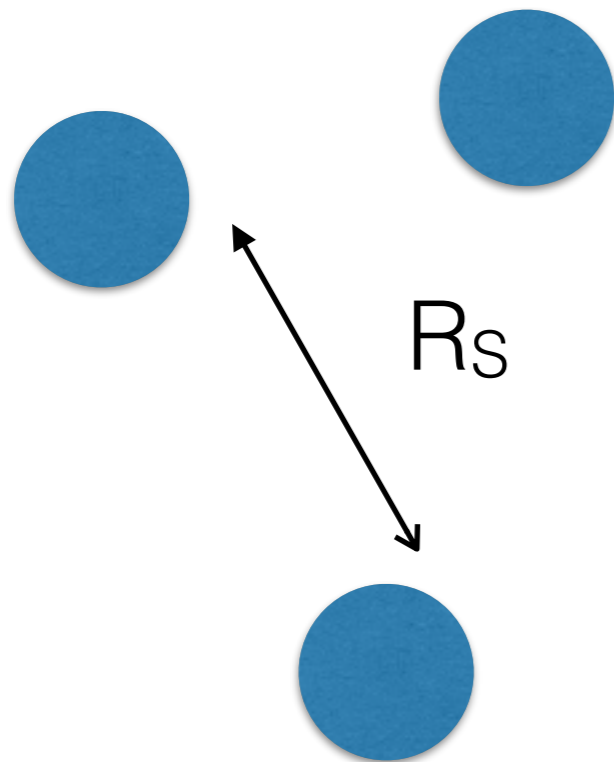


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# High gluon densities and 3 parton correlation in DIS at small x

based on [Ayala, Hentschinski, Jalilian-Marian, Tejada Yeomans arXiv:1604.08526](#)

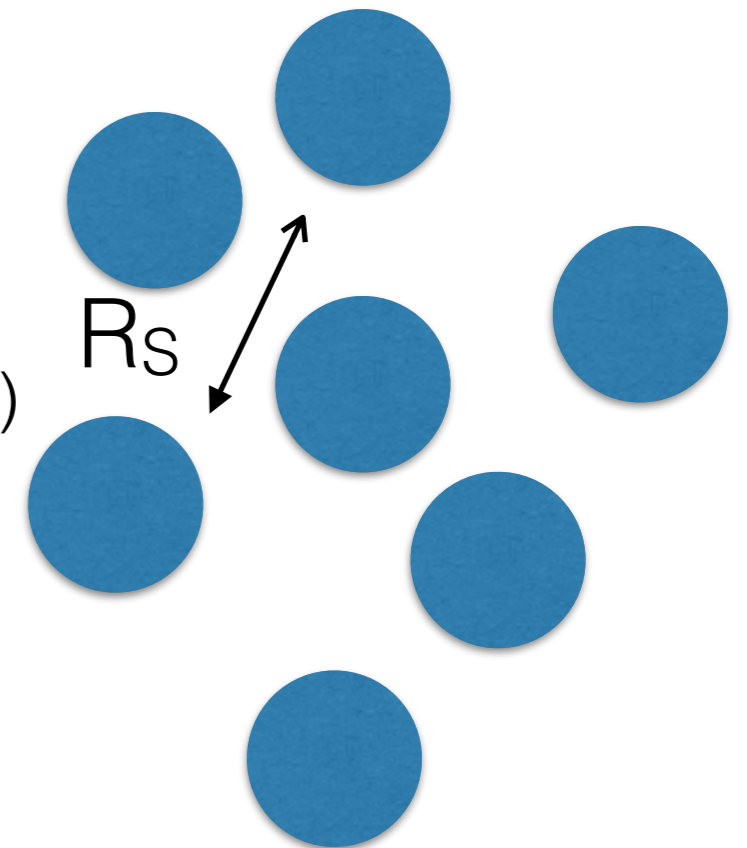


low-density  
 $A_\mu \sim g$  (perturbative)  
 $Q_s \sim 1/R_s \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

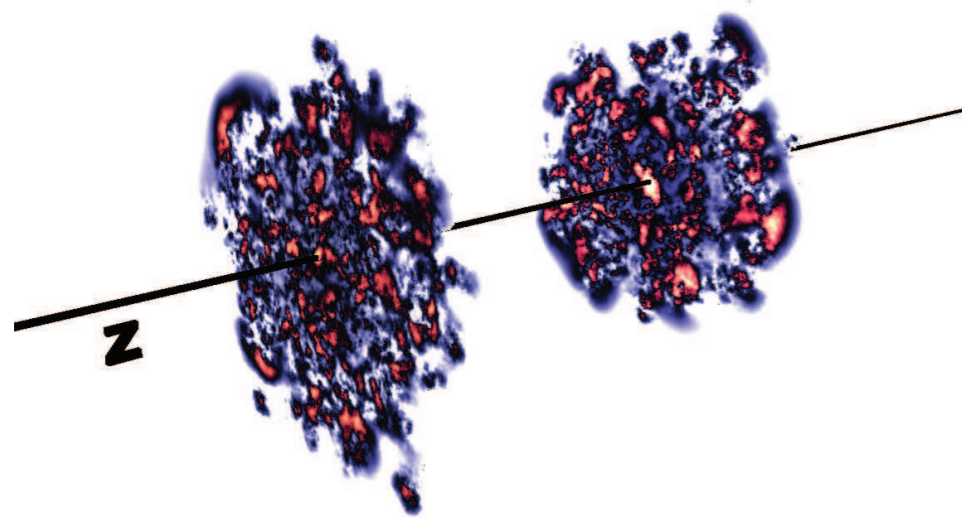
high-density  
 $A_\mu \sim 1/g$  (non-perturbative)

$Q_s \sim 1/R_s \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha_s \ll 1$

