



# Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distribution Functions and QCD evolution equations

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Let me start with something completely different: plasma and the Debye-Hückel model

a simple way to model the plasma:

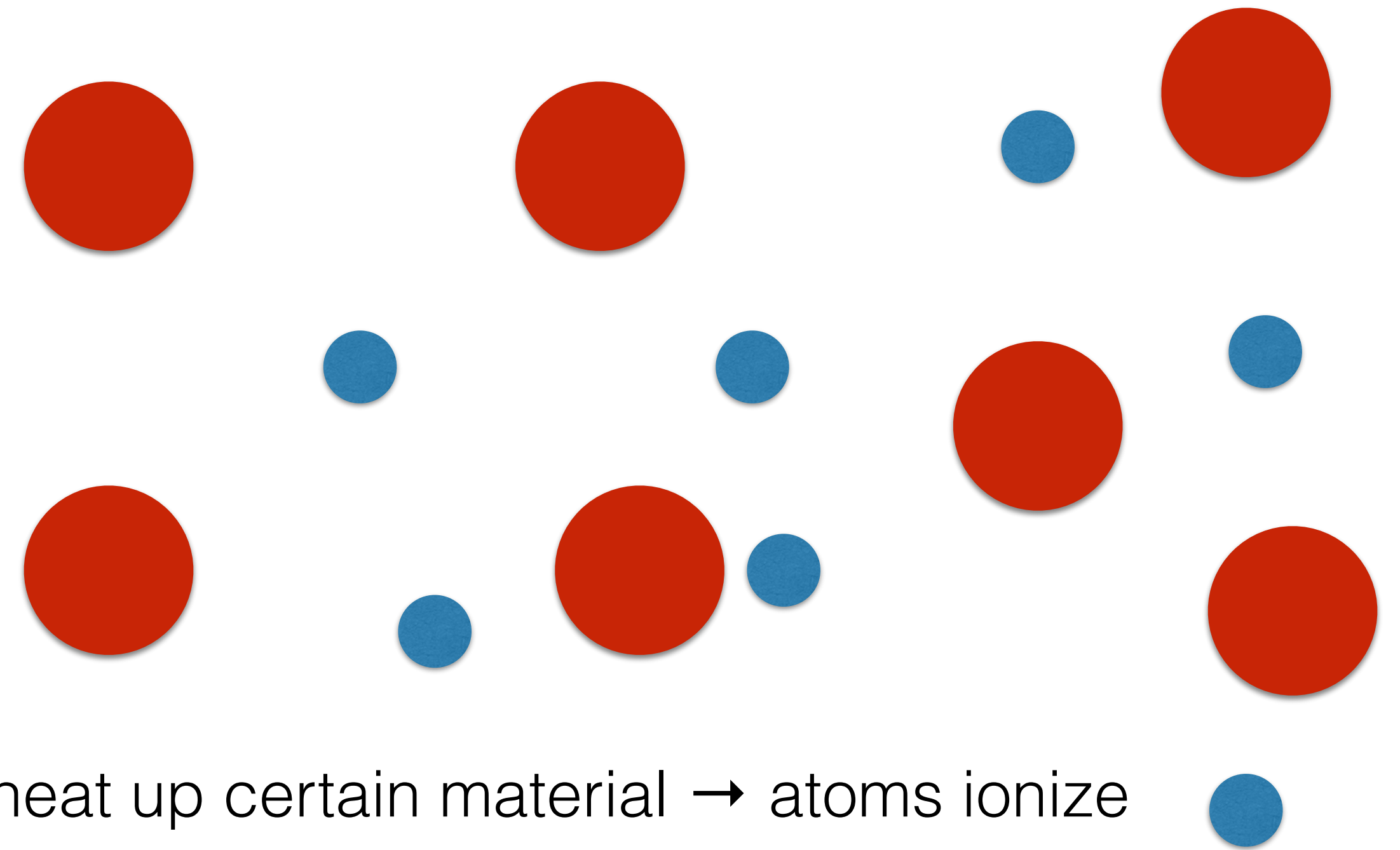
Poisson equation for the electrostatic potential of an electron at  $\vec{r} = \mathbf{0}$  :

$$-\nabla^2 \phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{-e}{\epsilon_0} [\delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) + \rho g(\vec{r}) - \rho]$$

ions static, but other electrons move  $\rightarrow g(\vec{r})$

a good first model:  $g(\vec{r}) = e^{\frac{-e\phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}} \simeq 1 - \frac{e\phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}$

where we take the high temperature limit



heat up certain material  $\rightarrow$  atoms ionize

- gas of electrons with charge  $-q$
- background of positively charged ions with charge density  $+q\rho_{\text{ion}}$
- overall system is neutral  
 $\rightarrow$  average charge density of electrons  $\langle \rho \rangle_{\text{electrons}} = \rho_{\text{ion}}$

# Debye screening length

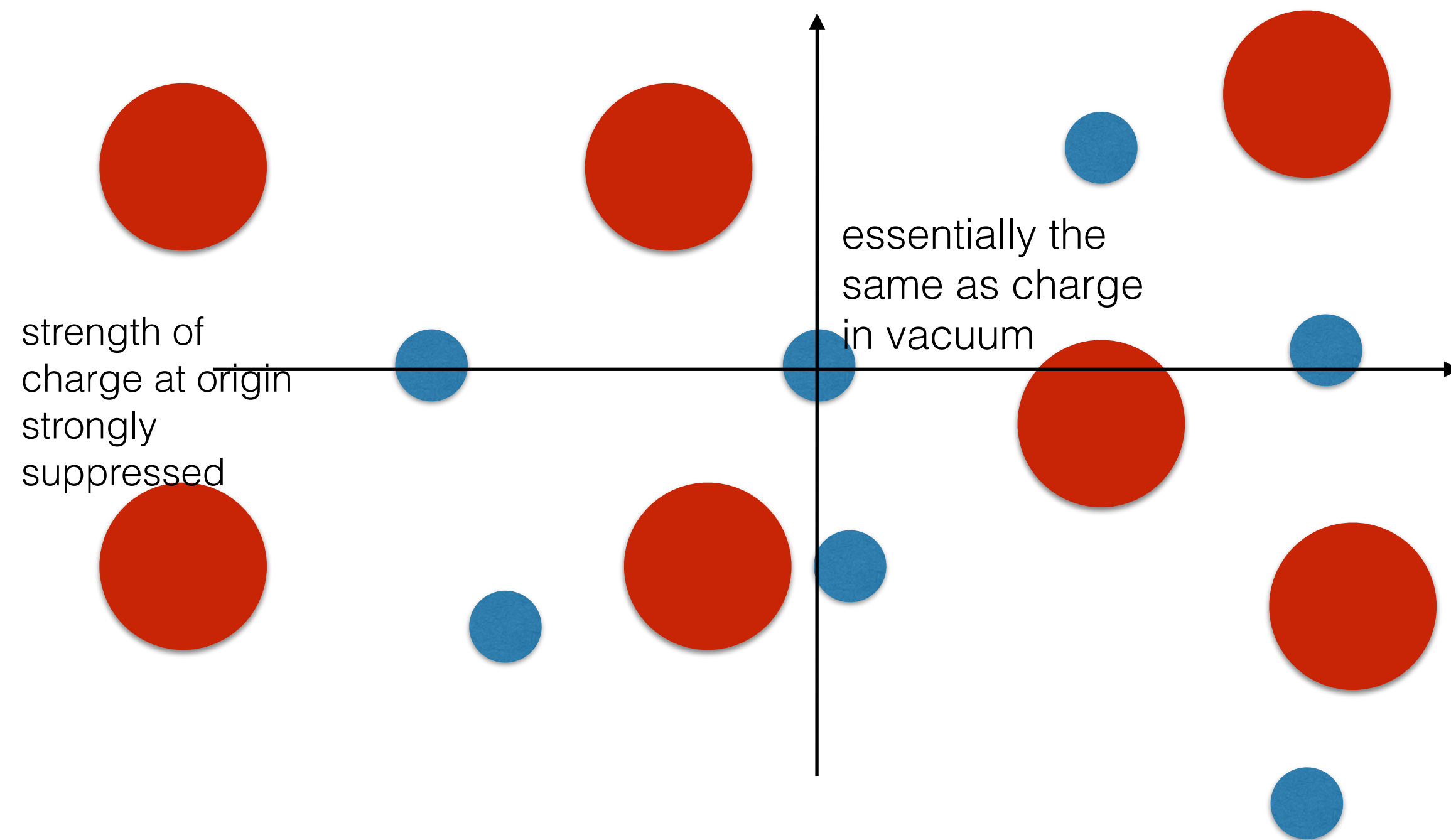
Poisson equation turns into

$$\left[ \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_D^2} \right] \phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{e}{\epsilon_0} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r})$$

$$\lambda_D^2 = \frac{\epsilon_0 k_B T}{e^2 \rho}$$

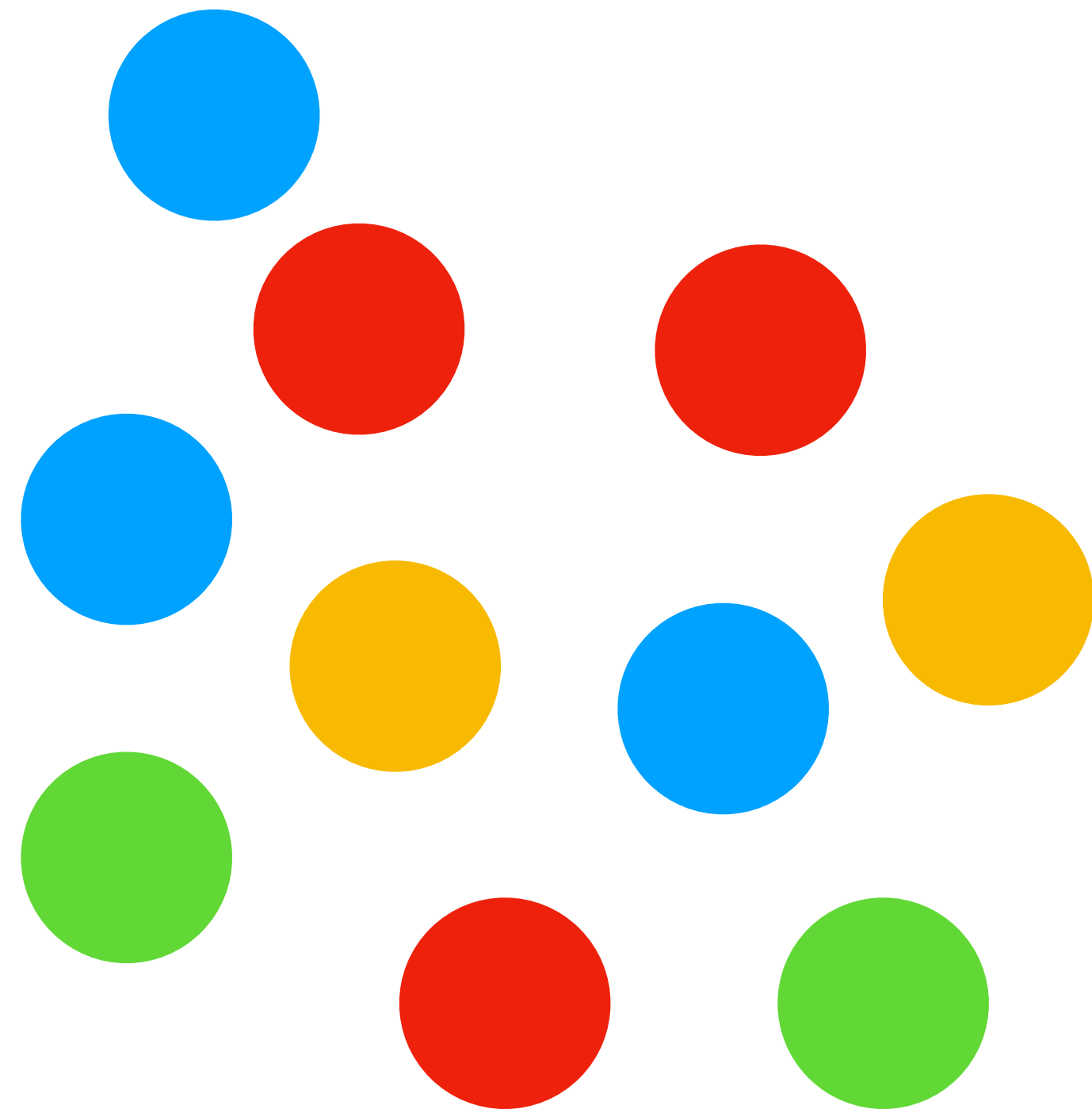
Debye screening  
length

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0|\vec{r}|} e^{-|\vec{r}|/\lambda_D}$$



