

forward hadron production

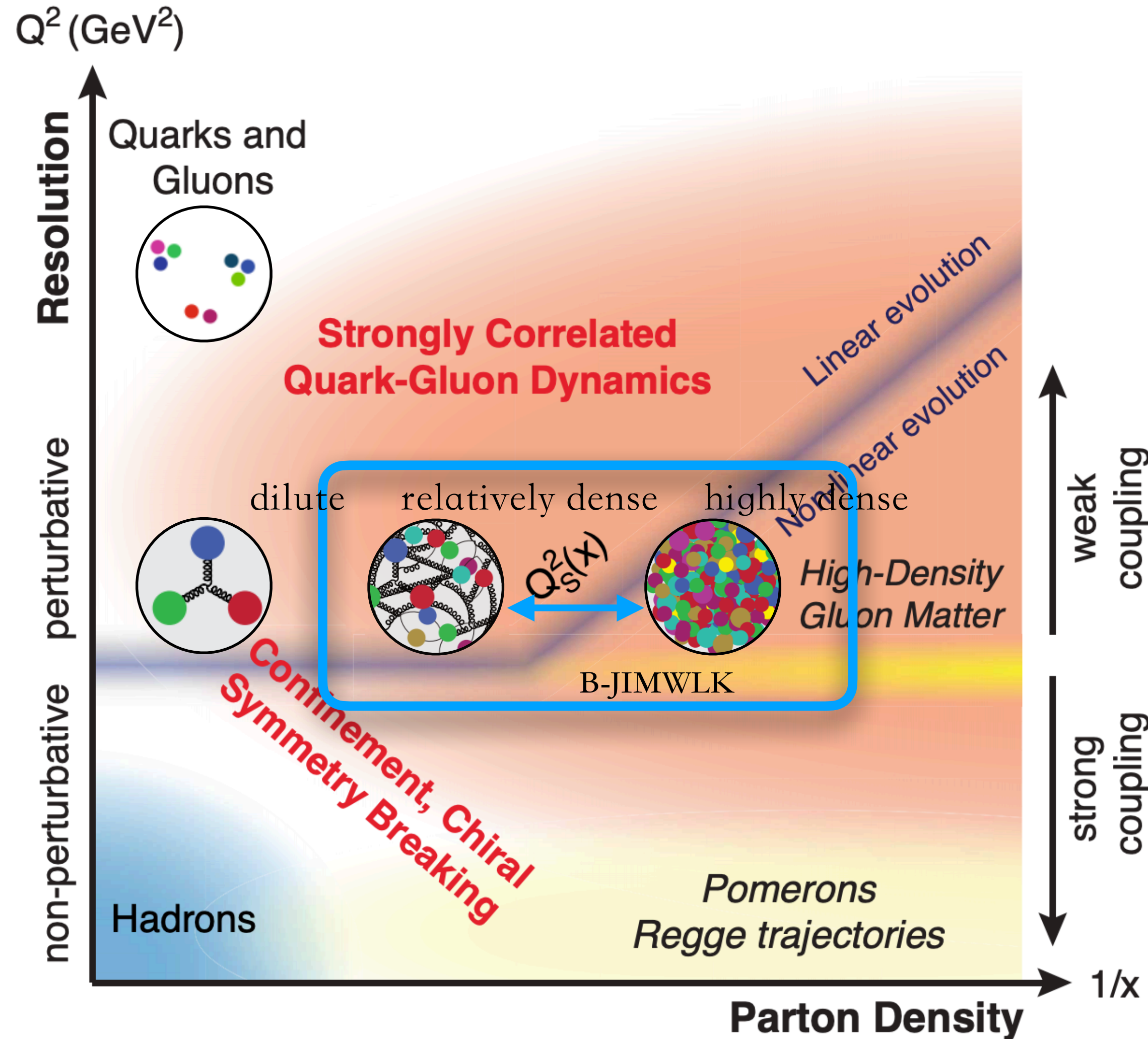
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Kang, Liu, 1910.10166

Liu, Kang, XL, 2004.11990

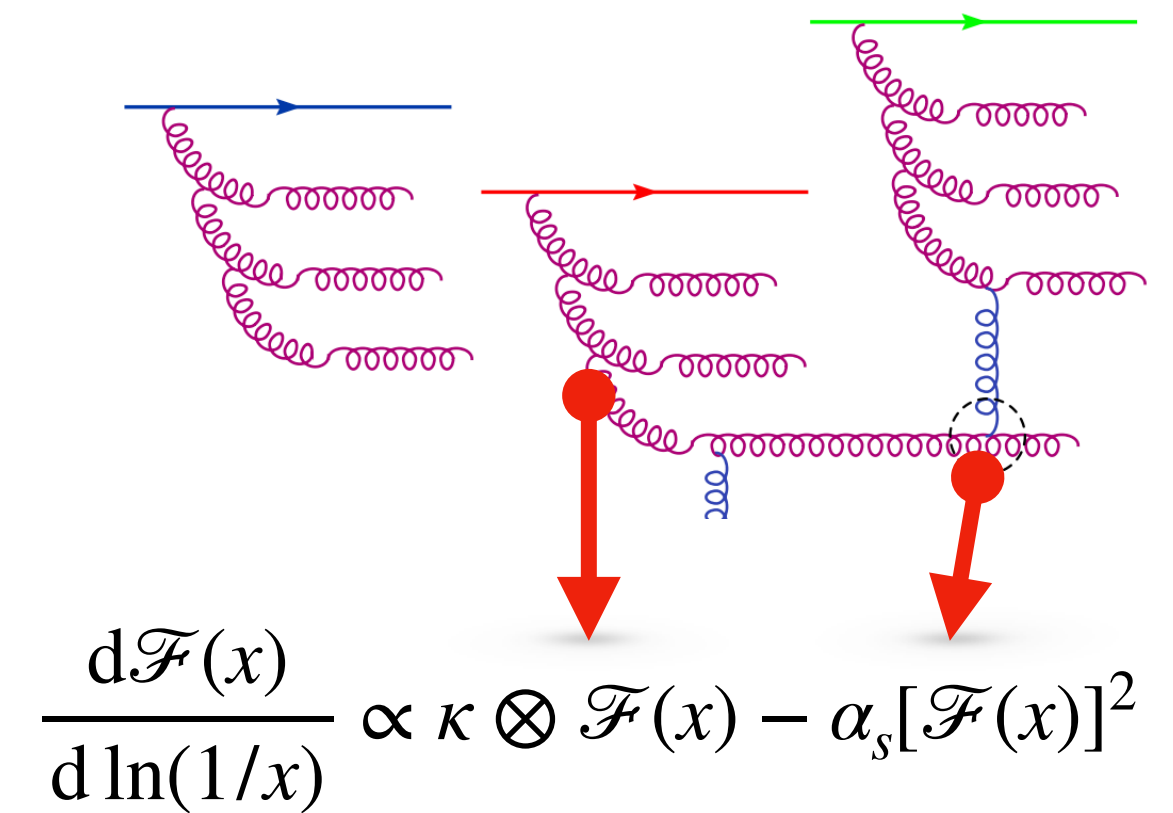


A Landscape of the strong interaction



- Highly dense region: gluon splittings and recombinations.
 - non-linear evolution, gluon saturation

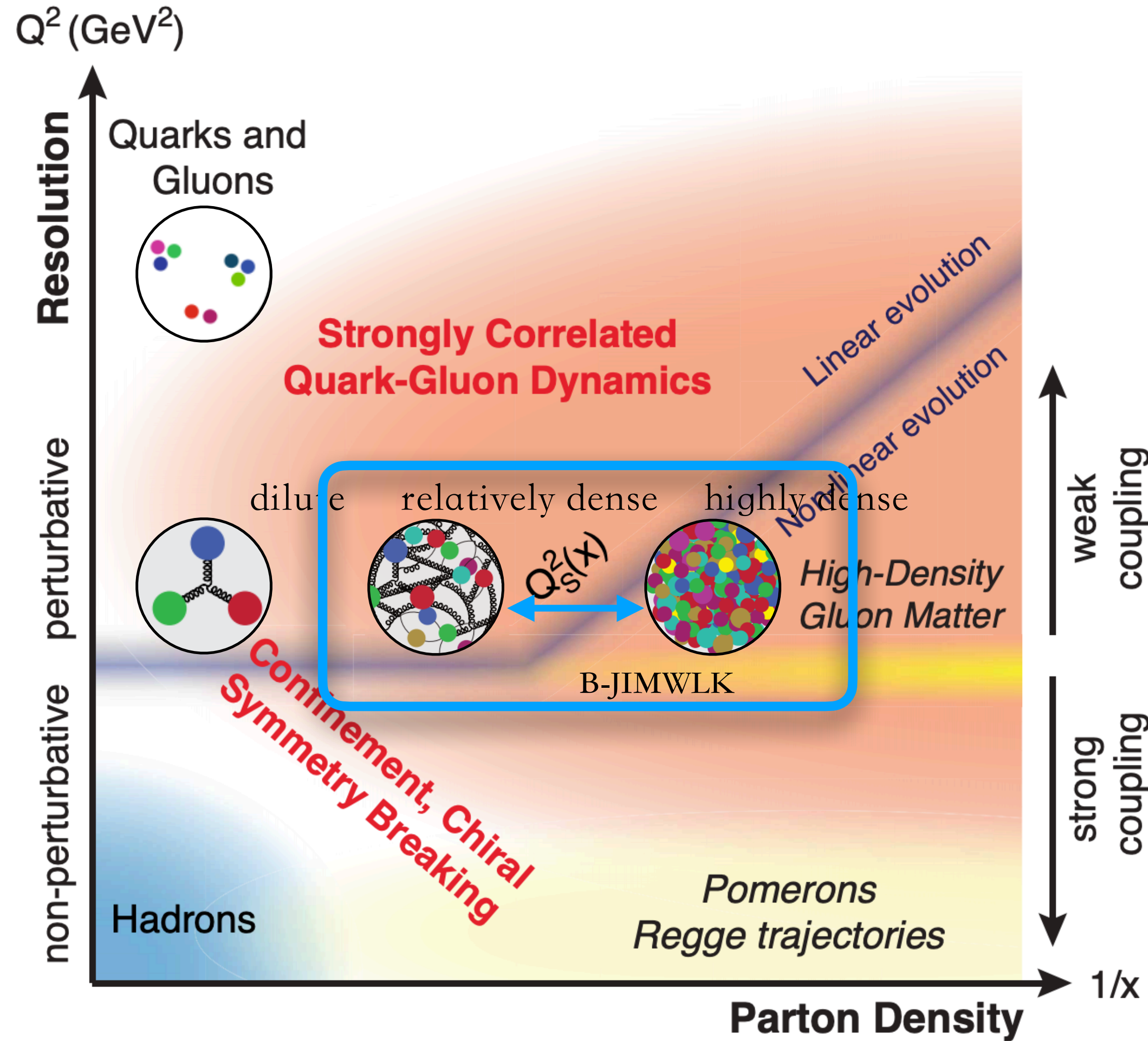
At high density, gluon wave functions start to overlap and recombinations are likely to happen, which leads to the gluon saturation



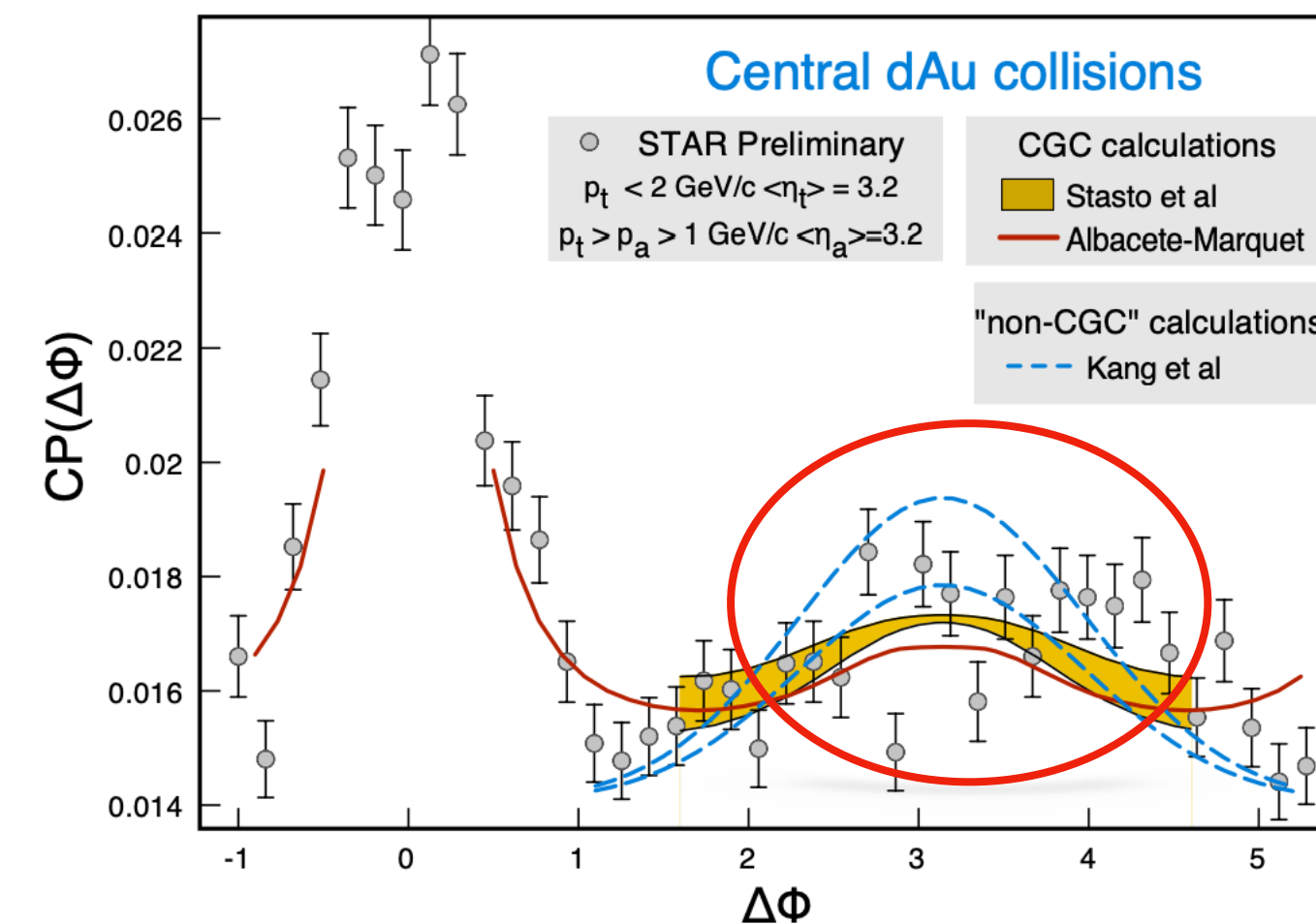
$$\rho\sigma \sim 1 \sim \frac{x G(x)}{\pi R_A^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{Q_s^2}$$

