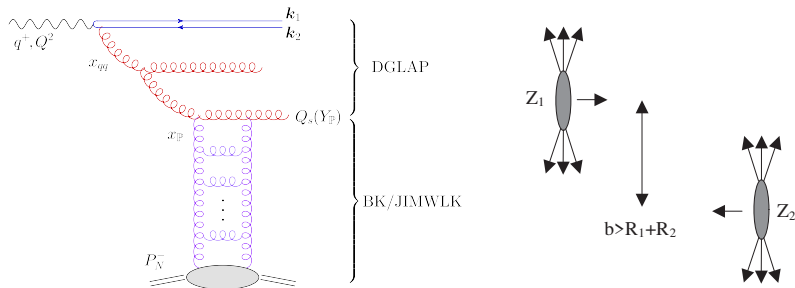


# Probing gluon saturation via photon-hadron interactions at high energy

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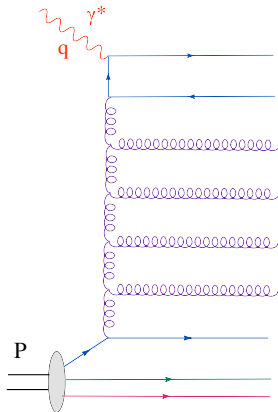
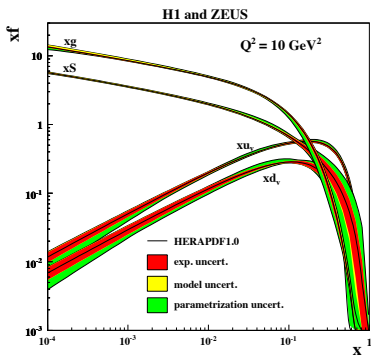
with A.H. Mueller, D.N. Triantafyllopoulos, and S.-Y. Wei



- Color Dipole Picture for photon-hadron interactions at high energy
  - Gluon Saturation: brief introduction (*cf. talk by Raju Venugopalan*)
  - DIS: from the target picture to the dipole picture
  - Gluon Saturation: Inclusive vs. Diffractive DIS
- Diffractive jets in  $\gamma$ -hadron interactions
  - Exclusive dijets: higher twist
  - 2+1 jets: the dominant channel
  - TMD factorisation from the Color Dipole Picture
  - Unintegrated gluon distribution of the Pomeron
- Diffractive jets in Ultraperipheral Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions
  - opportunities (gluon saturation) & difficulties

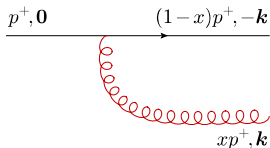
# Rise of gluon PDF

- Electron-proton DIS at HERA, two invariants:  $Q^2$  and  $x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}$



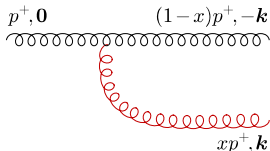
- $xG(x, Q^2) = \#$  of gluons with longitudinal momentum fraction  $x$  and transverse momentum  $k_{\perp} \leq Q$
- Dominance of gluons at **small**  $x \leq 0.01$ : QCD evolution

- Soft gluon emission from a quark



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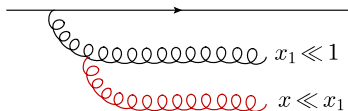


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- Large emission probability when the gluon is soft/low-energy:  $x \ll 1$
- By iterating soft gluon emissions  $\implies$  Gluon cascades (BFKL evolution)

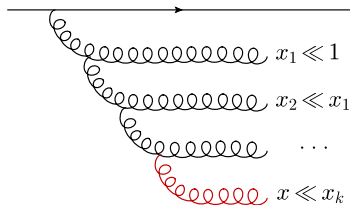
# BFKL evolution (Balitsky, Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov, 1974-78)

- Two successive gluon emissions, which are strongly ordered



$$\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln \frac{1}{x}$$

- $Y \equiv \ln(1/x)$ : rapidity difference between parent quark and final gluon
- $k + 1$  successive emissions, strongly ordered in  $x$



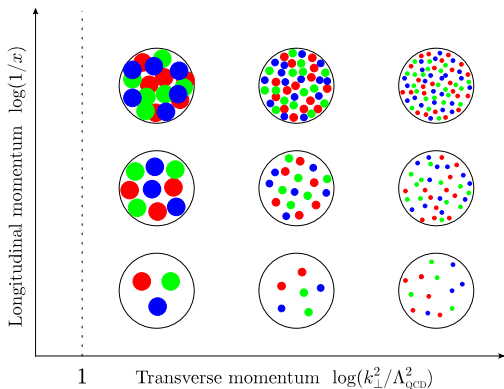
$$\frac{1}{k!} (\bar{\alpha} Y)^k, \quad \bar{\alpha} \equiv \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi}$$

