

# Ultra-forward particle production from CGC+Lund fragmentation

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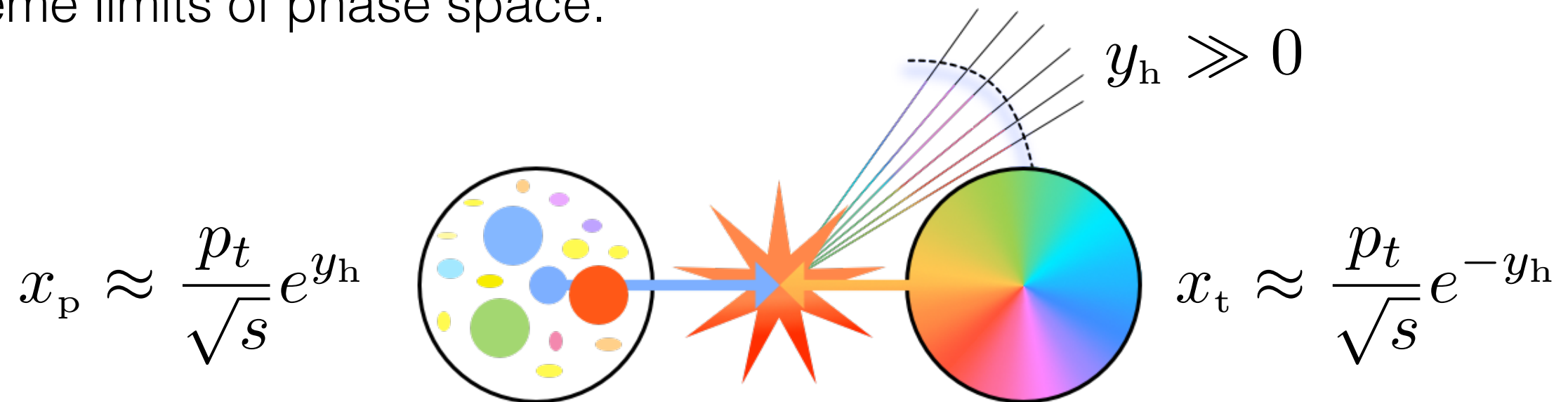
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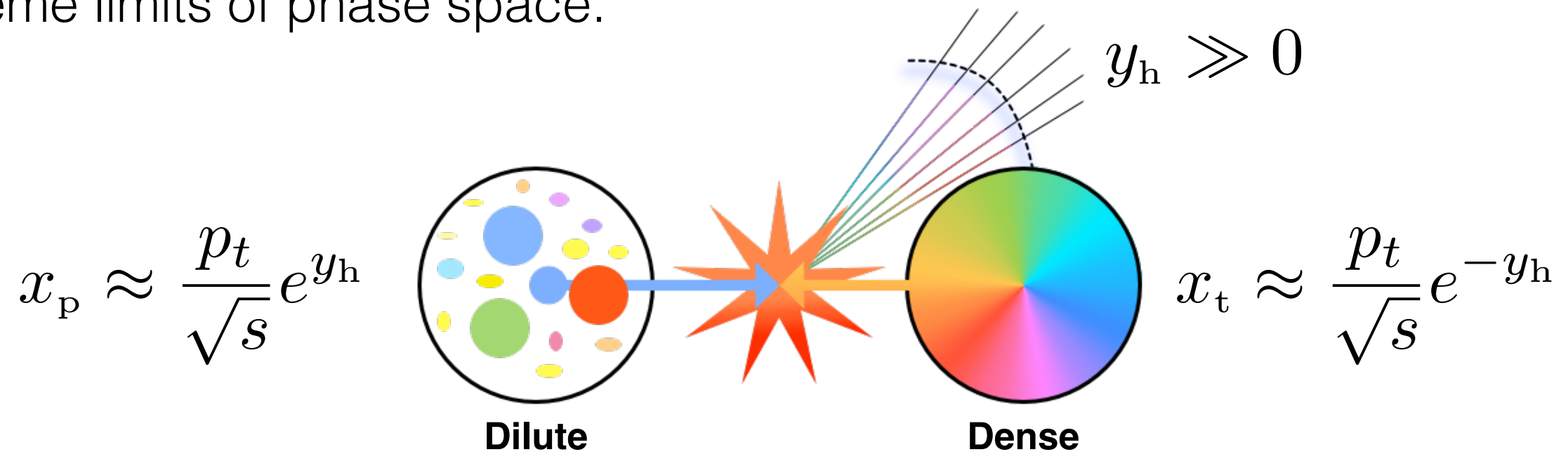
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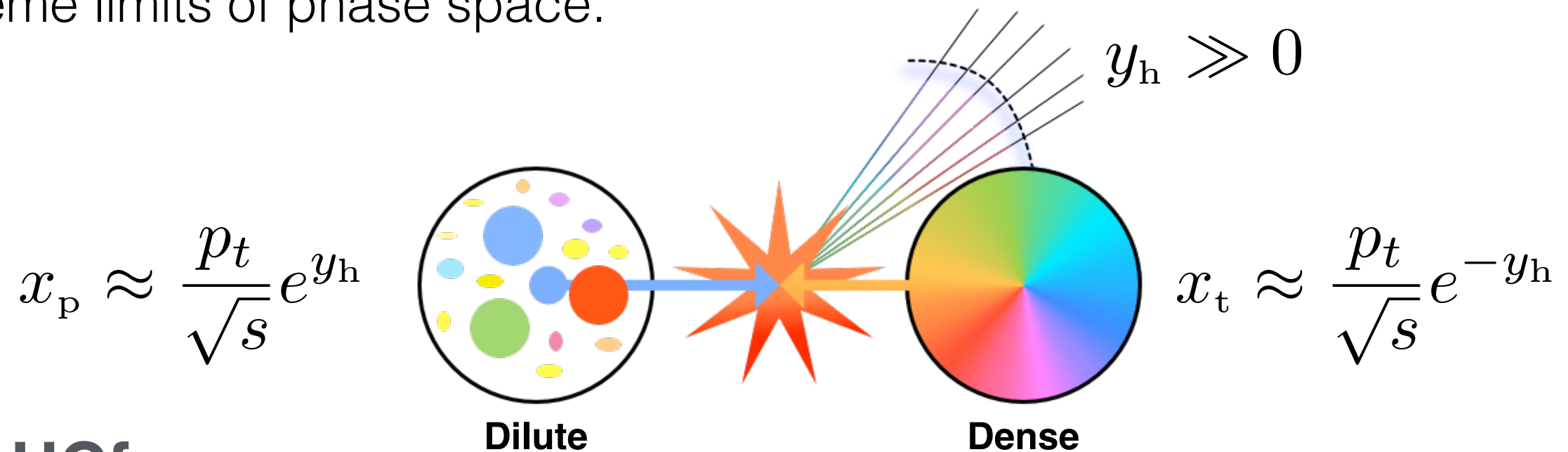


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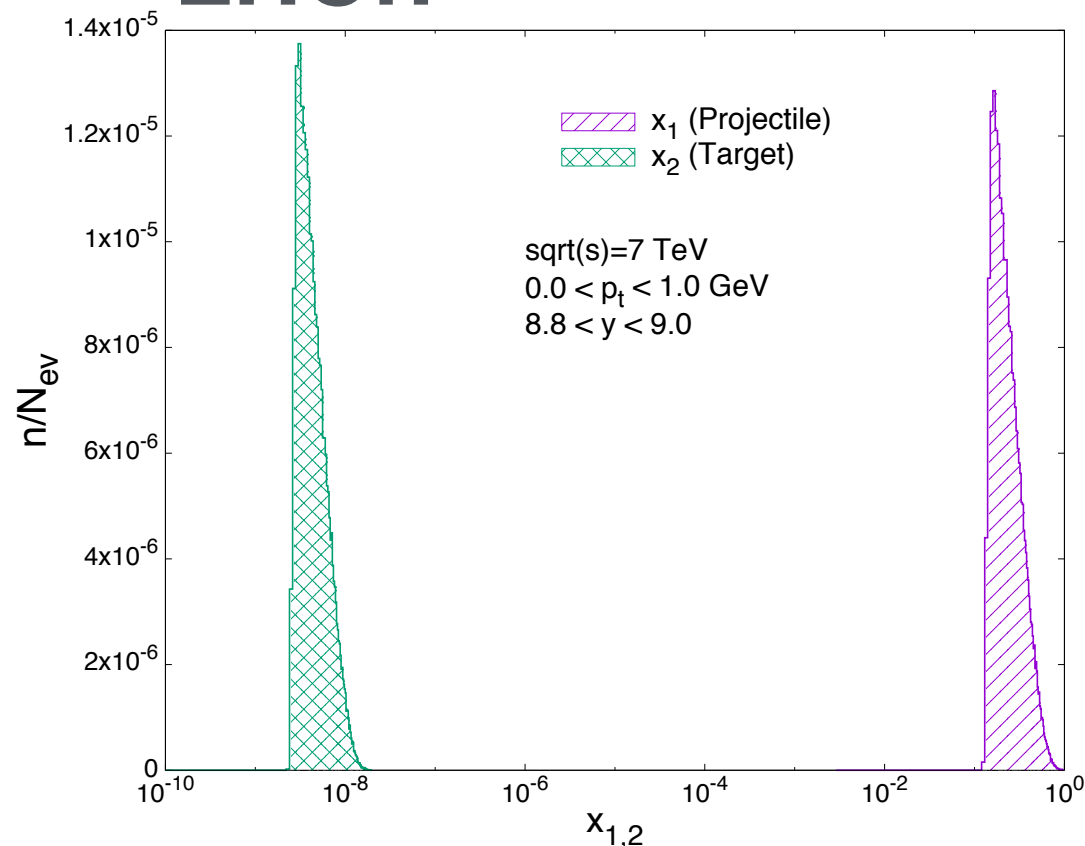


