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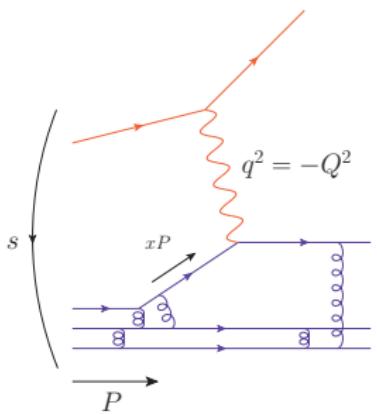
# Nucleon Imaging: TMD distributions and the CGC

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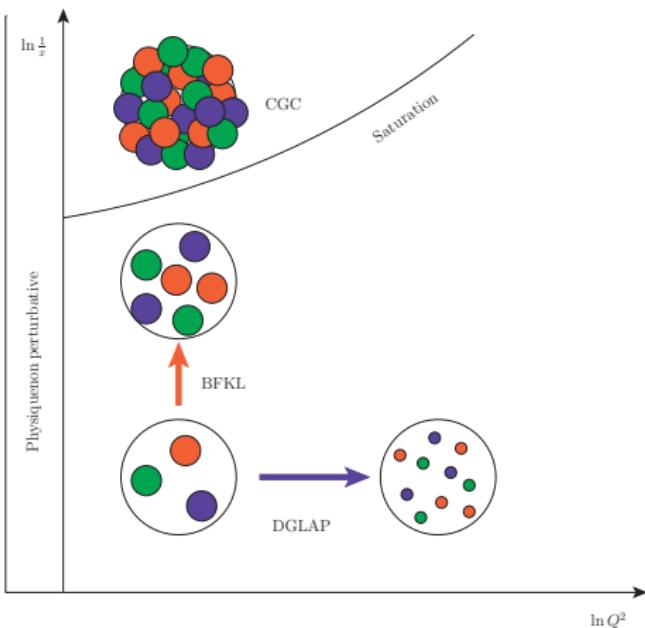
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# Accessing the partonic content of hadrons with an electromagnetic probe

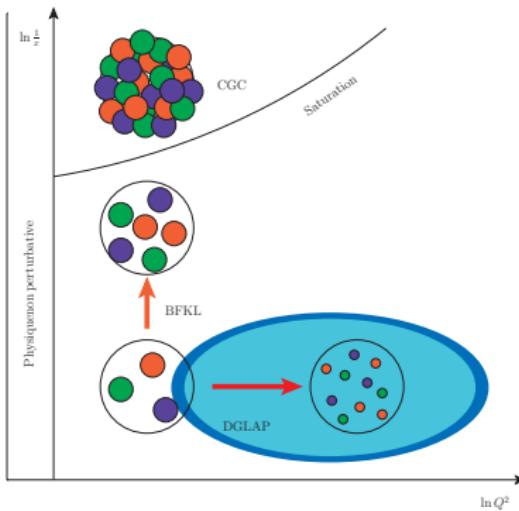


## Electron-proton collision (parton model)

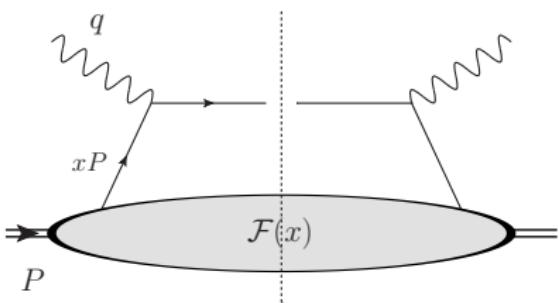


# QCD at moderate $x_B = Q^2/s$

$$Q^2 \sim s$$



Collinear factorization:  
inclusive processes with a single scale  $Q \sim \sqrt{s} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$



$$\sigma = \mathcal{F}(x, \mu) \otimes \mathcal{H}(\mu)$$

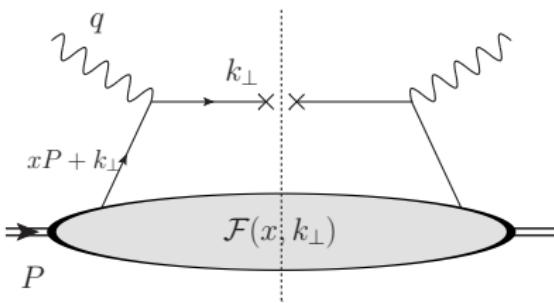
At a scale  $\mu$ , the process is factorized into:

- A hard scattering subamplitude  $\mathcal{H}(\mu)$
  - A Parton Distribution Function (PDF)  $\mathcal{F}(x, \mu)$

$\mu$  independence: DGLAP renormalization equation for  $\mathcal{F}$

# Transverse Momentum Dependent (TMD) factorization: semi-inclusive processes with one hard and one semihard scale

$$Q \sim \sqrt{s} \gg k_{\perp}$$



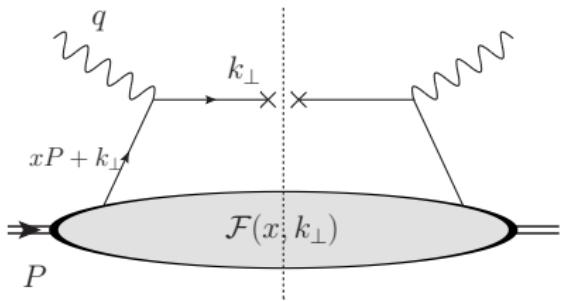
$$\sigma = \mathcal{F}(x, k_{\perp}, \zeta, \mu) \otimes \mathcal{H}(\mu) \otimes \hat{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{x}, \hat{k}_{\perp}, \hat{\zeta}, \mu)$$

At a scale  $\mu$ , the process is factorized into:

- A hard scattering subamplitude  $\mathcal{H}(\mu)$
- A TMD PDF  $\mathcal{F}(x, k_{\perp}, \zeta, \mu)$
- A TMD FF  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{x}, \hat{k}_{\perp}, \hat{\zeta}, \mu)$

$\mu, \zeta, \hat{\zeta}$  independence: TMD evolution for  $\mathcal{F}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}$

Another SIDIS order-by-order factorization scheme:  
**Semi-classical effective theory (Shockwaves)** [Balitsky, Tarasov]



$$\sigma = \mathcal{H}(\sigma, \hat{\sigma}) \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, k_{\perp}, \sigma) \otimes \hat{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{x}, \hat{k}_{\perp}, \hat{\sigma})$$

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$\sigma, \hat{\sigma}$  independence: Balitsky-Tarasov evolution for  $\mathcal{F}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}$

