

Jet Evolution Through Multiple In-Medium Soft Gluon Emissions

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Understanding decoherence is fundamental to understand modified jet fragmentation

Single medium-induced gluon emission

- BDMPS-Z formalism
 - ✦ Emitted gluons acquire transverse momenta through multiple scatterings with the medium

$$\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega} = \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q} L^2}{\omega}} \propto \alpha_s \frac{L}{t_f} \quad t_f = \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$

Soft emissions have short formation times

Multiple emissions become important for: $\alpha_s \frac{L}{t_f} \sim 1$

Formation time

- Medium-induced emission can happen anywhere in the medium
- Medium contribution scales like the length of the medium
- Formation time refers to the time it takes to decorrelate the gluon from the parent parton
- Emitted gluons take time to pick up transverse momentum
- Soft gluons are emitted at large angles
- Soft gluons decorrelate faster

From single emission to multiple branchings

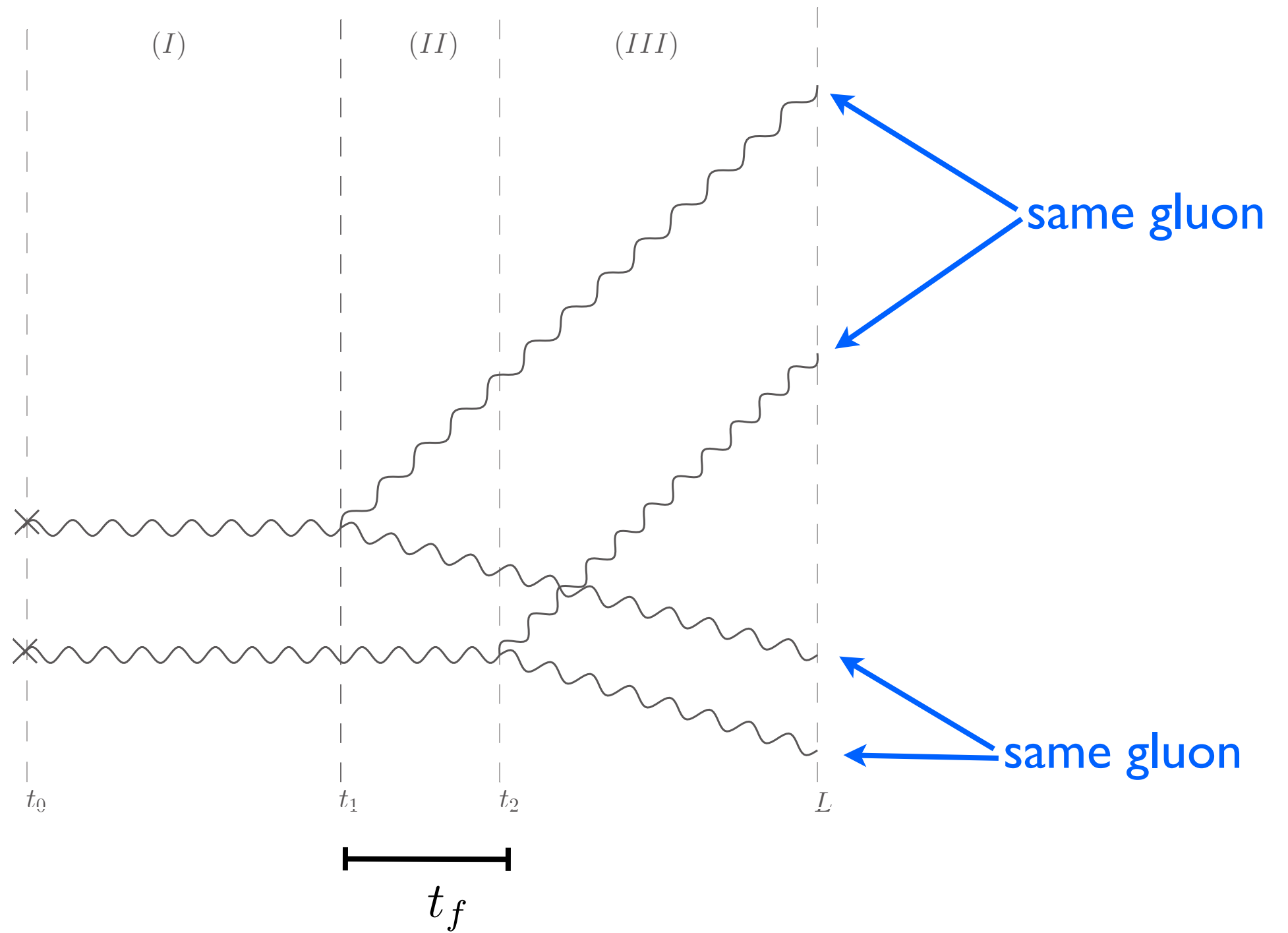
- Soft emissions not necessarily come from leading parton

