

NLO corrections to particle production in DIS at small x

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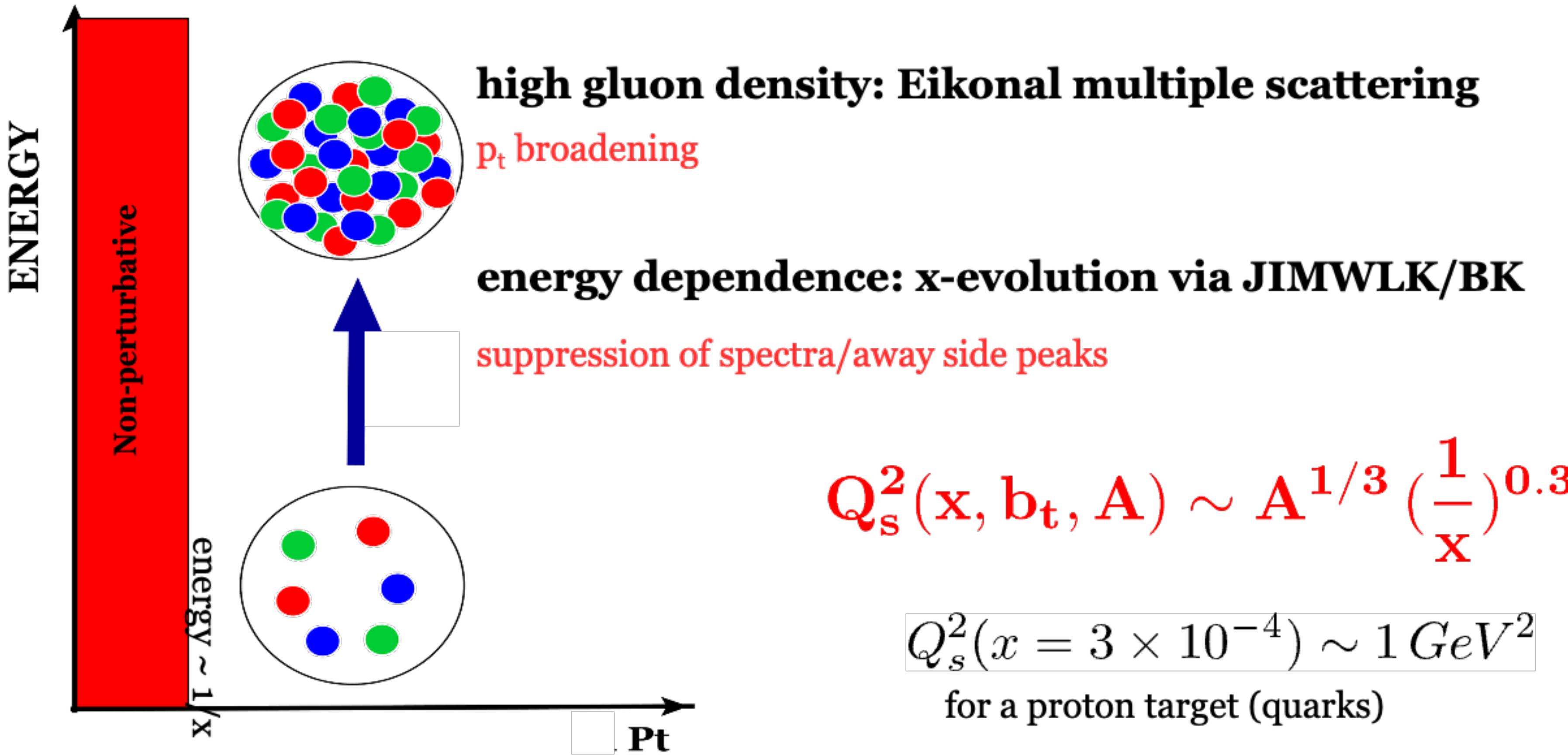
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QCD at high energy: gluon saturation



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

Shadowing/Nuclear modification factor

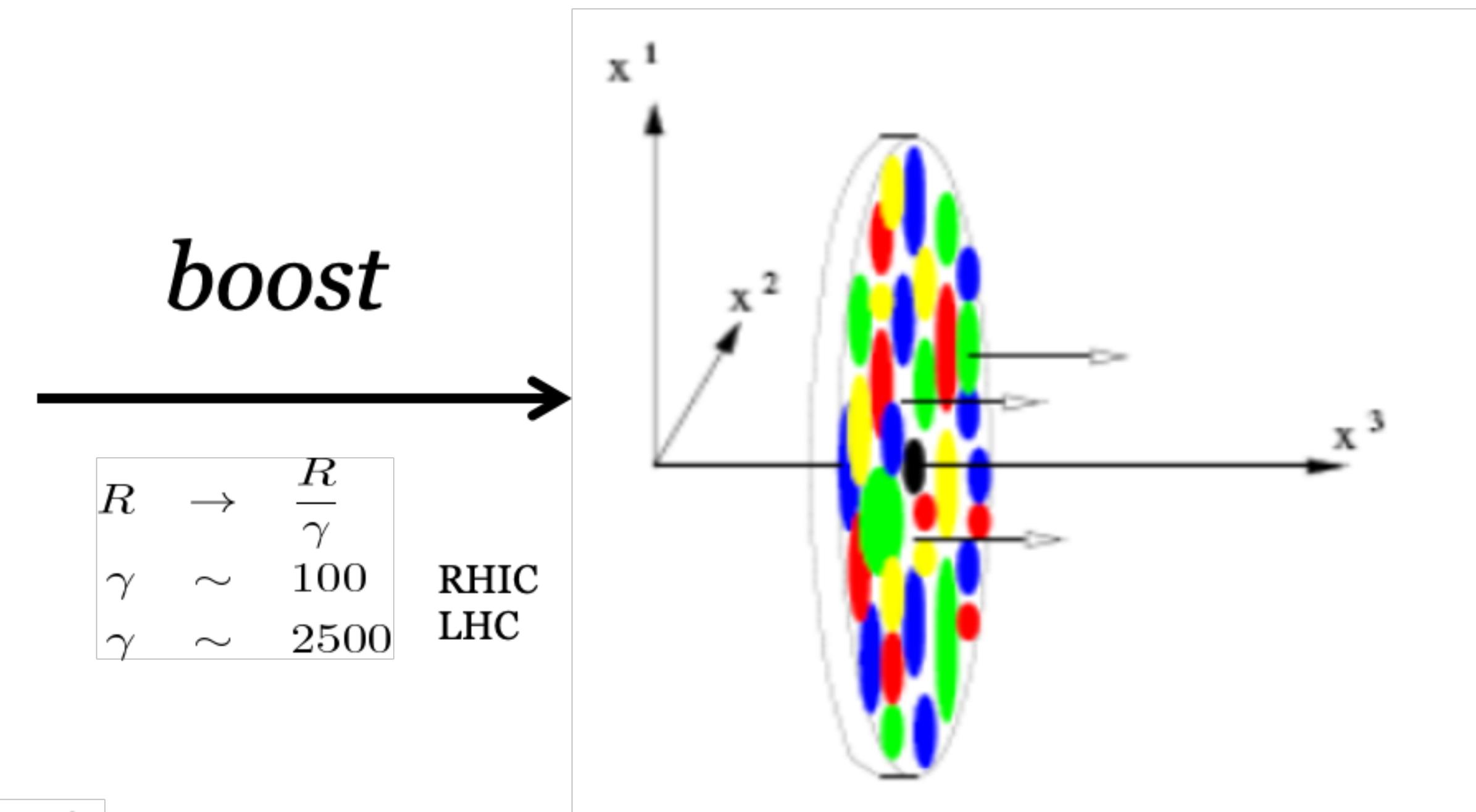
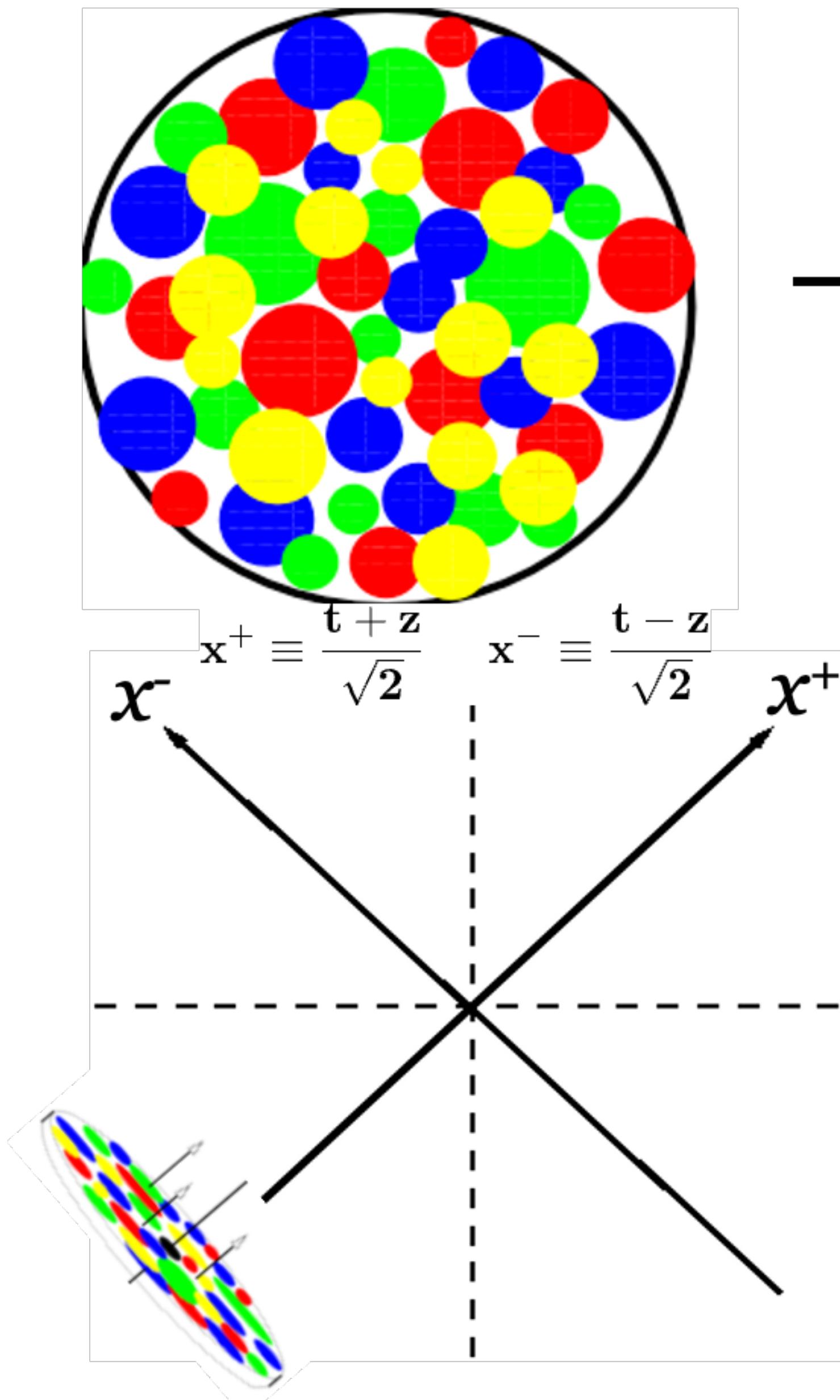
Azimuthal angular correlations (dihadrons/dijets,...)

Long range rapidity correlations (ridge,...)

Connections to TMDs,...

x ≤ 0.01

A very large nucleus at high energy: MV model



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

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

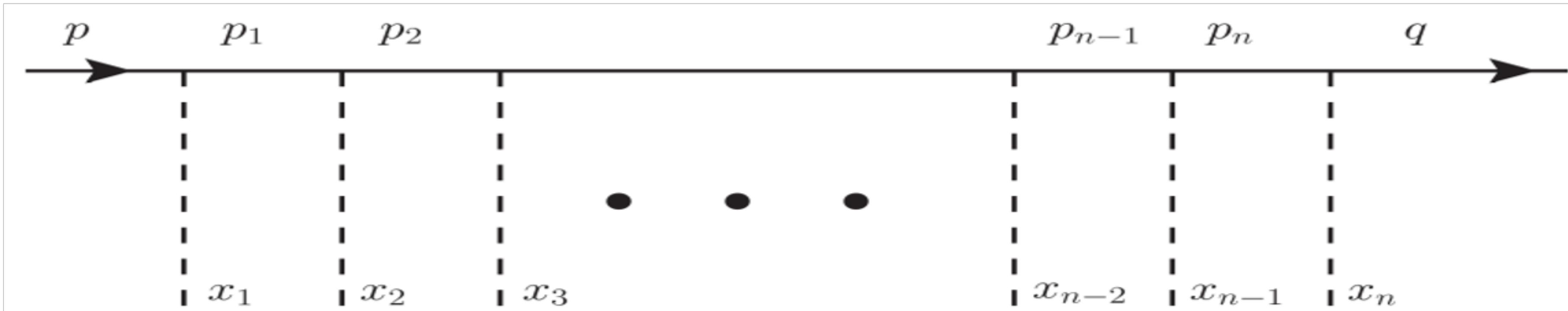
color current

color charge

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

³with $\partial_i \alpha_i^a = g \rho^a$

Dense proton/nucleus: multiple eikonal scatterings



sum over all scatterings

$$i\mathcal{M} = \sum_n i \mathcal{M}_n$$

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

with

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



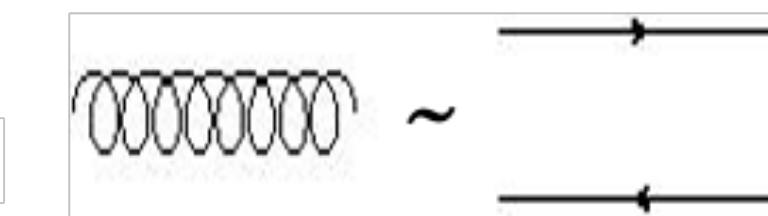
Wilson lines: effective degrees of freedom that contain all the target information

$$\frac{d\sigma^{q T \rightarrow q X}}{d^2 p_t dy} \sim |i\mathcal{M}|^2 \sim F.T. \underbrace{<Tr V(x_t) V^\dagger(y_t)>}_{\text{dipole}}$$

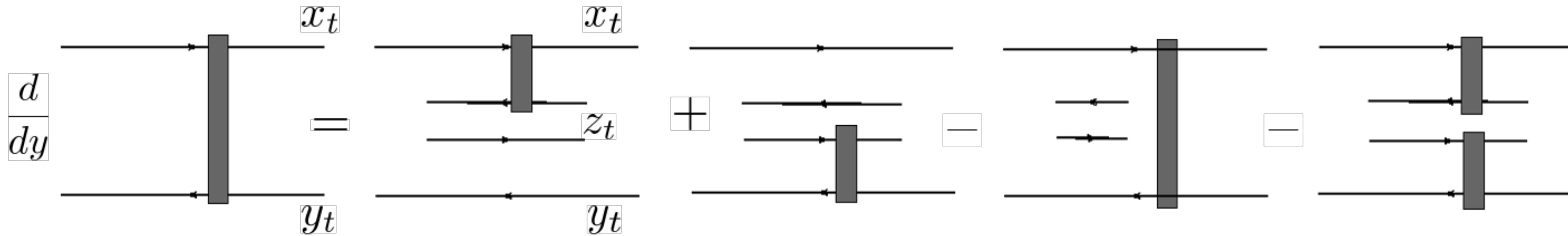
One-loop corrections: BK-JIMWLK eq.

at large N_c

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



$$\frac{d}{dy} T(x_t, y_t) = \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 z_t \frac{(x_t - y_t)^2}{(x_t - z_t)^2 (y_t - z_t)^2} [T(x_t, z_t) + T(z_t, y_t) - T(x_t, y_t) - \textcolor{red}{T(x_t, z_t)T(z_t, y_t)}] \\ T \equiv 1 - S$$



