

# **Glueon saturation: toward precision using light front and covariant approaches**

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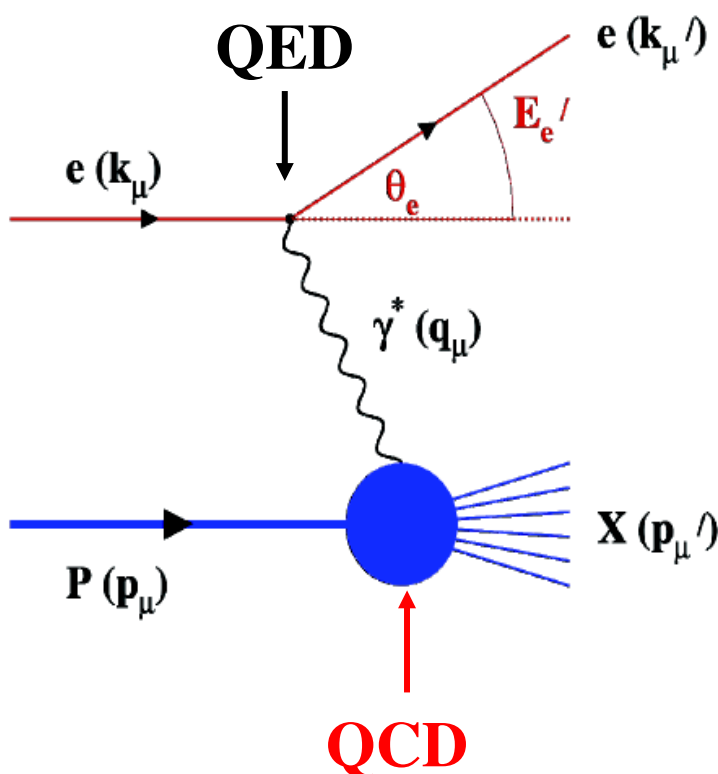


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# Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

## probing hadron structure

### Kinematic Invariants



(structure functions)

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

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

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

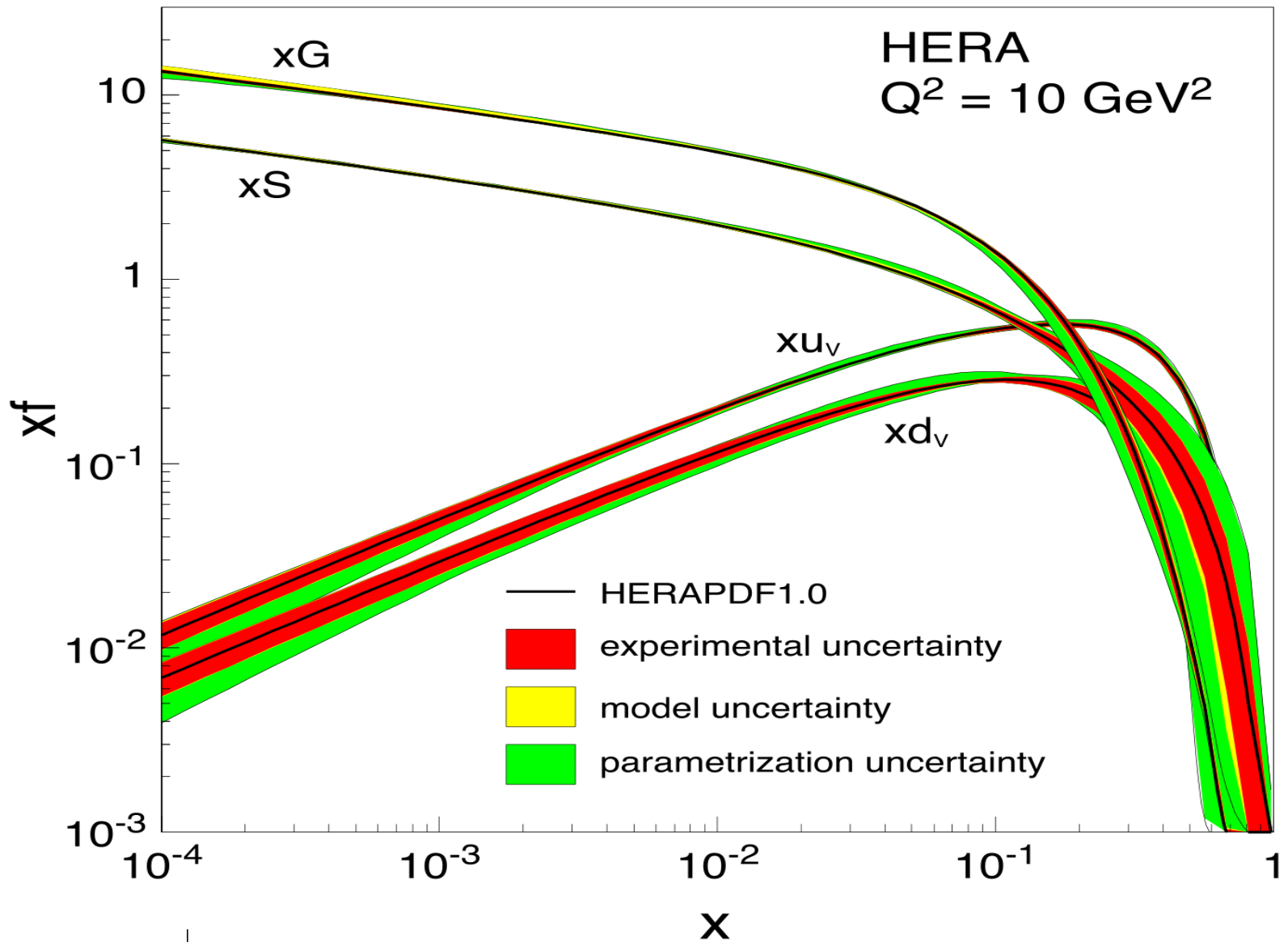
$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

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

Measure of  
resolution  
power

Measure of  
inelasticity

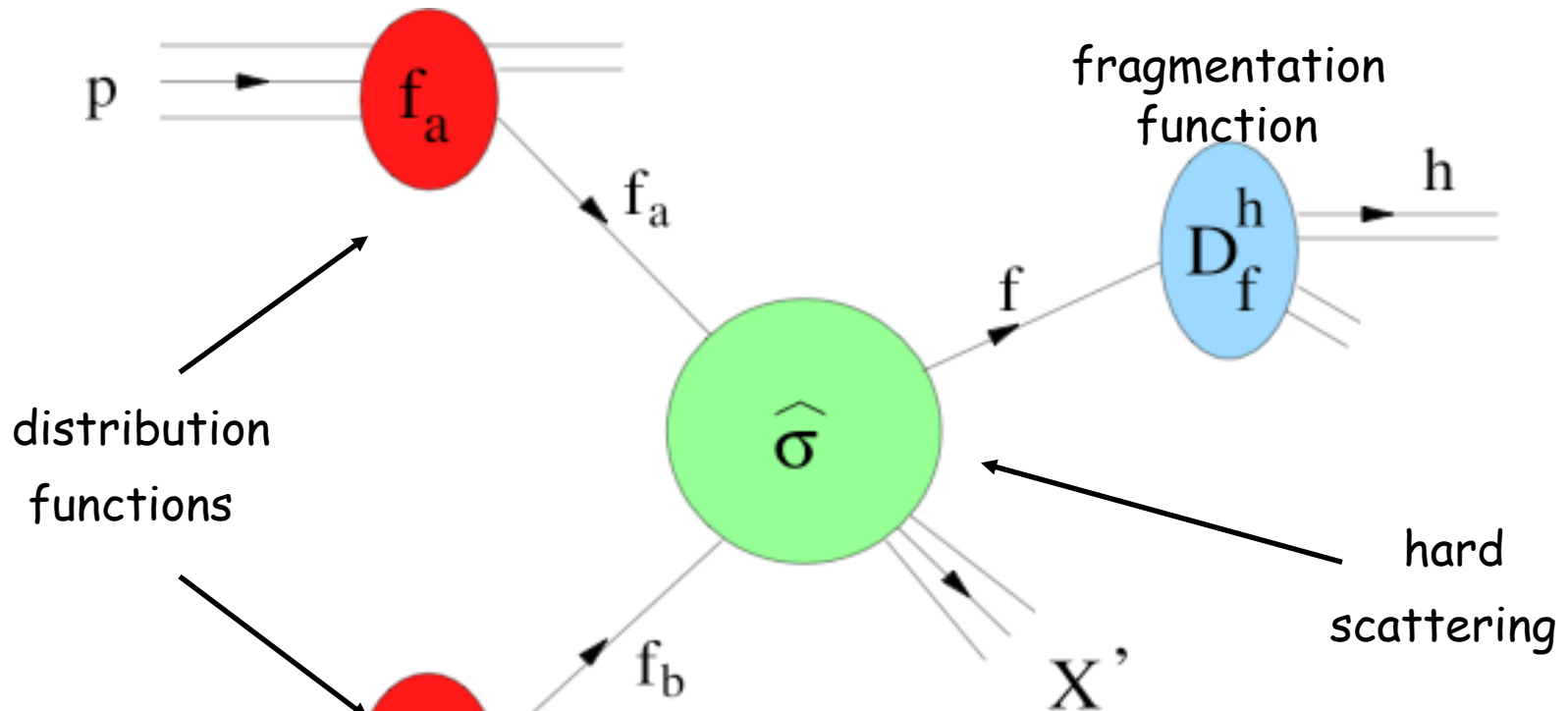
Measure of  
momentum  
fraction of  
struck quark