Relax eikonal approximation

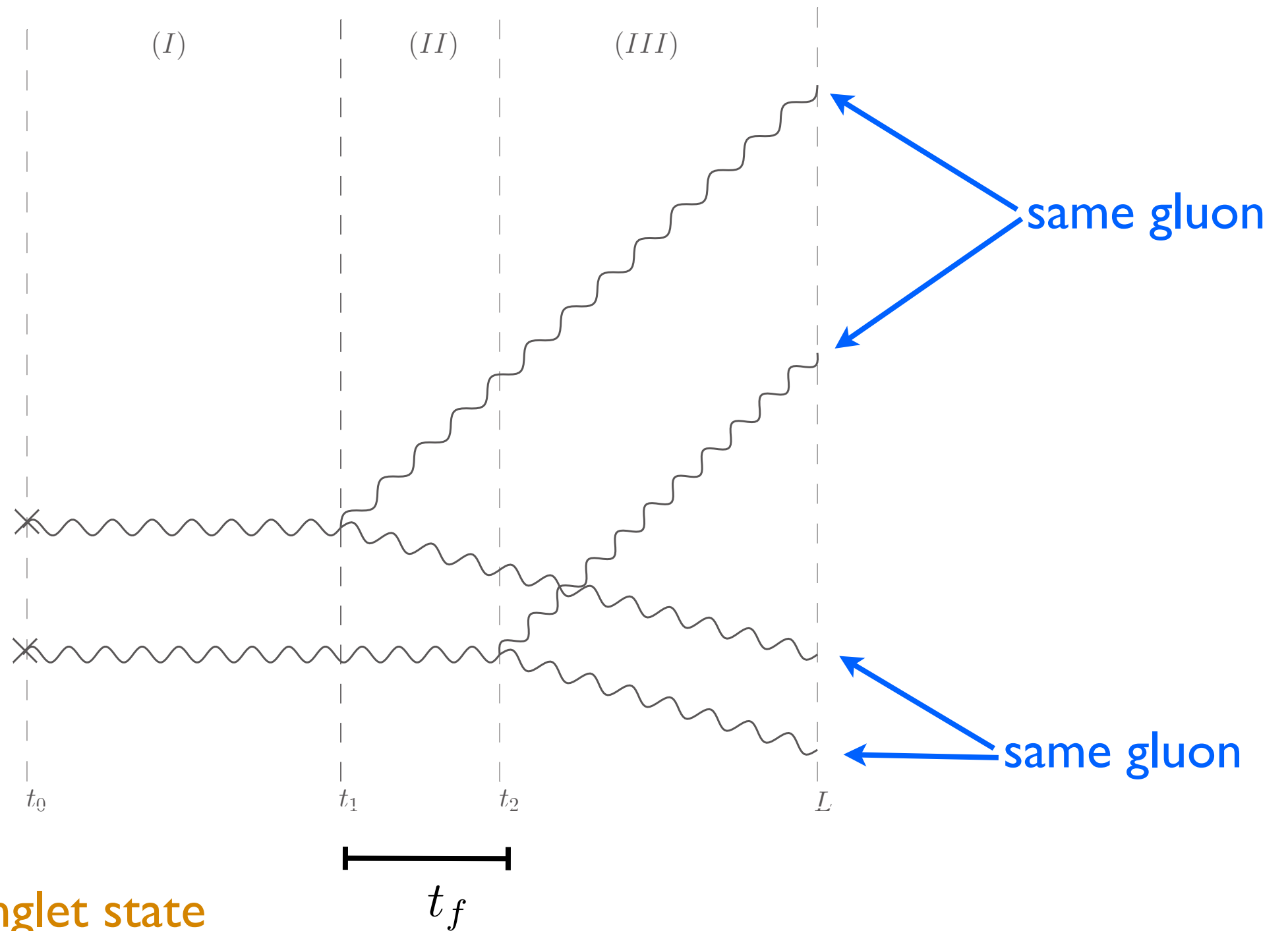
- Determine the role of interferences

Relation between