

# Low- $x$ and diffractive physics at future electro proton/ion colliders

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HERA - what have we learned, what is missing

Future facilities

- high luminosity, precise, electron-proton/ion scattering

  - EIC  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  of HERA CMS energy, similar  $x$ - range

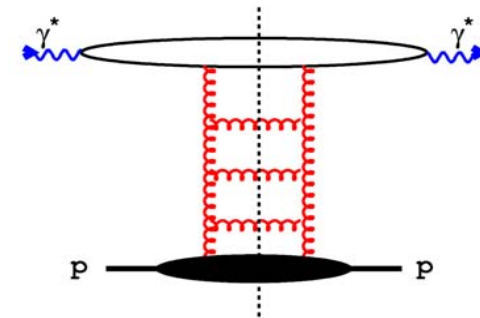
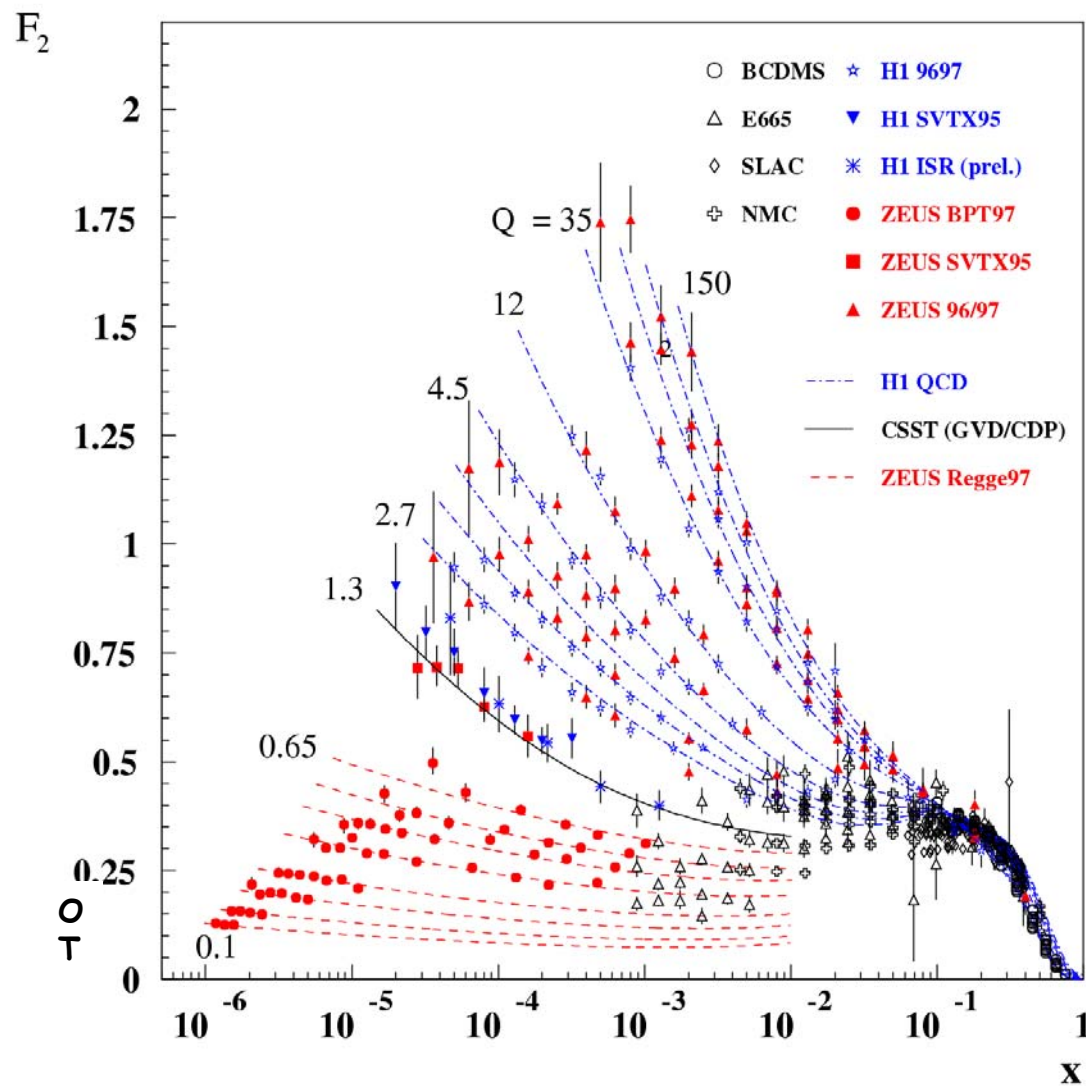
  - LHeC  $\sim 5 \times$  HERA CMS energy,  $x$  - range extended by factor  $\sim 100$

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Saturated gluon densities

Nuclear tomography

Pomeron-Graviton correspondence



$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma p} = \frac{1}{W^2} \text{Im} A_{el}(W^2, t=0) \quad \frac{O}{T}$$

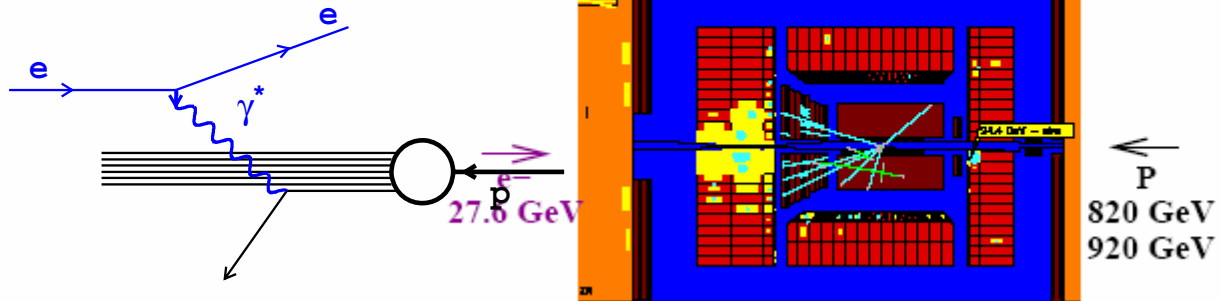
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2 \alpha_{em}} \cdot \sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p}(W, Q^2) \quad x \approx \frac{Q^2}{W^2}$$

Behavior of  $F_2$  is dominated by gluon density at small- $x$

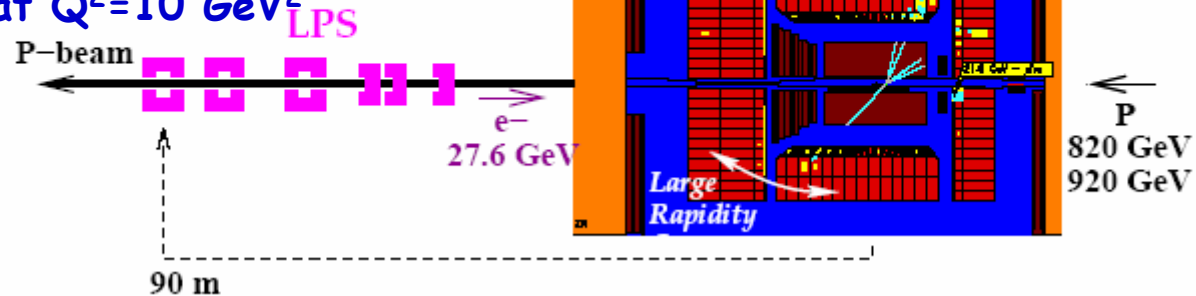
gluon density is determined from fits to  $F_2$

# Hard Diffraction - the HERA surprise

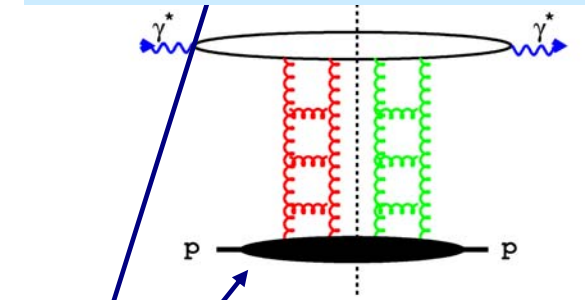
## Non-Diffractive Event



## Diffractive Event expected before HERA <0.01%, seen over 10% at $Q^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2$



$$\tau_{qq} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta E} \approx \frac{1}{m_p x} \approx 10 - 1000 \text{ fm}$$



Diffraction at HERA is so large because it is a shadow of DIS (i.e. inelastic processes)  $\rightarrow$  dipole picture

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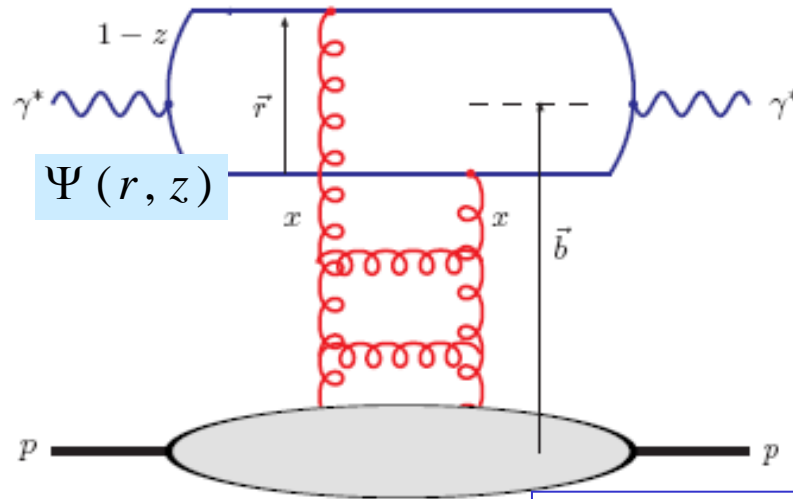
## Dipole Models

equivalent to LO perturbative QCD for small dipoles

NNPZ, GLM, FKS, GBW, MMS  
DGKP, BGBK, IIM, FSS.....