- electrostatic potential is exponentially suppressed for large distances
- charge placed at zero gets effectively reduced the further we get away

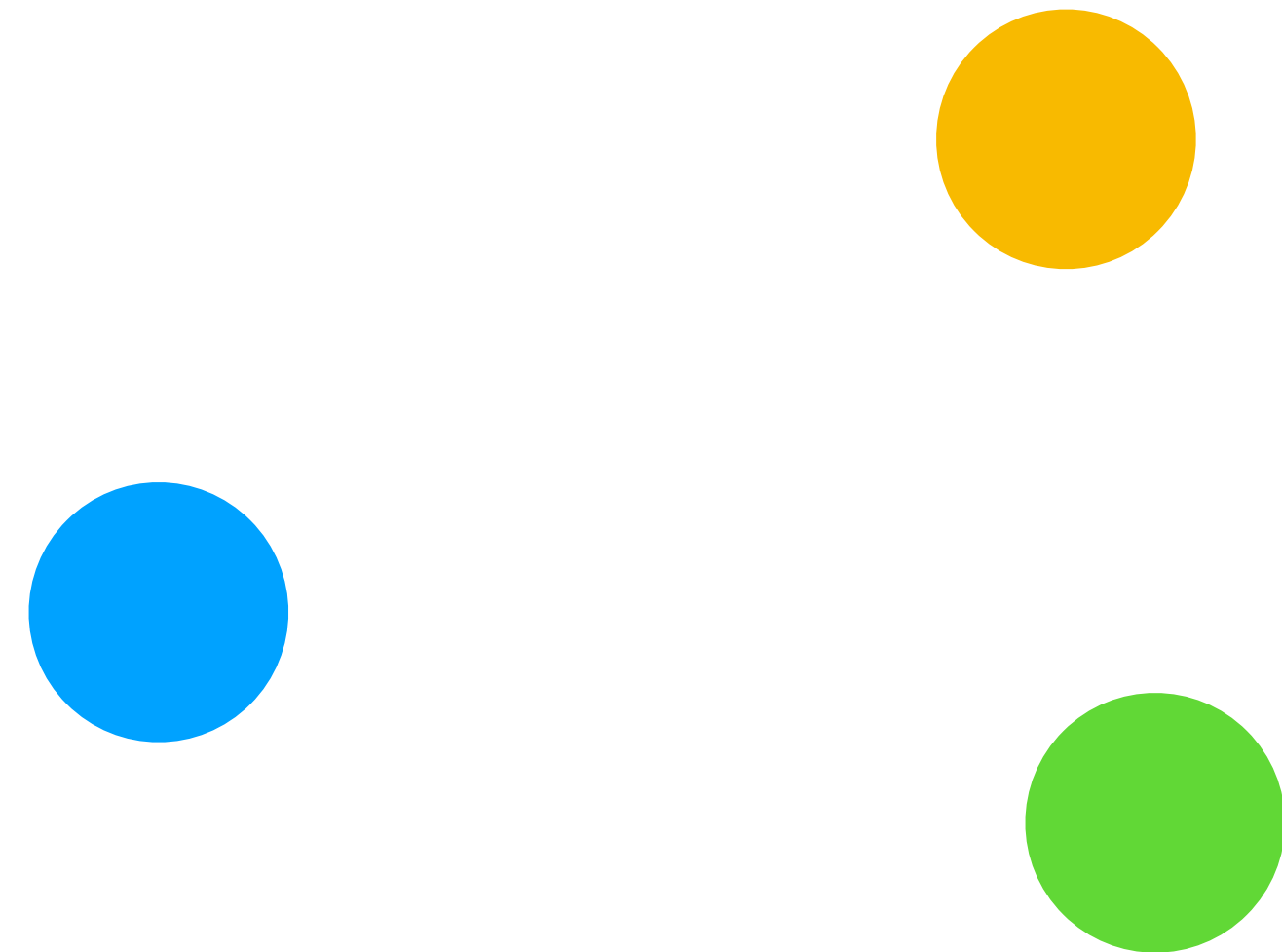
# Let's turn to a QCD plasma instead → color charges



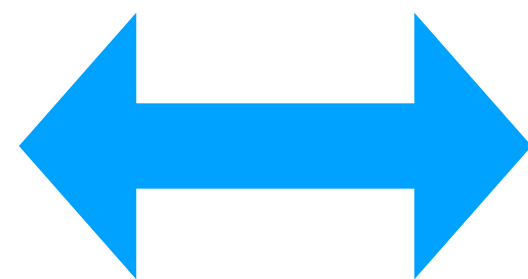
plasma of quarks and gluons

expect something very similar:

- close by color charges should behave similar to the vacuum
- far away charges should be screened
- in other words: we have a characteristic correlation length

