

# Using HERA Data to Determine the Infrared Behaviour of the BFKL Amplitude

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Short overview of HERA data - evidence for Pomeron  
Discreet Pomeron of BFKL  
Correspondence to ADS/CFT Pomeron - talk by M. Djuric

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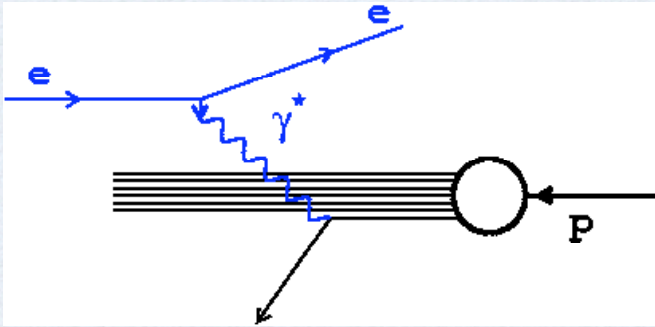
# HERA: the largest e-p collider ever build



Operated between 1992 and 2007

# Partons vs Dipoles

Infinite momentum frame: Partons



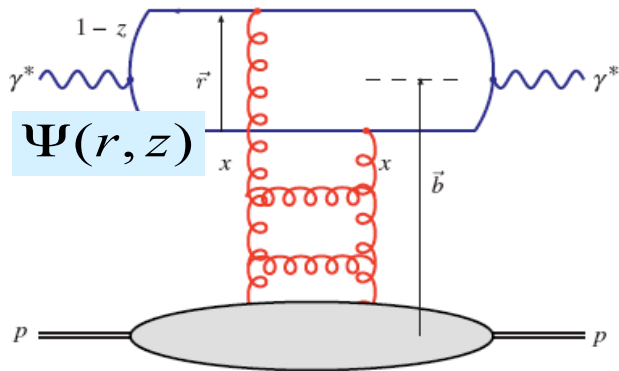
$F_2$  measures parton density at a scale  $Q^2$

$$F_2 = \sum_f e_f^2 xq(x, Q^2)$$

Proton rest frame: Dipoles - long living quark pair interacts with the gluons of the proton

*dipole life time  $\approx 1/(m_p x)$*

*$= 10 - 1000 \text{ fm at } x = 10^{-2} - 10^{-4}$*



$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p} = \int \Psi^* \sigma_{qq} \Psi ; \quad F_2 = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2 \alpha_{em}} \sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p}$$

for small dipoles, at low- $x$ , dipole picture is equivalent to the QCD parton picture

# HERA - $F_2$ is dominated by the gluon density at low $x$

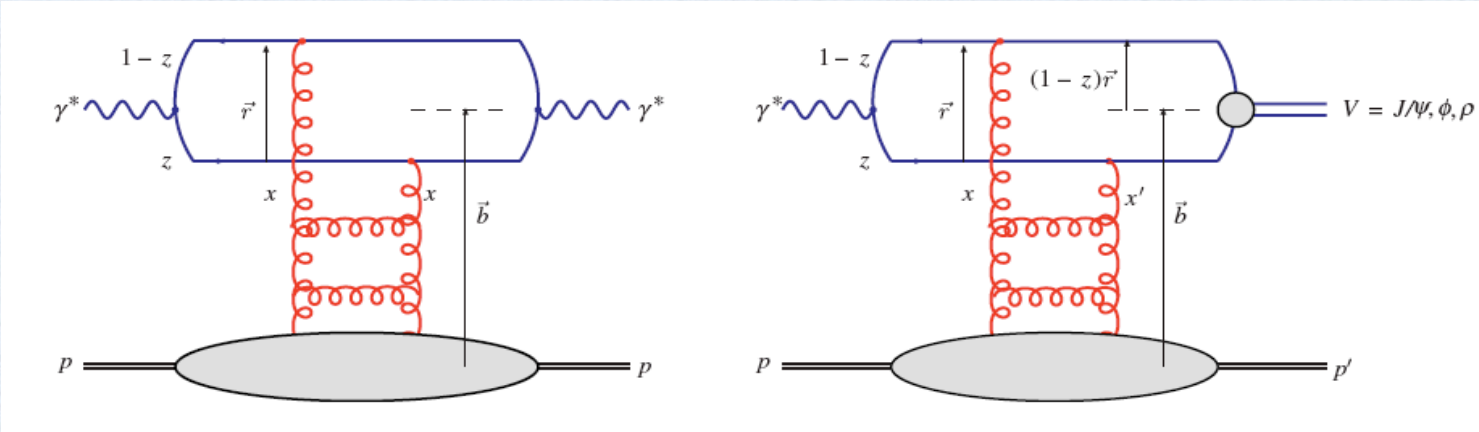
➤ the same gluon density determines the exclusive and inclusive diffractive processes,

$$\gamma p \Rightarrow J/\psi p, \gamma p \Rightarrow \phi p, \gamma p \Rightarrow \rho p, \gamma p \Rightarrow X p,$$

➤ universal gluon density  $\equiv$  Pomeron ?

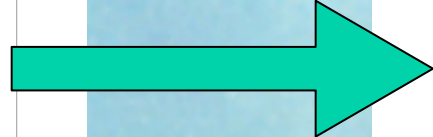
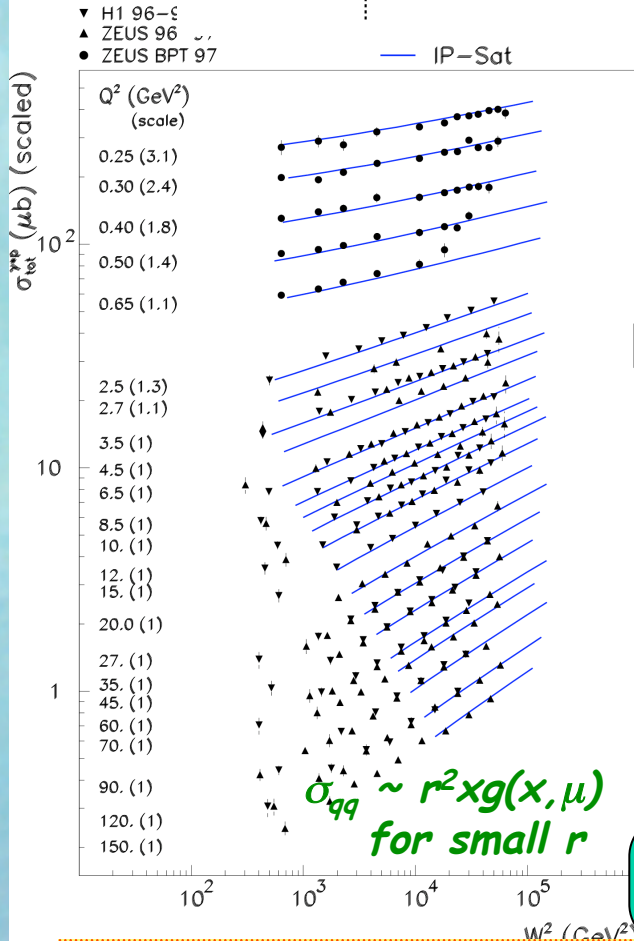
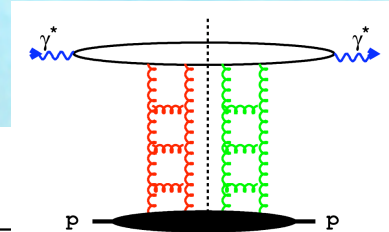
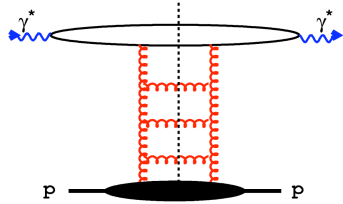
$F_2$

VM, Diffraction



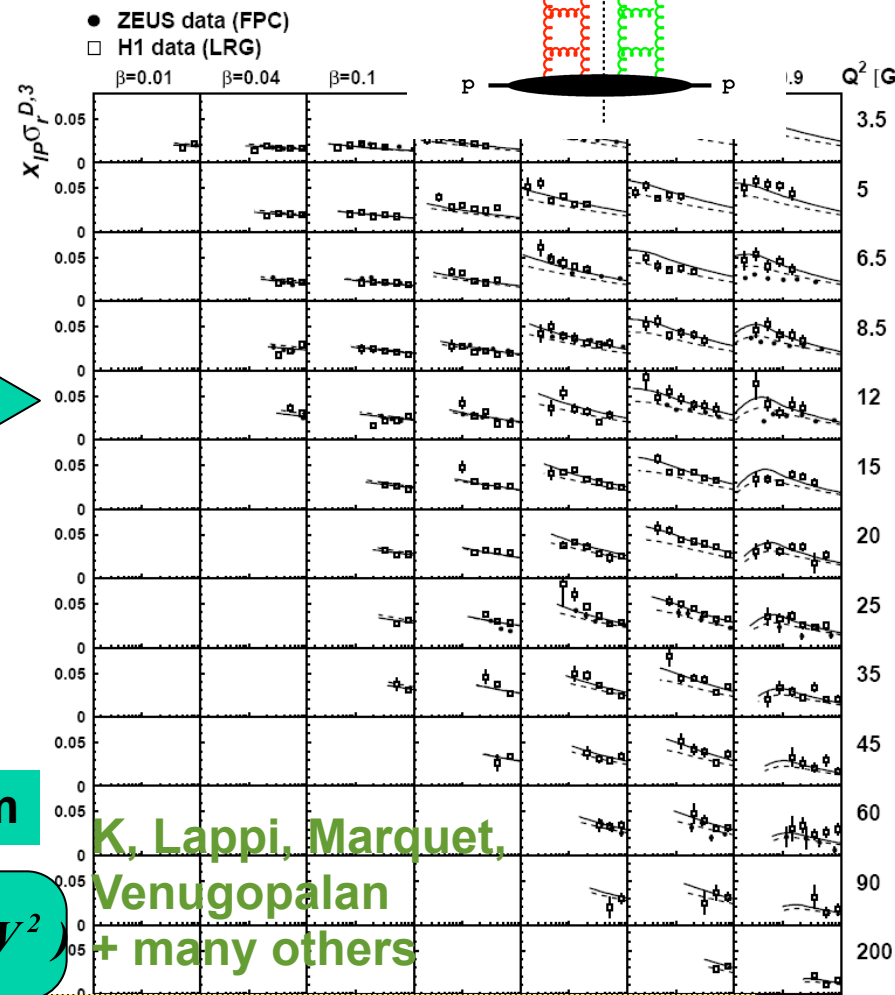
clear hints for saturation, but here we concentrate on the gluon gluon interactions above the saturation region

# Diffraction as a shadow of DIS



Optical Theorem

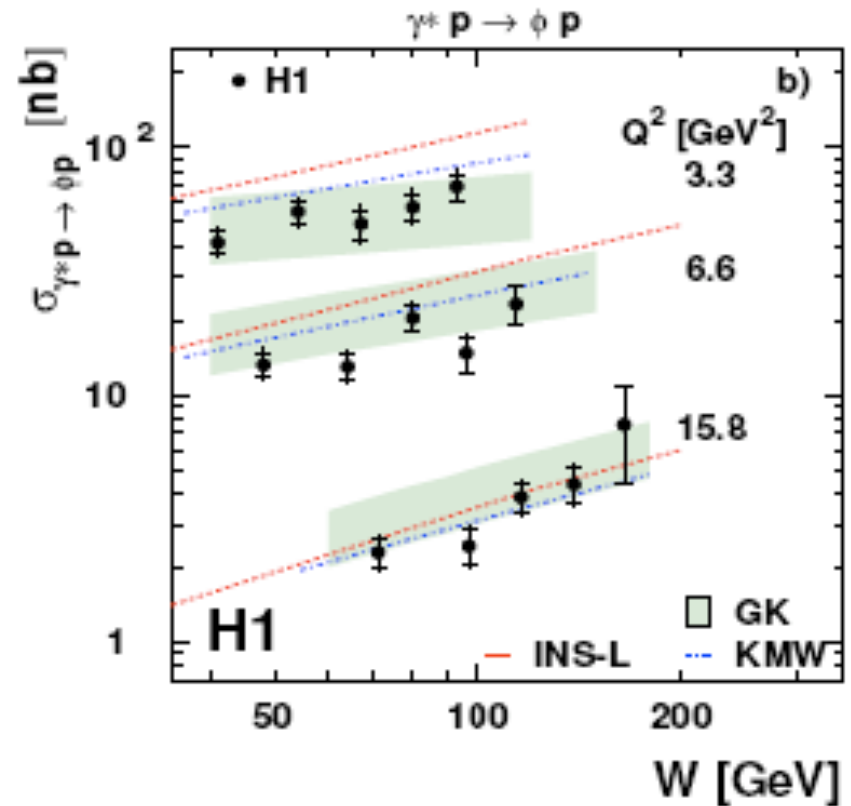
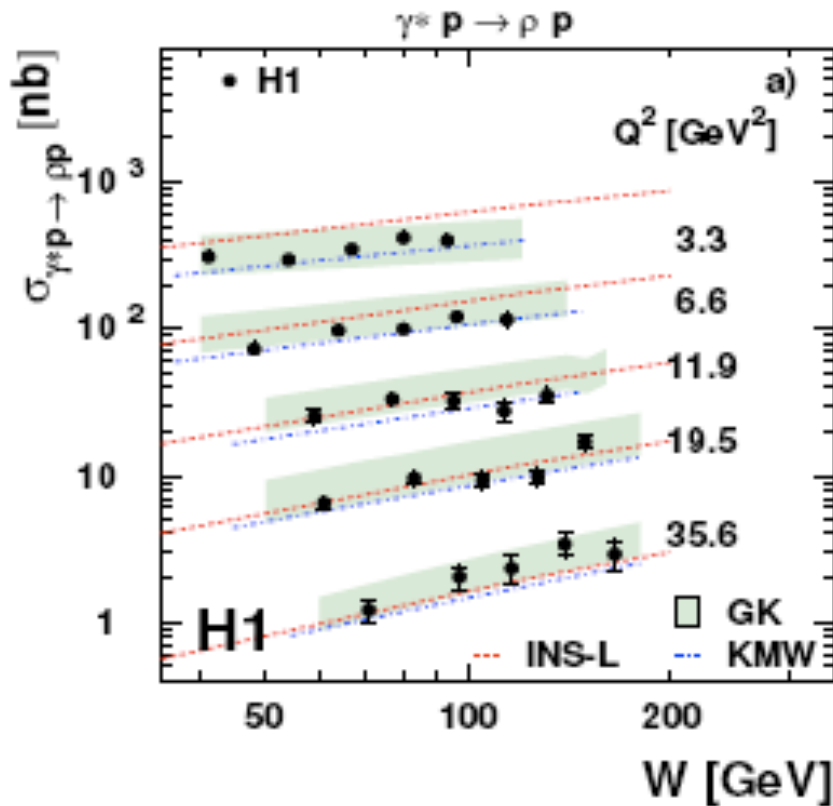
$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p} = \frac{1}{W^2} \text{Im} A_{el}(W^2)$$



