

Parton shower generator at small x

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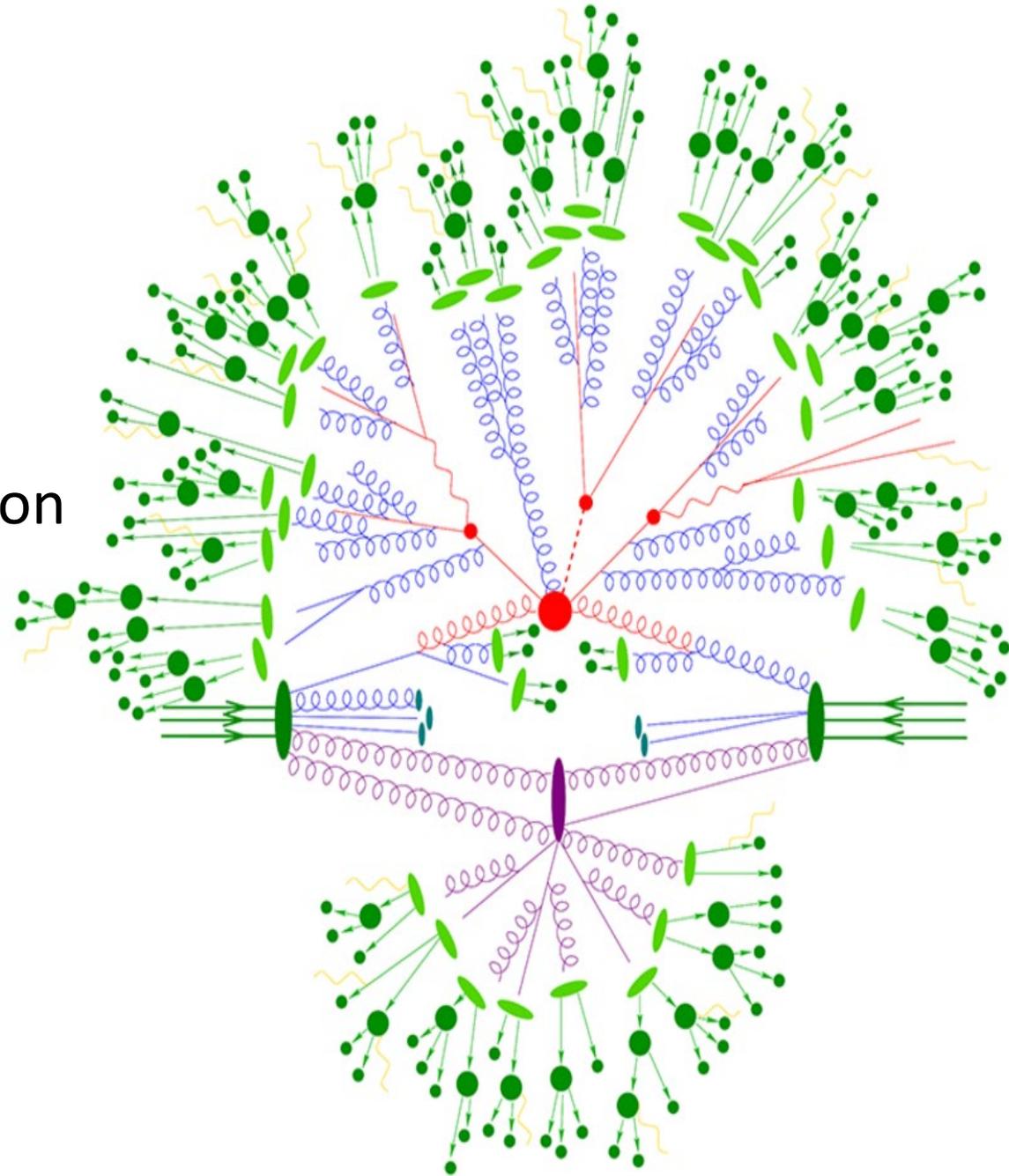
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Outline:

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- Summary



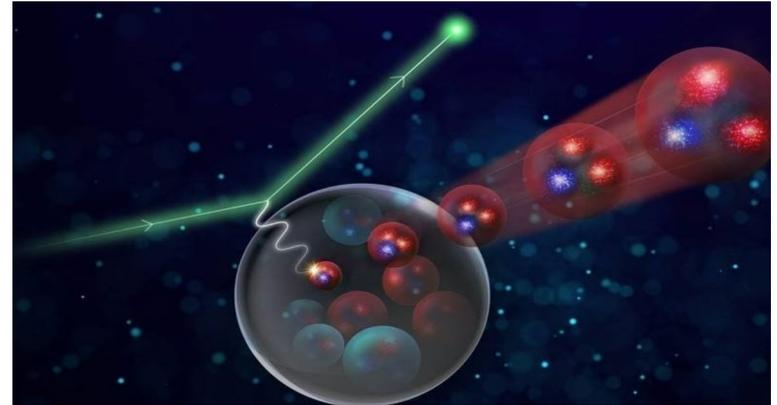
Why parton shower generator

- Describe fully exclusive hadronic state
- Coherent branching
- Keep four momentum conservation in each branching
- Impact studies for future experiments

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Why small x parton shower generator

- Saturation effect is absent in all existing generators
- Aim at developing a PS algorithm to be used:
 - Phenomology in eA collisions @EIC
 - Forward physics in pA collisions @LHC
 - Cosmic ray event generator



Small x evolution equations: $\ln \frac{S}{Q^2}$ or $\ln \frac{1}{x}$

- **BK equation** $2 \rightarrow 1, 3 \rightarrow 1, 4 \rightarrow 1 \dots$ gluon fusion & $\ln \frac{1}{x}$ Balitsky, 1996; Kovchegov, 1997

Why not the BK equation:

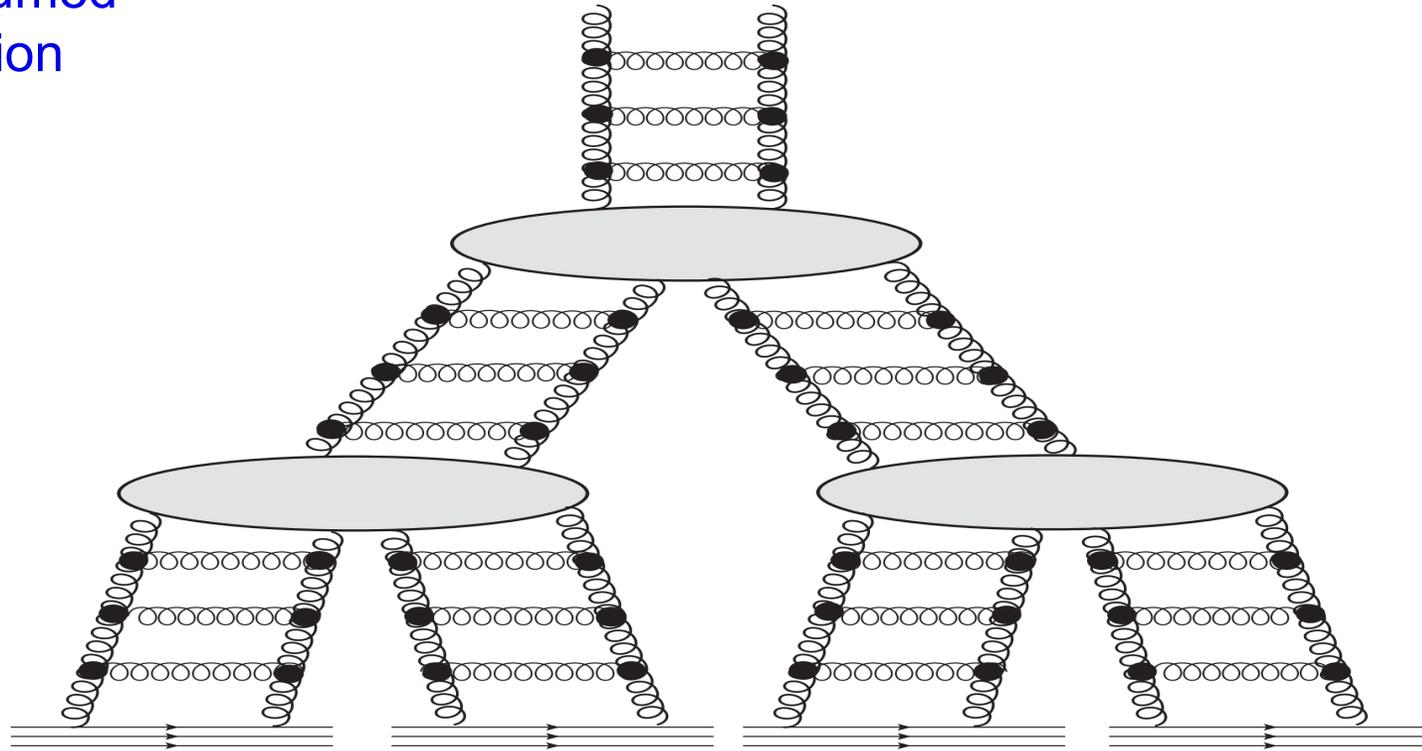
- The Fourier transform of dipole amplitude, lack of probability interpretation.
- Aiming at describing exclusive processes, multiple point correlation functions involved \rightarrow JIMWLK equation

