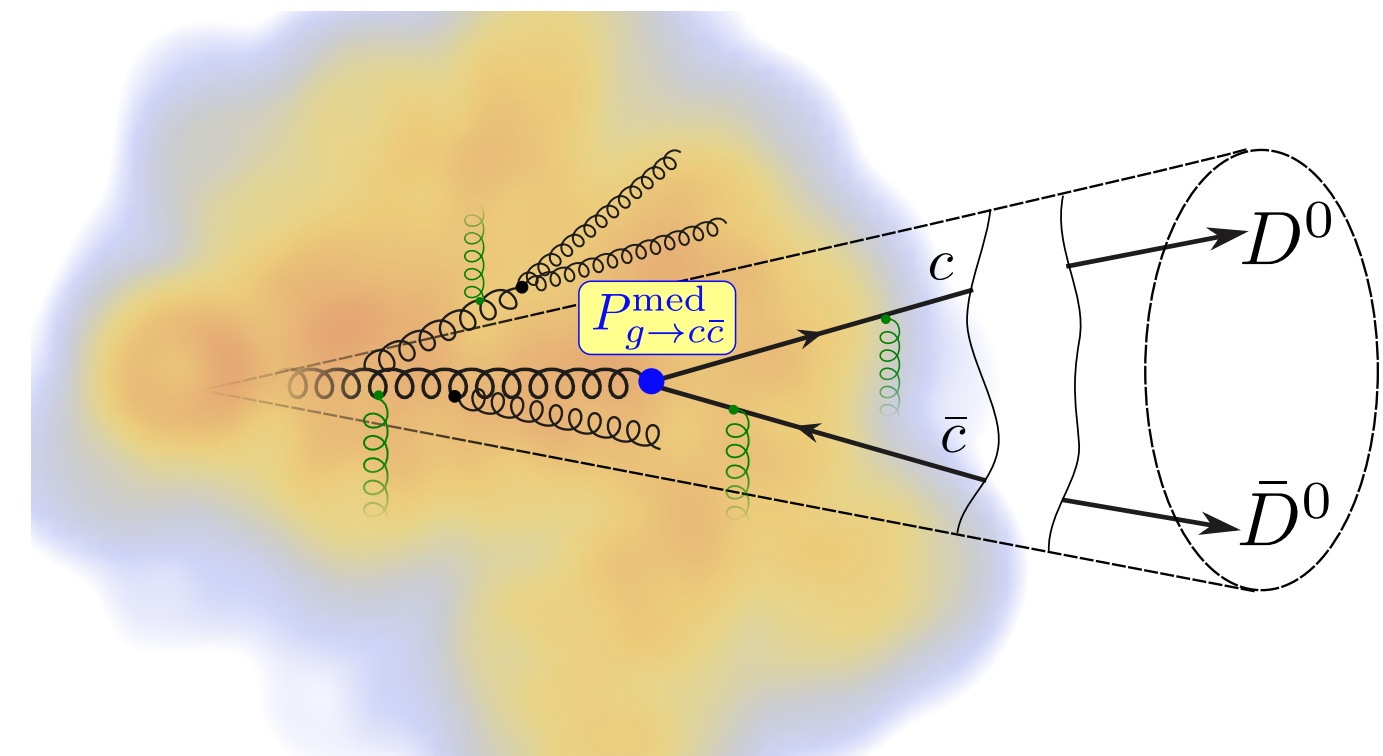


Medium-enhanced $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ radiation

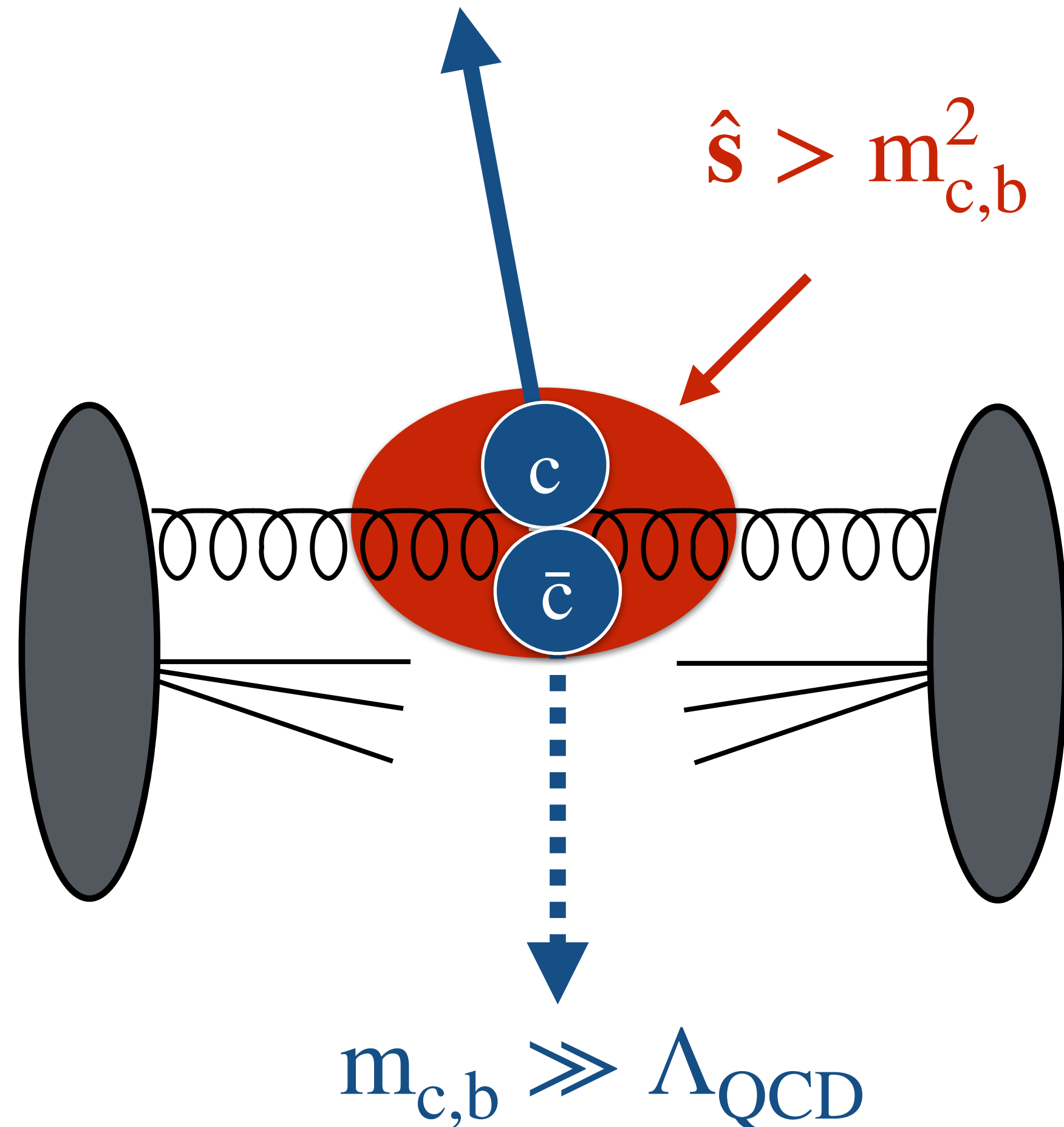
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Heavy flavors production in proton-proton collisions

→ “schematic” picture



$m_b \sim 4.18 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_c \sim 1.27 \text{ GeV}$
 $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$

→ **short-distance** high-momentum transferred

→ **mass threshold removes many non-perturbative effects**

→ pQCD can predict the total heavy-flavour (HF) production

“**Perturbative**” cross-sections in elementary collisions:

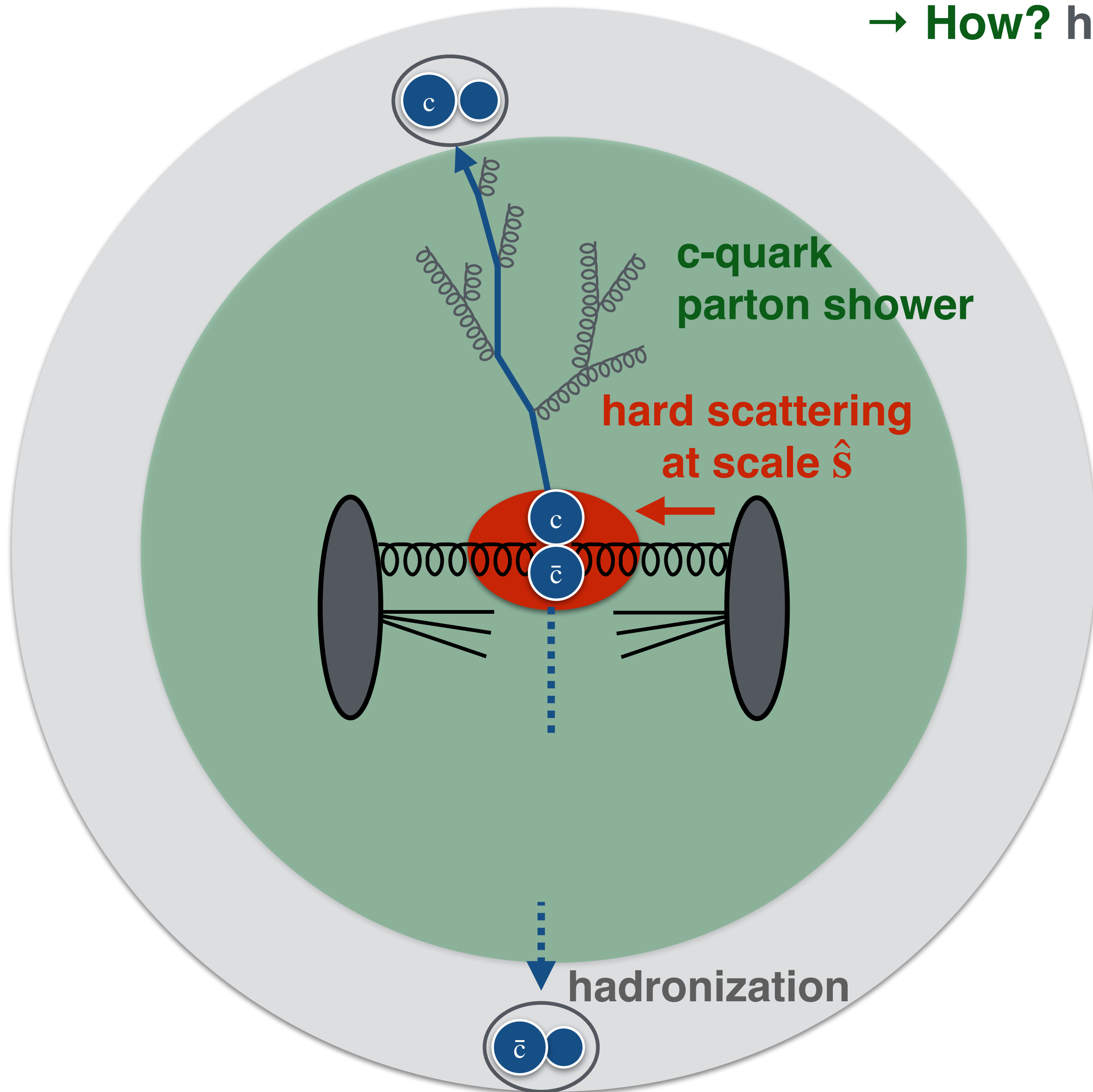
→ set the yields for heavy-flavour production in heavy-ions

→ Quark Gluon Plasma only modifies the p_T distribution of heavy-quarks.

Dominant medium-modification of HQ in the QGP

→ **How?** heavy quarks rescatter inside the QGP

$m_b \sim 4.18$ GeV
 $m_c \sim 1.27$ GeV
 $T_{\text{QGP}} \sim 300$ MeV
 $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 200$ MeV



Modification of the parton shower:

- splitting function $c \rightarrow cg$ can be modified by the QGP

$$\tau_{\text{hard}} \ll \tau_{c \rightarrow cg}^{\text{med}} \ll \tau_{\text{hadr}}$$

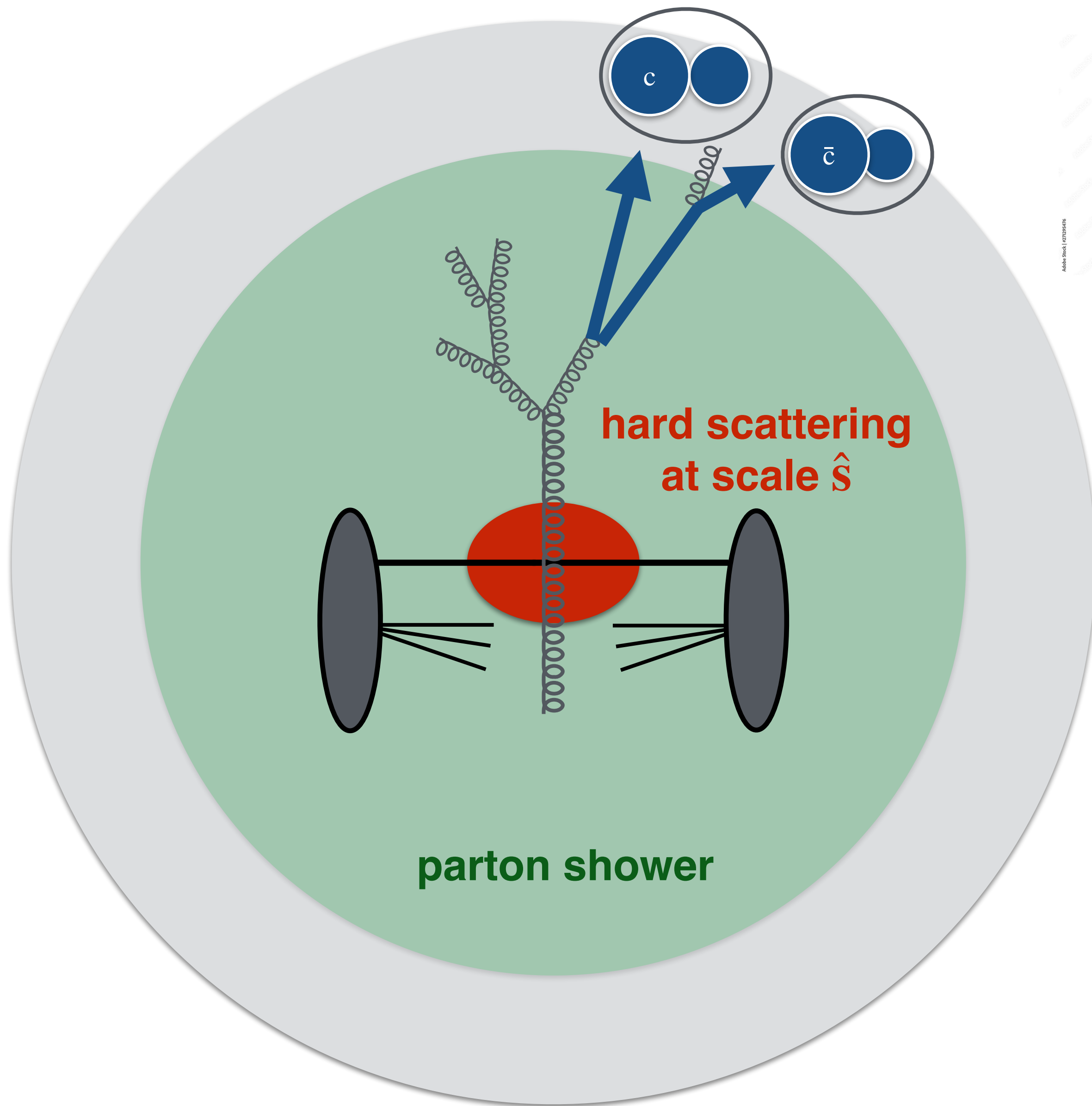
- **enhanced gluon radiation from c and b quarks**
- **Observed experimentally** via modification of high- p_T spectra of heavy-flavour hadrons

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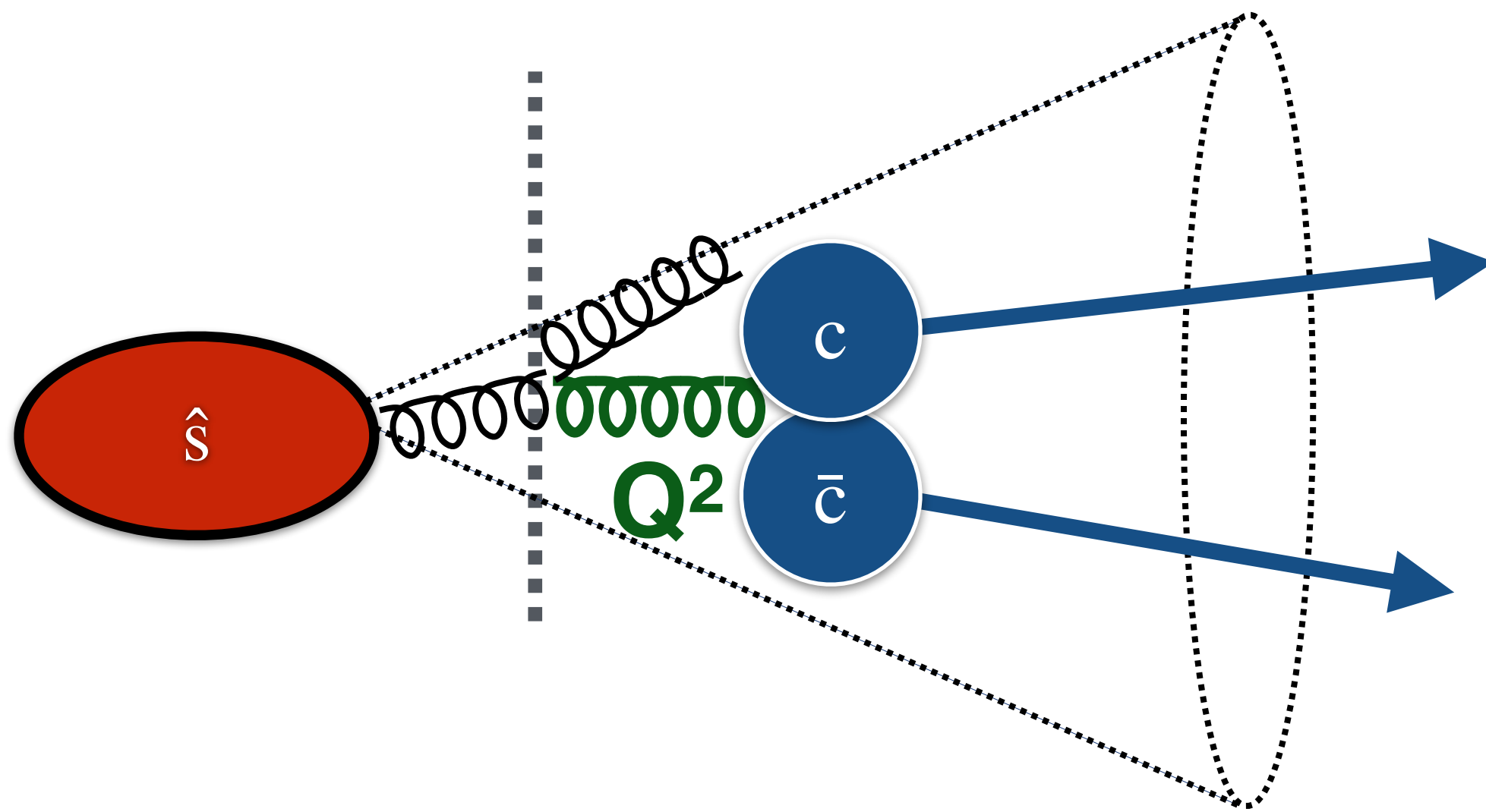
Heavy-quark production from collinear $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$



- $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ **splittings** originated in the parton shower of high- p_T gluon jets:
 - **long-distance process** $\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \gg \tau_{\text{hard}}$
 - **$g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting modified by the medium!**
- features of the in-medium calculation of $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting function with BDMPS-Z
- One experimental signature for $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ modifications: $D^0\bar{D}^0$ production in high- p_T jets

See [arXiv:2203.11241](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.11241)

