

## Student Lectures - HP2023 - Aschaffenburg

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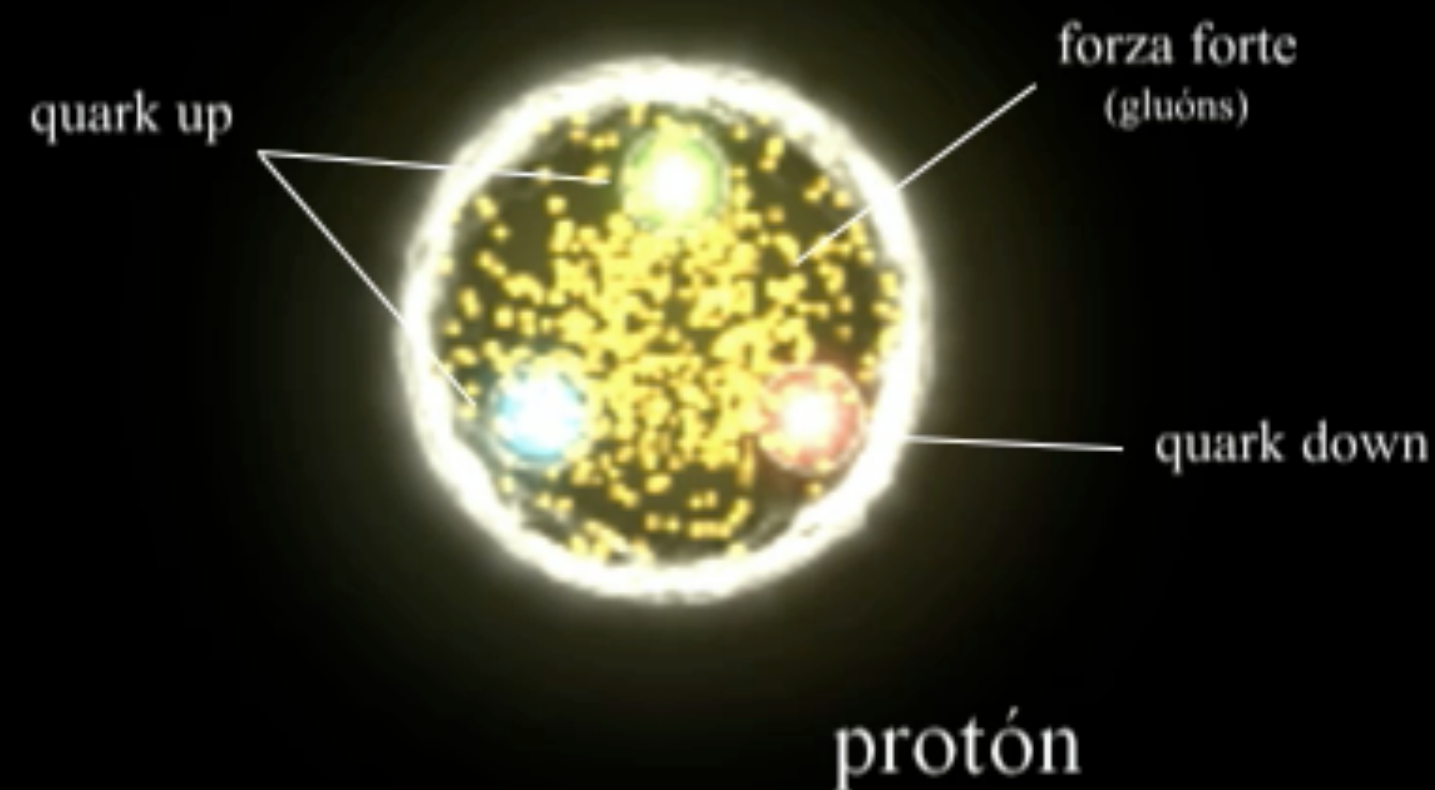
# Theory of hard processes in heavy ion collisions

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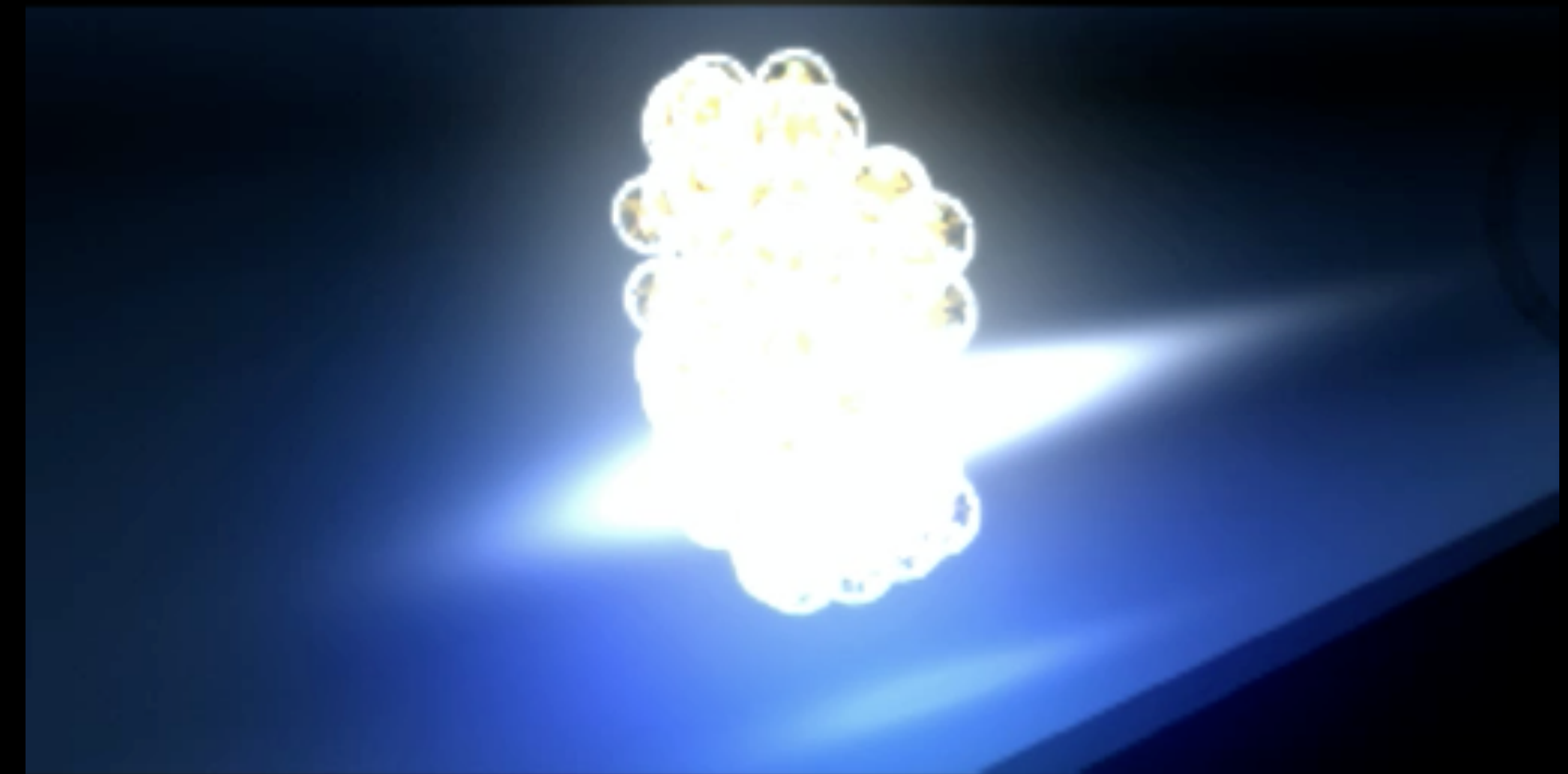
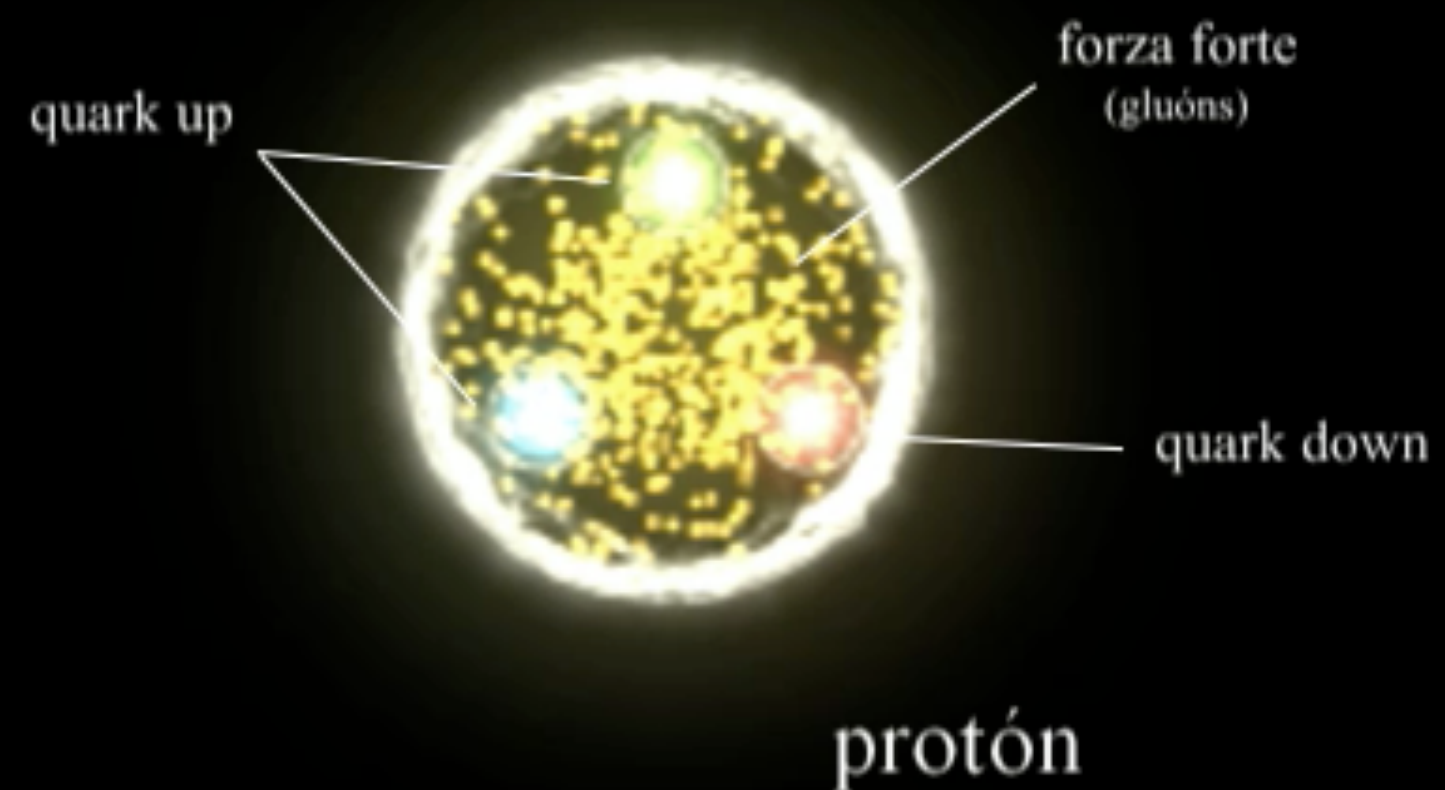
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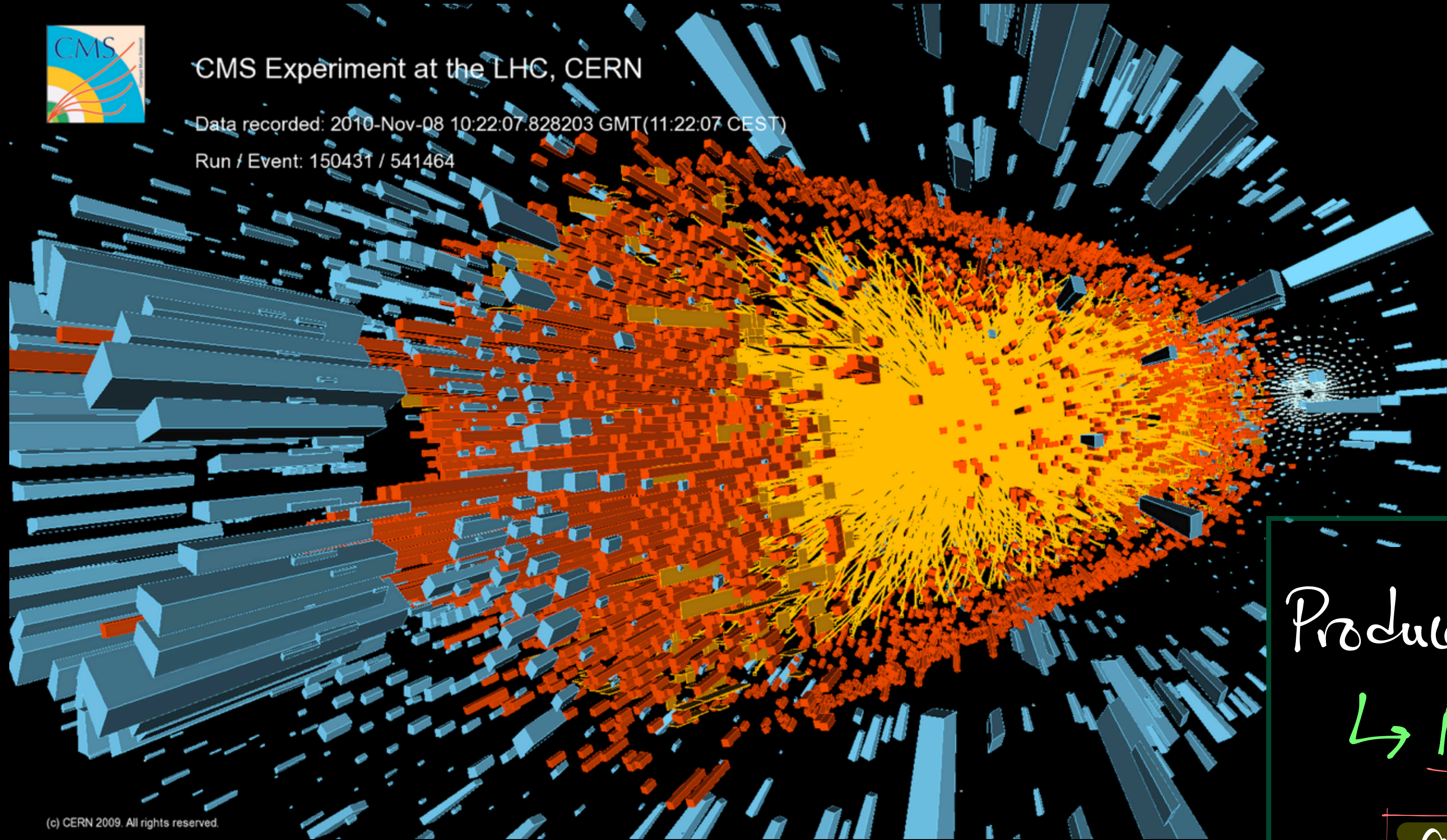
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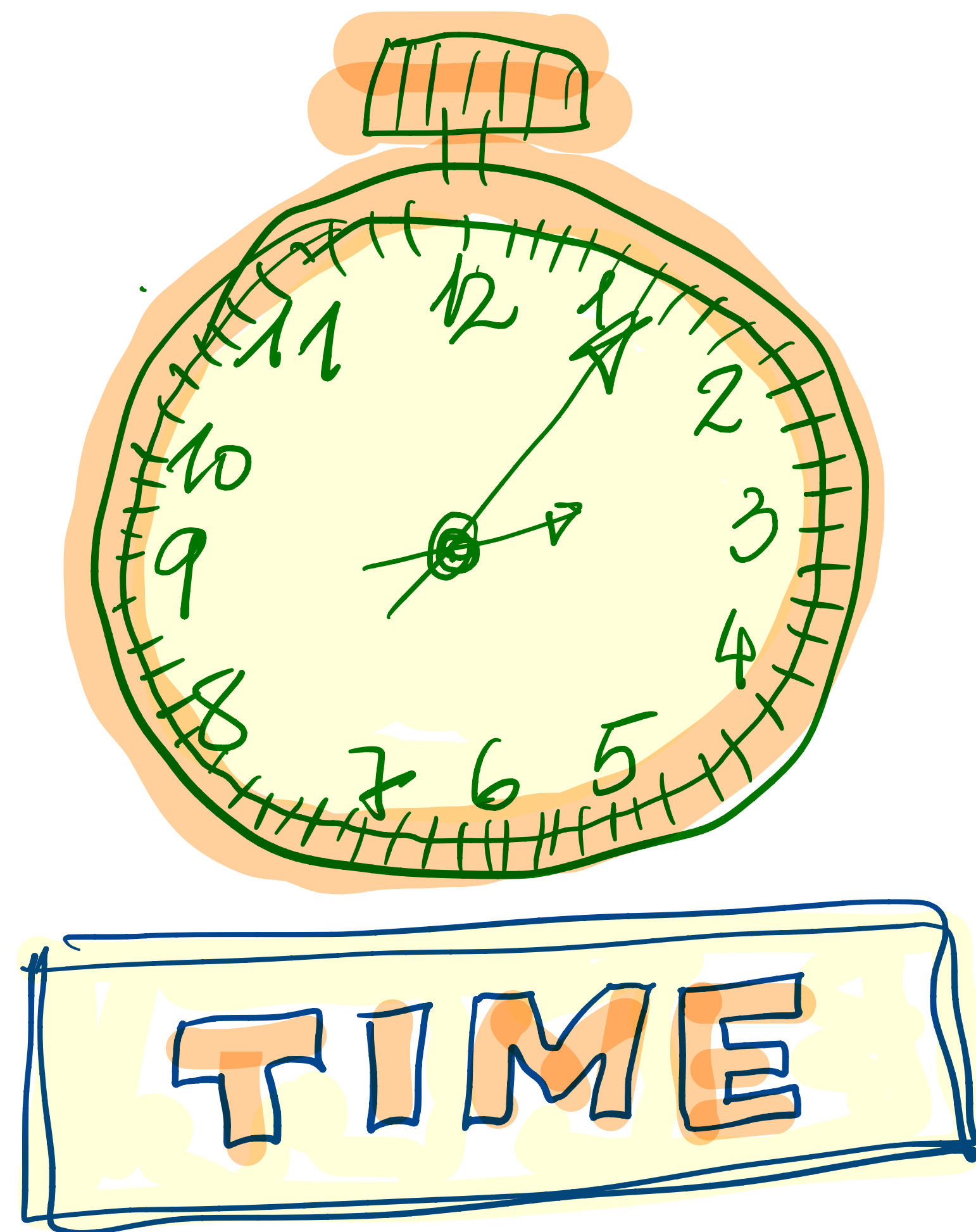
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Produce "large" objects

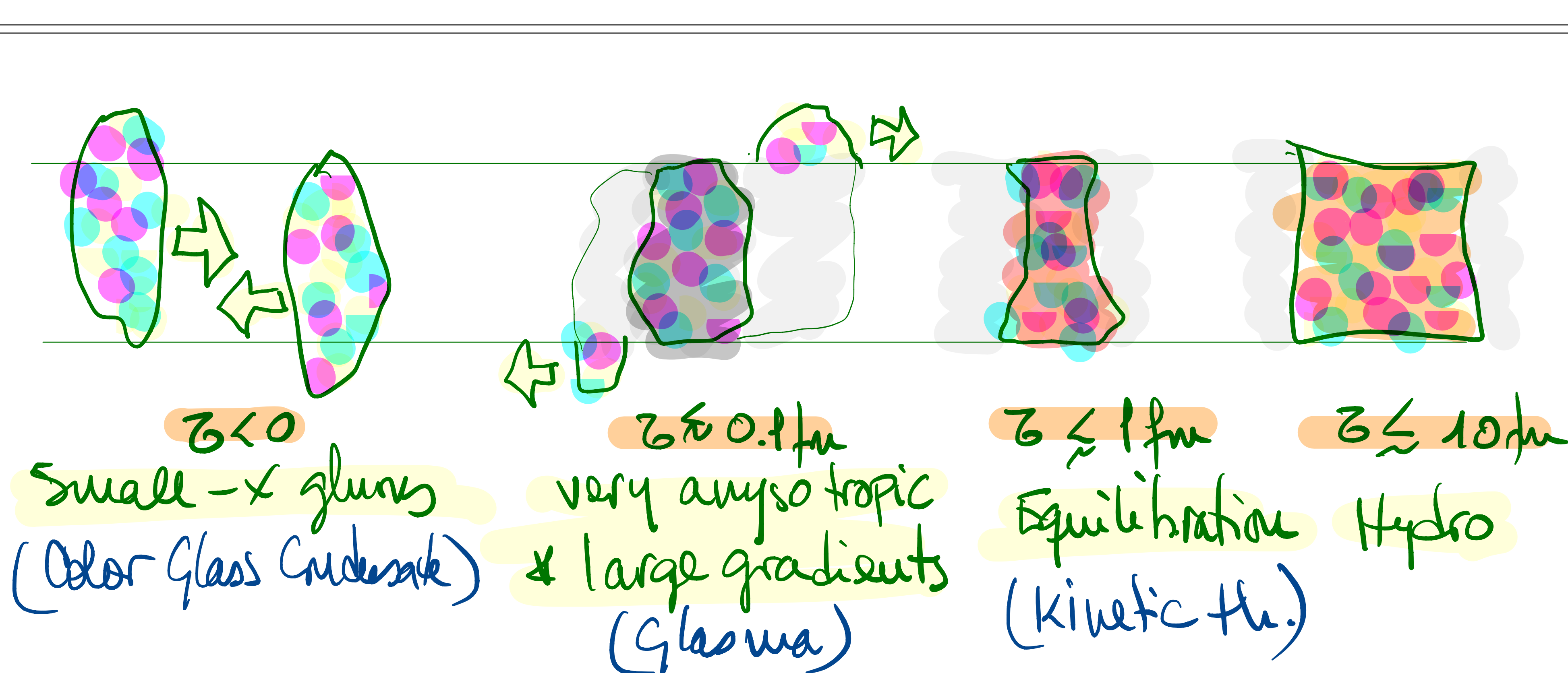
↳ Macroscopic in QCD scale

Collide heavy nuclei

**But also...**

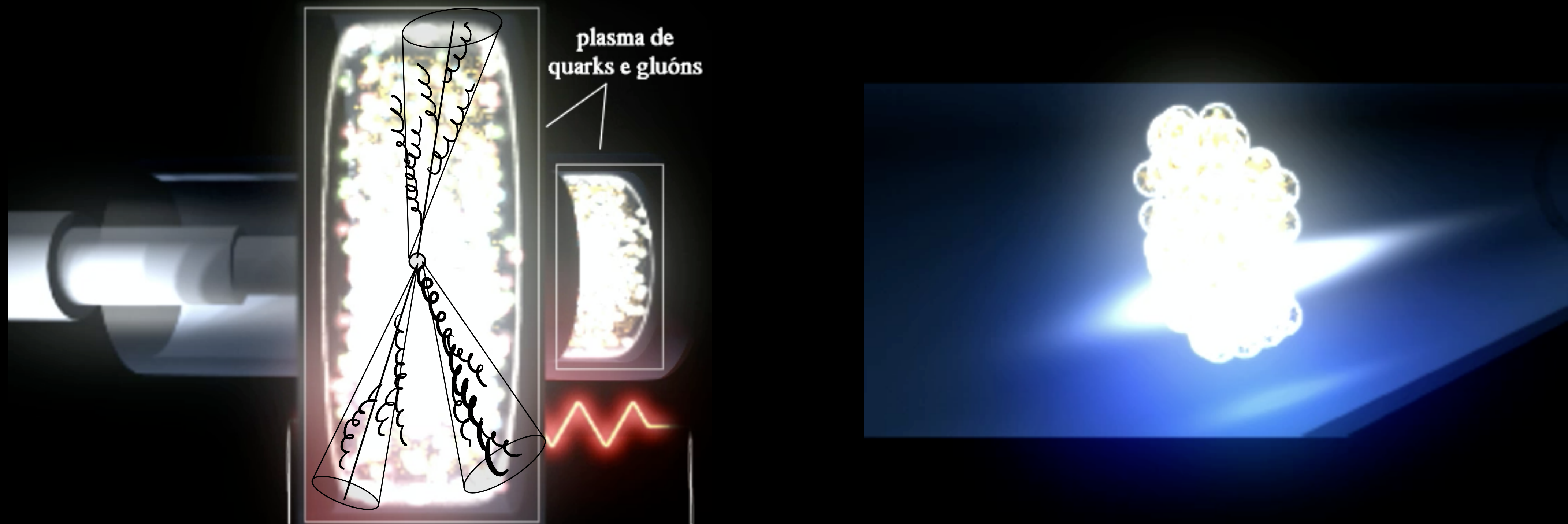


(A possible) **Time evolution of a HIC**



In contrast to usual HEP, **time and distance are relevant variables** in heavy-ion collisions  
**Building collectivity in extended (macroscopic) systems**

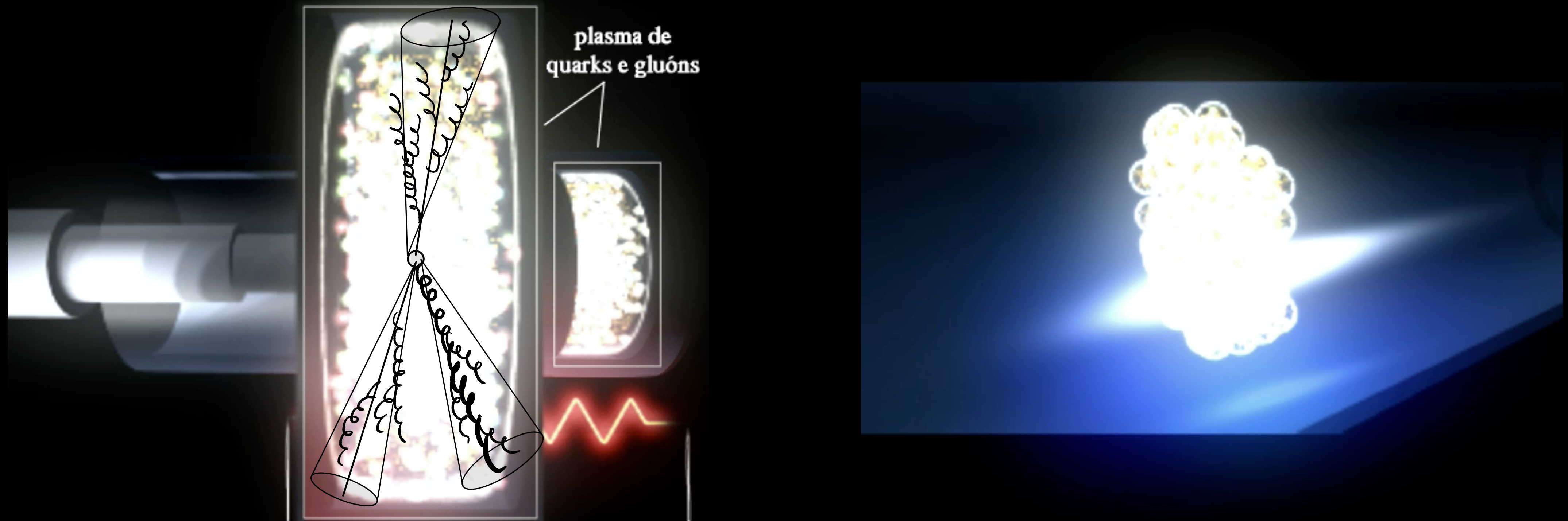
# Hard processes



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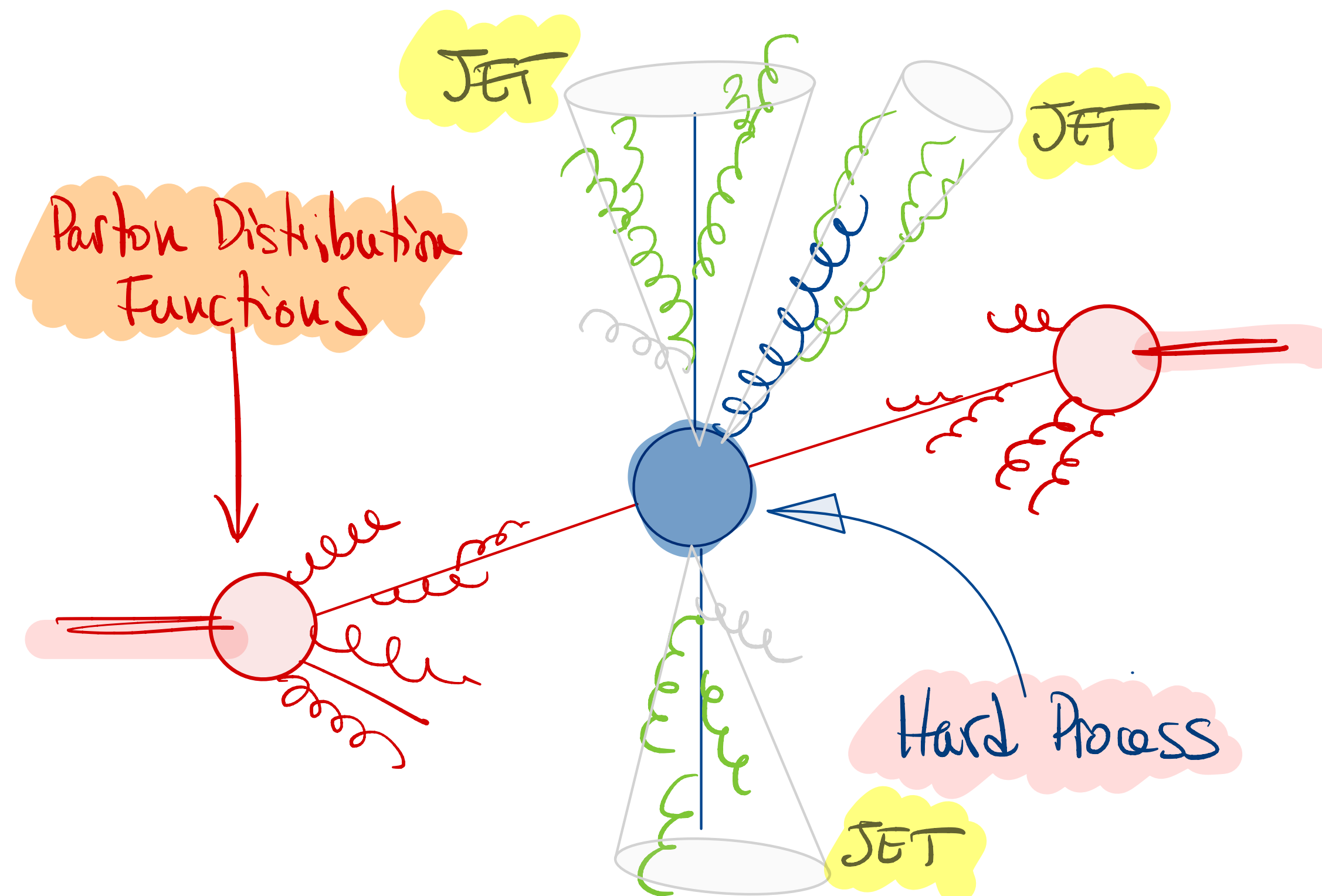
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# Hard processes in QCD

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow C+X}}{dp_T} = f_i^A(x_1, \mu^2) \otimes f_j^B(x_2, \mu^2) \otimes \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{i,j \rightarrow k}}{d\hat{t}} \otimes D_{k \rightarrow C}(z, \mu^2)$$



When  $\mu^2 \simeq p_T^2 \gg \Lambda_{QCD}^2$ ,  $\alpha_s(\mu^2) \ll 1$   
 perturbative expansion of  $d\hat{\sigma}/d\hat{t}$  possible

Non-perturbative contributions:

- PDFs  $f_i^A(x, \mu^2)$
- Hadronization  $D_{k \rightarrow C}(z, \mu^2)$

...but **evolution is perturbative** (DGLAP...)