GLR equation

➤ **GLR equation** $2 \rightarrow 1$ gluon fusion & $\ln \frac{1}{x}$

Gribov-Levin-Ryskin, 1983

“Fan” diagram resumed
by the GLR equation



Folded and unfolded GLR equation

- The standard GLR equation (unfolded one)

$$\frac{\partial N(\eta, k_{\perp})}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \left[\int \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} N(\eta, k_{\perp} + l_{\perp}) - \int \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{(k_{\perp} - l_{\perp})^2} \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2l_{\perp}^2} N(\eta, k_{\perp}) \right] - \bar{\alpha}_s N^2(\eta, k_{\perp})$$

- Resolved and unresolved branching:

$$\int \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} N(\eta, k_{\perp} + l_{\perp}) \approx \int_{\mu} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} N(\eta, k_{\perp} + l_{\perp}) + \int_0^{\mu} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} N(\eta, k_{\perp})$$

- **Folded** GLR equation: virtual correction is manifestly resummed to all orders

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \frac{N(\eta, k_{\perp})}{\Delta(\eta, k_{\perp})} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int_{\mu} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} \frac{N(\eta, l_{\perp} + k_{\perp})}{\Delta(\eta, k_{\perp})}$$

◆ Non-Sudakov form factor

Shi-Wei-ZJ, 2022

$$\Delta(\eta, k_{\perp}) = \exp \left\{ -\bar{\alpha}_s \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta} d\eta' \left[\ln \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2} + N(\eta', k_{\perp}) \right] \right\}$$

Parton shower algorithms

GLR

v.s. DGLAP/CCFM

$$\Delta(\eta, k_{\perp}) = \exp \left\{ -\bar{\alpha}_s \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta} d\eta' \left[\ln \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2} + N(\eta', k_{\perp}) \right] \right\}$$

$$\Delta_a(t, t') = \exp \left\{ - \sum_{b \in \{q, g\}} \int_t^{t'} \frac{d\bar{t}}{\bar{t}} \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} P_{ab}(z) \right\}$$

gluon splitting
gluon fusion

parton splitting

The evolution variable:

$$\eta = \ln(1/x)$$

Q

The generated event:

reweight

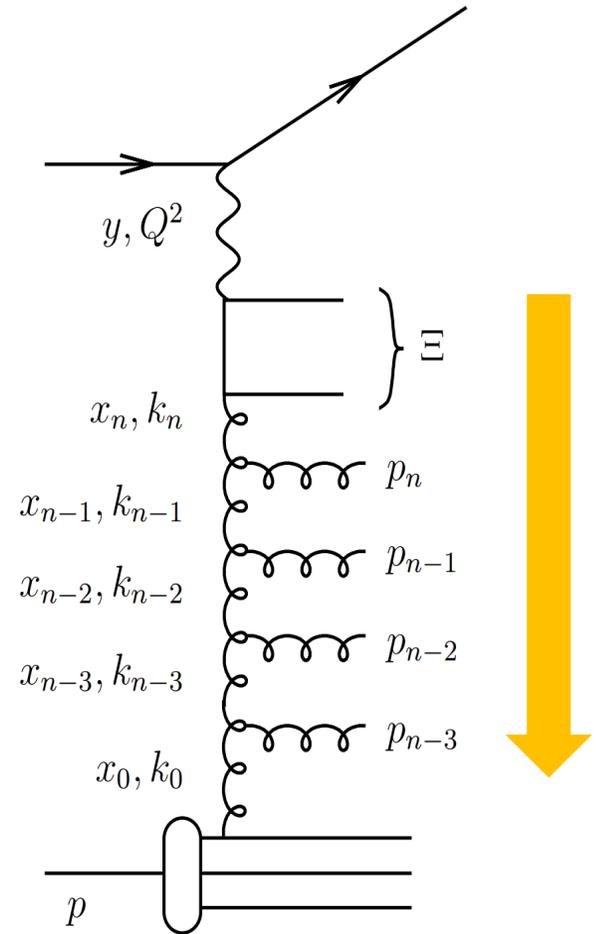
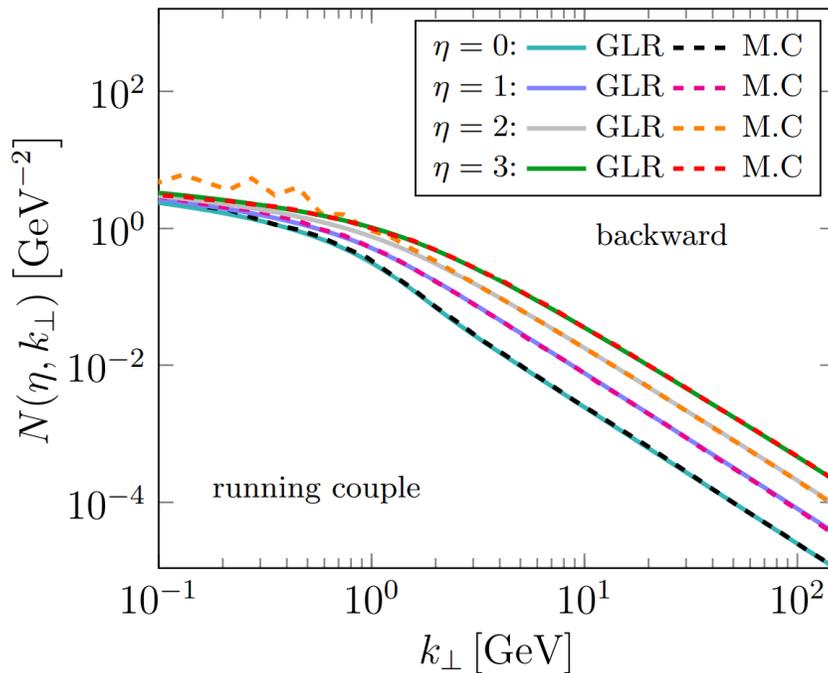
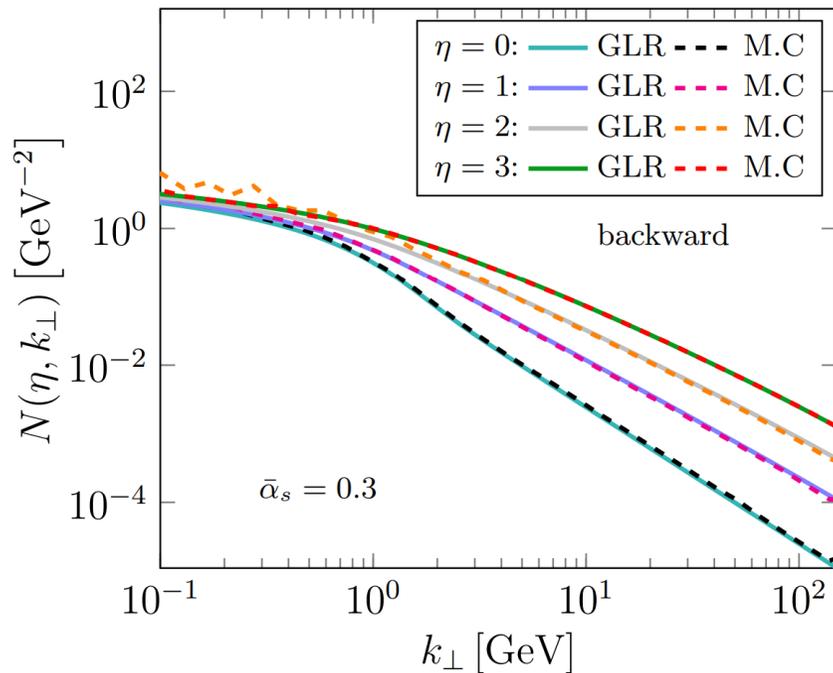
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Backward evolution

