

# Unveiling the Sea

Where are the sea quarks in the CFC?

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Heavy Ions Physics  
@ EIC Era

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I) CGC basics:  
sources, fields, Wilson lines, dipole,  
saturation scale, small- $x$  RGE

II) CGC - TMD correspondence (gluon TMDs)

{ Momentum space expansion @ LO  
NLO: Sudakov & small- $x$  RGE  
Phenomenology

III) Where are the sea quarks?

{ SIDIS  
Two-particle correlations  
Generalized Universality

Work in progress  
with Caucel, Iancu  
& Yuan

# I) CGC basics

Acc by field generated by fast (large- $x$ ) partons

$$[D_\mu, F^{\mu\nu}] = J^\nu$$

eikonal current

$$J^\mu = \int \delta^{\mu t} \rho(x^-, x_\perp)$$

$\downarrow$   $A^- = 0$  gauge

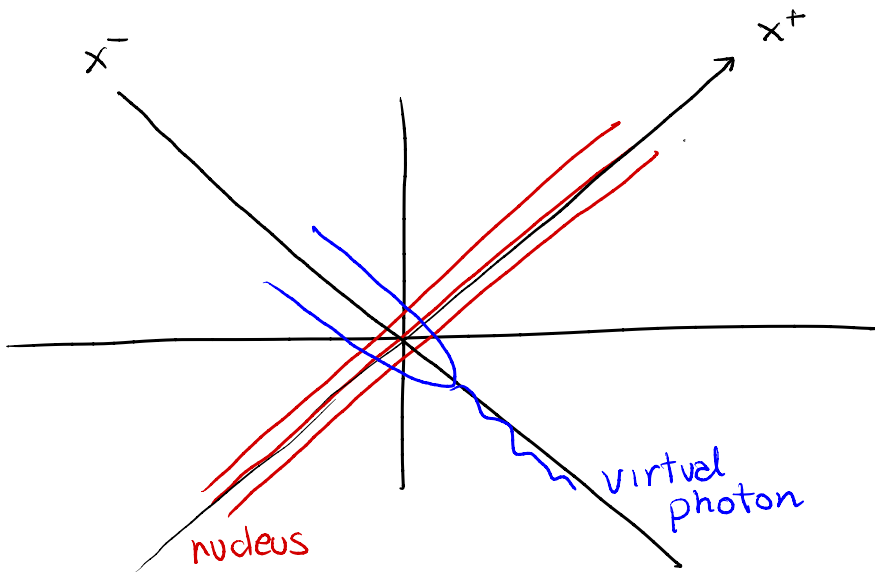
$$\nabla_\perp^2 A^+(x^-, x_\perp) = -\rho(x^-, x_\perp)$$

$$A_\perp = 0$$

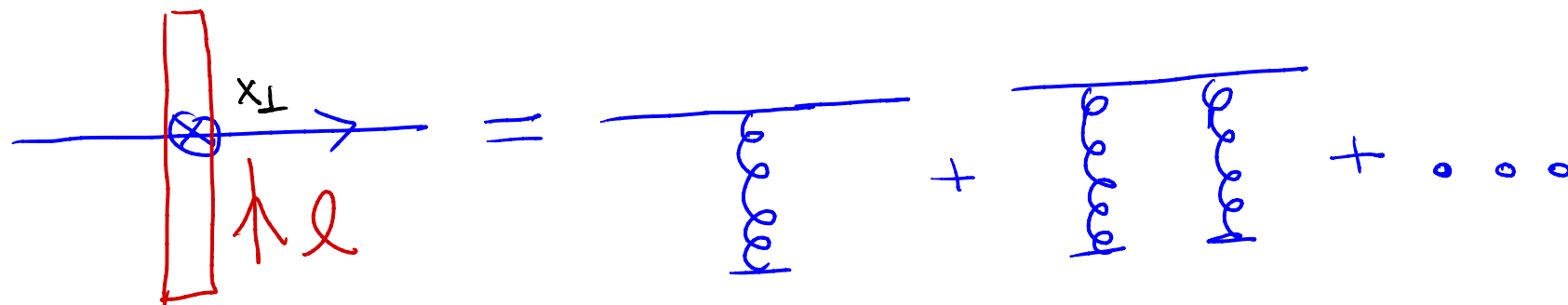
@ some initial rapidity  
%  $\checkmark$

Non-pert input to describe sources  $\rho$  and its correlations

e.g. McLerran-Venugopalan model  $\langle \rho^a(x) \rho^b(\bar{x}) \rangle = \mu^2 \delta^{ab} \delta^{(3)}(x-\bar{x})$



# Parton propagating in the background field



Effective quark CGC vertex

$$\Gamma_q = 2\pi \delta(l^-) \gamma^- \int d^2 x_\perp e^{-i l_\perp \cdot x_\perp} [V(x_\perp) - \mathbb{1}]$$

resums all eikonal (coherent) scattering with  
bg field  $A^+$

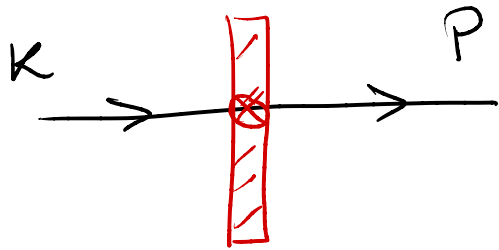
light-like Wilson line

$$V(x_\perp) = \mathbb{P} e^{ig \int dx^- A^+(x^-, x_\perp)}$$

Similar expression for  
gluon propagation



# Quark-nucleus scattering



$$M \sim \bar{u}(p) \gamma^- u(k) \int d^2 x_\perp e^{-i p_\perp \cdot x_\perp} V(x_\perp)$$

