

# Coherent Gluon Radiation in pA Collisions: beyond leading-log accuracy

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# Program

- Reminder of Fully Coherent Energy Loss (FCEL) at leading-log
- Coherent radiation spectrum for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes beyond leading-log
  - (color) matrix structure of the spectrum
  - an unusual effect: *fully coherent energy gain*

Talk based on :

G. Jackson, S.P., K. Watanabe JHEP 05 (2024) 207  
(2312.11650 [hep-ph])

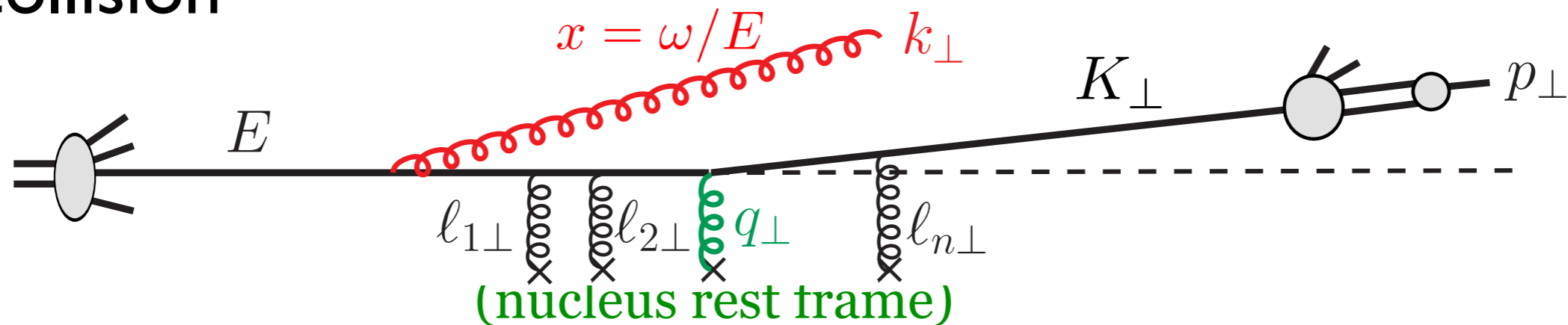
# FCEL at leading-log

FCEL = induced radiative energy loss in parton small angle scattering

$2 \rightarrow 1$  processes

Arleo, S.P., Sami PRD 83 (2011)  
 S.P., Arleo, Kolevator PRD 93 (2016)  
 Munier, S.P., Petreska PRD 95 (2017)

pA collision



- **single hard exchange**  $q_{\perp} \simeq K_{\perp} = p_{\perp}/z$
- **soft rescatterings**  $l_{\perp}^2 = \left( \sum \vec{l}_{i\perp} \right)^2 \sim \hat{q}L \sim \underline{Q_s^2} \ll K_{\perp}^2$
- **recoil parton is assumed to be soft**

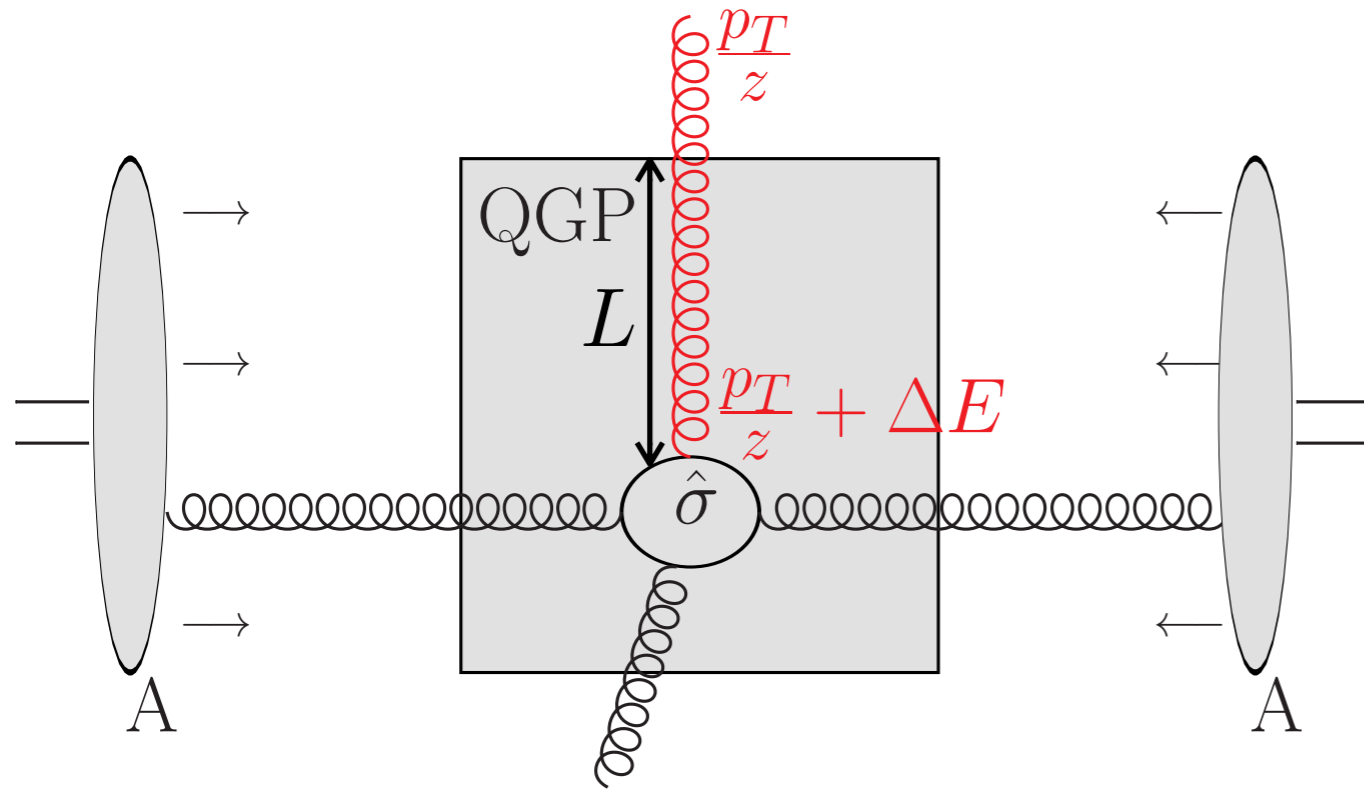
$$x \frac{dI}{dx} \Big|_{2 \rightarrow 1} = (C_1 + C_3 - C_t) \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\hat{q}L}{x^2 K_{\perp}^2} \right)$$

