

Hard probes of nuclear matter and Jet tomography

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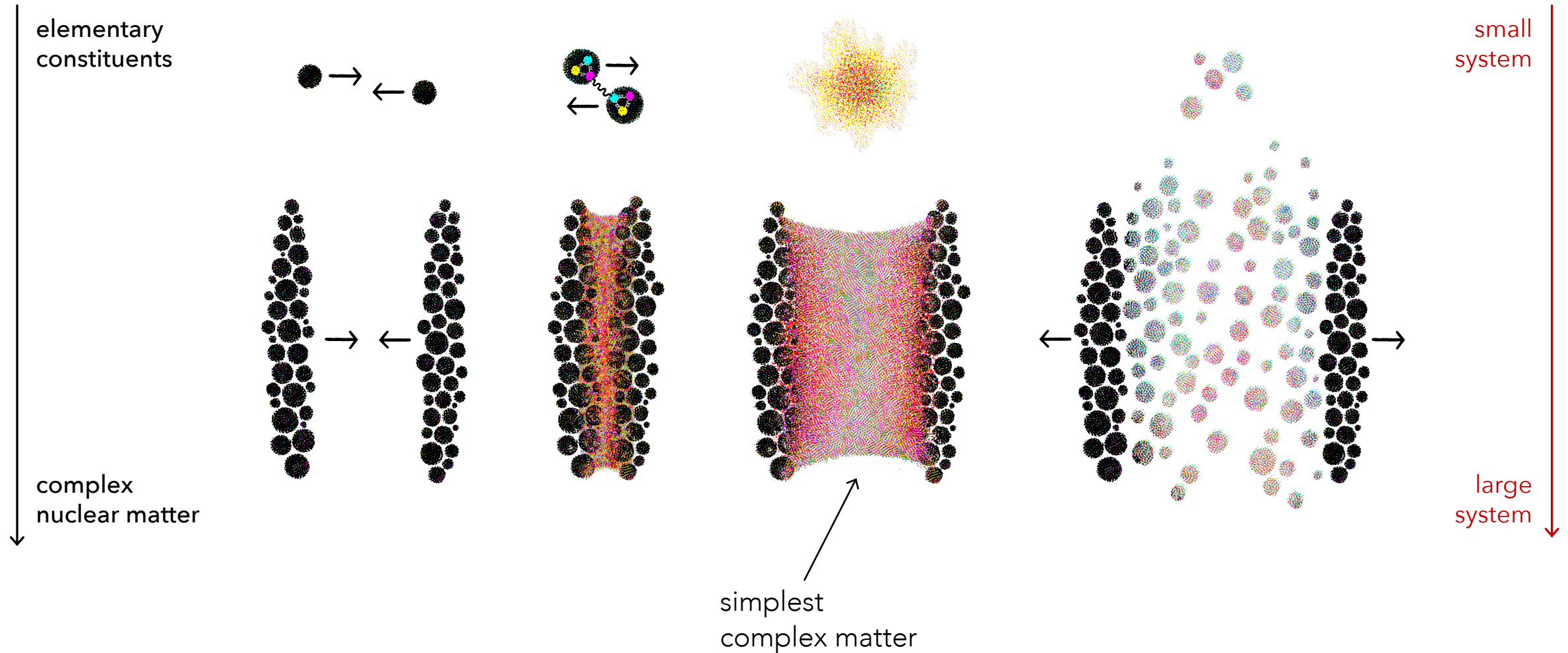
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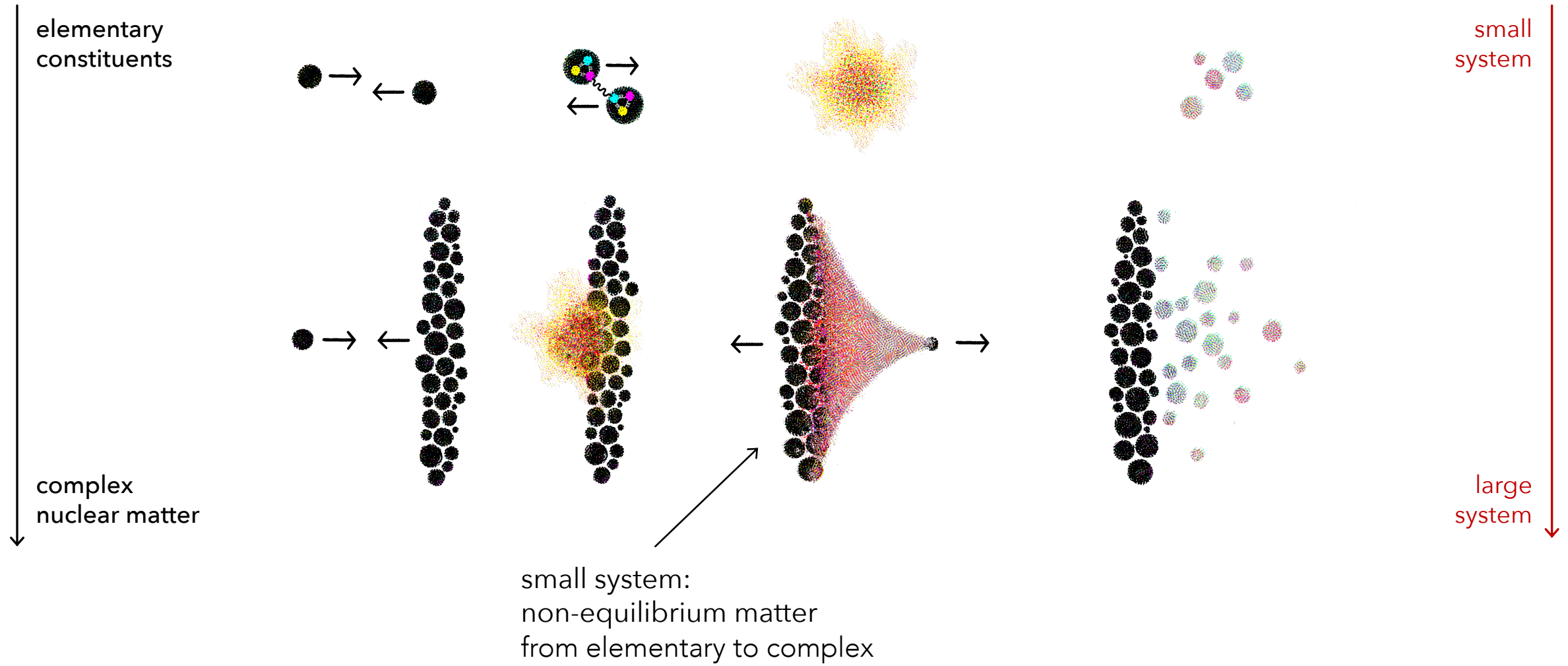


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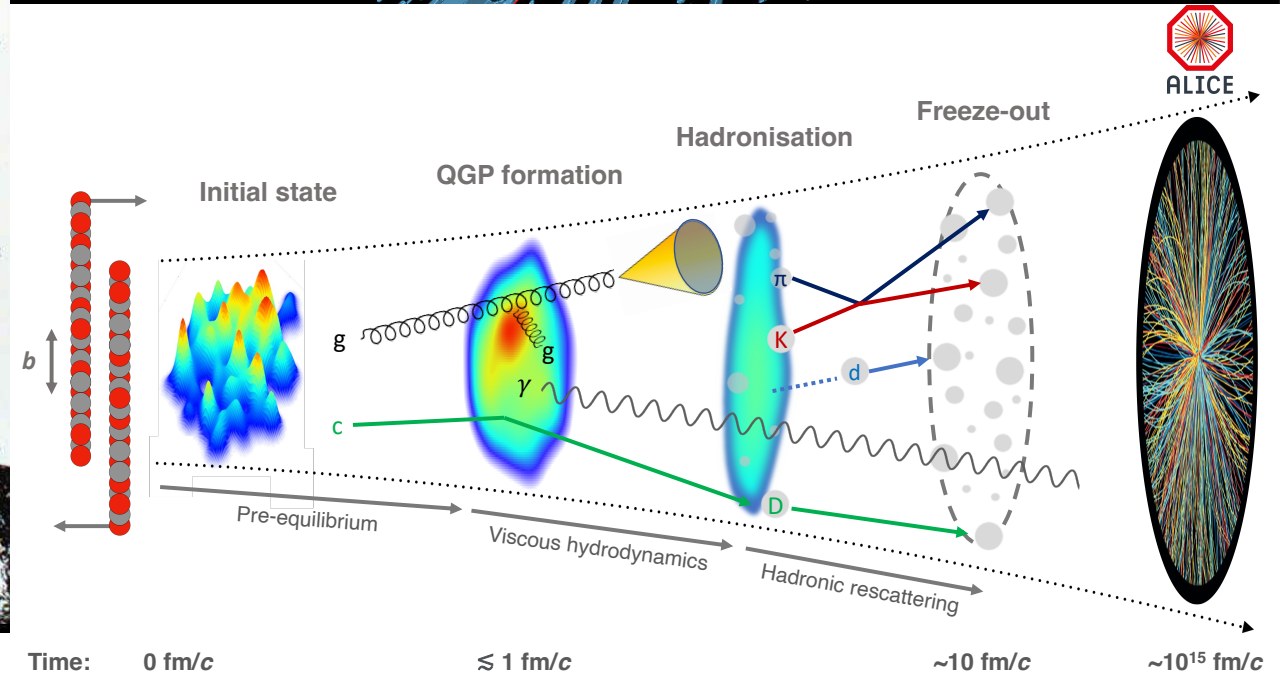
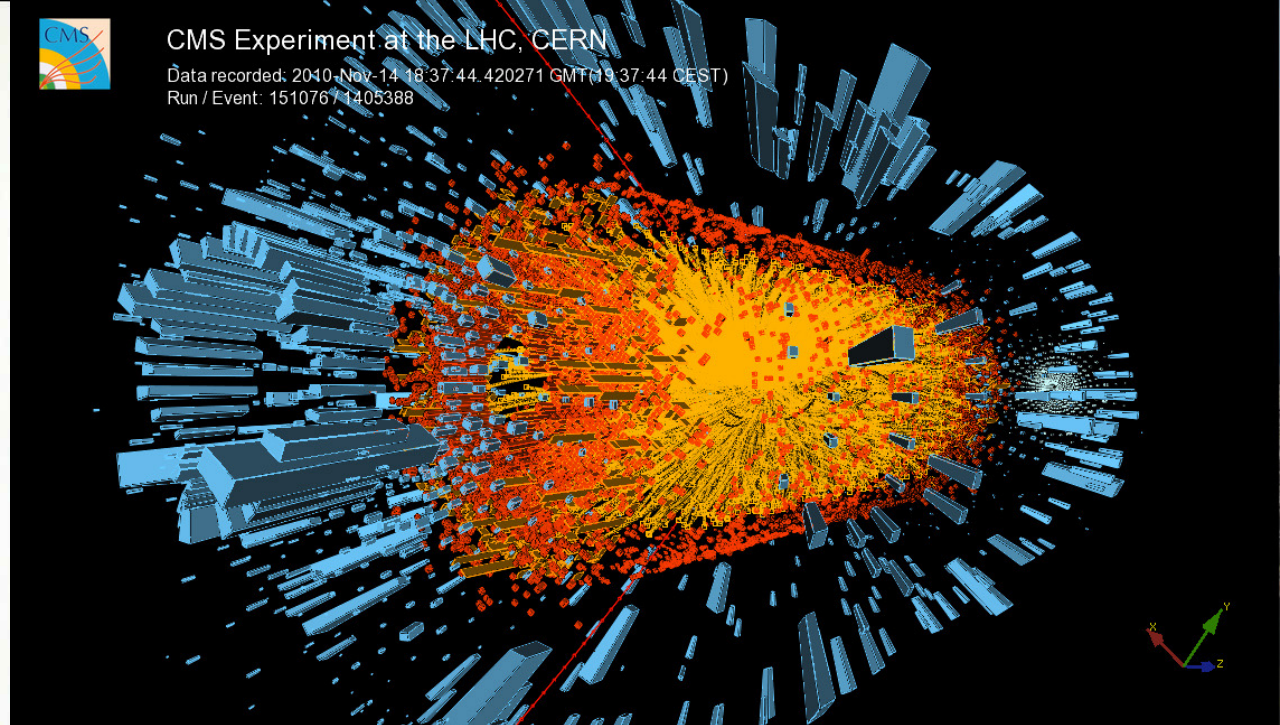
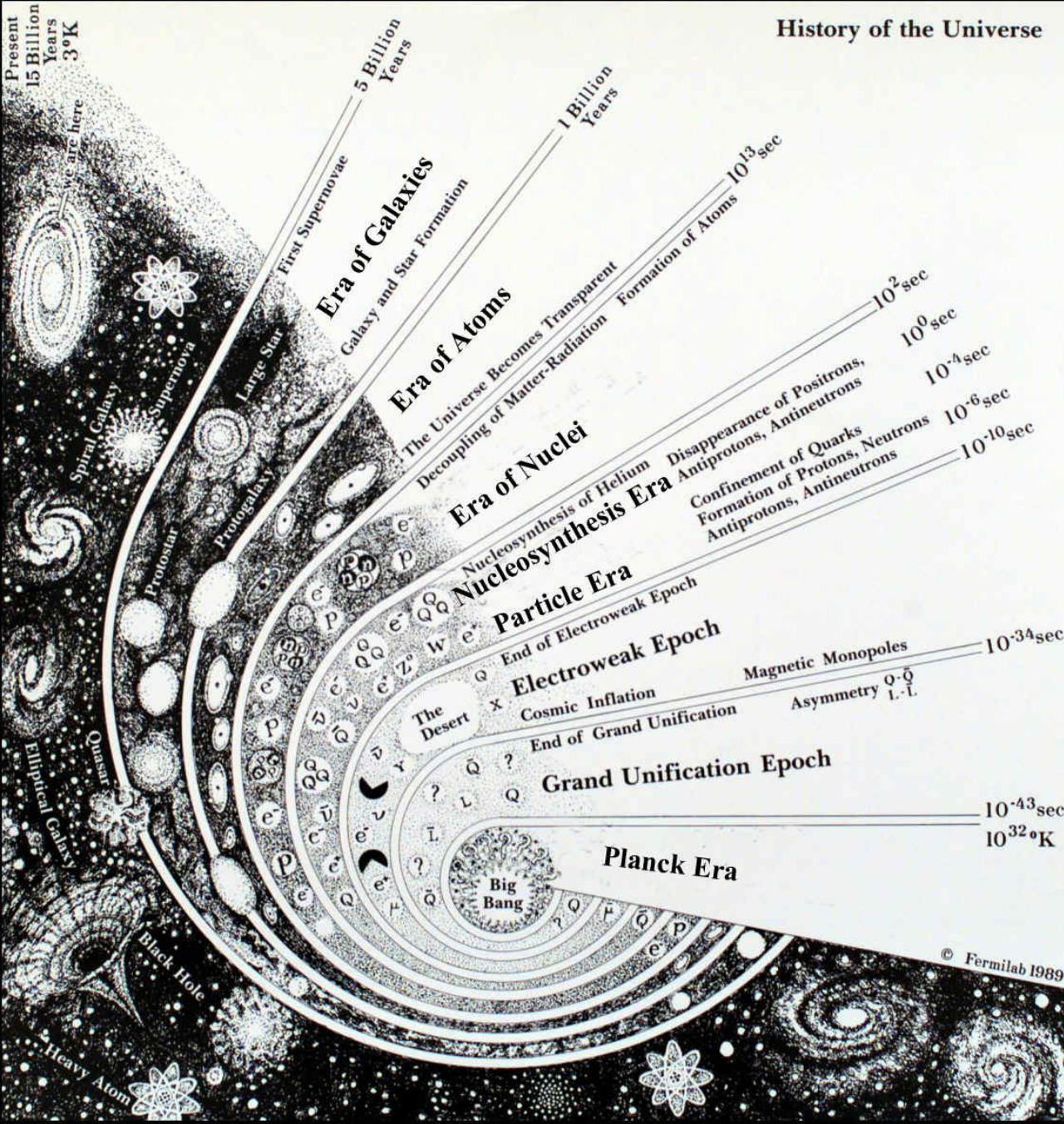