$$k = (0, k^-, 0_\perp)$$

$$p = \left( \frac{p_\perp^2}{2p^-}, p^-, p_\perp \right)$$

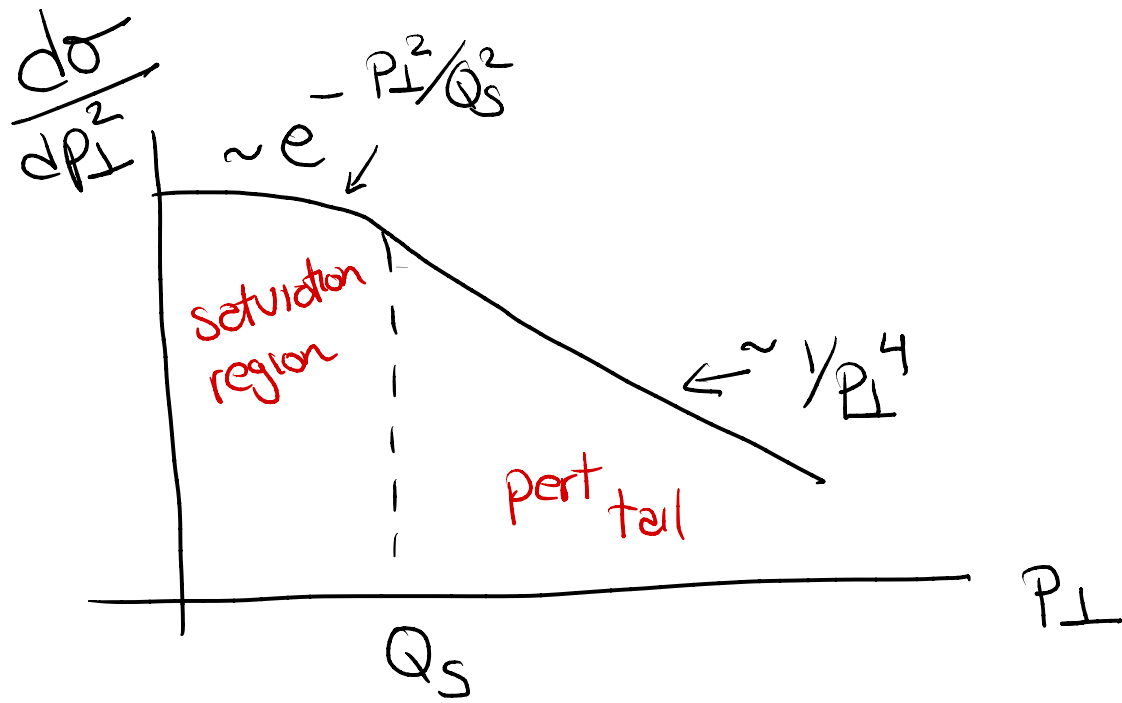
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_\perp^2} \sim \int d^2 x_\perp d^2 \bar{x}_\perp e^{-i p_\perp \cdot (x_\perp - \bar{x}_\perp)} S_y^{(2)}(x_\perp, \bar{x}_\perp)$$

$$S_y^{(2)}(x_\perp, \bar{x}_\perp) \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \text{Tr} [V(x_\perp) V^\dagger(\bar{x}_\perp)] \right\rangle_y$$

dipole

2pt correlator of Wilson lines

In the MV model:



$Q_s^2$  saturation scale  
 implicit in dipole  $S^{(2)}$

$Q_s^2 \sim \mu^2 \leftarrow$  MV model  
 transverse  
 color charge  
 density

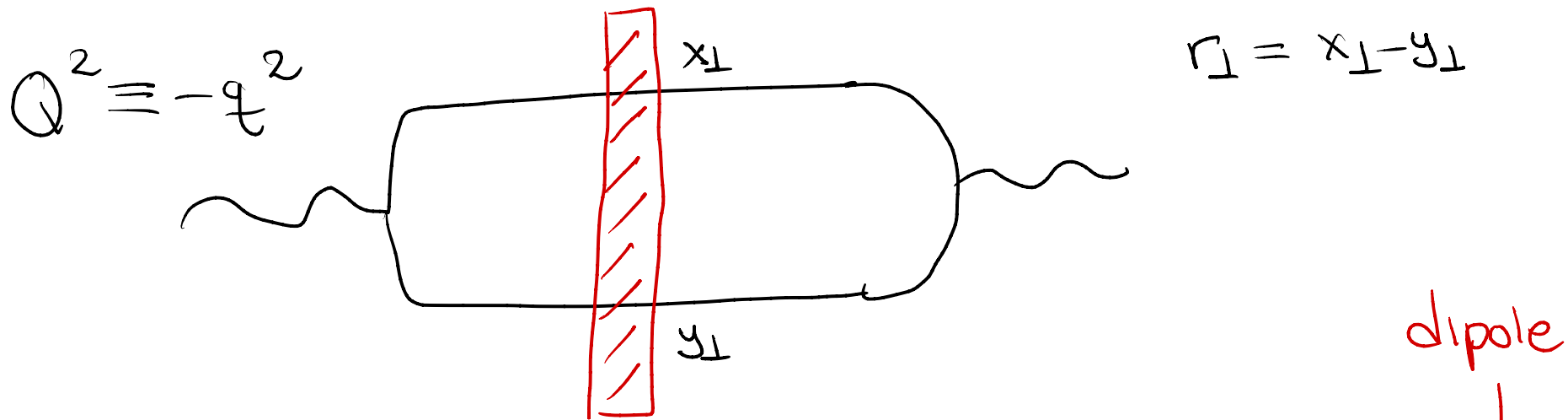
$Q_s^2$  increases with energy (RGE):  $Q_s^2 \sim X^{-\lambda}$   
 $\lambda \sim 0.3$

$Q_s^2$  increases with nuclear size:  $Q_s^2 \sim A^{1/3}$

# Deep inelastic scattering

$$\sigma_{DIS}(x, Q^2) \sim 2 \text{Im} [M^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow \gamma^* A}] \leftarrow \text{optical thm}$$