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

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

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

nuclear modification factor

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

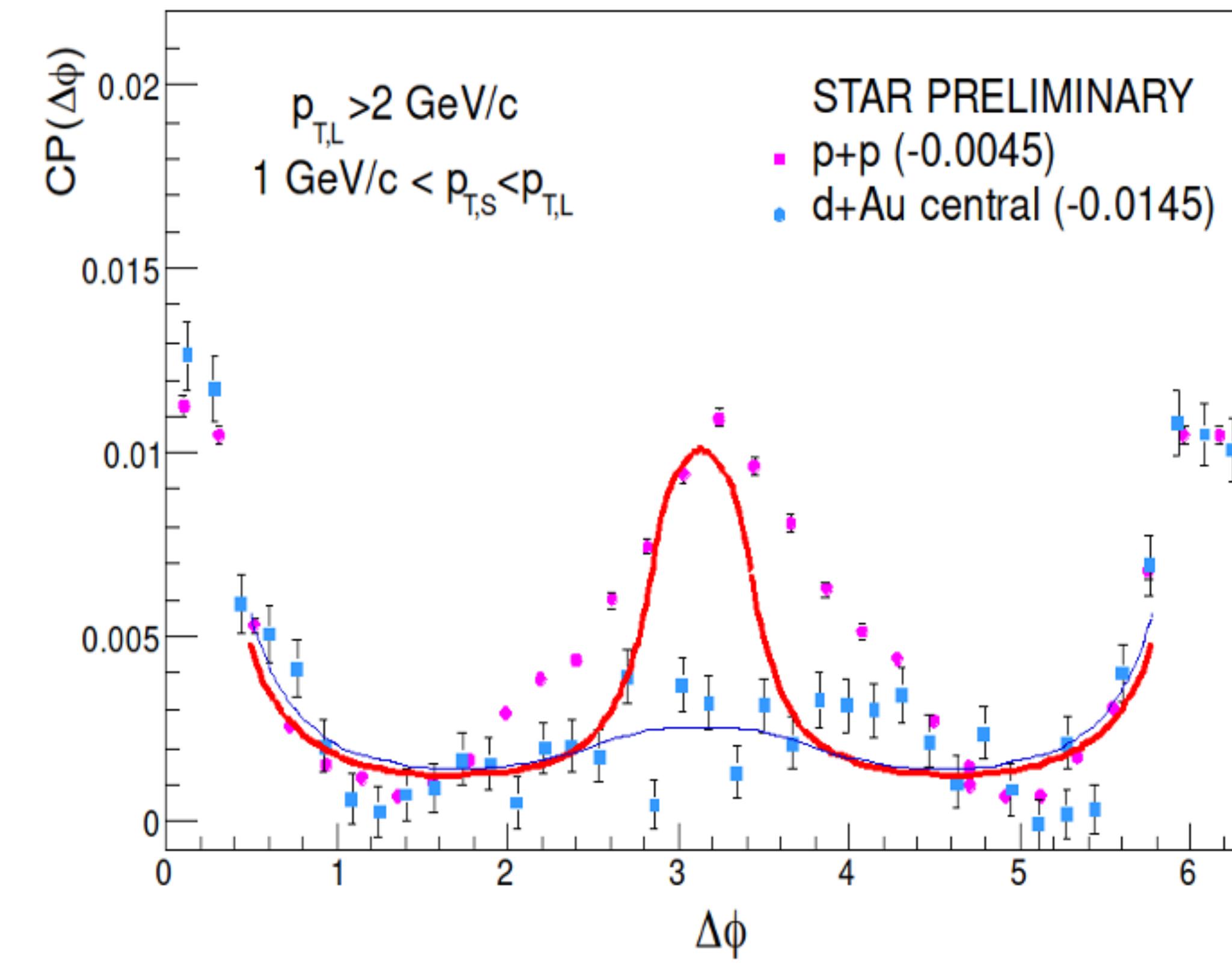
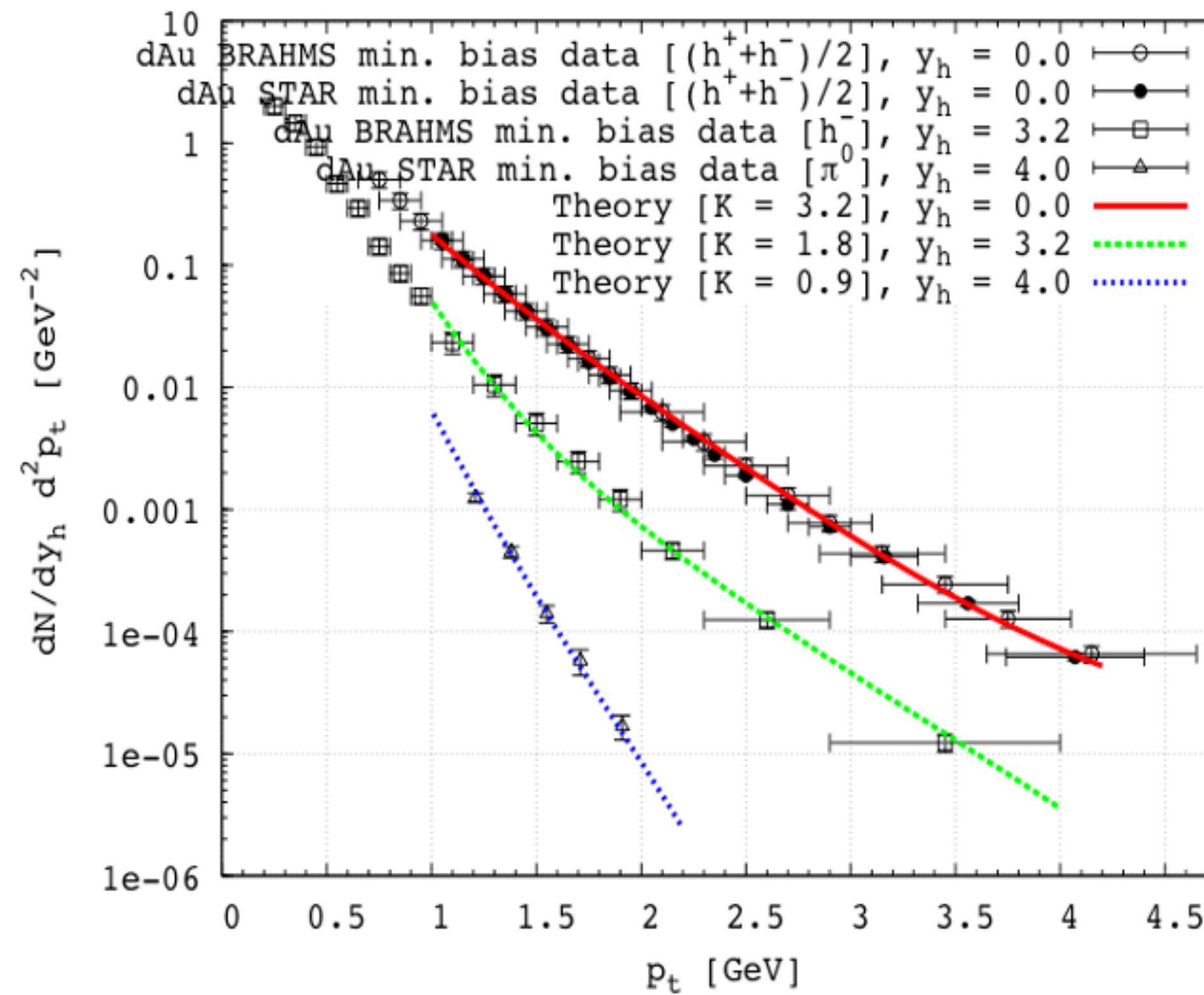
nuclear shadowing

suppression of p_t spectra

disappearance of back to back peaks

CGC at RHIC

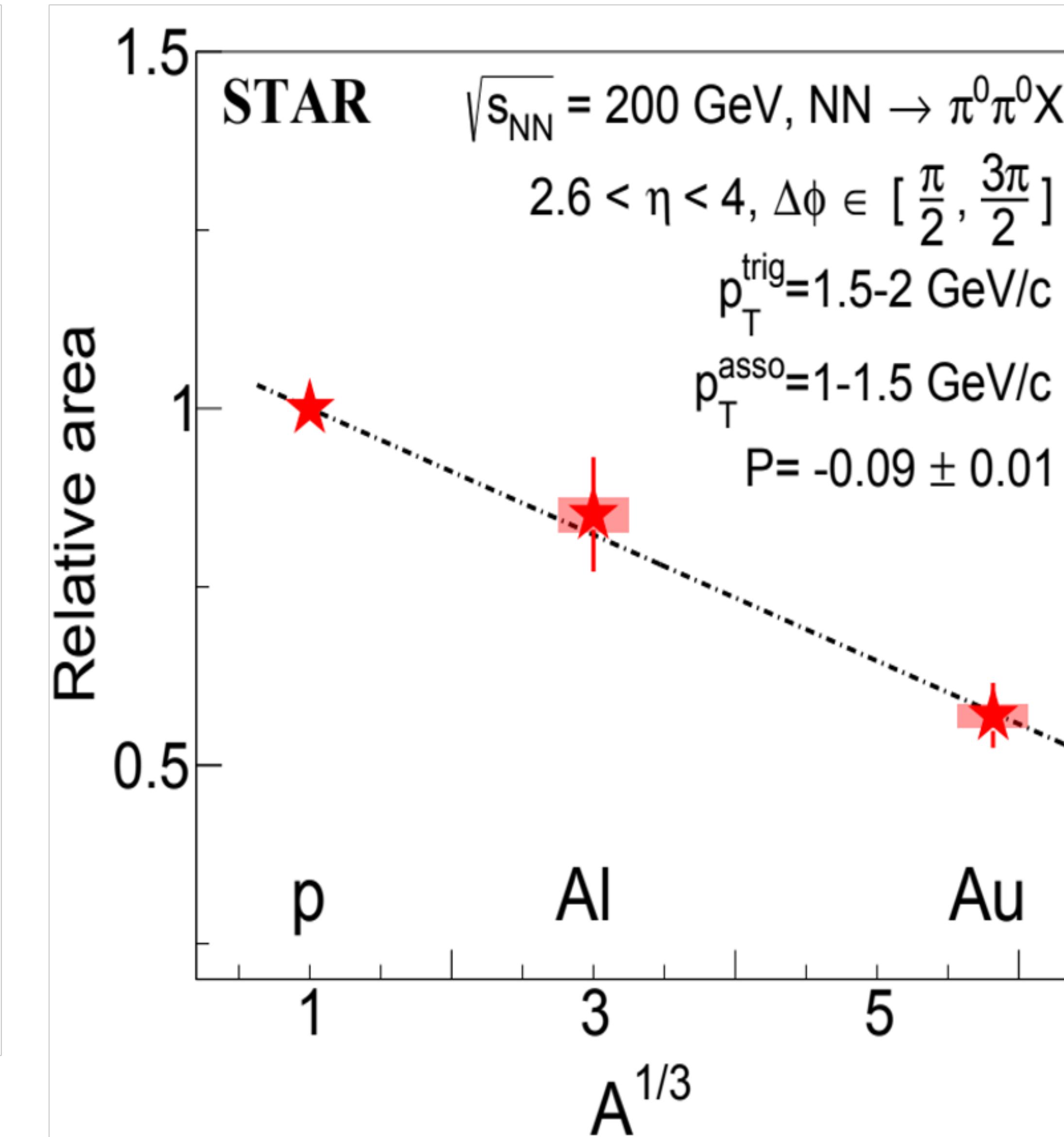
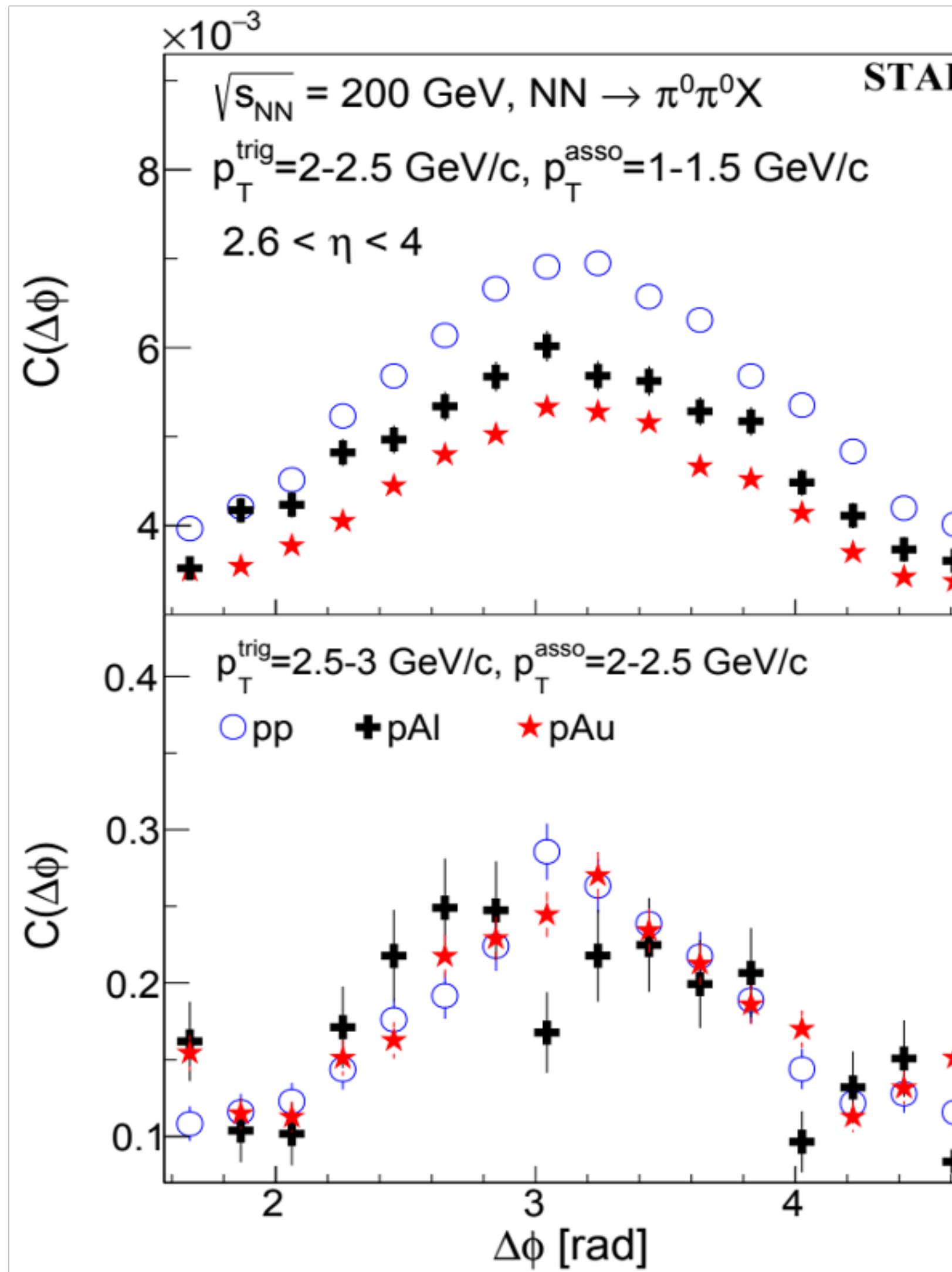
Single and double inclusive hadron production in dA collisions



Back to back hadron production in pA collisions: forward rapidity

STAR collaboration(2021)

arXiv:2111.10396



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

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),...⁸.....