$x = \frac{p^+}{P^+}$   $x$  is the fraction of hadron energy carried by a parton

# QCD in proton-proton collisions

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

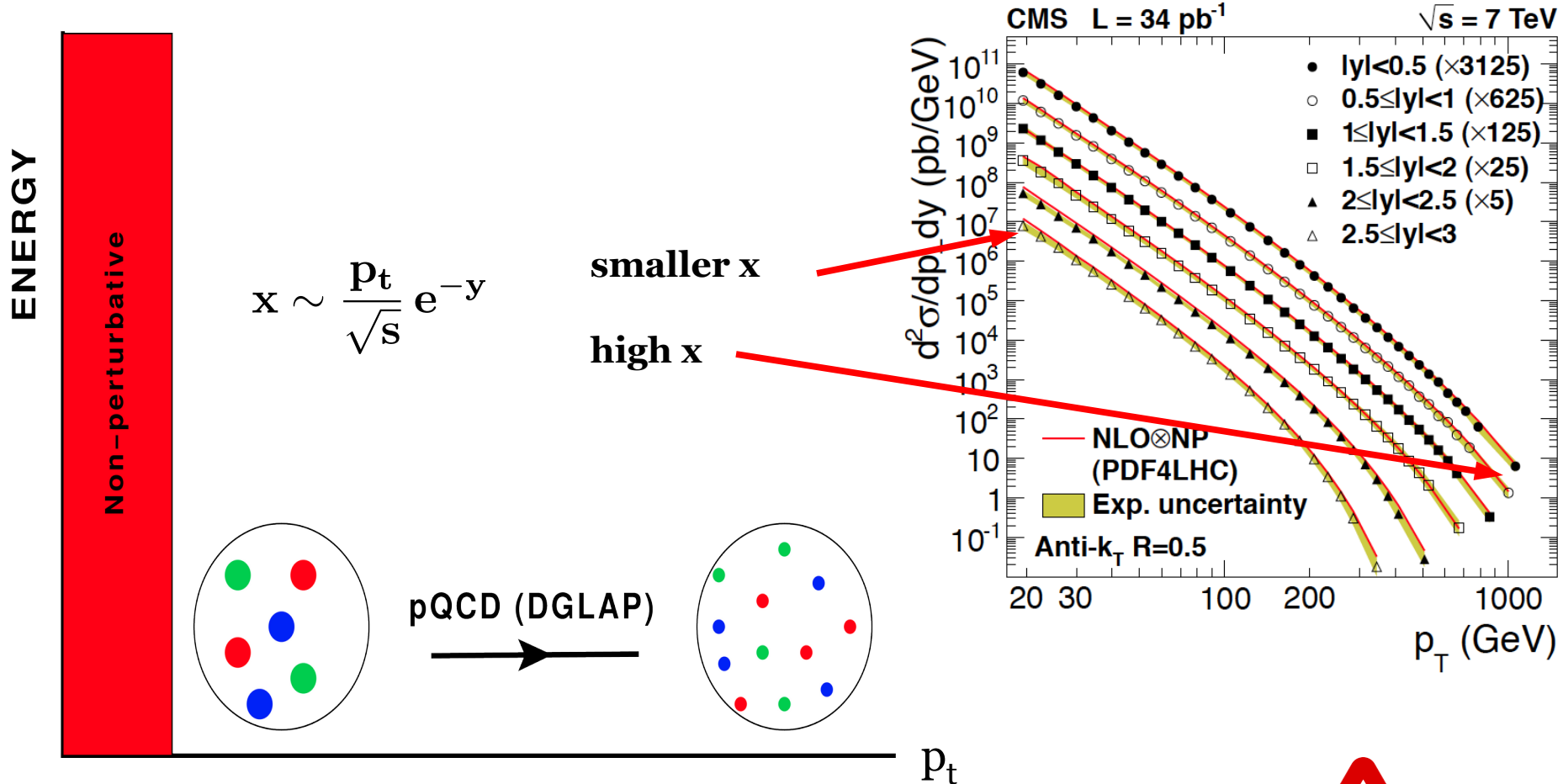


$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow h X}}{d^2p_t dy} \sim f_a(x_1) \otimes f_b(x_2) \otimes \hat{\sigma} \otimes D_f^h(z) + \dots$$

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

**power corrections**

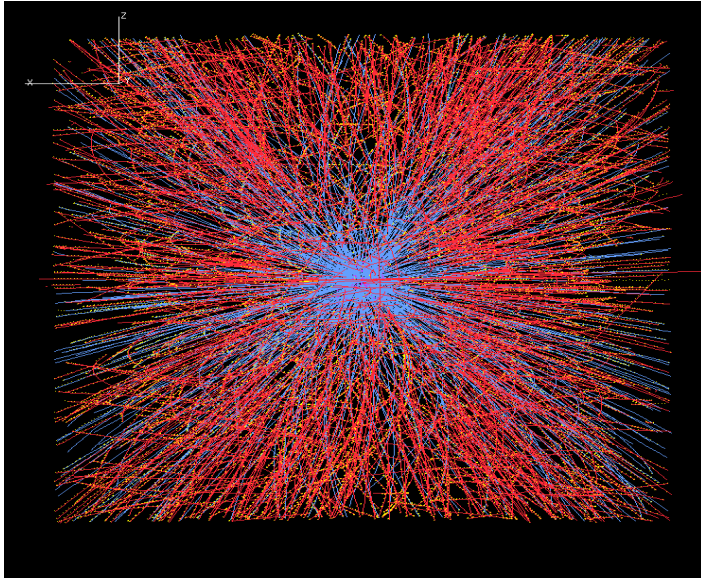
# pQCD: the standard paradigm



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

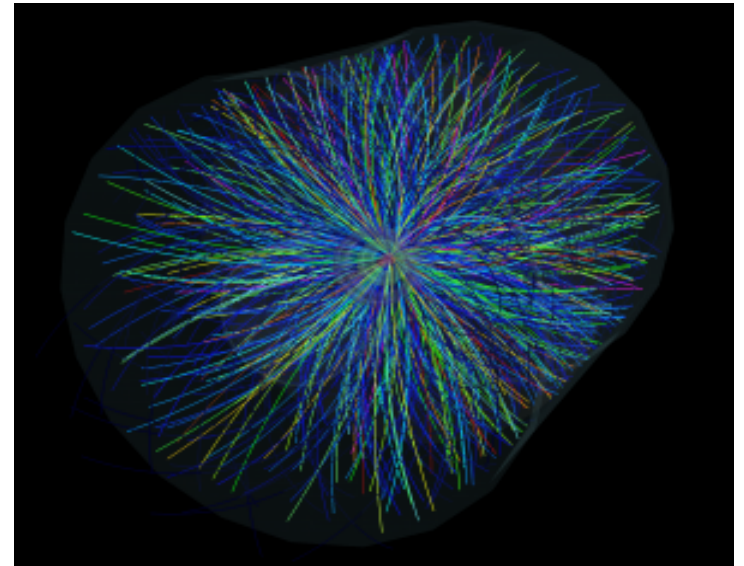


# Nucleus-Nucleus (AA) Collisions: *Quark-Gluon Plasma*



$$\sqrt{S} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{RHIC} : \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \sim 700$$



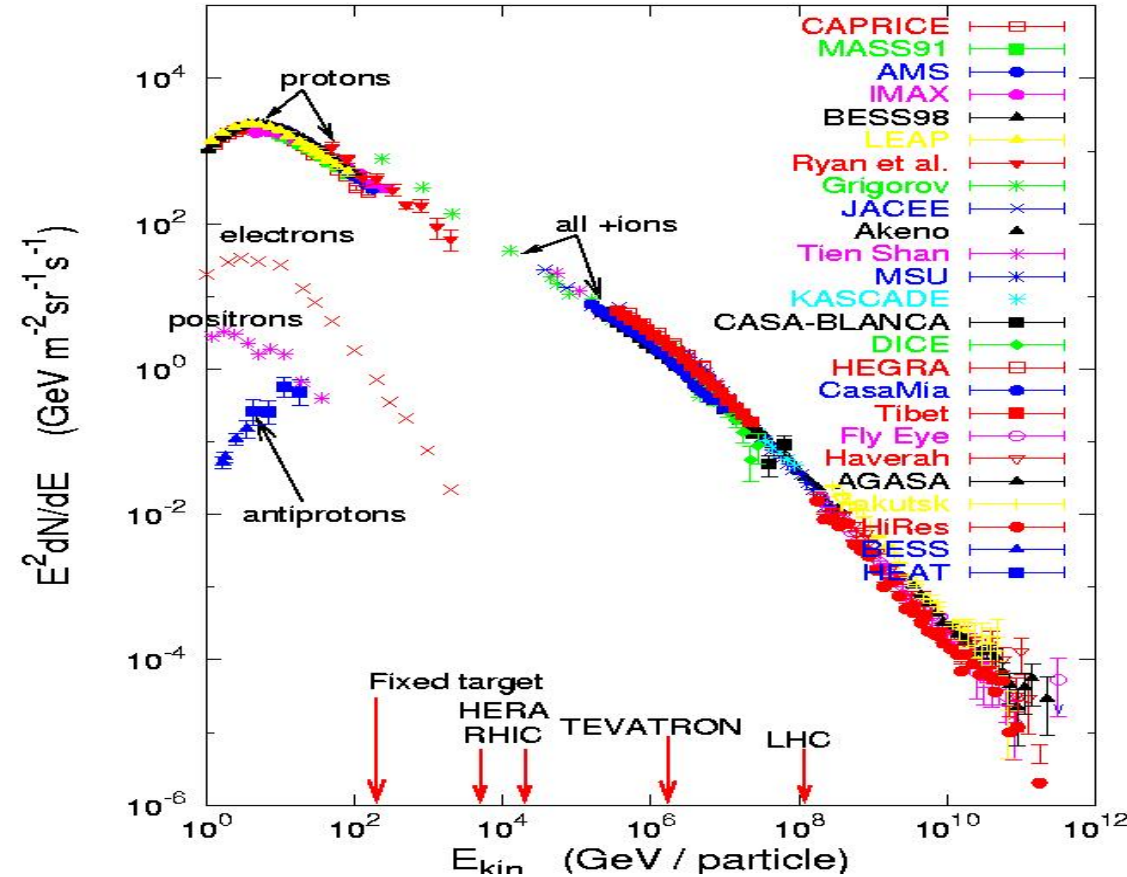
$$\sqrt{S} \sim 5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\text{LHC} : \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \sim 1600$$

