

High energy scattering in QCD at small Bjorken x :

from ultra-high energy neutrinos and cosmic rays to high energy heavy ion collisions

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OUTLINE

Perturbative QCD

asymptotic freedom

particle production at high p_t

collinear factorization

QCD at high energy (CGC)

high energy \Rightarrow small x

large number of gluons

Applications: particle production

***DIS**, pp , pA , AA*

Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

theory of interactions between quarks and gluons $\text{SU}(\mathbf{N}_c)$ with $\mathbf{N}_c = 3$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + \sum_f \bar{\Psi}_i^\alpha [i \not{D} - m_f]_{\alpha\beta}^{ij} \Psi_j^\beta$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a(x) \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

$$a, b, c = 1, \dots, 8$$

color index: $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3$

f^{abc} *group structure constant*

Lorentz index: $\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$$\not{D} \equiv D_\mu \gamma^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad \{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2 g^{\mu\nu}$$

spinor index: $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$

$$D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu + ig A_\mu \quad \text{covariant derivative}$$

Quarks:

Fermions, spin 1/2

4x1 spinor, come in N_c colors

6 flavors (up, down,, top)

carry electric charge

Gluons:

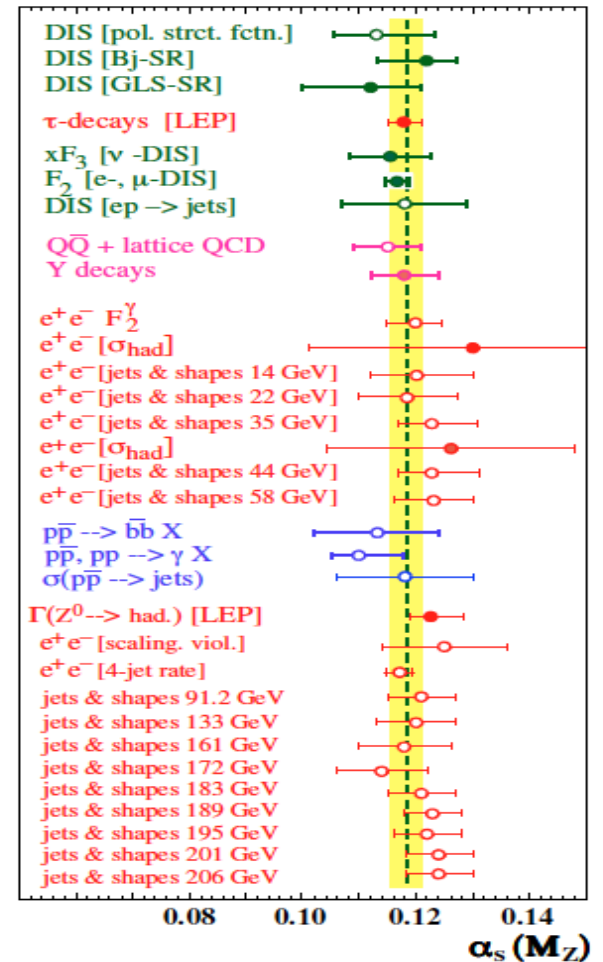
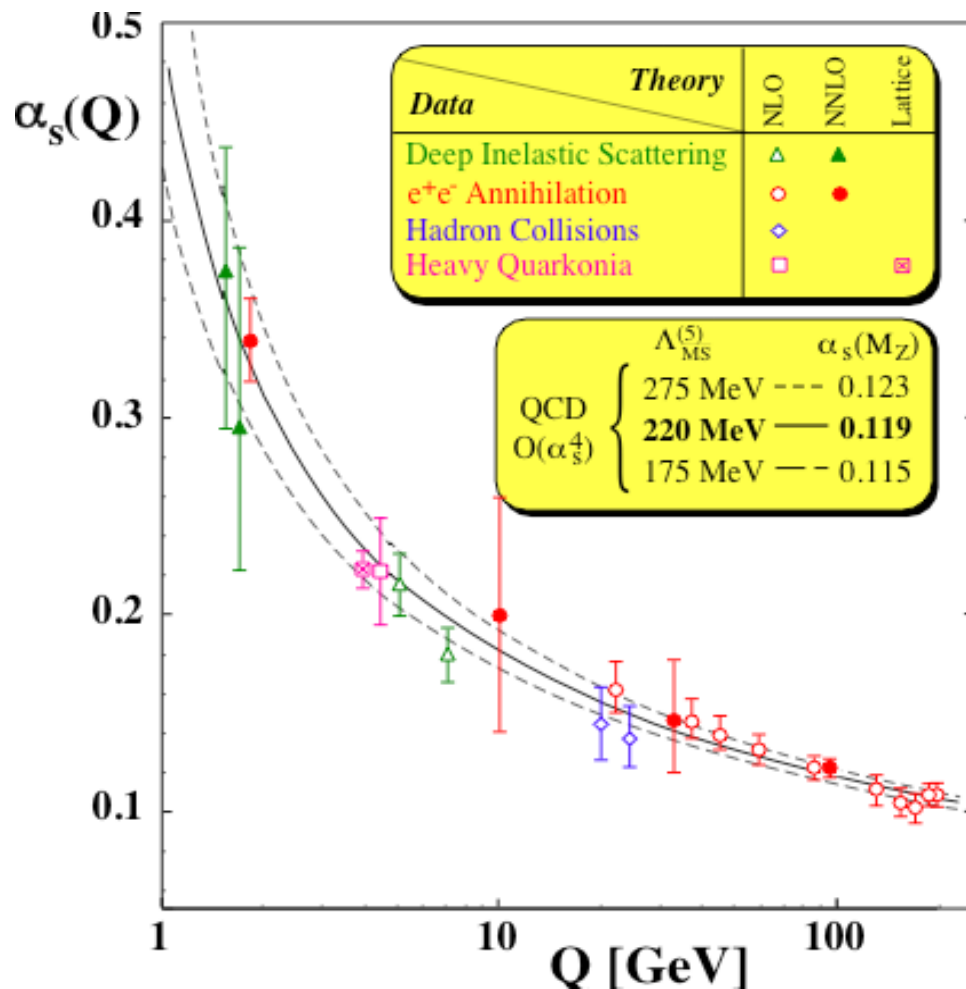
Bosons, spin 1

