

WG2 summary

Small x , diffraction and vector mesons

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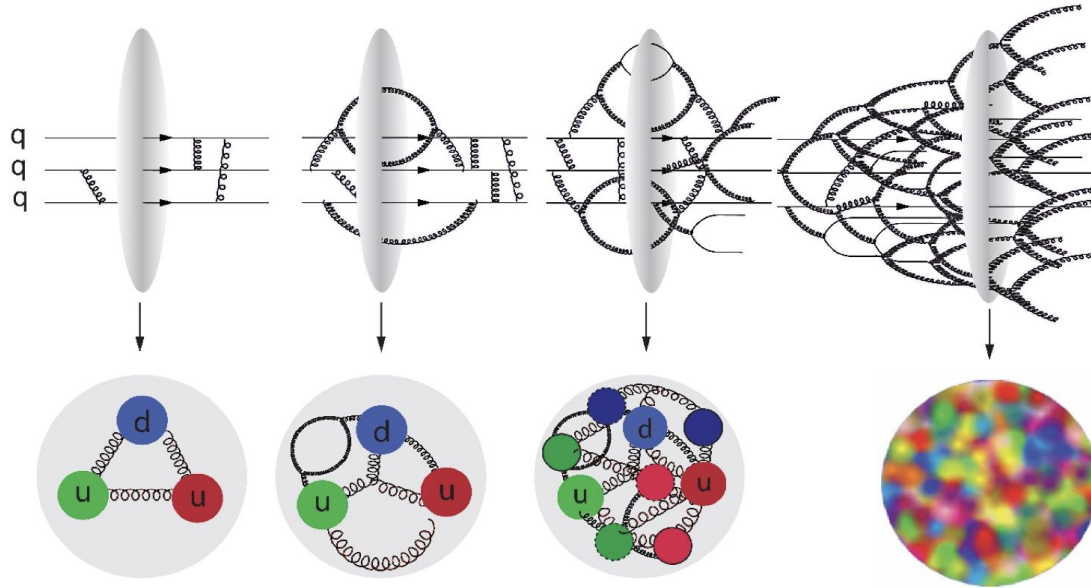
WG2 Small x , diffraction, and vector mesons

- 41 talks: 10 experimental talks + 31 pheno/theory talks

- Color Glass Condensate (CGC) developments, resummation, factorization, subeikonal corrections, and how we can use e.g. ultraperipheral collisions (UPC)

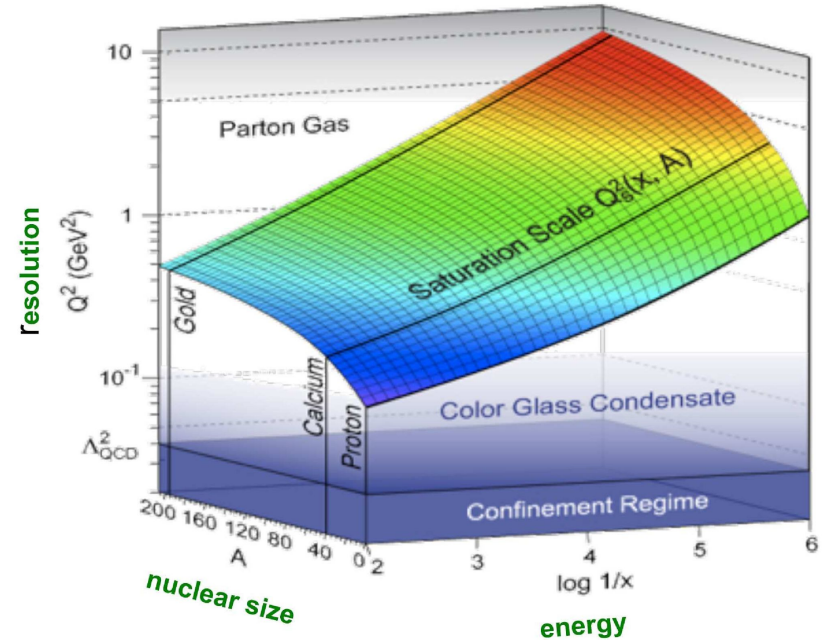
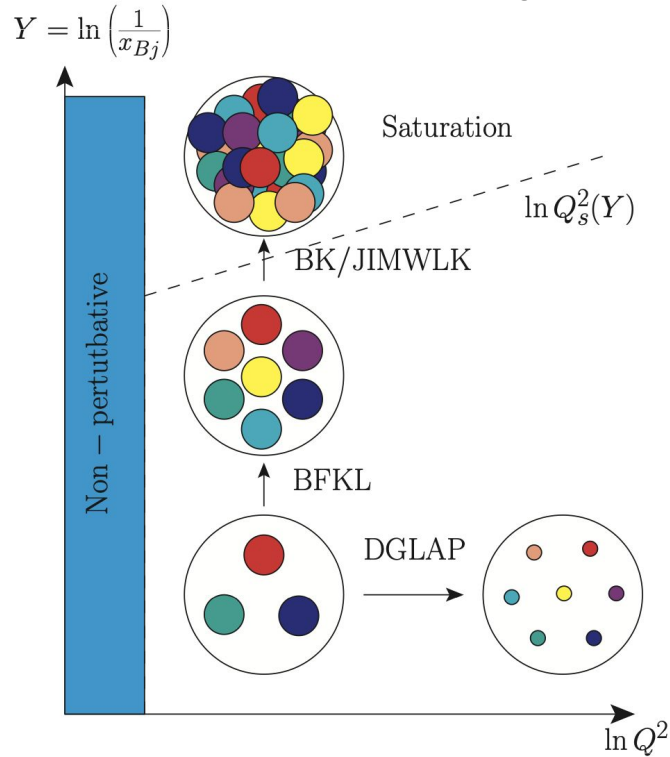
QCD at low x

- Probed at asymptotic energies, or small momentum fraction x , the proton or nucleus structure is dominated by gluons
- Saturation predicted for a probe scale below $Q_s^2(x) \approx (A/x)^{1/3} \times Q_{s0}^2$



Saturation

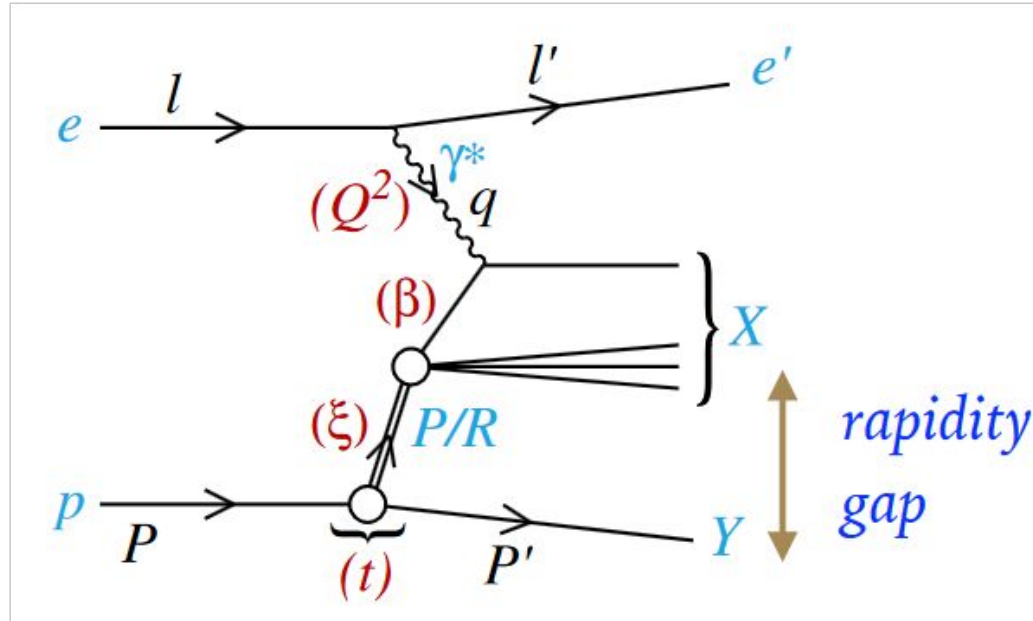
$$Q_s^2(x) \approx (A/x)^{1/3} \times Q_{s0}^2$$



Diffraction

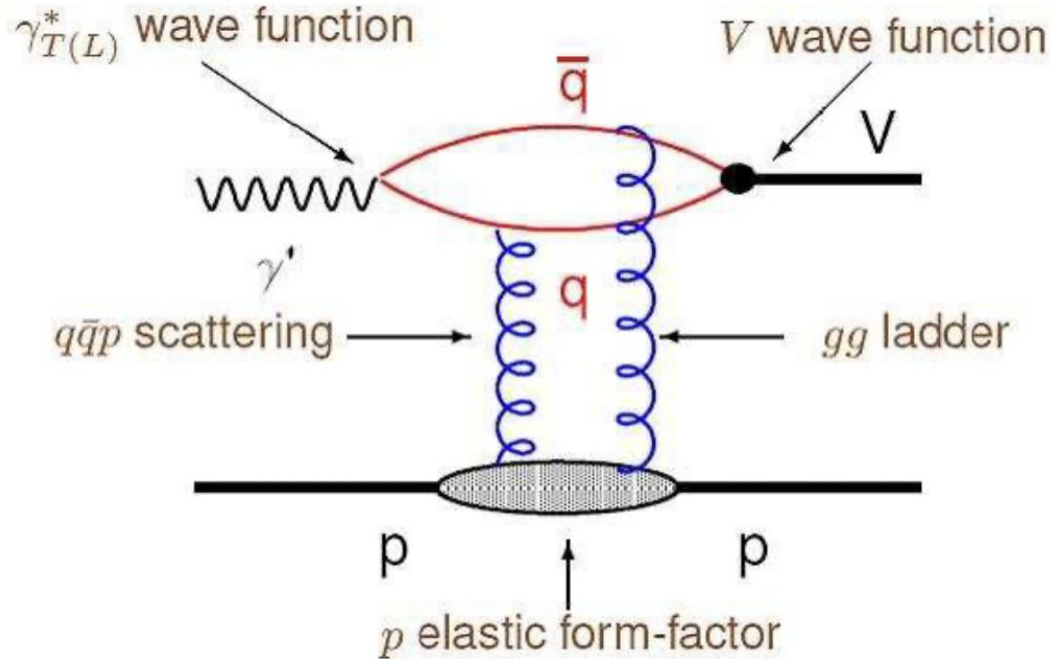
● Rapidity gap explained by colorless QCD exchange (Pomeron-Odderon)

