



# Small $x$ and multiple scattering effects in forward Drell-Yan scattering

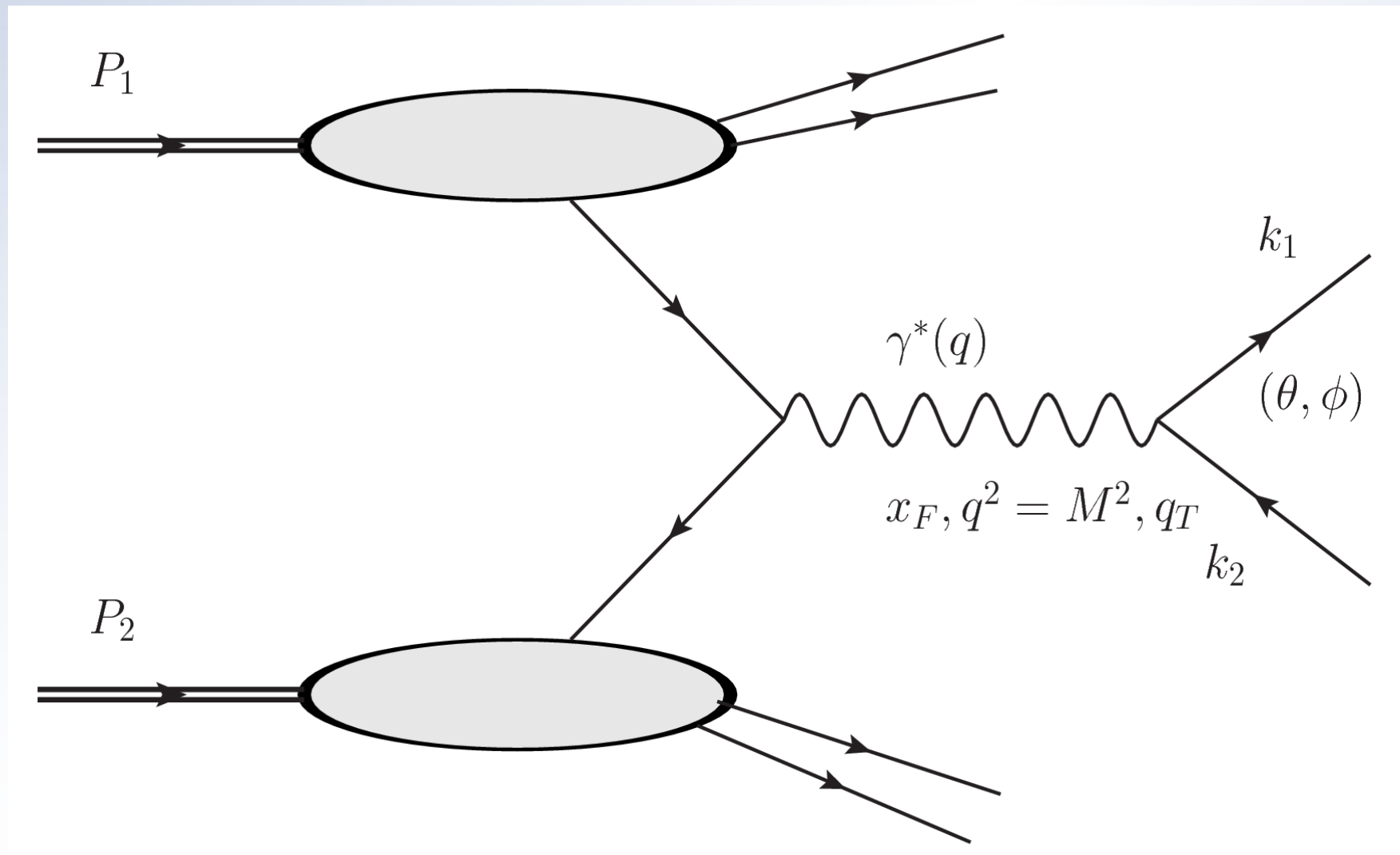
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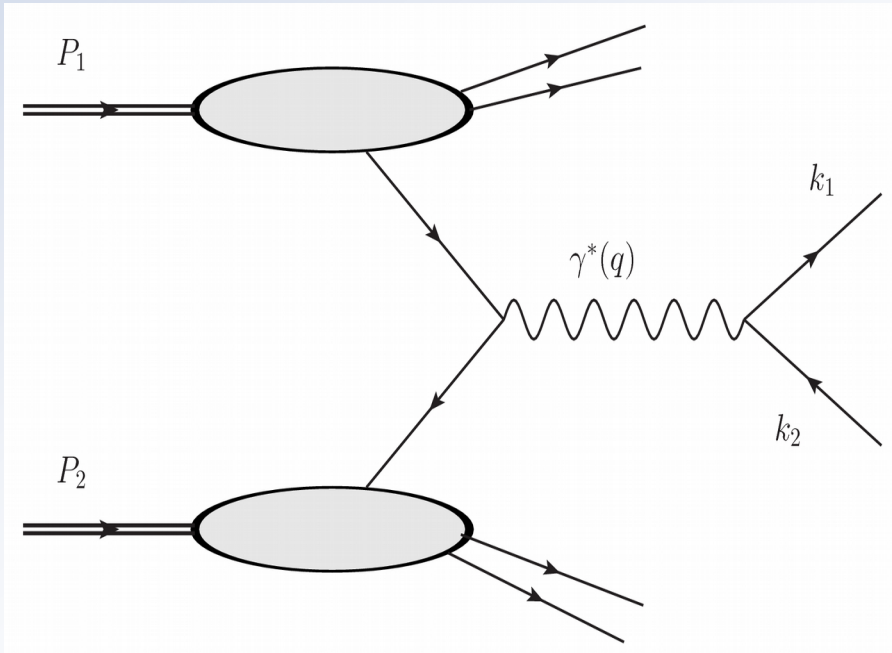
# Drell-Yan process and kinematics



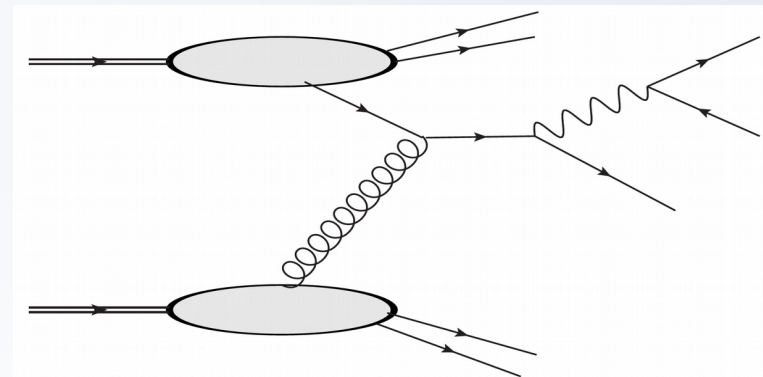
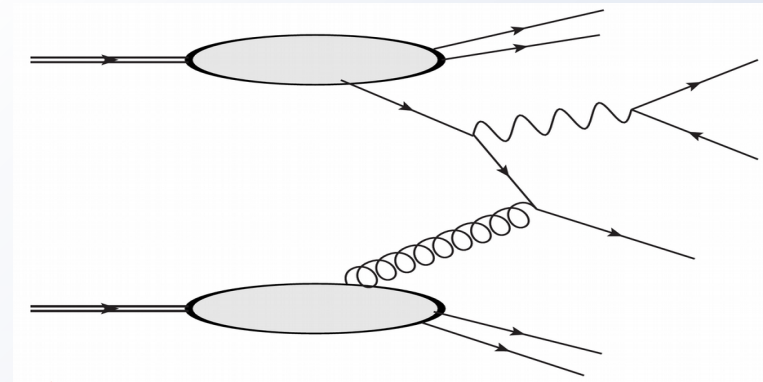
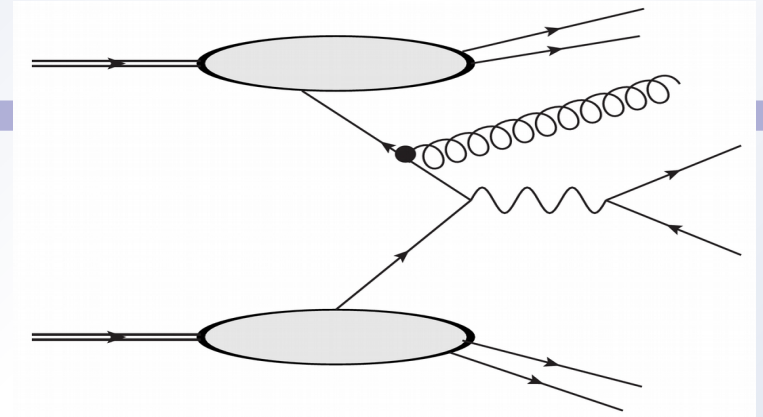


