

The Dipole Picture in Hadronic Reactions

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Introduction

- The color dipole approach is known as a useful tool for the study of saturation in DIS, where the cross section can be written in the simple form

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* p} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_{em}}{Q^2} F_2(x, Q^2) = \int d\alpha \int d^2\rho |\Psi_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(\alpha, Q^2, \rho)|^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho).$$

- The advantage of the dipole formulation is that it is formulated in terms of interaction eigenstates. This simplifies the calculation of multiple scattering effects.
- In the target rest frame, saturation looks like multiple scattering: at high energy, the parton density grows so large that even a hard probe will scatter twice inside the target.
- Several processes can be calculated in terms of the same dipole cross section as low x DIS, e.g.
 - Drell-Yan dilepton production
 - Open heavy flavor hadroproductioneven if there is no dipole present diagrammatically.
- Hence, the dipole formulation provides a link between saturation searches at HERA and in hadronic reactions at the LHC.

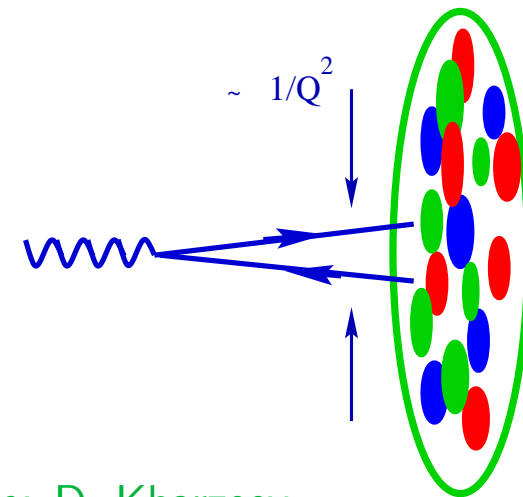
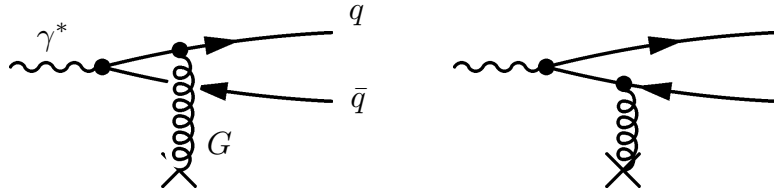


figure: D. Kharzeev

The Dipole Approach to DIS and k_T -Factorization



$\rho = q\bar{q}$ transverse separation

$$\alpha = p_q^+ / q_{\gamma^*}^+ = \frac{1 + \cos(\theta)}{2}$$

$$\varepsilon^2 = \alpha(1 - \alpha)Q^2 + m_q^2$$

- At low x , photon-gluon fusion ($\gamma^* + G \rightarrow q + \bar{q}$) dominates over $\gamma^* + q \rightarrow q + G$ and the DIS cross section can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_L^{\gamma^* p}}{d^2p_T} &= \frac{4\alpha_{em}e_f^2Q^2}{\pi} \int d\alpha \alpha^2(1 - \alpha)^2 \int \frac{d^2k_T}{k_T^4} \alpha_s \mathcal{F}(x, k_T) \left[\frac{1}{p_T^2 + \varepsilon^2} - \frac{1}{(\vec{p}_T - \vec{k}_T)^2 + \varepsilon^2} \right]^2 \\ &= \int d\alpha \int \frac{d^2\rho_1 d^2\rho_2}{2(2\pi)^2} \Psi^*(\alpha, \rho_1) \Psi(\alpha, \rho_2) e^{i\vec{p}_T \cdot (\vec{\rho}_1 - \vec{\rho}_2)} [\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho_1) + \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho_2) - \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(|\vec{\rho}_1 - \vec{\rho}_2|)] \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \int \frac{d^2k_T}{k_T^4} \alpha_s \mathcal{F}(x, k_T) \left[1 - e^{i\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{\rho}} \right]$$

- The dipole cross section $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho)$ carries information about the k_T dependence of the gluon distribution.
- Probably, any process that probes $\mathcal{F}(x, k_T)$ can be written in terms of $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho)$.

The Dipole Cross Section

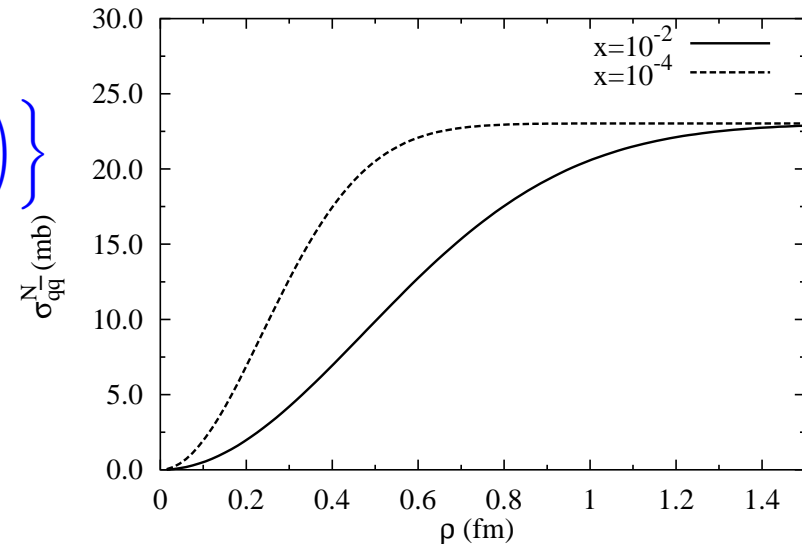
- I use the DGLAP improved saturation model of Bartels, Golec-Biernat, Kowalski, Phys. Rev. D66: 014001, 2002 for $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho)$

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(x, \rho) = \sigma_0 \left\{ 1 - \exp \left(- \frac{\pi^2 \rho^2 \alpha_s(\mu) x G(x, \mu)}{3\sigma_0} \right) \right\}$$

