

# ADVANCES IN JET THERMALIZATION USING QCD KINETIC THEORY

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GM, Schlichting, Soudi, *work in progress*



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# MOTIVATION

- Energy loss and thermalization of jets may be one of the only ways to explore QCD thermalization in experiment

- Equilibration of soft large angle fragments in HE jets + complete disappearance of LE jets

- Need for a clear understanding of a diverse array of mechanisms

- degradation of energy

- medium response

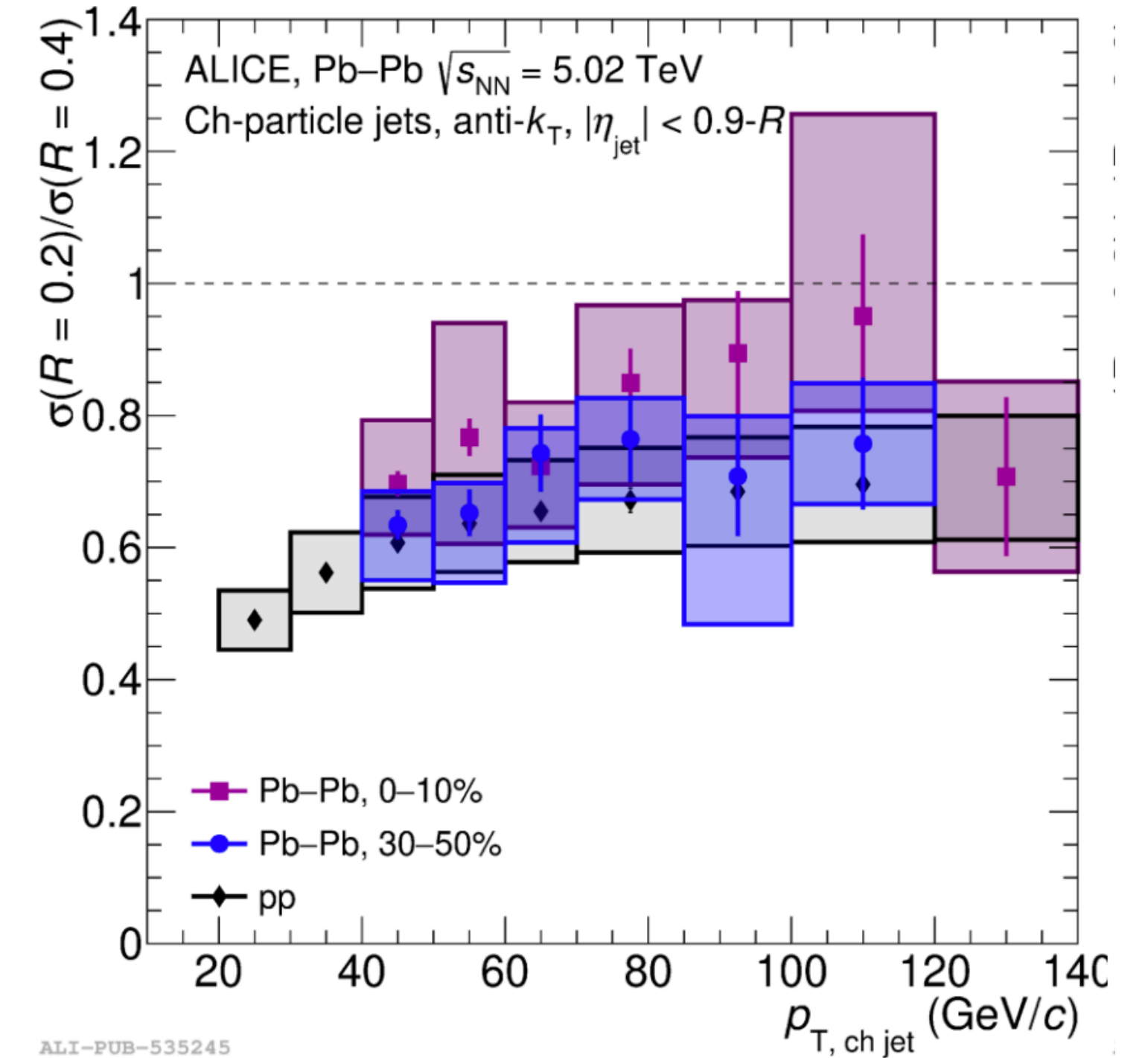
- out-of-cone energy loss

- hard parton/jets thermalization

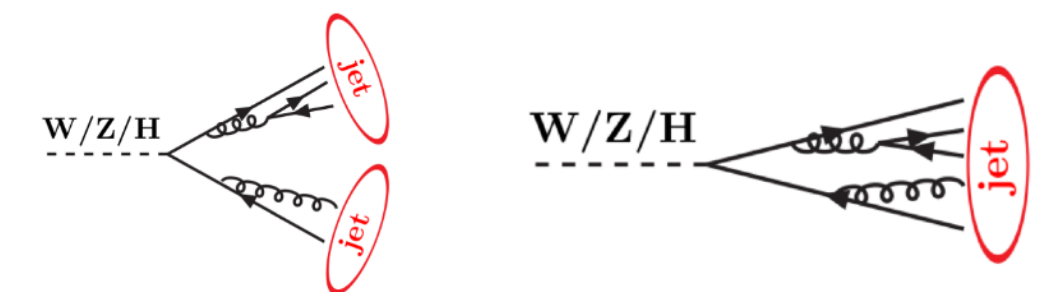
- Soft physics typically enters in available jet-energy loss models via a few parameters ( $\hat{q}, p_{min}$ )

- Final Goal:** Develop QCD kinetic theory based Jet Monte-Carlo

ALICE, arXiv: 2303.00592



Angular + soft structure will be instrumental handles in the phenomenology,



Cuts change behavior, 1-prong vs n-prong, etc.

# THE METHOD: EFFECTIVE KINETIC THEORY (EKT)

- **Challenge:** Description of jet thermalization requires theoretical description which is valid at scales  $E \sim E_{jet}$  (hard fragments) down to scales  $E \sim T_{med}$  (soft fragments & thermal medium)

Kinetic description: in-medium evolution jet fragments as collection of on-shell partons in QCD EKT. Evolution is given by

$$\left( \partial_t + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{|\mathbf{p}|} \cdot \nabla_x \right) f_a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}, t) = -C_a^{2 \leftrightarrow 2}[\{f_i\}] - C_a^{1 \leftrightarrow 2}[\{f_i\}]$$

- Here, the *jet* is a linearized perturbation on top of (static) equilibrium background  $\Rightarrow \left( \partial_t + \frac{|\mathbf{p}|}{p} \cdot \nabla_x \right) \delta f = C[T; \delta f]$

- Rephrase the evolution thinking about the energy distribution  $D(t, x, \theta) = x \frac{dN}{dx d \cos(\theta)}$

Effective calculation of the Green's function for a perturbation (hard Parton) in a medium

# THE METHOD: EFFECTIVE KINETIC THEORY (EKT)

- Elastic interactions provide momentum broadening outside of the jet cone.

- Elastic scattering processes treated with leading order Hard Thermal Loops (HTL) screened matrix elements

$$C_a^{2\leftrightarrow 2}[\{f_i\}] = \frac{1}{2|p_1|v_a} \sum_{bcd} \int d\Omega^{2\leftrightarrow 2} \left| \mathcal{M}_{cd}^{ab}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4) \right|^2 \delta\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2; \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4)$$

- Including quantum statistics (Fermi suppression/Bose enhancement) effects,

$$\delta\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4) \supset \delta f_a(\mathbf{p}_1) [\pm_a n_c(p_3) n_d(p_4) - n_b(p_2) (1 \pm n_c(p_3) \pm n_d(p_4))]$$

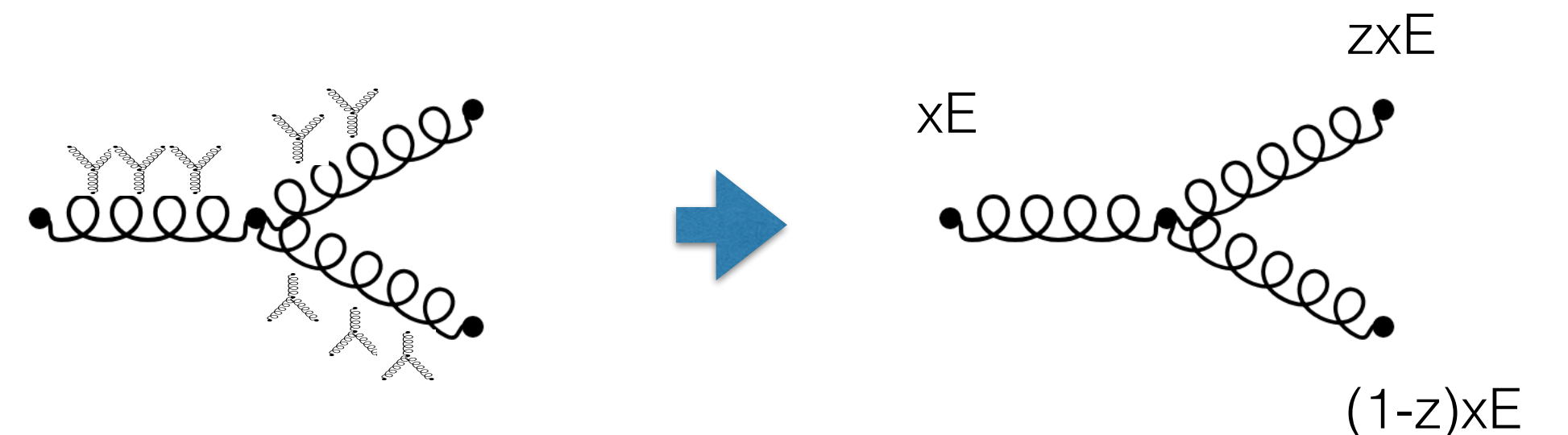
- Detailed balance allows for exact **conservation of energy, momentum and valence charge** of the jet allows to study evolution from  $E \sim E_{jet}$  to  $E \sim T_{med}$  including thermalization of the jet