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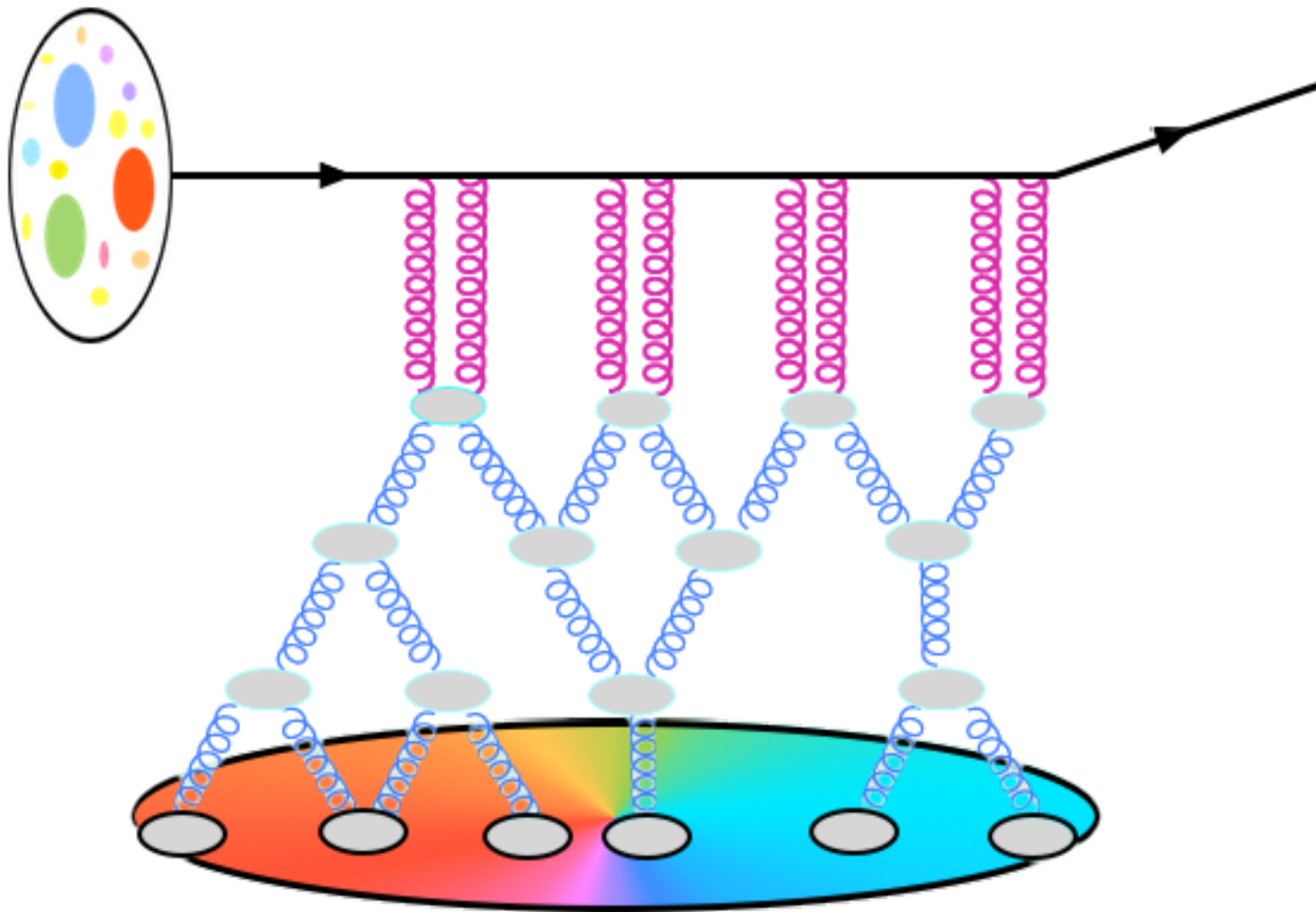
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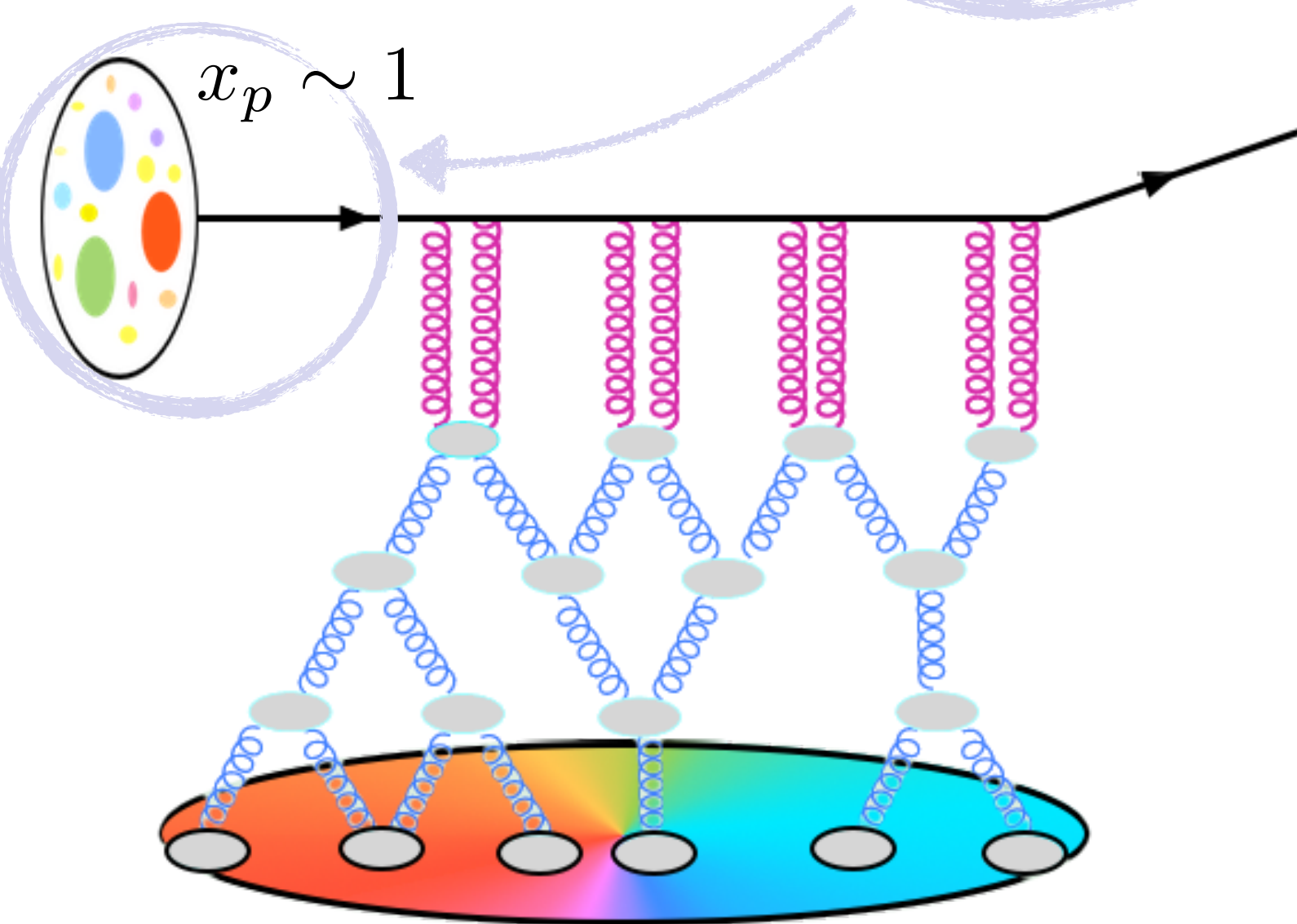
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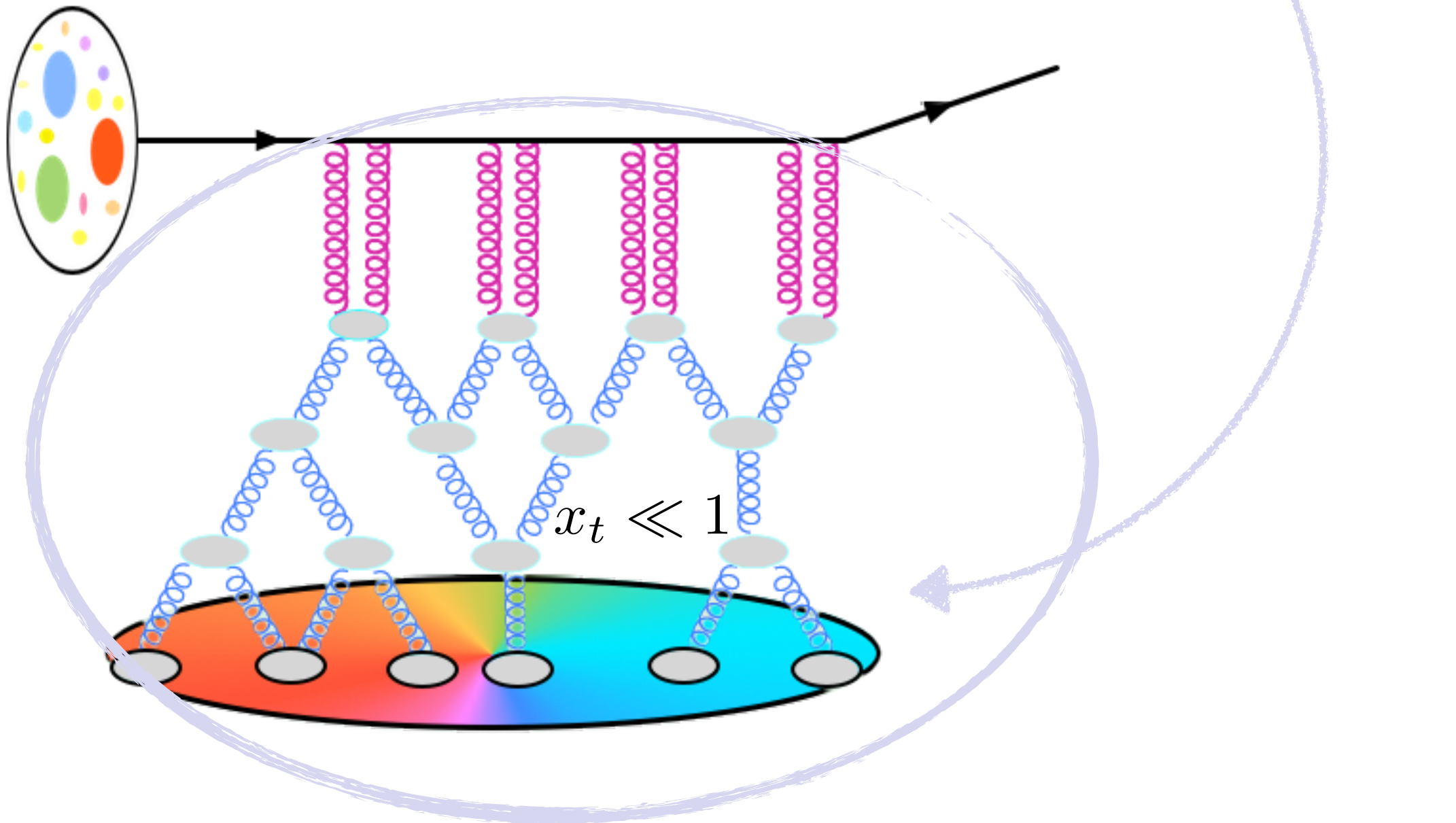
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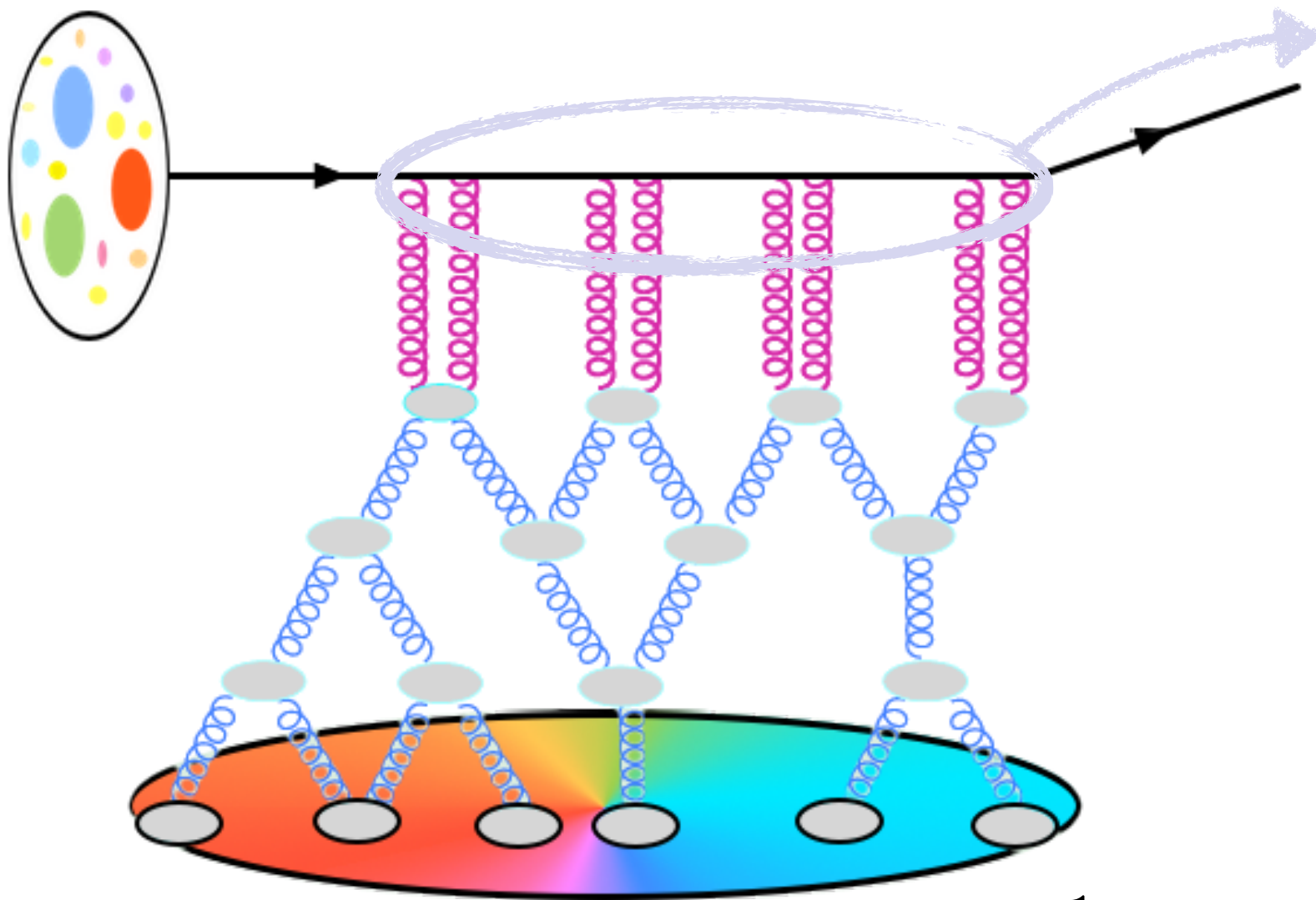
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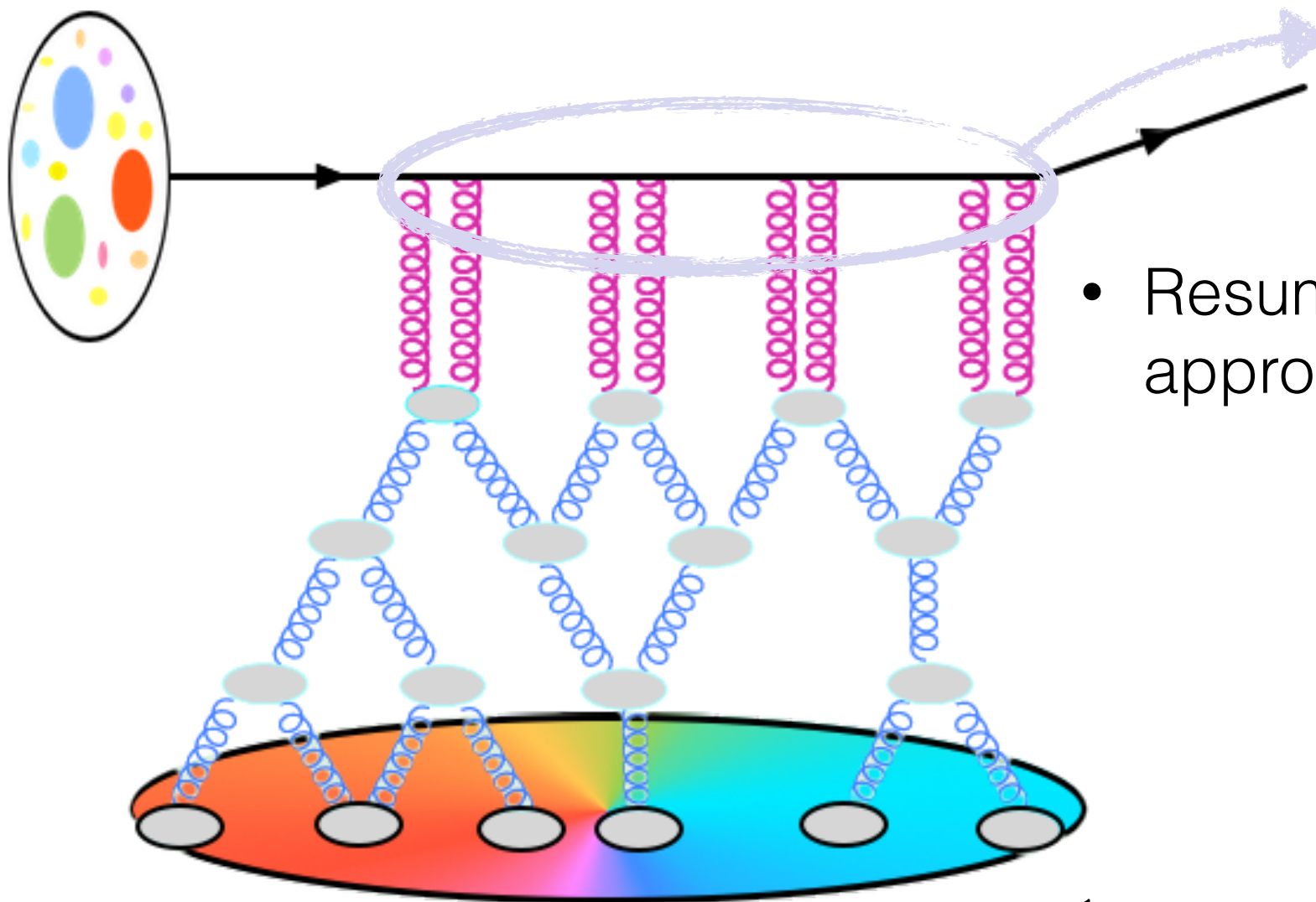
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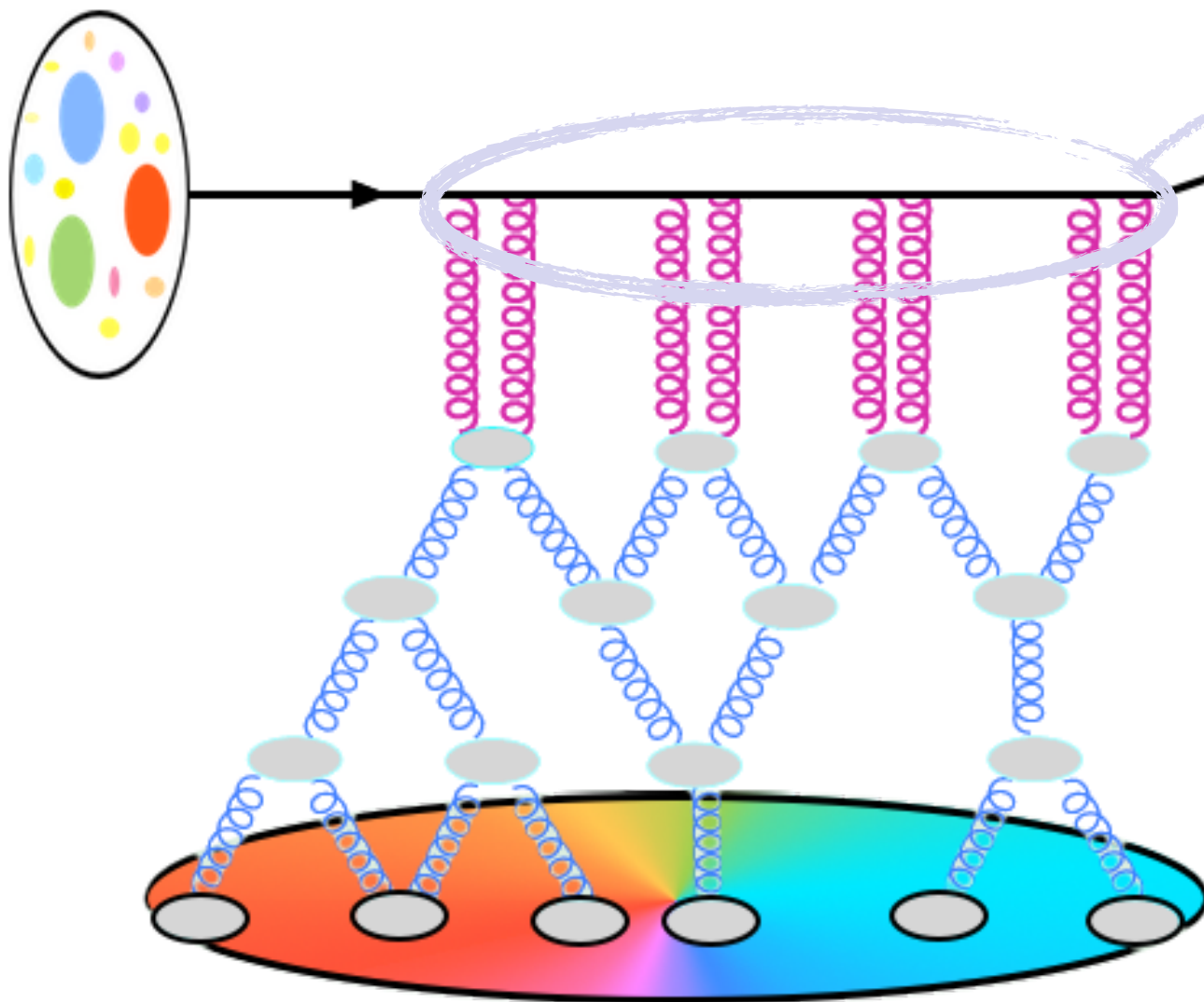
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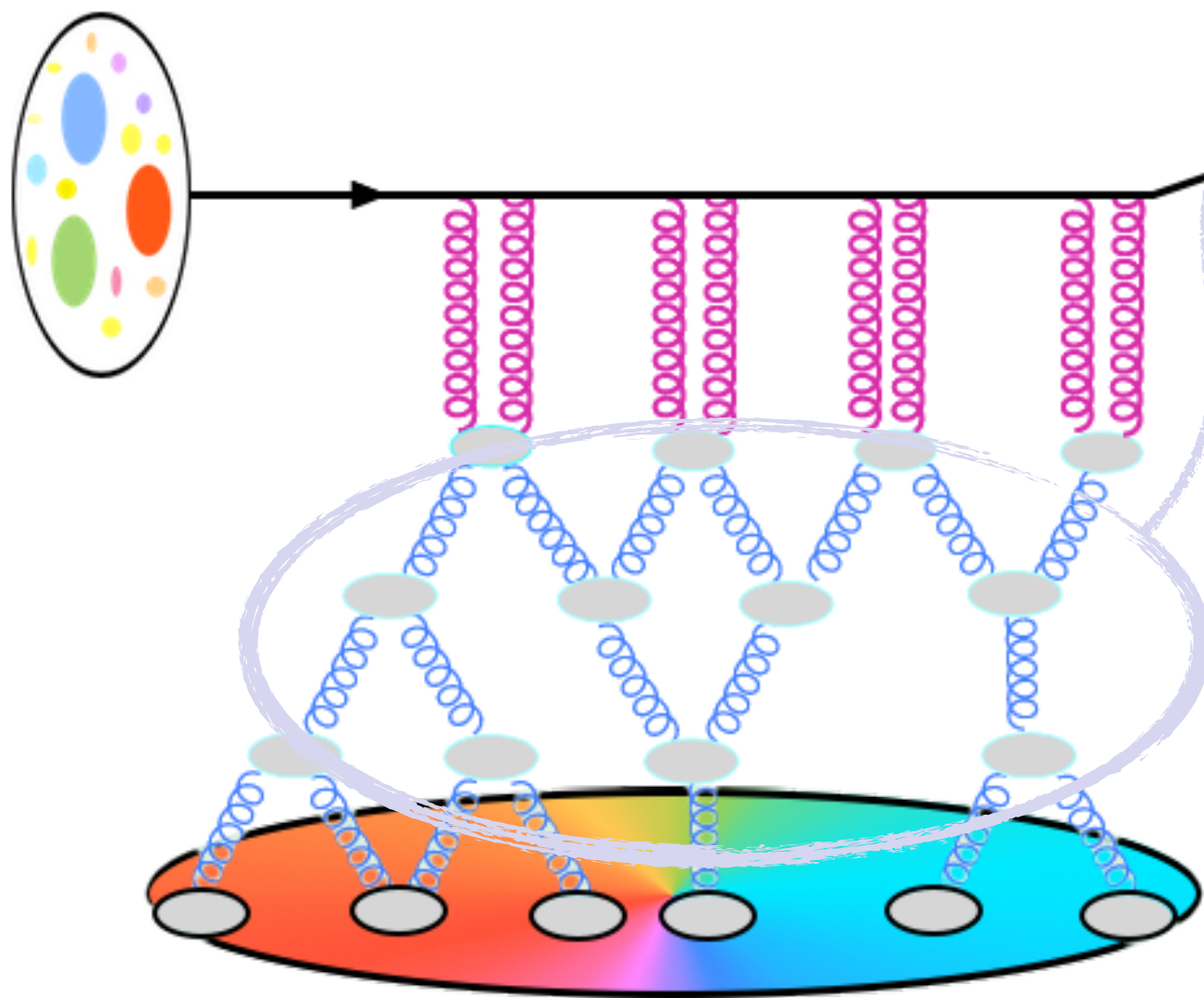
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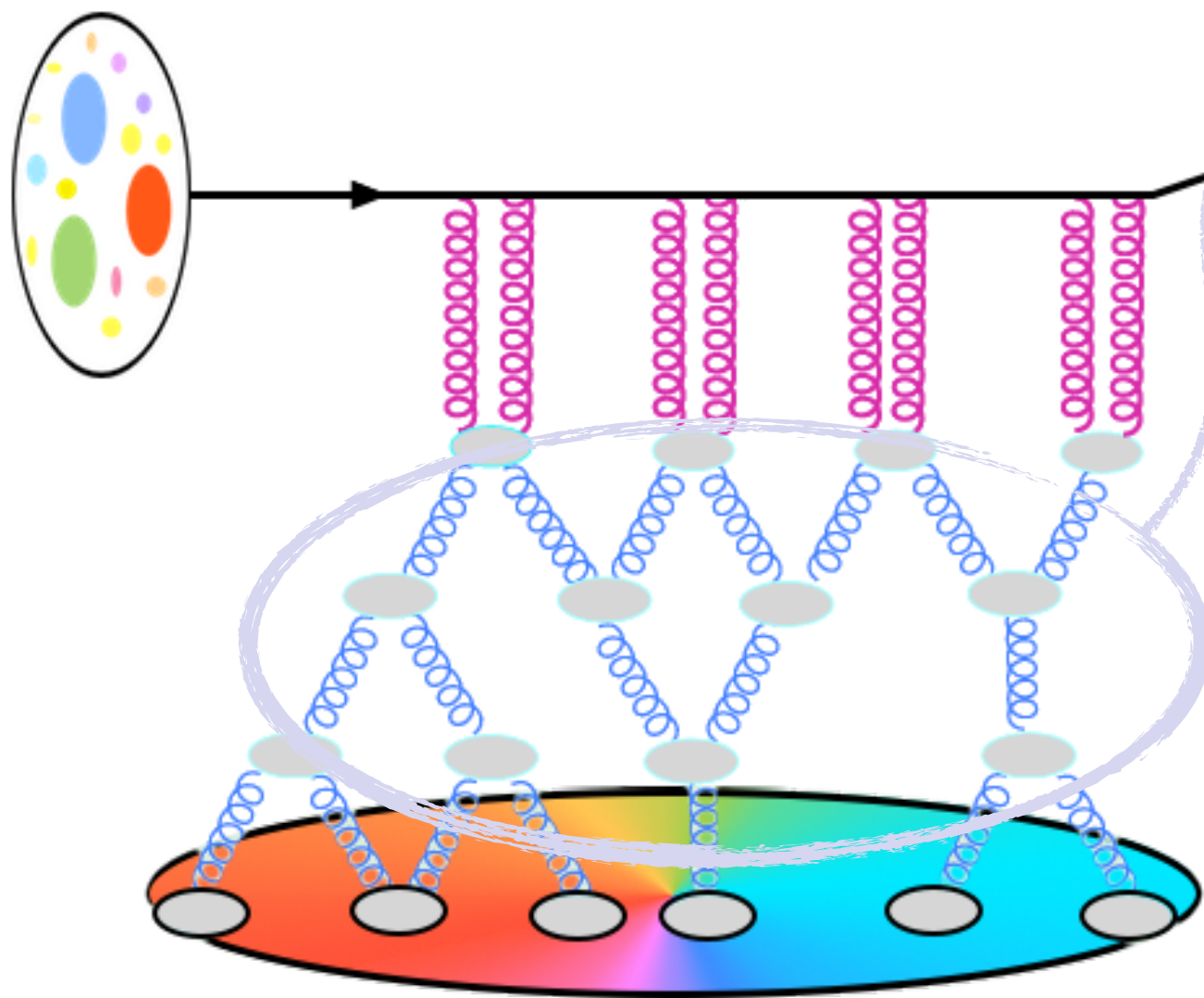
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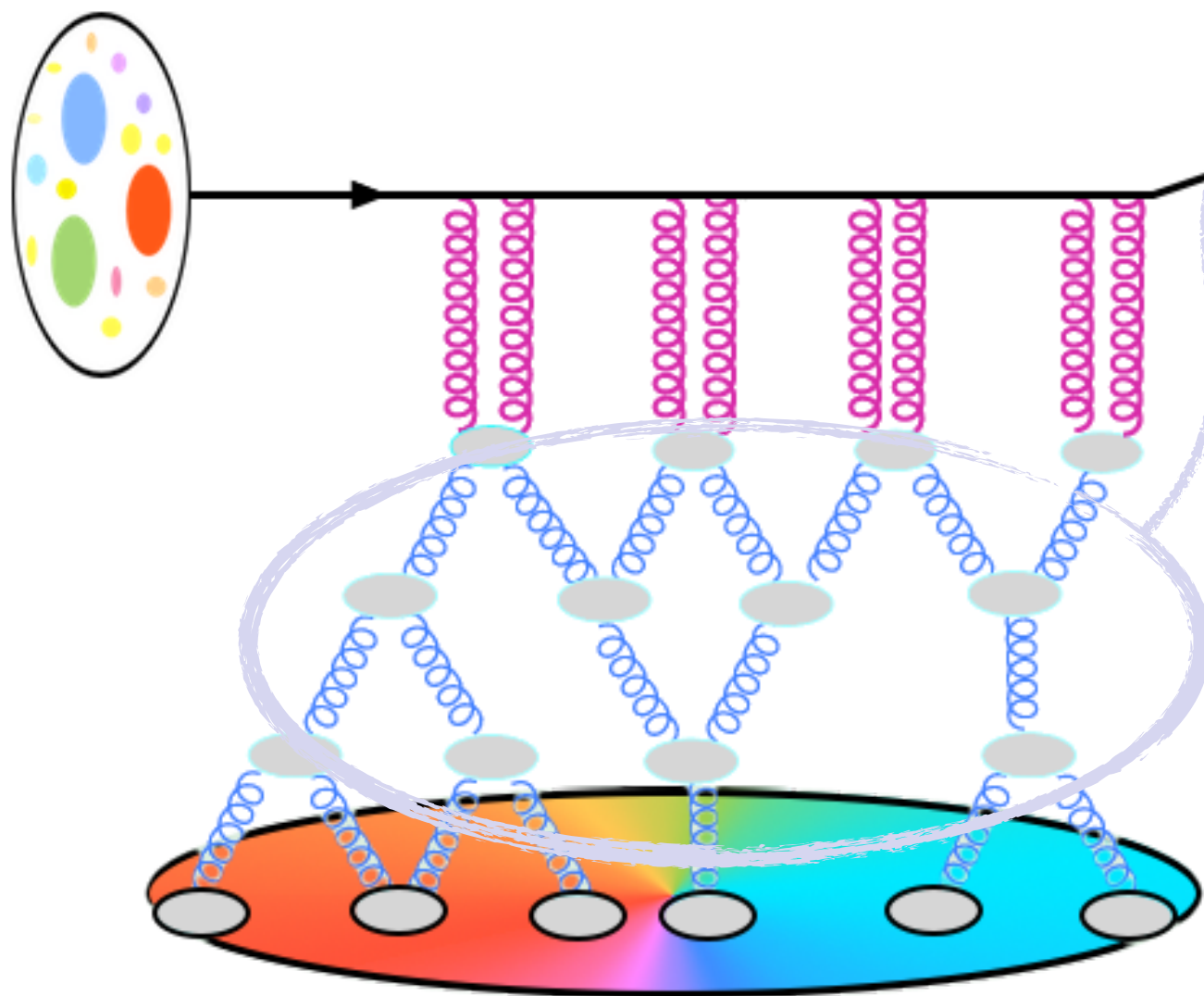
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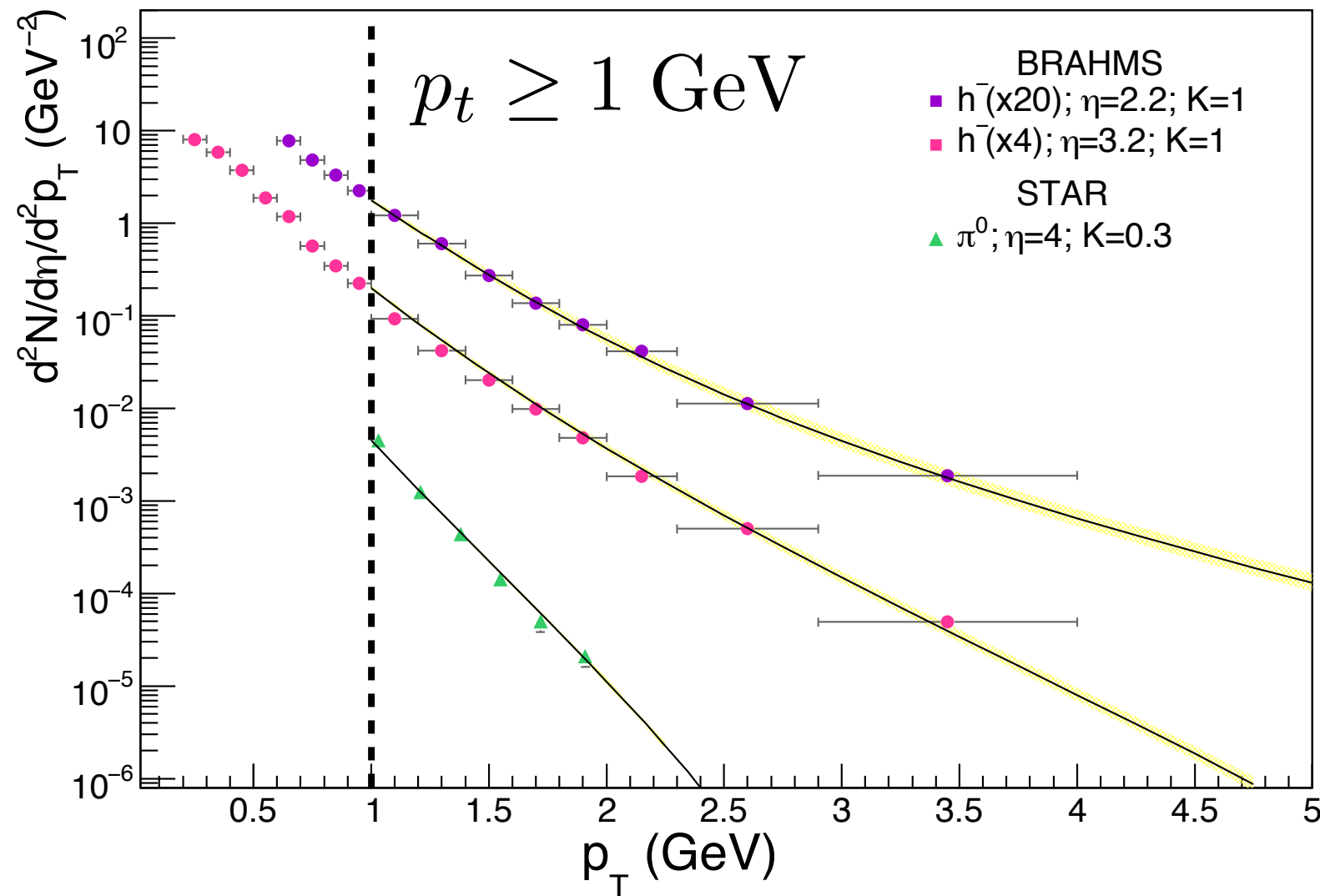
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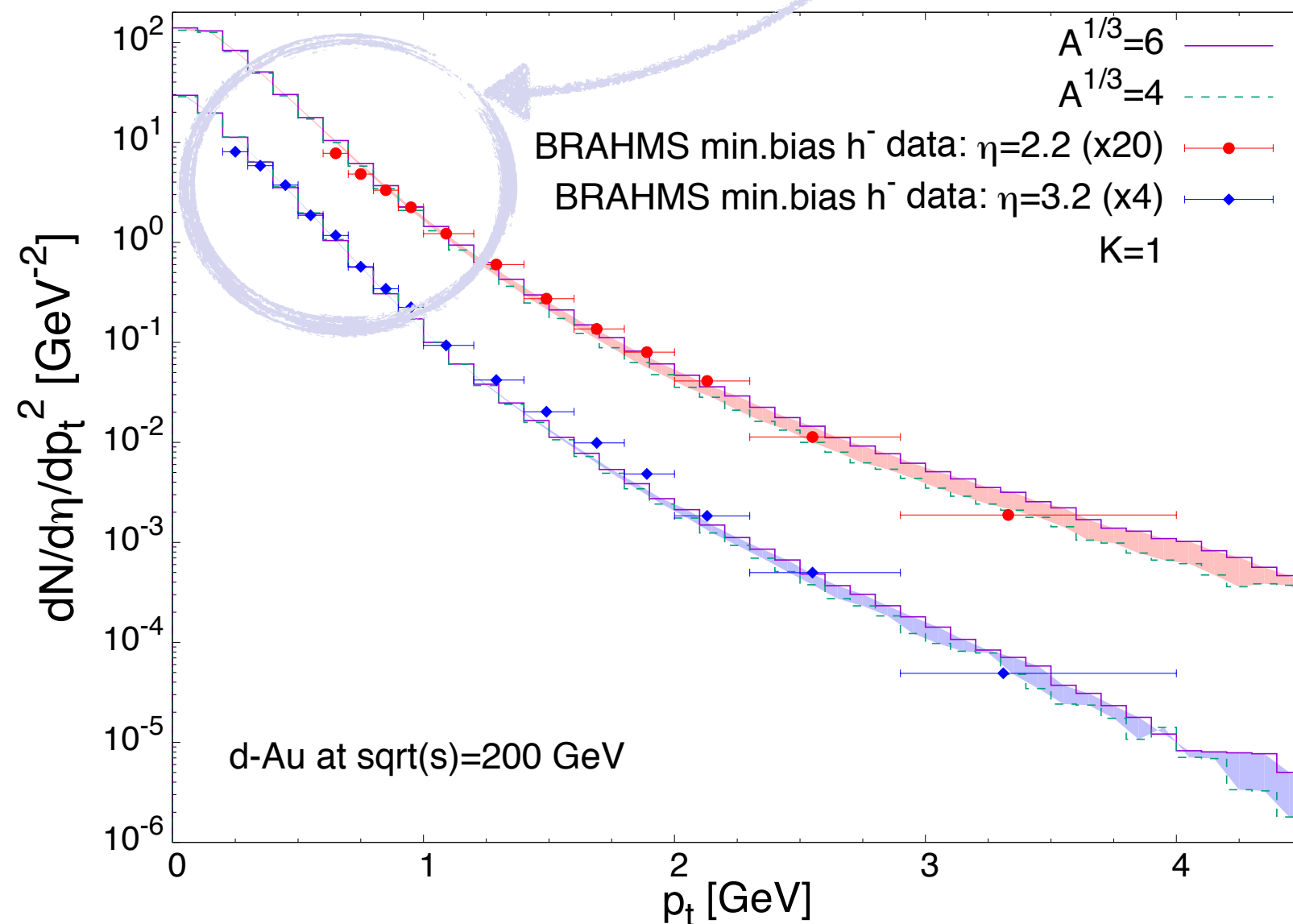
$$\frac{d\sigma^{hadrons}}{d^2k_{\perp}dy} = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{DHJ}}^{partons}}{d^2k_{\perp}dy} \otimes D_{h/p}$$