➤ Non-Sudakov form factor:

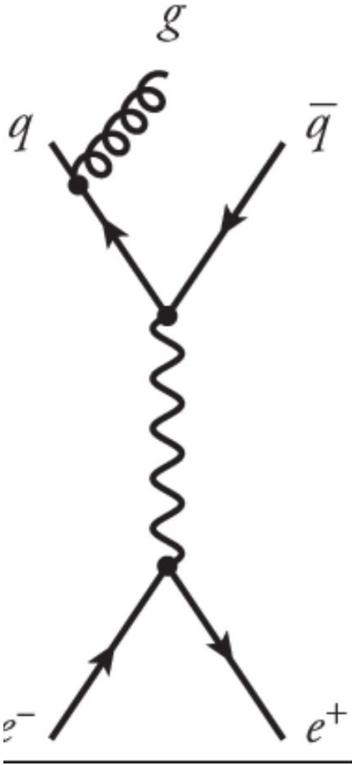
$$\frac{\Delta(\eta_{i+1}, k_{\perp, i+1}) N(\eta_i, k_{\perp, i+1})}{\Delta(\eta_i, k_{\perp, i+1}) N(\eta_{i+1}, k_{\perp, i+1})} = \exp \left[-\frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta_{i+1}} d\eta \int_{\mu} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} \frac{N(\eta, k_{\perp, i+1} + l_{\perp})}{N(\eta, k_{\perp, i+1})} \right]$$

◆ l_{\perp} is also sampled in a different way!



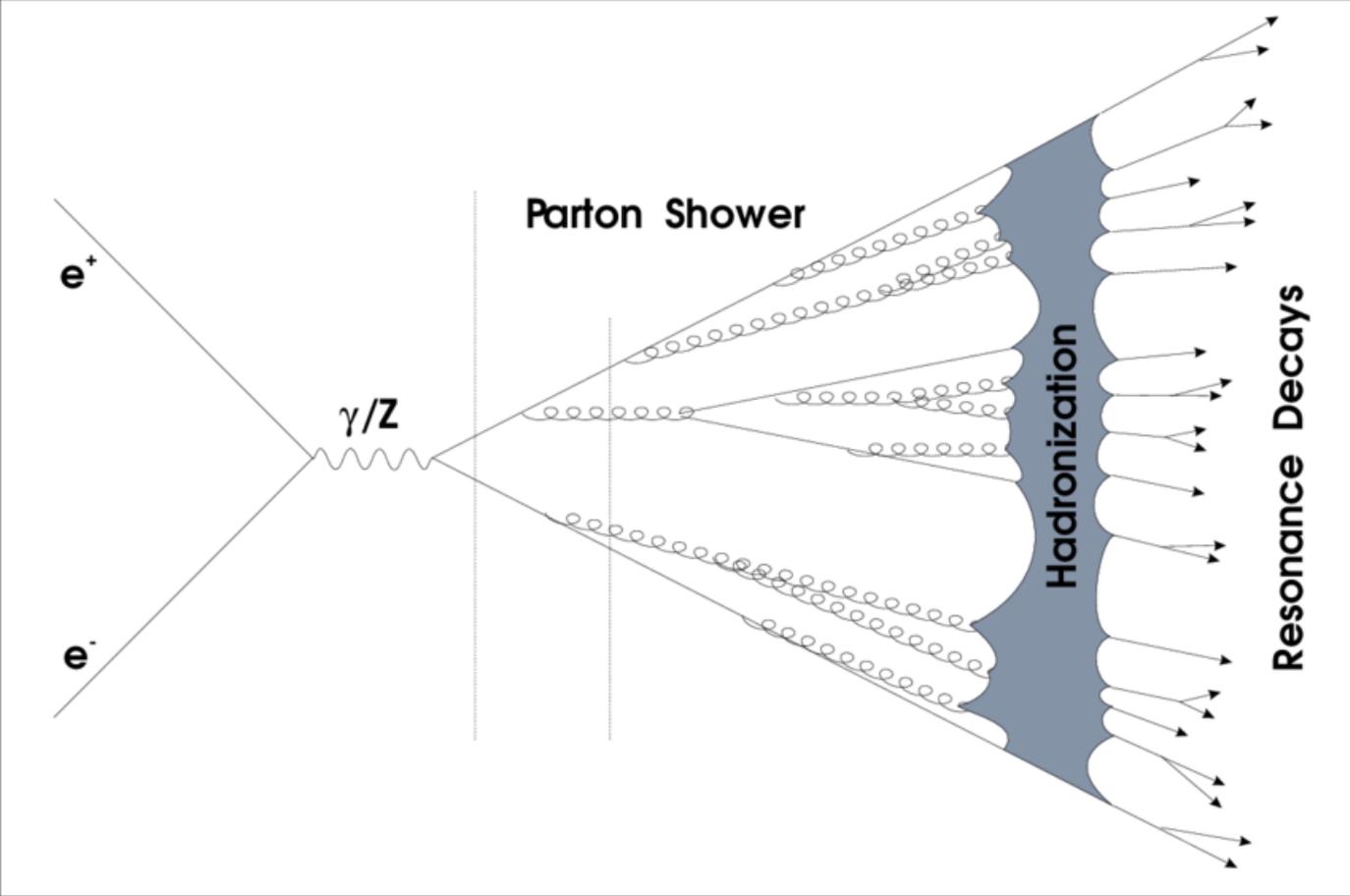
Kinematic constraint & Coherent branching

□ The Chudakov effect



➤ Wide angle radiation suppressed!

□ Angular ordering



Kinematical constraint in the GLR evolution equation

[Kwiecinski, Martin, Sutton, Z. Phys. C, 96;

Deak, Kutak, Li, Stasto, EPJC, 19]

- The virtuality of t-channel gluon should be dominated by transverse components

$$k_T^2 > |k^+ k^-| \quad k^- = k'^- - q^- \simeq -q^- = -q_T^2 / q^+ \quad x, k_T$$

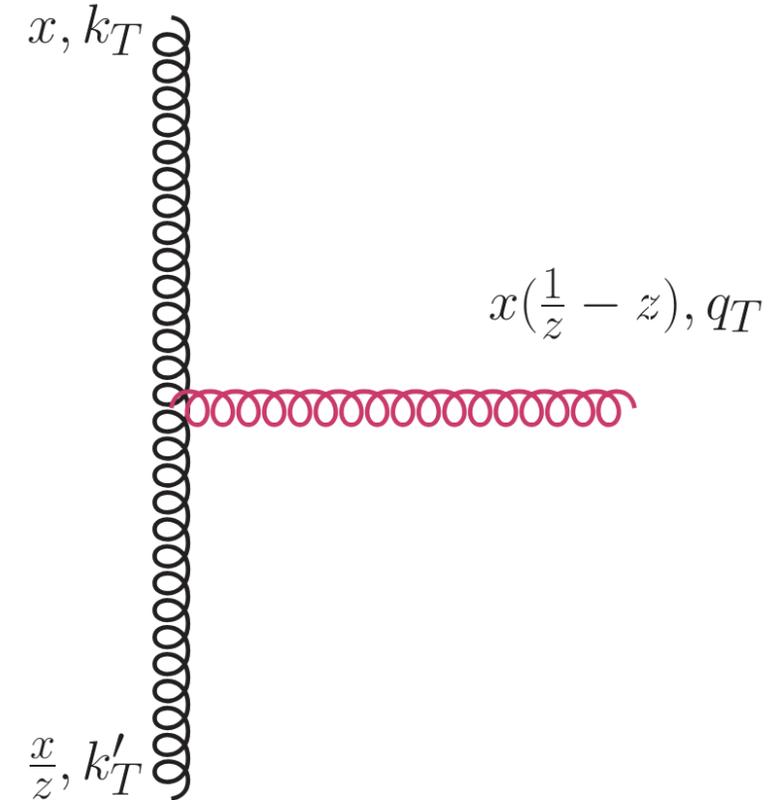
$$k^+ k^- \simeq -\frac{k^+}{q^+} q_T^2 = -\frac{k^+}{k'^+ - k^+} q_T^2 = -\frac{z}{1-z} q_T^2$$