- Sum over  $k \Rightarrow$  an exponential:

$$xG(x, Q^2) \propto e^{\lambda Y}$$

- **Linear evolution:** gluons multiply, yet they do not interact

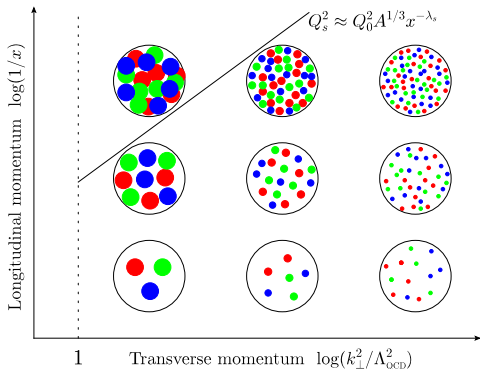
# Evolution and the transverse density



- Increase  $k_{\perp}$ , or  $Q^2$  (DGLAP)  $\implies$  many small partons  $\implies$  low density
- Increase  $1/x$  (BFKL)  $\implies$  many partons of similar size  $\implies$  high density
- Overlapping gluons can interact with each other

# Gluon occupancy

- The relevant quantity: the gluon **occupation number** in phase space



- gluon area  $\times$  gluon density

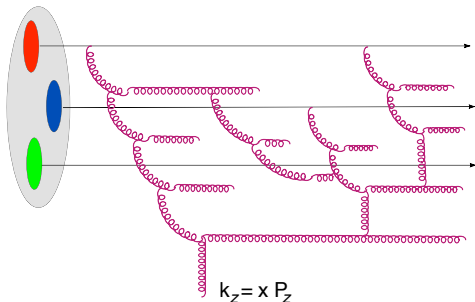
$$n(x, Q^2) \simeq \frac{1}{Q^2} \times \frac{xG_A(x, Q^2)}{\pi R_A^2}$$

- dilute systems have  $n \ll 1$

- When  $n \gtrsim 1$ , gluons overlap, but their interactions are still **suppressed by  $\alpha_s$**
- Interactions become of  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  when  $n(x, Q^2) \sim 1/\alpha_s$
- Emergent transverse momentum scale: **saturation momentum  $Q_s(x, A)$**

# BK-JIMWLK evolution

- Evolution becomes **non-linear** (JIMWLK) and gluon occupancy **saturates** (*Jalilian-Marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, and Kovner, 97–00*)



- schematically (“BK eq.”)  
(*Balitsky, 95; Kovchegov, 99*)

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial Y} = \alpha_s n - \alpha_s^2 n^2$$

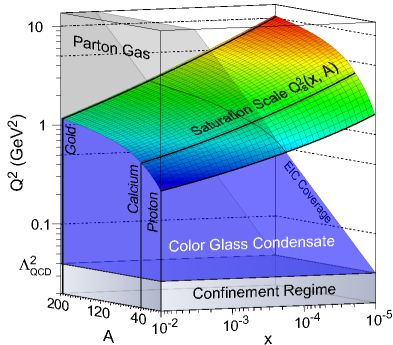
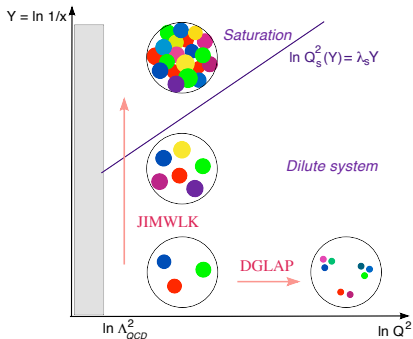
- Fixed point  $n \sim 1/\alpha_s$

- Non-linear, functional, generalisation of BFKL: **Wilson line operators**
  - unitarity for scattering amplitudes, no infrared diffusion
- Known to NLO + collinear resummations (*see talk by Nestor Armesto*)



# Saturation momentum

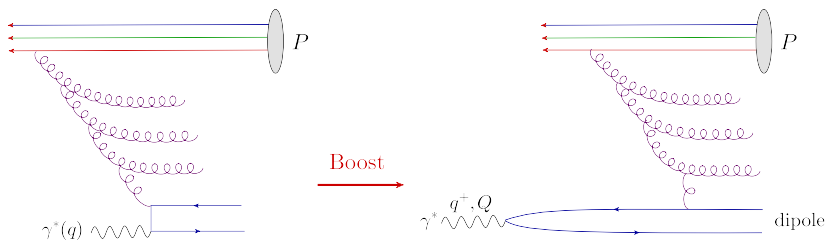
$$Q_s^2(x, A) \simeq \alpha_s \frac{x G_A(x, Q_s^2)}{\pi R_A^2} \sim \frac{A^{1/3}}{x^{\lambda_s}}, \quad \lambda_s \sim 0.3$$



- $x \sim 10^{-3}$  (EIC):  $Q_s^2 \sim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$  for Pb or Au
- $x \sim 10^{-5}$  (LHC):  $Q_s^2 \sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$  for Pb and  $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  for a proton

# Dipole picture: Lorentz frame

- Usual parton picture: target infinite momentum frame  $P_N^- \rightarrow \infty$
- $x \ll 1$ : boost to the **dipole frame** where the photon is energetic:  $q^+ \gg Q$
- Goal: transfer the  $q\bar{q}$  pair from the target to the projectile

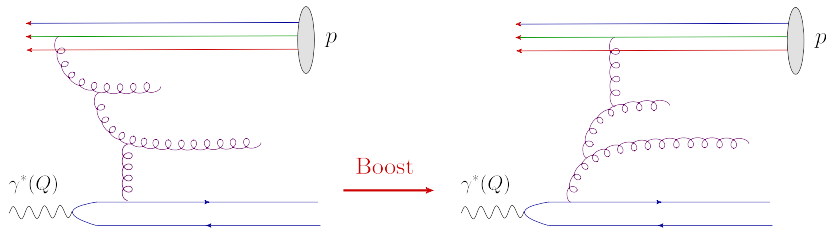


$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P_N^- q^+} \ll \frac{1}{A^{1/3}} \iff \Delta x^+ \simeq \frac{2q^+}{Q^2} \gg \frac{A^{1/3}}{P_N^-} \sim \frac{R_A}{\gamma}$$

