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Diffractive heavy flavor production and Higgsstrahlung in the color dipole picture

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Reminder: dipole picture of diffractive excitations

R. J. Glauber, Phys. Rev. 100, 242 (1955).

E. Feinberg and I. Ya. Pomeranchuk, Nuovo. Cimento. Suppl. 3 (1956) 652.

M. L. Good and W. D. Walker, Phys. Rev. 120 (1960) 1857.

A **hadron** can be excited – it is **not an eigenstate** of interaction!

*Eigenstates of interaction
are color dipoles*

$$|h\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1} C_{\alpha}^h |\alpha\rangle \qquad \langle h'|h\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1} (C_{\alpha}^{h'})^* C_{\alpha}^h = \delta_{hh'}$$

$$\hat{f}_{el} |\alpha\rangle = f_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle \qquad \langle \beta|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{h'} (C_{\beta}^{h'})^* C_{\alpha}^{h'} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

Elastic and single diffractive amplitudes

$$f_{el}^{h \rightarrow h} = \sum_{\alpha=1} |C_{\alpha}^h|^2 f_{\alpha}$$

$$f_{sd}^{h \rightarrow h'} = \sum_{\alpha=1} (C_{\alpha}^{h'})^* C_{\alpha}^h f_{\alpha}$$

Single diffractive cross section

$$\sum_{h'} \left. \frac{d\sigma_{sd}^{h \rightarrow h'}}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \sum_{\alpha=1} |C_{\alpha}^h|^2 \frac{\sigma_{\alpha}^2}{16\pi} =$$

$$\int d^2 r_T |\Psi_h(r_T)|^2 \frac{\sigma^2(r_T)}{16\pi} = \frac{\langle \sigma^2(r_T) \rangle}{16\pi}$$

Dipole:

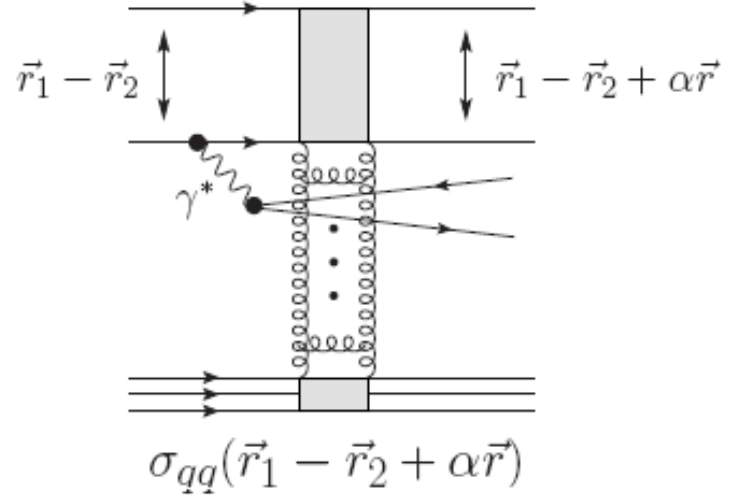
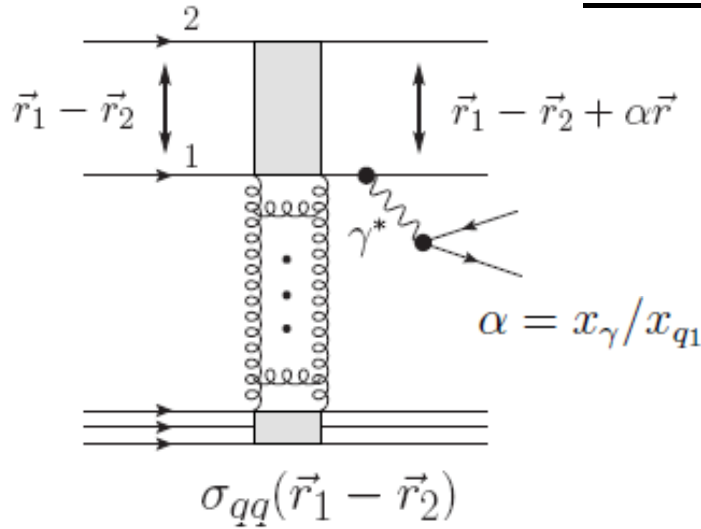
- cannot be excited
- experience only elastic scattering
- have no definite mass, but only separation
- universal – elastic amplitude can be extracted in one process and used in another



**Any diffractive amplitude
is a superposition of different
elastic dipole amplitudes!**

DY example: Abelian Bremsstrahlung off a dipole

...due to transverse motion of partons



$$2i \operatorname{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p) = \frac{i}{N_c} \sum_X \sum_{c_f c_i} |V_q(\vec{b}) - V_q(\vec{b} + \vec{r}_p)|^2$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{q}q}(r_p) = \int d^2b \, 2 \operatorname{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_p)$$

dipoles with different sizes interact differently!



The fundamental reason for diffraction!

DDY in the dipole-target scattering

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

destructive interference



one of the reasons for diffractive factorisation breaking!

Elastic amplitude and gap survival

Complete dipole elastic amplitude has **eikonal form**:

$$\text{Im } f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) = 1 - \exp[i\chi(\vec{r}_1) - i\chi(\vec{r}_2)],$$

$$\chi(b) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz V(\vec{b}, z), \quad \textit{nearly imaginary at high energies!}$$

Diffractive amplitude is proportional to

$$\text{Im } f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2 + \alpha\vec{r}) - \text{Im } f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) = \underbrace{\exp[i\chi(\vec{r}_1) - i\chi(\vec{r}_2)]}_{\text{Exactly the soft survival probability amplitude}} \exp[i\alpha\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\chi(\vec{r}_1)]$$

