

Ultra-forward particle production from CGC+Lund fragmentation

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(coming soon on PRD)

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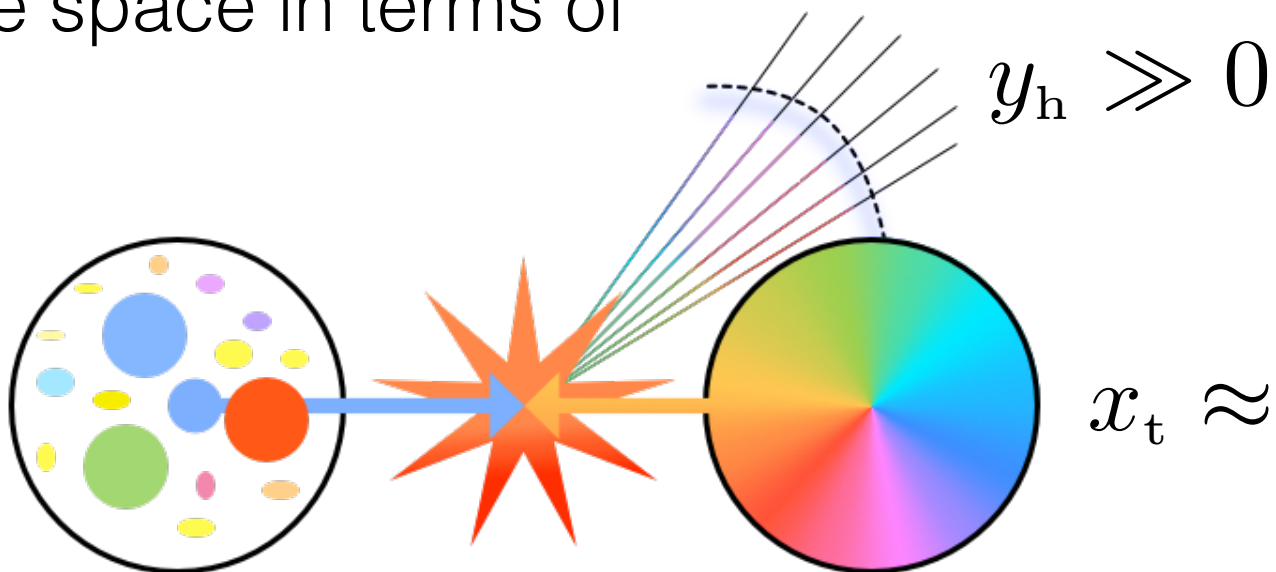
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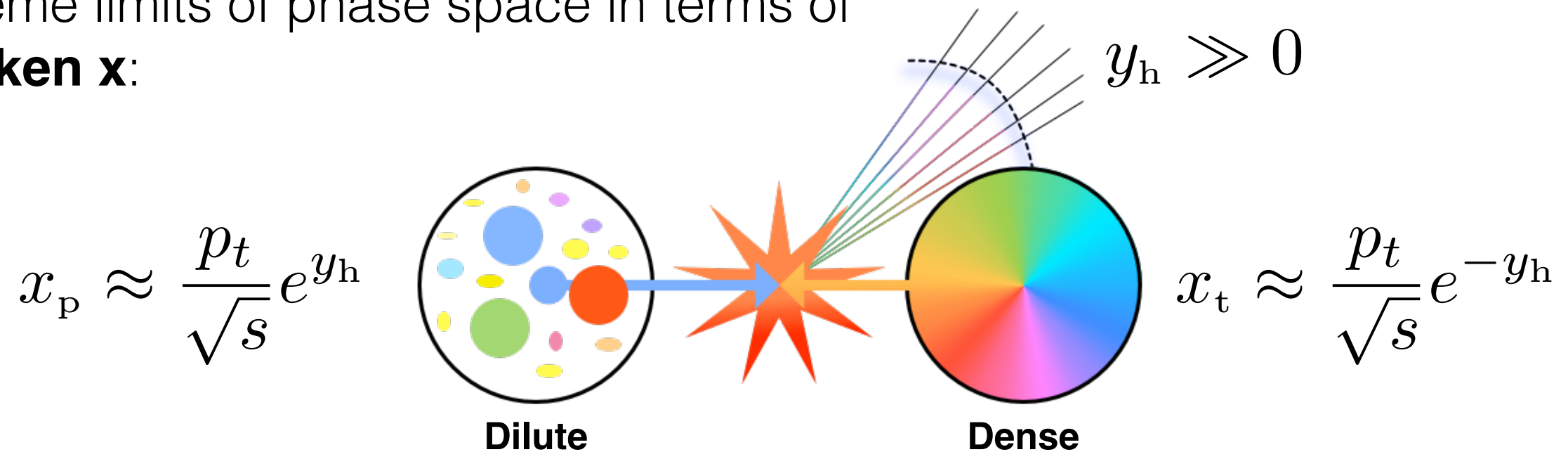
$$x_p \approx \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{s}} e^{y_h} \quad \text{and} \quad x_t \approx \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y_h}$$


The diagram illustrates a high-energy collision in the forward region. On the left, a circle represents a target nucleus containing several colored dots (blue, green, yellow, orange, purple). A blue arrow points from this nucleus towards a central collision point, which is depicted as a starburst. To the right of the collision point is another circle representing a projectile nucleus, filled with a rainbow gradient. Multiple colored lines (blue, green, yellow, orange, purple) radiate from the collision point towards the projectile nucleus. A dashed arc above the projectile nucleus indicates a specific angular region, with the label $y_h \gg 0$ next to it.