**induced spectrum  
scales in  $x$**

➔  $\Delta E = E \int_0^1 dx x \frac{dI}{dx} \propto \alpha_s \frac{\sqrt{\hat{q}L}}{K_{\perp}} E$

to avoid confusion:

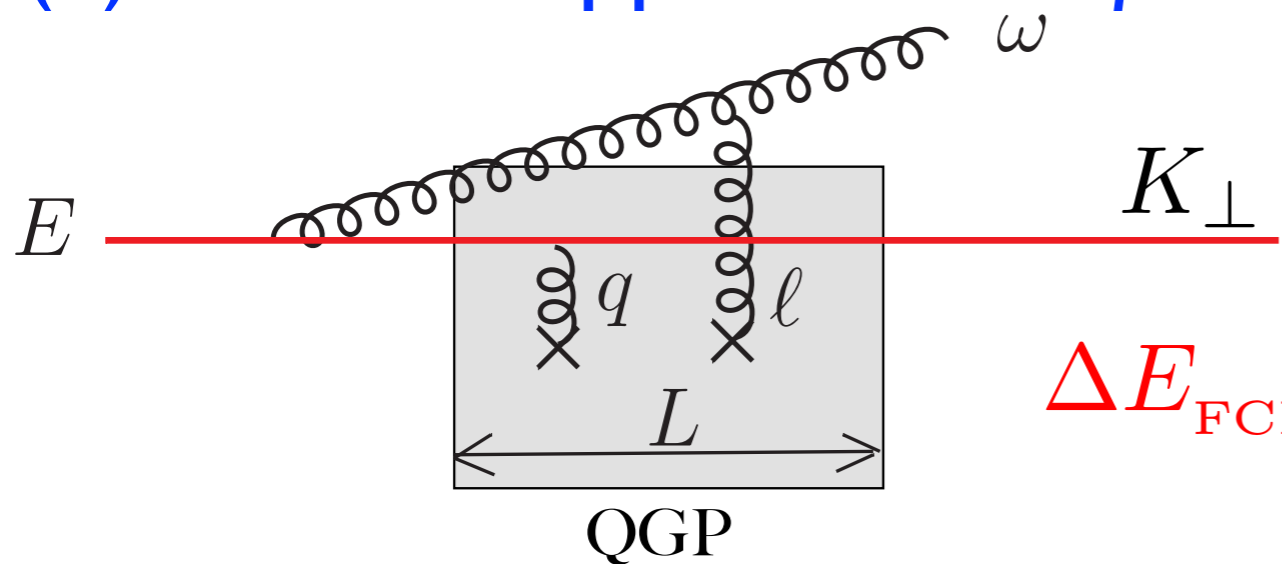
(i) jet-quenching in AA collisions



$$\Delta E_{\text{LPM}} \propto \alpha_s \hat{q}_{\text{hot}} L^2$$

independent of  $E = p_{\perp}/z$

(ii) nuclear suppression of forward hadron production in AA

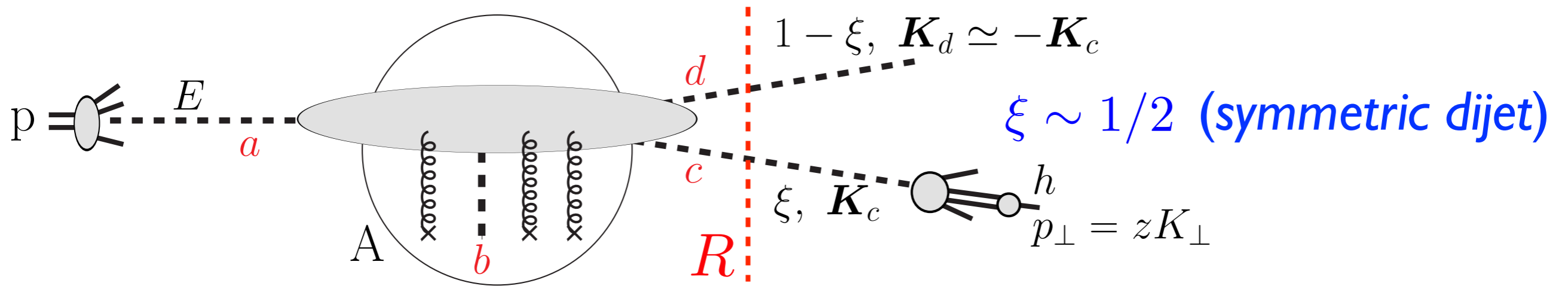


$$\Delta E_{\text{FCEL}} \propto \alpha_s \frac{\sqrt{\hat{q}_{\text{hot}} L}}{K_{\perp}} E \gg \Delta E_{\text{LPM}}$$

different  $\Delta E$  arises from interferences ISR/FSR in case (ii)

