

# **Multi-particle production in DIS at small x in CGC formalism**

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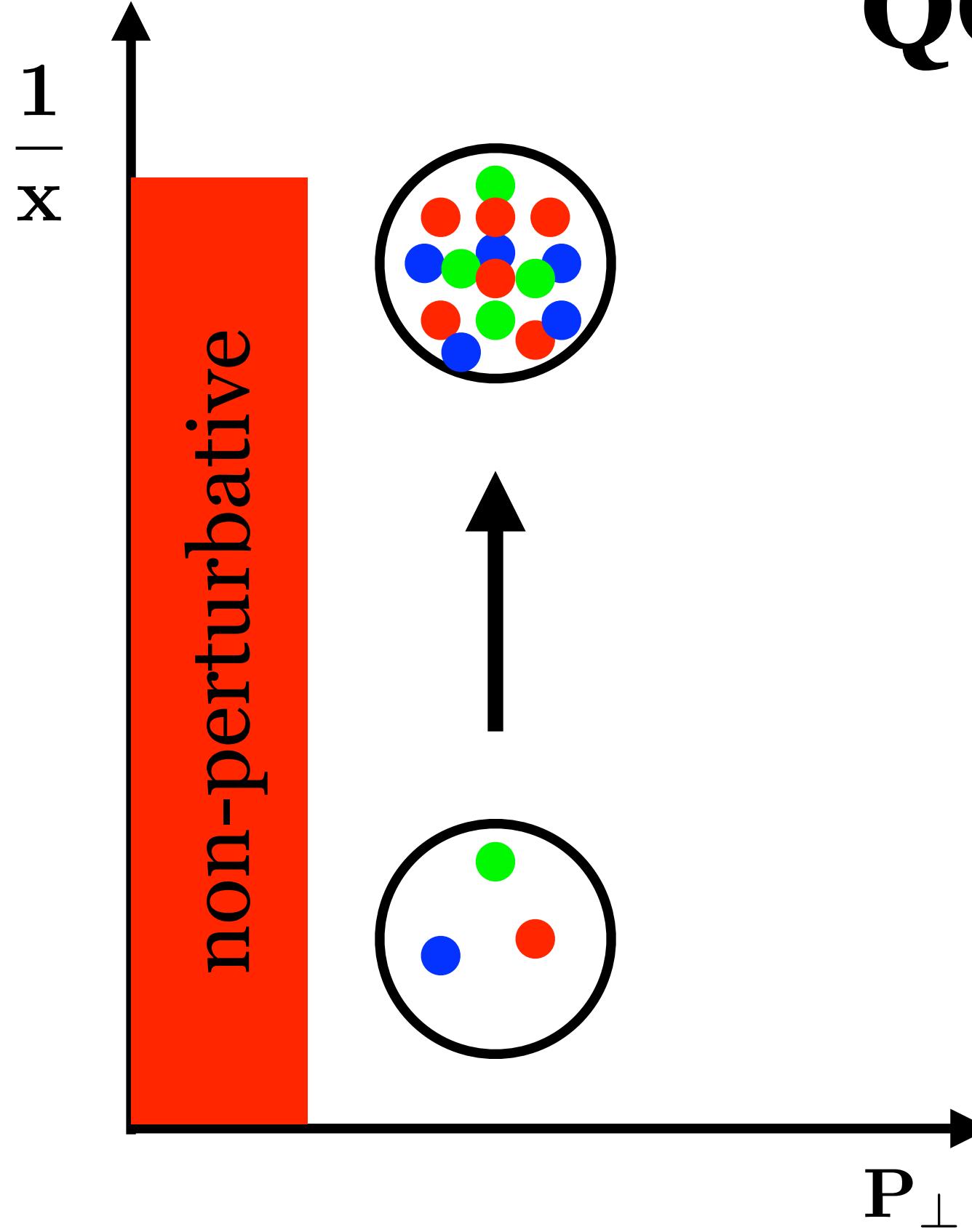
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# Outline

- Gluon saturation at small  $x$
- Next to Leading Order corrections to particle production in DIS
- Sudakov factor in SIDIS
- Is it saturation or just shadowing ?

# QCD at small $x$ : gluon saturation



high gluon density: multiple eikonal scatterings

high energy: evolution in  $x$  via BK/JIMWLK

$p_t$  broadening

suppression of single inclusive spectra/away side peak

Gluon saturation may be responsible for/contribute to  
nuclear shadowing/modification factor, azimuthal correlations

long range rapidity correlations

Connections to spin physics, TMD's,....

$$Q_s^2(x, A, b_\perp) \sim A^{1/3} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{0.3}$$

$$Q_s^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \text{ at } x \sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$x \leq 0.01$$

# Probing CGC in high energy collisions

nucleus-nucleus collisions: “dense on dense”

significant modeling/QGP



proton-nucleus collisions: “dilute on dense”

DIS: (inclusive/diffractive)

much less modeling

structure functions



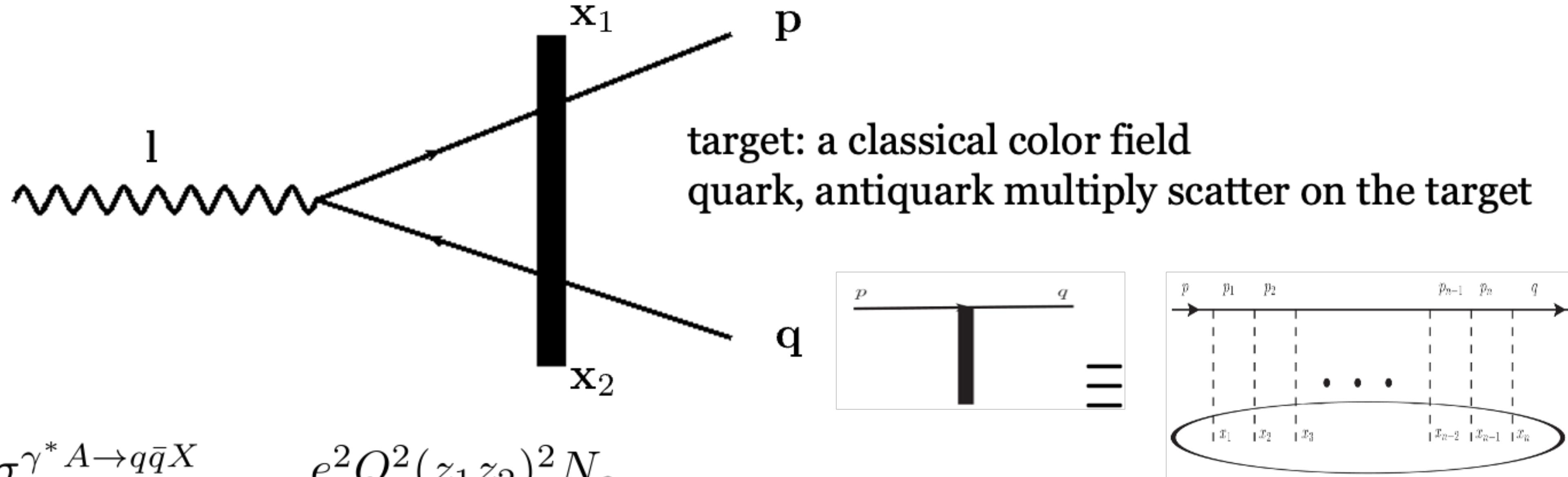
particle production

angular correlations

**EIC**

to start in ~ 10 years

# Inclusive dihadron production in forward rapidity: LO



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

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

with

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

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

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

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

**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

# Toward precision CGC: inclusive DIS

## NLO BK/JIMWLK evolution equations

Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian (2013)  
Balitsky, Chirilli (2007)

