

# Probing the onset of maximal entanglement inside the proton in diffractive DIS



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# Motivation

Bounds and properties of EE may provide some new insight on behavior of pdfs

Links to other areas (thermodynamics, gravity, quantum information, conformal field theory)

Interesting in context of parton saturation and thermalization problem of Quark Gluon Plasma

Various approaches to entropy in the low  $x$  limit: entropy of gluon density, thermodynamic entropy, momentum space entanglement, coordinate space entanglement, Wehrl entropy,...

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M. Hentschinski, K. Kutak

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M. Hentschinski, K.Kutak, R. Straka

PRL'23

H. Hentschinski, D. Kharzeev. K. Kutak, Z. Tu

2404.07657

P. Caputa, K. Kutak

# Boltzman and von Neuman entropy formulas – reminder

The entropy  $S$  of macrostate is given by the log of number  $W$  of distinct microstates that compose it

$$S = - \sum_{i=1}^W p(i) \ln p(i) \quad \text{Gibbs entropy}$$

For uniform distribution  $p(i) = \frac{1}{W}$  the entropy is maximal Boltzmann entropy

$$S = \ln W$$

Since partons are introduced as the microscopic constituents that compose the macroscopic state of the proton, it is natural to evaluate the corresponding entropy or entropy corresponding to parton density.

K. Kutak '11, Peschanski'12  
A. Kovner, M. Lublinsky '15  
D. Kharzeev, E. Levin '17,...

But proton as a whole is a pure state and the von Neuman entropy is 0. Can one get any nontrivial result?

For pure state (one state) density matrix is: For mixed state i.e. classical statistical mixture

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

$$S_{VN} = -Tr[\rho \ln \rho] = -1 \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\rho = \sum p(i) |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

$$S_{VN} \neq 0$$

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# Entanglement entropy in DIS

The composite system is described by

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle \text{ in } A \cap B$$

**entangled**

if the product can not be expressed as separable product state

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} |\varphi_i^A\rangle \otimes |\varphi_j^B\rangle$$

Schmidt decomposition

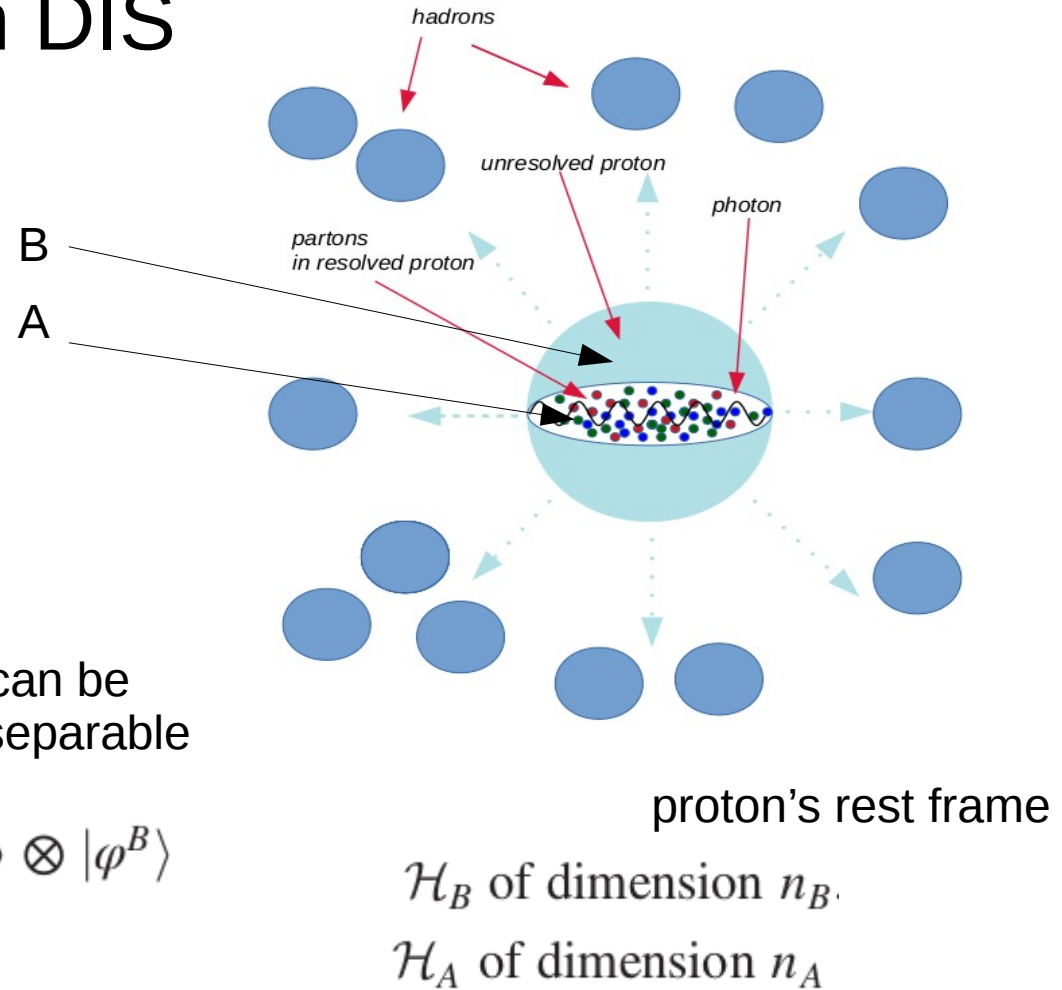
$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum \alpha_n |\Psi_n^A\rangle |\Psi_n^B\rangle$$

← orthonormal states belonging to A  
 ← orthonormal states belonging to B  
 ← related to matrix C

**separable**

if the product can be expressed as separable product state

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = |\varphi^A\rangle \otimes |\varphi^B\rangle$$



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# Entanglement entropy in DIS

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_n \alpha_n |\Psi_n^A\rangle |\Psi_n^B\rangle$$

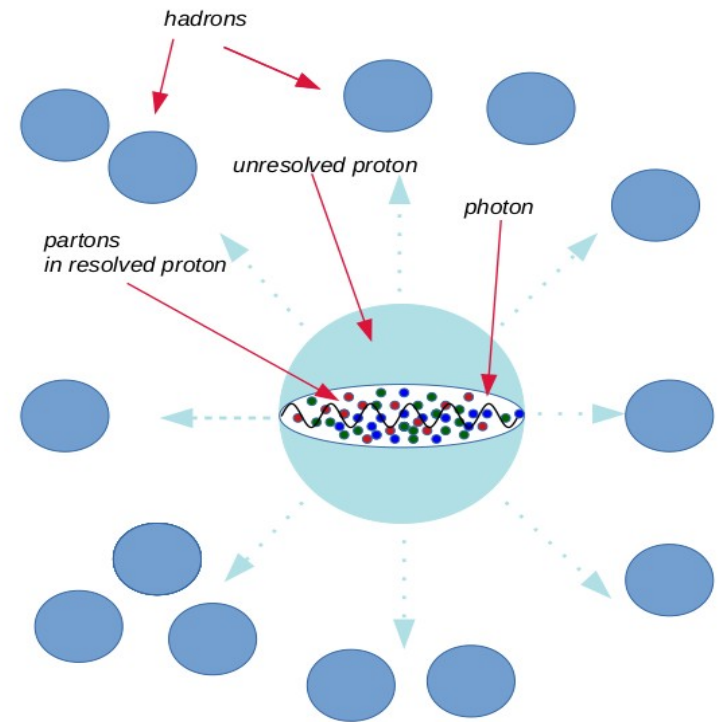
$$\rho_{AB} = |\Psi_{AB}\rangle \langle \Psi_{AB}|$$

$$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B \rho_{AB} = \sum_n \alpha_n^2 |\Psi_n^A\rangle \langle \Psi_n^A|$$

$\alpha_n^2 \equiv p_n$  probability of state with n partons

$$S = - \sum_n p_n \ln p_n$$

entropy results from the entanglement between the regions A and B, and can thus be interpreted as the entanglement entropy. Entropy of region A is the same as entropy in region B.



