



# The Color Glass Condensate

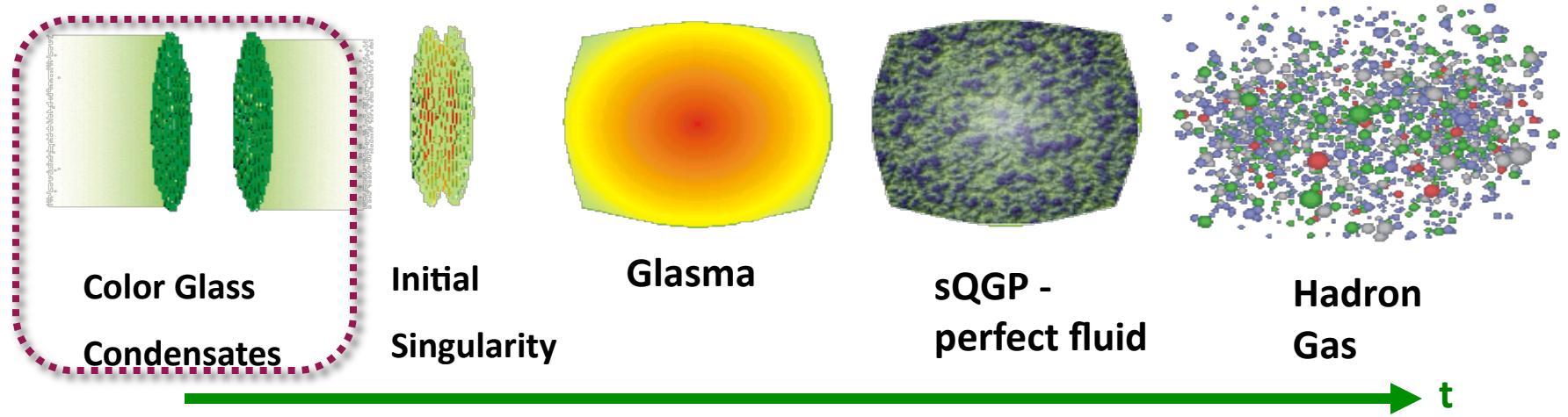
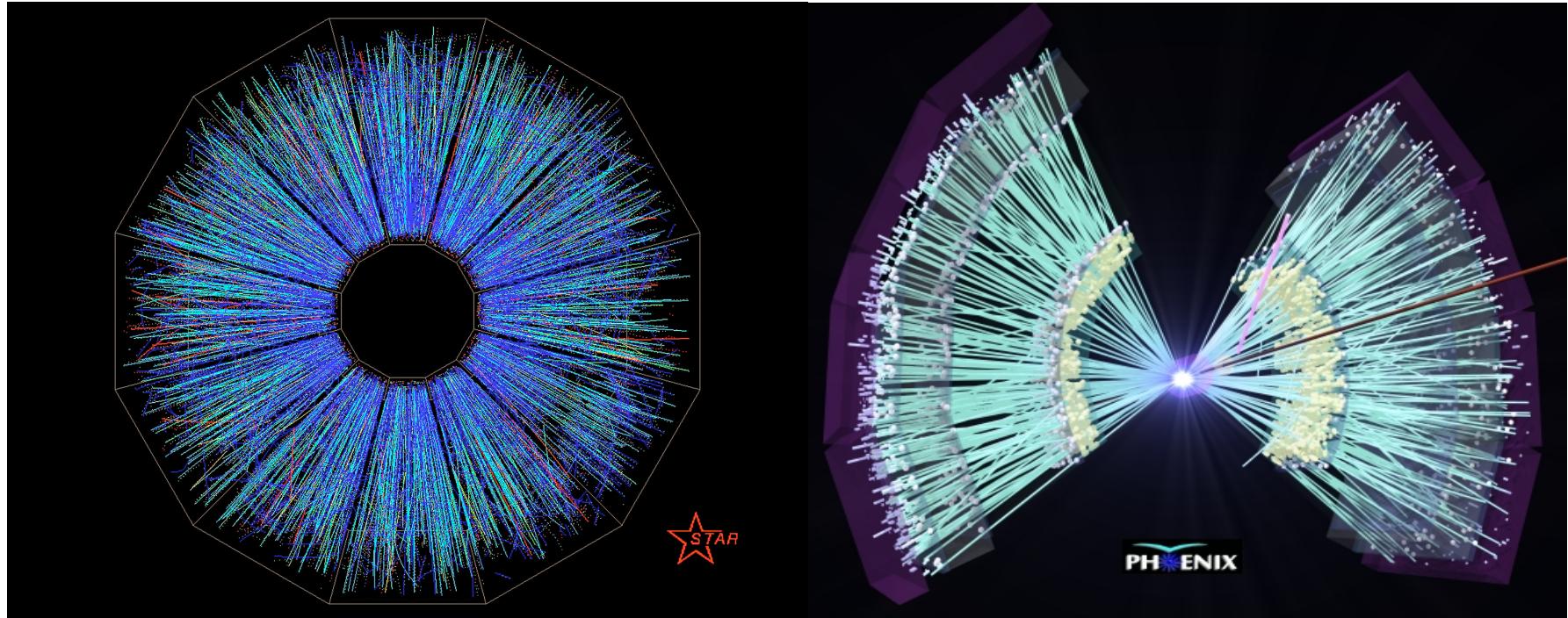
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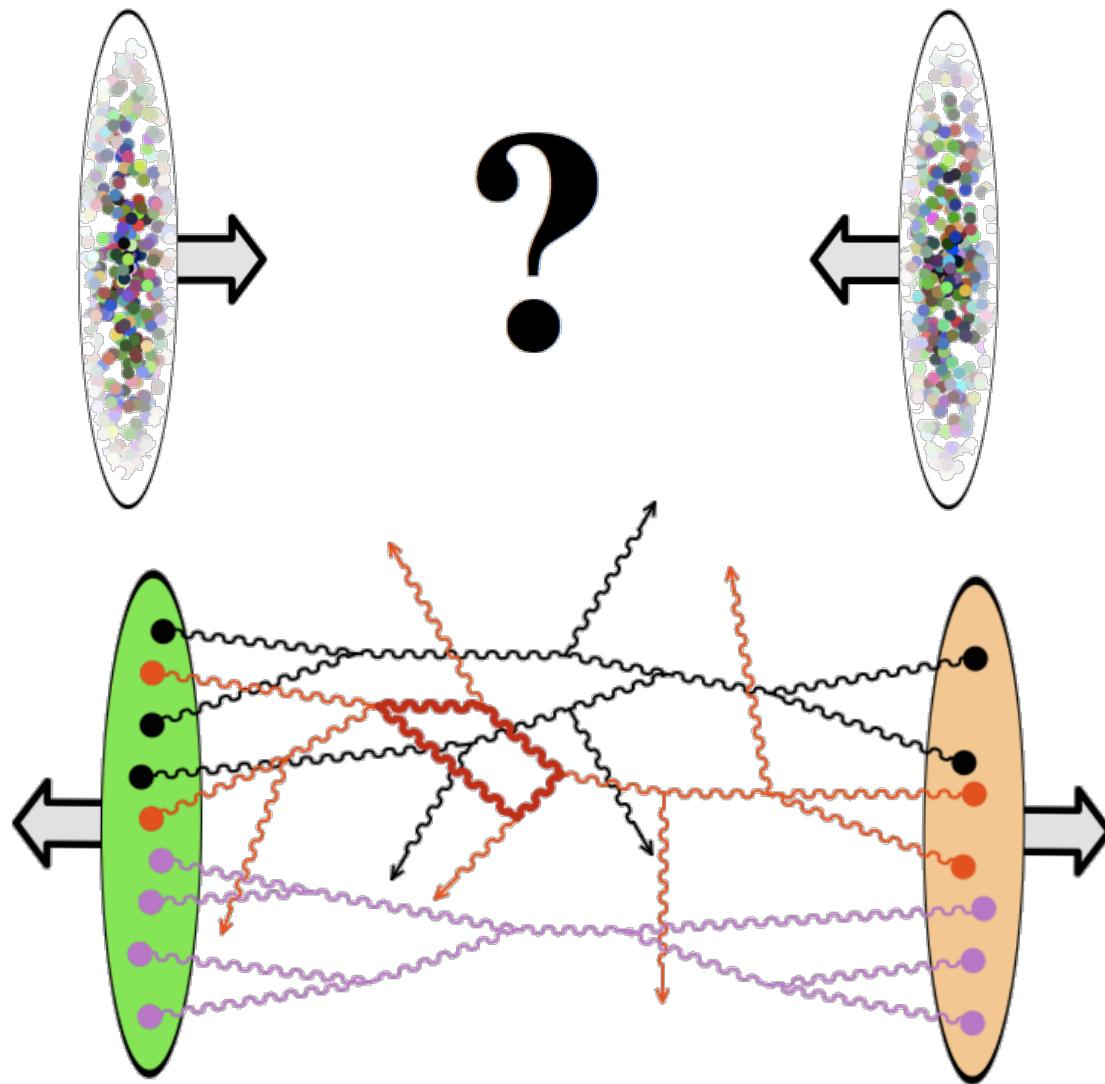
# Outline of lectures

- ◆ **Lecture I: QCD and the Quark-Gluon Plasma**
- ◆ **Lecture II: Gluon Saturation and the Color Glass Condensate**
- ◆ **Lecture III: Quantum field theory in strong fields. Factorization and the Glasma**
- ◆ **Lecture IV: Quantum field theory in strong fields.  
Instabilities and the spectrum of initial quantum fluctuations**
- ◆ **Lecture V: Quantum field theory in strong fields. Decoherence, hydrodynamics, Bose-Einstein Condensation and thermalization**
- ◆ **Lecture VI: Future prospects: RHIC, LHC and the EIC**

# What does a heavy ion collision look like ?



# The big role of wee gluons



# The big role of wee glue

## D. Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at Fantastic Energies

(Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at Fantastic Energies)

Before leaving this subject it is fun to consider the collision of two nuclei at energies sufficiently high so that in addition to the fragmentation regions, a central plateau region can develop. Let us consider a central collision of a relatively small nucleus, say carbon, with a big one, say lead. Let us look at this collision in a center-of-mass frame for which the rapidities of both of the nucleus projectiles exceeds the critical rapidity. In such a frame they both possess the fur coat of wee-parton vacuum fluctuations. In such a central collision we see that the collision initially occurs between the fur of wee partons in each of the projectiles. Therefore the number of independent collisions will be of order of the area of overlap of the two projectiles; namely the cross-sectional area of the smaller nucleus.

At LHC, ~14 units in rapidity!

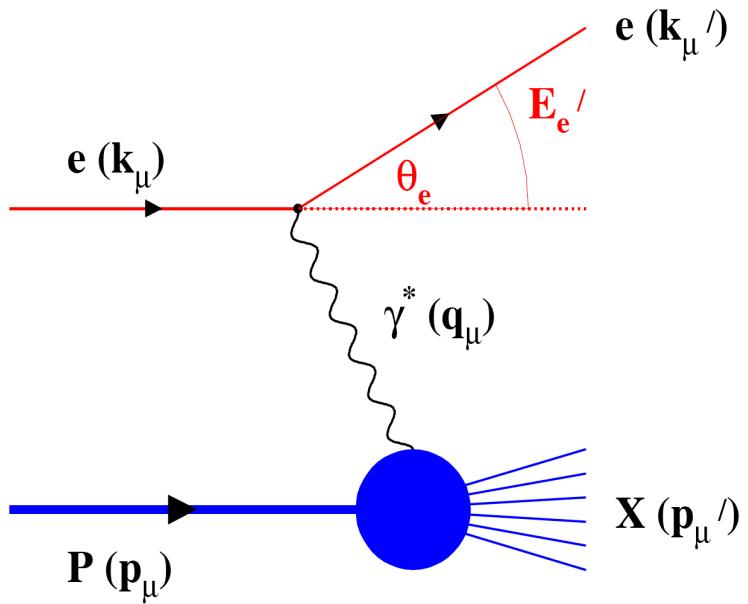


Bj, DESY lectures (1975)

## The big role of wee glue

- What is the role of wee partons ? ✓
- How do the wee partons interact and produce glue ? ✓
- Can it be understood *ab initio* in QCD ? ✓

# The DIS Paradigm



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

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

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

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

Measure of resolution power

Measure of inelasticity

Measure of momentum fraction of struck quark

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{eh \rightarrow eX}}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{xQ^4} \left[ \left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2}\right) F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{2} F_L(x, Q^2) \right]$$

quark+anti-quark  
mom. dists.

