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# INCLUSIVE PROMPT PHOTON PRODUCTION FROM THE CGC

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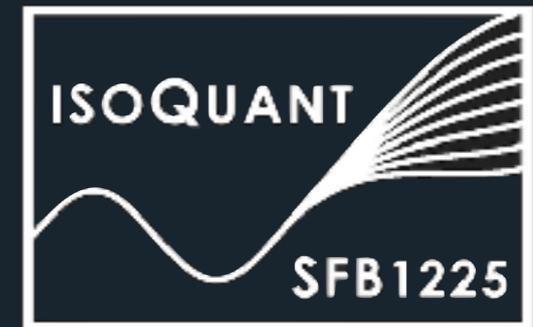
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**SUMMARY AND  
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# GLOBAL GOAL

Understand (nuclear) matter under extreme conditions

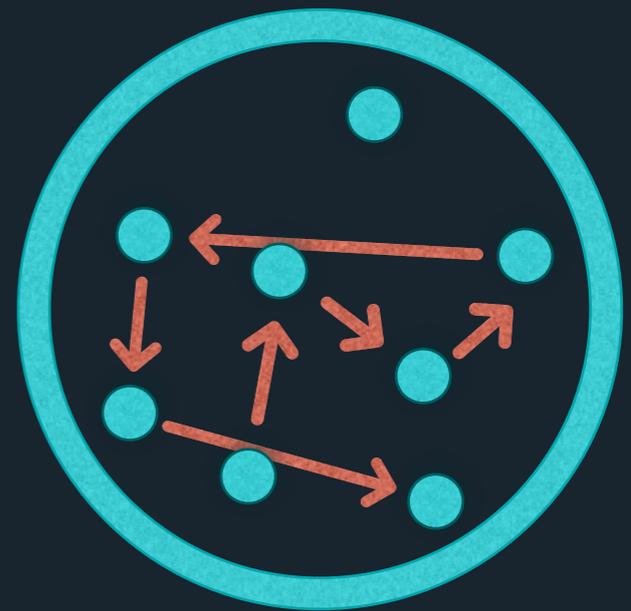


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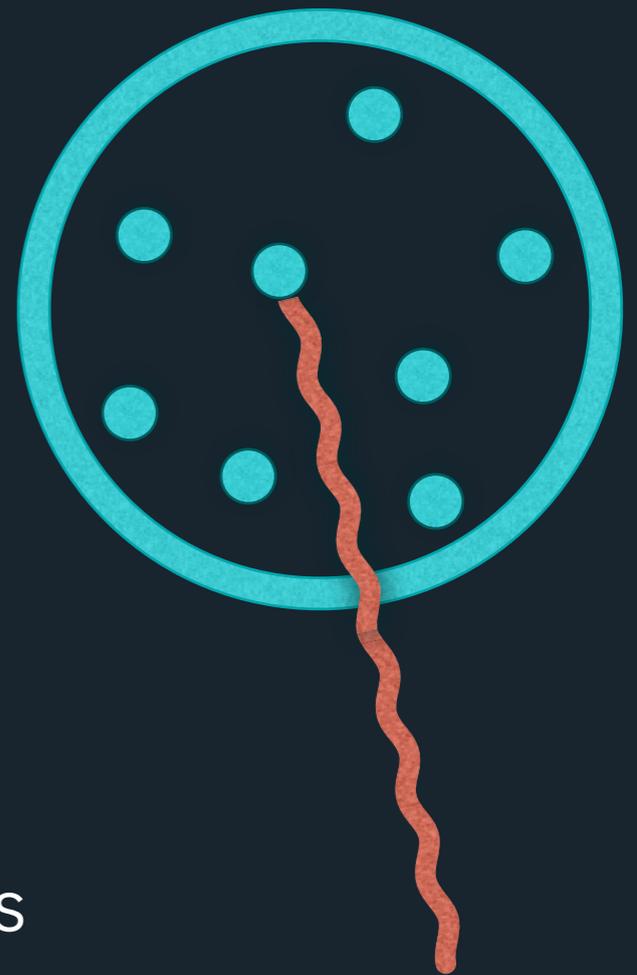
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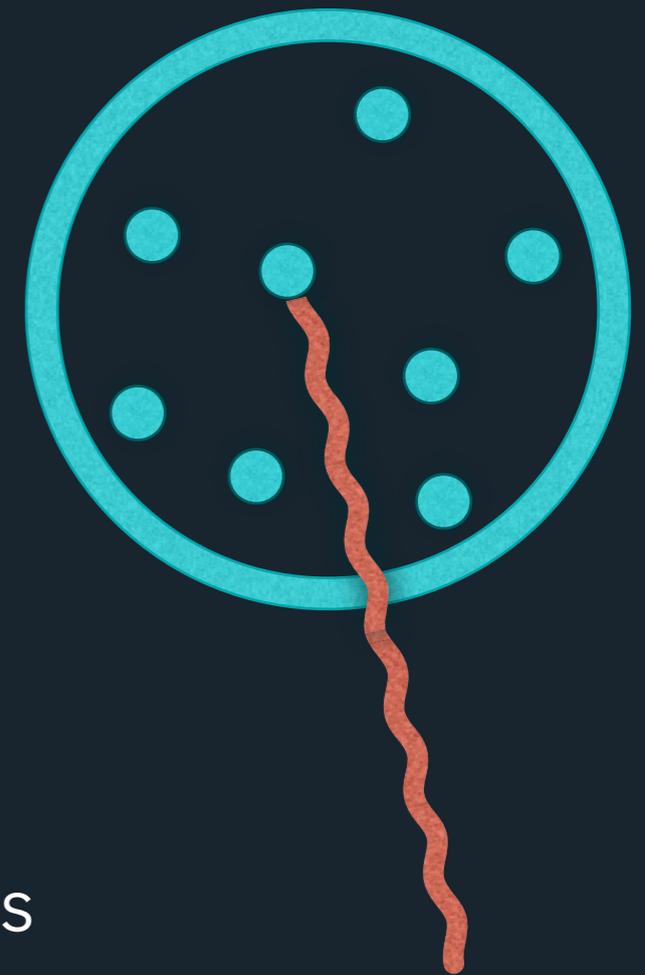


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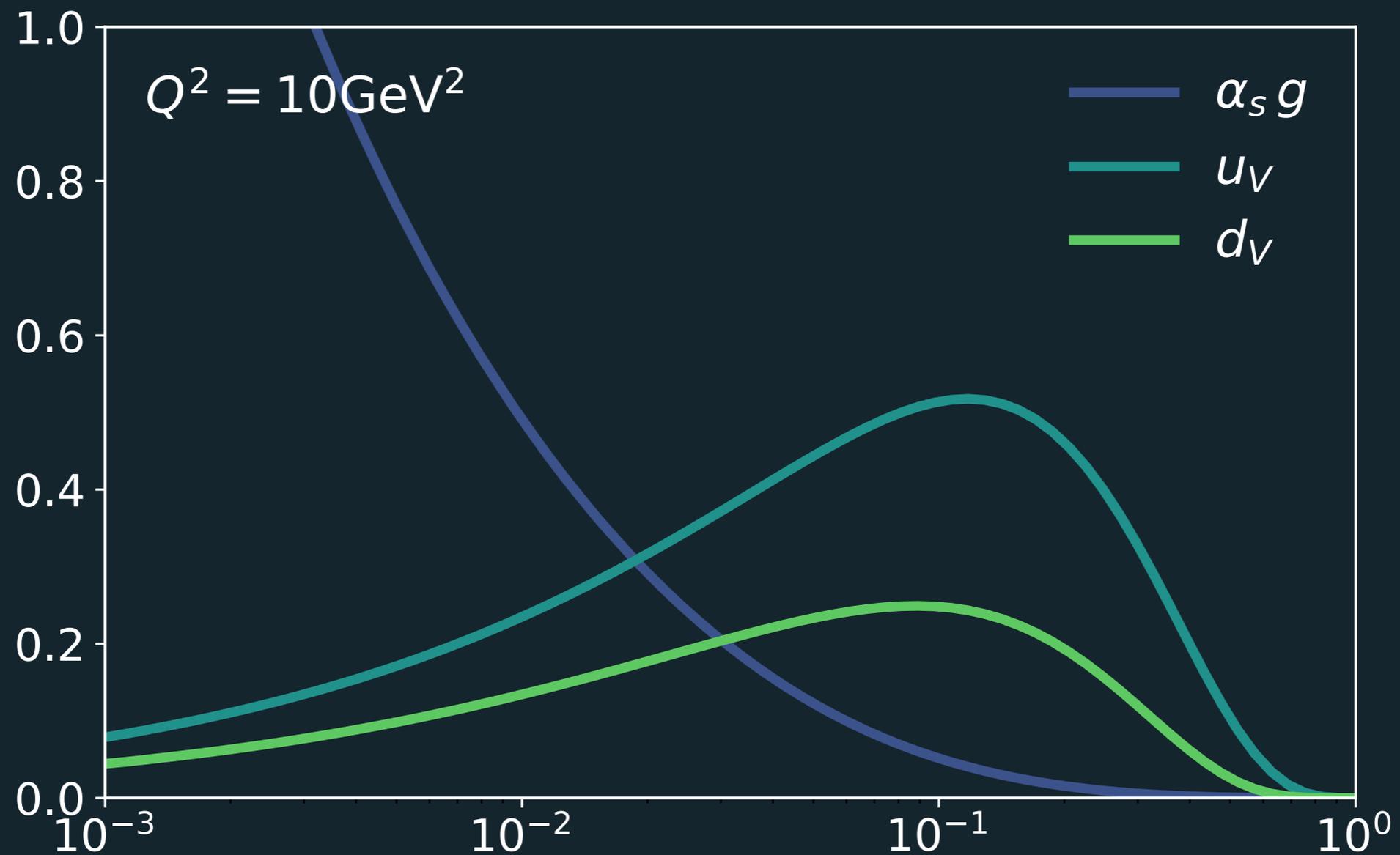
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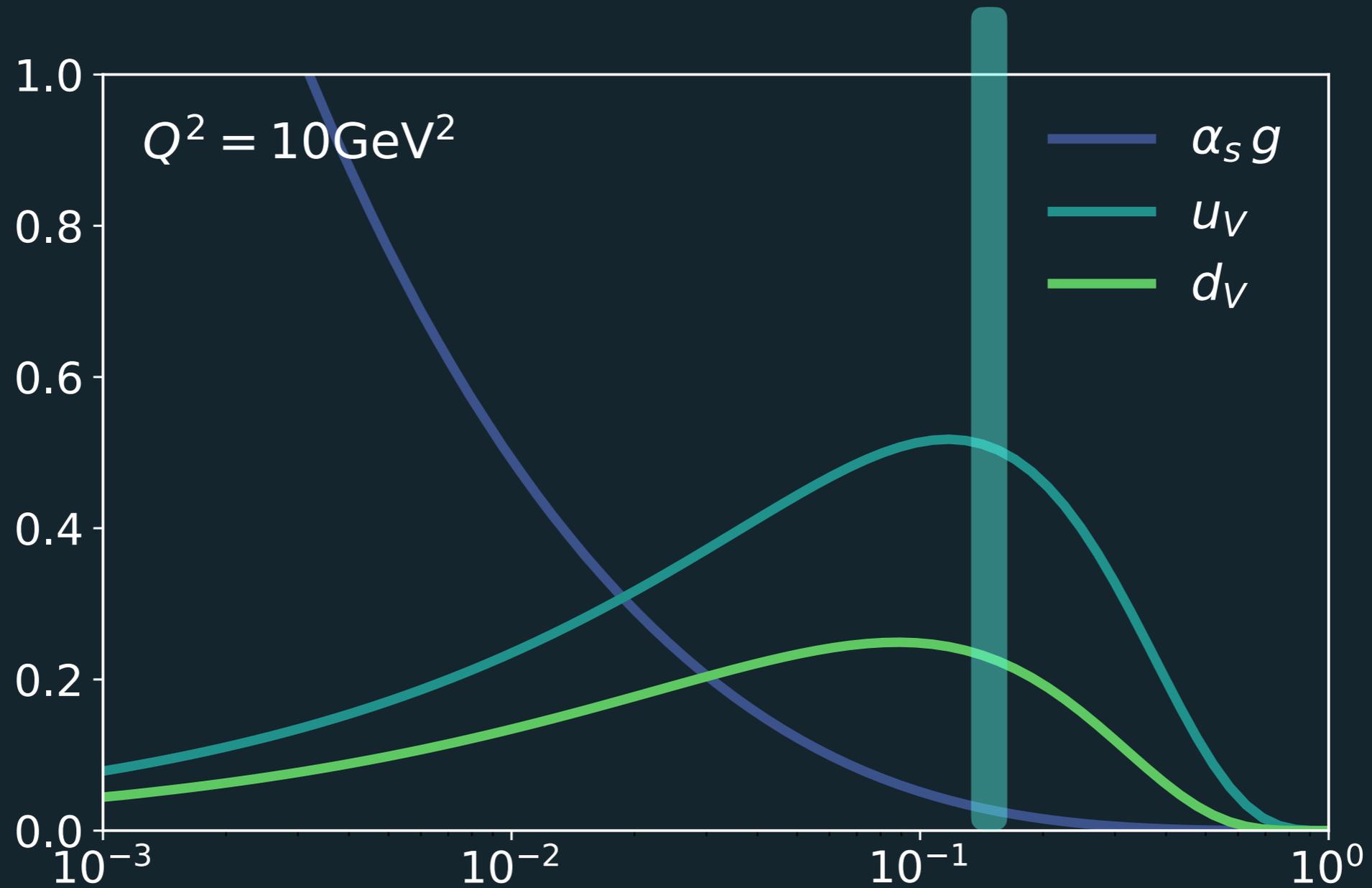
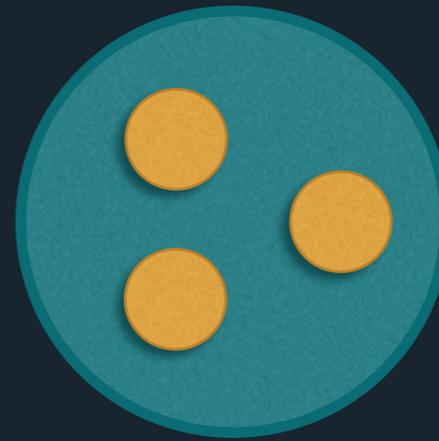
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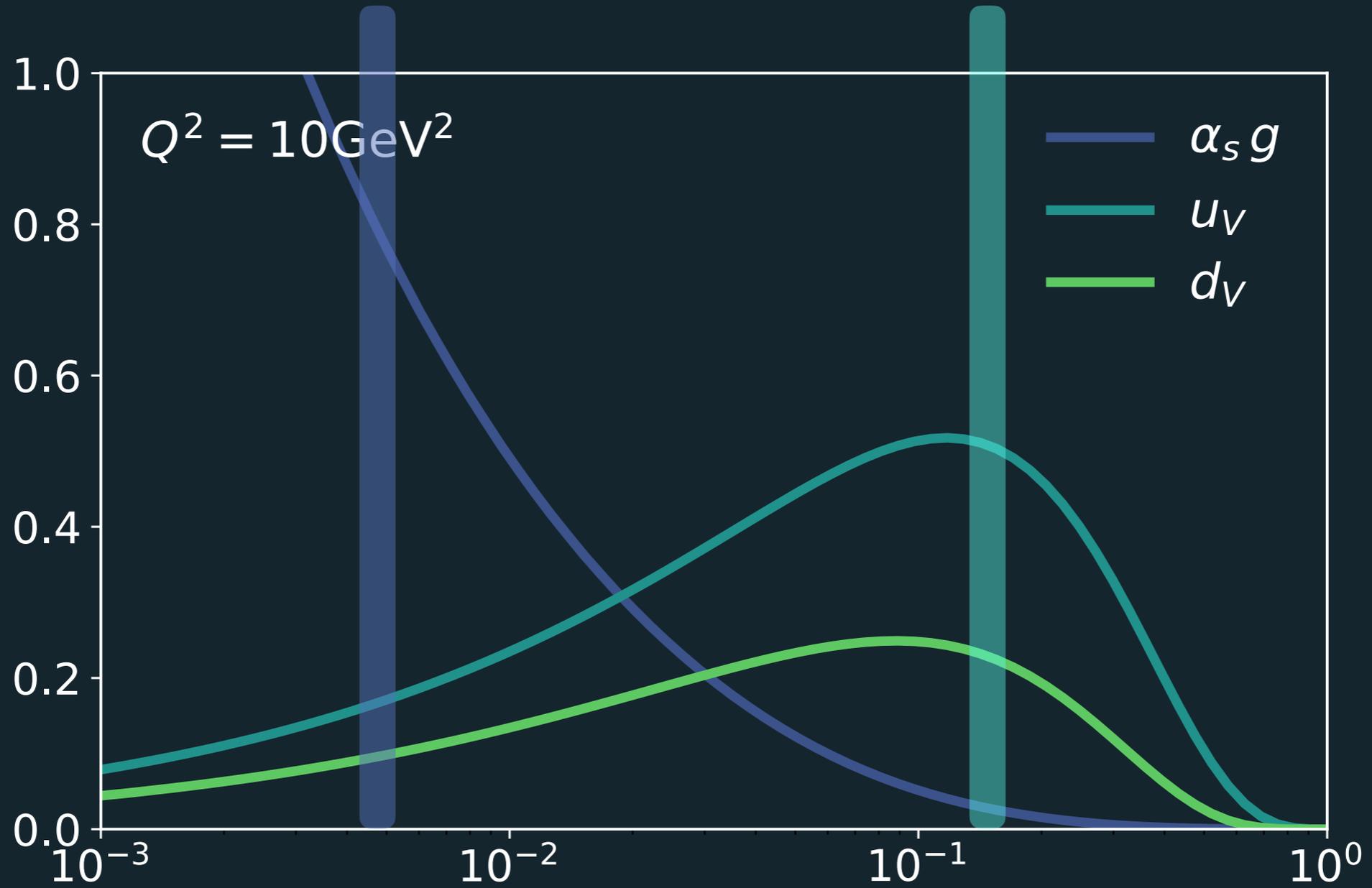
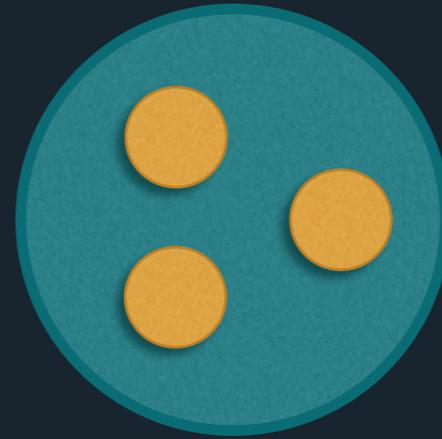
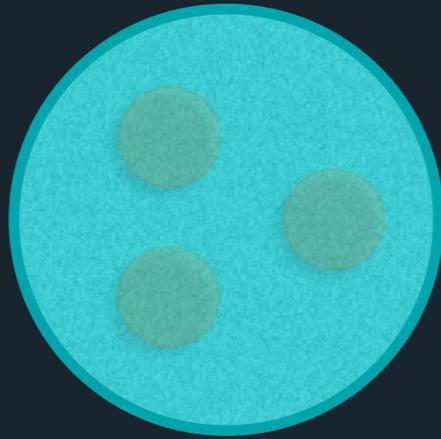
Use the 'known' to probe the 'unknown'