↑ forward scatt amplitude

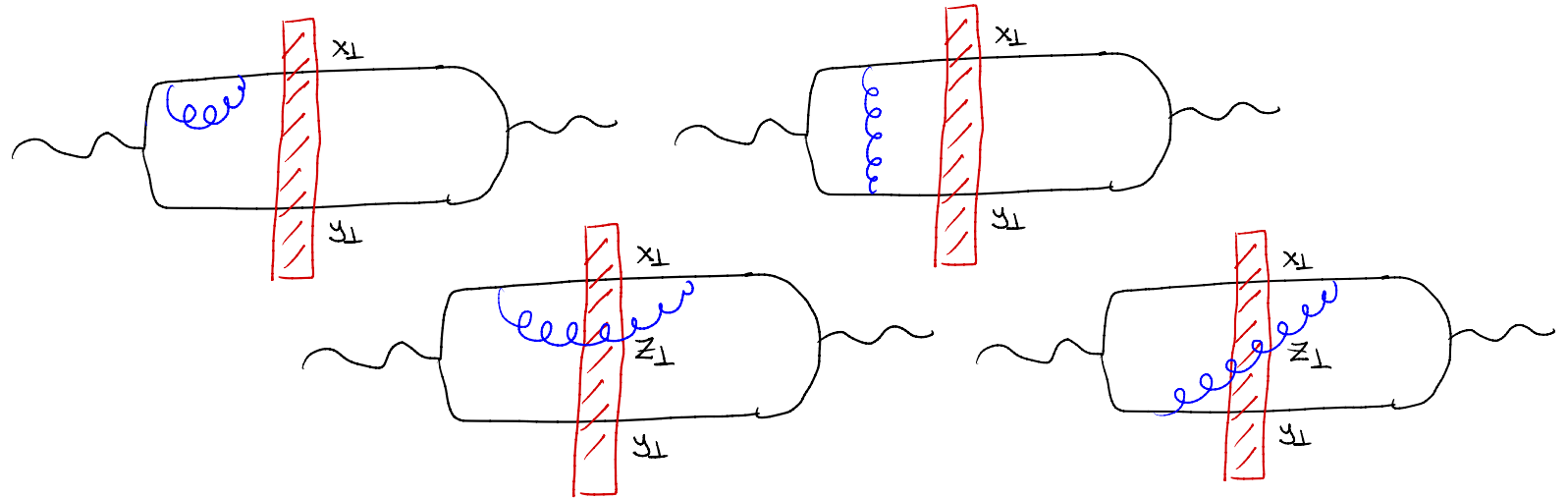


$$\text{Im}(M) = \int d^2 x_{\perp} d^2 y_{\perp} |\bar{\Psi}(Q, z_0, r_{\perp})|^2 \underbrace{[1 - S_y^{(2)}(x_{\perp}, y_{\perp})]}_{\equiv T_y(x_{\perp}, y_{\perp})}$$

$\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$   
↑ QED

RG evolution: gluons with momentum  $\Lambda_0^+ < k_g^+ \leftrightarrow k_g^- < \Lambda_0^-$   
 are accounted by sources, but large corrections of type  $\alpha_s \ln(q^-/\Lambda_0^-)$   
 in high energy limit  $q^- \gg \Lambda_0^-$

$$\int_{\Lambda_0^-}^{q^-} \frac{dk_g^-}{k_g^-}$$



$$\frac{\partial S_y(x_\perp, y_\perp)}{\partial y} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 z_\perp \frac{(x_\perp - y_\perp)^2}{(x_\perp - z_\perp)^2 (y_\perp - z_\perp)^2}$$