- the virtual photon fluctuates into a  $q\bar{q}$  pair long before the scattering
- the  $q\bar{q}$  color dipole acts as a probe of the gluon distribution

# Dipole picture: gauge choice

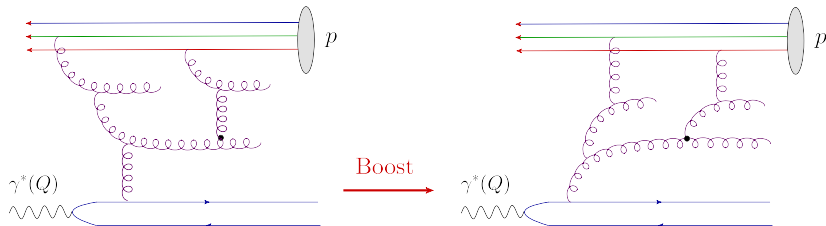
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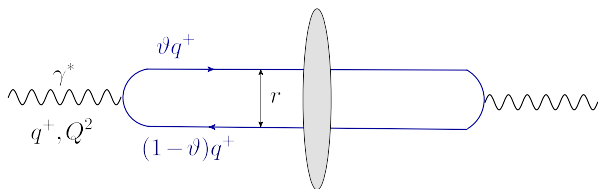
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- building the wavefunction is simpler for a dilute object
- this becomes obvious after adding non-linear effects
- **Gluon saturation** in target picture  $\iff$  **multiple scattering** in dipole picture

# Dipole picture for inclusive DIS

- Lorentz contraction: the dipole scatters off a **shockwave**

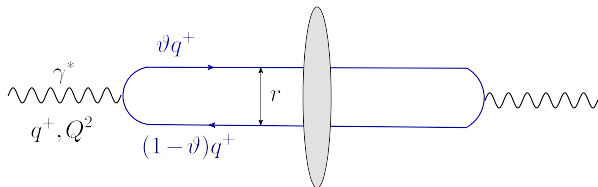


$$\sigma_{\gamma^* A}(Q^2, x) = \int d^2 r \int_0^1 d\vartheta \left| \Psi_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(r, \vartheta; Q^2) \right|^2 \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{dipole}}(r, A, x)}_{2\pi R_A^2 T_A(r, x)}$$

- All QCD dynamics in the **dipole amplitude**  $T_A(r, x)$
- Solution to BK/JIMWLK eqs, **MV model** for initial condition at  $x_0 \sim 10^{-2}$

$$T_A(r, x) \simeq \begin{cases} r^2 Q_s^2(A, x) & \text{for } rQ_s \ll 1 \text{ (color transparency)} \\ 1 & \text{for } rQ_s \gtrsim 1 \text{ (black disk/saturation)} \end{cases}$$

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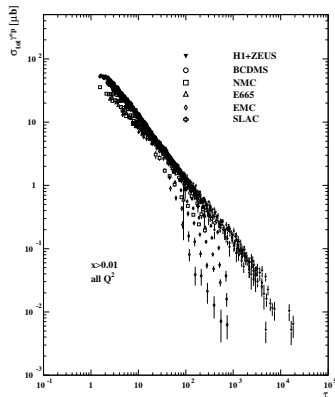
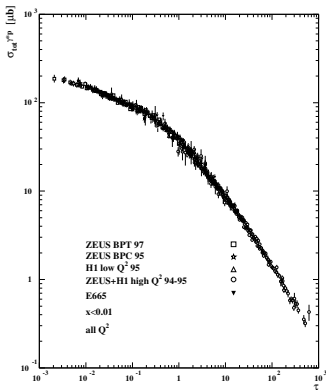


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- Virtuality limits large dipoles:  $r \lesssim 1/\bar{Q}$  with  $\bar{Q}^2 \equiv \vartheta(1-\vartheta)Q^2$
- Saturation requires  $r \gtrsim 1/Q_s$ , hence  $\bar{Q}^2 \lesssim Q_s^2$
- When  $Q^2 \gg Q_s^2$ , dominant contribution from **weak scattering** ( $rQ_s \ll 1$ )
- Even weak scattering can be affected by saturation

# Geometric scaling at HERA

(*Staśto, Golec-Biernat, Kwieciński, 2000*)

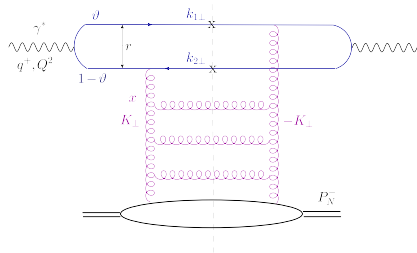
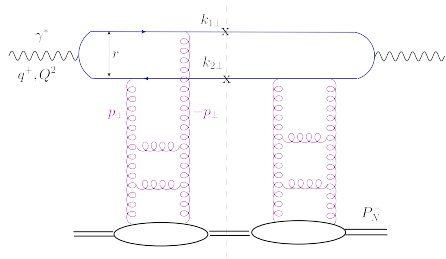


