

Weaving an entangled web: synergies from UPC's to EIC

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Talk outline

Interferometry: from vanilla HBT to entanglement enhanced intensity interferometry (E^2I^2)

E^2I^2 in UPC exclusive vector meson decays: insights from old wine in a new bottle*

Shadowy Pomerons and Odderons

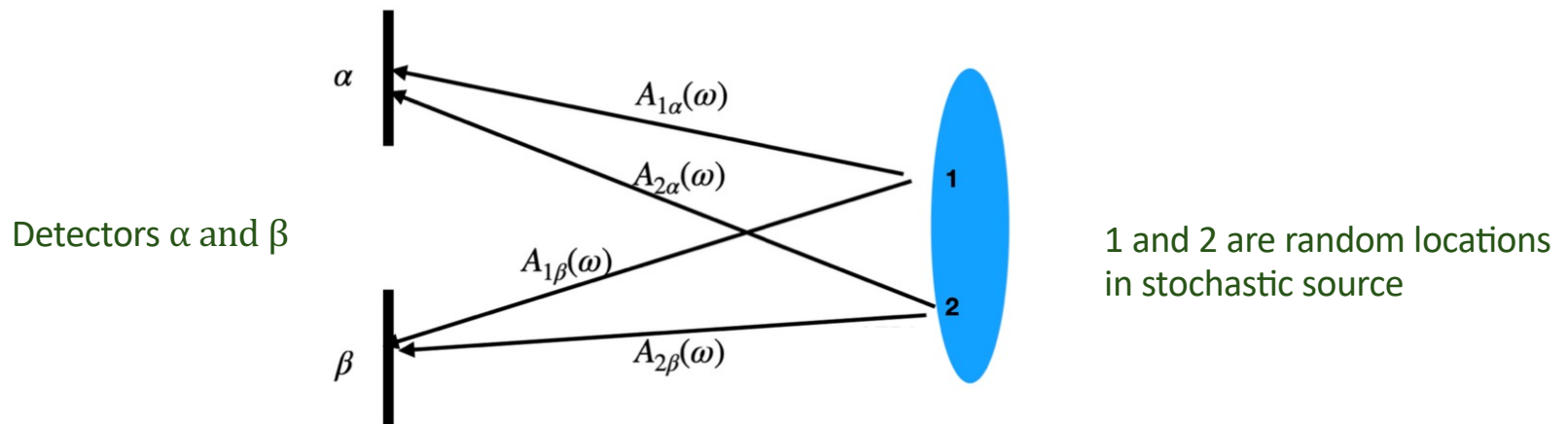
Onwards to EIC: Weizsacker-Williams and linearly polarized gluons from di-jets at NLO

Musings in closing

* Must be 21+

Hanbury-Brown—Twiss Intensity Interferometry: rejected experiment to quantum work horse (via Roy Glauber)

A textbook example (Gordon Baym's QM book, for instance) of how quantum mechanics can provide spacetime information about distant objects



$A_{1\alpha}(\omega)$: amplitude of a photon (pion) of frequency ω from 1 captured in detector α

$$A_{\alpha} = A_{1\alpha} + A_{2\alpha}$$

$$A_{\beta} = A_{1\beta} + A_{2\beta}$$

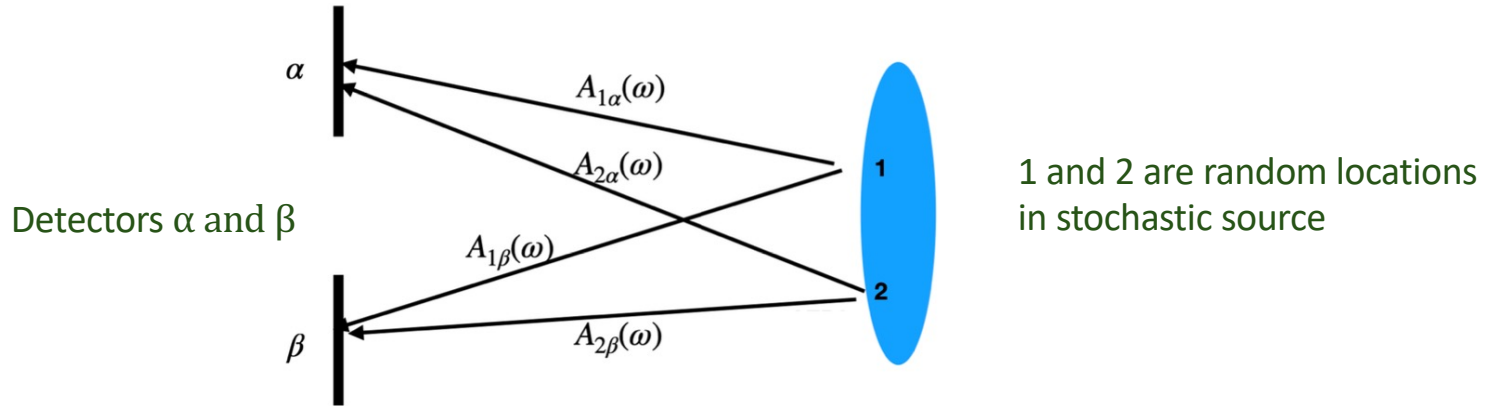
$$\langle A_{1\alpha} \rangle \propto \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} e^{i\theta_1} = 0$$

$$\langle A_{2\alpha} \rangle = 0 ; \langle A_{1\alpha} A_{2\alpha}^* \rangle = \langle A_{1\alpha} \rangle \langle A_{2\alpha}^* \rangle = 0$$

Excellent intro to field: Baym's Zakopane lectures, hep-ph/9804026

In quantum optics, see Alain Aspect, arXiv:2005.08239

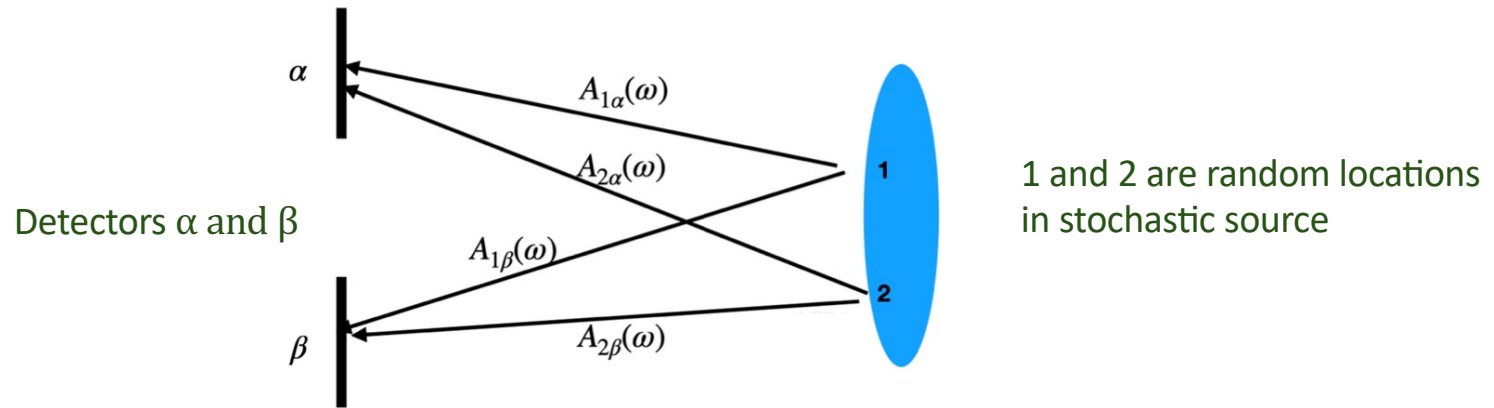
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Interference pattern in HBT (excluding photons from same point)

