


# Effective Field Theory Factorization for Diffraction

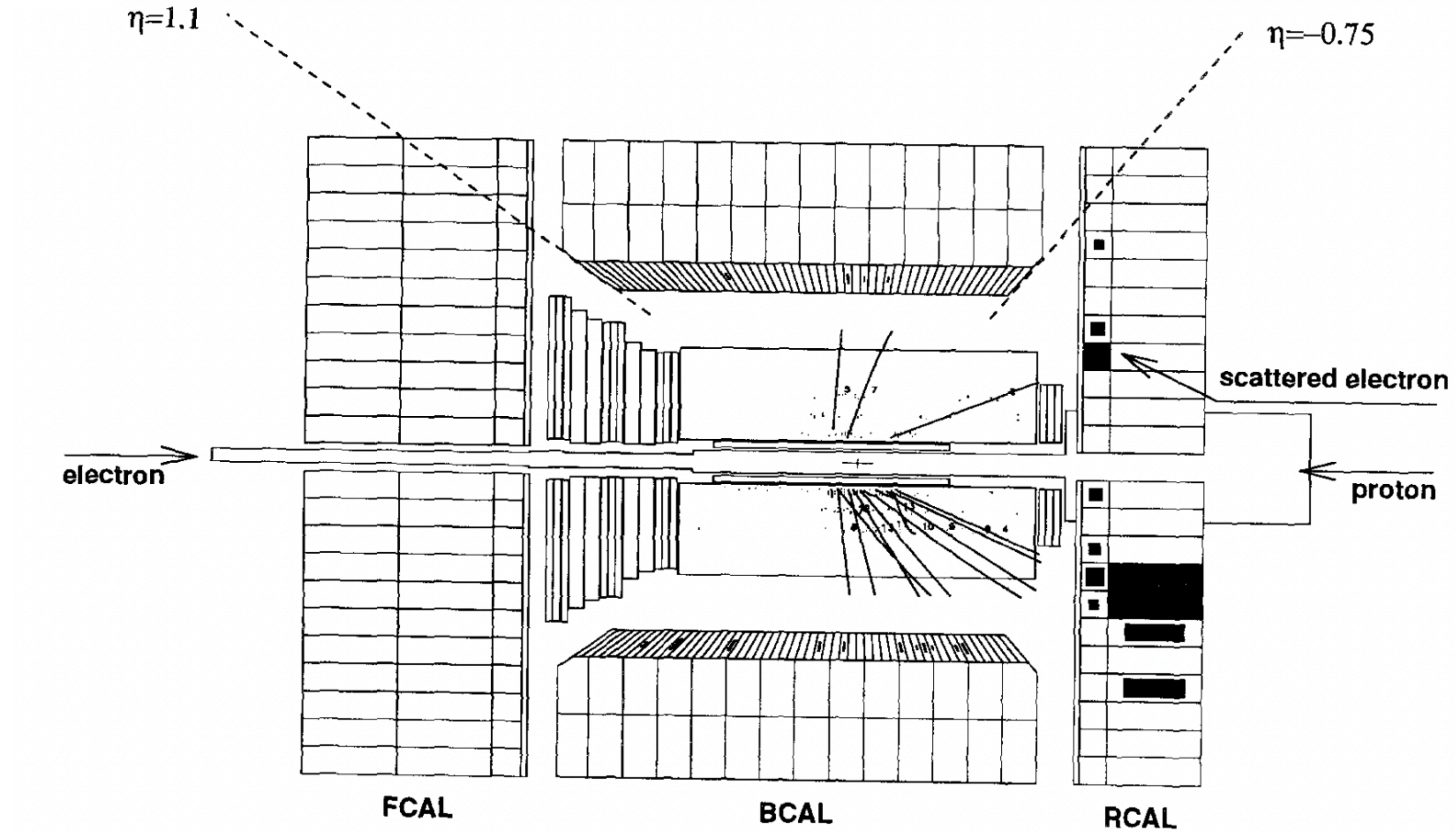


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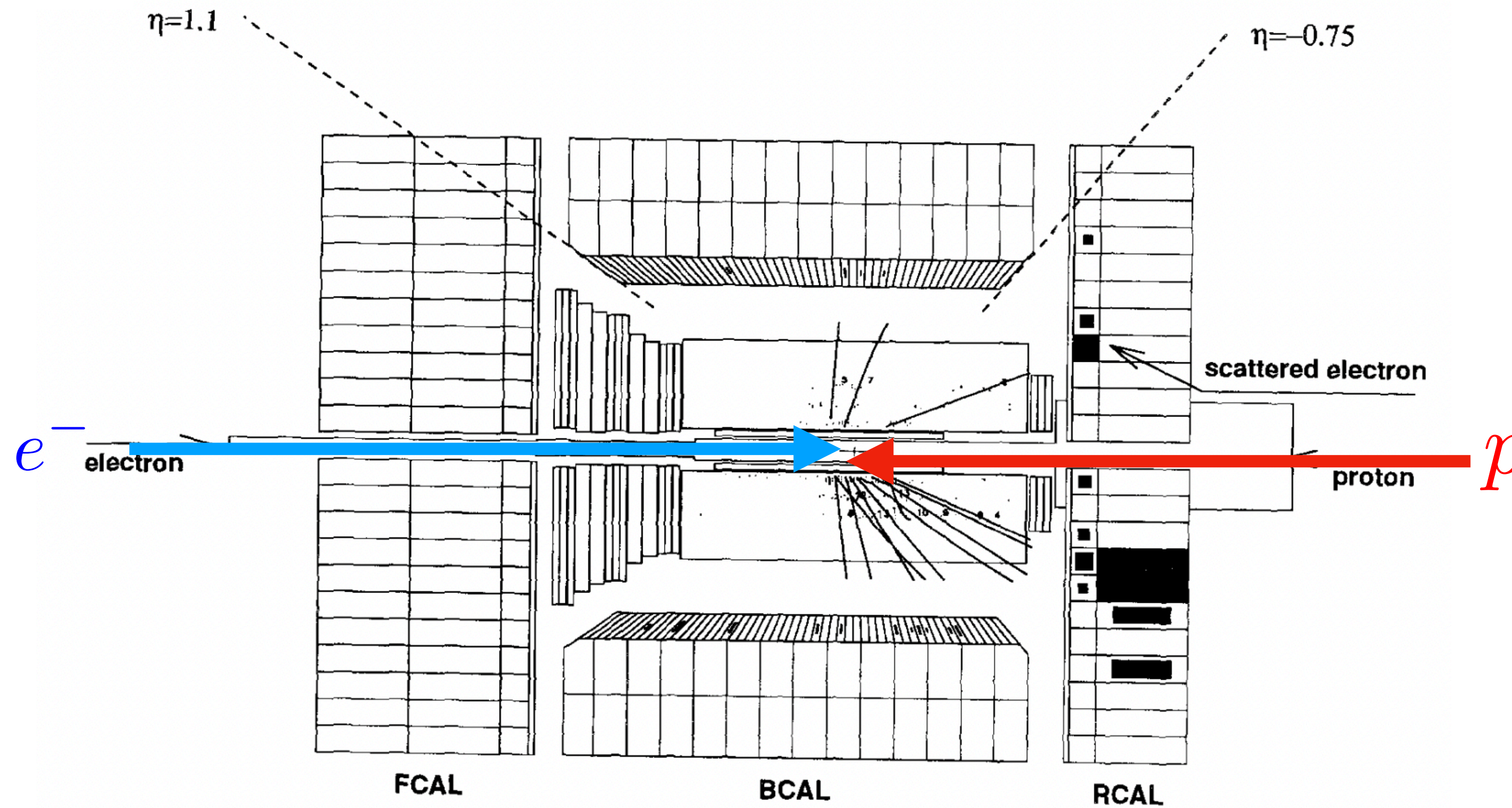


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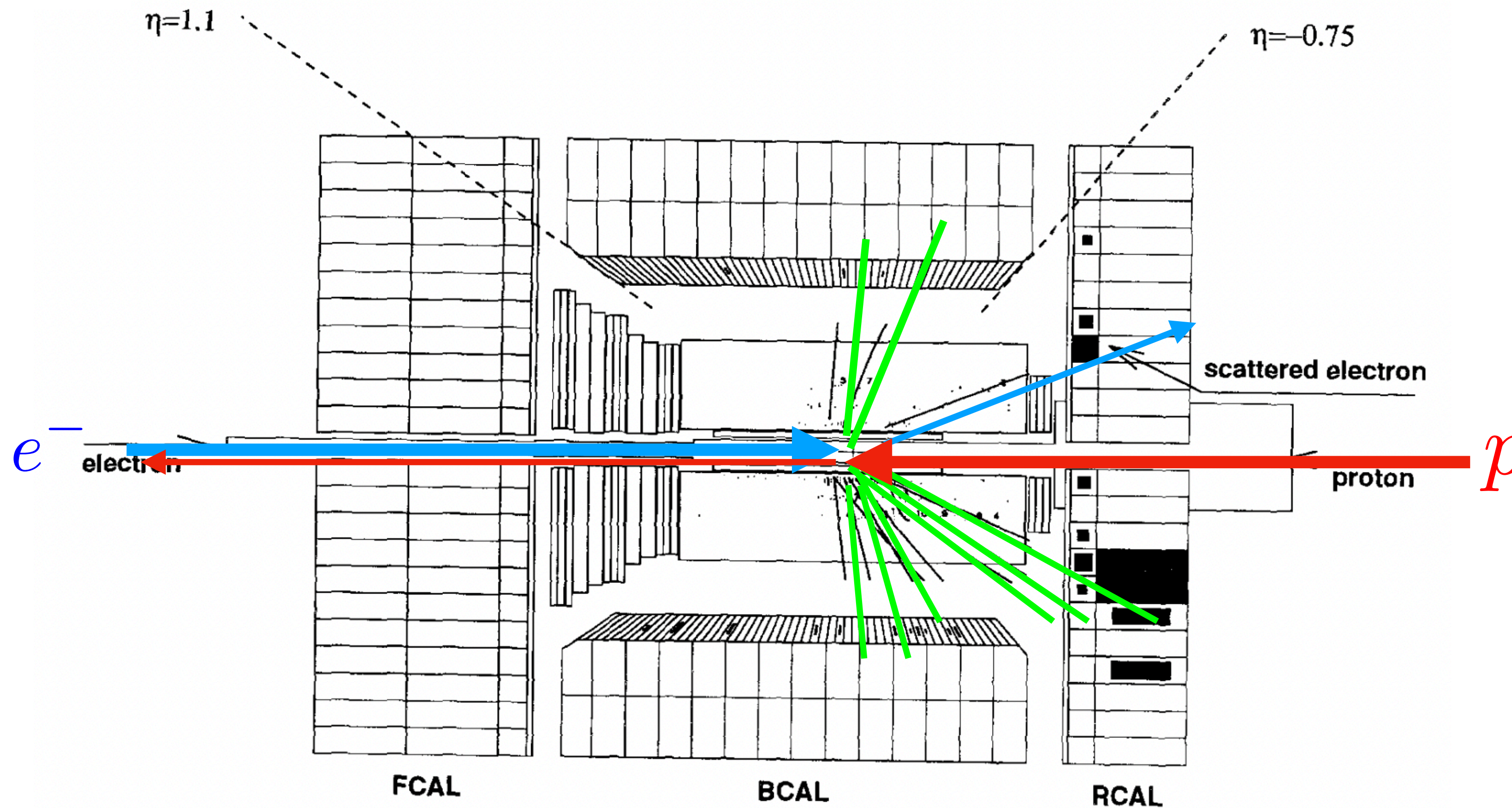
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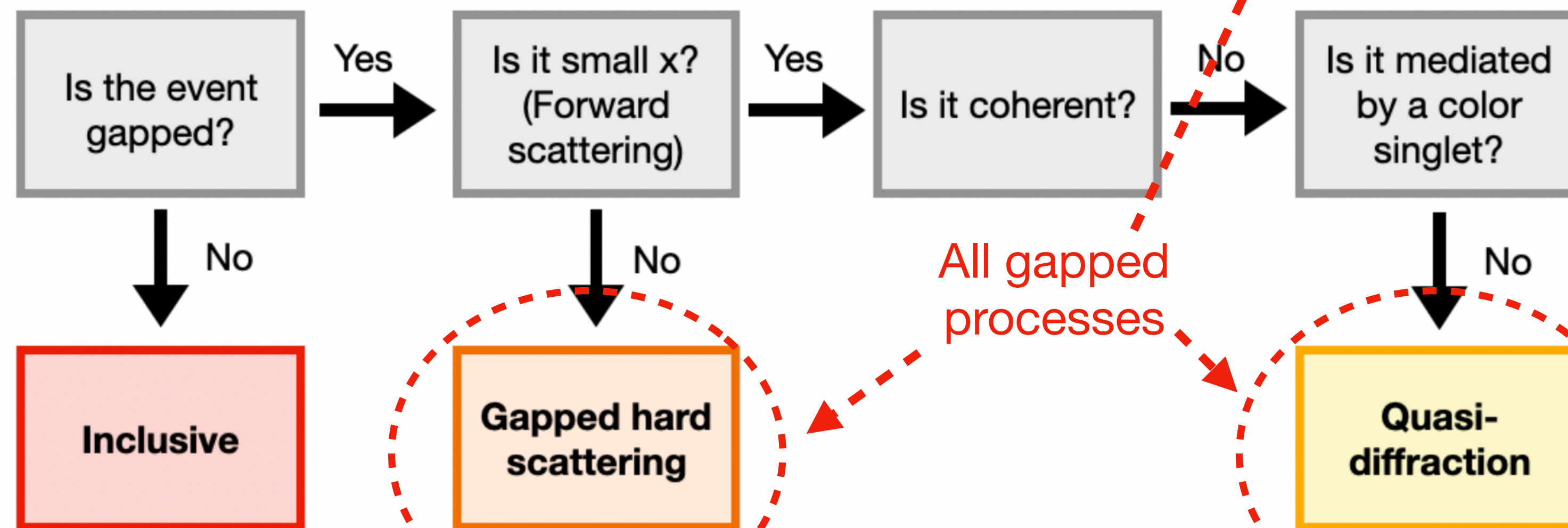
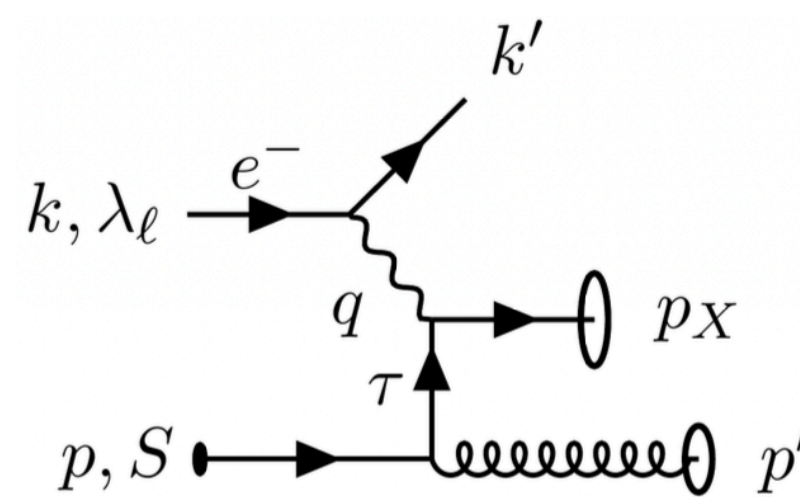
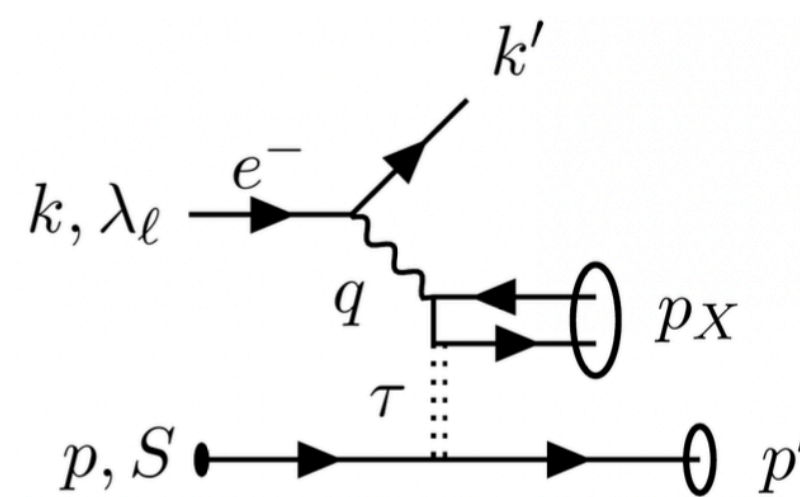
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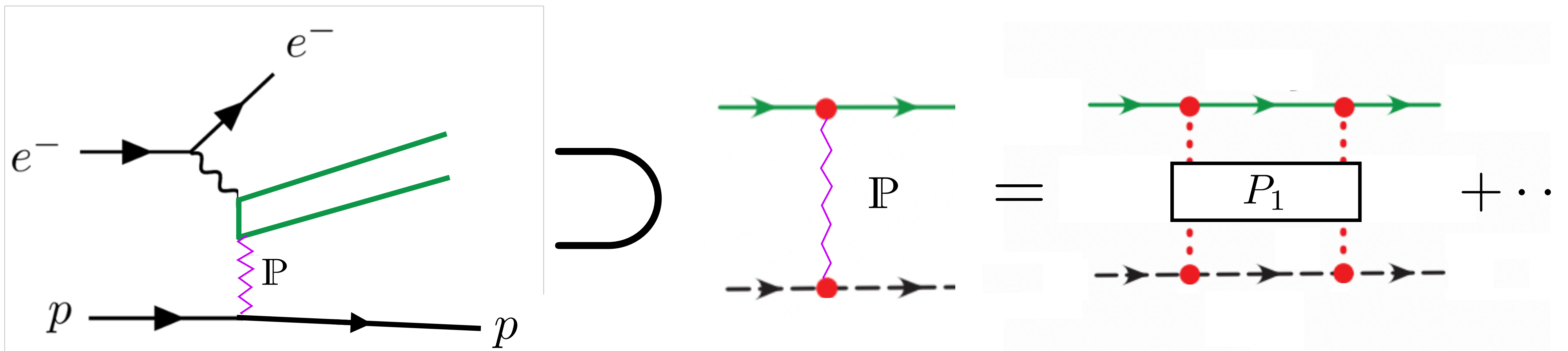
Non-singlet Important background

