

**Precision studies of gluon saturation in DIS at small x:  
NLO corrections to SIDIS and double inclusive hadron production**

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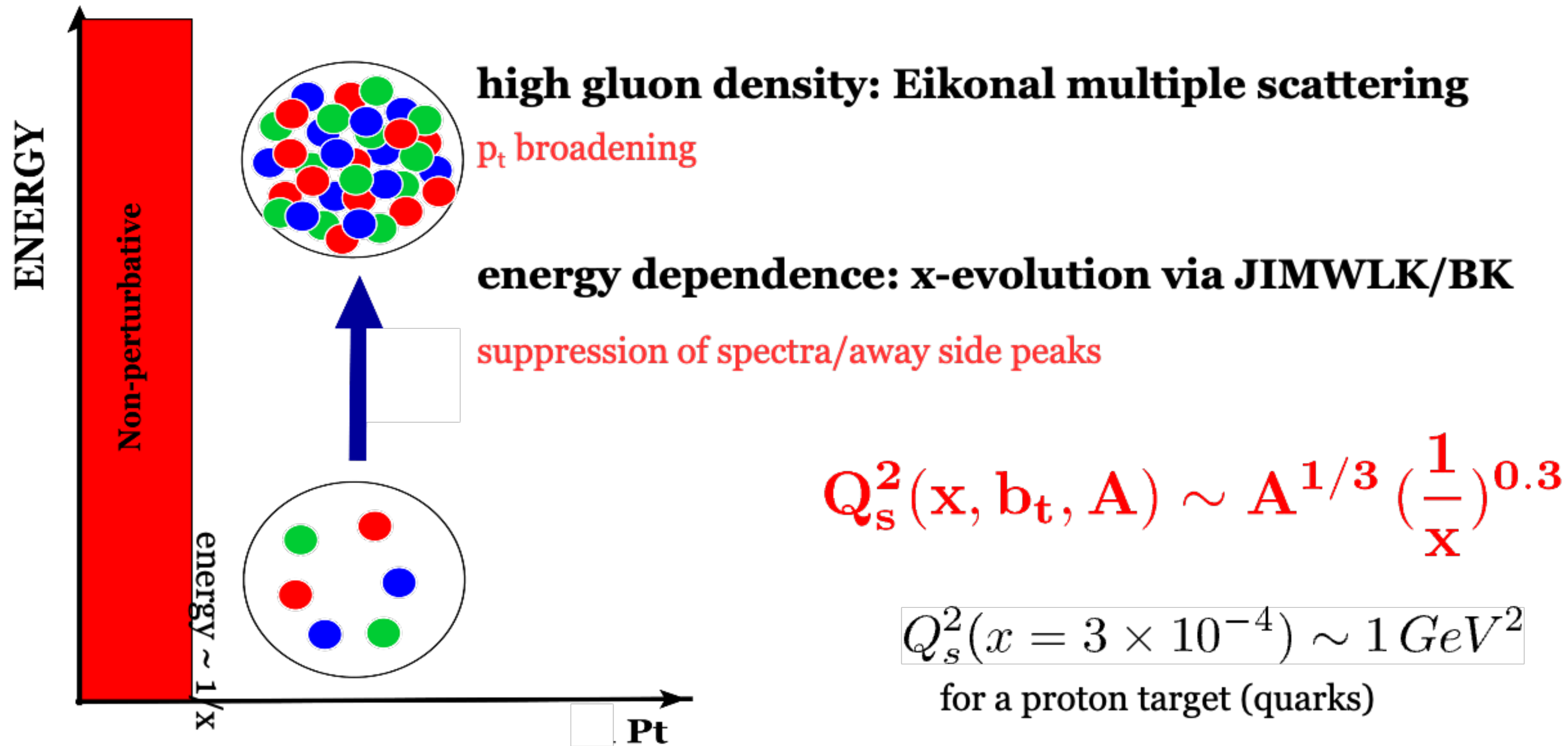
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# QCD at high energy: gluon saturation



a framework for multi-particle production in QCD at small  $x$ /low  $p_t$

*Shadowing/Nuclear modification factor*

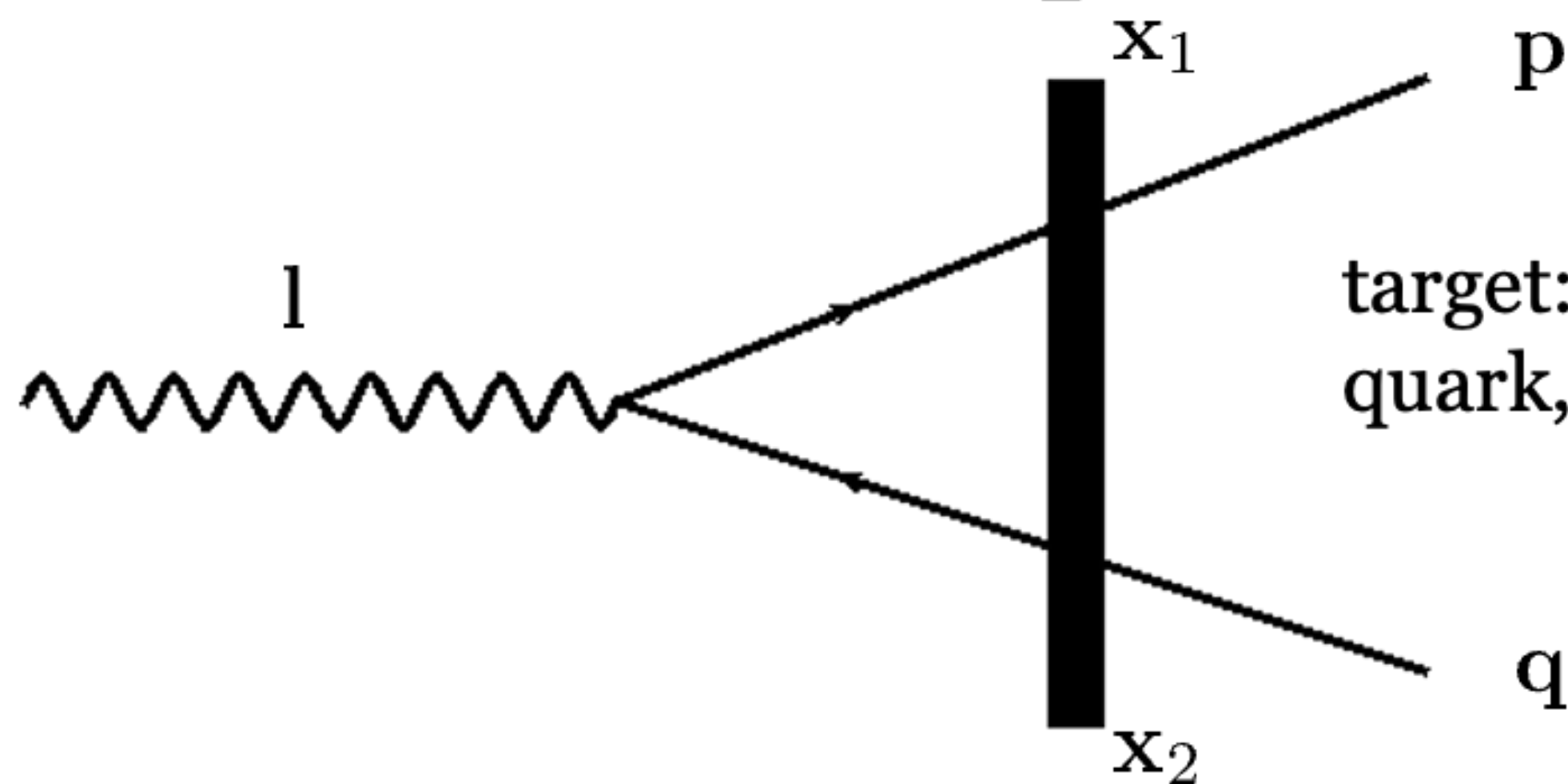
*Azimuthal angular correlations (dihadrons/dijets,...)*

*Long range rapidity correlations (ridge,...)*

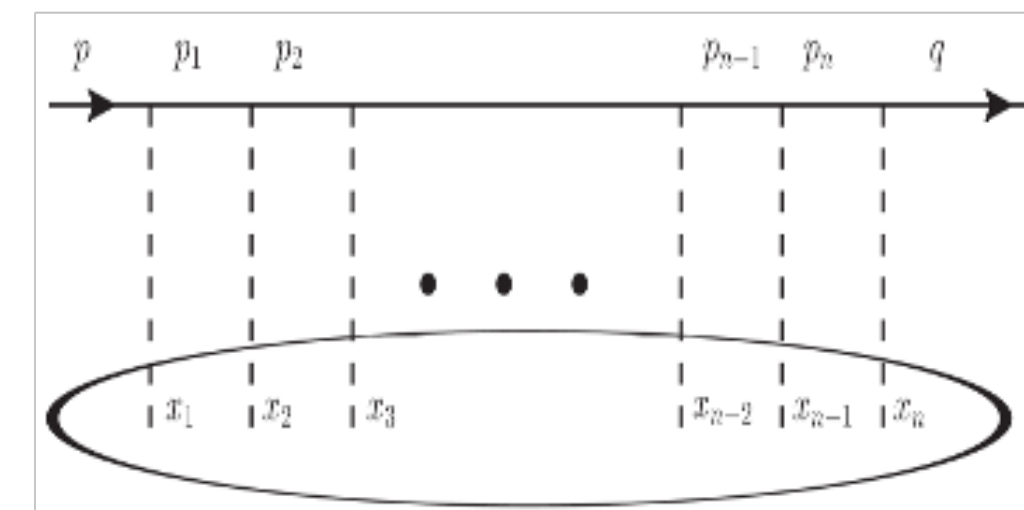
*Connections to TMDs,...*

$$x \leq 0.01$$

# Inclusive dihadron production in forward rapidity: LO



target: a classical color field  
quark, antiquark multiply scatter on the target



$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow q\bar{q}X}}{d^2p d^2q dy_1 dy_2} = \frac{e^2 Q^2 (z_1 z_2)^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^7} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2)$$

$$\int d^8 x_{\perp} e^{ip \cdot (x'_1 - x_1)} e^{iq \cdot (x'_2 - x_2)} [S_{122'1'} - S_{12} - S_{1'2'} + 1]$$

with

$$\left\{ 4z_1 z_2 K_0(|x_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|x_{1'2'}|Q_1) + \right.$$

**dipole**  $S_{12} \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} V(x_1) V^\dagger(x_2)$

$$\mathbf{x}_{12} \equiv \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$$

