

# **Forward diffractive heavy flavor production**

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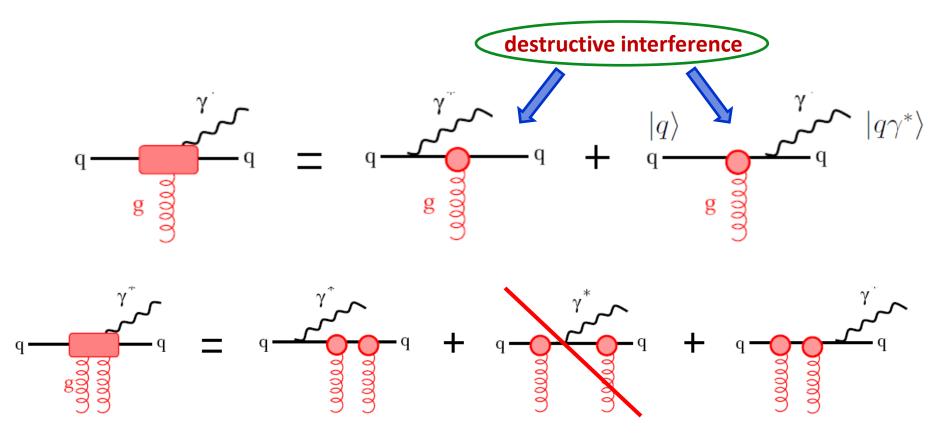
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## **Abelian Bremsstrahlung off a quark**



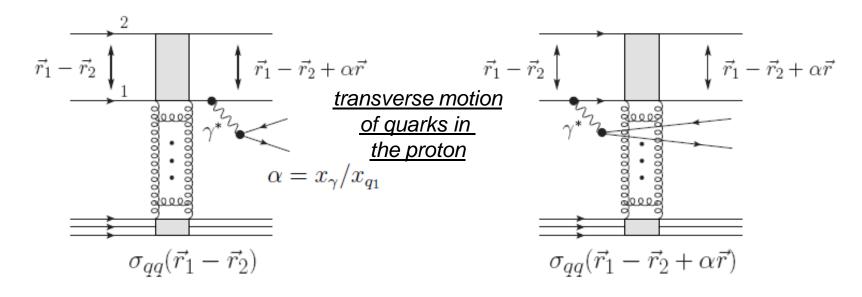
### Landau-Pomeranchuk principle:

non-accelerated charge does not radiate!

Radiation depends on the whole strength of the kick rather on its structure

No Abelian radiation off a quark at Pt=0!

## **Abelian Bremsstrahlung off a dipole**



#### By optical theorem

$$2i \operatorname{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p) = \frac{i}{N_c} \sum_{X} \sum_{c_f c_i} \left| V_q(\vec{b}) - V_q(\vec{b} + \vec{r}_p) \right|^2$$
$$\sigma_{\bar{q}q}(r_p) = \int d^2b \, 2 \operatorname{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p)$$

dipoles with different

sizes interact differently!

#### Amplitude of DDY in the dipole-target scattering

$$M_{qq}^{(1)}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p, \vec{r}, \alpha) = -2ip_i^0 \sqrt{4\pi} \frac{\sqrt{1-\alpha}}{\alpha^2} \Psi_{\gamma^* q}^{\mu}(\alpha, \vec{r}) \left[ 2\mathrm{Im} \, f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p) - 2\mathrm{Im} \, f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p + \alpha \vec{r}) \right]$$

## Elastic amplitude and gap survival

Complete dipole elastic amplitude has eikonal form:

Im 
$$f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r_1} - \vec{r_2}) = 1 - \exp[i\chi(\vec{r_1}) - i\chi(\vec{r_2})],$$

$$\chi(b) = -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \, V(\vec{b}, z),$$

nearly imaginary at high energies!

### Diffractive amplitude is proportional to

$$\operatorname{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r_1} - \vec{r_2} + \alpha \vec{r}) - \operatorname{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r_1} - \vec{r_2}) = \underbrace{\exp[i\chi(\vec{r_1}) - i\chi(\vec{r_2})]}_{\checkmark} \exp[i\alpha \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\chi(\vec{r_1})]$$