K, Lappi, Marquet, Venugopalan + many others

$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p} = \int d^2 \vec{r} \int_0^1 dz \Psi^* \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, r^2) \Psi \longrightarrow \frac{d\sigma_{diff}^{\gamma^* p}}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^2 \vec{r} \int_0^1 dz \Psi^* \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^2(x, r^2) \Psi$$

# W dependence of exclusive Vector Mesons cross sections



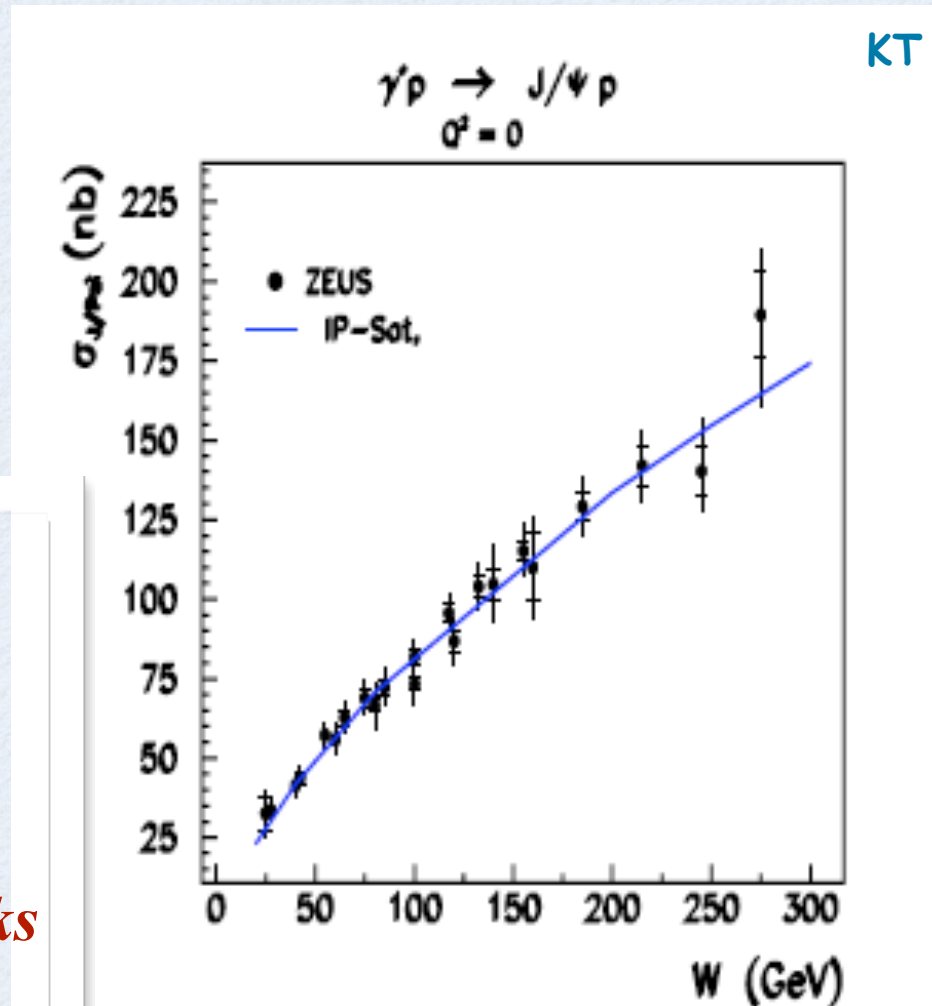
Dipole model with the DGLAP evolution of the gluon density predicts well the rise with  $W$  of the  $\rho$  and  $\phi$  VM cross sections

Note: these are absolute predictions obtained from the gluon density determined from  $F_2$

# In focus: Exclusive J/psi production

educated guess  
for VM wf is  
working very well  
for J/psi and phi  
and DVCS

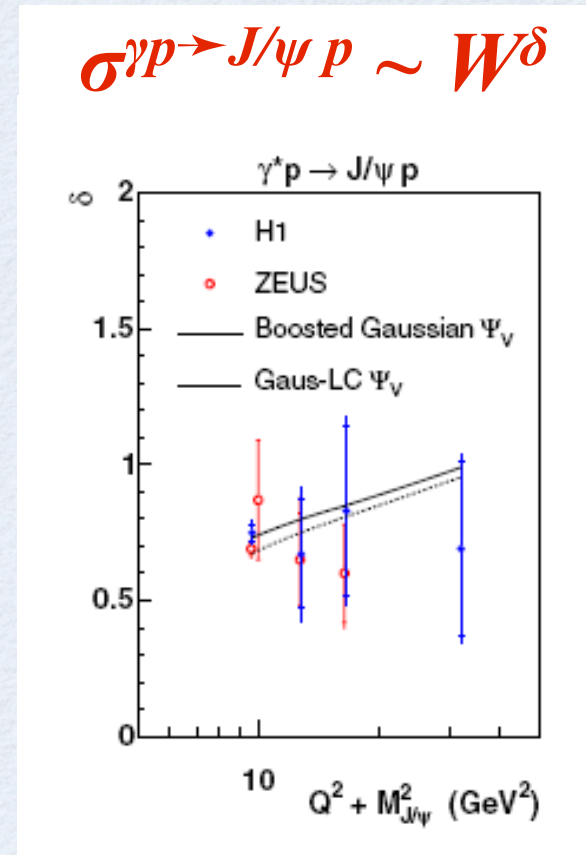
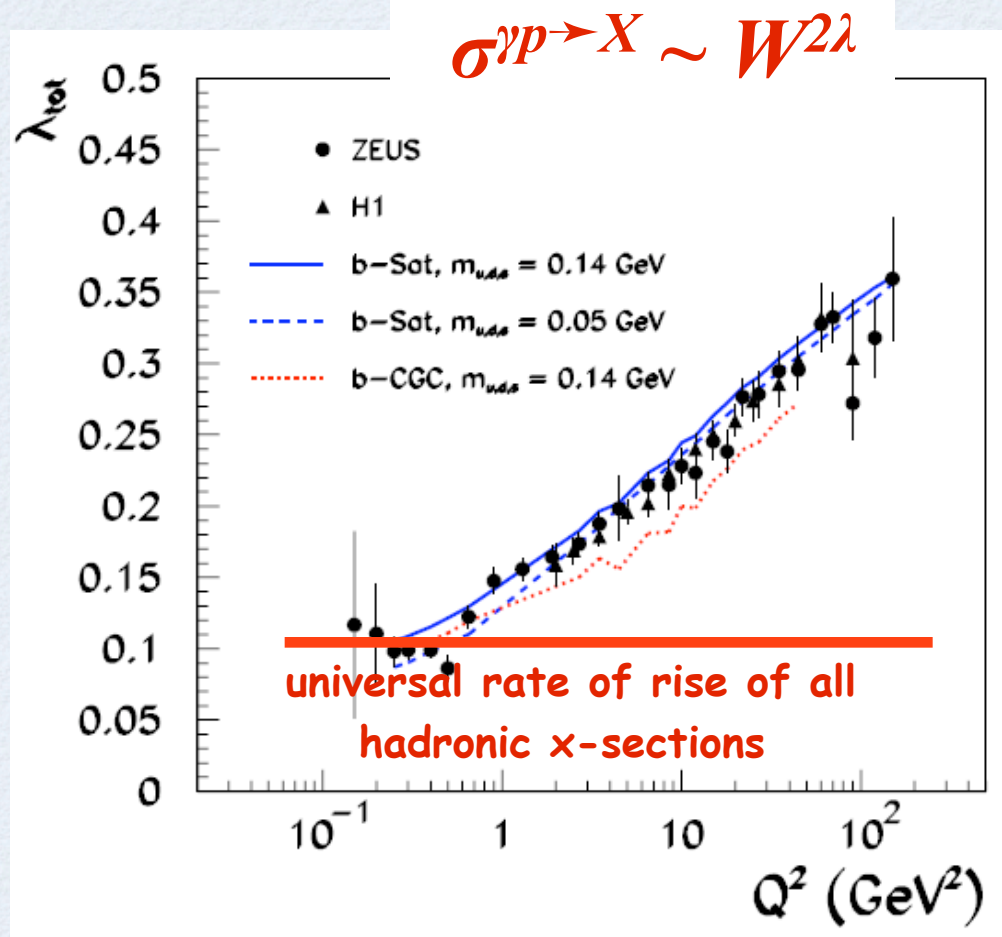
*Note:*  
*J/psi x-section*  
*grows almost*  
*like*  
 $\sigma \propto (x g(x, \mu^2))^2$   
*no valence quarks*  
*contribution*



equally good  
description of  
 $Q^2$  and  $\sigma_L/\sigma_T$   
dependences  
for J/psi and phi  
and DVCS

➤ the determination of gluon density with J/psi would be more precise than by  $F_2$  or  $F_L$  (MRT) **if J/psi would have small systematic errors**

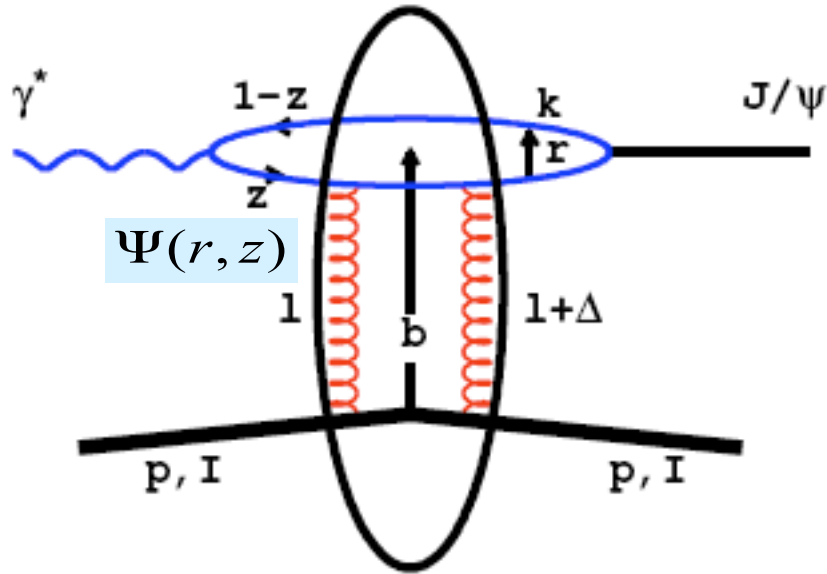
Discovery of HERA: the same, universal gluon density describes different reactions -  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow X$ ,  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p \dots$



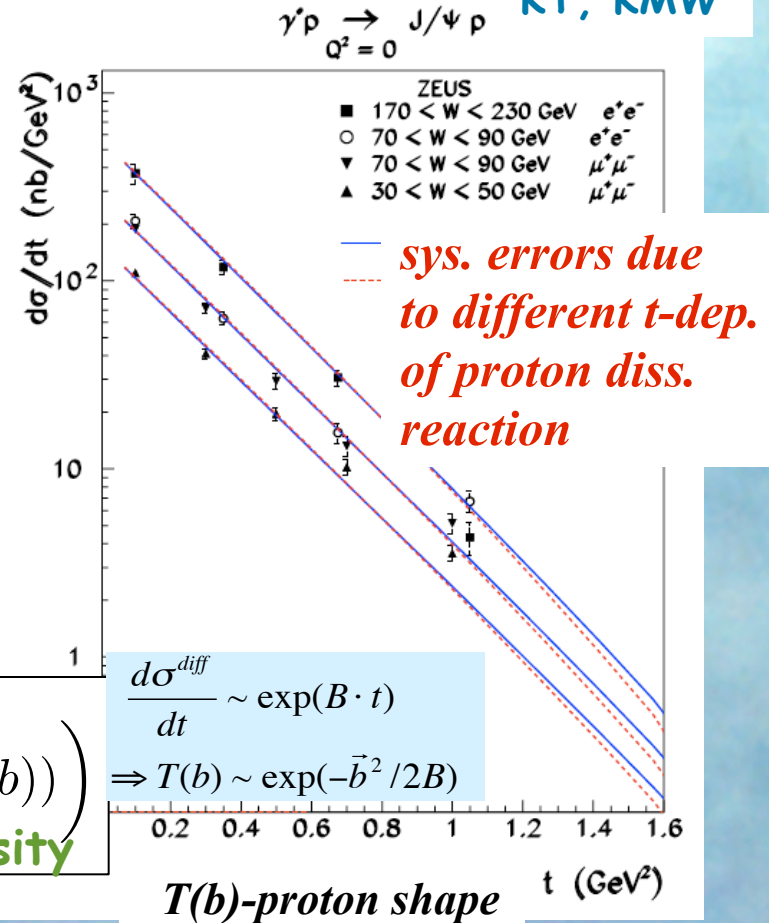
➤ universal, “pomeron like”, QCD object soft and hard pomeron join together