come in $N_c^2 - 1$ colors

flavor blind

have no electric charge

Perturbative QCD

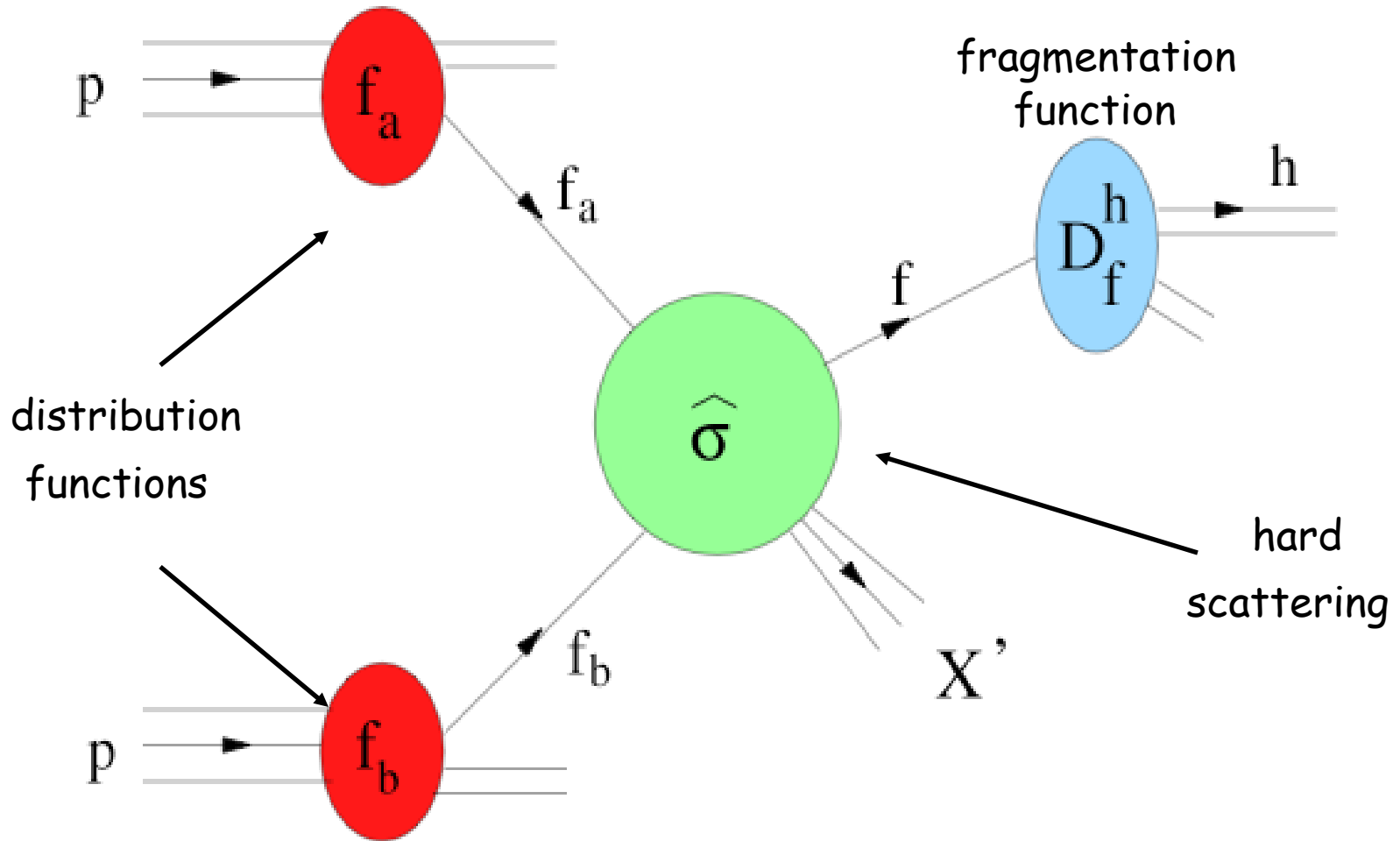


running of the coupling constant

expansion in powers of the coupling $\alpha_s \ll 1$

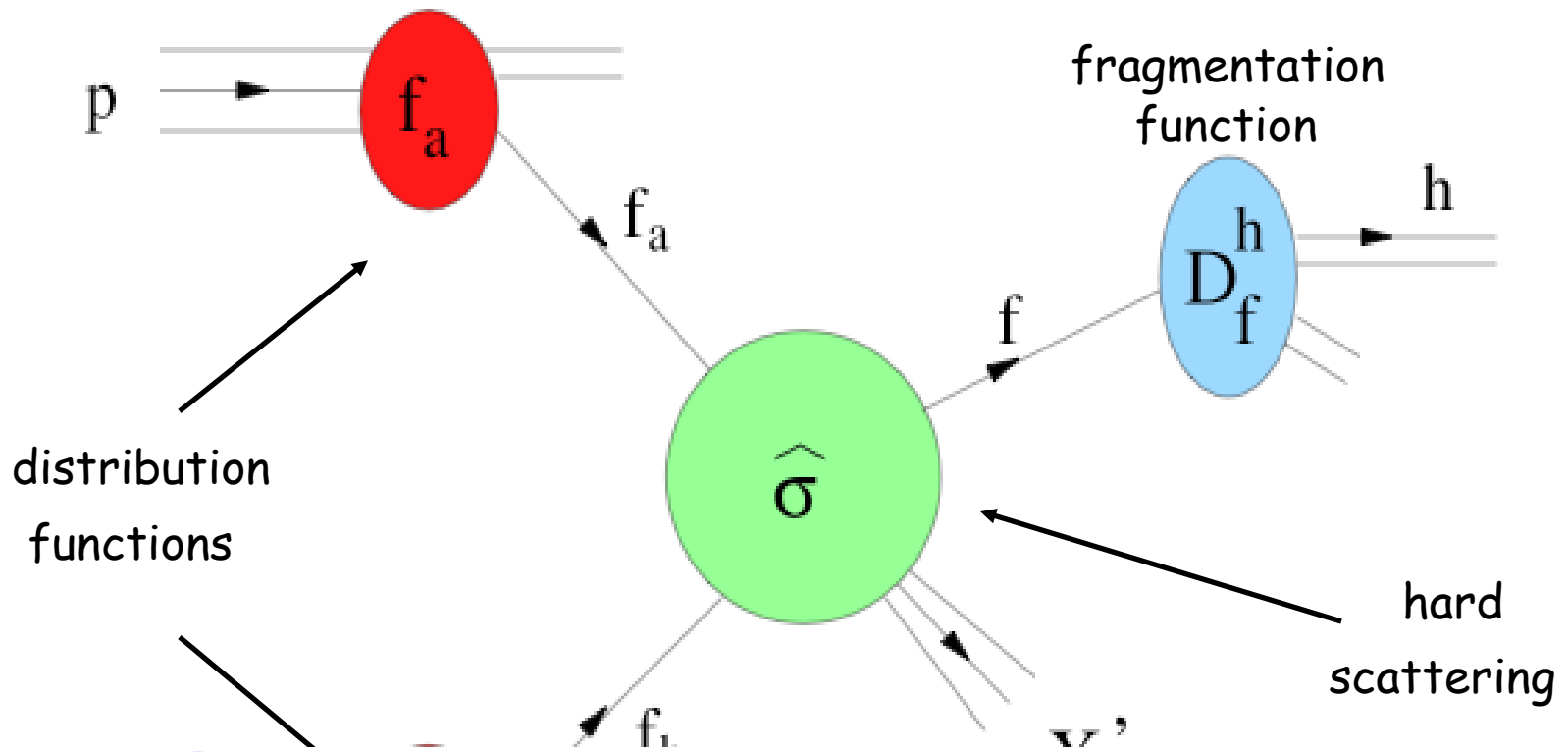
pQCD in pp Collisions

Collinear factorization: separation of long and short distances



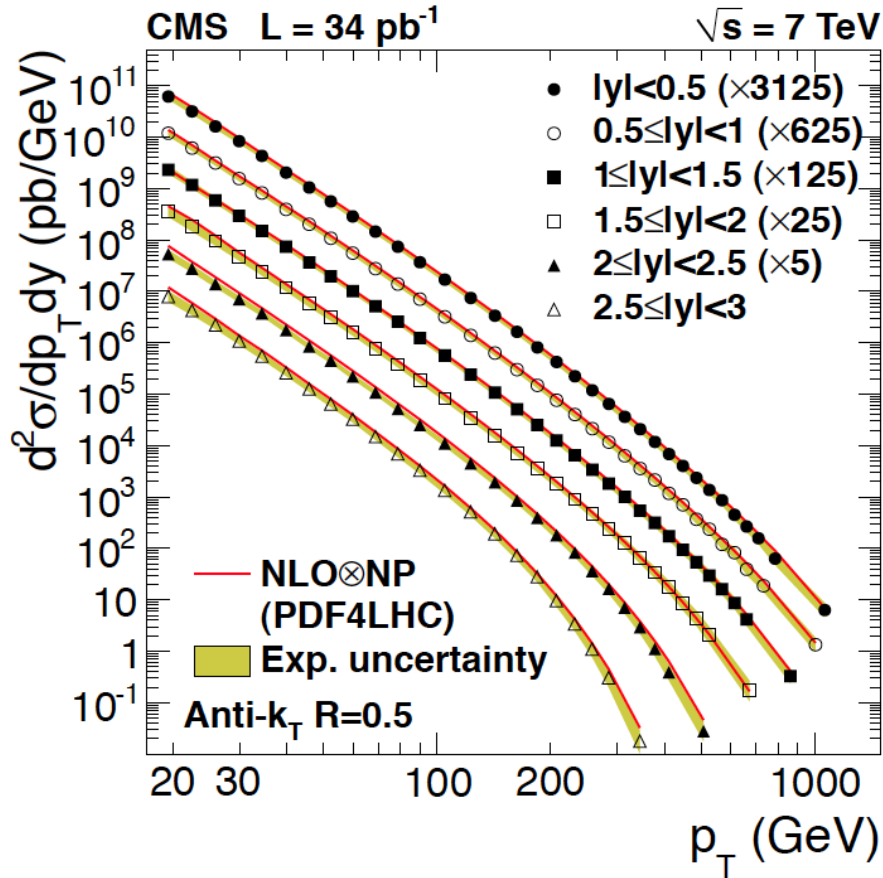
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Collinear factorization: separation of long and short distances



$$d\sigma = \int dx_1 dx_2 dz f_a^{H1}(x_1, M^2) f_b^{H2}(x_2, M^2) D_c^h(z, M^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{ab}^c(x_1 P_{H1}, x_2 P_{H2}, P_h/z, M^2)$$

pQCD: a success story



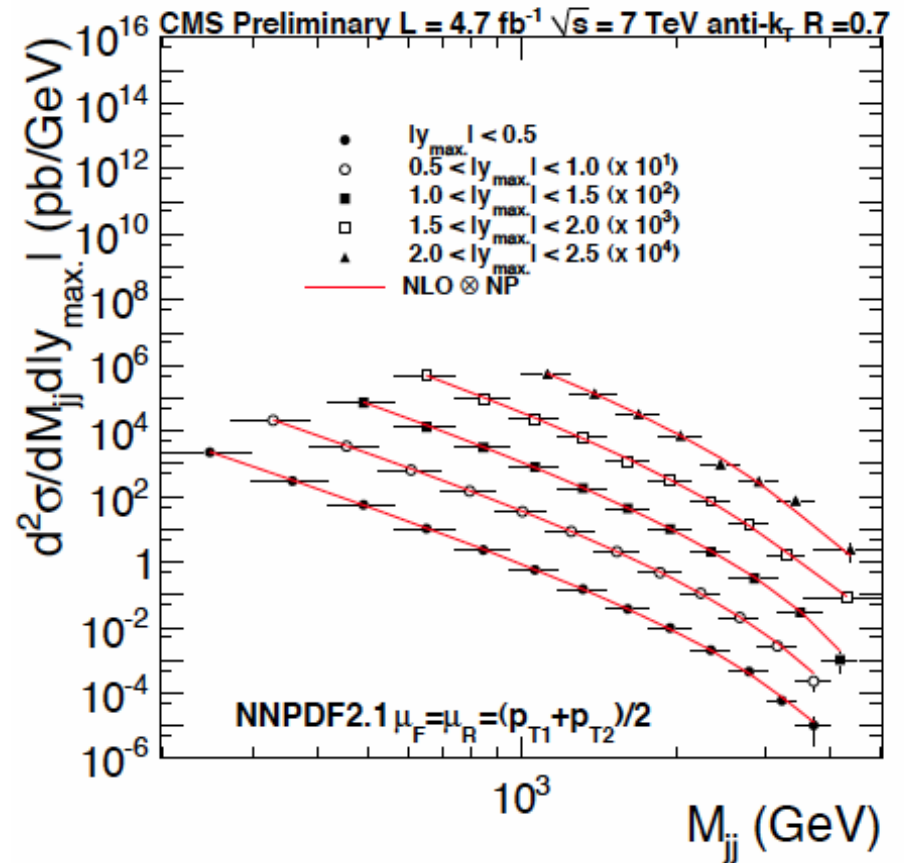
results are starting to be used
in global fits to constrain PDFs