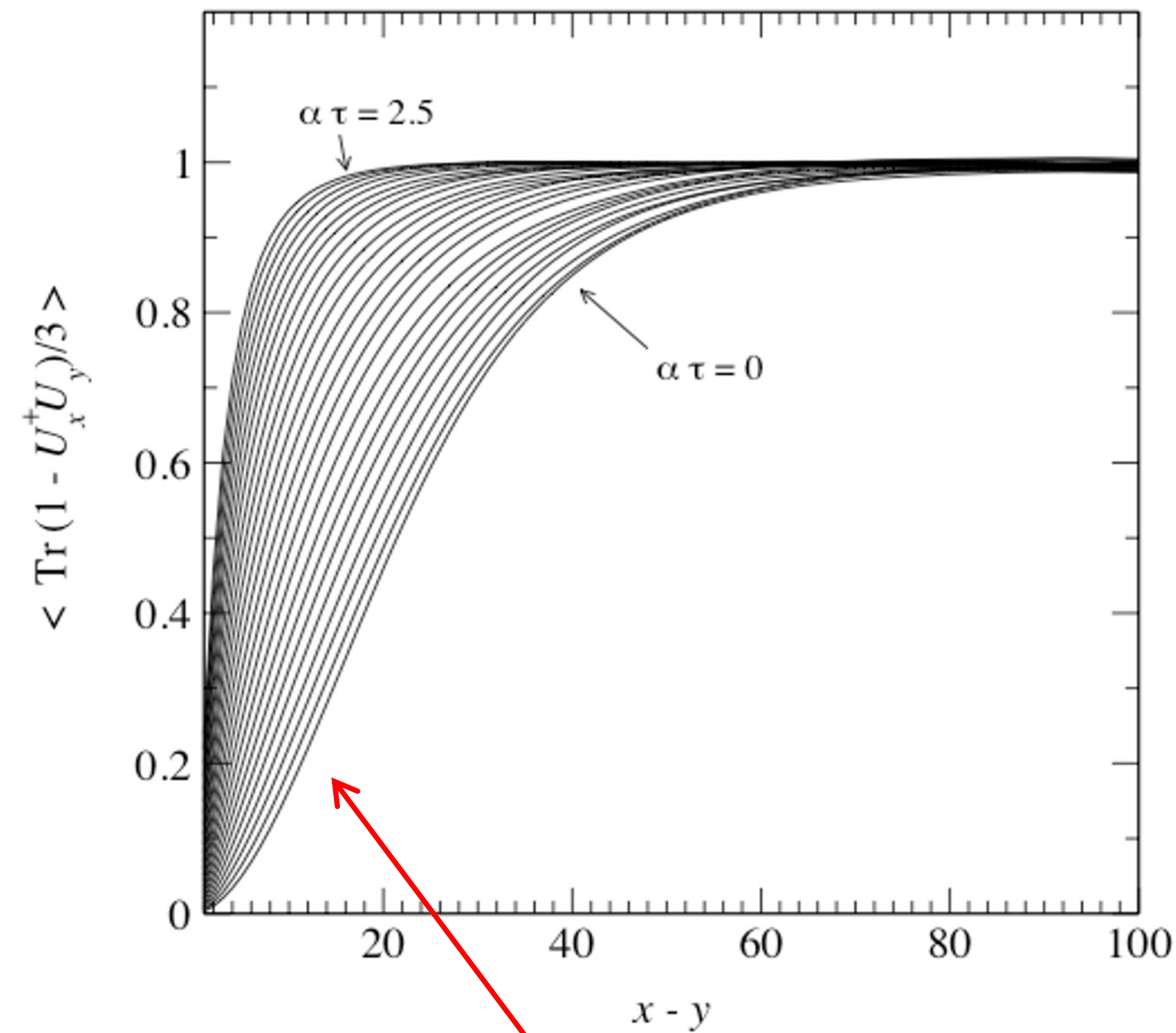
$$\left. (z_1^2 + z_2^2) \frac{x_{12} \cdot x_{1'2'}}{|x_{12}| |x_{1'2'}|} K_1(|x_{12}|Q_1) K_1(|x_{1'2'}|Q_1) \right\}$$

**quadrupole**

$$S_{122'1'} \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} V(\mathbf{x}_1) V^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_2) V(\mathbf{x}_2') V^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1')$$

Only dipoles and quadrupoles contribute: DMXY, PRD 83<sup>3</sup> (2011) 105005

# Solution of BK evolution equation



$$\sim r_t^2 \mathbf{xG}(\mathbf{x}, 1/r_t^2)$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad Q_s^2 \ll p_t^2$$

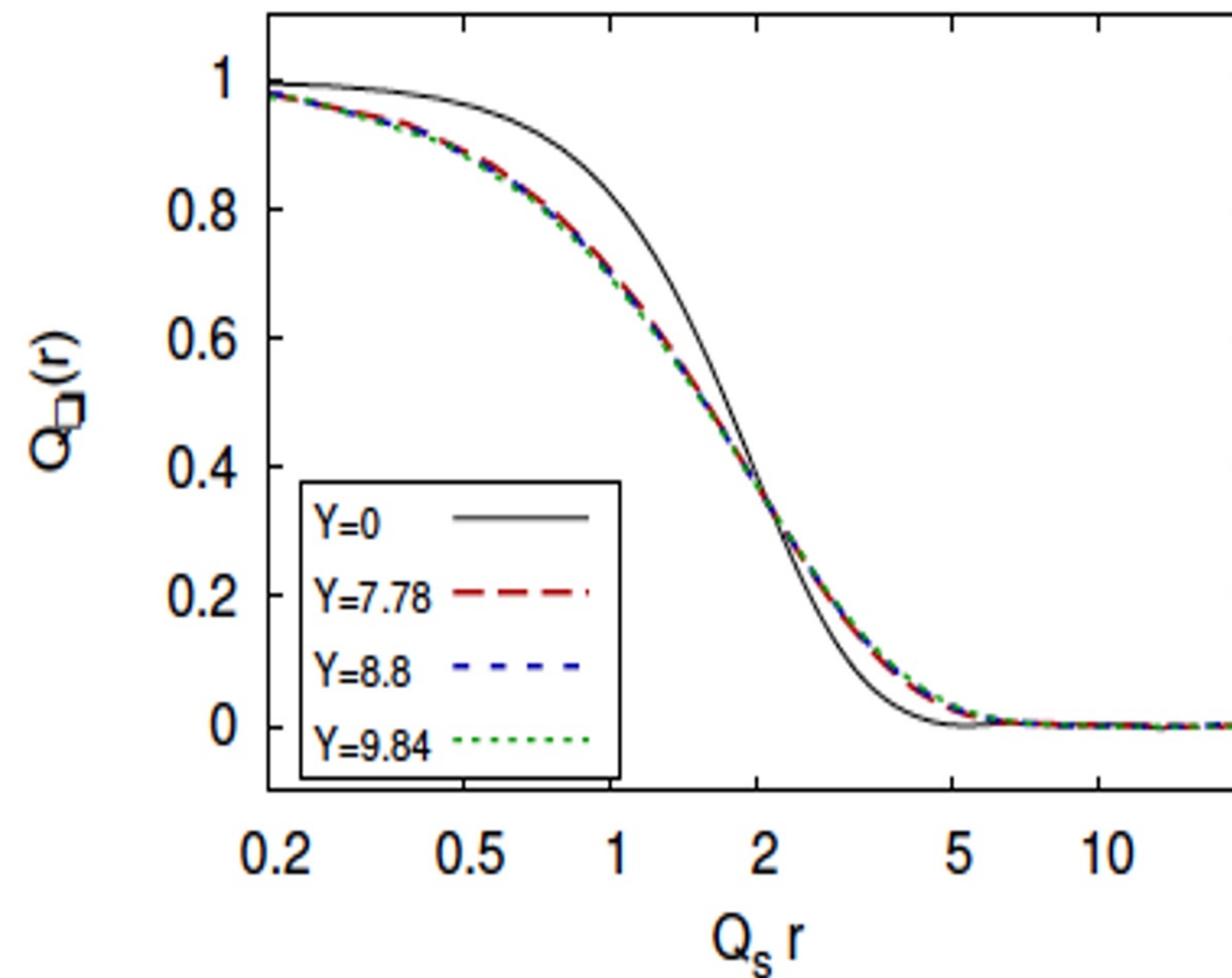
$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \log \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad Q_s^2 \gg p_t^2$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[ \frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right]^\gamma \quad Q_s^2 < p_t^2$$

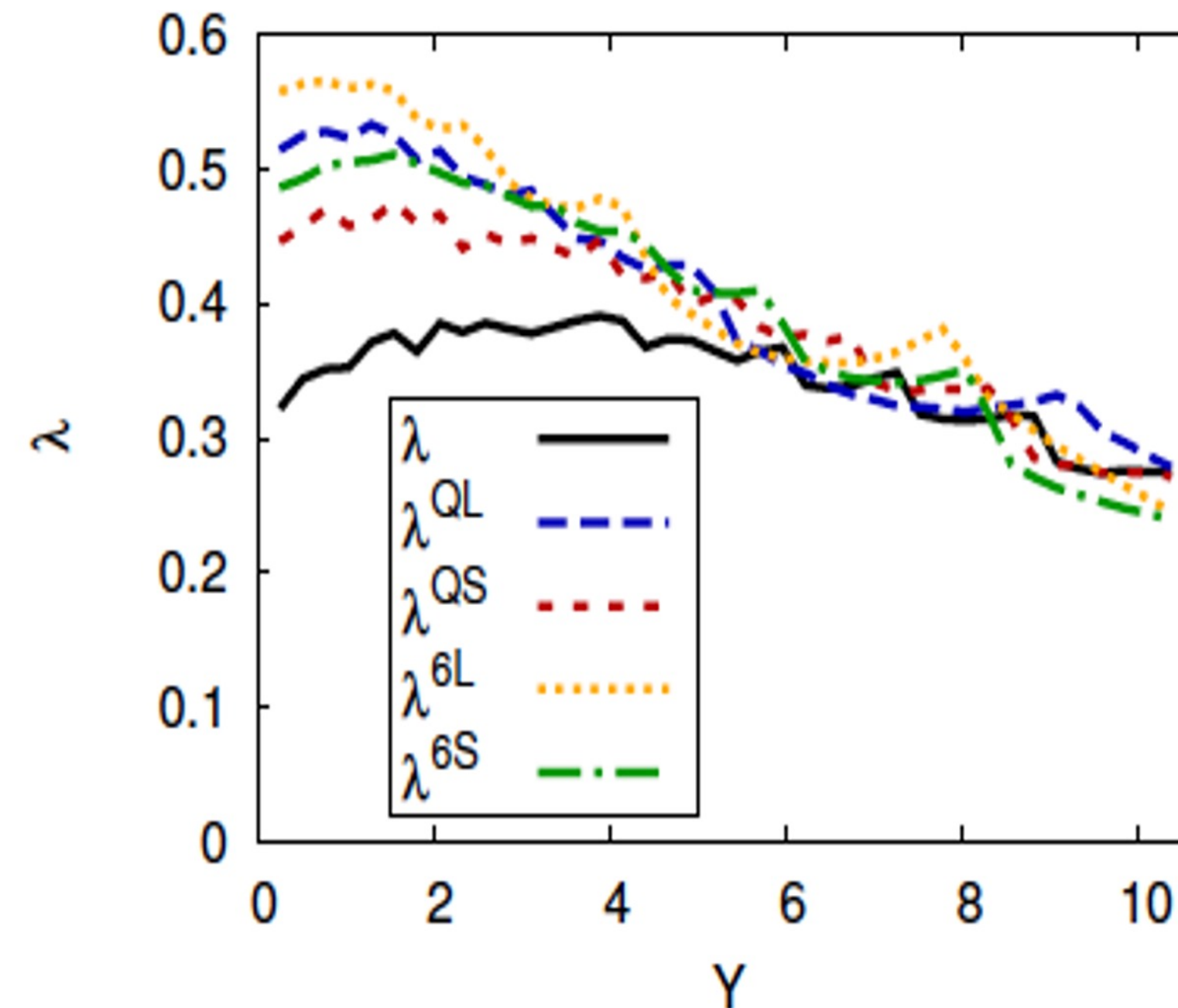
# Quadrupole: JIMWLK evolution

Dumitru-JJM-  
Lappi-Schenke-Venugopalan:  
PLB706 (2011) 219

$$\langle Q(r, \bar{r}, \bar{s}, s) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr} V(r) V^\dagger(\bar{r}) V(\bar{s}) V^\dagger(s) \rangle$$