*list already outdated! many more papers in the last few months*

## NLO corrections to structure functions

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

## NLO corrections to SIDIS

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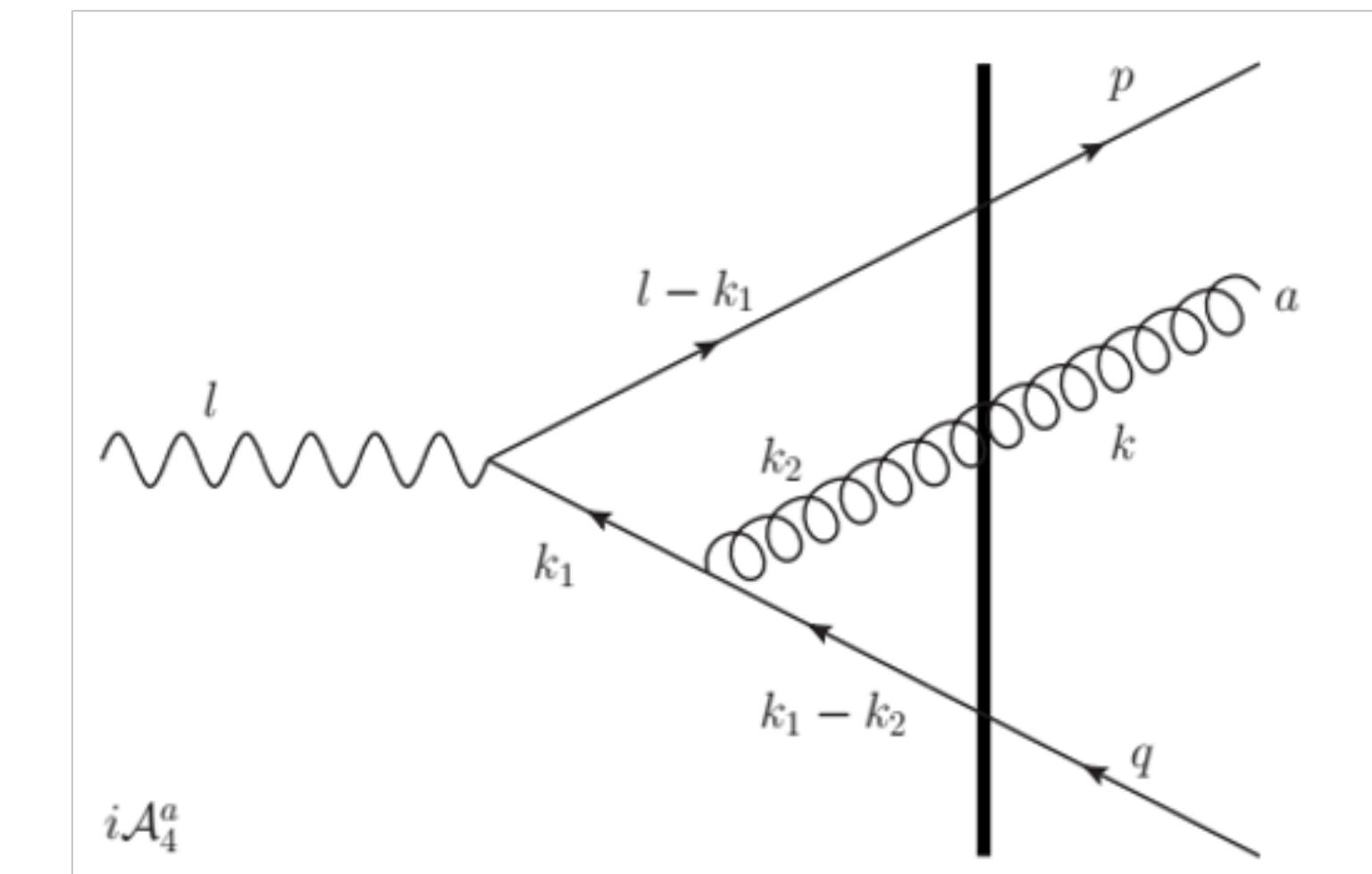
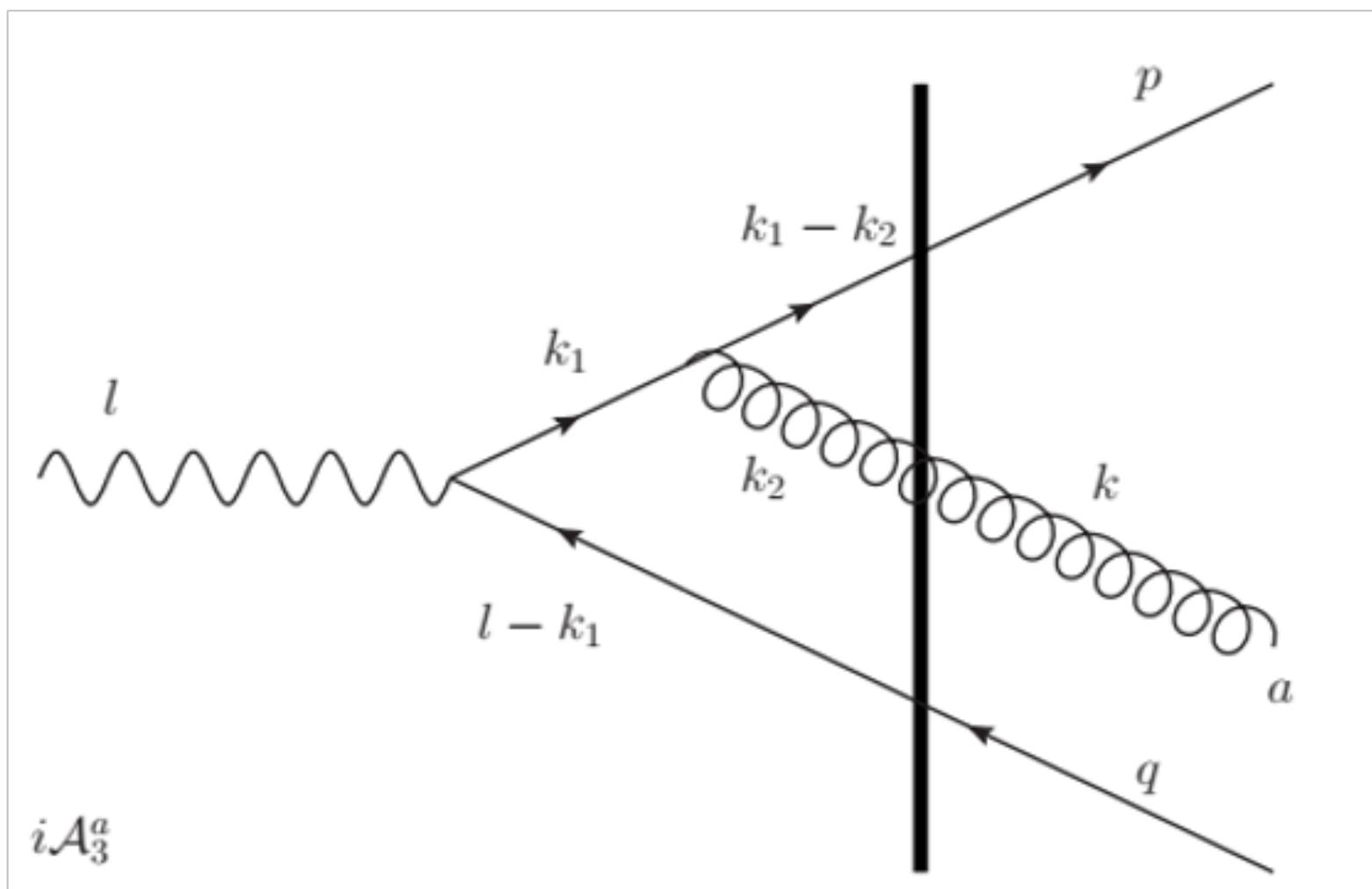
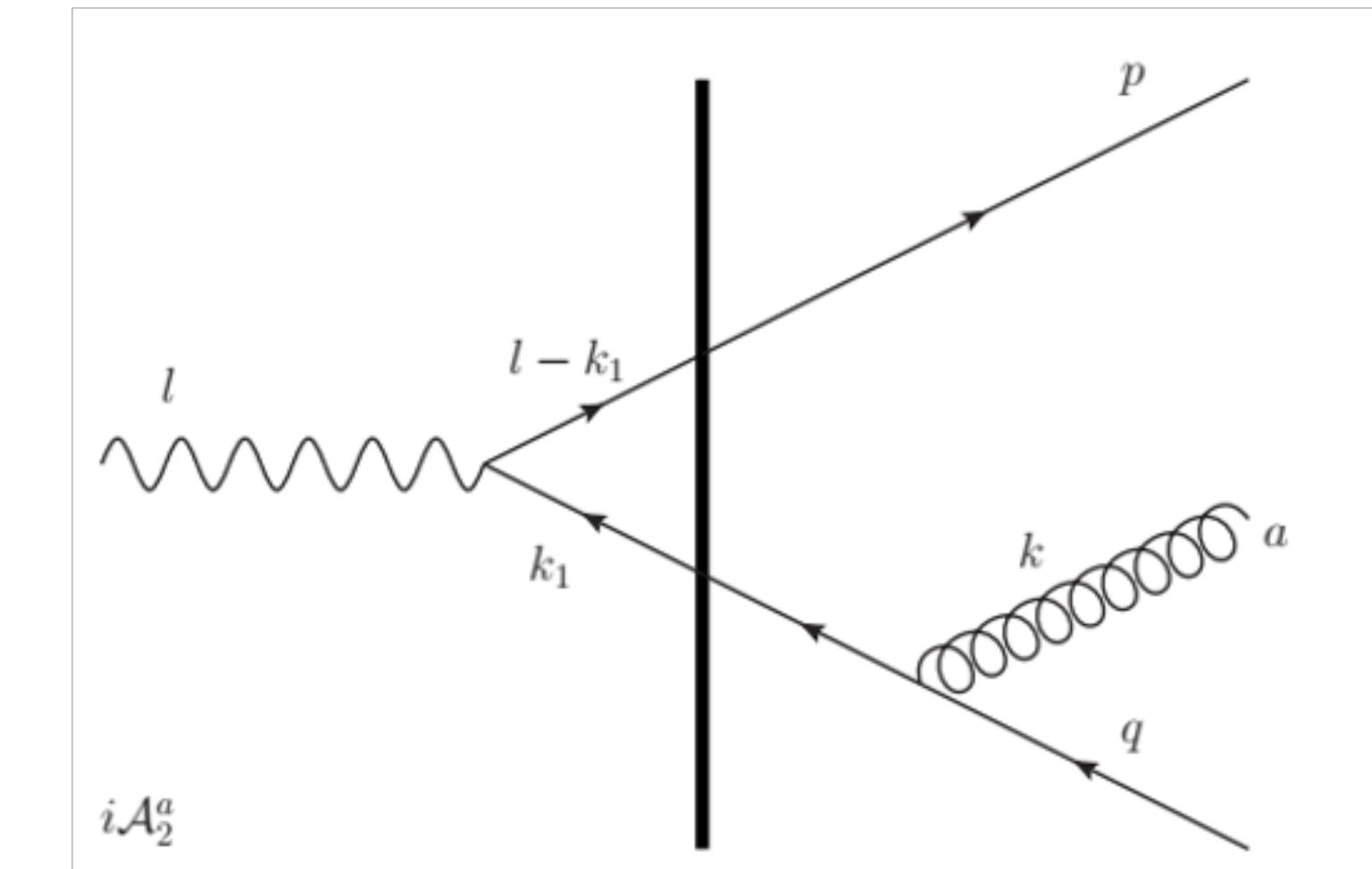
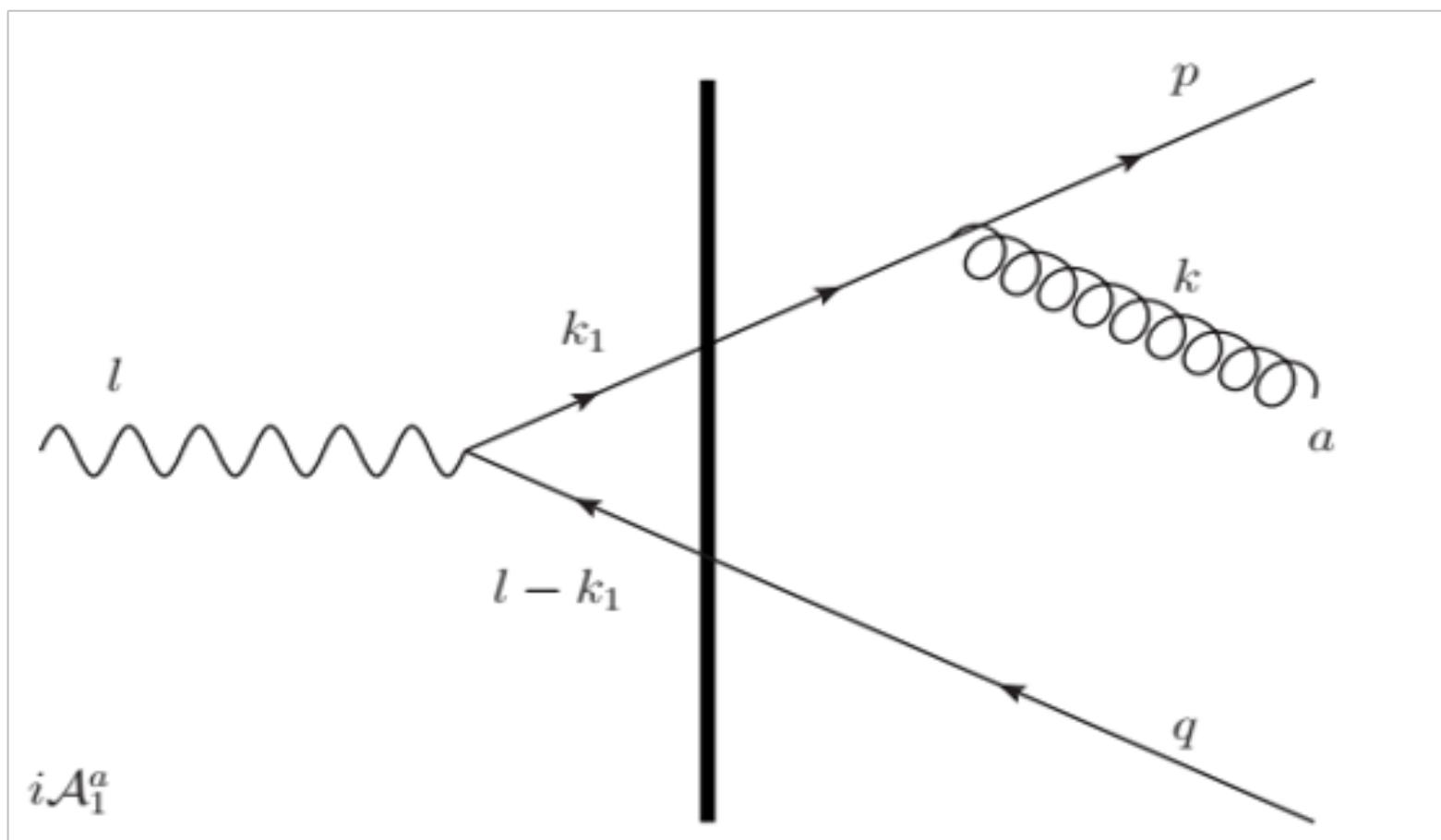
NLO corrections to exclusive light/heavy vector meson production (+)