- The on shell condition for s-channel gluon leads to the constraint

$$q_T^2 < \frac{1-z}{z} k_T^2 \quad \eta \longrightarrow \eta + \ln \frac{k_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 + l_\perp^2}$$

- Results in a non-local GLR equation

$$\frac{\partial N(\eta, k_\perp)}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{l_\perp^2} N \left(\eta + \ln \frac{k_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 + l_\perp^2}, l_\perp + k_\perp \right) - \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int_0^{k_\perp} \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{l_\perp^2} N(\eta, k_\perp) - \bar{\alpha}_s N^2(\eta, k_\perp)$$



Coherent branching in the GLR evolution

- Kinematic constrained GLR equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \frac{N(x, k_{\perp})}{\Delta(\eta, k_{\perp})} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int_{\mu} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} \frac{N\left(\eta + \ln \left[\frac{k_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2 + l_{\perp}^2} \right], l_{\perp} + k_{\perp}\right)}{\Delta(\eta, k_{\perp})}$$

Shi-Wei-ZJ, 2022

- Weighting factor for forward evolution:

$$\mathcal{W}_{kc}(\eta_i, \eta_{i+1}; k_{\perp}) = \frac{(\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i) \int_{\mu}^{\min\left[P_{\perp}, \sqrt{(k_{\perp} - l_{\perp})^2 \frac{1-z}{z}}\right]} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} e^{-\bar{\alpha}_s \int_{\eta_{i+1}}^{\eta_{i+1} + \ln \frac{(k_{\perp} - l_{\perp})^2}{(k_{\perp} - l_{\perp})^2 + l_{\perp}^2}} d\eta \left[\ln \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2} + N(\eta, k_{\perp}) \right]}{(\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i) \ln \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2} + \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta_{i+1}} d\eta N(\eta, k_{\perp})}$$

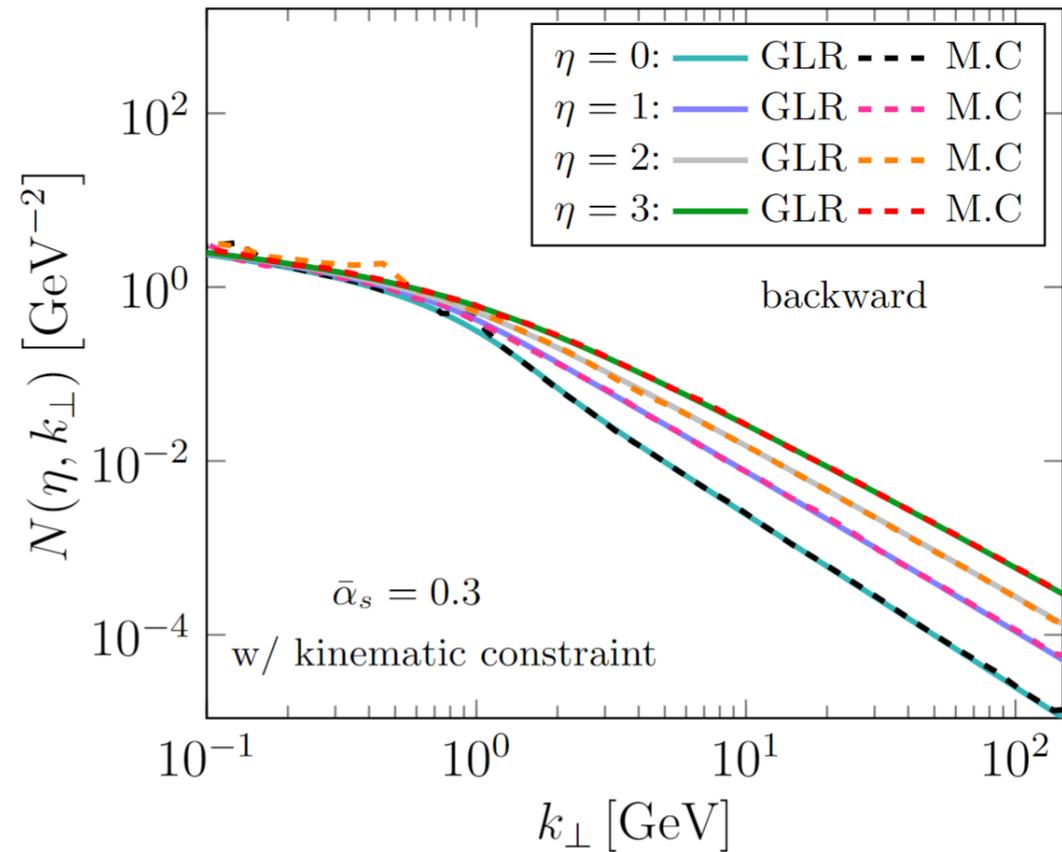
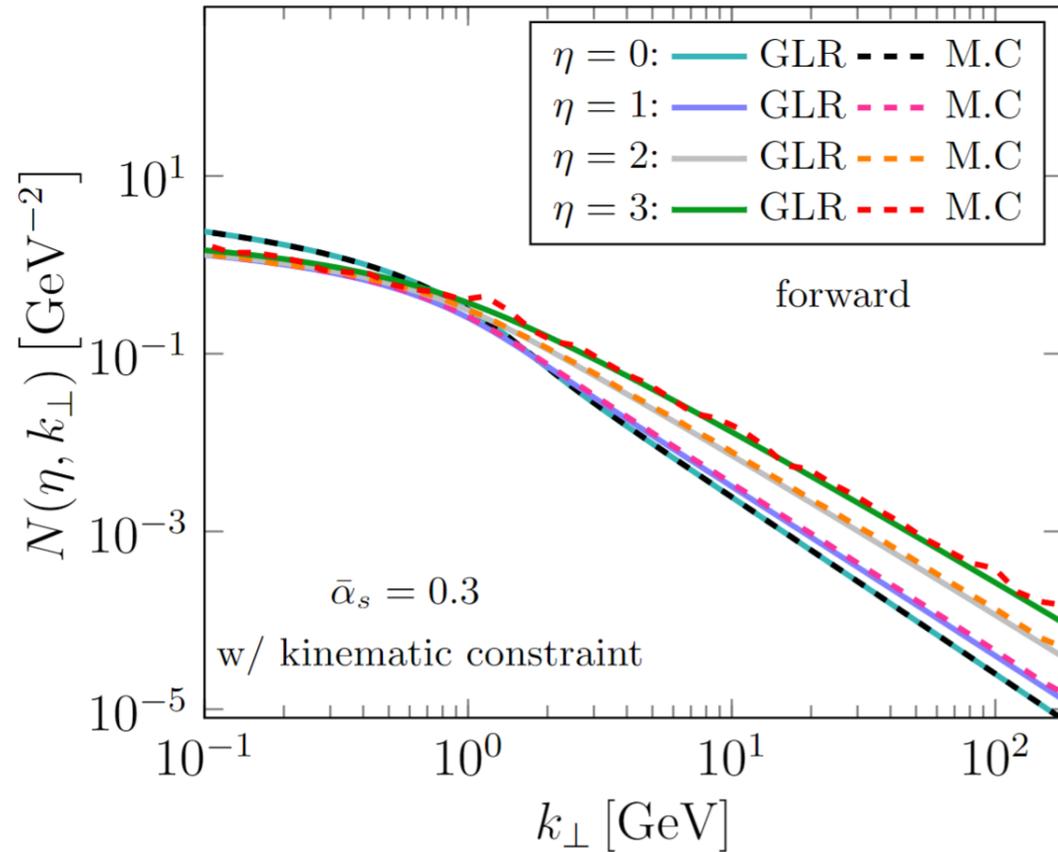
- Weighting factor for backward evolution:

$$\mathcal{W}(\eta_{i+1}, \eta_i; k_{\perp, i+1}) = \frac{(\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i) \ln \frac{k_{\perp, i}^2}{\mu^2} + \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta_{i+1}} d\eta \mathcal{N}(\eta, k_{\perp, i})}{(\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i) \ln \frac{P_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2}} \frac{N(\eta_i, k_{\perp, i})}{N\left(\eta_i + \ln \left[\frac{k_{\perp, i+1}^2}{k_{\perp, i+1}^2 + l_{\perp}^2} \right], k_{\perp, i}\right)}$$