The density matrix of the mixed state probed in region A

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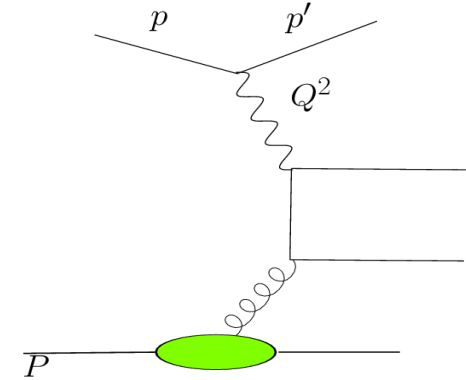
# Proton structure function and dipole cross section

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2} \alpha_s \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2k \mathcal{F}(x, k^2) (S_L(k^2, Q^2, m_q^2) + S_T(k^2, Q^2, m_q^2))$$

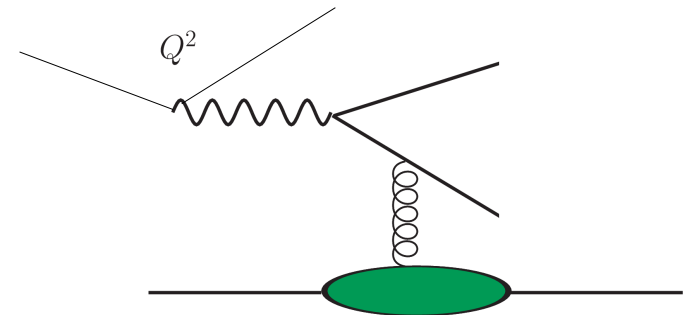
dipole gluon density

impact factors ~ hard coefficients

In the kt factorization



In the dipole formalism



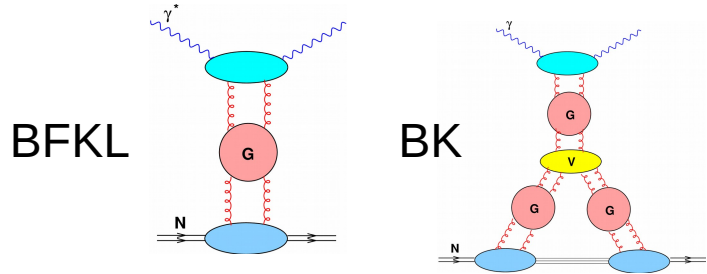
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2 \alpha_{em}} \int d^2b \int_0^1 dz \int d^2r (|\psi_L(z, r)|^2 + |\psi_T(z, r)|^2) N(x, r, b)$$

wave function

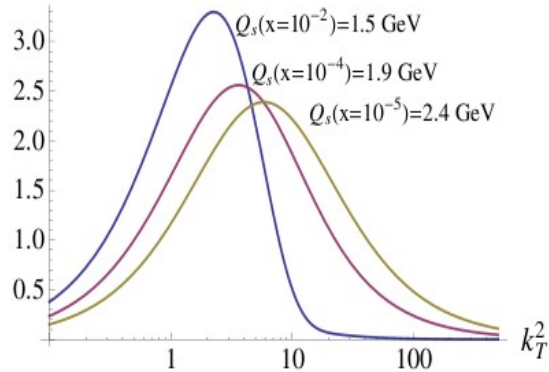
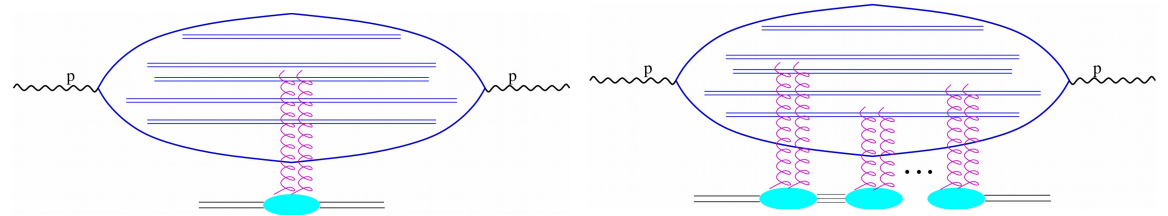
dipole amplitude

# Momentum space vs coordinate space

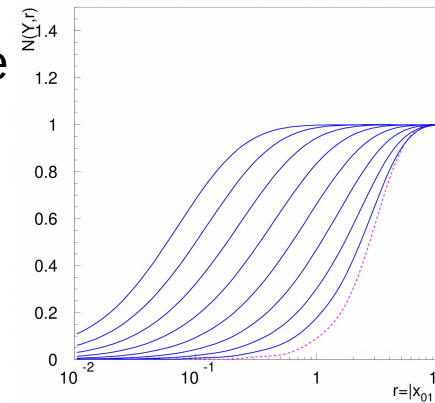
momentum space - Bjorken frame



position space - Mueller frame



gluon ~ color dipole



from A. Stasto  
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B35 (2004) 3069-3102

$$\mathcal{F}(x, k) = \mathcal{F} + K_{ms} \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, k) - \frac{1}{R^2} TPV \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, k)^2 \quad N(x, r, b) = N_0 + K_{ps} \otimes (N(x, r, b) - N(x, r, b)^2)$$

dipole unintegrated gluon density

Evolved with BK dipole amplitude – expectation value of product of Wilson lines in fundamental representation

related by Fourier transform



# Partonic, dipole cascade

$$p_n = P_n$$

$$\frac{dP_n(Y)}{dY} = -\lambda n P_n(Y) + (n-1)\lambda P_{n-1}(Y)$$

set of partons is described by set of dipoles with fixed sizes,  $Y$  is rapidity and is related to energy  
 Mueller 95, Lublinsky, Levin '03

$$P_n(Y) = e^{-\lambda Y} (1 - e^{-\lambda Y})^{n-1}$$

depletion of the probability to find  $n$  dipoles due to the splitting into  $(n+1)$  dipoles.

$$S = -\sum_n p_n \ln p_n$$

the growth due to the splitting of  $(n-1)$  dipoles into  $n$  dipoles.

$$S(Y) \approx \lambda Y \quad \text{where} \quad Y = \ln 1/x$$

model of BFKL dipole cascade

$$\langle n \rangle = \sum_n n P_n(Y) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\lambda$$

BFKL intercept =  $4 \ln 2 \bar{\alpha}_S$

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Assumption  $\langle n \rangle \equiv xg(x)$

The approach can be generalized to 3+1 d and one can account for hard scale dependence.

$$S(x) = \ln(xg(x))$$

Density matrix in 1+1 D Nowak, Liu, Zahed '22

EE in DLL Nowak, Liu, Zahed '23

$$S(x, Q) = \ln(xg(x, Q))$$

# Entropy formula - interpretation

$$P_n(Y) = e^{-\lambda Y} (1 - e^{-\lambda Y})^{n-1}$$

At low  $x$  partonic microstates have equal probabilities

In this equipartitioned state the entropy is maximal – the partonic state at small  $x$  is maximally entangled.

In terms of information theory as Shannon entropy:

- equipartitioning in the maximally entangled state means that all “signals” with different number of partons are equally likely
- it is impossible to predict how many partons will be detected in a give event.
- structure function at small  $x$  should become universal for all hadrons.

From strict bounds on entanglement entropy (from conformal field theory) one can obtain that at low  $x$  (in conformal regime) one has

$$xg(x) \leq \text{const } x^{-1/3}$$

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Furthermore entropy of the final state hadrons can not be smaller than entropy of partons.

# Comments

CFT result for EE

central charge

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \ln \frac{L}{\epsilon}$$

UV cutoff

Relation to Kharzeev-Levin formula

$$L = (mx)^{-1}$$

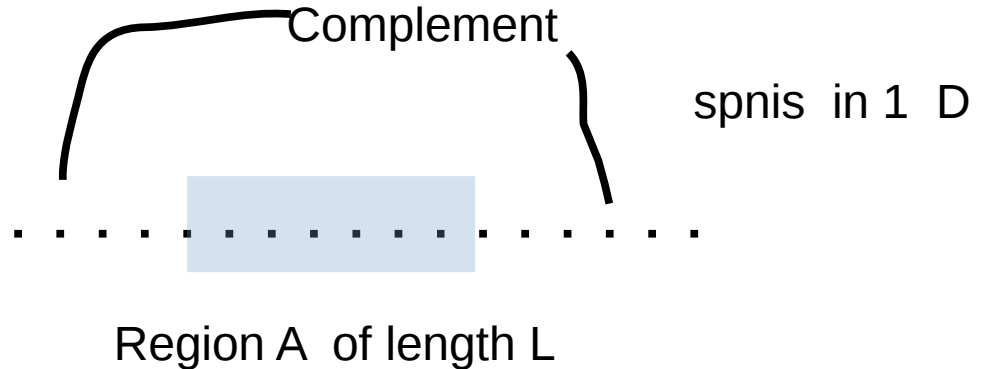
$$\epsilon \equiv 1/m$$

Length of tube probed in DIS

Proton's Compton wave length

$$S = \ln \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$S(x) = \ln(xg(x))$$



Entanglement entropy obtained from CFT calculations as well as from gravity using Ryu-Takayanagi formula