**WHAT IS  
DILUTE-DENSE?**

# PARTON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS







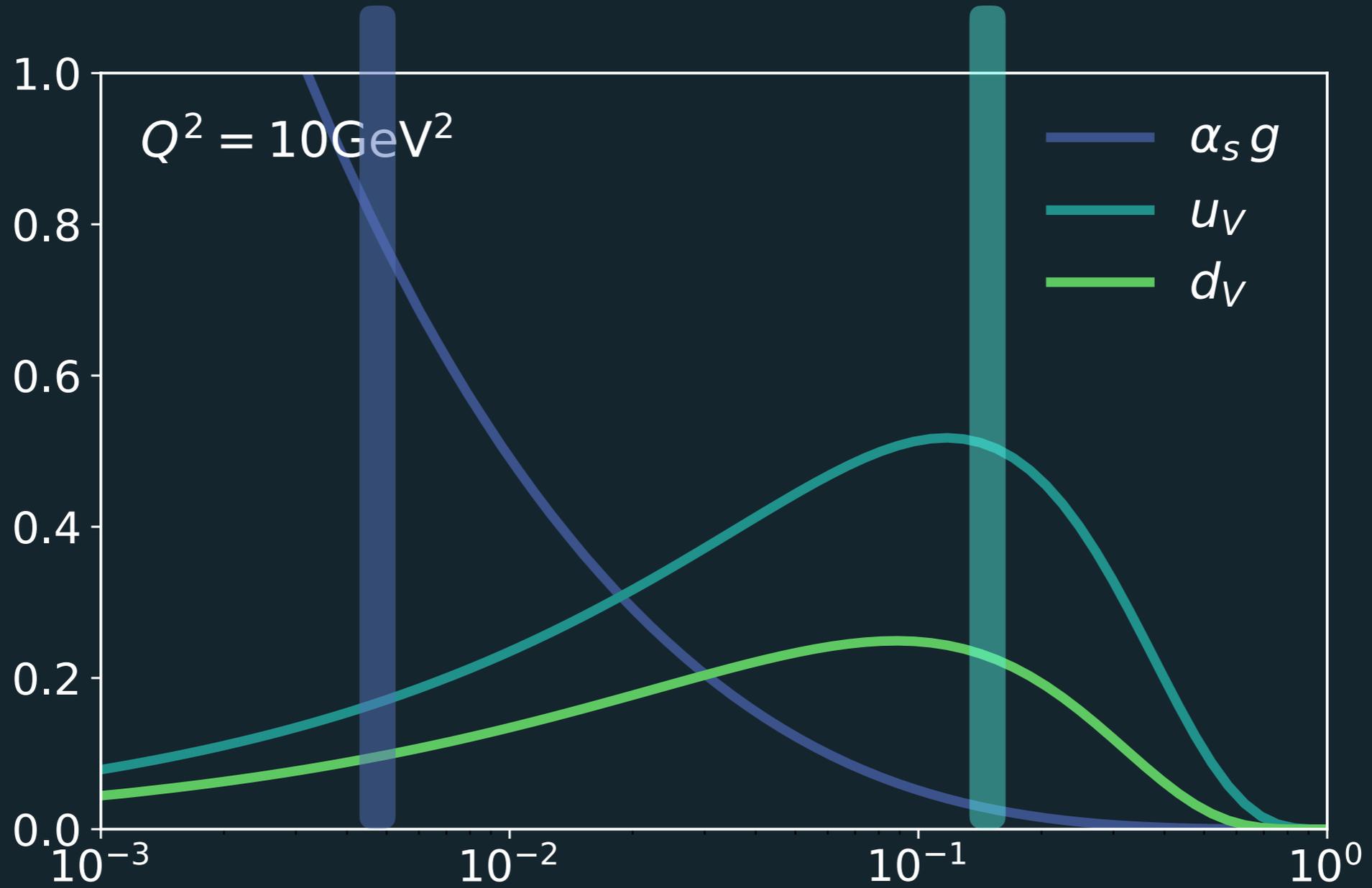
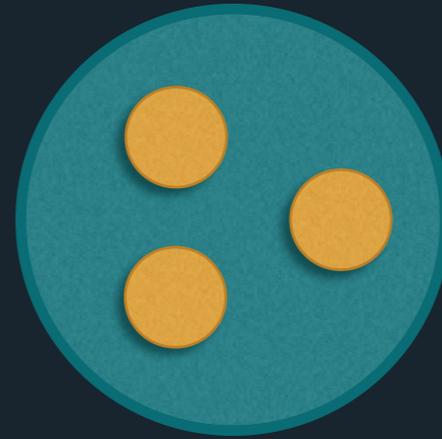
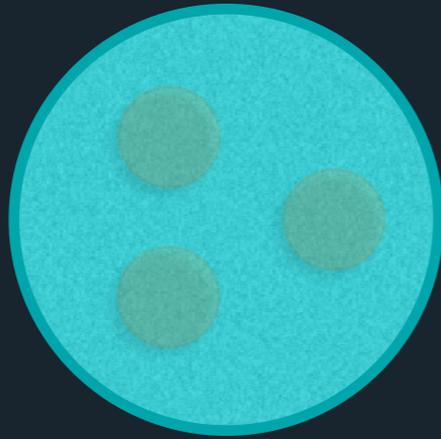
**GLUON RISE**

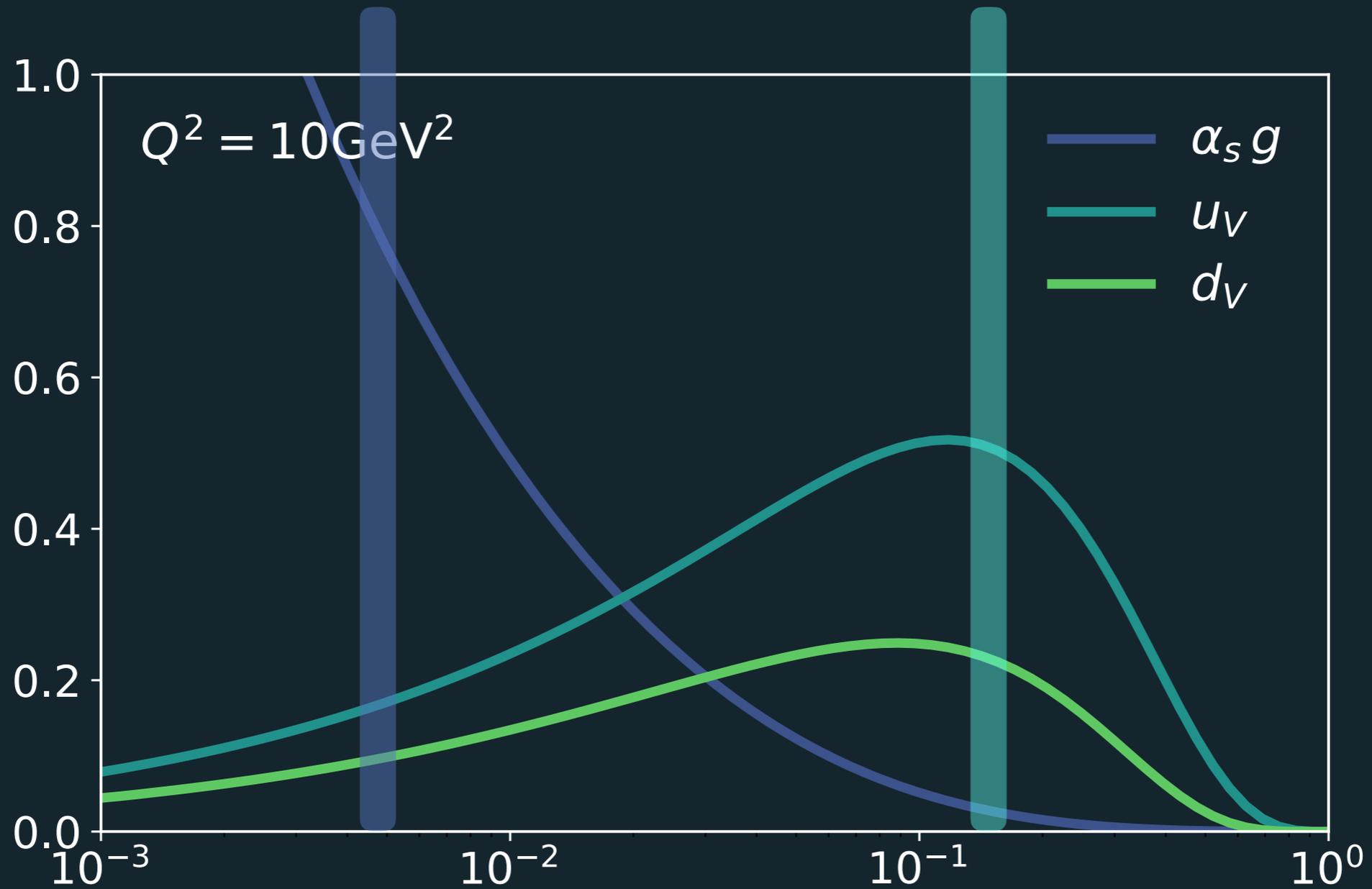
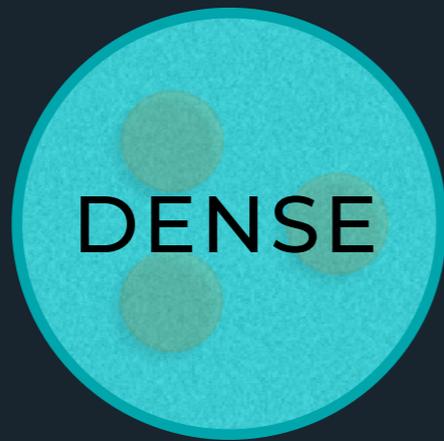