● At very low x very sensitive to saturation



Vector mesons

Bound states have an intrinsic transverse 'width', light states \leftrightarrow large widths \leftrightarrow large dipoles \leftrightarrow sensitive to saturation



Theory overview

Theoretical topics addressed during DIS2024

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Low x asymptotics of spin

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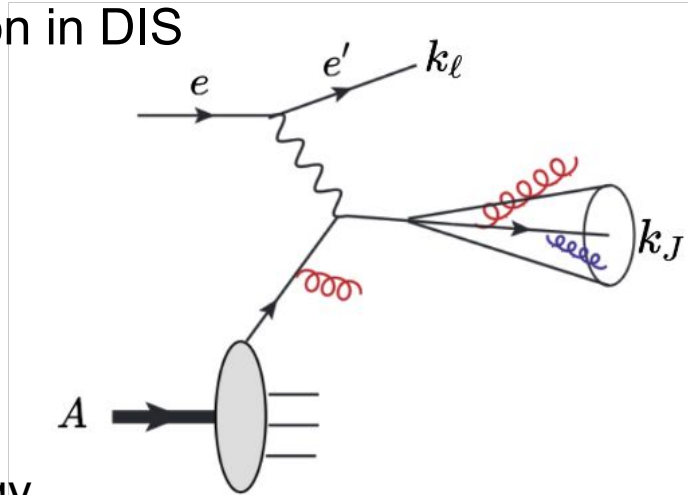
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Modern observables for saturation effects

Lepton-jet correlation in DIS



Transverse Energy-Energy
Correlators (TEEC)

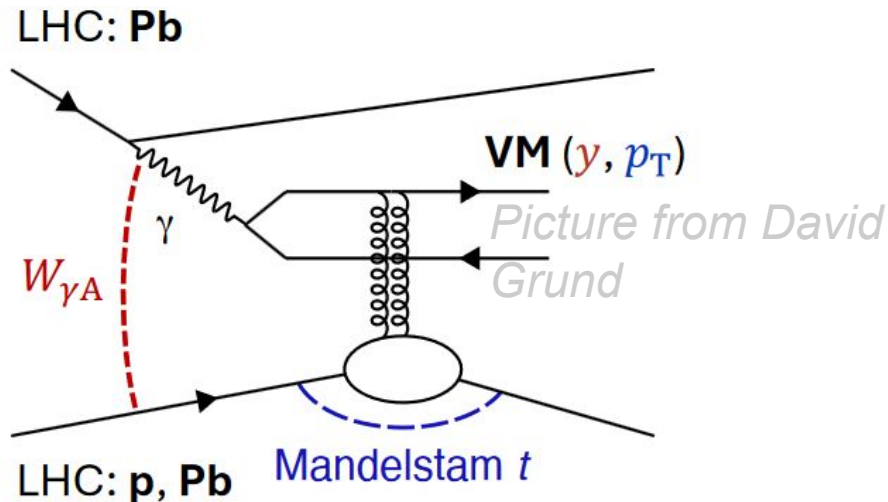
Jani Penttala

Anisotropy (angular harmonics)

Xuan-bo Tong

Modern observables for saturation effects

Vector meson production in ultraperipheral Pb Pb collisions



New ratio to distinguish saturation and shadowing effects *Kong Tu*

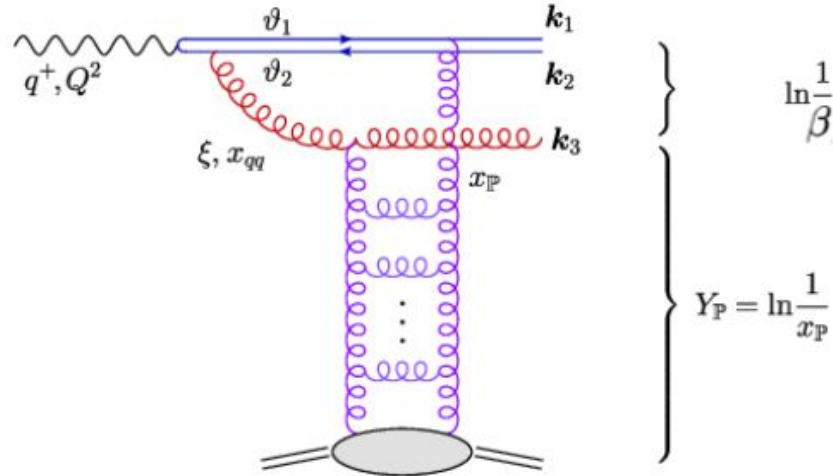
$$R_{\text{UPC}} = \frac{\left[\sigma_{\text{el}}^{\text{VM}} / \left(d\sigma_{\text{inclusive}}^{\text{hadron/jet}} / d^2p_T \right) \right]_{\gamma A}}{\left[\sigma_{\text{el}}^{\text{VM}} / \left(d\sigma_{\text{inclusive}}^{\text{hadron/jet}} / d^2p_T \right) \right]_{\gamma p}}$$

Effects from target geometry and from saturation

Heikki Mantysaari

Modern observables for saturation effects

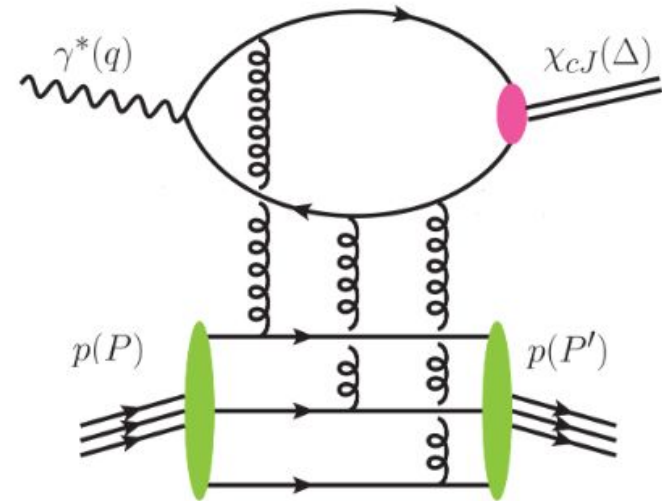
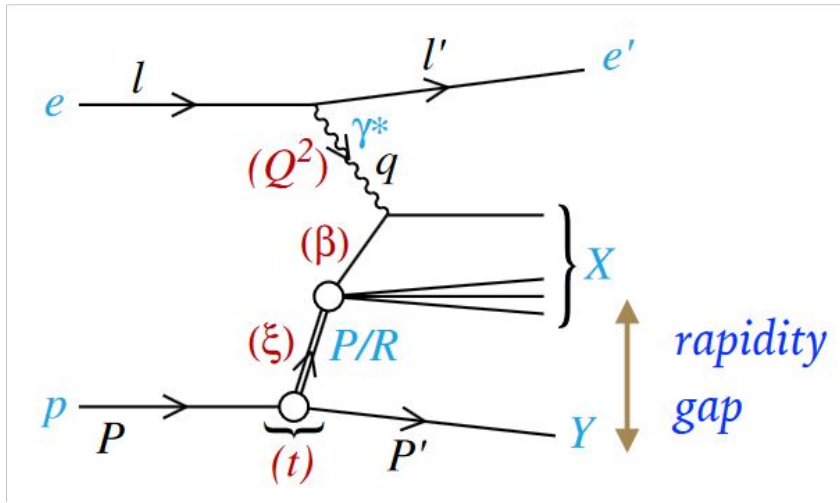
‘Diffractive TMD’ in semi-inclusive diffractive observables *Siggi Hauksson*



Constraining Reggeons, Pomerons and Odderons

Reggeon and Pomeron contributions to diffractive PDFs: HERA fit and EIC pseudodata [Anna Stasto](#)

Predictions for Odderon exchange at the EIC in exclusive C+ quarkonium production [Sanjin Benic](#)



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Towards precision

Loop and log corrections

Properties of the evolution equation

Properties of the non-perturbative inputs

Energy-suppressed power corrections

Loop and log corrections: e.g. meson production in DIS

$$\mathcal{A} = \int d^2\mathbf{r} d^2\mathbf{b} \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{2\pi} (\Psi_\gamma(z, \mathbf{r}, Q^2) \Psi_V(z, \mathbf{r}, Q^2)) e^{-i\mathbf{b} \cdot \Delta} N(z, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r})$$