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \frac{\mathbf{p}_t}{\sqrt{S}} e^{-y} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$$

# High Energy Cosmic Rays

Energies and rates of the cosmic-ray particles



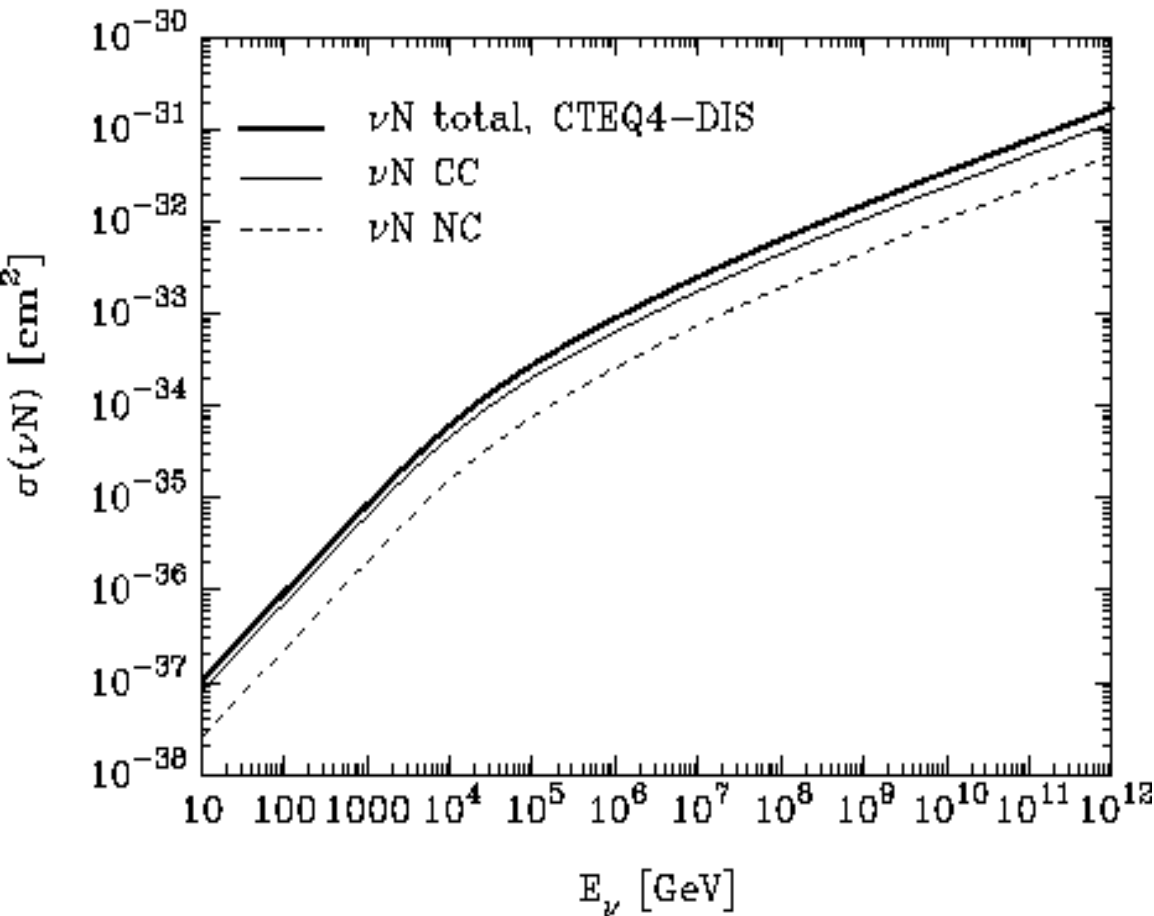
$$p A \rightarrow X$$

$$\sqrt{S} \sim 10^{2-3} \text{TeV}$$

most particles/energy  
are in the forward  
rapidity region and have  
low  $p_t$

$$x \sim \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{S}} e^{-y} \rightarrow 0$$

# Ultra-High Energy Neutrinos



$$\nu N \rightarrow \nu X$$

$$\sqrt{S} \sim 10^{2-3} \text{TeV}$$

$$\frac{M_Z}{\sqrt{S}} \rightarrow 0$$

total cross section dominated by  $Q \sim M_Z$

need to understand structure of hadrons at *very small x*



# What drives the growth of parton distributions?

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

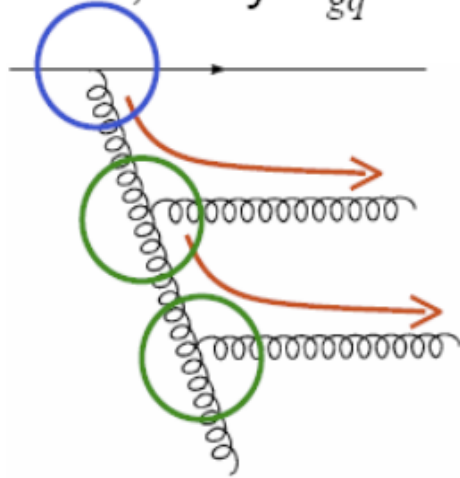
$$P_{qq}^{(0)}(x) = C_F \frac{1+x^2}{1-x}$$

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

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

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

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  $x$

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

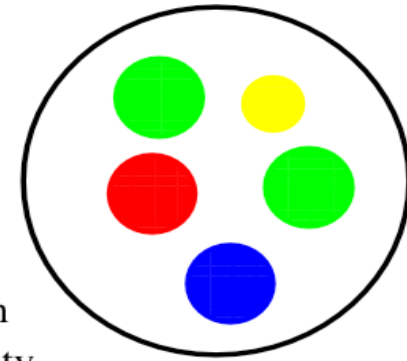
# Resolving the nucleus/hadron:

## Regge-Gribov limit

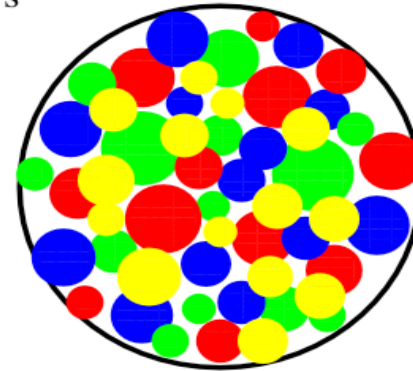
radiated gluons have the same size ( $1/Q^2$ ) - the number of partons increase due to the increased longitudinal phase space