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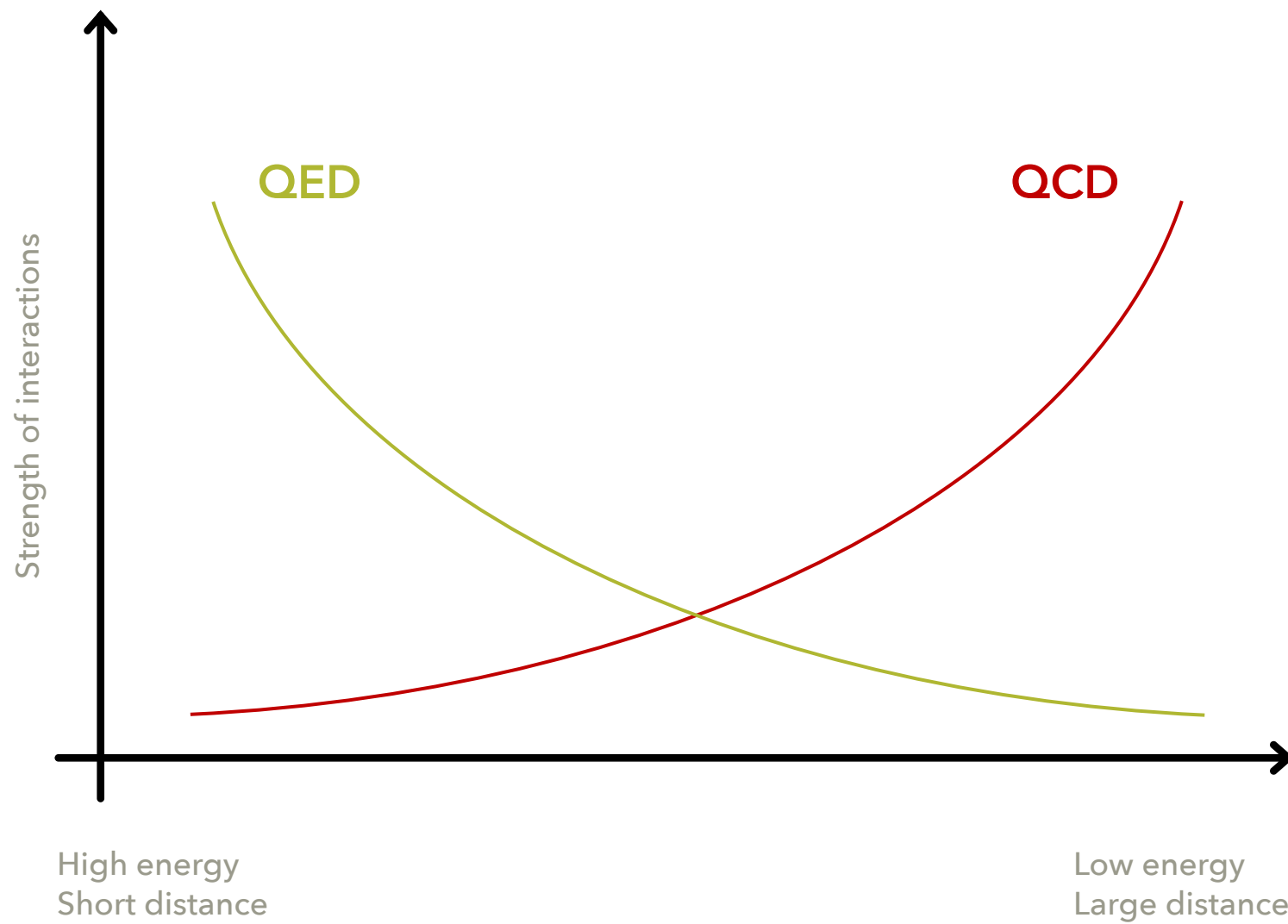
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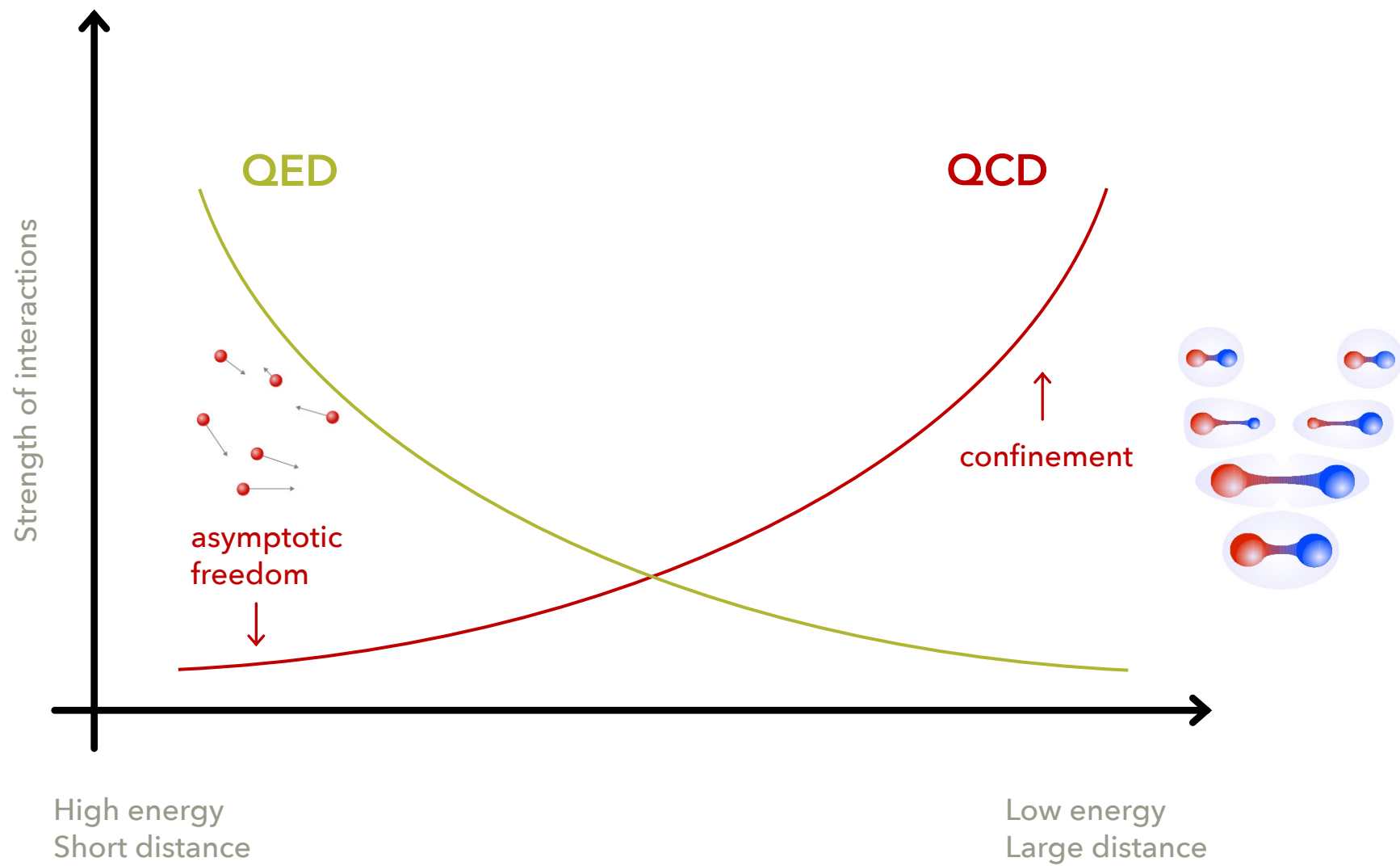
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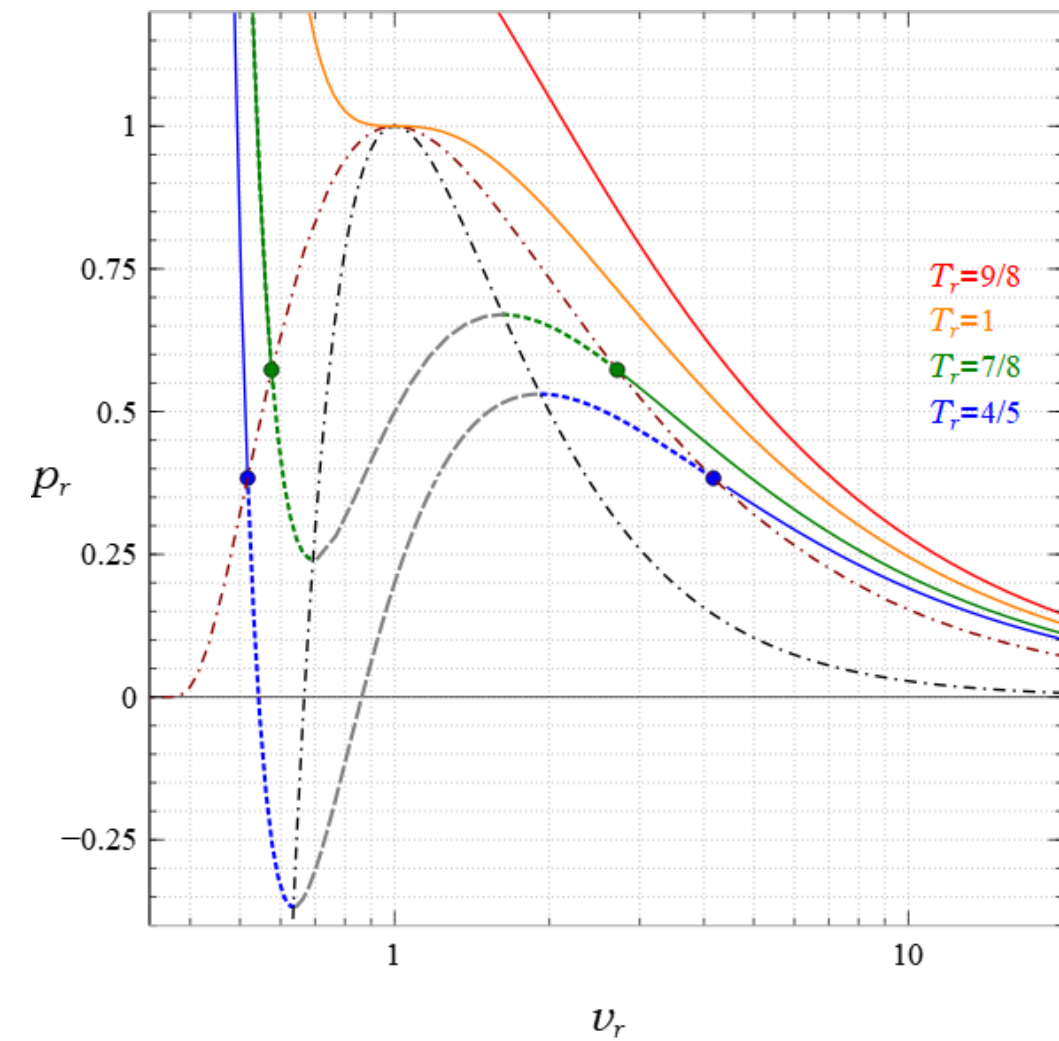
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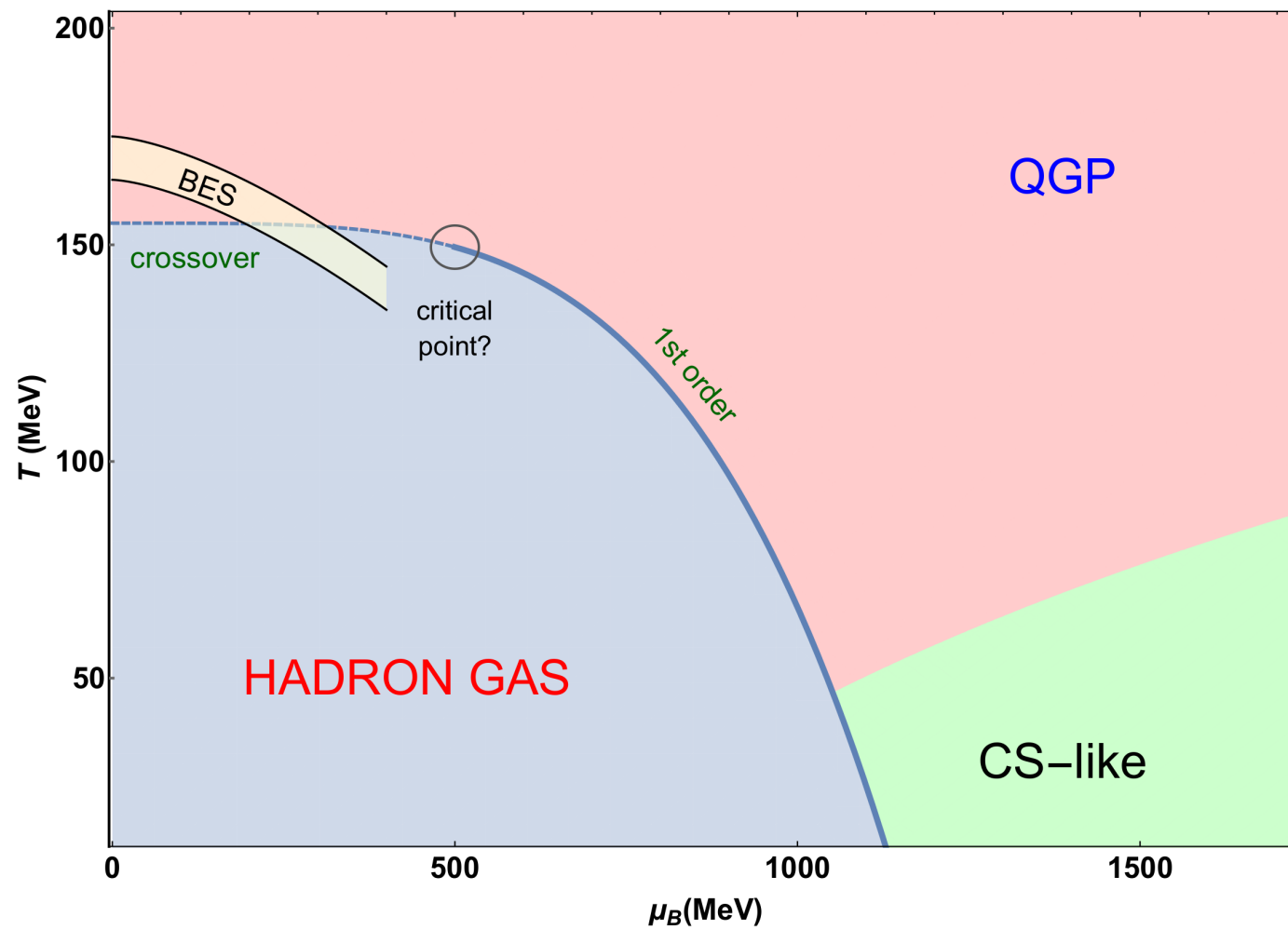




van der Waals gas



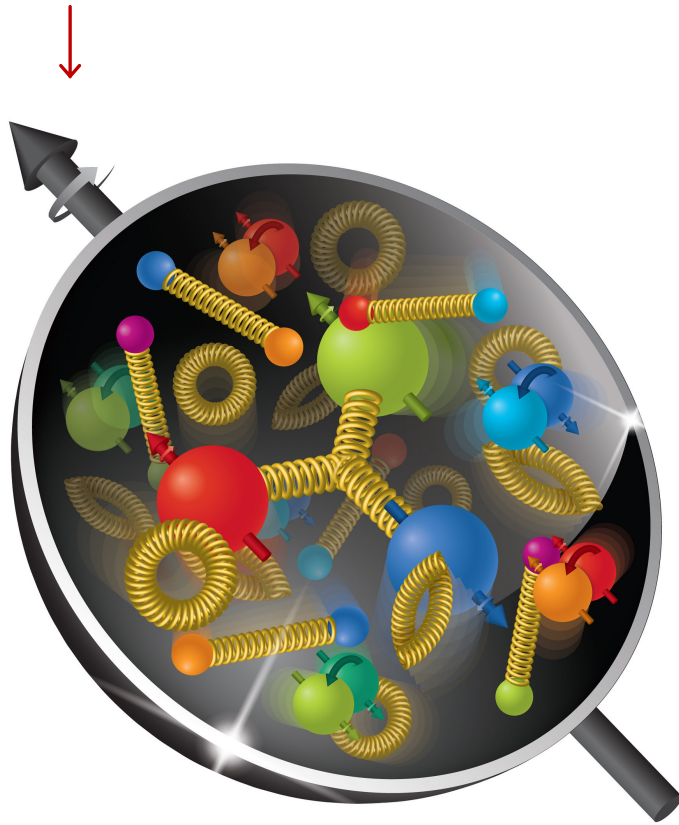
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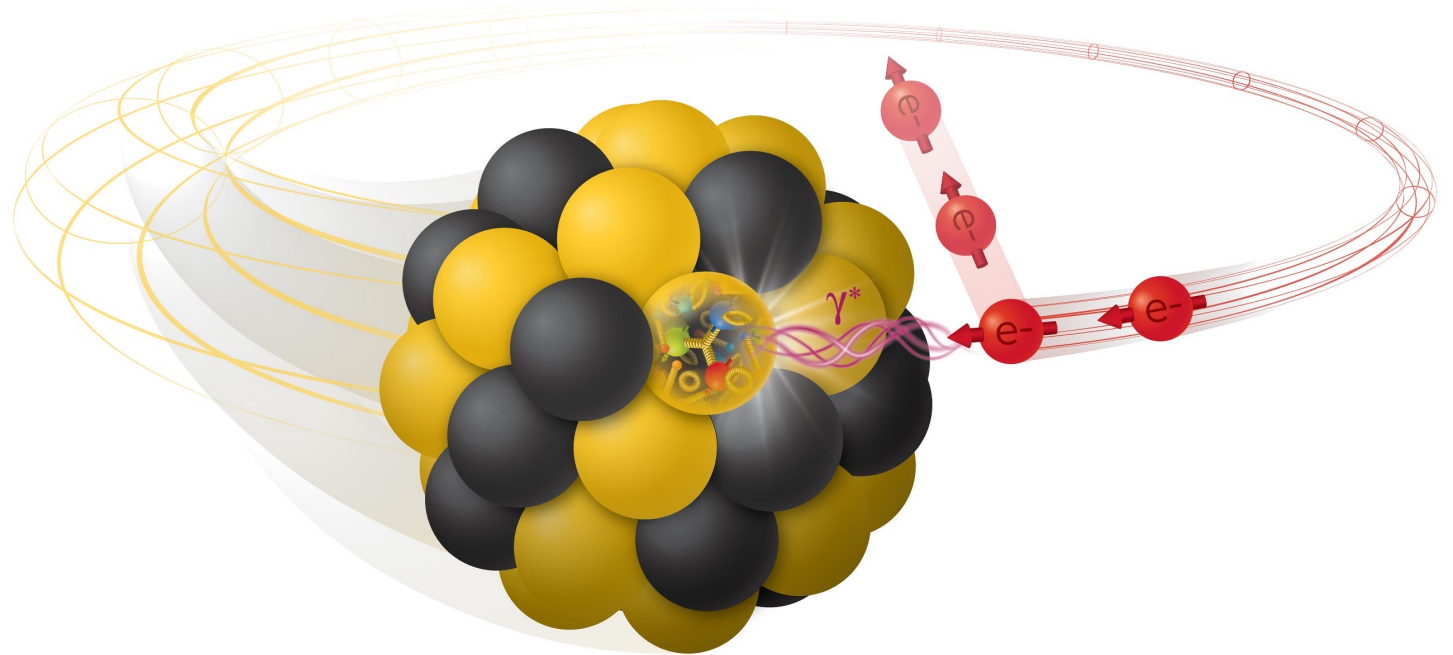
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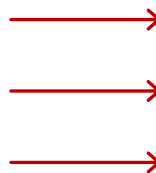
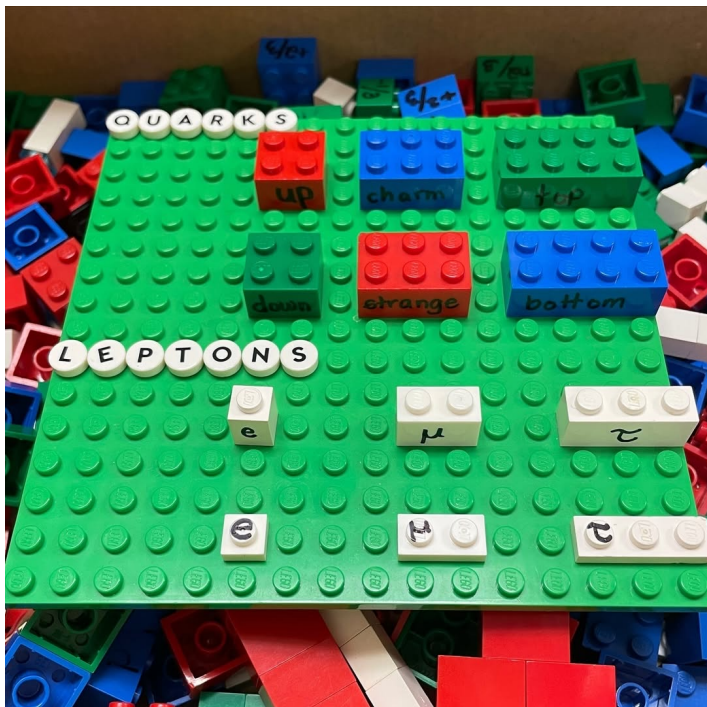
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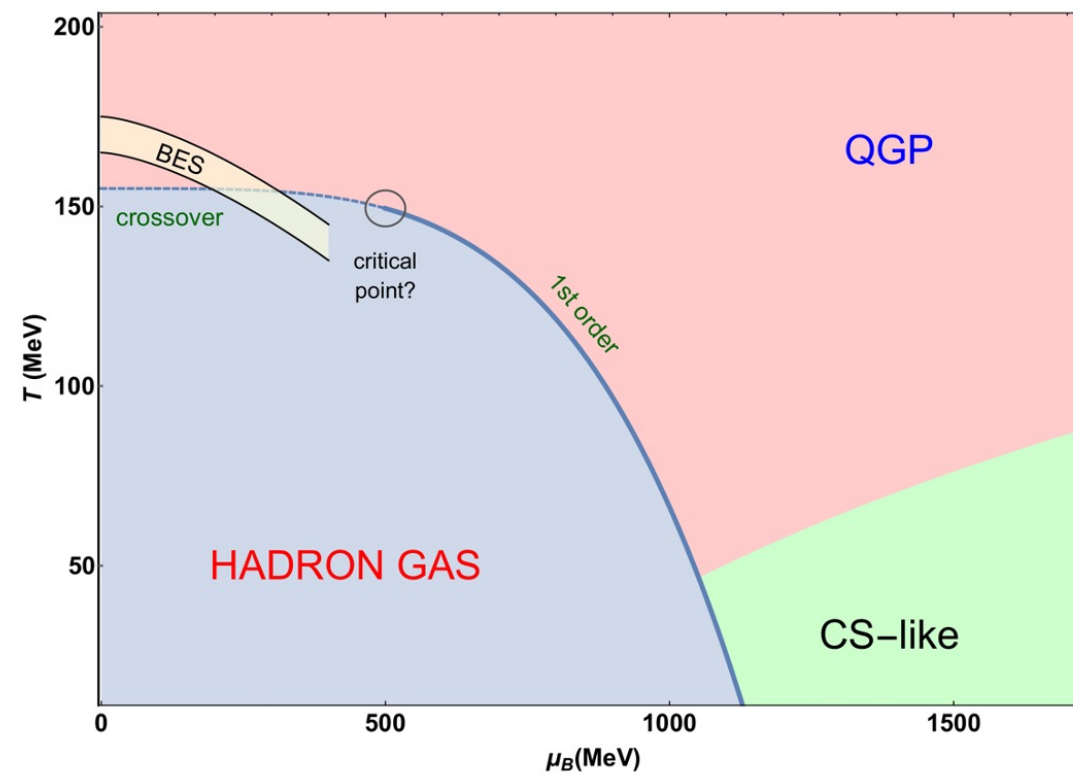
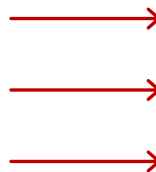
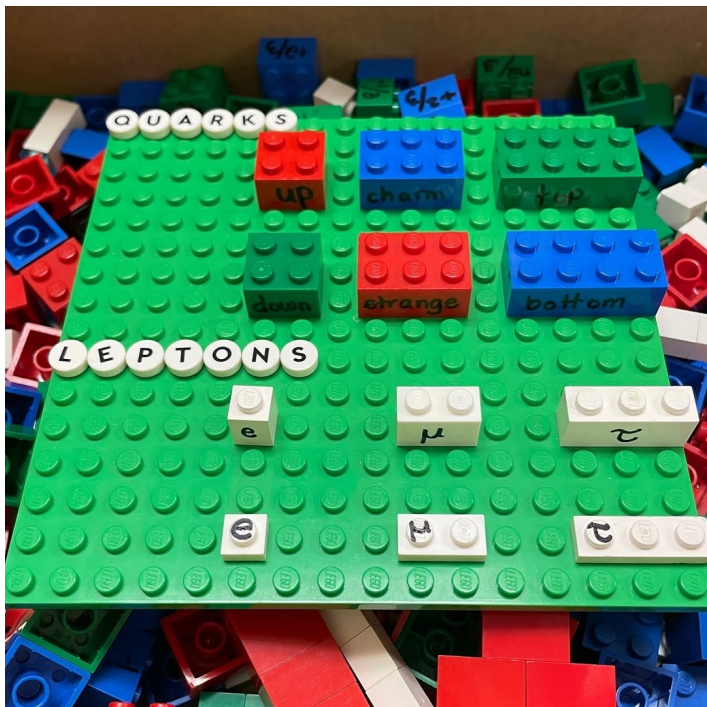


Do we understand
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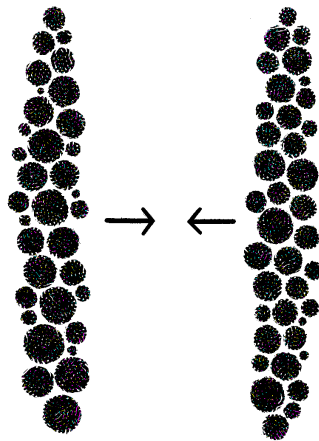
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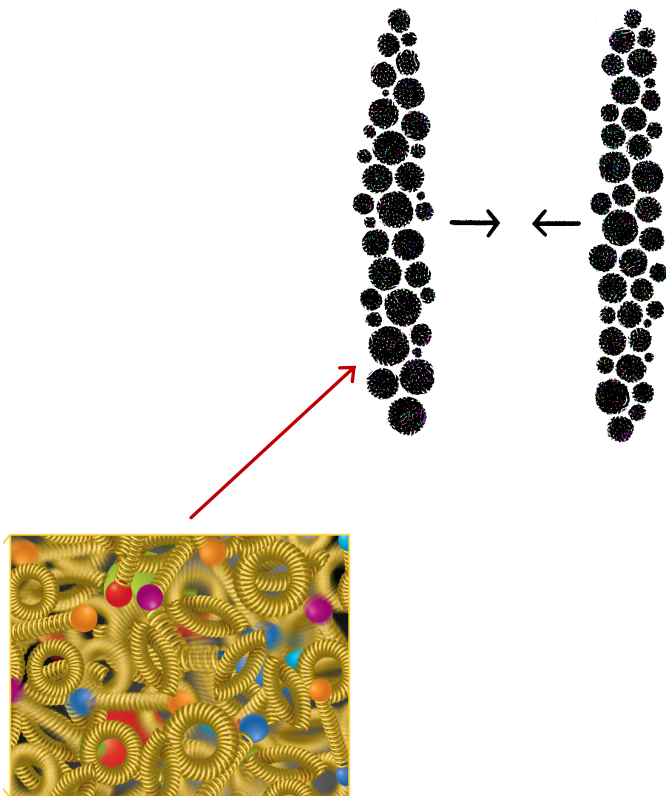
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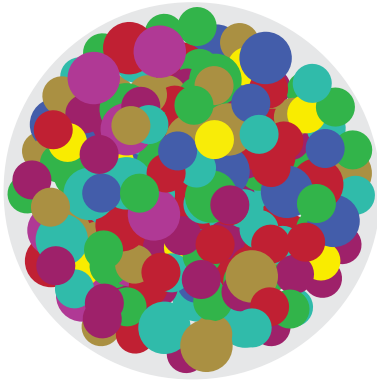


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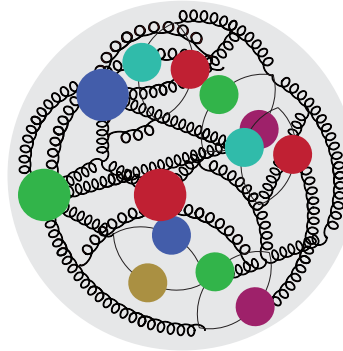


Color glass condensate

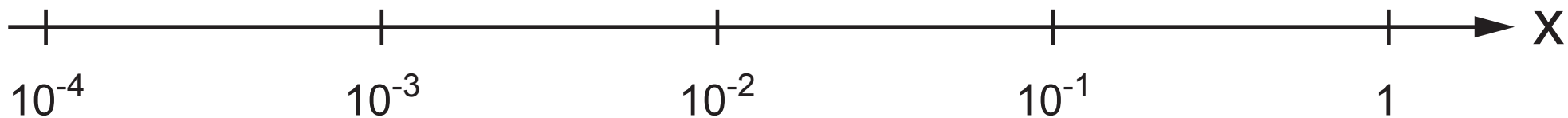
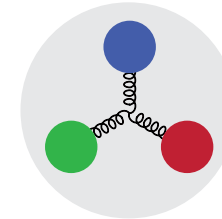
Non-Linear Dynamics
Regime



