

# TMDs at small $x$

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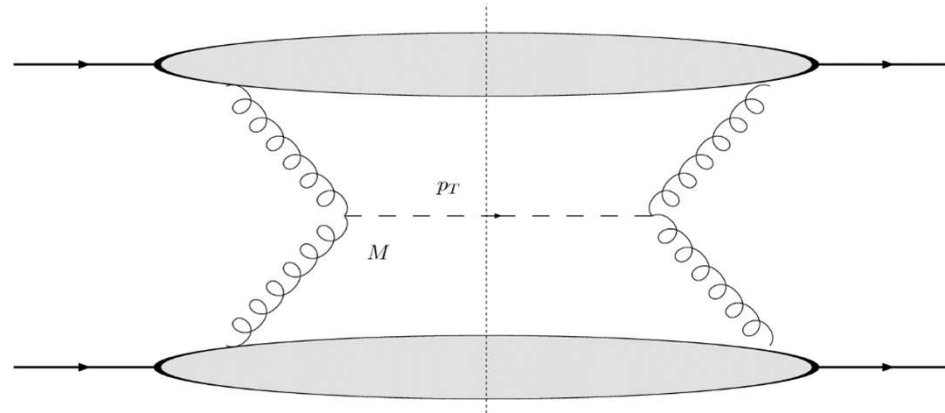
# QCD evolution(resummation)

Designed for summing large logarithms:

- DGLAP:  $\ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}$
- Collins-Soper:  $\ln^2 \frac{Q^2}{p_T^2}$
- BFKL(MQ, BK, JIMWLK):  $\ln \frac{S}{Q^2}$
- Threshold resummation:  $\left( \frac{\ln(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+$
- The infrared evolution equation  $\ln^2 \frac{S}{Q^2}$
- ...

To improve the convergence of perturbation series.

# Gluon initiated Drell-Yan process



➤  $M^2 \gg p_T^2$ , TMD factorization,  $\ln \frac{M^2}{p_T^2}$  resummed by Collins-Soper equation

➤  $S \gg M^2$ , Kt factorization,  $\ln \frac{S}{M^2}$  resummed by BFKL equation

1982-1983, Collins, Soper

1991, Catani, Ciafaloni and Hautmann  
1991, Collins and R. K. Ellis

The overlap region  $S \gg M^2 \gg p_T^2$

An explicit NLO cross section calculation shows that both the large logarithm appear.

2013, Mueller, Xiao, Yuan

Such joint resummation has been also discussed in other literatures.

2015, Balitsky and Tarasov; 2015 Marzani

# Our starting point

$$xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta) = \int \frac{dy^{-} d^2 y_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^3 P^{+}} e^{-ixP^{+}y^{-} + il_{\perp} \cdot y_{\perp}} \langle P | F_{\mu}^{+}(y^{-}, y_{\perp}) \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{n}}^{\dagger}(y^{-}, y_{\perp}) \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{n}}(0, 0_{\perp}) F^{\mu+}(0) | P \rangle$$

**Gloun---->gloun splitting kernel;**

$$\mathcal{P}_{gg}(z) = 2C_A \frac{(z^2 - z + 1)^2}{z(1 - z)}$$

When  $z(\text{or } x) \rightarrow 0$ , large logarithm  $\ln \frac{1}{x}$  summed by BFKL

When  $z \rightarrow 1$ , light cone divergence, introduce  $\zeta$  to regularize

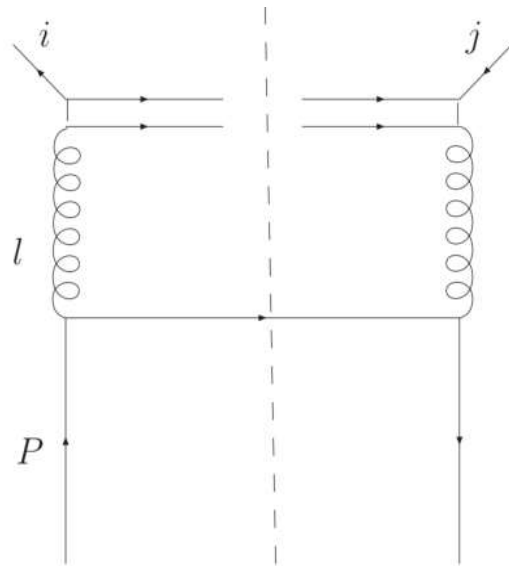
large logarithm  $\ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{k_T^2}$  summed by CS

$$\ln \frac{1}{x} \longrightarrow \ln \frac{S}{M^2}$$

$$\ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{k_T^2} \longrightarrow \ln \frac{M^2}{p_T^2}$$

