

The glue that binds us all:

Probing the nature of gluonic matter
with an electron-ion collider

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Outline of Talk

- A brief introduction to QCD and the essential role of gluons
- What do we know about gluonic matter ?
- What do we wish to learn about glue ?
- How do we accomplish this ?





Fundamental particles and their interactions

QUARKS $S=1/2$		LEPTONS $S=1/2$		GAUGE BOSONS $S=1$
$Q = -2/3$	$Q = -1/3$	$Q = -1$	$Q = 0$	quanta
u u u $m=(1-4) 10^{-3}$	d d d $m=(5-8) 10^{-3}$	e $m=5.11 10^{-4}$	ν_e $m < 3 10^{-9}$	$g_1 \dots g_8$ $m < \text{a few } 10^{-3}$
c c c $m=1.0-1.4$	s s s $m=0.08-0.15$	μ $m=0.10566$	ν_μ $m < 1.9 10^{-4}$	γ $m < 2 10^{-25}$
t t t $m=174.3 \pm 5.1$	b b b $m=4.0-4.5$	τ $m=1.7770$	ν_τ $m < 18.2 10^{-3}$	W^\pm, Z^0 $m_W=80.432 \pm 0.39,$ $m_Z=91.1876 \pm 0.0021$

All masses in GeV units

QCD →

QED ↗

Interaction	exchanged boson	relative strength	example
Strong	Gluon (g)	1	
Electromagnet.	Photon (γ)	$1/137$	
Weak	W^+, W^-, Z^0	10^{-14}	
Gravitation	Graviton (G) ?	10^{-40}	

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) in the news...

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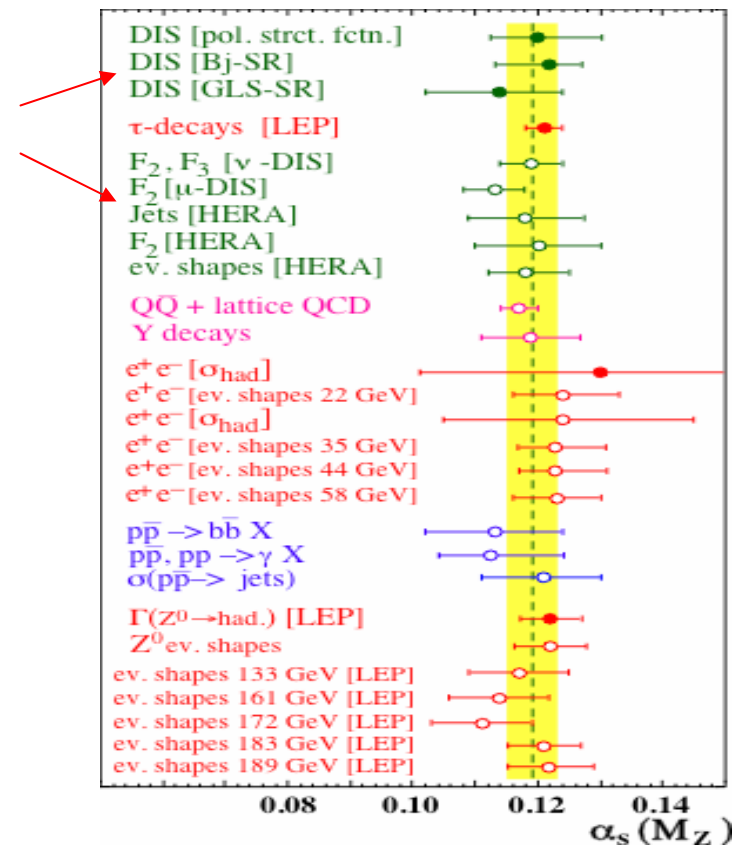
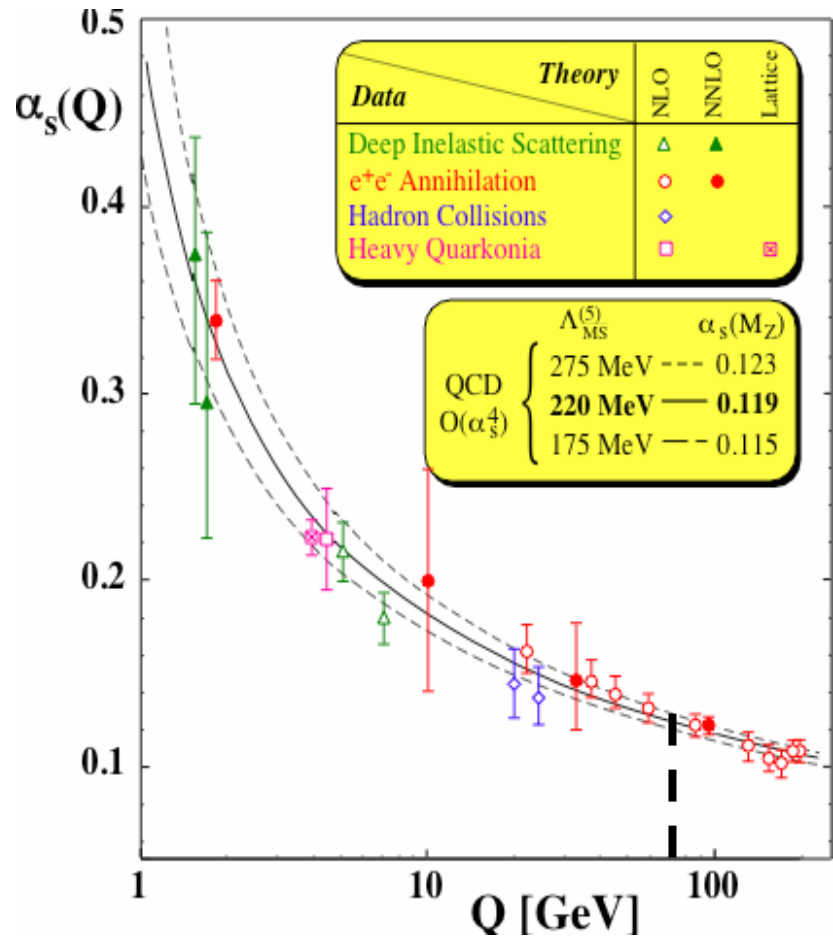
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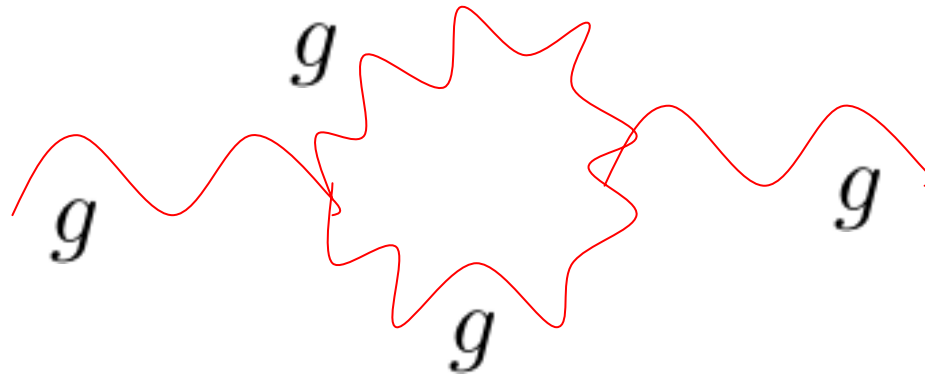
The 2004 Nobel prize in physics

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For the discovery of asymptotic freedom in QCD- the theory of the strong interaction...



In QCD, one has “anti-screening” because **colored** gluons can interact with each other...

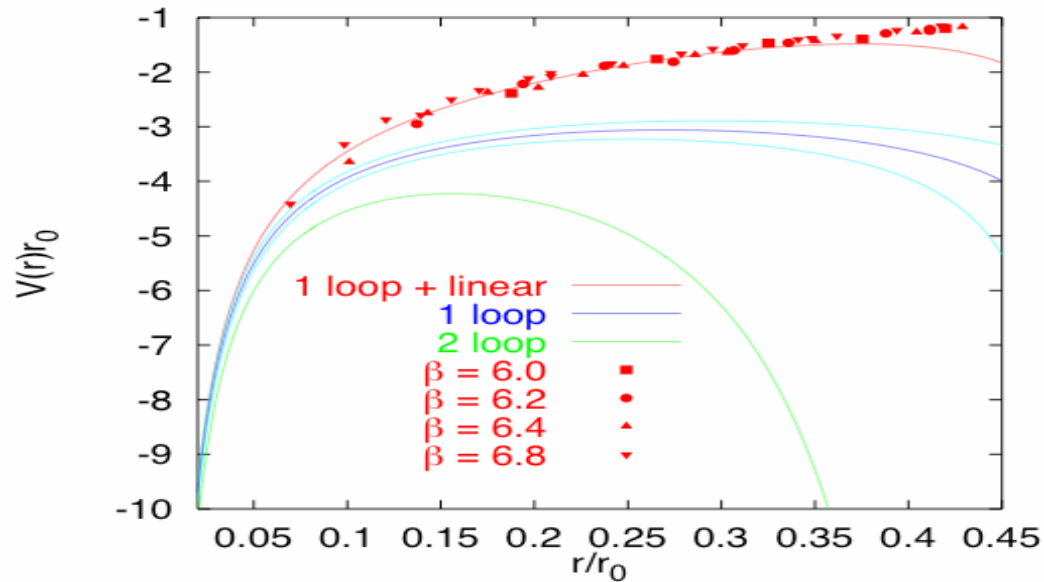


The coupling between **color** charges gets weaker at high energies- or short distances...

Infrared Slavery

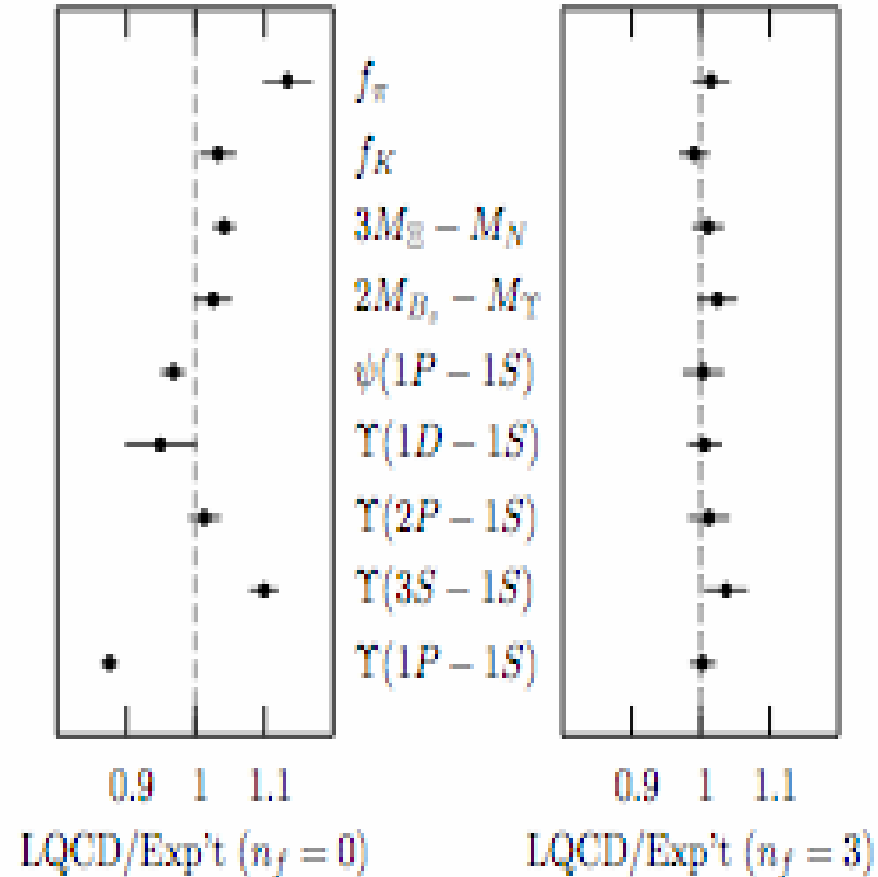


$$V(r) = \sigma r - \frac{e}{r} \quad \sigma = 425 \text{ MeV}^2 ; e \approx 0.5$$



Potential between static quark-anti-quark pair grows linearly at large distances -
provides intuitive picture of confinement

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QCD explains 99.9% of observable mass of the universe!

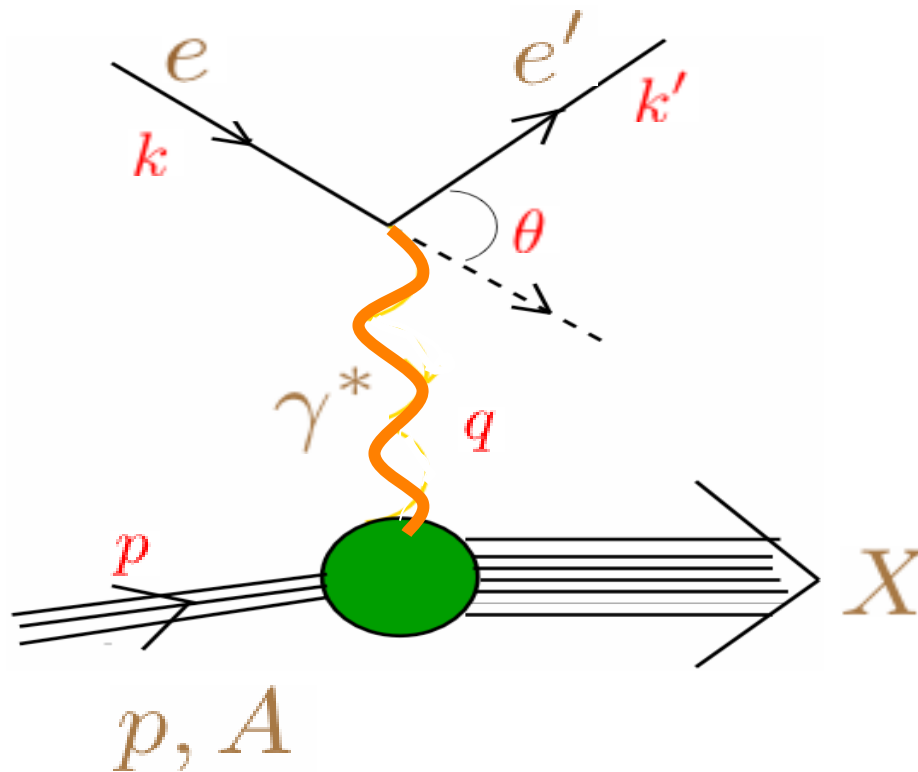
(Quenched QCD explains mass spectrum to ~ 10%)

**What do we know about
gluonic matter ?**

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DEEPLY INELASTIC SCATTERING

The simplest way to study hadronic structure at short distances...