**GLUON RECOMBINATION**



**SATURATION**







HOW  
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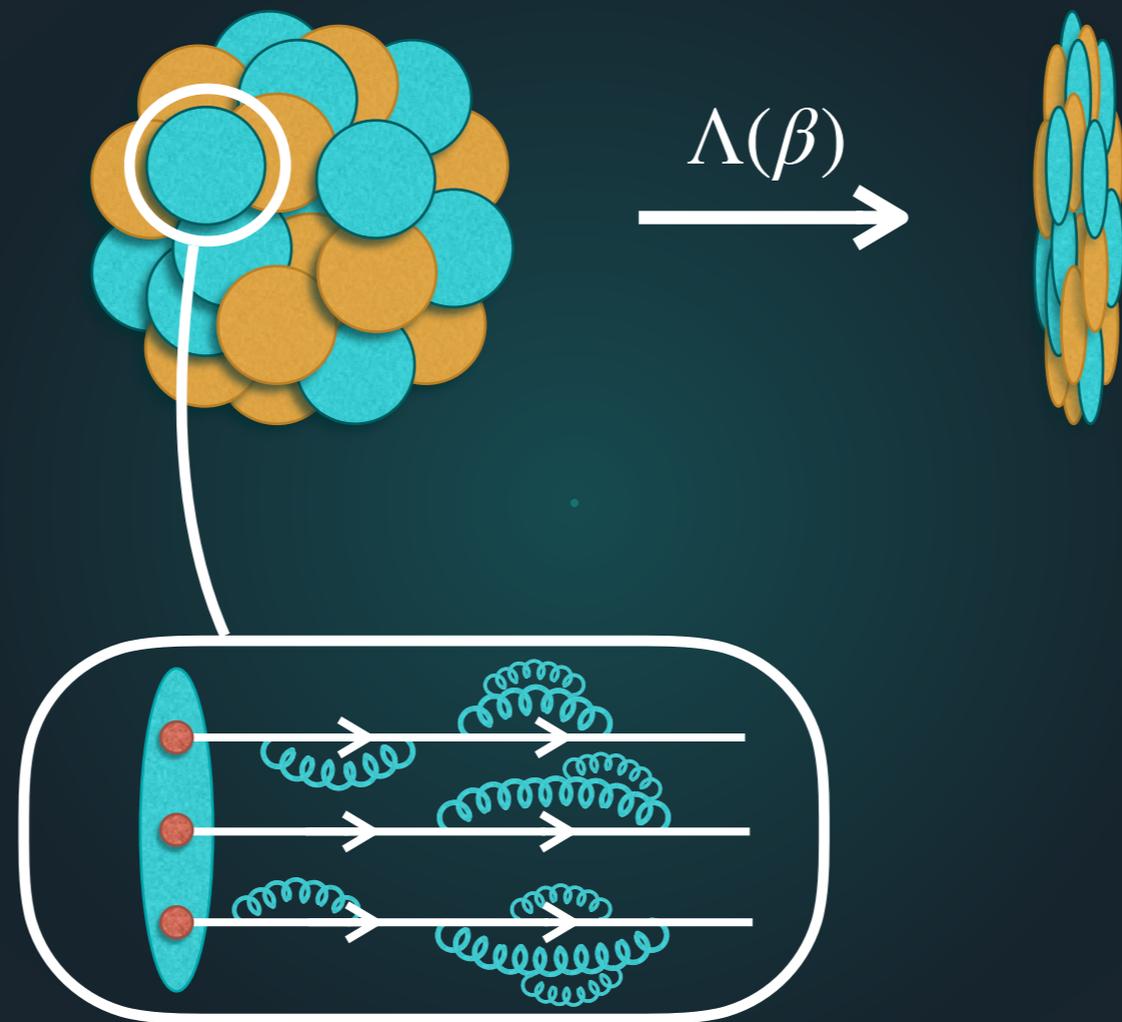
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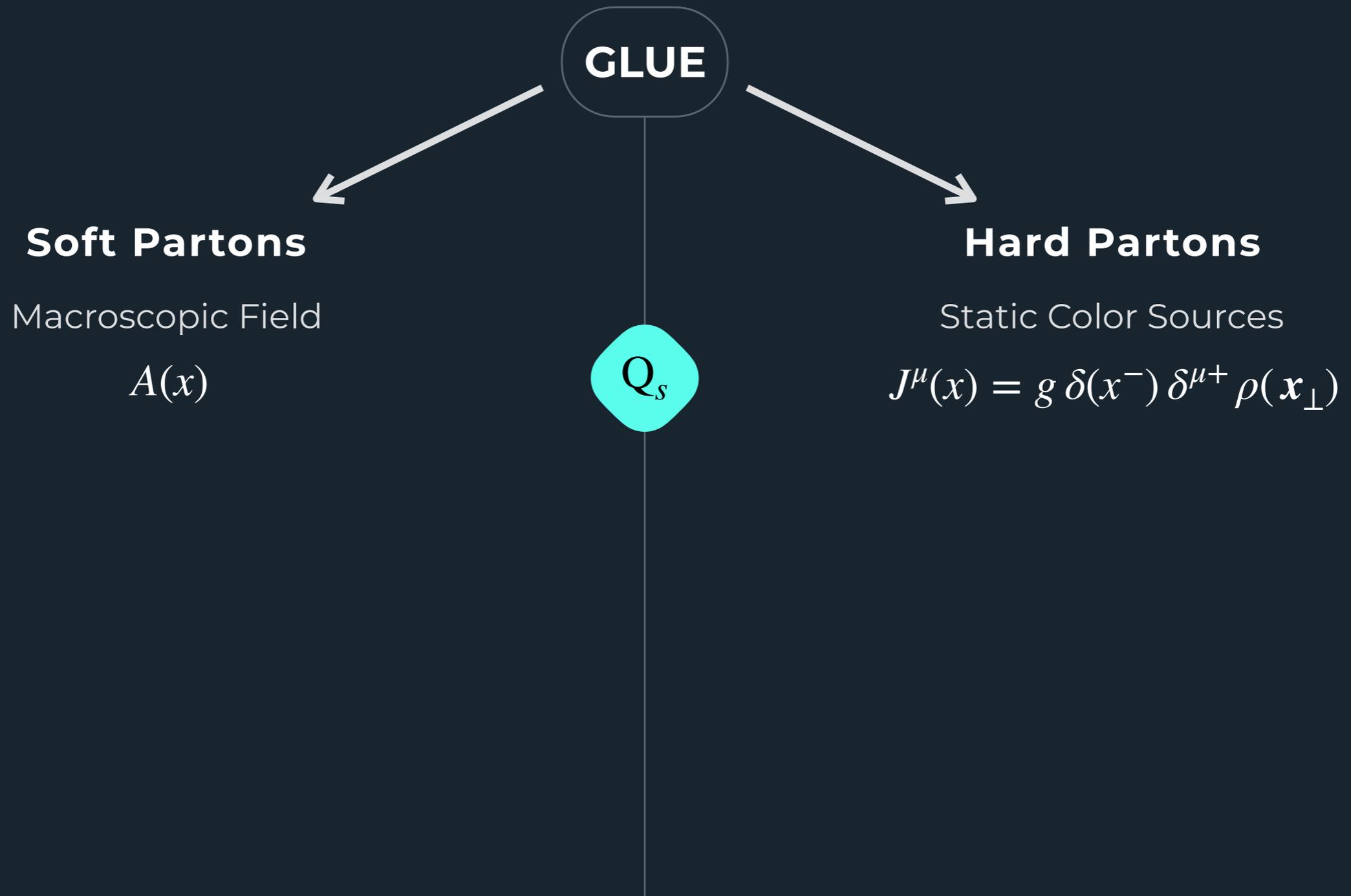
Macroscopic Field

$A(x)$

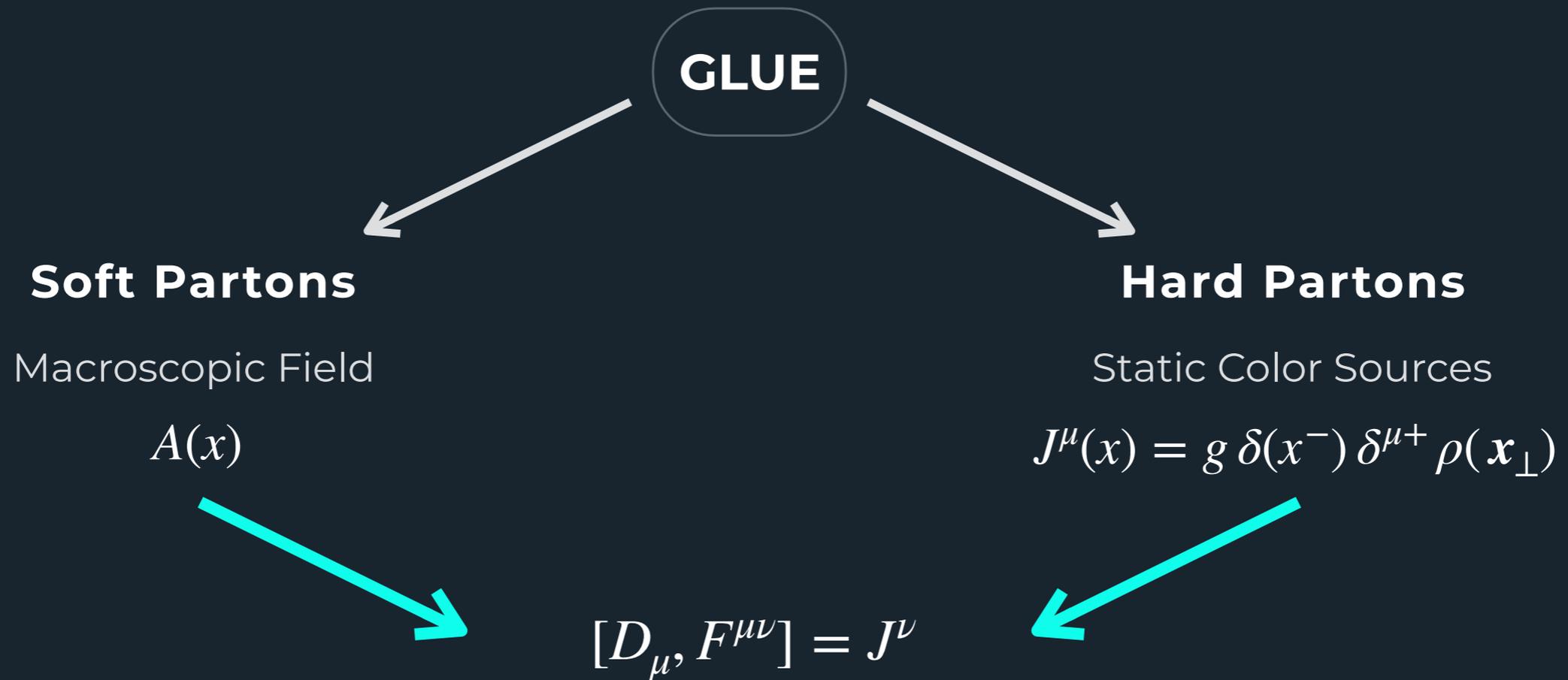
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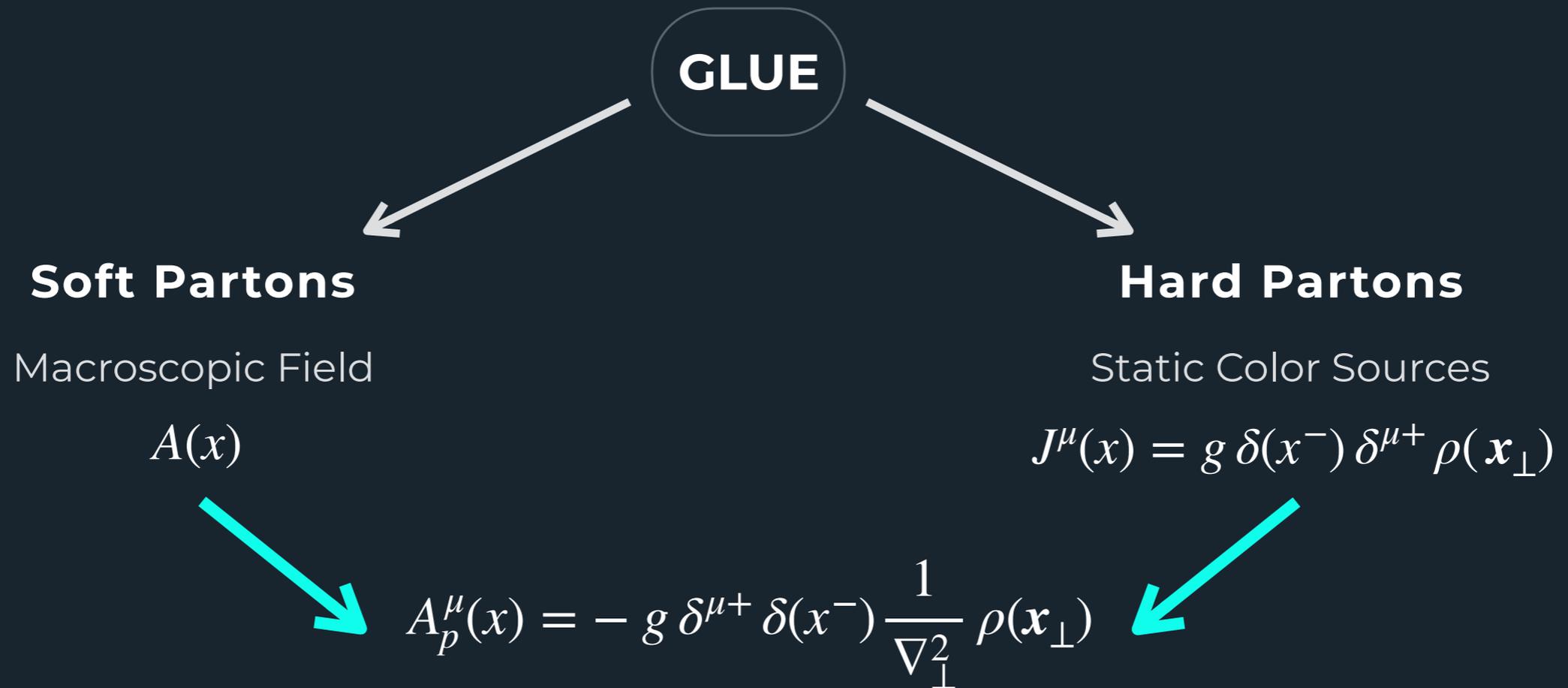
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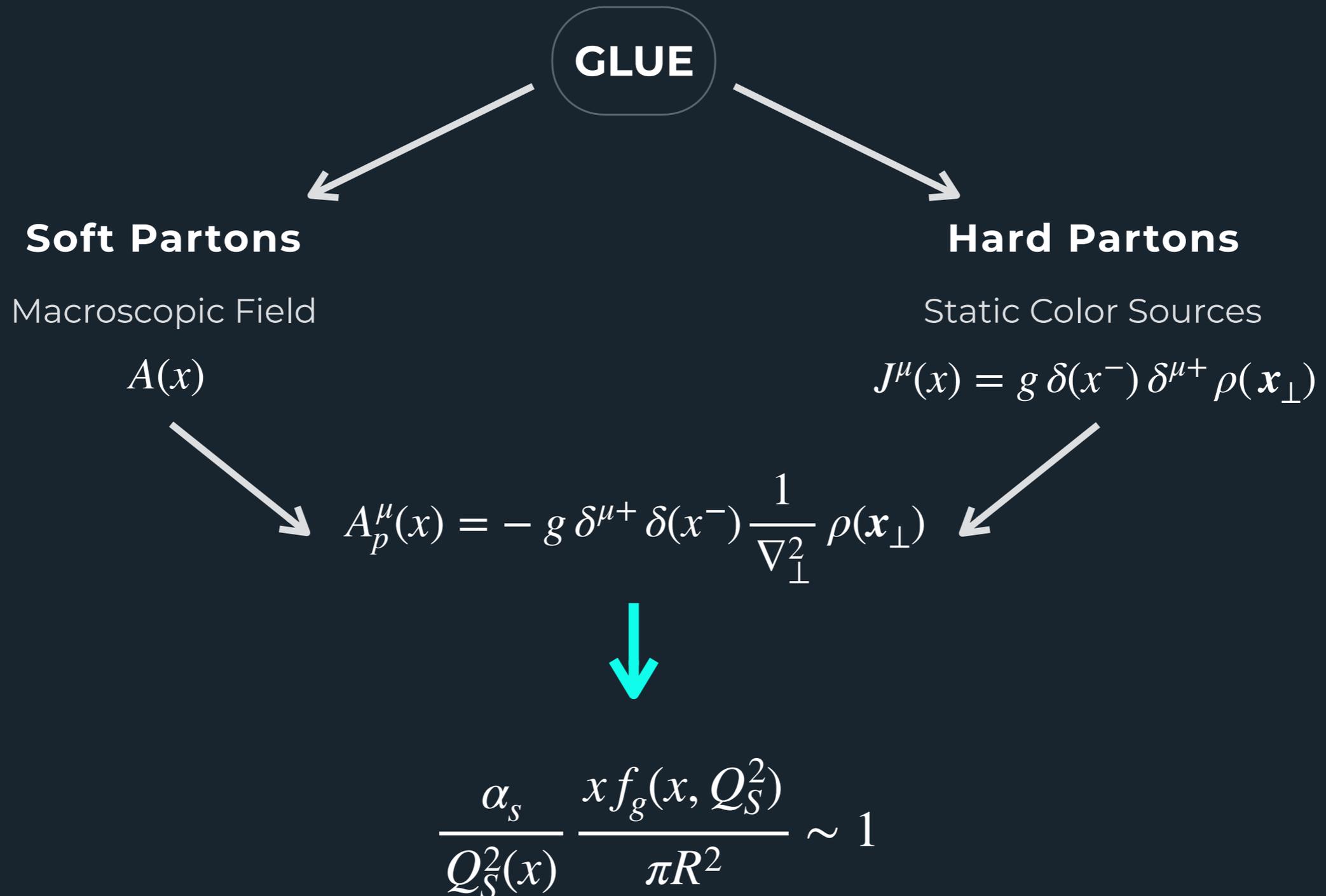
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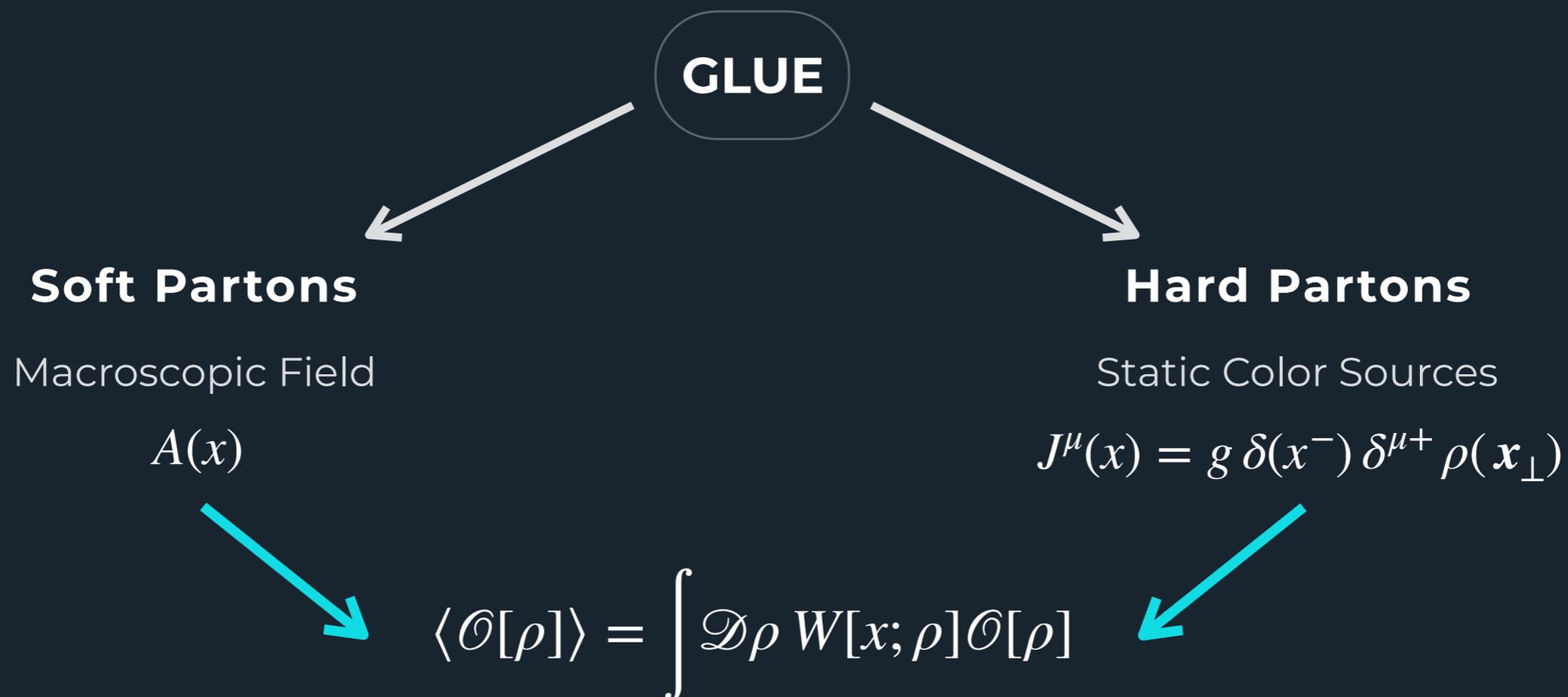
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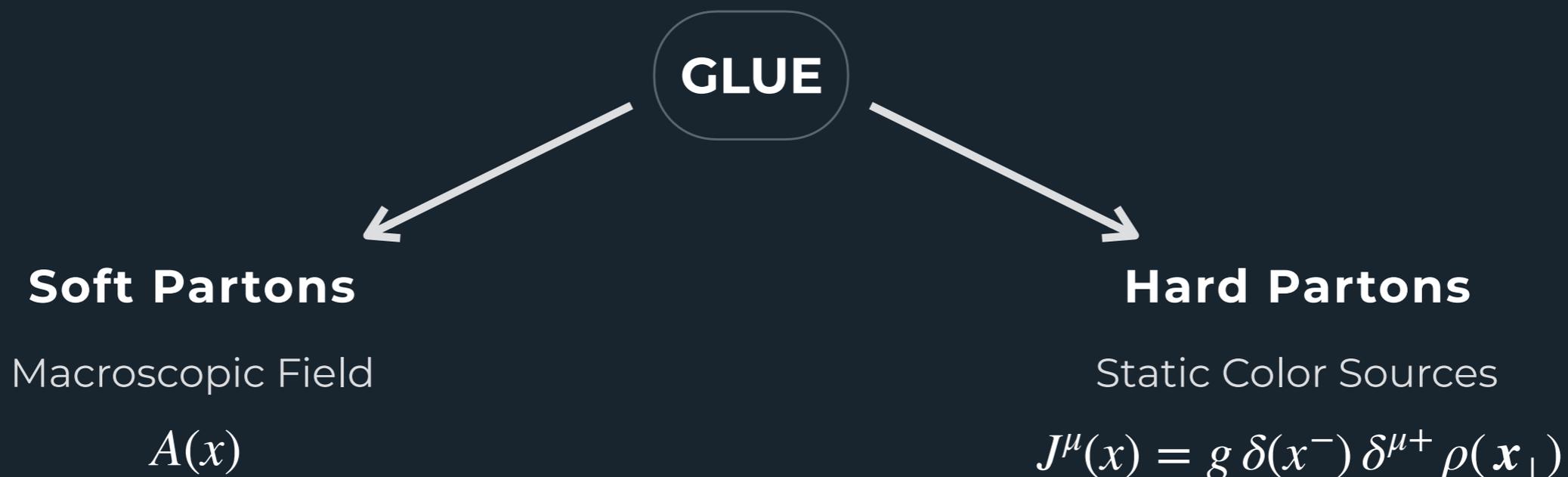