Radiation Dominated
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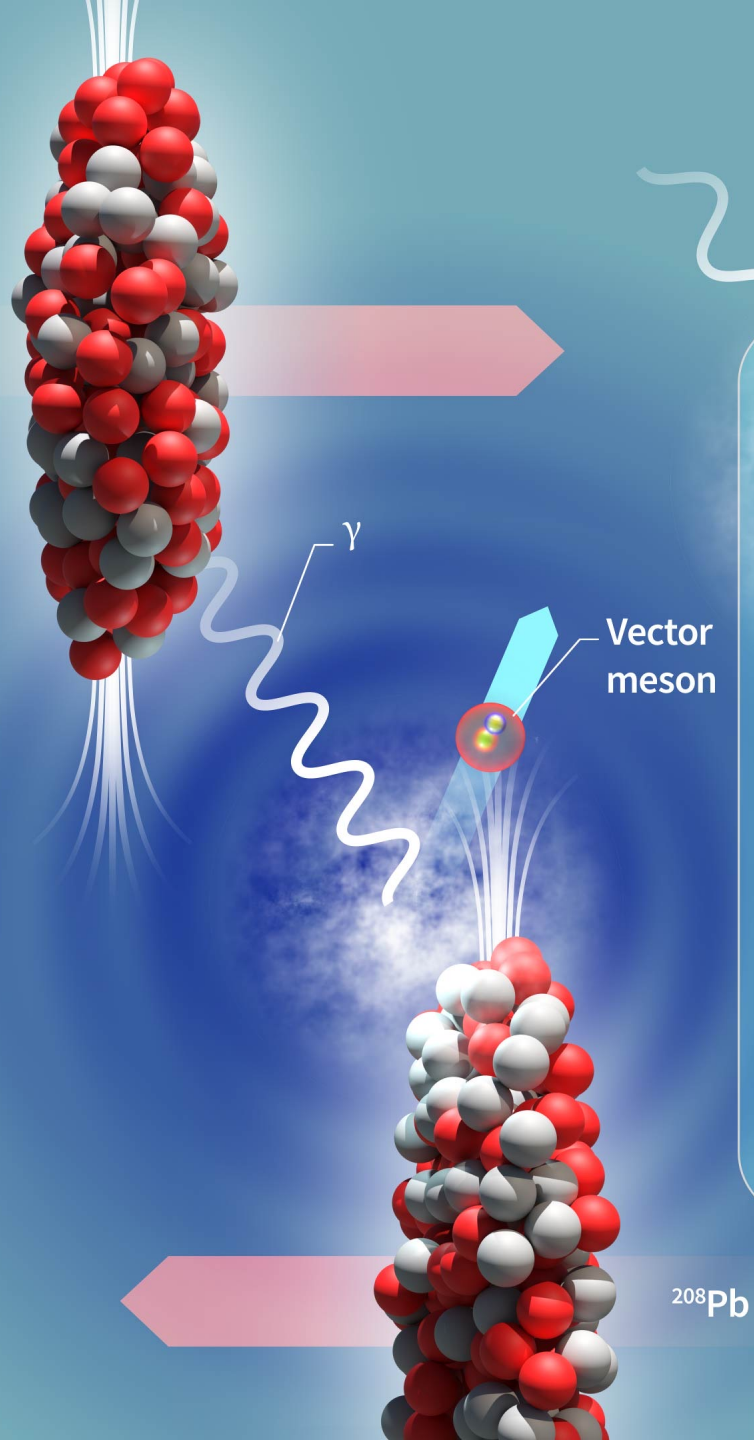


Valence Quark
Regime

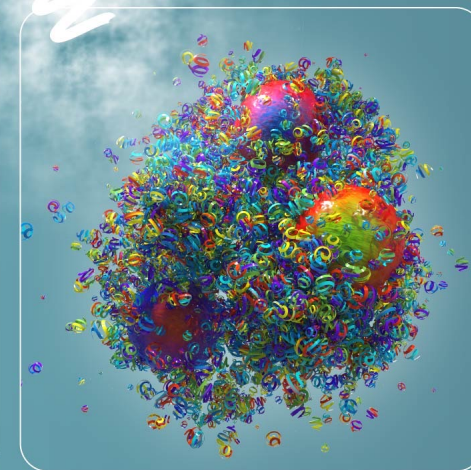
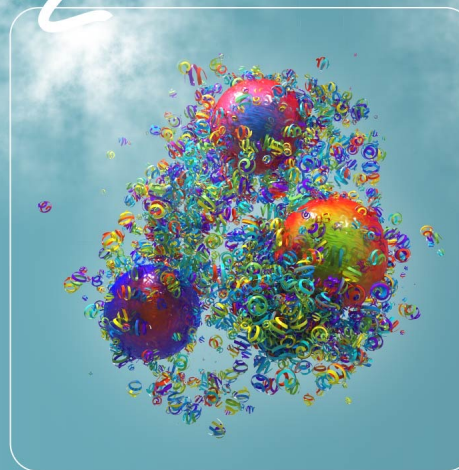
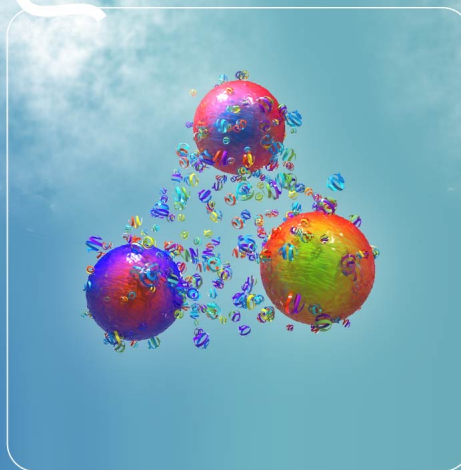


$$dP \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{x} dx \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{large } Q \text{ (resolution)} \\ \text{small } x \text{ (high density)} \end{array} \rightarrow D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu$$

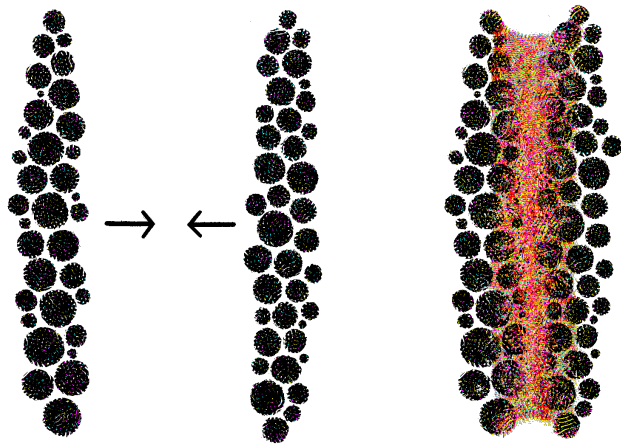
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Photon energy

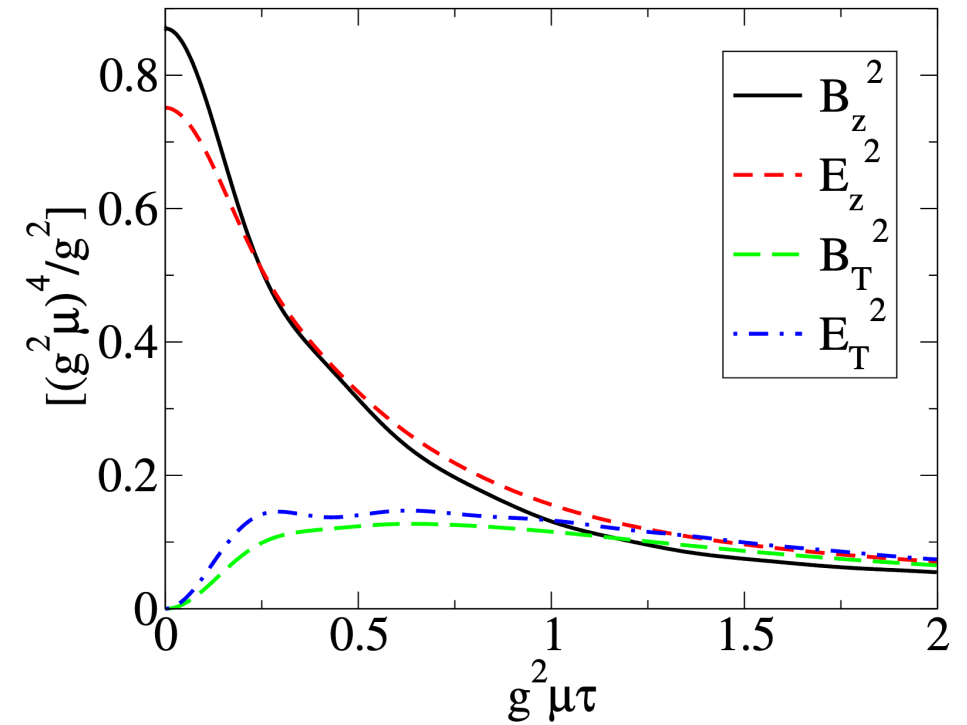
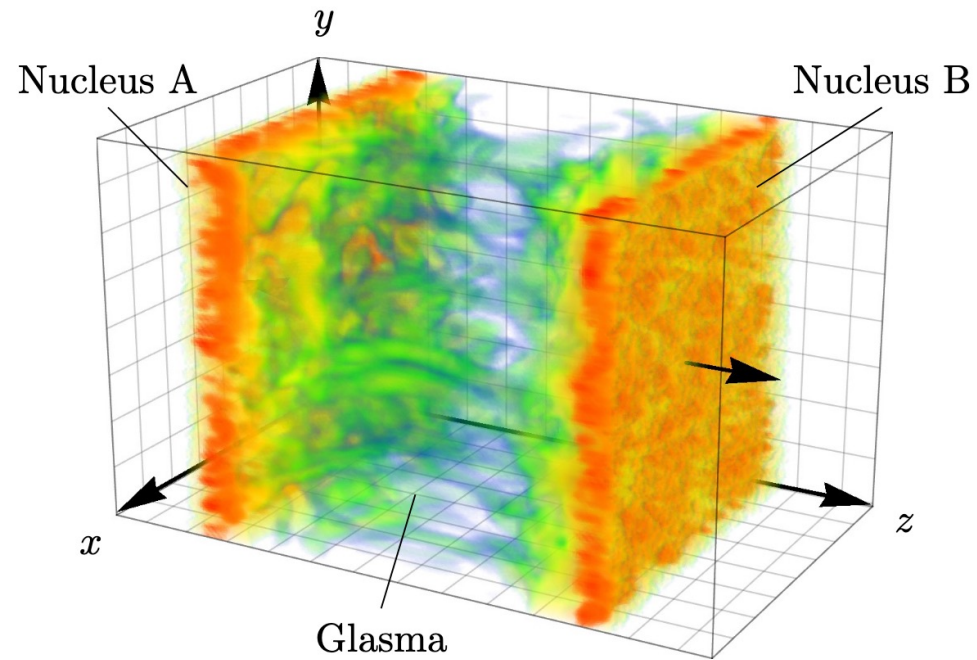


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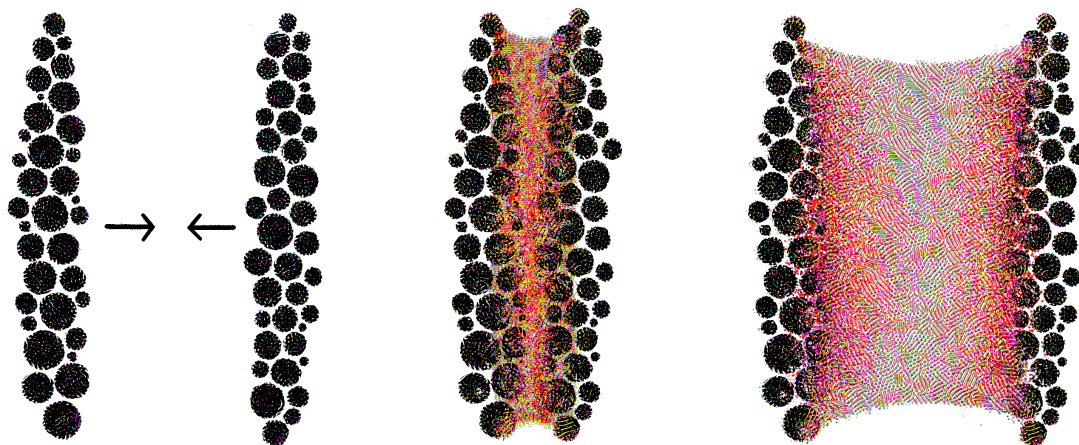


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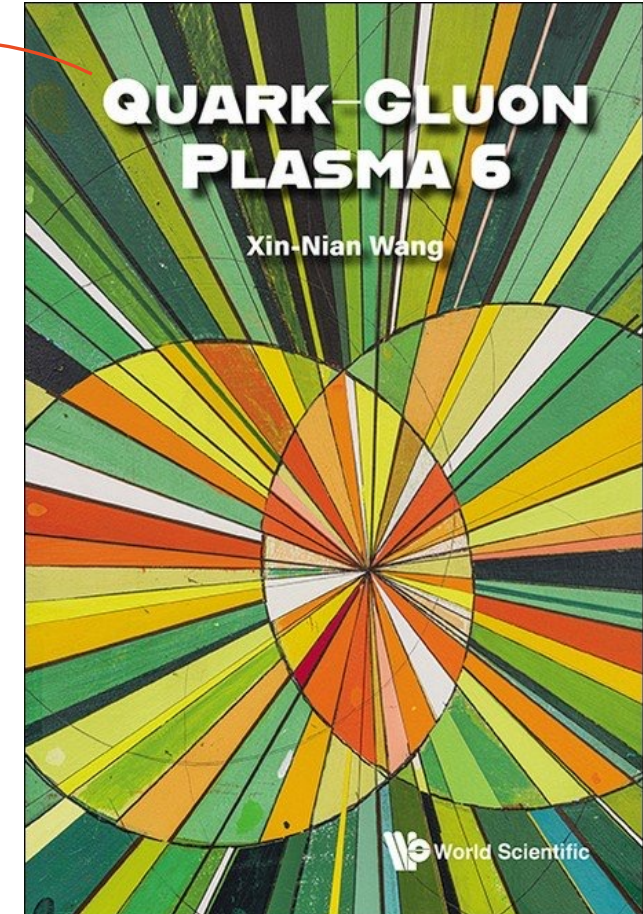
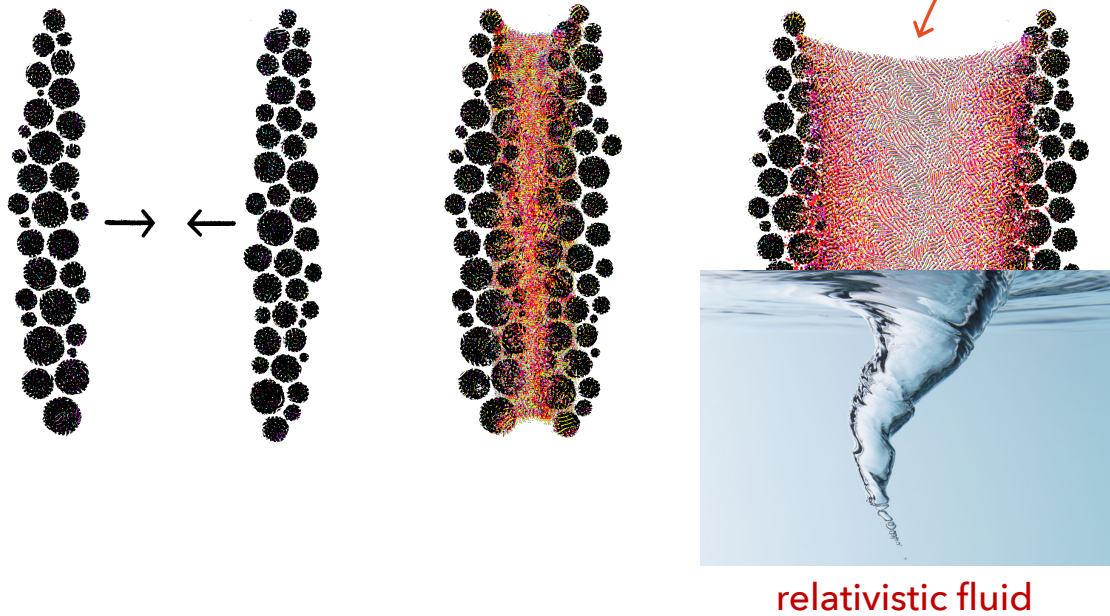
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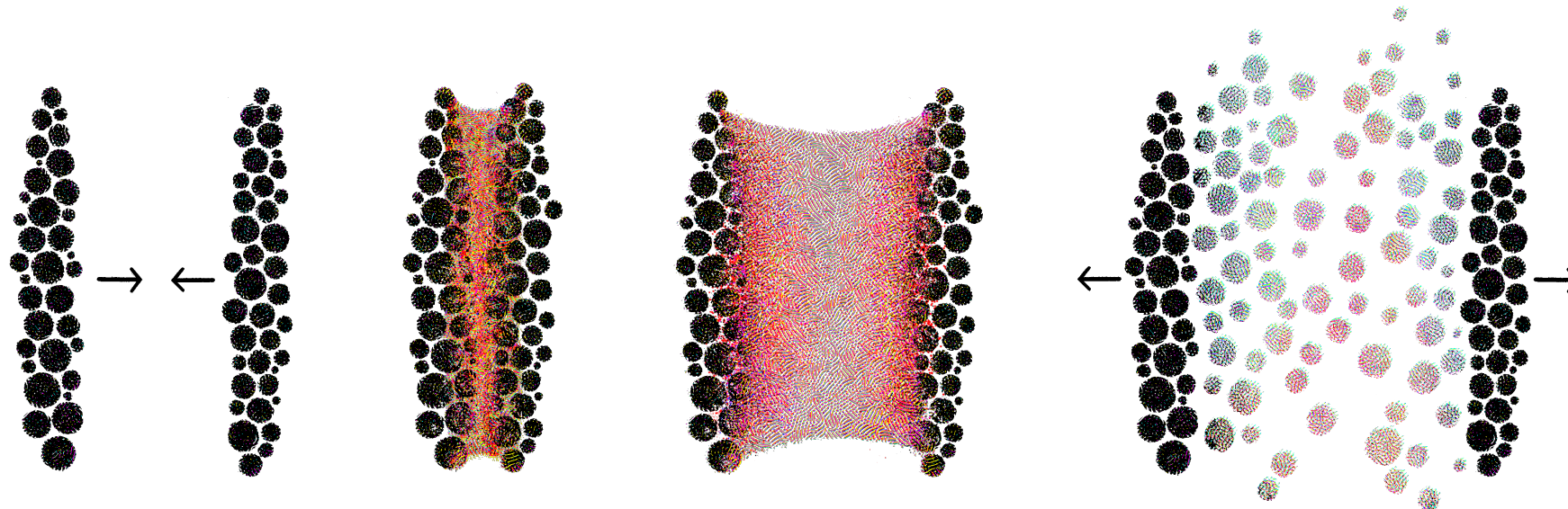
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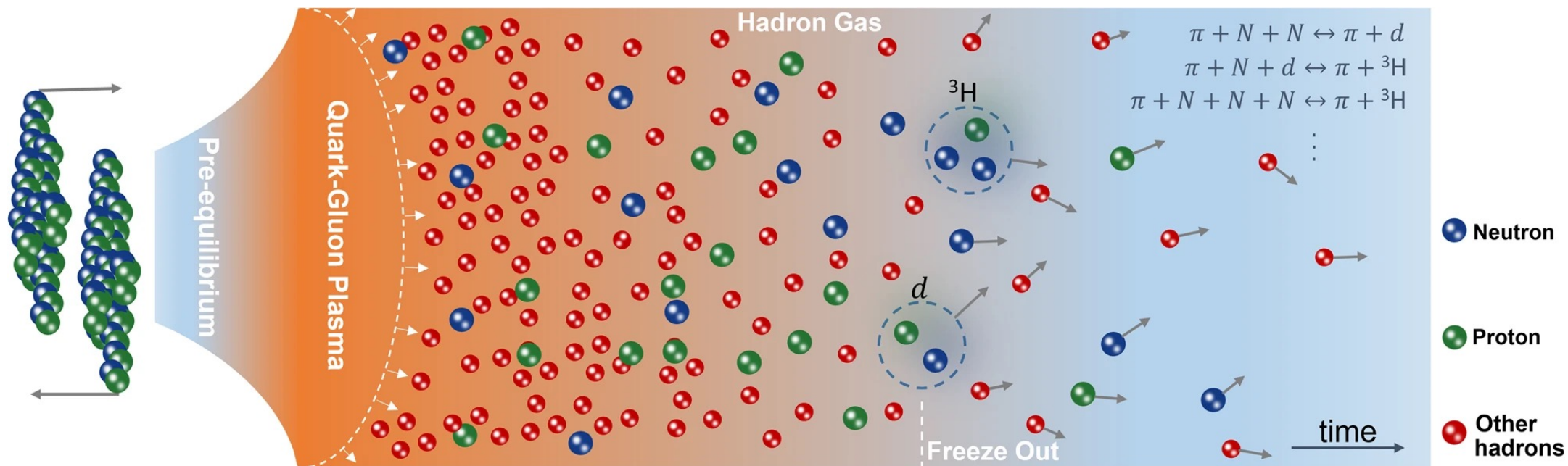
Quark-Gluon Plasma



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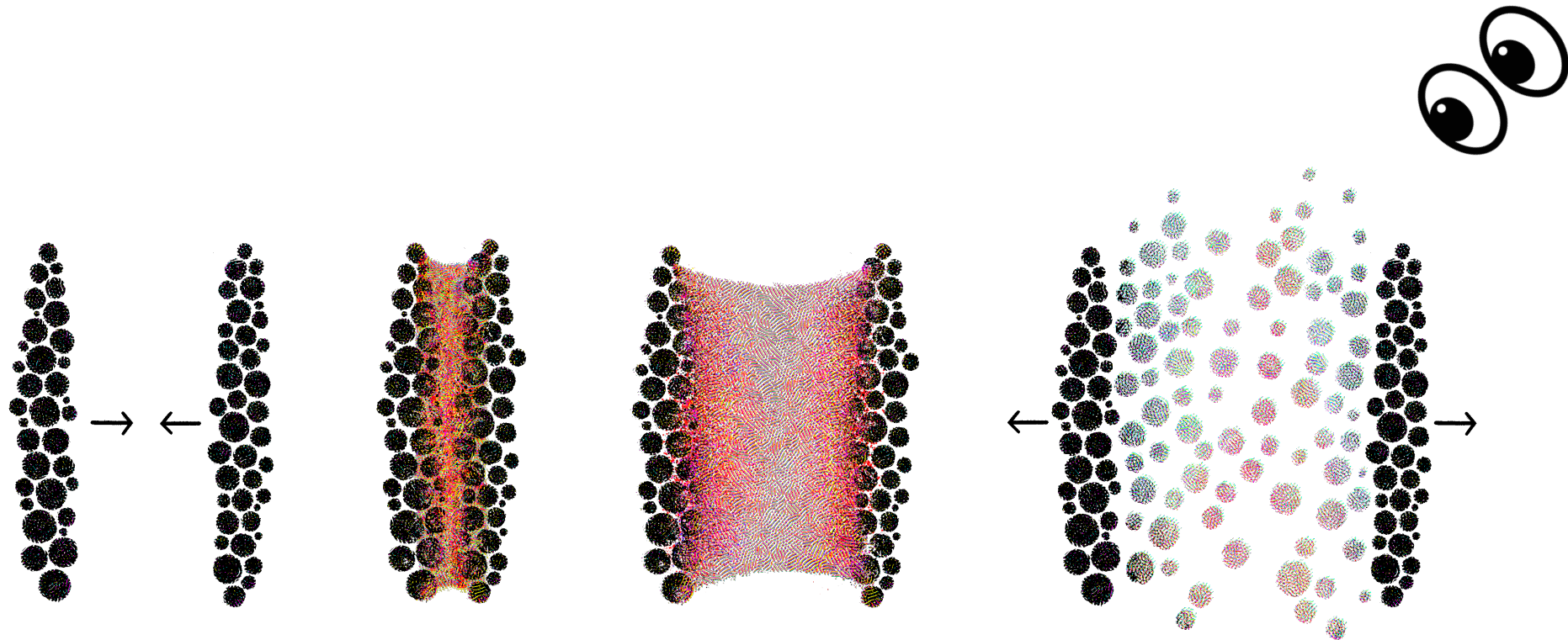