*How large is this?*

(non-small-x) DVCS(exclusive),  
1-jettiness(inclusive)

- **There are varieties of gapped processes depending on the measurements. Here, we consider gapped processes with forward scattering**

# WHY STUDY DIFFRACTION?



- Observation of diffractive process imply **direct and leading** access to Glauber exchanges at the cross-section level!

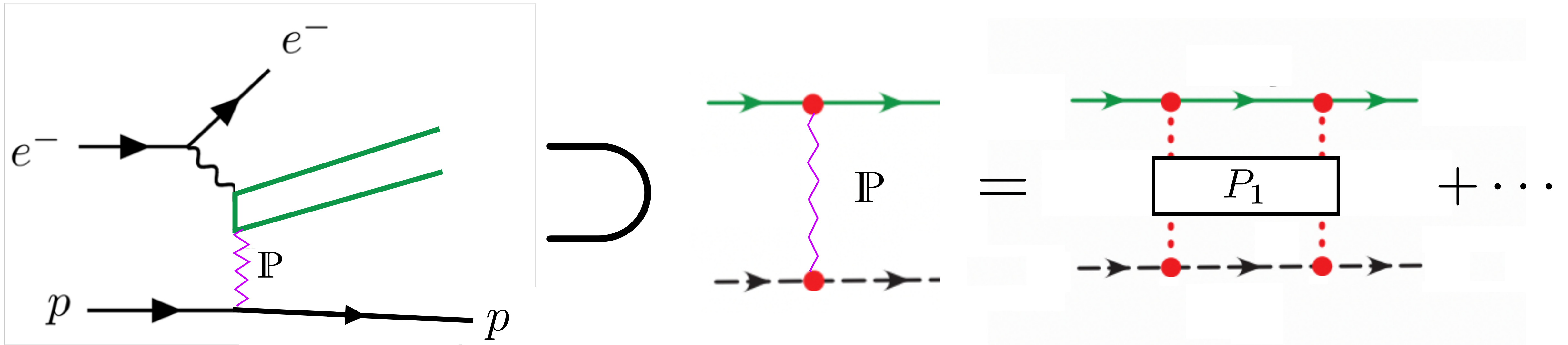
- Nature of **pomeron**
- New hadron structure (**GPD-like structure + more?**)
- Small- $x$  and saturation physics (**BFKL and heavy-ion**)

See also Hatta, Xiao, Yuan '17

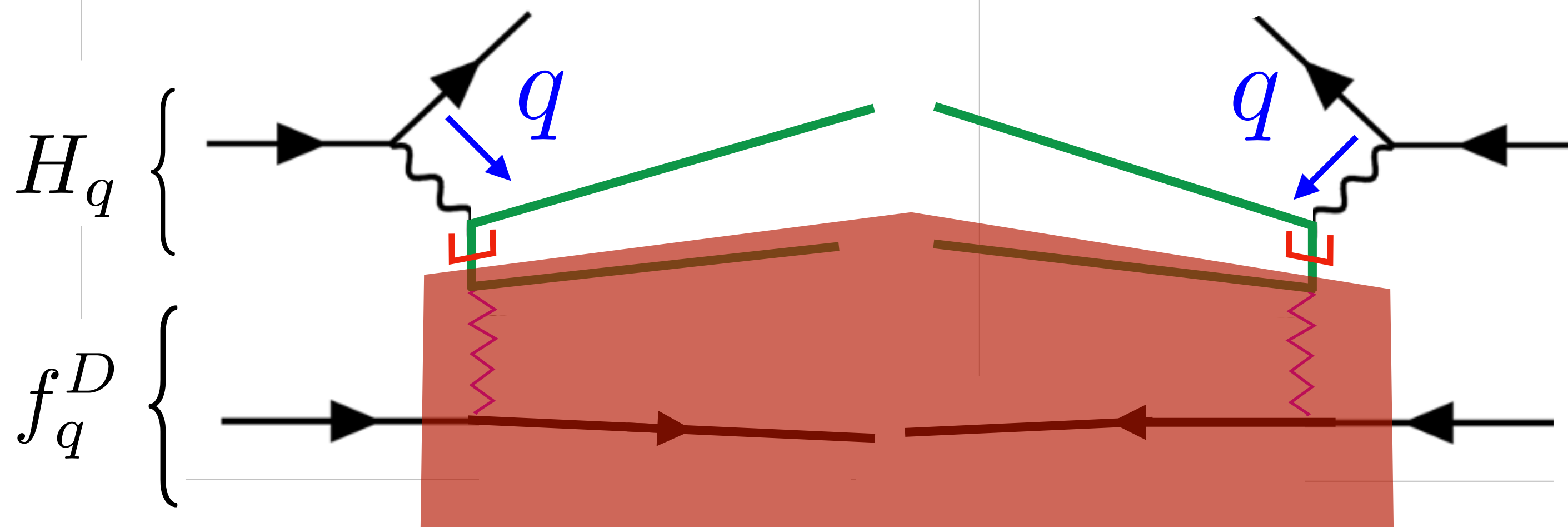
- Ample existing data and bright experimental outlook!

- 10% of **HERA** and 20% of **EIC**. One of the flagship program for EIC physics!

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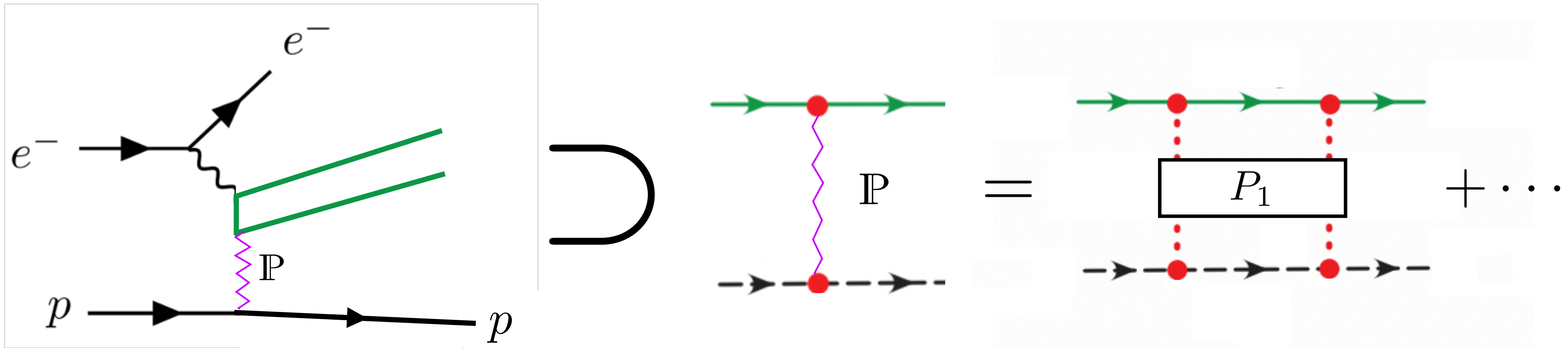
**Usual hard-collinear factorization for large  $Q^2$**

*Diffractive*  
parton distribution functions(dpdf)

$$F_{2/L} \sim \sum_i H_i^{2/L} \otimes f_i^D$$

Collins '97, Berera, Soper '95  
Also, TMD dpdf: Hatta, Yuan '22,24

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“The reader may also wonder why we don’t frame the analysis in terms of the distribution of partons in the pomeron. Our excuse is ignorance. **We don’t know how to relate the Regge factorization in Eq. (8) to quantum field theory.**”

Berera, Soper '95

“However, I will not at all address the separate and important question of whether **Regge factorization** is also valid....**Unfortunately, Regge theory in the form used by Ingelman and Schlein has not been derived from QCD, and indeed is probably false...** The factorization theorem that has actually been proved, and is stated above, is somewhat different; it has **hard-scattering factorization but not Regge factorization.**”

and many more...

