

QCD at small Bjorken x : the Color Glass Condensate (CGC)

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color averaging

$$\text{McLerran-Venugopalan (93)} \quad \langle \mathbf{O}(\rho) \rangle \equiv \int \mathbf{D}[\rho] \mathbf{O}(\rho) \mathbf{W}[\rho]$$

$$\mathbf{W}[\rho] \simeq \mathbf{e}^{-\int \mathbf{d}^2 \mathbf{x}_t \frac{\rho^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_t) \rho^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_t)}{2 \mu^2}} \quad \mu^2 \equiv \frac{g^2 \Lambda}{S_{\perp}}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{r}_t) \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr} [\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}_t)^{\dagger} \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{0})] \rangle \sim \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{e}^{-[\mathbf{r}_t^2 Q_s^2] \log(\frac{1}{r_t \Lambda_{QCD}})}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_t \equiv \mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{y}_t$$

$$r_t \ll \frac{1}{Q_s} \quad T(r_t) \longrightarrow r_t^2 Q_s^2 \log\left(\frac{1}{r_t \Lambda_{QCD}}\right) \quad \text{color transparency}$$

$$r_t \gg \frac{1}{Q_s} \quad T(r_t) \longrightarrow 1 \quad \text{perturbative unitarization}$$

Solution of BFKL evolution equation

$$\frac{d}{dy} T(x_t, y_t) = \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 z_t \frac{(x_t - y_t)^2}{(x_t - z_t)^2 (y_t - z_t)^2} [T(x_t, z_t) + T(z_t, y_t) - T(x_t, y_t)]$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \sim \left(\frac{\mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{x}}\right)^{\alpha_{\mathbf{P}} - 1} \mathbf{exp} \left\{ -\frac{\ln^2\left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp}{\mathbf{k}_{0\perp}}\right)}{\bar{\alpha} \ln(\mathbf{1}/\mathbf{x})} \right\}$$

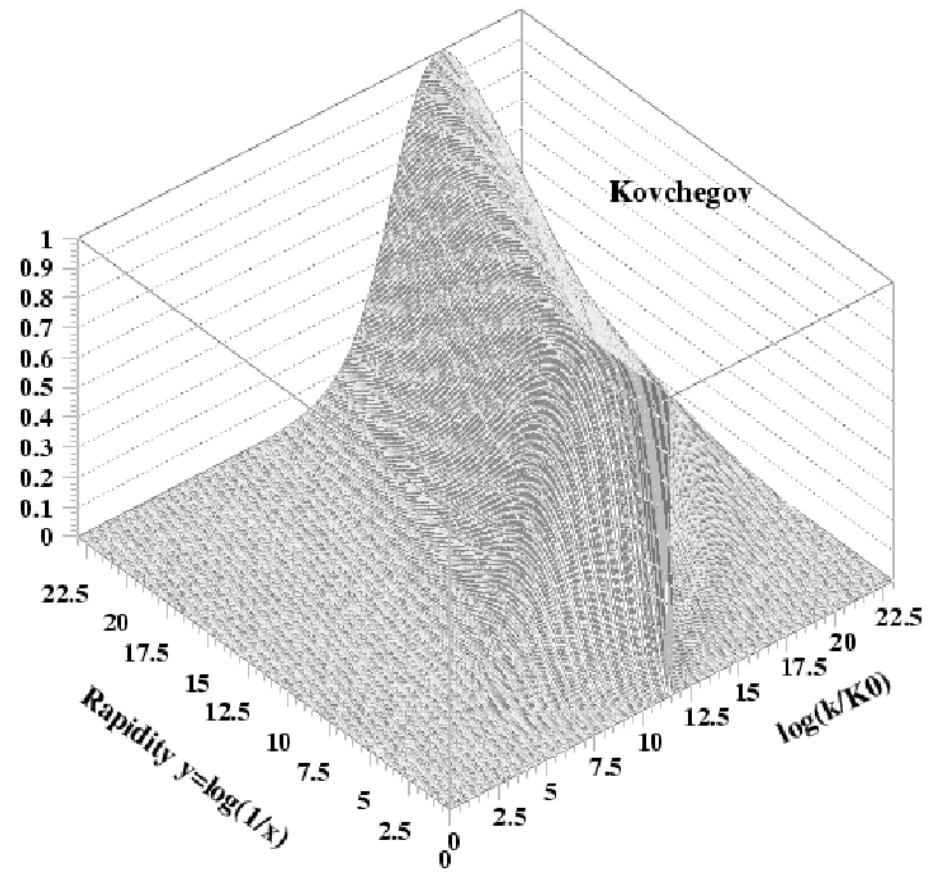
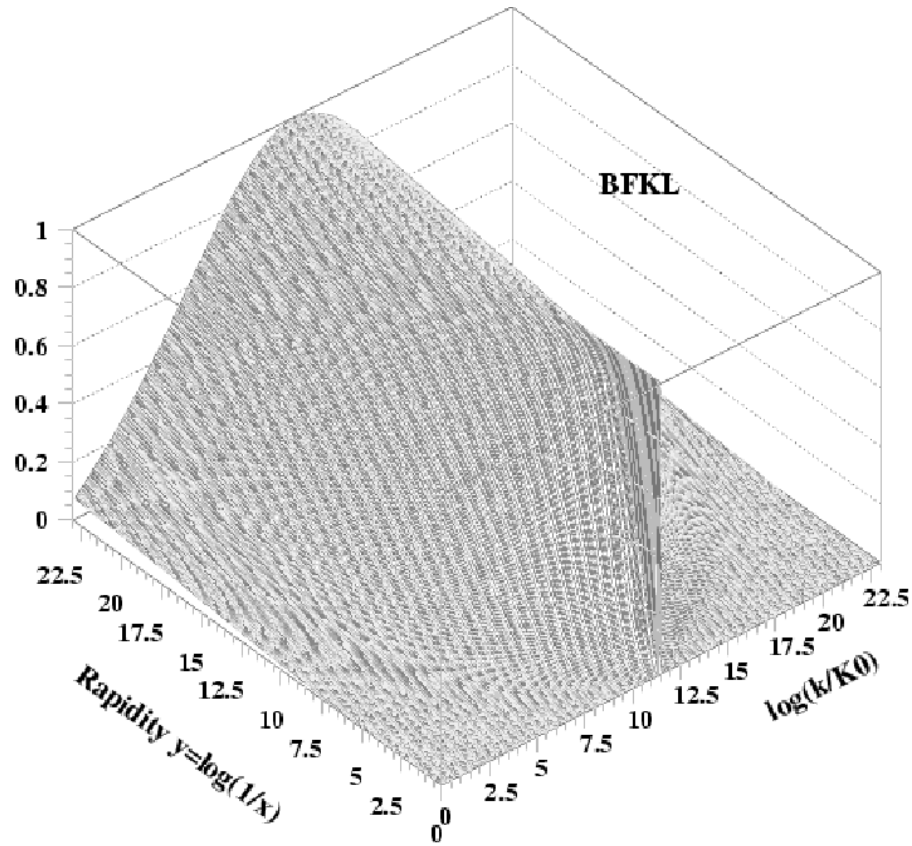
with

$$\alpha_{\mathbf{P}} - 1 = \frac{4 N_c \alpha_s}{\pi} \ln 2$$

BFKL predicts a fast rise of gluon distribution: unitarity?