# 2 → 2 processes

Liu, Mueller PRD 89 (2014)  
S.P., Kolevator JHEP 01 (2015)



for  $\xi = 0.5$  or to leading-log: *radiated gluon does not probe the dijet*

→ effectively equivalent to  $2 \rightarrow 1$

$$x \frac{dI}{dx} \Big|_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{\text{LL}} = \sum_R \rho_R (C_a + C_R - C_b) \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\hat{q}L}{x^2 M_{\text{dijet}}^2} \right)$$

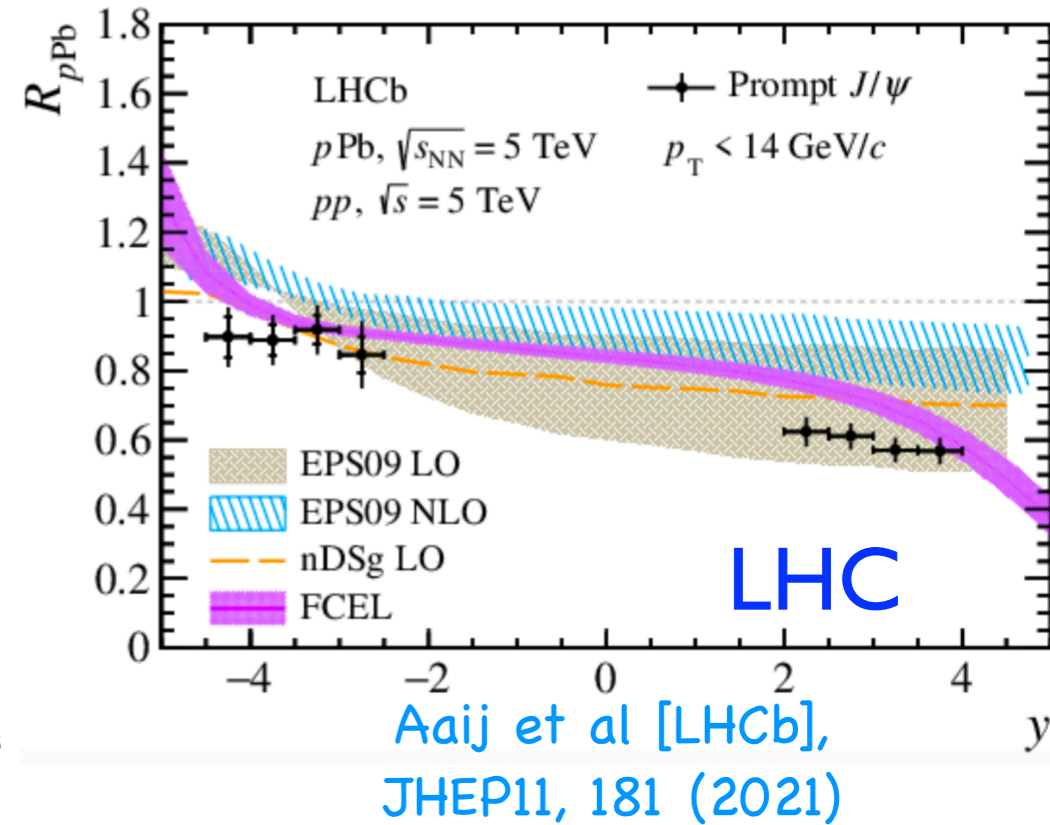
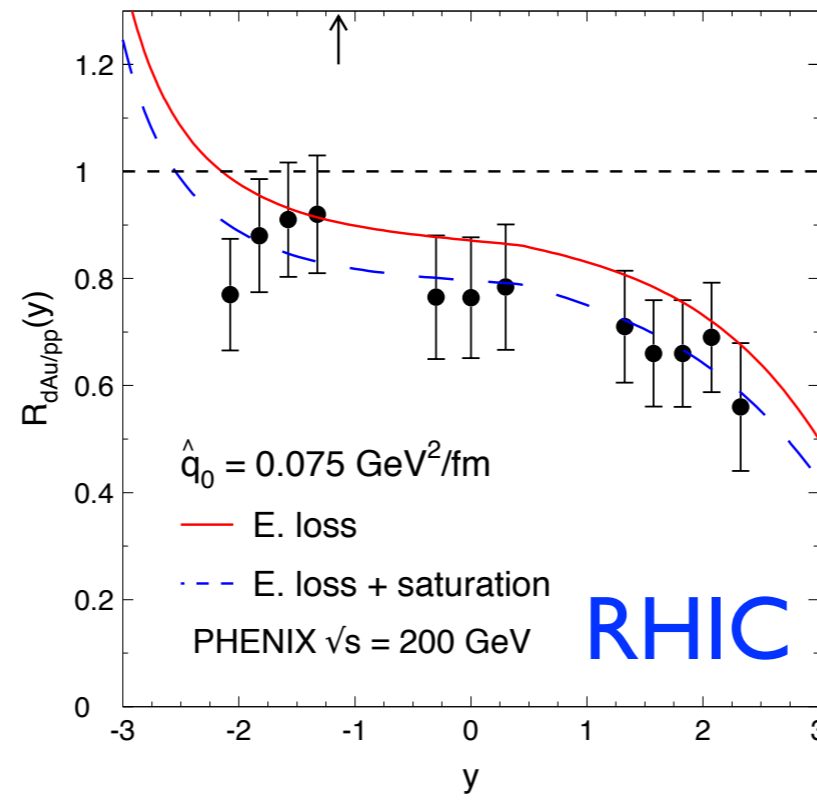
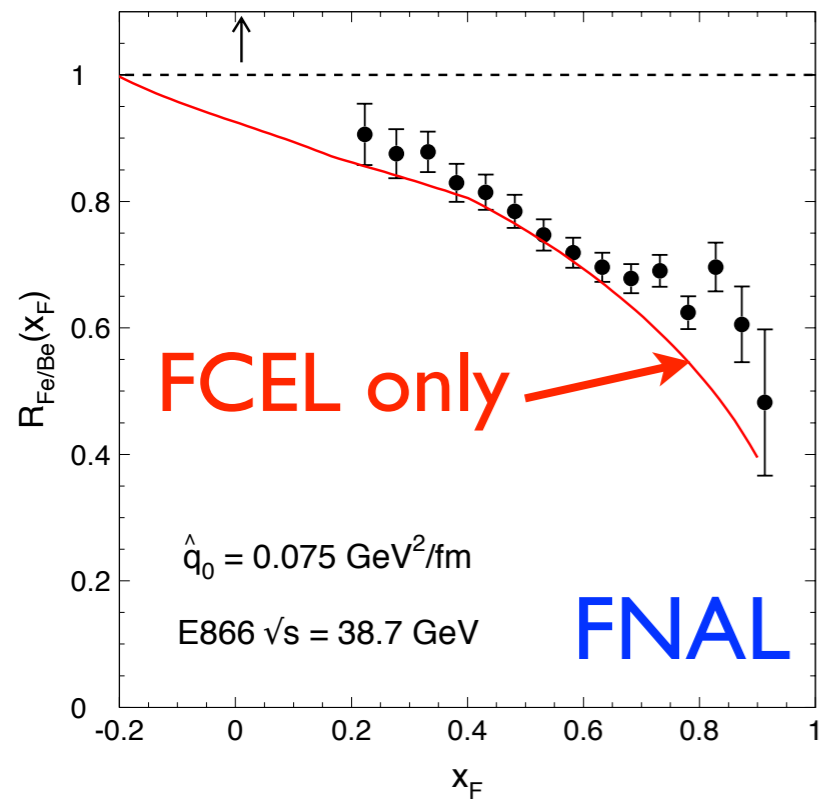
$\rho_R$  proba for dijet to be produced in color state  $R$

