO}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h(\mathbf{p}_h, y_h) X}}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_h dy_h} \right|_{LP} = d\sigma_{NLO-rap-finite}$$

$$+ \frac{\pi e^2}{Q^2} \frac{D_{h/q}(z_h, Q^2)}{z_h} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_{11'}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\frac{\mathbf{p}_h}{z_h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} x \tilde{q}(x, \mathbf{x}_{11'}) e^{-S_{sud}(\mathbf{x}_{11'})}$$

with

$$S_{sud}(\mathbf{x}_{11'}) \equiv \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \ln^2 (Q^2 \mathbf{x}_{11'}^2 / c_0^2) \quad \text{and transverse momentum dependent distribution (TMD)}$$

$$xq(x, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{2N_c}{(2\pi)^6} \int d^6 \mathbf{x} e^{-i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} [S_{11'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2} + 1] \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'2}}{|\mathbf{x}_{12}| |\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|} \int_0^\infty d\bar{Q}^2 \bar{Q}^2 K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{12}| \bar{Q}) K_1(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}| \bar{Q})$$

# Summary I

## **QCD at high energy**

**dense hadron/nucleus: gluon saturation, strong color fields - CGC**

**strong hints from RHIC, LHC,..., to be probed precisely at EIC**

**toward precision: NLO, sub-eikonal corrections, ...**

**CGC is limited to small  $x$  (low  $p_t$ )**

**How good is eikonal approximation?**



# ***SUMMARY***

*pQCD and collinear factorization at high  $p_t$*

*breaks down at small  $x$  (low  $p_t$ )*

*CGC is a systematic approach to high energy collisions*

*strong hints from RHIC, LHC,...*

*to be probed extensively at EIC*

*toward precision: NLO, sub-eikonal corrections, ...*

*CGC breaks down at large  $x$  (high  $p_t$ )*

*a significant part of EIC/RHIC/LHC phase space is at large  $x$*

*transition from large  $x$  physics (pQCD) to small  $x$  (CGC)*

***Toward inclusion of large  $x$  physics:***

*spin asymmetries*

*beam rapidity loss*

*particle production in both small and large  $p_t$  kinematics*

*two-particle correlations: from forward-forward to forward-backward*

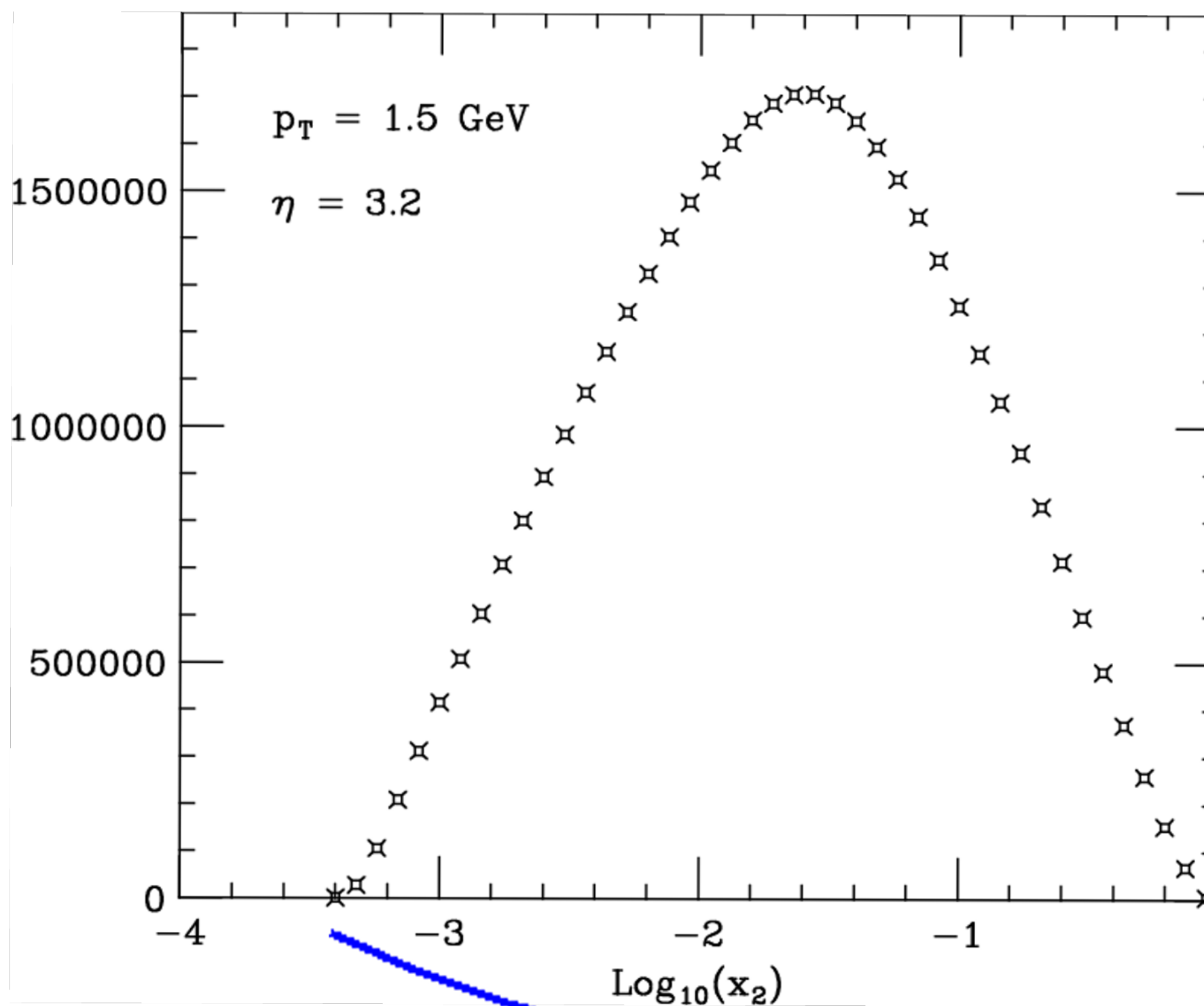
*one-loop correction: both collinear and CGC factorization limits*

*need to clarify/understand: gauge invariance, initial conditions, .....*

# Single inclusive pion production in pp at RHIC

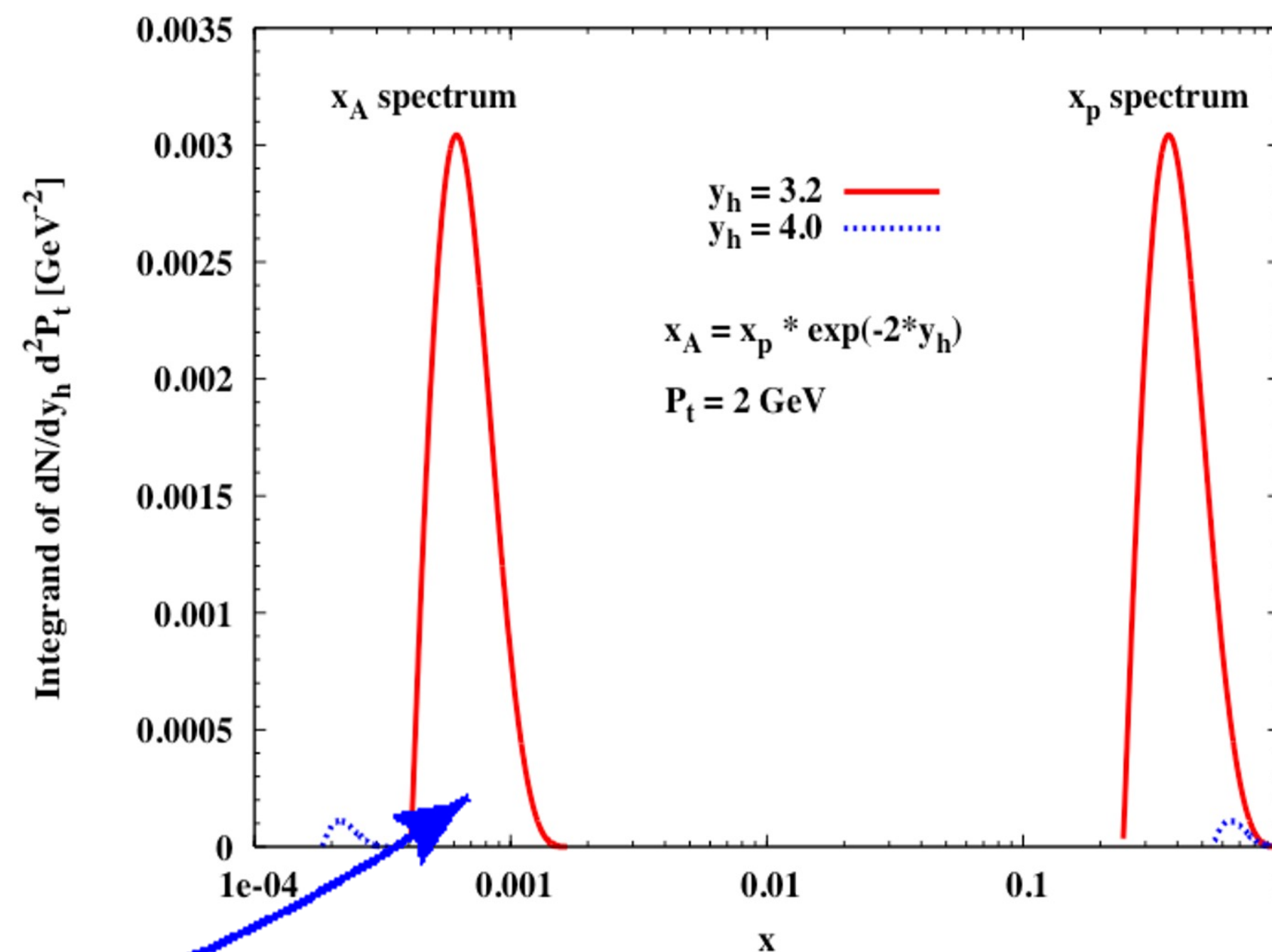
collinear factorization

GSV, PLB603 (2004) 173-183



CGC

DHJ, NPA765 (2006) 57-70



$$\int_{x_{\min}}^1 dx x G(x, Q^2) \dots \dots \longrightarrow x_{\min} G(x_{\min}, Q^2) \dots$$

which kinematics are we in?



# toward unifying small and large x (multiple scattering)

JJM, 1708.07533, 1809.04625, 1912.08878

scattering from small x modes of the target field  $\mathbf{A}^- = \mathbf{n}^- \mathbf{S}$  involves only

small transverse momenta exchange (small angle deflection)

$$p^\mu = (p^+ \sim \sqrt{s}, p^- = 0, p_t = 0)$$

$$S = S(p^+ \sim 0, p^- / P^- \ll 1, p_t)$$

**allow hard scattering** by including one all x field during which there is large momenta exchanged and **quark can get deflected by a large angle.**

$$A_a^\mu(x^+, x^-, x_t)$$

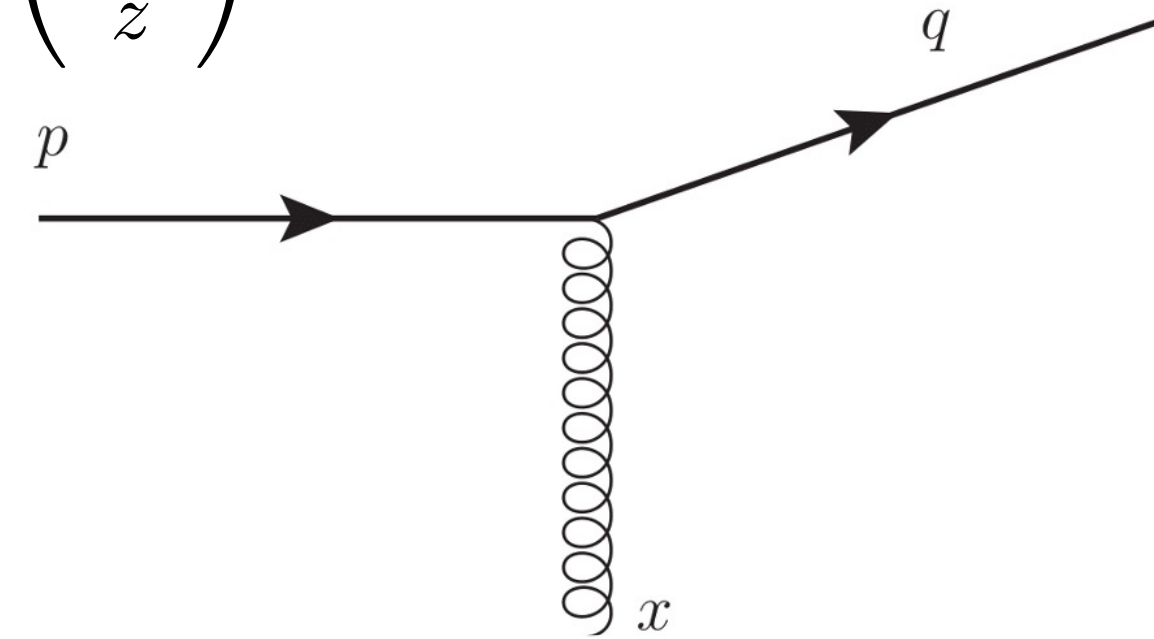
include eikonal multiple scattering before and after (along a different direction) the hard scattering