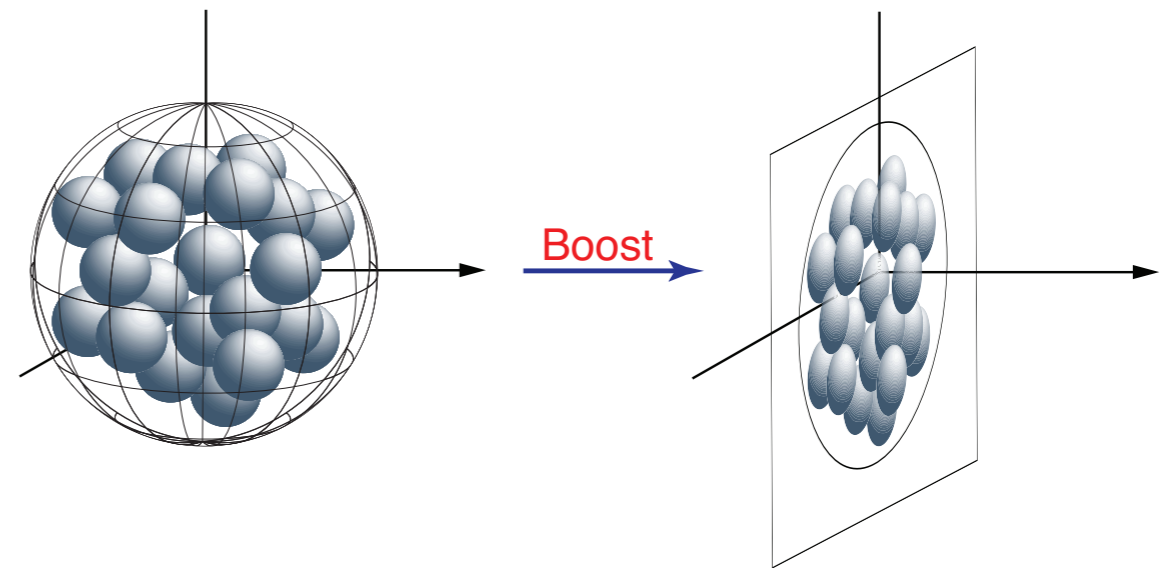
weak coupling methods  
can be used



# Heavy Ion Collisions + high multiplicity events (LHC, RHIC)



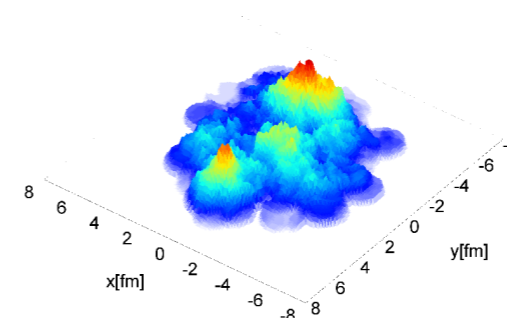
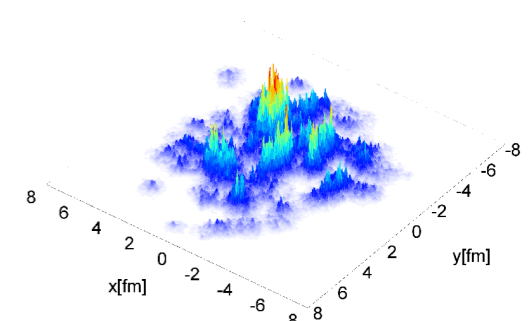
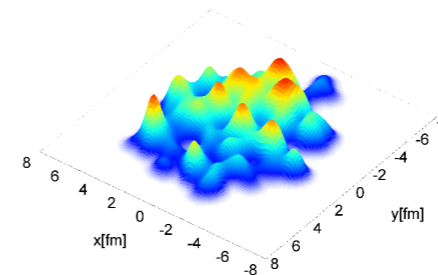
~ collision of two Lorentz contracted sheets of color

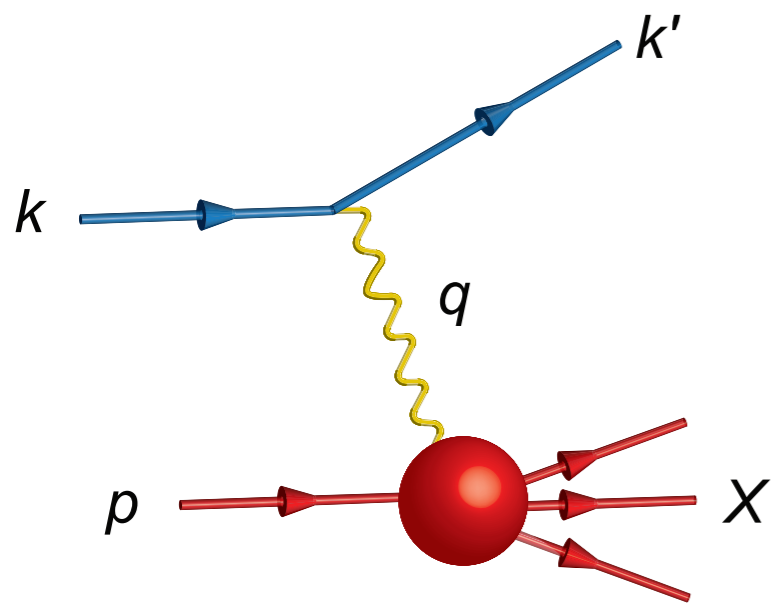


- HERA: gluon distribution grows with energy  $\sim s^\lambda$
- enhanced in nuclei ( $\sim A^{1/3}$ ) & high multiplicity events  $\rightarrow$  high gluon densities!

- Believed: heavy ion collisions at RHIC, LHC = collisions of two Color Glass Condensate

- but what are the correct initial conditions?