another source of QCD factorisation breaking

Exactly the soft survival probability amplitude

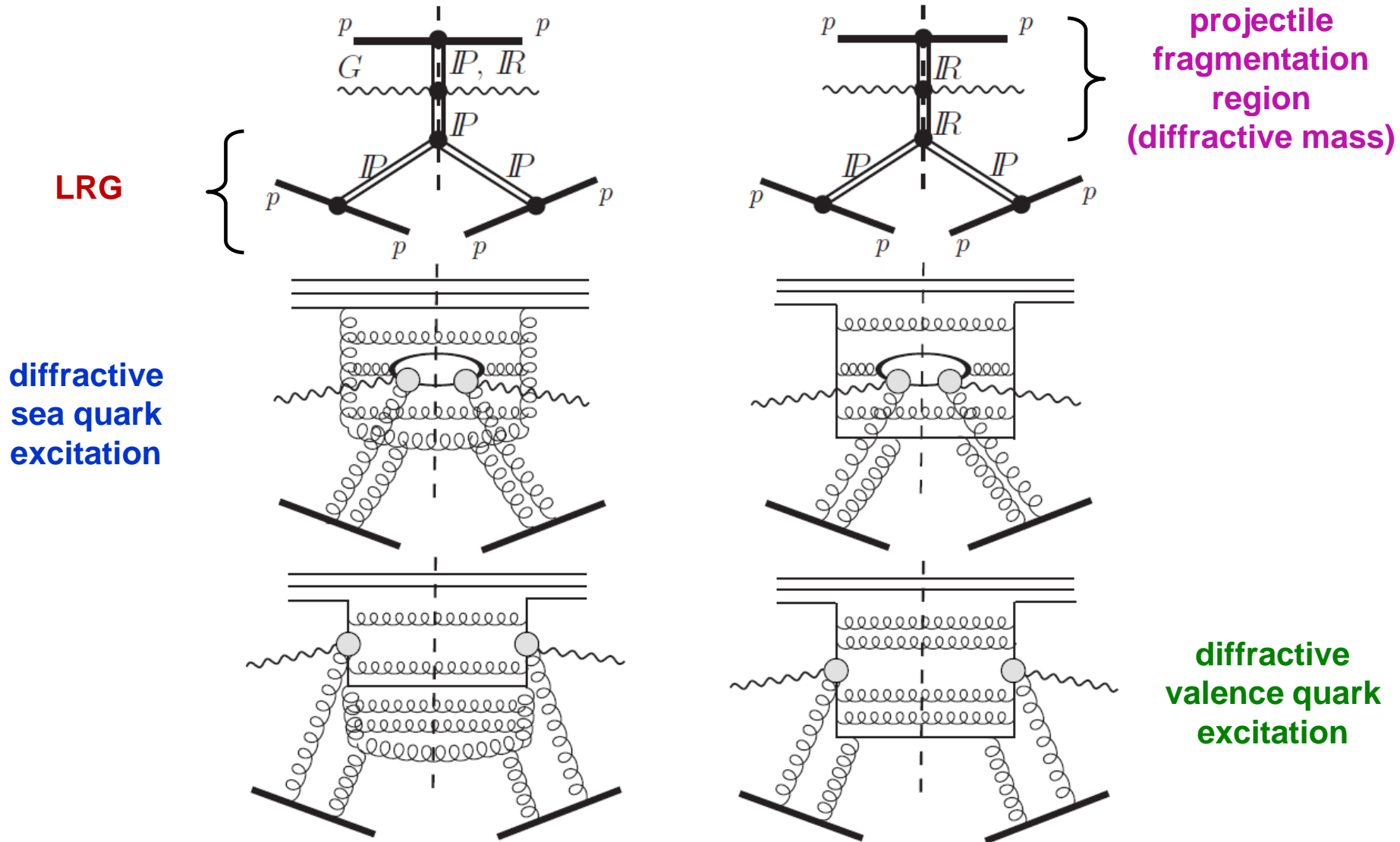
controlled by soft spectator partons

vanishes in the black disc limit!

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

DY example: Regge picture of diffractive excitations

$$\xi = 1 - x_F = \frac{M_X^2}{s} \ll 1$$

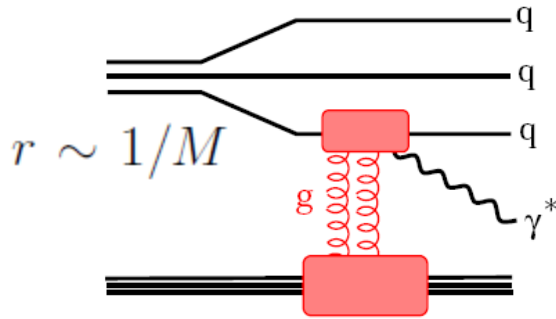


DY example: Probing large distances in the proton...

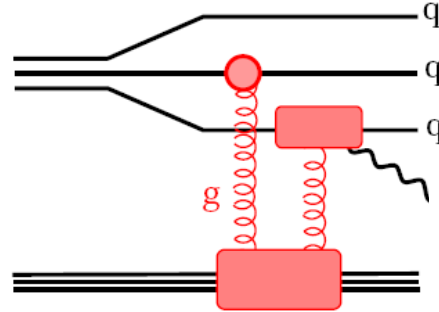
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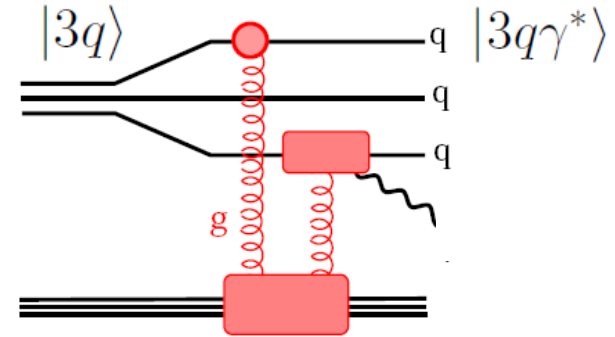
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GBW dipole (ex.)



$$\sigma(r) = \sigma_0 \left(1 - e^{-r^2/R_0^2}\right)$$



Interplay between hard and soft scales

Amplitude $\propto \sigma(\vec{R}) - \sigma(\vec{R} - \alpha\vec{r}) = \frac{2\alpha\sigma_0}{R_0^2(x_2)} e^{-R^2/R_0^2(x_2)} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{R}) + O(r^2)$

Diffractive DIS $\propto r^4$

QCD factorization holds!

Higher twist effect!

Diffraction is dominated by soft fluctuations!