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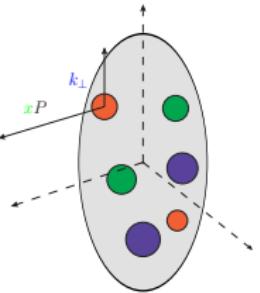
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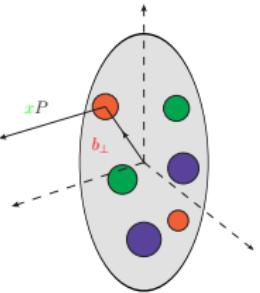
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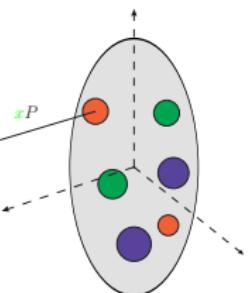
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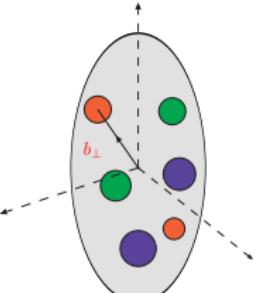
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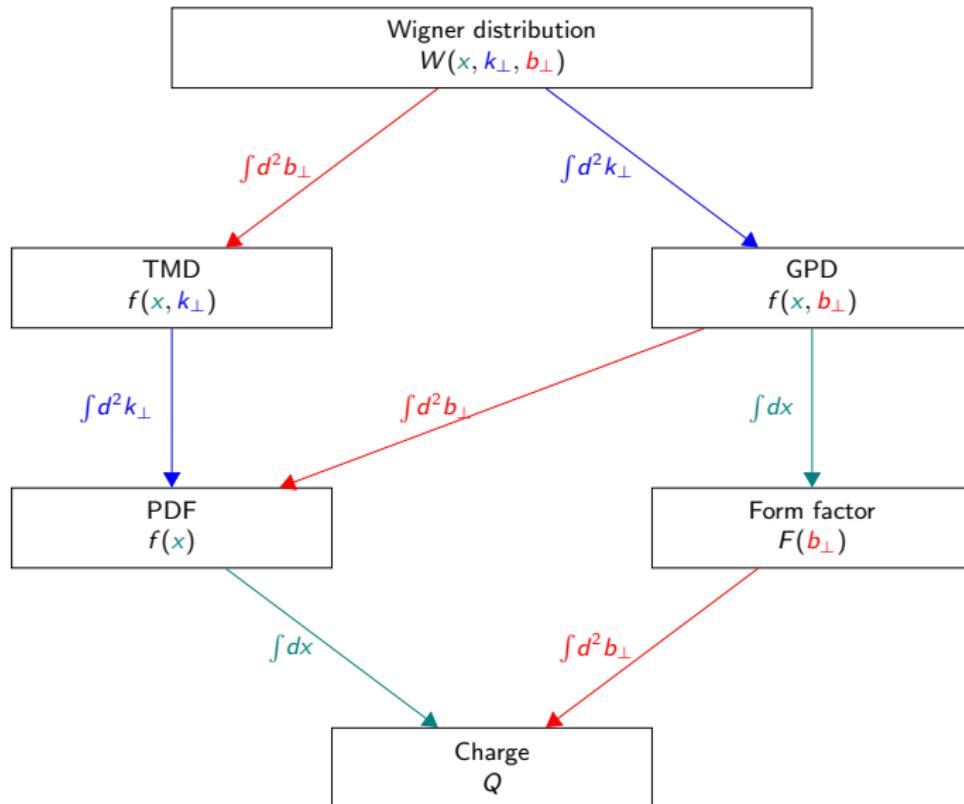


Wigner



Form Factor

# The family tree of parton distributions



# Leading twist quark TMD distributions

Hadron pol.	Parton	Unpolarized	Chiral	Transverse
Unpolarized	$f_1$	$\emptyset$	$h_1^\perp$	
Longitudinal	$\emptyset$	$g_{1L}$	$h_{1L}^\perp$	
Transverse	$f_{1T}^\perp$	$g_{1T}$	$h_1$ , $h_{1T}^\perp$	

PDF-spanning

Unpolarized  $f_1$

Helicity  $g_{1L}$

Transversity  $h_1$

Naive  $T$ -even pure TMDs

Worm-gear  $h_{1L}^\perp, g_{1T}$

Pretzelosity  $h_{1T}^\perp$

[Mulders, Tangerman]

Naive  $T$ -odd pure TMDs

Boer-Mulders  $h_1^\perp$

Sivers  $f_{1T}^\perp$

# Leading twist gluon TMD distributions

Hadron pol.	Parton	Unpolarized	Circular	Linear
Unpolarized		$f_1^g$	$\emptyset$	$h_1^{\perp g}$
Longitudinal		$\emptyset$	$g_{1L}^g$	$h_{1L}^{\perp g}$
Transverse		$f_{1T}^{\perp g}$	$g_{1T}^g$	$h_1^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$

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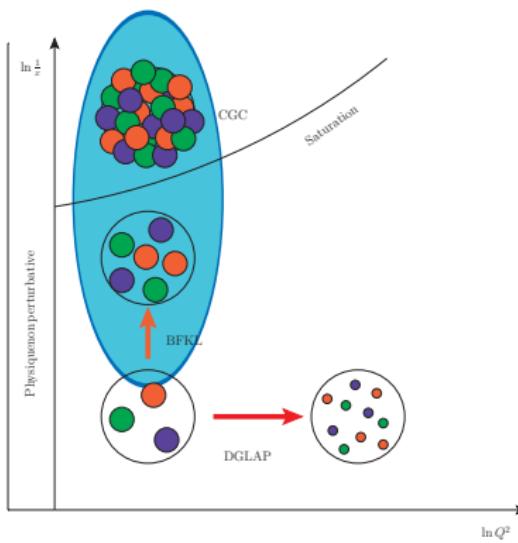
## Worth mentioning

### Relevant results I will not have time to discuss

- All-order factorization theorems have been derived for Drell-Yan [Collins], [Echevarría, Idilbi, Scimemi], for SIDIS [Ji, Ma, Yuan] and for dihadron production in  $e^+e^-$  collisions [Collins]
- A SIDIS and  $e^+e^-$  fit for Collins-Sivers and transversity [Anselmino, Boglione, D'Alesio, Kotzinian, Murgia, Prokudin, Türk] and global TMD fit for data from [HERMES, COMPASS, Tevatron]: [Bacchetta, Delcarro, Pisano, Radici, Signori]
- Single and double spin asymmetries are particularly relevant to probe pure TMD distributions [See M. Sievert's talk?]
- The pretzelosity distribution is a great probe of quark orbital angular momentum [Avakian, Efremov, Schweitzer, Yuan],[Lorcé, Pasquini]
- Processes involving heavy quarks and quarkonia are direct probes of gluon TMD distributions [Boer, Pisano] [Boer, Brodsky, Buffing, Mulders, Pisano], [Boer, Mulders, Pisano, Zhou], [Lansberg, Pisano, Scarpa, Schlegel], [Bacchetta, Boer, Pisano, Taels]
- See Y. Hatta's talk on the gluon Sivers function

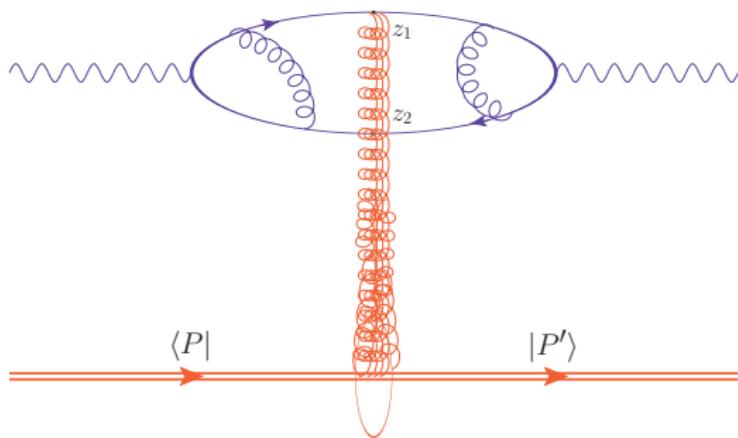
QCD at small  $x_B = Q^2/s$

$$Q^2 \ll s$$



## Factorized picture

Semi-classical approach to small  $x$  physics  
 [McLerran, Venugopalan], [Balitsky]



$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2 \vec{z}_1 d^2 \vec{z}_2 \Phi^{Y_c}(\vec{z}_1, \vec{z}_2) \langle P' | [\text{Tr}(U_{\vec{z}_1}^{Y_c} U_{\vec{z}_2}^{Y_c\dagger}) - N_c] | P \rangle$$

Written similarly for any number of Wilson lines in any color representation!