particularly sensitive to gluons

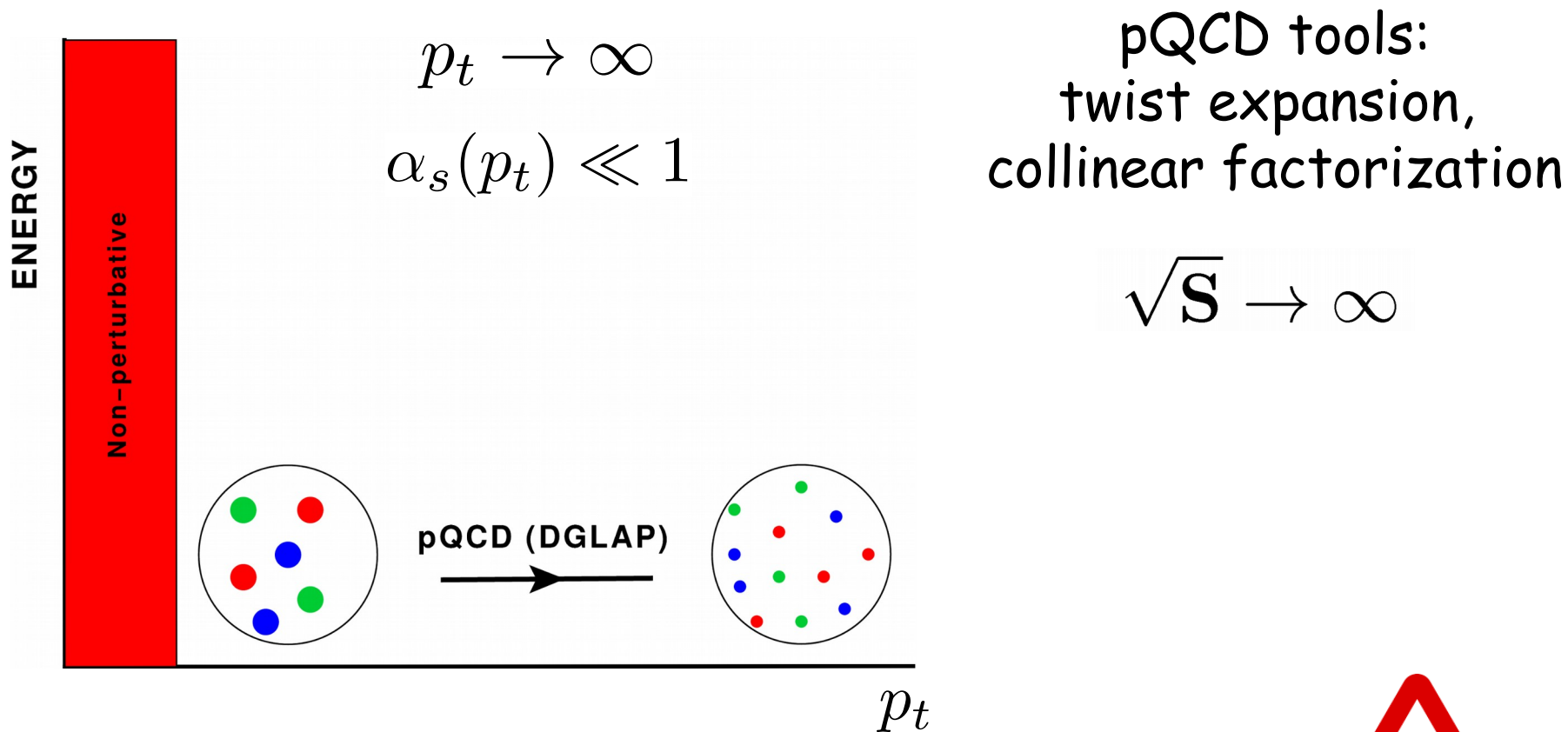
$gg \rightarrow gg$ $gq \rightarrow gq$

two recent examples from the LHC:

1-jet and di-jet cross sections
many other final-states available



QCD: the standard paradigm

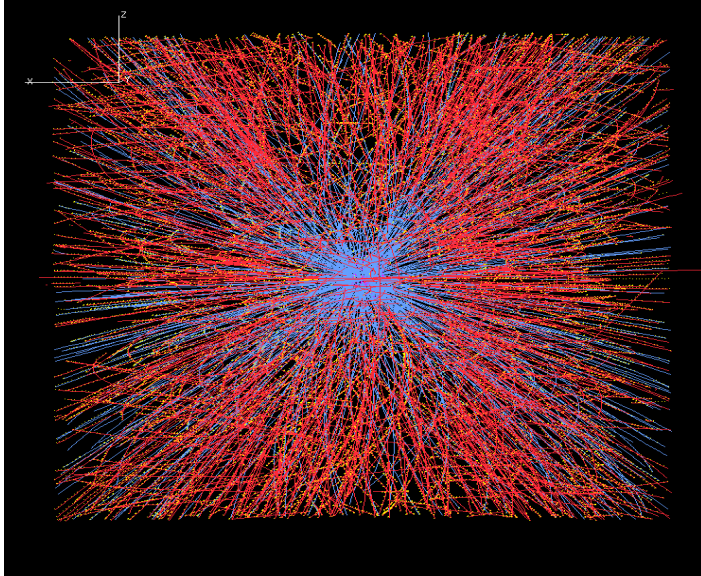


but bulk of QCD phenomena happens at low p_t



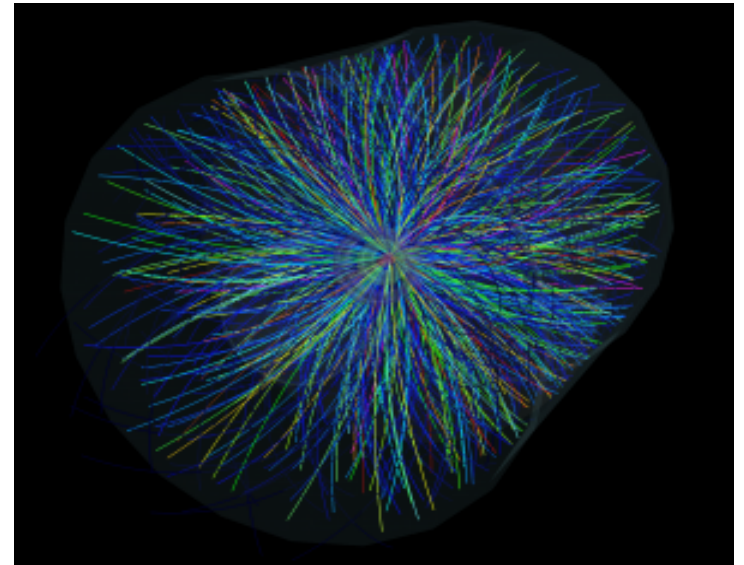
Nucleus-Nucleus (AA) Collisions:

Quark-Gluon Plasma



$$\sqrt{S} \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{RHIC} : \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \sim 700$$

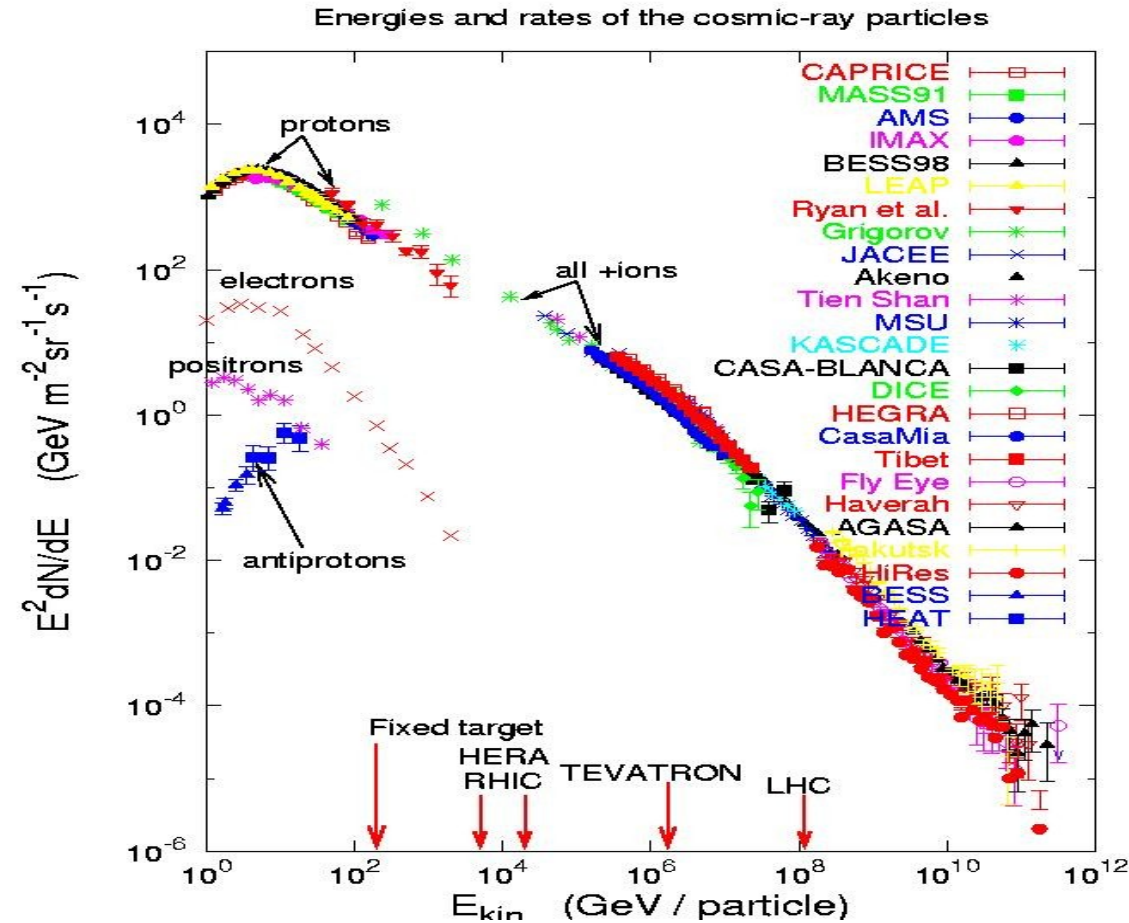


$$\sqrt{S} \sim 5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\text{LHC} : \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \sim 1600$$

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \frac{\mathbf{p}_t}{\sqrt{S}} e^{-y} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$$