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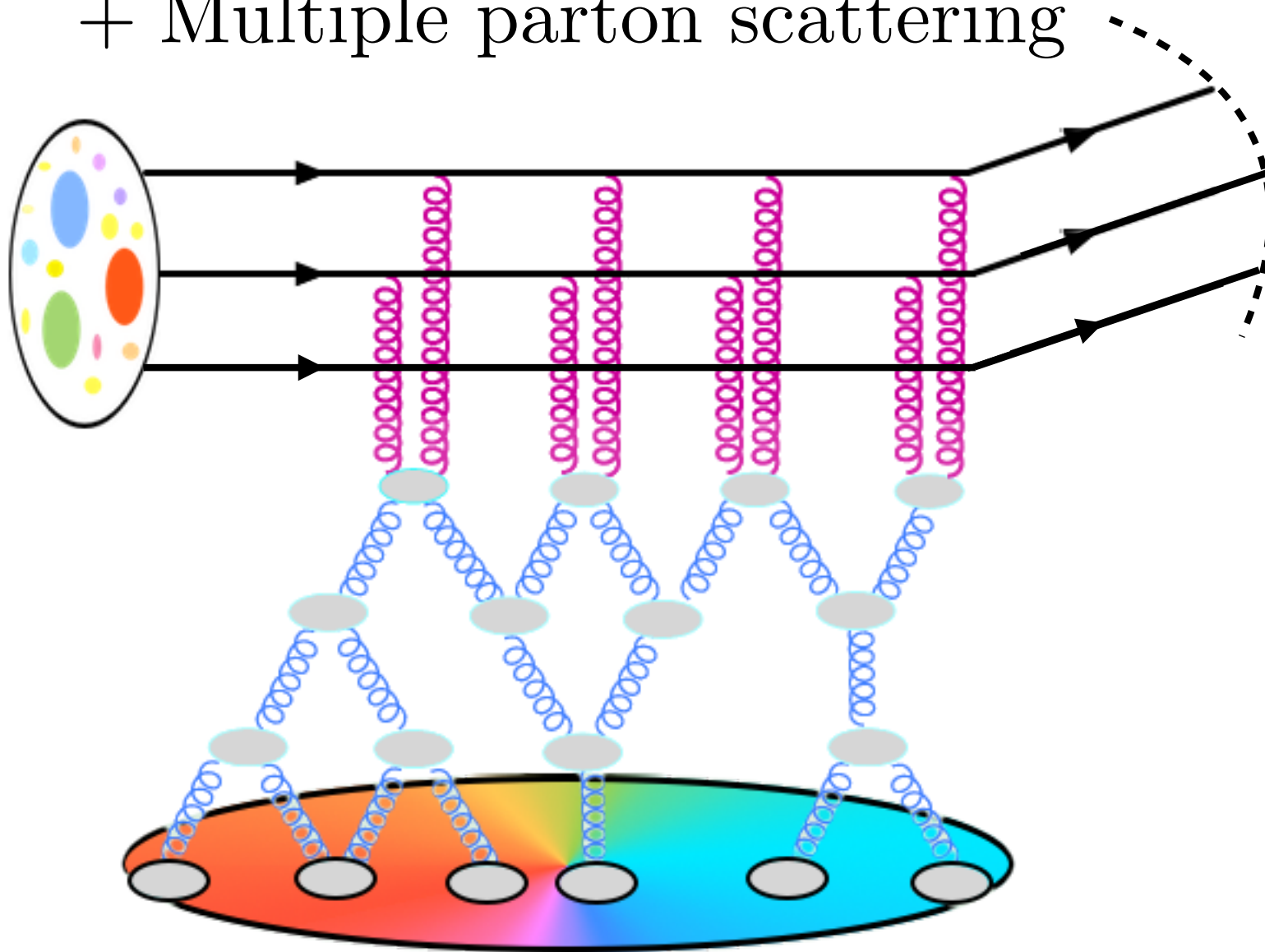
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Not to be confused  
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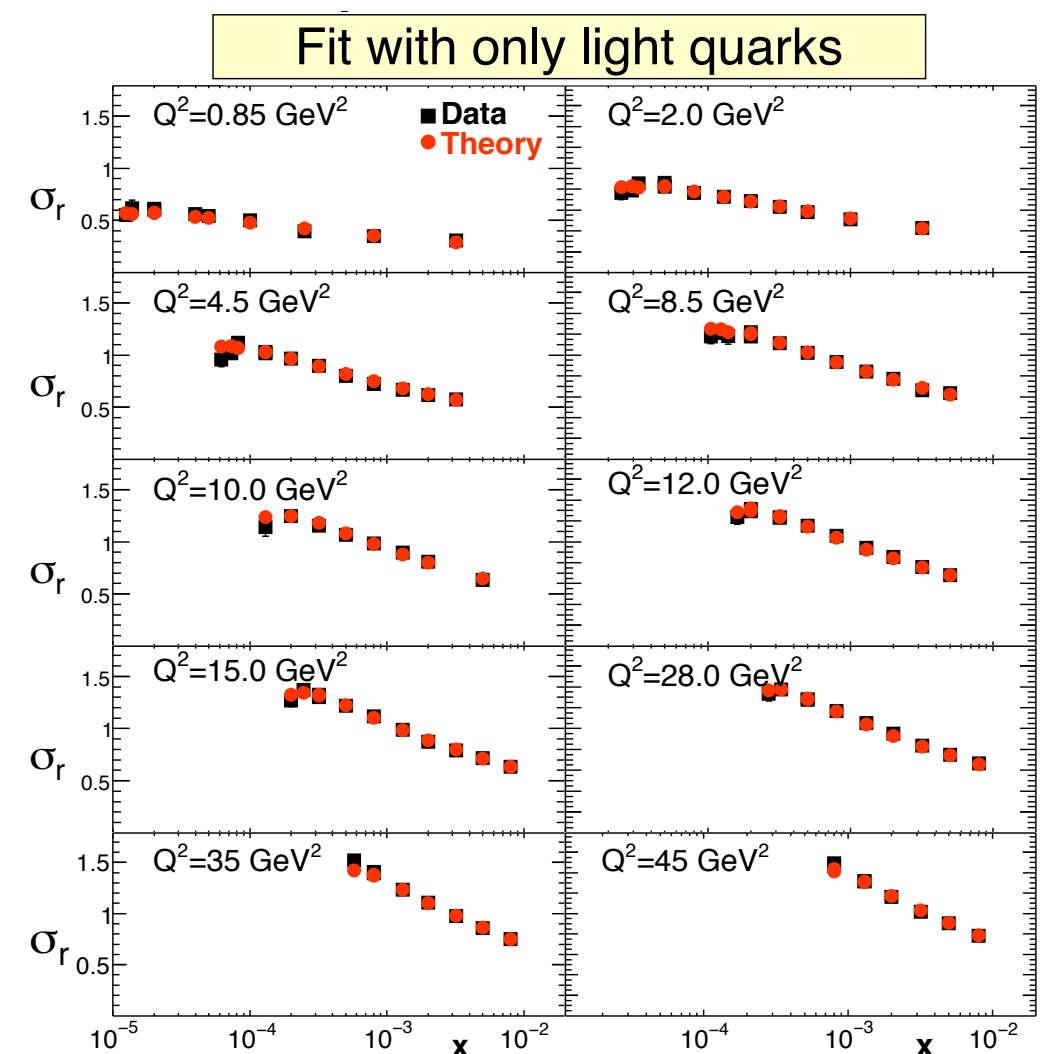
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- uGD's: Fourier transforms of dipole scattering amplitudes.