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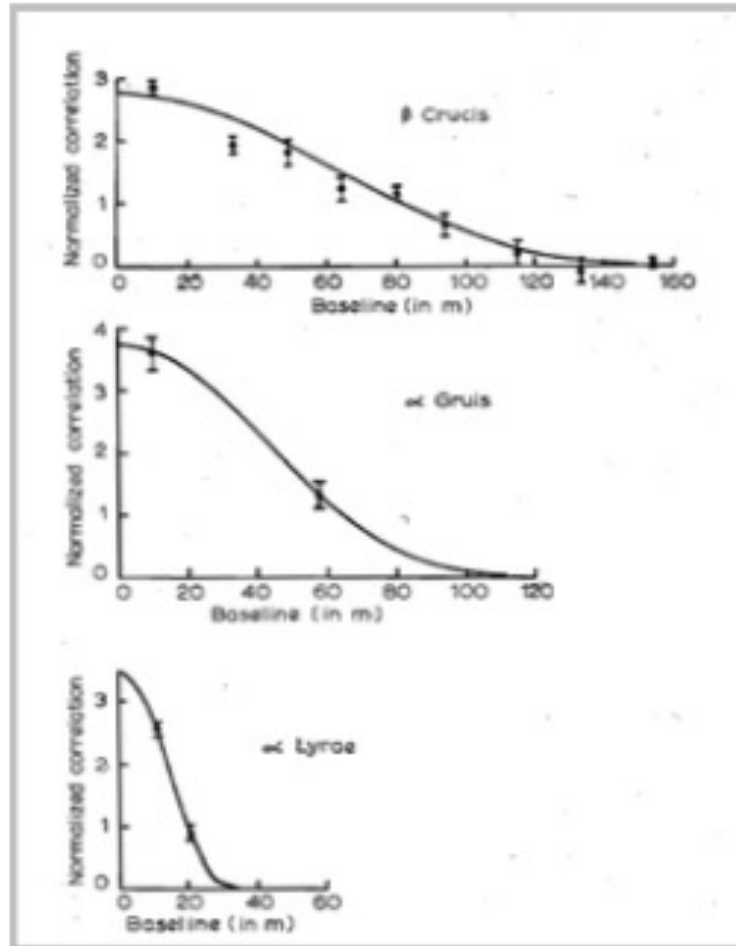
$$\langle I_\alpha I_\beta \rangle - \langle I_\alpha \rangle \langle I_\beta \rangle = \langle \phi | \phi \rangle - |A_{1\alpha}|^2 |A_{2\beta}|^2 - |A_{2\alpha}|^2 |A_{1\beta}|^2 = \underbrace{A_{1\alpha} A_{2\beta} A_{2\alpha}^* A_{1\beta}^* + A_{1\alpha}^* A_{2\beta}^* A_{2\alpha} A_{1\beta}}_{\text{Interference term}}$$

$$\Re \langle A_{1\alpha} A_{2\alpha}^* A_{1\beta}^* A_{2\beta} \rangle = \cos(\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{1\alpha} - \mathbf{r}_{1\beta}) - \mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{2\alpha} - \mathbf{r}_{2\beta})) \approx \cos[(\vec{k}_\alpha - \vec{k}_\beta) \cdot (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)]$$



Information on size of the star !

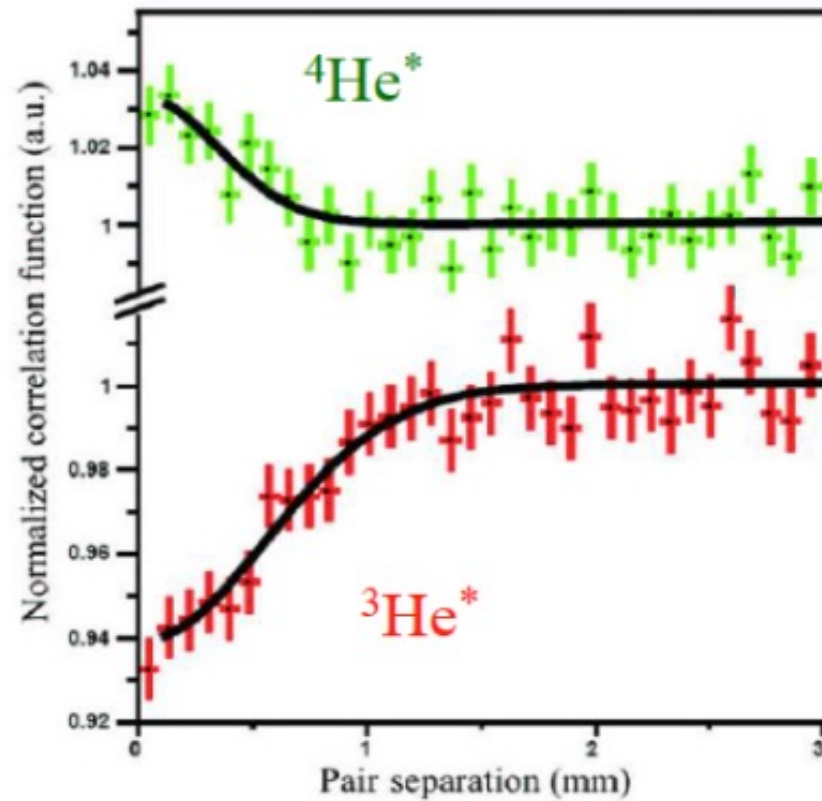
Angular diameter of stars measured by Hanbury-Brown & Twiss



Angular diameter of Sirius
estimated to be $3.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$ radians

Distance of 2.7 parsecs
gives radius $\sim 10^7$ Km

Boson and Fermion HBT in ultracold atomic gases



A. Ottl et al., PRL95, 9 (2005)

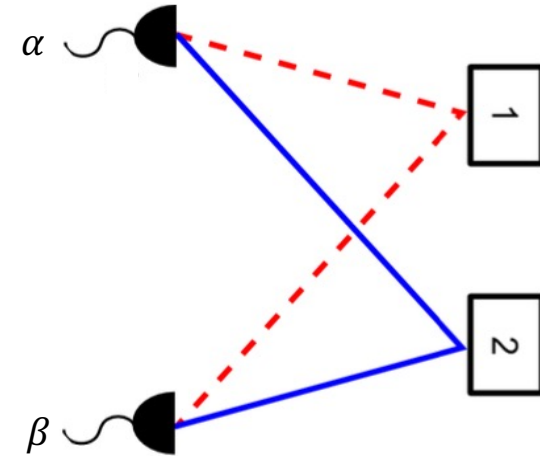
S. Hodgman et al., Science, vol. 331, no. 6020. (2011)

Entanglement Enhanced Intensity interferometry (E^2I^2)

If the photons have different frequencies,

$$|\psi\rangle = A_{1\alpha}A_{2\beta}|\omega_1\rangle^\alpha \otimes |\omega_2\rangle^\beta + A_{2\alpha}A_{1\beta}|\omega_2\rangle^\alpha \otimes |\omega_1\rangle^\beta$$

The two states are orthogonal – there is no HBT signal!