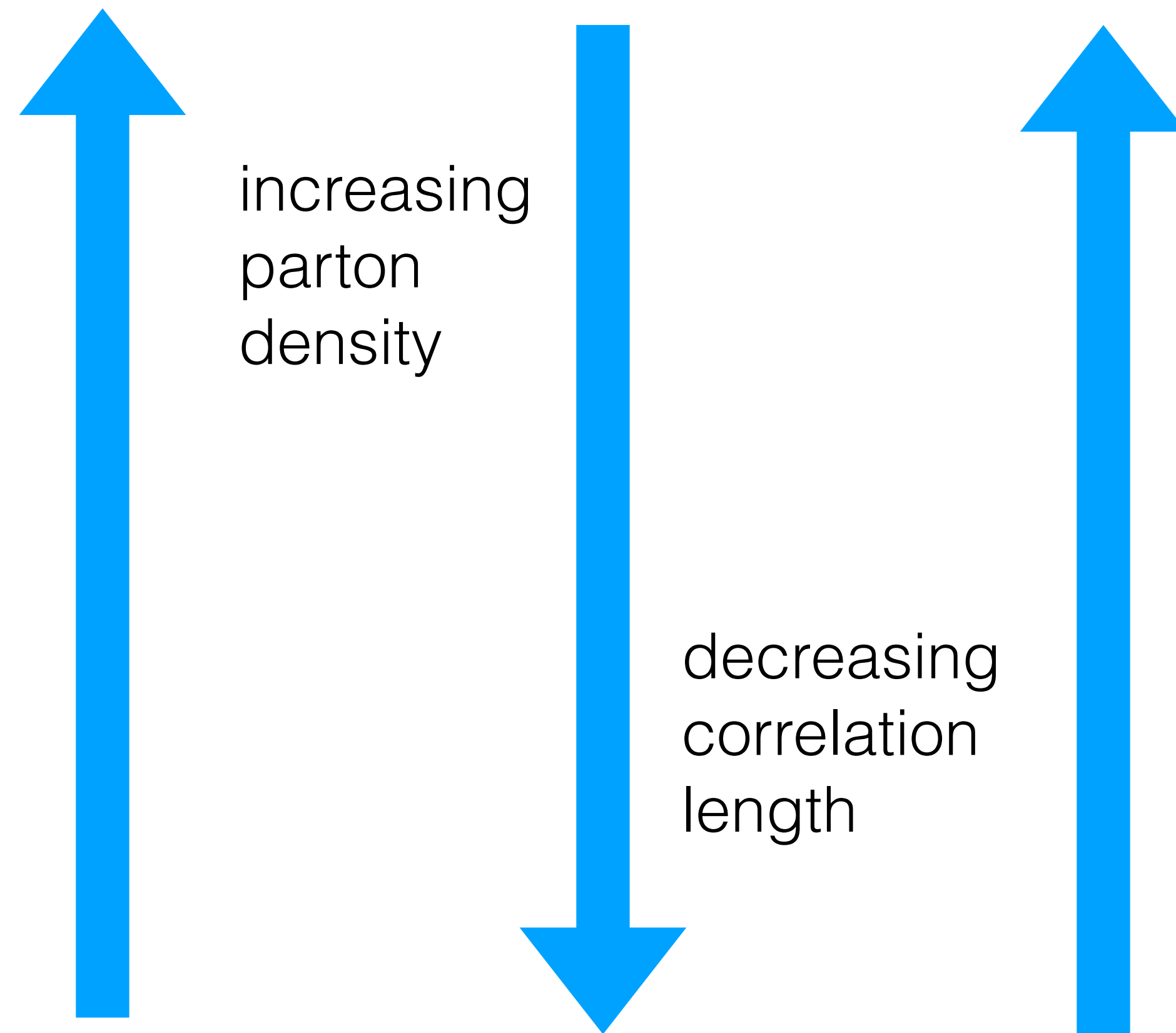


short correlation length in the plasma  
= high parton (quarks, gluons) density

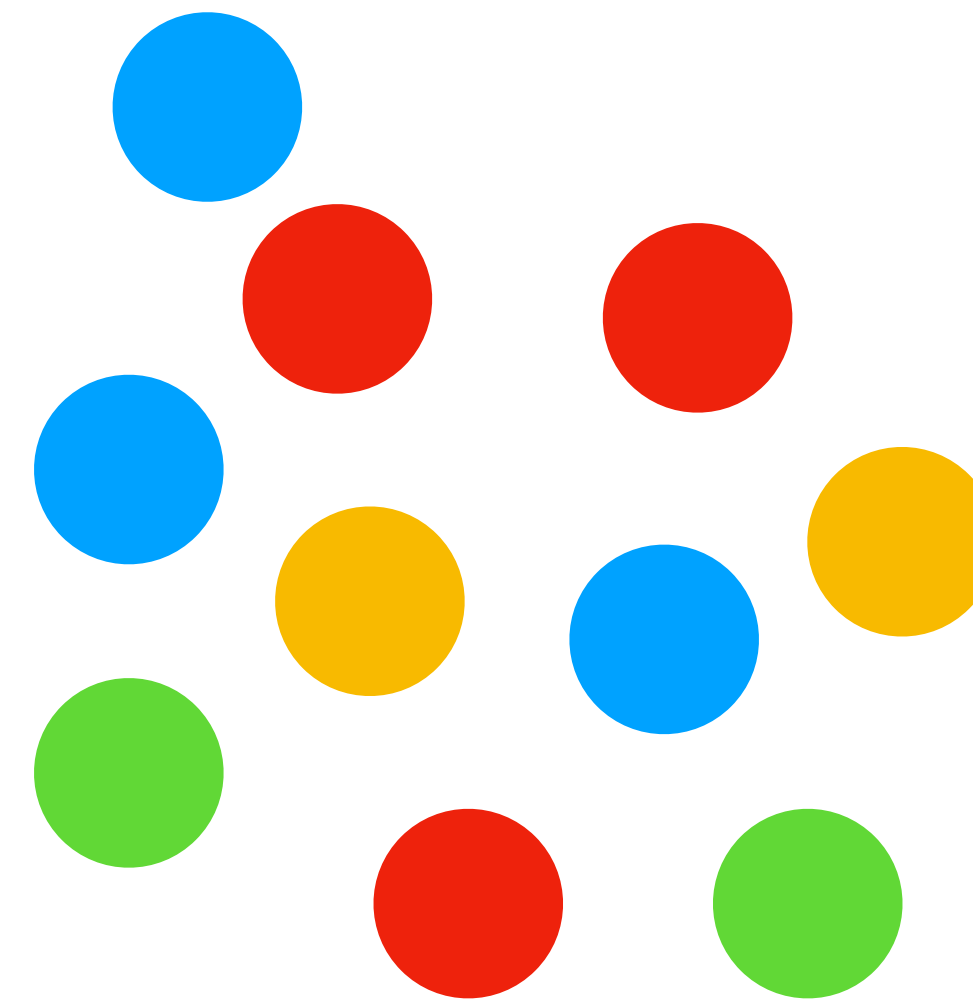


long correlation length in the vacuum  
= low parton densities

# Short correlation length: that's interesting!



Heisenberg:  
implies an energy scale which increases with density



$$Q_s \sim \frac{1}{R_s} \text{ where}$$

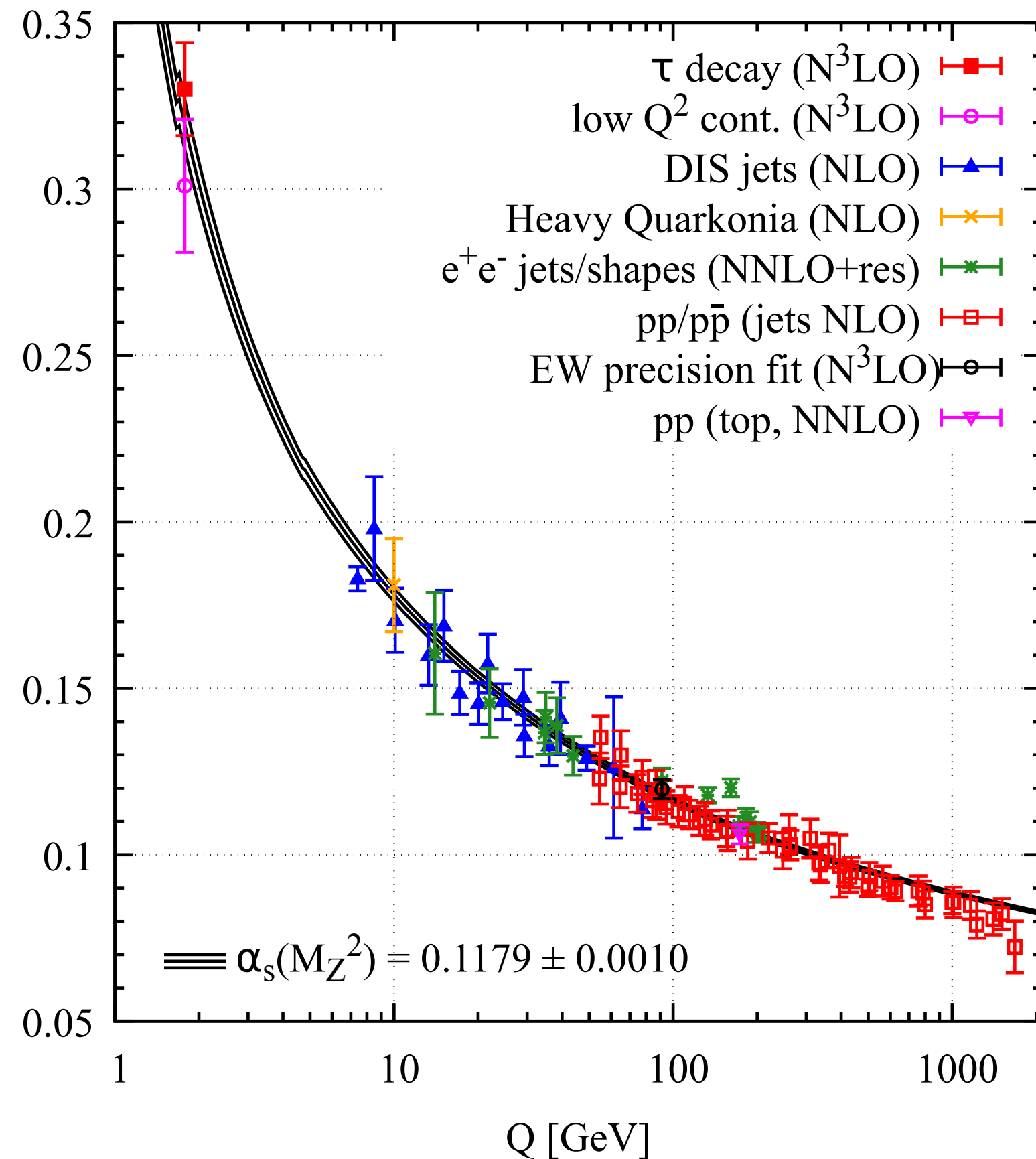
$R_s$ : correlation length

high density creates an energy scale for the system which increases if the density increases

# Why is that interesting?

QCD = strong interactions is characterized by asymptotic freedom

- at large distance and low energy scales, the coupling is large  $\rightarrow$  quarks and gluons strongly bound into hadrons; non-perturbative physics (hard)
- at short distance and high energy (= hard) scales: QCD becomes a weakly coupled theory
- usually only realized for selected reactions (Deep Inelastic electron-proton scattering, high  $p_T$  jet production, Higgs production, ...)

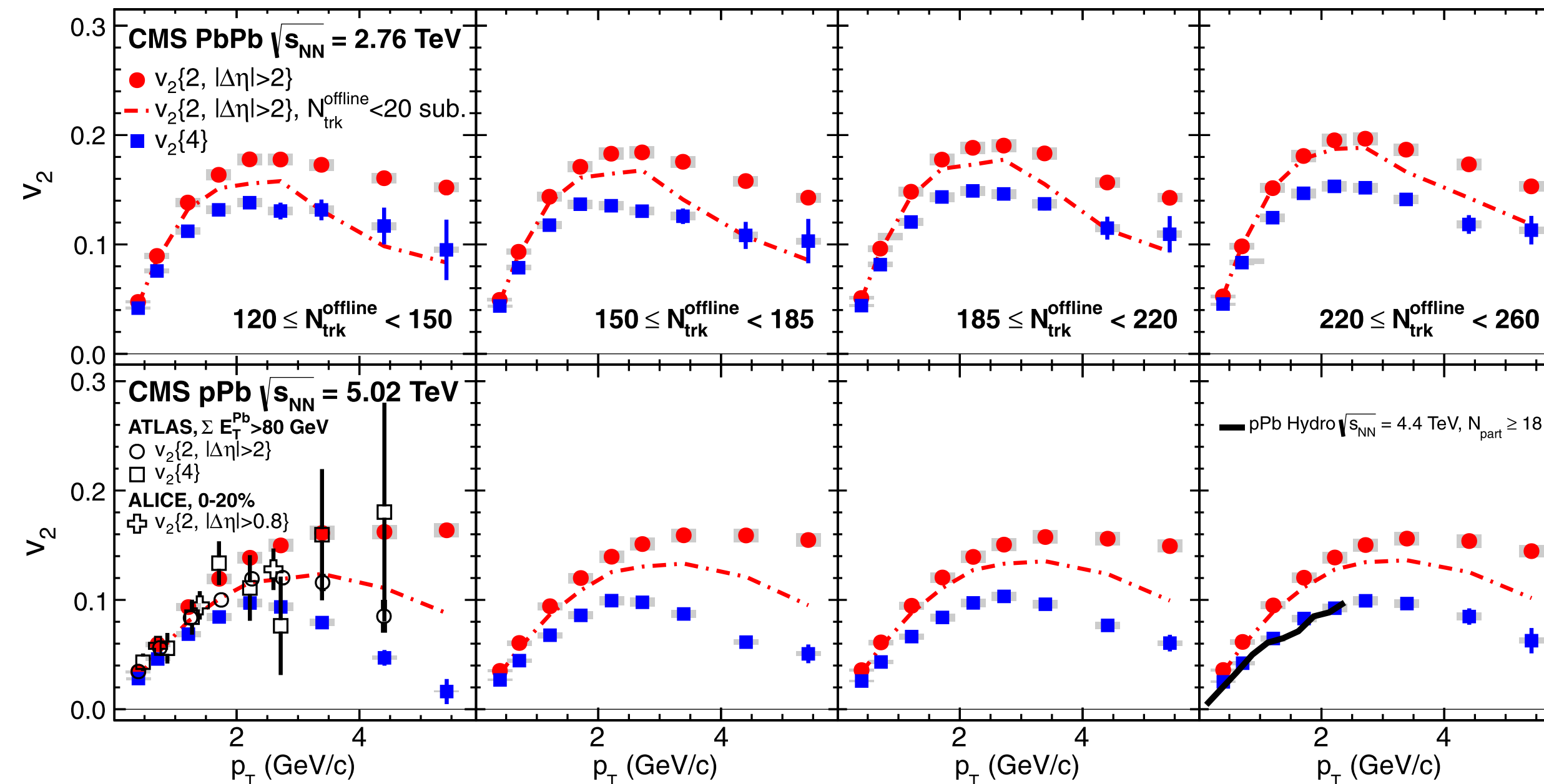


particle data group

here: an energy scale is generated dynamically & is increasing with density  
at high enough densities: we should cross the magical boundary of  $Q_s \sim 1$  GeV

prospect:

- theory description needs to deal with high parton densities (non-trivial, but sometimes possible)
- but can rely on weak coupling methods (strong coupling is perturbative)



- see something related in data
- $p_T$  seems to grow with number of produced particles (didn't find the plot I wanted to show, but this one does the job)
- can we describe heavy ion collisions, high multiplicity events using weak coupling methods?
- = collision of 2 so-called Color Glass Condensates?

Answer: it's hard to tell ..... why? these are incredible complicated systems; many different effects are of relevance

exploring such effects in heavy ion collisions/high multiplicity events is bit like understanding wave phenomena with one of those ....



we all know, that such a wave phenomena, are far more adequate to learn and understand waves ....  
once we master those, we can start addressing the breaking wave



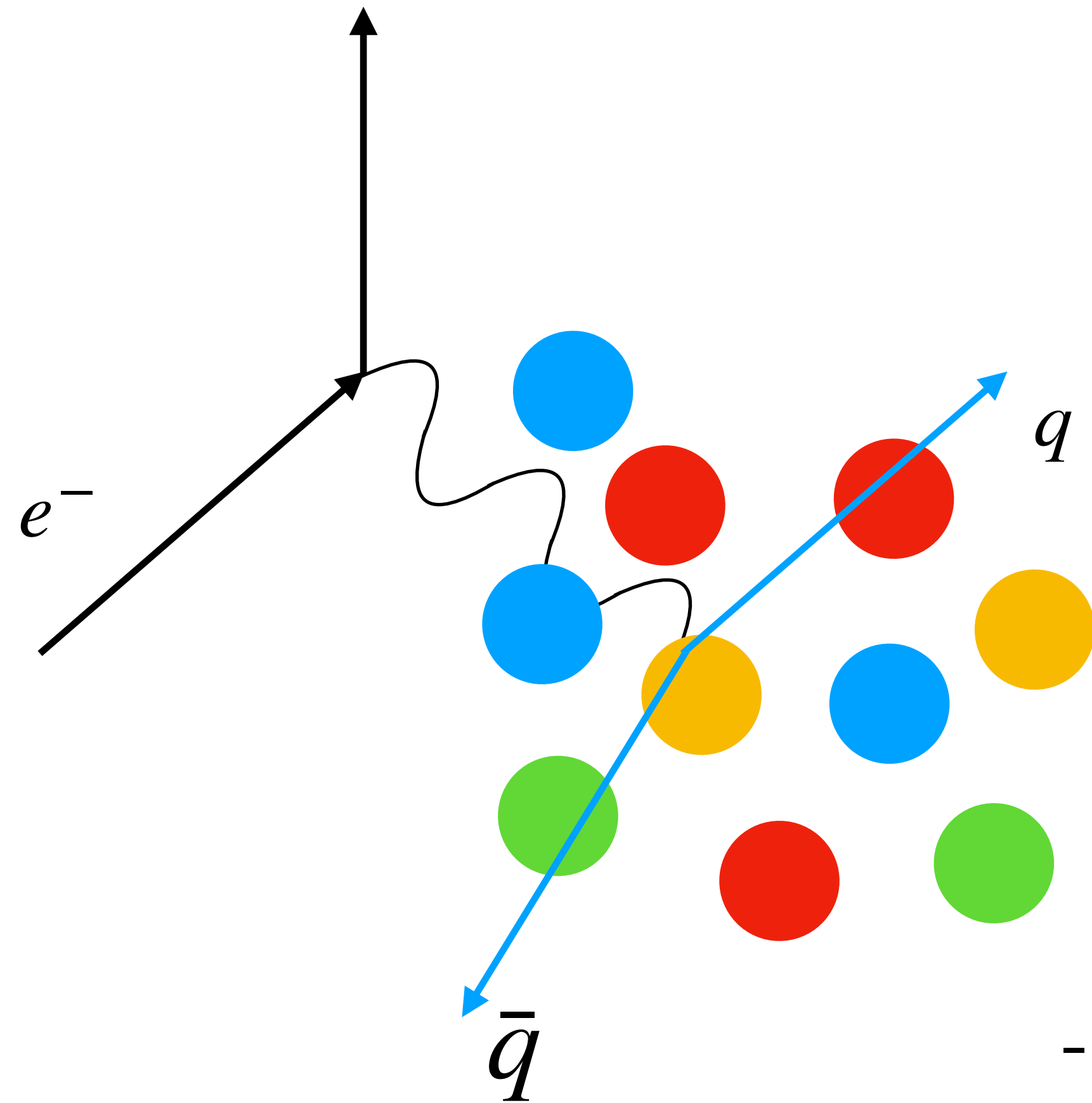
# Our isolated system: electron ion collisions

Here:

- dihadron or dijet production in an electron ion collision
- if ion is replaced by dilute system (proton): expect that

$$\sum_{di-hadron} p_i \simeq p_\gamma + p_{prot.}$$

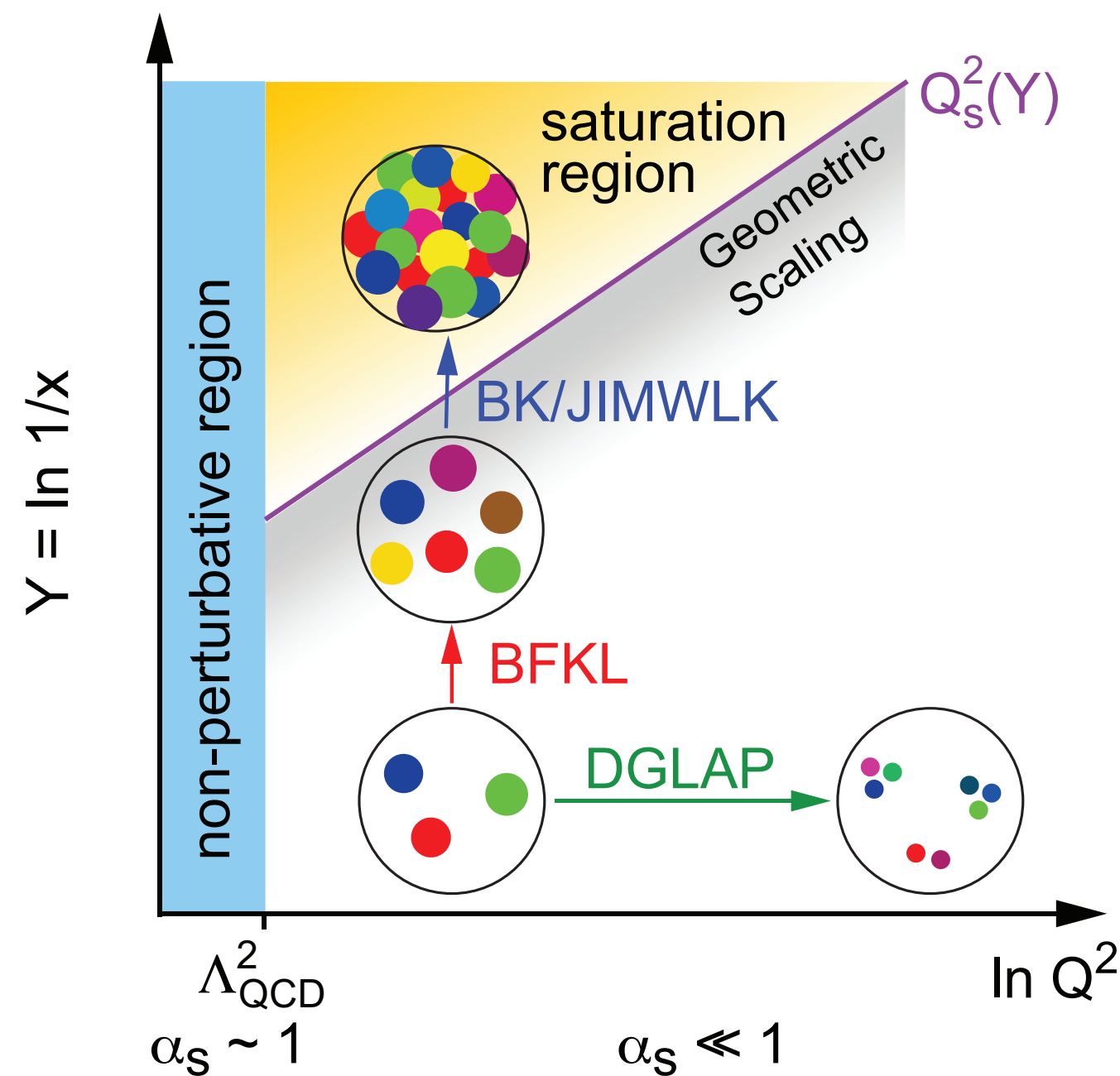
- ⊙ only a small transverse momentum imbalance between momenta of colliding proton and photon
- ⊙ transverse = transverse wrt. the collision axis



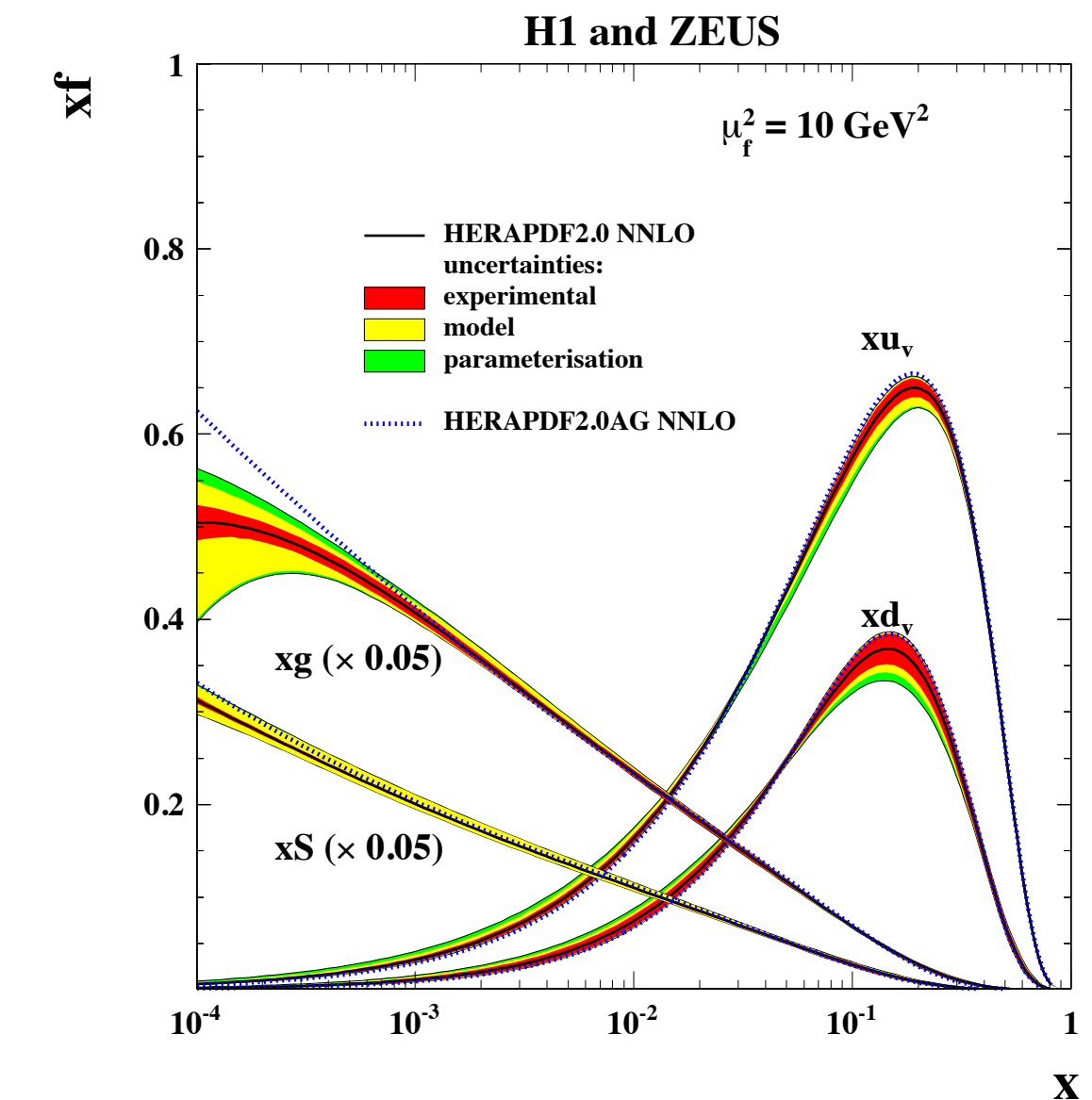
- dense system: expect transverse momentum imbalance of the order of the inverse correlation length  $Q_s \sim \frac{1}{R_s}$
- can measure that in electron ion collisions

# Gluon saturation

- dihadron and dijet production is a key process to search for effects of gluon saturation at the future Electron Ion Collider
- what is gluon saturation?