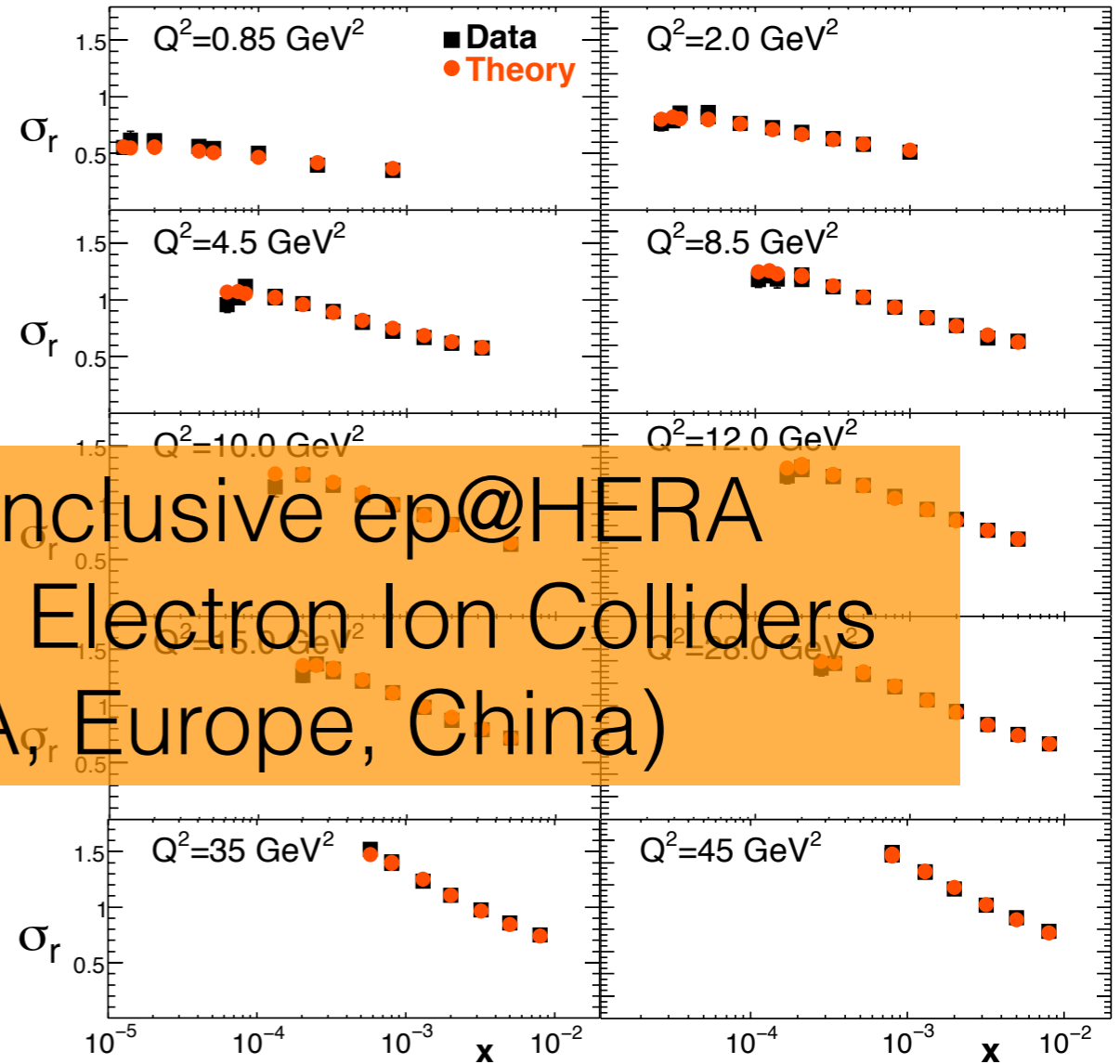


Photon virtuality

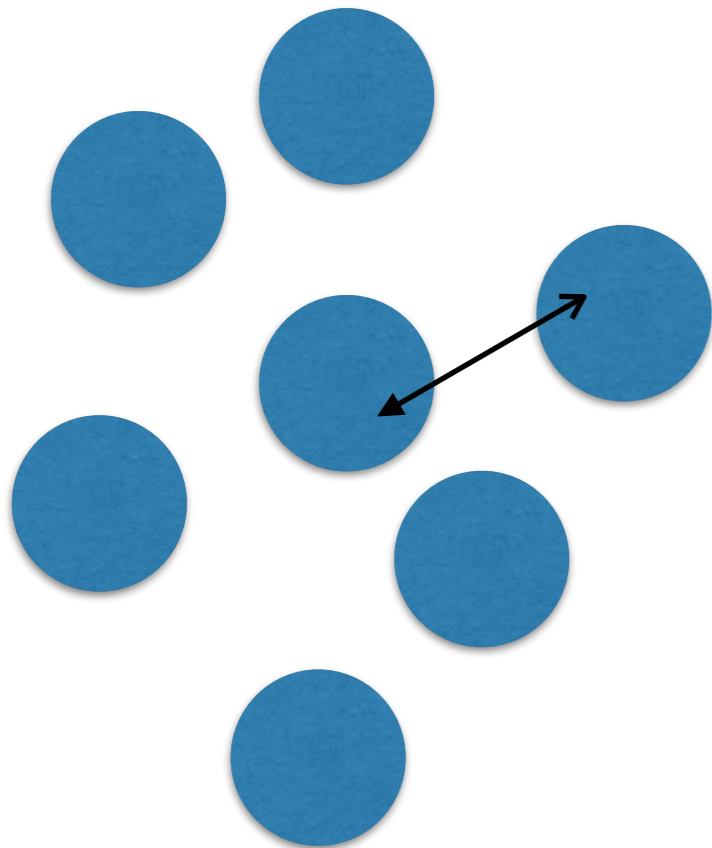
$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

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

best explored in ep/eA collisions  
 → control kinematics



best so far: inclusive ep@HERA  
 future plans: Electron Ion Colliders  
 (USA, Europe, China)



inclusive DIS: 2 point correlator only  
 $\Gamma(x_1, x_2) \sim \langle A(x_1)A(x_2) \rangle$