$C_R$  global dijet color charge (Casimir) in state  $R$

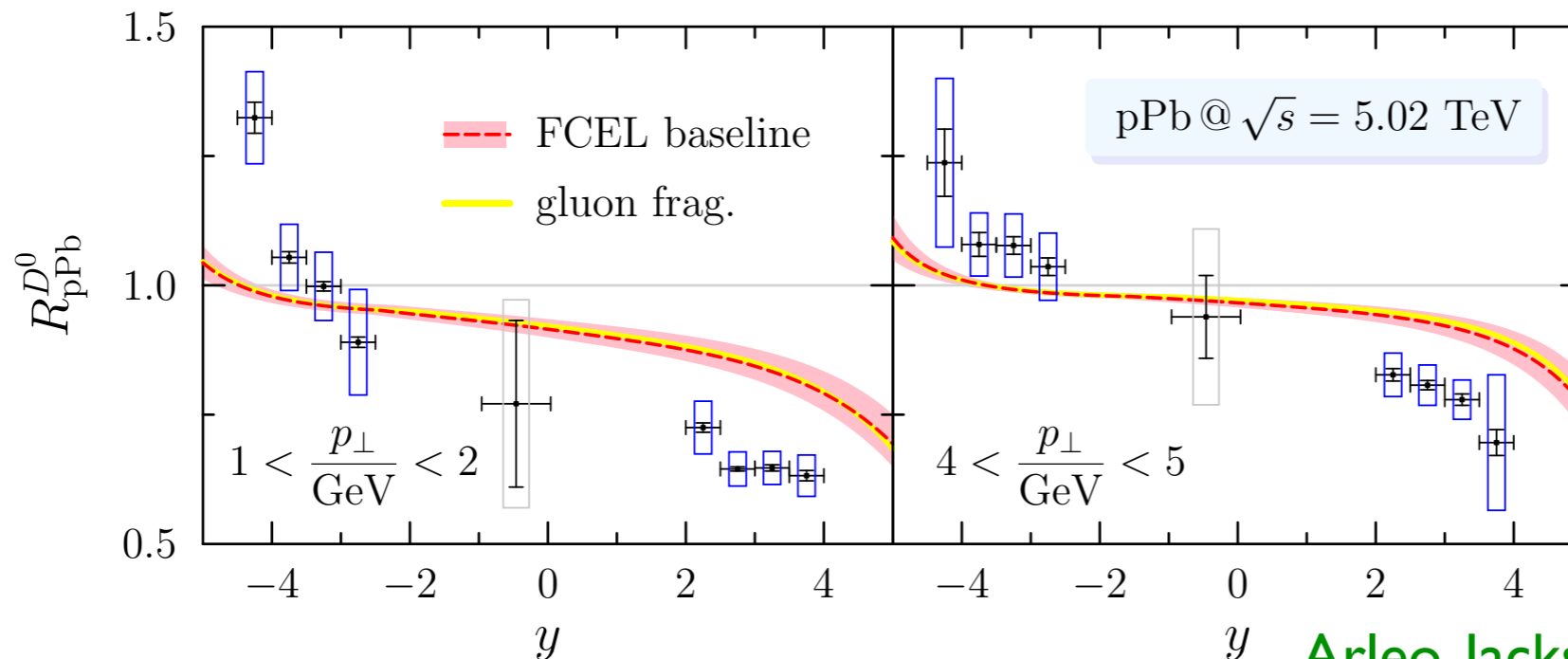
# effect of FCEL (at LL) on hadron suppression in pA

## FCEL in quarkonium production ( $2 \rightarrow 1$ )

Arleo and Peigne, PRL109, 122301 (2012), JHEP03, 122 (2013)



## FCEL in heavy flavour production ( $2 \rightarrow 2$ and $\xi = 1/2$ )



Aaij et al [LHCb], JHEP 10 (2017) 090

Abelev et al [ALICE], PRL 113 (2014) 232301

Arleo, Jackson, S.P. JHEP 01 (2022) 164

- FCEL contributes to *substantial* hadron suppression in pA  
*at least as much as other nuclear effects (nPDFs, saturation,...)*

→ implement FCEL in pA hadron cross sections...