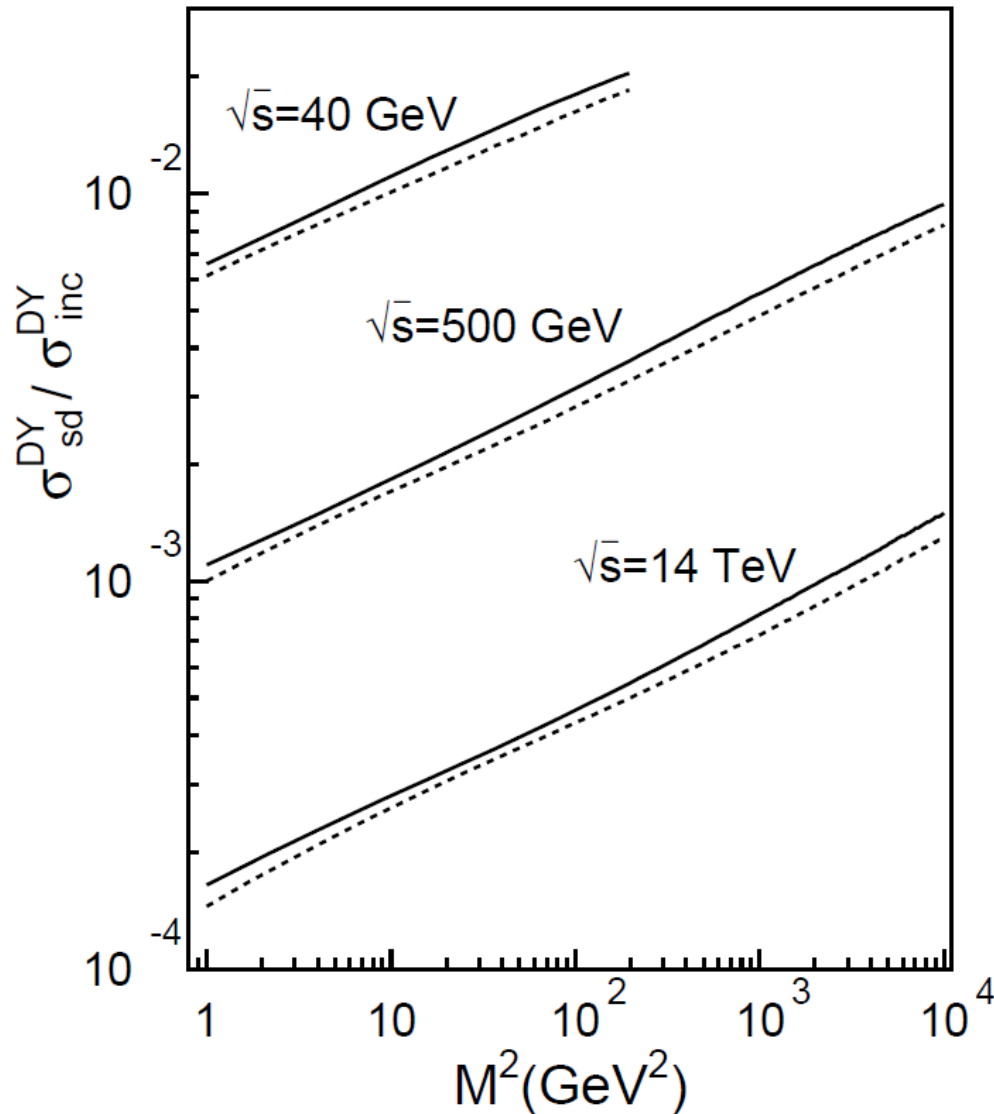
Diffractive DY $\propto r^2$

QCD factorization is broken!

Leading twist effect!

Diffraction is dominated by semisoft-semihard fluctuations!

DY example: signatures for QCD factorisation breaking



saturated shape of the dipole CS

+

unitarity corrections



Fraction of diffractive events

- **steeply falls with energy**
- **grows with the hard scale**



Opposite to QCD factorization-based results (like Ingelman-Schlein)

See [QCD factorisation-based calculations](#) by

G. Kubasiak, A. Szczurek,
Phys.Rev.D84:014005,2011

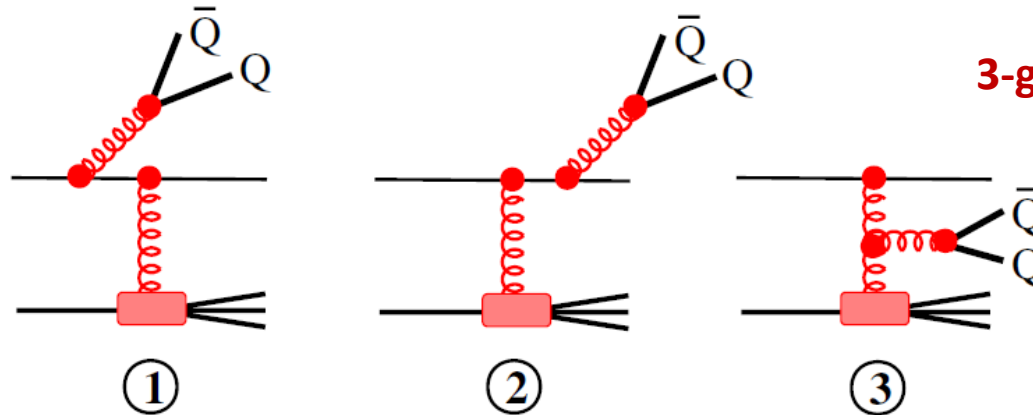
Why go non-Abelian?

- 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 (Brodsky et al '06, '07)
- One of the ways of direct Higgs-bottom/Higgs-top Yukawa couplings studies via diffraction

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

Non-Abelian Bremsstrahlung off a quark and gg-fusion

Non-Abelian couplings



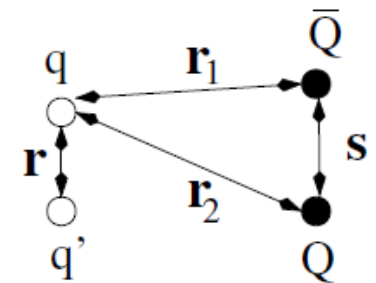
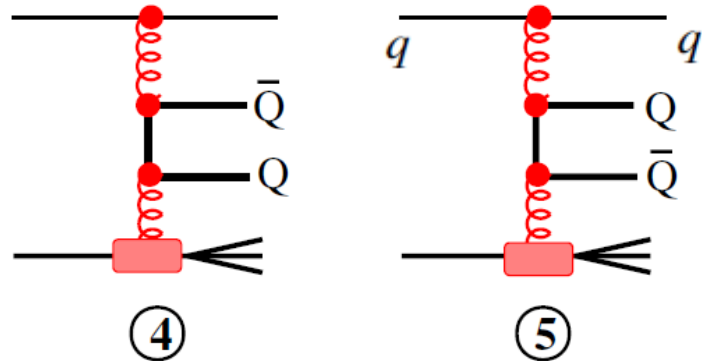
3-gluon coupling

Bremsstrahlung component

Extra QQ production terms

Impact parameters

$$M_{\text{Br}}^T = M_1^T + M_2^T + \frac{Q^2}{M^2 + Q^2} M_3^T$$



Production component

$$M_{\text{Pr}}^T = \frac{M^2}{M^2 + Q^2} M_3^T + M_4^T + M_5^T$$

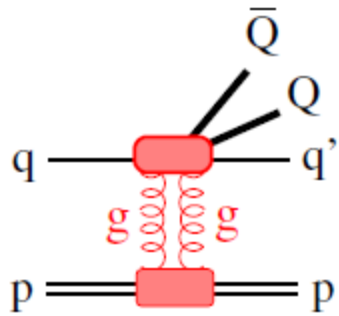
q'-(QQ) distance: $\vec{\rho} = \vec{r} - \beta \vec{r}_1 - (1 - \beta) \vec{r}_2$