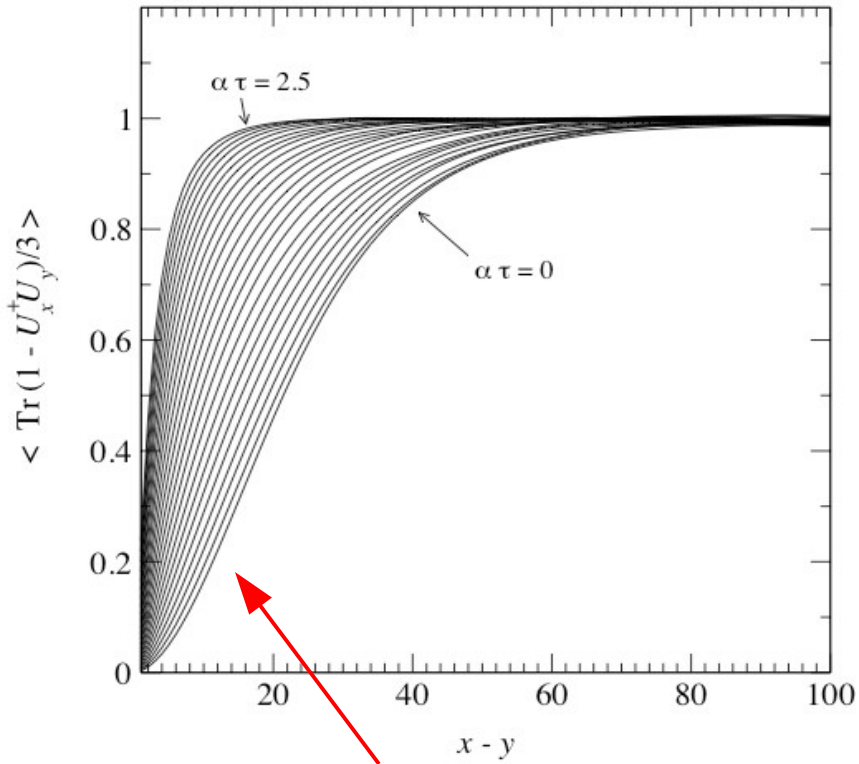
diffusion of momenta into infrared?

BFKL vs BK evolution



A. Stasto et al.

Solution of BK evolution equation



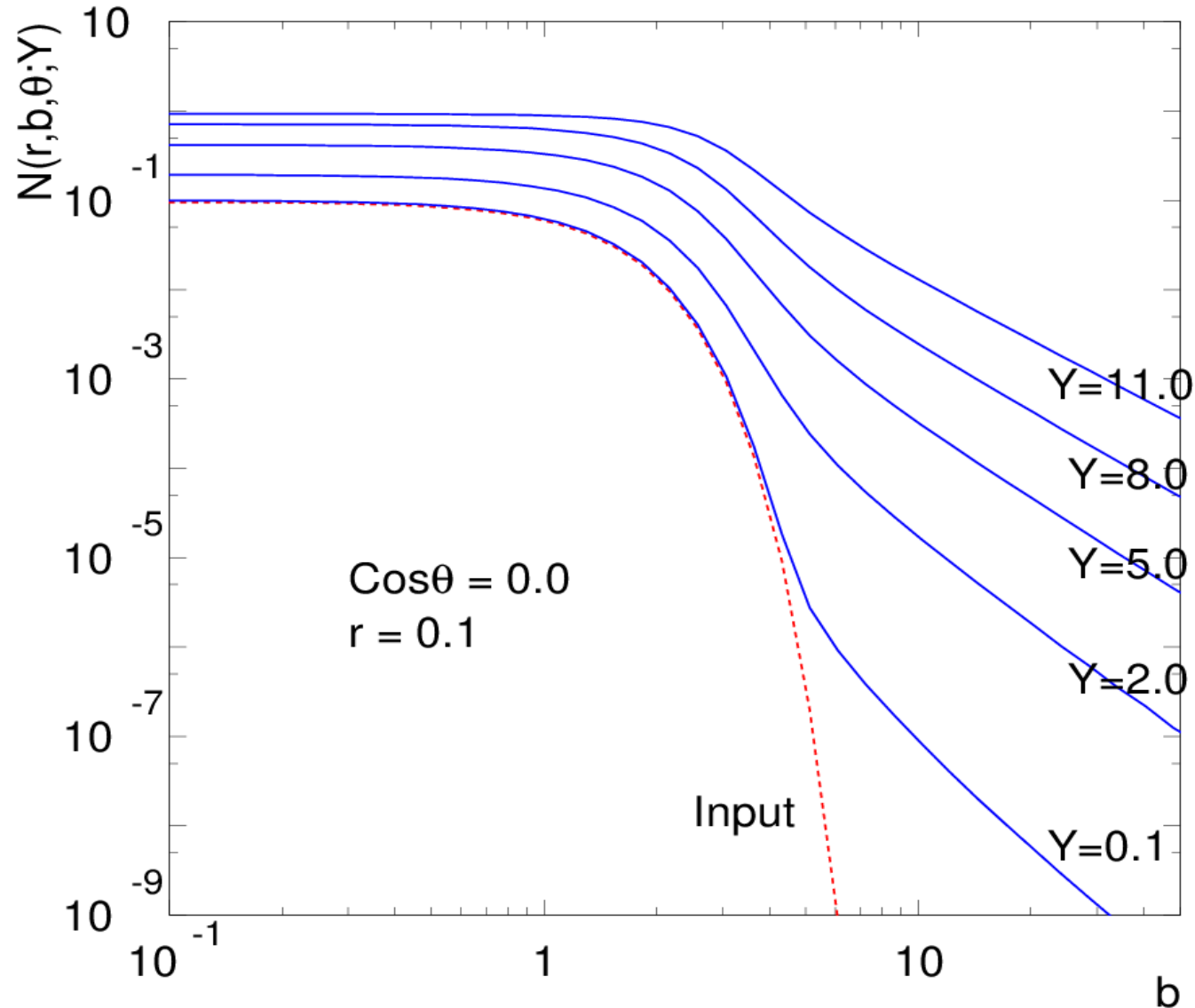
$$\sim \mathbf{r}_t^2 \mathbf{x} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, 1/\mathbf{r}_t^2)$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[\frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad Q_s^2 \ll p_t^2$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \log \left[\frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right] \quad Q_s^2 \gg p_t^2$$