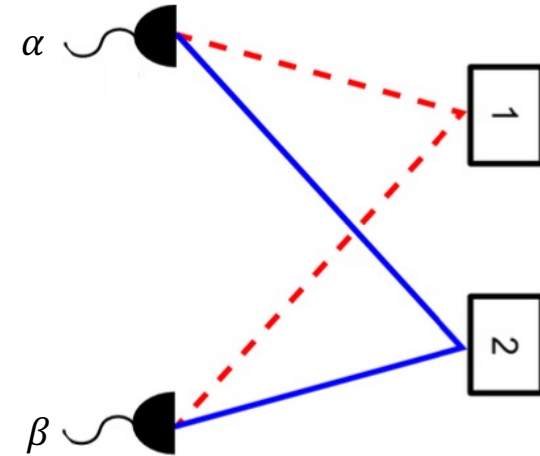
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II) Apply filter:

$$\Pi = |\omega_1\rangle^\alpha \langle \omega_1|^\alpha \otimes |\omega_1\rangle^\beta \langle \omega_1|^\beta$$

$$\Pi U |\psi\rangle \rightarrow (A_{1\alpha}A_{2\beta} + A_{2\alpha}A_{1\beta})|\phi\rangle$$

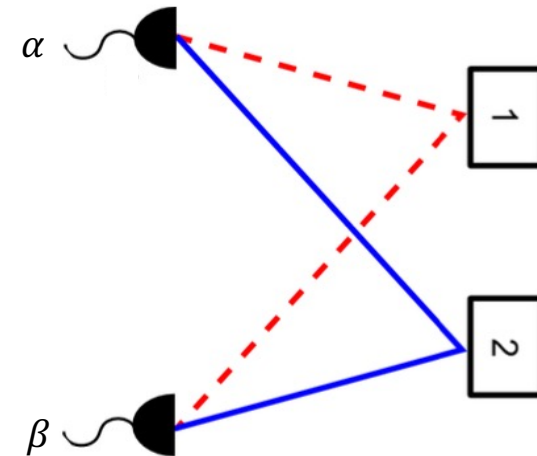
III) Computing the expectation value of this state recovers the HBT signal...

E^2I^2 achievable through “quantum frequency up-conversion”
erasing distinguishability of the photons

C. K. Hong et al., PRL. 59, 2044 (1987) Z. Y. Ou and L. Mandel, PRL. 61, 54 (1988)

H. Takesue, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101 (2008) 173901

L.-C. Liu, J. Cotler, F. Wilczek, J.-W. Pan et al., PRL127 (2021)103601

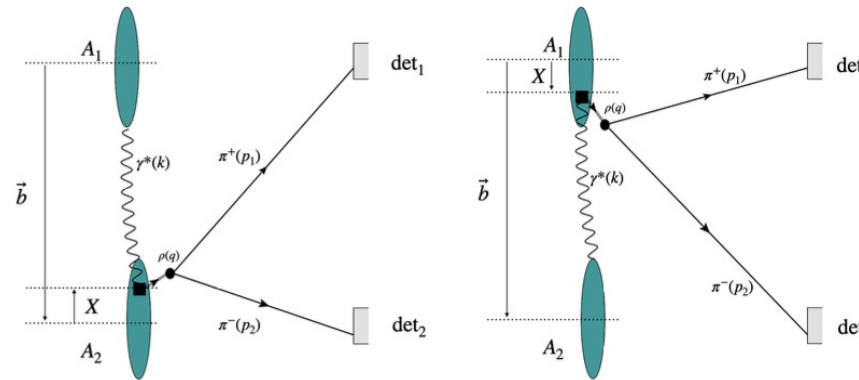


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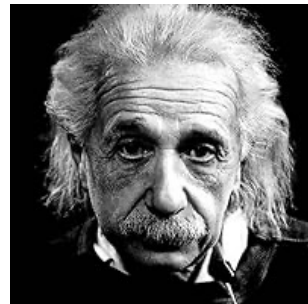


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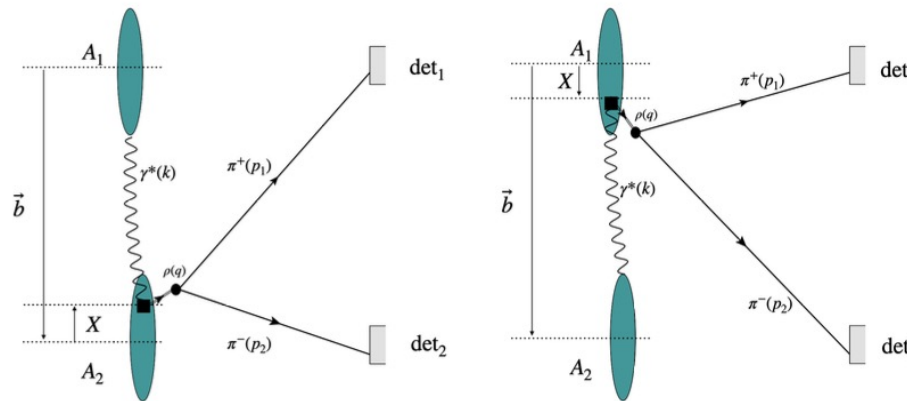


Work in preparation in collaboration* with Daniel Brandenburg, Haowu Duan, Kong Tu and Zhangbu Xu

* A theory is something nobody believes, except the person who made it.
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Entanglement Enhanced Intensity Interferometry (E^2I^2) in UPCs



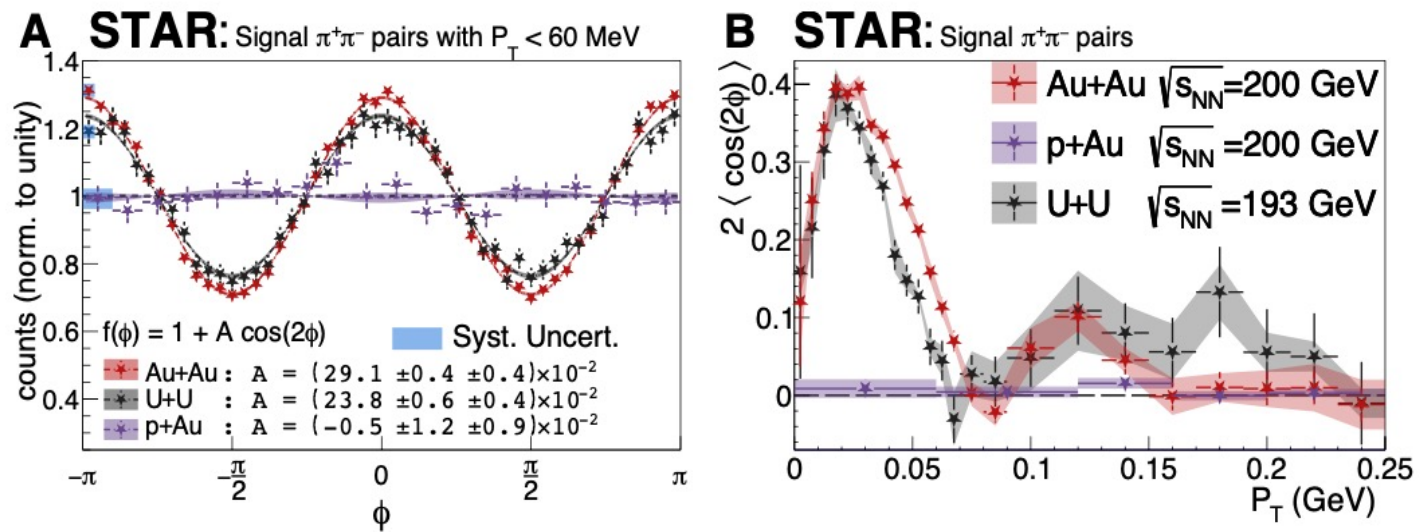
Exclusive two-particle decays of vector mesons, eg., $\rho \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ or $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ are examples of E^2I^2 where the vector meson acts to entangle the distinguishable final states

$$M_{A_1 A_2 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{b}) = M_{A_1 A_2 \rightarrow \rho}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{b}) M_{\rho \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)$$