B. Kopeliovich et al, Phys.Rev.D76, 034019 (2007)

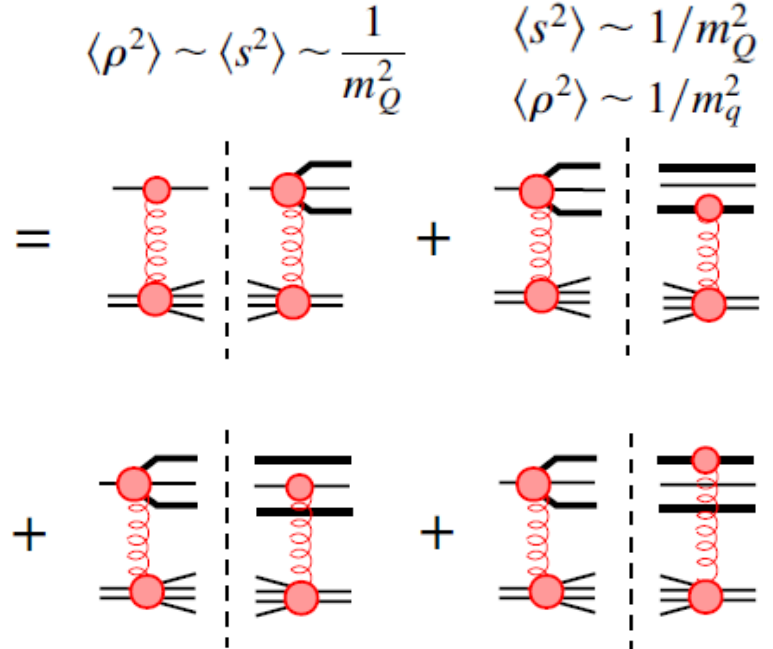
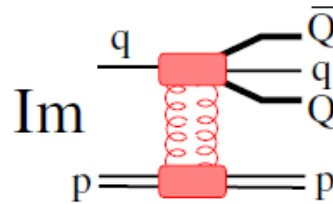
Does not vanish
in the forward scattering!

QQ production: diffractive parton-proton scattering

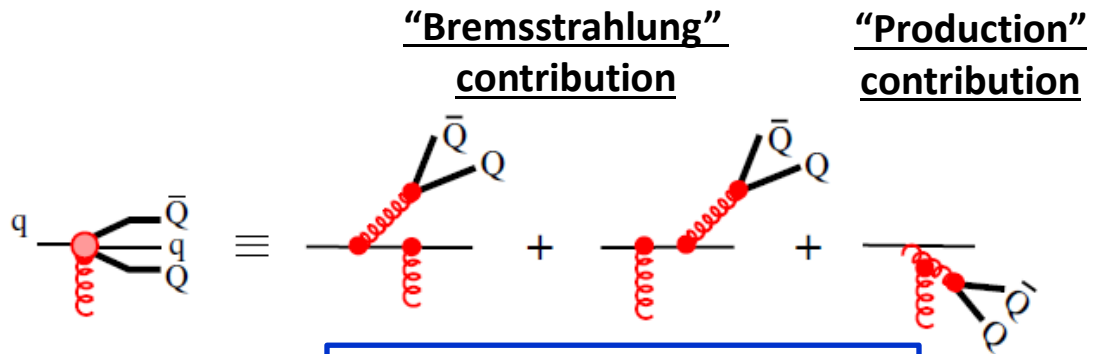
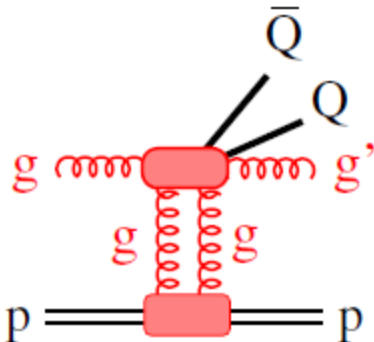
Quark-proton scattering
(diffractive quark excitation)



Imaginary amplitude

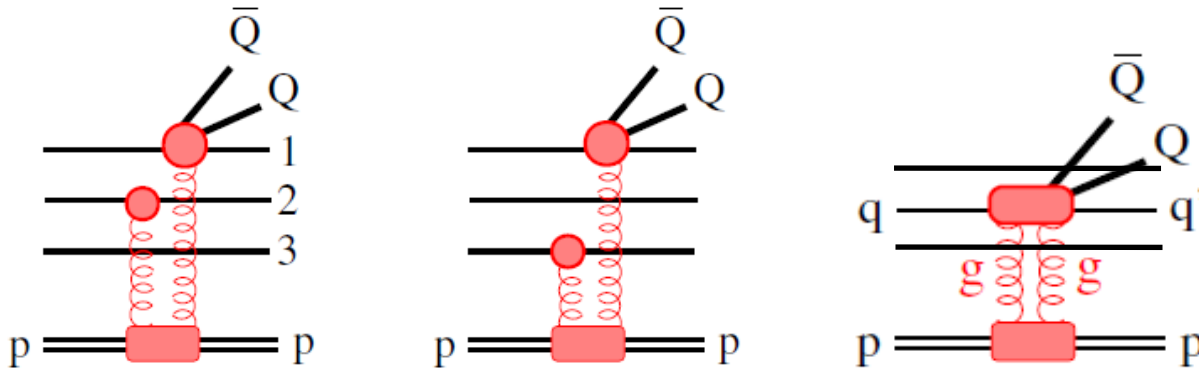


Gluon-proton scattering
(diffractive gluon excitation)



Does not vanish
in the forward scattering!

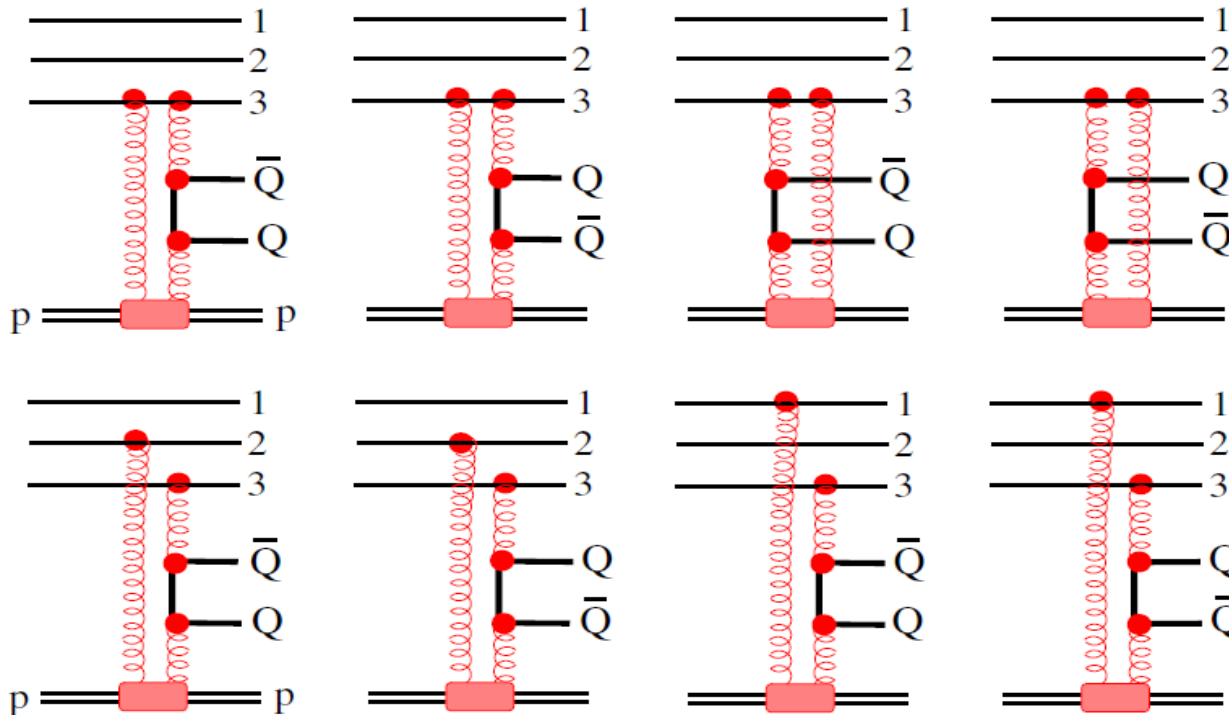
QQ production: diffractive proton-proton scattering