$$\frac{1}{x}$$

↓  
Gluon  
Density  
Grows



Low Energy



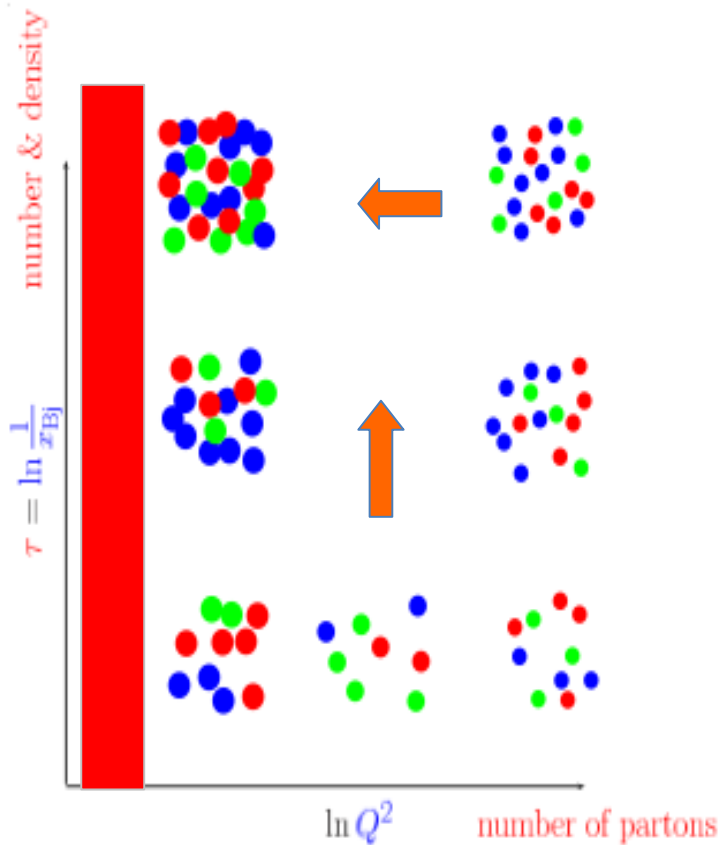
High Energy

**Saturation: hadron/nucleus becomes a dense system of gluons**

***Feynman's concept of a quasi-free parton is not useful***

**one can reach the same dense state in a nucleus at not so small x**

# Low x QCD: many-body dynamics of universal gluonic matter (**CGC**)



**How does this happen ?**

**How do correlation functions of these evolve ?**

**Are there scaling laws ?**

**Can CGC explain aspects of HIC ?**

*Initial conditions for hydro?*

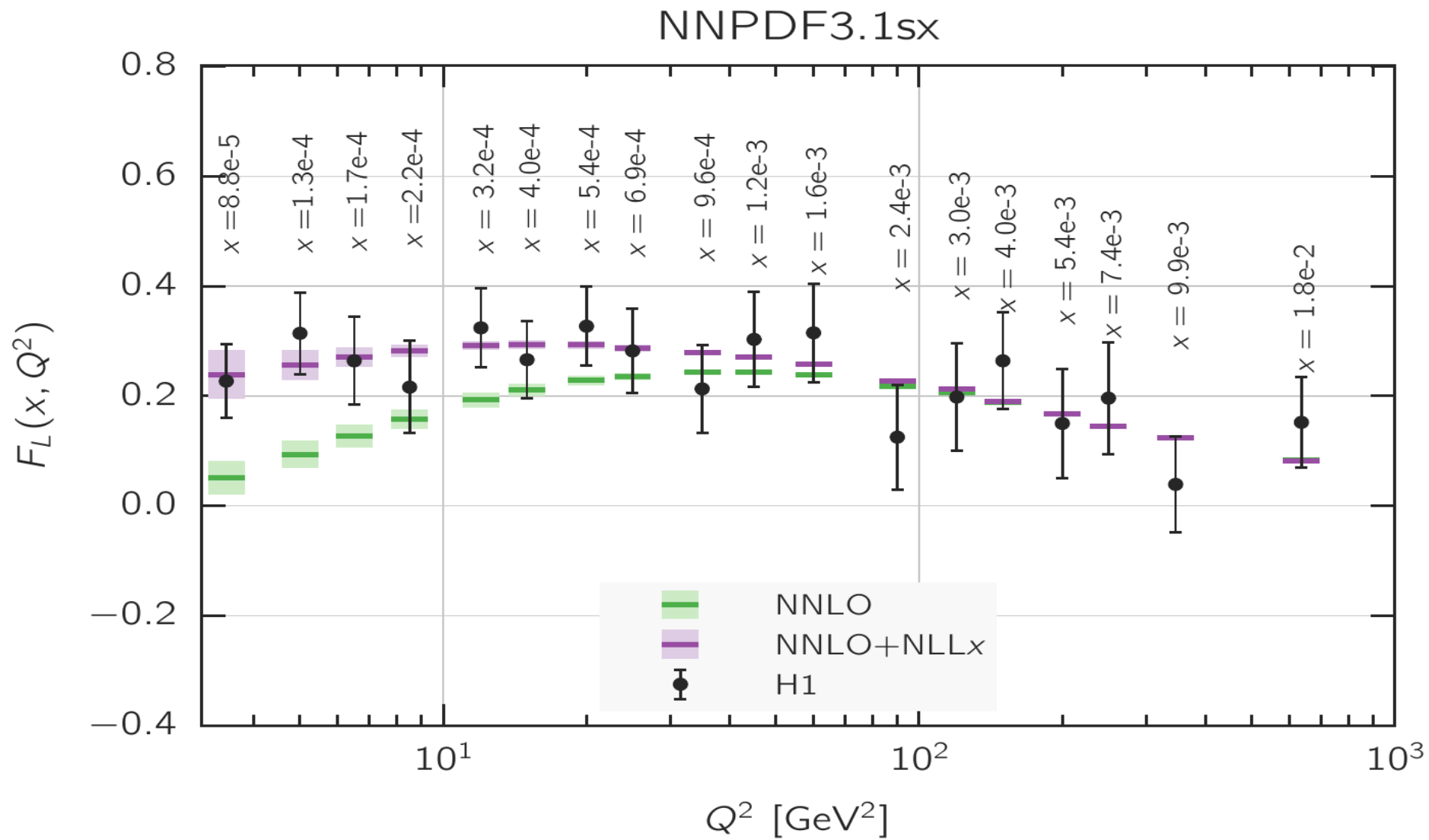
*Thermalization ?*

*Long range rapidity correlations ?*

*Azimuthal angular correlations ?*

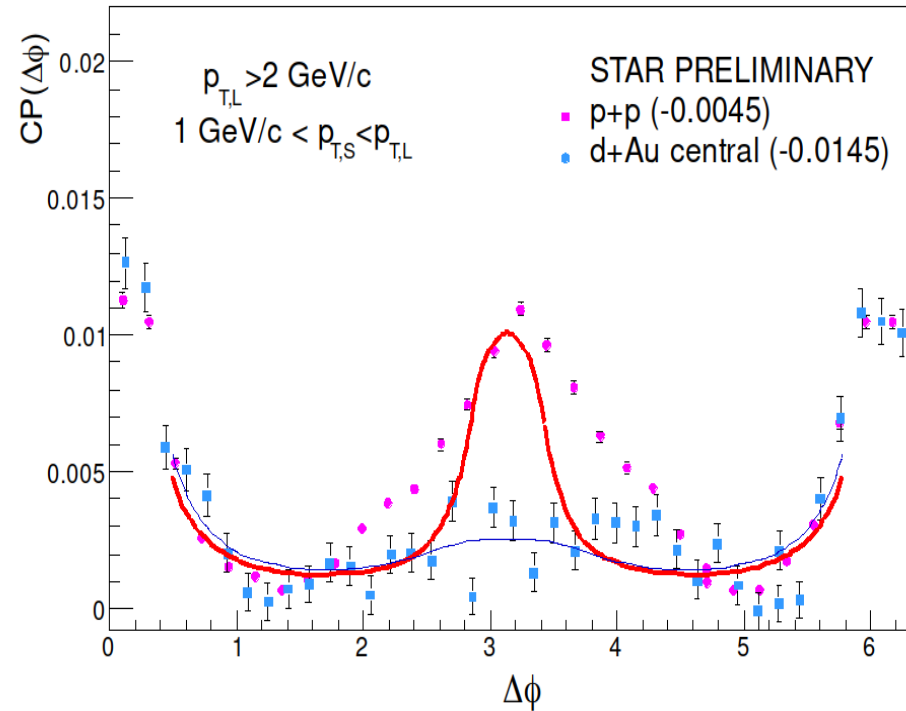
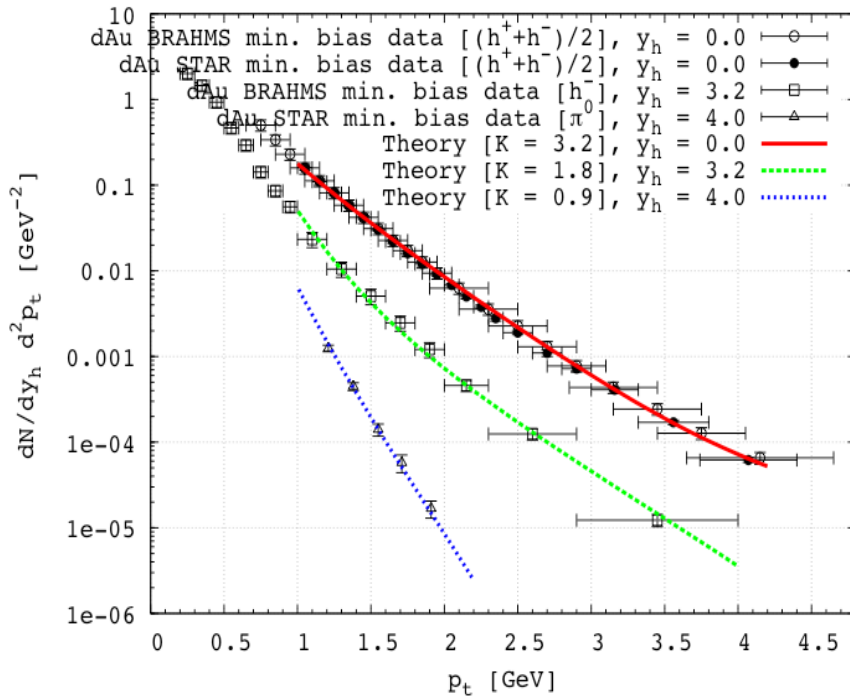
*Nuclear modification factor ?*