$$\tilde{T}(p_t) \sim \frac{1}{p_t^2} \left[\frac{Q_s^2}{p_t^2} \right]^\gamma \quad Q_s^2 < p_t^2$$

b_t dependence of solution of BK



Golec-Biernat, Stasto 2003

Quadrupole

$$\langle Q(r, \bar{r}, \bar{s}, s) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr} V(r) V^\dagger(\bar{r}) V(\bar{s}) V^\dagger(s) \rangle$$

line config.: $r = \bar{s}, \bar{r} = s, z \equiv r - \bar{r}$

square config.: $r - \bar{s} = \bar{r} - s = r - \bar{r} = \dots \equiv z$

“naive” Gaussian: $Q = S^2$

Gaussian $Q_{|}(z) \approx \frac{N_c + 1}{2} [S(z)]^{2\frac{N_c+2}{N_c+1}} - \frac{N_c - 1}{2} [S(z)]^{2\frac{N_c-2}{N_c-1}}$

$$Q_{sq}(z) = [S(z)]^2 \left[\frac{N_c + 1}{2} \left(\frac{S(z)}{S(\sqrt{2}z)} \right)^{\frac{2}{N_c+1}} - \frac{N_c - 1}{2} \left(\frac{S(\sqrt{2}z)}{S(z)} \right)^{\frac{2}{N_c-1}} \right]$$

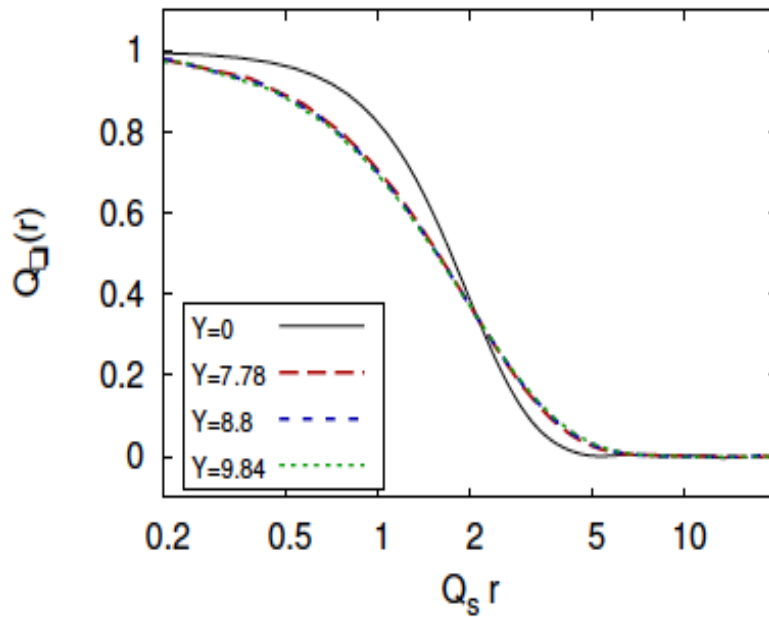
Gaussian + large N_c $Q_{|}(z) \rightarrow S^2(z)[1 + 2 \log[S(z)]]$

$$Q_{sq}(z) = S^2(z) \left[1 + 2 \ln \left(\frac{S(z)}{S(\sqrt{2}z)} \right) \right]$$