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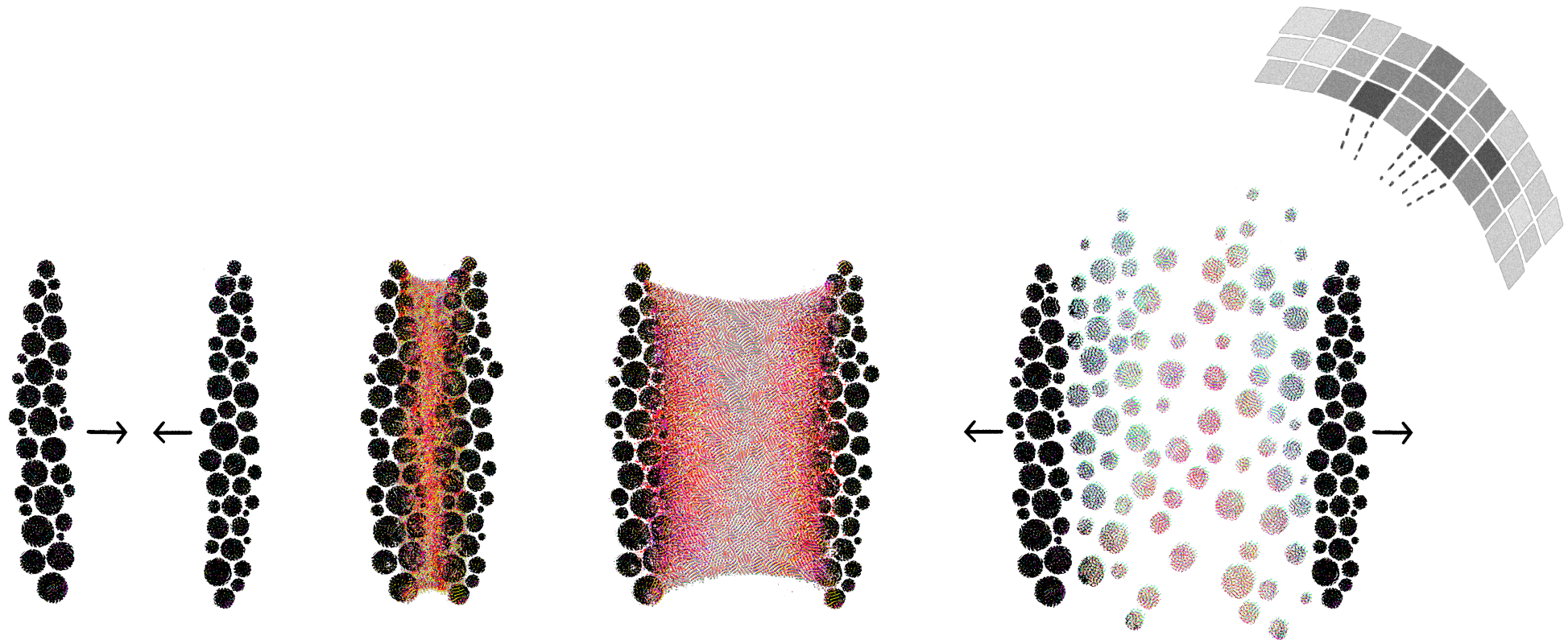
Stages of QCD matter in HIC

- Nuclear matter produced in HIC undergoes a multiphase evolution
- We have some ideas about how it behaves during these stages, but they are mostly qualitative
- Disentangling detailed information from the experimental picture is challenging
- So, one of the central questions in the field is:
How do we probe this matter? (What should we measure? What should we calculate?)

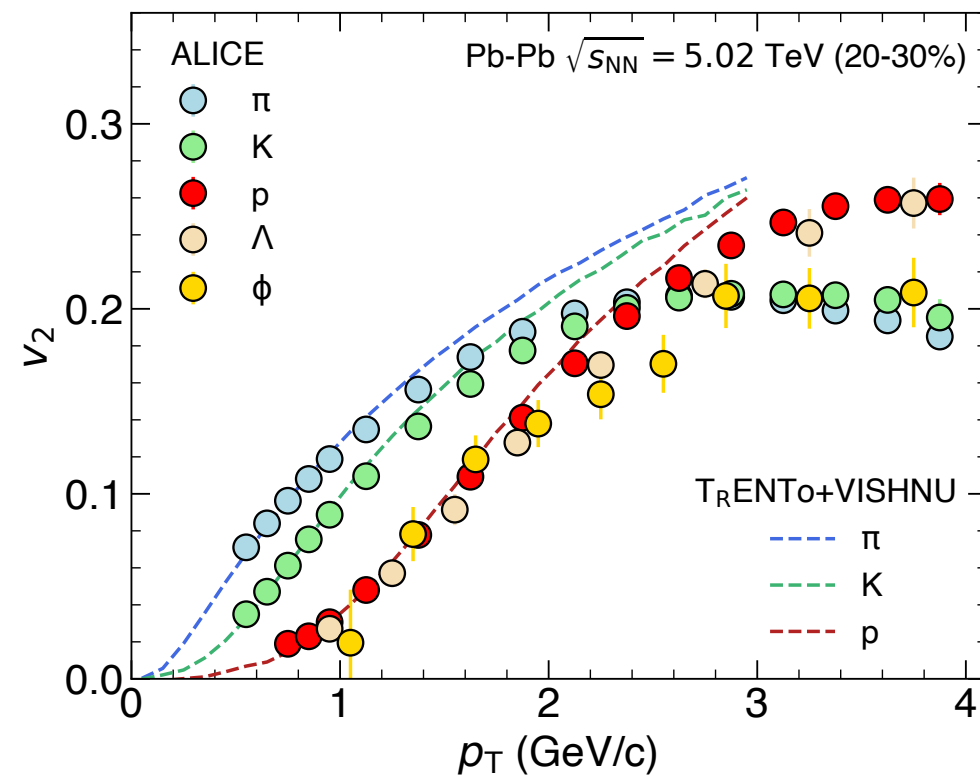
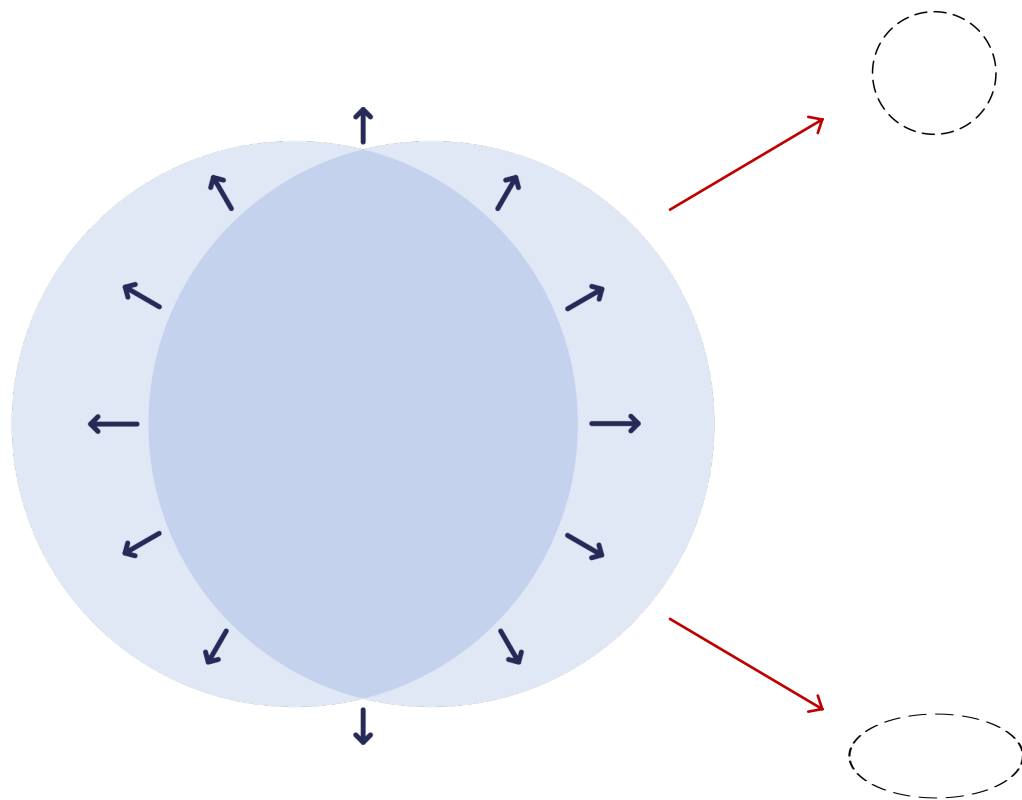
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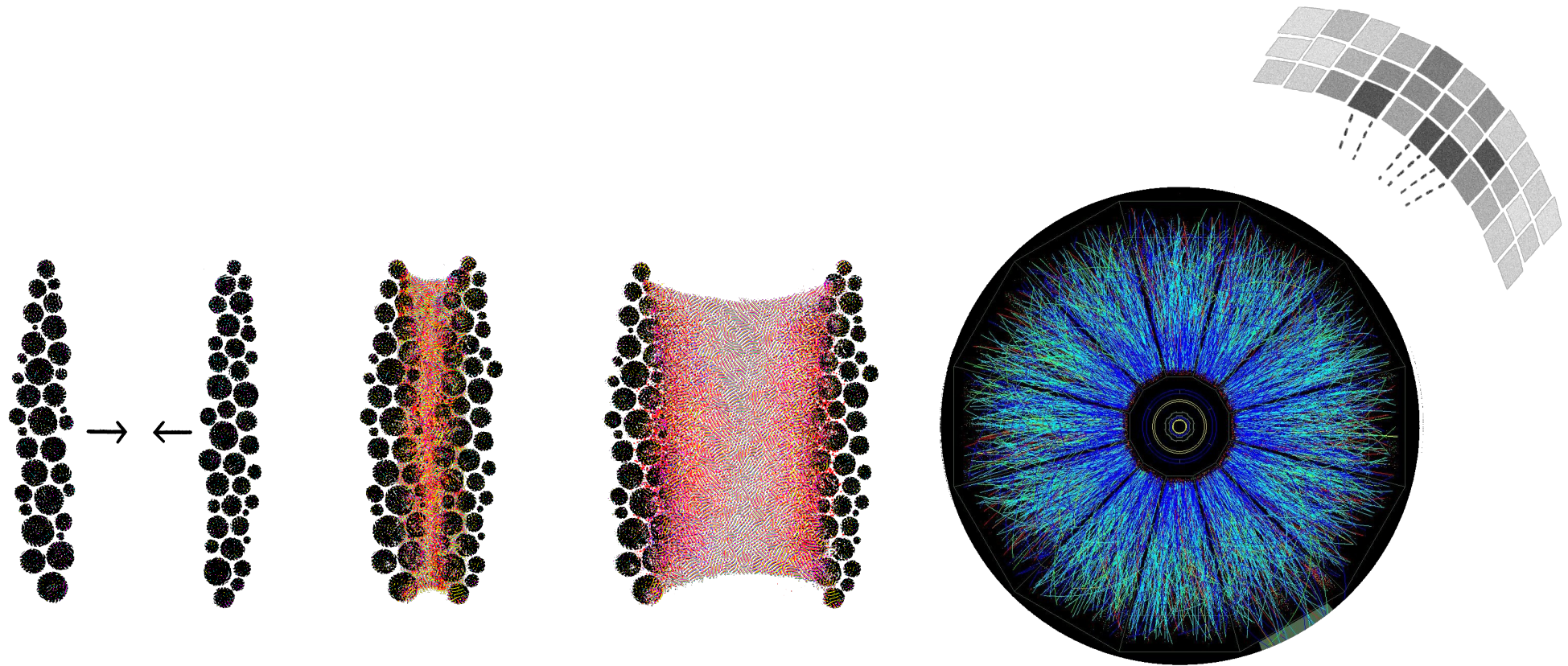


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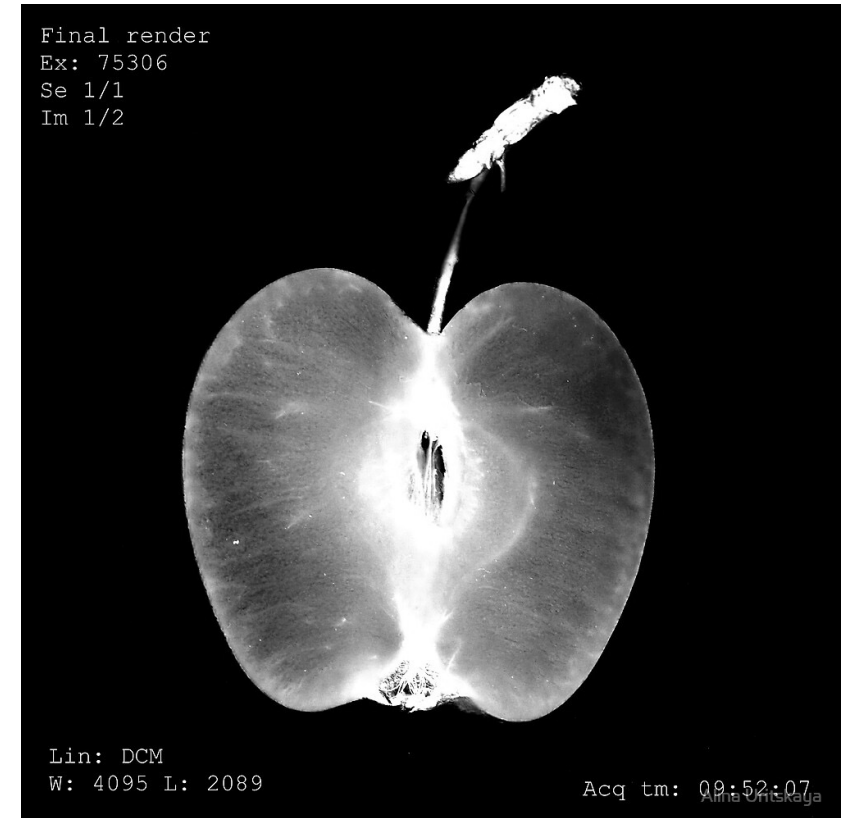
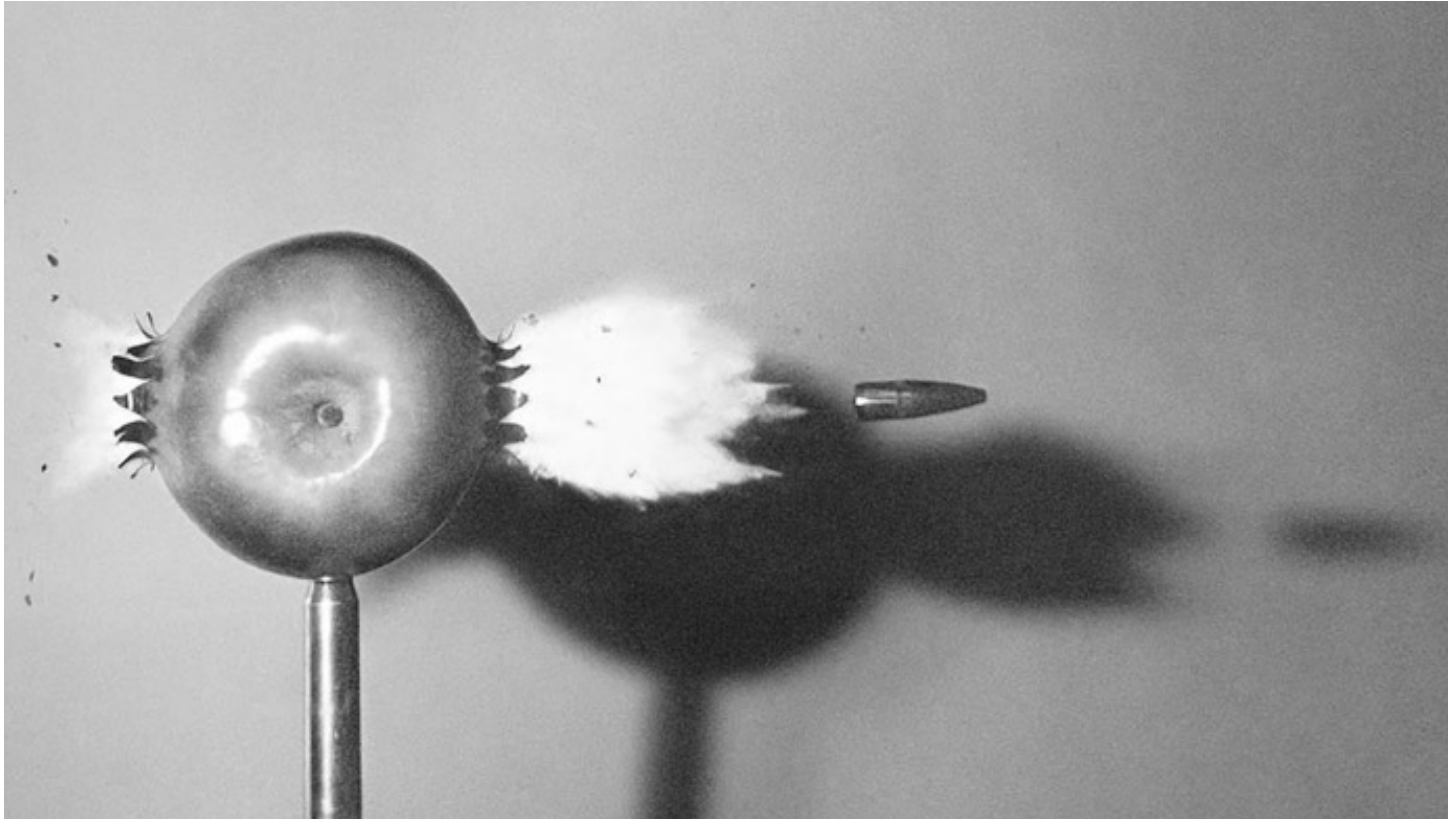


$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos [\phi - \Psi_{RP}] + 2v_2 \cos [2(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] + \dots$$