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$W[x; \rho]$  : gauge invariant probability distribution

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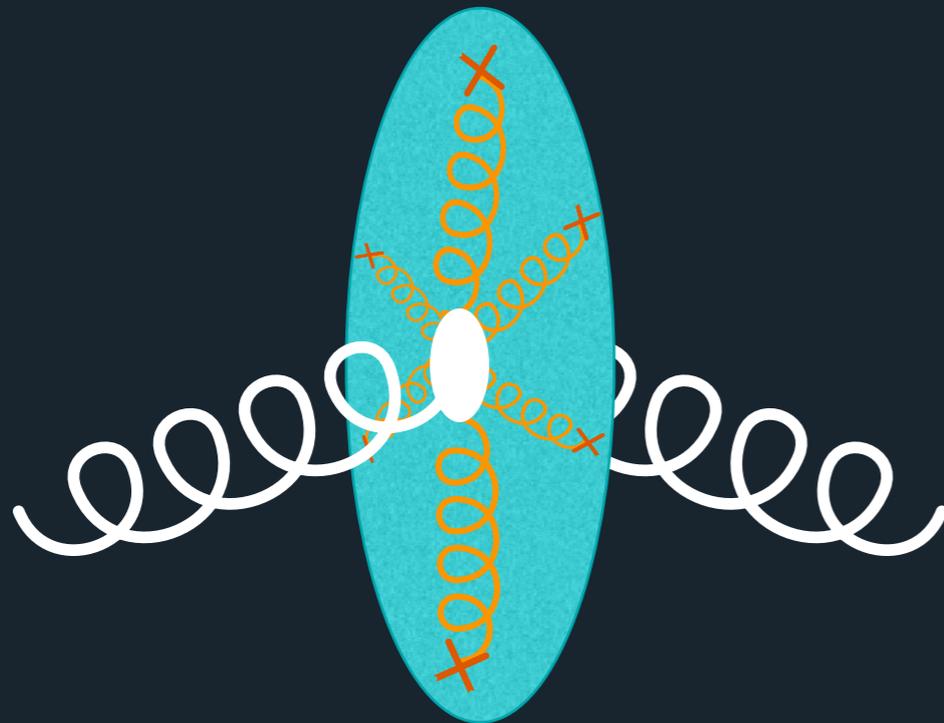


## SPECIAL CASE

McLerran-Venugopalan Model

$$\langle \rho^a(\mathbf{x}_\perp) \rho^b(\mathbf{y}_\perp) \rangle = g^2 \delta^{ab} \mu^2 \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_\perp - \mathbf{y}_\perp)$$

# PROPAGATION: GLUE



Is the gluon field (projectile) modified by the nuclear CGC?



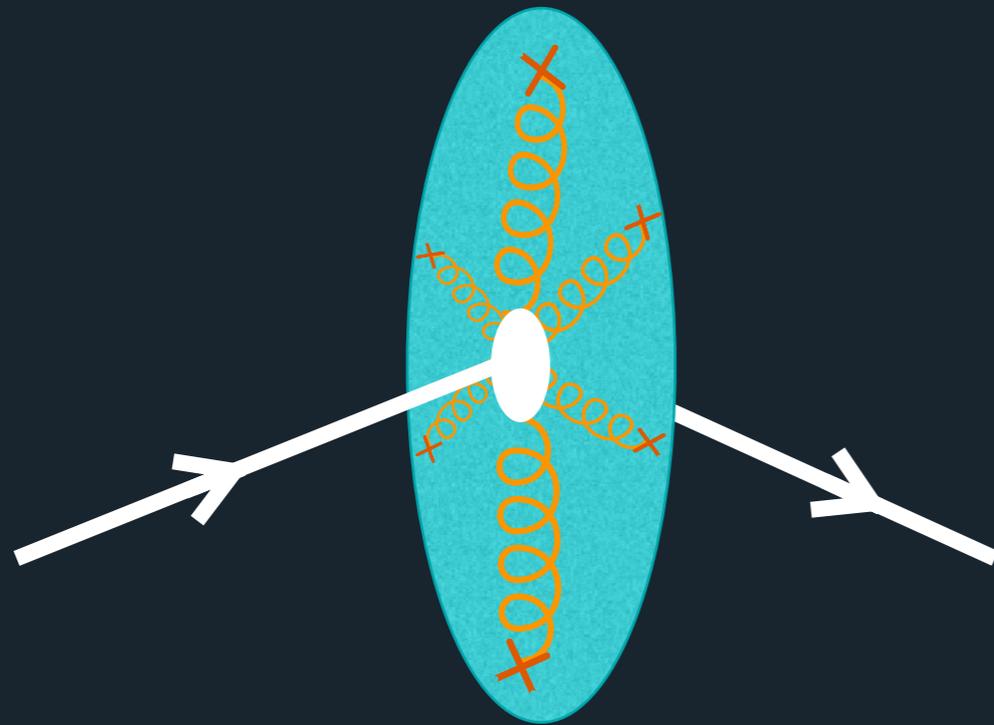
Multiple Scatterings

$$A \times \text{oooooo} = \rho_p \times \text{oooooo} + A_p \times \text{oooooo} \otimes \text{oooooo}$$



$$A^\mu(q) = A^\mu(q) + \frac{ig}{q^2 + iq^+\epsilon} \int_{k_\perp} \int_{x_\perp} e^{i(q_\perp - k_\perp) \cdot x} C^\mu(q, k_\perp) U(x_\perp) \frac{\rho_p(k_\perp)}{k_\perp^2}$$

# PROPAGATION: QUARKS



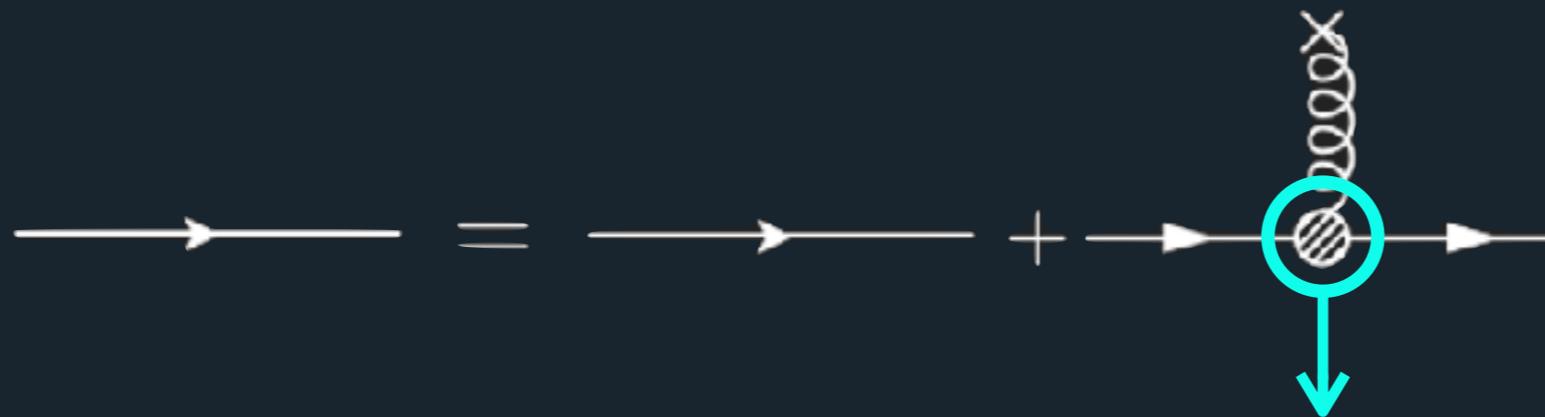
How do quarks behave through the CGC?



Multiple Scatterings



Dressed propagator



$$\mathcal{T}(k, p) = 2\pi \operatorname{sgn}(p^+) \gamma^+ \int_{x_\perp} e^{i\mathbf{x}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{k}_\perp} [\tilde{U}(\mathbf{x}_\perp) - 1]$$

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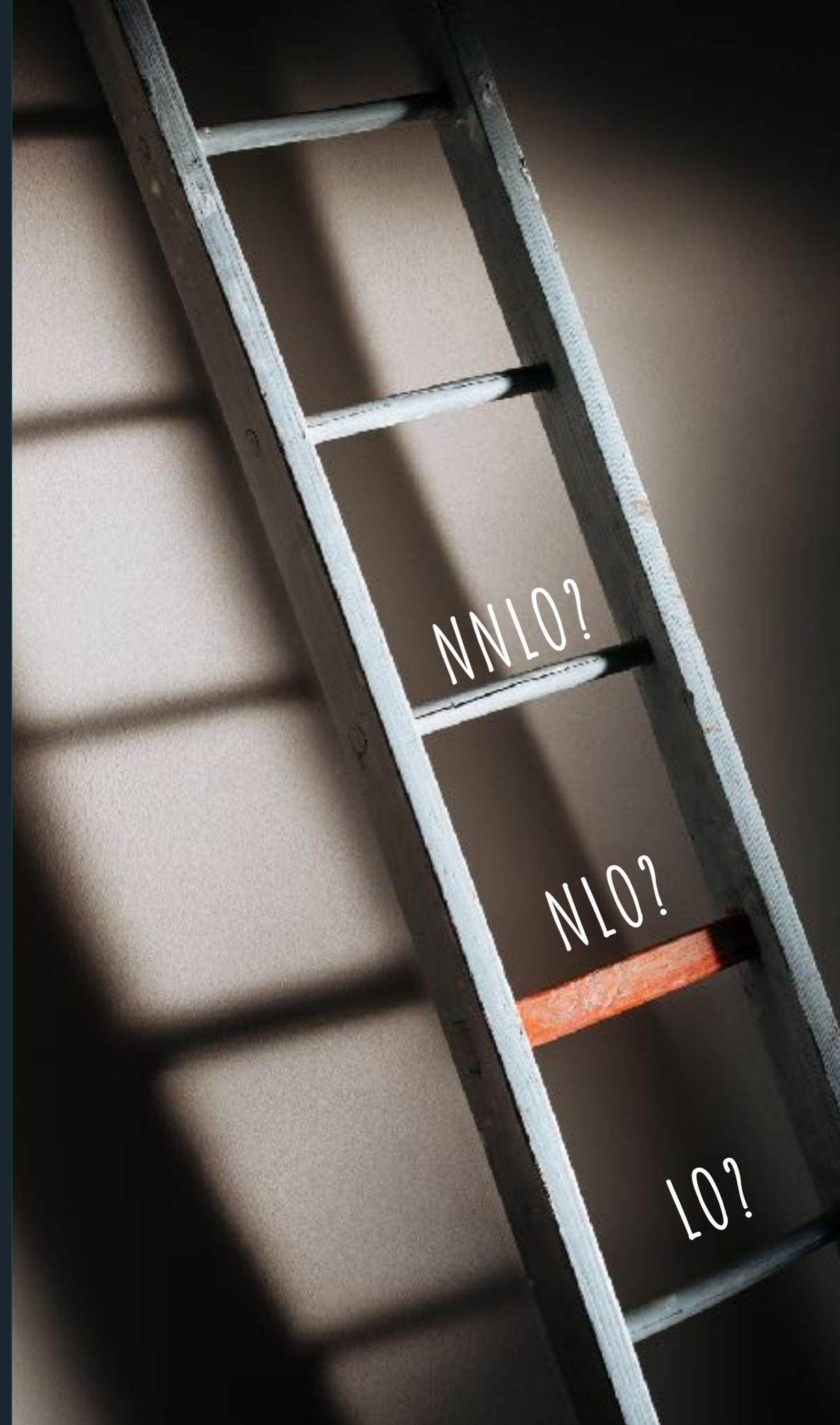
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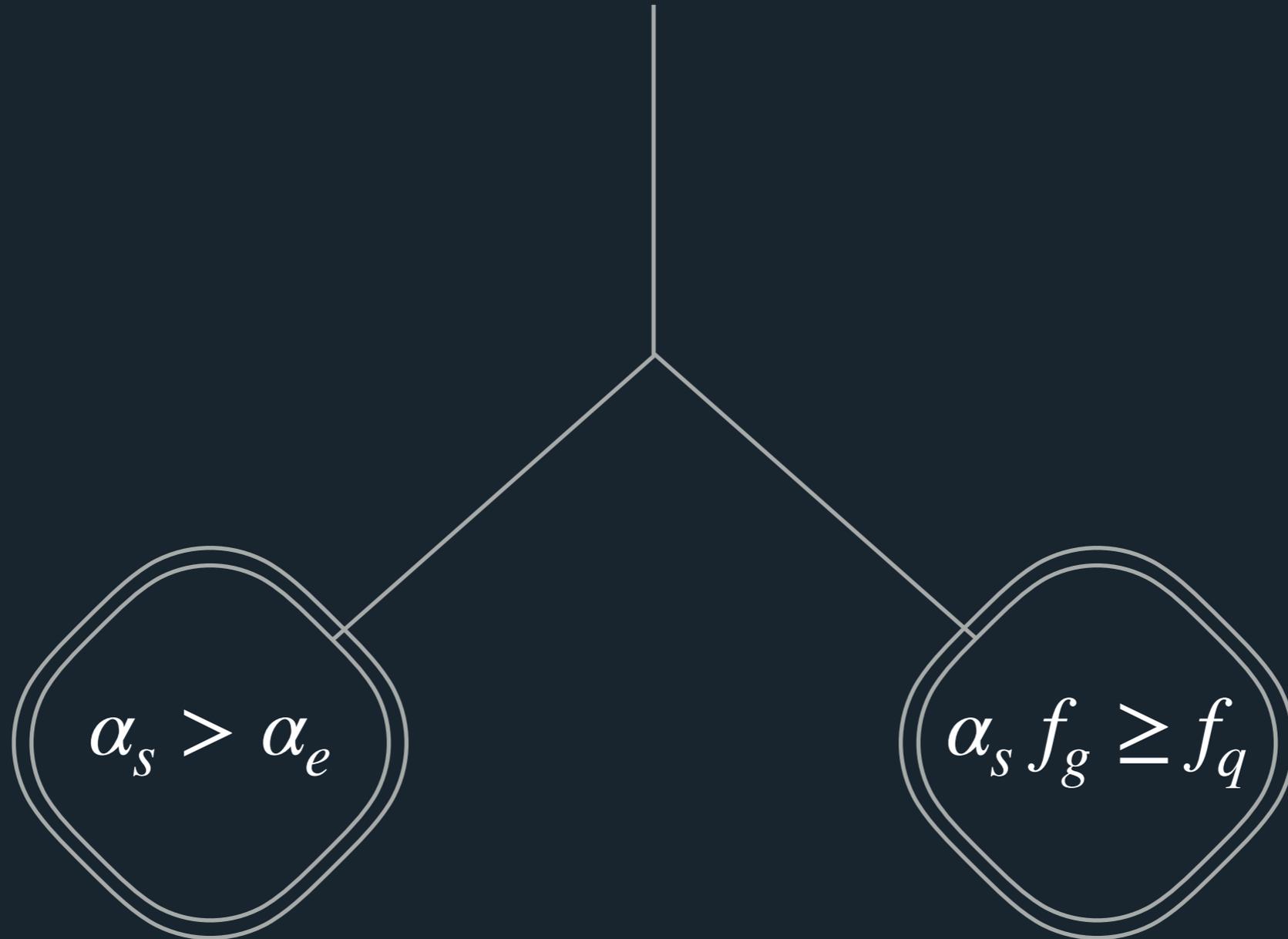
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$\alpha_s > \alpha_e$