$Y_c$  independence: B-JIMWLK hierarchy of equations  
 [Balitsky, Jalilian-Marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner]

# (So-called) non-universality of TMD distributions:

## The importance of gauge links

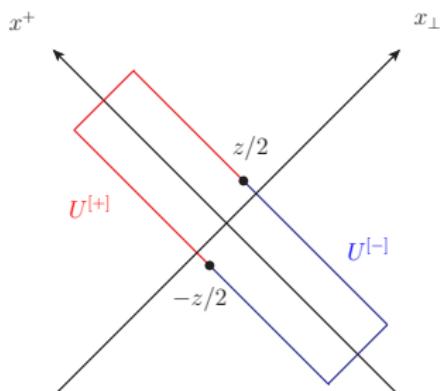
[Collins, Soper, Sterman], [Brodsky, Hwang, Schmidt], [Belitsky, Ji, Yuan],  
[Bomhof, Mulders, Pijlman], [Boer, Mulders, Pijlman]

[Kharzeev, Kovchegov, Tuchin]

## TMD gauge links

## "Non-universality" of quark TMD distributions

Gauge links can be future-pointing or past-pointing



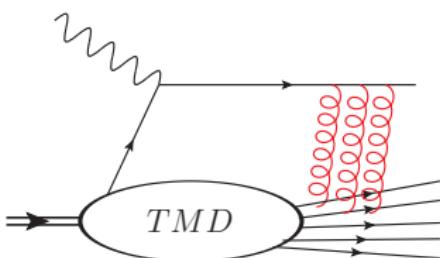
$$q^{[+]}(x, k_\perp) \propto \left\langle P \left| \bar{\psi} \left( \frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}_{\frac{z}{2}, -\frac{z}{2}}^{[+]} \psi \left( -\frac{z}{2} \right) \right| P \right\rangle$$

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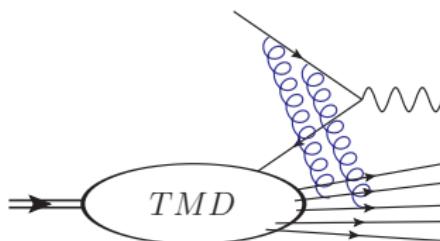
For naive T-odd distributions,  $q^{[+]} = -q^{[-]}$ : **Sivers effect**

# The Sivers effect

SIDIS



Drell-Yan



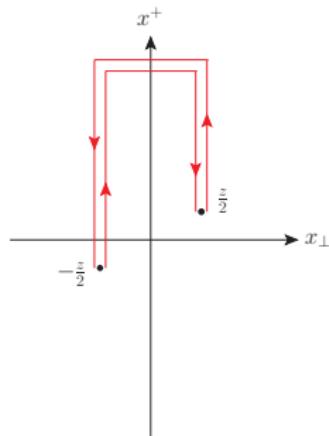
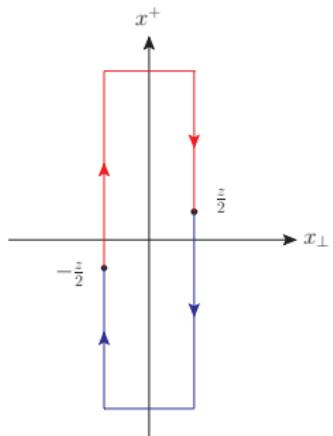
Final state interactions:  $q^{[+]}$

Initial state interactions:  $q^{[-]}$

The Sivers distribution comes with a relative – sign between SIDIS and DY: different gauge links for a naive T-odd quantity!

# TMD gauge links

## "Non-universality" of gluon TMD distributions

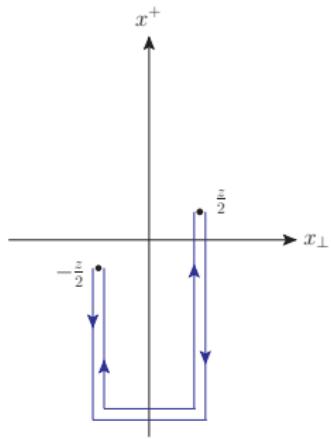


$$\text{Tr} \left[ F^{i-} \left( \frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}^{[-]\dagger} F^{i-} \left( -\frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right]$$

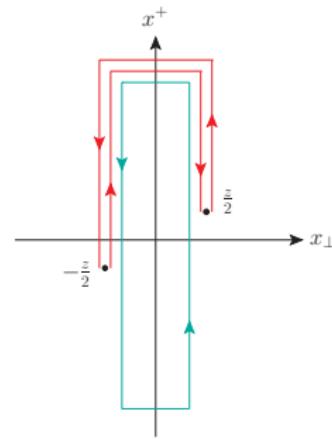
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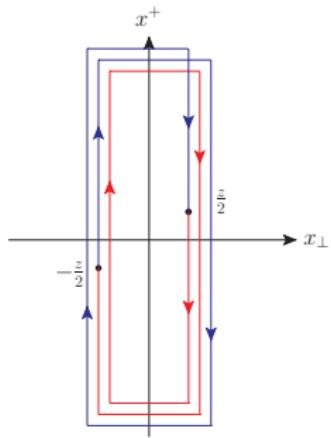
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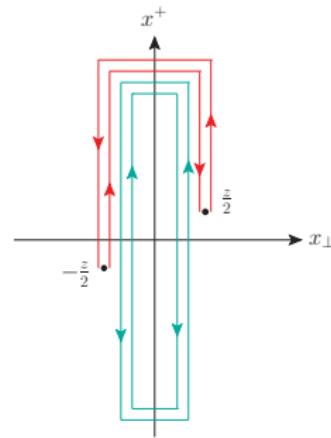
$$\text{Tr} \left[ F^{i-} \mathcal{U}^{[+]\dagger} F^{i-} \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right] \text{Tr} \left[ \mathcal{U}^{[\square]} \right]$$

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"Non-universality" of gluon TMD distributions



$$\text{Tr} \left[ F^{i-} \mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger} \mathcal{U}^{[+]^\dagger} F^{i-} \mathcal{U}^{[\square]} \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right]$$



$$\text{Tr} \left[ F^{i-} \mathcal{U}^{[+]^\dagger} F^{i-} \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right] \text{Tr} \left[ \mathcal{U}^{[\square]} \right] \text{Tr} \left[ \mathcal{U}^{[\square]\dagger} \right]$$