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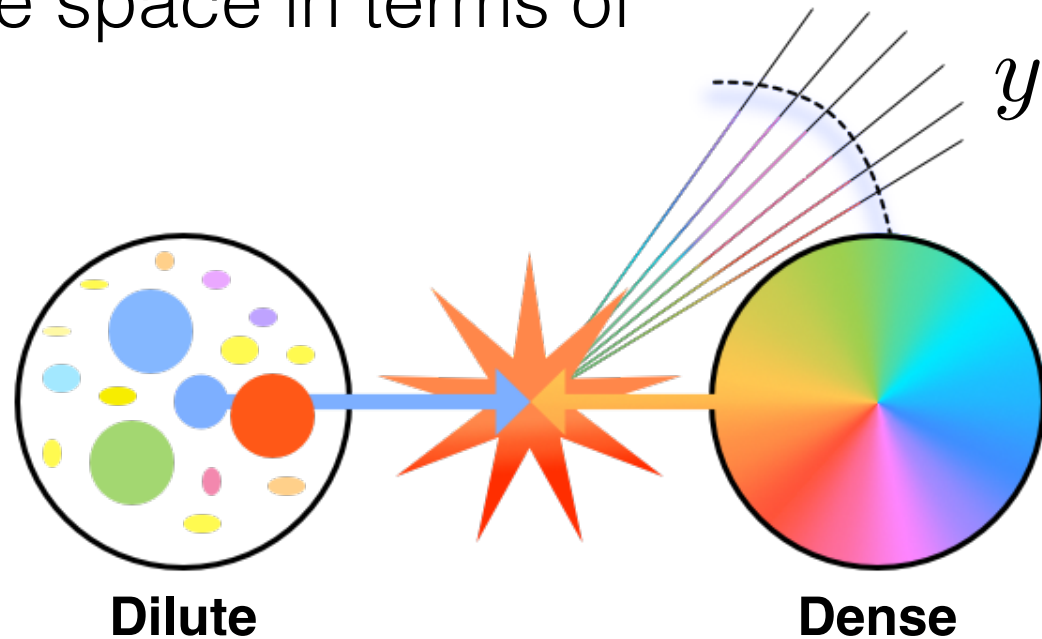
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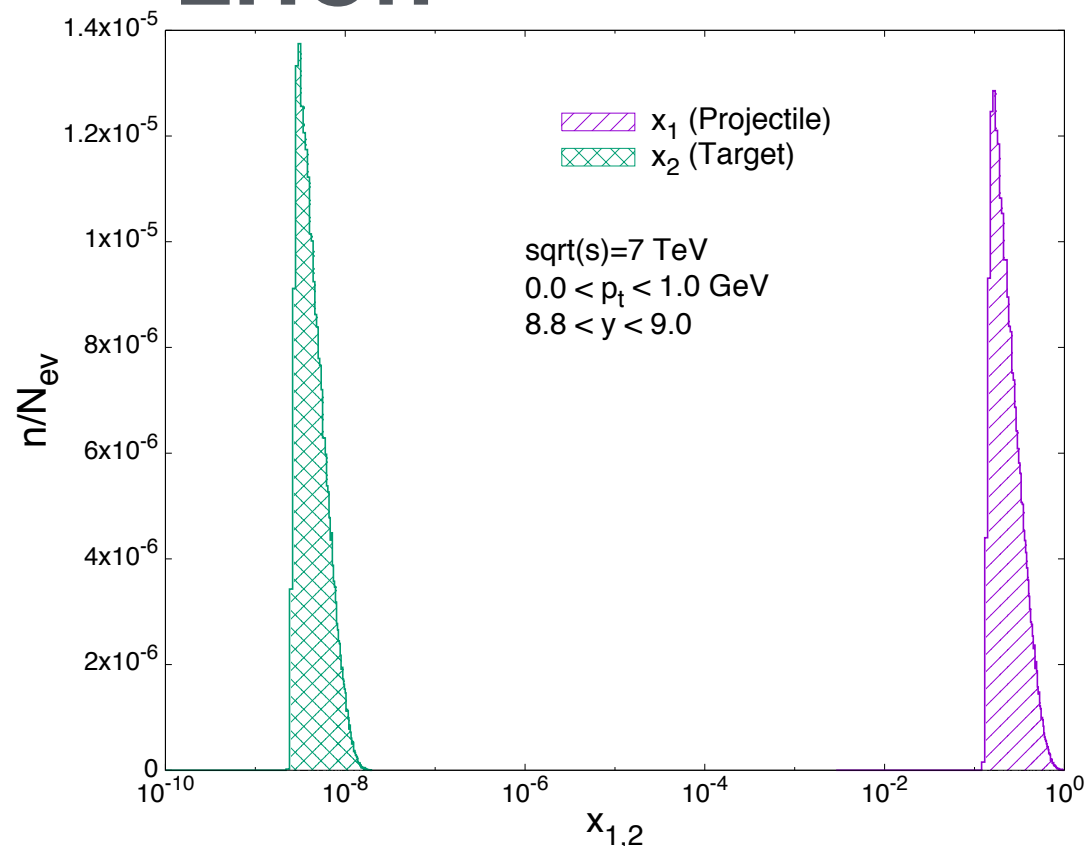
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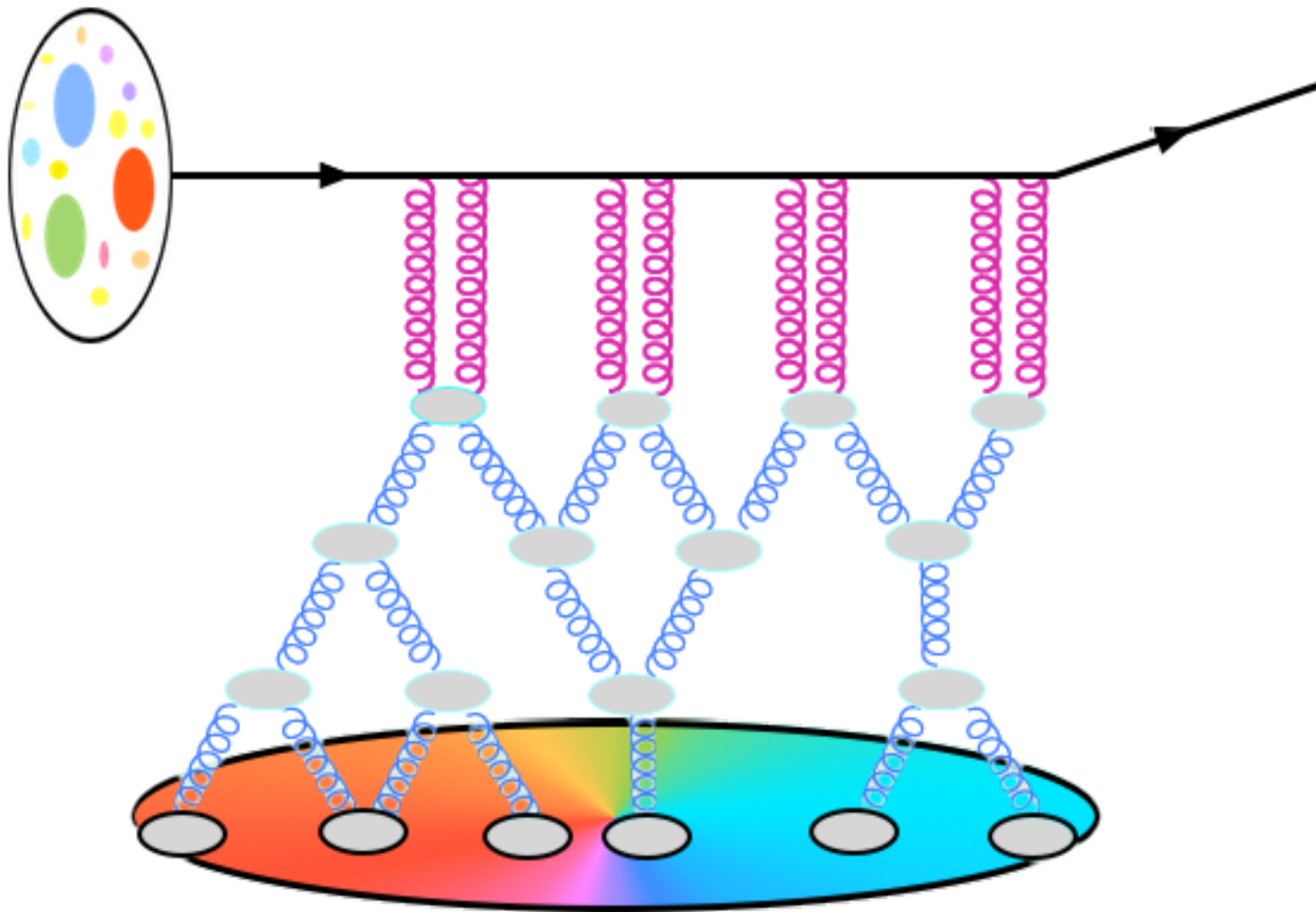
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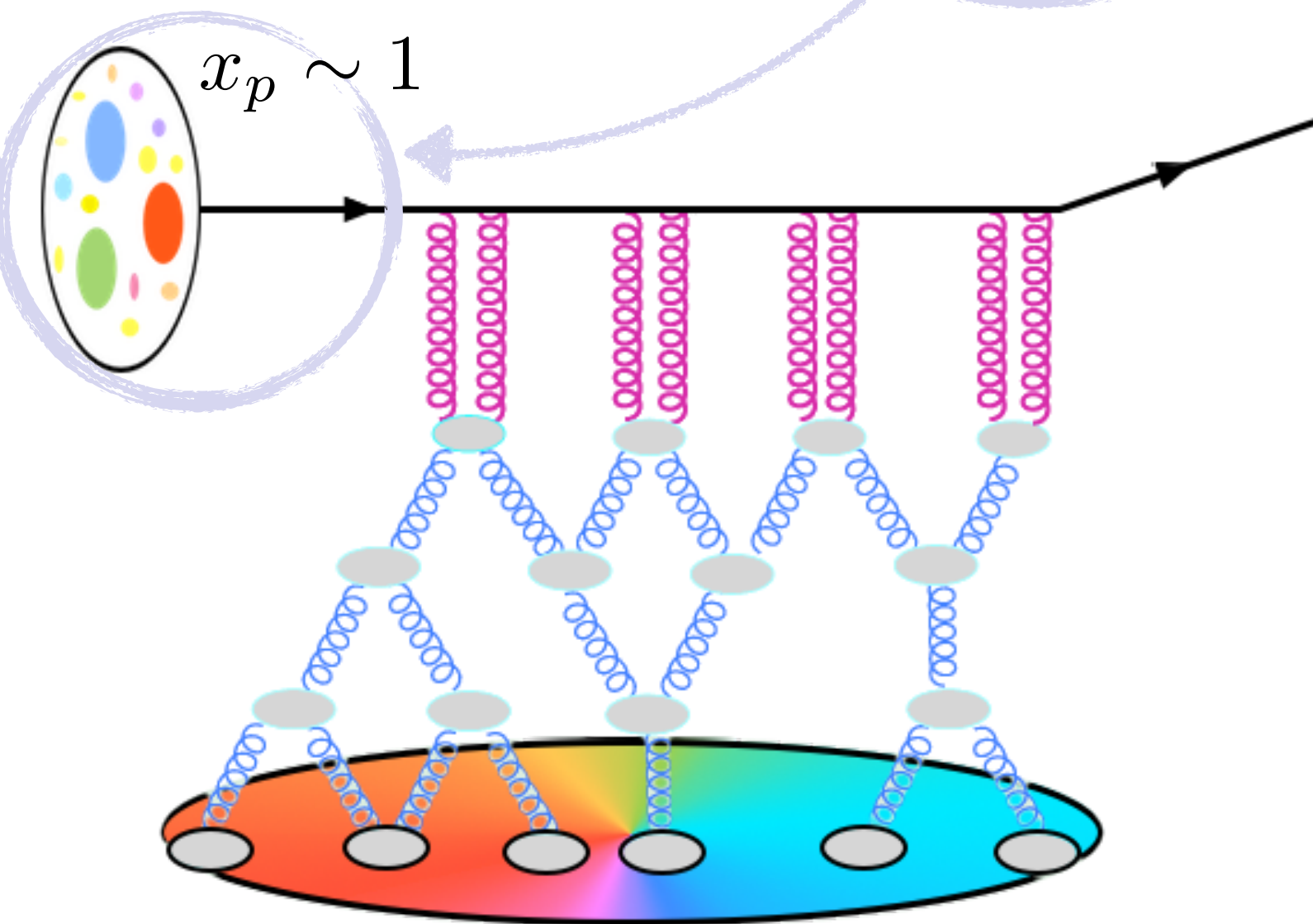
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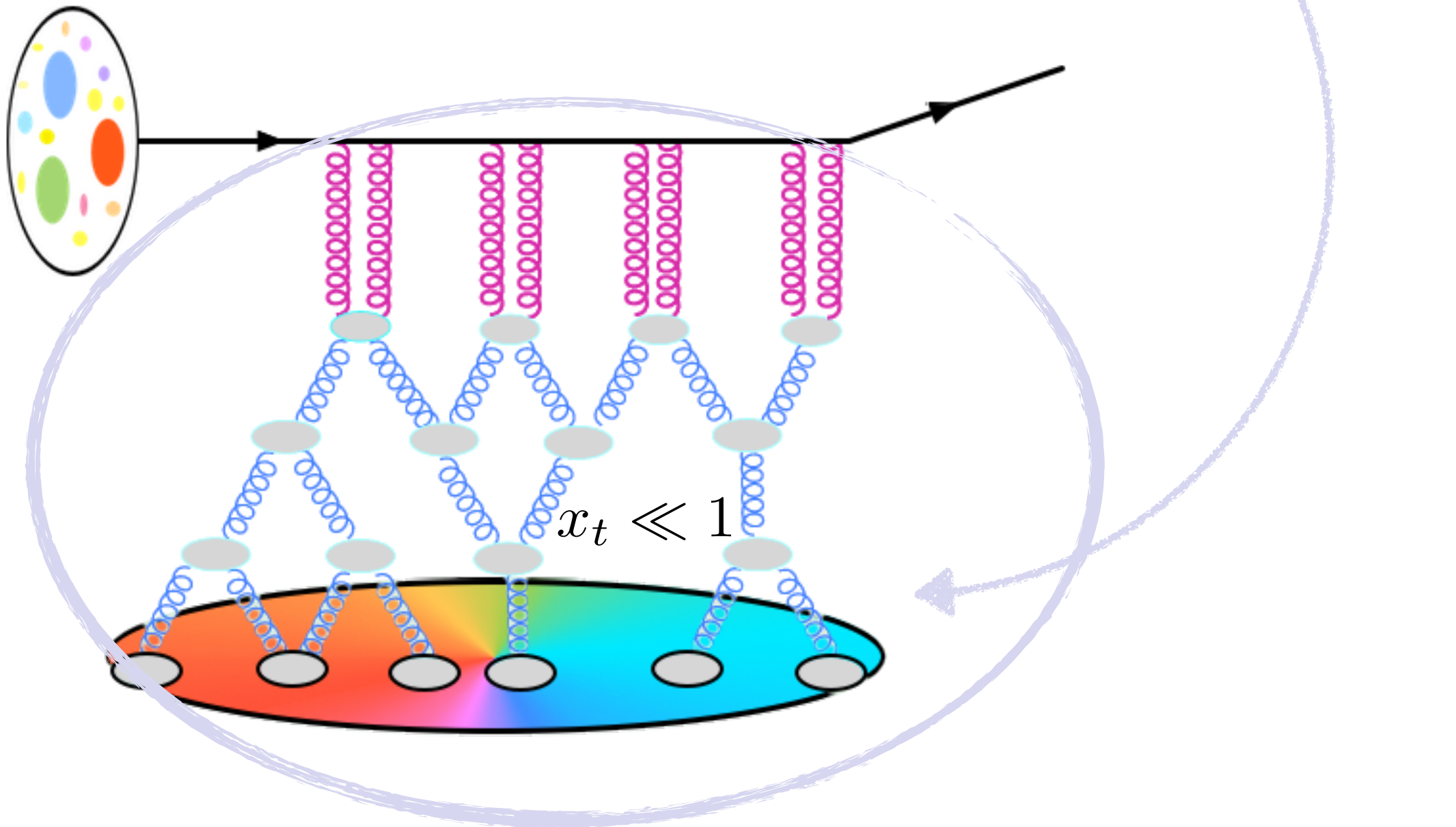
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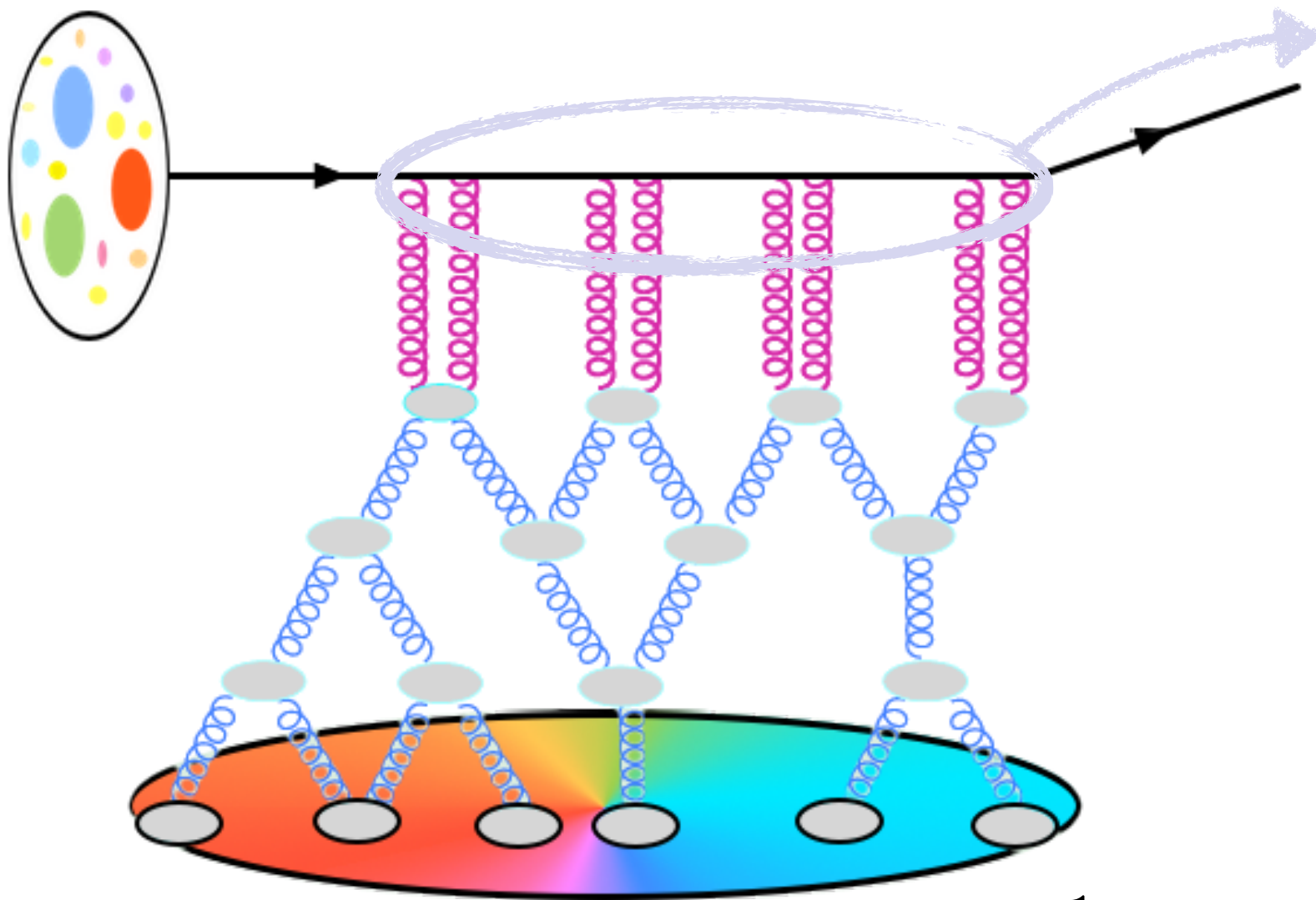
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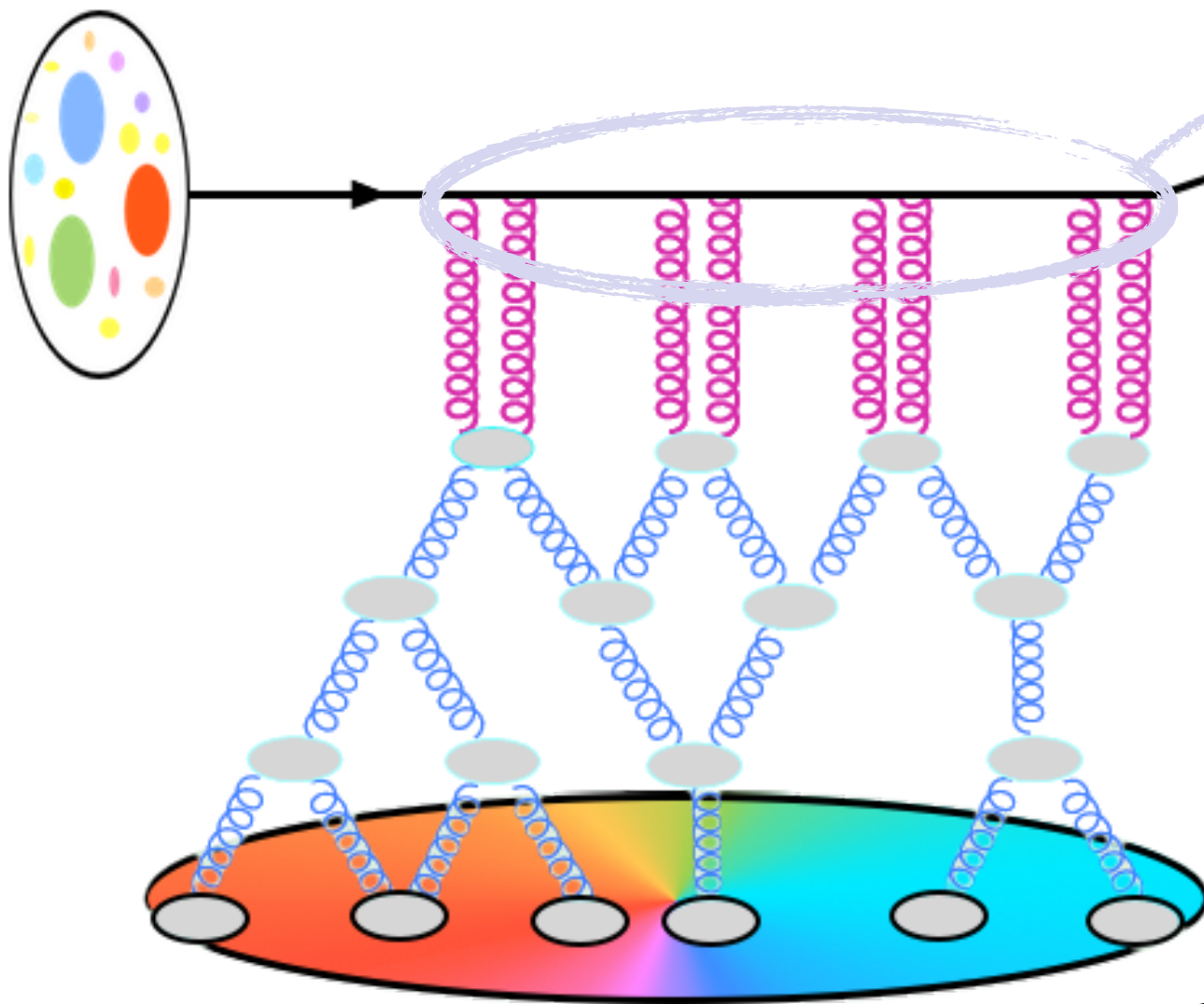
