

CONFRONTING JET-MEDIUM INTERACTIONS IN A WEAKLY COUPLED QGP

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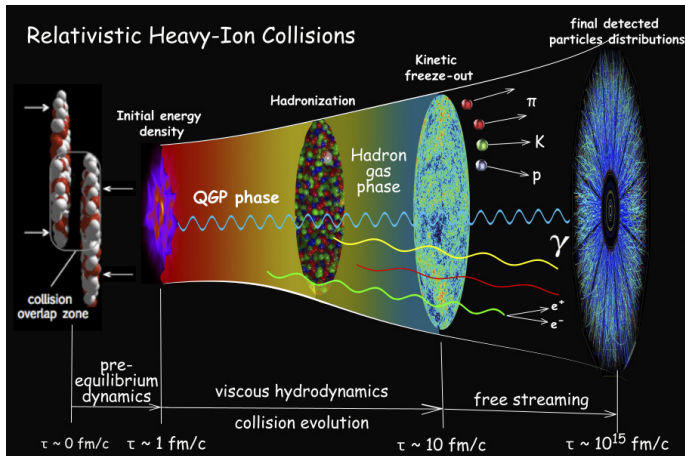
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THE QGP IN A LAB

Gold, Lead ions smashed together at Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

⇒ **Heavy Ion Collisions** (HIC)



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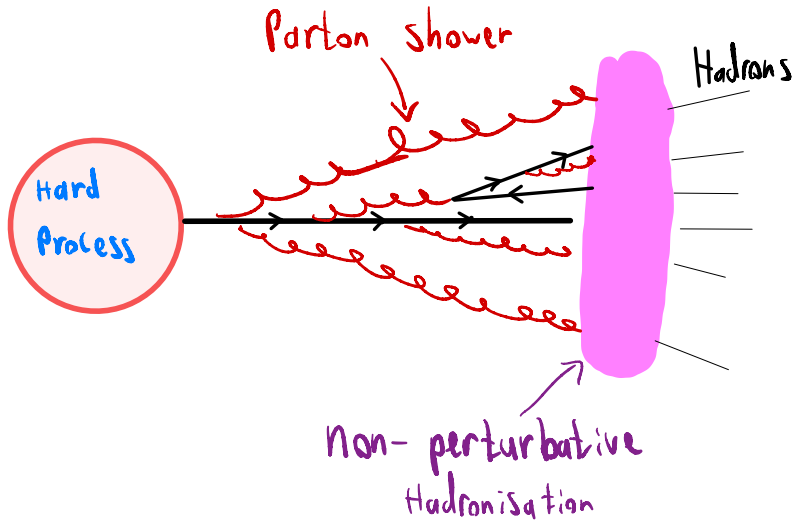
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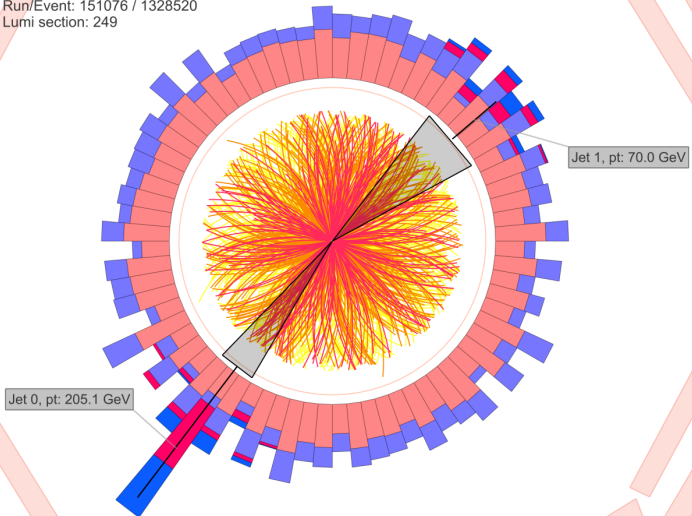
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⇒ Provides nice benchmark to understand how jets are **quenched** in **heavy-ion collisions!**

JET QUENCHING



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
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- Include contributions from pre-equilibrium and Glasma phases
- Inclusion of sub-eikonal corrections
- Relaxation of static medium assumption
- Inclusion of **higher order corrections**

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⇒ In general, **not** well-suited to computation of real-time (Minkowskian) quantities,
(see [Boguslavski et al., 2023] for recent progress)

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Perturbative quantum field theory at finite temperature

Imaginary time formalism

Frequency integral
becomes discrete sum over
Matsubara modes $\omega_n^B = 2\pi nT$
or $\omega_n^F = 2\pi(n+1)T$

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Doubling of degrees
of freedom