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

Mantiessari, Penttala (2021, 2022)

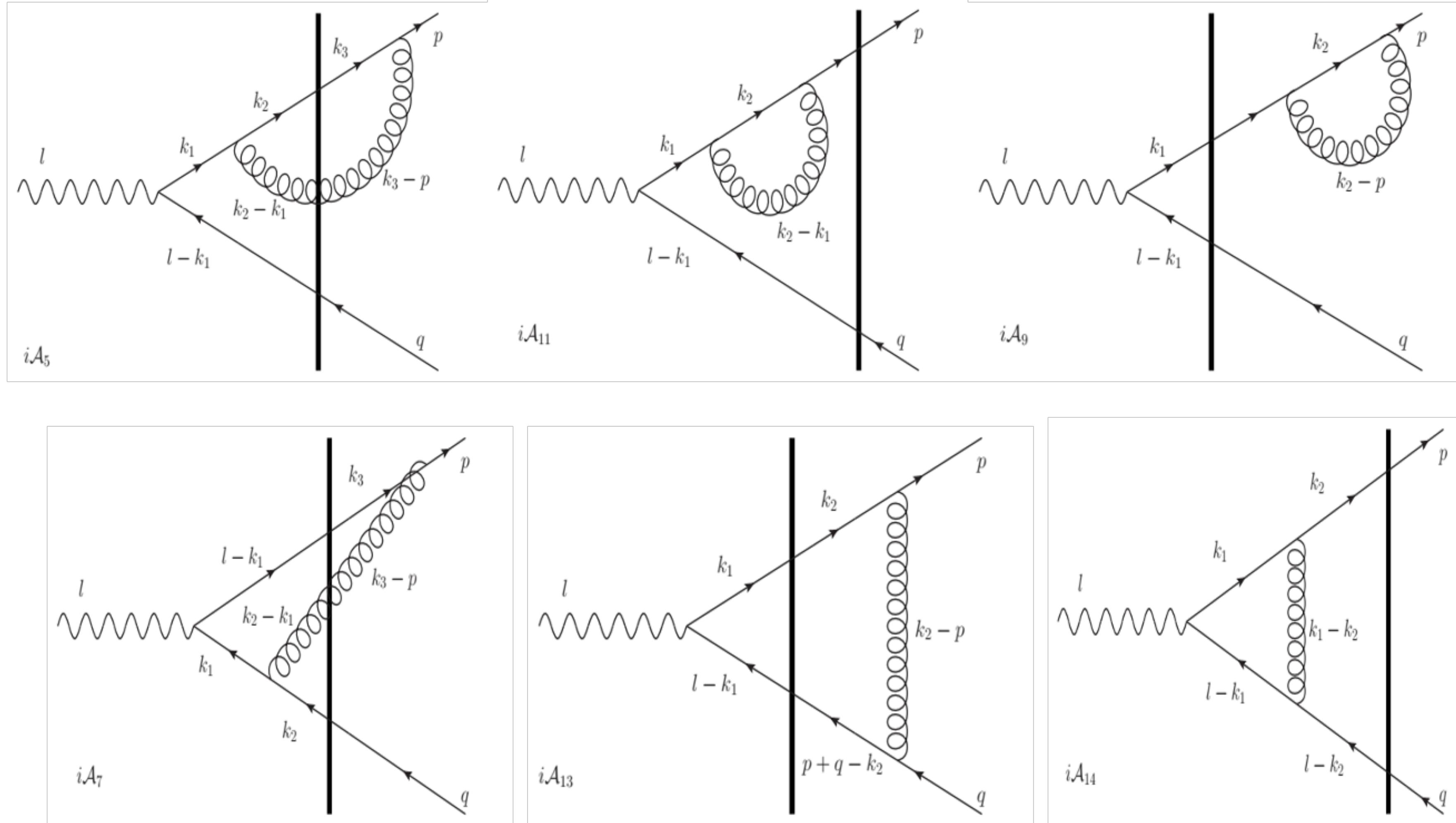
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# One loop corrections - real diagrams



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

# One loop corrections – virtual diagrams



[F. Bergabo and JJM, dihadrons, 2207.03606](#)

[P. Taels et al., dijets, 2204.11650](#)

[P. Caucal et al., dijets, 2108.06347](#)

# Divergences

- Ultraviolet

- real corrections are UV finite

- UV divergences cancel among virtual diagrams

- Soft

- soft divergences cancel between real and virtual diagrams

- Collinear

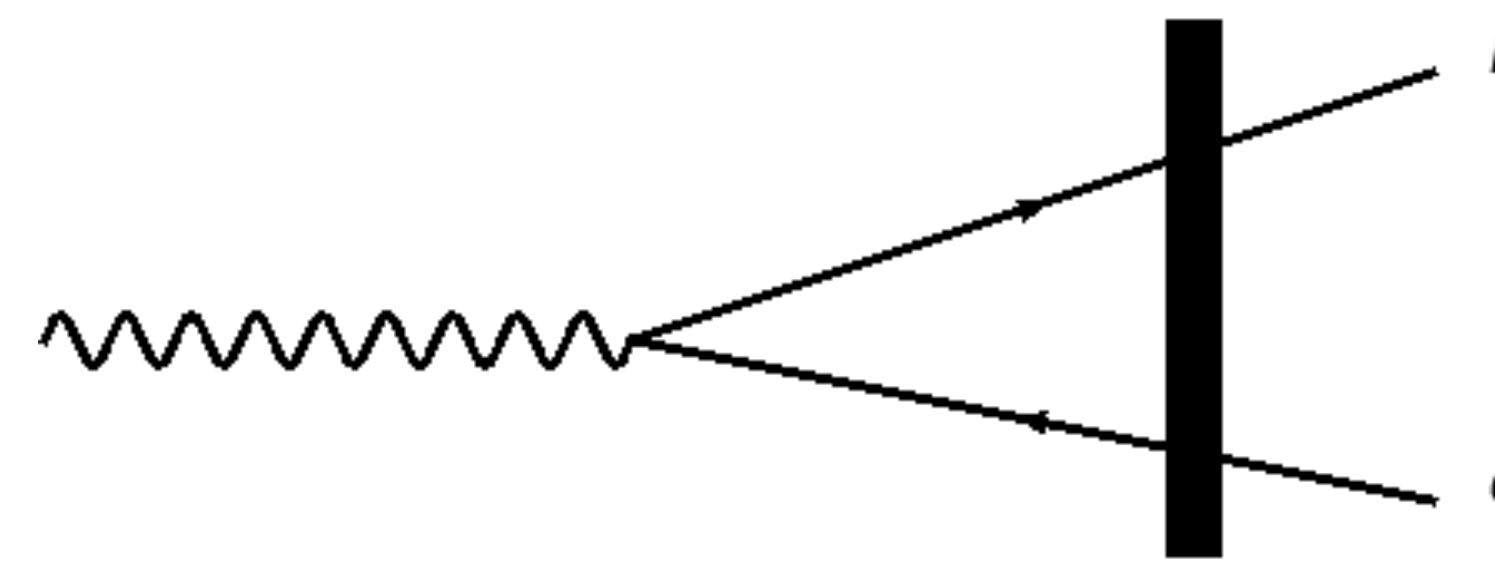
- collinear divergences are absorbed into fragmentation functions