Collins '97, '01



# EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY METHODS

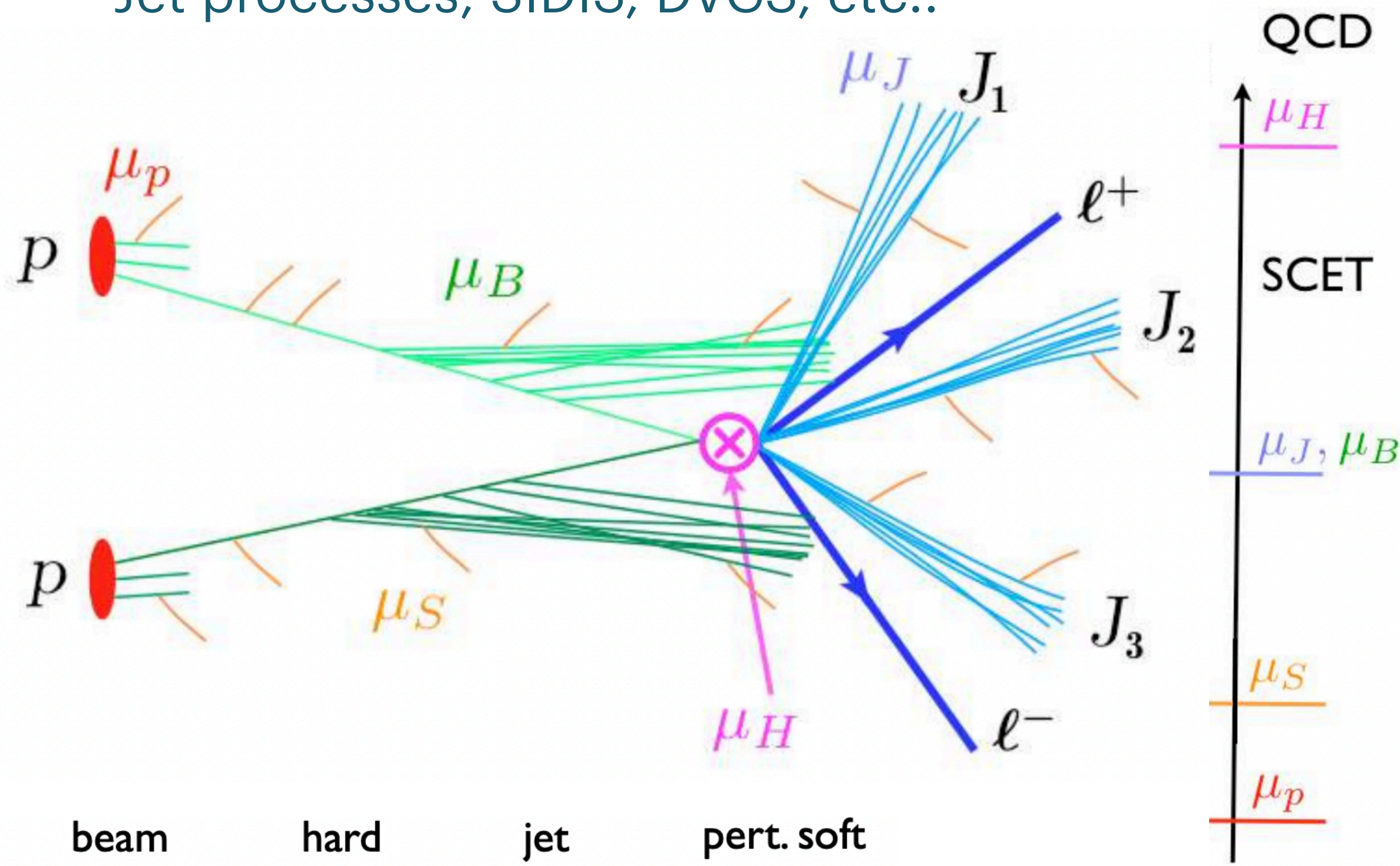
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}}^{(0)}(\xi_{n_i}, \psi_s, A_{n_i}, A_s) = \mathcal{L}_h^{(0)} + \sum_{n_i} \mathcal{L}_{n_i}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_s^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{us}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(0)}$$

Bauer, Fleming, Luke, Pirjol, Stewart '00-01

• **Hard-collinear** and **soft-collinear factorization**

• **Glauber SCET** Rothstein, Stewart '16

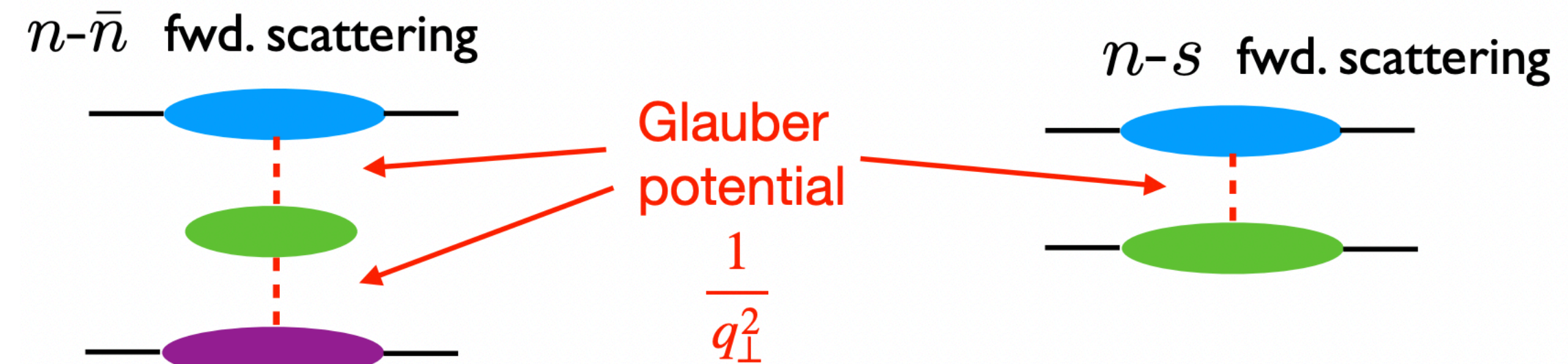
Jet processes, SIDIS, DVCS, etc..



$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{fact}} = \mathcal{I}_a \mathcal{I}_b \otimes H \otimes \prod_i J_i \otimes S$$

$\mu_B$ 
 $\mu_H$ 
 $\mu_J$ 
 $\mu_S$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} = \sum_{n, \bar{n}} \sum_{i,j=q,g} \mathcal{O}_n^{iB} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_\perp^2} \mathcal{O}_s^{BC} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_\perp^2} \mathcal{O}_{\bar{n}}^{jC} + \sum_n \sum_{i,j=q,g} \mathcal{O}_n^{iB} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_\perp^2} \mathcal{O}_s^{j_n B}$$



- Forward scattering processes
- Factorization breaking effects in hard scattering

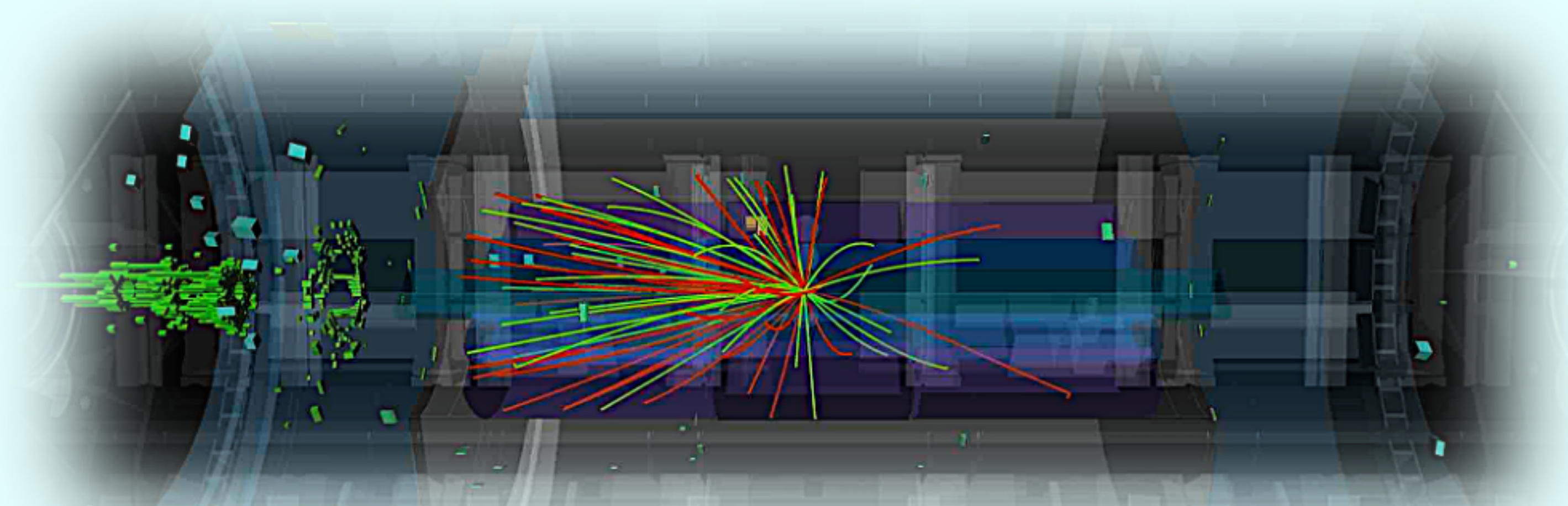
*Effective Field Theory gives powerful organization to derive a rigorous QCD factorization!*

