

Gluon tomography with UPCs

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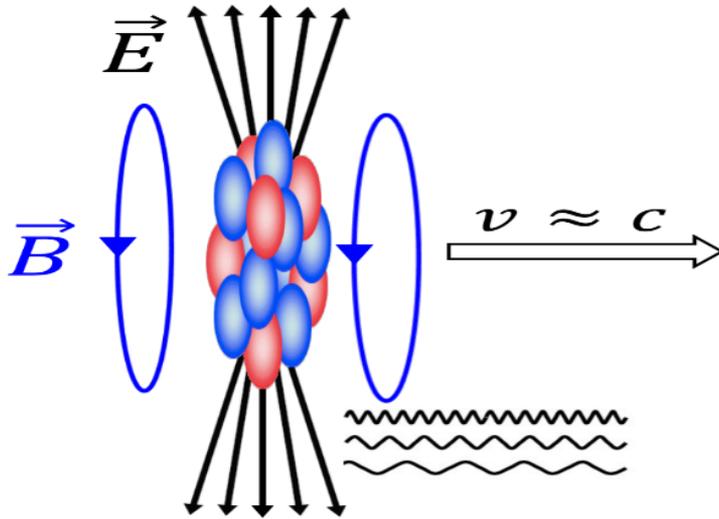
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Outline

- Background
- Unpolarized diffractive ρ^0 production in UPCs
- $\text{Cos}\phi$, $\text{Cos}2\phi$, $\text{Cos}3\phi$, $\text{Cos}4\phi$ azimuthal asymmetries in ρ^0 production
- Summary

Weizsacker--Williams approximation



Can be treated as a flux of quasi-photons

When photon wave length is larger than R ,
 $Kt < 30 \text{ MeV}$, enhance by Z^2

Relativistic heavy ion is extremely **bright!**

Two type interactions:

- photon-photon collisions
- photon-nuclear interactions

Linear polarization of photons at small x

◆ In the context of TMD factorization:

$$\int \frac{2dy^- d^2y_\perp}{xP^+(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot y} \langle P | F_{+\perp}^\mu(0) F_{+\perp}^\nu(y) | P \rangle \Big|_{y^+=0} = \delta_\perp^{\mu\nu} f_1^\gamma(x, k_\perp^2) + \left(\frac{2k_\perp^\mu k_\perp^\nu}{k_\perp^2} - \delta_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right) h_1^{\perp\gamma}(x, k_\perp^2)$$

Mulders-Rodrigues, 2001

$$F_+^\mu = \partial_+ A^\mu - \partial^\mu A_+ \longrightarrow F_+^\mu \propto k_+ A^\mu - k_\perp^\mu A_+ \longrightarrow F_{+\nu} \propto -k_\perp A_+$$

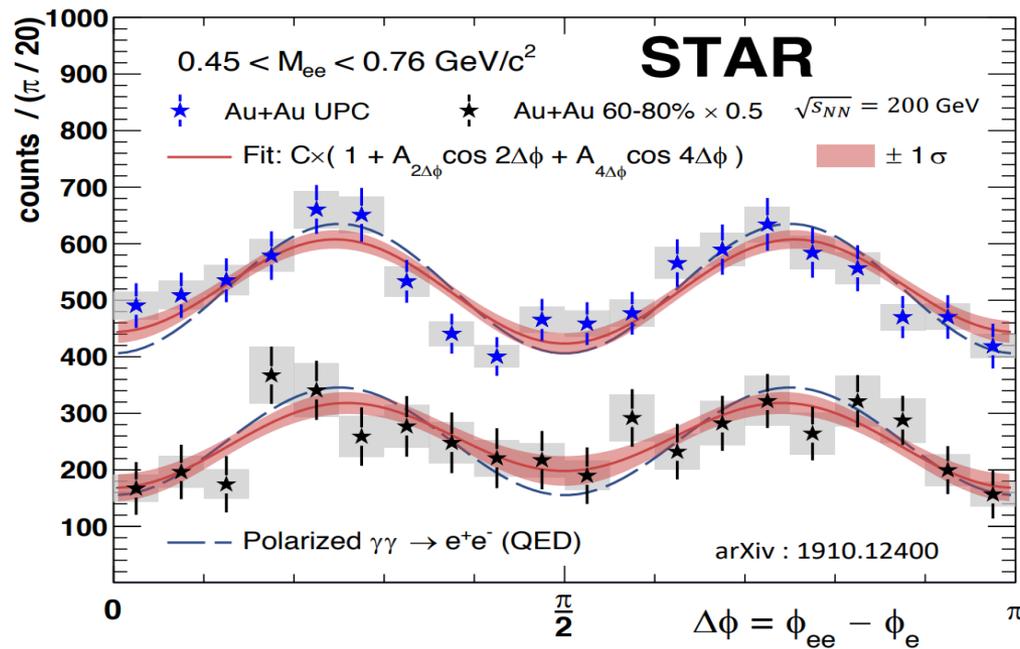
● For given nuclear charge form factor:

$$x f_1^\gamma(x, k_\perp^2) = x h_1^{\perp\gamma}(x, k_\perp^2) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha_e}{\pi^2} k_\perp^2 \left[\frac{F(k_\perp^2 + x^2 M_p^2)}{(k_\perp^2 + x^2 M_p^2)} \right]^2$$

◆ Common feature of gauge bosons: CGC is linearly polarized [A. Metz, ZJ; 2011](#)