$c\bar{c}$ pairs in high- p_T gluon jets



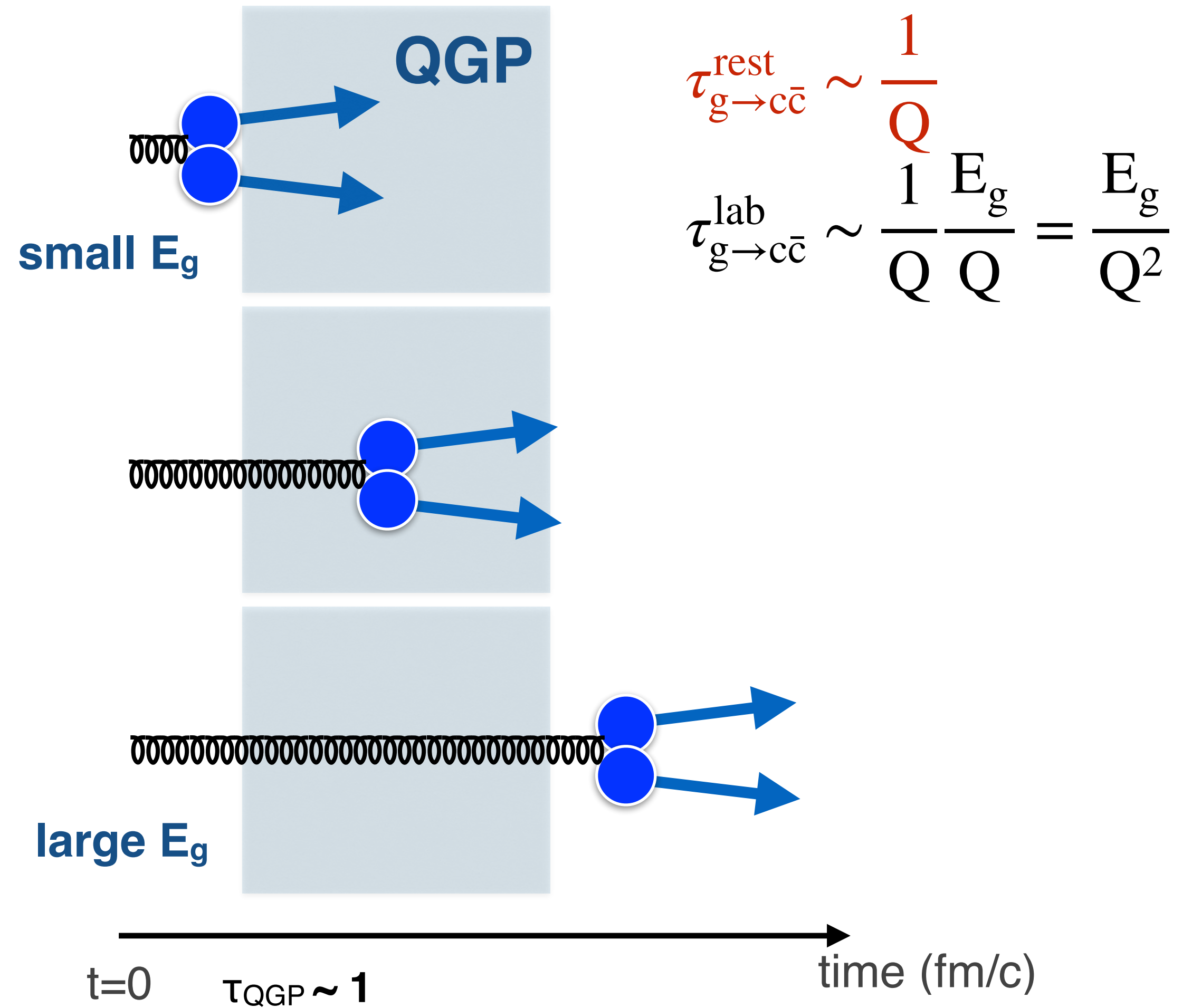
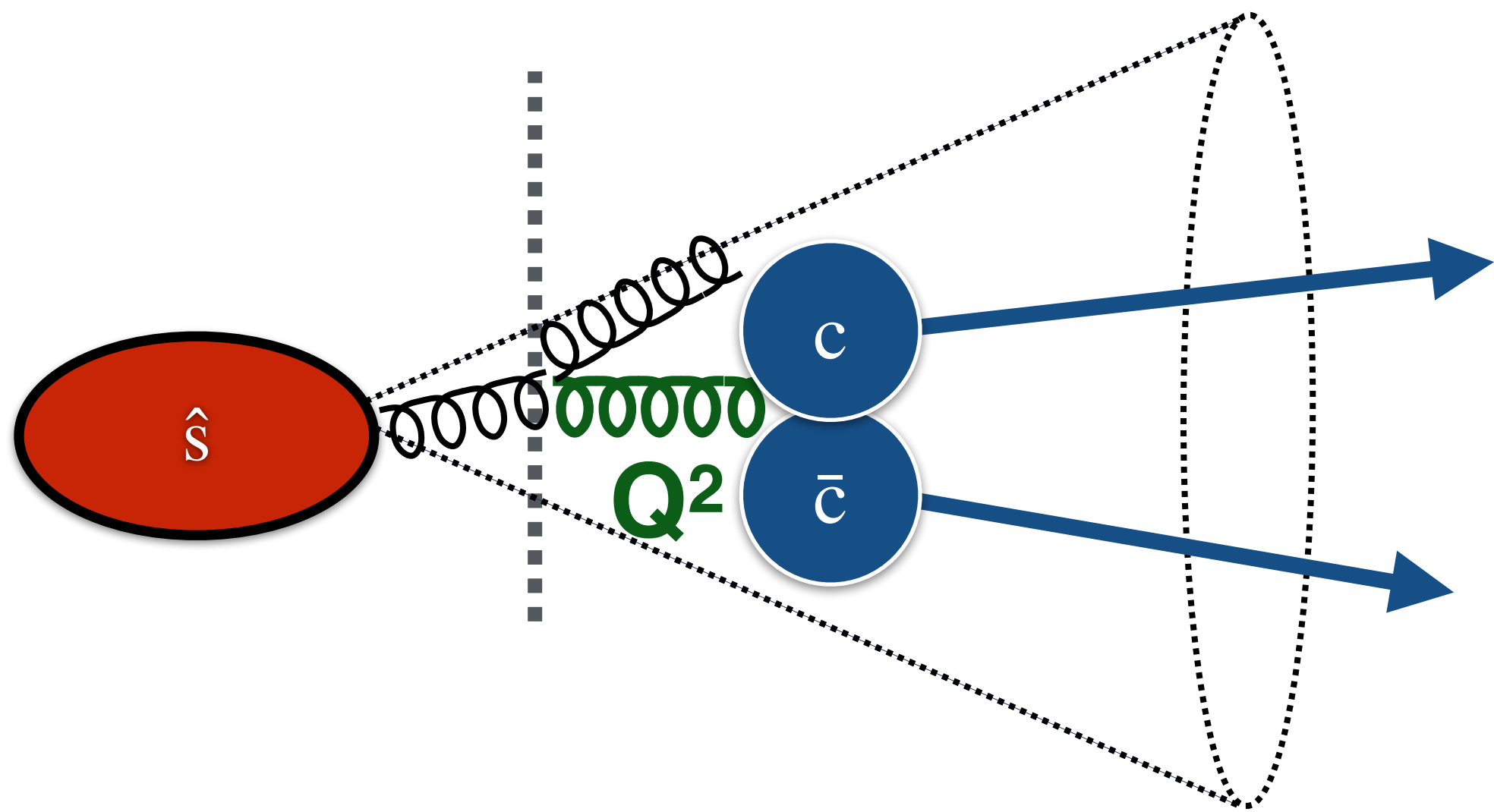
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→ **collinear limit of QCD**

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$$\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{rest}} \sim \frac{1}{Q}$$

$$\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{lab}} \sim \frac{1}{Q} \frac{E_g}{Q} = \frac{E_g}{Q^2}$$

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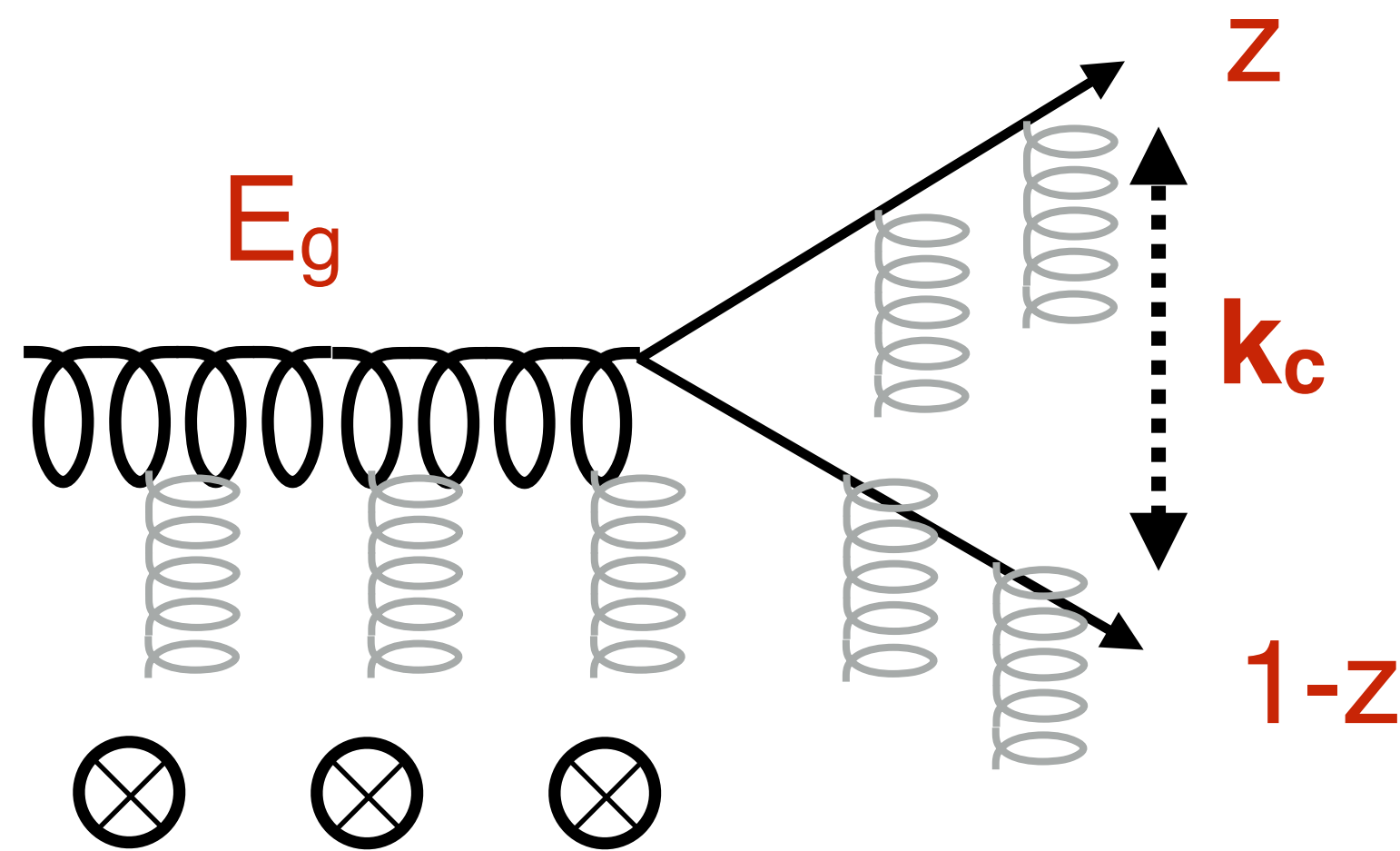
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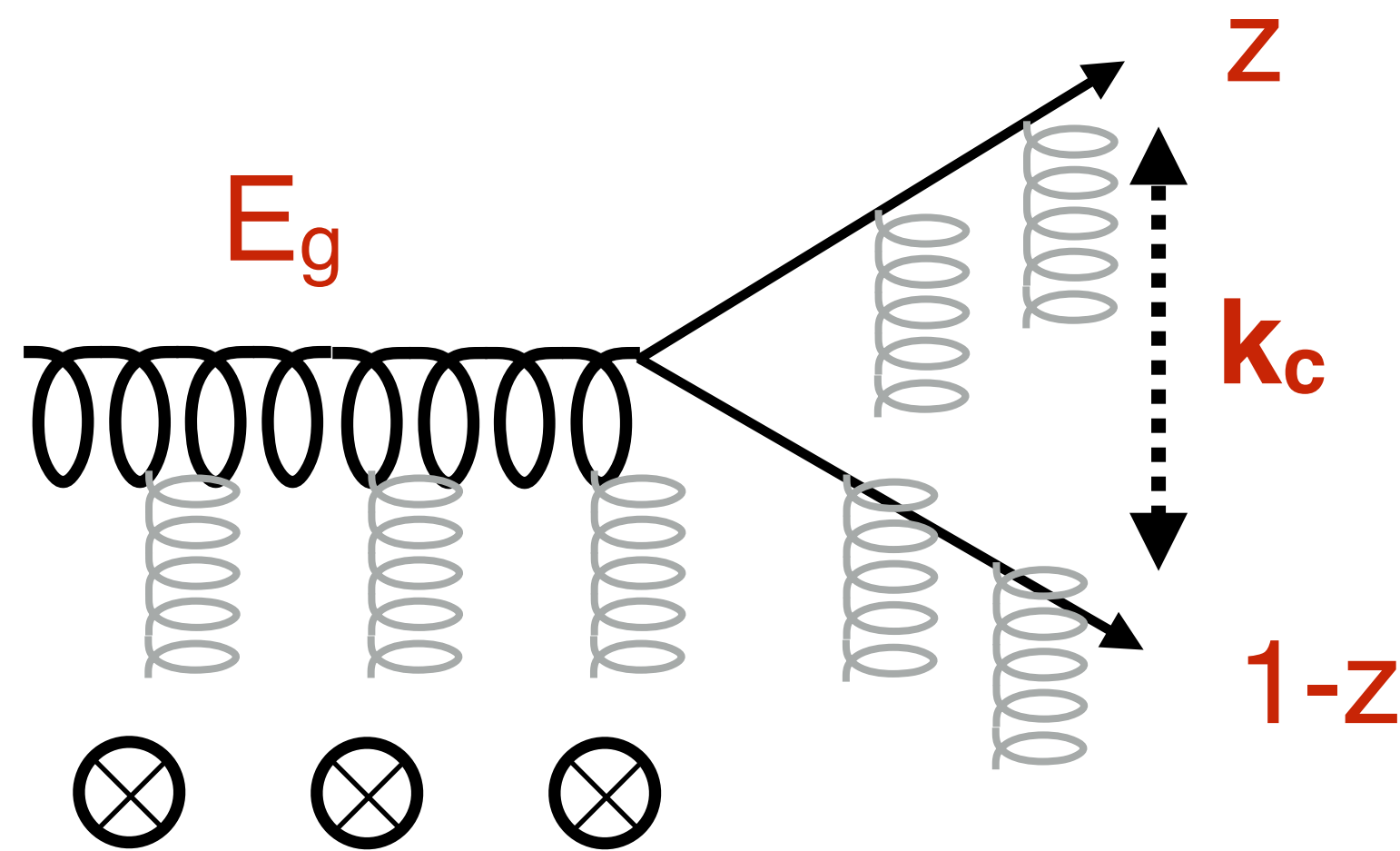
Medium properties and **$g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ kinematics:**

- \hat{q} average squared transverse momentum
- L medium length

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Correction: “dipole” cross section $\sigma(\mathbf{r})$ used for the preprint valid for $z \rightarrow 0$.

Preliminary results shown today are for the correct z -dependence

$$\hat{q} \rightarrow \hat{q} \left(\frac{9}{8} (z^2 + (1-z)^2) - \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

Once integrated over \mathbf{k}_c , consistent with →

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$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$: “magnitude” of the in-medium modification

From the calculation:

$$\rightarrow P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} \sim \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\langle \mathbf{q}^2 \rangle_{\text{med}}}{Q^2} \right)$$

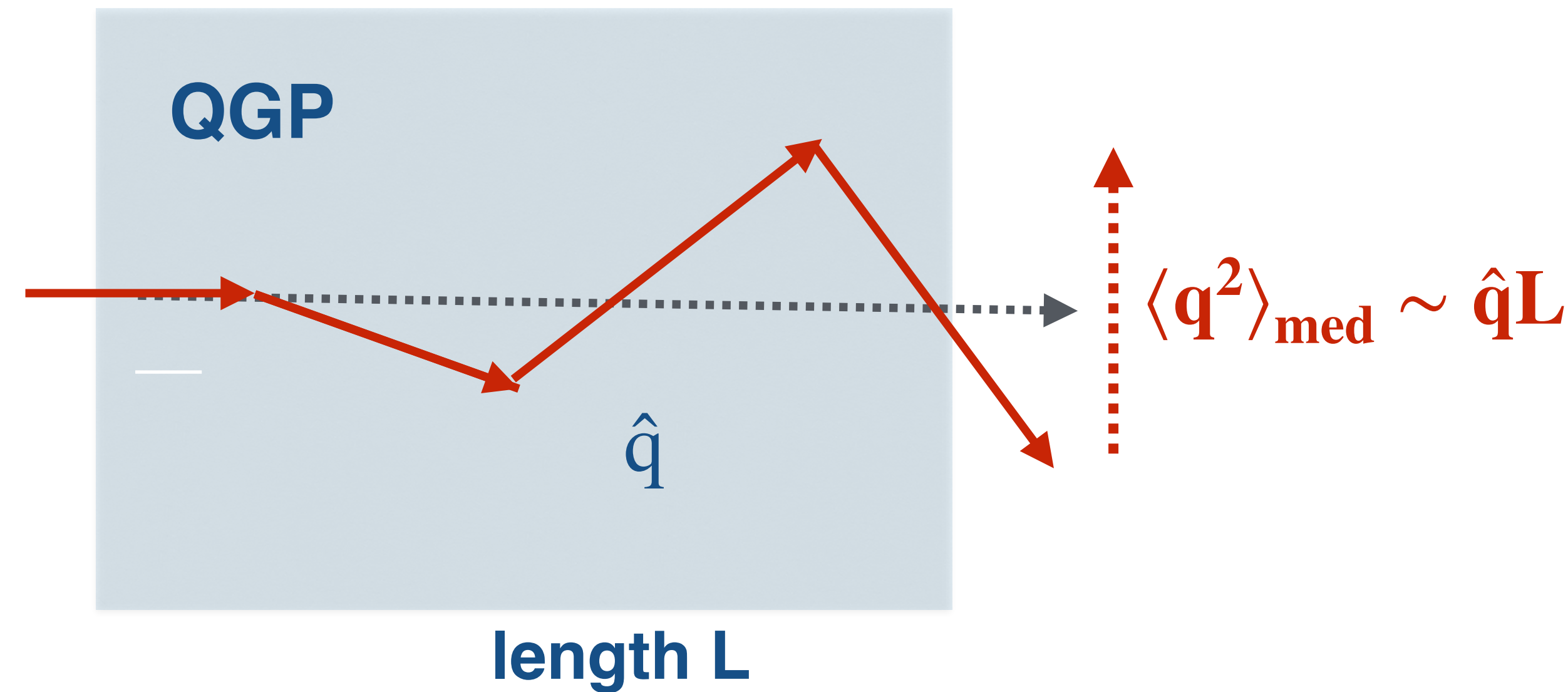
From model extraction in central PbPb data:

$$\langle \mathbf{q}^2 \rangle_{\text{med}} = \hat{q}L \text{ from 1 to 8 GeV}^2 \text{ (conservative)}$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \mathbf{q}^2 \rangle_{\text{med}} \sim m_c^2$$

$$\rightarrow P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} \sim \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{m_c^2}{Q^2} \right) \quad P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}(z) = z^2 + (1-z)^2 + 2 \frac{m_c^2}{Q^2}$$

$\langle \mathbf{q}^2 \rangle_{\text{med}} \sim \hat{q}L$ average squared transverse momentum that a parton acquire in a medium of length L

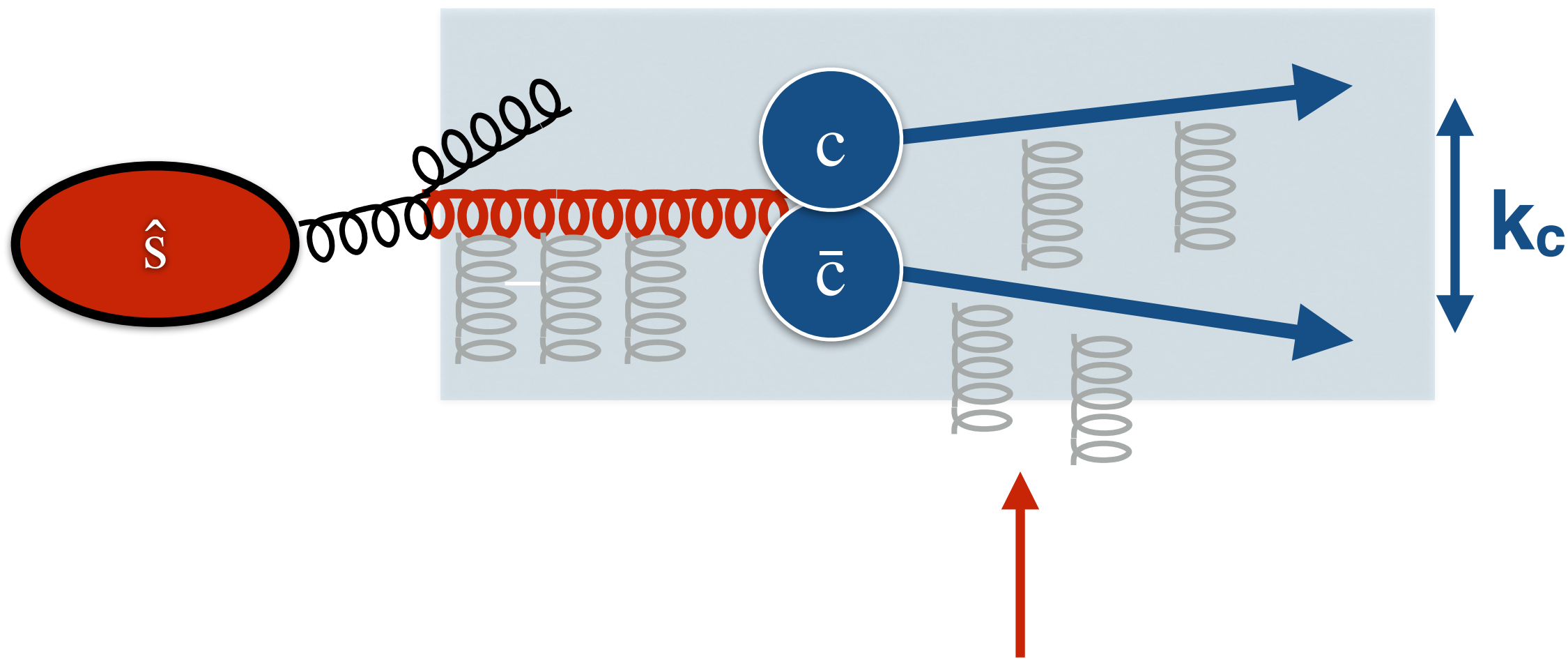


• $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$ has same “magnitude” of the mass term of $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}$, known to give origin to sizeable effects

\rightarrow **effect of $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$ likely to be relevant**

$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$: $c\bar{c}$ broadening and $c\bar{c}$ enhancement

QGP with length L



$k_c \rightarrow$ relative transverse momentum of the $c\bar{c}$ pair

increases of k_c^2 due to transverse momentum broadening on the individual quarks:
 \rightarrow conserves splitting probability

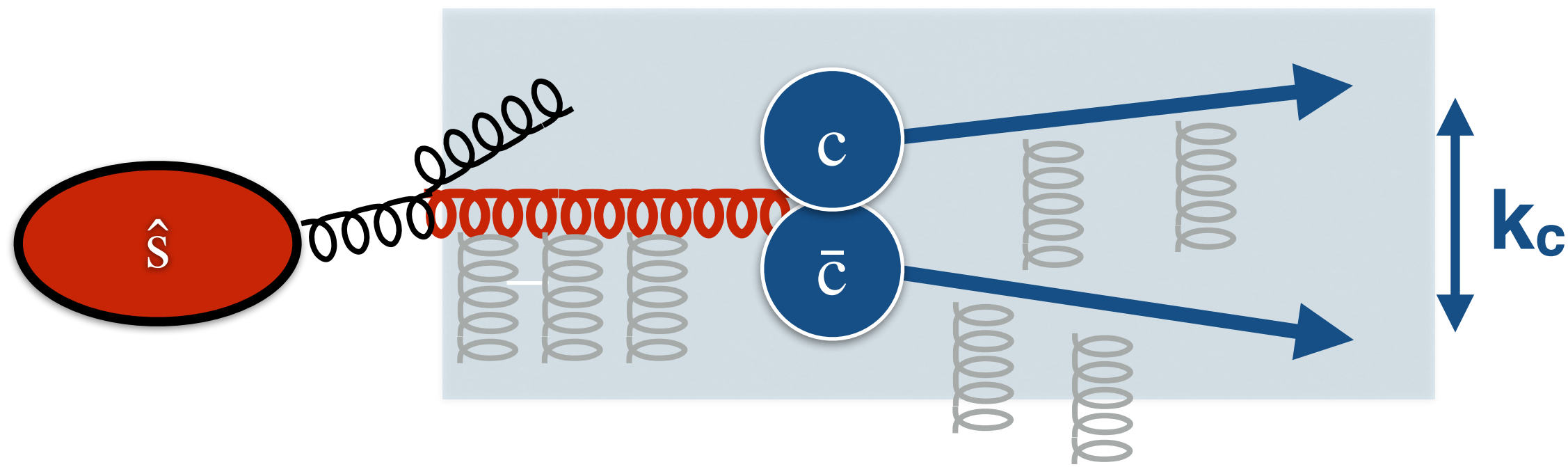
Enhancement of $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splittings