$$\rightarrow Q_s^2(x) \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi R_A^2} x G(x) \sim x^{-\lambda}$$

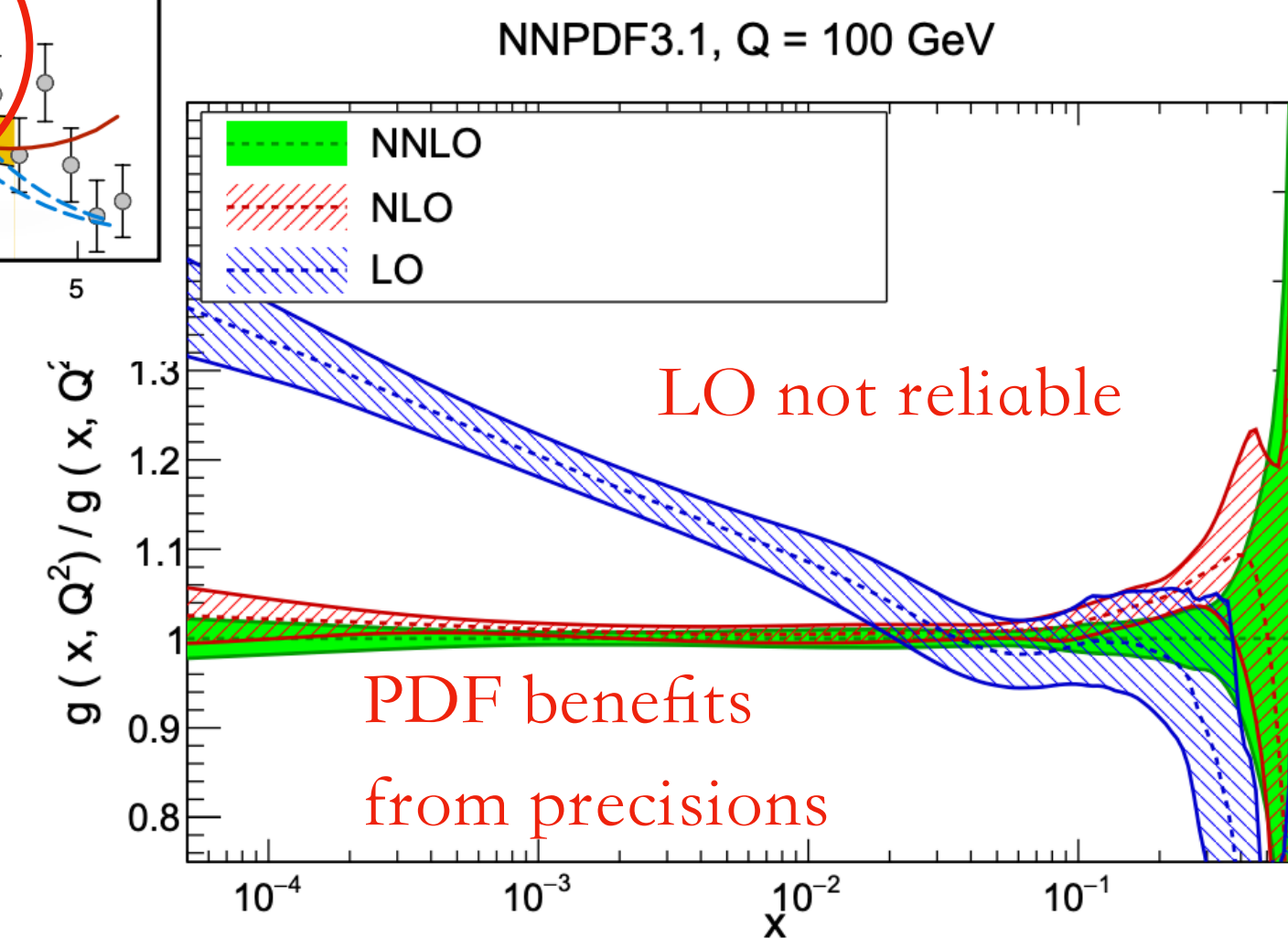
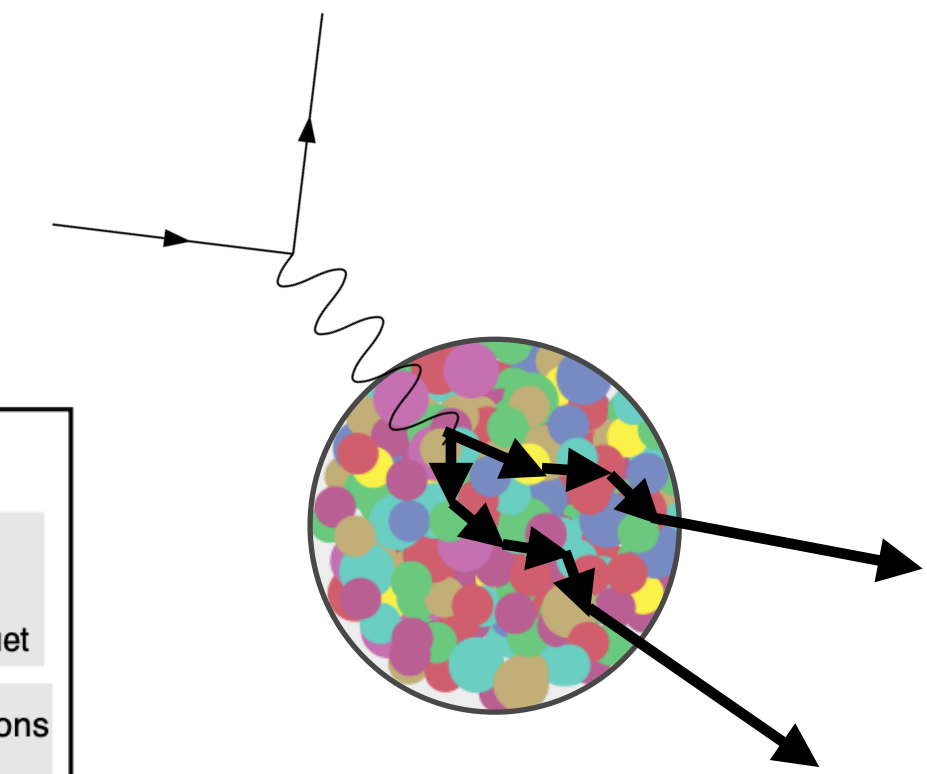
Precision matters



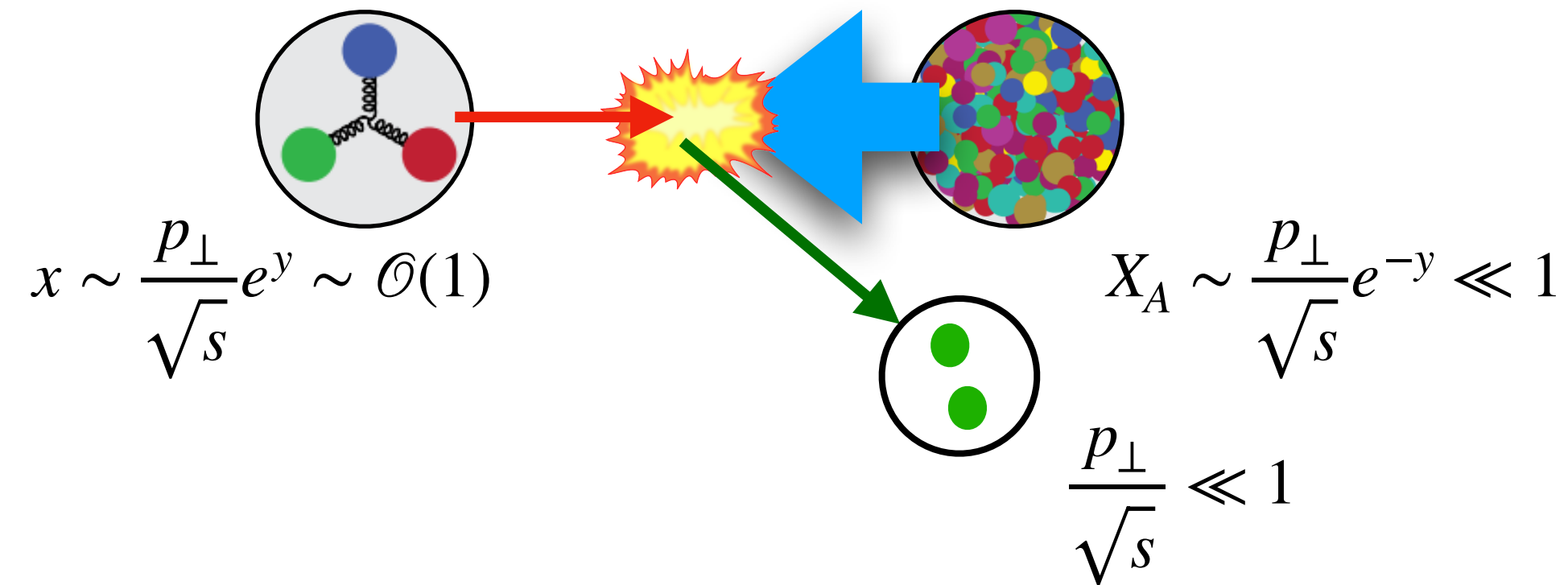
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Compatible with both CGC and collinear twist predictions

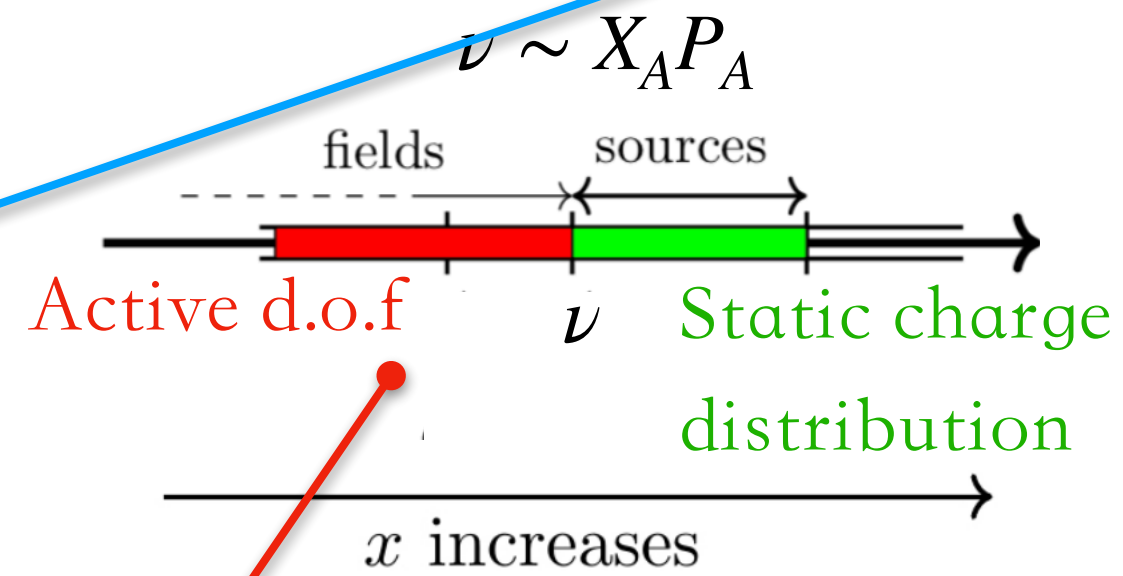


Forward hadron production in CGC



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_{h,\perp}^2 dy_h} = \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi^2} (\hat{\sigma}^0 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)) D_{h/lj}(\xi, \mu) x f_{i/P}(x, \mu) \mathcal{F}_A^{(2)}(k_{\perp}, \nu)$$