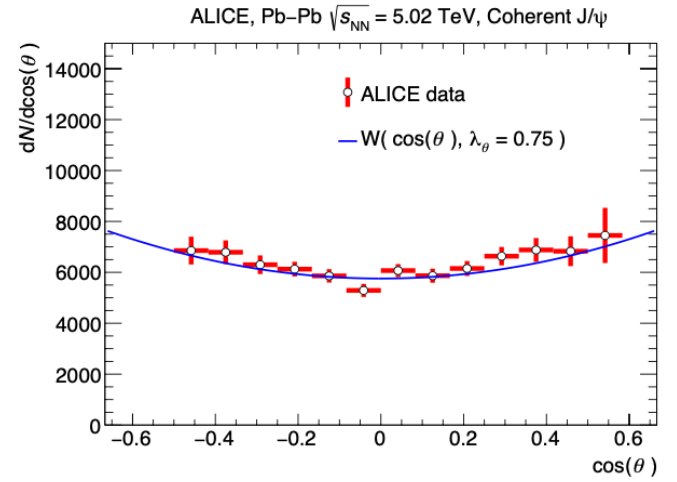
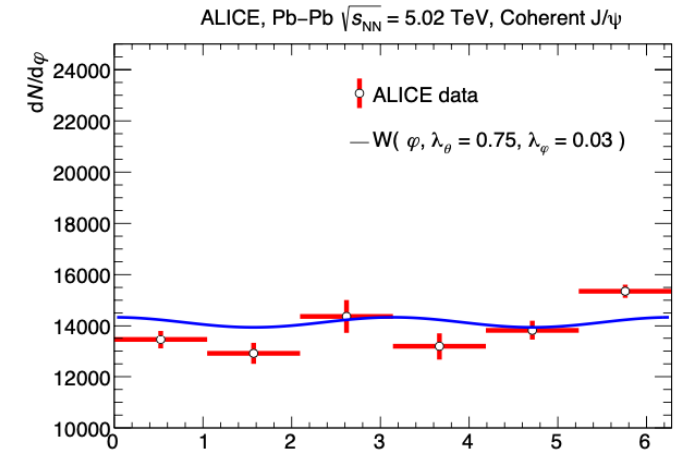
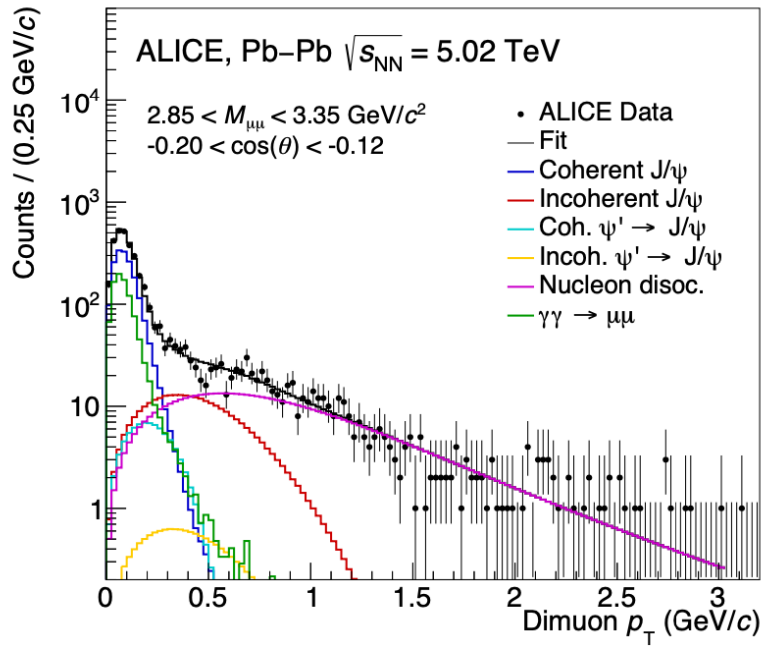
Two interference effects:

- I) Coherent sum of the two amplitudes where the ρ -meson is produced off of one nucleus or the other
- II) E^2I^2 from the exclusive decay of a spin-1 vector meson into an entangled P-wave $\pi^+\pi^-$ state

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Possible evidence for s-channel helicity conservation

Gillman et al. (1970)



Non-comprehensive overview of theory work

I) Pioneering study : S. Klein and J. Nystrand *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **84**, 2330

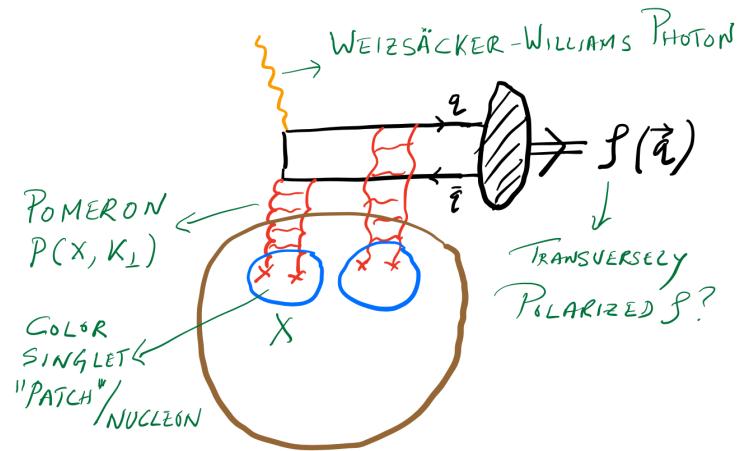
II) Vector-meson dominance/ (Gribov) Glauber models: V. Guzey, E. Kryshen, and M. Zhalov, *Phys. Rev. C*93 (2016) 055206
W. Zha, J. D. Brandenburg, L. Ruan, Z. Tang, Z. Xu, *PRD* 103 (2021) 3, 033007
Classic review, T. Bauer, R. Spital, D. Yennie, F. Pipkin, *RMP*50 (1978) 261

III) CGC/dipole models

D. Bendova, J. Cepila, J. Contreras, and M. Matas, *Phys. Lett. B* 817 (2021) 136306
V. Goncalves, B. Moreira, L. Santana, *PRC*107 (2023)055205
H. Xing, C. Zhang, J. Zhou and Y.-J. Zhou, *JHEP* 10 (2020) 064
Y. Hagiwara, C. Zhang, J. Zhou and Y.-J. Zhou, *Phys. Rev. D* 103 (2021) no. 7 074013
H. Mäntysaari, F. Salazar and B. Schenke, *Phys. Rev. D* 106 (2022) no. 7 074019
H. Mäntysaari, F. Salazar, B. Schenke, C. Shen, W. Zhao, *Phys. Rev. C*109 (2024) 2, 024908

Our perspective: As model independent as possible, extract information
on color singlet degrees of freedom in nuclei and understand this dynamics from the perspective of E^2

Uncovering a shadowy pomeron and its odd partner from UPCs



Coherent amplitude:

$$M_{12 \rightarrow \rho}^{T\lambda_P\lambda_\rho}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} F_{\text{QED}}\left(\mathbf{q}_\perp - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{X}|}\right) \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{K}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{|\mathbf{X}| < R} d^2\mathbf{X} P(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{K}_\perp) \\ \times \int \frac{d^4\Delta\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^4} \bar{M}_{\gamma P \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{T\lambda_P\lambda_1\lambda_2}\left(\mathbf{q}_\perp - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{X}|}, \mathbf{K}_\perp; \mathbf{q}, \Delta\mathbf{q}\right) \mathcal{N}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow \rho}^{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_\rho}(\Delta\mathbf{q}; \mathbf{q})$$