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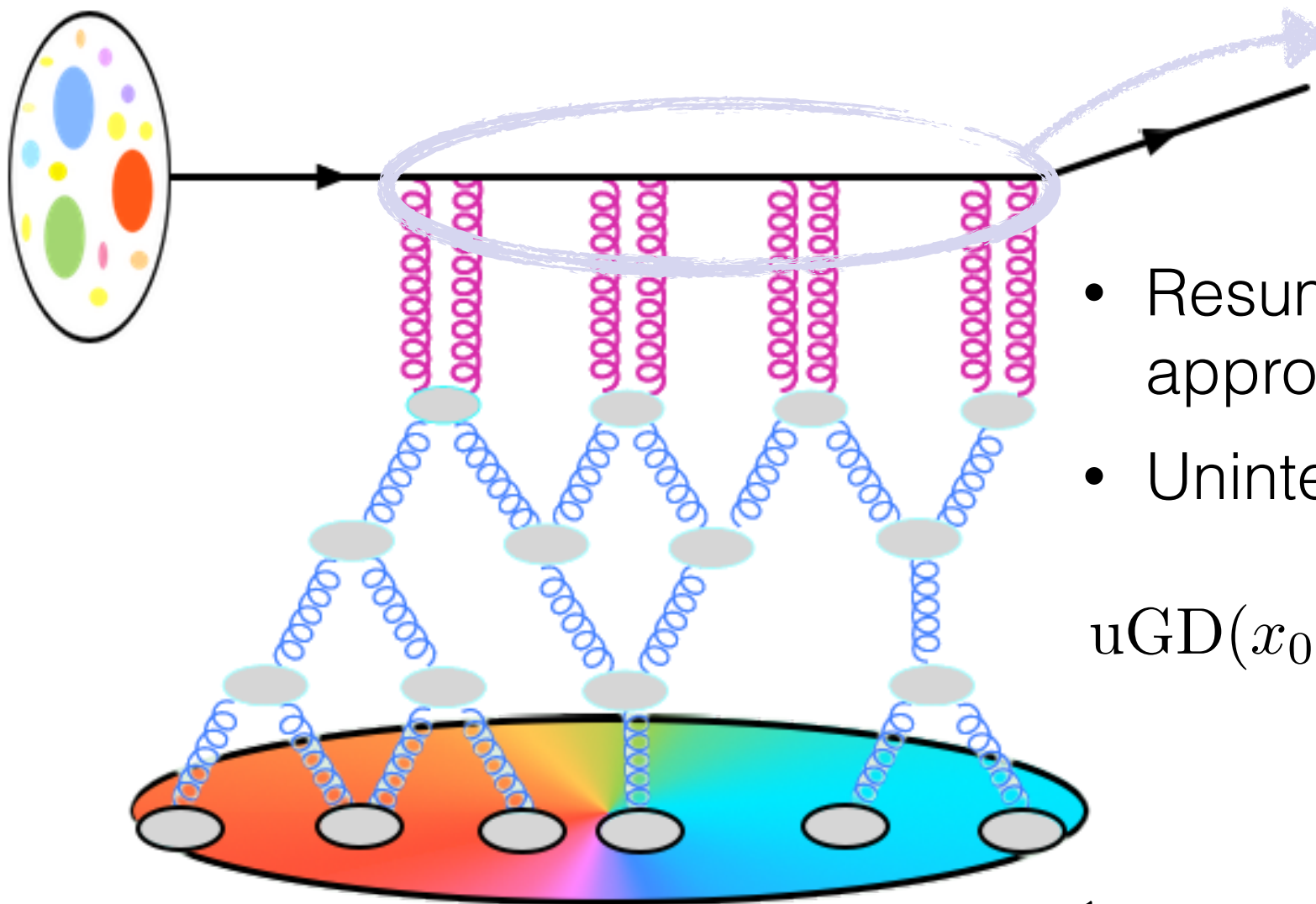
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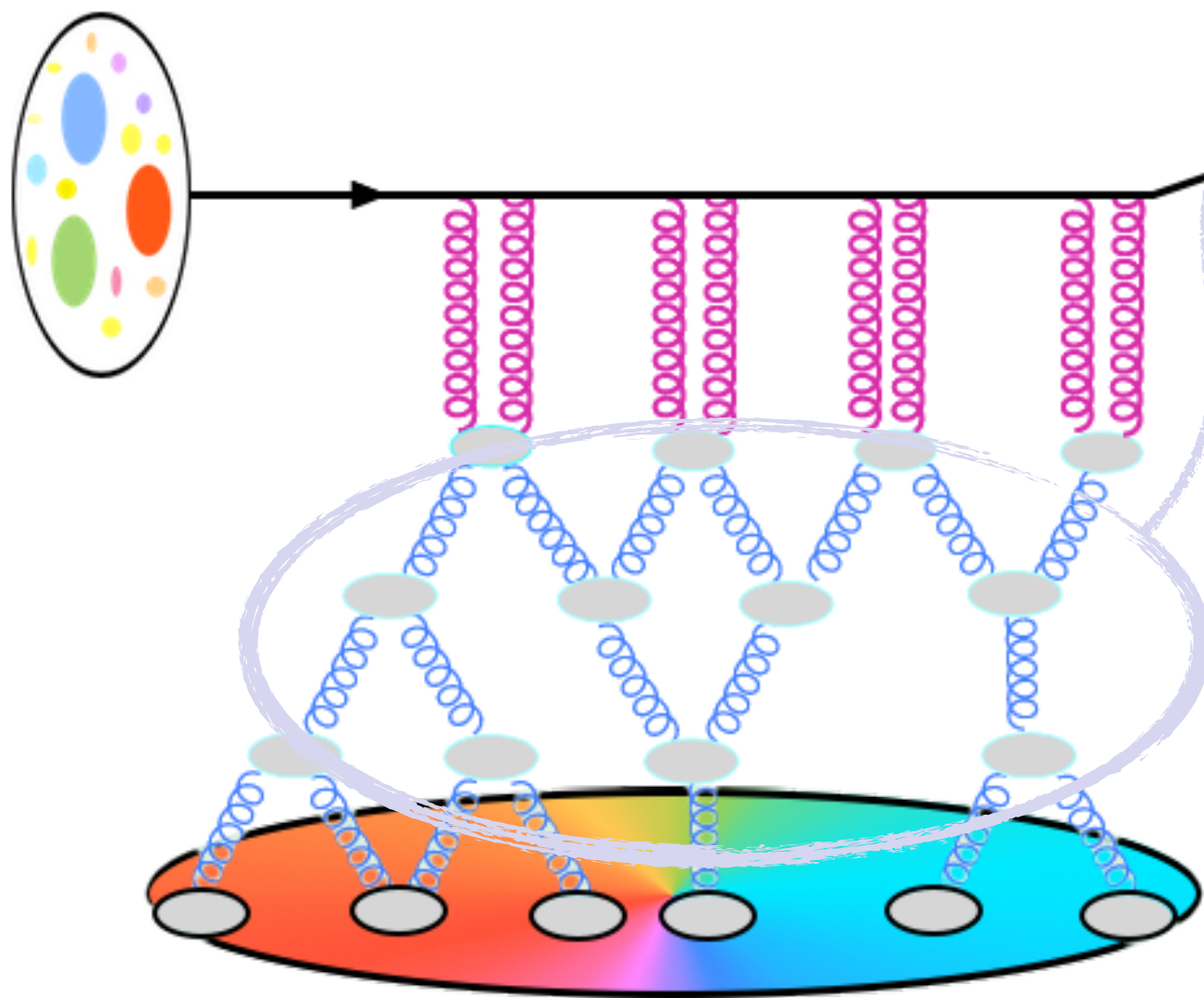
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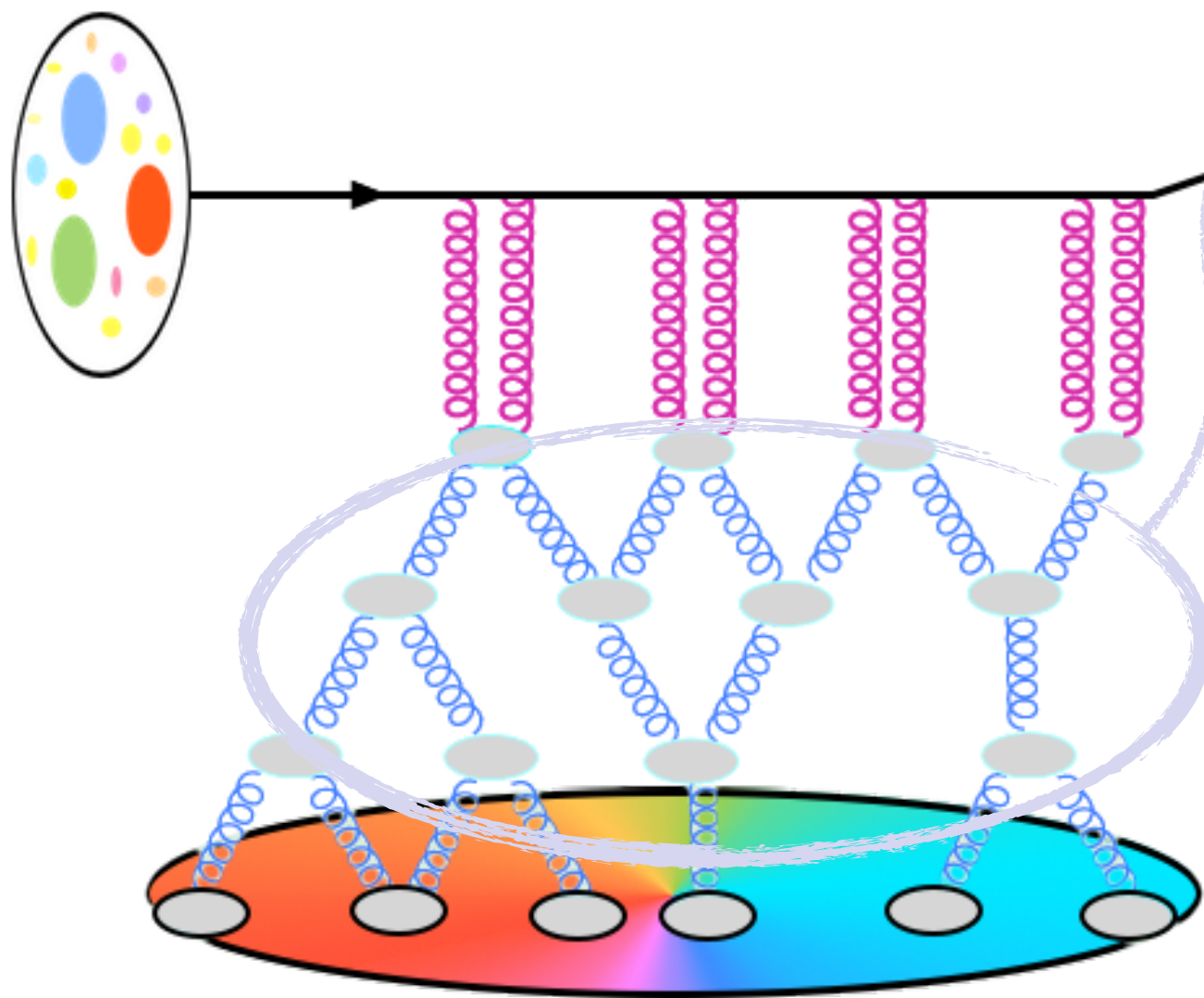
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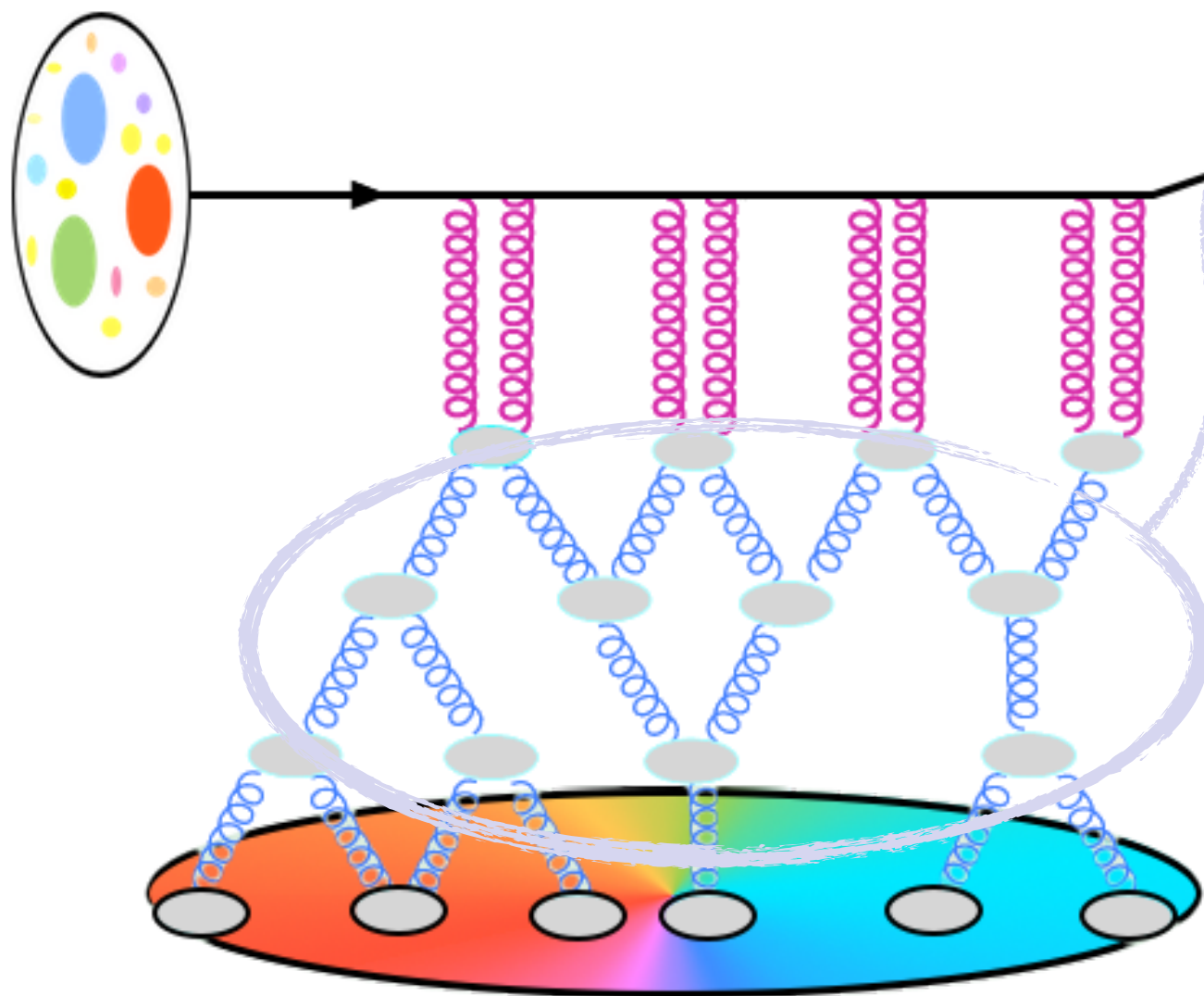
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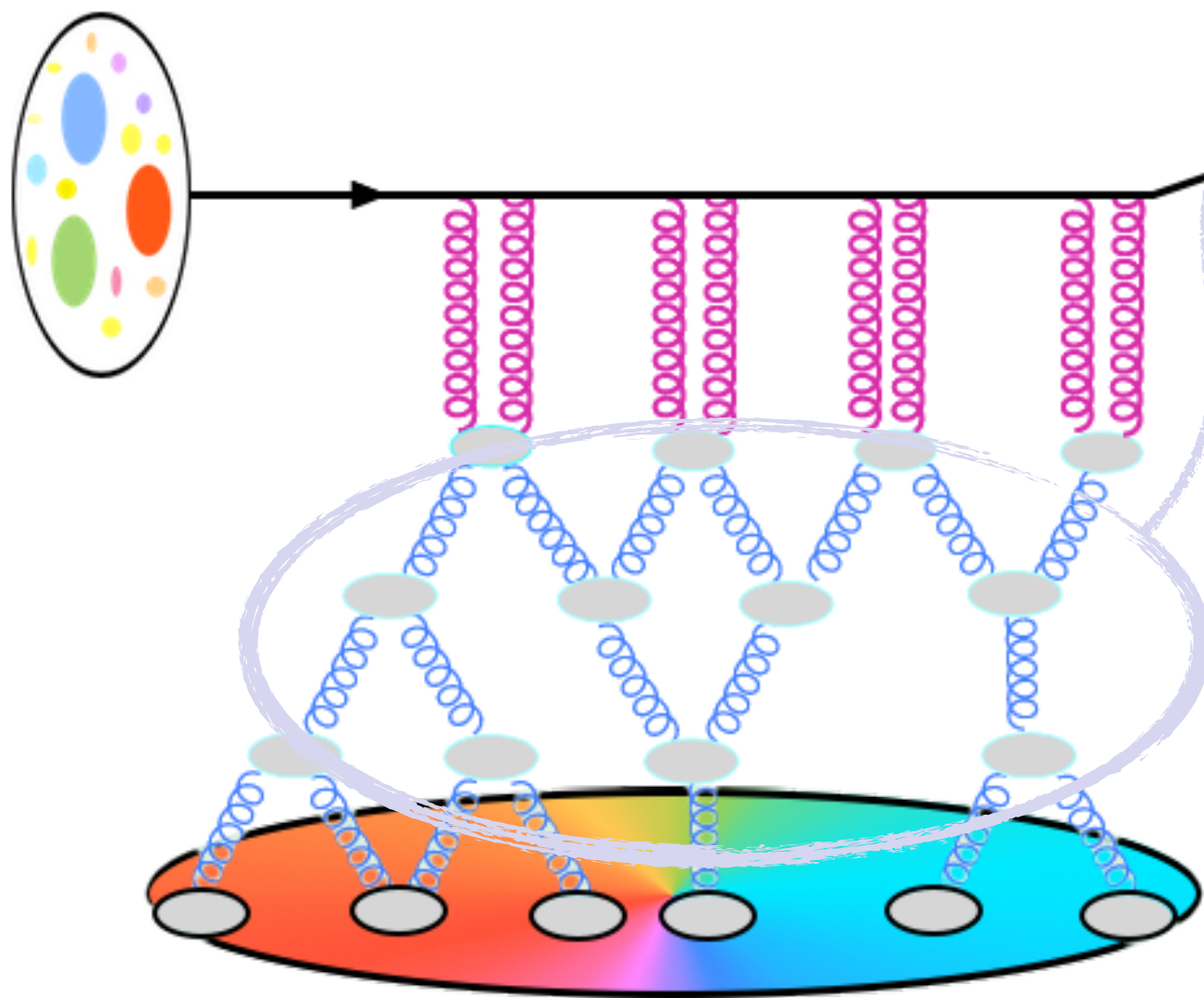
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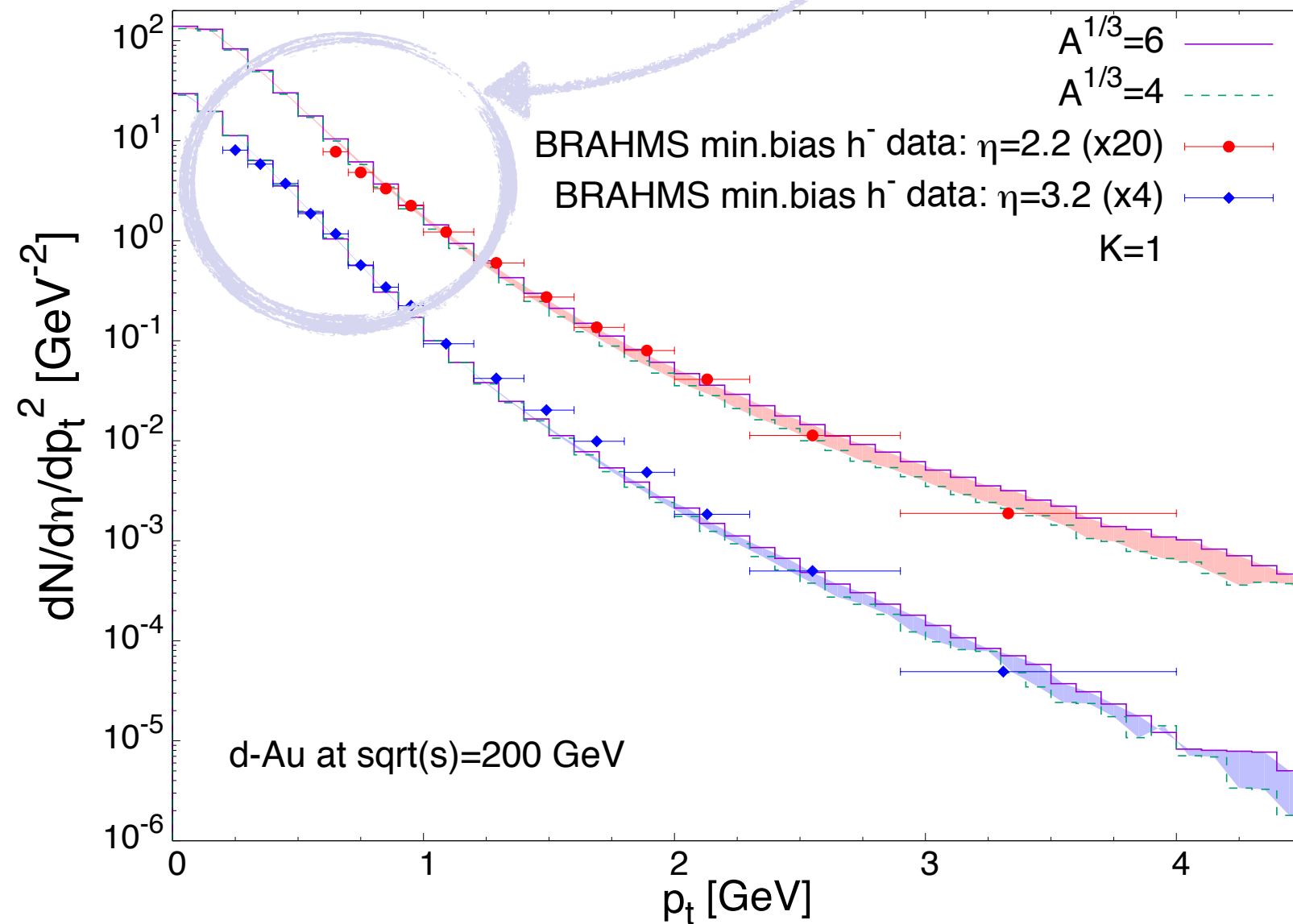
$$Q_{s0,nucleus}^2 = A^{1/3} Q_{s0,proton}^2$$