- Rapidity

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

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

# Inclusive dihadron production in DIS at small x: back to back limit



Quadrupole

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

$$\mathbf{P}_\perp = \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_\perp = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_\perp \rightarrow 0$$

for  $\mathbf{P}_\perp \sim |\mathbf{p}| \sim |\mathbf{q}|$  one can get large  $\log \frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^2}{\mathbf{K}_\perp^2}$  integrating over radiated gluon

Sudakov double logs in dijets production in DIS at small x:

Taylor expansion of Wilson lines around “center of mass” coordinate



Weizsacker-Williams field

CGC calculations contain Sudakov double logs, but with the wrong sign! (+)  $[\log \mathbf{P}_\perp^2 \Delta \mathbf{b}_\perp^2]^2$

impose a kinematic constraint on life time of gluon radiation

(the usual strong ordering in + momenta is not sufficient)

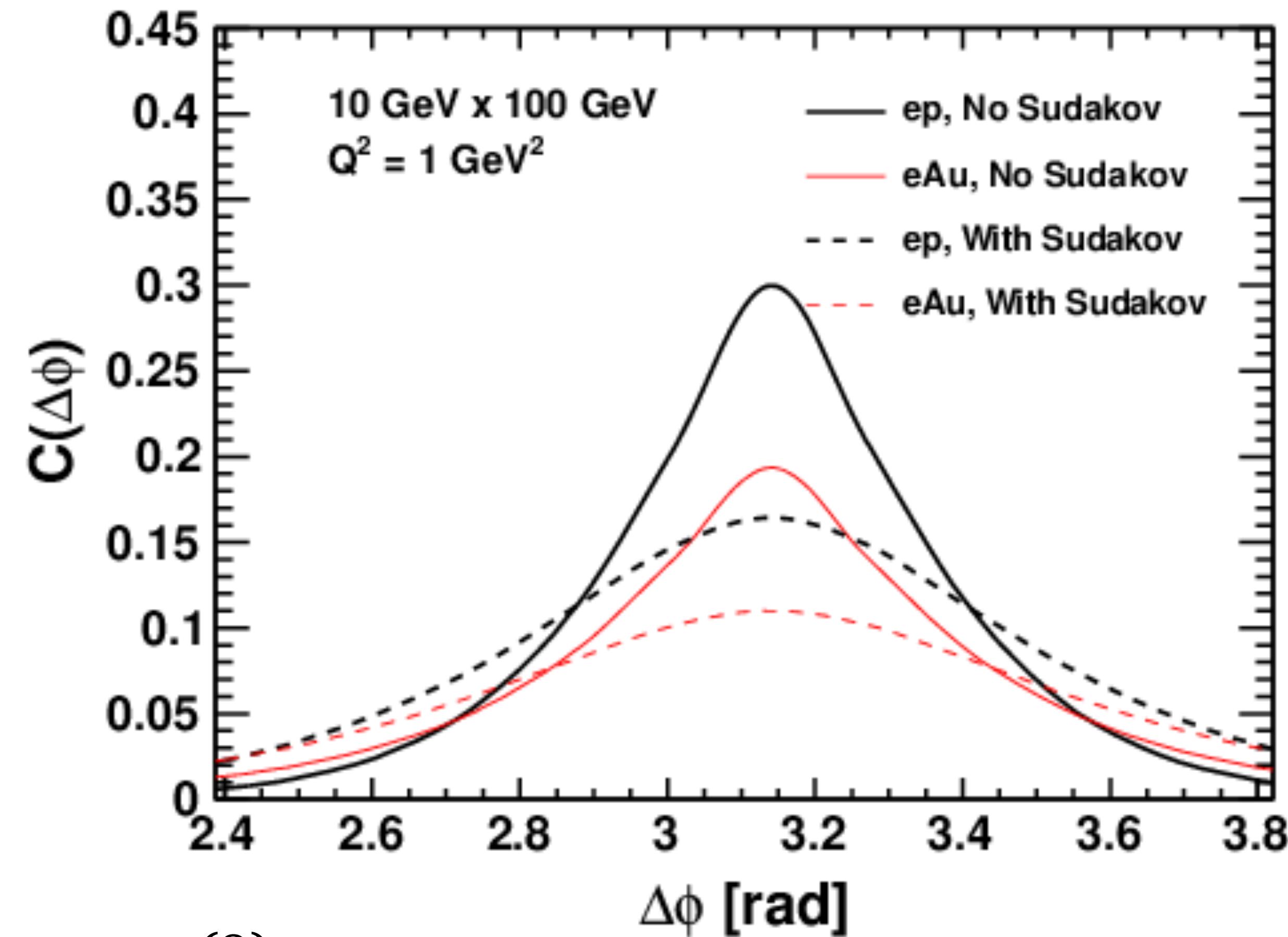
Taelts, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet, JHEP 10 (2022) 184

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan, JHEP 11 (2022) 169

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# Dihadron/dijets at EIC

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

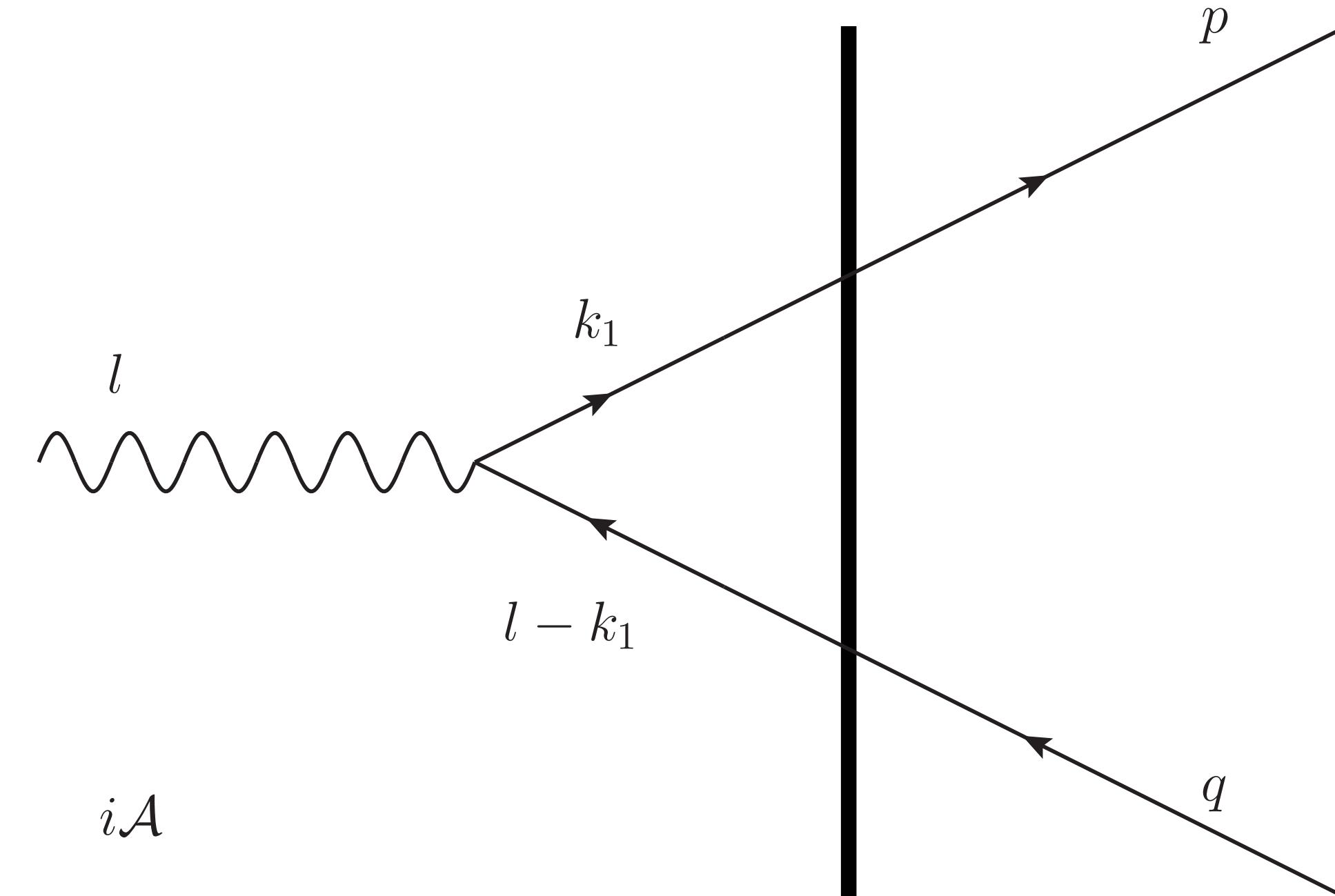
F. Bergabo and JJM, JHEP 01 (2023) 095, PRD109 (2024)

Caucal, Ferrand, Salazar, JHEP 05 (2024) 110

## Forward rapidity

LO:

integrate over final state antiquark



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

# NLO corrections to SIDIS: 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

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

SIDIS in CGC formalism contains no Sudakov double logs unlike dihadron production

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  $\log \left( \frac{Q^2}{p_{t,h}^2} \right) \simeq 0$

# SIDIS at small x: including Sudakov double logs

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  $z_f \tilde{z}_f \sim 1$

Sudakov single logs will be sensitive to the details of this cutoff

# SIDIS at small x: including Sudakov double logs

longitudinal factorization  $\int_0^{1-z_h} dz = \int_{z_f}^{1-z_h} dz + \int_0^{z_f} dz [1 - \theta(\text{kin.const.})] + \int_0^{z_f} dz \theta(\text{kin.const.})$

add and subtract the kinematic constraint

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

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

and dipoles satisfy constrained JIMWLK evolution

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d\sigma_{LO+NLO}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h(\mathbf{p}_h, y_h) X}}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_h dy_h} \right|_{LP} &= d\sigma_{LO}(z_f) \otimes D_{h/q}(z_h, Q^2) + d\sigma_{NLO-rap-finite} + \\ &\quad \frac{\pi e^2}{Q^2} \frac{D_{h/q}(z_h)}{z_h} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_{11'}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i \frac{\mathbf{p}_h}{z_h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} x \tilde{q}(x, \mathbf{x}_{11'}) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi^2} \int^{Q^2} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2} (e^{i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1'1}} - 1) \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mathbf{k}^2}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Sudakov double logs in SIDIS

using

$$\begin{aligned} \int^{Q^2} \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2} [e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{11'}} - 1] \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right) &= 4\pi \int_0^{Q|\mathbf{x}_{11'}|} \frac{d\tau}{\tau} [J_0(\tau) - 1] \ln \left( \frac{Q|\mathbf{x}_{11'}|}{\tau} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 \left( Q^2 \mathbf{x}_{11'}^2 / c_0^2 \right) + O\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{Q|\mathbf{x}_{11'}|}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_{LO+NLO}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h(\mathbf{p}_h, y_h) X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h dy_h} \Bigg|_{LP} &= d\sigma_{NLO-rap-finite} \\ &+ \frac{\pi e^2}{Q^2} \frac{D_{h/q}(z_h, Q^2)}{z_h} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_{11'}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\frac{\mathbf{p}_h}{z_h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} x\tilde{q}(x, \mathbf{x}_{11'}) e^{-S_{sud}(\mathbf{x}_{11'})} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$S_{sud}(\mathbf{x}_{11'}) \equiv \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \ln^2 \left( Q^2 \mathbf{x}_{11'}^2 / c_0^2 \right)$$