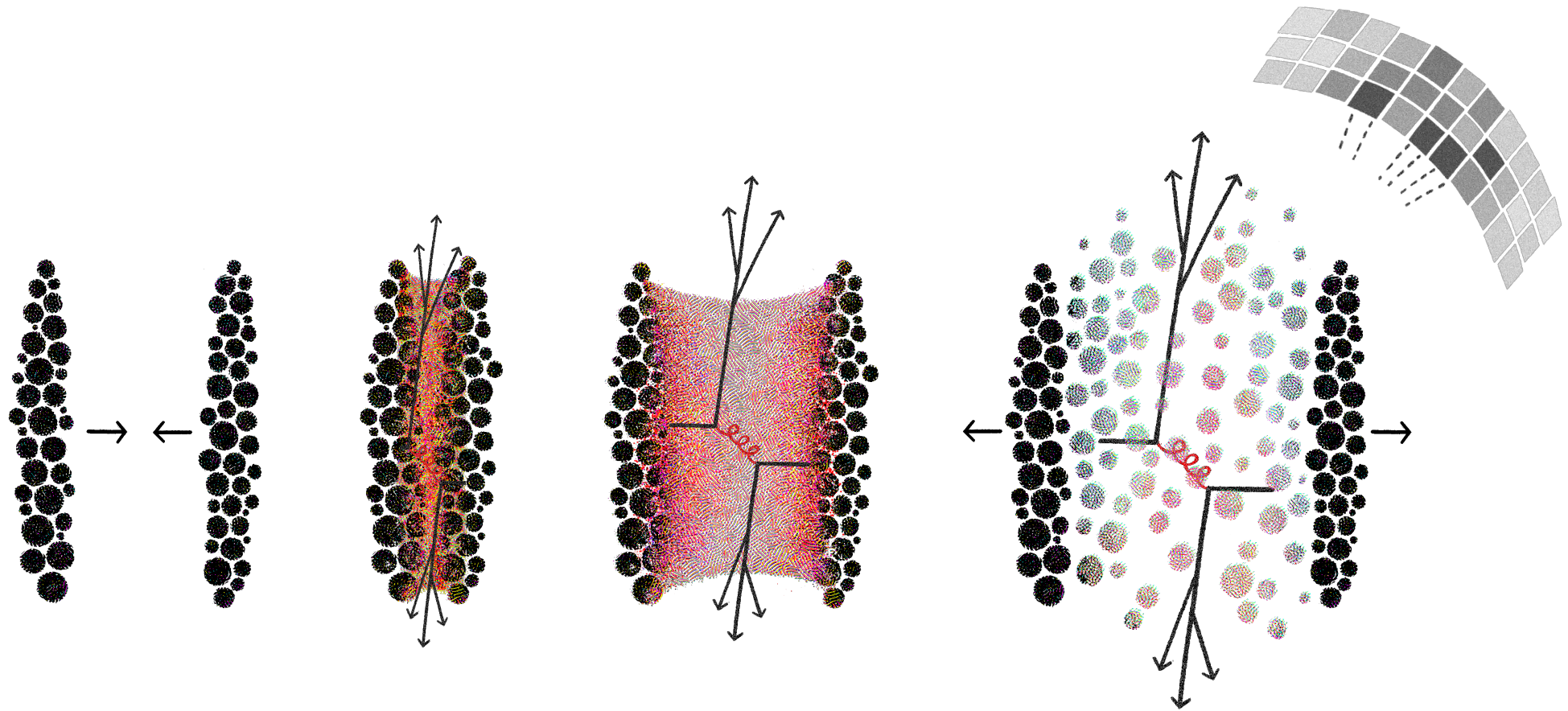
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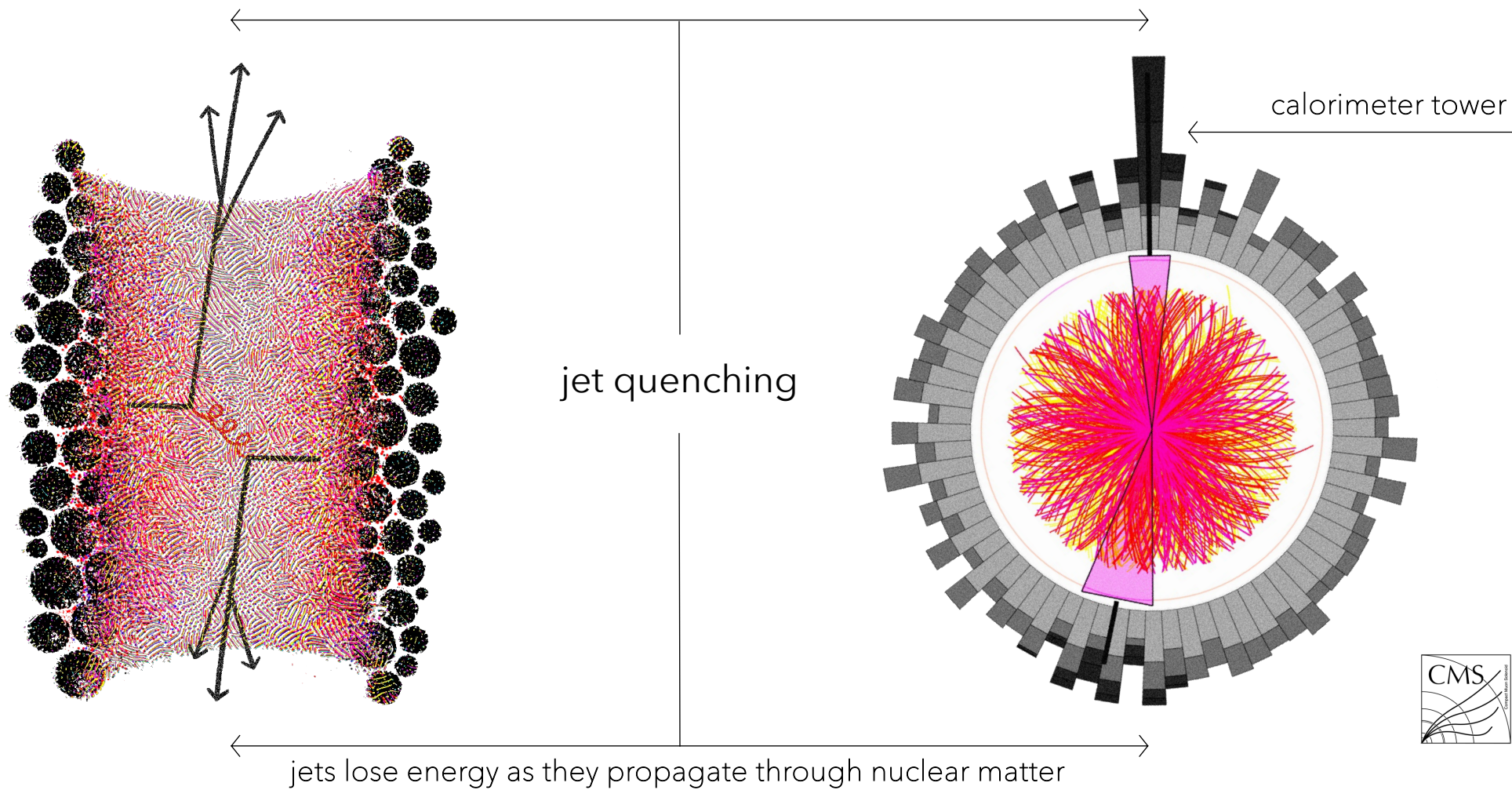
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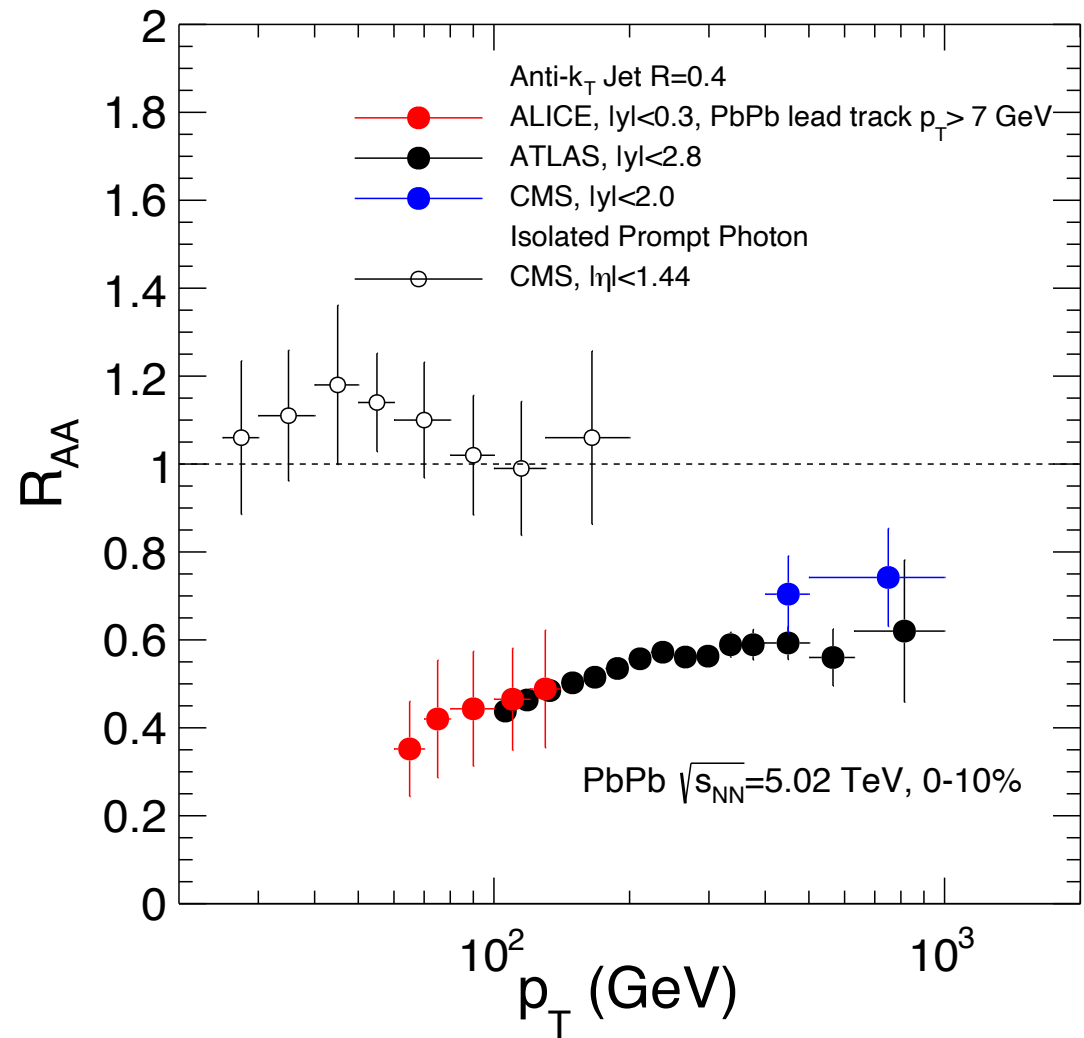
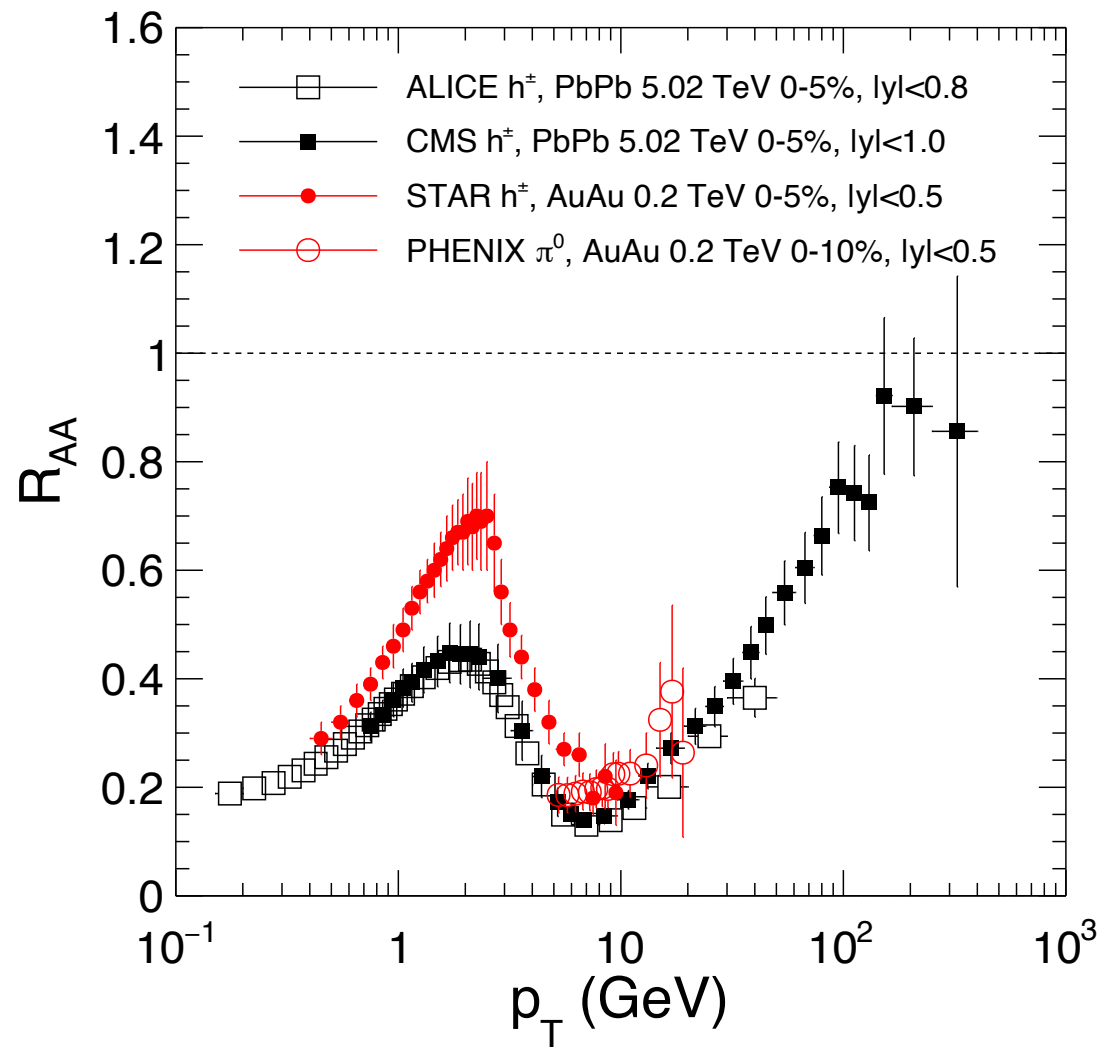


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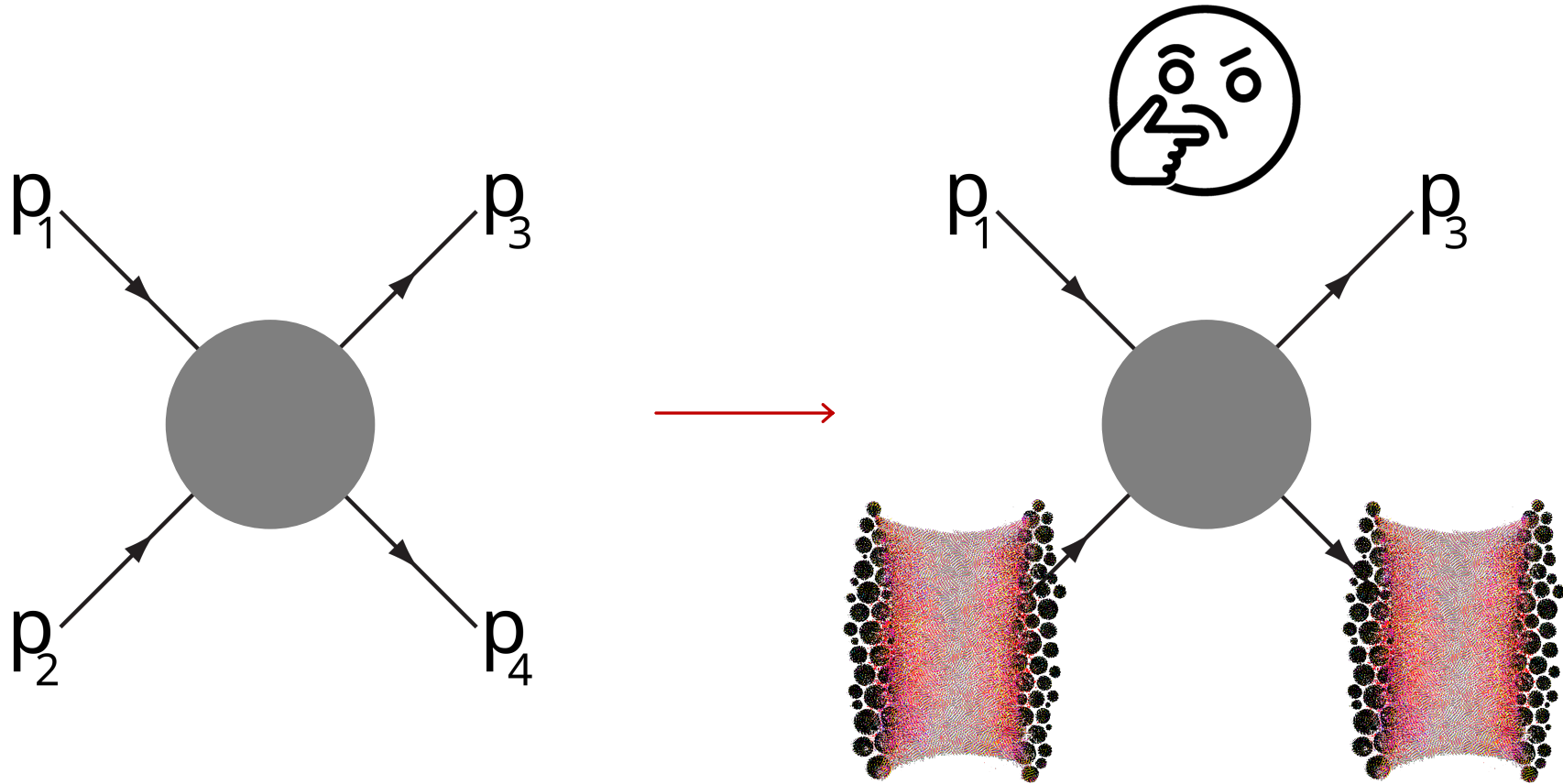




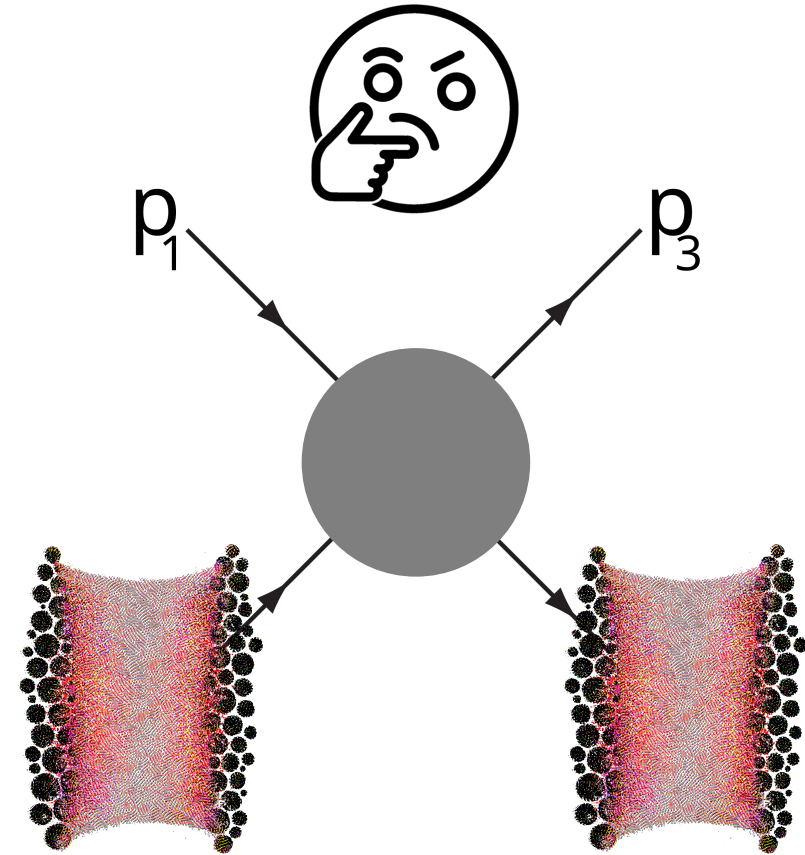
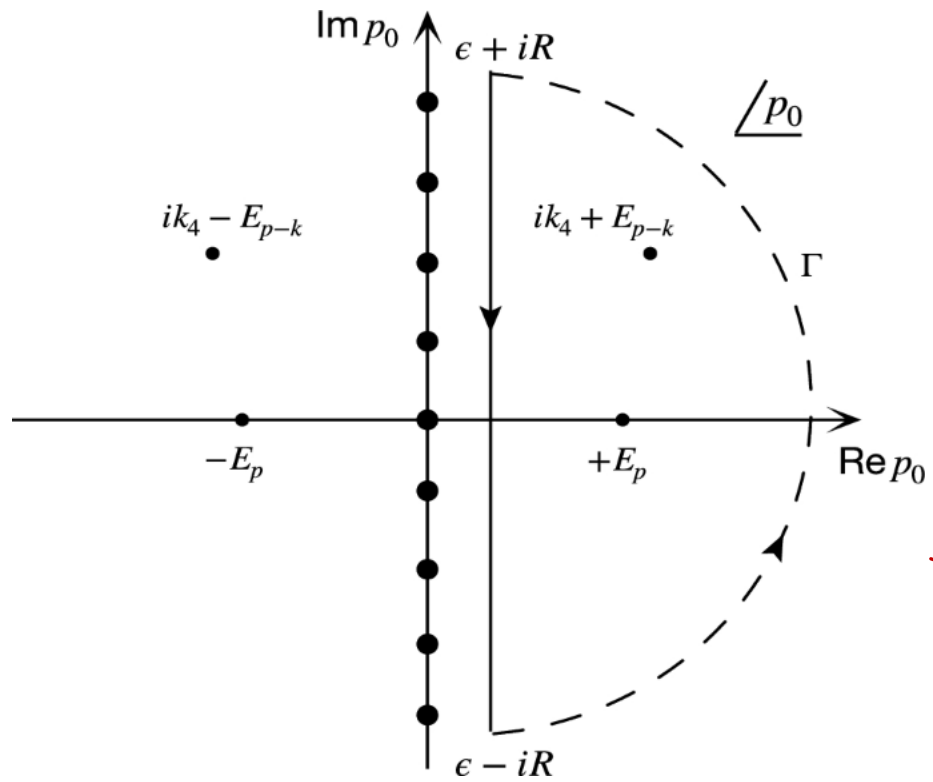
Probes of the matter

- We only observe the final-state particles that reach the detectors – and even that, in a limited way.
- We try to infer the system's dynamics from their distributions and correlations, looking for specific signatures.
- Soft particles offer better statistics, but are harder to use for reconstructing the system's evolution in detail.
- Hard probes provide tomographic access, but they're rare and, in some ways, even harder to interpret.

Jet quenching formalisms

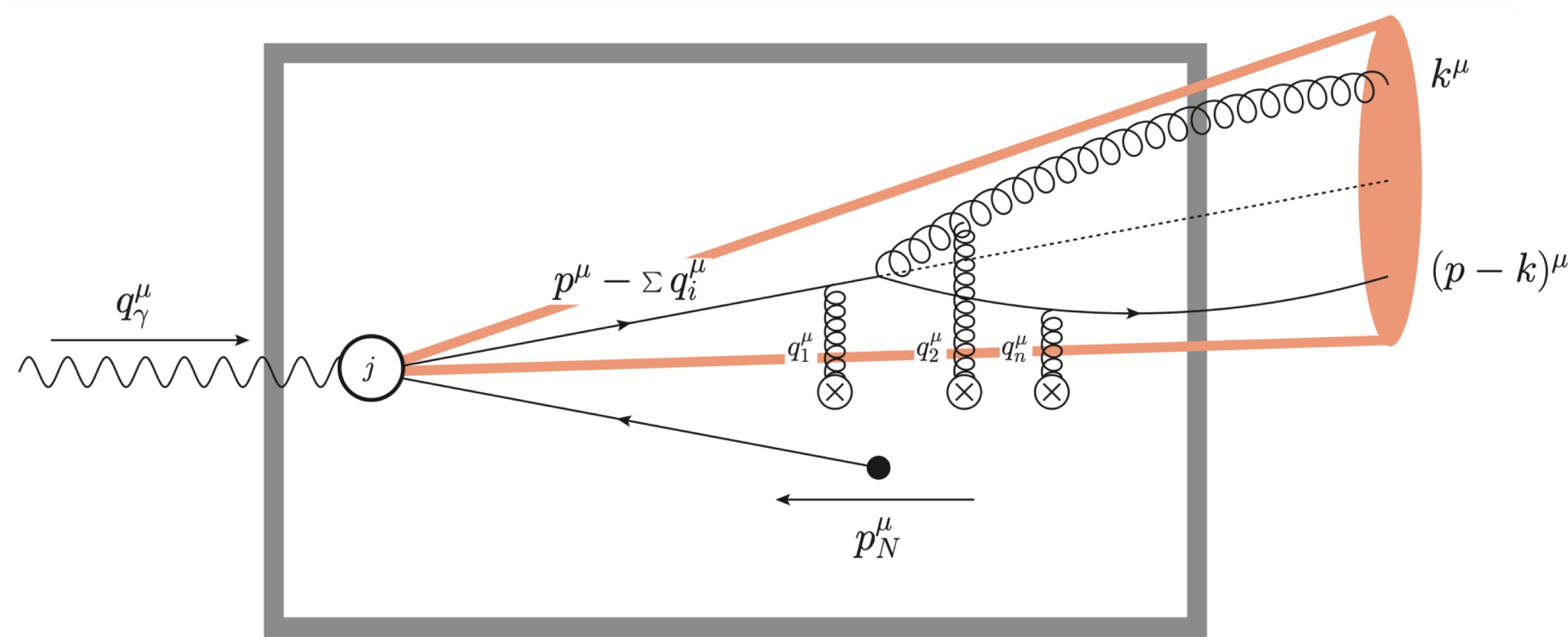


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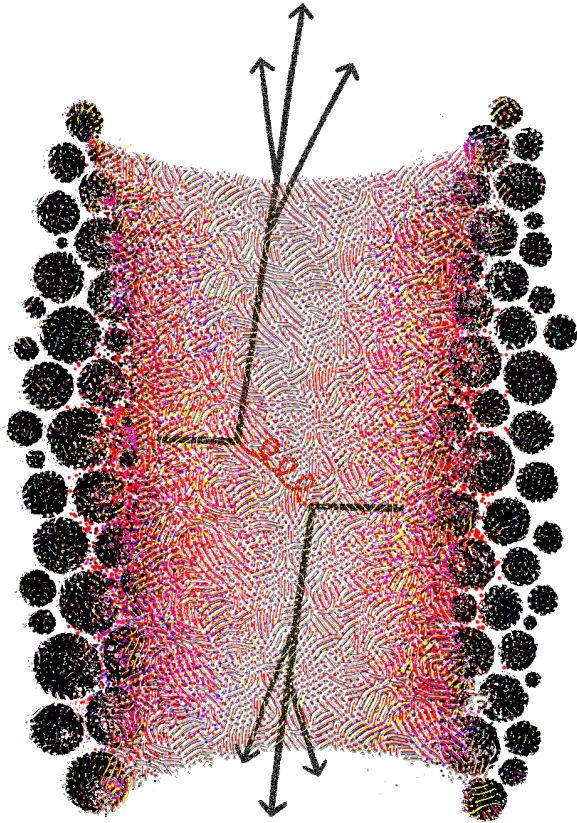
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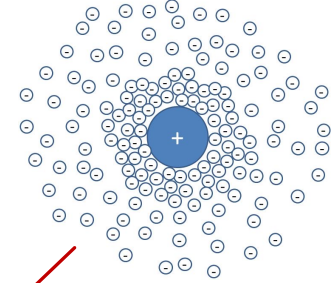


the idea goes back to Landau and Pomeranchuk (1953) and Migdal (1956)