and sea gluons/quarks must be included!

$$|\Psi_{in}(\vec{r}_i, x_i)|^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \left[\sum_q q(x) + \bar{q}(x) + \frac{81}{16} g(x) \right]$$

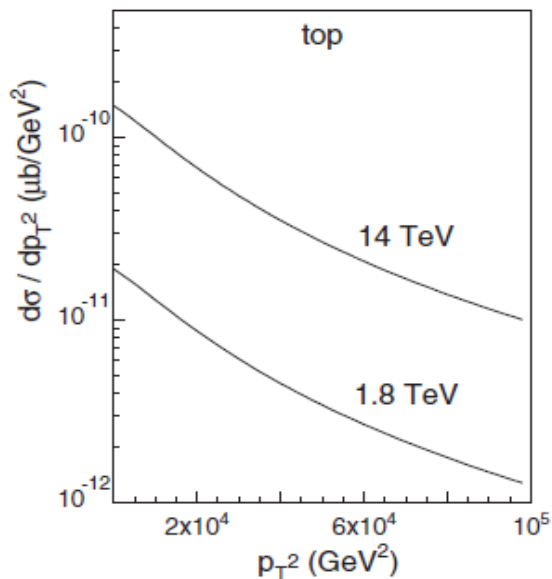
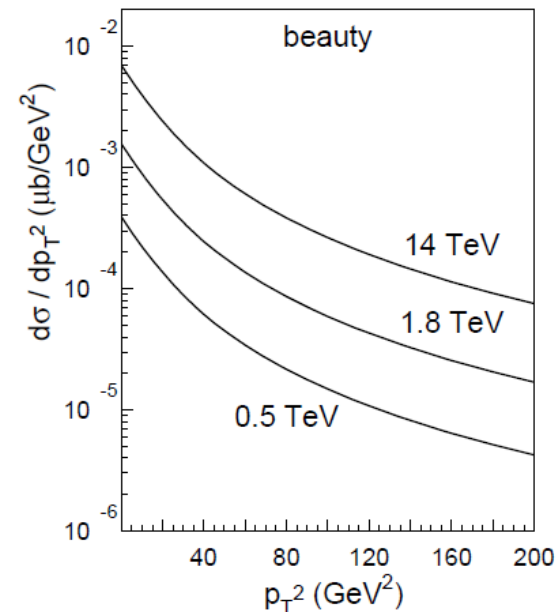
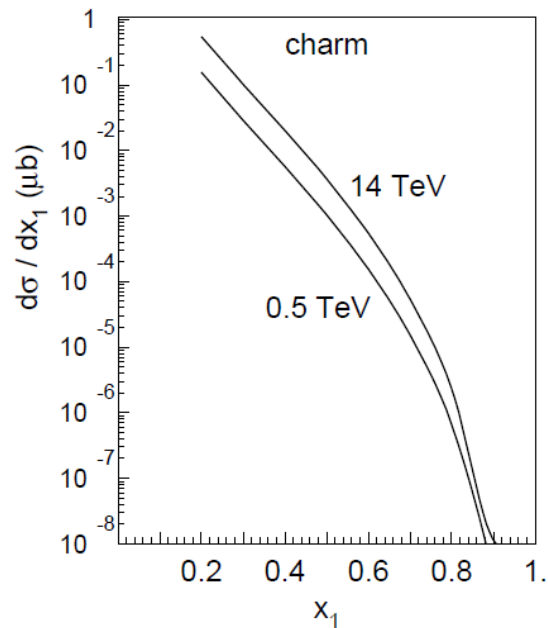
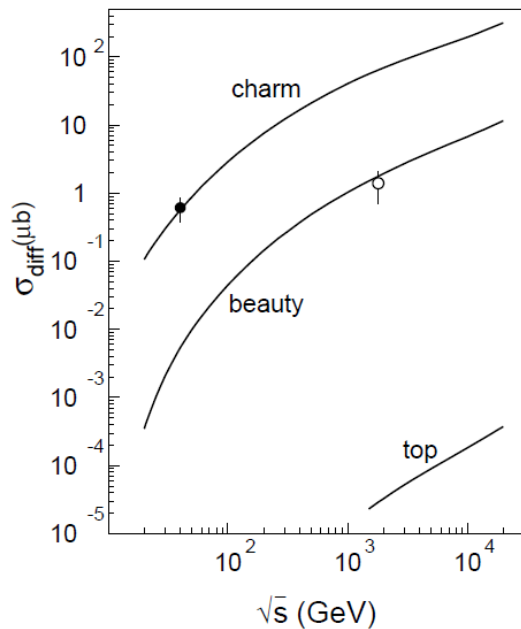
Production component strongly dominates the diffractive cross section!