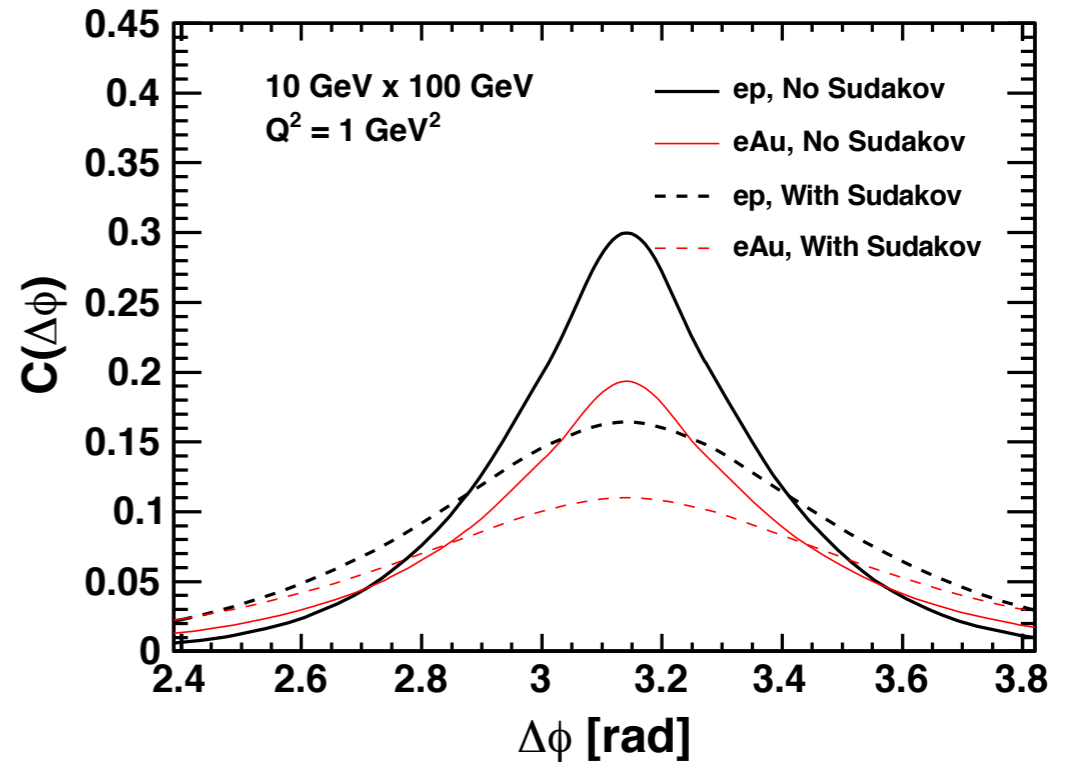
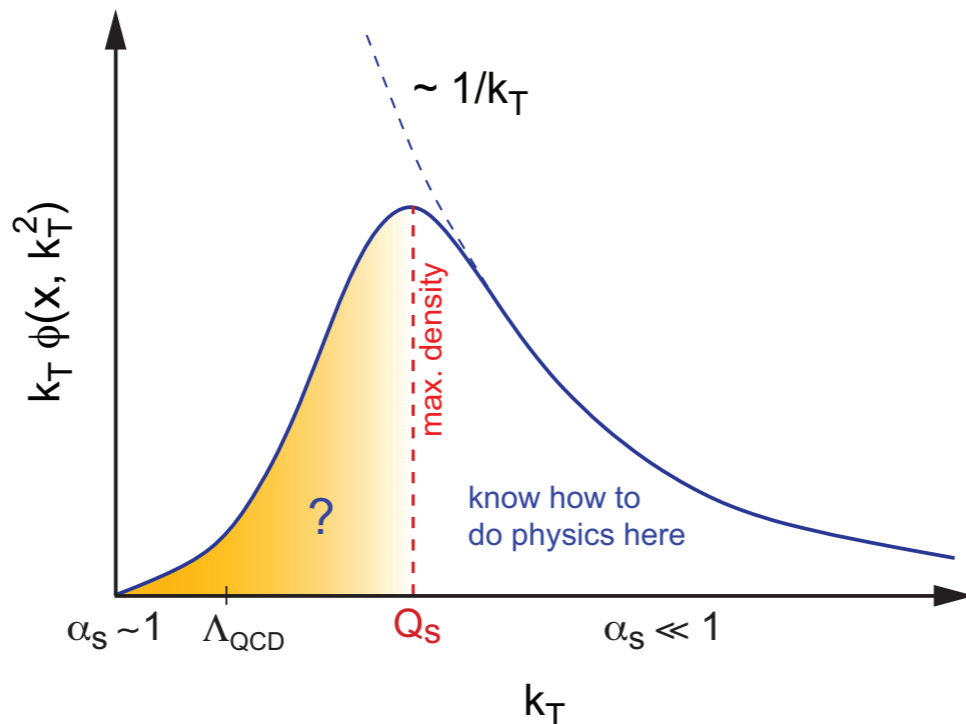
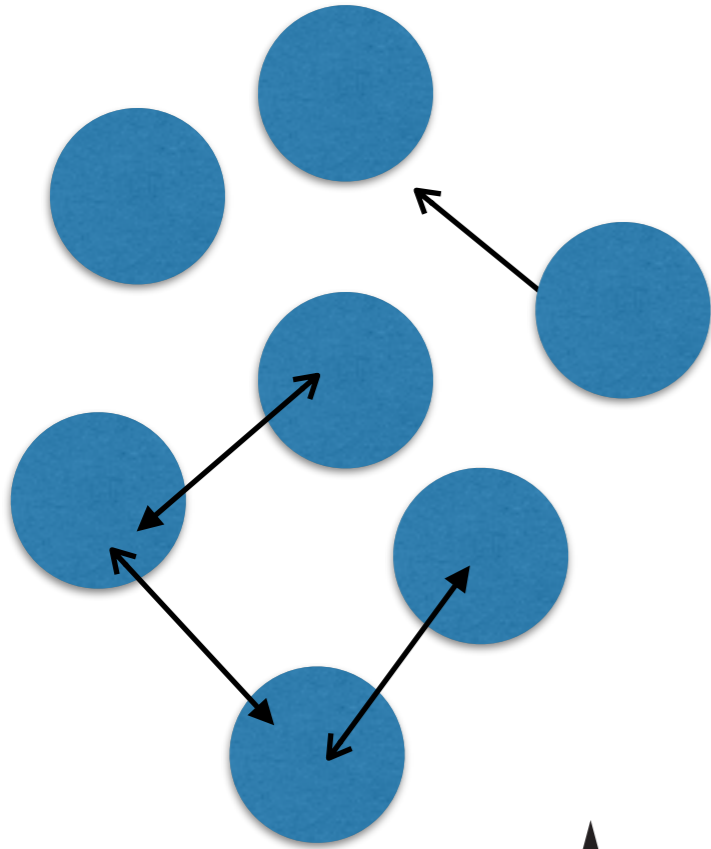
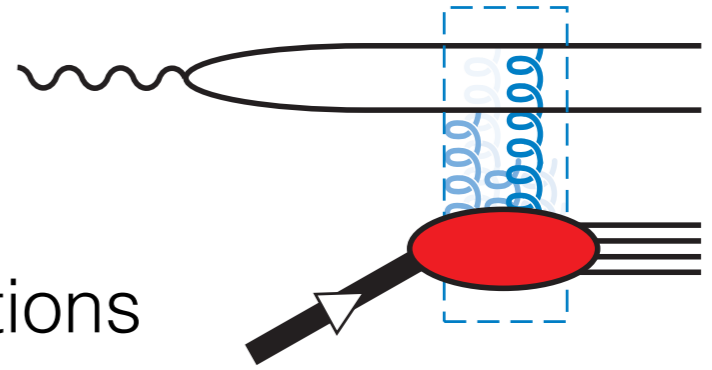
higher point correlators

$$\Gamma(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \sim \langle A(x_1)A(x_2)A(x_3)A(x_4) \rangle$$

require exclusive final states

*e.g.* di-hadron correlations  
w.r.t. their azimuthal angle

[F. Dominguez, C. Marquet, B. Xiao and F. Yuan,  
Phys. Rev. D 83, 105005 (2011).]



[Zheng, Aschenauer, Lee, Xiao, PRD89 (2014)7,  
074037]

Azimuthal Di-hadron correlation:

Only on free parameter to explore 4-point correlator  $\Gamma(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$