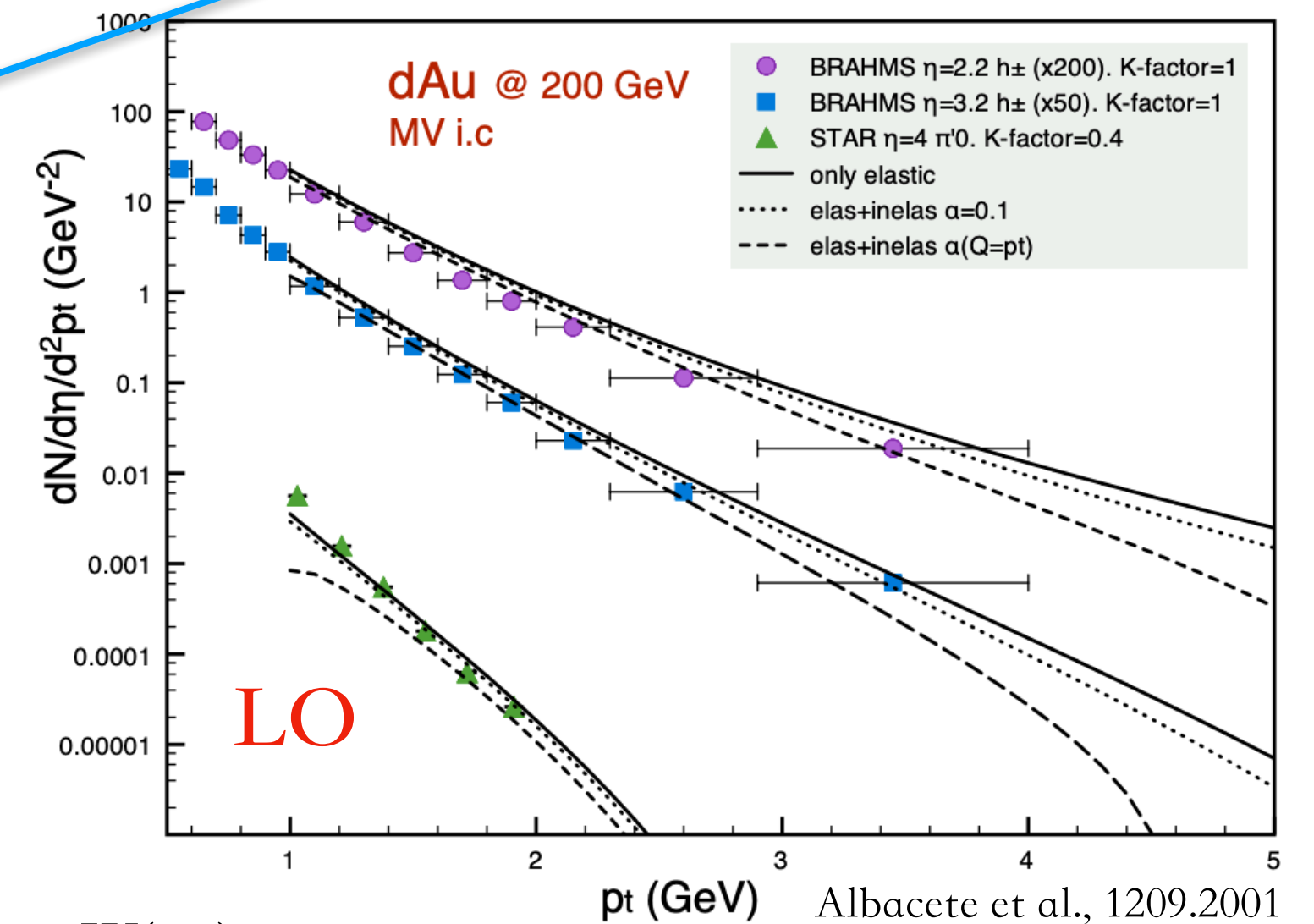
Focus of the talk



$P \equiv$ $p = xP$ $p' = \frac{p_h}{\xi}$ $X_A P_A$ A

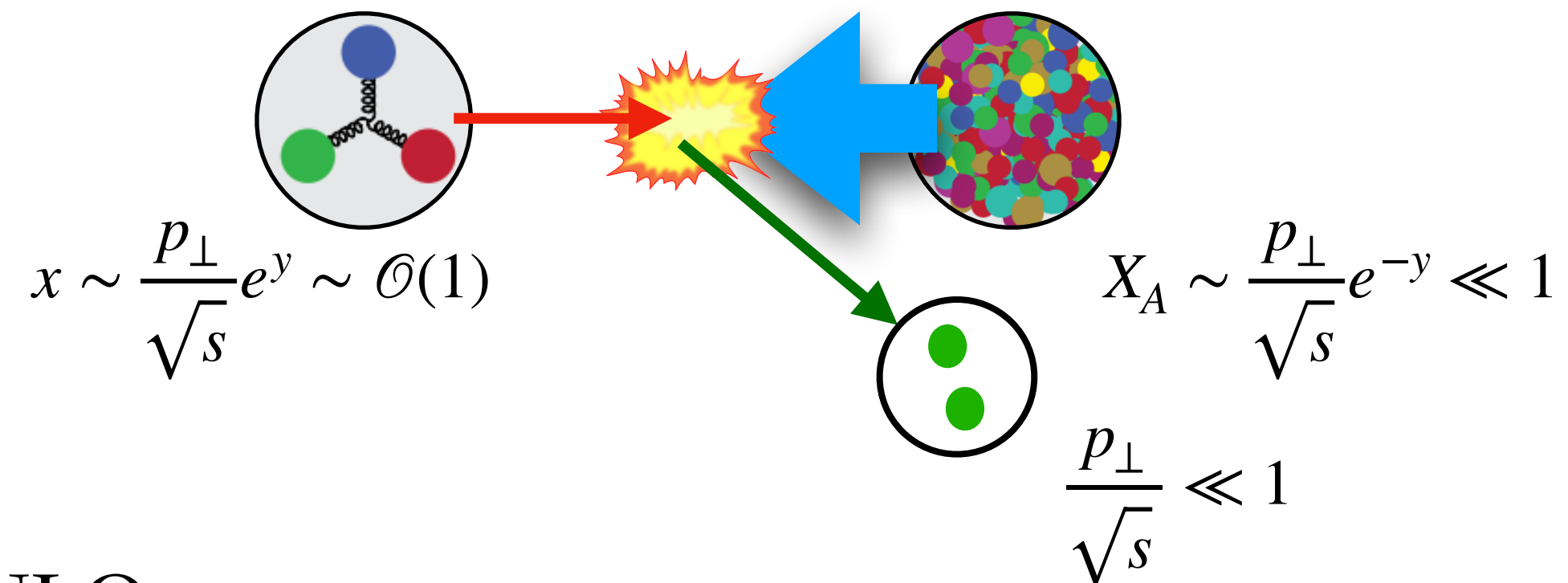
$$= 1 + ig_s \int dz^+ A^-(x_{\perp}, z^+) + \dots = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ig_s \int dz^+ A^-(x_{\perp}, z^+) \right] = W(x_{\perp})$$

$$\mathcal{F}_A^{(2)} = \text{F.T.} \frac{1}{N_c} \langle W(x_{\perp}) W^{\dagger}(x'_{\perp}) \rangle_{\nu}$$



LO works pretty well but remember $\alpha_s(Q_s)$ correction could be large

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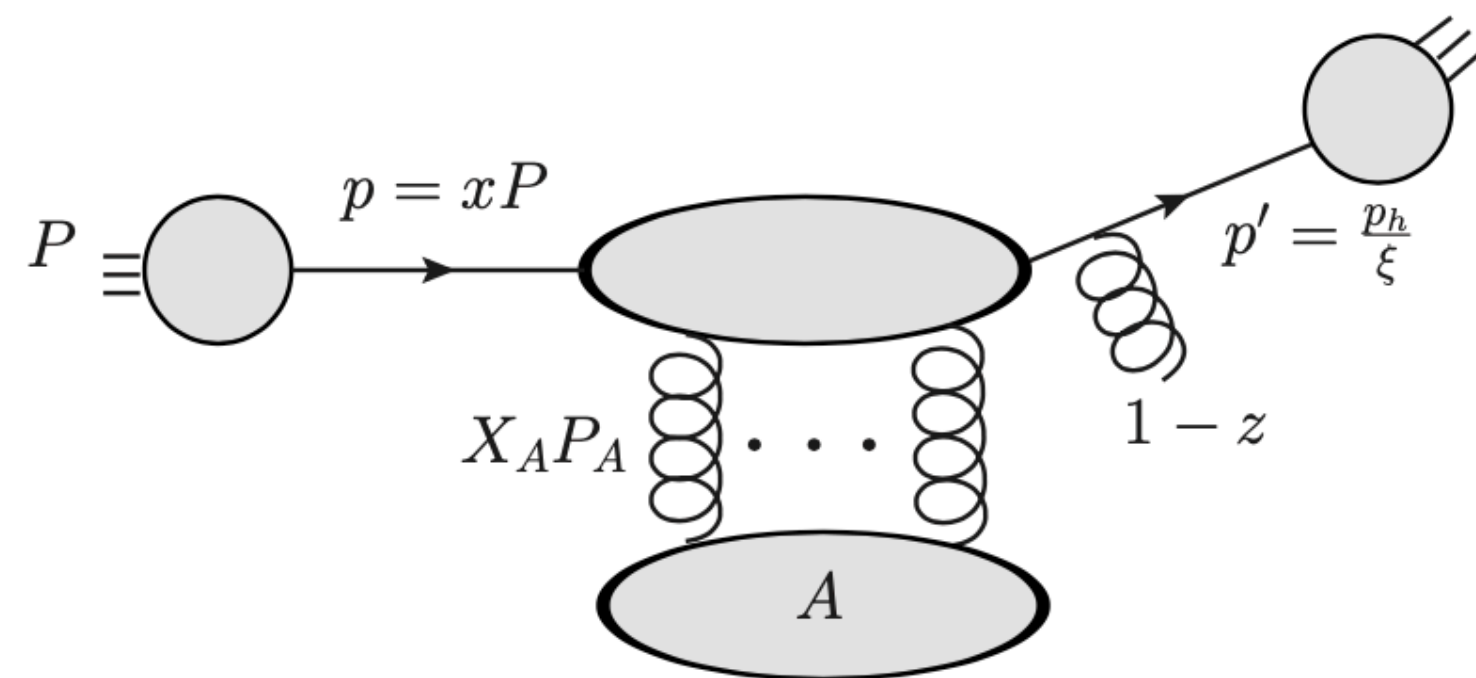
NLO:

- Demonstrate the CGC factorization at NLO
- Rapidity divergence leads to the BK evolution

Chirilli, Xiao, Feng, 2012

NLO:

$$d\sigma^{(1)} \propto \int^1 dz \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} P_{i \rightarrow j}^{(1)}(z) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{z^2} P_{j \rightarrow k}^{(1)}(z) - P_{i \rightarrow j}^{(1)}(z) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{p_{\perp}^2} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{1-z} \left(K^{(1)} \otimes \mathcal{F}_A - \alpha_s [\mathcal{F}_A]^2 \right) + \dots$$



Rapidity divergence BK evolution kernel

$z \rightarrow 1, y \rightarrow \infty$

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Negative cross section problem