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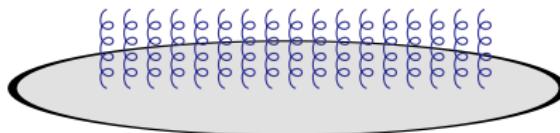
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# TMD distributions from semiclassical small $x$ physics

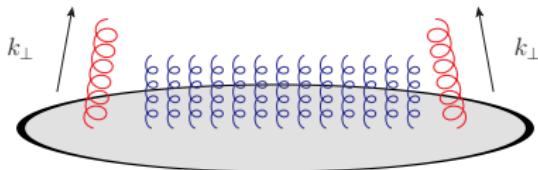
## From the CGC to a TMD

From Wilson lines...



$$\langle P \left| \text{Tr} \left( U_{\frac{r}{2}} U_{-\frac{r}{2}}^\dagger \right) \right| P \rangle$$

To a parton distribution



$$\langle P \left| \text{Tr} \left( \partial^i U_{\frac{r}{2}} \partial^i U_{-\frac{r}{2}}^\dagger \right) \right| P \rangle$$

# From the CGC to a TMD

## Staple gauge links from a Wilson line operator

[Dominguez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan]

Consider the **derivative of a path-ordered Wilson line**, denoting

$$[x_1^+, x_2^+]_{\vec{x}} \equiv \mathcal{P} \exp [ig \int_{x_1^+}^{x_2^+} dx^+ b^-(x^+, \vec{x})]$$

For a given shockwave operator  $U_{\vec{x}} = [-\infty, +\infty]_{\vec{x}}$

$$\partial^i U_{\vec{x}} = ig \int dx^+ [-\infty, x^+]_{\vec{x}} F^{-i}(x^+, \vec{x}) [x^+, +\infty]_{\vec{x}}$$

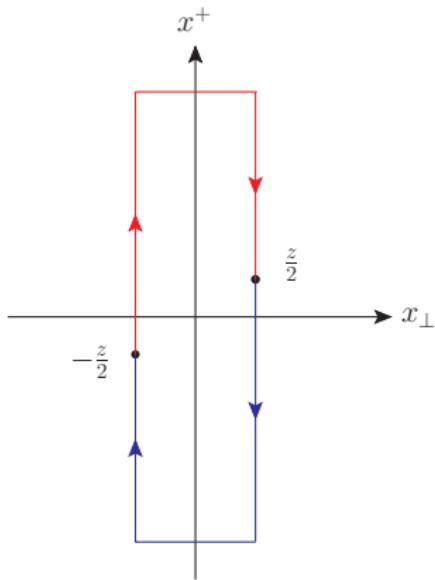
$$\partial^j U_{\vec{x}}^\dagger = -ig \int dx^+ [+∞, x^+]_{\vec{x}} F^{-j}(x^+, \vec{x}) [x^+, -\infty]_{\vec{x}}$$

$$(\partial^i U_{\vec{x}}^\dagger) U_{\vec{x}} = -ig \int dx^+ [+∞, x^+]_{\vec{x}} F^{-i}(x^+, \vec{x}) [x^+, +\infty]_{\vec{x}}$$

Taking the **derivative** of a shockwave operator allows to extract a  
physical gluon

# From the CGC to a TMD

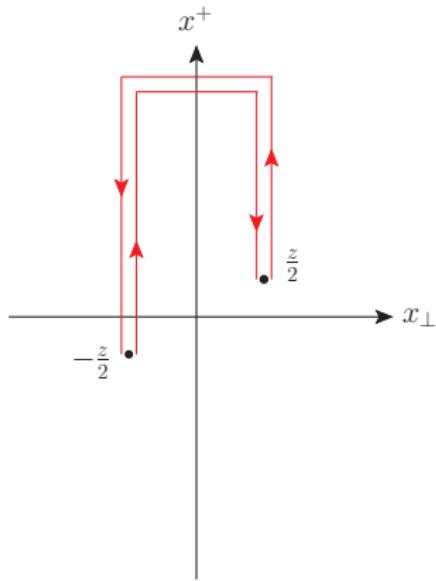
## The dipole TMD



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)}(x, k_\perp) &\propto \int d^4z \delta(z^+) e^{ix(P \cdot z) + i(k_\perp \cdot z_\perp)} \left\langle P \left| \text{Tr} \left[ F^{i-} \left( \frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}^{[-]\dagger} F^{i-} \left( -\frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right] \right| P \right\rangle \\ &\rightarrow \int d^2 z_\perp e^{i(k_\perp \cdot z_\perp)} \left\langle P \left| \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \partial^i U_{\frac{z}{2}}^\dagger \right) \left( \partial^i U_{-\frac{z}{2}} \right) \right] \right| P \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

# From the CGC to a TMD

## The Weizsäcker-Williams TMD



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)}(x, k_\perp) &\propto \int d^4z \delta(z^+) e^{ix(P \cdot z) + i(k_\perp \cdot z_\perp)} \left\langle P \left| \text{Tr} \left[ F^{i-} \left( \frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}^{[+]\dagger} F^{i-} \left( -\frac{z}{2} \right) \mathcal{U}^{[+]} \right] \right| P \right\rangle \\ &\rightarrow \int dz_\perp e^{i(k_\perp \cdot z_\perp)} \left\langle P \left| \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \partial^i U_{\frac{z}{2}} \right) U_{-\frac{z}{2}}^\dagger \left( \partial^i U_{-\frac{z}{2}} \right) U_{\frac{z}{2}}^\dagger \right] \right| P \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

## CGC amplitudes and TMD amplitudes

## Small dipole “correlation” expansion

[Dominguez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan]

Taylor expansion of Wilson line operators

$$U_{\mathbf{b}+\frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}} U_{\mathbf{b}-\frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}} - 1 = \frac{\mathbf{r}^i}{2} [(\partial^i U_{\mathbf{b}}) U_{\mathbf{b}} - U_{\mathbf{b}} (\partial^i U_{\mathbf{b}})] + O(\mathbf{r}^2)$$

leading twist correspondence:

CGC in the “correlation” limit = TMD in the small  $x$  limit

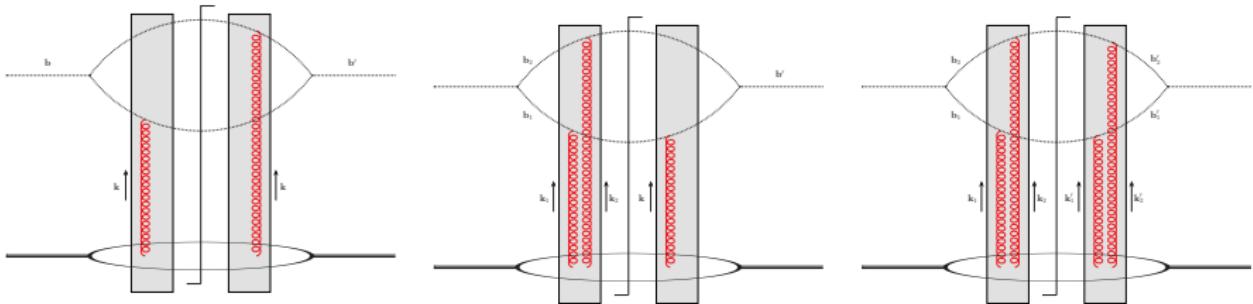
## Beyond the correlation limit

[Altinoluk, RB, Kotko], [Altinoluk, RB]