- Non-Sudakov factor for backward evolution

$$\frac{\Delta(\eta_{i+1}, k_{\perp, i+1}) N(\eta_i, k_{\perp, i+1})}{\Delta(\eta_i, k_{\perp, i+1}) N(\eta_{i+1}, k_{\perp, i+1})} = \exp \left[-\frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int_{\eta_i}^{\eta_{i+1}} d\eta \int_{\mu}^{\min\left[P_{\perp}, \sqrt{\frac{1-z}{z} k_{\perp, i+1}^2}\right]} \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} \frac{N\left(\eta + \ln \left[\frac{k_{\perp, i+1}^2}{k_{\perp, i+1}^2 + l_{\perp}^2} \right], k_{\perp, i+1} + l_{\perp}\right)}{N(\eta, k_{\perp, i+1})} \right]$$

Coherent branching: test against the numerical results



Joint small x and kt resummation

□ When $S \gg Q^2 \gg k_T^2$, resume two type large logs

$$\ln \frac{S}{Q^2} \quad \ln^2 \frac{Q^2}{k_{\perp}^2}$$

◆ Starting point:

$$xG(x, l_{\perp}, x\zeta) = \int \frac{dy^- d^2 y_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^3 P^+} e^{-ixP^+ y^- + il_{\perp} \cdot y_{\perp}} \langle P | F_{\mu}^+(y^-, y_{\perp}) \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{n}}^{\dagger}(y^-, y_{\perp}) \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{n}}(0, 0_{\perp}) F^{\mu+}(0) | P \rangle$$

Collins, Soper, 81; Collins, Soper, Sterman, 85

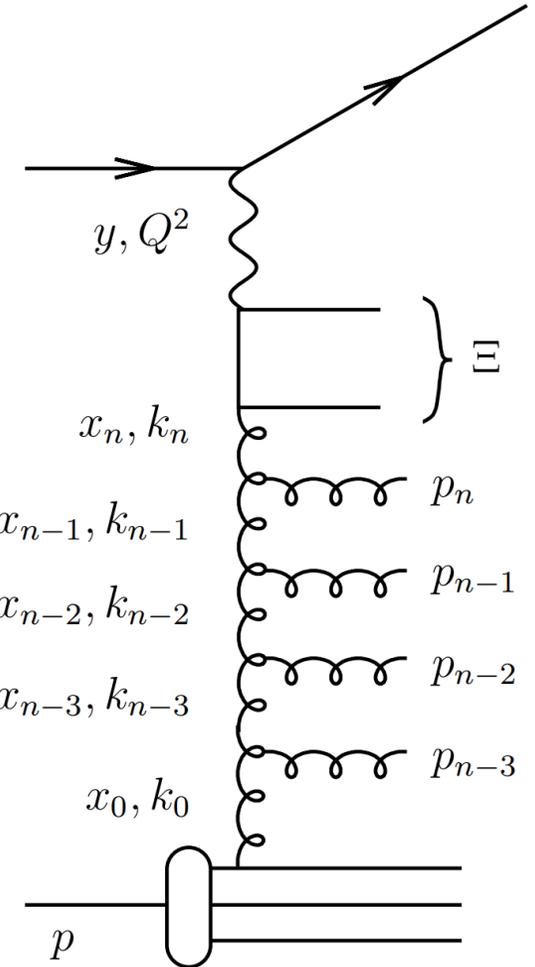
Gloun---->gloun splitting kernel; $\mathcal{P}_{gg}(z) = 2C_A \frac{(z^2 - z + 1)^2}{z(1-z)}$

When z(or x) ---->0, large logarithm $\ln \frac{1}{x}$ summed by BFKL

When z---->1, light cone divergence, introduce ζ to regularize

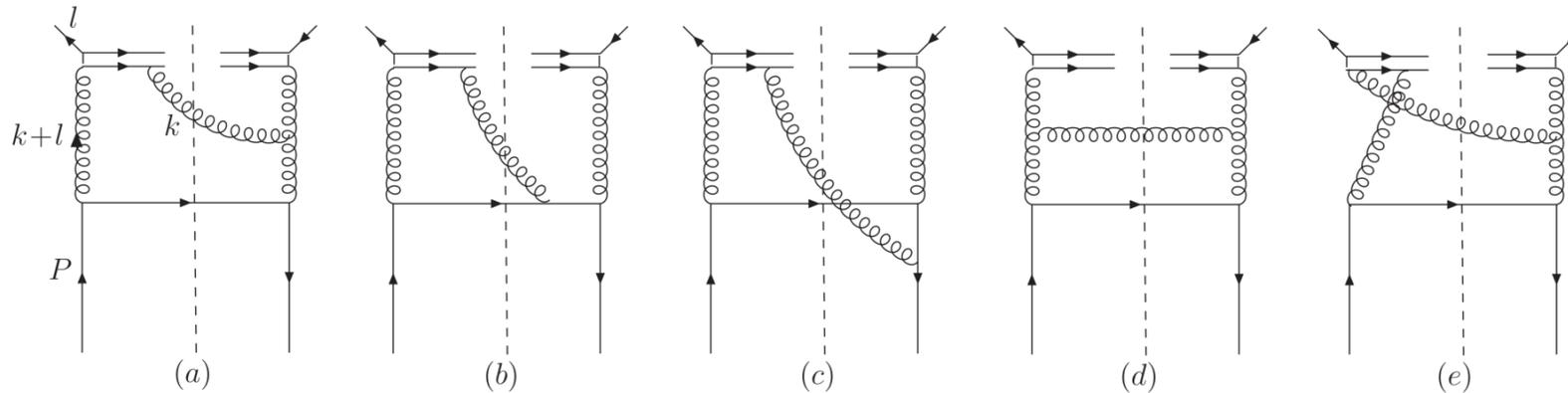
large logarithm $\ln \frac{x^2 \zeta^2}{k_T^2}$ summed by CS

Mueller, Xiao, Yuan 2012; Xiao, Yuan, Zhou, 2017; Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan, 2022-2023; Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet, 2022; Mukherjee, Skokov, Tarasov, Tiwari, 2023....



Formulation in terms of gluon TMD(dilute limit)

◆ Sample real diagrams



➤ The resulting gluon TMD indeed simultaneously satisfies the both

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dk^+}{k^+} = \int_{l^+}^\infty \frac{dk^+}{k^+} + \int_0^{l^+} \frac{dk^+}{k^+}$$

2016, ZJ

BFKL equation:

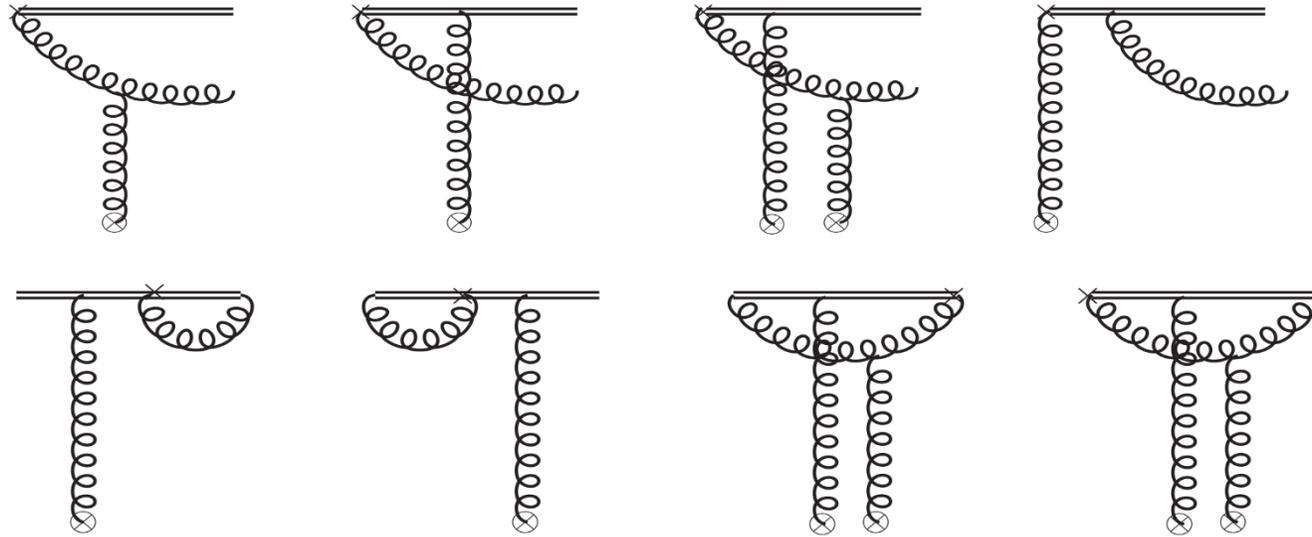
$$\frac{\partial [xG(x, l_\perp, x\zeta)]}{\partial \ln(1/x)} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2 k_\perp}{k_\perp^2} \left\{ xG(x, k_\perp + l_\perp, x\zeta) - \frac{l_\perp^2}{2(l_\perp + k_\perp)^2} xG(x, l_\perp, x\zeta) \right\}$$

CS equation:

$$\frac{\partial [G(x, b_\perp, x\zeta)]}{\partial \ln \zeta} = -\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \left[\frac{x^2 \zeta^2 b_\perp^2}{4} e^{2\gamma_E - \frac{1}{2}} \right] G(x, b_\perp, x\zeta)$$

Small x TMDs in CGC at NLO(double log)

Sample diagrams (Collins-2011 scheme)



Xiao, Yuan and ZJ, 2017.