# Extracting Proton Shape using dipoles



KT, KMW



$$\frac{d\sigma_{qq}}{d^2b} = 2 \left( 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2N_C} r^2 \alpha_s(\mu^2) x g(x, \mu^2) T(b)\right) \right)$$

for larger gluon density

v.g. description of B for all VM and DVCS with the same wf ansatz  
 $\Rightarrow$  determination of the gluonic proton radius,  $r_{gg} = 0.6$  fm is smaller than the quark radius  $r_p = 0.9$  fm

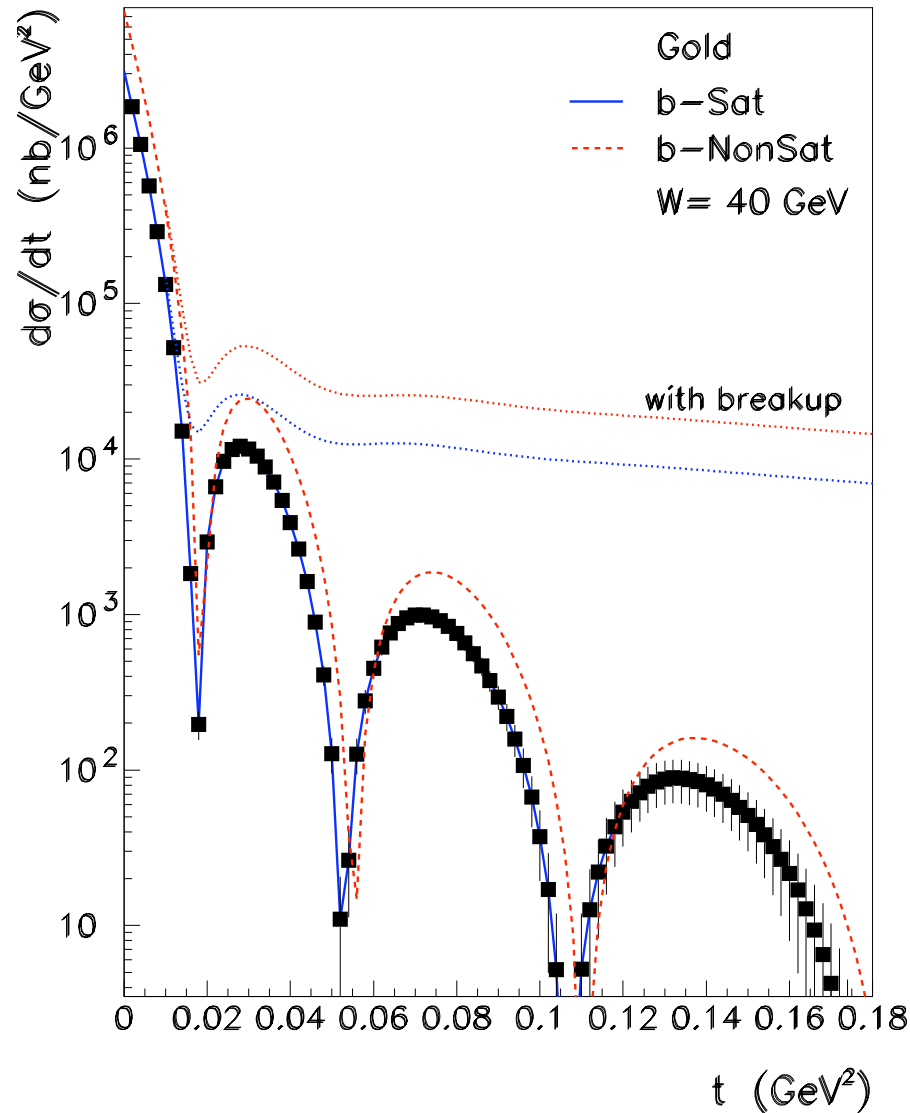
# Nuclear gluonic shapes

## Coherent and incoherent $eA \rightarrow J/\psi A$

Dipole projectiles are excellent tools to investigate nuclear matter

measurement precision matches the precision of nuclear physics experiments

AC, HK, PRC 81 025203 (2010)



$\sigma_{diff}$  and  $\sigma_{tot}$  approach saturation in a different way

sensitivity increase due to

$$d\sigma_{diff}/dt \propto (x g(x, \mu^2))^2$$

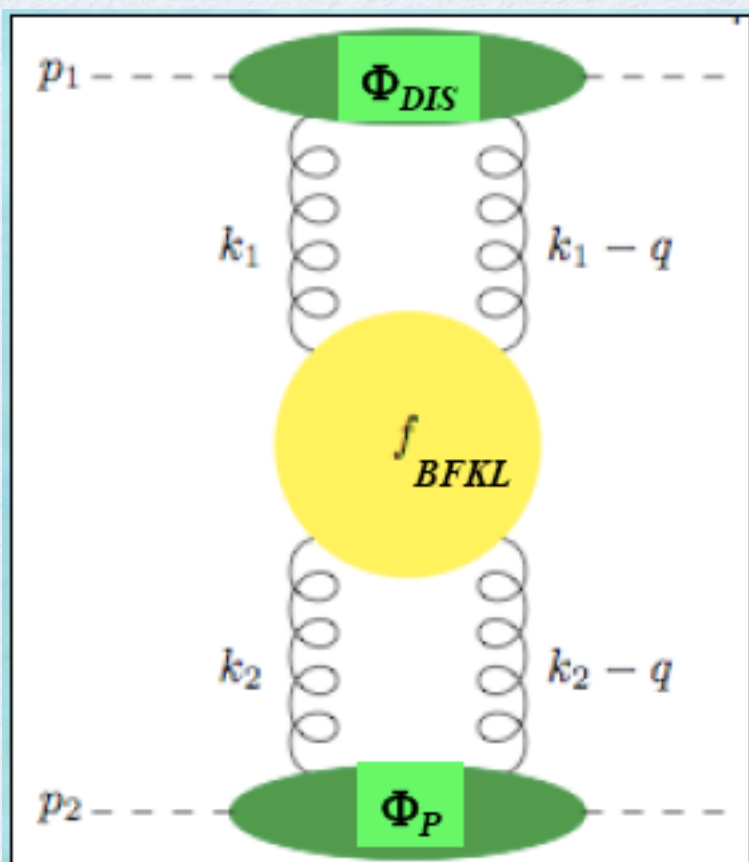
and

$$d\sigma_{diff}/dt|_{t=0} \sim A^2$$

$$\sigma_{tot} \sim A$$

The dynamics of Gluon Density at low  $x$  is determined by the amplitude for the scattering of a gluon on a gluon, described by the BFKL equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln s} \mathcal{A}(s, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = \delta(k^2 - k'^2) + \int dq^2 \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \mathcal{A}(s, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}')$$



which can be solved in terms of the eigenfunctions of the kernel

$$\int dk'^2 \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') f_\omega(\mathbf{k}') = \omega f_\omega(\mathbf{k})$$

in LO, with fixed  $\alpha_s$

$$f_\omega(\mathbf{k}) = (k^2)^{i\nu-1/2}$$

$$\omega = \alpha_s \chi_0(\nu)$$

prevailing intuition (based on DGLAP) - gluon are a gas of particles  
 BFKL leads to a richer structure -  
 basic feature: oscillations

# Properties of the BFKL Kernel

## Quasi-locality

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = \frac{1}{kk'} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \delta^{(n)}(\ln(\mathbf{k}^2/\mathbf{k}'^2))$$

$$c_n = \int_0^{\infty} dk'{}^2 \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') \frac{k}{k'} \frac{1}{n!} (\ln(\mathbf{k}^2/\mathbf{k}'^2))^n$$

## Similarity to the Schroedinger equation

$$k \int dk'{}^2 \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') f_{\omega}(\mathbf{k}') = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \left( \frac{d}{d \ln(\mathbf{k}^2)} \right)^n \bar{f}_{\omega}(\mathbf{k}) = \omega \bar{f}_{\omega}(\mathbf{k})$$

## Characteristic function

$$k \int dk'{}^2 \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') f_{\omega}(\mathbf{k}') = \chi \left( -i \frac{d}{d \ln k^2}, \alpha_s(k^2) \right) \bar{f}_{\omega}(k) = \omega \bar{f}_{\omega}(k)$$

## BFKL amplitude

$$A(s, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \sim \int d\nu \left[ \frac{\mathbf{k}_1^2}{\mathbf{k}_2^2} \right]^{i\nu} s^{\bar{\alpha}_s} \chi(\nu) \quad \bar{\alpha}_s = C_A \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}$$

## Diffusion approximation

$$\chi(\nu) = 4 \ln(2) - 7\zeta(3)\nu^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \sim \int d\nu s^{1 + \bar{\alpha}_s (4 \ln(2) - 7\zeta(3)\nu^2 + \dots)} e^{i\nu (\ln(\mathbf{k}_2) - \ln(\mathbf{k}_1))}$$

not a good approximation for BFKL because  $\nu \sim 0.6$ , so

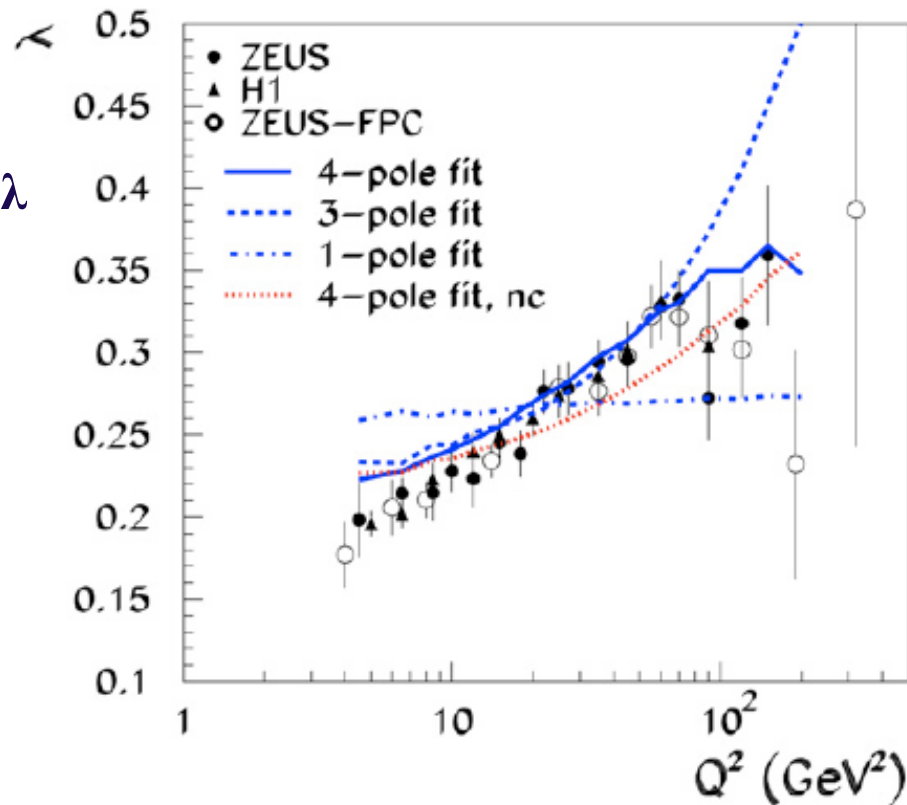
exact result in ADS/CFT  
talk of M. Djuric

$$\chi = -\frac{(4 + \nu^2)}{R^2}$$

BFKL eq., with fixed  $\alpha_s$ , predicts  $F_2 \sim (1/x)^\omega$  with  $\omega \sim$  constant with  $Q^2$ ,  $\omega \sim 0.5$  in LO and  $\omega \sim 0.3$  in NLO

Therefore, the prevailing opinion was that the BFKL analysis is not applicable to HERA data.

The rate of rise  $\lambda$   
 $F_2 \sim (1/x)^\lambda$



First hints that in BFKL  $\lambda$  can be substantially varying with  $Q^2$  was given in PL 668 (2008) 51 by EKR

Lipatov 86 & EKR 2008: BFKL solutions with the running  $\alpha_s$  are substantially different from solutions with the fixed  $\alpha_s$ .

in NLO, with running  $\alpha_s$ , BFKL frequency  $\nu$  becomes  $k$ -dependent,  $\nu(k)$

$$\alpha_s(k^2)\chi_0(\nu(\mathbf{k})) + \alpha_s^2(k^2)\chi_1(\nu(\mathbf{k})) = \omega$$

$\nu$  has to become a function of  $k$  because  $\omega$  cannot depend on  $k$

*GS resummation applied*

*evaluation in diffusion ( $\nu \approx 0$ ) or semiclassical approximation ( $\nu > 0$ )*

For sufficiently large  $k$ , there is no longer a real solution for  $\nu$ .