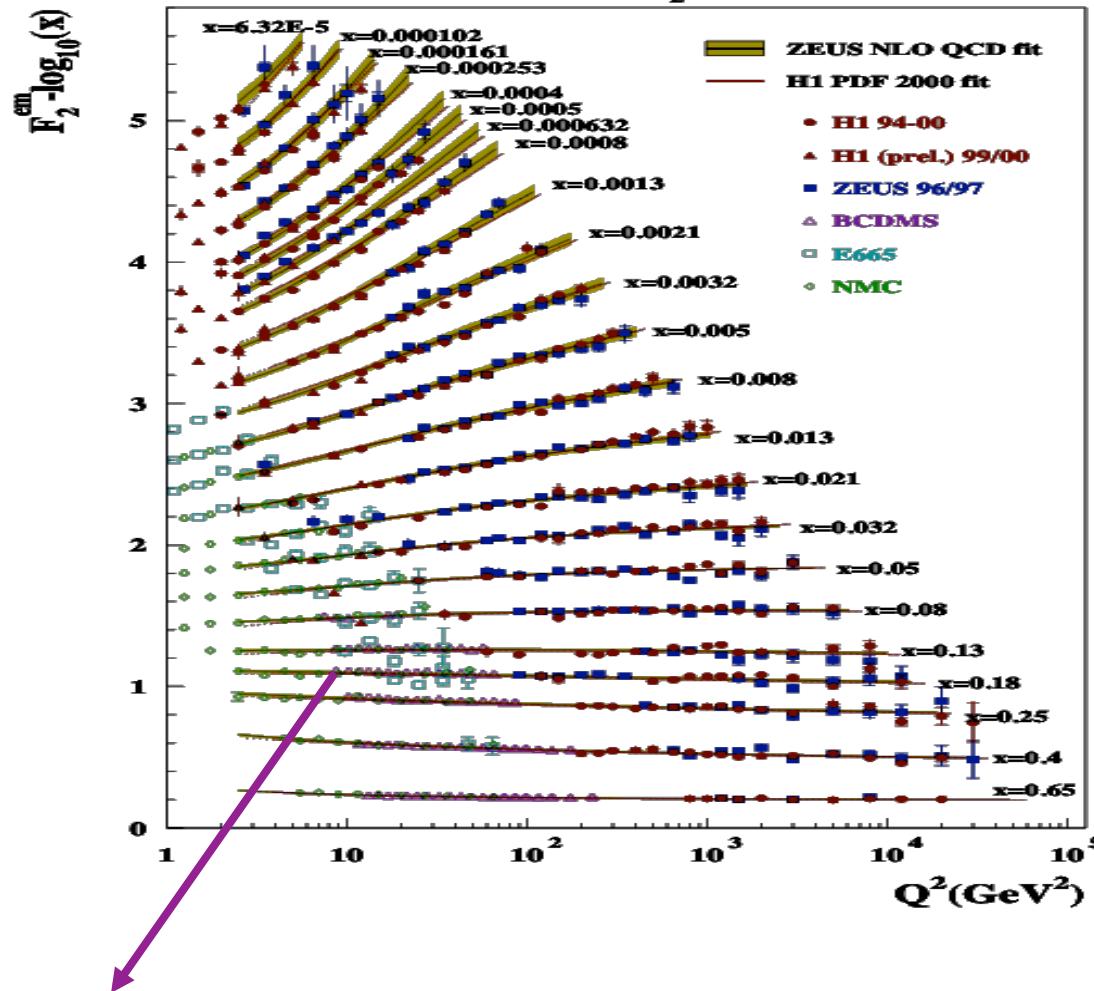
gluon  
mom. dists



Nobel to Friedman, Kendall, Taylor



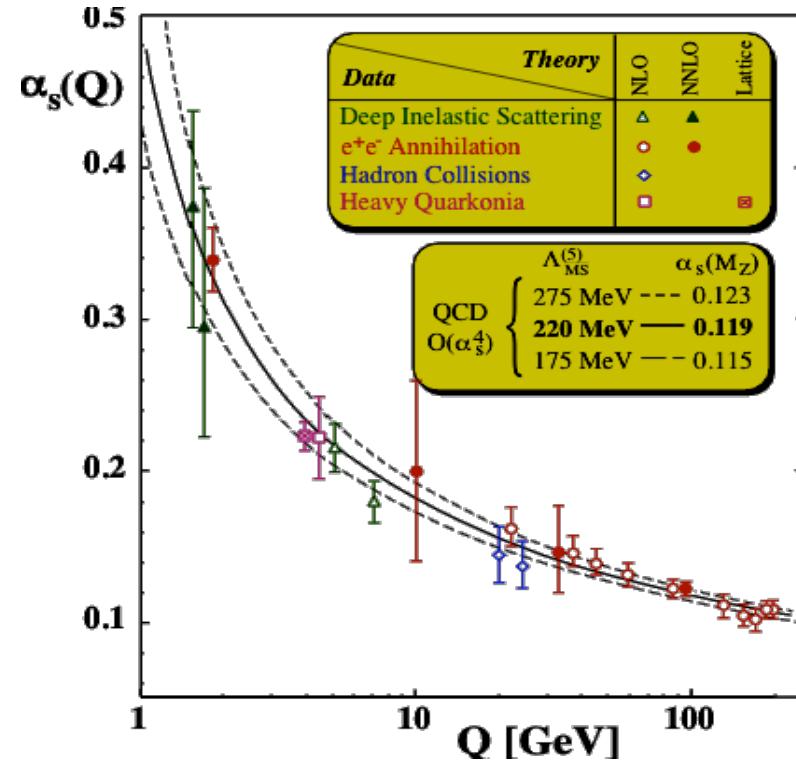
HERA  $F_2$



Bj-scaling: apparent scale invariance of structure functions

## Puzzle resolved in QCD...

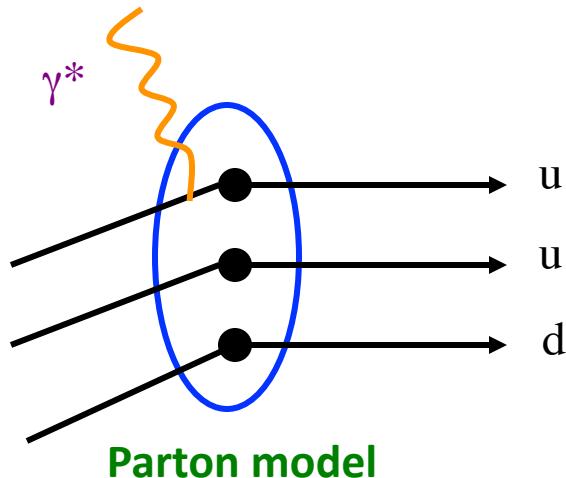
Gross, Wilczek, Politzer



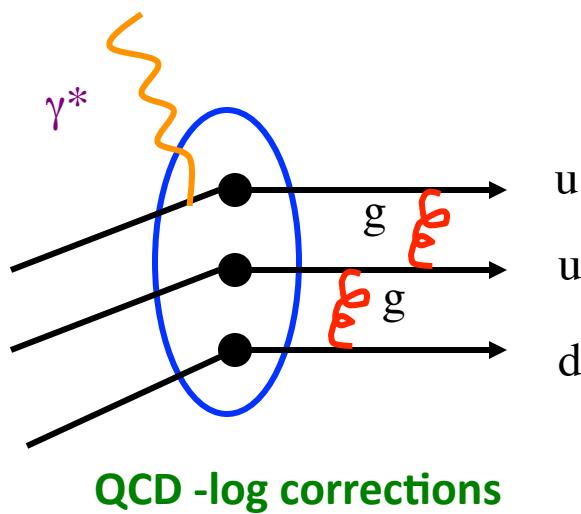
**QCD  $\neq$  Parton Model  
Logarithmic scaling violations**

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_{\substack{q=u,c,t \\ d,s,b}} e_q^2 (x q(x, Q^2) + x \bar{q}(x, Q^2))$$

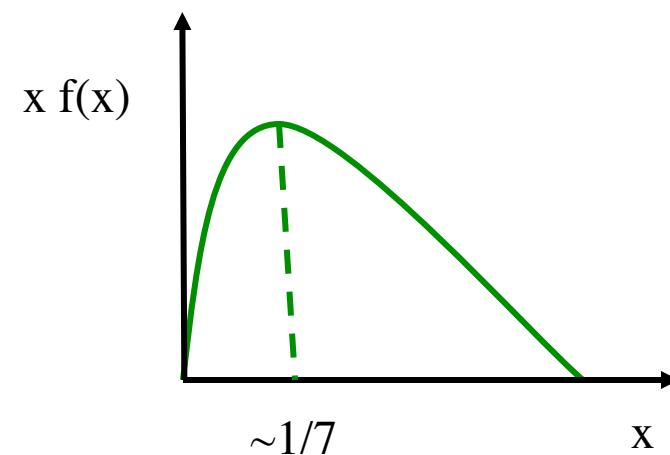
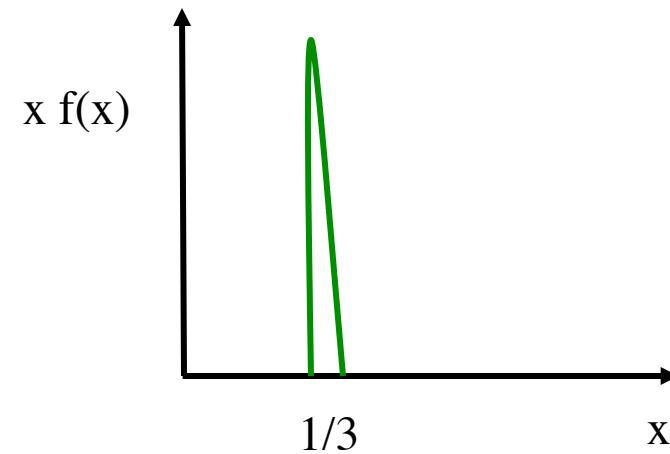
# The proton at high energies