# Partonic diagrams of Drell-Yan

- Leading Order



- NLO

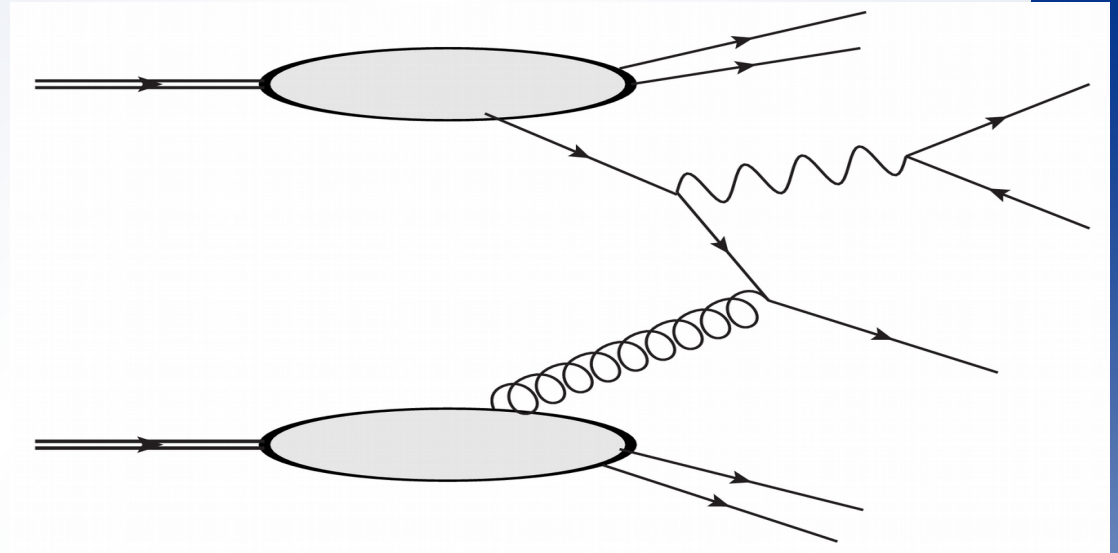


*Gluon splitting  
to antiquark*



# Forward Drell-Yan scattering

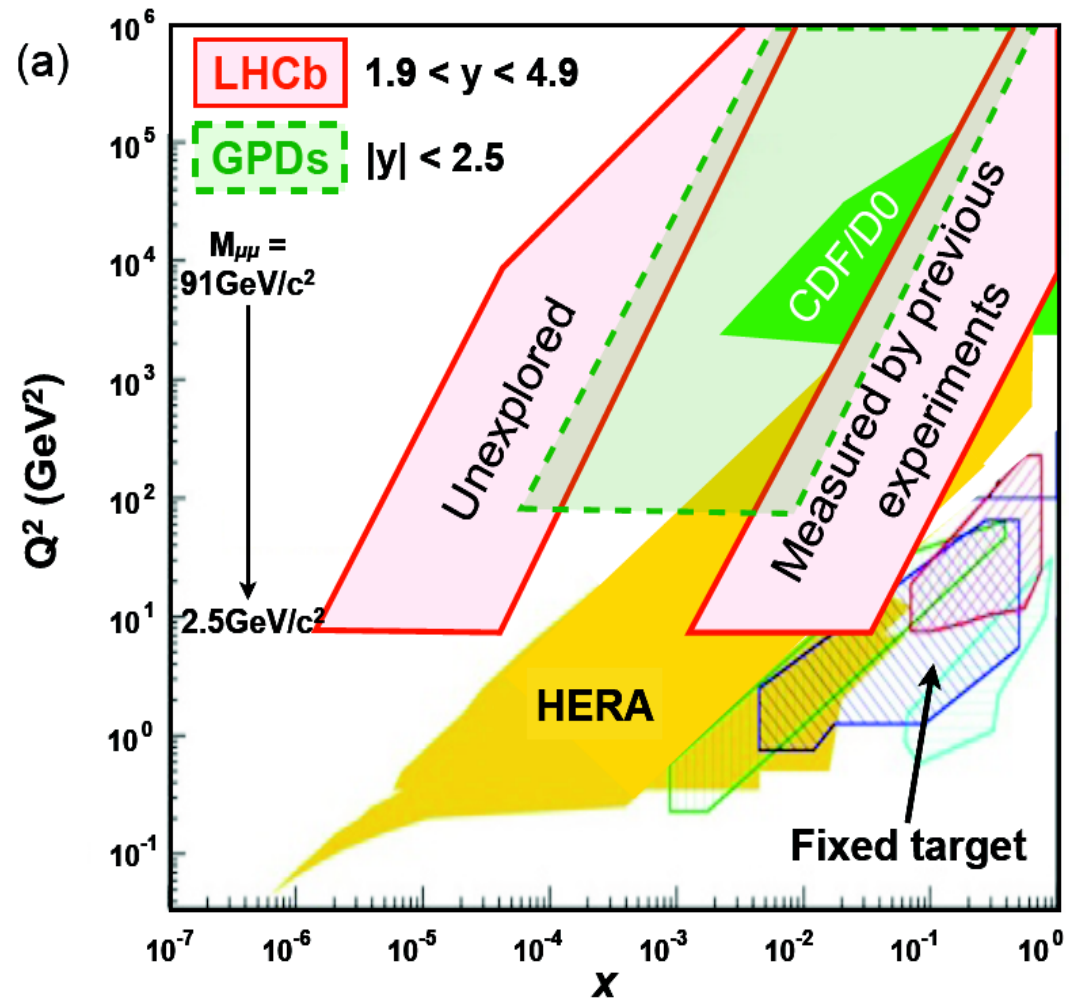
- Asymmetric kinematics  
→ large  $x_1 \gg x_2$
- Dominance of gluons at small  $x_2$  and valence quarks at  $x_1 \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  dominance of valence quark – gluon fusion channel
- Interesting to measure → probe of gluon distribution at very small  $x$





# Forward Drell-Yan at LHC: kinematical reach

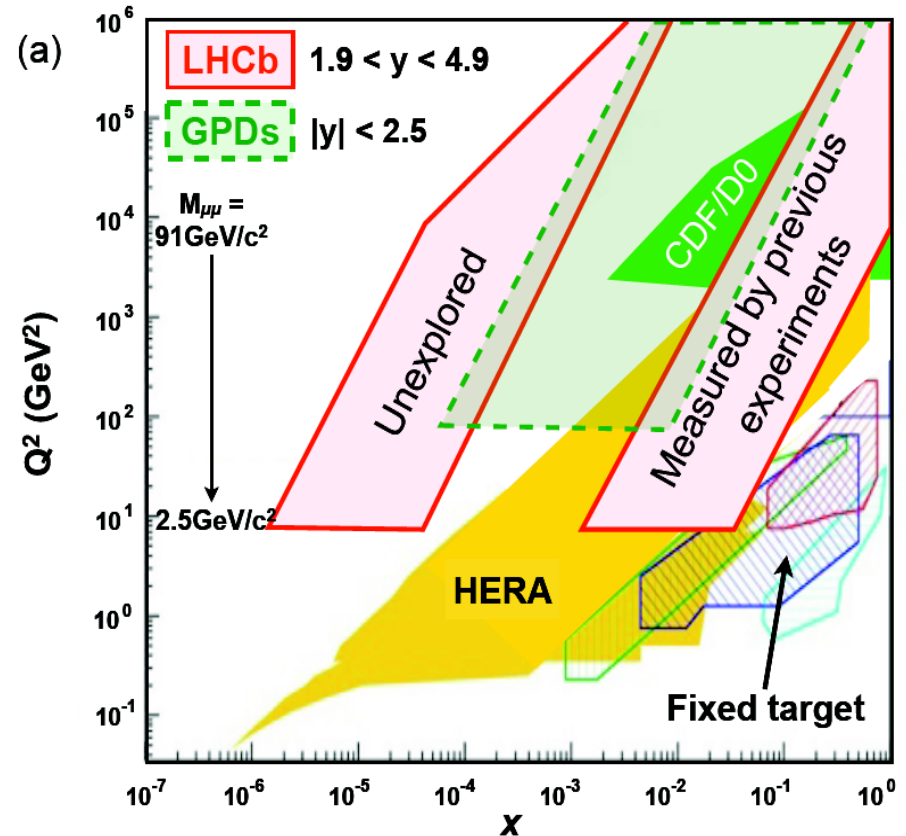
- At LHC forward Drell-Yan may be used to measure parton densities down to  $x \sim 10^{-6}$  at  $M^2 \sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Unique opportunity to explore this kinematic region and extend measurements of parton density functions