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)

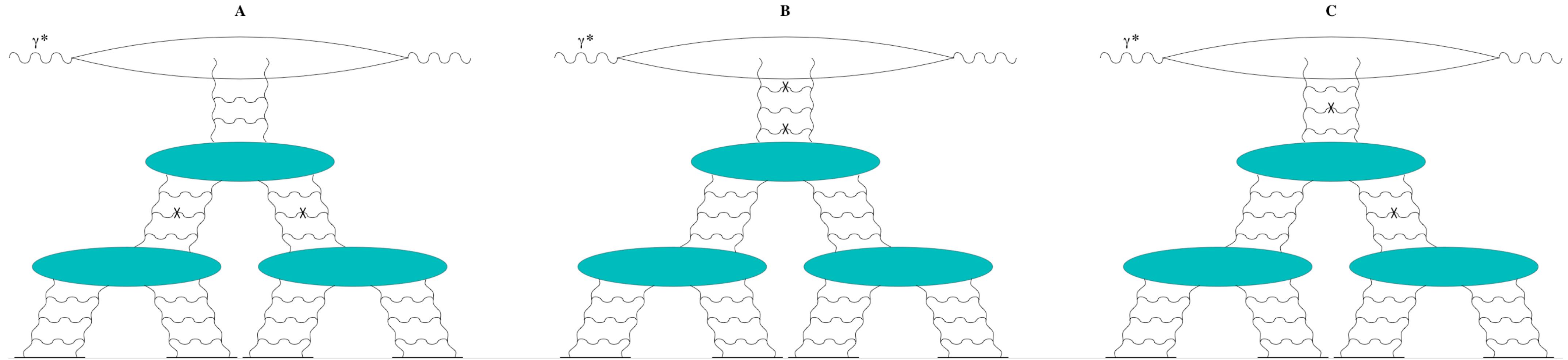
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Inclusive dihadron production in DIS at small x:

central vs forward rapidity

Inclusive dihadron production in midrapidity: LO

JJM, Yu. Kovchegov
PRD70 (2004) 114017



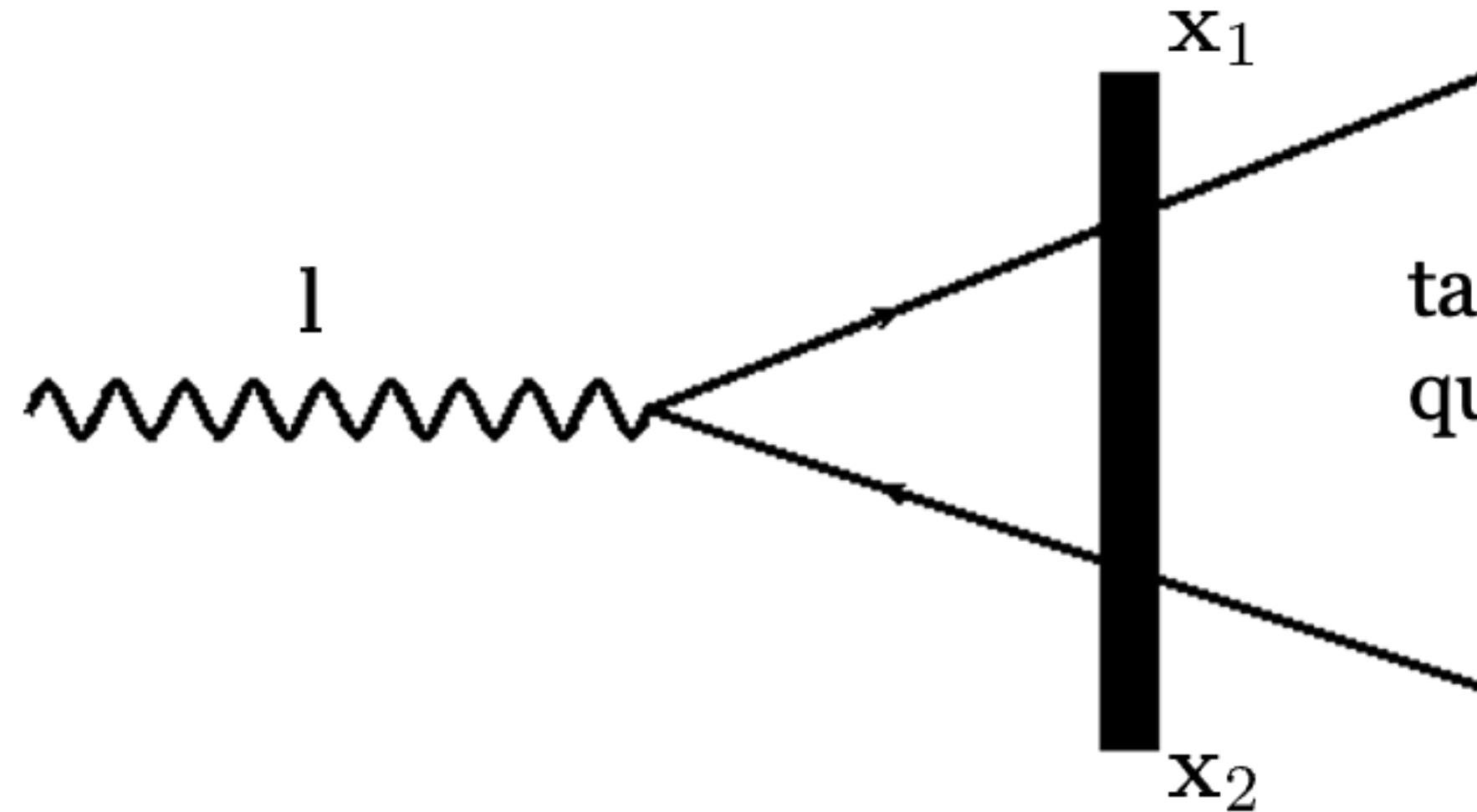
need a very large rapidity window

target is treated as a classical color field $\mathbf{A}_a^\mu = \delta^{\mu-} n^\mu S_a(x^+, \mathbf{x})$

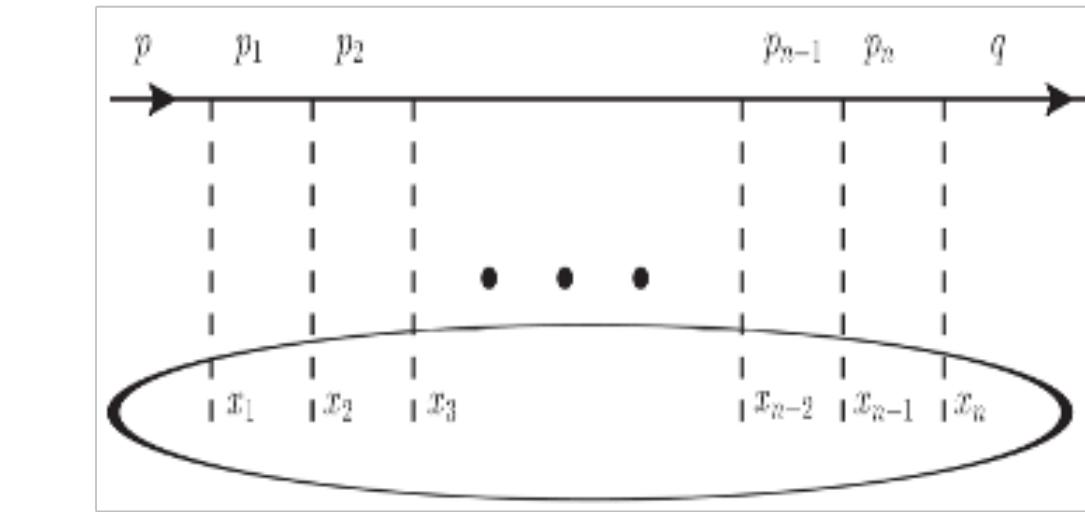
scatterings of gluons on the target encoded in Wilson lines $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}_1), U^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_2)$

leading log evolution included

Inclusive dihadron production in forward rapidity: LO



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



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

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

with

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

dipole $\mathbf{S}_{12} \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr } V(x_1) V^\dagger(x_2)$
 $\mathbf{x}_{12} \equiv \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$

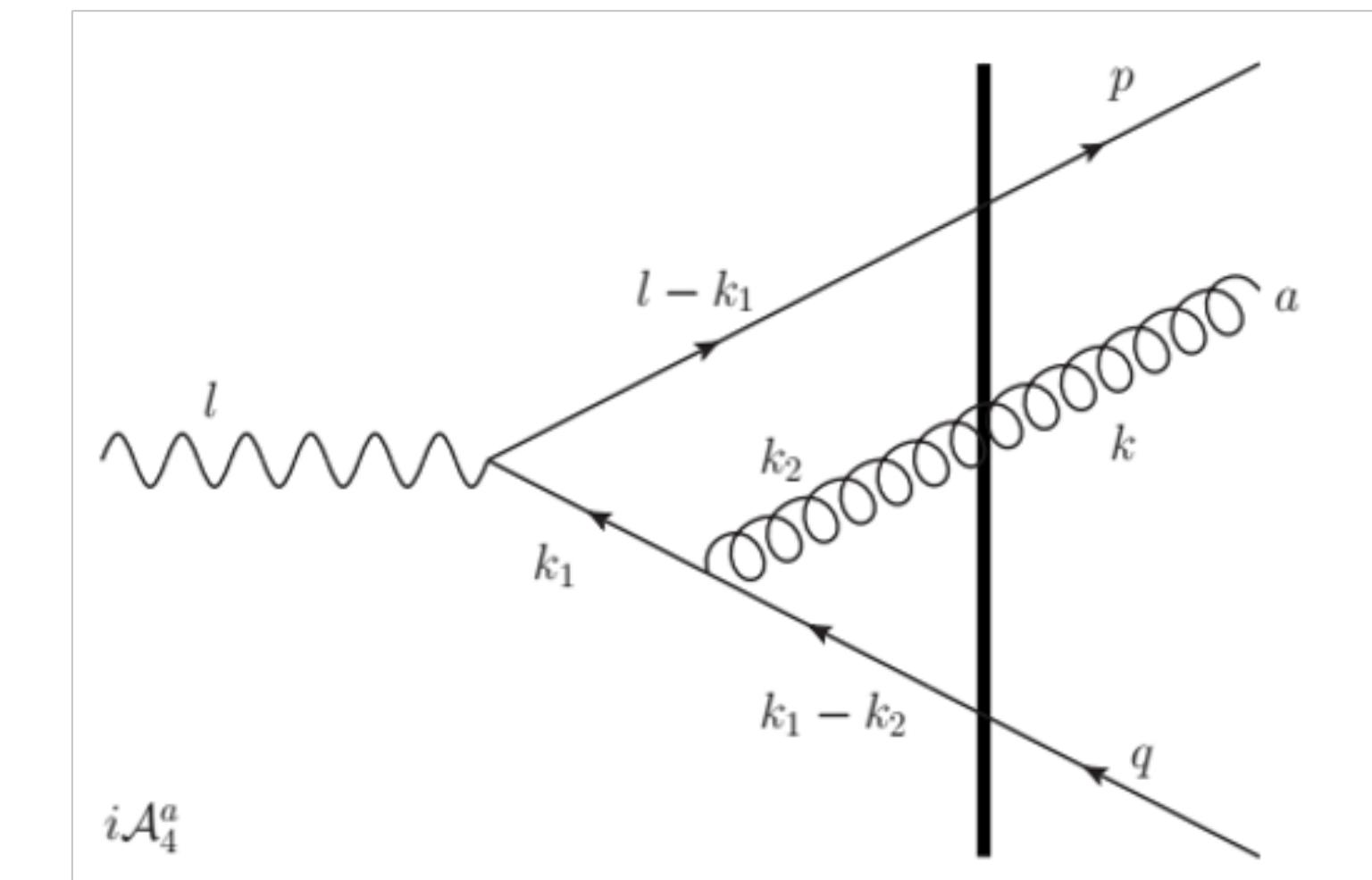
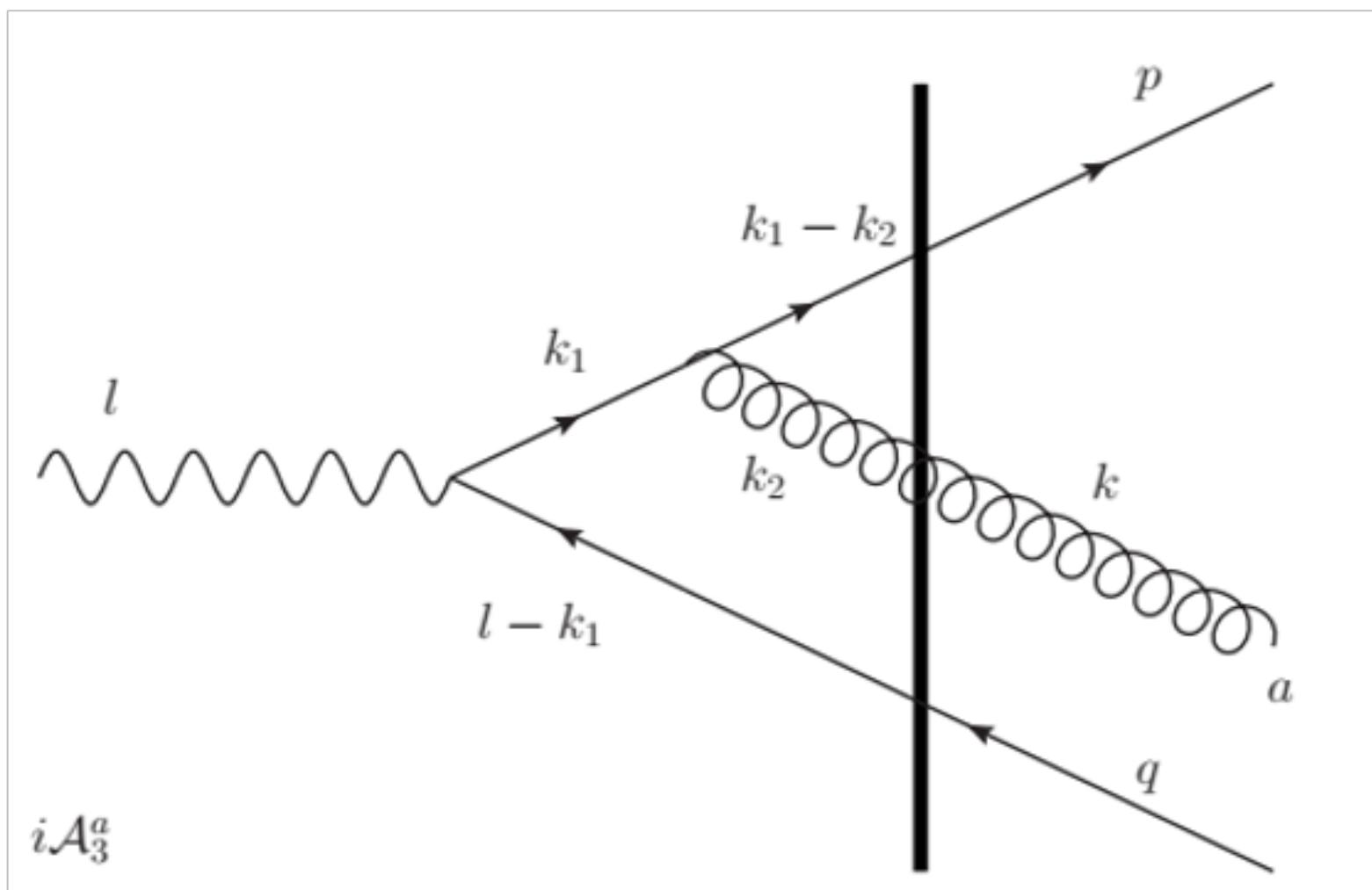
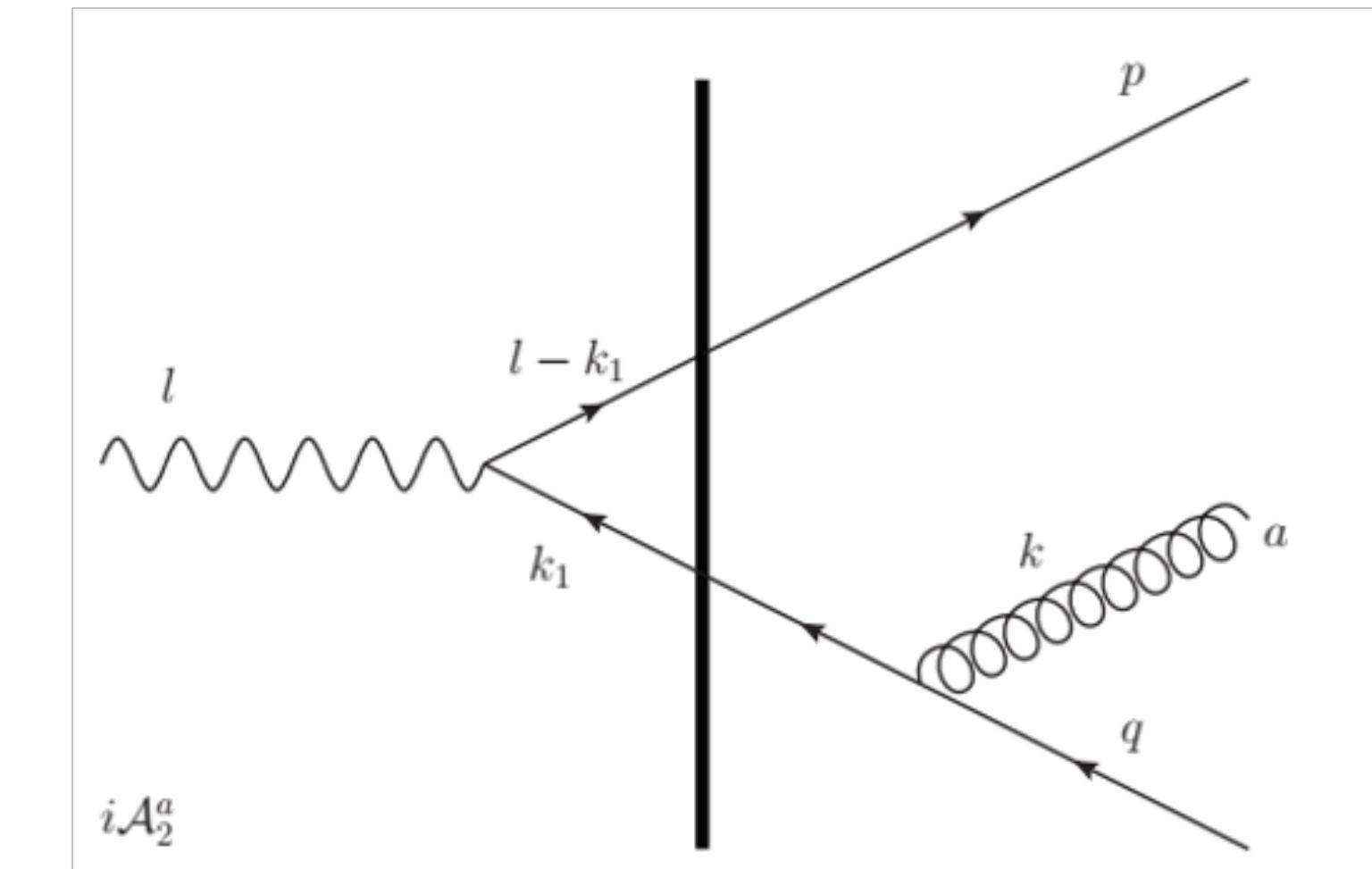
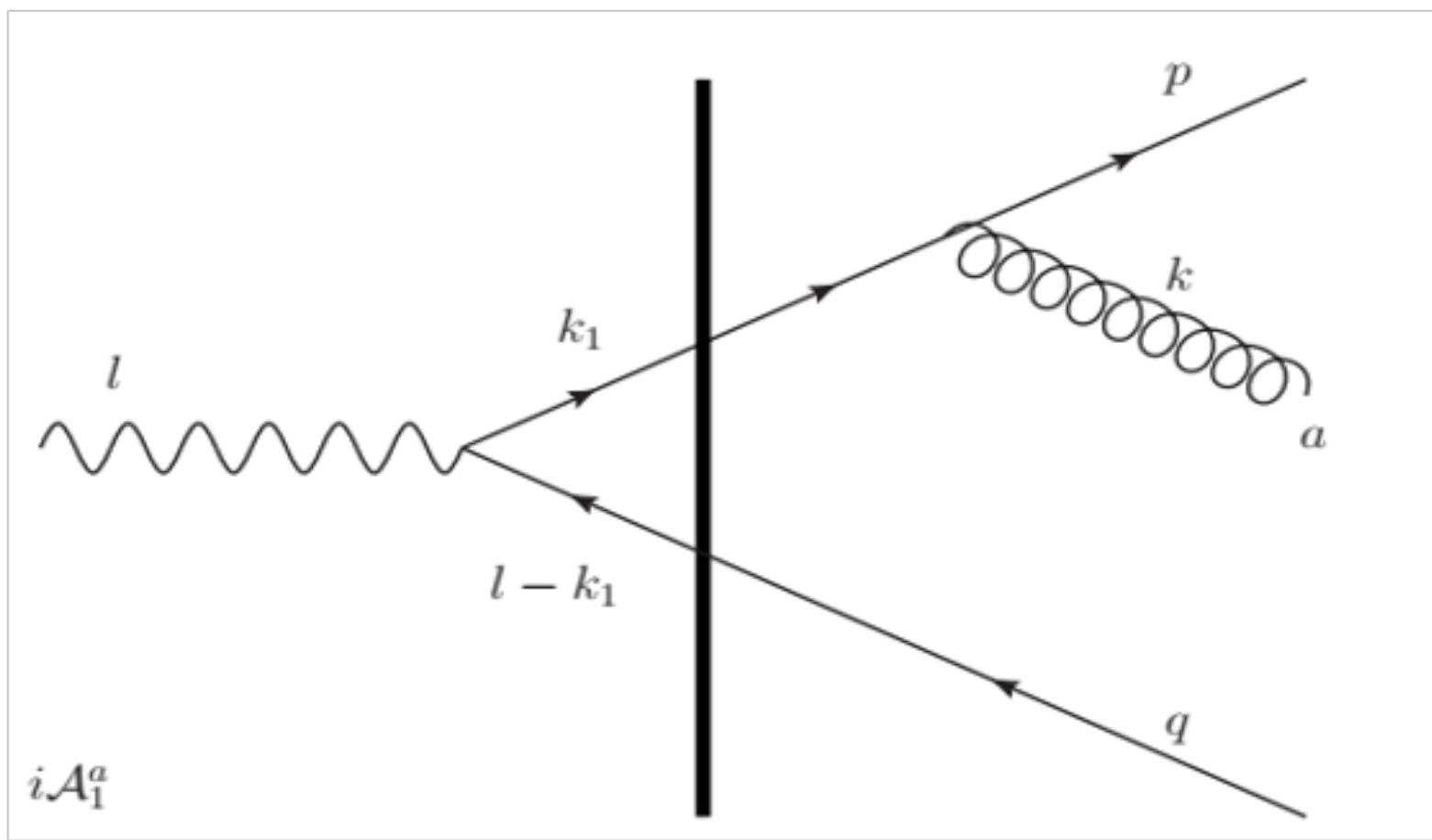
$$\left. (z_1^2 + z_2^2) \frac{x_{12} \cdot x_{1'2'}}{|x_{12}| |x_{1'2'}|} K_1(|x_{12}|Q_1) K_1(|x_{1'2'}|Q_1) \right\}$$