The transition from real to imaginary  $\nu(k)$  singles out a special value of

$$k = k_{crit}, \text{ with } \nu(k_{crit}) = 0.$$

The solutions below and above this critical momentum  $k_{crit}$  have to match. This fixes the phase of ef's.

$$k \int dk'^2 \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') f_\omega(\mathbf{k}') = \chi \left( -i \frac{d}{d \ln k^2}, \alpha_s(k^2) \right) \bar{f}_\omega(k) = \omega \bar{f}_\omega(k)$$

## semiclassical approximation

$$\left( \frac{d}{d \ln(k)} \right)^r \bar{f}_\omega(k) \approx \bar{f}_\omega(k) \left( \frac{d \ln \bar{f}_\omega(k)}{d \ln k} \right)^r$$

$$\chi \left( -i \frac{d \ln \bar{f}_\omega(k)}{d \ln k^2}, \alpha_s(k^2) \right) = \omega$$

$$\frac{d \bar{f}_\omega(k)}{d \ln(k^2)} = i \nu_\omega(\alpha_s(k^2)) \bar{f}_\omega(k)$$

**DGLAP**



Near  $k=k_{crit}$ , the BFKL eq. becomes the Airy eq. which is solved by the Airy eigenfunctions

$$k f_{\omega}(k) = \bar{f}_{\omega}(k) = \text{Ai} \left( -\left(\frac{3}{2}\phi_{\omega}(k)\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right)$$

with

$$\phi_{\omega}(k) = 2 \int_k^{k_{crit}} \frac{dk'}{k'} |\nu_{\omega}(k')|$$

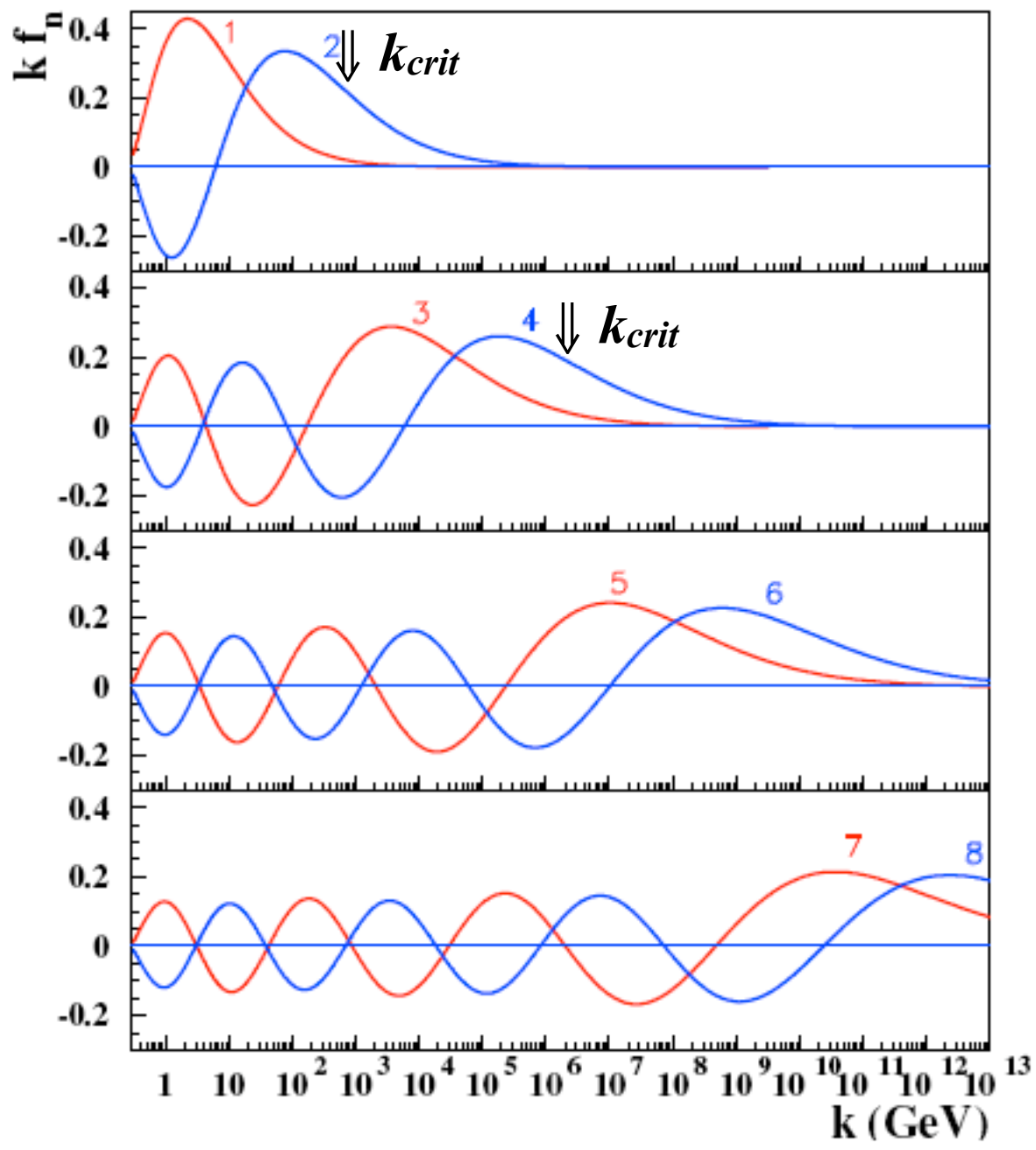
for  $k \ll k_{crit}$  the Airy function has the asymptotic behaviour

$$k f_{\omega}(k) \sim \sin \left( \phi_{\omega}(k) + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

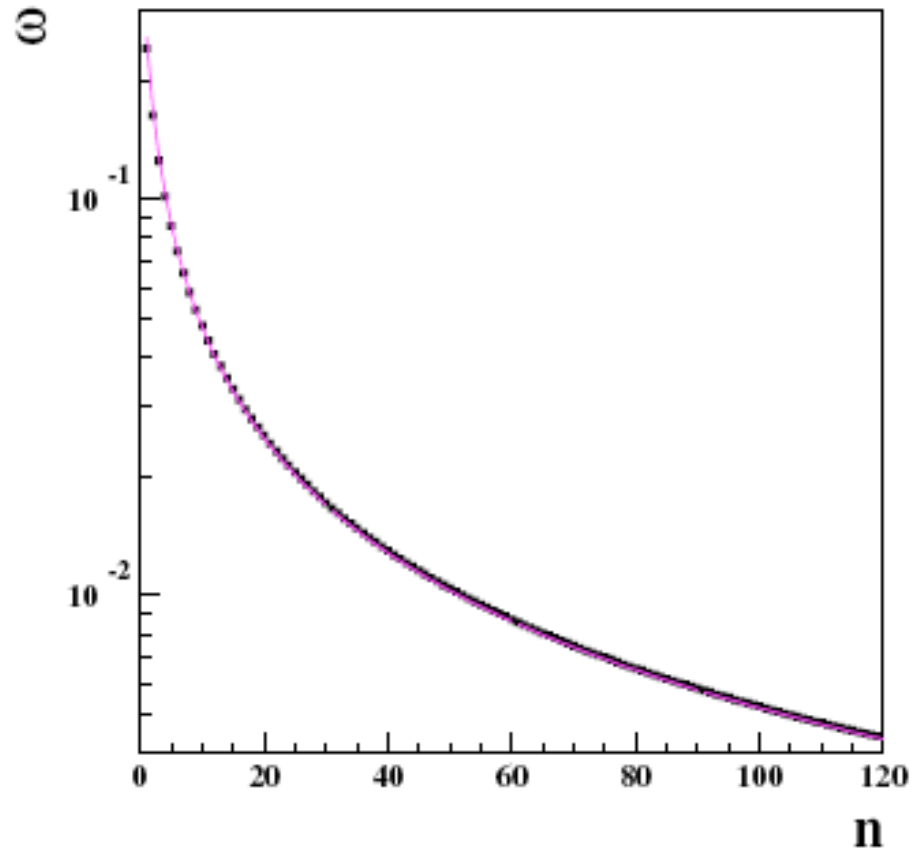
The two fixed phases at  $k=k_{crit}$  and at  $k=k_0$  (near  $\Lambda_{QCD}$ ) lead to the **quantization condition**

$$\phi_{\omega}(k_0) = \left( n - \frac{1}{4} \right) \pi + \eta \pi$$

The first  
eight  
eigenfunctions  
determined at  
 $\eta=0$

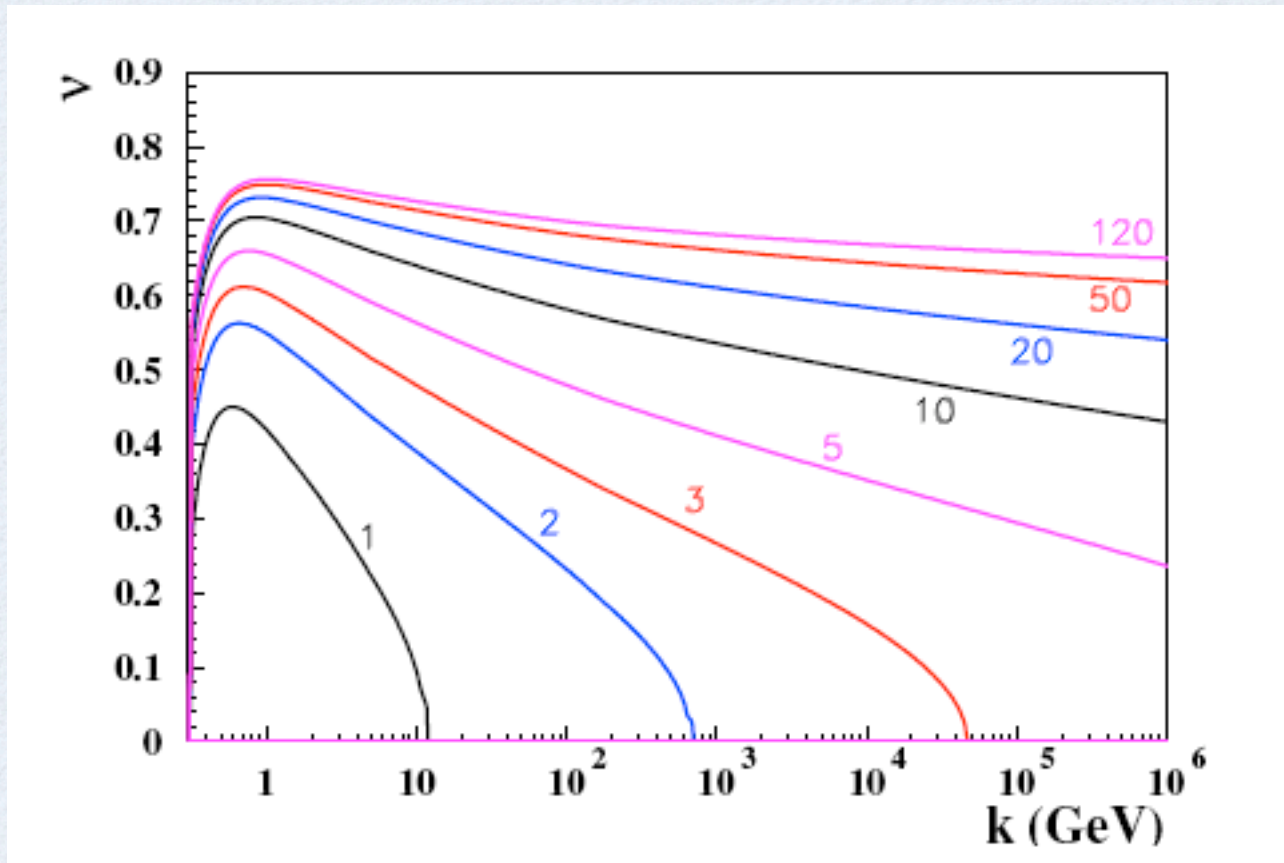


# Eigenvalues $\omega$



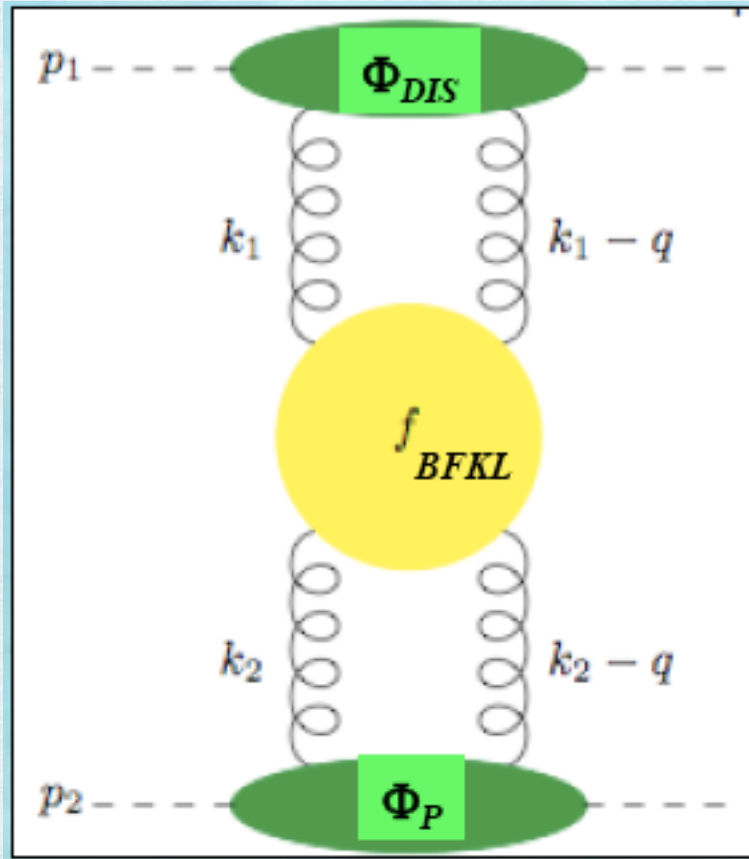
$$\omega_n \approx \frac{0.5}{1 + 0.95n}$$

## The frequencies $\nu(k)$



Music analogy:  
eigenfunctions are tones with modulated  
frequencies

# Comparison with HERA data



Discreet Pomeron Green function

$$A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = \sum_{m,n} f_m(\mathbf{k}) \mathcal{N}_{mn}^{-1} f_n(\mathbf{k}') \left( \frac{s}{kk'} \right)^{\omega_n}$$

Integrate with the photon and proton impact factors

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{(U)} \equiv \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \int \frac{dk}{k} \Phi_{\text{DIS}}(Q^2, k, \xi) \left( \frac{\xi k}{x} \right)^{\omega_n} f_n(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{(D)} \equiv \int \frac{dk'}{k'} \Phi_p(k') \left( \frac{1}{k'} \right)^{\omega_m} f_m(\mathbf{k}')$$

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_{m,n} \mathcal{A}_n^{(U)} \mathcal{N}_{nm}^{-1} \mathcal{A}_m^{(D)}$$

## Proton impact factor

$$\Phi_p(\mathbf{k}) = A k^2 e^{-bk^2}$$

The fit is not sensitive to the particular form of the impact factor.