Verified by STAR experiment

➤ Cos 4φ asymmetry in EM dilepton production



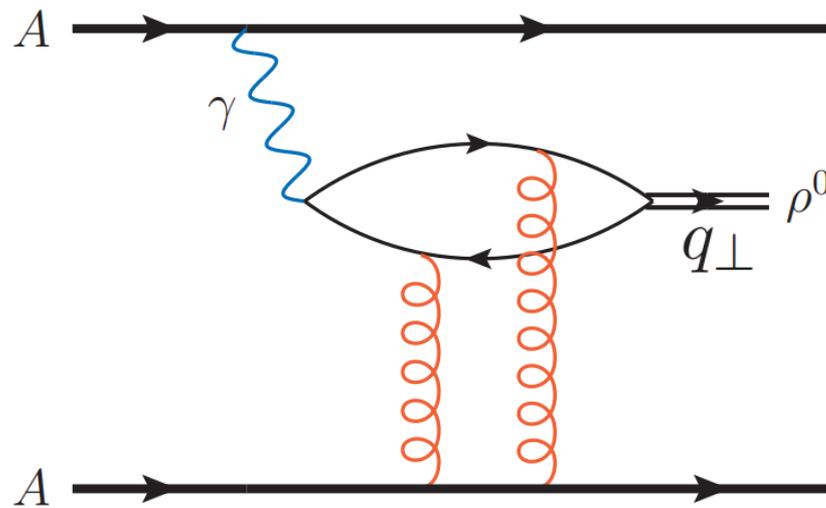
STAR collaboration, PRL 127, 2021

$0.45\text{GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 0.76\text{GeV}^2$
 $P_t > 200\text{MeV}, |y| < 1, q_t < 100\text{MeV}$

C. Li, JZ and Y. Zhou, 2019, 2020

	Measured	QED calculation
Tagged UPC	$16.8\% \pm 2.5\%$	16.5%
60%-80%	$27\% \pm 6\%$	34.5%

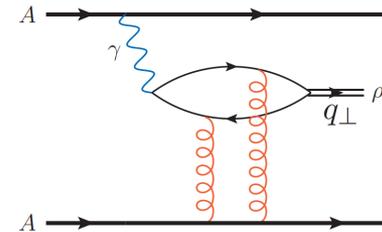
Polarization dependent Vector meson diffractive production



Diffractive vector production

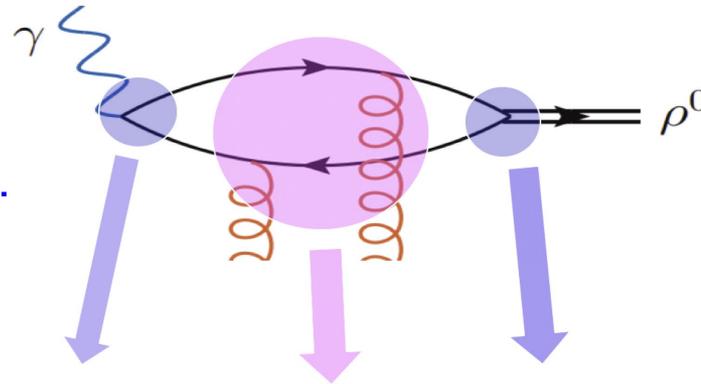
Motivations:

- Studying the saturation effect
- Transverse spatial imaging of gluons



$$\frac{\sigma_{el}^{q\bar{q}A}}{\sigma_{tot}^{q\bar{q}A}} = \frac{\int d^2b N^2}{2 \int d^2b N} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

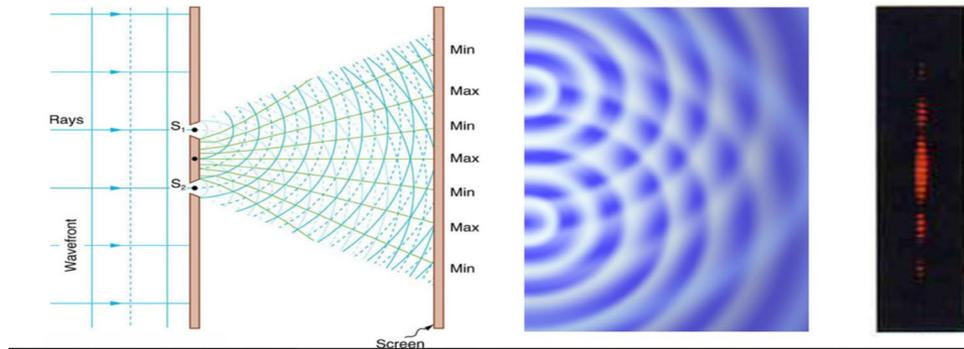
- ◆ Small x formalism:
dipole model, CGC, Glauber model...



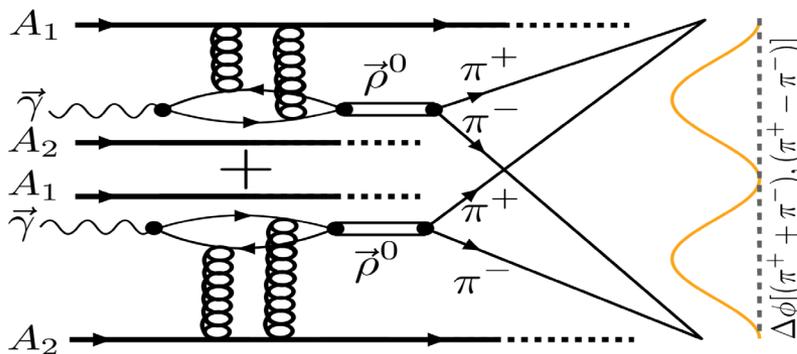
$$\mathcal{A}(\Delta_{\perp}) = i \int d^2b_{\perp} e^{i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot b_{\perp}} \int \frac{d^2r_{\perp}}{4\pi} \int_0^1 dz \Psi^{\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(r_{\perp}, z, \epsilon_{\perp}^{\gamma}) N(r_{\perp}, b_{\perp}) \Psi^{V \rightarrow q\bar{q}^*}(r_{\perp}, z, \epsilon_{\perp}^V)$$

Ryskin, 93; Brodsky, Frankfurt, Gunion, Mueller, Strikman, 94; Klein, Nystrand, 1999; Munier, Stasto, Mueller, 2001, Kowalski, Teaney, 2003; Lappi, Mantysaari, 2011; Rezaeian, Siddikov, Klundert, Venugopalan, 2013; Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov, 2014, Lansberg, Massacrier, Szymanowski, Wagner, 2019; Mäntysaari, Salazar, Schenke, 2022; and many more...