# Theoretical interest in the forward Drell-Yan at LHC

- Kinematical range:  
 $x < 10^{-6}$  at  $M^2 \sim 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Expected strong effects of small  $x$  resummation
- If the mass is sufficiently small, multiple scattering and higher twists effects are expected to turn on: higher twist are suppressed by  $1/M^2$  but enhanced by  $x^{-\lambda}$
- Higher twist effects should be determined to avoid systematic errors of pdf determination, they are also interesting for deeper understanding of proton structure and dynamics of strong interactions





# Plan: to make full use of forward Drell-Yan process at the LHC as a probe of high energy scattering in QCD

- Introduce Drell-Yan structure functions
- Lam-Tung relation in QCD
- Dipole picture of forward Drell-Yan scattering
- Small  $x$  resummation and twist decomposition in forward DY scattering (*technical*)
- Results
- Conclusions

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## Drell-Yan structure functions:

- **Lepton angular distributions:** 4 Drell-Yan structure functions ( $W_a$  – frame dependent)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F dM^2 d\Omega d^2q_T} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{2(2\pi)^4 M^4} \left[ (1 - \cos^2 \theta) W_L + (1 + \cos^2 \theta) W_T + (\sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi) W_{TT} + (\sin 2\theta \cos \phi) W_{LT} \right]$$

- Helicity structure functions  $\rightarrow$  elements of virtual photon production helicity density matrix
- Photon decays into leptons  $\rightarrow$  interference between different virtual photon polarisations possible:

$$\begin{array}{ll} W_T: T(+) \rightarrow T(+) & W_L: L \rightarrow L \\ W_{LT}: T \rightarrow L, L \rightarrow T & W_{TT}: T(+) \rightarrow T(-) \end{array}$$



# Lam-Tung relation

- Hence: DY helicity structure functions: projections of DY amplitudes on virtual photon polarization states
- Lam-Tung relation (1980, 1982): vanishing combination of DY structure functions at leading twist up to NNLO in collinear QCD

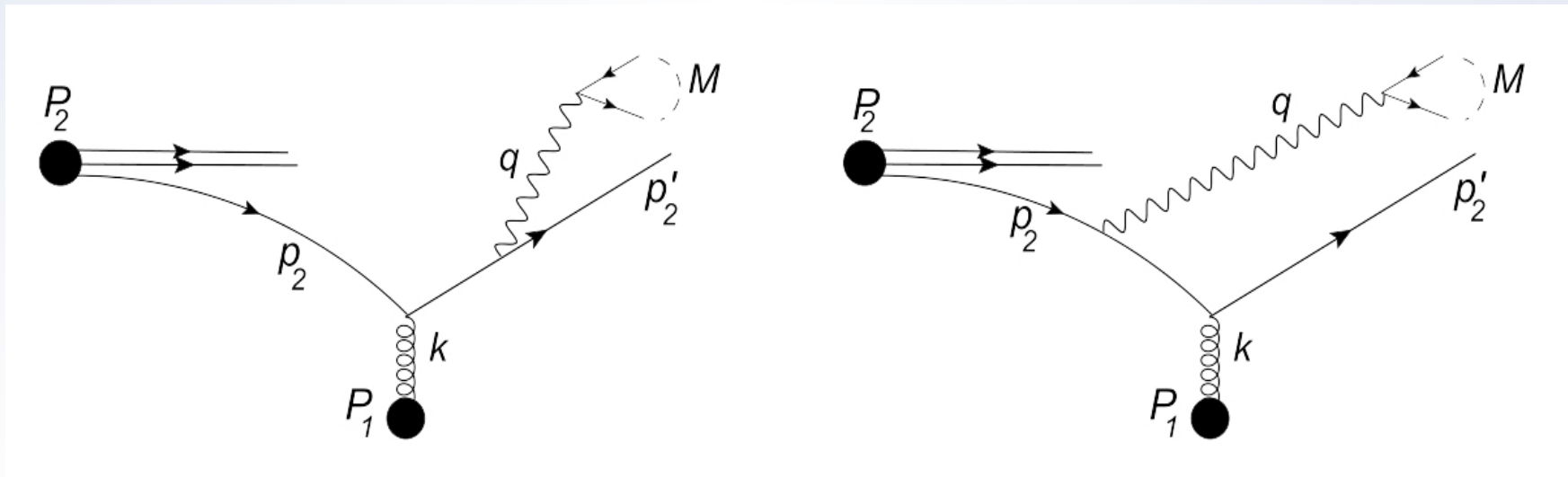
$$W_L - 2W_{TT} = 0$$

- Advantage of Lam-Tung relation: it is invariant under frame rotations w.r.t. axis perpendicular to reaction plane
- Lam-Tung relation breaking by higher order QCD effects related to parton  $k_T$
- At twist 4 – non-zero contribution → enhanced higher twist contributions



# Leading diagrams of forward Drell-Yan

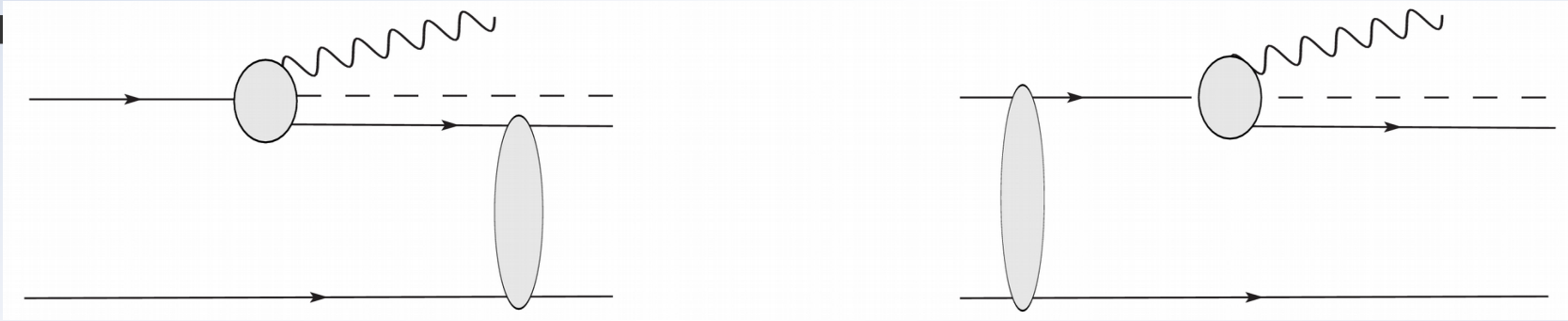
- Asymmetric kinematics:  $x_2 \gg x_1$
- Dominance of the quark sea  $\rightarrow$  driven by gluon evolution
- Good approximation: gluon evolution followed by splitting to quark (anti-quark) in the last step