CGC = infinite twist TMD in the small  $x$  limit

Inclusive low  $x$  cross section

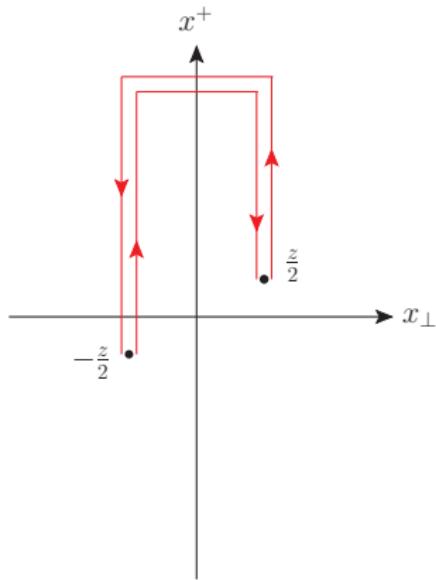
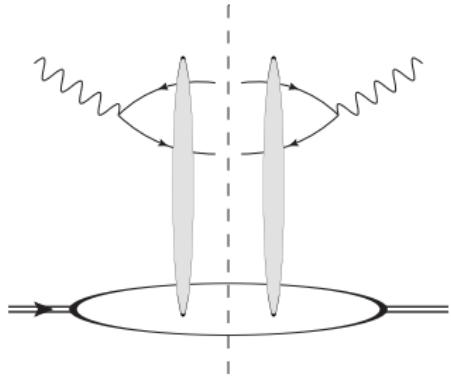
Inclusive low  $x$  cross section = TMD cross section  
 [Altinoluk, RB, Kotko], [Altinoluk, RB]



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma = & \mathcal{H}_2^{ij}(k_\perp) \otimes \left\langle P \left| F^{-i} W F^{-j} W \right| P \right\rangle \\ & + \mathcal{H}_3^{ijk}(k_\perp, k_{1\perp}) \otimes \left\langle P \left| F^{-i} W g_s F^{-j} W F^{-k} W \right| P \right\rangle \\ & + \mathcal{H}_4^{ijkl}(k_\perp, k_{1\perp}, k'_{1\perp}) \otimes \left\langle P \left| F^{-i} W g_s F^{-j} W g_s F^{-k} W F^{-l} W \right| P \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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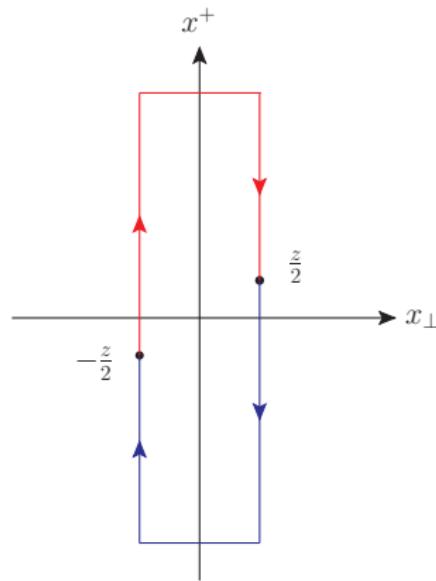
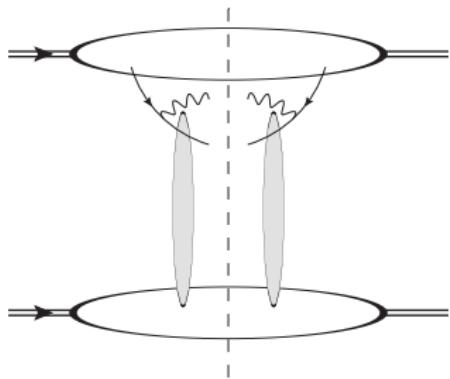
## Weizsäcker-Williams TMD



$$\mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(3)}(x \sim 0, k_\perp) \propto \int d^2 z_\perp e^{-i(k_\perp \cdot z_\perp)} \langle P | \text{Tr}(\partial^i U_{\frac{z}{2}}^\dagger) U_{\frac{z}{2}} (\partial^i U_{-\frac{z}{2}}^\dagger) U_{-\frac{z}{2}} | P \rangle$$

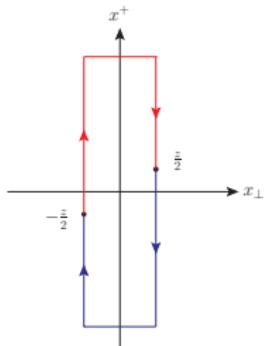
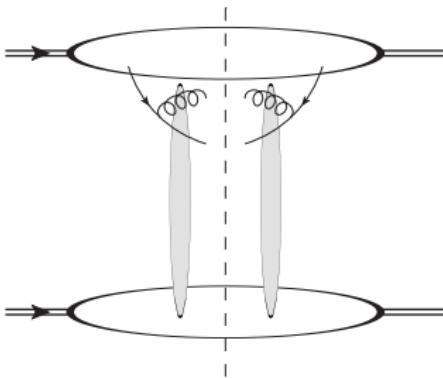
# Jet+photon production in $pA$ collisions

## Dipole TMD

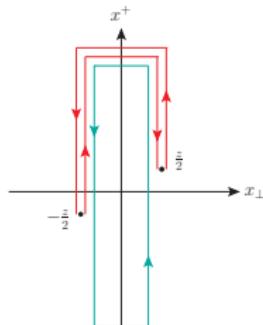


$$\mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(1)}(x \sim 0, k_\perp) \propto \int d^2 z_\perp e^{-i(k_\perp \cdot z_\perp)} \langle P | \text{tr}(\partial^i U_{\frac{z}{2}})(\partial^i U_{-\frac{z}{2}}^\dagger) | P \rangle$$