- \rightarrow Gluons which would not split in vacuum can split if in-medium scatters occurs
- \rightarrow **increase of a “conserved” and “traceable” quantity via interaction with the medium**

Numerical results for $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} / P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}$

- Multiple soft-scattering approximation
- QGP brick with $\hat{q}L = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$

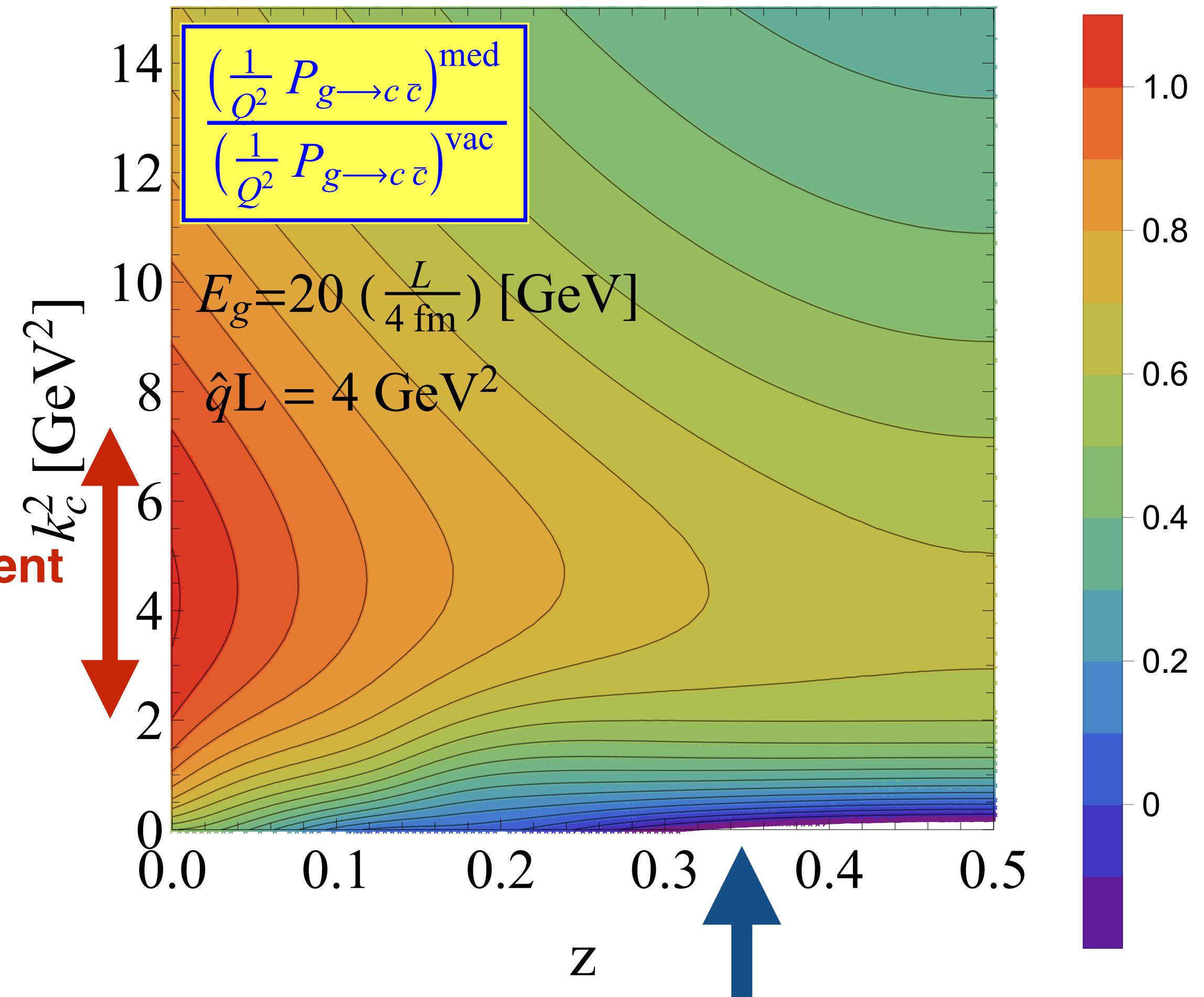
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- magnitude of in-medium modification

$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} \sim P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}$$

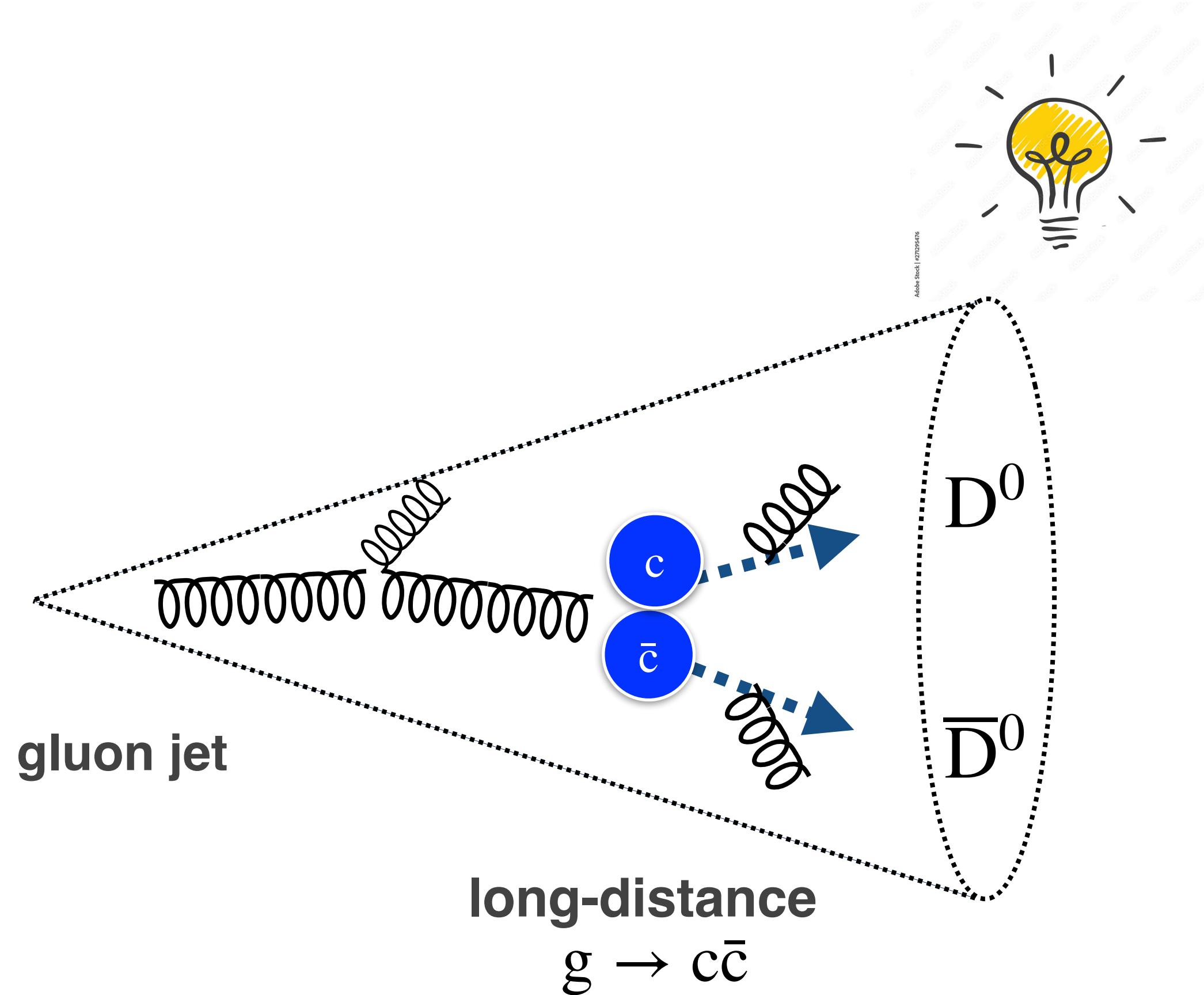
Enhancement
for $k_c^2 \sim \hat{q}L$



Depletion of low k_c^2 splittings
due to the in-medium broadening

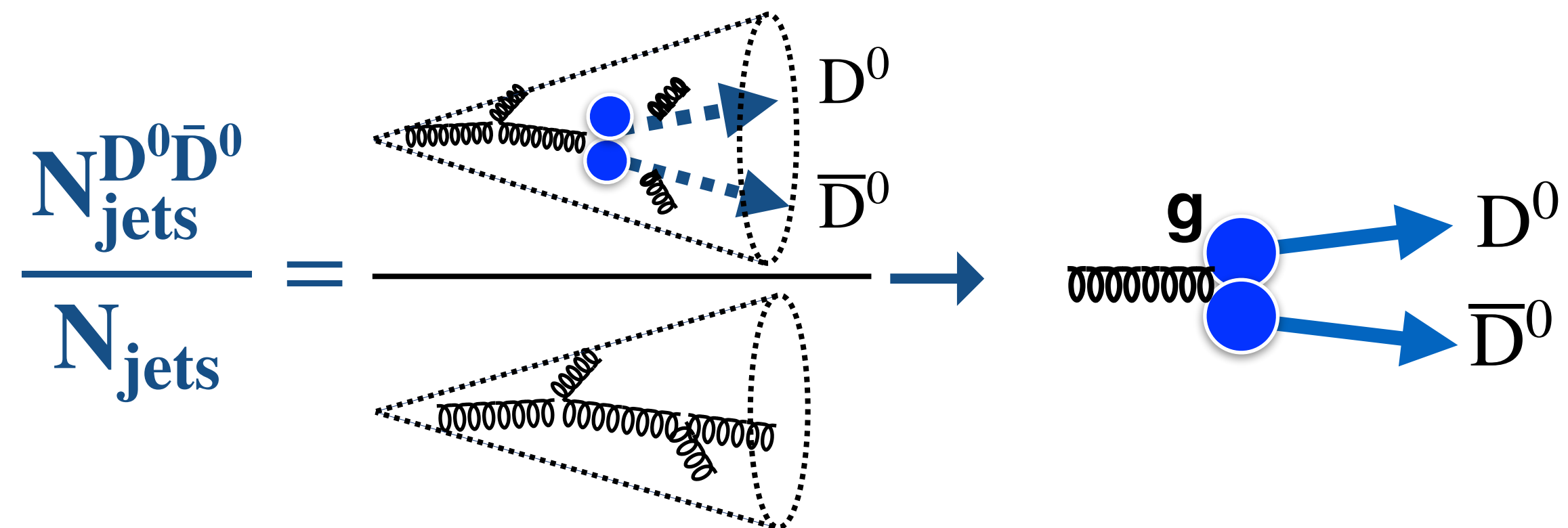
- the formalism that describes enhanced gluon radiation in the QGP also predicts a **sizeable** enhancement of the $c\bar{c}$ radiation

Experimental strategy for $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ enhancement



High- p_T jets with a $D^0\bar{D}^0$ pair inside the jet code:

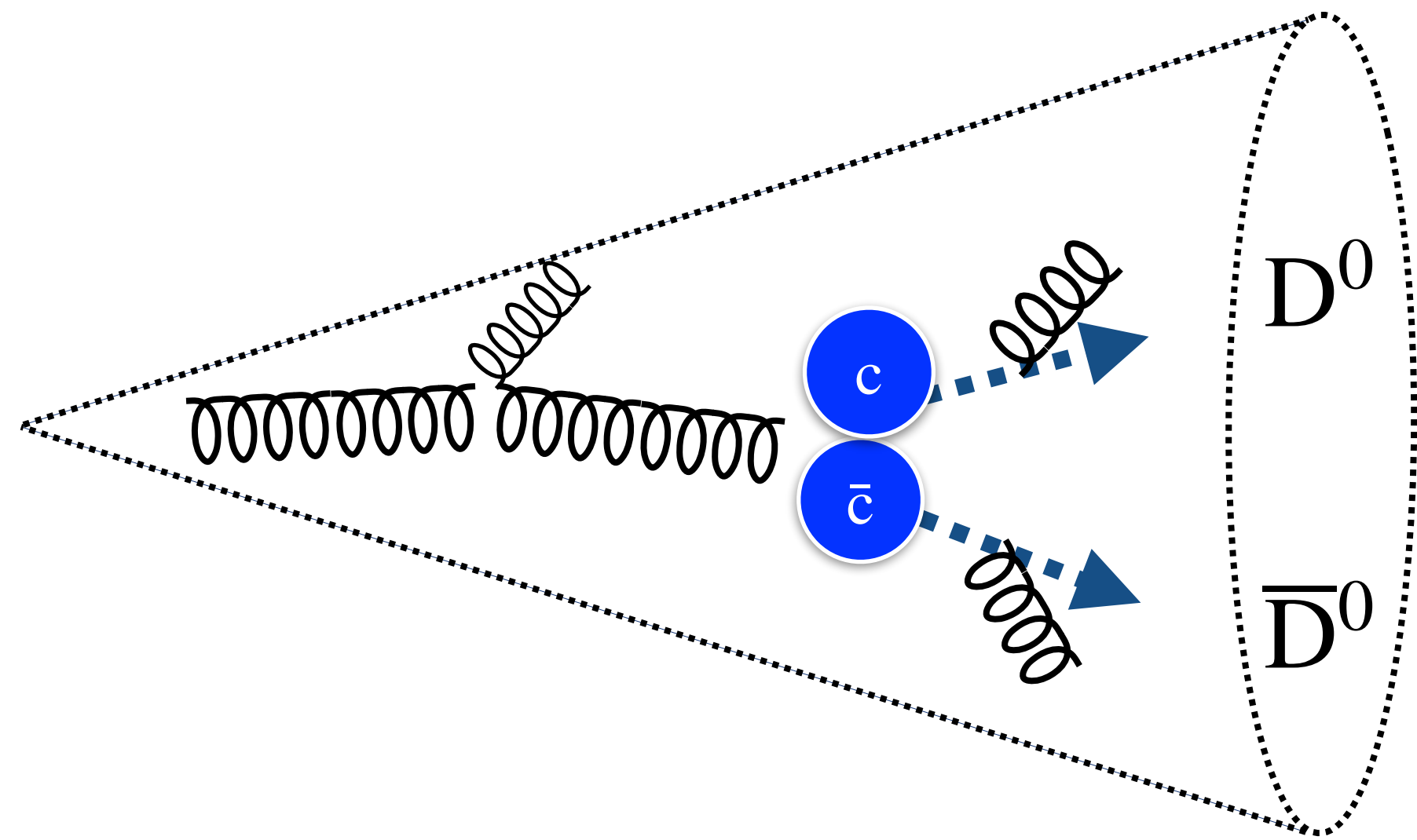
- D-meson reconstruction
 - constraints on the charm-quarks kinematics
 - accessible down to low p_T in heavy-ions



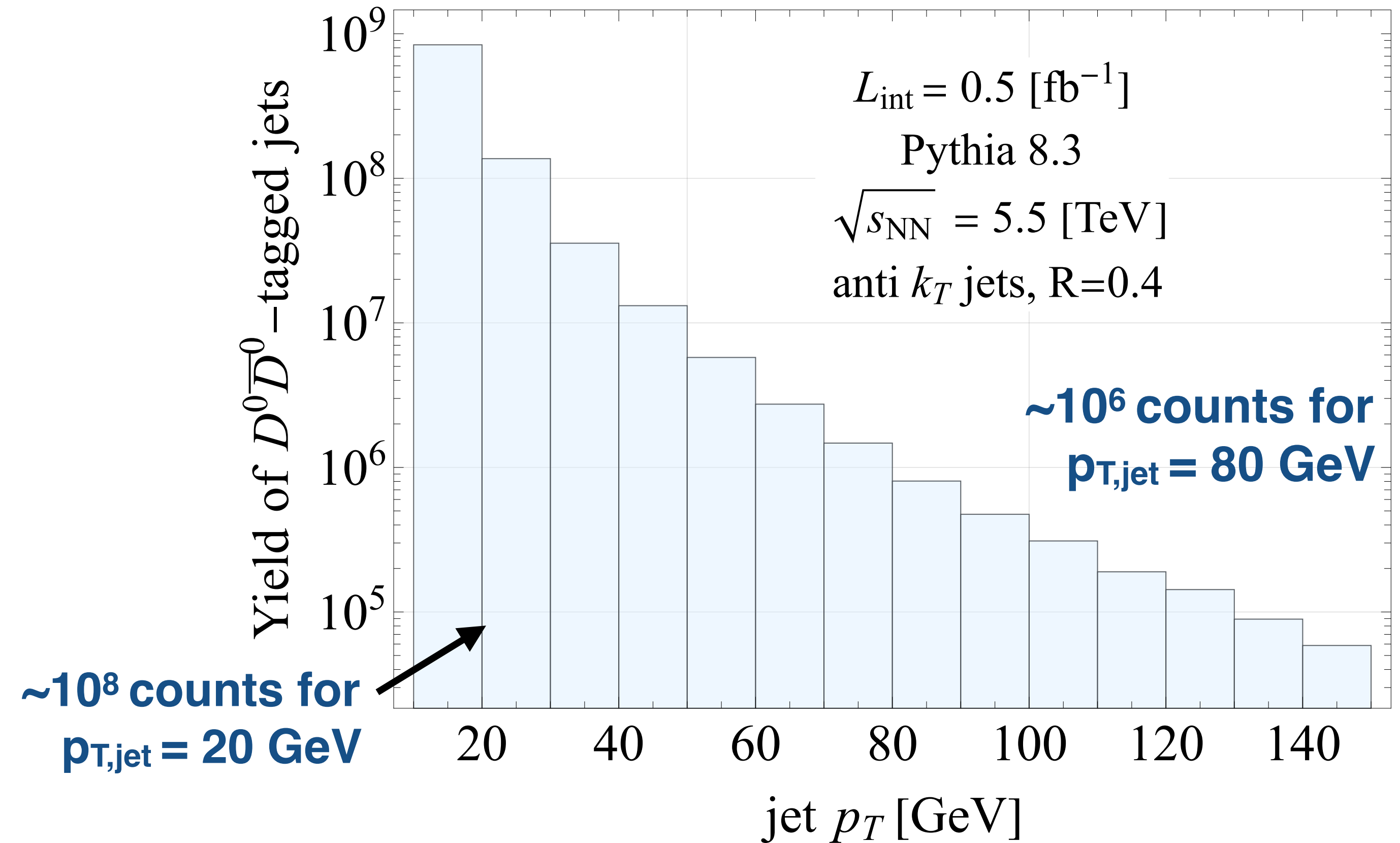
Due to $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ enhancement, a larger fraction of $D^0\bar{D}^0$ -tagged jets expected in heavy-ions
→ dedicated MC study to provide a first assessment of the feasibility of such measurement

Monte Carlo study with Pythia

- Anti- k_T “full” jets with FastJet ($R=0.4$)
- one $D^0\bar{D}^0$ per jet
- only prompt D^0 contribution considered ($c \rightarrow D^0$)



$L_{\text{int}} = 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ pp} \sim 10 \text{ nb}^{-1} \text{ PbPb}$ (no quenching)



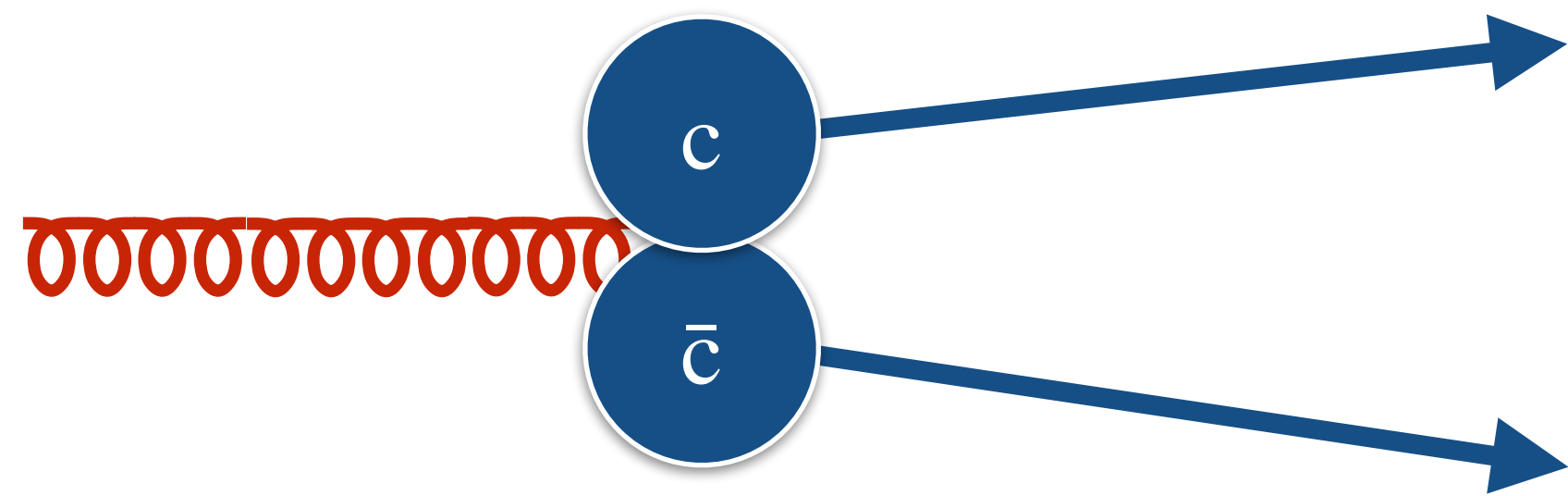
- Fully reconstructed hadronic D^0 decays
- **But also** $c\bar{c}$ -tagging techniques high- p_T jets or tagging of semi-leptonic charm decays \rightarrow **sample \sim entire $c\bar{c}$ statistics**

Challenging measurement:

\rightarrow Based on expected yields, the measurement could be within reach with HL-LHC

Embedding $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$ in the parton shower