**Short- and long-distance contributions factorize.**

Initial State Radiation  
 Final State Radiation

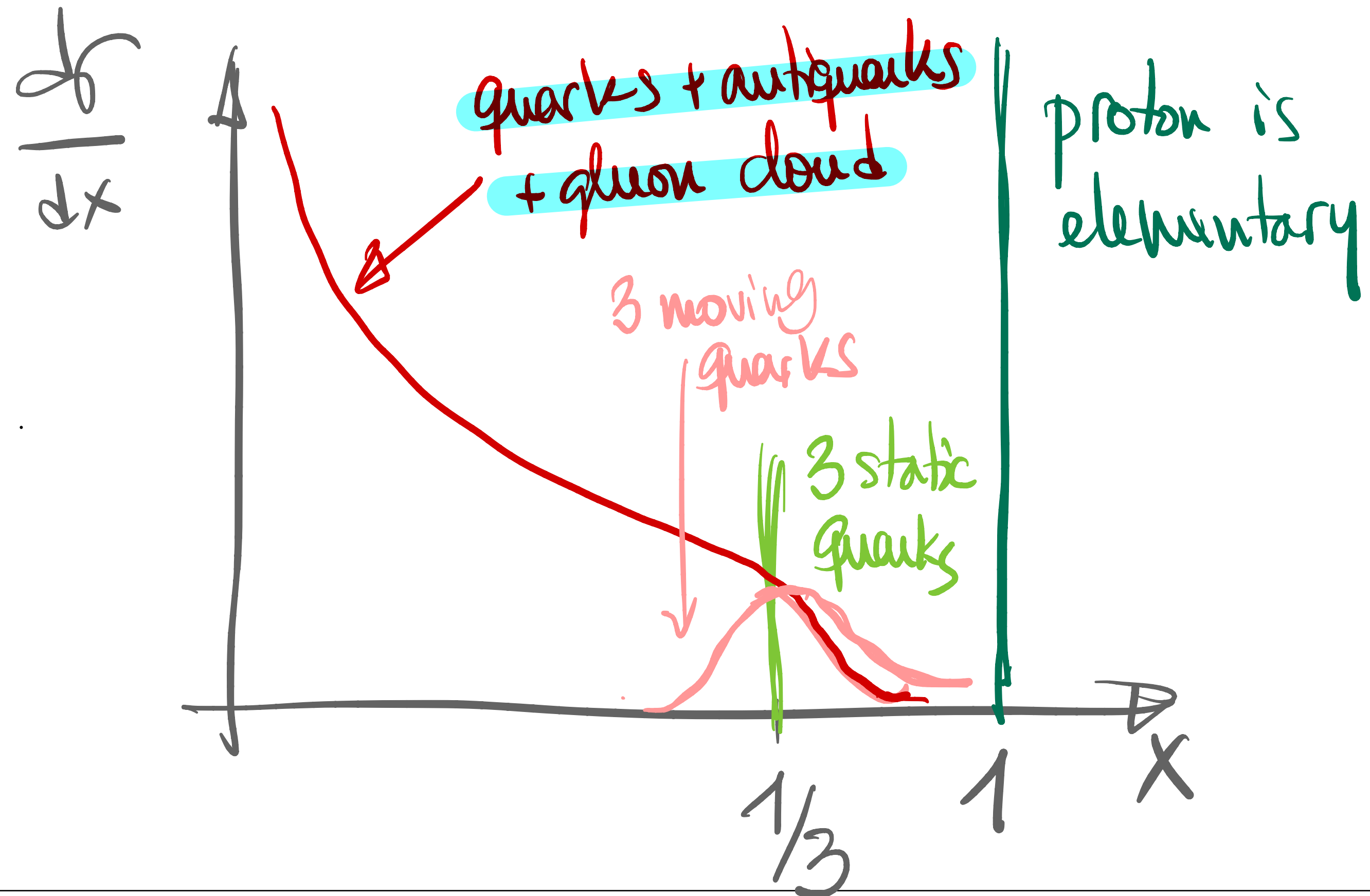
# The hadron structure

A proton seen in a lepton-proton DIS (same applies to other hadrons or nuclei)

Bjorken- $x$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

Can be written in terms of the lepton kinematics alone  
[ $x=1$  for elastic scattering]



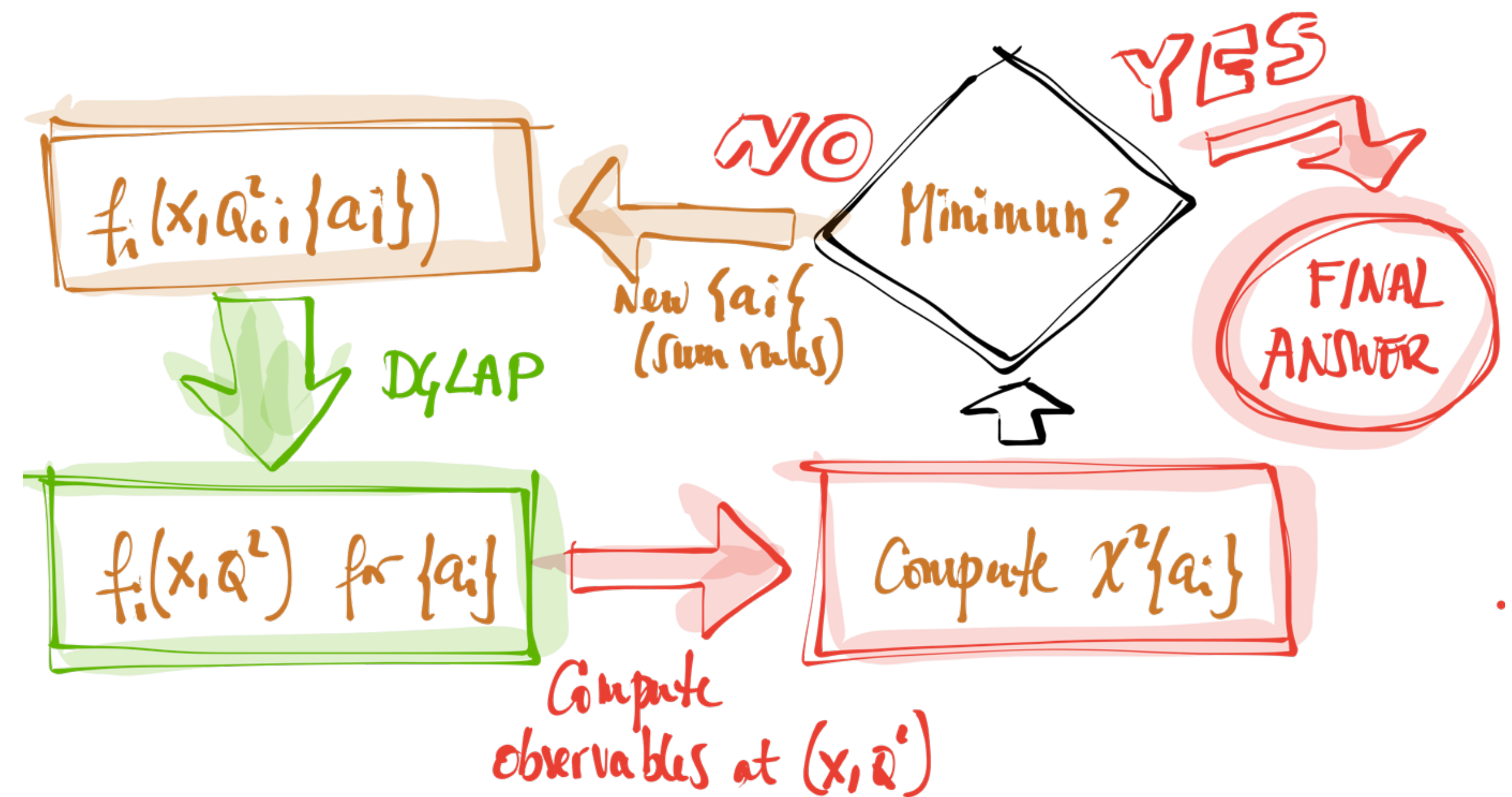
# “Dilute” regime - usual DGLAP

Nuclear PDFs extracted in DGLAP global fits - as usual proton PDFs

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \log \mu^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} [P_{qq} \otimes f_i + P_{qg} \otimes g]$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \log \mu^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} [P_{gq} \otimes f + P_{gg} \otimes g]$$

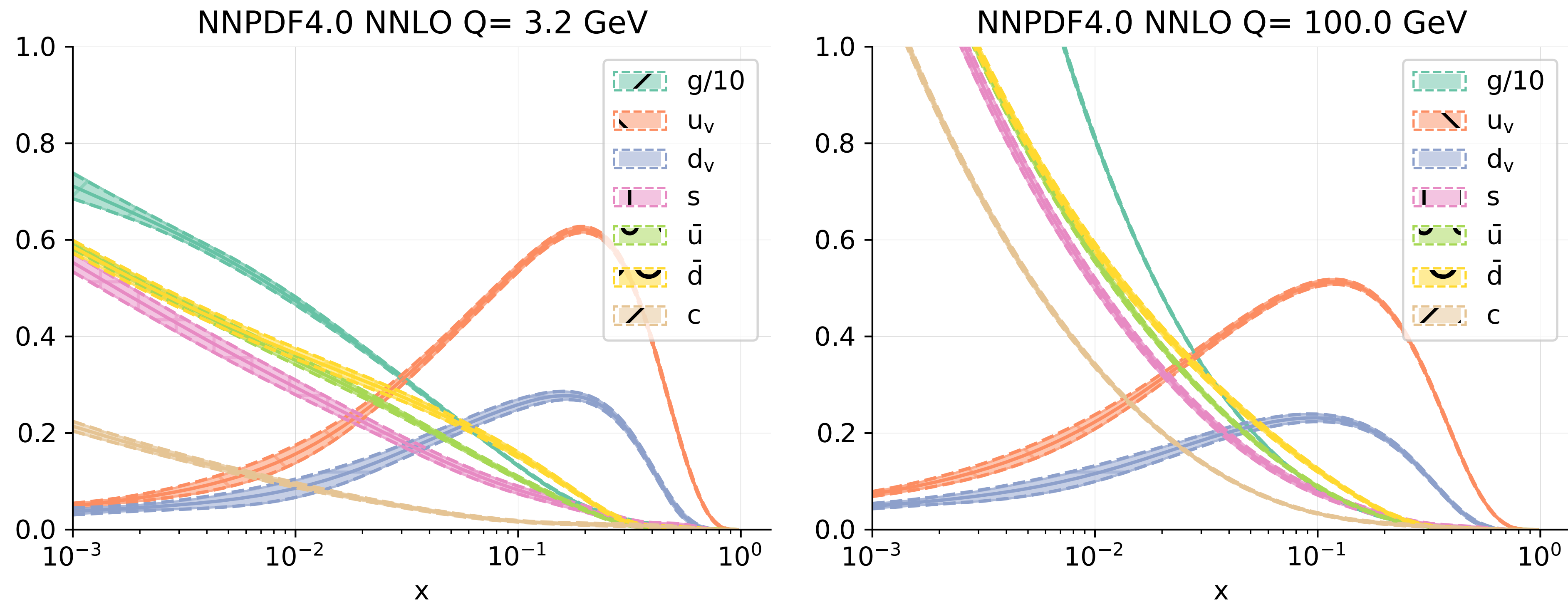
[Fit I.C. with experimental data]



One of the most standardised methods in HEP

# NNPDF4.0 set

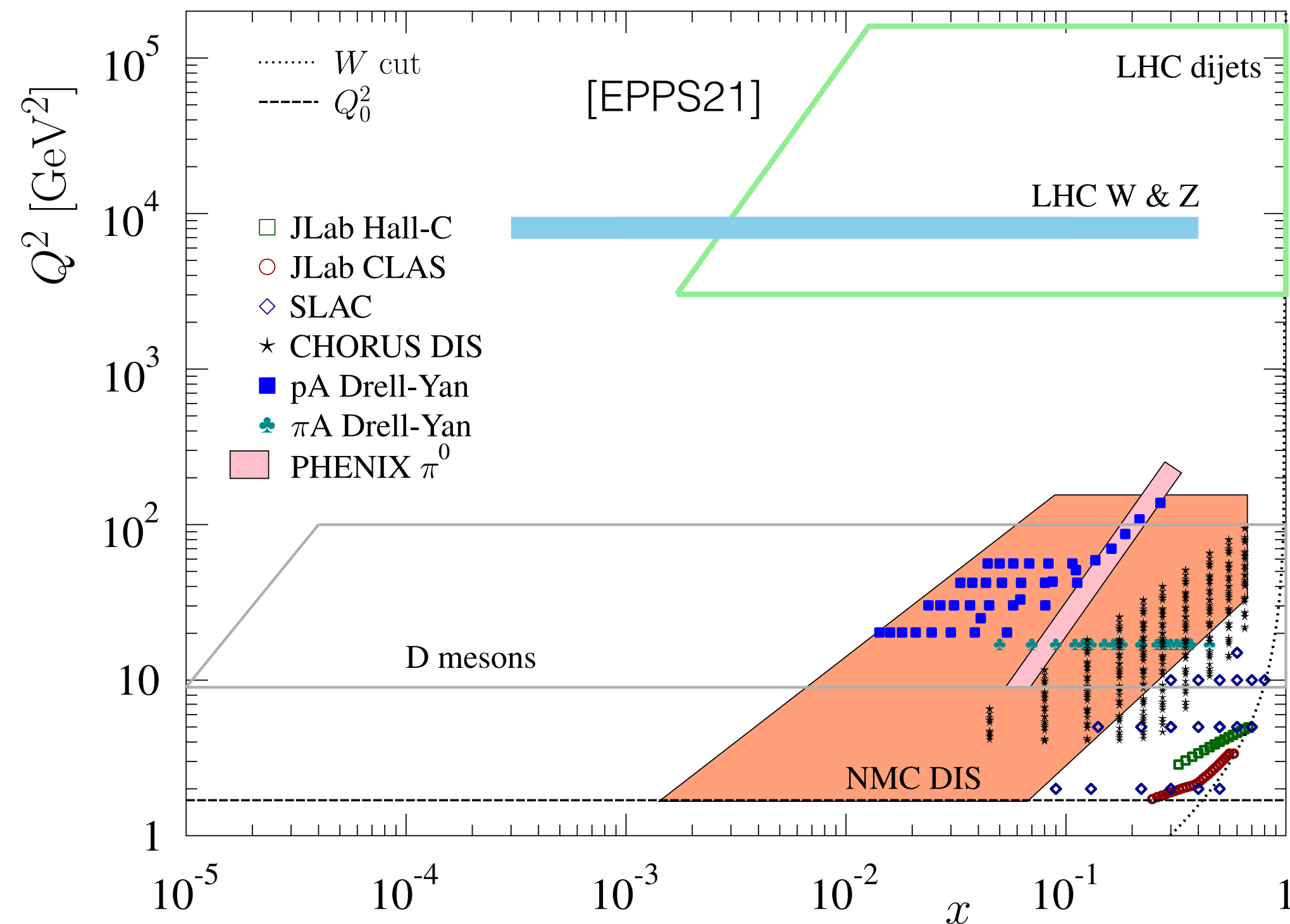
Parton Distribution Functions for the proton from NNPDF global analysis



Huge number of data needed to achieve this degree of precision

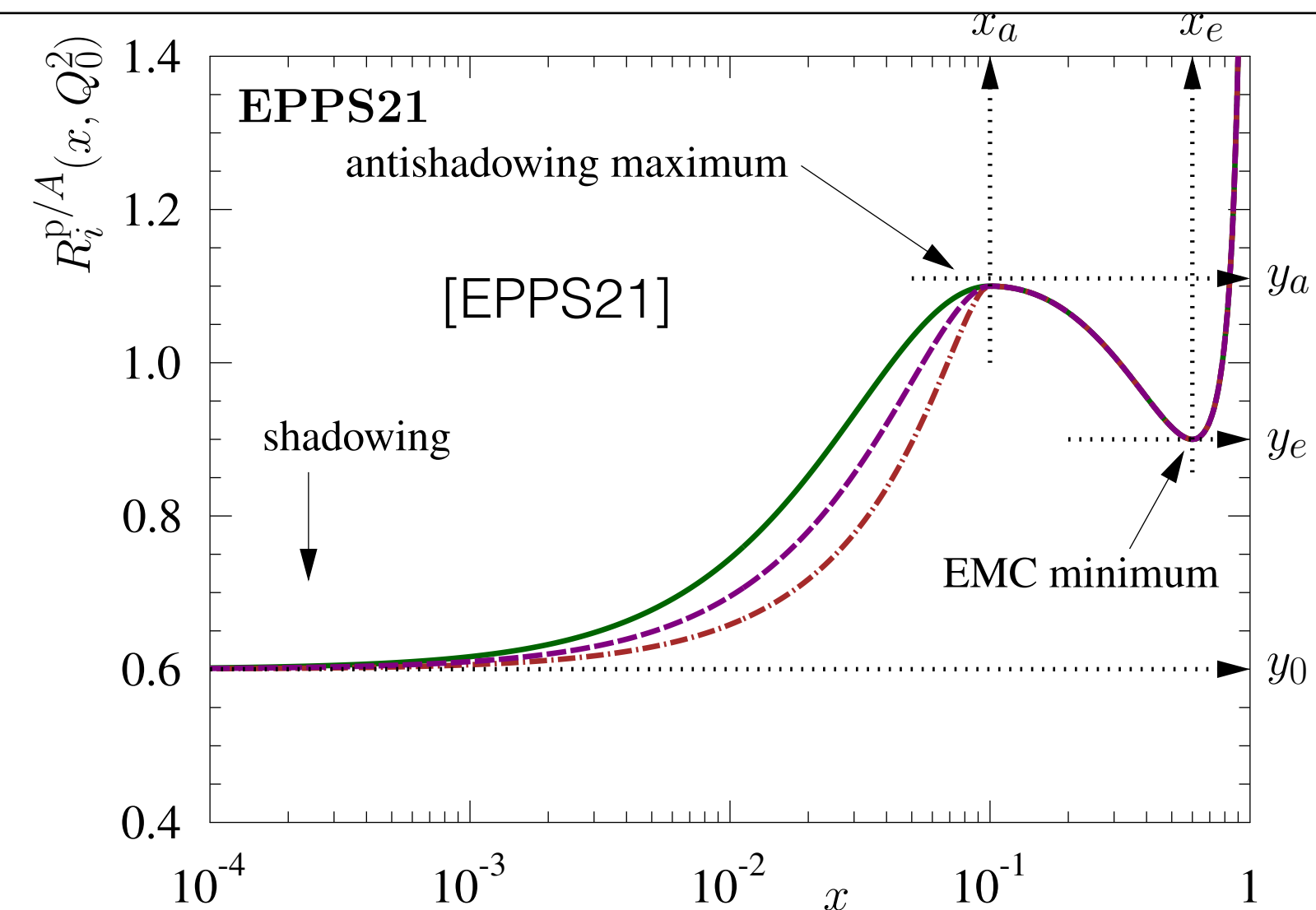
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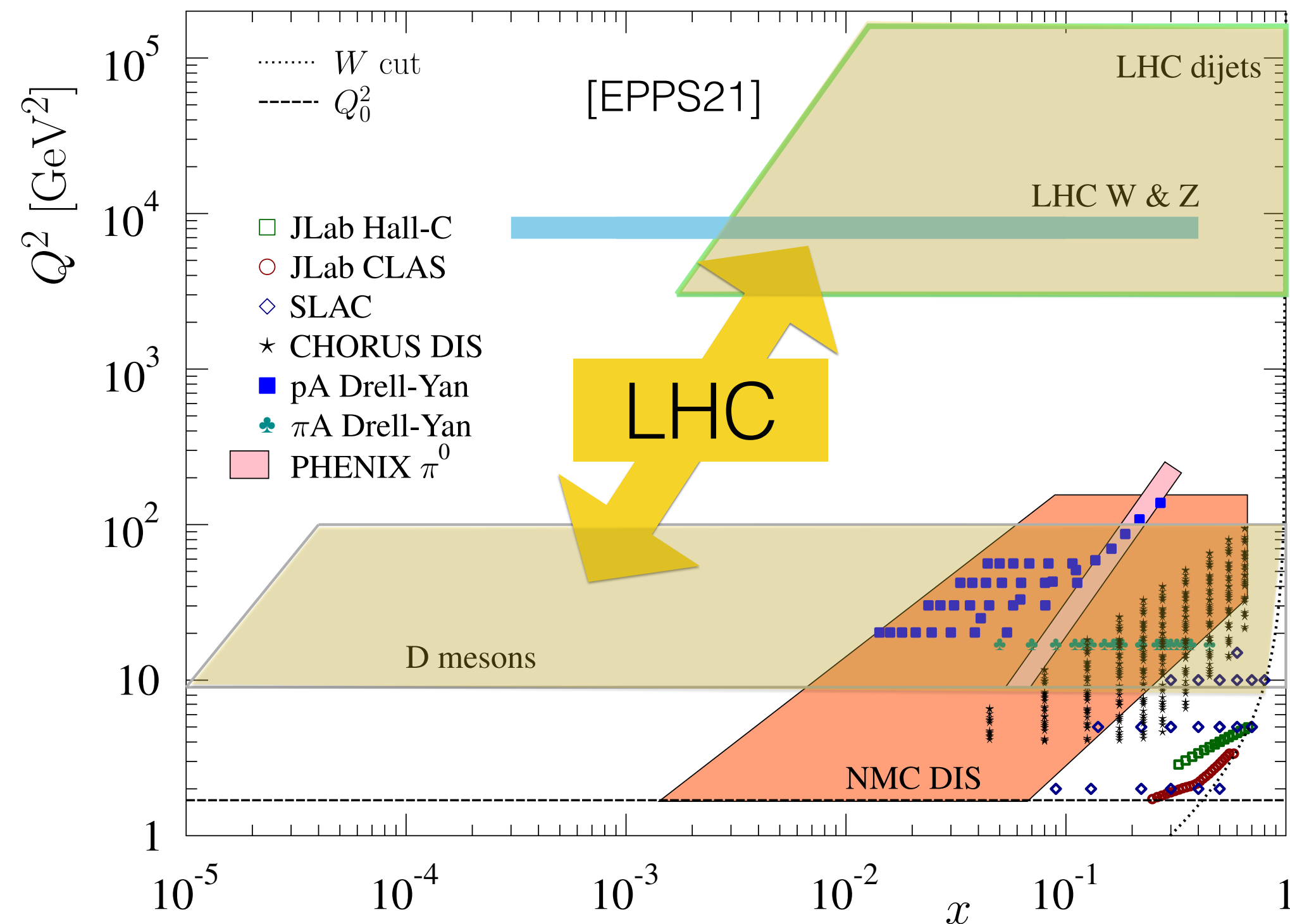
$$R_i^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{f_i^A(x, Q^2)}{f_i^p(x, Q^2)}$$



[Several different teams: EPPS, nNNPDF, nCTEQ, TUJU, DSSZ, HKN, KA]

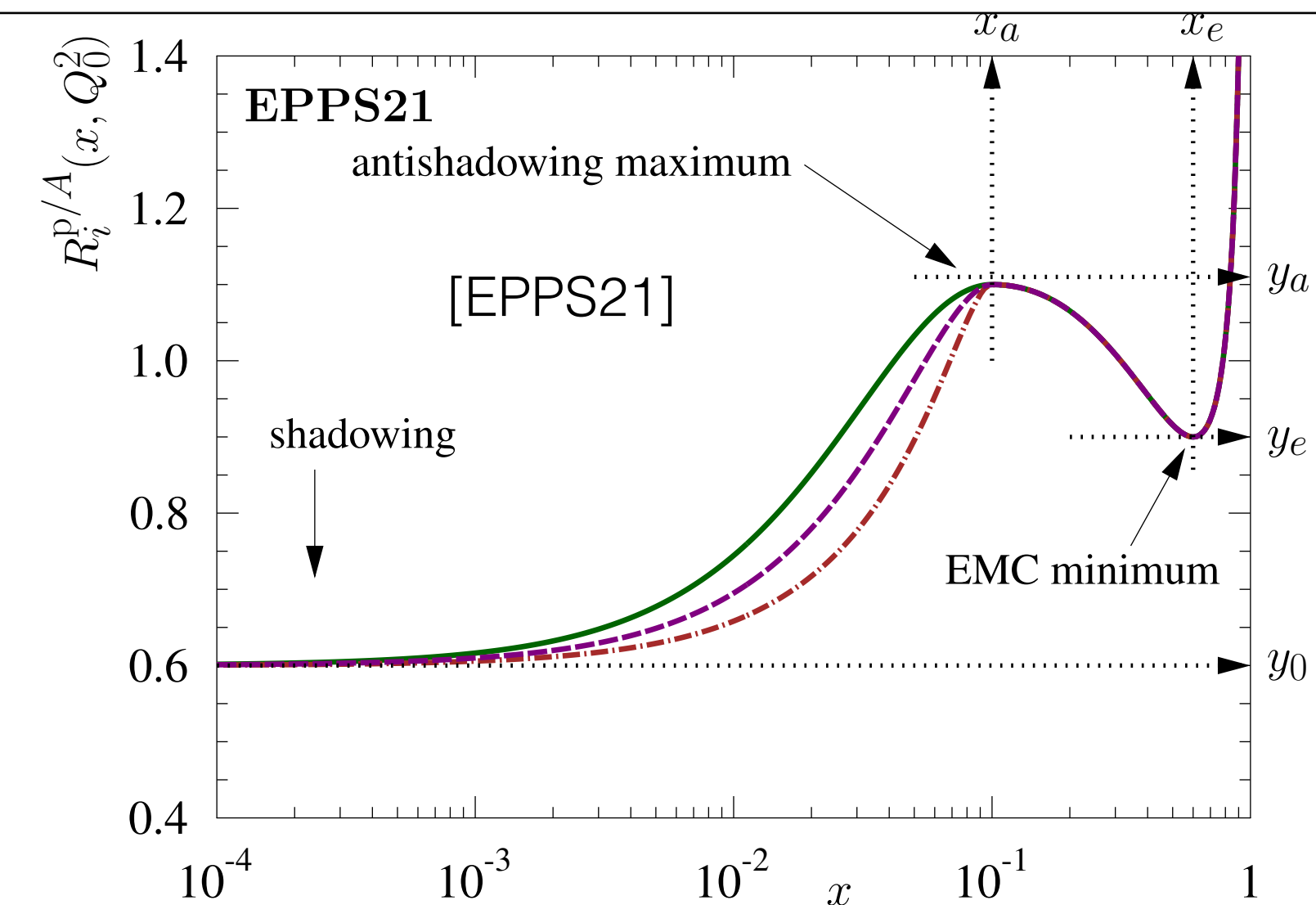
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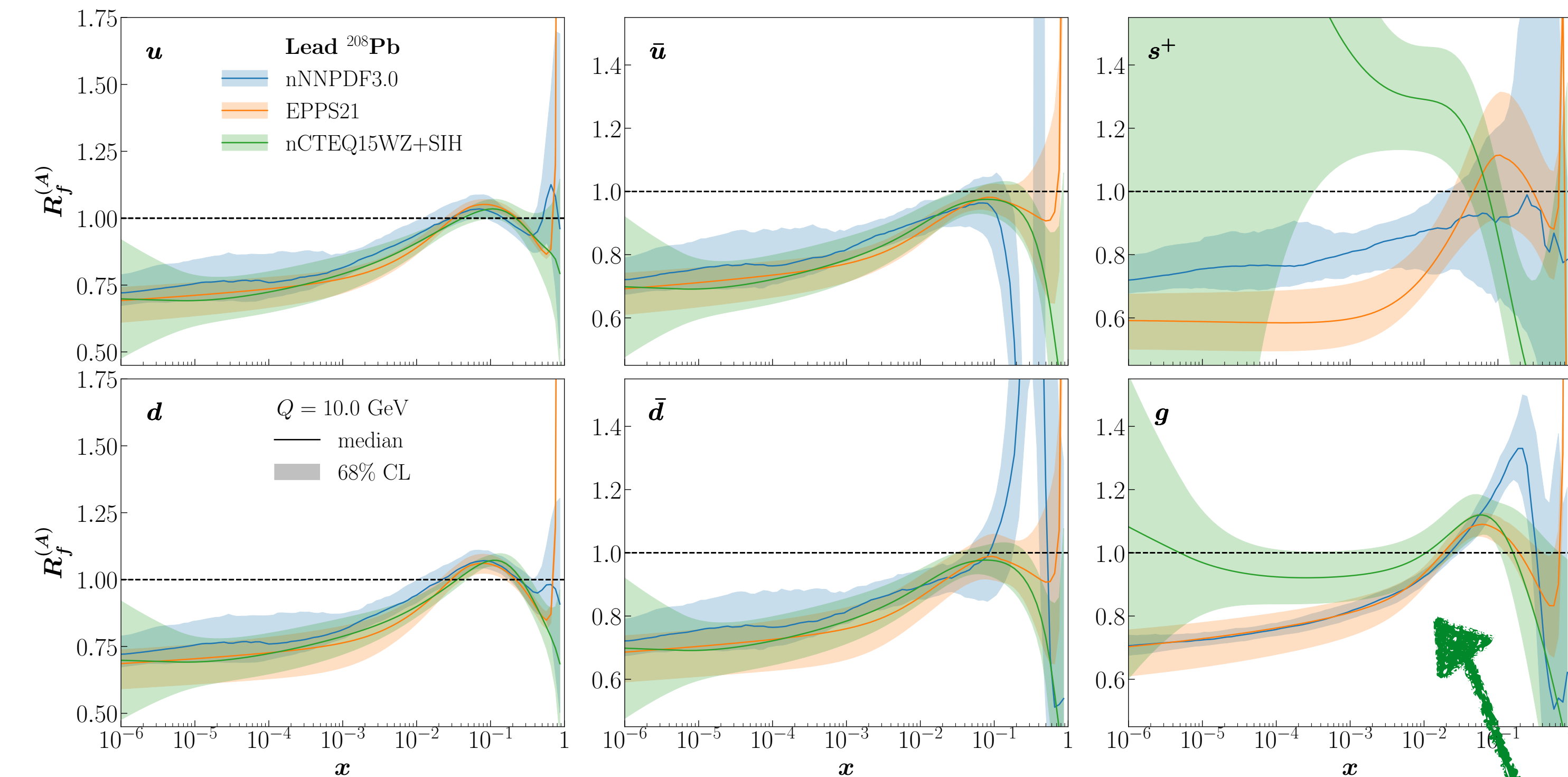
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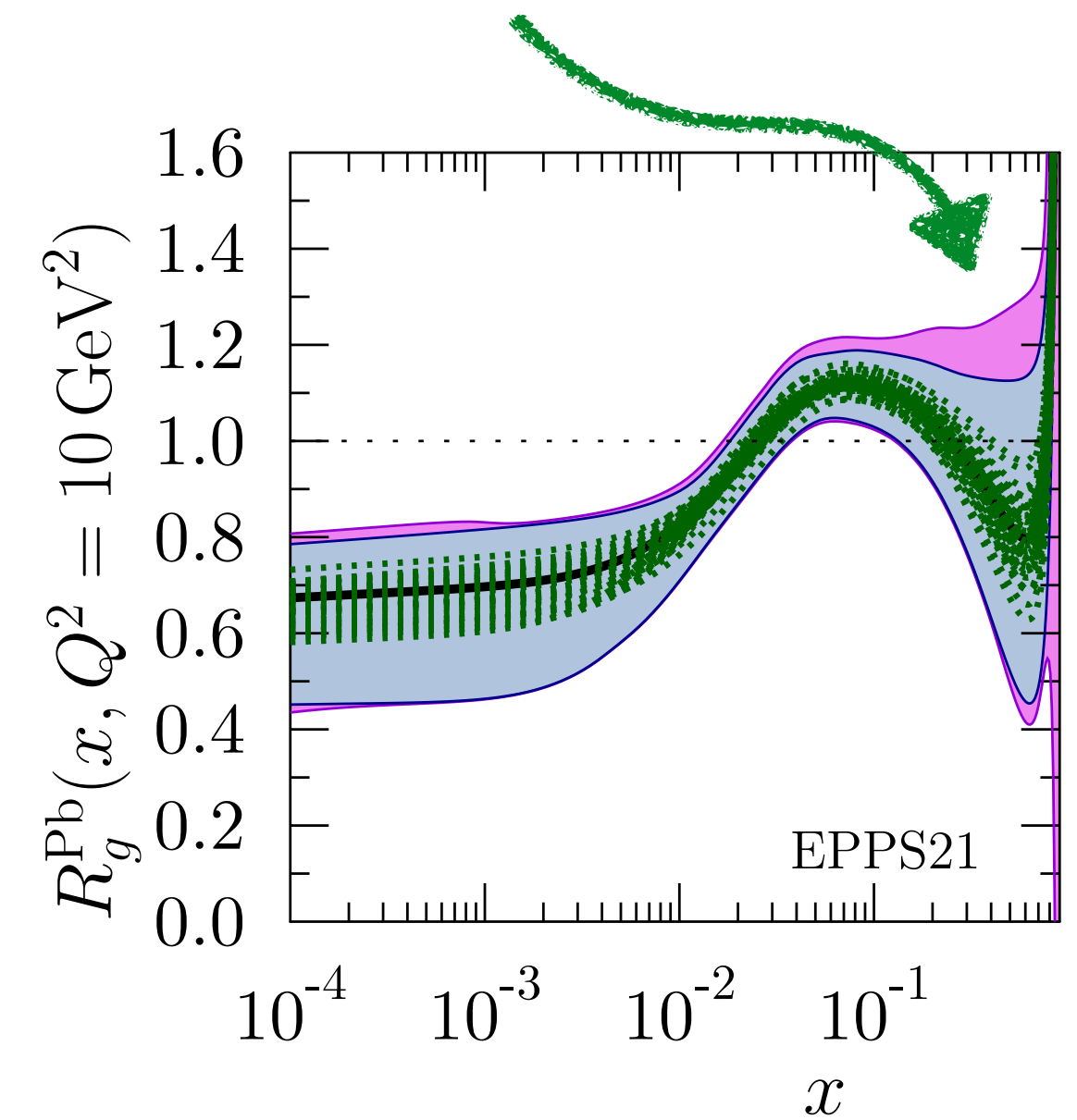
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# Nuclear Parton Distribution Functions II

## Two new analyses EPPS21, nNNPDF3.0 Proton PDF uncertainties



[Plot J. Rojo]