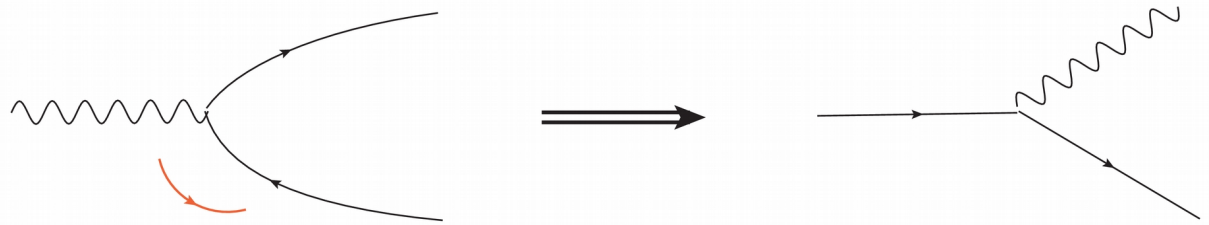


# Forward Drell-Yan in dipole formulation

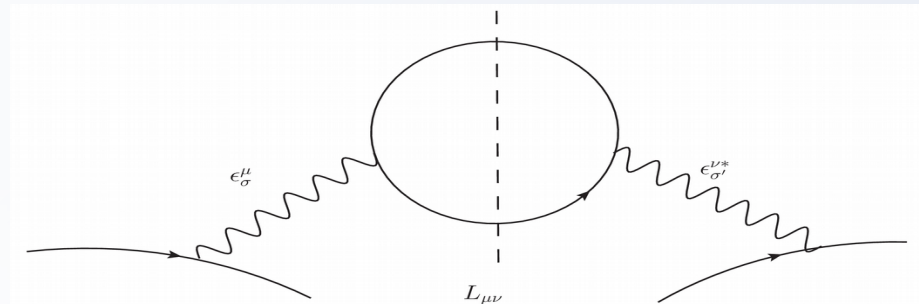
- Large energy limit: conservation of transverse positions in scattering
- “Effective color dipole” emerges from interference of photon emission before and after scattering,  $\gamma^*$  carries fraction  $z$  of  $p^+$  of incident quark



- “Crossed” photon wave function:



- Interference of photon helicity states through leptonic tensor





# Forward Drell-Yan in dipole formulation

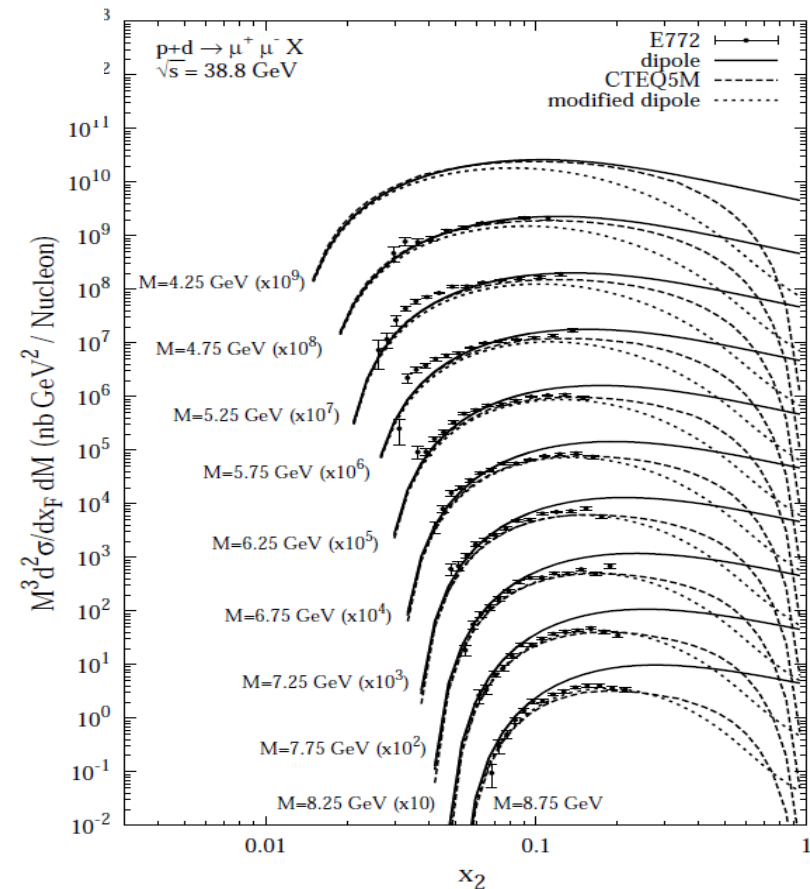
$$\sigma_{T,L}^f(qp \rightarrow \gamma^* X) = \int d^2r W_{T,L}^f(z, r, M^2, m_f) \sigma_{qq}(x_2, zr)$$

$$W_T^f = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi^2} \{ [1 + (1-z)^2] \eta^2 K_1^2(\eta r) + m_f^2 z^4 K_0^2(\eta r) \}$$

$$W_L^f = \frac{2\alpha_{em}}{\pi^2} M^2 (1-z)^2 K_0^2(\eta r) ,$$

Formalism proposed and developed by:

- Brodsky, Hebecker, Quack (1997)
- B. Z. Kopeliovich, J. Raufeisen, A. V. Tarasov (2001)
- Gelis, Jalilian-Marian (2002)
- Raufeisen, Peng, Nayak (2002): plot →
- V. Goncalves et al, A. Szczurek et al.



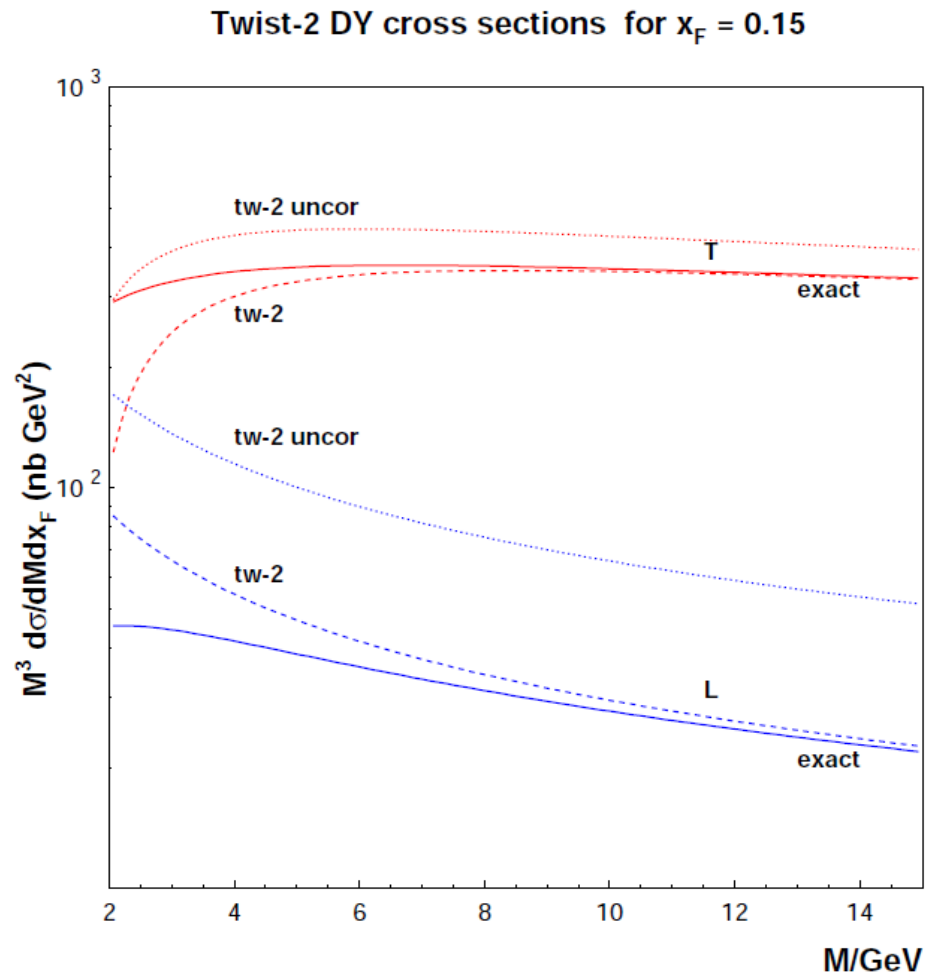


# Inclusive forward Drell-Yan at LHC: higher twist corrections

- Golec-Biernat, Lewandowska, Staśto, 2010 (plot):