# Forward dijet production in $pA$ collisions

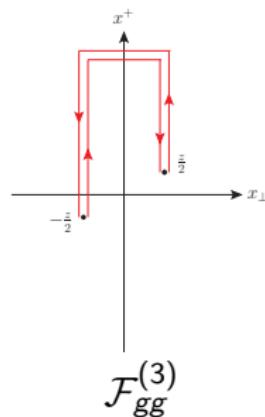
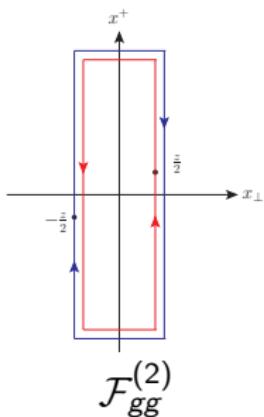
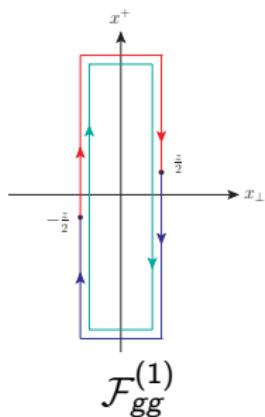
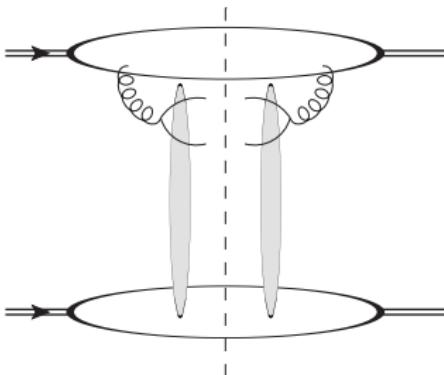


$$\mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(1)}$$

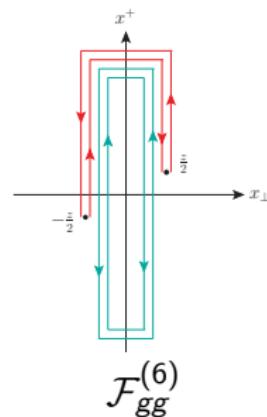
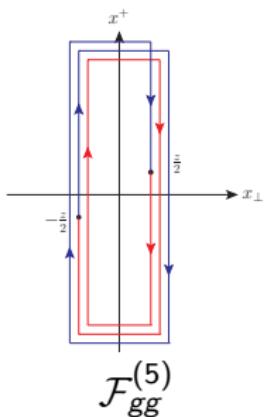
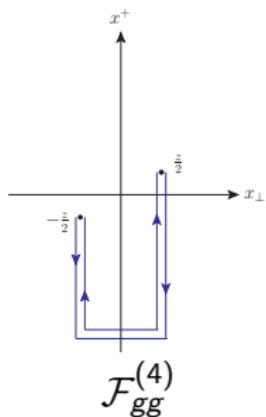
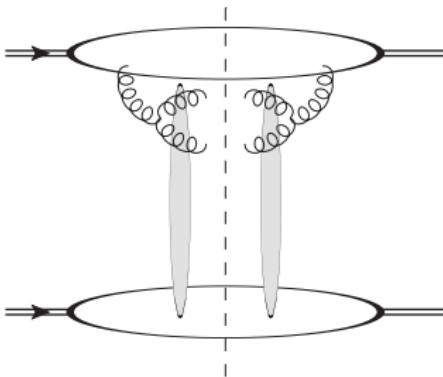


$$\mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(2)}$$

# Forward dijet production in $pA$ collisions



# Forward dijet production in $pA$ collisions



## Common tools

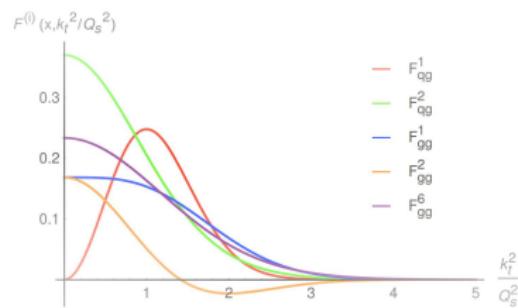
The CGC/TMD equivalence allows to use some **TMD tools for the CGC**:

- Target Sudakov log resummation for small  $x$  processes  
[Mueller, Xiao, Yuan], [Xiao, Yuan, Zhou]
- Phenomenological Sudakov log simulation [Kotko, Kutak, Sapeta, Stasto, Strikman], [Van Hameren, Kotko, Kutak, Sapeta]

and some **CGC tools for small  $x$  TMD distributions**:

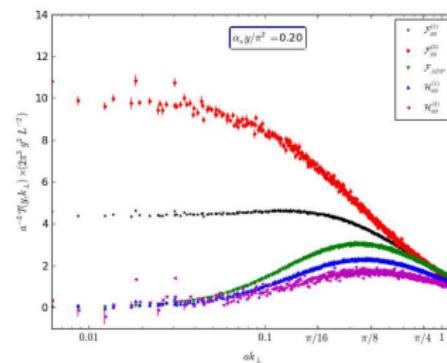
- Golec-Biernat Wüsthoff model for a TMD [Van Hameren, Kotko, Kutak, Marquet, Petreska, Sapeta]
- McLerran-Venugopalan model for a TMD, with JIMWLK evolution  
[Marquet, Petreska, Roiesnel], [Marquet, Petreska, Taels]

# TMD from the CGC



## TMD in the GBW model

[Van Hameren, Kotko, Kutak, Marquet,  
Petreska, Sapeta]



## TMD in the MV model with JIMWLK evolution

[Marquet, Petreska, Roiesnel],  
[Marquet, Roiesnel, Taels]

TMD Basics  
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Gauge links  
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CGC  $\leftrightarrow$  TMD  
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Polarized gluons  
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iTMD and saturation  
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## Linearly polarized gluons in the CGC

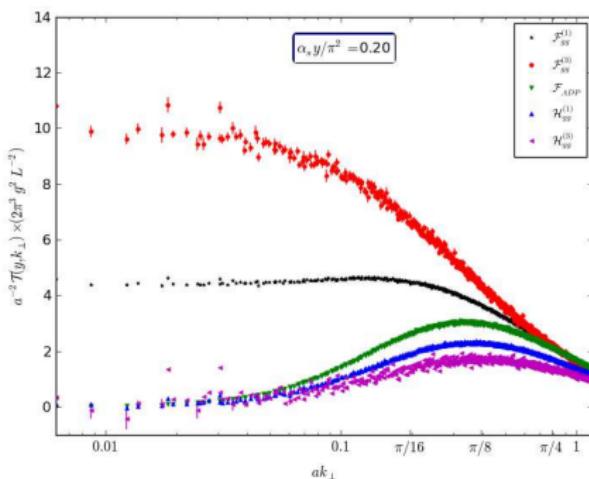
# Polarized TMD in the CGC

Wilson line operators also contain **linearly polarized gluon TMDs**

$$\left\langle P \left| \partial^i U \partial^j U \right| P \right\rangle \rightarrow \frac{\delta^{ij}}{2} \mathcal{F}(k_\perp) + \left( \frac{k_\perp^i k_\perp^j}{k_\perp^2} - \frac{\delta^{ij}}{2} \right) \mathcal{H}(k_\perp)$$

- They can be computed in the MV model [Metz, Zhou]
- They can be observed in processes with **massive quarks** [Marquet, Roiesnel, Taels]
- Or in **processes with 3 body final states** (requires an **extension of the notion of the correlation limit**) [Altinoluk, RB, Marquet, Taels]
- Can also be seen from **loop corrections to 2-body observables**, for example **prompt photon+jet production in  $pA$  collisions** [Benić, Dumitru], based on a computation by [Benić, Fukushima, Garcia-Montero, Venugopalan]

# Polarized TMD in the CGC



In the large  $k_\perp \sim Q$  limit (BFKL limit), all TMDs are equal:

$$\mathcal{F}(k_\perp) = \mathcal{H}(k_\perp), \text{ then } \langle P | \partial^i U \partial^j U | P \rangle \rightarrow \frac{k_\perp^i k_\perp^j}{k_\perp^2} \mathcal{F}(k_\perp)$$