- FCEL = pQCD prediction, with small uncertainty

... *before* extracting nPDF sets (or estimating saturation)

→ needs  $x \frac{dI}{dx} \Big|_{2 \rightarrow 2}$  in full  $\xi$ -range :  $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$

# Coherent radiation spectrum beyond leading-log

G.Jackson, S.P., K.Watanabe JHEP 05 (2024) 207

- structure of the spectrum for any  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process :

$$x \frac{dI}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{2}{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \left\{ \mathcal{L}_\xi \left[ \text{hard process} \right] + \mathcal{L}_{\xi^-} \left[ \text{color only} \right] \right\}$$

soft rescatterings factorize into  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \simeq \log \left( 1 + \xi^2 \frac{Q_s^2}{x^2 m_\perp^2} \right) - \log \left( 1 + \xi^2 \frac{Q_{s,p}^2}{x^2 m_\perp^2} \right)$

color decomposition of hard amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow 34} = \sum_{\alpha} \nu_{\alpha} \langle \alpha | \quad \langle \alpha | = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_{\alpha}}} \left( \text{color indices only} \right) \quad \text{(s-channel basis)}$$



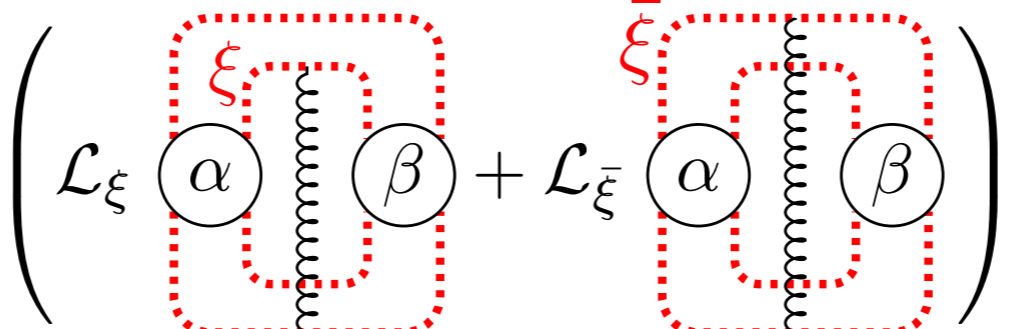
system	irrep $\alpha$	projector $\mathbb{P}_\alpha$	dimension $K_\alpha$	Casimir $C_\alpha$
$\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right]$	$\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)$	$2C_F - \frac{N+1}{N}$
	$\mathbf{6}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right]$	$\frac{1}{2}N(N+1)$	$2C_F + \frac{N-1}{N}$
$\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\frac{1}{N} \left. \begin{array}{l} \left. \right\} \left\{ \right. \end{array} \right]$	1	0
	$\mathbf{8}$	$2 \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	$N^2 - 1$	$N$
$\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{8}$	$\mathbf{3}$	$\frac{1}{C_F} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	$N$	$C_F$
	$\bar{\mathbf{6}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} - \frac{N+1}{2} \mathbb{P}_3 + \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	$\frac{1}{2}N(N+1)(N-2)$	$C_F + N - 1$
	$\mathbf{15}$	$\frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} + \frac{N-1}{2} \mathbb{P}_3 - \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	$\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)(N+2)$	$C_F + N + 1$
$\mathbf{8} \otimes \mathbf{8}$	$\mathbf{8}_a$	$\frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	$N^2 - 1$	$N$
	$\mathbf{10} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right] - \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{8}_a}$	$\frac{1}{2}(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)$	$2N$
	$\mathbf{1}$	$\frac{1}{N^2 - 1} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	1	0
	$\mathbf{8}_s$	$\frac{N}{N^2 - 4} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	$N^2 - 1$	$N$
	$\mathbf{27}$	$\left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} + 2 \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right) \mathbb{Q}$	$\frac{1}{4}N^2(N-1)(N+3)$	$2(N+1)$
	$\mathbf{0}$	$\left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} - 2 \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right) \mathbb{Q}$	$\frac{1}{4}N^2(N+1)(N-3)$	$2(N-1)$

**Table 1.** Projectors, dimensions and quadratic Casimirs of the  $SU(N)$  irreps associated to the  $qq$ ,  $q\bar{q}$ ,  $qg$  and  $gg$  systems. An  $SU(N)$  irrep is labelled according to its dimension for  $N = 3$ . We express the arising color factors via  $N$  and  $C_F = (N^2 - 1)/(2N)$ . In the last two rows of the table, for the projectors  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{27}}$  and  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{0}}$  of a  $gg$  pair we use the shorthand notation  $\mathbb{Q} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \right] - \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{8}_s} - \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{1}}$ .