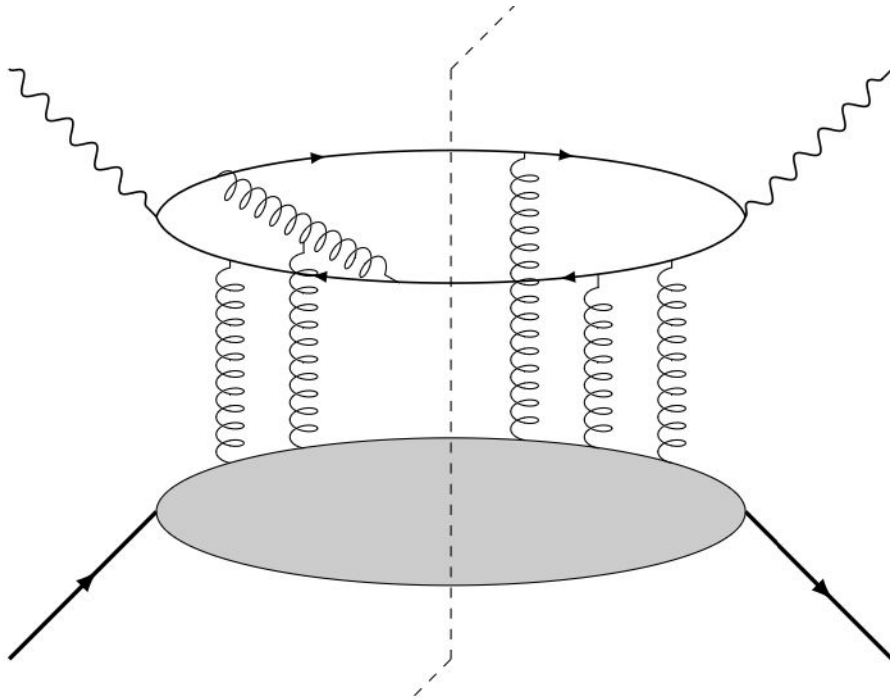
Wave functions: calculable with perturbative techniques

- Loop corrections to wave functions and overlaps

Non-perturbative input (dipole-proton scattering)

- Model building and fits for initial conditions
- NLL corrections to the evolution
- Logarithm resummations in the kernel

Next-to-leading order (NLO) calculations



Dealing with infinite twists:

● Kinematic k_{\perp}^2/Q^2

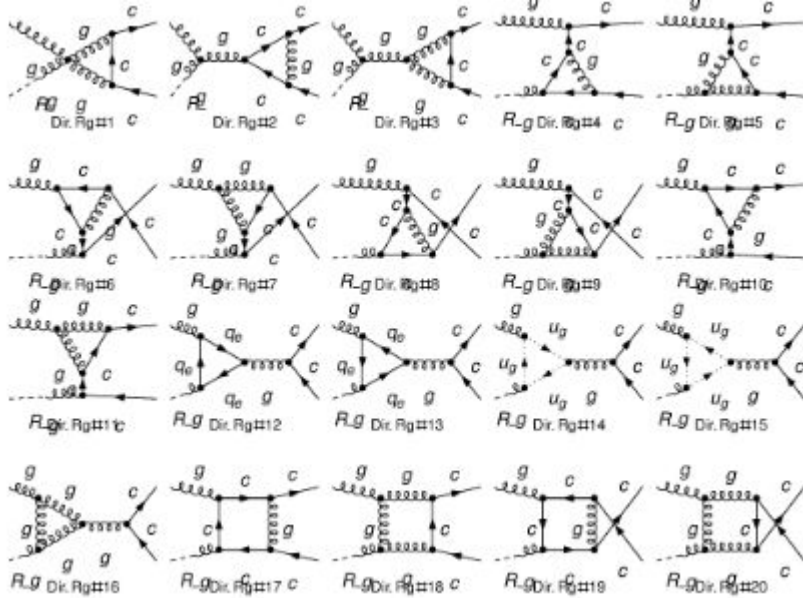
● Genuine (many-body correlators)

Balitsky-Fadin-Kuraev-Lipatov
(BFKL) framework

Color Glass Condensate (CGC)

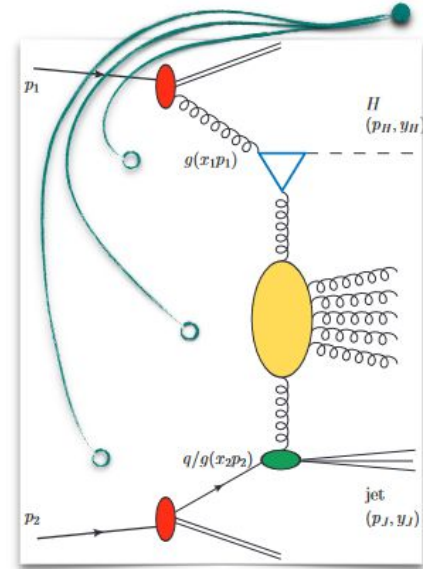
NLO impact factors and amplitudes in a 'dilute' framework

Hadroproduction of η_c *Maxim Nefedov* Higgs+jet in pp *Francesco G. Celiberto*



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Stabilizers \Leftrightarrow large Higgs transverse masses



$$\mu_{F,R} \sim M_{H,\perp}$$

NLO*

= LO + NLO^{RGE}

NLL

NLO*


= LO + NLO^{RGE}

NLO impact factors accounting for saturation

 Diffractive dihadron leptonproduction, deeply virtual meson production

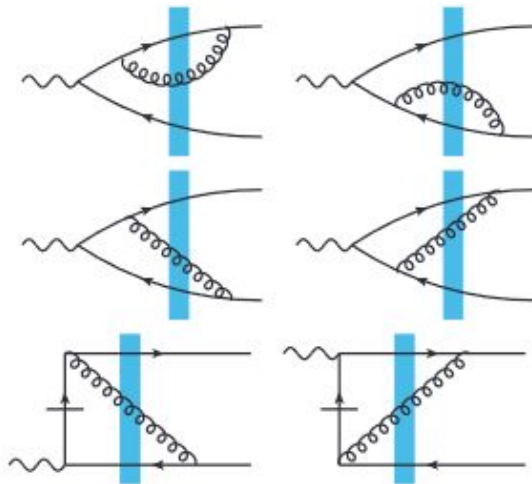
Michael Fucilla

 Diffractive DIS structure functions *Tuomas Lappi*

 Hadroproduction of a photon - jet pair *Yair Mulian*

 SIDIS and dihadron production in DIS

Jamal Jalilian-Marian

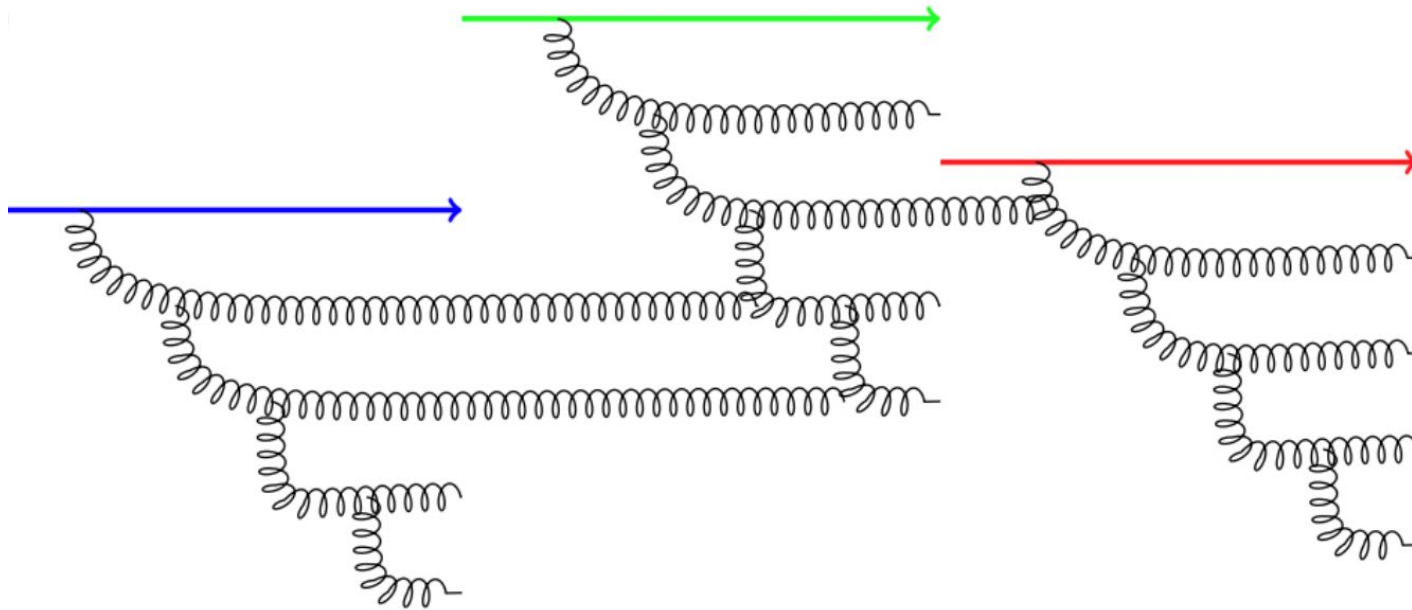


Precision in the evolution kernel (beyond pure NLL)

- 🌐 Resummation of DGLAP logarithms in the JIMWLK kernel *Michael Lublinsky*
- 🌐 Implementation of kinematic constraints in JIMWLK *Piotr Korcyl*
- 🌐 Interpolation between DGLAP/CSS and BFKL evolutions *Swagato Mukherjee*
- 🌐 Improved BFKL scheme for a full observable ($\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow X$) *Dimitri Colferai*

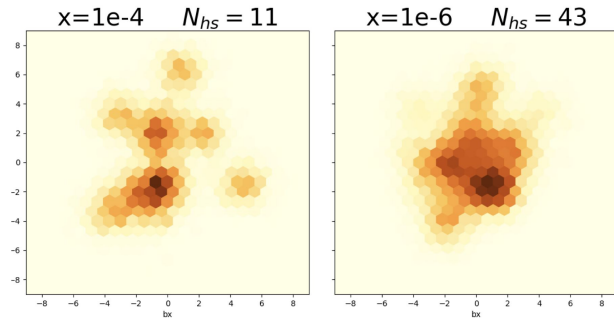
Understanding the evolution equations

- B-JIMWLK, its truncation BK, corresponds to BFKL in the linear regime
- (Non)linear evolution equations in $\ln 1/x \sim \ln s/Q^2$