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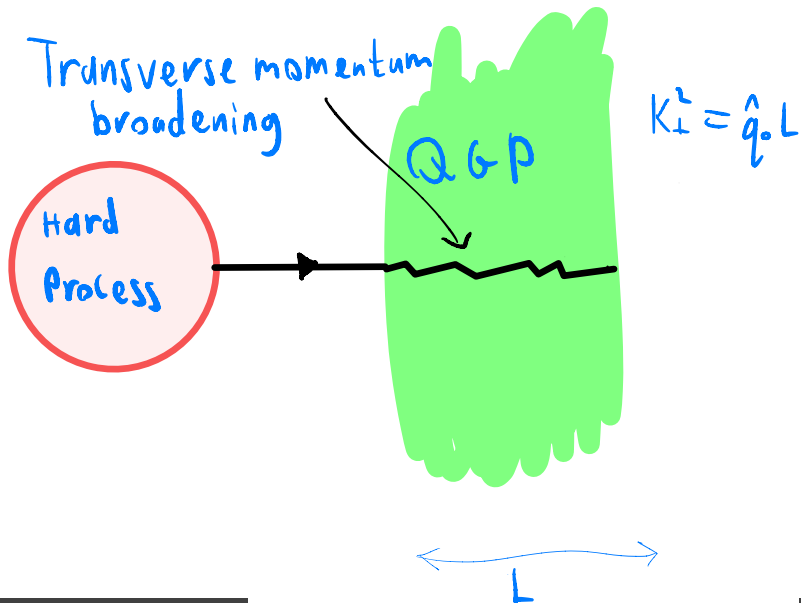
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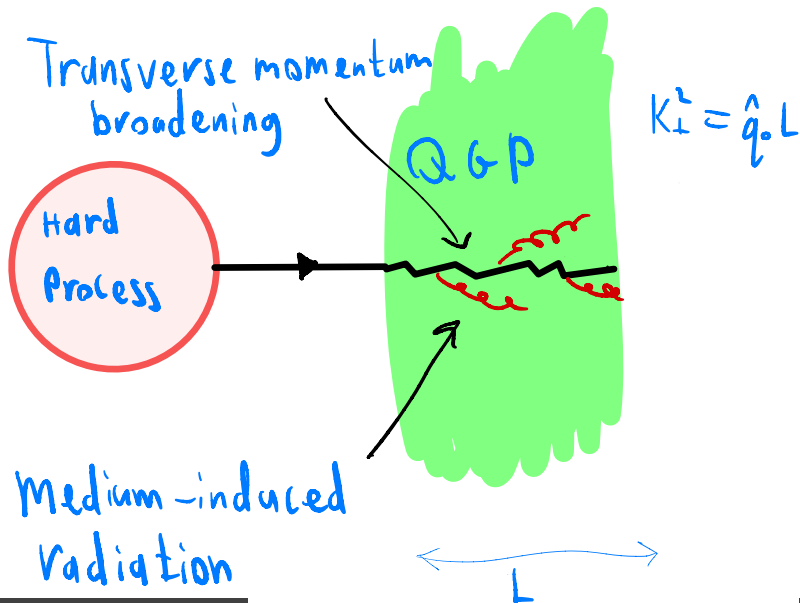
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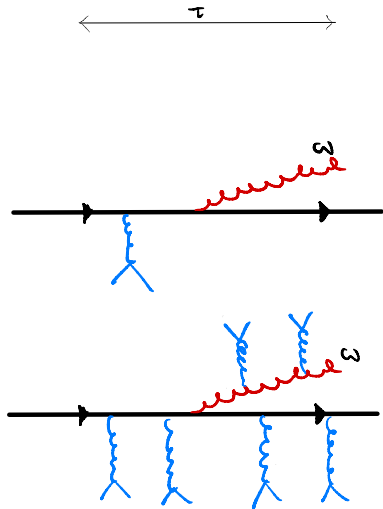
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Not straightforward! But why??

HOW EXACTLY IS BREMSSTRAHLUNG TRIGGERED?

Depends on **quantum mechanical formation time**, $\tau \sim \omega/k_{\perp}^2$ associated with the radiated gluon:

- Radiated gluon triggered by one collision with medium constituent
 - ▶ Bethe-Heitler or **single scattering regime**
- Many collisions with smaller momentum exchange effectively trigger gluon radiation
 - ▶ **Multiple scattering regime**



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- For **multiple scattering**, need to account for LPM interference
 - ⇒ BDMPS-Z or AMY frameworks [Baier et al., 1995, Zakharov, 1997, Arnold et al., 2003]

 - ⇒ To get analytical solution, need to take **Harmonic Oscillator Approximation (HOA)**

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At finite temperature (or density), propagators come along with statistical functions (Bose-Einstein or Fermi-Dirac)

$$n_{B/F}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\exp \frac{\omega}{T} \mp 1}$$

⇒ Things become more complicated (and potentially problematic)

THERMAL SCALES IN A WEAKLY COUPLED QGP

- T , **hard scale** associated with energy of individual particles
⇒ hard-hard interactions can be described perturbatively
- gT , **soft scale** associated with energy of collective excitations
⇒ soft-soft interactions can also be described perturbatively
- g^2T , **ultrasoft scale** is associated with nonperturbative physics
⇒ Loops can be added at no extra cost (Linde problem)
⇒ **Cannot** use perturbation theory