KT - Kowalski, Teaney

KMW - Kowalski, Motyka, Watt



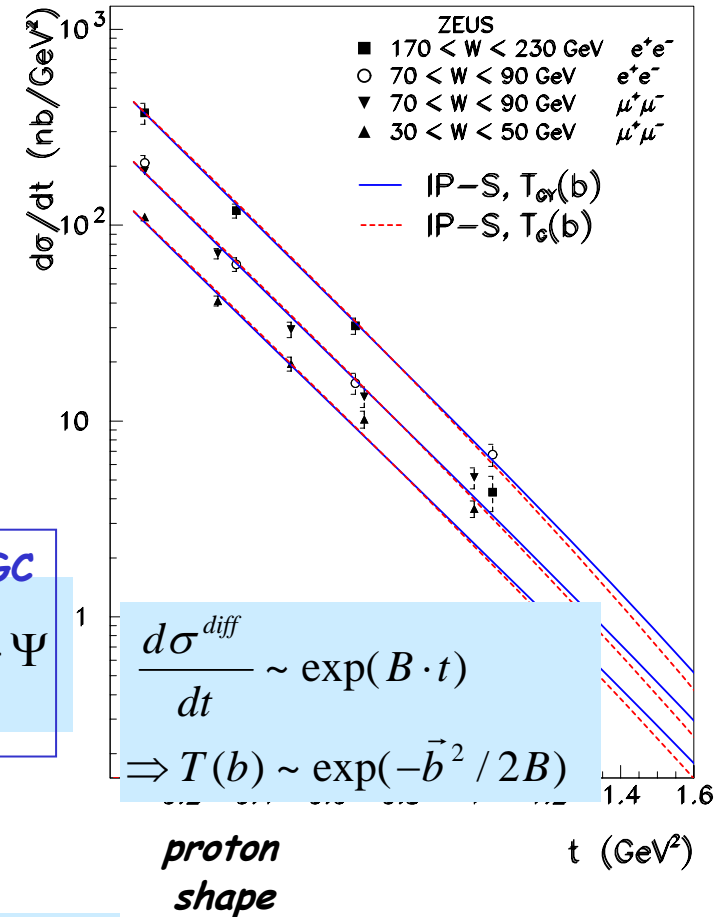
$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p} = \int d^2 \vec{r} \int_0^1 dz \int d^2 b \Psi^* \cdot 2 \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega}{2}\right) \right\} \Psi$$

Optical  
Theorem

$$\Omega = \frac{\pi^2}{N_C} r^2 \alpha_s(\mu^2) x g(x, \mu^2) T(b)$$

G-M or classical CGC

$$\frac{d\sigma_{VM}^{\gamma^* p}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left| \int d^2 \vec{r} \int d^2 b e^{-i\vec{b} \cdot \vec{\Delta}} \int_0^1 dz \Psi_{VM}^* 2 \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\Omega}{2}\right) \right\} \Psi \right|^2$$



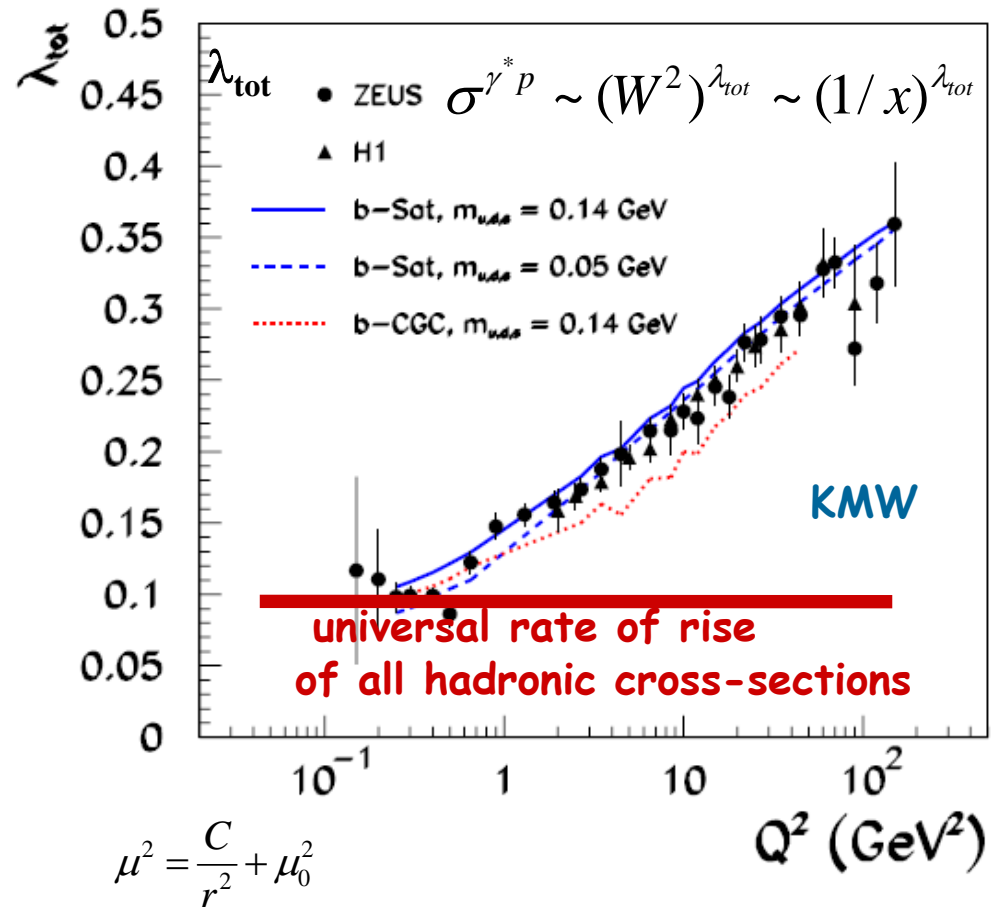
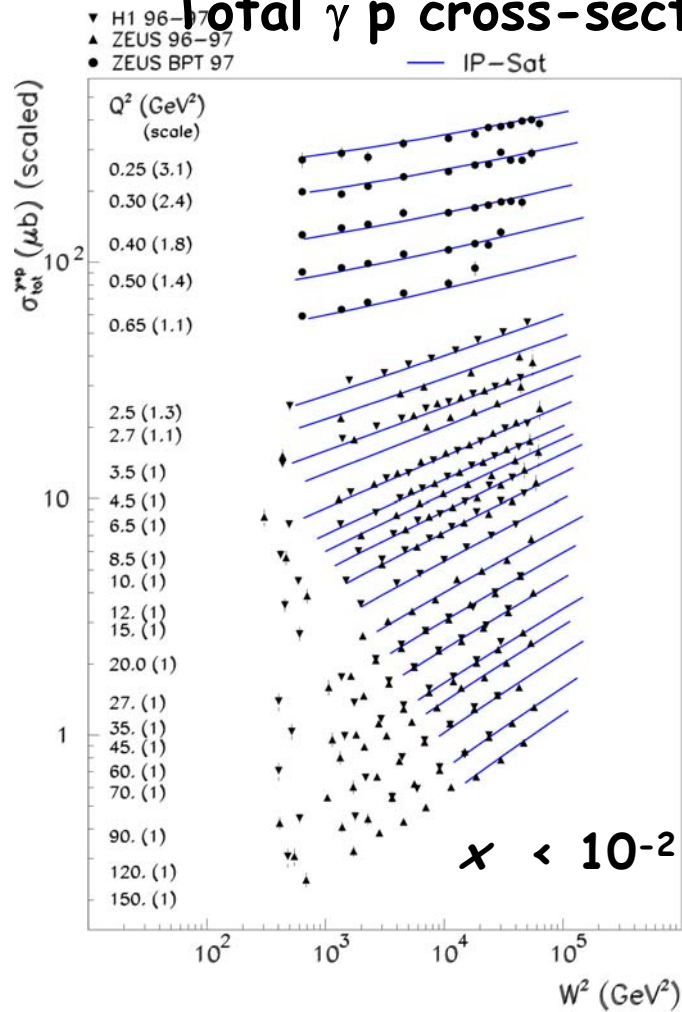
$$\frac{d\sigma^{diff}}{dt} \sim \exp(B \cdot t)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(b) \sim \exp(-\vec{b}^2 / 2B)$$

proton  
shape

KT

# Total $\gamma^* p$ cross-section

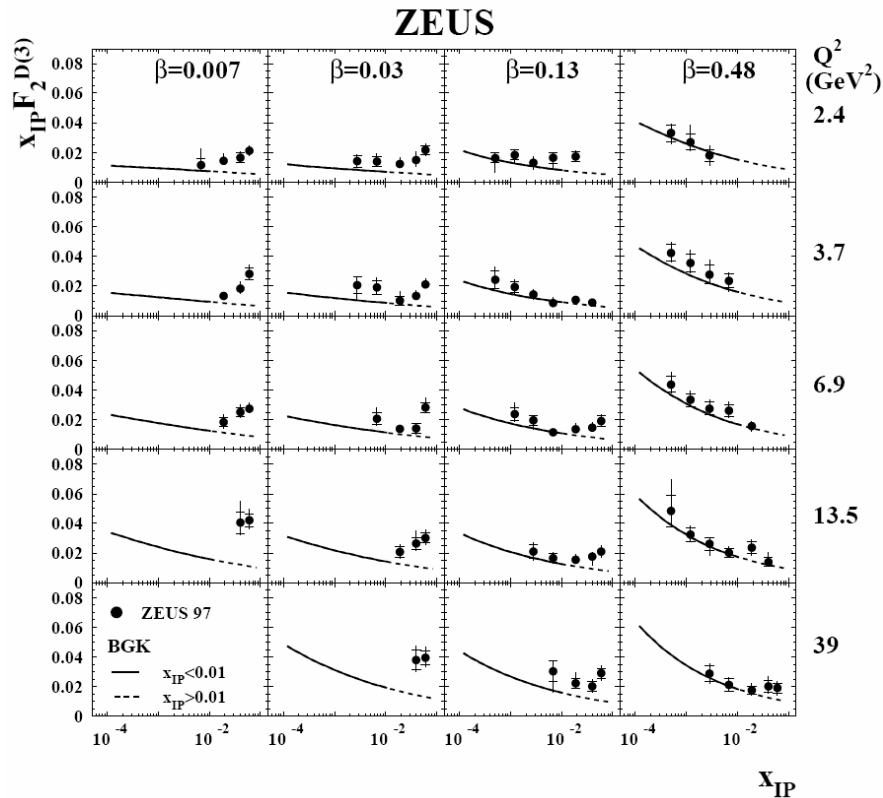
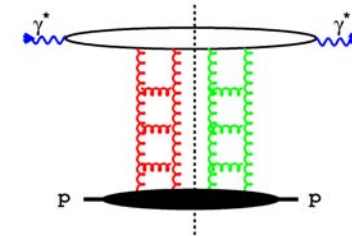


$$\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}}{d^2b} = 2 \left[ 1 - \exp \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{2N_c} r^2 \alpha_S(\mu^2) x g(x, \mu^2) T(b) \right) \right] \quad x g(x, \mu_0^2) = A_g \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^{\lambda_g} (1-x)^{5.6} \quad \text{b-Sat}$$