the largest leading-twist contribution

$$\sim 1/m_Q^2$$

Forward diffractive heavy flavor: cross sections



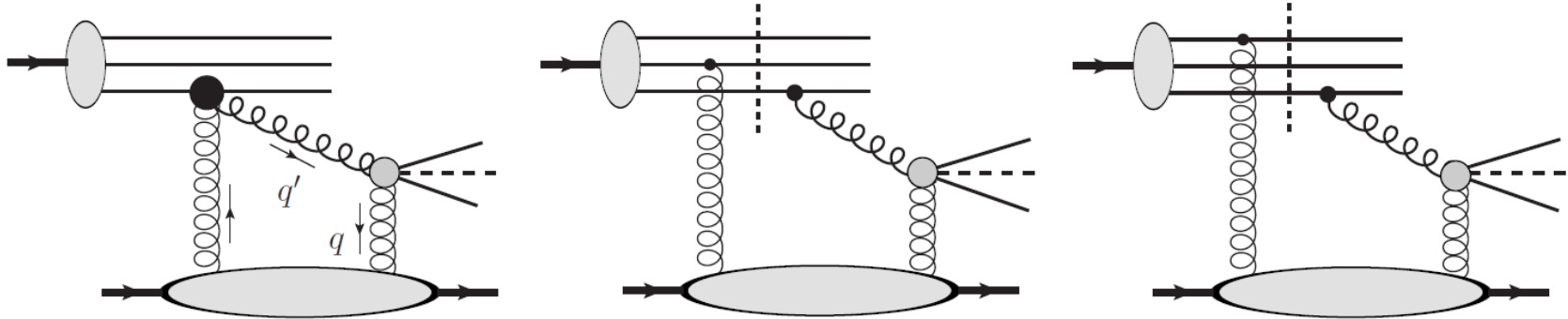
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**Leading-twist diffractive excitations
are proven to be dominated!**

cf. QCD factorisation-based approach by

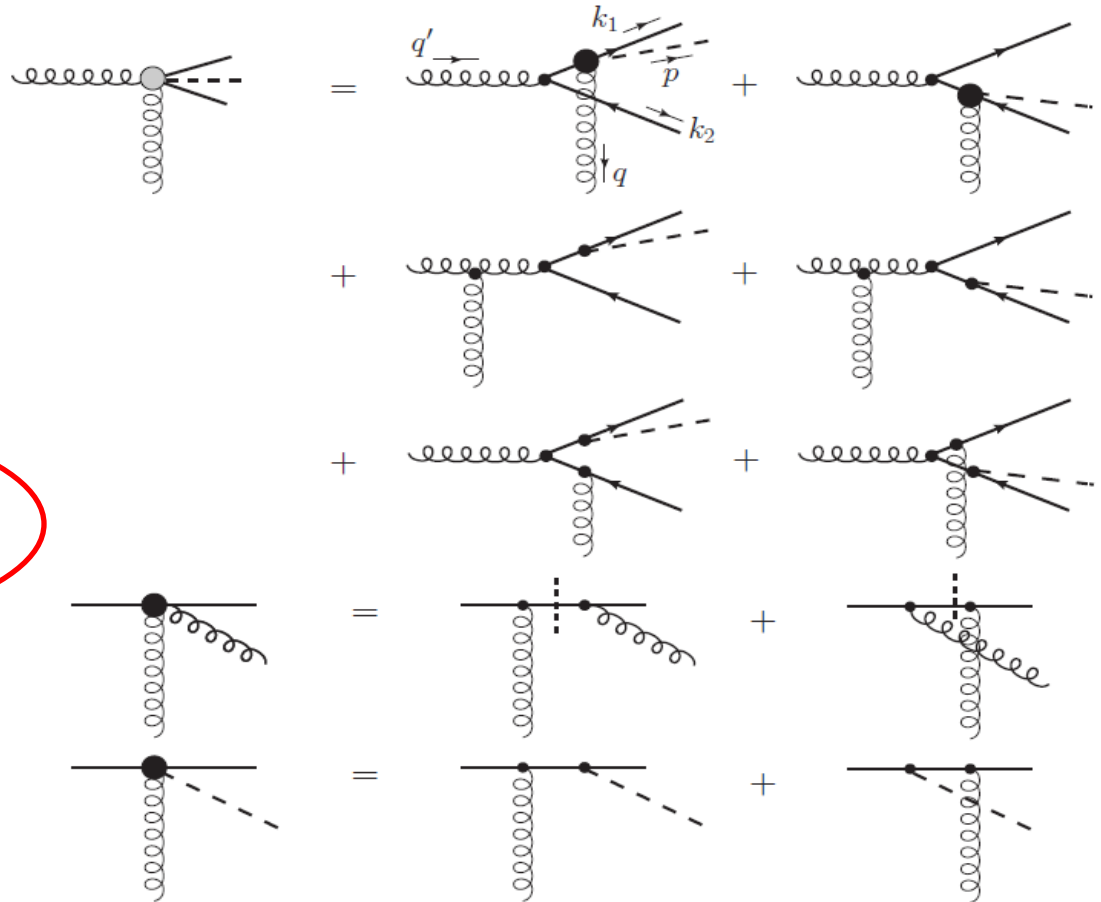
**M. Luszczak, W. Schafer and A.Szczurek,
arXiv:1305.4727 [hep-ph]**

Diffractive Higgsstrahlung off heavy flavor



$$p + p \rightarrow \bar{Q}Qh + X + p$$

Gluon-Gluon fusion strongly dominates over gluon Bremsstrahlung!



Single diffractive cross section: Higgsstrahlung

The general result:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{L,T}(pp \rightarrow p(Q\bar{Q}h)X)}{d^2\vec{\kappa} d^2\vec{r} d\ln\alpha d\ln\beta d\ln\xi d^2\delta_{\perp}} \Big|_{\delta_{\perp} \rightarrow 0} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{9}{256\pi^2}$$

$$\times \sum_{l=q,g} \sum_{q=val, sea} \int d^2\vec{r}_1 d^2\vec{r}_2 d^2\vec{r}_3 d^2\vec{\omega} d^2\vec{\rho}_1 d^2\vec{\rho}_2 d^2\vec{\sigma}_1 d^2\vec{\sigma}_2 dx_q \prod_{j \neq 1} dx_q^j \prod_k dx_g^k e^{i\vec{\kappa} \cdot (\vec{\rho}_1 - \vec{\rho}_2)}$$

$$\times e^{i\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2)} \Sigma_l^{L,T}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3; \alpha, \vec{\omega}; \beta, \vec{\rho}_1; \xi, \vec{\sigma}_1) \Sigma_l^{L,T*}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3; \alpha, \vec{\omega}; \beta, \vec{\rho}_2; \xi, \vec{\sigma}_2)$$

$$\times |\Psi_i(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3; x_q, \{x_q^{2,3,\dots}\}, \{x_g^{1,2,\dots}\})|^2,$$



diffractive amplitude of QQh
production in parton-proton scattering

Incoming proton wave function

$$|\Psi_i(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3; x_q, x_{q_2}, x_{q_3})|^2 = \frac{3a^2}{\pi^2} e^{-a(r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2)} \rho(x_q, x_{q_2}, x_{q_3}) \quad a = \langle r_{ch}^2 \rangle^{-1}$$

$$\times \delta(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_3) \delta(1 - x_q - x_{q_2} - x_{q_3})$$

Valence quark distribution

$$x_q = \frac{x_1}{\alpha}, \quad x_1 = \frac{q'^+}{P_1^+}$$

$$\int dx_{q_2} dx_{q_3} \delta(1 - x_q - x_{q_2} - x_{q_3}) \rho(x_q, x_{q_2}, x_{q_3}) = \rho_q(x_q) \quad + \text{ sea quarks and antiquarks!}$$

an immediate access to the quark PDFs at large x!