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

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

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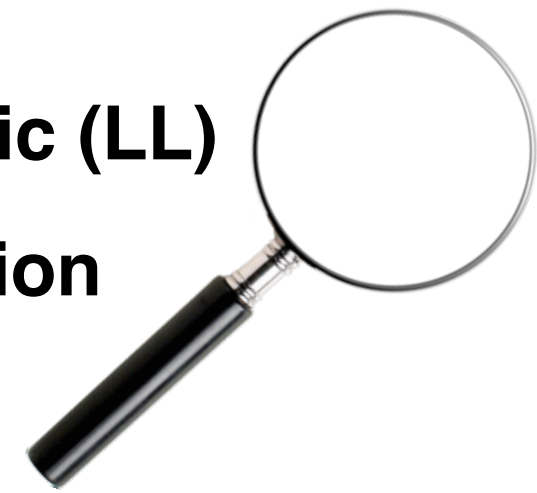
$$Q_{s0, nucleus}^2 = A^{1/3} Q_{s0, proton}^2$$

↑  
*Oomph* factor

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- Degree of accuracy of our approach:

- ✦ DHJ formula  $\longrightarrow$  **leading logarithmic (LL)**
- ✦ Scale dependence of PDF's  $\longrightarrow$  **LO DGLAP evolution**
- ✦ Scale dependence of UGD's  $\longrightarrow$  **rc-BK evolution**



- *State-of-the-art* degree of accuracy:

- ✦ DHJ formula  $\longrightarrow$  **NLO<sup>1, 2</sup>**
- ✦ Scale dependence of PDF's  $\longrightarrow$  **DGLAP NNLO<sup>3</sup>**
- ✦ Scale dependence of UGD's  $\longrightarrow$  **BK NLO<sup>4, 5</sup>**



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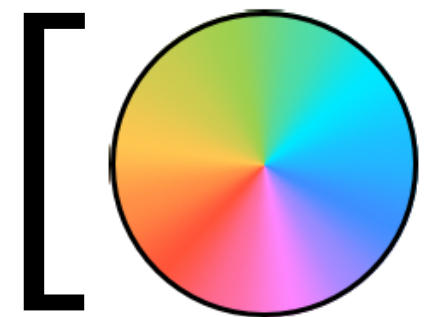
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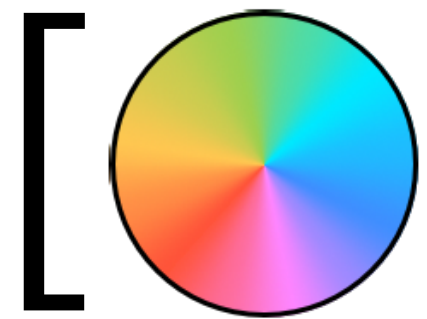
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- $K$ -factor: not the result of any calculation. May account for:
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  - (...)