# THE METHOD: EFFECTIVE KINETIC THEORY (EKT)

- Inelastic interactions are responsible for the radiative break-up of hard partons
- Numerical studies re-construction of in-medium rates in the AMY framework (incl. LPM & Bethe-Heitler regime) for an infinite medium

$$C_g^{g \leftrightarrow gg}[\{D_i\}] = \int_0^1 dz \frac{d\Gamma_{gg}^g\left(\left(\frac{xE}{z}\right), z\right)}{dz} \left[ D_g\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \left(1 + n_B(xE) + n_B\left(\frac{\bar{z}xE}{z}\right)\right) + \frac{D_g(x)}{z^3} \left(n_B\left(\frac{xE}{z}\right) - n_B\left(\frac{\bar{z}xE}{z}\right)\right) + \frac{D_g\left(\frac{\bar{z}xE}{z}\right)}{\bar{z}^3} \left(n_B\left(\frac{xE}{z}\right) - n_B(xE)\right) \right] \\ - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dz \frac{d\Gamma_{gg}^g(xE, z)}{dz} \left[ D_g(x) \left(1 + n_B(zxE) + n_B(\bar{z}xE)\right) + \frac{D_g(zx)}{z^3} \left(n_B(xE) - n_B(\bar{z}xE)\right) + \frac{D_g(\bar{z}x)}{\bar{z}^3} \left(n_B(xE) - n_B(zxE)\right) \right],$$

- Quantum statistics (Fermi suppression/Bose enhancement) effects are important at the temperature scale



# EKT: PROS AND CONS

- ⊕ QCD kinetic theory framework provides a robust and unified treatment of jet and medium response
  - Same setup as in studies of thermalization of QGP at early times
- ⊖ Infinite medium rates higher than more realistic finite medium rates
  - Too much quenching.
- ⊖ Time evolution of the underlying medium is costly .
- ⊖ Vacuum-like effects not included, as they effectively enter initial condition/source terms for kinetic equation
  - Phenomenological extension (e.g jet-by-jet fluctuations) as this is not a Monte-Carlo simulation