channel	$\mathcal{M}$	$\frac{\text{tr}_d \text{tr}_c  \mathcal{M} ^2}{4g^4(N^2 - 1)}$	$\alpha$	$\frac{\nu_\alpha}{\sqrt{K_\alpha}}$
$qq' \rightarrow qq'$	$\mathcal{A}$	$\frac{1 + \bar{\xi}^2}{2\xi^2}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ $\mathbf{6}$	$\mathcal{A} \frac{N+1}{2N}$ $-\mathcal{A} \frac{N-1}{2N}$
$qq \rightarrow qq$	$\mathcal{B}_t$ $+ \mathcal{B}_u$	$\frac{1 + \xi^2}{2\xi^2} + \frac{1 + \bar{\xi}^2}{2\xi^2} - \frac{1}{N\xi\bar{\xi}}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$ $\mathbf{6}$	$\frac{N+1}{4N} (\mathcal{B}_t - \mathcal{B}_u)$ $-\frac{N-1}{4N} (\mathcal{B}_t + \mathcal{B}_u)$
$q\bar{q}' \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$	$\mathcal{C}$	$\frac{1 + \bar{\xi}^2}{2\xi^2}$	$\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{8}$	$C_F \mathcal{C}$ $-\frac{1}{2N} \mathcal{C}$
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$	$\mathcal{D}$	$\frac{\xi^2 + \bar{\xi}^2}{2}$	$\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{8}$	$0$ $\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}$
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	$\mathcal{E}_s$	$\frac{\xi^2 + \bar{\xi}^2}{2} + \frac{1 + \bar{\xi}^2}{2\xi^2} + \frac{\bar{\xi}^2}{N\xi}$	$\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{8}$	$C_F \mathcal{E}_t$ $\frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{E}_s - \frac{1}{N} \mathcal{E}_t)$
$qg \rightarrow qg$	$\mathcal{F}$	$(1 + \bar{\xi}^2) \left( \frac{N}{\xi^2} + \frac{C_F}{\bar{\xi}} \right)$	$\mathbf{3}$ $\bar{\mathbf{6}}$ $\mathbf{15}$	$(\frac{1}{2N} + \bar{\xi} C_F) \mathcal{F}$ $\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}$ $-\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}$
$gg \rightarrow gg$	$\mathcal{G}$	$4N^2 \frac{(1 - \xi\bar{\xi})^3}{\xi^2 \bar{\xi}^2}$	$\mathbf{8}_a$ $\mathbf{10} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}}$ $\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{8}_s$ $\mathbf{27}$ $\mathbf{0}$	$\frac{N}{2} (\bar{\xi} - \xi) \mathcal{G}$ $0$ $N \mathcal{G}$ $\frac{N}{2} \mathcal{G}$ $-\mathcal{G}$ $\mathcal{G}$
$gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	$\mathcal{H}$	$(\xi^2 + \bar{\xi}^2) \left( \frac{C_F}{\xi\bar{\xi}} - N \right)$	$\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{8}_a$ $\mathbf{8}_s$	$\frac{\sqrt{N^2-1}}{2\sqrt{N}} \mathcal{H}$ $\frac{1}{2} (\bar{\xi} - \xi) \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{H}$ $\frac{\sqrt{N^2-4}}{2\sqrt{2N}} \mathcal{H}$

$$\frac{dI}{dx} = \Phi_{\alpha\beta} S(x)_{\alpha\beta} = \text{Tr} \{ \Phi \cdot S(x) \}$$

$$\Phi_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\text{tr}_d(\nu_\alpha \nu_\beta^*)}{\text{tr}_d \text{tr}_c |\mathcal{M}|^2} \quad \text{color density matrix} \quad \rho_\alpha \equiv \Phi_{\alpha\alpha} \quad \text{s-channel probability}$$

$$S(x)_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \frac{2}{\sqrt{K_\alpha K_\beta}} \left( \mathcal{L}_\xi \left( \alpha \right) \left( \beta \right) + \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\xi}} \left( \alpha \right) \left( \beta \right) \right) \quad \text{soft radiation matrix}$$


$$\xi = \bar{\xi} = 1/2 \text{ or } \mathcal{L}_\xi \simeq \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\xi}} \gg 1 \quad T_3 + T_4 = T_\alpha = T_1 + T_2$$

$$\langle \alpha | 2 T_1 T_\alpha | \beta \rangle = \langle \alpha | T_1^2 + T_\alpha^2 - T_2^2 | \beta \rangle = (C_1 + C_\alpha - C_2) \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{\xi=1/2} = \text{Tr} \{ \Phi \cdot S(x) \} = \sum_\alpha \rho_\alpha (C_1 + C_\alpha - C_2) \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \mathcal{L}_{1/2}$$

$\xi \neq 1/2$  and beyond leading-log

soft gluon radiation can induce color transitions

- limit  $\xi \rightarrow 0$  : matching with  $2 \rightarrow 1$  processes

$$S(x)_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \frac{2}{\sqrt{K_\alpha K_\beta}} \left( \mathcal{L}_\xi \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha \quad \beta \\ \text{diagonal exchange} \end{array} \right) + \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\xi}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \alpha \quad \beta \\ \text{vertical exchange} \end{array} \right) \right)$$

$$2T_1 T_3 = T_1^2 + T_3^2 - (T_1 - T_3)^2 = C_1 + C_3 - \overset{\nearrow}{T_t^2}$$

color exchange in  $t$ -channel

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{\alpha} \nu_{\alpha} \langle \alpha | = \sum_{\alpha^t} \nu_{\alpha^t} \langle \alpha^t | \quad \text{independent of color-basis}$$