Next step: 3 hadron/jet correlation = 2 angles

+ will see:  $\sim (\text{4-point correlator})^2$

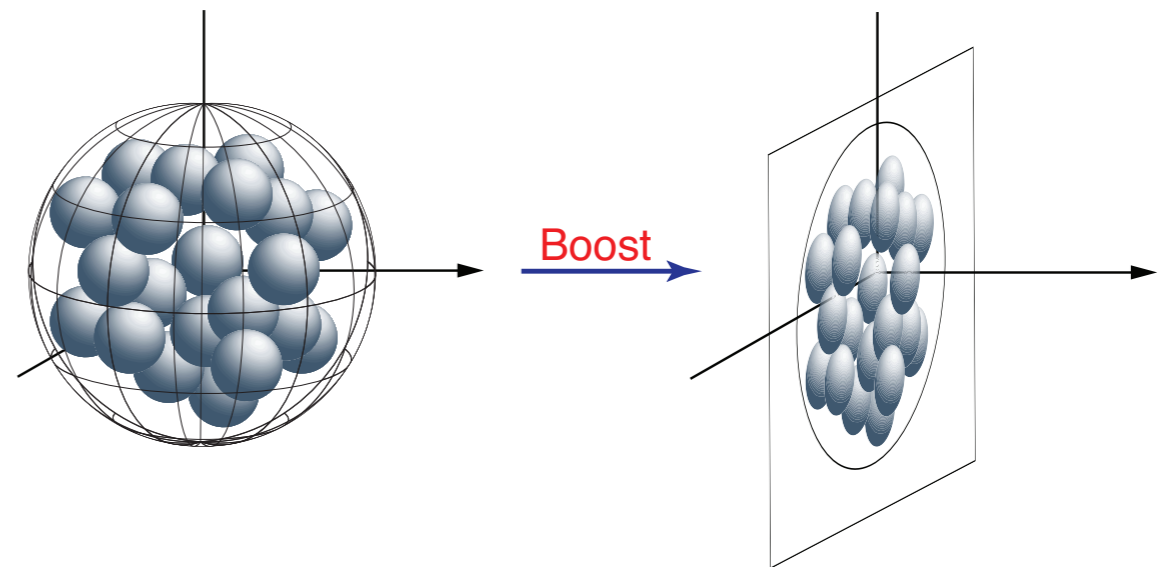
(di-hadron: linear only)

formal aspects:

- use factorization in the high energy limit  $x=Q^2/s \rightarrow 0$  (= the limit where gluon production is perturbatively enhanced!)

- use background field formalism

$$A^\mu \rightarrow A^\mu + \delta A^\mu$$



split gluon field into

strong background field  $A_\mu \sim n_\mu^- \delta(x^-)$   
(classical field with high occupation #)

and (perturbative) quantum correction  $\delta A^\mu$

# Theory: Propagators in background field

use light-cone gauge, with  $k^- = n^- \cdot k$ ,  $(n^-)^2 = 0$ ,  $n^- \sim$  target momentum

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Feynman diagram (fermion)} = (2\pi)^d \delta^{(d)}(p - q) \tilde{S}_F^{(0)}(p) + \tilde{S}_F^{(0)}(p) \text{ [background field vertex]} \tilde{S}_F^{(0)}(q) \\
 & \text{Feynman diagram (gluon)} = (2\pi)^d \delta^{(d)}(p - q) \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(p) + \tilde{G}_{\mu\alpha}^{(0)}(p) \text{ [background field vertex]} \tilde{G}_{\alpha\nu}^{(0)}(q)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{S}_F^{(0)}(p) = \frac{i\not{p} + m}{p^2 - m^2 + i0} \quad \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(p) = \frac{id_{\mu\nu}(p)}{p^2 + i0}$$

$$d_{\mu\nu}(p) = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{n_\mu^- p_\nu + p_\mu n_\nu^-}{n^- \cdot p}$$

[Balitsky, Belitsky; NPB 629 (2002) 290], [Ayala, Jalilian-Marian, McLerran, Venugopalan, PRD 52 (1995) 2935-2943], ...

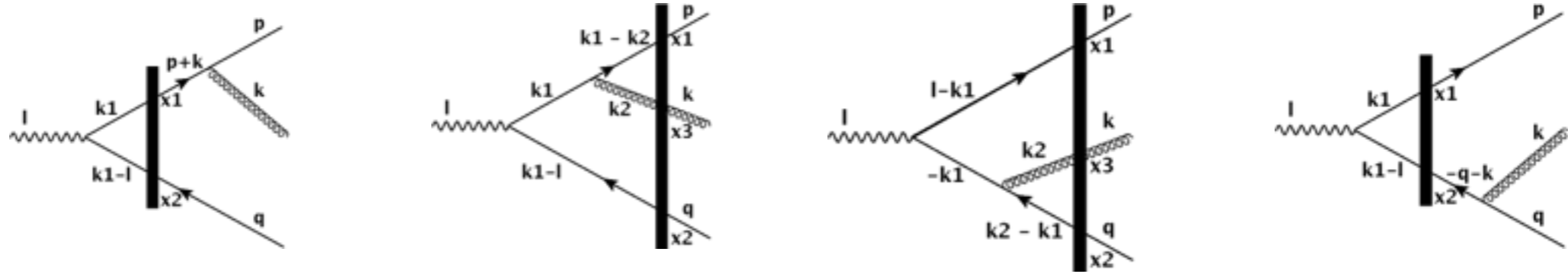
interaction with the background field:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Feynman diagram (fermion)} = 2\pi \delta(p^- - q^-) \not{n}^- \int d^{d-2} \mathbf{z} e^{-i\mathbf{z} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})} \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\{ \theta(p^-) [V(\mathbf{z}) - 1] - \theta(-p^-) [V^\dagger(\mathbf{z}) - 1] \right\} \\
 & \text{Feynman diagram (gluon)} = -2\pi \delta(p^- - q^-) 2p^- \int d^{d-2} \mathbf{z} e^{-i\mathbf{z} \cdot (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})} \\
 & \quad \cdot \left\{ \theta(p^-) [U(\mathbf{z}) - 1] - \theta(-p^-) [U^\dagger(\mathbf{z}) - 1] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(\mathbf{z}) &\equiv V_{ij}(\mathbf{z}) \equiv \text{P exp } ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^- A^{+,c}(x^-, \mathbf{z}) t^c \\
 U(\mathbf{z}) &\equiv U^{ab}(\mathbf{z}) \equiv \text{P exp } ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^- A^{+,c}(x^-, \mathbf{z}) T^c
 \end{aligned}$$

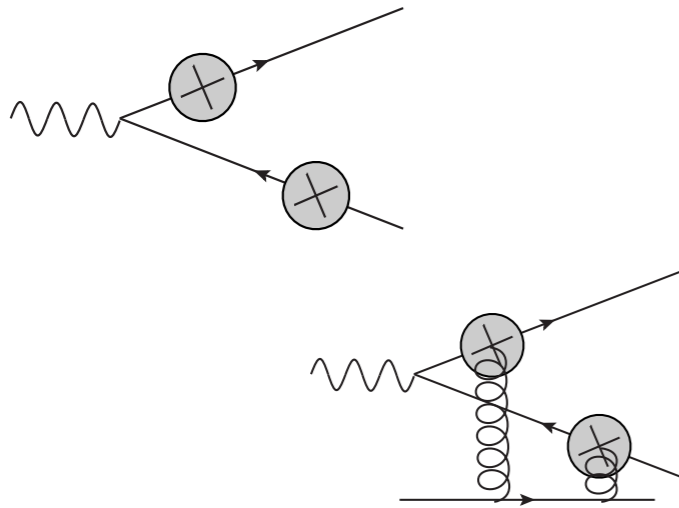
strong background field resummed into path ordered exponentials (Wilson lines)