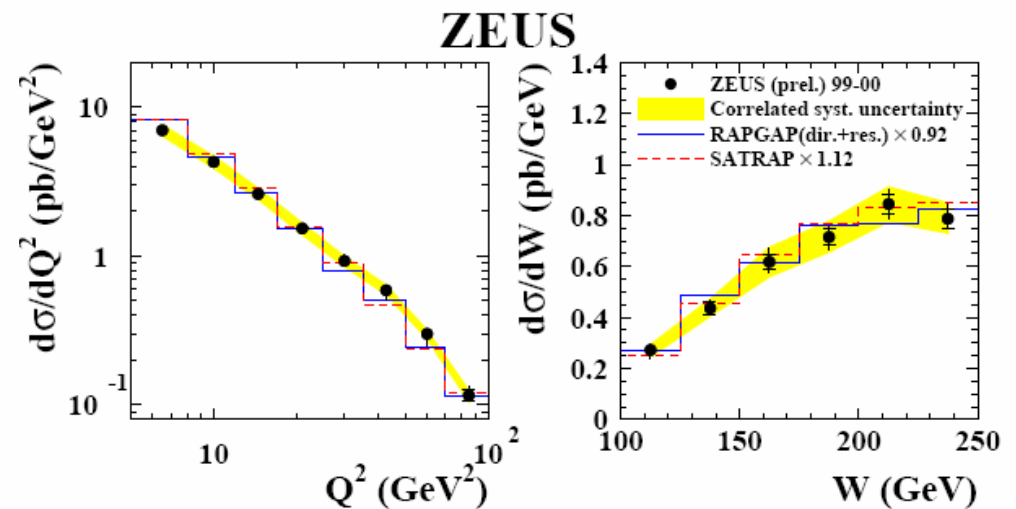
$$\frac{d\sigma_{q\bar{q}}}{d^2b} \equiv 2\mathcal{N}(x, r, b) = 2 \times \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}_0 \left( \frac{rQ_s}{2} \right)^{2\left(\gamma_s + \frac{1}{\kappa\lambda Y} \ln \frac{2}{rQ_s}\right)} & : \quad rQ_s \leq 2 \\ 1 - e^{-A \ln^2(BrQ_s)} & : \quad rQ_s > 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{b- CGC or quantum-CGC}$$

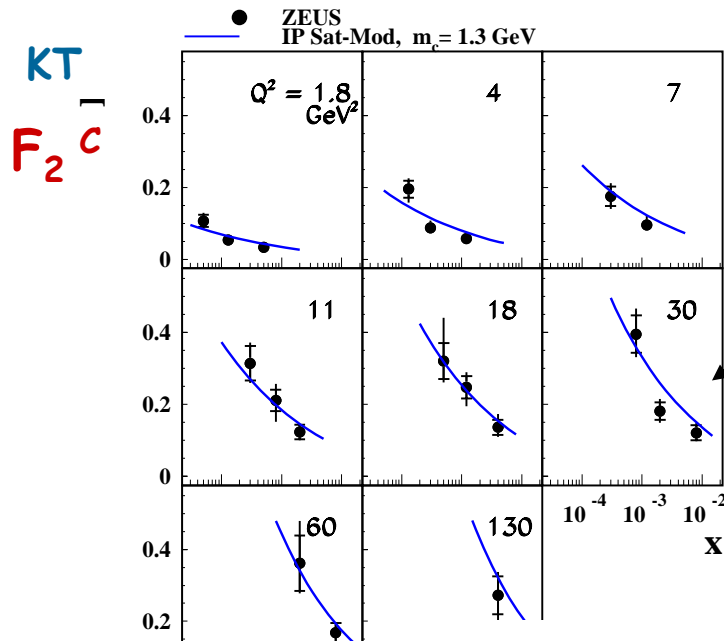
Dipole Model - gluon density convoluted with dipole wave functions  
simultaneous prediction/description of many reactions

Inclusive Diffractive Cross Section

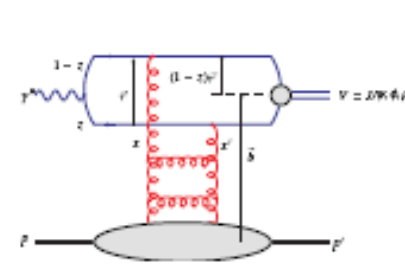


Diffractive Di-jets  
 $Q^2 > 5 \text{ GeV}^2$

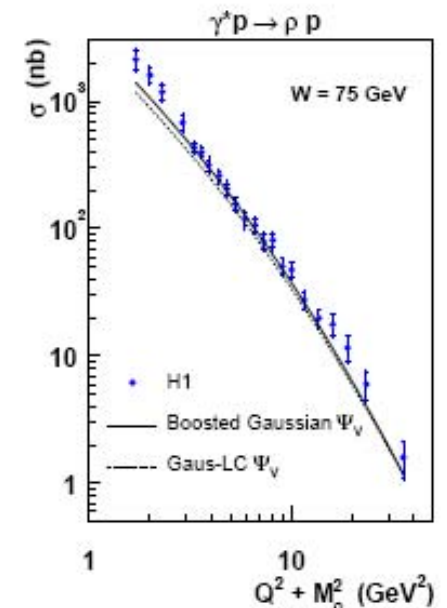
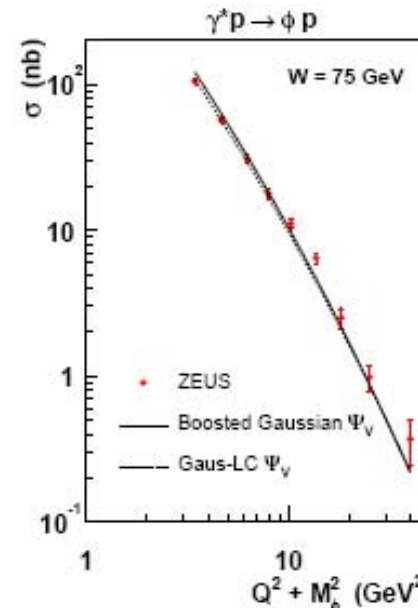
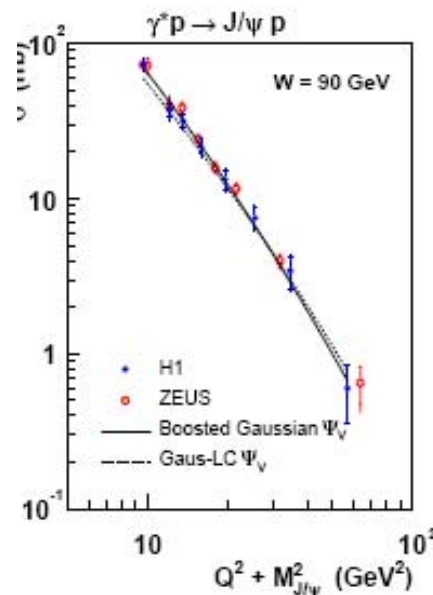
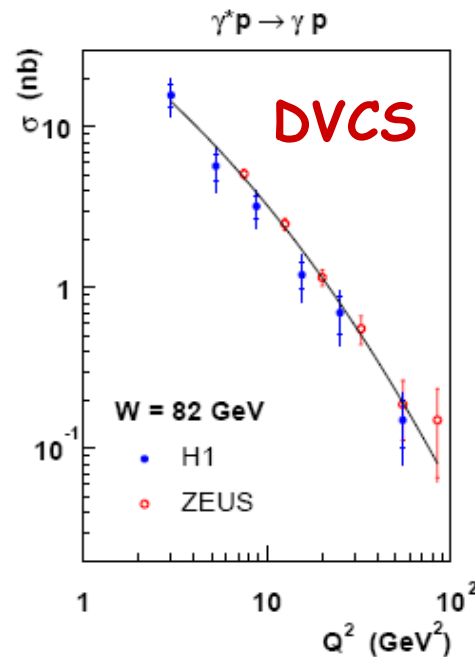




from gluon density convoluted with dipole wave functions we obtain simultaneous prediction/description of many reactions



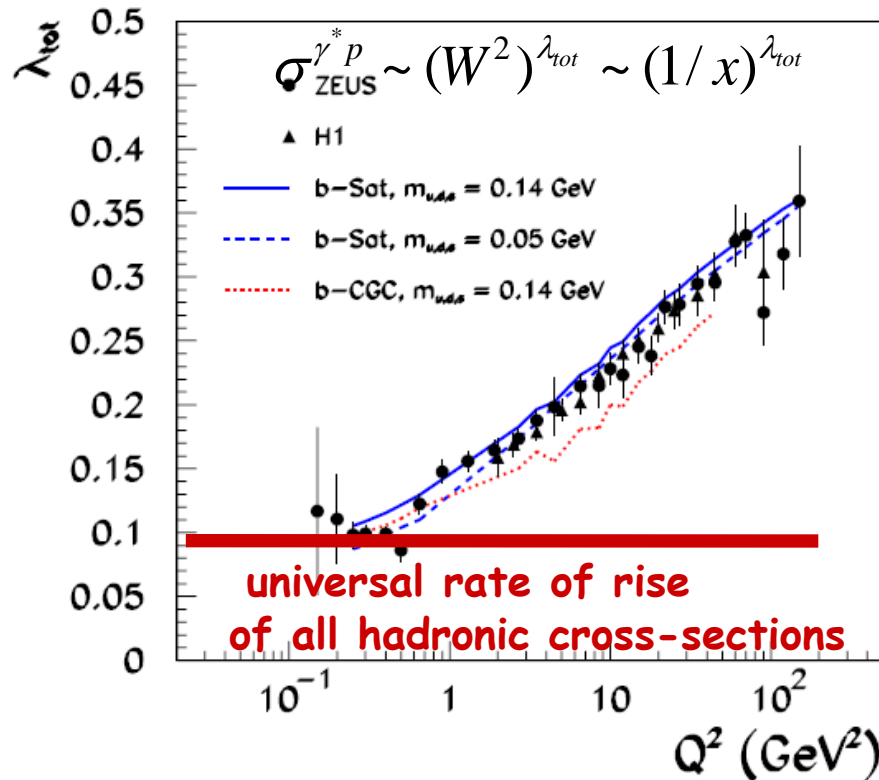
## Vector Mesons



Note: educated guesses for VM wf work very well

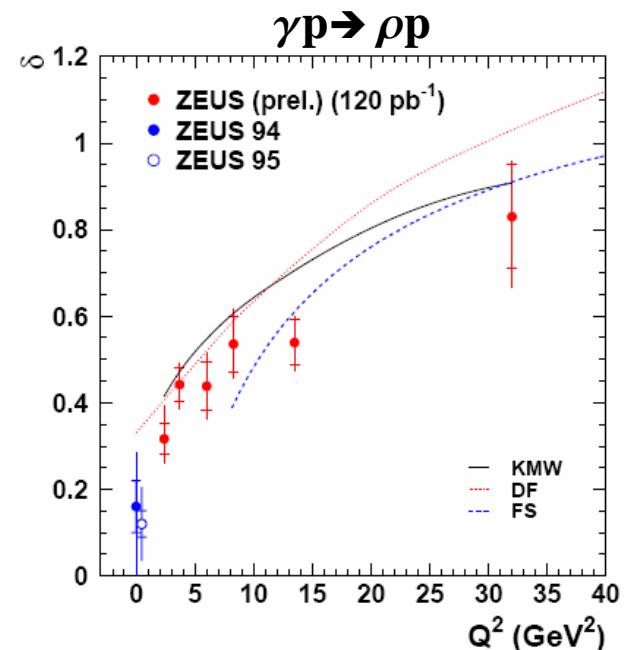
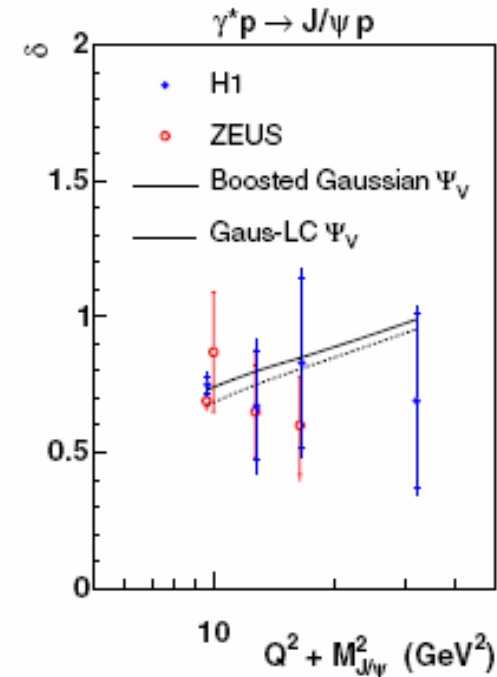