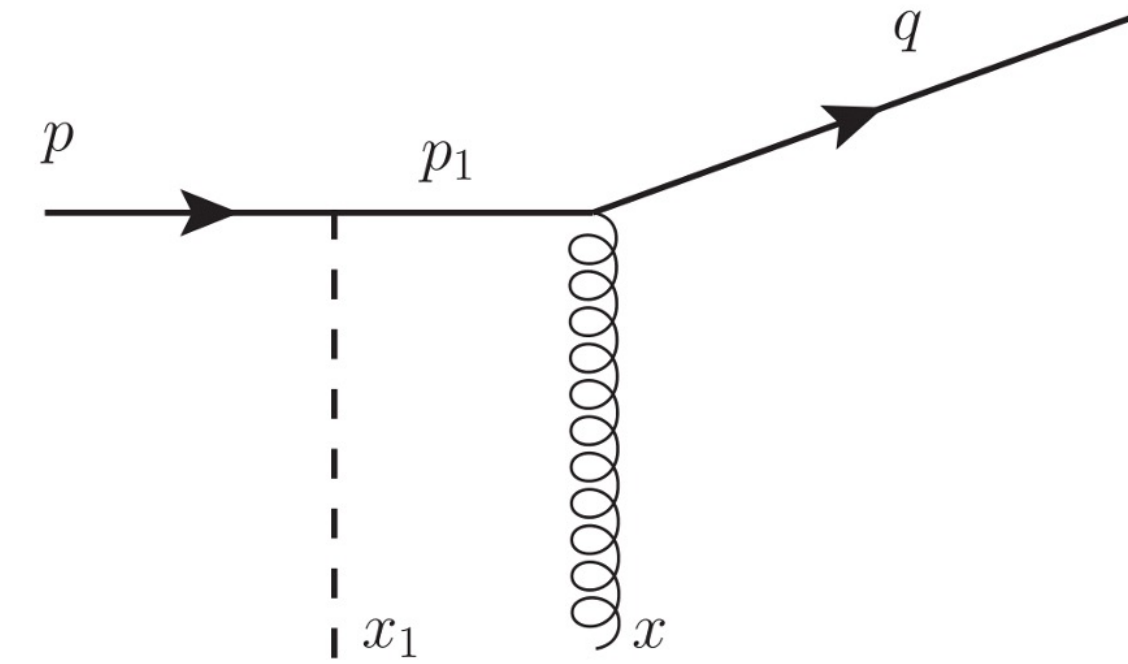
hard scattering: large deflection  
 scattered quark travels in the new “z” direction:

$$\bar{z} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{y} \\ \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{O} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

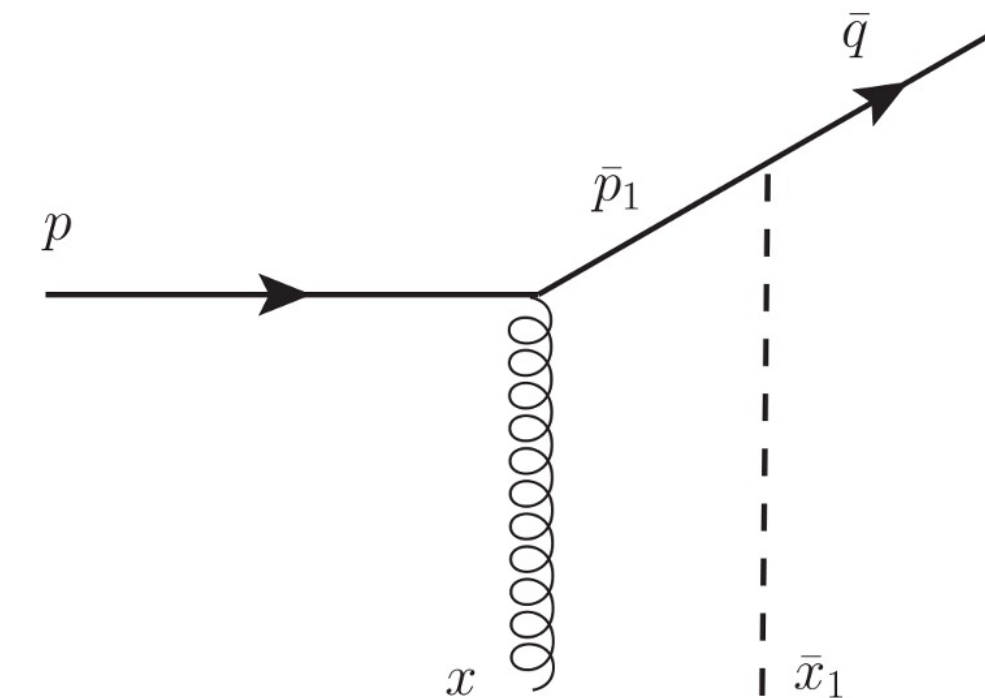
$$i\mathcal{M}_1 = (ig) \int d^4x e^{i(\bar{q}-p)x} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) [A(x)] u(p)$$



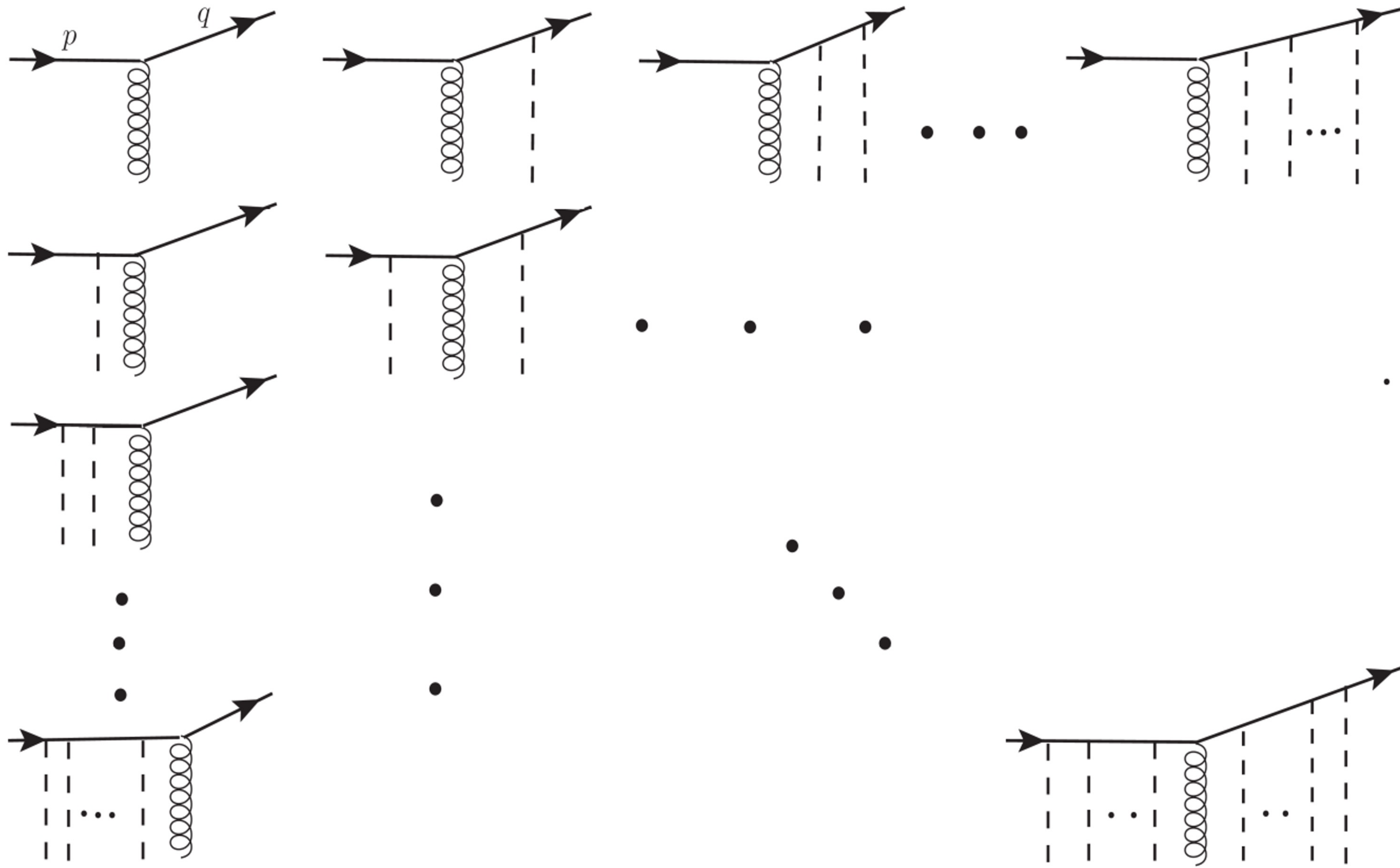
$$i\mathcal{M}_2 = (ig)^2 \int d^4x d^4x_1 \int \frac{d^4p_1}{(2\pi)^4} e^{i(p_1-p)x_1} e^{i(\bar{q}-p_1)x} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ A(x) \frac{i\not{p}_1}{p_1^2 + i\epsilon} \not{n} S(x_1) \right] u(p)$$



$$i\mathcal{M}_2 = (ig)^2 \int d^4x d^4\bar{x}_1 \int \frac{d^4\bar{p}_1}{(2\pi)^4} e^{i(\bar{p}_1-p)x} e^{i(\bar{q}-\bar{p}_1)\bar{x}_1} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ \not{n} \bar{S}(\bar{x}_1) \frac{i\not{\bar{p}}_1}{\bar{p}_1^2 + i\epsilon} A(x) \right] u(p)$$



with  $\bar{v}^\mu = \Lambda_\nu^\mu v^\nu$



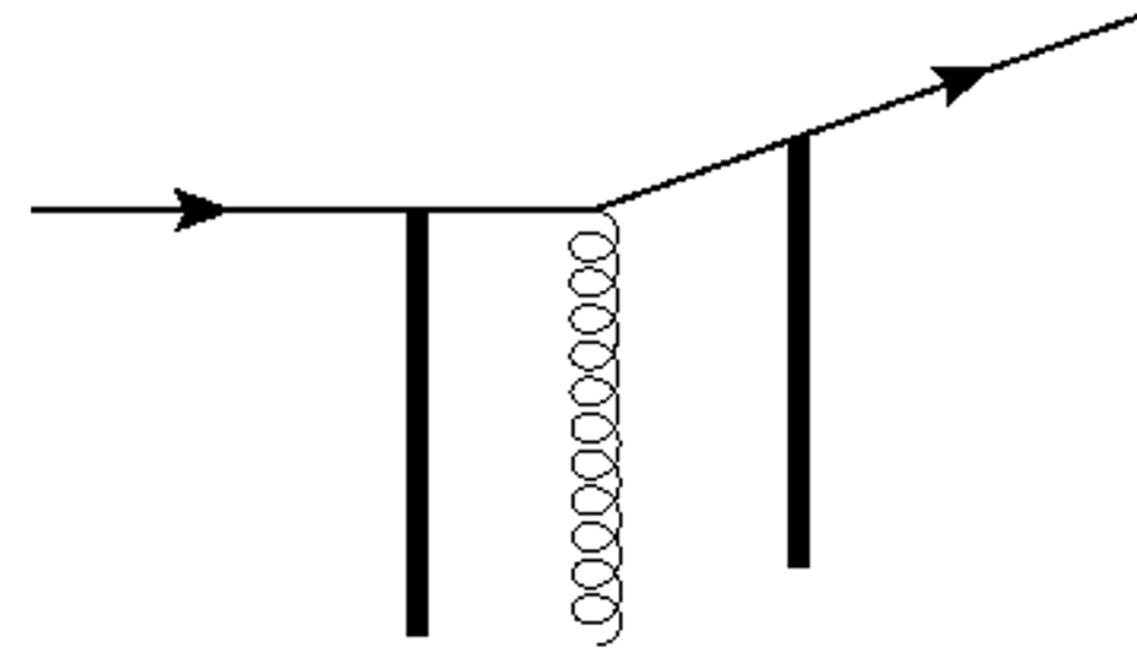
summing all the terms gives:

$$i\mathcal{M}_1 = \int d^4x d^2z_t d^2\bar{z}_t \int \frac{d^2k_t}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2\bar{k}_t}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(\bar{k}-k)x} e^{-i(\bar{q}_t-\bar{k}_t)\cdot\bar{z}_t} e^{-i(k_t-p_t)\cdot z_t} \\ \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ \bar{V}_{AP}(x^+, \bar{z}_t) \not{n} \frac{\bar{k}}{2\bar{k}^+} [igA(x)] \frac{\not{k}}{2k^+} \not{n} V_{AP}(z_t, x^+) \right] u(p)$$

with

$$\bar{V}_{AP}(x^+, \bar{z}_t) \equiv \hat{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int_{x^+}^{+\infty} d\bar{z}^+ \bar{S}_a^-(\bar{z}_t, \bar{z}^+) t_a \right\}$$

$$V_{AP}(z_t, x^+) \equiv \hat{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int_{-\infty}^{x^+} dz^+ S_a^-(z_t, z^+) t_a \right\}$$