with

$$\sigma_0 = 23 \text{ mb}$$

$$\mu^2 = \frac{\lambda}{\rho^2} + \mu_0^2$$

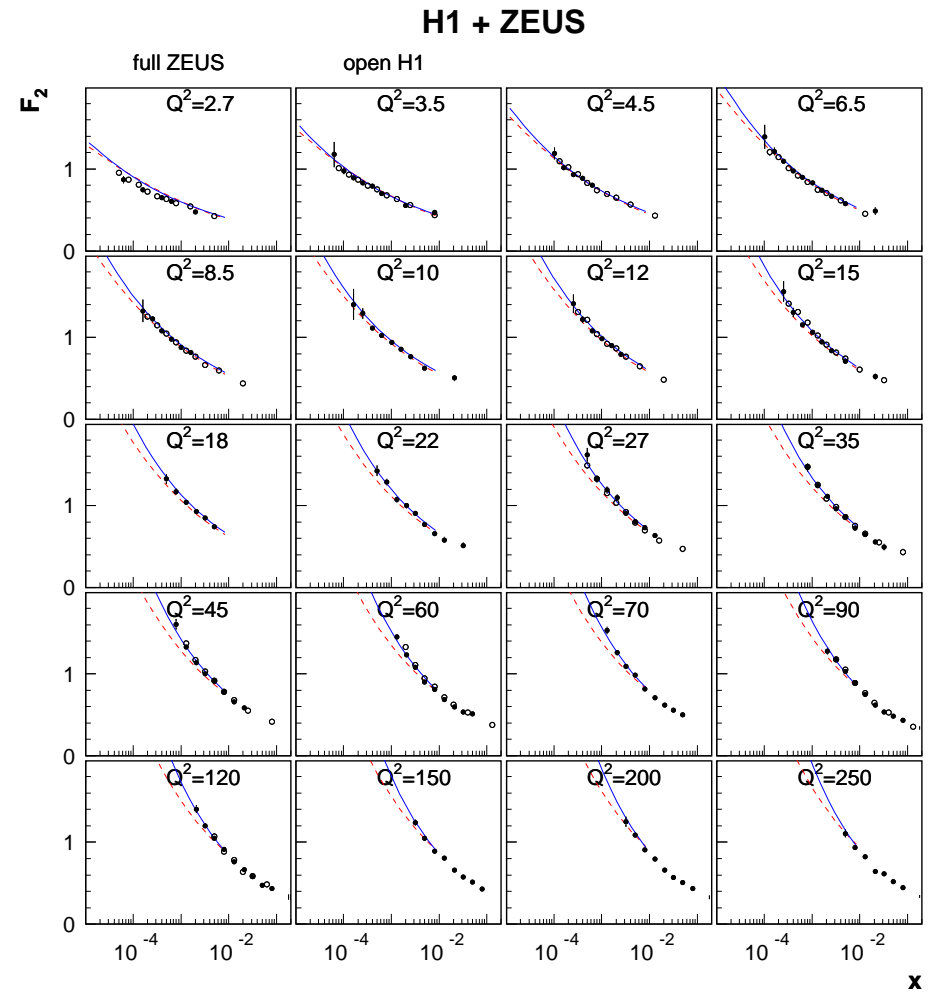
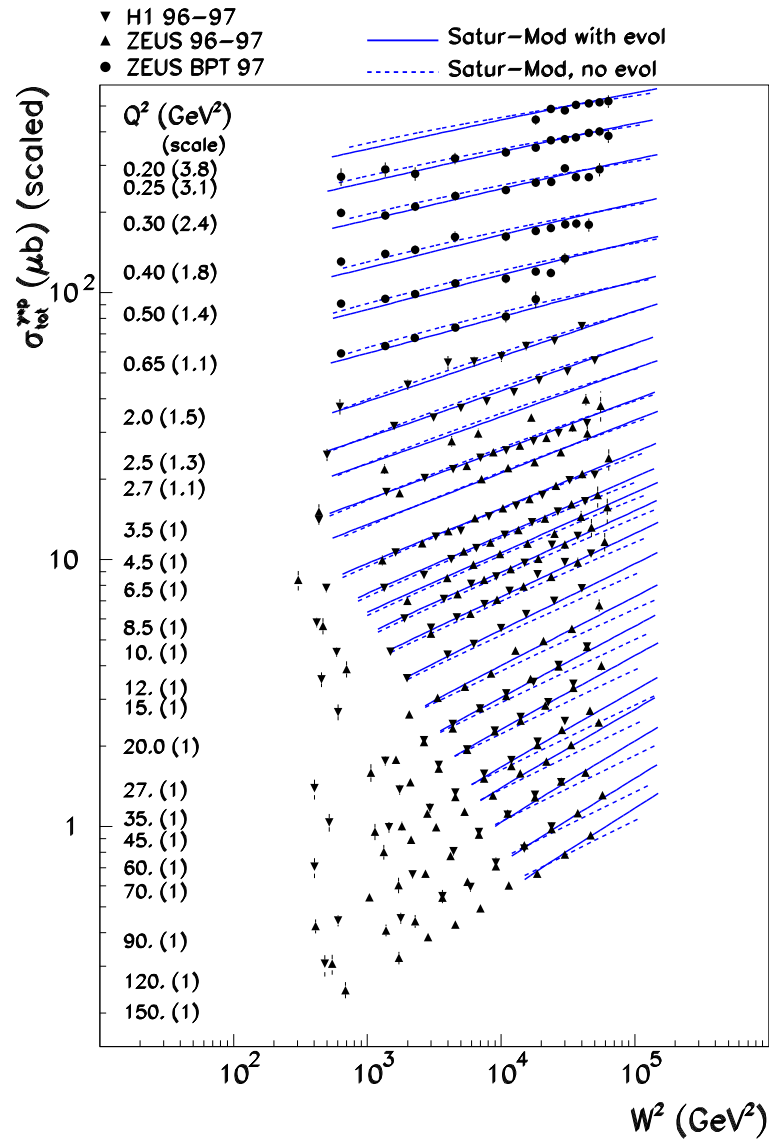


- The gluon density $xG(x, \mu)$ evolves according to DGLAP.
- The perturbative QCD result is recovered at small ρ :

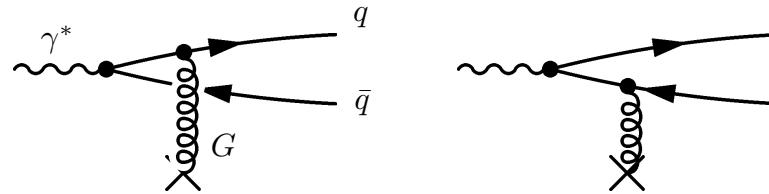
$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(x, \rho) \rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{3} \alpha_s(\mu) \rho^2 x G(x, \mu)$$

Blättel, Baym, Frankfurt, Strikman, Phys. Rev. Lett. **70**, 896, 1993.

Fit to HERA Data (Bartels et al.)



An Alternative Derivation



- Intuitive interpretation in the target rest frame:

- The γ^* contains virtual $q\bar{q}$ fluctuations with different transverse sizes,

$$|\gamma^*\rangle = |\gamma_{bare}^*\rangle + \Psi_{q\bar{q}}(\alpha, \rho)|q\bar{q}\rangle + \Psi_{q\bar{q}G}|q\bar{q}G\rangle \dots$$

- The interaction with the target can set these fluctuations on mass shell, $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}$ is an eigenvalue of the diffraction amplitude operator.