R. Hofstadter



Kinematic Invariants s Q^2 x_{Bj}

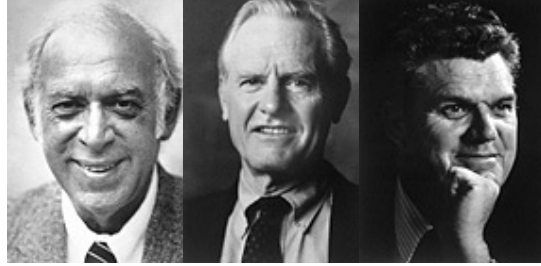
$$x_{Bj} \approx \frac{Q^2}{s}$$

DIS inclusive cross-section:

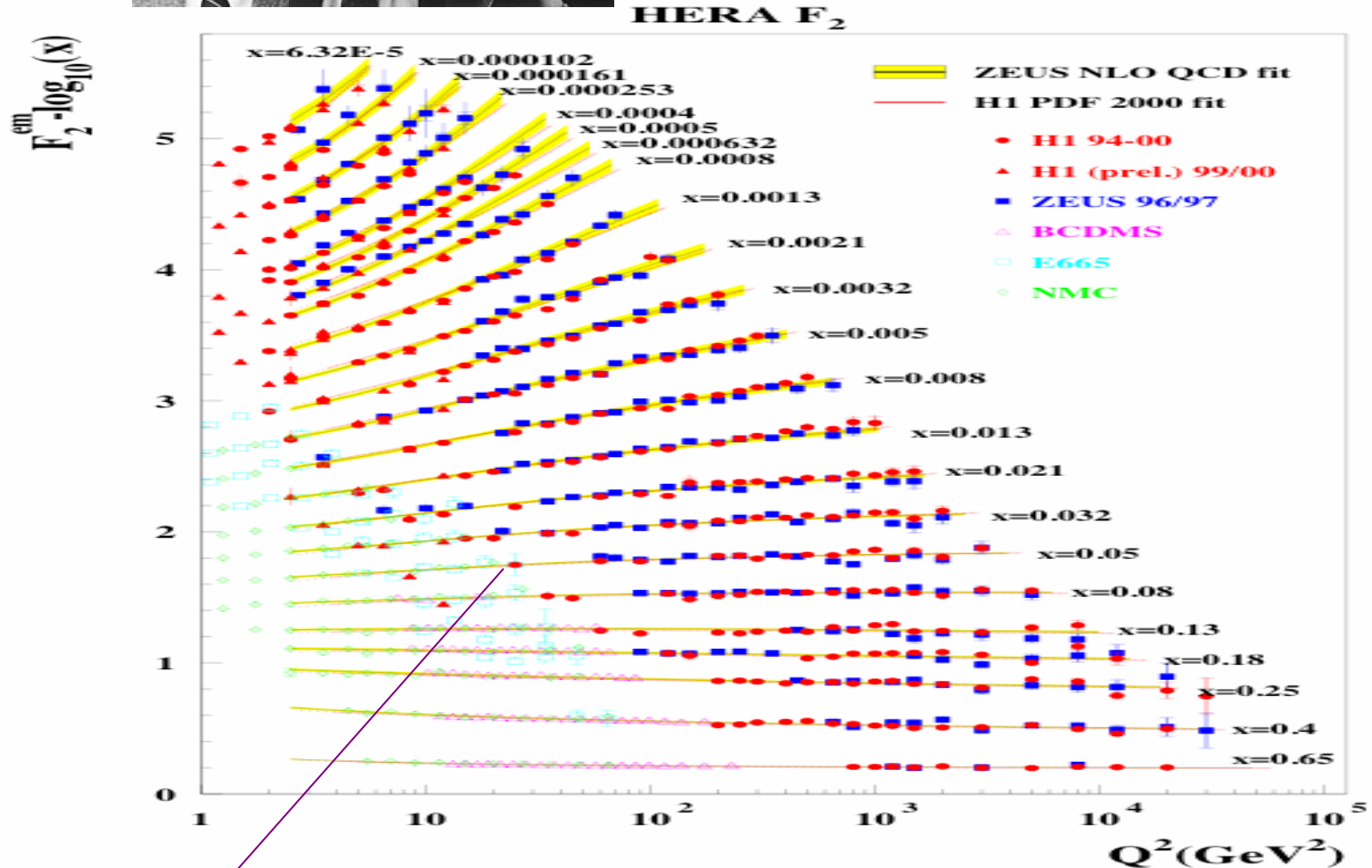
$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{ep \rightarrow eX}}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{em.}}{xQ^4} [y^2 x F_1(x, Q^2) + (1-y)F_2(x, Q^2)]$$

Structure functions

Rutherford cross-section



Friedman, Kendall, Taylor

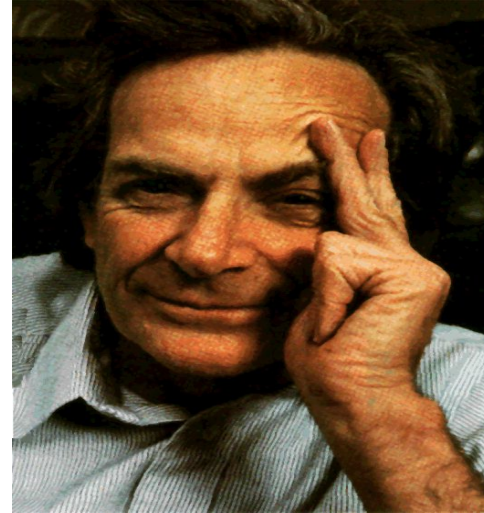


Bj-scaling - apparent scale invariance of structure functions...

DIS in the Bjorken-Feynman picture:



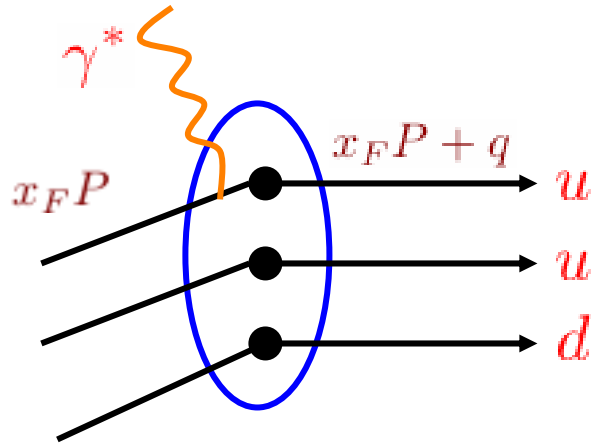
Bjorken



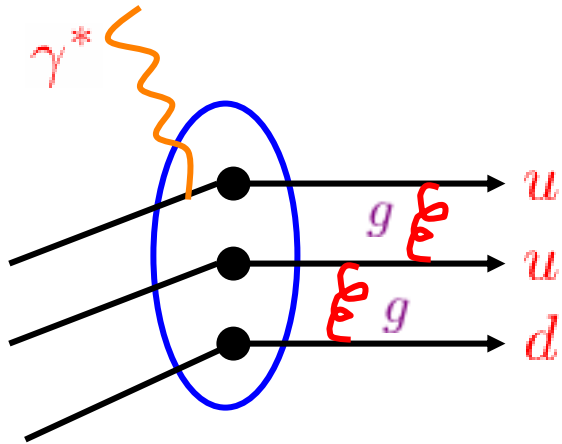
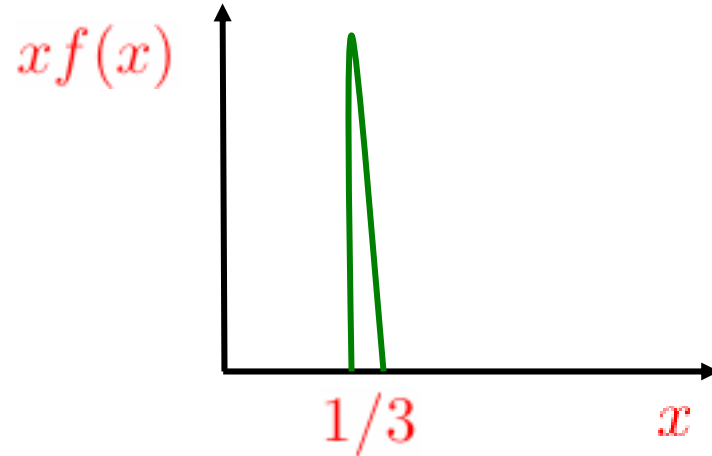
Feynman

$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty ; s \rightarrow \infty ; x_{\text{Bj}} = \text{fixed}$$

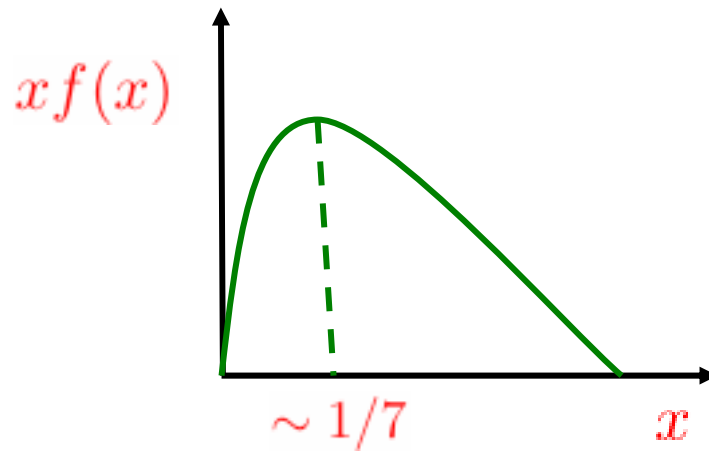
The Hadron at high energies

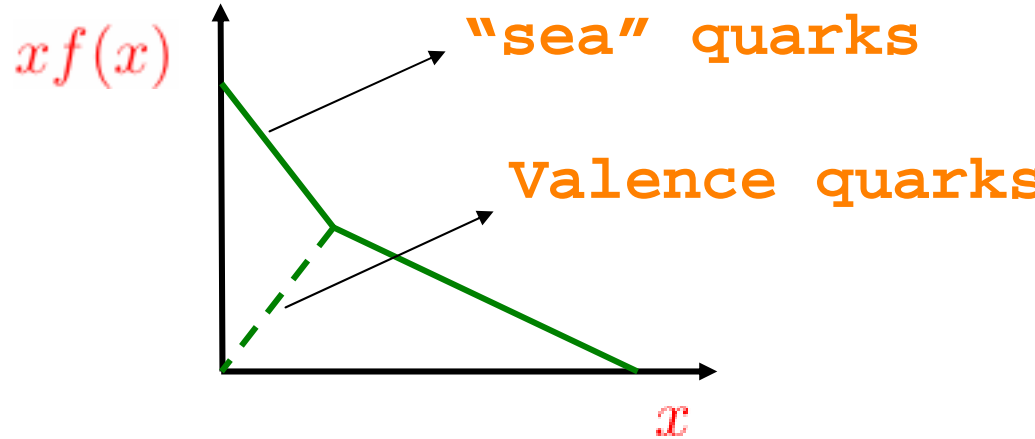
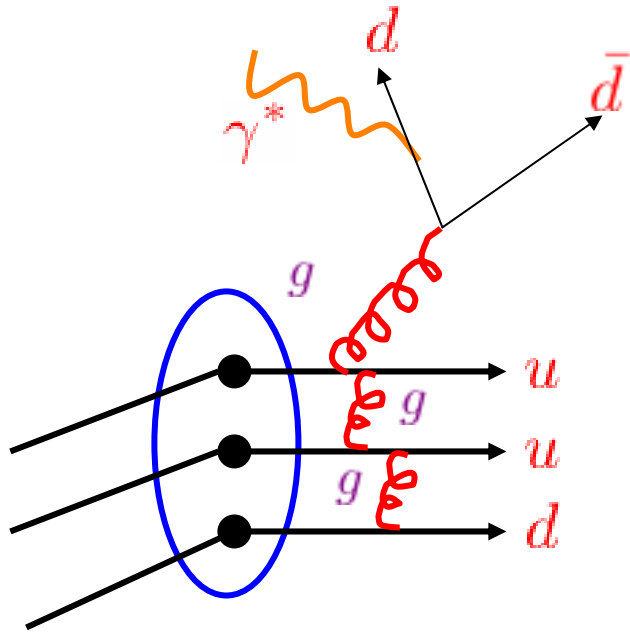


Parton model



QCD-logarithmic corrections





“X”-QCD--RG evolution

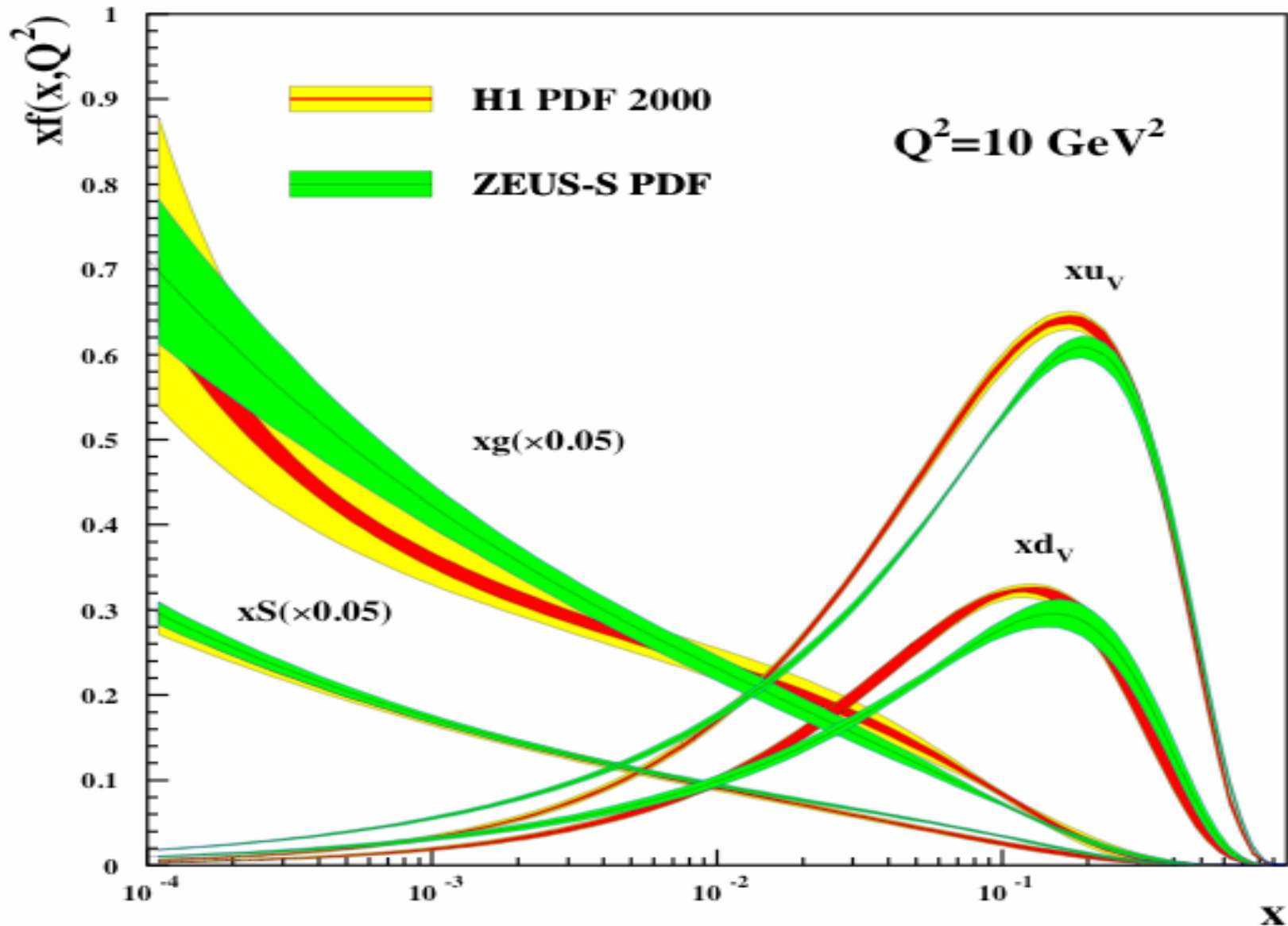
$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} (xq(x) - x\bar{q}(x)) = 3$$

of valence quarks

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} (xq(x) + x\bar{q}(x)) \rightarrow \infty$$

quarks...