decoherence time and formation time

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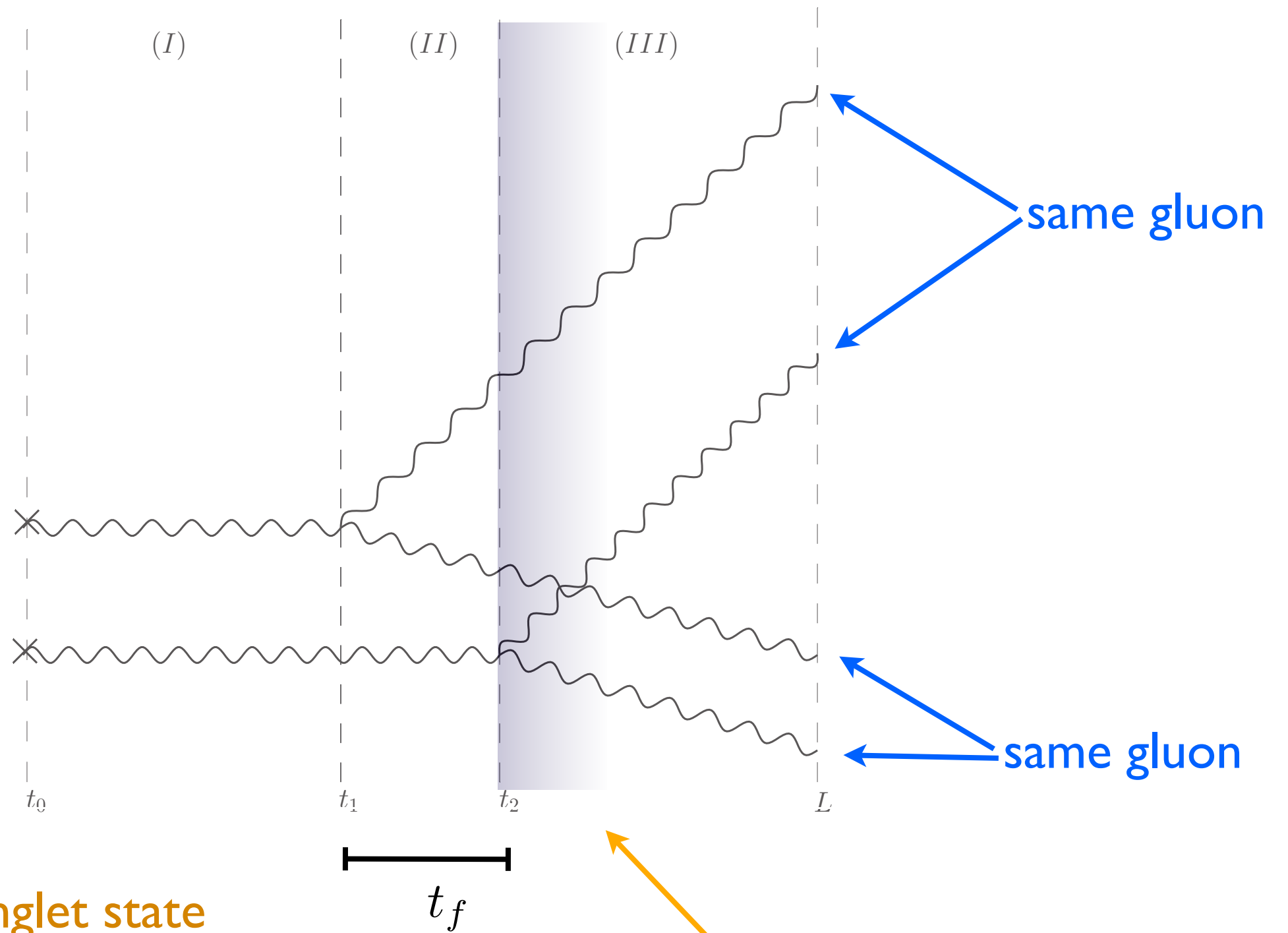