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$$p_g = p_c + p_{\bar{c}}$$

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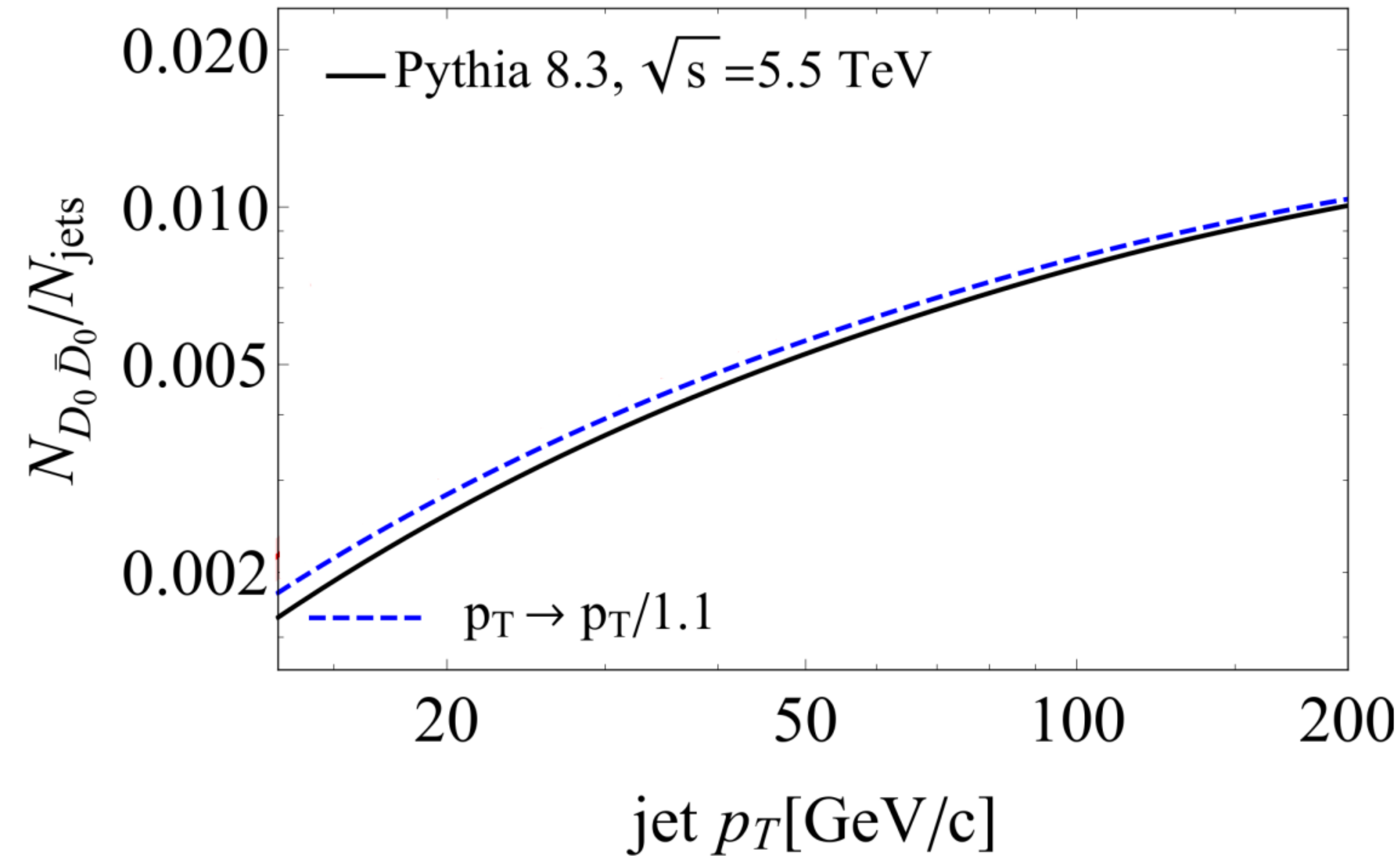
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This simplified strategy relies on few realistic assumptions/approximations ([arXiv:2203.11241](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.11241))

→ captures the qualitative features of the in-medium $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ modifications

$N_{\text{jets}}^{D^0\bar{D}^0}/N_{\text{jets}}$ as a function of jet p_T

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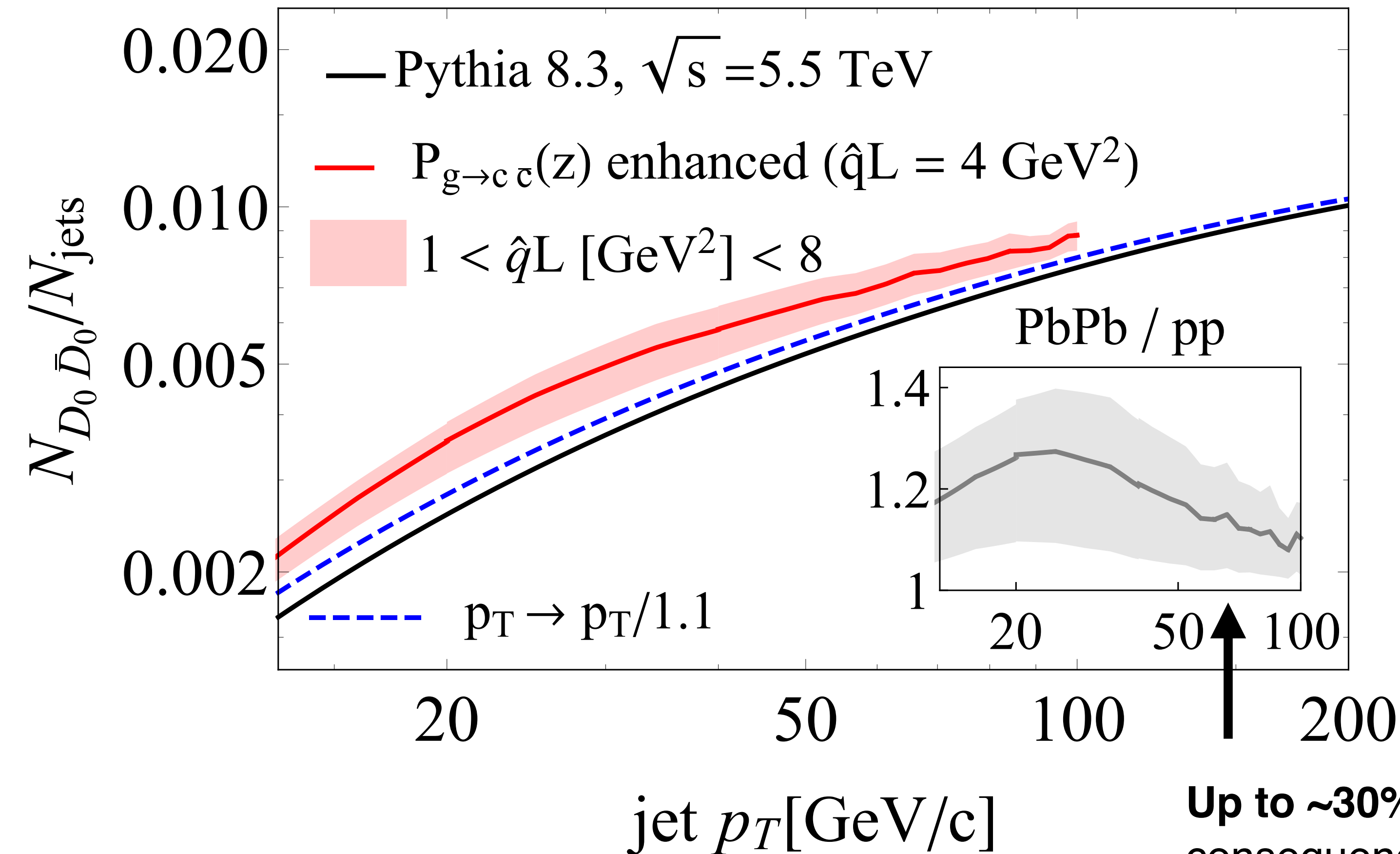
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Up to ~30% increase in the rate of $D^0\bar{D}^0$ tagged jets as a consequence of modified $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting function

Reweighed to account for modified $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting function:

→ magnitude of the effect likely to increase with more differential observables

→ $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ for “in-medium” production of heavy quarks

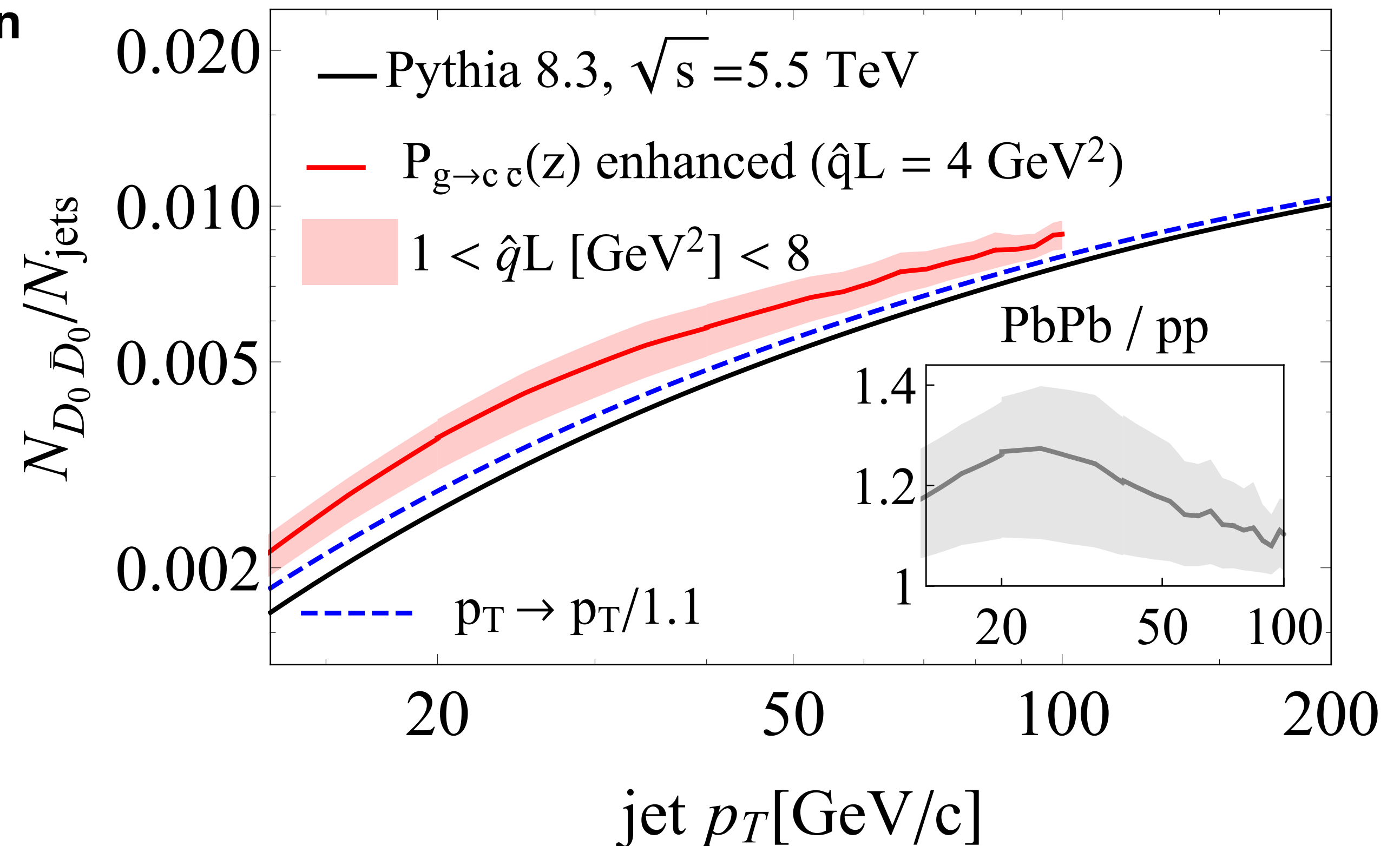
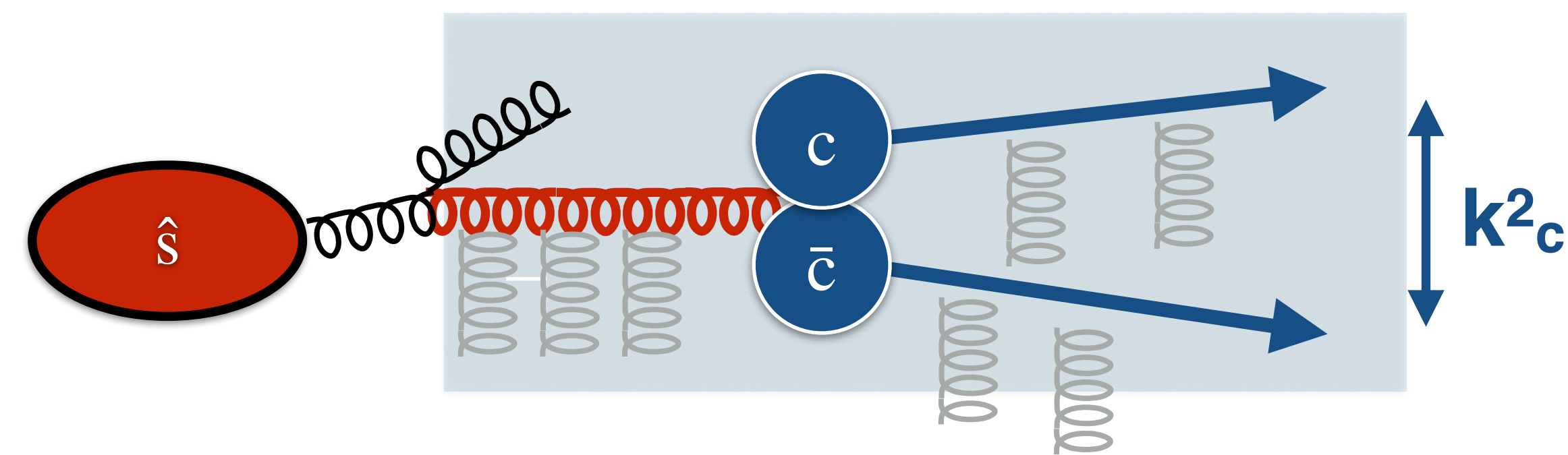
$g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting function with BDMPS-Z:

- broadening of $c\bar{c}$ pairs and **enhancement of $c\bar{c}$ radiation**

Experimental strategy for $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ enhancement:

- challenging but potentially measurable signal

QGP with length L



Push for new theoretical and experimental developments:

- parton showers including the in-medium modifications of all splitting functions → more differential observables
- high-luminosity heavy-ion runs, improved detector capabilities and new analysis techniques (*J. Klein's talk on Saturday*)

Conclusions

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Thank you for your attention!

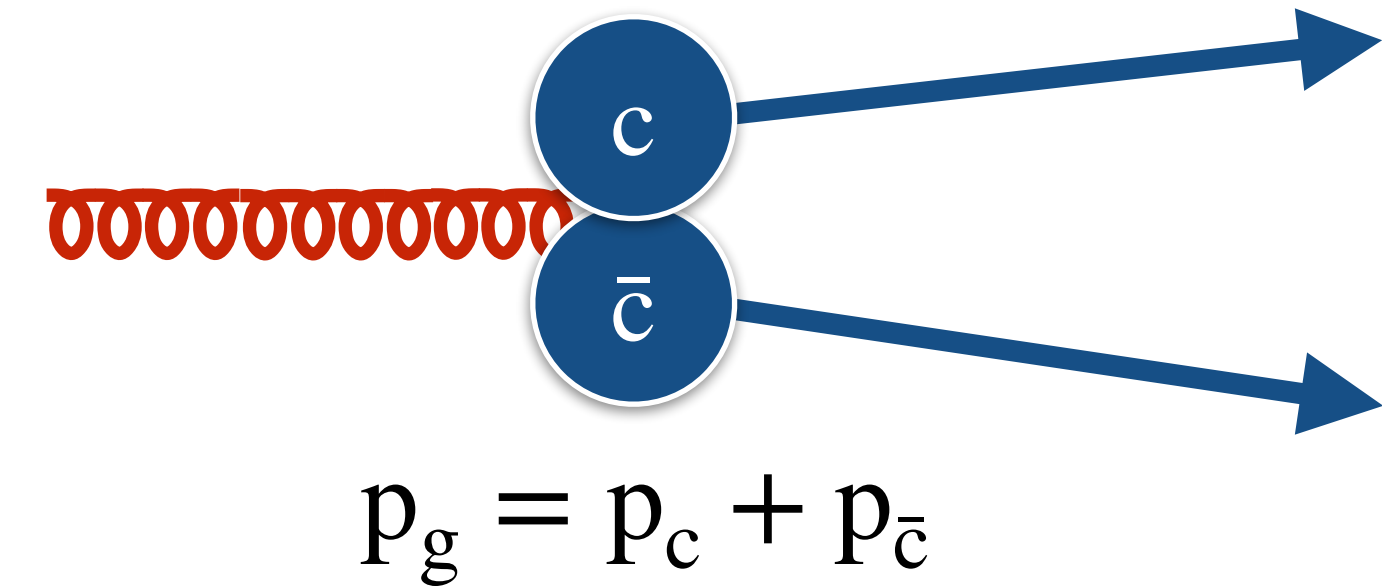
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This simplified strategy relies on few realistic assumptions/approximations:

- $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting function is small (→ Sudakov factor can be “linearized”)
- Energy loss of gluon prior to splitting (not included) would likely increase the magnitude of the enhancement

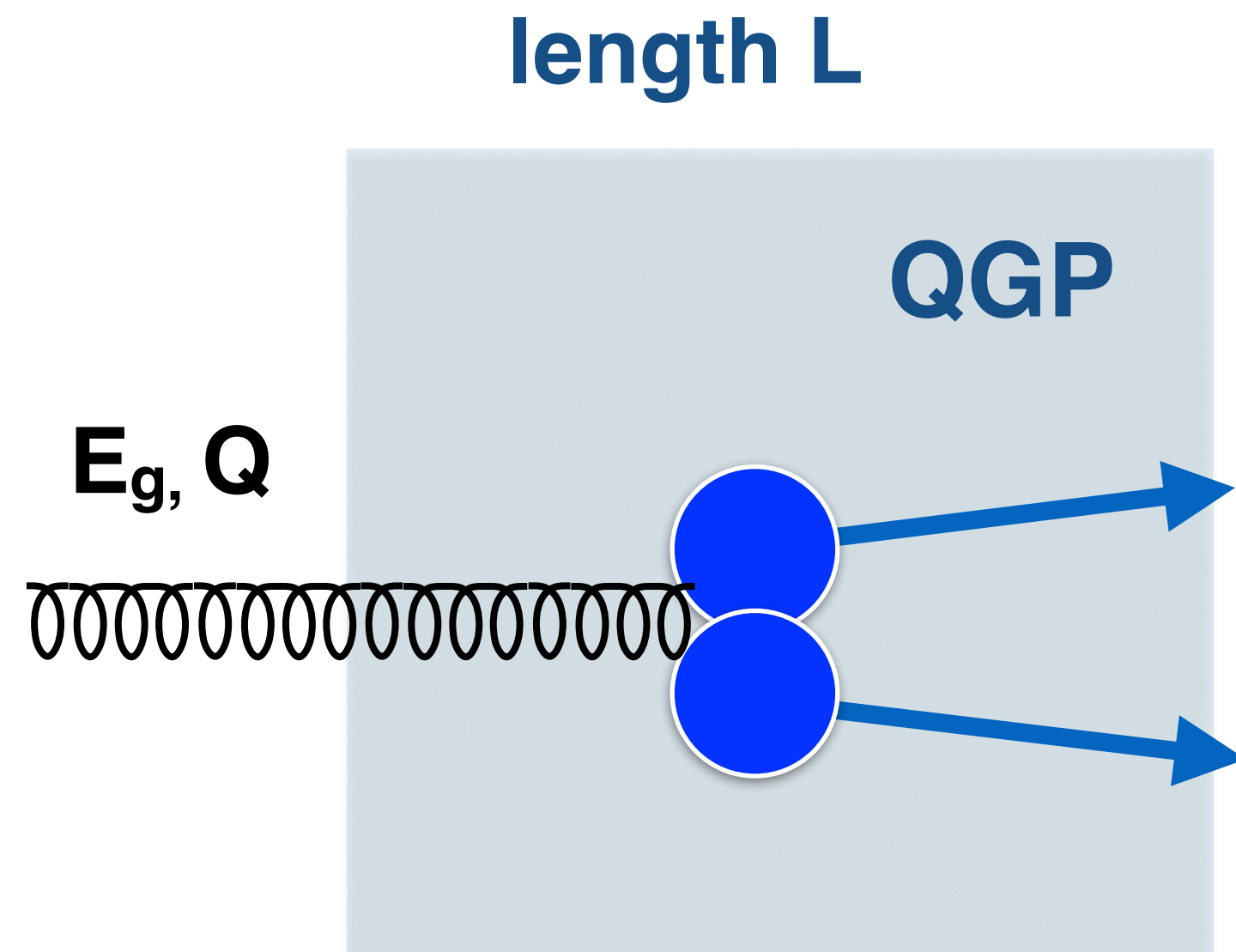
→ **Modifications of $c \rightarrow cg$ splittings not relevant for this observable (integrated in D^0, \bar{D}^0 pT)**

$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$: formation time

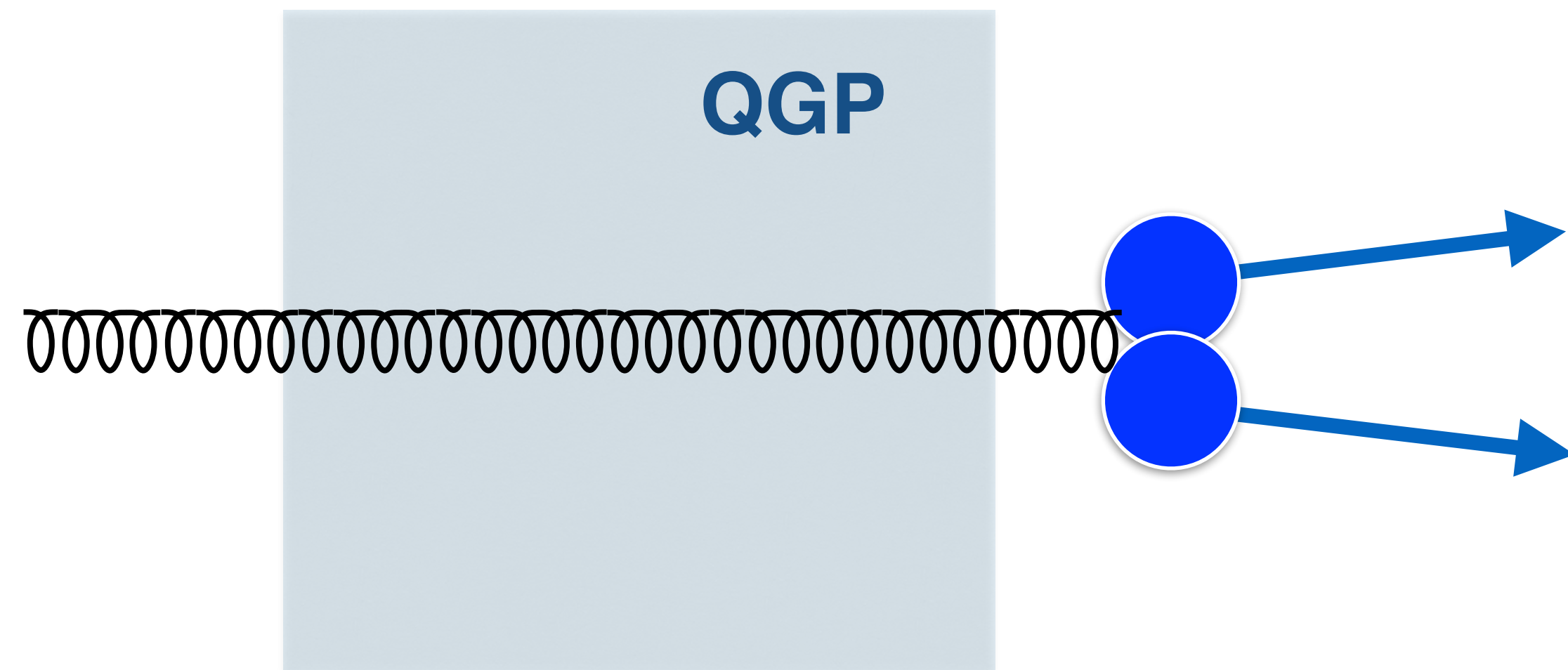
The BDMPS-Z calculation of $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$ reveals the same formation-time argument:

$$\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{rest}} \sim \frac{1}{Q} \rightarrow \text{“formation time”}$$

$$\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{lab}} \sim \frac{1}{Q} \frac{E_g}{Q} = \frac{E_g}{Q^2}$$