# Quark TMD

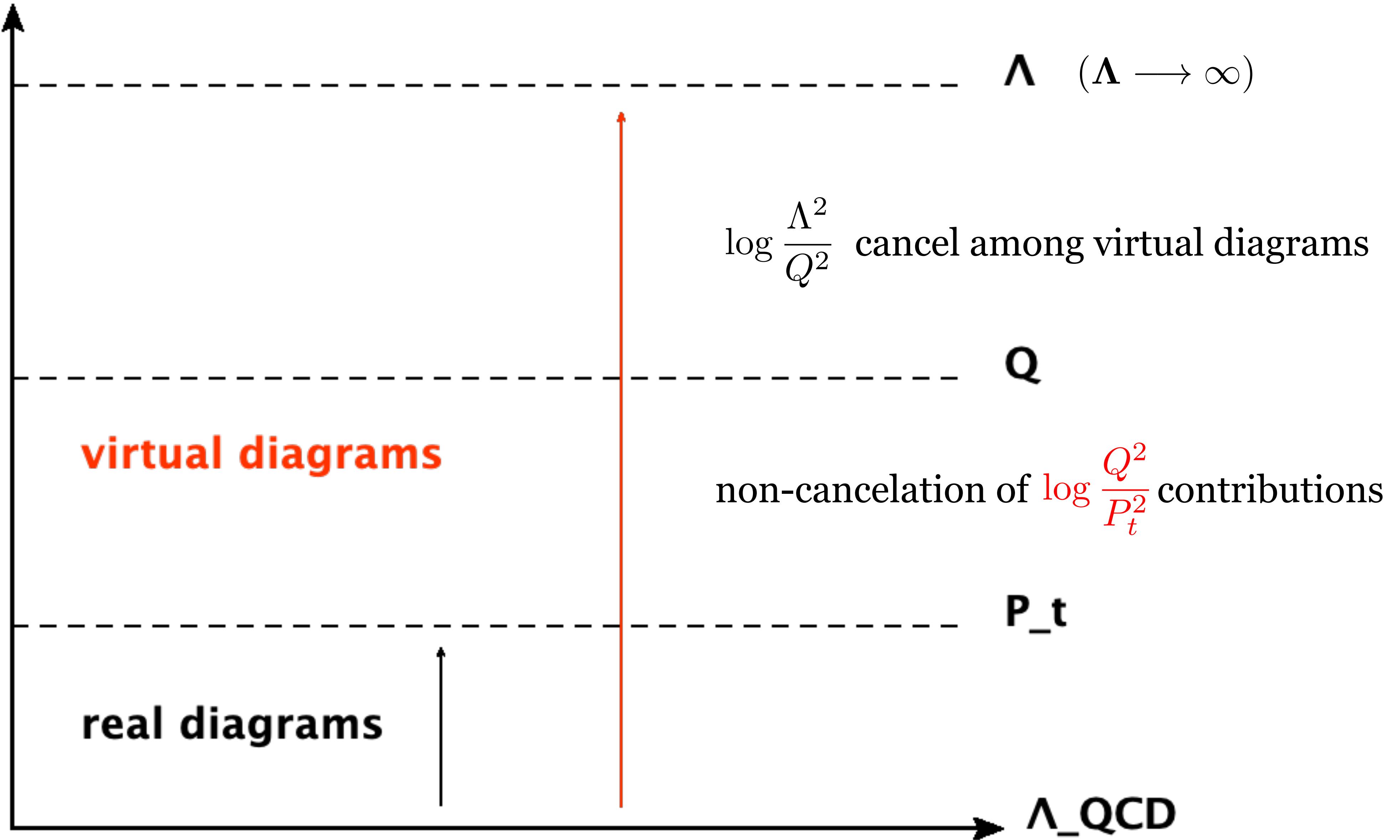
*Marquet, Xiao, Yuan 0906.1454*

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

can be rewritten as

$$xq(x, \mathbf{p}) = \underbrace{\int d^2 \mathbf{k}_g \left( \frac{N_c}{8\pi^4} \frac{\mathbf{k}_g^2}{\alpha_s} \int d^2 \mathbf{x}_1 d^2 \mathbf{x}_{1'} S_{11'} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_g \cdot \mathbf{x}_{11'}} \right)}_{\text{dipole gluon TMD}} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{\mathbf{k}_g^2} \int_0^\infty d\bar{Q}^2 \left| \frac{\mathbf{k}_g - \mathbf{p}}{\bar{Q}^2 + (\mathbf{k}_g - \mathbf{p})^2} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{\bar{Q}^2 + \mathbf{p}^2} \right|^2 \right)}_{\text{momentum dependent splitting function } P_{qg}}$$

# Scale



# Summary (so far!)

*Cold matter at high energy*

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

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

*to be probed precisely at EIC*

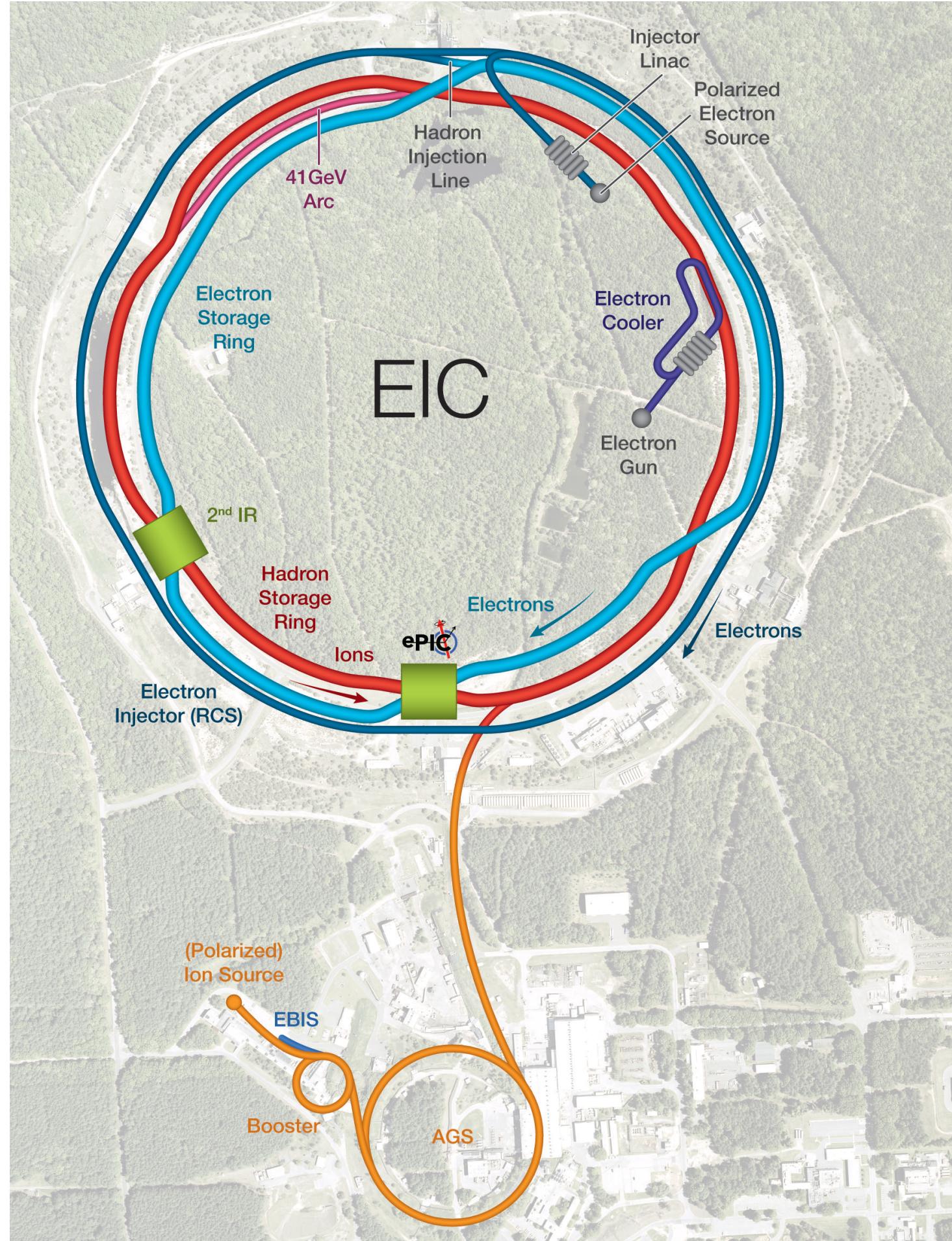
*toward precision: NLO, beyond-eikonal corrections, ...*