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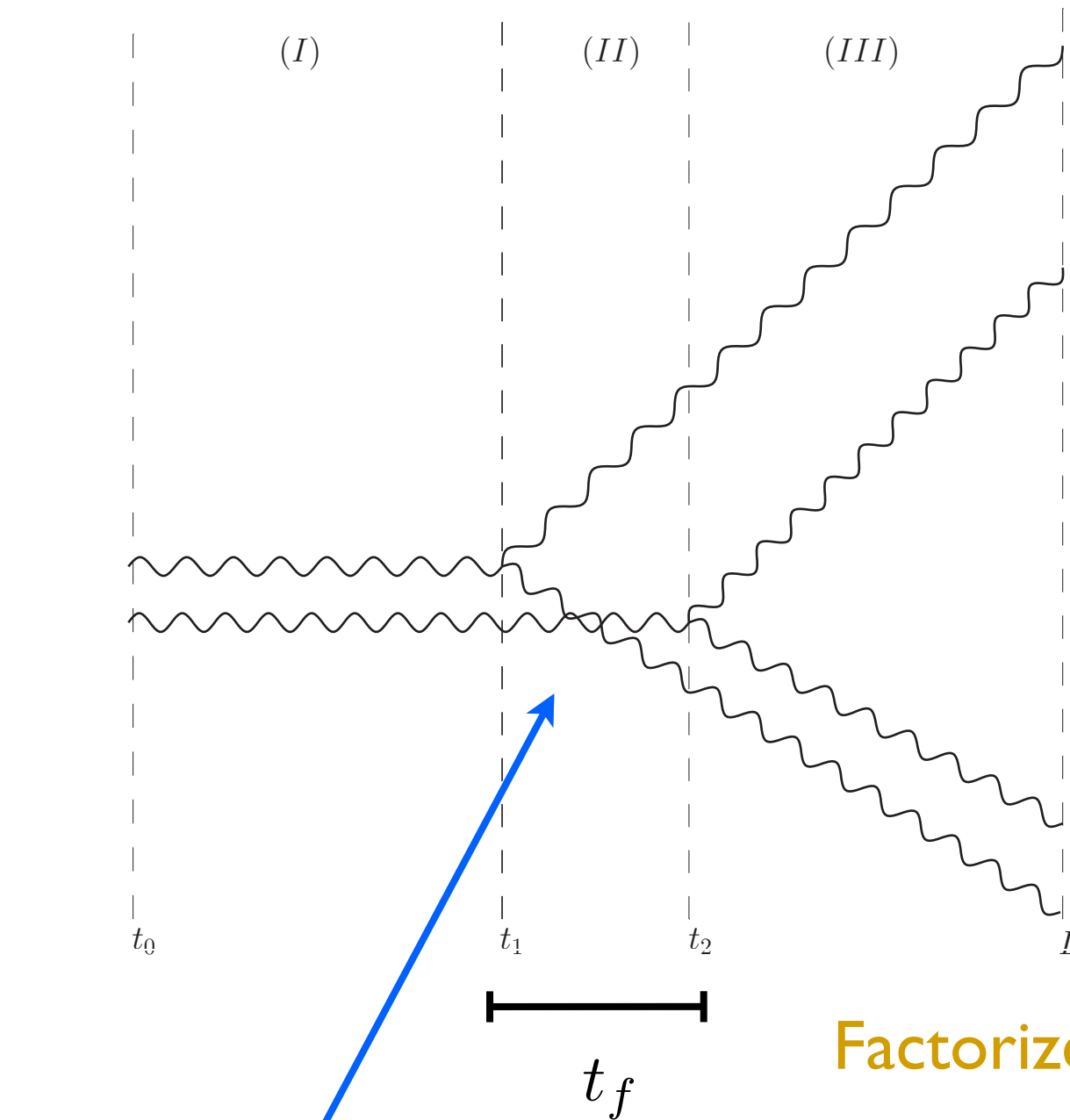
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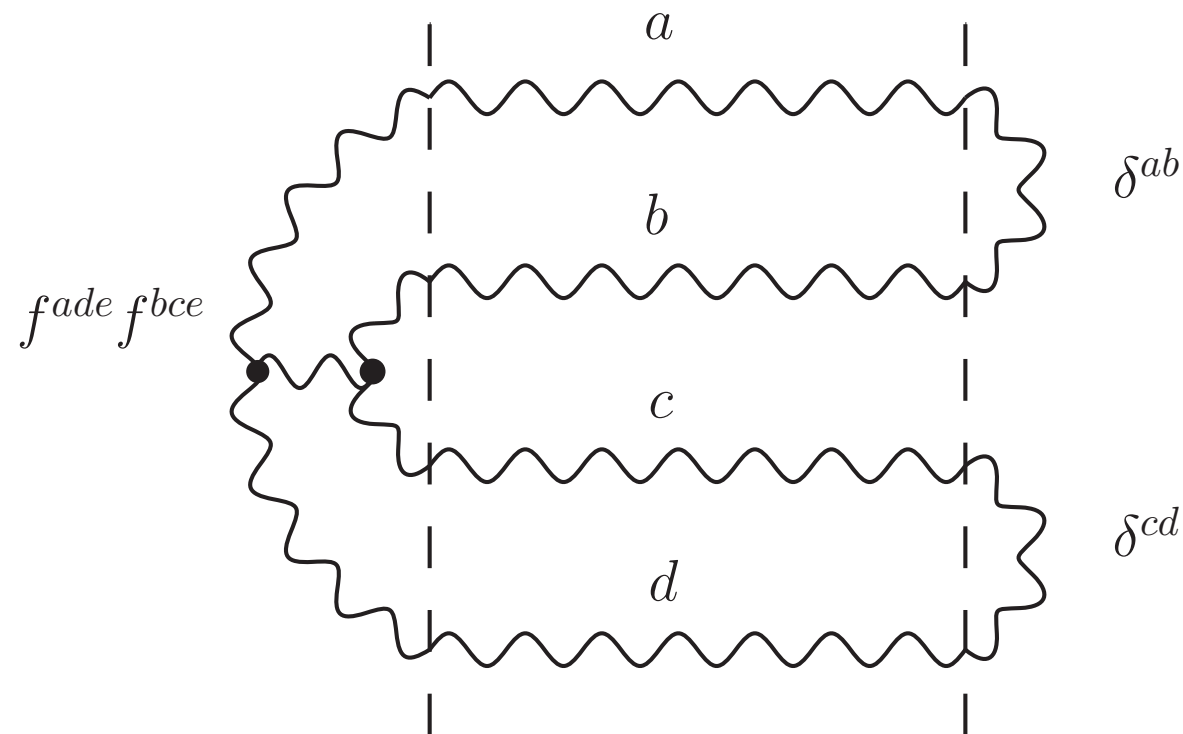