THE HADRON AT HIGH ENERGIES



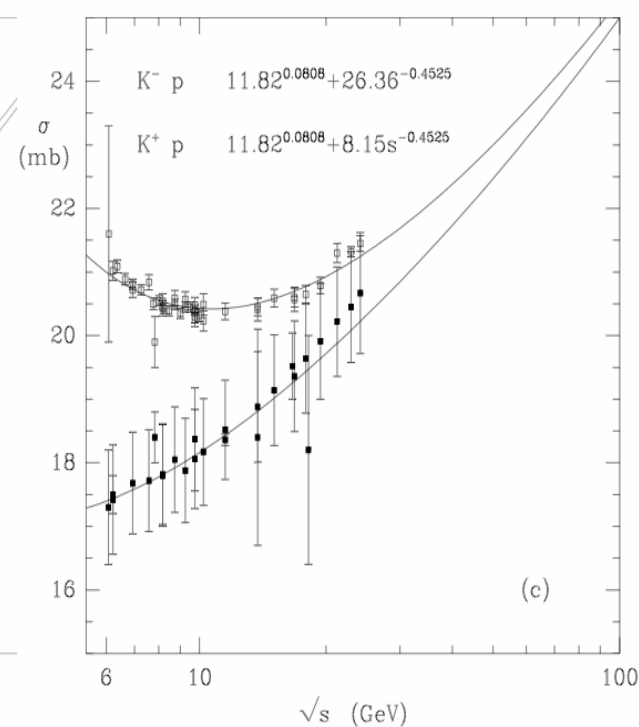
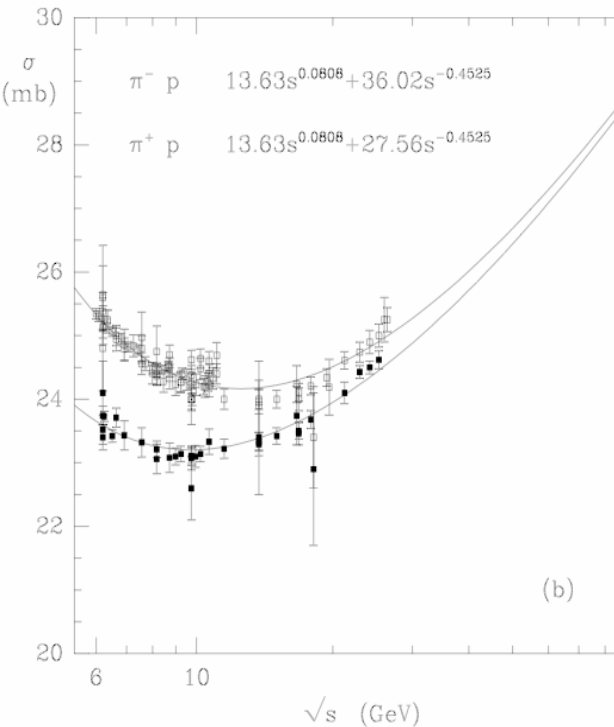
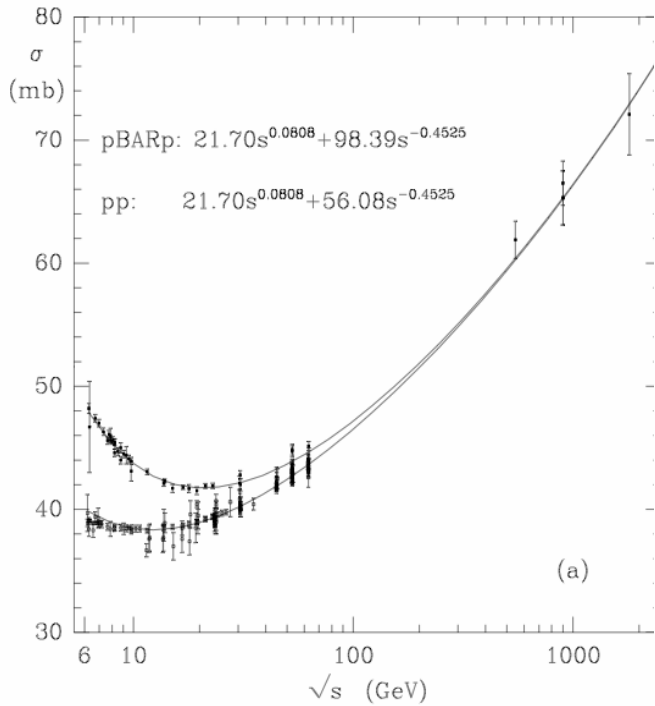
What do we wish to learn about glue ?

- a) How do gluons determine the *structure of hadrons and hadronic interactions* at high energies ?

- b) What is the nature of gluonic matter in nuclear media -how does it transform into hot and dense matter ?

- c) What is the contribution of glue to the spin of the nucleon ?

Total cross-sections



$$\sigma \propto A s^{0.0808} + B s^{-0.4525}$$

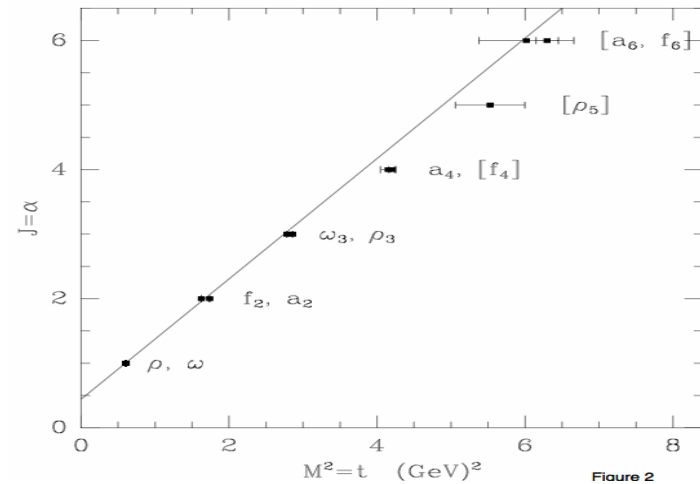
Pomeron exchange

Reggeon exchange

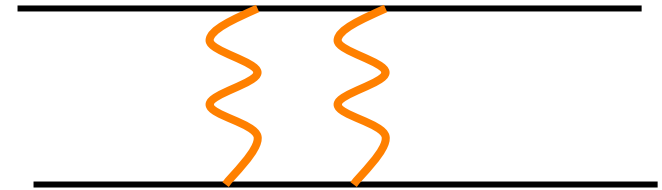
$$\frac{A^{\pi p}}{A^{pp}} \approx \frac{2}{3}$$

=> constituent quark model ?

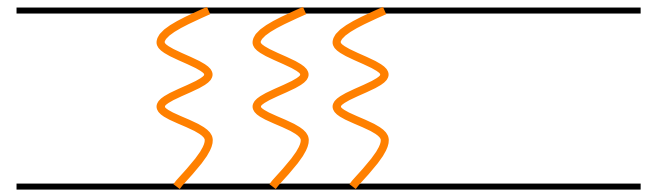
Regge trajectories



Pomeron-color singlet
t-channel glue exchange ?

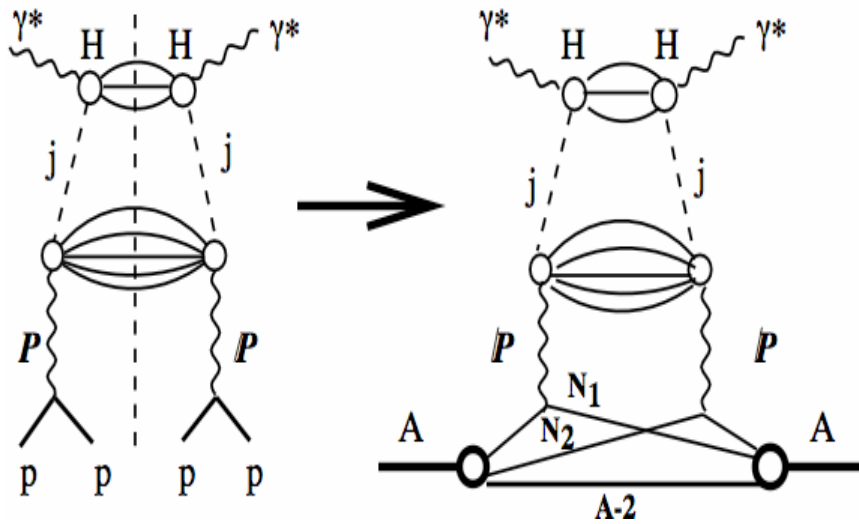


Odderon-color singlet
C-odd partner ?

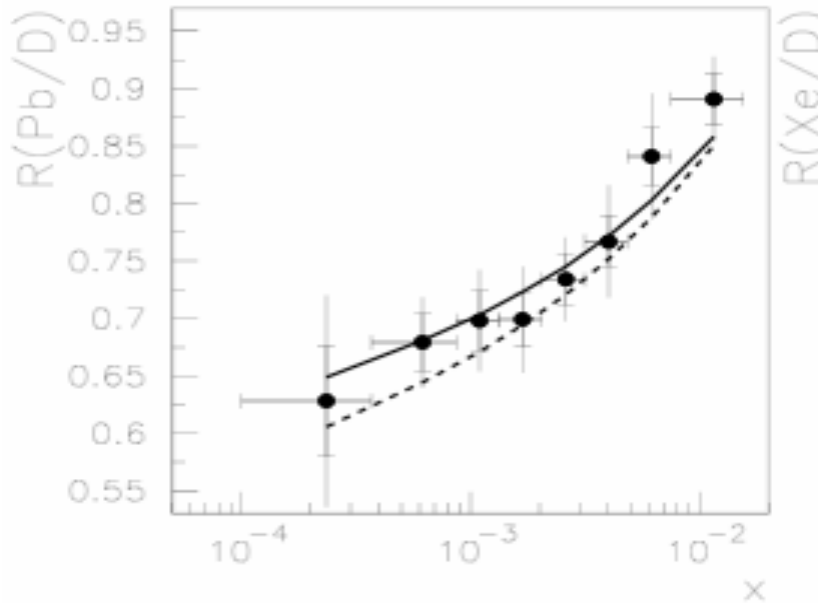


Can these be understood as “universal” quasi-particle excitations of the vacuum ?

How are they modified in nuclei ?



Gribov rules: relation between *diffractive* scattering off nucleons and *nuclear shadowing*



Extensive work on Regge phenomenology but limited understanding in QCD framework

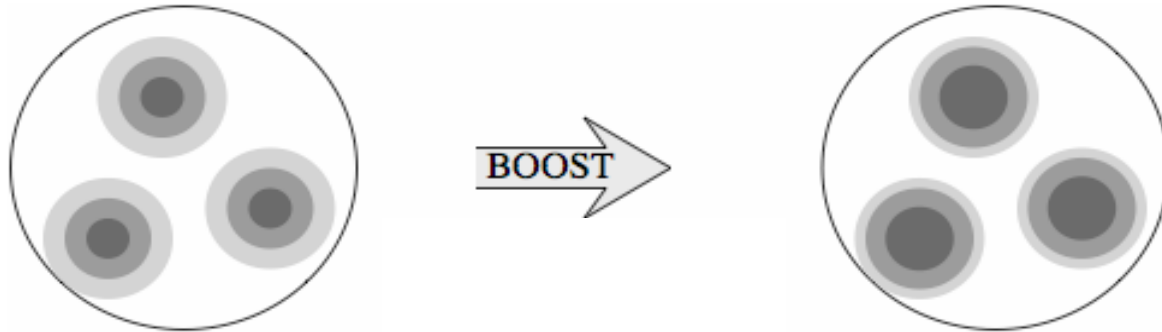
DIS in the Regge-Gribov picture:



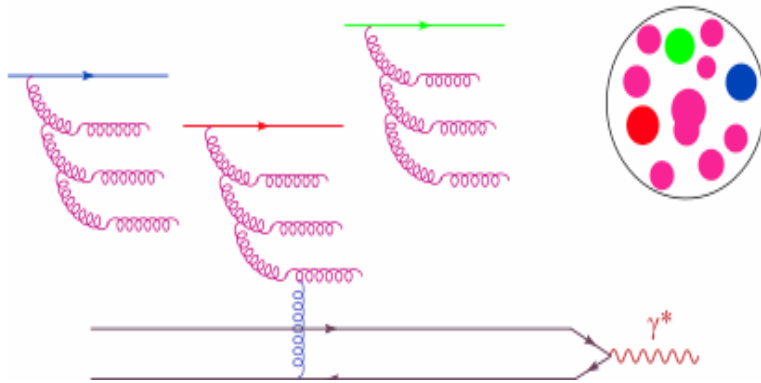
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More relevant for understanding multi-particle production and total cross-sections...

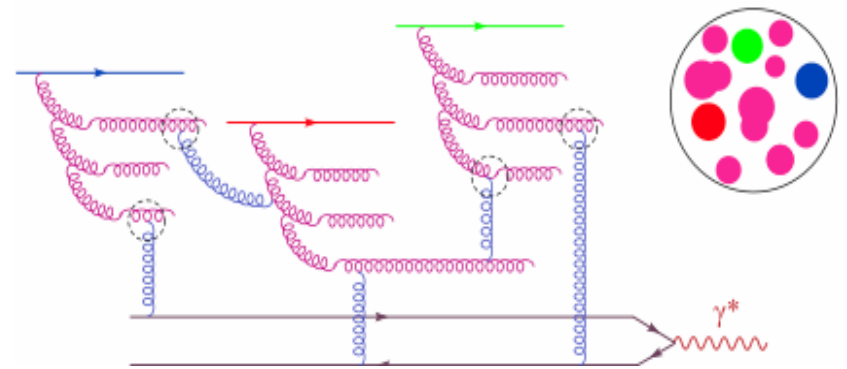
Viewing the hadron in the transverse plane at high energies...



$$Y_0 \dashrightarrow Y + Y_0$$



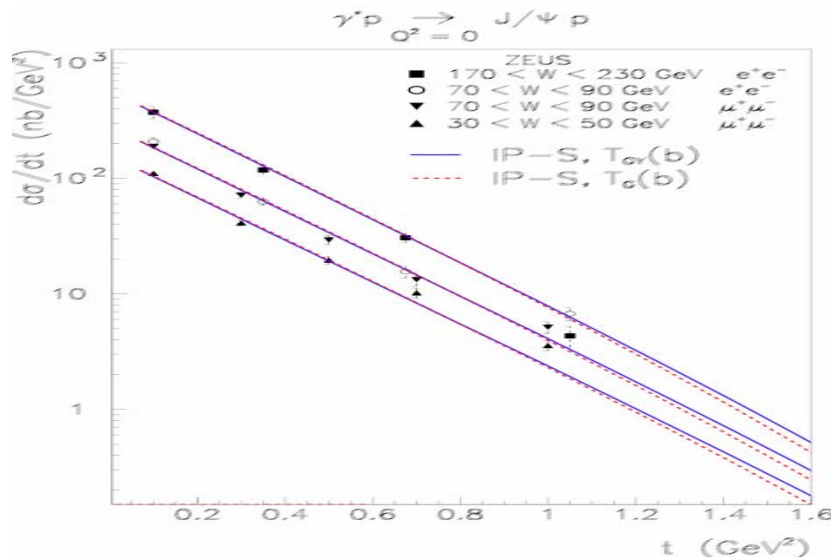
Gluon radiation



Gluon radiation & recombination

❑ Overlapping gluon clouds... at large impact parameters, interplay between perturbative (hard Pomeron) and non-perturbative (soft Pomeron) physics...

❑ By studying the “t” dependence of diffractive final states , can we learn more about the transition regime ?