See also  
Callan, Wilczek '94  
Calabrese, Cardy '04

and lectures by  
Headrick

Studied also in the  
context of 2 D QCD

Liu, Nowak, Zahed, '22

Casini, Huerta, Hosco '05

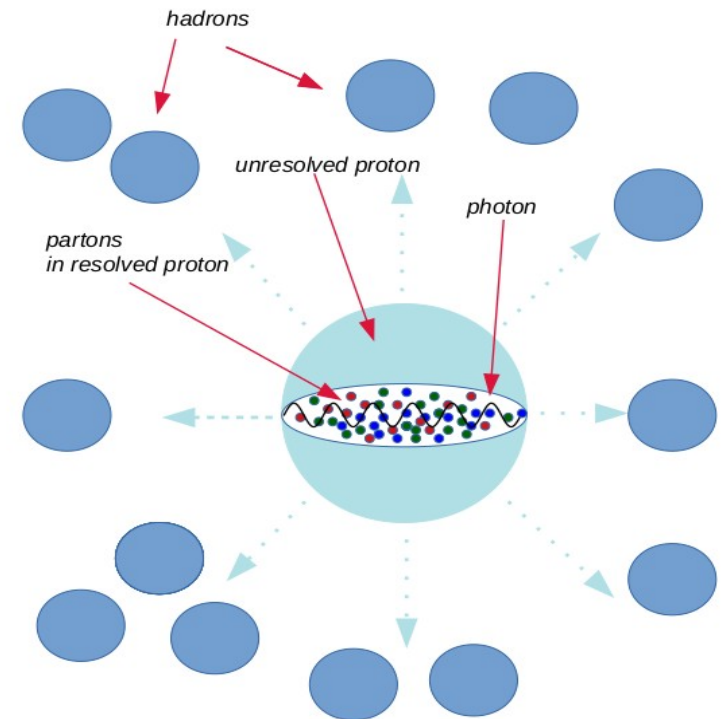
# Entanglement entropy – calculation and measurement

For DIS at high energies, this entanglement entropy can be calculated using

$$S(x, Q^2) = \ln \left\langle n \left( \ln \frac{1}{x}, Q \right) \right\rangle$$

$$S_{hadron} = \sum P(N) \ln P(N)$$

$N$  number of measured hadrons



The charged particle multiplicity distribution measured in either the current fragmentation region or the target fragmentation region.

Fraction of events with charged hadron

# Gluon distribution

NLO BFKL with collinear resummation

$$\mathcal{F}(x, \mathbf{k}^2, Q) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}^2} \int_{\frac{1}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \hat{g}\left(x, \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2}, \gamma\right) \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{Q_0^2}\right)^\gamma$$

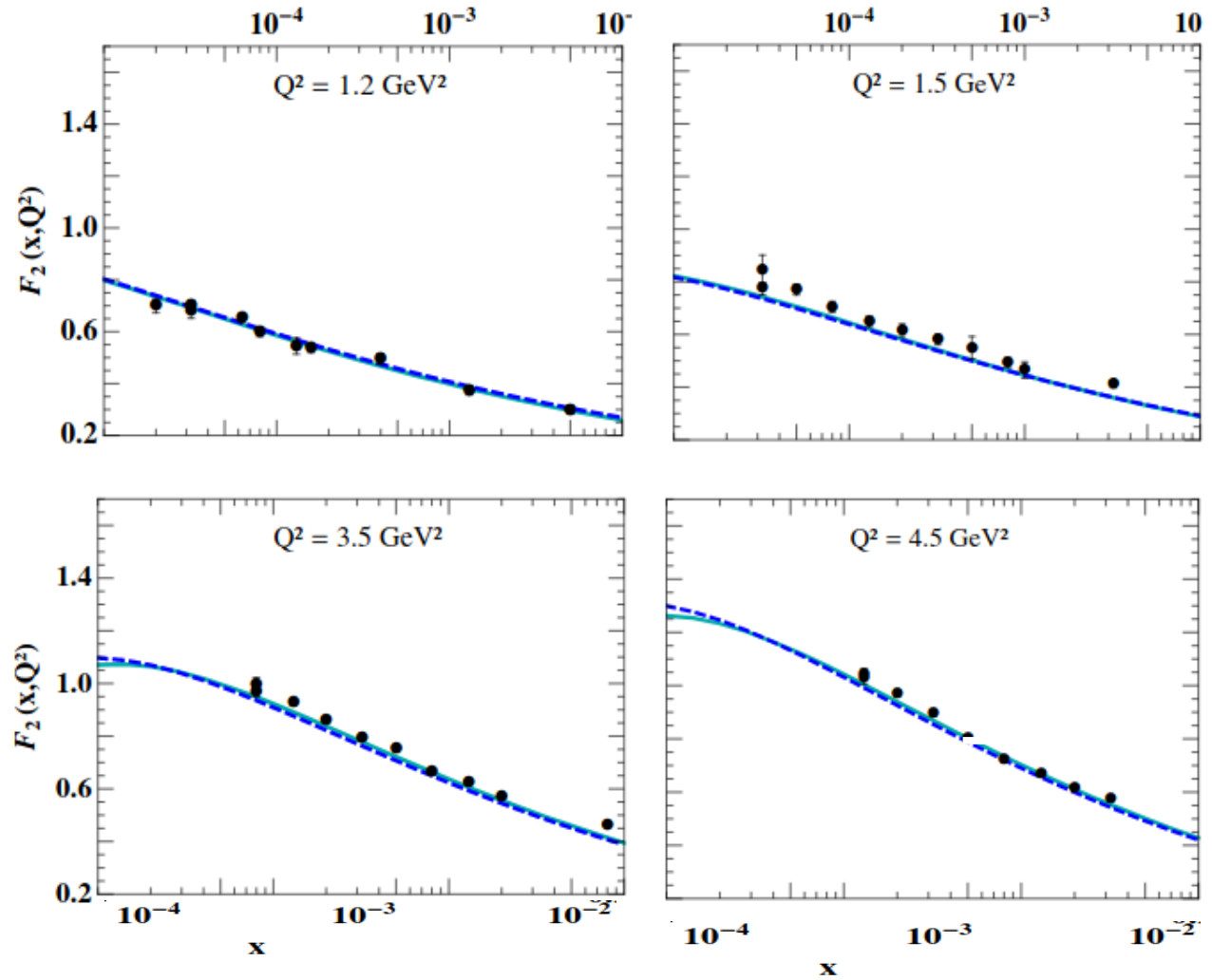
$$\hat{g}\left(x, \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2}, \gamma\right) = \frac{C \cdot \Gamma(\delta - \gamma)}{\pi \Gamma(\delta)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\chi(\gamma, Q, Q)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s^2 \beta_0 \chi_0(\gamma)}{8N_c} \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left[ -\psi(\delta - \gamma) + \log\frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2} - \partial_\gamma \right] \right\}$$