BK-equation

$$y = \ln(k_g^-/\Lambda_0^-)$$

$$[S_y(x_\perp, z_\perp) S_y(y_\perp, z_\perp) - S_y(x_\perp, y_\perp)]$$

Recover BFKL  $S \rightarrow 1 - T$  &  $T \ll 1$

# Dipole amplitude

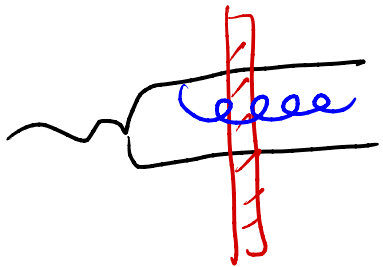
$T_y(x_{\perp}, y_{\perp})$

after small- $x$   
evolution  
scattering  
becomes  
stronger

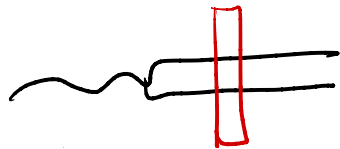
← initial condition

$r_{\perp} = x_{\perp} - y_{\perp}$

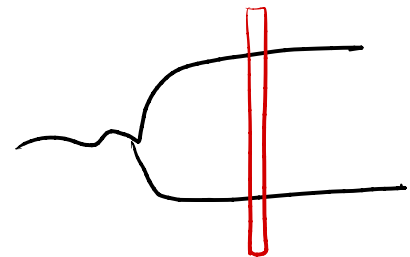
$1/Q_s$



$q\bar{q}g$   
scatters  
more strongly



scatters weakly

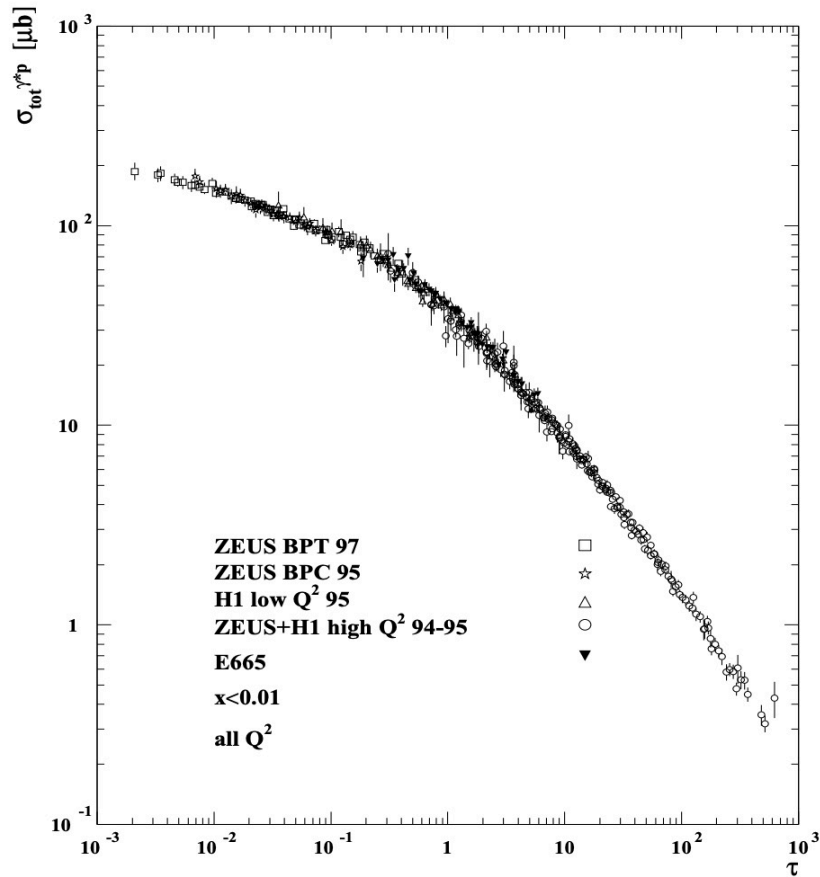


scatters strongly

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# Confronting DIS with HERA

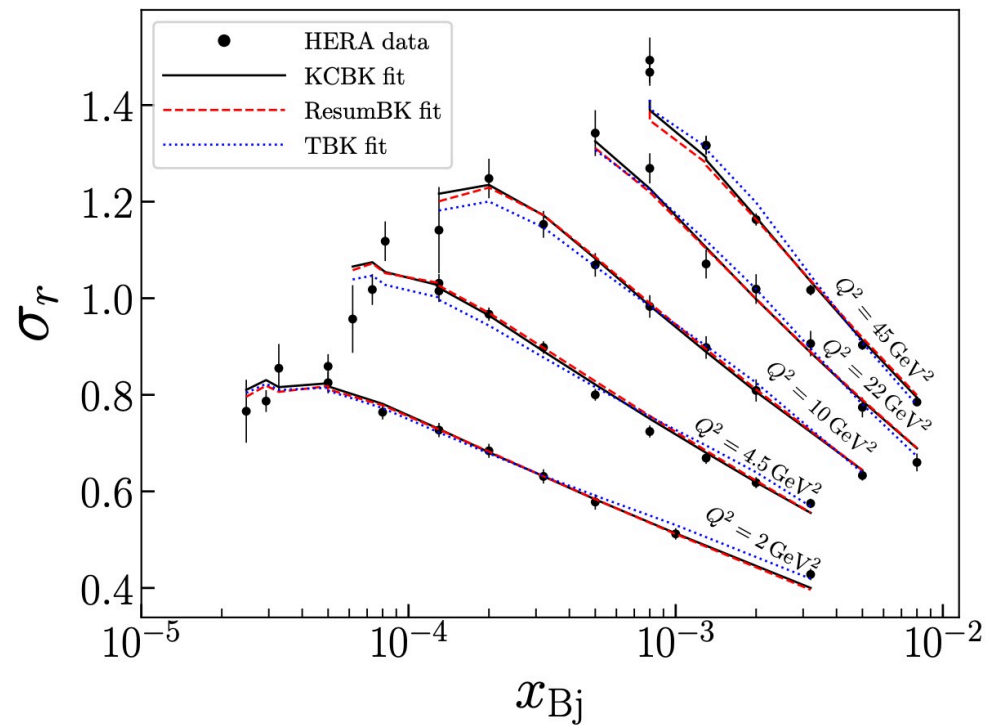
geometric scaling



$$\tau = Q^2 / Q_s^2(x)$$

Stasto et al (2000)

## Reduced structure function



Hänninen et al (2020)

# II) CGC-TMD Correspondence (gluon TMDs)

Semi-inclusive dijet production in DIS

$$\gamma^*(q) + A(P_A) \rightarrow q(P_1) + \bar{q}(P_2)$$

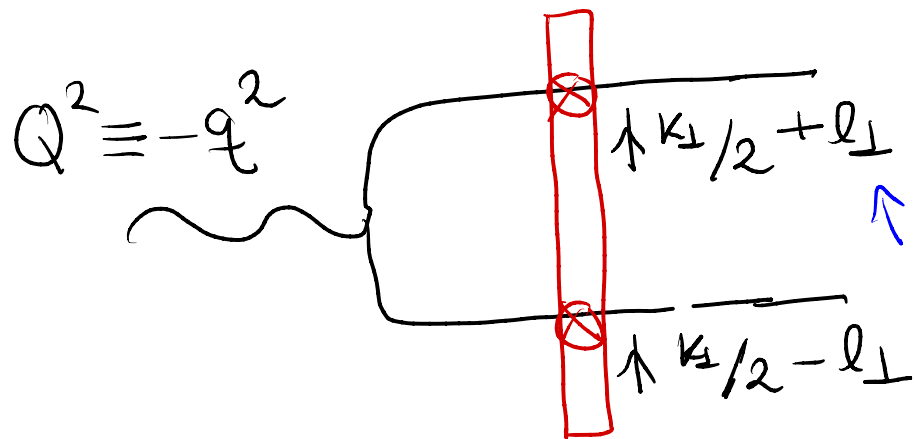
$$S = (P_A + q)^2$$

$$K_{\perp}, P_{\perp}, Q \ll \sqrt{S}$$

high energy  
limit kinematics

$$K_{\perp} \equiv P_{1\perp} + P_{2\perp}$$

$$P_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{1\perp} - P_{2\perp})$$



loop momentum  
due to multiple scattering

c.c. amplitude

$$d\sigma \sim \int d^2l_{\perp} d^2\tilde{l}_{\perp} \underbrace{H(P_{\perp}, Q; l_{\perp}, \tilde{l}_{\perp})}_{\text{pert computable}} \underbrace{G_Y(K_{\perp}; l_{\perp}, \tilde{l}_{\perp})}_{\text{correlator of Wilson lines}}$$

# Momentum space expansion

For kinematics  $k_{\perp}, Q_s \ll P_{\perp}, Q \ll \sqrt{s}$

$$\hookrightarrow l_{\perp} \sim l'_{\perp} \sim k_{\perp}, Q_s \ll P_{\perp}, Q$$

Taylor expansion around  $l_{\perp}, l'_{\perp}$

$$d\sigma \sim H_{dd'}(P_{\perp}, Q) \int d^2 l_{\perp} d^2 \tilde{l}_{\perp} l_{\perp}^{\alpha} l'_{\perp}{}^{\alpha'} G_{\gamma} (k_{\perp}; l_{\perp}, l'_{\perp})$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\gamma^* g \rightarrow g \bar{g}$   
hard factor

$G_{\gamma}^{dd'}(k_{\perp}) \leftarrow$  Weizsacker  
Williams  
gluon TMD

$$d\sigma \sim H(P_{\perp}, Q) G_{\gamma}(k_{\perp})$$

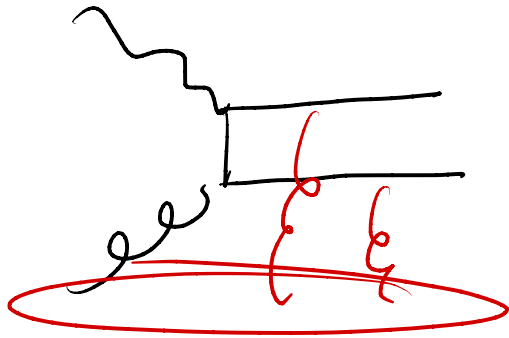
Knows about the physics of saturation  $Q_s$