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⇒ EFT for momenta $gT \sim m_D$ allows us to resum these loops
⇒ typically used in jet energy loss calculations



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CLASSICAL CORRECTIONS: SOME PHYSICAL INTUITION

Reminder: Consider jet as a hard parton with momentum $P \gg T$ propagating through the medium, with interactions controlled by Hamiltonian

- Hard parton undergoes forward scattering with the medium, induces shift in dispersion relation, **asymptotic mass**
i.e $\omega^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 + m_\infty^2$

- **Transverse scattering rate, $\mathcal{C}(k_\perp)$** describes damping in transverse momentum space due to interactions with medium,

Related to **transverse momentum broadening coefficient**

$$\hat{q}(\mu) \equiv \int^\mu \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} k_\perp^2 \mathcal{C}(k_\perp)$$

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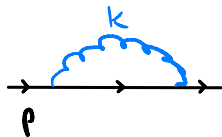
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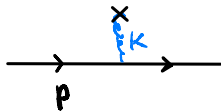
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$$\Rightarrow n_B(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{\omega}{T}\right) - 1} \gg 1$$

\Rightarrow corrections are enhanced!



$$p \gg T$$



$$k \sim gT \quad k = (\omega, \vec{k})$$

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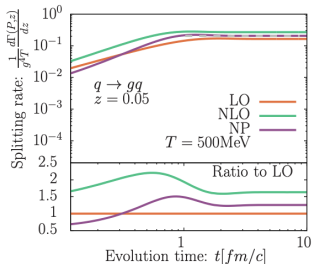
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NON-PERTURBATIVE MOMENTUM BROADENING

- Paved way for **non-perturbative** (NP) determination of classical corrections to $C(k_{\perp})$
- Series of papers culminated with determination of in-medium splitting rate for medium of finite size [Panero et al., 2014, Moore et al., 2021, Schlichting and Soudi, 2021]
- Difference between rate from LO kernel and NP kernel up to 50%!



DEFINITION OF m_∞

- Masses are given by $m_\infty^2 = g^2 C_R (Z_g + Z_f)$, where classical corrections are contained in the part

$$Z_g \approx \int_0^\infty dx^+ x^+ \text{Tr} \langle U_F(-\infty; x^+) F^{-\perp}(x^+) U_F(x^+; 0) F^{-\perp}(0) U_F(0; -\infty) \rangle$$



Same idea here, lattice calculation has been completed
[Moore and Schlusser, 2020, Ghiglieri et al., 2022]

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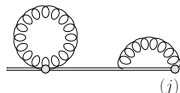
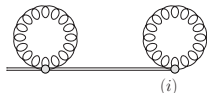
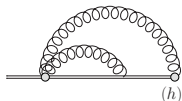
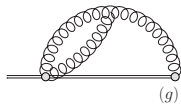
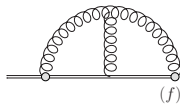
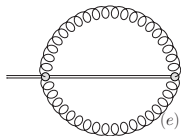
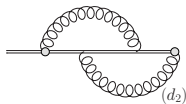
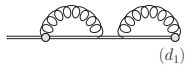
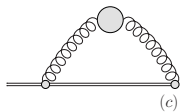
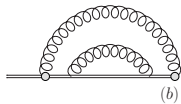
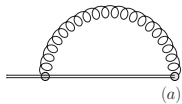
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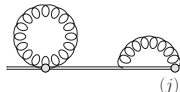
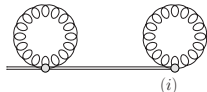
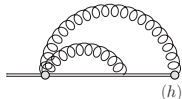
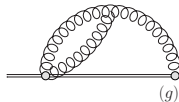
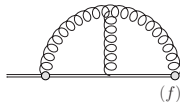
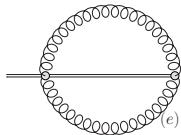
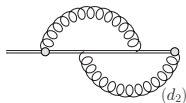
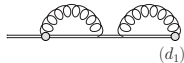
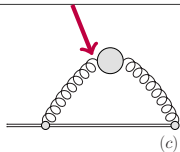
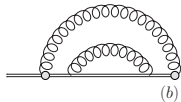
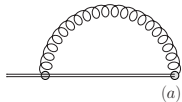
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 & + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{scale } gT & \\ & -\frac{Tm_D}{2\pi} + \frac{T\mu_h}{\pi^2} & \end{array} \right] \\
 & + \left[\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{scale } g^2T \\ c_h^{\ln} \ln \frac{T}{\mu_h} + c_T & + c_h^{\ln} \ln \frac{\mu_h}{m_D} + c_s^{\ln} \ln \frac{m_D}{\mu_s} + c_{gT} & + c_s^{\ln} \ln \frac{\mu_s}{g^2T} + c_{gT^2} \end{array} \right] \\
 & + \mathcal{O}(g^3) .
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Z_g DIAGRAMS IN QCD