*deep connections to TMD, Sudakov physics, ...*

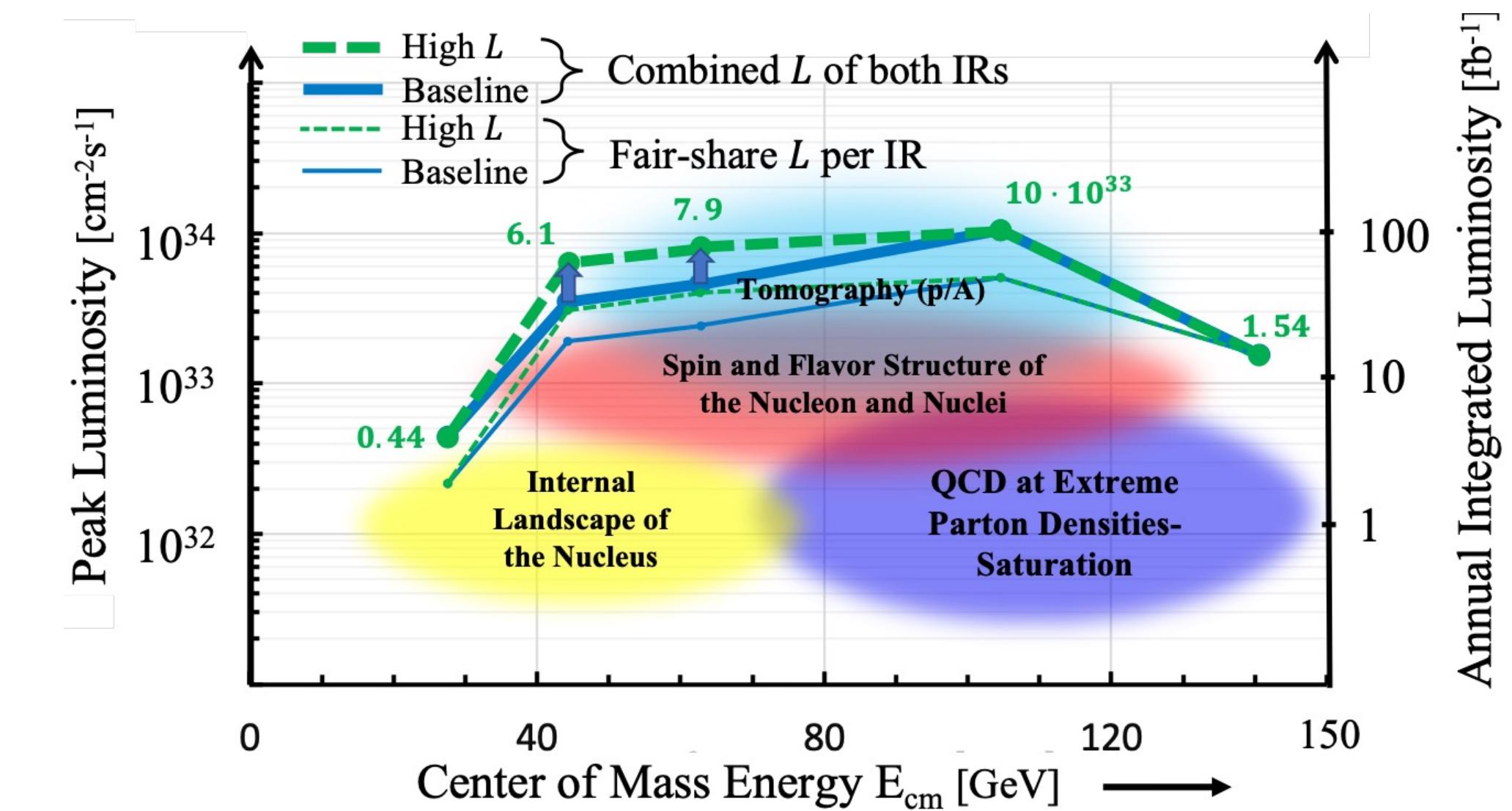
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## EIC Accelerator Design

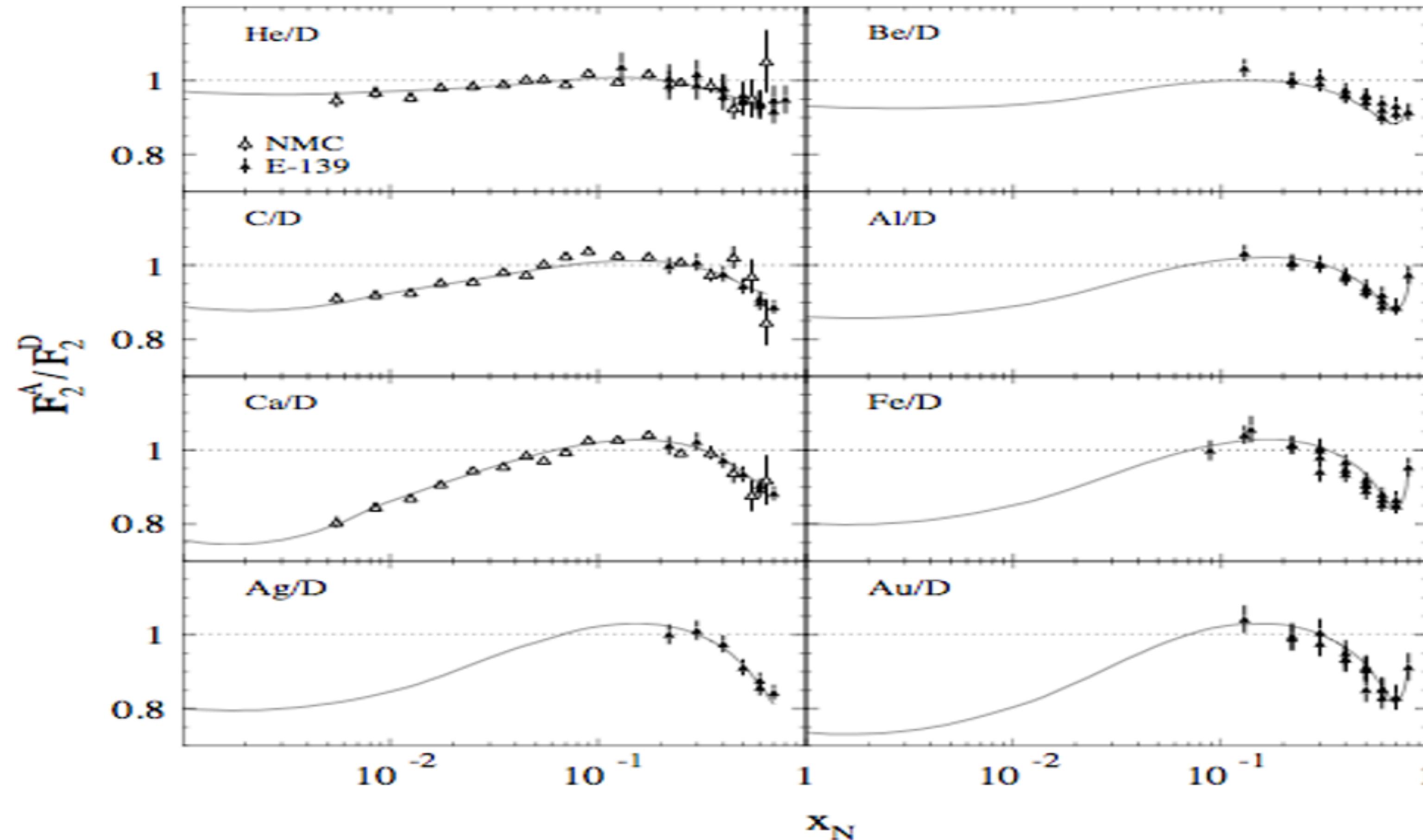


Center of Mass Energies:	20GeV - 140GeV
Luminosity:	$10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} / 10-100\text{fb}^{-1} / \text{year}$
Highly Polarized Beams:	70%
Large Ion Species Range:	p to U
Number of Interaction Regions:	Up to 2!



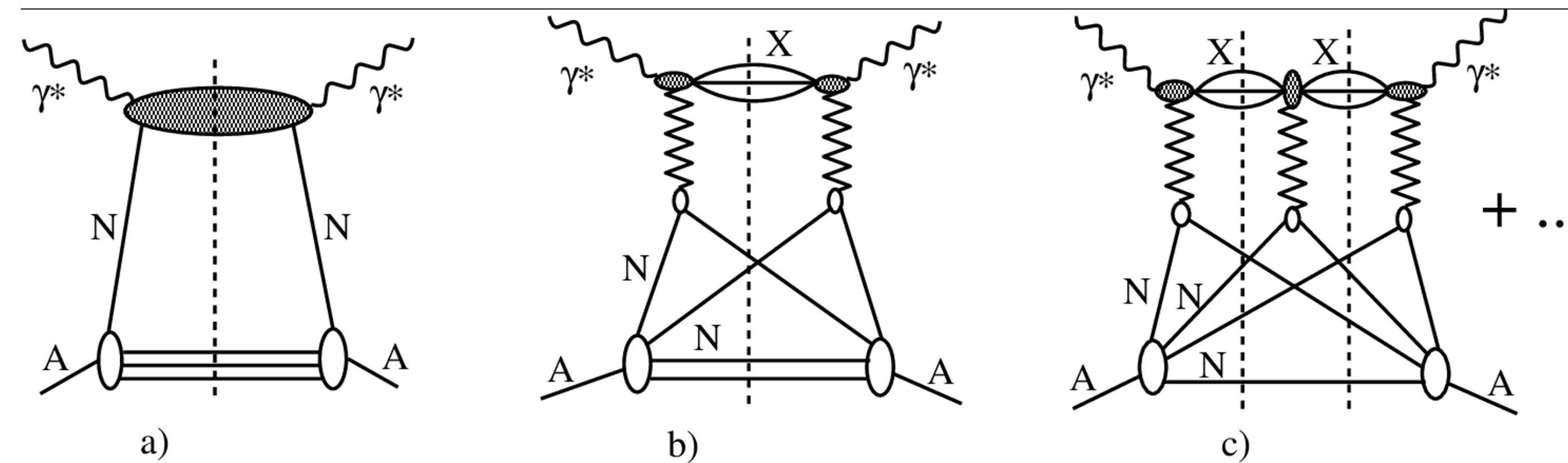
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# Nuclear modification factor: weak coupling or not?