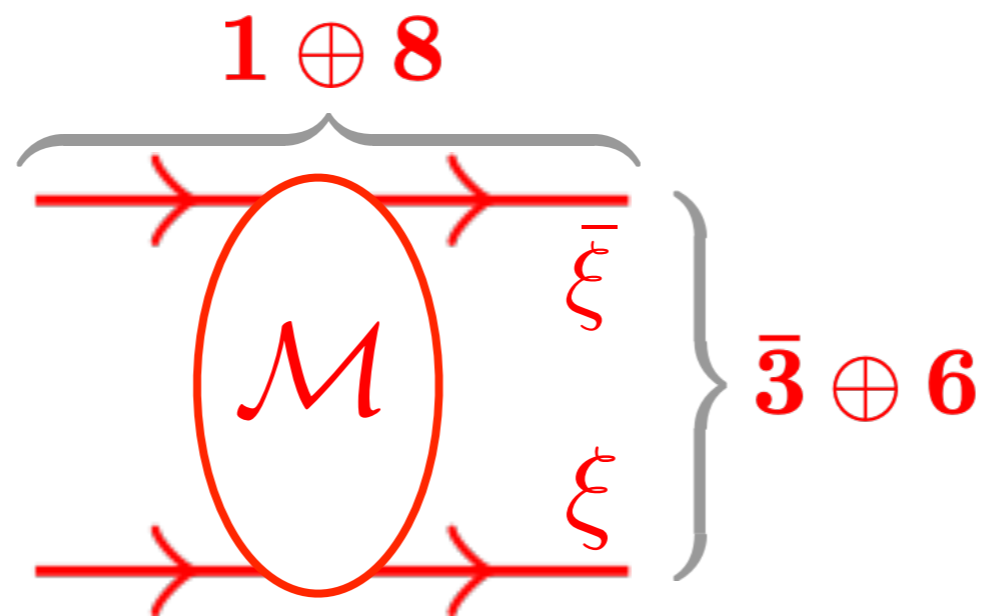
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dx} = \text{Tr} \{ \Phi \cdot S(x) \} = \Phi_{\alpha\beta} S(x)_{\alpha\beta} = \Phi_{\alpha^t \beta^t}^t S(x)_{\alpha^t \beta^t}^t$$

for interpretation purpose, better choose  $t$ -basis where  $S(x)$  is diagonal:

$$\left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{\xi \rightarrow 0} = \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha^t} \rho_{\alpha^t}^t (C_1 + C_3 - C_{\alpha^t})}_{\text{proba for } t\text{-channel pair to be in irrep } \alpha^t} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \mathcal{L}_1$$

matches with  $C_1 + C_3 - N$  for  $2 \rightarrow 1$  processes studied previously (with purely octet  $t$ -channel exchange)

illustration:  $qq' \rightarrow qq'$  and  $qq \rightarrow qq$  processes



$$\left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{\xi=\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \mathcal{L}_{1/2} \left[ \rho_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}} C_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}} + \rho_{\mathbf{6}} C_{\mathbf{6}} \right]$$

$$\left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{\xi \rightarrow 0} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \mathcal{L}_1 \left[ \rho_{\mathbf{1}}^t (2C_F) + \rho_{\mathbf{8}}^t (2C_F - N) \right]$$

$$\left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{\xi \rightarrow 1} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \mathcal{L}_1 \left[ \rho_{\mathbf{1}}^u (2C_F) + \rho_{\mathbf{8}}^u (2C_F - N) \right]$$

probabilities depend on specific process:

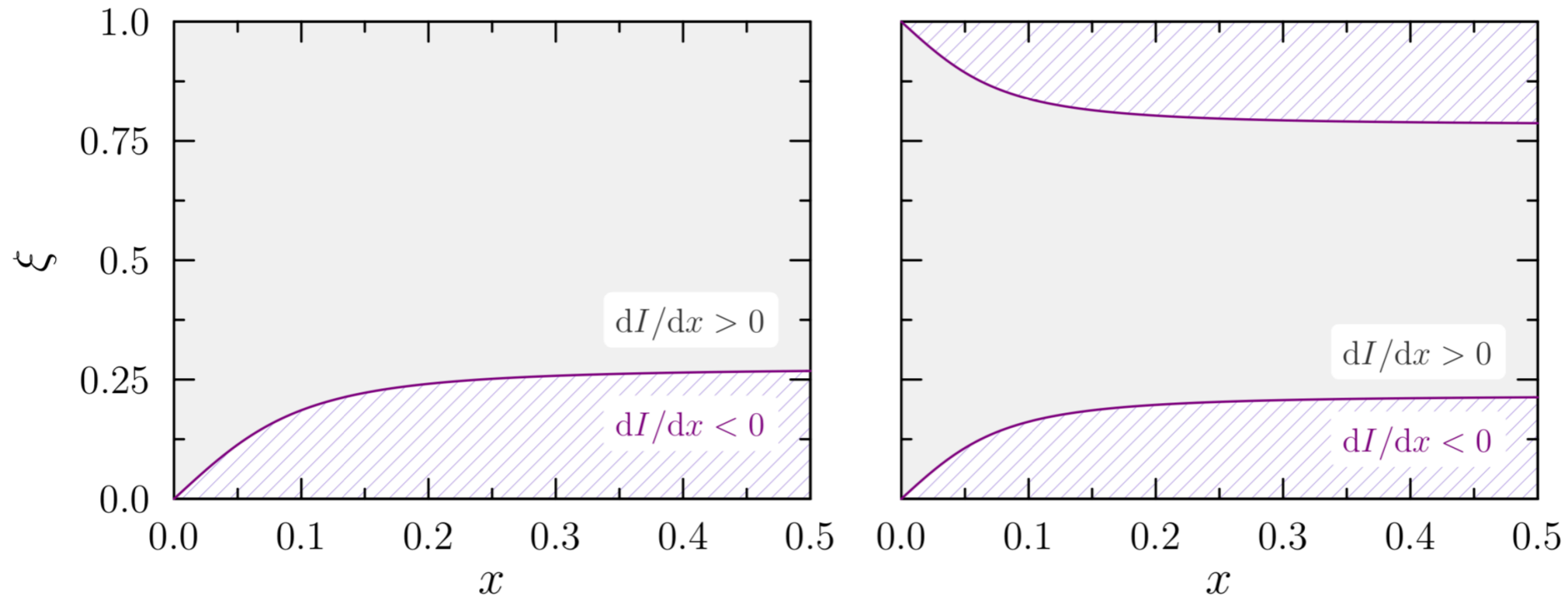
$$\mathcal{M}_{qq' \rightarrow qq'} \propto \text{diagram with gluon exchange} \quad \mathcal{M}_{qq \rightarrow qq} \propto \mathcal{B}_t \text{diagram with gluon exchange} + \mathcal{B}_u \text{diagram with gluon exchange}$$