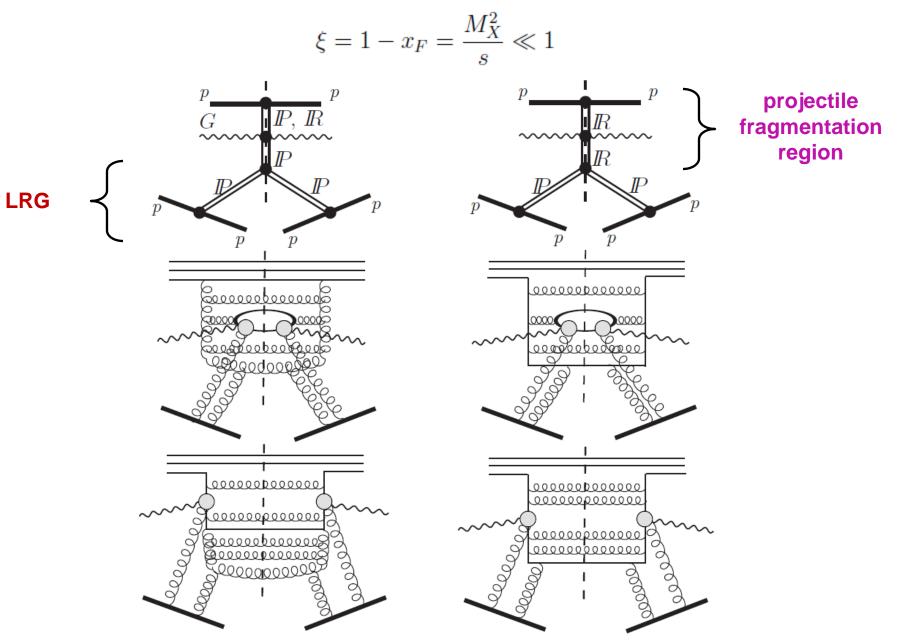
another source of QCD factorisation breaking

controlled by soft spectator partons

vanishes in the black disc limit!

Absorption effect should be included into elastic amplitude parameterization (at the amplitude level)

### **Regge picture of diffractive excitations**

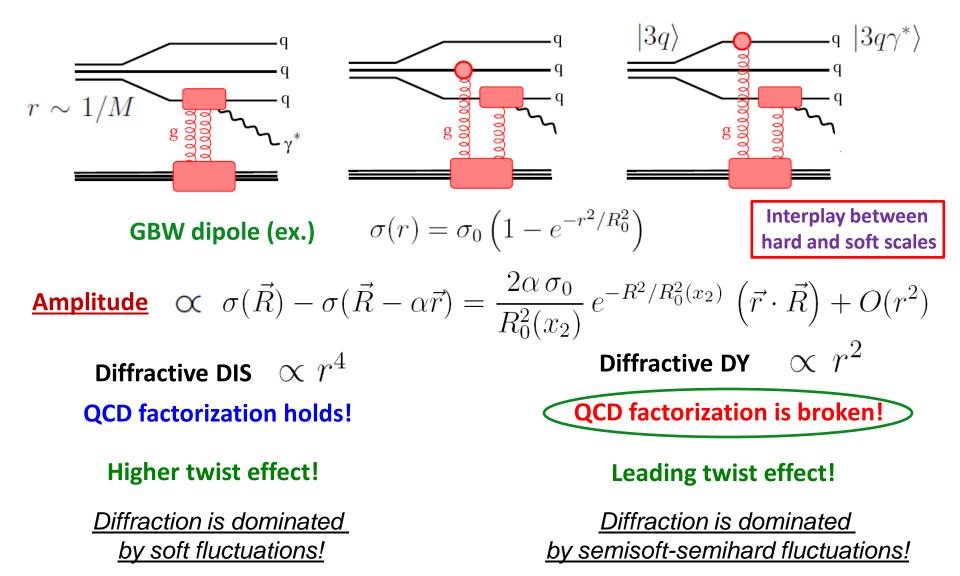


## Probing large distances in the proton...

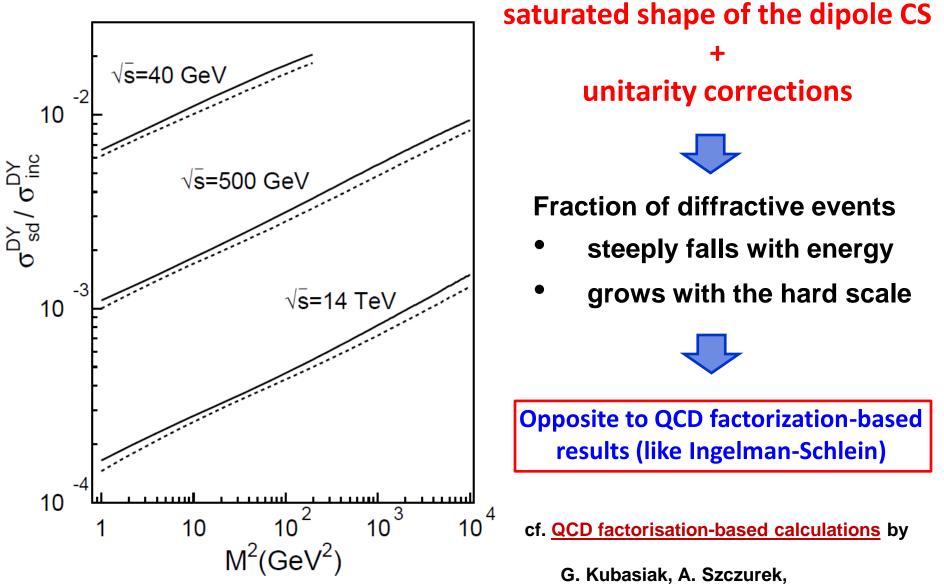
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## **Signatures for QCD factorisation breaking**