**scaling**



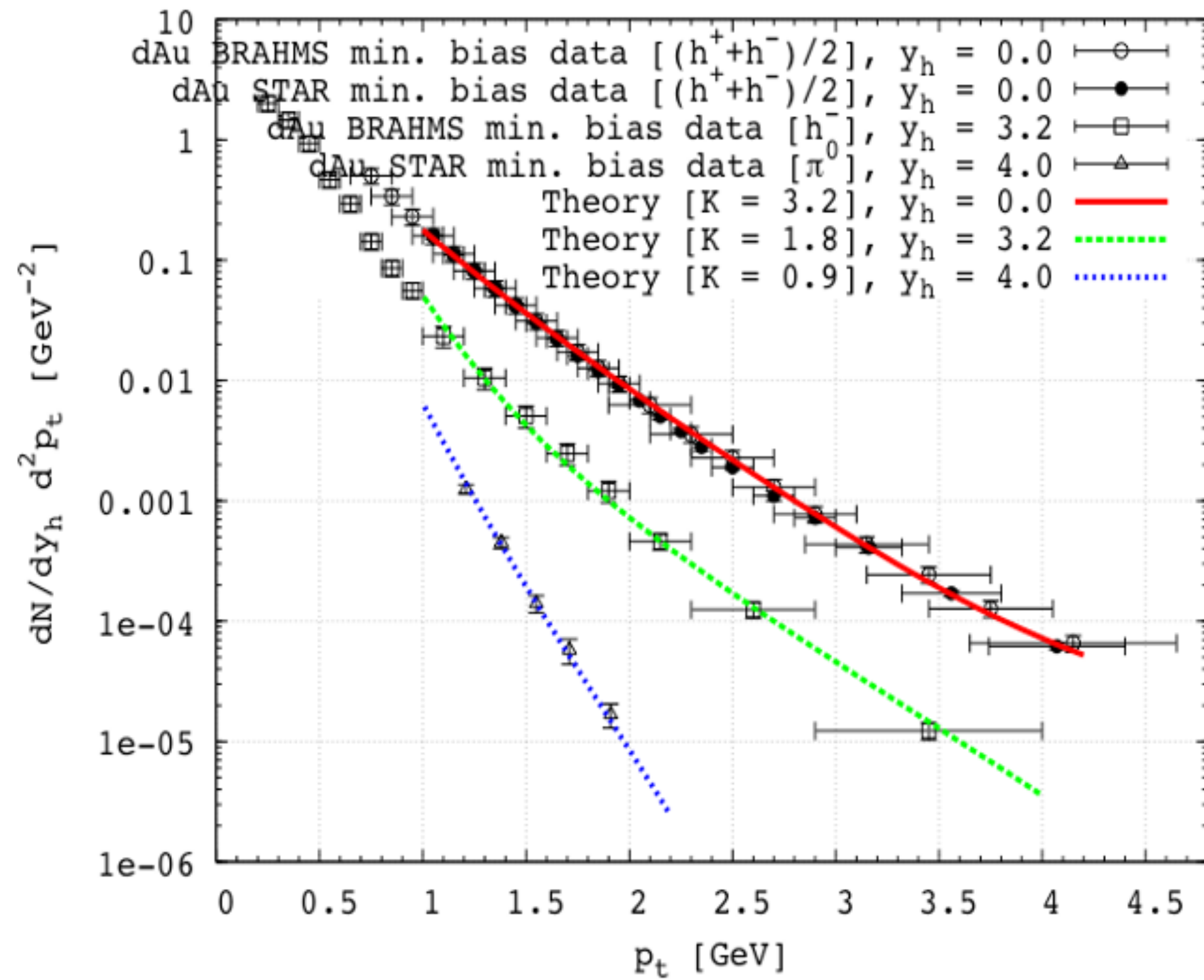
**energy dependence**

**connection to/understanding from statistical physics: S. Munier,....**

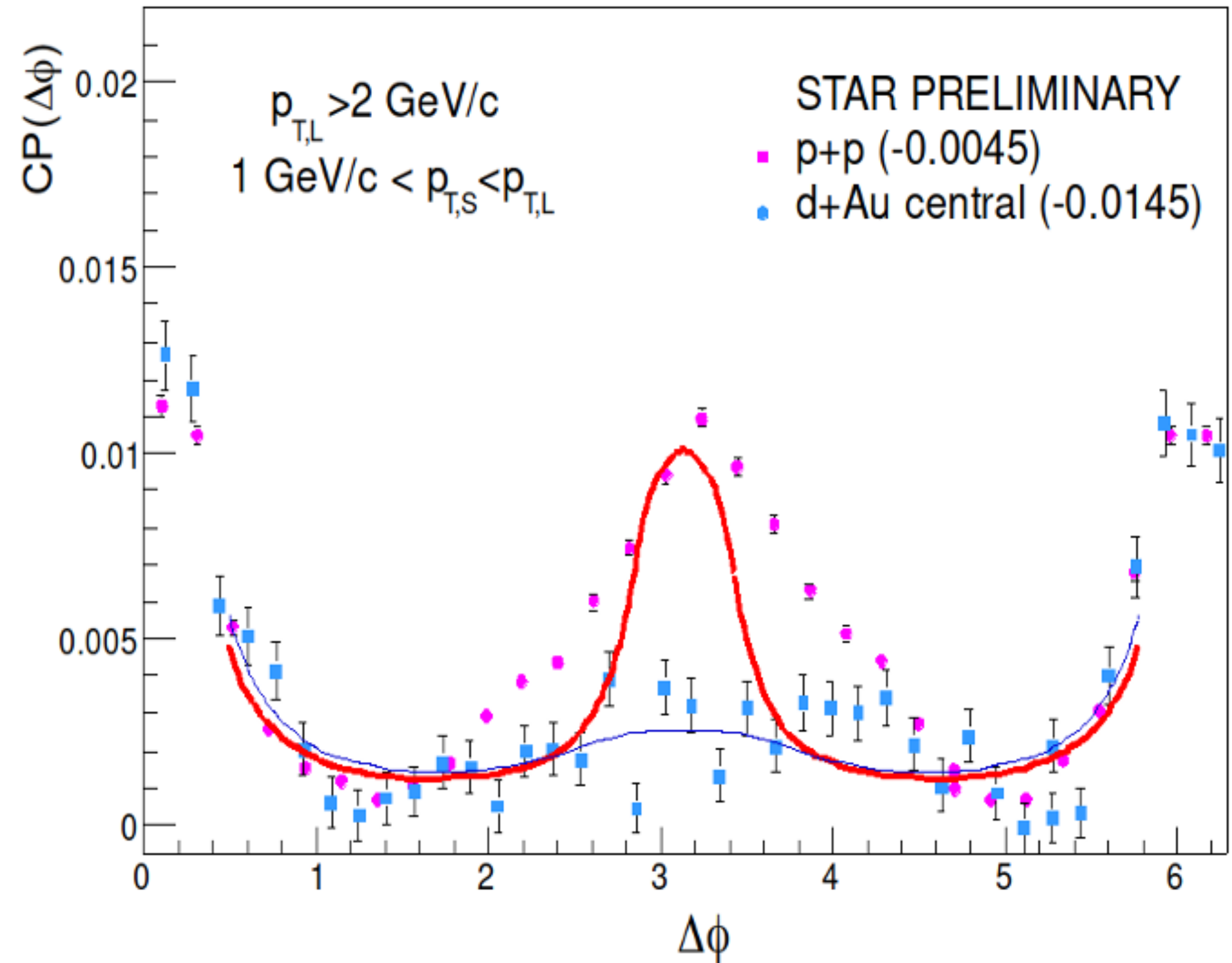
Fisher-Kolmogorov-Petrovsky-Piscounov (FKPP) equation

# CGC at RHIC

## Single and double inclusive hadron production in dA collisions



Dumitru, Hayashigaki, JJM, NPA770 (2006) 57



Albacete, Marquet, PRL105 (2010) 162301

# Toward precision CGC: inclusive DIS

## NLO BK/JIMWLK evolution equations

Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian (2013)

Balitsky, Chirilli (2007)

## NLO corrections to structure functions

Beuf, Lappi, Paatelainen (2022)

Beuf (2017)

## NLO corrections to SIDIS

**Bergabo, JJM (2023, 2024)**

Caucal, Ferrand, Salazar (2024)

## NLO corrections to dihadron/dijets (+)

**Bergabo, JJM (2022, 2023)**

Iancu, Mulian (2023)

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Stebel, Venugopalan (2023), Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan (2022)

Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet (2022), Taels (2023)

Caucal, Salazar, Venugopalan (2021)

Ayala, Hentschinski, JJM, Tejeda-Yeomans (2016,2017),...7.....

# Toward precision CGC: exclusive/diffractive DIS

## NLO corrections to diffractive structure functions

Beuf, Hanninen, Lappi, Mulian, Mantyssari (2022)

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## NLO corrections to diffractive dihadron/dijets (+)

Boussarie, Grabovsky, Szymanowski, Wallon (2016)

Iancu, Mueller, Triantafyllopoulos (2021, 2022)

Fucilla, Grabovsky, Li, Szymanowski, Wallon (2023)

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## NLO corrections to exclusive light/heavy vector meson production (+)