the low x growth

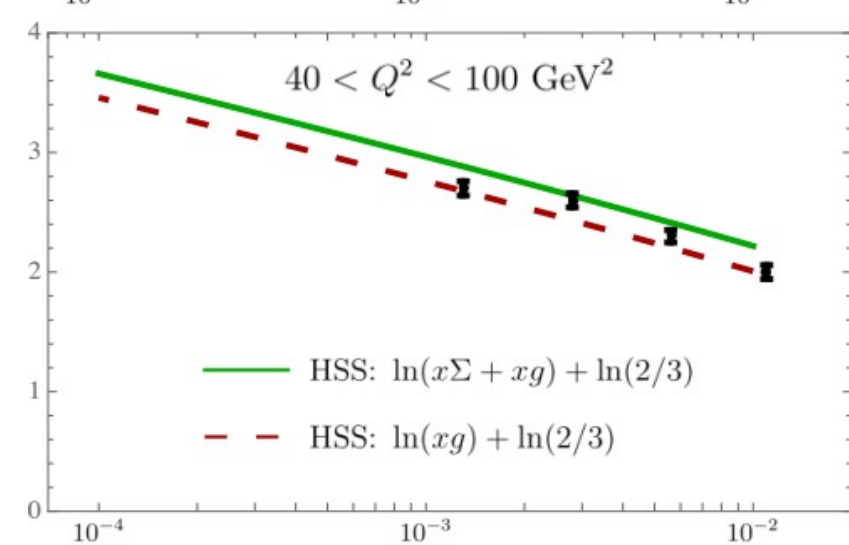
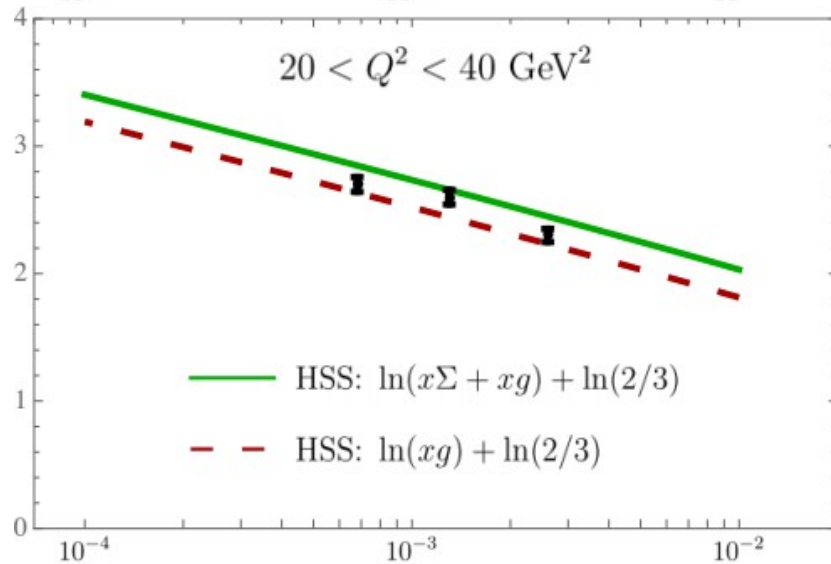
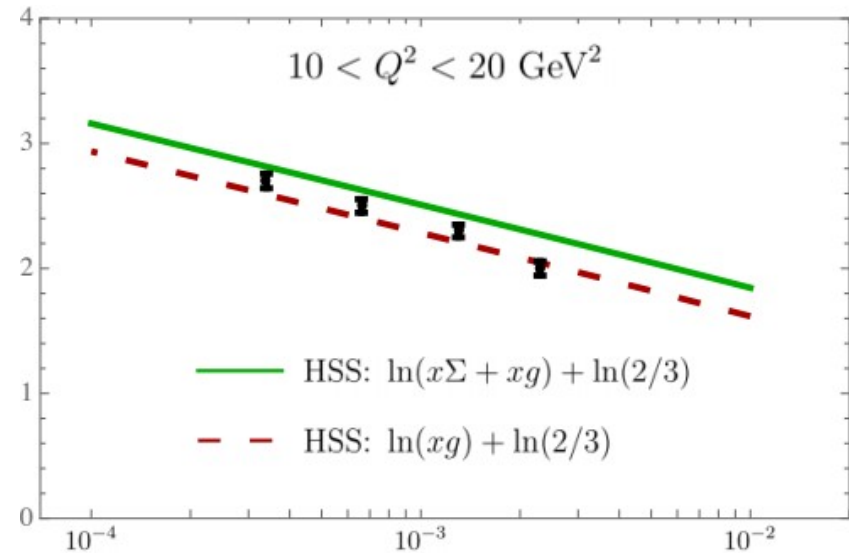
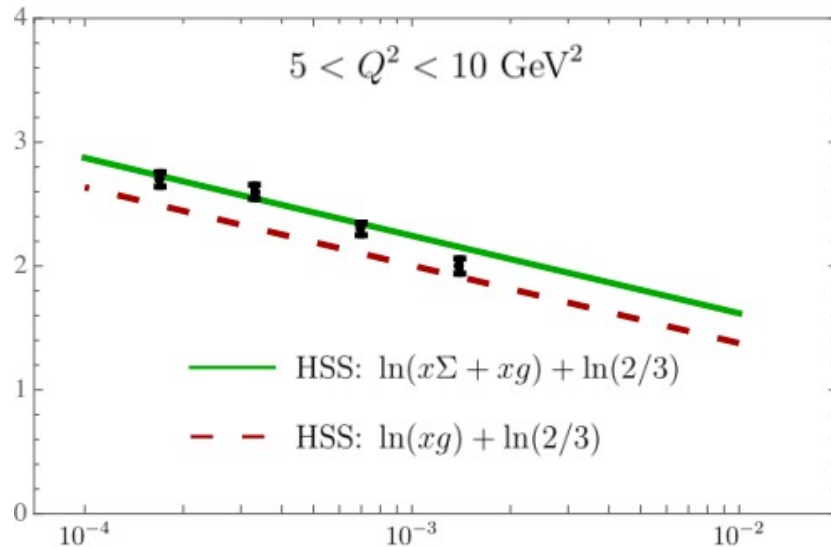
Hentschinski, Sabio-Vera, Salas.  
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# Proton structure function from HSS fit

$F_2$  data description

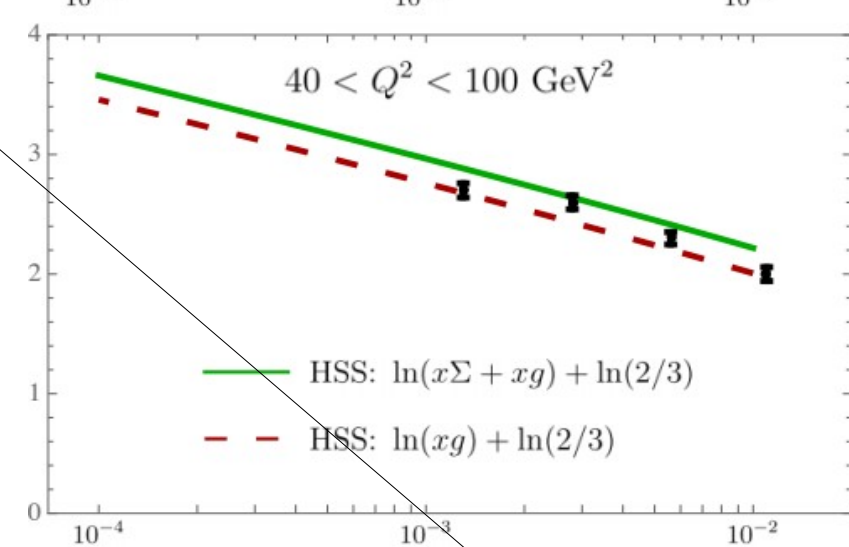
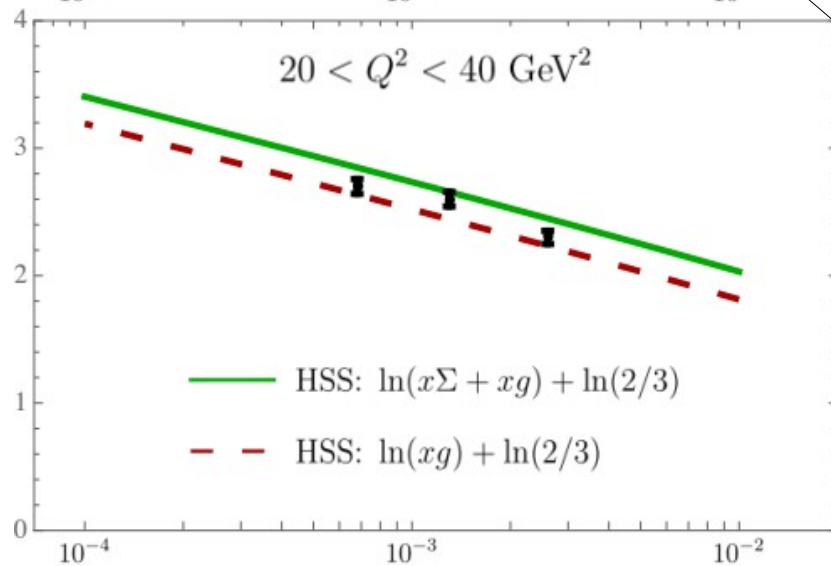
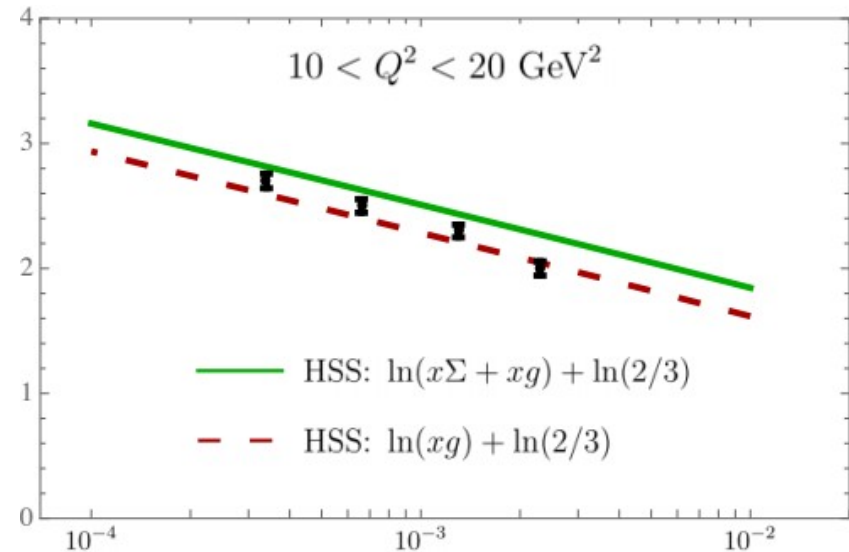
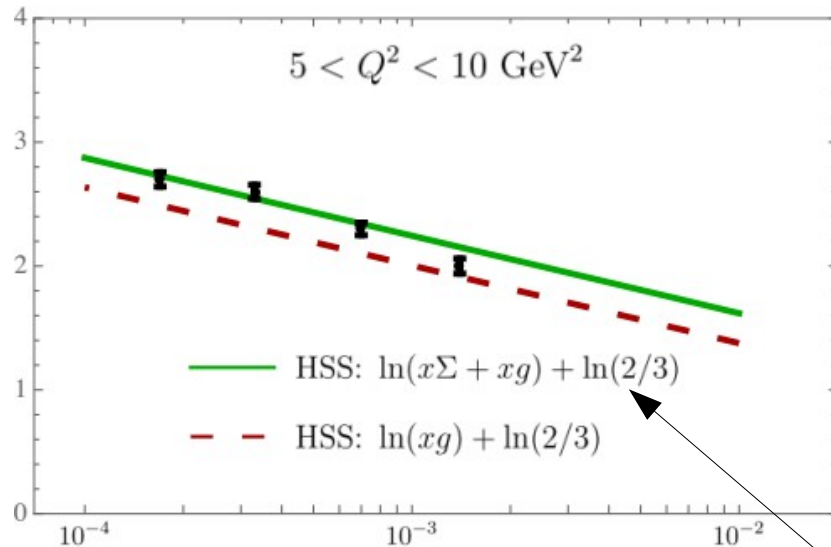