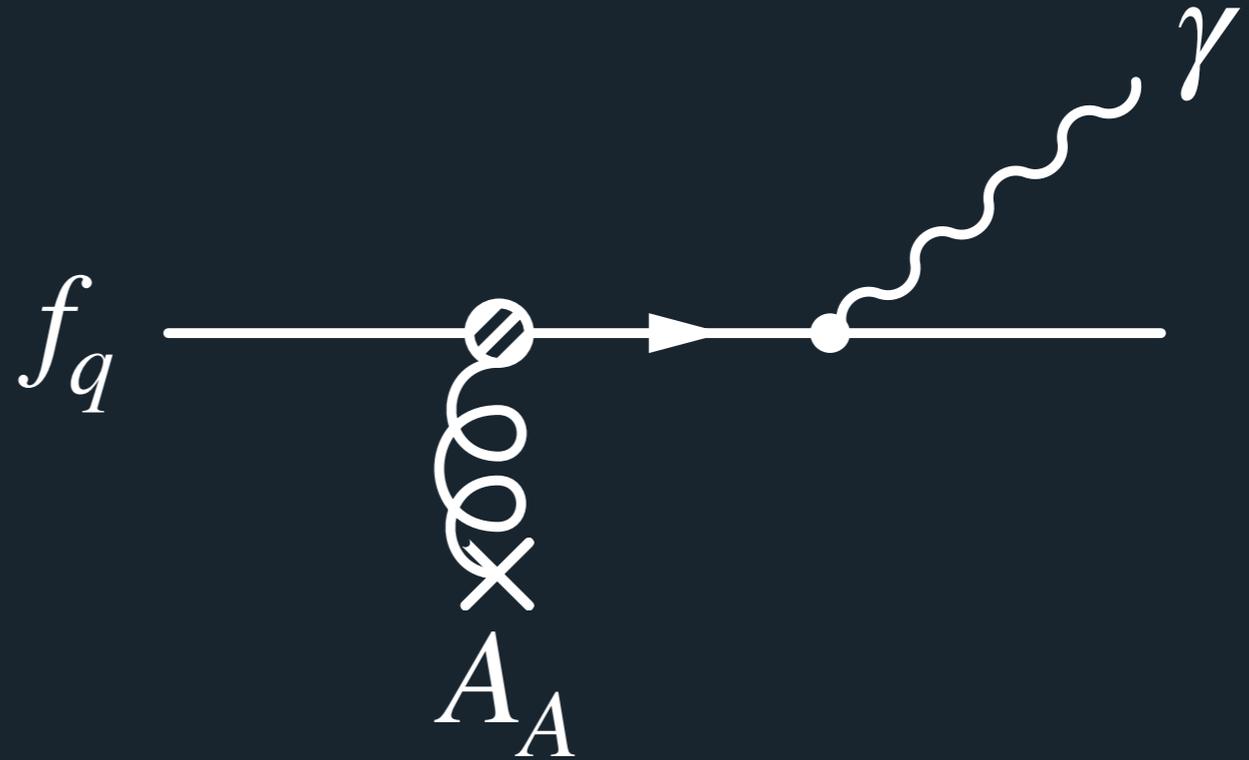
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$$\times f_{q,p}(x_p, Q^2) \mathcal{N}_A(x_A, \mathbf{q}_\perp + \mathbf{k}_{\gamma\perp}) \theta_{LO}(q, k_\gamma)$$

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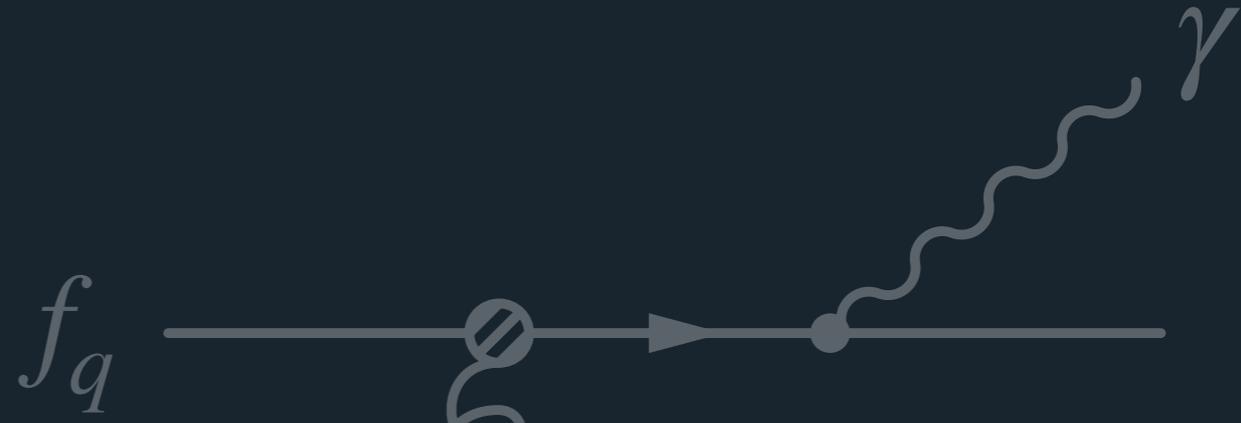
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with  $N(x_0, k) = \frac{1}{N_C} \langle U(k) U^\dagger(0) \rangle$

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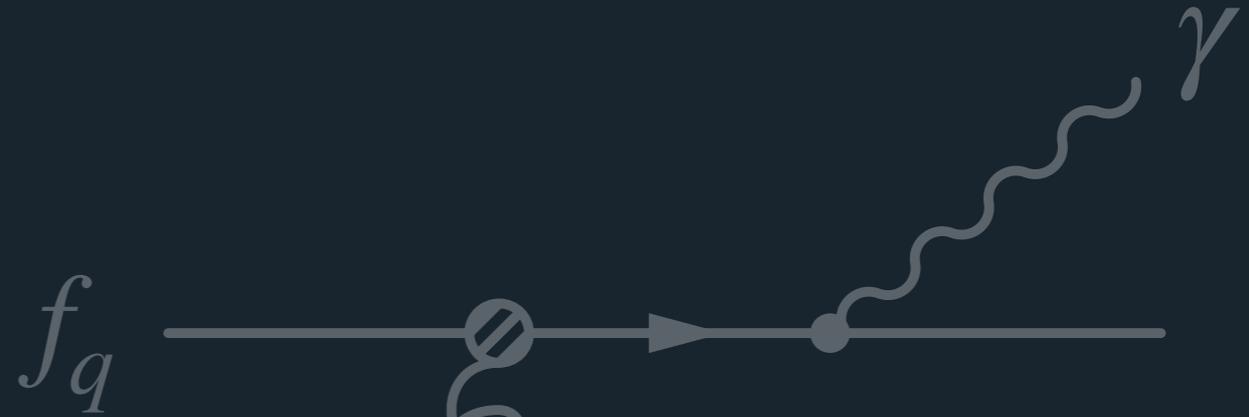
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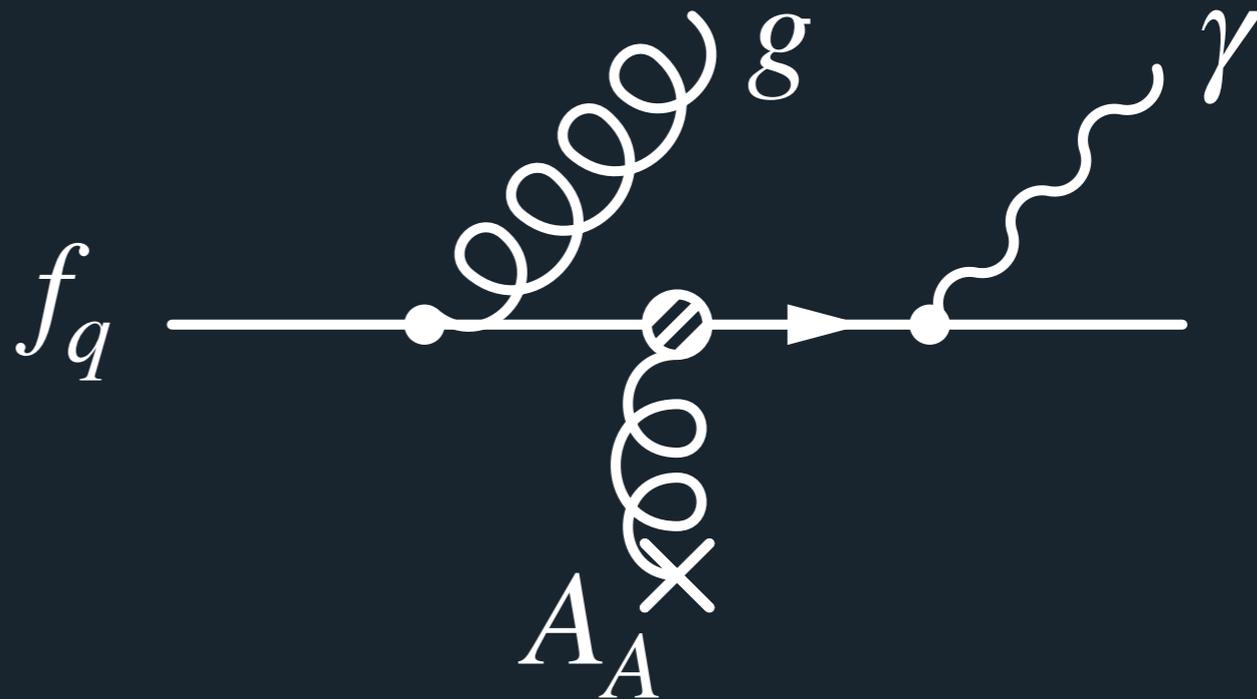
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\*\*\* For inclusive photon, it can be included as evolution of the quark distributions