Jet quenching formalisms



some model for
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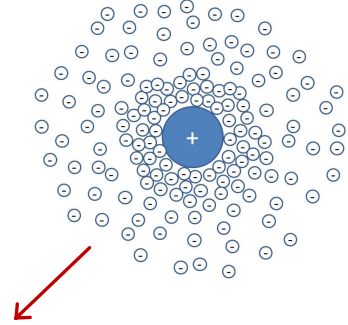
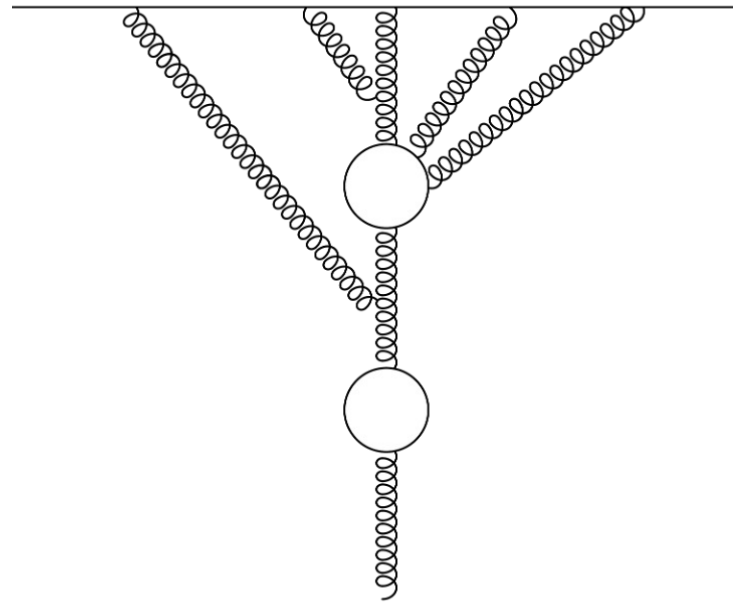
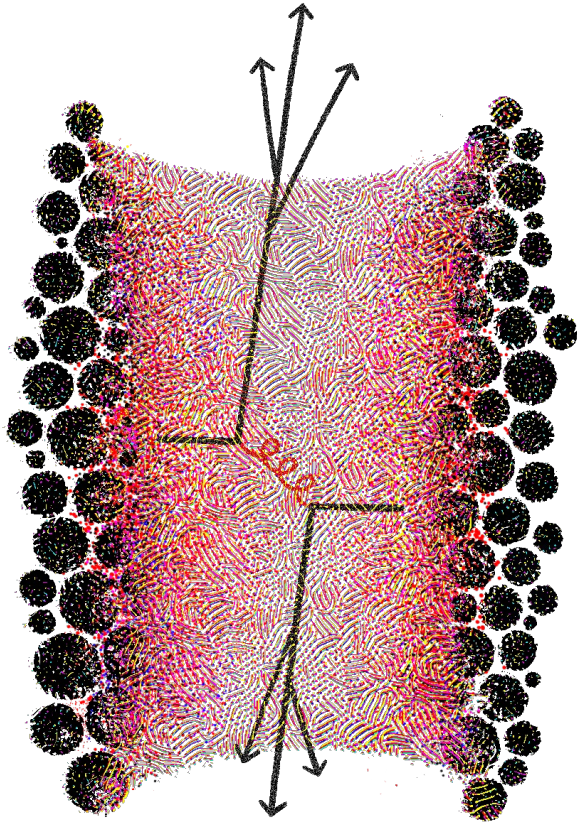


$$D_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu + J_{ind}^\nu$$

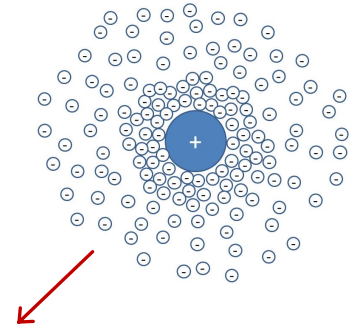
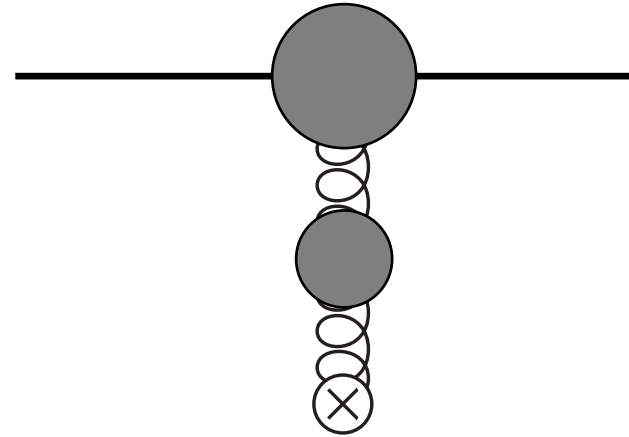
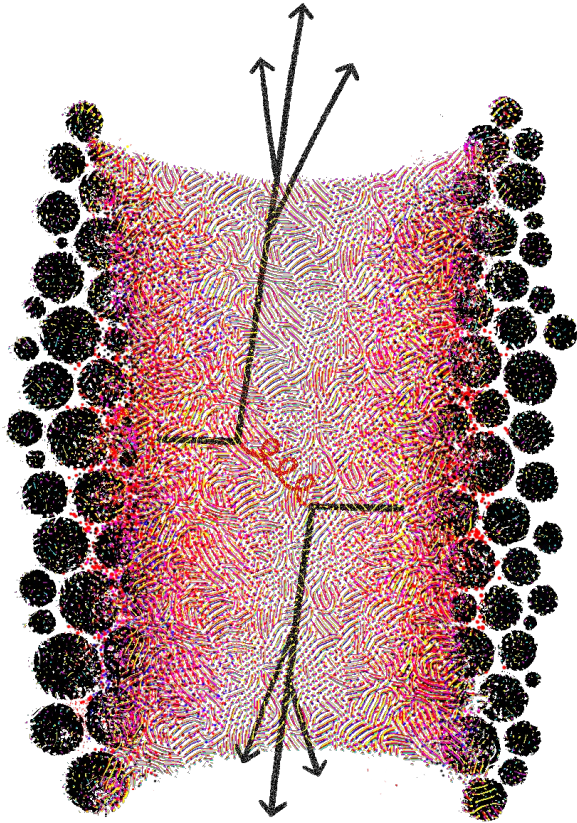
the Debye mass

$$\phi \sim \frac{1}{r} \longrightarrow \phi \sim \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r}$$

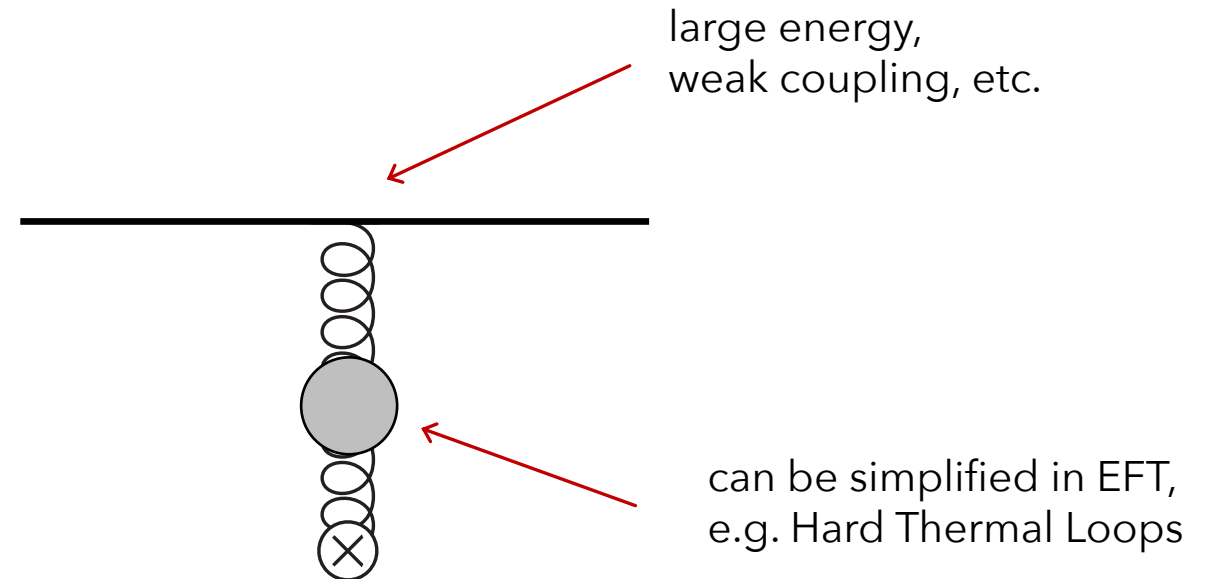
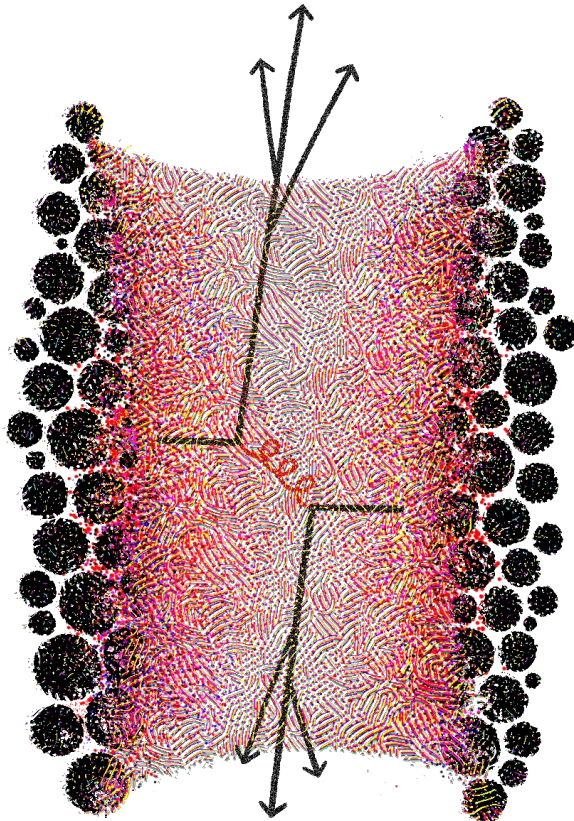
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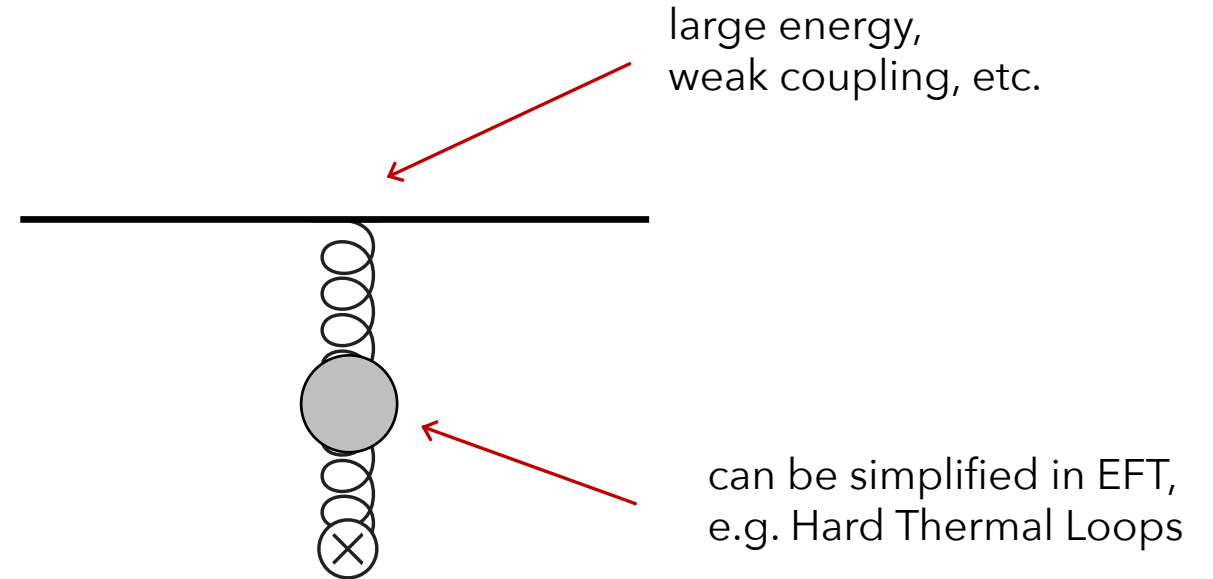
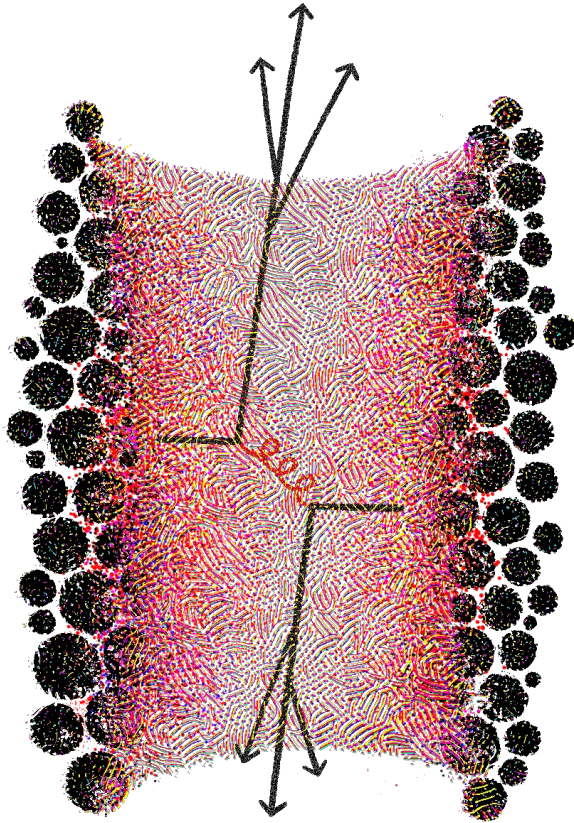


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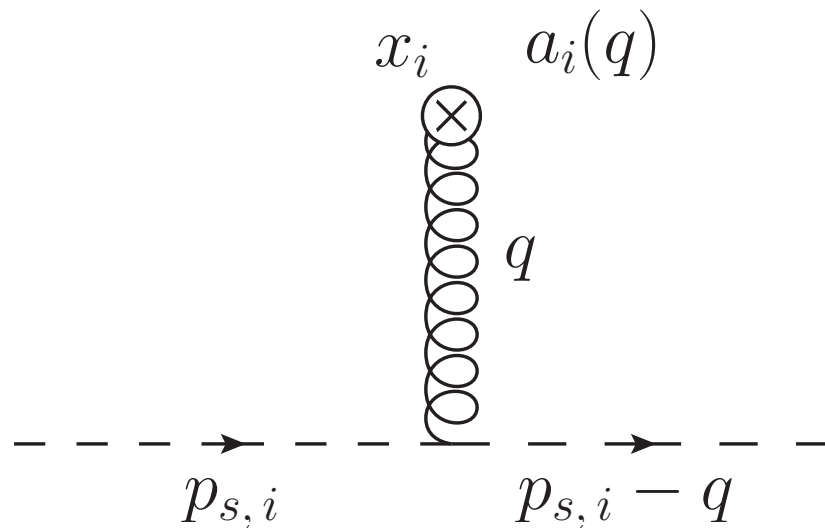
$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = m_D^2 \left\{ -\delta_\mu^0 \delta_\nu^0 + \omega \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \frac{v_\mu v_\nu}{\omega - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{q} + i\epsilon} \right\}$$

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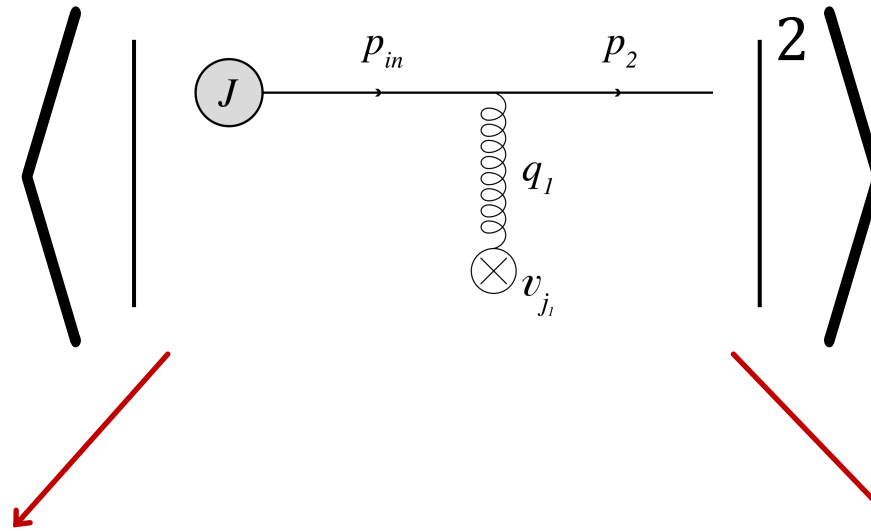
$$v = \frac{g^2}{q^2 - m_D^2}$$

Jet quenching formalisms



$$A^{\mu a}(q) = \sum_i (ig t_i^a) e^{iq \cdot x_i} (2p_{s,i} - q)_\nu \frac{-ig^{\mu\nu}}{q^2 - \mu_i^2 + i\epsilon} (2\pi) \delta\left((p_{s,i} - q)^2 - M^2\right).$$

Jet quenching formalisms



$$\langle t_i^a t_j^b \rangle = C \delta_{ij} \delta^{ab}$$

color neutrality

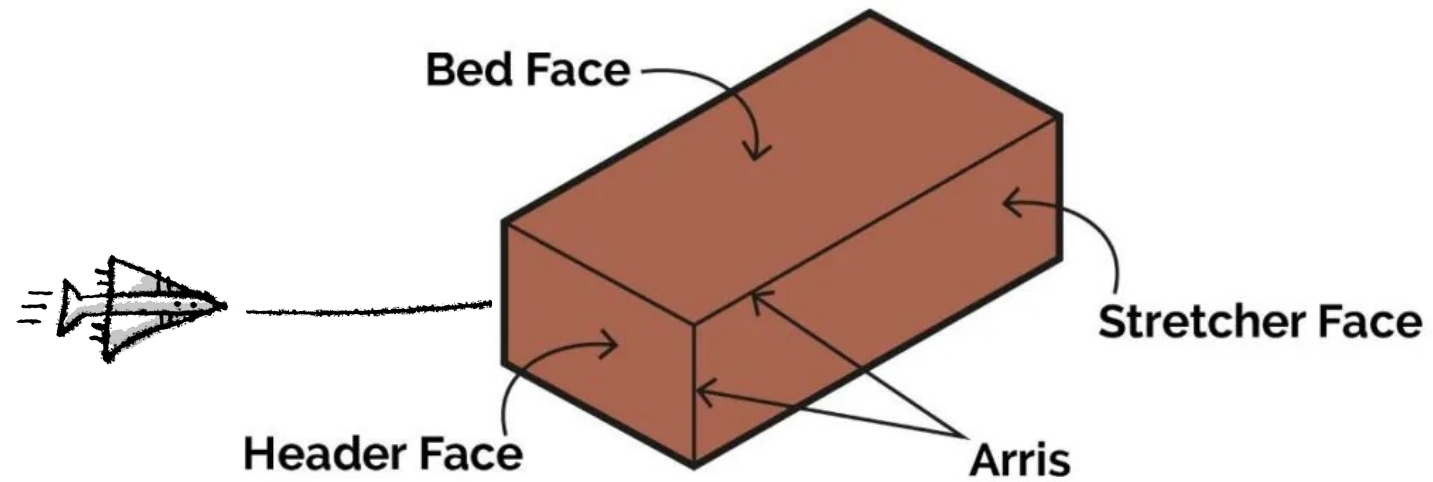
$$\sum_i = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x})$$

source averaging

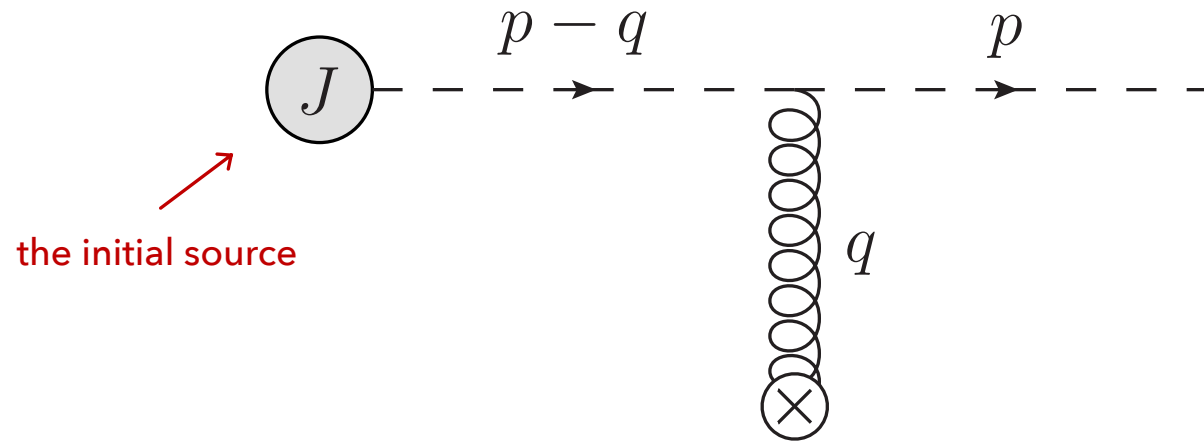
Jet quenching formalisms

- Most theoretical jet quenching formalisms on the market are based on a variation of this picture or can be related with it.
- They differ by further approximations simplifying the algebra, e.g. finite number of interactions, more restricted kinematics, etc.
- In what follows, we will look at the simplest examples of jet quenching processes and try to see how the different formalisms are related.