# Results



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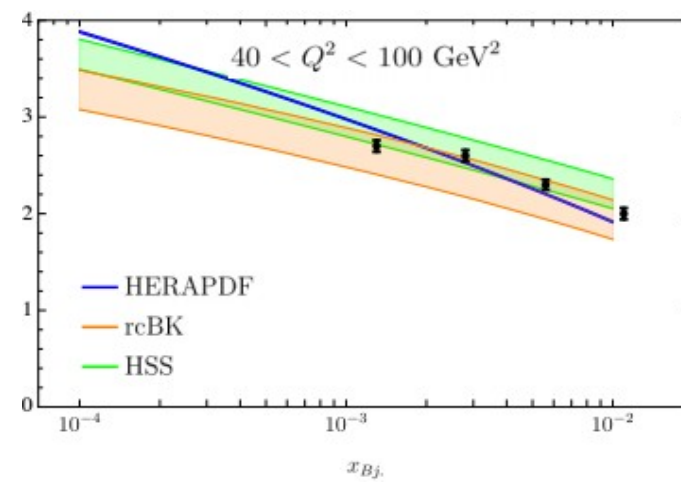
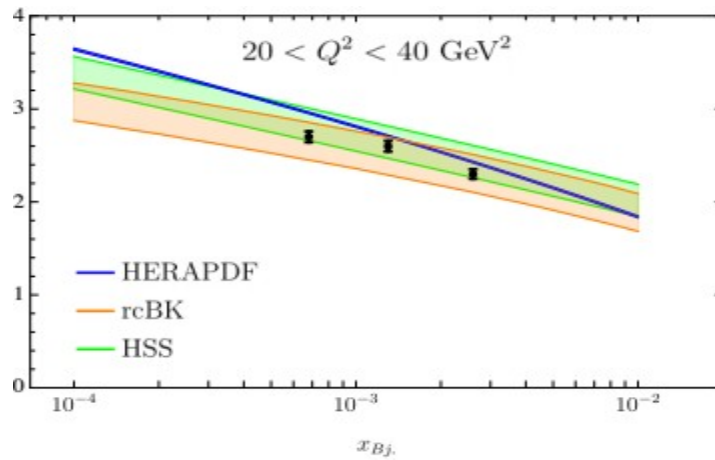
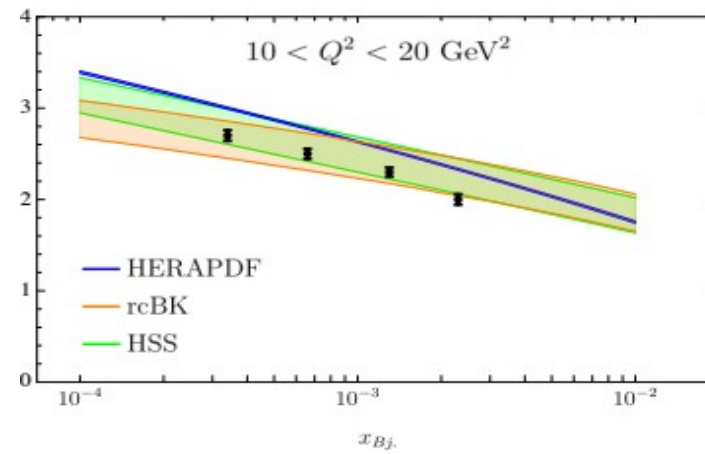
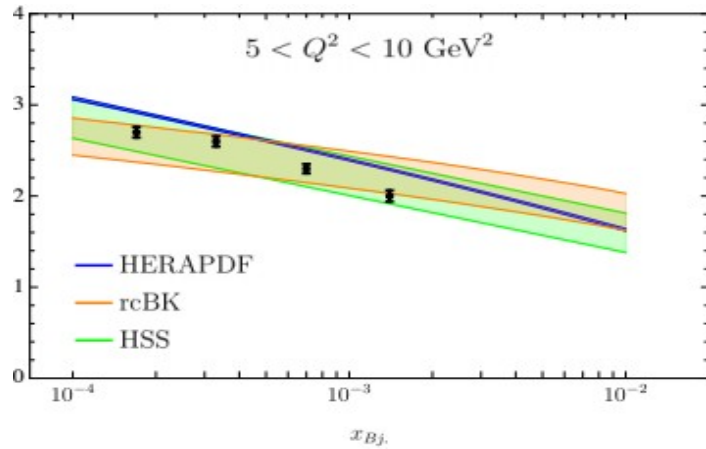


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One has to also take into account that only charged hadrons were measured i.e  $2/3$  of partons contribute



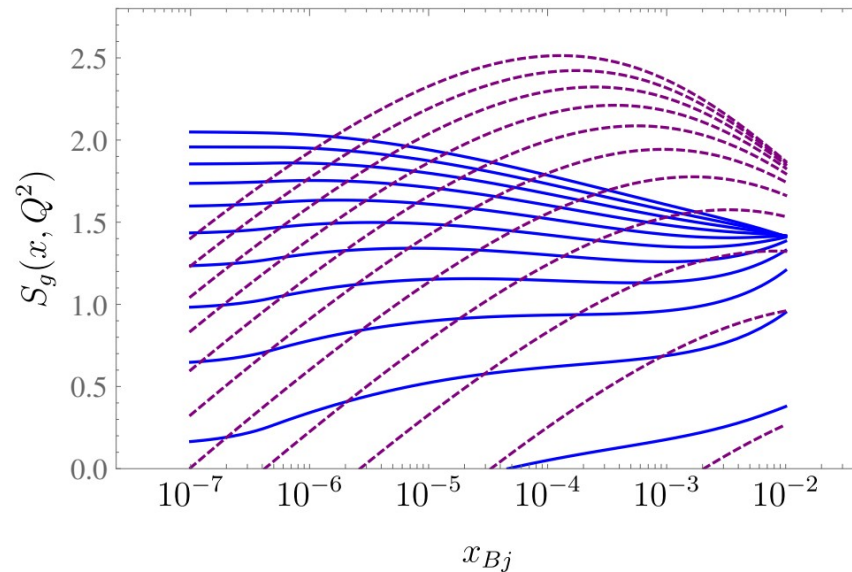
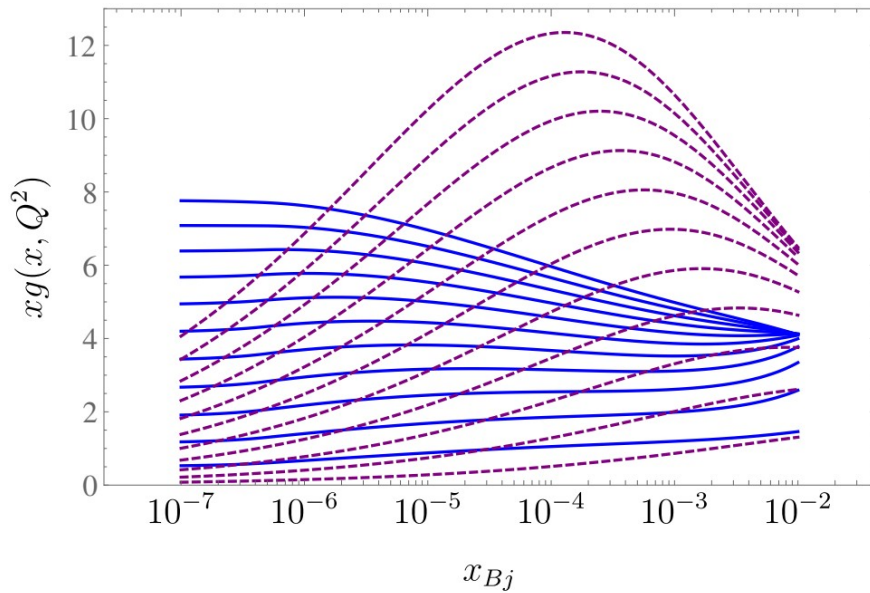
# Large scales - description

Martin Hentschinski, KK, Robert Straka '23



# Integrated gluon and entropy

Curves for specific values of Q



$$\lim_{Q^2 \gg Q_s^2} S(x, Q^2) = \ln(S_{\perp} Q_s^2(x)) + \ln \frac{N_c}{8\alpha_s \pi^2} = \lambda \ln \frac{1}{x} + \text{const}$$