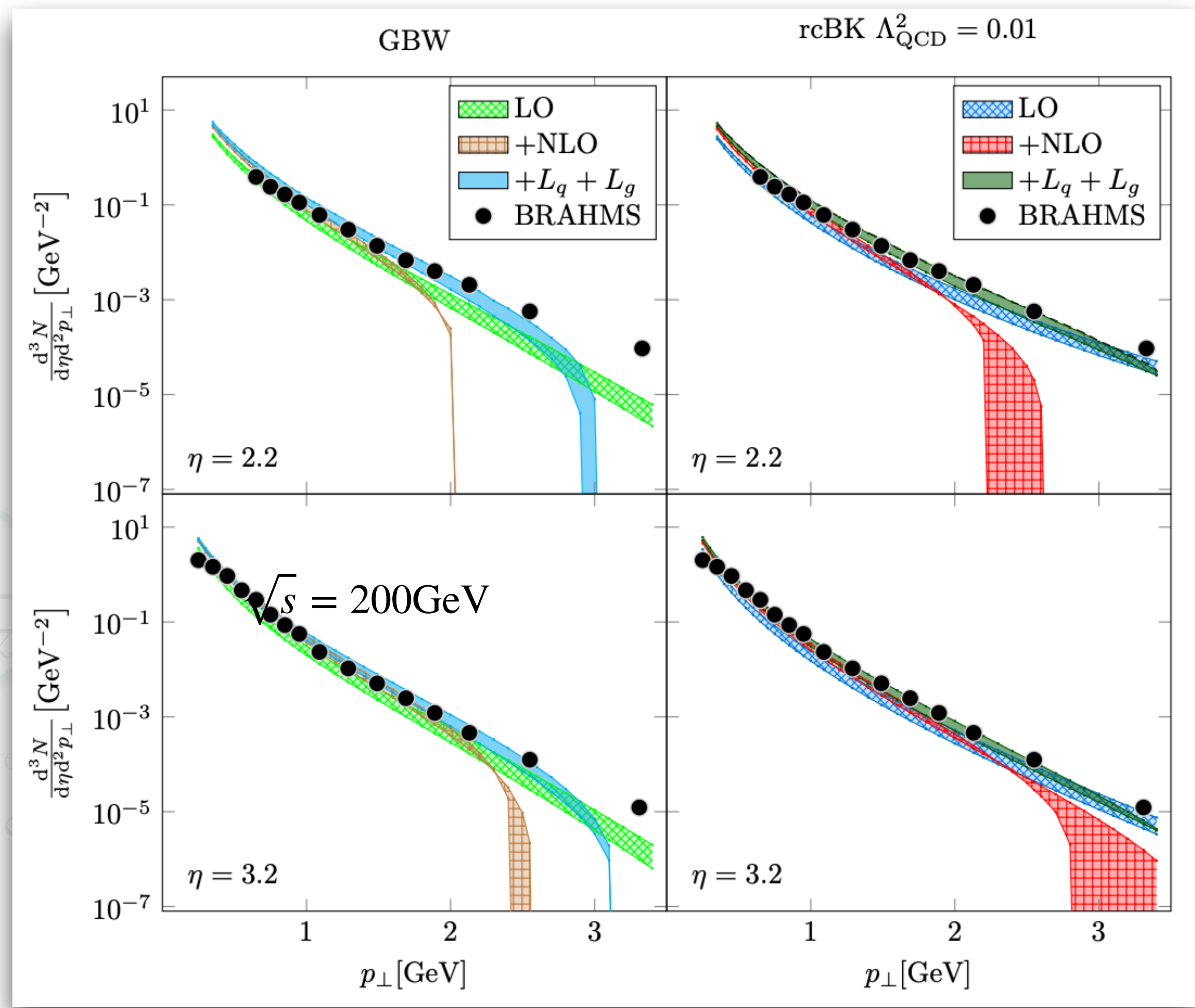
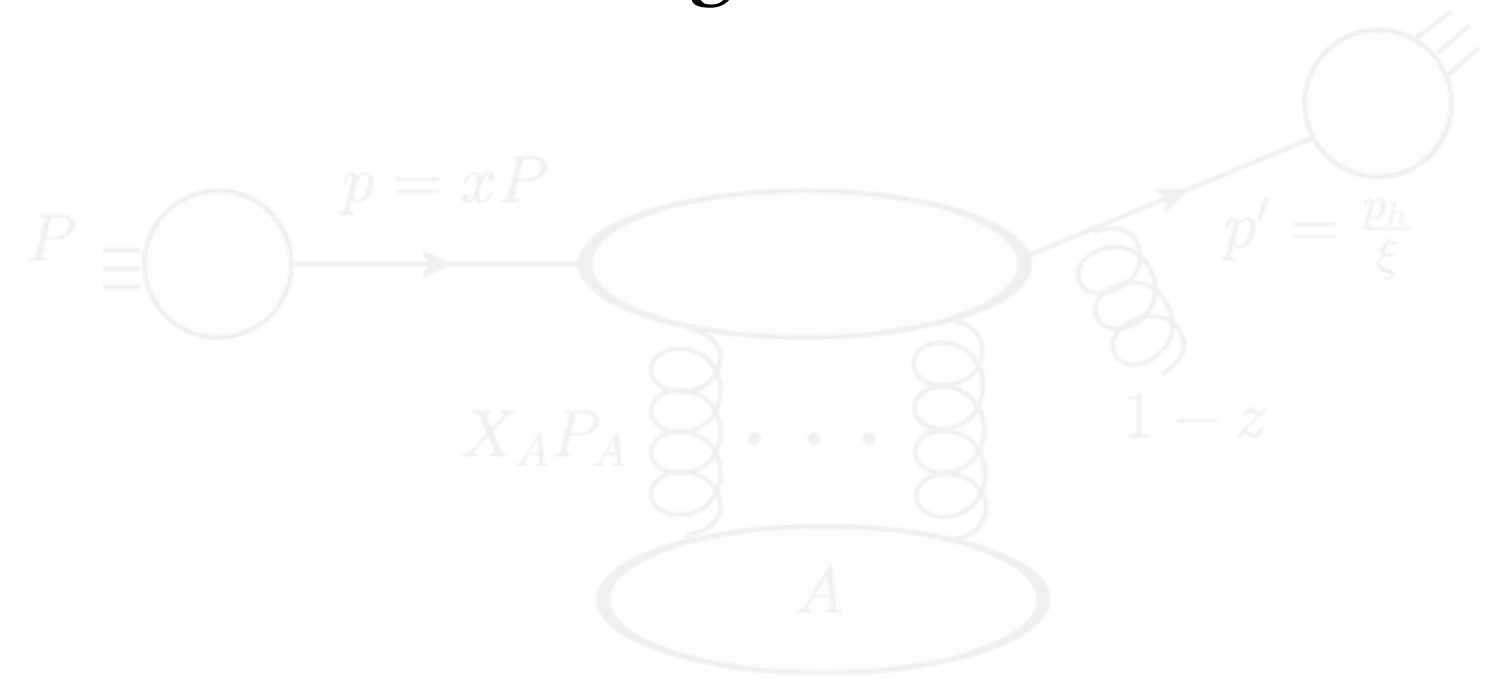
Breakdown of CGC?

$$\alpha_s(p_T) \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} \log \left[\frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} \right] \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$$

NLO:

Or breakdown of the perturbation series?

Large source ?



Watanabe, Xiao, Yuan and Zaslavsky 1505.05183

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Large source ? Logs to worry about

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\sigma}^{(1)}}{dz d^2 p'_\perp} \propto -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \mathbf{T}_i^2 P_{i \rightarrow i}(z) \ln \frac{r_\perp^2 \mu^2}{c_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z^2} e^{i \frac{1-z}{z} p'_\perp \cdot r_\perp} \right)$$

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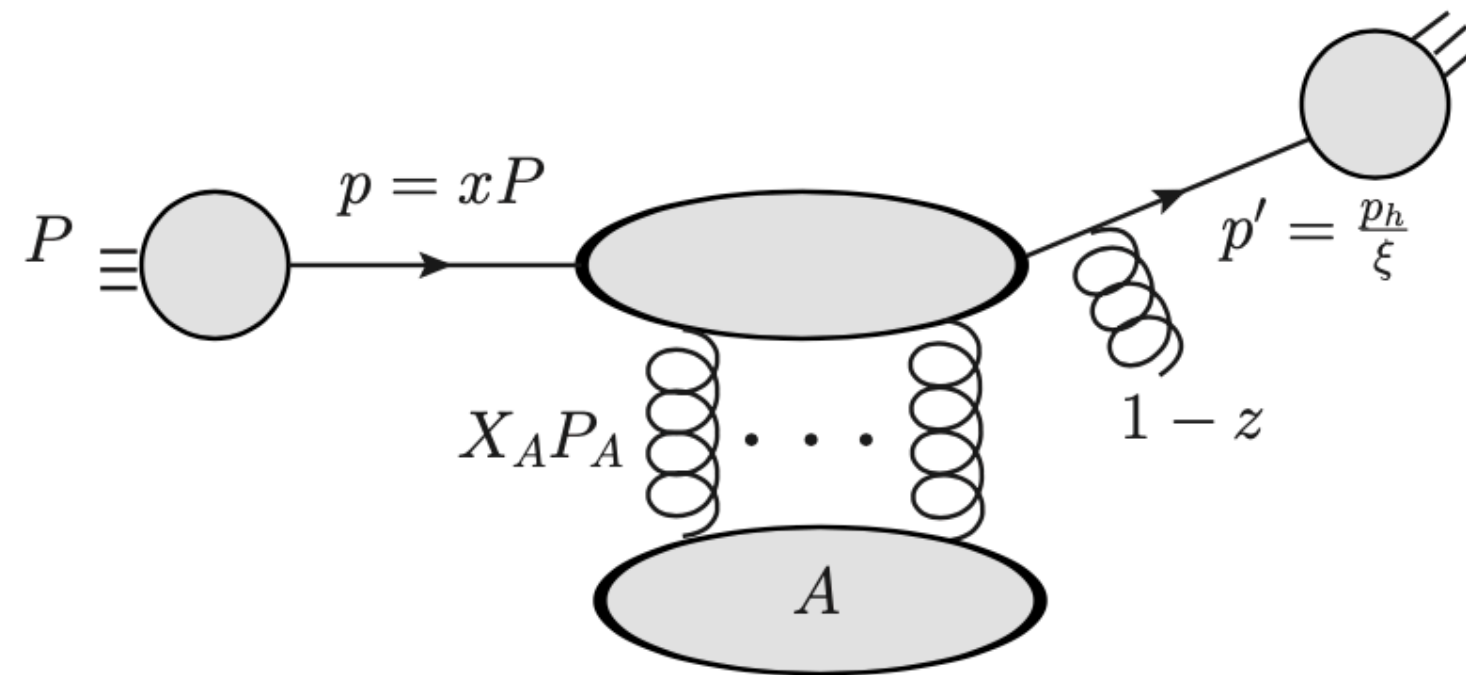
resummed, threshold PDFs/FFs

$$\left. + \delta(1-z) \ln \frac{X_f}{X_A} \left[\frac{r_\perp^2}{r'_\perp{}^2 r''_\perp{}^2} \right]_+ \right\} W_{aa'}(x_\perp) + \dots$$

Kang, XL, 2019

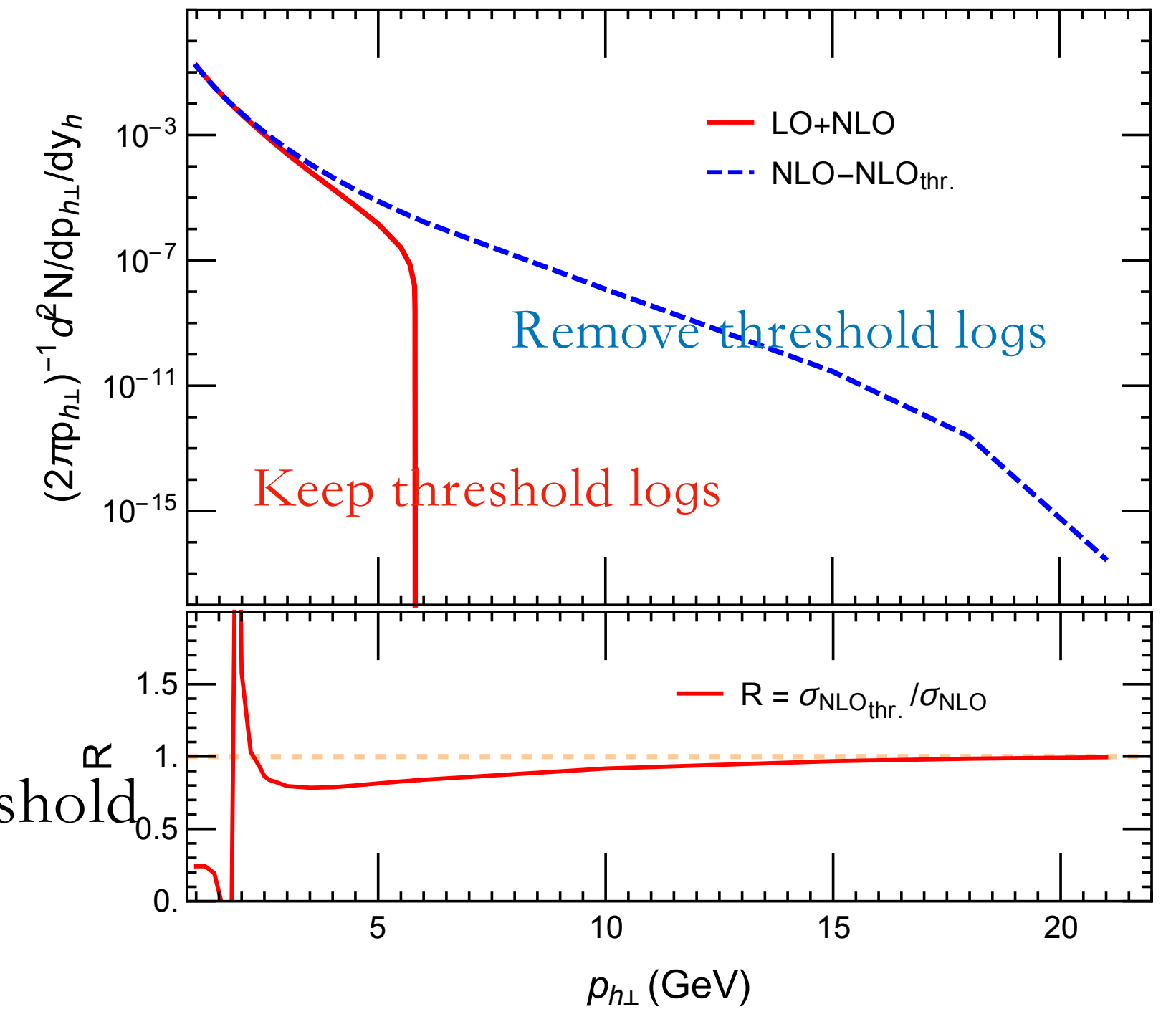
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$$X_f \equiv \nu/P_A \quad \tilde{P} \sim \frac{2}{(1-z)_+} \quad \frac{P_{h,\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} e^y < z < 1$$



When $1 - z$ is effectively small, the threshold contributions could be large and breaks down the fixed order results.