$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^*p} = \int d\alpha \int d^2\rho |\Psi_{q\bar{q}}(\alpha, \rho)|^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho) + \dots$$

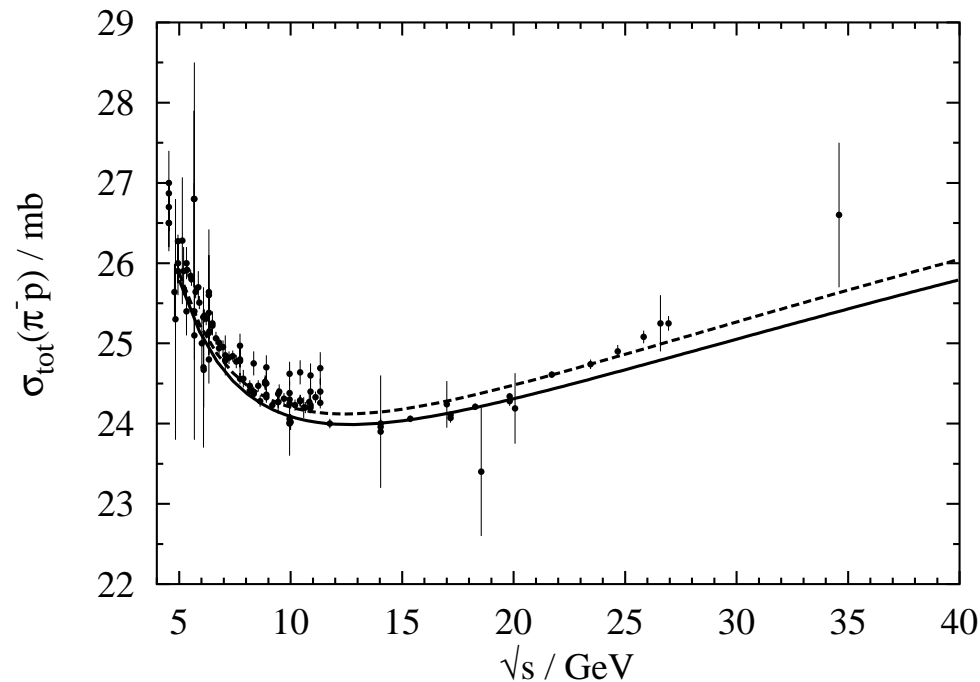
- Higher Fock states make $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho)$ energy dependent.

- No reference to pQCD was made here.
- The impact parameter representation is advantageous for the description of multiple scattering/nuclear effects, because partonic configurations with fixed transverse separations are interaction eigenstates.

Total Hadronic Cross Sections

- Since the dipole formulation is solely based on scattering amplitudes, one can even calculate total hadronic cross sections,

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\pi p) = \int d^2\rho |\Psi_\pi(\rho)|^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(s, \rho)$$



- The two curves were calculated with different parameterizations of $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(s, \rho)$ (JR, PhD thesis, [hep-ph/0009358](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0009358))

Scattering Amplitude vs. Unintegrated Gluon Density

- Given a phenomenological parameterization of $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho)$, one can define the quantity

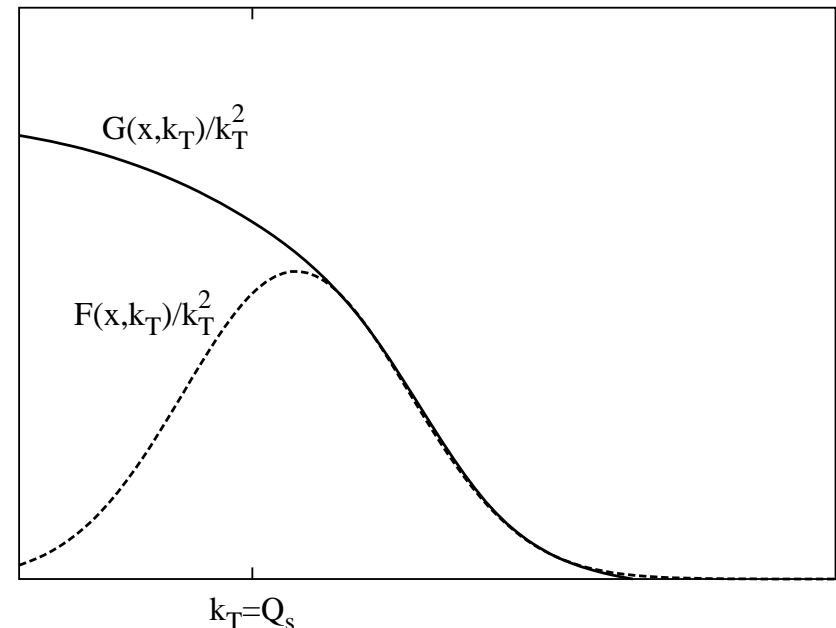
$$\mathcal{F}(x, k_T) = \frac{3k_T^4}{4\pi\alpha_s} \int \frac{d^2\rho}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\vec{k}_T \cdot \rho} [\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho \rightarrow \infty) - \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, \rho)]$$

M. Braun, Eur.Phys.J.C16:337-347,2000

- The unintegrated gluon density $\mathcal{G}(x, k_T)$ on the other hand, can be defined in a Gedankenexperiment by scattering a virtual scalar with $\mathcal{L}_I = \lambda\phi(x)G_{\mu\nu}^2(x)$ off the target.

A.H. Mueller, Nucl.Phys.B558:285-303,1999

- Below the saturation scale Q_s , multiple scattering is important and there is no simple relation between the dipole cross section and the unintegrated gluon density any more.
- At very low x , $Q_s(x) \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$, and QCD evolution becomes nonlinear.



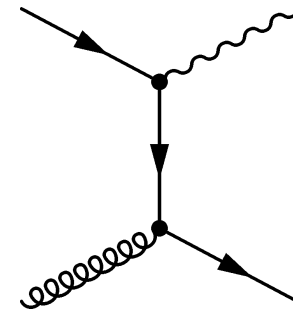
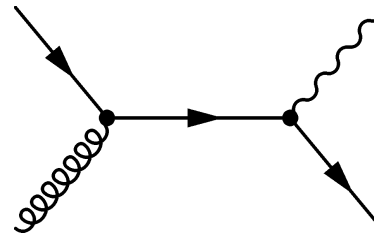
The Dipole Formulation of Drell-Yan Dilepton Production

- Drell-Yan dilepton (and prompt photon) production can be expressed in terms of the same color dipole cross section as low- x DIS. (Kopeliovich, Brodsky, Hebecker, JR)
- s -channel propagator: ($\vec{l}_T = \vec{p}_{fT} - (1 - \alpha)\vec{q}_T/\alpha$, $\eta^2 = (1 - \alpha)M^2 + \alpha^2 m_f^2$)

$$\frac{1}{(p_f + q)^2 - m_f^2} = \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{\alpha^2 l_T^2 + \eta^2},$$

u -channel propagator:

$$\frac{1}{(p_i - q)^2 - m_f^2} = -\frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 (\vec{l}_T + \vec{k}_T)^2 + \eta^2}.$$



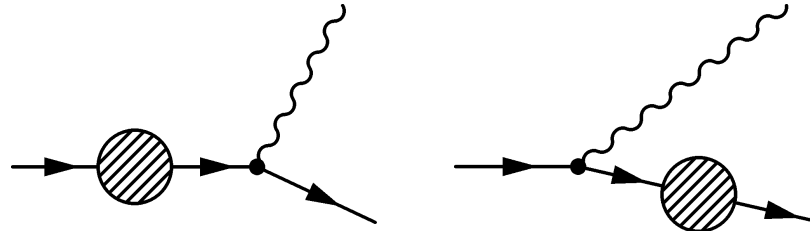
- Fourier transform: $\vec{b} \leftrightarrow \vec{k}_T$, $\vec{\rho} \leftrightarrow \alpha \vec{l}_T$
- The photon q_T distribution:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d \ln \alpha d^2 q_T} = \int \frac{d^2 \rho_1 d^2 \rho_2}{(2\pi)^2} \Psi^*(\alpha, \rho_1) \Psi(\alpha, \rho_2) e^{i\vec{q}_T \cdot (\vec{\rho}_1 - \vec{\rho}_2)} \frac{1}{2} [\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\alpha \rho_1) + \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\alpha \rho_2) - \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\alpha |\vec{\rho}_1 - \vec{\rho}_2|)]$$

