

Transport coefficients of QCD at (almost) NLO

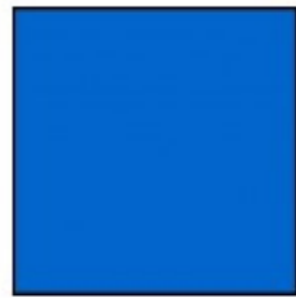


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Trail map



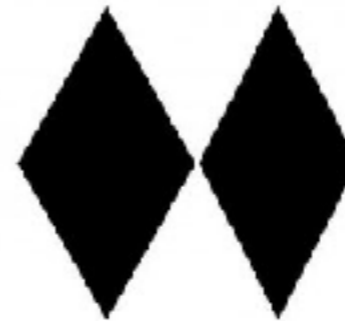
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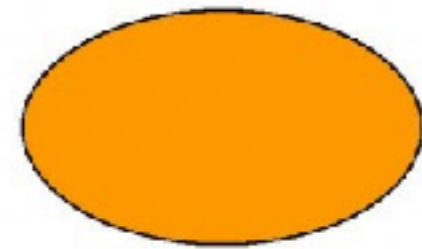
More Difficult



Most Difficult



Most Difficult,
use extra caution



Freestyle Terrain

Trail map

- Transport in heavy ion collisions
- Transport from an effective kinetic theory
- ◆ (almost) NLO kinetic theory and first-order coefficients
- Sneak peak peek at second order relaxation
(full) NLO for jets: pedagogical review in JG Teaney
1502.03730 (in QGP5), gritty details for jets in JG Moore
Teaney **JHEP1603** (2016)
(a)NLO first order JG Moore Teaney, **JHEP1803** (2018)
(a)NLO second order JG Moore Teaney, in preparation

Overview



Flow: a bulk property

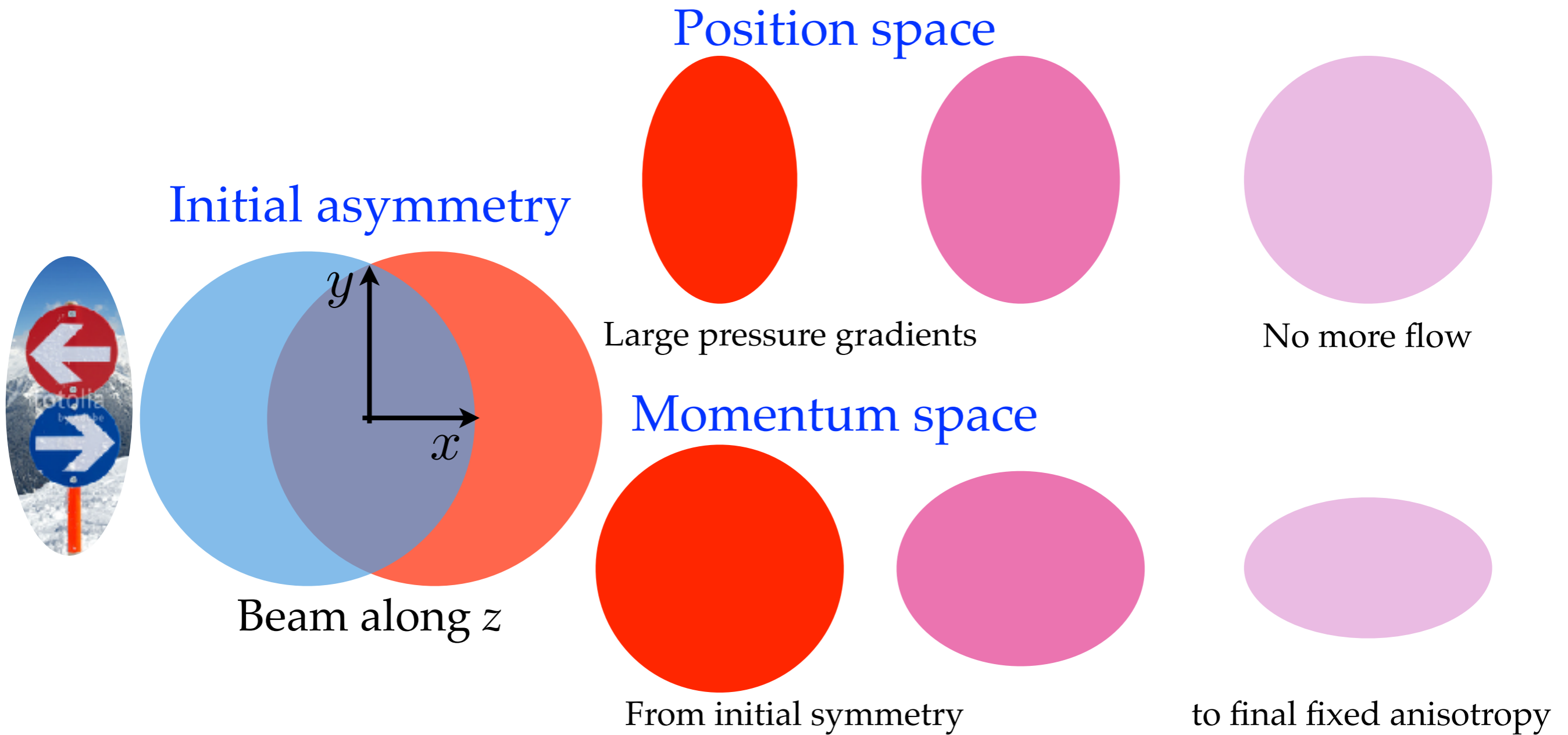
- Initial asymmetries in position space are converted by collective, macroscopic (many body) processes into final state momentum space asymmetries
- Quantitatively: azimuthal Fourier decomposition of the final state particle spectra

$$\frac{dN_i}{dy d^2p_T} = \frac{dN_i}{2\pi p_T dP_T dy} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_{i,n}(p_T, y) \cos(n\phi) \right)$$

v_0 amplitude + v_n coefficients

- 2D analogue of the multipole expansion of the CMB

A famous example: elliptic flow



- **Hydrodynamics** describes the buildup of flow. The **shear viscosity** parametrizes the efficiency of the conversion

Hydrodynamics

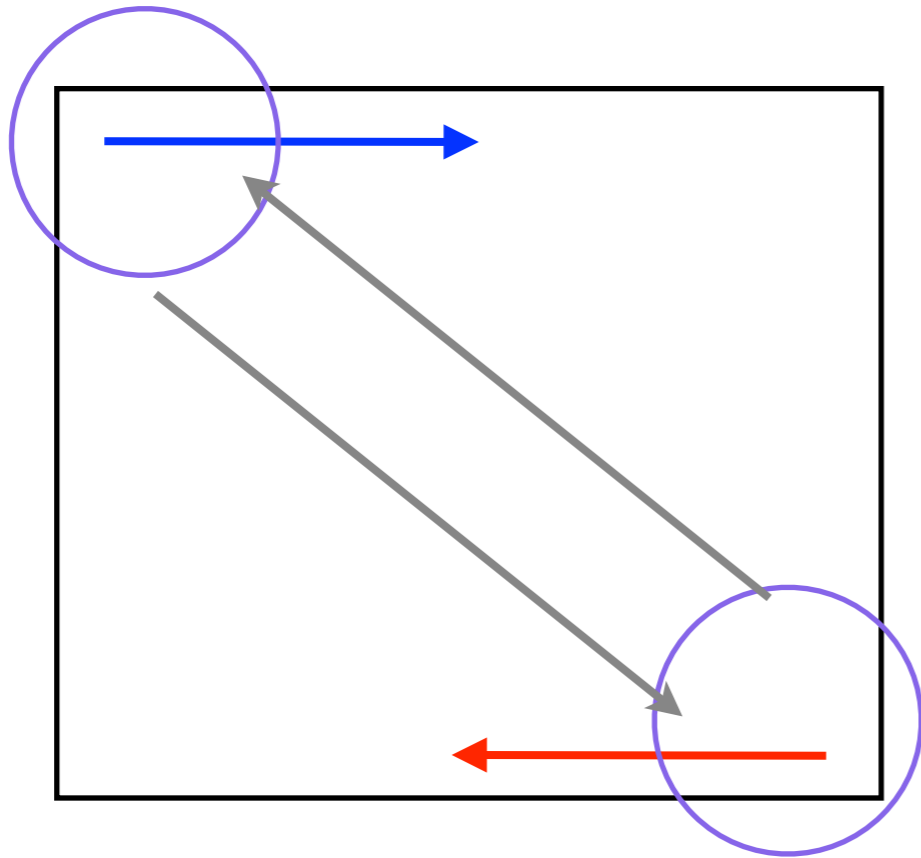
- Field theories admit a **long-wavelength** hydrodynamical limit. Hydrodynamics: Effective Theory based on a **gradient expansion** of the flow velocity
- For hydro **fluctuations** with local flow velocity \mathbf{v} around an **equilibrium state** (with temp. T), at **first order** in the gradients and in \mathbf{v}

$$T^{00} = e, \quad T^{0i} = (e + p)v^i$$

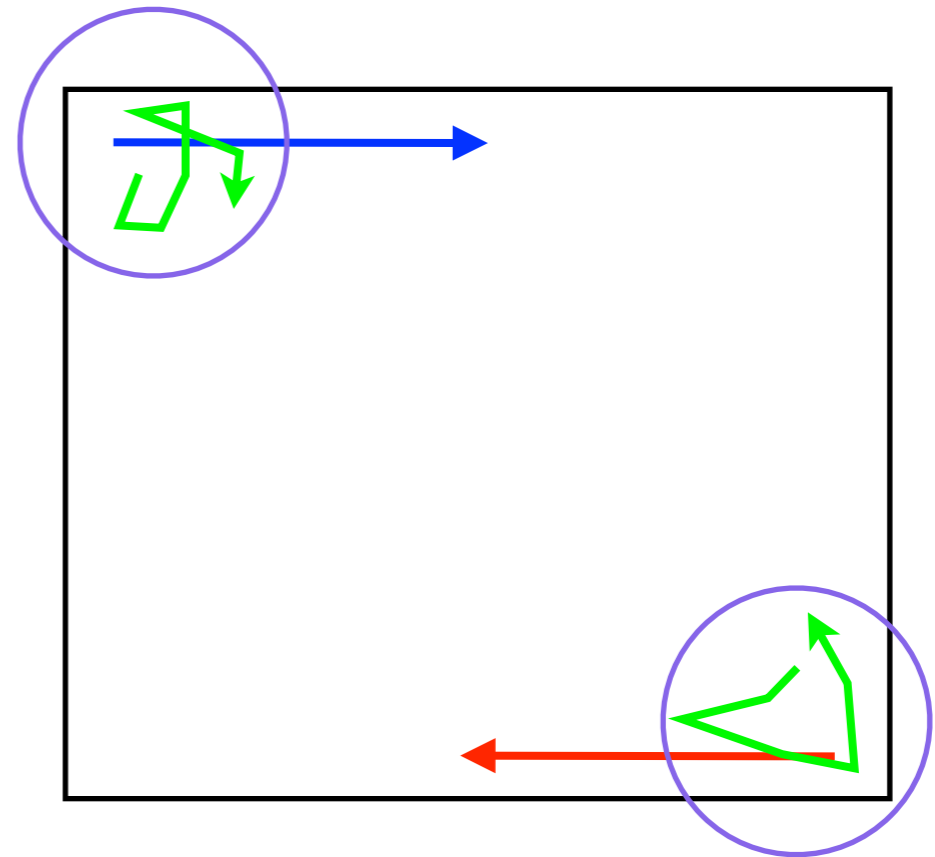
$$T^{ij} = (p - \zeta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\delta^{ij} - \eta \left(\partial_i v^j + \partial_j v^i - \frac{2}{3} \delta^{ij} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \right)$$

Navier-Stokes hydro, two *transport coefficients*: **bulk** and **shear viscosity**

Estimating transport



- Weak coupling: long distances between collisions, easy diffusion. **Large η**



- Strong coupling: short distances between collisions, little diffusion. **Small η**

Estimating η

(or why is η/s natural)

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- Rewrite the first-order T as

$$T^{xy} = -\frac{\eta}{e + p} \nabla_x T^{0y}$$

- $\eta/(e+p)$ is a (first-order) relaxation timescale. With $e+p=sT$ one gets to the natural, dimensionless η/s
- In cases with well-defined quasi-particles one has naturally

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \sim T l_{\text{mfp}}$$

Estimating η

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- (Mean free path)⁻¹ \sim cross section \times density

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \sim T l_{\text{mfp}} \sim \frac{T}{n\sigma} \sim \frac{1}{T^2\sigma}$$

- Cross section in a **perturbative** gauge theory (T only scale*)

$$\sigma \sim \frac{g^4}{T^2} \quad \frac{\eta}{s} \sim \frac{1}{g^4}$$

- * Coulomb divergences and screening scales ($m_D \sim gT$) in gauge theories

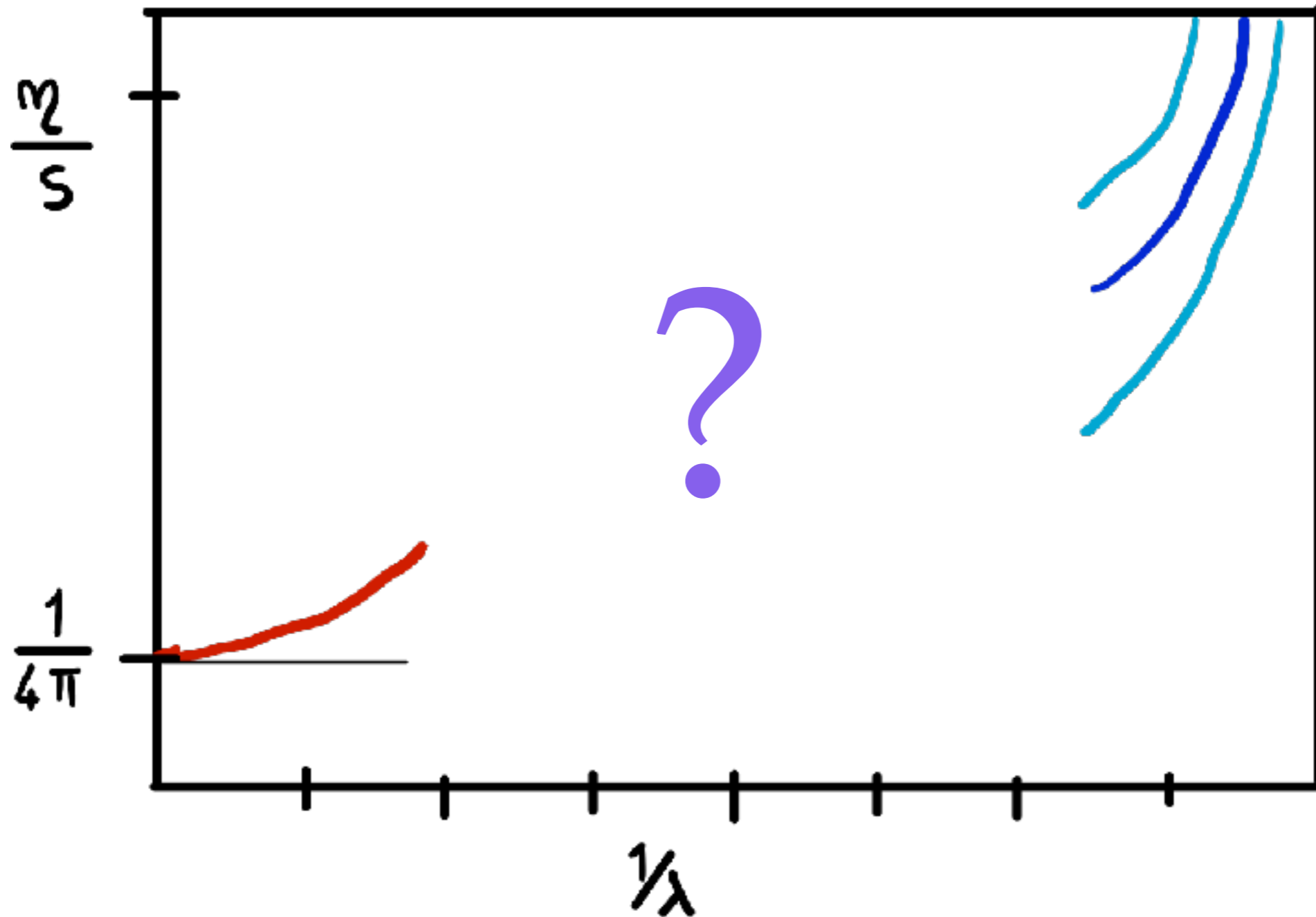
$$\sigma \sim \frac{g^4}{T^2} \ln(1/g) \quad \frac{\eta}{s} \sim \frac{1}{g^4 \ln(1/g)}$$

- From holography one instead has $\eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$ (for $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM) and a conjectured lower limit

Kovtun Son Starinets Policastro **PRL87** (2001) **PLR94** (2004)