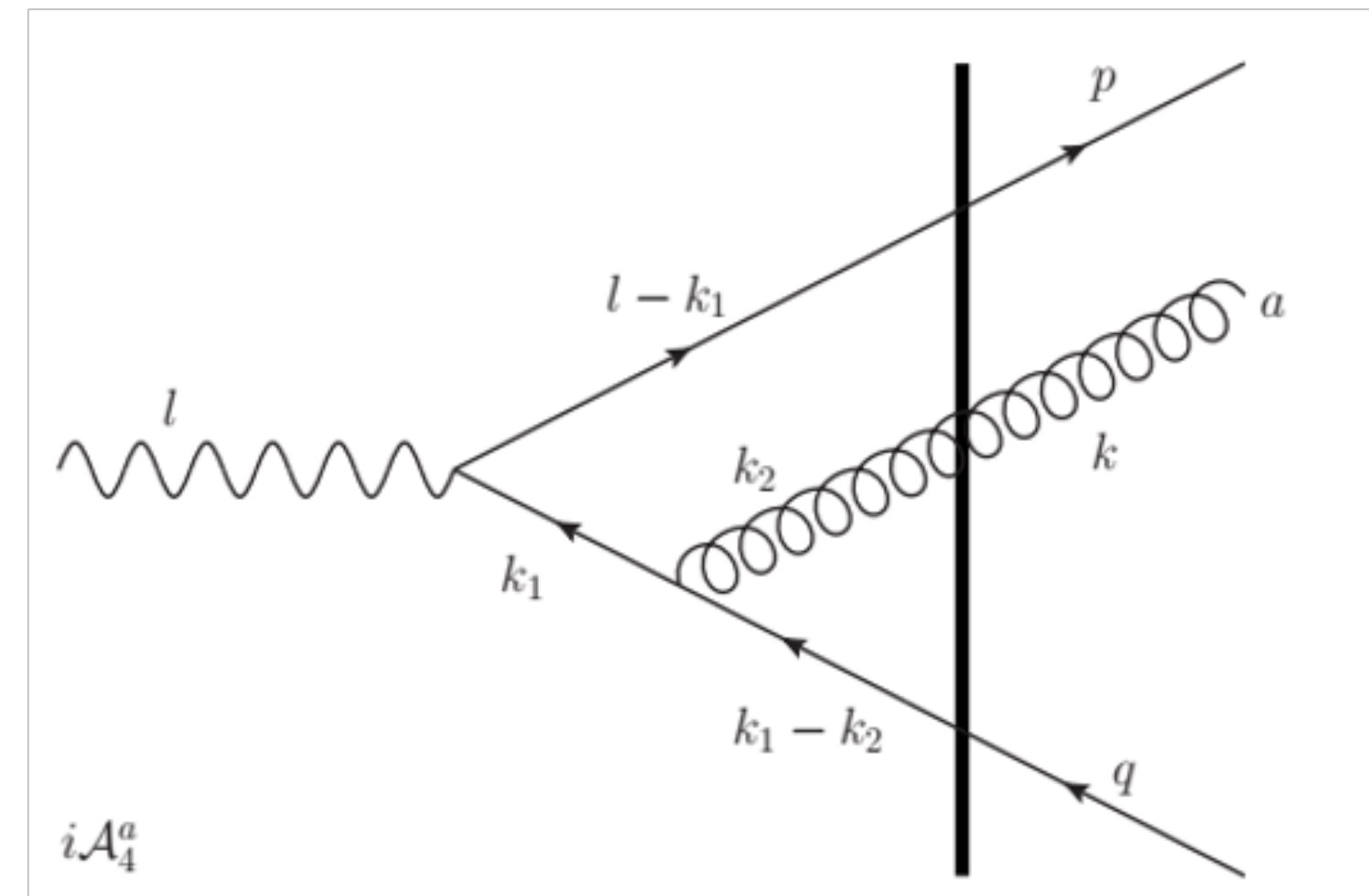
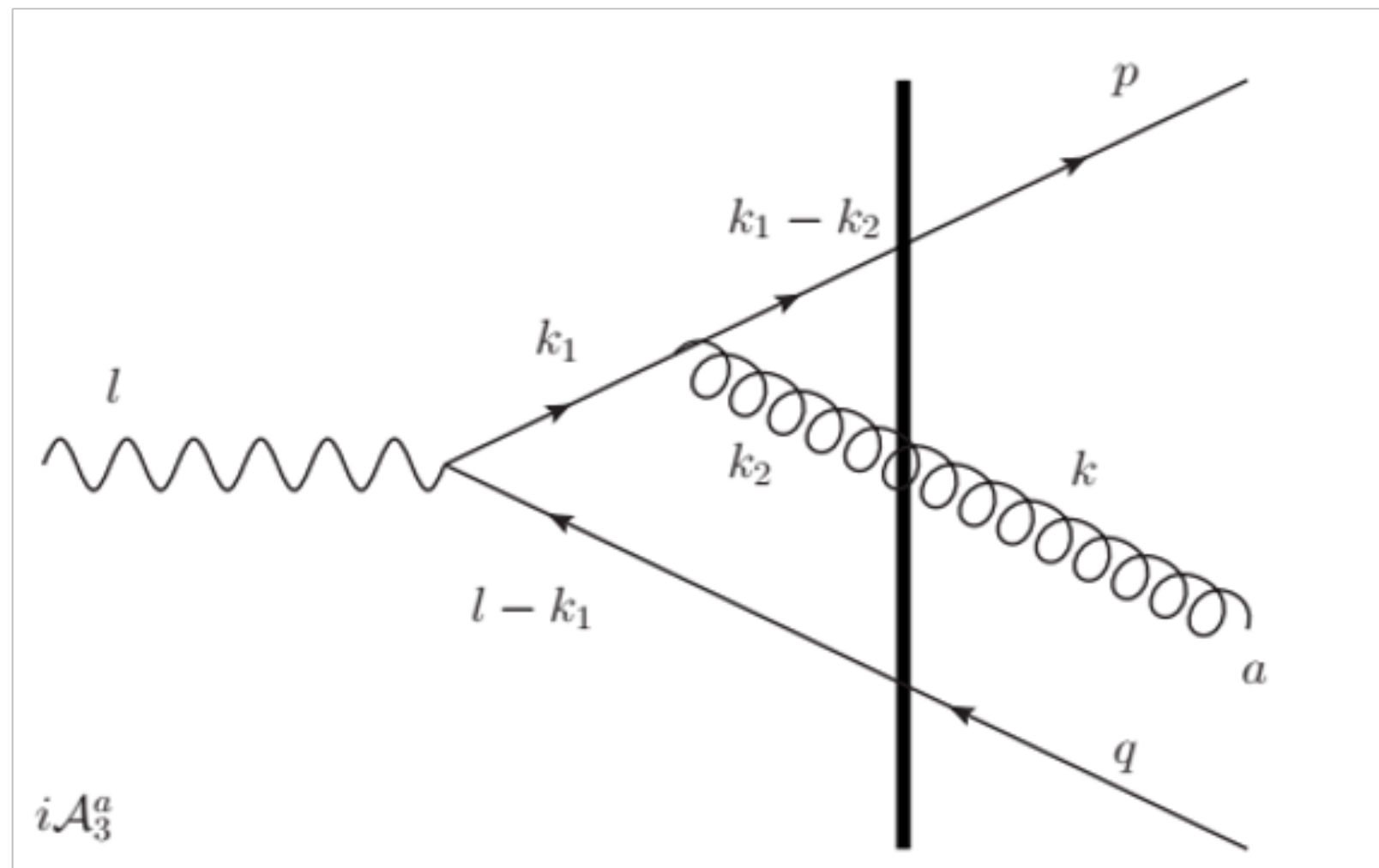
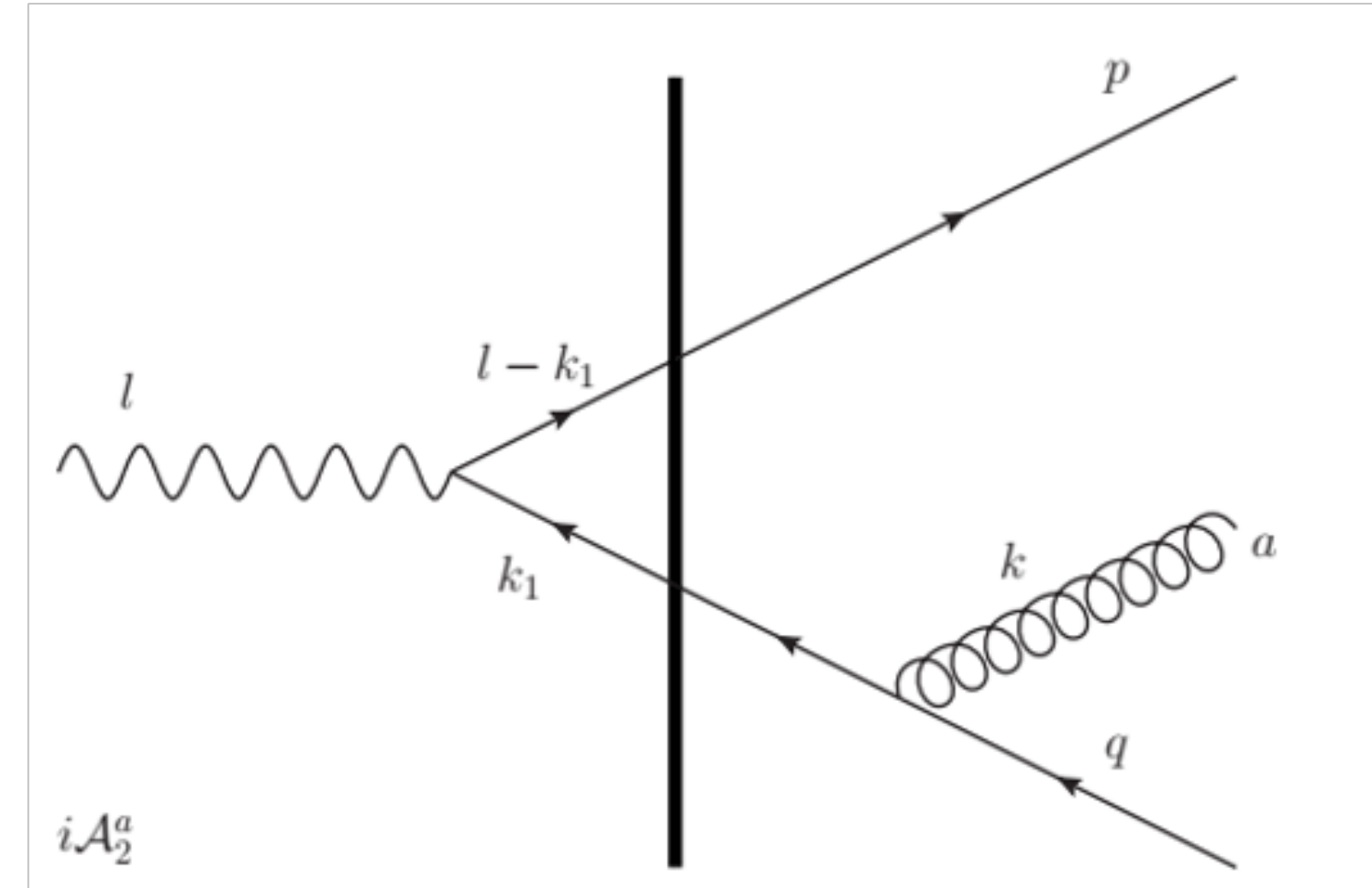
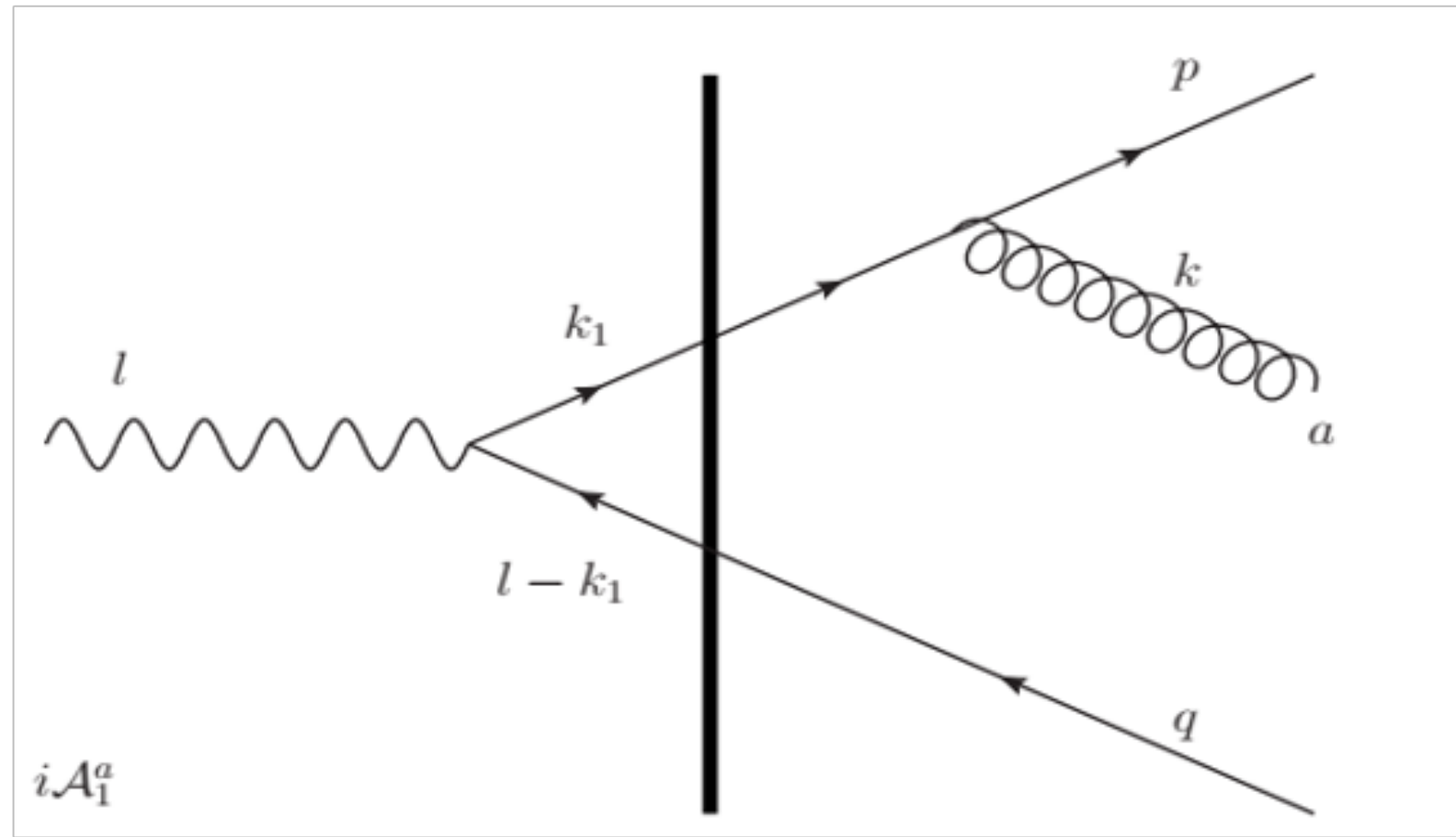
Boussarie, Grabovsky, Ivanov, Szymanowski, Wallon (2016)

Mantyssari, Penttala (2021, 2022)