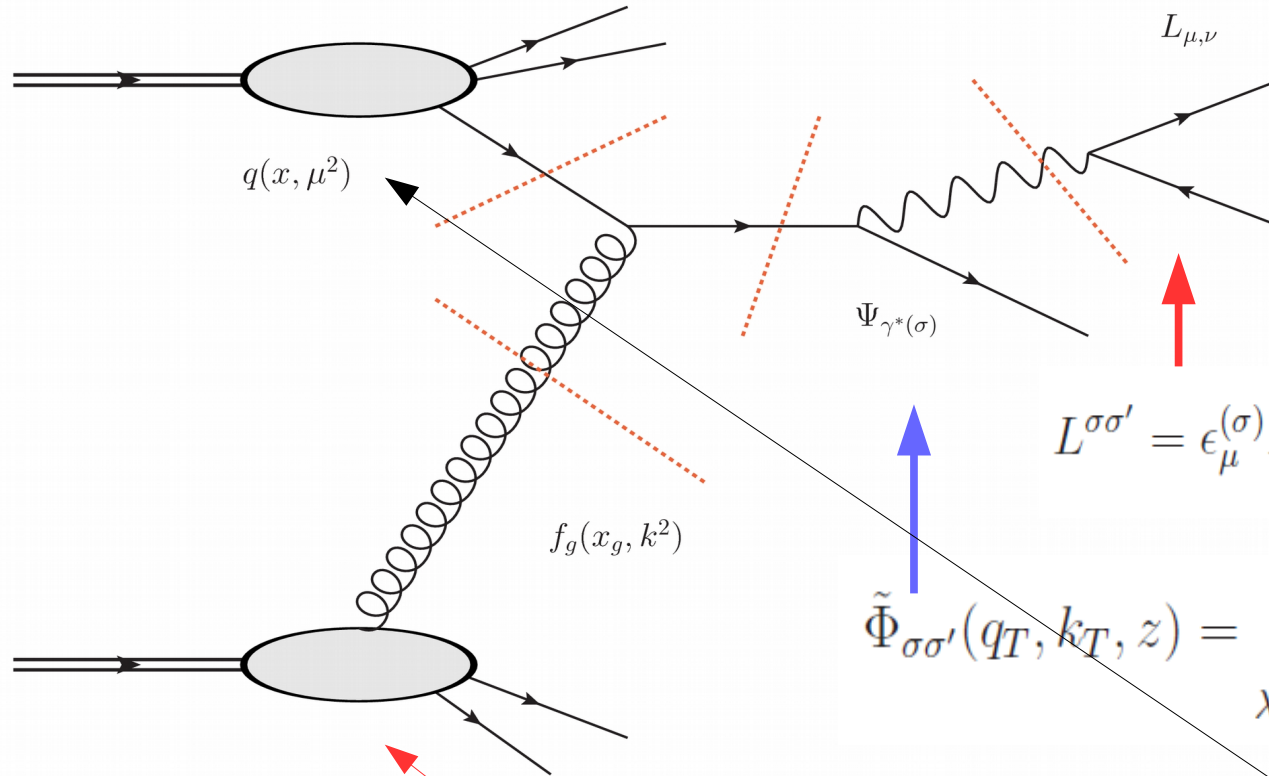
twist content of forward Drell-Yan within the GBW saturation model for dipole cross-section, done for the inclusive cross-section (in  $q_T$  and the lepton azimuthal angle)

- Predictions for the LHC (plot) large higher twist corrections within kinematical range of LHC (LHCb)





# Forward Drell-Yan cross-section in kT factorisation



$$L^{\sigma\sigma'} = \epsilon_{\mu}^{(\sigma)} L^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{\nu}^{(\sigma')\dagger}, \quad L^{\mu\nu} = -g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa^{\mu} \kappa^{\nu}}{\kappa^2}$$

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{\sigma\sigma'}(q_T, k_T, z) = \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = +, -} A_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}^{(\sigma)}(\vec{q}_T)^{\dagger} A_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}^{(\sigma')}(\vec{q}_T)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F dM^2 d\Omega d^2 q_T} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{(2\pi)^2 (P_1 \cdot P_2)^2 M^2 x_F^2 (1-z)} L^{\sigma\sigma'}(\Omega) \int_{x_F}^1 dz \wp(x_F/z) \\ \times \int d^2 k_T \frac{2\pi\alpha_s}{3} \frac{f(x_g, k_T^2)}{k_T^4} \tilde{\Phi}_{\sigma\sigma'}(q_T, k_T, z)$$



# Mellin representation of forward Drell-Yan structure functions:

- Standard procedure: position-space  $\rightarrow$  Mellin moments space

$$W_i = \int_{x_F}^1 dz \wp(x_F/z) \int_C \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \tilde{\sigma}(-s) \left( \frac{z^2 Q_0^2}{\eta_z^2} \right)^s \hat{\Phi}_i(q_T, s, z)$$

- Convolution of Mellin transform of dipole cross section and impact factor

$$\eta_z^2 = M^2(1-z)$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_i(q_T, s, z) = \frac{2(2\pi)^4 M^4}{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2} \int d^2 r \left( \frac{\eta_z^2}{4z^2} r \right)^s \Phi_i(q_T, r, z)$$

- Dipole cross section encodes QCD dynamics, e.g. small  $x$  evolution, higher twists

$$\tilde{\sigma}(-s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2} (\rho^2)^{-s} \hat{\sigma}(\vec{\rho})$$



## Two descriptions of dipole cross-section in kT factorisation:

- **Phenomenological:** eikonal multiple gluon ladder exchange – GBW model  $\rightarrow$  twist  $2n$  contribution enhanced by  $x^{-n\lambda}$  at small  $x$
- **BFKL description:** based on LL BFKL cross-section and its twist decomposition
- Higher twist effects extracted from singularities of the BFKL kernel in Mellin space,  $\chi(\gamma)$ , at integer values of anomalous dimensions  $s \rightarrow \gamma$

$$\sigma(\gamma) \sim \exp(c \log(1/x) \alpha_s \chi(\gamma))$$

$$\chi(\gamma) = 2\psi(1) - \psi(\gamma) - \psi(1-\gamma) \sim 1/(\gamma - n)$$

$\rightarrow$  essential singularities of Mellin cross-section

- Saddle point treatment of  $\gamma$ -integral of BFKL amplitudes  
 $\rightarrow$  **power suppression  $x^\delta$  of higher twist terms in LL BFKL amplitudes**



# Previous findings: Mellin representation of DY impact factors

- Mellin transforms of impact factors for all DY structure functions found, e.g.:

$$\hat{\Phi}_L(q_T, s, z) = \frac{2}{z^2} \left\{ \frac{2\Gamma^2(s+1)}{1 + q_T^2/\eta_z^2} {}_2F_1 \left( s+1, s+1, 1, -\frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2} \right) - \Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(s+2) {}_2F_1 \left( s+1, s+2, 1, -\frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Phi}_{TT}(q_T, s, z) = \frac{1}{2z^2} \left\{ \frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(1-s)\sin\pi s} \frac{q_T^2/\eta_z^2}{q_T^2/\eta_z^2} \left( 1 + \frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2} \right)^{-s-3} \Gamma(s+2) \right. \\ \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2}(s+2) \right) {}_2F_1 \left( -s+1, s+1, 1, \frac{q_T^2}{q_T^2 + \eta_z^2} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \left( 1 + 2\frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2}(s+1) \right) {}_2F_1 \left( -s+1, s+2, 1, \frac{q_T^2}{q_T^2 + \eta_z^2} \right) \right] \\ \left. - \frac{4q_T^2/\eta_z^2}{1 + q_T^2/\eta_z^2} \Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(s+2) {}_2F_1 \left( s+1, s+2, 2, -\frac{q_T^2}{\eta_z^2} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Useful in BFKL approach and for twist analysis



# Mellin treatment of BFKL DY amplitudes

- BFKL essential singularities at twist poles via Laurent expansion

$$W_j = \int_{x_F}^1 dz \wp(x_F/z) \sigma_j(q_T, z, Y)$$

$$\sigma_j(q_T, z, Y) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \left( \frac{z^2 \bar{Q}_0^2}{M^2(1-z)} \right)^{-s} \tilde{\sigma}(s, Y) \hat{\Phi}_j(q_T, -s, z)$$

$$\sigma_j(q_T, z, Y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_j^{(2n)}(q_T, z, Y)$$

$$\sigma_j^{(2n)}(q_T, z, Y) = -R_p^2 e^{-nt} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta h_j^{(2n)}(\epsilon e^{i\theta}, q_T, z, Y) \exp \left( \epsilon e^{i\theta} t + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s Y}{\epsilon} e^{-i\theta} \right)$$

$$\chi_{reg}^{(n)} = \chi \left( -n + \epsilon e^{i\theta} \right) - \frac{e^{-i\theta}}{\epsilon}$$