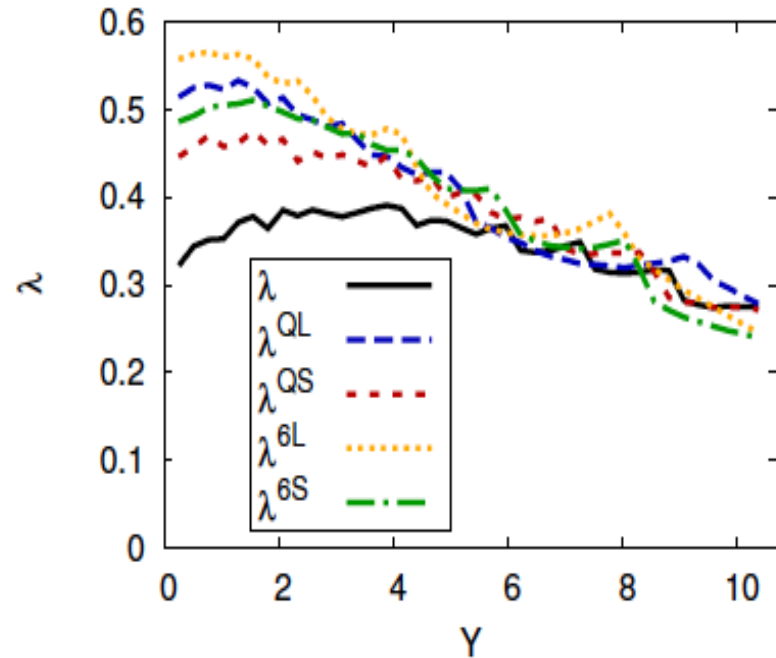
Quadrupole: JIMWLK evolution

Dumitru-JJM-
Lappi-Schenke-Venugopalan:
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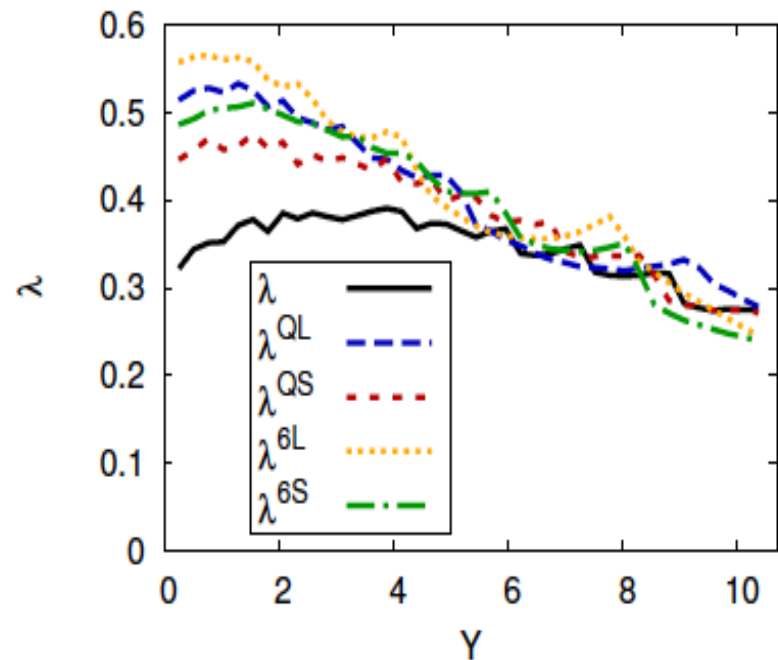
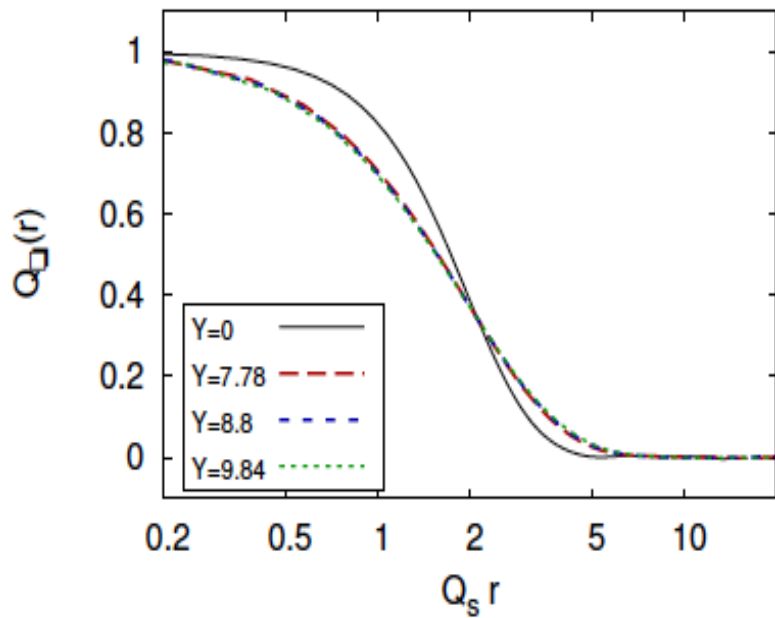
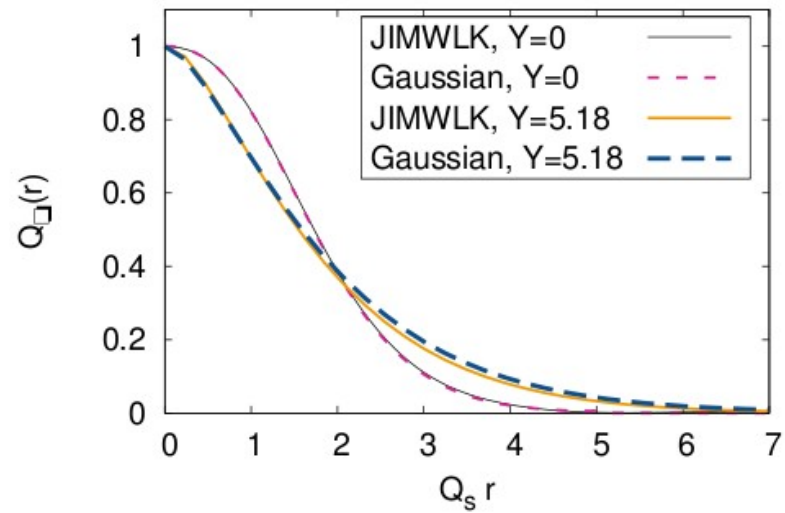
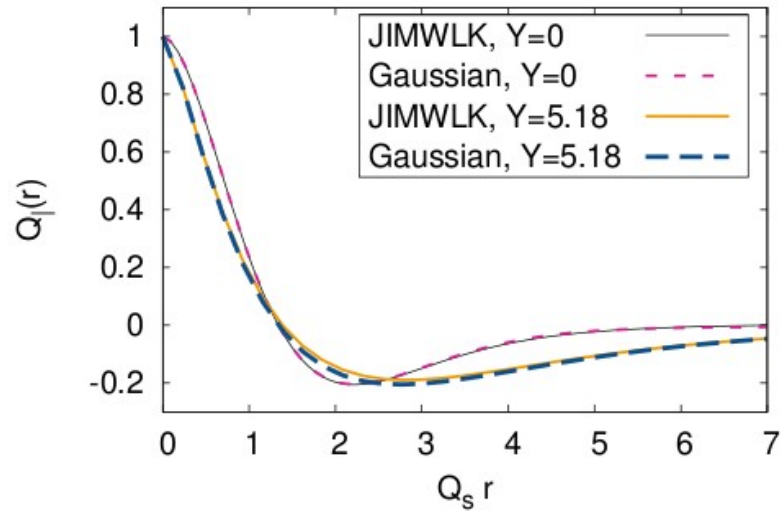
scaling