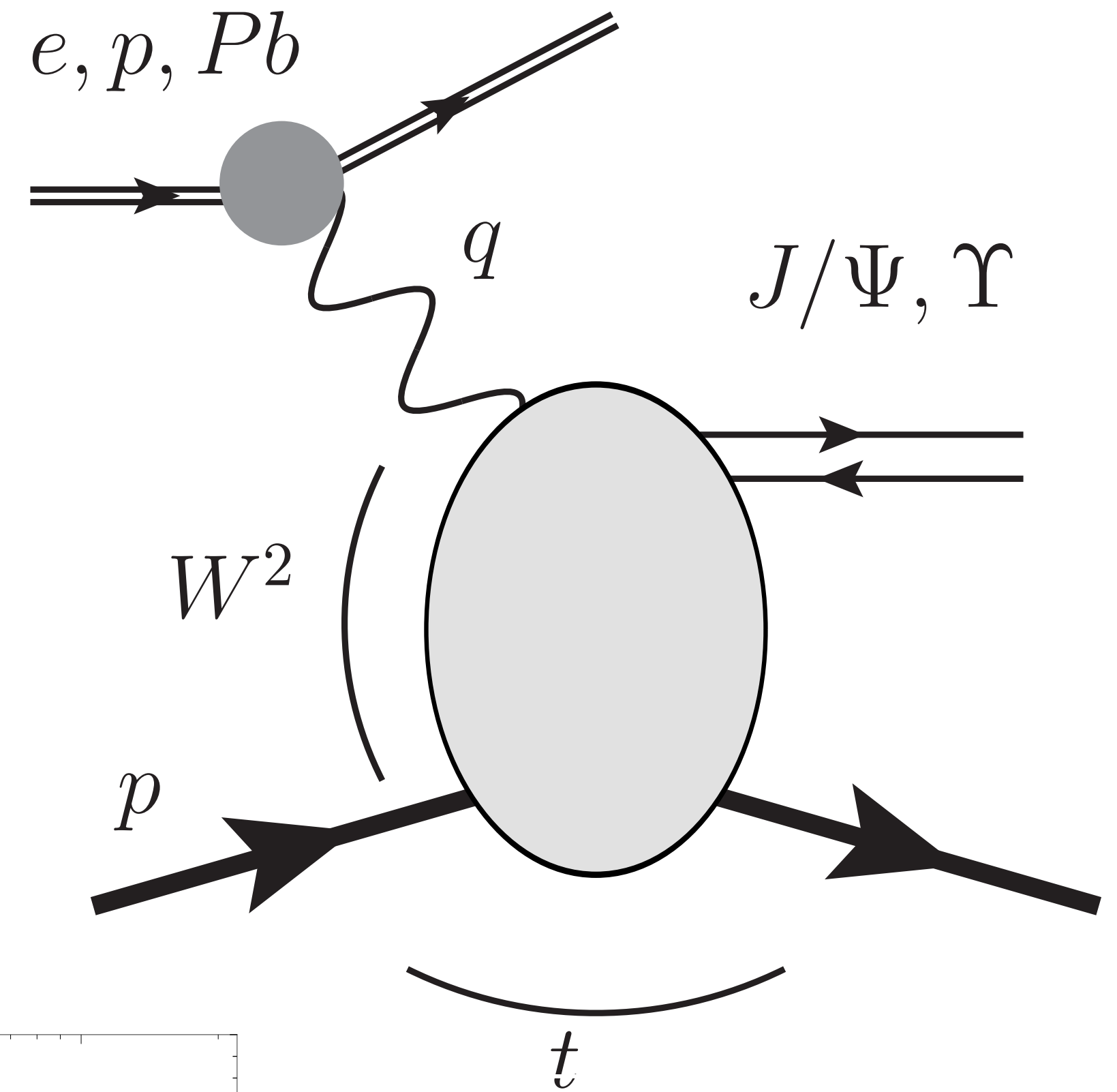
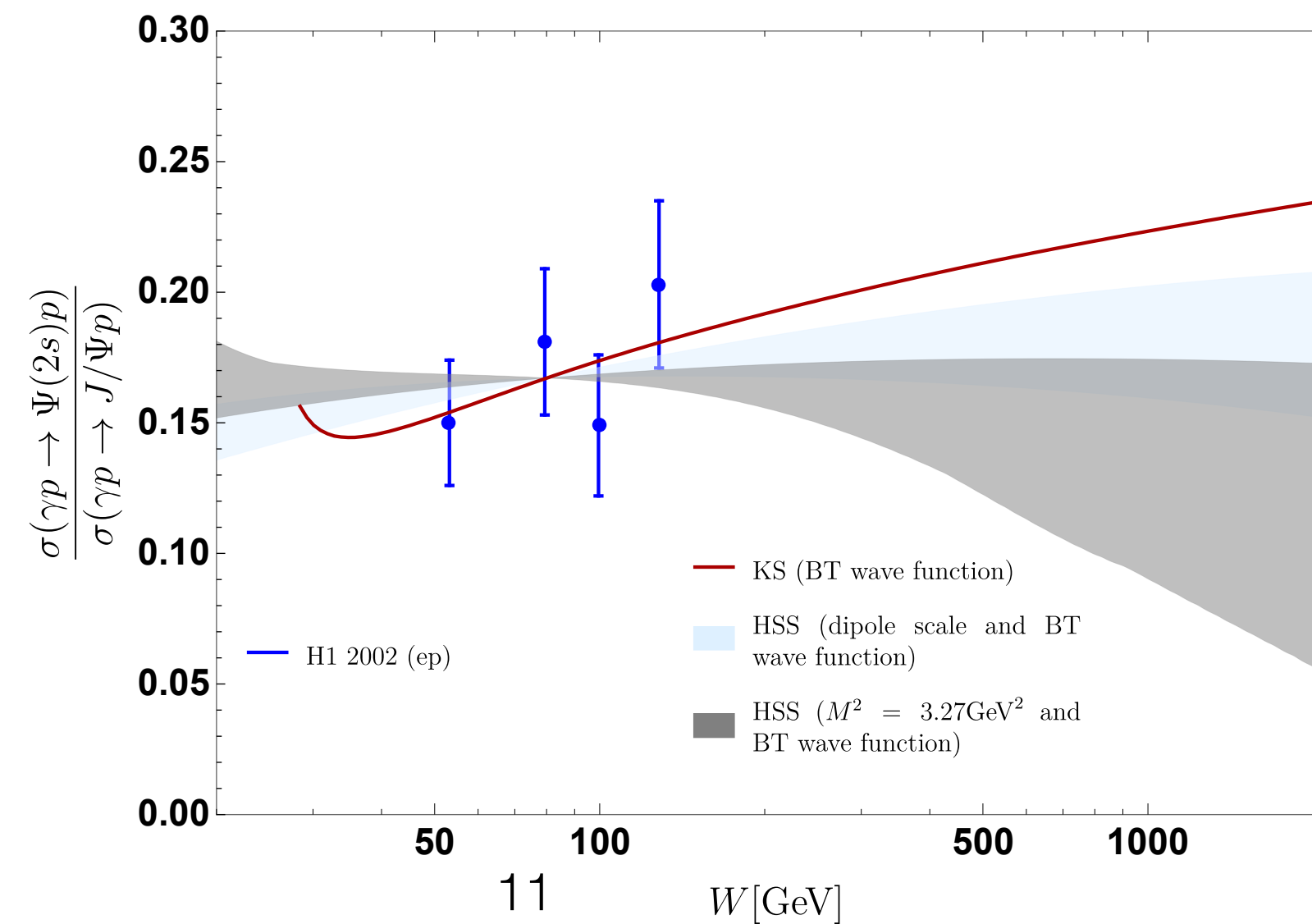
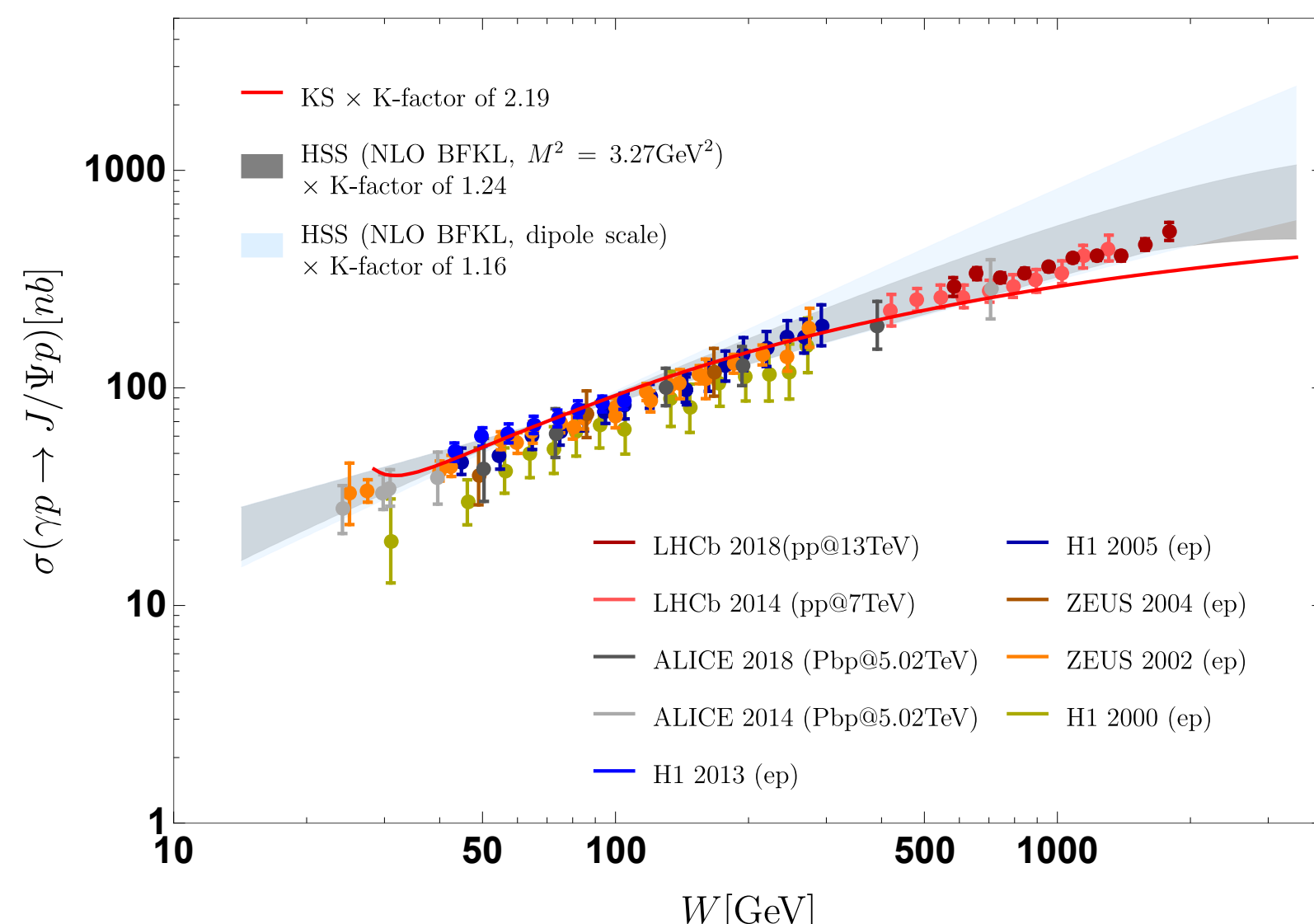
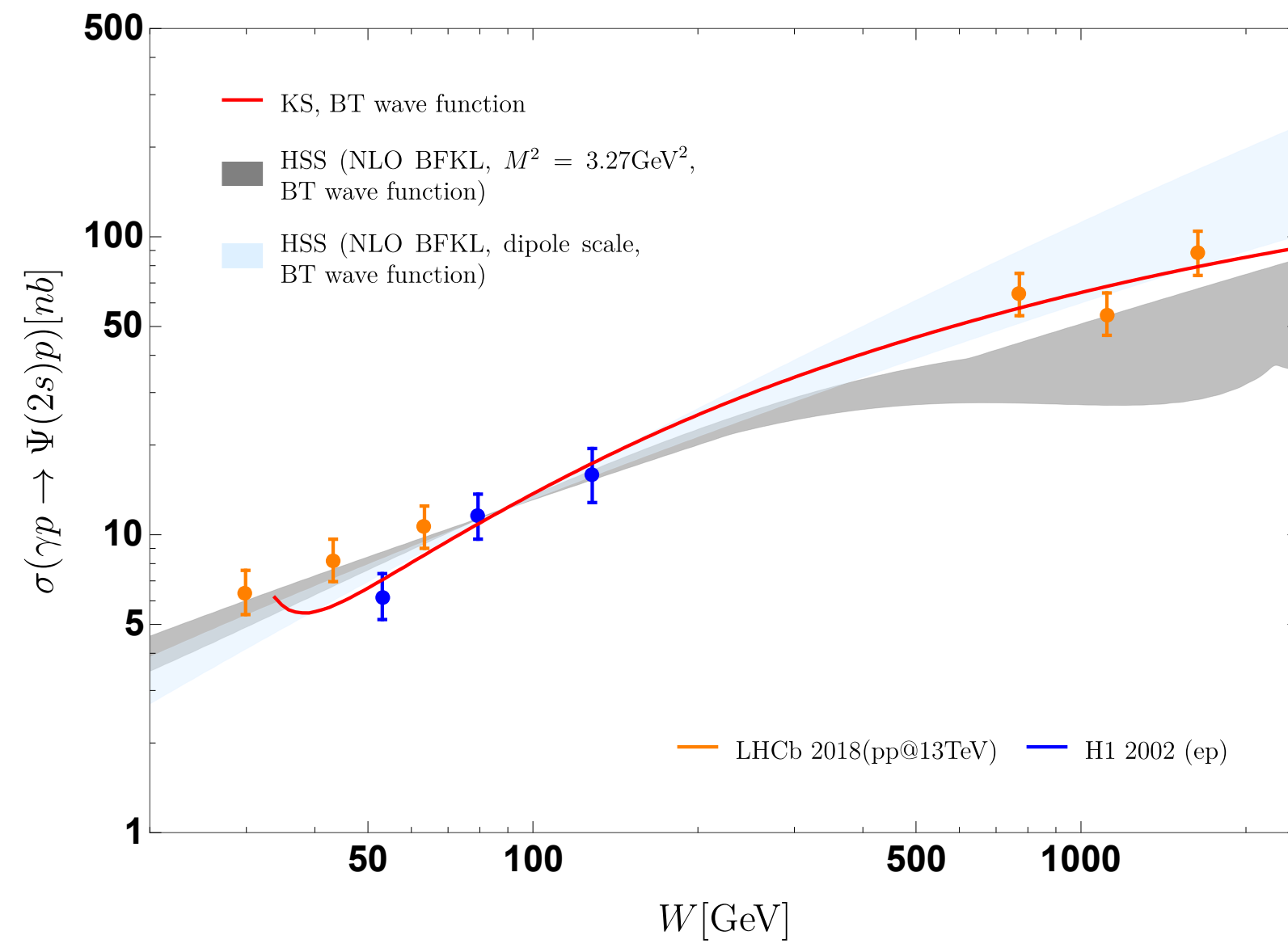


[Gribov, Levin & Ryskin Phys. Rept. 100 (1983)]  
 Color Glass Condensate effective theory:  
 [McLerran, Venugopalan PRD 49 (1994) 3352]