- with the same $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho)$ as in DIS:

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \int \frac{d^2 k_T}{k_T^4} \alpha_s \mathcal{F}(k_T) [1 - e^{-i\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{\rho}}]$$

An Alternative Derivation



- Intuitive interpretation in the target rest frame:

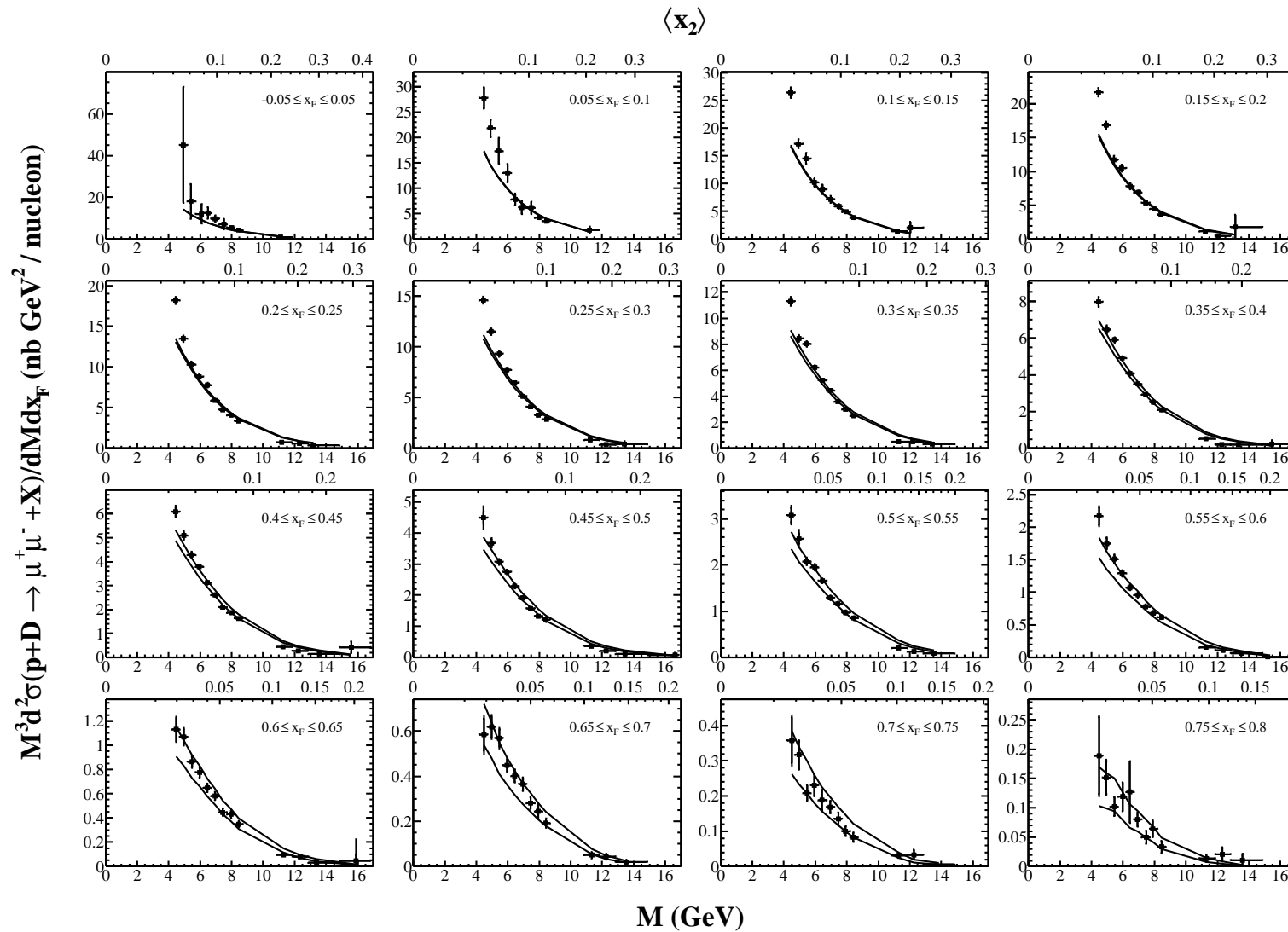
- The projectile quark q contains virtual $q\gamma^*$ fluctuations with different transverse sizes ρ ,

$$|q\rangle = |q_{bare}\rangle + \Psi_{q\gamma^*}(\alpha, \rho)|q\gamma^*\rangle + \dots$$

- The interaction with the target can set these fluctuations on mass shell.
- Radiation of the γ^* leads to a displacement $\alpha\rho$ of the quark in impact parameter space.
- The dipole cross section originates from interference of the two diagrams,

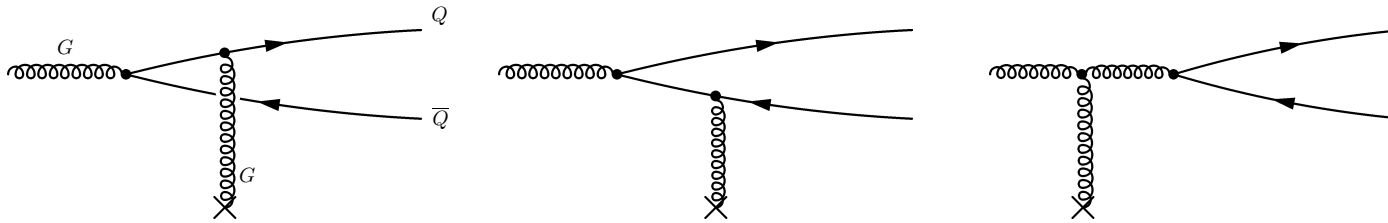
$$\frac{d\sigma(qp \rightarrow \gamma^* X)}{d \ln \alpha} = \int d^2\rho |\Psi_{q\gamma^*}(\alpha, \rho)|^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x_2, \alpha\rho)$$

Comparison to E866 Drell-Yan Data



Heavy Quark Production at High Energies

At high energies, heavy quark pairs ($Q\bar{Q}$) are predominantly produced through gluon-gluon fusion:



The amplitude reads (Kopeliovich, Tarasov, NPA710:180,2002)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_{ij}^a(\alpha, \vec{p}_T, \vec{k}_T) = & \int d^2r d^2b e^{i\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{\rho} - i\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{b}} \Psi(\alpha, \rho) \left\{ \delta_{ae} \delta_{ij} \left[\gamma^e(\vec{b} - \alpha\vec{\rho}) - \gamma^e(\vec{b} + (1-\alpha)\vec{\rho}) \right] \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} d_{aeg} T_{ij}^g \left[\gamma^e(\vec{b} - \alpha\vec{\rho}) - \gamma^e(\vec{b} + (1-\alpha)\vec{\rho}) \right] \\
 & \left. + \frac{i}{2} f_{aeg} T_{ij}^g \left[\gamma^e(\vec{b} - \alpha\vec{\rho}) + \gamma^e(\vec{b} + (1-\alpha)\vec{\rho}) - 2\gamma^e(\vec{b}) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

with the profile function

$$\gamma^e(\vec{b}) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_s}}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^2k_T}{k_T^2} e^{i\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{b}} F_{GN \rightarrow X}^e(\vec{k}_T) \quad , \quad \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho) = \int d^2b \sum_X \sum_{e=1}^8 \left| \gamma^e(\vec{b} + \vec{\rho}) - \gamma^e(\vec{b}) \right|^2$$