(Xiao, Yuan, 19, Kang, XL, 19)



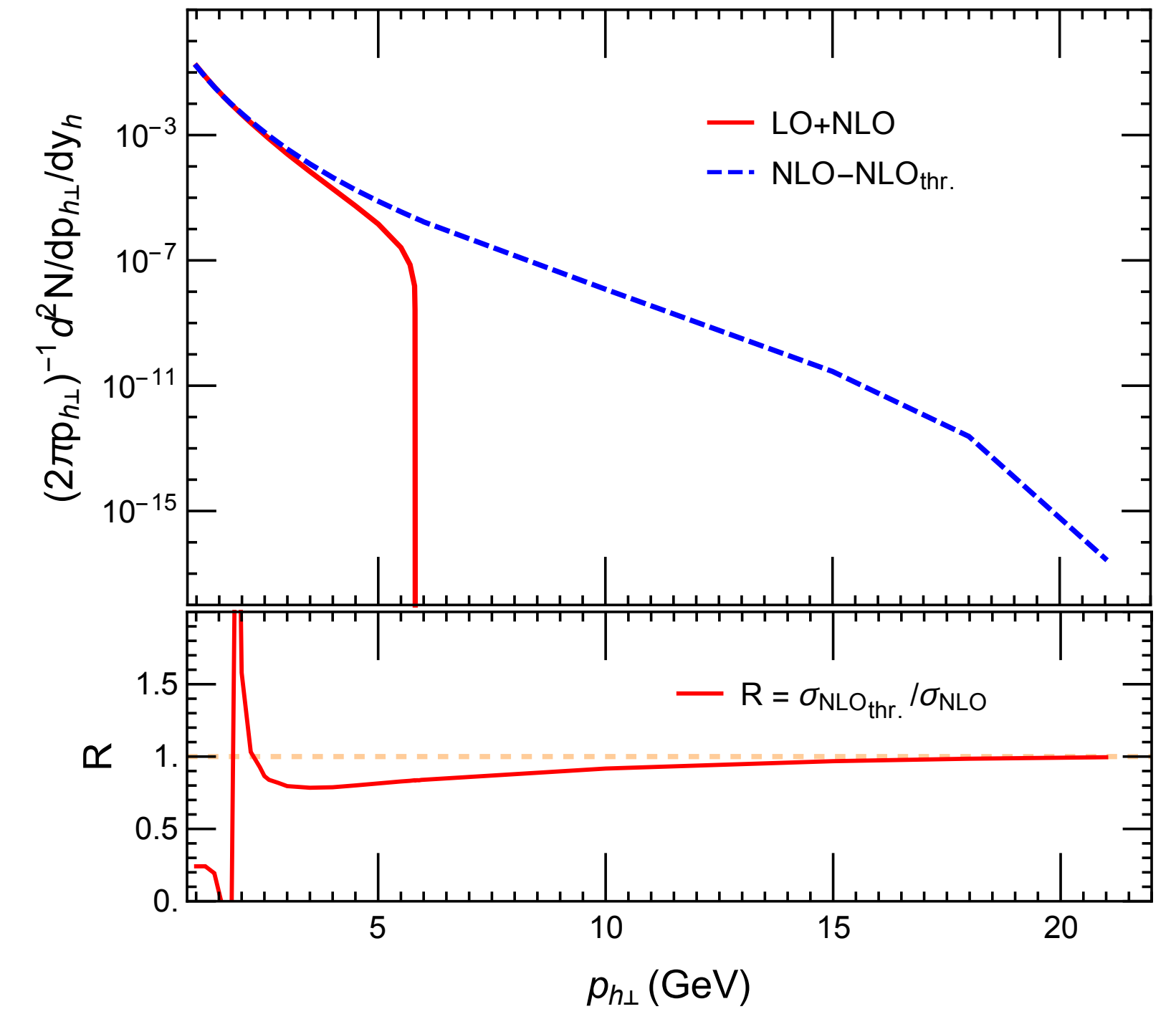
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SEVERAL SOLUTIONS IN THE MARKET

Kang, Vitev, Xing 2014

Iancu, Mueller, Triantafyllopoulos, 2016

Duclou, Lappi, Zhu, 2017

Liu, Ma, Chao, 2019, Kang, Liu 2019, Kang, Liu, Liu, 2020 + ...

Kang, Liu, XL, 2020

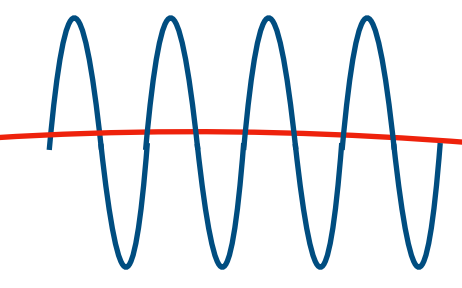
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What we should expect from a perturbative calculation

$\lambda_{long} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \rightarrow \infty$ **Crucial!!**

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$\lambda_{short} \sim \frac{1}{Q} \rightarrow 0$



EFT point of view:

$$\sigma \propto \left[\hat{\sigma}_i^{(0)} + \alpha_s \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} P(x) - P(x) \log \frac{\mu_F}{Q} + \dots \right) \right] f(x, \mu_F) \quad \checkmark$$

$\mu_F \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_i}{d\mu_F} = -P(x) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_i$
 $\mu_F \frac{df_i}{d\mu_F} = P(x) \otimes f_i$

$\mu_F = Q$ the scale to evaluate distribution w/o running $\hat{\sigma}_i$

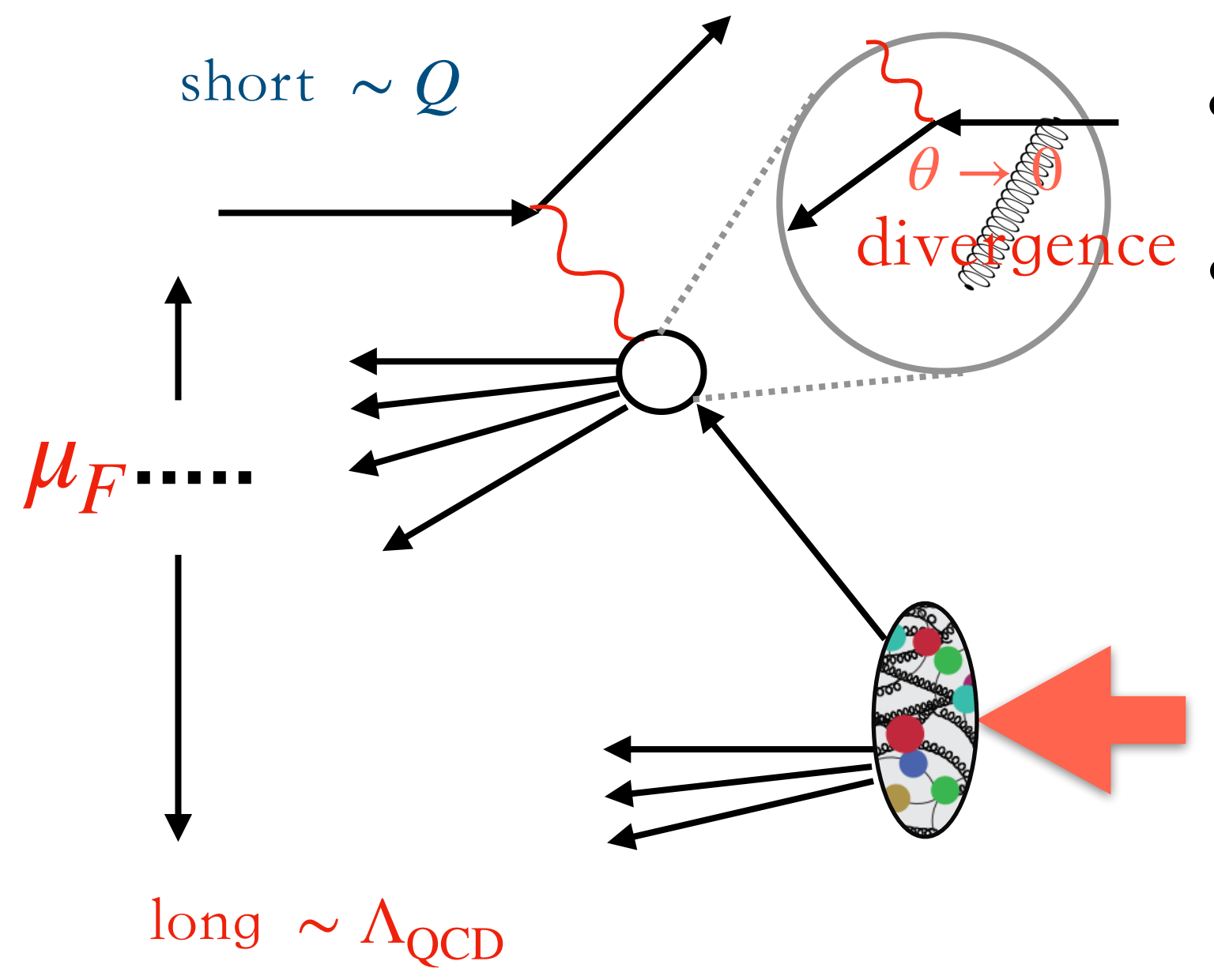
Dim Reg
 Preserve power counting

$\theta > \Lambda_{QCD}/Q$
 Violate power counting

$$\sigma \propto \left(\hat{\sigma}_i^{(0)} + \alpha_s \int^{1-\Lambda_{QCD}/Q} \frac{d\theta}{1-\theta} \dots \right) f_{i/P}(x, \Lambda_{QCD}) \quad \times$$

Wrong scale to evaluate the distribution

Large logs, mixing with non-perturbative objects

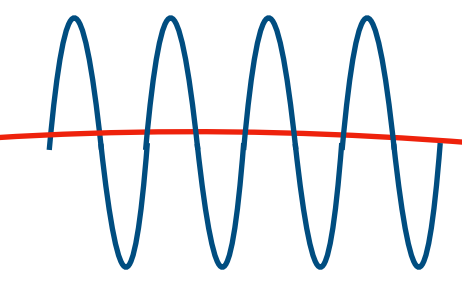


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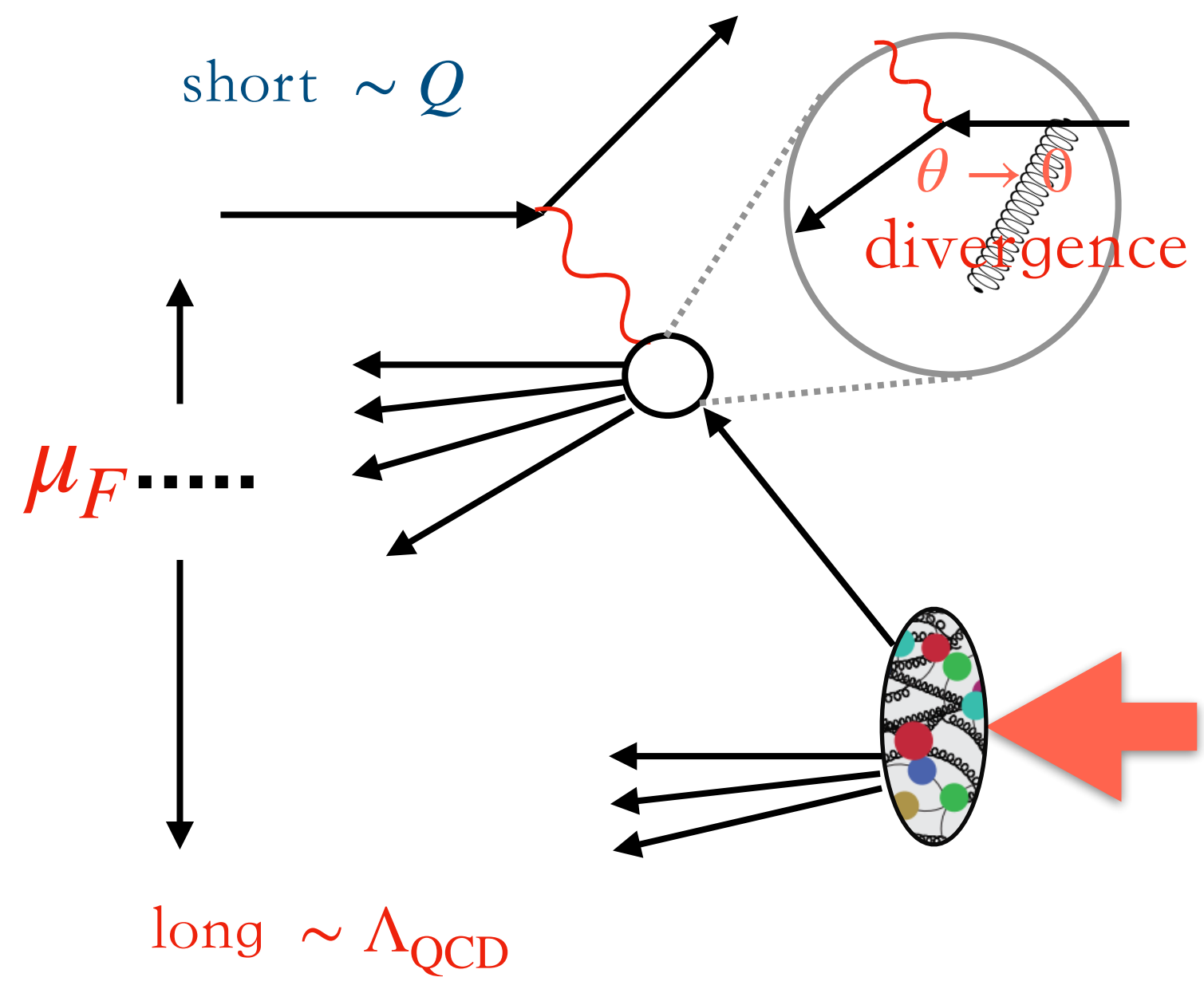
$$\left[\frac{\ln^n(1-z)}{1-z} \right]_+ \dots$$