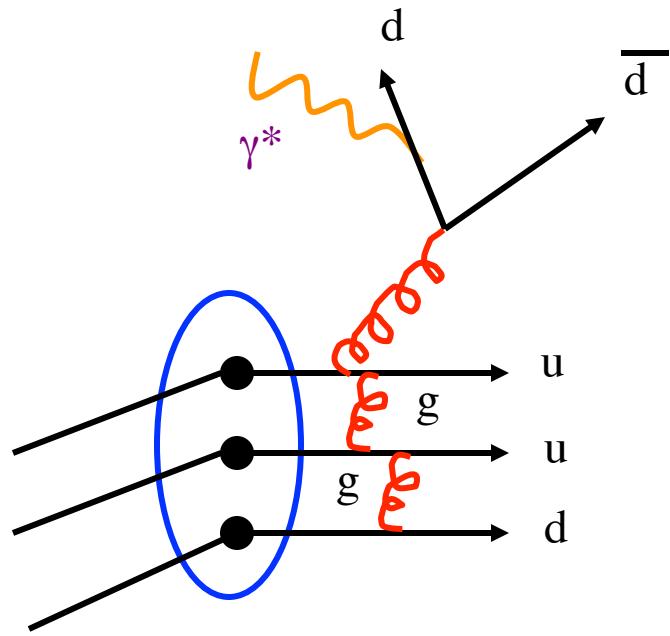


Parton model

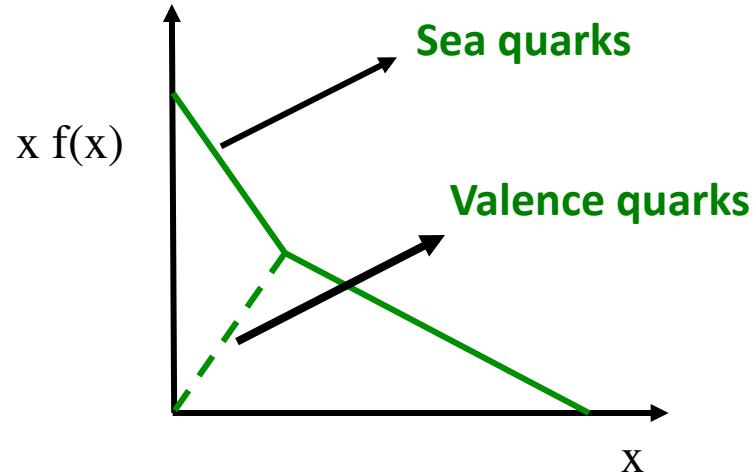


QCD -log corrections



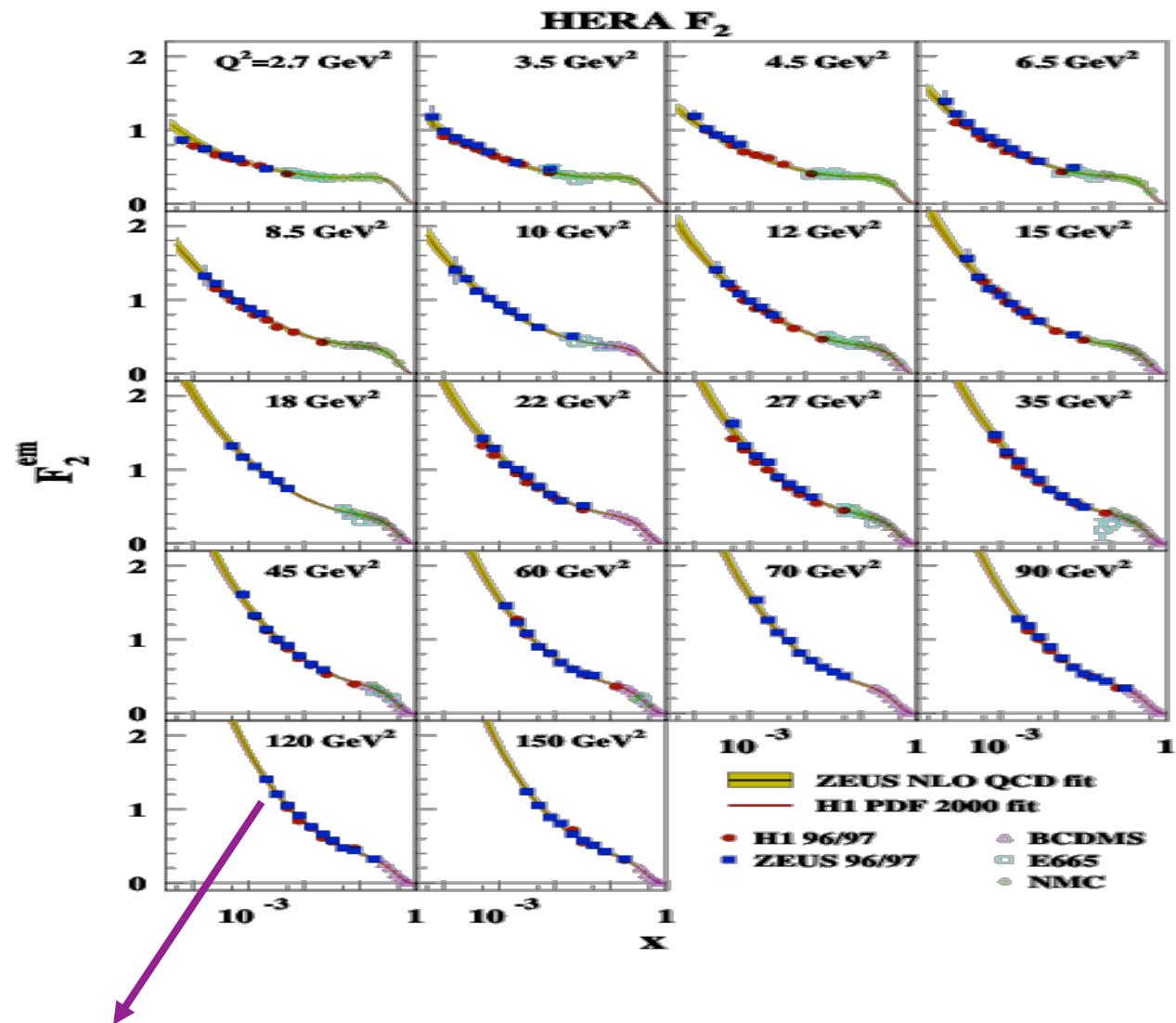


“x-QCD”- small x evolution



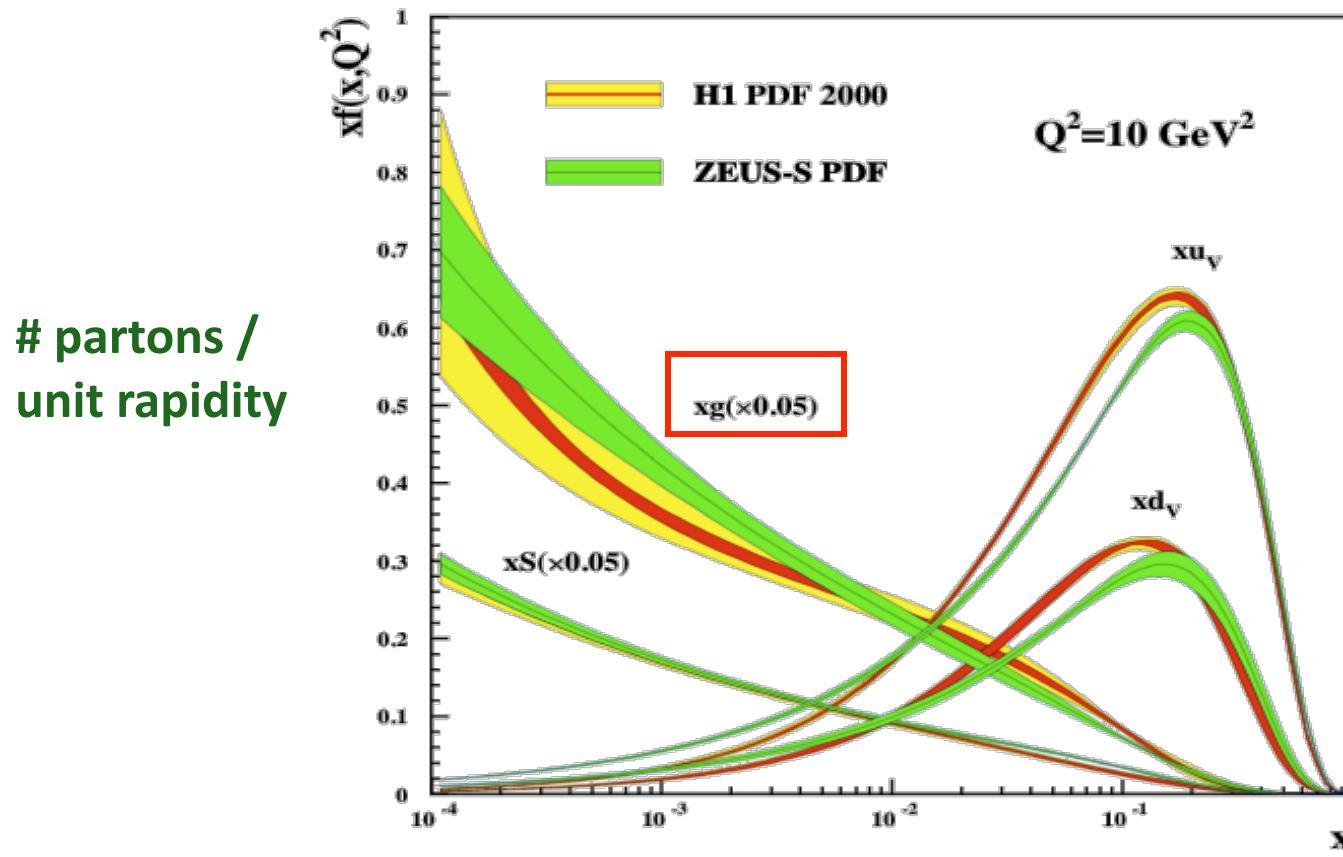
$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} (xq(x) - x\bar{q}(x)) = 3 \longrightarrow \text{\# of valence quarks}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} (xq(x) + x\bar{q}(x)) \rightarrow \infty \longrightarrow \text{\# of quarks}$$



Structure functions grow rapidly at small  $x$

# Where is the glue ?



# partons /  
unit rapidity

For  $x < 0.01$ , proton dominated by glue-grows rapidly  
What happens when glue density is large ?

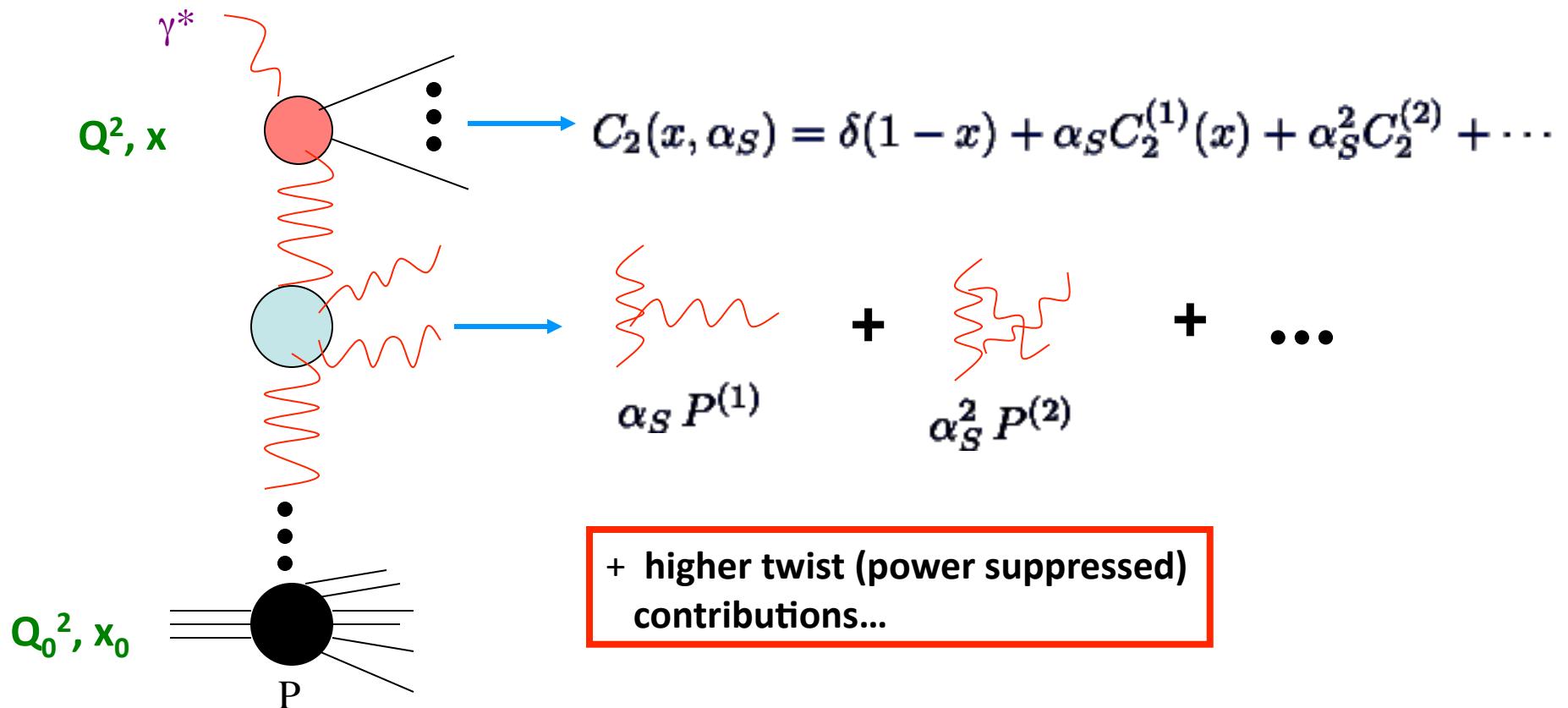
# The Bjorken Limit



$$Q^2 \rightarrow \infty ; s \rightarrow \infty ; x_{\text{Bj}} \approx \frac{Q^2}{s} = \text{fixed}$$

- **Operator product expansion (OPE), factorization theorems, machinery of precision physics in QCD**

# Structure of higher order perturbative contributions in QCD

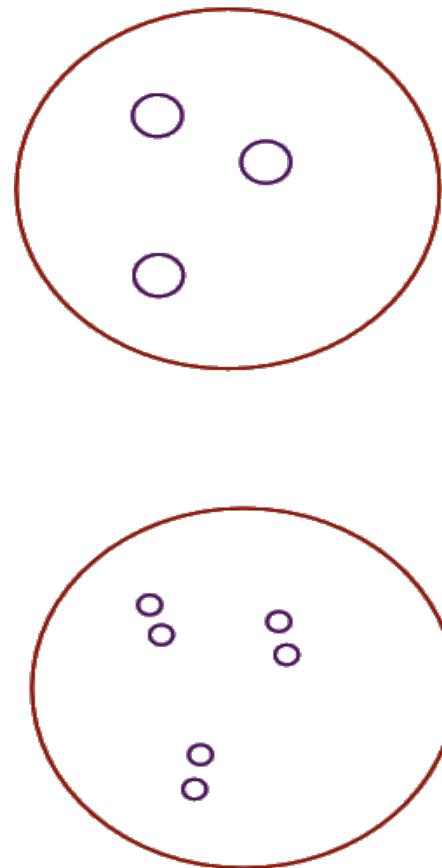


- Coefficient functions  $C$  - computed to NNLO for many processes
- Splitting functions  $P$  - computed to 3-loops

**Resolving the hadron...**

**Ren.Group-DGLAP evolution  
(sums large logs in  $Q^2$ )**

**Increasing  $Q^2$**



**Phase space density (# partons / area /  $Q^2$  ) decreases  
- the proton becomes more dilute...**

## BEYOND pQCD IN THE Bj LIMIT

- Works great for inclusive, high  $Q^2$  processes
- Higher twists important when  $Q^2 \approx Q_s^{-2}(x)$
- Problematic for diffractive/exclusive processes
- Formalism not designed to treat shadowing,  
multiple scattering, diffraction, energy loss,  
impact parameter dependence, thermalization...