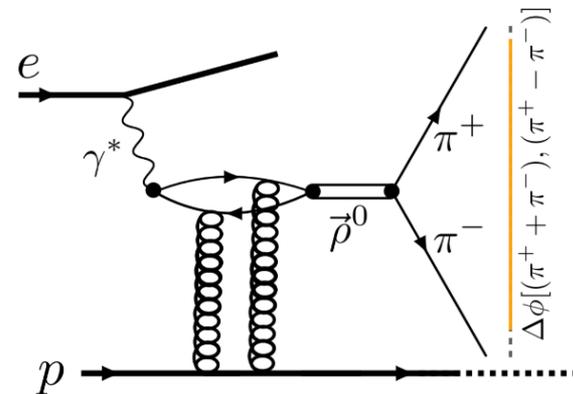
➤ Young's double-slit experiment



➤ double-slit experiment in UPCs



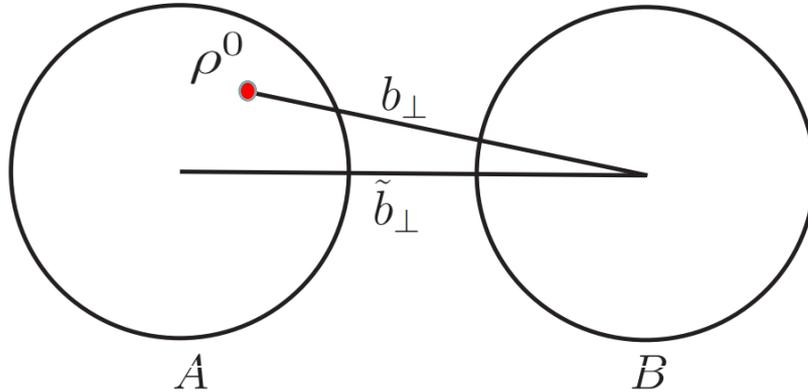
RHIC/LHC



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S. Klein. & Nystrand, 1999

Joint \tilde{b}_\perp & b_\perp dependent cross section I



A and B are two incoming nuclei
(head on view)

Assuming ρ^0 is locally produced at position b_\perp

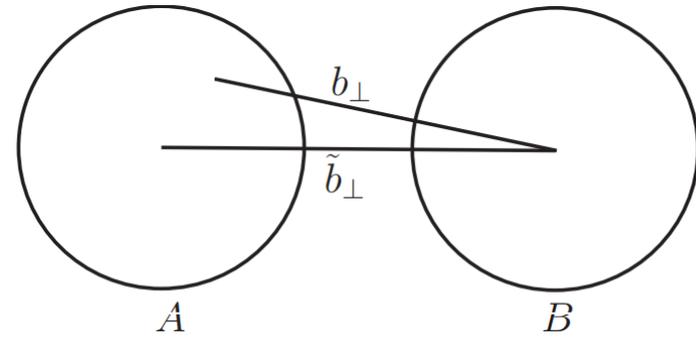
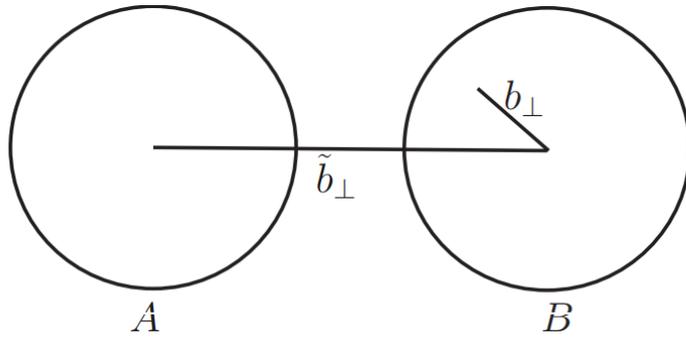
The probability amplitude of producing ρ^0 at position b_\perp

$$\mathcal{M}(Y, \tilde{b}_\perp, b_\perp) \propto \mathcal{F}_B(Y, b_\perp) N_A(Y, b_\perp - \tilde{b}_\perp)$$

EM potential
induced by B

Gluon density
inside A

Joint \tilde{b}_\perp & q_\perp dependent cross section II



$$\mathcal{M}(Y, \tilde{b}_\perp, b_\perp) \propto \left[\mathcal{F}_B(Y, b_\perp) N_A(Y, b_\perp - \tilde{b}_\perp) + N_B(-Y, b_\perp) \mathcal{F}_A(-Y, b_\perp - \tilde{b}_\perp) \right]$$

Making Fourier transform:



$$\mathcal{M}(Y, \tilde{b}_\perp, q_\perp) \propto \int d^2 k_\perp d^2 \Delta_\perp \delta^2(q_\perp - \Delta_\perp - k_\perp)$$

$$\times \left\{ \mathcal{F}_B(Y, k_\perp) N_A(Y, \Delta_\perp) e^{-i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot k_\perp} + \mathcal{F}_A(-Y, k_\perp) N_B(-Y, \Delta_\perp) e^{-i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot \Delta_\perp} \right\}$$

- The \tilde{b}_\perp dependence enters via the phase.
- The relative phase leads to the destructive interference effect.

Joint \tilde{b}_\perp & q_\perp dependent cross section III

➤ **Full cross section:** $k_\perp + \Delta_\perp = k'_\perp + \Delta'_\perp$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{d^2q_\perp dY d^2\tilde{b}_\perp} &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^2\Delta_\perp d^2k_\perp d^2k'_\perp \delta^2(k_\perp + \Delta_\perp - q_\perp) (\epsilon_\perp^{V*} \cdot \hat{k}_\perp) (\epsilon_\perp^V \cdot \hat{k}'_\perp) \left\{ \int d^2b_\perp \right. \\
 &\times e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (k'_\perp - k_\perp)} [T_A(b_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{in}(Y, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{in}^*(Y, \Delta'_\perp) \mathcal{F}(Y, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(Y, k'_\perp) + (A \leftrightarrow B)] \\
 &+ \left[e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (k'_\perp - k_\perp)} \mathcal{A}_{co}(Y, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{co}^*(Y, \Delta'_\perp) \mathcal{F}(Y, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(Y, k'_\perp) \right] \\
 &+ \left[e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (\Delta'_\perp - \Delta_\perp)} \mathcal{A}_{co}(-Y, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{co}^*(-Y, \Delta'_\perp) \mathcal{F}(-Y, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(-Y, k'_\perp) \right] \\
 &+ \left[e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (\Delta'_\perp - k_\perp)} \mathcal{A}_{co}(Y, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{co}^*(-Y, \Delta'_\perp) \mathcal{F}(Y, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(-Y, k'_\perp) \right] \\
 &+ \left. \left[e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (k'_\perp - \Delta_\perp)} \mathcal{A}_{co}(-Y, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{co}^*(Y, \Delta'_\perp) \mathcal{F}(-Y, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(Y, k'_\perp) \right] \right\}, \quad (2.14)
 \end{aligned}$$