Estimating η

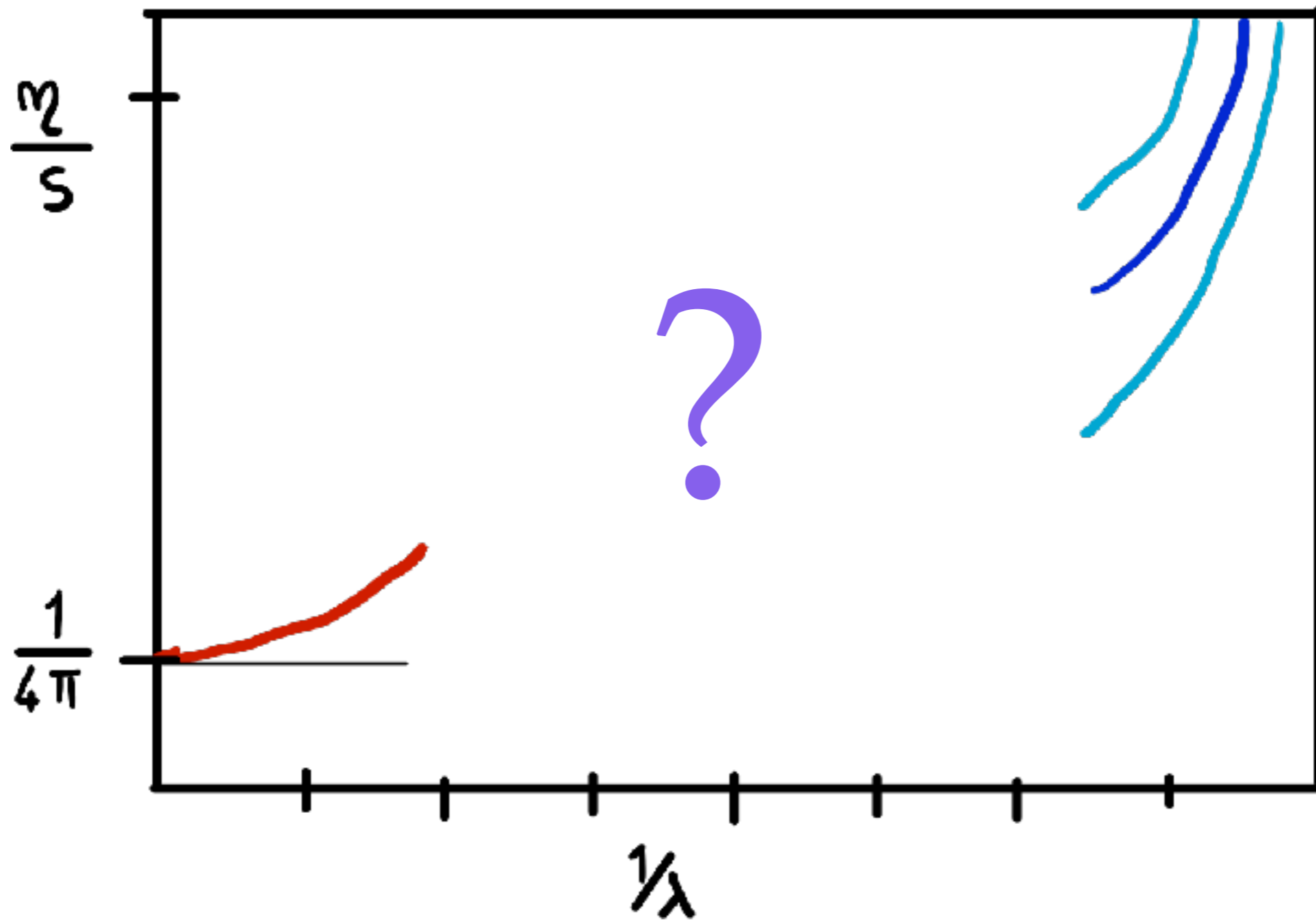
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- Add NLO to the right as well

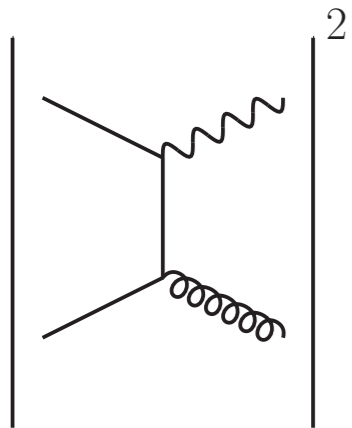
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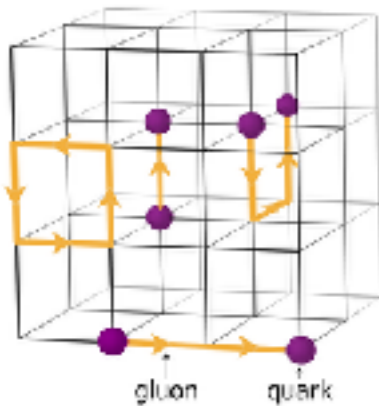


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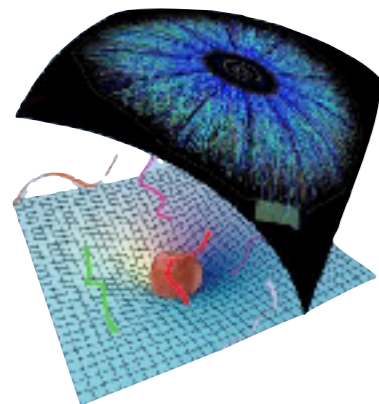
Theory approaches to (QCD) transport coefficients



pQCD: QCD action (and EFTs and kinetic theories thereof). Real world: extrapolate from $g \ll 1$ to $\alpha_s \sim 0.3$



lattice QCD: Euclidean QCD action. Real world: analytically continue to Minkowskian domain



AdS/CFT: $\mathcal{N}=4$ action, weak and strong coupling. Real world: extrapolate to QCD

The effective kinetic theory

The weak-coupling picture

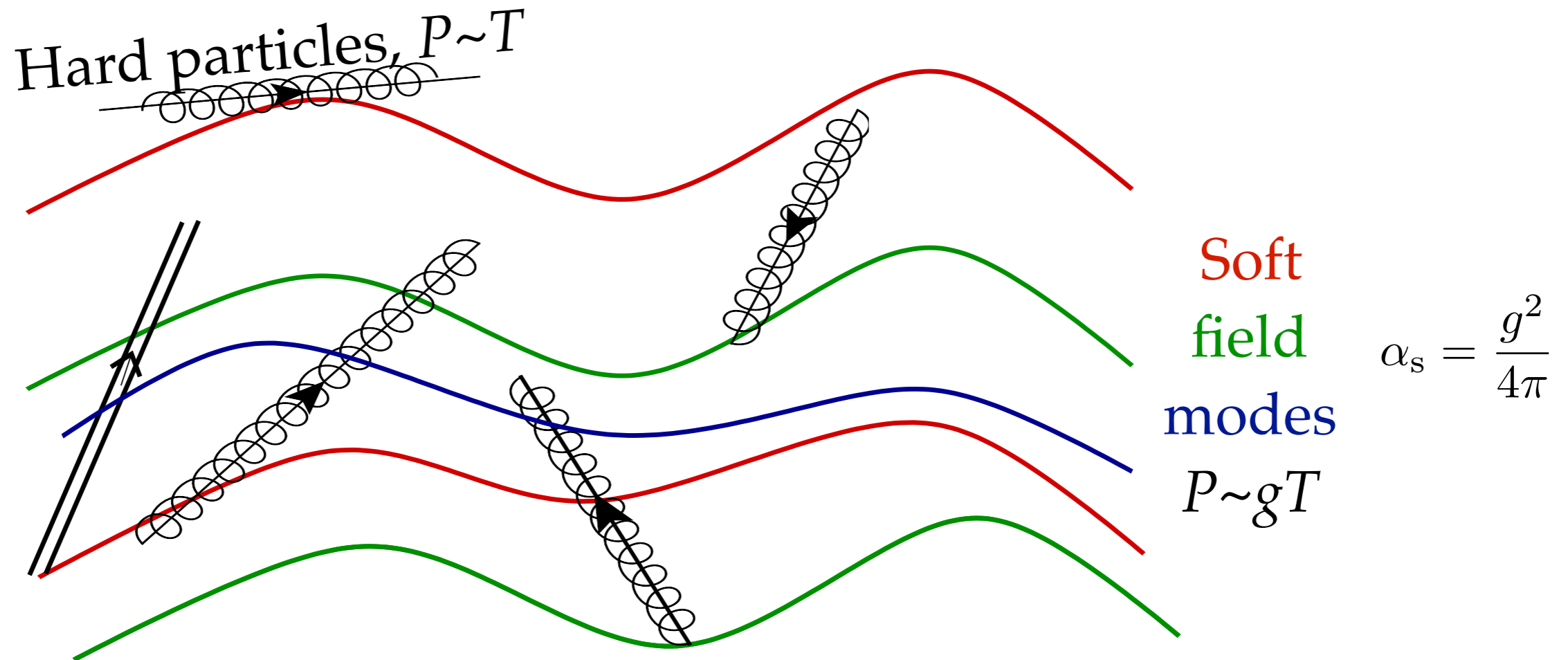


Figure by D. Teaney

- Hard (quasi)-particles carry most of the stress-energy tensor. (Parametrically) largest contribution to thermodynamics

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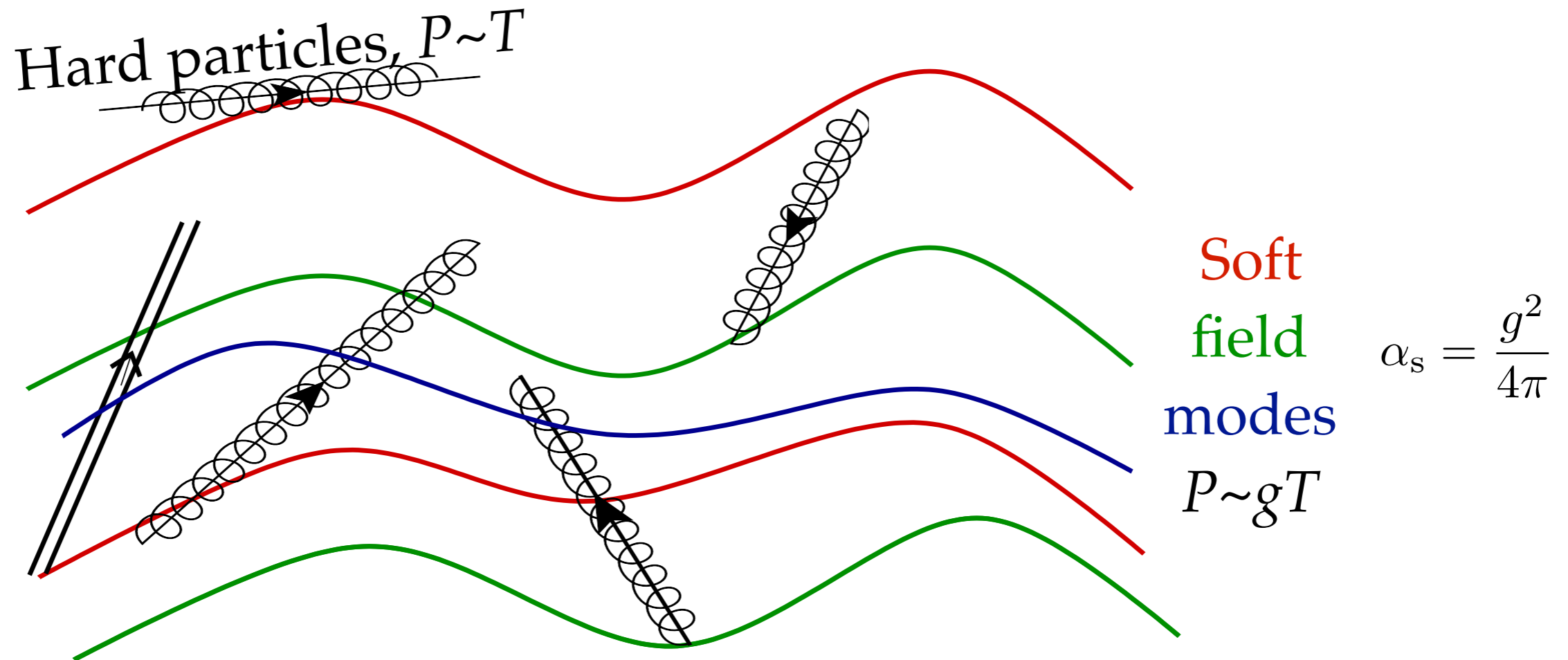


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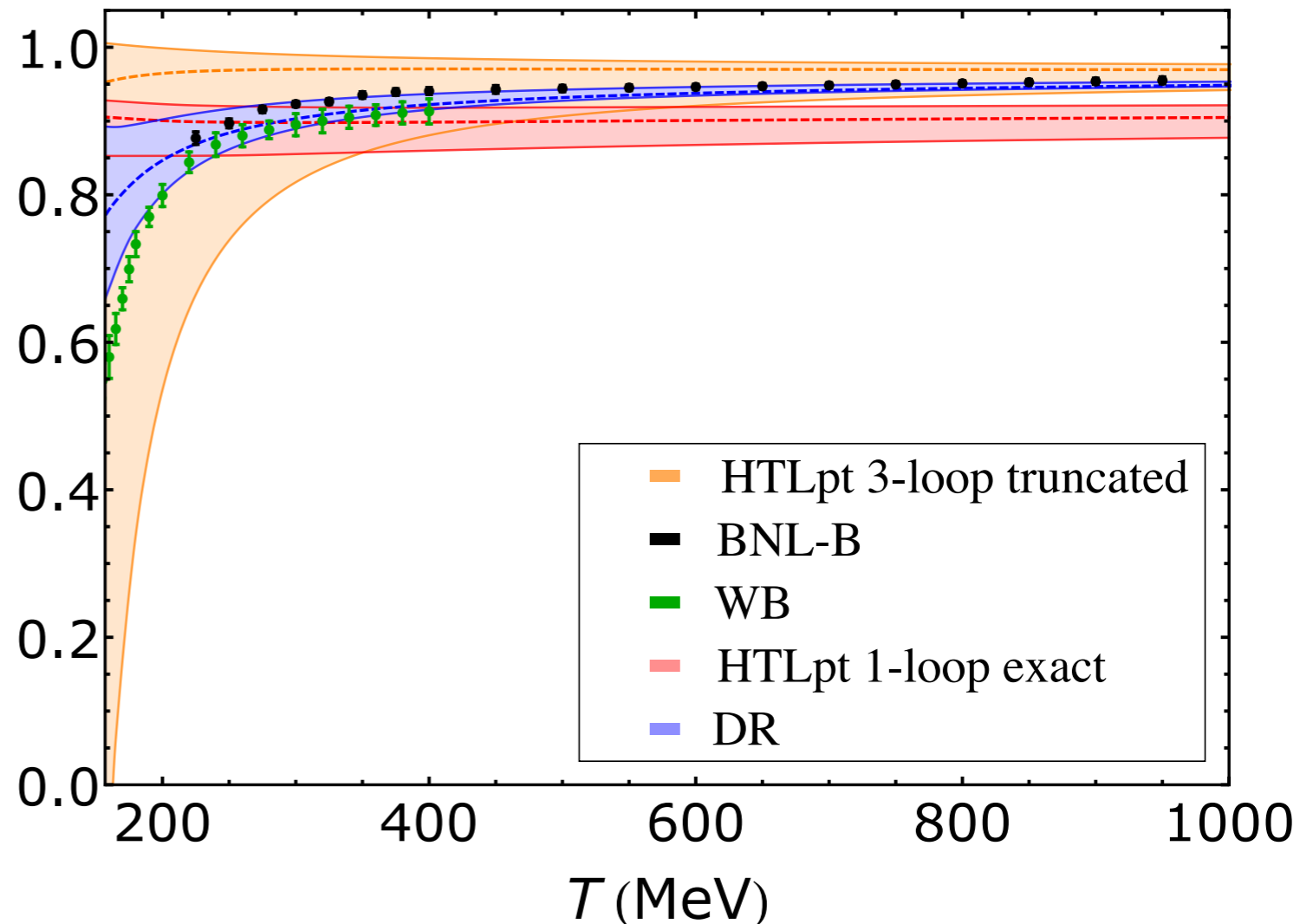
- The gluonic soft fields have large occupation numbers \Rightarrow they can be treated classically

$$n_B(\omega) = \frac{1}{e^{\omega/T} - 1} \stackrel{\omega \sim gT}{\sim} \frac{T}{\omega} \sim \frac{1}{g}$$

Weak-coupling thermodynamics

$$\chi_{u2} = \frac{\partial^2 p(T, \mu)}{\partial \mu_u^2}$$

$$\frac{\chi_{u2}}{\text{SB}}$$



Mogliacci Andersen Strickland Su Vuorinen [JHEP1312 \(2013\)](#)

- Successful for static (thermodynamical) quantities.
Possibility of solving the soft sector non-perturbatively (3D theory on the lattice). [See Mikko's talk](#)

The effective kinetic theory

Baym Braaten Pisarski Arnold Moore Yaffe Baier Dokshitzer Mueller
Schiff Son Peigné Wiedemann Gyulassy Wang Aurenche Gelis Zaraket
Blaizot Iancu . . .