## Discovery of HERA



Pomeron is a fundamental QCD object  
intercept -  $\alpha(Q^2) = 1 + \lambda_{\text{tot}} = 1 + \delta/2$

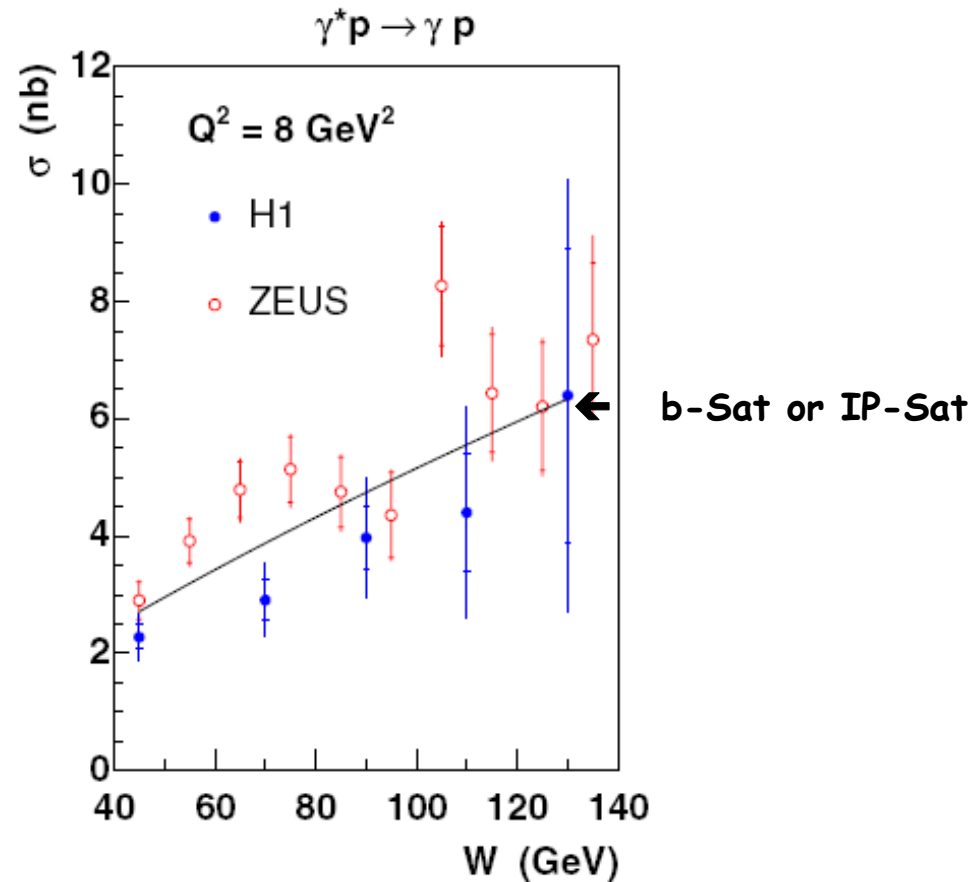
soft and hard Pomeron join together





## Pomeron at work

### Rise of the DVCS cross-sections



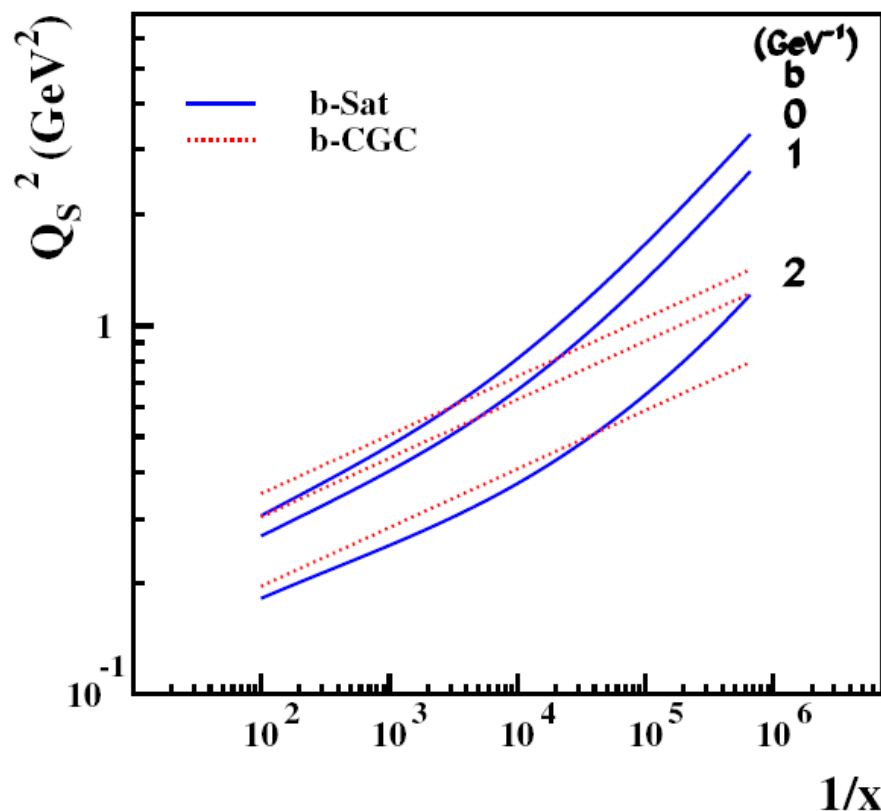
At EIC (LHeC) it should be possible to reduce the errors  
by a large factor,  $O(100)$

→ detailed study of the Pomeron possible

# Saturation scale at HERA

(a measure of gluon density at which gluon re-scattering starts to be substantial)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{qq}(x, r^2 = 2/Q_S^2(x, b))}{d^2b} = 2 \cdot \{1 - \exp(-1/2)\}$$

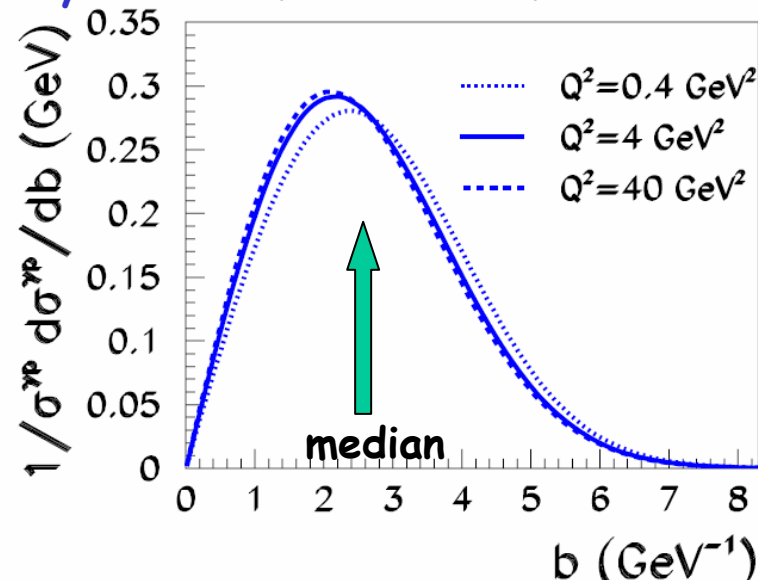


$$Q_S^{\text{RHIC}}(x=10^{-2}) \sim Q_S^{\text{HERA}}(x=10^{-4})$$

At HERA, the saturation scale can only be determined through dipole model because

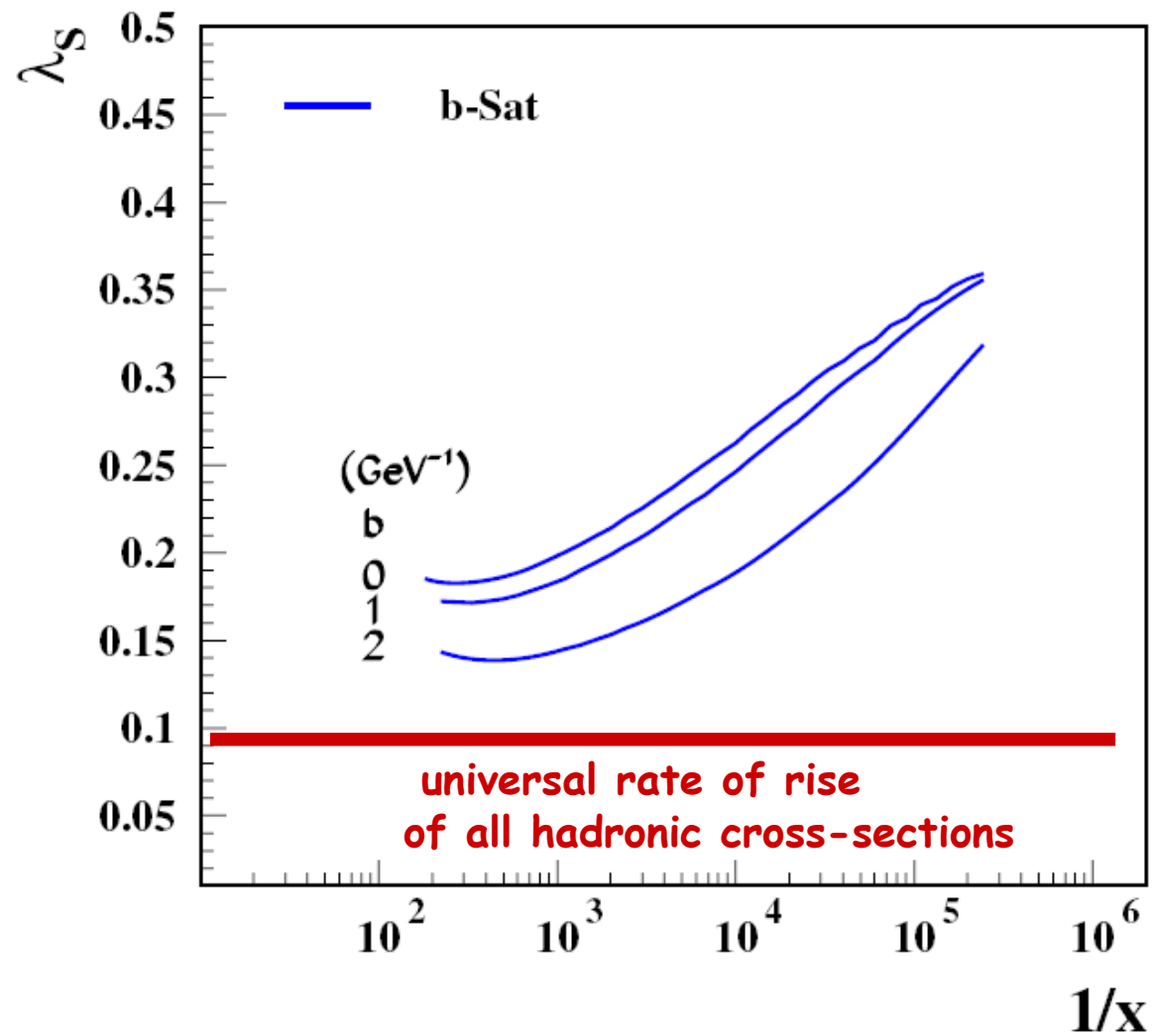
large fraction of  $\sigma^{\gamma^*p}$  comes from the region of large  $b$  where matter density is low