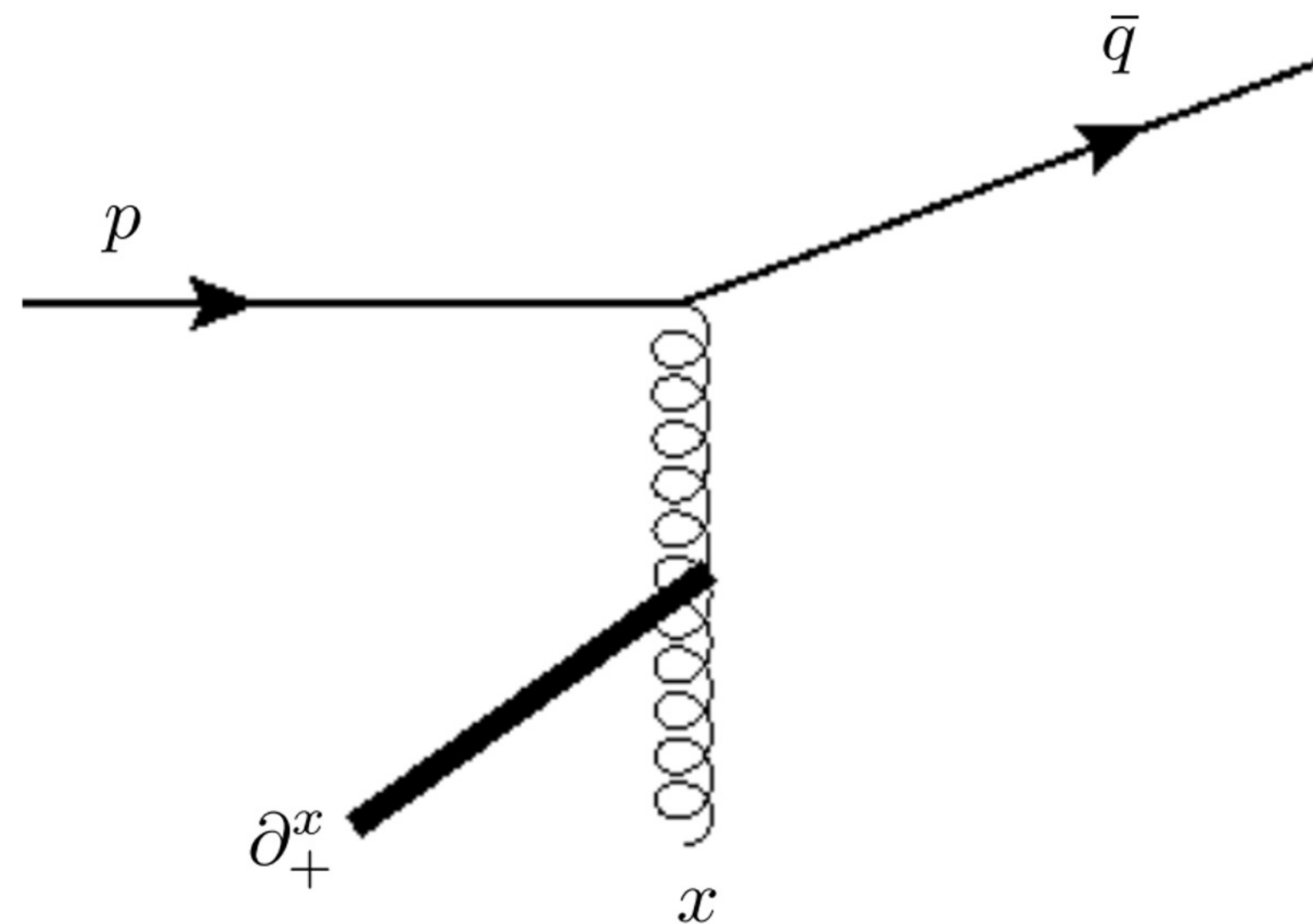
**this is the building block for DIS structure functions, single inclusive particle production in pA,....**



$$i\mathcal{M}_2 = \frac{2i}{(p - \bar{q})^2} \int d^4x e^{i(\bar{q}-p)x} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ (ig t^a) \left[ \partial_{x^+} U_{AP}^\dagger(x_t, x^+) \right]^{ab} \right. \\ \left. \left[ n \cdot (p - \bar{q}) A_b(x) - (p - \bar{q}) \cdot A_b(x) \not{n} \right] \right] u(p)$$

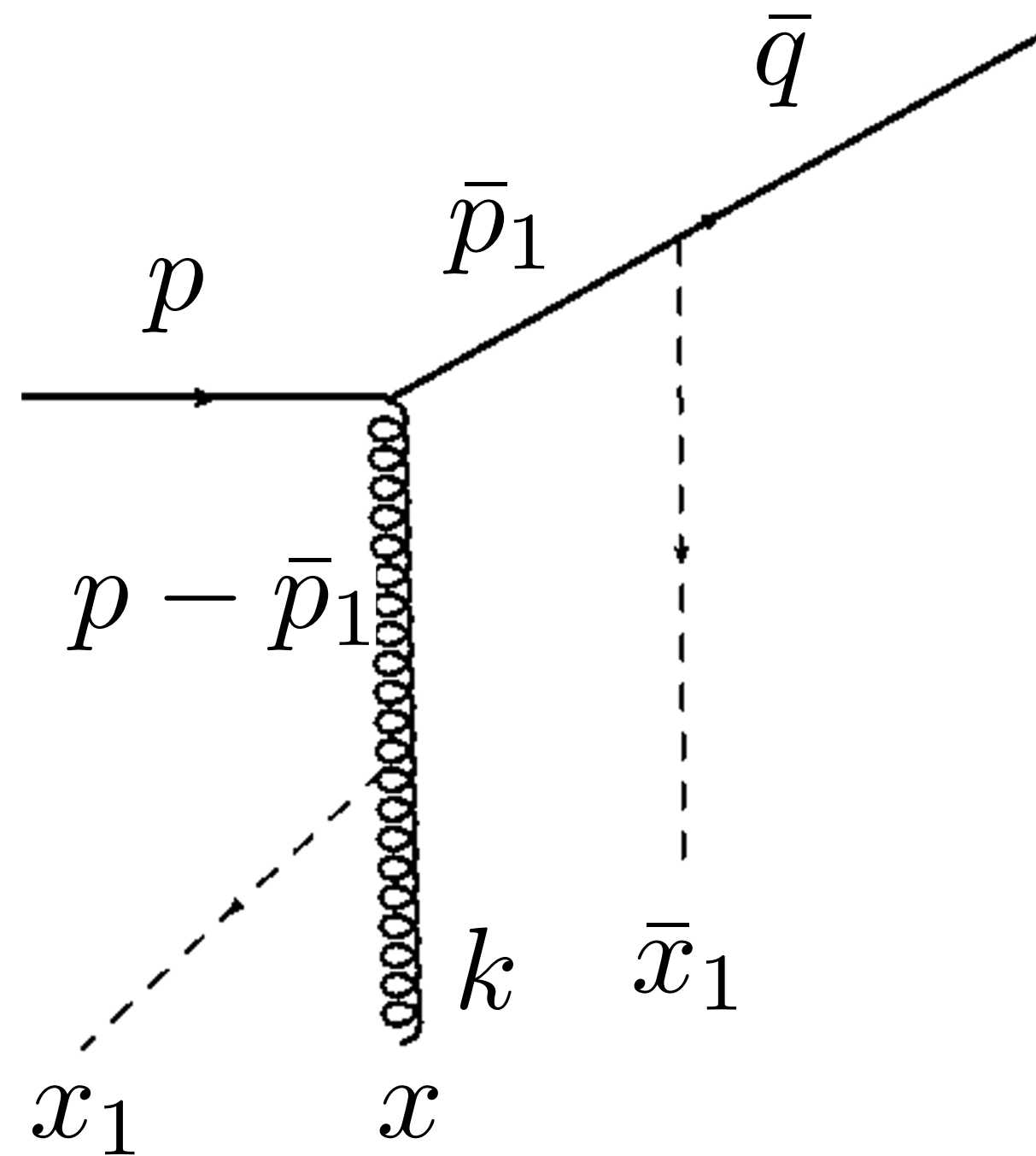
with

$$U_{AP}(x_t, x^+) \equiv \hat{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int_{-\infty}^{x^+} dz^+ S_a^-(z^+, x_t) T_a \right\}$$



**but there is more!**

# how about the final state quark interactions?



integration over  $\bar{p}_1^-$

$$\int \frac{d\bar{p}_1^-}{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\bar{p}_1^- (\bar{x}_1^+ - x^+)}}{[\bar{p}_1^{-2} + i\epsilon] [(p_1 - \bar{p}_1)^2 + i\epsilon]}$$

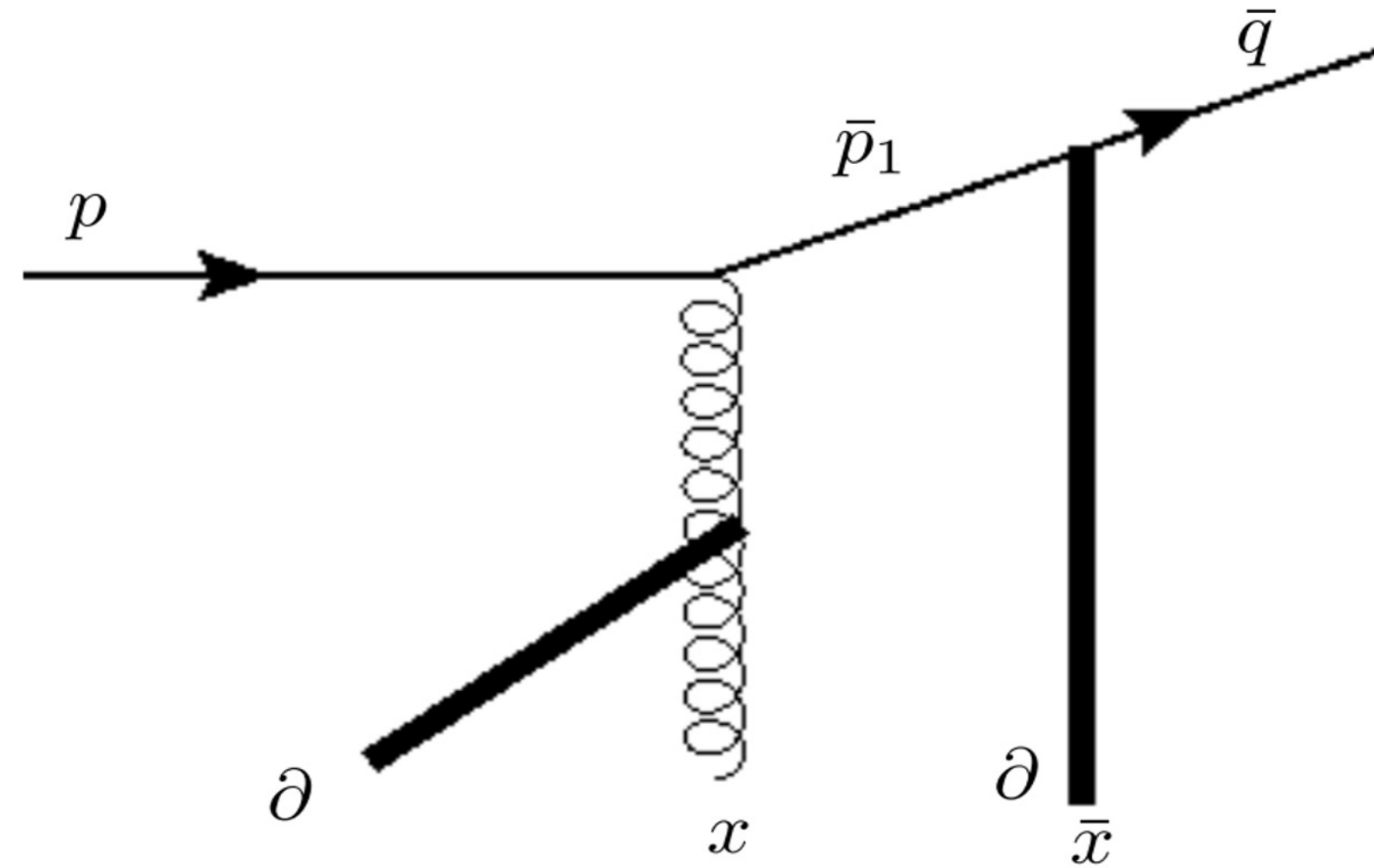
now the poles are on the opposite side of the real axis, we get both ordering

$$\theta(x^+ - \bar{x}_1^+) \text{ and } \theta(\bar{x}_1^+ - x^+)$$

ignoring the phases the contribution of the two poles add!  
*path ordering is lost!*