- In general,  $\sigma_{\gamma^*p}(x, Q^2)$  involves 2 independent variables
- For  $x \leq 10^{-2}$ , it depends only upon  $\tau \equiv Q^2/Q_s^2(x)$ : “scaling”
- For larger  $x > 10^{-2}$ : no scaling

# Diffraction: $F_{2D}$

- Elastic scattering/diffraction is **more sensitive to strong scattering**

$$\sigma_{el} \propto |T|^2 \longleftrightarrow \sigma_{tot} \propto 2\text{Im}T$$



- Colourless exchange: 2-gluon ladder, (BFKL) Pomeron, rapidity gap
- $F_{2D}$  controlled by the **black disk limit** ( $T \sim 1$ ) even when  $Q^2 \gg Q_s^2$ 
  - asymmetric  $q\bar{q}$  pairs,  $\vartheta(1-\vartheta) \ll 1$ , with large size  $r \sim 1/Q_s$
  - would be non-perturbative,  $r \sim 1/\Lambda$ , in absence of saturation



# One vs two Pomerons... at HERA

- 2-gluon exchange:  $\sigma_{el}$  rises with  $\frac{1}{x}$ , or with  $A$ , like two Pomerons

$$T^2 \simeq \left[ r^2 Q_s^2(A, x) \right]^2 \propto \frac{A^{2/3}}{x^{2\lambda_s}} \quad \text{vs.} \quad T \simeq r^2 Q_s^2(A, x) \propto \frac{A^{1/3}}{x^{\lambda_s}}$$

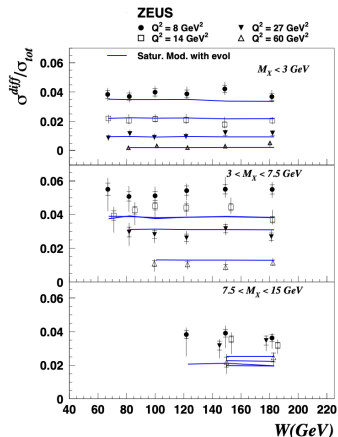


Figure 9: The ratio of  $\sigma_{diff}/\sigma_{tot}$  versus the  $\gamma^*p$  energy  $W$ . The data is from ZEUS and the solid lines correspond to the results of the DGLAP improved model with massless quarks (FIT 2).

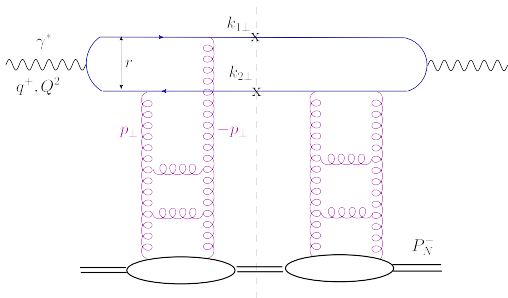
- But it doesn't! Controlled by multiple scattering:  $T \sim 1$ , or  $r \sim 1/Q_s$
- Almost the same scaling as  $\sigma_{tot}$ :

$$\frac{\sigma_{el}}{\sigma_{tot}} \sim \frac{1}{\ln(Q^2/Q_s^2)}$$

- Weak  $x$ -dependence confirmed by HERA (*Bartels, Golec-Biernat, Kowalski, 2002*)
- Would be interesting to also check the  $A$ -dependence at the EIC

# Exclusive production of hard dijets

- The simplest jet measurement in diffraction: a pair of back-to-back jets
- Leading order: a  $q\bar{q}$  pair, which is hard and relatively symmetric:
  - $k_{1\perp} \simeq k_{2\perp} \equiv P_{\perp} \sim Q \gg Q_s$  &  $\vartheta \sim 1/2$
- Hard scale sets dipole size  $r \sim 1/P_{\perp} \ll 1/Q_s \implies$  weak scattering



$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow q\bar{q}A}}{d\vartheta d^2P} \propto \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{Q^2}}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}} \underbrace{\frac{Q_s^4}{P_{\perp}^4}}_{T_A^2}$$

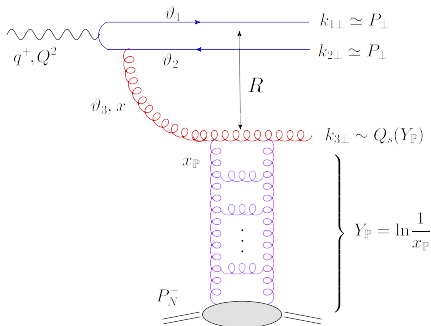
$$\propto \frac{Q_s^4}{P_{\perp}^6} \quad \text{higher twist}$$

- Rare events (“higher twist”), insensitive to saturation

# Diffractive 2+1 jets

(E.I., A.H. Mueller, D.N. Triantafyllopoulos, PRL 128 (2022) 20)

- Can one have diffractive dijets at leading twist ? ( $\sim 1/P_{\perp}^4$ )
- Yes, two hard jets  $P_{\perp} \gg Q_s$  and one semi-hard  $k_{3\perp} \sim Q_s \ll P_{\perp}$
- Third, semi-hard, jet provides dijet imbalance:  $|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2| = k_{3\perp} \ll P_{\perp}$