~~$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\sigma}^{(1)}}{dz d^2 p_{\perp}'} \propto -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \mathbf{T}_i^2 P_{i \rightarrow i}(z) \ln \frac{r_{\perp}^2 \mu^2}{c_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z^2} e^{i \frac{1-z}{z} p'_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp}} \right)$$

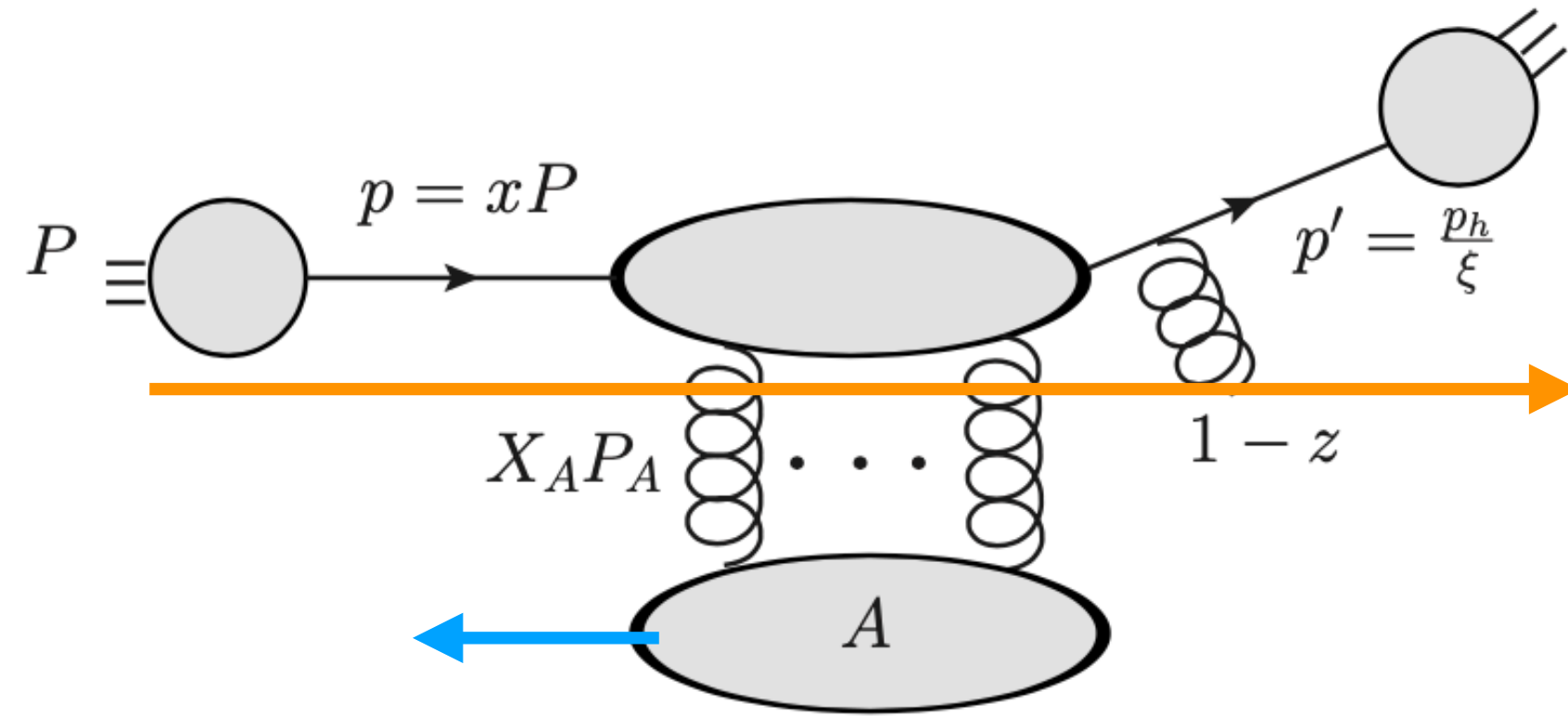
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Additional perturbative re-factorization of the short distance coefficient is required to resum those logs, for instance SCET, conventional QCD approach ...



Power counting



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Away from the threshold

Modes contribute to p_{\perp}

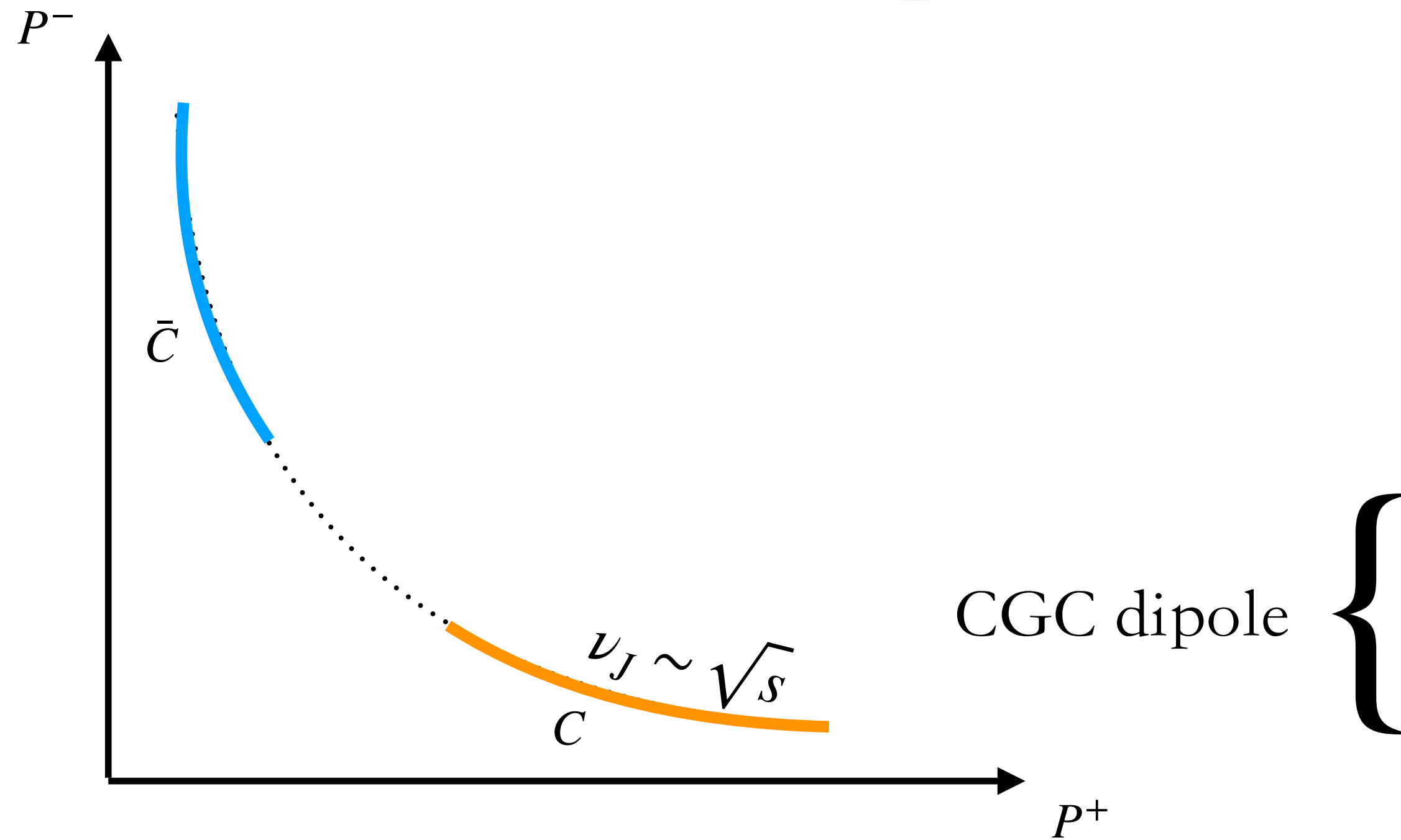
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$$P_c = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}(1, \lambda, \lambda^2) \quad \text{forward rapidity}$$