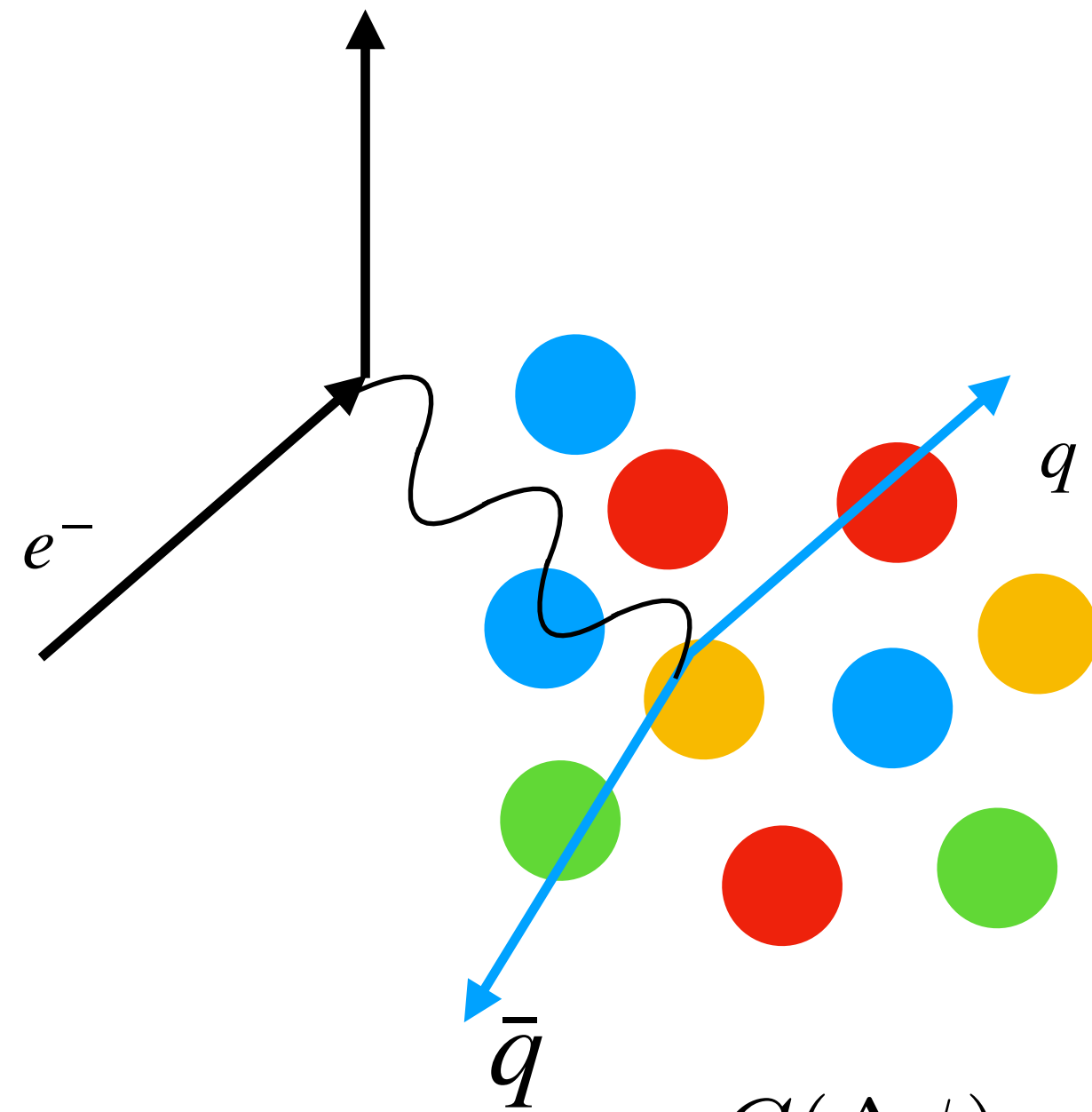
- observe power-like growth of gluon distribution towards low  $x$  = high center of mass energies
- if continued forever, violates unitarity bounds
- but: power-like growth drives us eventually into region of high parton densities
- can show: high densities slow down/stop growth of low  $x$  gluon: saturation

Can search for such effects through increasing the center of mass energy  $\rightarrow$  for instance: exclusive charmonium production



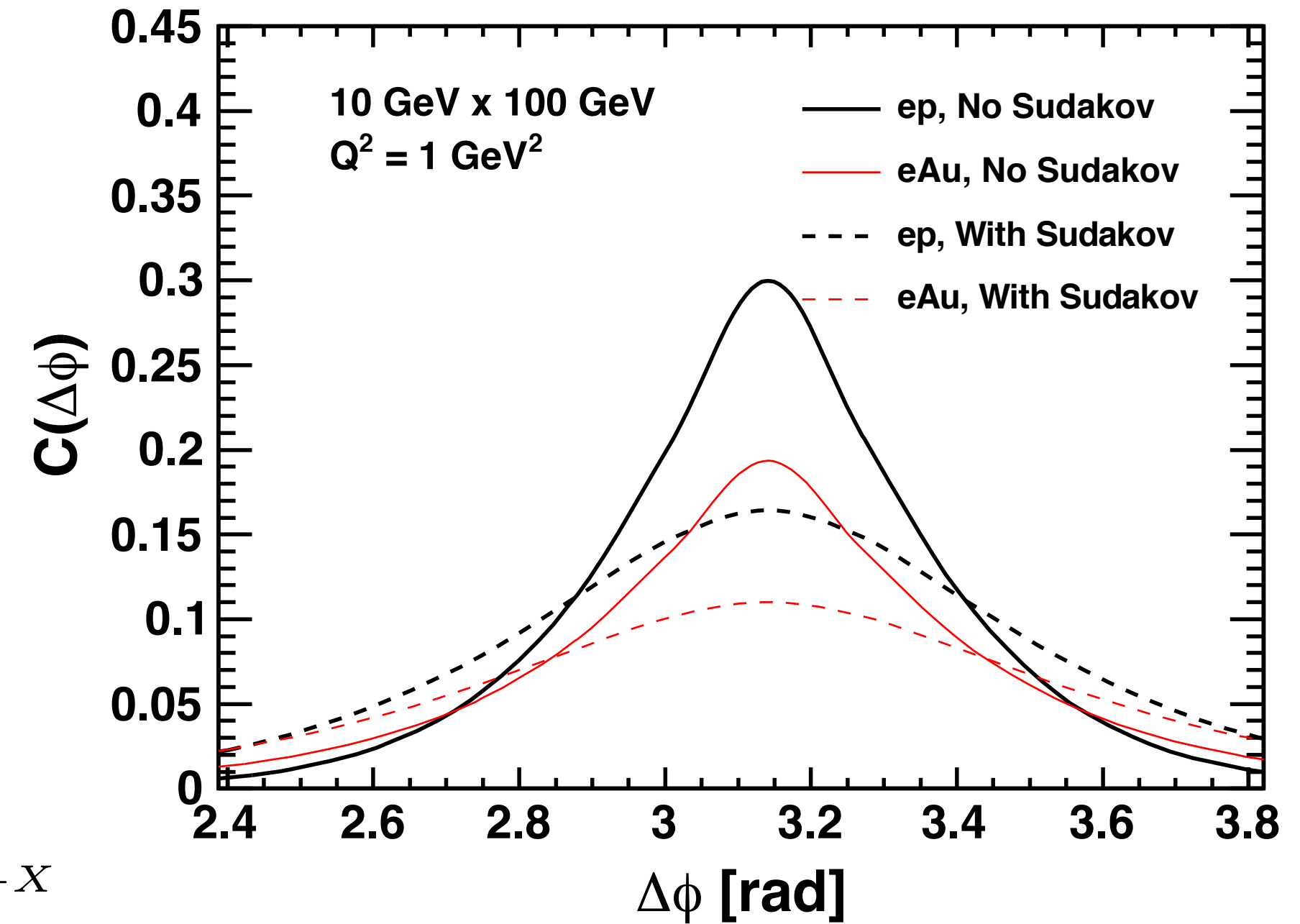
[MH, Padrón, [2011.02640](#)]

# Today: di-hadron decorrelations



$$C(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SIDIS}}^{\gamma^* + A \rightarrow h_1 + X}}{dz_{h1}}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* + A \rightarrow h_1 + h_2 + X}}{dz_{h1} dz_{h2} d\Delta\phi}$$

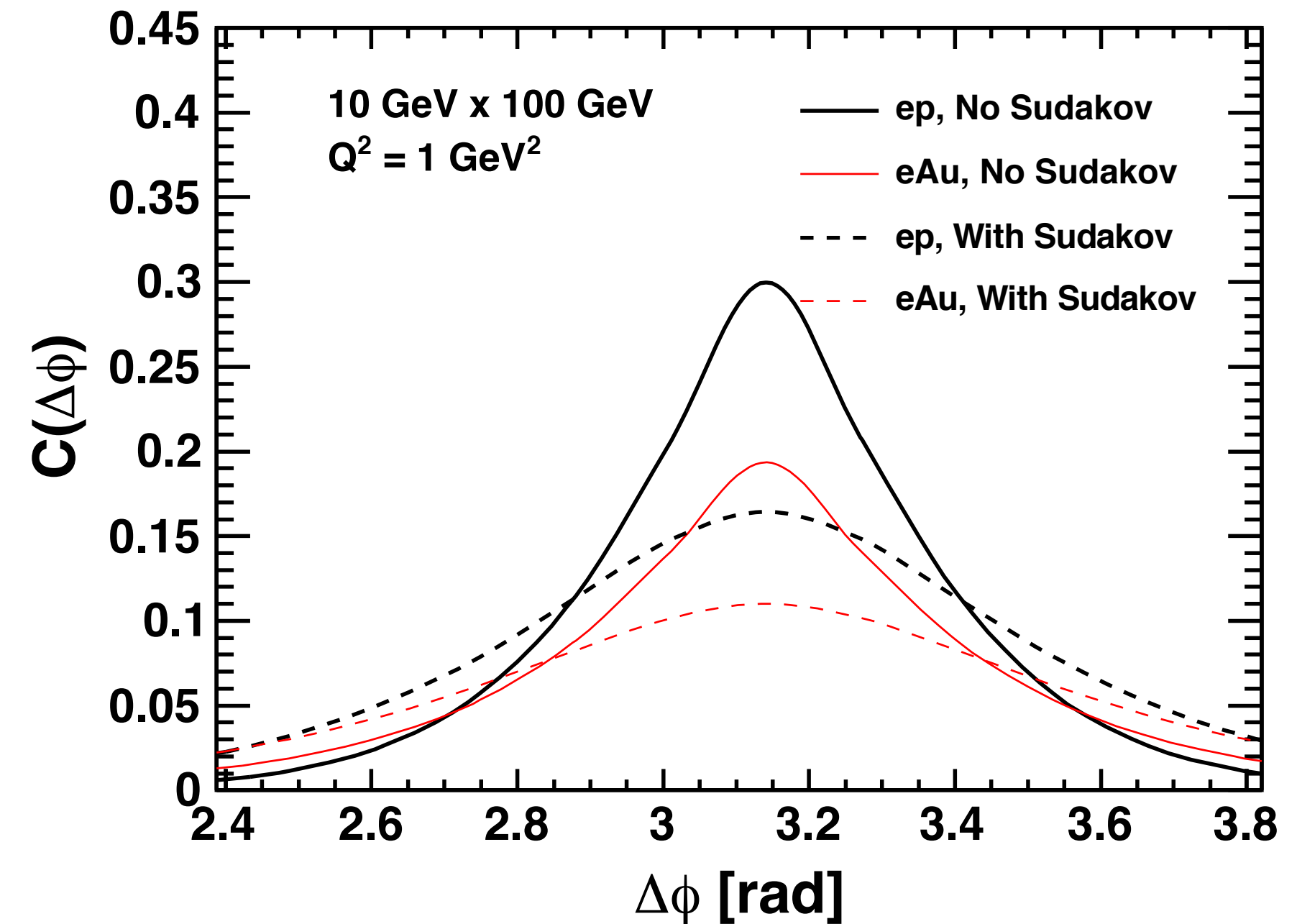
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* + A \rightarrow h_1 + h_2 + X}}{dz_{h1} dz_{h2} d^2p_{h1\perp} d^2p_{h2\perp}} = C \int_{z_{h1}}^{1-z_{h2}} dz_q \frac{z_q(1-z_q)}{z_{h2}^2 z_{h1}^2} d^2p_{1\perp} d^2p_{2\perp} \mathcal{F}(x_g, q_\perp) \mathcal{H}_{\text{tot}}(z_q, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}) \times \sum_q e_q^2 D_q\left(\frac{z_{h1}}{z_q}, p_{1\perp}\right) D_{\bar{q}}\left(\frac{z_{h2}}{1-z_q}, p_{2\perp}\right),$$



extension to 3 particle correlation within the Color Glass Condensate: [Ayala, MH, Jalilian-Marian, Tejeda-Yeomans; 1604.08526, 1701.07143]

# Sudakov form factor:

- the study includes already a first estimate of effects related to the so-called Sudakov form factor
- what is it?