Simple example



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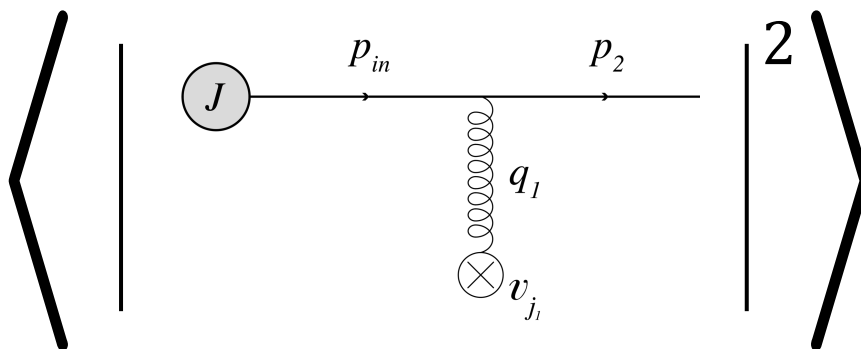
the initial source

$$iM_1(p) = \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \left[ig t_{\text{proj}}^a A_{\text{ext}}^{\mu a}(q) (2p - q)_\mu \right] \left[\frac{i}{(p - q)^2 + i\epsilon} \right] J(p - q)$$

$$gA_{\text{ext}}^{\mu a}(q) = \sum_i e^{iq \cdot x_i} t_i^a \boxed{u^\mu} v(q) (2\pi) \delta(q \cdot u)$$

color sources
(1,0,0,0)

Simple example



$$\langle |M_{SB}|^2 \rangle \sim \int d^2 q d^2 \bar{q} \int d^3 x \rho(z) e^{-i(q - \bar{q})_\perp \cdot x_\perp} v_q v_{\bar{q}} J(p - q) J^\dagger(p - \bar{q})$$

Simple example

$$E \frac{d\mathcal{N}}{d^3p} \simeq f(E) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{p}) + \left\langle \text{Diagram 1} \right\rangle + \left\langle \text{Diagram 2} \right\rangle$$

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$$\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{q}) = -\mathcal{C}\rho \left(|v(\mathbf{q})|^2 - \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}) \int_l |v(\mathbf{l})|^2 \right)$$

$$E \frac{d\mathcal{N}^{(1)}}{d^3p} = \int_0^L dz \int_q \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{q}) f(E) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$$

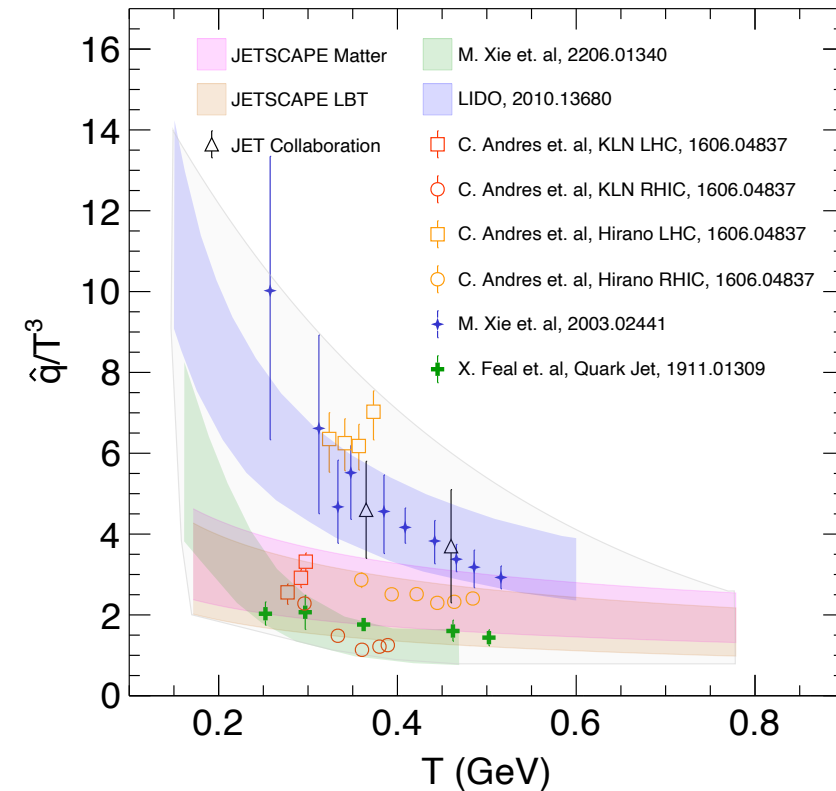
controls most of
the pheno simulations

$$\hat{q} = \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \langle p_{\perp}^2 \rangle = \frac{\mathcal{C} g^4 \rho}{4\pi \mu^2} L \frac{\mu^2}{L} \log \frac{E}{\mu}$$

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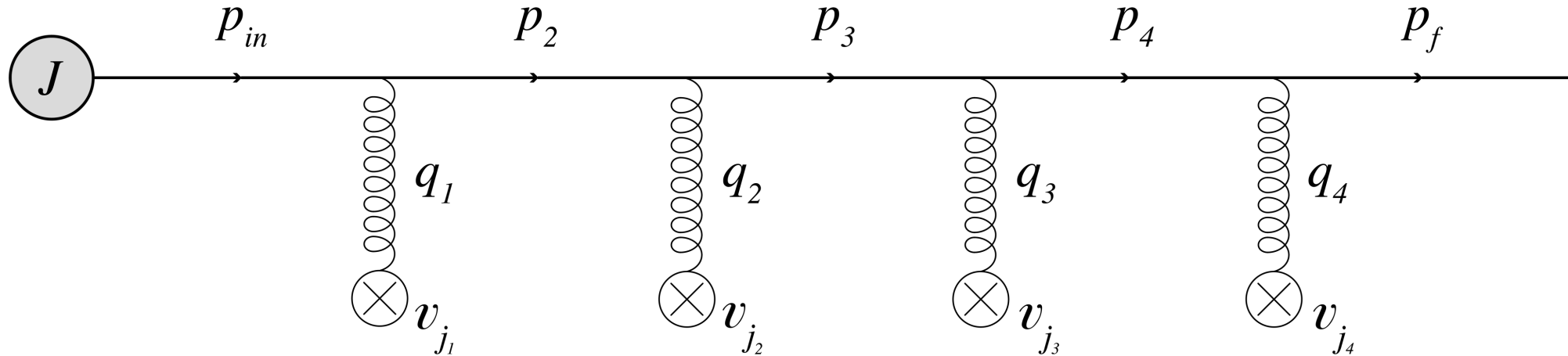
Jet quenching parameter

- We see jets only in the final state, but they carry imprints of the medium they traversed during the system's evolution.
- Describing their interaction with the medium requires an effective framework – typically QCD scatterings off background stochastic fields.
- $\hat{q}$ is the first quantity to appear in jet quenching calculations, playing a central role in phenomenology.
- However, $\hat{q}$ is notoriously difficult to measure or reliably estimate in simulations.



Theoretical uncertainties in $\hat{q}$
extracted in different works

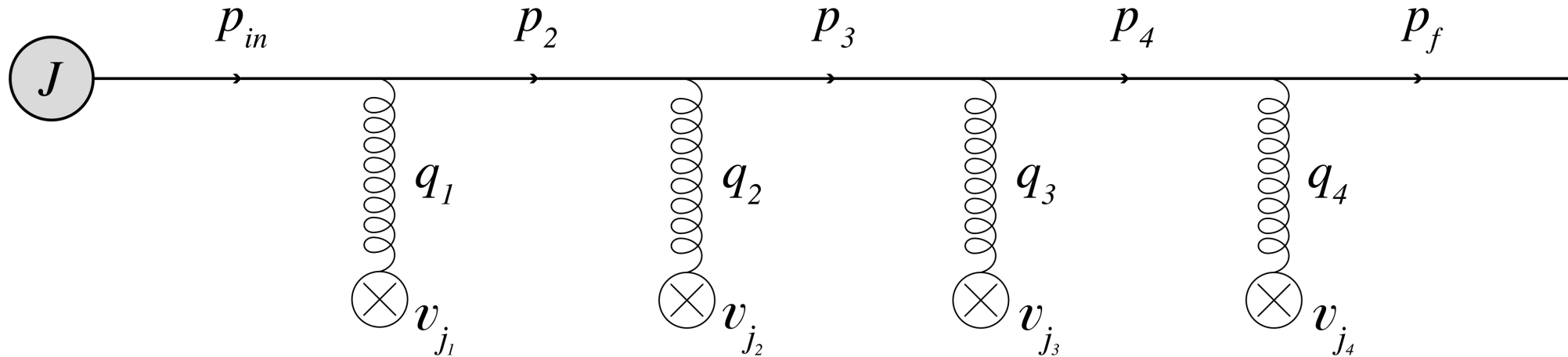
Resummation (Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Schiff, Zakharov)



$$iM(p) = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{p}_{in}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i \frac{\mathbf{p}_f^2}{2E} L} G(\mathbf{p}_f, L; \mathbf{p}_{in}, 0) J(E, \mathbf{p}_{in})$$

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a single particle propagator

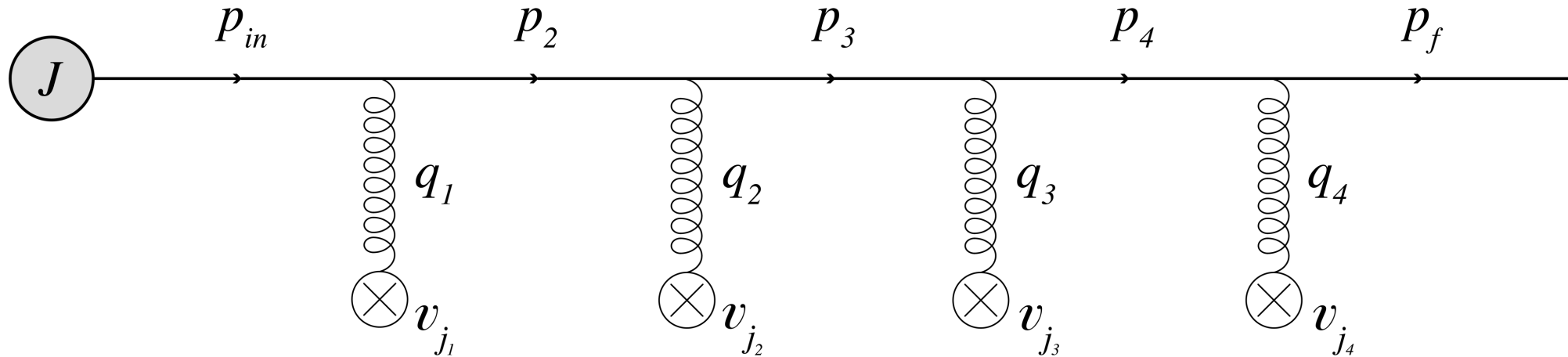
Resummation (BDMPS-Z)



$$\partial_L G(\mathbf{p}, L) = -i \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2E} G(\mathbf{p}, L) + i \int_{\mathbf{q}} t^a \hat{\rho}^a(\mathbf{q}, L) v_q G(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}, L)$$

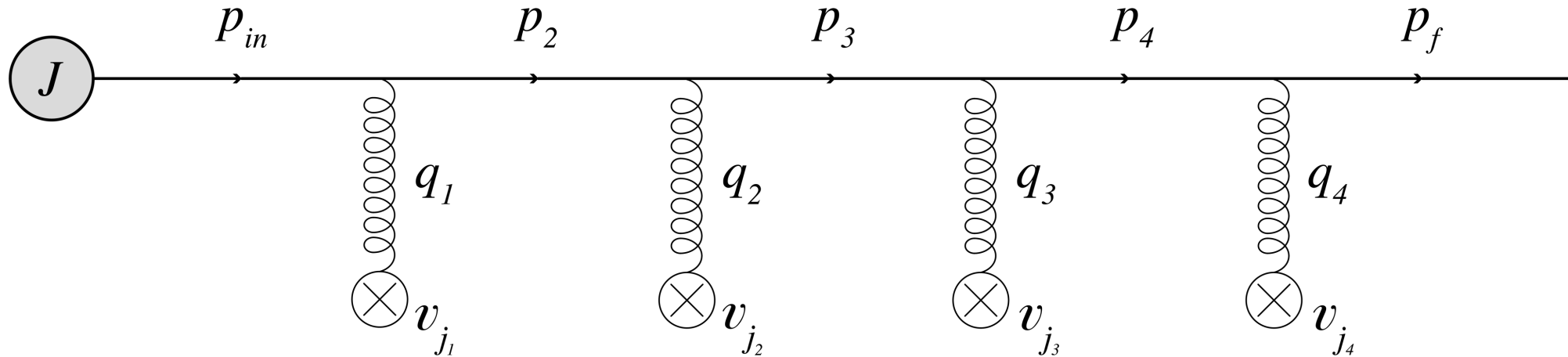
emergent Schrödinger equation

Resummation (BDMPS-Z)



$$G(\mathbf{x}_L, L; \mathbf{x}_0, 0) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_0}^{\mathbf{x}_L} \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left(\frac{iE}{2} \int_0^L d\tau \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 \right) \mathcal{P} \exp \left(-i \int_0^L d\tau t_{\text{proj}}^a v^a(\mathbf{r}(\tau), \tau) \right)$$

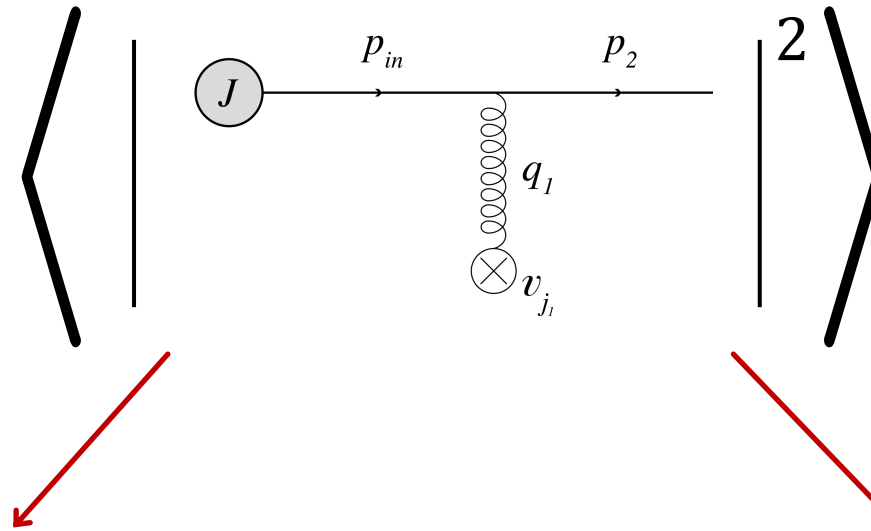
Resummation (BDMPS-Z)



$$D = \int_0^\infty dT e^{-m^2 T} \int_{x(0)=x_{in}}^{x(T)=x_f} \mathcal{D}x \exp \left\{ - \int_0^T \left(\frac{1}{4} \dot{x}^2 + ie \dot{x} \cdot A(x(\tau)) \right) d\tau \right\}$$

very similar to the worldline formalism by Schwinger

Resummation (BDMPS-Z)



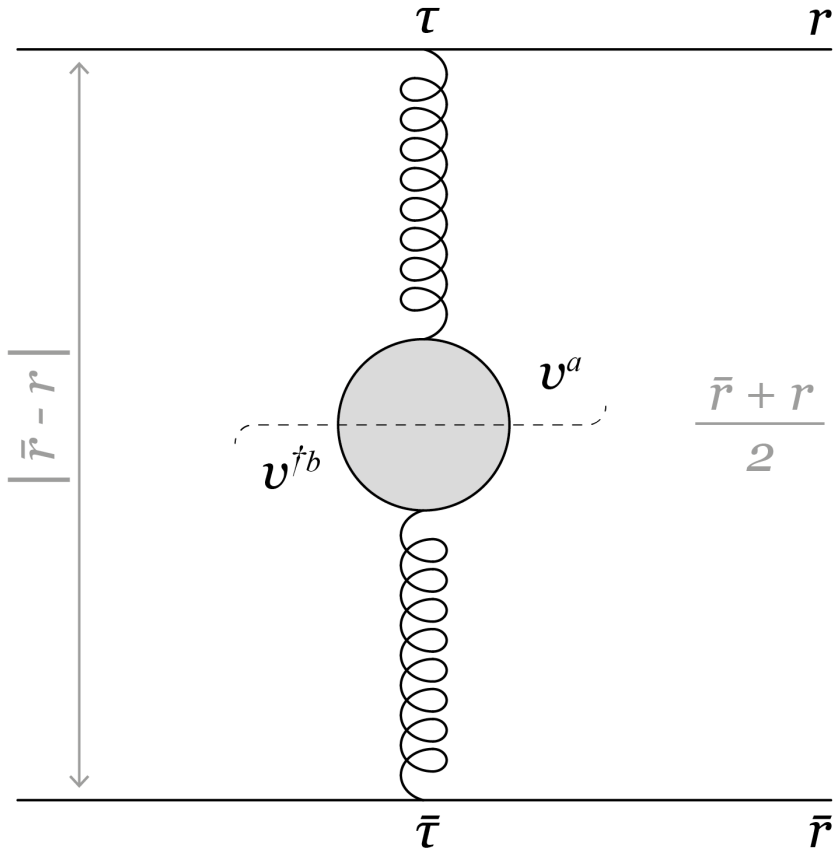
$$\langle t_i^a t_j^b \rangle = C \delta_{ij} \delta^{ab}$$

color neutrality

$$\sum_i = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x})$$

source averaging

Resummation (BDMPS-Z)



$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \langle \mathcal{G}^\dagger(\bar{\mathbf{k}}, L + \epsilon; \bar{\mathbf{k}}_0, 0) \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{k}, L + \epsilon; \mathbf{k}_0, 0) \rangle \\
 &= \int_{\mathbf{l}, \bar{\mathbf{l}}} \langle \mathcal{G}^\dagger(\bar{\mathbf{k}}, L + \epsilon; \bar{\mathbf{l}}, L) \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{k}, L + \epsilon; \mathbf{l}, L) \rangle \\
 &\quad \times \langle \mathcal{G}^\dagger(\bar{\mathbf{l}}, L; \bar{\mathbf{k}}_0, 0) \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{l}, L; \mathbf{k}_0, 0) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\partial_L W(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{Y}) = -\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{Y}}}{E} W(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{Y}) - \int_{\mathbf{q}} \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{q}) W(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{Y})$$

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$$\langle \mathbf{p}^2 \rangle = \int_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{p}^2 W(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{Y}) = L \int_{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{p}^2 \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{C g^4 \rho}{4\pi} L \log \frac{E}{\mu}$$

$\hat{q}L$

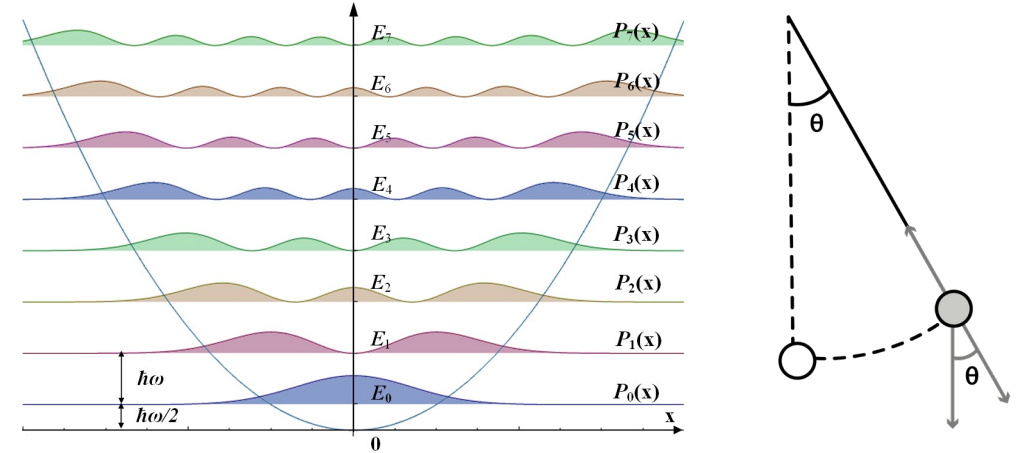
Resummation (BDMPS-Z)

- There are several highly nontrivial analogies here:
 - an emergent Schrödinger equation for G
 - an emergent Boltzmann equation for W

- Another widely used approximation:

$$\mathcal{V} \simeq \frac{\hat{q}_0}{4} x^2 \log \frac{1}{\mu^2 x^2} \simeq \frac{\hat{q}}{4} x^2$$

- The emergent KT precisely matches with the AMY construction (at least in this simple example).
- In this simplest case, one can easily verify that the resummed answer agrees with the perturbative expansion order by order.