The basic nonperturbative ingredient:

$$U(x_{\perp}) = \langle \mathcal{P} e^{-ig \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx^{-} A^{+}(x^{-}, x_{\perp})} \rangle$$

Multiple gluon rescattering is treated in an equal way.

Collinear approach v.s. CGC

➤ Collinear factorization:

$$\tilde{f}_g^{(sub.)}(x, r_\perp, \zeta_c) = e^{-S_{pert}^g(Q, r_\perp)} \sum_i C_{g/i}(\mu_r/\mu) \otimes f_i(x, \mu)$$

Sudakov factor

Hard coefficient

Colliner PDF

➤ CGC (Colliner divergence absent)

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

Hard coefficient

Sudakov factor

Two point function

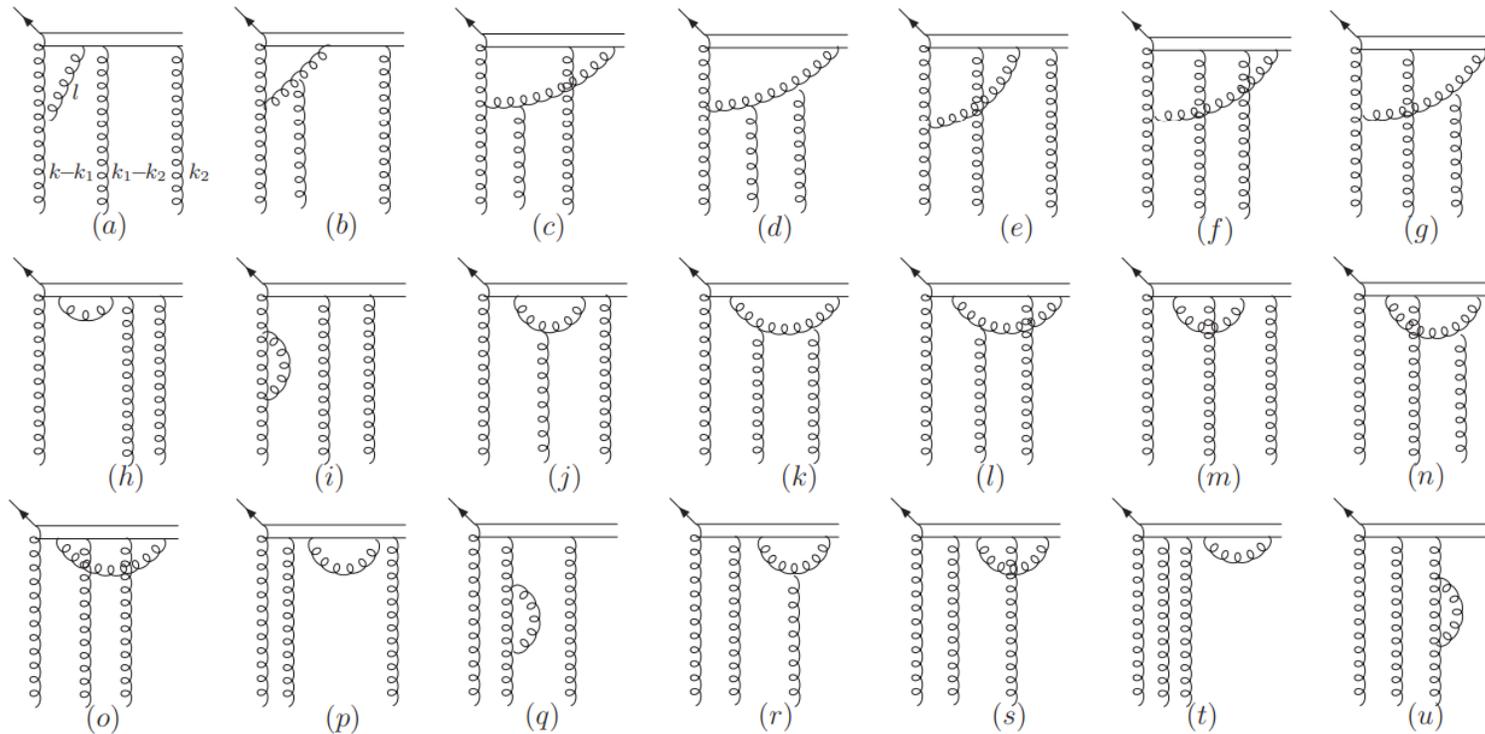
Two step evolution: $x_0 \longrightarrow x$ $k_t \longrightarrow Q$

Sudakov Single log at small x

The anomalous dimension at small x?

$$\frac{d \ln G(x, b_\perp, \mu^2, \zeta_c^2)}{d \ln \mu} = \gamma_G(g(\mu), \zeta_c^2/\mu^2)$$

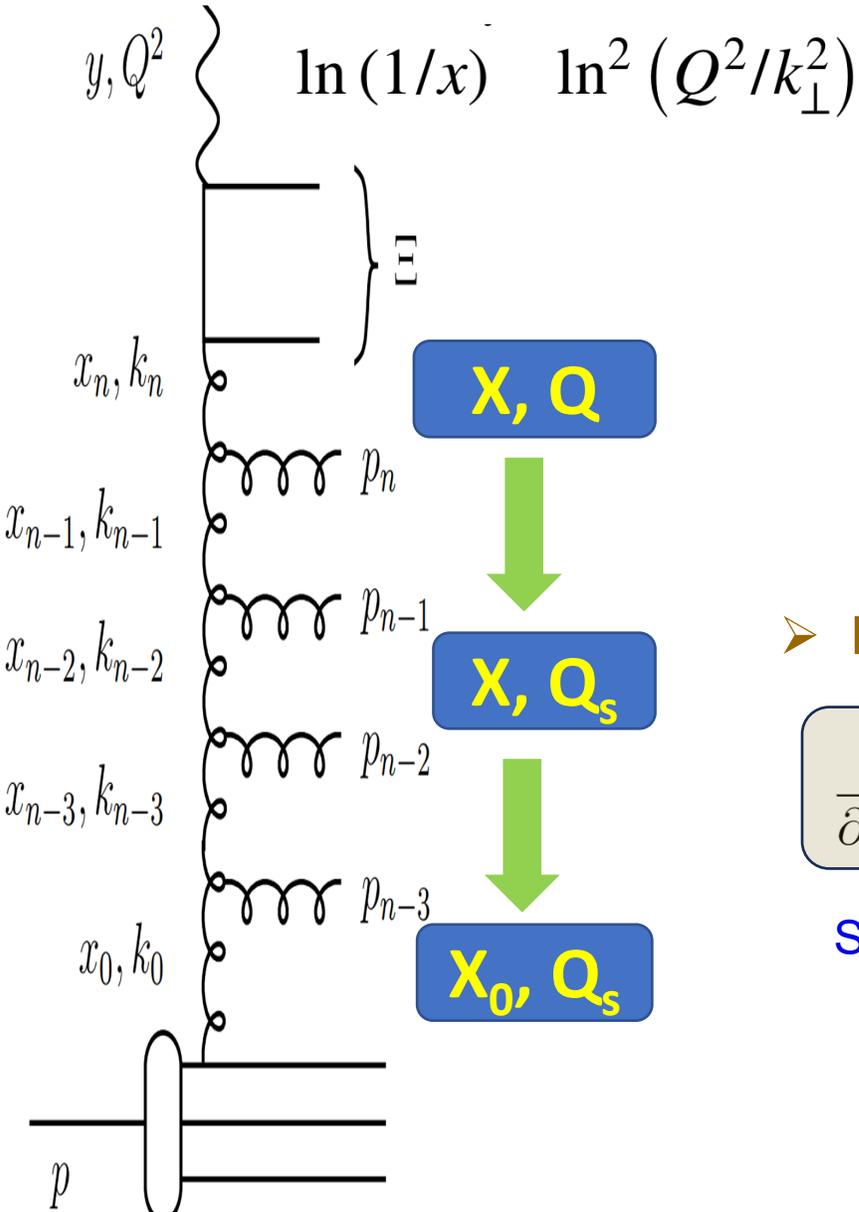
Compute UV part first; employ the Eikonal approximation next!