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Oomph factor

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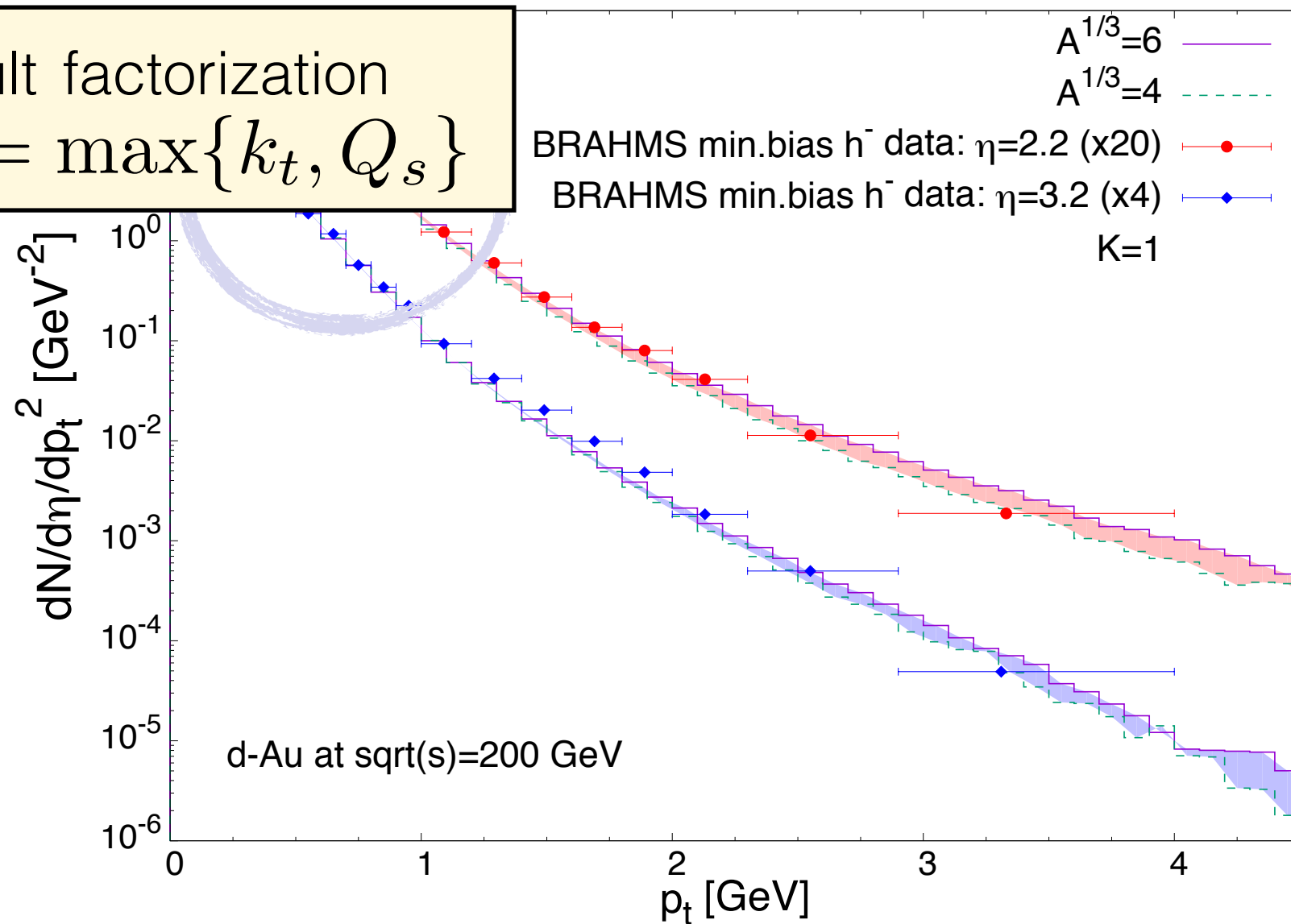
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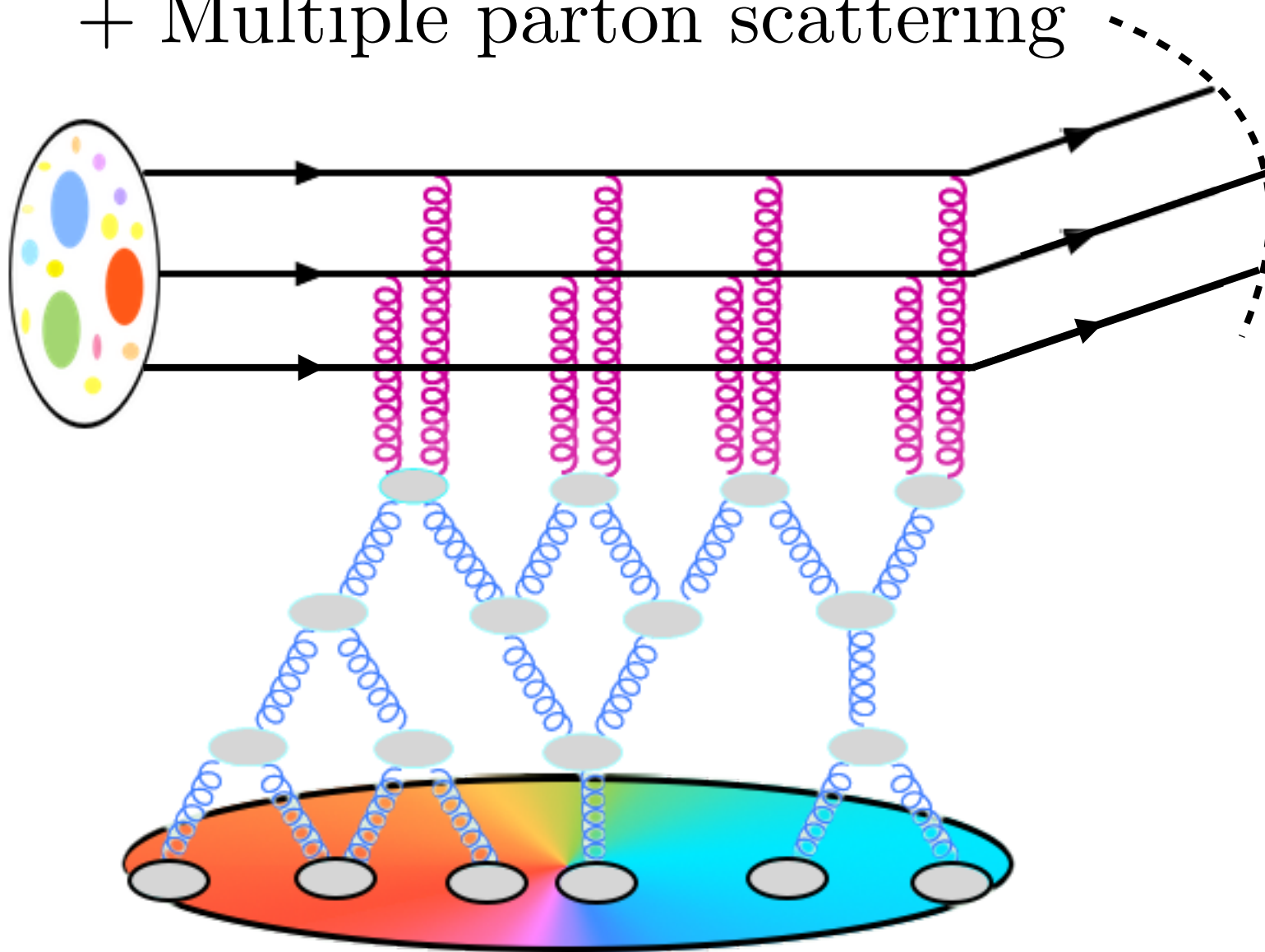
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Not to be confused
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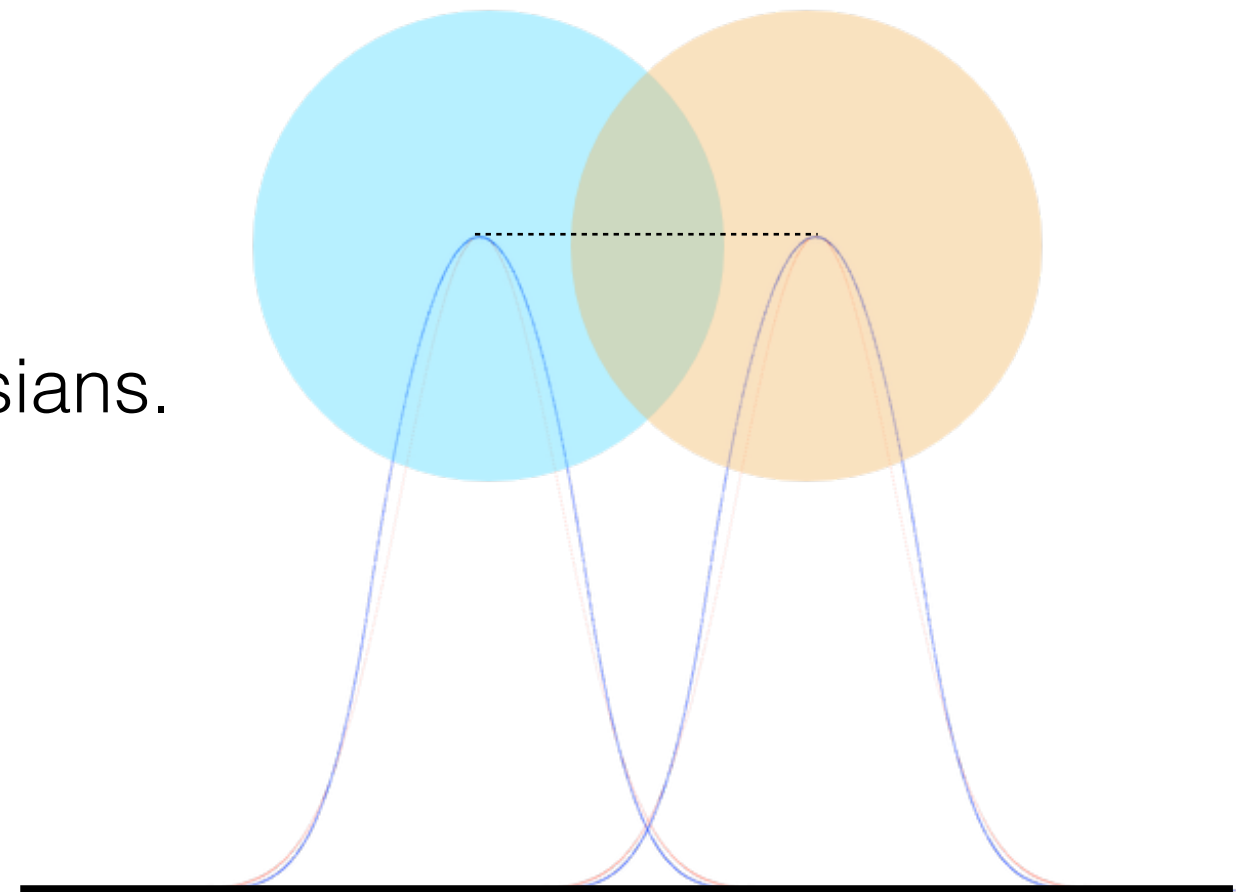
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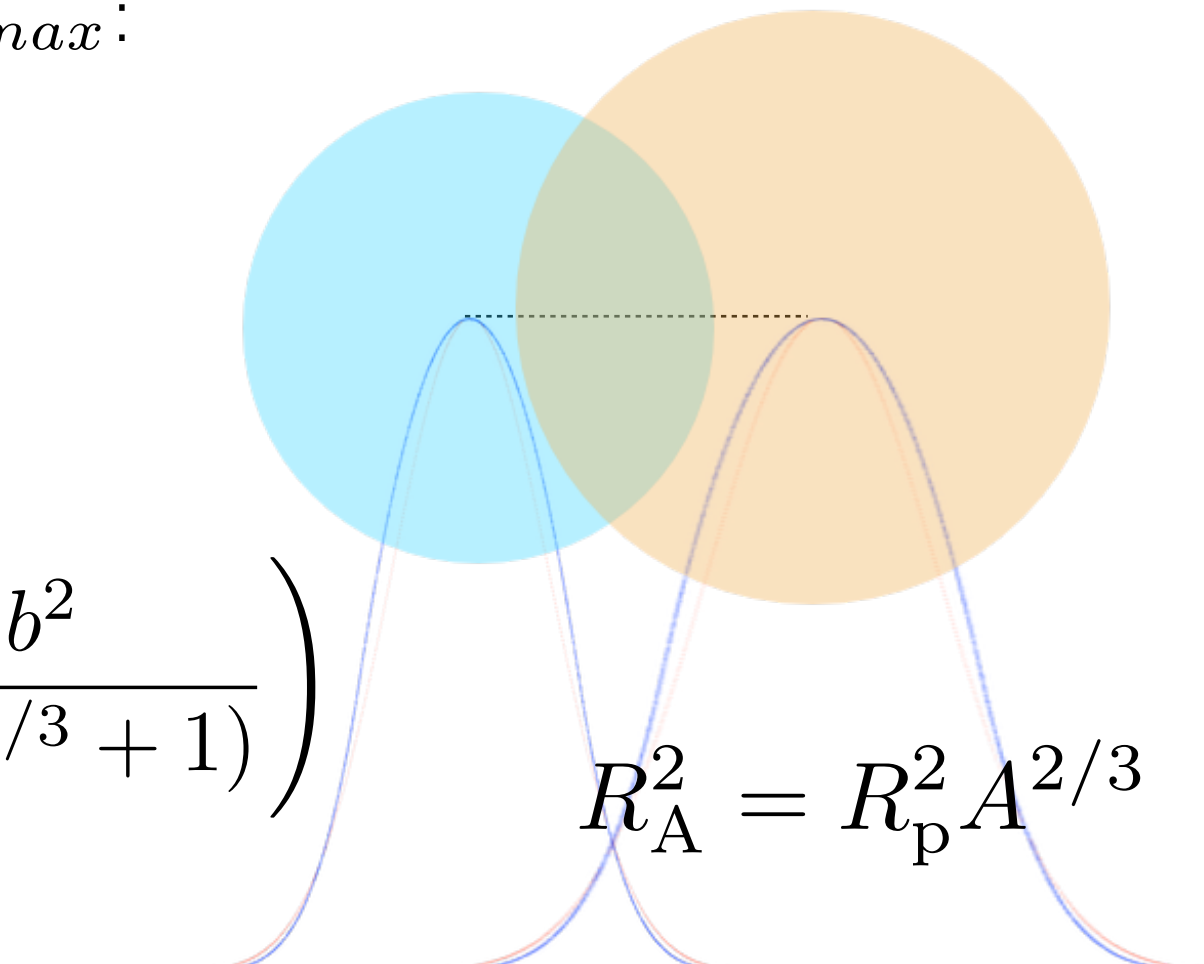
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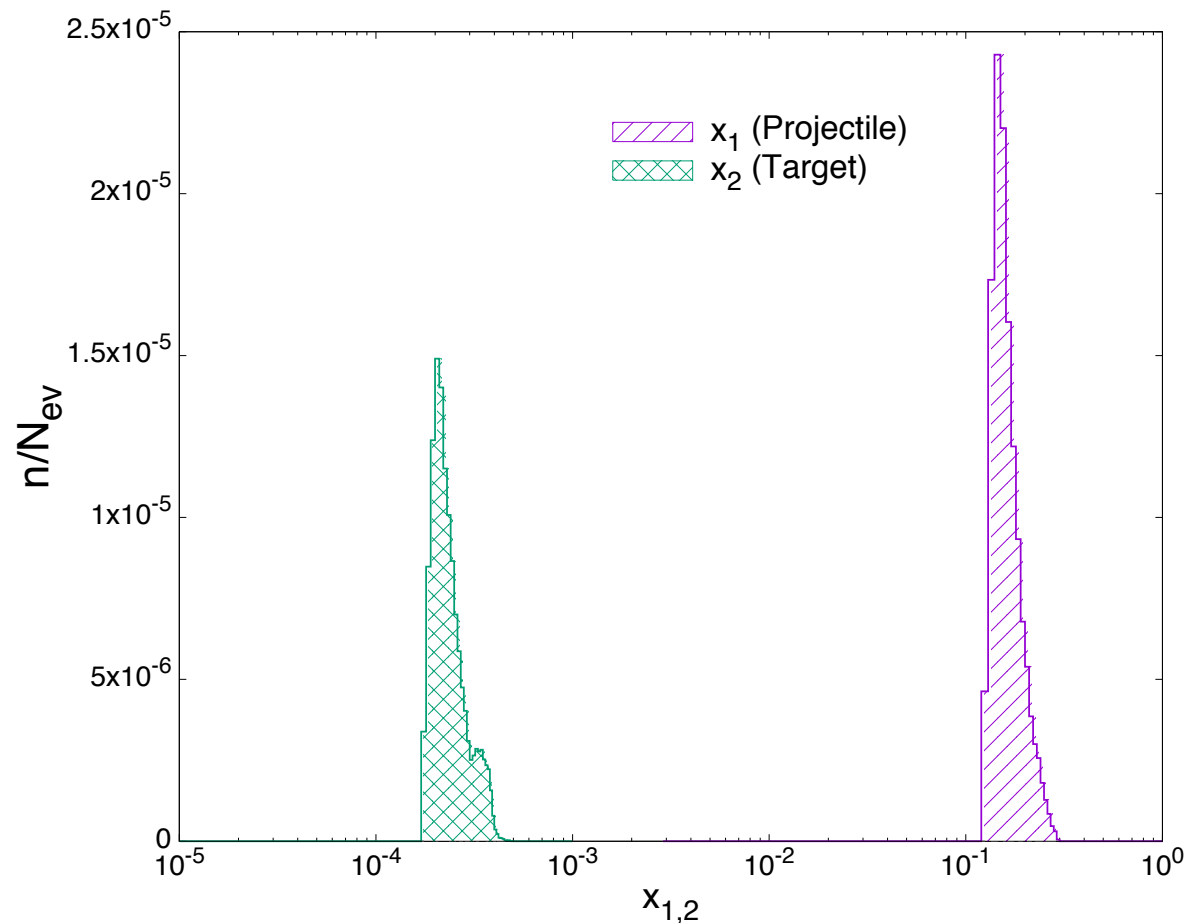
- For a nuclear target of mass number A :