quadrupole

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

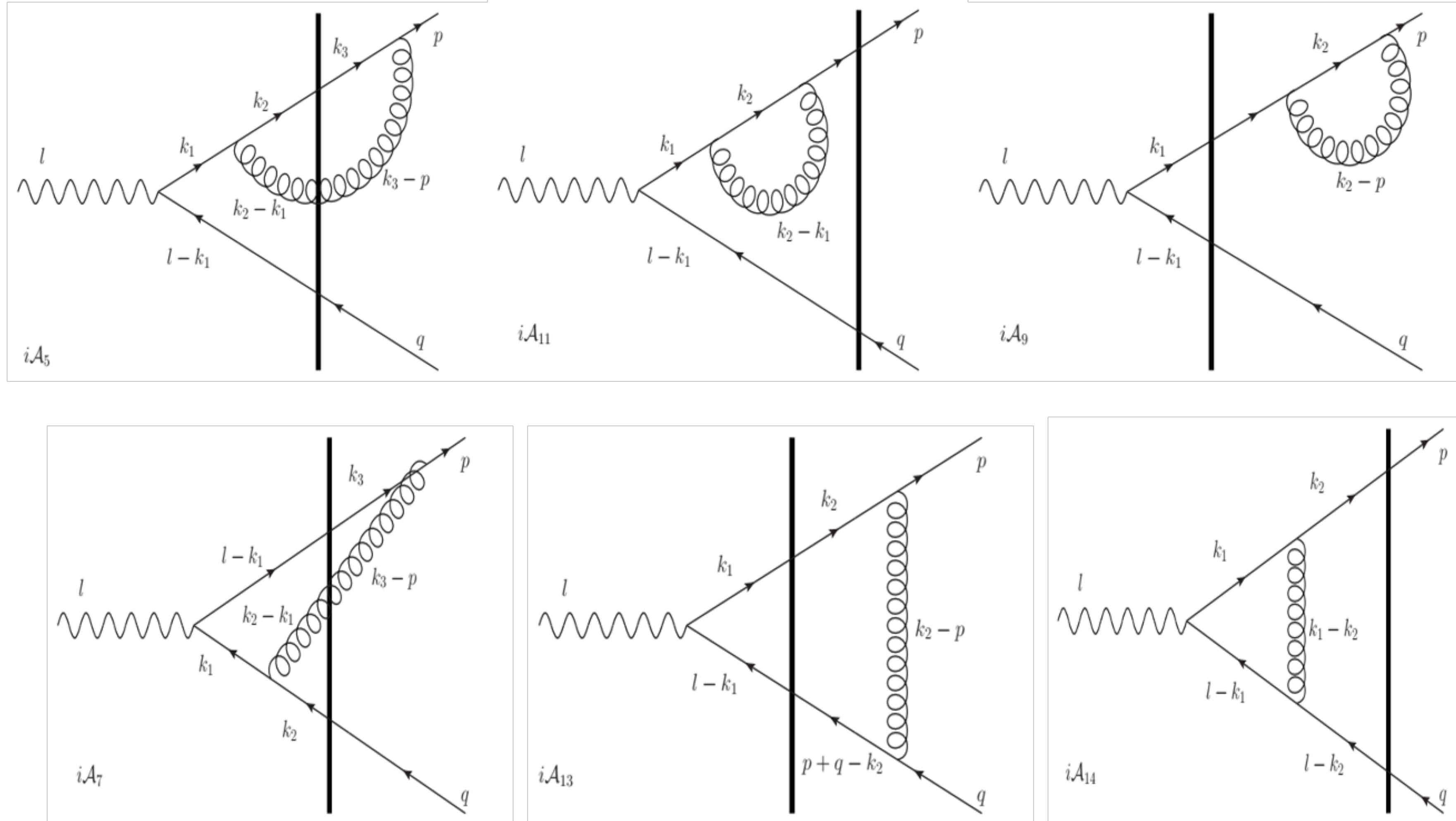
Only dipoles and quadrupoles contribute: DMXY, PRD 83¹²(2011) 105005

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](#)

Spinor helicity formalism: helicity amplitudes

Numerator	$\lambda_\gamma; \lambda_q, \lambda_g$	$N_i^{\lambda_\gamma; \lambda_q, \lambda_g}$
N_1	$L; +, +$	$-Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_2) \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2}$
	$L; +, -$	$-Q(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2)^2 \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2}$
	$+; +, +$	$-(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_2) \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$+; +, -$	$-\sqrt{z_1 z_2} (1 - z_2)^2 \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$+; -, +$	$(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2) \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$+; -, -$	$(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} \frac{[(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_1 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{p})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
N_2	$L; +, +$	$Q(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1)^2 \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2}$
	$L; +, -$	$Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_1) \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2}$
	$+; +, +$	$-(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1) \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$+; +, -$	$-(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$+; -, +$	$(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_1) \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
	$+; -, -$	$\sqrt{z_1 z_2} (1 - z_1)^2 \frac{[(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q}) \cdot \epsilon^*]}{(z_2 \mathbf{k} - z_3 \mathbf{q})^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon)$
N_3	$L; +, +$	$Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_2) \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1-z_2} \right)$
	$L; +, -$	$Q(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_2)^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1-z_2} \right)$
	$+; +, +$	$(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_2) \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1-z_2} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
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	$+; -, -$	$-(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} \left[\left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1-z_2} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon + \frac{\mathbf{k}_1^2 + z_2(1-z_2)Q^2}{2z_2(1-z_2)} \right]$
N_4	$L; +, +$	$-Q(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1)^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1-z_1} \right)$
	$L; +, -$	$-Q(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (1 - z_1) \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon^*}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon^*}{1-z_1} \right)$
	$+; +, +$	$(z_1)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_2} (1 - z_1) \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1-z_1} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
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	$+; -, +$	$-(z_2)^{3/2} \sqrt{z_1} (1 - z_1) \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \epsilon}{z_3} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon}{1-z_1} \right) \mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \epsilon$
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divergences

- ***Ultraviolet:***

Real corrections are UV finite

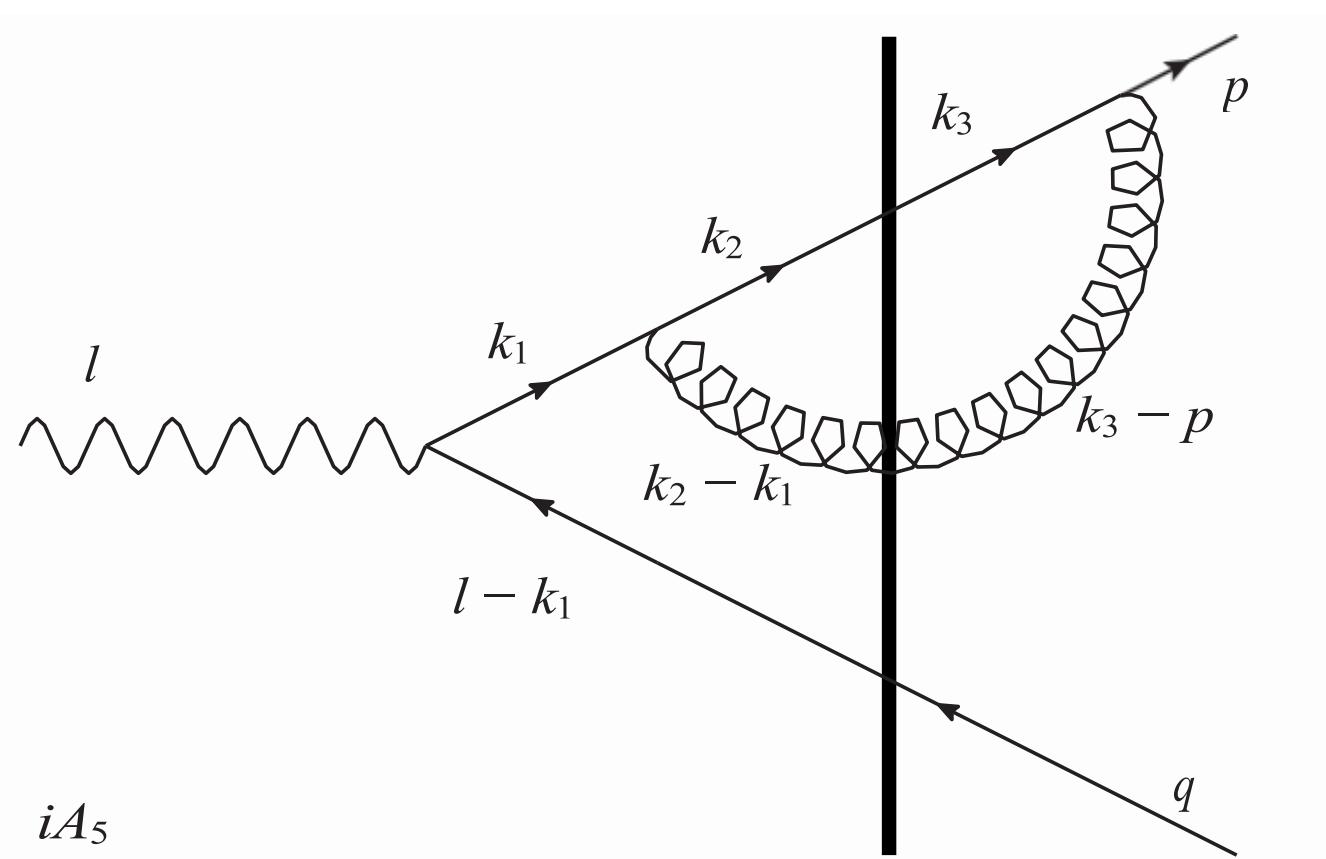
UV divergences cancel among virtual corrections