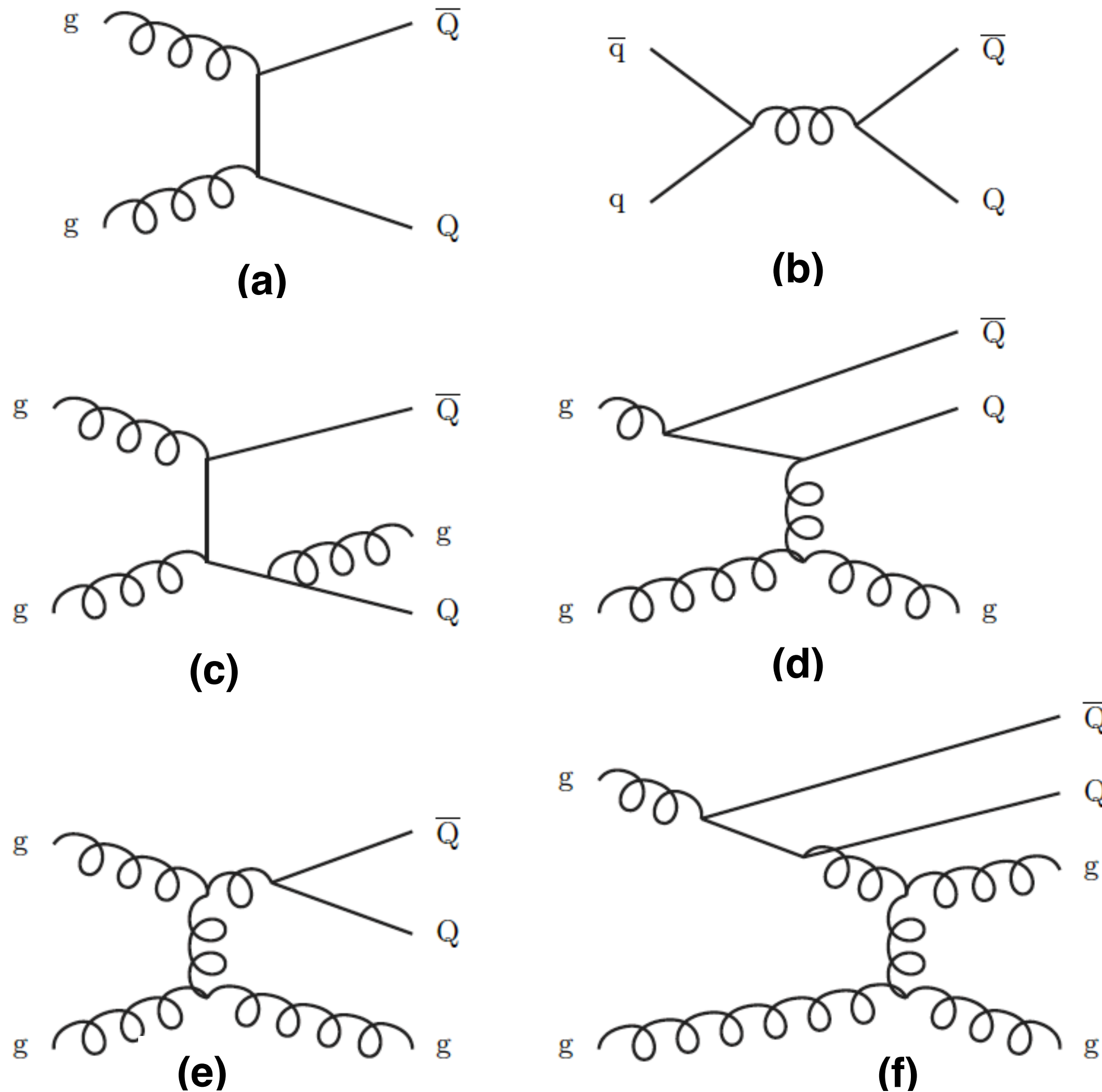


$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} \neq P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}$$



$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} \xrightarrow{\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \gg L} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}$$

Heavy-flavour production in the parton shower approach



Not an exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$, but it catches the leading-log aspects of the multiple-parton-emission phenomenon.

- hard scattering, short-distance, $2 \rightarrow 2$ process
- three classes of events: pair creation, flavour excitation, gluon splitting

(a,b) Leading order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ flavour creation:

- $gg \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$
- $gg \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ dominant LO mechanism at LHC energies
 → **back-to-back $Q\bar{Q}$ pairs**

(c) Pair creation (with gluon emission)

(d) Flavour excitation (with gluon emission): HF from the PDF of one beam particle is put on mass shell by scattering against a parton of the other beam. \sim DGLAP $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ process.

- hard scale of the scattering $Q^2 \gtrsim m_c^2$
 → **\sim uniform $\Delta\Phi$ distribution of $Q\bar{Q}$ pairs**

(e) gluon splitting

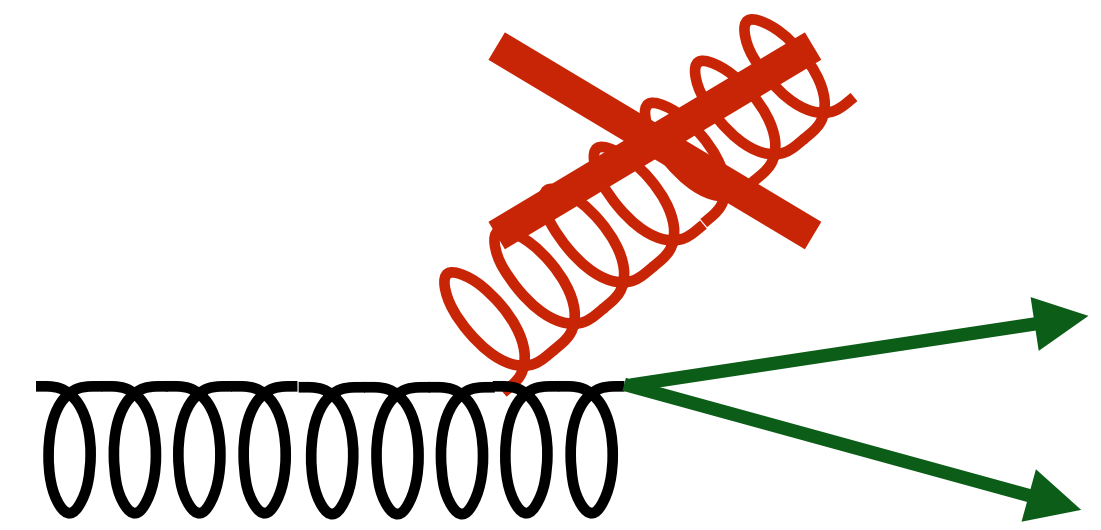
- **peaked at $\Delta\Phi = 0$**

(f) Events classified as gluon splitting but of flavour-excitation character: a gluon first branches to QQ and the Q later emits another gluon that is the one to enter the hard scattering

Embedding $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$ in Pythia parton showers

Parton showers use parton splitting functions to evaluate branching probabilities at each splitting:

→ reweighting procedure based on modification of the Sudakov factor S (→ no splitting probability)



$S_{g \rightarrow X}^{\text{tot}}$
No-splitting
probability
 $g \rightarrow X$

$(1 - S_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{tot}})$
Splitting
probability
 $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$

$$\frac{P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{medium}}}{P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vacuum}}} = \frac{(1 - S_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{tot}}) S_{g \rightarrow X}^{\text{tot}}}{(1 - S_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}) S_{g \rightarrow X}^{\text{vac}}}$$

$1 - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

$$\sim 1 + \frac{\int dQ^2 \int dz \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \right)^{\text{med}}}{\int dQ^2 \int dz \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \right)^{\text{vac}}}$$

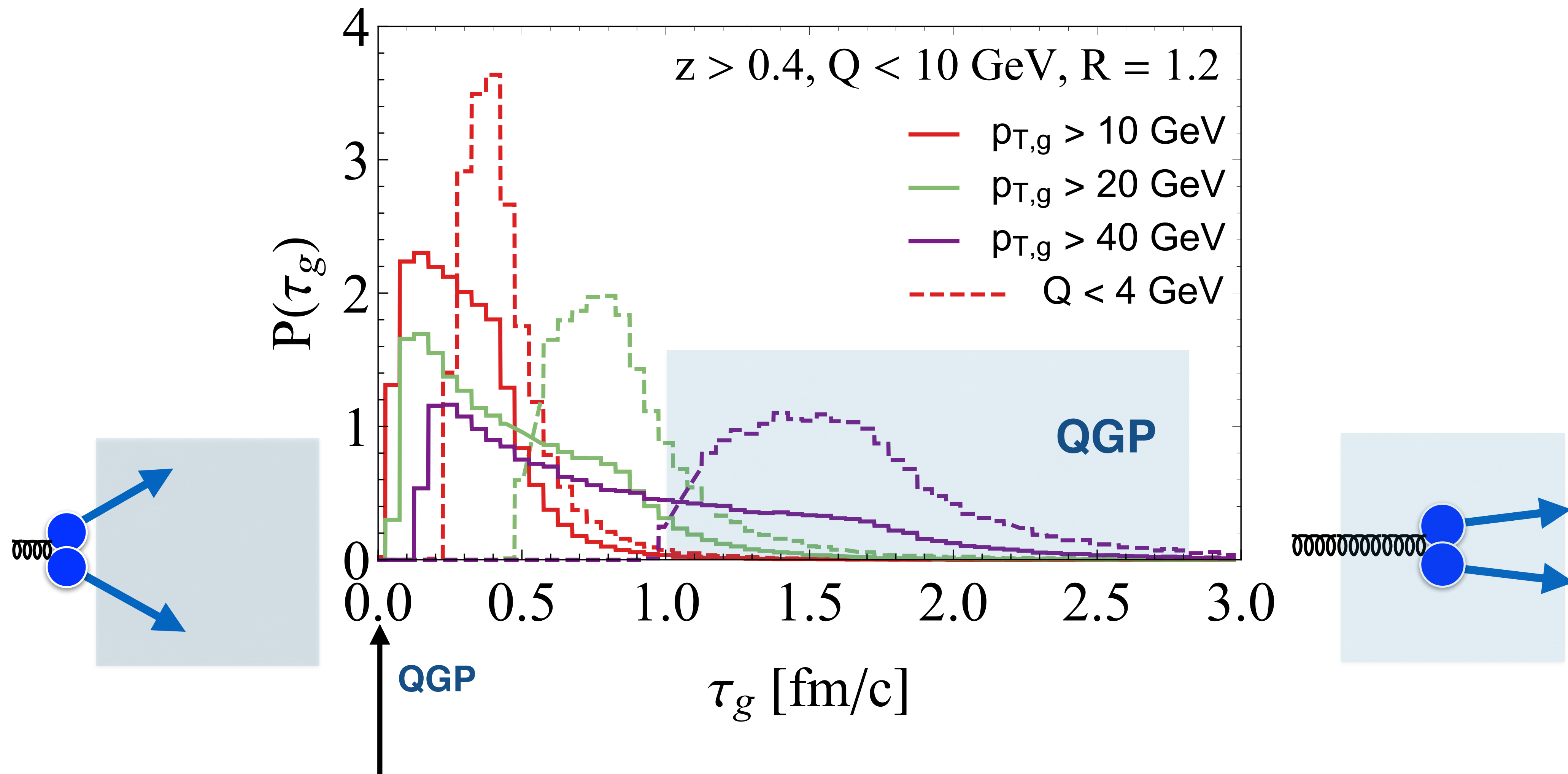
$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{medium}}$, $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vacuum}}$ are small

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For each $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting:

- reconstruct the gluon kinematics via $c\bar{c}$ pair (e.g. $E_g = E_c + E_{\bar{c}}$)
 - calculated and apply $w_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}(E_g, k_c^2, z)$ to each splitting
- **N.B. it does not account for c-quark energy loss**

Formation time of $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splittings

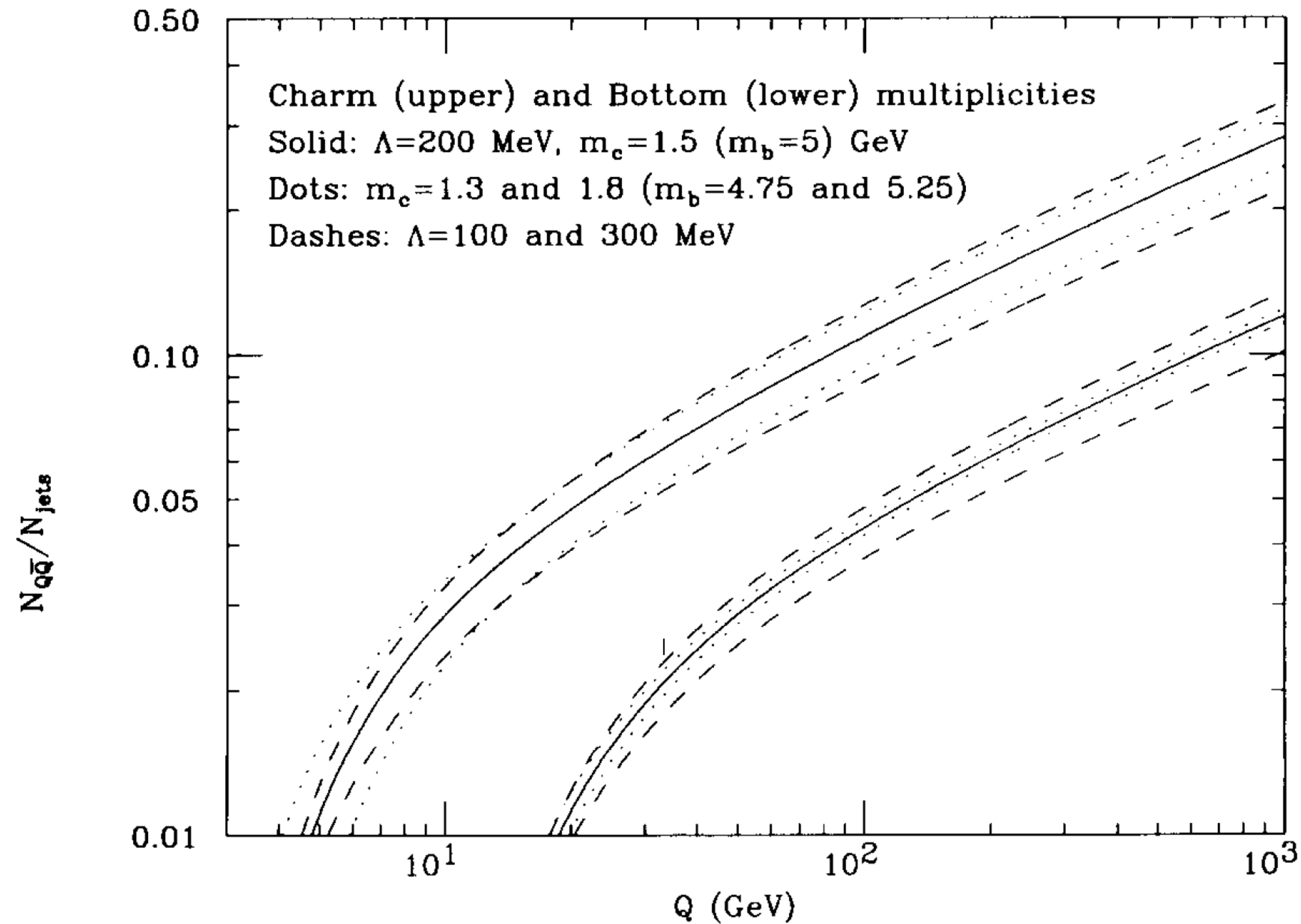


Dominant HQ production mechanisms are short-distance

- At threshold $\tau_g \sim 1/2m_c = 0.07 \text{ fm/c}$

$N_{\text{jets}}^{c\bar{c}}/N_{\text{jets}}$ to constrain charm mass in pQCD

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$g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting rate in ALEPH

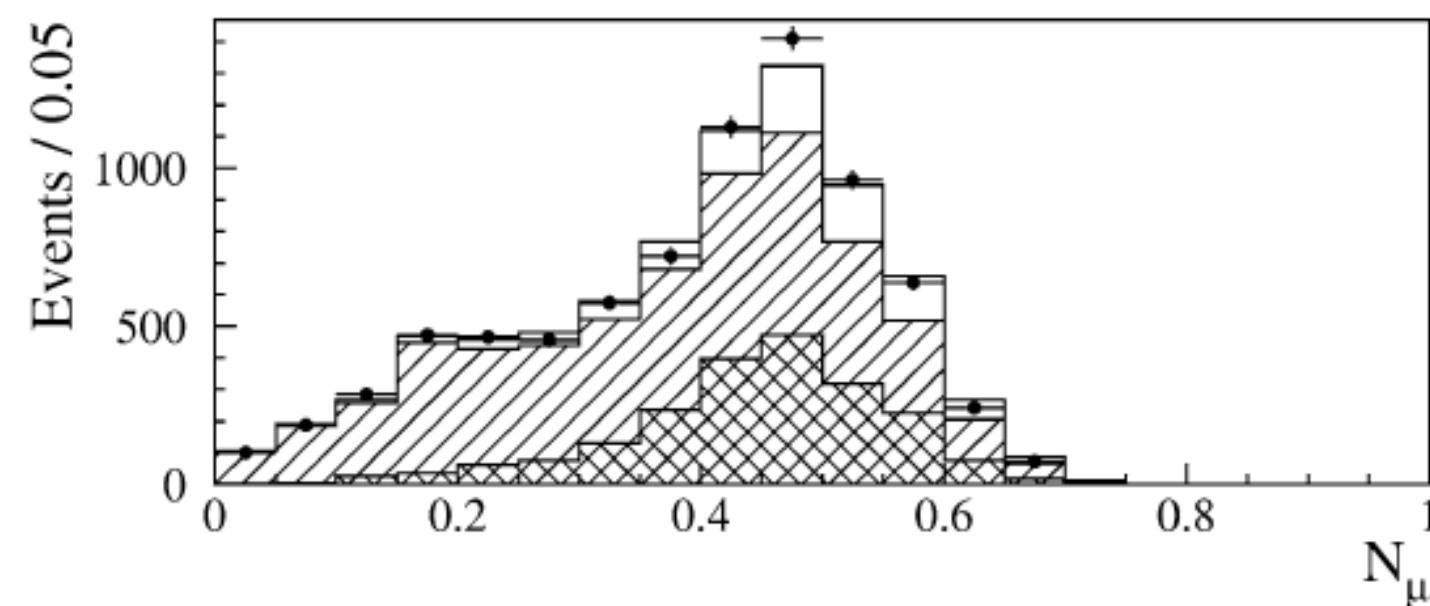
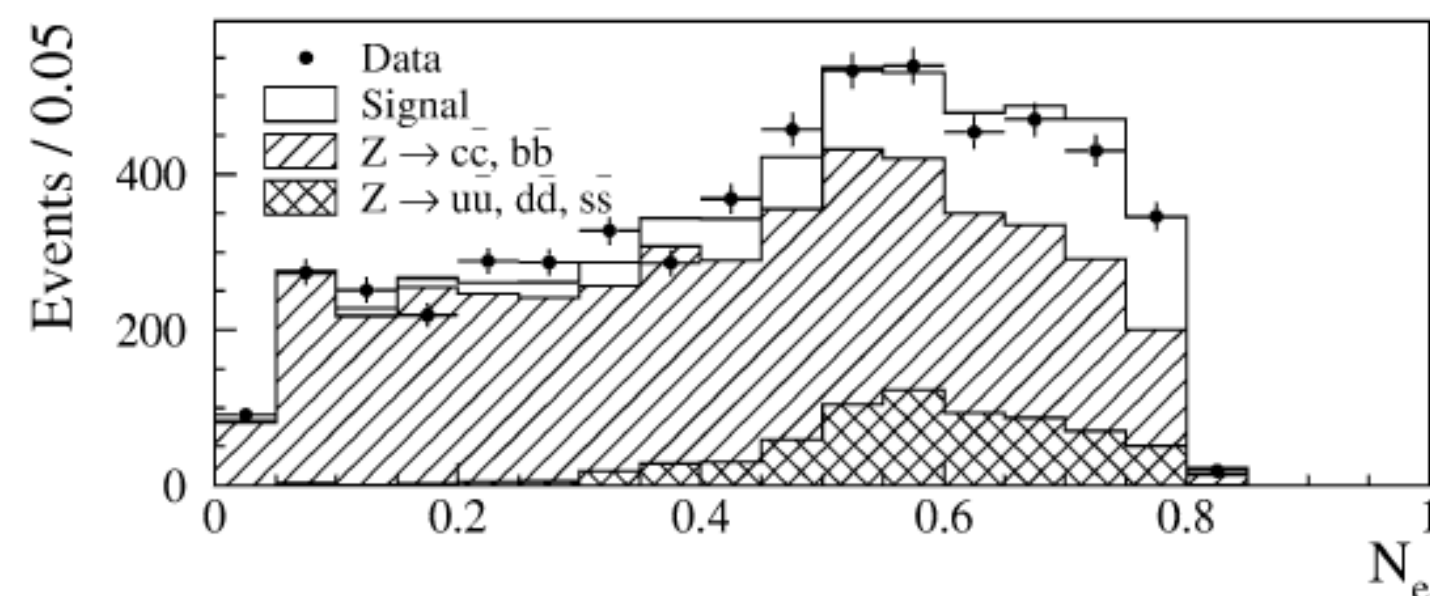
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→ measurement of the production rate of $c\bar{c}$ pairs from gluons in hadronic Z decays

$$g_{c\bar{c}} = \frac{N(Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}g), g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}{N(Z \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}$$

- $g_{c\bar{c}}$ is an important test of perturbative QCD at the Z scale
- $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ is a background for heavy-quark analyses and for Higgs-boson searches
- $g_{c\bar{c}}$ was at that time predicted to be large, from 1.4% to 2.5%