Kernel
 \mathcal{K}

Factorized propagation

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^{(4)} &\equiv \langle \mathcal{G}_1 \mathcal{G}_2 \mathcal{G}_1^\dagger \mathcal{G}_2^\dagger \rangle \\
 &= \langle \mathcal{G}_1 \mathcal{G}_1^\dagger \rangle \langle \mathcal{G}_1 \mathcal{G}_1^\dagger \rangle + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t_f}{L}\right)
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Factorization of two-gluon propagation

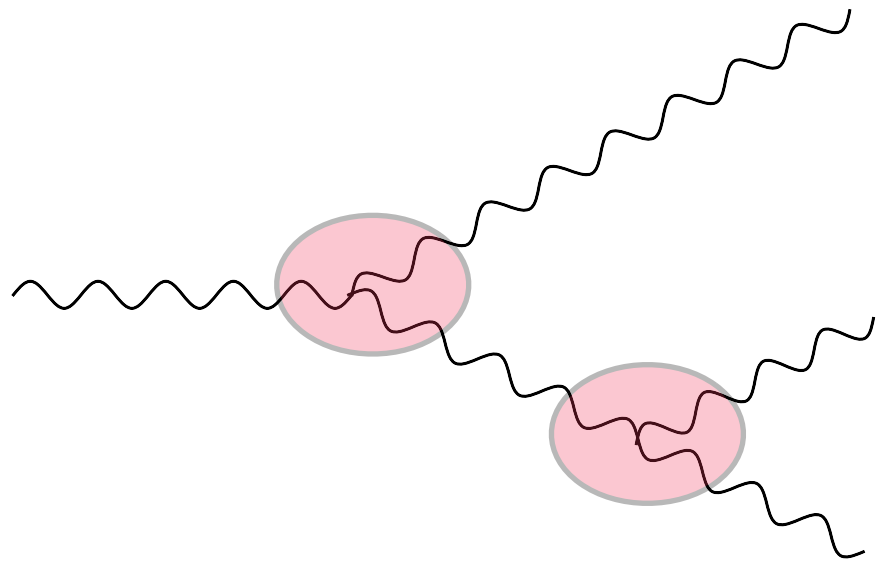


- For large number of colors, the medium average can be explicitly performed and the point of the transition singled out
- The time scale for such a transition is given by the formation time