# A non-perturbative (strong coupling) model

**Gribov-Glauber model of nuclear shadowing:  
multiple hadronic scattering**



shadowing as destructive interference between multiple scattering amplitudes  
nuclear parton distributions at initial scale  $Q_0$   
DGLAP evolution of distribution functions with hard scale  $Q^2$

Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman, Phys. Rep. 512 (2012) 255

the only way to generate nuclear effects dynamically is via higher twist corrections to collinear factorization  
and DGLAP evolution of parton distributions

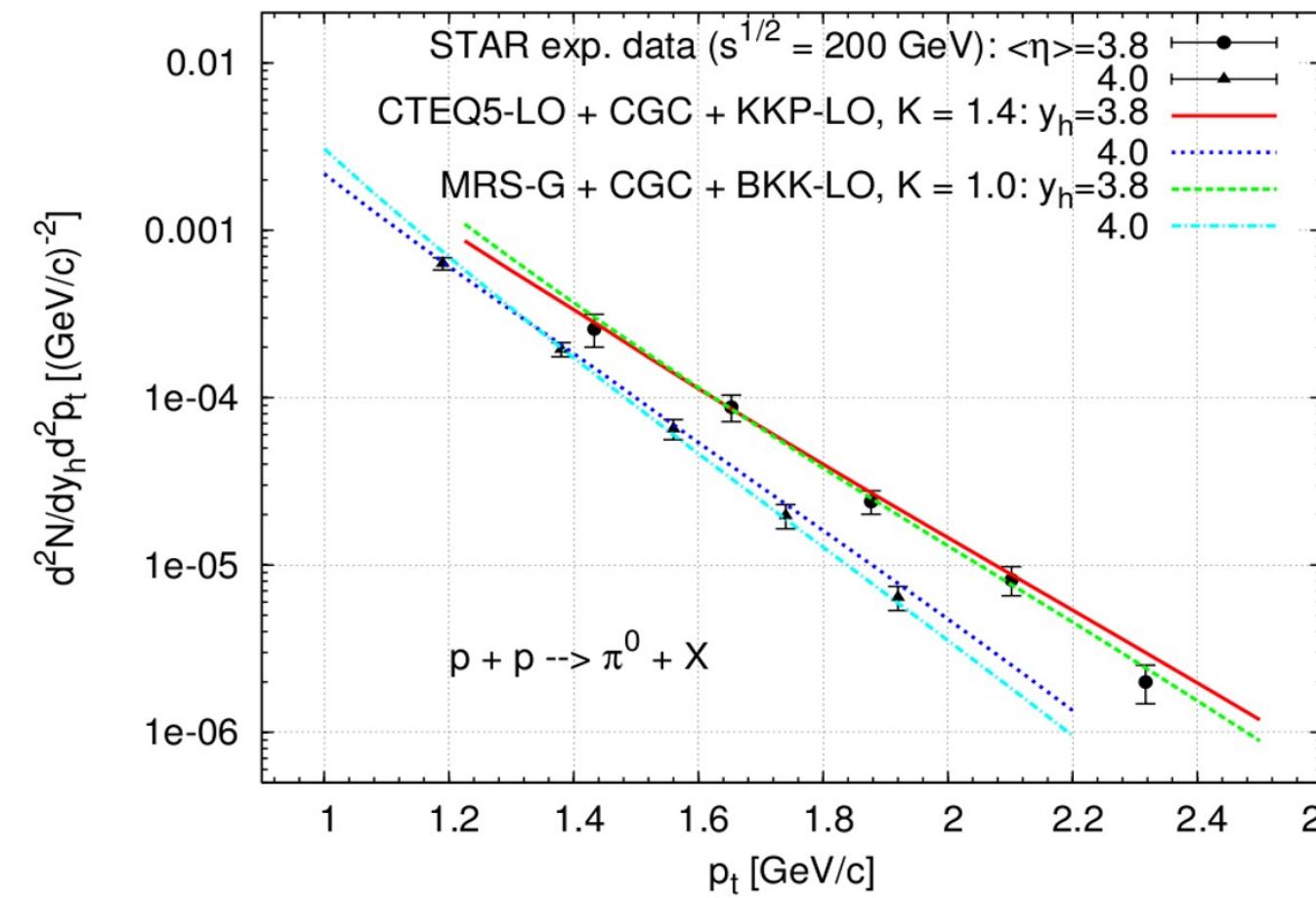
# Nuclear modification factor: a weak coupling approach

How much of the observed suppression is due to weakly coupled QCD dynamics?  
this contribution must become more and more important at smaller  $x$   
how do we tell them apart?

CGC (saturation) dynamically generates shadowing  
it has both leading twist (LT) and higher twist (HT) shadowing  
small  $x$  resummation is the only known way to generate LT shadowing in weak coupling QCD  
how do non-eikonal (finite  $x$ ) corrections affect small  $x$  evolution?  
partially coherent cold matter energy loss ?  
how important are non-perturbative effects (large dipoles, ...)?

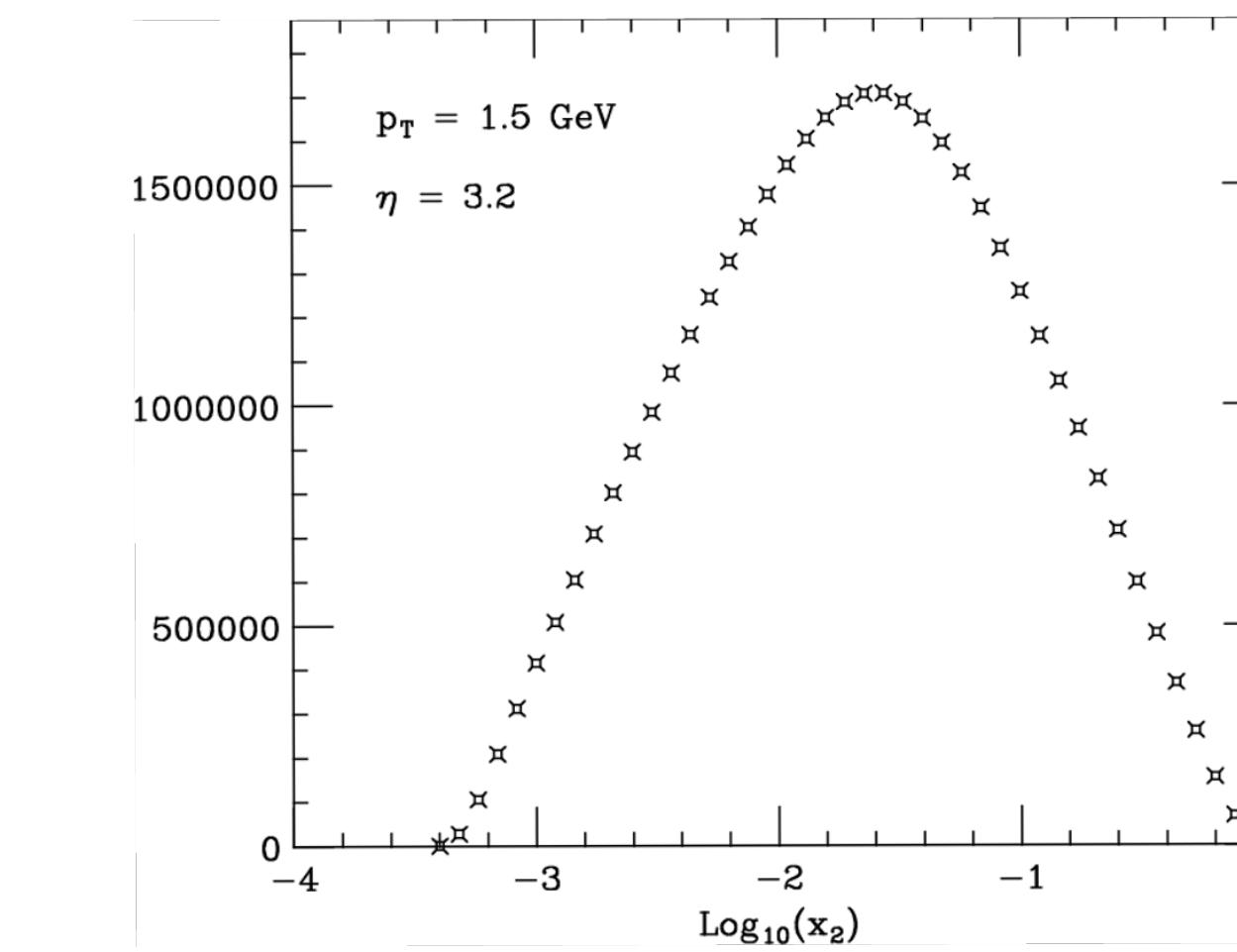
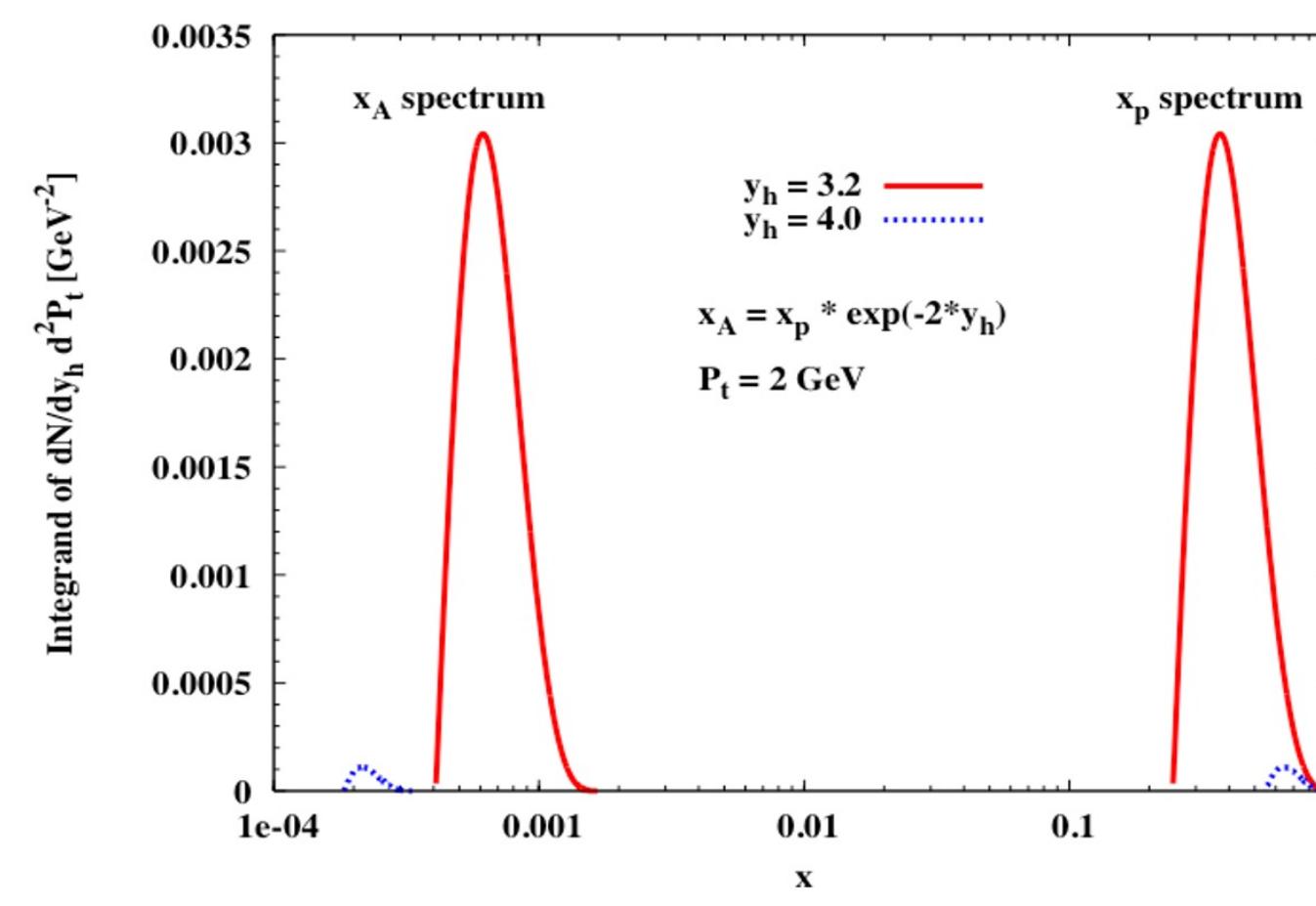
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# Particle production: kinematics