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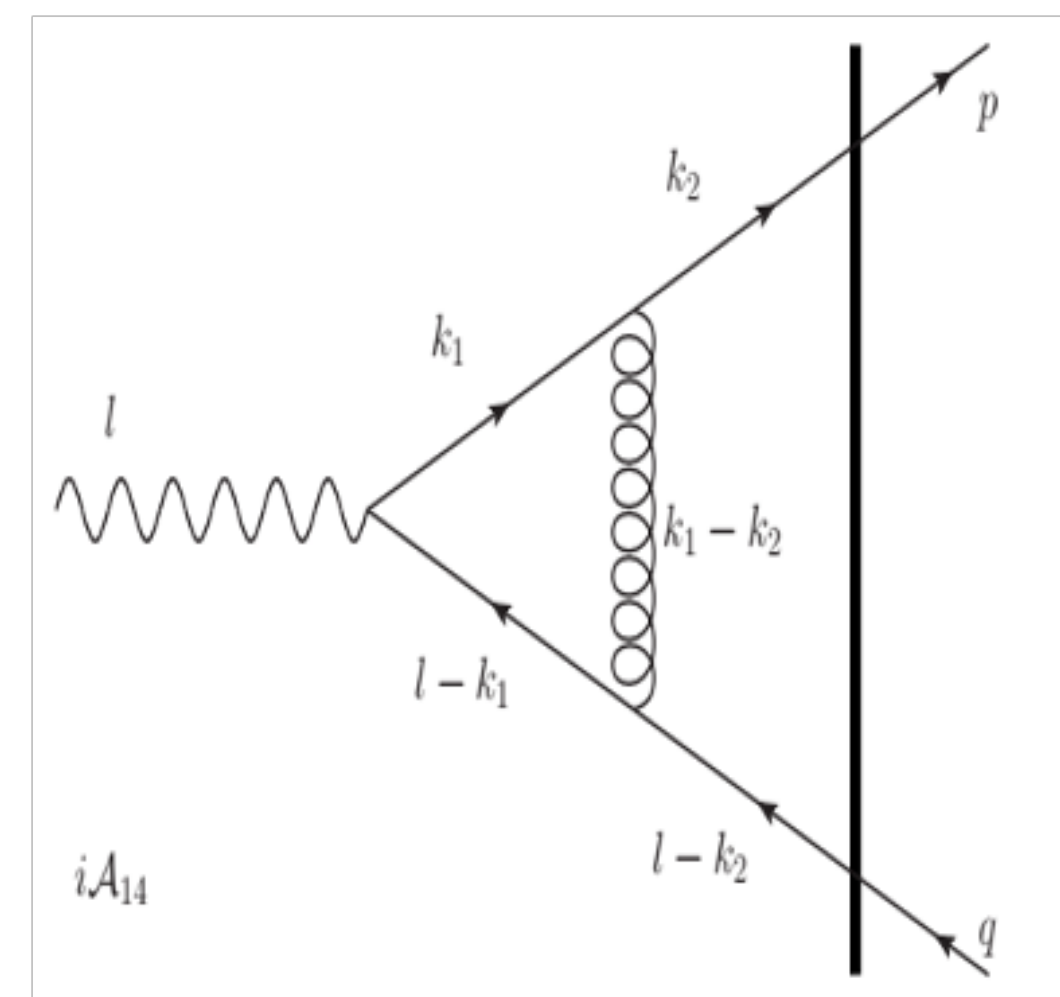
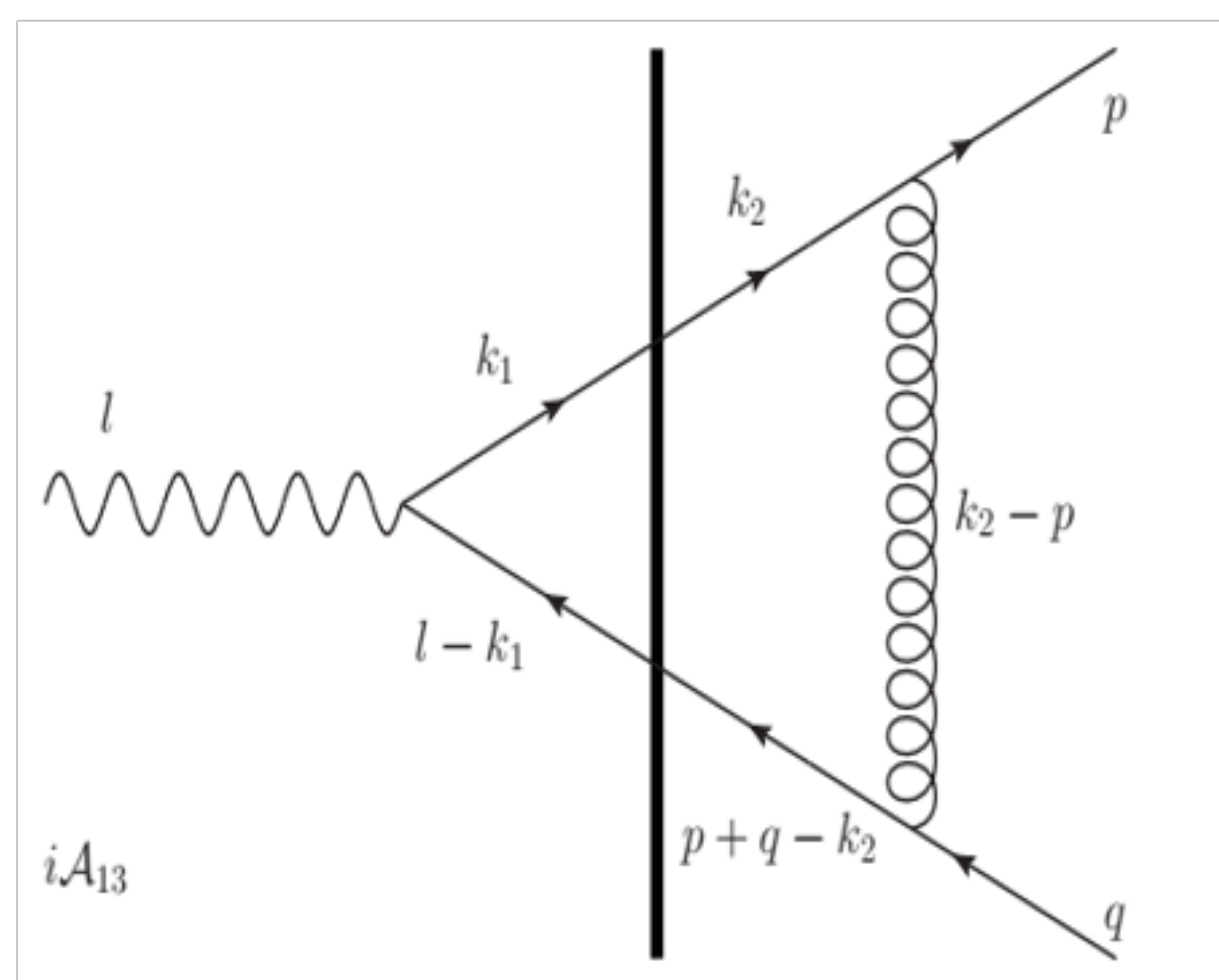
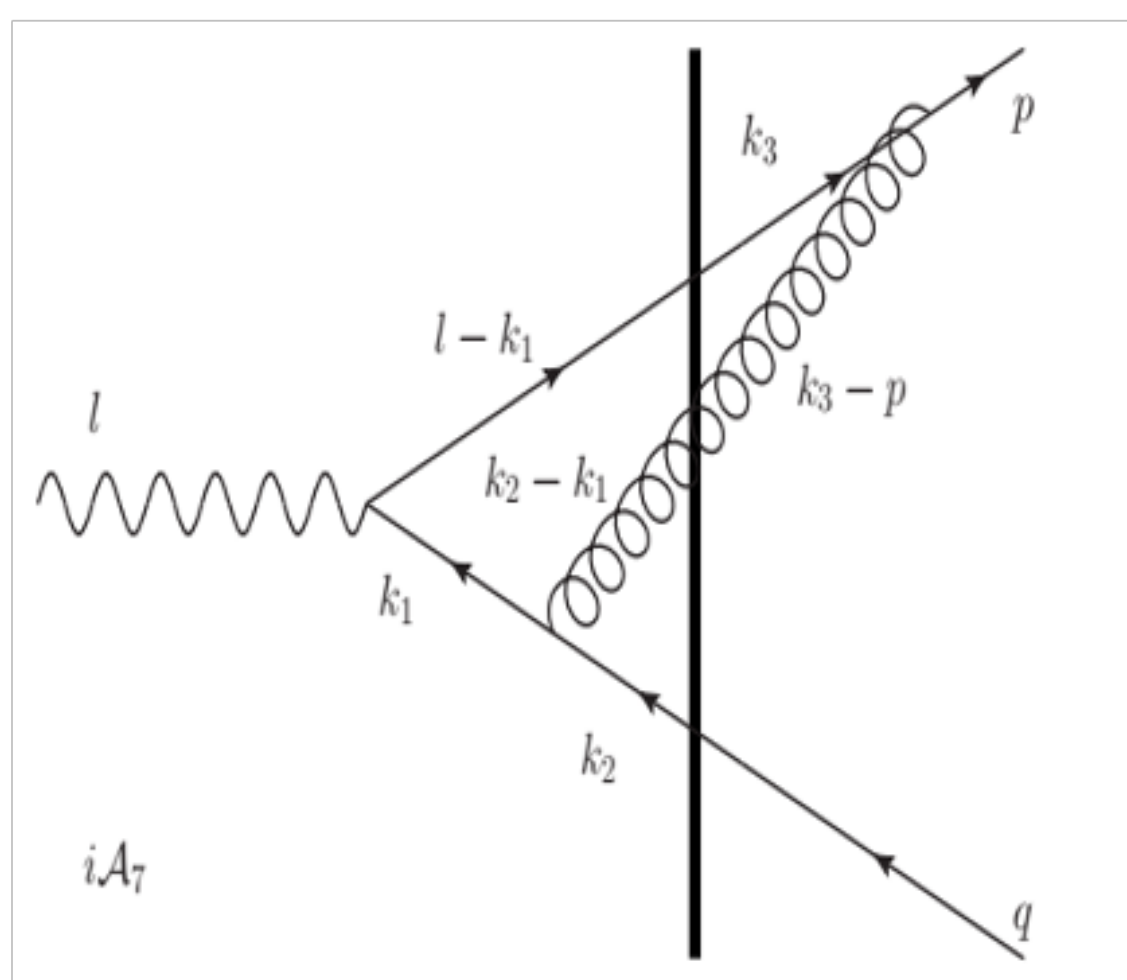
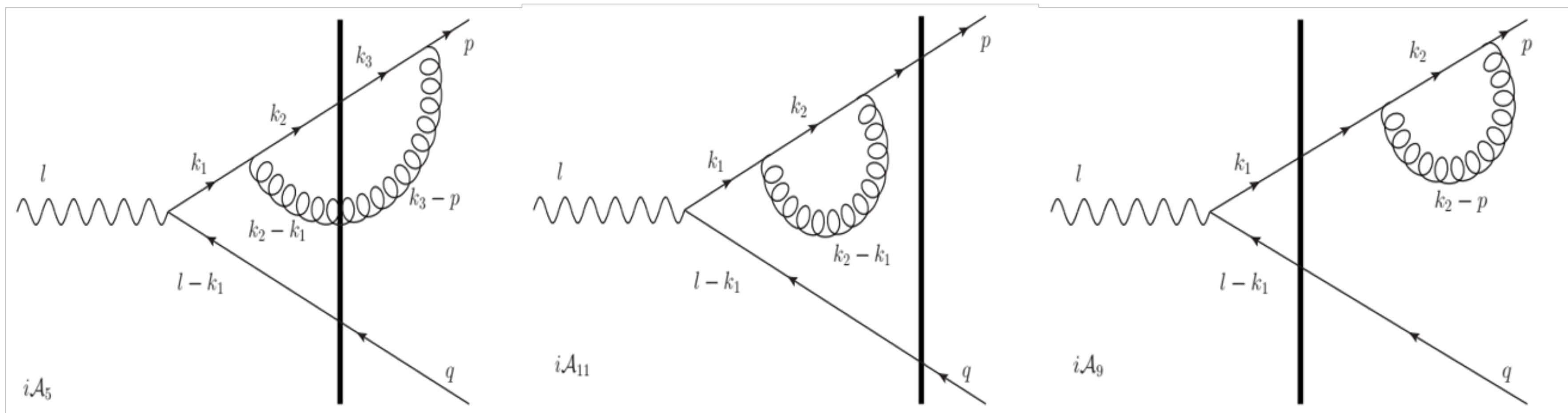


# One loop corrections - real diagrams



3-parton production: Ayala, Hentschinski, JJM, Tejeda-Yeomans  
PLB 761 (2016) 229 and NPB 920 (2017) 232