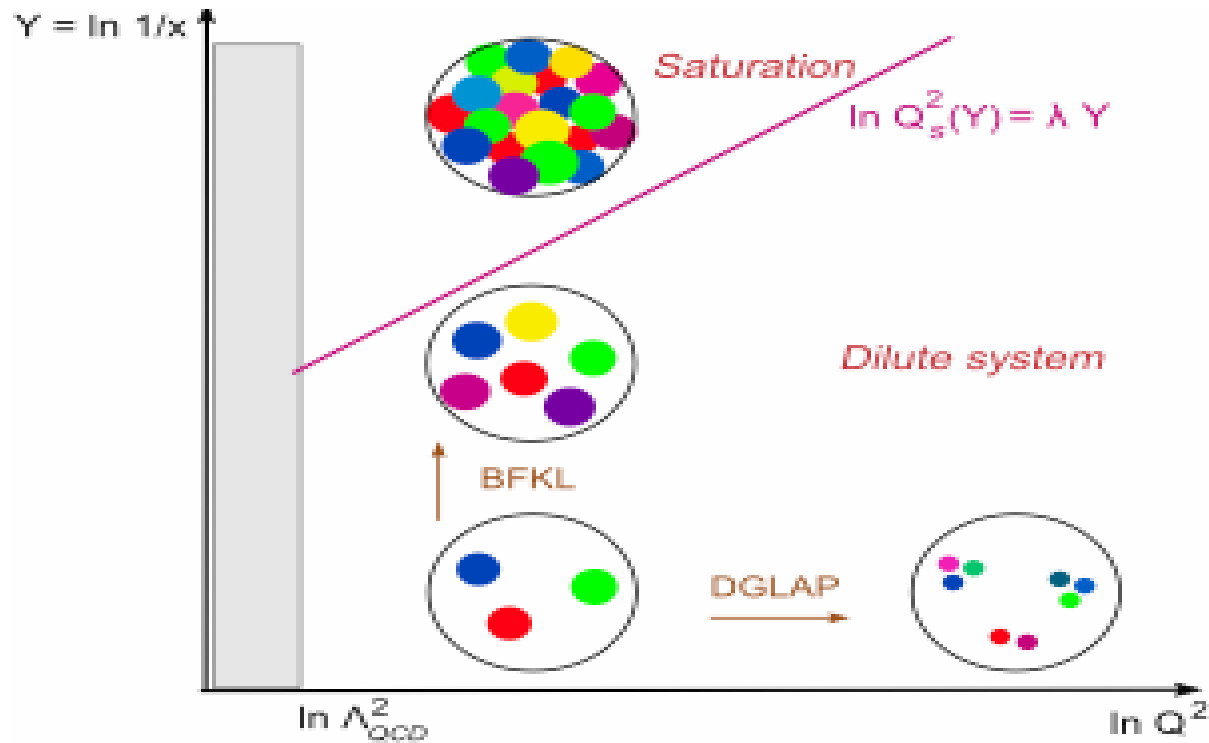


S-matrix:

$$S(x, r, b) \propto 1 - \int d^2\Delta e^{-i\Delta \cdot b} \sqrt{\frac{d\sigma}{dt}}$$

$$\Delta^2 = -t$$

Resolving the hadron...



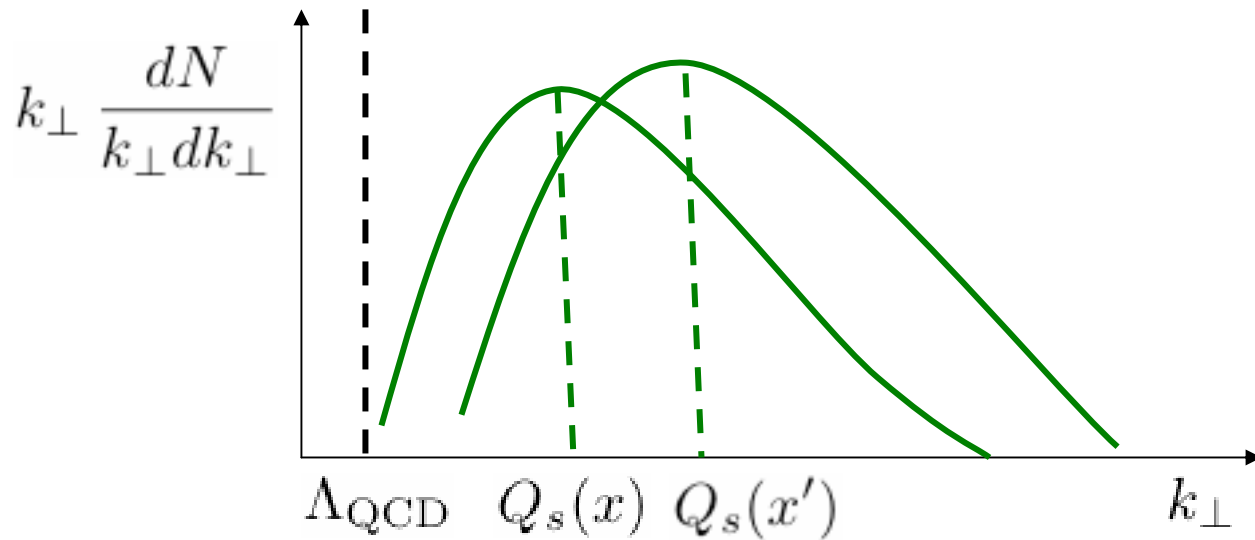
Gluon density saturates at maximal field strength squared:

$$f = \frac{1}{\alpha_S}$$

New scale:

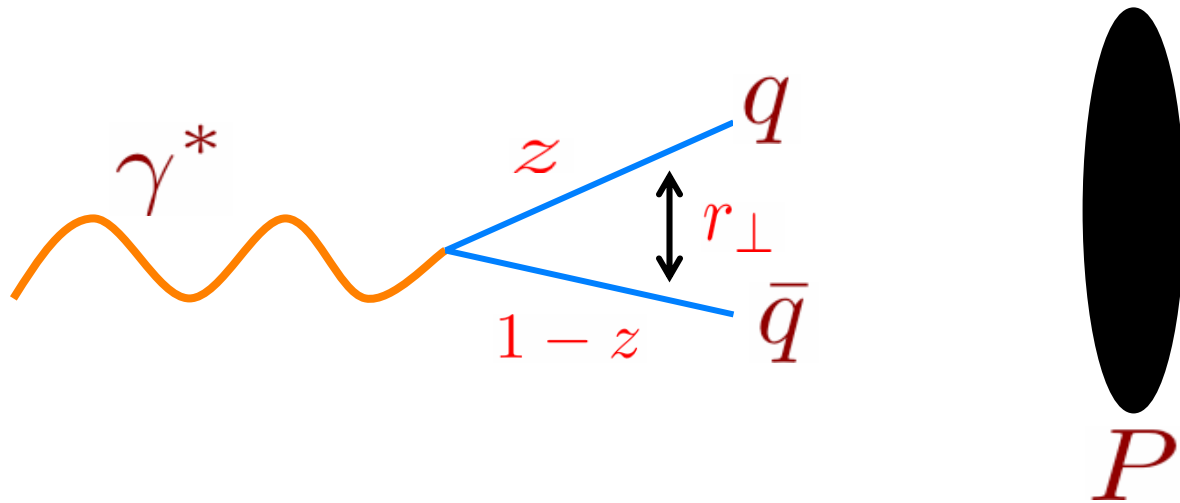
$$Q_s(x, b)$$

Hadron at high energies is a Color Glass Condensate



- ✓ **Glueons are colored**
- ✓ **Random sources evolving on time scales much larger than natural time scales-very similar to **spin glasses****
- ✓ **Bosons with large occupation $\sim \frac{1}{\alpha_S}$**
- ✓ **Typical momentum of gluons is Q_s**

Golec-Biernat & Wusthoff's model



$$\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma^*,P} = \int d^2 r_\perp \int dz |\psi_{T,L}(r_\perp, z, Q^2)|^2 \sigma_{q,\bar{q},P}(r_\perp, x)$$

where $\sigma_{q\bar{q}P}(r_\perp, x) = \sigma_0 [1 - \exp(-r_\perp^2 Q_s^2(x))]$

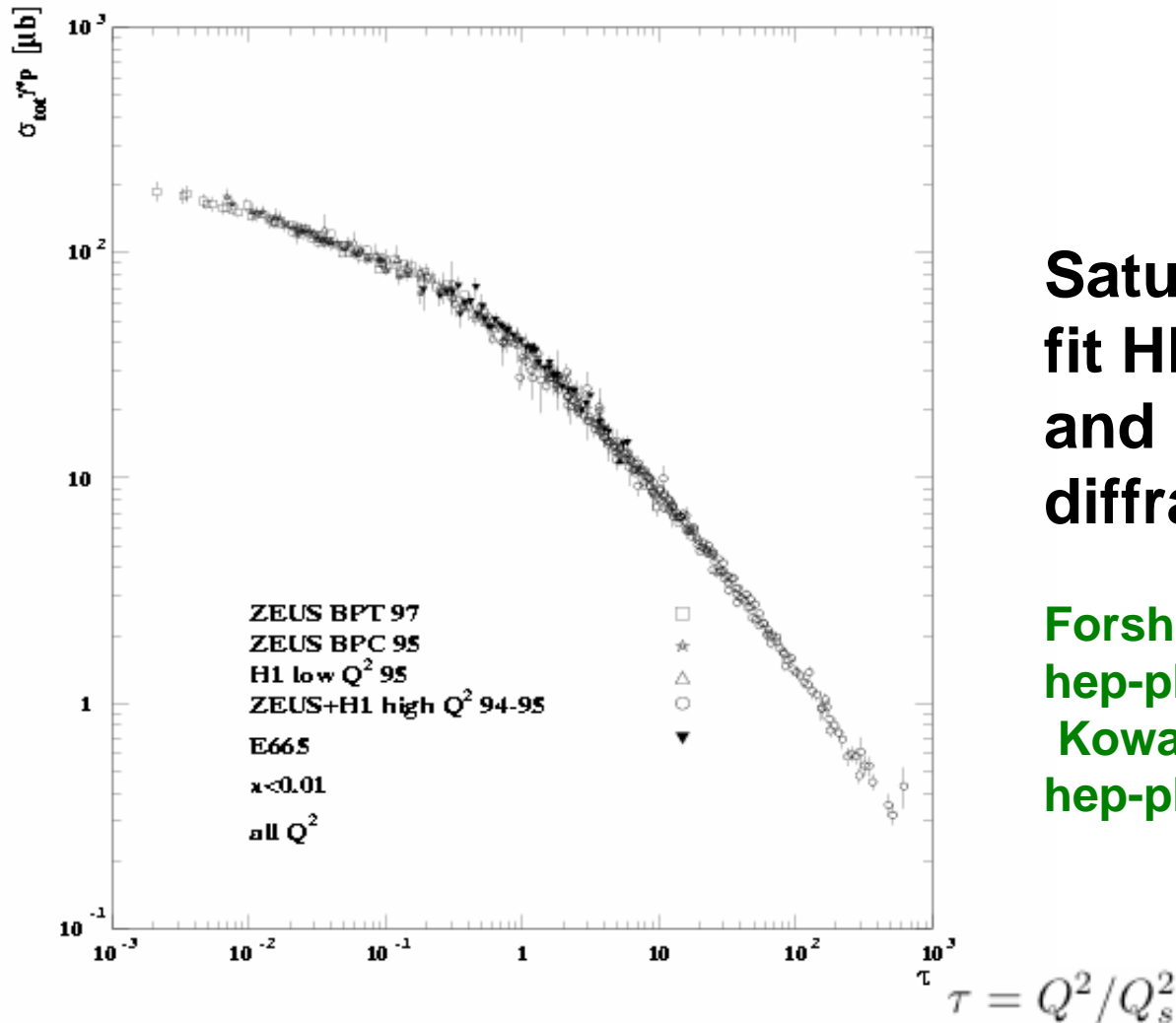
&

$$Q_s^2(x) = Q_0^2 \left(\frac{x_0}{x} \right)^\lambda$$

Parameters: $Q_0 = 1 \text{ GeV} ; \lambda = 0.3 ; x_0 = 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$

Geometrical scaling at HERA

(Golec-Biernat, Kwiecinski, Stasto)



**Saturation models
fit HERA inclusive
and
diffractive data**

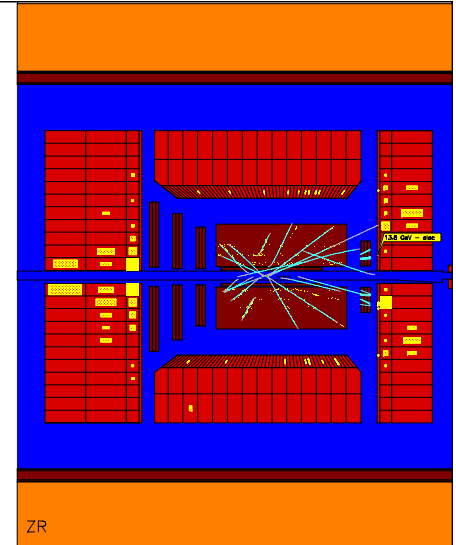
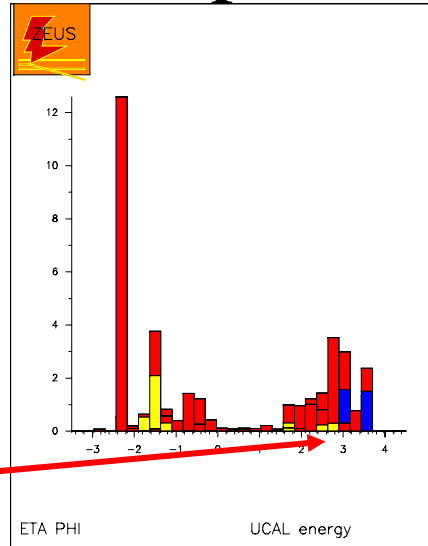
**Forshaw and Sandapen,
hep-ph/0411337
Kowalski-Teaney
hep-ph/0304189**

Scaling seen for all $x < 0.01$ and $0.045 < Q^2 < 450 \text{ GeV}^2$

Diffraction Surprises

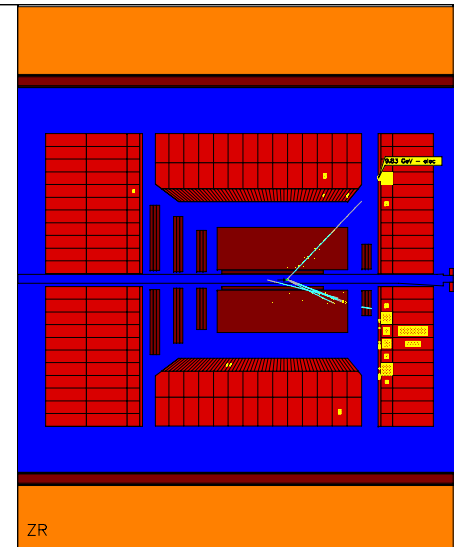
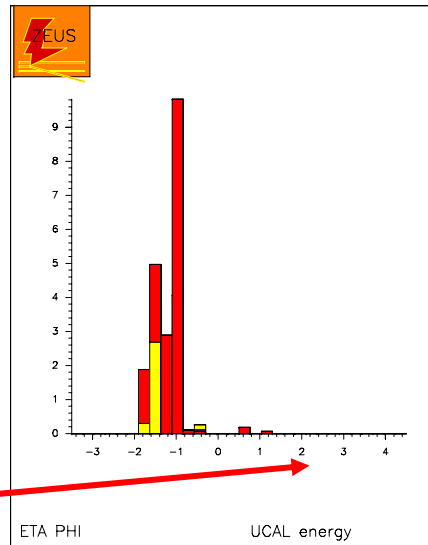
‘Standard DIS event’