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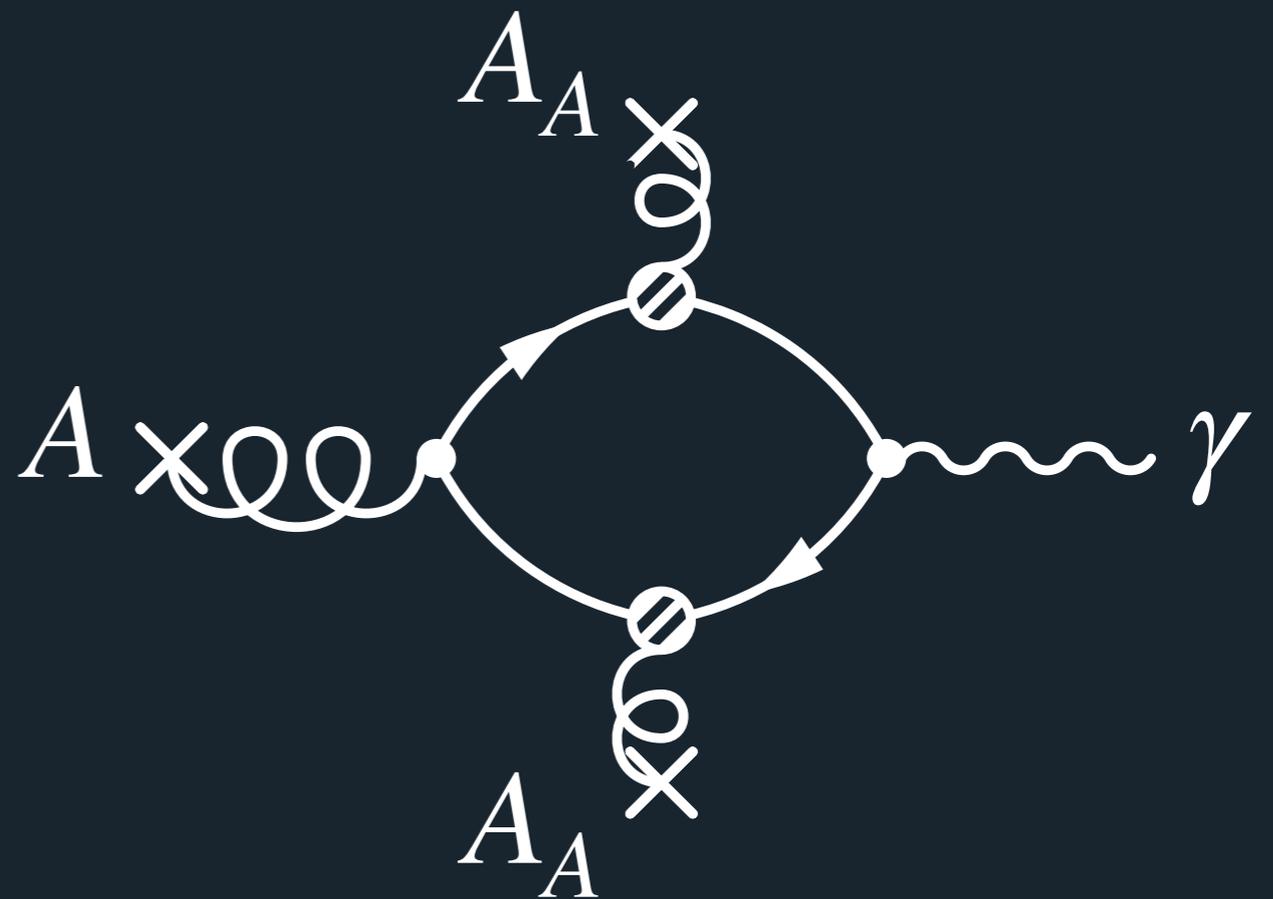
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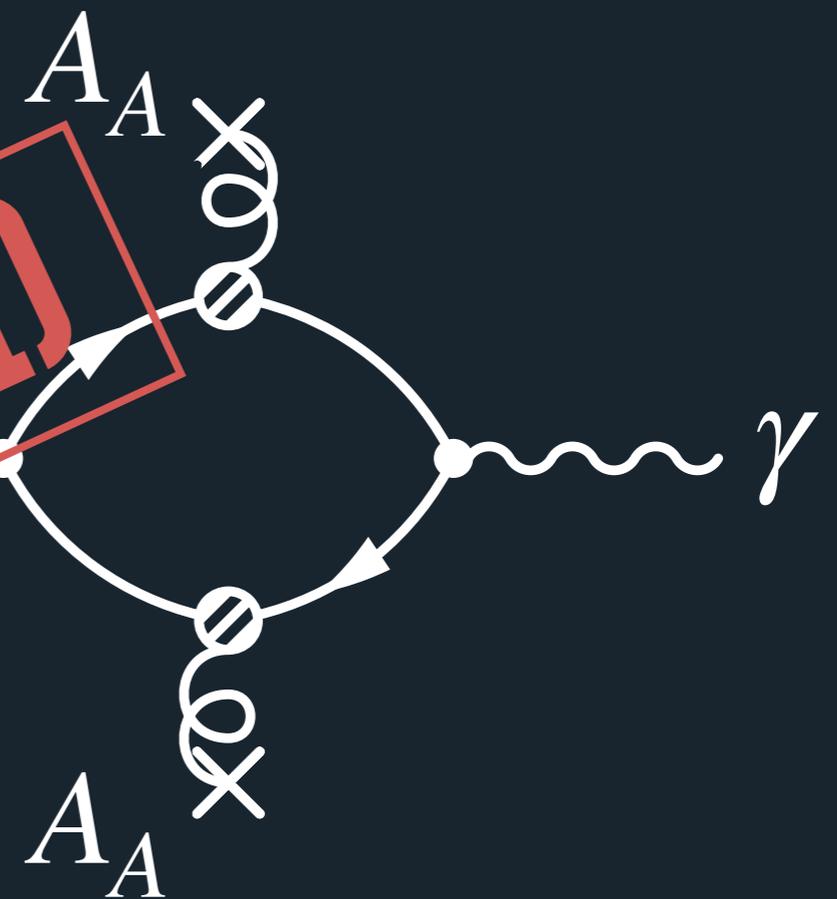
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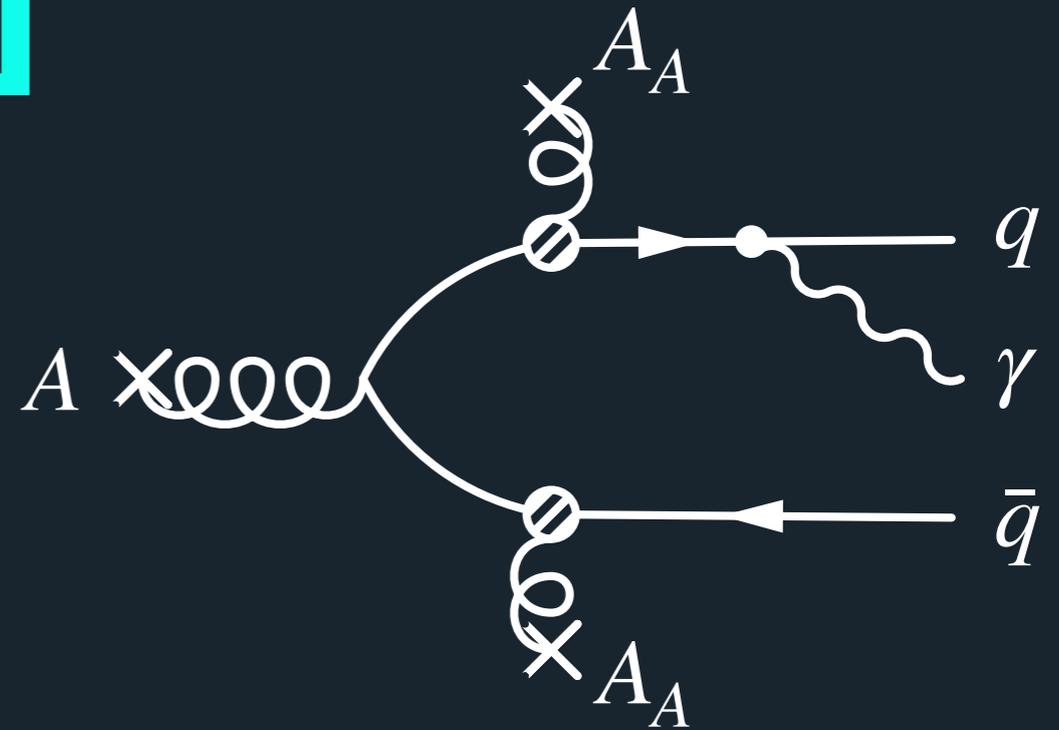
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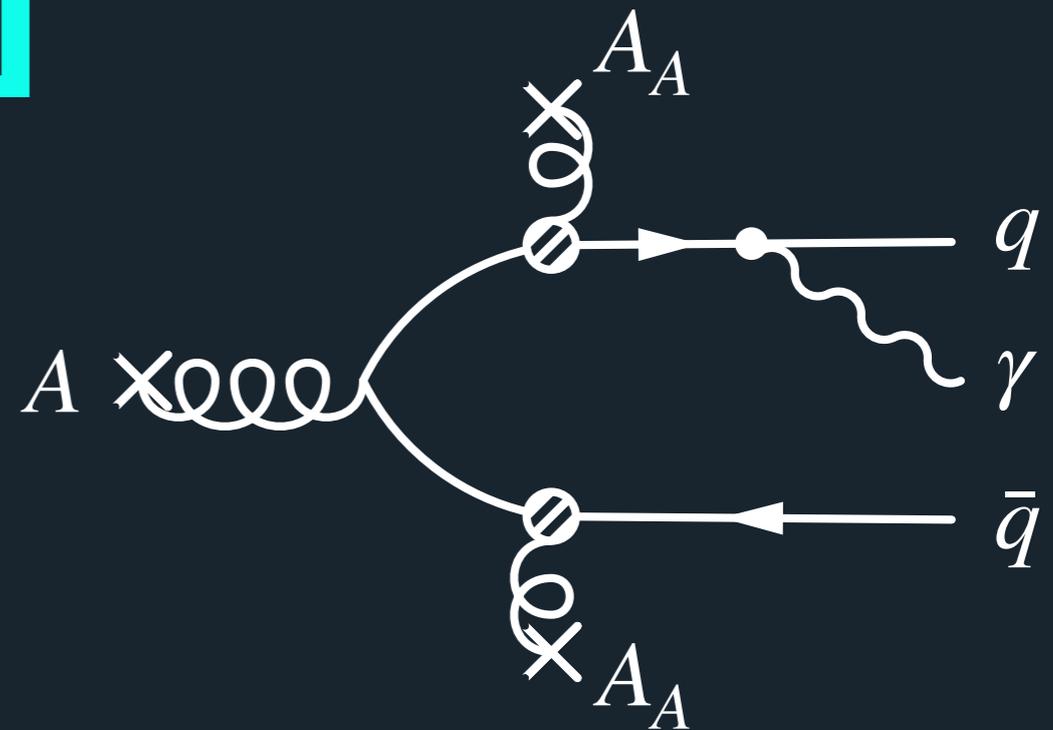
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$$+ 2\tau_{g,qq}(\mathbf{k}_{1\perp}, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \frac{\phi_A^{qq,g}(\mathbf{k}_\perp, \mathbf{k}_{2\perp})}{k_{2\perp}}$$

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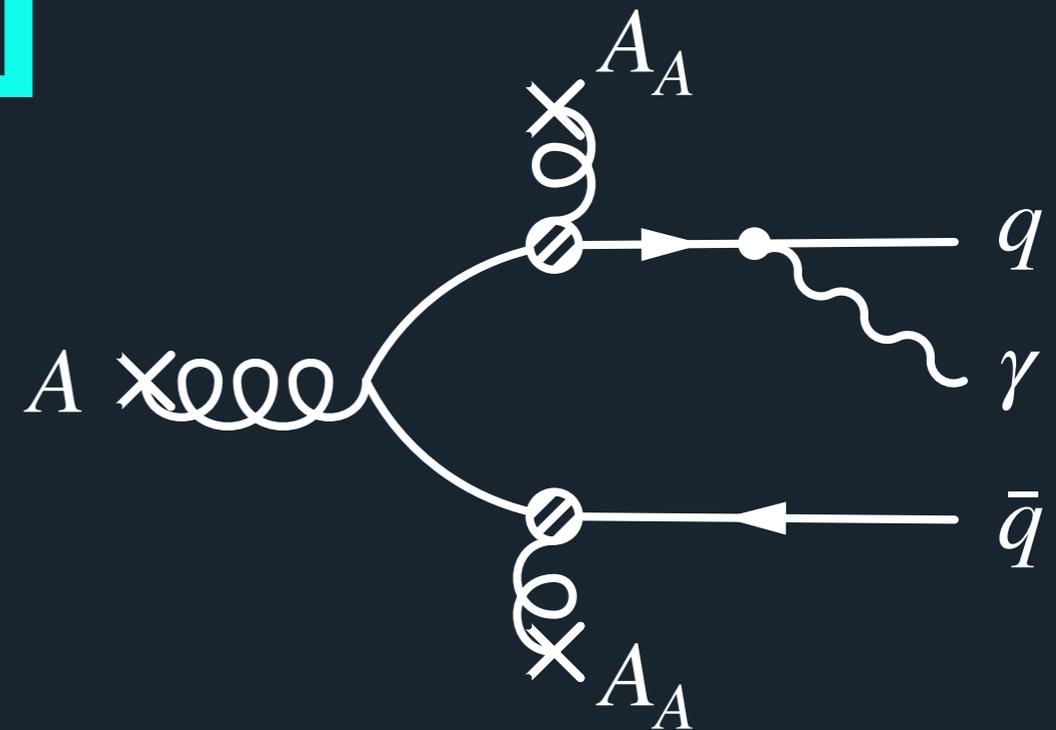