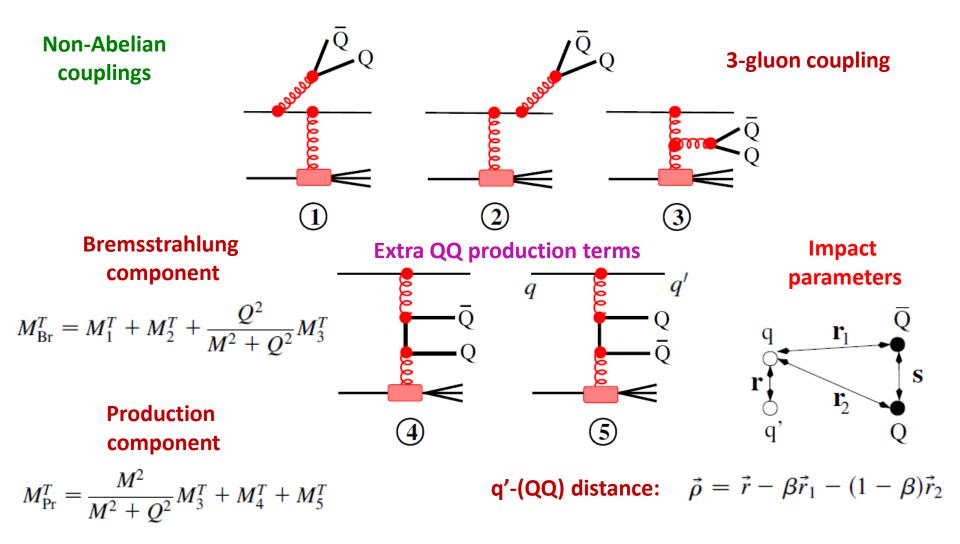
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# Why go non-Abelian?

- Higher single diffractive cross sections than heavy QQ CEP/Abelian mechanisms (dominates the diffractive heavy flavor production)
- One more promising test of QCD diffraction mechanisms and, in particular, QCD factorisation breaking effects
- More complicated than Abelian but enables to test non-Abelian mechanisms of heavy flavor production vs Abelian ones
- The most important background for intrinsic heavy flavor studies via diffraction
- An important playground for forward Higgsstrahlung studies off heavy flavor/gauge bosons
- One of the cleanest way of Higgs-bottom/Higgs-top Yukawa couplings studies via diffraction

BUT! The pile-up and backgrounds need to be taken under control at high energies!

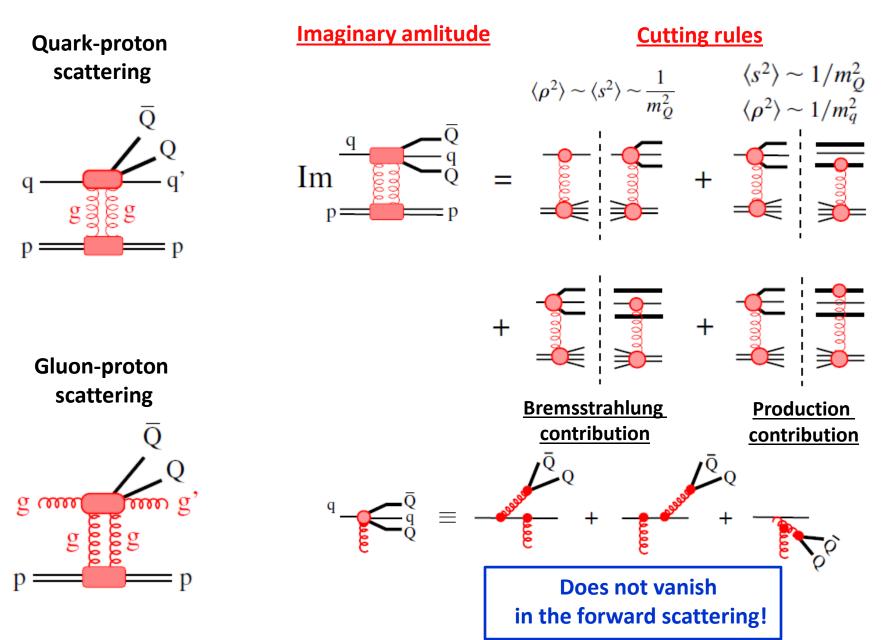
## **Non-Abelian Bremsstrahlung off a quark**



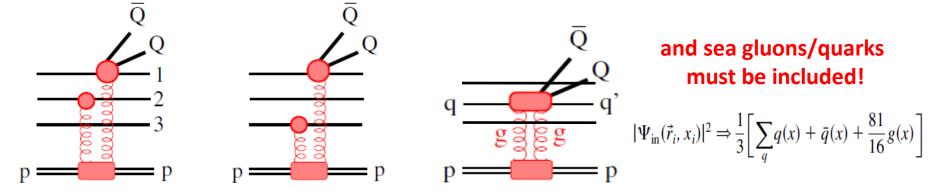
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Does not vanish in the forward scattering!