Detector activity in proton direction



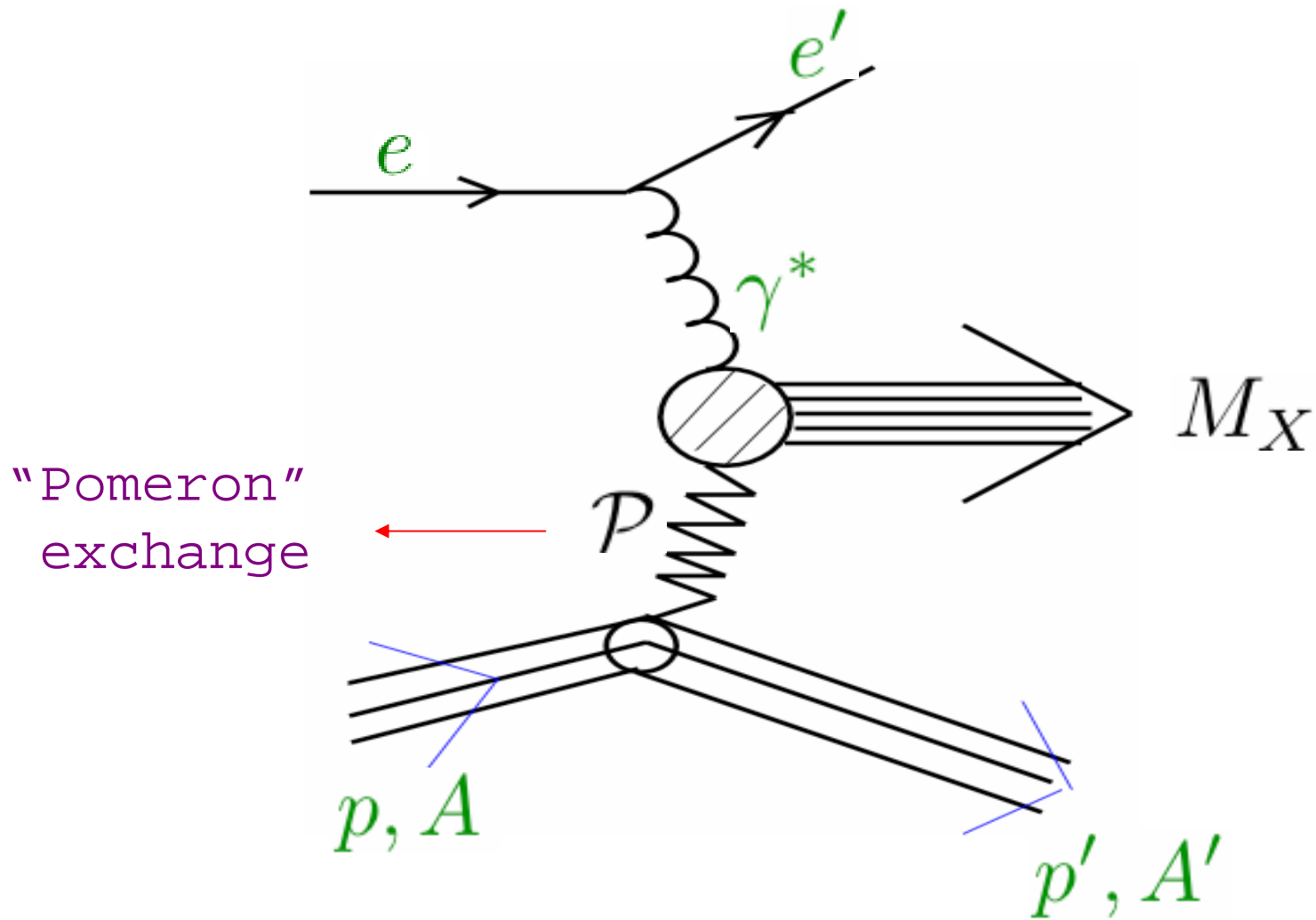
Diffractive event

No activity in proton direction



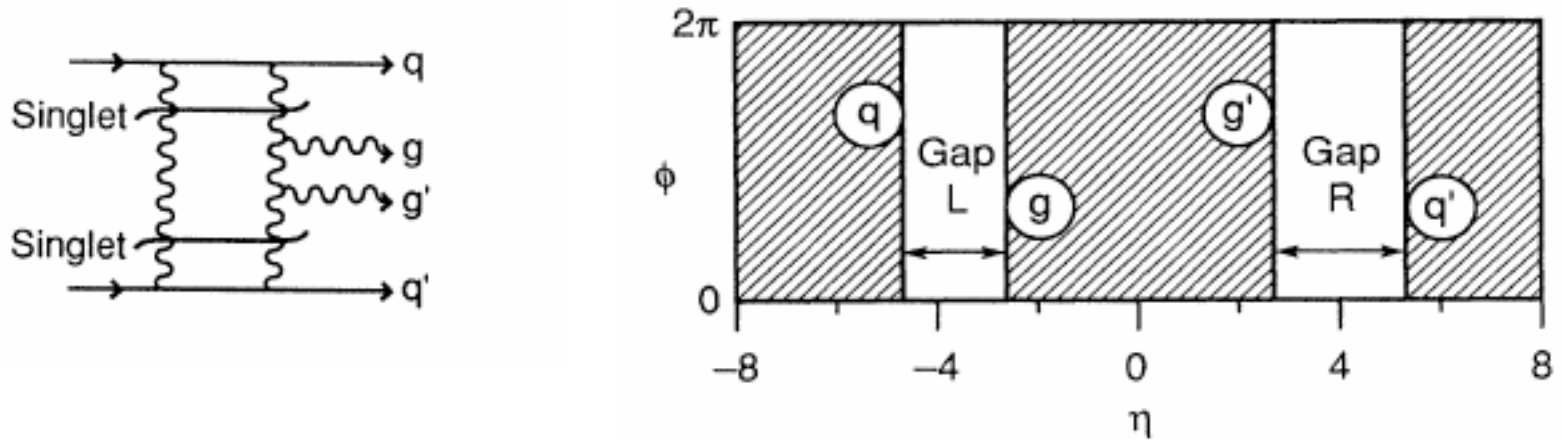
Approximate 10% of events are hard diffractive events!

III: Hard diffractive processes



30 % of eRHIC eA events may be hard diffractive events-
Study sizes and distributions of Rapidity Gaps

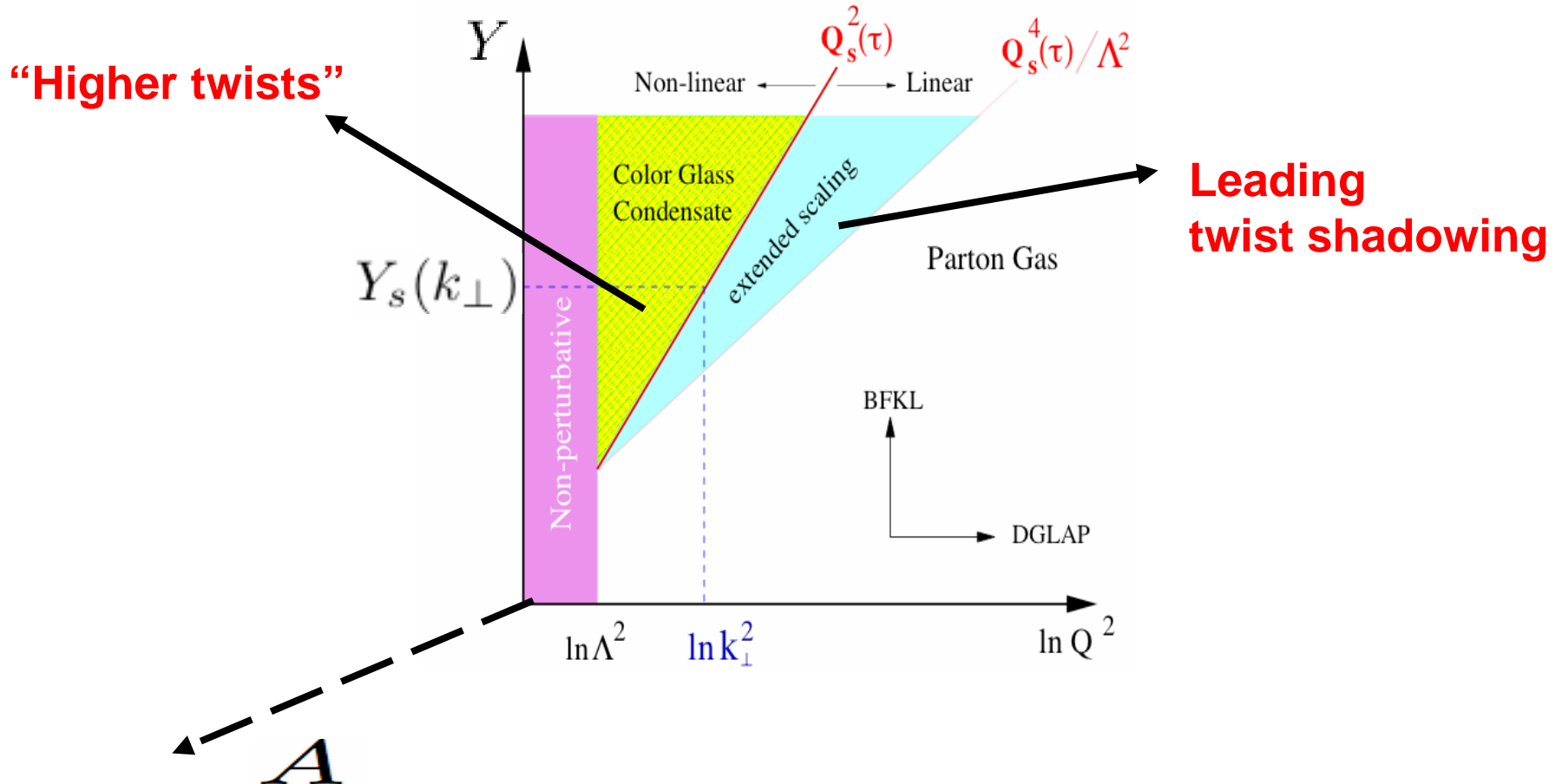
Lego plots a la Bjorken and Khoze et al.



Such multi-gap events can also be studied in DIS

Bj, [hep-ph/9601363](#)

Novel regime of QCD evolution at high energies

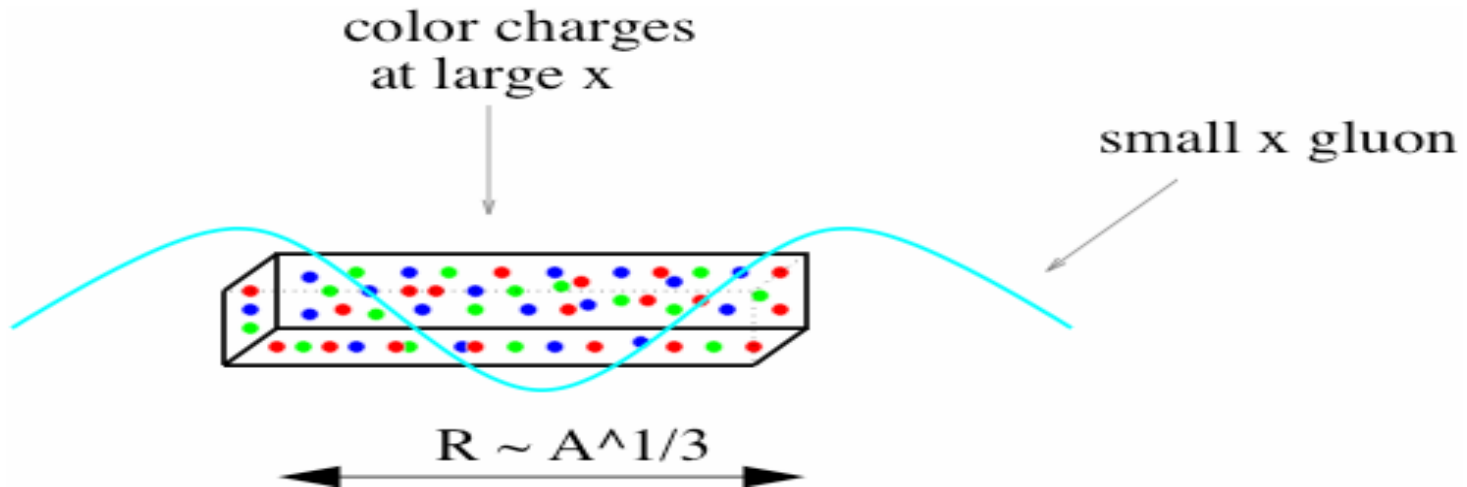


Novel Renormalization Group equations now allow detailed and controlled studies in the **Regge-Gribov limit**

The nuclear “oomph” factor!

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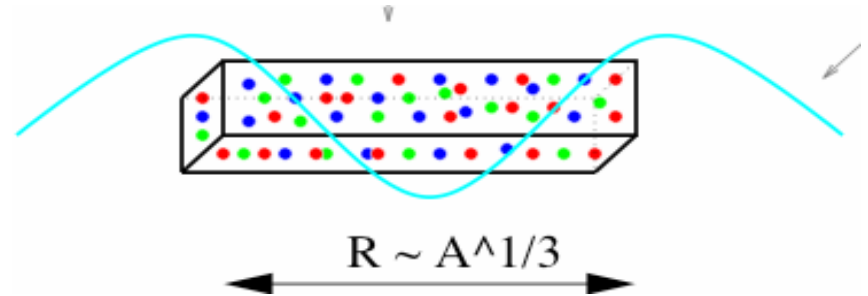
$$Q_s^2 \propto \frac{A^{1/3}}{x^\delta}$$



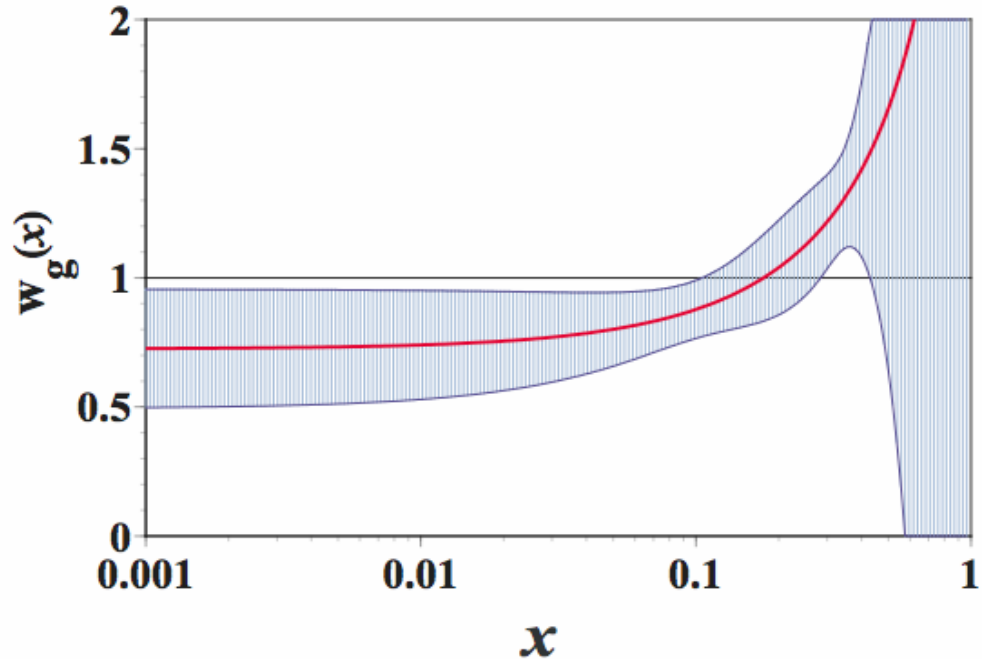
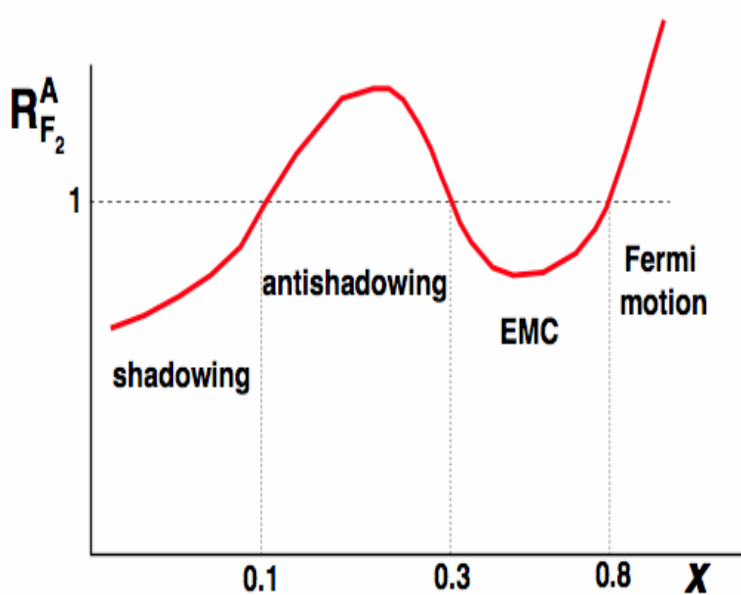
eA at eRHIC \approx same parton density as ep at LHC energies!