energy dependence

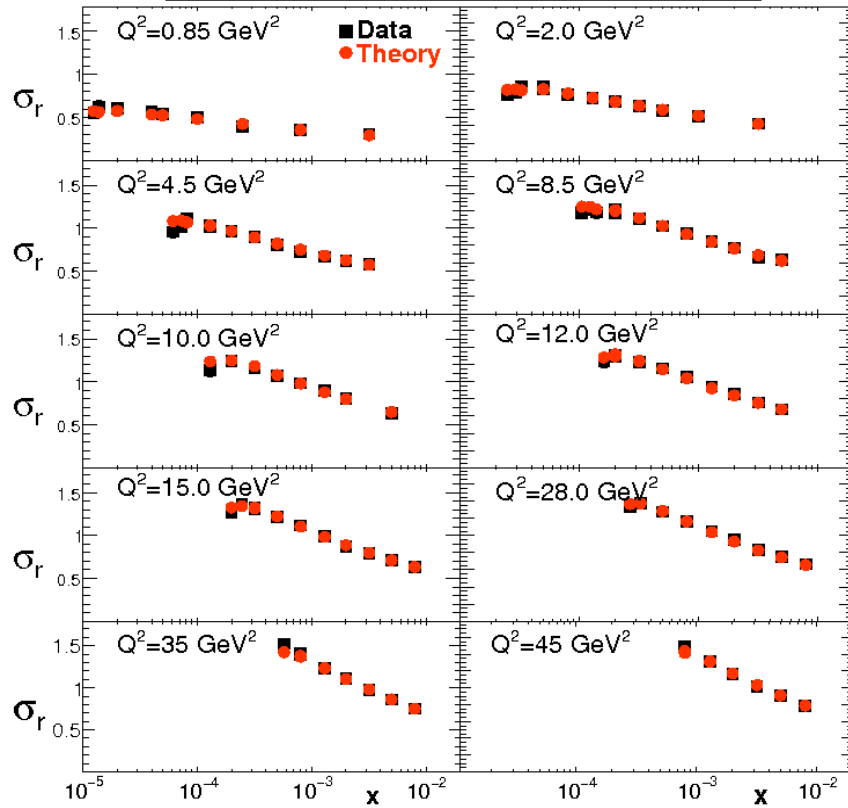
connection to/understanding from statistical physics: S. Munier,....
Fisher-Kolmogorov-Petrovsky-Piscounov (FKPP) equation

Quadrupole: $\langle Q(r, \bar{r}, \bar{s}, s) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr} V(r) V^\dagger(\bar{r}) V(\bar{s}) V^\dagger(s) \rangle$