# outline

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Structure Functions

II. Power-counting and  
Factorization

III. Phenomenology

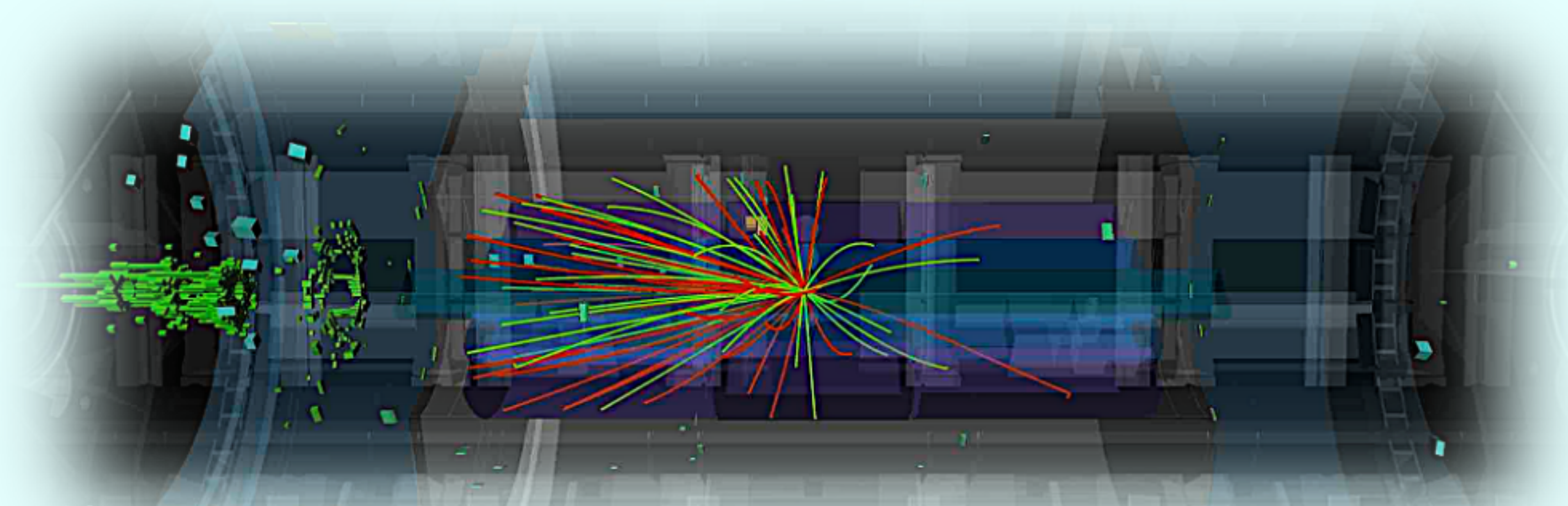


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# KINEMATICS

## Usual DIS variables

$$Q^2 = -q^2 \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

$$W^2 = (p + q)^2$$

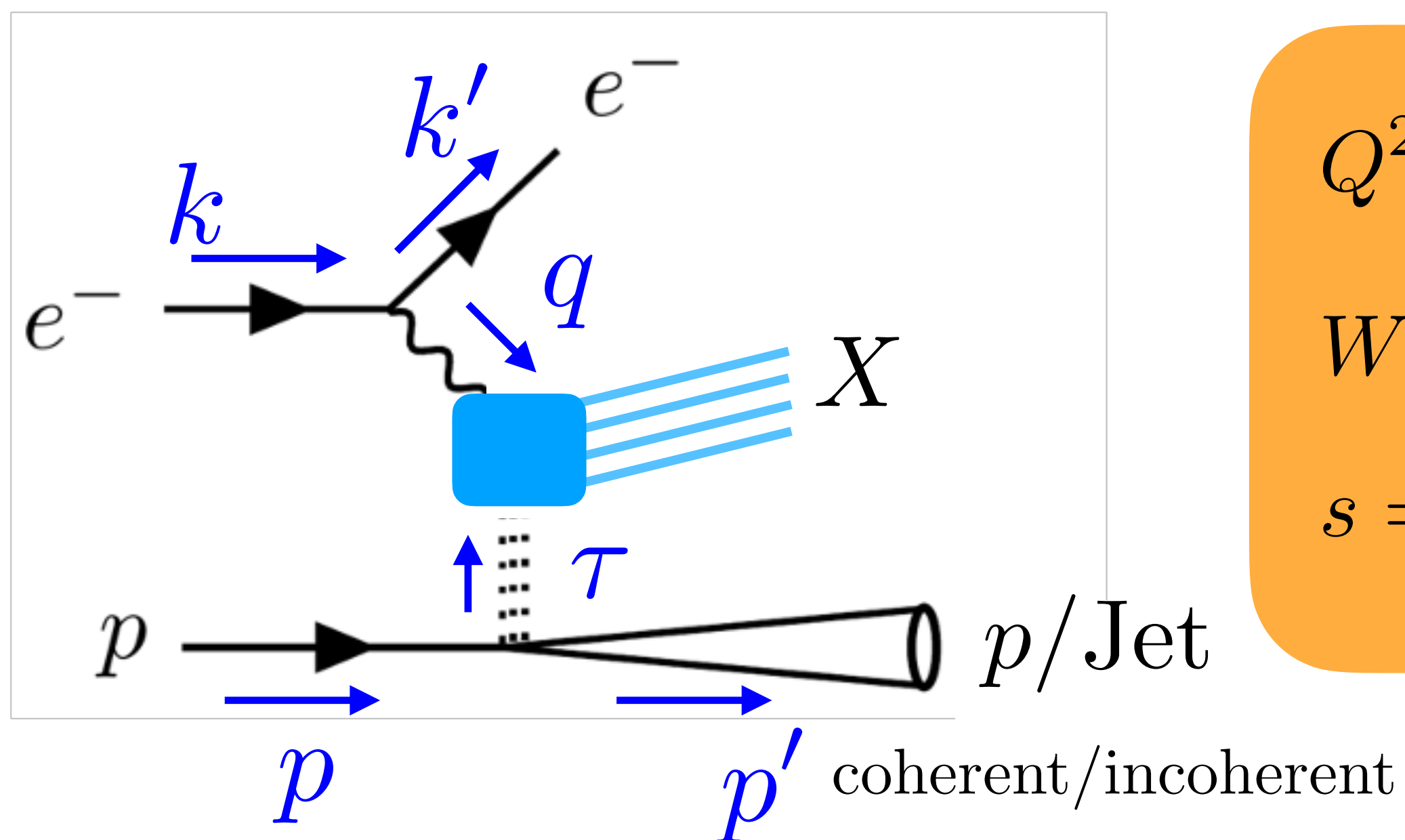
$$s = (p + k)^2 \quad y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

## Diffraction variables

$$t = \tau^2 \quad \beta = \frac{Q^2}{2q \cdot \tau}$$

$$m_J^2 = p'^2 \quad \bar{x} = \frac{k \cdot \tau}{k \cdot p}$$

$$m_X^2 = p_X^2 \quad z = \frac{p \cdot p'}{p \cdot q}$$

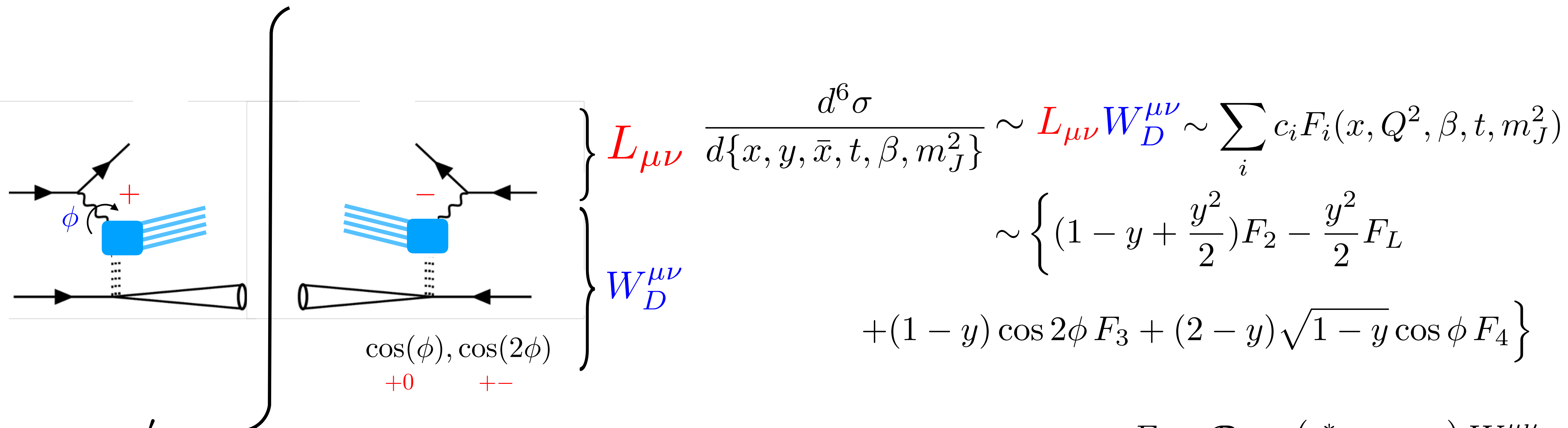


- Not all variables independent. e.g. 3 for DIS

(in)coherent diffraction has (7) 6 independent variables :

$$\frac{d^6 \sigma}{d\{x, y, \bar{x}, t, \beta, m_J^2\}}$$

# STRUCTURE FUNCTION DECOMPOSITION



- $p'$  dependence gives extra structure functions relative to the usual DIS  $F_i = \mathcal{P}_{i,\mu\nu} (\epsilon_{\mu,m}^*, \epsilon_{\mu,n}) W^{\mu\nu}$

**FL and F2 = longitudinal and transverse photon polarization**

**F3 and F4 = interference terms**

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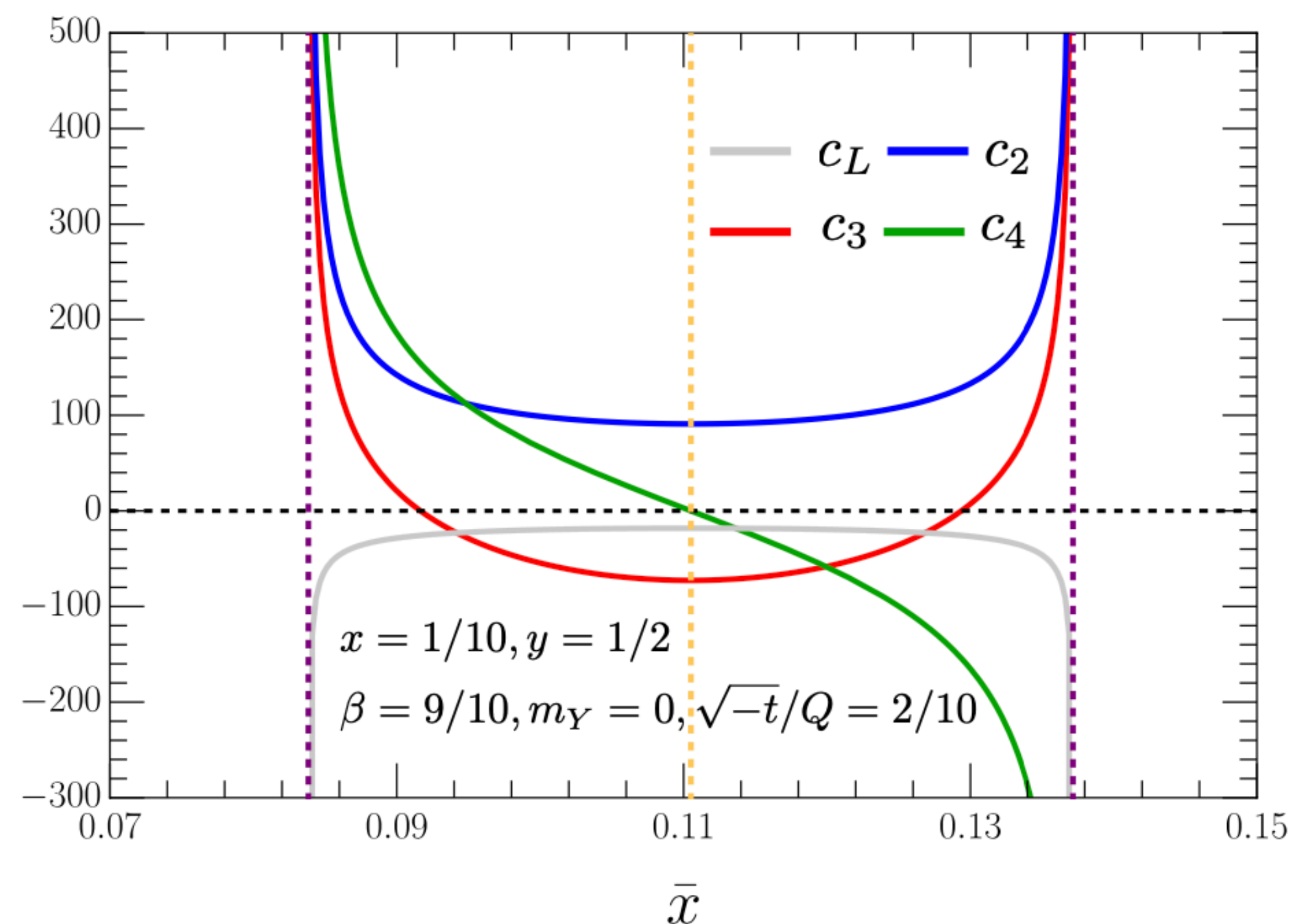
**Notable exception:** Arens, Nachtmann, Diehl, Landshoff '96, Blumlein, Robaschik '01, ZEUS '04

# STRUCTURE FUNCTION DECOMPOSITION

$$\frac{d^6 \sigma}{d\{x, y, \bar{x}, t, \beta, m_J^2\}} \sim \sum_i c_i F_i(x, Q^2, \beta, t, m_J^2) \sim \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2}\right) F_2 - \frac{y^2}{2} F_L \\ & + (1 - y) \cos 2\phi F_3 + (2 - y) \sqrt{1 - y} \cos \phi F_4 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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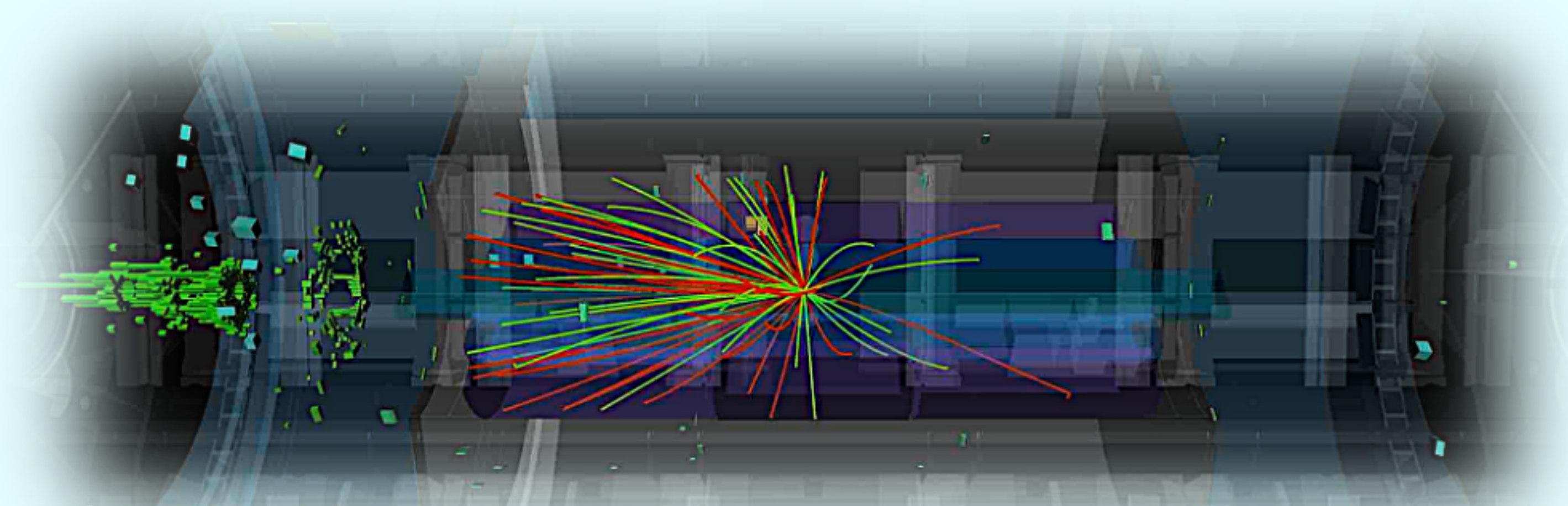
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- Great opportunities to study them!