The Dipole Approach to Heavy Quark Production

- The final result is, (Nikolaev, Piller, Zakharov, JETP 81, 851, 1995):

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X)}{dy_{Q\bar{Q}}} = x_1 G(x_1, \mu_F) \int_0^1 d\alpha d^2\rho \left| \Psi_{G \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}(\alpha, \rho) \right|^2 \sigma_{q\bar{q}G}(x_2, \alpha, \rho)$$

- α : Light-Cone momentum fraction of the heavy quark Q
- ρ : transverse size of the $Q\bar{Q}$ pair
- $\left| \Psi_{G \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}(\alpha, \rho) \right|^2 = \alpha_s(\mu_R)/(4\pi^2) \{ [\alpha^2 + (1 - \alpha)^2] m_Q^2 K_1^2(m_Q\rho) + m_Q^2 K_0^2(m_Q\rho) \}$
- and

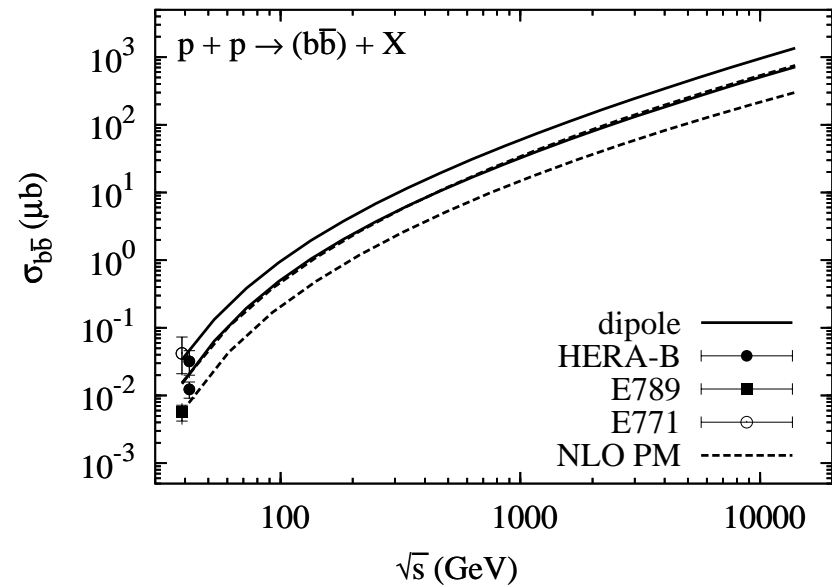
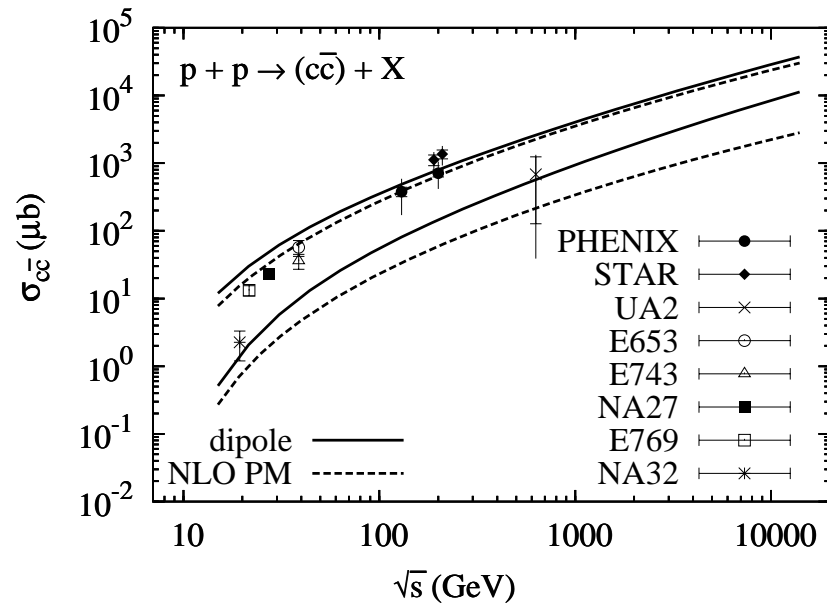
$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}G}(x_2, \alpha, \rho) = \frac{9}{8} [\sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x_2, \alpha\rho) + \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x_2, (1 - \alpha)\rho)] - \frac{1}{8} \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x_2, \rho).$$

- General rule:

$$\sigma(a + N \rightarrow bcX) = \int d\Gamma \left| \Psi_{a \rightarrow bc}(\Gamma) \right|^2 \sigma_{bc\bar{a}}^N(\Gamma)$$

- Γ : set of all internal variables of the (bc) -system
- $\Psi_{a \rightarrow bc}$: Light-Cone wavefunction for the transition $a \rightarrow bc$
- $\sigma_{bc\bar{a}}^N$: cross section for scattering the $bc\bar{a}$ -system off a nucleon