Photon flux times Pomeron flux

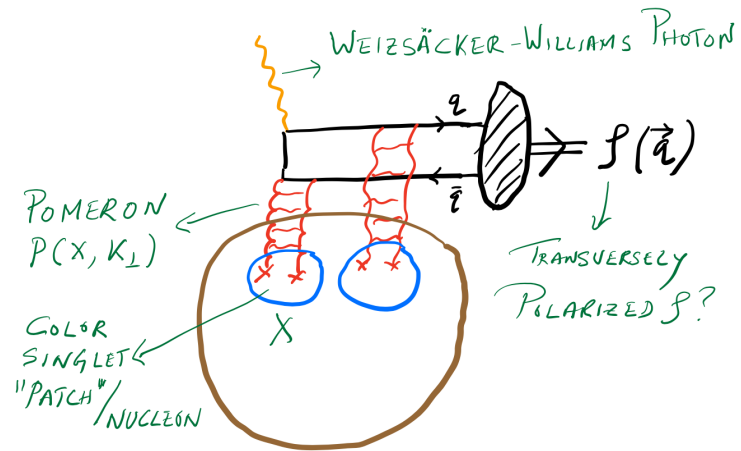
Amplitude to produce ρ
-use your favorite model

Notes:

i) The photon is polarized in the direction of the impact parameter

ii) Clearly see one source of interference: $M_{21 \rightarrow \rho}^{T\lambda_P\lambda_\rho}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{b}) = -e^{-i2\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{b}} M_{12 \rightarrow \rho}^{T\lambda_P\lambda_\rho}$

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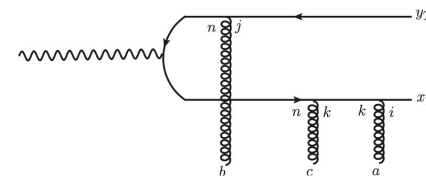
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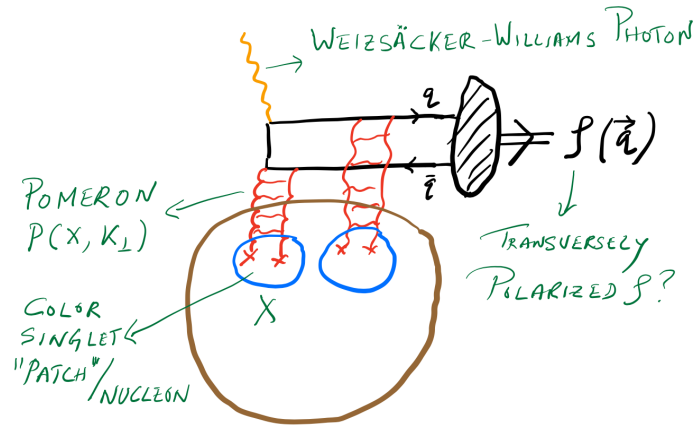
Notes:

- iii) Can in principle test coupling of pomeron to hadrons: scalar, vector, tensor?
- iv) For C=1 vector mesons, eg. $\chi_c \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$, replace $P \rightarrow iO$, the Odderon, pomeron's C-odd partner

Nachtmann et al. (2013- present)



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Incoherent cross-section: $\langle |M|^2 \rangle_N - |\langle M \rangle_N|^2 \longrightarrow \langle P^2 \rangle - \langle P \rangle^2$

sensitivity to fluctuations in the pomeron distribution in the nucleus

We also see from the structure of our amplitude expression that the phase $i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ is \sim cancelled by a phase $-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{K}$ when the momentum transfer is significant

Dominant incoherent cross section at large \mathbf{q} suppresses phase fluctuations in coherent/(coherent+incoherent)

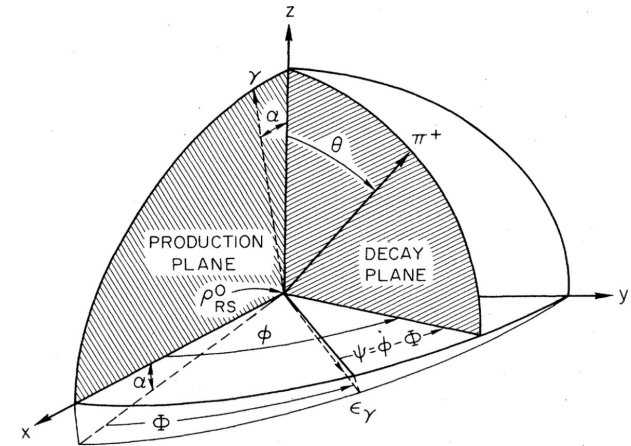
$E^2|2$ in vector meson decays

The two pions one measures are a P=1 entangled state, characterized by

$$\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \vec{q} \text{ and } \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2 = \vec{P}$$

The ρ meson is produced transversely polarized along \vec{b}

$$|\rho_b^{12}\rangle = \cos(\phi_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{pb}) |\rho_{||}\rangle + \cos(\phi_{pb}) \sin(\theta_{pb}) |\rho_1^T\rangle + \sin(\phi_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{pb}) |\rho_2^T\rangle$$



Ballum et al., PRD 5, (1972), 545

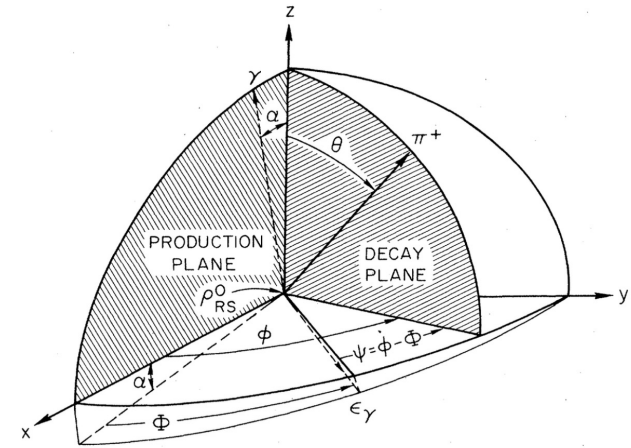
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Longitudinally polarized state ($J=1, M=0$):

$$|\rho_{\parallel}\rangle = \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q}}) \left(|\pi^+(p_1)\pi^-(p_2)\rangle + |\pi^+(p_2)\pi^-(p_1)\rangle \right)$$

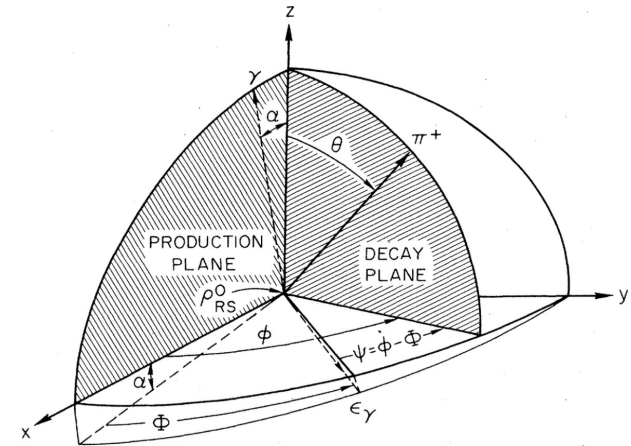
Transversely polarized state ($J=1, M=\pm 1$):

$$|\rho_{\perp}\rangle = -\sin(\theta_{\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q}}) e^{i\phi_{\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q}}} |\pi^+(p_1)\pi^-(p_2)\rangle + \sin(\theta_{\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q}}) e^{-i\phi_{\mathbf{P}\mathbf{q}}} |\pi^+(p_2)\pi^-(p_1)\rangle$$



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$E^2|2$ in vector meson decays