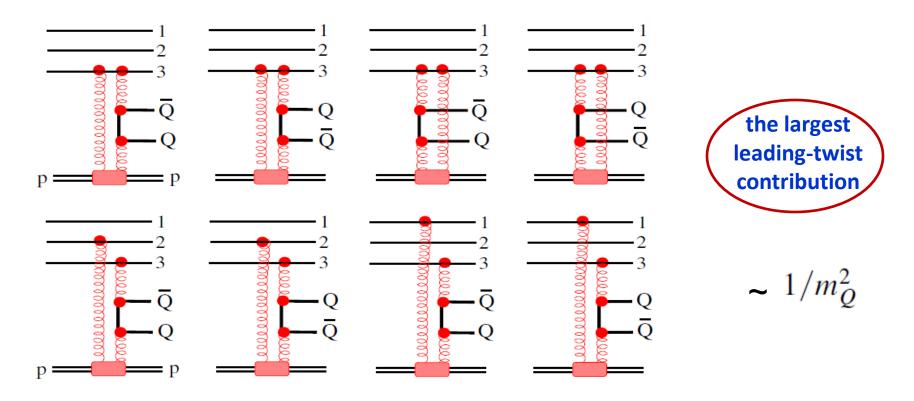
# **QQ production: diffractive parton-proton scattering**



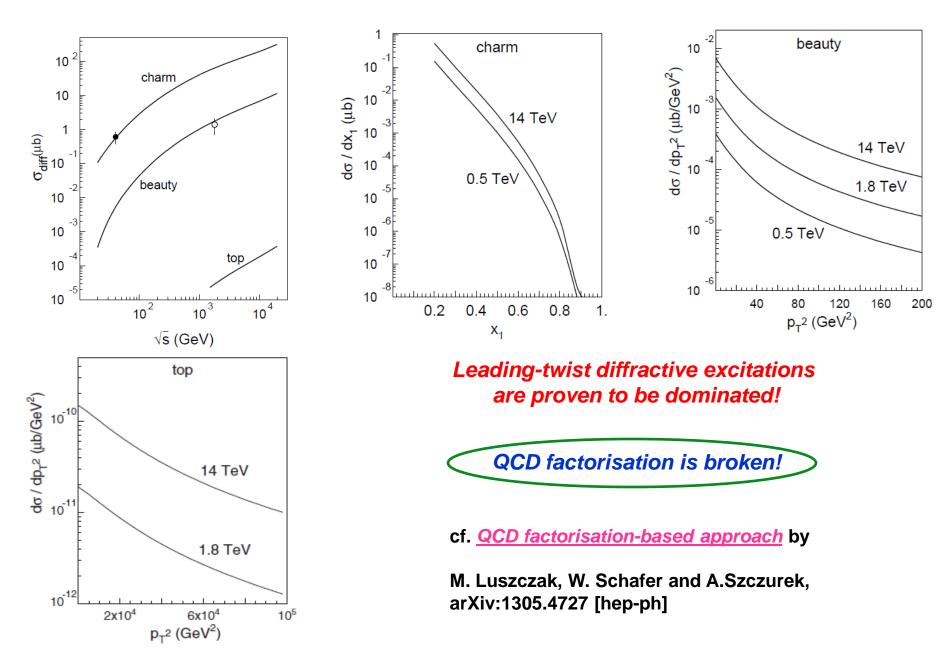
### **QQ production: diffractive proton-proton scattering**



### Production component strongly dominates the diffractive cross section!



## Forward diffractive heavy flavor: cross sections



# **Conclusions**

- The QCD factorisation is broken by the presence of transverse motion of spectator quarks at large separations. The same effect is responsible for the absorption.
- Hard/soft interactions and interplay leads to dominance of leading-twists mechanisms in the diffractive heavy flavor (DHF) production
- Experimental measurements of DHF would allow to probe directly the dipole cross section at large separations, as well as the proton structure function at soft and semi-hard scales, and large x
- The observation of DHF production provides a good tool for studies of intrinsic heavy flavors, which could be seen as an excess of DHF compared to the conventional mechanisms