2019, ZJ

□ Single log is not affected by saturation effect.

Monte Carlo implementation of the joint resummation



➤ Combing Collins-Soper equation

$$\frac{\partial N(\mu^2, \zeta^2, x, k_\perp)}{\partial \ln \zeta^2} = \frac{2\alpha_s N_c}{\pi^2} \int_0^\zeta \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{l_\perp^2} [N(\mu^2, \zeta^2, x, k_\perp + l_\perp) - N(\mu^2, \zeta^2, x, k_\perp)]$$

with renormalization group equation

$$\frac{\partial N(\mu^2, \zeta^2, x, k_\perp)}{\partial \ln \mu^2} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \left[\frac{\beta_0}{6} - \ln \frac{\zeta^2}{\mu^2} \right] N(\mu^2, \zeta^2, x, k_\perp)$$

➤ **Folded CS+RG:** $N(Q^2, x, k_\perp) \equiv N(\mu^2 = Q^2, \zeta^2 = Q^2, x, k_\perp)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln Q^2} \frac{N(Q^2, x, k_\perp)}{\Delta_s(Q^2, k_\perp)} = \frac{2\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{l_\perp^2} \frac{N(Q^2, x, k_\perp + l_\perp)}{\Delta_s(Q^2, k_\perp)}$$

Sudakov form factor

Shi-Wei-ZJ, 2023

$$\Delta_s(Q^2, k_\perp) = \exp \left[-\bar{\alpha}_s \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dt}{t} \left(2 \ln \frac{t}{Q_0^2} - \frac{\beta_0}{6} \right) \right]$$

Monte Carlo implementation of kt resummation

- The modified Sudakov factor in the backward evolution:

$$\frac{\Delta_s(Q_n^2, k_{\perp, n}) N(Q_{n-1}^2, x_n, k_{\perp, n})}{\Delta_s(Q_{n-1}^2, k_{\perp, n}) N(Q_n^2, x_n, k_{\perp, n})} = \exp \left[- \int_{Q_{n-1}^2}^{Q_n^2} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{Q_0}^t \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} \frac{2\bar{\alpha}_s(l_{\perp}^2)}{\pi} \frac{N(t, x_n, k_{\perp, n} + l_{\perp})}{N(t, x_n, k_{\perp, n})} \right] = \mathcal{R}$$

- Sample l_{\perp} and reconstruct z

Shi-Wei-ZJ, 2023

$$\int \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{l_{\perp}^2} \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s(l_{\perp}^2)}{\pi} N(Q_{n-1}^2, x_n, k_{\perp, n} + l_{\perp}) \quad l_{\perp, n}^2 \approx Q_{n-1}^2 (1 - z_n)$$

- Weight factor

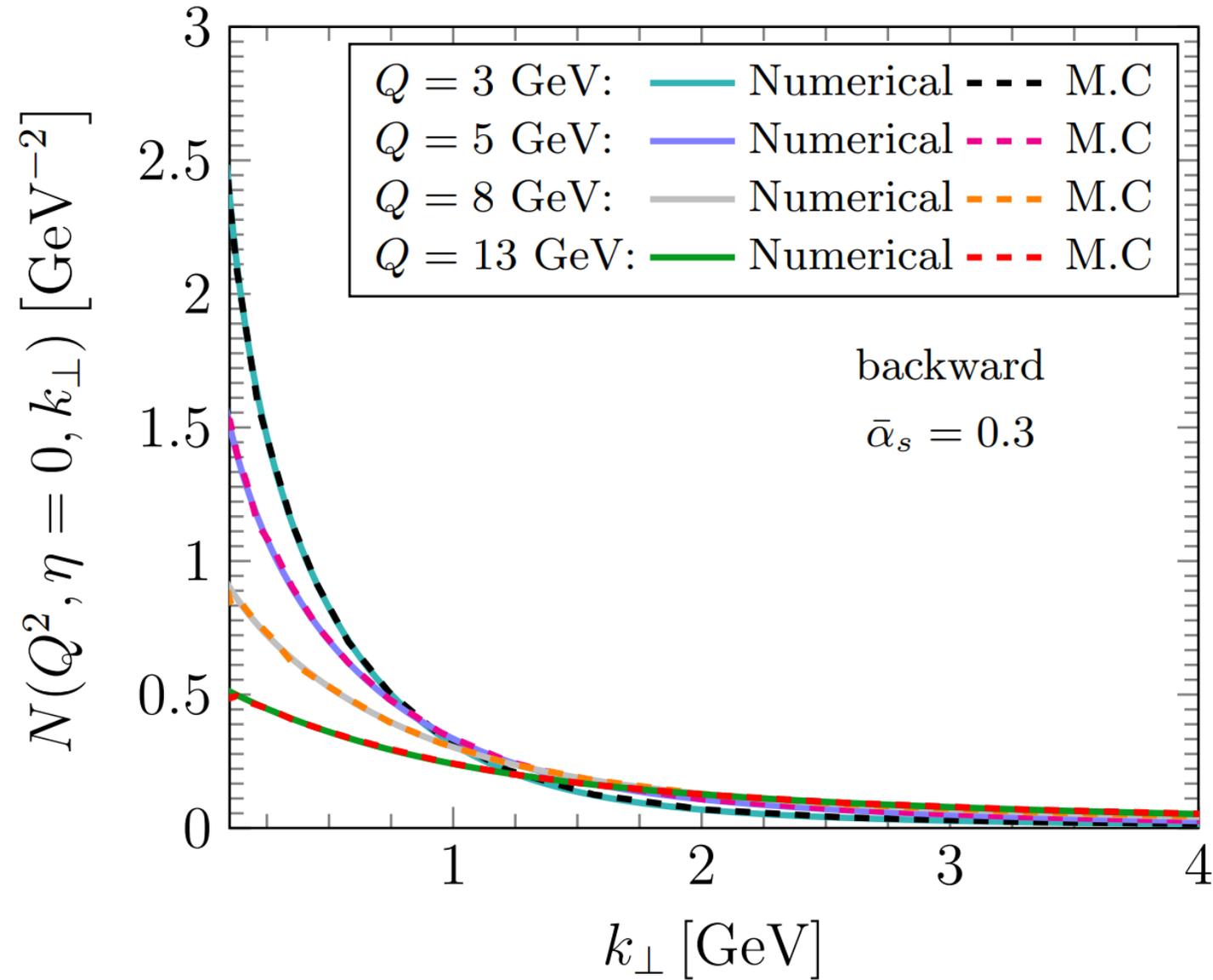
$$\mathcal{W} = \frac{\int_{Q_{n-1}^2}^{Q_n^2} \frac{dt}{t} \ln \frac{t^2}{Q_0^2}}{\int_{Q_{n-1}^2}^{Q_n^2} \frac{dt}{t} \left[\ln \frac{t^2}{Q_0^2} - \frac{\beta_0}{12} \right]}$$