H.X. Xing, Z. Zhang, ZJ, Y.J. Zhou, 2020

➤ **EM potential:** $\mathcal{F}(Y, k_\perp) = \frac{Z\sqrt{\alpha_e}}{\pi} |k_\perp| \frac{F(k_\perp^2 + x^2 M_p^2)}{(k_\perp^2 + x^2 M_p^2)}$

Some model inputs

- Gluon distribution/Dipole amplitude: GBW model for a nucleon
- Charge distribution: Woods-Saxon distribution.
- Nucleon distribution inside a nucleus: WS distribution

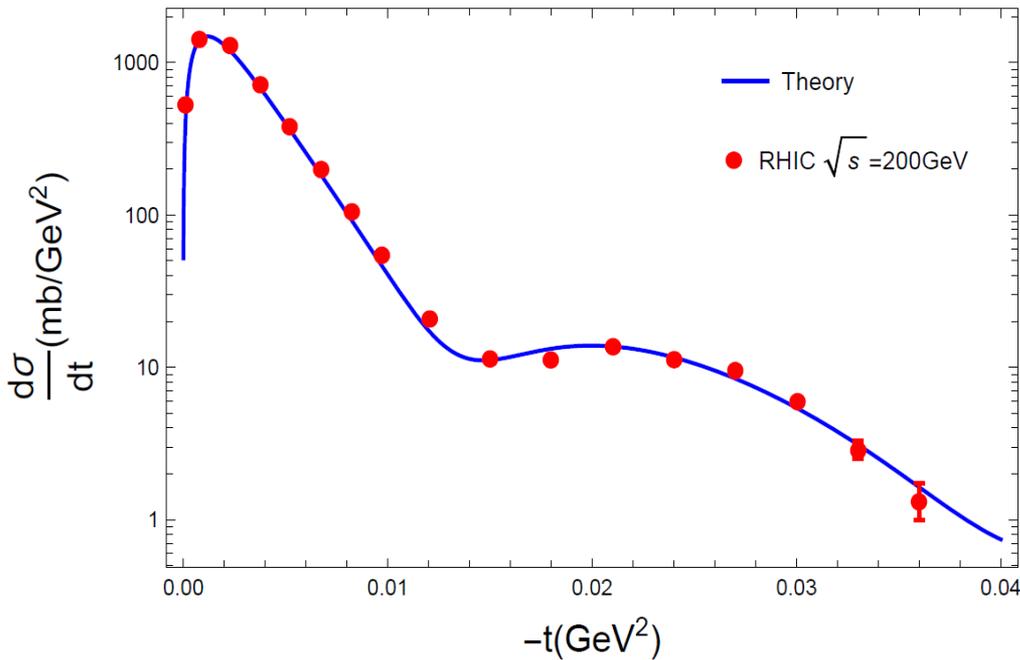
Gold target	Skin depth	Strong interaction radius
Standard value	0.54fm	6.38fm
Fitted to STAR data	0.64fm	6.9fm

- Vector meson wave function: taken from [H. Kowalski and D. Teaney, 2003](#)
- Quasi-real photon wave function: QED
- Computing “Xn” events with,

$$2\pi \int_{2R_A}^{\infty} \tilde{b}_{\perp} d\tilde{b}_{\perp} P^2(\tilde{b}_{\perp}) d\sigma(\tilde{b}_{\perp}, \dots) \quad P(\tilde{b}_{\perp}) = 1 - \exp \left[-P_{1n}(\tilde{b}_{\perp}) \right]$$

ρ^0 diffractive pattern

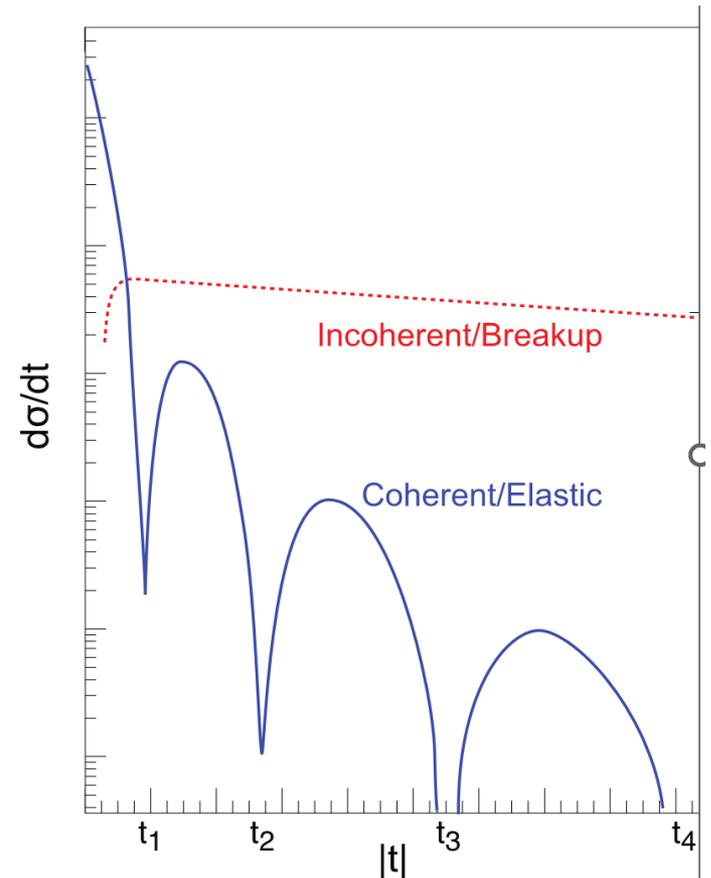
Diffractive VM production in UPC



H.x. Xing, C. Zhang, ZJ, Y.j.Zhou 2020

- Double slit interference effect
- Smearing caused by finite photon kt

Diffractive VM production in eA



- One slit interference (black disk limit)