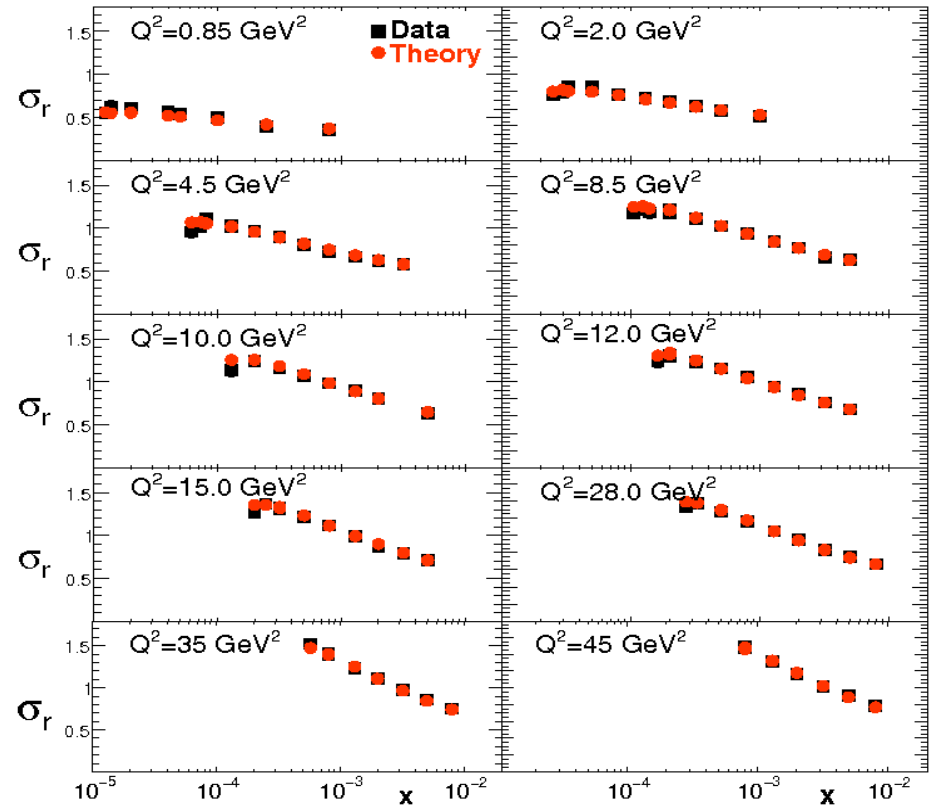


Structure functions at HERA

Fit with only light quarks



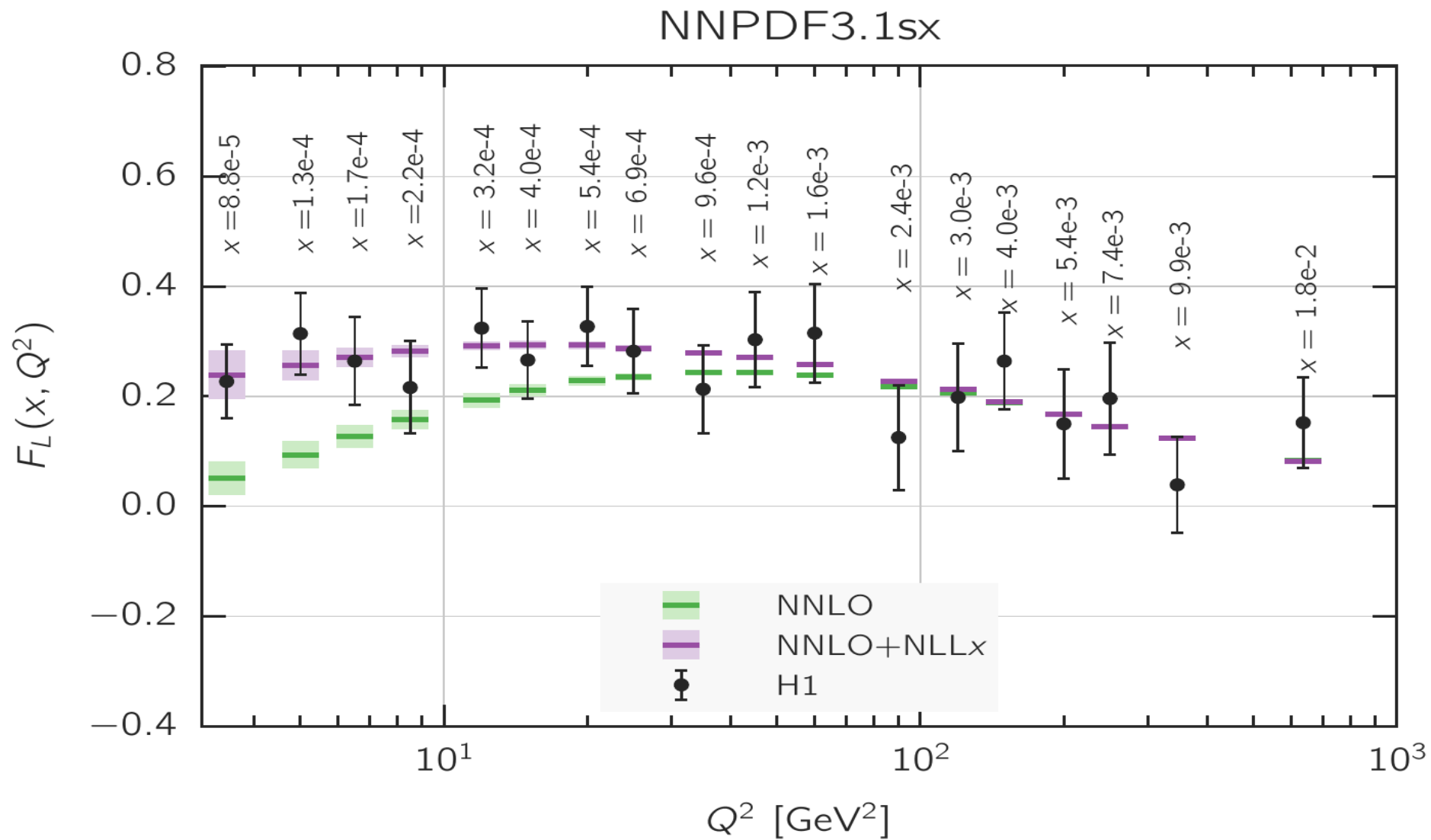
Fit including heavy quarks



AAMQS(2010)

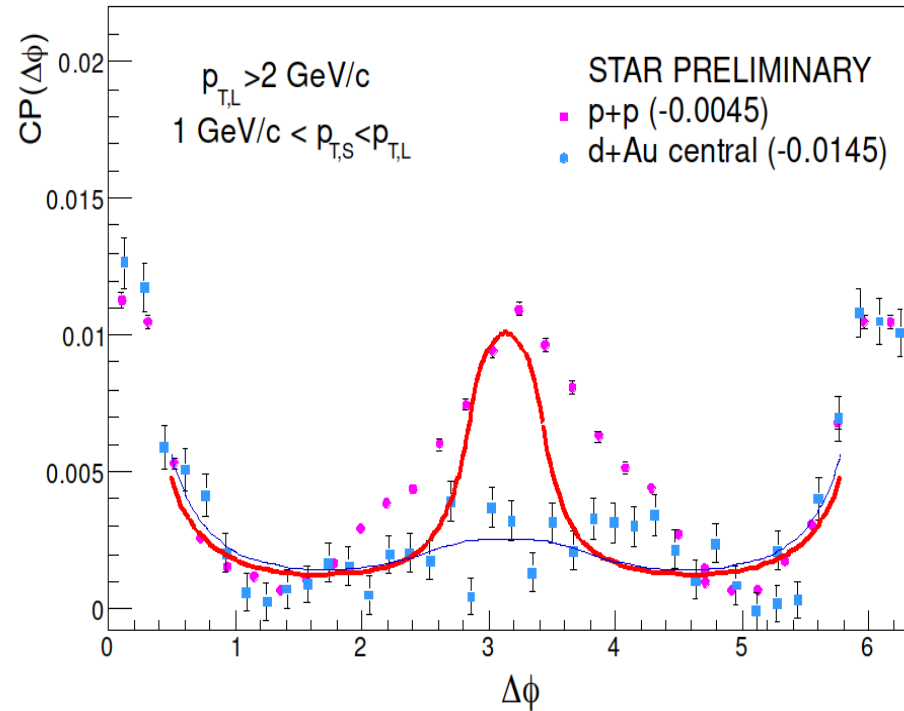
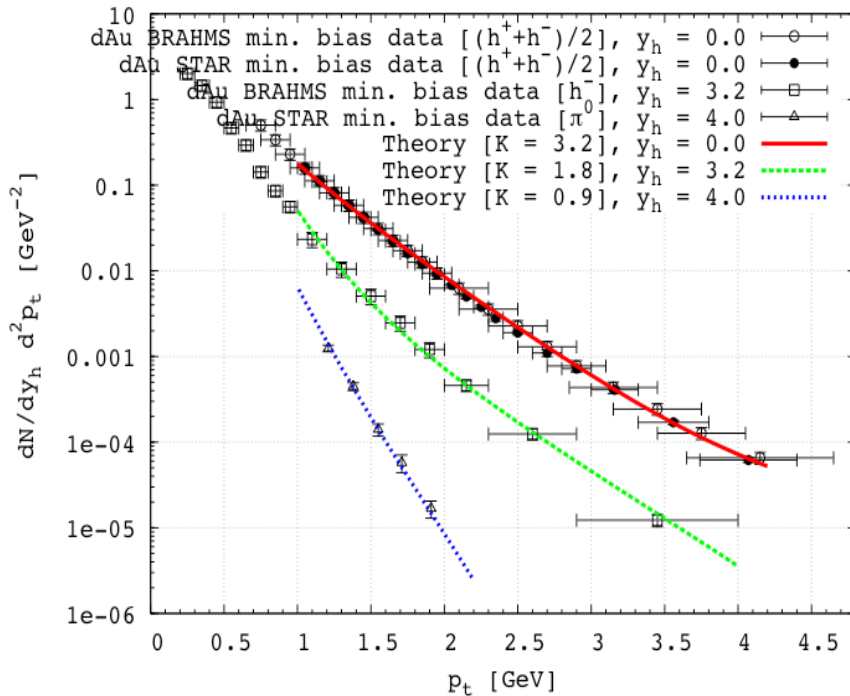
*PQCD: DGLAP-based approaches also “work” :
need more discriminatory observables*