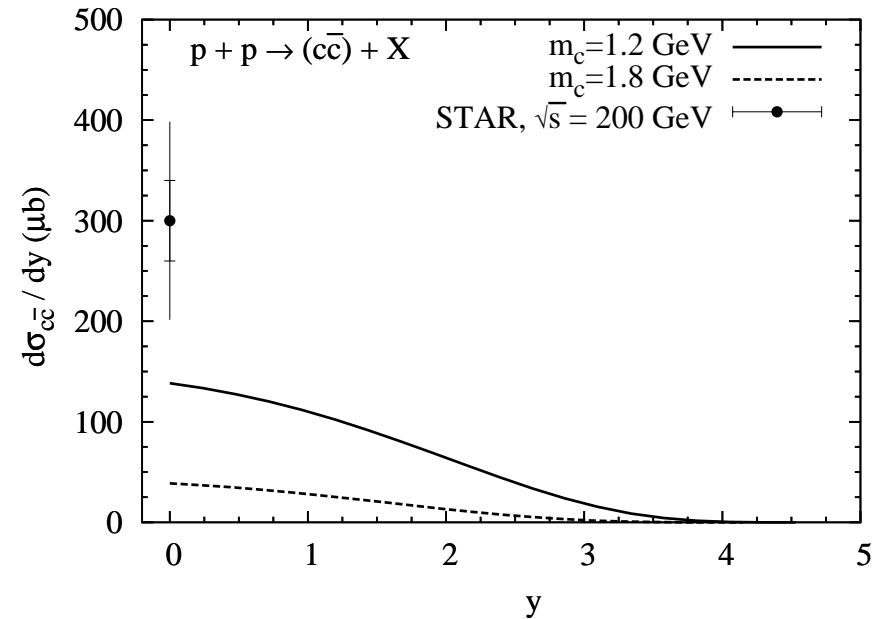
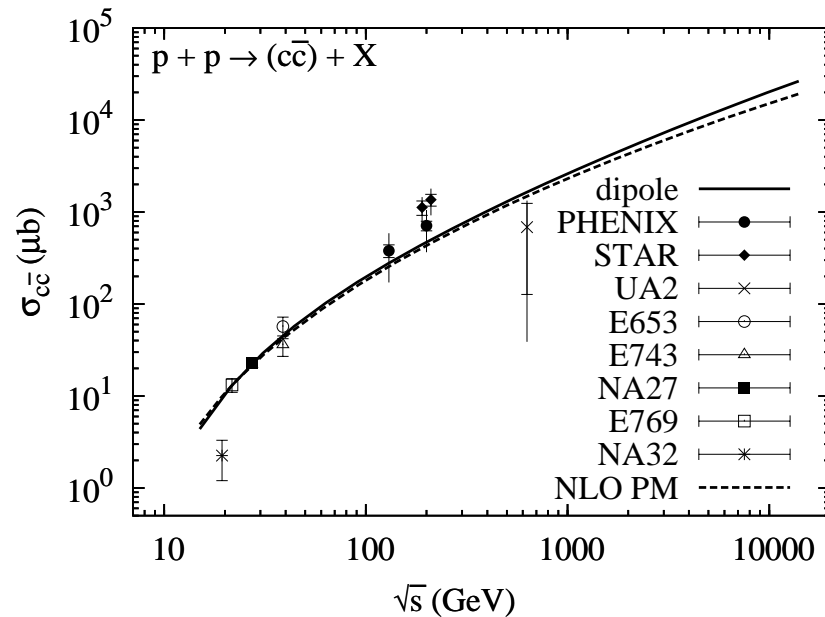
Theoretical Uncertainties



JR, J.C. Peng, Phys. Rev. D **67**, 054008, 2003

- Large uncertainties for open charm production from choice of m_c
 $1.2 \text{ GeV} \leq m_c \leq 1.8 \text{ GeV}$, $m_c \leq \mu_R \leq 2m_c$, $\mu_F = 2m_c$
 $4.5 \text{ GeV} \leq m_b \leq 5.0 \text{ GeV}$, $m_b \leq \mu_R, \mu_F \leq 2m_b$
- Dipole Approach valid only at high energies (HERA-B energy too low)

Open Charm Production in pp Collisions



- Left: Curves from JR, J.C. Peng, Phys. Rev. D67, 054008, 2003 with parameters adjusted to data at $\sqrt{s} < 200$ GeV. Dipole: $m_c = 1.4$ GeV, NLO parton model $m_c = 1.2$ GeV.
- Right: Single quark rapidity distribution in the Dipole Approach at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV. Large uncertainties for open charm production from choice of m_c ,

$$1.2 \text{ GeV} \leq m_c \leq 1.8 \text{ GeV}, \mu_R = \mu_F = 2m_c$$

Multiple Scattering and Nuclear Effects

- When switching from a proton to a nuclear target, the profile function $\gamma_N^a(b)$ for a nucleon needs to be replaced by the profile function for a nucleus $\gamma_A^a(b)$
- Hence $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(\rho) \rightarrow \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(\rho)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{q\bar{q}G}^N(\rho) &= \frac{9}{8} [\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(\alpha\rho) + \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N((1-\alpha)\rho)] - \frac{1}{8}\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(\rho) \\ \rightarrow \sigma_{q\bar{q}G}^A(\rho) &= \frac{9}{8} [\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(\alpha\rho) + \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A((1-\alpha)\rho)] - \frac{1}{8}\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(\rho)\end{aligned}$$

- The advantage of the (ρ, α) representation is, that one can calculate $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(\rho)$ from $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(\rho)$.
- In the limit of very high energy, all partons move along straight lines and pick up only a (color) phase factor as they move through the nucleus. Averaging over the target is done as in Glauber theory,

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(\rho) = 2 \int d^2b \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(\rho)T(b)}{2}\right) \right\}.$$

- At finite energy, one has to solve the Dirac (Klein-Gordon) equation for quarks (gluons) propagating through an external color field in the (non-abelian) Furry approximation: Terms of order $1/E$ are neglected, except in phase factors. This accounts for variations of the transverse size of partonic configurations.

Shadowing in DIS vs. Heavy Quark Shadowing

- In DIS, shadowing is caused by the aligned jet configurations, where either $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ or $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

$$|\Psi_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(\alpha, \rho)|^2 \propto \exp(-2\varepsilon\rho).$$

Extension parameter:

$$\varepsilon^2 = \alpha(1 - \alpha)Q^2 + m_q^2.$$

These aligned jet configurations are shadowed even for $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$.

That is why shadowing in DIS is leading twist.

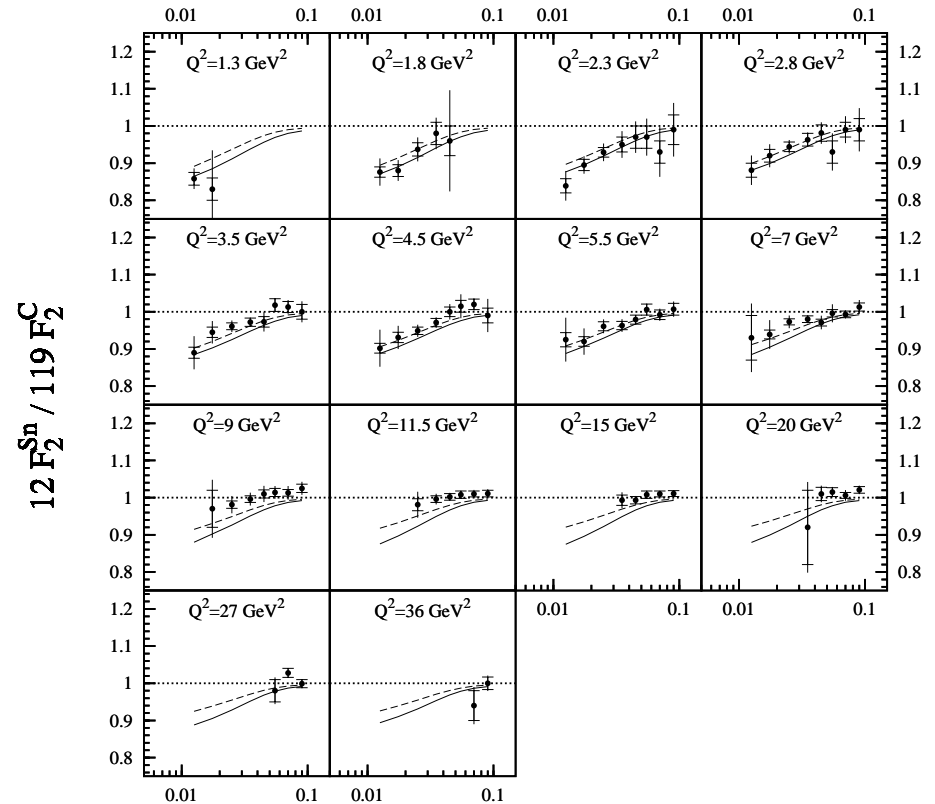
- In heavy quark production however

$$|\Psi_{G \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}(\alpha, \rho)|^2 \propto \exp(-2m_Q\rho).$$

The heavy quark mass cuts off large fluctuations.