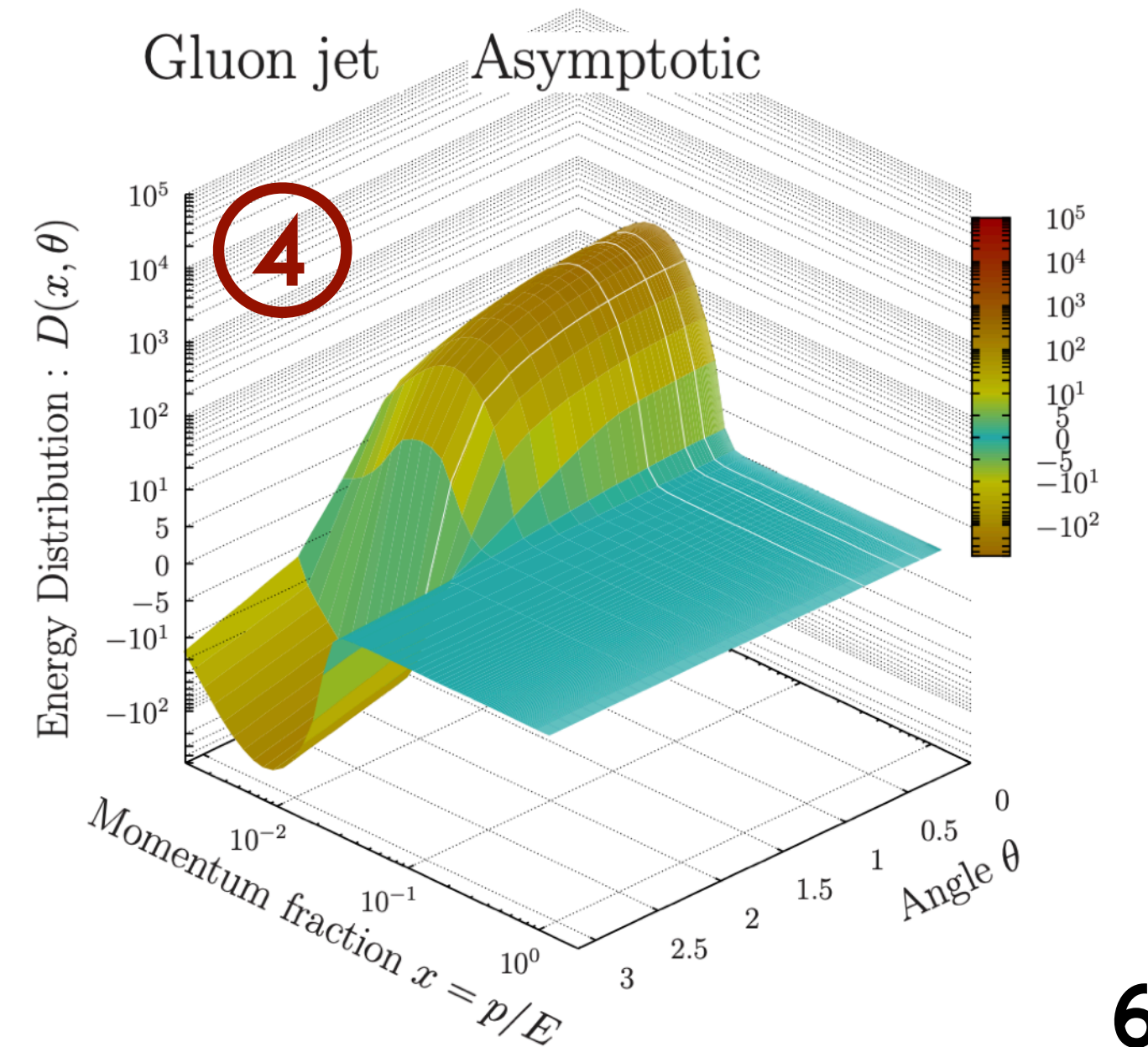
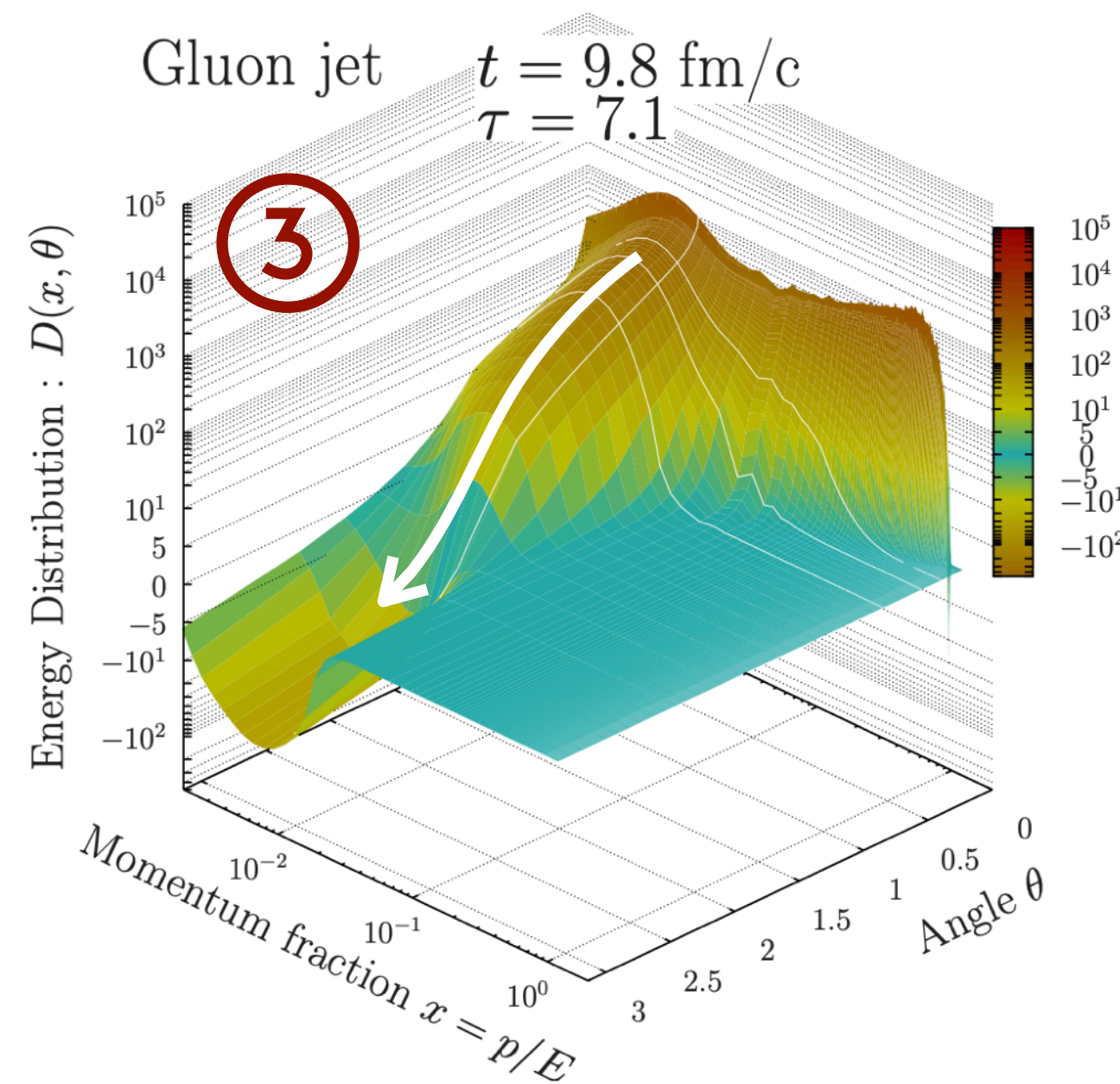
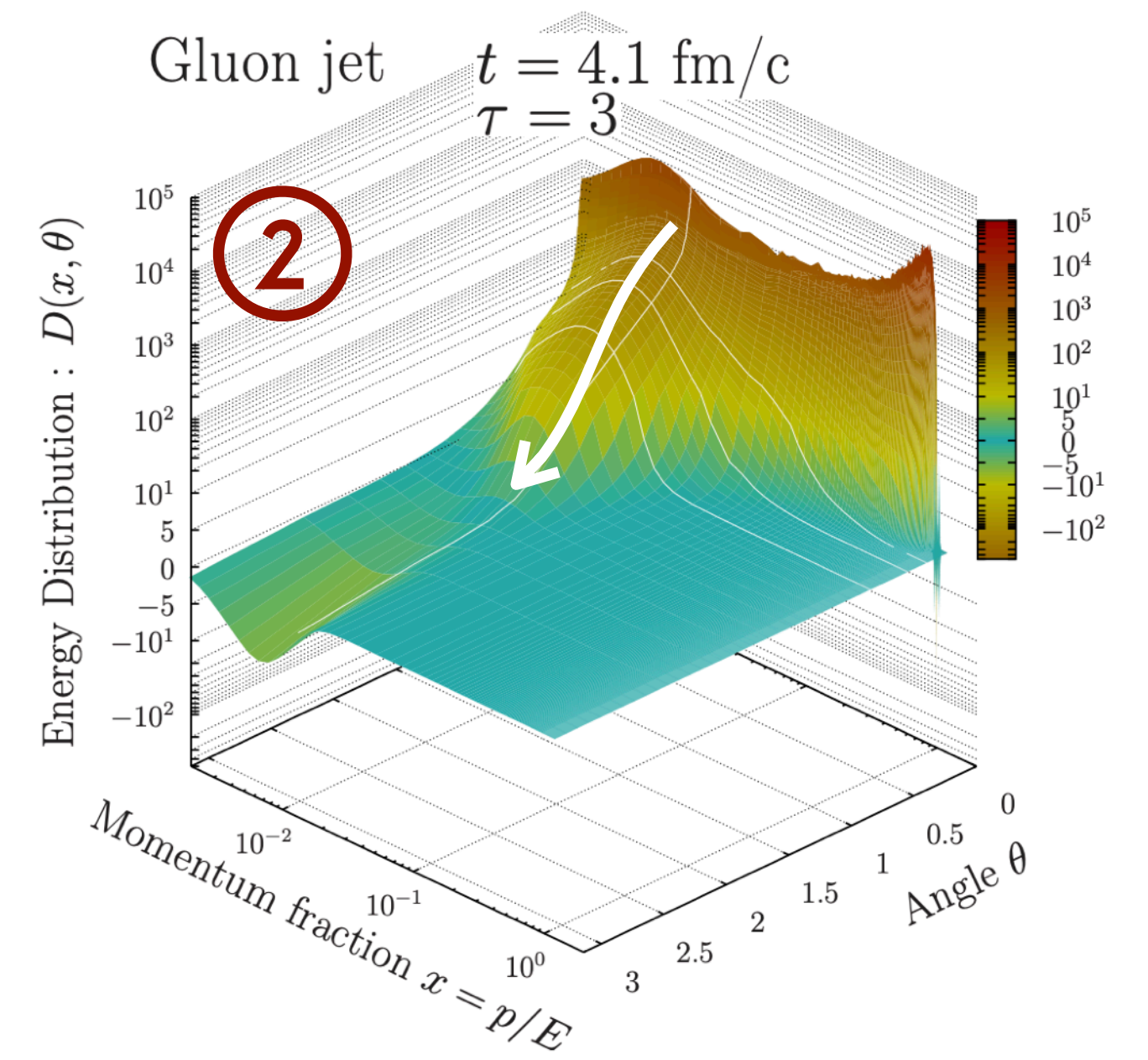
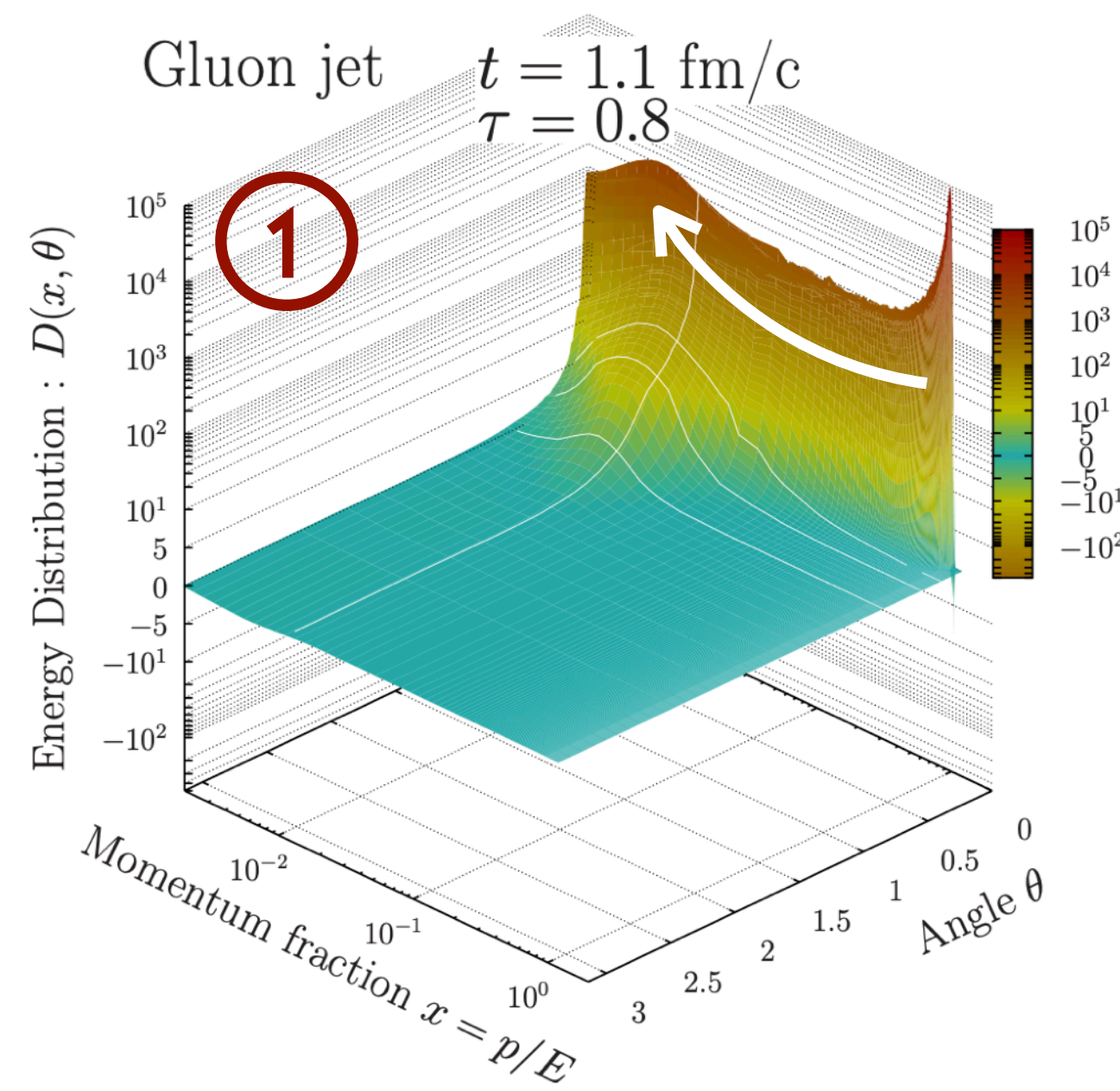
# EVOLUTION OF THE JET

① **Collinear energy cascade** towards the soft sector confined to narrow cone  $\theta < 0.3$

Radiative break-up of the parton is the main contribution

② + ③ **Angular cascade:**  
Soft fragments  $x \sim T/E$  spread out to large angles ( $\theta \sim 1$ ) via elastic interactions

④ Jet thermalizes in a parametrically long time, when all hard partons have decayed