# $F_L$ at HERA



# CGC at RHIC

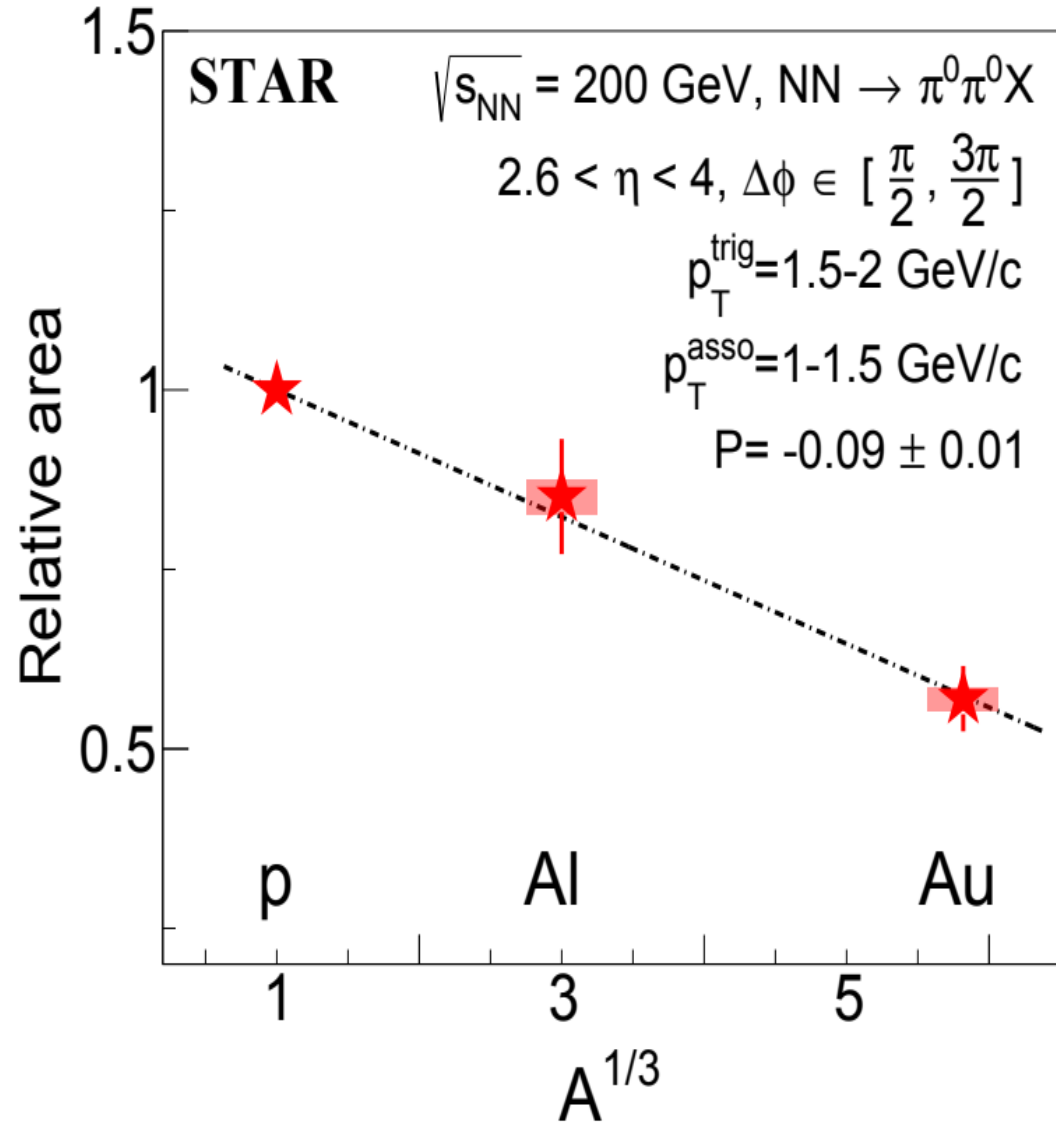
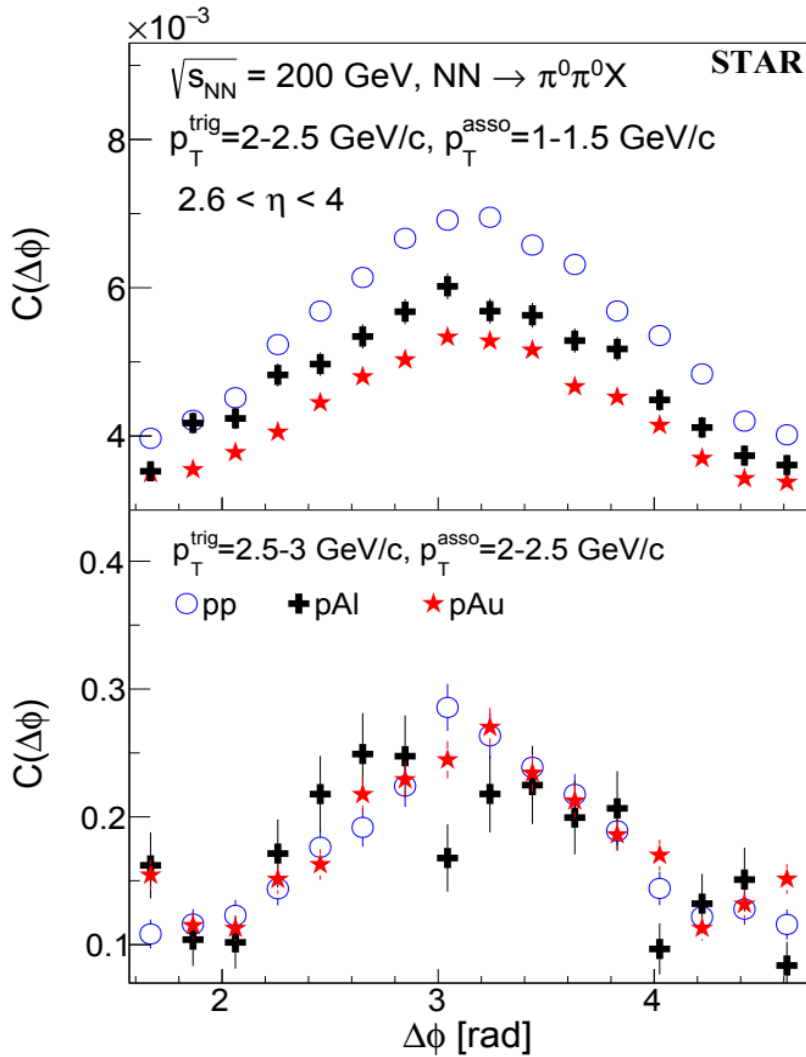
## Single and double inclusive hadron production in dA collisions



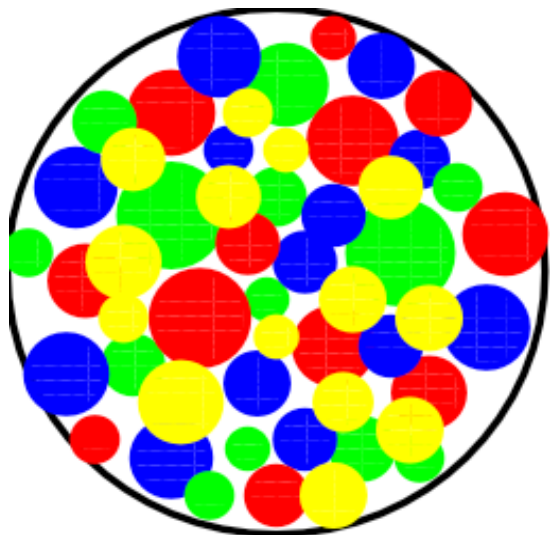
# Back to back hadron production in pA collisions: forward rapidity

STAR collaboration(2021)

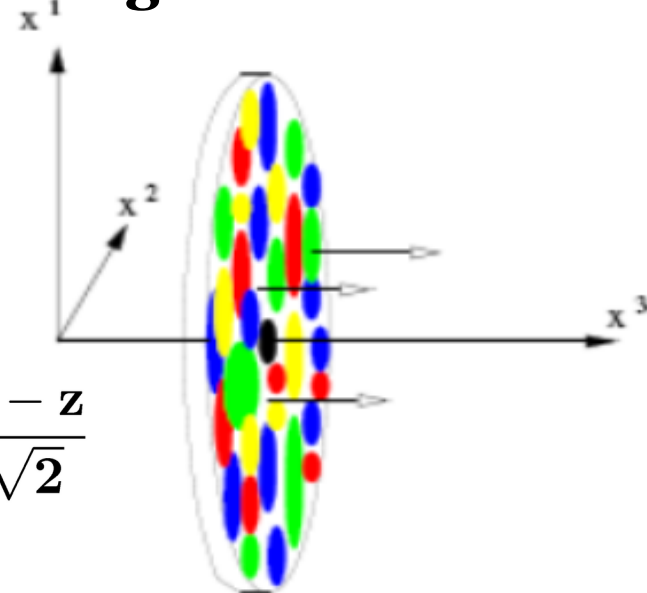
arXiv:2111.10396



# dense target (proton/nucleus) as a background color field



*boost*



$$x^+ \equiv \frac{t + z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$x^- \equiv \frac{t - z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

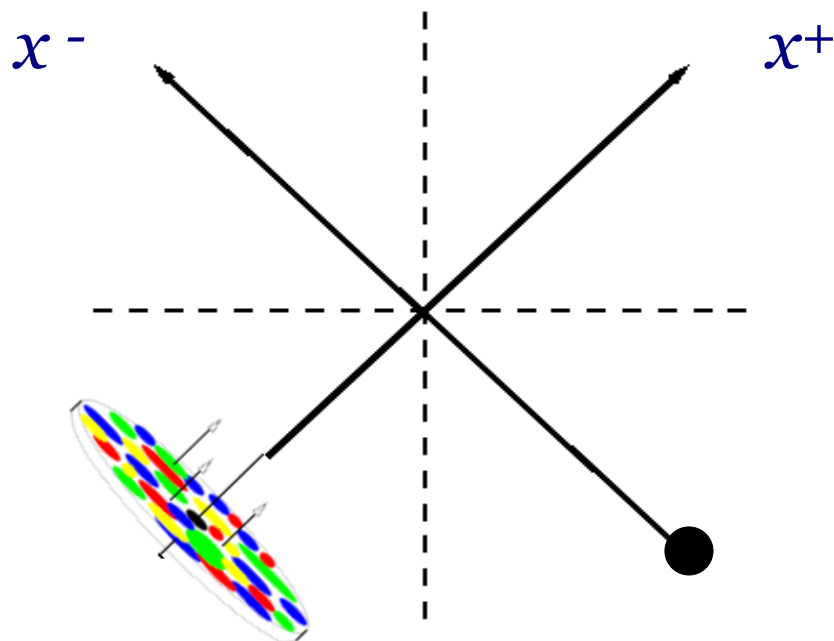
*sheet of color charge moving along  $x^+$  and sitting at  $x^- = 0$*