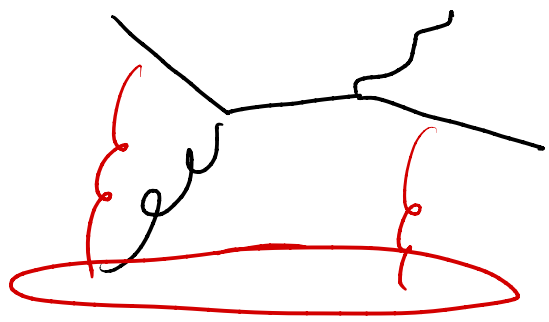
# A tale of two gluon distributions

Correspondence can be shown for other process e.g. photon + jet/hadron in pA

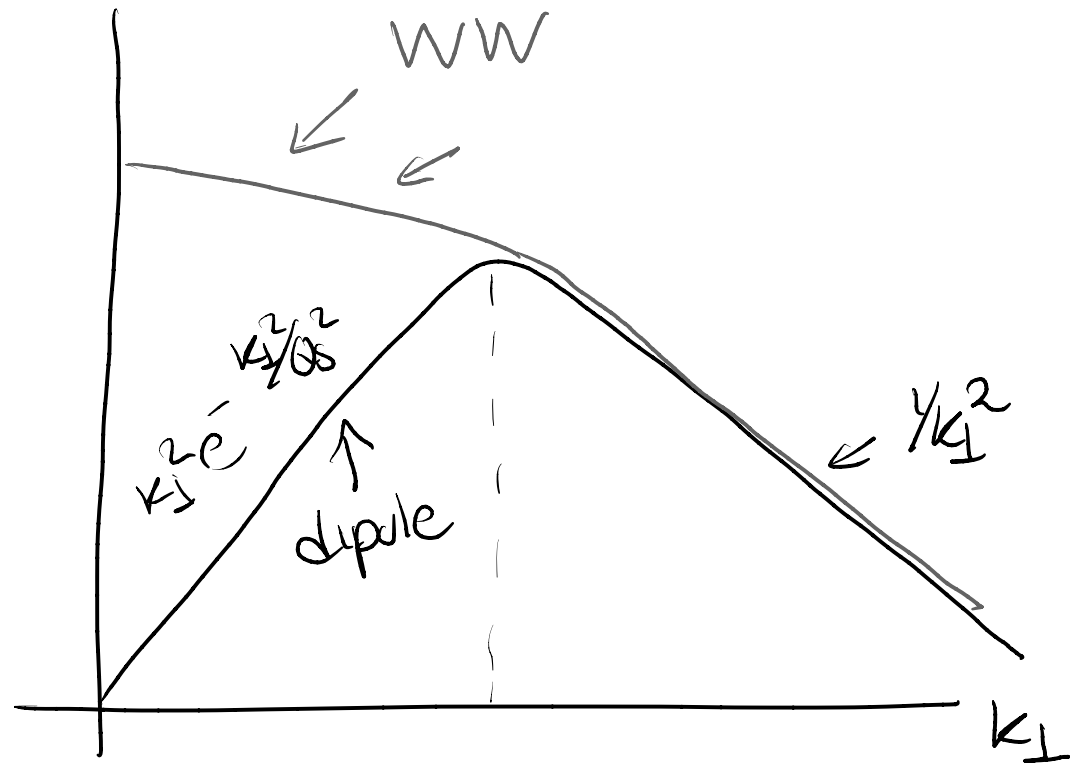
but another TMD distribution emerges: dipole-type



only final state interactions



both initial & final state



differ when  $k_{\perp} \lesssim Q_s$

# Dijet production @ NLO

One-loop correction will generate large logs

$$\alpha_s \ln(S/P_{\perp}^2) \leftarrow \text{small-}x \text{ log}$$

$$\alpha_s \ln^2(P_{\perp}^2/k_{\perp}^2) \leftarrow \text{Sudakov log}$$

resums  
Sudakov  
↓

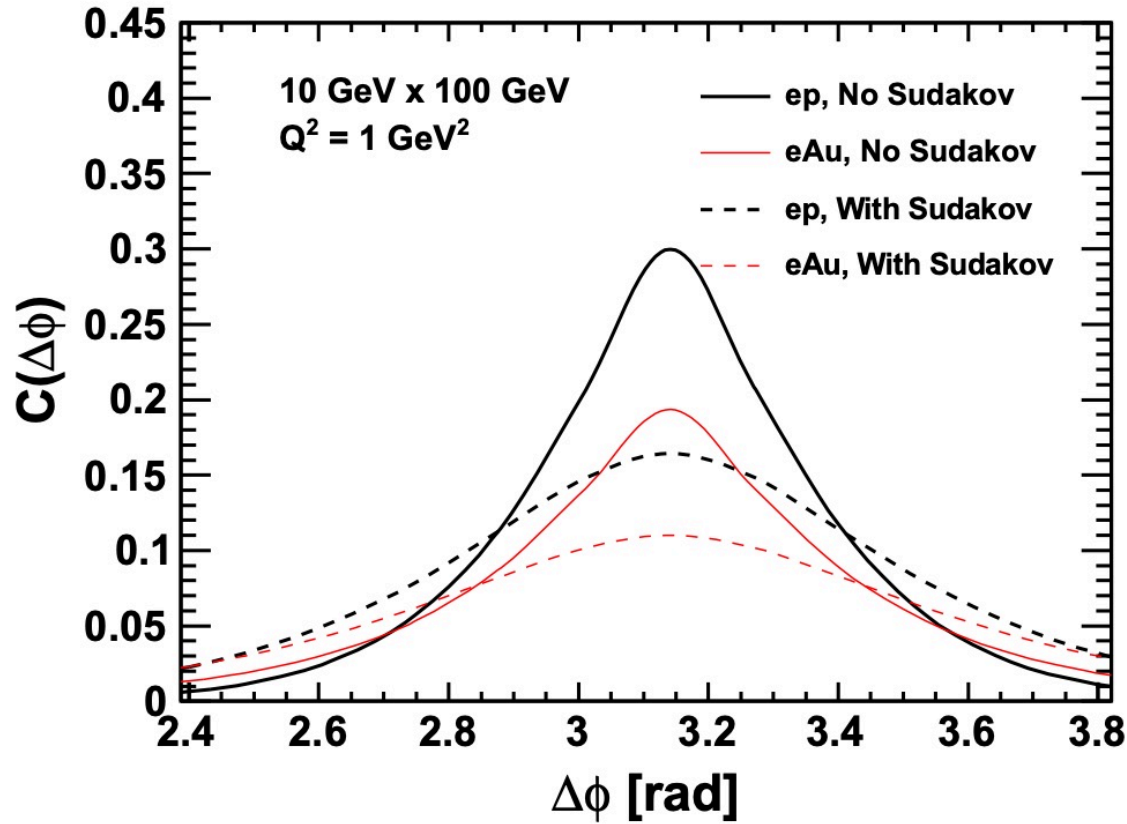
$$d\sigma \sim H(P_{\perp}, Q) G_Y(k_{\perp}) \otimes e^{-\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \ln^2(P_{\perp}^2/k_{\perp}^2)}$$