High Energy Cosmic Rays



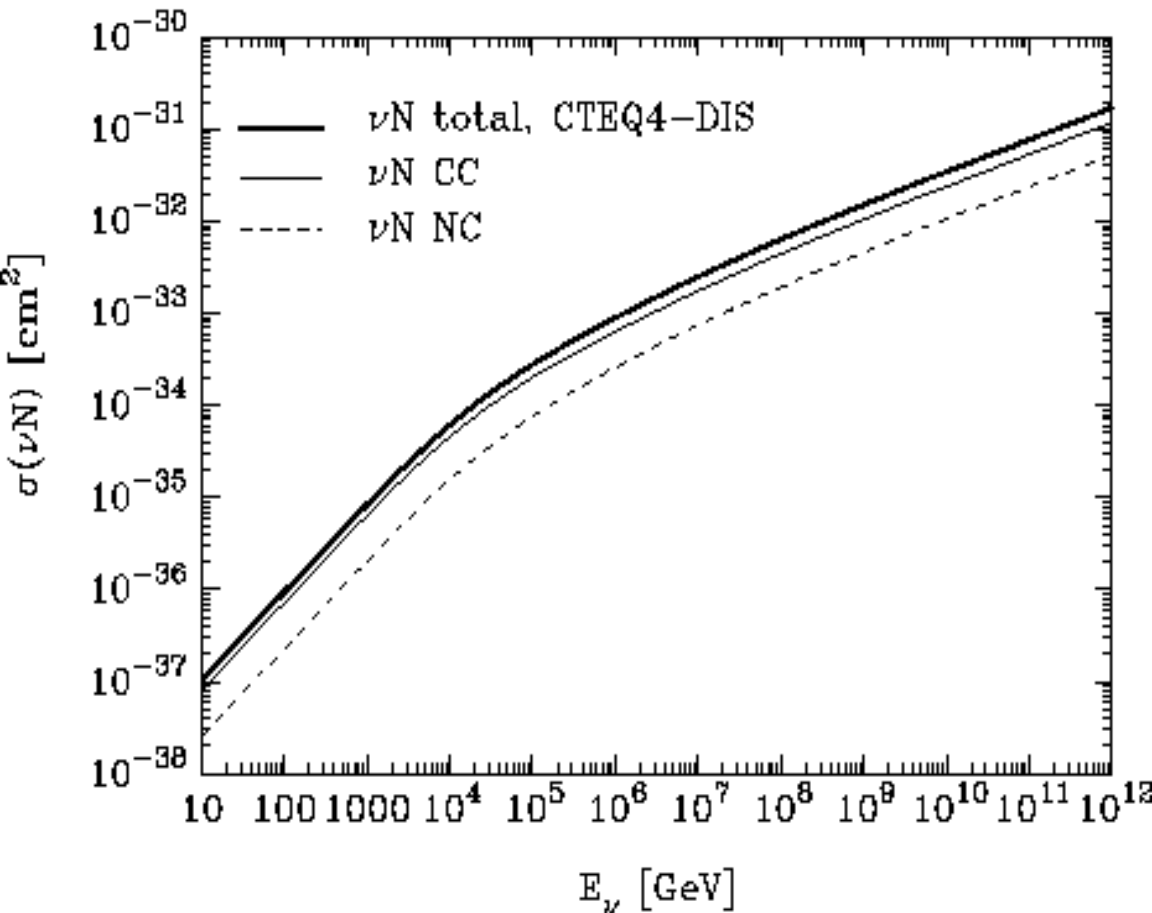
$$p A \rightarrow X$$

$$\sqrt{S} \sim 10^{2-3} \text{TeV}$$

most particles/energy
are in the forward
rapidity region and have
low p_t

$$x \sim \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{S}} e^{-y} \rightarrow 0$$

Ultra-High Energy Neutrinos



$$\nu N \rightarrow \nu X$$

$$\sqrt{S} \sim 10^{2-3} \text{TeV}$$

total cross section dominated by $Q \sim M_Z$

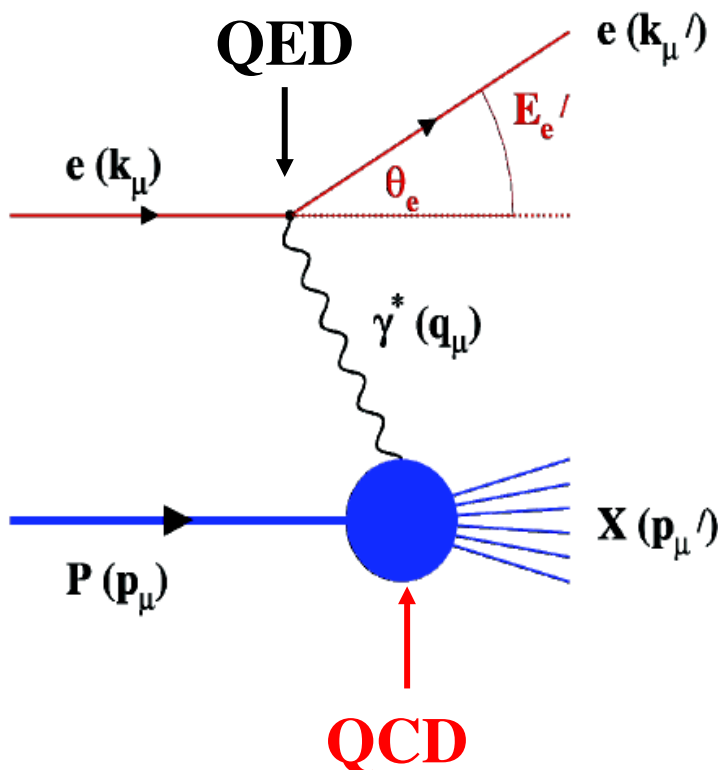
$$x \sim \frac{M_Z}{\sqrt{S}} \rightarrow 0$$

need to understand structure of hadrons at very small x

Deeply Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

probing hadron structure

Kinematic Invariants



(F_1 , F_2 structure functions)

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k_\mu - k'_\mu)^2$$

$$Q^2 = 4E_e E'_e \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{pq}{pk} = 1 - \frac{E'_e}{E_e} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta'_e}{2}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