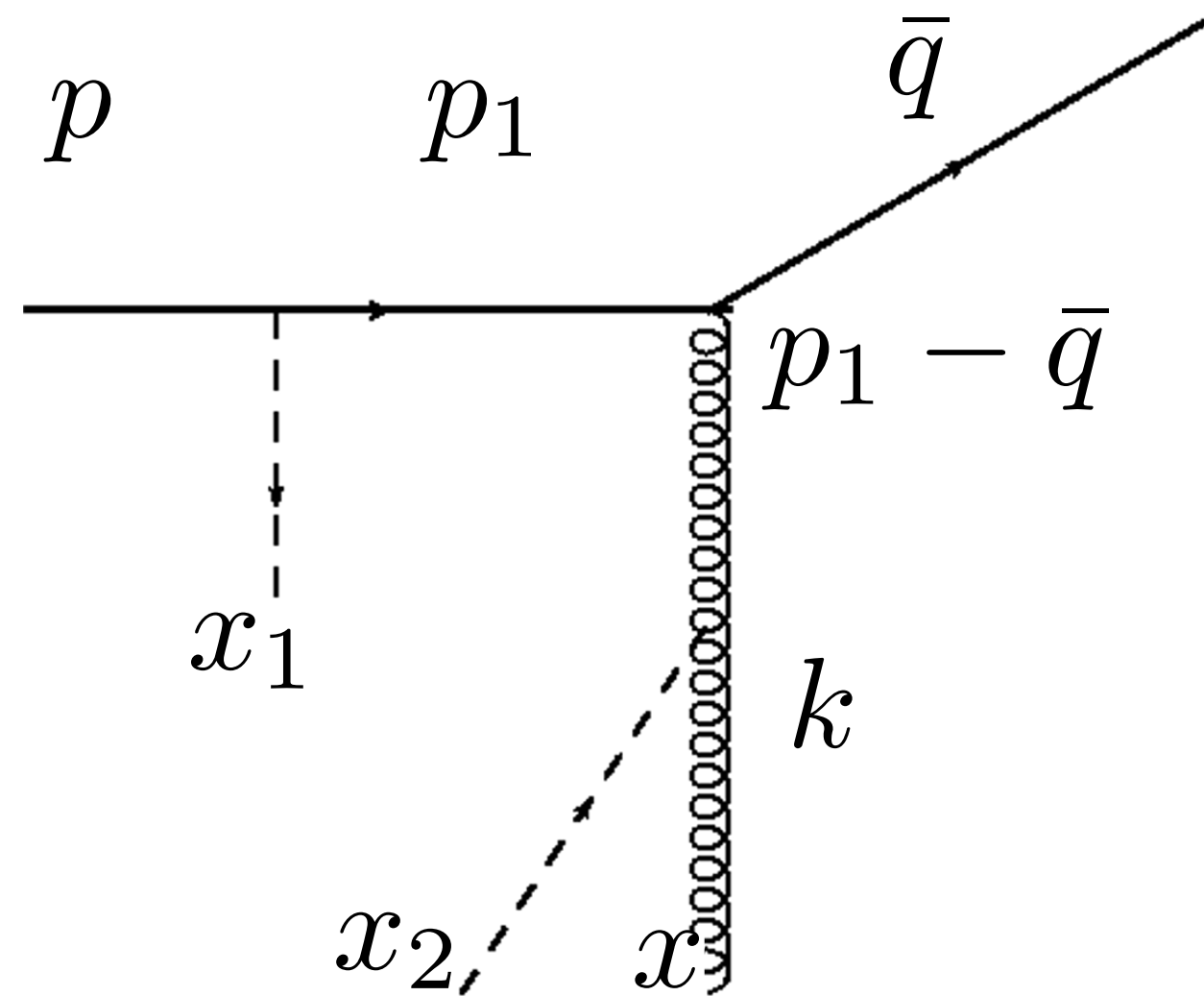
**however further rescatterings are still path-ordered**  
**before/after  $X_1^+, \bar{X}_1^+$**

rescatterings of hard  
gluon and final state quark resum to



$$\begin{aligned}
 i\mathcal{M}_3 = & -2i \int d^4x d^2\bar{x}_t d\bar{x}^+ \frac{d^2\bar{p}_{1t}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(\bar{q}^+ - p^+)x^-} e^{-i(\bar{p}_{1t} - p_t) \cdot x_t} e^{-i(\bar{q}_t - \bar{p}_{1t}) \cdot \bar{x}_t} \\
 & \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ [\partial_{\bar{x}^+} \bar{V}_{AP}(\bar{x}^+, \bar{x}_t)] \not{n} \not{\bar{p}}_1 (igt^a) [\partial_{x^+} U_{AP}^\dagger(x_t, x^+)]^{ab} \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{[n \cdot (p - \bar{q}) A^b(x) - (p - \bar{p}_1) \cdot A^b(x) \not{n}]}{[2n \cdot \bar{q} 2n \cdot (p - \bar{q}) p^- - 2n \cdot (p - \bar{q}) \bar{p}_{1t}^2 - 2n \cdot \bar{q} (\bar{p}_{1t} - p_t)^2]} \right] u(p)
 \end{aligned}$$

**both initial state quark and hard gluon interacting:**



integration over  $p_1^-$

$$\int \frac{dp_1^-}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ip_1^- (x_1^+ - x^+)}}{[p_1^2 + i\epsilon] [(p_1 - \bar{q})^2 + i\epsilon]}$$

both poles are below the real axis, we get

$$\frac{e^{i \frac{p_{1t}^2}{2p^+} (x_1^+ - x^+)}}{\left[ \frac{p_{1t}^2}{2p^+} - \bar{q}^- - \frac{(p_{1t} - \bar{q}_t)^2}{2(p^+ - \bar{q}^+)} \right]} + \frac{e^{i \left[ \bar{q}^- + \frac{(p_{1t} - \bar{q}_t)^2}{2(p^+ - \bar{q}^+)} \right] (x_1^+ - x^+)}}{\left[ \bar{q}^- + \frac{(p_{1t} - \bar{q}_t)^2}{2(p^+ - \bar{q}^+)} - \frac{p_{1t}^2}{2p^+} \right]}$$

ignoring phases we get a cancellation!

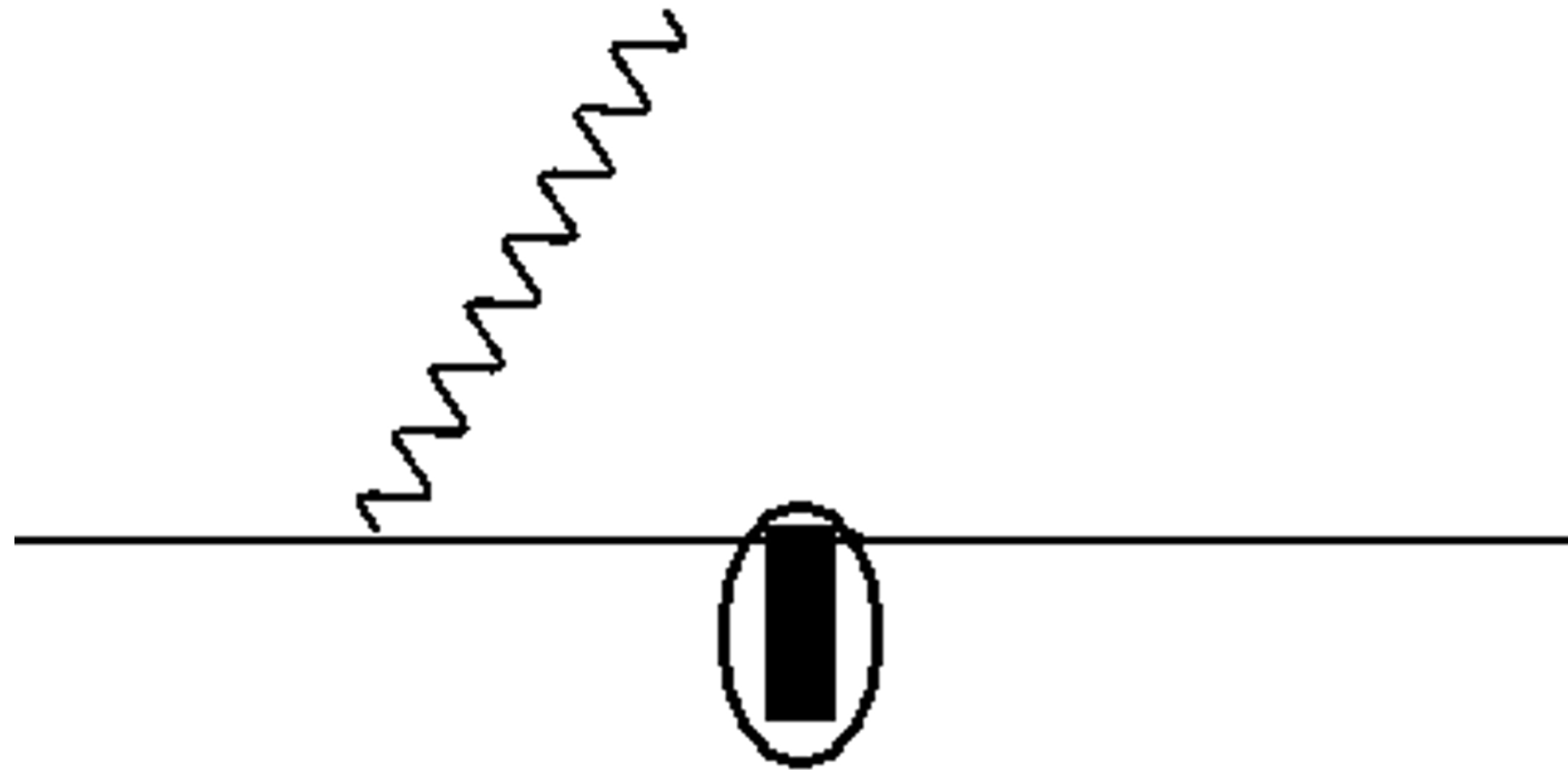
*this can be shown to hold to all orders whenever both initial state quark and hard gluon scatter from the soft fields!*



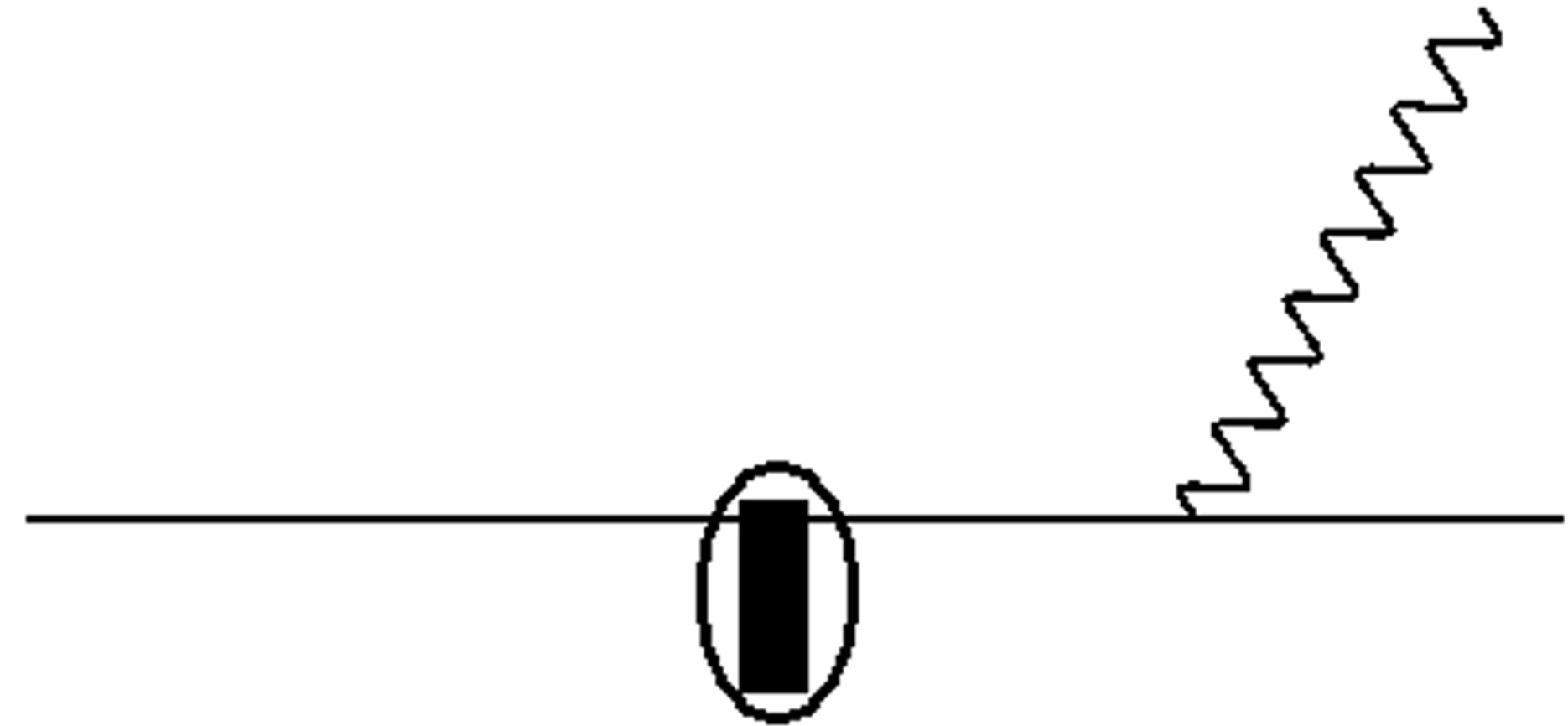
$$\begin{aligned}
i\mathcal{M}_{eik}(p, q) &= 2\pi\delta(p^+ - q^+) \int d^2x_t e^{-i(q_t - p_t) \cdot x_t} [V(x_t) - 1] \mathcal{N}_{eik} \\
i\mathcal{M}_1(p, q) &= \int d^4x d^2z_t d^2\bar{z}_t \int \frac{d^2k_t}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2\bar{k}_t}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(\bar{k} - k)x} e^{-i(\bar{q}_t - \bar{k}_t) \cdot \bar{z}_t} e^{-i(k_t - p_t) \cdot z_t} \\
&\quad \bar{V}(x^+, \bar{z}_t) (ig t^b) V(z_t, x^+) \mathcal{N}_1^b \\
i\mathcal{M}_2(p, q) &= 2i \int d^4x e^{i(\bar{q}^+ - p^+)x^- - i(\bar{q}_t - p_t) \cdot x_t} (ig t^a) [\partial_{x^+} U^\dagger(x_t, x^+)]^{ab} \mathcal{N}_2^b \\
i\mathcal{M}_3(p, q) &= -2i \int d^4x d^2\bar{x}_t d\bar{x}^+ \frac{d^2\bar{p}_{1t}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i(\bar{p}_1^+ - p^+)x^-} e^{-i(\bar{p}_{1t} - p_t) \cdot x_t} e^{-i(\bar{q}_t - \bar{p}_{1t}) \cdot \bar{x}_t} \\
&\quad [\partial_{\bar{x}^+} \bar{V}(\bar{x}^+, \bar{x}_t)] (ig t^a) [\partial_{x^+} U^\dagger(x_t, x^+)]^{ab} \mathcal{N}_3^b
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{N}_{eik} &= \bar{u}(q) \not{n} u(p) \\
\mathcal{N}_1^b &= \frac{1}{2k^+} \frac{1}{2\bar{k}^+} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ \not{n} \bar{k} A^b(x) \not{k} \not{n} \right] u(p) \\
\mathcal{N}_2^b &= \frac{1}{(p - \bar{q})^2} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ n \cdot (p - \bar{q}) A^b(x) - (p - \bar{q}) \cdot A^b(x) \not{n} \right] u(p) \\
\mathcal{N}_3^b &= \frac{1}{2\bar{n} \cdot \bar{p}_1 (p - \bar{p}_1)^2} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \left[ \not{n} \not{\bar{p}}_1 \left( n \cdot (p - \bar{p}_1) A^b(x) - (p - \bar{p}_1) \cdot A^b(x) \not{n} \right) \right] u(p)
\end{aligned}$$