Consequences of short formation times

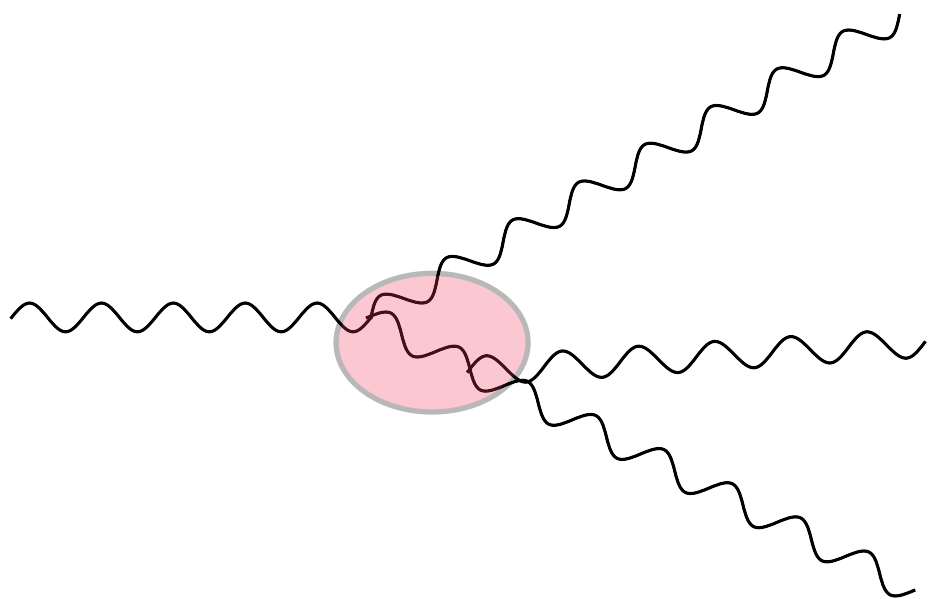
- Splitting process is semi-local
- Propagation of two-gluon system factorizes into independent propagation
- Overlapping emissions are suppressed by factors of $\frac{t_f}{L}$
- Interferences are a subleading effect