D's LHCb  
 dijets CMS  
 pPb

More on nPDFs: Thomas Jezo Plenary Thursday

# Saturation of partonic densities [small-x]

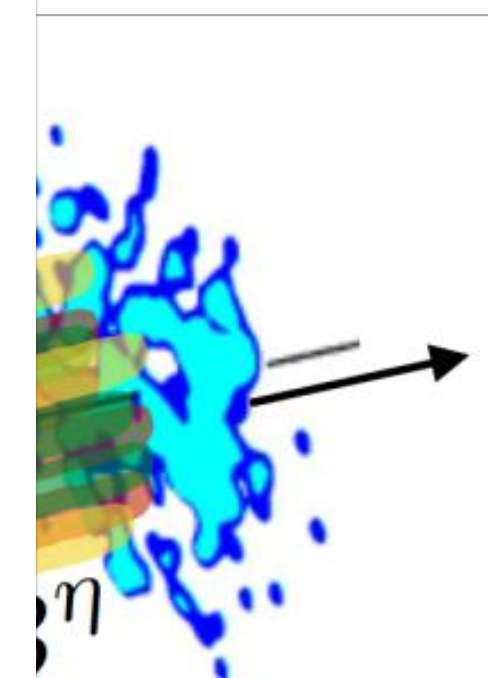
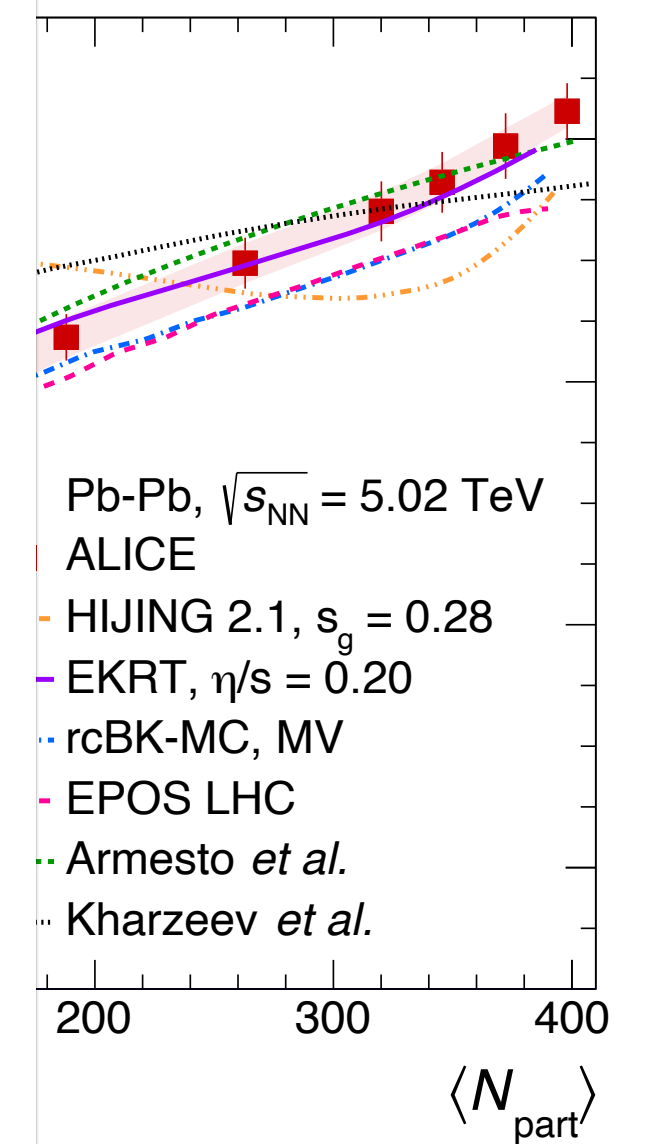
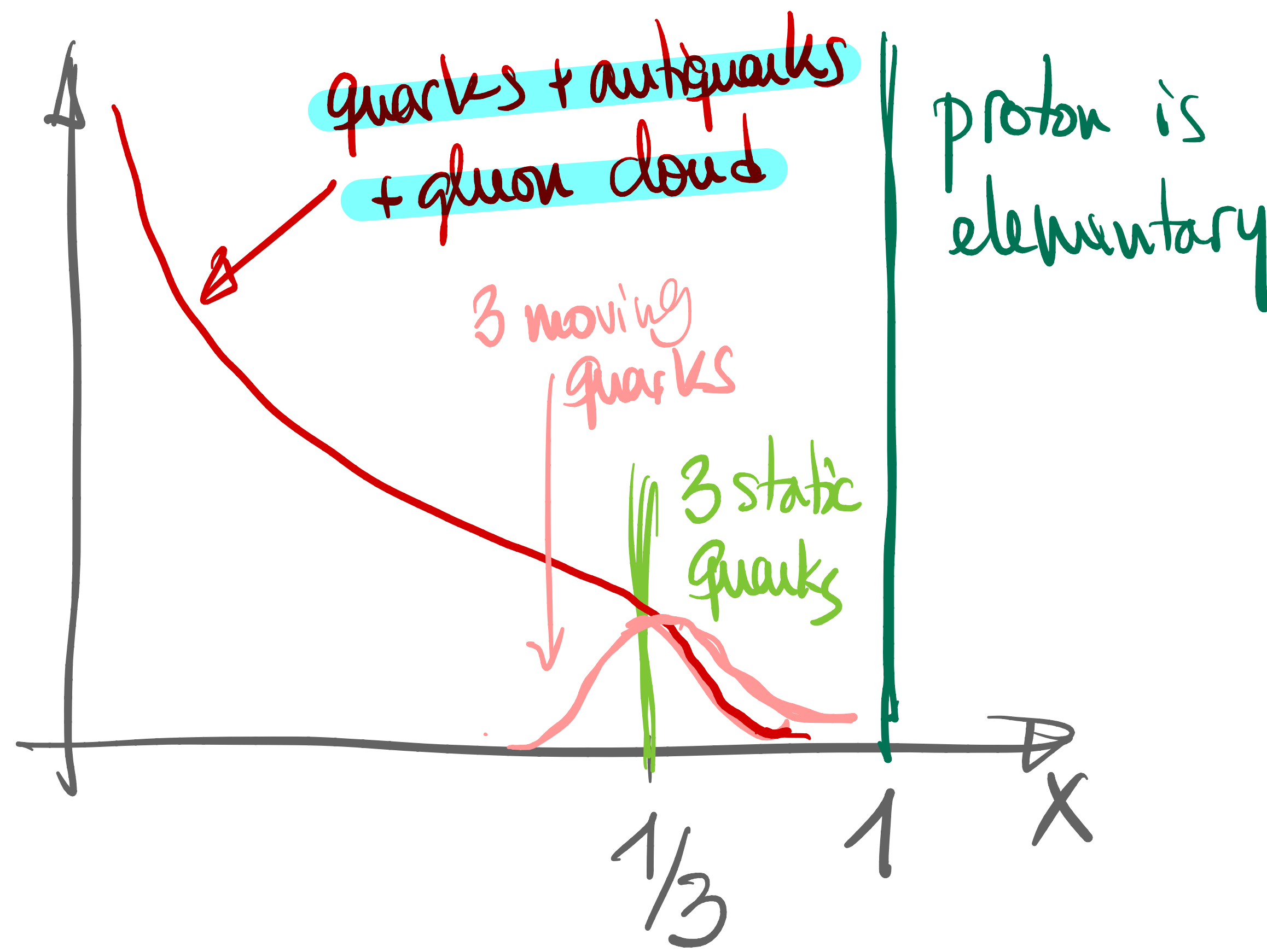


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Color Glass  
Large occupation  
Quantum Coherence

**Color Glass Condensate**  
framework to compute initial stages

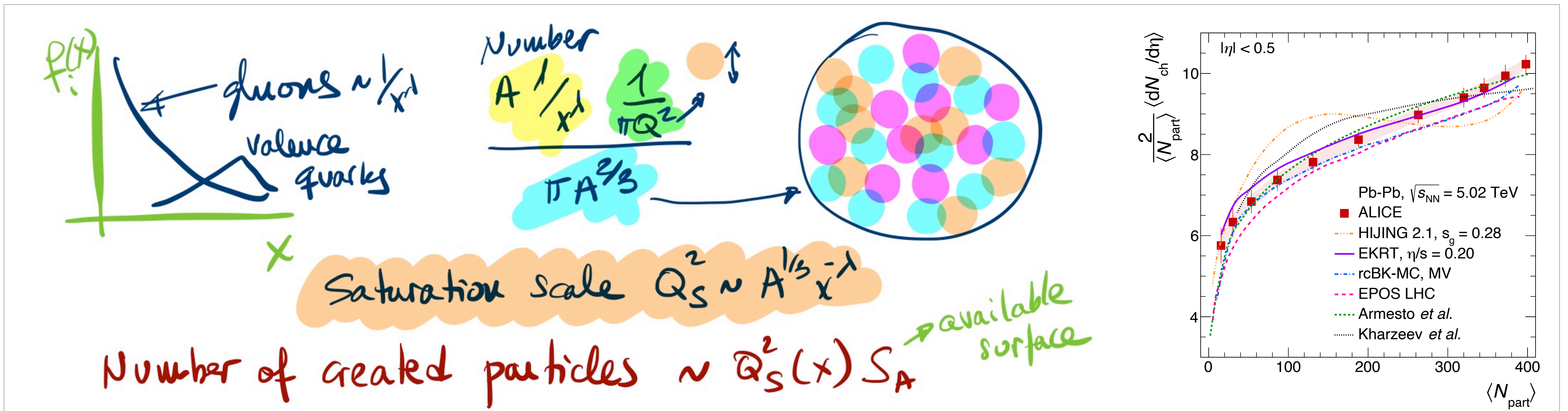
$$\frac{dN}{dx}$$





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More on Saturation: Paul Caucal Plenary Thursday

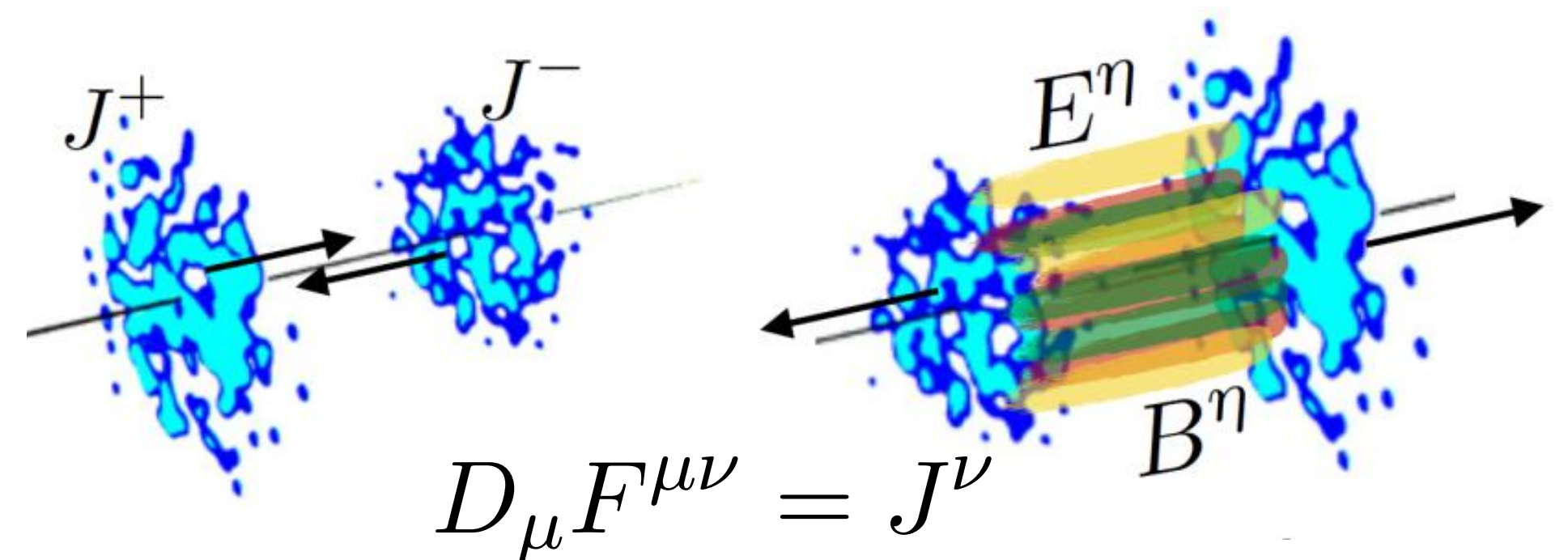


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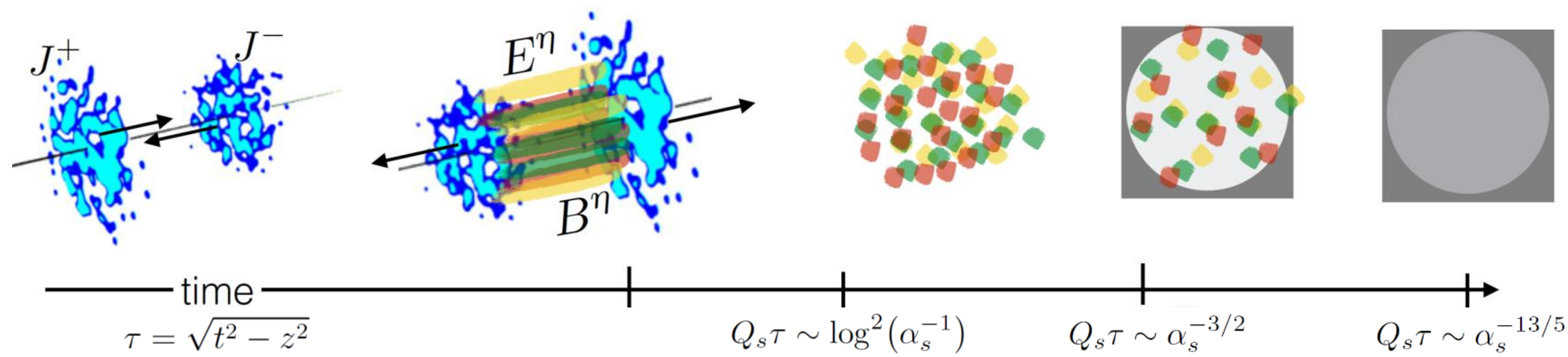
Large occupation numbers - classical fields

Quantum Corrections - evolution eqs.

**Color Glass Condensate provides a general framework to compute initial stages**



# A picture for equilibration



Sören Schlichting

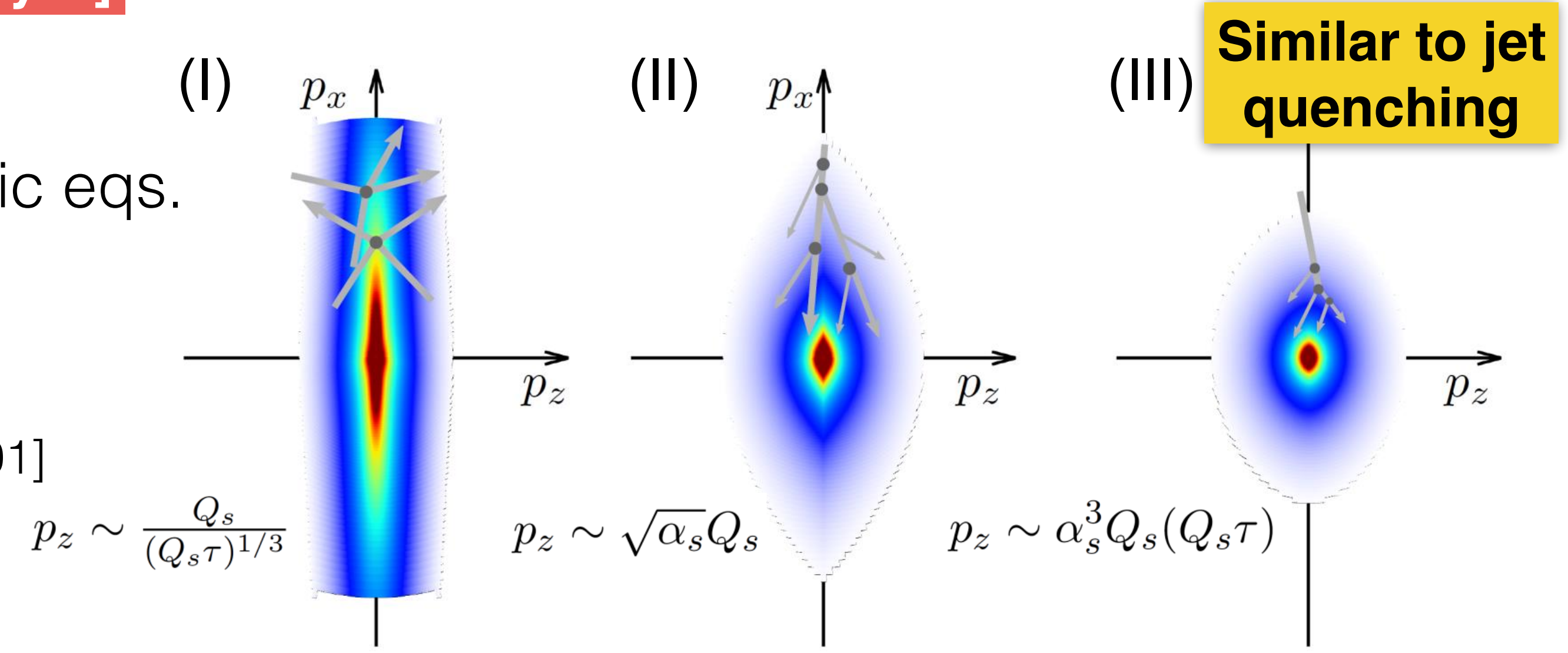
**[Classical statistical/lattice gauge theory...]**

Evolution of boost-invariant system with kinetic eqs.

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f(x, p) = C_{2 \leftrightarrow 2}[f] + C_{1 \leftrightarrow 2}[f]$$

[Bottom-up thermalization — Baier, Mueller, Schiff, Son 2001]

[Arnold, Moore, Yaffe 2001; Kurkela, Zhu 2015; Keegan, Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Teaney 2016; Kurkela Mazeliauskas, Paquet, Schlichting, Teaney 2019...]



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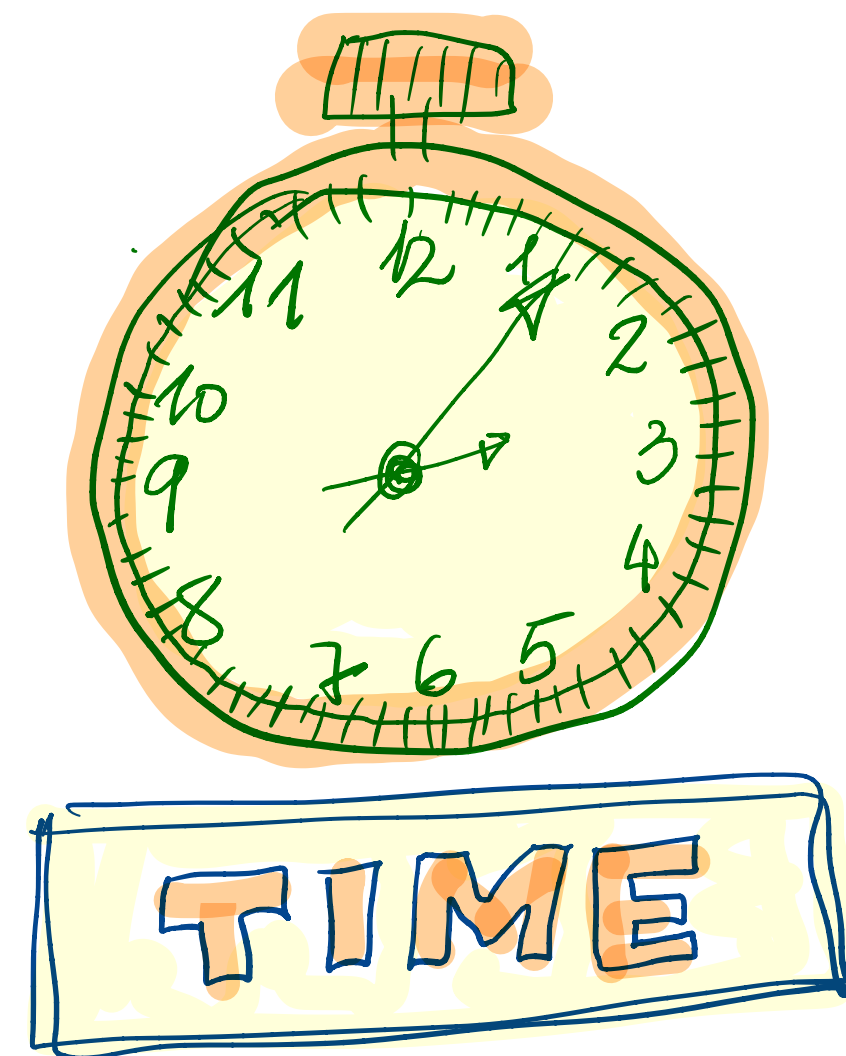
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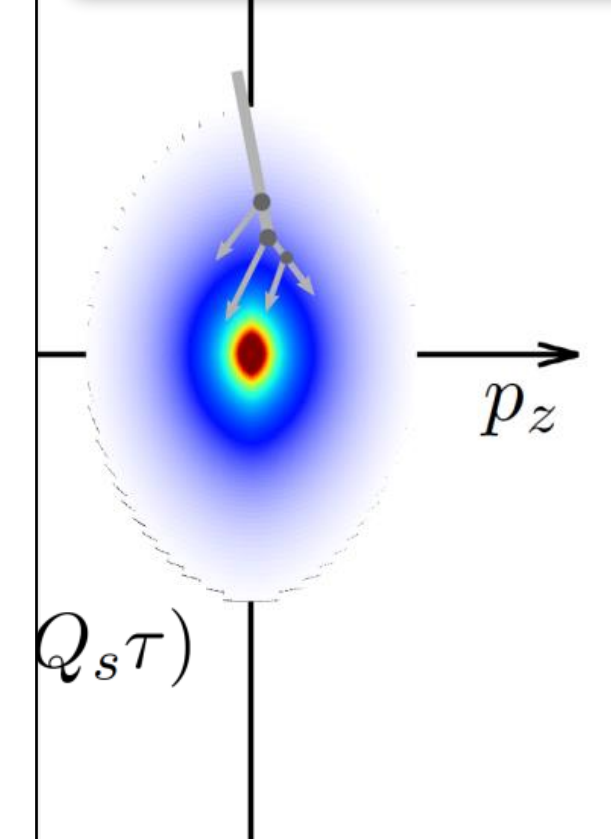


Can hard processes measure this (or other) time evolution and check the initial stages; how is equilibrium reached; and the later stages when QGP is equilibrated...?

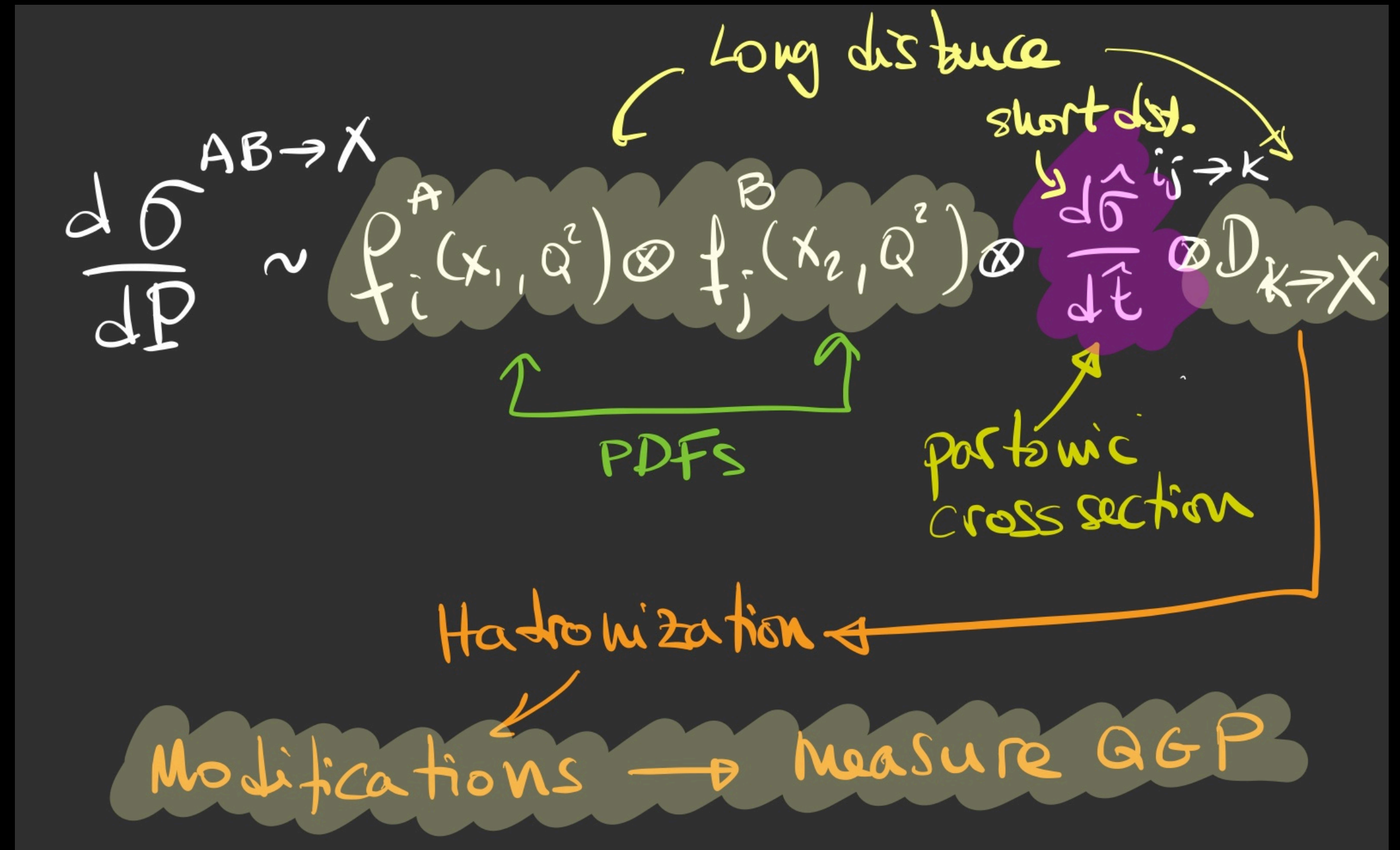
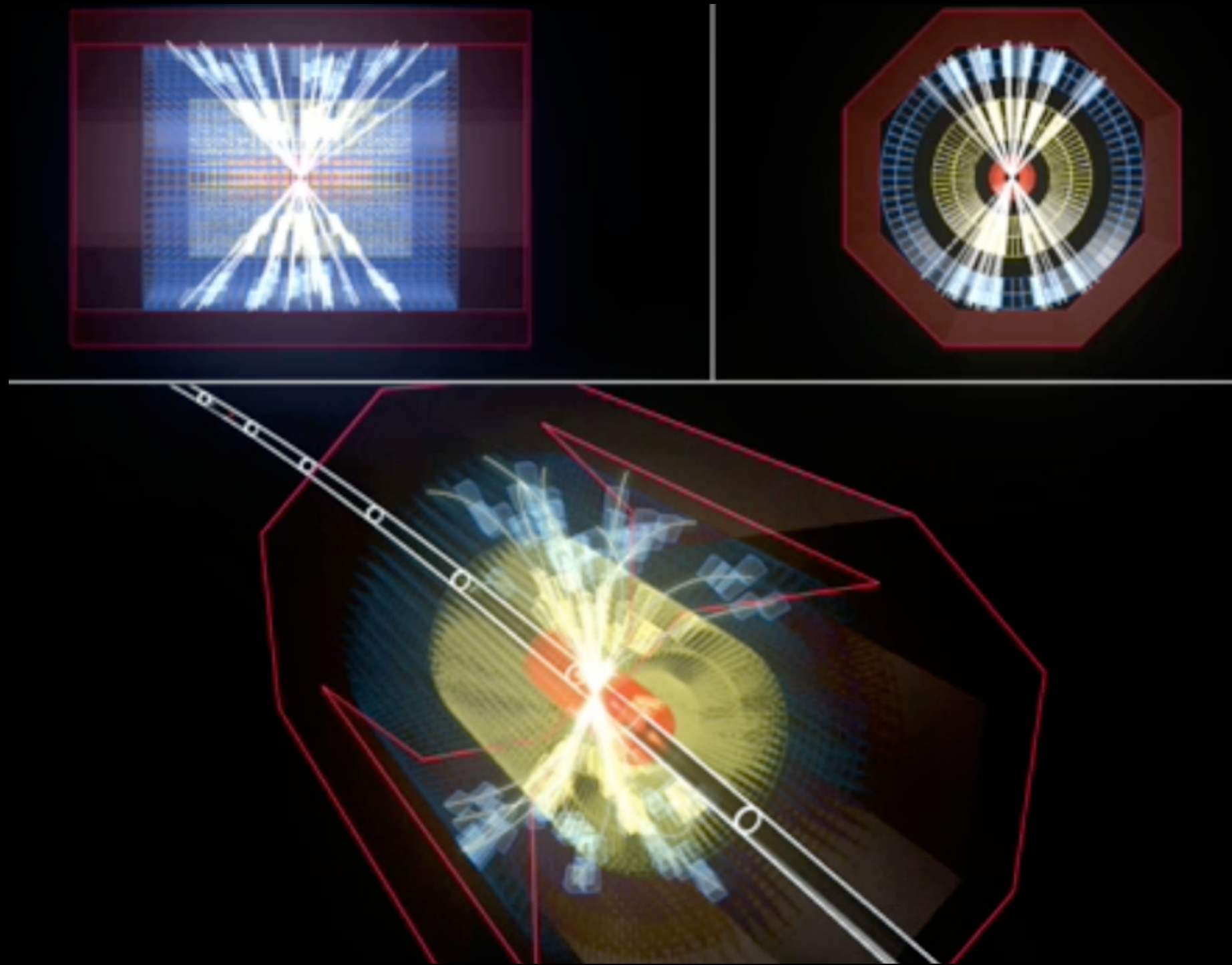
More on early time dynamics  
**Kirill Boguslavski plenary Monday**

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Similar to jet quenching



# HARD PROBES

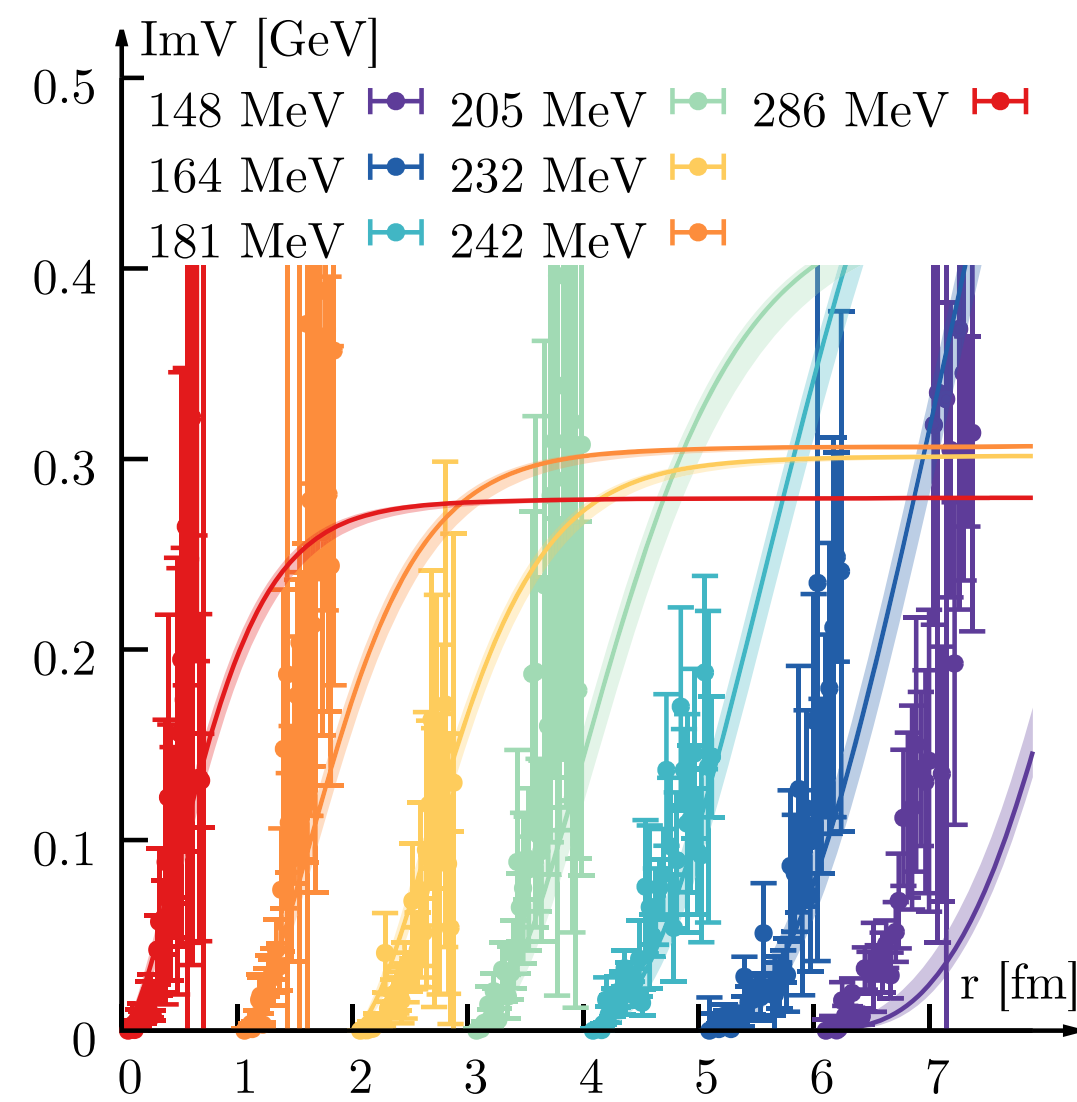
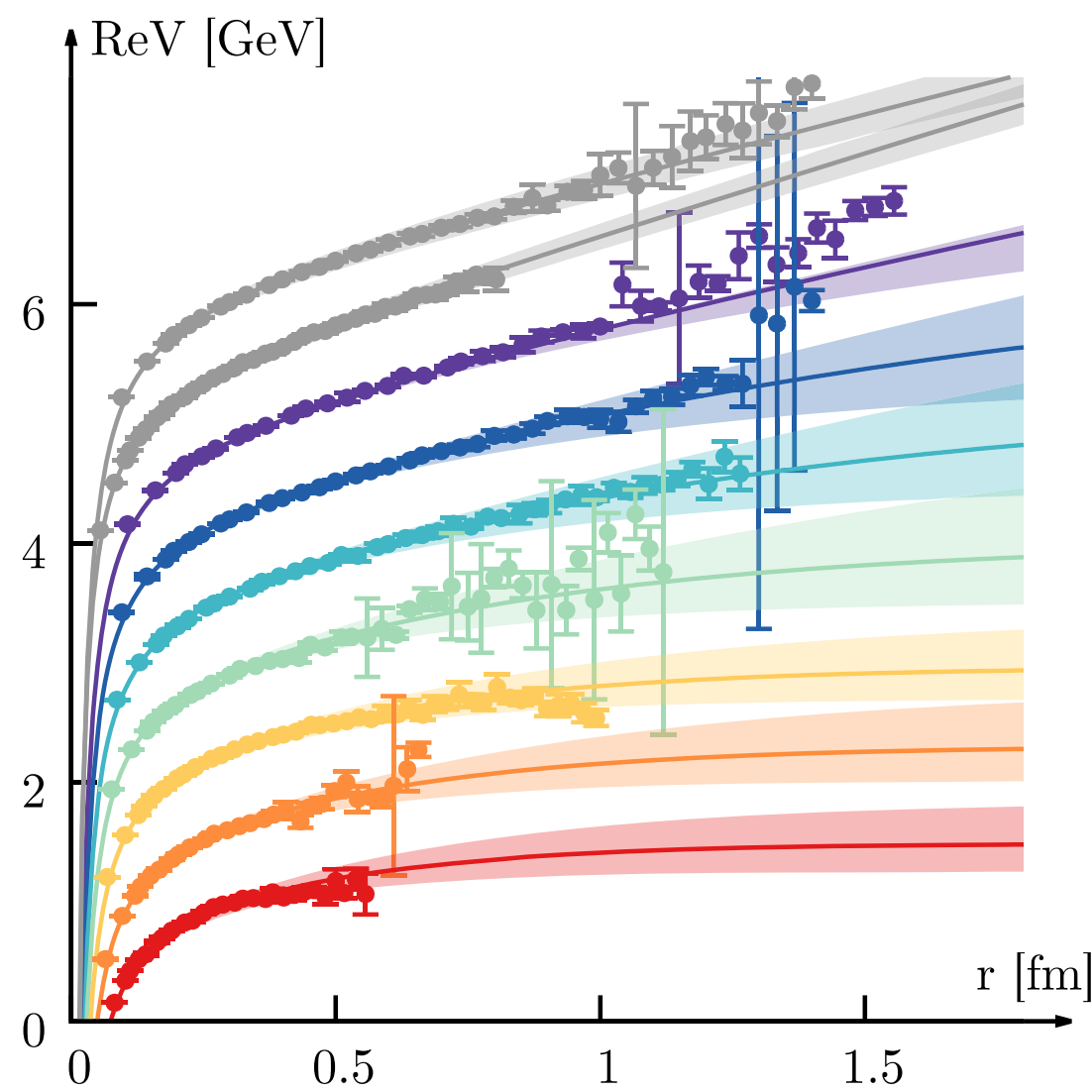
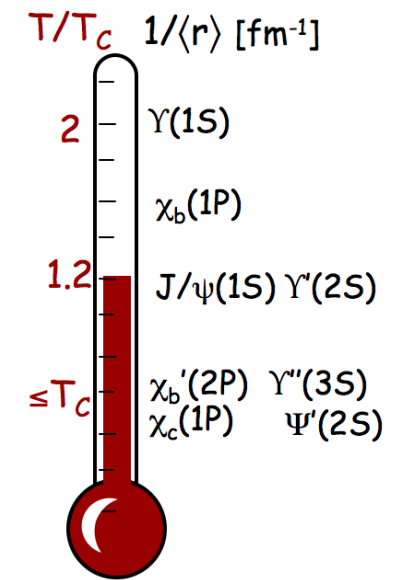
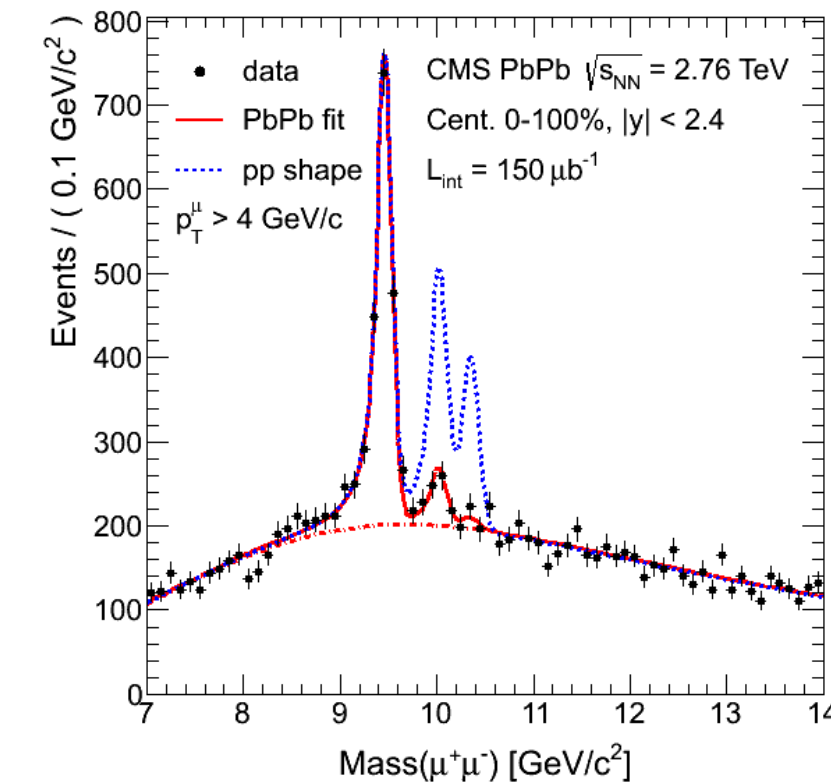
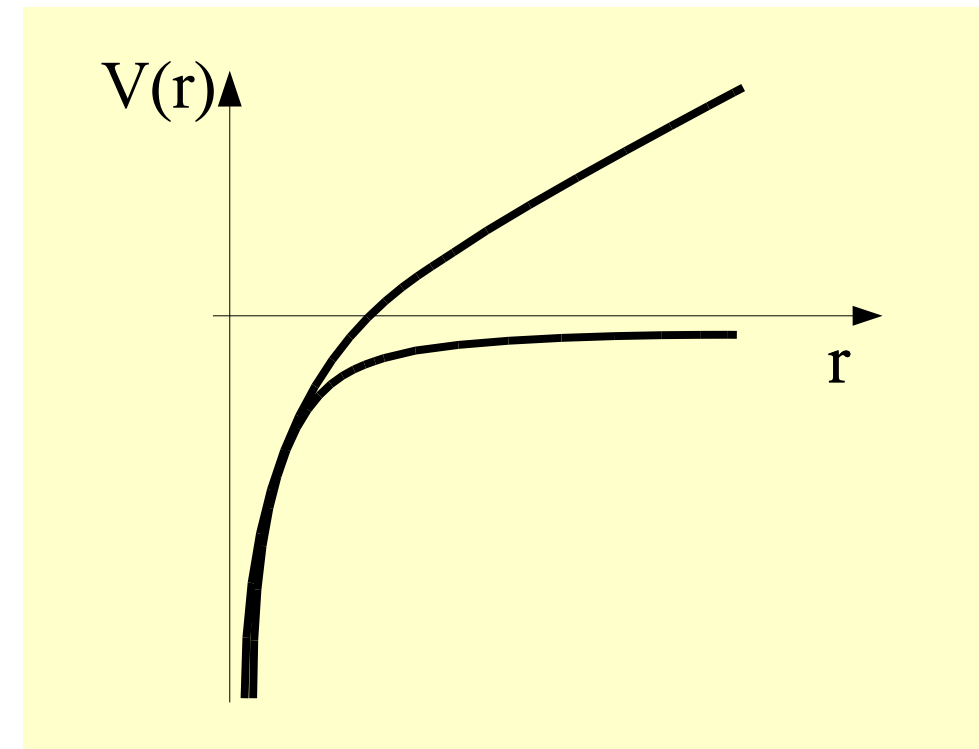