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

*color current*

*color charge*

$$\mathbf{A}_a^+(\mathbf{z}^-, \mathbf{z}_t) = \delta(\mathbf{z}^-) \alpha_a(\mathbf{z}_t)$$



recall eikonal approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u}(q) \gamma^\mu u(p) &\rightarrow \bar{u}(p) \gamma^\mu u(p) \sim p^\mu \\ \bar{u}(q) \not{A} u(p) &\rightarrow p \cdot A \sim p^- A^+ \end{aligned}$$

# Probing saturation in high energy collisions

nucleus-nucleus: “dense-dense”

proton-nucleus: “dilute-dense”

DIS (inclusive/diffractive)

structure functions

*particle production*

angular correlations

need quite a bit of modeling



much less modeling

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

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

for a proton target (quarks)

signatures in production spectra:

multiple scattering encoded in Wilson lines

evolution with  $x$  (energy) via JIMWLK

**$p_t$  broadening**

**suppression of spectra/away side peaks**

$$\equiv \text{---} \equiv \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}_\perp)$$

$$\frac{d}{dy} \langle \mathbf{O} \rangle_y = \mathcal{H}_{\text{JIMWLK}} \langle \mathbf{O} \rangle_y$$



# Toward precision CGC at small $x$ : inclusive DIS

NLO BK/JIMWLK evolution equations:

Balitsky, Chirilli (2007)

Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian (2013)

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NLO corrections to DIS structure functions:

Beuf (2017)

Beuf, Lappi, Paatelainen (2022)

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NLO corrections to single inclusive hadron production in DIS:

Bergabo, JJM (2023)

NLO corrections to inclusive dihadron/dijet production in DIS:

Bergabo, JJM (2022, 2023)

Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet (2022)

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan (2022)

Caucal, Salazar, Venugopalan (2021)

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DIS: sub-eikonal corrections at small  $x$

Altinoluk, Armesto, Beuf (2023)

Altinoluk, Beuf, Czajka, Tymowska (2021, 2022)

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# Toward precision CGC: diffractive/exclusive DIS

NLO corrections to diffractive structure functions:

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

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NLO corrections to diffractive dijet (+) production:

Boussarie, Grabovsky, Szymanowski, Wallon (2016)

Iancu, Mueller, Triantafyllopoulos (2021, 2022)

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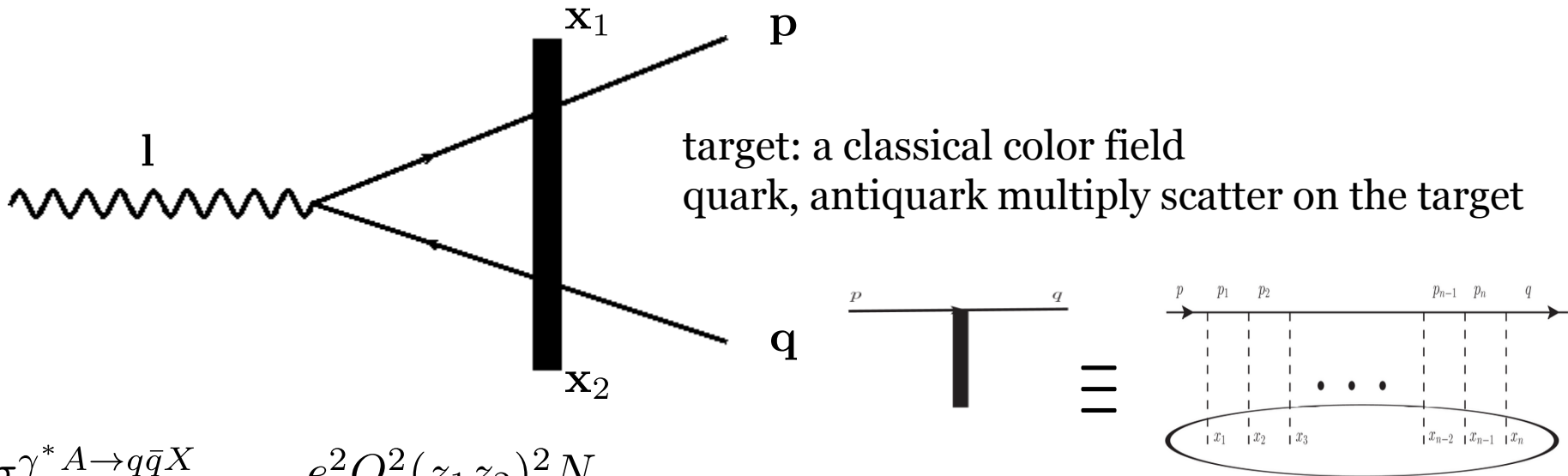
NLO corrections to exclusive light/heavy vector meson production:

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

Mantysaari, Penttala (2021, 2022)

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# Inclusive dihadron production in DIS: LO



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

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

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**

$$S_{122'1'} \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} V(\mathbf{x}_1) V^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_2) V(\mathbf{x}_{2'}) V^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_{1'})$$

# Inclusive dihadron production in forward rapidity: NLO

Based on F. Bergabo and JJM:

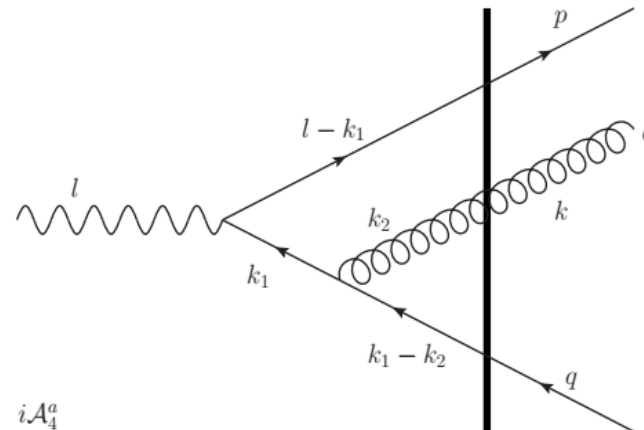
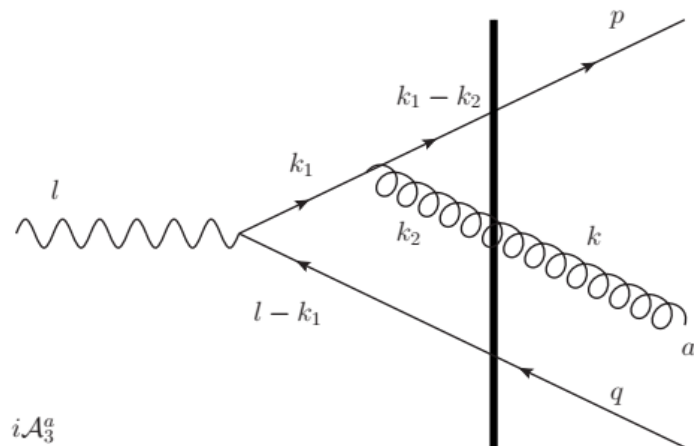
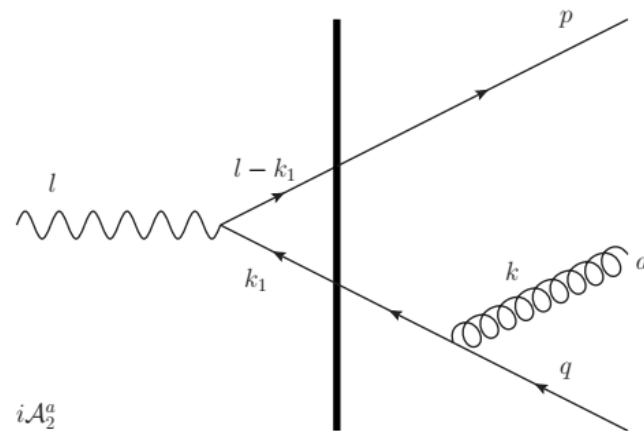
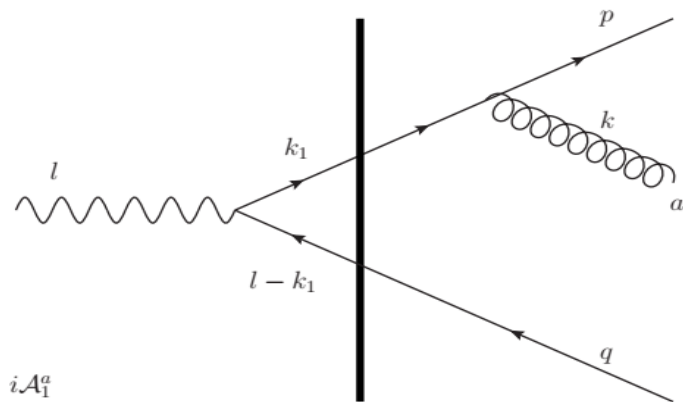
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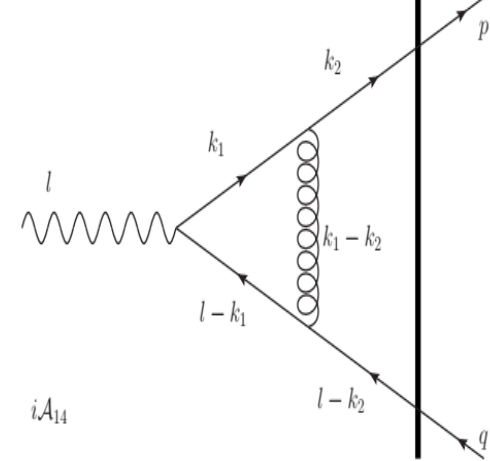
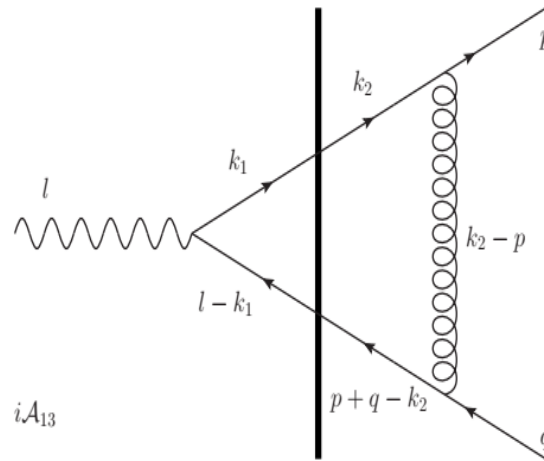
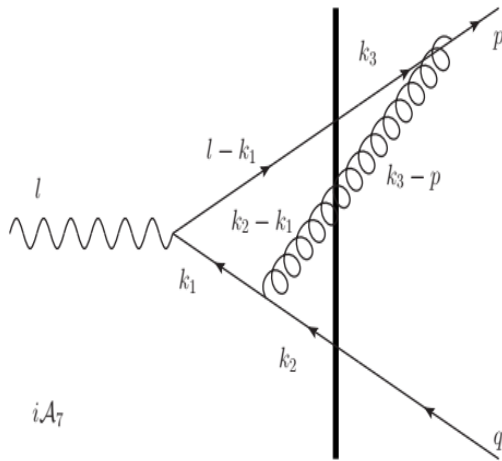
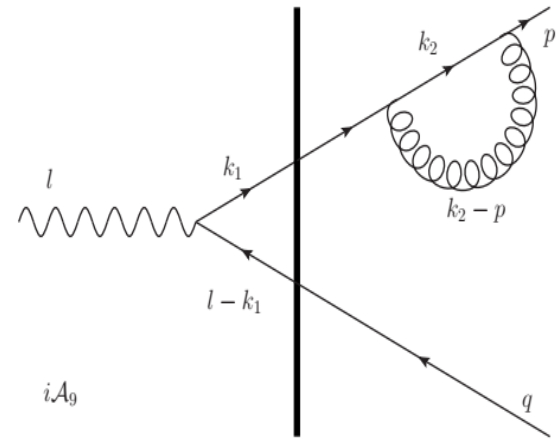
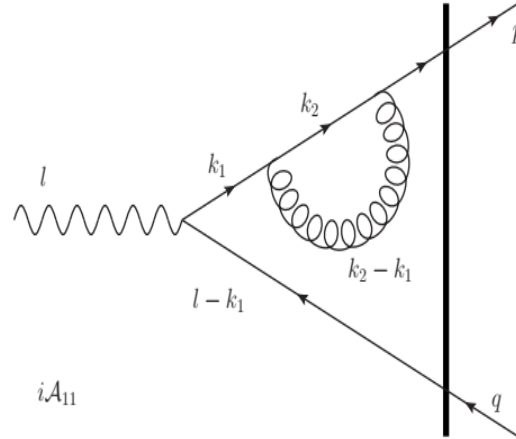
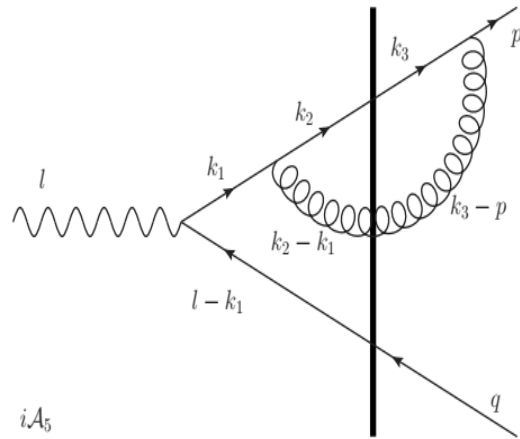
And work in progress (JJM)

# NLO corrections - real diagrams (3-jet production)



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

# NLO corrections – virtual diagrams



F. Bergabo and JJM, dihadrons, 2207.03606, 2301.03117  
 P. Taelis et al., dijets, 2204.11650  
 P. Caucal et al., dijets, 2108.06347,.....

$$\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)} \\
& [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)} \\
& [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). \\
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& \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}_2)} 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)} \\
& [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)} \\
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\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)} \\
& [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)} \\
& [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}$$

# *divergences*

- Ultraviolet:**

Real corrections are UV finite

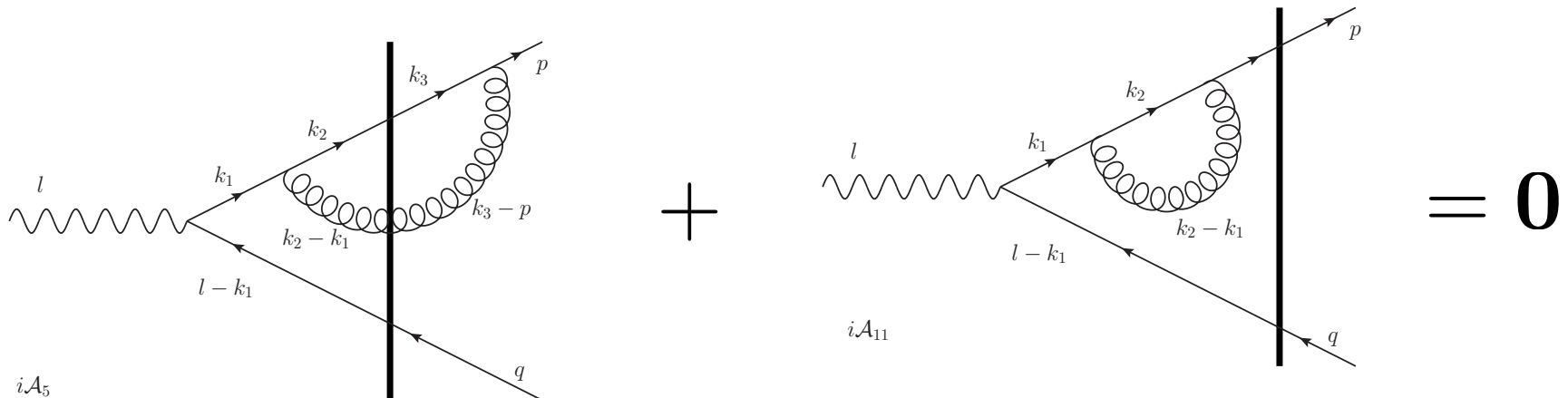
UV divergences cancel among virtual corrections

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

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

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

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





# *divergences*

• **Soft:**  $k^\mu \rightarrow 0$  ( $\mathbf{x}_3 \rightarrow \infty$  **AND**  $\mathbf{z} \rightarrow 0$ )

Soft divergences cancel between real and virtual corrections

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

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

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

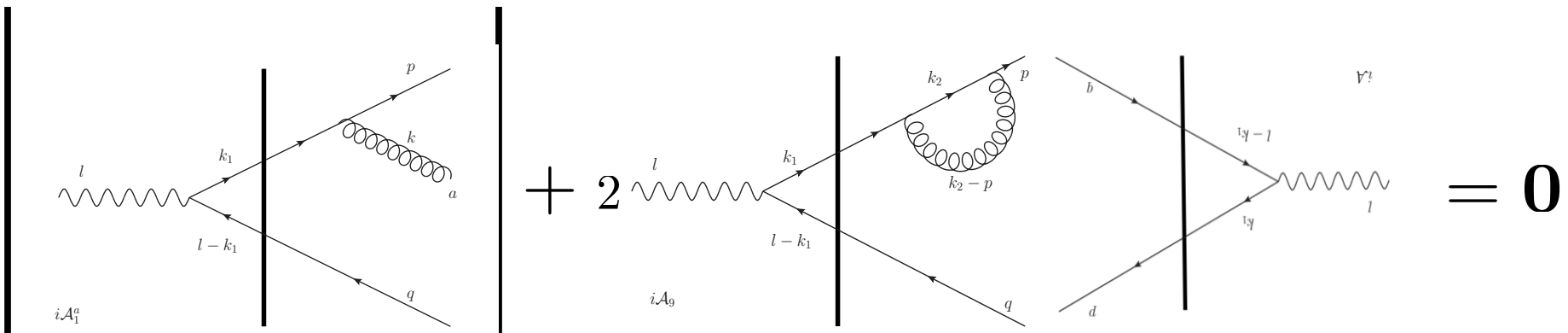
$$(d\sigma_{1-3} + d\sigma_{1-4})_{soft} = 0$$

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

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

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

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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