Virtual photon coherence length:

$$l_{\text{coh.}} \propto 1 / (2m_n x)$$



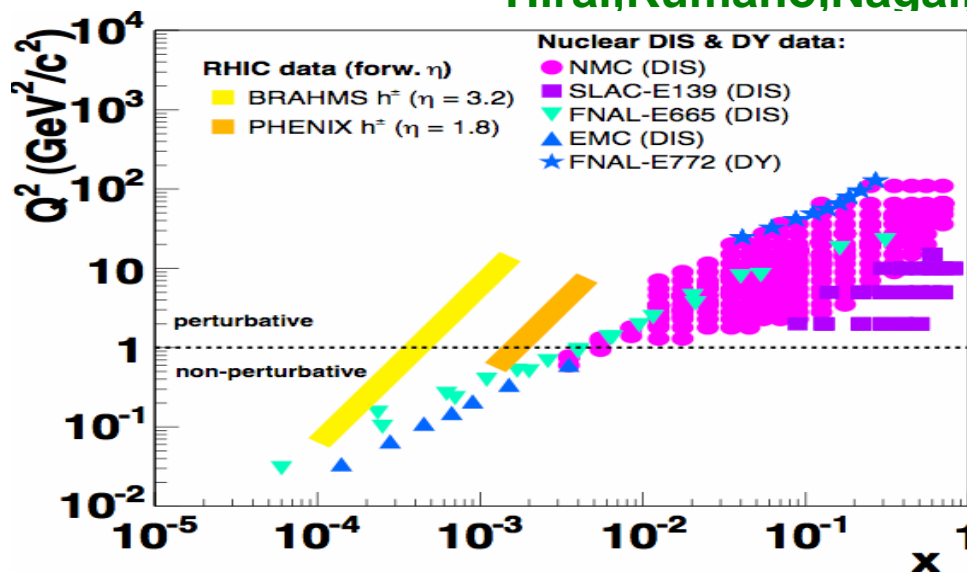
- ❑ $x_{\text{Bj}} \ll 0.01$: Photon coherence length exceeds nuclear size
- study “universal” high parton density effects.
- ❑ $0.01 < x_{\text{Bj}} < 0.1$: Intermediate length scale between R_p & R_A
- study medium dependence of final states
- hadronization in QCD media.
- ❑ $x_{\text{Bj}} \gg 0.1$: Photon localized to longitudinal size smaller than nucleon size-EMC and Fermi motion region



Cartoon of ratio of nuclear structure functions

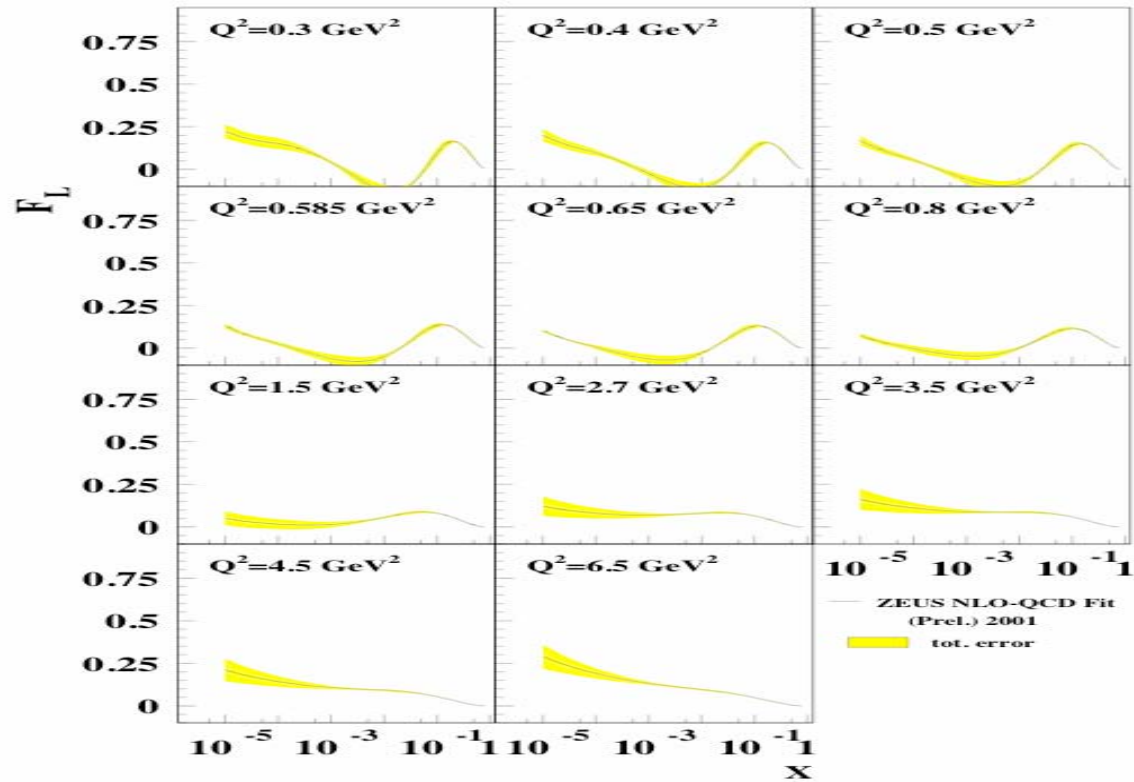
Uncertainty in ratio of Ca to nucleon gluon distributions

-Hirai, Kumano, Nagai, hep-ph/0404093



Armesto

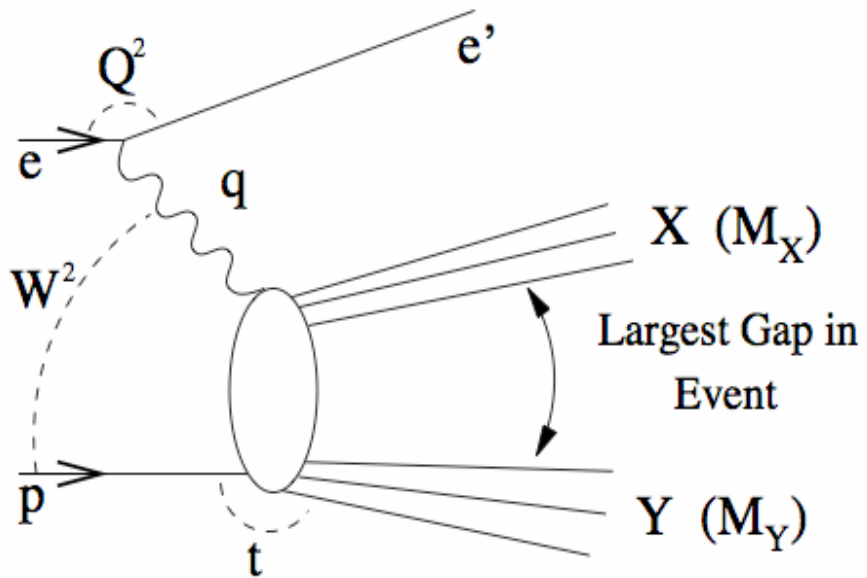
**How do we accomplish
what we wish to learn
about the nature of glue ?**



$$F_L \propto \alpha_S x G(x, Q^2)$$

F_L is a positive definite quantity- more sensitive to higher twists than F_2 ?

- clarify comparison with leading twist NLO pQCD at low x and moderate Q^2



$$R_{A_1, A_2}(\beta, Q^2, x_{\mathcal{P}}) = \frac{F_{2, A_1}^{D(3)}(\beta, Q^2, x_{\mathcal{P}})}{F_{2, A_2}^{D(3)}(\beta, Q^2, x_{\mathcal{P}})}$$

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Diffractive Vector Meson Production:

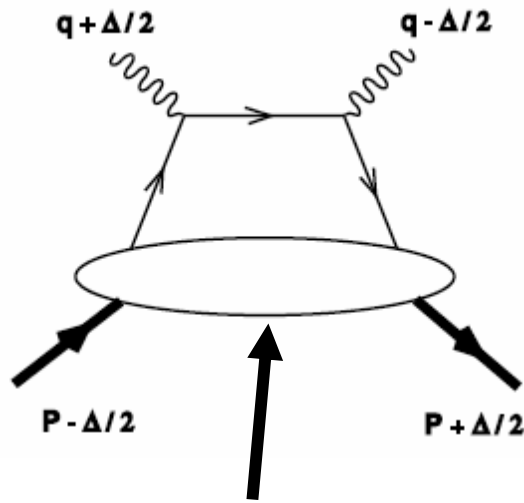
$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (\gamma^* A \rightarrow V A) \propto \alpha_S^2 [G_A(x, Q^2)]$$

Very sensitive to small x glue!

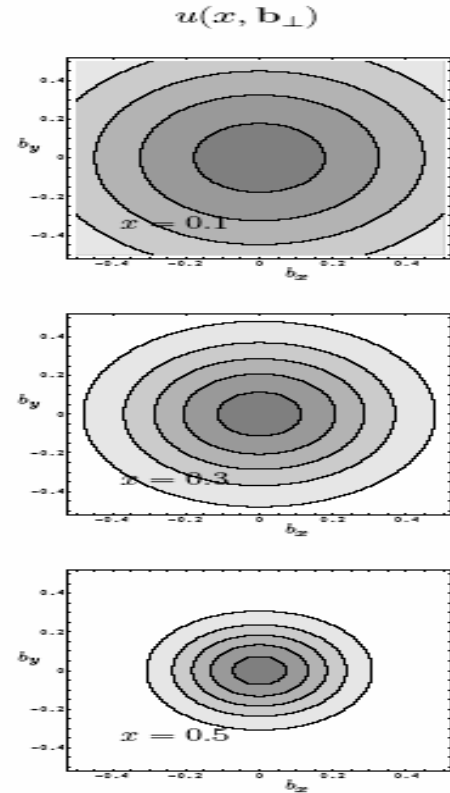
Brodsky, Gunion, Mueller,
Frankfurt, Strikman

“Generalized parton distributions”

“Deeply-virtual Compton scattering”, exclusive proc.



$$H_q(x, \xi, \Delta^2), E_q(x, \xi, \Delta^2)$$



$$J_q = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\Delta^2 \rightarrow 0} \int dx x [H_q(x, \xi, \Delta^2) + E_q(x, \xi, \Delta^2)]$$

$$q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int d^2 \Delta_\perp e^{-i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Delta}_\perp} H_q(x, 0, -\Delta_\perp^2)$$

How can we probe glue with a high luminosity lepton-ion collider ?

- ✓ Precision inclusive measurements of structure functions
-wide sweep from Protons to Uranium

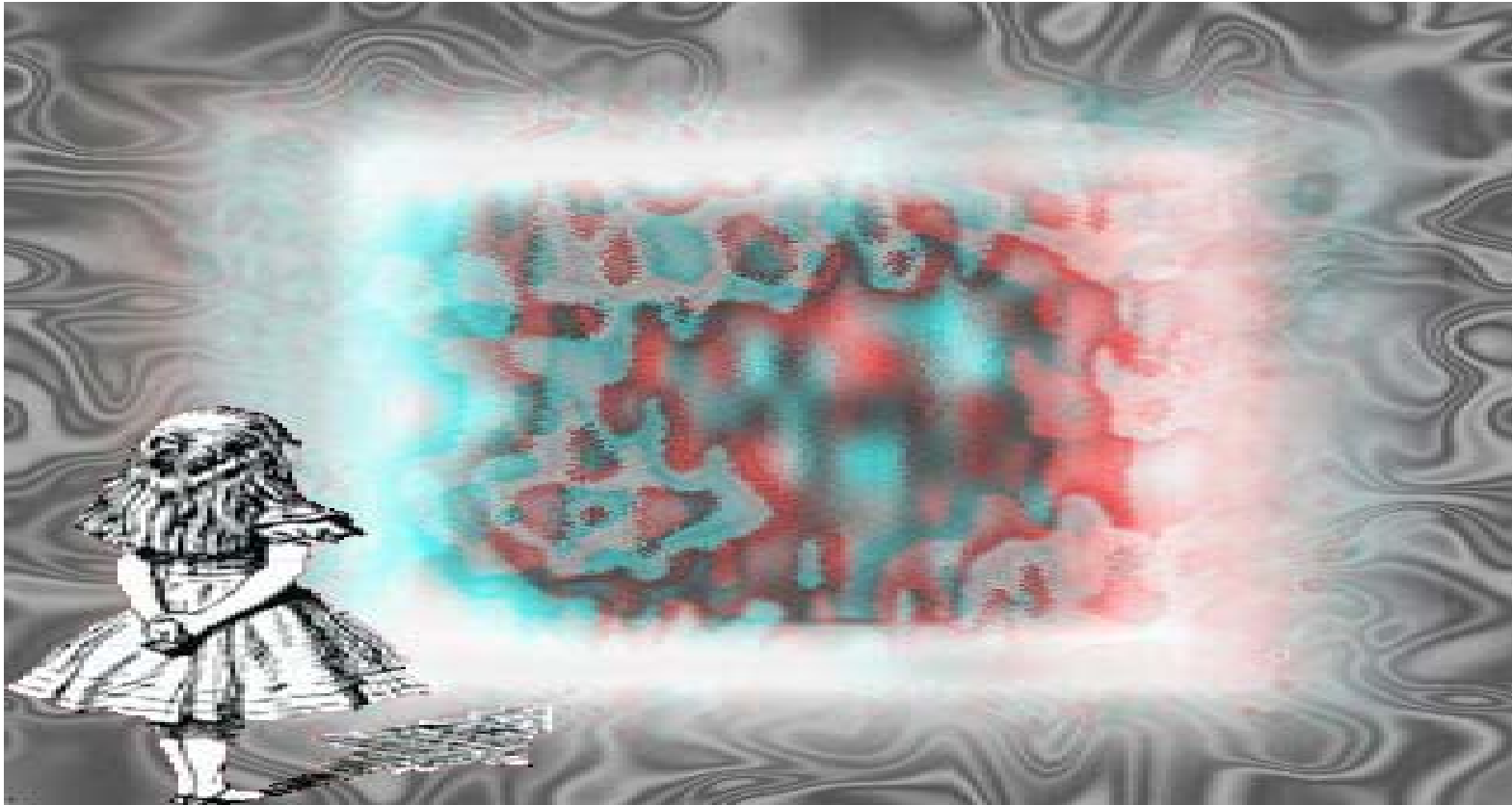
$$F_2^A \quad F_L^A \quad F_{2,Diff.}^A \quad F_{L,Diff.}^A$$