# small x gluon TMD at LO

In a simple quark model, at tree level:

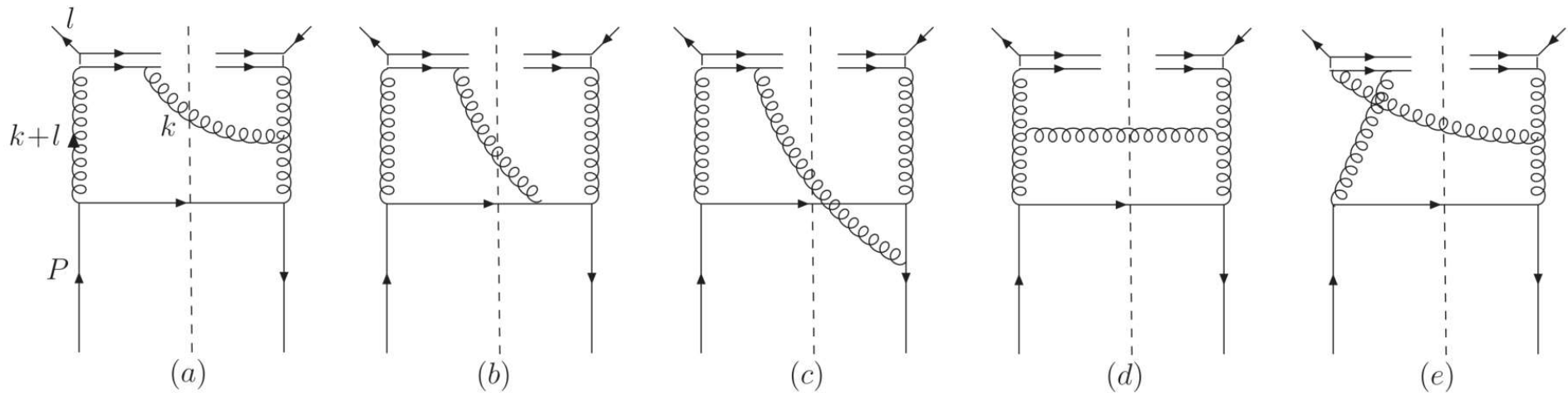


$$xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta)_{LO}|_{x \rightarrow 0} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{l_{\perp}^2}$$

- both large logarithms are absent at LO;  
how is it dressed by quantum corrections at NLO?

# Real graphs

Sample diagrams:



- Fig.a is the only diagram contributing to both the CS and the BFKL evolution kernel
- Calculation formulated in the Ji-Ma-Yuan scheme.

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dk^+}{k^+} = \int_{l^+}^\infty \frac{dk^+}{k^+} + \int_0^{l^+} \frac{dk^+}{k^+}$$



# Virtual graphs

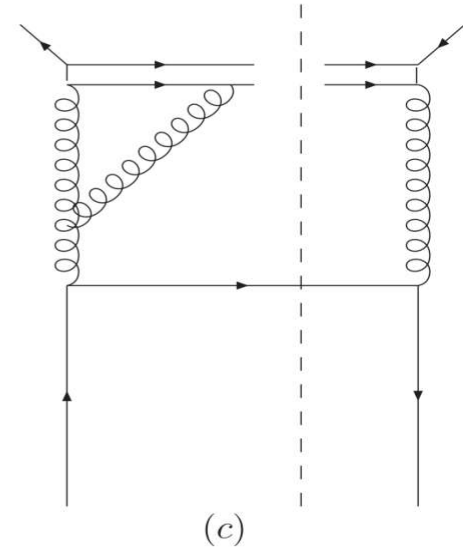
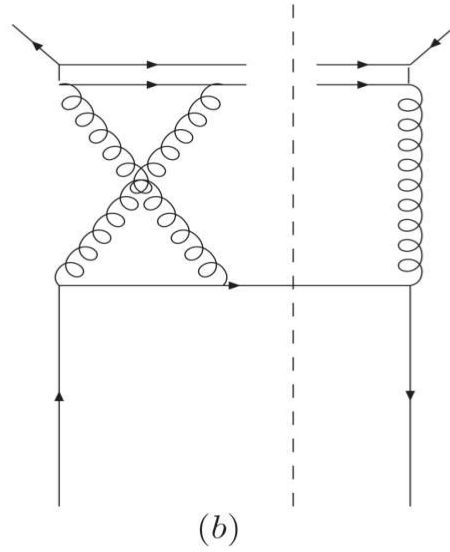
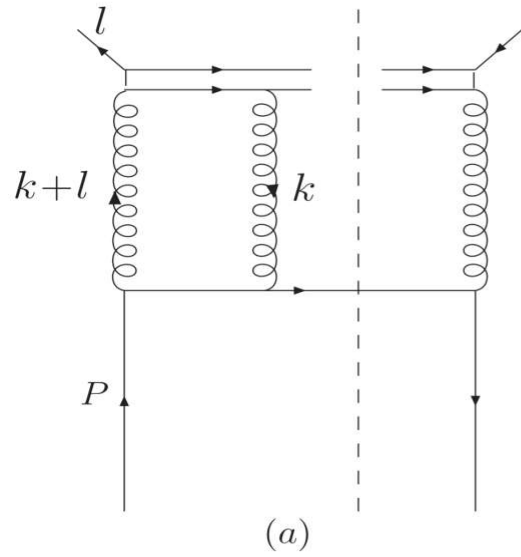