$$T_{pA}(b) = \frac{1}{\pi R_p^2 (A^{2/3} + 1)} \exp\left(\frac{-b^2}{R_p^2 (A^{2/3} + 1)}\right)$$

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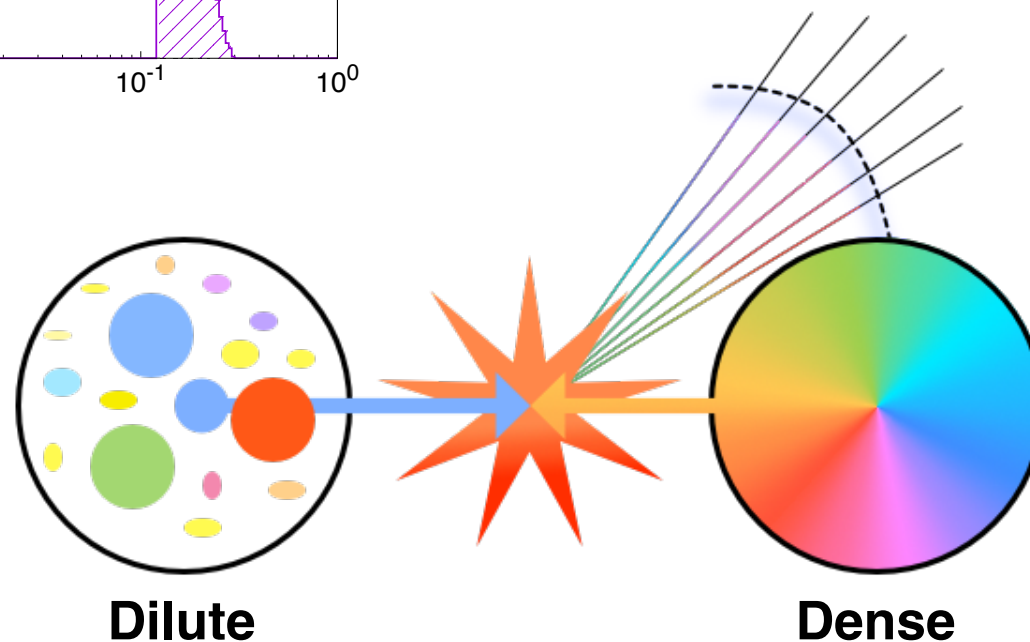
- Forward spectra observed at RHIC allows for a description in terms of CGC:

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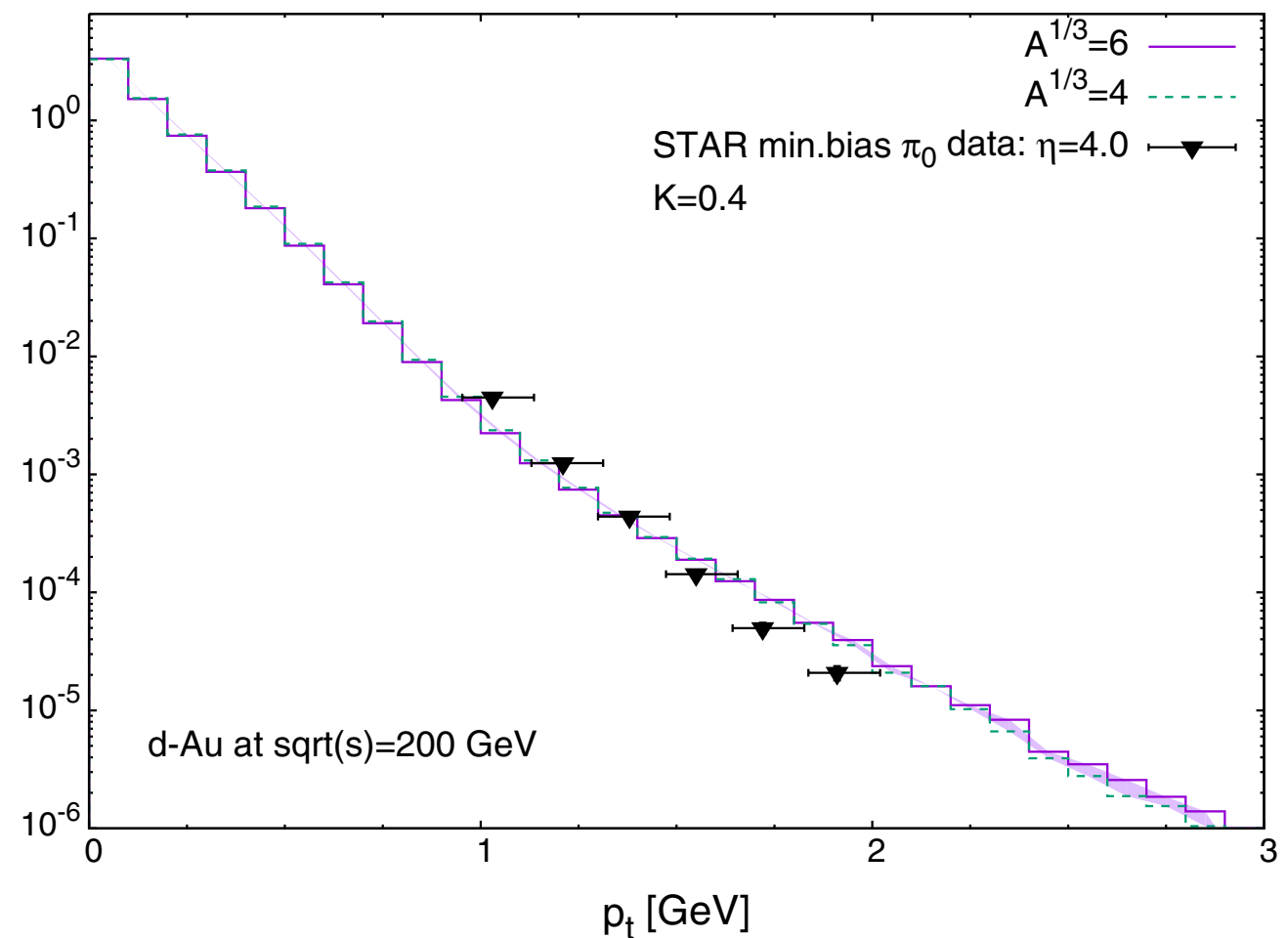
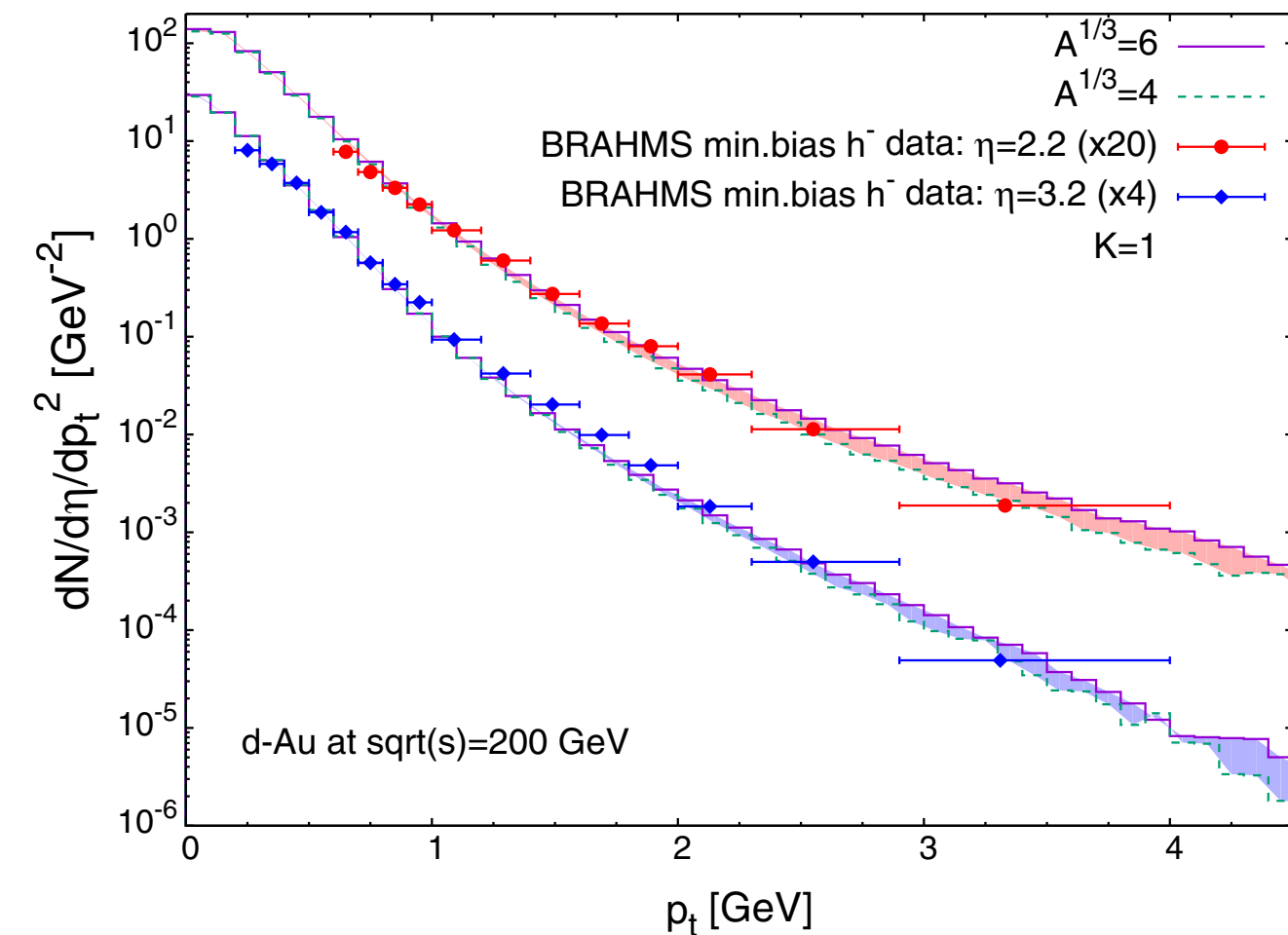