The amplitude from the decay of these entangled states:

$$M_{12}^{\rho_b \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-} + M_{12}^{\rho_b \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+} = A(|\mathbf{P}|, |\mathbf{q}|) * \left([\cos(\phi_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{Pq}) - \cos(\phi_{pb}) \sin(\theta_{pb}) \sin(\theta_{Pq}) e^{i\phi_{Pq}}] \right. \\ \left. + [\cos(\phi_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{Pq}) + \sin(\phi_{pb}) \cos(\theta_{pb}) \sin(\theta_{Pq}) e^{-i\phi_{Pq}}] \right)$$

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$A(|\mathbf{P}_T|, |\mathbf{q}_T|)$ is the ρ decay amplitude

This leads to a nontrivial angular modulation $\langle \cos(2\theta_{pq}) \rangle$

Old wine in a new bottle: entangled spin/angular momentum states
reveal fundamental info on the strong interaction

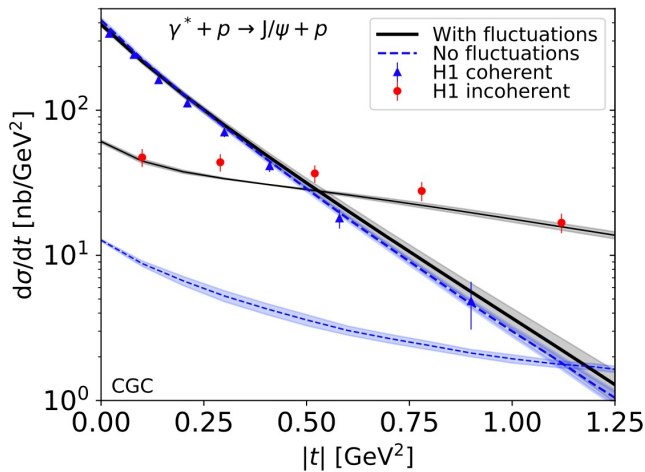
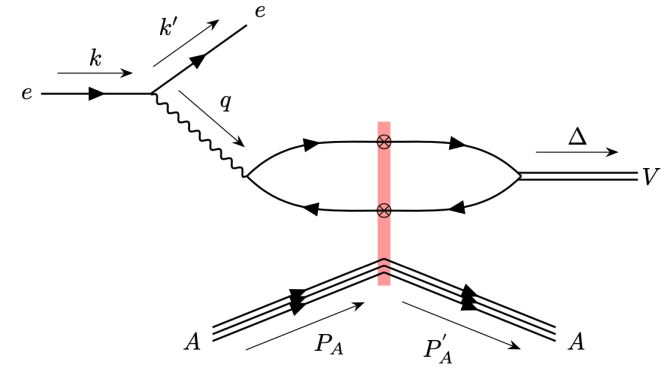
Onwards to the EIC

Exclusive vector meson production:

just as in UPC but control on longitudinal and transverse polarization of virtual photon

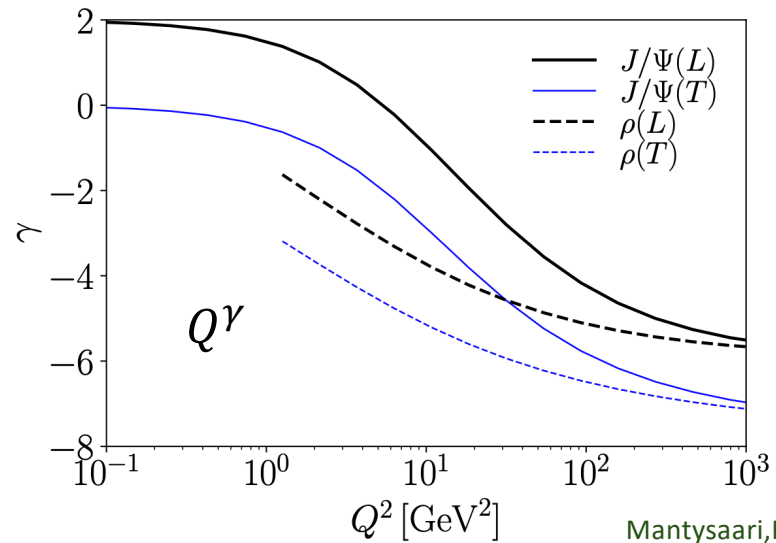
Clean sensitivity to helicity preserving, helicity flip, polarization changing, amplitudes for a variety of exclusive final states:

E^2I^2 analysis of data a powerful tool...



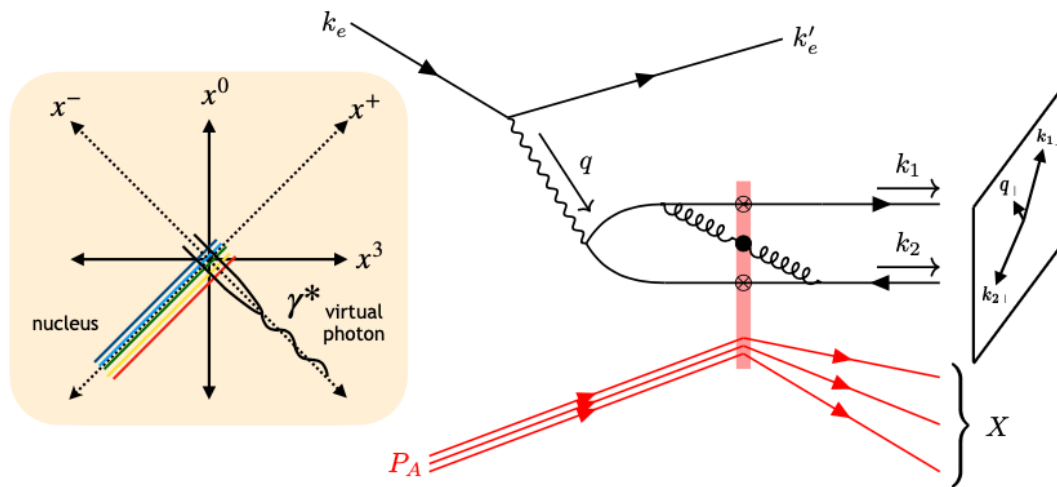
Mantysaari, Roy, Salazar, Schenke,
PRD103 (2021) 9, 094026

$$\gamma^* + \text{Au} \rightarrow V + \text{Au}, x_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.01$$