Azimuthal asymmetries from soft photon radiation

- Soft factor at LO:

$$S(l_{\perp}) = \delta(l_{\perp}) + \frac{\alpha_e}{\pi^2 l_{\perp}^2} \left\{ c_0 + 2c_2 \boxed{\cos 2\phi} + 2c_4 \boxed{\cos 4\phi} + \dots \right\}$$

Hatta, Xiao, Yuan, ZJ, 2021

- ◆ Large log:

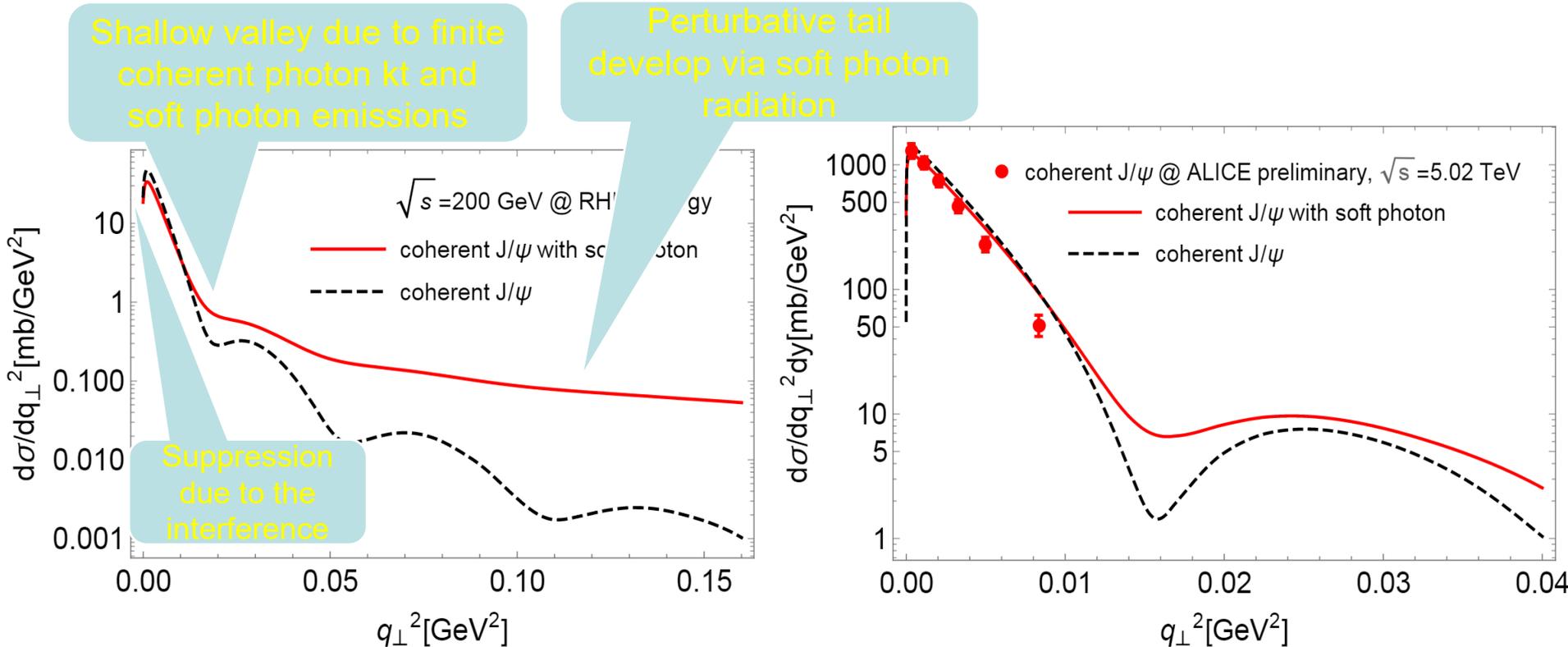
$$\ln \frac{M^2}{m^2}$$

Vector meson mass

Pion or electron mass

$$\frac{d\sigma(q_{\perp})}{d\mathcal{P}.S.} = \int d^2q'_{\perp} \frac{d\sigma_0(q'_{\perp})}{d\mathcal{P}.S.} S(q_{\perp} - q'_{\perp})$$