◆ Unitarity is preserved only within the double leading log approximation

- Terminate kt PS and turn on small x PS

$$z_i > 0.5 \quad Q_i > Q_s$$

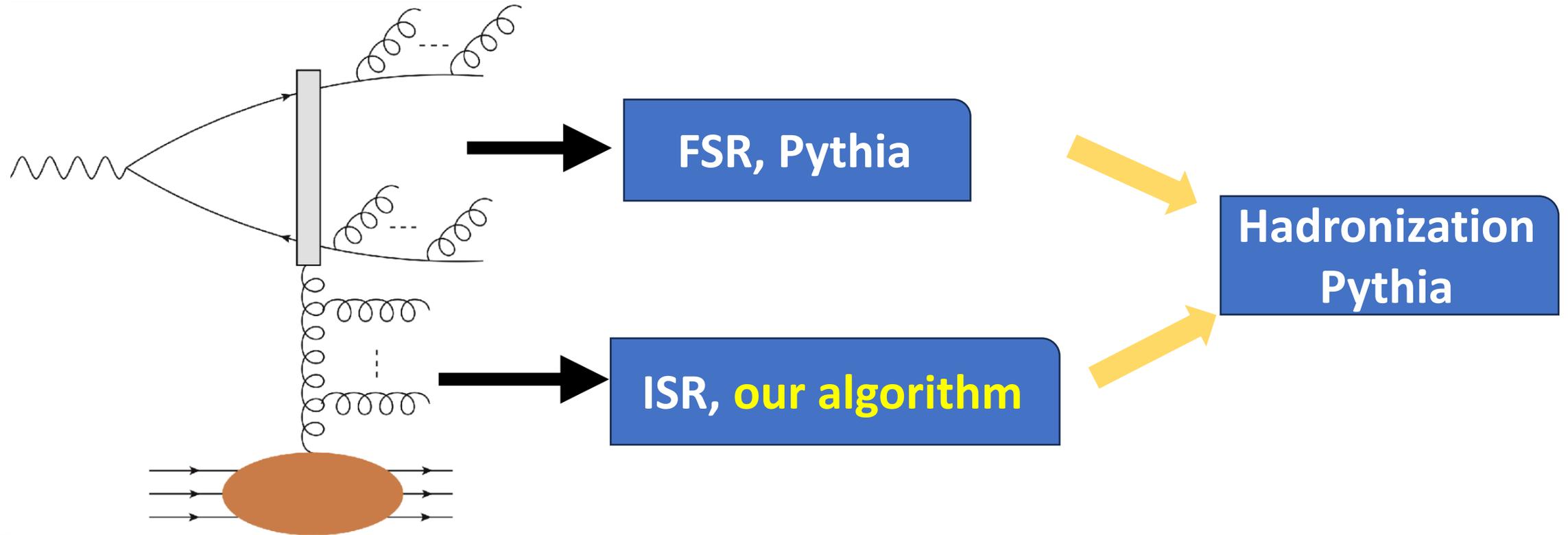
Numerical V.S. MC:



Initial condition:

$$N(Q_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2, x = 0.01, k_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 r_\perp}{2\pi} e^{ik_\perp \cdot r_\perp} \frac{1}{r_\perp^2} \left[1 - e^{-\frac{Q_s^2 r_\perp^2}{4}} \log\left(\frac{1}{r_\perp \Lambda_{MV}} + e\right) \right]$$

Hadronization and final state radiations

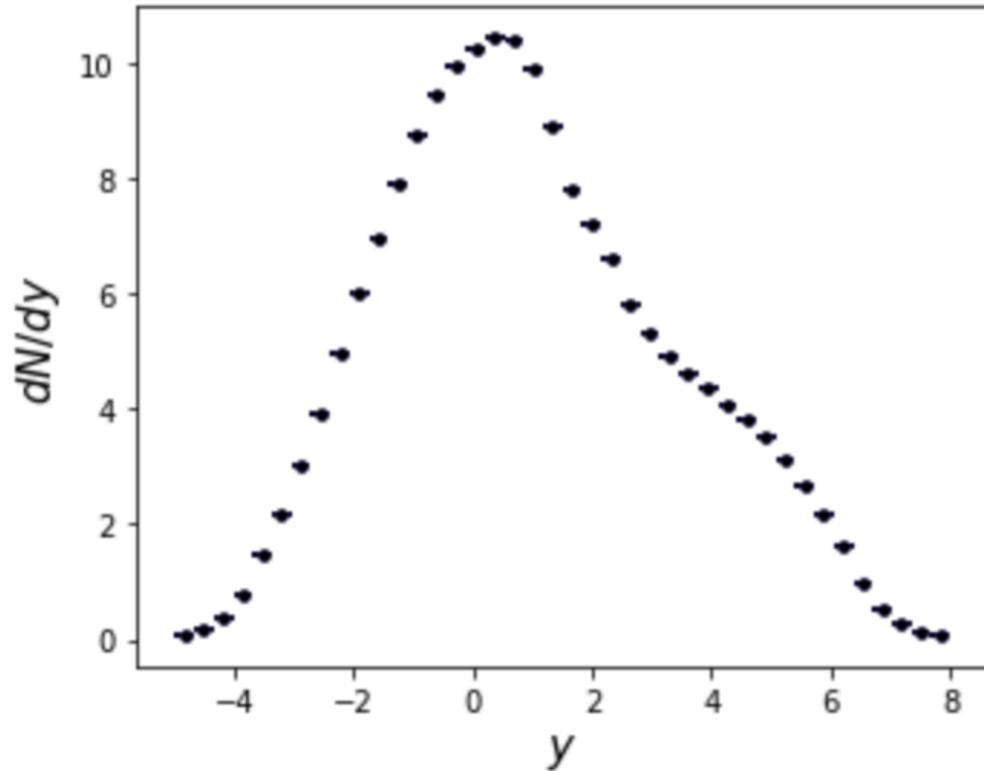


Di-jet/di-hadron production in the DIS

Lepton-proton collider at HERA (Photon is quasi-real photon.)

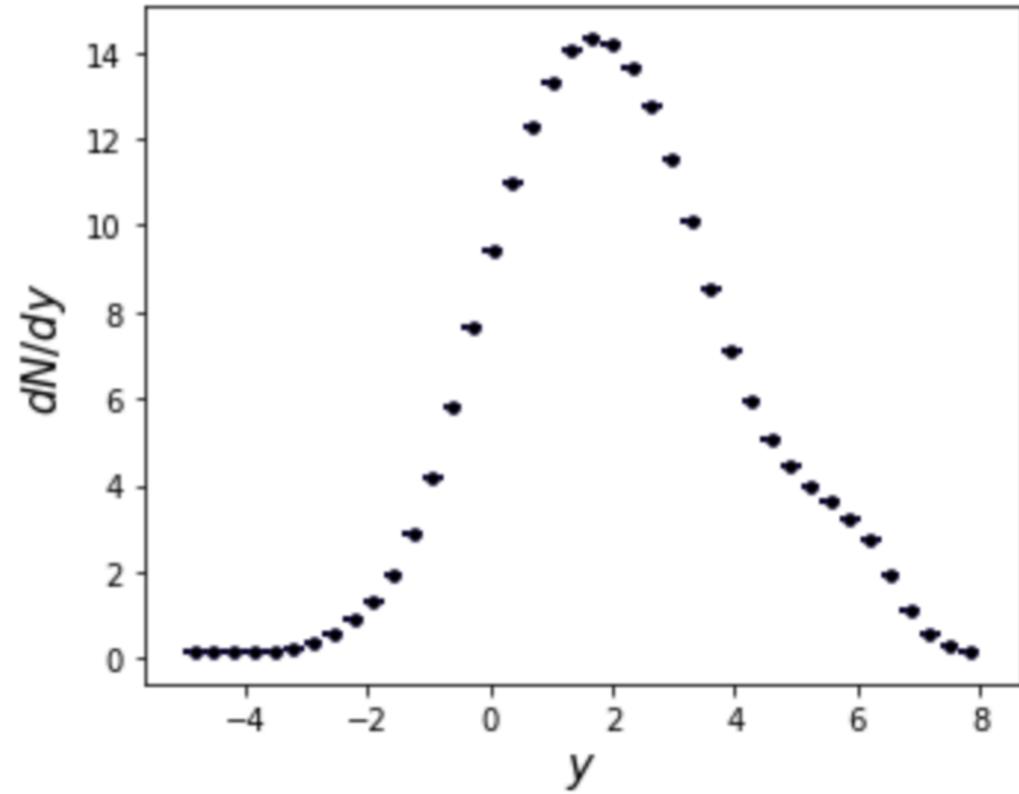
Working in progress

Preliminary results



Small-x Cascade

Pythia + hadronization



Pythia

Summary and Outlook

- The first PS algorithm incorporating saturation effect
- The implementation of the joint resummation is sketched
- Recoiled effect; linear polarization effect; multiple gluon fusion effect
- Smooth transition to non-linear QCD regime: compare with HERA data
- Integrate into eHIJING, working with Yu Shi, Wei-yao Ke and Xin-nian Wang

Thank you for your attention!



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