# Mellin treatment of BFKL DY amplitudes

$$h_j^{(2n)}(\epsilon e^{i\theta}, q_T, z, Y) = \epsilon e^{i\theta} \left( \frac{z^2}{1-z} \right)^{n-\epsilon \exp i\theta} \hat{\Phi}_j(q_T, n - \epsilon e^{i\theta}, z) \Gamma(-n + \epsilon e^{i\theta}) e^{\bar{\alpha}_s Y} \chi_{reg}^{(n)}$$

$$h_j^{(2n)}(\epsilon e^{i\theta}, q_T, z, Y) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m^{(2n)j} (\epsilon e^{i\theta})^m$$

$$\sigma_j^{(2n)}(q_T, z, Y) = -2\pi R_p^2 \left( \frac{\bar{Q}_0^2}{M^2} \right)^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m^{(2n)j} \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s Y}{t} \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} I_m \left( 2\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s Y t} \right)$$

$$W_j^{(2n)} = -\sigma'_0 \left( \frac{\bar{Q}_0^2}{M^2} \right)^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_{x_F}^1 dz a_m^{(2n)j} \wp(x_F/z) \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s Y}{t} \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} I_m \left( 2\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s S Y t} \right)$$

where  $t \sim \log(M^2)$

- Integrals over the contour angle parameter  $\theta$  performed and expansion coefficients  $a_m^{(2n)j}$  evaluated analytically  $\rightarrow$  analytic form of expansions of BFKL forward Drell-Yan structure functions



# Results for forward DY BFKL structure functions

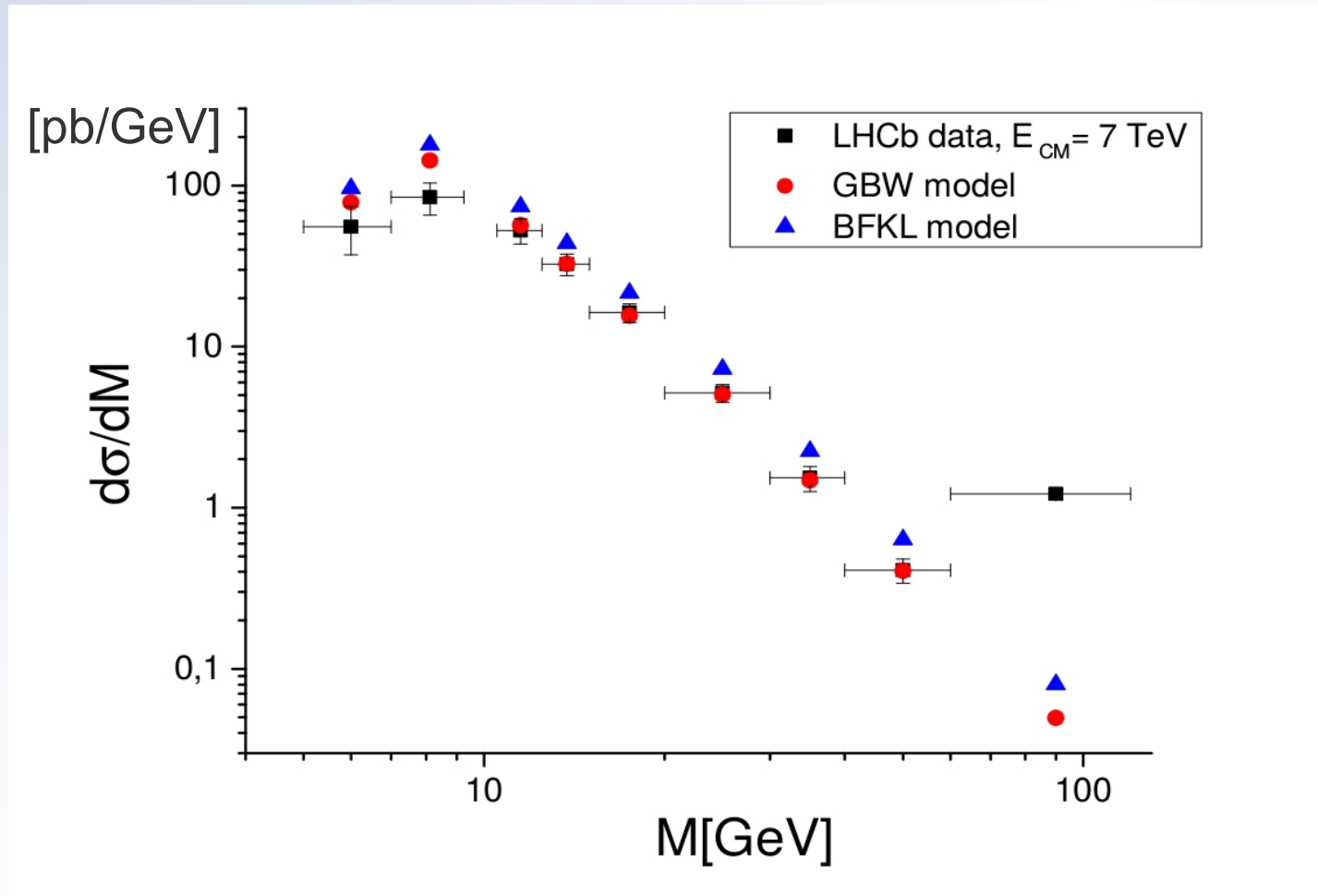
- In LL BFKL subleading twist contributions found to decrease exponentially with rapidity!
- Exponential increase in rapidity found only for the leading twist
- Example of results for  $q_T$ -integrated structure functions
- Lam-Tung relation fulfilled in double logarithmic limit, broken beyond

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{W}_j^{(2)} &= -\sigma'_0 \left( \frac{\bar{Q}_0^2}{4M^2} \right) \int_{x_F}^1 dz f_j(z) \frac{z^2}{1-z} \wp(x_F/z) \\ &\times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \tilde{a}_m^{(2)j} \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s Y}{\ln(4M^2/\bar{Q}_0^2)} \right)^{\frac{m}{2}} I_{|m|} \left( 2\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s Y \ln \frac{4M^2}{\bar{Q}_0^2}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{a}_0^{(2)L} &= -\frac{4}{3}, & \tilde{a}_1^{(2)L} &= -\frac{4}{3} \left( -2 + 2\gamma_E + \ln \frac{1-z}{z^2} + \psi(5/2) \right) \\ \tilde{a}_0^{(2)TT} &= -\frac{2}{3}, & \tilde{a}_1^{(2)TT} &= \frac{2}{3} \left( -3 + \gamma_E - \ln \frac{1-z}{z^2} + \ln(64) + 2\psi(5/2) \right) \\ \tilde{a}_0^{(2)LT} &= 0, & \tilde{a}_1^{(2)LT} &= 0.5236\end{aligned}$$



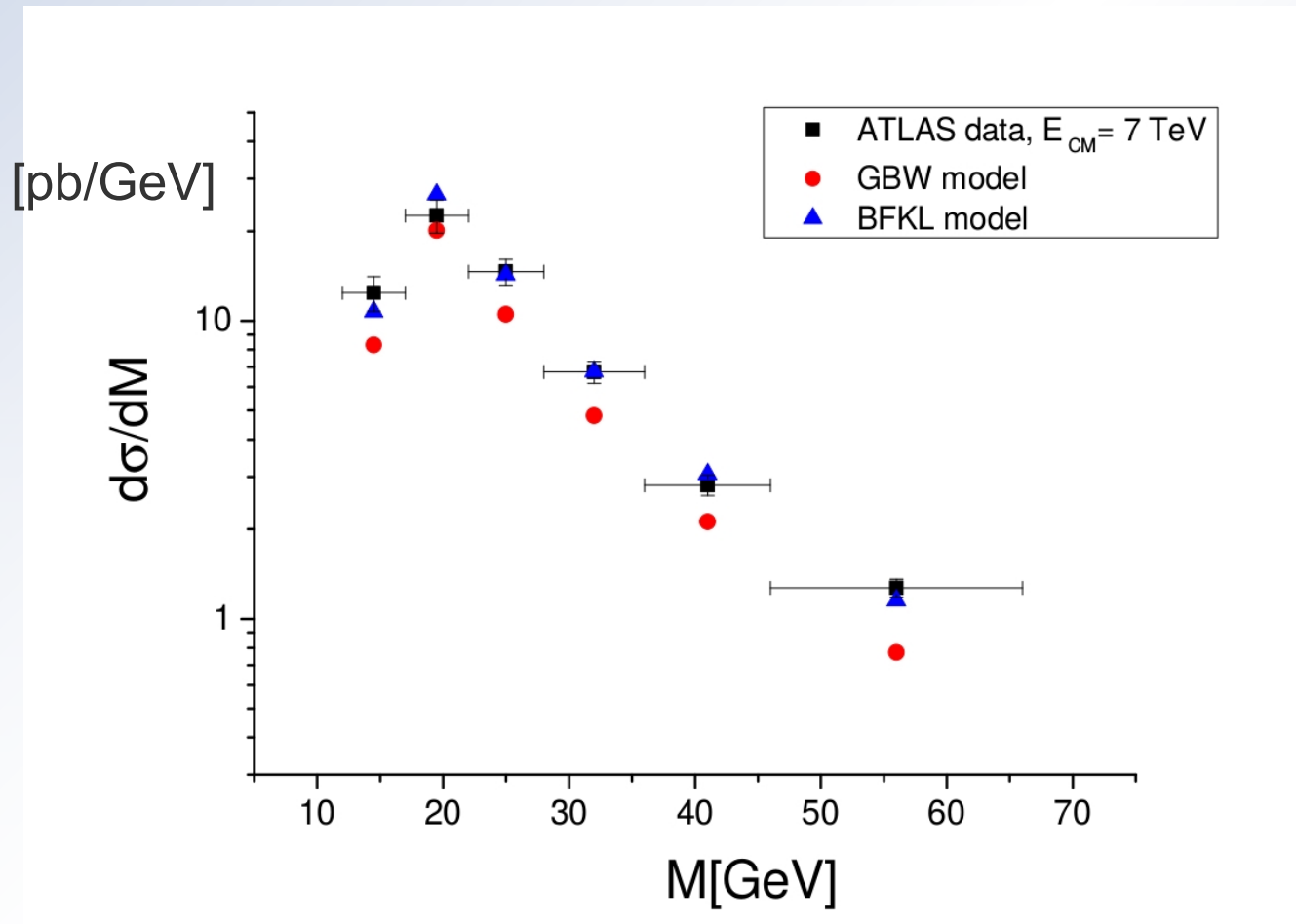
# Results: inclusive Drell-Yan at LHC: LHCb data from BFKL and GBW dipole cross sections