The support of the proton impact factor is much smaller than the oscillation period of  $f_n$  and because the frequencies  $\nu$  have a limited range

- many eigenfunctions have to contribute and  $\eta$  has to be a function of  $n$

$$\eta = \eta_0 \left( \frac{n-1}{n_{\max}-1} \right)^\kappa$$

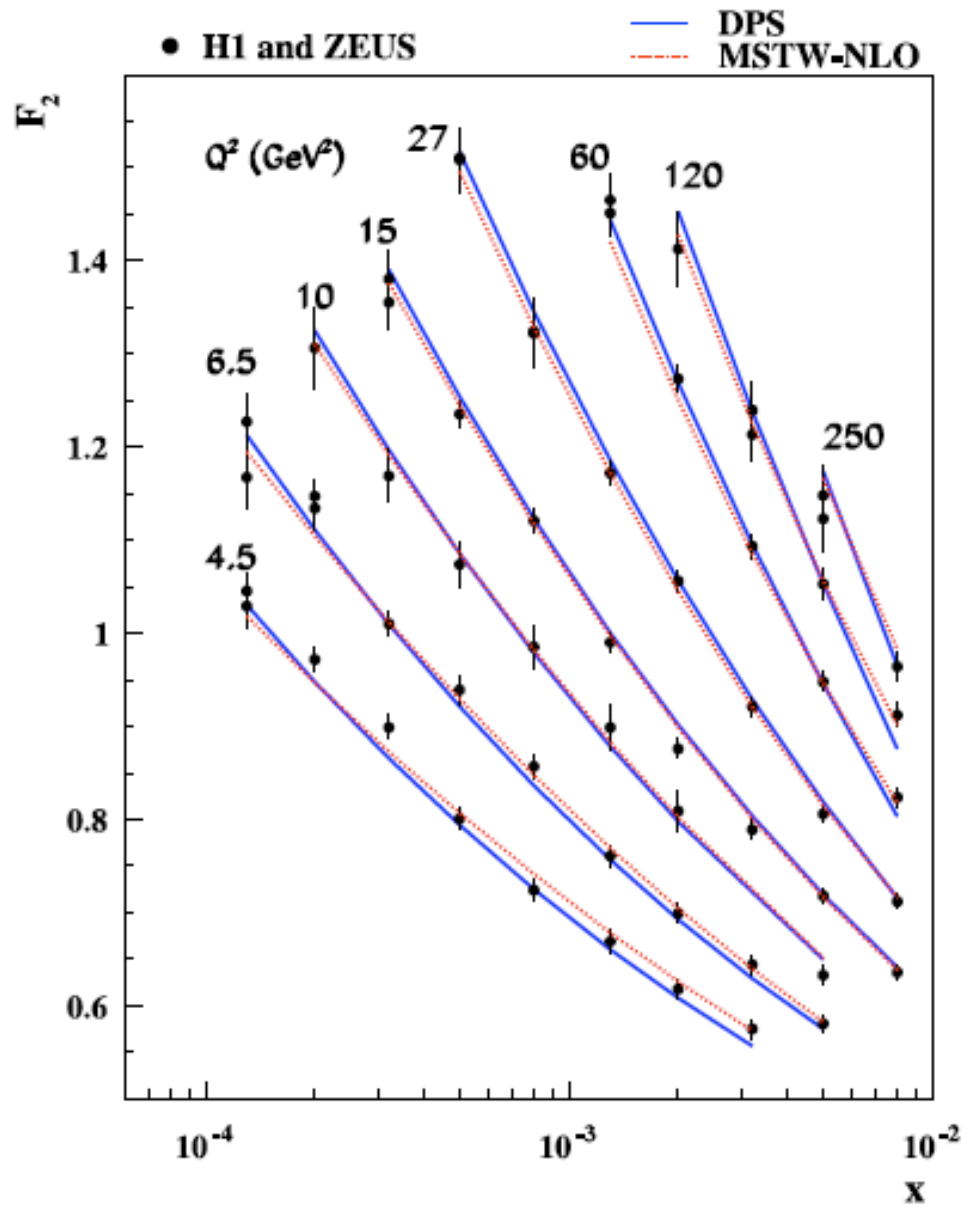
## The qualities of fits for various numbers of eigenfunctions

(a) Fits with cuts of  $Q^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $x < 0.01$

$n_{\text{max}}$	$\chi^2/N_{\text{df}}(x < 0.01)$	$\chi^2/N_{\text{dat}}(x < 0.001)$	$\kappa$	$A$	$b$
1	$9792/125 = 78.3$	$2123/43 = 49.4$	–	156	30.0
5	$349.8/125 = 2.80$	$88.8/43 = 2.07$	3.78	$3.1 \cdot 10^6$	78.0
20	$286.5/125 = 2.29$	$83.3/43 = 1.94$	0.96	632	15.8
40	$193.3/125 = 1.55$	$54.9/43 = 1.28$	0.84	2315	23.2
60	$163.3/125 = 1.31$	$44.8/43 = 1.04$	0.78	3647	25.6
80	$156.5/125 = 1.25$	$43.5/43 = 1.01$	0.73	3081	24.4
100	$149.1/125 = 1.19$	$41.3/43 = 0.96$	0.69	2414	22.8
120	$143.7/125 = 1.15$	$39.2/43 = 0.91$	0.66	2041	21.8

➤ new data are crucial for finding the right solution  
the differences in the fit qualities would be negligible if the errors were more than 2-times larger

The final fit  
performed  
with 120 ef's  
and 30  
overlaps and  
5 flavours

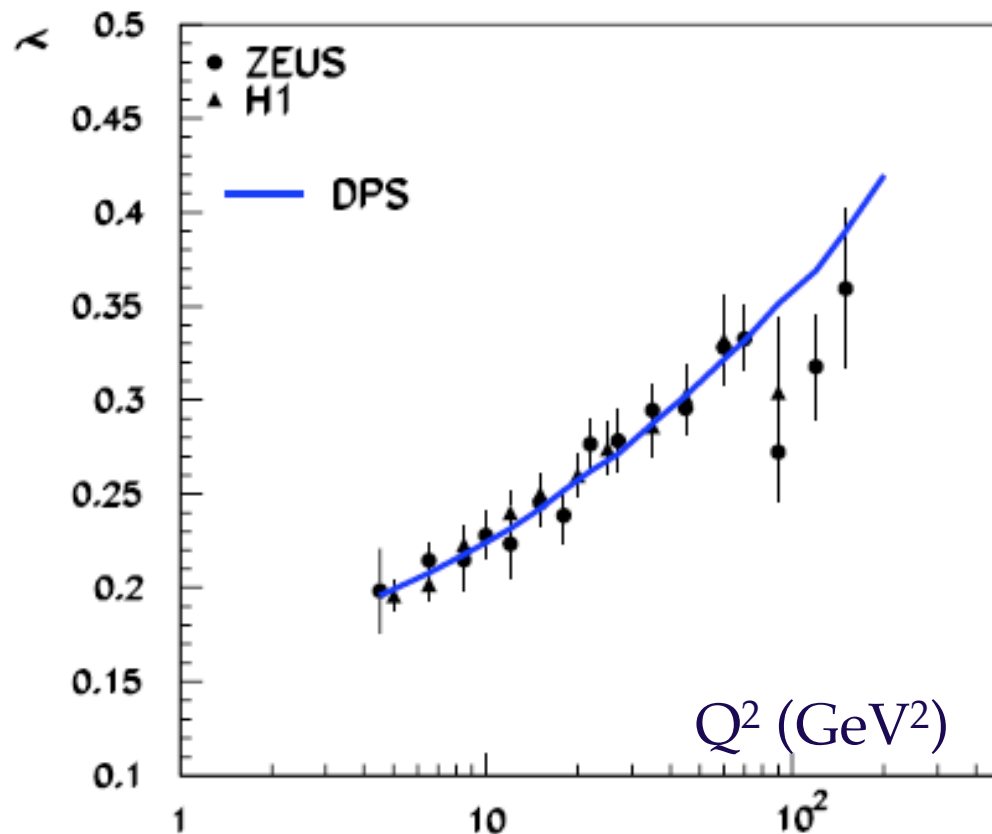


$\chi^2/N_{df}$	$\kappa$	$A$	$b$
154.7 / 125	0.65	1660	20.6



## The rate of rise $\lambda$

$$F_2 \sim (1/x)^\lambda$$



The first successful pure BFKL description of the  $\lambda$  plot.

For many years it was claimed that BFKL analysis was not applicable to HERA data because of the observed substantial variation of  $\lambda$  with  $Q^2$

# Pomeron Regge trajectories in ADS

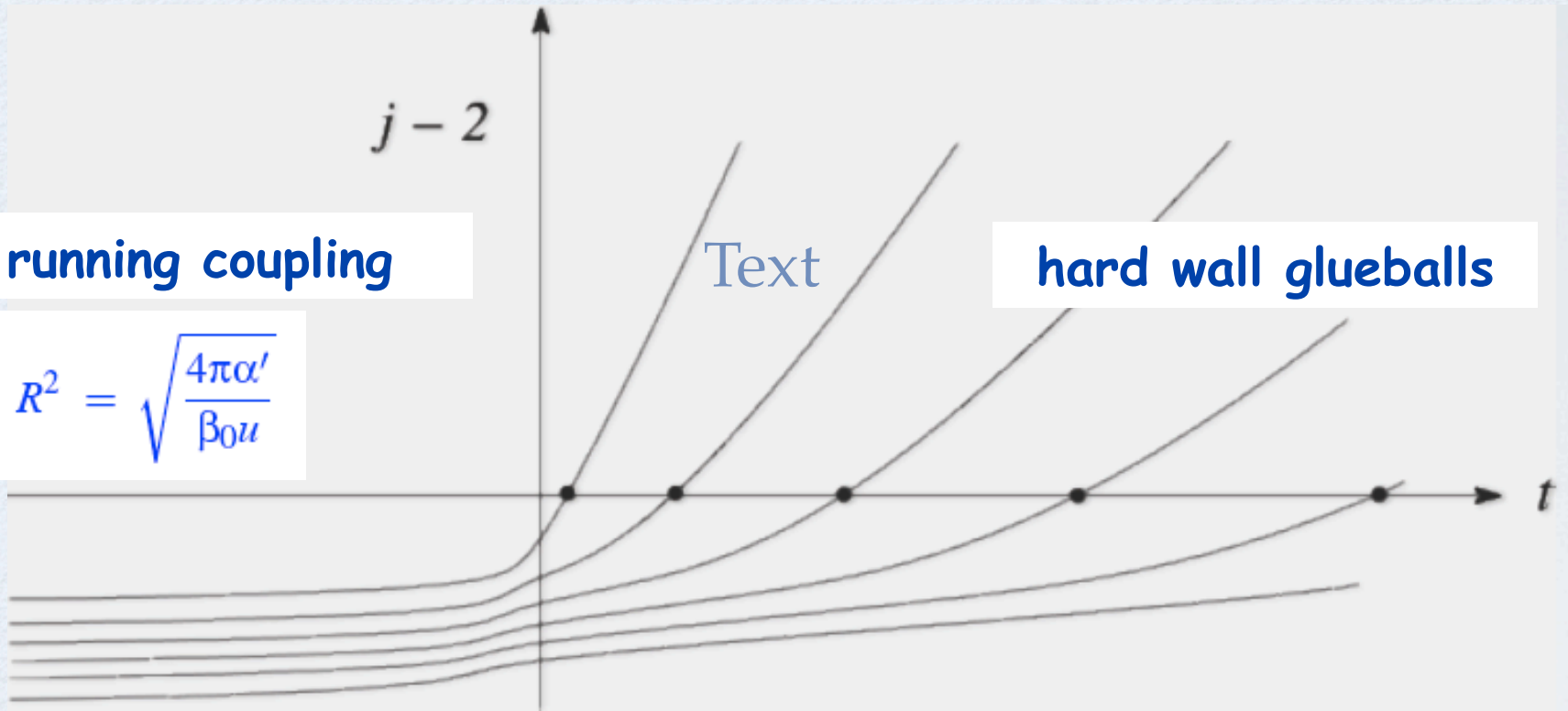
$j - 2$

running coupling

$$R^2 = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\alpha'}{\beta_0 u}}$$

Text

hard wall glueballs



# String-Gauge Dual Description of Deep Inelastic Scattering at Small- $x$

arXiv: 1007.2259v2, Sept 2010

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$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{g_0^2 \rho^{3/2}}{32\pi^{5/2}} \int dz dz' P_{13}(z, Q^2) P_{24}(z') (zz' Q^2) e^{(1-\rho)\tau} \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{\log^2 z/z'}{\rho\tau}}}{\tau^{1/2}} + \mathcal{F}(z, z', \tau) \frac{e^{-\frac{\log^2 zz'/z_0^2}}{\rho\tau}}{\tau^{1/2}} \right)$$

diffusion term

reflected term

$$P_{13}(z) \approx C\delta(z - 1/Q),$$

$$P_{24}(z') \approx \delta(z' - 1/Q').$$

$$e^{(1-\rho)\tau} \sim (1/x)^{1-\rho}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(z, z', \tau) = 1 - 2\sqrt{\rho\pi\tau} e^{\eta^2} \operatorname{erfc}(\eta), \quad \eta = \frac{-\log \frac{zz'}{z_0^2} + \rho\tau}{\sqrt{\rho\tau}}.$$

reflected term  
(model dependent)  
corresponds to  
the phase  
condition in KLRW

fitted variables,

$g_0, \rho, z_0, Q'$

in KLRW,  $\rho$  is predicted

# Discrete BFKL-Pomeron

Summary of properties:

Consists of many eigenfunctions:

the contribution of large  $n$  ef's is only weakly suppressed, enhancement by  $(1/x)^\omega$  is not very large because

$$\omega_1 \approx 0.25, \quad \omega_5 \approx 0.1, \quad \omega_{10} \approx 0.05$$