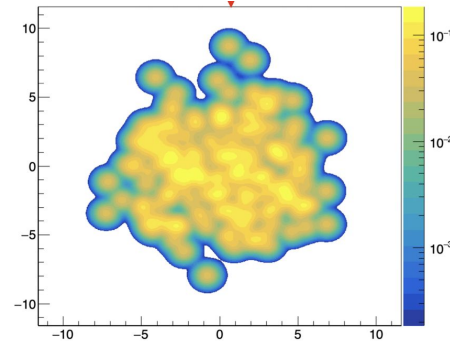


Understanding the evolution equations

Modeling initial conditions with 'hot spots'



*Alexandra
Ridzikova*

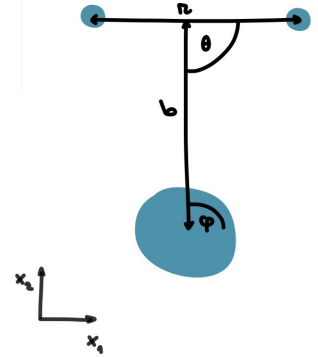


Tobias Toll

Solving (target-side) BK with full impact parameter dependence *Matej Vaculčíak*

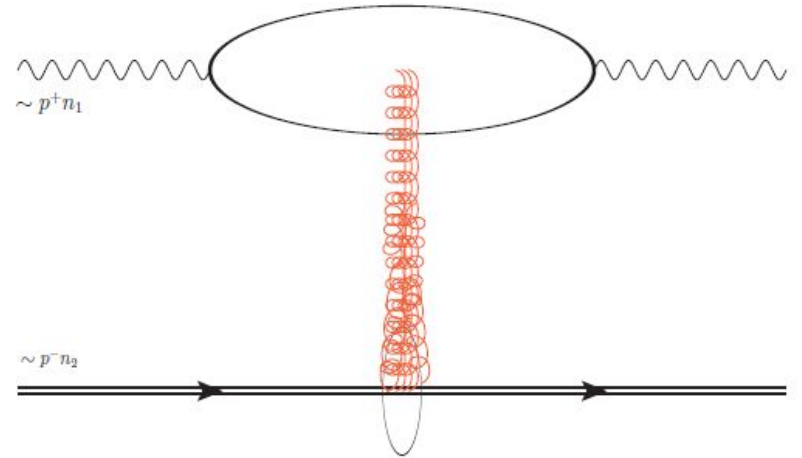
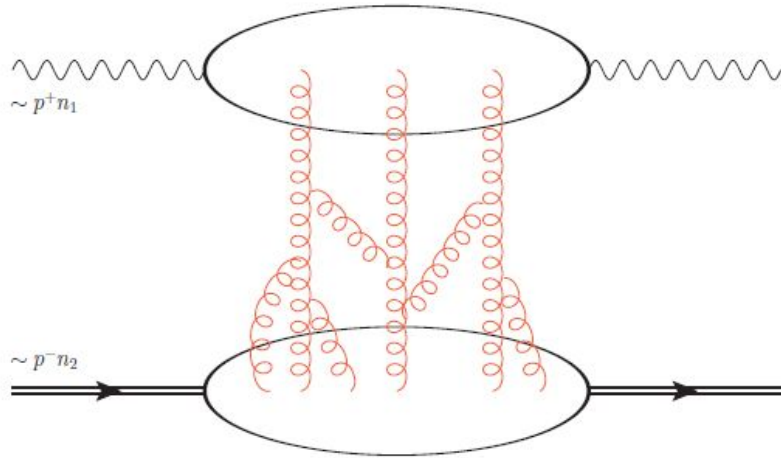
Validating prescriptions for NLO BK against HERA data *Jose Garrido*

Powerful rewriting of the eigenvalues, towards NNLL BFKL *Alex Prygarin*



Corrections to the eikonal approximation

Semi-classical effective description of small-x amplitudes in the eikonal limit: the target is comprised of **highly boosted classical gluon fields**







$$A^\mu(z) = \gamma^{-1} A^+(\gamma z^+, \gamma^{-1} z^-, \mathbf{z}) n_1^\mu + \gamma A^-(\gamma z^+, \gamma^{-1} z^-, \mathbf{z}) n_2^\mu + A_\perp^\mu(\gamma z^+, \gamma^{-1} z^-, \mathbf{z})$$

$$A^\mu(z) \sim_{\gamma \sim \sqrt{s} \rightarrow \infty} \delta(z^+) a^-(\mathbf{z}_\perp) n_1^\mu$$

Corrections to the eikonal approximation

Pedro Agostini, Guillaume Beuf, Swaleha Mulani, Gabriel Santiago, Josh Tawabutr

$$A^\mu(z) = \delta(z^+) a^-(z_\perp) n_1^\mu + O(s^{-1/2})$$

-  Extension of the longitudinal support beyond 0
-  Contribution from classical quark fields [Mulani, Santiago, Tawabutr](#) and from transverse fields [Beuf, Santiago, Tawabutr](#)
-  Longitudinal momentum transfer [Beuf](#)
-  Comparison to QCD factorization in the leading [Mulani](#) and first subleading twist limits [Beuf](#)

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Low x contribution to the proton spin decomposition

$$\frac{1}{2} = \underbrace{\text{Spin of all Quarks}}_{S_q} + \underbrace{\text{Spin of Gluons}}_{S_G} + \underbrace{\text{Angular Momentum of all Quarks}}_{L_q} + \underbrace{\text{Angular Momentum of Gluons}}_{L_G}$$

Jaffe-Manohar
sum rule

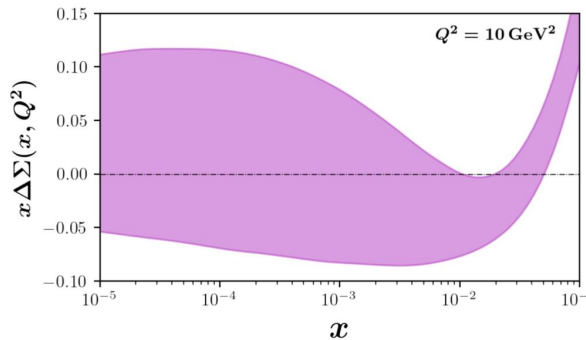
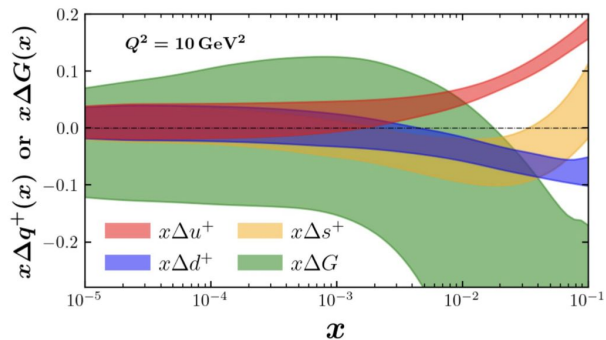
$$S_q(Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx \frac{1}{2} \int_{0.001}^1 dx \Delta\Sigma(x, 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \in [0.15, 0.20]$$

$$S_G(Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx \int_{0.05}^1 dx \Delta G(x, 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \in [0.13, 0.26]$$

Spin distributions at small x

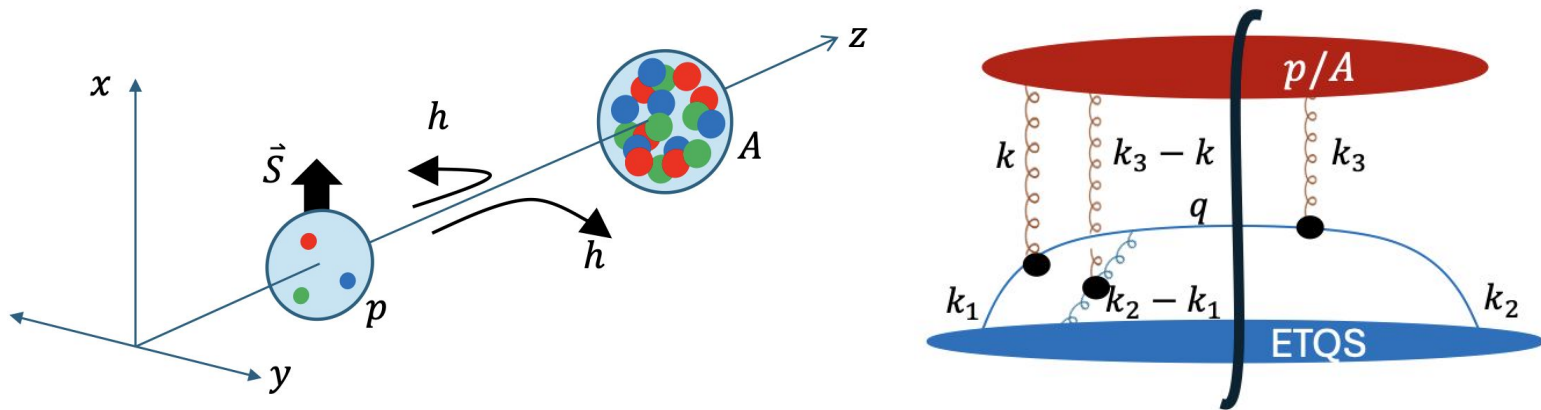
Leading Twist Quark TMDs				
		Quark Polarization		
		U	L	T
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1^S \sim x^{-\frac{4\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \ln(2)}$		$h_1^{\perp S} \sim x$
	L		$g_1^S \sim x^{-3.66\sqrt{\alpha_s N_c/2\pi}}$	$h_{1L}^{\perp S} \sim x$
	T	$f_{1T}^{\perp S} \sim x^{-2.9\sqrt{\alpha_s N_c/4\pi}}$	$g_{1T}^S \sim x^{-2.9\sqrt{\alpha_s N_c/4\pi}}$	$h_1^S \sim h_{1T}^{\perp S} \sim x^{1-2\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}}$