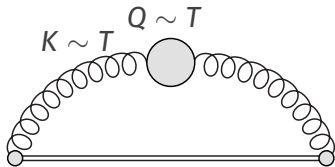
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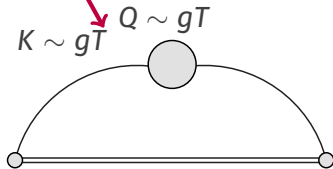


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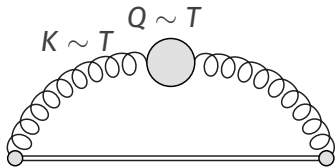


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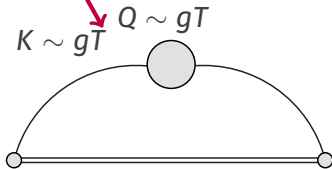
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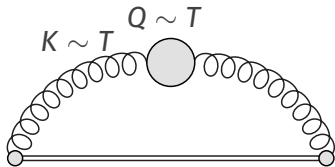
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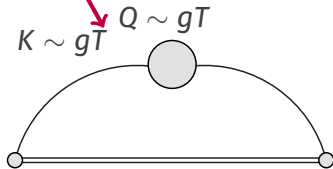
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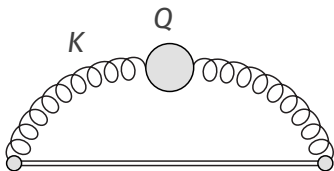
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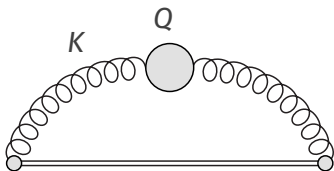
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Find that logarithmic divergences cancel
 \Rightarrow UV behaviour of NP evaluation is cured!
[Ghiglieri et al., 2024]

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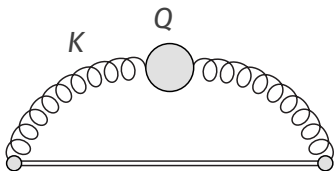


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in part of phase space: $k^+ \sim T$, $k^- \sim g^2 T$, $k_\perp \sim gT \Rightarrow K^2 \sim 0$

$$Z_{g n \neq 0 \text{ div}} = i \int_K \frac{1 + n_B(k^0)}{(k^- - i\epsilon)^2} \frac{k_\perp^2}{k^2} \left[\frac{\Pi_L^R(K) - \Pi_T^R(K)}{K^2 + i\epsilon k^0} - \text{adv.} \right]$$

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\Rightarrow **Collinear physics** that needs to be accounted for!

Must be addressed in order meaningfully to quantify NP evaluation

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 - ⇒ Important to include higher-order corrections!
 - ⇒ In some cases we can even do better using lattice EQCD to get non-perturbative **classical corrections**

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NUMERICAL RESULTS

| T | $\frac{Z_g^{\text{non-pert class}}}{T^2}$ | $\frac{Z_{g,LO}^{3d}}{T^2}$ |
|---------|---|-----------------------------|
| 250 MeV | -0.513(138)(45)(7) | -0.376 |
| 500 MeV | -0.619(99)(39)(3) | -0.324 |
| 1 GeV | -0.462(71)(9)(7) | -0.305 |
| 100 GeV | -0.327(16)(5)(2) | -0.223 |

Table:

DEFINING $\hat{q}(\mu)$

- Intuitively, transport coefficient describing transverse diffusion of jet: $k_{\perp}^2 = \hat{q}L$
- Can be related to the **transverse scattering rate, $\mathcal{C}(k_{\perp})$**

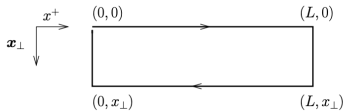
$$\hat{q}(\mu) = \int^{\mu} \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} k_{\perp}^2 \mathcal{C}(k_{\perp})$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \langle W(x_{\perp}) \rangle = \exp(-\mathcal{C}(x_{\perp})L)$$

- $W(x_{\perp})$ is a Wilson loop defined in the (x^+, x_{\perp}) plane

[Casalderrey-Solana and Teaney, 2007, D'Eramo et al., 2011,

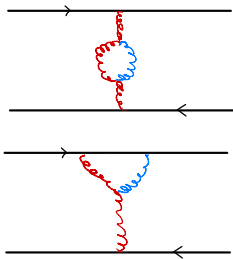
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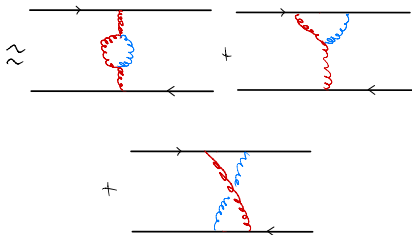
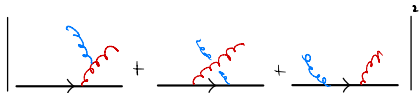
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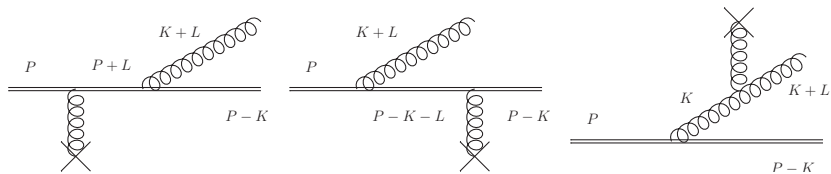
- Can think of sticking together amplitude and conjugate amplitude to get diagrams on the right
- **Black lines** represent hard parton in the amplitude and conjugate amplitude
- **Red gluons** are bremsstrahlung, represented by thermal propagators
- **Blue gluons** are those that are exchanged with the medium and are represented by **HTL** propagators



WHERE DO THESE DIAGRAMS COME FROM?