- Jet quenching
- Quarkonia suppression
- Open heavy flavor
- Electroweak probes

# Quarkonia suppression

## Simple intuitive picture [Matsui & Satz 1986]

- ▶ Potential screened at high-T
- ▶ Quarkonia suppressed
- ▶ Sequential suppression of excited states
- ▶ **Quarkonia as a thermometer**



## Dynamical picture:

- ▶ different effects: screening / rescattering / recombination
- ▶ Induced transition between quarkonia states

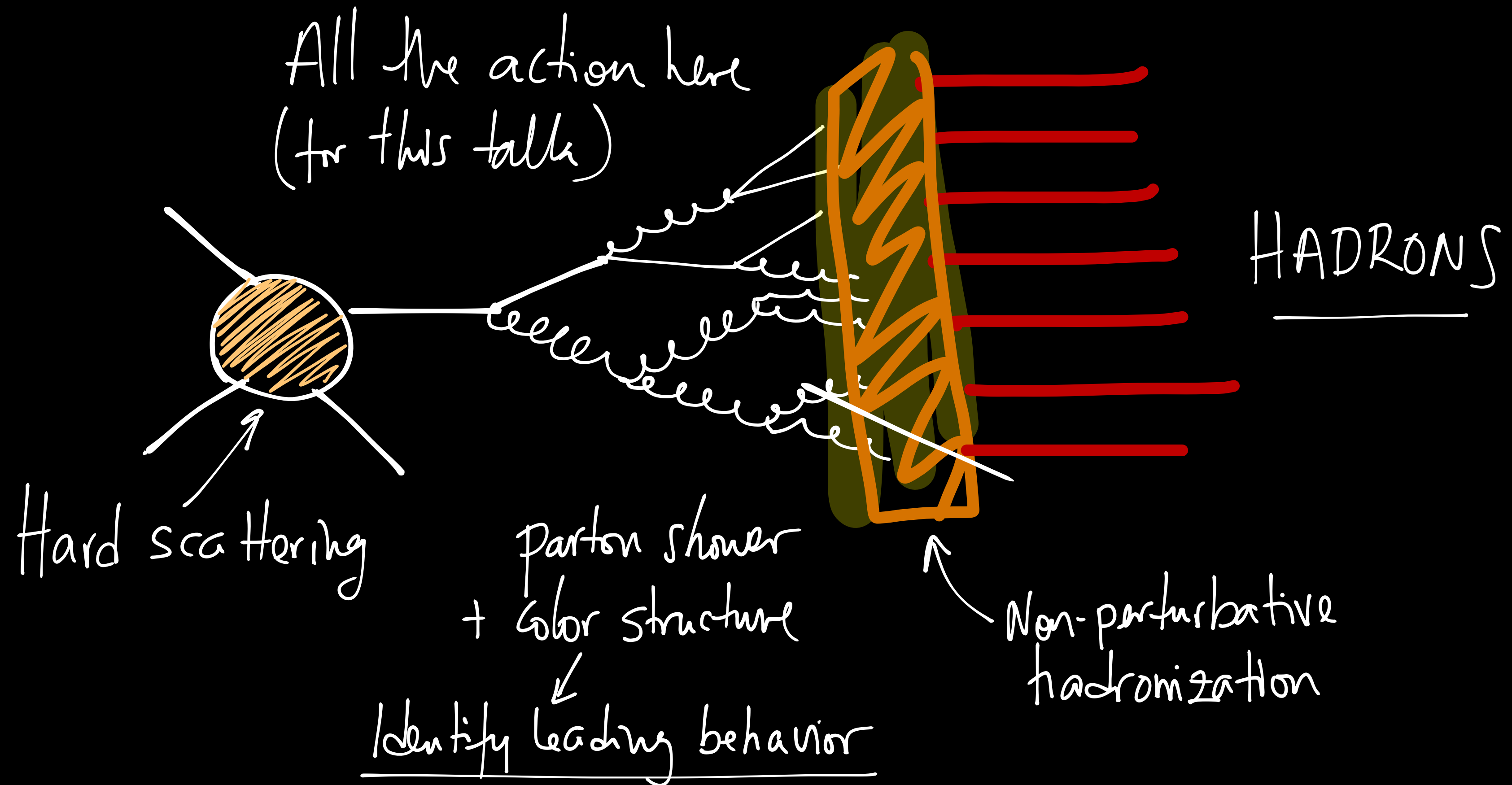
## Quarkonia as an open quantum system

[Bambrilla, Soto, Escobedo, Vairo, Ghiglieri, Petreczky, Strickland, Blaizot, Rothkopf, Kaczmarek, Asakawa, Katz, Gossiaux, Kajimoto, Akamatsu, Borghini ...]

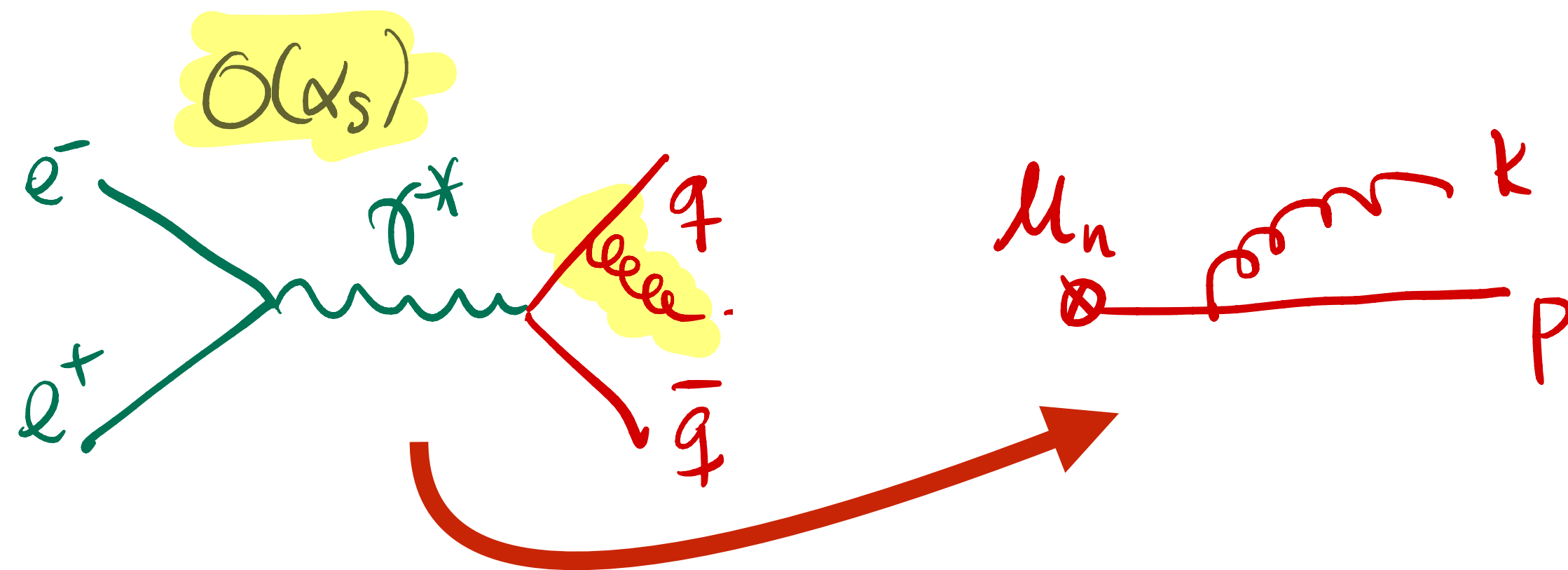
[Lafferty, Rothkopf 2020]

# QCD JETS

[No medium for the moment]



# Gluon (and quark) multiplication



Soft radiation

FOR QUARKS  $C_F = \frac{2N_c}{N_c^2 - 1} = \frac{3}{4}$

FOR GLUONS  $N_c = 3$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{n+1}/d\Phi^{n+1}}{d\sigma^n/d\Phi^n}$$

$$\equiv \omega \frac{dN}{d\omega dk_\perp^2} = C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{k_\perp^2}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1} = \bar{u}(p) i g t^a \not{\epsilon}(k)_i \frac{\not{P} + \not{k}}{(P+k)^2} \mathcal{M}_n$$

[Exercise]

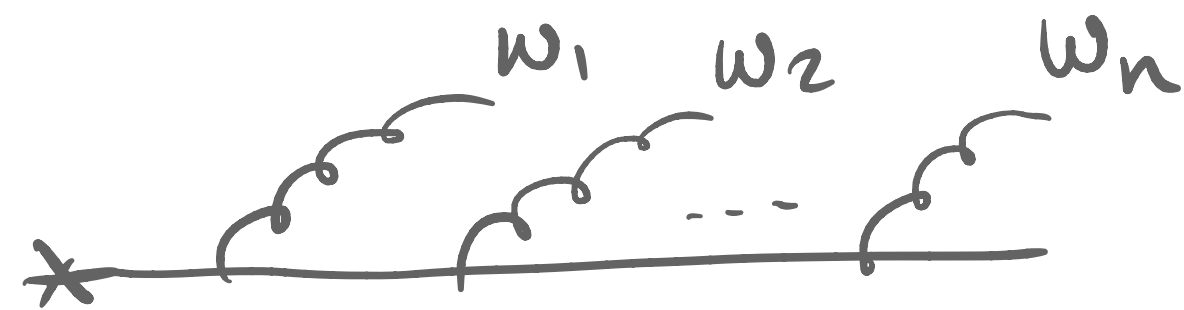
SOFT RADIATION LIMIT  
 $\omega \ll E$

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1} = -g t^a \frac{P \cdot \epsilon}{P \cdot k} \bar{u}(p) \mathcal{M}_n$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\omega d\theta} = \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{1}{\theta}$$

**Soft and collinear divergent**

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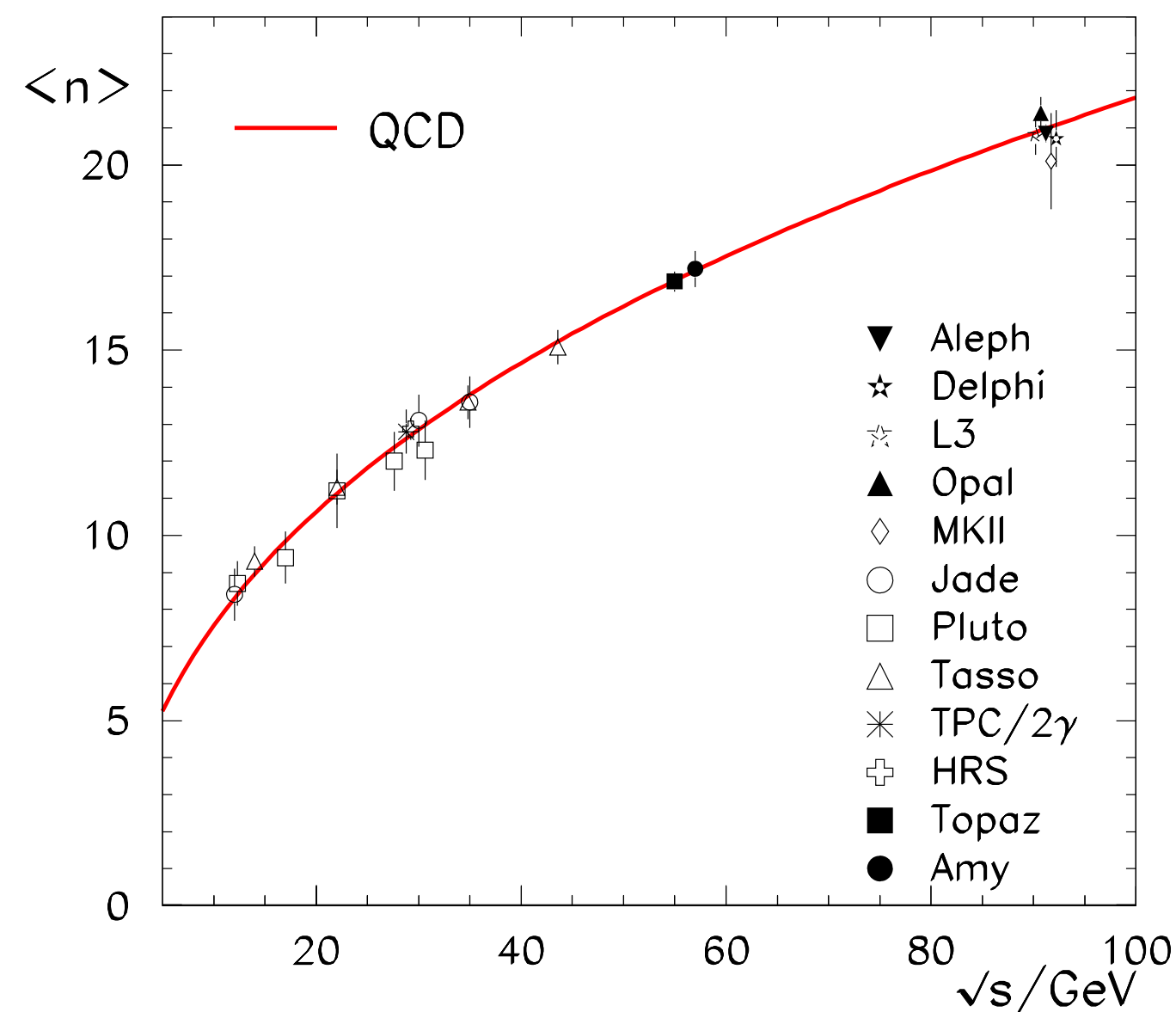


→ small- $w$ , small- $\theta$   
compensate small- $\alpha_s$

Counting gluons (naively)  $\frac{1}{n!} \int_{Q_0}^E \frac{dw_1}{w_1} \int_{Q_0}^{w_1} \frac{dk_1}{k_1} \times \dots \times \int_{Q_0}^E \frac{dw_n}{w_n} \int_{Q_0}^{w_n} \frac{dk_n}{k_n}$

For large  $\alpha_s \log \omega \log \theta$

**Exponential growth**



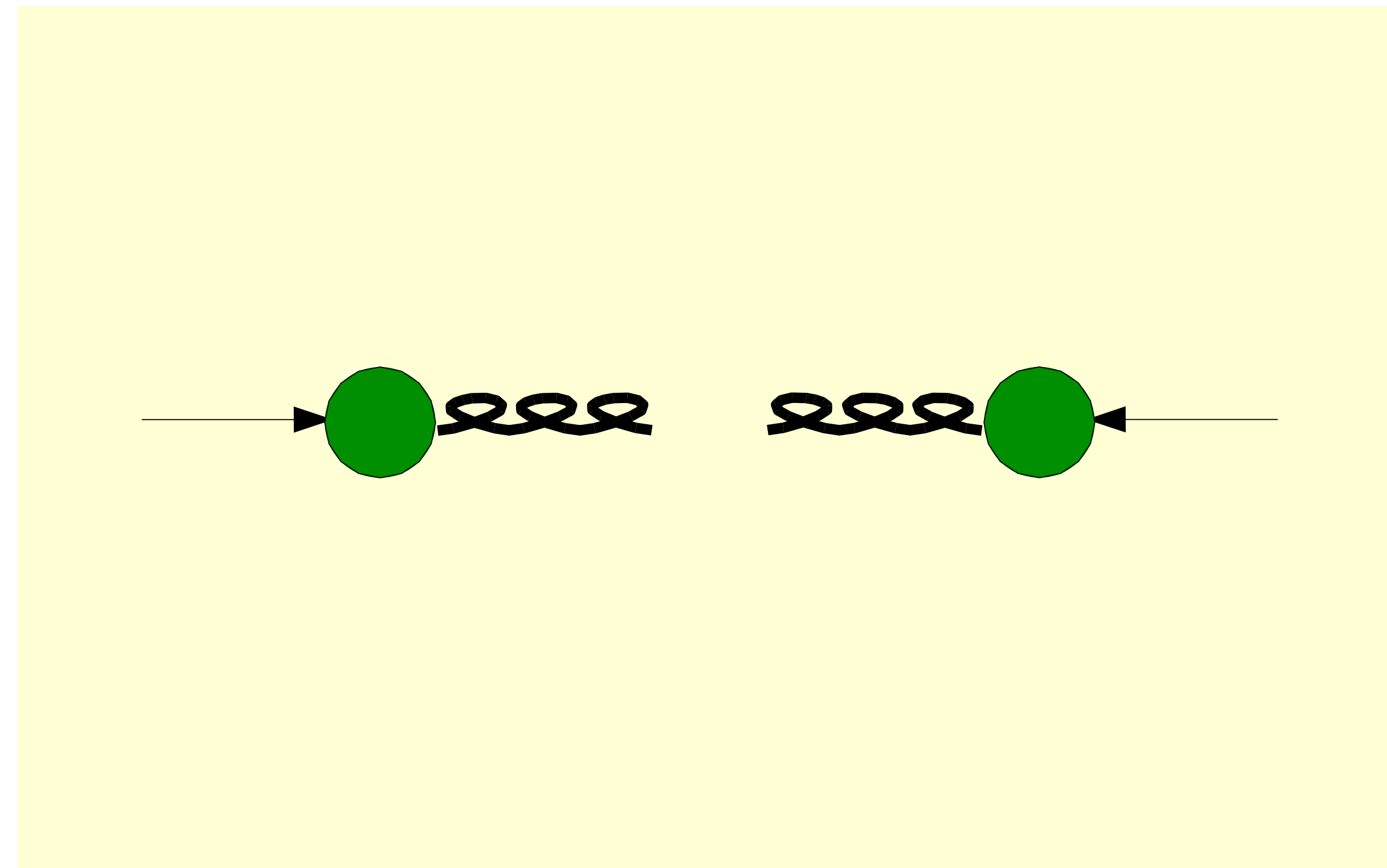
Resummation needed - **gluon multiplication**

$$\langle N_g \rangle \sim \frac{C_F}{C_A} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left( \frac{C_A}{2\pi b^2 \alpha_s} \right)^n \sim \frac{C_F}{C_A} \exp \left( \sqrt{\frac{2C_A}{\pi b^2 \alpha_s(Q)}} \right),$$

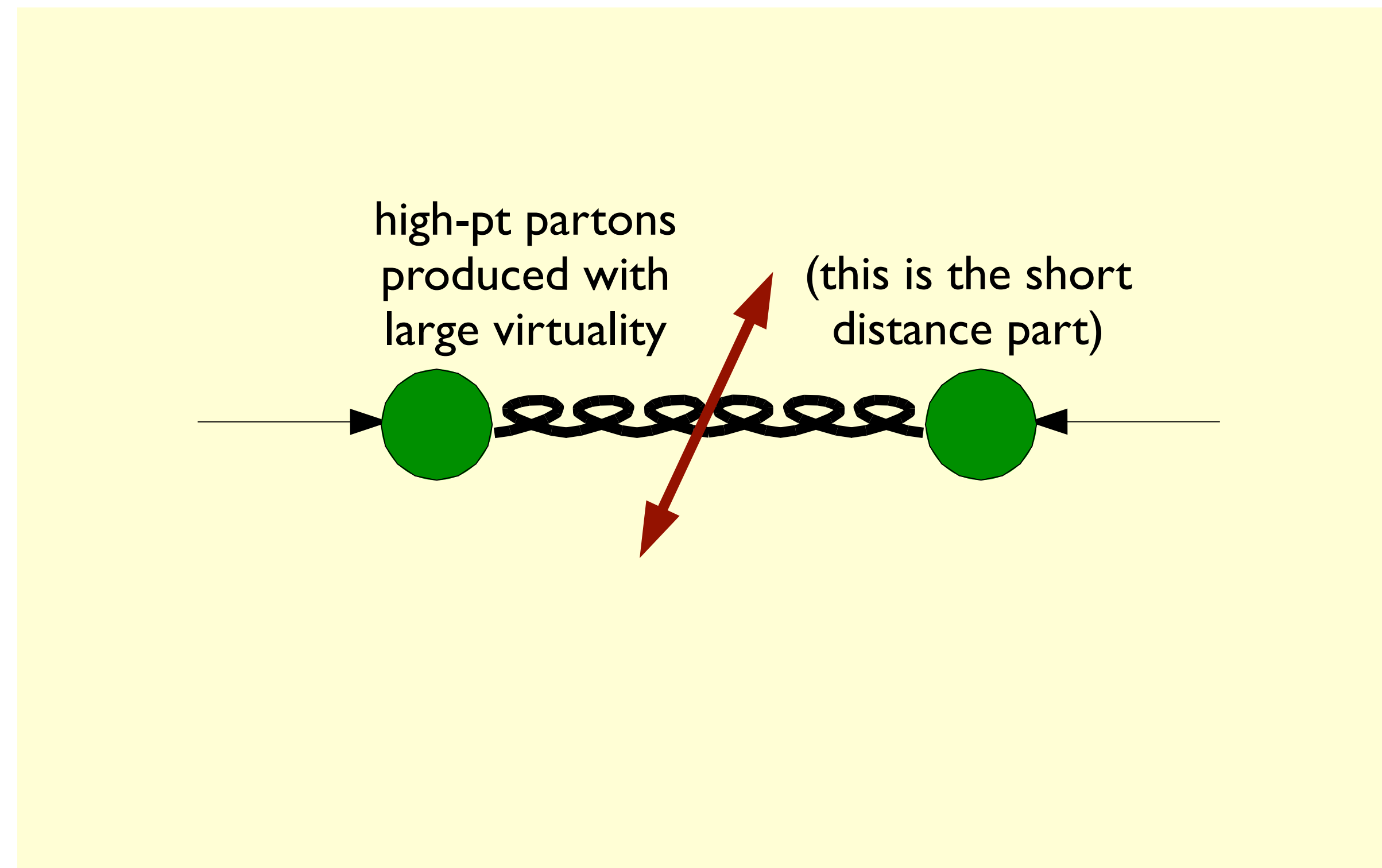
G. Salam CERN Yellow Rep. School Proc. 5 (2020) 1-56