# photon production: **small x**



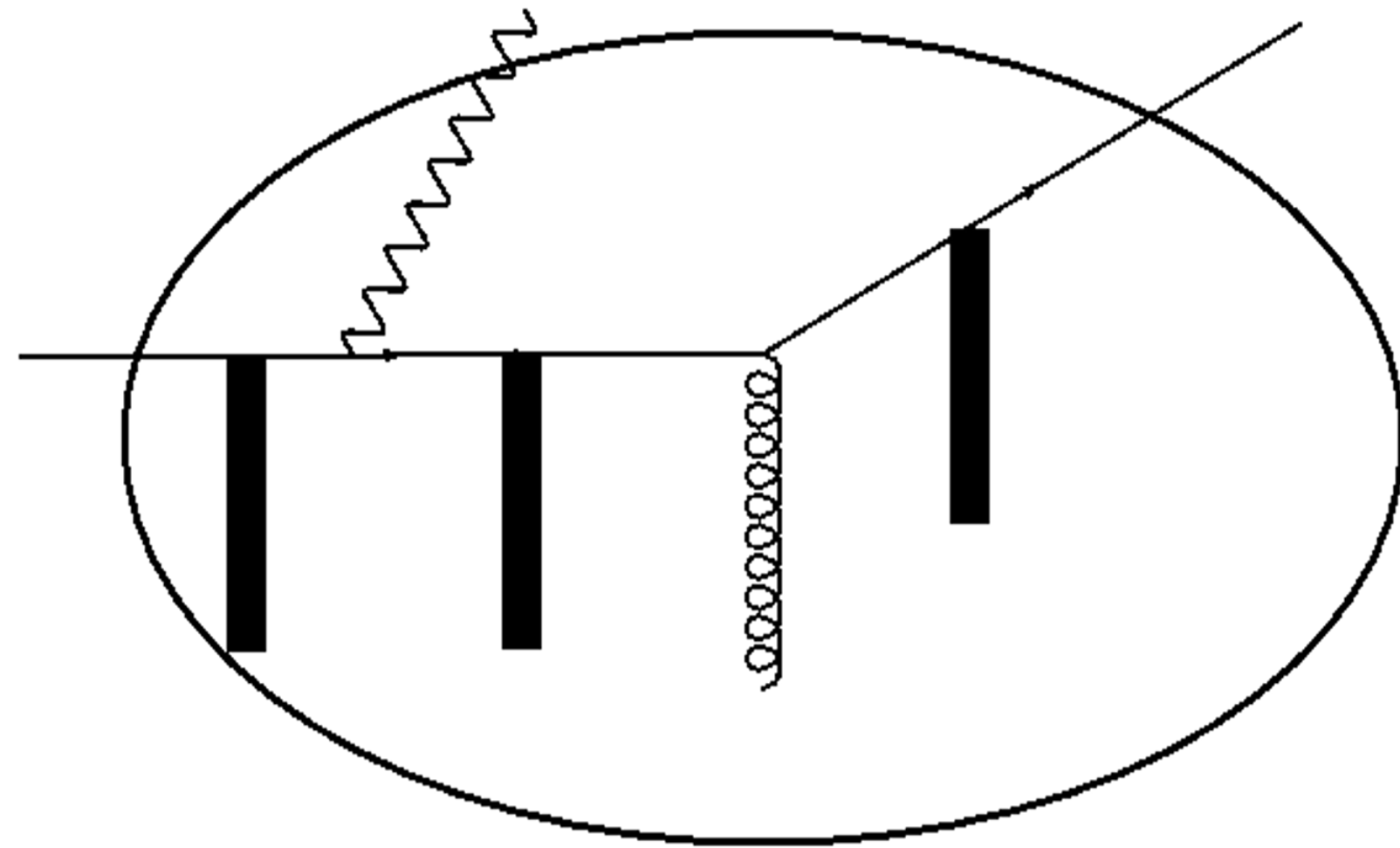
before quark scatters on the target



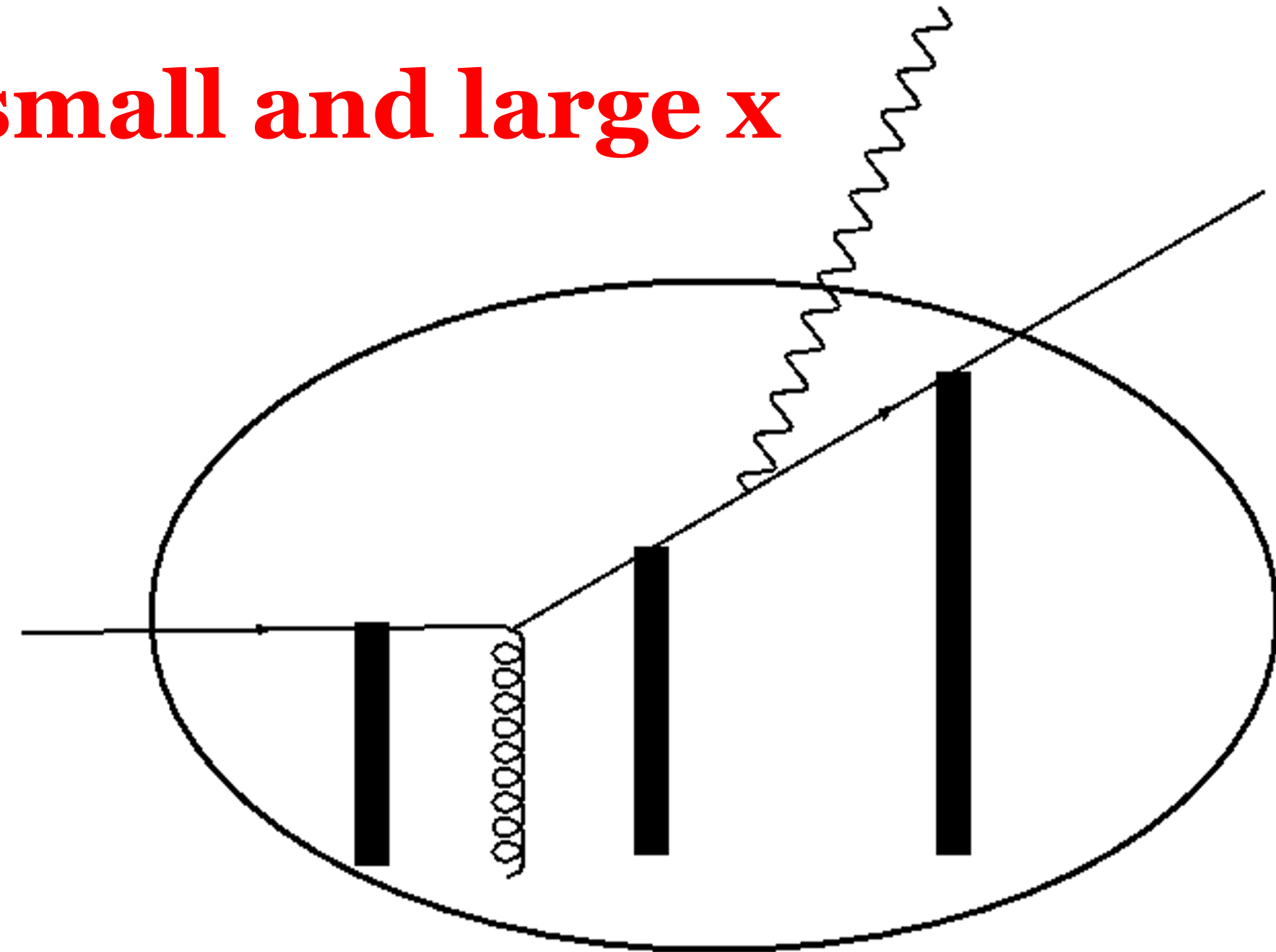
after quark scatters on the target

No radiation inside the target

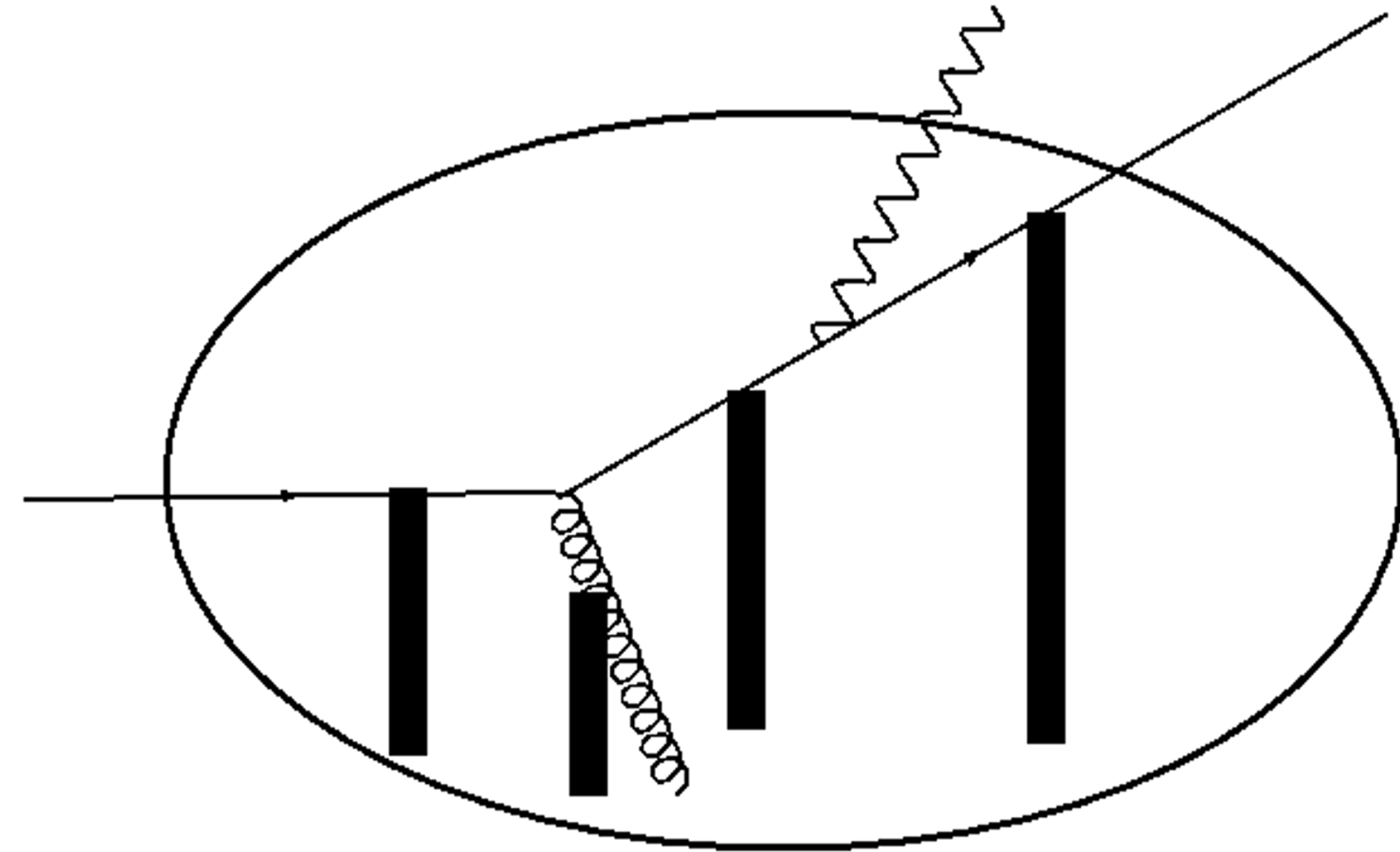
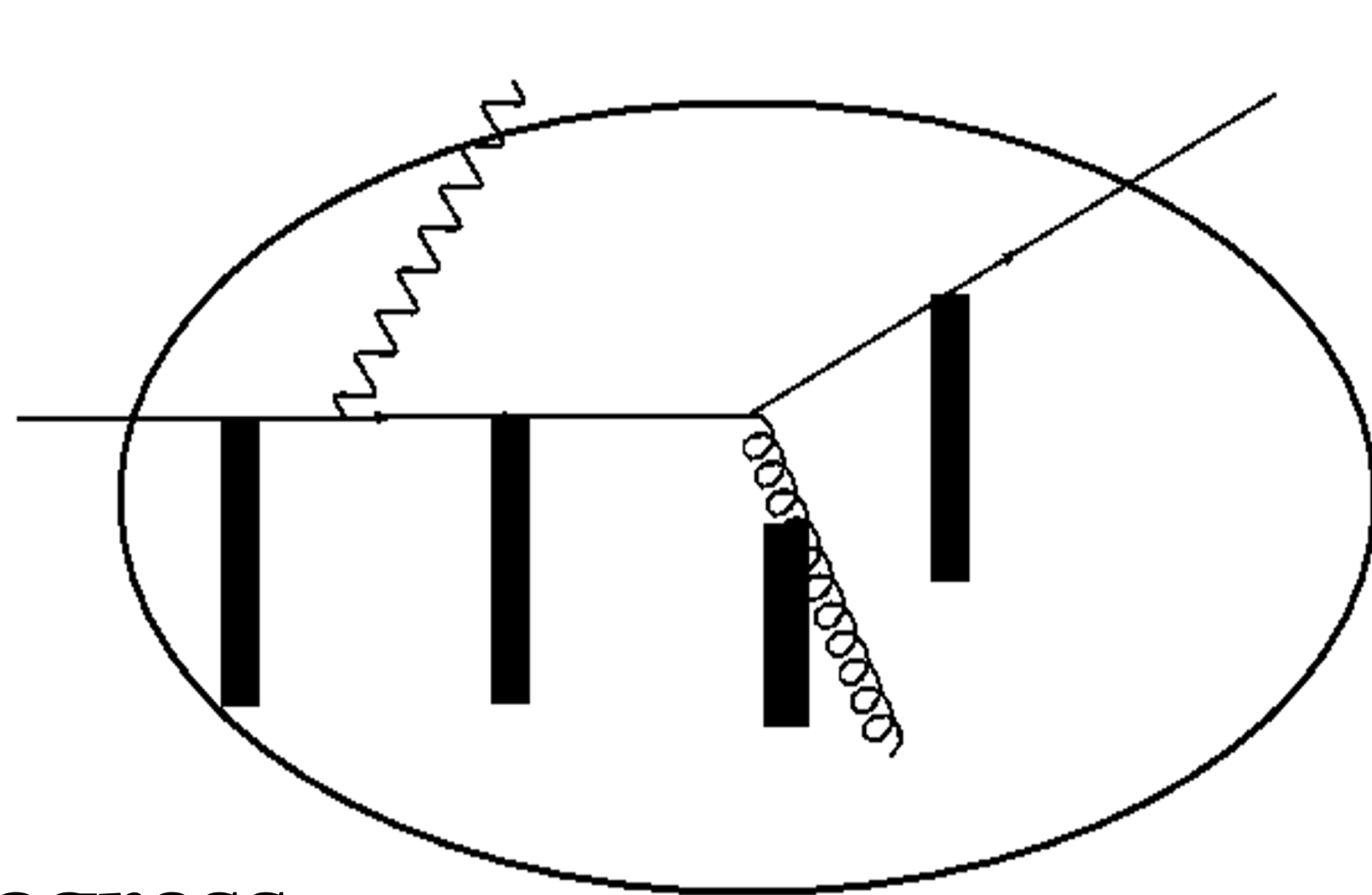
**photon production: both small and large  $x$**