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**AT LARGE  $N_C$**

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**AT LT**

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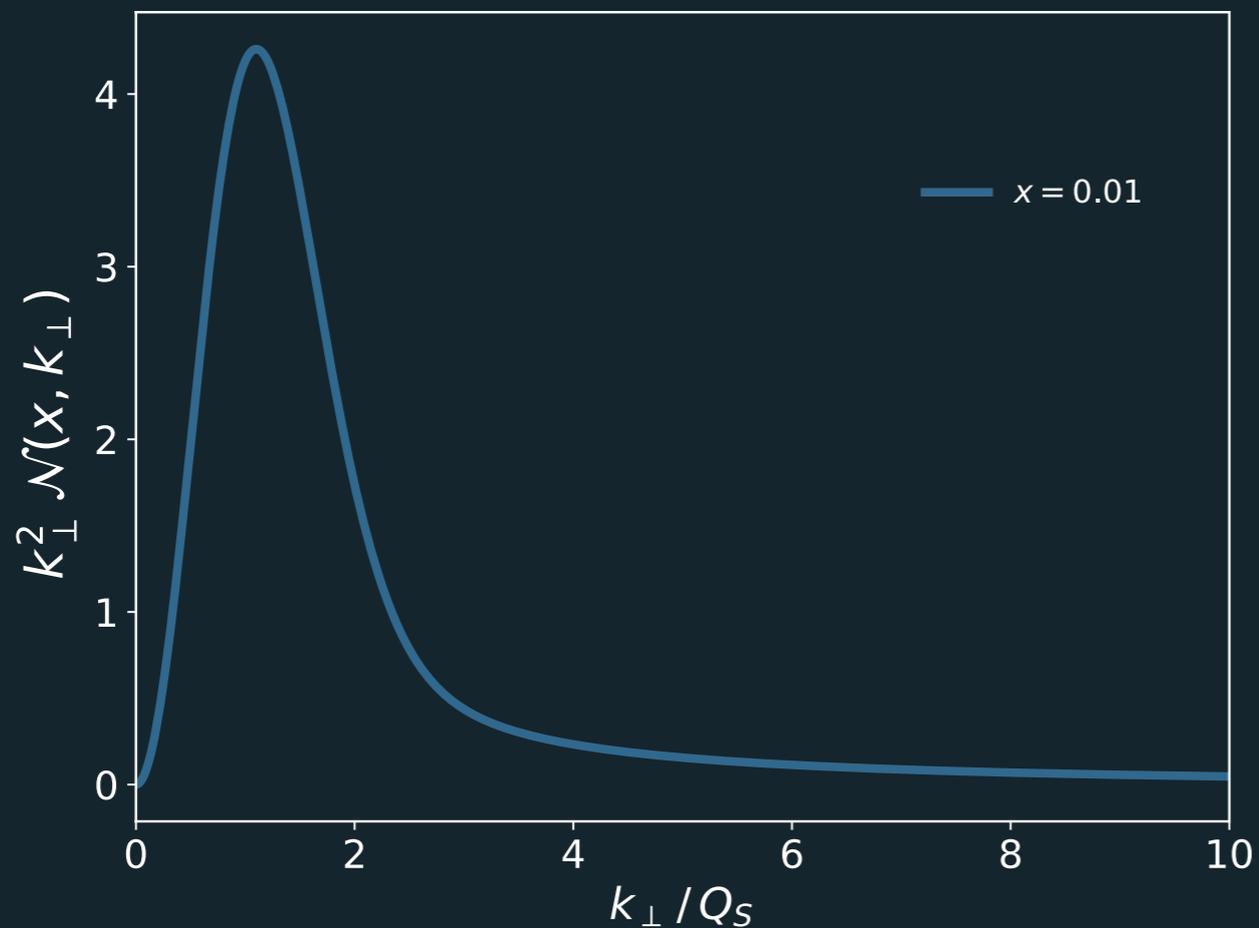
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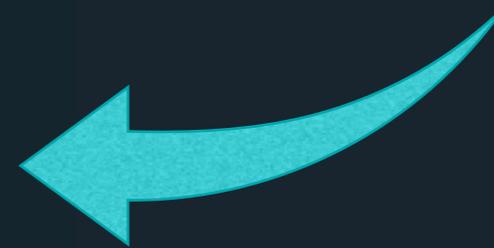
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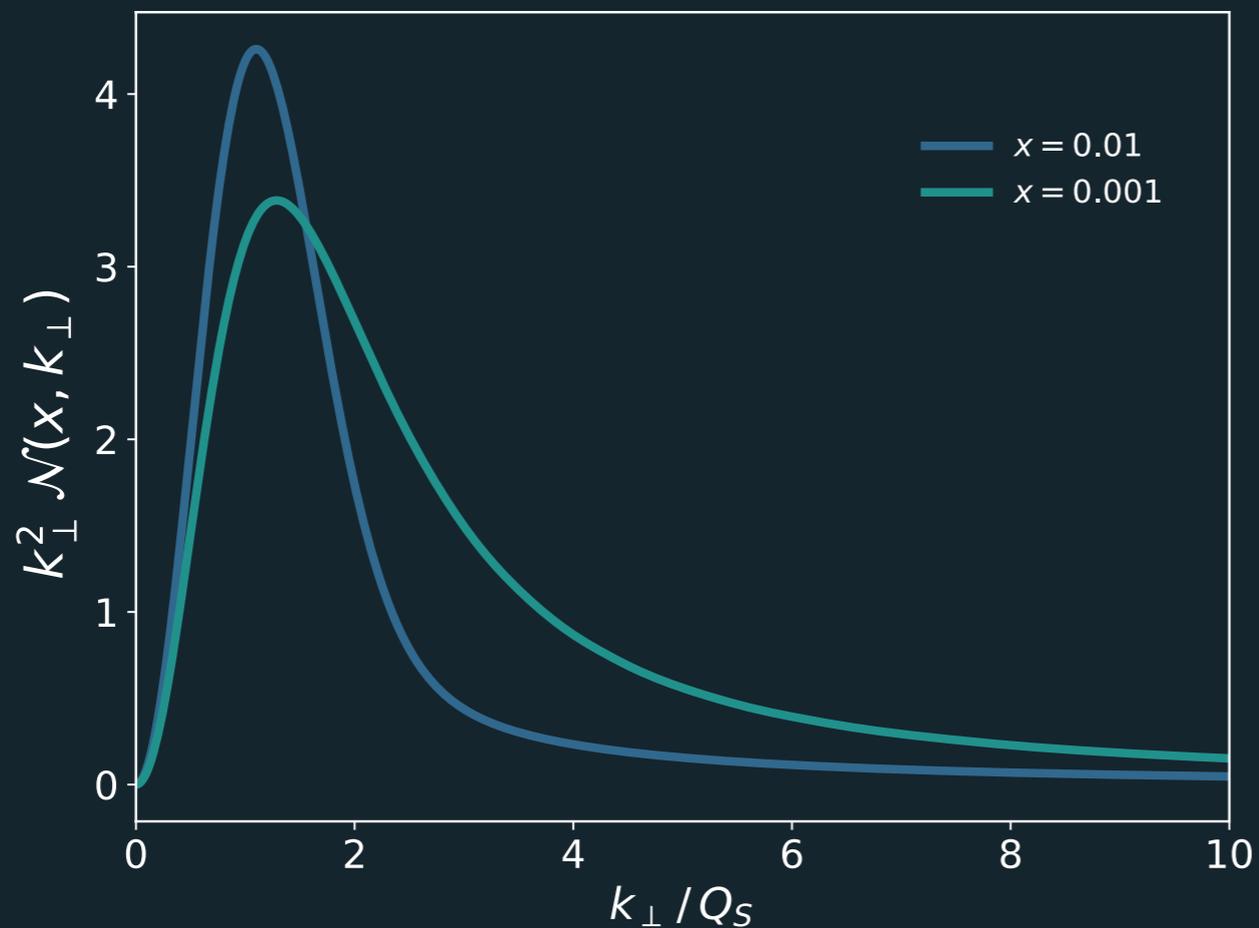
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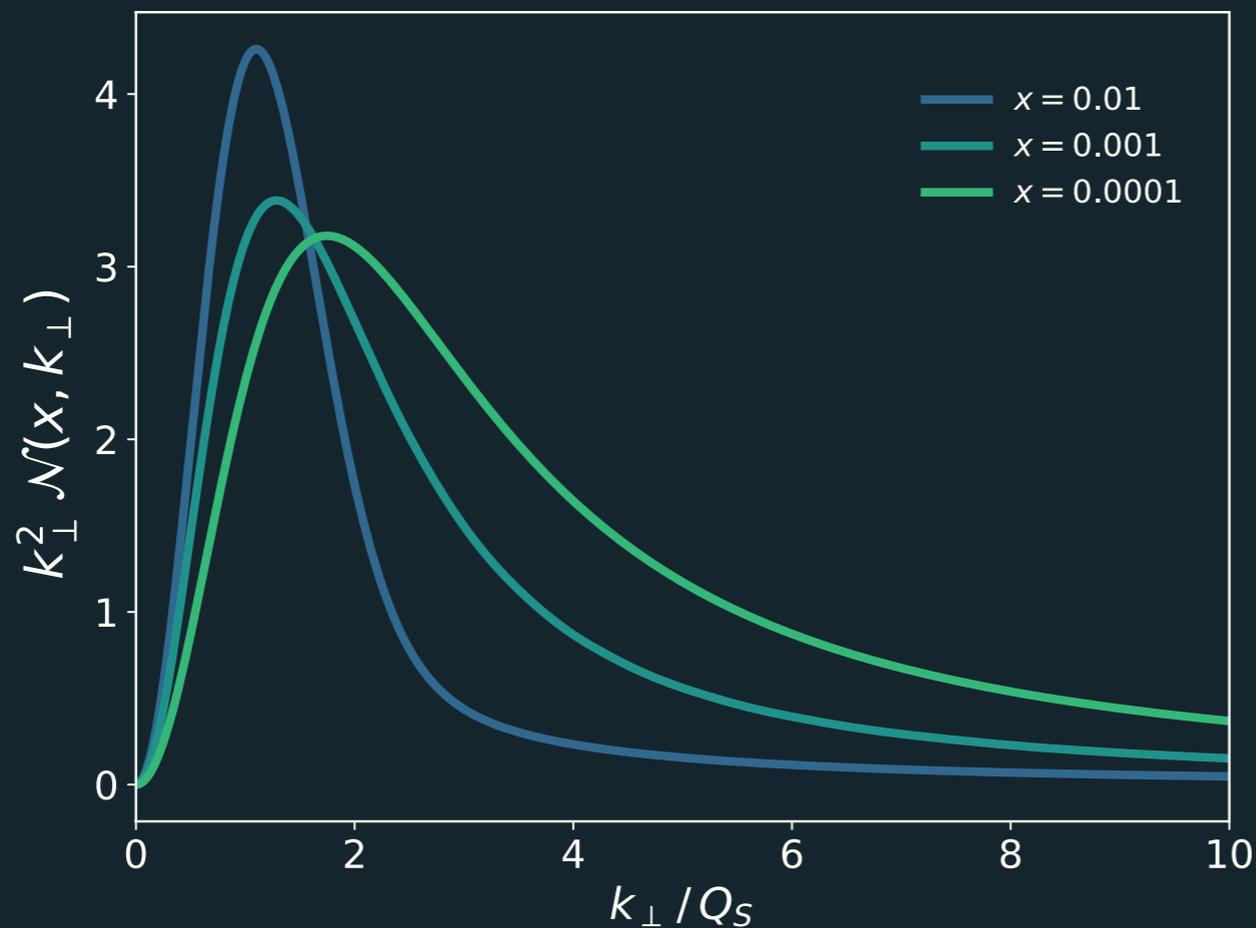
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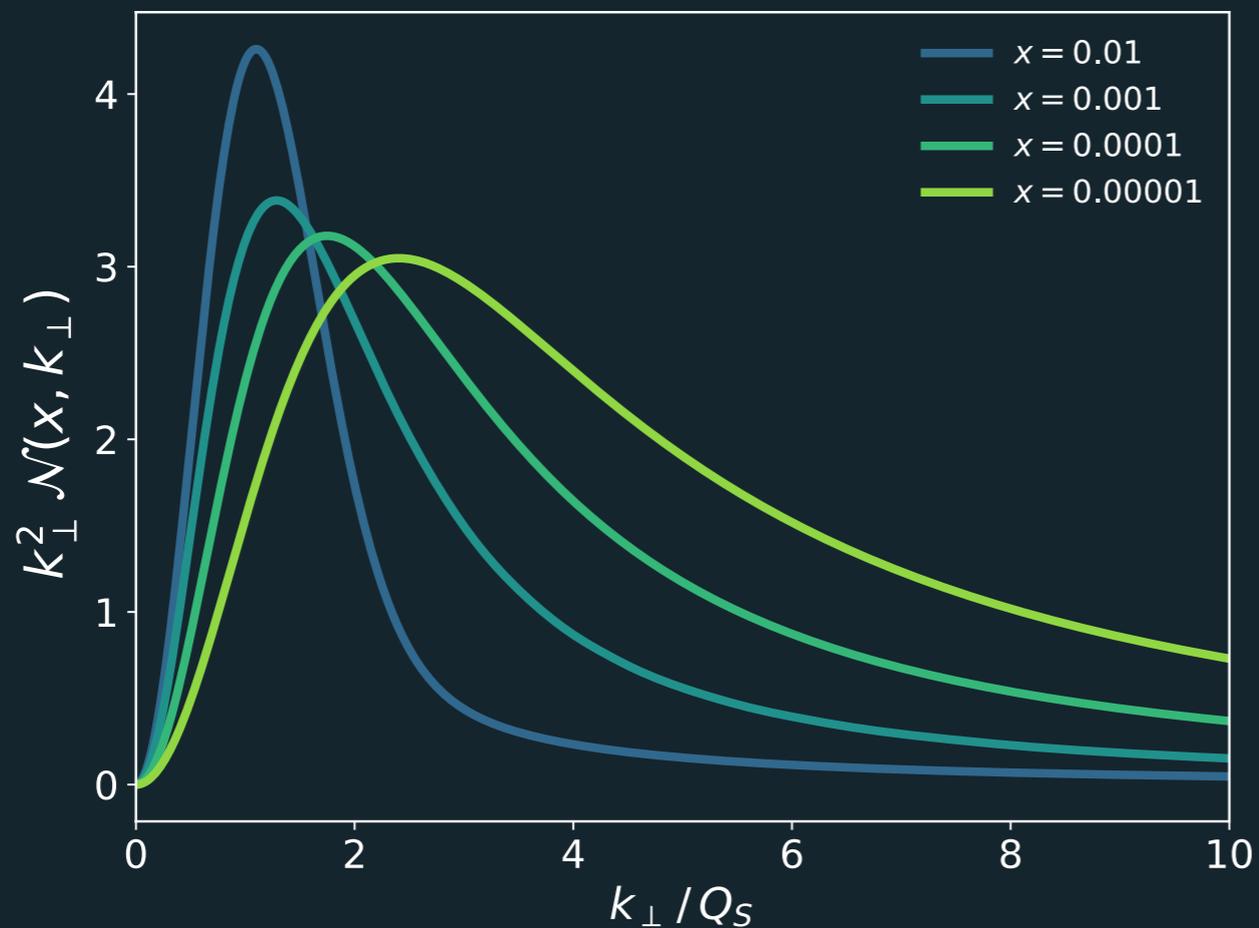
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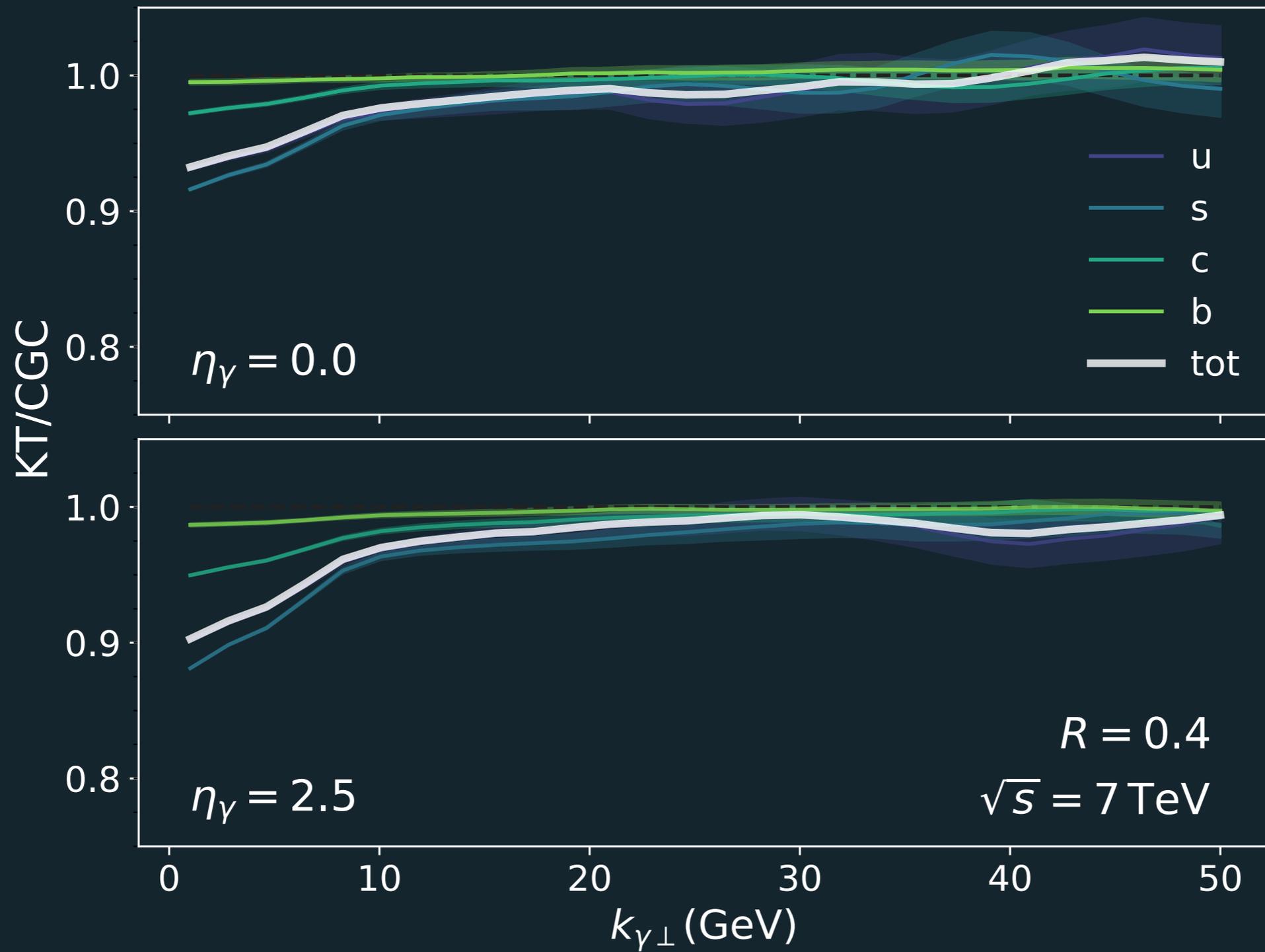
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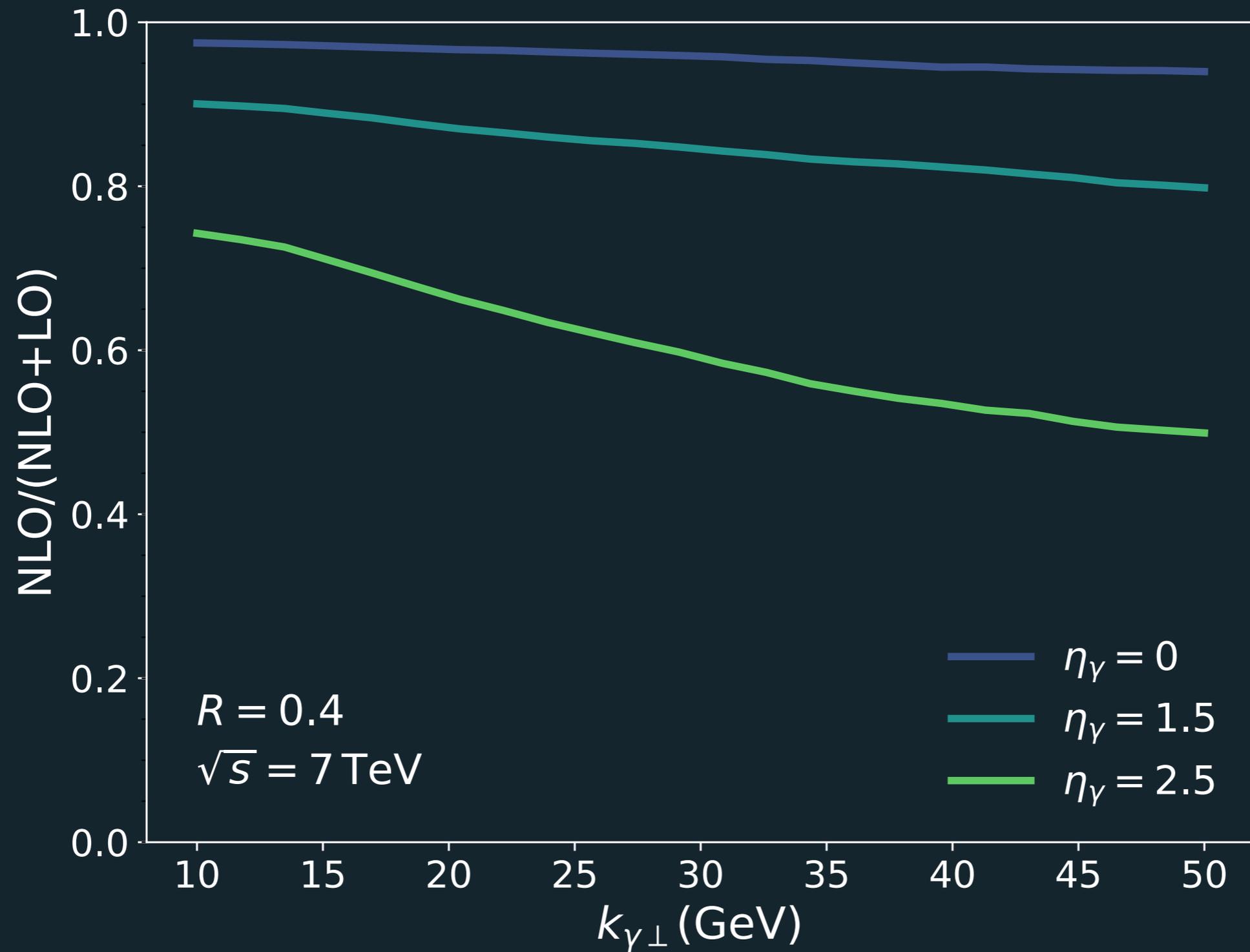
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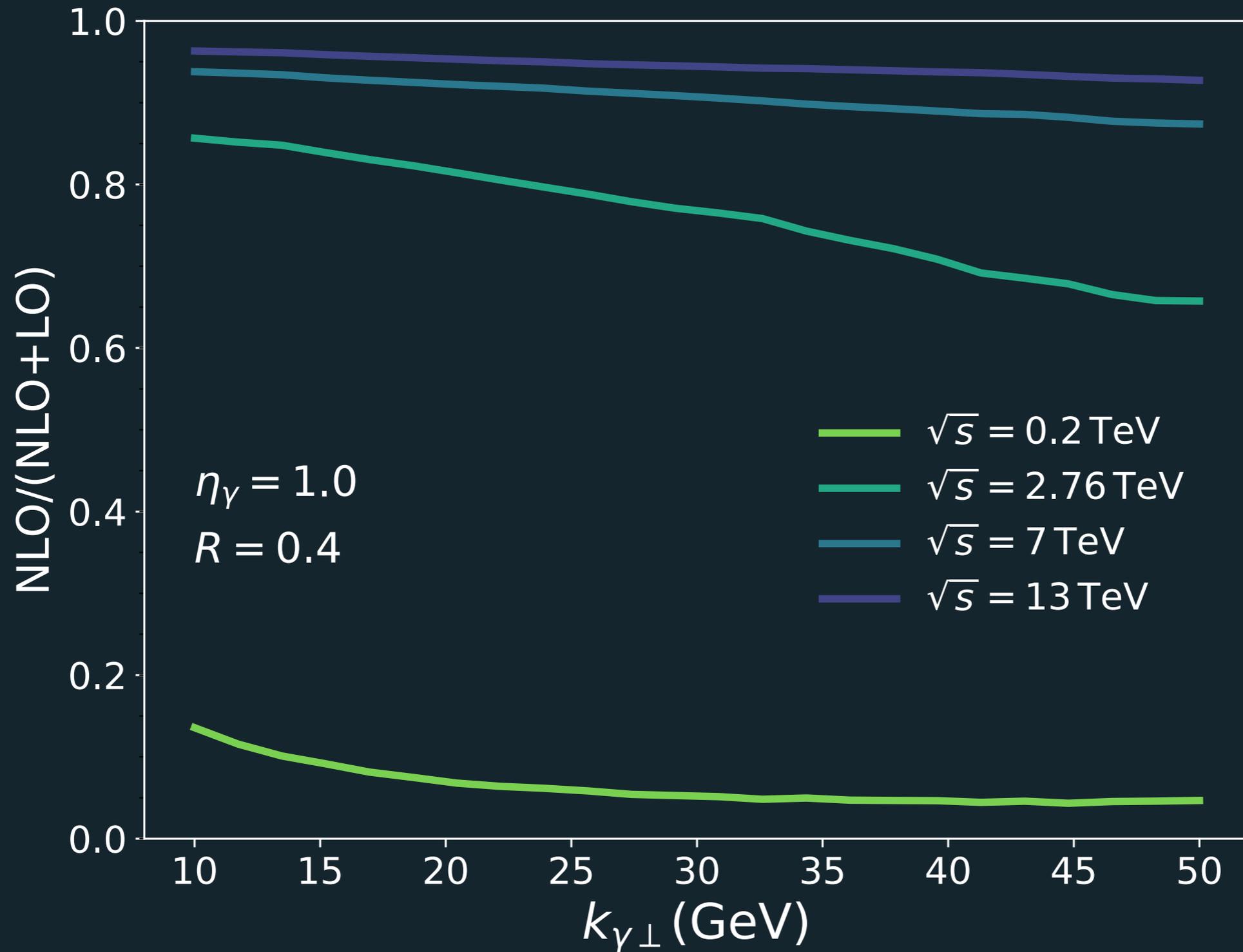
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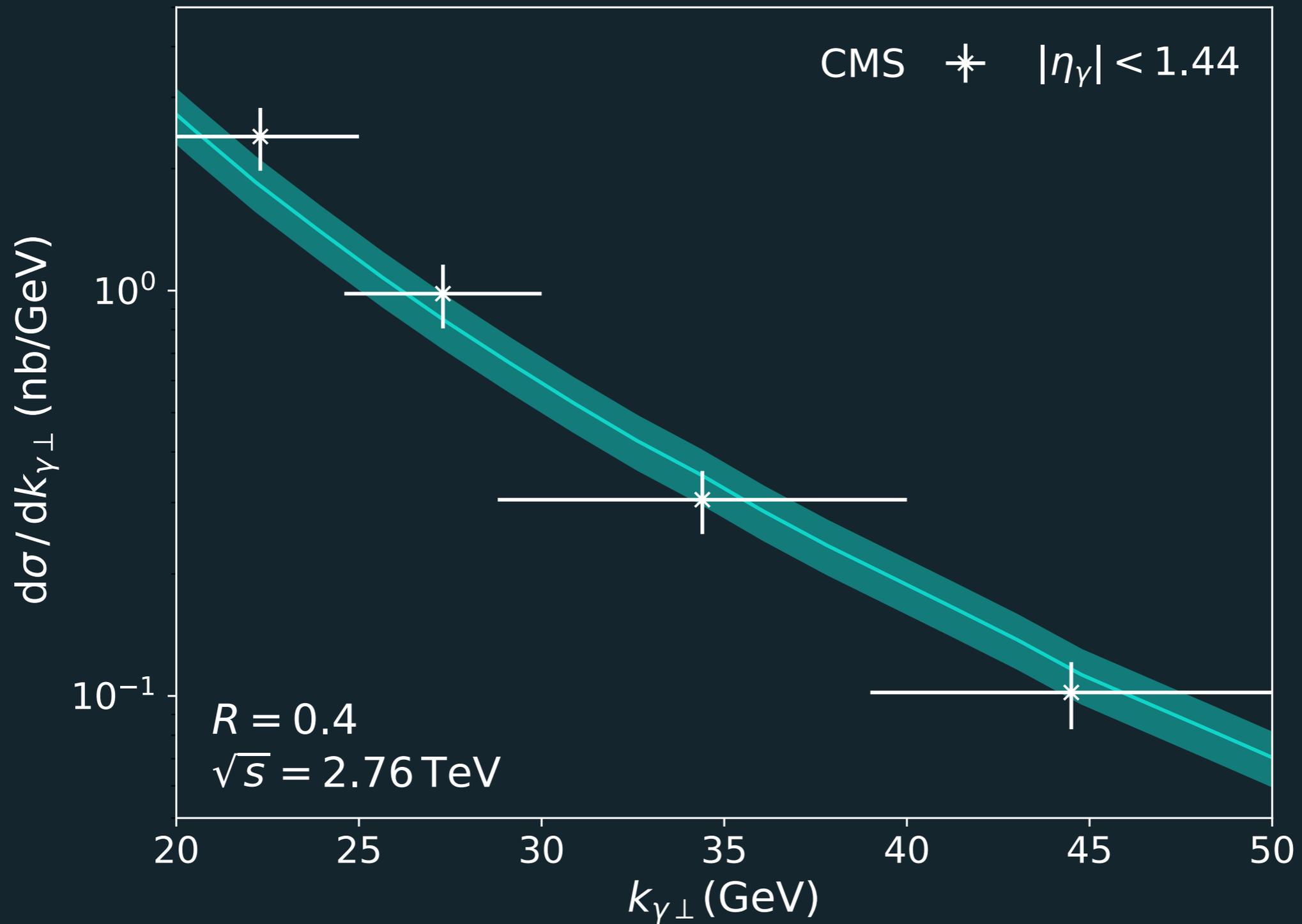