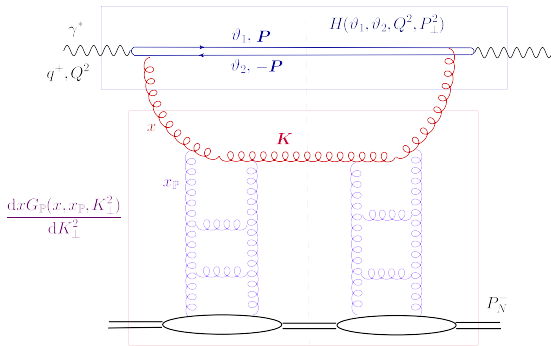
$$R \sim \frac{1}{Q_s} \gg r \sim \frac{1}{P_{\perp}}$$

- Effective **gluon-gluon** dipole
  - Strong scattering:  $T_{gg}(R, Y_P) \sim 1$
  - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ , but leading-twist
- N.B. Saturation momentum evaluated at the rapidity gap  $Y_P = \ln \frac{1}{x_P}$

# TMD factorisation

- Scale separation  $\implies$  **Factorisation**  $\implies$  Gluon is part of the **Pomeron**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{2+1}^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow q\bar{q}gA}}{d\vartheta_1 d\vartheta_2 d^2\mathbf{P} d^2\mathbf{K} dY_{\mathbb{P}}} = H_{T,L}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, Q^2, P_{\perp}^2) \frac{dx G_{\mathbb{P}}(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, K_{\perp}^2)}{d^2\mathbf{K}}$$



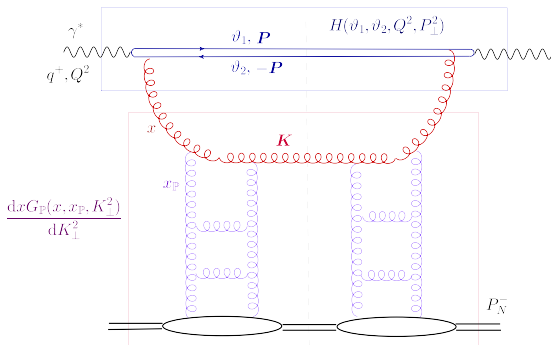
- The hard factor:**  $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  decay & the gluon emission

$$H_T = \alpha_{\text{em}} \alpha_s \left( \sum e_f^2 \right) \vartheta_1 \vartheta_2 (\vartheta_1^2 + \vartheta_2^2) \frac{1}{P_{\perp}^4} \quad \text{when } Q^2 \ll P_{\perp}^2$$

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- Gluon diffractive TMD**: unintegrated gluon distribution of the Pomeron
- $x$ : energy fraction of the exchanged gluon with respect to the Pomeron

$$\frac{dx G_{\mathbb{P}}(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, K_{\perp}^2)}{d^2 K} = \frac{S_{\perp}(N_c^2 - 1)}{4\pi^3} \underbrace{\Phi_g(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, K_{\perp}^2)}_{\text{occupation number}}$$

- Given explicitly in terms of the gluon-gluon dipole amplitude  $T_{gg}(R, Y_{\mathbb{P}})$

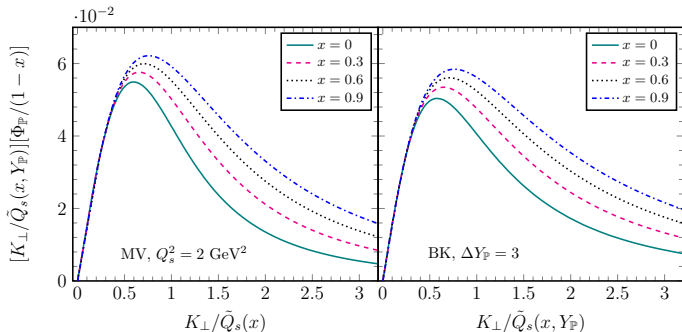
$$\Phi_g(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, K_{\perp}^2) \simeq (1-x) \begin{cases} 1, & K_{\perp} \lesssim \tilde{Q}_s(x) \\ \frac{\tilde{Q}_s^4(x)}{K_{\perp}^4}, & K_{\perp} \gg \tilde{Q}_s(x) \end{cases}$$

- Valid for large gap/small  $x_{\mathbb{P}} \lesssim 10^{-2}$  and any  $x \leq 1$
- Effective saturation momentum:  $\tilde{Q}_s^2(x, Y_{\mathbb{P}}) = (1-x)Q_s^2(Y_{\mathbb{P}})$
- The bulk of the distribution lies at **saturation**:  $K_{\perp} \lesssim \tilde{Q}_s(x)$
- Gluon saturation in the Pomeron  $\longleftrightarrow$  Black disk limit  $T_{gg} = 1$

# Numerical results

(E.I., A.H. Mueller, D.N. Triantafyllopoulos, S.-Y. Wei, arXiv:2207.06268)

- Left: McLerran-Venugopalan model. Right: BK evolution of  $T_{gg}$ 
  - multiplied by  $K_{\perp}$  (from the measure  $d^2\mathbf{K}_{\perp}$ )
- Pronounced maximum at  $K_{\perp} \simeq \tilde{Q}_s$



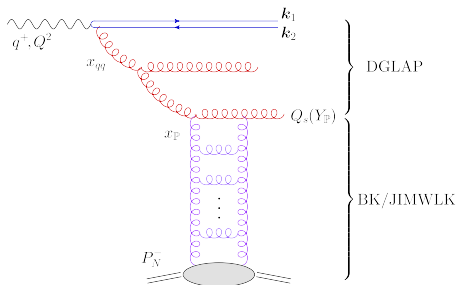
- **BK evolution:** increasing  $Q_s^2(Y_{\mathbb{P}})$ , approximate geometric scaling