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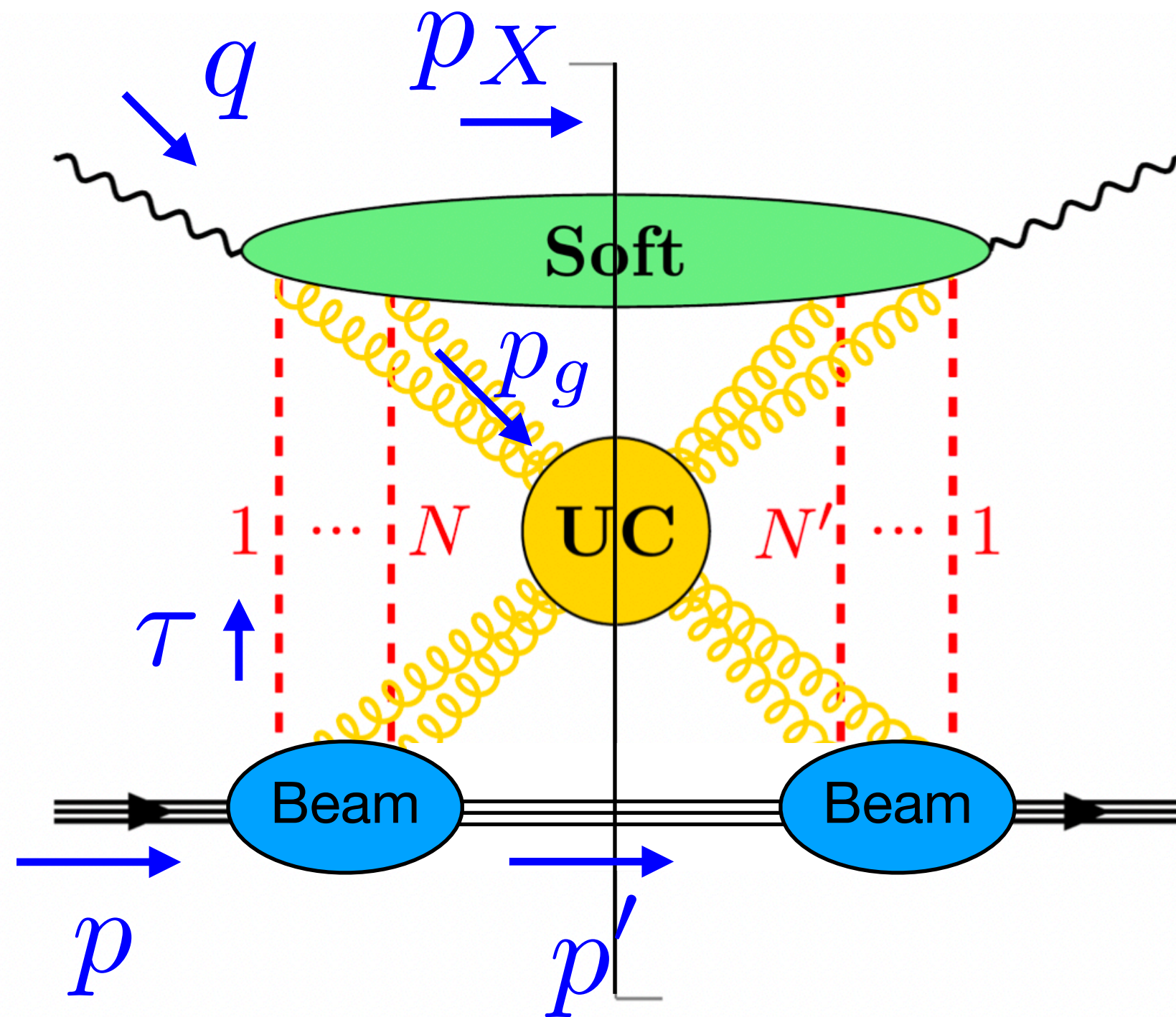
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# IMPOSING DIFFRACTION CONDITION



I. collimated jet conditions

$$W^2 \gg p'^2 = m_J^2, m_X^2$$

II. rapidity gap

$$\frac{p'^-}{p'^+} \gg \frac{X^-}{X^+}$$

III. Forward conditions

$$-t \ll W^2, x \ll 1$$

**Ultrasoft-collinear mode:**

$$p_g^\mu \sim \sqrt{s} \lambda_g^2 (\lambda, \lambda^{-1}, 1) \sim \sqrt{s} (\lambda^3, \lambda, \lambda^2)$$

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where  $\lambda \sim \frac{Q}{\sqrt{s}} \sim \sqrt{x}$

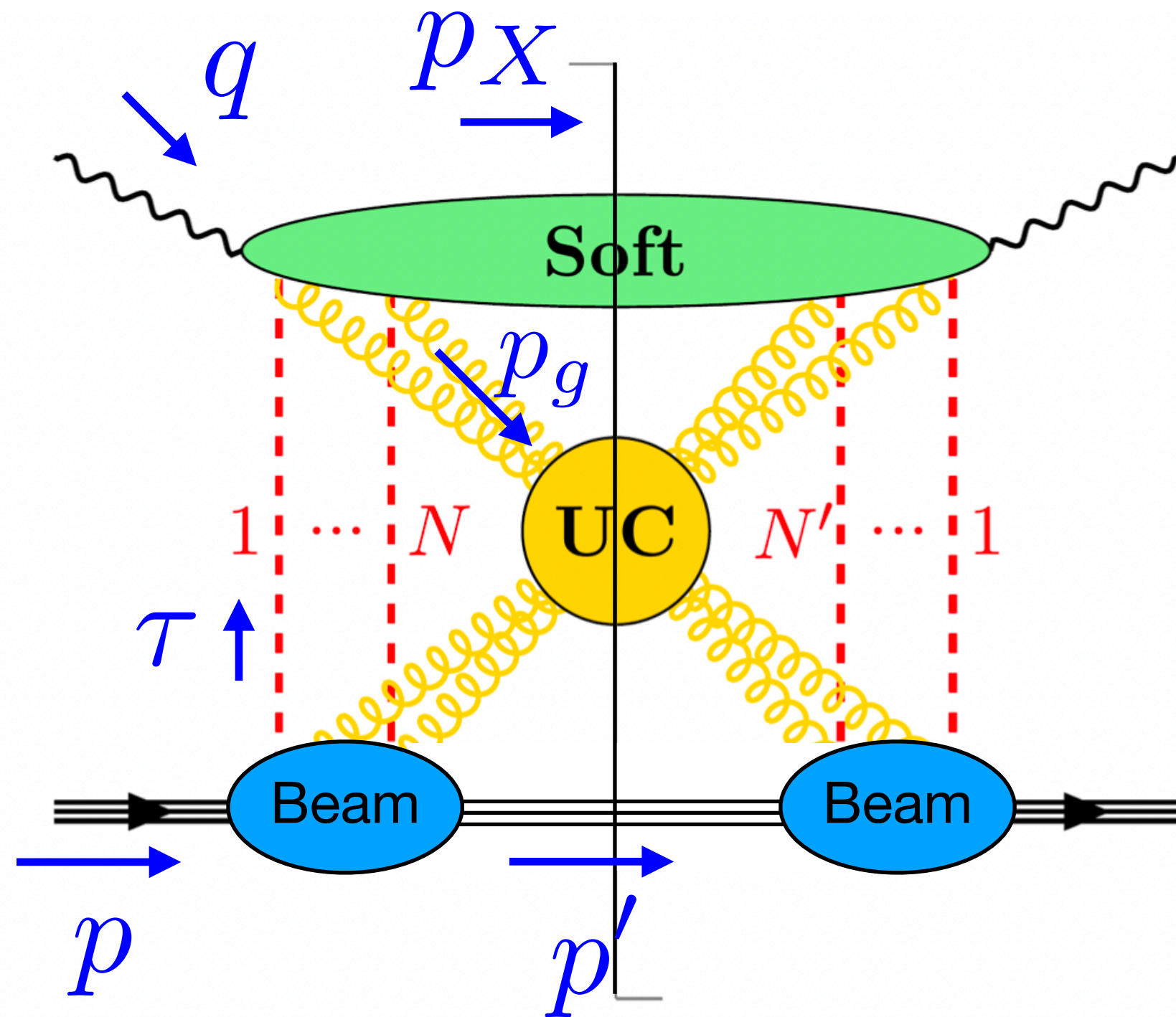
In particular,

$$\tau^+ \tau^- \ll \tau_\perp^2$$

i.e. glauber scaling



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$$\times B_{(N, N')}^{R_{NN'}}(p_n^+, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, t, m_Y^2, \mu, \nu) S_{i(N, N')}^{R_{NN'}}(p_s^-, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, Q, t, \mu, \nu)$$

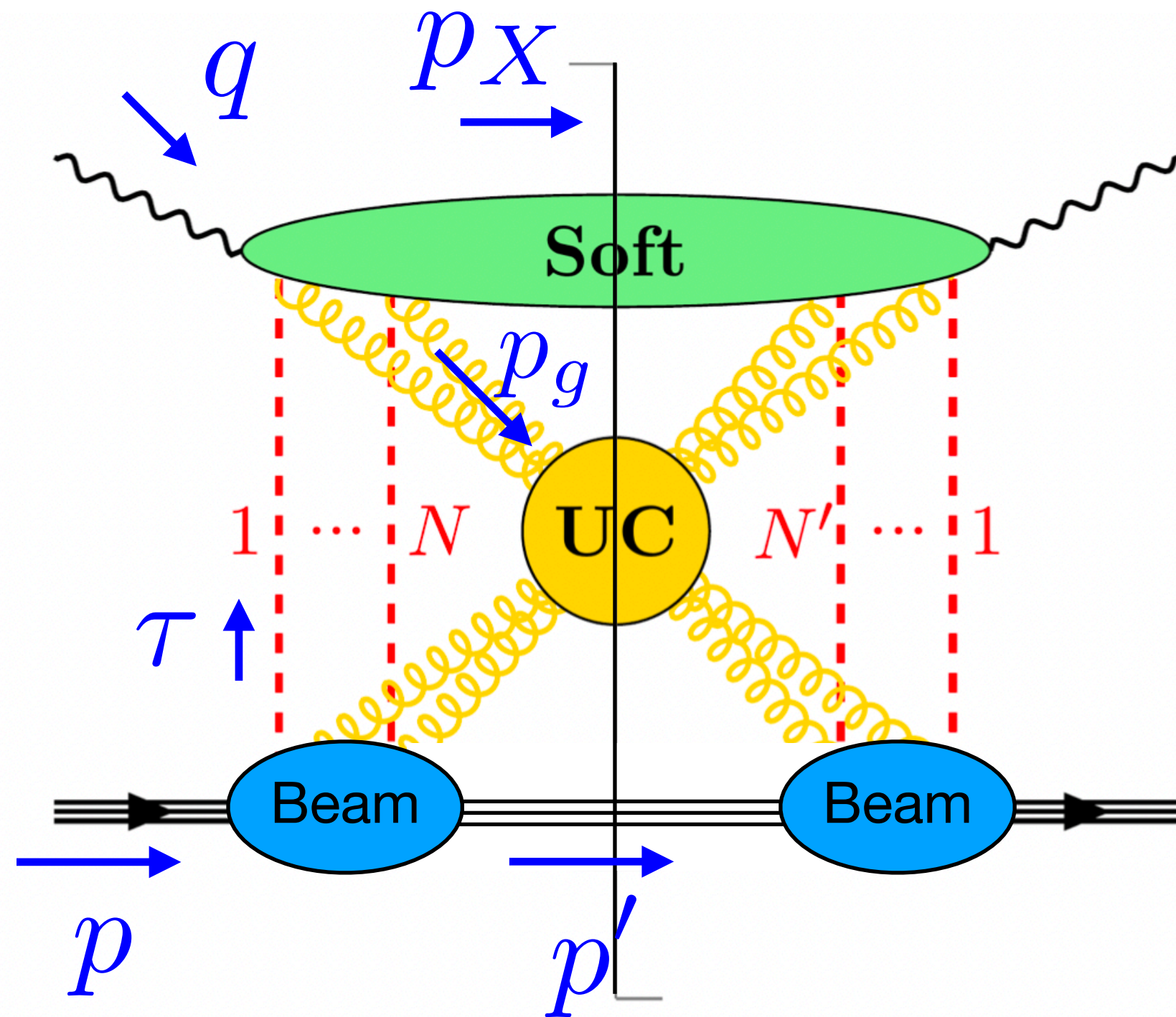
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**Convolution structures between momentum components that are identical in size**