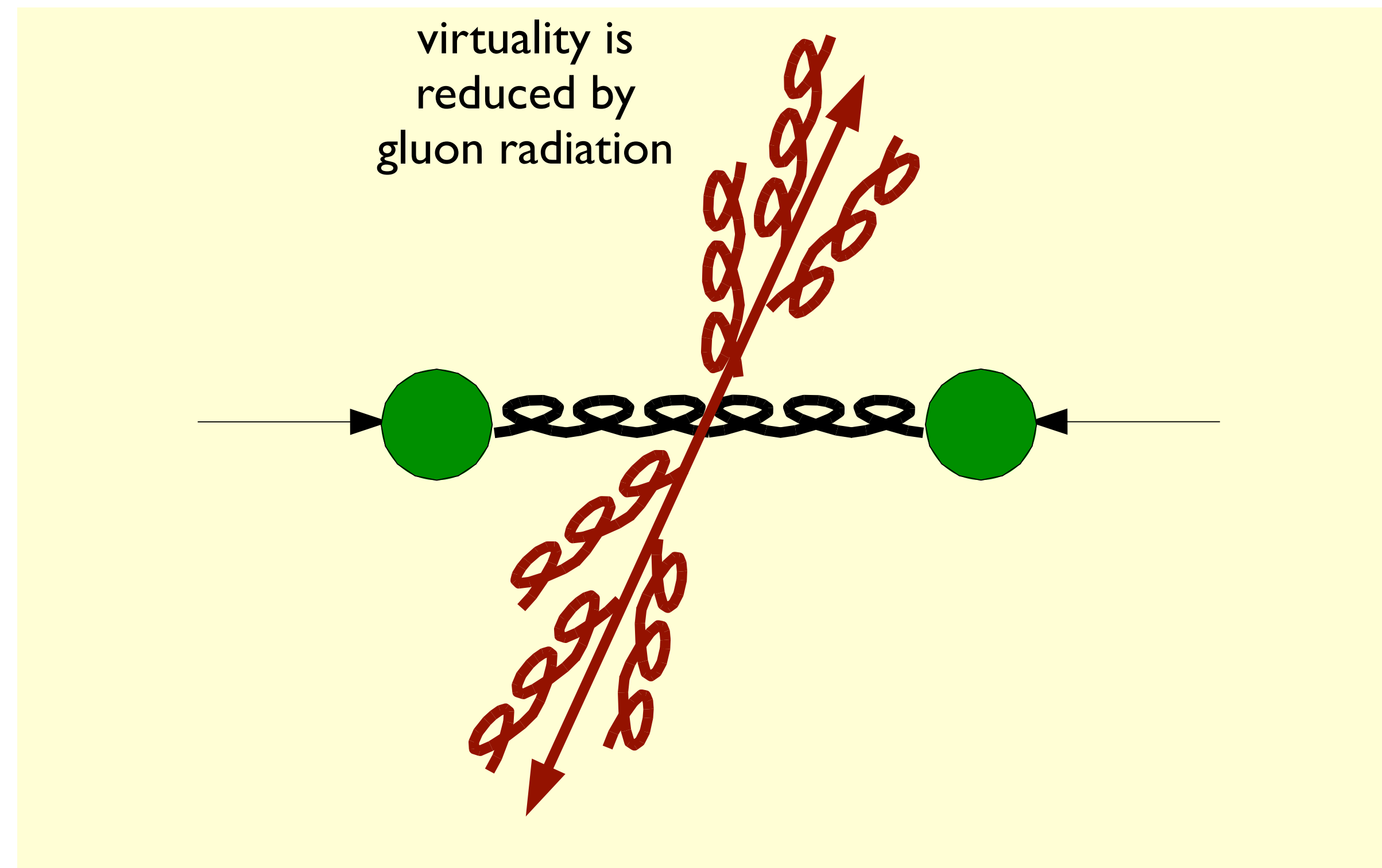
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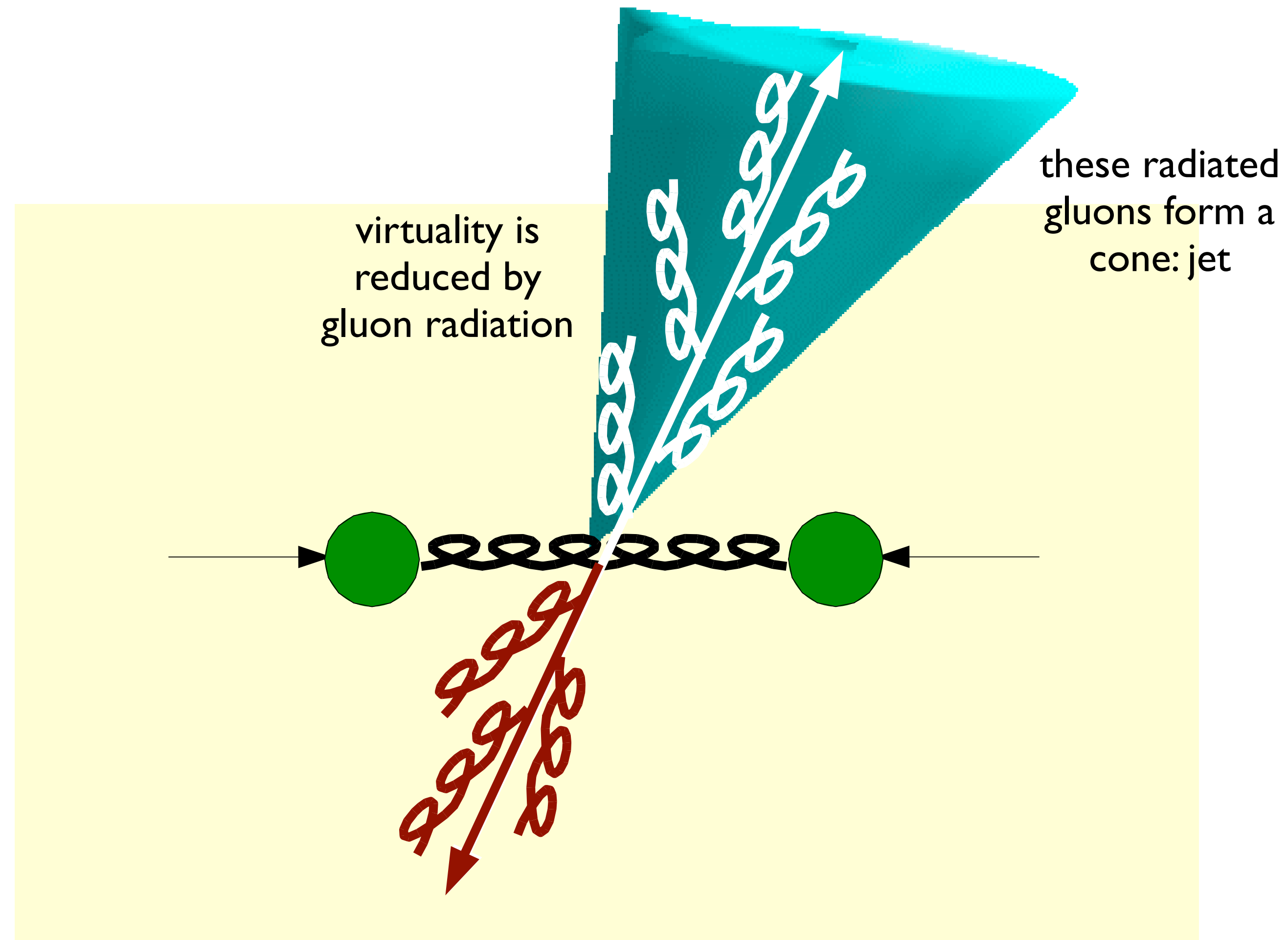
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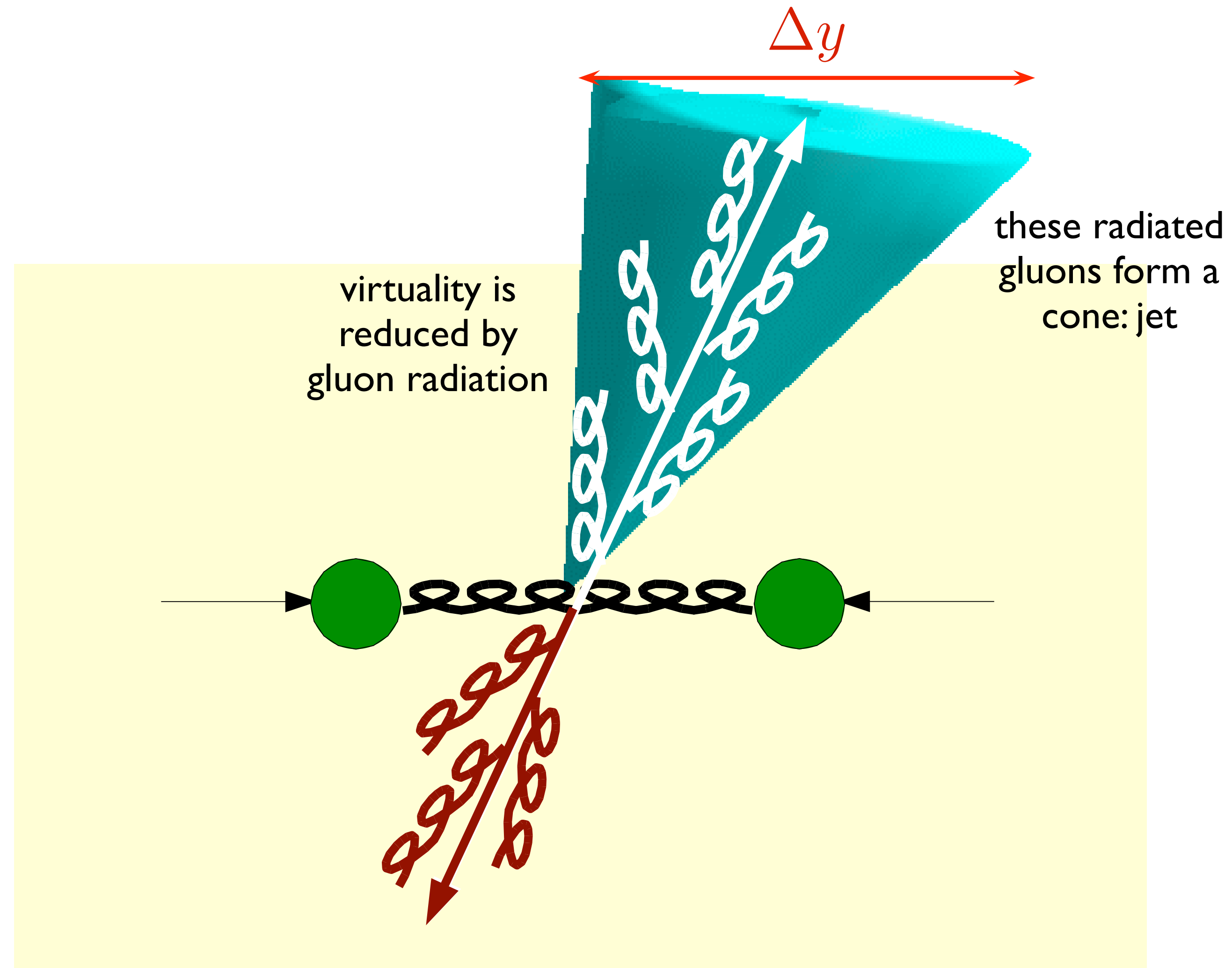
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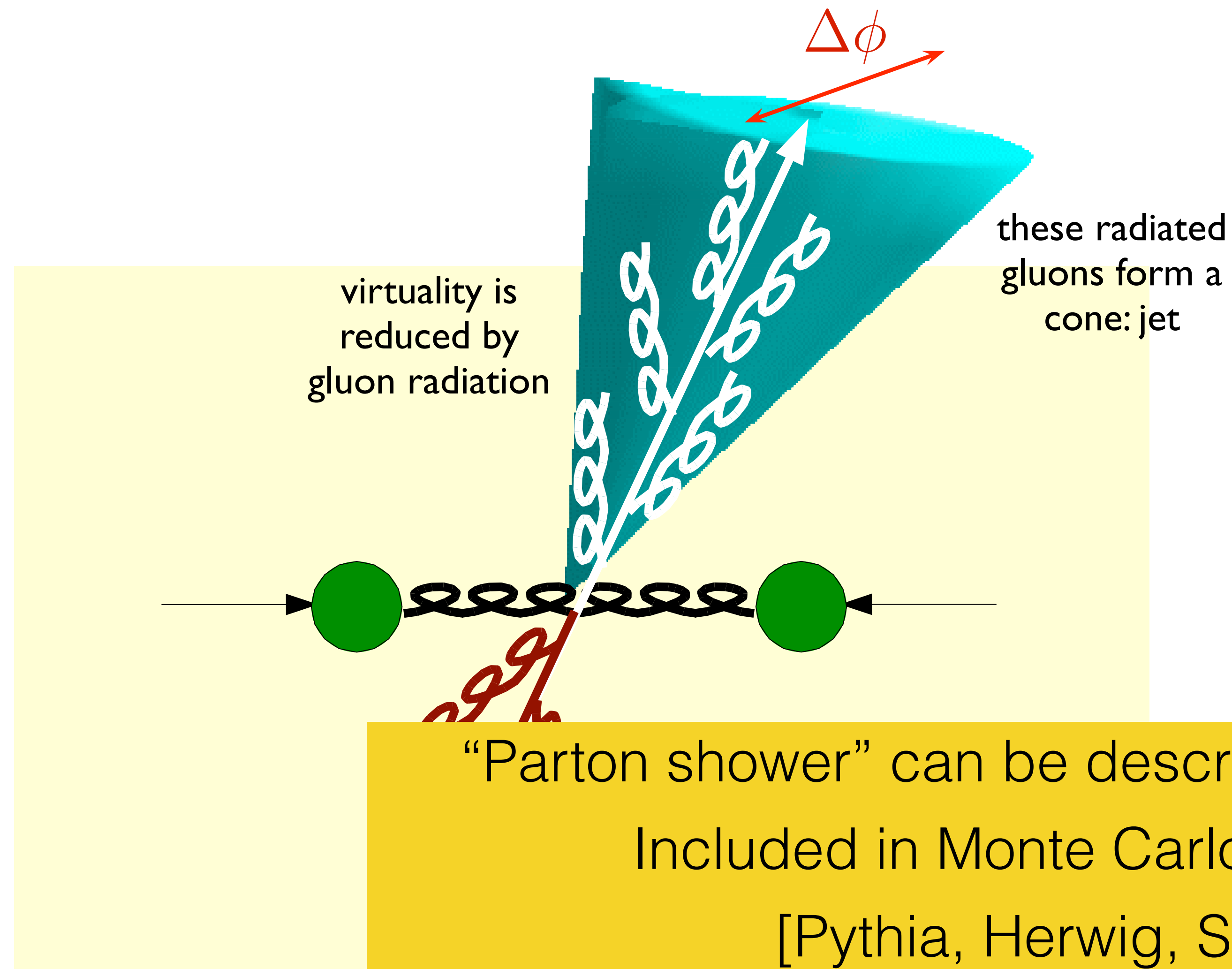
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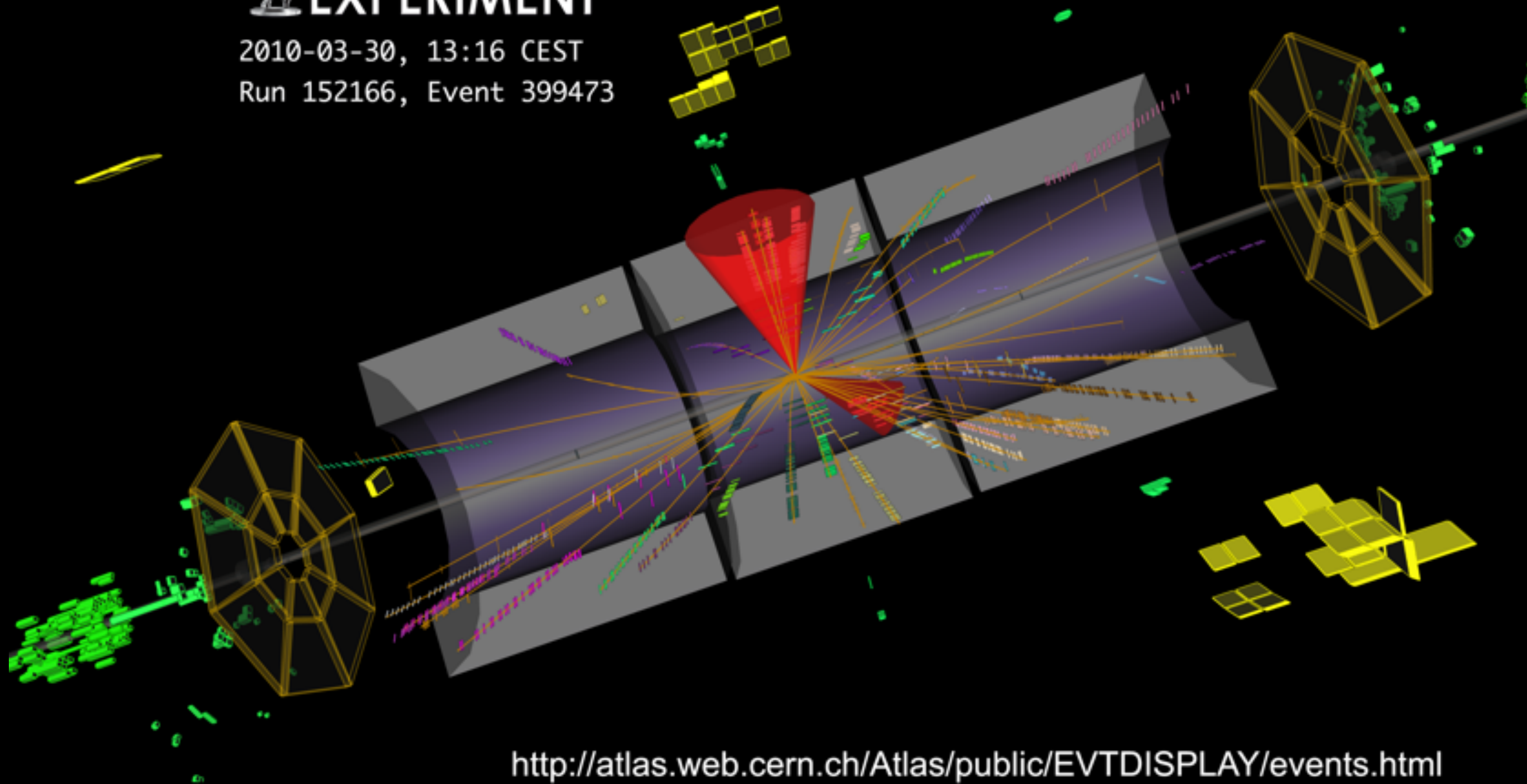


# Jets in hadronic colliders



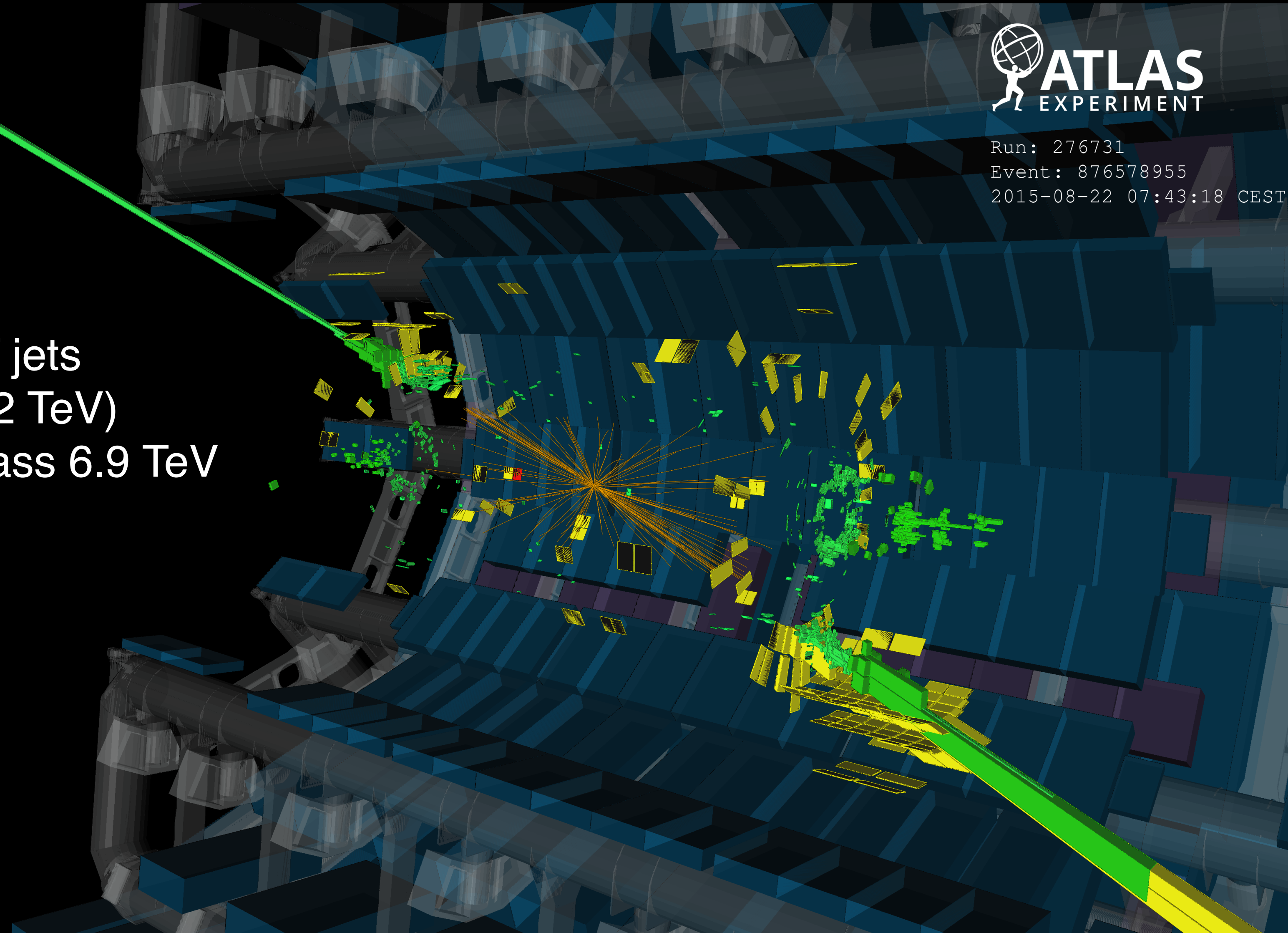
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## 2-Jet Collision Event at 7 TeV



<http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/public/EVTDISPLAY/events.html>

# Jets in hadronic colliders



2 high  $p_T$  jets  
(1.3 and 1.2 TeV)  
with invariant mass 6.9 TeV



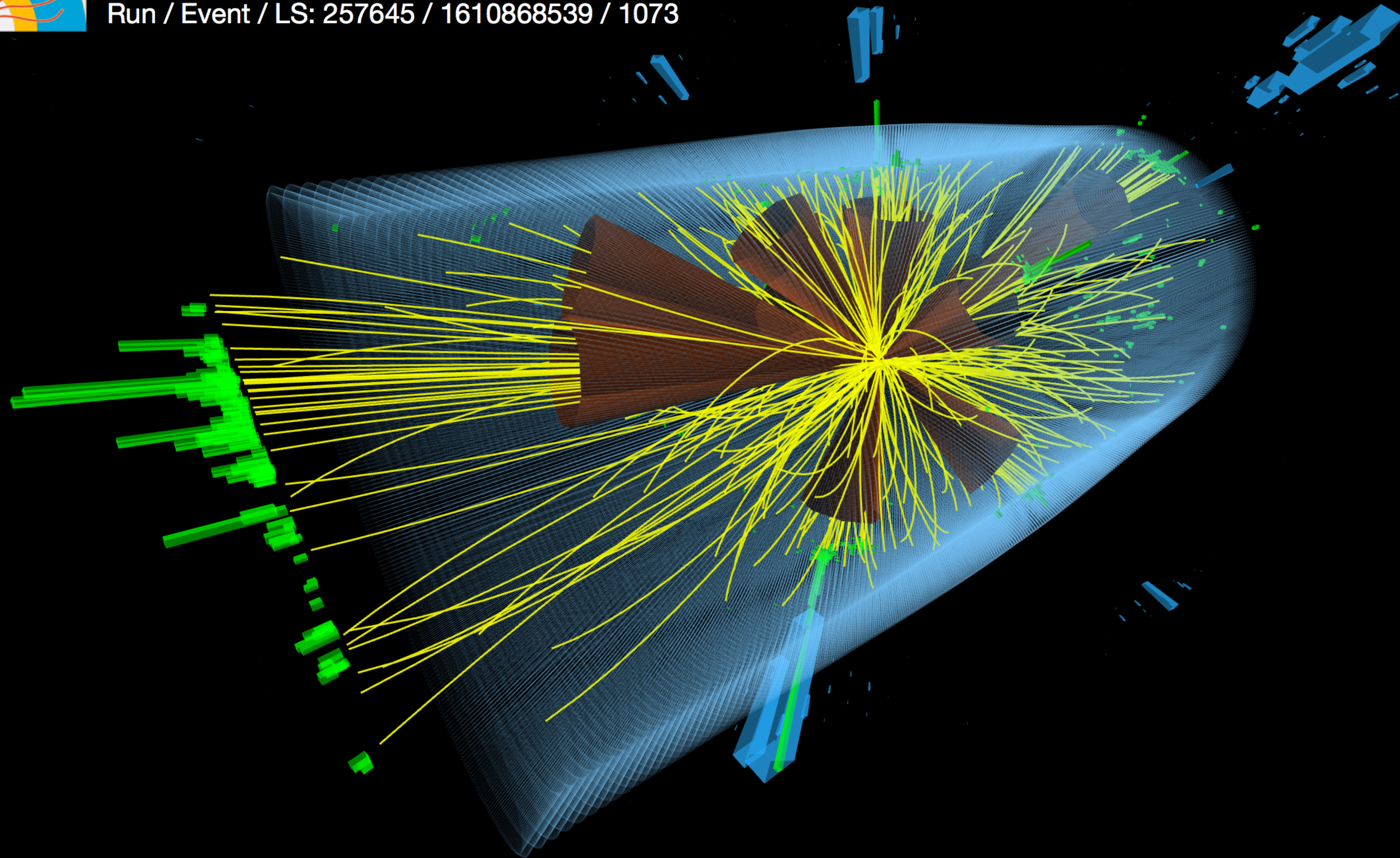
# A multijet event at the LHC@13TeV



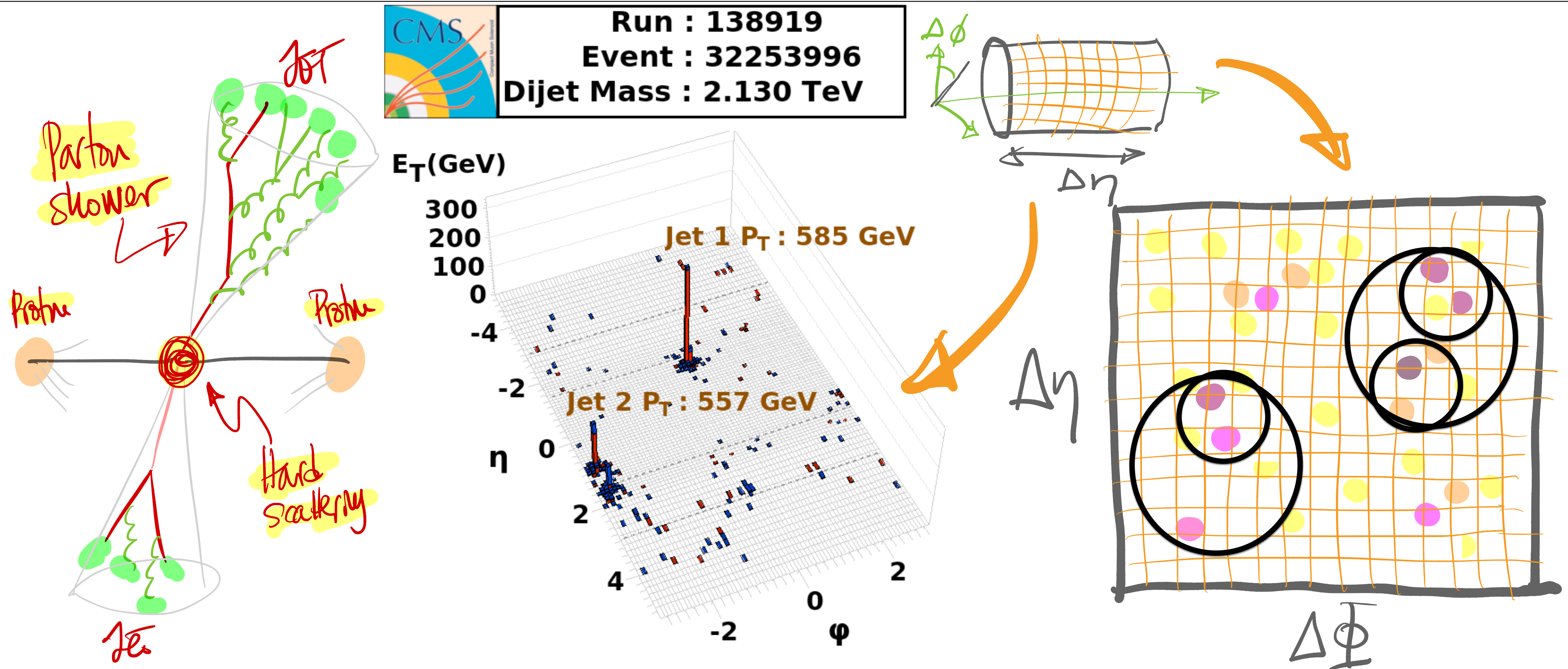
CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

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# How to identify jets?



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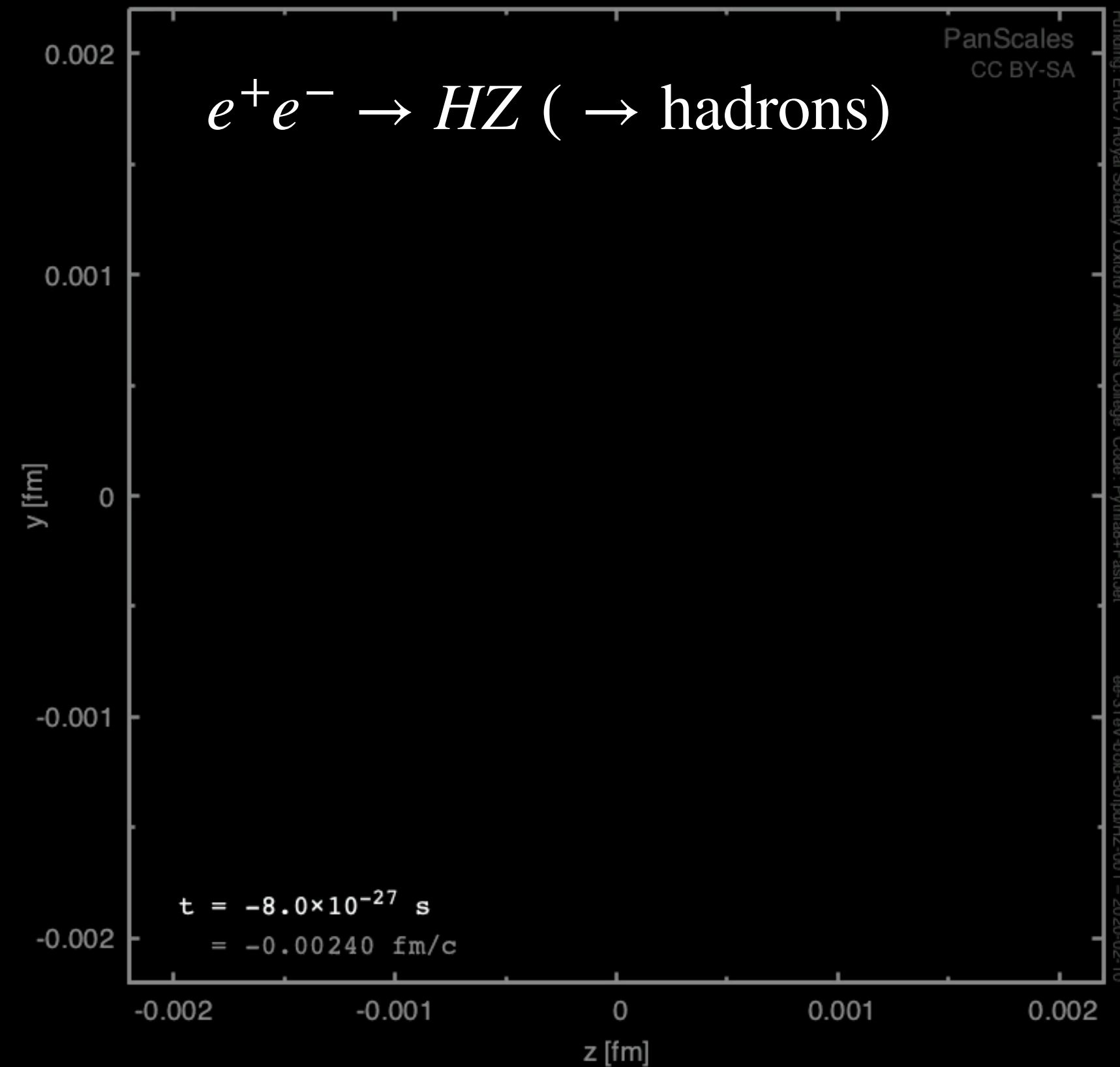
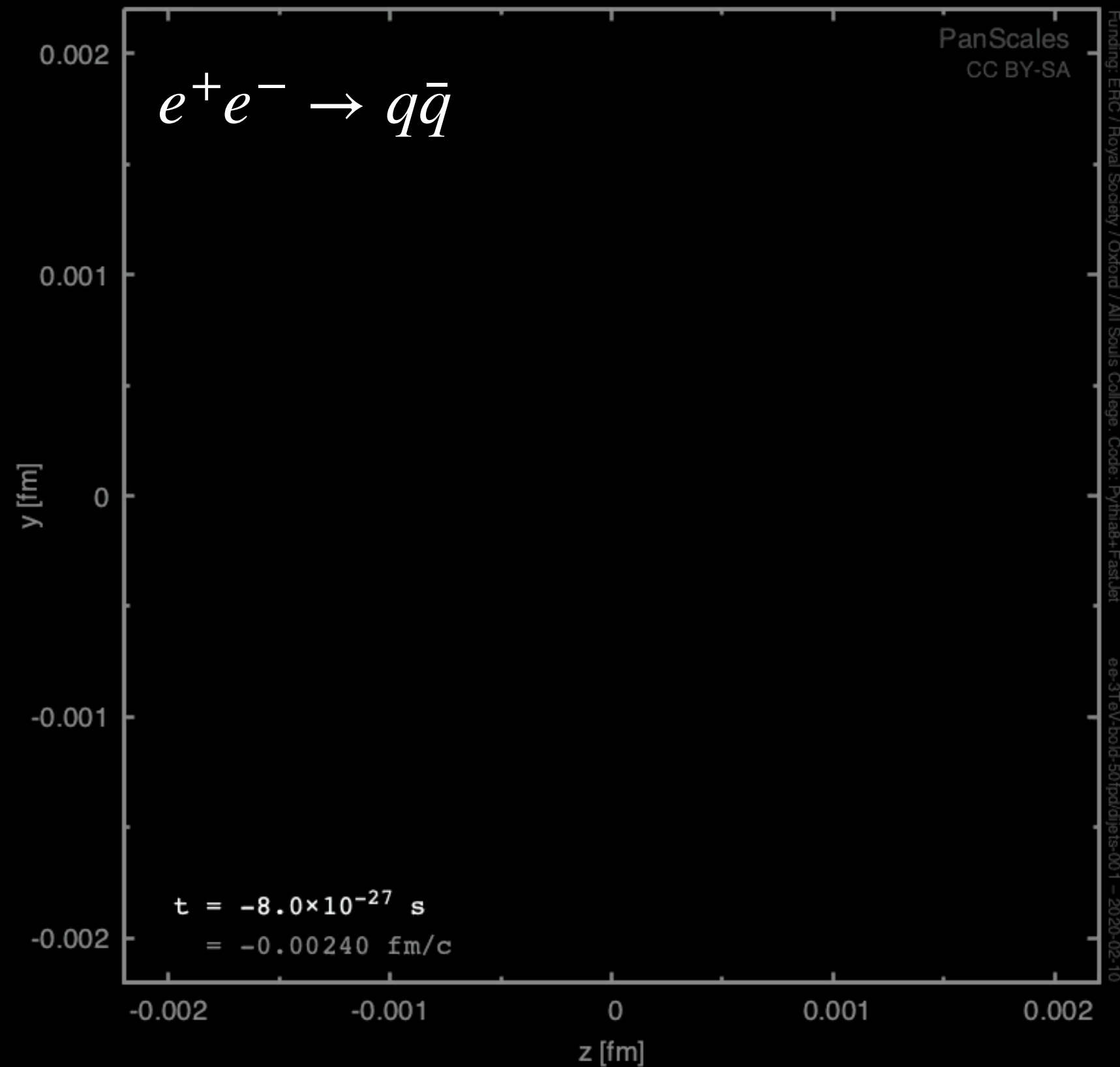
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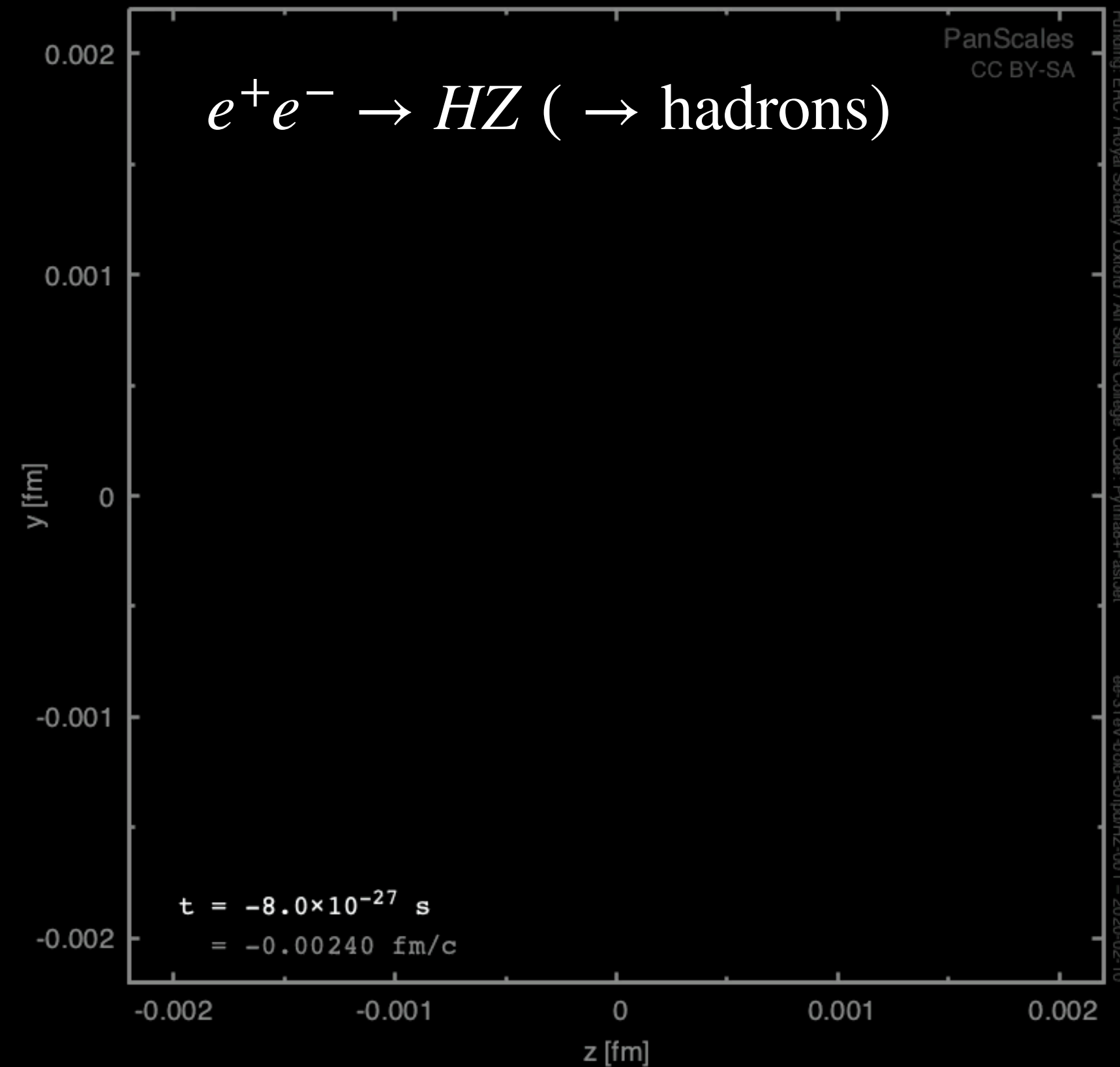
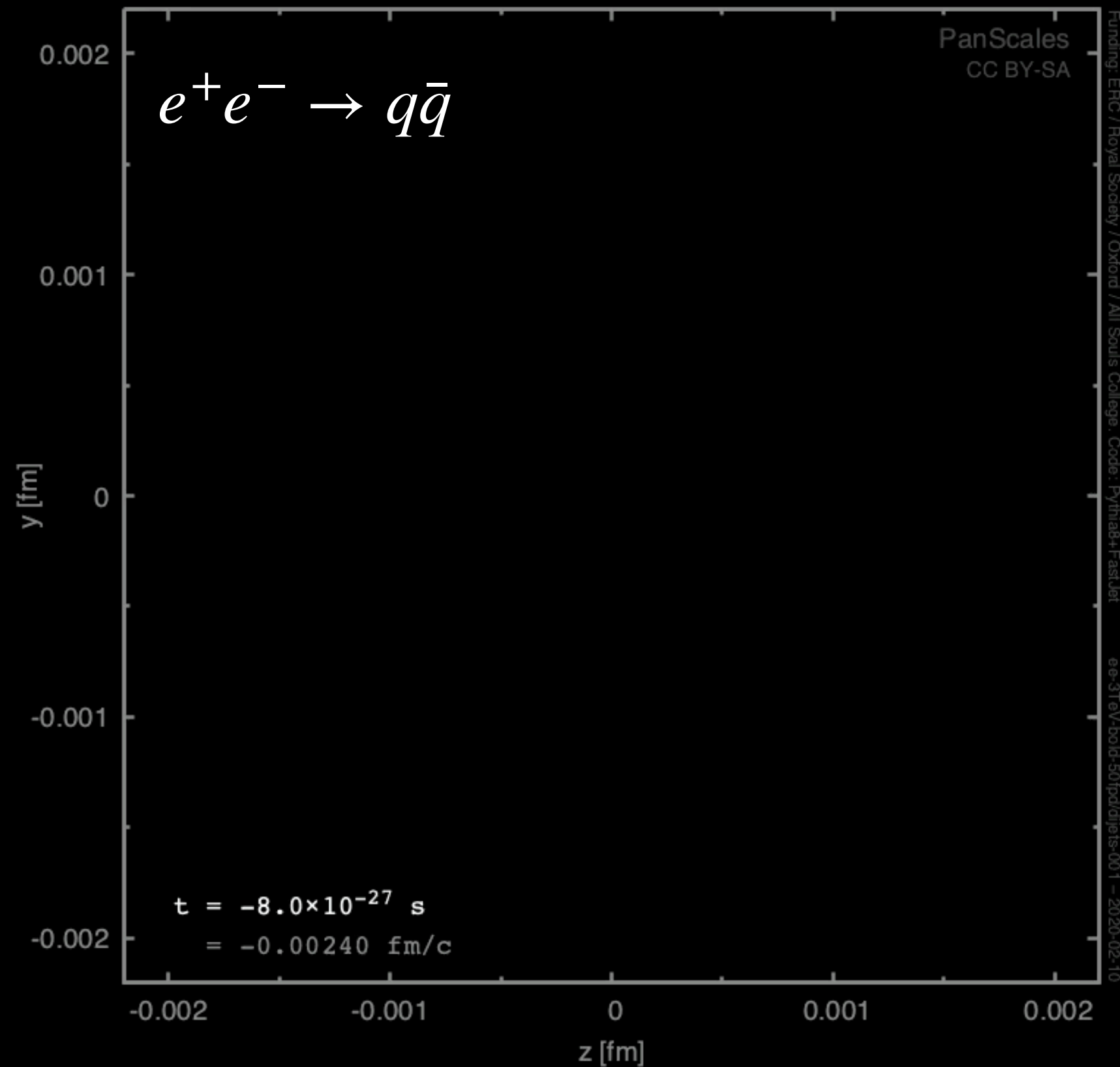