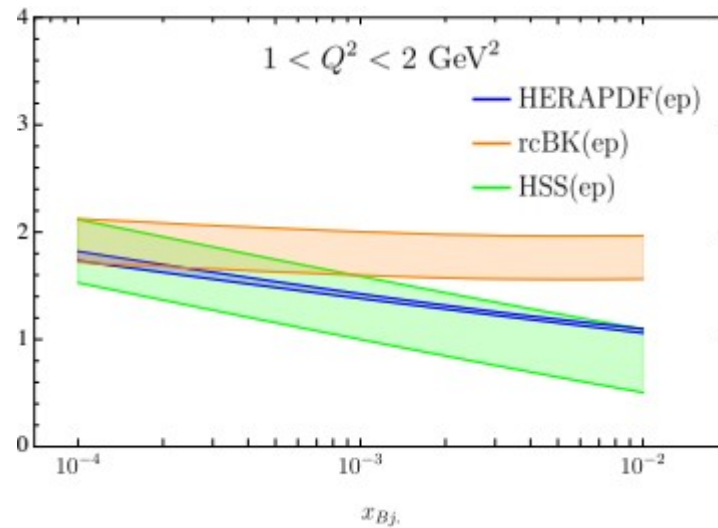
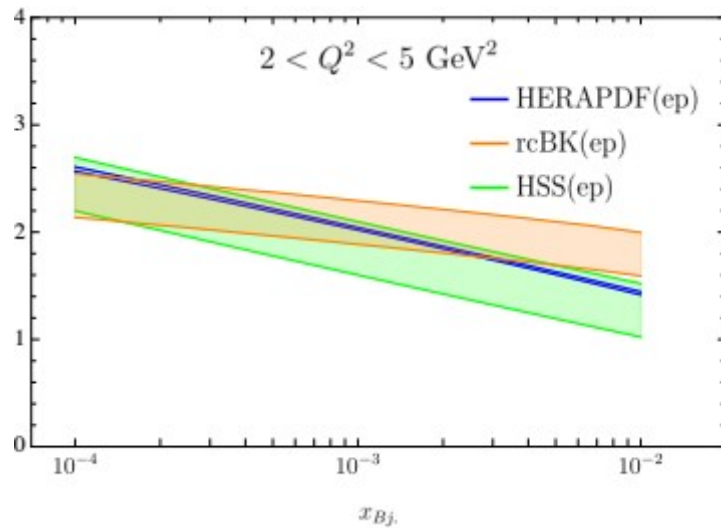
$$\lim_{Q^2 \ll Q_s^2} S(x, Q^2) = \ln \left( \frac{S_{\perp} Q^4}{Q_s^2(x)} \right) + \ln \frac{N_c}{16\alpha_s \pi^2}$$

Photon can not resolve proton anymore therefore the EE vanishes.

But it might be that the formalism breaks down for low scales.

There might be another source of entropy that keep the total entropy not vanishing → **generalized second law Bekenstein**

# Small scales - prediction

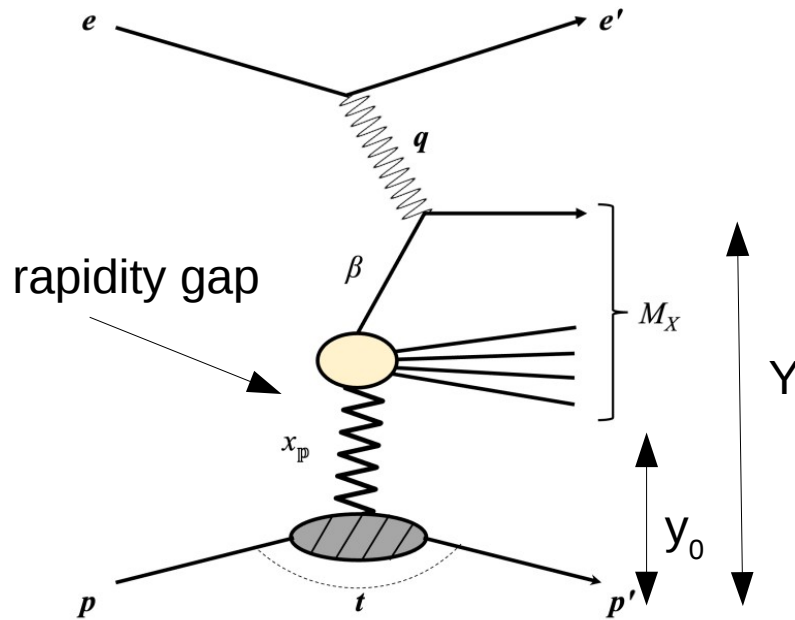


See also [Hagivara, Hatta, Xiao '18](#)

The generalized KL model is used and entropy saturates in this approach and [Nowak, Liu, Zahed '22](#)

# EE in Diffractive Deep Inelastic Scattering

H. Hentschinski, D. Kharzeev, K. Kutak, Z. Tu '23



$x_{\mathbb{P}}$  proton's momentum fraction carried by the Pomeron

$\beta$  denotes the Pomeron's momentum fraction carried by the quark interacting with the virtual photon

$$x = \beta \cdot x_{\mathbb{P}} \quad \text{Bjorken } x$$

$$y_0 \simeq \ln 1/x_{\mathbb{P}} \quad \text{size of rapidity gap}$$

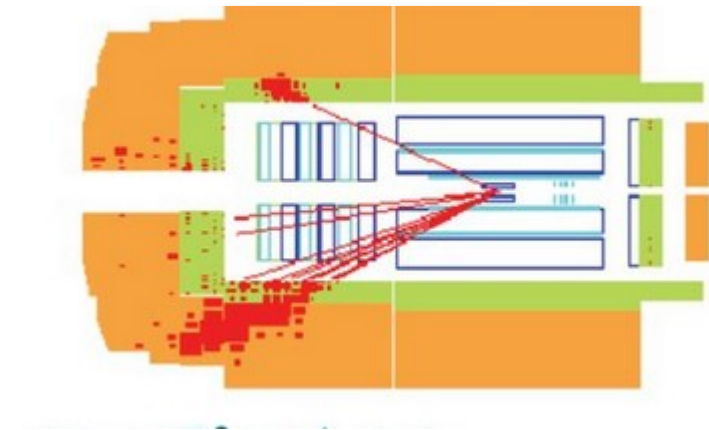
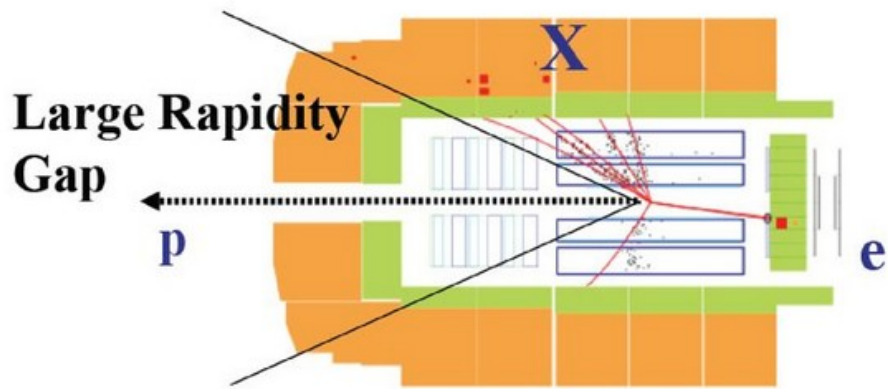
$$Y = \ln 1/x$$

$$y_X = Y - y_0 \simeq \ln 1/\beta$$

Analogous evolution equation as for non-diffractive case but Initial conditions are different and there is delay because of rapidity gap.