DOUBLE LOGS FROM THE LITERATURE



$N = 1$ term in opacity expansion emerges from dipole picture

$$\delta C(k_{\perp})_{LMW} = 4\alpha_s C_R \int \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \int \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} C_0(l_{\perp}) \frac{l_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2 (\mathbf{k}_{\perp} + \mathbf{l}_{\perp})^2} \quad (2)$$

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$$\delta\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{k}_\perp, \rho)_{\text{LMW}} = 4\alpha_s C_R \int \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \int^\rho \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} C_0(l_\perp) \frac{l_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 (\mathbf{k}_\perp + \mathbf{l}_\perp)^2}$$

↓ $|\mathbf{k}_\perp + \mathbf{l}_\perp| \gg l_\perp \Rightarrow$ Single Scattering

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↓ $\hat{q}_0(\rho) \rightarrow \hat{q}_0 \Rightarrow$ HOA

$$\delta\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{k}_\perp)_{\text{LMW}} = 4\alpha_s C_R \hat{q}_0 \frac{1}{k_\perp^4} \int \frac{d\omega}{\omega}$$

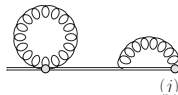
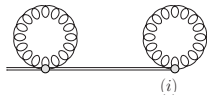
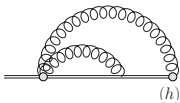
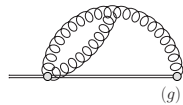
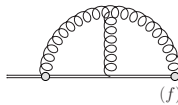
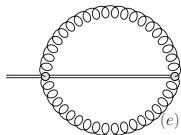
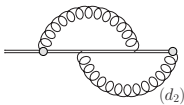
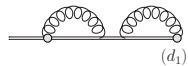
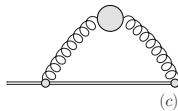
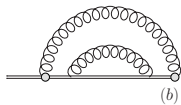
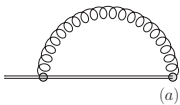
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FROM STATIC SCATTERING TO A WEAKLY COUPLED QGP

$2n_B(\omega)$ accounts for stimulated emission and absorption of thermal gluons

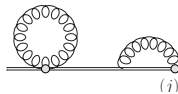
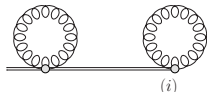
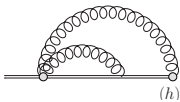
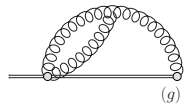
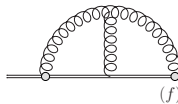
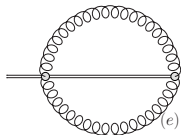
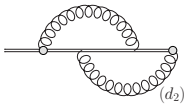
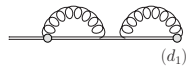
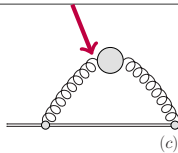
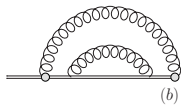
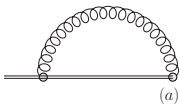


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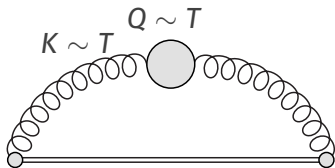
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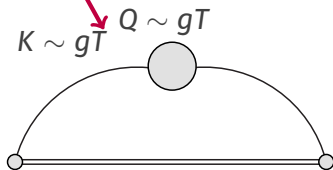


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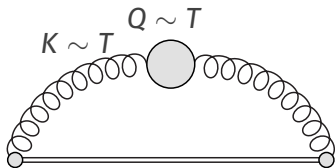


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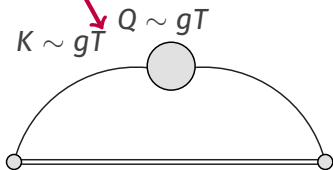
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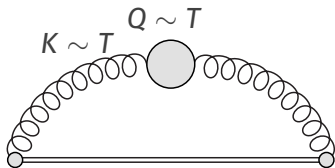
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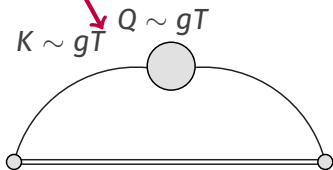
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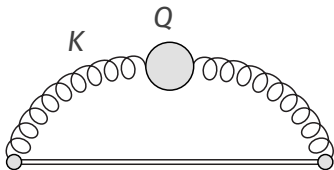


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Find that logarithmic divergences cancel
 \Rightarrow UV behaviour of NP evaluation is cured!