# The Regge-Gribov Limit

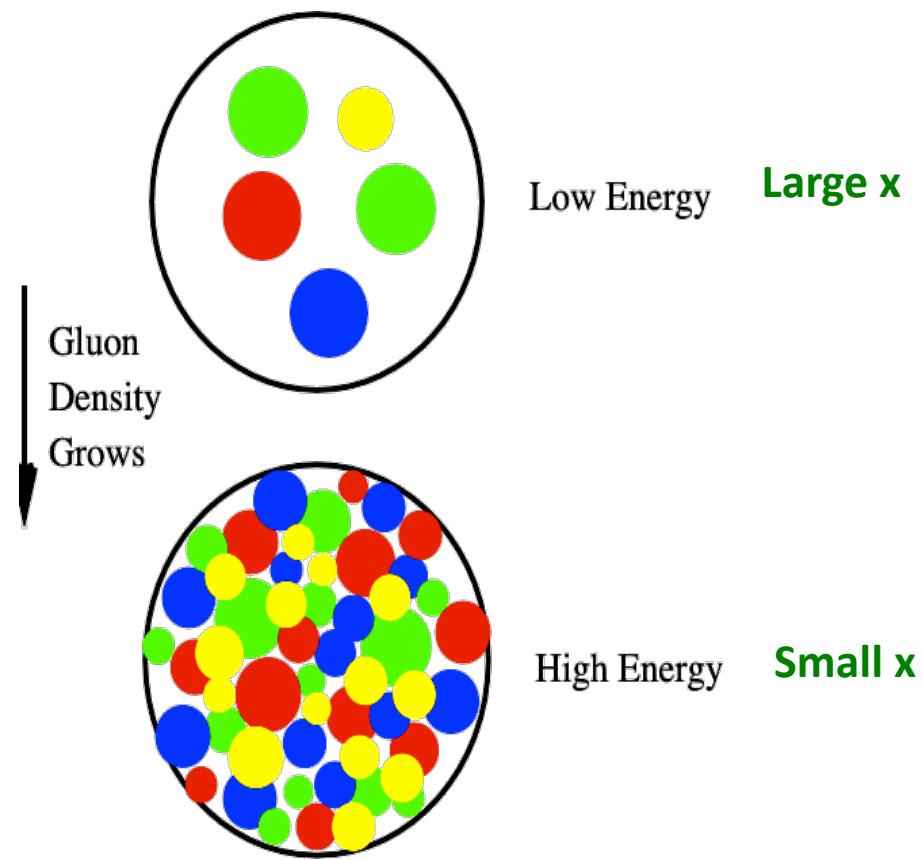


$$x_{\text{Bj}} \rightarrow 0; s \rightarrow \infty; Q^2 (>> \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2) = \text{fixed}$$

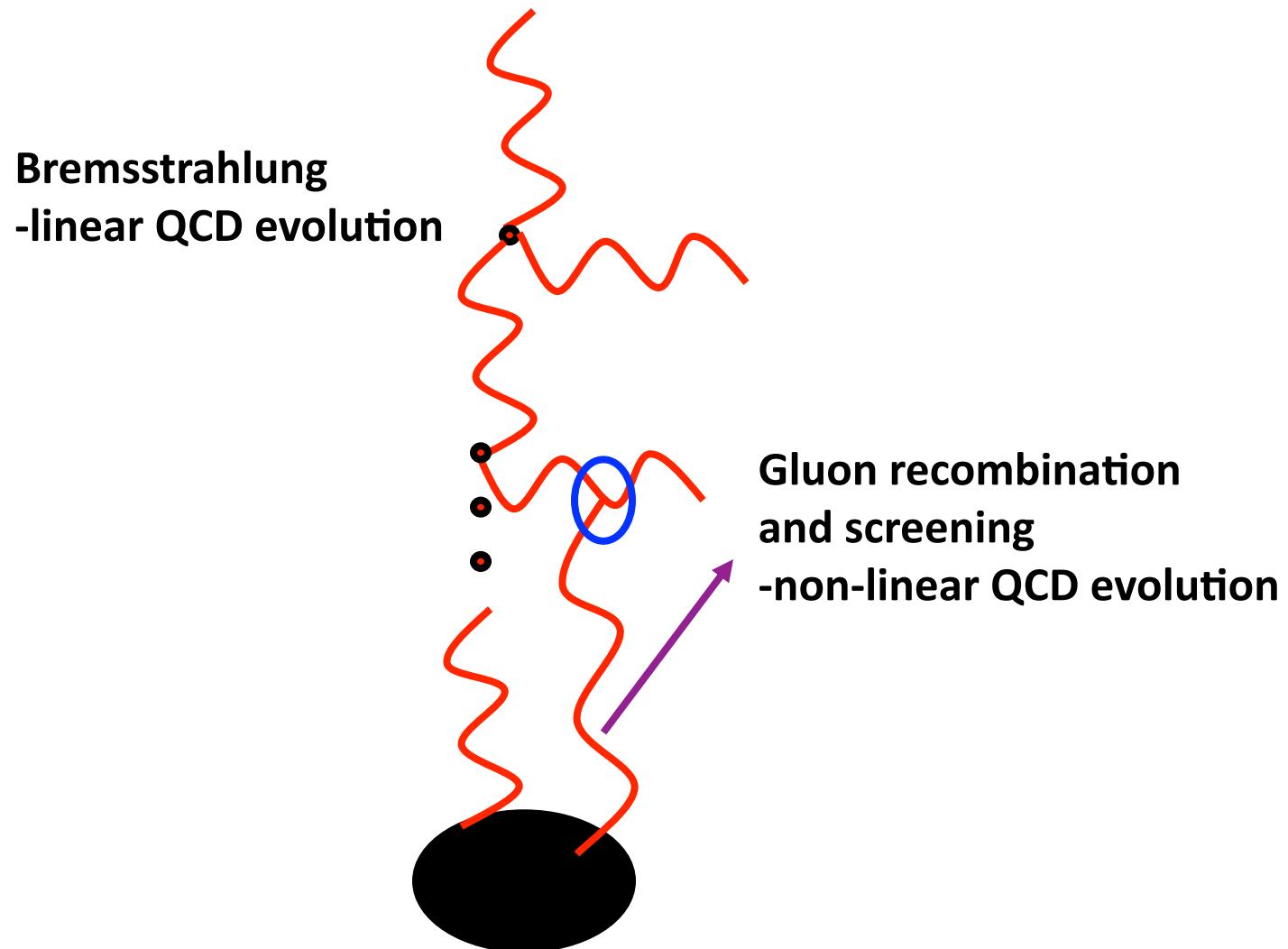
- Physics of strong fields in QCD, multi-particle production,  
Novel universal properties of QCD ?

**Resolving the hadron...**

**Ren.Group-BFKL evolution**  
**(sums large logs in  $x$ )**



**Gluon density saturates at phase space density  $f = 1 / \alpha_s$**   
- strongest (chromo-) E&M fields in nature...



**Proton becomes a dense many body system at high energies**

# Parton Saturation

Gribov,Levin,Ryskin  
Mueller,Qiu

- Competition between attractive bremsstrahlung and repulsive recombination and screening effects

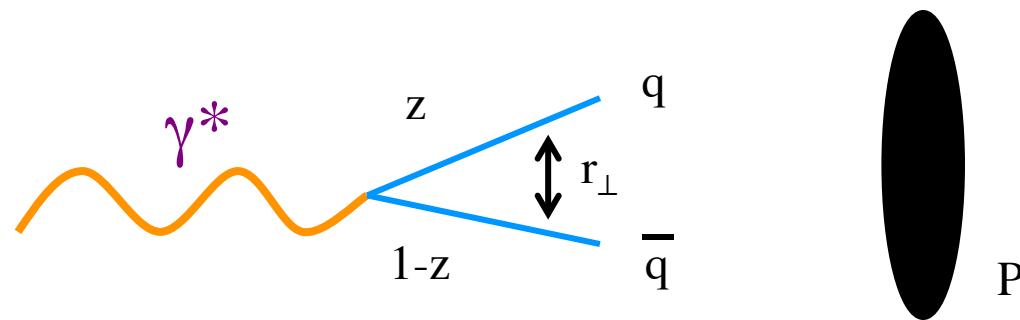
Maximum phase space density ( $f = 1/\alpha_S$ ) =>

$$\frac{1}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \frac{x G(x, Q^2)}{\pi R^2 Q^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha_S(Q^2)}$$

This relation is saturated for

$$Q = Q_s(x) \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx 0.2 \text{ GeV}$$

# Parton Saturation: Golec-Biernat --Wusthoff dipole model



$$\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma^*,P} = \int d^2r_\perp \int dz |\psi_{T,L}(r_\perp, z, Q^2)|^2 \sigma_{q,\bar{q},P}(r_\perp, x)$$

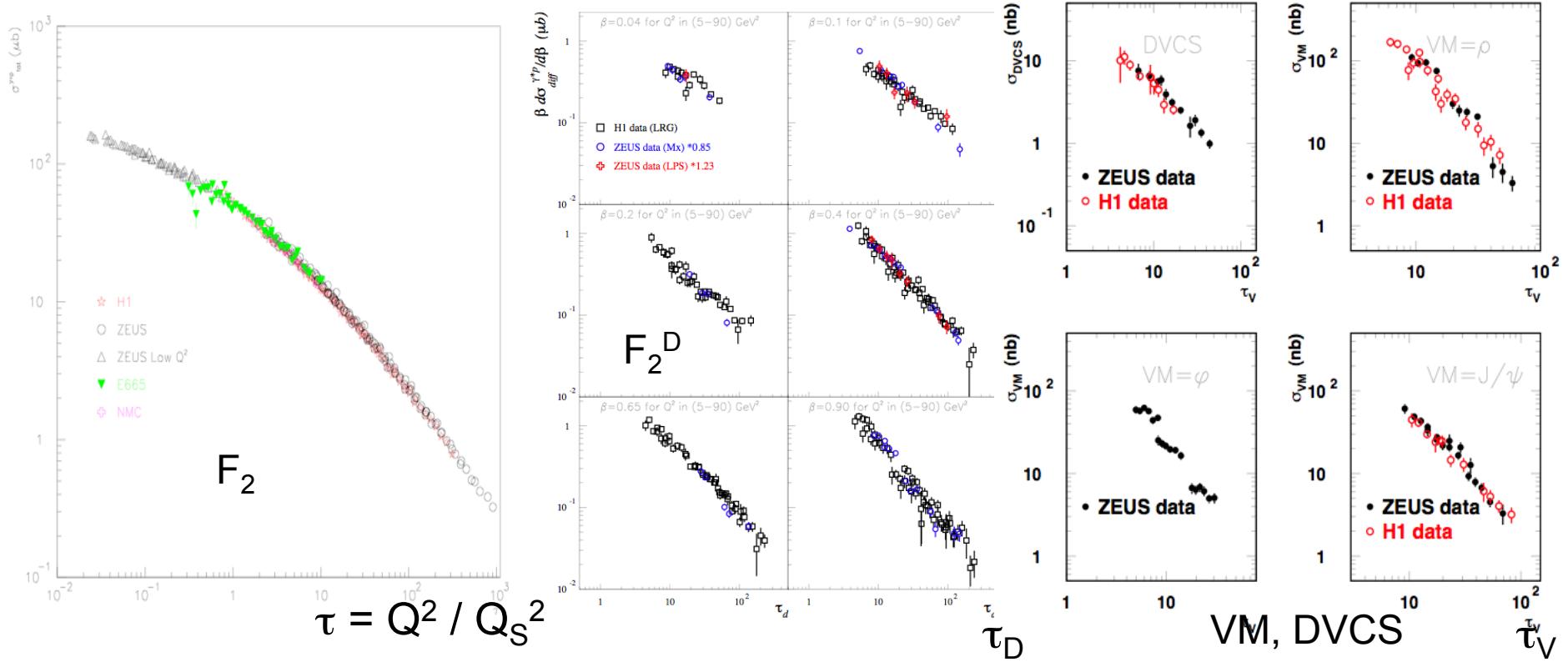
$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}P}(r_\perp, x) = \sigma_0 [1 - \exp(-r_\perp^2 Q_s^2(x))]$$

$$Q_s^2(x) = Q_0^2 \left(\frac{x_0}{x}\right)^\lambda$$

Parameters:  $Q_0 = 1 \text{ GeV}$ ;  $\lambda = 0.3$ ;  $x_0 = 3 * 10^{-4}$ ;  $\sigma_0 = 23 \text{ mb}$

# Evidence from HERA for geometrical scaling

Golec-Biernat, Stasto, Kwiecinski



Marquet, Schoeffel hep-ph/0606079

❖ Scaling seen for  $F_2^D$  and VM,DVCS for same  $Q_S$  as  $F_2$

Gelis et al., hep-ph/0610435

## VIRTUAL PAIR CREATION IN A STRONG BREMSSTRAHLUNG FIELD: A QED model for parton saturation

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Virtual pair creation in a strong, virtual, bremsstrahlung field is considered in QED as a model for parton saturation. In a weak field the virtual pair density increases quadratically in the external field, however, at large values of the field the number density becomes independent of the strength of that field. A similar effect is found in scalar electrodynamics.