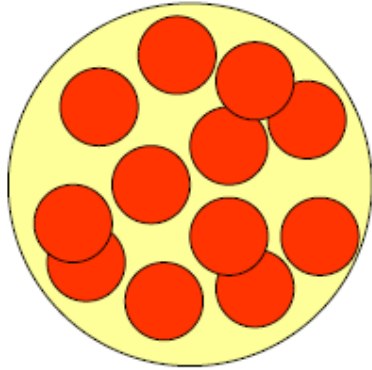
only  $\sim 10\%$  of x-section for  $b < 1 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$



$$T(b) \sim \exp(-b_{\text{MEDIAN}}^2 / 2 \cdot B_G) \approx 40\%$$

Is saturated state observed at HERA perturbative?

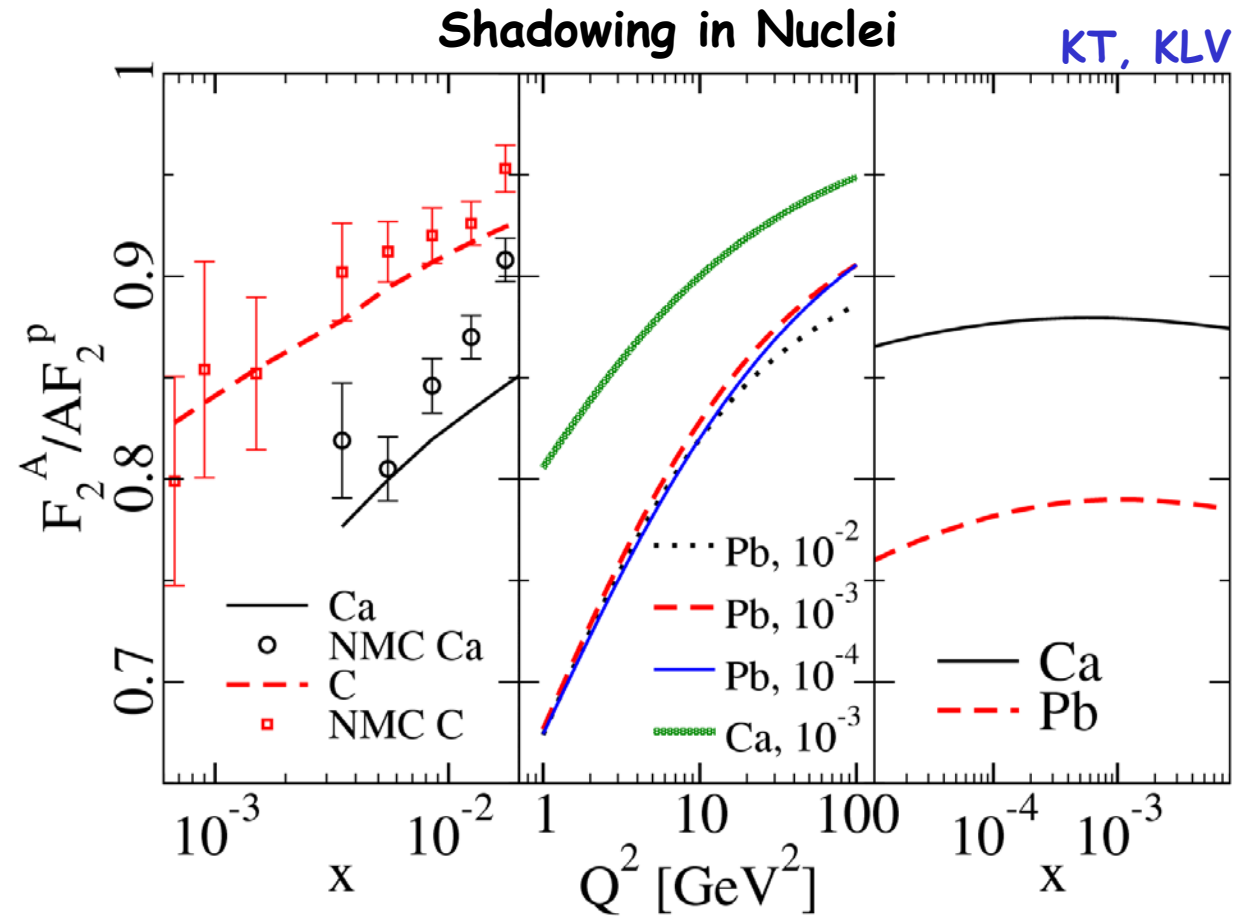




Lumpy Gluon Cloud

# DIS on Nuclei

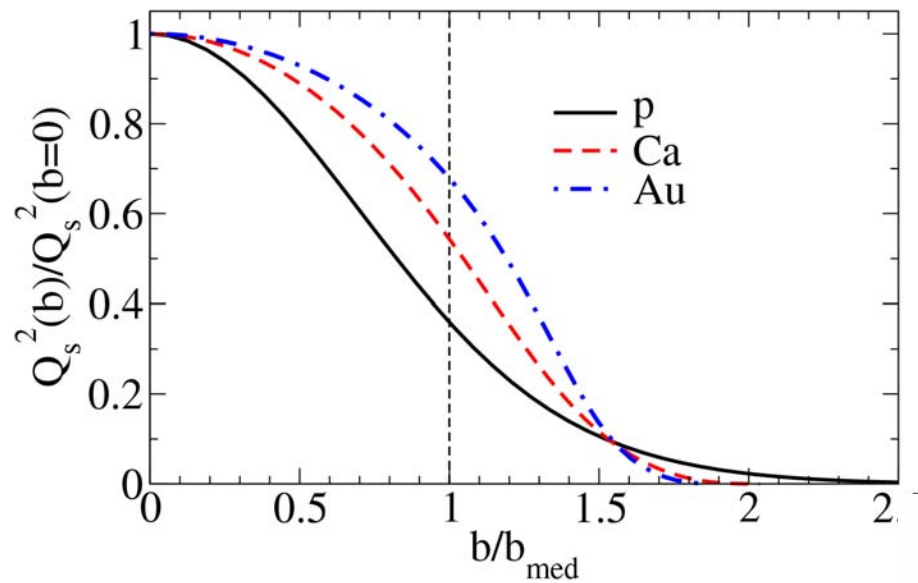
$$\frac{d\sigma_{qq}^A(x, r)}{d^2b} = \frac{2}{A} \cdot \left\{ 1 - (1 - T_{WS}(b)) \sigma_{qq}(x, r)/2 \right\}^A$$



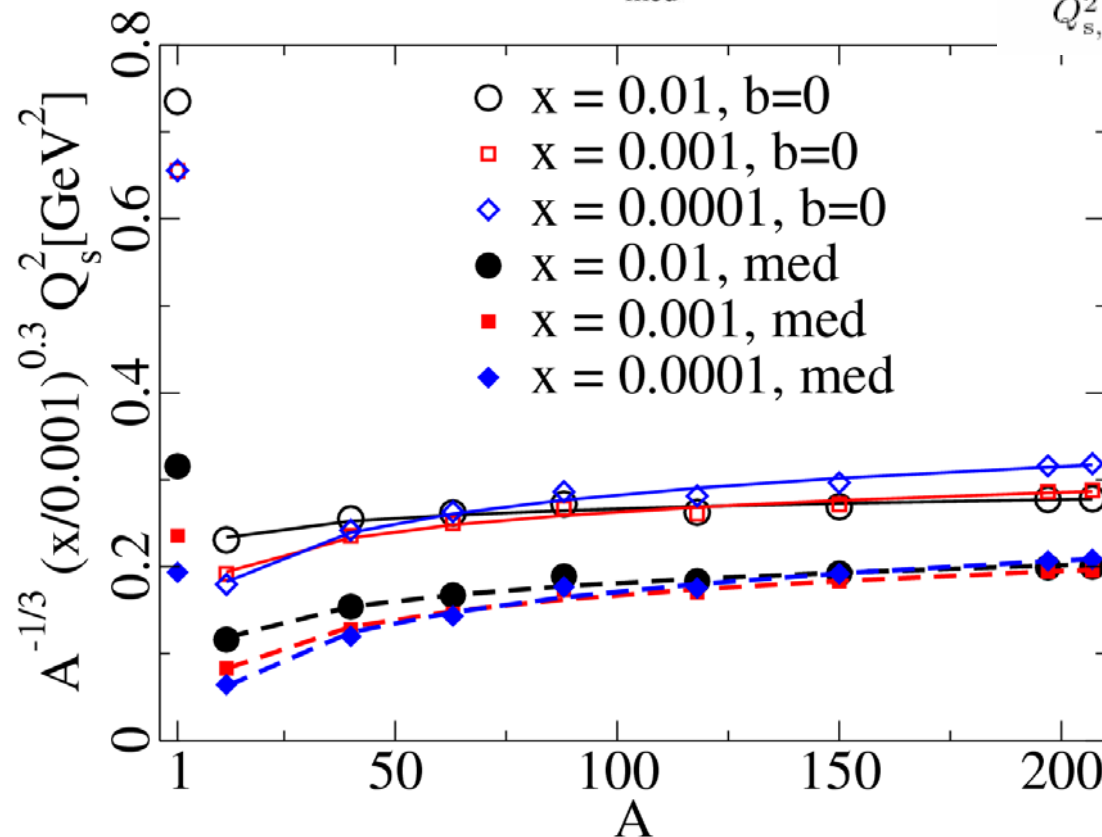
# Nuclear enhancement of universal dynamics of high parton densities