$$s \equiv (p + k)^2$$

Measure of
resolution
power

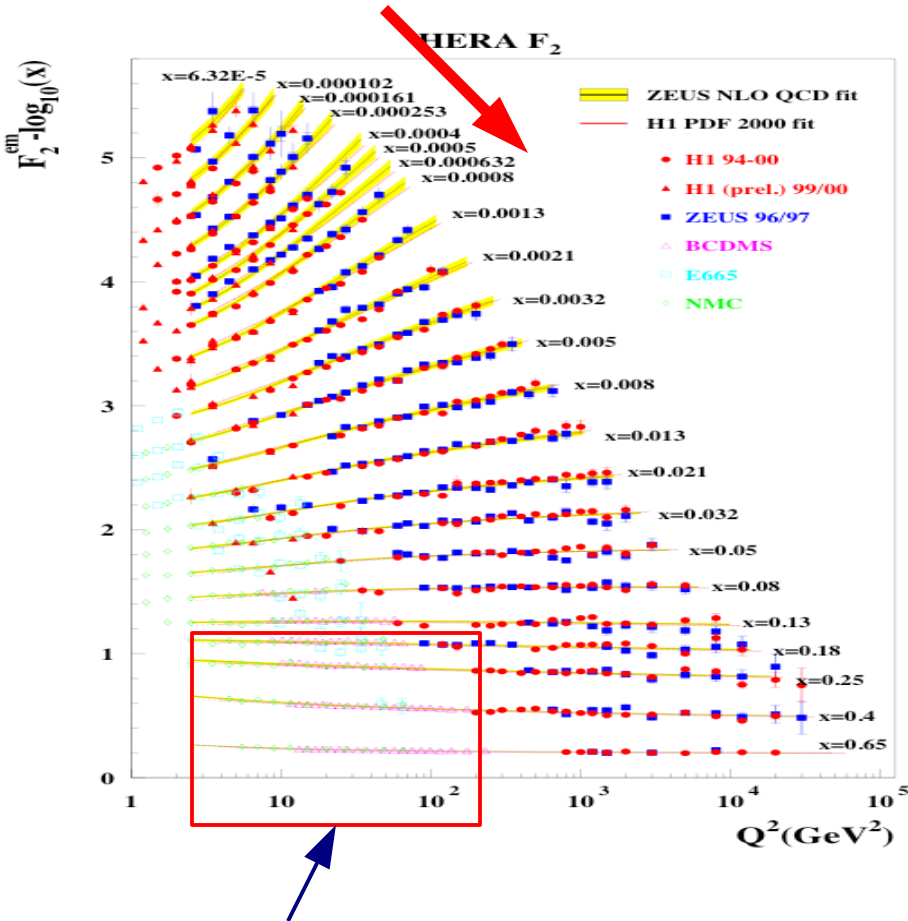
Measure of
inelasticity

Measure of
momentum
fraction of
struck quark

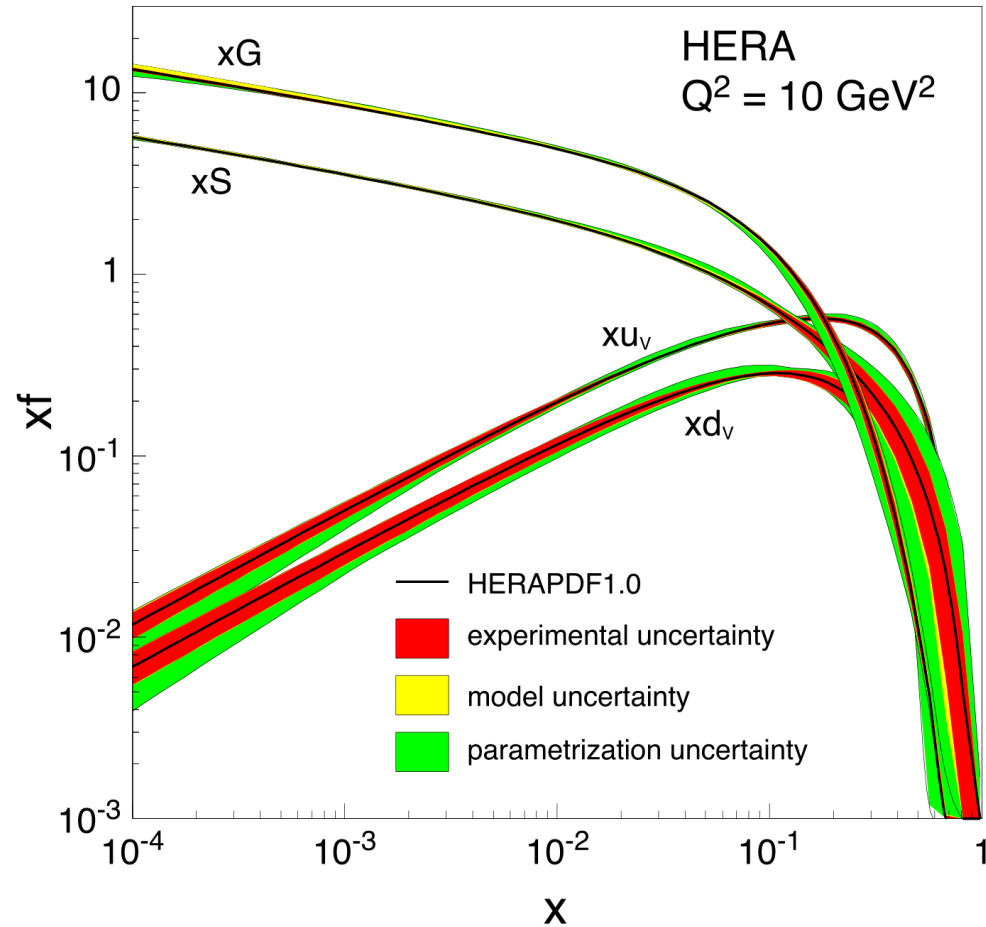
Deep Inelastic Scattering

QCD: scaling violations

$$F_2 \equiv \sum_{f=q,\bar{q}} e_f^2 xq(x, Q^2)$$



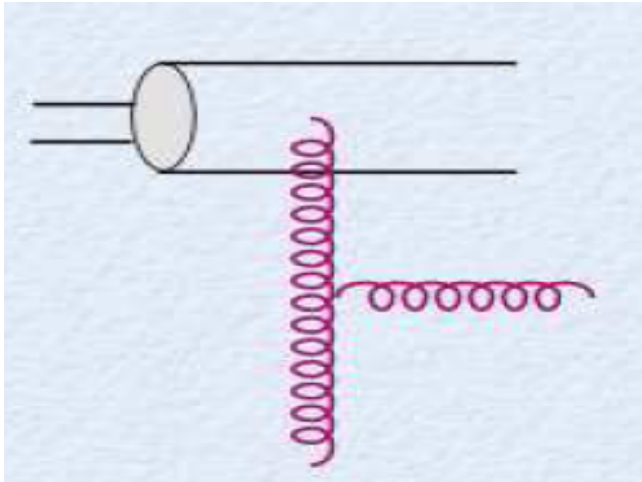
early experiments (SLAC,...):
scale invariance of hadron structure



large number of gluons at small x

Perturbative QCD breaks down at small x

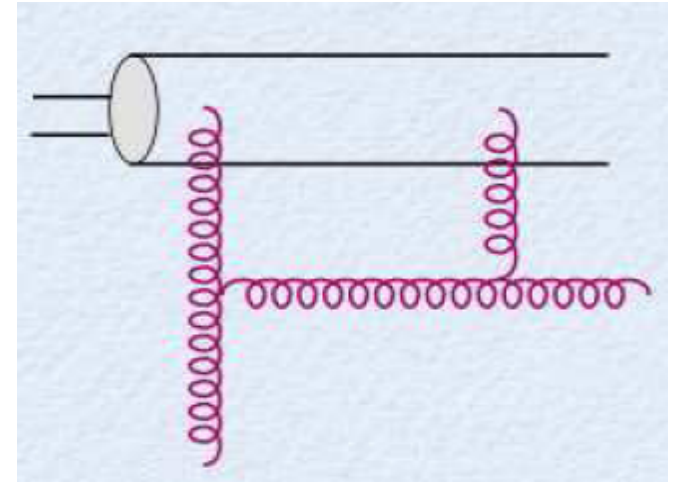
“attractive” bremsstrahlung vs. “repulsive” recombination



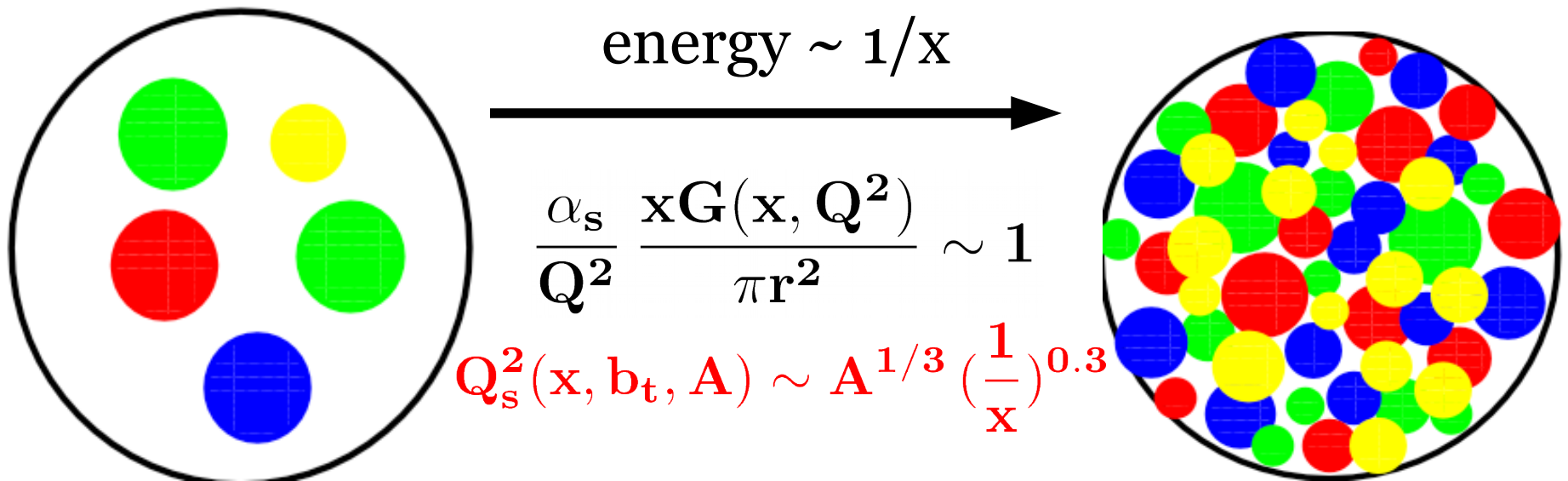
included in pQCD

$$S \rightarrow \infty, Q^2 \text{ fixed}$$

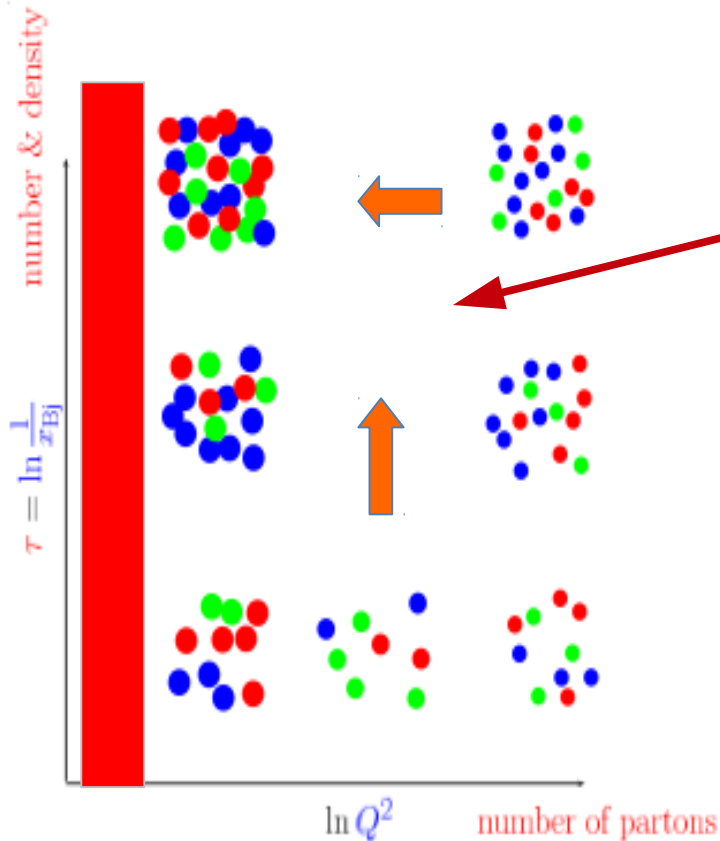
$$x_{Bj} \equiv \frac{Q^2}{S} \rightarrow 0$$



not included in pQCD



Many-body dynamics of universal gluonic matter



How does this happen ?

How do correlation functions of these evolve ?

Is there a universal fixed point for the RG evolution of d.o.f ?

Are there scaling laws ?

Probing saturation in high energy collisions

“nucleus-nucleus” (dense-dense)

“proton-nucleus” (dilute-dense)

DIS

structure functions (diffraction)