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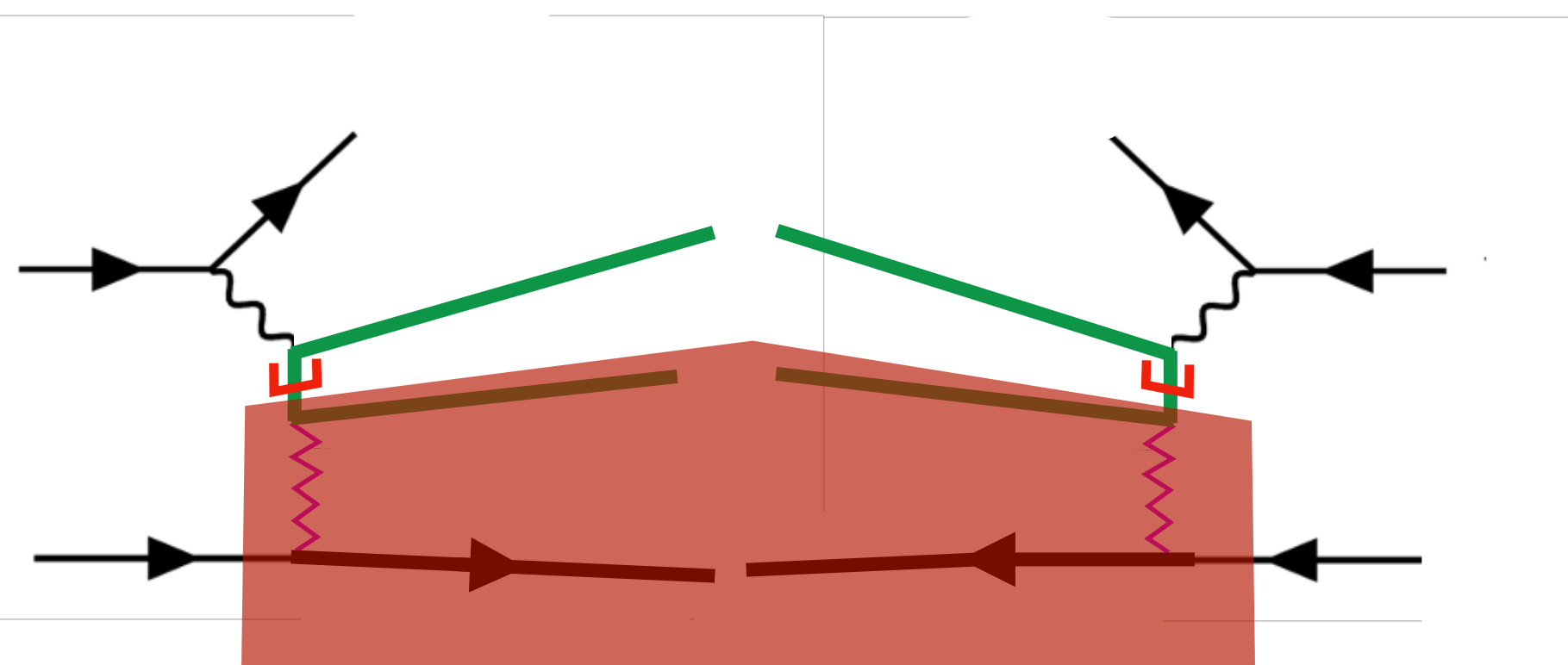
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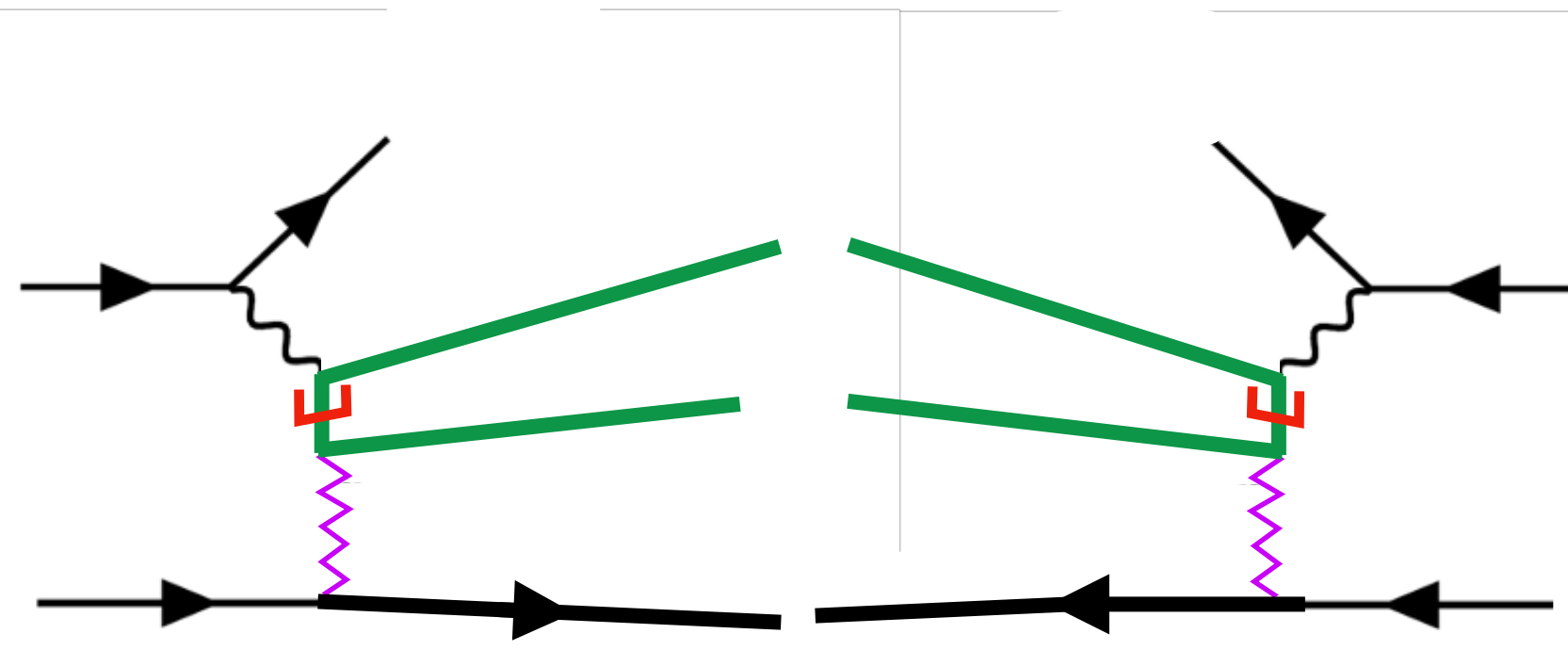
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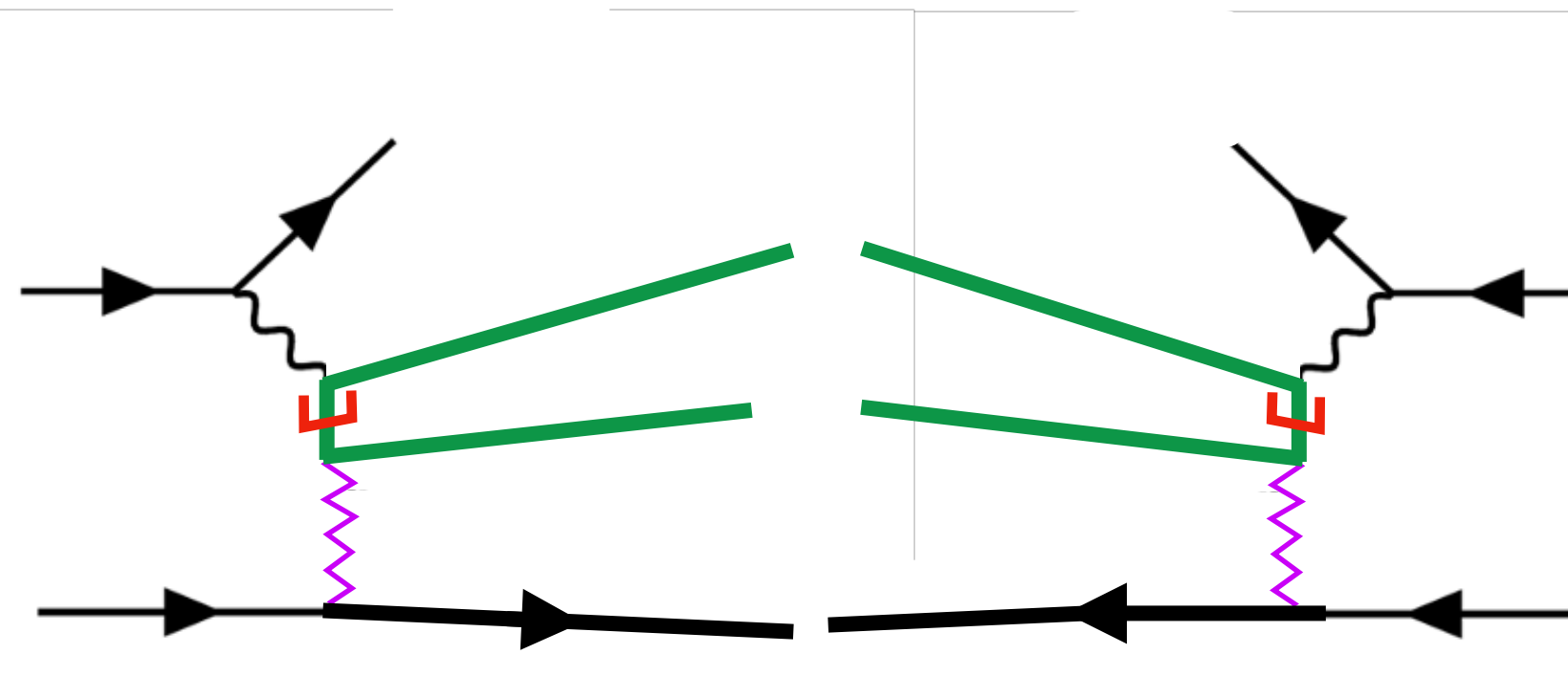
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← small  $\lambda$

$$\times S_{i(N, N')}^{R^{NN'}}(Q/\beta, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, Q, t, \nu).$$

- Simultaneous limits

$$F_i^{D \text{ diff}} = \sum_{j, \delta} \int_{\beta}^1 \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \mathcal{H}_i^{j, \delta} \left( \frac{\beta}{\zeta}, Q, \mu \right) \sum_{\substack{N, N'=1 \\ N+N'=\text{even}}}^{\infty} \sum_{R^{NN'}=1} \iint_{(N, N')}^{\perp} B_{(N, N')}^{R^{NN'}}(Qz, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, t, m_Y^2, \nu) \times S_{\text{cs}(N, N')}^{j, \delta; R^{NN'}}(\zeta, Q/\beta, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, t, \nu, \mu)$$

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# REFACTORIZATION OF DPDF

$$f_{\kappa/p}^D(\zeta, \xi, t, m_J^2, \mu) = \sum_{\substack{N, N'=1 \\ N+N'=\text{even}}}^{\infty} \sum_{R^{NN'}=1} \iint_{(N, N')}^{\perp} B_{(N, N')}^{R^{NN'}}(Qz, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, t, m_Y^2, \nu) S_{\text{CS}(N, N')}^{\kappa; R^{NN'}}(\zeta, Q/\beta, \{\tau_{i\perp}, \tau'_{j\perp}\}, t, \nu, \mu)$$

- **Simultaneous expansion in  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda_t$  give explicit refactorization of the diffractive pdf studied in the literature**

$$f_{\kappa/p}^D \propto S_{\text{CS}}^{\kappa}(\zeta, Q/\beta, \{\tau_{i,\perp}\}, t) \otimes_{\perp} B(Qz, \{\tau_{i,\perp}\}, t) \quad (\text{Effective Field Theory Method})$$