The effective kinetic theory

- Justified at weak coupling, but could be extended to factor in non-perturbative contributions
- The effective theory is obtained by **integrating out (off-shell) quantum fluctuations** (for instance from Kadanoff-Baym equations). Appropriate for describing the dynamics of excitations on scales large compared to $1/T$, which is the size of the typical de Broglie wavelength of an excitation.
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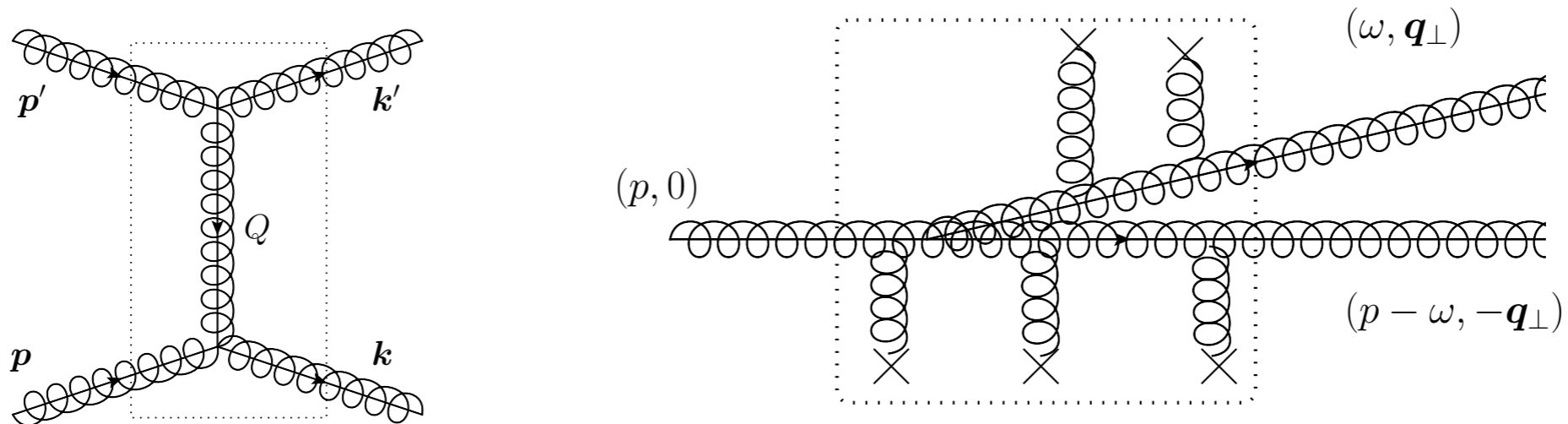
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- In other words at weak coupling the underlying QFT has well-defined quasi-particles. These are weakly interacting with a *mean free time* ($1/g^4 T$) large compared to the *actual duration of an individual collision* ($1/T$)

The AMY kinetic theory

- Effective Kinetic Theory (**EKT**) for the phase space density of quarks and gluons

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \right) f(\mathbf{p}) = C^{2 \leftrightarrow 2} + C^{1 \leftrightarrow 2}$$

- **At leading order:** elastic, number-preserving $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ processes and collinear, number-changing $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ processes (**LPM**, **AMY**, all that) **AMY (2003)**



Transport coeffs from the EKT

- To obtain the transport coefficients linearize the theory

$$f(\mathbf{p}) = f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p}) + \sum_{\ell} \delta f_{\ell}(\mathbf{p})$$

- **Source term** equates **linearized collision operator**

$$\mathcal{S}_{\ell} = \mathcal{C} \delta f_{\ell}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\ell} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \right) f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p}, u, \beta, \mu)$$

- Since $\langle T^{i \neq j} \rangle \propto \eta$, $\langle \mathbf{J}_q \rangle = -D_q \nabla \langle n_q \rangle$ (light flavor diffusion)
 η requires $\ell=2$, D_q $\ell=1$
- Transport coefficients obtained by the kinetic theory definitions of T, J once δf_{ℓ} has been obtained

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- To solve the linear equation, introduce the inner product

$$(f, g) \equiv \int_{\mathbf{p}} f(\mathbf{p}) g(\mathbf{p})$$

and minimize

$$(\delta f_{\ell}, \mathcal{S}_{\ell}) - \frac{1}{2} (\delta f_{\ell}, \mathcal{C} f_{\ell})$$

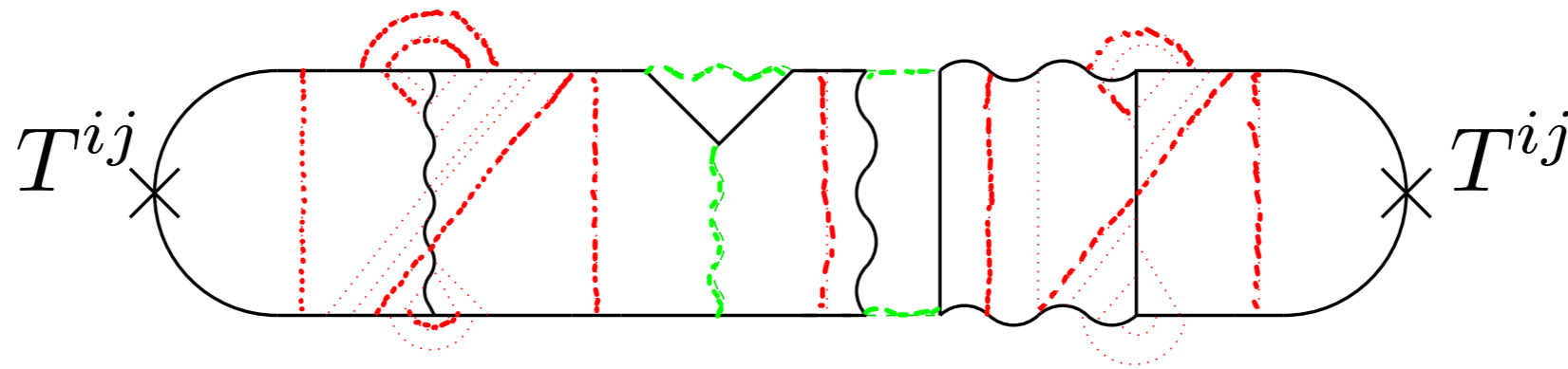
Arnold Moore Yaffe (2000-03)

Transport coeffs from the EKT

- Linearized EKT equivalent to Kubo formula

$$\eta = \frac{1}{20} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \int d^4x e^{i\omega t} \langle [T^{ij}(t, \mathbf{x}), T^{ij}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle \theta(t)$$

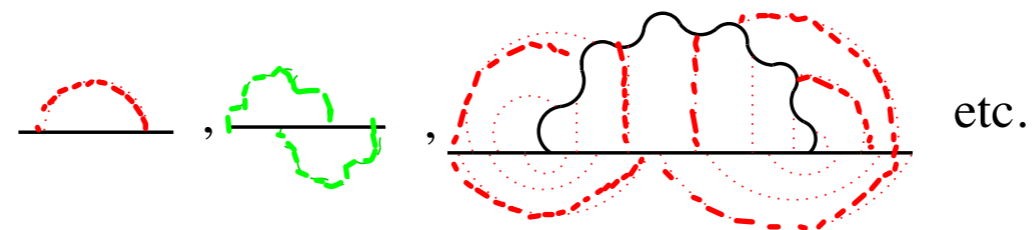
- Not practical at weak coupling: loop expansion breaks down [AMY \(2000-2003\)](#)



--- Hard off-shell

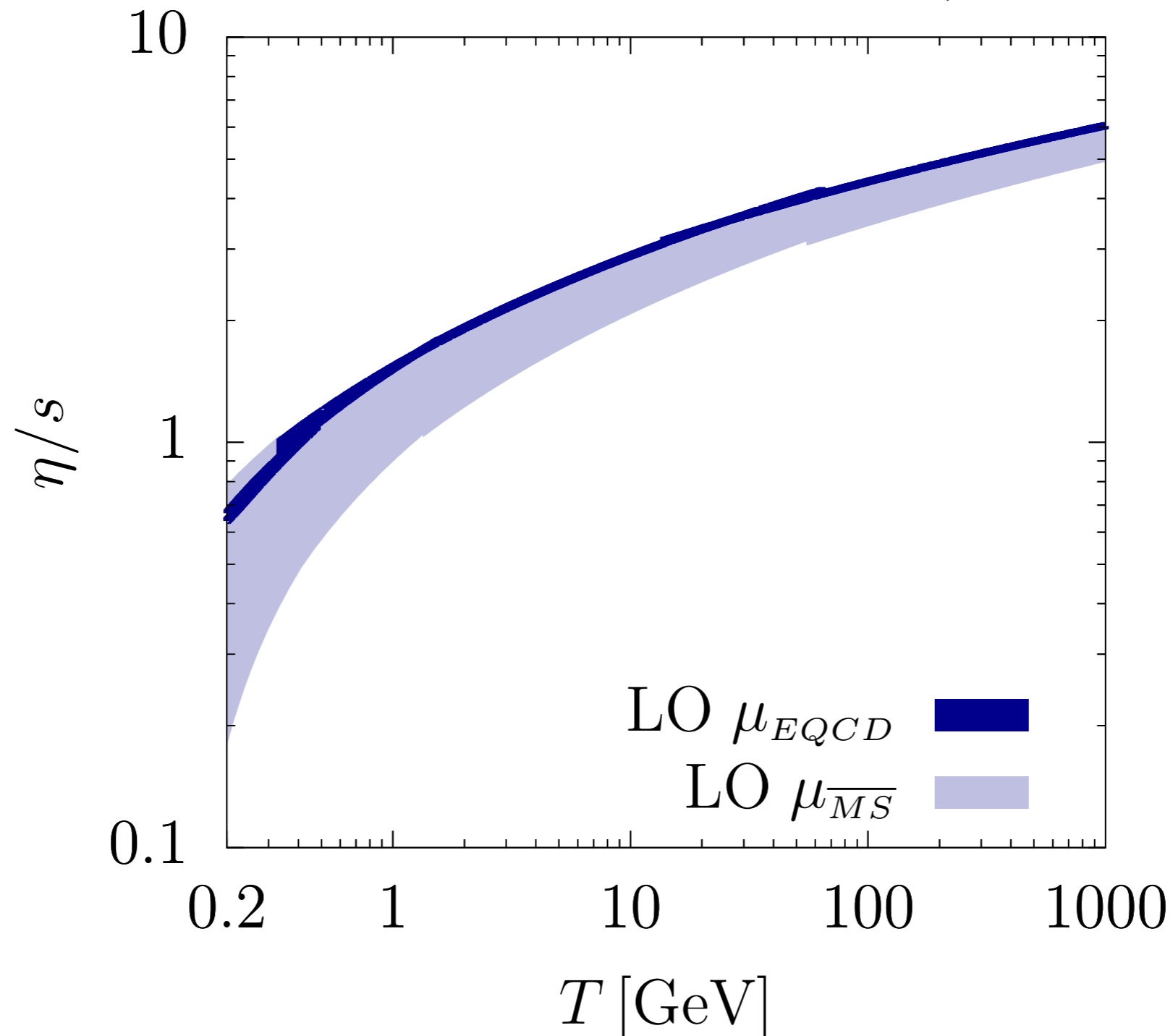
... Soft, spacelike, gauge boson, HTL resummed

— Hard on-shell, resummed with diagrams of form



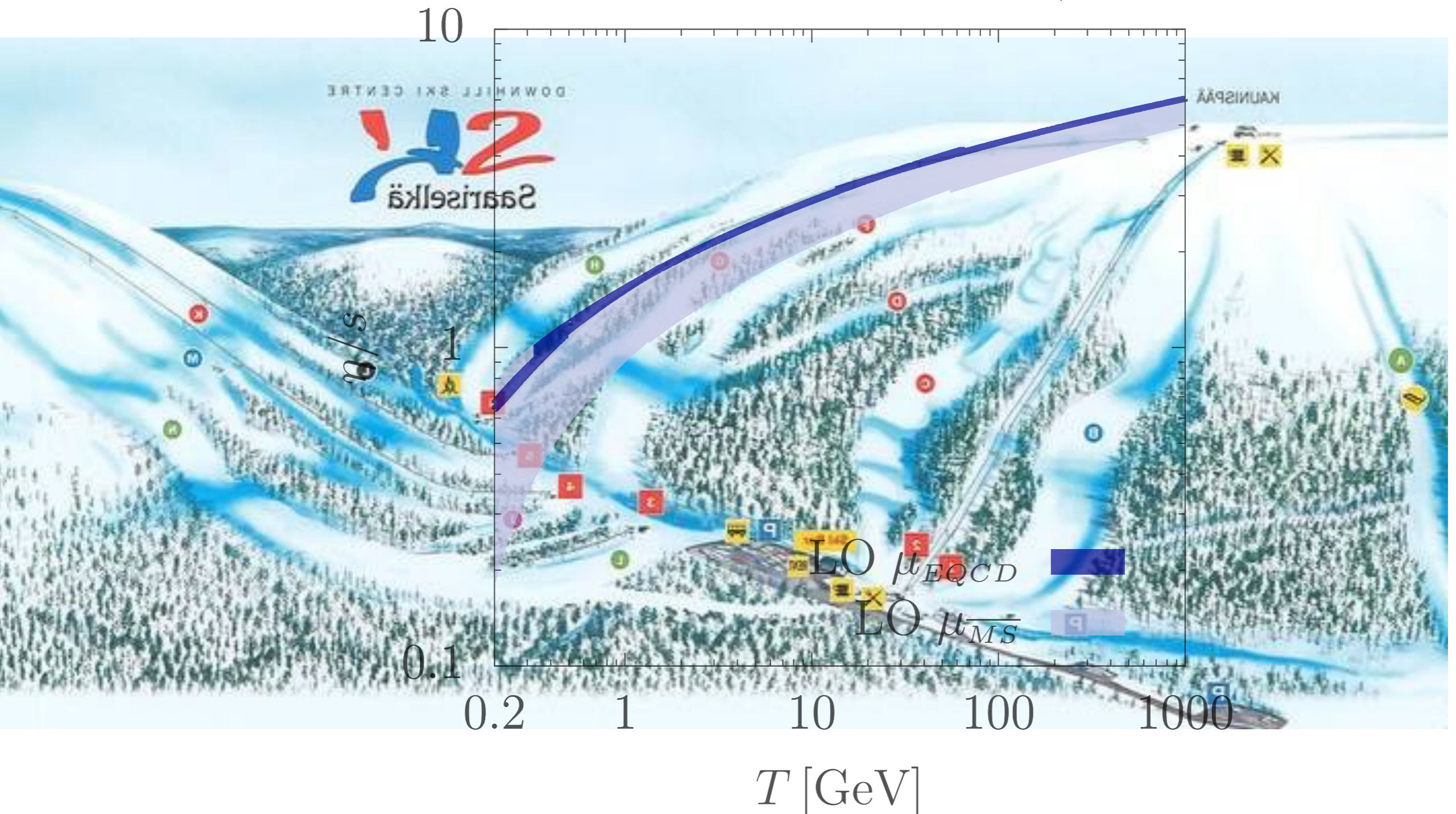
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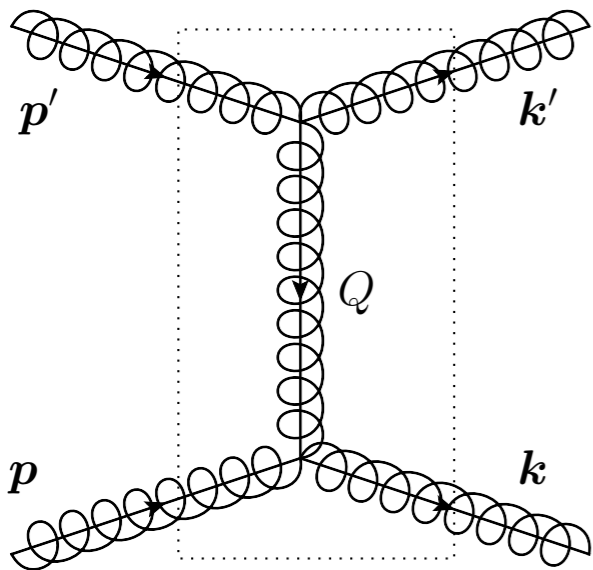
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Reorganization

- The NLO corrections come from **regions sensitive to soft gluons** (no quarks in this illustration)
- Before we get there, let's have a **reorganized perspective** on these regions at LO
- Look at **$2 \leftrightarrow 2$ scattering**

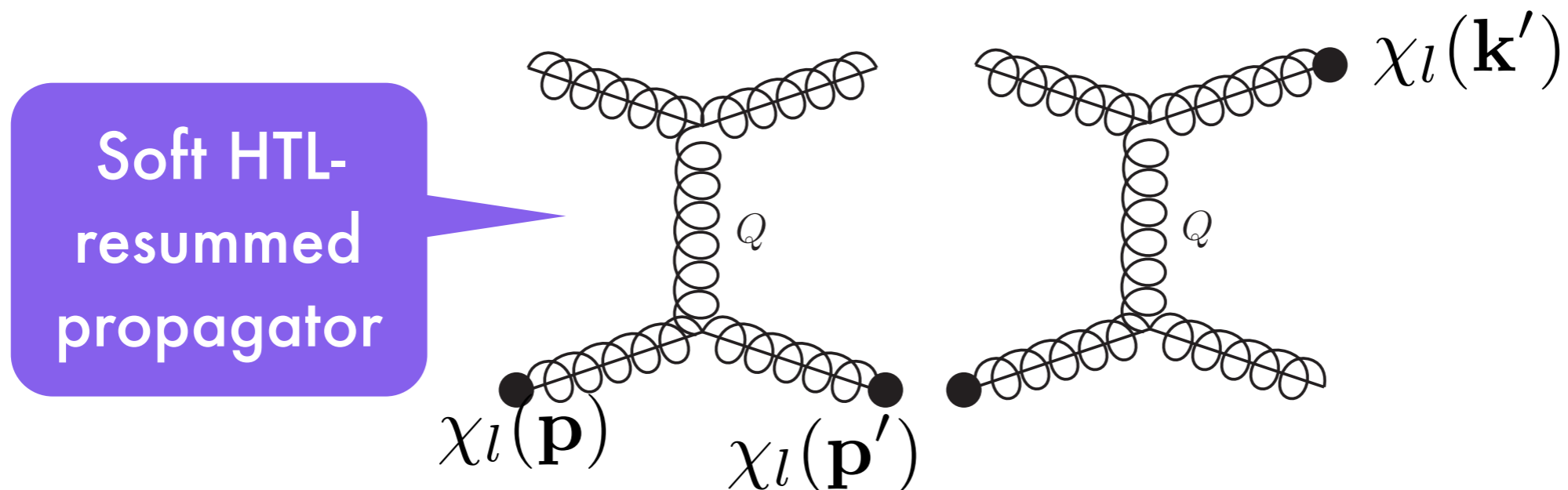


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}'\mathbf{k}'} |\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}')|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P+K-P'-K') \\
 & \quad \times f_{\text{EQ}}(p) f_{\text{EQ}}(k) [1 + f_{\text{EQ}}(p')] [1 + f_{\text{EQ}}(k')] \\
 & \quad \times \left[\chi_e(\mathbf{p}) + \chi_e(\mathbf{k}) - \chi_e(\mathbf{p}') - \chi_e(\mathbf{k}') \right]^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta f_l(\mathbf{p}) \equiv f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p})(1 + f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p})) \chi_l(\mathbf{p})$$