- ✓ Direct (**photon-gluon fusion**) semi-inclusive and exclusive probes of final states

$$\gamma^* A \rightarrow \pi, K, \Lambda, \dots X ; \quad \gamma^* A \rightarrow J/\psi A$$

- ✓ Generalized Parton Distributions (DVCS) $\gamma^* A \rightarrow \gamma A$
- ✓ Multiplicity fluctuations and correlations

New insights into old puzzles of the **Regge-Gribov** limit of QCD:



Great progress in understanding gluonic quasi-particle excitations of the vacuum



Summary

- Gluons exist. They provide much of the observable mass of the universe.
- In hadrons at high energies, they exist as “wee” excitations of the vacuum- they are numerous and have remarkable collective interactions- **Color Glass Condensate**
- They control the properties of much of high energy scattering and produce a hot and dense **Quark Gluon Plasma** in heavy ion collisions



...summary

- They contribute significantly to the spin of the proton
- Very little is known about glue -- especially in nuclei
.
- A high energy, high luminosity, electron-ion collider is ideally suited to explore this *terra incognita*

Extra Slides

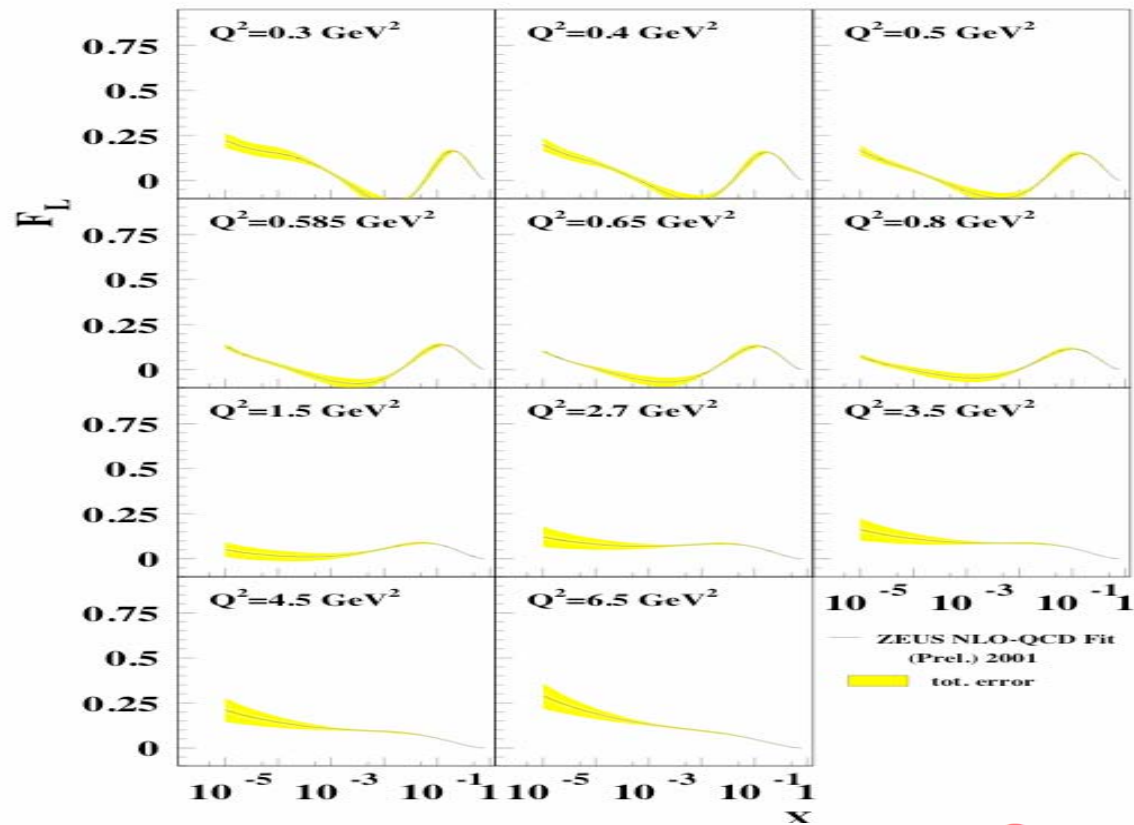


Principal physics goals of eRHIC

Extend DIS Paradigm for quantitative QCD studies in largely “terra incognita” small x-large Q^2 regime

Three pronged approach

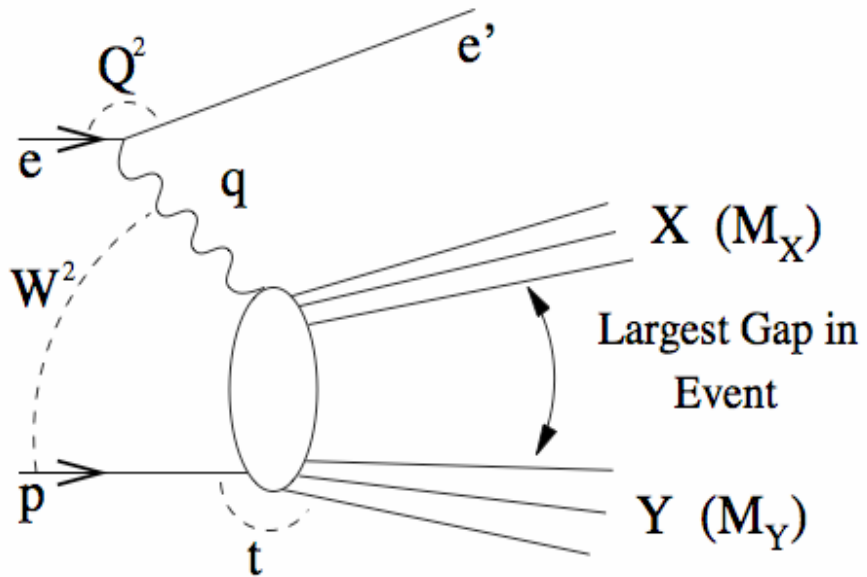
- High luminosity (~100 times HERA) unpolarized e-p scattering
- Polarized e-pol. P - highest energies and collider mode for the first time
- First eA collider - detailed map of QCD in nuclear media & very high parton densities.



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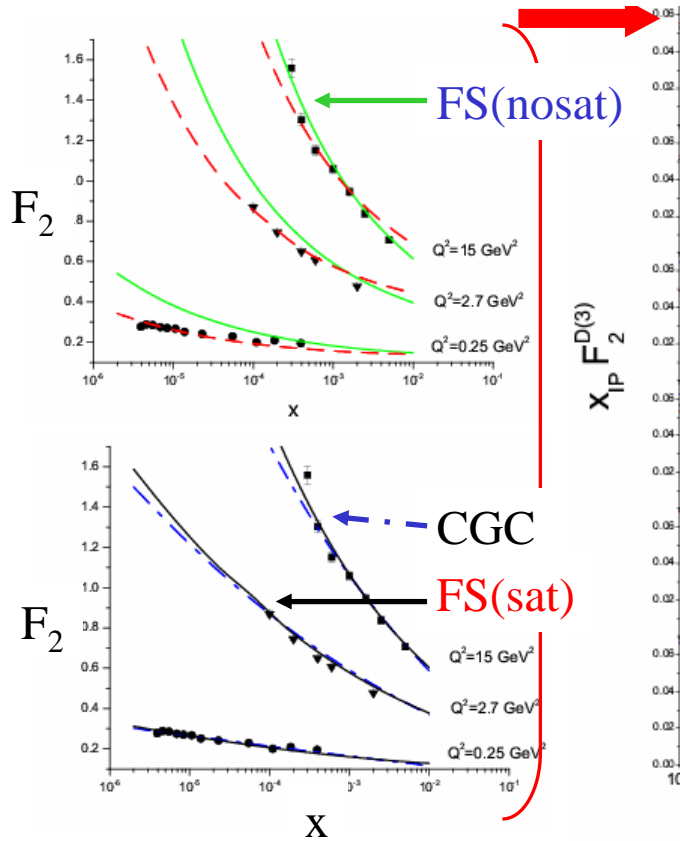
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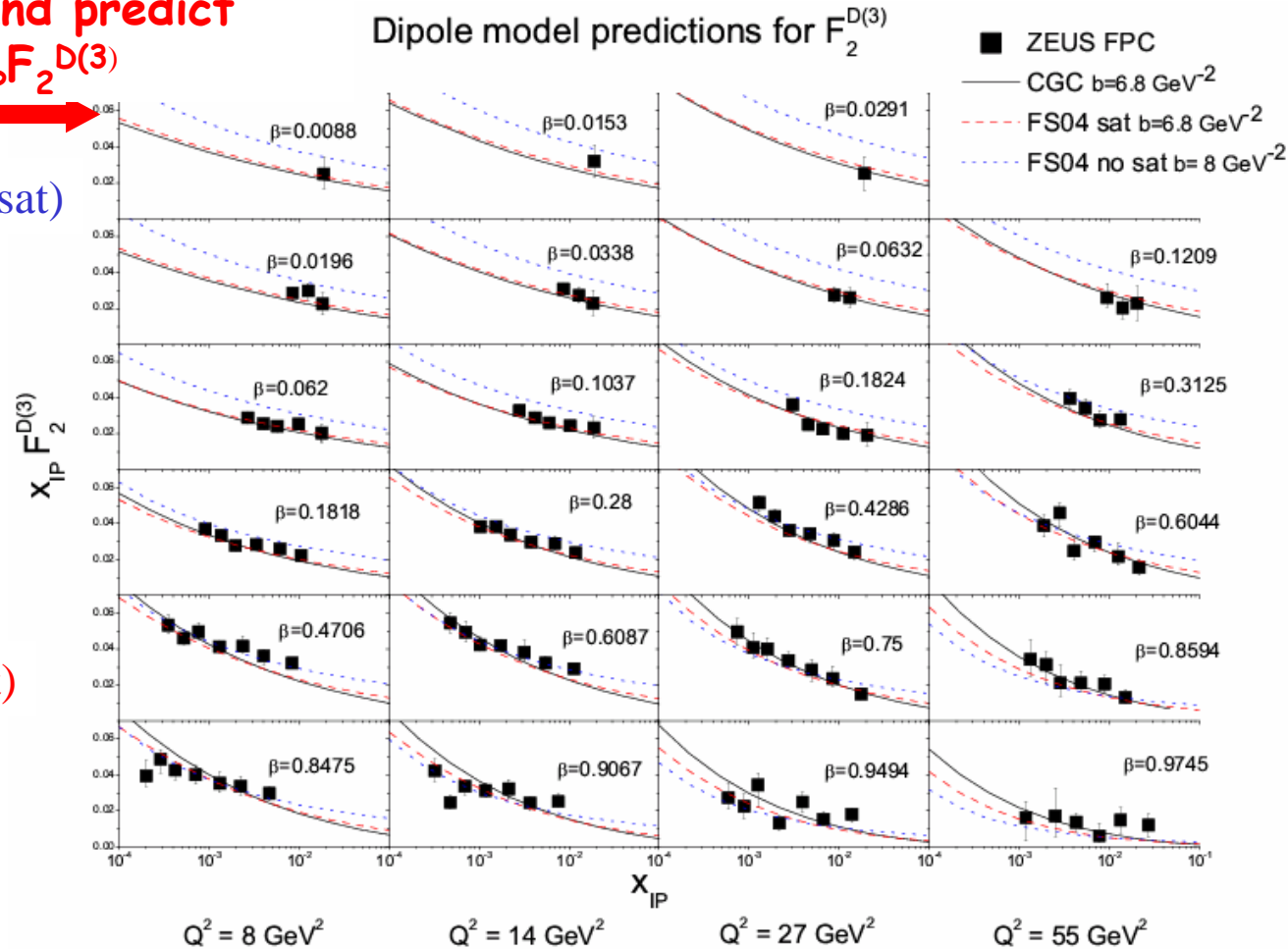
Comparison with Data

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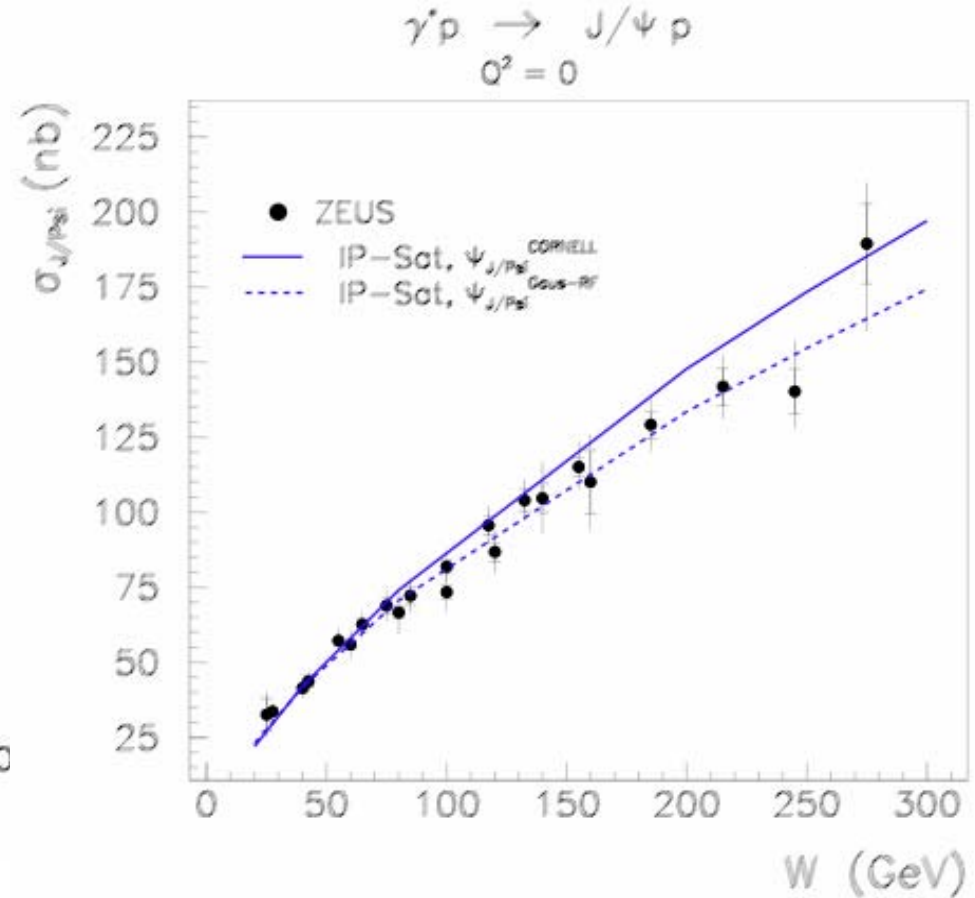
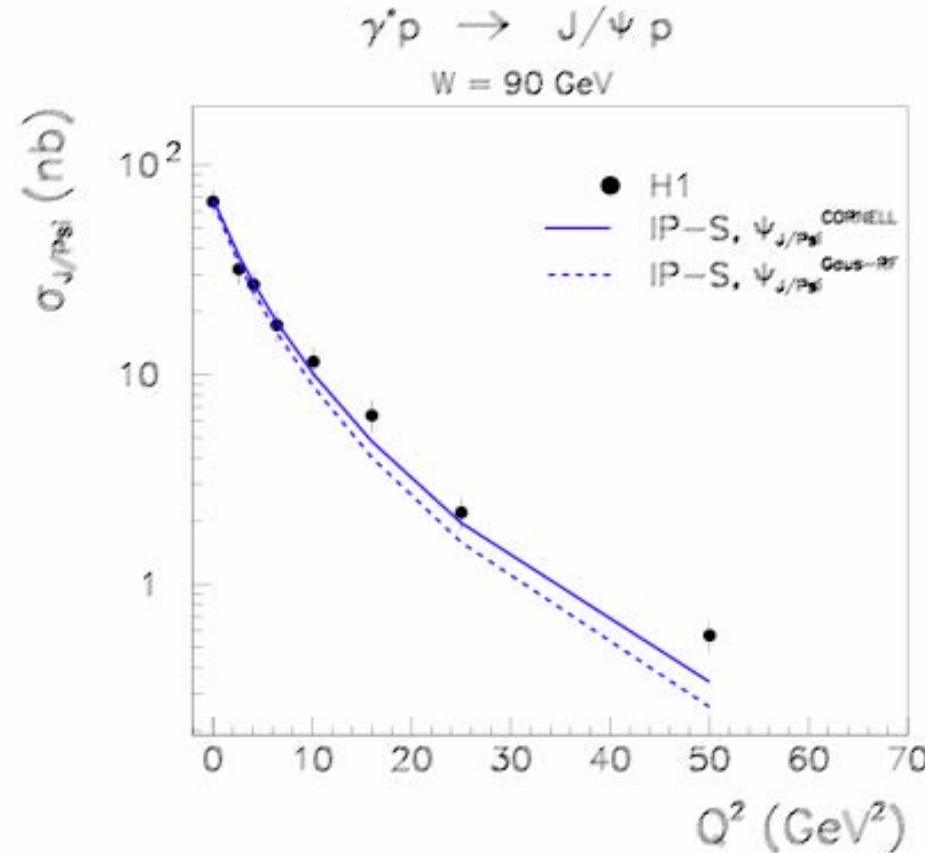
Fit F_2 and predict
 $x_{IP} F_2^{D(3)}$