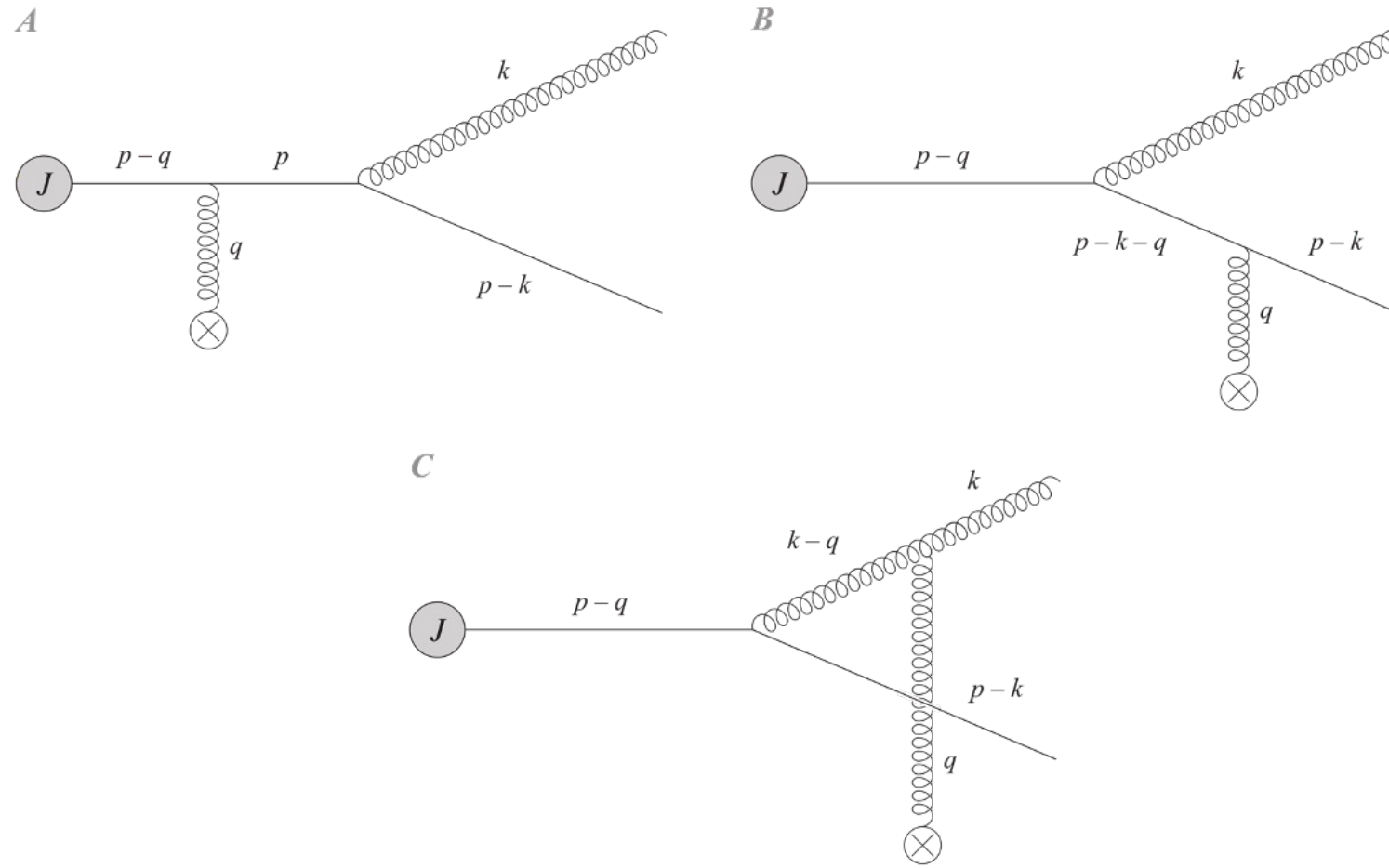


$$\left(\partial_L + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla_Y}{E} - \frac{\hat{q}}{4} \partial_{\mathbf{p}}^2 \right) W(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{Y}) = 0$$

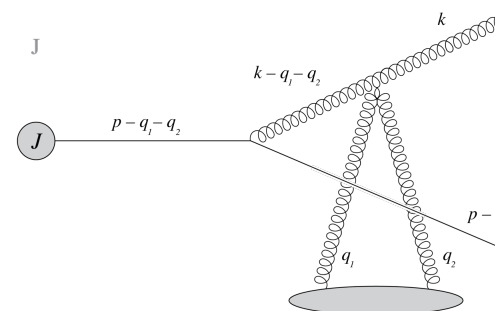
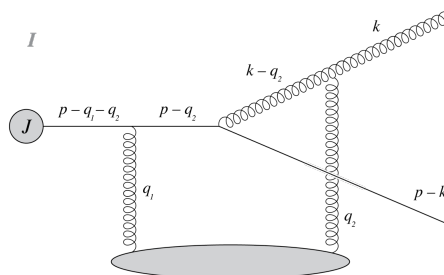
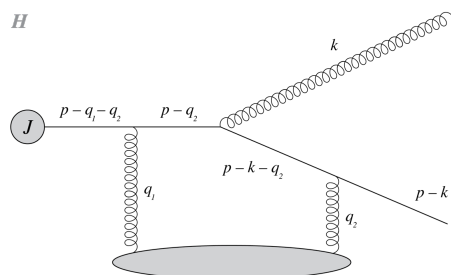
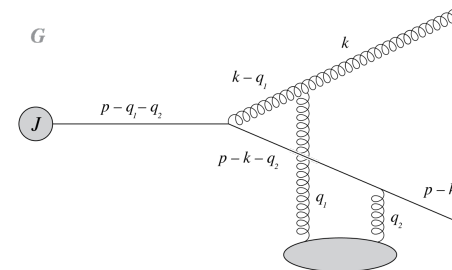
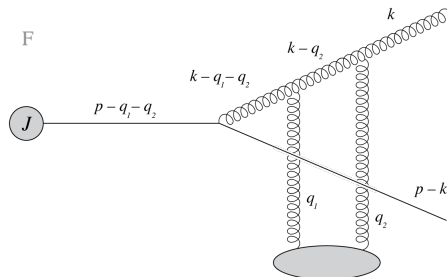
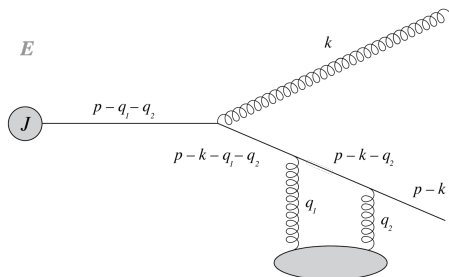
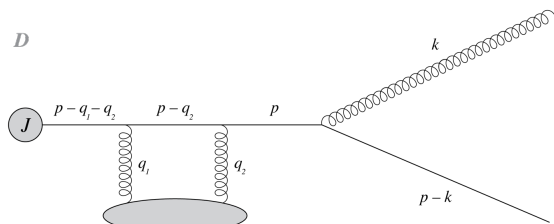
Some questions

- Where is the energy loss?
- What about the other phases of matter in HIC? For which phases that description works at all?
- Do we really need all these approximations? Do we learn anything in such an oversimplified setup?

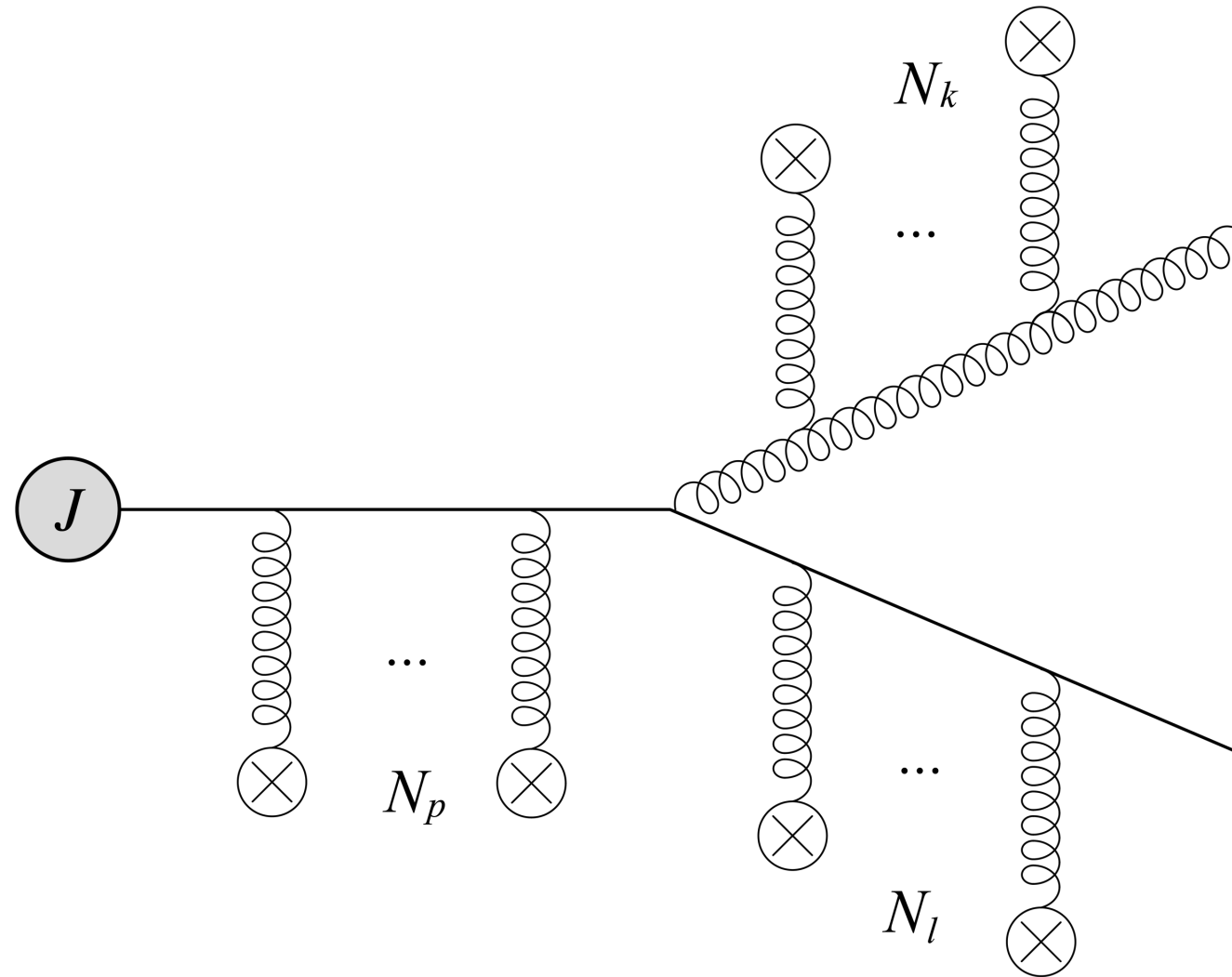
Gluon emission



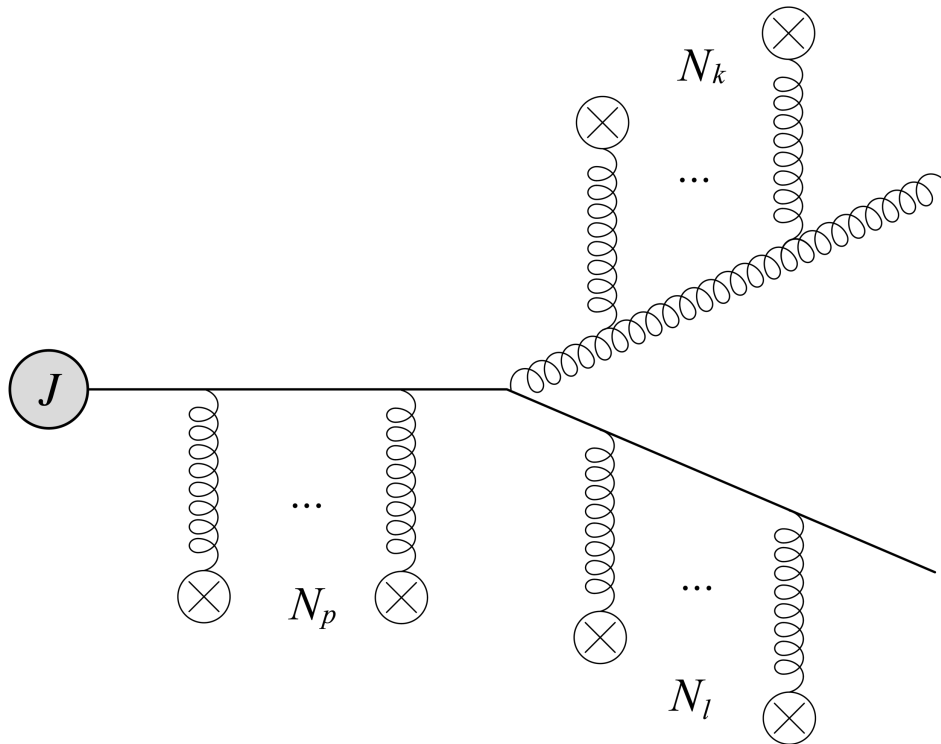
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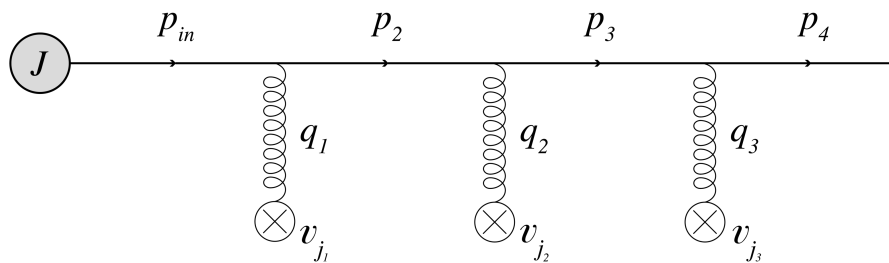
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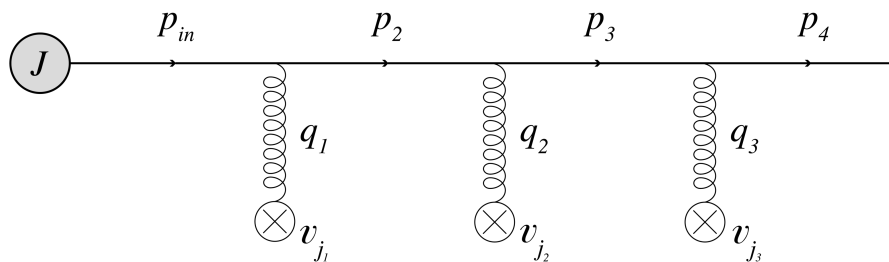


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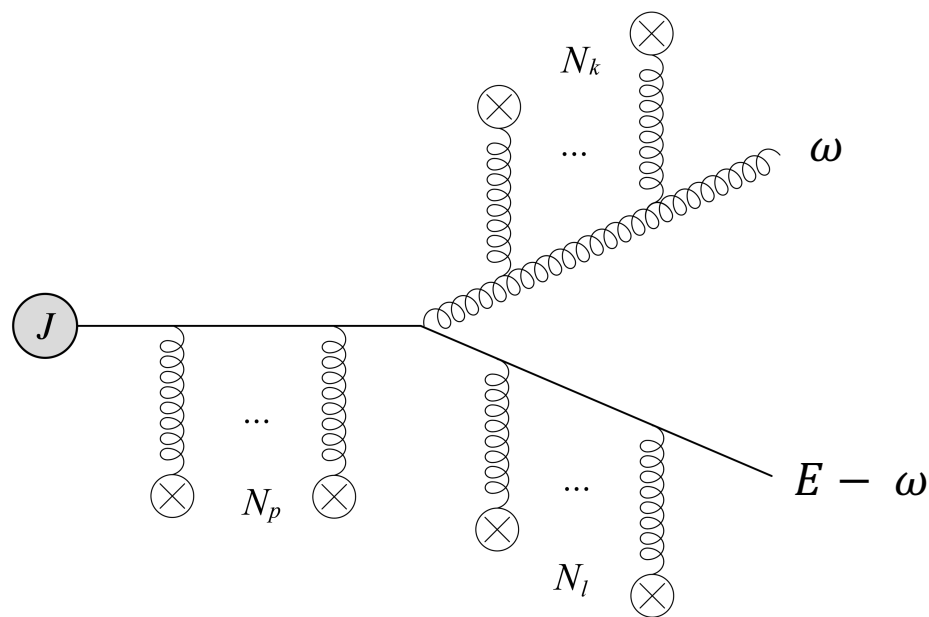
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Gluon emission



$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{P} \exp \left(-i \int dx^\mu t_{\text{proj}}^a A_\mu^a(\mathbf{r}(\tau), \tau) \right)$$

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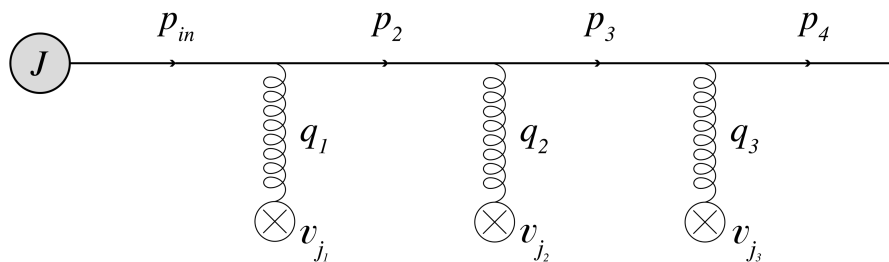
$$-\frac{g}{xE} \lim_{z_f \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty dz_s \int d^2x_0 e^{-i\mathbf{x}_0 \cdot \mathbf{l}_f} J(\mathbf{x}_0)$$

$$\times \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{x}_0; \infty, z_s) t_{\text{proj}}^a \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{x}_0; z_s, 0) e^{i \frac{\mathbf{k}_f^2}{2\omega} z_f}$$

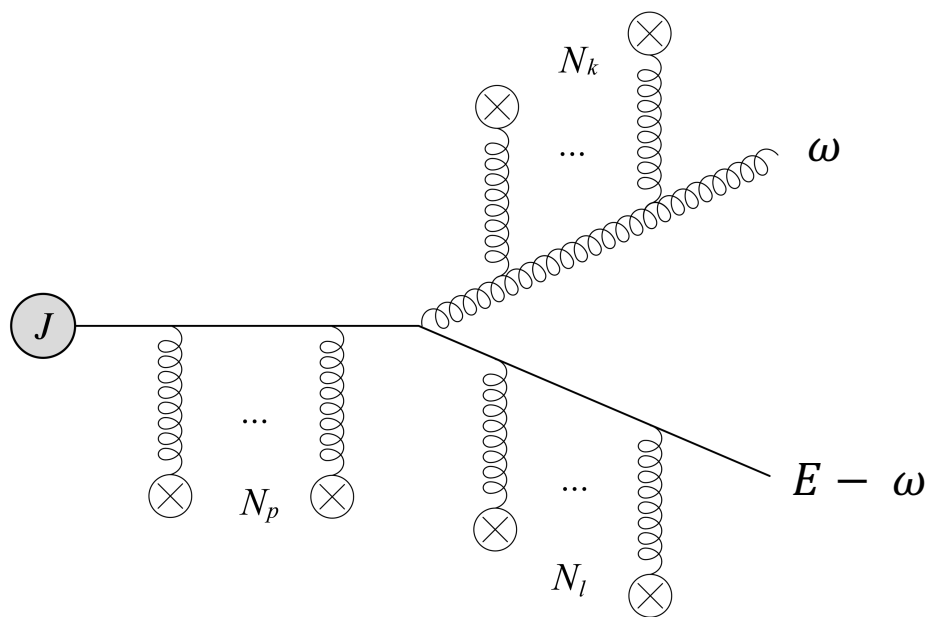
$$\times \left[\epsilon \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}_0} \mathcal{G}^{ba}(\mathbf{k}_f, z_f; \mathbf{x}_0, z_s) \right]$$

small- x limit, i.e. $\omega/E \ll 1$

Gluon emission



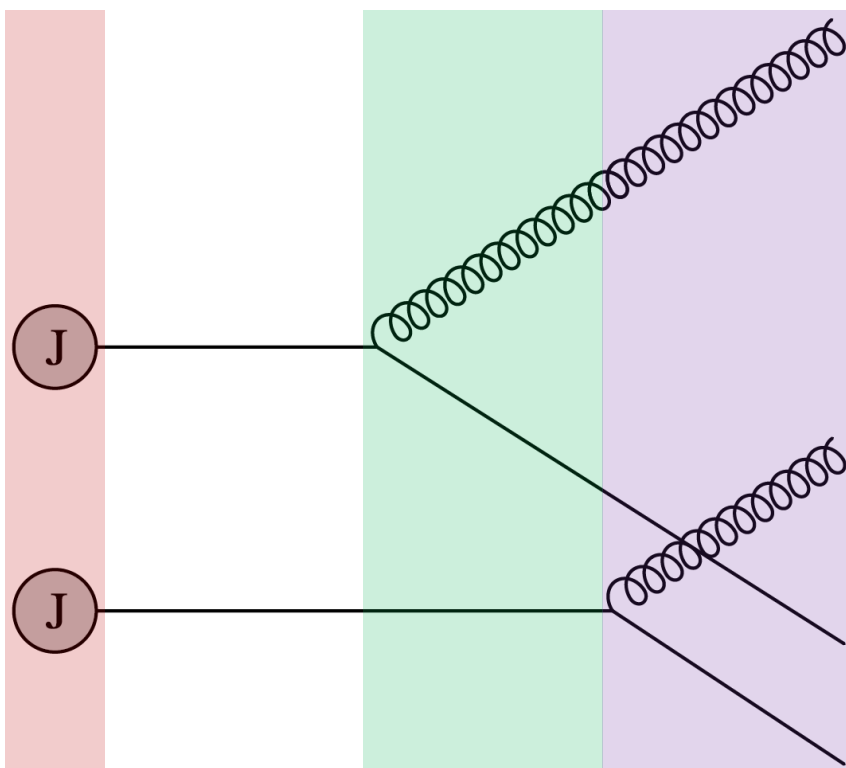
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$$(2\pi)^2 \omega \frac{d\mathcal{N}}{d\omega d^2\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{N_c \omega^2} \text{Re} \int_0^L d\bar{z} \int_0^{\bar{z}} dz \int_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{y}} |J(\mathbf{x}_0)|^2 \left[(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \nabla_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}) \right. \\ \left. \times \left\langle \mathcal{G}^{bc}(\mathbf{k}, L; \mathbf{y}, \bar{z}) \mathcal{G}^{\dagger \bar{a}b}(\mathbf{k}, L; \bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{z}) \right\rangle \left\langle \mathcal{G}^{ca}(\mathbf{y}, \bar{z}; \mathbf{x}, z) \mathcal{W}_A^{\dagger a\bar{a}}(\mathbf{x}_0; \bar{z}, z) \right\rangle \right] \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\bar{\mathbf{x}}=\mathbf{x}_0}$$

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broadening of the gluon

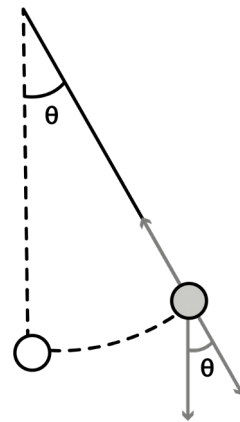
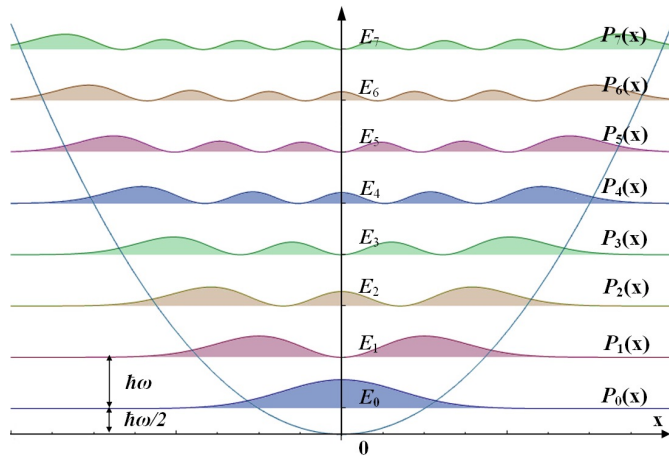
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emission kernel

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{y}, s) = \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \int_{\mathbf{r}(s)=\mathbf{y}}^{\mathbf{r}(t)=\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left[i \frac{\omega}{2} \int_s^t d\tau \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 \right] \\ \times \text{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp \left[iT^c \int_s^t d\tau \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r}(\tau) - \mathbf{x}_{in}) \right]$$

Gluon emission

$$\left(\partial_t - \frac{\partial_{\mathbf{x}}^2}{2\omega} + i\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{x}, t) \right) \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{y}, s) = i\delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\delta(t - s)$$

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$$\mathcal{V} \propto \mu^2 x^2 \log \frac{1}{\mu^2 x^2} + \mathcal{O}(\mu^4 x^4)$$

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$$\mathcal{V} = \frac{\hat{q}}{4} x^2 \quad \text{misses harder scatterings but captures the scalings}$$