# aspects of the calculation



space time structure of background field **can reduce # of diagrams 16 → 4**

**loop integrals** also for tree-level process



intuitive picture:

background field = t-channel gluons interacting with the target

→ naturally provide a loop which is factorized & (partially) absorbed into the projectile in the high energy limit

direct evaluation of **Dirac-Traces** using FORM, FeynCalc, FormLink possible, but gives lengthy result (100kB)

far more economic: spinor helicity formalism

a popular method in modern high-energy calculation!

basic idea: express numerator in terms of spinors of mass-less momenta with definite helicity

$$|k_i^\pm\rangle \equiv \frac{1 \pm \gamma^5}{2} u_\pm(k_i) \quad \not{p} = |p^+\rangle\langle p^+| + |p^-\rangle\langle p^-| \quad \epsilon_\mu^\pm(k, n) = \pm \frac{\langle n^\mp | \gamma^\mu | k^\mp \rangle}{\sqrt{2} \langle n^\mp | k^\pm \rangle}$$

important simplifications through  $\langle i^\pm | j^\pm \rangle = 0$   $\langle i^\pm | i^\mp \rangle = 0$ .

allows to express full result in terms of a few helicity coefficients *e.g.*

$$\psi_{j,hg}^L = \sqrt{2} Q K_0 (Q X_j) \cdot a_{j,hg}^{(L)}, \quad \psi_{j,hg}^T = \frac{K_1 (Q X_j)}{-i |\mathbf{x}_{12}| e^{\mp i \phi_{\mathbf{x}_{12}}}} \cdot a_{j,hg}^\pm \quad j = 1, 2$$

$$\psi_{3,hg}^L = 4\pi i Q \sqrt{2 z_1 z_2} K_0 (Q X_3) (a_{3,hg}^{(L)} + a_{4,hg}^{(L)}), \quad \psi_{3,hg}^T = 4\pi Q \sqrt{z_1 z_2} \frac{K_1 (Q X_3)}{X_3} (a_{3,hg}^\pm + a_{4,hg}^\pm),$$

$$a_{1,++}^{(L)} = -\frac{(z_1 z_2)^{3/2} (z_1 + z_3)}{z_3 e^{-i\theta_p} |\mathbf{p}| - z_1 e^{-i\theta_k} |\mathbf{k}|}, \quad a_{1,-+}^{(L)} = -\frac{\sqrt{z_1 z_2}^{3/2} (z_1 + z_3)^2}{z_3 e^{-i\theta_p} |\mathbf{p}| - z_1 e^{-i\theta_k} |\mathbf{k}|}, \quad a_{3,++}^{(L)} = \frac{z_1 z_2}{|\mathbf{x}_{13}| e^{-i\phi_{\mathbf{x}_{13}}}}$$

etc., see [arXiv:1604.08526](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.08526) for complete expressions



$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\sigma^{T,L}}{d^2\mathbf{p} d^2\mathbf{k} d^2\mathbf{q} dz_1 dz_2} &= \frac{\alpha_s \alpha_{em} e_f^2 N_c^2}{z_1 z_2 z_3 (2\pi)^2} \prod_{i=1}^3 \prod_{j=1}^3 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_i}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}'_j}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}'_1) + i\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}'_2) + i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}'_3)} \\
&\left\langle (2\pi)^4 \left[ \left( \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_{13}) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_{1'3'}) \sum_{h,g} \psi_{1;h,g}^{T,L}(\mathbf{x}_{12}) \psi_{1';h,g}^{T,L,*}(\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}) + \{1, 1'\} \leftrightarrow \{2, 2'\} \right) N^{(4)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}'_1, \mathbf{x}'_2, \mathbf{x}_2) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_{23}) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_{1'3'}) \sum_{h,g} \psi_{2;h,g}^{T,L}(\mathbf{x}_{12}) \psi_{1';h,g}^{T,L,*}(\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}) + \{1, 1'\} \leftrightarrow \{2, 2'\} \right) N^{(22)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}'_1 | \mathbf{x}'_2, \mathbf{x}_2) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (2\pi)^2 \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_{13}) \sum_{h,g} \psi_{1;h,g}^{T,L}(\mathbf{x}_{12}) \psi_{3';h,g}^{T,L,*}(\mathbf{x}_{1'3'}, \mathbf{x}_{2'3'}) N^{(24)}(\mathbf{x}_{3'}, \mathbf{x}_{1'} | \mathbf{x}_{2'}, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_{3'}) + \{1\} \leftrightarrow \{2\} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_{1'3'}) \sum_{h,g} \psi_{3;h,g}^{T,L}(\mathbf{x}_{13}, \mathbf{x}_{23}) \psi_{1';h,g}^{T,L,*}(\mathbf{x}_{1'2'}) N^{(24)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3 | \mathbf{x}_{2'}, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_{1'}) + \{1'\} \leftrightarrow \{2'\} \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{h,g} \psi_{3;h,g}^{T,L}(\mathbf{x}_{13}, \mathbf{x}_{23}) \psi_{3';h,g}^{T,L,*}(\mathbf{x}_{1'3'}, \mathbf{x}_{2'3'}) N^{(44)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_{1'}, \mathbf{x}_{3'}, \mathbf{x}_3 | \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_{3'}, \mathbf{x}_{2'}, \mathbf{x}_2) \right\rangle_{A^+},
\end{aligned}$$

full (large  $N_c$ ) result in terms of these wave functions + target correlators

$$\begin{aligned}
N^{(4)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4) &\equiv \\
&\equiv 1 + S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_4)}^{(4)} - S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)}^{(2)} - S_{(\mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_4)}^{(2)}, \\
N^{(22)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4) &\equiv \\
&\equiv \left[ S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)}^{(2)} - 1 \right] \left[ S_{(\mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_4)}^{(2)} - 1 \right] \\
N^{(24)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 | \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4, \mathbf{x}_5, \mathbf{x}_6) &\equiv \\
&1 + S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)}^{(2)} S_{(\mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_4 \mathbf{x}_5 \mathbf{x}_6)}^{(4)} \\
&\quad - S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)}^{(2)} S_{(\mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_6)}^{(2)} - S_{(\mathbf{x}_4 \mathbf{x}_5)}^{(2)}, \\
N^{(44)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4 | \mathbf{x}_5, \mathbf{x}_6, \mathbf{x}_7, \mathbf{x}_8) &\equiv \\
&\equiv 1 + S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_4)}^{(4)} S_{(\mathbf{x}_5 \mathbf{x}_6 \mathbf{x}_7 \mathbf{x}_8)}^{(4)} \\
&\quad - S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_4)}^{(2)} S_{(\mathbf{x}_5 \mathbf{x}_8)}^{(2)} - S_{(\mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_3)}^{(2)} S_{(\mathbf{x}_6 \mathbf{x}_7)}^{(2)}.
\end{aligned}$$