LO soft gluon scattering

- When $Q=P'-P$ becomes **soft** there are two possibilities for $\left[\chi_e(\mathbf{p}) + \chi_e(\mathbf{k}) - \chi_e(\mathbf{p}') - \chi_e(\mathbf{k}') \right]^2$ ($\chi_e(\mathbf{p}) = f_e(\hat{\mathbf{p}})\chi(p)$)



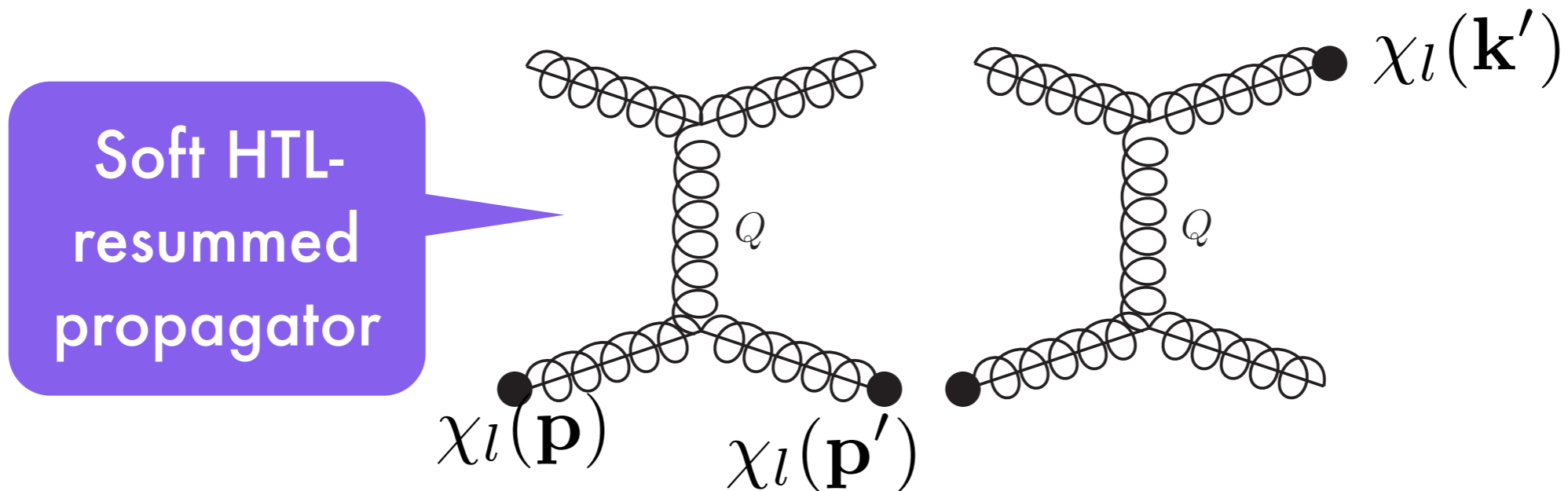
- Left: **diffusion terms**, \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{p}' strongly correlated

$$(\chi_e(\mathbf{p}) - \chi_e(\mathbf{p}'))^2 = (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{q})^2 [\chi'(p)]^2 + \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2} \frac{q^2 - (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{q})^2}{p^2} [\chi(p)]^2$$

identify a **longitudinal** and a **transverse momentum broadening** contribution, \hat{q}_L and \hat{q}

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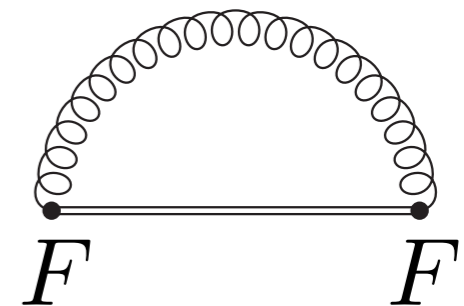
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- Diffusion terms: transverse becomes Euclidean

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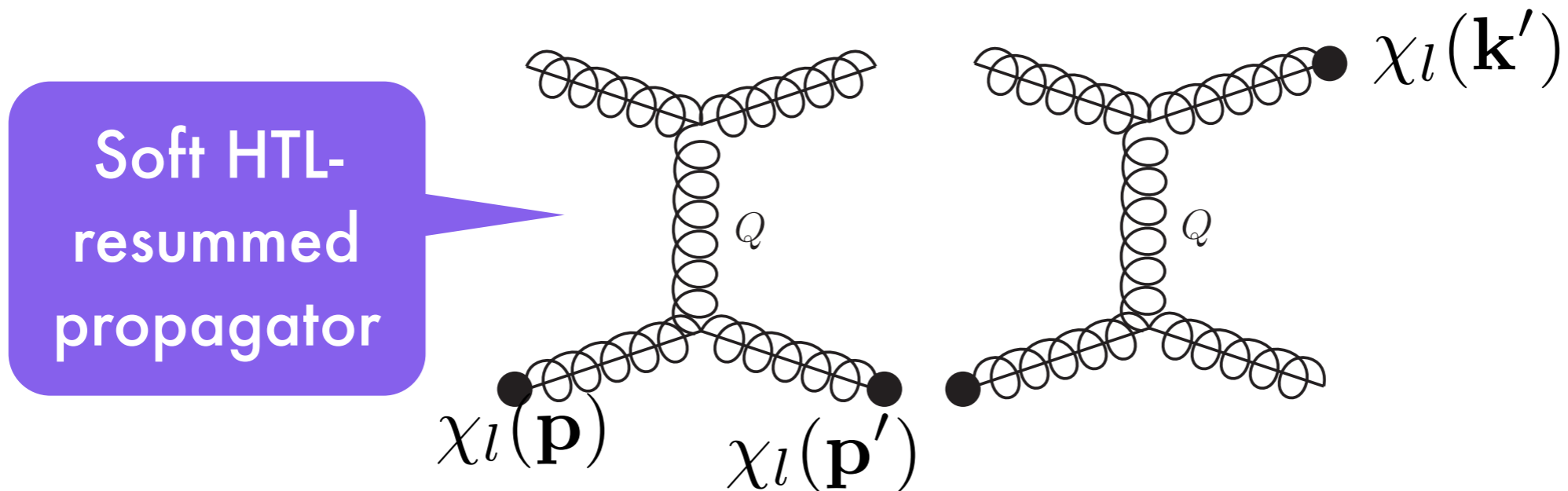
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Aurenche Gelis Zaraket **JHEP0205** (2002), Caron-Huot **PRD79** (2009)

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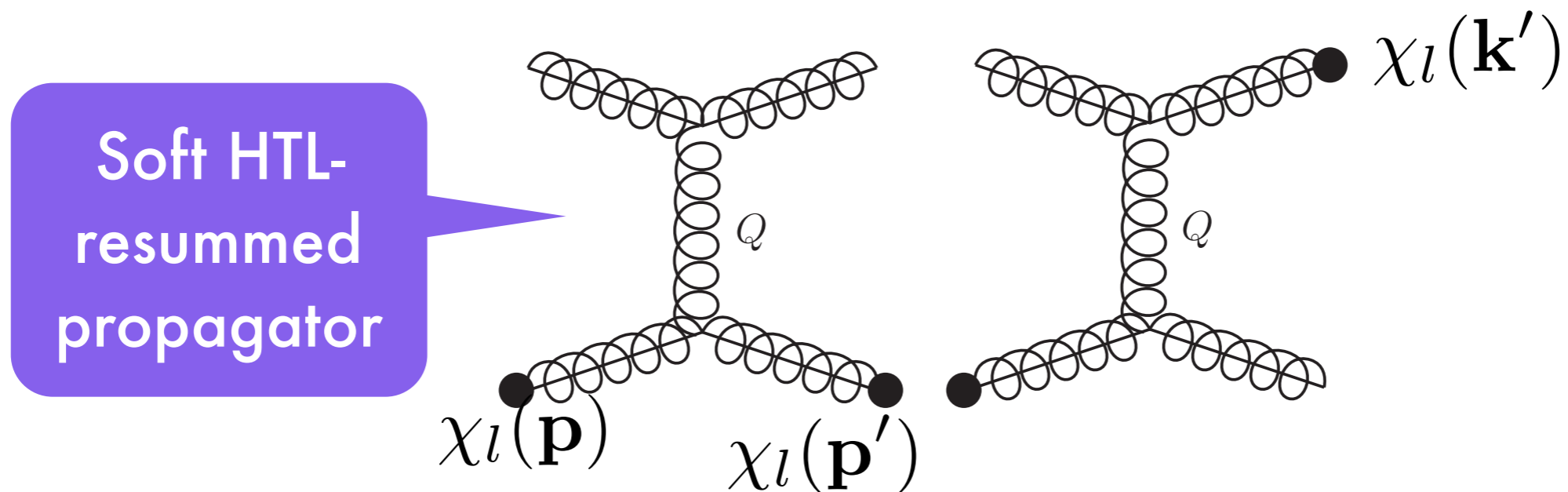
- Diffusion terms: longitudinal with lightcone sum rule**

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- Diffusion terms:** summing up, **light-cone techniques***

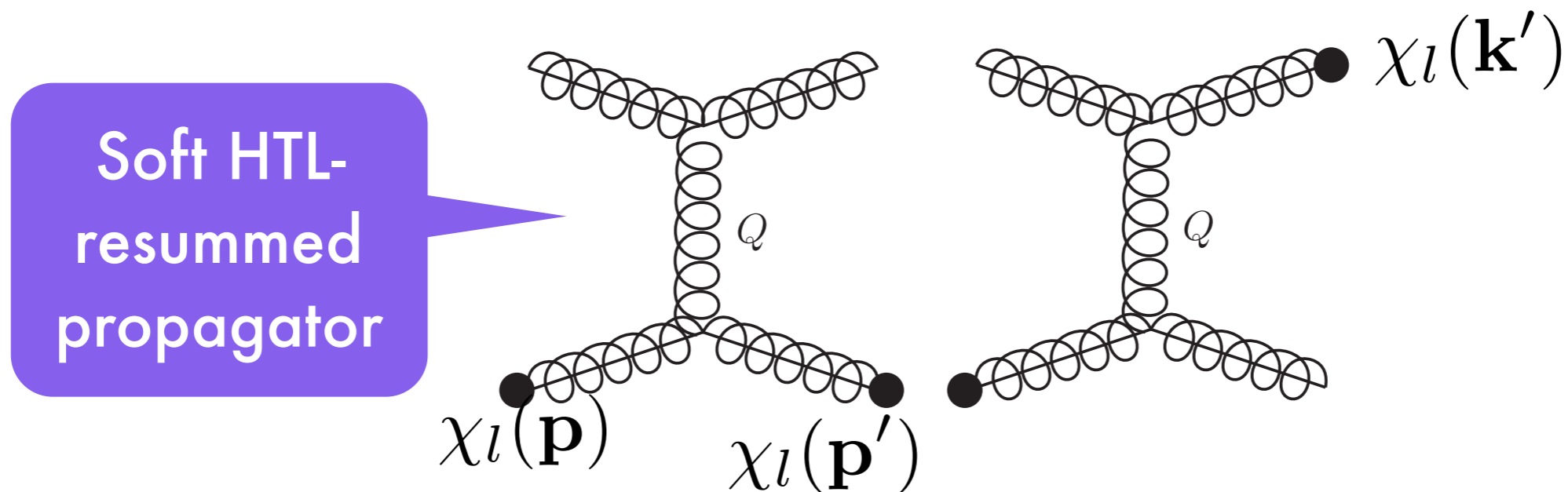
$$\hat{q}_L^a \Big|_{\text{soft}} = \frac{g^2 C_{R_a} T m_D^2}{4\pi} \ln \frac{\sqrt{2} \mu_{\perp}}{m_D} \quad \hat{q}^a \Big|_{\text{soft}} = \frac{g^2 C_{R_a} T m_D^2}{2\pi} \ln \frac{\mu_{\perp}}{m_D}$$

give rise to the **leading log** contribution

*Caron-Huot PRD82 (2008) JG Moore Teaney (2015)

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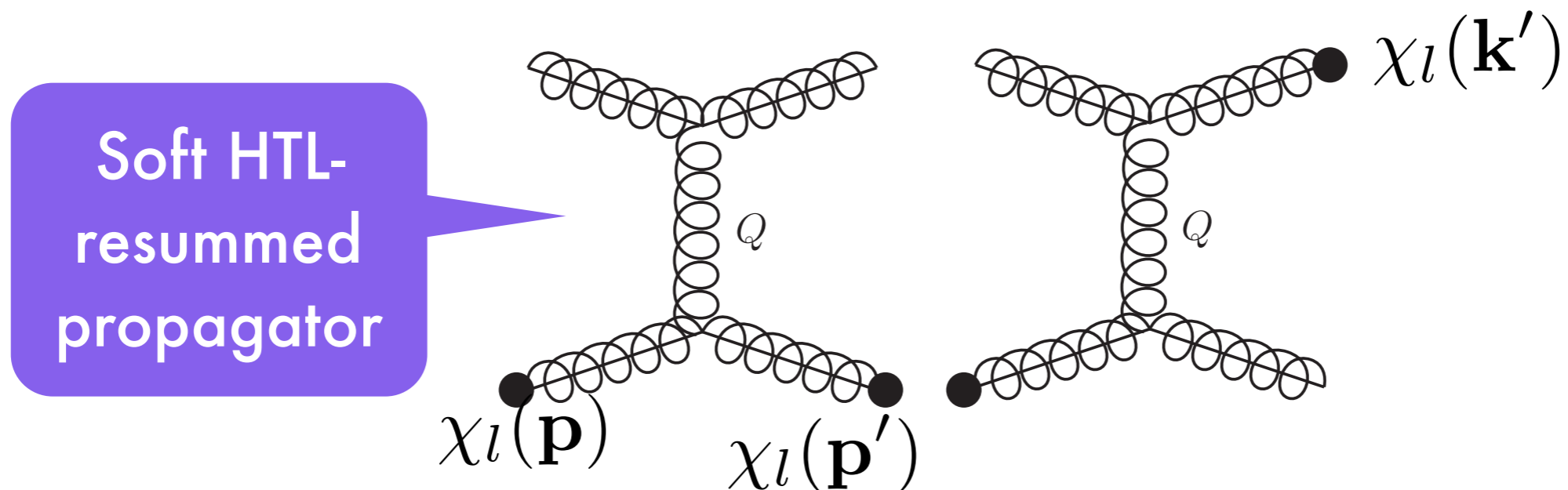
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- Right: **cross terms**, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}' and \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' not correlated. Two-point function of **two uncorrelated deviations from equilibrium** (diffusion was the response of an off-eq leg to the equilibrium bath)

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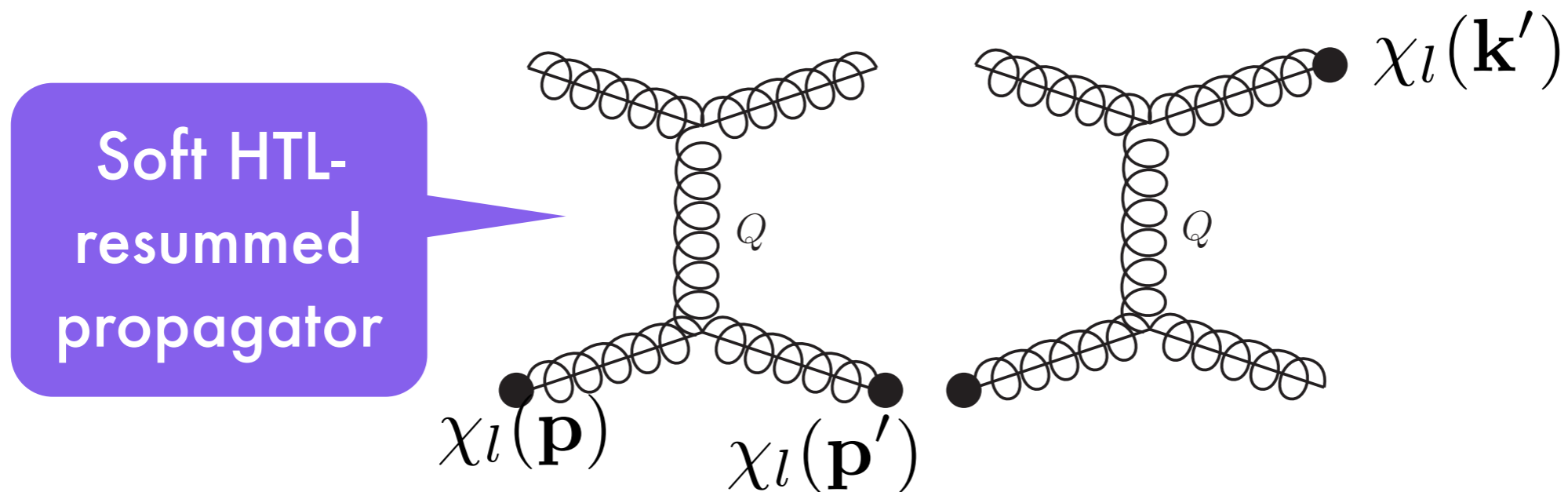
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- Right: **cross terms**, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}' and \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' not correlated. **Light-cone techniques not applicable**, have to use numerical integration. Easy at LO, where they are **finite** (no leading log contribution)