Mantysaari, RV, PLB781(2018)664

Extracting the gluon Weizsäcker-Williams dist. at small x



Back-to-back di-jets in DIS

First fully NLO computation in the saturation regime

Extracting the gluon Weizsäcker-Williams dist. at small x

Factorization of small-x TMDs to NLO accuracy

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma^{(0),\lambda=\Gamma} &= \mathcal{H}_{\text{LO}}^{0,\lambda=\Gamma} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{B}_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}_{bb'}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{bb'}} \hat{G}_{\eta_c}^0(\mathbf{r}_{bb'}, \mu_0) \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{P}_\perp^2, \mu_0^2) \\
 &\times \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R) N_c}{2\pi} f_1^{\lambda=\Gamma}(\chi, z_1, R) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi N_c} f_2^{\lambda=\Gamma}(\chi, z_1, R) + \alpha_s(\mu_R) \beta_0 \ln \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{P_\perp^2} \right) \right\} \\
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 &\times \frac{-2\chi^2}{1+\chi^4} \left\{ \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R) N_c}{2\pi} [1 + \ln(R^2)] + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi N_c} [-\ln(z_1 z_2 R^2)] \right\} + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{q_\perp}{P_\perp}, \frac{Q_s}{P_\perp}, \alpha_s R^2, \alpha_s^2 \right)
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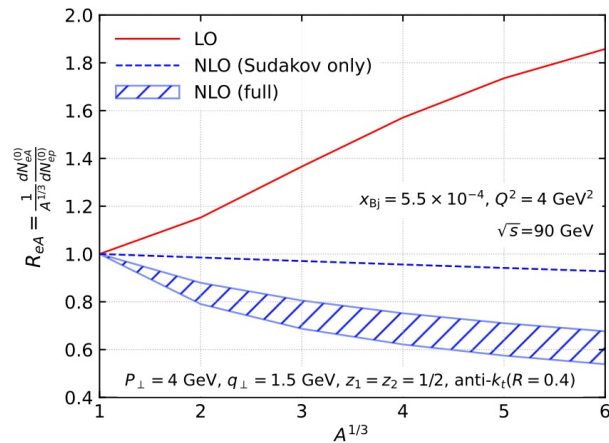
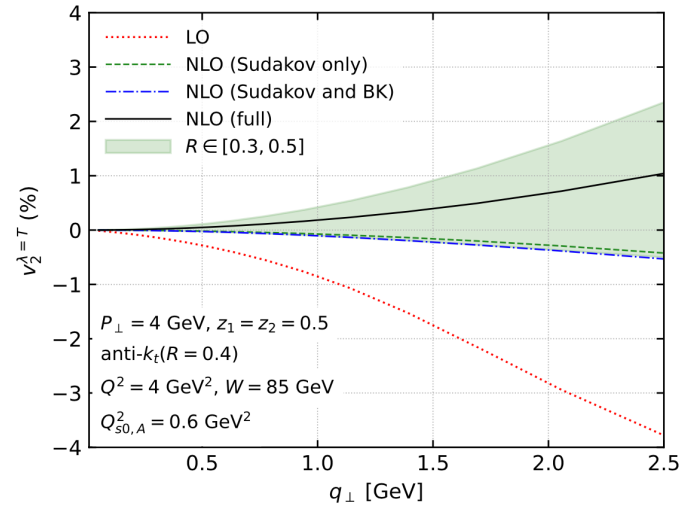
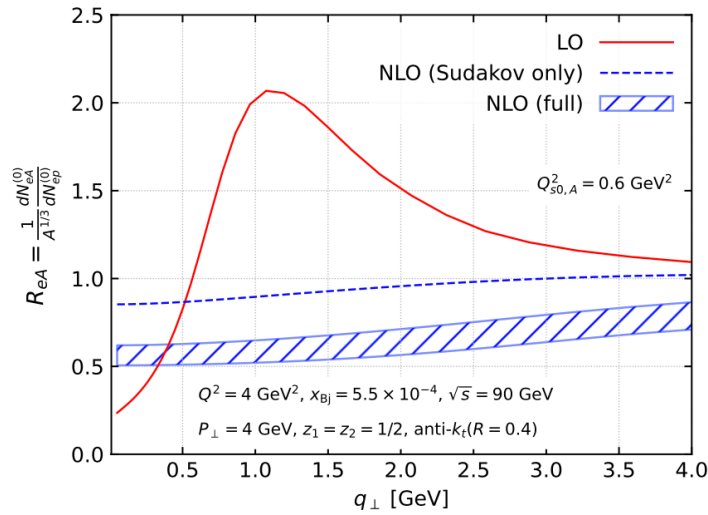
\hat{G}^0 and \hat{h}^0 respectively are unpolarized and linearly polarized WW distributions,
 \mathcal{S} the Sudakov soft factor resumming double+single logs in P_\perp/q_\perp

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Stebel, RV, PRL132 (2024)

Global analyses critical to extract “universal” TMDs from p+A collisions (FoCAL @ LHC) and e+A collisions from the EIC

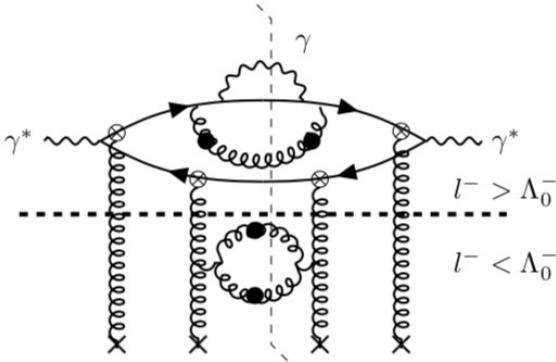
Large # of inclusive, semi-inclusive, exclusive and diffractive final states

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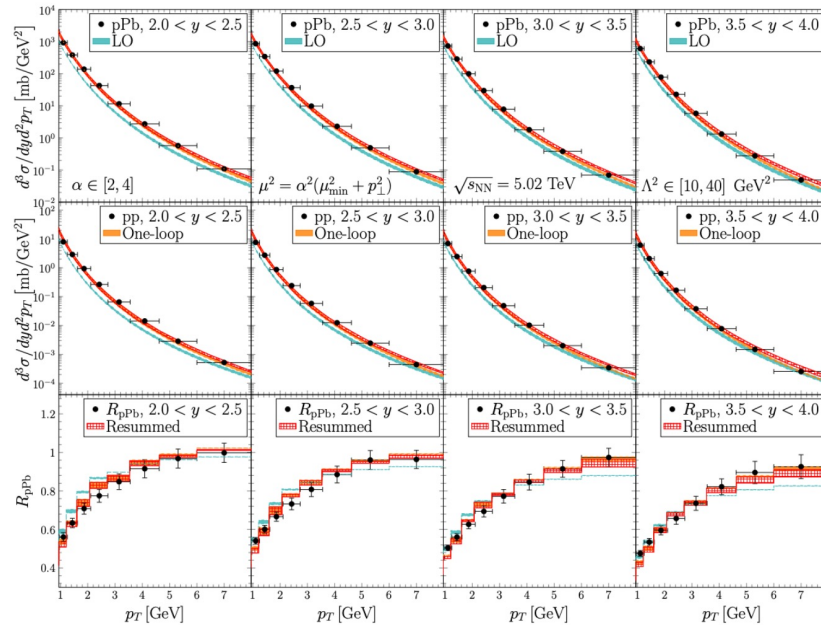


CGC state of the art: global analysis of DIS+hadron-hadron collisions

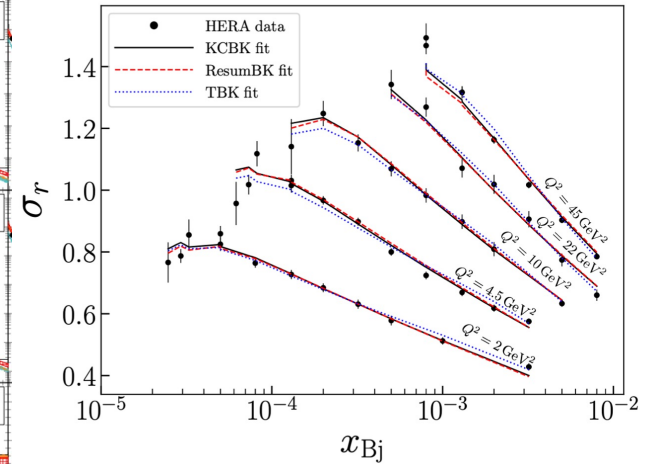
Precision CGC EFT computations



Single inclusive hadron distributions at the LHC



HERA DIS structure functions



Beuf, Hanninen, Lappi, Mantysaari,
arXiv:2007.01645

Shi, Wang, Wei, Xiao, arXiv:2112.06975



SURGE DOE Topical Theory Collaboration: 22 PI's from 16 institutions (2022-2027)