Gabriel Santiago



Josh Tawabutr

Transverse single spin asymmetries (TSSA)



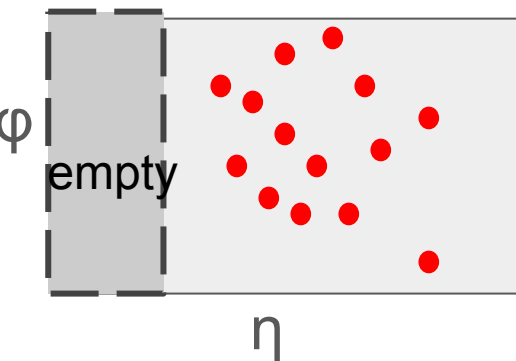
Contribution to TSSA from Odderon exchanges at small x

Eric Vivoda

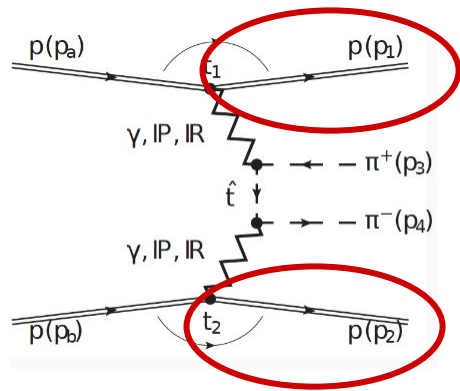
Experimental overview

Experimentalist toolbox for diffraction & photoproduction

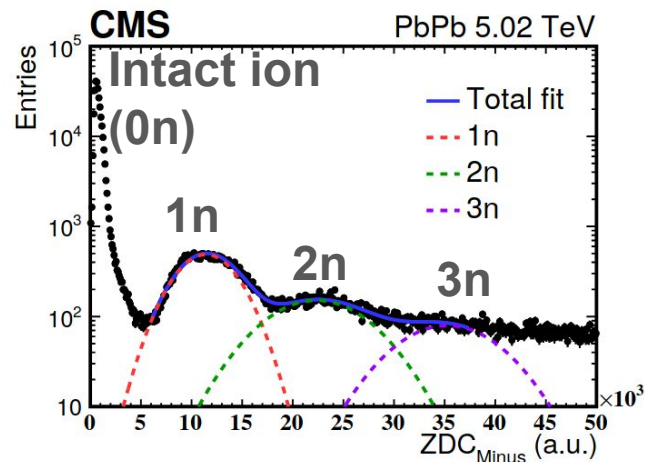
pp, pA, AA



pp, pA?



pA, AA



Rapidity gaps
(no particle activity)

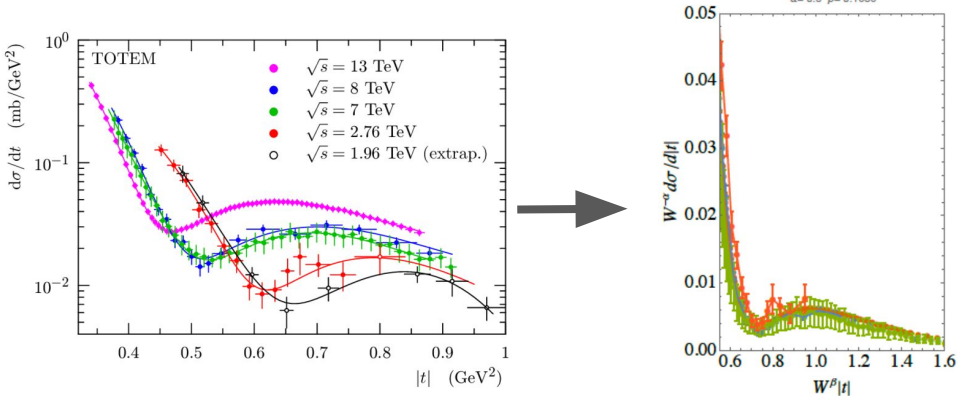
Tagging outgoing hadron
(e.g., Roman pots in
ATLAS, CMS/TOTEM)

Tagging neutron emissions from giant
dipole resonances
(Zero degree calorimeters in
CMS, ATLAS, ALICE, STAR)

“Simple” final states help isolate signal further (e.g., pair of back-to-back tracks)

Soft diffraction & low-energy photoproduction

Energy-invariant features in $pp \rightarrow pp$ scattering at ISR & LHC, geometric scaling in data? *Michał Praszalowicz*



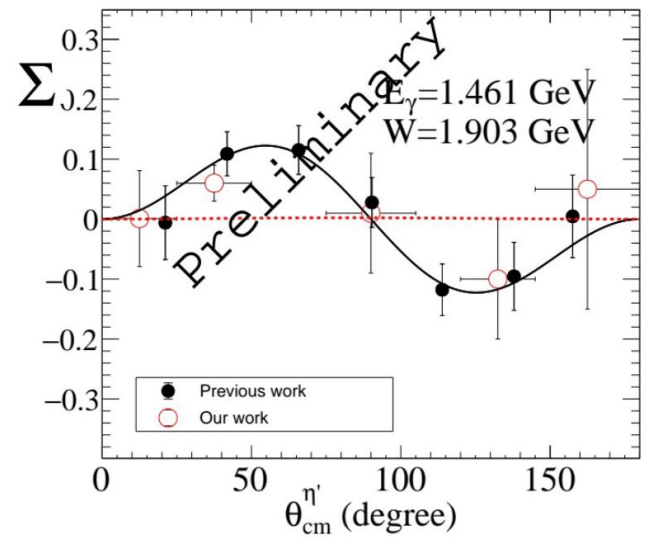
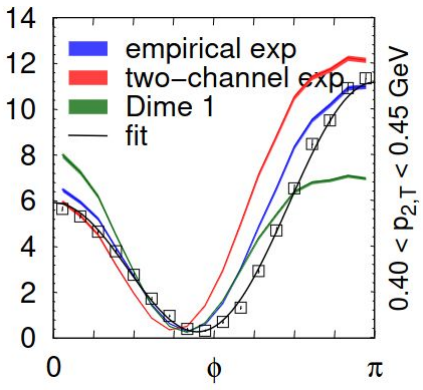
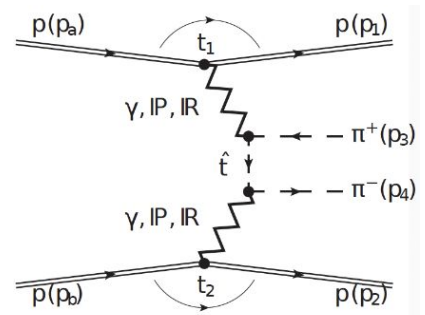
η' -photoproduction to constrain nucleon resonances at Graal $\gamma^* n \rightarrow \eta' n$ (experiment @ Grenoble!),

Antonio Riggio

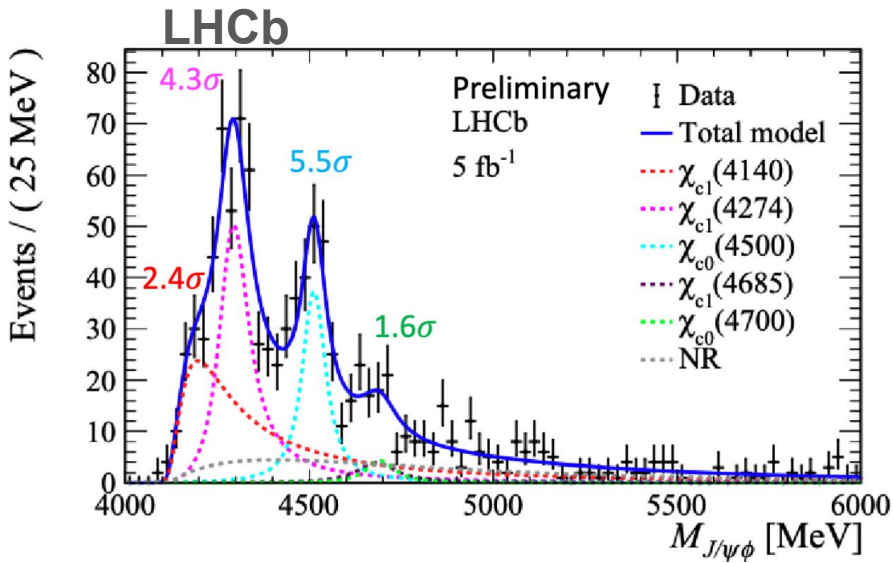
Nonresonant $pp \rightarrow p h^+ h^- p$, triple-differential cross section