Fig.a & Fig.b



BFKL kernel

Fig.c



CS kernel

In the leading logarithm approximations,

Small x gluon TMD at NLO reads,

$$\begin{aligned}
 xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta)_{NLO} &= xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta)_{LO} \\
 &+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \ln \frac{1}{x} \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^2} \left[ xG_{LO}(x, k_{\perp} + l_{\perp}, x\zeta) - \frac{l_{\perp}^2}{2(l_{\perp} + k_{\perp})^2} xG_{LO}(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta) \right] \\
 &+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{l_{\perp}^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{\mu^2} - \left( \ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{l_{\perp}^2} \right)^2 \right] xG_{LO}(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta) \\
 &+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{2 [k_{\perp}^2 + l_{\perp}^4 / x^2 \zeta^2]} \ln \frac{k_{\perp}^2 (k_{\perp}^2 + x^2 \zeta^2)}{(k_{\perp}^2 + l_{\perp}^2)^2} xG_{LO}(x, k_{\perp} + l_{\perp}, x\zeta)
 \end{aligned}$$

2016, ZJ

$$\ln \frac{1}{x} \longrightarrow \ln \frac{S}{M^2}$$

$$\ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{k_T^2} \longrightarrow \ln \frac{M^2}{p_T^2}$$

The resulting gluon TMD indeed simultaneously satisfies the both

BFKL equation:

$$\frac{\partial [xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta)]}{\partial \ln(1/x)} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^2} \left\{ xG(x, k_{\perp} + l_{\perp}, x\zeta) - \frac{l_{\perp}^2}{2(l_{\perp} + k_{\perp})^2} xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta) \right\}$$

CS equation:

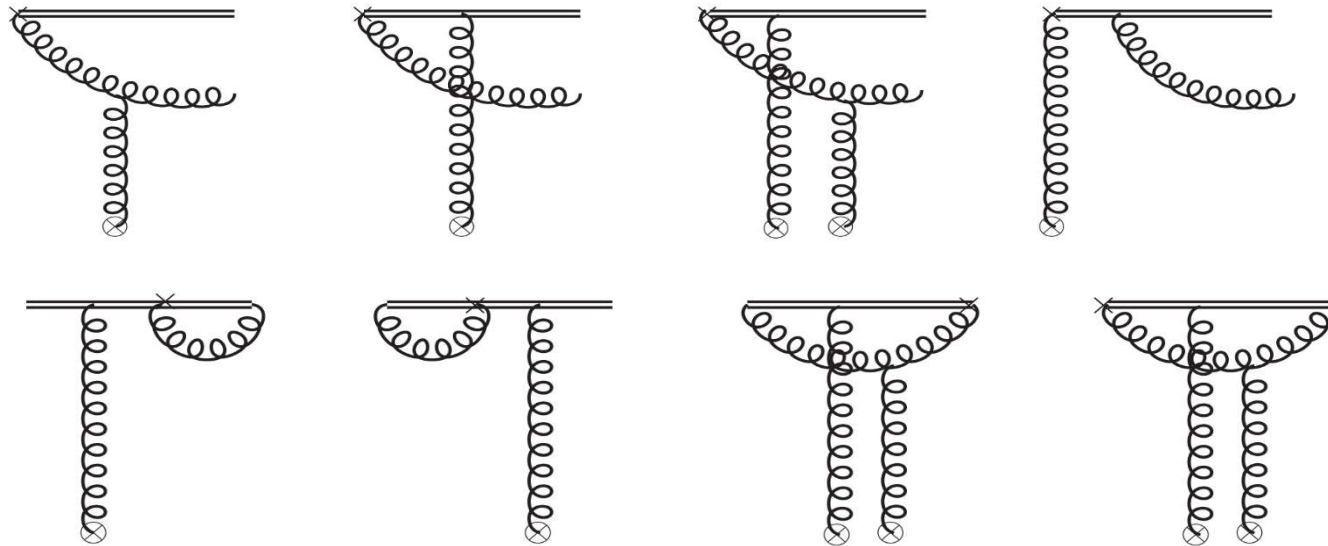
$$\frac{\partial [G(x, b_{\perp}, x\zeta)]}{\partial \ln \zeta} = -\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{x^2 \zeta^2 b_{\perp}^2}{4} e^{2\gamma_E - \frac{1}{2}} \right] G(x, b_{\perp}, x\zeta)$$