### 1. Introduction

At small values of the Bjorken- $x$ -variable parton (quark and gluon) number densities are expected to grow rapidly [1]. However, when, say, the gluon distribution in a hadron,  $xG(x, Q^2)$ , reaches a value as large as  $Q^2 r^2/\alpha$ , with  $r$  the radius of the hadron, these gluons are so densely packed that one expects scattering and annihilation of partons to become important, thus limiting the ultimate number density to be of the size indicated above [1, 3].

This high density quark-and-gluon system is a most fascinating regime of QCD. On the one hand, if  $Q^2 \gtrsim 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup> the coupling,  $\alpha(Q^2)$ , is small and the usual non-perturbative condensates are unimportant while, on the other hand, the system is strongly interacting because of the high parton densities. That is, this regime of weak coupling but large numbers of partons is a new regime of QCD. Such a high-density parton system occurs in a number of different high-energy processes:

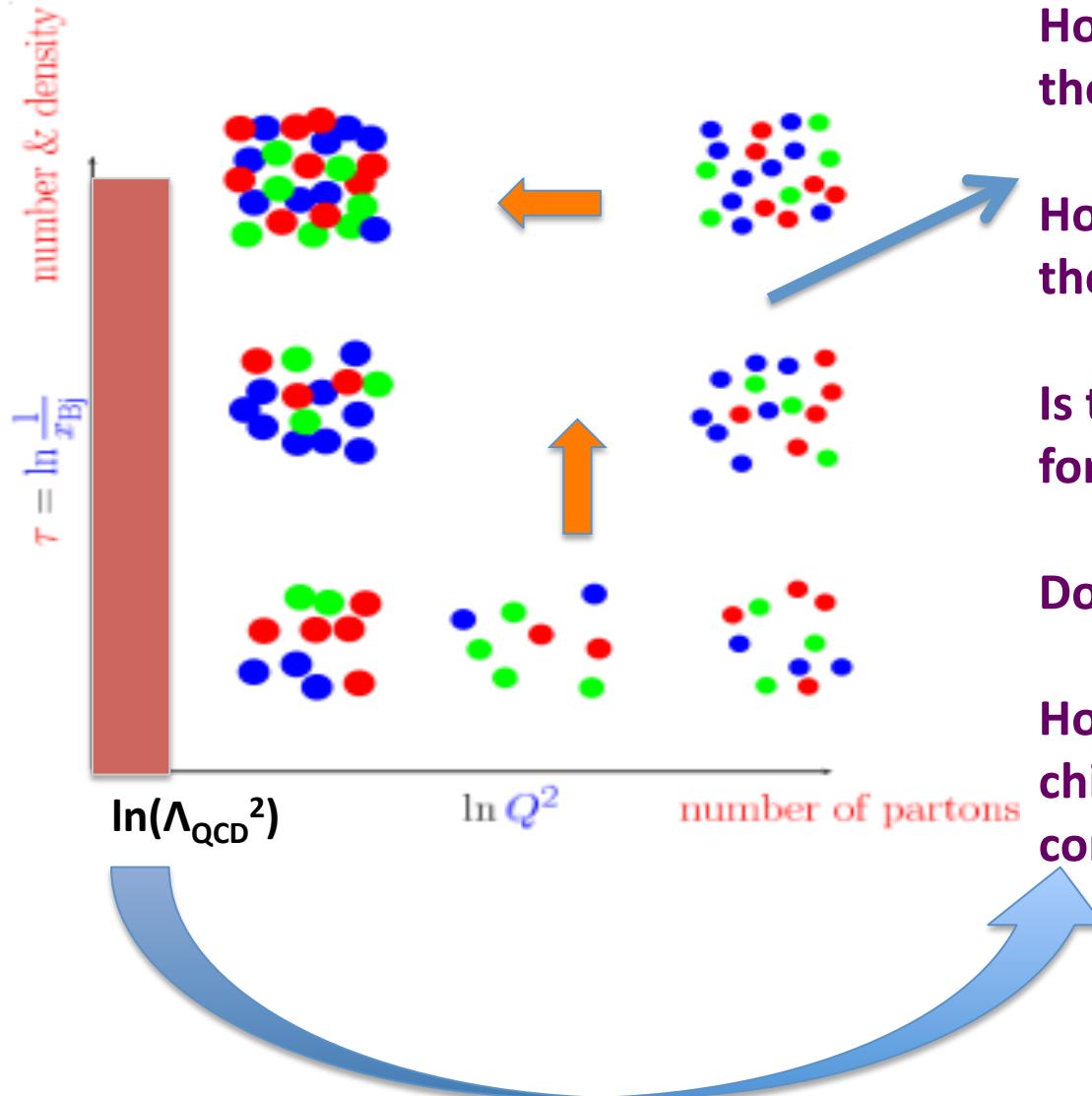
- (i) In deeply inelastic scattering one can directly measure such high-density systems at small  $x$  using the virtual photon as a probe [1, 3].
- (ii) In the very early stages of a heavy ion collision such a system is produced over a large transverse area [4].
- (iii) Two-jet correlations in high-energy reactions can trigger on local hot spots [5], high parton density regions which are smaller than the radius of a normal hadron.

So far, it has not been possible to theoretically study this high density, non-equilibrium, regime of QCD directly. Lowest order gluon recombinations have been

High energy  
QCD as a  
many body  
system

<sup>1</sup> Work supported in part by the Department of Energy and NSF Grant PHY82-17853, supplemented by NASA.

# Many-body dynamics of universal gluonic matter



How does this happen ? What are the right degrees of freedom ?

How do correlation functions of these evolve ?

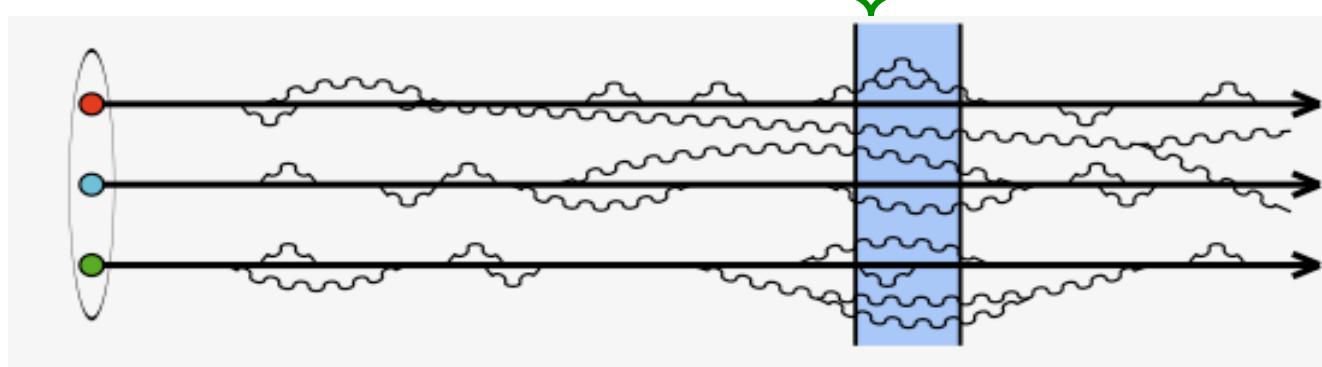
Is there a universal fixed point for the RG evolution of d.o.f

Does the coupling run with  $Q_s^2$  ?

How does saturation transition to chiral symmetry breaking and confinement

# The nuclear wavefunction at high energies

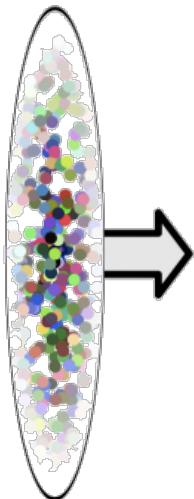
$$|A\rangle = |qqq\dots q\rangle + \dots + |qqq\dots q\mathbf{gg\dots g}\rangle$$



- ❖ At high energies, interaction time scales of fluctuations are **dilated well beyond typical hadronic time scales**
- ❖ Lots of short lived (gluon) fluctuations now seen by probe -- proton/nucleus -- **dense many body system of (primarily) gluons**
- ❖ Fluctuations with lifetimes much longer than interaction time for the probe function as **static color sources** for more short lived fluctuations

Nuclear wave function at high energies is a **Color Glass Condensate**

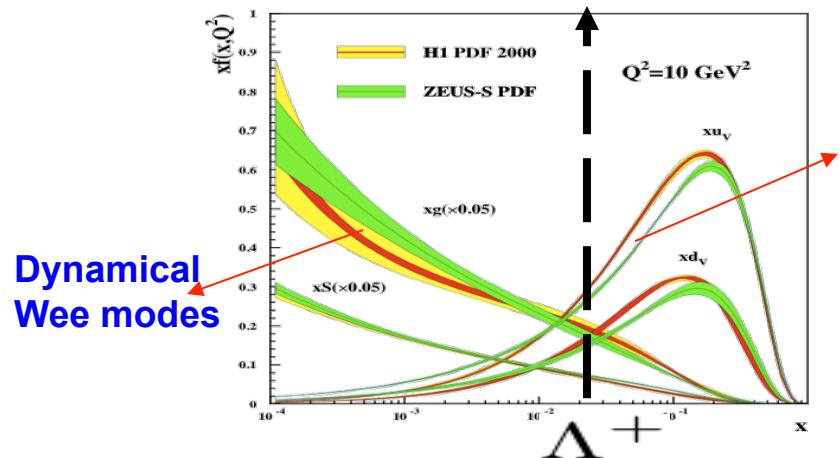
# The nuclear wavefunction at high energies



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**Higher Fock components dominate multiparticle production- construct Effective Field Theory**



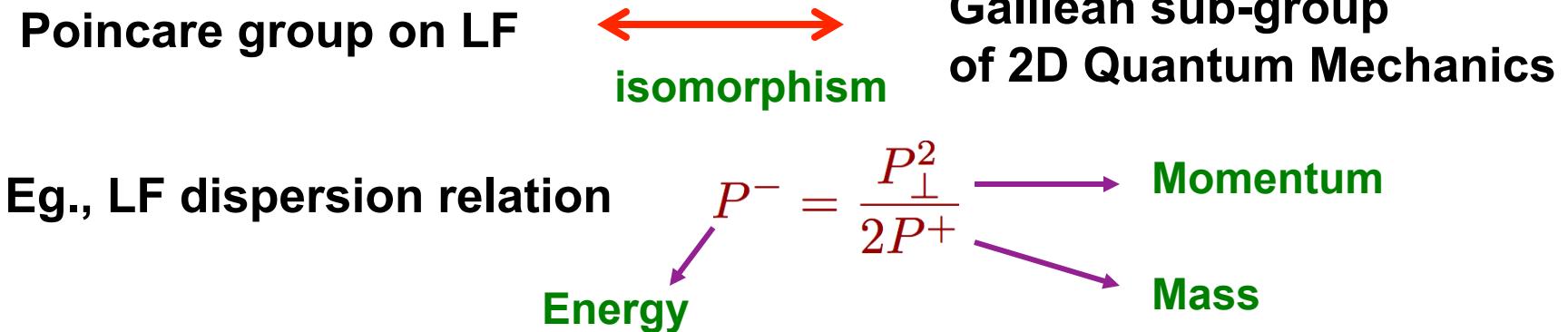
Valence  
modes-  
are  
static  
sources  
for wee  
modes