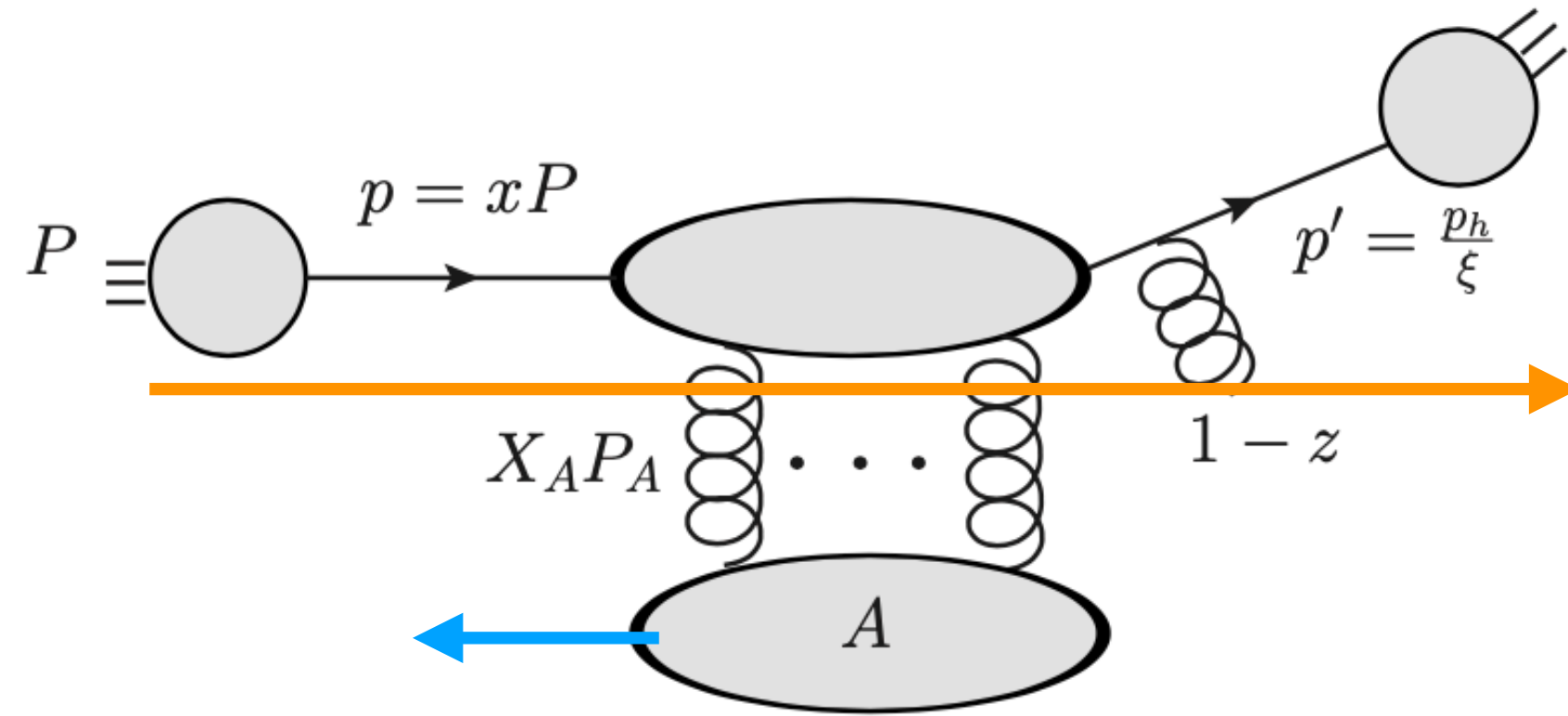
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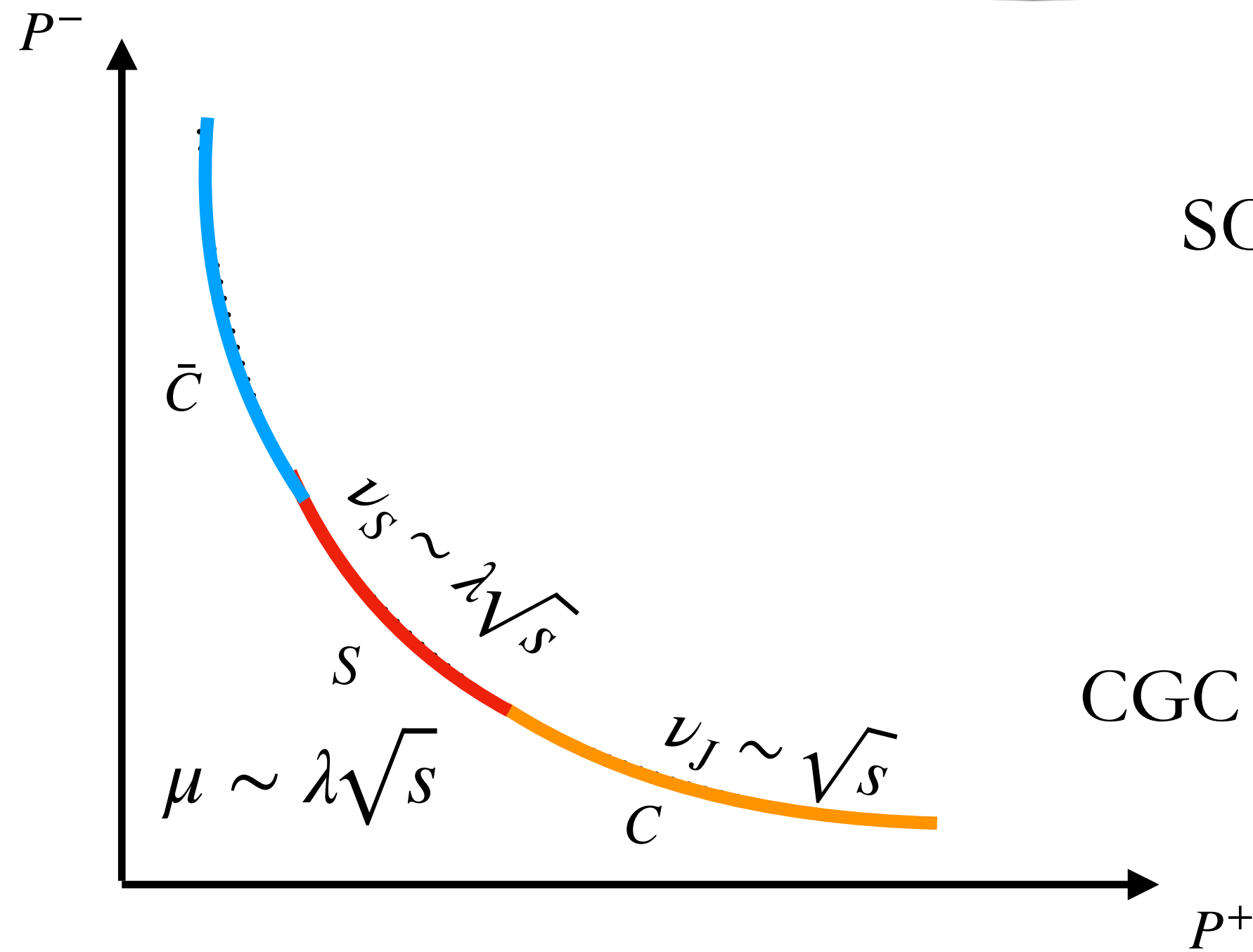
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$$k_s = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda) \quad \text{central rapidity}$$

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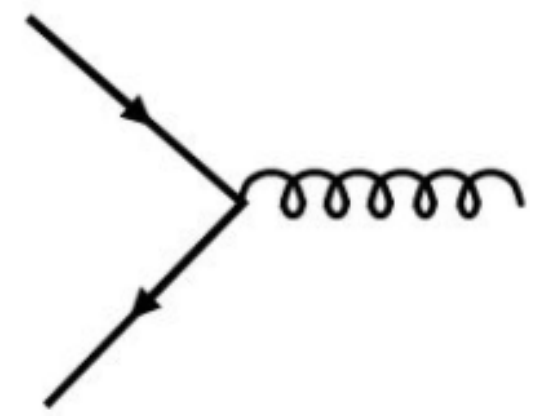


SCET

CGC dipole

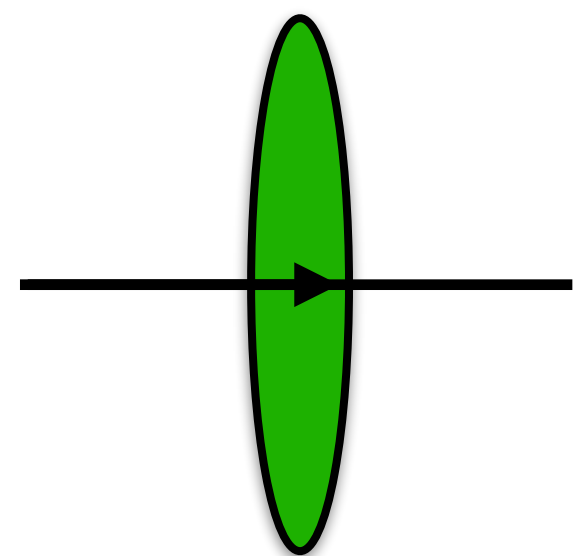
Power counting

Collinear Interactions $\bar{n} \cdot A = 0$



$$= ig_s t^a \left(n^\alpha + \frac{q_\perp^\alpha \not{n}_\perp}{\bar{n} \cdot q} + \frac{\not{n}_\perp q_\perp'^\alpha}{\bar{n} \cdot q'} \right) \frac{\not{n}}{2}$$

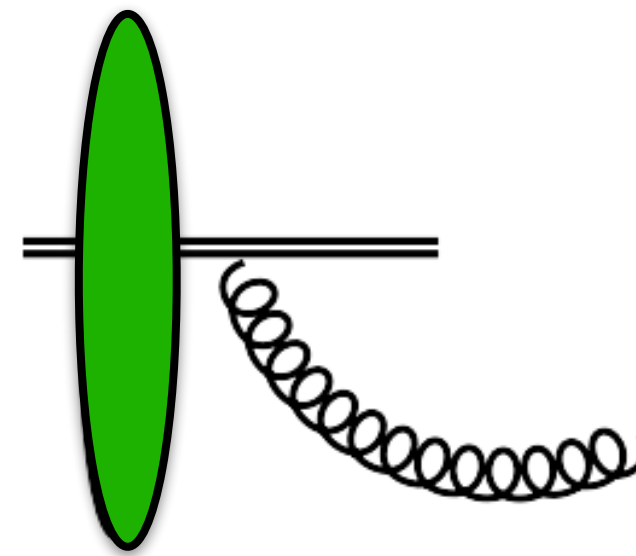
Bad components in terms of the good components



$$= \frac{\not{n}}{2} \int db_\perp W_{ij}(b_\perp) 2(2\pi)\delta(p^+ - p'^+)$$

+...

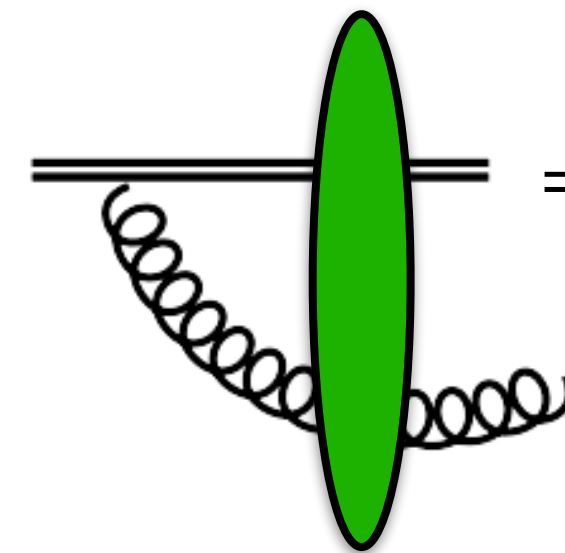
Soft Current



$$= -g_s \mathbf{T}^a \frac{n^\alpha}{n \cdot k} \left(\frac{\nu}{k_\perp} \right)^{\frac{\eta}{2}} e^{-\frac{\eta}{2}|y|}$$

rapidity regulator Chiu, et al. 2011

Nothing but eikonal approximation



$$= i \frac{g_s \mathbf{T}^b}{(4\pi)^{1-\epsilon}} \mu^{2\epsilon} \nu^{\frac{\eta}{2}} e^{-\frac{\eta}{2}|y|} \frac{\Gamma[1 - \epsilon - \eta/4]}{\Gamma[1 + \eta/4]} \int dx_\perp r_\perp'^\alpha \left[\frac{r_\perp'^2}{4} \right]^{-1+\epsilon+\eta/4} W_{ab}(x_\perp) e^{ik_\perp \cdot x_\perp}$$

Can be viewed as additional sources of soft radiations

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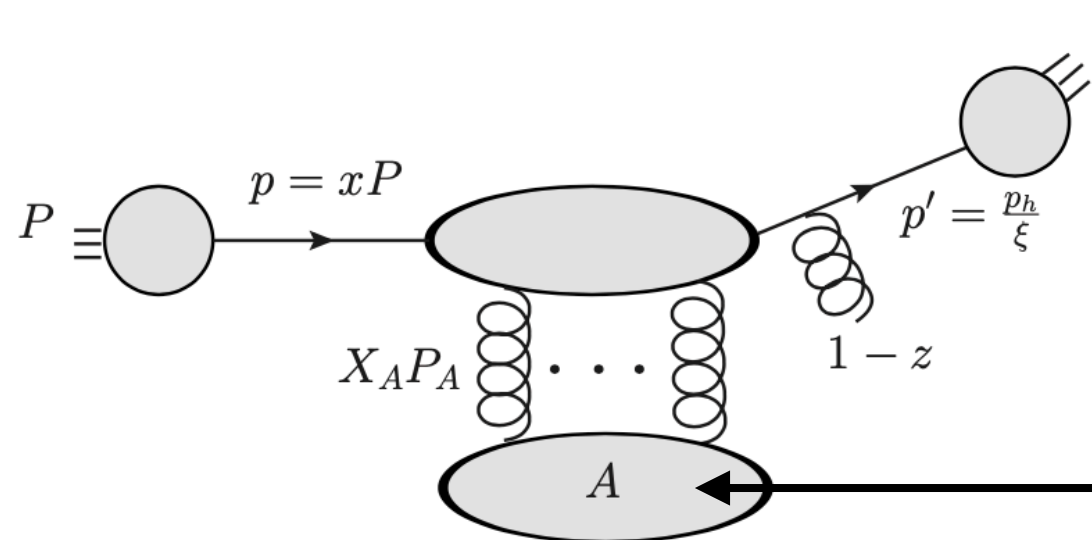
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- Reproduce exactly the NLO using LFPT
- Regulator to turn rapidity divergence to pole (**forward**)
- Generate the rapidity scale for the collinear sector, $\nu_J \sim p^+$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_h d^2p_{h\perp}} = \sum_{i,j=g,q} \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi^2} \frac{dx}{x} z x f_{i/P}(x, \mu) D_{h/j}(\xi, \mu) \\ \times \int d^2b_\perp d^2b'_\perp e^{ip'_\perp \cdot r_\perp} \\ \times \left\langle \left\langle \mathcal{M}_0(b'_\perp) \left| \mathcal{J}(z, \mu, \nu, b_\perp, b'_\perp) \mathcal{S}(\mu, \nu, b_\perp, b'_\perp) \right| \mathcal{M}_0(b_\perp) \right\rangle \right\rangle_\nu.$$