Multiple scattering of the $Q\bar{Q}$ pair is suppressed by powers of $1/m_Q^2$.

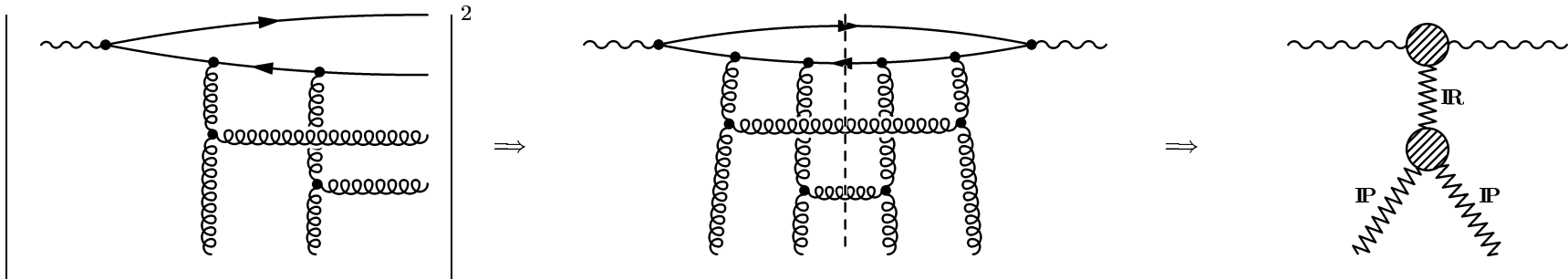
Hence, eikonalization of $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N$ alone does not give the complete picture of heavy quark shadowing.



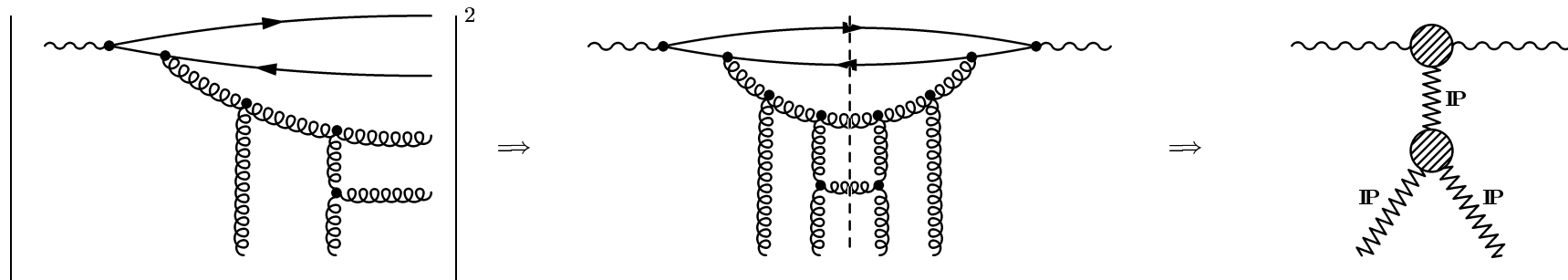
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Mechanisms of Nuclear Suppression

- $Q\bar{Q}$ rescattering:



- $Q\bar{Q}G (\approx GG)$ rescattering:



Inclusion of Higher Fock States

- Higher Fock states are included in the parametrization of $\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(x, \rho)$.
- However, the rescattering of these higher Fock states is neglected in the eikonal approximation.
- This can be cured by the following recipe:

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(x, \rho) = 2 \int d^2b \left\{ 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^N(x, \rho) \tilde{T}(b)}{2} \right) \right\},$$

where

$$\tilde{T}(b) = T(b)R_G(x, b)$$

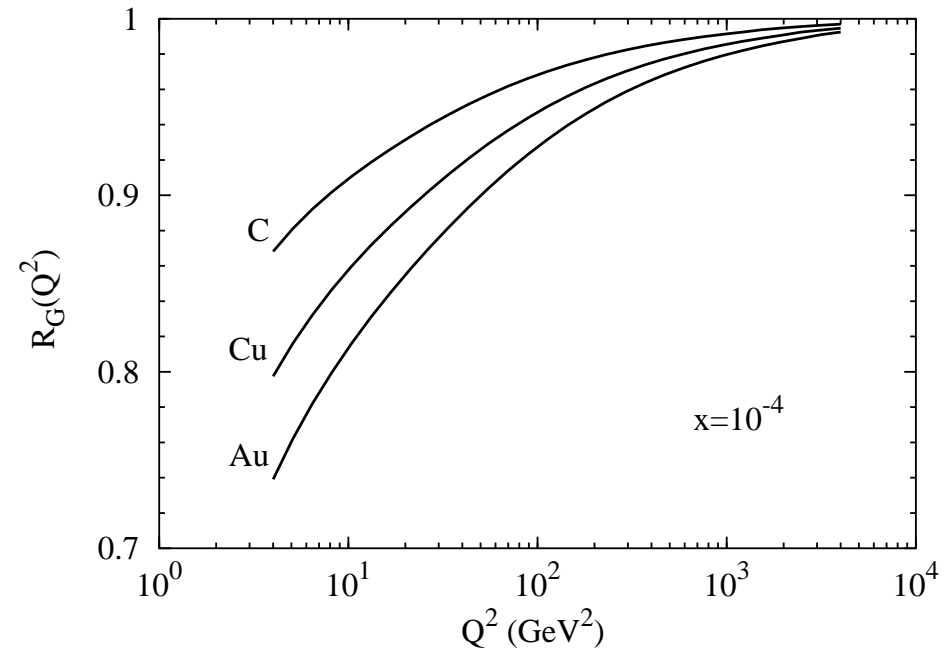
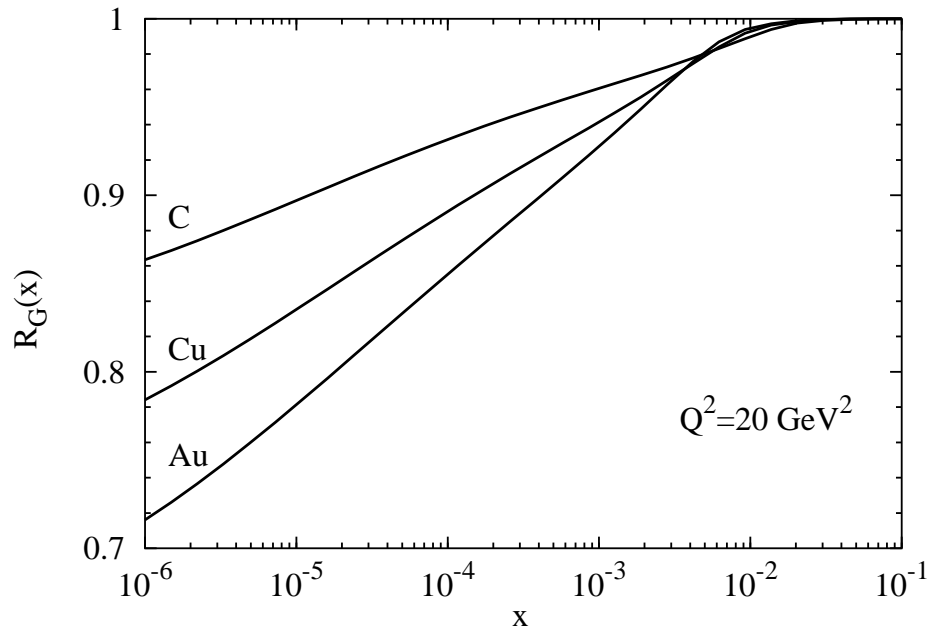
and $R_G(x, b)$ is the leading twist gluon shadowing, calculated from the propagation of a GG dipole through a nucleus.