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→ semileptonic (e,μ) decays of the c quarks from gluon splitting in the lowest energy jet of a three jet event

$$g_{c\bar{c}}^e = (3.32 \pm 0.28(\text{stat}) \pm 0.42(\text{syst}))\%$$

$$g_{c\bar{c}}^\mu = (2.99 \pm 0.38(\text{stat}) \pm 0.72(\text{syst}))\%$$

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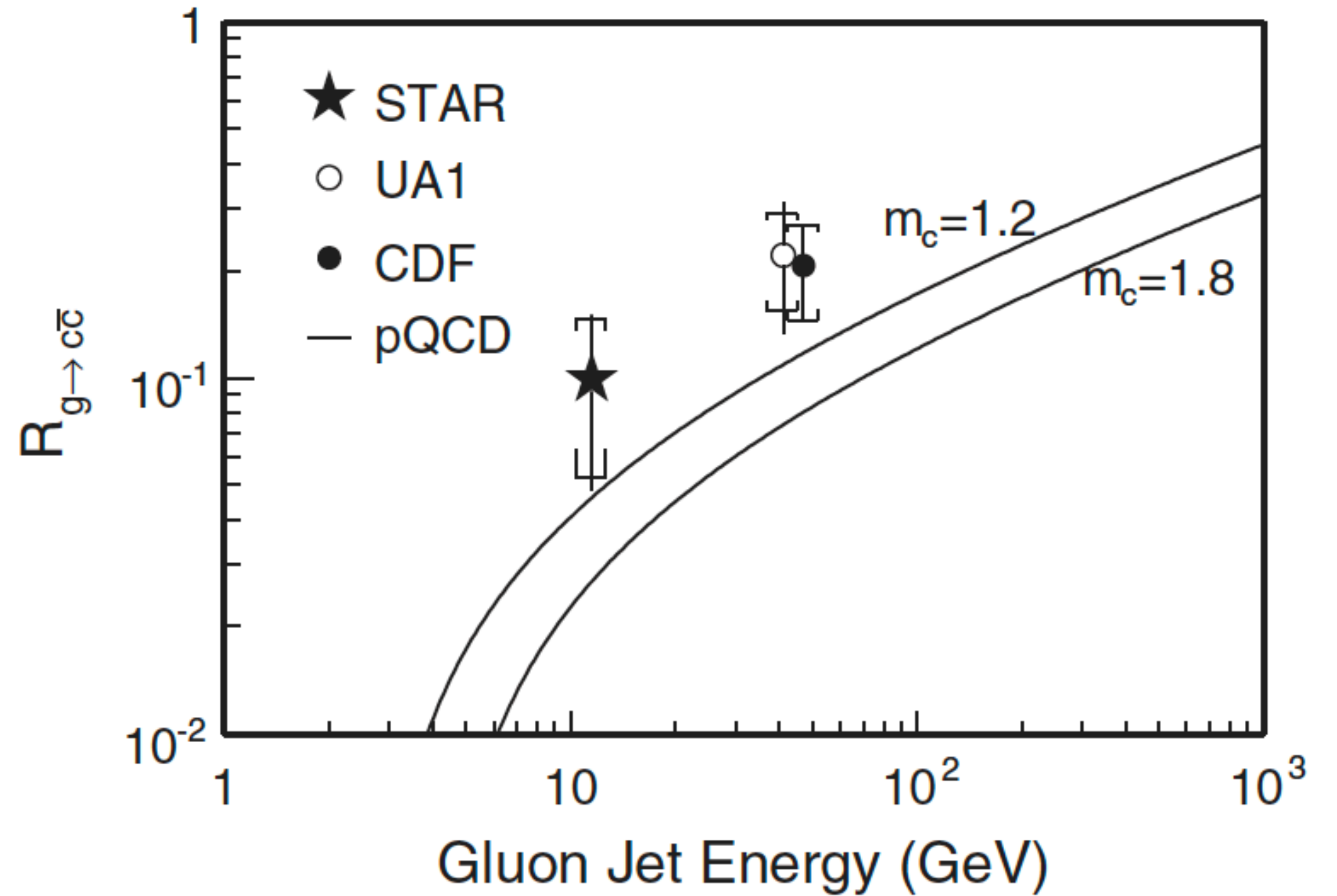
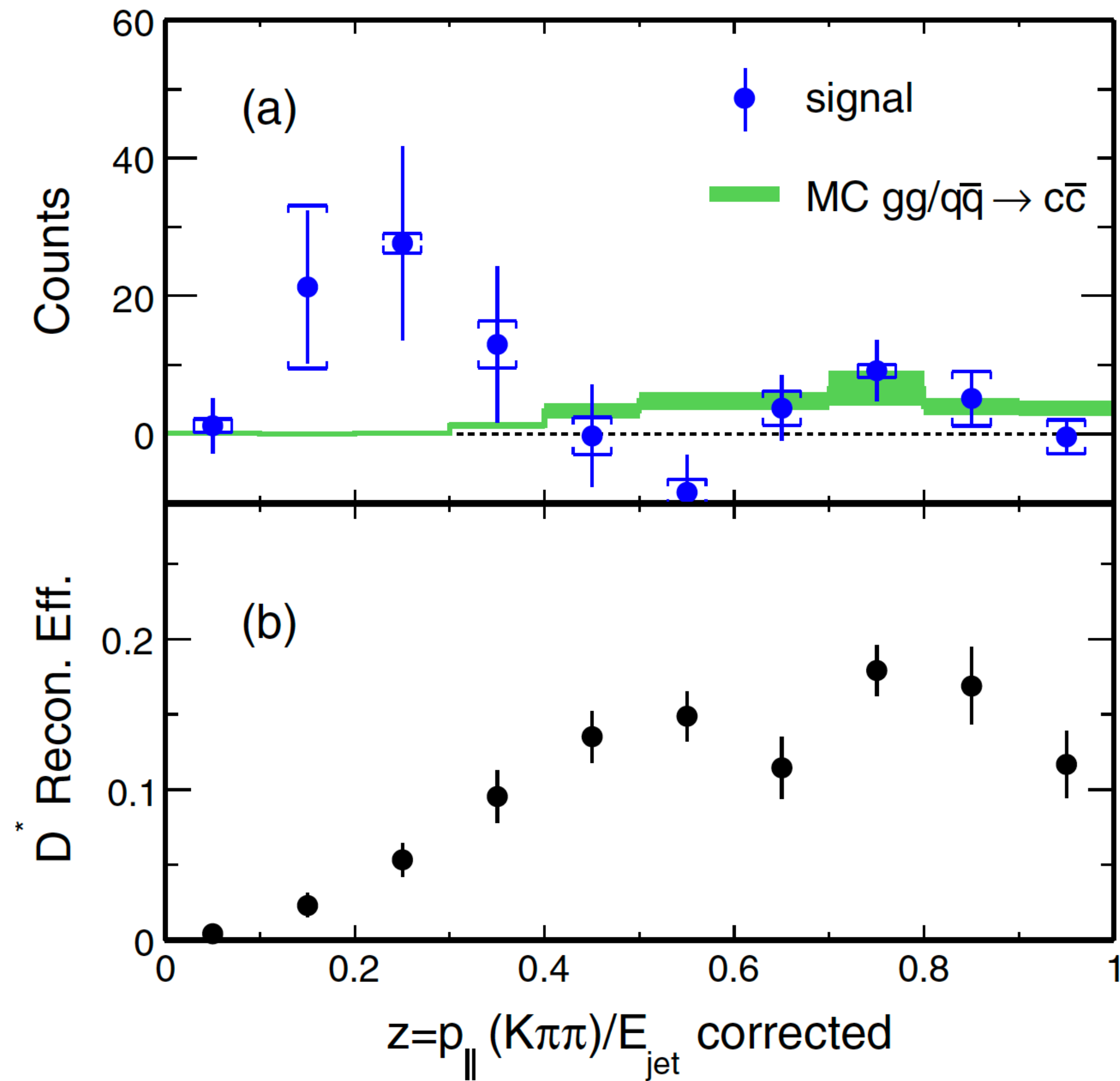
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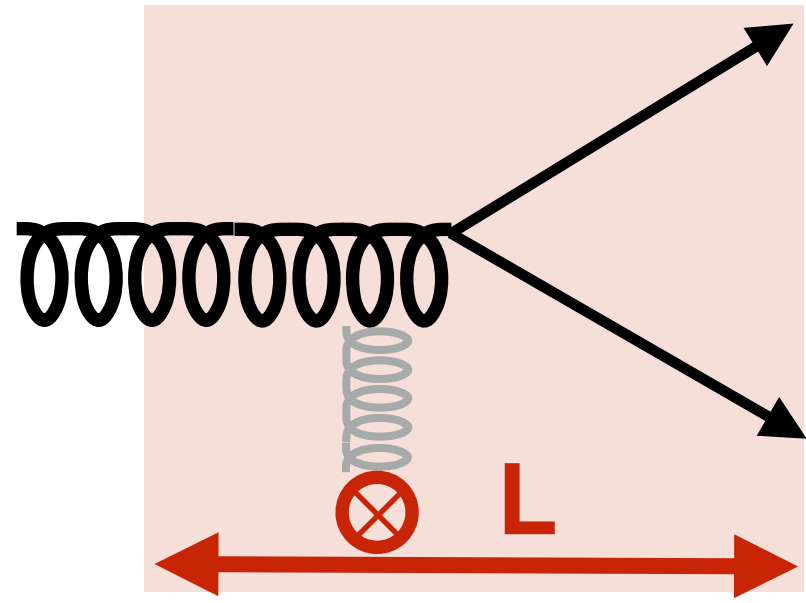
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$R_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}$ in pp collisions at RHIC

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Qualitative understanding of $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$



“single” scattering center (opacity $N=1$)

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \right)_{N=1}^{\text{med}} &= \frac{1}{2} n_0 L \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} |a(\mathbf{q})|^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{L\Gamma_1} \sin [L\Gamma_1] \right) \\ &\times \left[\left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \right)_{\mathbf{k}_c \rightarrow \mathbf{k}_c + \mathbf{q}}^{\text{vac}} - \left(\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \right)^{\text{vac}} \right] \\ &+ \left[\left(\frac{1}{Q_1^2} - \frac{1}{Q^2} \right)^2 \frac{m_c^2}{z(1-z)} + \left(\frac{(\mathbf{k}_c + \mathbf{q})}{Q_1^2} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_c}{Q^2} \right)^2 \frac{z^2 + (1-z)^2}{z(1-z)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Term A: modify the relative momentum of the $c\bar{c}$ pair in presence of a medium but conserves total splitting probability

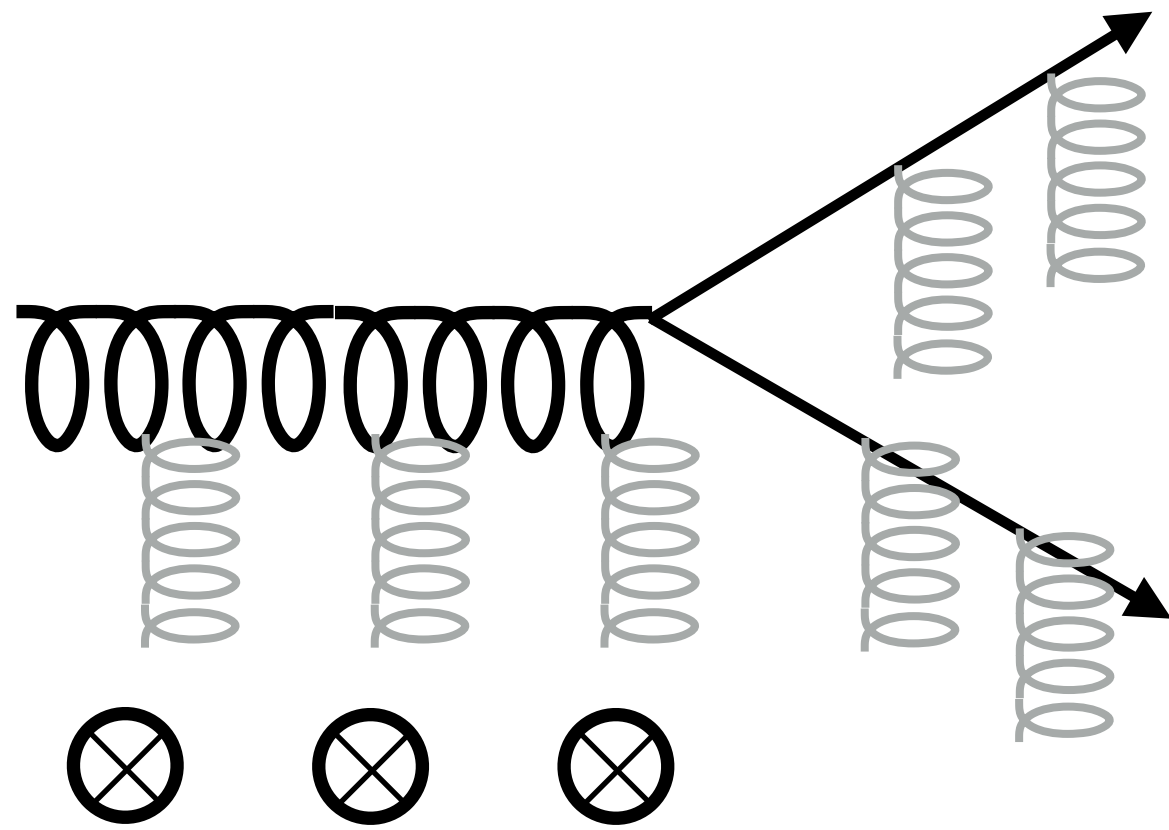
Term B: net increase of the splitting function

IMPORTANT: expression valid in the limit of $z \rightarrow 0$

In-medium $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splitting function with BDMPS-Z

See [arXiv:2203.11241](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.11241) for details on the calculations

$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} = P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}} + P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{mod}}$$



- Arbitrary n gluon exchanges with medium
- **High-energy limit** \rightarrow longitudinal momenta $\gg k_T$

$$\frac{1}{Q^2} P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} = \frac{1}{2 E_g^2} \Re e, \int_0^\infty dy \int_y^\infty d\bar{y}, e^{-i \frac{m_c^2}{2 E_g z(1-z)} (\bar{y}-y)} \times \int d\mathbf{r} e^{-\frac{1}{4} \int_y^\infty d\xi, \hat{q}(\xi) \mathbf{r}^2} e^{-i, \mathbf{k}_c \cdot \mathbf{r}} \times \left[\frac{m_c^2}{z(1-z)} + \frac{z^2 + (1-z)^2}{z(1-z)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right] \mathcal{K} (\mathbf{x} = 0, y; \mathbf{r}, \bar{y})$$

CAVEAT: “dipole” cross section $\sigma(\mathbf{r})$ valid for $z \rightarrow 0$.
Calculation for generic z being completed

$$e^{-\# \int d\xi n(\xi) \sigma(\mathbf{r})}$$

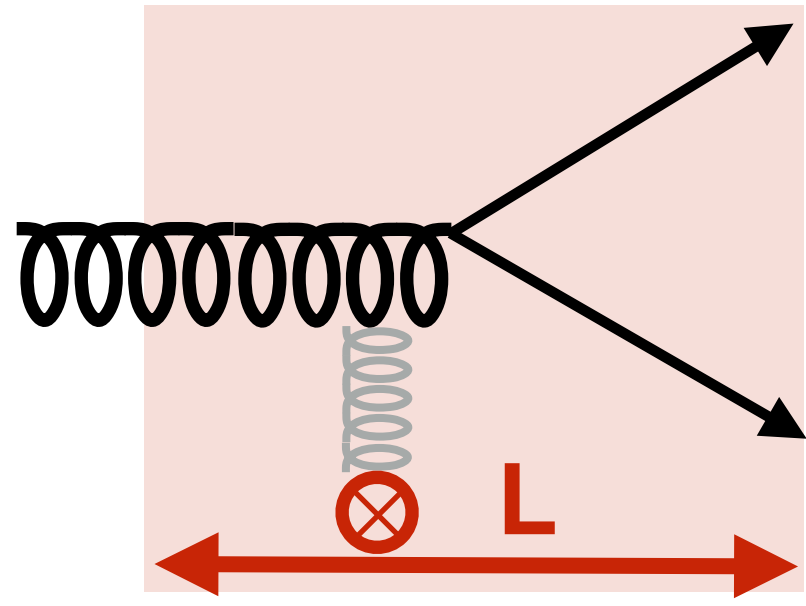
- density of scattering centers
- elastic scattering cross section

Approximations:

- “single” scattering center (opacity $N=1$) $\rightarrow n(\xi) \sigma(\mathbf{r}) \sim L n_0 \sigma_{el}$
- multiple soft scatterings center (small \mathbf{r}) $\rightarrow \sigma(\mathbf{r}) \sim 1/2 q(\hat{\xi}) \mathbf{r}^2$

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$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{Q_1^2}{2E_g}$$

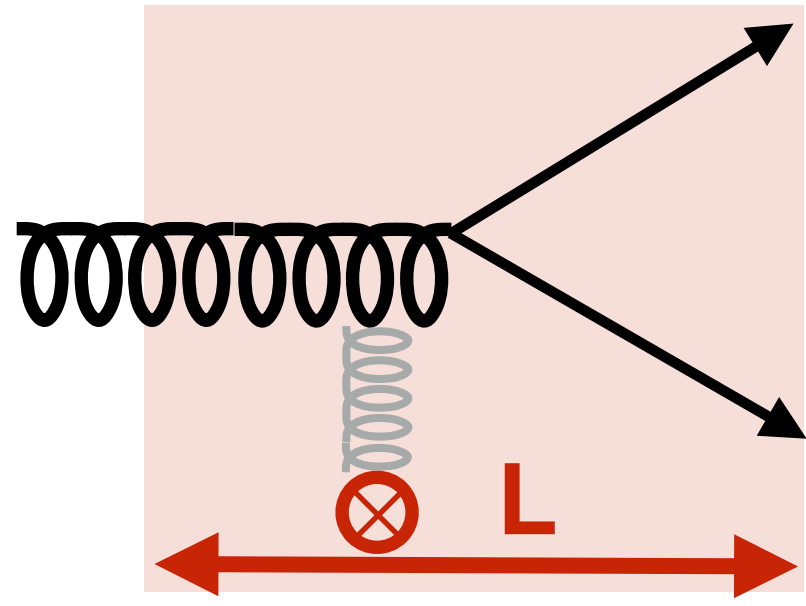
Numerically “large” in-medium modification:

$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}} \sim \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\langle \mathbf{q}^2 \rangle_{\text{med}}}{Q^2} \right) \sim \boxed{\mathcal{O} \left(\frac{m_c^2}{Q^2} \right)}$$

$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}(z) = z^2 + (1-z)^2 + \boxed{2 \frac{m_c^2}{Q^2}}$$

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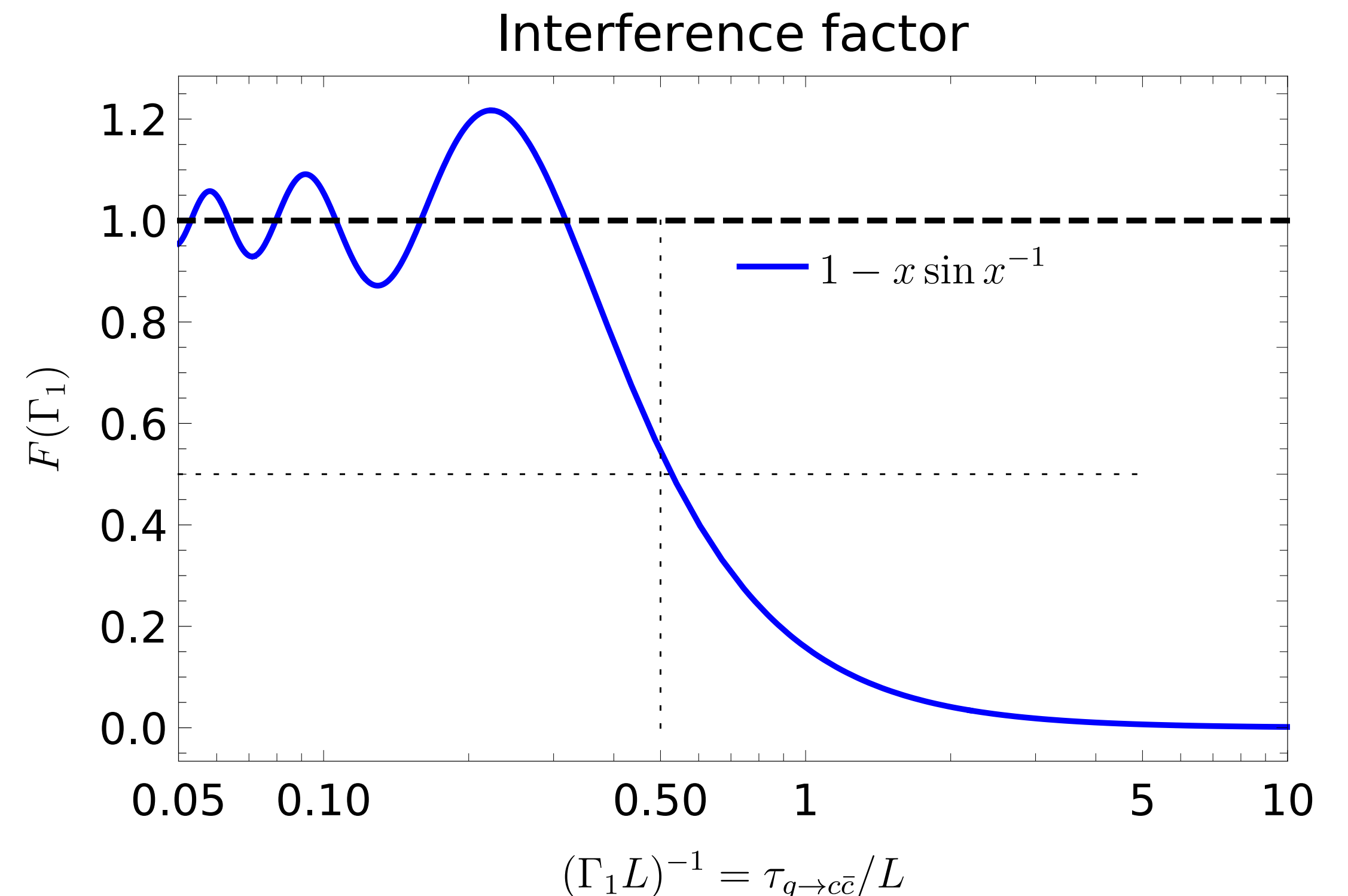
$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{Q_1^2}{2E_g}$$

“Formal” definition of gluon formation time:

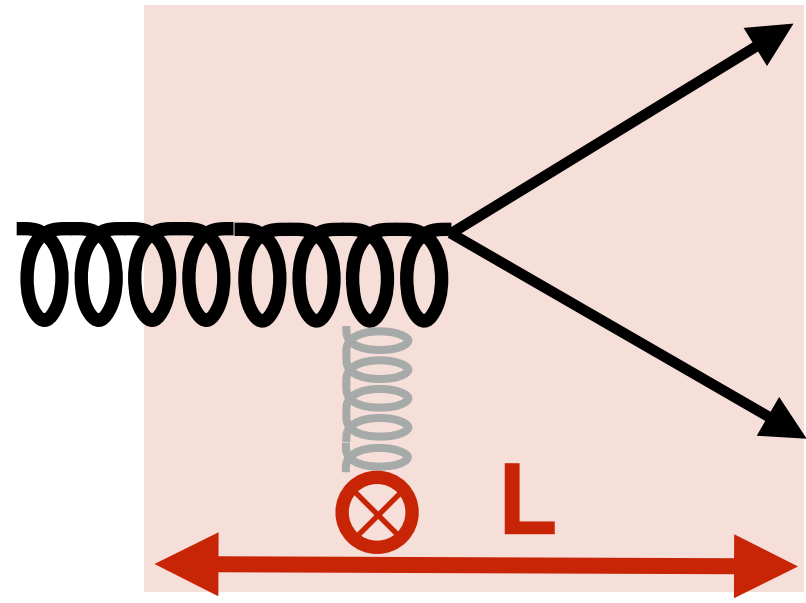
If $\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \gg$ medium length