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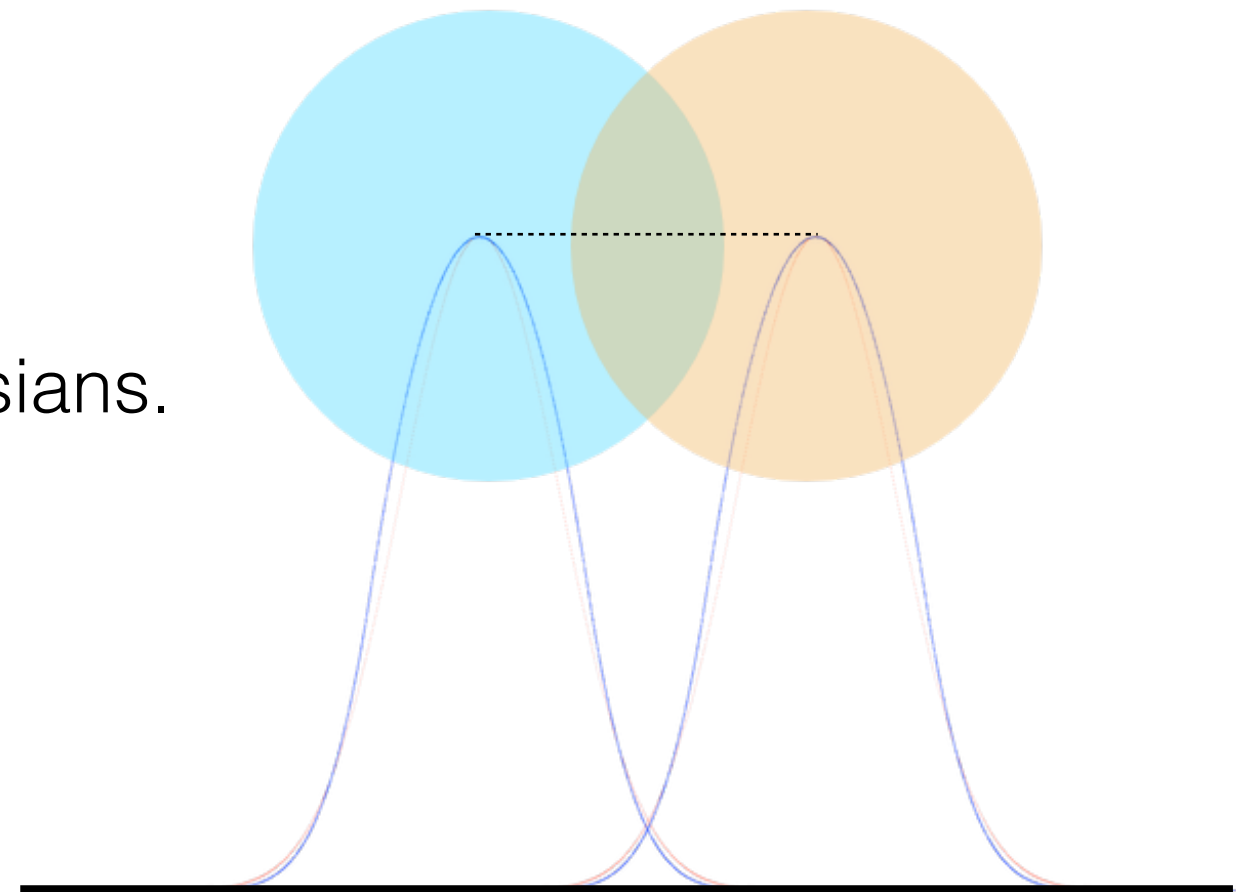
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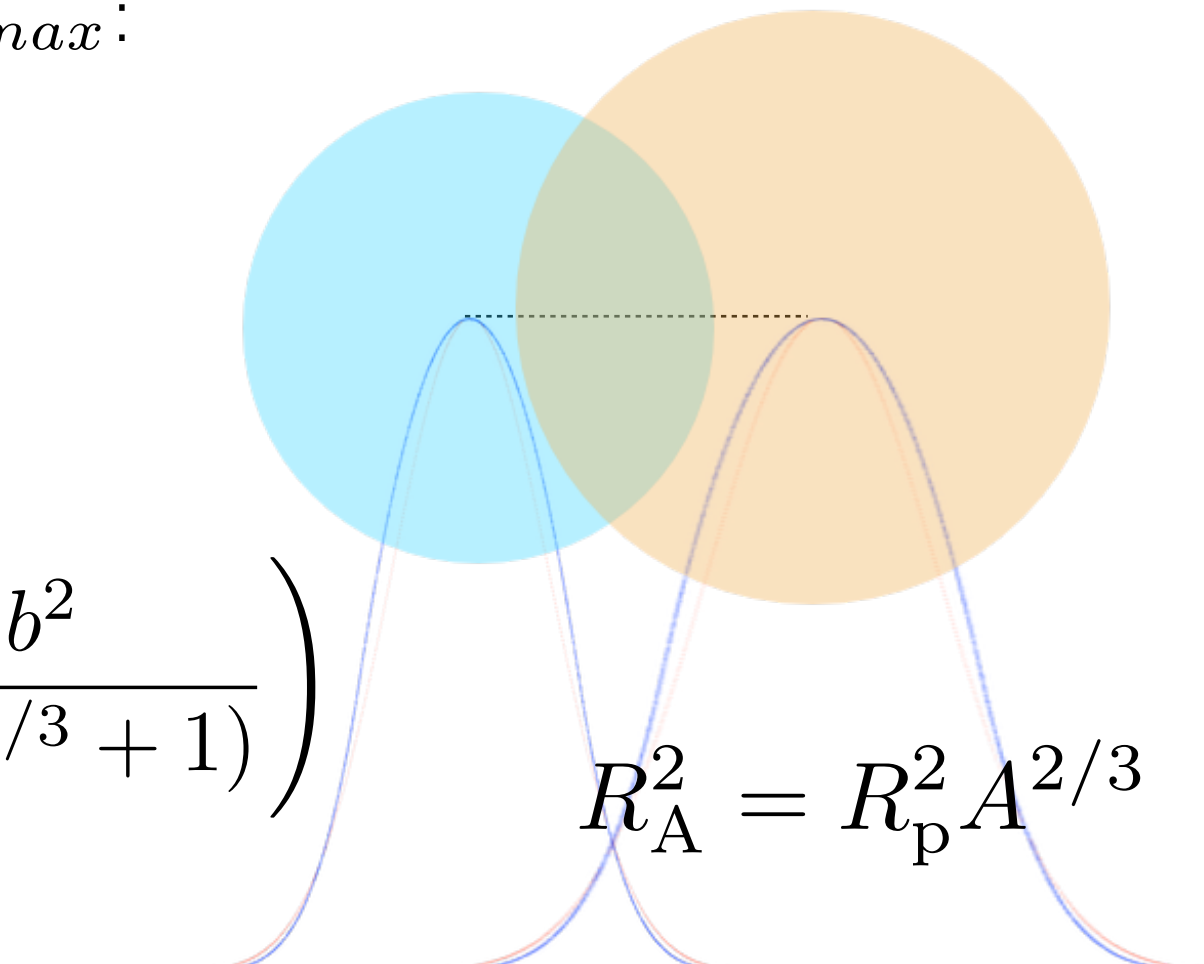
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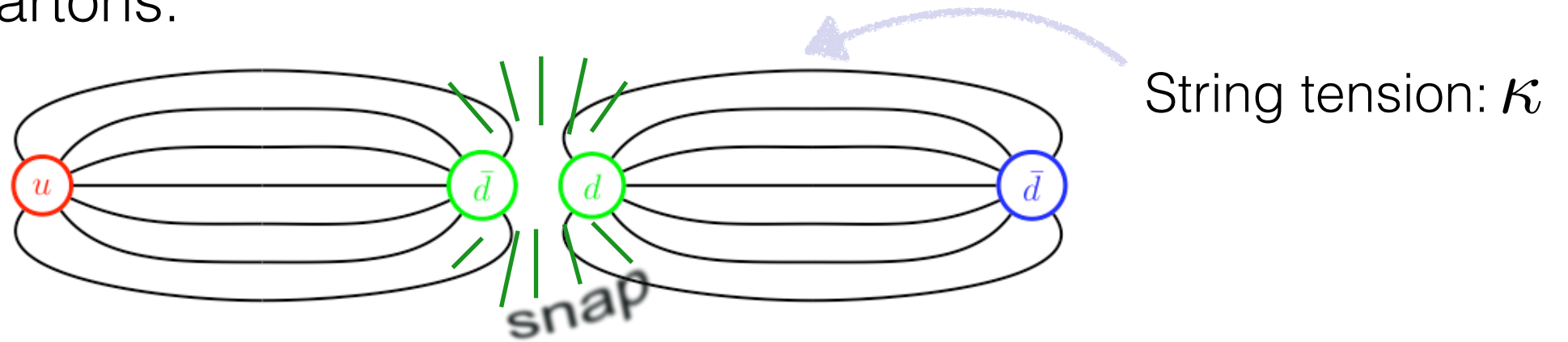
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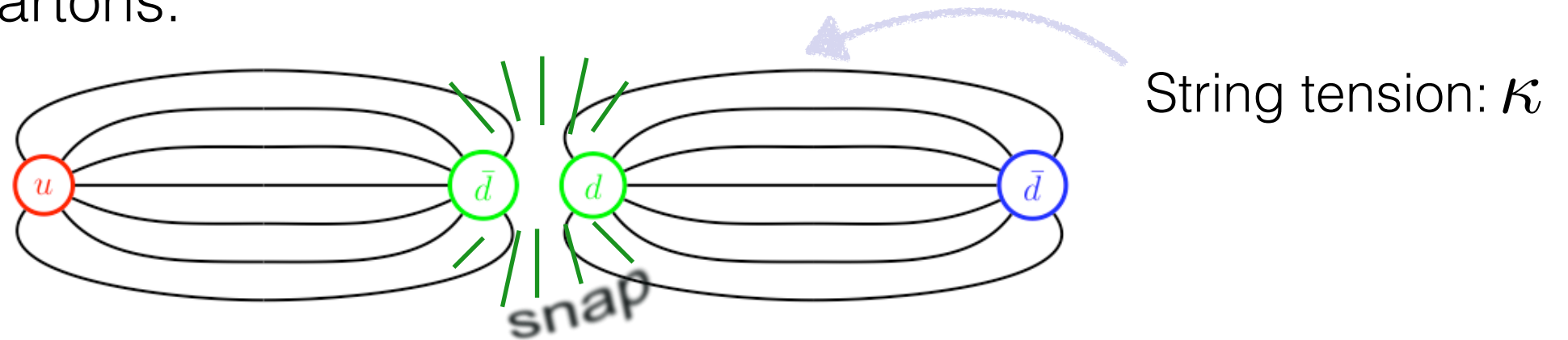
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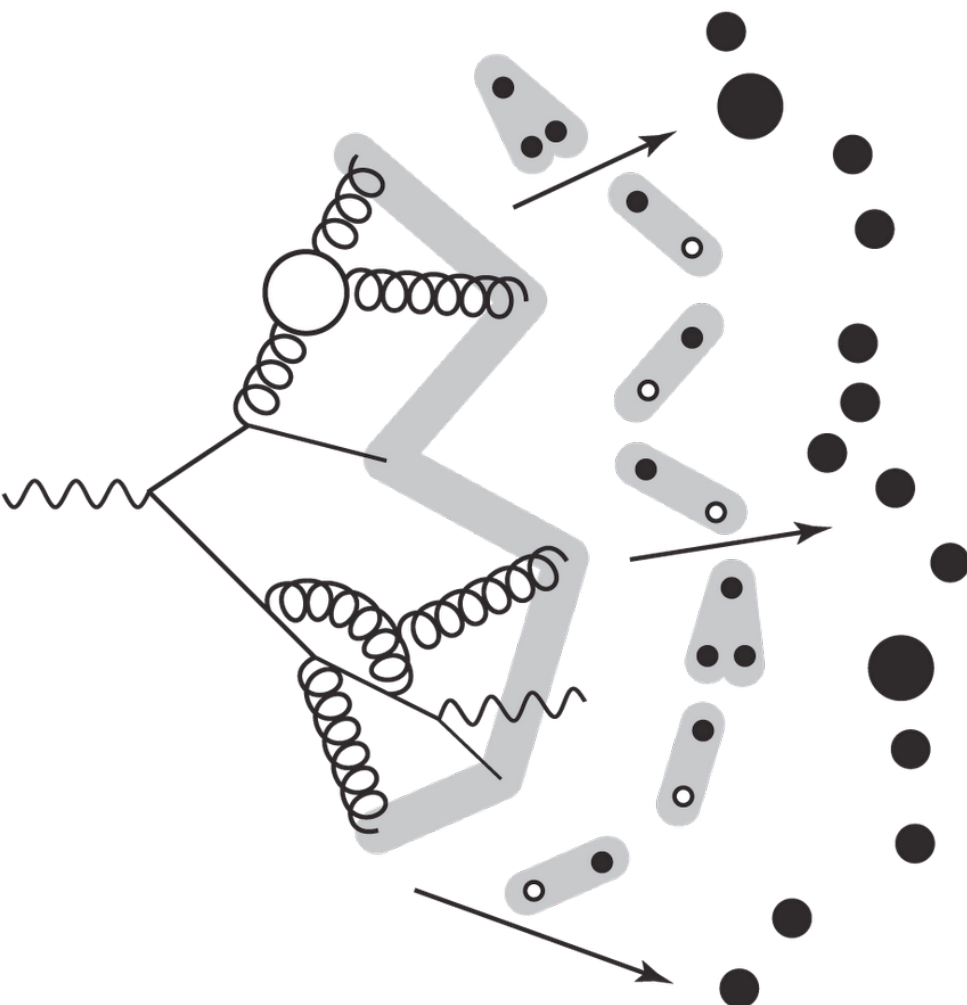
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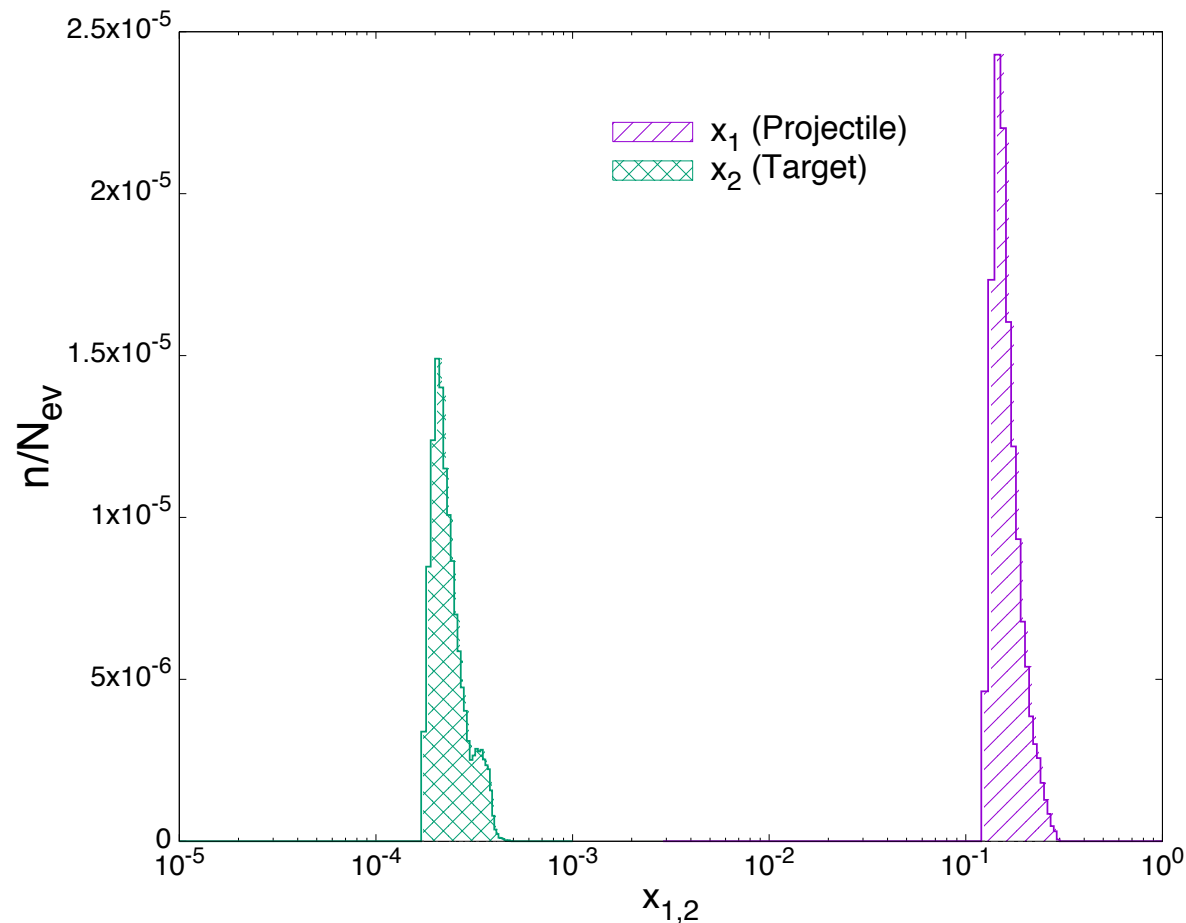
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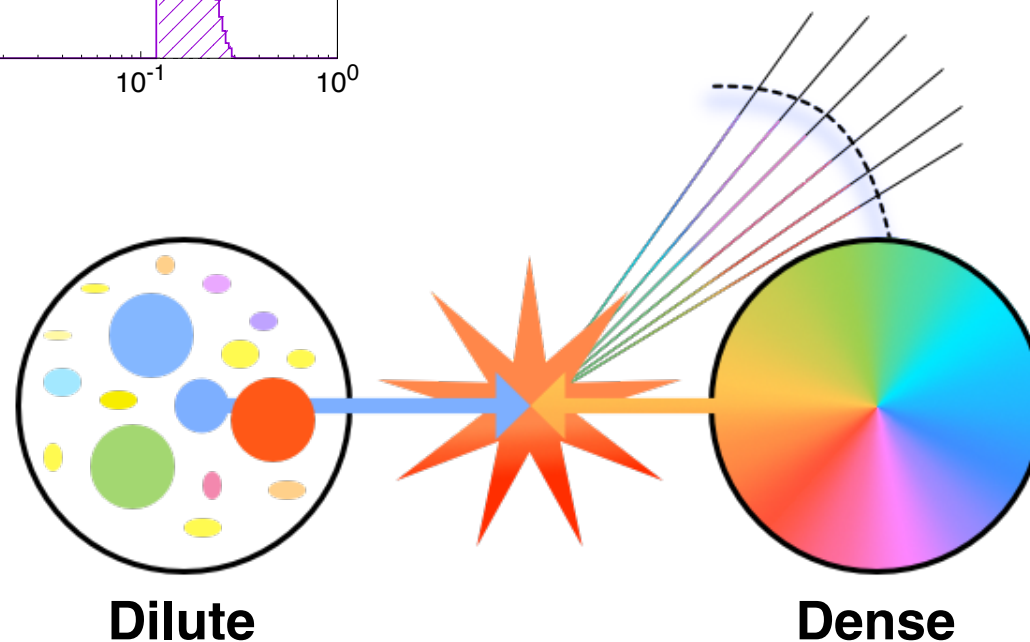