# From TMD to diffractive PDF

- Sensitivity to saturation persists after **integrating out the  $K_{\perp}$ -distribution**
  - the integral is rapidly converging and effectively cut off at  $K_{\perp} \sim \tilde{Q}_s(x)$

$$xG_{\mathbb{P}}(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, P_{\perp}^2) \equiv \int^{P_{\perp}^2} dK_{\perp}^2 \Phi(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, K_{\perp}^2) \propto (1-x)^2 Q_s^2(Y_{\mathbb{P}})$$

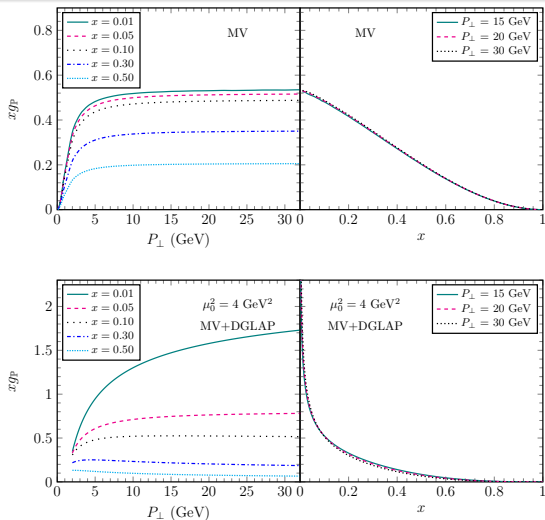
- Large separation of scales  $P_{\perp}^2 \gg Q_s^2$ : one must include **DGLAP evolution**



- MV model at  $x_{\mathbb{P}} = 10^{-2}$
- BK evolution with  $Y_{\mathbb{P}} = \ln \frac{1}{x_{\mathbb{P}}}$
- DGLAP evolution with initial condition at  $P_{\perp}^2 \sim Q_s^2(Y_{\mathbb{P}})$
- Collinear factorisation from CGC



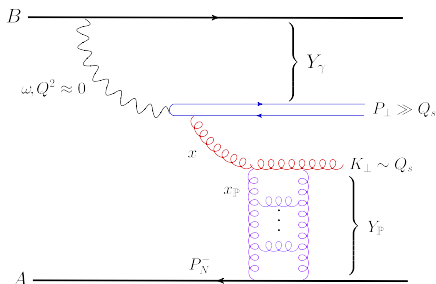
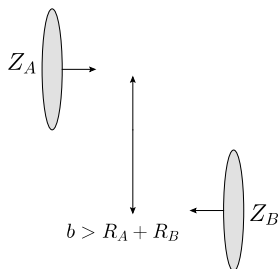
# The gluon diffractive PDF



- **DGLAP:** increase for very small  $x \leq 0.01$ , slight decrease for  $x > 0.05$
- When  $x \rightarrow 1$ , the distribution vanishes even faster

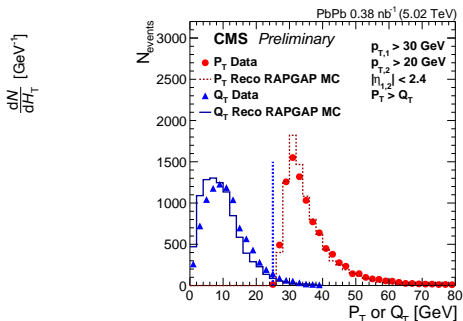
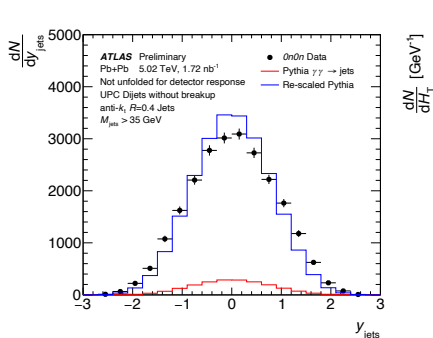
# 2+1 diffractive dijets in $AA$ UPCs

- $b > R_A + R_B$ : interactions mediated by **quasi-real photons**
- One nucleus source of photons, other nucleus hadronic target
- **Coherent diffraction**: photon gap + diffractive gap



$$\frac{d\sigma_{2+1}^{AB \rightarrow q\bar{q}gAB}}{d\eta_1 d\eta_2 d^2\mathbf{P} d^2\mathbf{K} dY_{\mathbb{P}}} = \underbrace{\omega \frac{dN_B}{d\omega}}_{\text{photon flux}} \underbrace{H(\eta_1, \eta_2, P_{\perp}^2)}_{\sim 1/P_{\perp}^4} \underbrace{\frac{dx G_{\mathbb{P}}^A(x, x_{\mathbb{P}}, K_{\perp}^2)}{d^2\mathbf{K}}}_{\text{Gluon DTMD}}$$

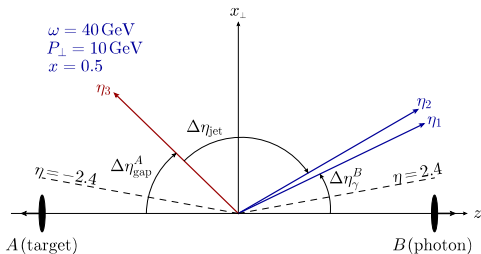
- Recent measurements: *ATLAS-CONF-2022-021* and *CMS arXiv:2205.00045*



- Several thousands of candidate-events for **coherent diffraction**
  - no just  $\gamma\gamma$  scattering: cross-section would be 10 times smaller
- Most likely: 2+1 jets ... but how to experimentally check ?
  - $K_{\perp} \sim Q_s \sim 1 \div 2$  GeV: not really a jet! Measure as a hadron (?)