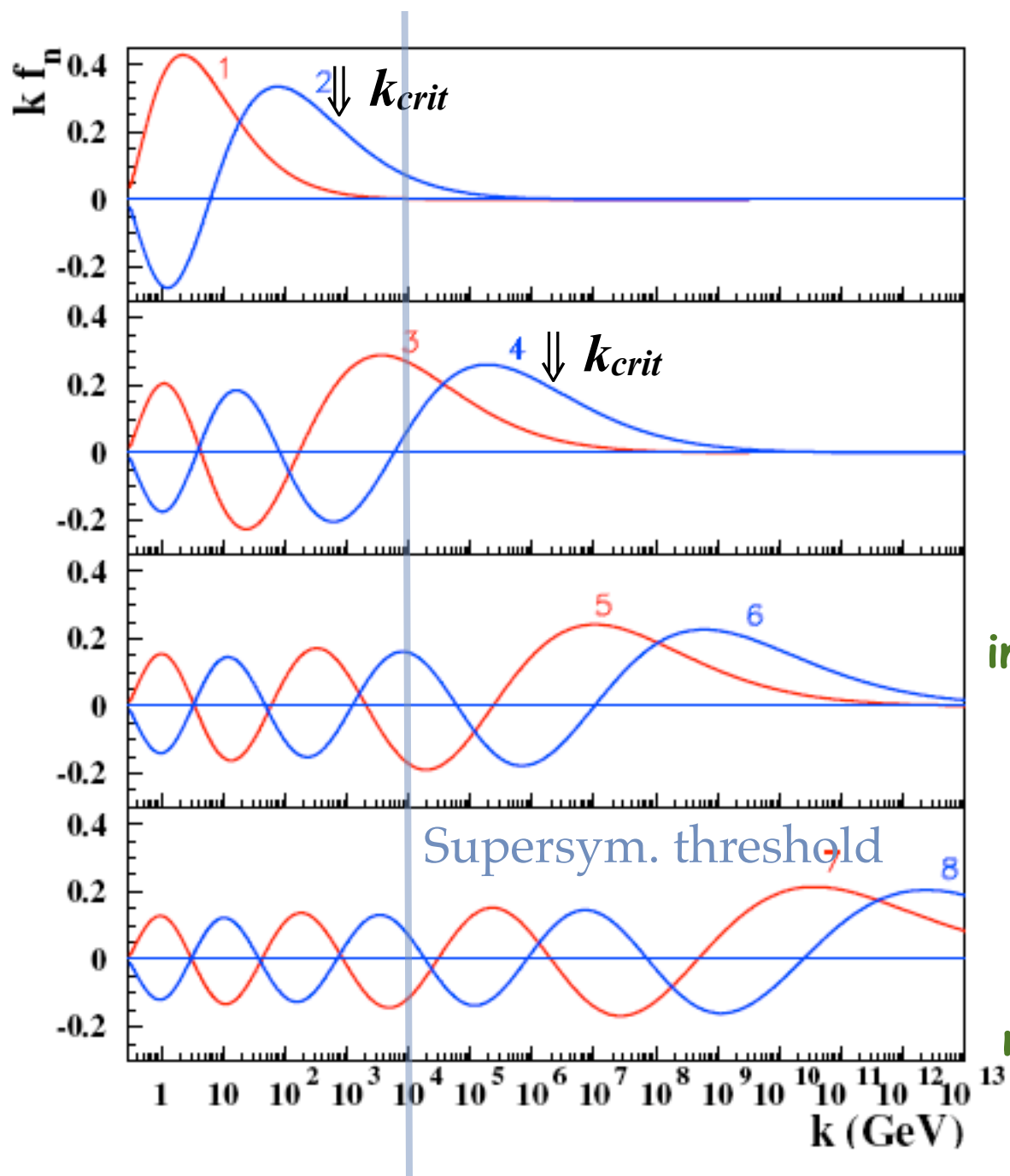
suppression of large  $n$  contribution only by the normalization condition  $\sim 1/\sqrt{n}$

The shape and normalization of the eigenfunctions is determined by the perturbative QCD:

The phase condition at  $k_0$  is of the non-perturbative origin - confinement property

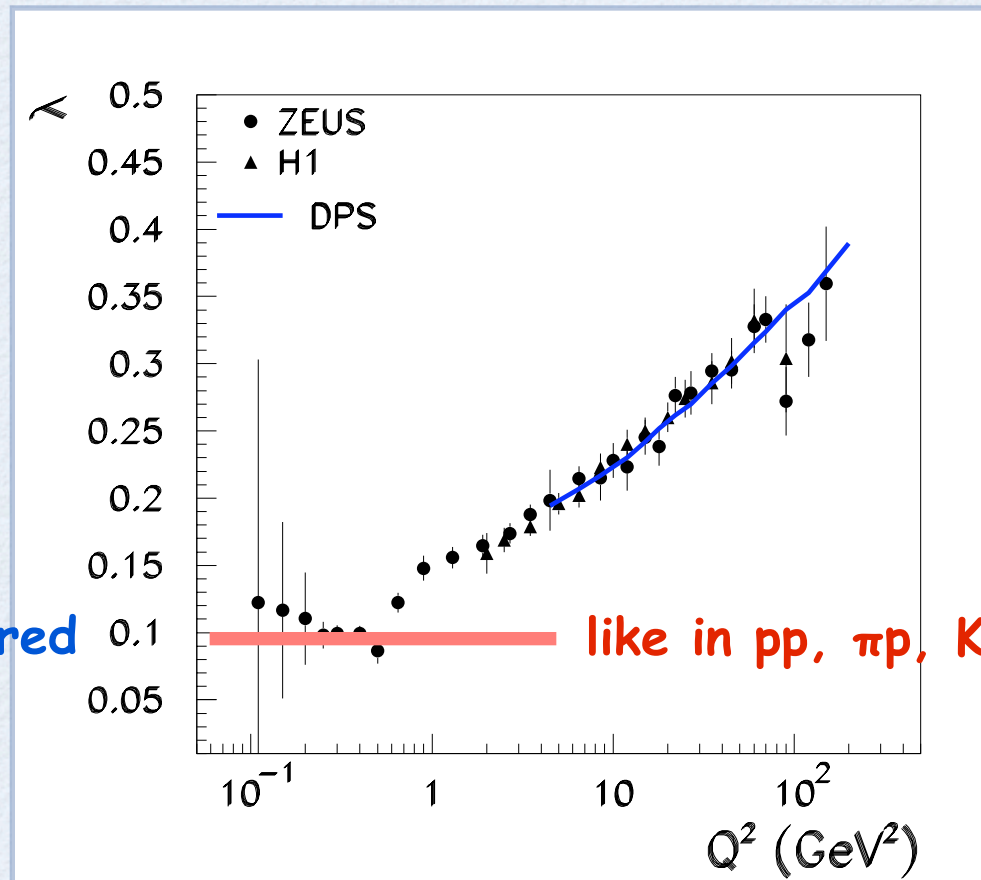
DP is a transition object from small to large or vice versa

The first eight eigenfunctions determined at  $\eta=0$



Are BSM effects increasing  $\nu$ ? and decreasing  $k_{crit}$ ?  
less ef's necessary?

# Transition to the saturation and confinement regions



precision data  
at low  $Q^2$  required

like in pp,  $\pi p$ , Kp scattering

evaluate triple pomeron vertex with DPS, at  $t \neq 0$ , apply it in the saturation region, i.e at low  $Q^2$ , and to elastic pp scattering

High energy behaviour of pp,  $\pi p$ , Kp and  $\gamma p$  shows universal properties  $\rightarrow$  get insight into confinement?

# Summary and Outlook

Since the beginning of particle physics, high energy behavior of scattering amplitudes was expected to give basic insight into the nature of strong forces. At HERA, for the first time, this behavior can be related to properties of the QCD-Pomeron.

Two different basic approaches: the Discrete-BFKL-Pomeron and ADS-closed-string-Pomeron are describing HERA  $F_2$  data very well.

Will striking similarities between the two approaches give insight into the connection between QCD and Gravitation? Into the confinement problem?

Precise measurement at future ep and eA could provide crucial data:

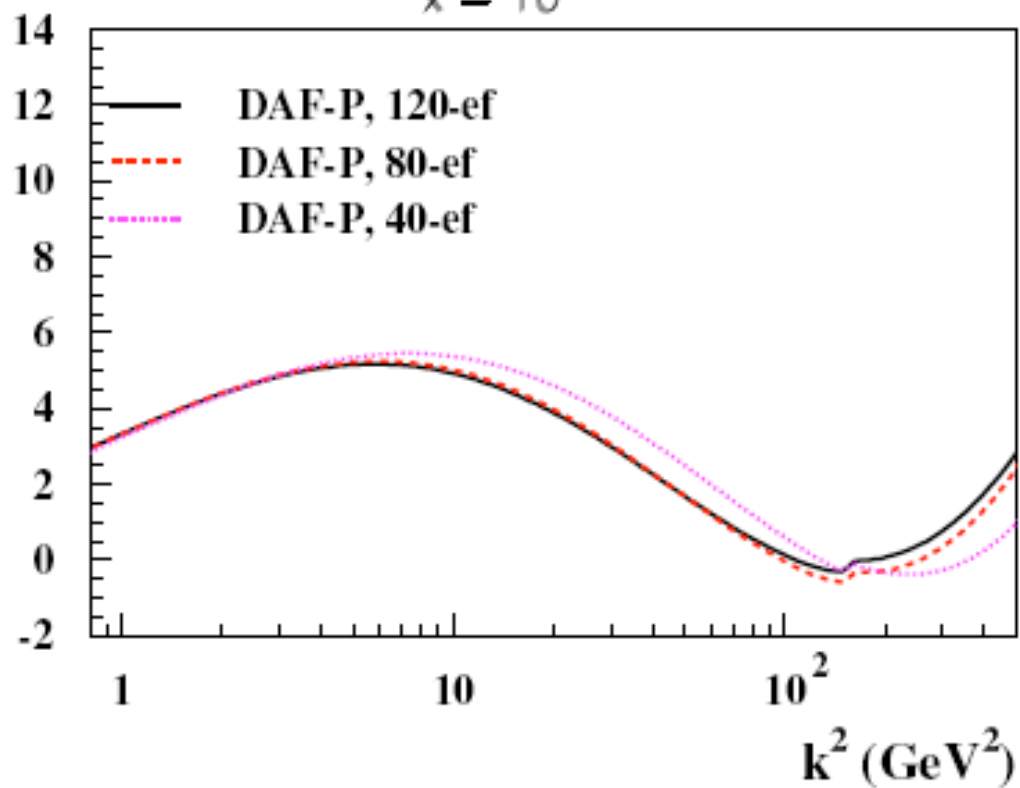
- 1) exclusive diffractive processes  $\Rightarrow$  measurements of  $\alpha(t)$  - EIC
- 2)  $F_2$  and exclusive diffraction at highest possible energies - LHeC

**Back up slides**



### Unintegrated Gluon Density

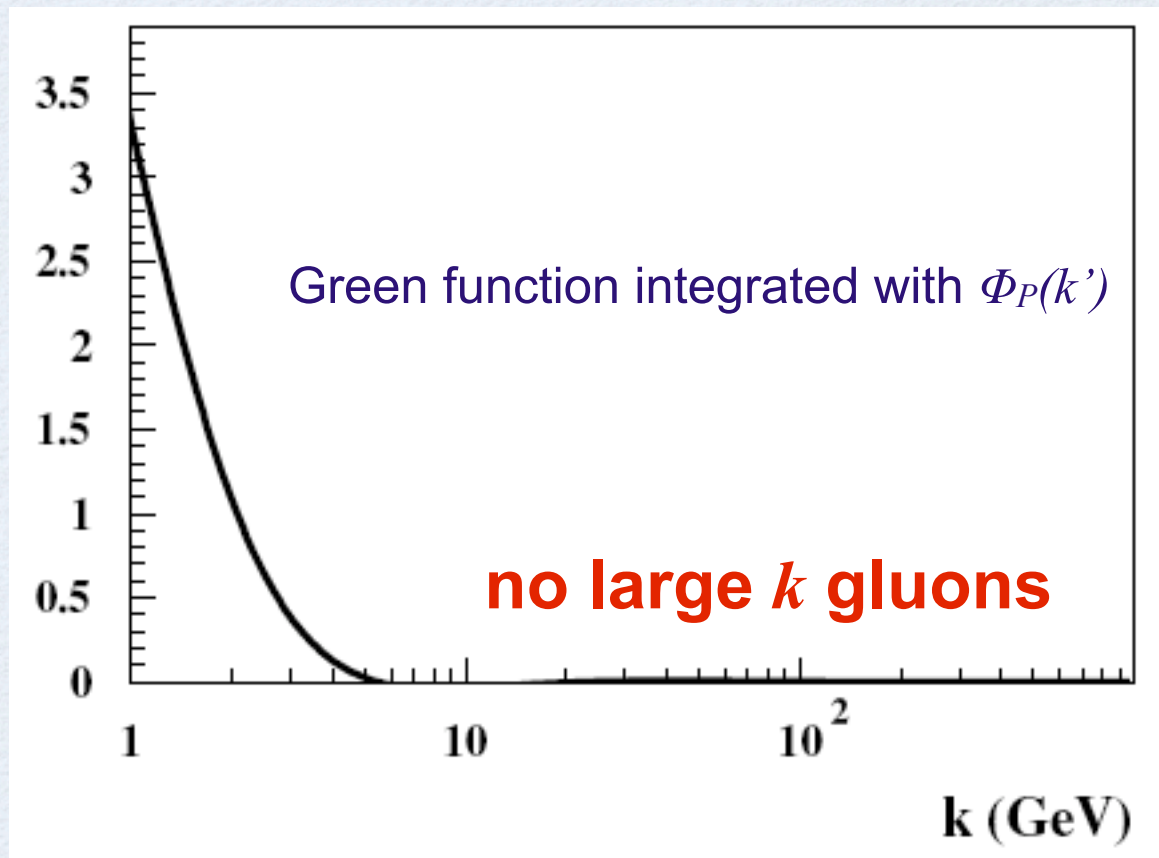
$$x = 10^{-3}$$



## Quasi-locality of the kernel

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = \frac{1}{kk'} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \delta^{(n)} \left( \ln(\mathbf{k}^2 / \mathbf{k}'^2) \right),$$

and of the Green function



# Pomeron - Graviton Correspondence

String theory emerged out of phenomenology of hadron-hadron scattering - Dolan-Horn-Schmid duality