# One loop corrections – virtual diagrams



F. Bergabo and JJM, dihadrons, 2207.03606

P. Tael et al., dijets, 2204.11650

P. Caucal et al., dijets, 2108.06347

# *divergences*

- Ultraviolet:**

Real corrections are UV finite

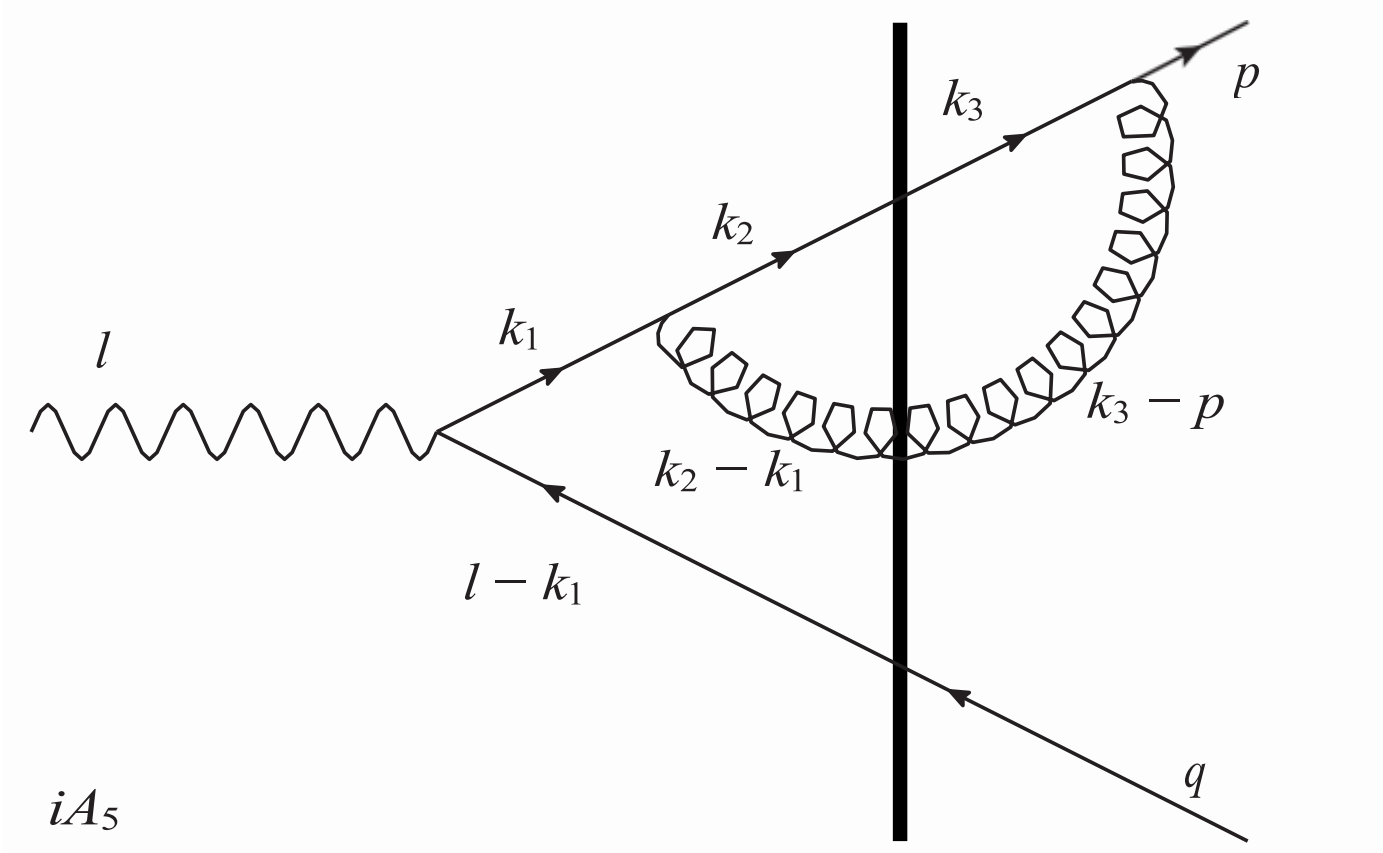
UV divergences cancel among virtual corrections

$\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \infty$     **or**     $\mathbf{x}_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$

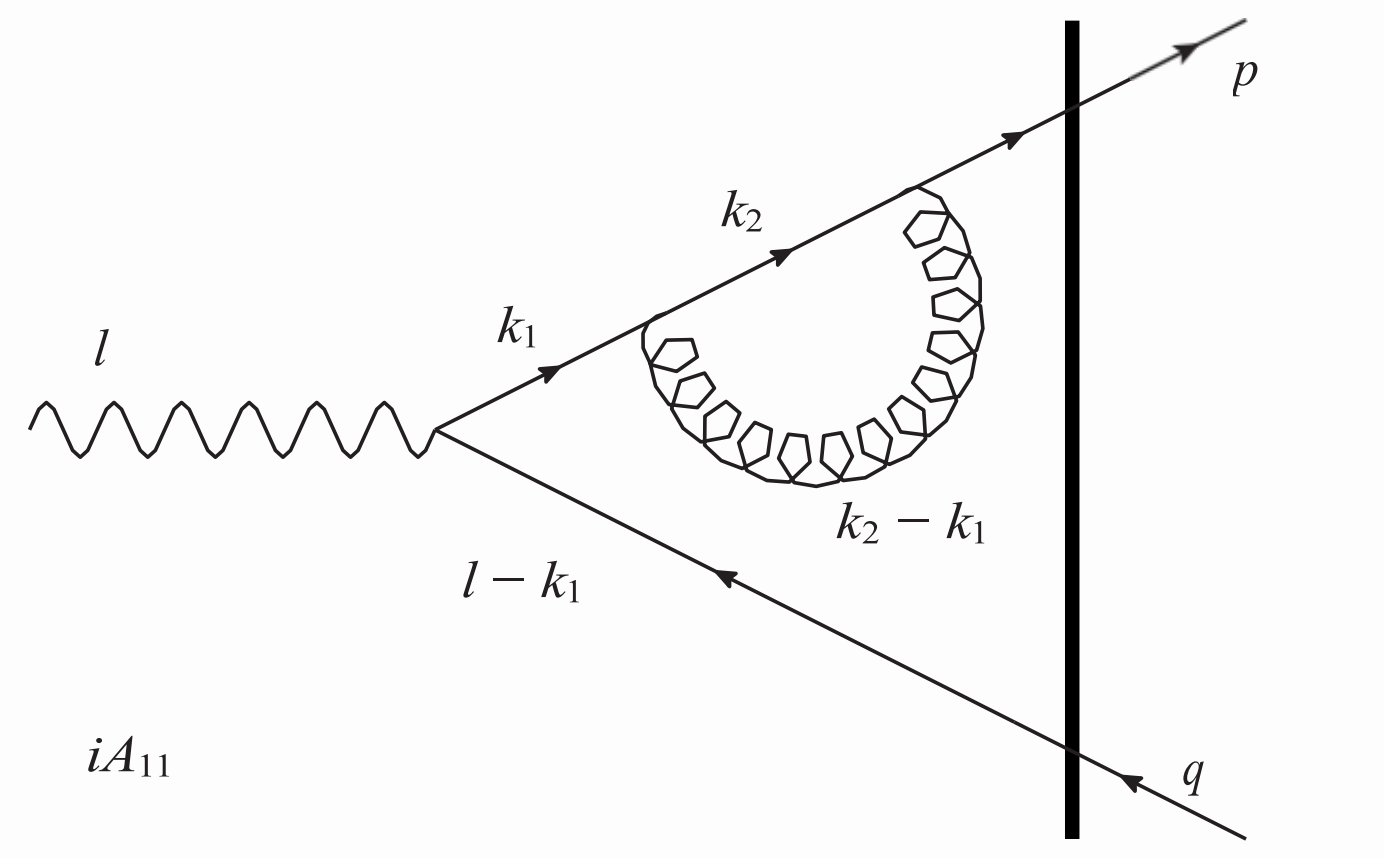
$$(d\sigma_5 + d\sigma_{11})_{UV} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_6 + d\sigma_{12})_{UV} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_9 + d\sigma_{10} + d\sigma_{14(1)} + d\sigma_{14(2)})_{UV} = 0$$



+



= 0

# *divergences*

• **Soft:**

$$\mathbf{k}^\mu \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \quad (\mathbf{x}_3 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{AND} \quad \mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0})$$

Soft divergences cancel between real and virtual corrections

$$(d\sigma_{1-1} + d\sigma_9)_{soft} = 0,$$

$$\left( d\sigma_{1-2} + d\sigma_{13}^{(1)} + d\sigma_{13}^{(2)} \right)_{soft} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_{3-3} + d\sigma_{4-4} + d\sigma_{3-4})_{soft} = 0$$

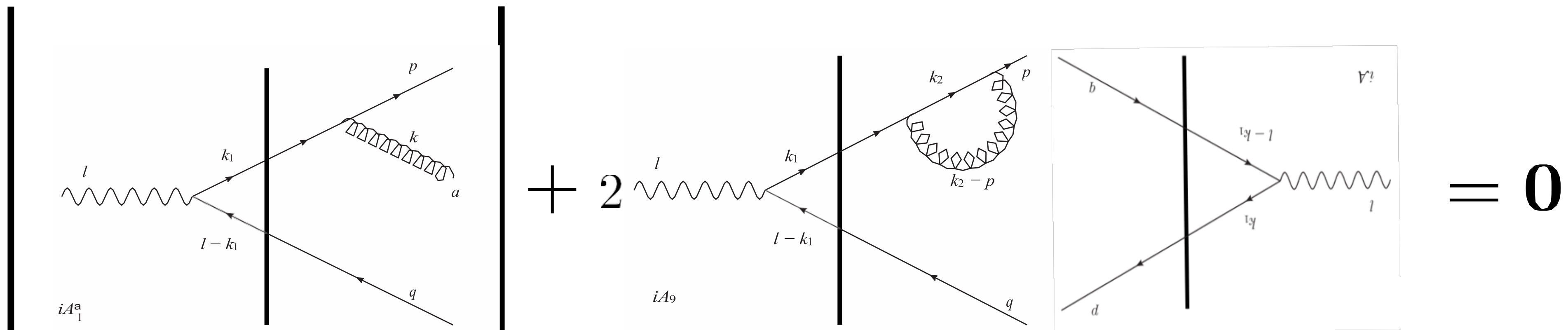
$$(d\sigma_{1-3} + d\sigma_{1-4})_{soft} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_{2-3} + d\sigma_{2-4})_{soft} = 0$$

$$(d\sigma_5 + d\sigma_7)_{soft} = 0$$

$$\left( d\sigma_{11} + d\sigma_{14}^{(1)} \right)_{soft} = 0$$

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# divergences

• **Rapidity:**  $\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ , but finite  $k_t$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} = \int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} + \int_{z_f}^1 \frac{dz}{z}$$

rapidity divergences are absorbed into JIMWLK evolution of dipoles and quadrupoles

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^L}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{q} dy_1 y_2} = \frac{2e^2 g^2 Q^2 N_c^2 (z_1 z_2)^3}{(2\pi)^{10}} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \int_0^{z_f} \frac{dz}{z} \int d^{10}\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_1) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}|Q_1)$$

$$e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{1'1}} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_{2'2}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} \right) S_{132'1'} S_{23} + \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{1'321} S_{2'3} \\ & + \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{322'1'} S_{13} + \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} \right) S_{32'21} S_{1'3} \\ & - \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} \right) S_{122'1'} - \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{12} + \tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{12} S_{1'2'} \\ & - \left( \tilde{\Delta}_{11'} + \tilde{\Delta}_{22'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{12'} - \tilde{\Delta}_{21'} \right) S_{11'} S_{22'} - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{12} (S_{13} S_{23} - S_{12}) - 2\tilde{\Delta}_{1'2'} (S_{1'3} S_{2'3} - S_{1'2'}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