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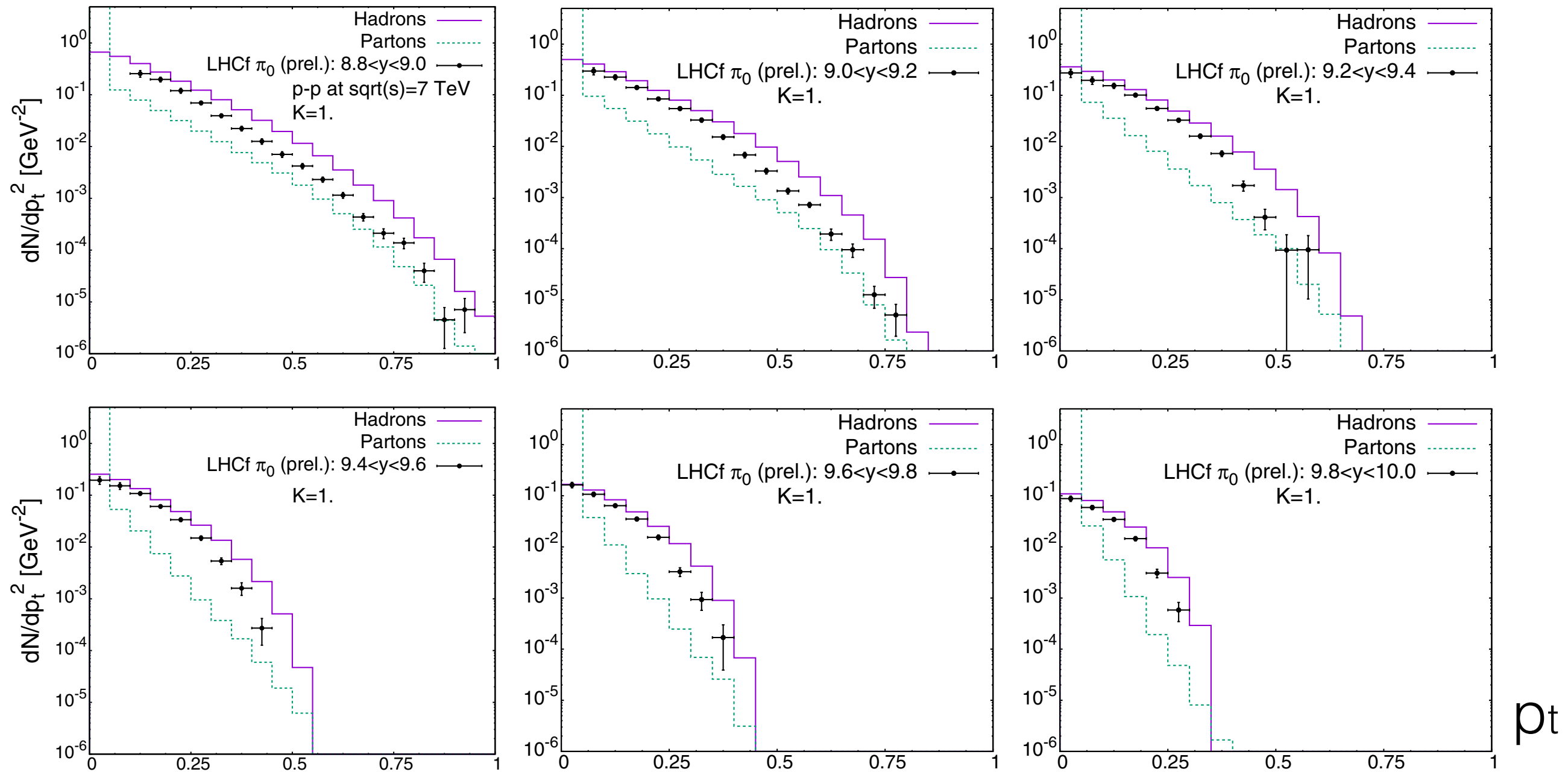


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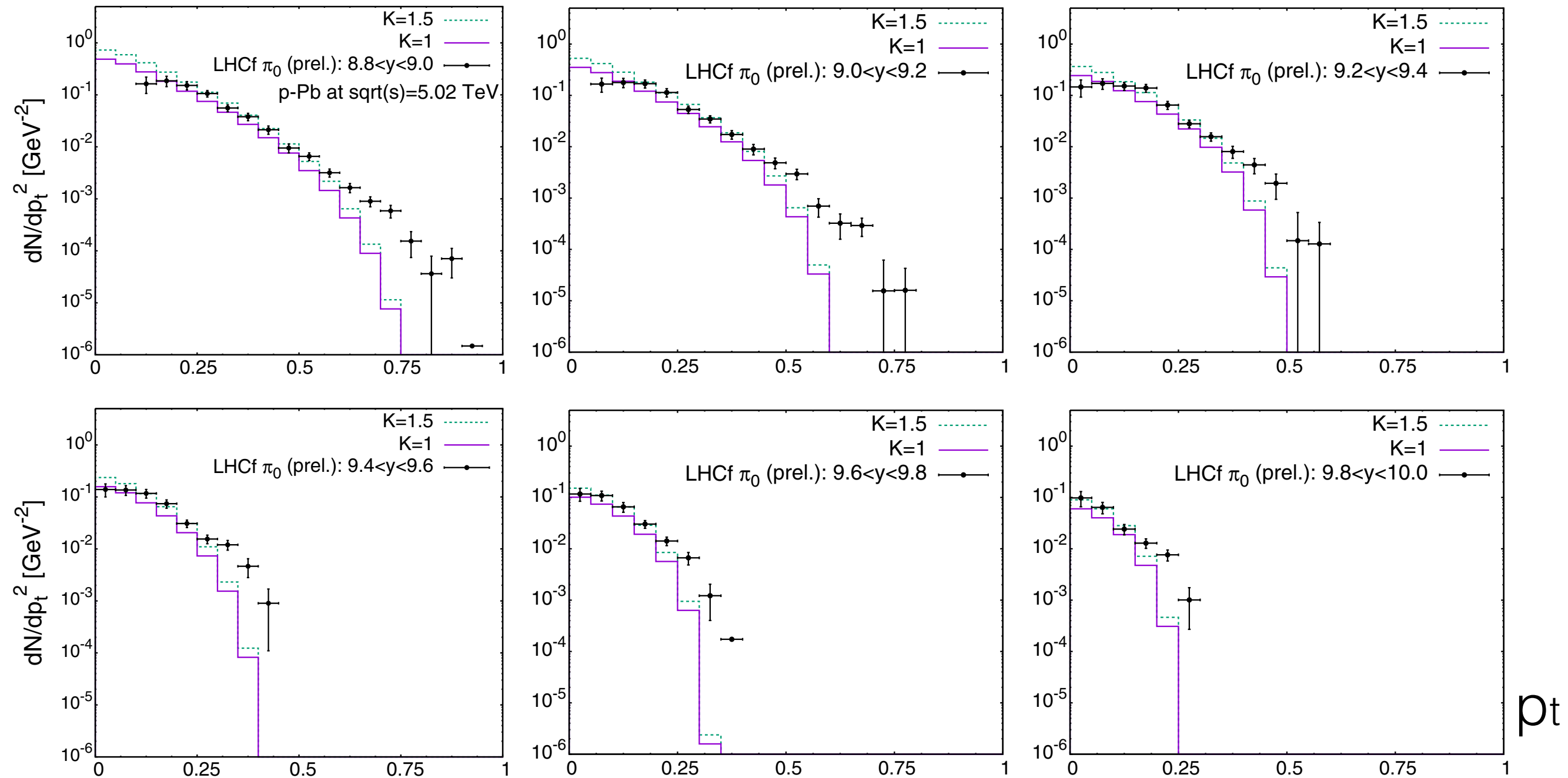
- CGC + Lund approach allows to reach p_t values as low as detected experimentally, $p_t \sim 0.2$ GeV.
- Little sensibility to number of participants,
- BRAHMS data well described with $K = 1$.
- STAR data well described with $K = 0.4$ (also observed in previous analysis of data).

LHCf: p-p @ 7 TeV



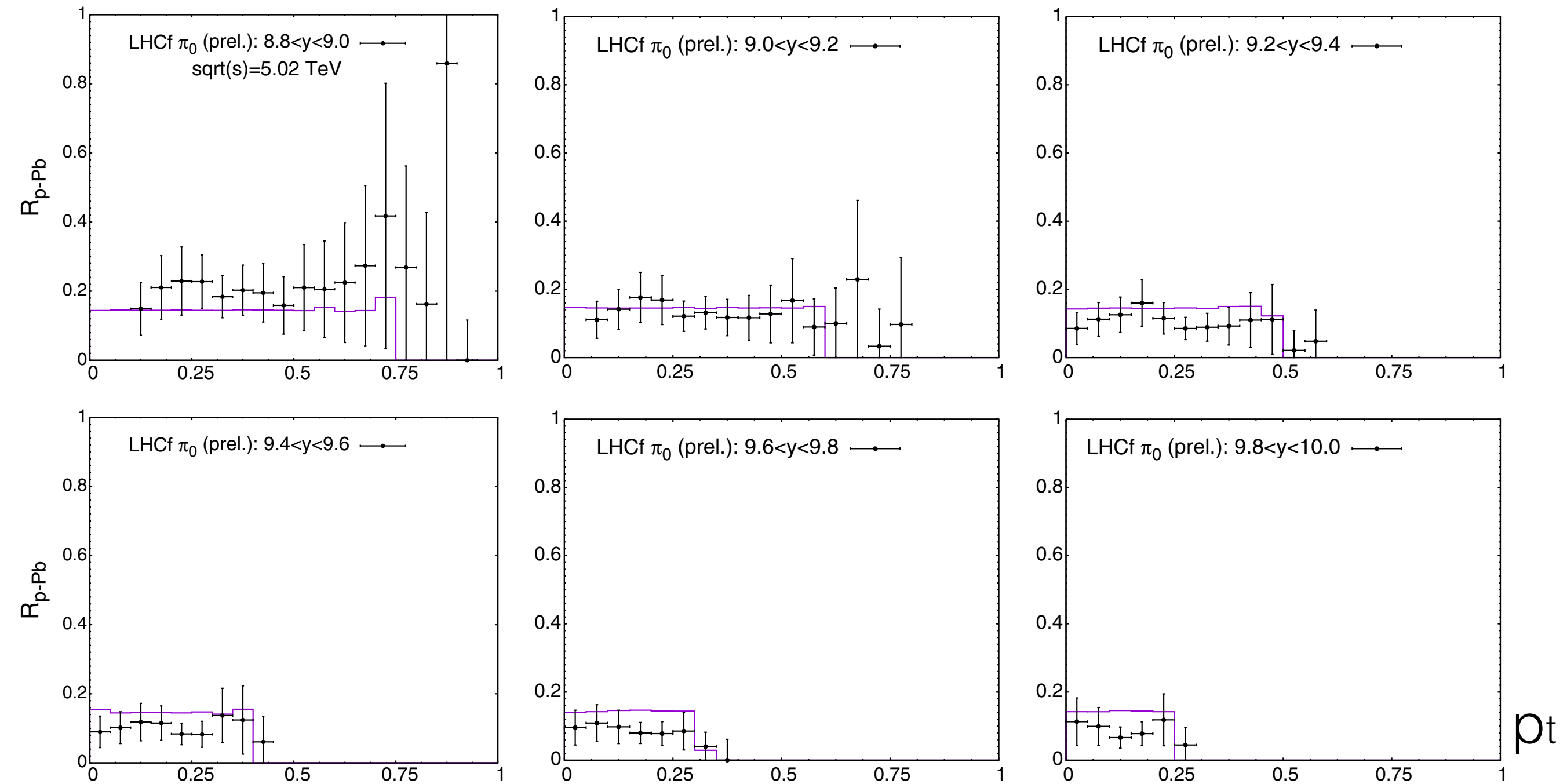
- Increment of evolution rapidity with respect to RHIC: $\Delta Y \sim \ln \left(\frac{x_0}{x} \right) \sim 14$
- Only difference with respect to RHIC set: **dynamical evolution of uGD's according to rcBK equation.**

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- Plenty of room for improvement in the proton-nucleus implementation.
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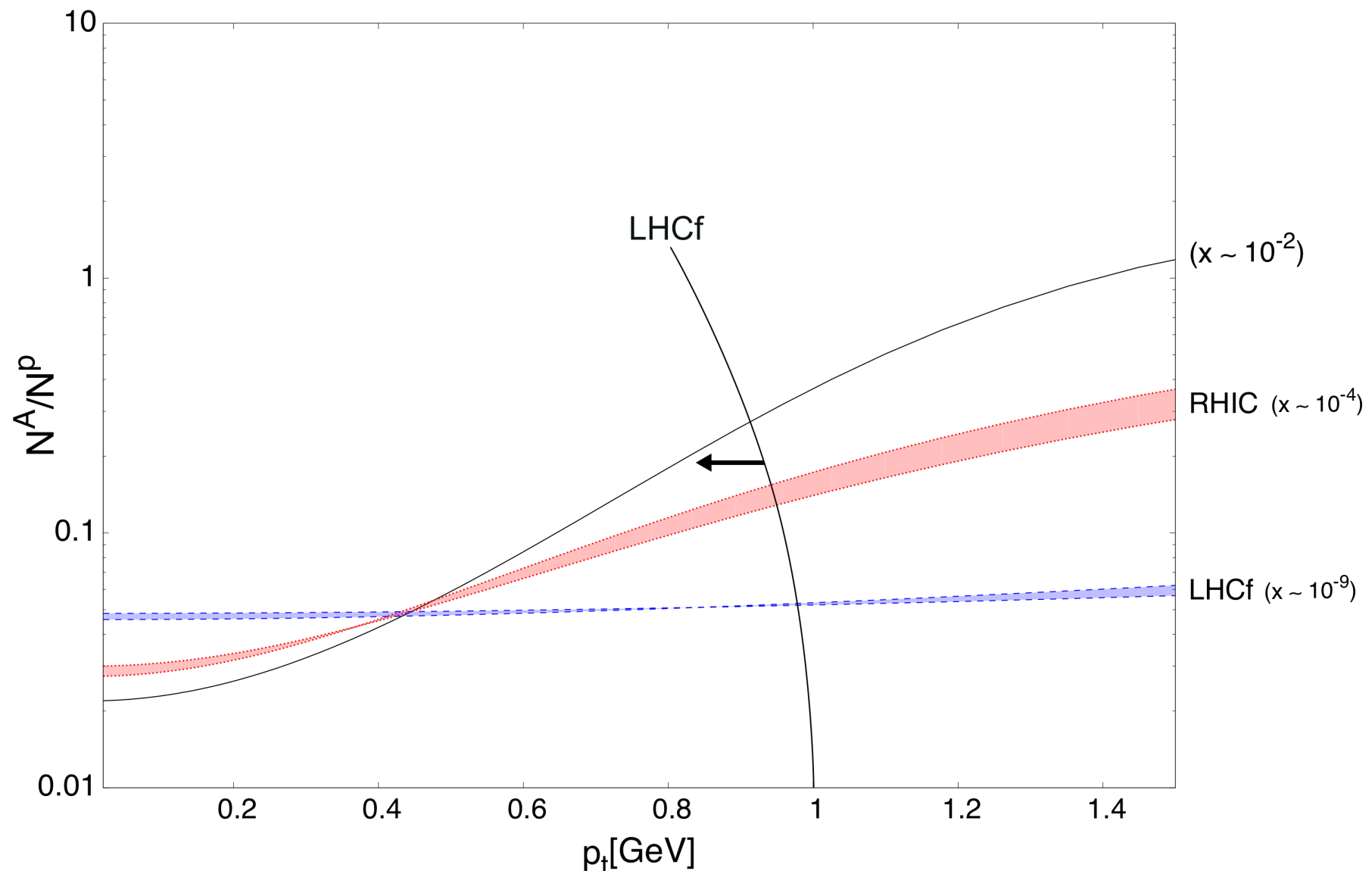
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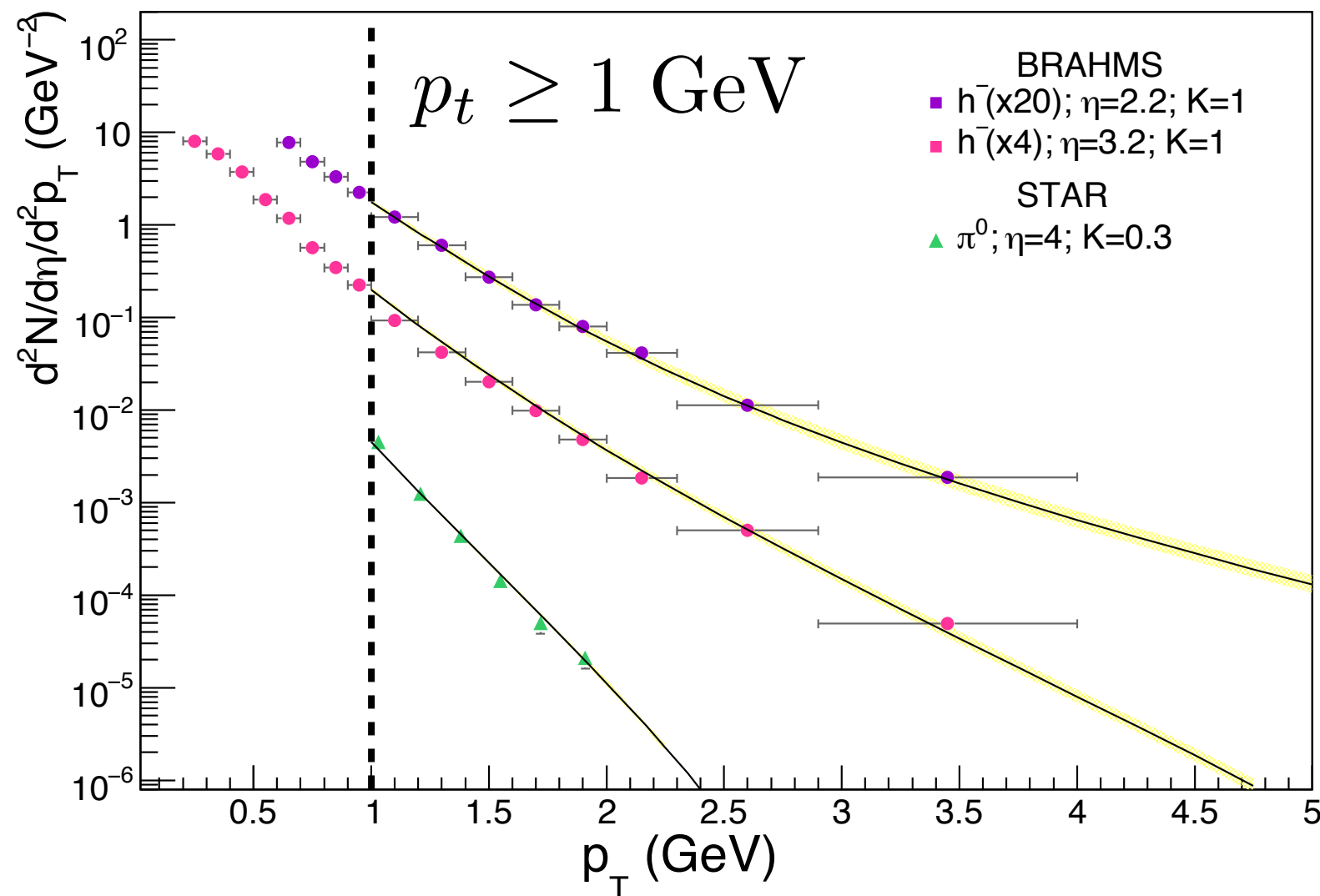
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- Previous approaches:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{hadrons}}{d^2k_{\perp} dy} = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{DHJ}}^{partons}}{d^2k_{\perp} dy} \otimes D_{h/p}$$