We can recognize the so-called *non-sense polarization* in lightcone gauge:  $\frac{k_\perp^i}{|k_\perp|}$ . BFKL contains as many linearly polarized gluon pairs as unpolarized ones. At large  $k_\perp$ , the CGC is very polarized [Boer, Mulders, Zhou, Zhou]

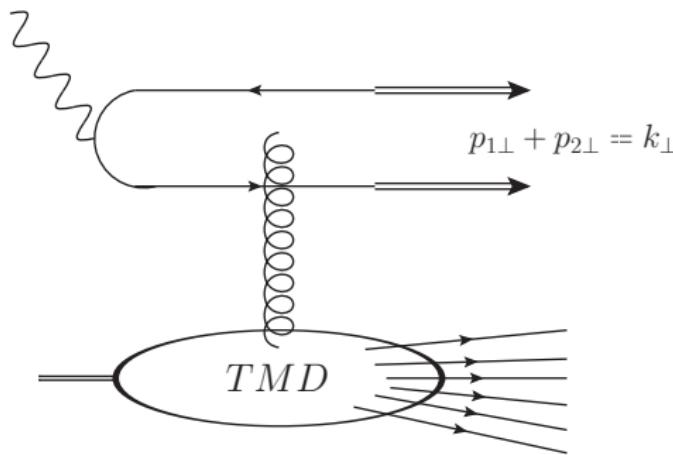
# Azimuthal harmonics from TMDs

Azimuthal harmonics in inclusive processes can arise from **polarized TMDs**

[Boer, Mulders, Pisano], [Metz, Zhou], [Dominguez, Qiu, Xiao, Yuan] , [Dumitru, Skokov]

$$\left\langle P \left| F^{-i}(z) W_{z,0}^{[\pm]} F^{-j}(0) W_{z,0}^{[\pm]} \right| P \right\rangle_{z=0} \rightarrow \frac{\delta^{ij}}{2} \mathcal{F}(k_\perp) + \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}^i \mathbf{k}^j}{\mathbf{k}^2} - \frac{\delta^{ij}}{2} \right) \mathcal{H}(k_\perp)$$

$$\langle P | FWFW | P \rangle \times \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow v_0 \mathcal{F}(k_\perp) + v_2 \cos(2\phi) \mathcal{H}(k_\perp)$$

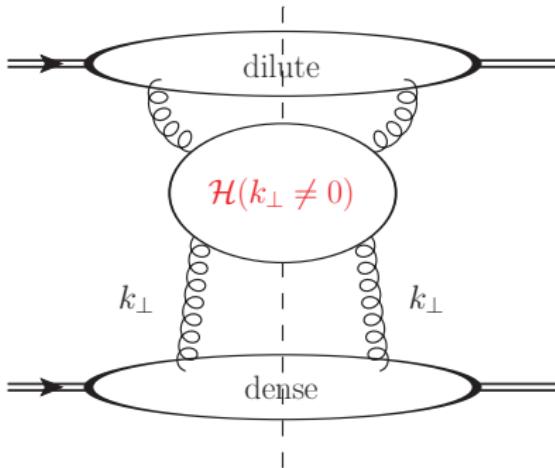


# Saturation in terms of TMD distributions

Small  $x$  improved TMD framework (iTMD)

A hybrid framework with **off-shell** gluons from the target

[Kotko, Kutak, Marquet, Petreska, Sapeta, Van Hameren]

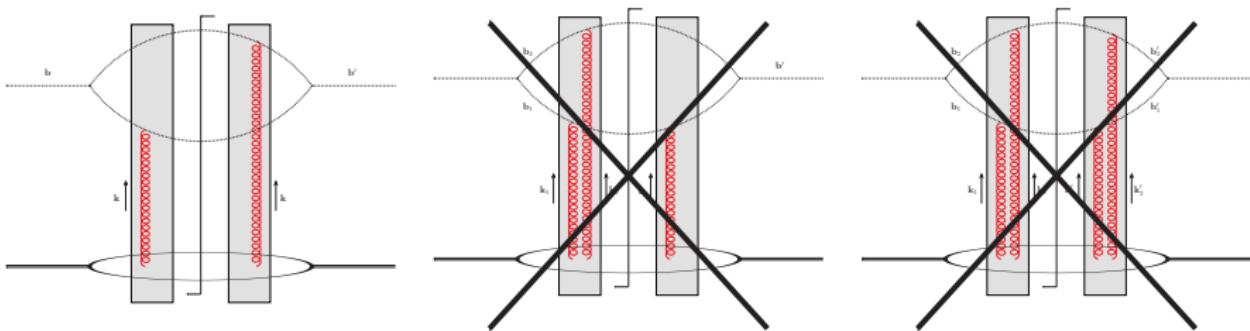


- QCD gauge invariance for multileg amplitudes with an off-shell leg restored with target counterterms [Kotko]
- TMD gauge links are built from the [Bomhof, Mulders, Pijlman] techniques
- Eventually, looks like BFKL, but with distinct TMD distributions for different color flow structures. Interpolates between the TMD regime  $|k_{\perp}| \ll Q$  and the BFKL regime  $|k_{\perp}| \sim Q$

## Inclusive low $x$ cross section

Inclusive low  $x$  cross section + WW = iTMD cross section

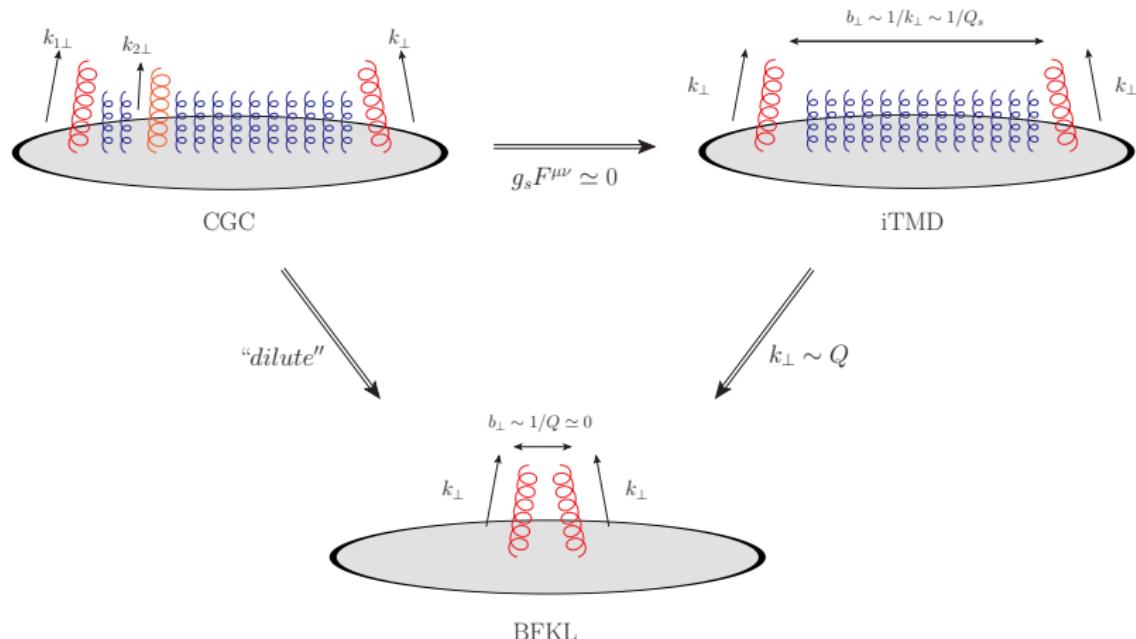
[Altinoluk, RB, Kotko], [Altinoluk, RB]