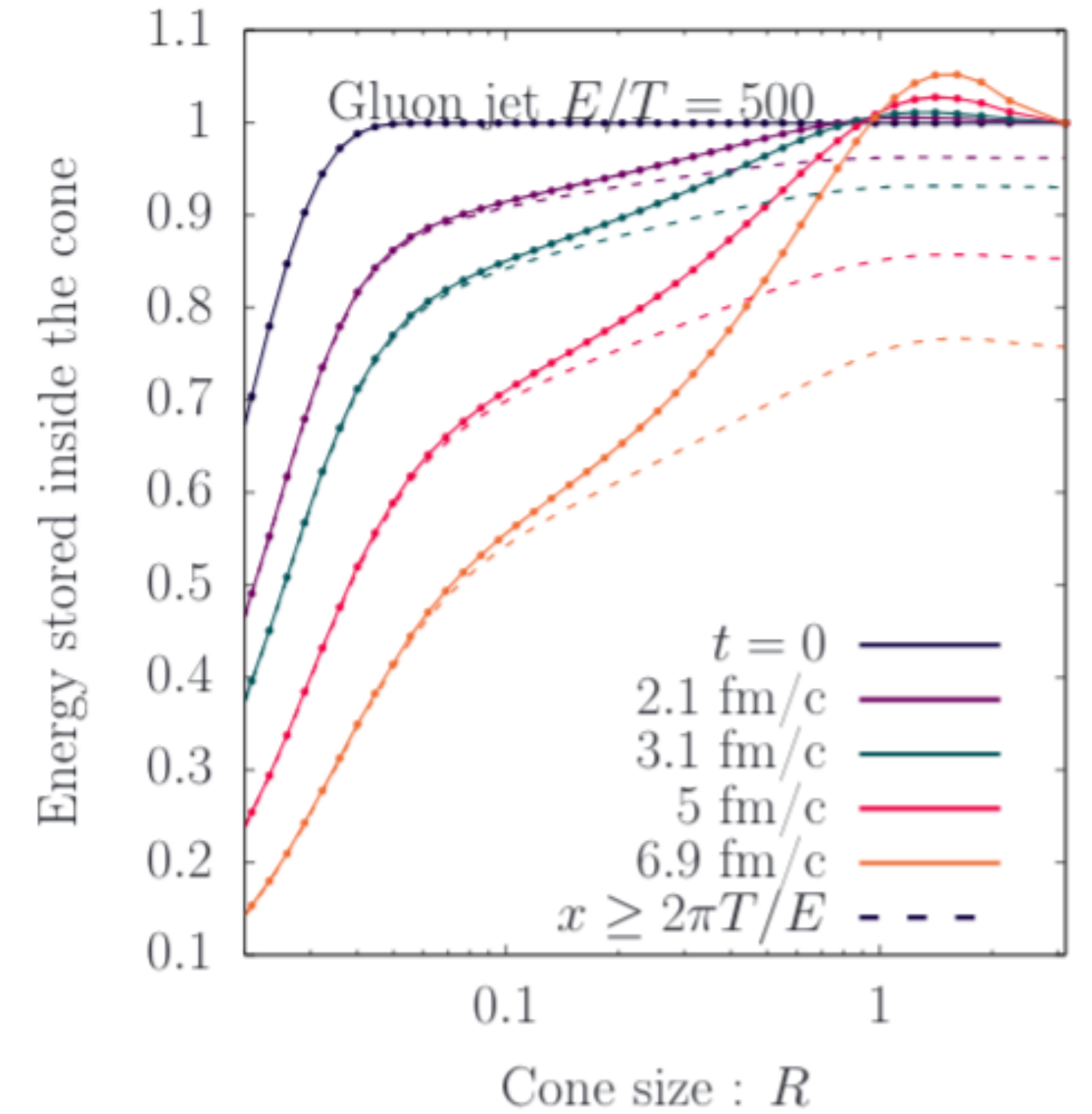
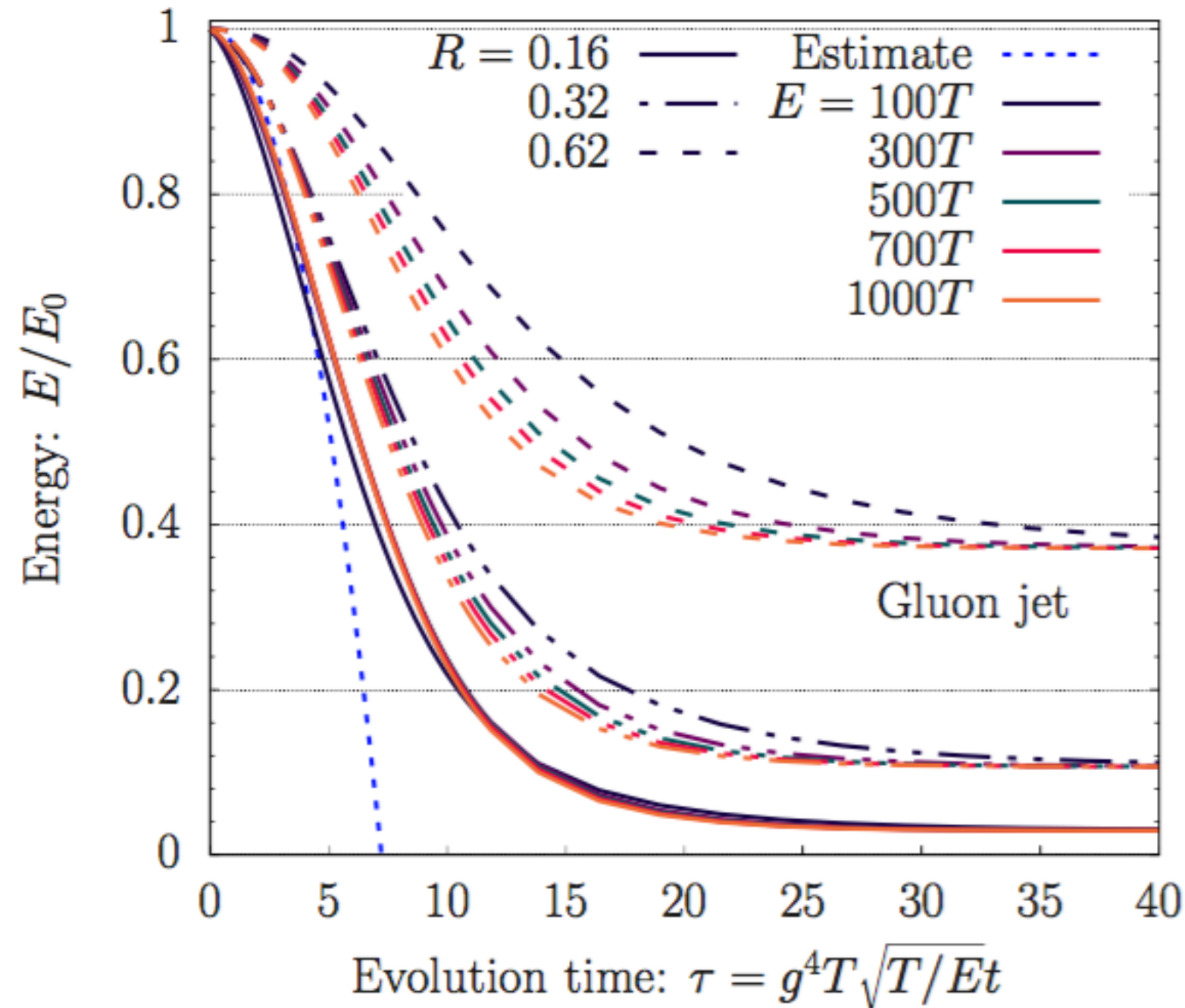


# ENERGY-LOSS OUT OF CONE

- The energy inside a cone is given by

$$E(R, \tau) = E \sum_a \int dx \int_{\cos R}^1 d\cos \theta D_{a/\text{jet}}(x, \theta, \tau)$$

- Out-of-cone energy loss for narrow cones ( $R \sim 0.3$ ) governed by radiative break-up of hard fragments + rapid broadening of soft fragments

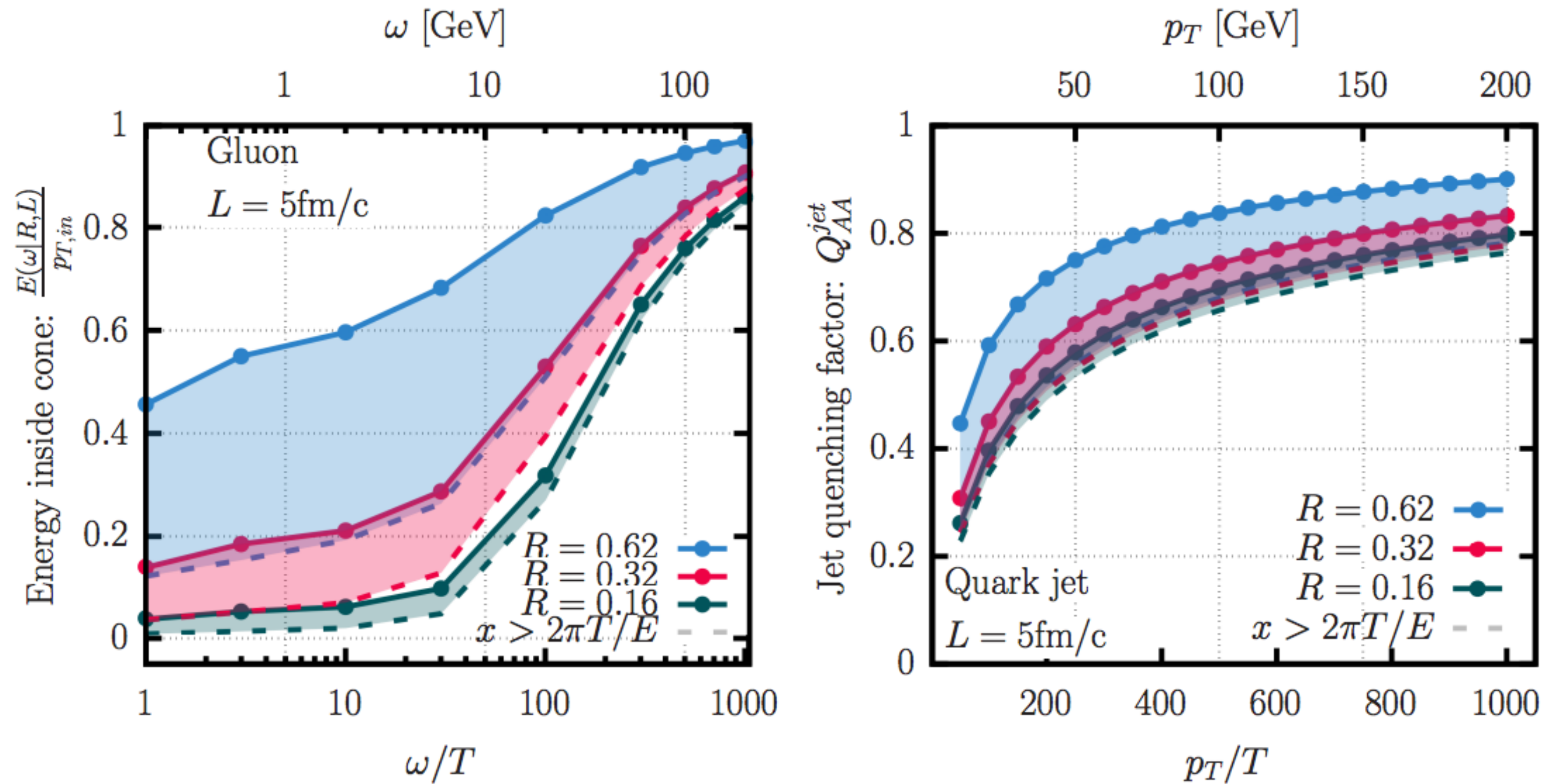


Energy ( $E/T$ ) dependence governed by radiative emission rates of the primary hard parton;  
**confirming energy loss picture**