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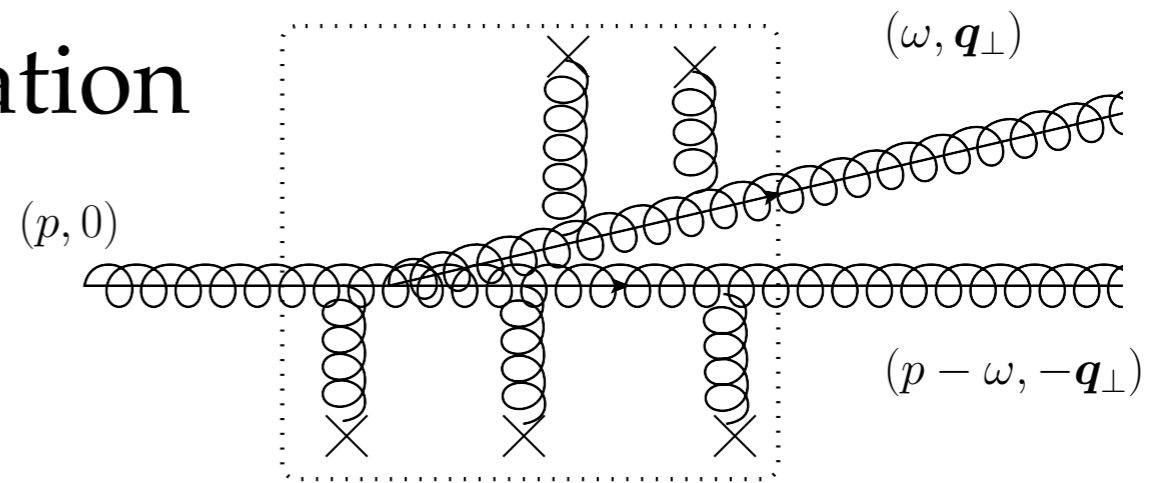
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- Right: **cross terms**, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}' and \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' not correlated. The **original Boltzmann equation** becomes a **Fokker-Planck equation** for soft scattering. The diffusion part is there a loss term and these terms are **gain terms**

Reorganization

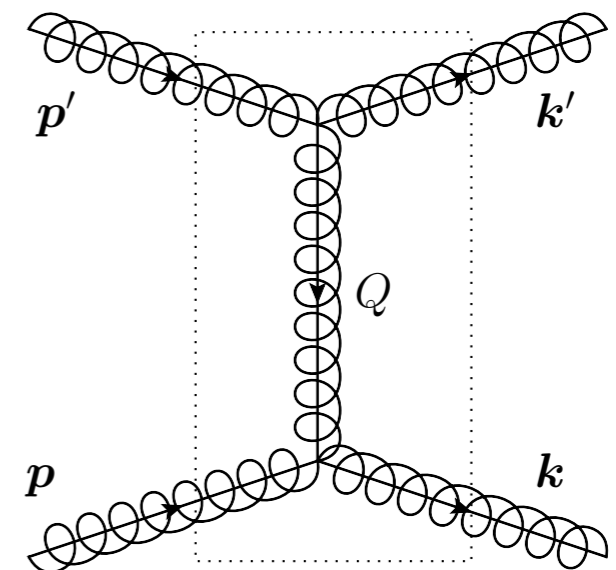
- **1↔2 processes:** strictly collinear kinematics, ~unaffected by reorganization



- Reorganization of the LO collision operator

$$\int_{\mathbf{p}} \delta f_\ell(\mathbf{p}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \right) f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p}, u, \beta, \mu) = \int_{\mathbf{p}} \delta f_\ell(\mathbf{p}) \left[C^{\text{large}}[\mu_\perp] + C^{\text{diff}}[\mu_\perp] + C^{\text{cross}} + C^{\text{coll}} \right]$$

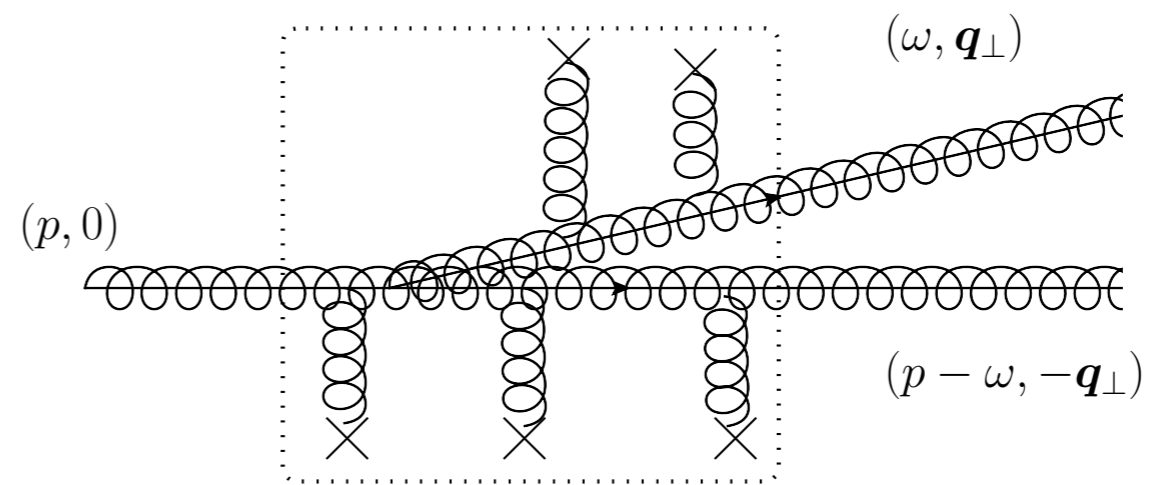
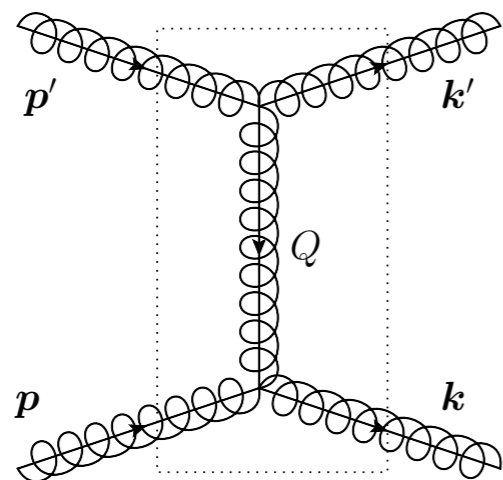
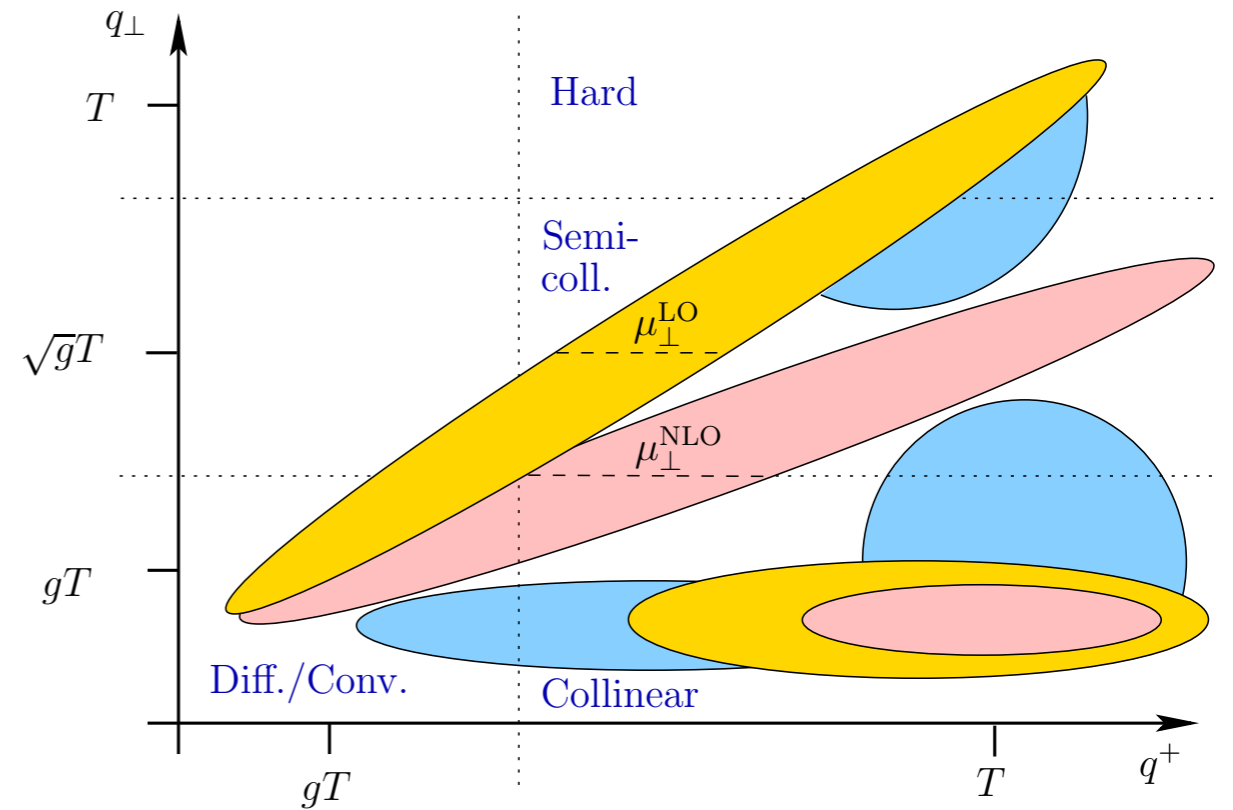
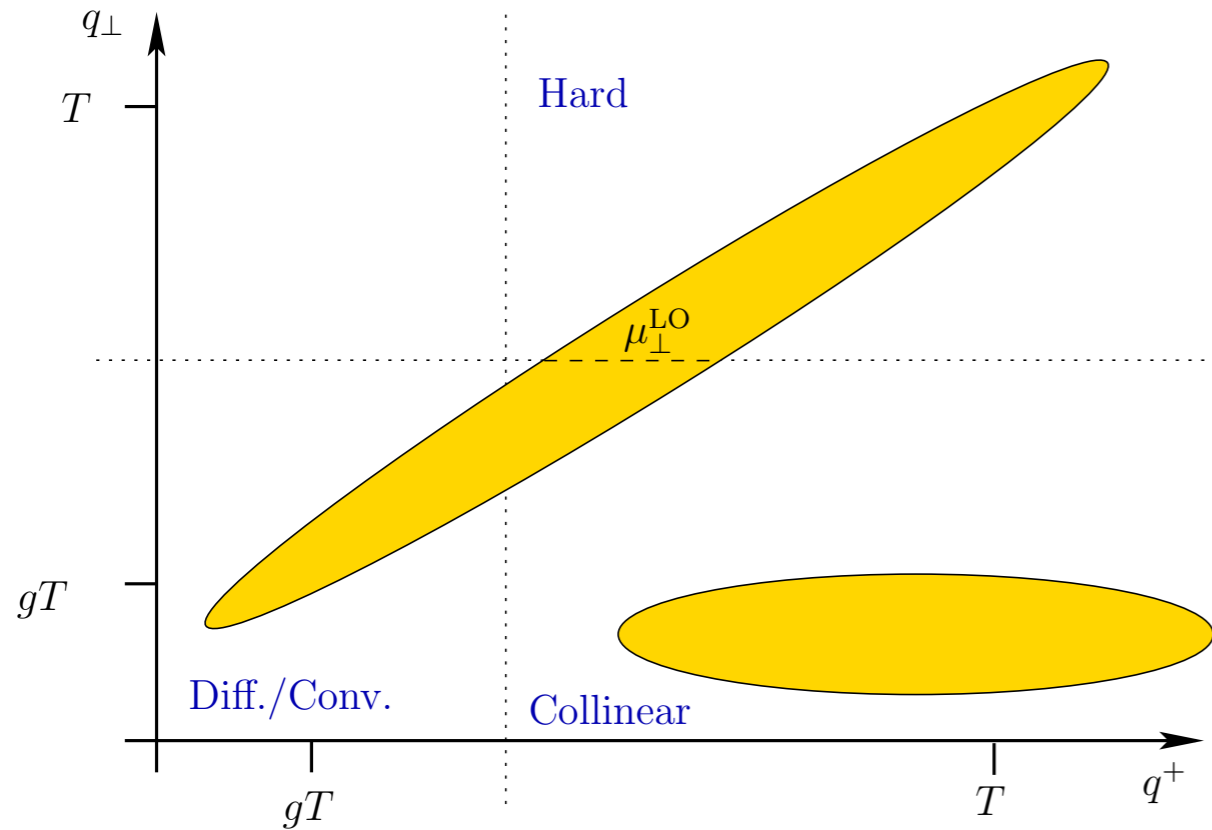
- Final ingredient: **2↔2 large angle scatterings**, IR-regulated to avoid the soft region



Going to NLO

- The **diffusion**, **cross** and **collinear terms** receive $O(g)$ corrections
- There is a new **semi-collinear** region

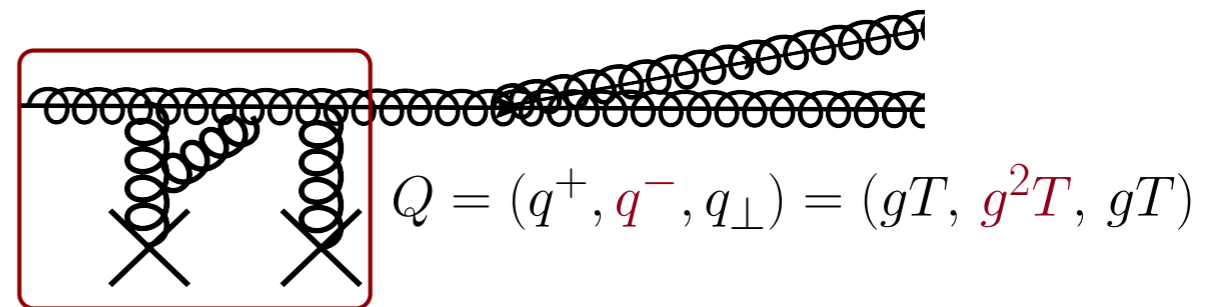
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Collinear corrections

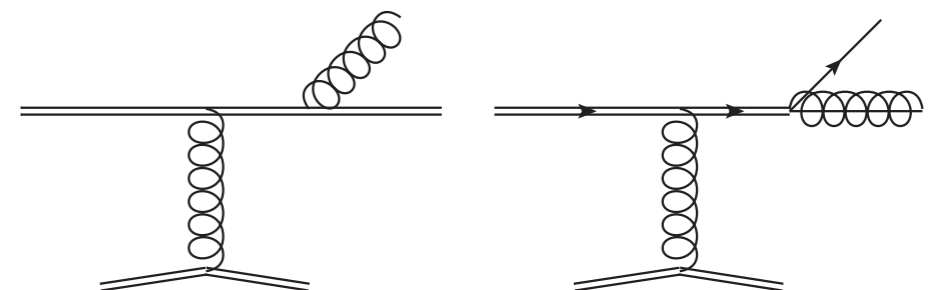
- The differential eq. for LPM resummation gets correction from NLO $C(q_{\perp})$ and from the thermal asymptotic mass at NLO (Caron-Huot 2009)

$$C_{\text{LO}}(q_{\perp}) = \frac{g^2 C_A T m_D^2}{q_{\perp}^2 (q_{\perp}^2 + m_D^2)}$$



$C_{\text{NLO}}(q_{\perp})$ complicated but analytical (Euclidean tech)
 Caron-Huot **PRD79** (2009), Lattice: Panero *et al.* (2013)

- Regions of overlap with the **diffusion** and **semi-collinear** regions need to be subtracted

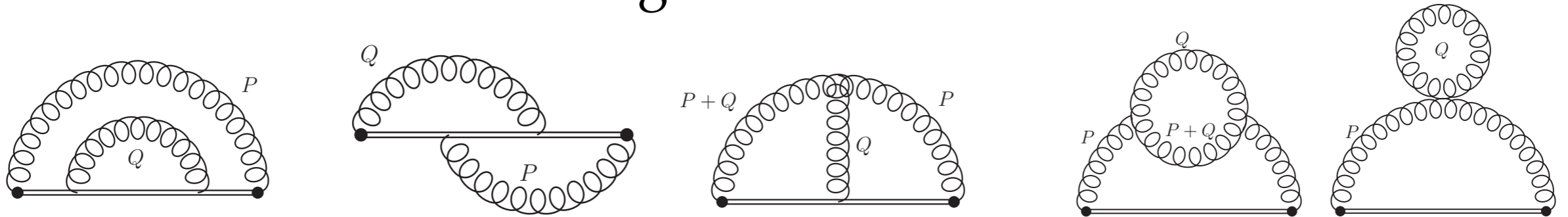


NLO diffusion and cross

- At NLO one needs to understand diffusion and cross/gain with either extra soft gluons in intermediate legs or with external soft scatterers
- For **diffusion**: application of light-cone techniques still possible, huge simplification and closed-form results