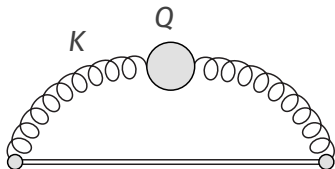
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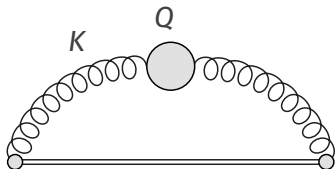
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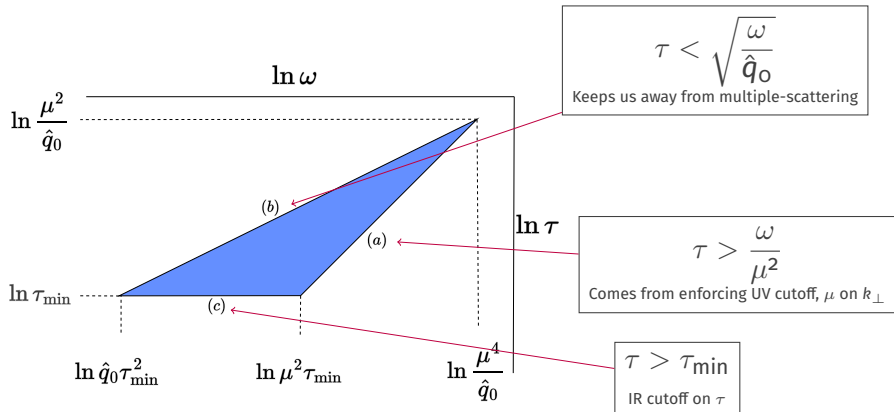
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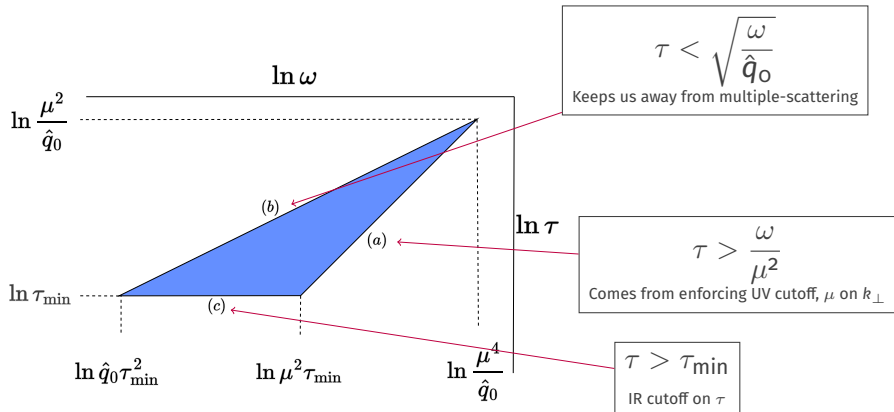
Must be addressed in order meaningfully to quantify NP evaluation

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But $\frac{1}{g^2 T}$ is the mean free time between **multiple scatterings!**

\Rightarrow Would lead us away from **single scattering regime!**

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Introduce intermediate regulator

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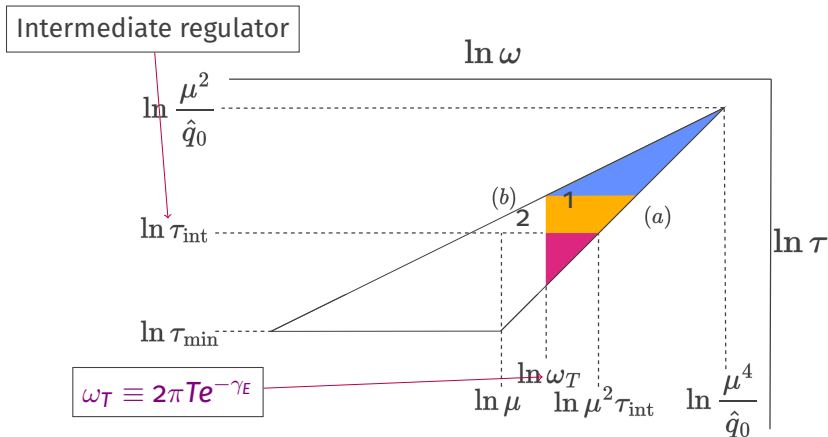
$$\omega_T \equiv 2\pi T e^{-\gamma_E}$$

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$2n_B(\omega)$ accounts for stimulated emission and absorption of thermal gluons



DOUBLE LOGS IN A WEAKLY COUPLED QGP



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STRICT SINGLE SCATTERING

- Investigate which logs are produced by *soft, collinear* modes through a *semi-collinear* process associated with formation time $\tau_{\text{semi}} \sim 1/gT$ [Ghiglieri et al., 2013, Ghiglieri et al., 2016]