Single diffractive amplitude: Higgsstrahlung

Effective wave function



$$\Sigma_{q(1)}^{L,T}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3; \alpha, \vec{\omega}; \beta, \vec{\rho}; \xi, \vec{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2} (\tau_b^{q1} \tau_a^{q1}) (\tau_a^Q \tau_b^Q) \left\{ \tilde{\Phi}_q^{T,L}(\alpha, \vec{\omega}; \beta, \vec{\rho}; \xi, \vec{\sigma}) \right. \\ \times \int d^2b \left\{ \left[2\text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, (1-\alpha)\vec{\omega} - \xi\vec{\sigma}) - 2\text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, (1-\alpha)\vec{\omega}) \right] \right. \\ \left. \left. - \left[2\text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, (1-\alpha)\vec{\omega} - \beta\vec{\rho} - \xi\vec{\sigma}) - 2\text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, (1-\alpha)\vec{\omega} - \beta\vec{\rho}) \right] \right\} \right\} + a \text{ lot more...}$$

Effective dipole cross section

Soft scale: $\langle \omega^2 \rangle \sim 1/m_q^2 \sim \langle R \rangle^2$

Hard scales:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \rho^2 \rangle \sim 1/m_Q^2 \\ \langle \sigma^2 \rangle \sim 1/M_h^2 \end{array} \right.$$

The source of the higher-twist Higgsstrahlung:

$$\left[\text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{R} + A\vec{\rho} + B\vec{\sigma}) - \text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{R} + A\vec{\rho}) \right] - \left[\text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{R} + B\vec{\sigma}) - \text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{R}) \right]$$

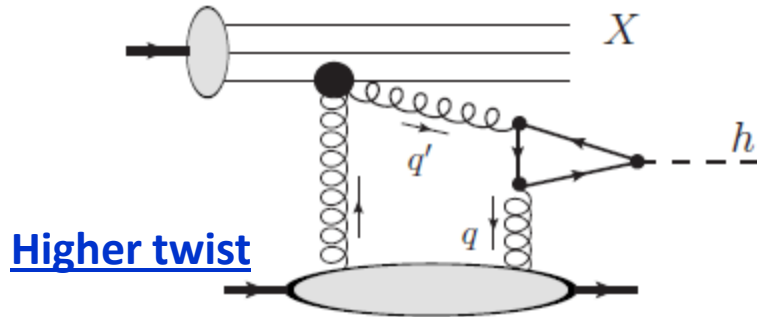
$$\simeq AB \frac{\partial^2 \text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{x})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Big|_{\vec{x}=\vec{R}} \rho_i \sigma_j,$$

the principal source of diffractive factorisation breaking

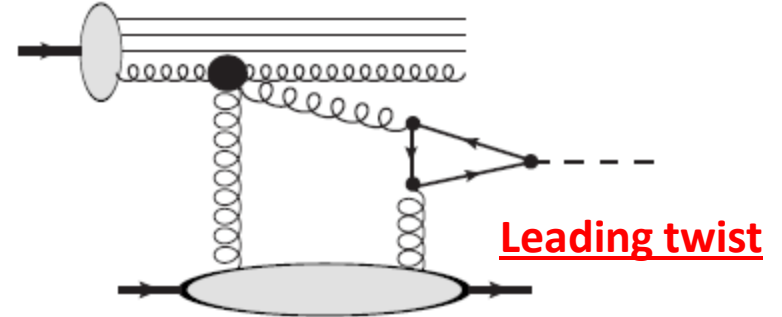
$$\int d^2b \frac{\partial^2 \text{Im} f_{el}(\vec{b}, \vec{x})}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Big|_{\vec{x}=\vec{R}} \equiv C_{ij}(\vec{R}), \quad C_{ij}(\vec{R}) = \frac{\sigma_0(s)}{R_0^2(s)} e^{-R^2/R_0^2(s)} \left[\delta_{ij} - \frac{2R_i R_j}{R_0^2(s)} \right]$$

Loop-induced single diffractive Higgs: the dipole picture

Diffractive quark excitation:



Diffractive gluon excitation:



Gluon-gluon fusion via a heavy top loop

$$T_{\mu\nu}^f(q, q') \simeq i \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_s}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{v} [(qq')g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q'_\nu] G_1^f \left(\frac{M_h^2 + i\epsilon}{4m_f^2} \right) \quad G_1^f \rightarrow 2/3$$