Dipole model predictions for $F_2^{D(3)}$



Comparison with Data



Exclusive J/Psi production: Kowalski-Teaney

Complementary physics of pA & eA at RHIC

- Both p/D-A & eA can probe small x region-important to test **universal** aspects of new physics.
- eA due to independent “lever arms” in x and Q^2 well equipped for **precision** measurements. Much harder with pA
- eA & pA have important **qualitative** differences for hard diffractive processes. May be 30-40% of cross-section in eA!

II: Extracting gluon distributions in pA relative to eA

Direct photons

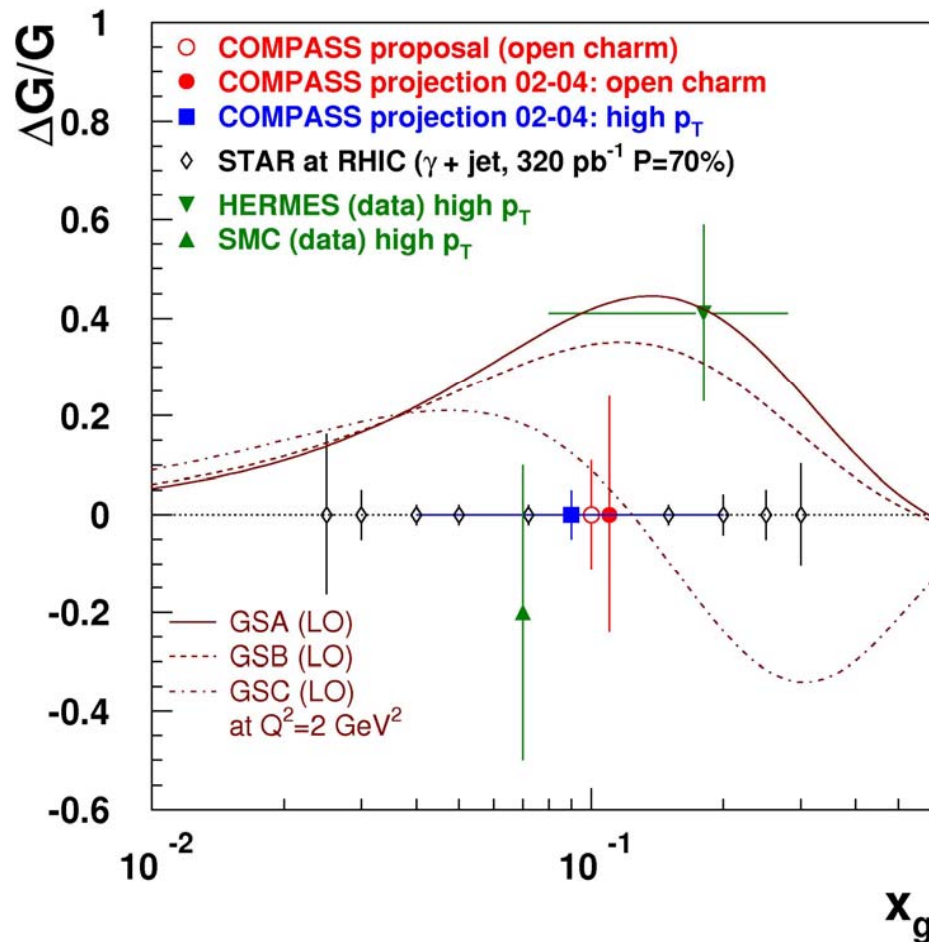
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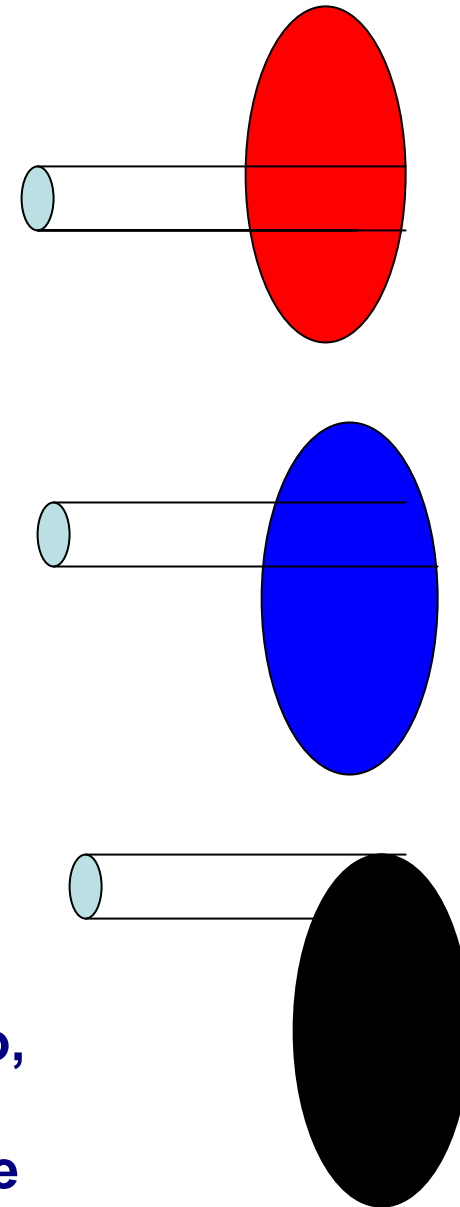
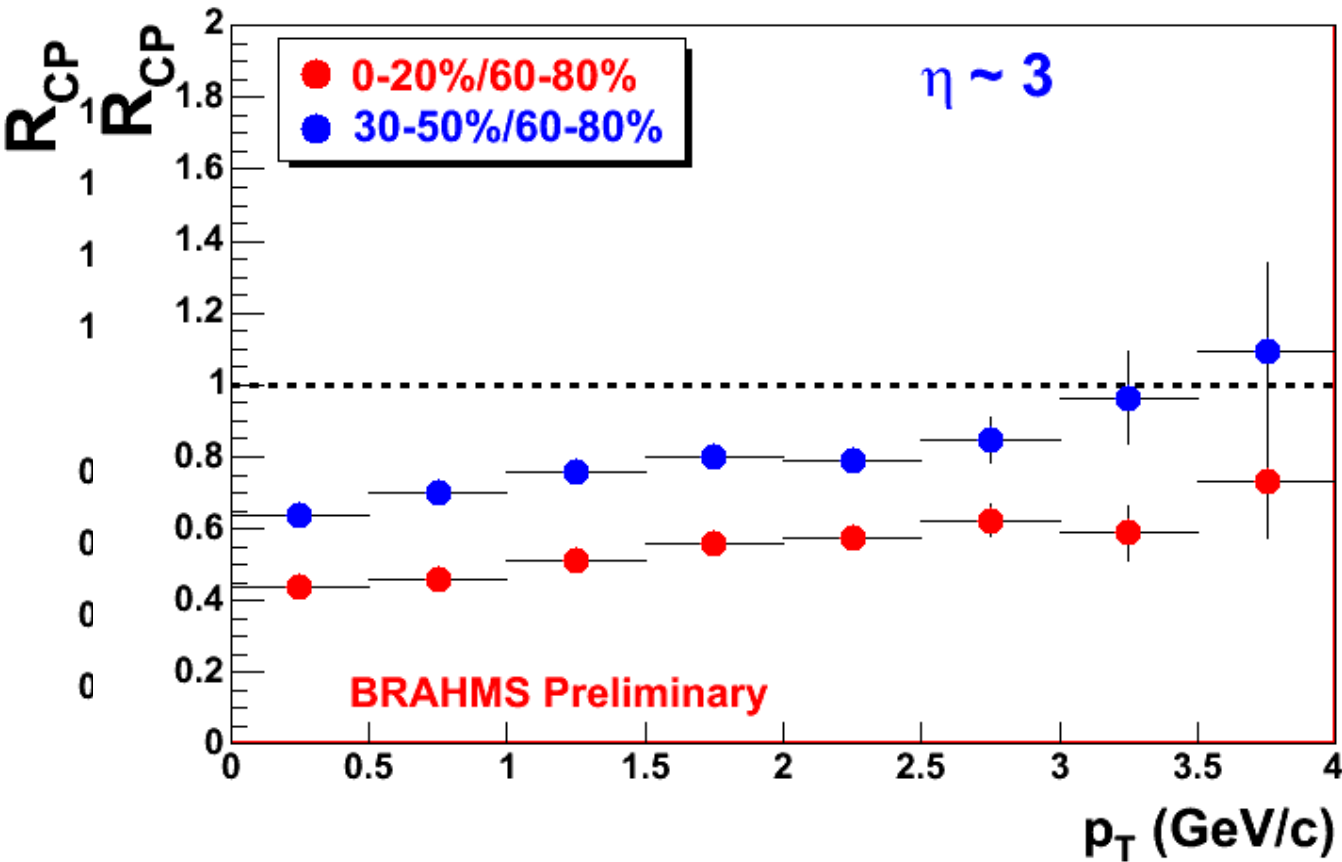
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As many channels...but more convolutions, kinematic constraints-limit precision and range.

Direct photons: promising-need wide coverage to go to small x -need **simulations at forward rapidity**...kt issues to be resolved .

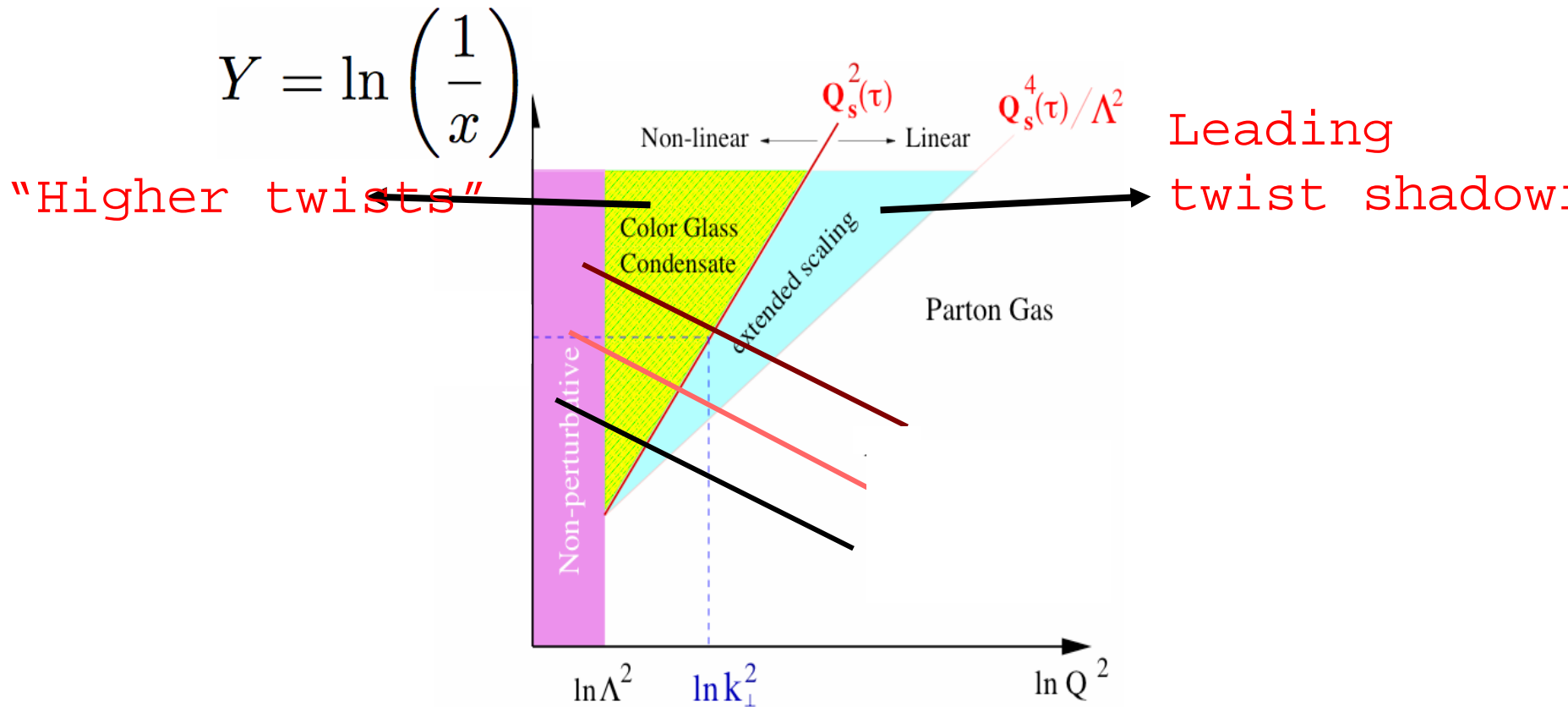


STRONG HINTS FROM RHIC OF NEW PHYSICS



- a) Phenomenon was predicted in CGC scenario,
- b) Phenomenon well within EIC kinematic range

Novel regime of QCD at high energies



- $Y_{\text{RHIC-central}} = 0$ ($x = 10^{-2}$, $Q_s = 1.4 \text{ GeV}$)
- $Y_{\text{RHIC}} = 3, Y_{\text{LHC-central}} = 0$ ($x = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $Q_s = 2.2 \text{ GeV}$)
- $Y_{\text{LHC}} = 3$ ($x = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $Q_s = 3.4 \text{ GeV}$)