Initial particles in yellow  
Intermediate particles in blue  
Final particles in red

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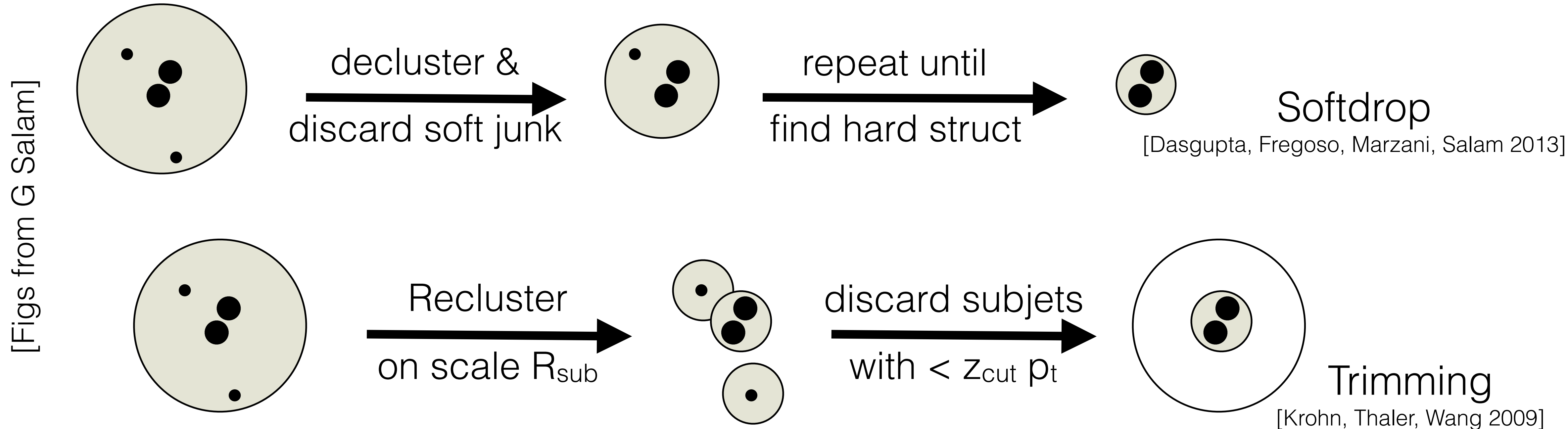
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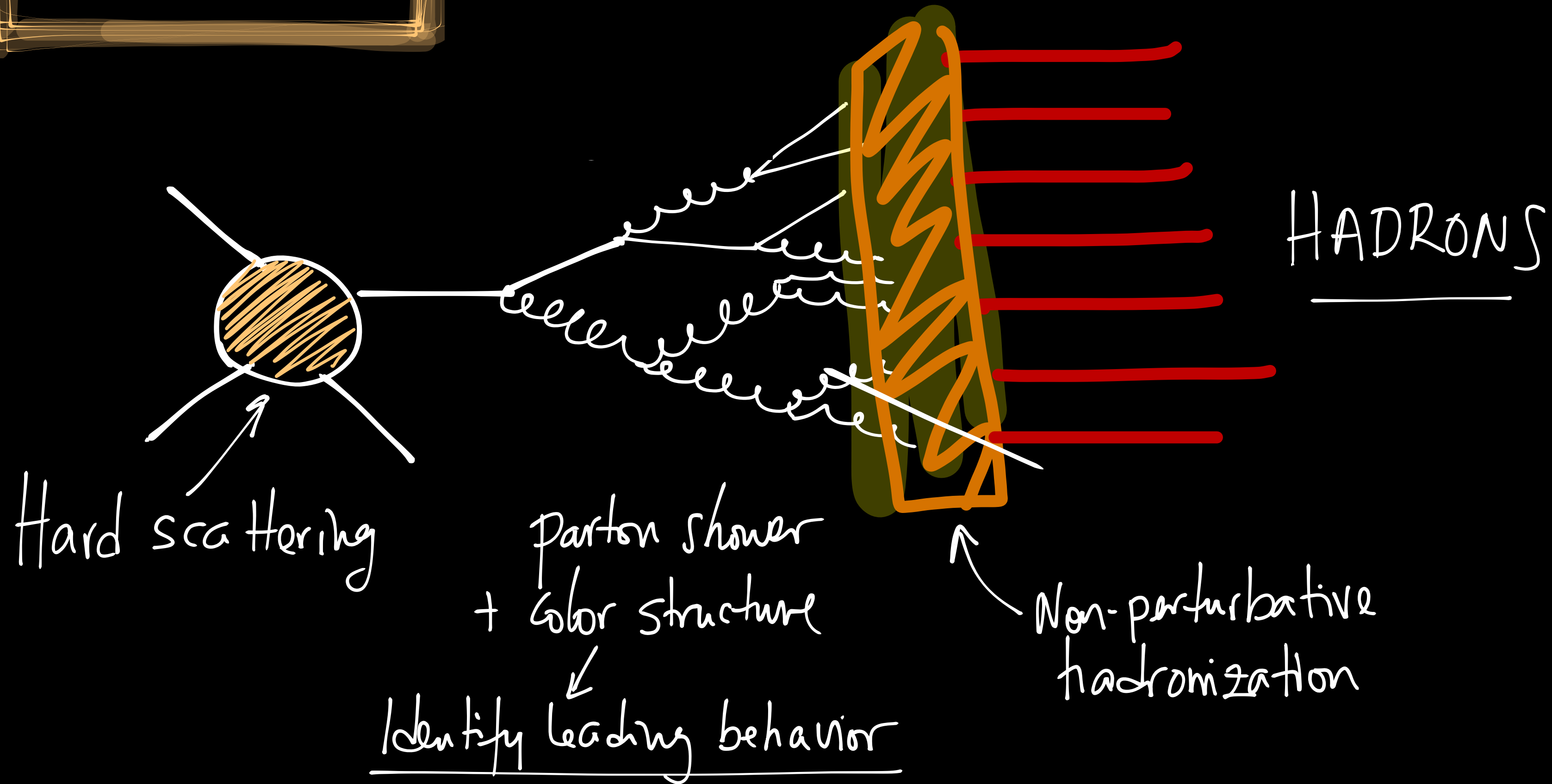
Find different substructures in identified jets

[very active area, lots of results in the last years]



E.g. to identify two-pronged jet structures - boosted H/W/Z

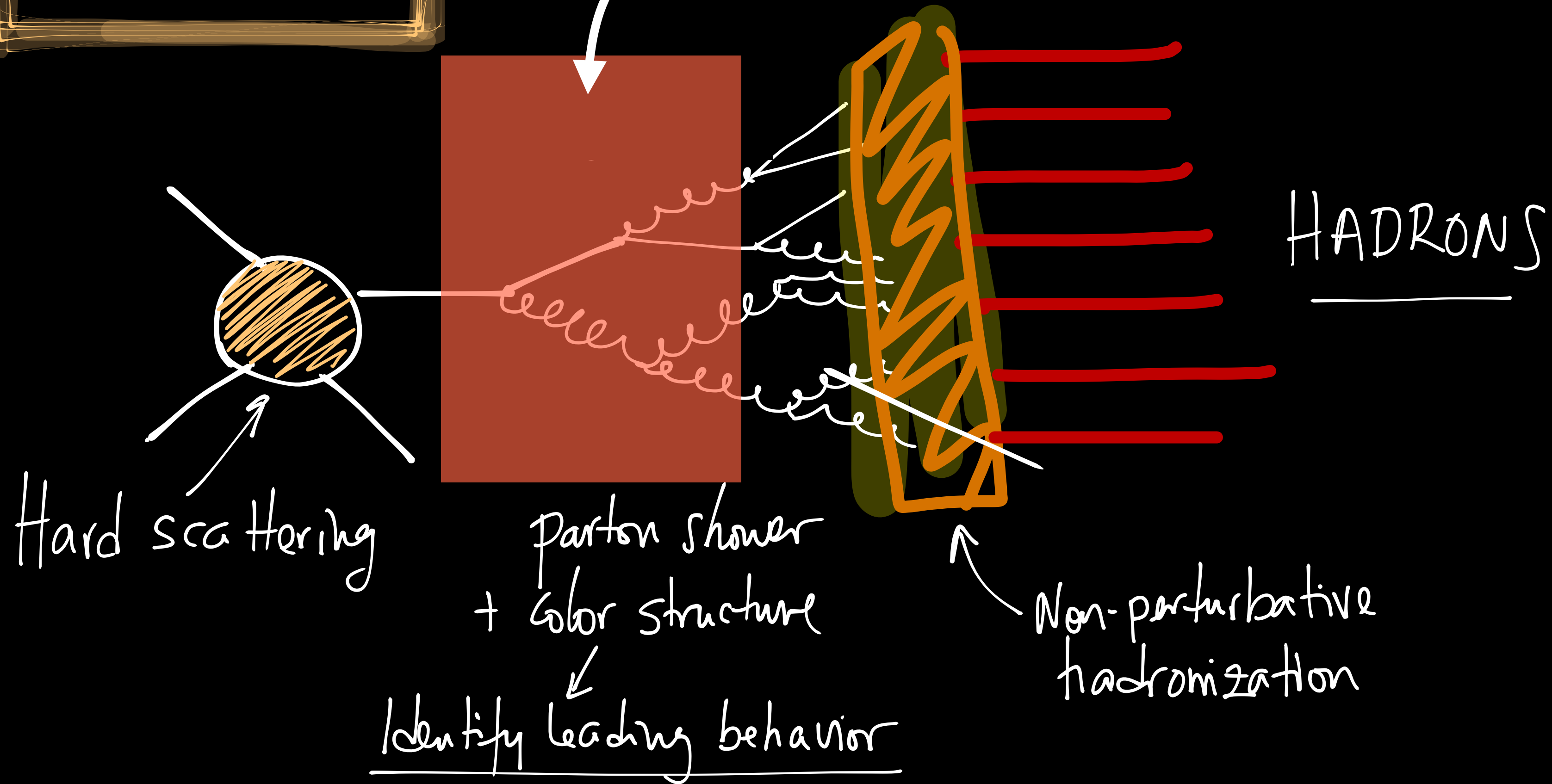
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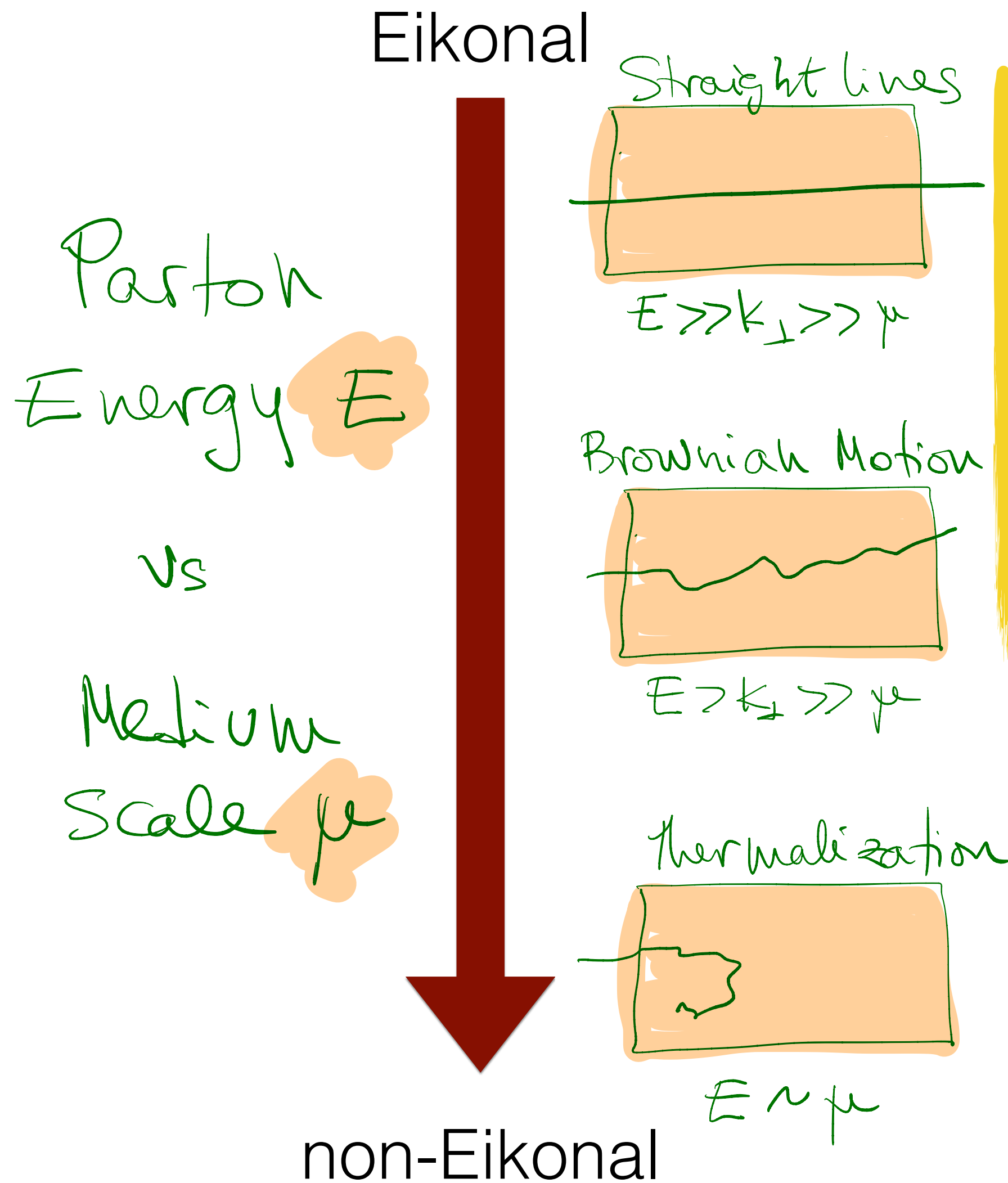
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# In-medium parton propagation



Medium is a background field: **color rotation**

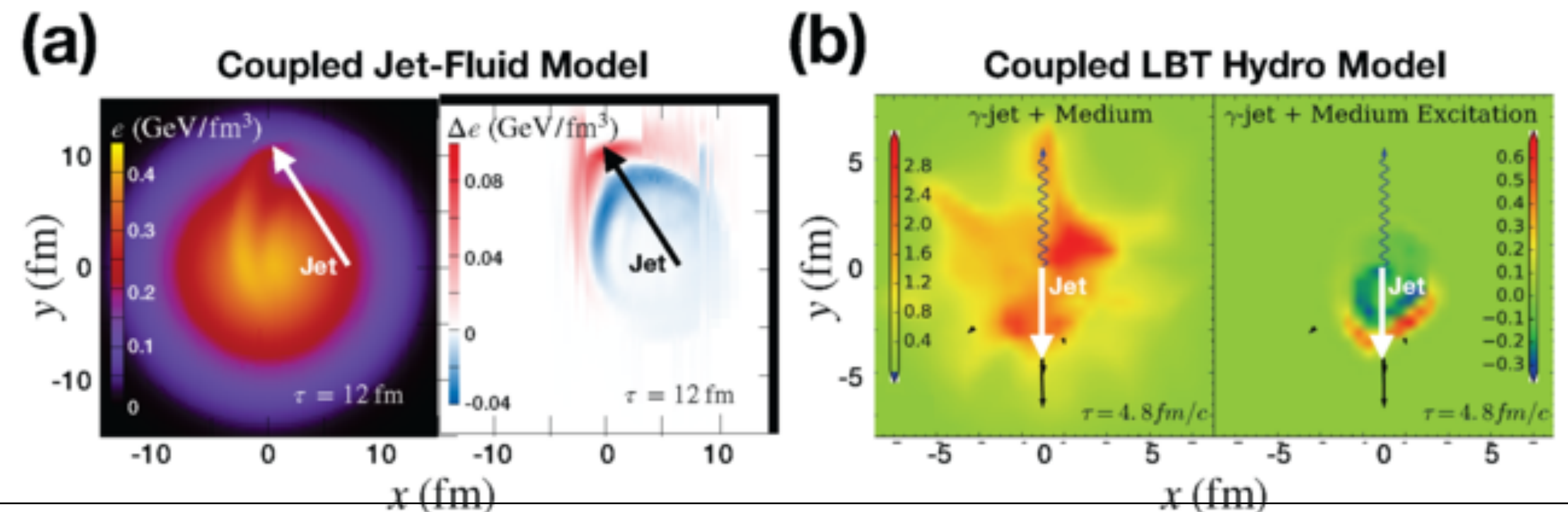
[Energy of the parton unmodified]

$$W(x_{\perp}) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int d\xi n \cdot A(\xi, x_{\perp}) \right\}$$

$$G(x_{\perp}; y_{\perp}) = \mathcal{P} \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left\{ i \frac{E}{2} \int d\xi \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{d\xi} \right]^2 + ig \int d\xi n \cdot A(\xi, \mathbf{r}) \right\}$$

Medium is **dynamical**

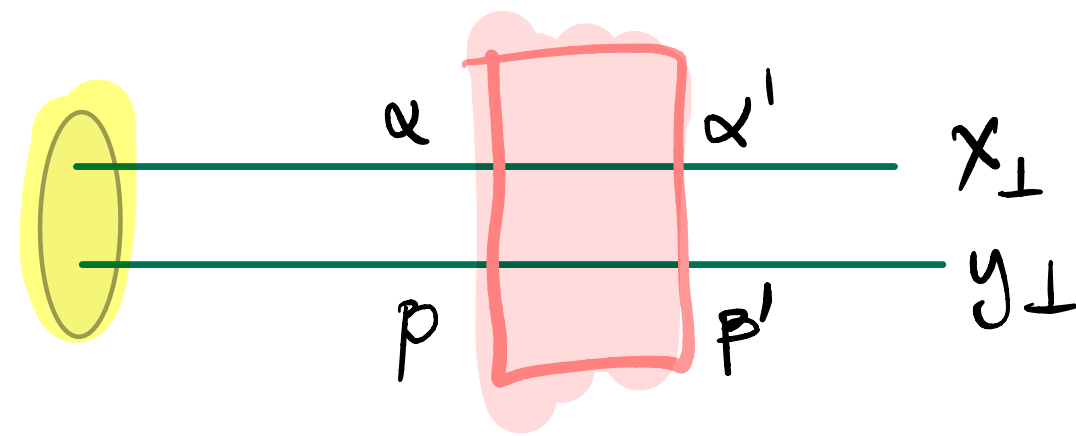
[Energy exchanged with the medium]



[Tachibana 2019]

# Scattering amplitudes

## Color dipole - The simplest configuration



Background field  
color rotation

S-Matrix

$$|\alpha'\beta'\rangle = S_{\alpha'\beta'\alpha\beta} |\alpha\beta\rangle = W_{\alpha\alpha'}(x_\perp) W_{\beta\beta'}^\dagger(y_\perp) |\alpha\beta\rangle$$

Survival Probability

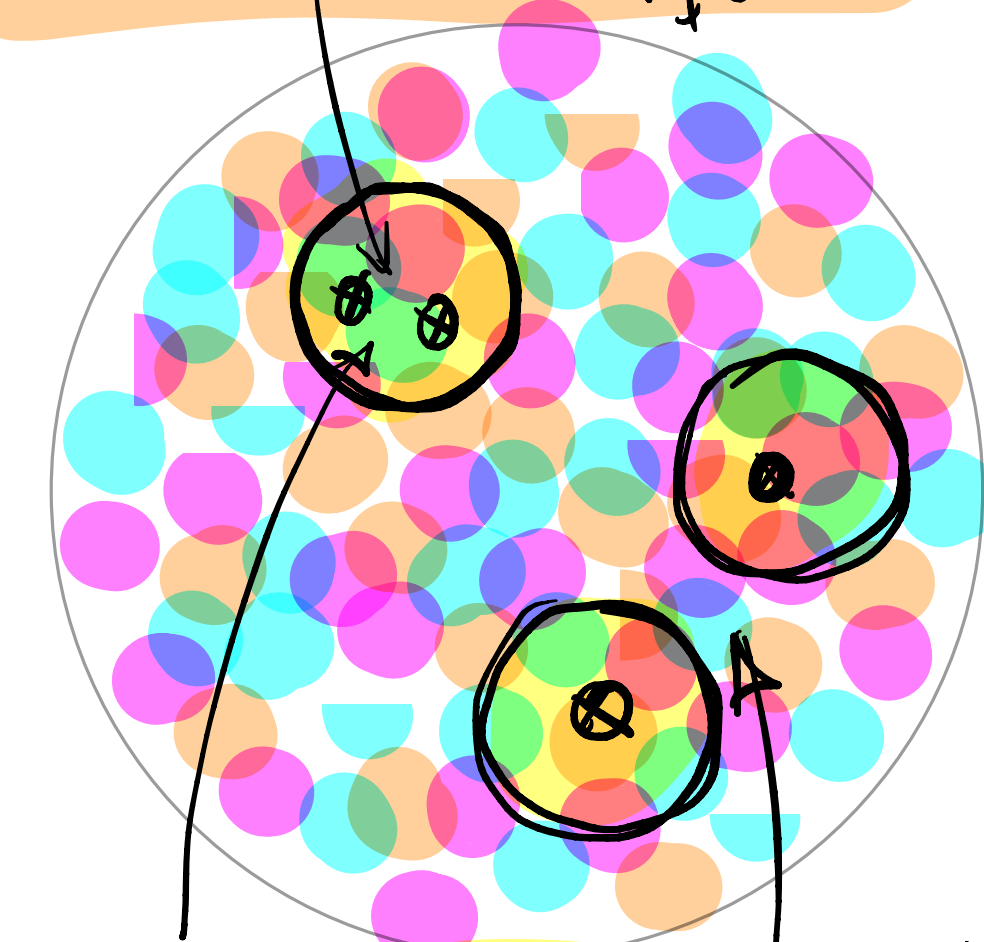
$$S(x_\perp, y_\perp) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} [W(x_\perp) W^\dagger(y_\perp)]$$

Average over configurations  $\frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{tr} (W(x_\perp) W^\dagger(y_\perp)) \rangle_{med}$

A useful picture: color domains in transverse plane

Correlation length

$$\lambda_{cs} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_t}}$$



correlated

uncorrelated

# Intra-jet color coherence

[Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk; Iancu, Casalderrey-Solana, ... 2010-]

**QCD antenna** - classical calculation including color coherence [*angular ordering*]

$$\left| \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right|^2 \quad \omega \frac{dN}{d\omega d\theta} \sim \alpha_s C_F \left[ R_q - J + R_{\bar{q}} - J \right]$$

**The QCD medium can break color coherence** - independent color rotation of  $q$  and  $q$ bar

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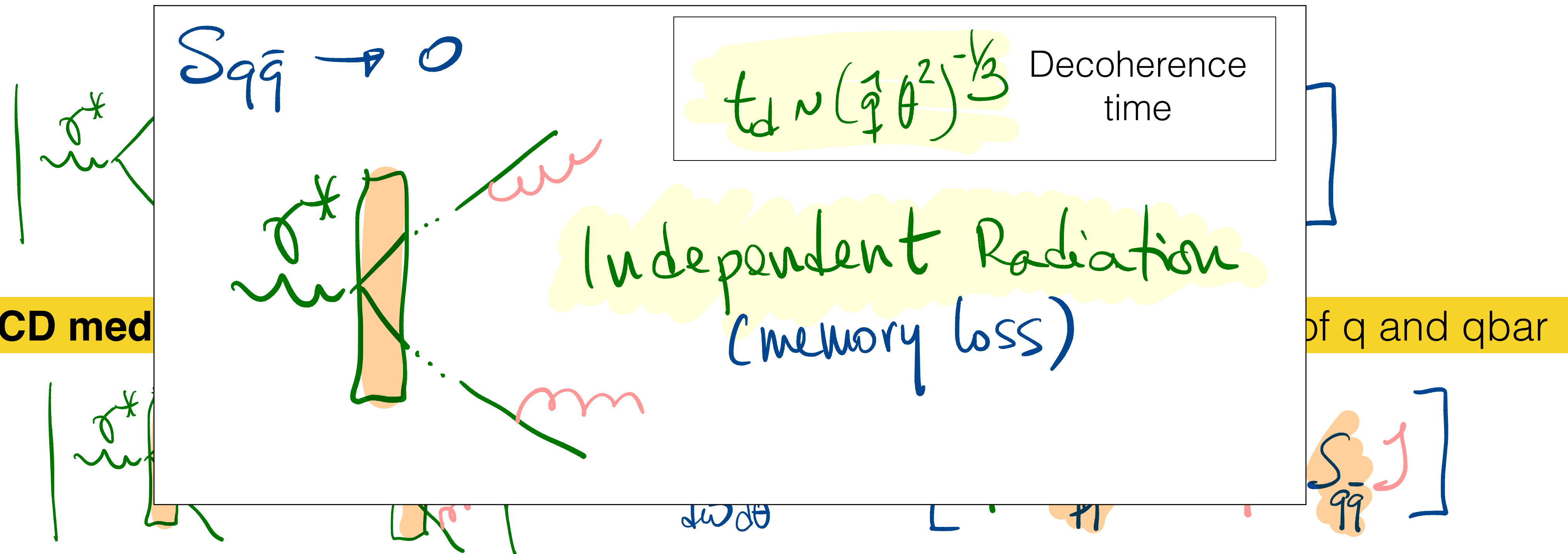
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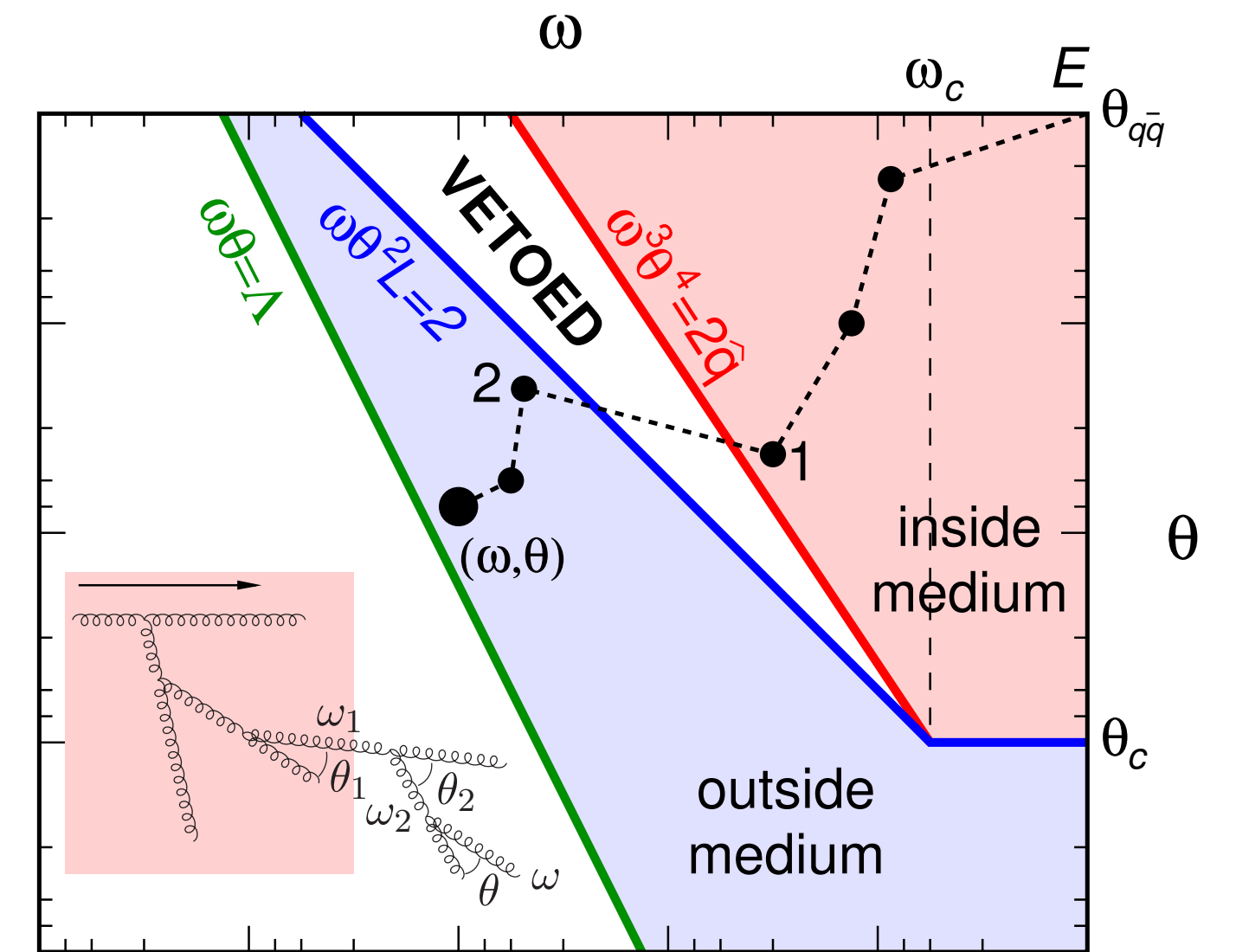
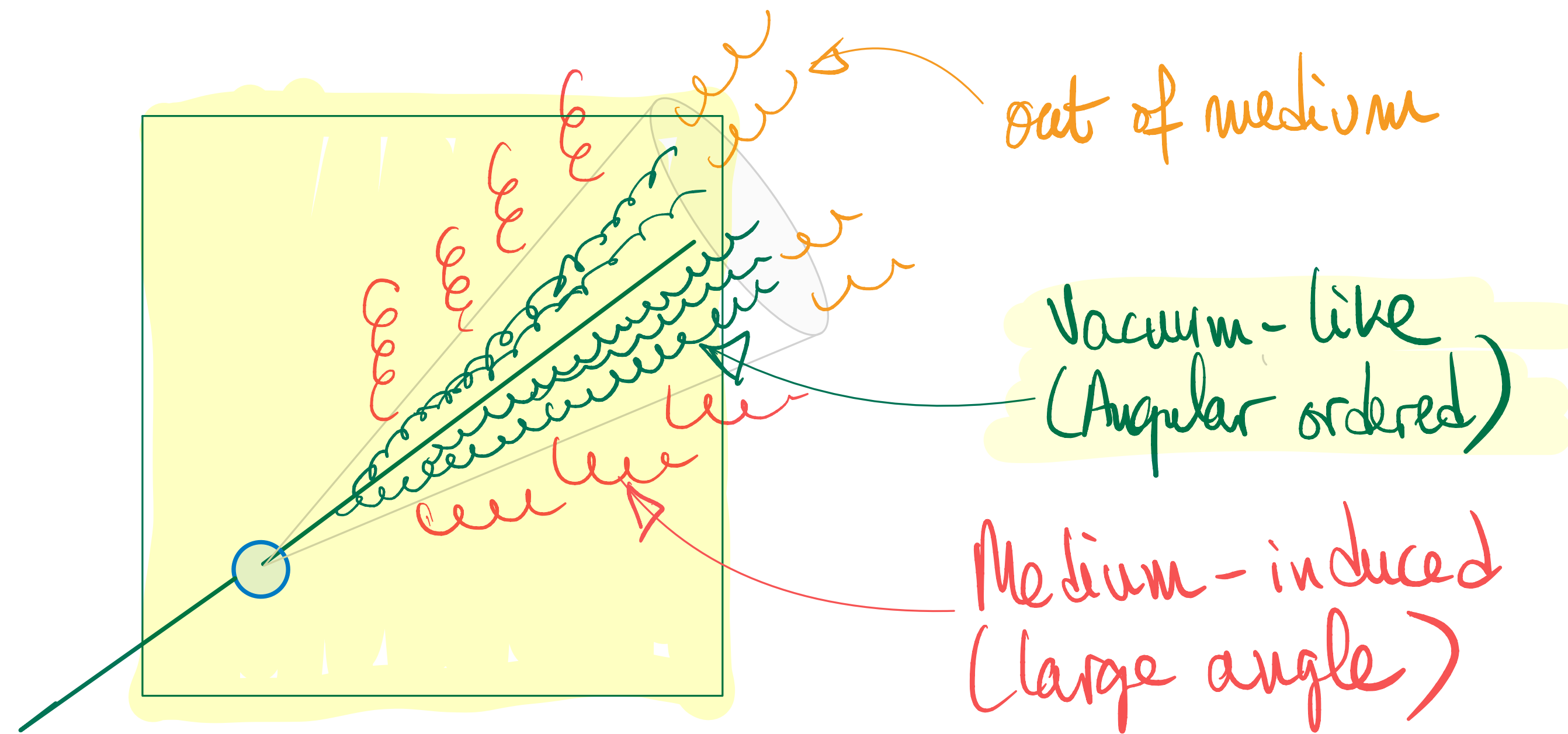
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# Vacuum-like emissions