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

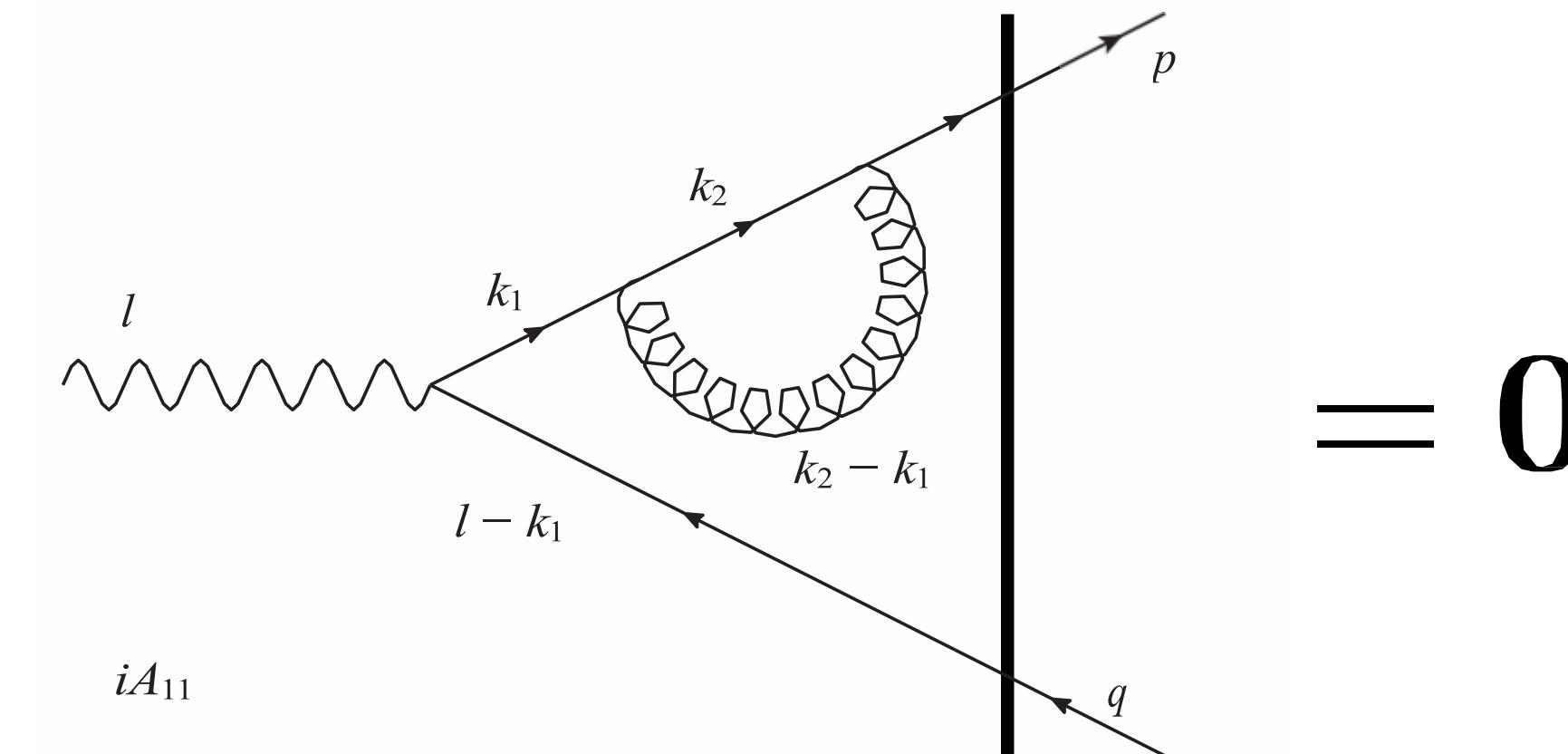
$$(d\sigma_5 + d\sigma_{11})_{UV} = 0$$

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

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



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divergences

- **Soft:**

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

Soft divergences cancel between real and virtual corrections

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

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

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

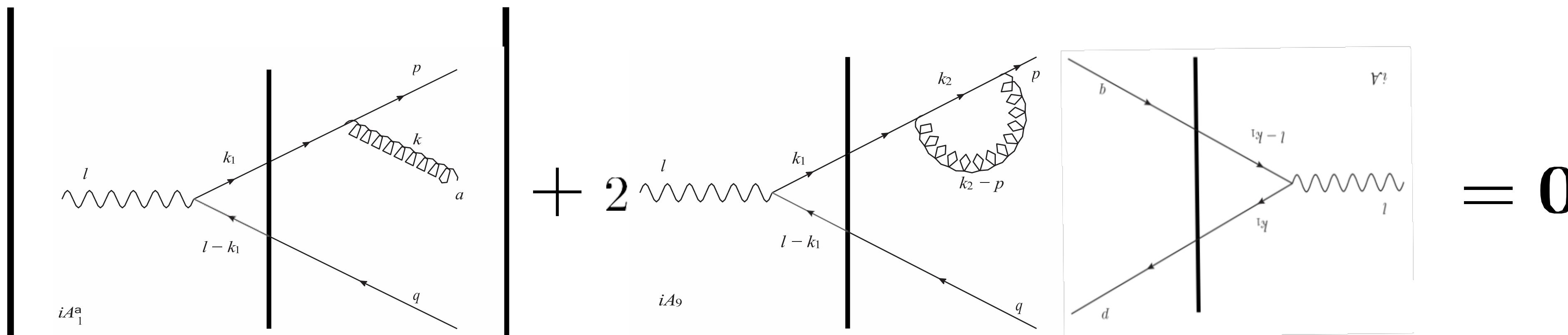
$$(d\sigma_{1-3} + d\sigma_{1-4})_{soft} = 0$$

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

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

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

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divergences

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^L}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 y_2} &= \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 (z_1 z_2)^3}{(2\pi)^{10}} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_1) \\ &e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{2'2}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\left(\tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} \right) S_{132'1'} S_{23} + \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{1'321} S_{2'3} \\ &+ \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{322'1'} S_{13} + \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} \right) S_{32'21} S_{1'3} \\ &- \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{11'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} \right) S_{122'1'} - \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{12} S_{1'2'} \\ &- \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{11'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{11'} S_{22'} - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{12} (S_{13} S_{23} - S_{12}) - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} (S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{1'2'}) \end{aligned} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

JIMWLK evolution of quadrupoles

JIMWLK evolution of dipoles

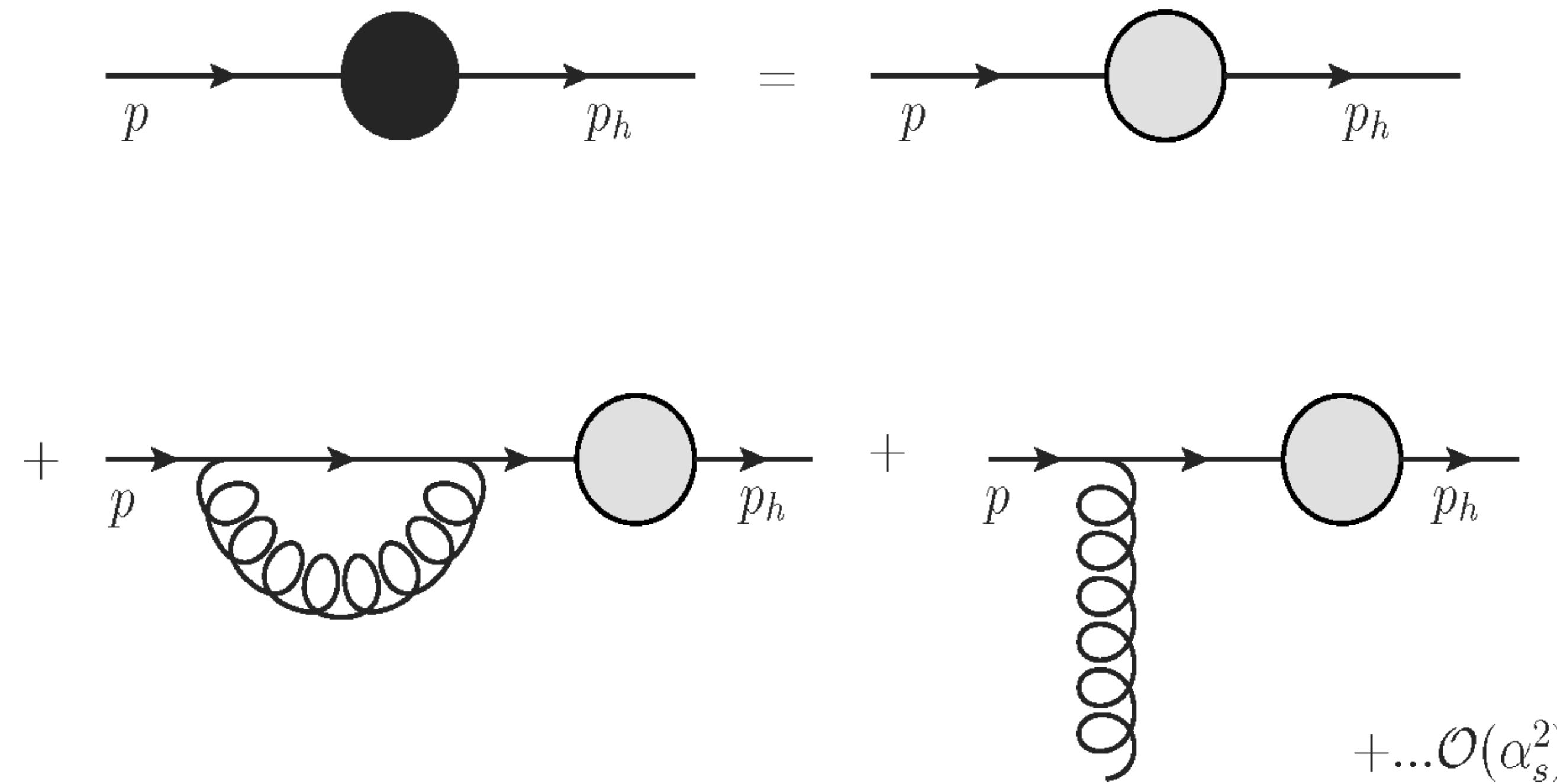
$$\tilde{\Delta}_{12} \equiv \frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2 (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2}$$

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

$$D_{h_1/q}(z_{h1}, \mu^2) = \int_{z_{h1}}^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} D_{h_1/q}^0 \left(\frac{z_{h1}}{\xi} \right) \left[\delta(1 - \xi) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(\xi) \log \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \right]$$

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

- Collinear

- collinear divergences are absorbed into fragmentation functions

- Rapidity

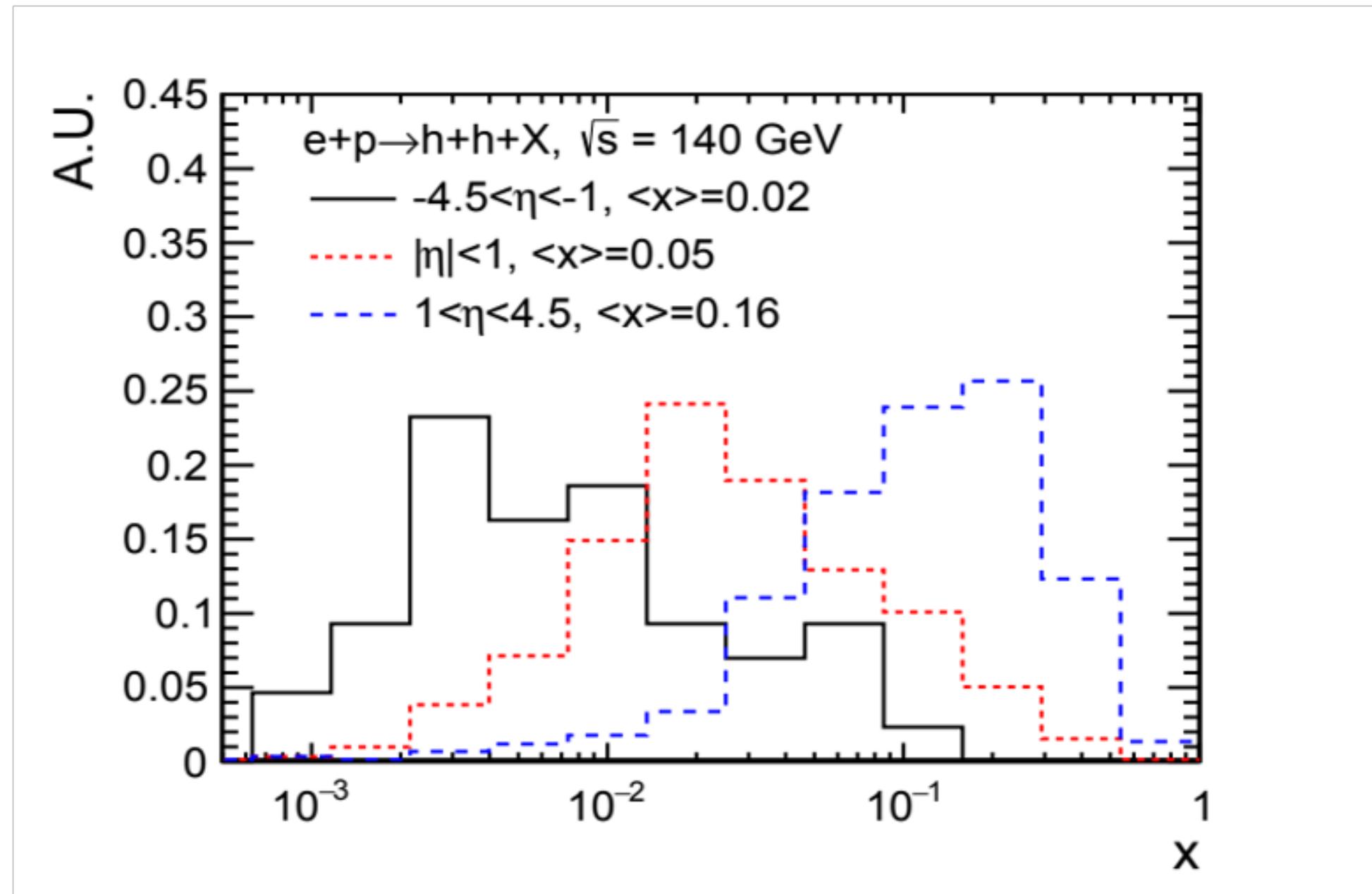
- Rapidity divergences are absorbed into JIMWLK evolution of dipoles and quadrupoles

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

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

Dihadron/dijets kinematics at EIC

Larger kinematic phase space
than dihadrons



Sudakov can be avoided(?)

