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We confront the Impact-Parameter dependent Color Glass Condensate dipole (b-CGC) model to the recently released high precision combined HERA data and obtain its parameters. The b-CGC results are then compared to data at small-x for the structure function, the longitudinal structure function, the charm structure function, exclusive vector meson (J/psi, \phi, \rho) production and Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS). We also compare our results with the Impact-Parameter dependent Saturation model (IP-Sat) which has also been recently updated with the combined HERA data. The b-CGC and the IP-Sat models have also been applied to proton-proton and proton-nucleus collisions and provide the basis for modeling initial conditions in heavy ion collisions.

We show that most features of inclusive DIS and exclusive diffractive data, including the Q²2, W, |t| and x dependence are correctly reproduced in both models. Nevertheless, the b-CGC and the IP-Sat models give different predictions beyond the current HERA kinematics, namely for the structure functions at very low x and high virtualities Q²2, and for the exclusive diffractive vector meson and DVCS production at high t. We show that both models give approximately similar saturation scale Q_S<1 GeV for the proton in HERA kinematics, and also both models lead to the same conclusion that the typical impact-parameter probed in the total \gamma^{*}₁ p cross-section is about b\approx 2\div 3 GeV⁻₁. We provide some predictions for future electron-proton colliders.

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