J/psi diffractive pattern

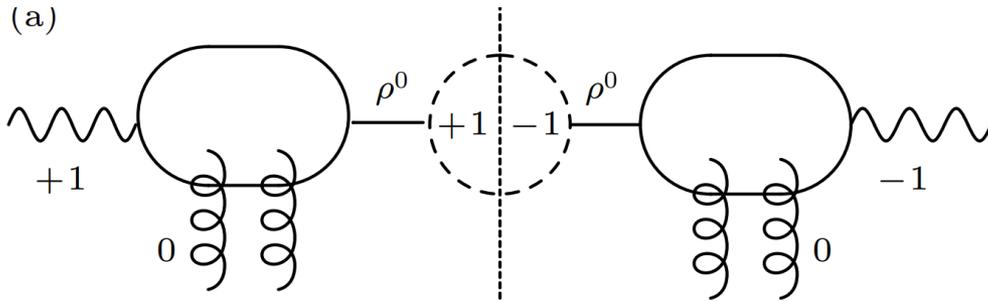


Brandenburg-Xu-Zha-Zhang-ZJ-Zhou, 2022
Mantysaari-Salazar-Schenke, 2022

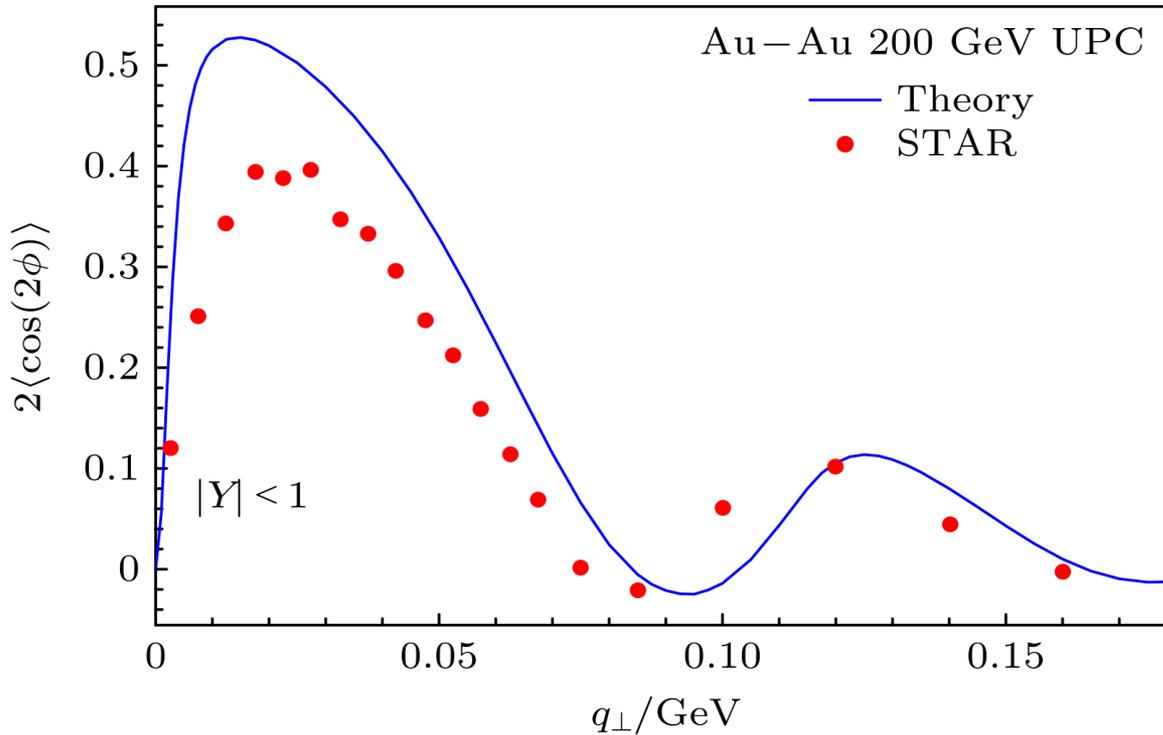
- Hard scale: better justify the perturbative treatment
- Wider separation of scales: stronger soft photon radiation effect

Azimuthal asymmetries in di-pion production

Cos2φ in ρ⁰ production



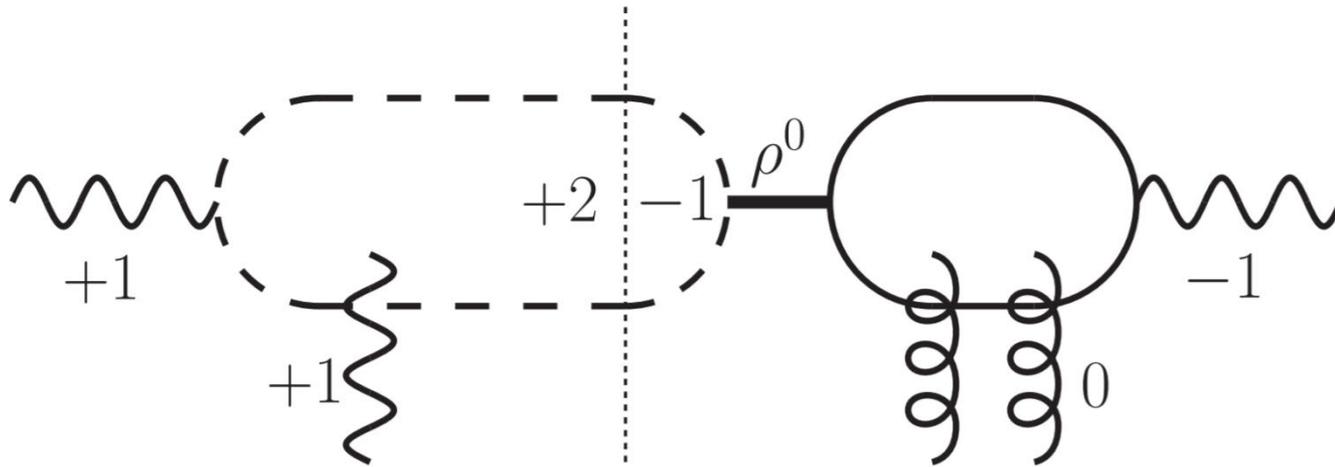
$$\langle +1 | -1 \rangle \sim \cos 2\phi$$



Theory curve taken from
Xing, Zhang, ZJ, Zhou, 2020;