NLO di-hadron/jet correlations

3-hadron/jet angular correlations

signatures in production spectra

multiple scattering via Wilson lines:

p_t broadening

X-evolution via JIMWLK:

suppression of spectra/away side peaks

need quite a bit of
modeling

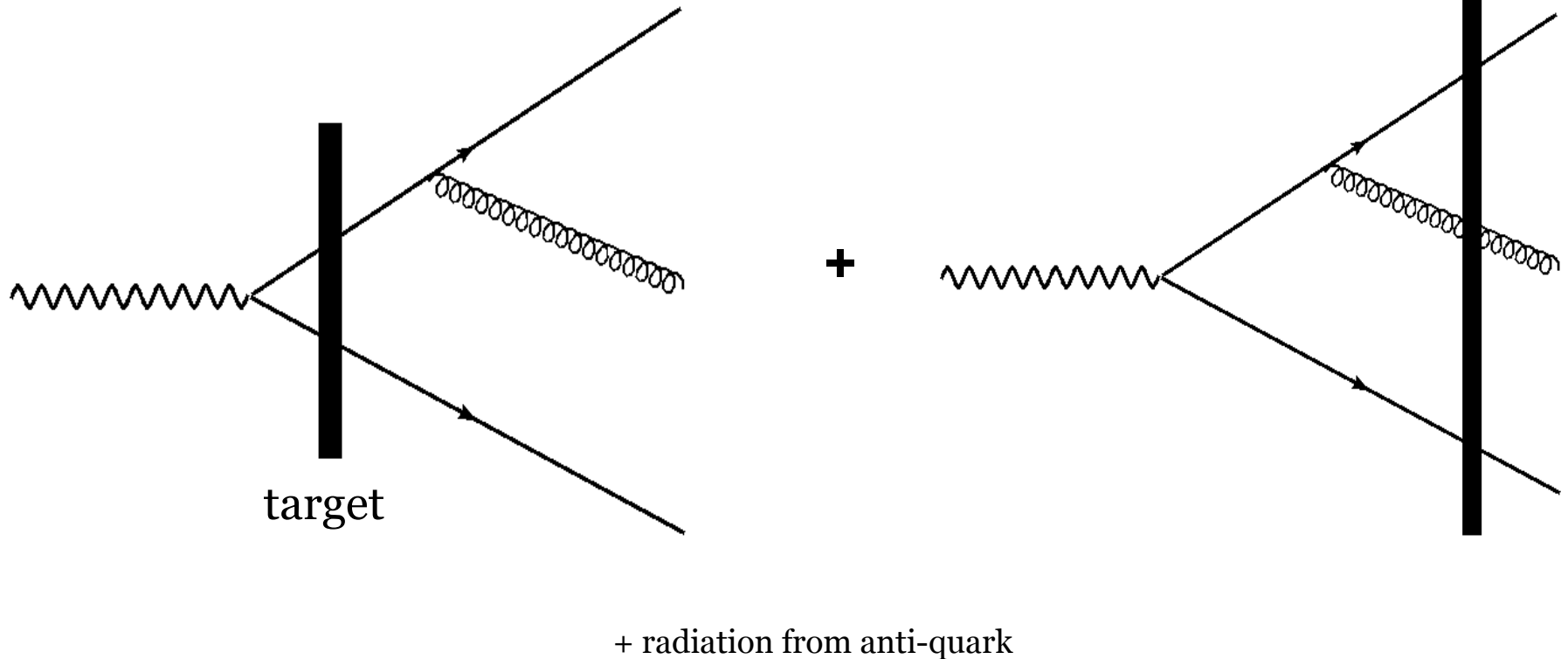


much less
modeling

probing saturation with angular correlations

3-parton production in DIS

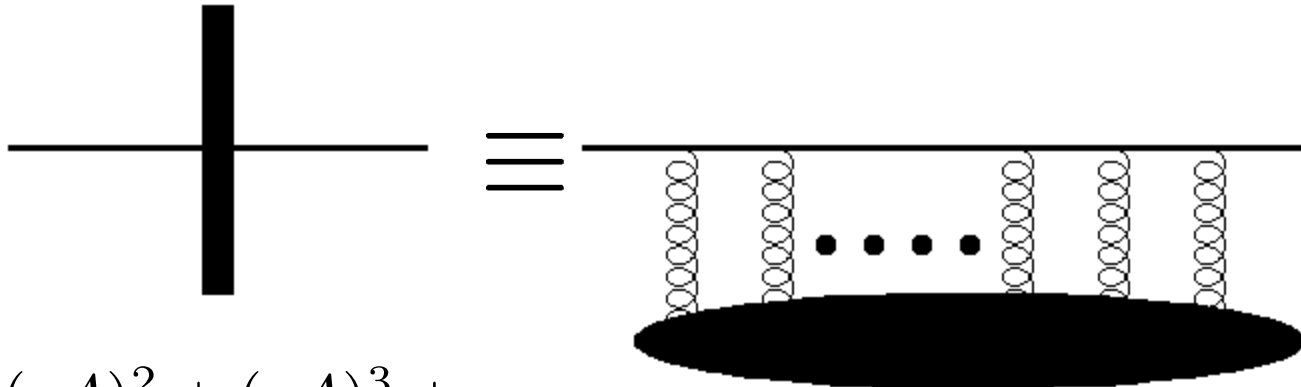
$$\gamma^* T \rightarrow q \bar{q} g X$$



scattering of a quark from the target

target (proton, nucleus) as a classical color field

quark propagator in the background color field: Wilson line V



$$\sim gA + (gA)^2 + (gA)^3 + \dots$$

$$S_F(q, p) \equiv (2\pi)^4 \underbrace{\delta^4(p - q) S_F^0(p)}_{\text{no interaction}} + S_F^0(q) \underbrace{\tau_f(q, p)}_{\text{interaction}} S_F^0(p) \quad \text{with} \quad S_F^0(p) = \frac{i}{\not{p} + i\epsilon}$$

$$\tau_f(q, p) \equiv (2\pi) \delta(p^+ - q^+) \gamma^+ \int d^2 x_t e^{i(q_t - p_t) \cdot x_t} \{ \theta(p^+) [V(x_t) - 1] - \theta(-p^+) [V^\dagger(x_t) - 1] \}$$

$$V(x_t) = \hat{p} e^{ig \int dz^+ A^-(z^+, x_t)}$$

similar for gluon propagator

spinor helicity methods

Review:
L. Dixon, hep-ph/9601359

massless quarks: helicity eigenstates

$$u_{\pm}(k) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_5) u(k)$$

$$\overline{u_{\pm}(k)} \equiv \overline{u(k)} \frac{1}{2} (1 \mp \gamma_5)$$

$$v_{\mp}(k) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_5) v(k)$$

$$\overline{v_{\mp}(k)} \equiv \overline{v(k)} \frac{1}{2} (1 \mp \gamma_5)$$

helicity operator

$$h \equiv \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{p} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{p} & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{p} u_{\pm}(p) &= \pm u_{\pm}(p) \\ -\vec{\Sigma} \cdot \hat{p} v_{\pm}(p) &= \pm v_{\pm}(p) \end{aligned}$$

$$u_{+}(k) = v_{-}(k) = \frac{1}{2^{1/4}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{k^{+}} \\ \sqrt{k^{-}} e^{i\phi_k} \\ \sqrt{k^{+}} \\ \sqrt{k^{-}} e^{i\phi_k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_{-}(k) = v_{+}(k) = \frac{1}{2^{1/4}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{k^{-}} e^{-i\phi_k} \\ -\sqrt{k^{+}} \\ -\sqrt{k^{-}} e^{-i\phi_k} \\ \sqrt{k^{+}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } e^{\pm i\phi_k} \equiv \frac{k_x \pm ik_y}{\sqrt{2k^{+}k^{-}}} = \sqrt{2} \frac{k_t \cdot \epsilon_{\pm}}{k_t}$$

$$n^{\mu} = (n^{+} = 0, n^{-} = 1, n_{\perp} = 0)$$

$$\bar{n}^{\mu} = (\bar{n}^{+} = 1, \bar{n}^{-} = 0, \bar{n}_{\perp} = 0)$$

$$\text{and } k^{\pm} = \frac{E \pm k_z}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, \pm i)$$

spinor helicity methods

notation:

$$|i^\pm\rangle \equiv |k_i^\pm\rangle \equiv u_\pm(k_i) = v_\mp(k_i) \quad \langle i^\pm| \equiv \langle k_i^\pm| \equiv \bar{u}_\pm(k_i) = \bar{v}_\mp(k_i)$$

basic spinor products:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle ij \rangle &\equiv \langle i^- | j^+ \rangle = \bar{u}_-(k_i) u_+(k_j) = \sqrt{|s_{ij}|} e^{i\phi_{ij}} & \cos \phi_{ij} &= \frac{k_i^x k_j^+ - k_j^x k_i^+}{\sqrt{|s_{ij}| k_i^+ k_j^+}} \\ [ij] &\equiv \langle i^+ | j^- \rangle = \bar{u}_+(k_i) u_-(k_j) = -\sqrt{|s_{ij}|} e^{-i\phi_{ij}} & \sin \phi_{ij} &= \frac{k_i^y k_j^+ - k_j^y k_i^+}{\sqrt{|s_{ij}| k_i^+ k_j^+}} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} s_{ij} &= (k_i + k_j)^2 = 2k_i \cdot k_j \\ &= -\langle ij \rangle [ij] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle ii \rangle &= [ii] = 0 \\ \langle ij \rangle &= [ij] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

charge conjugation $\langle i^+ | \gamma^\mu | j^+ \rangle = \langle j^- | \gamma^\mu | i^- \rangle$

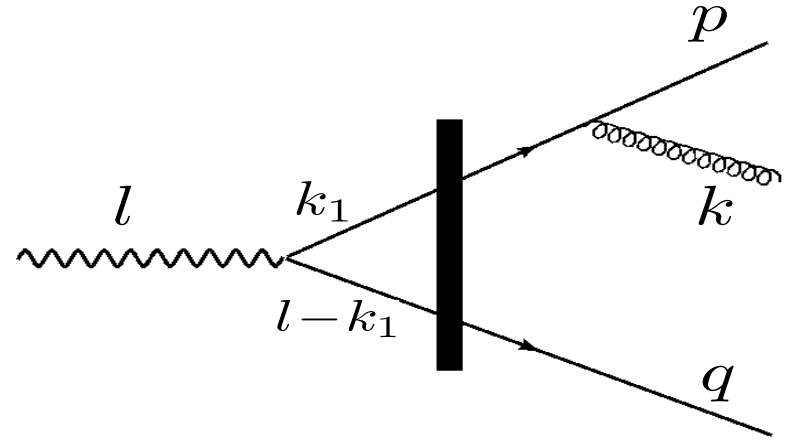
Fierz identity $\langle i^+ | \gamma^\mu | j^+ \rangle \langle k^+ | \gamma^\mu | l^+ \rangle = 2[ik] \langle lj \rangle$

any off-shell momentum $k^\mu \equiv \bar{k}^\mu + \frac{k^2}{2k^+} n^\mu$ where \bar{k}^μ is on-shell $\bar{k}^2 = 0$

any on-shell momentum $\not{p} = |p^+ \rangle \langle p^+| + |p^- \rangle \langle p^-|$