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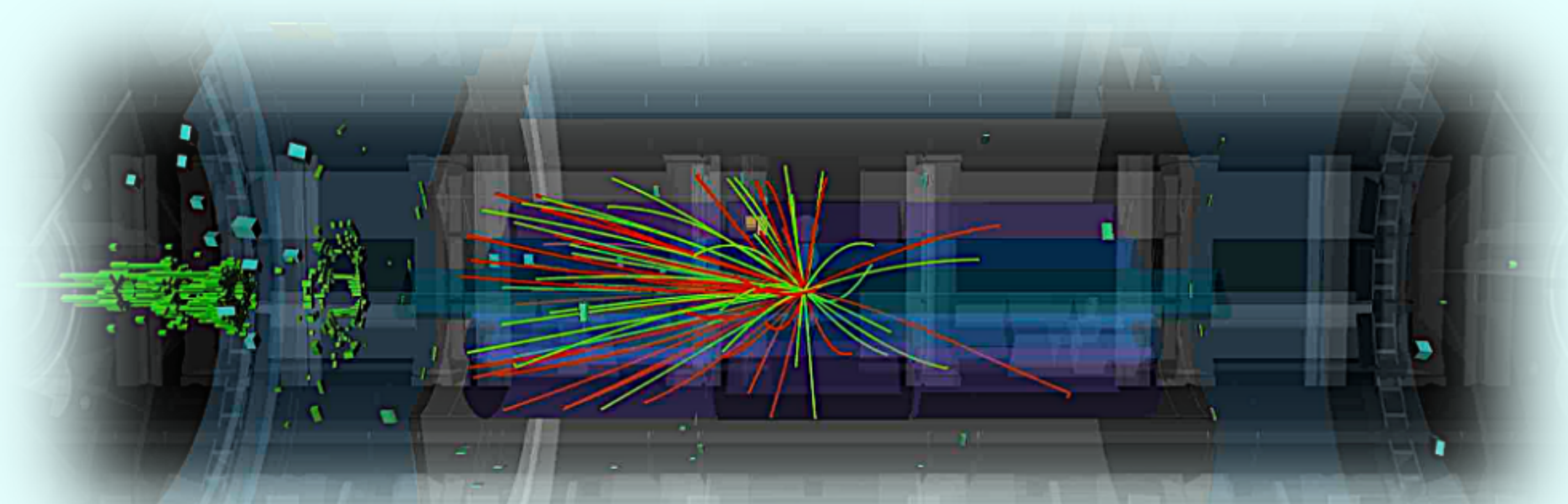
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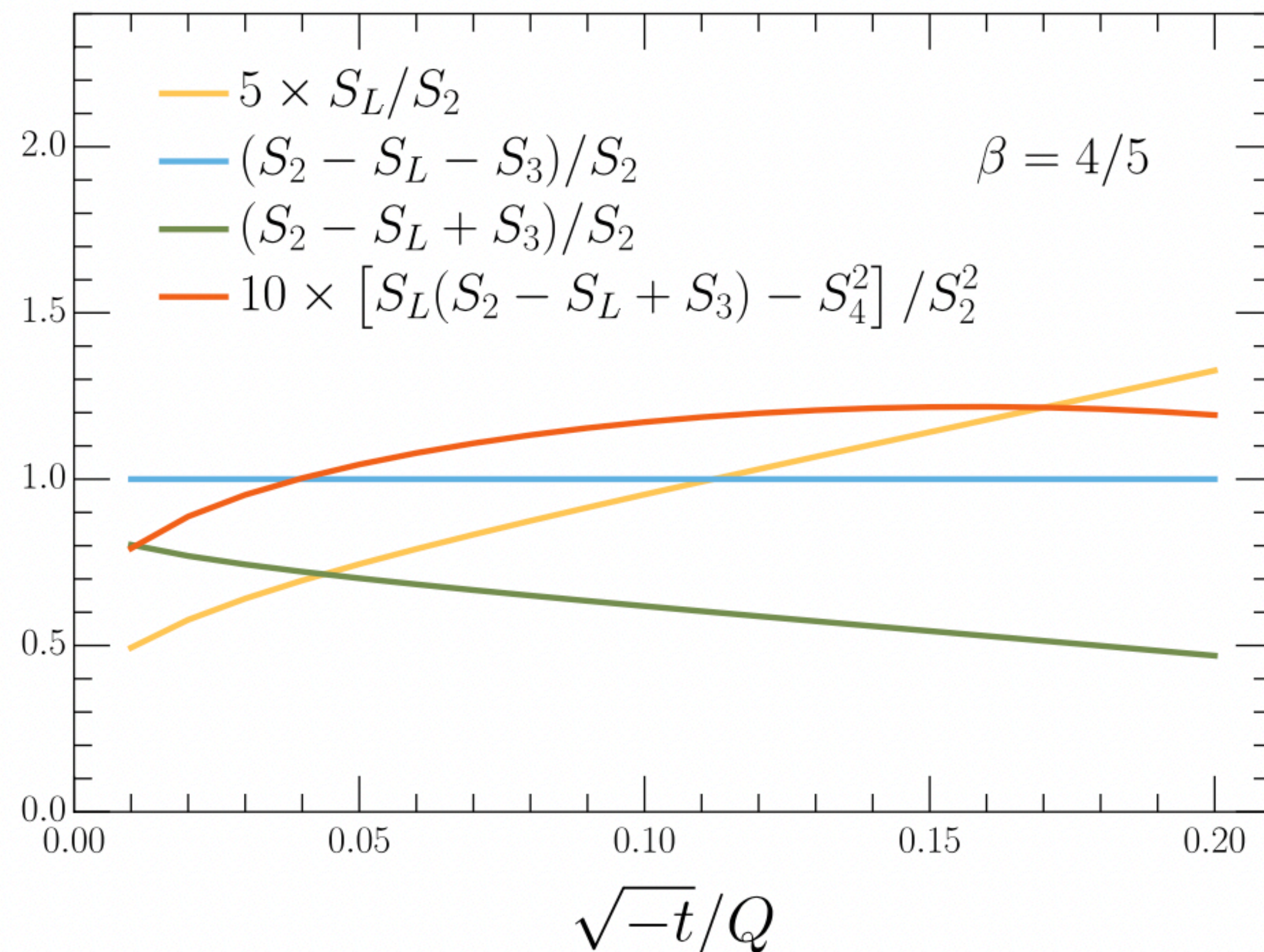
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# RATIO OF STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS

$$\frac{F_i(x, Q^2, \beta, t)}{F_2(x, Q^2, \beta, t)} \Big|_{\text{LO}} = \frac{S_i(x, Q^2, \beta, t)}{S_2(x, Q^2, \beta, t)} \Big|_{\text{LO}} \equiv \hat{S}_i \left( \beta, \frac{\sqrt{-t}}{Q} \right)$$



- Convolution turns into a product form for the single glauber case (say singlet photon)

- $\hat{S}_4$  is suppressed in  $\lambda_t$  relative to  $\hat{S}_2, \hat{S}_3, \hat{S}_L$

- Each of these combinations must be positive

Comes from the fact that the cross-section matrix of various helicity states of virtual photon and proton must be positive-definite.

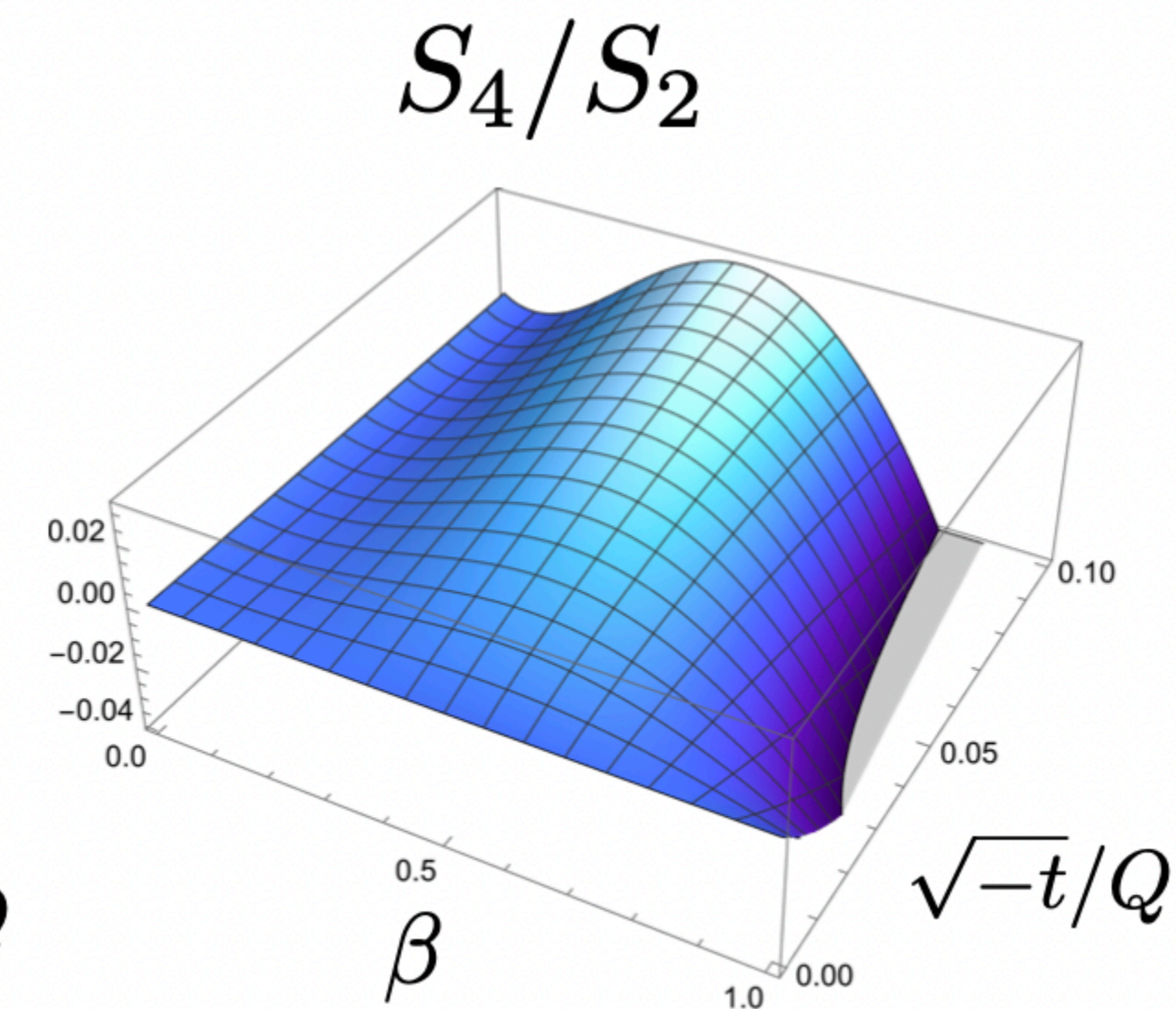
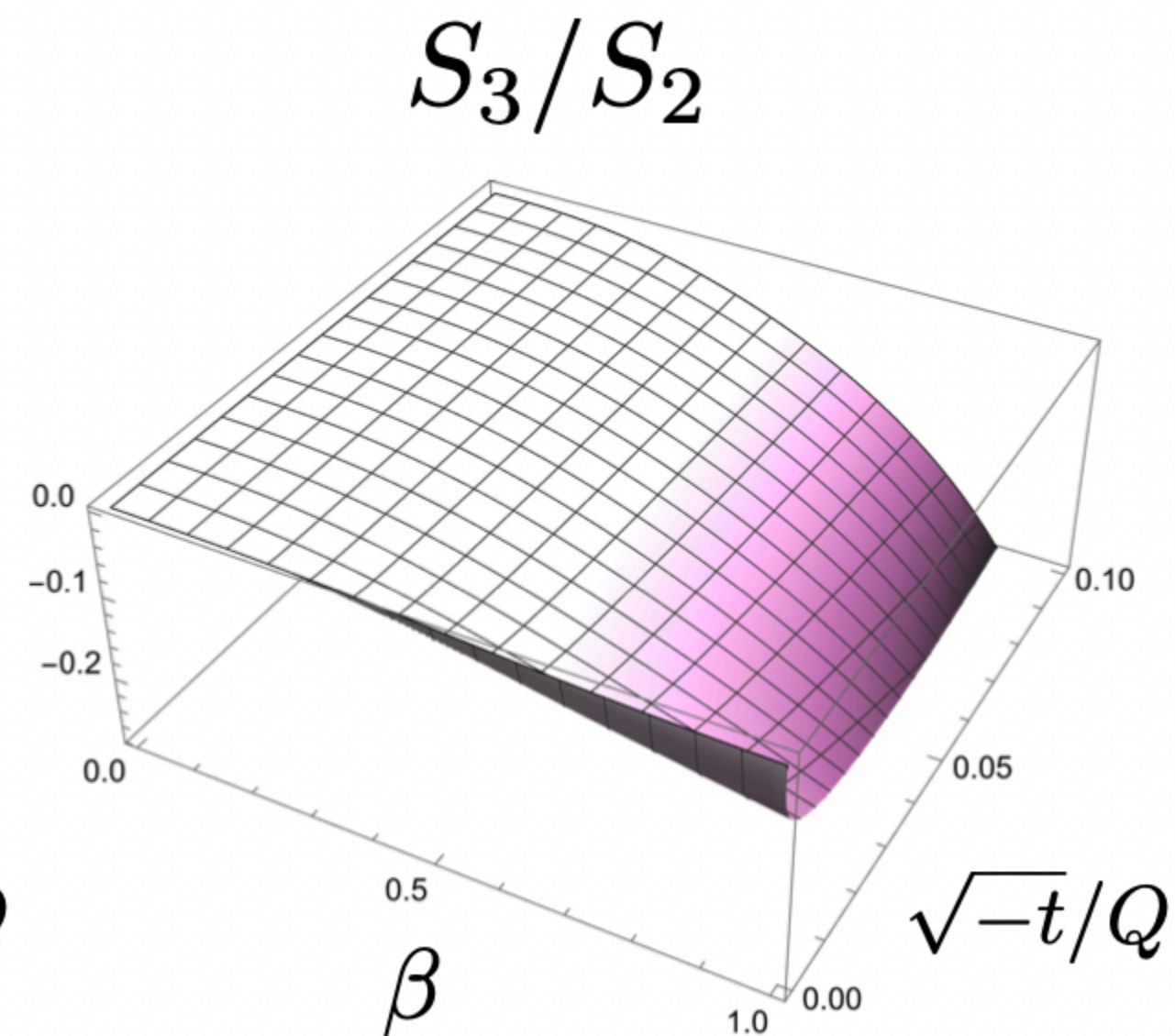
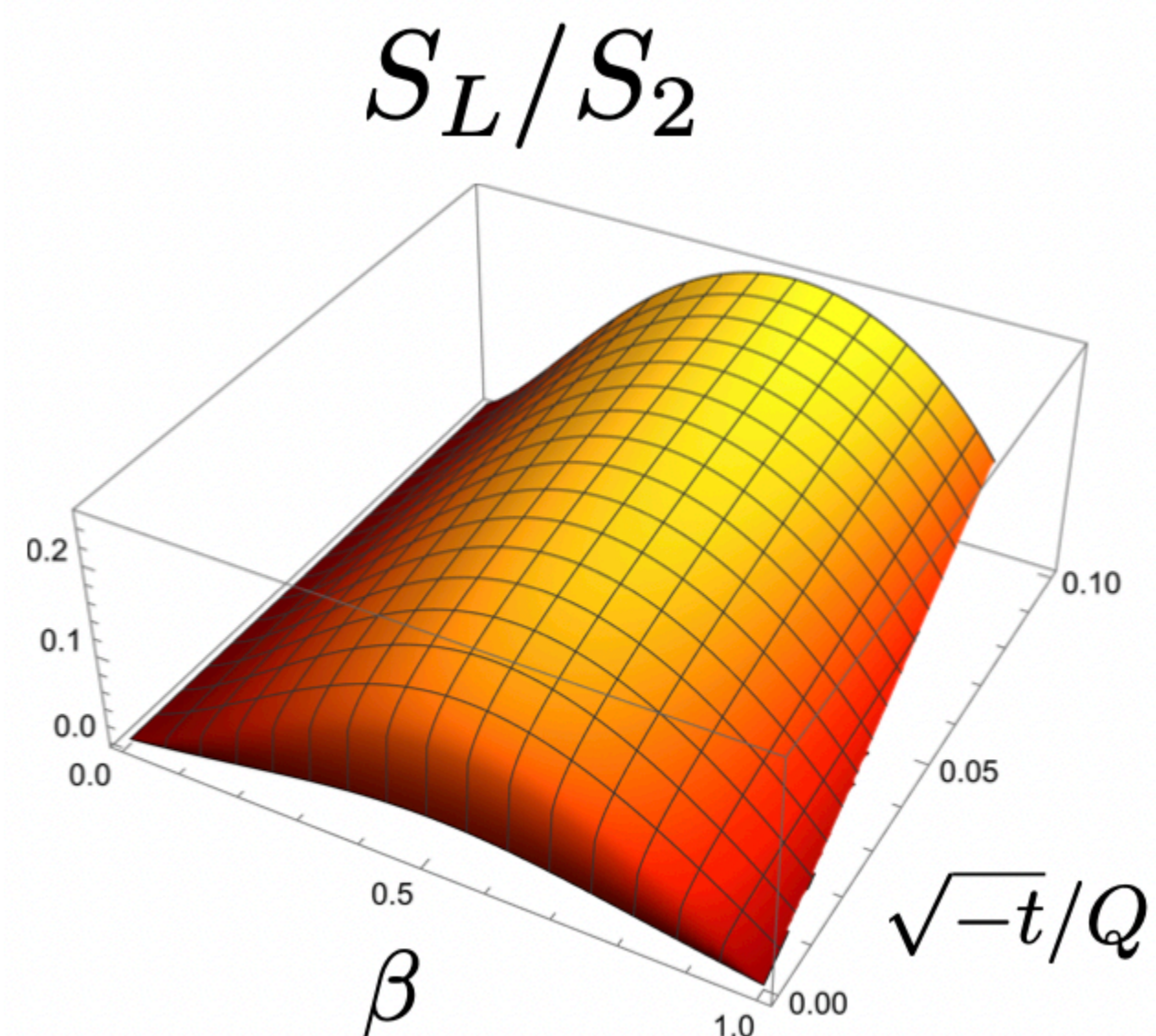