F_L at HERA



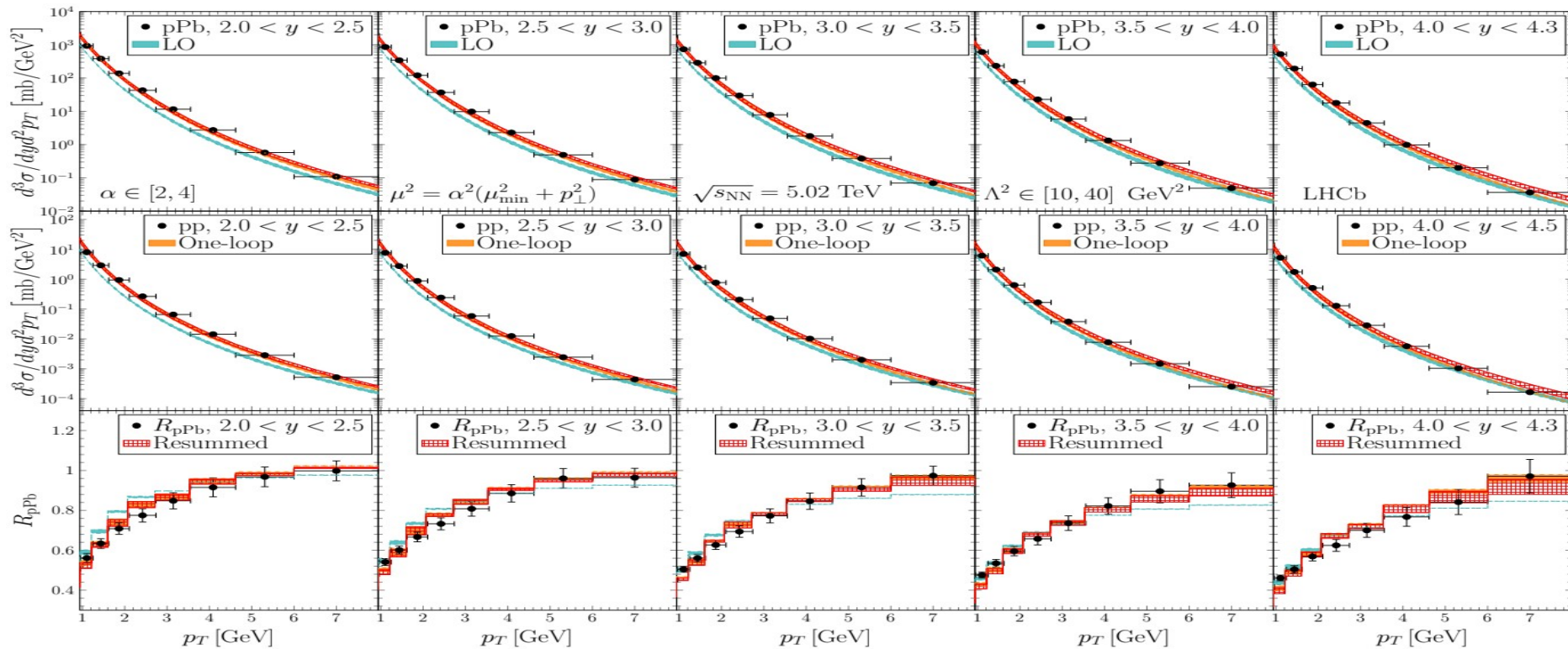
CGC at RHIC

Single and double inclusive hadron production in dA collisions



CGC at NLO

Single inclusive hadron production in pA collisions: LHCb



Shi, Wang, Wei, Xiao, arXiv:2112.06975

Toward precision CGC at small x: inclusive DIS

NLO corrections to DIS structure functions:

Beuf (2017)

Beuf, Lappi, Paatelainen (2022)

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NLO corrections to single inclusive hadron production in DIS:

Bergabo, JJM (2023)

NLO corrections to inclusive two-particle production in DIS:

Bergabo, JJM (2022, 2023)

Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet (2022)

Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Venugopalan (2022)

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DIS: sub-eikonal corrections at small x

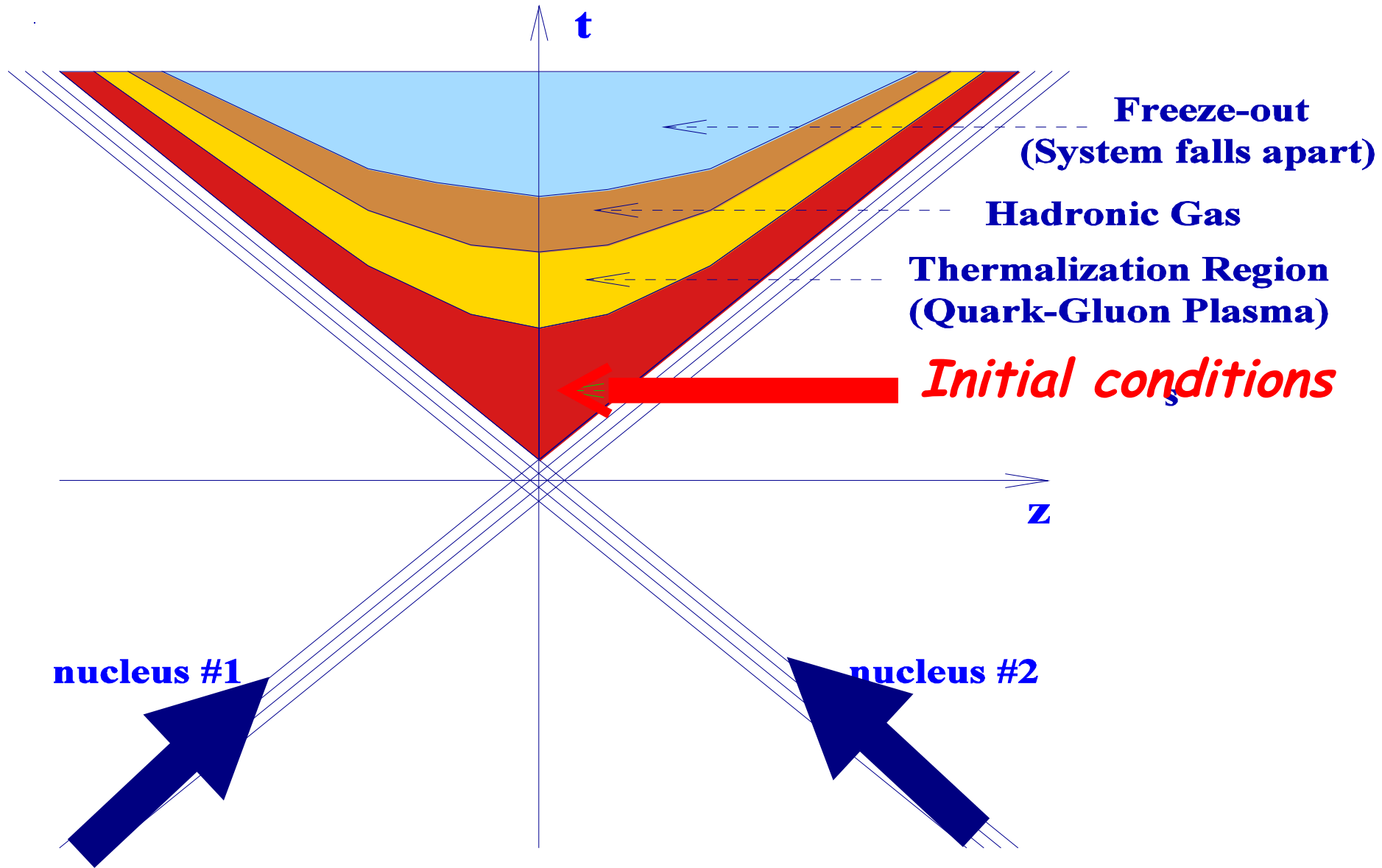
Altinoluk, Armesto, Beuf (2023)