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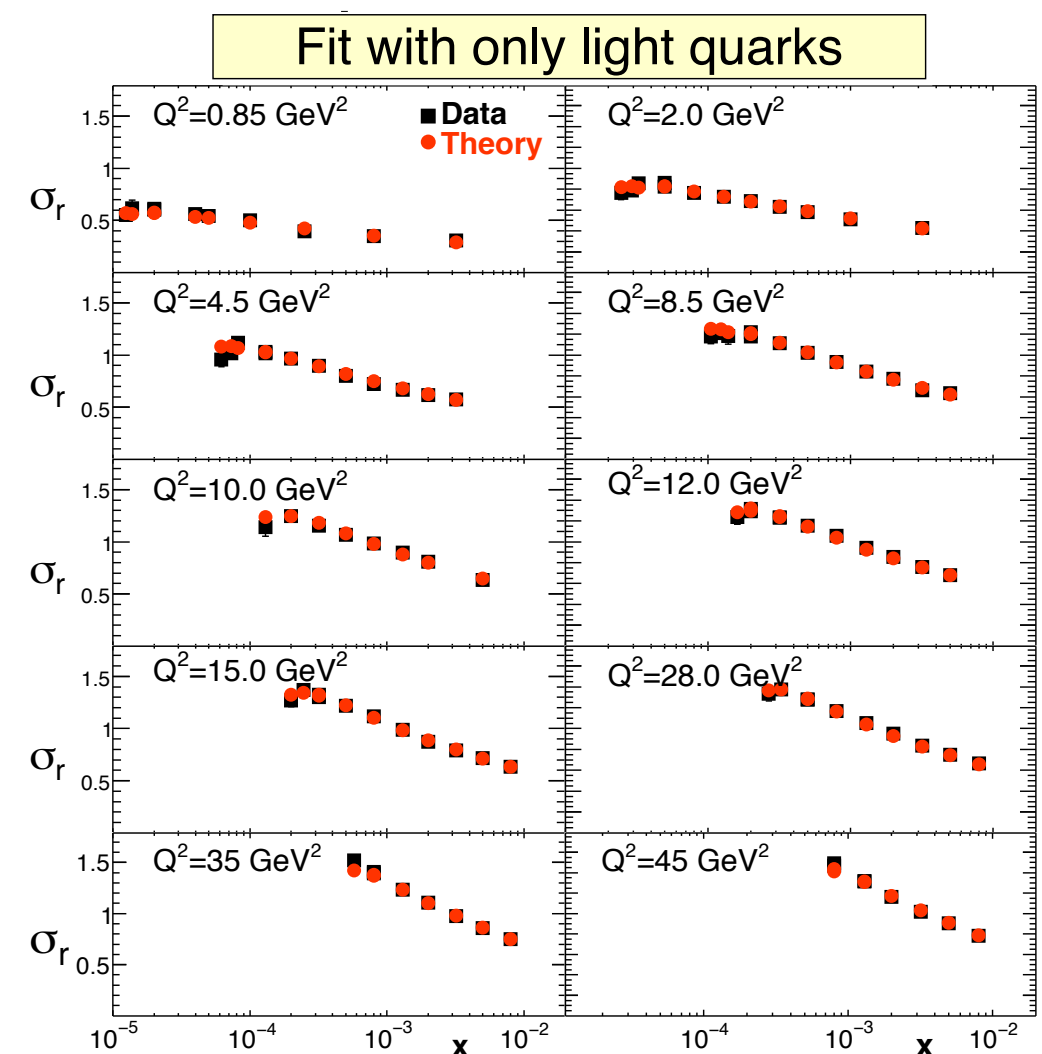
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- uGD's: Fourier transforms of dipole scattering amplitudes.

$$N_{F(A)}(x, k_t) = \int d^2 \mathbf{r} e^{-i \mathbf{k}_t \cdot \mathbf{r}} [1 - \mathcal{N}_{F(A)}(x, r)] .$$

- Small-x evolution: We take parametrization of $\mathcal{N}_{F(A)}(x, r)$ from the AAMQS fits to data on the structure functions measured in e+p scattering at HERA:

rc-BK evolution



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$$\mathcal{N}_F(x_0, r) = 1 - \exp \left[- \frac{(r^2 Q_{s0}^2)^\gamma}{4} \log \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda r} + e \right) \right]$$

$$x_0 = 10^{-2} \quad \gamma = 1.101 \quad Q_{s0}^2 = 0.157 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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- Initial conditions for evolution:

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$$x_0 = 10^{-2} \quad \gamma = 1.101 \quad Q_{s0}^2 = 0.157 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- uGD's for nuclear target:

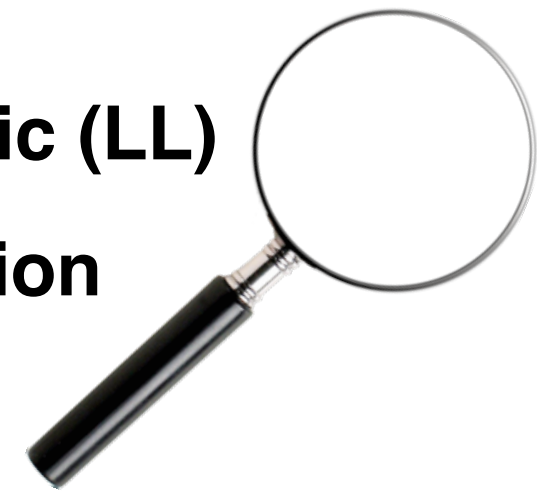
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↑
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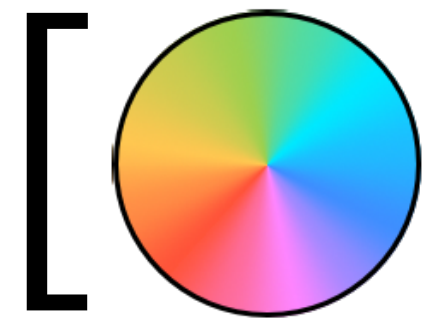
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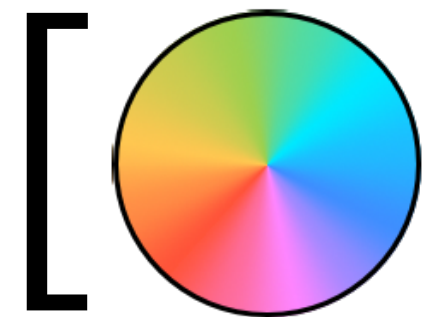
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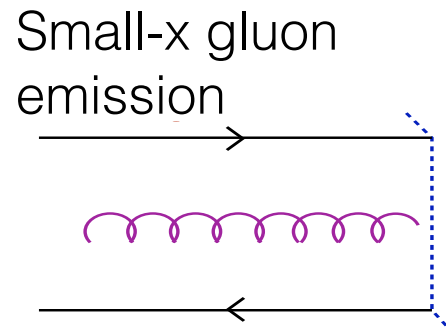
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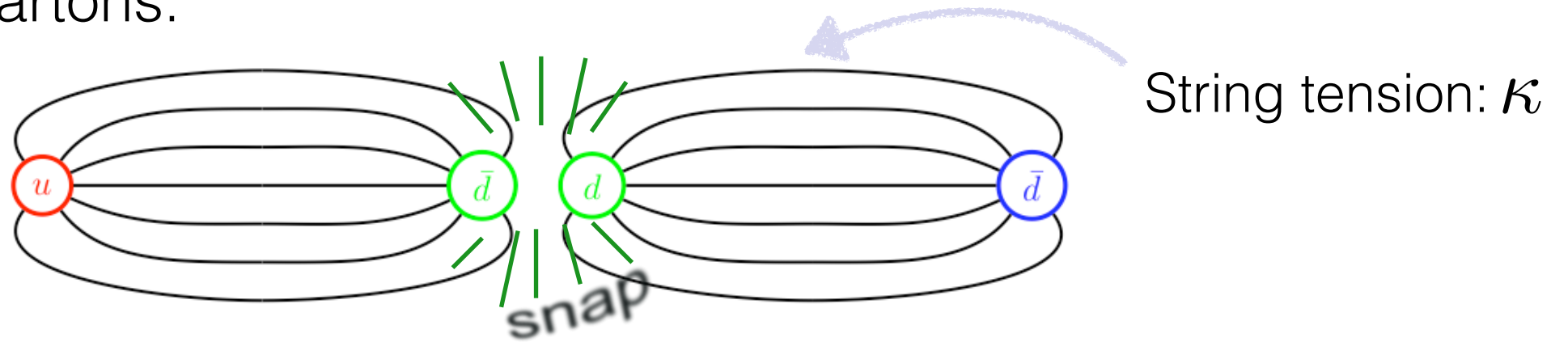
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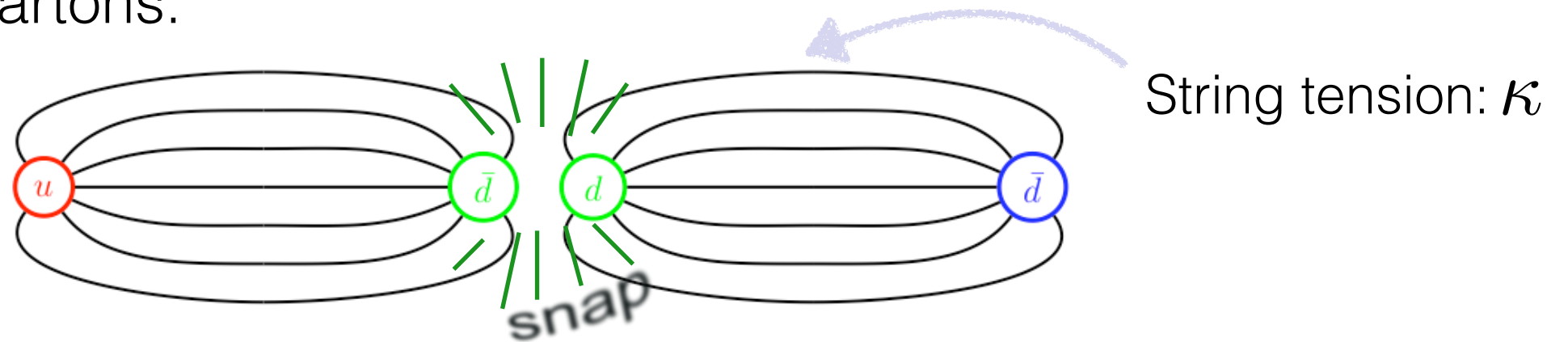
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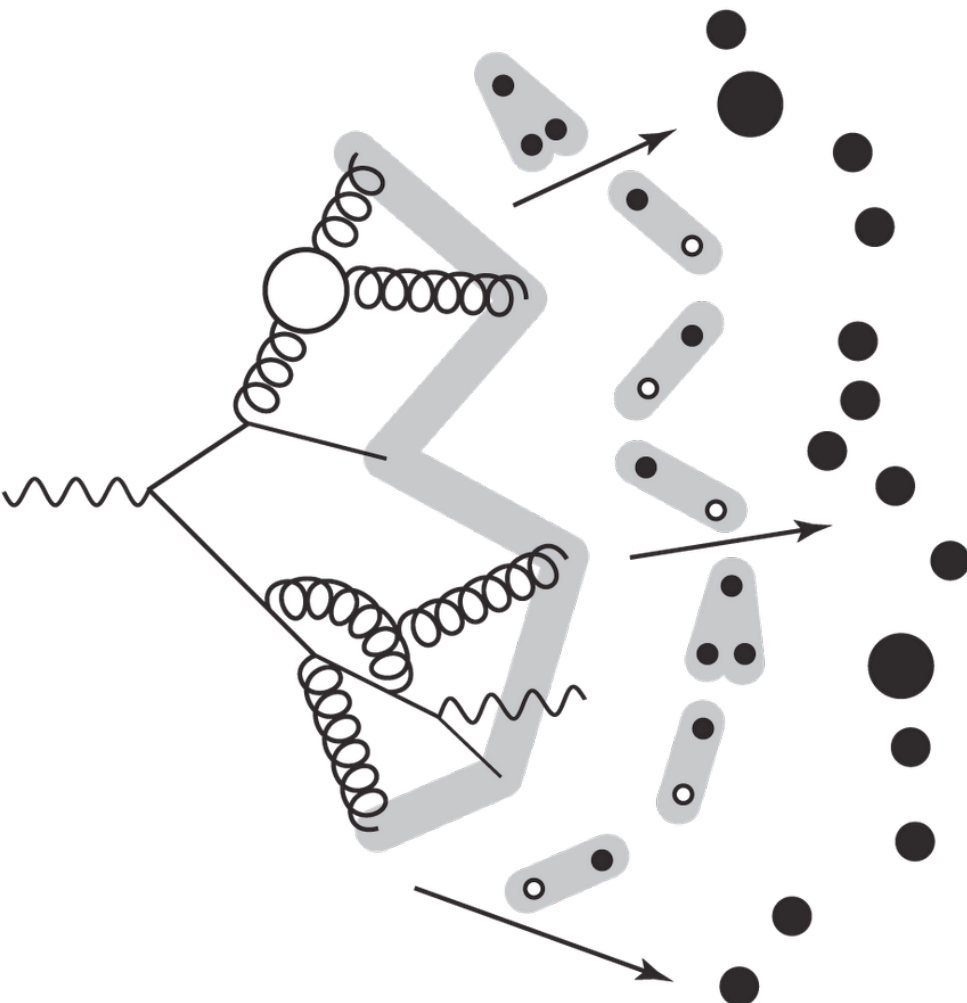
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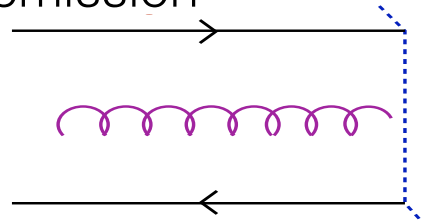
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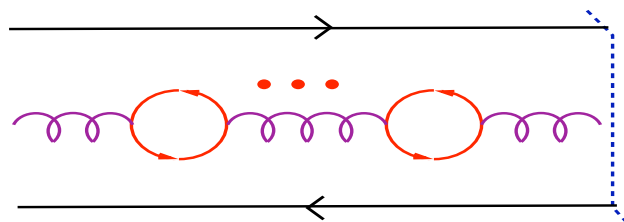
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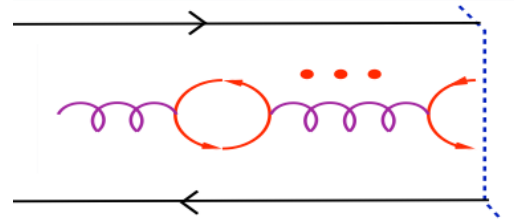
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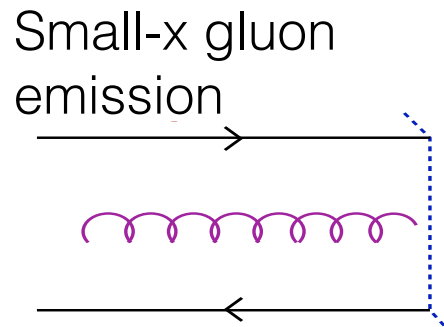