- Good description in terms of GBW, BFKL somewhat above data



## Results: inclusive Drell-Yan at the LHC: ATLAS data

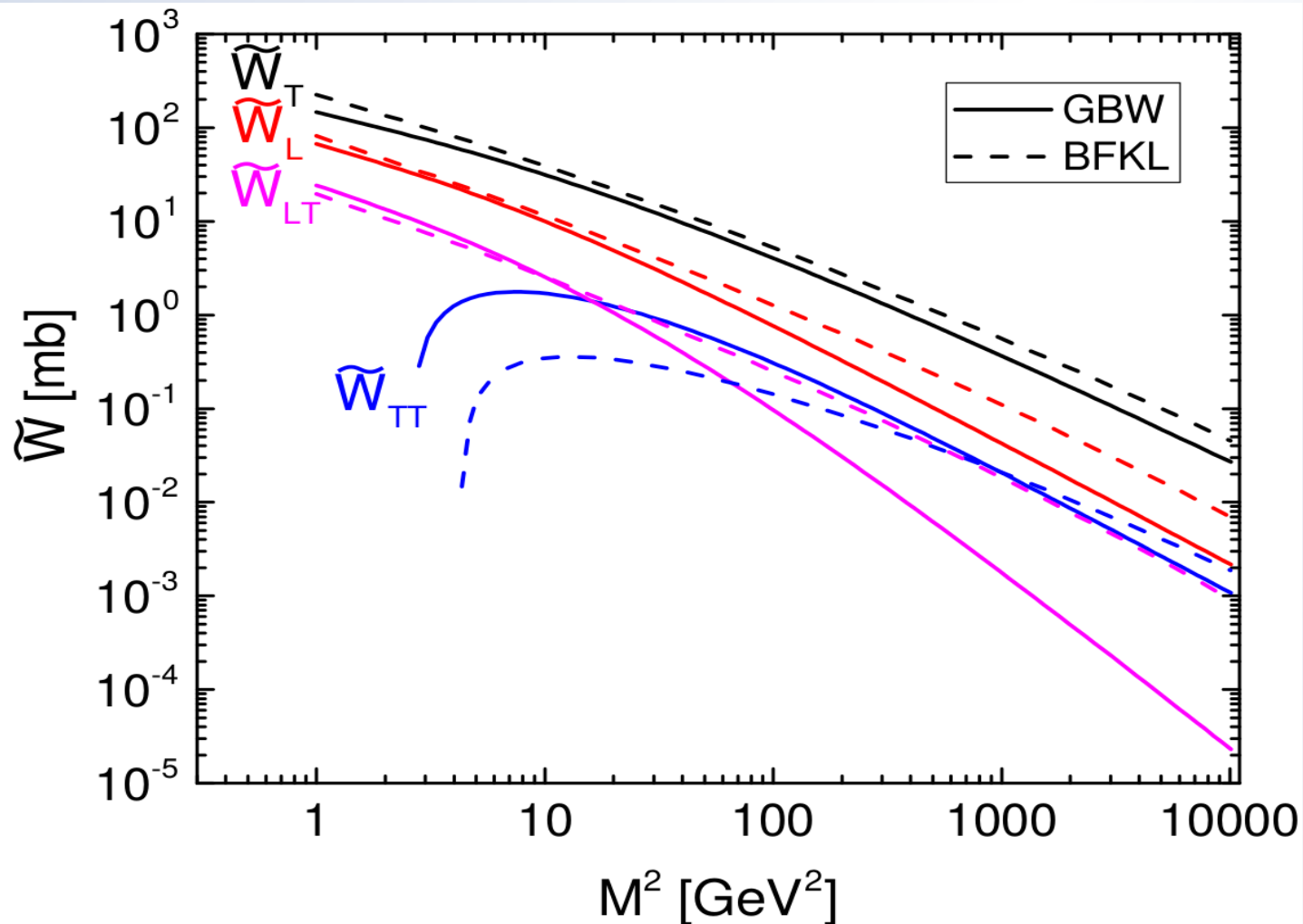


- Good description in terms of BFKL, GBW somewhat below data
- However: central kinematics → expected terms beyond forward DY approximation



# DY at LHC: structure functions from BFKL vs GBW

- Similar behavior of  $W_T$  and  $W_L$  in BFKL and GBW, but significant differences in “interference” structure functions  $W_{TT}$  and  $W_{LT}$





# Lam-Tung relation in GBW model

- Lam-Tung relation: at leading twist up to NNLO:

$$W_L - 2W_{TT} = 0$$

- Holds in the GBW model at twist 2
- At twist 4 – non-zero contribution → enhanced higher twist contributions

$$W_L^{(4)} - 2W_{TT}^{(4)} = \sigma_0 \frac{Q_0^4}{M^4} \int_{x_F}^1 dz \, \wp(x_F/z) z^2 \frac{4M^8(1-z)^2}{[q_T^2 + M^2(1-z)]^4}$$

- qT-integrated cross-section also shows breaking of Lam-Tung relation

$$\begin{aligned} \int (W_L^{(4)} - 2W_{TT}^{(4)}) d^2 q_T &= 2\pi\sigma_0 M^2 (\tilde{W}_L^{(4)} - 2\tilde{W}_{TT}^{(4)}) \\ &= 2\pi\sigma_0 \frac{Q_0^4}{M^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{18} \wp(x_F) \left[ -19 + 12\gamma_E + 12 \ln \left( \frac{M^2(1-x_F)}{Q_0^2} \right) \right] + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{3} \int_{x_F}^1 dz \, \frac{\wp(x_F/z) z^2 - \wp(x_F)}{1-z} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