Interferences



$$\sim \left(\alpha_s \frac{L}{t_f} \right)^2$$

Independent emissions are enhanced by the medium length

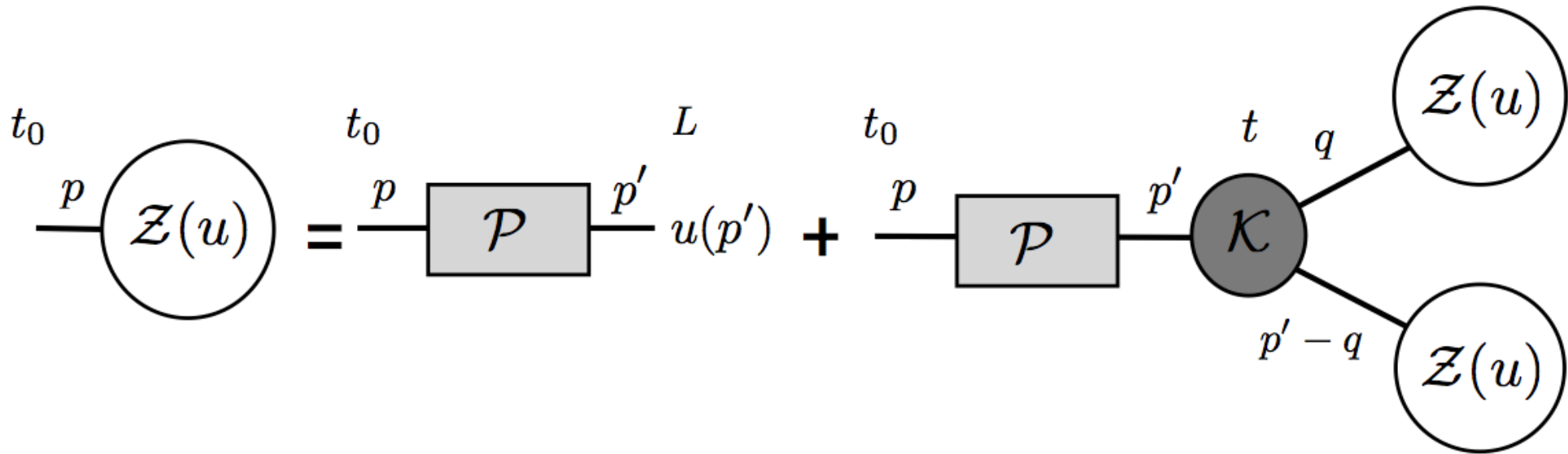


$$\sim \alpha_s^2 \frac{L}{t_f}$$

Interferences II

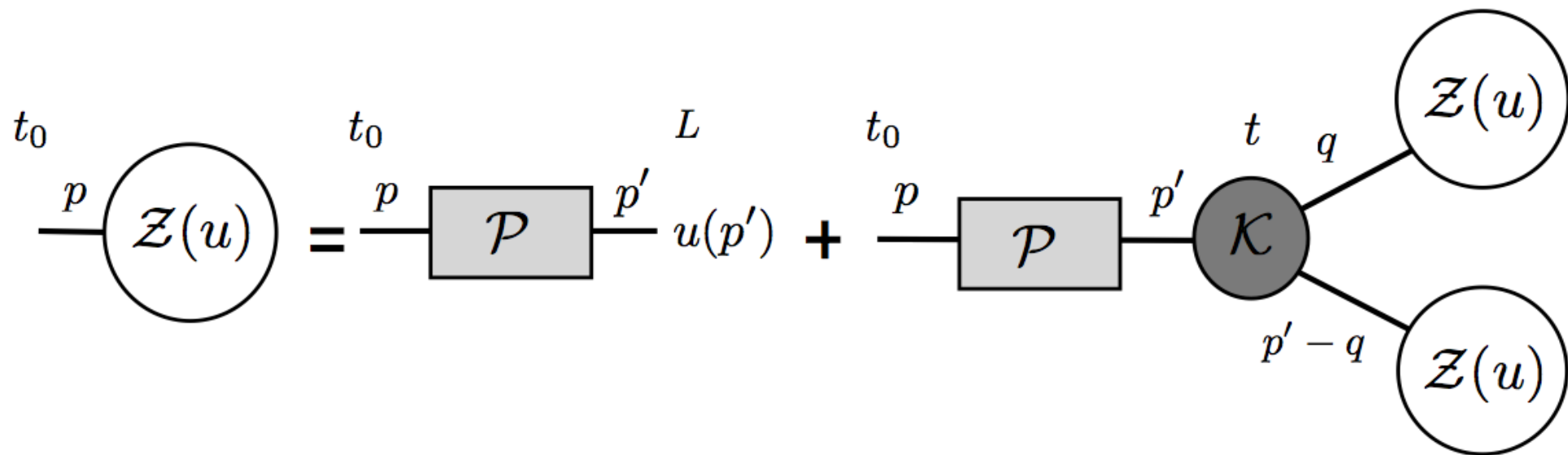
- Interferences between emissions from different sources are important only if they occur sufficiently close to previous splitting
- For dynamical case,
decoherence time = formation time

Probabilistic picture



$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{p}, L - t_0 | u) = \Delta(p^+, L - t_0) \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}'}{(2\pi)^2} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}, L - t_0) u(\mathbf{p}') + \alpha_s \int_{t_0}^L dt \Delta(p^+, t - t_0) \\ \times \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}'}{(2\pi)^2} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}, L - t_0) \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{q} - z\mathbf{p}' | z) \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{q}, L - t | u) \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{q}, L - t | u)$$