→ no substantial modification of the splitting function

$$\tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}} \triangleq \frac{2E_g}{Q^2}$$



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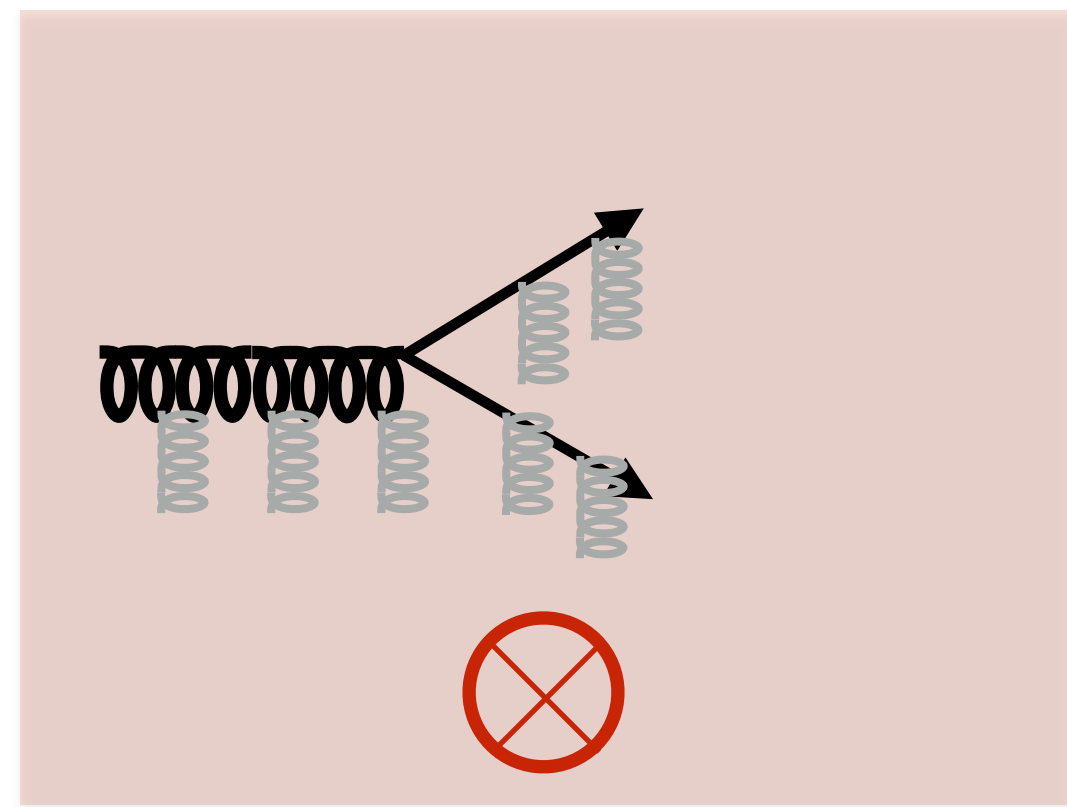
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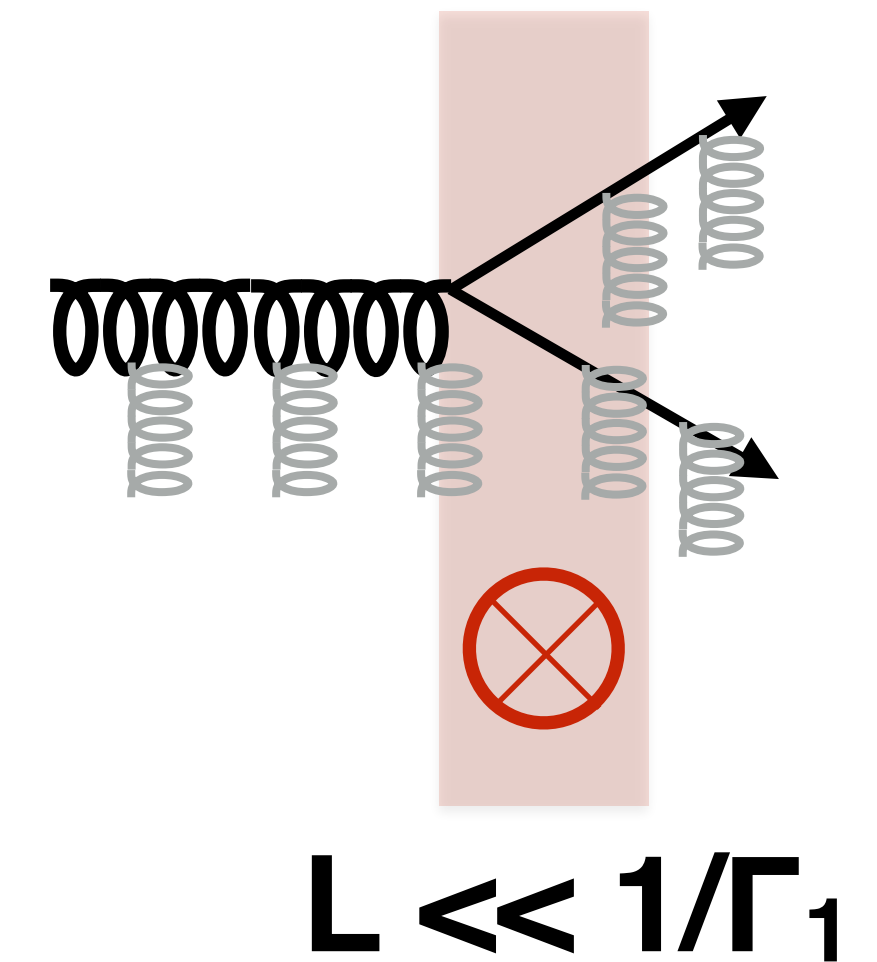
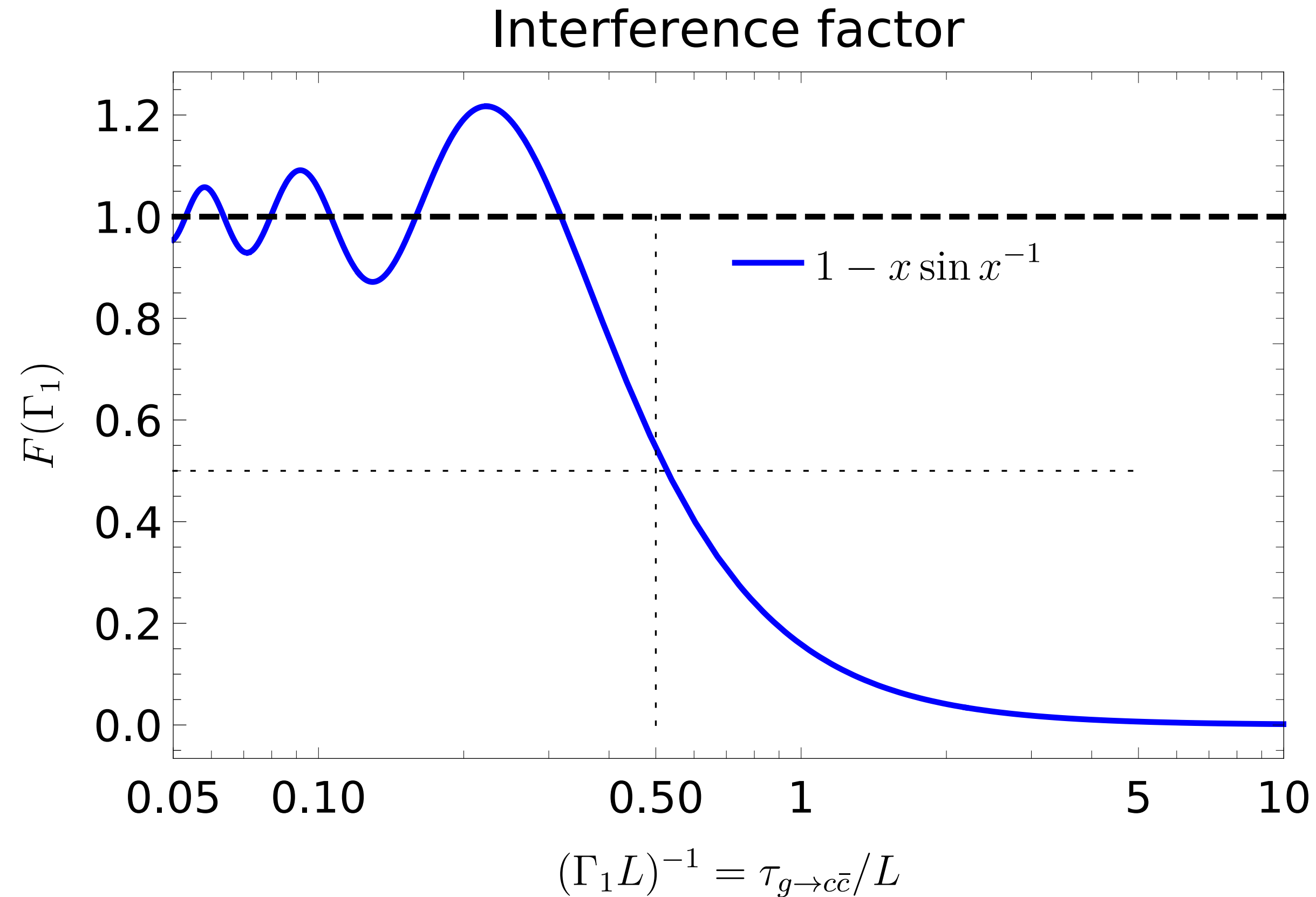
Term B: net increase of the splitting function

Emergence of a testable formation time in N=1

$$1 - \frac{1}{L\Gamma_1} \sin[L\Gamma_1]$$



$$L \ll 1/\Gamma_1$$



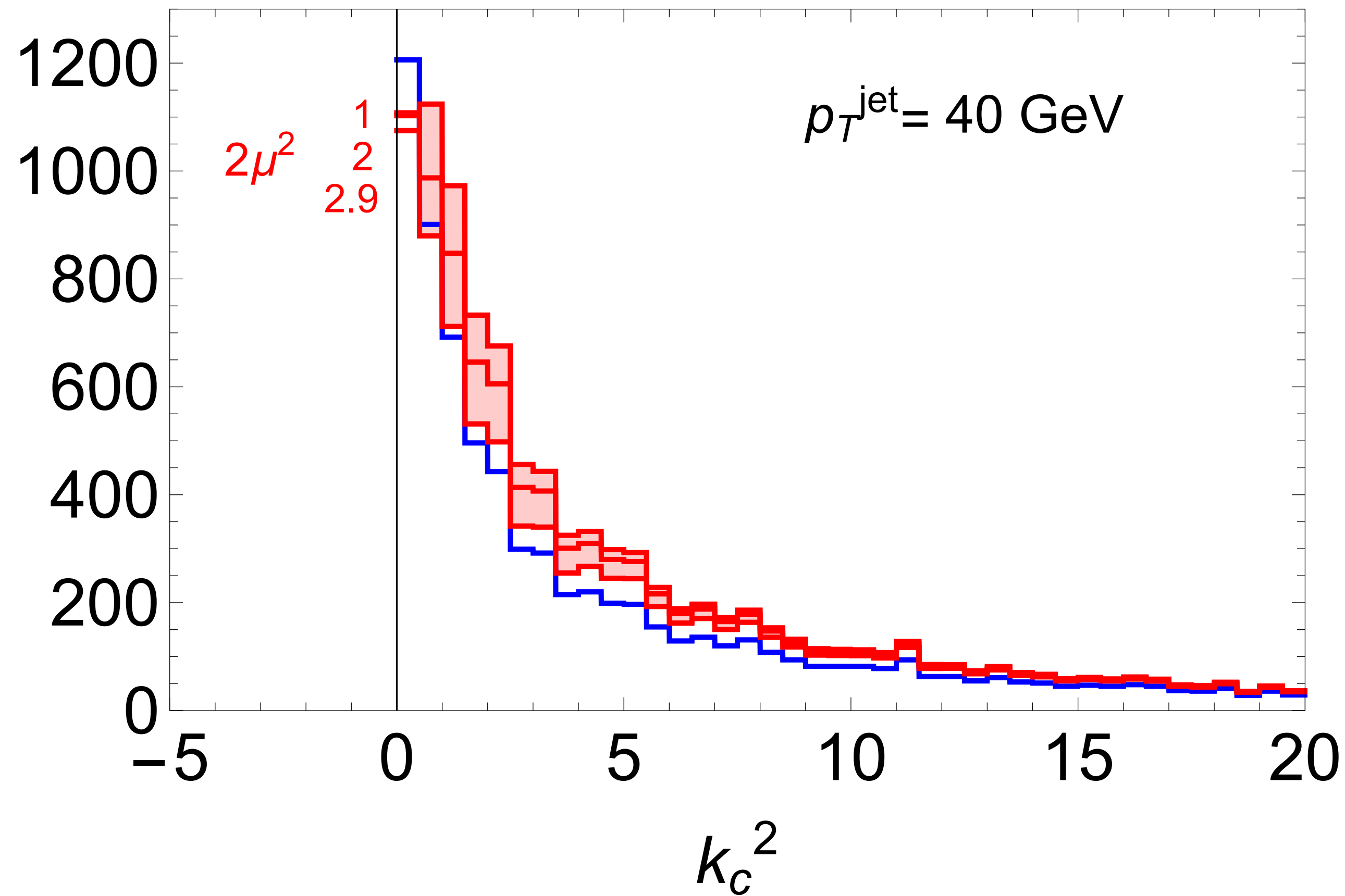
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_1} = \frac{2E_g}{Q_1^2} = \tau_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}$$

- $Q_1 = (\mathbf{k}_c + \mathbf{q}) \sim$ gluon virtuality prior to scattering
- $E_g =$ gluon energy

Γ_1 provides an “operative” definition of gluon formation time!

→ if the medium size $L \ll 1/\Gamma_1$ the splitting probability cannot be modified.

In-medium broadening of $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$



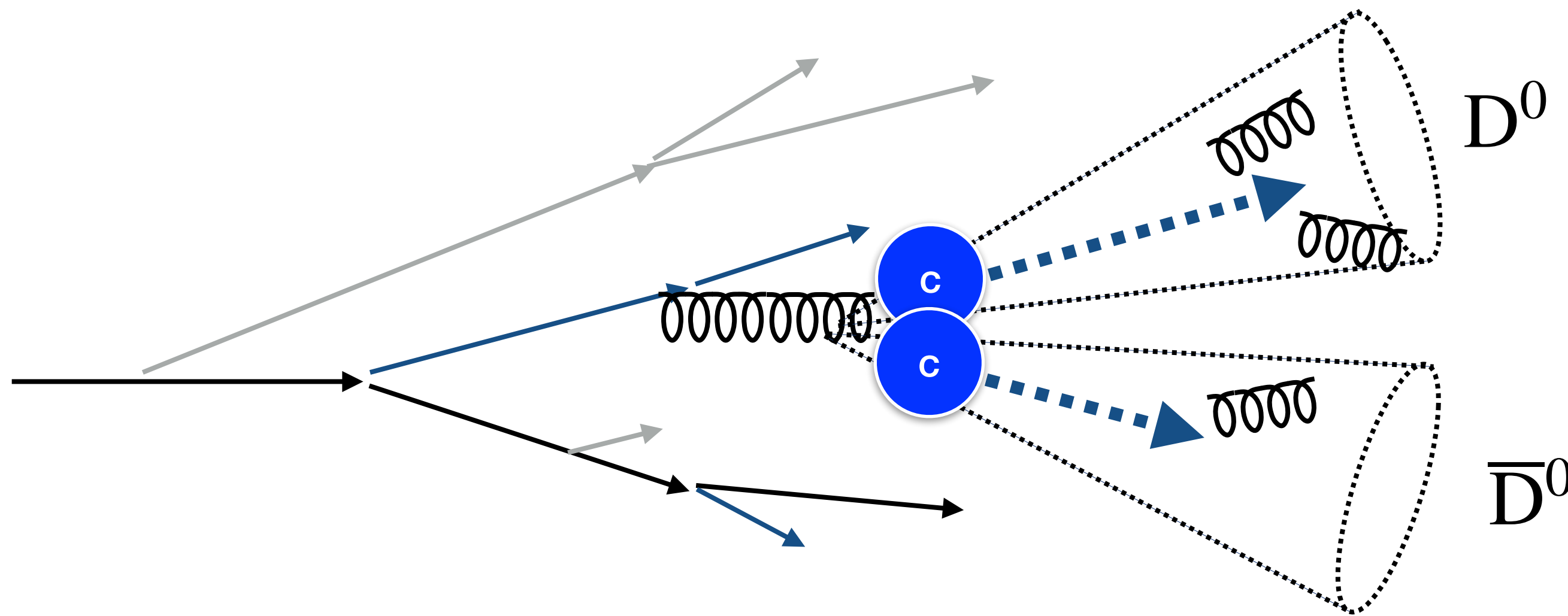
→ in-medium path length dependence of transverse momentum broadening ($\langle k_c^2 \rangle \sim \hat{q}L$)

→ Paper in preparation!

Modified $c\bar{c}$ -yields in parton showers

Parton showers use parton splitting functions to evaluate branching probabilities at each splitting:

→ **ideal setup:** parton-shower simulation that include all in-medium modified splitting functions



$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 P_{g \rightarrow gg}^{\text{vac}}(z), & P_{q \rightarrow qg}^{\text{vac}}(z), & P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{\text{vac}}(z), & P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}(z) \\
 \downarrow & & & \\
 P_{g \rightarrow gg}^{\text{med}}(z), & P_{q \rightarrow qg}^{\text{med}}(z), & P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{\text{med}}(z), & P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}(z)
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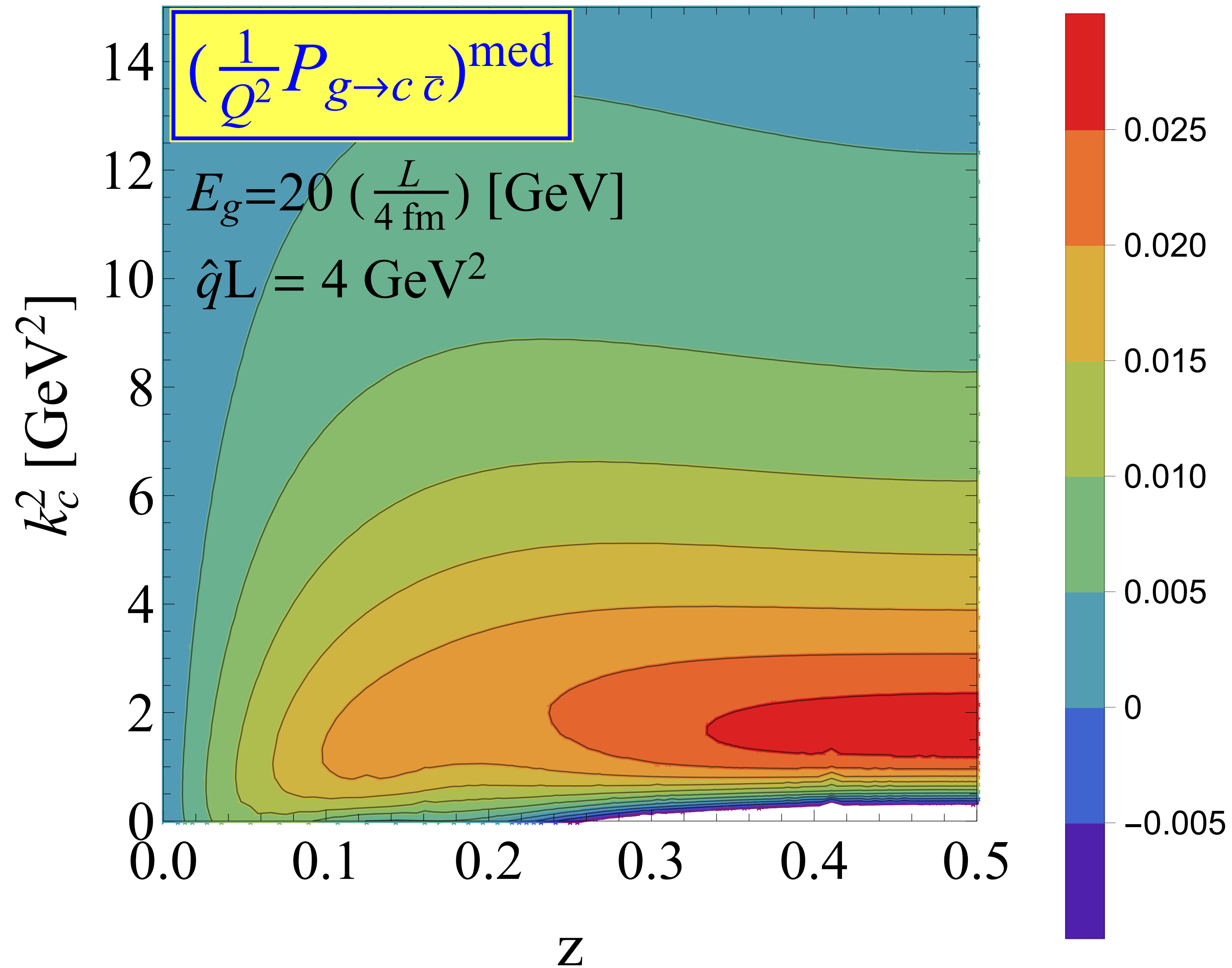
Under the following hypotheses:

- $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ is a negligible process for the global shower evolution
→ **ignore modifications to other splitting functions**
- induced gluon radiation is “small”
→ **effect on gluons before the splitting is negligible**
- limit to charm p_T -integrated observables
→ **ignore the energy loss of individual quarks**