↑ resums small- $x$  log

For full NLO see Caucal, FS, Schenke, Stebel, Venugopalan (2023)

needed to impose kinematic constraint  
in small- $x$  evolution

# Pheno : dihadron production @ EIC



Aschenauer et (2014)

$\Delta\phi$  azimuthal angle  
between hadrons

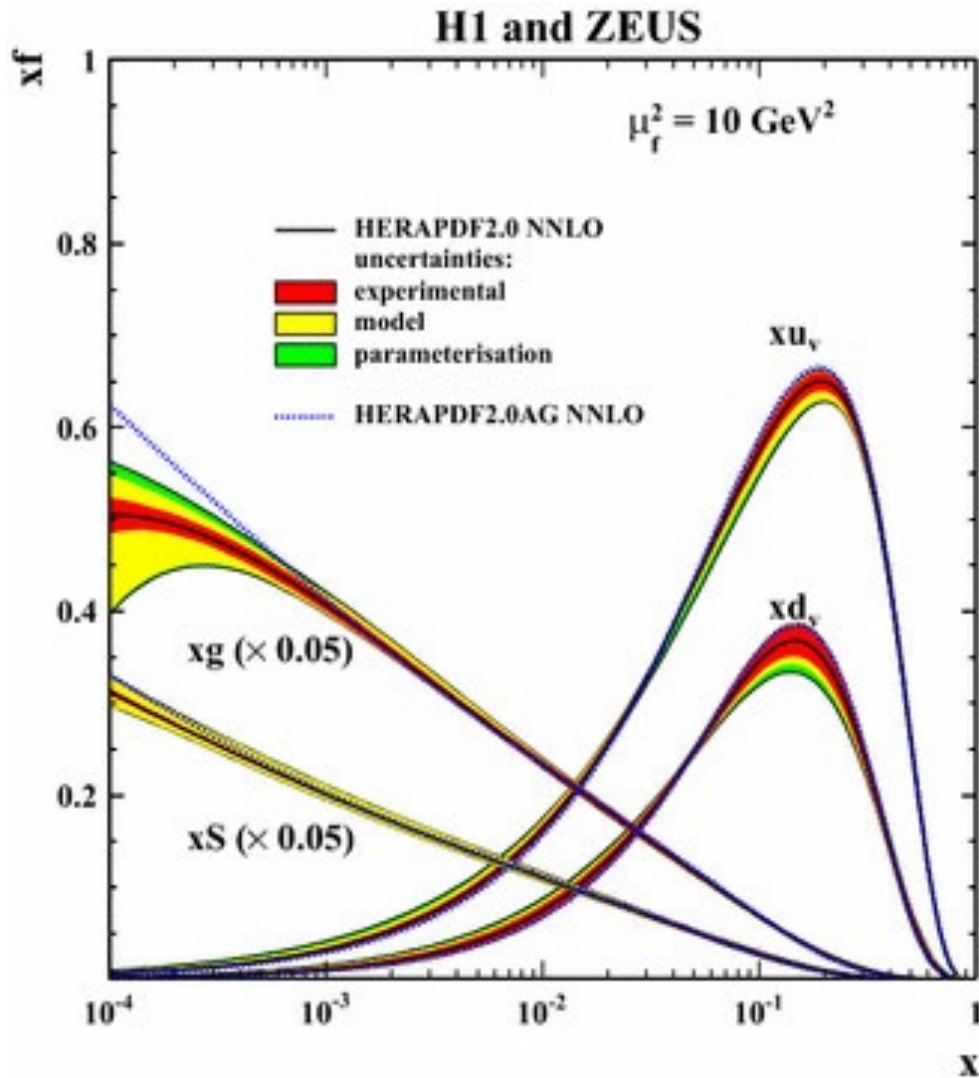
$$C(\Delta\phi) = \frac{\text{two-part-corr}}{\text{trigger}}$$

decorrelation due  
to saturation

we expect further  
decorrelation @ lower- $x$   
/ higher energies

Focal?

# III ) Where are sea quarks ?



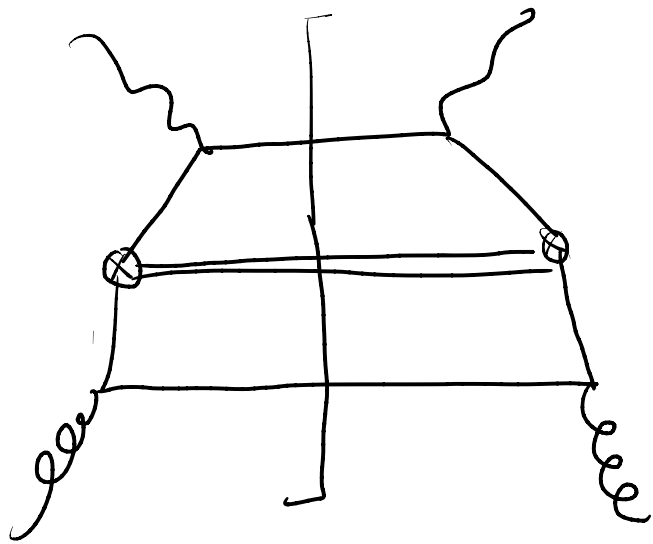
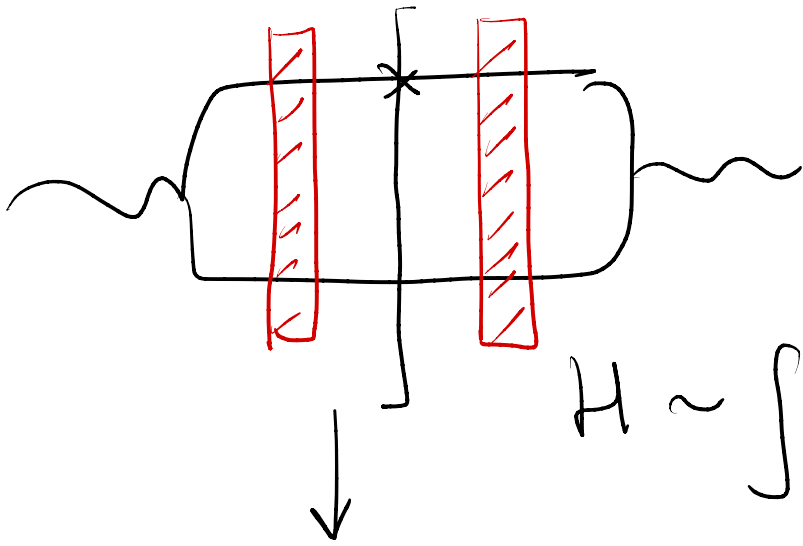
Sea quarks are numerous too @ low-x they come from splitting of low-x gluons

$$g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$$

So where are they in the shockwave?