Data points taken from
STAR collaboration, Sci.Adv. 2023

Coulomb nuclear interference



EM production V.S. via ρ decay

EM: $1/t$

QCD: nuclear form factor $F(t=0)$

Azimuthal dependent cross section

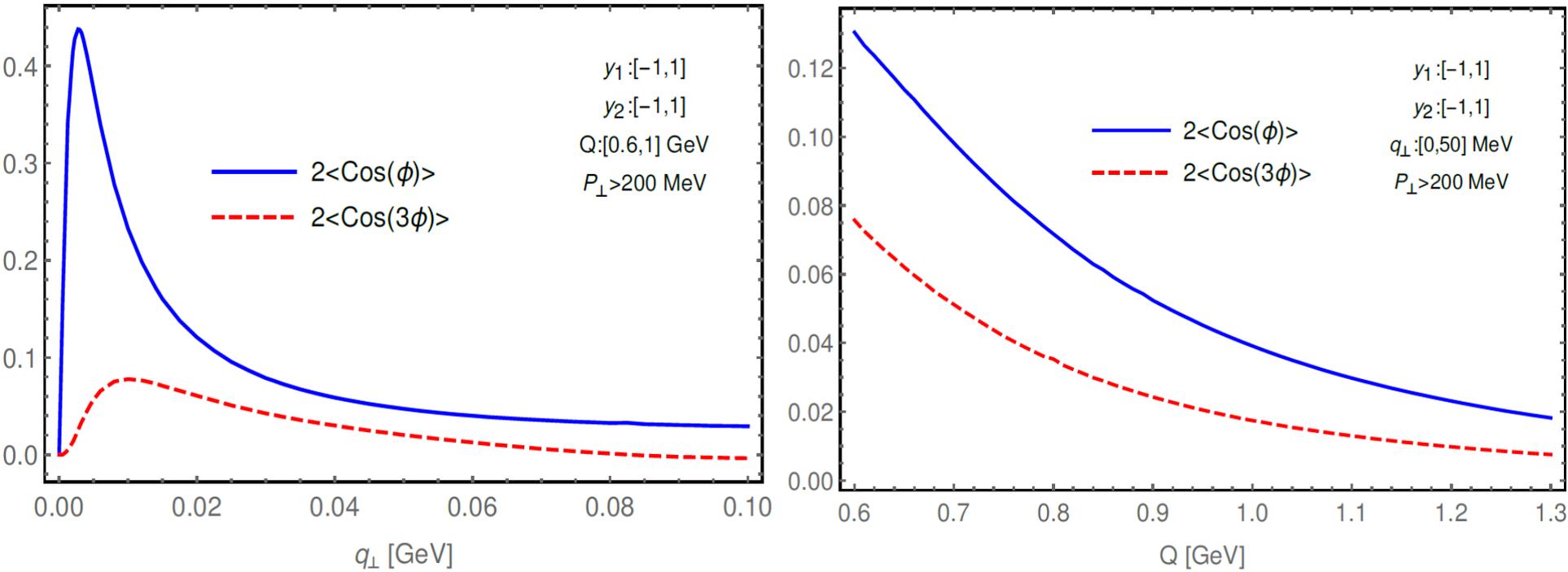
$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma_I}{d^2p_{1\perp}d^2p_{2\perp}dy_1dy_2d^2\tilde{b}_\perp} &= \frac{\alpha_e}{Q^2} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \frac{2M_\rho\Gamma_\rho|P_\perp|f_{\rho\pi\pi}}{(Q^2 - M_\rho^2)^2 + M_\rho^2\Gamma_\rho^2} \int d^2\Delta_\perp d^2k_\perp d^2k'_\perp \\
 &\times \delta^2(k_\perp + \Delta_\perp - q_\perp) \left[\hat{k}_\perp \cdot \hat{\Delta}_\perp - \frac{2P_\perp^2}{P_\perp^2 + m_\pi^2} (\hat{k}_\perp \cdot \hat{P}_\perp)(\hat{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \hat{P}_\perp) \right] (\hat{P}_\perp \cdot \hat{k}'_\perp) \\
 &\times 2 \left\{ \left[e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (k'_\perp - k_\perp)} \mathcal{F}(x_1, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(x_2, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{F}(x_1, k'_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{co}^*(x_2, \Delta'_\perp) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left[e^{i\tilde{b}_\perp \cdot (\Delta'_\perp - k_\perp)} \mathcal{F}(x_2, k_\perp) \mathcal{F}(x_1, \Delta_\perp) \mathcal{F}(x_2, k'_\perp) \mathcal{A}_{co}^*(x_1, \Delta'_\perp) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Y. Hagiwara, C. Zhang, ZJ and Y.-j. Zhou, 2020

Interesting observation:

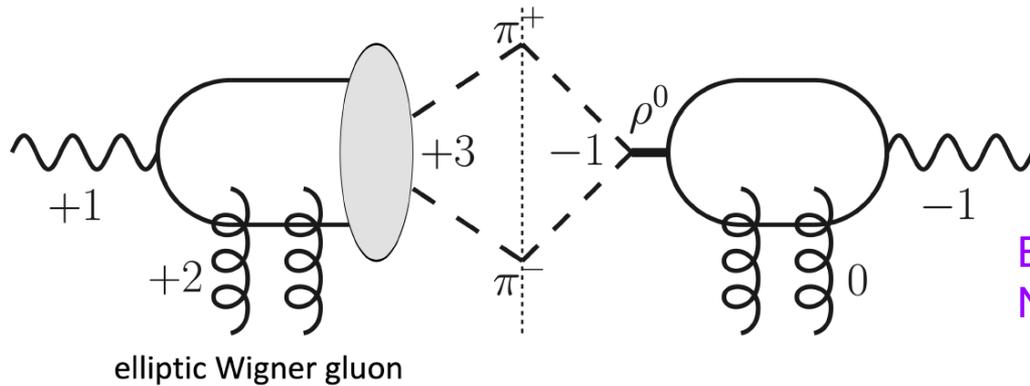
➤ Interference CS vanishes identically when integrating out ϕ

Numerical results



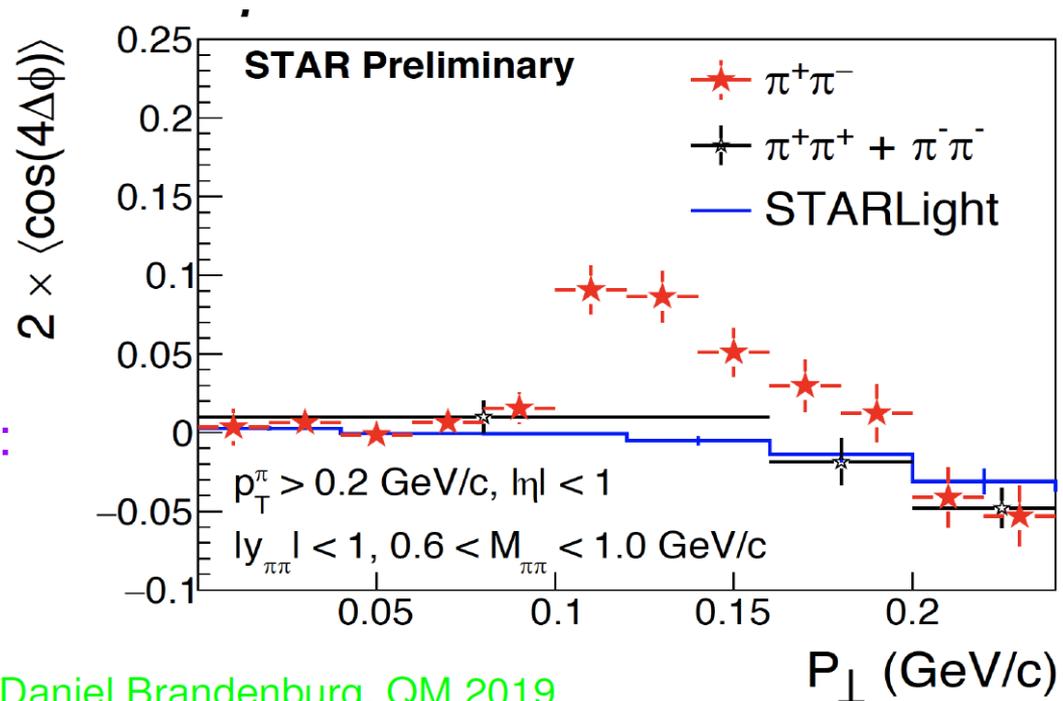
- Constrain the phase of the dipole amplitude