Diffusion corrections

- At NLO one has these diagrams



- For transverse: Euclidean calculation [Caron-Huot PRD79 \(2009\)](#)

$$\hat{q}_{\text{NLO}} = \hat{q}_{\text{LO}} + \frac{g^4 C_A^2 T^3}{32\pi^2} \frac{m_D}{T} (3\pi^2 + 10 - 4 \ln 2)$$

- For longitudinal:

$$\hat{q}_L(\mu_\perp)_{\text{LO}} = g^2 C_A T \int \frac{d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m_\infty^2}{q_\perp^2 + m_\infty^2}$$

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after [collinear subtraction](#) light-cone sum rule still sees only dispersion relation ($O(g)$ correction). **NLO** still UV-log sensitive

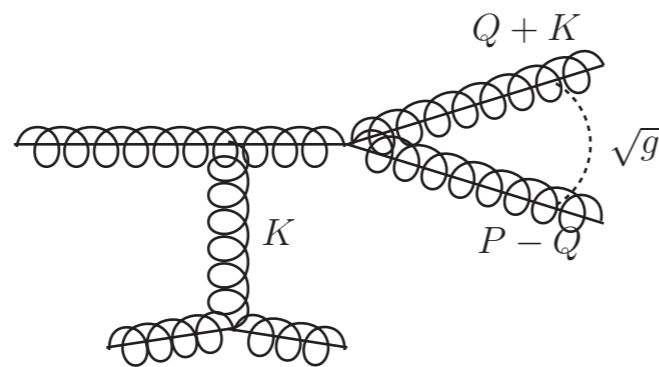
NLO diffusion and cross

- For **cross**: no diffusion picture = no “easy” light-cone sum rules, only way would be brute-force HTL (and understanding how to deal with soft legs in kinetic theory).
- **Missing**, but **silver lining**: they’re finite, so just estimate the number and vary it
- NLO test ansatz: **LO cross** $\times m_D/T (\sim g)$ \times **arbitrary constant** that we vary

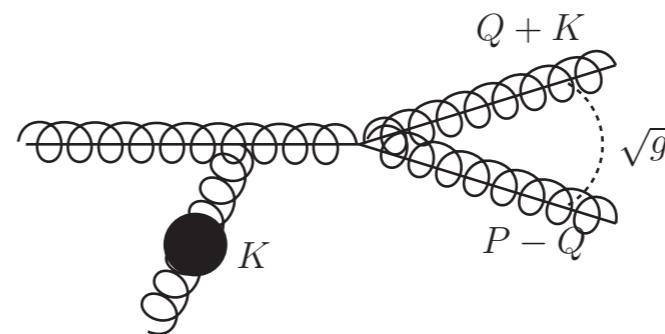
$$C_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{cross}} = C_{\text{LO}}^{\text{cross}} \times \frac{m_D}{T} \times c_{\text{cross}}$$

Semi-collinear processes

- Seemingly different processes boiling down to **wider-angle radiation**



*K soft cut,
spacelike*



*K soft plasmon,
timelike*

- Evaluation: introduce “*modified \hat{q}* ” tracking the changes in the small light-cone component p^- of the gluons. Can be evaluated in EQCD

“*standard*”
$$\hat{q} = g^2 C_A \int \frac{d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{dq^+}{2\pi} \langle F^{-\perp}(Q) F^{-\perp} \rangle_{q^- = 0}$$

“*modified*”
$$\hat{q}(\delta E) = g^2 C_A \int \frac{d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{dq^+}{2\pi} \langle F^{-\perp}(Q) F^{-\perp} \rangle_{q^- = \delta E}$$

- Rate \propto “*modified \hat{q}* ” \times DGLAP splitting. **IR log divergence** makes collision operator finite at NLO



Semi-collinear processes

- Important technical detail: **subtractions** (no, I am not talking about first grade algebra)
- Pure $O(g)$ semicollinear rate actually involves subtraction of **collinear** and **hard limits**, i.e. $\hat{q}(\delta E) - \hat{q}(0) - \hat{q}(\delta E, m_D \rightarrow 0)$
- This makes it mostly negative: when extrapolating to larger g we risk a negative collision operator
- We devised a new implementation that, while equivalent at $O(g)$, is better behaved when extrapolating due to resummations of N^n LO terms ($n \geq 2$)
- In a nutshell, make $C(q_\perp)$ δE -dependent in the first-order of the LPM ladder resummation.

Results

Results (and their fine print)

- Inversion of the collision operator using **variational Ansatz**
- At NLO just **add $O(g)$ corrections to the LO collision operator**, do not treat them as perturbations in the inversion

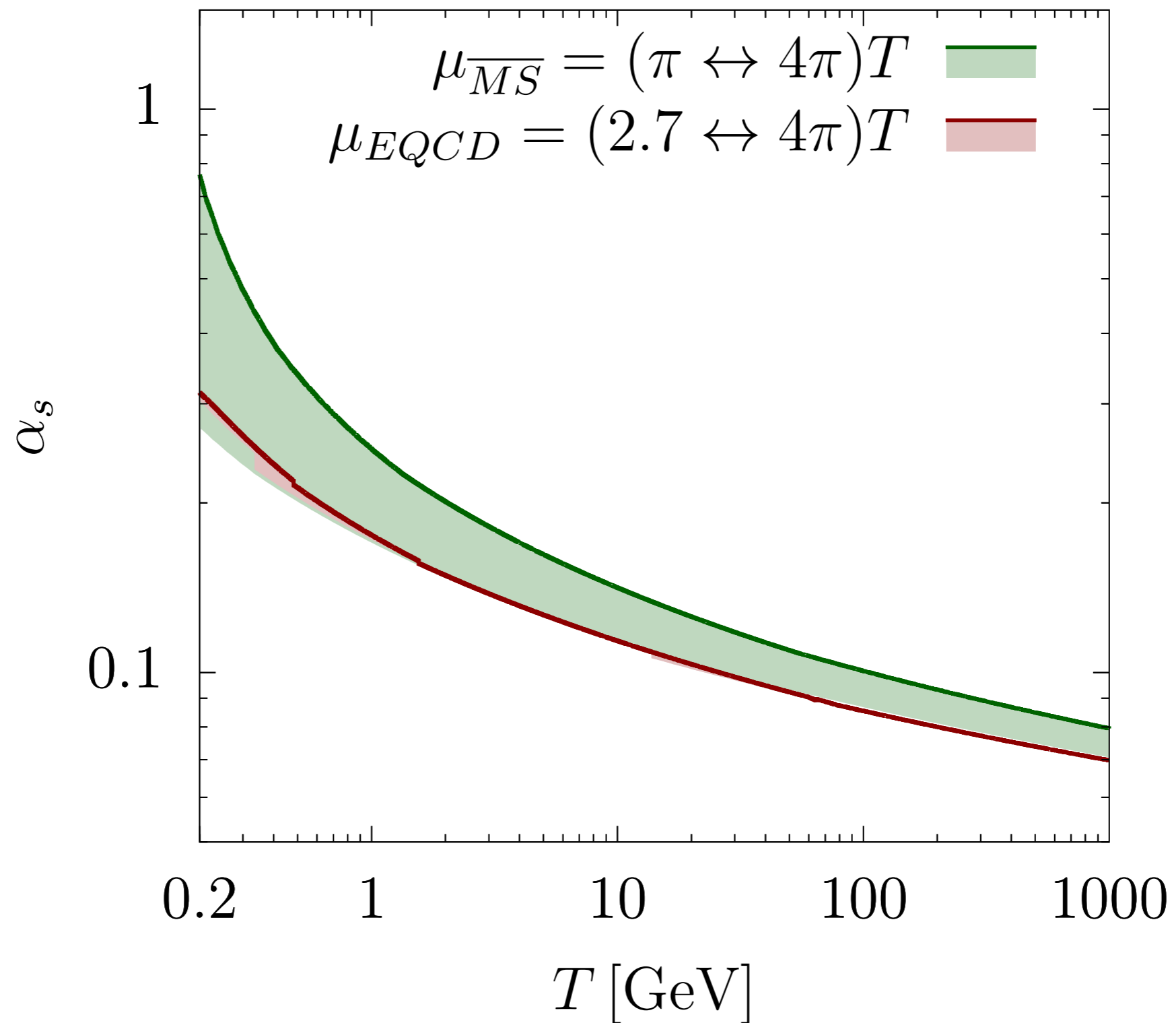
$$\mathcal{S}_\ell = [\mathcal{C} + \delta\mathcal{C}]\delta f_\ell \implies \delta f_\ell = \frac{1}{\mathcal{C} + \delta\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{S}_\ell$$

- First perturbative corrections to s are of order g^2 . Including them would be inconsistent with the treatment of the collision operator

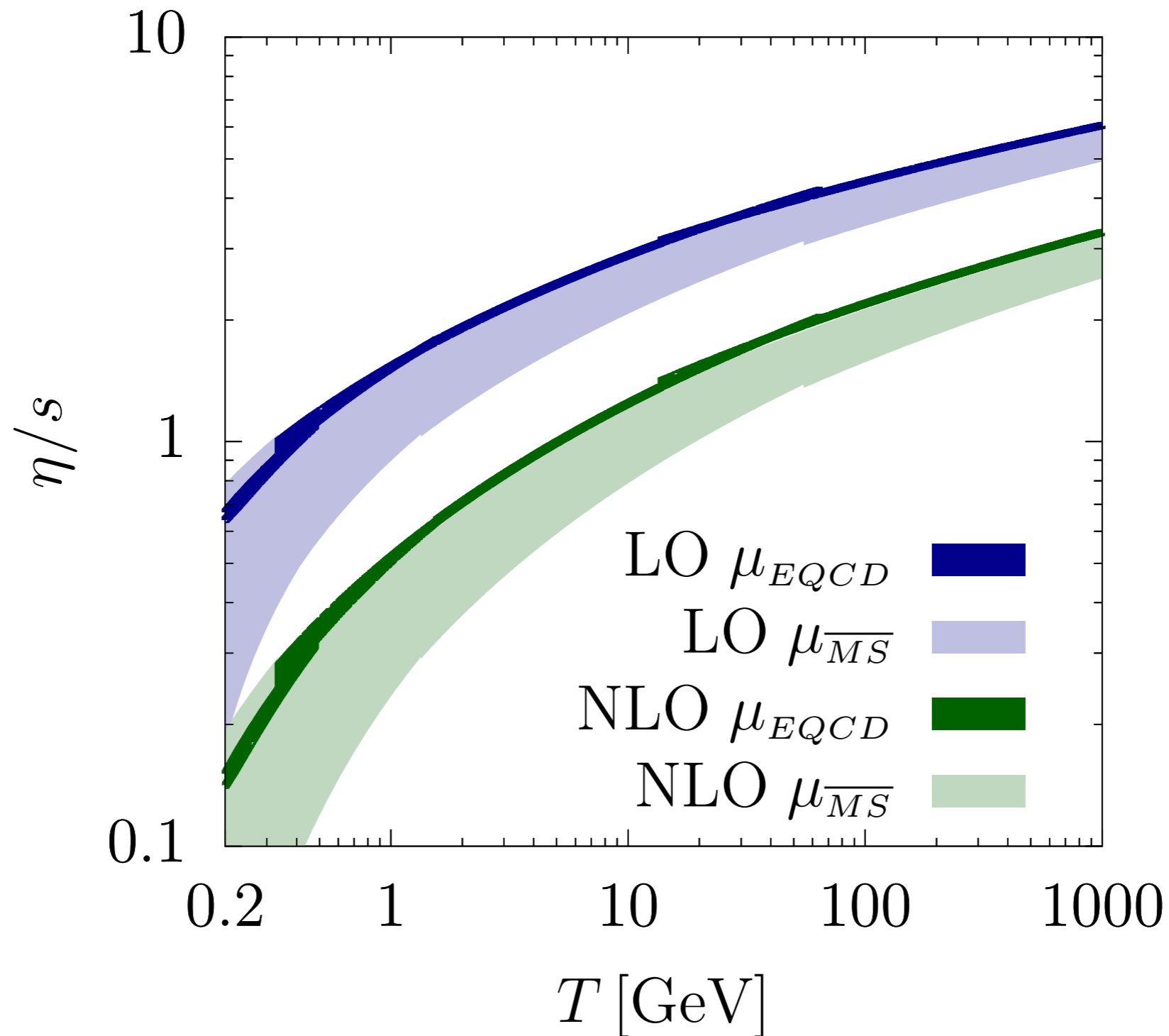
Results (and their fine print)

- We want to plot $\eta(T)$ and need $g(T)$. But kinetic theory with massless quarks still conformal to NLO: no vacuum UV divergences and no guidance from the calculation on how to set the scale
- Relate parameter $m_D/T \sim g$ to temperature through
 - Two-loop EQCD $g(T)$ as in [Laine Schröder JHEP0503 \(2005\)](#)
 - Simple two-loop $\overline{\text{MS}}$ with various μ/T
- Extra degree of arbitrariness in the relation of quark mass thresholds with T