Diagram A1

Numerator: Dirac Algebra



$$a_1 \equiv \bar{u}(p) (k) (\not{p} + \not{k}) \not{k}_1 (l) (\not{k}_1 - \not{l}) v(q)$$

longitudinal photons

quark anti-quark gluon helicity: + - +

$$\not{l} = l^+ \not{n} - \frac{Q^2}{2l^+} \not{n}$$

$$a_1^{L;+-+} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{[nk]} \frac{Q}{l^+} [np] \langle kp \rangle [np] \langle n\bar{k}_1 \rangle [n\bar{k}_1] \langle nq \rangle$$

$$(\langle n\bar{k}_1 \rangle [n\bar{k}_1] - l^+ \langle n\bar{n} \rangle [n\bar{n}])$$

with

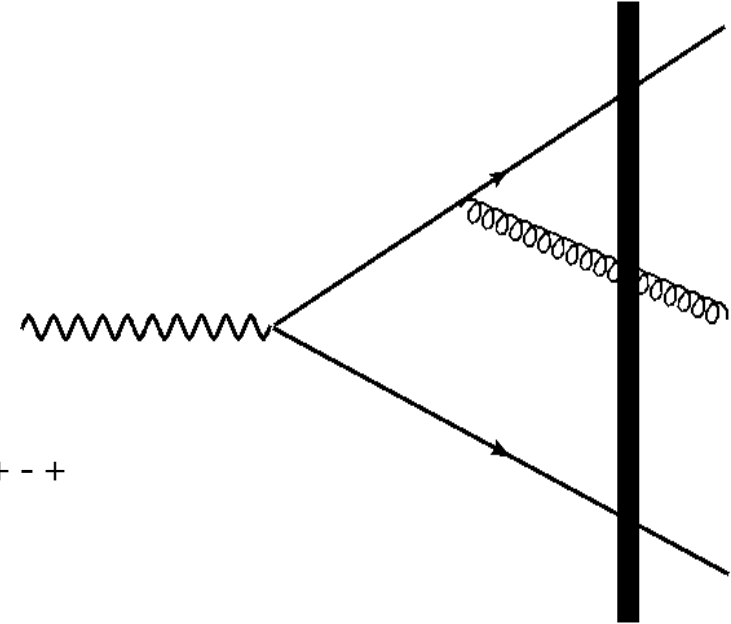
$$\langle np \rangle = -[np] = \sqrt{2p^+}$$

transverse photons: +

$$a_1^{\perp=+;+-+} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{[nk]} [pn] \langle kp \rangle [pn] \langle nk_1 \rangle [k_1n] \langle \bar{n}k_1 \rangle [k_1n] \langle nq \rangle$$

Diagram A3

Numerator: Dirac Algebra



longitudinal photons

quark anti-quark gluon helicity: + - +

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_3^{L;+-+} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}Q}{l^+ [n\bar{k}_2]} [pn] \left(\langle n\bar{k}_1 \rangle [\bar{k}_1 n] - \langle n\bar{k}_2 \rangle [\bar{k}_2 n] \right) \langle \bar{k}_2 \bar{k}_1 \rangle [\bar{k}_1 n] \\
 &\quad \left(\langle n\bar{k}_1 \rangle [\bar{k}_1 n] - l^+ \langle n\bar{n} \rangle [\bar{n}n] \right) \langle nq \rangle \\
 &= -2^4 Q (l^+)^2 \frac{(z_1 z_2)^{3/2}}{z_3} [z_3 k_{1t} \cdot \epsilon - (z_1 + z_3) k_{2t} \cdot \epsilon]
 \end{aligned}$$

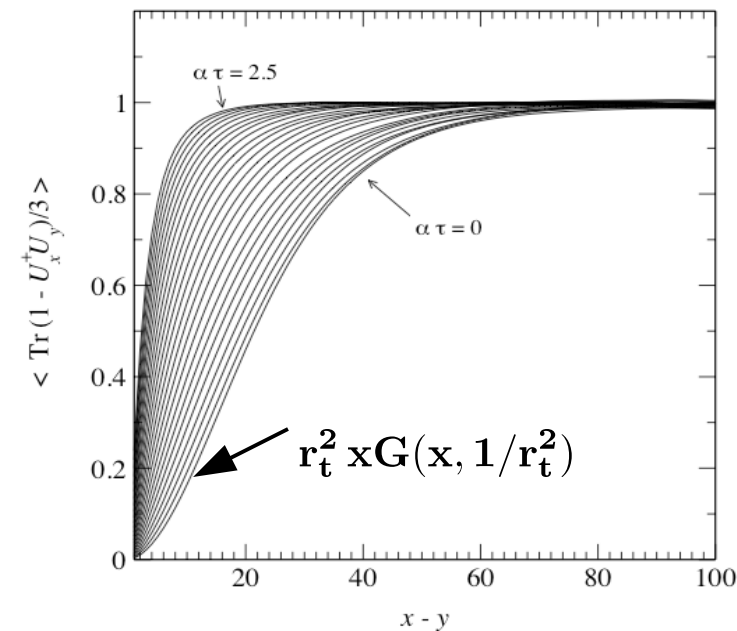
the rest is some standard integrals, we know how to compute the numerators efficiently

add up the amplitudes, add, square.. : **get (trace of) products of Wilson lines**

Dipoles at large N_c : BK eq.

$$\frac{d}{dy} T(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{y}_t) = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \int d^2 \mathbf{z}_t \frac{(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{y}_t)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{z}_t)^2 (\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{z}_t)^2} \times$$

$$[T(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{z}_t) + T(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{y}_t) - T(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{y}_t) - \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{z}_t)\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{z}_t - \mathbf{y}_t)]$$



$$\tilde{T}(\mathbf{p}_t) \rightarrow \log \left[\frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad \text{saturation region}$$

$$\tilde{T}(\mathbf{p}_t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[\frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right]^\gamma \quad \begin{matrix} R_{pA} \sim A^{-\frac{\gamma}{3}} \\ \gamma < 1 \end{matrix}$$

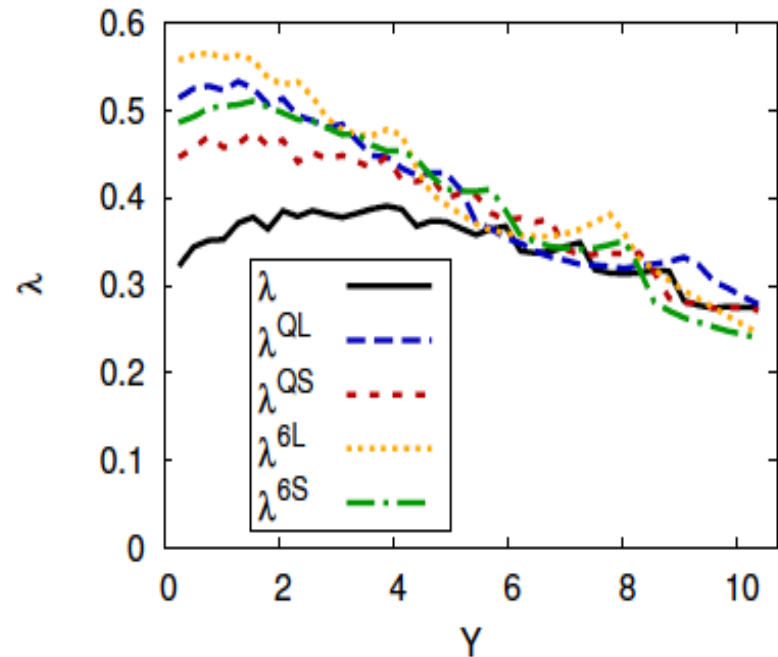
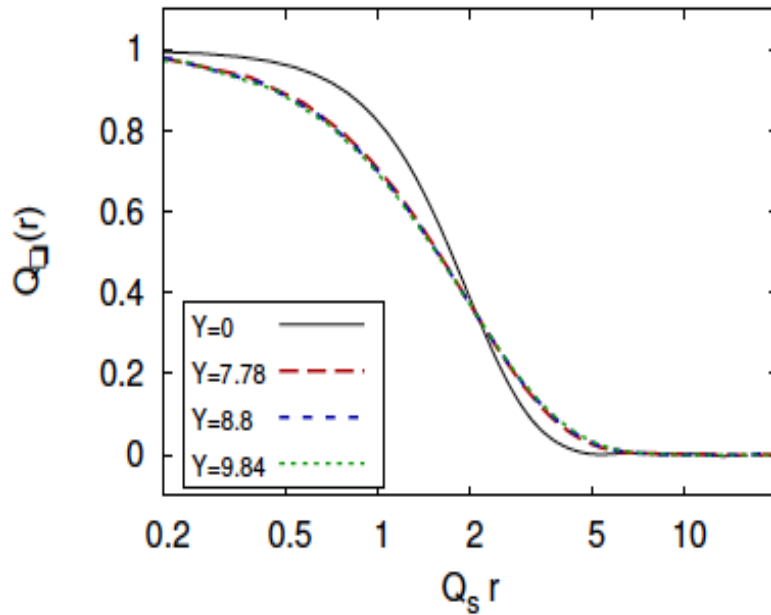
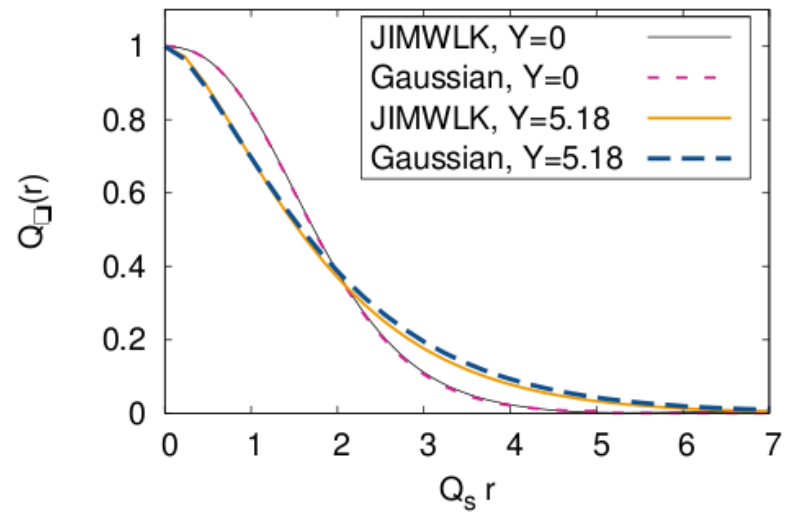
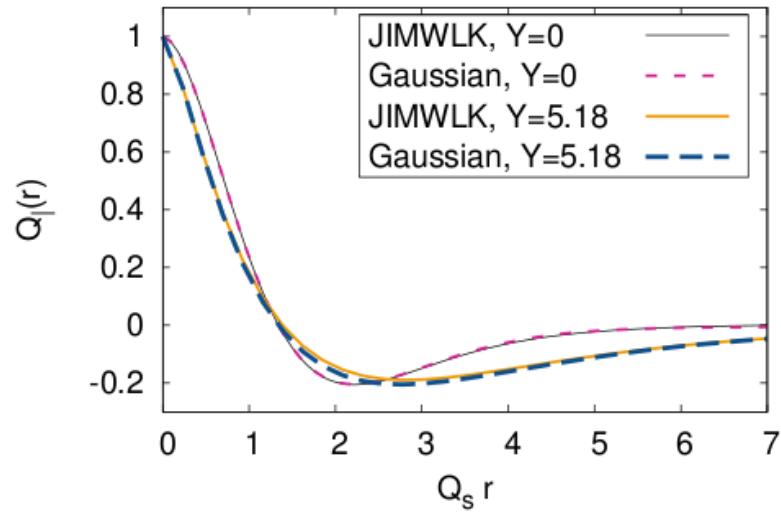
$$\tilde{T}(\mathbf{p}_t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[\frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad \text{pQCD region}$$