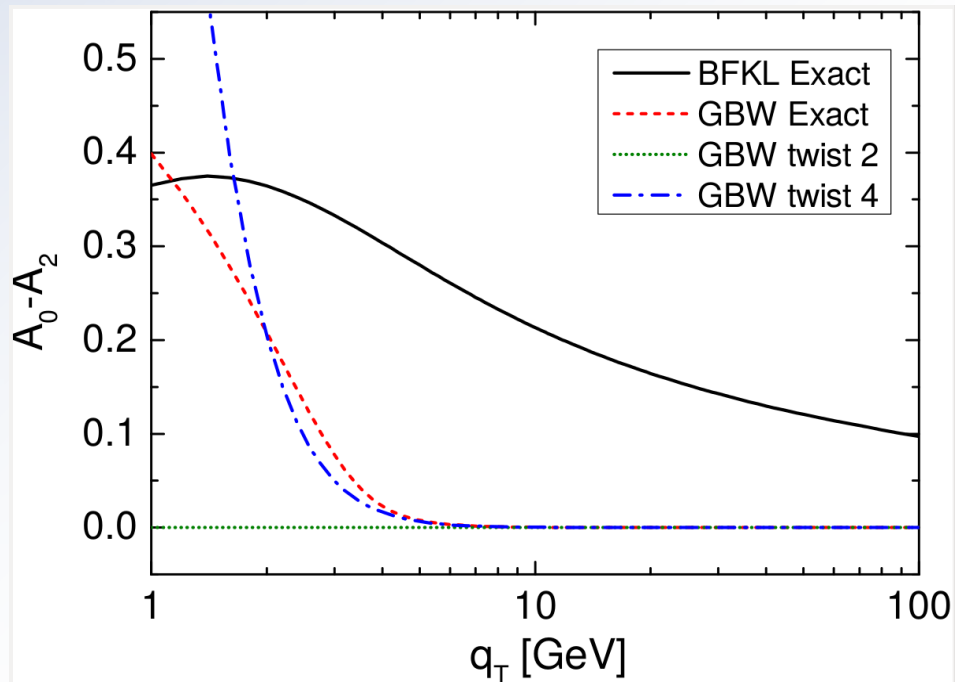


# Lam-Tung relation from GBW and BFKL

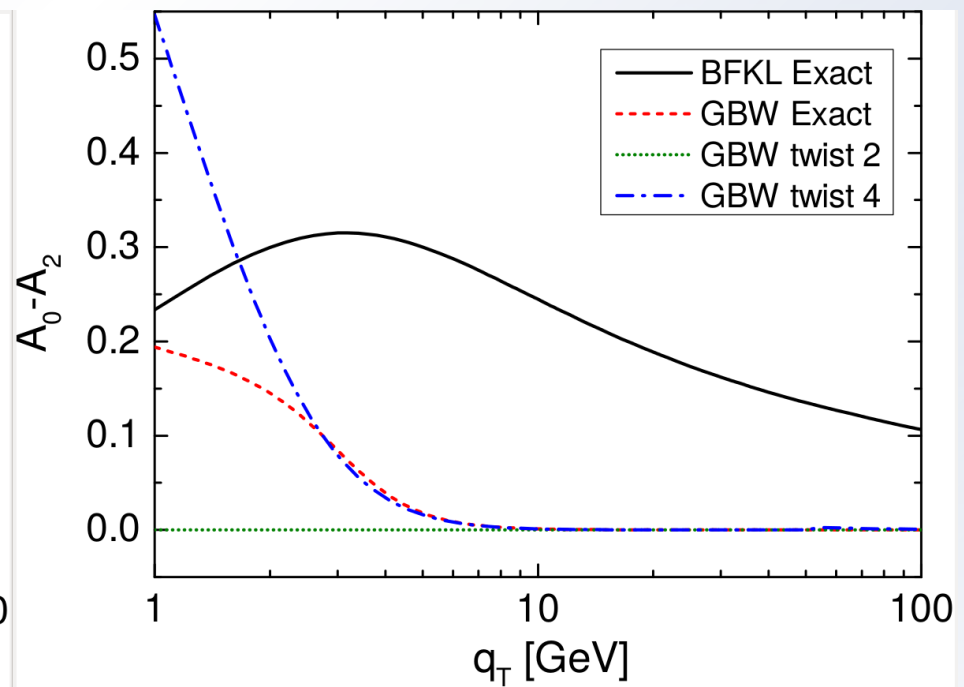
$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$

- Striking difference in Lam – Tung relation breaking
- Subleading twist effects in GBW vs leading twist in BFKL
- **Importance of parton  $k_T$  effects in BFKL**

$$M^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$$



$$M^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$

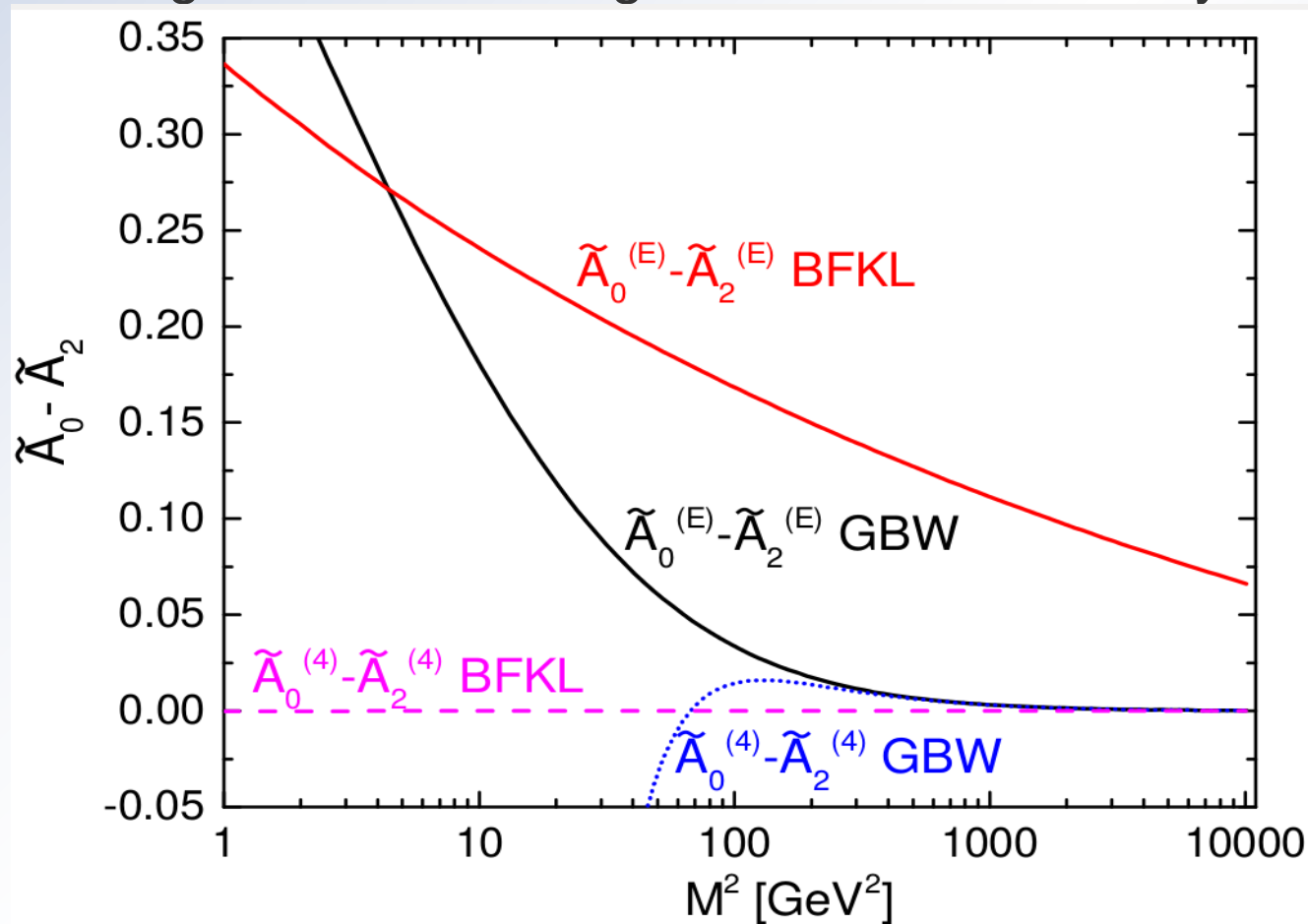




# Lam-Tung relation from GBW and BFKL in $q_T$ integrated structure functions

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$

- Lam – Tung relation breaking in BFKL occurs at any mass



- Lam – Tung relation breaking at large masses is an excellent probe of gluon  $k_T$



# Conclusions

- Forward Drell Yan process is of great interest for determination parton density functions at small  $x$ , studies of small  $x$  resummation and higher twist effects
- Angular distributions of DY leptons give access to four independent DY structure functions
- We provide estimates of both small  $x$  and higher twist effects in forward DY scattering using BFKL and GBW approach
- The models were tested against LHC data: good description of angular averaged cross-sections was found
- Lam-Tung relation is particularly interesting observable with enhanced small  $x$  and higher twist sensitivity, it also probes parton  $k_T$ .
- Essentially different predictions obtained for higher twists and Lam-Tung relation breaking from GBW and BFKL

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