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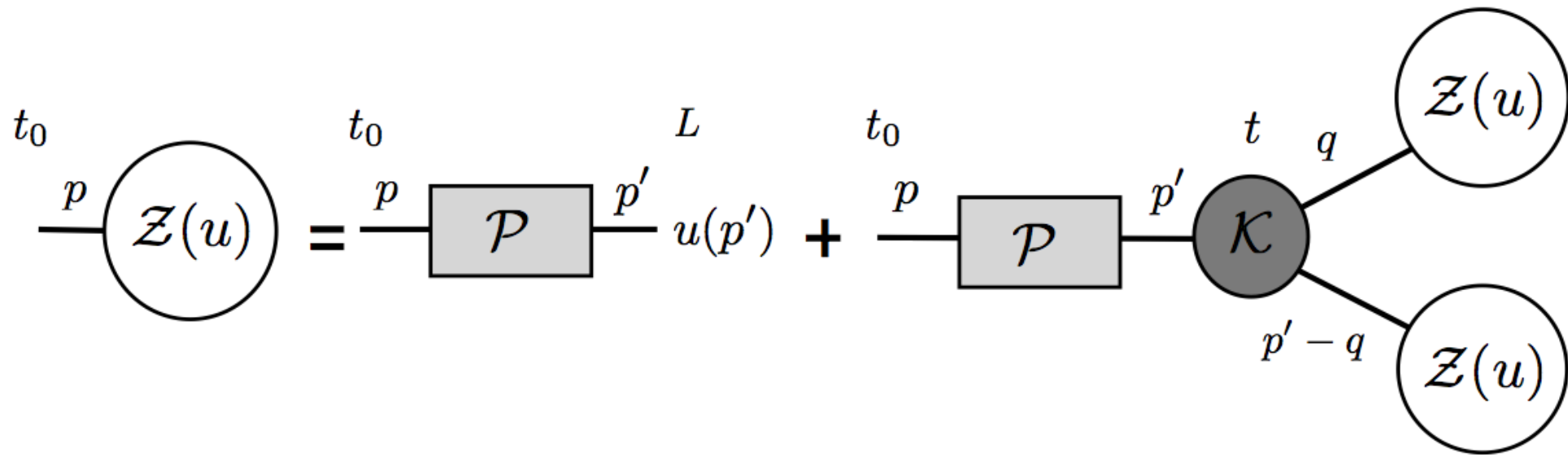


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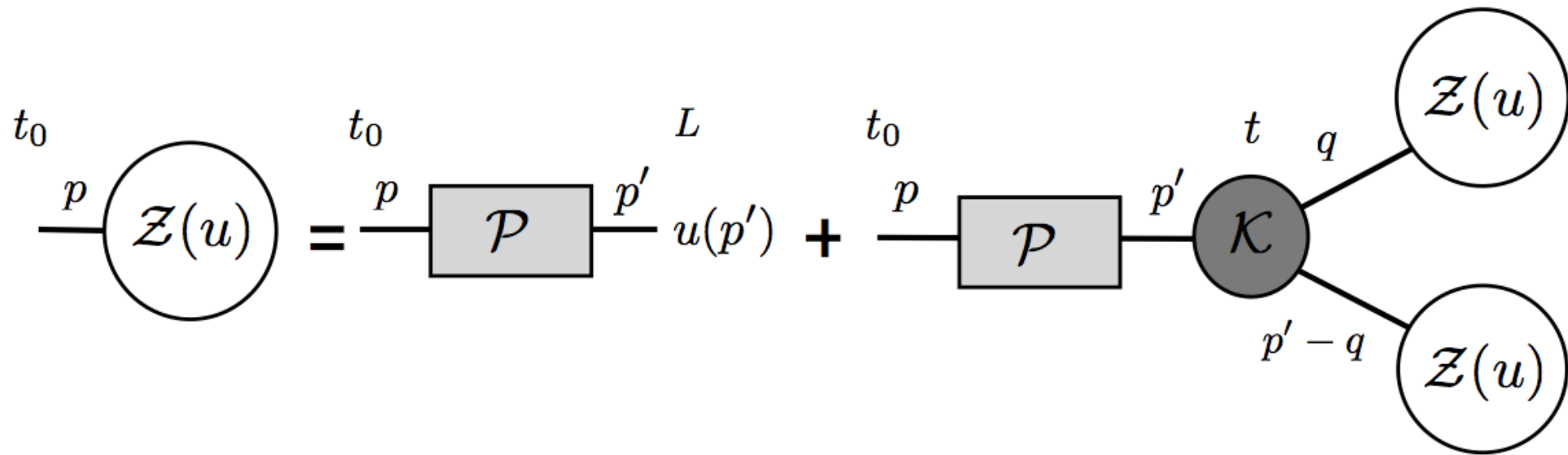
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Sudakov form factor

$$\Delta(p^+, L - t_0) = \exp \left[-\alpha_s (L - t_0) \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} \mathcal{K}(z) \right]$$

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Only valid for soft sector in the full decoherence regime

Conclusion

- Two-gluon production factorizes in the limit of short formation times
- Interferences are unimportant for soft emissions
- Full medium-induced branching process can be set in a suitable way for MC implementation (generating functional)