# SOME EARLY PHENO: JET QUENCHING

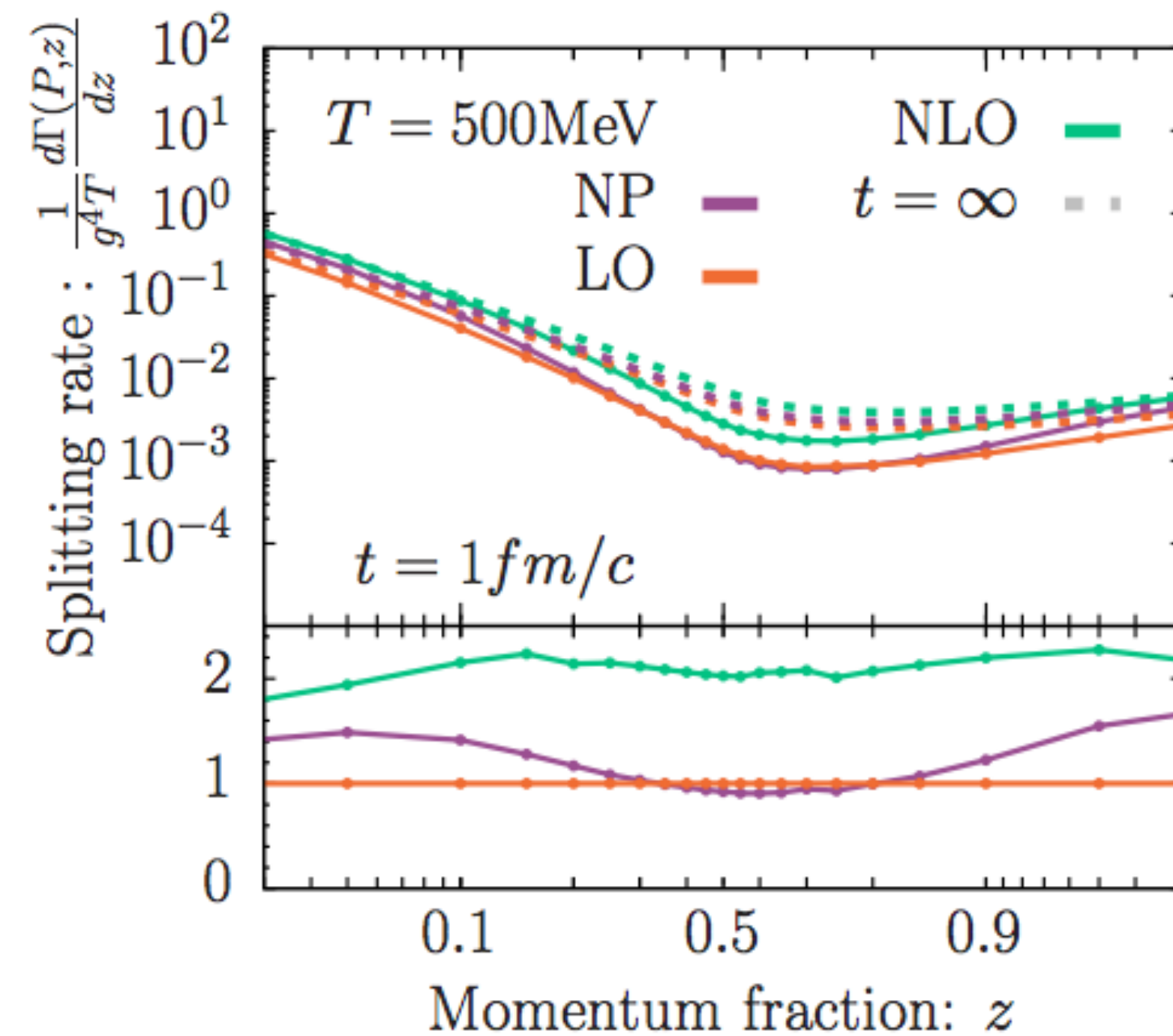
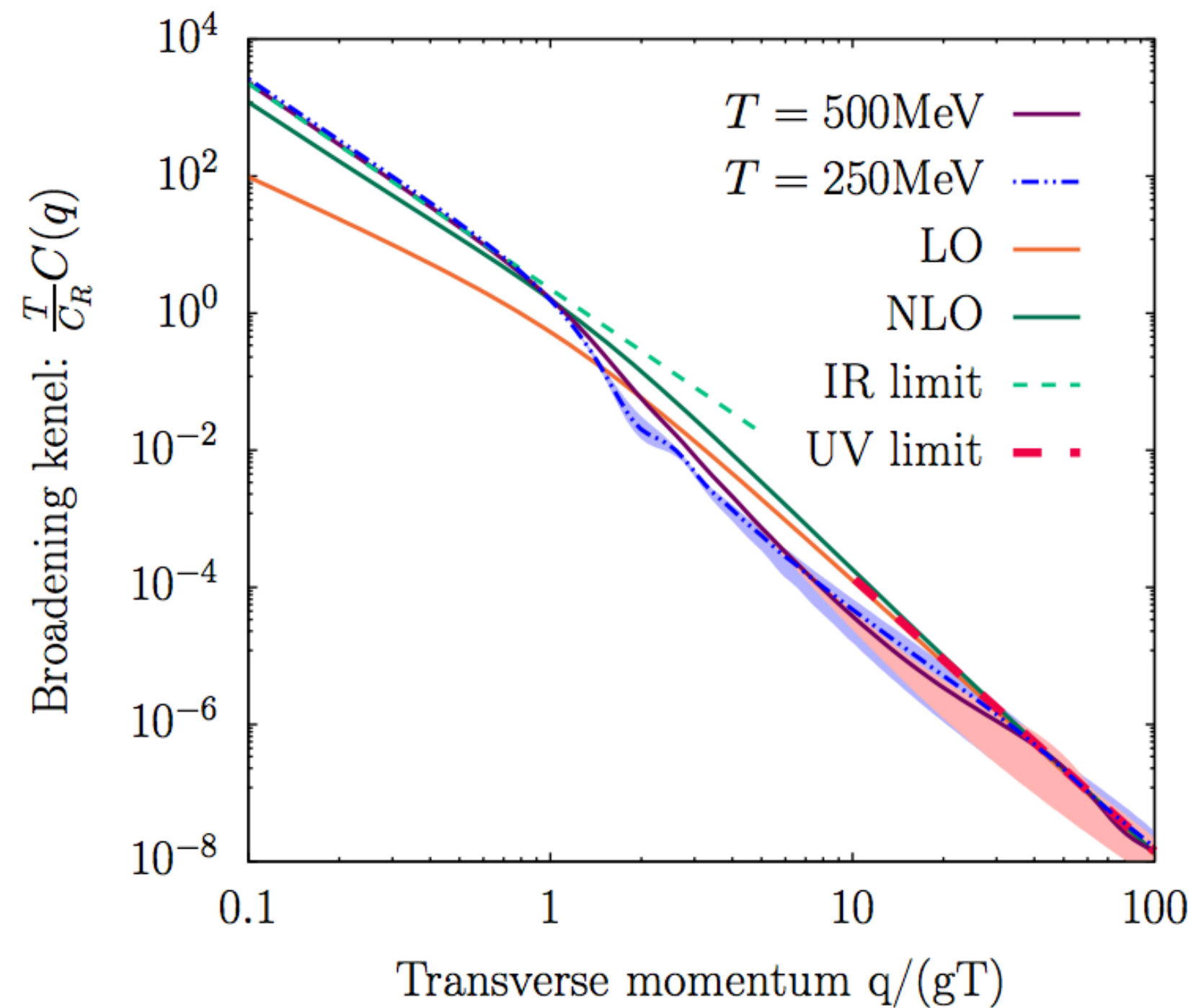
- Jet quenching of leading parton gives a remarkable sensitivity to cone size!



- Small sensitivity for  $R < 0.3$ ; can trust perturbative calculations of jet quenching
- Increased sensitivity to soft sector for  $R > 0.3$ ; this is where to search for medium response

# IMPROVED IN-MEDIUM SPLITTING RATES

- Determination of the finite  $L$  in-medium splitting rates for non-perturbatively determined collisional broadening kernel  $C(q_{\perp})$ 
  - strong enhancement of small  $q_{\perp}$  processes
- Significant effect of  $C(q_{\perp})$  on in-medium splitting rates, not clear that medium induced radiation is properly described in terms of one phenomenological quenching parameter  $\hat{q}$



# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## INELASTIC

Following up on the improvement on the inelastic rates to finite size → Inclusion of medium temperature variability.