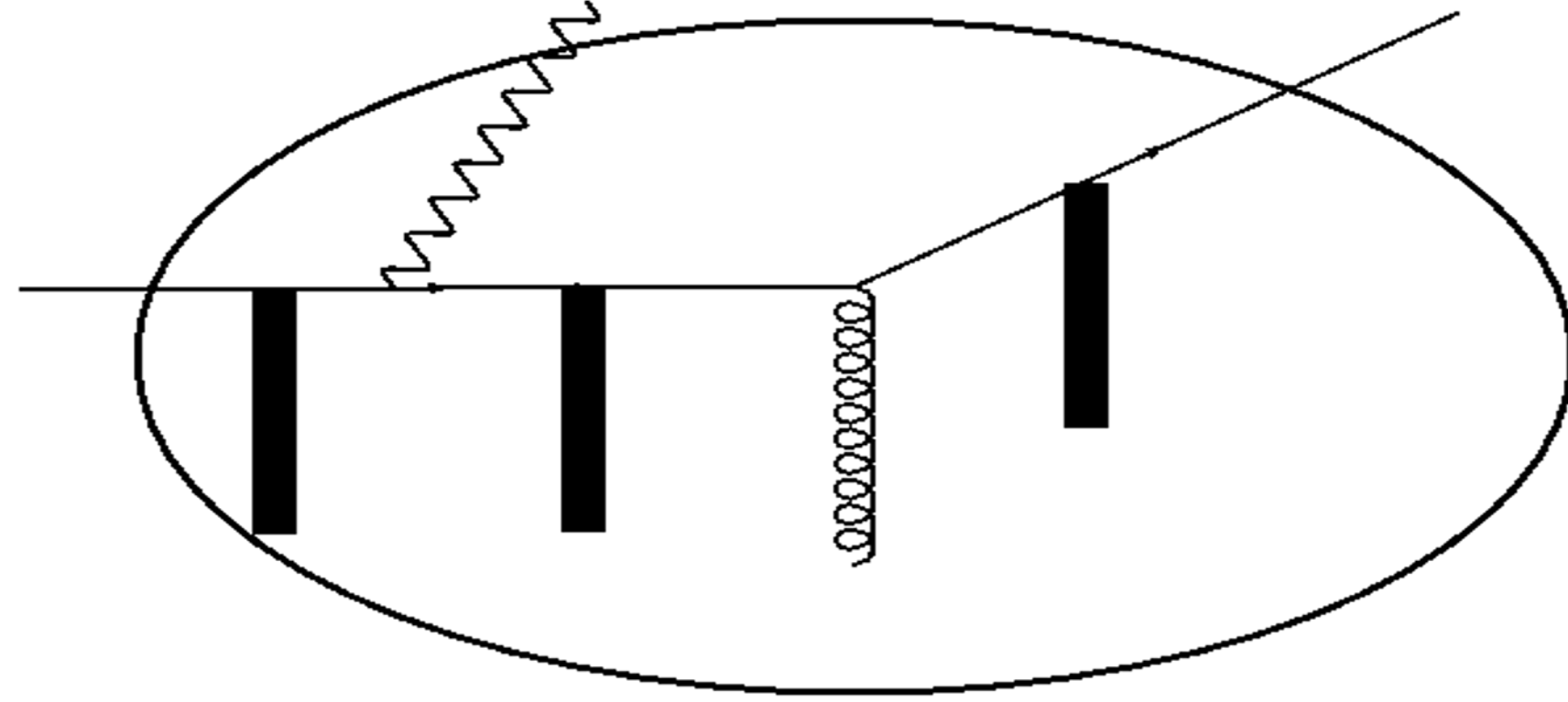
before hard scattering



after hard scattering



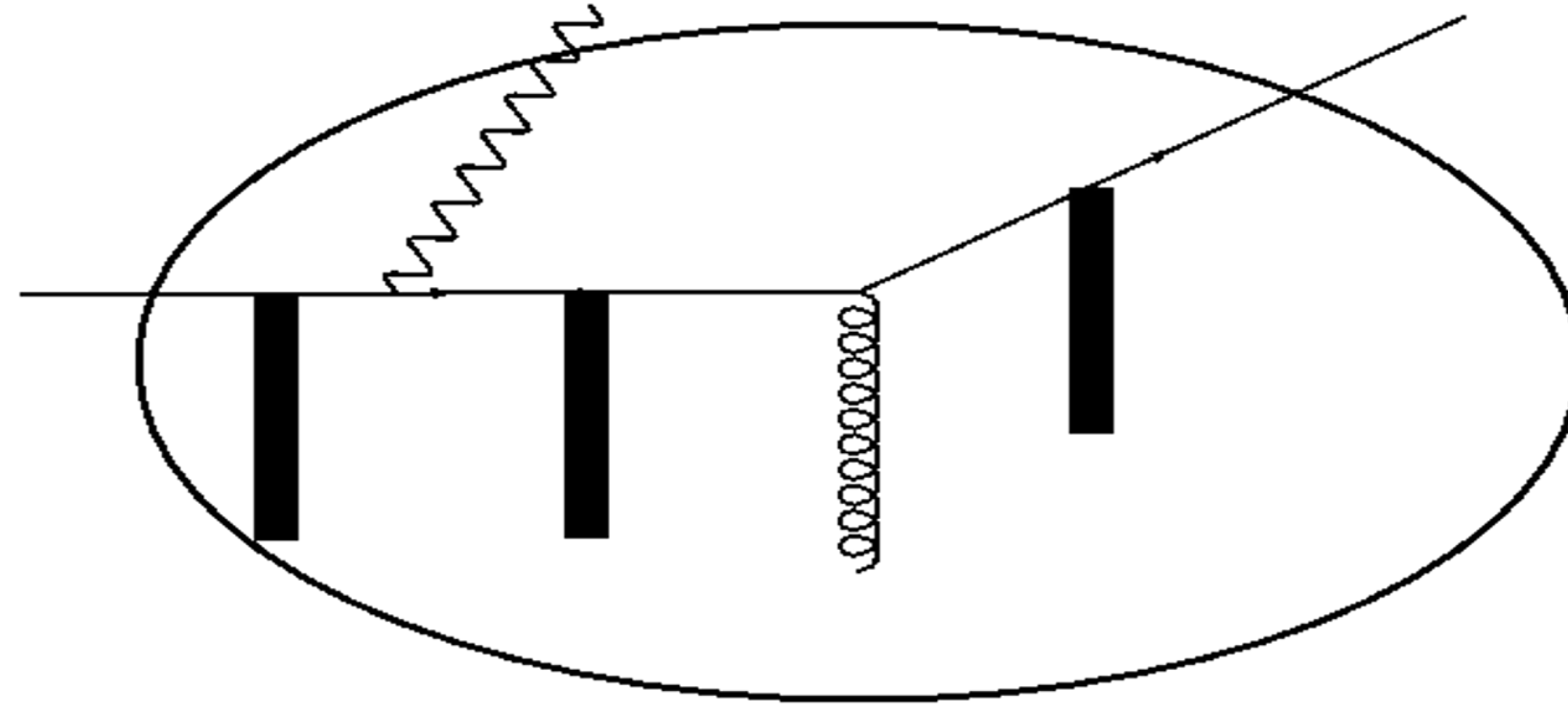
# photon radiation: helicity amplitudes



$$\begin{aligned}
 i\mathcal{M}_1(p, q, l) = & \\
 & eg \int \frac{d^2 k_{2t}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2 k_{3t}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{d^2 \bar{k}_{1t}}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^4 x d^2 y_{1t} d^2 y_{2t} d^2 \bar{y}_{1t} dz^+ \theta(x^+ - z^+) e^{i(l^+ + \bar{q}^+ - p^+)x^-} \\
 & e^{-i(\bar{q}_t - \bar{k}_{1t}) \cdot \bar{y}_{1t}} e^{-i(\bar{k}_{1t} - k_{3t}) \cdot x_t} e^{-i(k_{3t} - k_{2t}) \cdot y_{2t}} e^{-i(l_t + k_{2t} - p_t) \cdot y_{1t}} \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \bar{V}(\bar{y}_{1t}; x^+, \infty) \frac{\not{n} \bar{k}_1}{2\bar{n} \cdot \bar{q}} \\
 & A(x) \left[ \frac{\not{k}_3}{2n \cdot (p - l)} V(y_{2t}; z^+, x^+) \frac{\not{n} \not{k}_2}{2n \cdot (p - l)} + i \frac{\delta(x^+ - z^+)}{2n \cdot (p - l)} \not{n} \right] \\
 & \not{\epsilon}(l) \frac{\not{k}_1}{2n \cdot p} V(y_{1t}; -\infty, z^+) \not{n} u(p)
 \end{aligned}$$



# photon production: **both small and large x**



$$\mathcal{N}_{1-1} = \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \frac{\not{n} \bar{k}_1}{2\bar{n} \cdot \bar{q}} \not{A}(x) \frac{k_3 \not{n} k_2 \not{\epsilon}(l) k_1 \not{n}}{2n \cdot p 2n \cdot (p-l) 2n \cdot (p-l)} u(p)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{1-2} = \bar{u}(\bar{q}) \frac{\not{n} \bar{k}_1}{2\bar{n} \cdot \bar{q}} \not{A}(x) \frac{\not{n} \not{\epsilon}(l) k_1 \not{n}}{2n \cdot p 2n \cdot (p-l)} u(p)$$

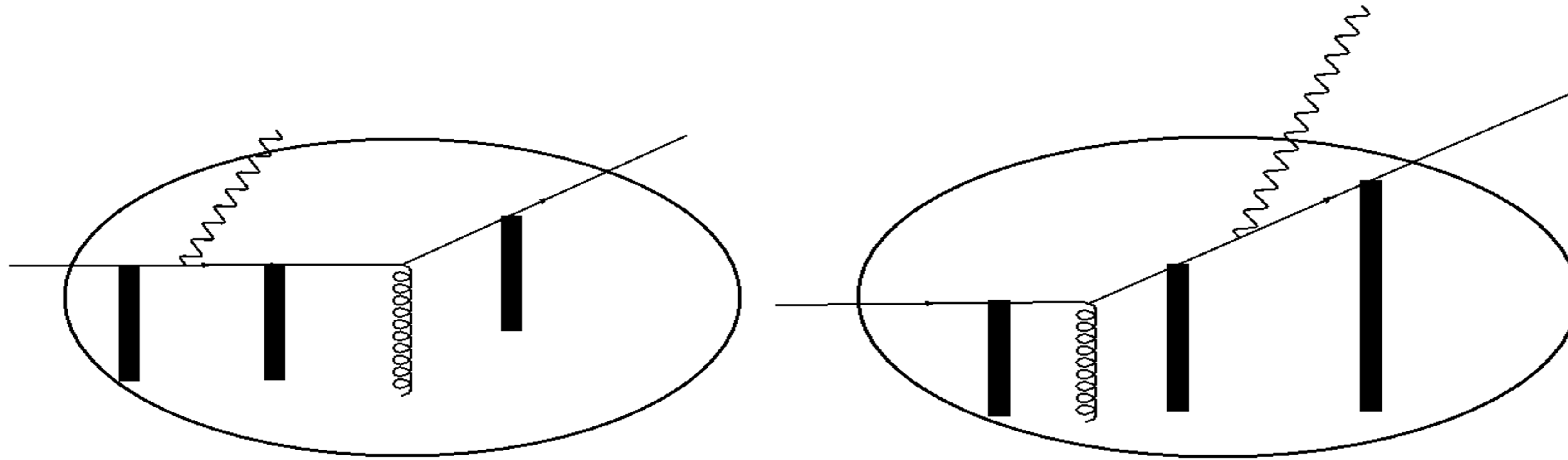
$$\mathcal{N}_{1-1}^{++} = (\mathcal{N}_{1-1}^{--})^* = -\sqrt{\frac{n \cdot p}{n \cdot (p-l)}} \frac{[n \cdot l k_{2\perp} \cdot \epsilon_{\perp}^* - n \cdot (p-l) l_{\perp} \cdot \epsilon_{\perp}^*]}{n \cdot l n \cdot (p-l)} \langle \bar{k}_1^+ | \not{A}(x) | k_3^+ \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{1-2}^{++} = (\mathcal{N}_{1-2}^{--})^* = -\sqrt{\frac{n \cdot p}{n \cdot (p-l)}} \langle \bar{k}_1^+ | \not{A}(x) | n^+ \rangle$$