Do we need to introduce a quark background field?

# SIDIS



$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d^2k_{\perp}} \sim \int d^2l_{\perp} F_Y(l_{\perp}) H(k_{\perp}, l_{\perp}, Q)$$

↑  
fourier transform of dipole

$$H \sim \int_0^1 dz [z^2 + (1-z)^2] \left| \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^2 + z(1-z)Q^2} - \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp} - \vec{l}_{\perp}}{(k_{\perp} - l_{\perp})^2 + z(1-z)Q^2} \right|^2$$

Study limit  $k_{\perp}, Q_S \ll Q \ll \sqrt{S}$

Controlled by end point  $1-z \sim k_{\perp}/Q \ll 1$

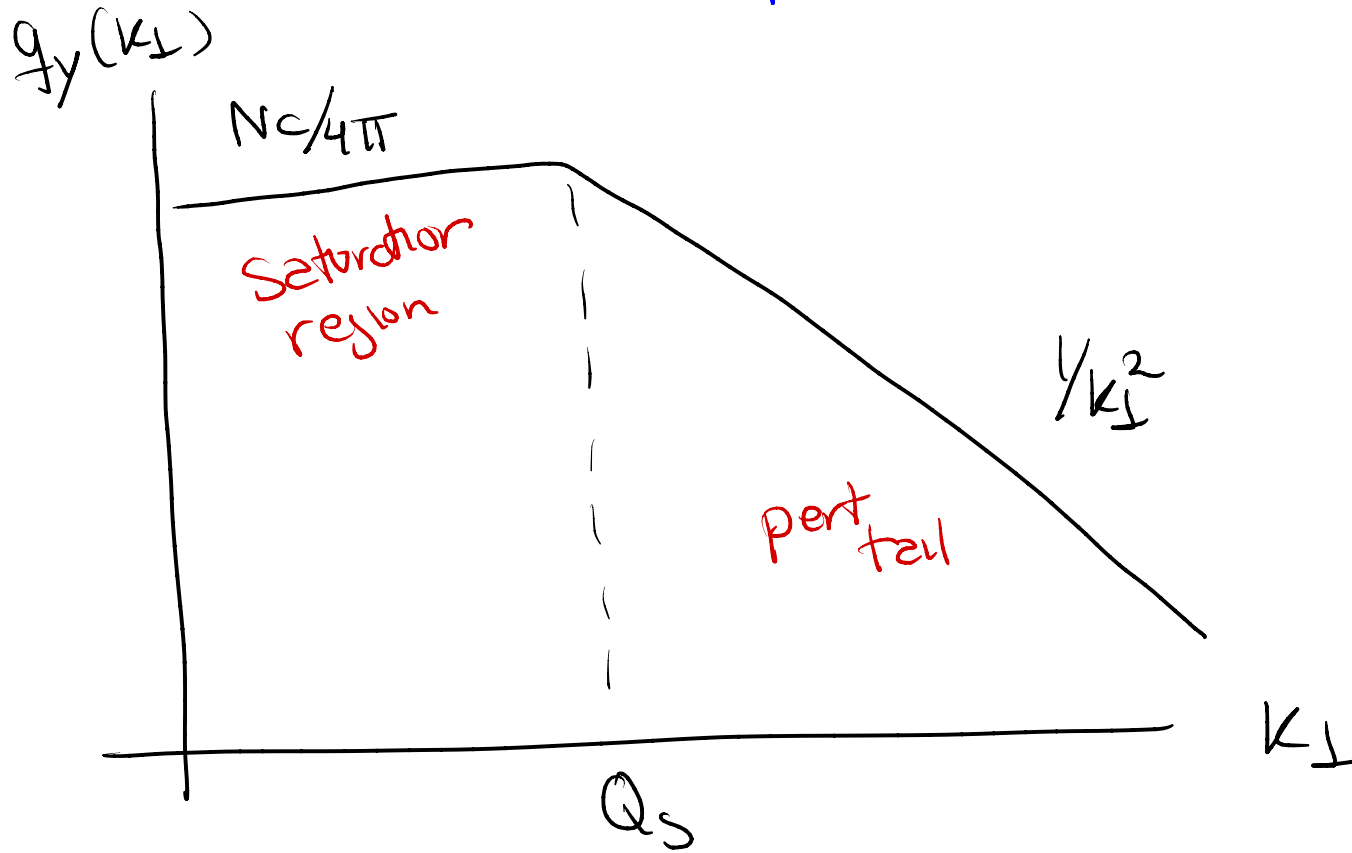
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d^2k_{\perp}^2} = H^{q \rightarrow q} (Q) f_Y(k_{\perp})$$

see ↑ quark TMD

# Sea quark TMD from small-x gluons

$$g_T(k_\perp) \sim \int d^2l_\perp F_T(l_\perp) \left[ 1 - \frac{k_\perp \cdot (k_\perp - l_\perp)}{(k_\perp^2 - (k_\perp - l_\perp)^2)} \ln \left( \frac{k_\perp^2}{(k_\perp - l_\perp)^2} \right) \right]$$