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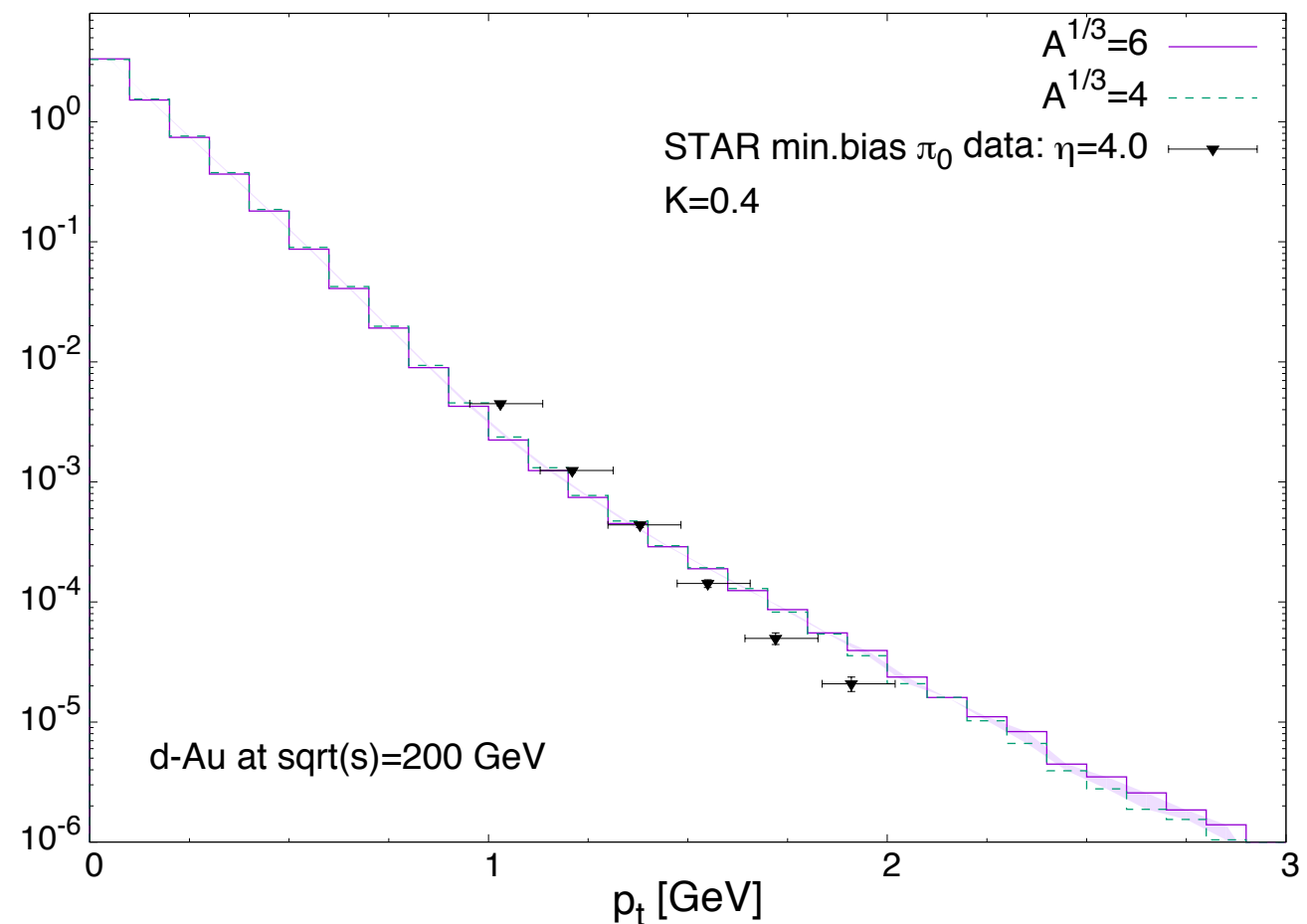
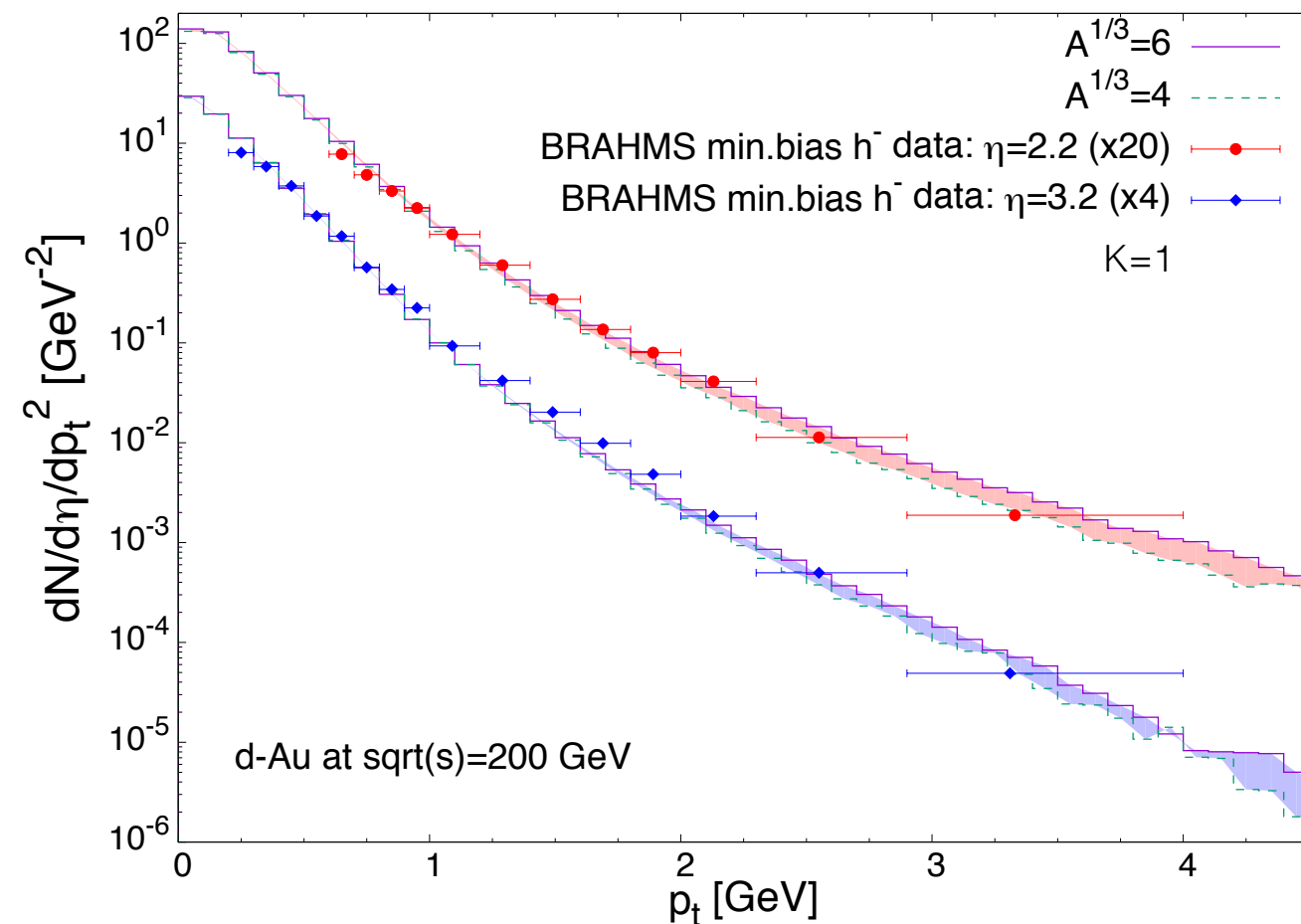
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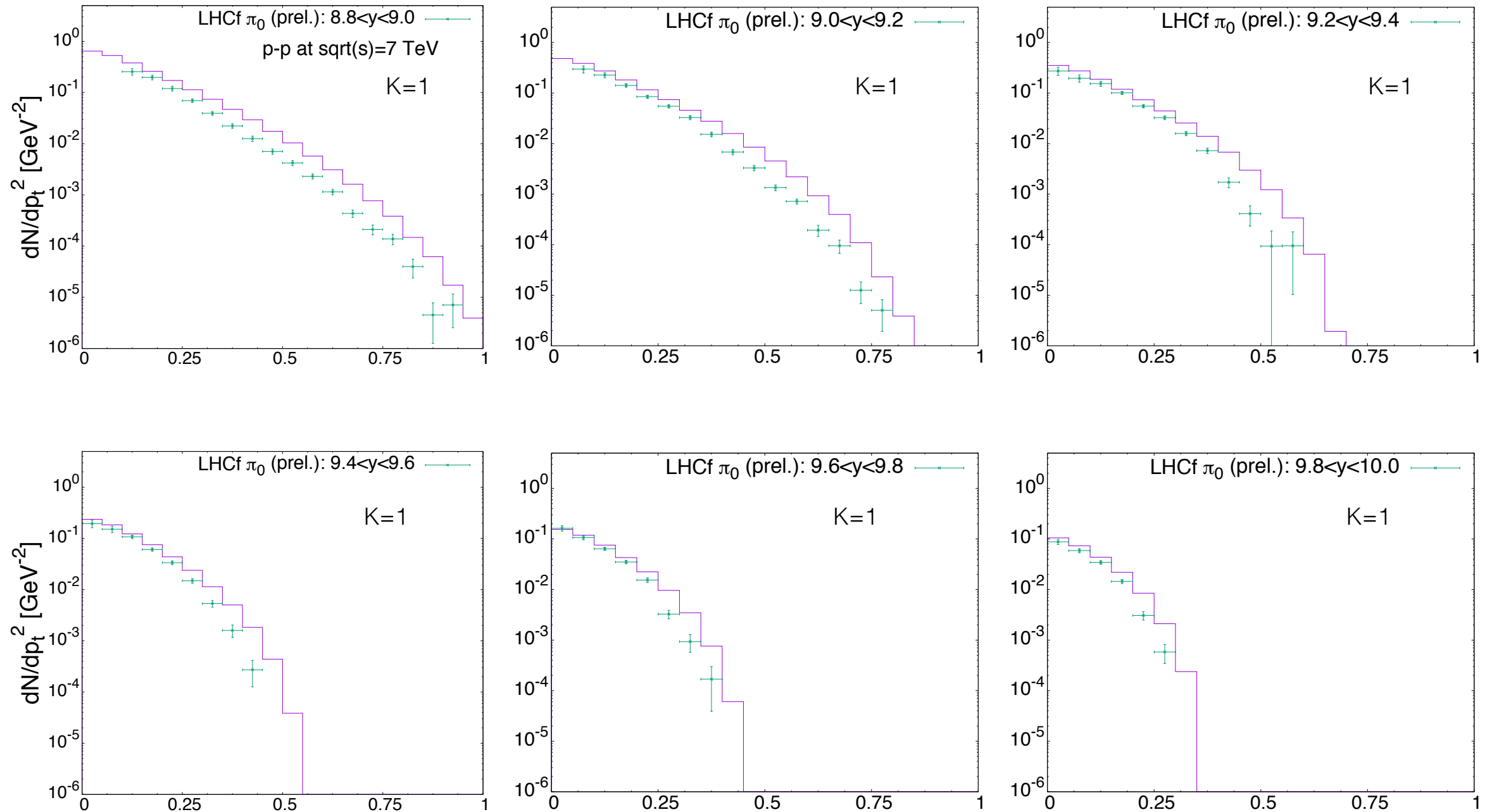