- Expansion of the nuclear dipole cross section:

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^A(x, \rho) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \alpha_s \rho^2 \int d^2b T(b) R_G(x, b) x G_N(x) - \frac{\pi^2 \alpha_s^2}{36} \rho^4 \int d^2b [T(b) R_G(x, b) x G_N(x)]^2 + \dots$$

Already the single scattering term is suppressed due to gluon shadowing.

Gluon Shadowing



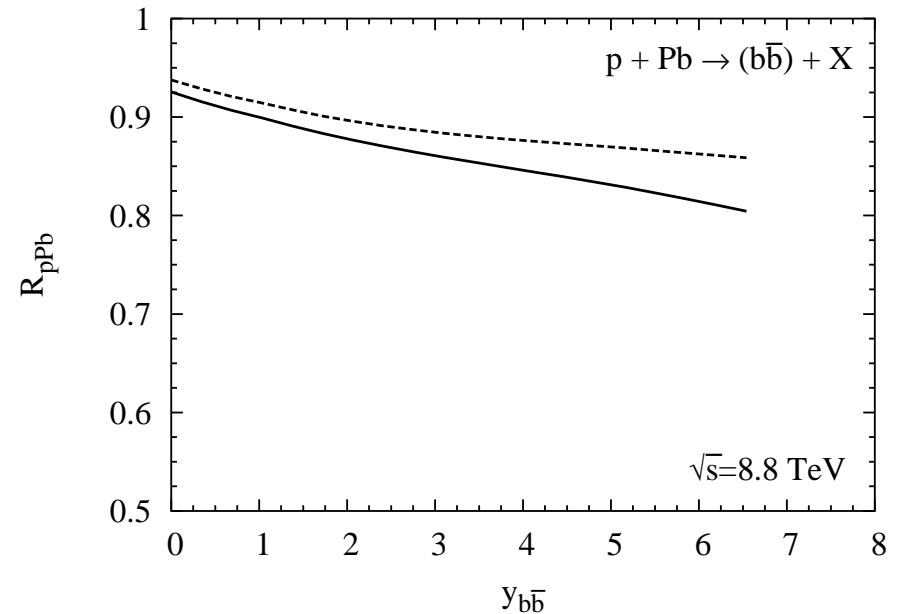
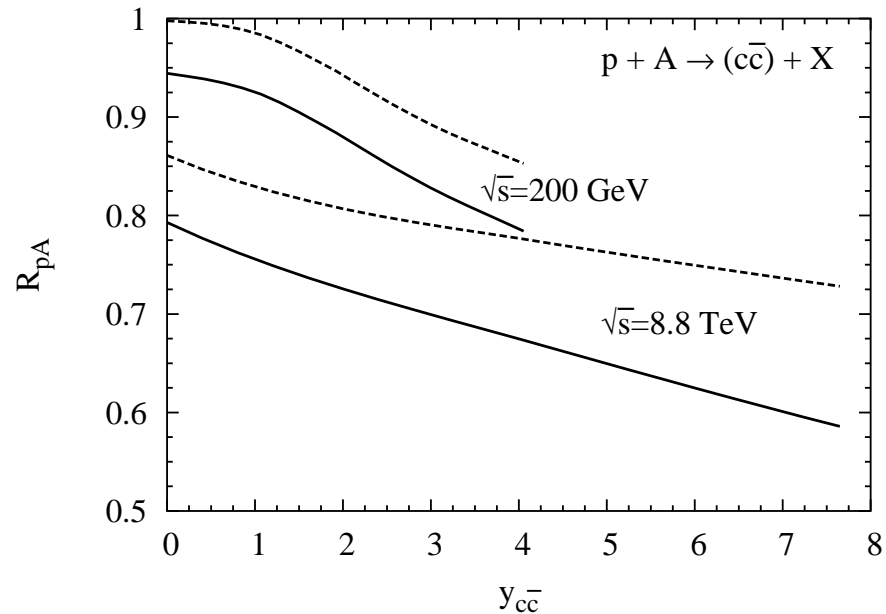
Kopeliovich, JR, Tarasov, Johnson, Phys. Rev. C67, 014903, 2003

- No gluon shadowing at $x_2 > 0.01$, because of short l_c .
- The dipole approach predicts much smaller gluon shadowing than most other approaches.
- Gluon shadowing extends to large Q^2 , i.e. is a leading twist effect.

Why is Gluon Shadowing So Small?

- The magnitude of gluon shadowing is unknown experimentally, but there are hints from existing data.
- The gluon can propagate only distances of order of a constituent quark radius (~ 0.3 fm) from the $Q\bar{Q}$ -pair. This overcompensates the color factor $9/4$ in the interaction strength.
- The smallness of the gluon correlation radius is the only known way to explain the tiny Pomeron-proton cross section (≈ 2 mb).
- This picture is supported by the large octet string tension, i.e. 4 GeV/fm for GG instead of 1 GeV/fm.
- Similar results exist in the Instanton Liquid Model, the Stochastic Vacuum Model, QCD sum rules and in Lattice QCD.
- The smallness of the $Q\bar{Q}G$ fluctuation is incorporated into the dipole approach by a nonperturbative interaction between $Q\bar{Q}$ -pair and the gluon G . Parameters are fitted to single diffraction data (in pp).

Suppression of Open Charm and Bottom in pA Collisions



JR, J. Phys. G30(2004)S1159

- Dashed curves: Gluon Shadowing only
- Solid curves: Total suppression (including $Q\bar{Q}$ rescattering and Gluon Shadowing)
- Gluon Shadowing reduces the probability for $Q\bar{Q}$ rescattering.

Summary

- At high energies, heavy quark production (and the DY process) can be formulated in terms of the same color dipole cross section as low- x DIS, because in all these processes the projectile scatters off the target gluon field.
- The dipole formulation is boost-invariant, but has a particularly intuitive interpretation in the target rest frame.
- The dipole cross section is an eigenvalue of the diffraction amplitude operator. At scales much larger than Q_s , it is related to the unintegrated gluon density of the proton.
- All nuclear effects are predicted: no additional free parameters.
- The dipole approach takes into account both, hard saturation effects and soft gluon shadowing.
- Gluon shadowing reduces the probability of heavy quark rescattering by making the target more dilute.
 - Both effects are comparable in magnitude at RHIC.
 - Leading twist gluon shadowing is the dominant effect at LHC.