JIMWLK evolution of quadrupoles

JIMWLK evolution of dipoles

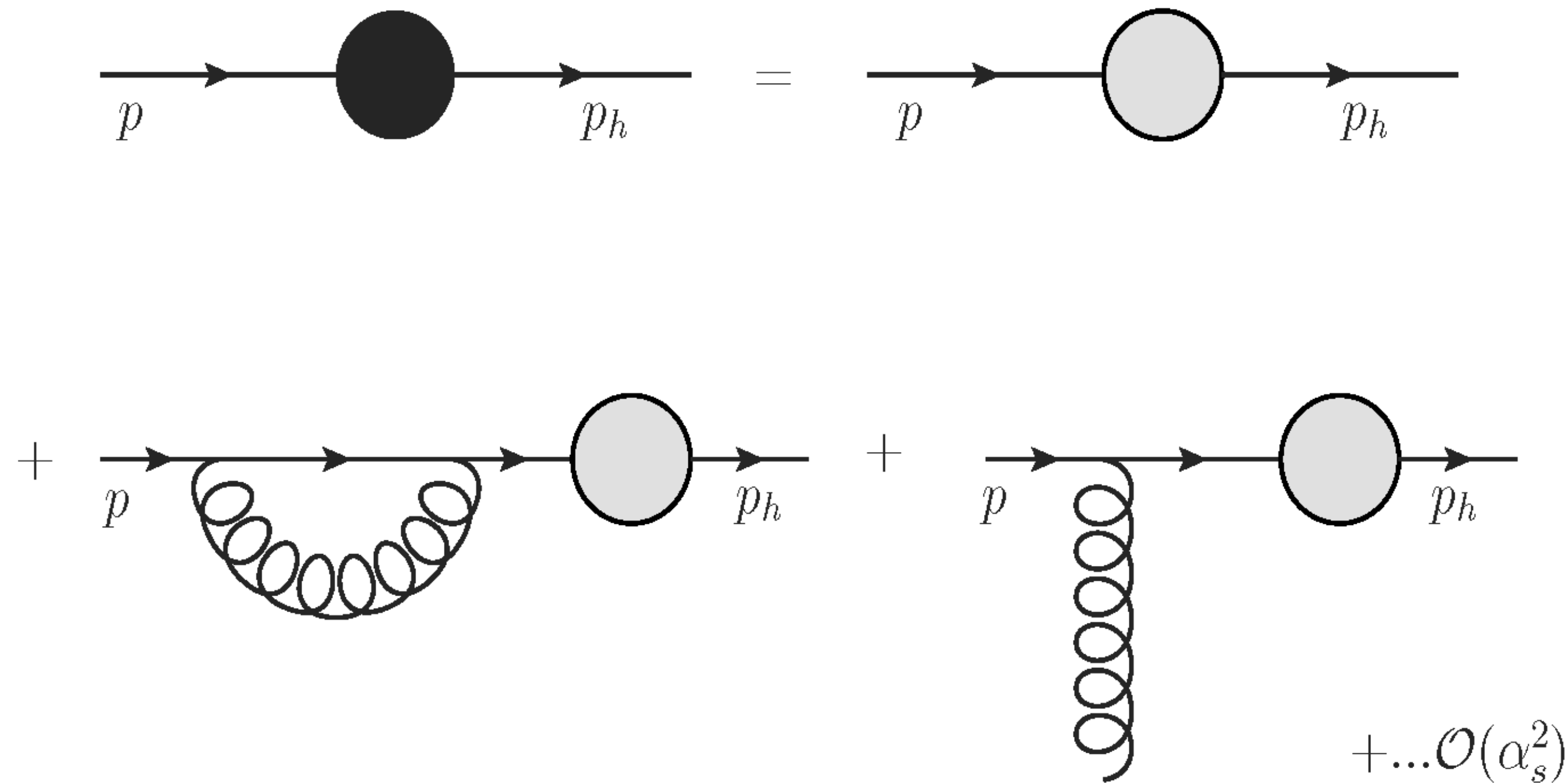
$$\tilde{\Delta}_{12} \equiv \frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2 (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_3)^2}$$

# *divergences*

- **Collinear:**

$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2} = \frac{1}{|\vec{p}||\vec{k}|(1-\cos\theta)} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \theta \rightarrow 0$$

Collinear divergences are absorbed into evolution of parton-hadron fragmentation functions



# collinear divergences

real corrections

$$\frac{d\sigma_{LO+1-1}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h d^2\mathbf{q}_h dy_1 dy_2} = \int_0^1 dz_{h_1} \int_0^1 dz_{h_2} \frac{4e^2 Q^2 N_c (z_1 z_2)^3}{(2\pi)^7 (z_{h_1} z_{h_2})^2} H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, z_2) D_{h_1/q}^0(z_{h_1}) D_{h_2/\bar{q}}^0(z_{h_2})$$

$$\int \frac{d\xi_1}{\xi_1^3} \delta(1 - z_2 - z_1/\xi_1) \left[ \delta(1 - \xi_1) + 2\alpha_s P_{qq}(\xi_1) \int d^2\mathbf{k} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{x}'_1 - \mathbf{x}_1)}}{(\xi_1 \mathbf{k} - (1 - \xi_1)\mathbf{p})^2} \right]$$

with  $P_{qq}(\xi_1) = C_F \frac{(1 + \xi_1^2)}{(1 - \xi_1)}$

virtual corrections

$$\frac{d\sigma_9^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X}}{d^2\mathbf{p}_h d^2\mathbf{q}_h dy_1 dy_2} = - \int_0^1 dz_{h_1} \int_0^1 dz_{h_2} \frac{4e^2 Q^2 (z_1 z_2)^3 N_c}{(2\pi)^7 (z_{h_1} z_{h_2})^2} H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, z_2) D_{h_1/q}^0(z_{h_1}) D_{h_2/\bar{q}}^0(z_{h_2})$$

$$\times \alpha_s \int_0^1 d\xi P_{qq}(\xi) \int d^2\mathbf{k} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} - (1 - \xi)\mathbf{p})^2} \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2)$$

these are combined into DGLAP evolution of fragmentation functions

$$D_{h_1/q}(z_{h_1}, \mu^2) = \int_{z_{h_1}}^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} D_{h_1/q}^0\left(\frac{z_{h_1}}{\xi}\right) \left[ \delta(1 - \xi) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qq}(\xi) \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \right]$$

# Divergences

- Ultraviolet

real corrections are UV finite

UV divergences cancel among virtual diagrams

- Soft

soft divergences cancel between real and virtual diagrams real and virtual diagrams

- Collinear

collinear divergences are absorbed into fragmentation functions

- Rapidity

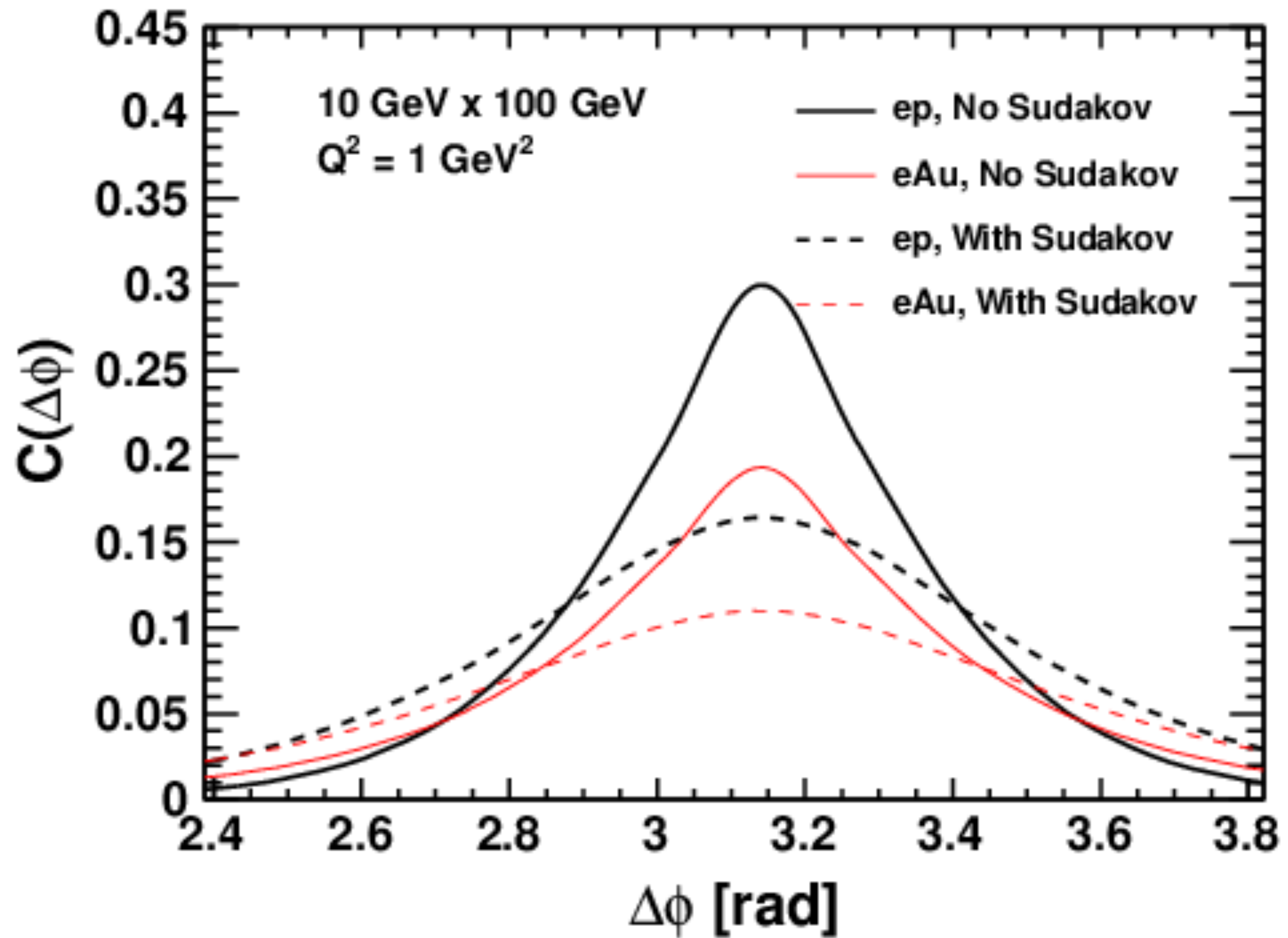
Rapidity divergences are absorbed into JIMWLK evolution of dipoles and quadrupoles

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X} = \sigma_{LO} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + \sigma_{LO} \otimes D_{h/q}(z_h, \mu^2) \otimes D_{h/q}^{(0)}(z_h) + \sigma_{NLO}^{\text{finite}}$$

Back to back limit: deep connections to physics of TMDs, Sudakov effect,....

UPC ,.....