**Born--Oppenheimer LC separation natural for EFT.**

**RG equations describe evolution of wavefunction with energy**

# Effective Field Theory on Light Front

Susskind  
Bardacki-Halpern



Large  $x (P^+)$  modes: static LF (color) sources  $\rho^a$   
 Small  $x (k^+ \ll P^+)$  modes: dynamical fields  $A_\mu^a$

McLerran, RV

CGC: Coarse grained many body EFT on LF

$$\langle P | \mathcal{O} | P \rangle \longrightarrow \int [d\rho^a] [dA^{\mu,a}] W_{\Lambda^+}[\rho] e^{iS_{\Lambda^+}[\rho, A]} \mathcal{O}[\rho, A]$$

$W_{\Lambda^+}[\rho]$  non-pert. gauge invariant “density matrix”  
 defined at initial scale  $\Lambda_0^+$

RG equations describe evolution of  $W$  with  $x$

JIMWLK, BK

# The Color Glass Condensate

McLerran, RV

Jalilian-Marian, Kovner, Weigert

Iancu, Leonidov, McLerran

In the saturation regime:

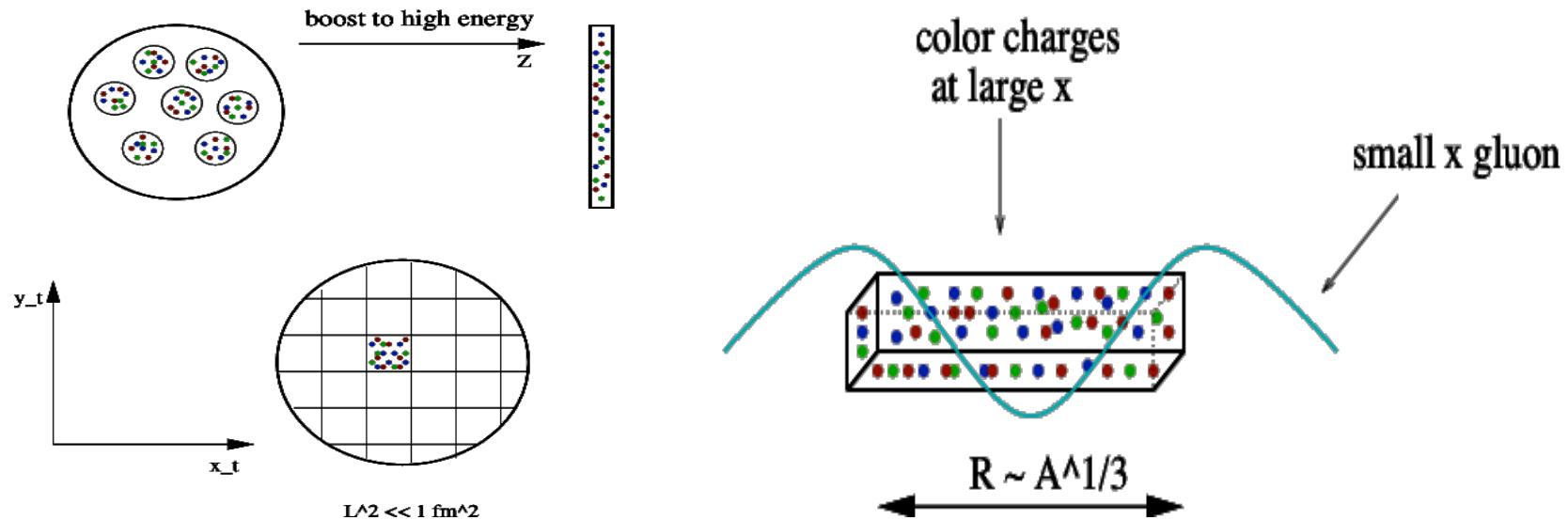
*Strongest fields in nature!*

$$E^2 \sim B^2 \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_S}$$

CGC: *Classical* effective theory of QCD describing  
dynamical gluon fields + static color sources in non-linear regime

- Novel renormalization group equations (JIMWLK/BK) describe how the QCD dynamics changes with energy
- A universal saturation scale  $Q_s$  arises naturally in the theory

# What do sources look like in the IMF ?



$$\lambda_{\text{wee}} \approx \frac{1}{k^+} \equiv \frac{1}{xP^+} \gg \lambda_{\text{val.}} \equiv \frac{Rm_p}{P^+} \Rightarrow x \ll A^{-1/3}$$

Wee partons “see” a large density of color sources  
at small transverse resolutions

# Classical field of a large nucleus

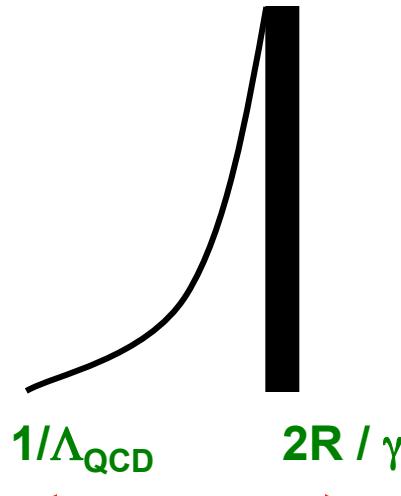
$$\langle AA \rangle_\rho = \int [d\rho] A_{\text{cl.}}(\rho) A_{\text{cl.}}(\rho) W_{\Lambda+}[\rho]$$

For a large nucleus,  $A \gg 1$ ,

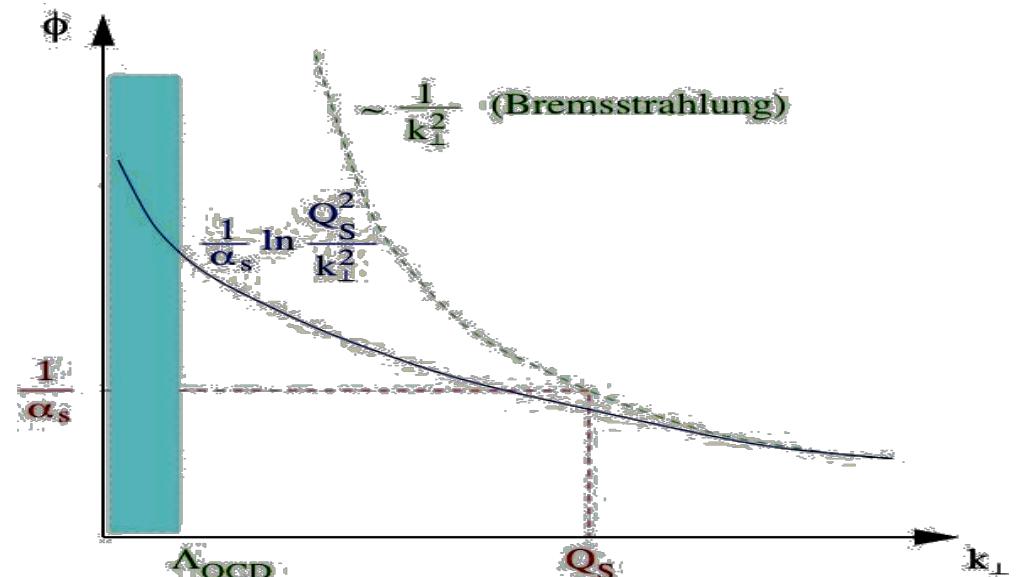
$$W_{\Lambda+} = \exp \left( - \int d^2 x_\perp \left[ \frac{\rho^a \rho^a}{2 \mu_A^2} - \frac{d_{abc} \rho^a \rho^b \rho^c}{\kappa_A} \right] \right)$$

McLerran, RV  
Kovchegov  
Jeon, RV

$A_{\text{cl}}$  from  $\longrightarrow (D_\mu F^{\mu\nu})^a = J^{\nu,a} \equiv \delta^{\nu+} \delta(x^-) \rho^a(x_\perp)$

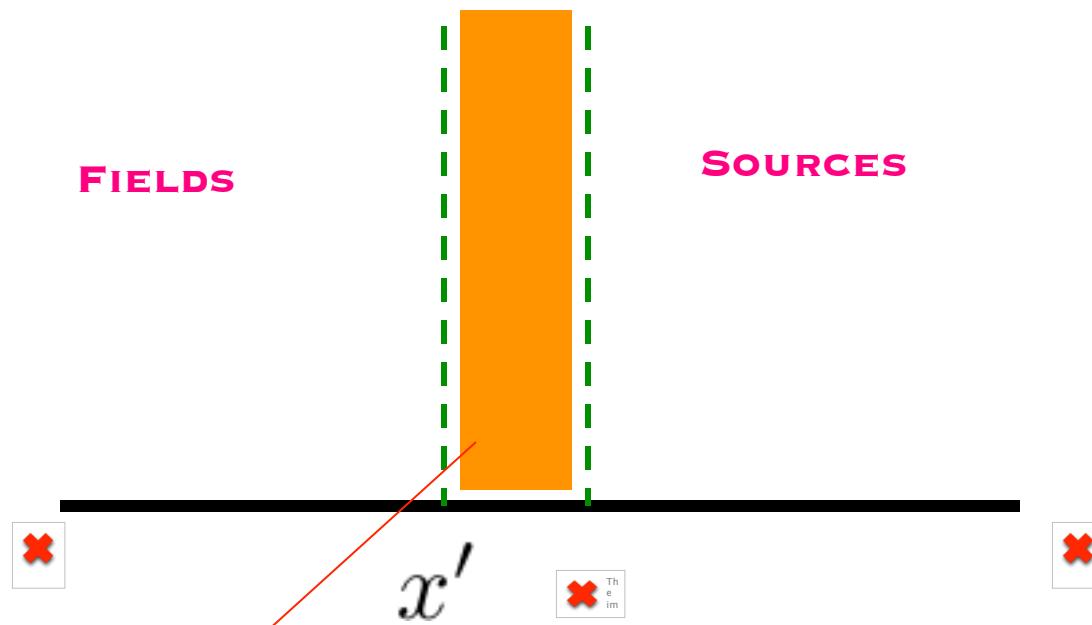


Wee parton dist. :  $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} e^{-\lambda \Delta Y/2}$



determined from RG

# Quantum evolution of classical theory: Wilson RG



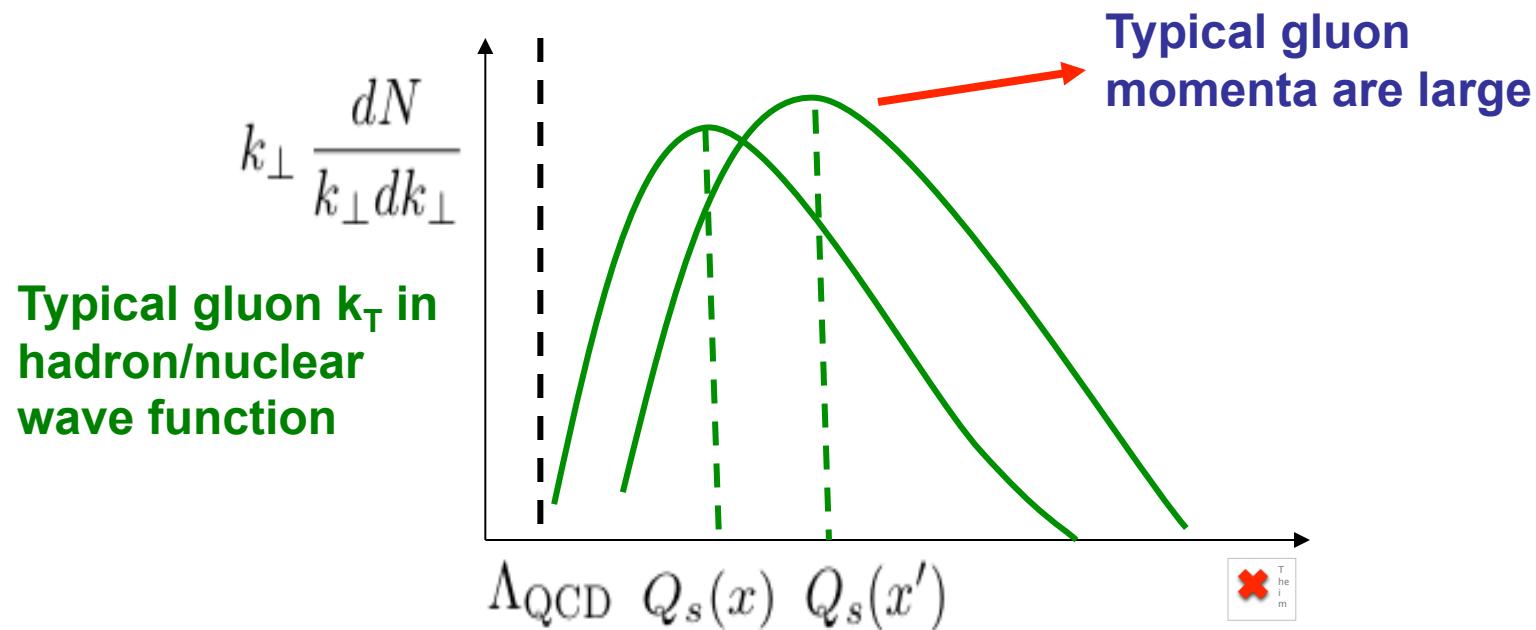
Integrate out  
Small fluctuations => Increase color charge of sources