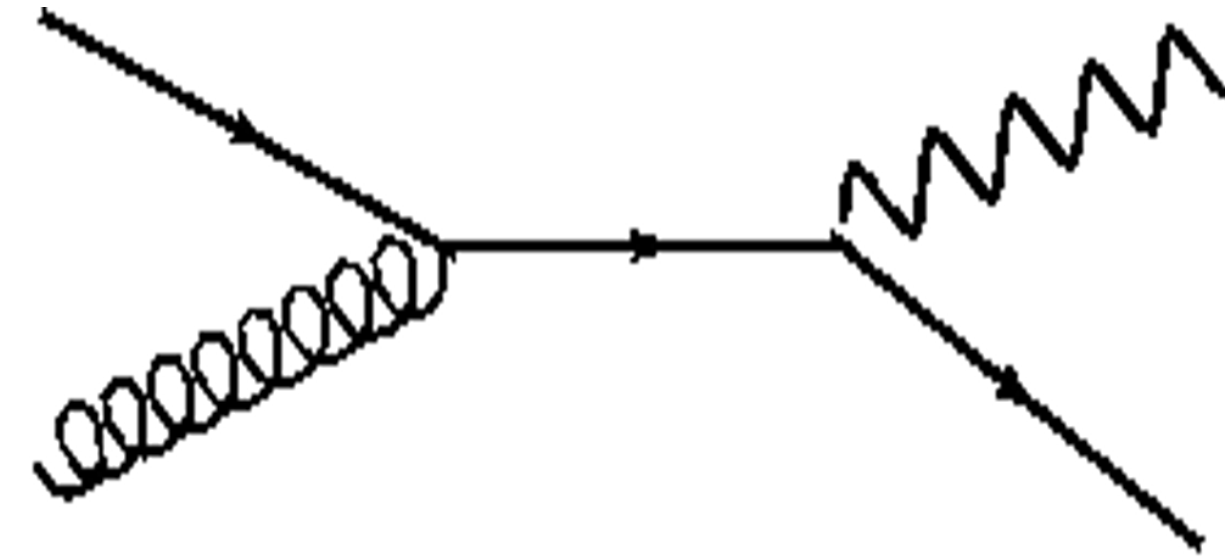
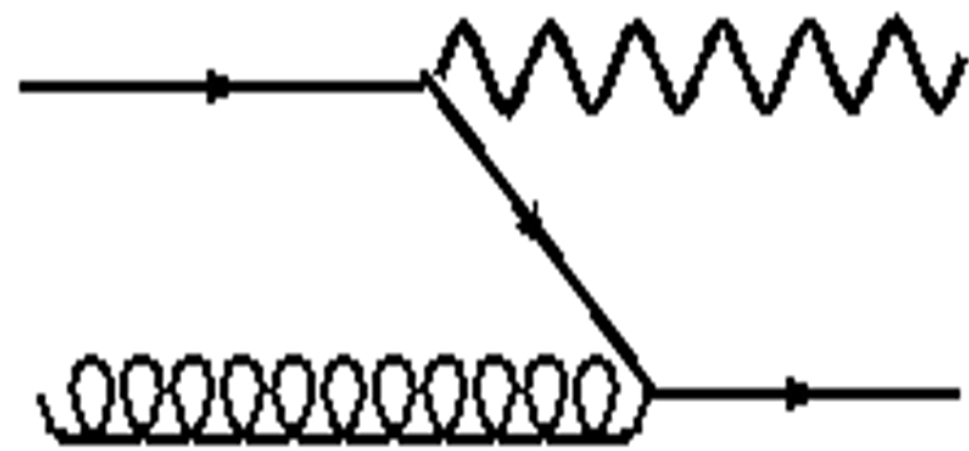
$$\mathcal{N}_{1-1}^{+-} = (\mathcal{N}_{1-1}^{-+})^* = -\sqrt{\frac{n \cdot p}{n \cdot (p-l)}} \frac{[n \cdot p l_{\perp} \cdot \epsilon_{\perp} - n \cdot l k_{1\perp} \cdot \epsilon_{\perp}]}{n \cdot p n \cdot l} \langle \bar{k}_1^+ | \not{A}(x) | k_3^+ \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{1-2}^{+-} = \mathcal{N}_{1-2}^{-+} = 0$$

**pQCD limit** (large x: gluon PDF X partonic cross section):



$$V = U = 1$$

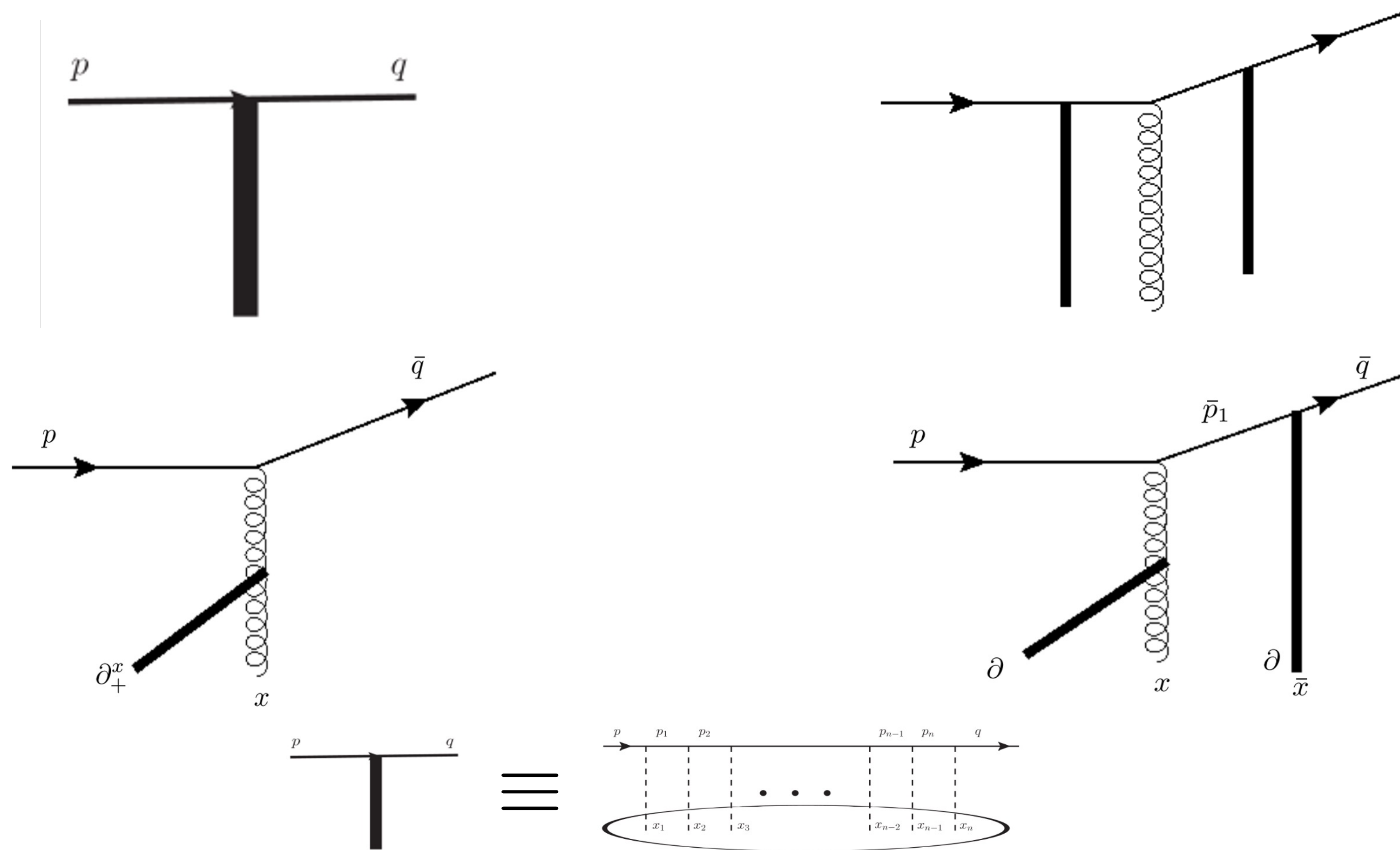


# Summary II

- **EIC will have a large arm in  $x$**
- **EIC will be able to probe the small  $x$  - large  $x$  transition region**
- **significant progress in relating various approaches**
- **need a unifying framework!**

full amplitude:

$$i\mathcal{M} = i\mathcal{M}_{eik} + i\mathcal{M}_1 + i\mathcal{M}_2 + i\mathcal{M}_3$$



soft (eikonal) limit:

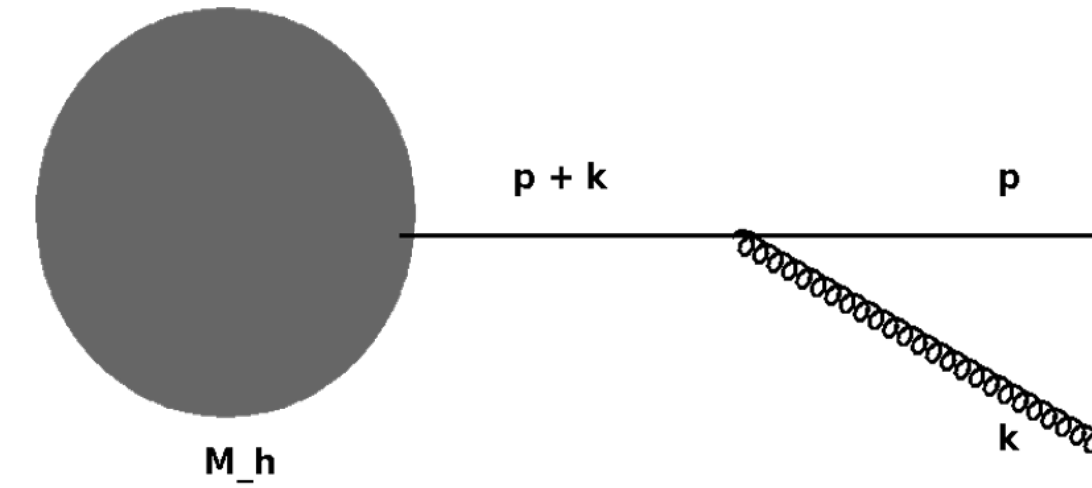
$$A^\mu(x) \rightarrow n^- S(x^+, x_t) \quad n \cdot \bar{q} \rightarrow n \cdot p$$

$$i\mathcal{M} \rightarrow i\mathcal{M}_{eik}$$



# One-loop corrections: soft gluon radiation ( $k \ll p$ )

consider a very energetic quark emerging from a hard process  $M_h$



$$M = \bar{u}(p) i g t^a \not{\epsilon}^\lambda(k) \frac{i(\not{p} + \not{k})}{(p+k)^2 + i\epsilon} M_h$$

$$\simeq -2gt^a \bar{u}(p) \epsilon^\lambda(k) \cdot p \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} M_h$$

$$\simeq -2gt^a \frac{\vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_\perp^\lambda}{k_\perp^2} \bar{u}(p) M_h$$

using

$$\not{\epsilon} \not{p} = -\not{p} \not{\epsilon} + 2\epsilon \cdot p$$

$$\bar{u}(p) \not{p} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_\mu^\lambda(k) = \left( 0, \frac{\vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_\perp^\lambda}{k^+}, \vec{\epsilon}_\perp^\lambda \right)$$

in coordinate space

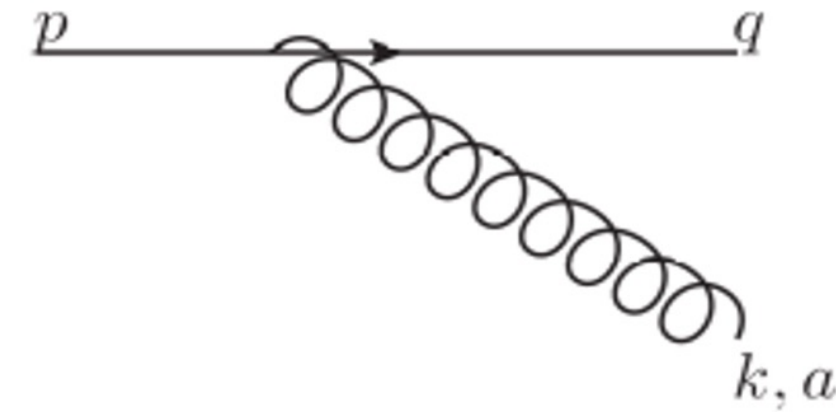
$$\int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ik_\perp \cdot (x_\perp - z_\perp)} \frac{\epsilon_\perp^\lambda \cdot k_\perp}{k_\perp^2} = \frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{\epsilon_\perp^\lambda \cdot (x_\perp - z_\perp)}{(x_\perp - z_\perp)^2}$$