## ELASTIC

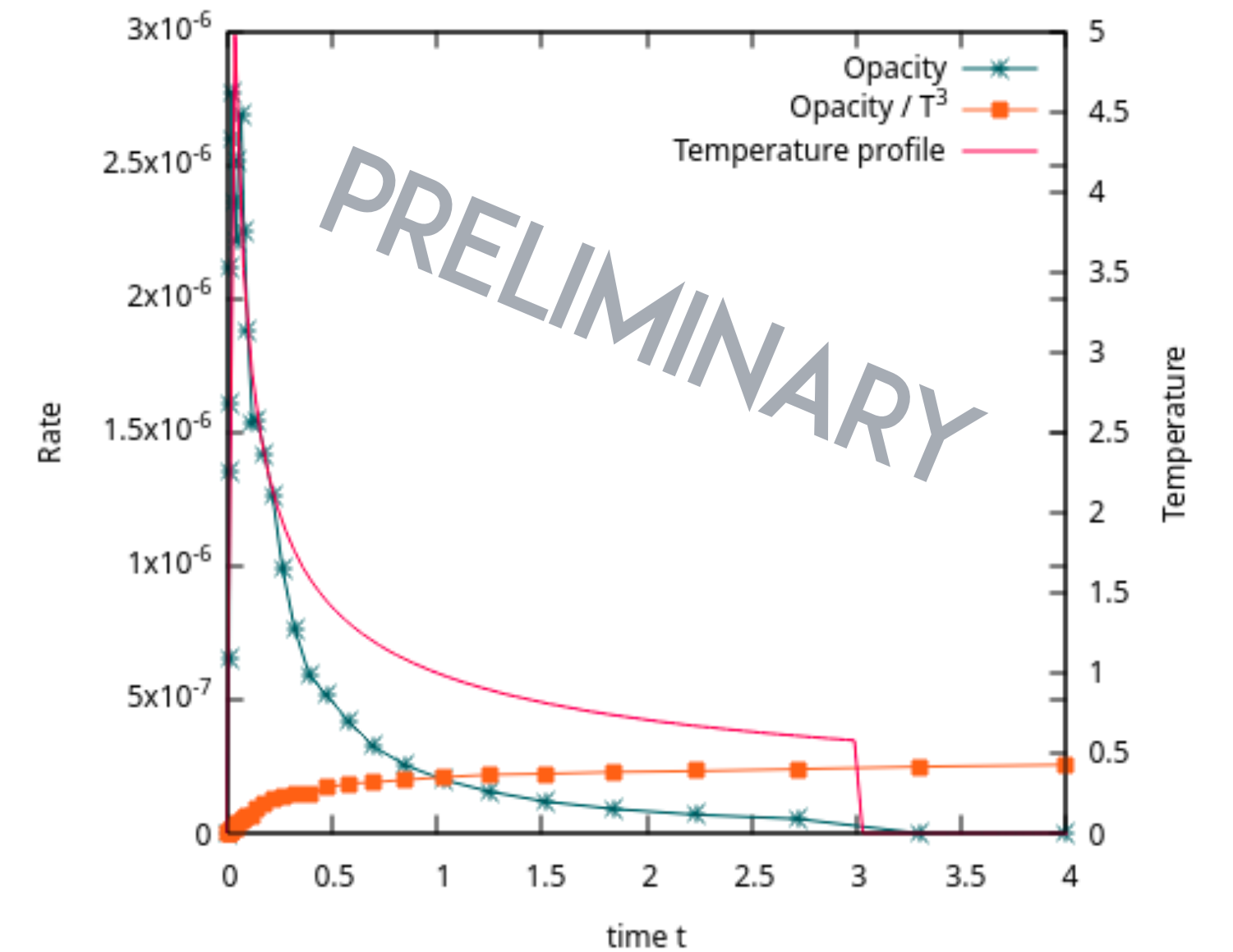
By using a set of a complete set of interpolators, the problem is mapped to a linear algebra problem

$$\partial_t \delta f = C[T, \delta f] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \partial_t |\delta f\rangle = \hat{C}[T] |\delta f\rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\delta f(t_{i+1})\rangle = \exp \left[ \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \hat{C}[T(t)] \right] |\delta f(t_i)\rangle$$

Now, the problem is easy to solve, but  $\hat{C}$  is expensive. Treat it as a change of basis.

$$|\delta f(t_{i+1})\rangle = L[T(t)] \exp \left[ \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt T(t) \hat{C}[T = 1] \right] M[T(t)] |\delta f(t_i)\rangle$$

Goal: The formulation of a fast code which will allow evaluation of this evolution ***en-masse*** in a jet-MC.



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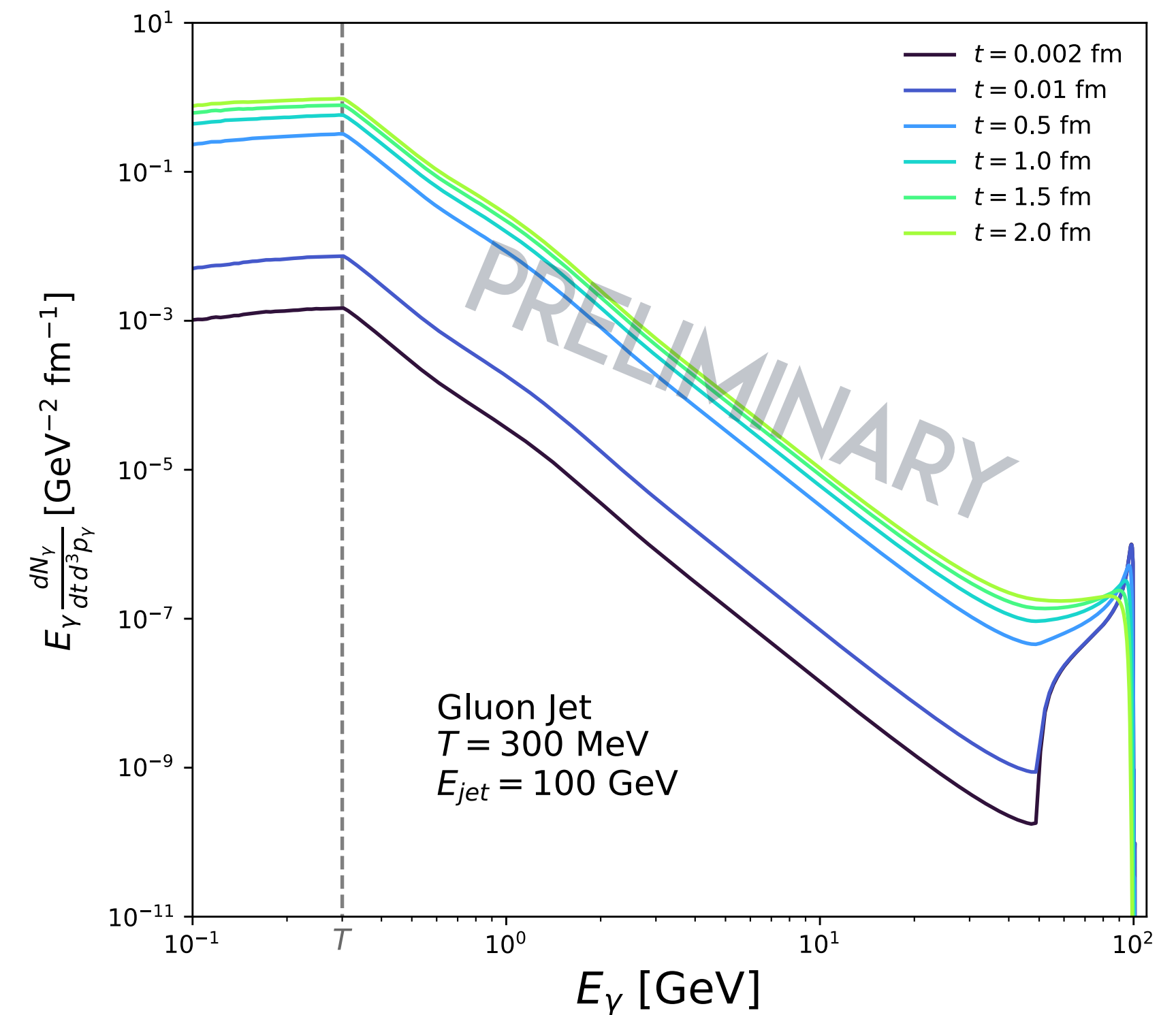
## JET-PHOTONS

- Explore electro-magnetic probes induced by jets as additional possibility to study thermalization of soft fragments
- Electro-magnetic radiation sensitive to current fluctuations

$$\Gamma(Q) \sim \int_{x-y} \langle J^\mu(x) J^\nu(y) \rangle e^{iQ(x-y)}$$

- Electro-magnetic hard fragments induce rare high- $p_\perp$  radiation
- Soft fragments ( $\sim T$ ) induce large current fluctuations that are correlated with the jet

GM, Gebhard, Elfner, Schlichting, *in preparation*.



Sensitive to energy deposition into soft medium but still need to estimate yields/feasibility

# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS



Energy loss out of the jet's cone and thermalization of highly energetic partons/jets are governed by a two stage process: 1) **nearly collinear cascade** + 2) **broadening of soft fragments**



Jets with strong suppression may be excellent probes for the thermalization dynamics, due to variation of the observables wrt. the cone-size and energy range  $p_{\perp, min}$ .