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

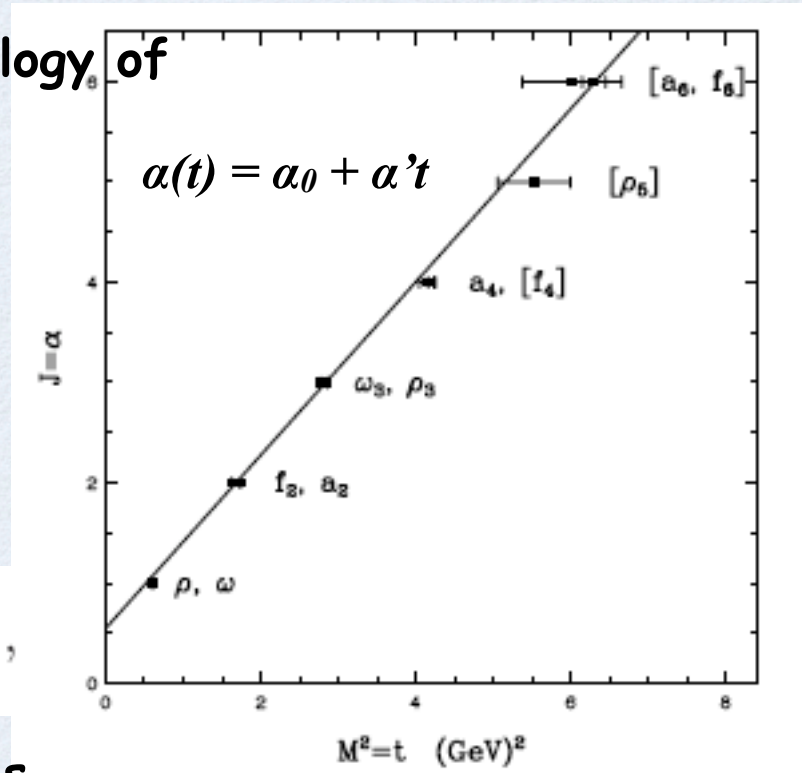
► Veneziano amplitude

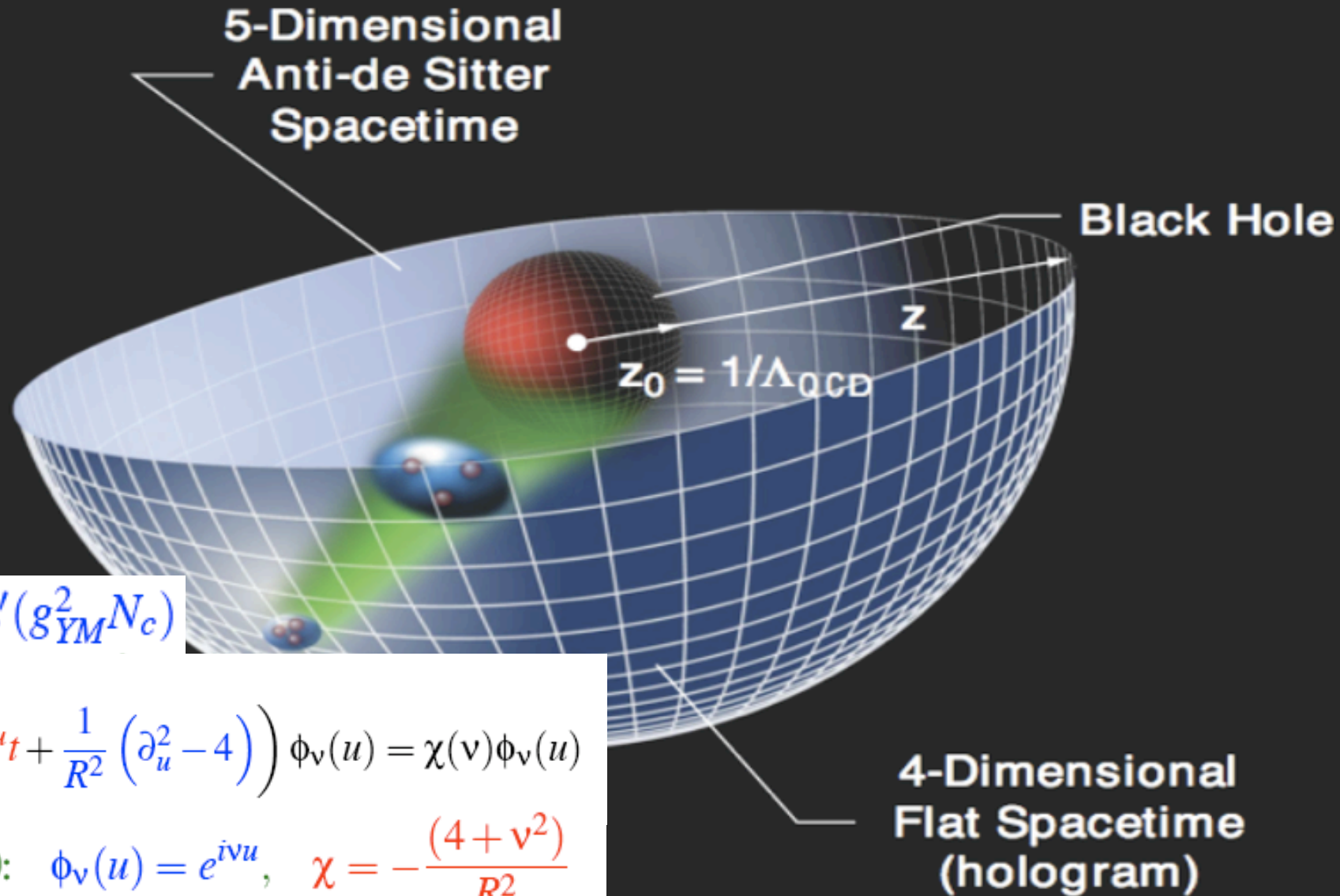
$$A_{\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow\pi^+\pi^-}(s,t) = g_o^2 \frac{\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(t)]\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(s)]}{\Gamma[1 - \alpha_\rho(s) - \alpha_\rho(t)]},$$

► generalization to dual resonance models, Veneziano amplitude for the pomeron trajectory has a pole for  $s=t=0$  with  $J=2$

► starting point for a theory of quantum gravity

Maldacena Conjecture: (N=4 SUSY YM QCD) = (CFT in  $AD S_5 \times S^5$ )





$$R^2 = \alpha' (g_{YM}^2 N_c)$$

$$\left( R^2 e^{-2u} \partial_t^2 + \frac{1}{R^2} (\partial_u^2 - 4) \right) \phi_v(u) = \chi(v) \phi_v(u)$$

For  $t=0$ :  $\phi_v(u) = e^{ivu}$ ,  $\chi = -\frac{(4+v^2)}{R^2}$

$u = \ln(z_0/z)$  in ADS corresponds to  $\ln(k/k_0)$  in BFKL

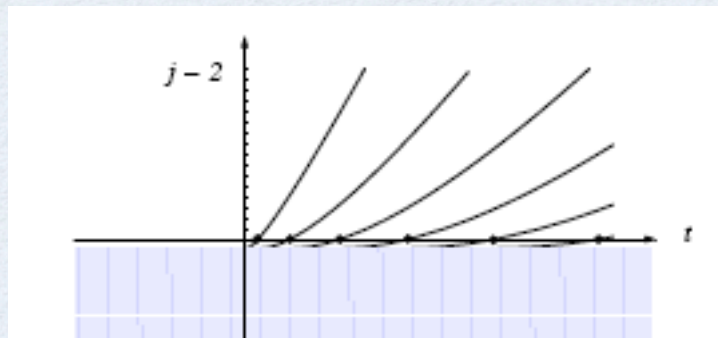


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For  $t = 0$  eigenfunctions are

$$\phi_\nu(u) = e^{-i\nu u} + R_0(\nu)e^{+i\nu u}$$

eigenfunctions are composed of a plain and a reflected wave



for  $t > 0$  the Hard Wall model leads to glueballs, which are the discrete spectrum of 'cavity modes' of the Laplacian for a five-dimensional spin-two field

# Pomeron Regge trajectories in ADS

$j - 2$

running coupling

Text

hard wall glueballs

$$R^2 = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi\alpha'}{\beta_0 u}}$$



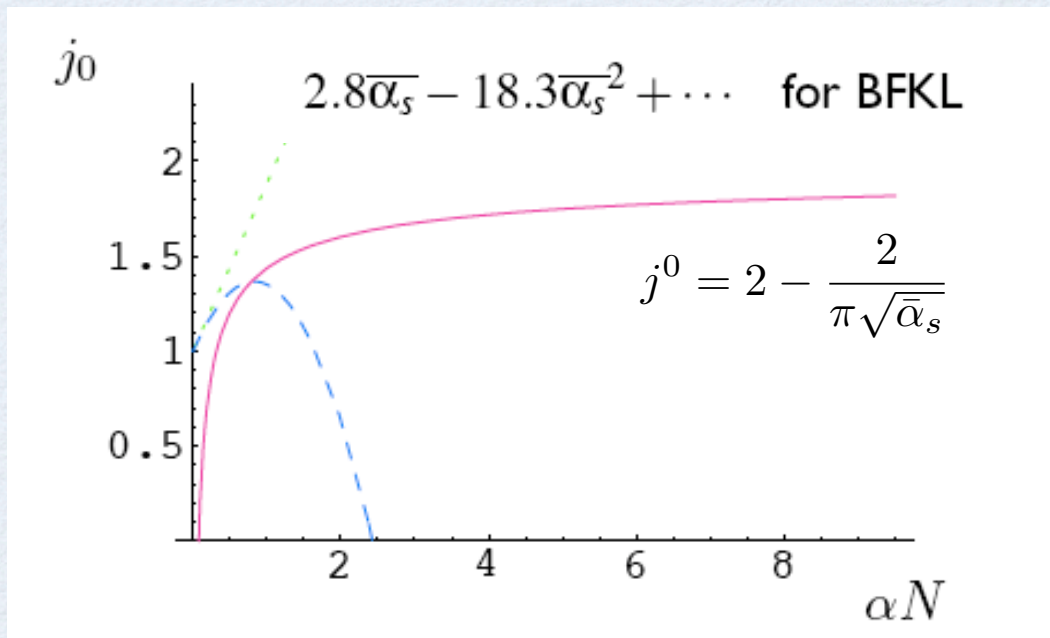
# Pomeron and Gauge/String Duality

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.

$$j^0 = 2 - \frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{in ADS}_5 \text{ and} \\ \text{in N=4 Super YM} \end{array}$$

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



$$\left( \bar{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s N_C}{\pi} \right)$$

# String-Gauge Dual Description of Deep Inelastic Scattering at Small- $x$

arXiv: 1007.2259v2, Sept 2010

Richard C. Brower\*, Marko Djurić†, Ina Sarčević‡§, and Chung-I Tan¶

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{g_0^2 \rho^{3/2}}{32\pi^{5/2}} \int dz dz' P_{13}(z, Q^2) P_{24}(z') (zz' Q^2) e^{(1-\rho)\tau} \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{\log^2 z/z'}{\rho\tau}}}{\tau^{1/2}} + \mathcal{F}(z, z', \tau) \frac{e^{-\frac{\log^2 zz'/z_0^2}{\rho\tau}}}{\tau^{1/2}} \right)$$

diffusion term

reflected term

$$P_{13}(z) \approx C\delta(z - 1/Q),$$

$$P_{24}(z') \approx \delta(z' - 1/Q').$$

$$e^{(1-\rho)\tau} \sim (1/x)^{1-\rho}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(z, z', \tau) = 1 - 2\sqrt{\rho\pi\tau} e^{\eta^2} \operatorname{erfc}(\eta), \quad \eta = \frac{-\log \frac{zz'}{z_0^2} + \rho\tau}{\sqrt{\rho\tau}}.$$

reflected term  
(model dependent)  
corresponds to  
the phase  
condition in KLRW