# More formal treatment

**Computing small  $x$  gluon TMDs in CGC with Collins 2011 scheme**

# Small x TMDs in CGC at NLO

Sample diagrams



Xiao, Yuan and ZJ, 2017.

The basic nonperturbative ingredient:

$$U(x_{\perp}) = \langle \mathcal{P} e^{-ig \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx^- A^+(x^-, x_{\perp})} \rangle$$

Multiple gluon rescattering is treated in an equal way.

# Collinear approach vs CGC I

➤ **TMDs in collinear approach**

collinear divergence      DGLAP

➤ **TMDs in CGC,**

rapidity divergence      BK or JIMWLK

$$\int_{l^+}^{\infty} \frac{dk^+}{k^+}$$

Collins-Soper light cone divergence appears in both collinear approach and CGC calculation

Match small  $x$  TMDs onto two point functions instead of PDFs.

$$\langle \text{Tr} U(R_{\perp} + r_{\perp}) \overline{U^{\dagger}(R_{\perp})} \rangle$$

# Collinear approach vs CGC II

$$\tilde{f}_g^{(sub.)}(x, r_\perp, \zeta_c) = e^{-S_{pert}^g(Q, r_\perp)} \sum_i C_{g/i}(\mu_r/\mu) \otimes f_i(x, \mu)$$

**Sudakov factor**

**Hard coefficient**

**Colliner PDF**

$$xG^{(1)}(x, k_\perp, \zeta_c) = -\frac{2}{\alpha_S} \int \frac{d^2x_\perp d^2y_\perp}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik_\perp \cdot r_\perp} \mathcal{H}^{WW}(\alpha_s(Q)) e^{-S_{sud}(Q^2, r_\perp^2)} \mathcal{F}_{Y=\ln 1/x}^{WW}(x_\perp, y_\perp)$$