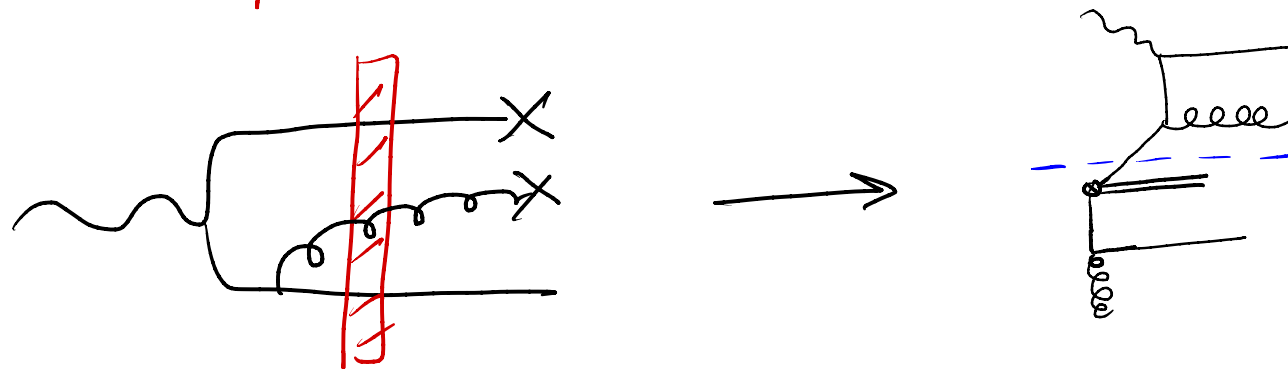
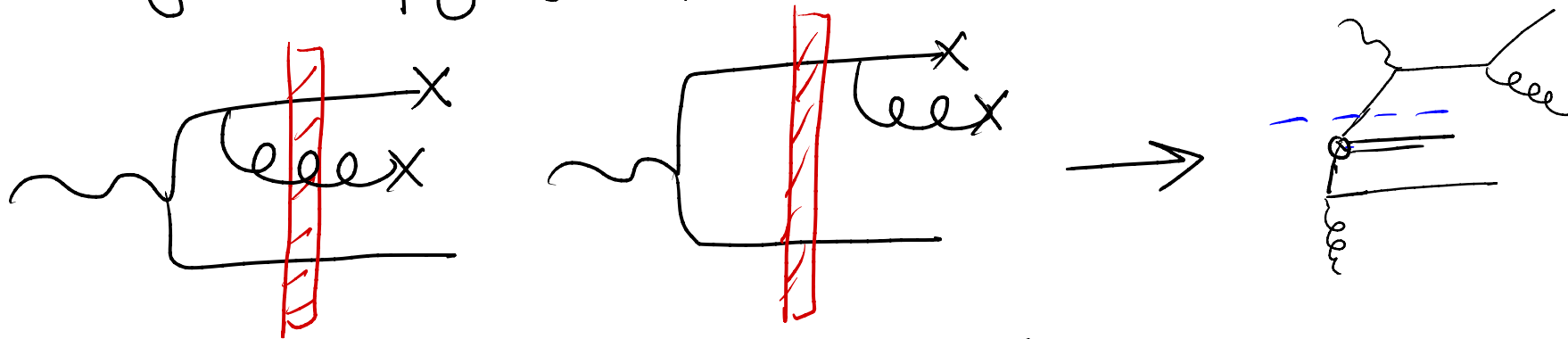
↑ dipole



# Two-particle correlations

We proved these correspondences for all two-particle correlations involving one photon

E.g.  $qg$  jet production in DIS when  $qg$  are back-to-back

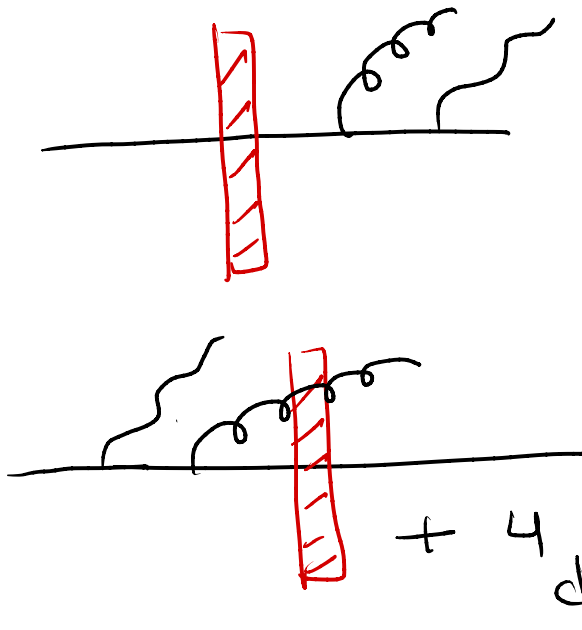


$$d\sigma \sim H(y_q^* \rightarrow qg) f_y(k_T)$$

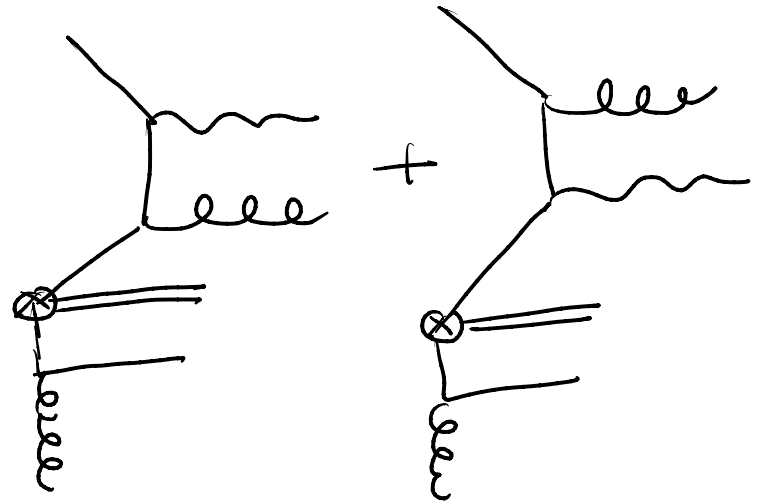
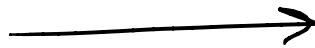
Same sea-quark TMD as SIDIS

# Process dependence

gluon jet + photon production in pA



when  $g$  &  $\gamma$   
are back-to-back



$$d\sigma \sim H^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma g} (P_{\perp}) g_{\gamma}^{(2)}(k_{\perp})$$

both initial & final state interactions

$$g_{\gamma}^{(2)}(k_{\perp}) = g_{\gamma}(k_{\perp}) \otimes F(k_{\perp})$$

gauge link structure consistent with Bomhof et al (2006)



# Summary

- ① Rich correspondence between CGC-TMD
- ② Two-particle azimuthal decorrelation a consequence of saturation. Need to study energy, rapidity, nuclear size dependence: RHIC, LHC, EIC
- ③ Extend CGC-TMD correspondence to sea-quark initiated channels