For a first numerical study:

- Quadrupole  $S^{(4)}$  expressed in terms of dipoles  $S^{(2)}$  (Gaussian/dilute approximation)
- Expand result in  $N^{(2)}=1-S^{(2)}$  up linear and quadratic order

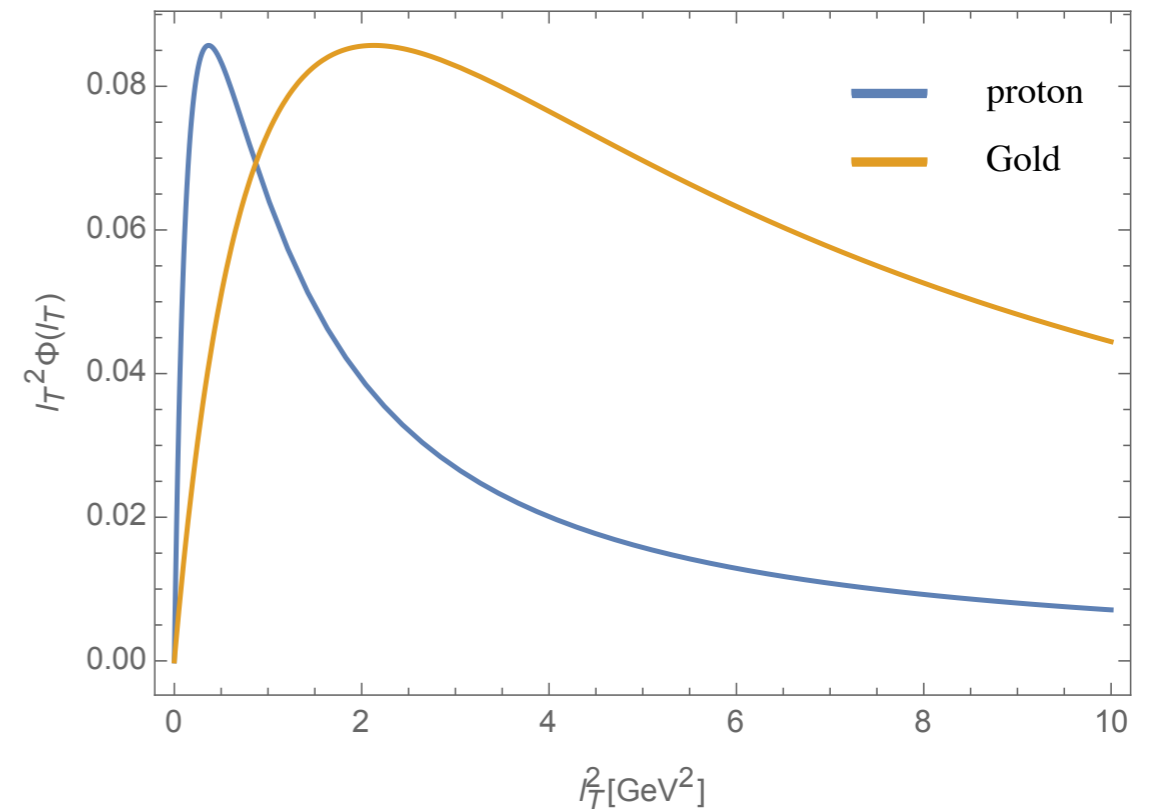
$$S_{(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)}^{(2)} = \int d^2 \mathbf{l} e^{-i \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{12}} \Phi(\mathbf{l}^2)$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{Q_0 |\mathbf{x}_{12}|}{2} \right)^{\rho-1} \frac{K_{\rho-1}(Q_0 |\mathbf{x}_{12}|)}{\Gamma(\rho-1)},$$

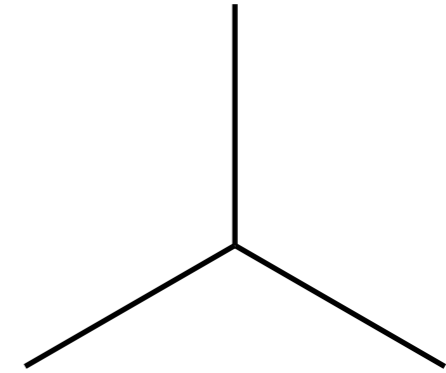
where  $\Phi(\mathbf{l}^2) = \frac{\rho-1}{Q_0^2 \pi} \left( \frac{Q_0^2}{Q_0^2 + \mathbf{l}^2} \right)^\rho,$

$\rho=2.3$  and  $(Q_0^{\text{proton}})^2=0.48 \text{ GeV}^2$   
(motivated by inclusive DIS fits at  $x = 0.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ )

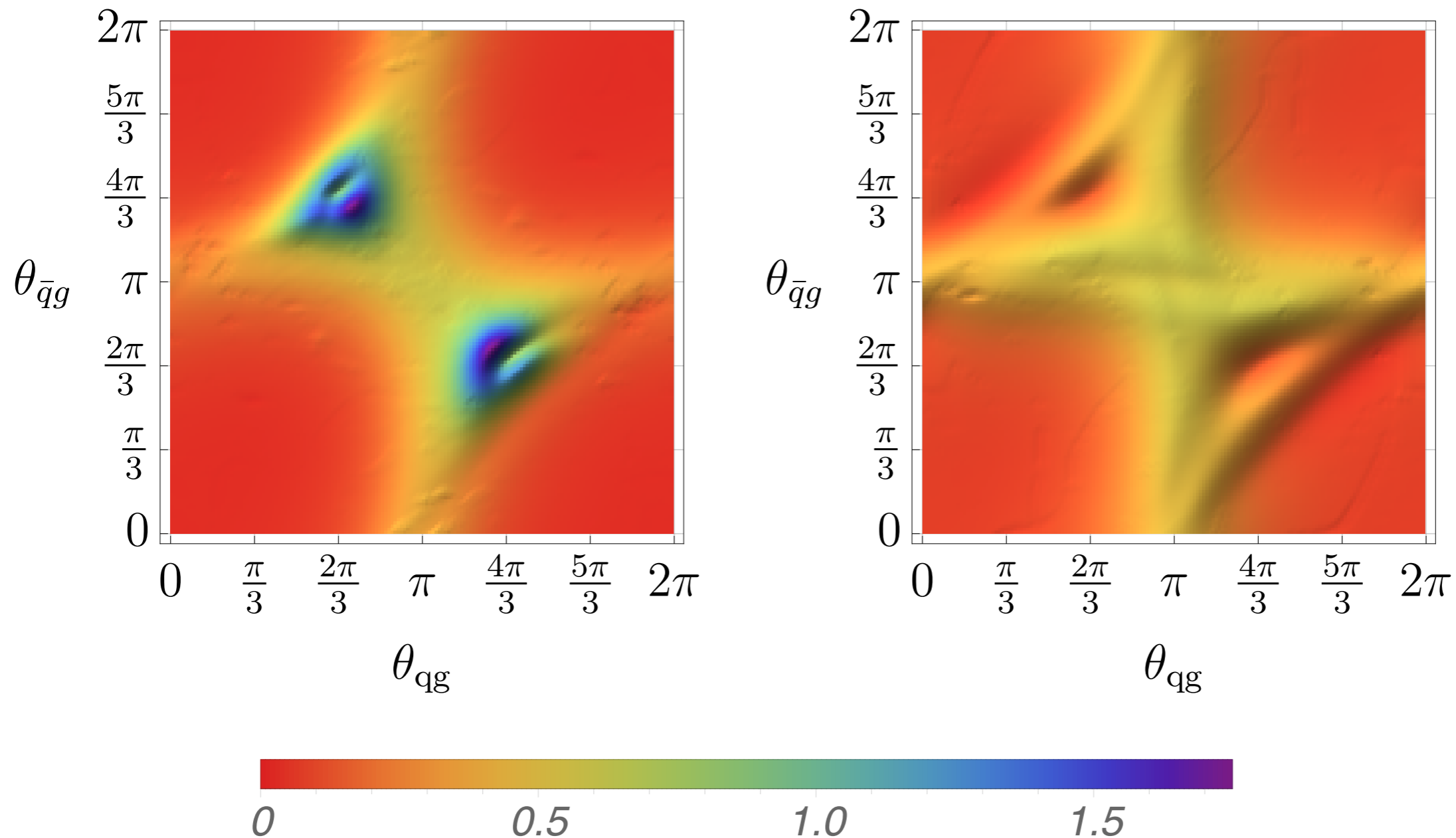
$(Q_0^{\text{gold}})^2 = A^{1/3} (Q_0^{\text{proton}})^2 = 2.77 \text{ GeV}^2$



consider deviations from “Mercedes-Benz  
star configuration (all  $p_T=2$  GeV)  
= generalization of back-to-back configuration for 2  
partons

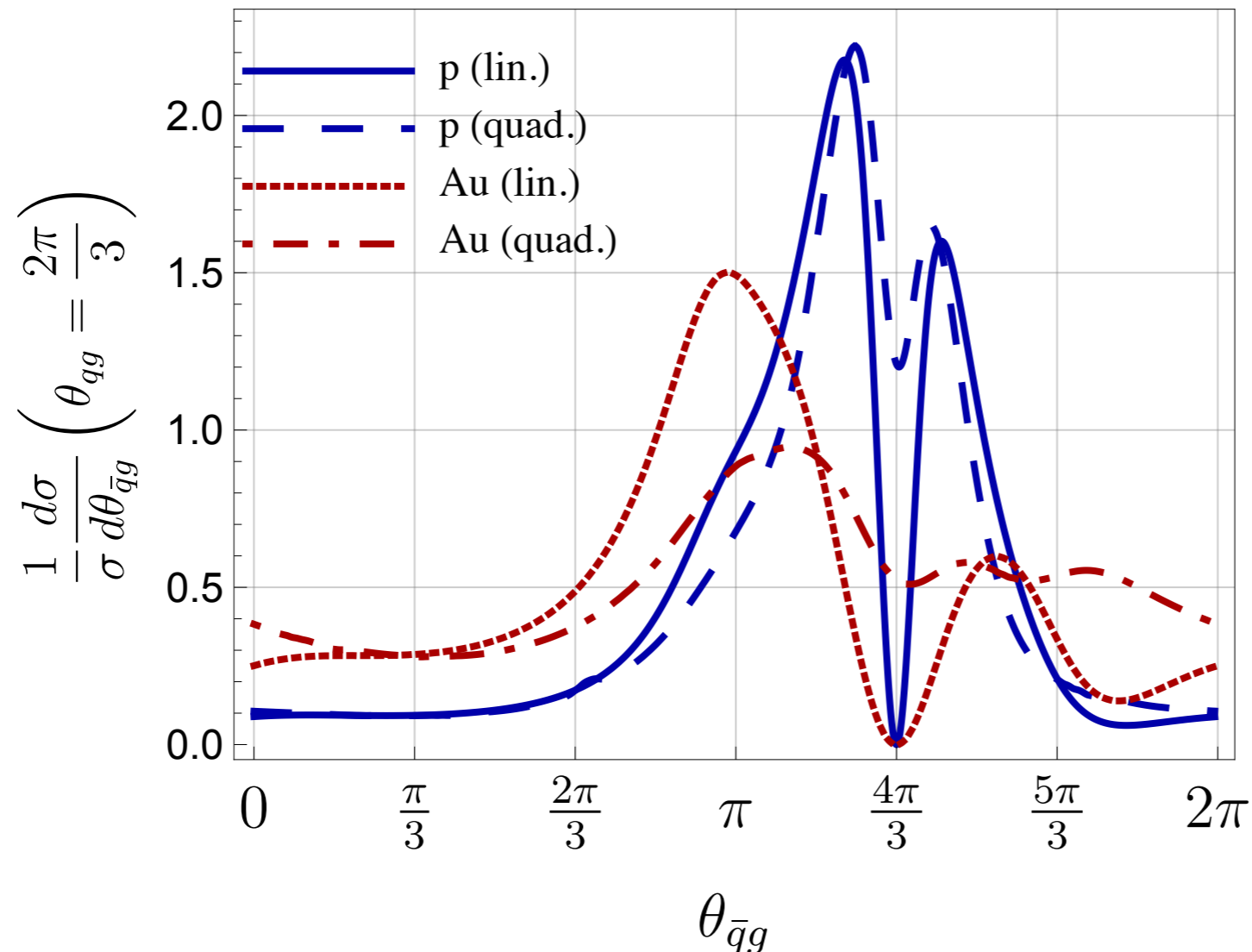


(photon momentum fraction  $z_q=z_{qbar}=0.2$ ,  $Q=3$  GeV)



keep 1 angle fixed at  $2\pi/3$

$p_T^2=4 \text{ GeV}^2, Q^2=9 \text{ GeV}^2$



**proton:** very good convergence of expansion in  $N^{(2)}=1-S^{(2)}$   
 (~ saturation effects weak, small saturation scale)

**gold:**

- linear order: significant broadening of peak at  $4\pi/3 \rightarrow$  presence of strong & coherent gluon field
- quadratic order: substantial correction  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to e.g. 4-point correlator