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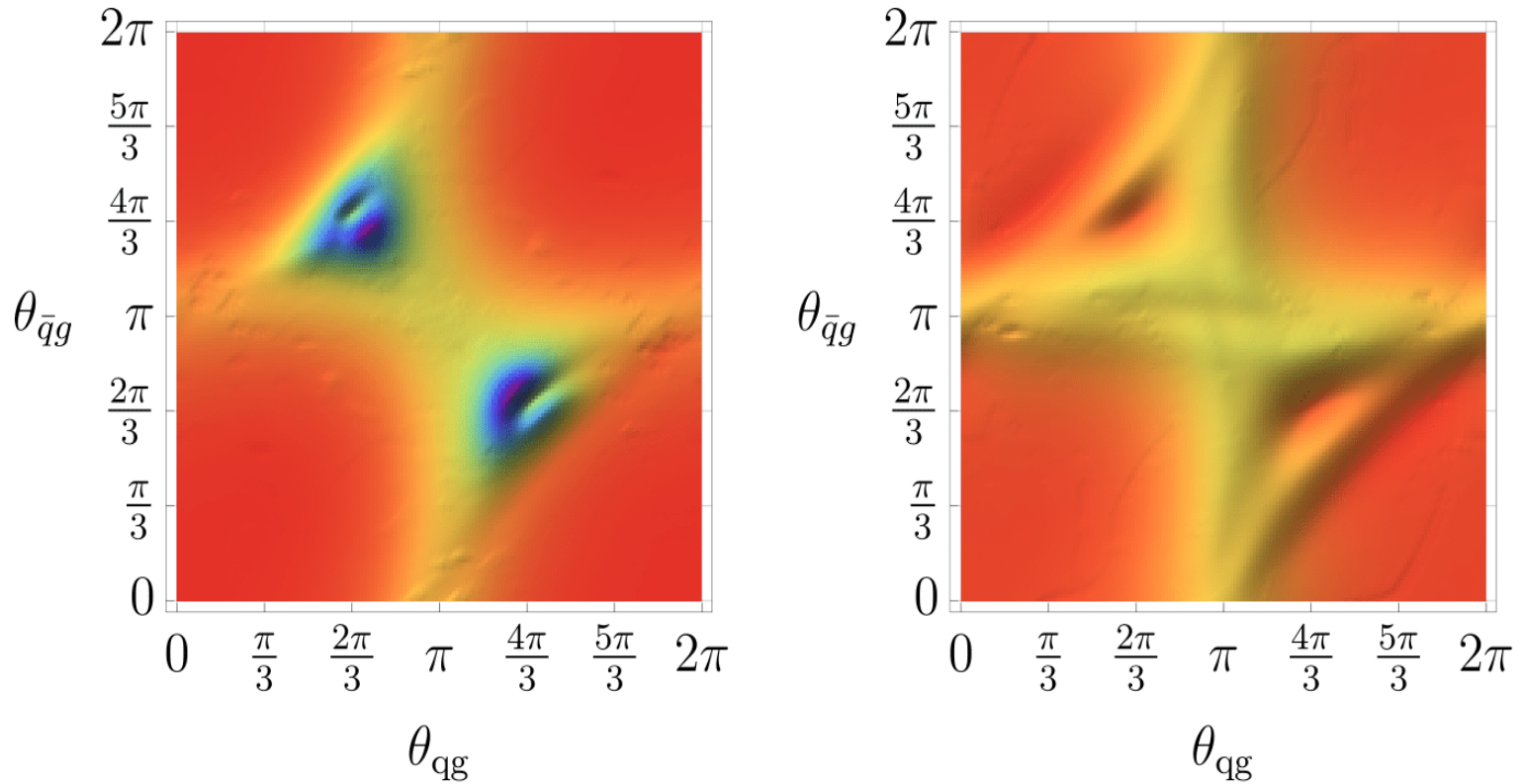
NLO: Balitsky-Kovchegov-Weigert-Gardi-Chirilli (2007-2008)

Quadrupole: $Q(r, \bar{r}, \bar{s}, s) \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} < Tr V(r) V^\dagger(\bar{r}) V(\bar{s}) V^\dagger(s) >$

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3-parton azimuthal angular correlations



multiple scattering:
broadening of the peak

x -evolution:
reduction of magnitude

SUMMARY

CGC is a systematic approach to high energy collisions

high gluon density: re-sum multiple soft scatterings

high energy: re-sum large logs of energy (rapidity or $\log 1/x$)

Leading Log CGC works (too) well

it has been used to fit a wealth of data; ep, eA, pp, pA, AA

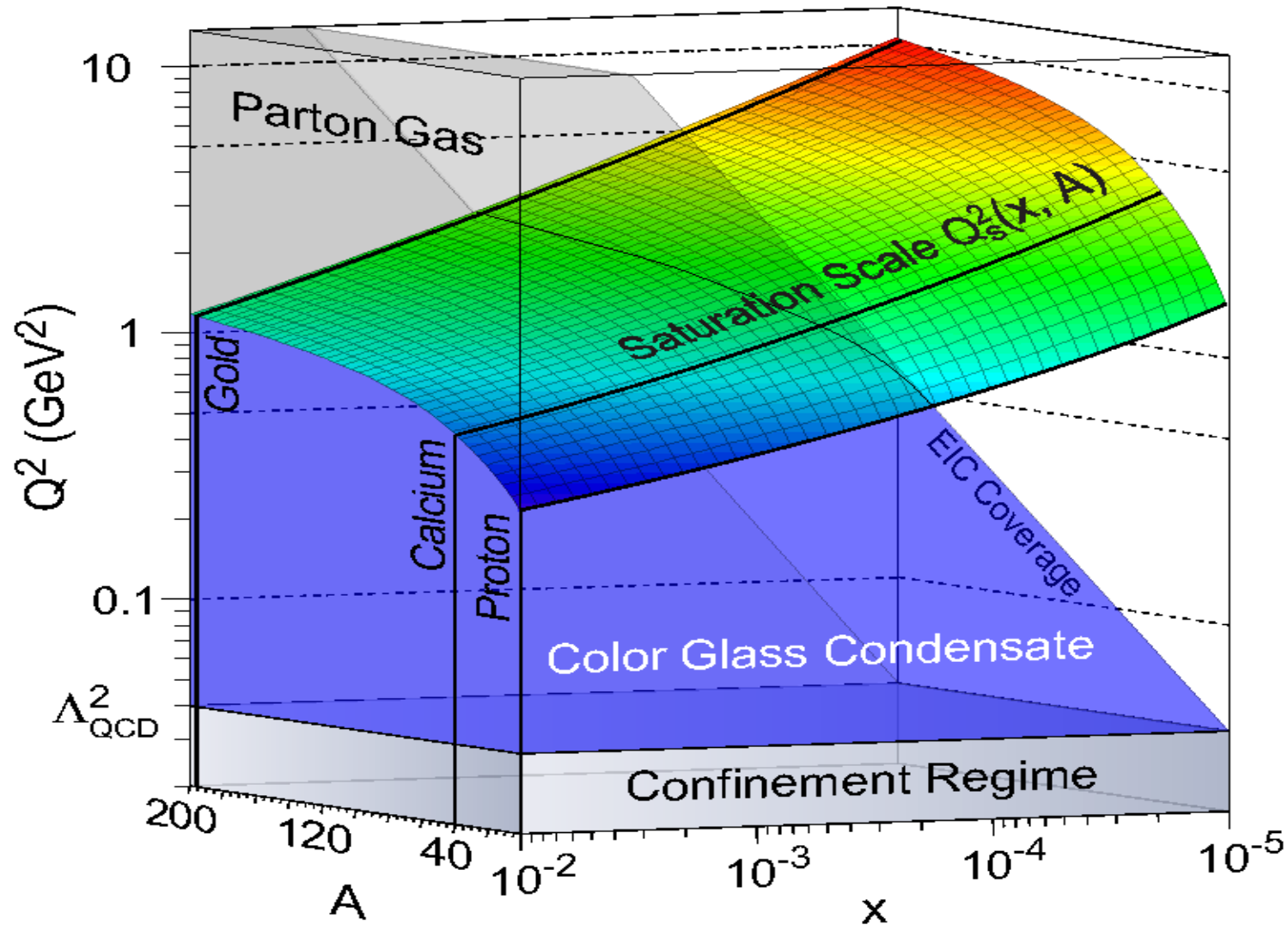
Precision (NLO) studies are needed

available for DIS, single inclusive forward production in pp, pA

Azimuthal angular correlations offer a unique probe of CGC

3-hadron/jet correlations should be even more discriminatory

The Saturation Scale Q_s



$\times 9/4$
for gluons