Michael Pitt

CMS-TOTEM

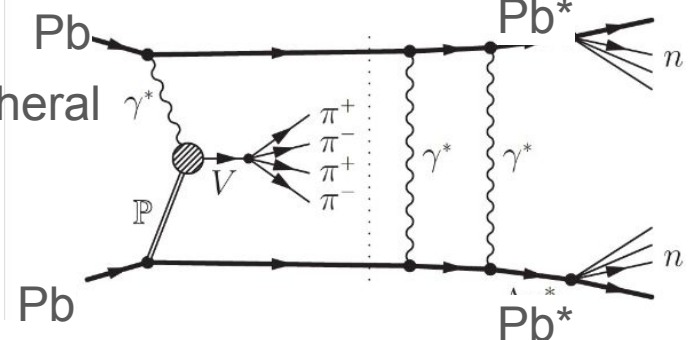


Exotic states & new PDG inputs

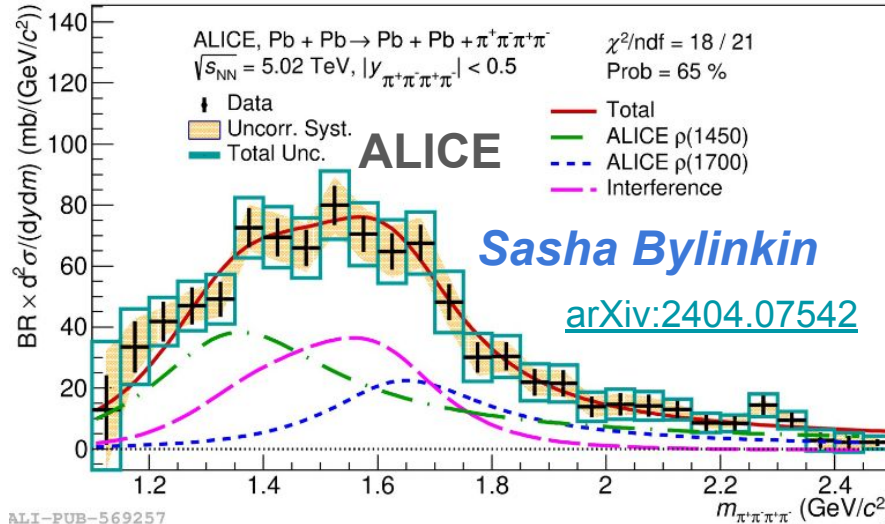


Sharp signatures of exotic states in exclusive production!
Cesar da Silva

Ultrapерipheral
 ($b \geq 2R$)



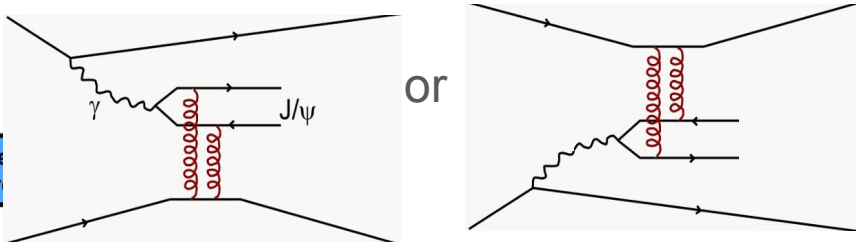
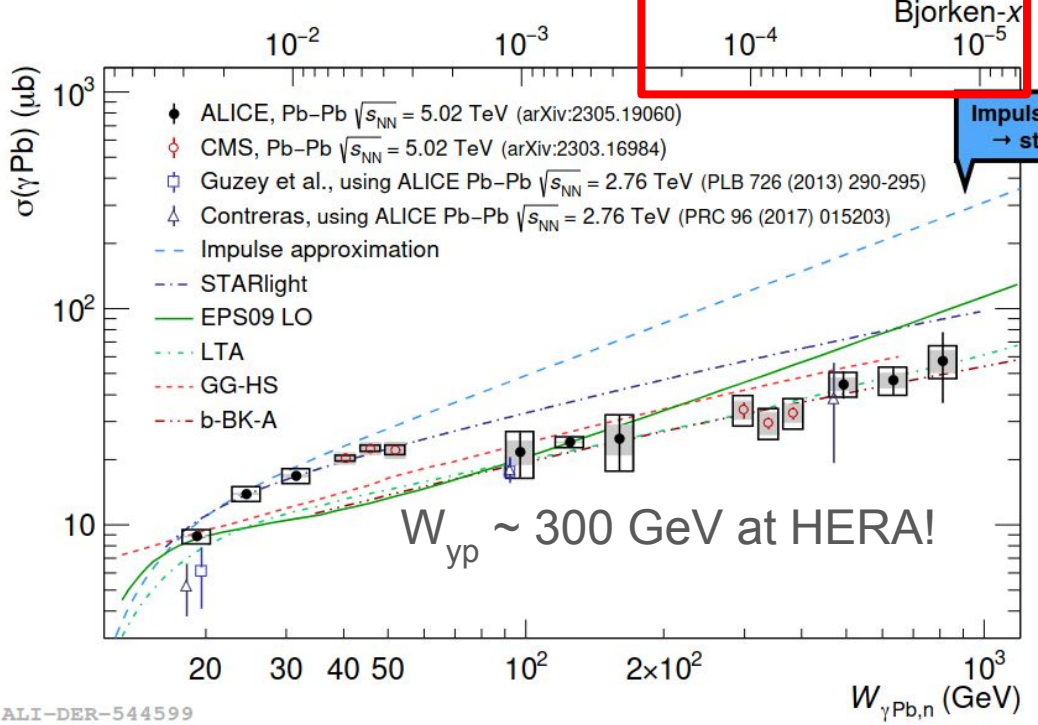
Exclusive four-pion in PbPb
 Interference of $\rho(1450)$ and $\rho(1700)$ states
 + **new inputs to PDG for mass & width**



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Coherent J/psi photoproduction in photon-nucleus frame

Guillermo Contreras

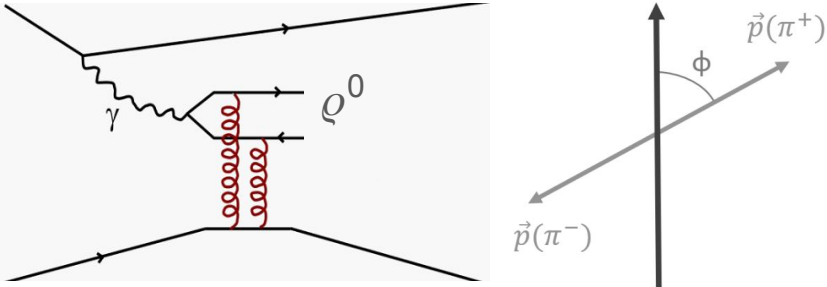


- Two-way ambiguity in symmetric PbPb system; has been overcome w/ the use of ZDC!
- Strong suppression with respect to W_{yp} cross section scaled to number of nucleons
- no single model describes globally the data at small- x & high- x

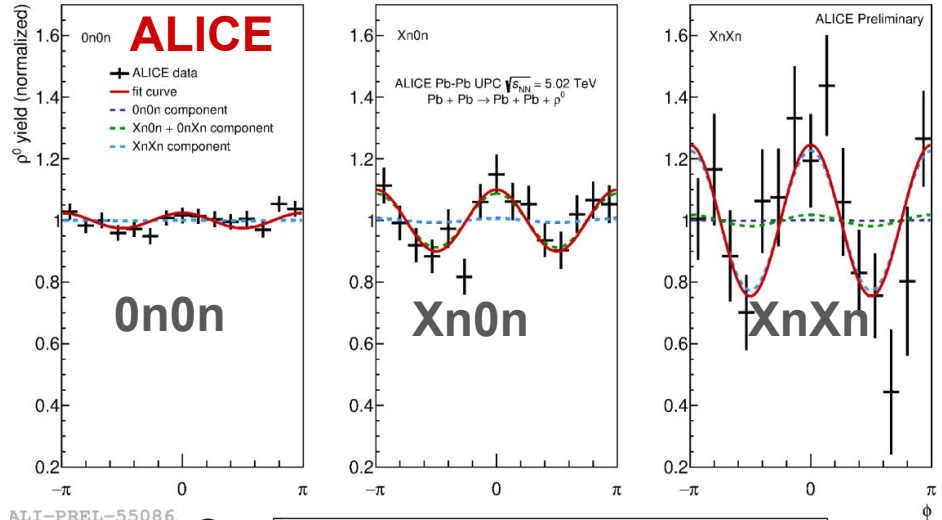
CMS&ALICE overcoming two-way ambiguity in PbPb!
Crucial to disentangle small- x evolution

Azimuthal anisotropy in exclusive ρ^0 photoproduction (evolution with ZDC activity)

Andrea Riffero



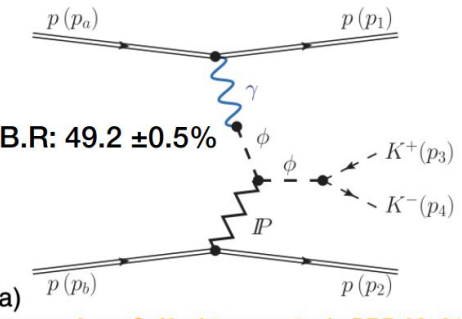
Large \rightarrow small impact parameter



Exclusive K^+K^- photoproduction in PbPb

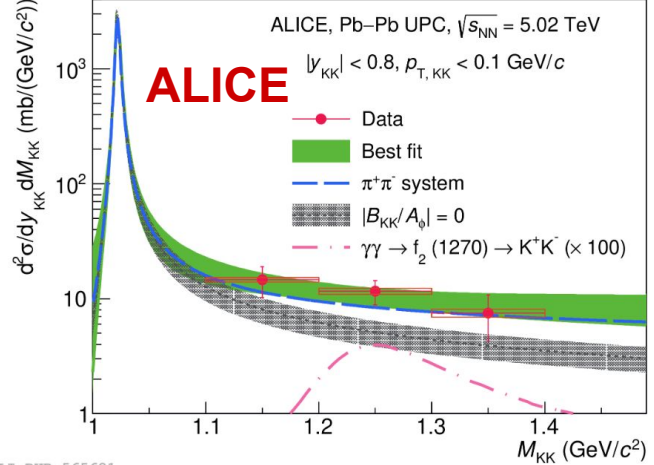
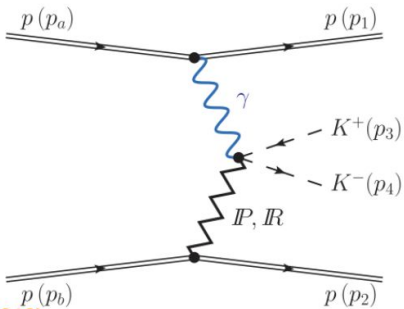
Minjung Kim