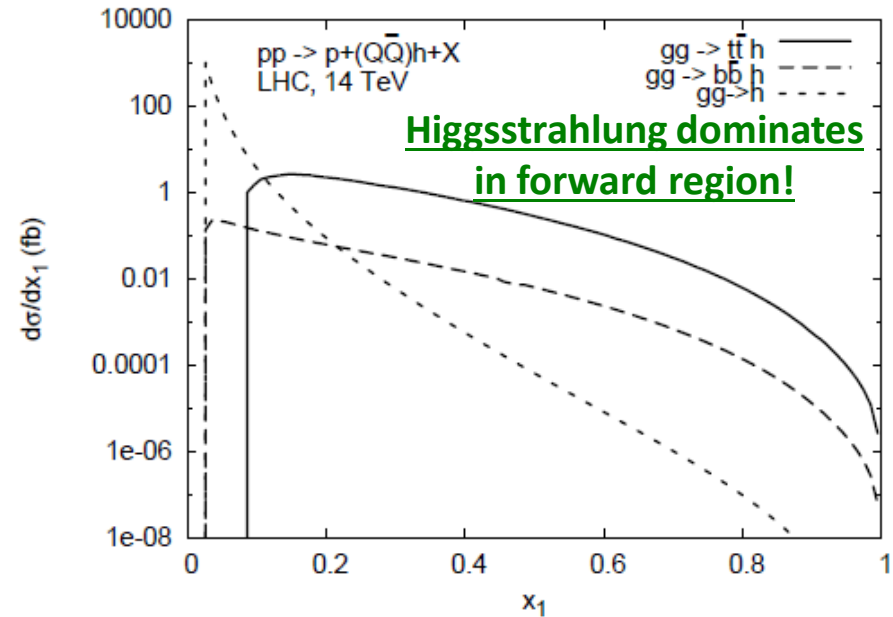
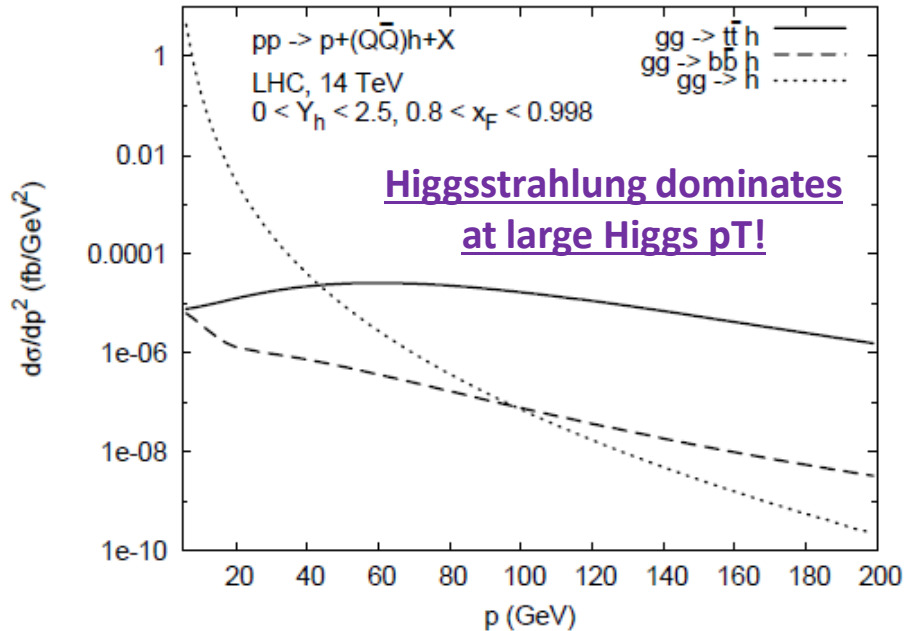
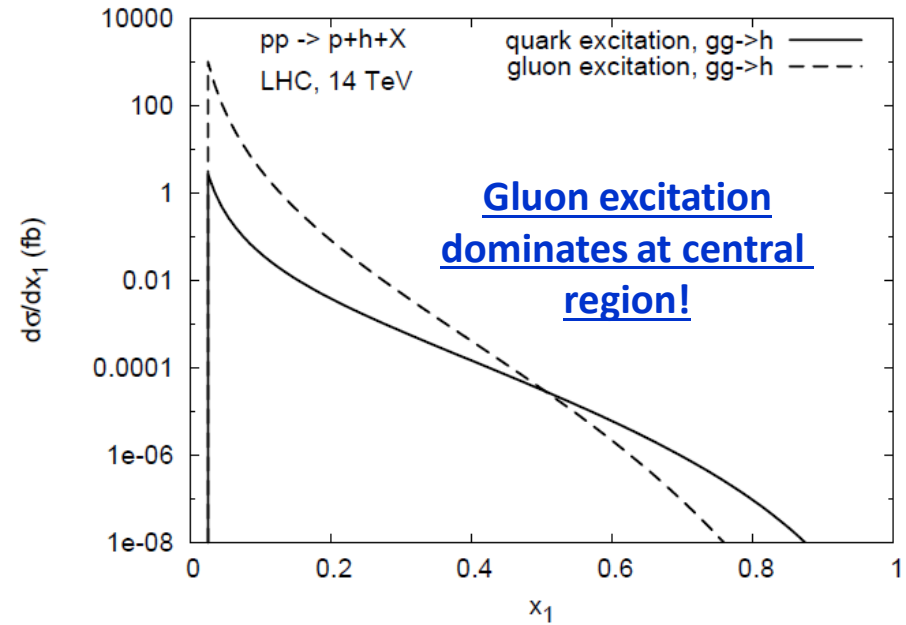
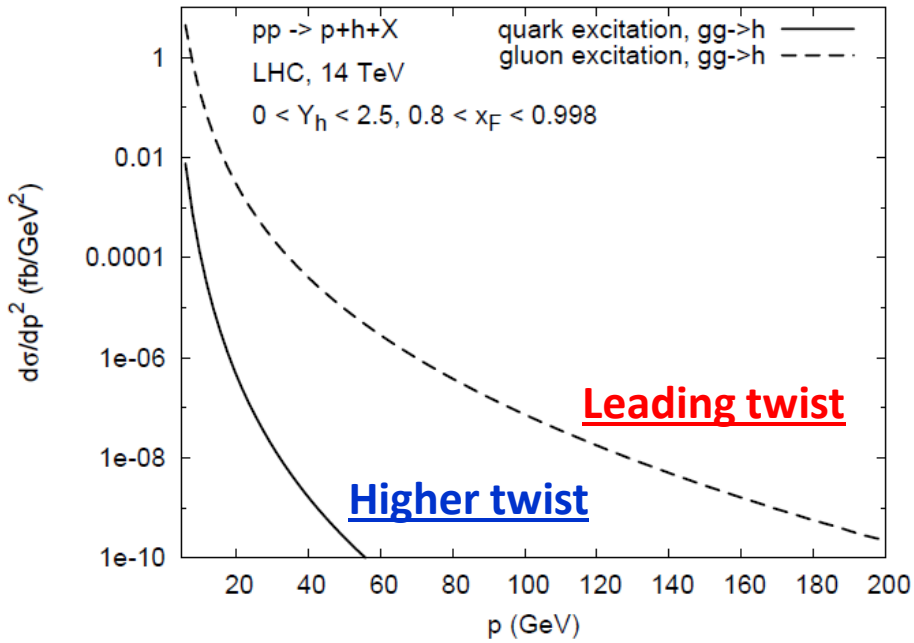
The cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_q(pp \rightarrow phX)}{d^2\vec{p} d \ln \alpha d^2\vec{\delta}_\perp} \Big|_{\delta_\perp \rightarrow 0} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_q \int d^2\vec{\omega} d^2\vec{\omega}' dx_q \left[\rho_q(x_q) + \rho_{\bar{q}}(x_q) \right] \\ \times \Phi_\Delta^q(\alpha, \vec{\omega}) \Phi_\Delta^{q*}(\alpha, \vec{\omega}') \Sigma_\Delta(\alpha, \vec{\omega}) \Sigma_\Delta(\alpha, \vec{\omega}') e^{i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{\omega} - \vec{\omega}')},$$

The hard scale

$$\Sigma_\Delta = \frac{3}{2} \left[\sigma(\vec{\omega}) - \sigma((1-\alpha)\vec{\omega}) \right] \simeq \frac{3\sigma_0}{2R_0^2} \alpha(2-\alpha)\omega^2 \quad \omega \ll r_{ij} \sim R.$$

Numerical results



Conclusion

- 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**
- The **diffractive Higgsstrahlung** off heavy quarks is enhanced at forward rapidities compared to the single diffractive Higgs boson production
- The **major background** for the diffractive Higgsstrahlung comes from $(t\bar{t})+(b\bar{b})$ final states at large Y 's is expected to come **multiparton interactions** and needs to be analyzed at the next step