Wilsonian RG equations describe evolution of all  
N-point correlation functions with energy

JIMWLK

Jalilian-marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner

# Saturation scale grows with energy



Bulk of high energy cross-sections:

- a) obey dynamics of novel non-linear QCD regime
- b) Can be **computed systematically** in weak coupling

## JIMWLK RG evolution for a single nucleus:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{NLO}} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: A quark line } q^+ \text{ enters from the left, a gluon line } g^+ \text{ enters from the right, and a quark-gluon vertex } \beta^\mu(u) \text{ is shown.} \\ + \\ \text{Diagram 2: Similar to Diagram 1, but with a loop insertion at the vertex } \alpha_s^R(u) \text{ labeled } \chi(x_\perp, y_\perp). \end{array} \right) \mathcal{O}_{\text{LO}}$$

$= \ln \left( \frac{\Lambda^+}{p^+} \right) \mathcal{H} \mathcal{O}_{\text{LO}}$  (keeping leading log divergences)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{LO}} + \mathcal{O}_{\text{NLO}} \rangle &= \int [d\tilde{\rho}] W[\tilde{\rho}] [\mathcal{O}_{\text{LO}} + \mathcal{O}_{\text{NLO}}] \\ &= \int [d\tilde{\rho}] \left\{ \left[ 1 + \ln \left( \frac{\Lambda^+}{p^+} \right) \mathcal{H} \right] W_{\Lambda^+} \right\} \mathcal{O}_{\text{LO}} \end{aligned}$$

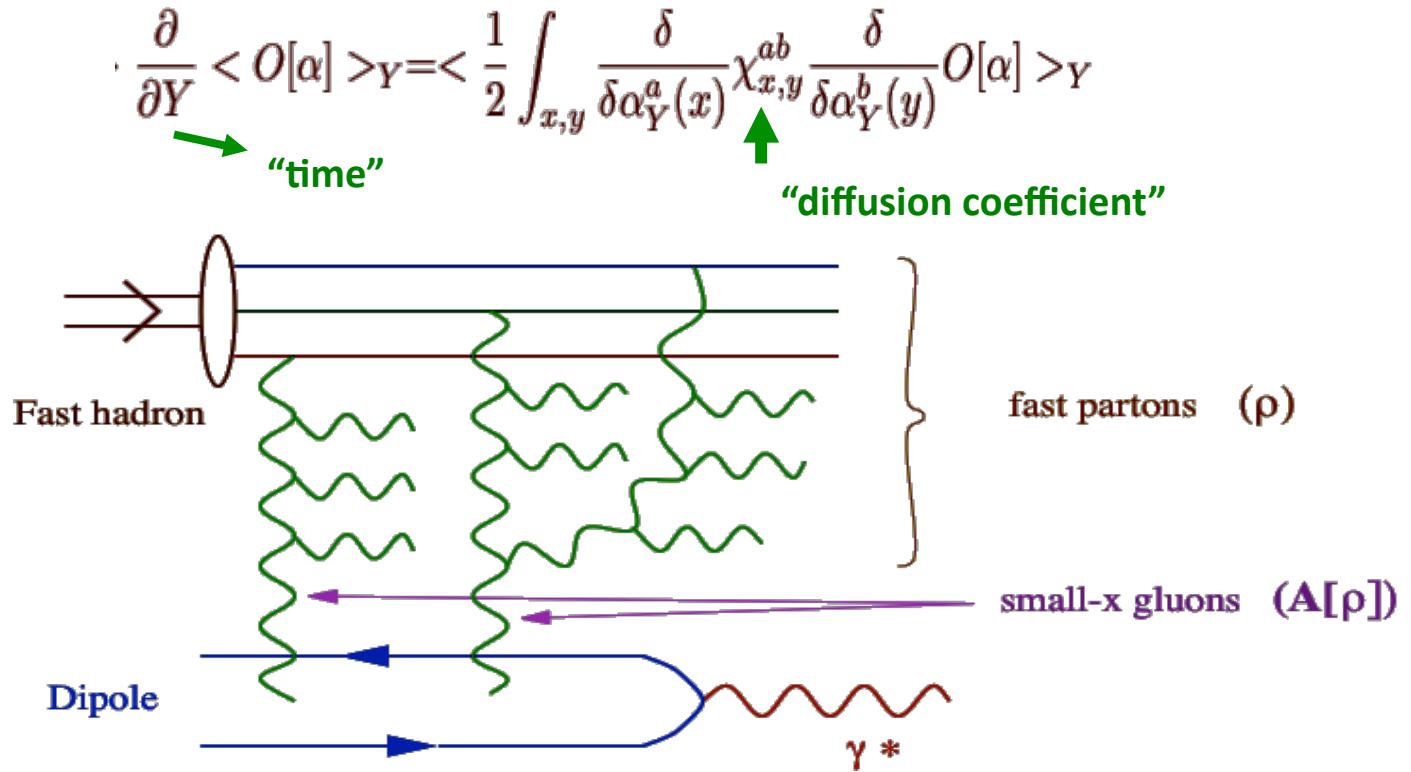
LHS independent of  $\Lambda^+$   $\Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial W[\tilde{\rho}]}{\partial Y} = \mathcal{H} W[\tilde{\rho}]}$$

**JIMWLK eqn.**

Jalilian-Marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner

# CGC Effective Theory: B-JIMWLK hierarchy of correlators



At high energies, the d.o.f that describe the frozen many-body gluon configurations are novel objects: dipoles, quadrupoles, ...

Universal – appear in a number of processes in p+A and e+A;  
how do these evolve with energy ?

# Solving the B-JIMWLK hierarchy

- JIMWLK includes all multiple scattering and leading log evolution in  $x$
- Expectation values of Wilson line correlators at small  $x$  satisfy a Fokker-Planck eqn. in functional space Weigert (2000)
- This translates into a hierarchy of equations for n-point Wilson line correlators
- As is generally the case, Fokker-Planck equations can be re-expressed as Langevin equations – in this case for Wilson lines

Blaizot,Iancu,Weigert  
Rummukainen,Weigert

First numerical solutions exist: I will report on recent developments

# B-JIMWLK hierarchy: Langevin realization

Numerical evaluation of Wilson line correlators on 2+1-D lattices:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}[U] \rangle_Y = \int D[U] W_Y[U] \mathcal{O}[U] \rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{U \in W} \mathcal{O}[U]$$

Langevin eqn:

$$\partial_Y [V_x]_{ij} = [V_x i t^a]_{ij} \left[ \int d^2y [\mathcal{E}_{xy}^{ab}]_k [\xi_y^b]_k + \sigma_x^a \right]$$

**Gaussian random variable**

$\mathcal{E}_{xy}^{ab} = \left( \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi^2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{(x-y)_k}{(x-y)^2} [1 - U_x^\dagger U_y]^{ab}$ 

“square root” of JIMWLK kernel

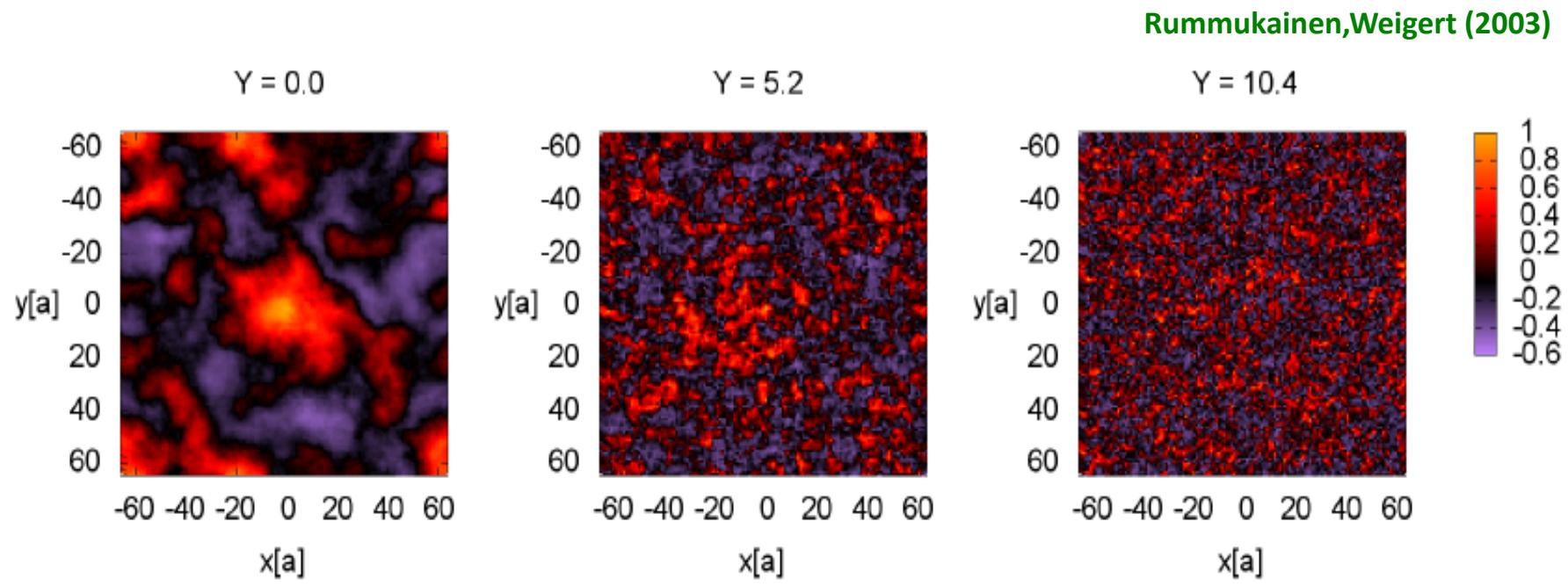
$\sigma_x^a = -i \left( \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi^2} \int d^2z \frac{1}{(x-z)^2} \text{Tr}(T^a U_x^\dagger U_z) \right)$ 

“drag”

Initial conditions for V's from the MV model

Daughter dipole prescription for running coupling

# Functional Langevin solutions of JIMWLK hierarchy

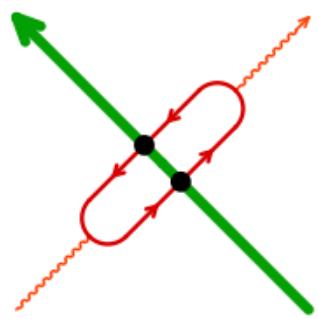


Dumitru,Jalilian-Marian,Lappi,Schenke,RV: arXiv:1108.1764

**Multi-parton correlations in nuclear wavefunctions:**

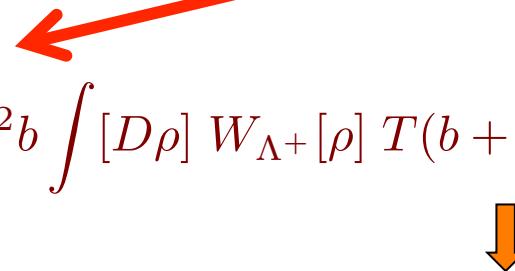
**Event-by-event rapidity, number and impact parameter fluctuations**