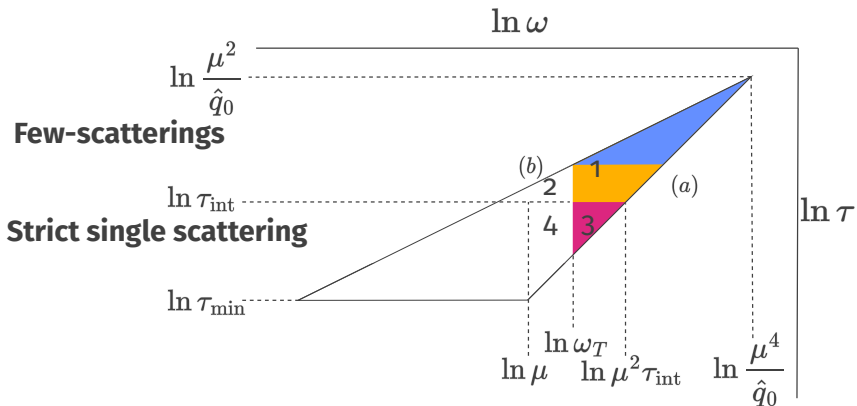


Only spacelike interactions with medium

Now timelike interactions are allowed too

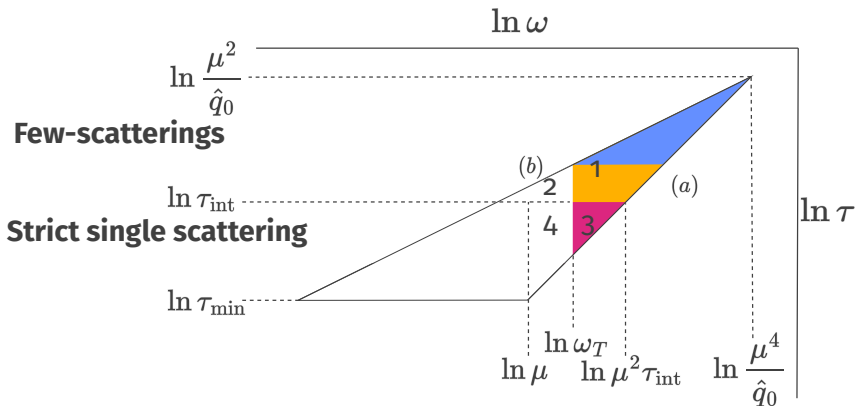
⇒ Going beyond instantaneous approximation!

DOUBLE LOG WITH SINGLE SCATTERING



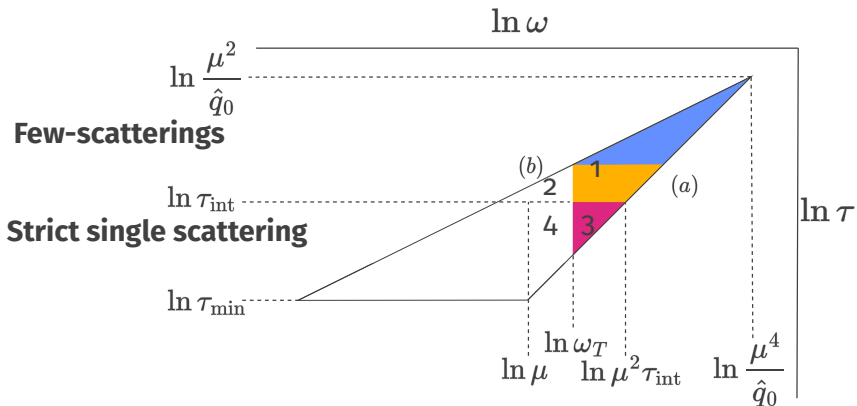
$$\delta \hat{q}_{3+4}(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_s C_R}{2\pi} \hat{q}_0 \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2 \tau_{\text{int}}}{\omega_T} + \text{subleading logs}$$

DOUBLE LOG WITH SINGLE SCATTERING



$$\delta \hat{q}_{\text{GW}}(\mu) = \delta \hat{q}_{1+2}(\mu) + \delta \hat{q}_{3+4}(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_s C_R}{4\pi} \hat{q}_0 \ln^2 \frac{\mu^4}{\hat{q}_0 \omega_T}$$

DOUBLE LOG WITH SINGLE SCATTERING



Why is it that region 2 and 4 do not contribute to the double Logs?