Kowalski, Lappi, Venugopalan

hep-ph/0705.3047



$$\frac{Q_{s,A}^2}{Q_{s,B}^2} = \frac{A T_A(b_{\perp}) F(x, Q_{s,A}^2)}{B T_B(b_{\perp}) F(x, Q_{s,B}^2)} \sim \frac{A^{1/3} F(x, Q_{s,A}^2)}{B^{1/3} F(x, Q_{s,B}^2)}$$



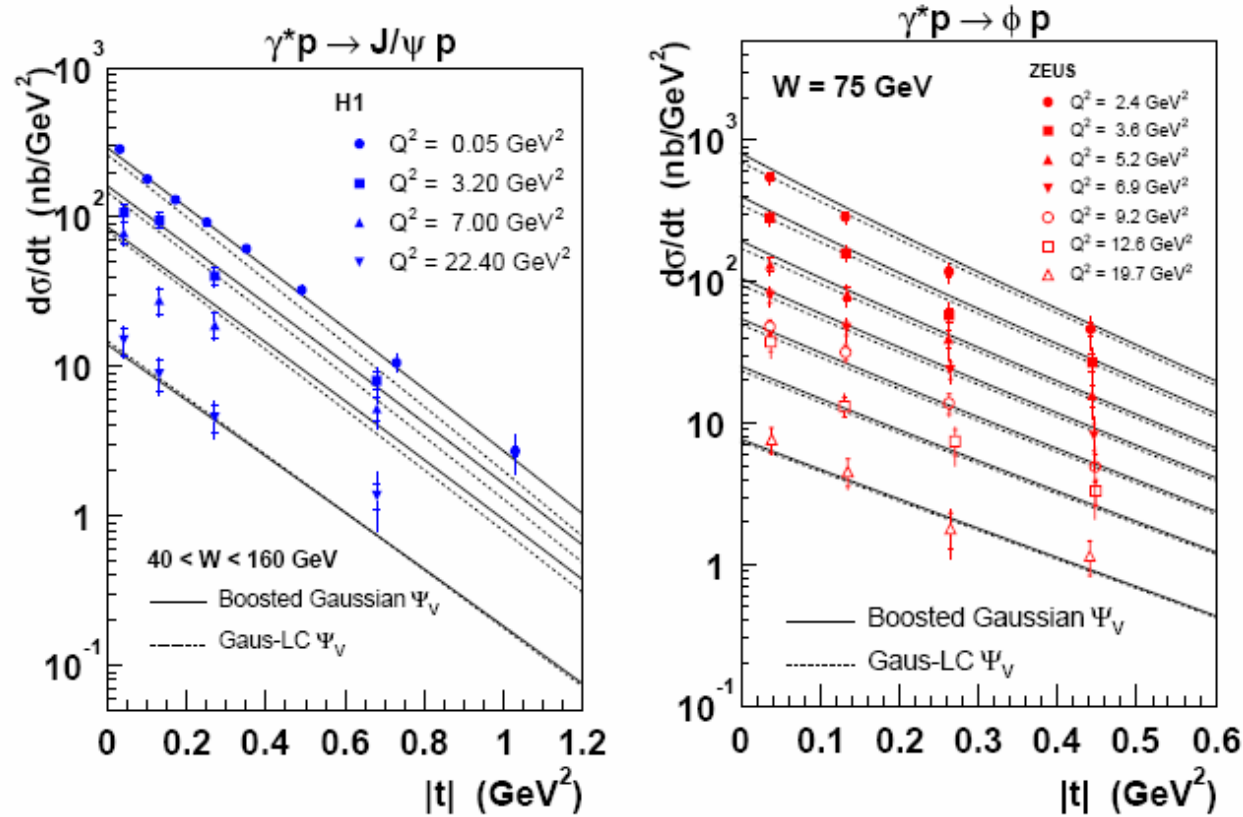
large enhancement of  
saturation scale in nuclei

$$200^{1/3} \sim 6 \rightarrow$$

Equivalent center of mass  
energy  $\sim 14$  time larger  
than in ep

# Nuclear tomography

**t-distributions  
at HERA**



$$\frac{d\sigma^{diff}}{dt} \sim \exp(B_D \cdot t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(b) \sim \exp(-\vec{b}^2 / 2B_G)$$

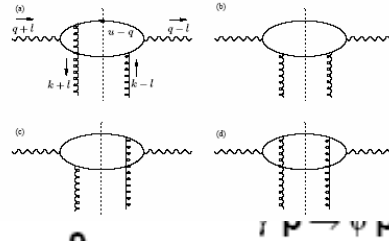
→ gaussian shape of the proton in the impact parameter  $b$

# Description of the size of interaction region $B_D$

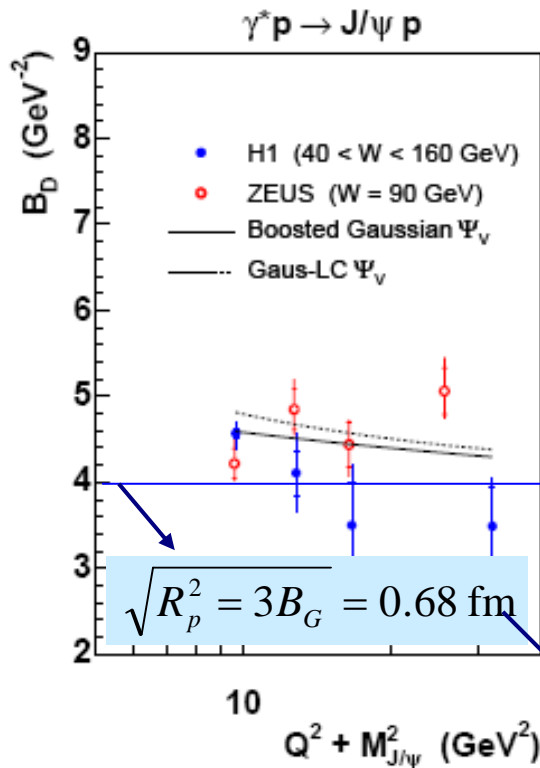
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Modification by Bartels, Golec-Biernat, Peters

$$e^{i\vec{b} \cdot \vec{\Delta}} \rightarrow e^{i(\vec{b} + (1-z)\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\Delta}}$$

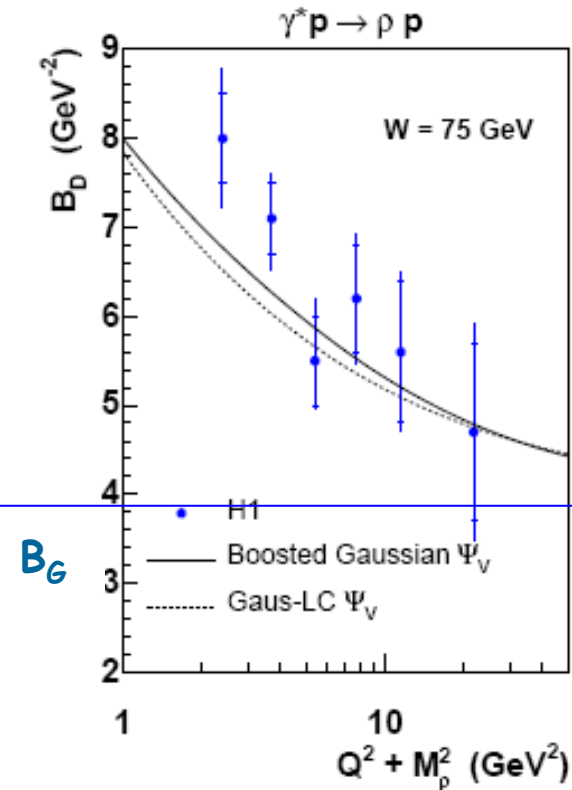
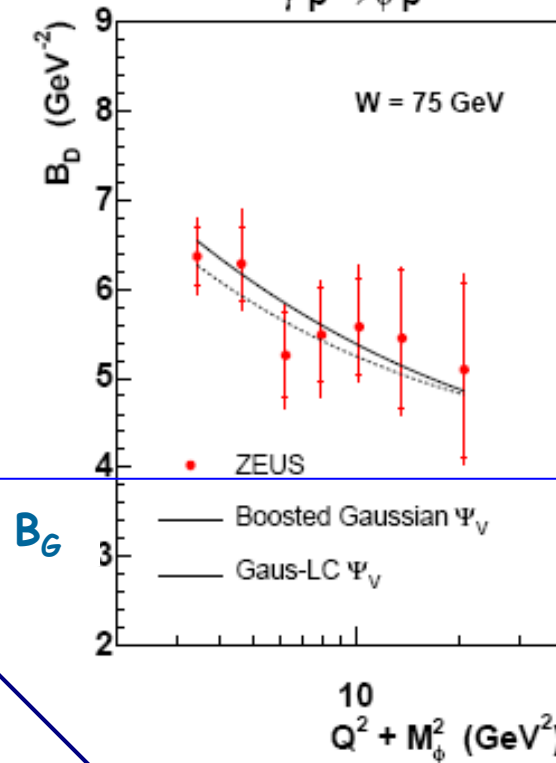


KMW



$$\sqrt{R_p^2} = 3B_G = 0.68 \text{ fm}$$

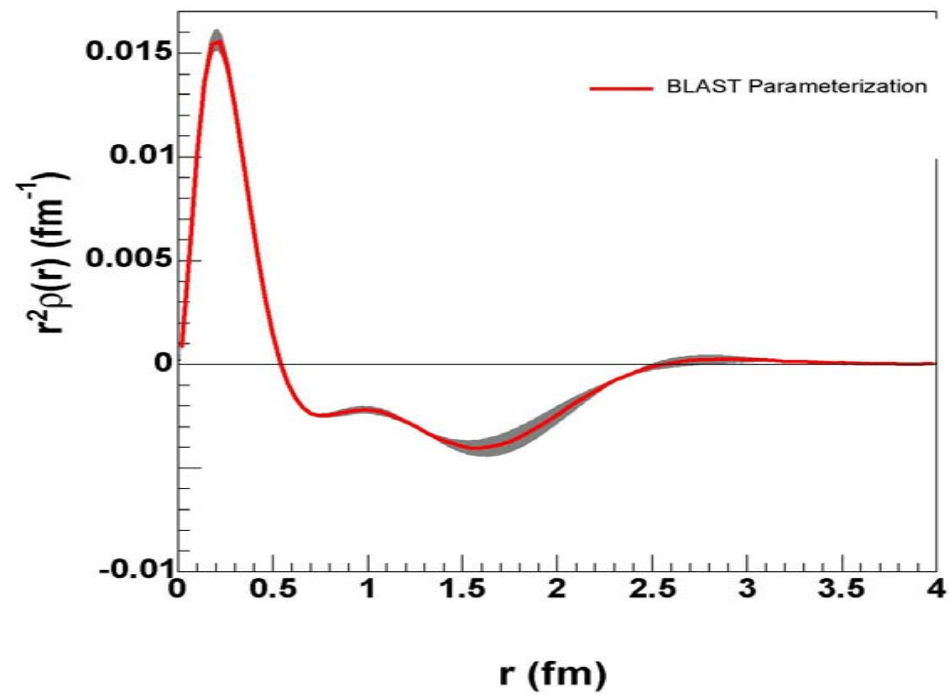
$$\Rightarrow B_G = 6.48 \text{ GeV}^2$$