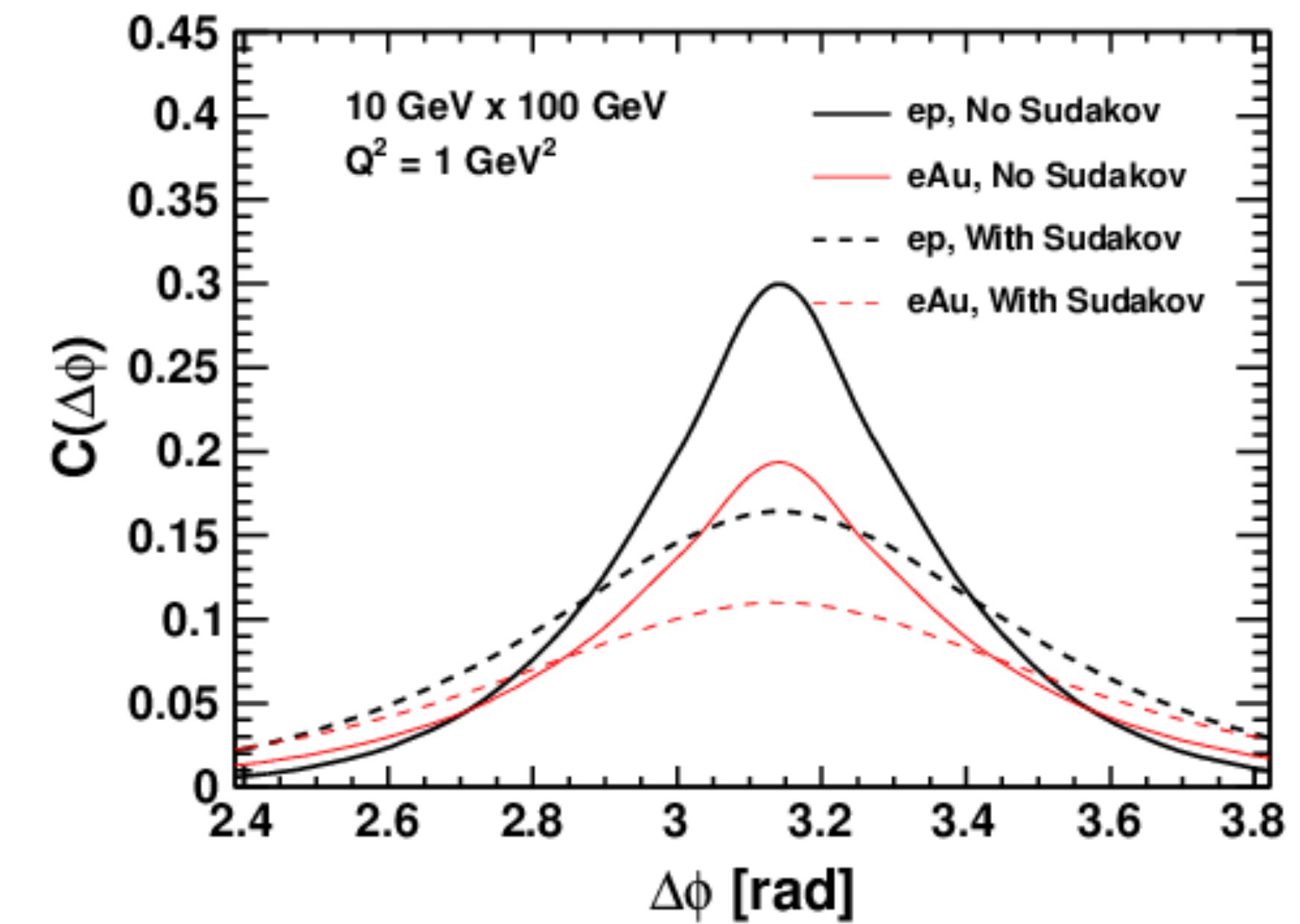


Fig courtesy of Xiaoxuan Chu

Zheng, Aschenauer,Lee,Xiao, arXiv:1403.2413

SIDIS at small x: NLO corrections

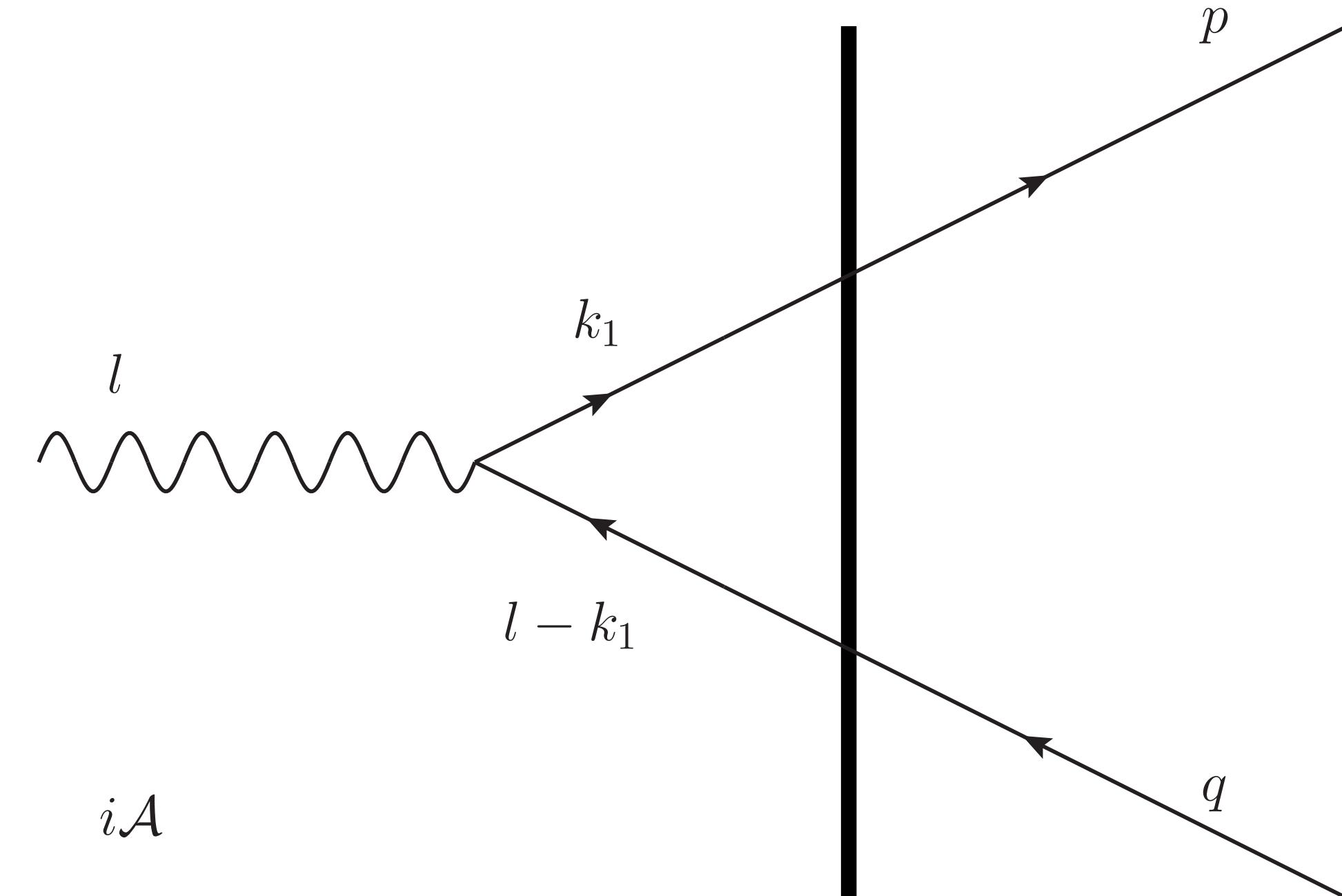
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Forward rapidity

LO:

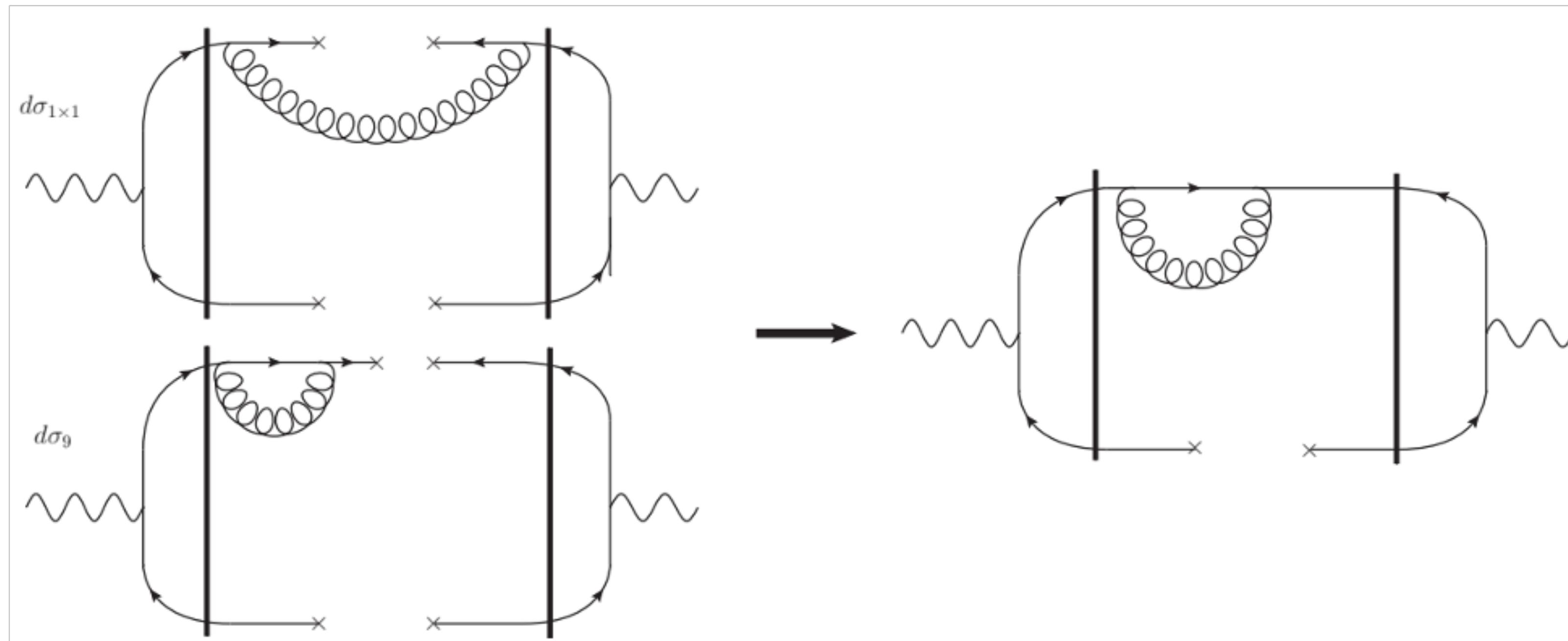
integrate over final state antiquark



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

Single inclusive hadron production in DIS at small x: NLO

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



Single inclusive hadron production in DIS at small x: NLO

all terms with quadrupoles cancel; only dipoles contribute to the cross section

cancellations of divergences as before

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

phenomenology: need to consider hadronization of any of the 3 partons

consider hadronization of the gluon

Gluon production

integrate out both quark and antiquark

finite N_c corrections included

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma_{1\times 1}^L}{d^2\mathbf{k} dy} &= 4 \frac{e^2 Q^2 g^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^6} C_F \int dz_1 dz_2 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z) z_2^2 (1 - z_2)^2 [z_1^2 + (1 - z_2)^2] \\
 &\quad \int d^6 \mathbf{x} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2}|Q_2) [S_{11'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2} + 1] \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}}}{[z\mathbf{p} - z_1\mathbf{k}]^2} \\
 \frac{d\sigma_{2\times 2}^L}{d^2\mathbf{k} dy} &= 4 \frac{e^2 Q^2 g^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^6} C_F \int dz_1 dz_2 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z) z_1^2 (1 - z_1)^2 [z_2^2 + (1 - z_1)^2] \\
 &\quad \int d^6 \mathbf{x} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{22'}} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12'}|Q_1) [S_{22'} - S_{12} - S_{12'} + 1] \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{22'}}}{[z\mathbf{q} - z_2\mathbf{k}]^2} \\
 \frac{d\sigma_{1\times 2}^L}{d^2\mathbf{k} dy} &= 4 \frac{e^2 Q^2 g^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^6} \int dz_1 dz_2 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z) \left[\frac{z_1(1 - z_1)z_2(1 - z_2)}{z} \right] \left[\frac{z_1(1 - z_1) + z_2(1 - z_2)}{z} \right] \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^8 \mathbf{x} \frac{\mathbf{x}_{1'1} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{2'2}}{\mathbf{x}_{1'1}^2 \mathbf{x}_{2'2}^2} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_1) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot[\mathbf{x}_{2'1} + \frac{z_1}{z}\mathbf{x}_{1'1} + \frac{z_2}{z}\mathbf{x}_{2'2}]} \\
 &\quad \left[\frac{N_c}{2} S_{12} S_{1'2'} + C_F [1 - S_{12} - S_{2'1'}] - \frac{1}{2N_c} S_{122'1'} \right] \\
 &+ \dots \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Gluon hadronizing

$$\begin{aligned}
k_h^+ \frac{d\sigma}{d^2 \mathbf{k}_h dk_h^+} = & \frac{8e^2 Q^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{dz_h}{z_h^2} z^3 (1-z)^2 \int d^6 \mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12'}|Q_2) [S_{22'} - S_{12} - S_{12'} + 1] \\
& e^{i \frac{\mathbf{k}_h \cdot \mathbf{x}_{22'}}{z_h}} \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi} D_{h/g}^{(0)}\left(\frac{z_h}{\xi}\right) C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} P_{gq}(\xi) \log \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2} \\
& + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

with $z \equiv \frac{k_h^+}{z_h l^+}$ and $P_{gq}(\xi) = \frac{1 + (1 - \xi)}{\xi}$

this can be combined with quark hadronizing contributions

$$d\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow hX} = d\sigma_{LO} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + d\sigma_{LO} \otimes [D_{h/q}(z_h, \mu^2) + D_{h/g}(z_h, \mu^2)] + d\sigma_{NLO}^{\text{finite}}$$

so far: SIDIS for longitudinal photons

work on transverse photons is almost complete (see also Caucal, Salazar, arXiv:2401.01934)

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, ...

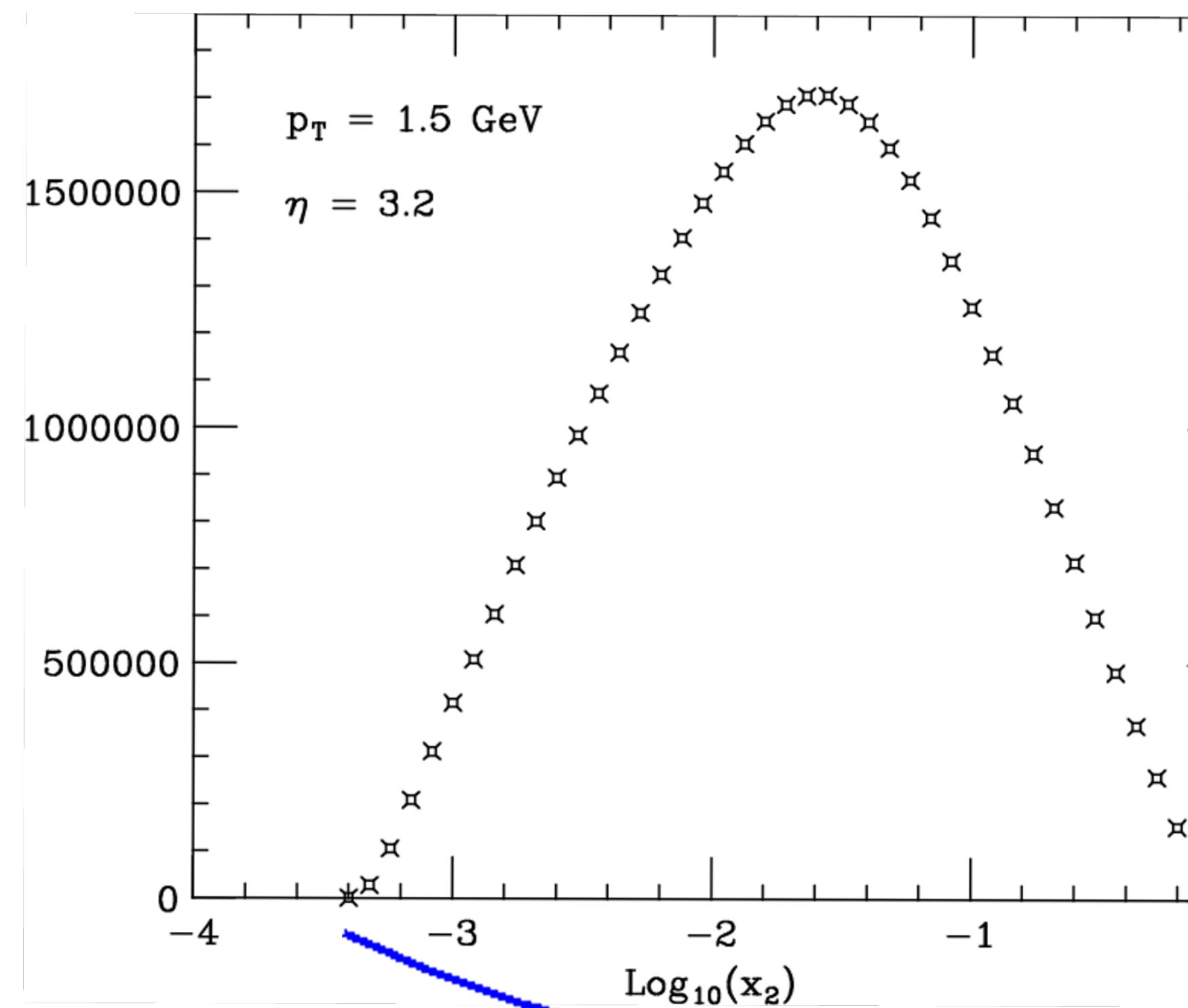
CGC is limited to small x (low p_t)

How good is eikonal approximation?