**Hard coefficient**

**Sudakov factor**

**Two point function**

Two step evolution:  $S \longrightarrow M^2 \longrightarrow k_T^2$

# Spin dependent TMDs at small $x$

1: Inside an unpolarized target

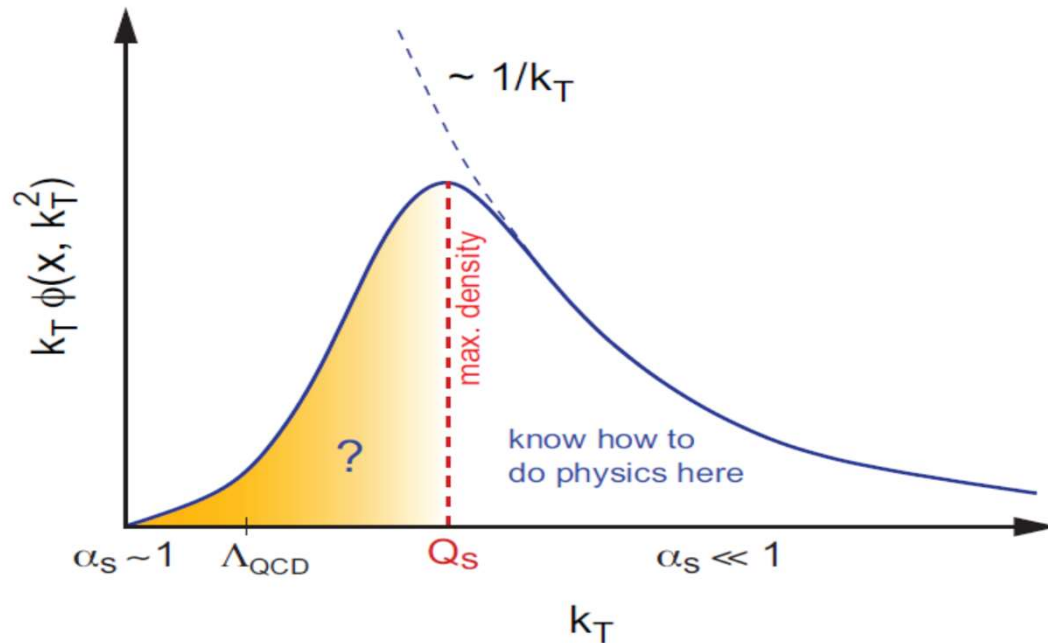


# Linearly polarized gluon TMD

$$\int \frac{dr^- d^2 r_\perp}{(2\pi)^3 P^+} e^{-ix_1 P^+ r^- + i\vec{k}_{1\perp} \cdot \vec{r}_\perp} \langle A | F^{+i}(r^- + y^-, r_\perp + y_\perp) L^\dagger L F^{+j}(y^-, y_\perp) | A \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\delta_\perp^{ij}}{2} x_1 G(x_1, k_{1\perp}) + \left( \hat{k}_{1\perp}^i \hat{k}_{1\perp}^j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_\perp^{ij} \right) x_1 h_1^\perp{}^g(x_1, k_{1\perp}), \quad \text{Mulders, Rodrigues, 2001}$$

Unpolarized gluon TMD  
computed in the MV model



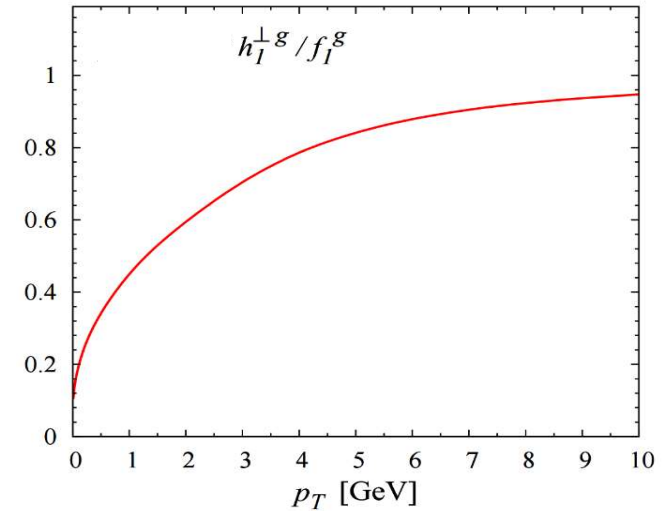
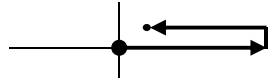
Kovchegov, 96  
J. Marian, Kovner, McLerran & Weigert, 97

# Gluon TMDs in the MV model

The linearly polarized gluon TMDs in the MV model,

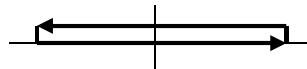
Metz & ZJ, 2011

Weizsäcker-Williams(WW) distribution:



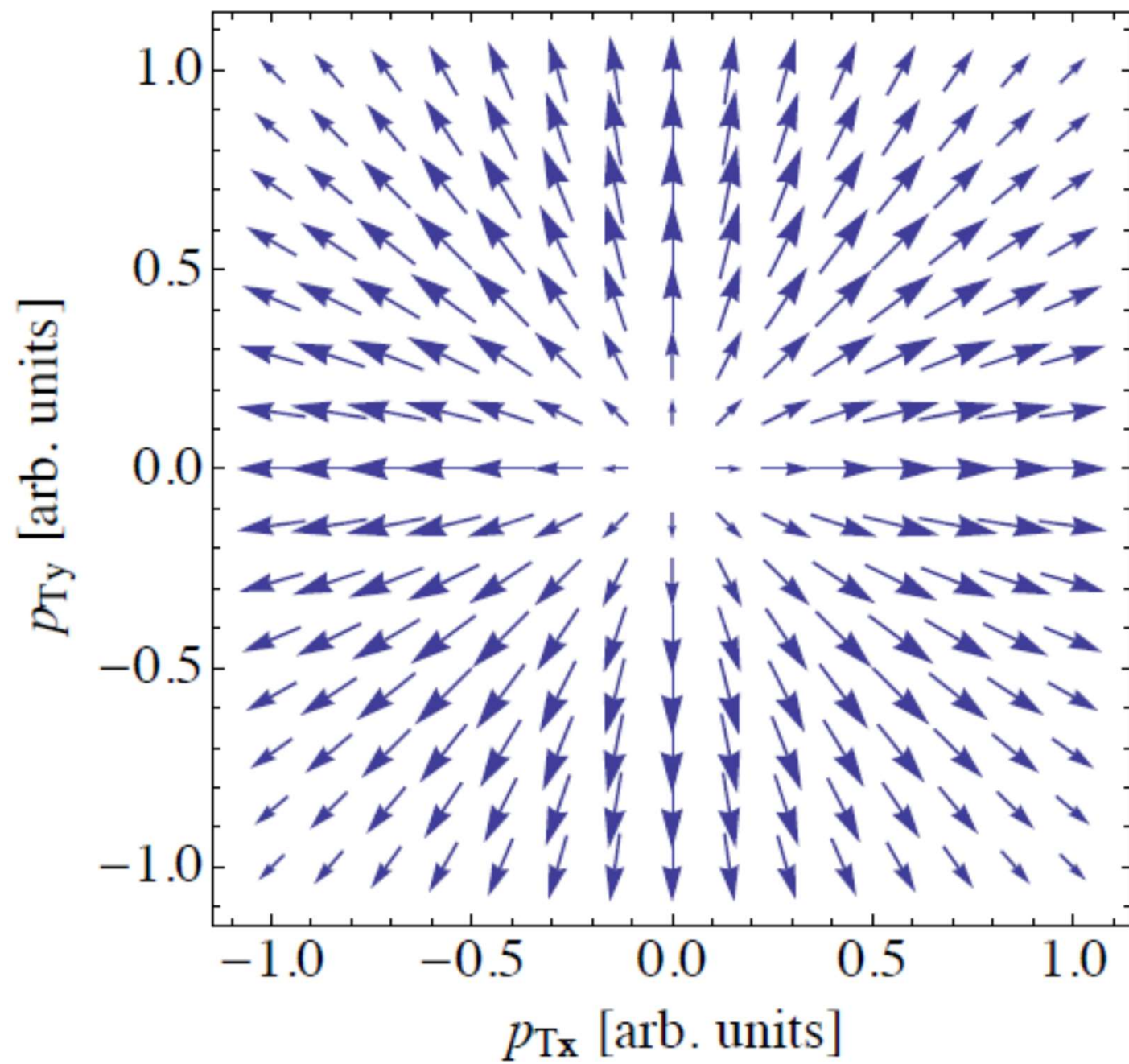
$$xh_{1,WW}^{\perp g}(x, k_{\perp}) = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8\pi^3} S_{\perp} \int d\xi_{\perp} \frac{K_2(k_{\perp} \xi_{\perp})}{\frac{1}{4\mu_A} \xi_{\perp} Q_s^2} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{\xi_{\perp}^2 Q_s^2}{4}} \right)$$

Dipole distribution:



$$xh_{1,DP}^{\perp g}(x, k_{\perp}) = xG_{DP}^g(x, k_{\perp}) = \frac{k_{\perp}^2 N_c}{2\pi^2 \alpha_s} S_{\perp} \int \frac{d^2 \xi_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{k}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{\xi}_{\perp}} e^{-\frac{Q_{sq}^2 \xi_{\perp}^2}{4}}$$