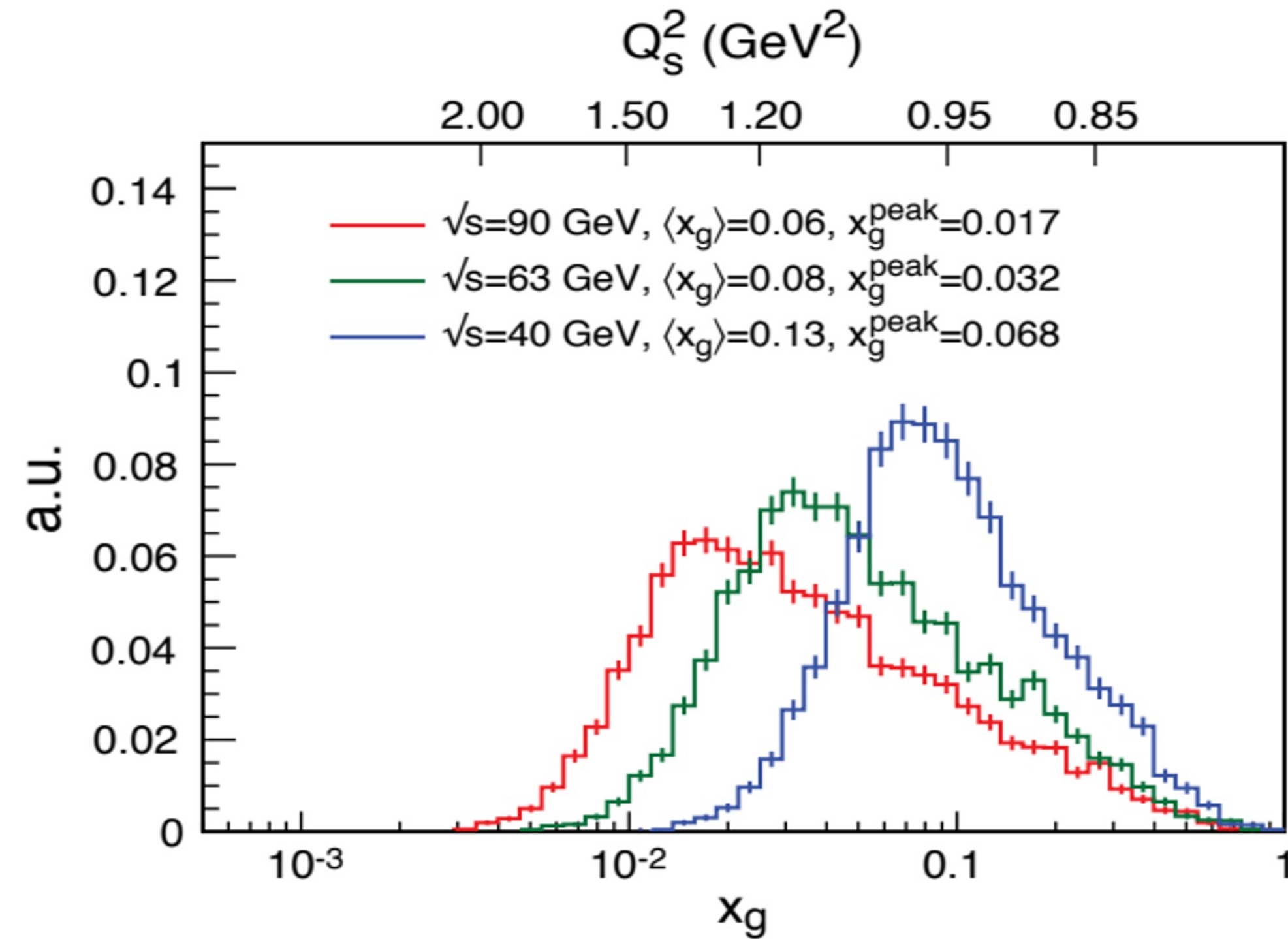




Zheng, Aschenauer, Lee, Xiao, PRD89 (2014) 074037

# EIC

## kinematics of inclusive dihadron production



Aschenauer et al. arXiv:1708.01527

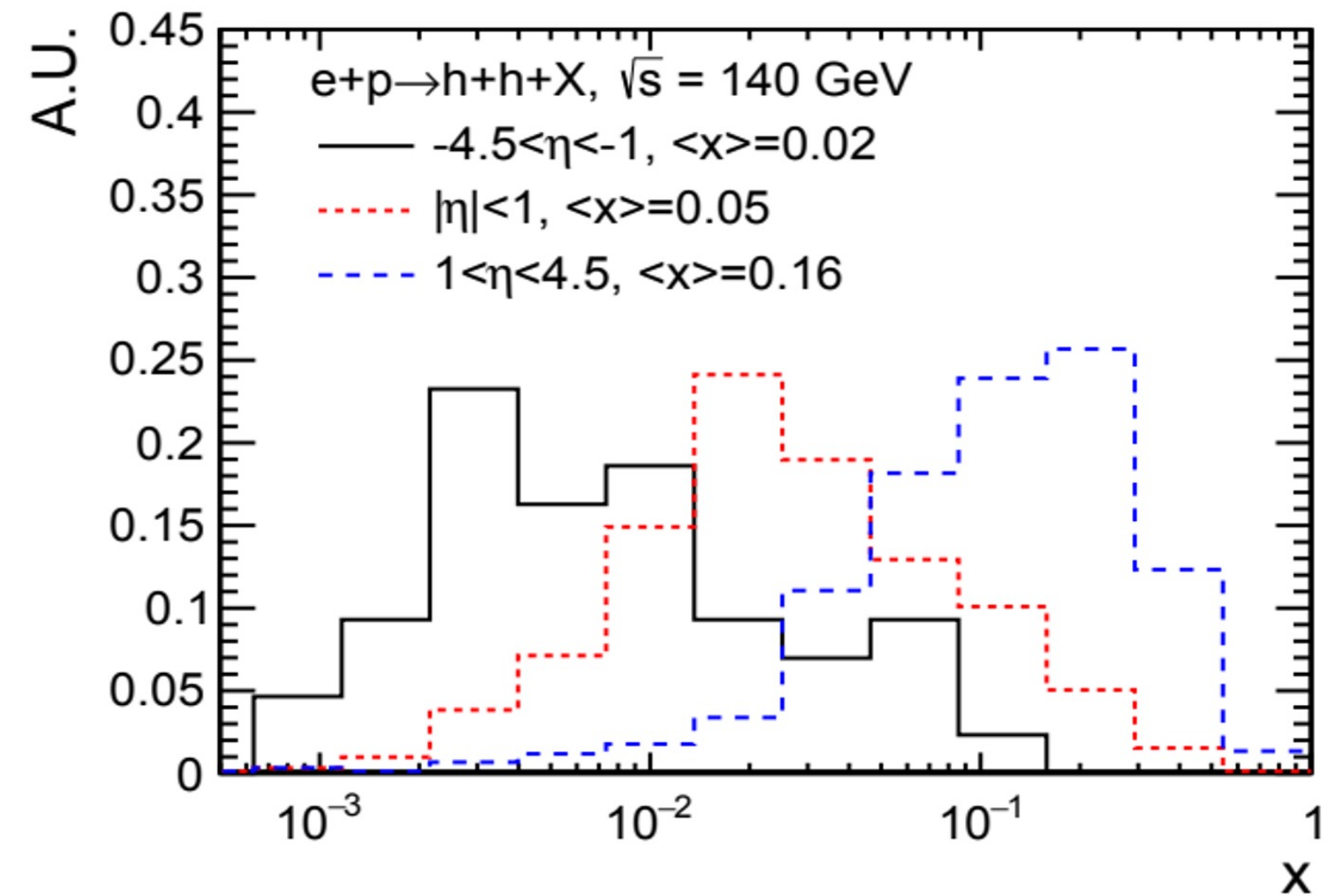


Fig. courtesy of Xiaoxuan Chu

**transition region: from large  $x$  to small  $x$**

# Single inclusive hadron production in DIS at small $x$ : NLO

F. Bergabo, JJM, JHEP 01 (2023) 095 (longitudinal photon)

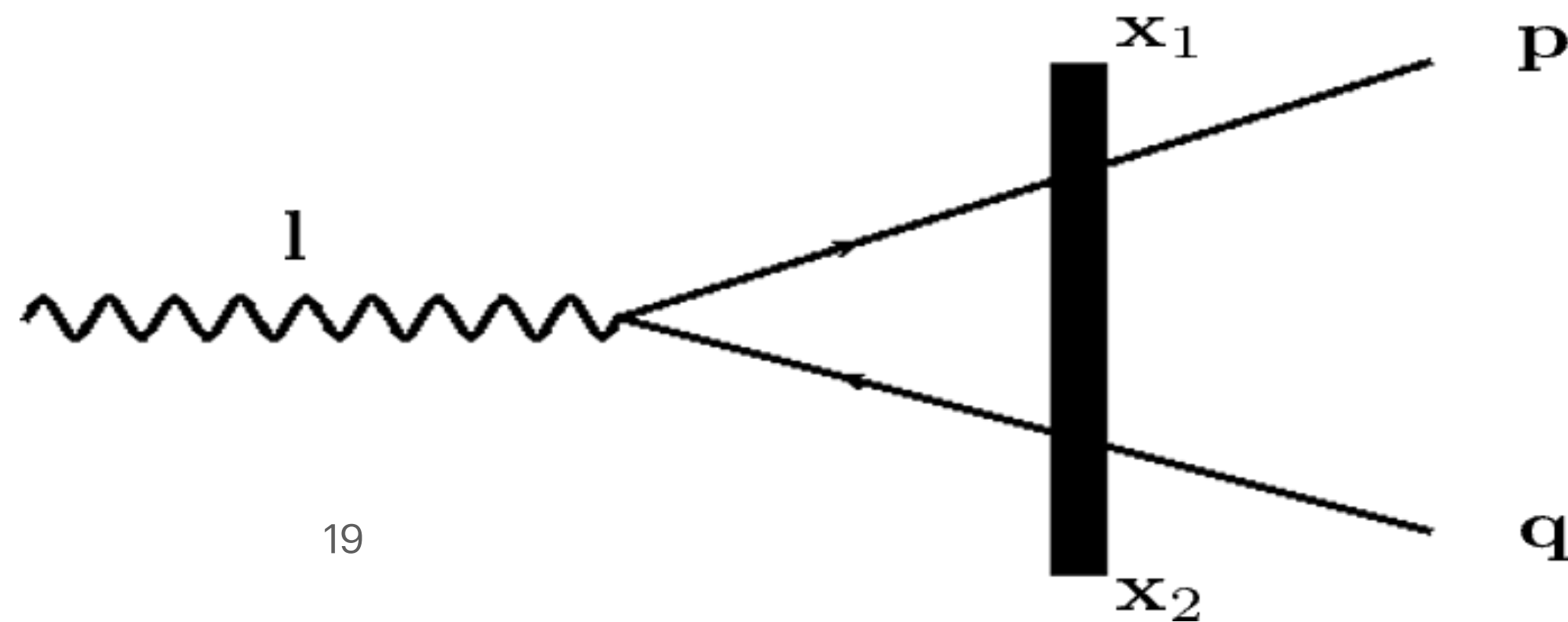
Larger kinematic phase space at EIC

Sudakov (can it be avoided?)

Dipoles only

Forward rapidity: quark or antiquark production

LO: integrate out quark



# Single inclusive hadron production in DIS at small x: NLO

all terms with quadrupoles cancel; only dipoles contribute to the cross section

cancellations of divergences as before

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow hX} = \sigma_{LO} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + \sigma_{LO} \otimes D_{h/\bar{q}}(z_h, \mu^2) + \sigma_{NLO}^{\text{finite}}$$

phenomenology: need to consider hadronization of any of the 3 partons

consider hadronization of the gluon

# Gluon hadronizing

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_h^+ \frac{d\sigma}{d^2\mathbf{k}_h dk_h^+} &= \frac{8e^2 Q^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^5} \int \frac{dz_h}{z_h^2} z^3 (1-z)^2 \int d^6\mathbf{x} K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12}|Q_2) K_0(|\mathbf{x}_{12'}|Q_2) [S_{22'} - S_{12} - S_{12'} + 1] \\
 &\quad e^{i\frac{\mathbf{k}_h}{z_h} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{22'}} \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi} D_{h/g}^{(0)}\left(\frac{z_h}{\xi}\right) C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} P_{gq}(\xi) \log \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2} \\
 &\quad + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $z \equiv \frac{k_h^+}{z_h l^+}$  and  $P_{gq}(\xi) = \frac{1 + (1 - \xi)}{\xi}$

this can be combined with quark hadronizing contributions

$$d\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow hX} = d\sigma_{LO} \otimes \text{JIMWLK} + d\sigma_{LO} \otimes D_{h/q}(z_h, \mu^2) + d\sigma_{NLO}^{\text{finite}}$$

so far: SIDIS for longitudinal photons

work on transverse photons is almost complete

# Summary

*QCD at high energy*

*dense hadron: gluon saturation, strong color fields - CGC*

*strong hints from RHIC, LHC,...*

*to be probed precisely at EIC*

*toward precision: NLO, sub-eikonal corrections, ...*

*CGC is limited to small  $x$  (low  $p_t$ )*

***EIC has a large arm in  $x$***

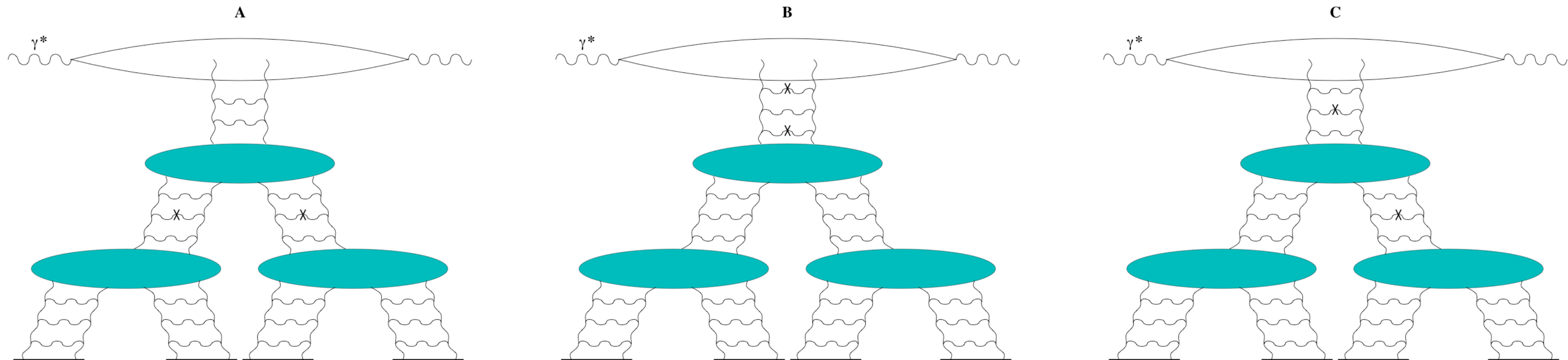
***attempts to generalize CGC to include large  $Q^2$  physics***

**Inclusive dihadron production in DIS at small  $x$ :**

central vs forward rapidity

# Inclusive dihadron production in midrapidity: LO

JJM, Yu. Kovchegov  
PRD70 (2004) 114017



need a very large rapidity window

target is treated as a classical color field  $\mathbf{A}_a^\mu = \delta^{\mu-} n^\mu S_a(x^+, \mathbf{x})$

scatterings of gluons on the target encoded in Wilson lines  $U(\mathbf{x}_1), U^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_2)$

leading log evolution included