Single inclusive pion production in pp at RHIC

collinear factorization

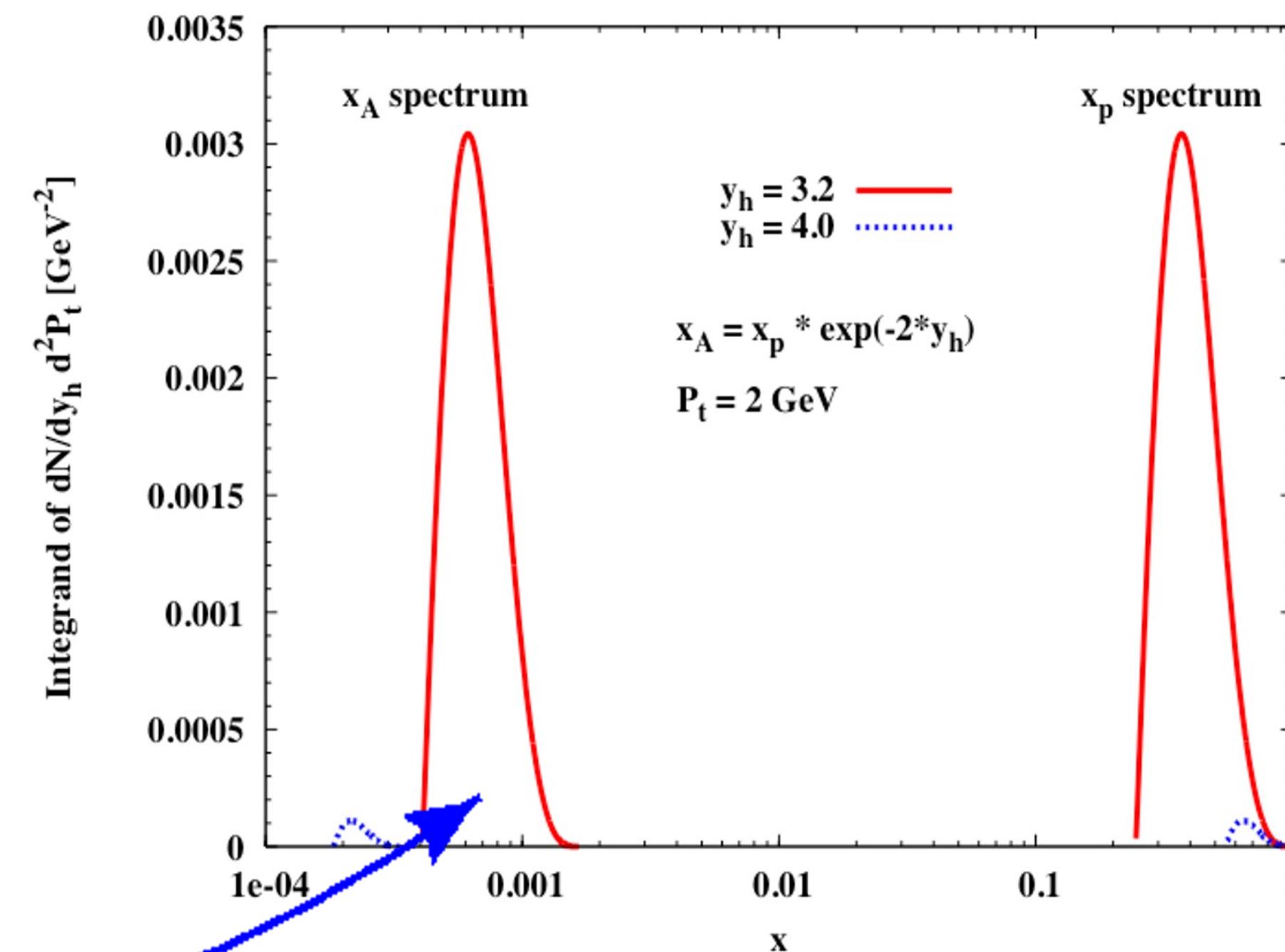
GSV, PLB603 (2004) 173-183



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

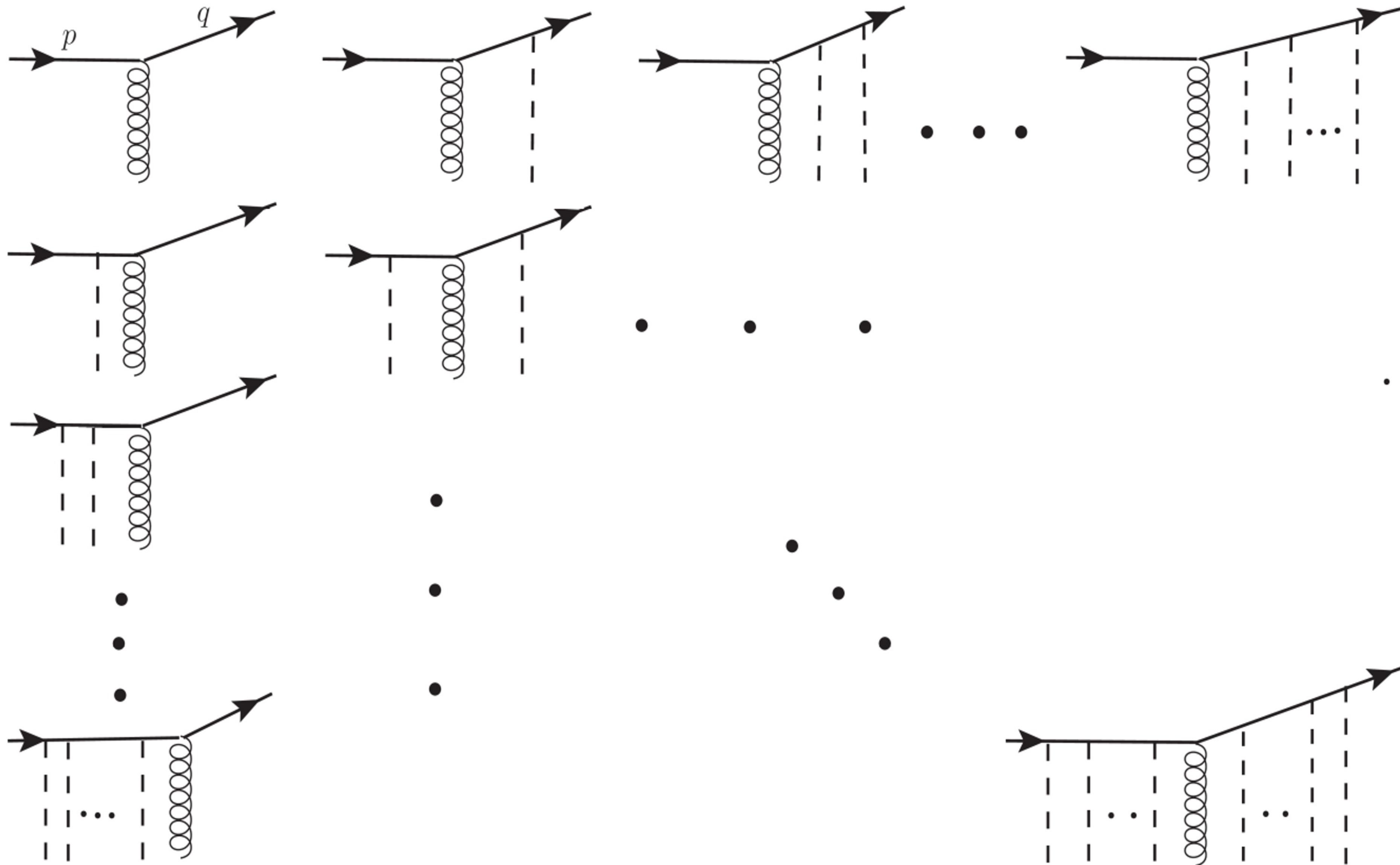
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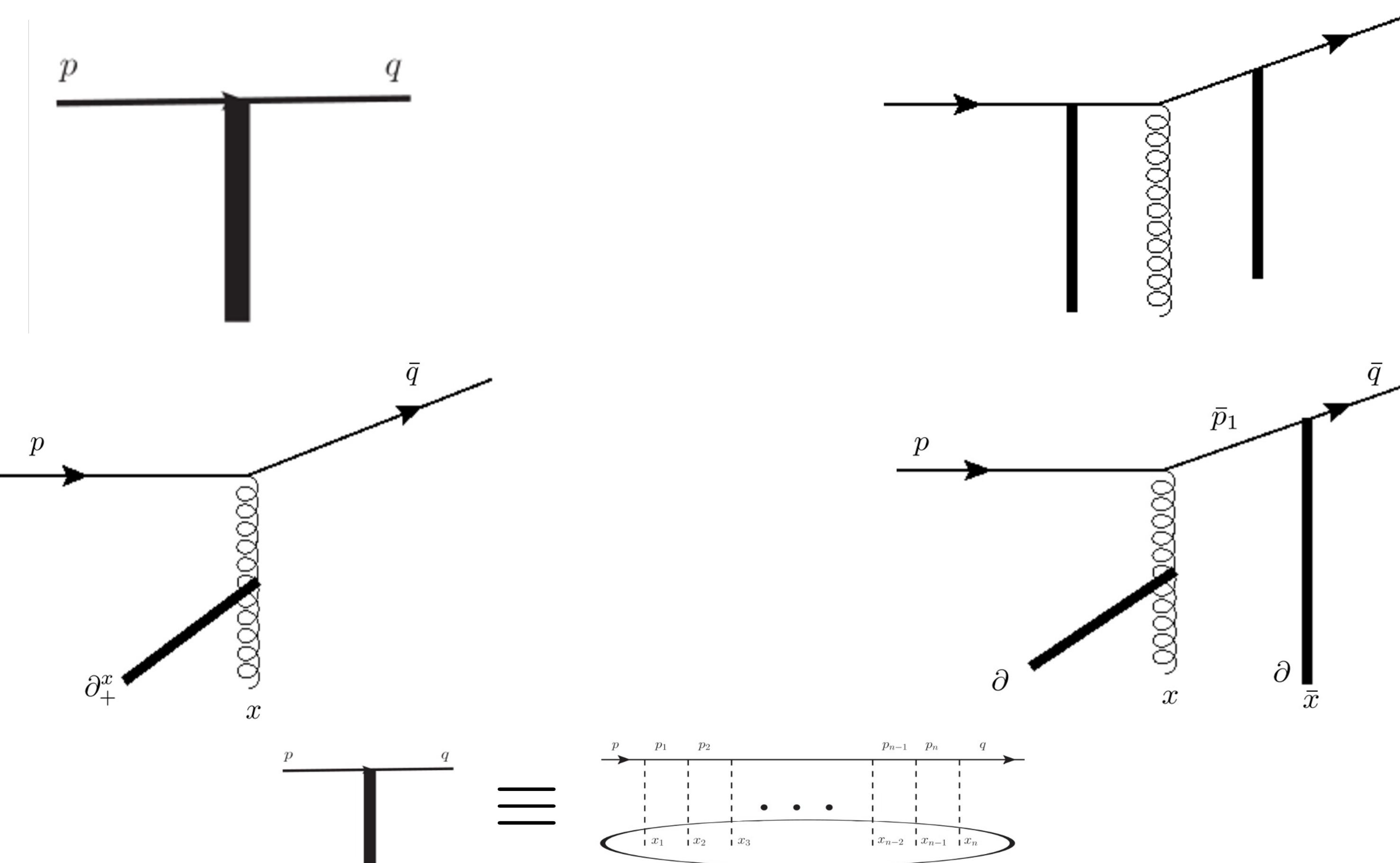
which kinematics are we in?





full amplitude:

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

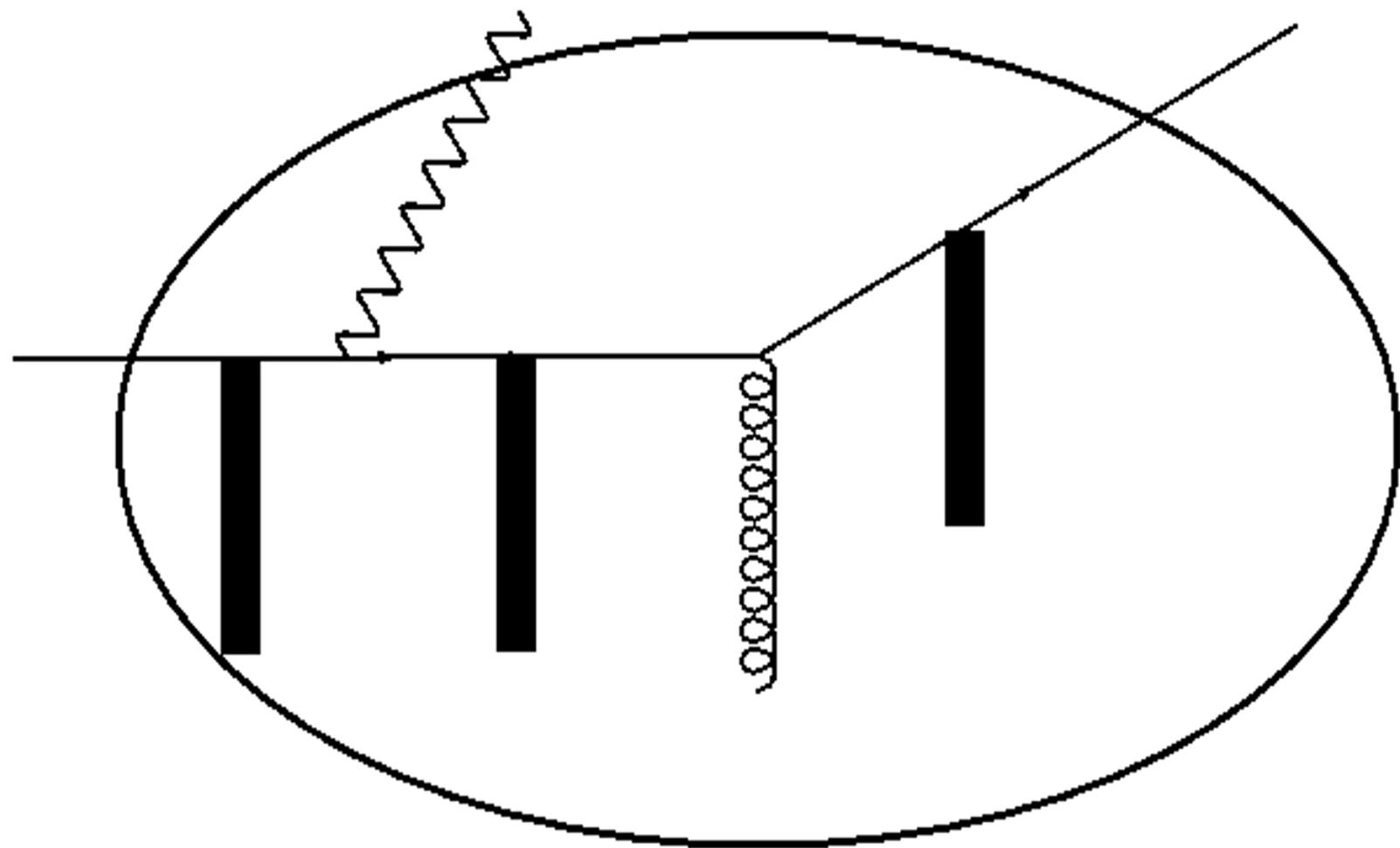


soft (eikonal) limit:

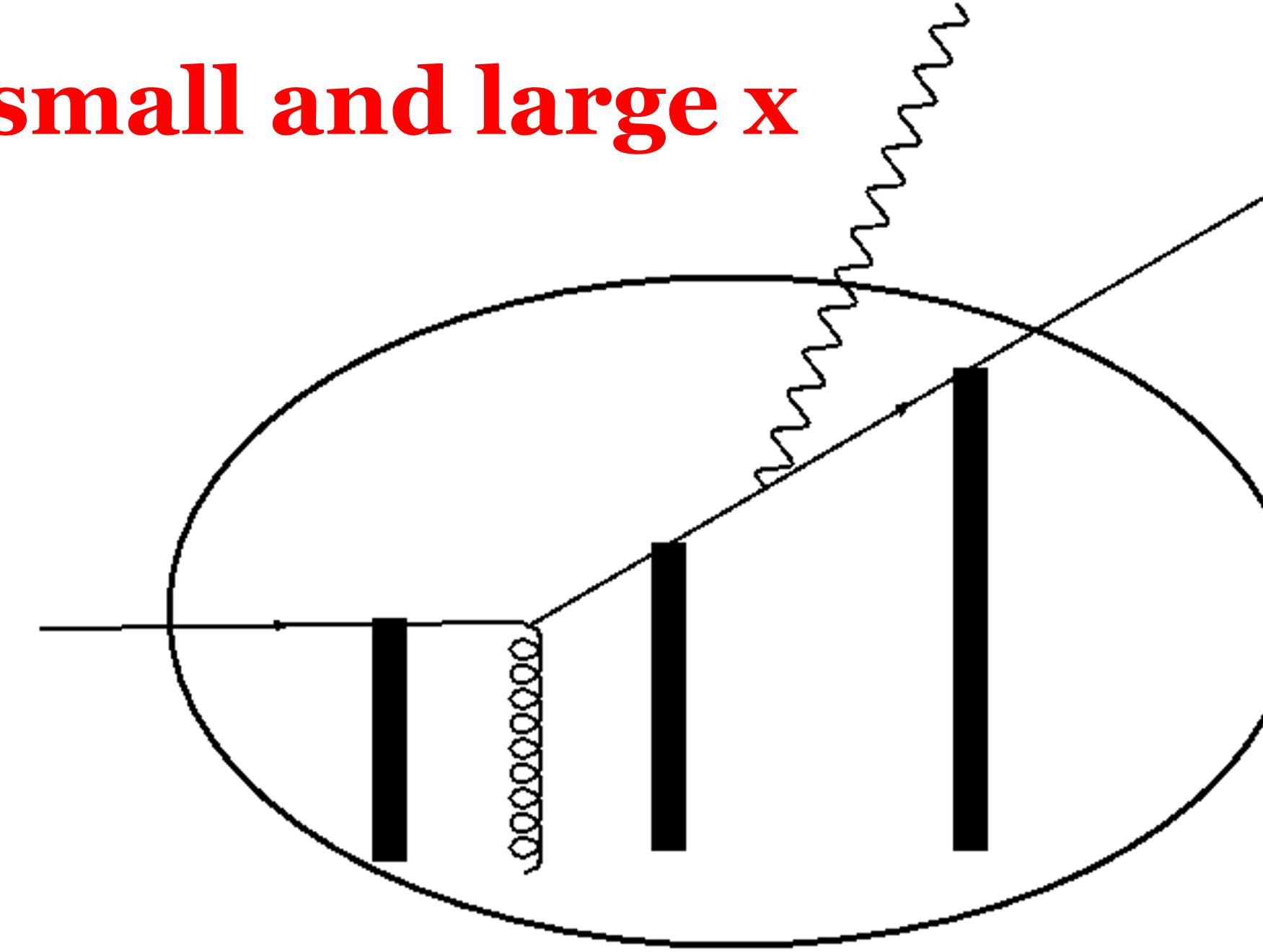
$$A^\mu(x) \rightarrow n^- S(x^+, x_t) \quad n \cdot \bar{q} \rightarrow n \cdot p$$

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

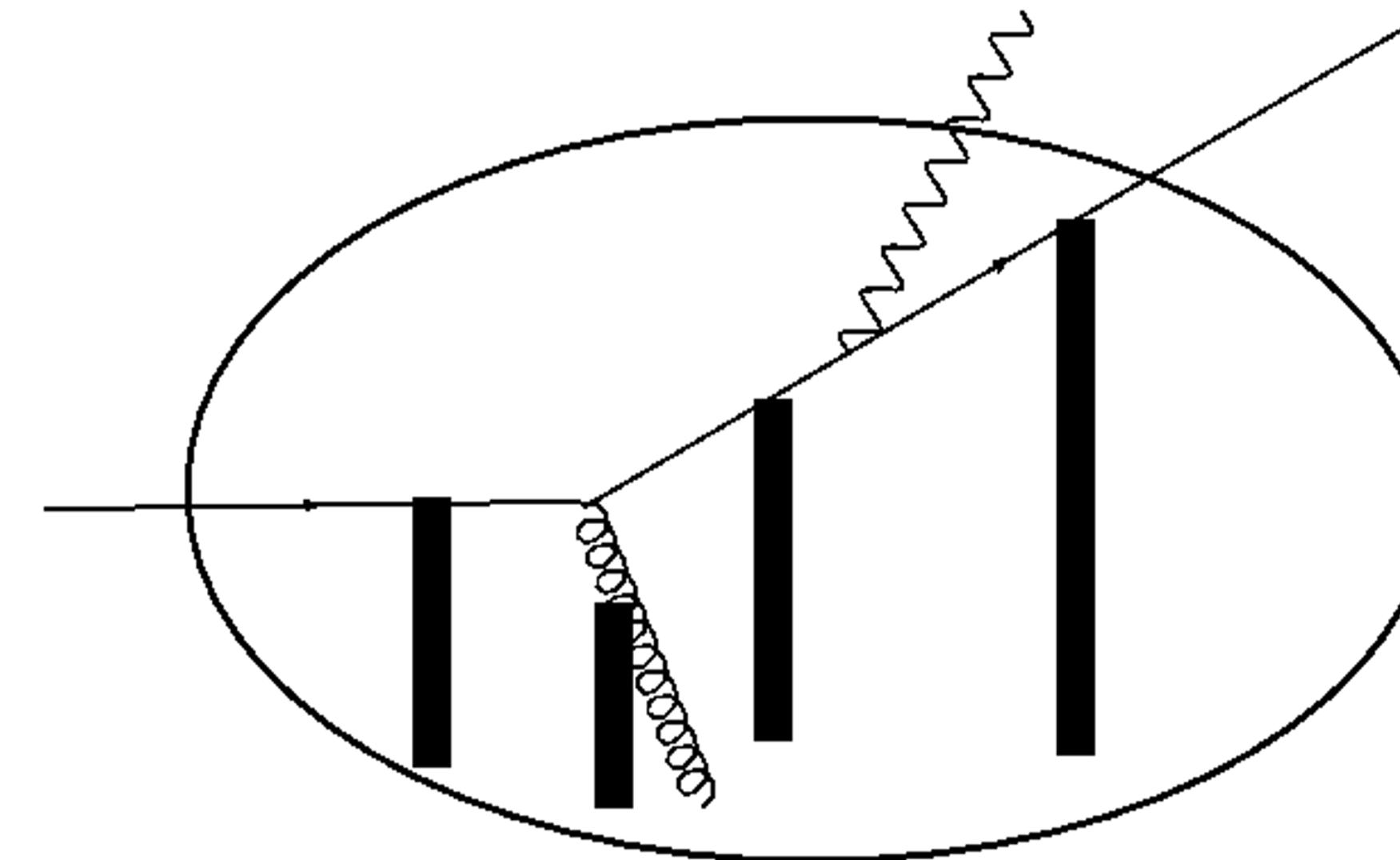
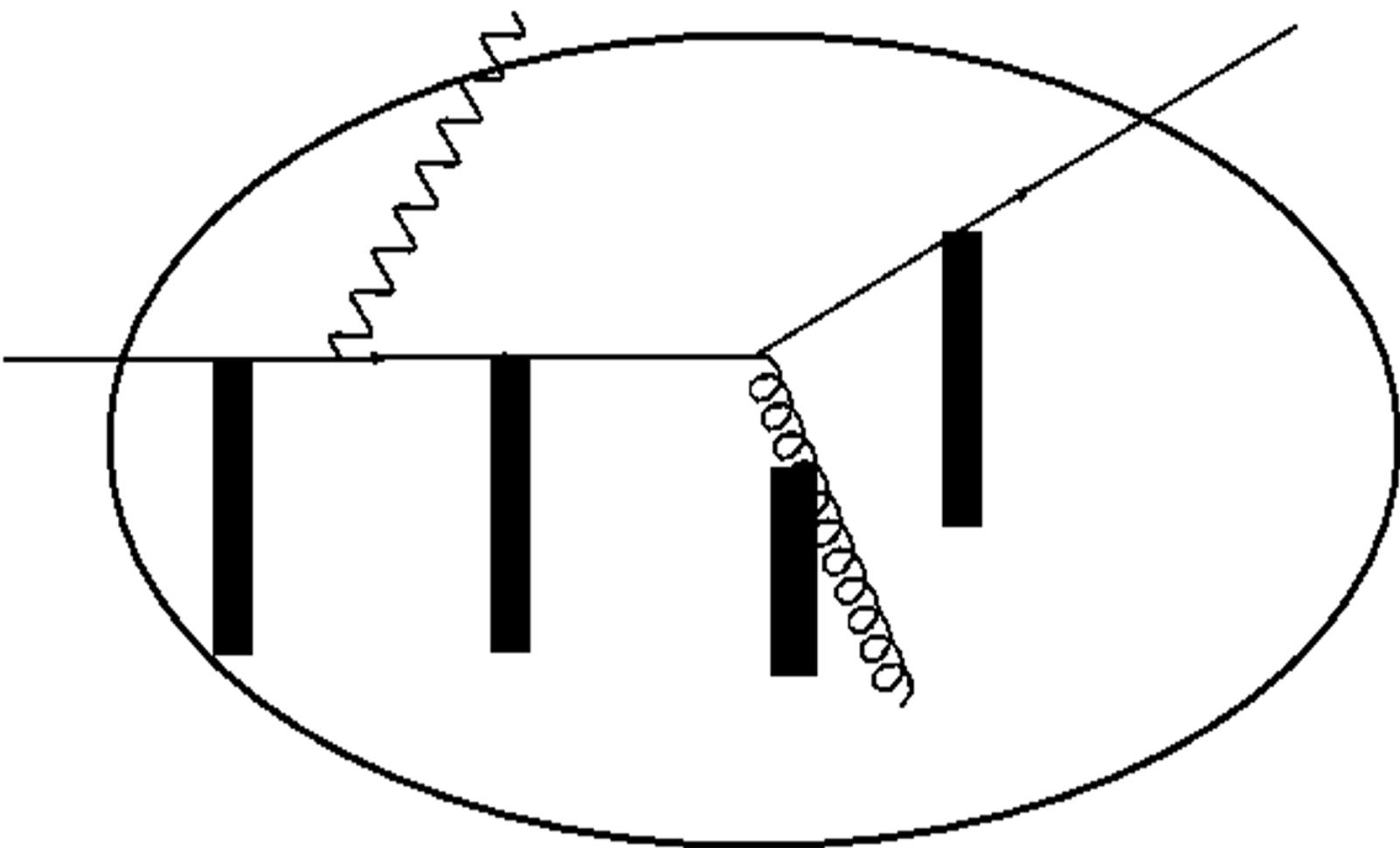
photon production: both small and large x



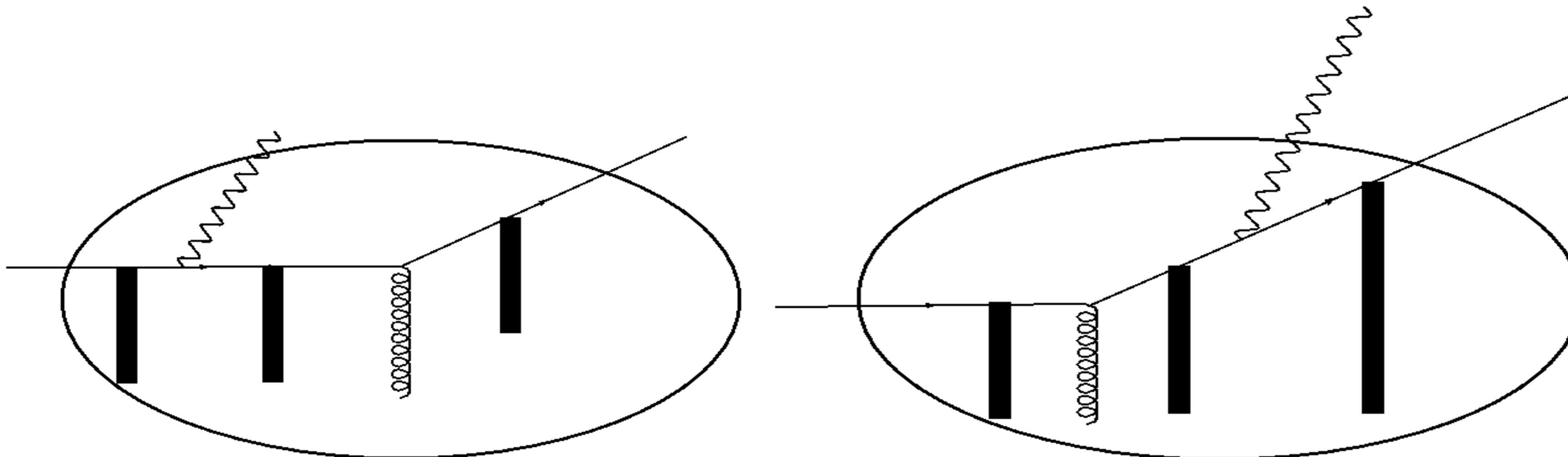
before hard scattering



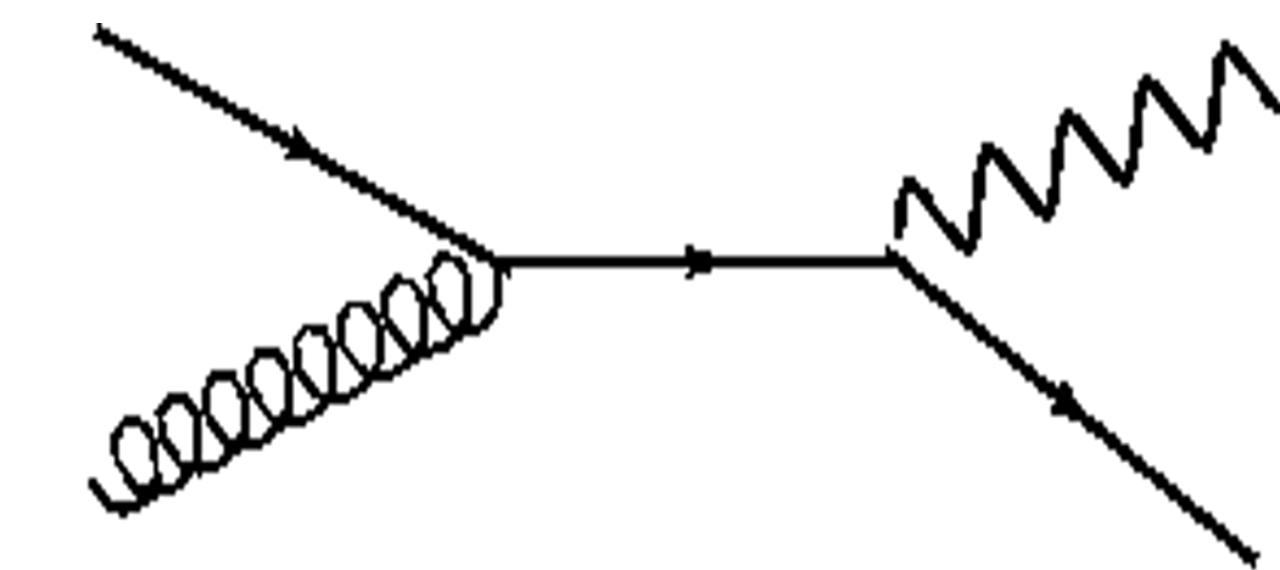
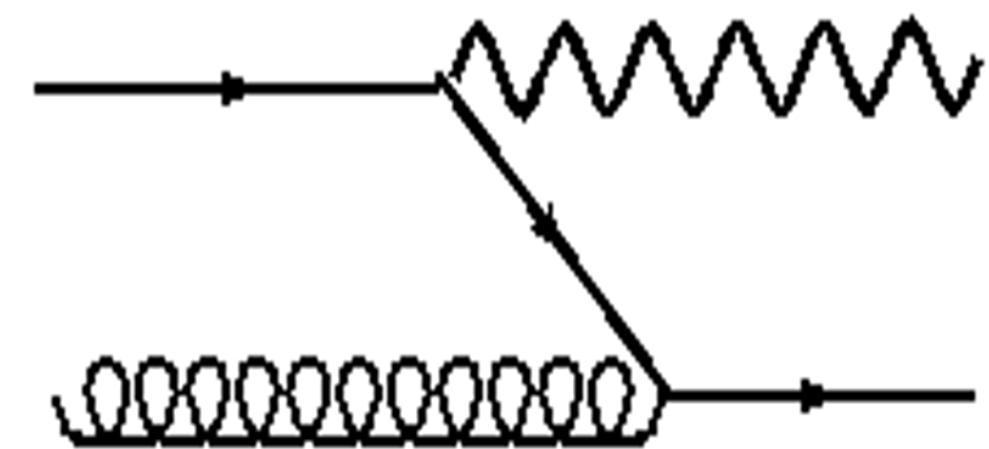
after hard scattering



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!