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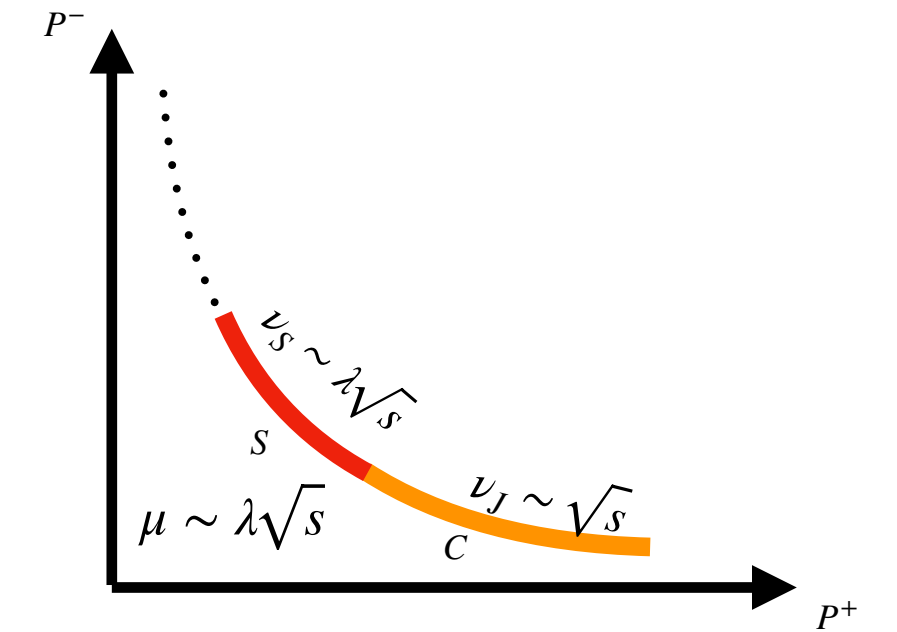
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- Poles (**forward + backward**)
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- Remaining rap. pole to be absorbed (cancelled) by the small-x distribution
- Rap. scale arises naturally, $\nu \sim p_\perp^2/p^+ \sim x_A P_A \sim e^{-Y_A}$
- Reproduce the BK equation

See also, Liu, Ma, Chao 1909.02370

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Same log

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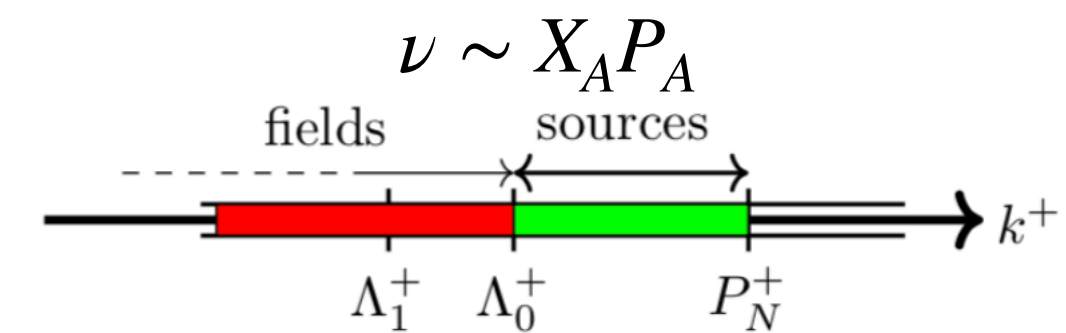
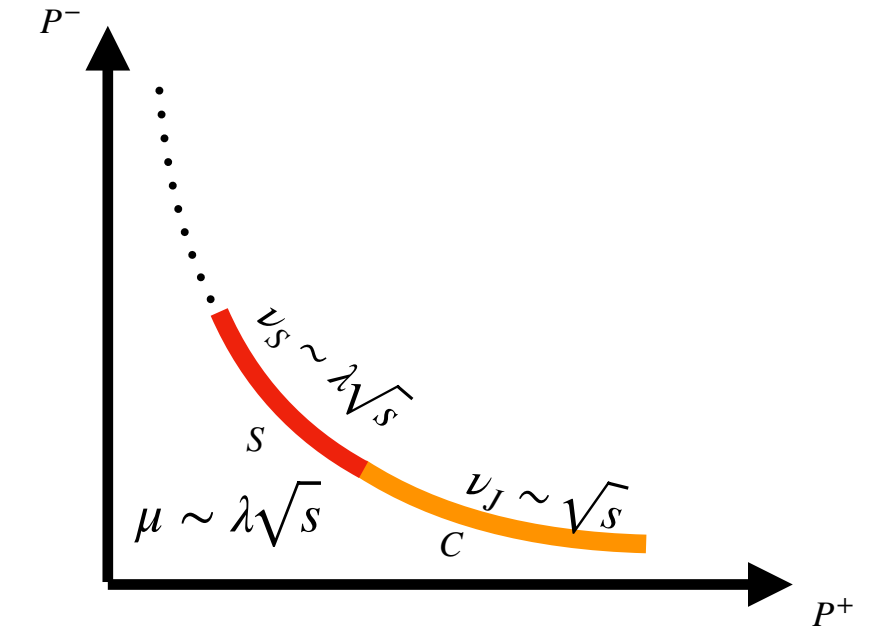
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In principle, we need to worry about the hierarchy and turn on resummation.

$$U_J U_S = \exp \left[\gamma_{\nu} \ln \frac{\nu \nu_J}{\nu_S^2} \right] = \exp \left[\gamma_{\nu} \ln \frac{X_f}{X_A} \right]$$

$$\gamma_{\nu} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \int \frac{dx_{\perp}}{\pi} \left[\frac{r_{\perp}^2}{r'_{\perp}{}^2 r''_{\perp}{}^2} \right]_+ \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^{a'} W_{aa'}(x_{\perp})$$



- Complicated evolution
- Is 1, once the CGC rap. scale is made. All logs are then absorbed into the small-x distribution

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Threshold $1 - z \sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ Liu, Kang, XL, 2004.11990

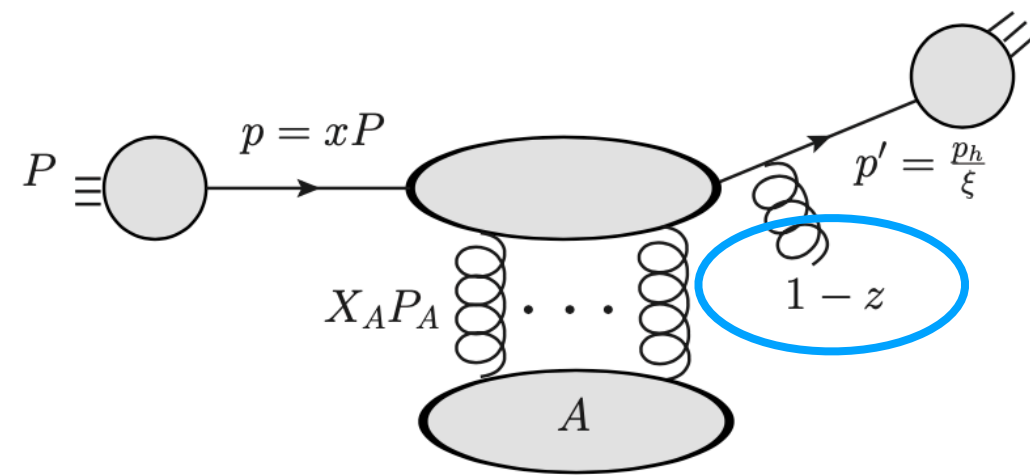
$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\sigma}^{(1)}}{dz d^2 p'_\perp} \propto -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \mathbf{T}_i^2 P_{i \rightarrow i}(z) \ln \frac{r_\perp^2 \mu^2}{c_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z^2} e^{i \frac{1-z}{z} p'_\perp \cdot r_\perp} \right)$$

$$- \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^{a'} \int \frac{dx_\perp}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{z} \tilde{P}_{i \rightarrow i}(z) e^{i \frac{1-z}{z} p'_\perp \cdot r'_\perp} \frac{r'_\perp \cdot r''_\perp}{r'^2_\perp r''^2_\perp} \right.$$

$$\left. + \delta(1-z) \ln \frac{X_f}{X_A} \left[\frac{r_\perp^2}{r'^2_\perp r''^2_\perp} \right]_+ \right\} W_{aa'}(x_\perp) + \dots$$

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$$\tilde{P} \sim \frac{2}{(1-z)_+}$$

$$\frac{p_{h,\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} e^y < z < 1$$

No real energetic collinear radiations allowed. Collinear momentum occurs only in the virtual loops

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_h d^2 p_{h,\perp}} = \sum_{i,j=g,q} \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi^2} \frac{dx}{x} z x f_{i/P}(x, \mu) D_{h/j}(\xi, \mu)$$

$$\times \int d^2 b_\perp d^2 b'_\perp e^{i p'_\perp \cdot r_\perp}$$

$$\times \left\langle \langle \mathcal{M}_0(b'_\perp) | \mathcal{J}(z, \mu, \nu, b_\perp, b'_\perp) \mathcal{S}(\mu, \nu, b_\perp, b'_\perp) | \mathcal{M}_0(b_\perp) \rangle \right\rangle_\nu.$$

$$\mathcal{J}(z) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_{thr.} \quad \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{thr.}(z)$$

Contains only loops

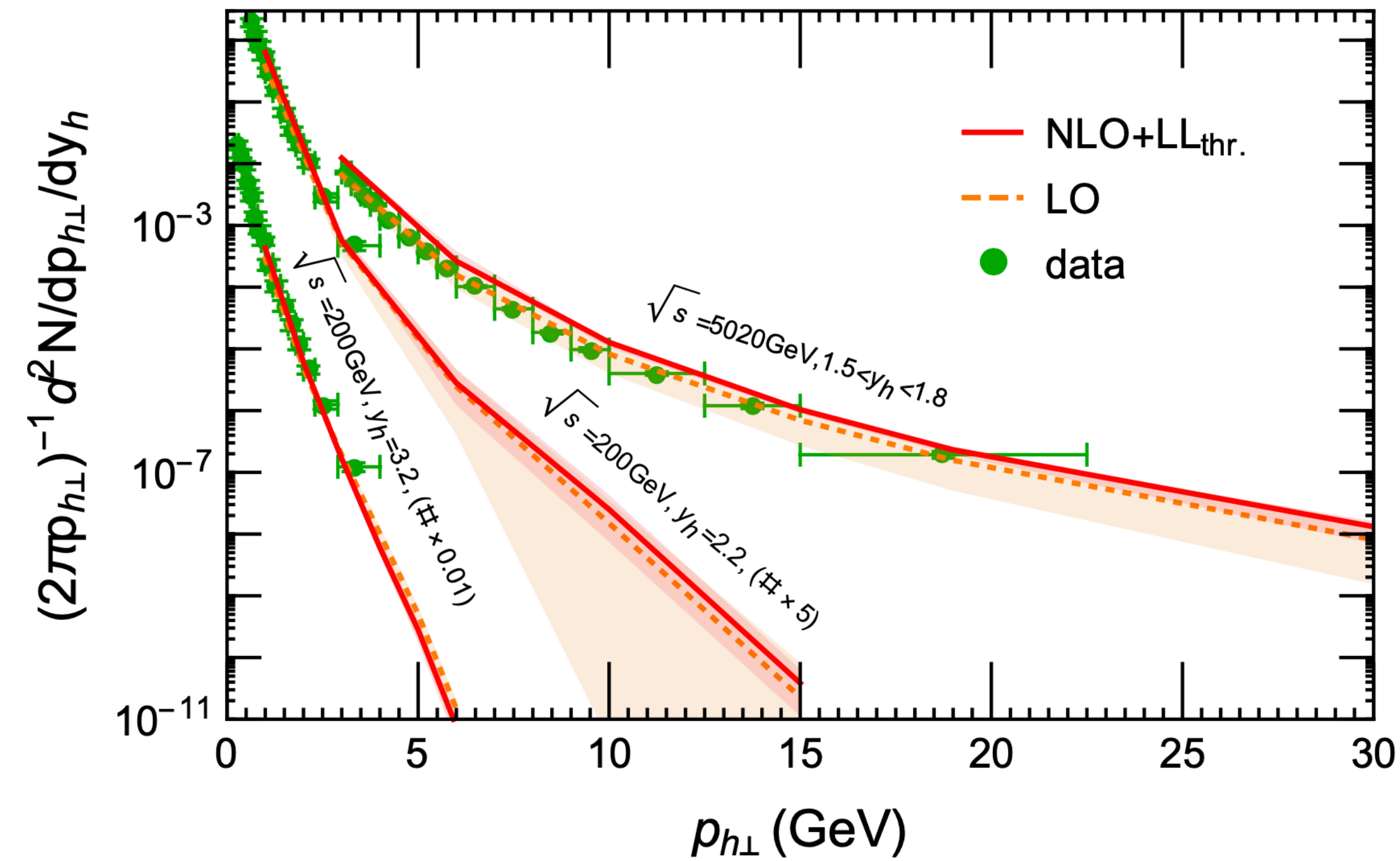
$$U_{\mathcal{J}_{thr.}} U_{\mathcal{S}_{thr.}} = \exp \left[-\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \int \frac{dx_\perp}{\pi} \left(\ln \frac{\nu_S}{\nu_J} I_{BK,r} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. + \ln \frac{X_f}{X_A} I_{BK} \right) \mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^{a'} W_{aa'}(x_\perp) \right]$$

- Novel threshold resummation structure.
- CGC rap. scale choice can not resum threshold logs
- Dynamical scale X_f can be determined numerically to minimize the evolution.

Threshold

Numerics



- Dynamical scale X_f determined numerically to minimize the evolution.
- Stay positive
- good agreements with data and ready for phenomenological applications

Conclusions

- CGC physics to a precision physics playground
- Power counting plays the role with additional soft corrections and threshold resummation resolves the negative issue for the forward hadron inclusive production
- More to study in the future:
 - Jet, DIS, spin ...
 - Push precisions with SCET, Multi-loop techniques