**Hard splittings with small formation time  $t_f \ll t_d$  cannot be resolved by the medium**

First hard splitting + DLA — **most of the cascade is vacuum-like** (with energy loss on top)



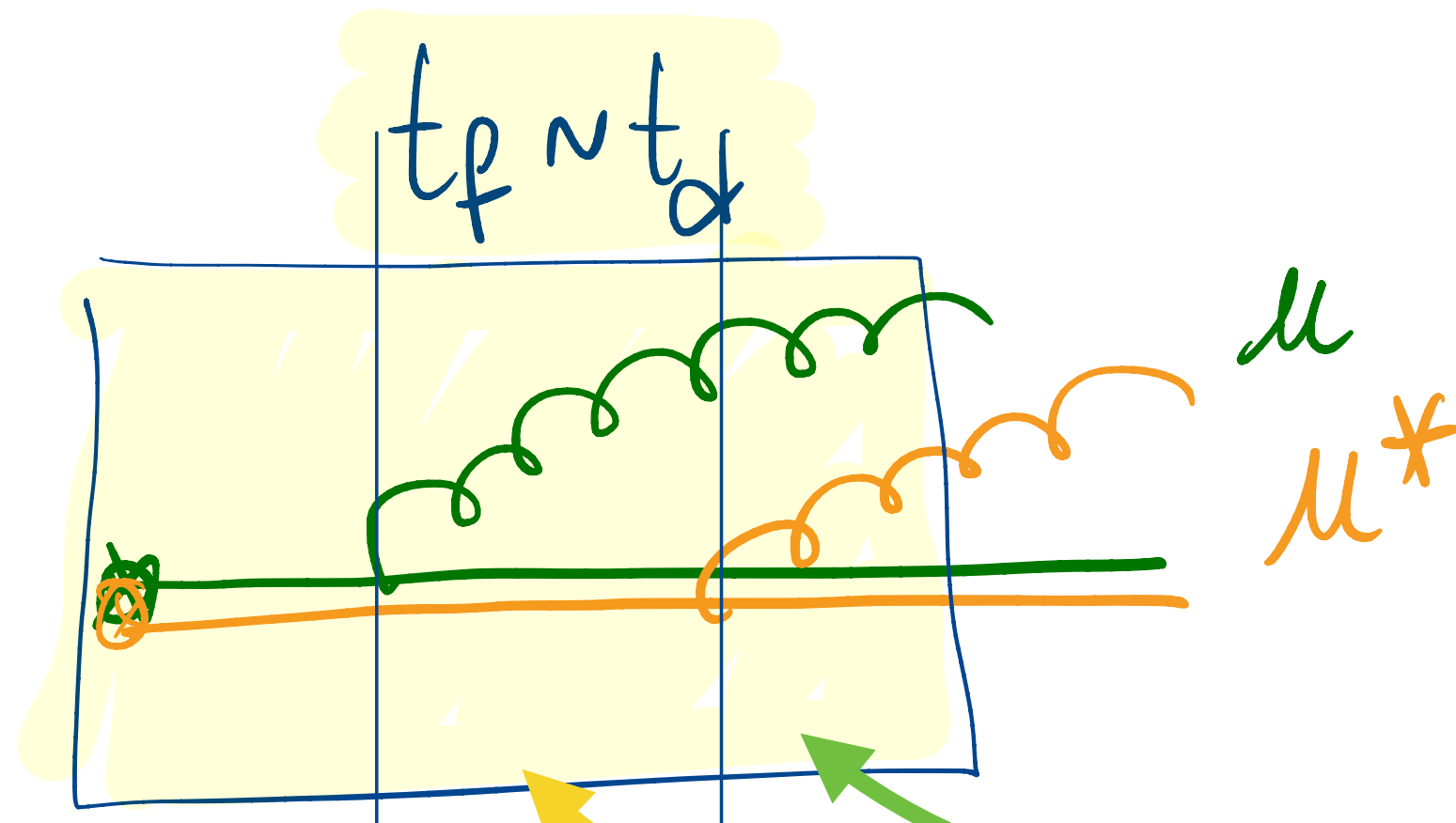
[Caucal, Iancu, Mueller, Soyez 2018]

In the DLA approach, the relevant jet structure is formed very early in the cascade

# Medium-induced radiation

[Zakharov, Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Schiff, Wiedemann, Gyulassy, Levai, Vitev, and many others... starting in the mid-90's]

For fluctuation with  $t_f \sim t_d$  the gluon is resolved: **medium-induced radiation**



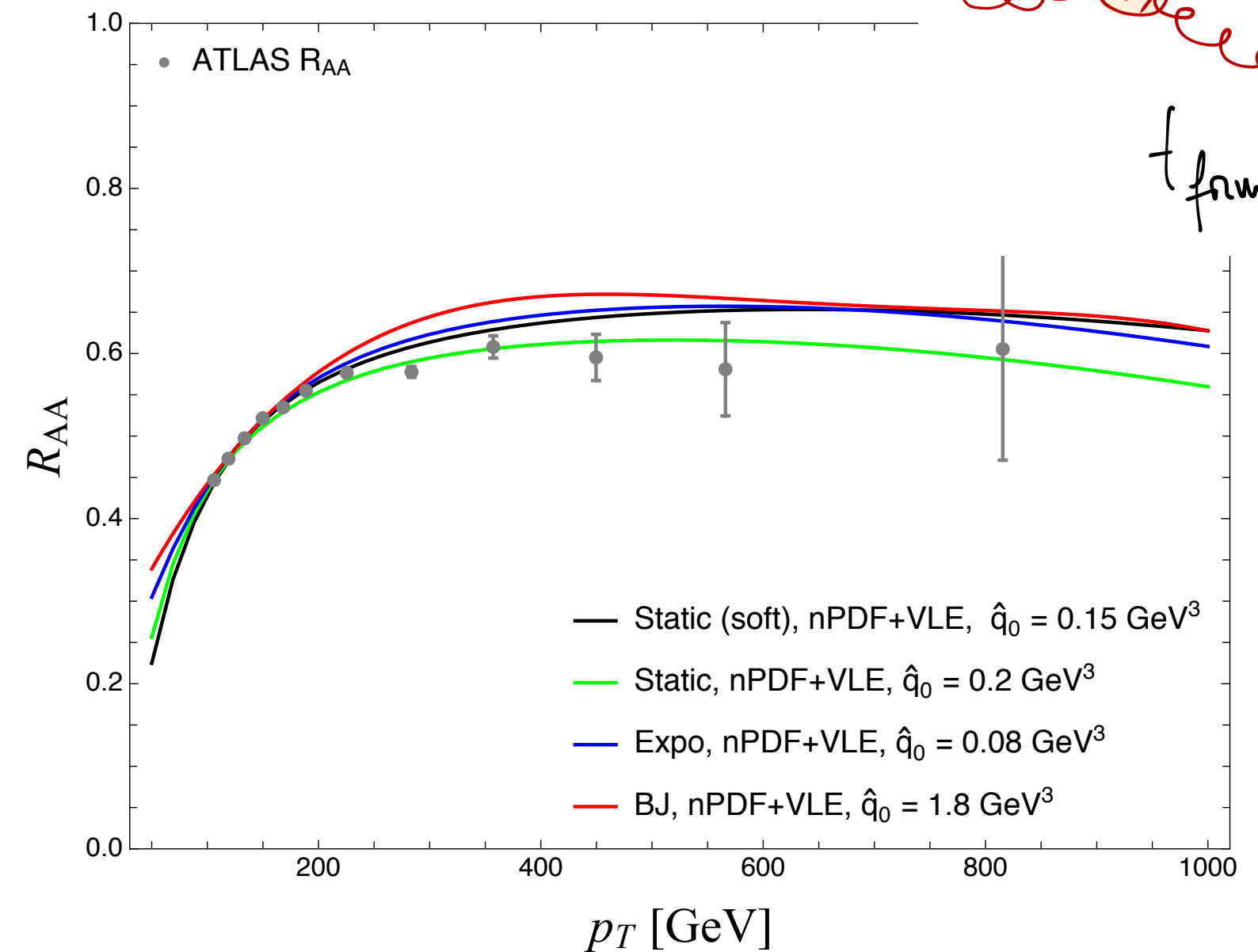
$$\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega d^2\mathbf{k}} \sim \frac{\alpha_s C_R}{\omega^2} \text{Re} \int_{t', t} \int_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \tilde{\mathcal{K}}(t', \mathbf{q}; t, \mathbf{p}) \mathcal{P}(L, \mathbf{k}; t', \mathbf{q})$$

$$\mathcal{K}(t', \mathbf{z}; t, \mathbf{y}) = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left[ \int_t^{t'} ds \left( \frac{i\omega}{2} \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 - \frac{1}{2} n(s) \sigma(\mathbf{r}) \right) \right]$$

$t_f \sim t_d \ll L$ : democratic branching

[Balizot, Dominguez, Iancu, Mehtar-Tani 2013; Jeon, Moore 2005]

Probabilistic treatment:  
**In-medium parton shower**

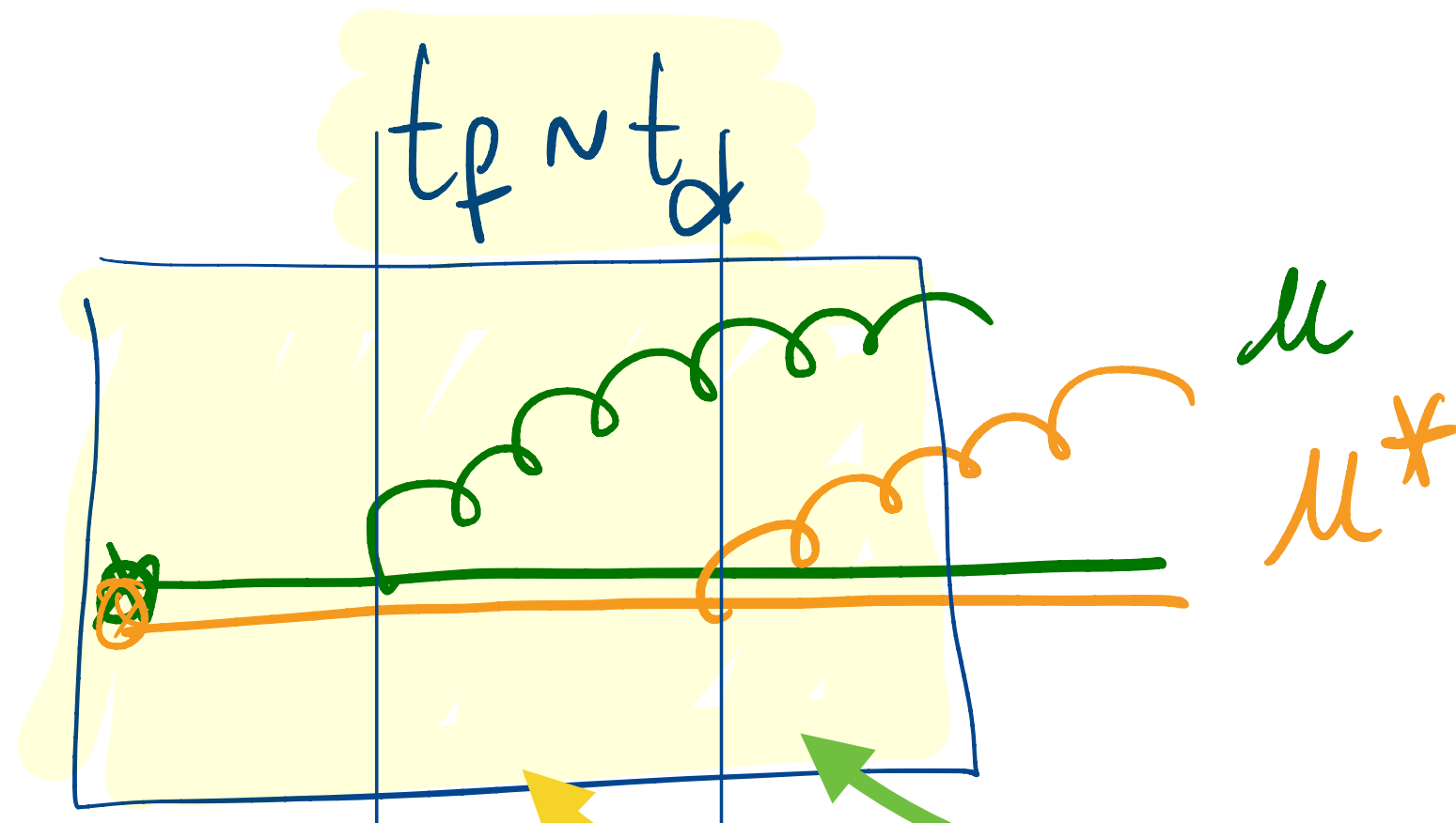


[Adhya, Salgado, Spousta, Tywoniuk 2022]

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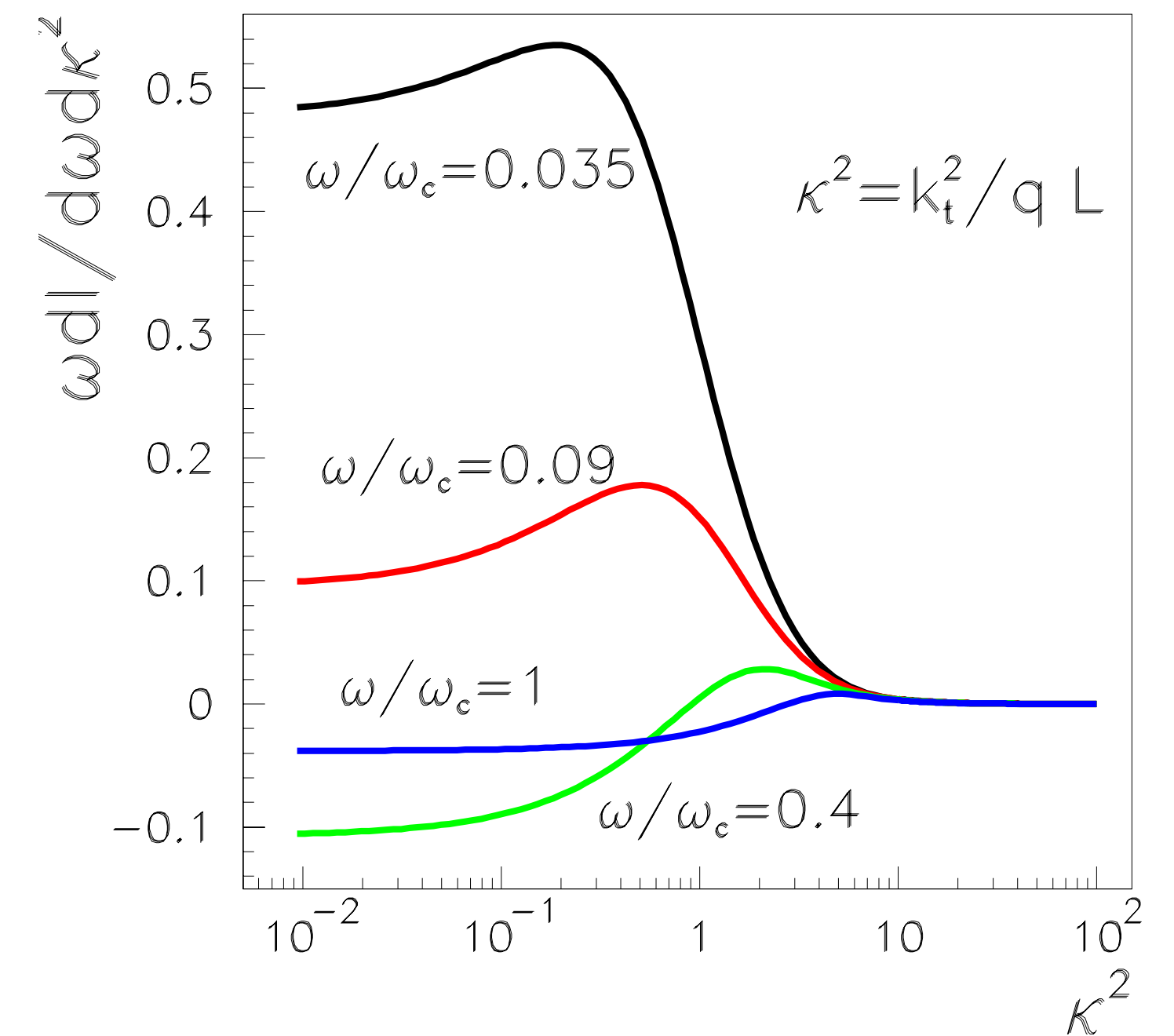
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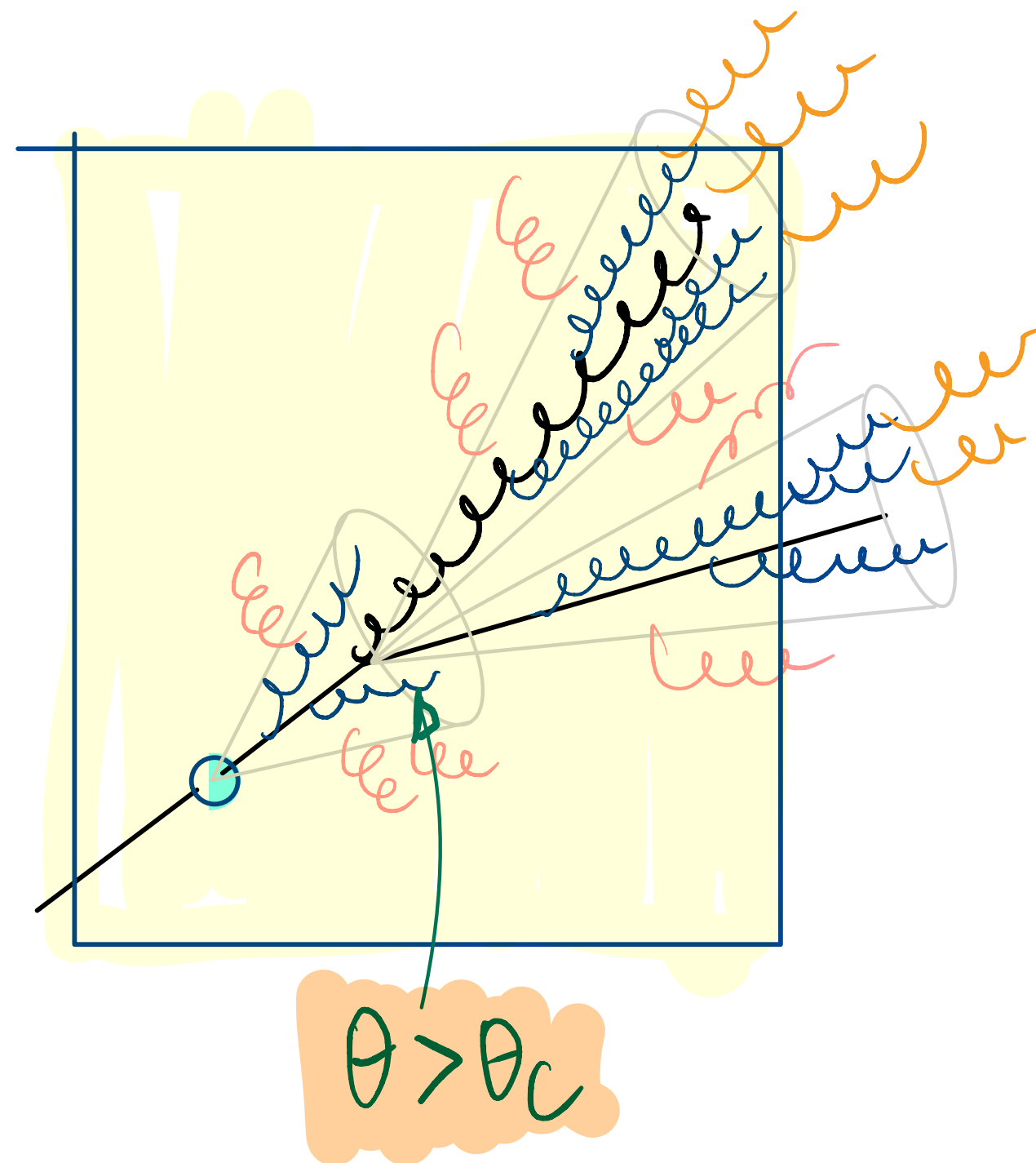
For fluctuation with  $t_f > t_d$   
**LPM suppression**



# A picture of in-medium jets

[Casalderrey-Solana, Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk 2012]

Color coherence provides a clean picture of parton shower in medium  
 Medium induced radiation by **subjects** defined by resolution scale of the medium



$$S(r_\perp) = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \int dt \hat{q} r^2(t)}$$

$$r(t) = \theta t \Rightarrow \theta_c \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{q} t^3}}$$

Resolution power

$$\Lambda_\perp \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{q} t}} \equiv \frac{1}{Q_s}$$

Inner core of the jet  
 (subject) is mildly modified

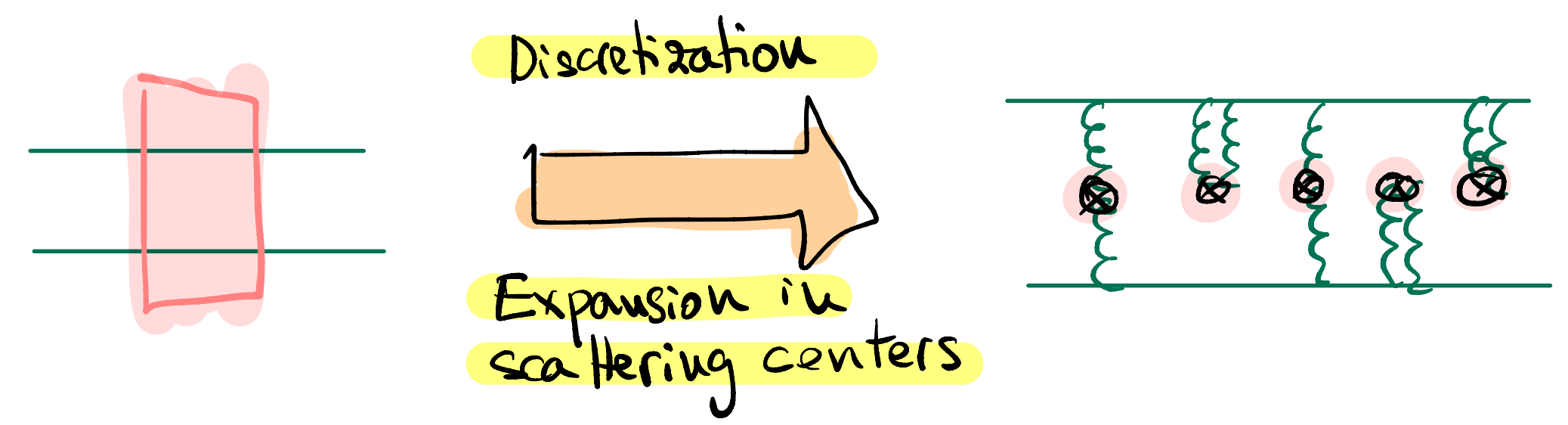
Medium-induced radiation  
 at **large angles**

**Subjects are effective emitters**



# Medium averages

A recoil-less medium  $\sim$  a collection of static scattering centers



$$\frac{1}{N^2 - 1} \text{Tr} \langle W_A(\mathbf{x}) W_A(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^t ds n(s) \sigma(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \right\}$$

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$$n(s) \sigma(r) \simeq \frac{1}{2} \hat{q} r^2$$

harmonic oscillator

...Valid for (very)many soft scatterings - but QCD potential has **perturbative tails**

$$\sigma(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathbf{q}} V(\mathbf{q})(1 - e^{i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}}) \quad V(\mathbf{q}) \sim \frac{m_D^2}{\mathbf{q}^2(\mathbf{q}^2 + m_D^2)}$$

New resummation needed - with both perturbative tails **and** multiple scattering

# Improving the resummation

[Caron-Huot, Gale; Feal, Vazquez; Andres, Apolinario, Dominguez, Gonzalez-Martinez; Barata, Mehtar-Tani, Ontoso, Tywoniuk, Salgado]

More in Carlota Andres Plenary Monday

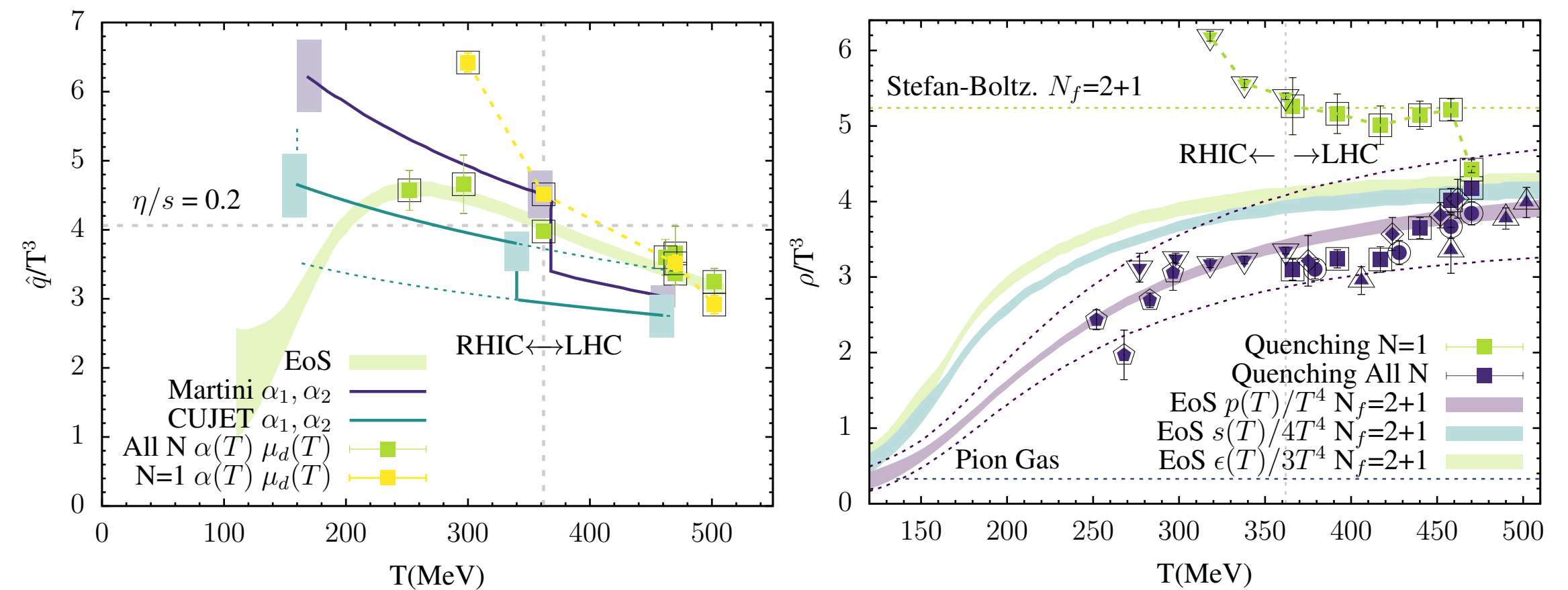
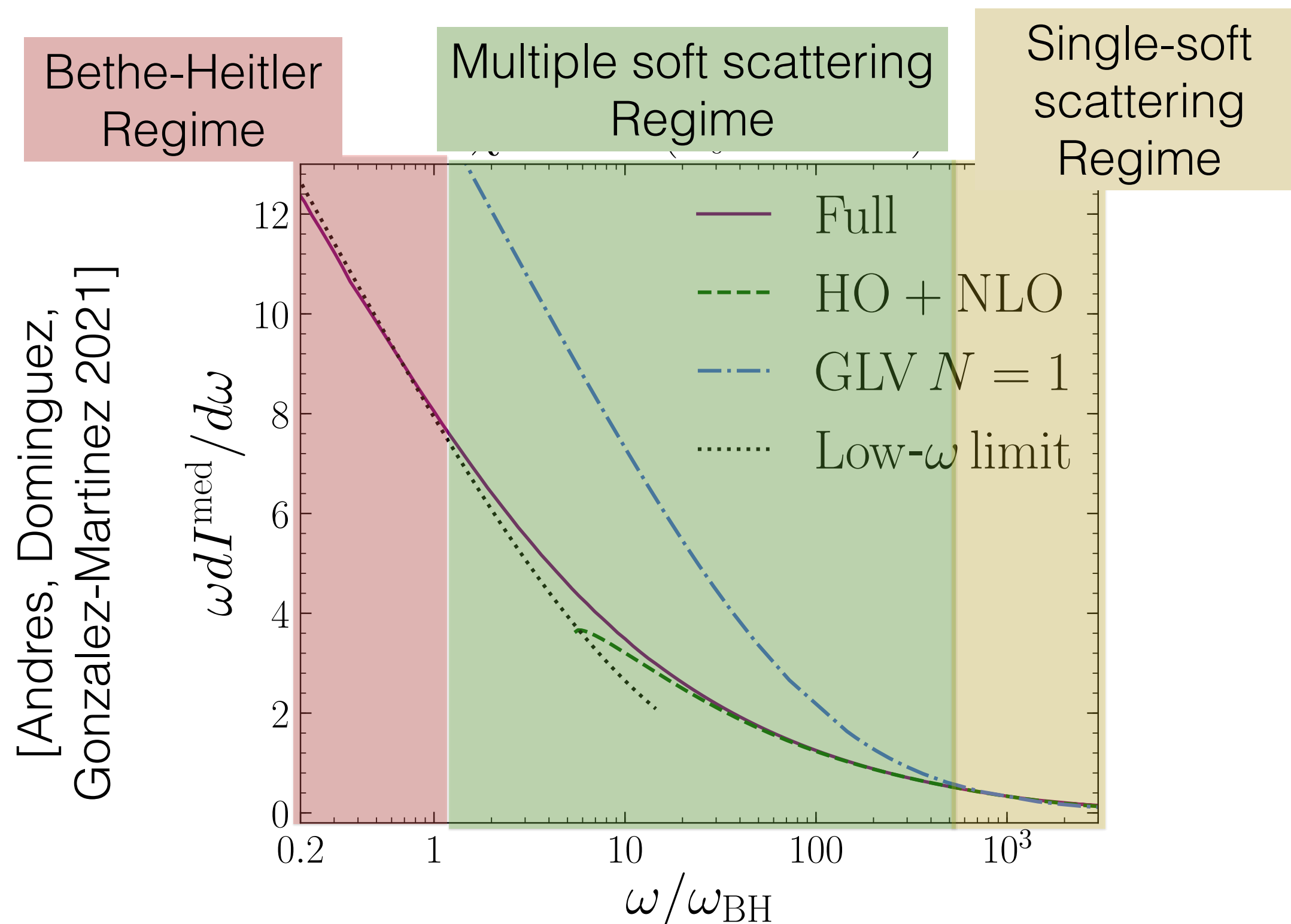
A lot of activity in the last 3-4 years to compute the gluon spectrum with a **correct resummation**

- ▶ **Perturbative tails**
- ▶ **Arbitrary number of scatterings**

$$\mathcal{P}(t'', \mathbf{k}; t', \mathbf{q}) = (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{t'}^{t''} ds n(s) \int_{\mathbf{k}'} \sigma(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{q}) \mathcal{P}(t'', \mathbf{k}; s, \mathbf{k}'),$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{K}}(t', \mathbf{q}; t, \mathbf{p}) = (2\pi)^2 \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) e^{-i\frac{p^2}{2\omega}(t'-t)}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_t^{t'} ds n(s) \int_{\mathbf{k}'} \sigma(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k}') e^{-i\frac{q^2}{2\omega}(t'-s)} \tilde{\mathcal{K}}(s, \mathbf{k}'; t, \mathbf{p}).$$