VACUUM AND QUANTUM CORRECTION CANCELLATION

First, note that

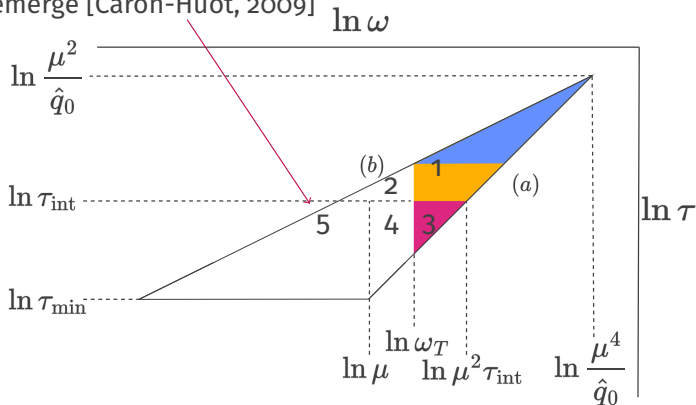
$$\lim_{\frac{\omega}{T} \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + 2n_B(\omega) \right) = 1 + \frac{2T}{\omega} - 1 \quad (3)$$

The absence of the IR scale in any logarithms can then be seen by looking at the following integral, with $\nu_{IR} \ll T \ll \nu_{UV}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\nu_{IR}}^{\nu_{UV}} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \left(\underbrace{1}_{\text{vacuum}} + \underbrace{2n_B(\omega)}_{\text{thermal}} \right) &= \underbrace{\ln \frac{\nu_{UV}}{\nu_{IR}}}_{\text{vacuum}} + \underbrace{\frac{2T}{\nu_{IR}} - \ln \frac{2\pi T}{\nu_{IR} e^{\gamma_E}}}_{\text{thermal}} + \dots \\ &= \frac{2T}{\nu_{IR}} + \ln \frac{\nu_{UV} e^{\gamma_E}}{2\pi T} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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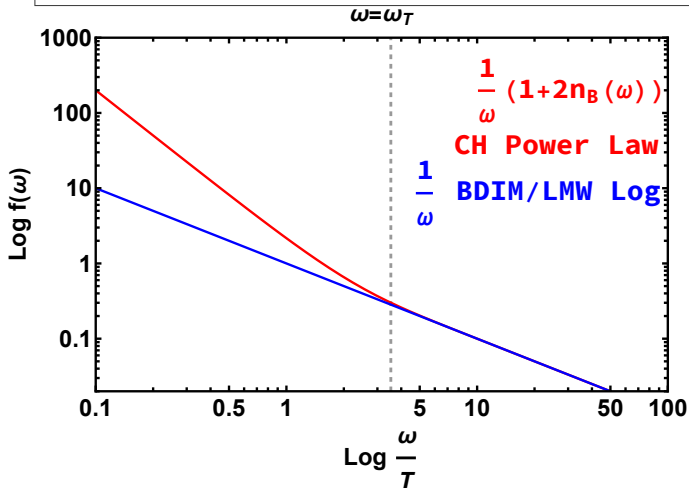
Region of phase space from which classical $\mathcal{O}(g)$ corrections emerge [Caron-Huot, 2009]



How can we understand the transition to power law enhancement in regions 2 and 4?

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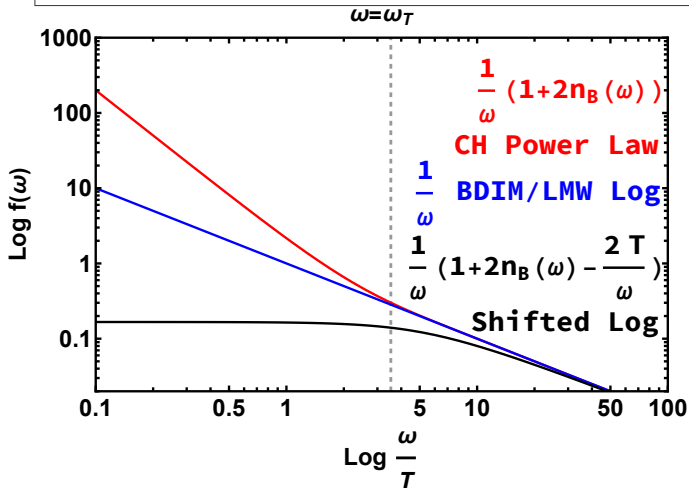


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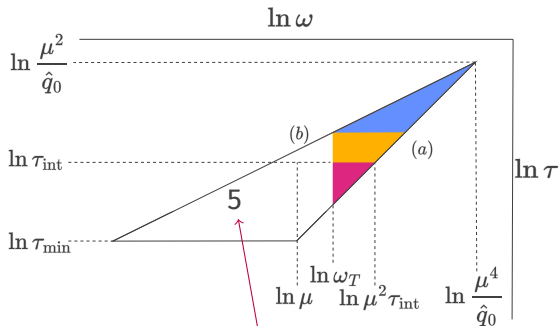


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Our results include power law corrections depending on our IR cutoff



They cancel against cutoff-dependent corrections computed from [Caron-Huot, 2009] \Rightarrow Non-trivial check!

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ρ separates us from neighbouring region
with simultaneously single-scattering and multiple scatterings

Appearance of \hat{q}_0 in double log signifies lack of understanding of
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Need to solve transverse momentum-dependent LPM equation without **HOA** [Ghiglieri and Weitz, 2022] in order to shed light on how these issues could be addressed

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Improved Opacity Expansion [Barata et al., 2021]

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