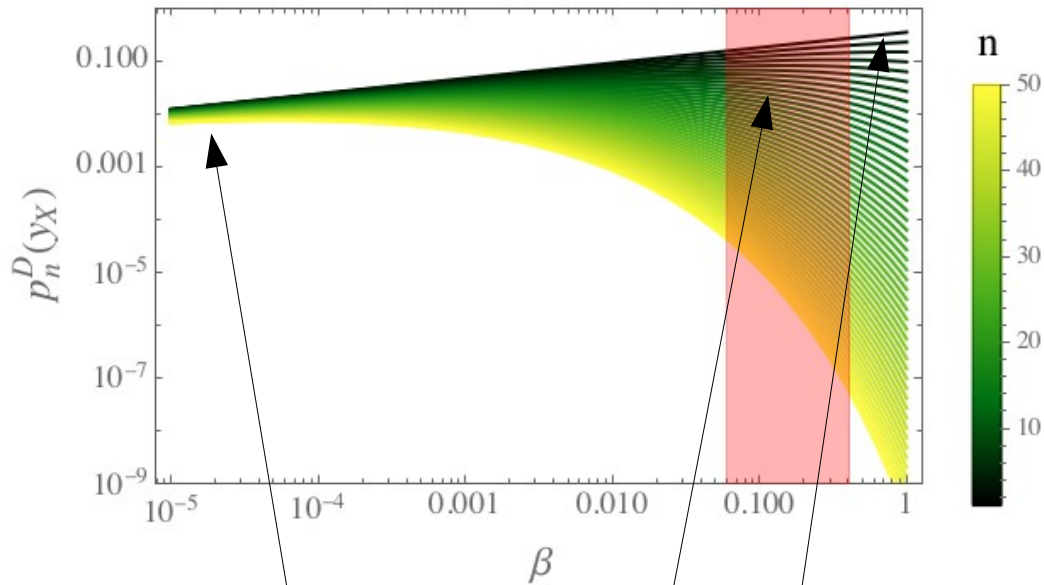
Munier, Mueller Phys. Rev. D 98, 034021 (2018)

# Diffraction vs. nondiffraction



H1 detector

# EE in DDIS



H1 data region

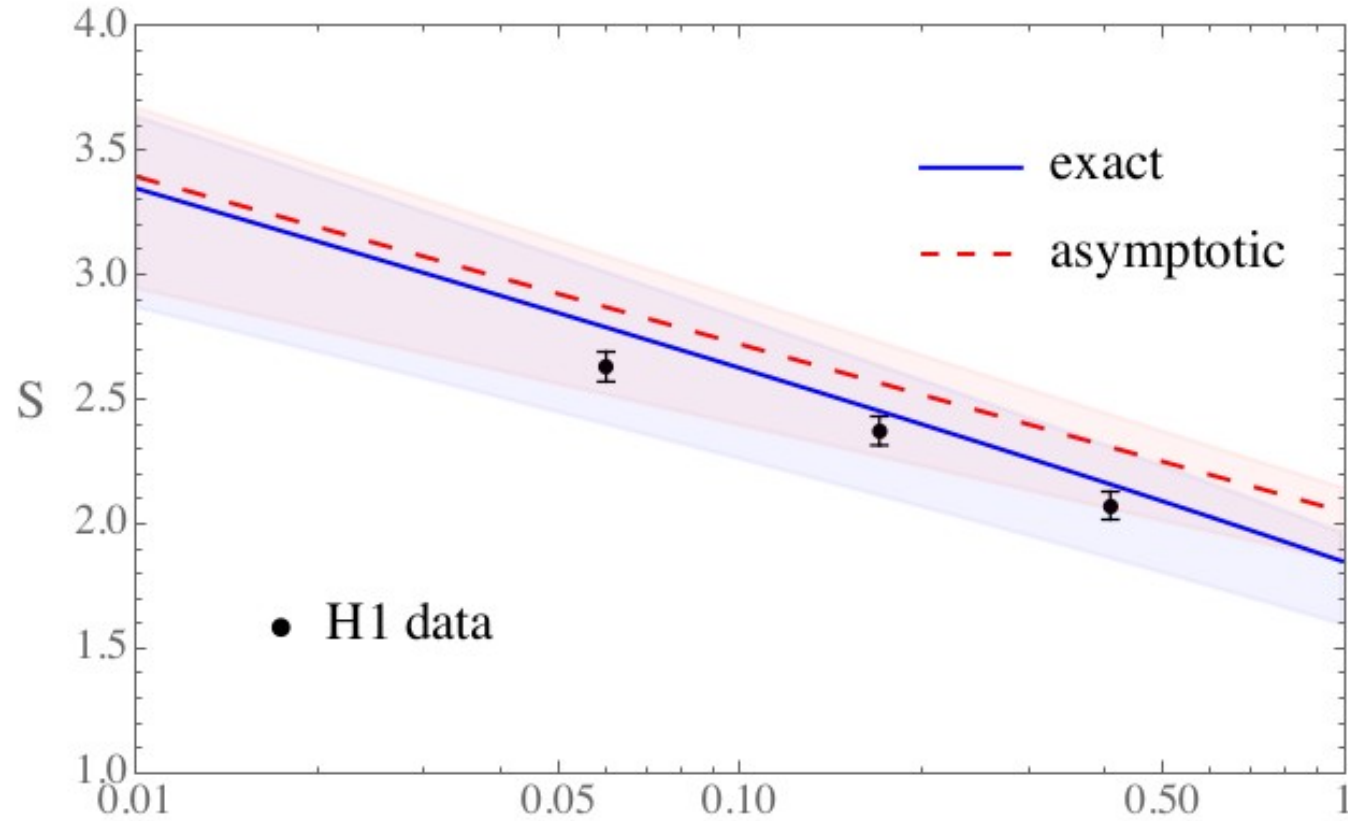
Asymptotic or maximal entangled region. All configurations have the same probability

High probability of configurations with few partons

$$\left\langle \frac{dn(\beta)}{d\beta} \right\rangle_{\text{charged}} \simeq \frac{2}{3} \left\langle \frac{dn(\beta)}{d\beta} \right\rangle$$

$$p_n^D(y_X) = \frac{1}{C} e^{-\Delta y_X} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{C} e^{-\Delta y_X} \right)^{n-1}$$

# EE in DDIS



$\beta$   
momentum fraction carried by the quark interacting with the virtual photon

# Complexity and gluon density

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“The complexity of the task is defined as the minimum number of gates used to construct the circuit that accomplishes it” L. Susskind

The key point is to expand the state or the operator in the minimal basis that supports its unitary evolution

### State complexity

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{n=0} \psi_n(t) |K_n\rangle \quad H |K_n\rangle = a_n |K_n\rangle + b_n |K_{n-1}\rangle + b_{n+1} |K_{n+1}\rangle$$

$$C_K(t) = \langle n \rangle = \sum_n n p_n(t) \quad p_n(t) \equiv |\psi_n(t)|^2 \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\alpha(L_1+L_{-1})t} |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$$

$$S_K(t) = - \sum_n p_n(t) \log p_n(t)$$

After transforming to rapidity variable one gets boost operator

$$\partial_Y p_n(Y) = \alpha n p_{n-1}(Y) - \alpha(n+1) p_n(Y)$$

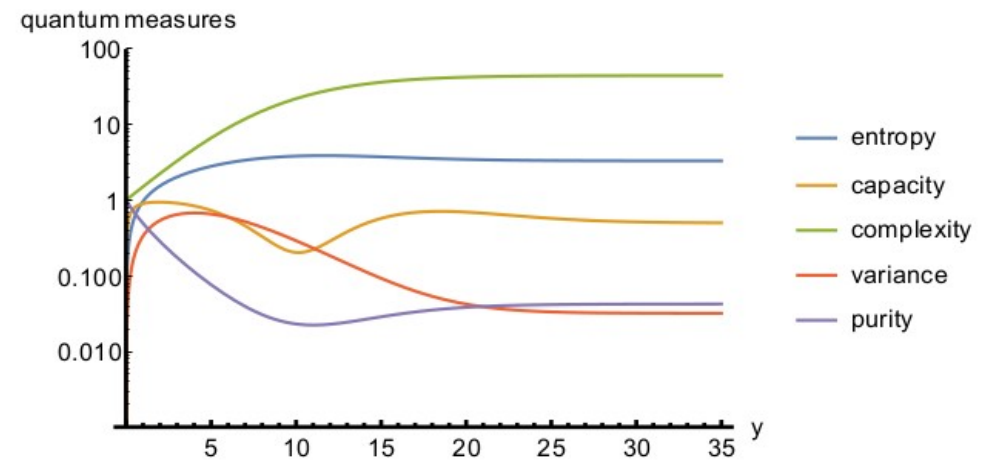
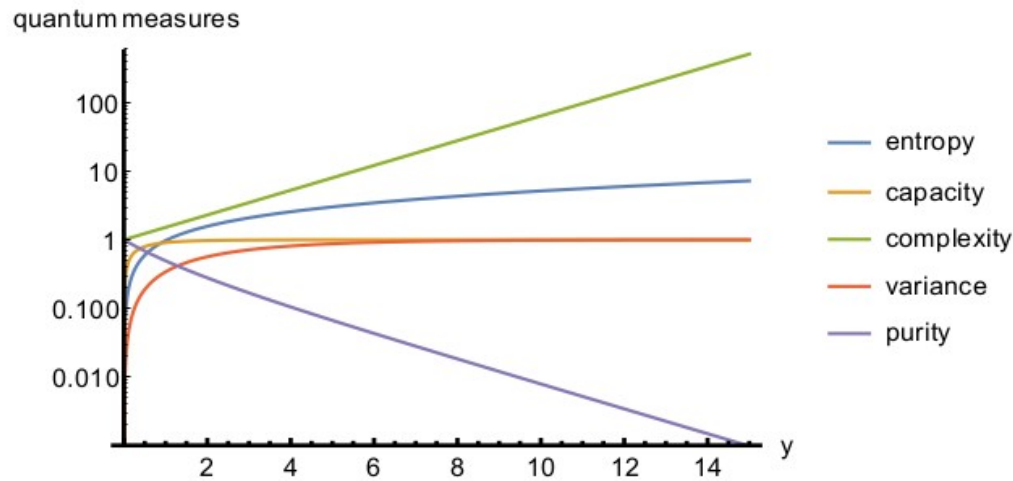
We can write the relation between the K-complexity and the gluon patron distribution

$$C_K = xg(x)$$



# QI measures and dipole equations

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$$\partial_Y p_n(Y) = -\lambda n p_n(Y) + \lambda(n-1)p_{n-1}(Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_Y p_n(Y) = & -\lambda n p_n(Y) + \lambda(n-1)p_{n-1}(Y) \\ & + \beta n(n+1)p_{n+1}(Y) - \beta n(n-1)p_n(Y) \end{aligned}$$