$\phi(1020)$ photoproduction



B.R: $49.2 \pm 0.5\%$

Nonresonant continuum (Drell-Söding) production

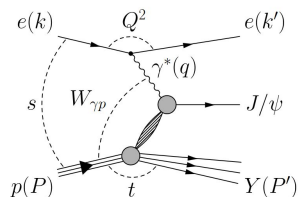


Incoherent J/ψ photoproduction in photon-proton & photon-nucleus

Constrains subnucleonic fluctuations (“hotspots”) expected from saturation models

$$y^* \text{Pb} \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{Pb}^*$$

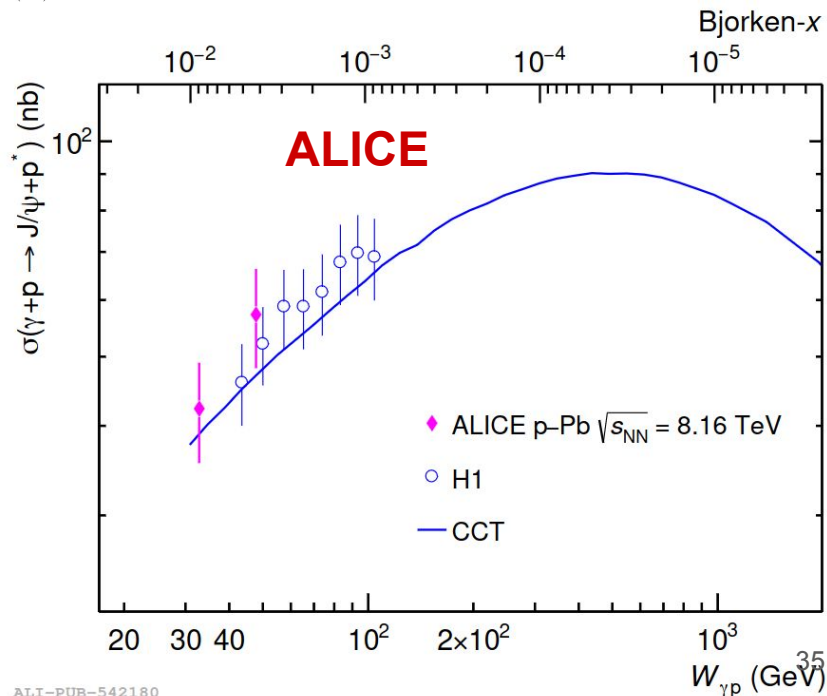
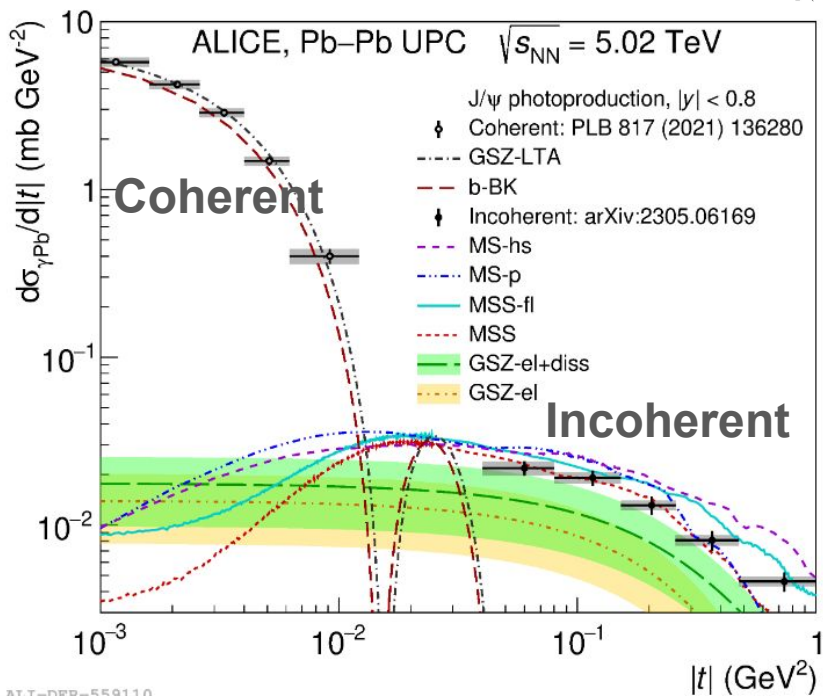
David Grund



$$y^* p \rightarrow J/\psi + p^* \text{ (dissociative)}$$

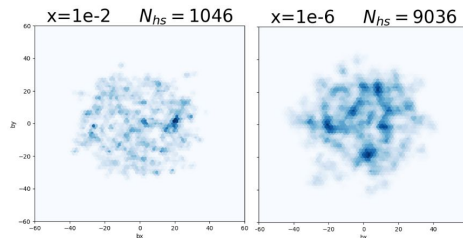
2016 pPb data keeps giving!

Consistent with H1 data

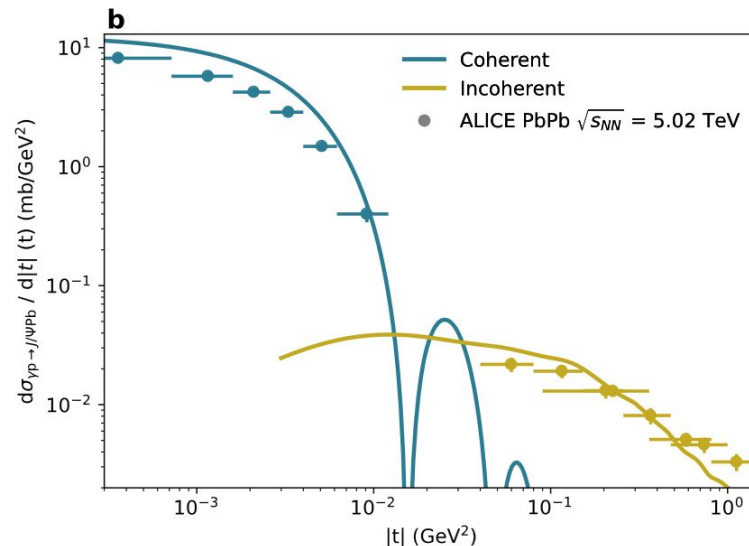
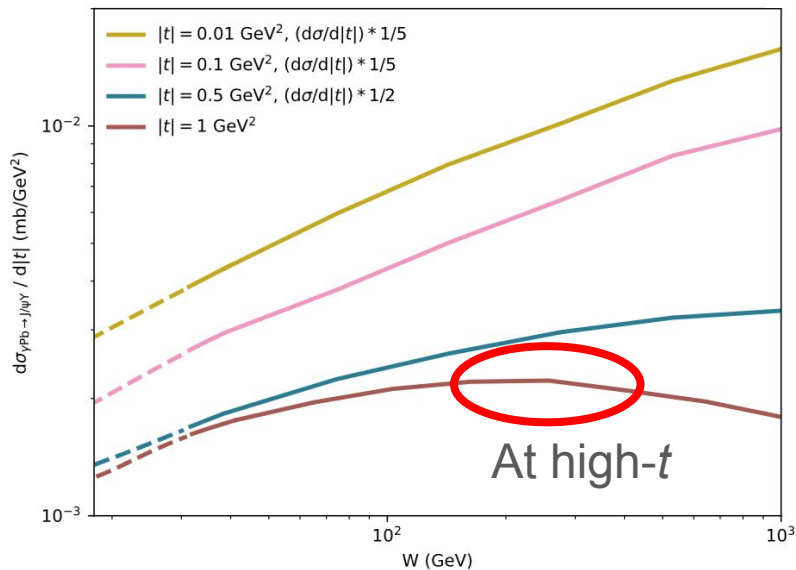


Onset of gluon saturation could be identified using incoherent J/ψ production (hotspot model)

Alexandra Ridziková



Hotspots in transverse plane



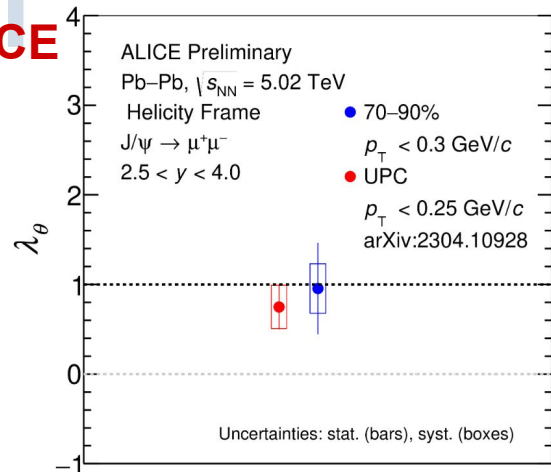
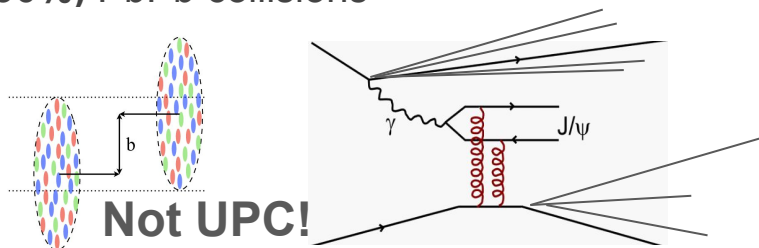
Saturation sets in “sooner” than for coherent J/ψ photoproduction

Beyond *exclusive* photoproduction...?