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \mathcal{H}_2^{ij}(k_\perp) \otimes \left\langle P \left| F^{-i} W F^{-j} W \right| P \right\rangle \\ &+ \mathcal{H}_3^{ijk}(k_\perp, k_{1\perp}) \otimes \left\langle P \left| F^{-i} W g_s F^{-j} W F^{-k} W \right| P \right\rangle \\ &+ \mathcal{H}_4^{ijkl}(k_\perp, k_{1\perp}, k'_{1\perp}) \otimes \left\langle P \left| F^{-i} W g_s F^{-j} W g_s F^{-k} W F^{-l} W \right| P \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

# The dilute limit

## The dilute limit in terms of TMD distributions



Two kinds of multiple scattering effects for small-ish  $Q \rightarrow Q_s$ :  
**higher genuine twists** and **higher kinematic twists**

## Conclusions

- TMD distributions are what allows to match standard parton distributions and semi-classical descriptions of small  $x$  physics
- Color Glass Condensate models can give insights on TMDs at small  $x$
- The reformulation of the CGC in terms of TMD distributions allows to access polarized gluons in the CGC
- Two distinct kinds of multiple scattering effects must be distinguished to understand gluonic saturation

# Backup slides

## Light ray twist expansion for TMD observables: expansion in powers of $k_\perp/Q$

Suppose we managed to build gauge-invariant hard subamplitudes with non-zero transverse momenta. The amplitude would read:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{H}_1^i(\mathbf{k}) \otimes \int d^2x_1 e^{-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1)} [\pm\infty, x_1] F^{i-}(x_1) [x_1, \pm\infty] \\ & + \mathcal{H}_2^{ij}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \otimes \int d^2x_1 d^2x_2 e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1) - i(\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2)} [\pm\infty, x_1] F^{i-}(x_1) [x_1, x_2] F^{j-}(x_2) [x_2, \pm\infty] \\ & + \dots \\ & = \mathcal{H}_1^i(\mathbf{k}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_1^i(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{H}_2^{ij}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \otimes \mathcal{O}_2^{ij}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Light ray twist expansion for TMD observables: expansion in powers of $k_\perp/Q$

Leading twist amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{LT} = \mathcal{H}_1^i(\mathbf{0}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_1^i(\mathbf{k})$$

Next-to-leading twist amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{NLT} = \mathbf{k} \cdot (\partial_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{H}_1^i)(\mathbf{0}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_1^i(\mathbf{k}) + \mathcal{H}_2^{ij}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_2^{ij}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

First term: kinematic twist correction, second term: genuine twist corrections

## Match without an expansion

Trick: rewrite operators in terms of their derivatives

$$U_{\mathbf{b}+\bar{z}\mathbf{r}}^{R_1} - U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_1} = -ir_\perp^\mu \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_1 e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b})} \frac{e^{i\bar{z}(\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r})} - 1}{(\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r})} \left( \partial_\mu U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_1} \right)$$

Rewrite the amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &= (2\pi) \delta(p_1^+ + p_2^+ - p_0^+) \int d^2 \mathbf{b} d^2 \mathbf{r} e^{-i(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}) - i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{b})} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &\times \left[ \left( U_{\mathbf{b}+\bar{z}\mathbf{r}}^{R_1} - U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_1} \right) T^{R_0} \left( U_{\mathbf{b}-z\mathbf{r}}^{R_2} - U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_2} \right) + \left( U_{\mathbf{b}+\bar{z}\mathbf{r}}^{R_1} - U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_1} \right) T^{R_0} U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_2} + U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_1} T^{R_0} \left( U_{\mathbf{b}-z\mathbf{r}}^{R_2} - U_{\mathbf{b}}^{R_2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

genuine twist

kinematic + genuine twists

Extracting genuine twists: Taylor, IbP, resummation.

# Why are BFKL distributions "dilute"?

- Wandzura-Wilczek approximation: low gluon occupancy
- No multiple scattering from the gauge links

TMD with staple gauge links

$$\int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x})} \int dx^+ \left\langle P \left| F^{i-}(x) [x^+, \pm\infty]_x [\pm\infty, 0^+]_0 F^{j-}(0) [0^+, \pm\infty]_0 [\pm\infty, x^+]_x \right| P \right\rangle$$

Large  $k_\perp \sim Q \Rightarrow$  small transverse distance  $x_\perp$

$$[x^+, \pm\infty]_x [\pm\infty, y^+]_0 \sim [x^+, y^+]_{x \sim 0}.$$

All TMD distributions shrink into the unintegrated PDF

$$\int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x})} \int dx^+ \left\langle P \left| F^{i-}(x) [x^+, 0^+]_0 F^{j-}(0) [0^+, x^+]_0 \right| P \right\rangle \Big|_{x^- = 0}$$

iTMD becomes BFKL

$$d\sigma = \sum_i d\sigma_{\mathbf{k}=0}^{(i)} \otimes \Phi^{(i)}(x, \mathbf{k}) = \left( \sum_i d\sigma_{\mathbf{k}=0}^{(i)} \right) \otimes \Phi(x, \mathbf{k})$$

# BFKL distributions and genuine twist corrections

Unintegrated PDF = 2-Reggeon matrix element

$$\int d^2x e^{-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \int dx^+ \left\langle P \left| F^{i-}(x) [x^+, 0^+]_0 F^{j-}(0) [0^+, x^+]_0 \right| P \right\rangle \Big|_{x^- = 0}$$

Integration by parts

$$\int dx^+ \int d^2x e^{-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \mathbf{k}^i \mathbf{k}^j \langle P | [-\infty, x^+]_0 A^-(x) [x^+, +\infty]_0 [+\infty, 0^+]_0 A^-(0) [0^+, -\infty]_0 | P \rangle$$

We recognize the **nonsense polarizations** in axial gauge. We could identify the **Reggeon operator**:

$$R(x) = \int dx^+ [-\infty, x^+]_0 A^-(x) [x^+, +\infty]_0$$

and rewrite the unintegrated PDF as

$$\int \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \frac{\mathbf{k}^i \mathbf{k}^j}{\mathbf{k}^2} \mathbf{k}^2 \left\langle P \left| R(x) R^\dagger(0) \right| P \right\rangle$$

## BFKL distributions and genuine twist corrections

What is missing in BFKL: 3- and 4-Reggeon matrix elements.

$$\langle P | R R | P \rangle, \quad \langle P | R(g_s R)R | P \rangle, \quad \langle P | R(g_s R)(g_s R)R | P \rangle$$

They are **not perturbatively suppressed**.

Suppression = Wandzura Wilczek approximation  
(unquantifiable) = **no genuine saturation**