# A favourable event situation

- Assume the photon to be a **right mover**: it was emitted by nucleus  $B$
- 3rd jet must lie within the hadronic detector:  $|\eta_3| < |\eta_{\max}| = 2.4$



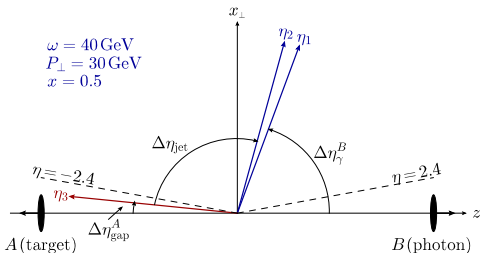
- $\omega = 40 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $P_{\perp} = 10 \text{ GeV}$
- $\eta_{1,2} \simeq 1.4$ ,  $x_{\mathbb{P}} \simeq 0.002$

$$\Delta\eta_{\text{jet}} \gtrsim \ln \frac{2P_{\perp}}{Q_s} \simeq 2.3$$

- Observing the 3rd jet would be **extremely useful**
  - it propagates towards the nuclear target: lift the  $A$  vs.  $B$  ambiguity
  - one can measure the diffractive rapidity gap and thus infer  $x_{\mathbb{P}}$
  - rapidity separation  $\Delta\eta_{\text{jet}}$ : a measure of the saturation momentum  $Q_s$

# A likely event at CMS

- Dijet events selected by CMS have larger  $P_{\perp} \geq 30\text{GeV}$  ([arXiv:2205.00045](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.00045))



- $\omega = 40\text{ GeV}, P_{\perp} = 30\text{ GeV}$

- $\eta_{1,2} \simeq 0.3, x_{\text{P}} \simeq 0.02$

$$\Delta\eta_{\text{jet}} \gtrsim \ln \frac{2P_{\perp}}{Q_s} \simeq 3.4$$

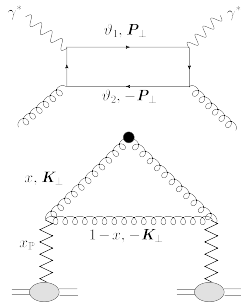
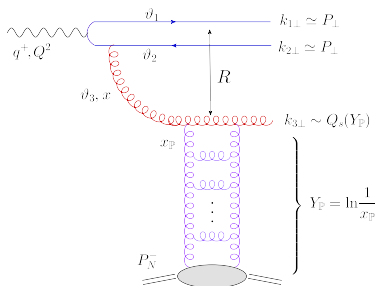
- $|\eta_3| = 3.1 > |\eta_{\text{max}}| = 2.4$ : the 3rd jet is missed by the detector ☹️
- **Lessons:** Trigger on rare events with high photon energy  $\omega$
- Use a hadronic detector with larger rapidity coverage  $|\eta_{\text{max}}|$
- Measure jets with lower  $P_{\perp} \leq 15\text{ GeV}$

# Conclusions

- **Diffraction in  $\gamma A$**  (EIC, UPC): best laboratory to study **gluon saturation**
- For sufficiently small  $x_{\mathbb{P}} \lesssim 10^{-2}$  and/or large  $A \sim 200$ , diffractive TMDs and PDFs can be computed **from first principles**
- **Collinear factorisation** for hard diffraction emerging **from CGC**
- Due to saturation, diffractive dijets are dominated by **(2+1)-jet events**
- **AA UPCs**: Measuring the semi-hard, 3rd, jet is **tough, but very useful**
  - measure dijets (or dihadrons) with lower  $P_{\perp} \leq 10$  GeV
  - hadronic detectors with **larger rapidity coverage**
  - **what about diffractive hadrons in UPCs at ALICE ?**
- Kinematical conditions should be more favorable at the **EIC**

# Soft gluon and TMD factorisation

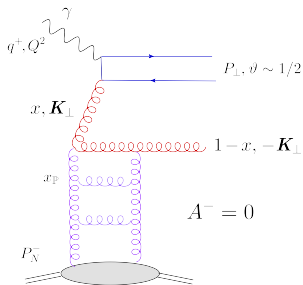
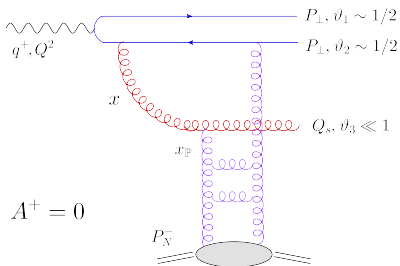
- The third jet is relatively **soft**:  $k_3^+ = \vartheta_3 q^+$  with  $\vartheta_3 \sim \frac{Q_s^2}{Q^2} \ll 1$ 
  - gluon formation time must be small enough to scatter:  $\frac{k_{3\perp}^+}{k_{3\perp}^2} \lesssim \frac{q^+}{Q^2}$
- Scale separation  $\implies$  Factorisation  $\implies$  Gluon is part of the **Pomeron**