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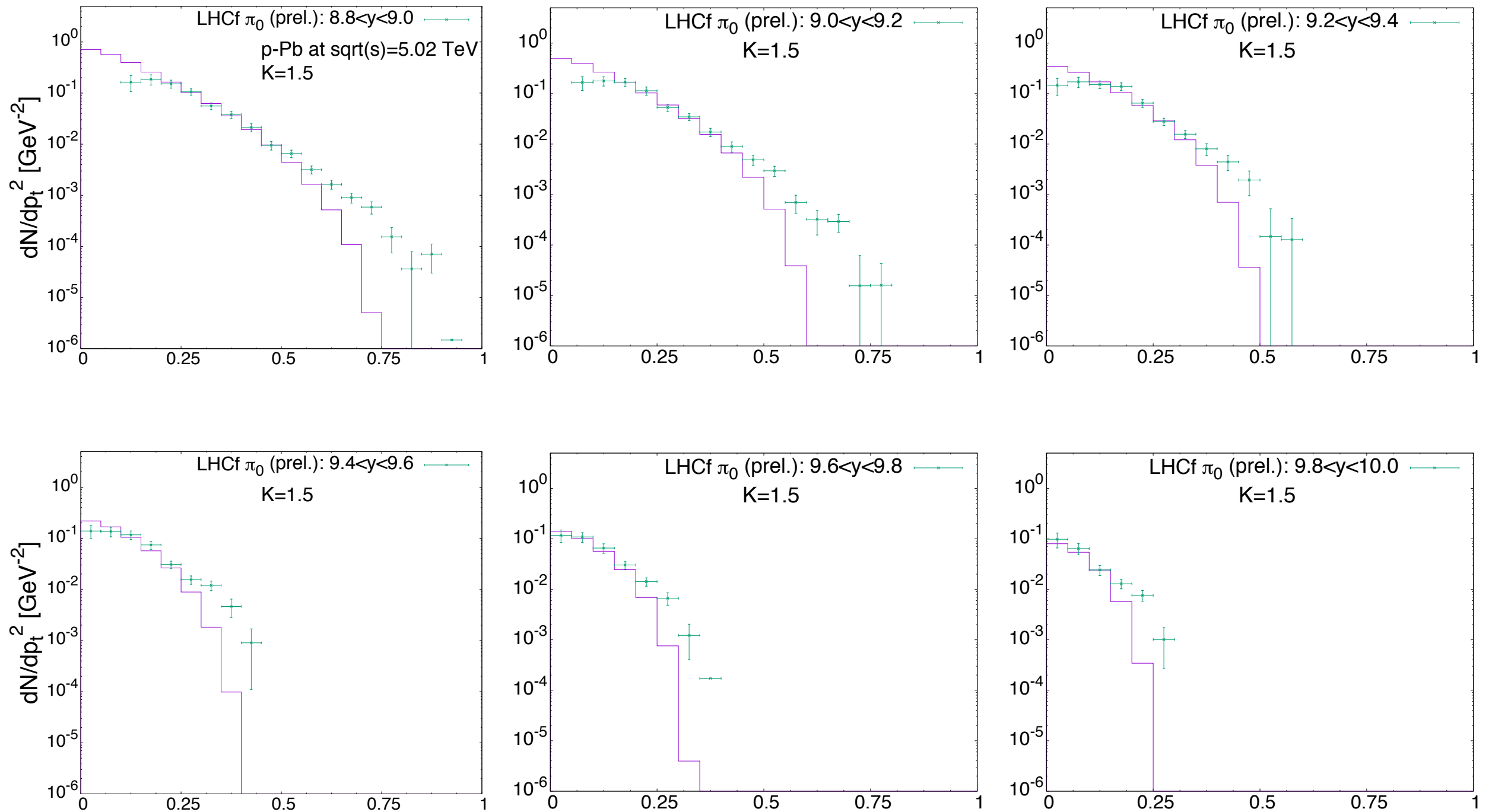


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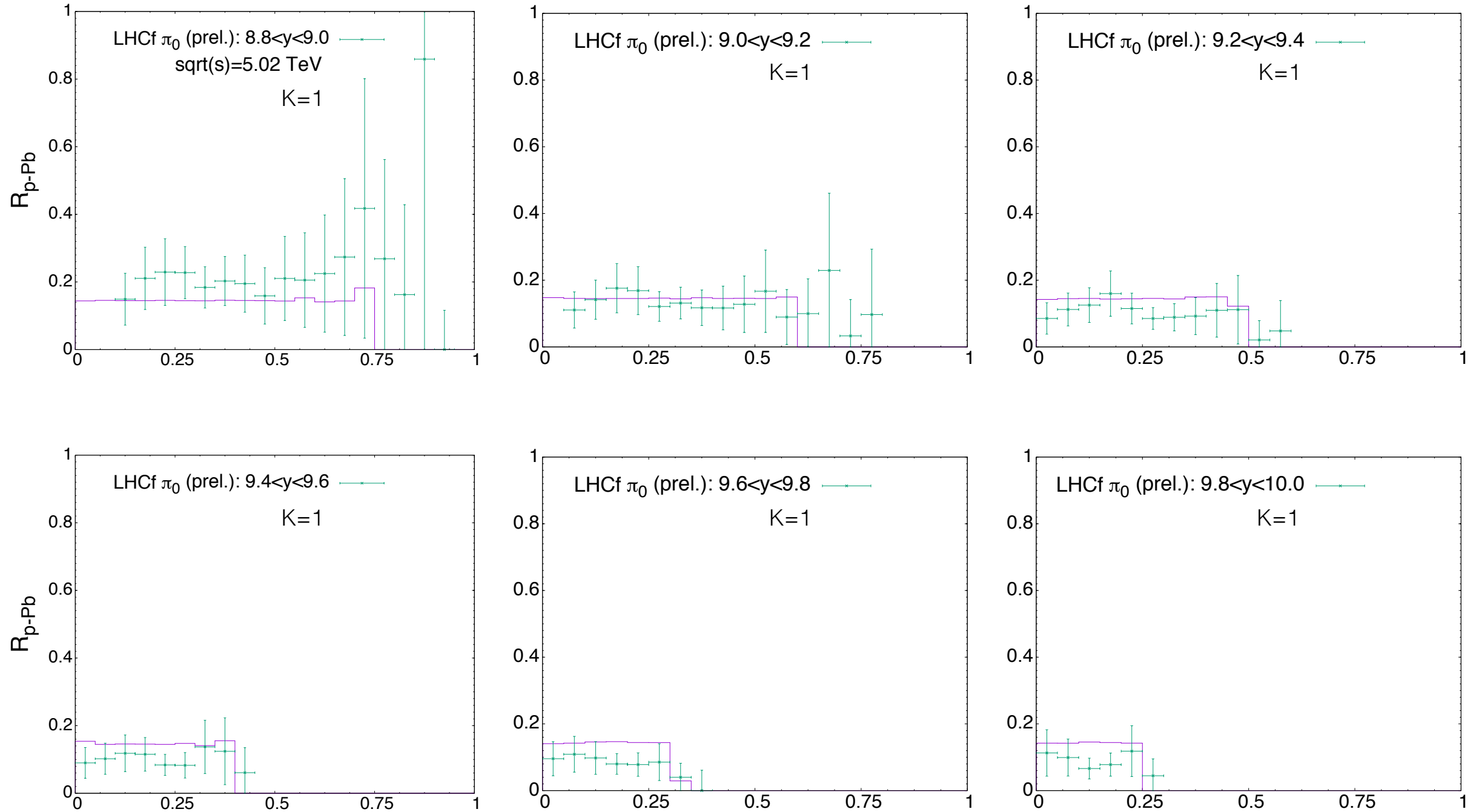
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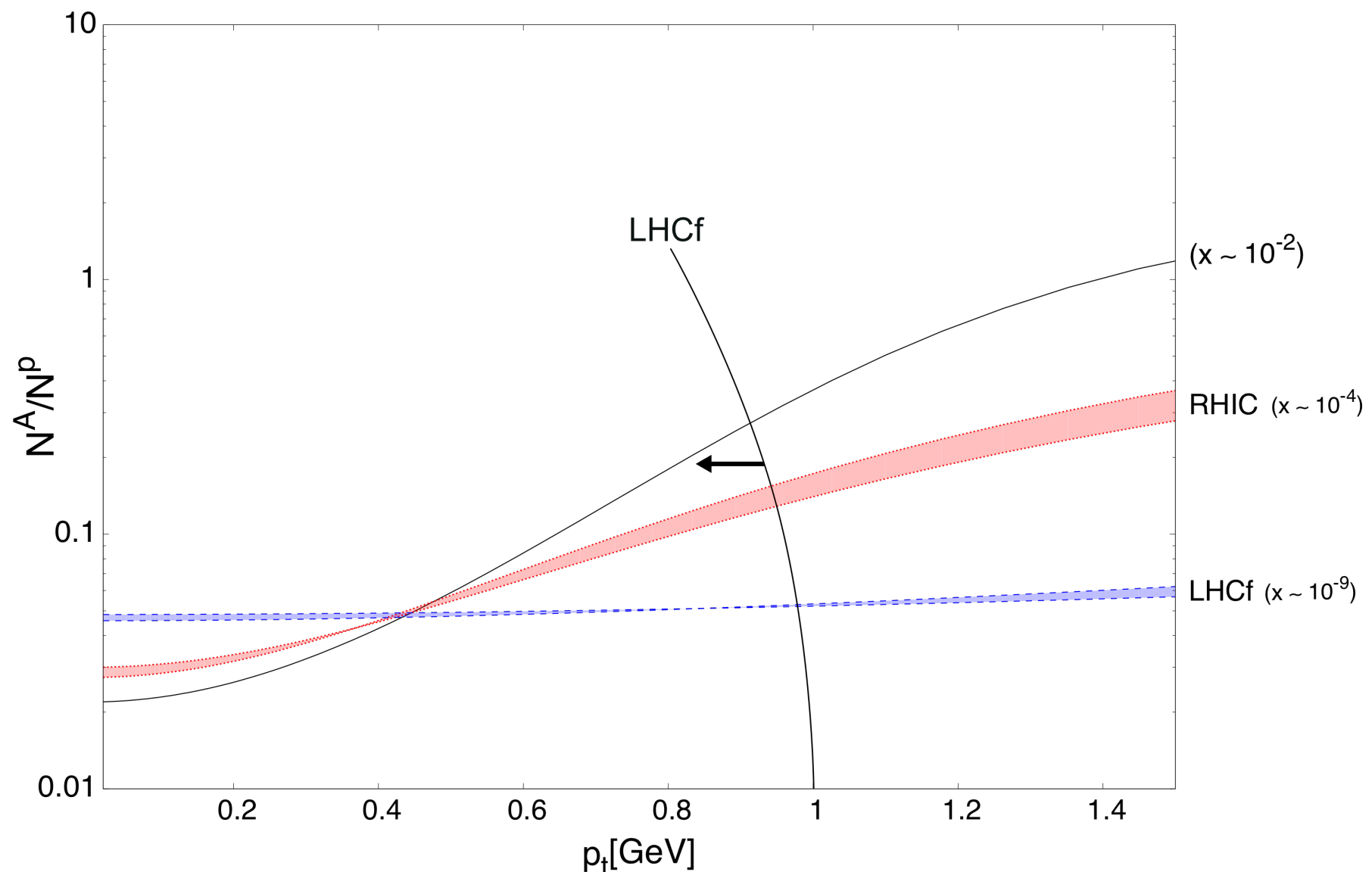


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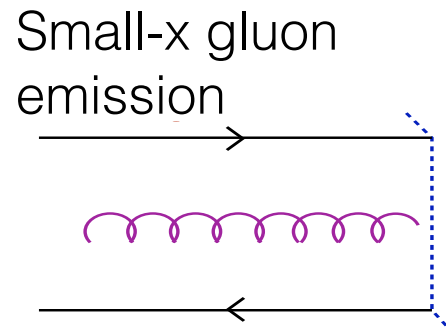
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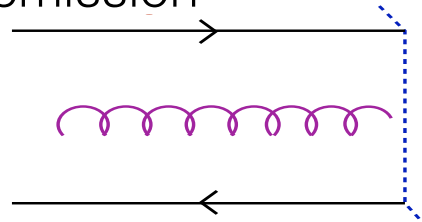
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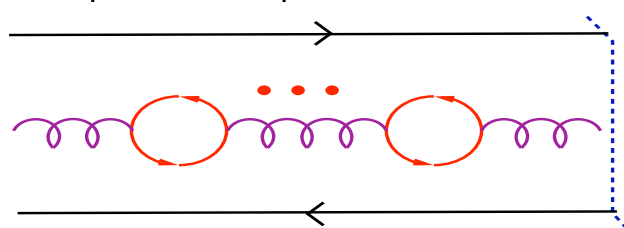
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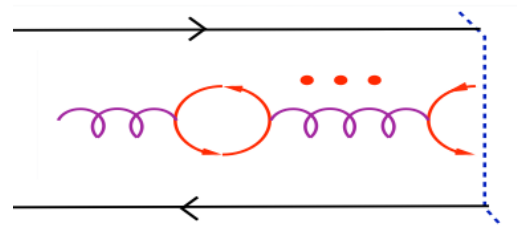
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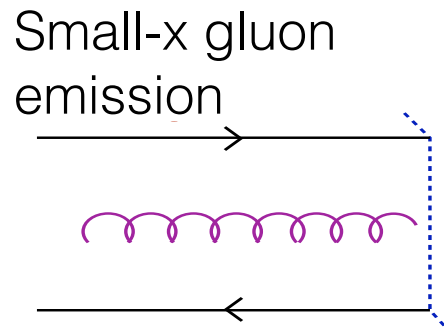