- an unusual effect: **fully coherent energy gain (FCEG)**

$$qq' \rightarrow qq', \quad qq \rightarrow qq : \quad 2C_F - N = -\frac{1}{N} < 0 !$$

channel:  $qq' \rightarrow qq'$

channel:  $qq \rightarrow qq$



**Figure 2.** Regions in the  $(x, \xi)$ -plane, corresponding to energy-loss (solid gray) or energy-gain (hatched purple). In this figure,  $N = 3$ ,  $Q_{s,A} = \frac{1}{4}m_{\perp}$  and  $Q_{s,p} = \frac{1}{10}m_{\perp}$ .

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**FCEG contributions appear in other channels:**

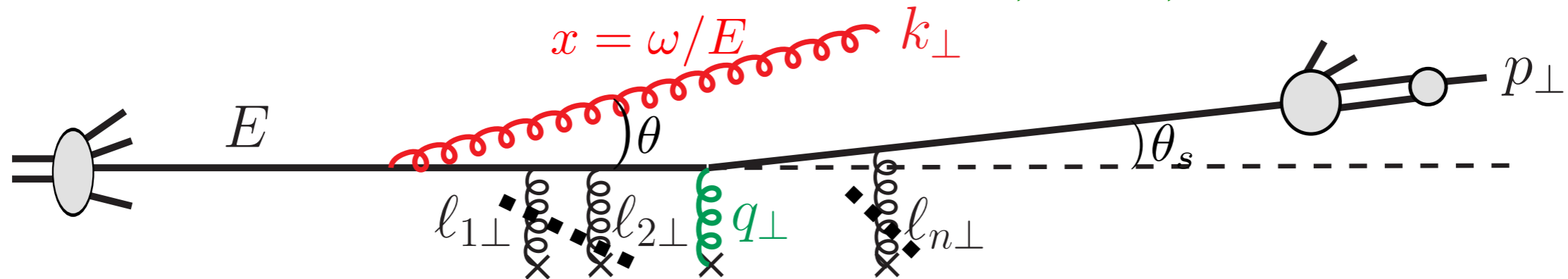
e.g.,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$

$$\mathcal{M} \propto \underbrace{\text{diagram}}_{\bar{\mathbf{3}} \oplus \mathbf{6}}$$

$$\left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{\xi \rightarrow 0} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi x} \mathcal{L}_1 \left[ \underbrace{\rho_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}}^t (2C_F - C_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}})}_{\frac{N+1}{N}} + \underbrace{\rho_{\mathbf{6}}^t (2C_F - C_{\mathbf{6}})}_{-\frac{N-1}{N}} \right] < 0$$

FCEG can be inferred *heuristically* from features of  
*total spectrum = spectrum at 0th order in opacity* ( $n = 0$ )

S.P., Arleo, Kolevator PRD 93 (2016)



$qg \rightarrow q$

$\theta < \theta_s$  (abelian)

$\theta > \theta_s$  (non-abelian)

$$x \frac{dI^{(0)}}{dx} \simeq \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[ \underbrace{2C_R \log \left( \frac{x^2 q^2}{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2} \right)}_{k_{\perp} \lesssim xq_{\perp}} + \underbrace{N_c \log \left( \frac{\Lambda_S^2}{x^2 q^2} \right)}_{xq_{\perp} < k_{\perp} < \Lambda_S} + \underbrace{N_c \log \left( \frac{q^2}{\Lambda_S^2} \right)}_{k_{\perp} > \Lambda_S} + \underbrace{N_c \log \left( \frac{q^2}{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2} \right)}_{k_{\perp} > \Lambda_S} \right]$$

( $\Lambda_S$  arbitrary scale:  $xq_{\perp} \ll \Lambda_S \ll q_{\perp}$ )

*total spectrum increases* when  $q_{\perp} \nearrow$  with rate  $\propto 2C_R + N_c$

*additional radiation expected from rescattering*  $l_{\perp} \sim Q_s$ ?

•  $k_{\perp} \lesssim Q_s \ll \Lambda_S \Rightarrow$  **only  $k_{\perp} < \Lambda_S$  region is affected**

•  $q^2 \rightarrow q^2 + \mathcal{O}(Q_s^2) \Rightarrow \Delta \left( x \frac{dI^{(0)}}{dx} \right) \propto 2C_F - N < 0$

# Summary

- coherent radiation spectrum beyond leading-log and for any  $\xi$  now available for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes
- encompasses leading-log results
- FCEL beyond LL probes *off-diagonal* elements of hard process *color density matrix*  $\Phi$
- some contributions to FCEL spectrum can be negative
- FCEL can now be systematically implemented in pA



**Merci !**