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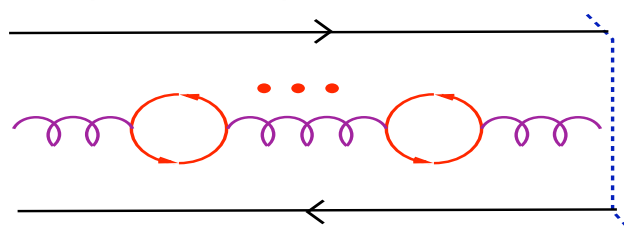
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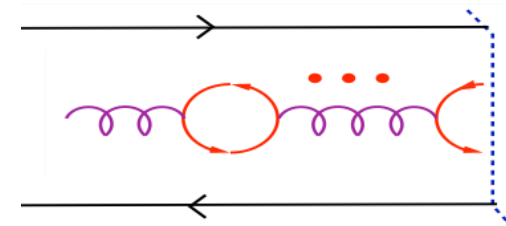
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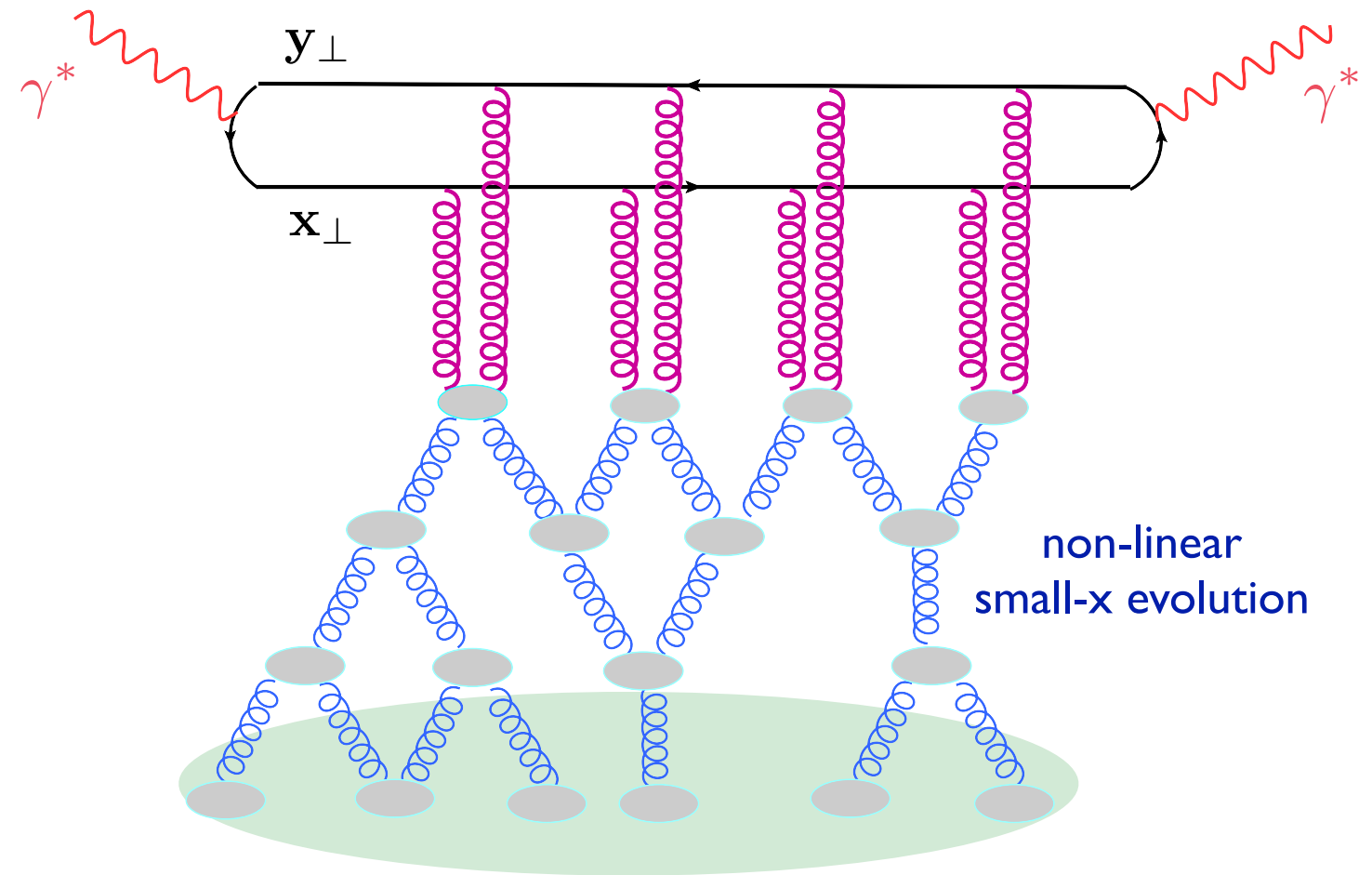
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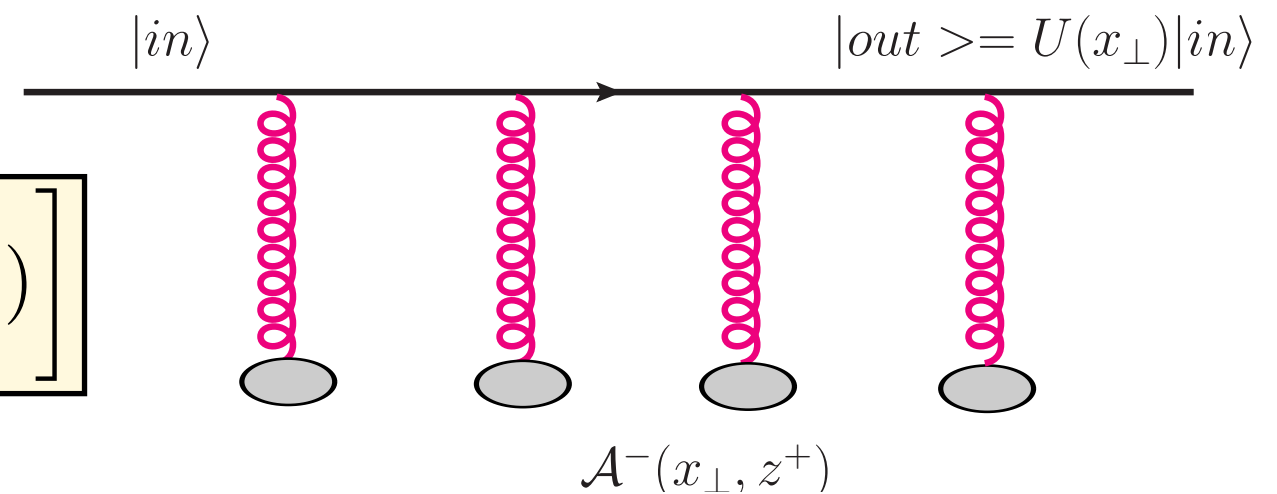
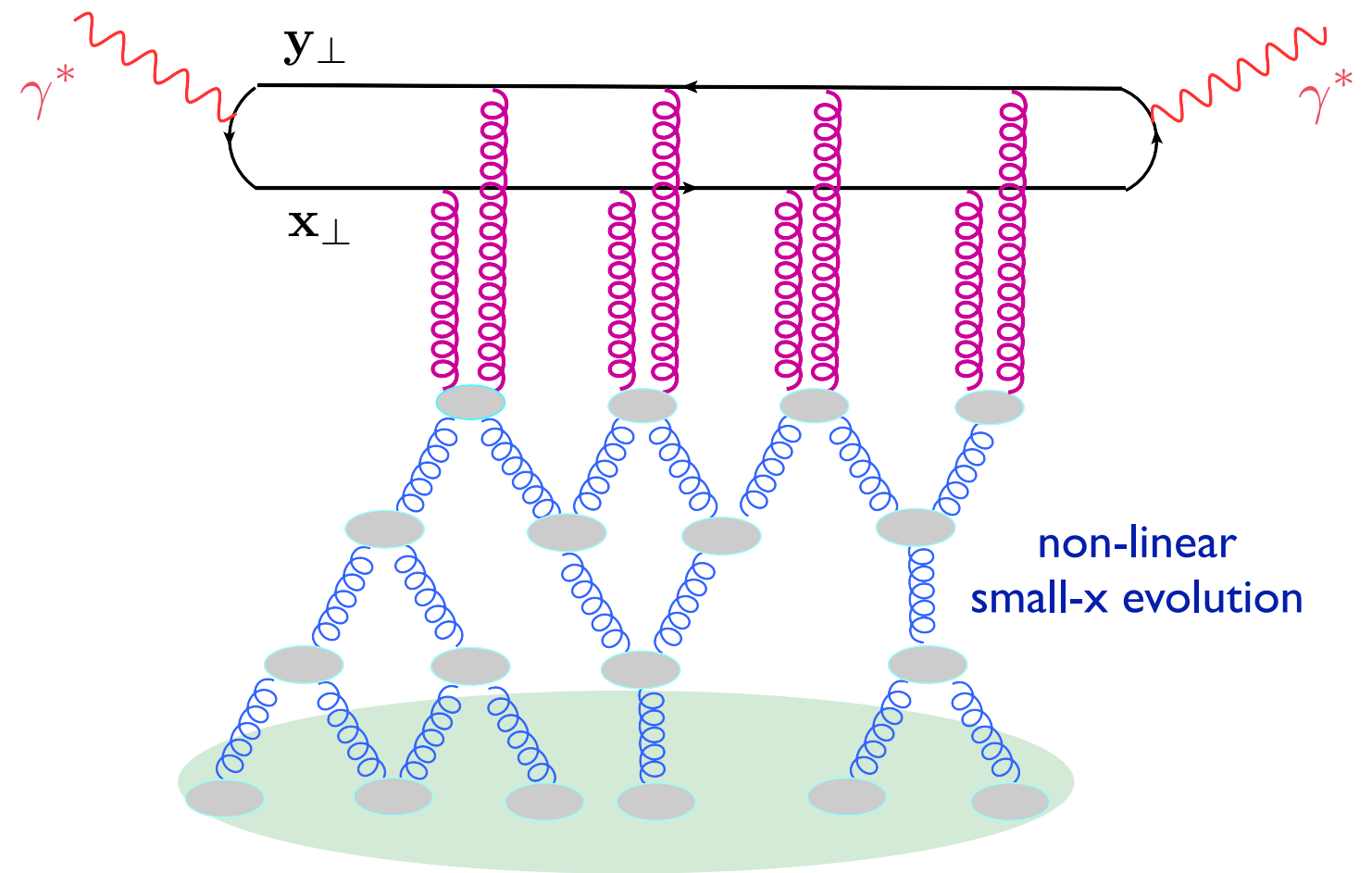


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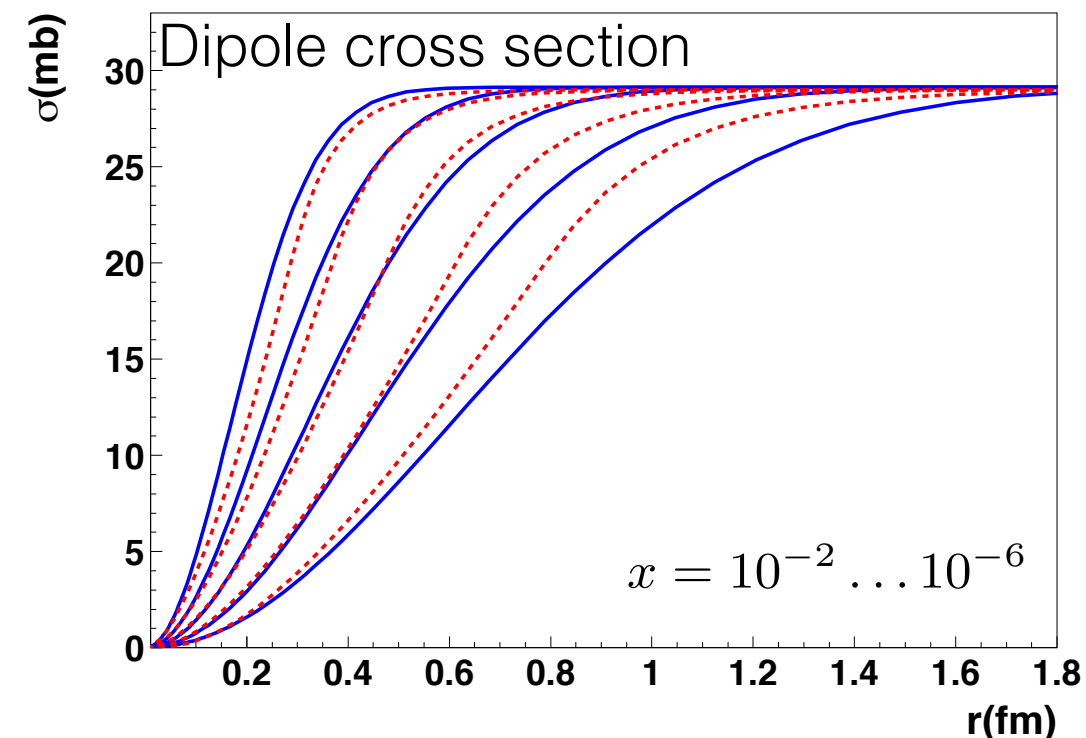
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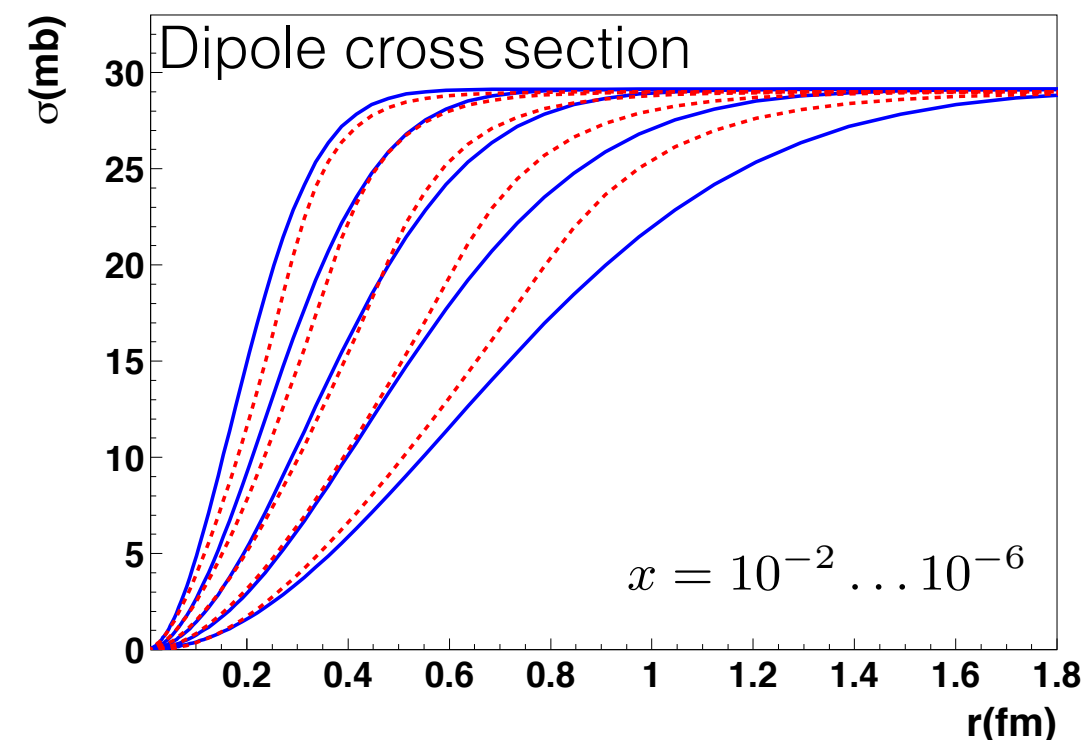
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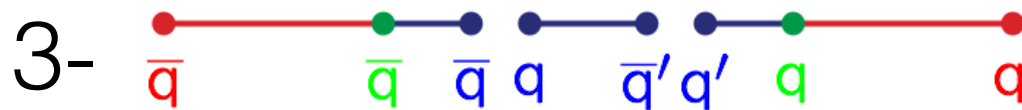
Theoretically controlled tool for extrapolation!



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