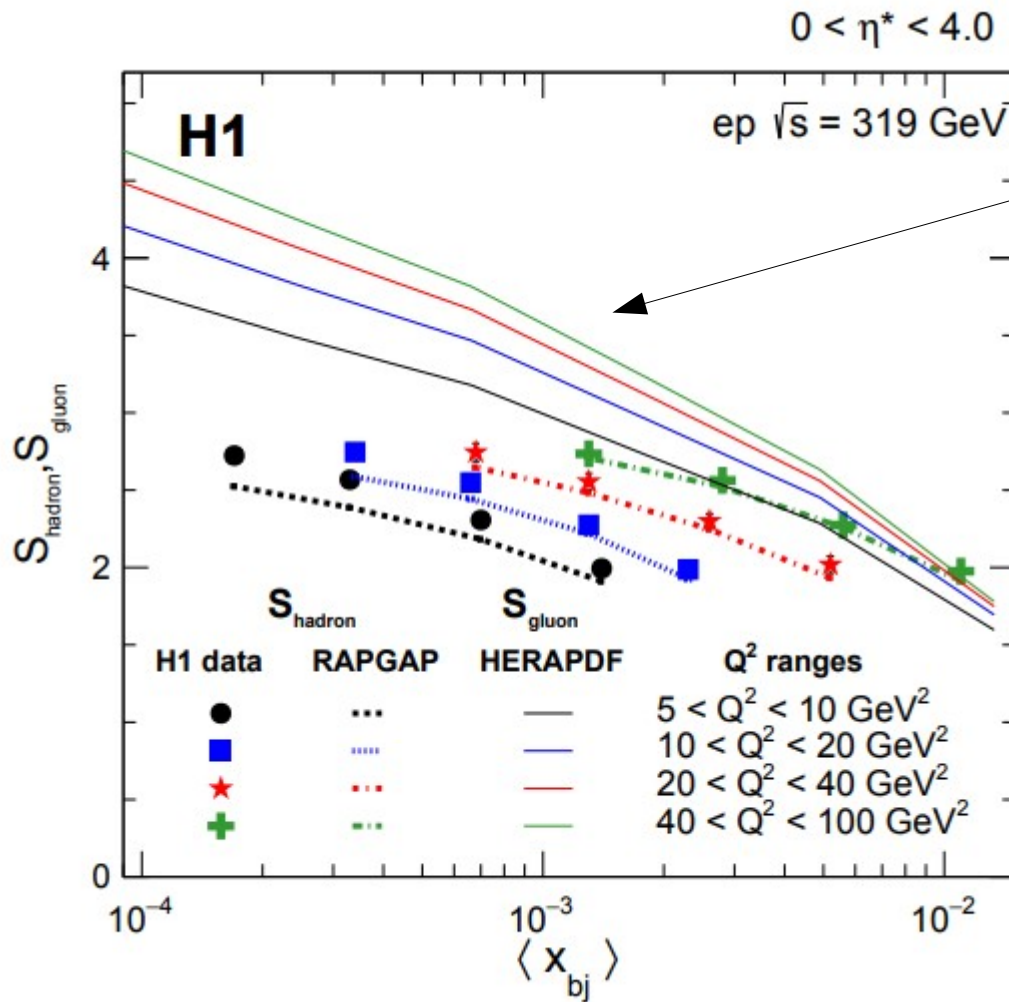
Hagiwara, Hatta, Xiao, Yuan  
Phys.Rev.D 97 (2018) 9, 094029

# Conclusions and outlook

- We show evidences for the proposal for low  $x$  maximal entanglement entropy of proton constituents in .
- It can be systematically improved (quark contributions, NLO BFKL, rc BK) and can describe successfully H1 data.
- We obtain saturation of entropy at small resolution scales.
- We demonstrate that the proposal works for DDIS and that it can be used to study onset of maximal entanglement
- Saturation might be manifestation of provide mechanism for vanishing of EE at low resolution scale
- The thermodynamic based approach agrees with KL approach
- Formal study of dipole cascade model 2404.07657, P. Caputa, K. Kutak it follows that one can view gluon density as a measure of quantum complexity of proton

# Backup

# Data and EE



HERA pdf used

$$S(x, Q) = \ln(xg(x, Q))$$

Also attempt by Kharzeev and Levin to use quarks instead of gluons  
[Phys. Rev. D 104, 031503 \(2021\)](#)

H1

[Eur.Phys.J.C 81 \(2021\) 3, 212](#)

See also [Z. Tu, D. Kharzeev, T. Ulrich '20](#)  
 for calculations of EE in p-p.

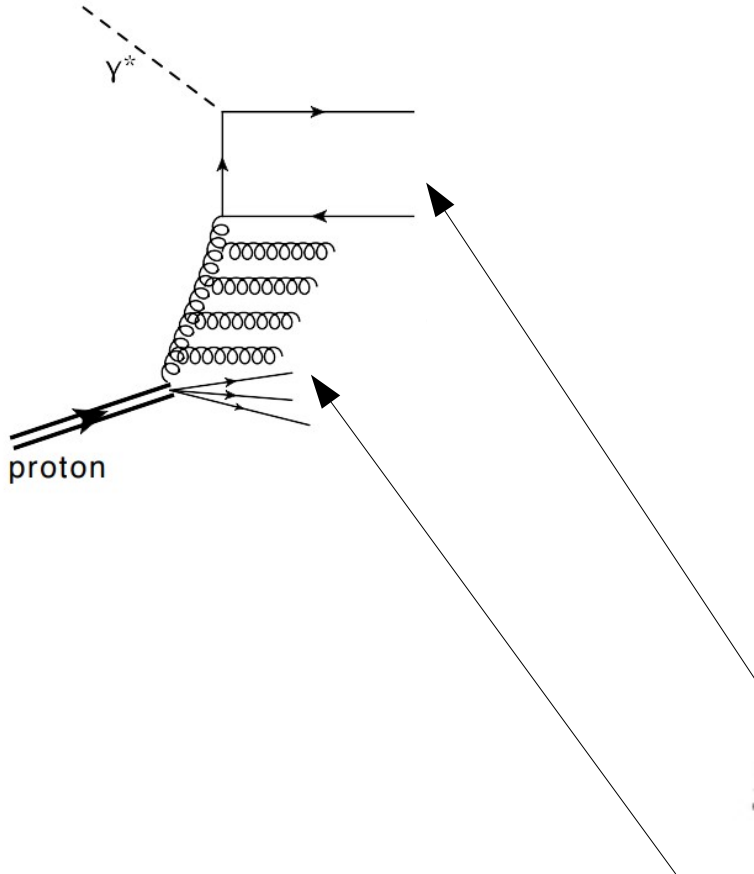
# Extension of KL entropy formula

Hentschinski, Kutak '21

$$\left\langle n \left( \ln \frac{1}{x}, Q \right) \right\rangle = xg(x, Q) + x\Sigma(x, Q)$$

To get the entropy of system of partons one needs to account for both quarks and gluons. One can view this as a higher order correction to KL formula. Furthermore it is impossible to isolate quarks from gluons therefore the complete entropy formula should receive contributions from quarks and gluons

# Gluon and quark distribution



In the linear regime obeys BFKL equation. In our calculations we use NLO BFKL with kinematical improvements and running coupling. The gluon density has been fitted to  $F_2$  data (exact kinematics was used)

Hentschinski, Sabio-Vera, Salas.  
 Phys.Rev.D 87 (2013) 7, 076005  
 Phys.Rev.Lett. 110 (2013) 4, 041601

We calculate the sea quarks distribution using

$$x\Sigma(x, Q) = P_{qg}(Q, \mathbf{k}) \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, \mathbf{k}^2)$$

$$xg(x, Q) = \int_0^{Q^2} d\mathbf{k}^2 \mathcal{F}(x, \mathbf{k}^2)$$

Transverse momentum dependent splitting function  
 Catani, Hautmann  
 Nucl.Phys. B427 (1994) 475-524

Other methods for resummation:  
 KMS (Kwiecinski, Martin, Stasto);  
 CCSS (Colferai, Ciafaloni, Staśto, Salam)