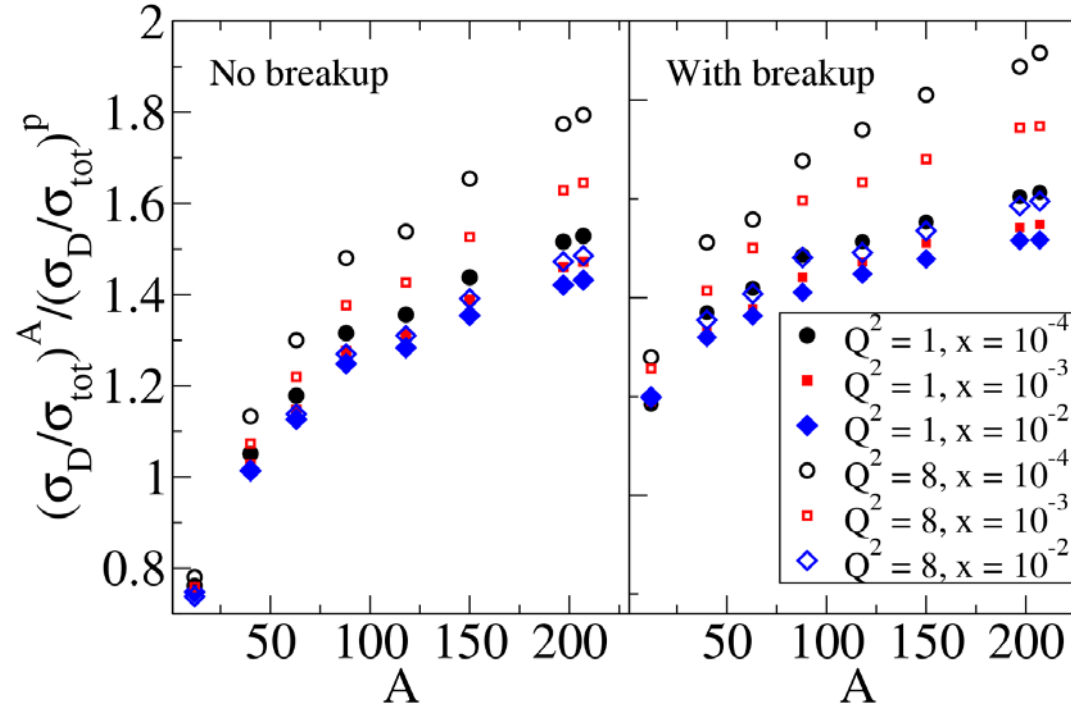
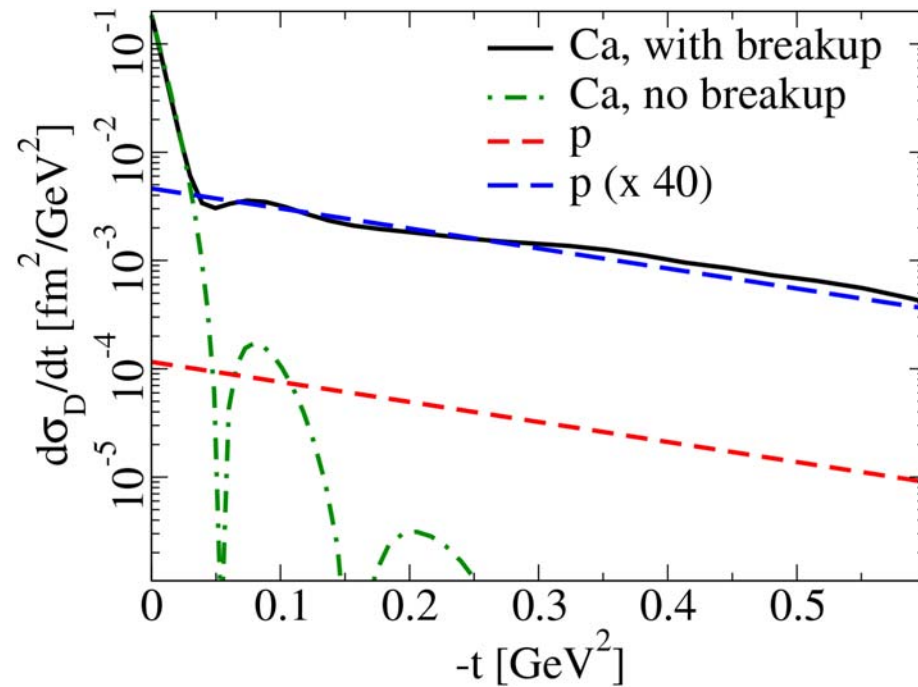
the gluonic proton radius smaller than the quark radius



## The Charge Distribution of the Neutron obtained in the BLAST Polarized Deuterium Experiment



# Diffractive scattering on nuclei



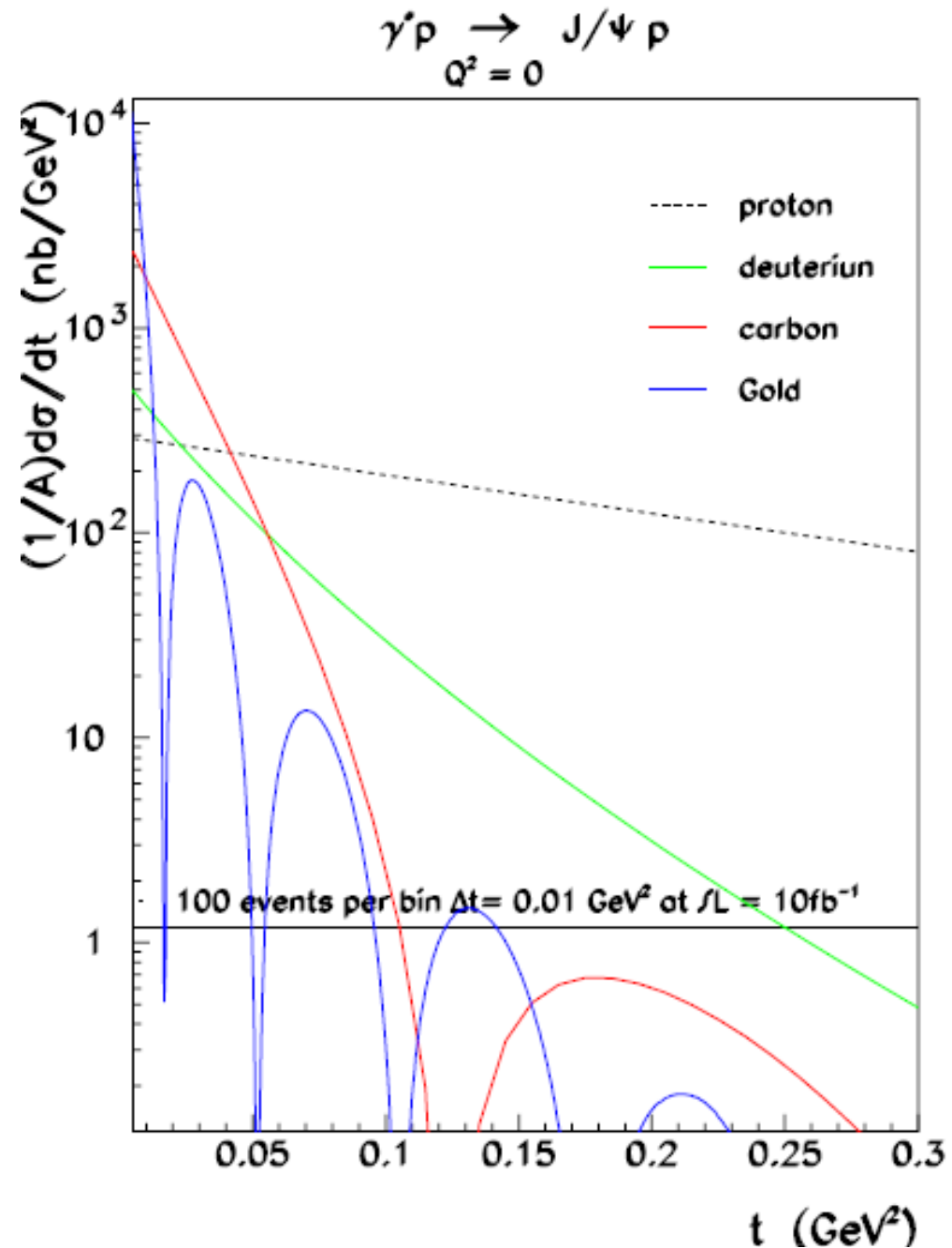
t-distributions  
for exclusive diffractive  
meson production  
on proton and nuclei  
at EIC

first estimate of the expected  
measurement precision:

$$\Delta p_T < 30 \text{ MeV}, \quad t \sim p_T^2$$

$$\Delta t < 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$$

for proton and light nuclei



# Pomeron-Graviton Correspondence

String theory emerged out of phenomenology of hadron-hadron scattering

Dolan-Horn-Schmid duality between s-channel and t-channel Regge-pole description of hadronic X-sections

$$\sum_r \frac{g_r^2(t)}{s - (M_r - i\Gamma_r)^2} \simeq \beta(t)(-\alpha' s)^{\alpha(t)} .$$

→ Veneziano amplitude

$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-}(s, t) = g_o^2 \frac{\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(t)]\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(s)]}{\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(s) - \alpha_\rho(t)]}$$

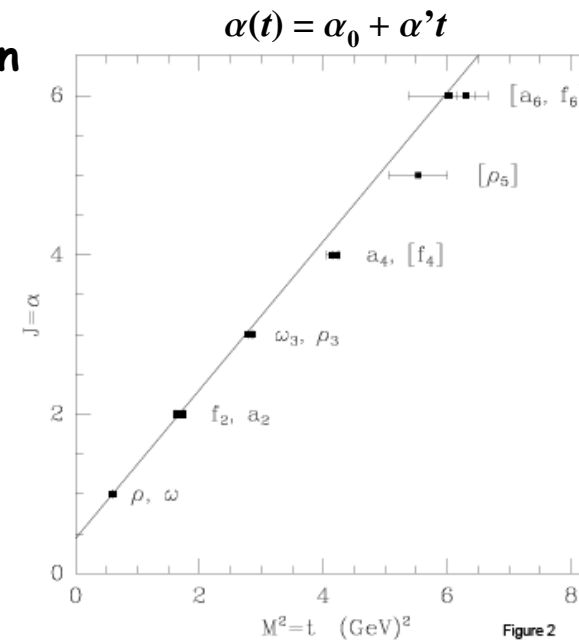
generalization of V-amplitude → dual models

→ mesons are open strings

$$L - \text{string length}, \quad E = c L, \quad J = \alpha' E^2$$

V-amplitude for  $\alpha(0) = 1$  has a pole at  $s = t = 0$

with  $J = 2$ , a graviton → starting point for theory of quantum gravity



Superstring Theory, Green, Schwarz, Witten (1987)  
R. Brower hep-th/0508036

# Maldacena Conjecture

from the talk by J. Maldacena

Particle theory = gravity theory

Most supersymmetry QCD  
theory

=

String theory on  
 $AdS_5 \times S^5$

(J.M.)