positivity bound saturated for any value of  $k_t$



# TMD evolution effect

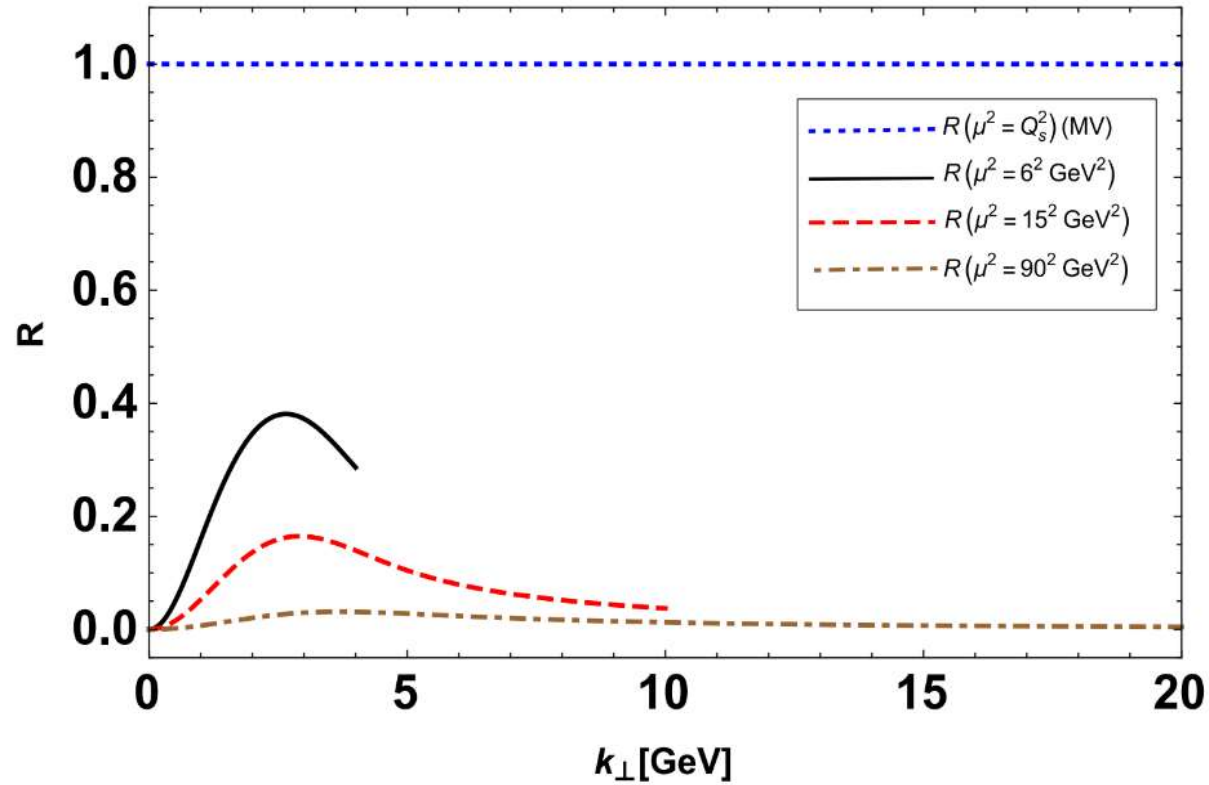


FIG. 2: The ratio  $R = h_1^{\perp g} / f_1^g$  as function of  $k_{\perp}$ , at  $x = 0.01$  for  $\mu = 6, 15$  and  $90$  GeV.

D. Boer, P. Mulders, JZ, Y. J. Zhou, 2017

**2: Inside a transversely polarized target**

# Three T-odd gluon TMDs

Identify 6 leading power gluon TMDs for a transversely polarized target (8 in total). Among them, 3 gluon TMDs are T-odd distributions.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{xP^+} \int \frac{dy^- d^2y_T}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot y} \langle P, S_T | 2\text{Tr} [F_{+T}^\mu(0) U F_{+T}^\nu(y) U'] | P, S_T \rangle \\
 &= \delta_T^{\mu\nu} f_1^g + \left( \frac{2k_T^\mu k_T^\nu}{k_\perp^2} - \delta_T^{\mu\nu} \right) h_1^{\perp g} - \delta_T^{\mu\nu} \frac{\epsilon_{T\alpha\beta} k_T^\alpha S_T^\beta}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp g} \\
 & \quad - i\epsilon_T^{\mu\nu} \frac{k_T \cdot S_T}{M} g_{1T}^g - \frac{\tilde{k}_T^{\{\mu} k_T^{\nu\}}}{k_\perp^2} \frac{k_T \cdot S_T}{M} h_{1T}^{\perp g} - \frac{\tilde{k}_T^{\{\mu} S_T^{\nu\}} + \tilde{S}_T^{\{\mu} k_T^{\nu\}}}{2M} h_{1T}^g
 \end{aligned}$$

Mulders, Rodrigues, 2001

Are the T-odd gluon TMDs relevant at small x?