- $x$ : energy fraction of the exchanged gluon **with respect to the Pomeron**
  - gluon absorption puts the hard dijet system on-shell

# Soft gluon and TMD factorisation (2)

- The strong ordering in **both  $k_\perp$  and  $k^+$**  is essential for factorisation
- The **dipole picture** holds in the **projectile** light cone gauge  $A^+ = 0$ 
  - right moving partons couple to the  $A^-$  component of the target field

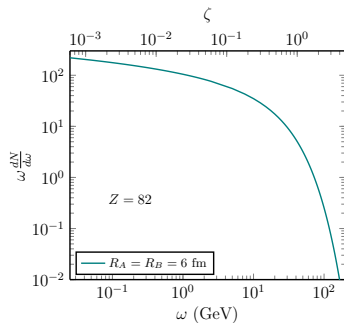
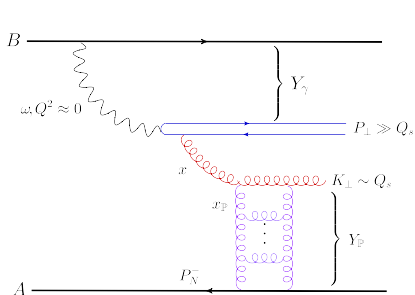


- The **TMD picture** holds in the **target** light cone gauge  $A^- = 0$ 
  - only the soft gluon couples to the target field:  $v^i A^i$  with  $v^i = k^i/k^+$



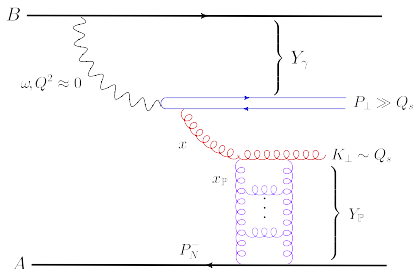
# Energy cutoff

- Energy is **not that high**:
  - LHC:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2E_N = 5 \text{ TeV}$ , yet  $\sqrt{s_{\gamma N}} = \sqrt{4\omega_{\max} E_N} \simeq 650 \text{ GeV}$
  - upper energy cutoff:  $b \sim \frac{1}{Q} > 2R_A \Rightarrow \omega < \frac{\gamma}{2R_A} \equiv \omega_{\max} \simeq 40 \text{ GeV}$
  - exponential suppression for  $\omega > \omega_{\max}$



# $x_{\mathbb{P}}$ is not that small

- Limited energy and relatively hard dijets  $P_{\perp} \geq 15 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - relatively large  $x_{\mathbb{P}}$ :  $x_{\mathbb{P}} \gtrsim 5 \times 10^{-3}$
  - one cannot probe the high energy evolution of the Pomeron



$$\eta_1 \simeq \eta_2 \equiv y$$

$$x_{\mathbb{P}, \min} = \frac{P_{\perp}}{E_N} e^{-y}$$

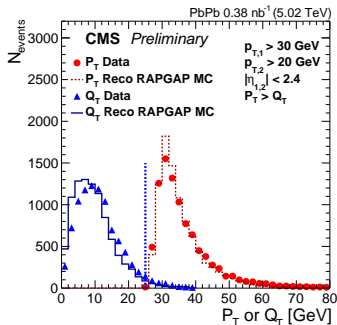
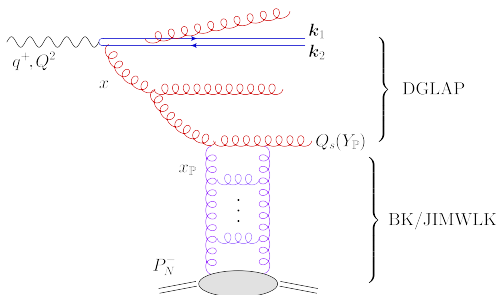
$$\omega = P_{\perp} e^y$$

$$P_{\perp} \sim \omega_{\max} \Rightarrow y \lesssim 1$$

- Not the ideal “small- $x_{\mathbb{P}}$ ” set-up! Similar in that sense to the EIC
- Decreasing  $P_{\perp}$  would greatly help !

# Final-state radiation

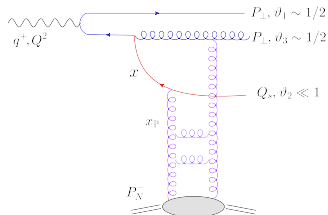
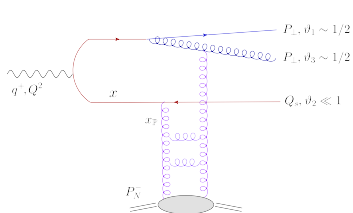
- Dijet momentum imbalance dominated by **final-state radiation**
  - additional gluons with transverse momenta  $Q_s \ll k_\perp \ll P_\perp$



- LHC: dijet imbalance  $Q_T = |\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2| \sim 10$  GeV  $\gg Q_s$ 
  - consistent with final state radiation (*Hatta et al, 2010.10774*)
  - insensitive to the 3rd jet

# 2+1 jets with a hard gluon

- The third (semi-hard) jet can also be a **quark**: same-order



- TMD factorisation: **quark unintegrated distribution of the Pomeron**