Results

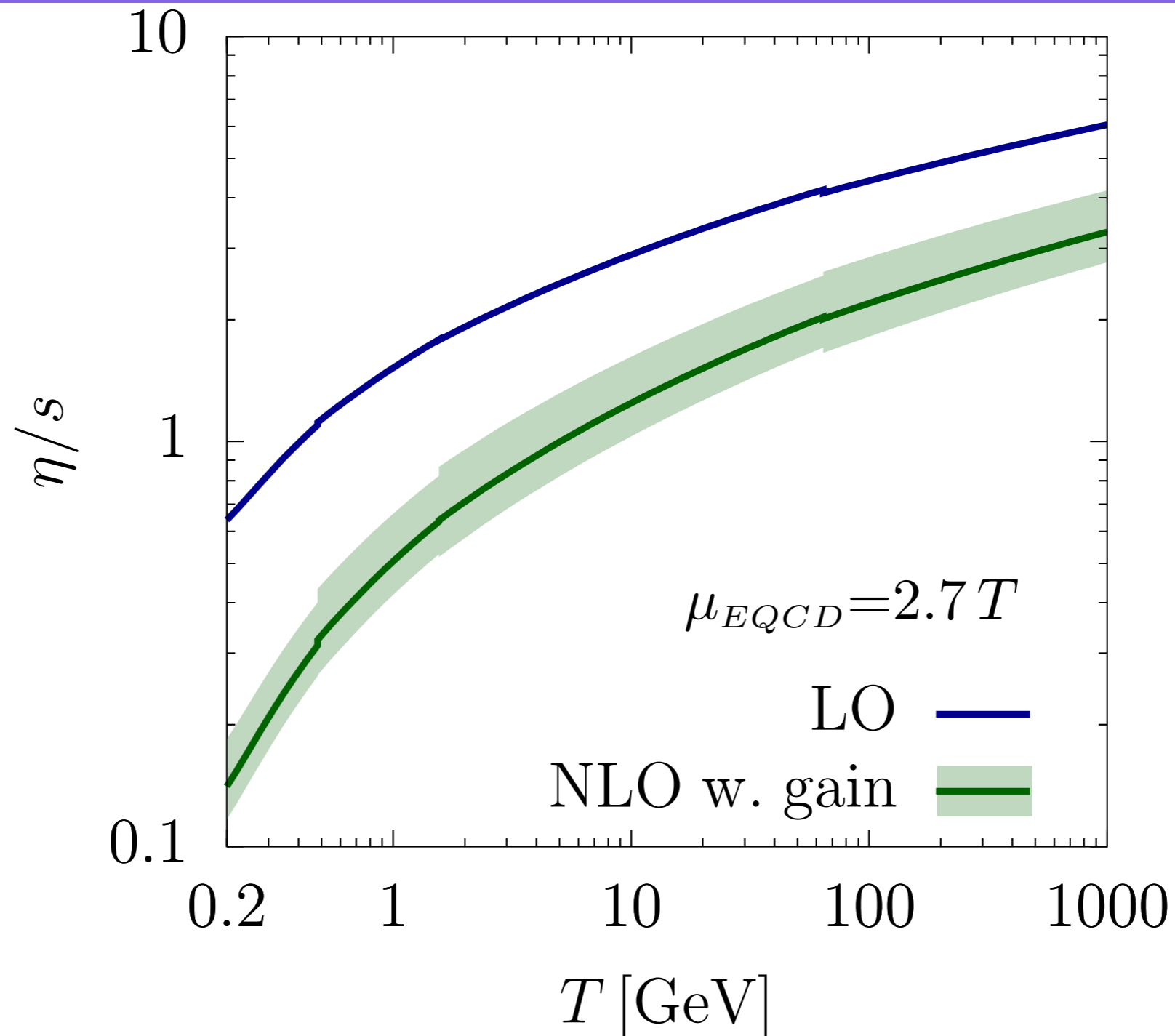


$\eta/s(T)$ of QCD



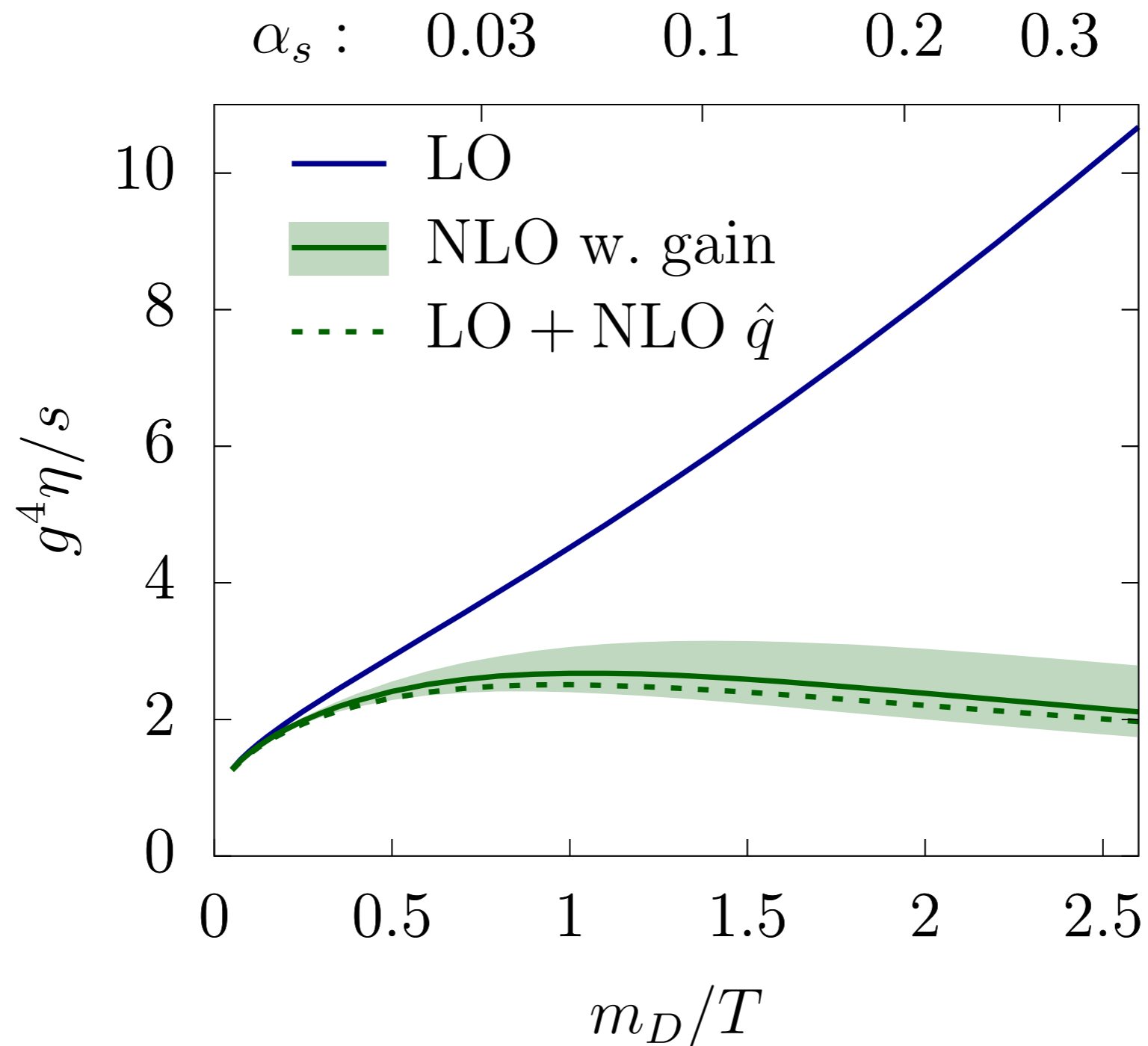
- (almost) NLO has larger effect than running (NNLO)

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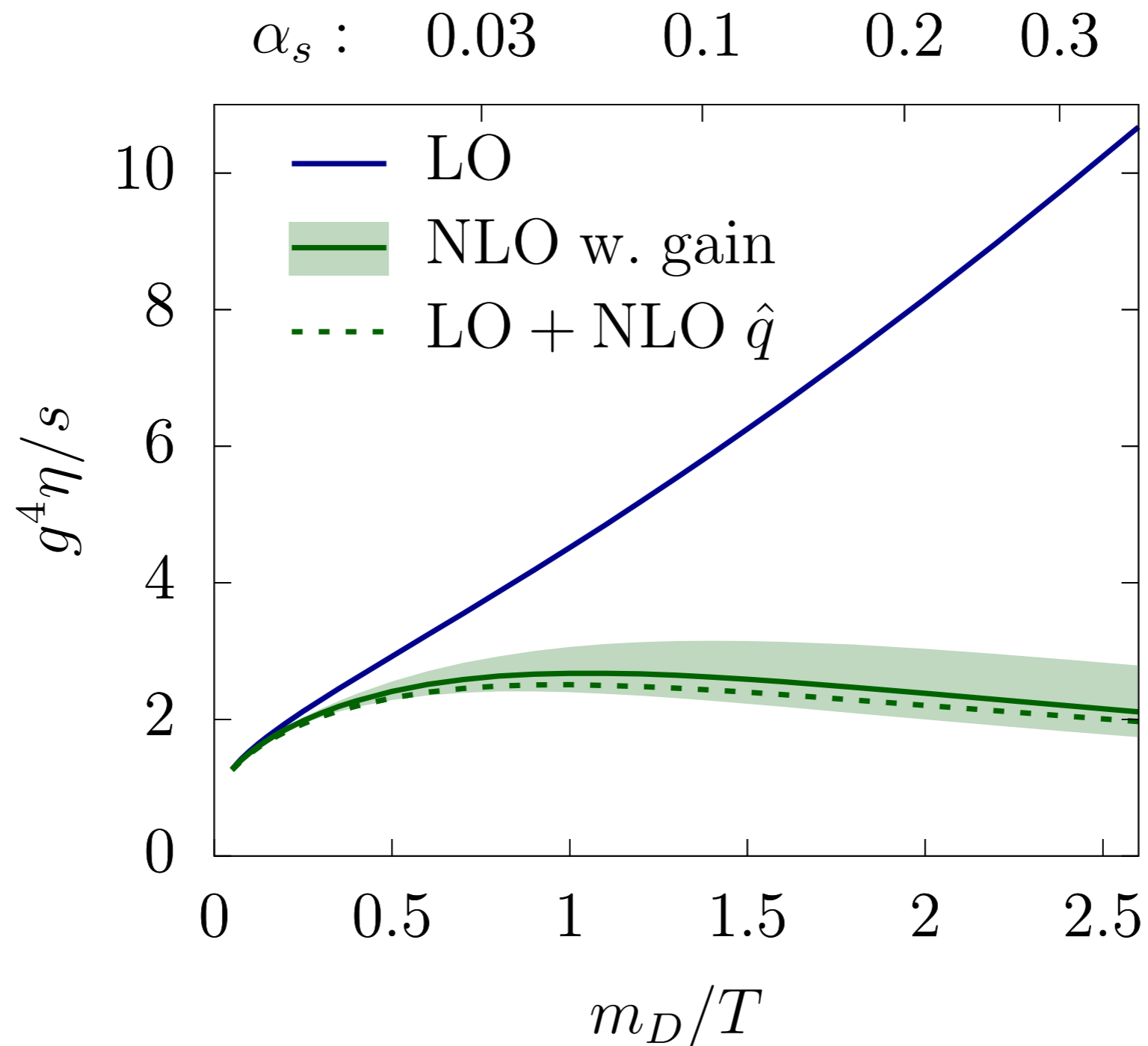
- **Cross / gain ansatz** ($-2 < C_{\text{cross}} < 2$) introduces $O(\pm 30\%)$ uncertainty

η/s convergence



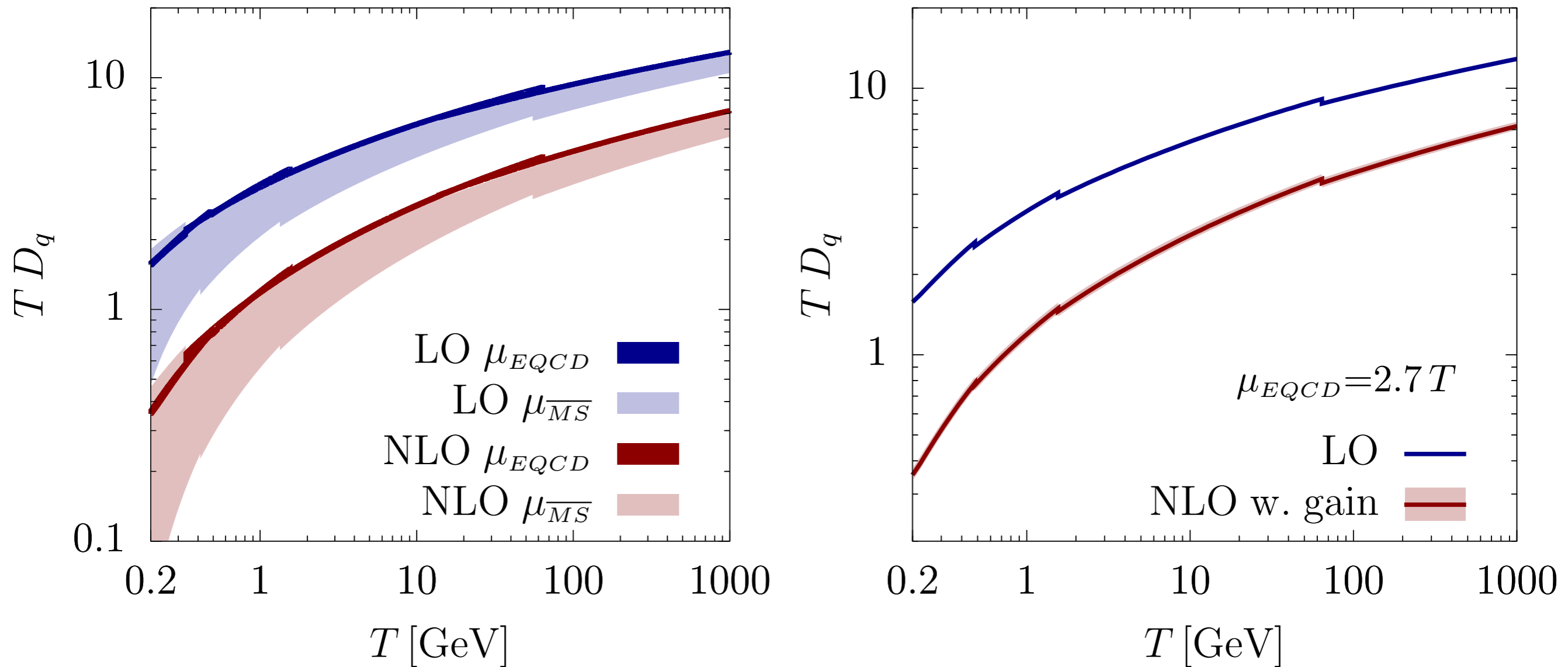
- **Convergence** realized at $m_D \sim 0.5T$

η/s convergence



- The **~entirety** of the downward shift comes from NLO \hat{q}

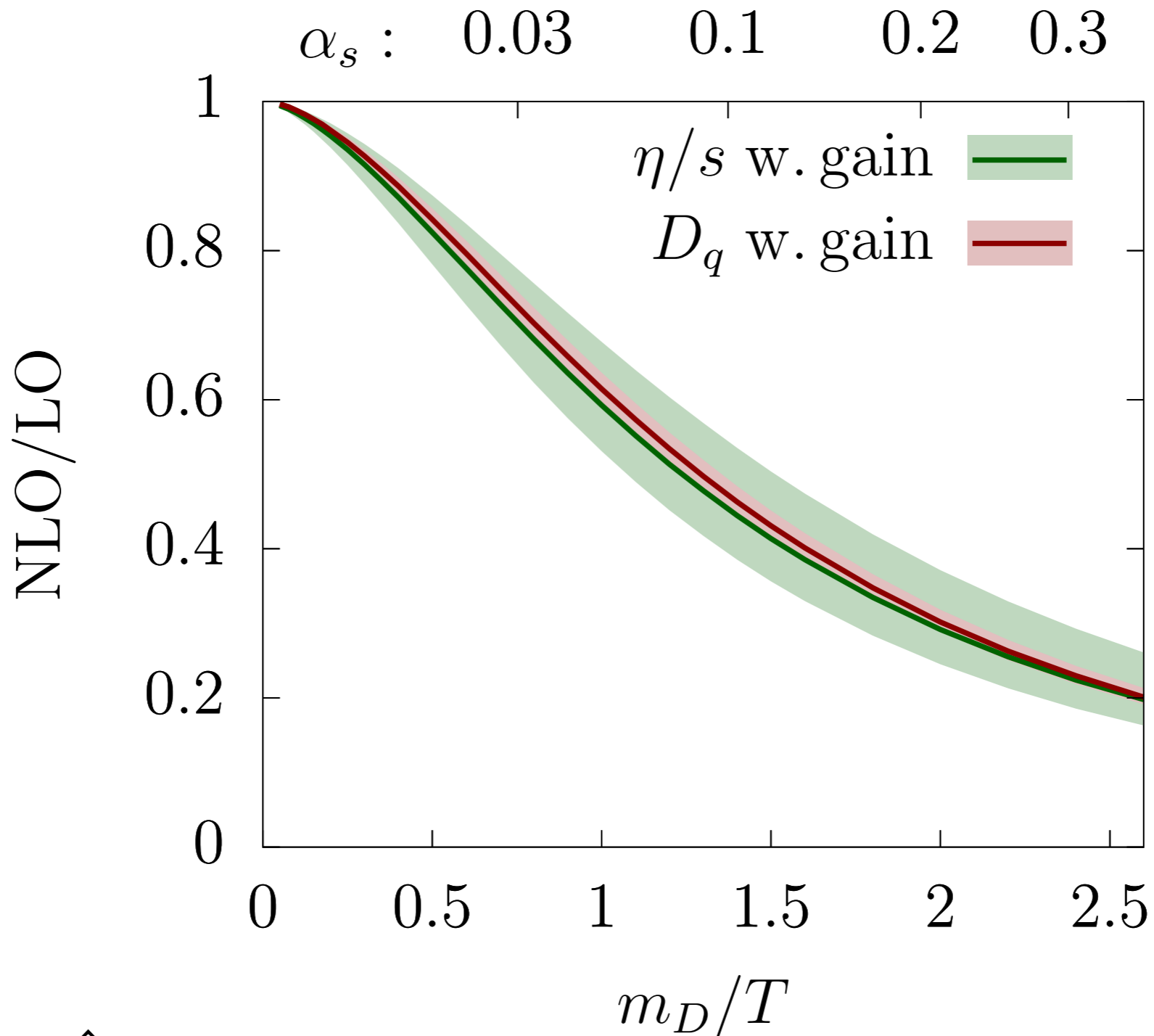
$D_q T(T)$ of QCD



$$\langle \mathbf{J}_q \rangle = -D_q \nabla \langle n_q \rangle$$

- **Cross ansatz** uncertainty much smaller (soft quarks here)

Ratios



- NLO \hat{q} domination makes ratios similar

Second-order relaxation

- Sneak peak: **preliminary** snow, thread carefully
- At second order in the gradients, lot of work on writing down (and computing with different methods) all the new transport coefficients that pop up
BRSSS (2007), Bhattacharyya *et al.* (2008), Haehl *et al.* (2015)
- We look at the **second-order relaxation** τ_π of the **shear stress tensor** to its **Navier-Stokes form** (in the paper τ_J as well)

$$\tau_\pi \partial_t \pi^{ij} = \pi_1^{ij} - \pi^{ij}$$

- At infinite coupling in $\mathcal{N} = 4$

$$\frac{\tau_\pi}{\eta/(e+p)} = 4 - 2 \ln(2) \approx 2.6$$

BRSSS (2007). Finite coupling correction also known

Second-order relaxation

- In the kinetic theory, second-order coefficients require second-order expansion of f . τ_π obtained from first-order δf acting as source term
- From the properties of the collision operator and inner product τ_π is given by the square of the first-order departure