Next steps towards development of full MC Generator for jet quenching & medium response within QCD Kinetic Theory:

Include finite  $L$  emission rates

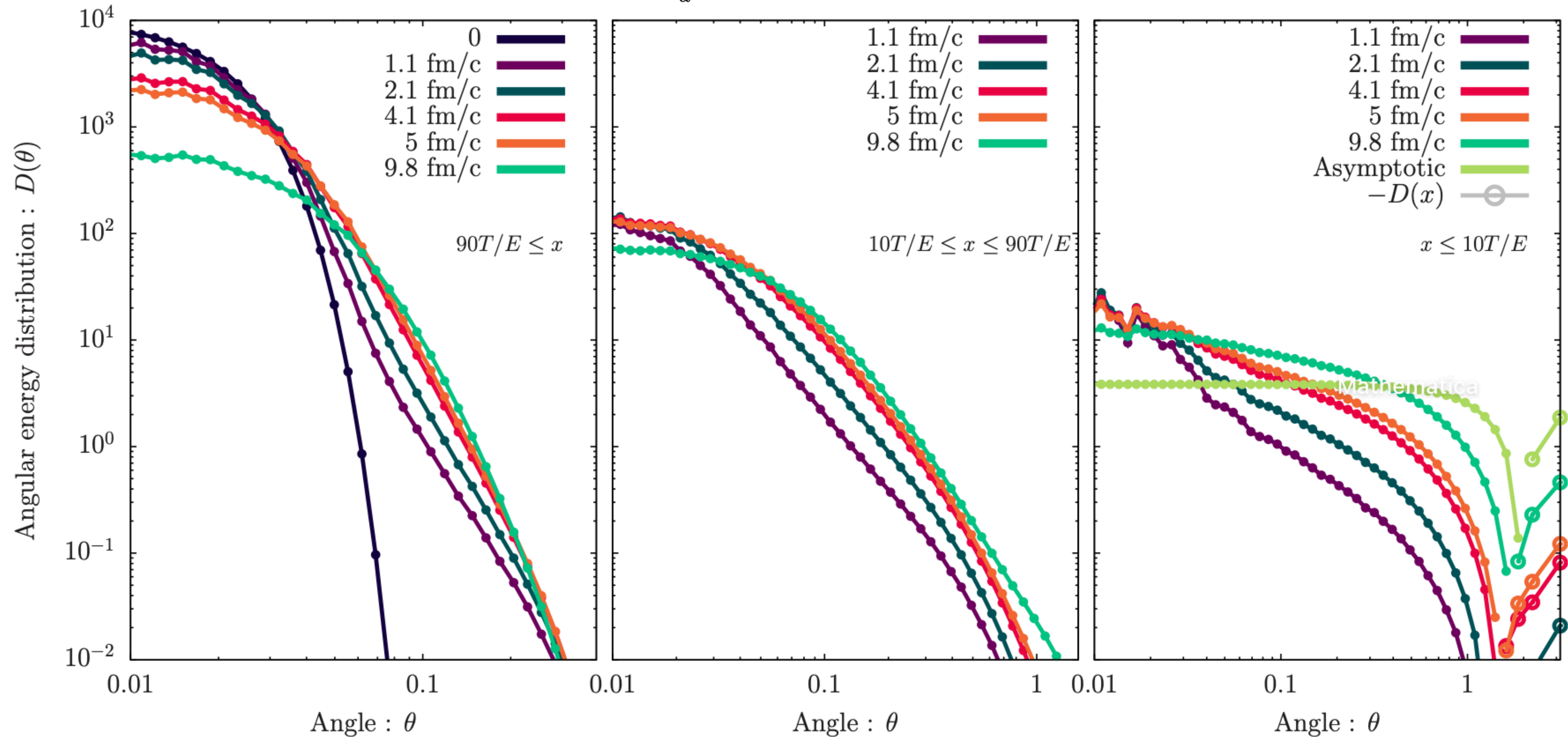
early vacuum like emissions

evolution of realistic medium Background

**BACKUP**

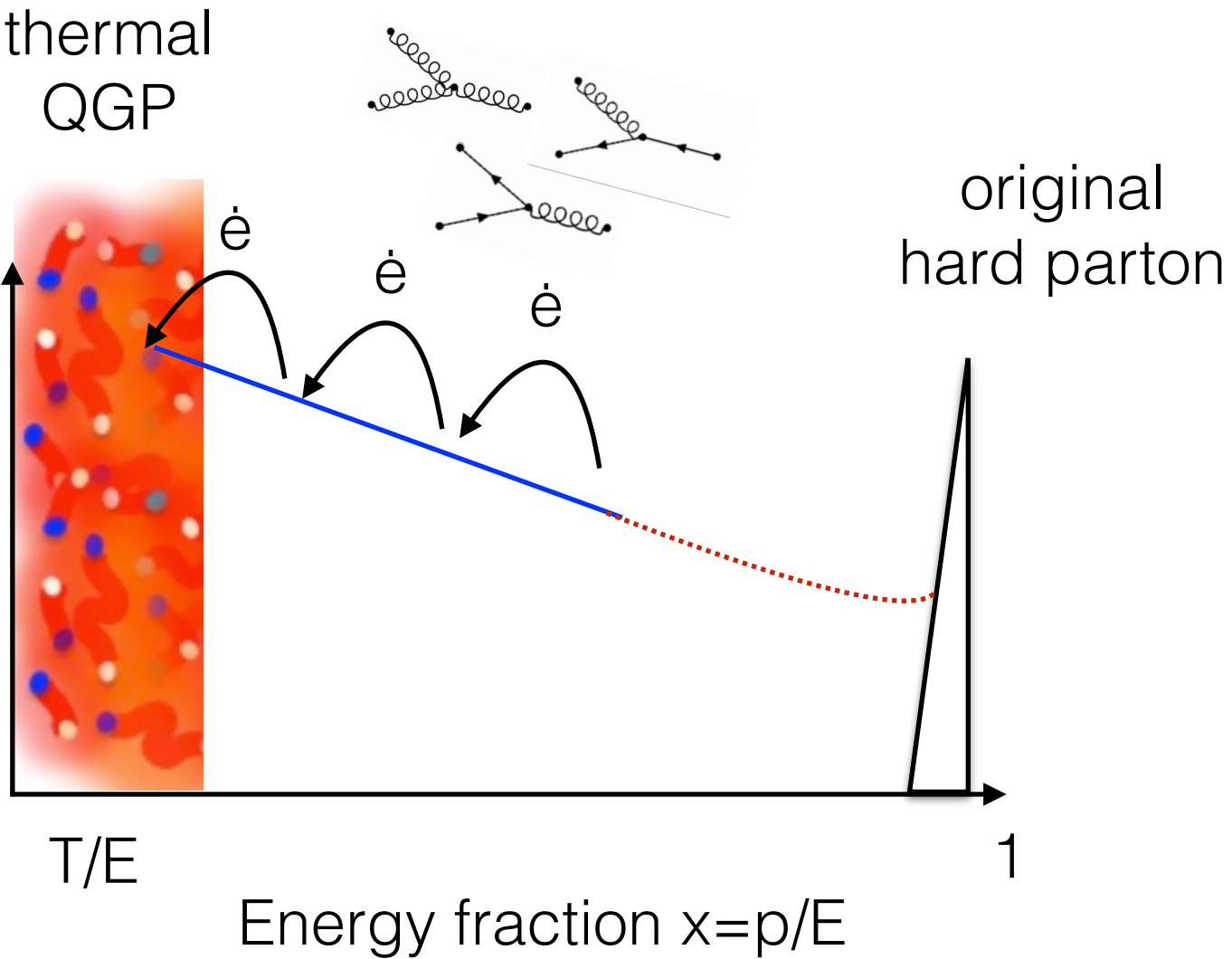
# STRUCTURE OF THE ANGULAR CASCADE

$$D(\theta, t)|_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} = \sum_a \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx D_{a/\text{jet}}(x, \theta, t)$$