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- Further understanding of coherent J/ψ photoproduction in *peripheral* (70-90%) PbPb collisions

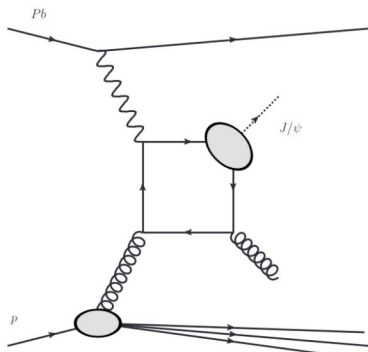
Afnan Shatat



Polarization of J/ψ in peripherals consistent with UPC J/ψ 's

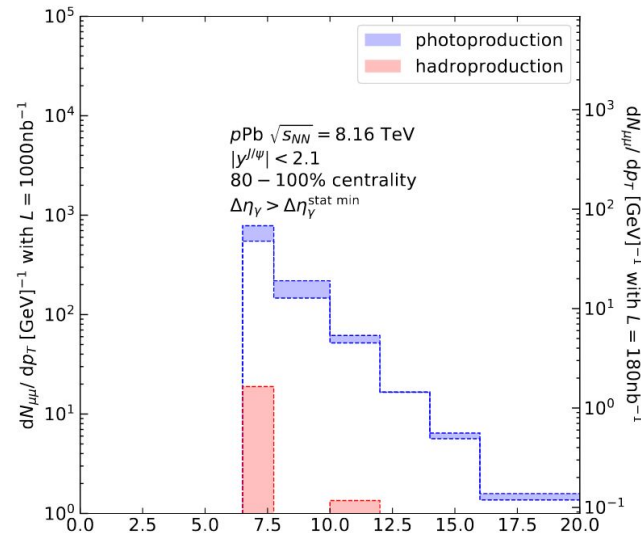
- Inclusive* J/ψ photoproduction is possible at the LHC! (not yet measured at the LHC!)

Kate Lynch



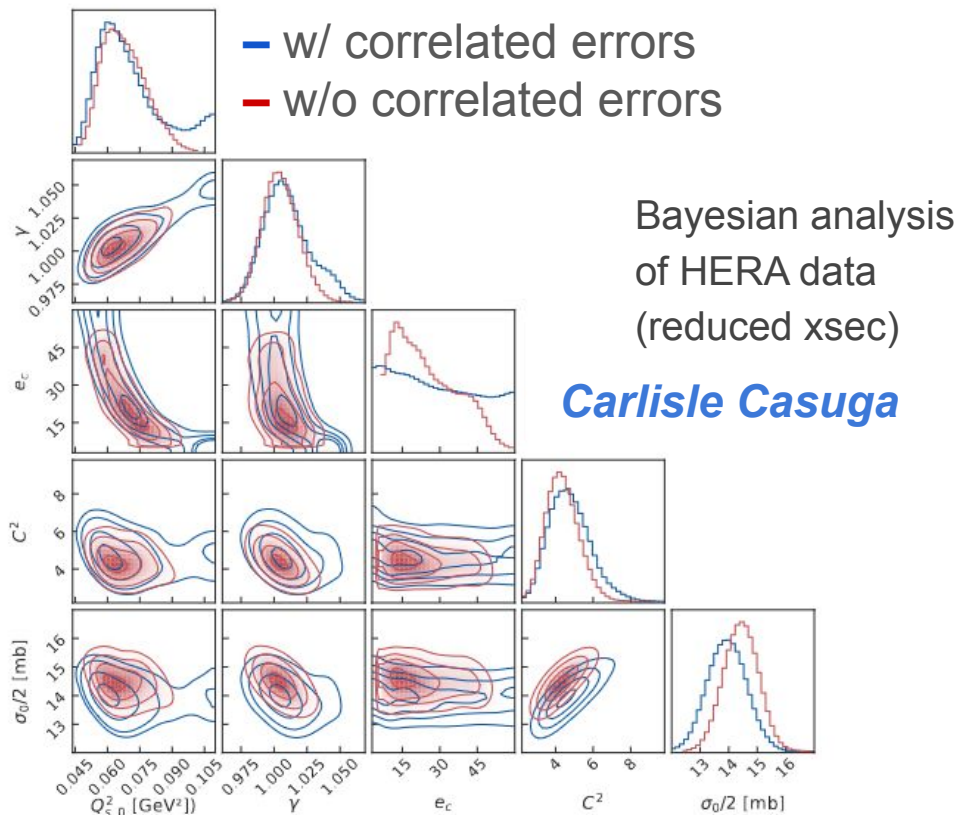
J/ψ p_T up to 20 GeV at the LHC
($p_T \sim 10$ GeV@HERA)

WG2 @ DIS2024



HERA data fits

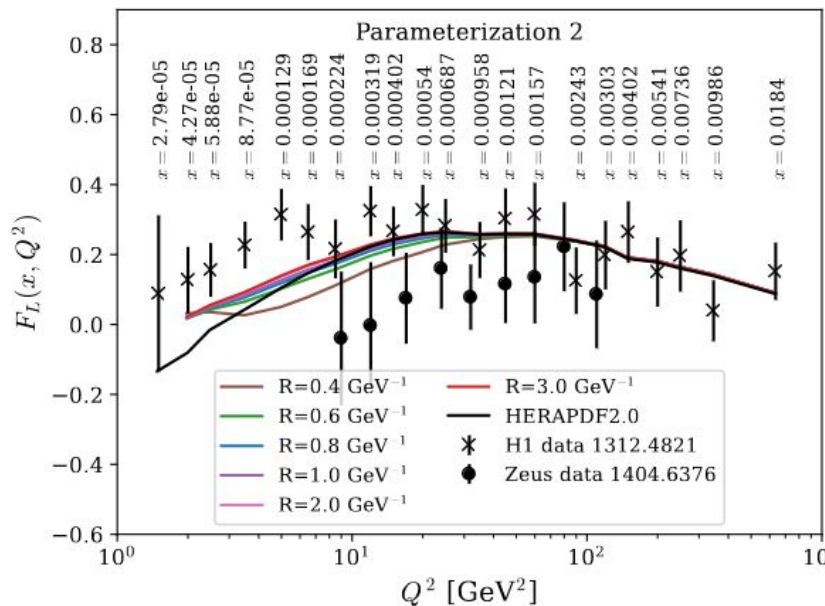
Posterior distributions of BK initial condition params.



Global PDF fits with nonlinear corrections (HOPPET + xFitter)

No clear signs of gluon recombination

Pit Duwentäster



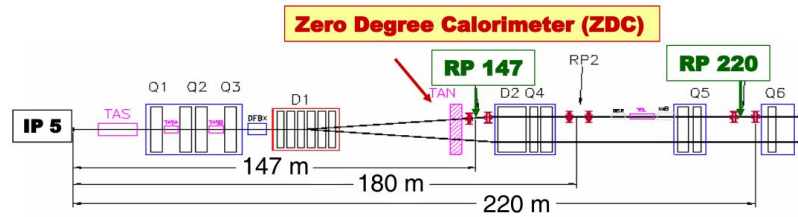
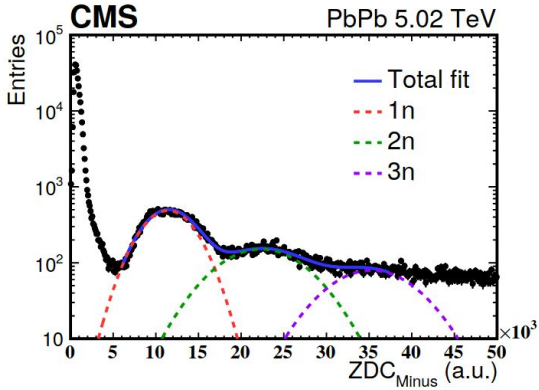
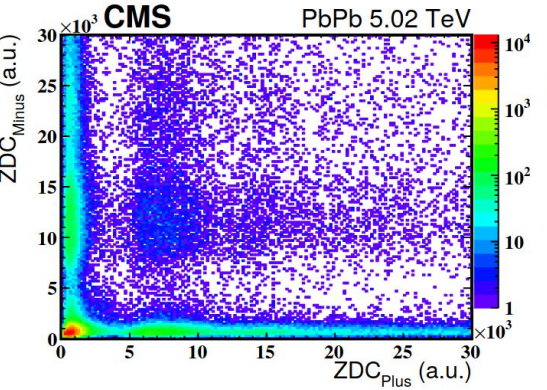
Crucial for experimentalists to provide covariance matrices!

Thanks to the organisers, and to all the session speakers & attendees!

Backup

Forward neutron multiplicity \Leftrightarrow impact parameter "filter"

Softer photon-exchange in addition to hard scattering \rightarrow forward neutrons from nuclear breakup
 Events can be categorized w.r.t. Zero Degree Calorimeter (**ZDC**) activity (0n0n, 0nXn, XnXn, with X = 1, 2, ...)

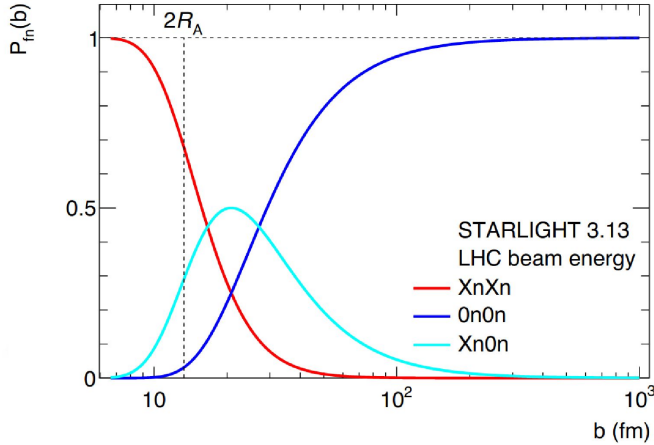


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Selection of a specific ZDC topology is also filtering on a range of impact parameters.

Xn0n or XnXn select smaller impact parameters than 0n0n!



arXiv:2005.01872, S. Klein, P. Steinberg, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 70 (2020) 323