$$\eta\tau_\pi = \frac{1}{15T}(\chi, \chi)$$

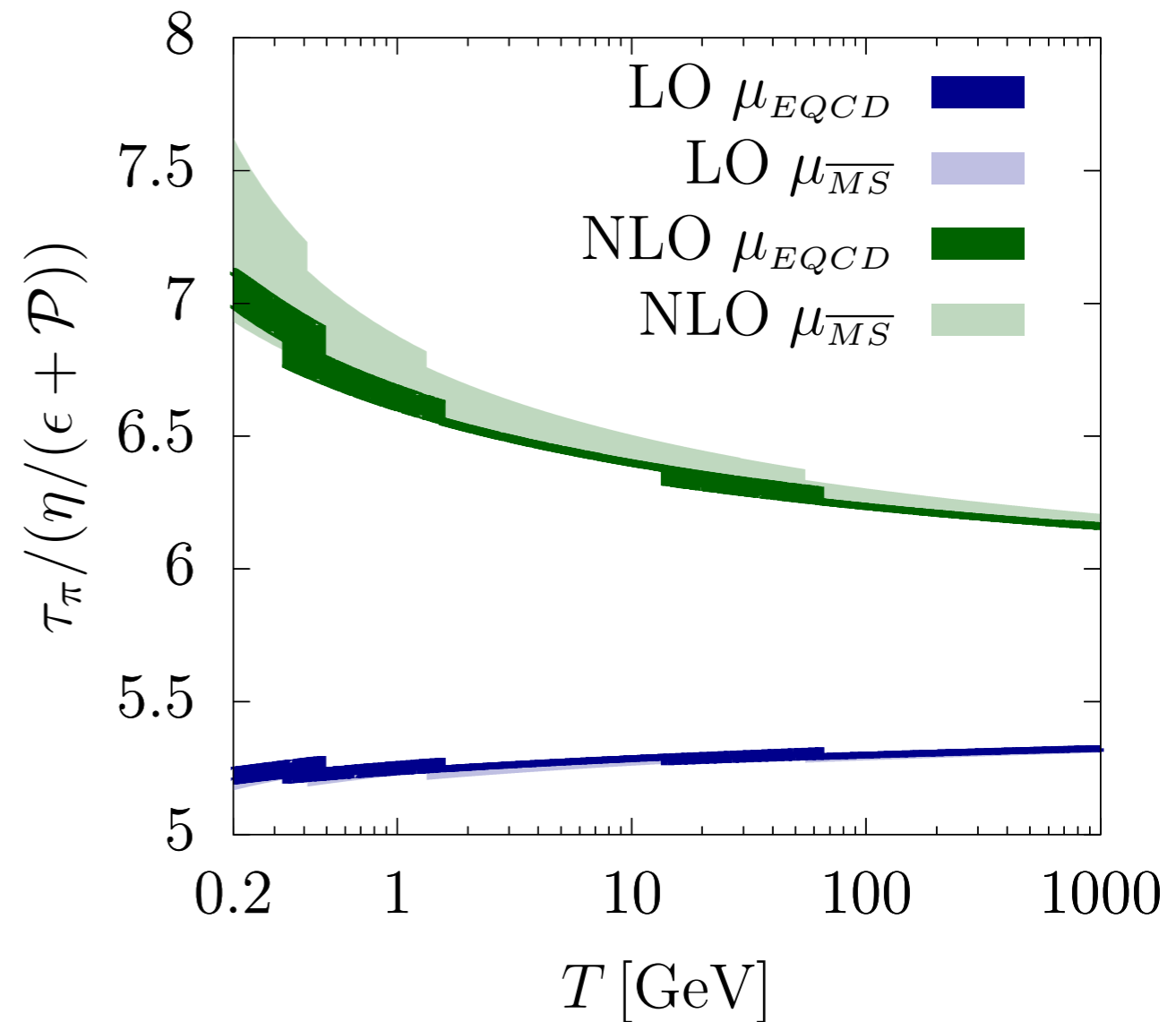
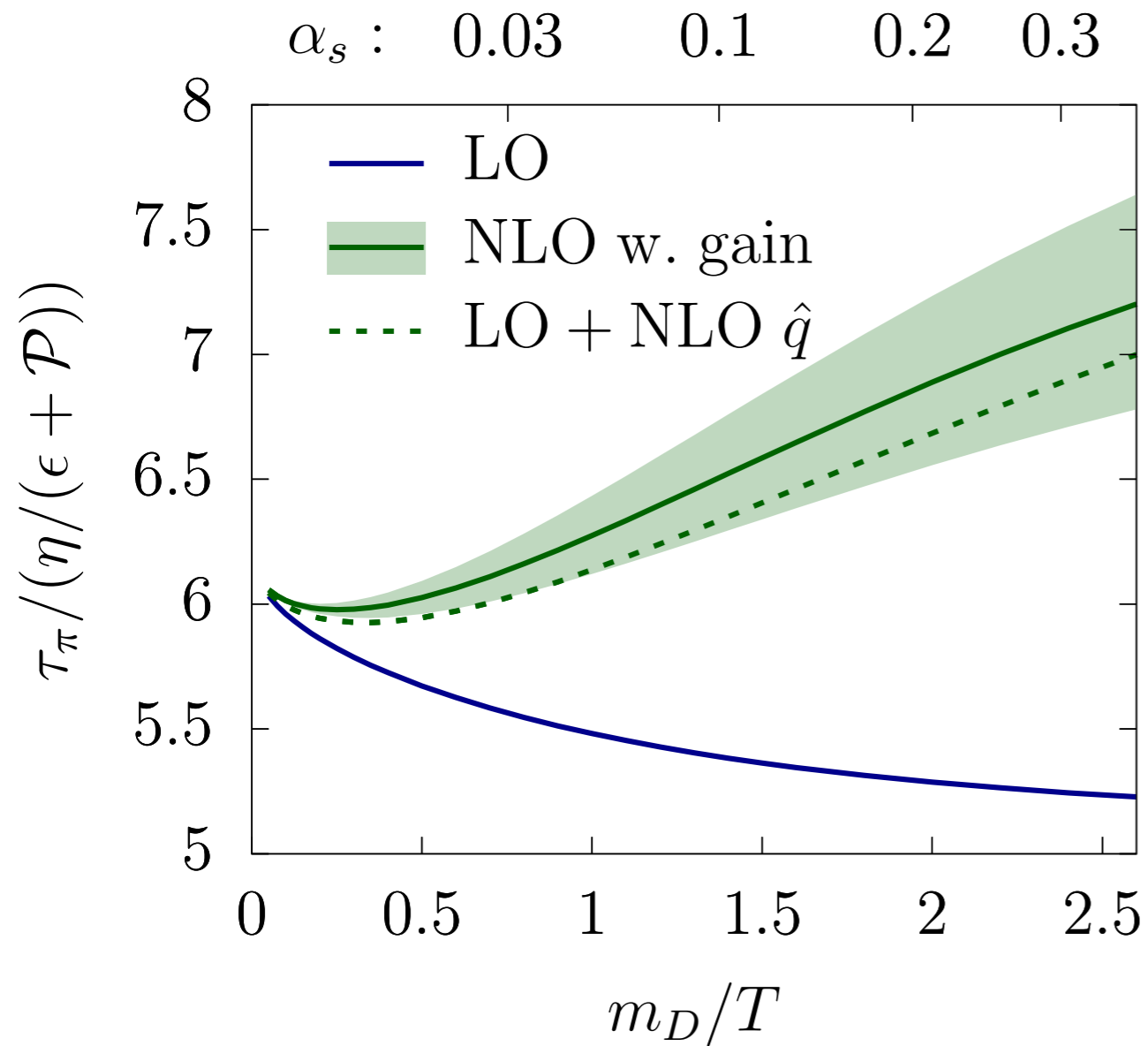
Moore York (2009) (I have slightly redefined the inner product here)

- Two consequences
 - Can obtain (a)NLO results from the same setup
 - Can think a second more about this inner product

Second-order relaxation

- The shear viscosity and enthalpy can be written as
$$\eta\tau_\pi = \frac{1}{15T}(\chi, \chi) \quad \eta = \frac{1}{15}(\chi, 1) \quad e + p = \frac{T}{3}(1, 1)$$
- Recall that $\mathcal{S}_\ell = \mathcal{C}\delta f_l$ $\delta f_l(\mathbf{p}) \equiv f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p})(1 + f_{\text{EQ}}(\mathbf{p}))\chi_l(\mathbf{p})$
- The linearized collision operator is symmetric wrt the inner product and is positive-definite (in the $\ell=2$ channel)
- We have all the spectral ingredients for a triangular inequality
$$\frac{\tau_\pi}{\eta/(e+p)} = 5 \frac{(\chi, \chi)(1, 1)}{(\chi, 1)^2} \geq 5$$
- Generic bound in kinetic theory, as long as enthalpy determined consistently

Second-order relaxation



- LO Moore York (2009) NLO JG Moore Teaney in preparation

Conclusions

- We have computed all contributions to the NLO linearized collision operator but one (for each ℓ)
- NLO corrections are large, η and D down by a factor of $\sim 4-5$ in the phenomenological region
- Convergence below $m_D \sim 0.5T$ (or at T well above the TeV scale)
- Second-order τ_π is bounded from below in kinetic theory. Milder increase at (a)NLO



Corrections dominated by NLO \hat{q} . Can we identify the physics responsible for this and reorganize the perturbative expansion?

Conclusions



Backup



Euclideanization of light-cone soft physics

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- Retarded functions are analytical in the upper plane in any timelike or lightlike variable $\Rightarrow G_R$ analytical in p^0

$$G_{rr}(t, \mathbf{x}) = T \sum_n \int dp^z d^2 p_\perp e^{i(p^z x^z + \mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}_\perp)} G_E(\omega_n, p_\perp, p^z + i\omega_n t/x^z)$$

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Caron-Huot **PRD79** (2009)

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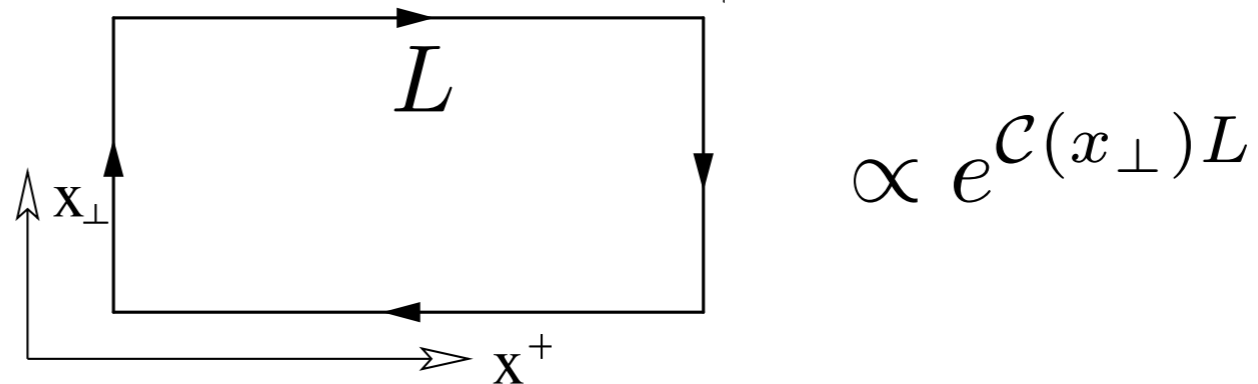
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LPM resummation



BDMPS-Z, Wiedemann, Casalderrey-Solana Salgado, D'Eramo Liu

Rajagopal, Benzke Brambilla Escobedo Vairo

- All points at spacelike or lightlike separation, only preexisting correlations
- Soft contribution becomes Euclidean! [Caron-Huot PRD79 \(2008\)](#)
 - Can be “easily” computed in perturbation theory
 - Possible lattice measurements [Laine EPJC72 \(2012\)](#) [Laine Rothkopf JHEP1307 \(2013\)](#) [Panero Rummukainen Schäfer 1307.5850](#)

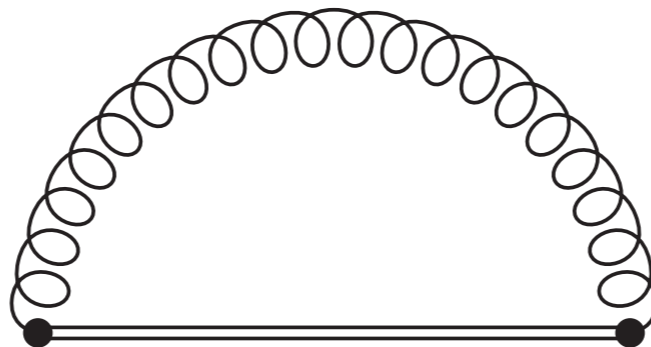
Longitudinal momentum diffusion

- Field-theoretical lightcone definition (justifiable with SCET)

$$\hat{q}_L \equiv \frac{g^2}{d_R} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx^+ \text{Tr} \langle U(-\infty, x^+) F^{+-}(x^+) U(x^+, 0) F^{+-}(0) U(0, -\infty) \rangle$$

$F^{+-} = E^z$, longitudinal Lorentz force correlator

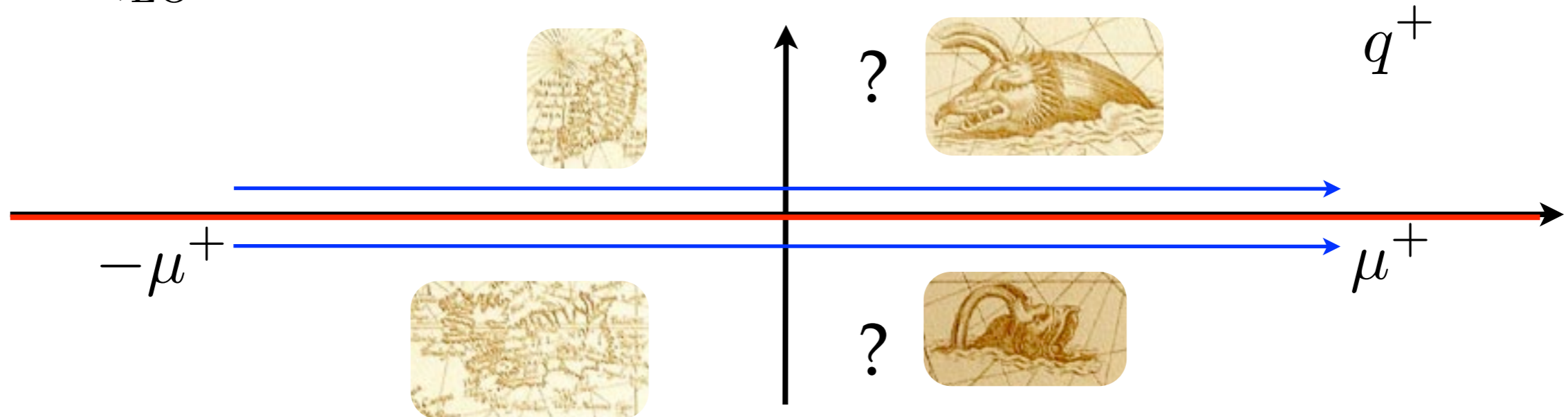
- At leading order



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{q}_L &\propto \int \frac{dq^+ d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} (q^+)^2 G_{++}^>(q^+, q_\perp, 0) \\ &= \int \frac{dq^+ d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} T q^+ (G_{++}^R(q^+, q_\perp, 0) - G^A) \end{aligned}$$

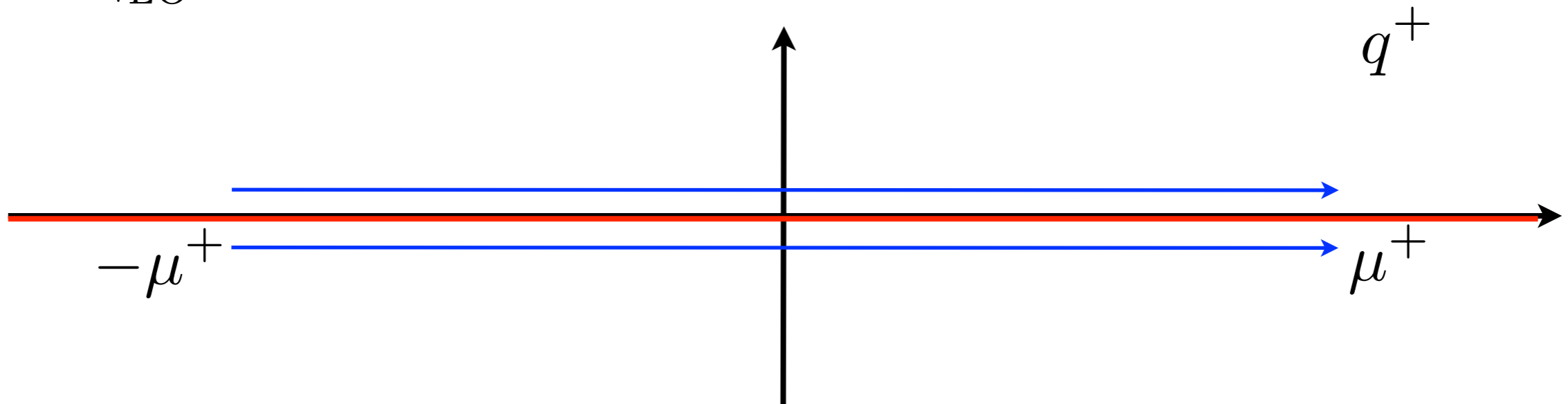
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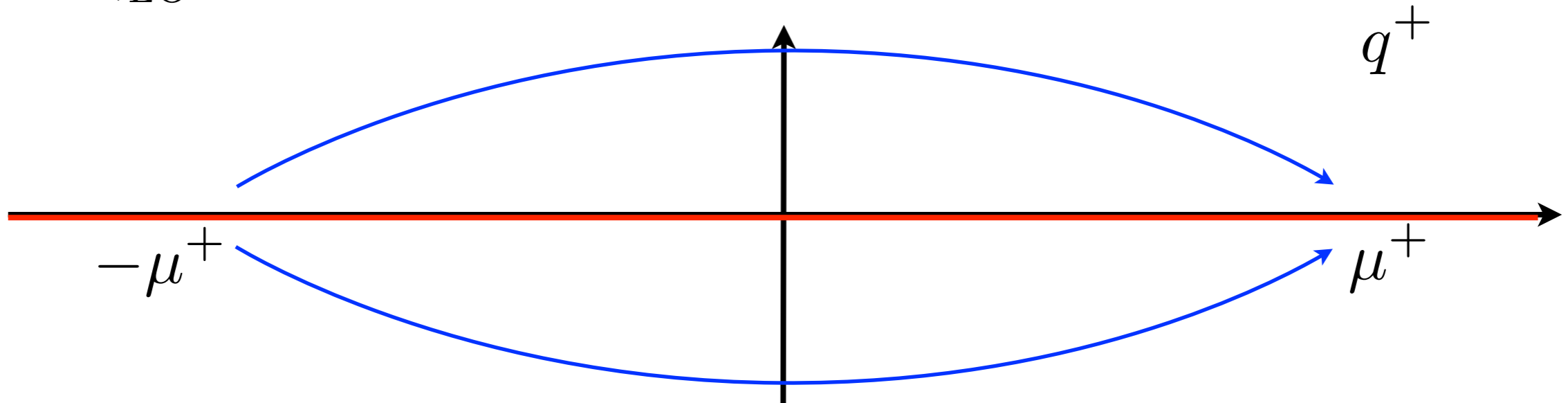
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- Use analyticity to deform the contour away from the real axis and keep $1/q^+$ behaviour

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