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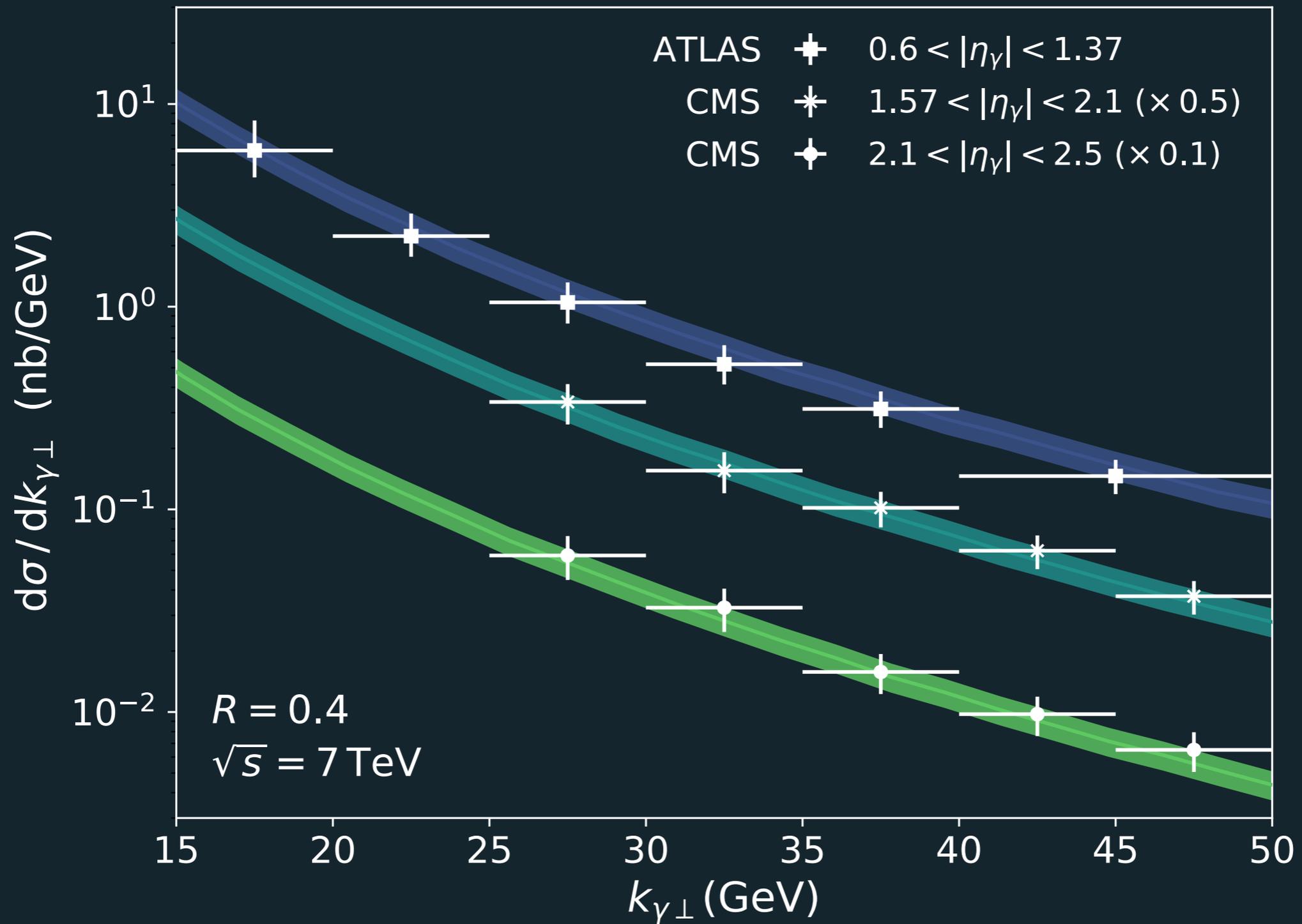
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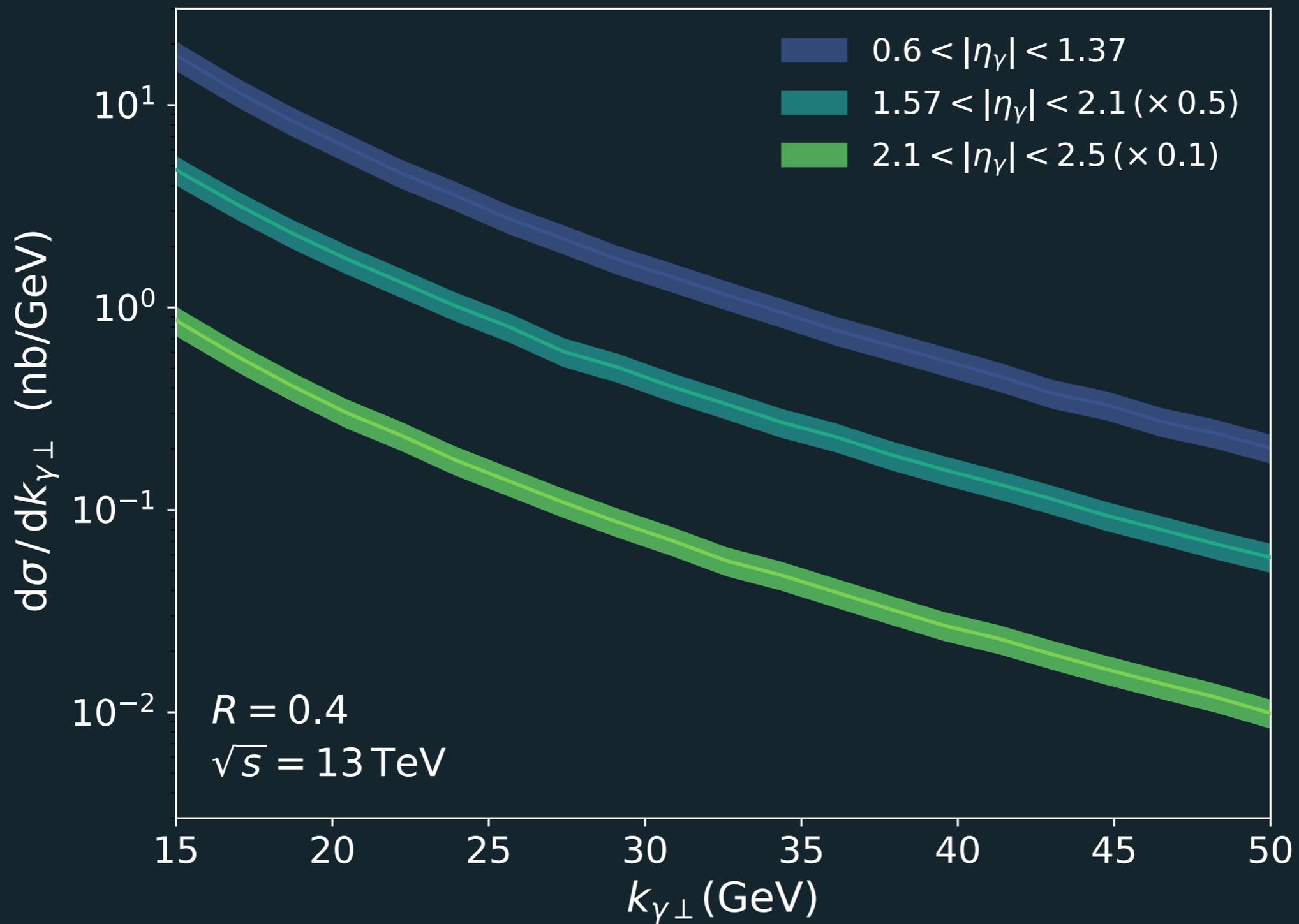
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# PREDICTION



1

**MOTIVATION**

2

**FRAMEWORK: CGC**

3

**POWER COUNTING?**

4

**SOME RESULTS**

5

**SUMMARY AND  
OUTLOOK**



# SUMMARY

- A** Saturation modifies the emission process thanks to multi-particle scatterings
- B** Complete analytical result at NLO, that is  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s\alpha_e)$
- C** CGC formalism yields correct limits to the pQCD results
- D** CGC  $k_{\perp}$ -factorized yields good agreement with the experimental data

# OUTLOOK

A

Comparison to current and future p+A experimental data

B

Photon hadron correlations are sensitive to saturation

c

More exciting studies

- ◆ NNLO?
- ◆ Higher particle correlations?
- ◆ Saturation and Anomalies?



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