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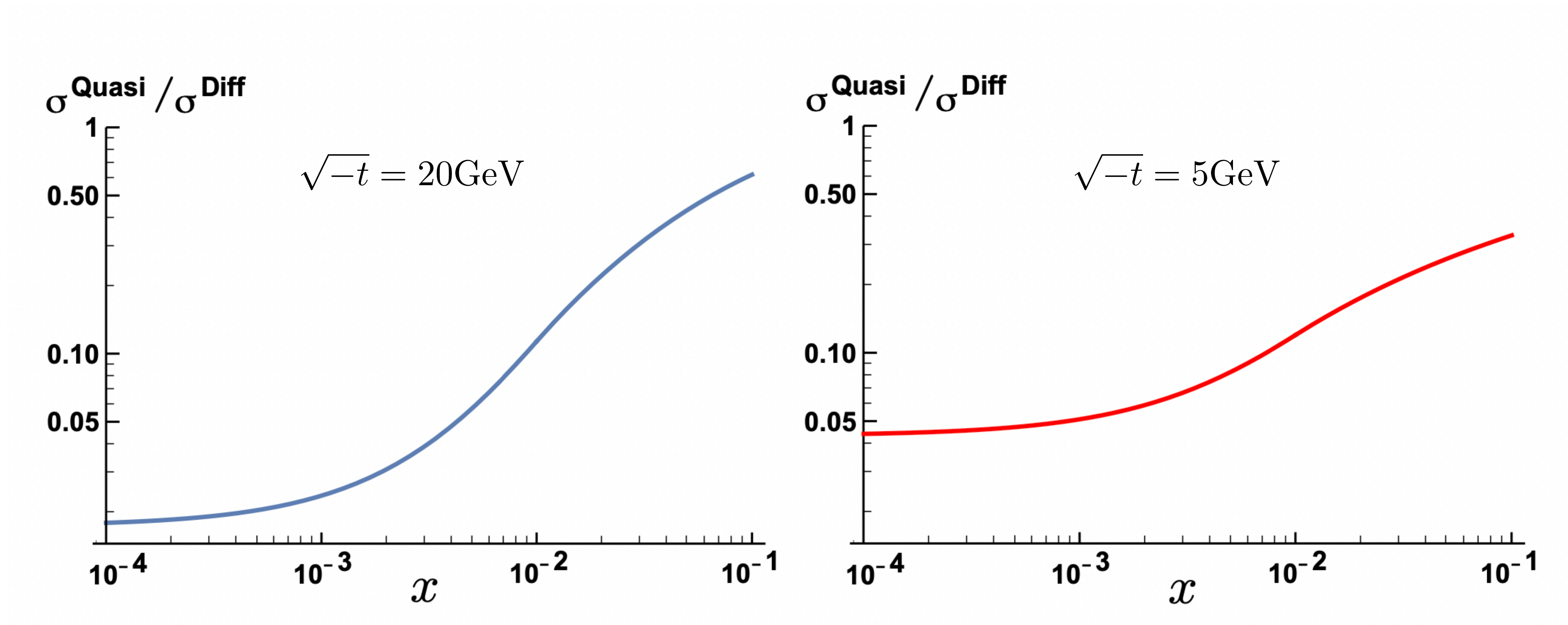
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- Concrete perturbative predictions for the diffraction!

- With the larger coefficients for  $F_3$  relative to  $F_L$ , we have a great opportunity to measure new structure function!

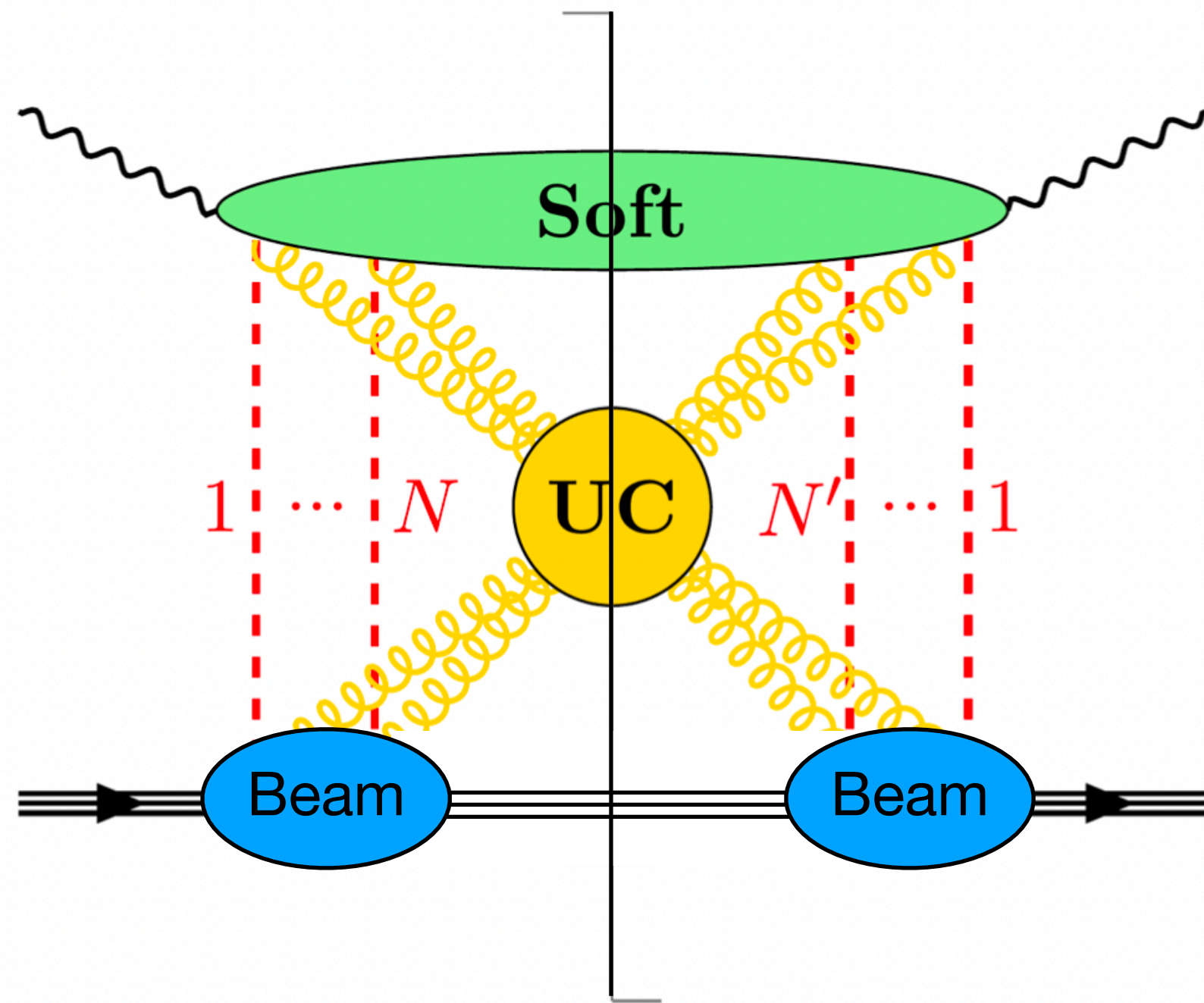


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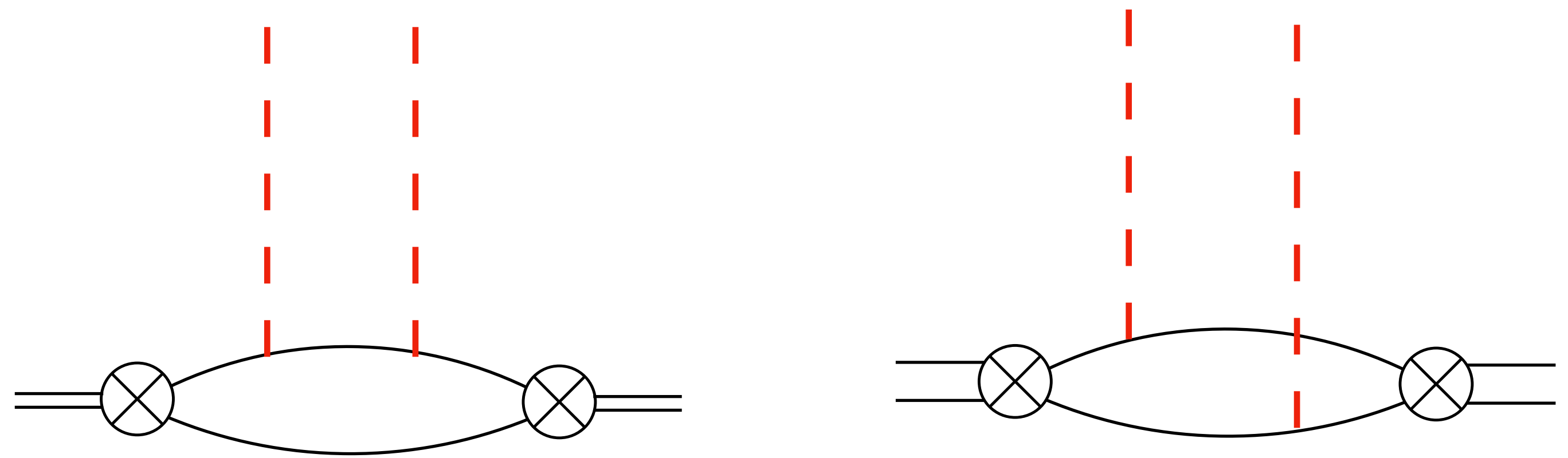


- Sudakov suppression for the quasi-diffractive process

# NEW HADRON STRUCTURE ?



• Look at the beam function at the amplitude level



- Glauber interactions are instantaneous in time and longitudinal coordinate.
- The collapse gives the same matrix element as GPD when glaubers attach to the same fermion line

# CONCLUSION

- **Carried out power-counting analyses for different hierarchy of scales present for diffraction**
- **Achieved factorization using Glauber SCET for diffractive processes for both singlet diffraction and non-singlet background**
- **Carried out simultaneous expansion in  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda_t$  in order to factorize the diffractive PDF and identify the usual hard matching coefficients from the soft-functions**
- **Explicit predictions of the single glauber level soft functions and of the Sudakov suppression from the nonsinglet background**

# OUTLOOK

- **Higher order and resummation**
- **Connection to saturation**
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