$$\mathcal{F}(x_g, q_\perp) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 r_\perp e^{-iq_\perp r_\perp} \frac{1}{r_\perp^2} \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} r_\perp^2 Q_s^2\right) \right] \exp\left[-\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \ln^2 \frac{K^2 r_\perp^2}{c_0^2}\right],$$

high density

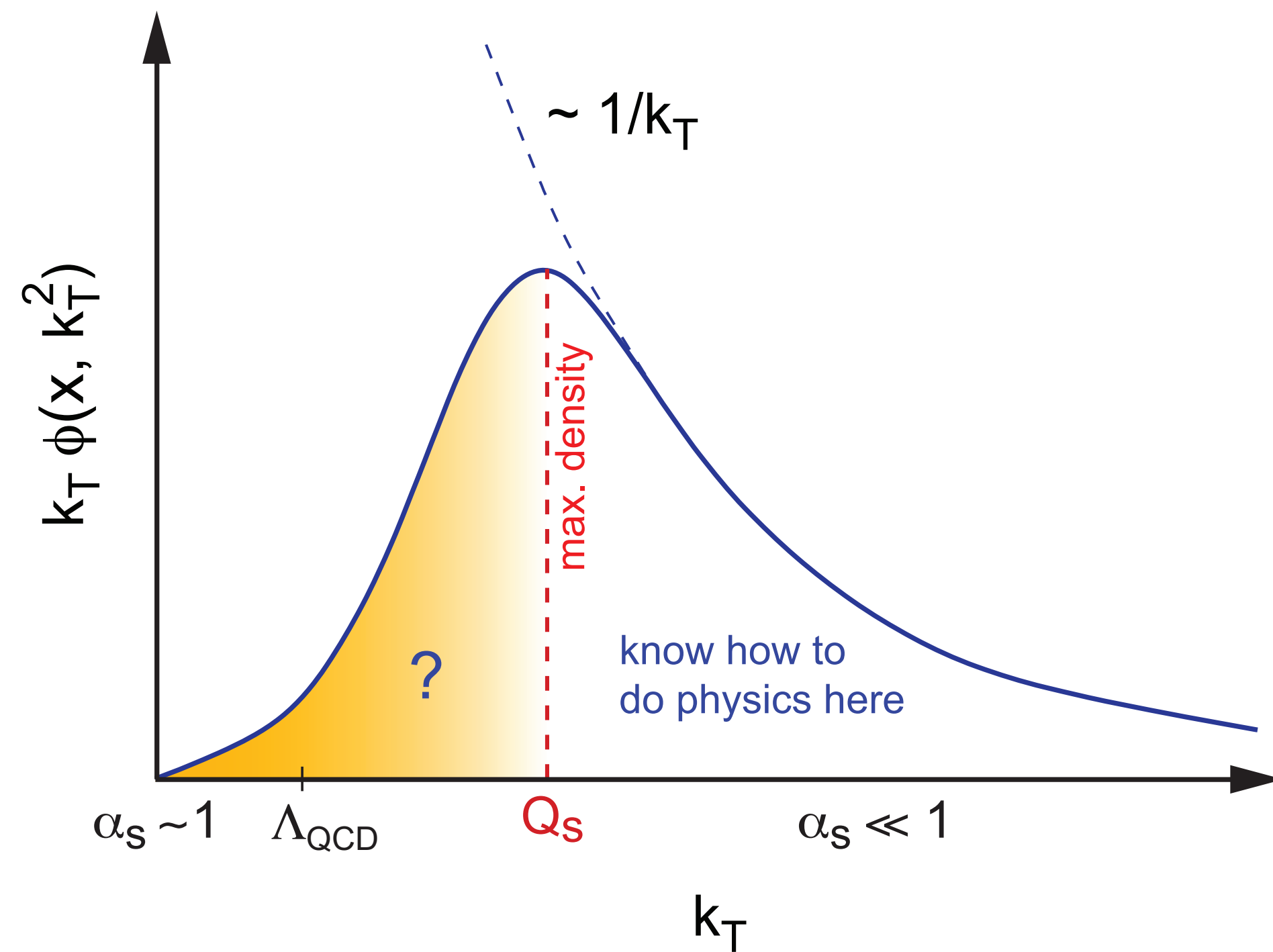
Sudakov

simple model for the transverse momentum dependent gluon distribution used in [Zheng, Aschenauer, Lee, Xiao; 1403.2413]

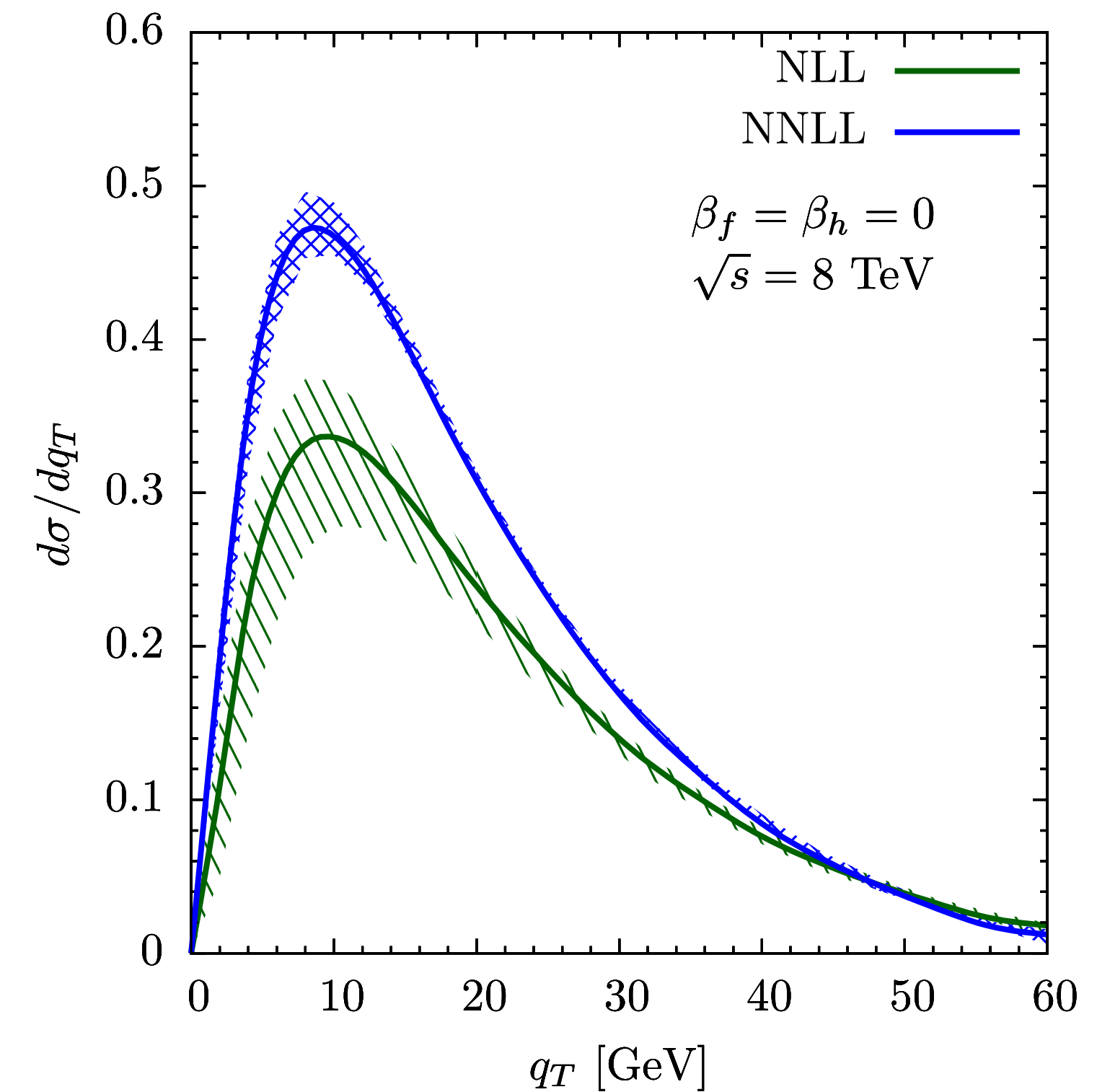
play a somehow similar role at first: crucial difference

- saturation factor depends through  $Q_s$  on density
- Sudakov form factor sums up emissions of soft gluons → does not directly depend on density

# To make good phenomenology at the future EIC: need to disentangle both $\rightarrow$ theory task



schematic picture of a TMD gluon distribution due to saturation/high density effects



TMD distribution of a Higgs boson due to Sudakov(=TMD) resummation;  
no saturation

# My own little contribution 😊

- description of high density setup usually based on high energy factorization = factorization of QCD correlators in the limit of high center of mass energies
- care about relatively small (but perturbative pT), no high mass particles etc → in general a good approach, widely used
- previous studies [[Xiao, Yuan, Zhou, NPB 921 \(2017\)](#)] etc. recover renormalization group formulation through matching of Color Glass Condensate calculation scheme to collinear factorization (no saturation; conventional pQCD approach)

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

$$\mathcal{S}_{sud} = \int_{c_0^2/r_{\perp}^2}^{Q^2} \frac{d\mu^2}{\mu^2} \left[ A \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} + B \right]$$

the problem:

- $B \neq 0$  in the collinear approach
- but their CGC calculation yields  $B = 0$  at 1-loop

# Why coincide? They're fixed by ultraviolet renormalization → universal

Soft-collinear factorization:

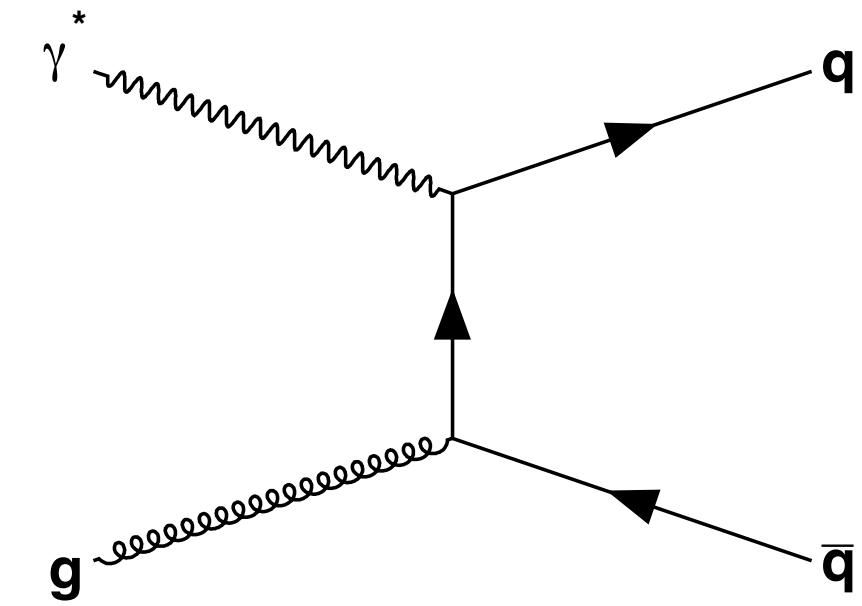
- consider event with hard scale  $M$  (here: pT of jet or hadron)  
 $p_T \simeq |p_{1,T}| \simeq |p_{2,T}|$
- take formal limit  $q_T/M \rightarrow 0$ : factorization into hard coefficient (here:  $q_T =$  the transverse momentum imbalance  $|q_T| = |p_{1,T}| - |p_{2,T}|$ ) and TMD gluon distribution which carries the  $q_T$  dependence

$$xG^{(1)}(x, k_\perp) = \int \frac{d\xi^- d^2\xi_\perp}{(2\pi)^3 P^+} e^{ixP^+\xi^- - ik_\perp \cdot \xi_\perp} \langle P | F^{+i}(\xi^-, \xi_\perp) \mathcal{L}_\xi^\dagger \mathcal{L}_0 F^{+i}(0) | P \rangle$$

- possible operator definition of a TMD gluon distribution
- UV divergent → requires renormalization
- physical reason: we took  $M \rightarrow \infty$

big advantage: we can study this QCD operator using the renormalization group = determine its anomalous dimension

they are universal = independent of infrared physics



matrix element for hard coefficient



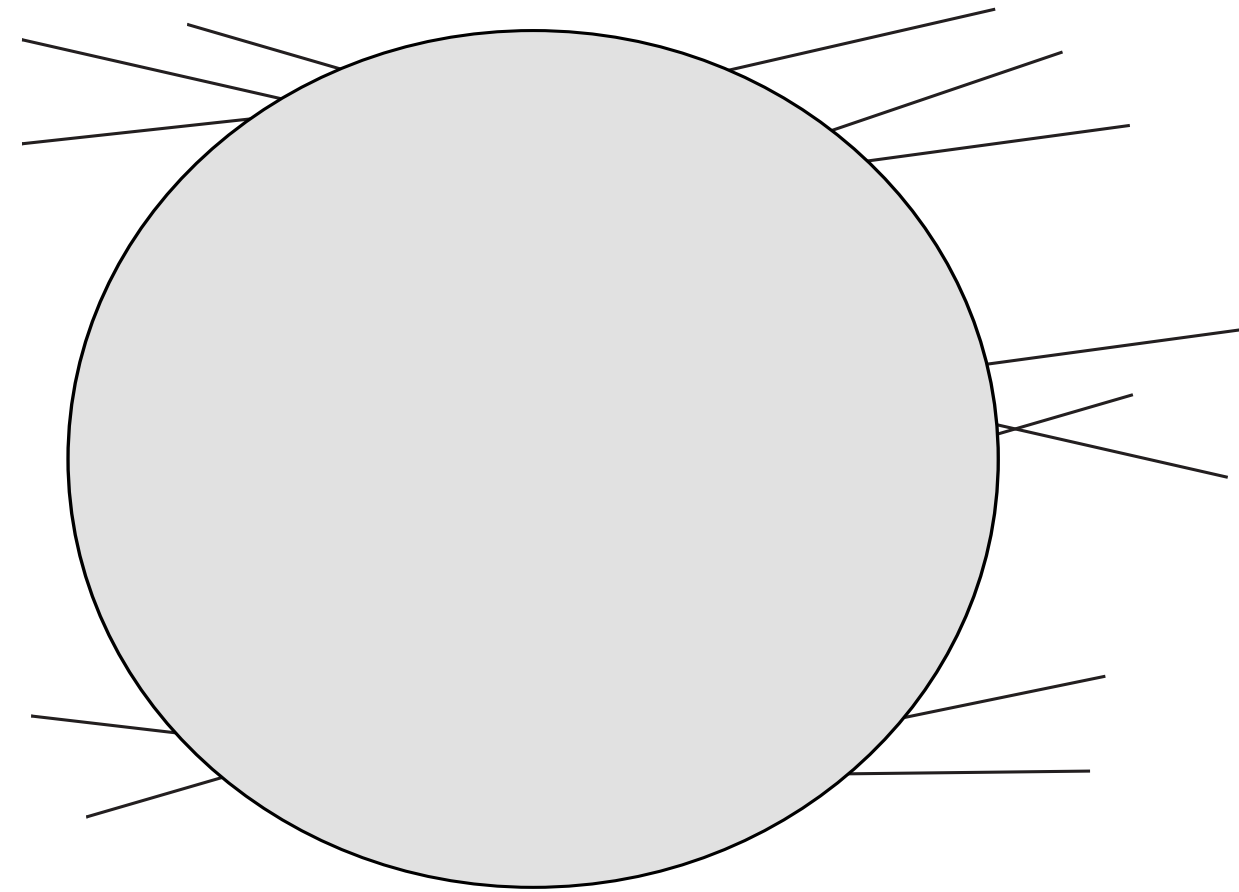
what did we do? a different formalism for high energy factorized amplitudes