25+ published papers and 50+ on arXiv thus far

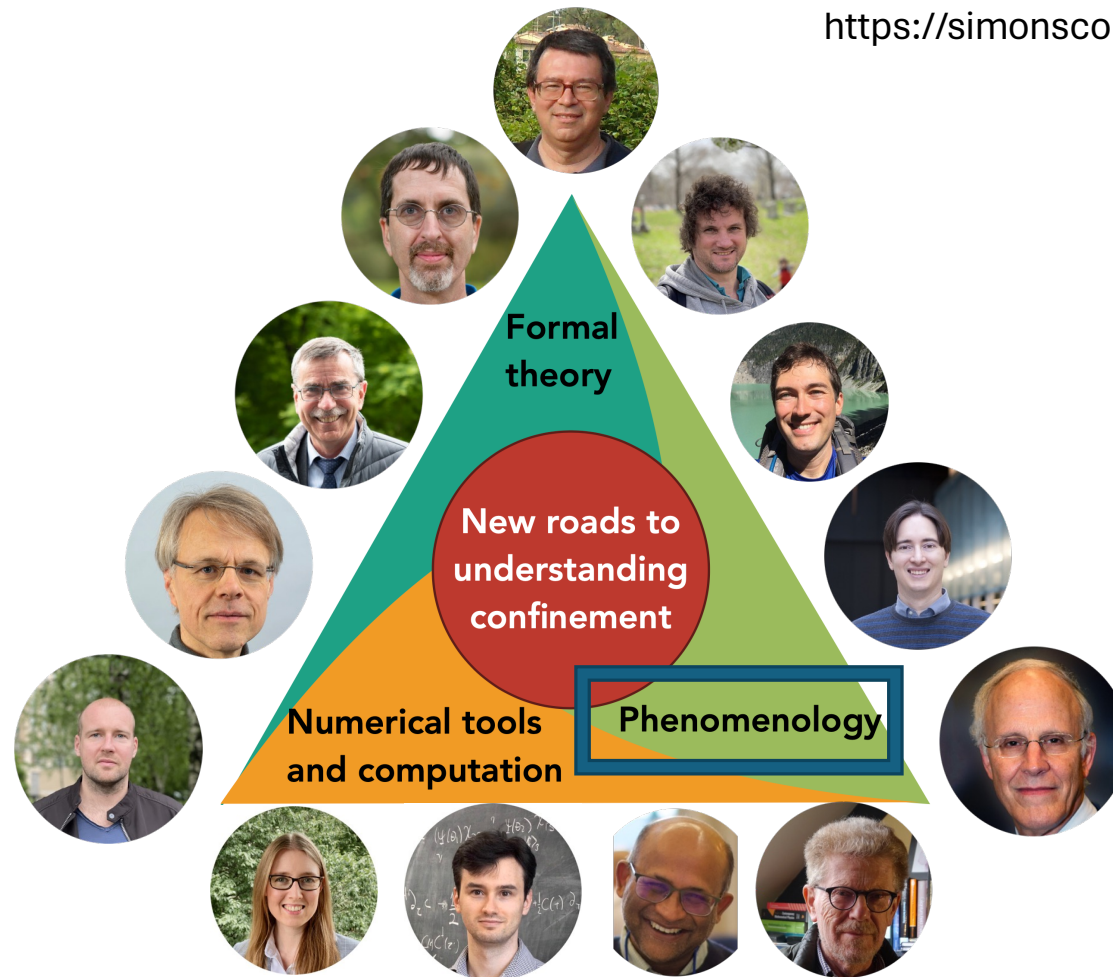
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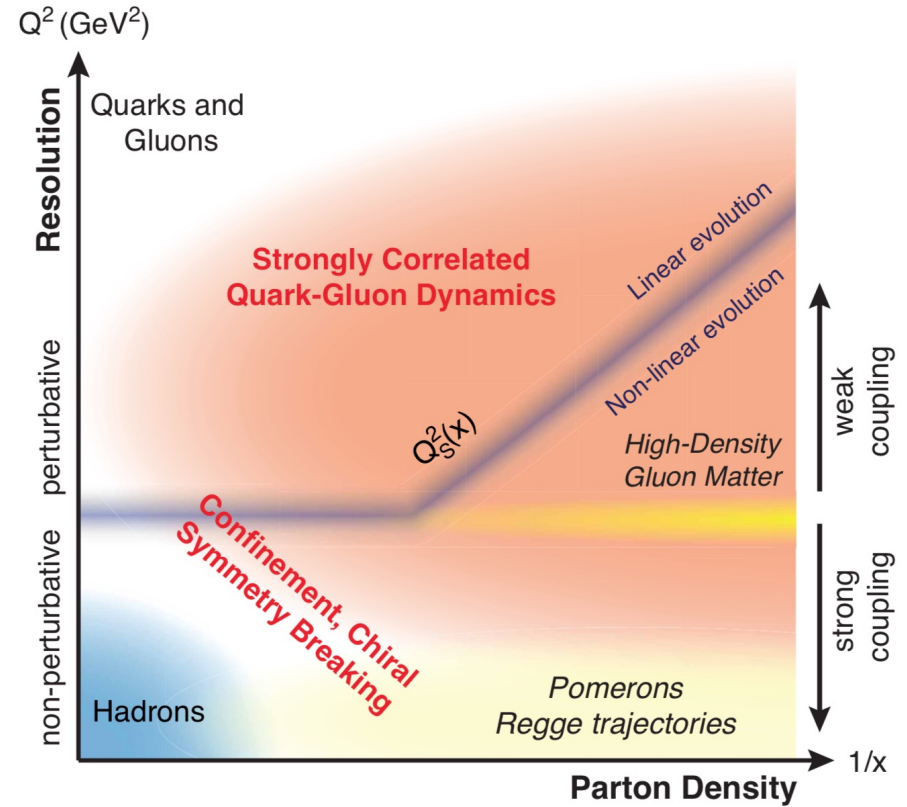
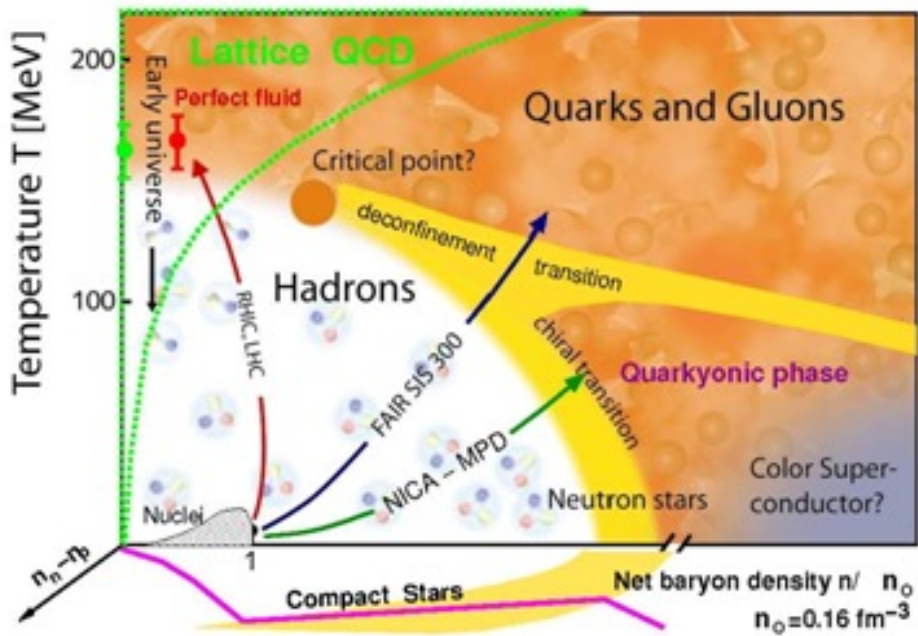
Can the buzz of wee partons provide fundamental insight into confinement?

Theory effort: Simons collaboration on confinement and QCD strings

<https://simonsconfinementcollaboration.org>



Musings in closing



Uncovering many-body emergent phenomenon in the perfect theory is science at its finest!



Thank you for your attention!