# Inclusive DIS: dipole evolution



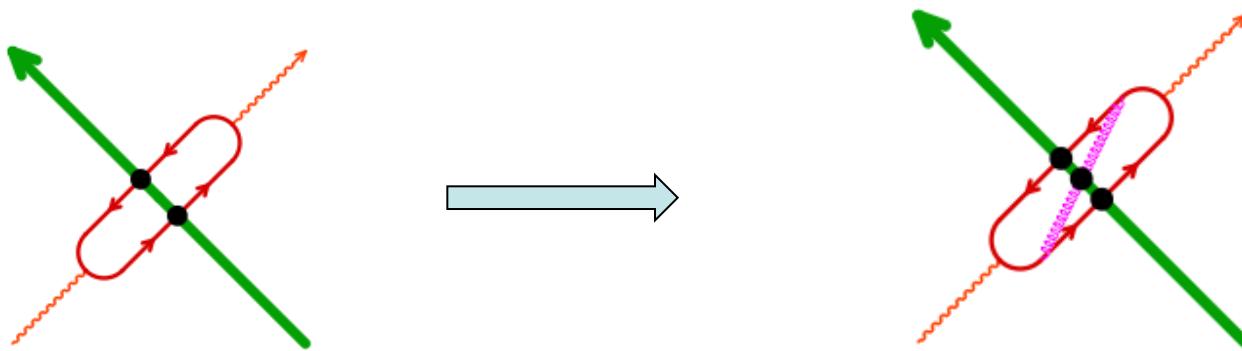
$$\sigma_{\gamma^* T} = \int_0^1 dz \int d^2 r_\perp |\psi(z, r_\perp)|^2 \sigma_{\text{dipole}}(x, r_\perp)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{dipole}}(x, r_\perp) = 2 \int d^2 b \int [D\rho] W_{\Lambda^+}[\rho] T(b + \frac{r_\perp}{2}, b - \frac{r_\perp}{2})$$



$$1 - \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} \left( V \left( b + \frac{r_\perp}{2} \right) V^\dagger \left( b - \frac{r_\perp}{2} \right) \right)$$

# Inclusive DIS: dipole evolution



B-JIMWLK eqn. for dipole correlator

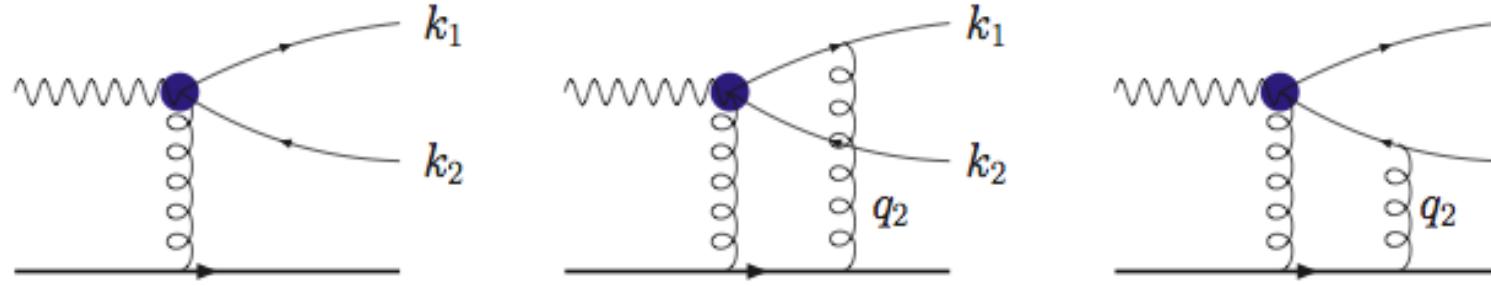
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \langle \text{Tr}(V_x V_y^\dagger) \rangle_Y = -\frac{\alpha_S N_c}{2\pi^2} \int_{z_\perp} \frac{(x_\perp - y_\perp)^2}{(x_\perp - z_\perp)^2 (z_\perp - y_\perp)^2} \langle \text{Tr}(V_x V_y^\dagger) - \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}(V_x V_z^\dagger) \text{Tr}(V_z V_y^\dagger) \rangle_Y$$

Dipole factorization:

$$\langle \text{Tr}(V_x V_z^\dagger) \text{Tr}(V_z V_y^\dagger) \rangle_Y \longrightarrow \langle \text{Tr}(V_x V_z^\dagger) \rangle_Y \langle \text{Tr}(V_z V_y^\dagger) \rangle_Y \quad \mathbf{N_c \rightarrow \infty}$$

*Resulting closed form eqn. is the Balitsky-Kovchegov eqn.  
Widely used in phenomenological applications*

# Semi-inclusive DIS: quadrupole evolution



$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*_T, L A \rightarrow q\bar{q} X}}{d^3 k_1 d^3 k_2} \propto \int_{x,y,\bar{x}\bar{y}} e^{ik_{1\perp} \cdot (x-\bar{x})} e^{ik_{2\perp} \cdot (y-\bar{y})} [1 + Q(x, y; \bar{y}, \bar{x}) - D(x, y) - D(\bar{y}, \bar{x})]$$

Dominguez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan (2011)

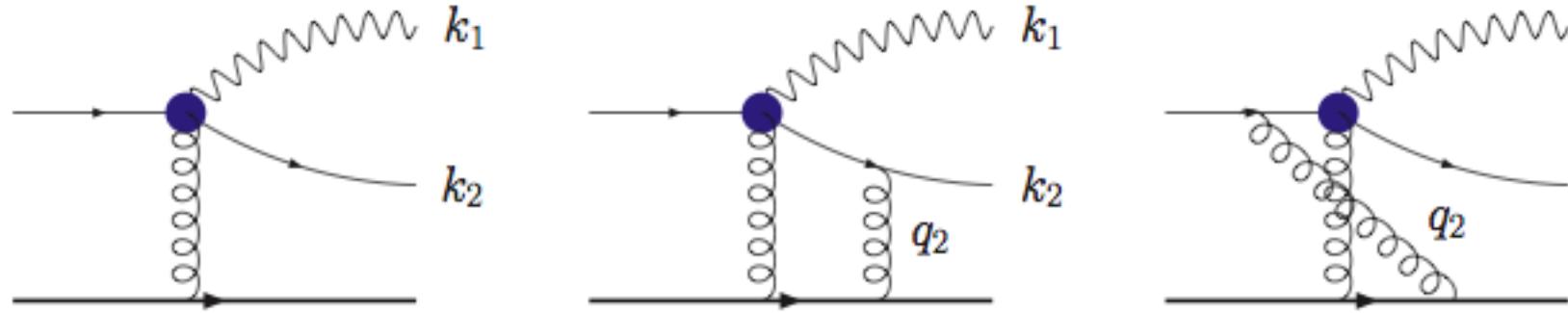
$$D(x, y) = \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr}(V_x V_y^\dagger) \rangle_Y$$

$$Q(x, y; \bar{y}, \bar{x}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr}(V_x V_{\bar{x}}^\dagger V_{\bar{y}} V_y^\dagger) \rangle_Y$$



*Cannot be further simplified a priori  
even in the large  $N_c$  limit*

# Universality: Di-jets in p/d-A collisions



Jalilian-Marian, Kovchegov (2004)  
 Marquet (2007)  
 Dominguez,Marquet,Xiao,Yuan (2011)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{qA \rightarrow qgX}}{d^3k_1 d^3k_2} \propto \int_{x,y,\bar{x},\bar{y}} e^{ik_{1\perp} \cdot (x-\bar{x})} e^{ik_{2\perp} \cdot (y-\bar{y})} [S_6(x,y,\bar{x},\bar{y}) - S_4(x,y,v) - \dots]$$

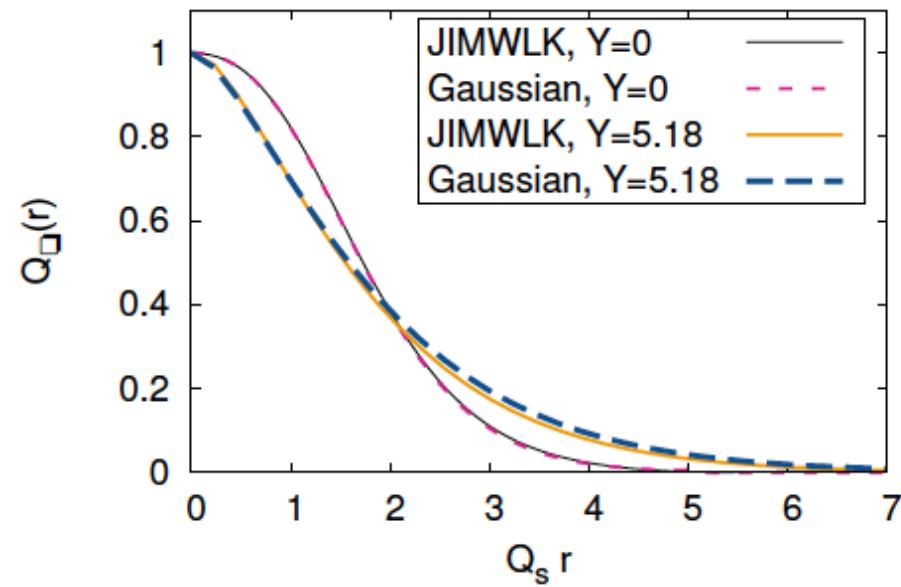
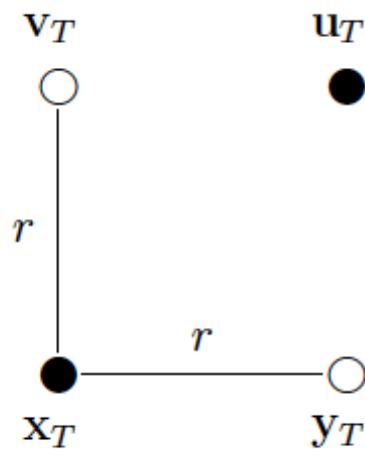
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 $\frac{N_c}{2C_F} \left\langle Q(x,y,\bar{y},\bar{x})D(y,\bar{y}) - \frac{D(x,\bar{x})}{N_c} \right\rangle$                $\frac{N_c}{2C_F} \left\langle D(x,y)D(\bar{y},\bar{x}) - \frac{D(x,\bar{x})}{N_c} \right\rangle$

Fundamental ingredients are the universal dipoles and quadrupoles

For finite  $N_c$ , anticipate higher multipole contributions

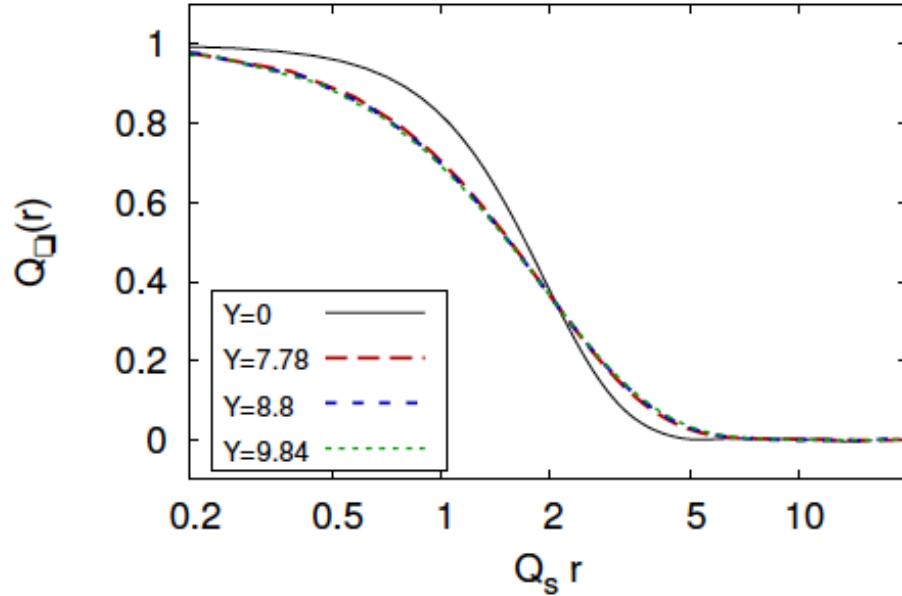
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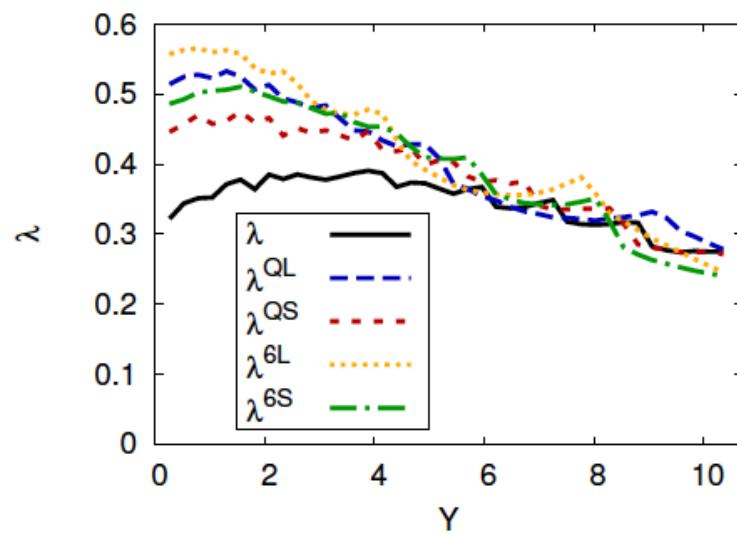


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Geometrical scaling



RG evolution of multipole correlators