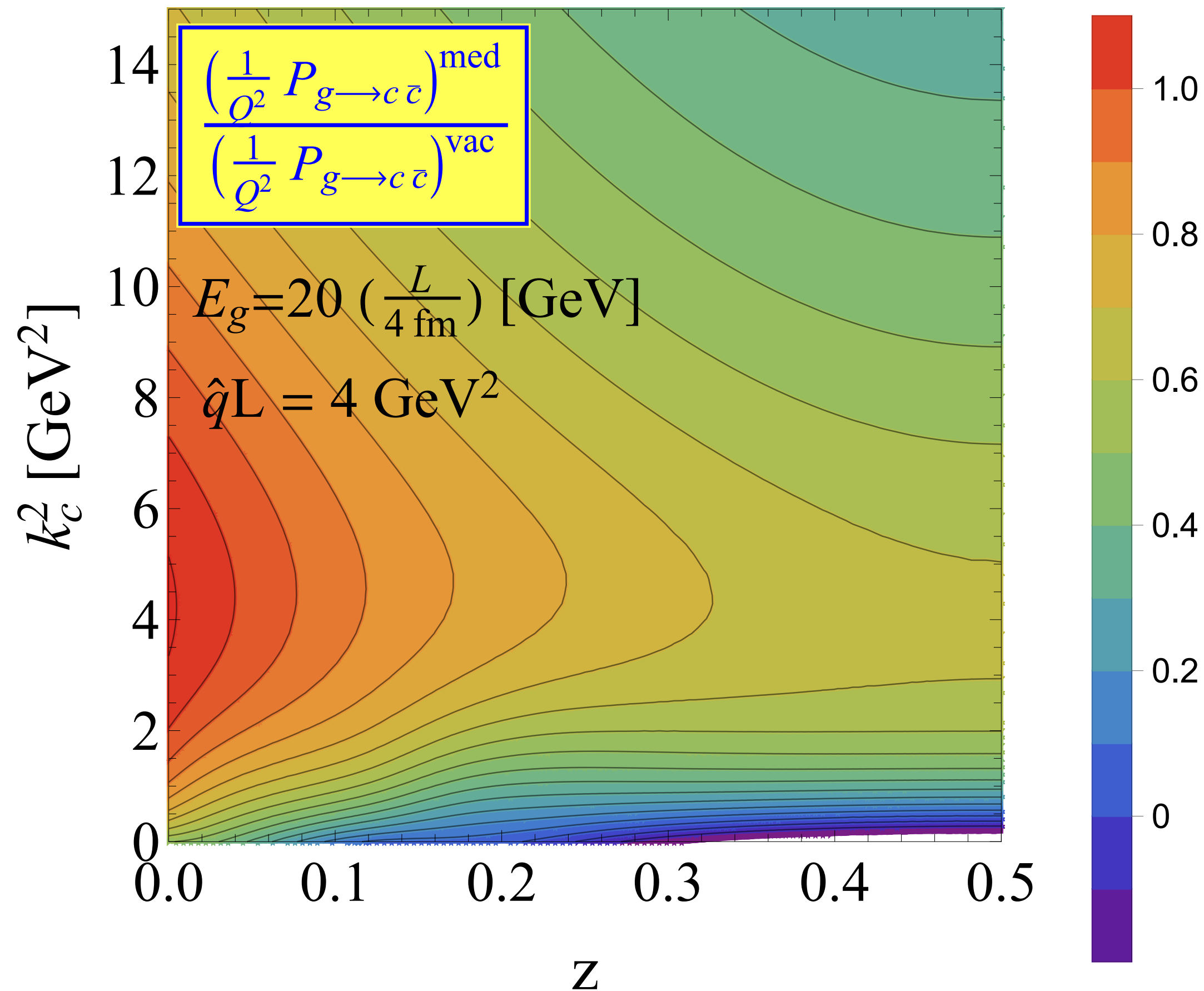
Reweight only the properties of the $g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ splittings:

$$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{medium}} = 1 + \boxed{P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{mod}} / P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}}$$

$\Gamma_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$: broadening and enhancement



Numerical values for $P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}/P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}$



$P_{g \rightarrow c\bar{c}}^{\text{med}}$ in multiple soft scattering limit expressed in terms of:

- $\hat{q}L \rightarrow$ dimension of a squared momentum [GeV^2]

- $e_g, z, \tilde{m}_c^2, \tilde{k}_c^2 \rightarrow$ dimensionless

$$e_g = \frac{2E_g}{\hat{q}L^2}, \quad \tilde{m}_c^2 = \frac{m_c^2}{\hat{q}L}, \quad \tilde{k}_c^2 = \frac{k_c^2}{\hat{q}L}, \quad \tilde{\Omega} = \Omega L, \quad \tilde{\mu} = \frac{\mu}{\hat{q}L^2}$$

- To facilitate the physics interpretation of the result we present them at a given $\hat{q}L$, and for $E_g = (20 L/4\text{fm})$

As an example

- $\hat{q} = 1(2) \text{ GeV}^2$

- $L = 4(2) \text{ GeV}^2$

- $\hat{q}L = 4(4) \text{ GeV}^2$

- $\hat{q}L^2 = 8 \text{ GeV}^2$

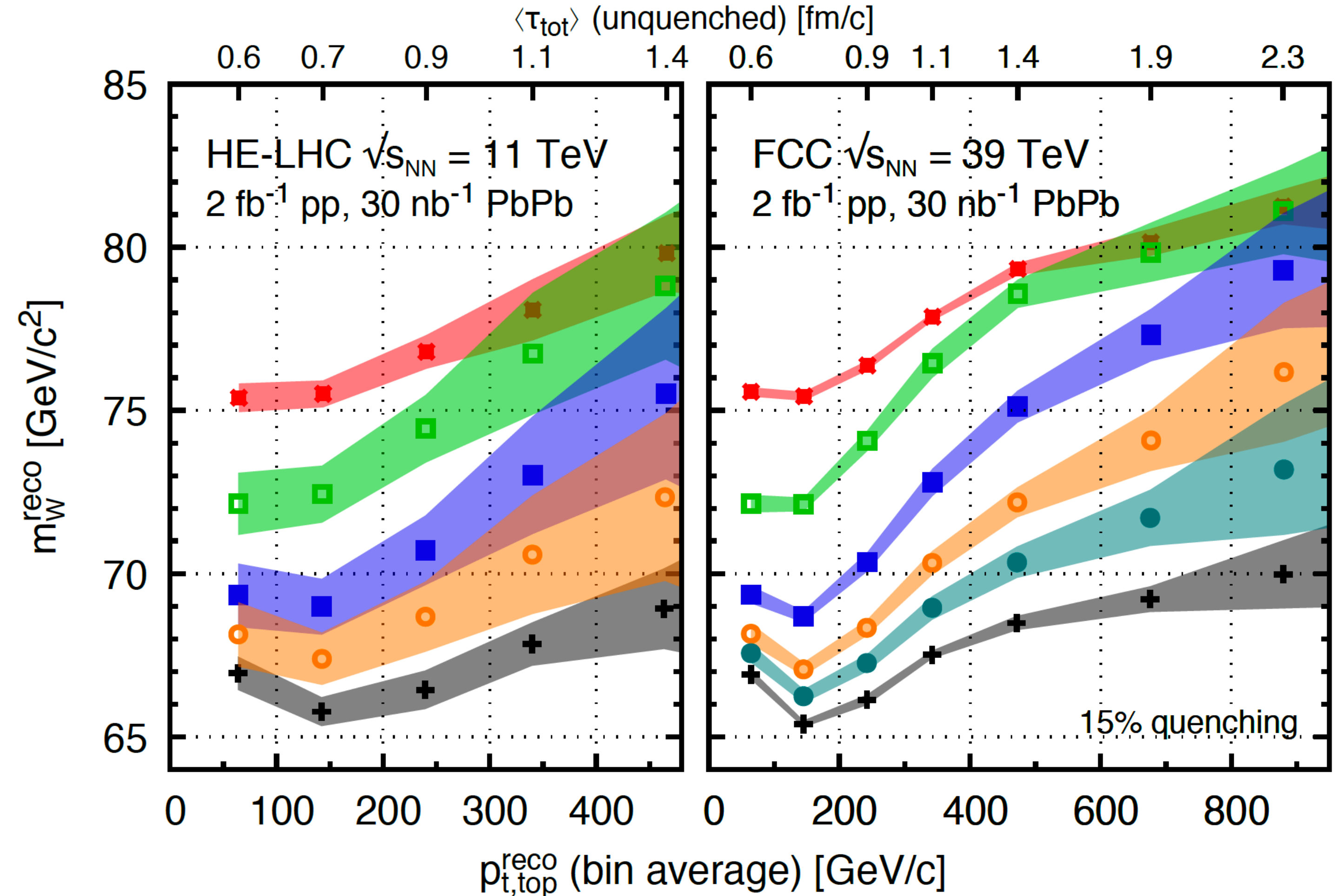
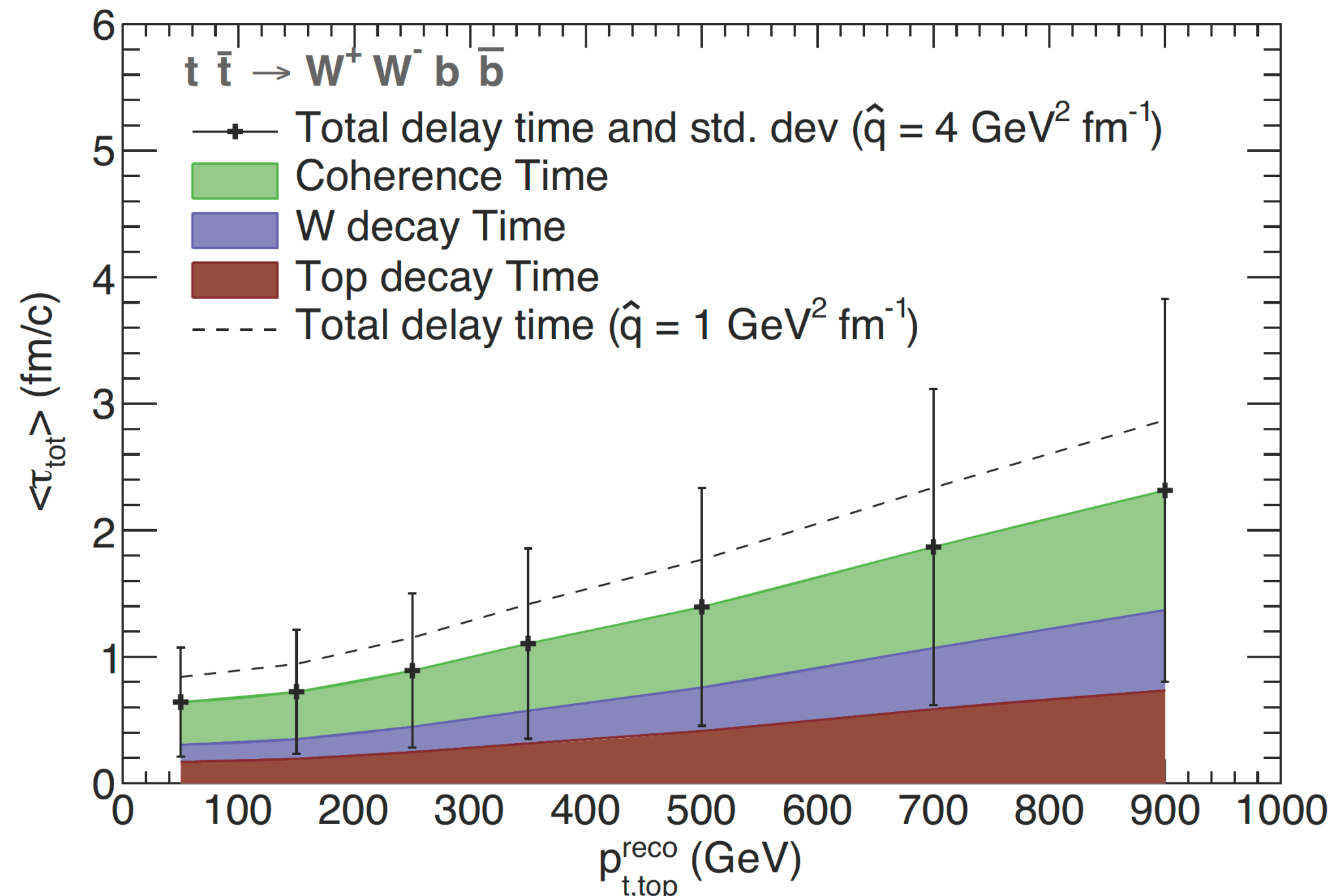
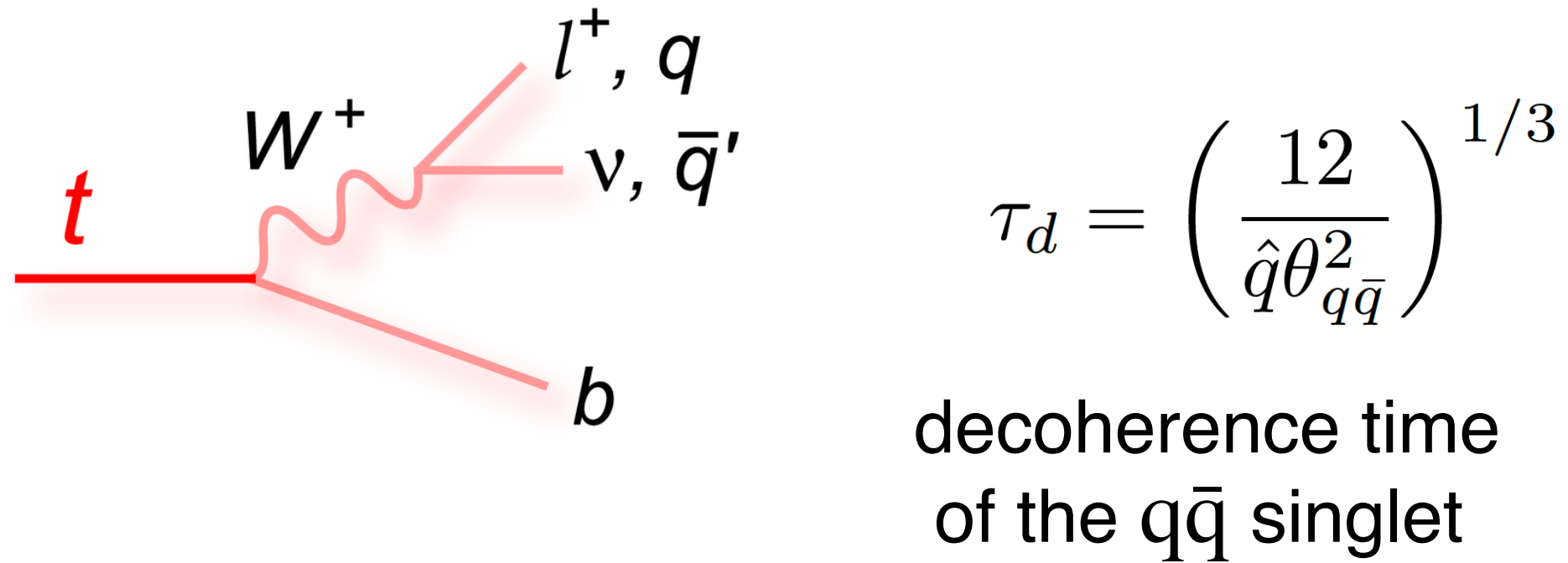
$E_g = 20(10) \text{ GeV}$

Yoctosecond structure of the QGP with top quarks

→ study differentially the space-time evolution of the medium created in heavy ion collisions

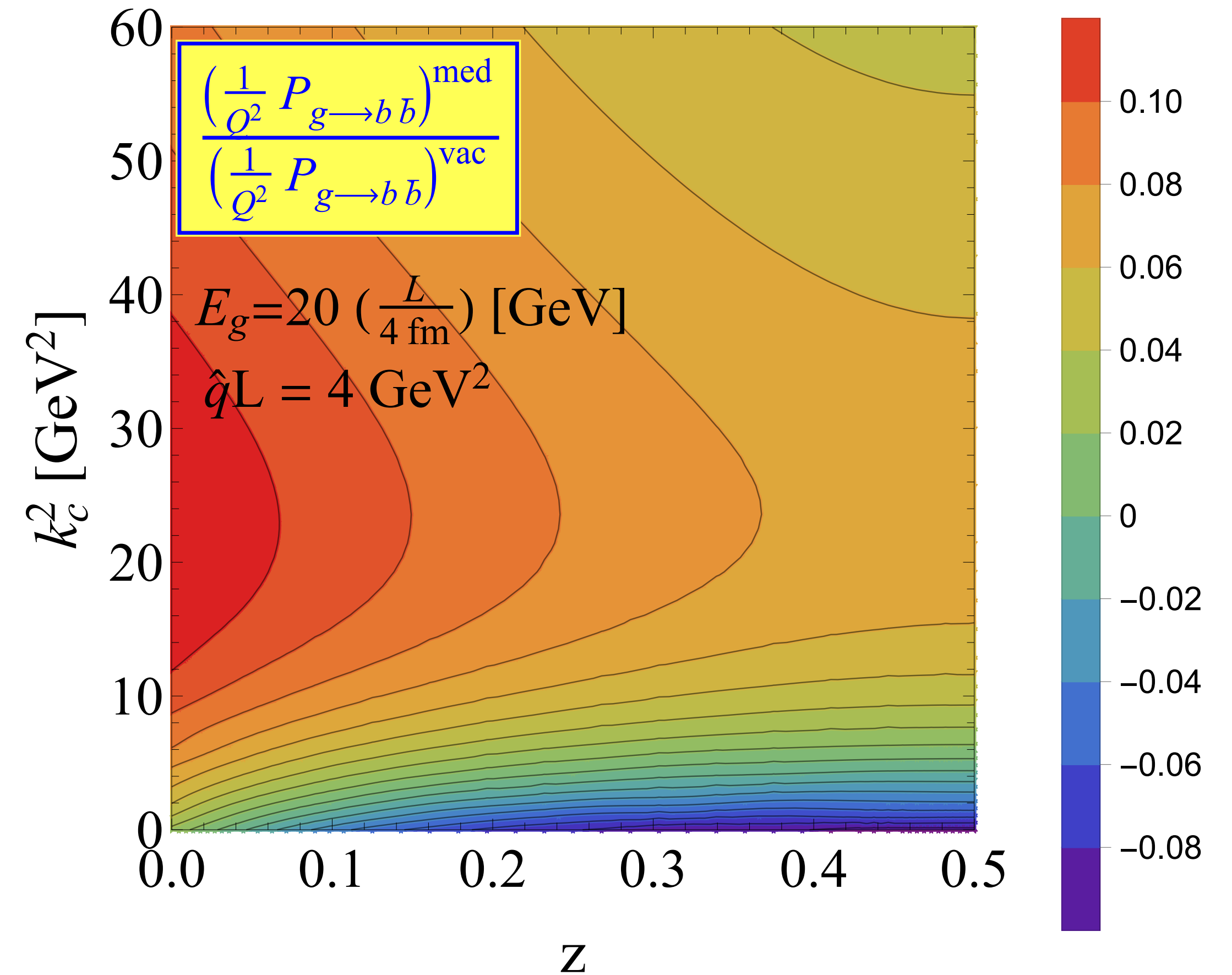
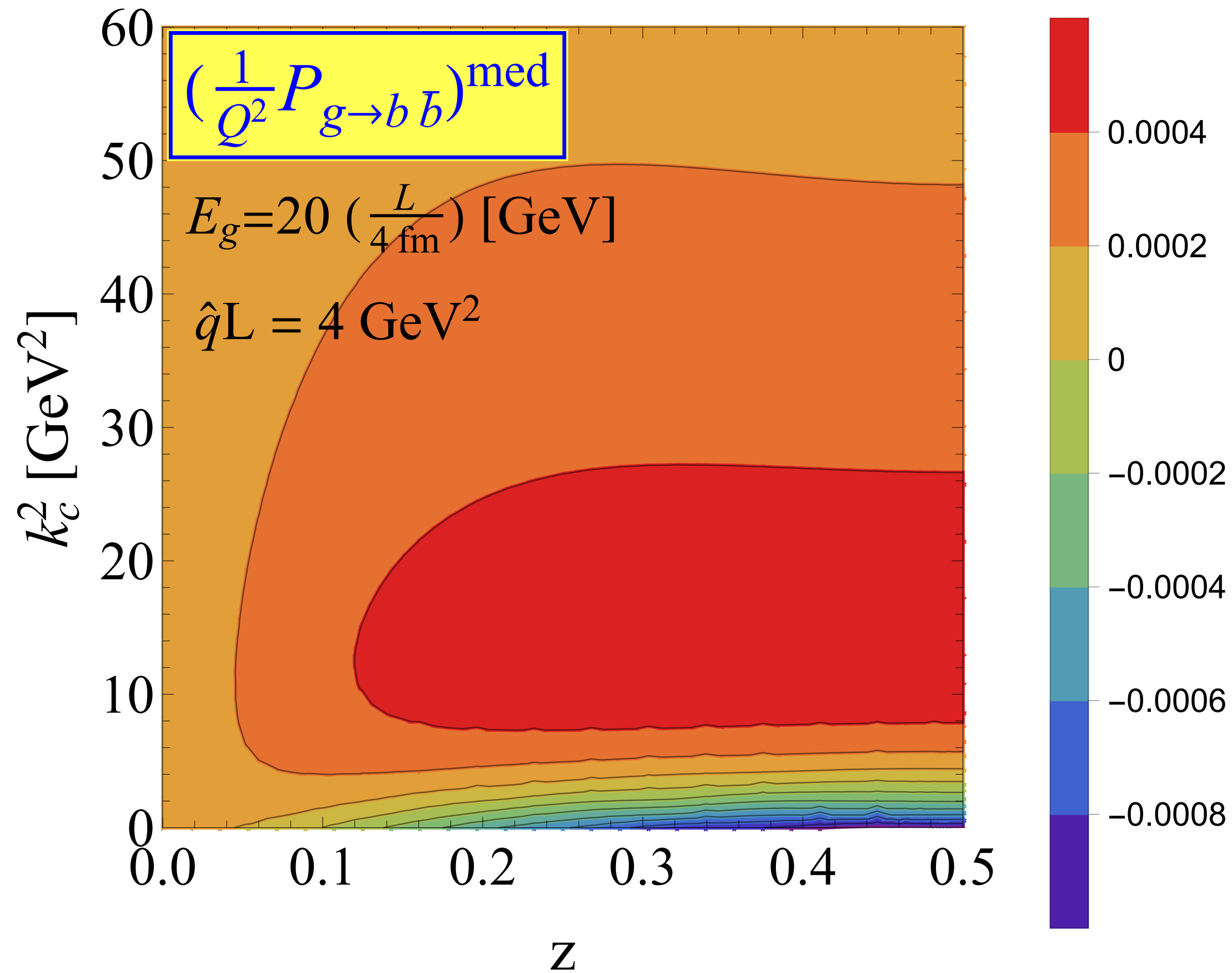
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$$\langle \tau_{\text{tot}} \rangle = \gamma_{t,\text{top}} \tau_{\text{top}} + \gamma_{t,W} \tau_W + \tau_d$$



→ effect of quenching observed via the shift in the invariant mass of the m_{jj} of the dijet decays

$g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ splittings



$$\frac{P_{g \rightarrow b \bar{b}}^{\text{med}}}{P_{g \rightarrow b \bar{b}}^{\text{vac}}} \sim \frac{m_c^2}{m_b^2} \frac{P_{g \rightarrow c \bar{c}}^{\text{med}}}{P_{g \rightarrow c \bar{c}}^{\text{vac}}}$$

$D^0\bar{D}^0$ correlations in ALICE 3

ALICE 3 Letter of Intent, LHCC-I-038