N colors

N = magnetic flux through  $S^5$

Radius of curvature

$$R_{S^5} = R_{AdS_5} = \left( g_{YM}^2 N \right)^{1/4} l_s$$

Duality:

$g^2 N$  is small  $\rightarrow$  perturbation theory is easy – gravity is bad



$g^2 N$  is large  $\rightarrow$  gravity is good – perturbation theory is hard



Strings made with gluons become fundamental strings.

## Most supersymmetric QCD

### Supersymmetry

Bosons  $\longleftrightarrow$  Fermions

Gluon  $\longleftrightarrow$  Gluino

Ramond  
Wess, Zumino

### Many supersymmetries

B1  $\longleftrightarrow$  F1  
B2  $\longleftrightarrow$  F2

Maximum 4 supersymmetries,  $N = 4$  Super Yang Mills

$A_\mu$	Vector boson	spin = 1
$\Psi_\alpha$	4 fermions (gluinos)	spin = 1/2
$\Phi^I$	6 scalars	spin = 0

SO(6) symmetry

All NxN matrices

Susy might be present in the real world but spontaneously broken at low energies.

We study this case because it is simpler.

but  $\beta = 0$ , no asymptotic freedom

# Pomeron and Gauge/String Duality

Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, and Tan, hep-th/0603115

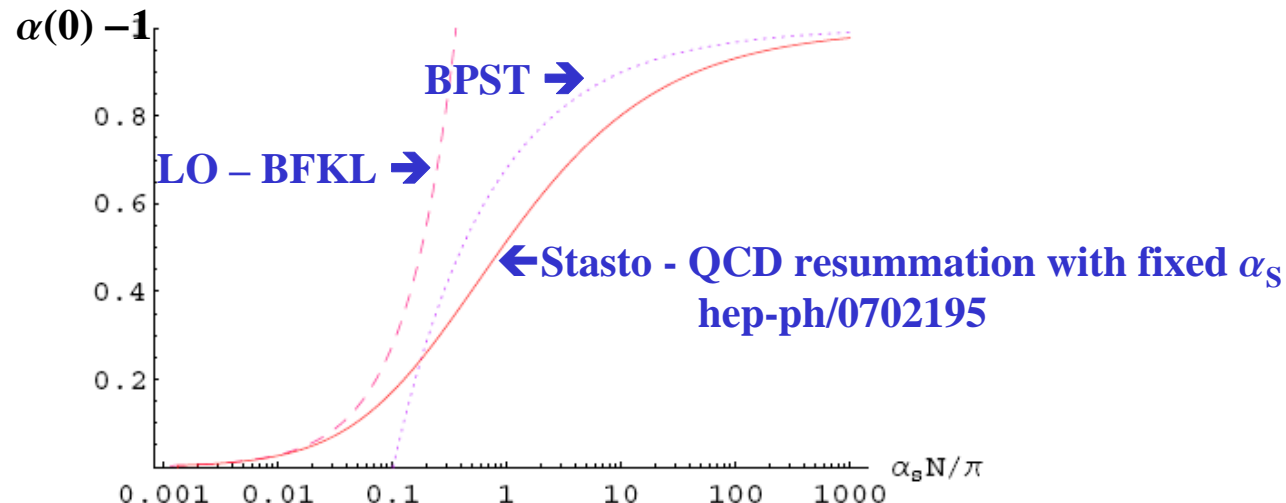
Pomeron is a coherent color-singlet object, build from gluons, with universal properties; it is the object which is exchanged by any pair of hadrons that scatter at high energies.

In string theory, it is the object which is exchanged in tree level scattering in the Regge regime, it is not the graviton but the graviton's Regge trajectory (reggeized graviton according to Lipatov)

$$\alpha(0) = 2 - c/\sqrt{\alpha_s} \quad \text{in ADS/CFT}$$

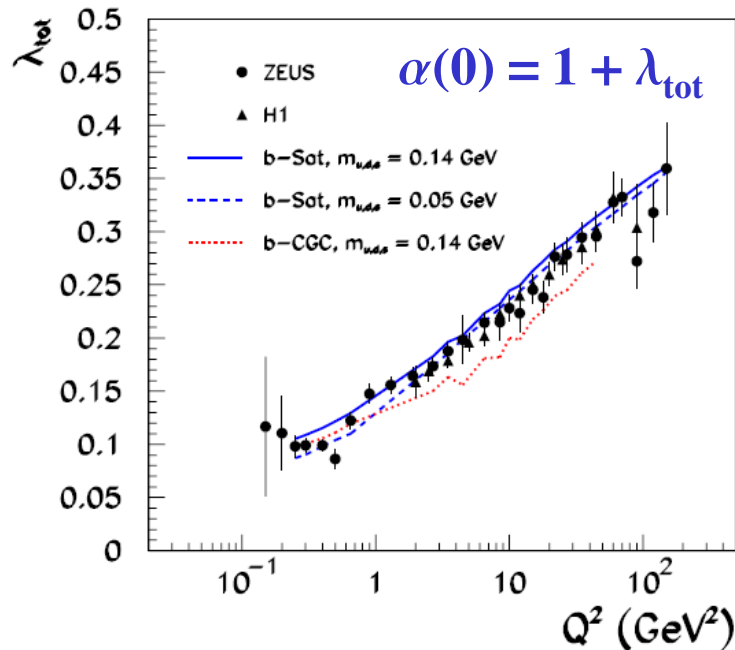
$$\alpha(0) = 2 - c/\sqrt{\alpha_s} \quad \text{in N=4 YM = Most Supersymmetric QCD}$$

Kotikov, Lipatov, Onishchenko, Velizhanin, Physt. Lett. B 632, 754 (2006)





# A Possible Pomeron-Graviton connection in the real world



How to combine Regge theory with DGLAP and BFKL ?  
Lipatov 1986

$$xg(x, Q^2) \approx \sum_{n=0} (1/x)^{\Delta_n} c_n(Q^2)$$

$$\Delta_n = J_n - 1 = \frac{c}{n + \delta}; \quad 0 < \delta < 1$$

$$c_n \sim (\log Q^2)^{1/\Delta_n}$$

leading intercept  $\Delta_0 \geq 0.4$   
(no saturation effects)

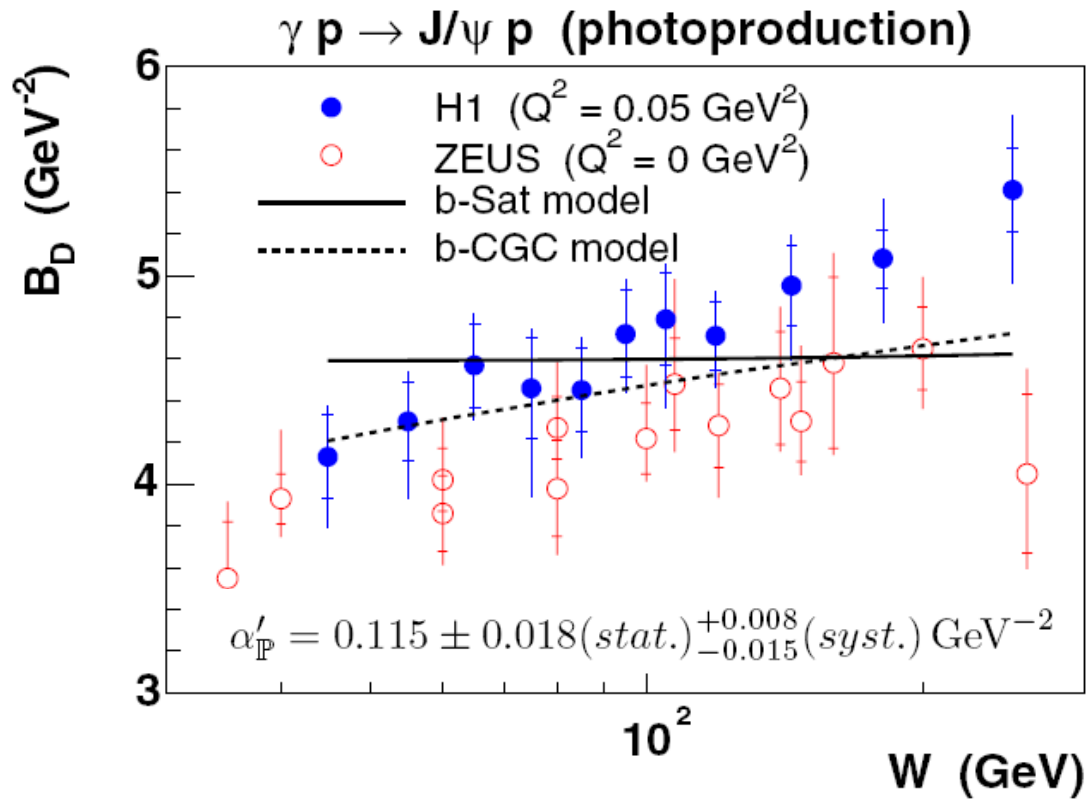
**Lipatov conjecture:** quantum properties of the graviton determine the value of the leading pomeron intercept  
(leading intercept can be calculated in the gravitational string theory, it cannot be calculated in the perturbative QCD)

Get the leading intercept from data: determine  $\lambda_{\text{tot}}$  as a function of  $x, Q^2$   
determine the increase of  $\lambda_{\text{tot}}$  with  $x$  at fixed  $Q^2$

Necessary conditions: high measurement precision, large range in  $x$  (for small  $x$ )

Possible at EIC, may be at LHC, best foreseeable machine: LHeC

## measurement of $\alpha'$



Significant slope is expected for  
a leading pomeron trajectory  
Lipatov (1986)

$$J_n(t) = 1 + \frac{c}{n + \delta(t)}$$

BPST  $\rightarrow \alpha' = R^2 / g_{YM} \sqrt{N}$

## Summary

DIS is more interesting than we all anticipated