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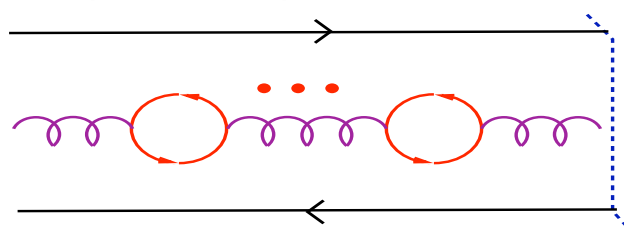
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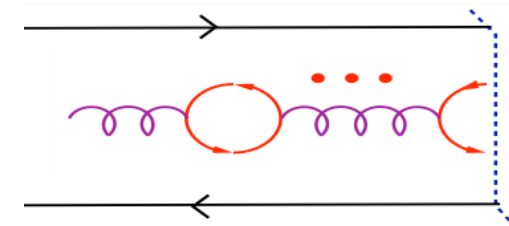
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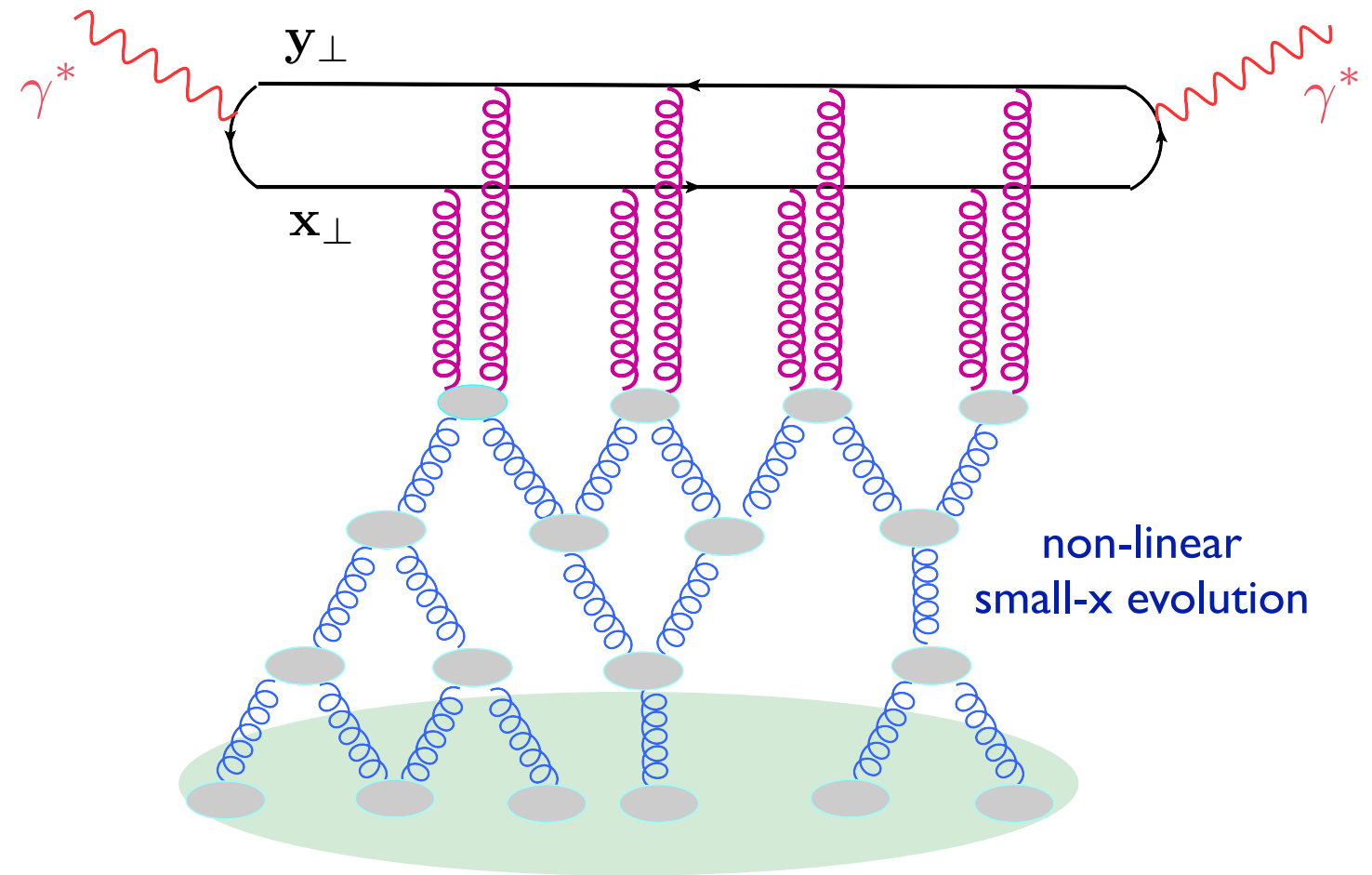
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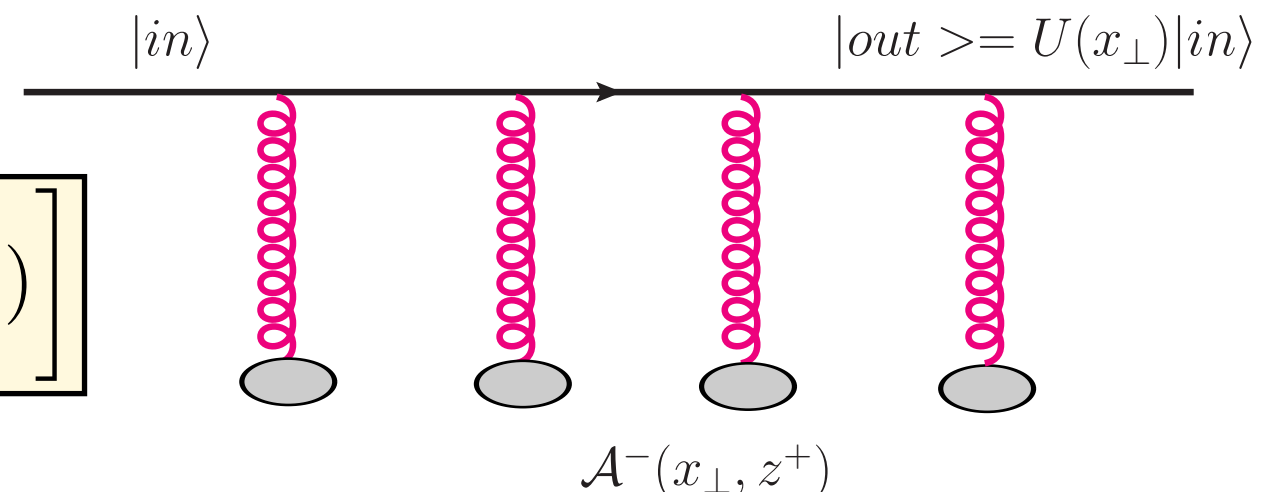
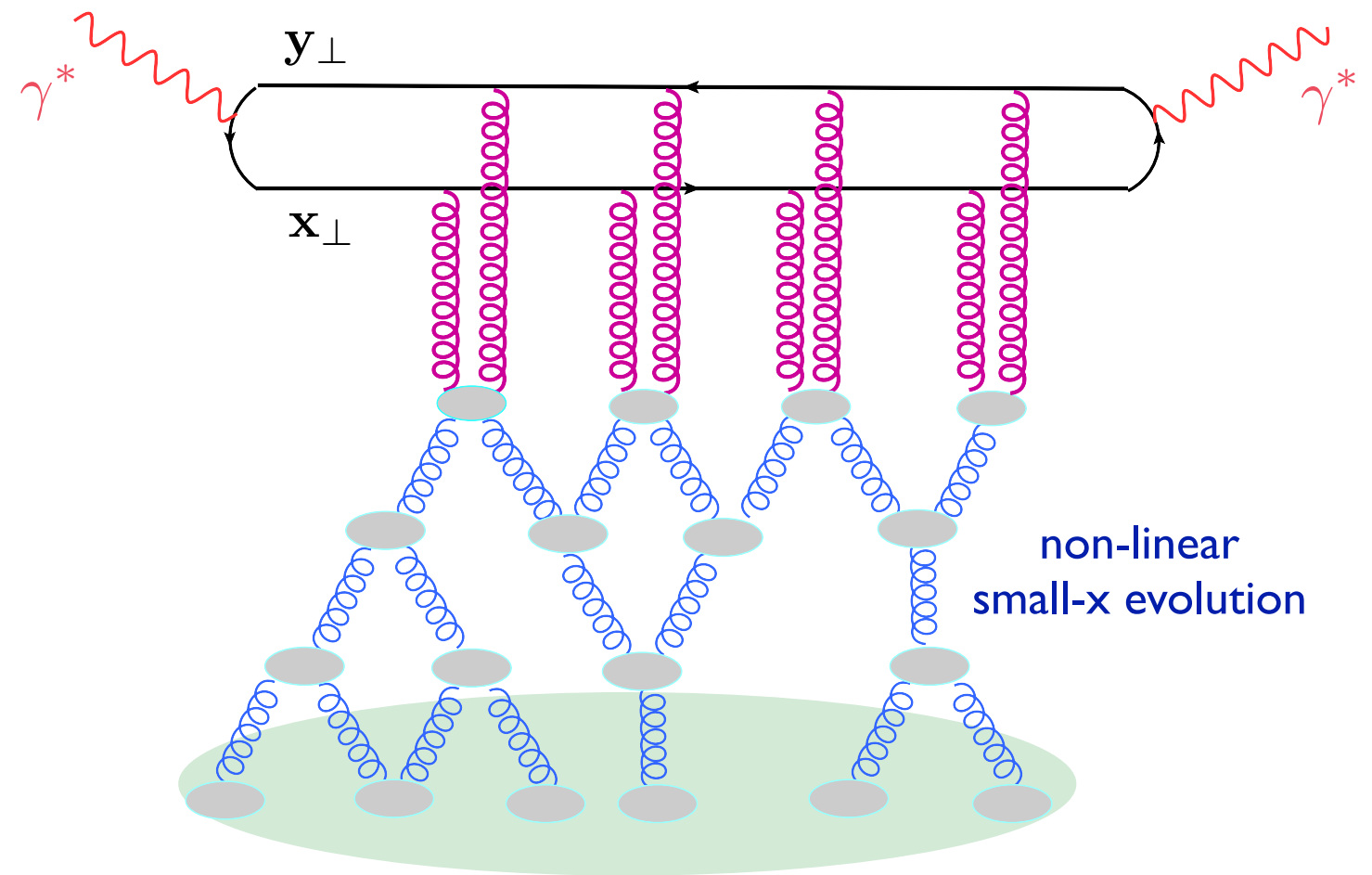


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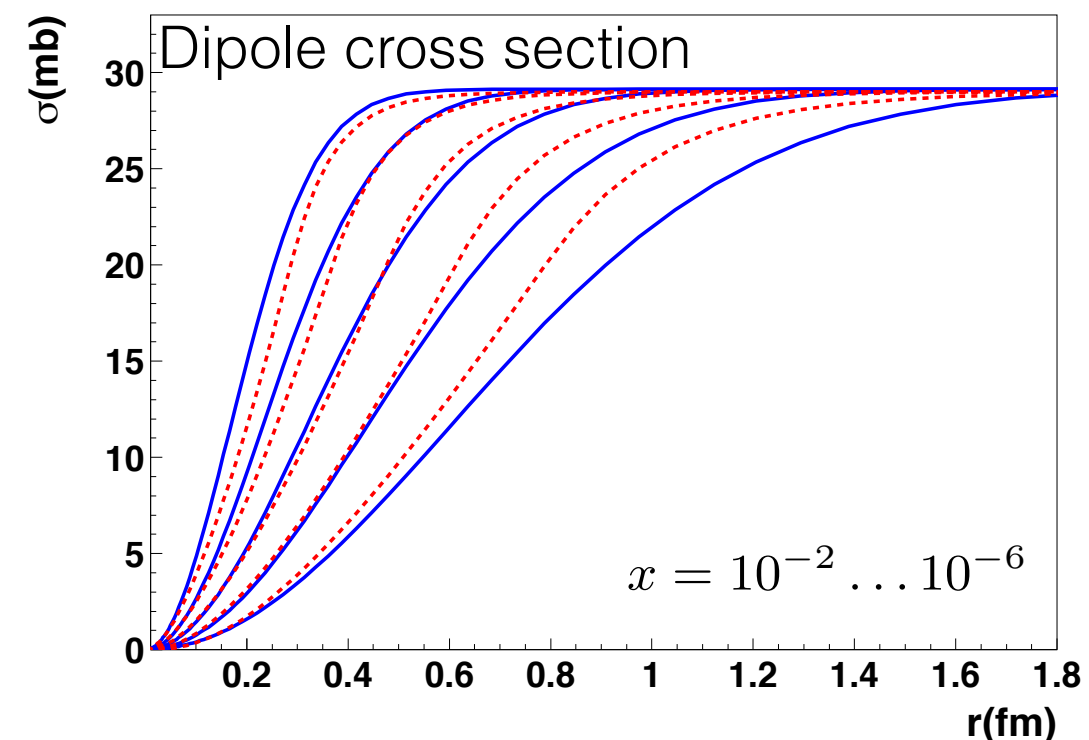
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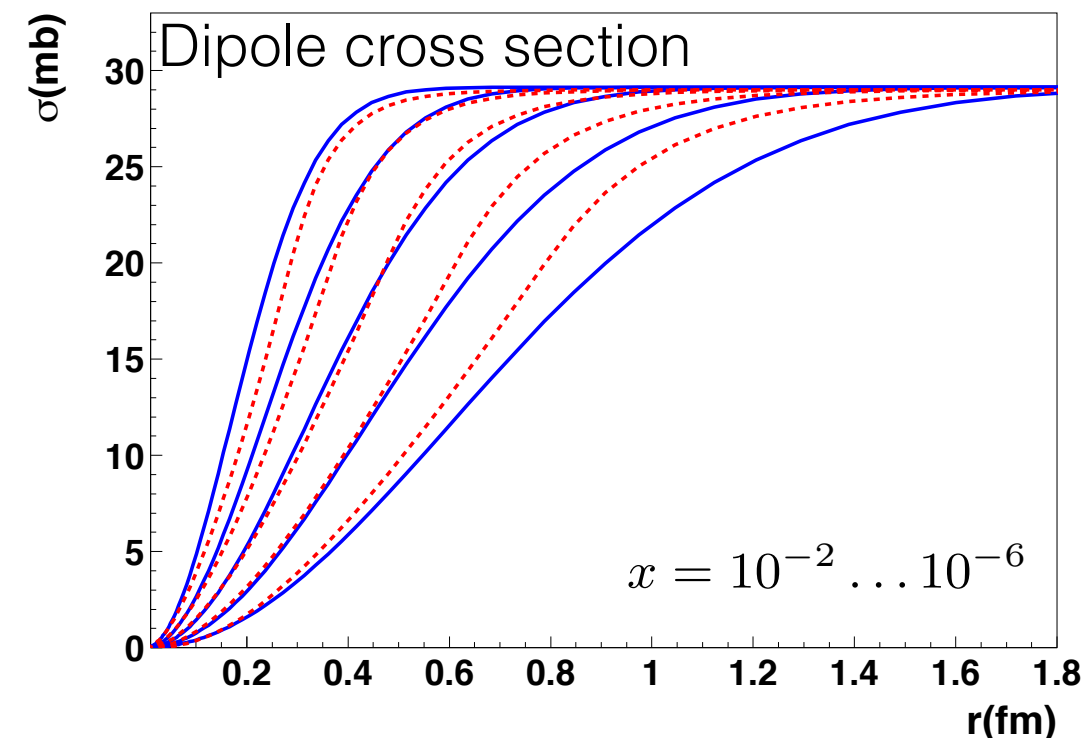
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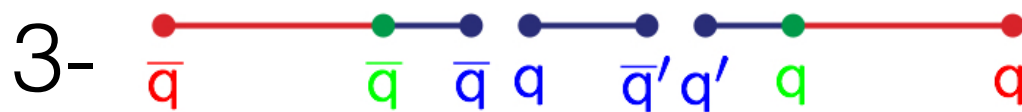
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