Cos4φ in dipion production I



Elliptic gluon distribution:
Non-trivial correlation between b_t and k_t

STAR measurement:



Gluon GTMD operator definition

$$xG_{DP}(x, q_{\perp}, \Delta_{\perp}) = 2 \int \frac{d\xi^{-} d^2\xi_{\perp} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot \xi_{\perp} - ixP^{+}\xi^{-}}}{(2\pi)^3 P^{+}} \times \left\langle P + \frac{\Delta_{\perp}}{2} \left| \text{Tr} \left[F^{+i}(\xi/2) U^{[-]\dagger} F^{+i}(-\xi/2) U^{[+]} \right] \right| P - \frac{\Delta_{\perp}}{2} \right\rangle$$

In the small x limit:

$$xG_{DP}(x, q_{\perp}, \Delta_{\perp}) = \left(q_{\perp}^2 - \frac{\Delta_{\perp}^2}{4} \right) \int \frac{d^2b_{\perp} d^2r_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp} - i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot b_{\perp}} \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[U(b_{\perp} + \frac{r_{\perp}}{2}) U^{\dagger}(b_{\perp} - \frac{r_{\perp}}{2}) \right] \right\rangle$$

Hatta, Xiao and Yuan, 2016

the correlation limit where $|\Delta_{\perp}| \ll |q_{\perp}|$

$$\mathcal{F}_x(q_{\perp}^2, \Delta_{\perp}^2) + \frac{q_{\perp} \cdot \Delta_{\perp}}{|q_{\perp}| |\Delta_{\perp}|} \mathcal{O}_x(q_{\perp}^2, \Delta_{\perp}^2) + \left[\frac{(q_{\perp} \cdot \Delta_{\perp})^2}{q_{\perp}^2 \Delta_{\perp}^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \mathcal{F}_x^{\mathcal{E}}(q_{\perp}^2, \Delta_{\perp}^2) + \dots$$



➤ Attract a lot of attentions:

Elliptic gluon GTMD

J. Zhou, 2016

R. Boussarie, Y. Hatta, B.-W. Xiao, F. Yuan, 2018

H. Mäntysaari, N. Mueller, F. Salazar, B. Schenke, 2020

H. Mäntysaari, K. Roy, F. Salazar, B. Schenke, 2021

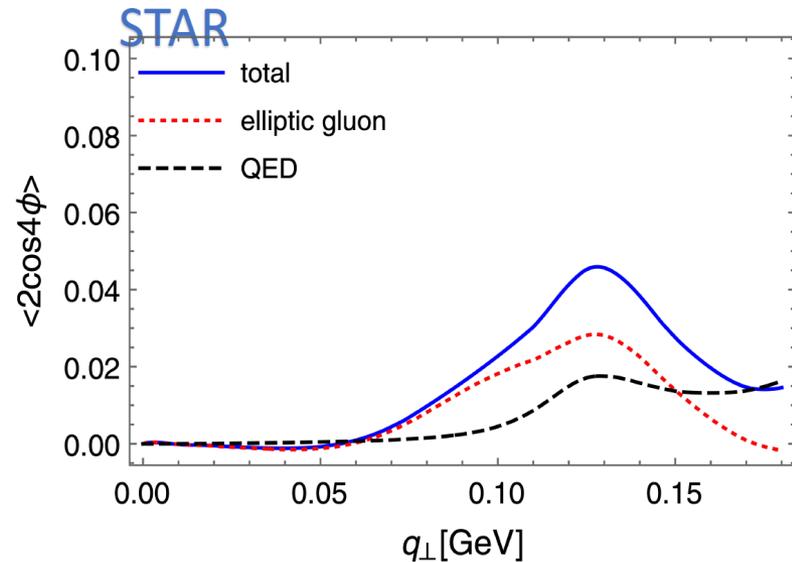
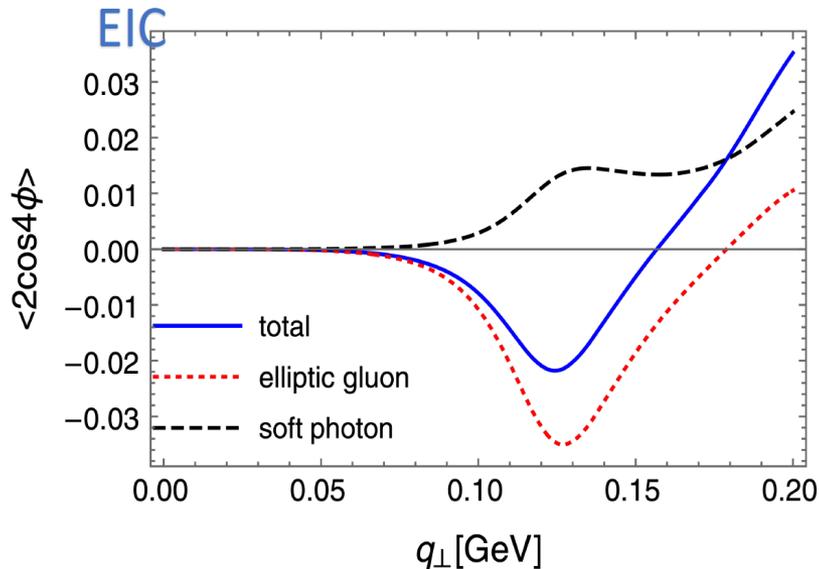
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Cos4 ϕ in dipion production II

QED contribution alone not adequate



contribution from elliptic gluon distribution



◆ The asymmetry flips sign at EIC

Y. Hagiwara, C. Zhang, ZJ and Y.-j. Zhou, 2021

- Universal nonperturbative function describing the transition from a quark anti-quark pair to a di-pion system.
Electron production (large Q^2), more reliable perturbative treatment

Summary

- Linear polarization of coherent photons firmly established
- Rich physics is revealed via azimuthal asymmetries in UPCs

- As a tool to explore: BSM physics; Strong field QED

Thank you!



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