# T-odd gluon TMDs & the odderon

Starting point,


$$\Gamma_{T\text{-odd}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{xP^+} \int \frac{dy^- d^2 y_T}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot y} \langle P, S_T | 2 \text{Tr} [F_{+T}^\mu(0) U^{[-]\dagger} F_{+T}^\nu(y) U^{[+]}] | P, S_T \rangle$$

Using time reversal invariance and parity symmetry, at small x one obtains,

$$\Gamma_{T\text{-odd}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{k_T^\mu k_T^\nu}{g^2 V x P^+} \int \frac{d^2 y_{1T} d^2 y_{2T}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik_T \cdot y_T} \langle P, S_T | \text{Tr} [U^{[\square]}(y_T) - U^{[\square]\dagger}(y_T)] | P, S_T \rangle$$

Schematically,

$$\Gamma_{T\text{-odd}}^{\mu\nu} \propto \frac{1}{2} k_T^\mu k_T^\nu \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array}} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array}} \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array}} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array}} \end{array} \right\}$$


 $\hat{D}(R_\perp, r_\perp) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} \left[ U(R_\perp + \frac{r_\perp}{2}) U^\dagger(R_\perp - \frac{r_\perp}{2}) \right]$

**Nothing but an odderon operator in CGC**

$$\hat{O}(R_\perp, r_\perp) = \frac{1}{2i} \left[ \hat{D}(R_\perp, r_\perp) - \hat{D}(R_\perp, -r_\perp) \right]$$

**Kovchegov, Szymanowski & Wallon 2004**

**Hatta, Iancu, Itakura & McLerran 2005**

# Spin dependent odderon

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{O}(r_{\perp}) \rangle &= -\frac{c_0 \alpha_s^3 \pi}{8M_p R_0^2} e^{-\frac{1}{4} r_{\perp}^2 Q_s^2} r_{\perp}^2 \epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} S_{\perp i} r_{\perp j} \int dx_q d^2 z_{\perp} \sum_{u,d} \mathcal{E}(x_q, z_{\perp}^2) \\
 &= -\frac{c_0 \alpha_s^3 \pi}{8M_p R_0^2} e^{-\frac{1}{4} r_{\perp}^2 Q_s^2} r_{\perp}^2 \epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} S_{\perp i} r_{\perp j} (\kappa_p^u + \kappa_p^d)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the momentum space:

$$\frac{\epsilon_T^{\alpha\beta} S_{T\alpha} k_{T\beta}}{M} O_{1T,x}^{\perp}(k_{\perp}^2) \propto \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{--->--->--->} \\ \text{<---<---<---} \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{<---<---<---} \\ \text{--->--->--->} \end{array} \right\}$$

ZJ 2013

$$\Gamma_{T-odd}^{\mu\nu} \propto \frac{1}{2} k_T^{\mu} k_T^{\nu} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{--->--->--->} \\ \text{<---<---<---} \end{array} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{<---<---<---} \\ \text{--->--->--->} \end{array} \right\}$$



# Two different parametrizations

Equating two parametrizations:

$$\frac{k_T^\mu k_T^\nu N_c \epsilon_T^{\alpha\beta} S_{T\alpha} k_{T\beta}}{2\pi^2 \alpha_s x M} O_{1T,x}^\perp(k_\perp^2) = -\delta_T^{\mu\nu} \frac{\epsilon_{T\alpha\beta} k_T^\alpha S_T^\beta}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp g}$$

$$- \frac{\tilde{k}_T^{\{\mu} k_T^{\nu\}}}{k_\perp^2} \frac{k_T \cdot S_T}{M} h_{1T}^{\perp g} - \frac{\tilde{k}_T^{\{\mu} S_T^{\nu\}} + \tilde{S}_T^{\{\mu} k_T^{\nu\}}}{2M} h_{1T}^g$$



Simple algebra leads to

$$x f_{1T}^{\perp g} = x h_{1T}^g = x h_{1T}^{\perp g} = \frac{k_\perp^2 N_c}{4\pi^2 \alpha_s} O_{1T,x}^\perp(k_\perp^2)$$

Boer, Echevarria, Mulders, ZJ; 2016

All of three dipole type T-odd gluon TMDs become identical at small x!

# Summary

## At small $x$ :

- A joint resummation can be achieved
- Very rich polarization dependent phenomenology

**It would be interesting to test these theoretical ideas  
at RHIC and the future EIC**

**Thank you for your attention.**