Altinoluk, Beuf, Czajka, Tymowska (2021, 2022)

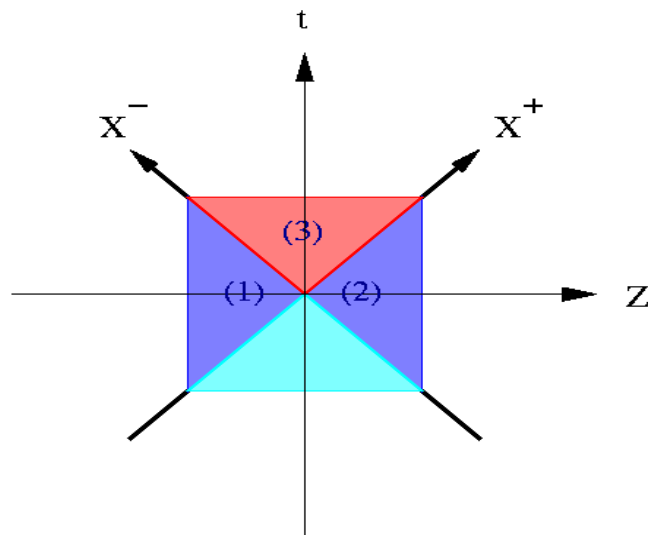
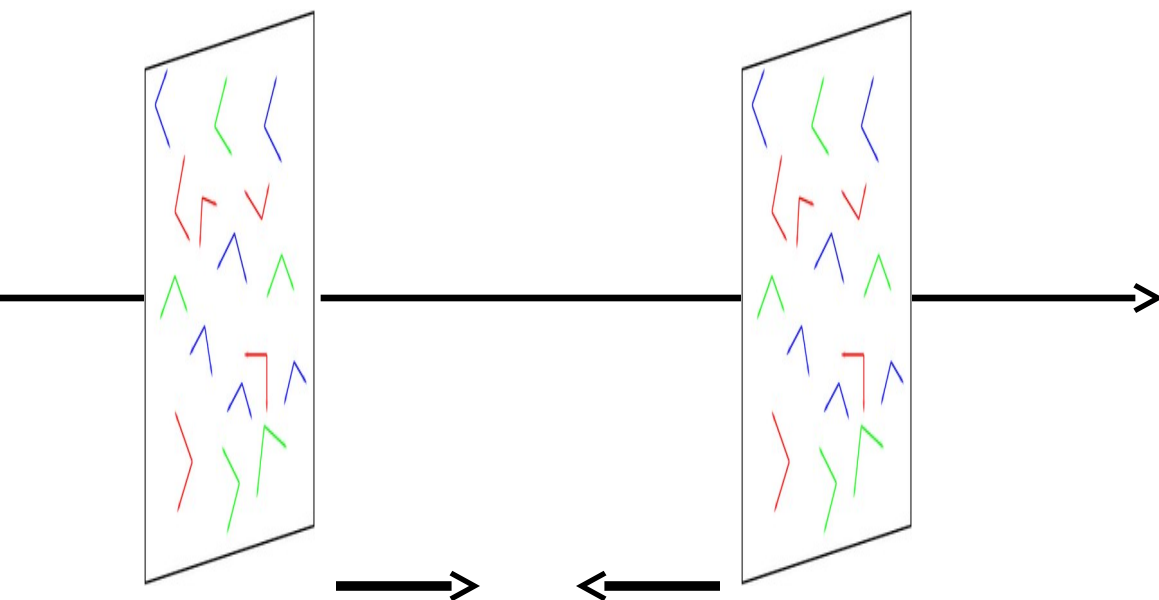
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Significant work on exclusive production, diffraction, spin, TMDs

Space-Time History of a Heavy Ion Collision



Heavy Ion Collisions at High Energy: Colliding Sheets of Color Glass



before the collision:

$$\mathbf{A}^+ = \mathbf{A}^- = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^i = \mathbf{A}_1^i + \mathbf{A}_2^i$$

$$\mathbf{A}_1^i = \theta(x^-)\theta(-x^+)\alpha_1^i$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2^i = \theta(-x^-)\theta(x^+)\alpha_2^i$$

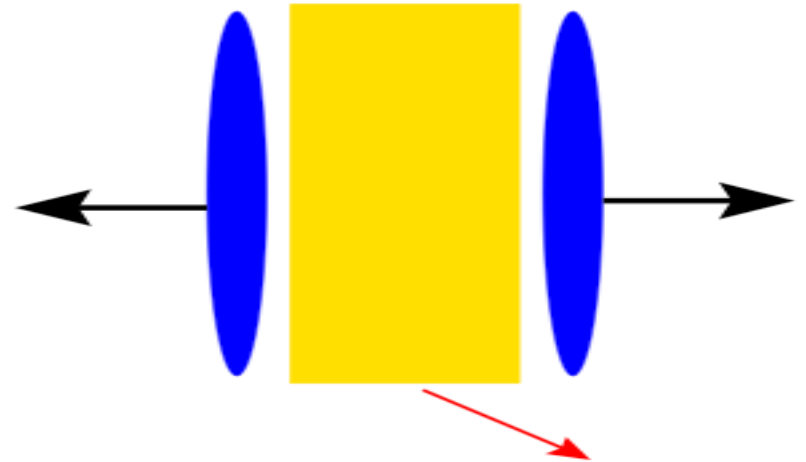
after the collision:

solve for \mathbf{A}_μ

in the forward LC

Colliding Sheets of Color Glass at High Energies

solve the classical
eqs. of motion in the
forward light cone:
subject to initial
conditions given by
one nucleus solution



GLASMA: strong color fields with
occupation number $\sim \frac{1}{\alpha_s}$

initial energy and multiplicity of produced gluons depend on Q_s

$$\frac{1}{A_{\perp}} \frac{dE_{\perp}}{d\eta} = \frac{0.25}{g^2} Q_s^3$$

$$\frac{1}{A_{\perp}} \frac{dN}{d\eta} = \frac{0.3}{g^2} Q_s^2$$