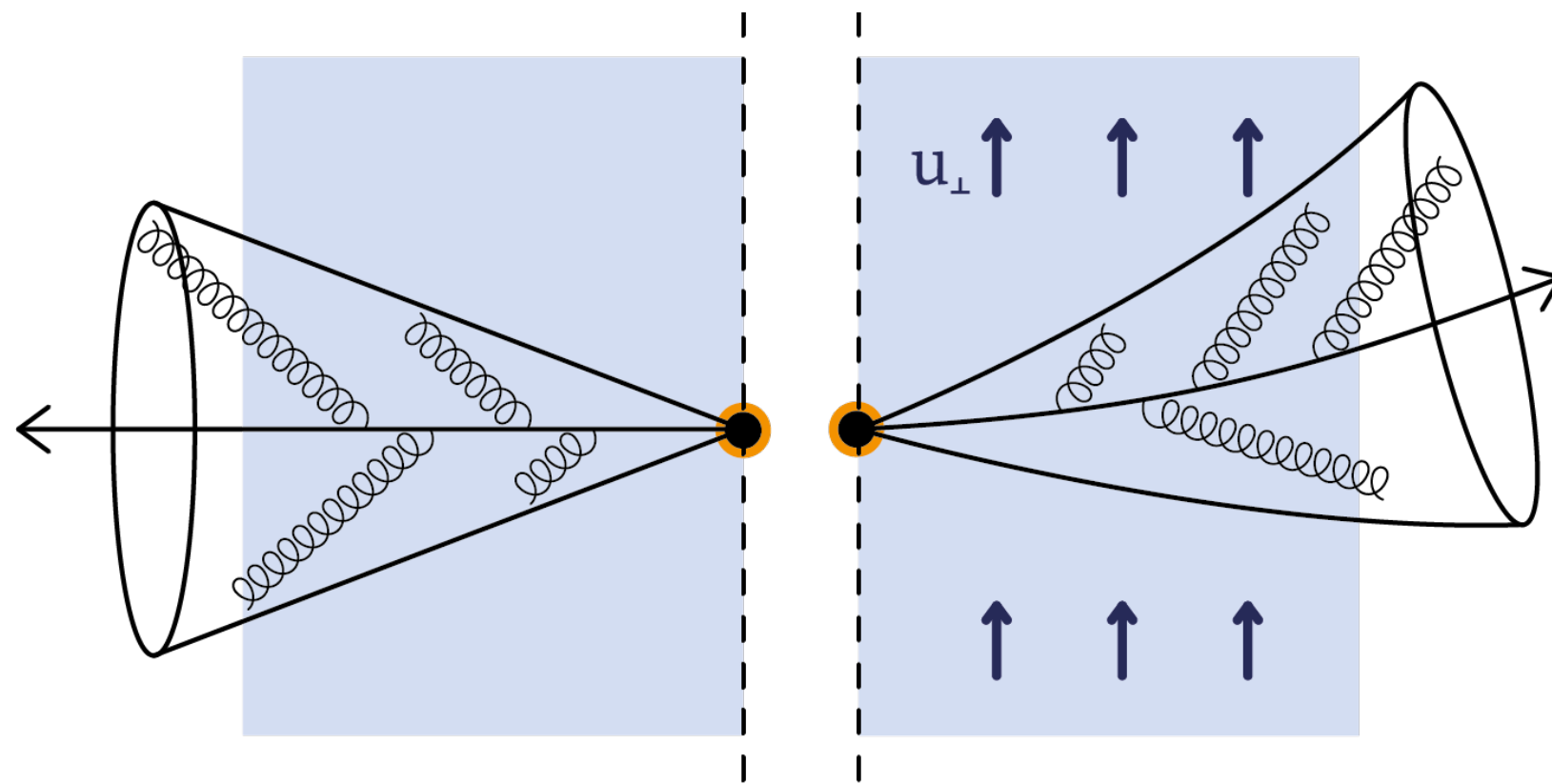


[Feal, Salgado, Vazquez 2019]

Essential for a consistent extraction of medium parameters -  $N_{\text{scatt}}$  depends on  $\sqrt{s}$  and centrality

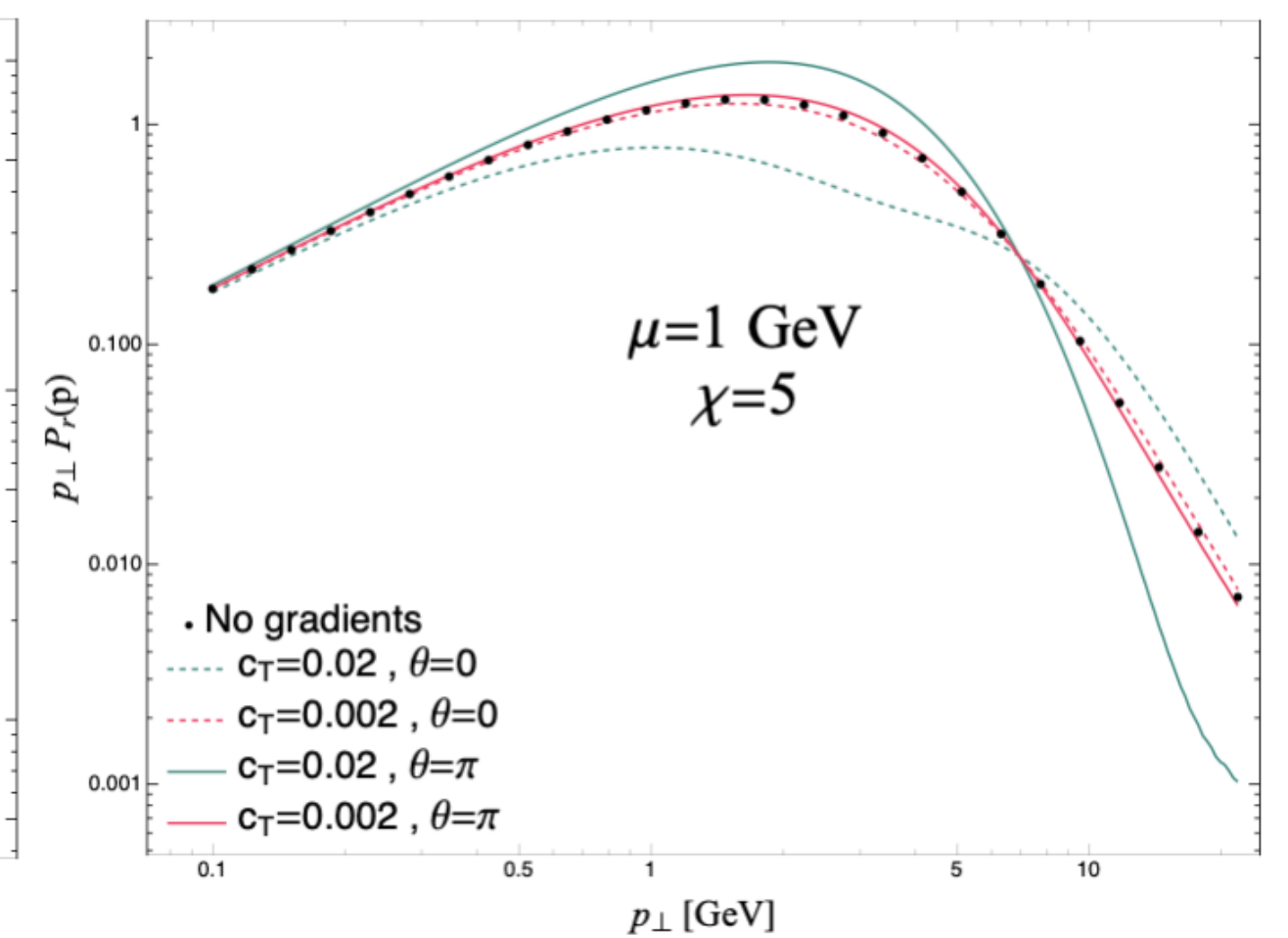
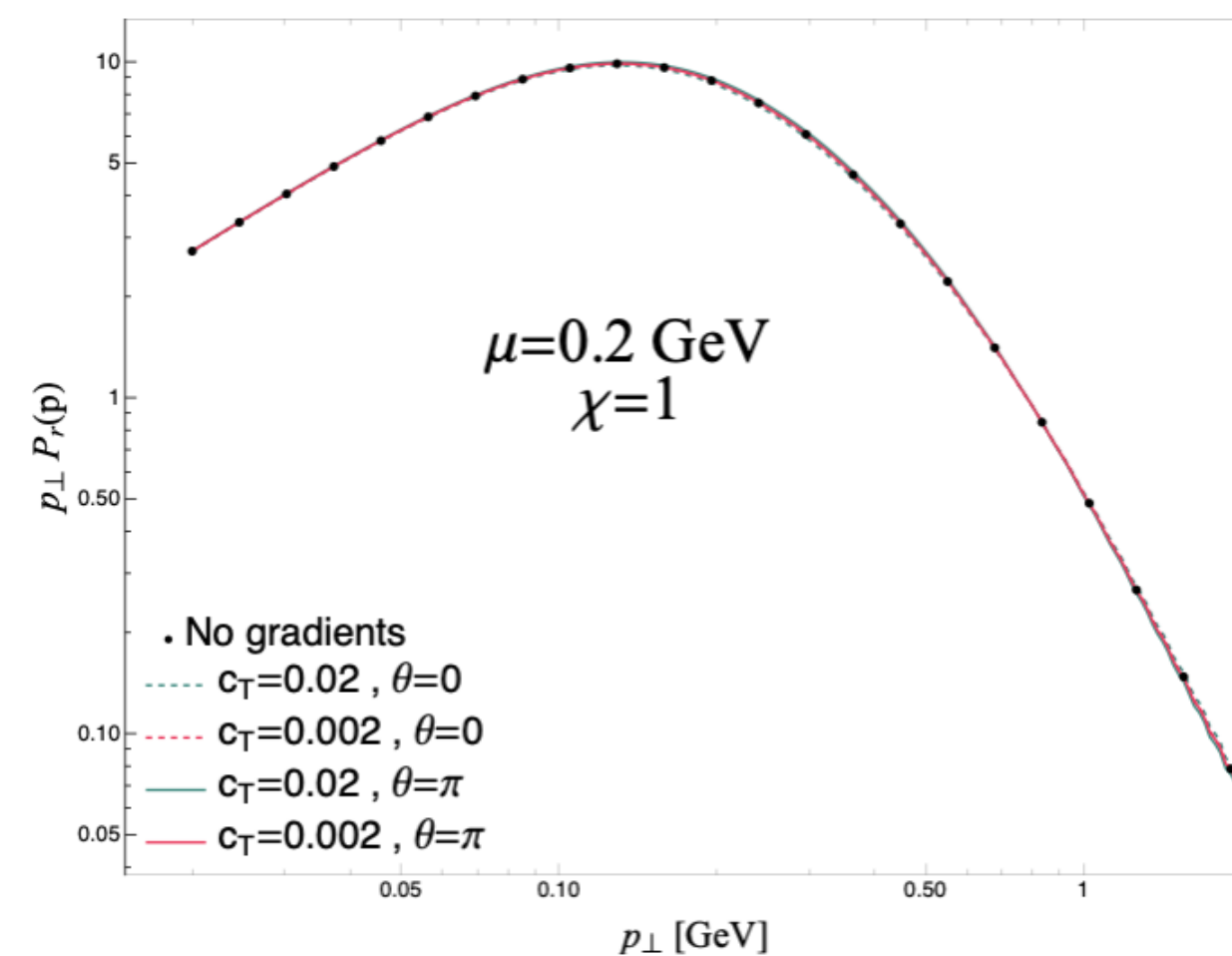
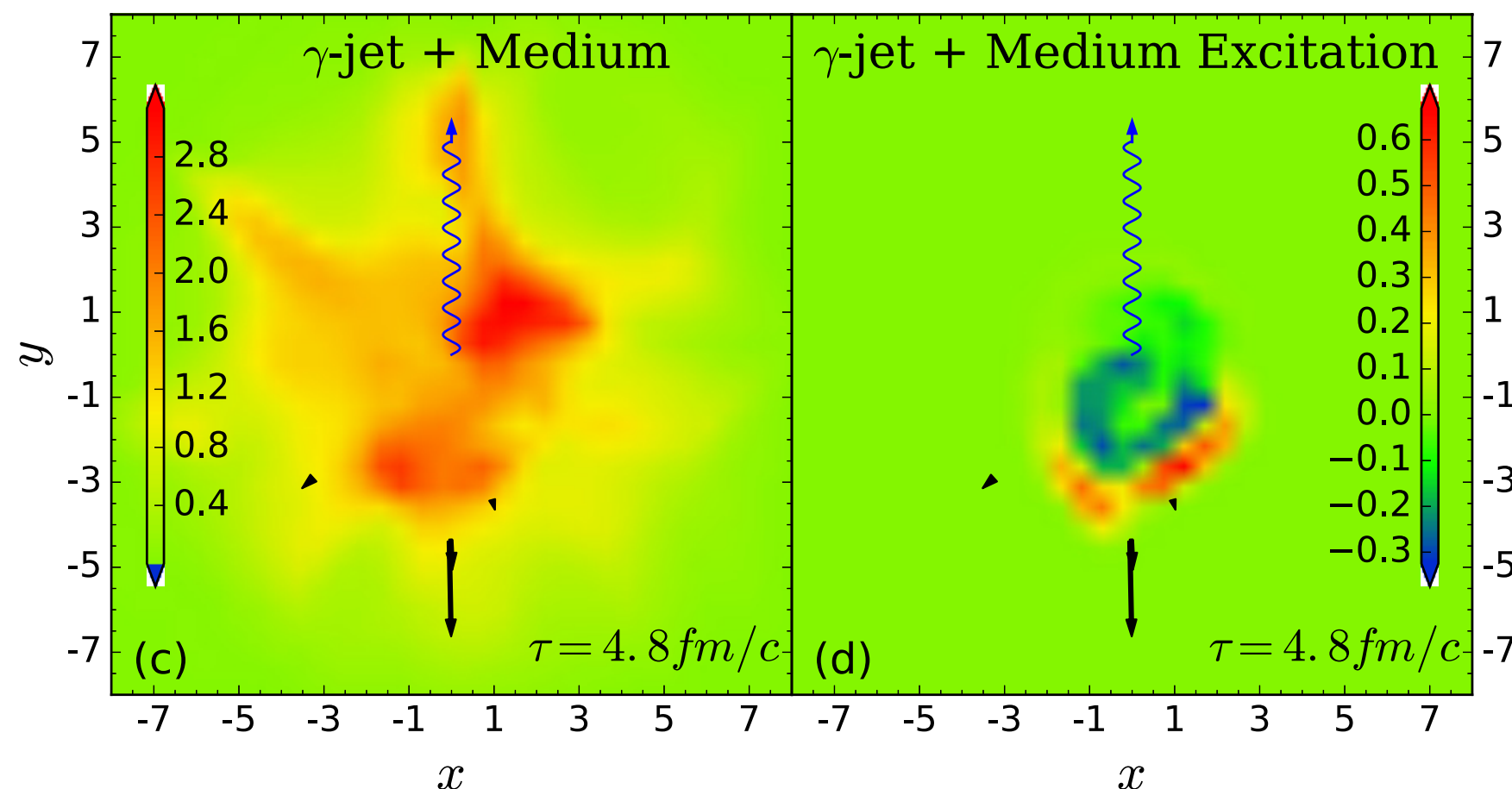
# Improving the averages

Jet-medium coupling can be implemented for more realistic profiles - gradients/flow fields



[Sadofyev, Sievert, Vitev 2021; Antiporda, Bahder, Rahman, Sievert 2022; Barata, Sadofyev, Salgado 2022; Fu, Casalderrey, Wang 2022; Andres, Dominguez, Sadofyev, Salgado 2022; Ipp, Muller, Schuh 2022 — Previous: Armesto, Salgado, Wiedemann 2004]

$$gA^{a\lambda}(q) = u^\lambda v(q) \left[ \int d^2\mathbf{x} dz e^{-i(\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x} + q_z z)} \hat{\rho}^a(\mathbf{x}, z) \right] (2\pi) \delta(q^0 - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{q})$$



Instead of conclusions..

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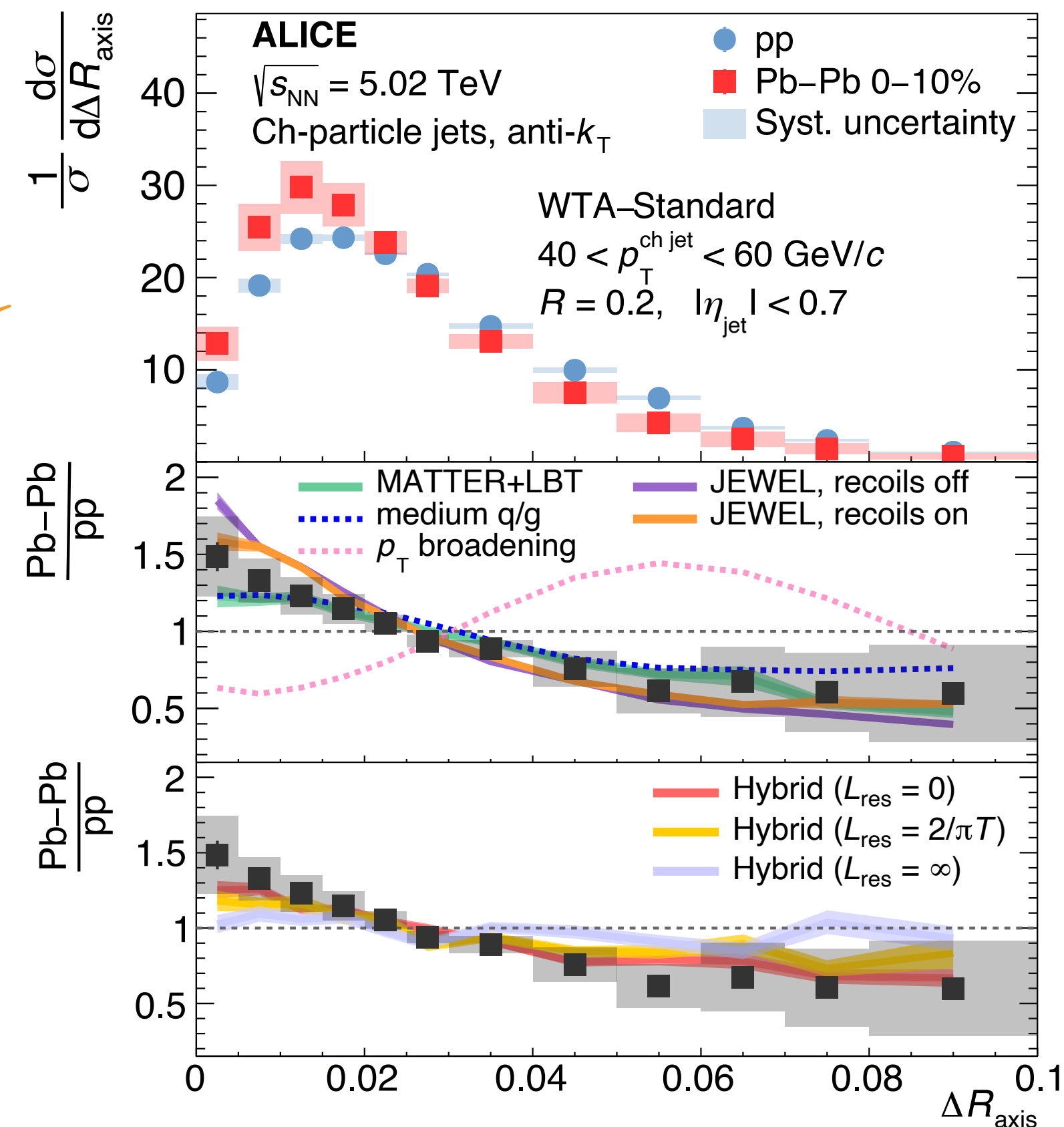
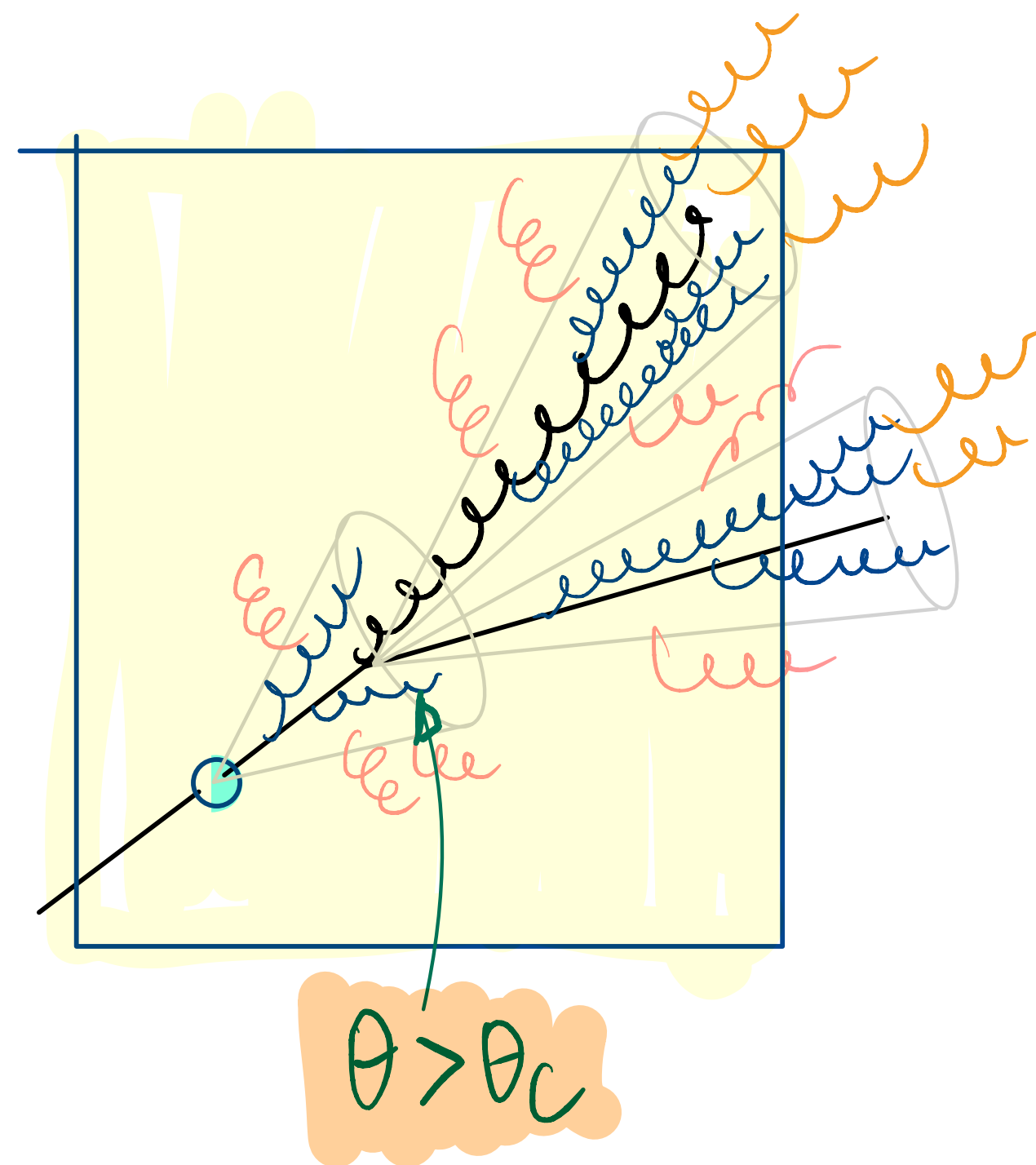


**WARNING**

[... with two simple examples as illustration]

# Measurements $\neq$ modifying one “theory” jet

E.g.: Energy loss and  $p_T$ -broadening are generic for medium parton propagation and splitting



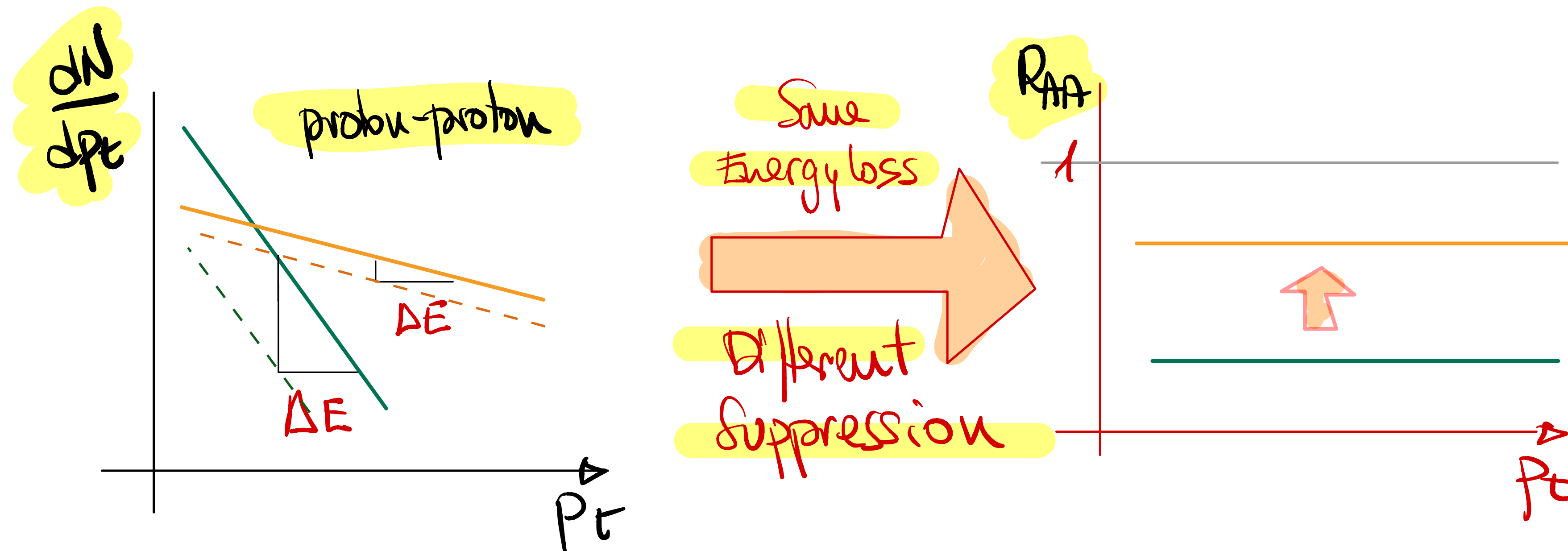
## Narrowing???



**Reconstructed jets:**  
 You are not comparing here  
**the same** quark/gluon  
 evolution w/ and wo/ medium  
 [but the result of an analysis on an  
 ensemble of jets]

# Other [sometimes trivial] effects

E.g.: The slope of the proton-proton spectrum very relevant for suppression



Also:

- Nuclear PDFs
- Jet definition, reconstruction, etc
- Quark/gluon content...

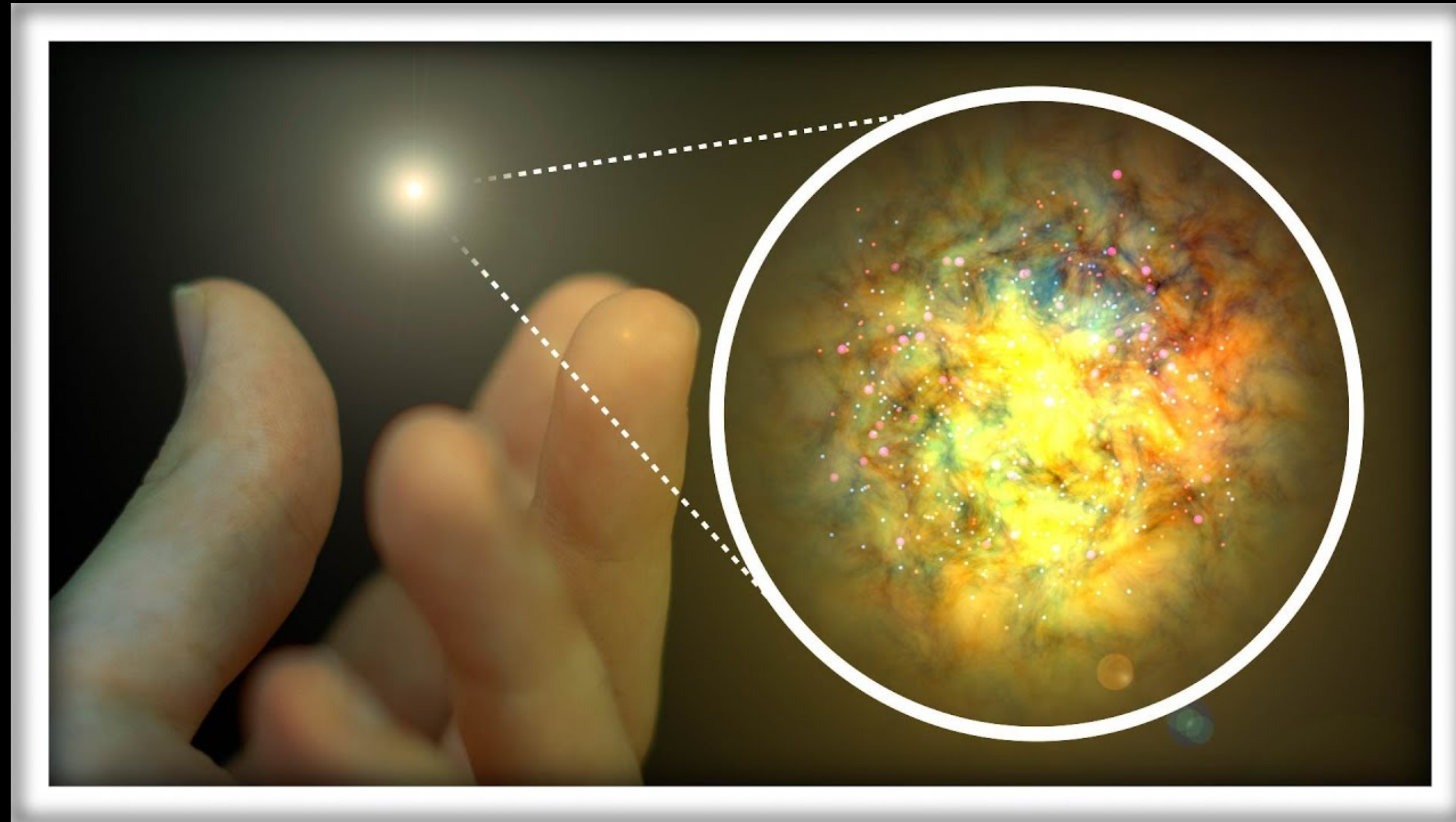
These effects need to be taken into account for a correct interpretation of the data

**Have fun at HP2023!**

**THANKS!**

For Fun

Youtube video - QGP (in Spanish)

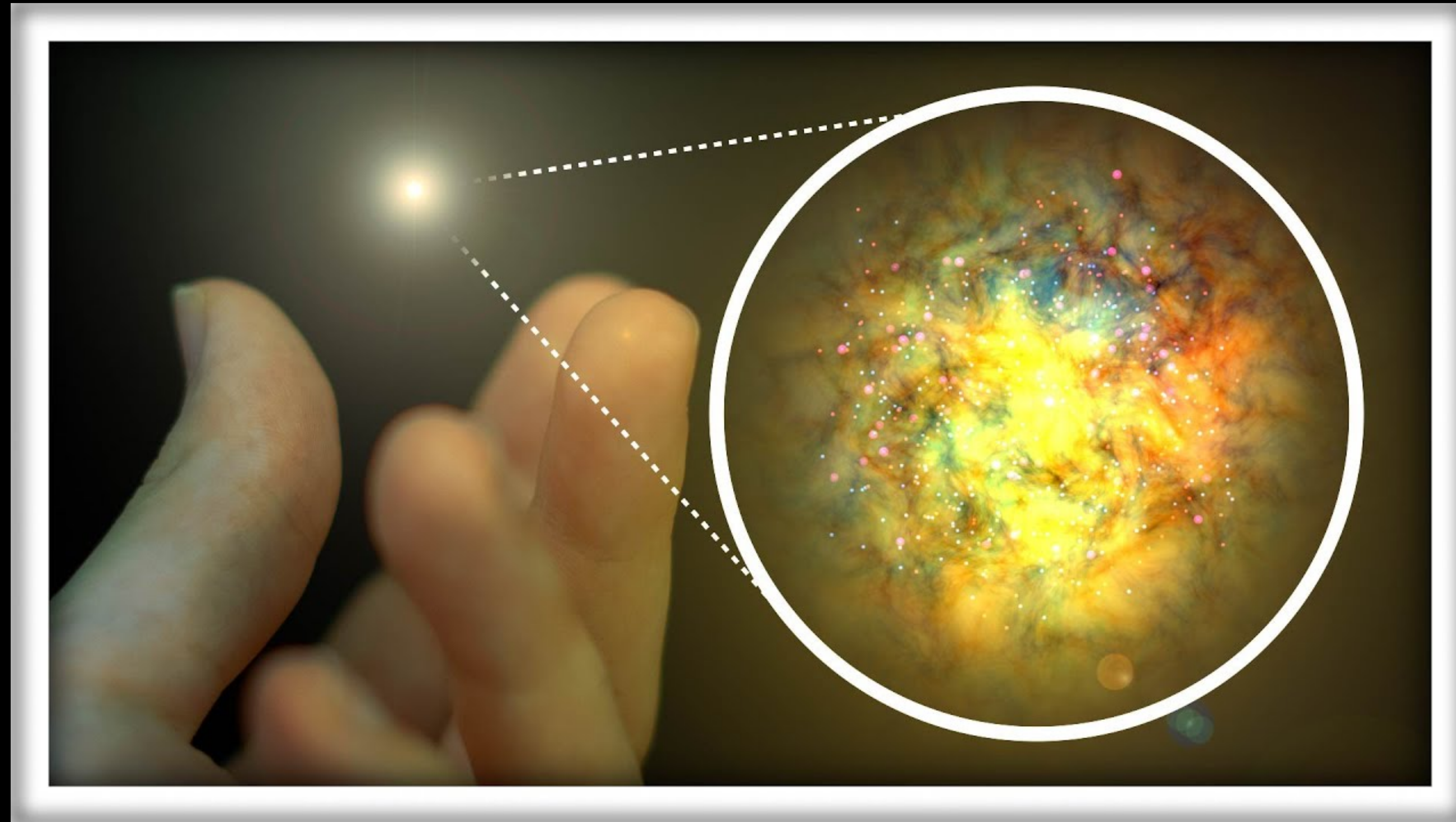


[https://youtube.com/watch?v=JdahywF2\\_D4](https://youtube.com/watch?v=JdahywF2_D4)



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