$\mathbf{x}_\perp, \mathbf{z}_\perp$  are coordinates of quark and gluon

# 1-loop correction: energy dependence

basic ingredient: soft radiation vertex (LC gauge)

$$g \bar{u}(q) t^a \gamma_\mu u(p) \epsilon_{(\lambda)}^\mu(k) \longrightarrow 2 g t^a \frac{\epsilon_{(\lambda)} \cdot k_t}{k_t^2}$$

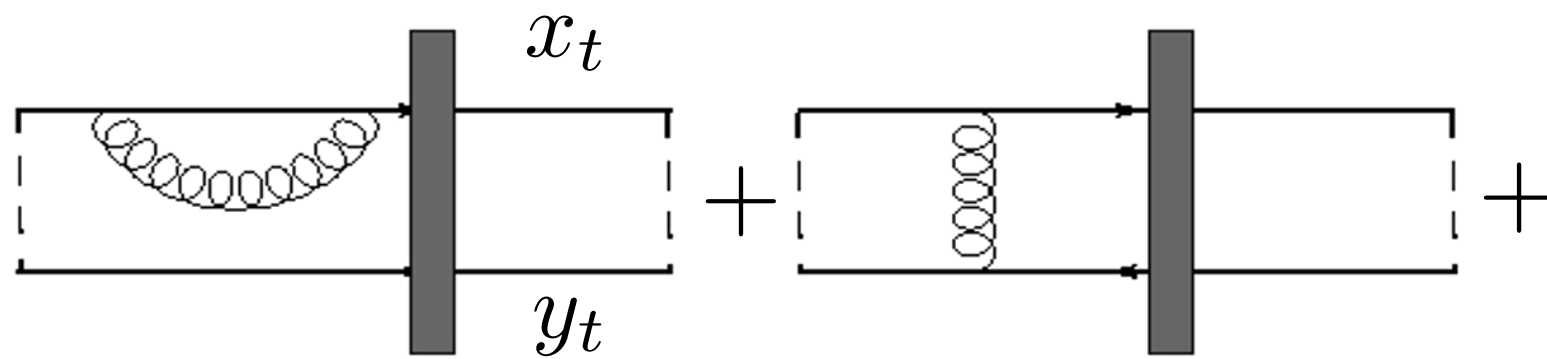


coordinate space:

$$\int \frac{d^2 k_t}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i k_t \cdot (x_t - z_t)} 2 g t^a \frac{\epsilon_{(\lambda)} \cdot k_t}{k_t^2} = \frac{2 i g}{2\pi} t^a \frac{\epsilon_{(\lambda)} \cdot (x_t - z_t)}{(x_t - z_t)^2}$$

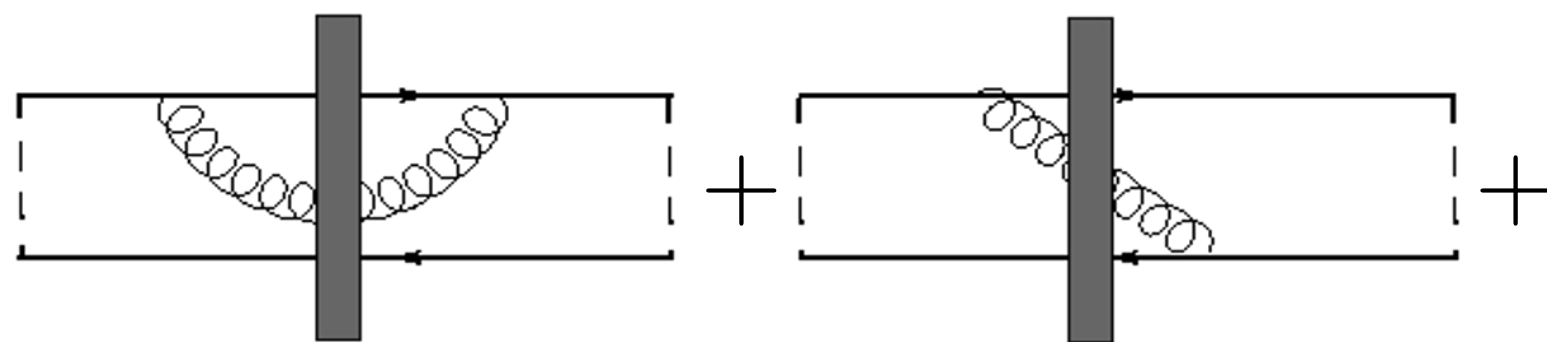
$x_t, z_t$  are transverse coordinates of the quark and gluon

virtual corrections:



$$\longrightarrow \text{Tr } V(x_t) V^\dagger(y_t) \quad \text{a dipole}$$

real corrections:



$$\longrightarrow \text{Tr } V(x_t) V^\dagger(z_t) \text{Tr } V(z_t) V^\dagger(y_t)$$

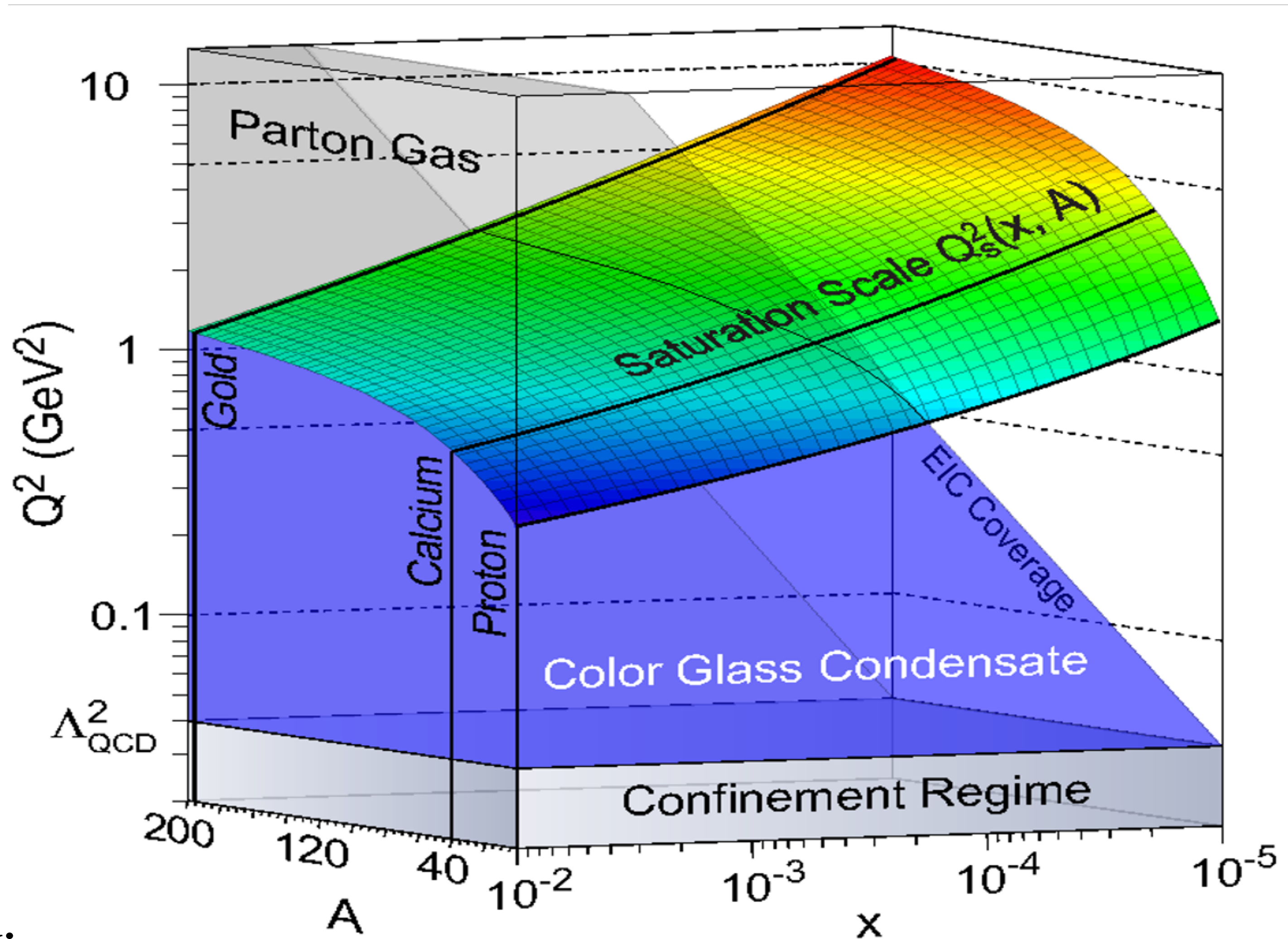
$$\frac{1}{(x_t - z_t)^2}$$

$$\frac{(x_t - z_t) \cdot (y_t - z_t)}{(x_t - z_t)^2 (y_t - z_t)^2}$$

the S matrix

$$S(x_t, y_t) \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr } V(x_t) V^\dagger(y_t)$$

# The saturation scale

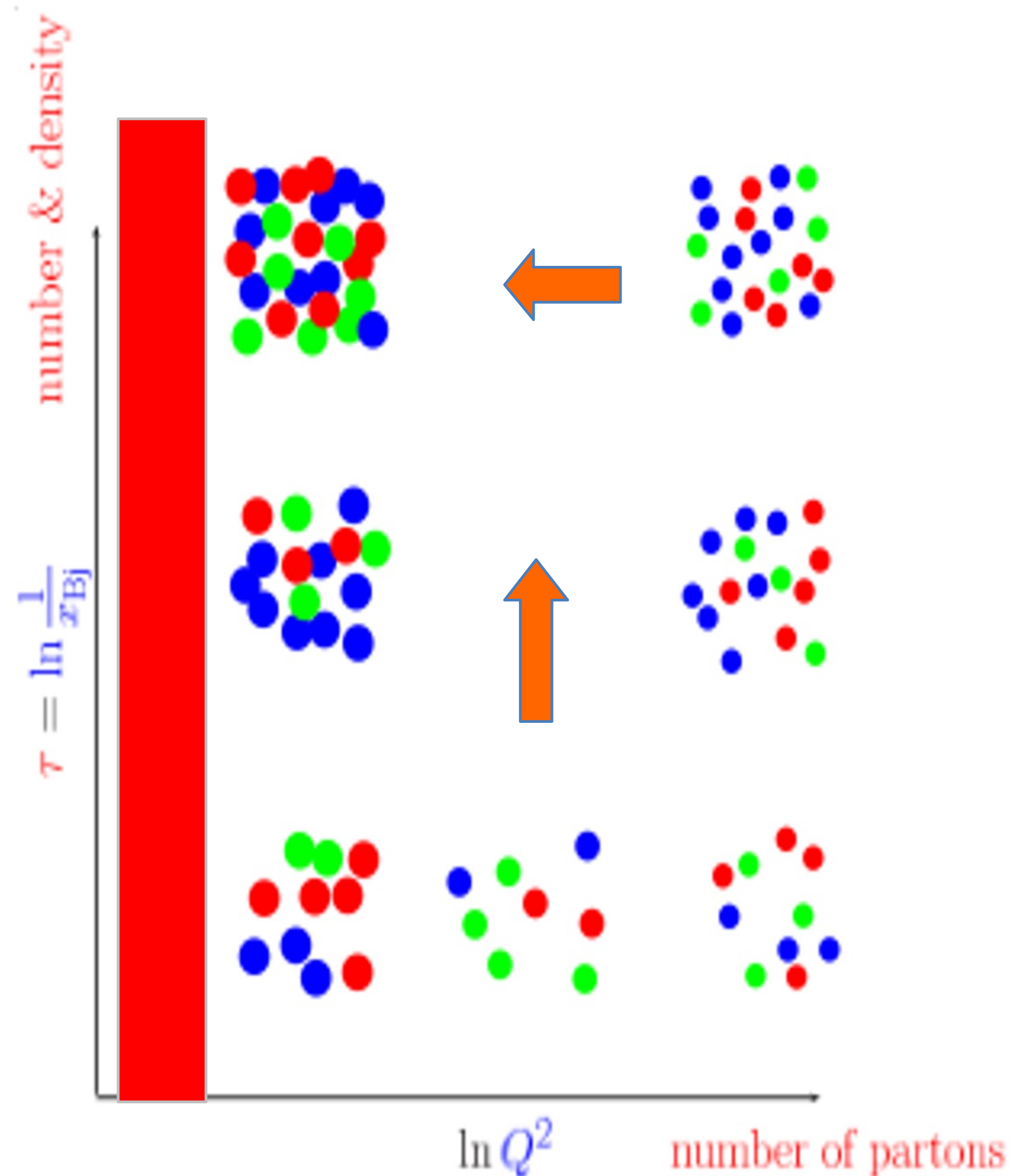


x 9/4 for gluons



# QCD at small x:

many-body dynamics of universal gluonic matter (CGC)



**How does this happen ?**

**How do correlation functions evolve ?**

**Are there scaling laws ?**

**Can CGC explain aspects of HIC ?**

*Initial conditions for hydro?*

*Thermalization ?*



# Back to back hadron production in pA collisions: forward rapidity

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