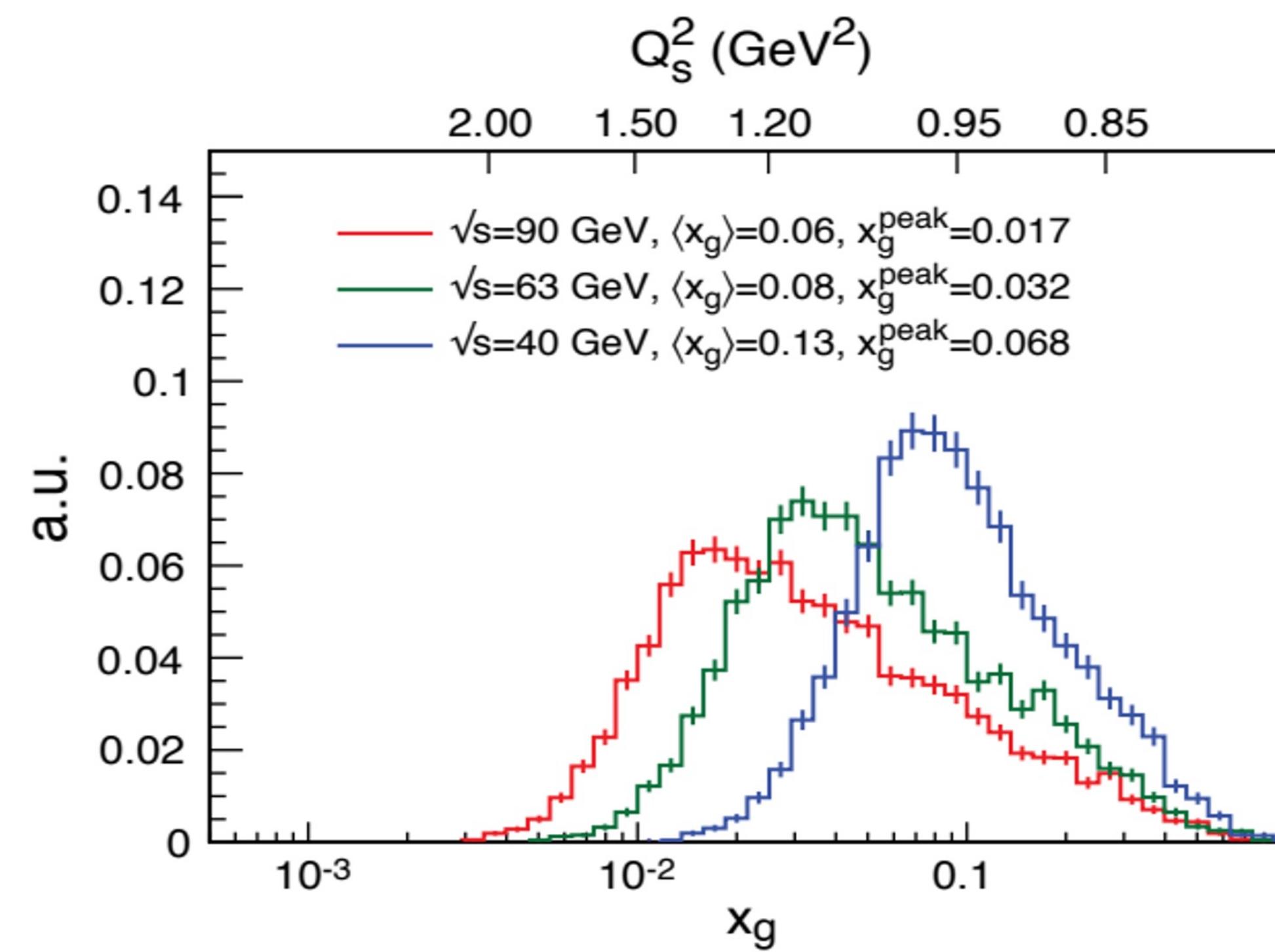
CGC  
VS  
collinear factorization

GSV, PLB603 (2004) 173-183



# EIC

kinematics of inclusive dihadron production



Aschenauer et al. arXiv:1708.01527

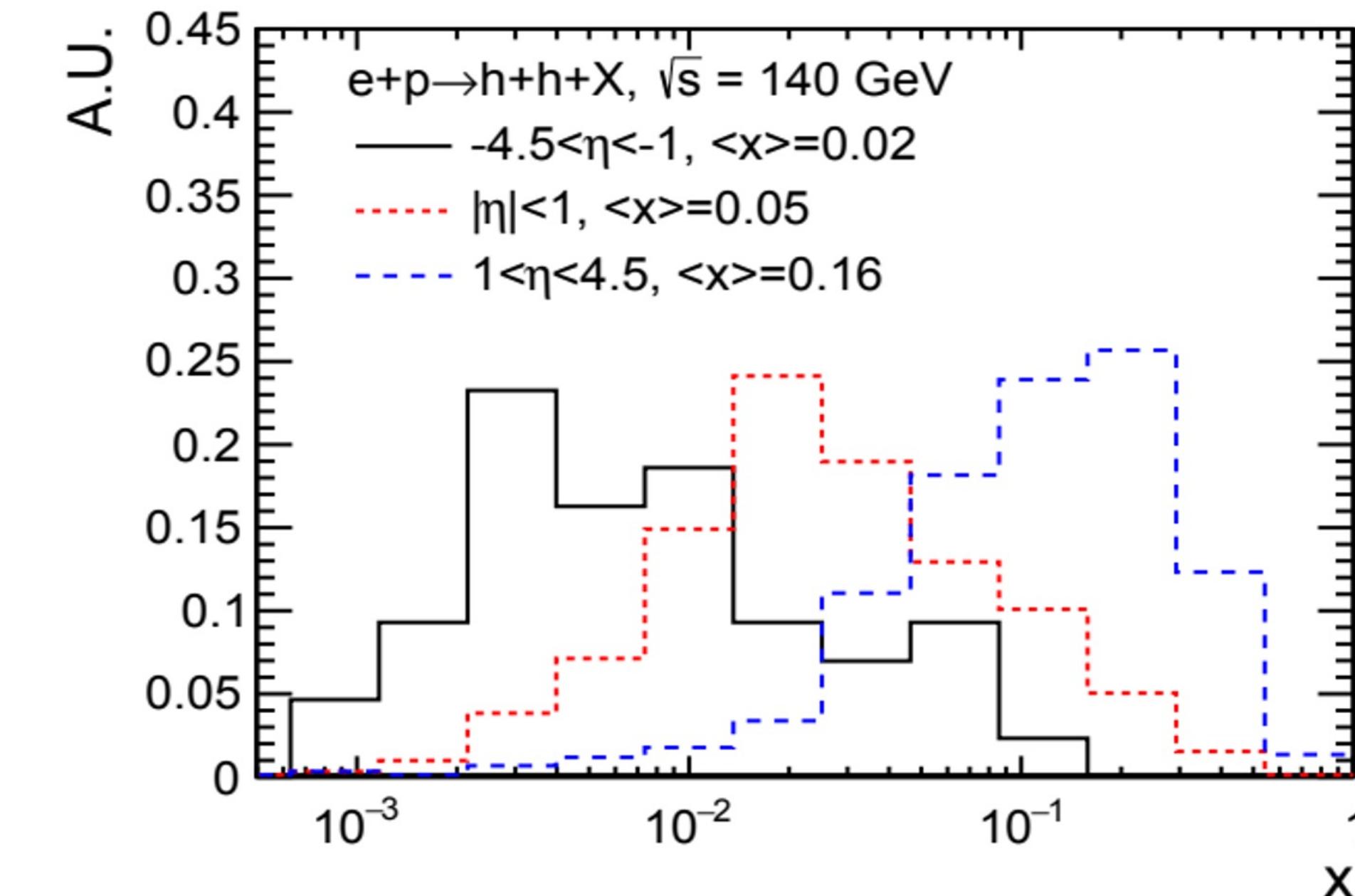


Fig. courtesy of Xiaoxuan Chu

**transition region: from large  $x$  to small  $x$**

# toward unifying small and large x (multiple scattering)

JJM, 1708.07533, 1809.04625, 1912.08878

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