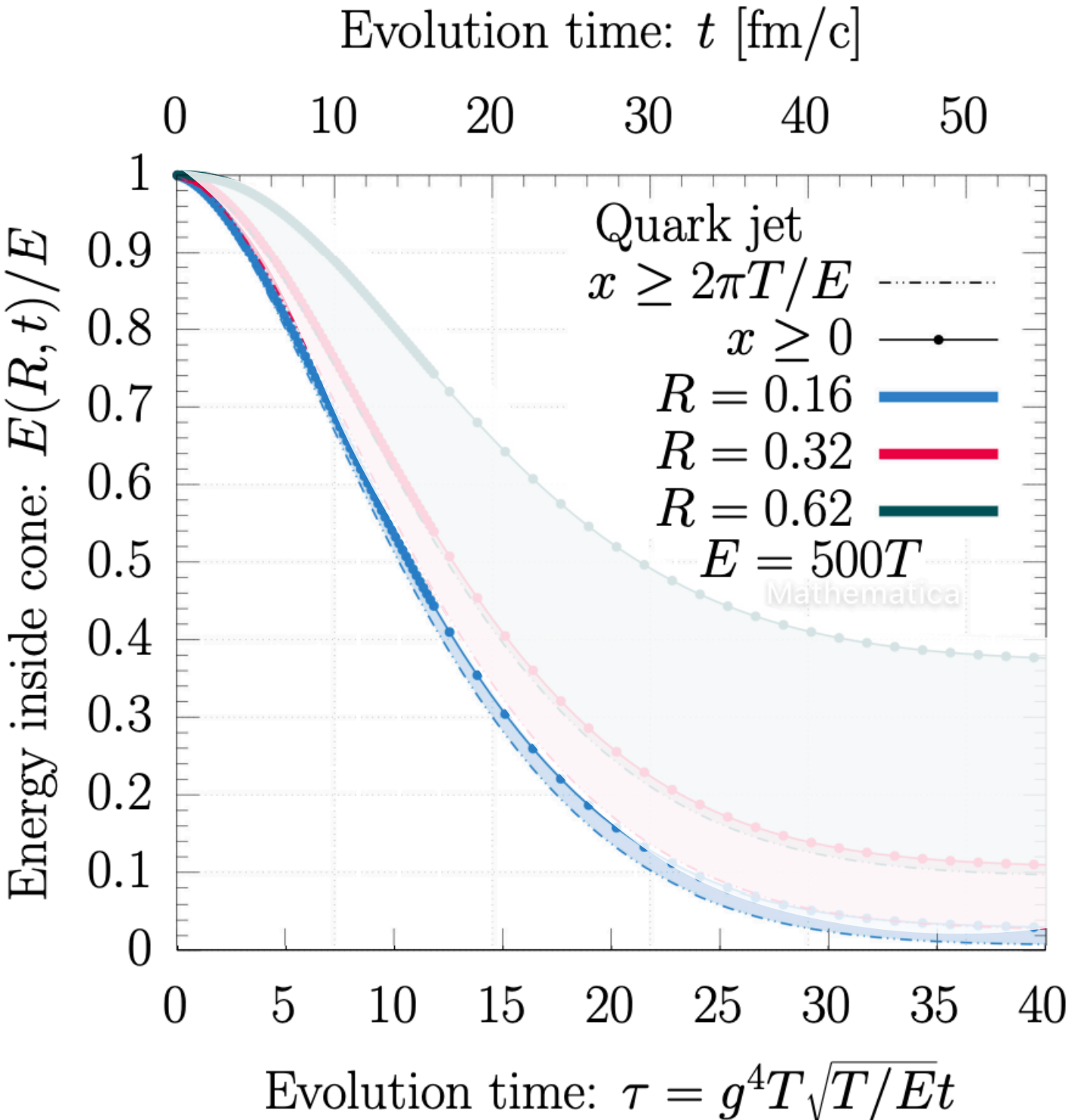
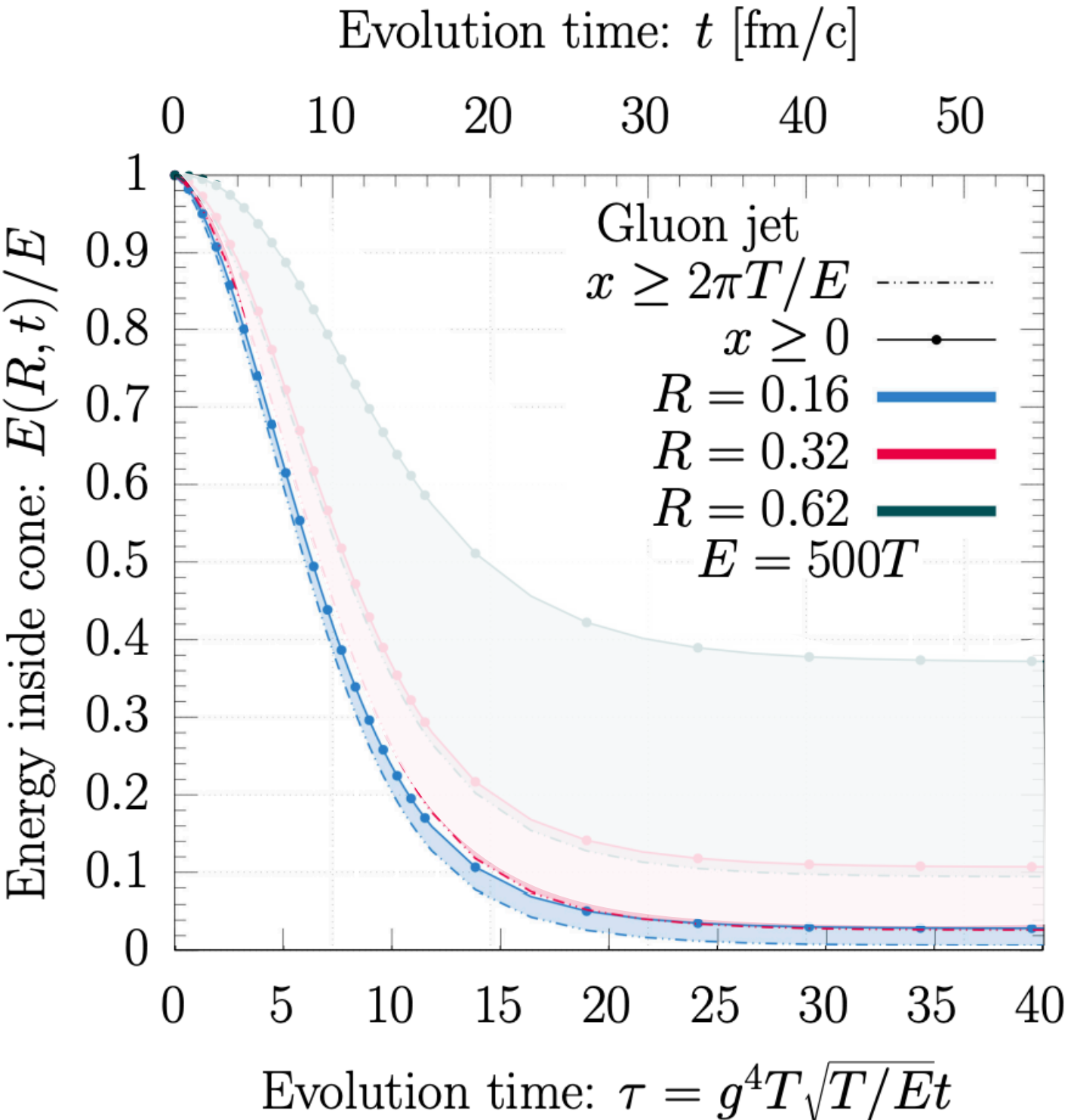


# THE ENERGY CASCADE: IN-CONE ENERGY LOSS

- In-elastic processes dominate at intermediate scales,  $T/E \ll x \ll 1$
- In the intermediate scales, transport of energy is done via the quasi-stationary solution of the radiative kernel, namely  $D(x) \sim x^{-1/2}$ , which is analogous to the Kolmogorov-Zhakarov turbulent spectrum.
- The energy is transported through such a cascade all the way to  $T/E$ , where energy is absorbed by the thermal QGP and goes out to large angles



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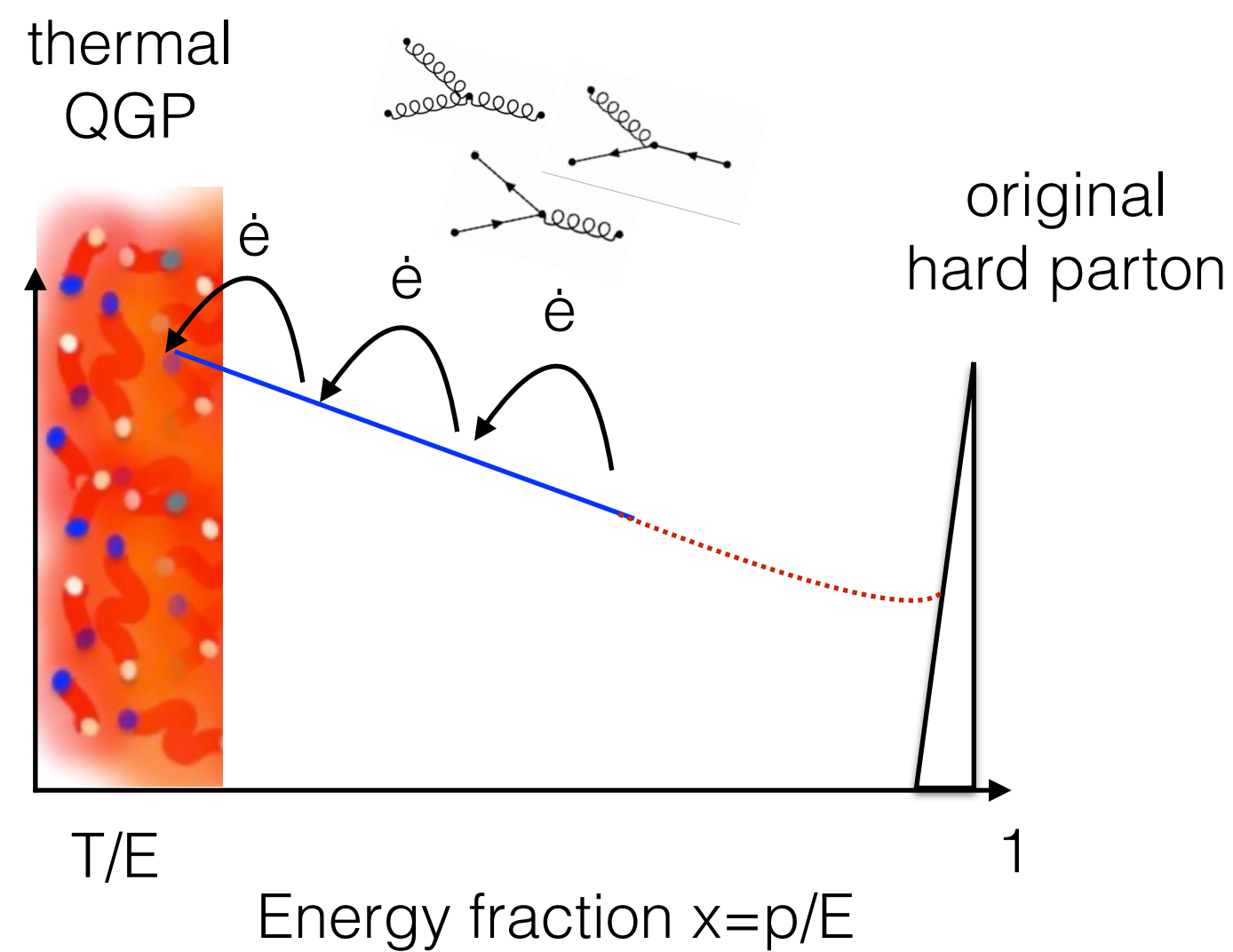


(c.f. Baier, Mueller, Schiff, Son; Blaizot, Mehtar-Tani, Iancu)



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