## an action formalism for reggeized gluons: Lipatov's high energy effective action

basic idea:

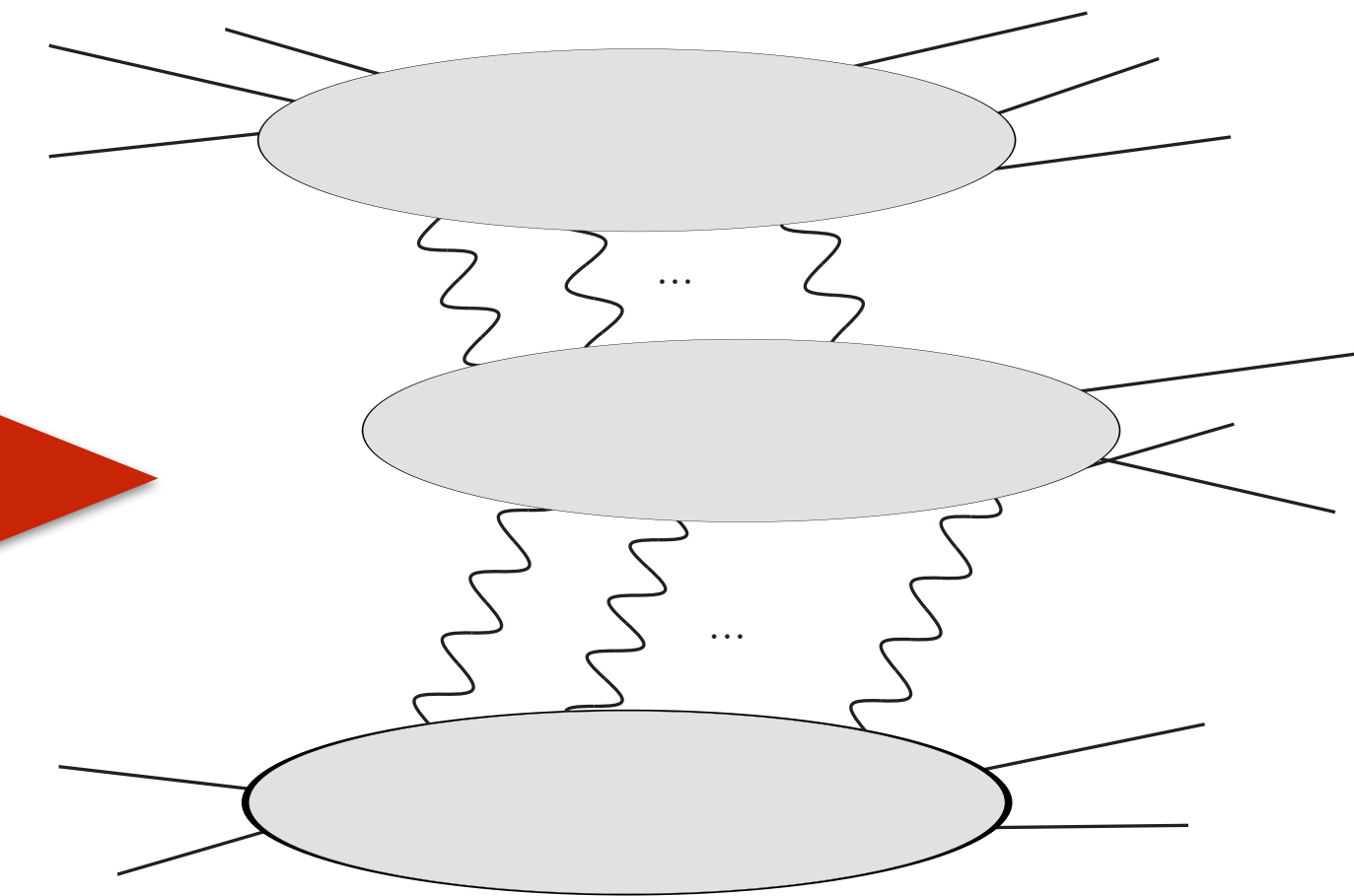
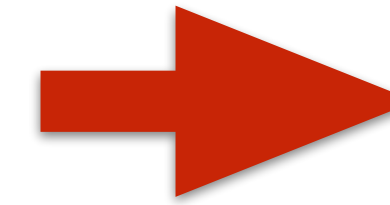
[Lipatov; hep-ph/9502308]

relevant kinematics:  
Multi-Regge-Kinematics  
(separated in rapidity &  
transverse momenta of same  
order of magnitude)



correlator with regions  
localized in rapidity,  
significantly separated from  
each other

- action for reggeized quarks:  
[Lipatov, Vyazovsky [hep-ph/0009340](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0009340)]
- action for electroweak bosons:  
[Gomez Bock, MH, Sabio Vera,  
[2010.03621](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.03621)]



factorize using auxiliary  
degree of freedom =  
the reggeized gluon

- idea: factorize QCD amplitudes in the high energy limit through introducing a new kind of field: the reggeized gluon  $A_{\pm}$  (conventional QCD gluon:  $v_{\mu}$ )

kinematics (strong ordering in light-cone momenta between different sectors):  $\partial_+ A_-(x) = 0 = \partial_- A_+(x)$ .

underlying concept:

- reggeized gluon globally charged under  $SU(N_c)$   $A_{\pm}(x) = -it^a A_{\pm}^a(x)$

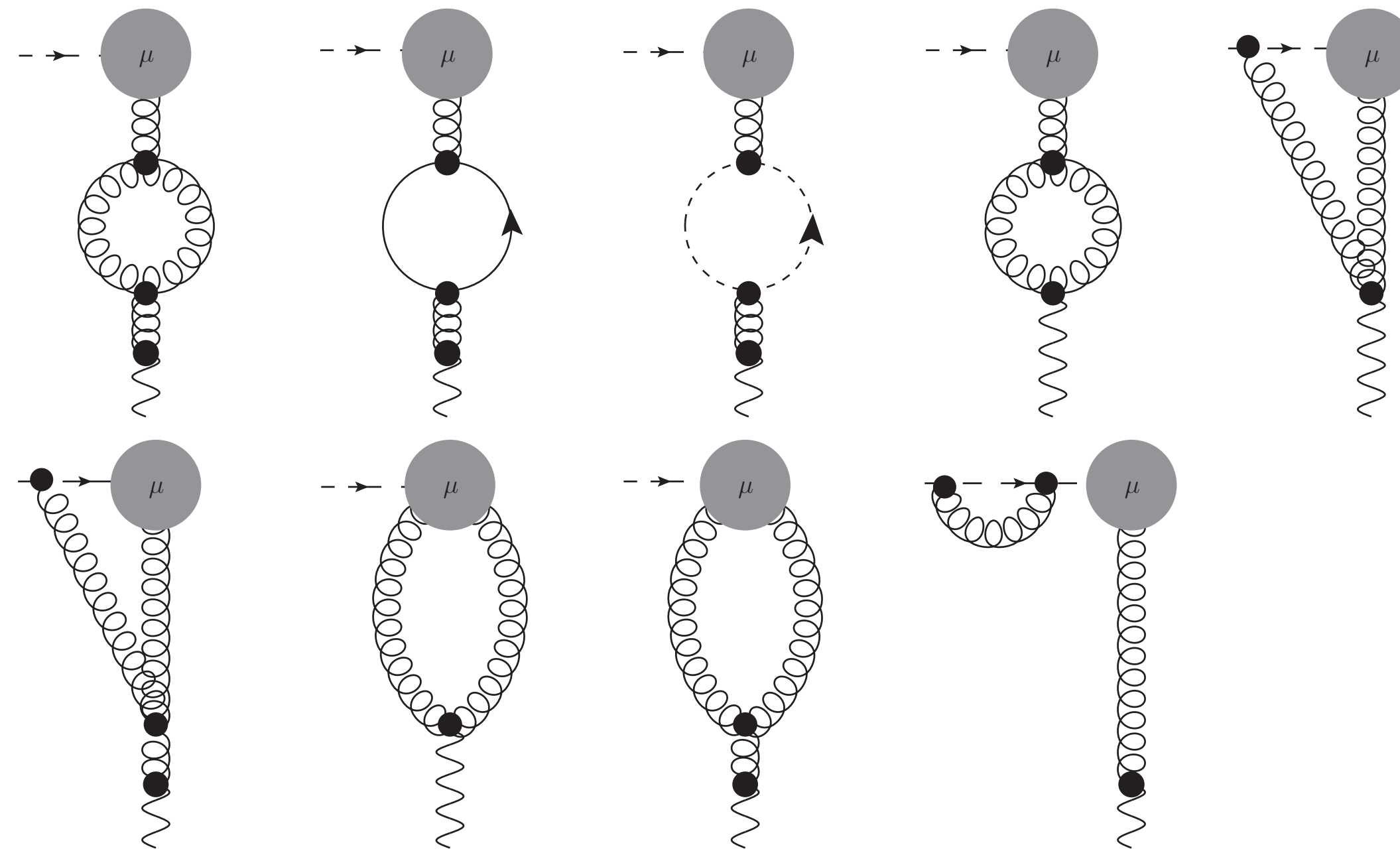
- but invariant under local gauge transformation

$$\delta_L v_{\mu} = \frac{1}{g} [D_{\mu}, \chi_L] \quad \text{vs.} \quad \delta_L A_{\pm} = \frac{1}{g} [A_{\pm}, \chi_L] = 0$$

→ gauge invariant factorization of QCD correlators

calculation is more cumbersome → work in dilute approximation (but within high energy factorization) 😞

- not what we finally want
- but the first step to get eventually the right result also for the high density case



key observation:

- the set of virtual corrections (which carry the UV divergence) is greatly enhanced within Lipatov's effective action
- CGC approach: essentially only the last diagram (modulo details)

add real corrections + soft factor  
→ obtain complete 1-loop coefficient and

$$\gamma_G = \frac{d \ln \mathcal{Z}_G}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left[ \beta_0 + 2C_A \ln \frac{\mu^2}{(q^-)^2 e^{2y_c}} \right]$$

complete 1-loop anomalous dimension (including the "B" term) [MH, [2107.06203](#)]

# Many more interesting details

- obtain matching coefficients of TMD gluon distribution to high energy factorization unintegrated gluon distribution
- unpolarized and linearly polarized TMD gluon distribution differ also due to 1-loop correction, not only due to high density effects (as found at Born level)
- clarification of the relation between Collins-Sopers-Sternman rapidity evolution of soft gluons and Balitsky-Fadin-Kuraev-Lipatov rapidity evolution from high energy factorization etc.
- next step: do all this for high densities (on it, but it's technically tricky ....)

Summing up: -Why is it interesting?

- relates to core questions of phenomenology of a future collider project which will be realized for sure in our lifetime (if you're not too old and your health is good)
- it's Quantum Field Theory at work; combines various non-trivial features
- not covered: TMD distributions are a very rich field by themselves (apart from their relation to gluon saturation) and needed to increase our understanding of the motion of quarks and gluons in a hadron and how spin and other quantities arise due to multi-particle dynamics (maybe Aurore will tell you about that; I hope ...)

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