fitted variables,

$g_0, \rho, z_0, Q'$

in KLRW,  $\rho$  is predicted



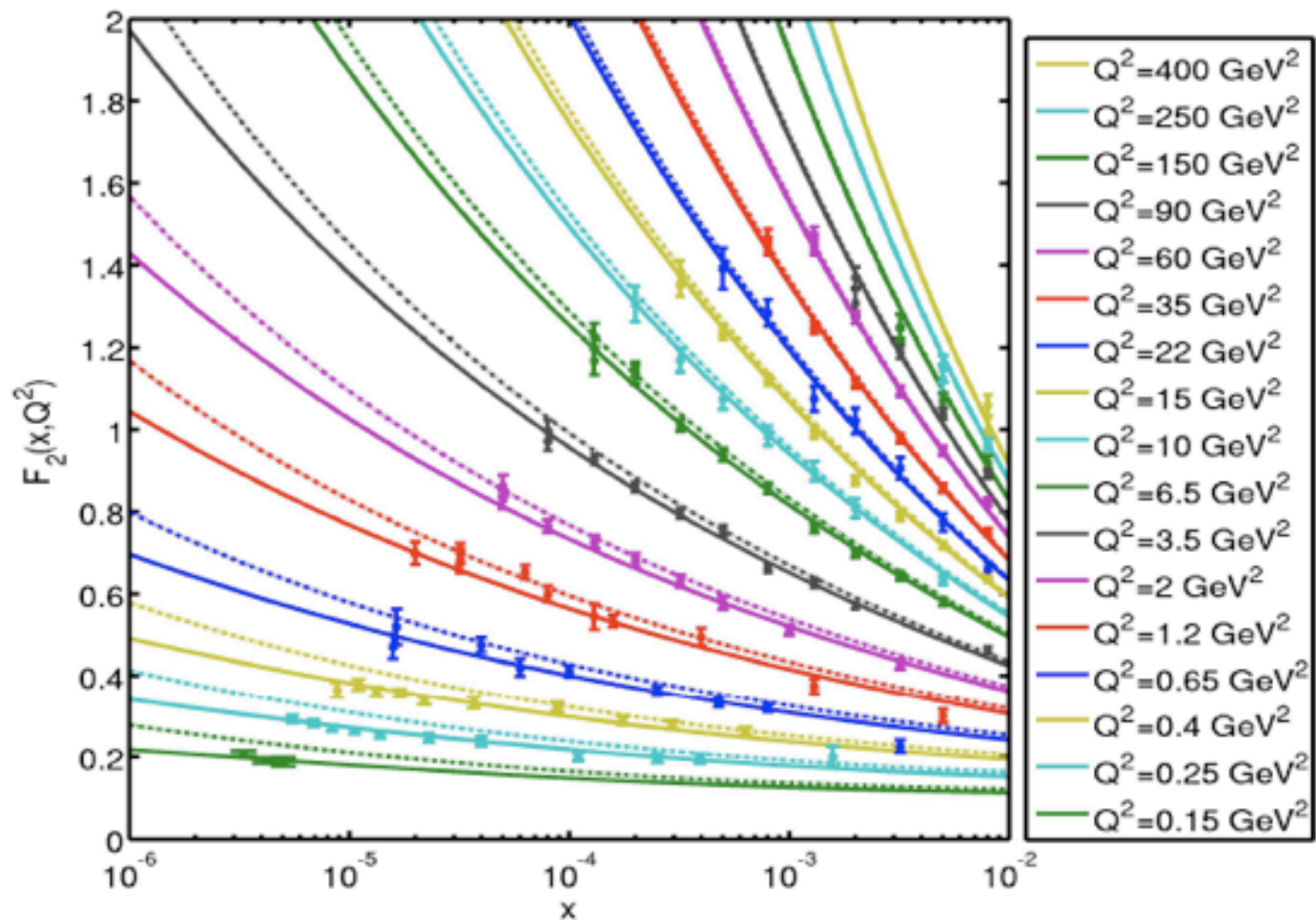
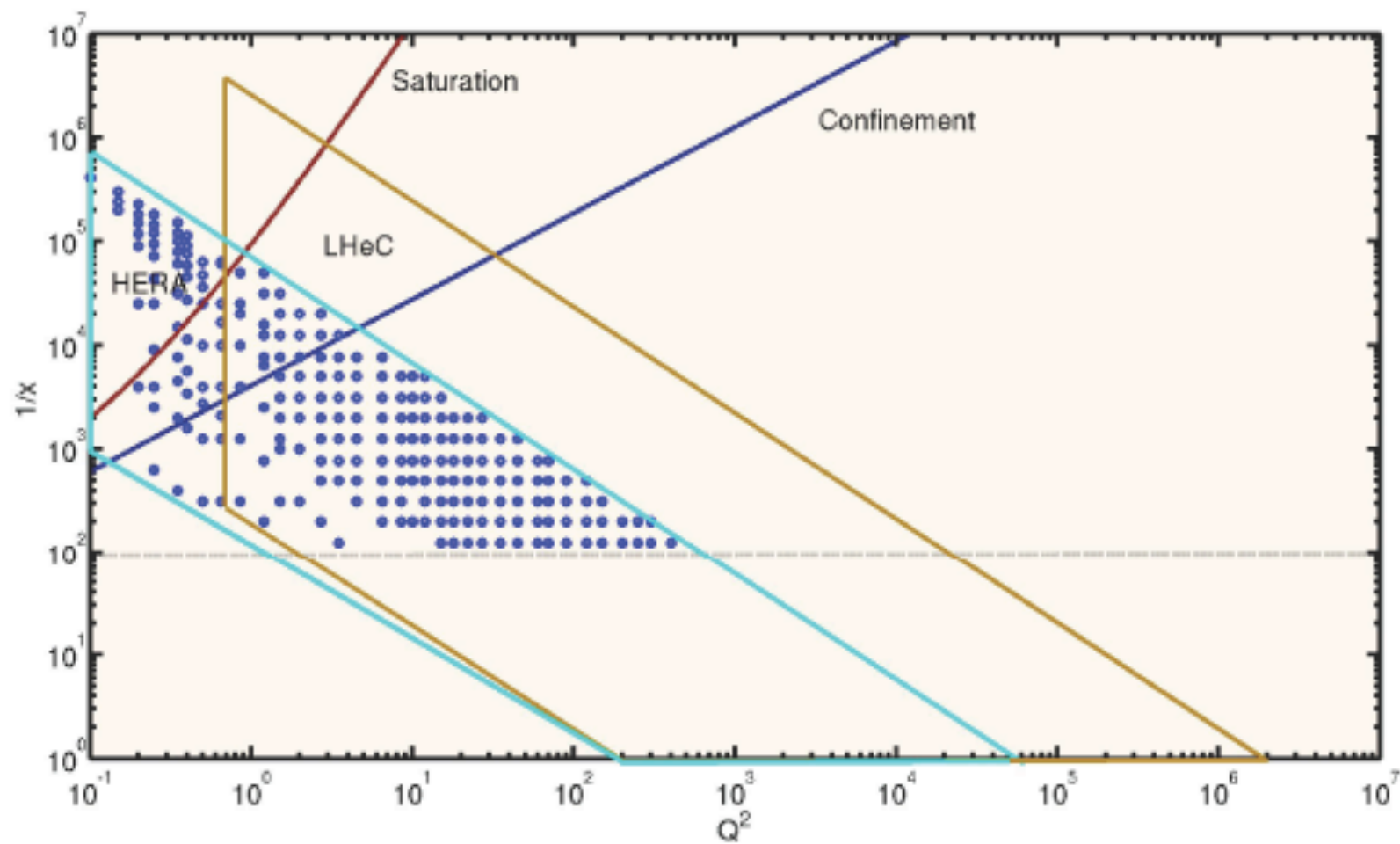
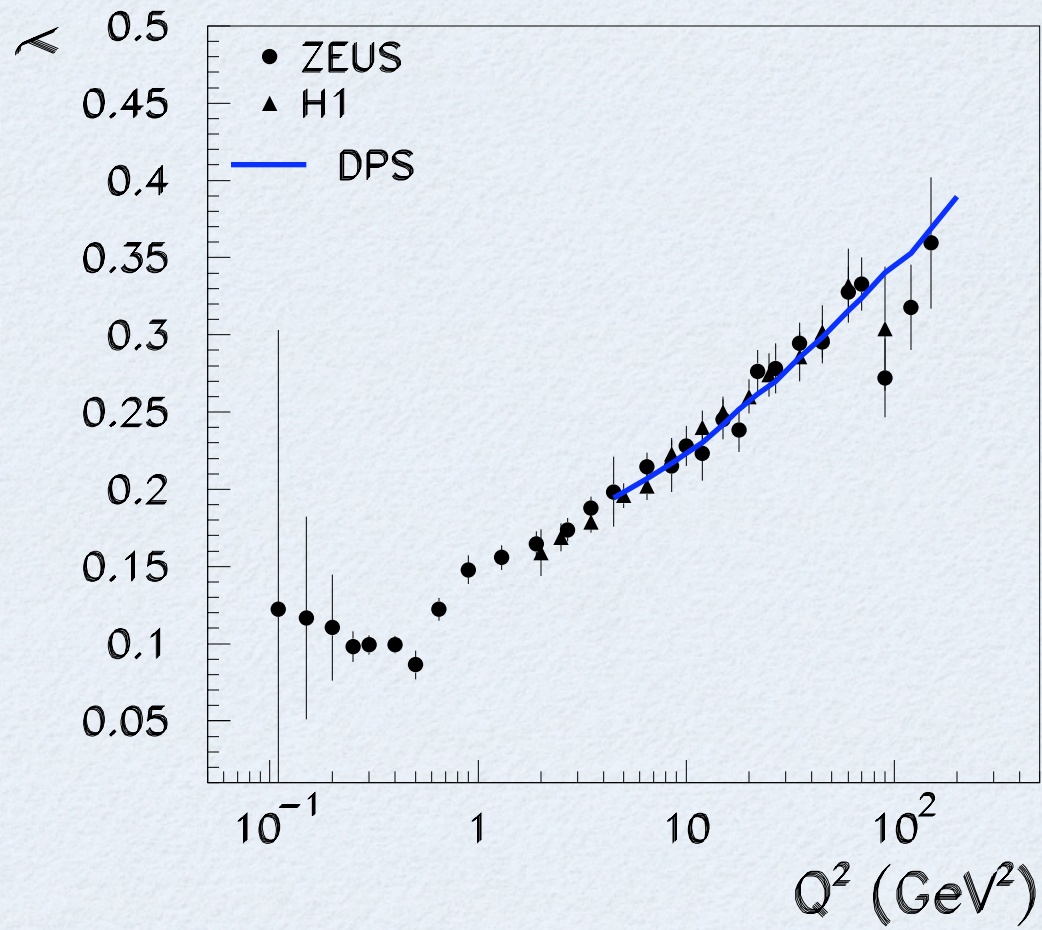


Figure 9: Fit to the combined H1-ZEUS small- $x$  data for  $F_2(x, Q^2)$  by a hard-wall eikonal treatment. We have exhibited both the hard-wall single Pomeron fits, (in dashed lines), and the hard-wall eikonal, (in solid lines), together for a better visual comparison. The fit include 249 data points, with  $x < 10^{-2}$ , and 34  $Q^2$  values, ranging from  $0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$  to  $400 \text{ GeV}^2$ . Only data set for 17  $Q^2$  values are shown.

HERA vs LHeC region: dots are H1-ZEUS small-x data points





## ▶ Why to investigate Gluon Density?

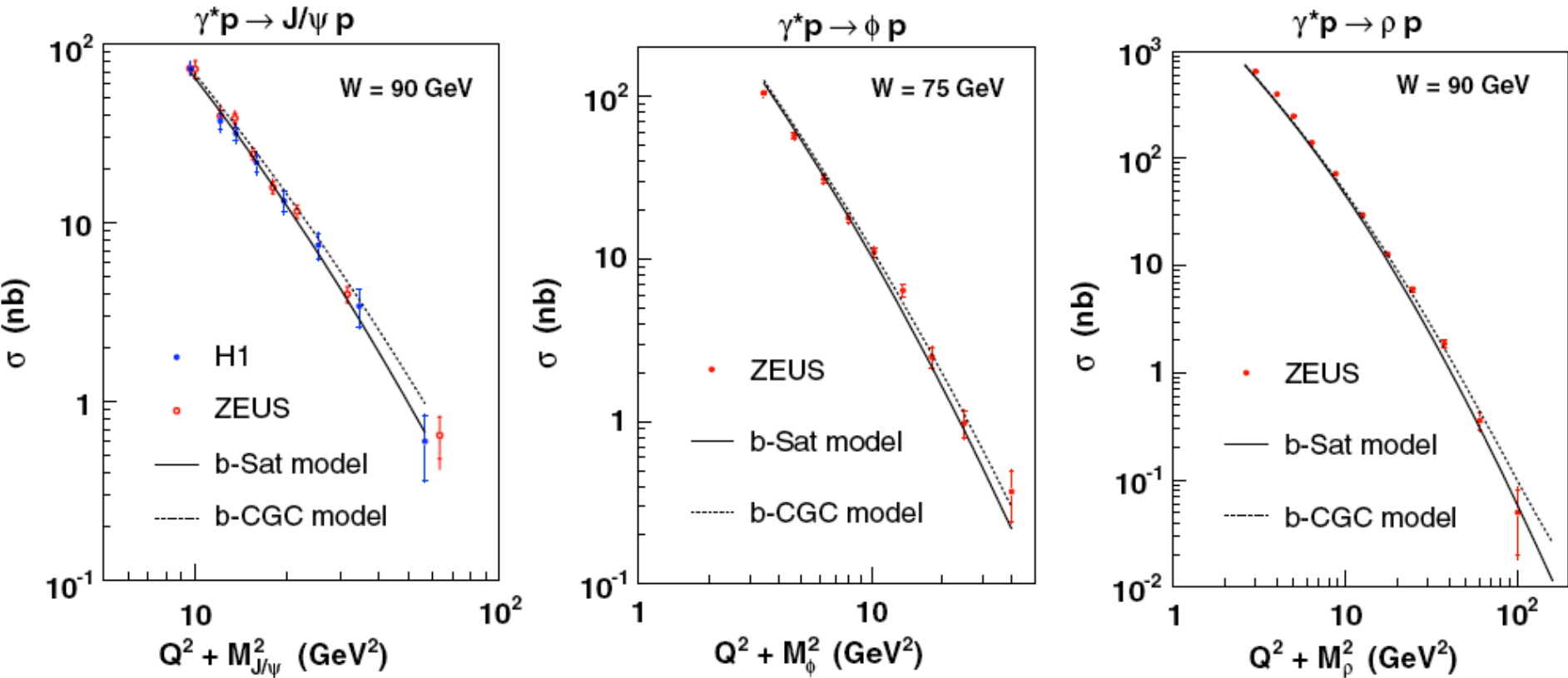
- it determines important physics reactions, like Higgs or gluonic di-jet production, at LHC
- Gluon Density  $\equiv$  Pomeron determines the high energy behavior of scattering amplitudes

high energy behavior of scattering amplitudes is connected to the long range behavior of nuclear forces  $\Rightarrow$  confinement

- it is a fundamental physics quantity

# Vector Mesons

KMW  
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Note: educated guesses for VM wf are working very well