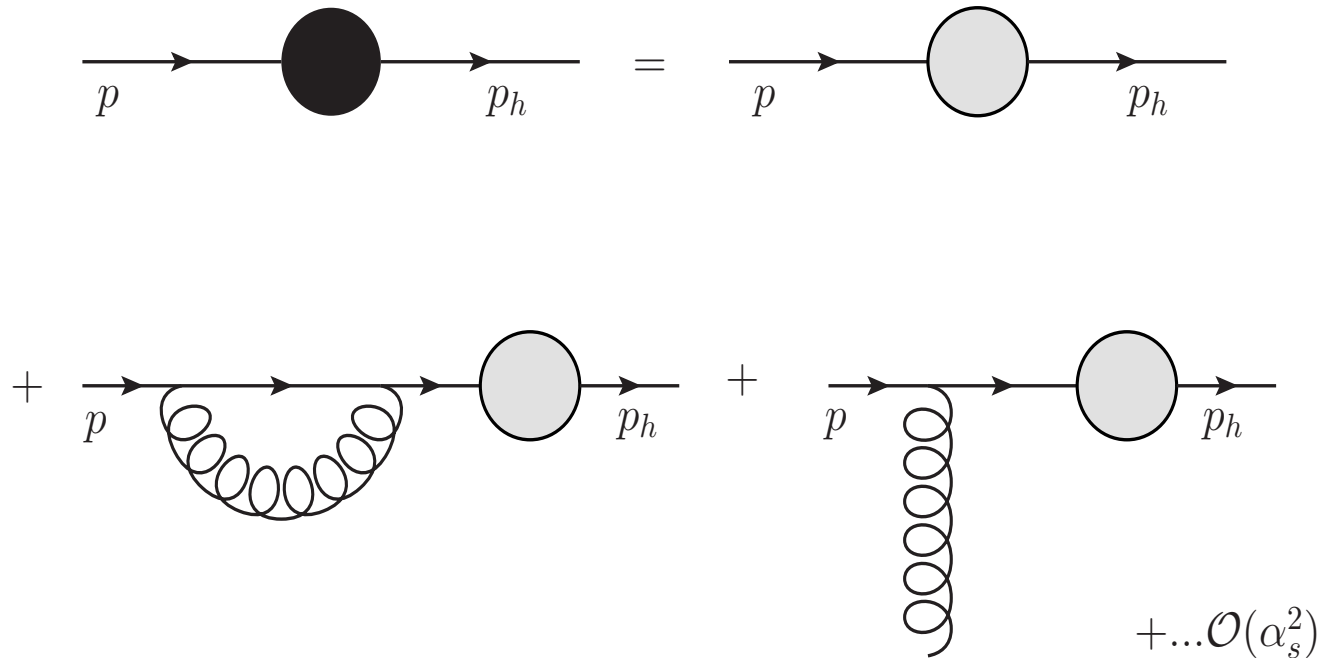
$$\tilde{\Delta}_{12} \equiv \frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2 (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2}$$

# *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 corrections

## ***•Soft***

Soft divergences cancel between real and virtual corrections

## ***•Collinear***

Collinear divergences are absorbed into hadron fragmentation functions

## ***•Rapidity***

rapidity divergences are absorbed into JIMWLK evolution of dipoles, quadrupoles

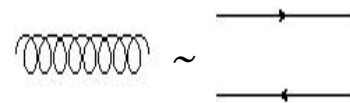
$$\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X} = \sigma_{LO} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + \sigma_{LO} \otimes D_{h_1/q}(z_1, \mu^2) D_{h_2/\bar{q}}(z_2, \mu^2) + \sigma_{NLO}^{\text{finite}}$$

phenomenology: EIC, UPC at the LHC,...

# One-loop corrections: BK-JIMWLK eq.

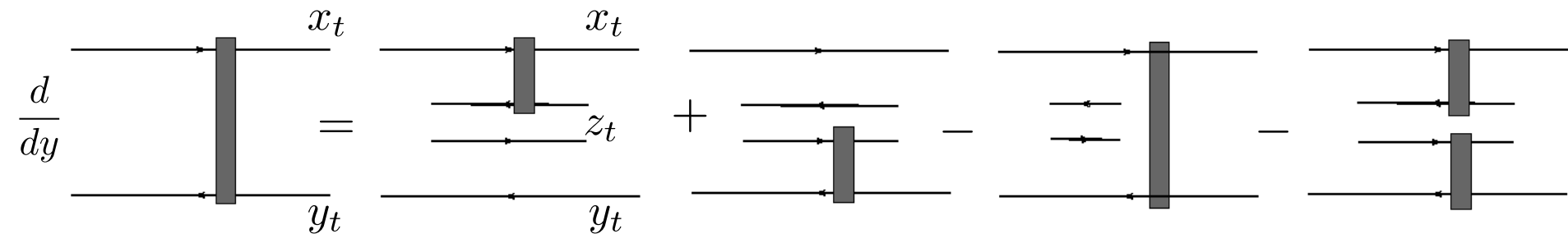
at large  $N_c$

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



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

$$T \equiv 1 - S$$



$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad Q_s^2 \ll p_t^2$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \log \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad Q_s^2 \gg p_t^2$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right]^\gamma \quad Q_s^2 < p_t^2$$

nuclear modification factor

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

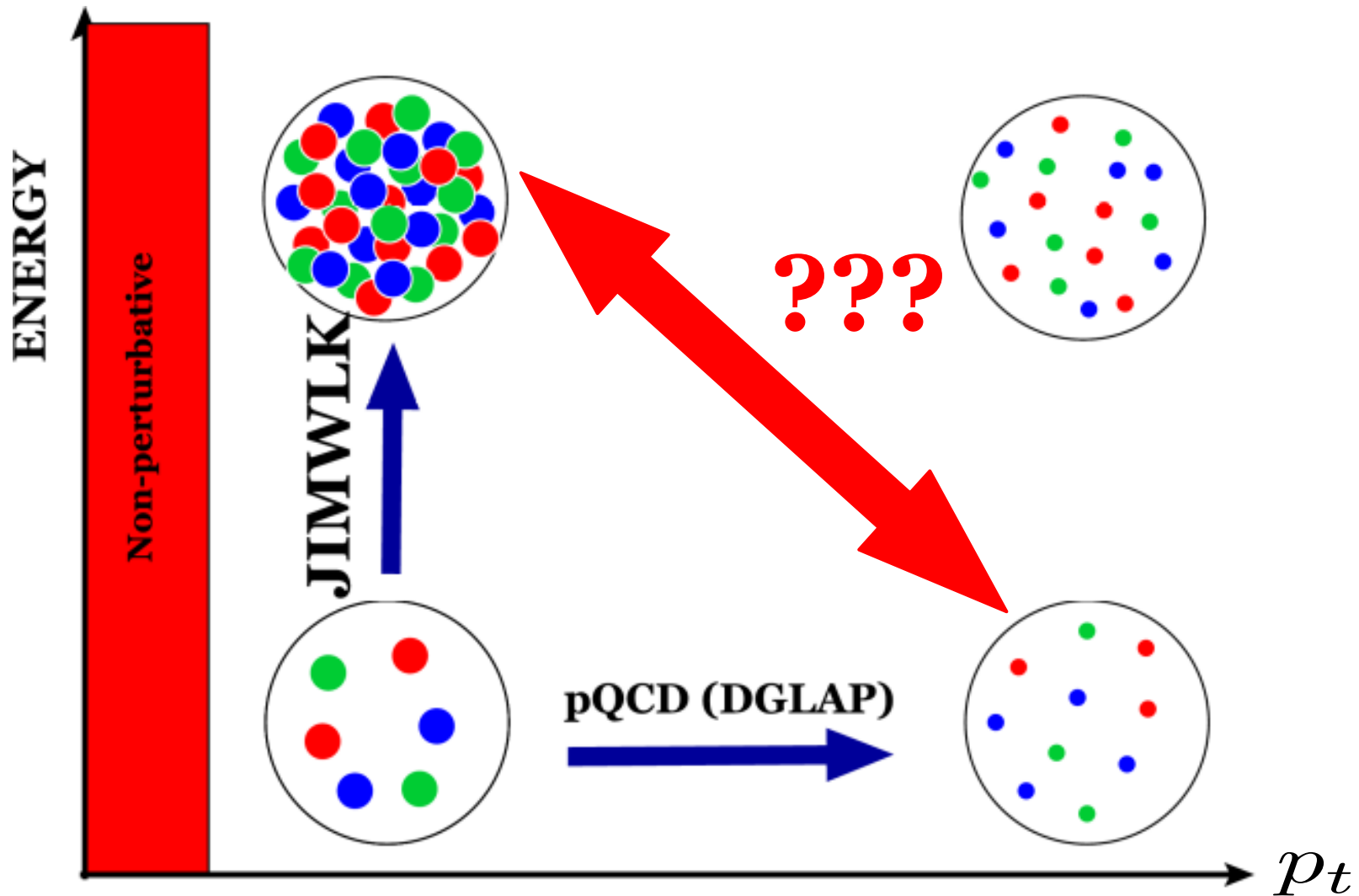
nuclear shadowing

suppression of  $p_t$  spectra

disappearance of back to back peaks

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# QCD kinematic phase space



# ***SUMMARY***

## *QCD at high $p_t$*

*dilute hadron: partons - collinear factorization*

*breaks down at small  $x$ /low  $p_t$*

## *QCD at high energy*

*dense hadron: 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  $p_t$ )*