

# *Maximally entangled proton and entropy in high energy collisions*



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# Motivation

bounds and properties of EE may provide some new insight on behavior of pdfs

links to other areas (thermodynamics, gravity, quantum information, conformal field theory)

Interesting in context of parton saturation and thermalization problem of Quark Gluon Plasma

Various approaches to entropy in the low  $x$  limit: entropy of gluon density, thermodynamic entropy, momentum space entanglement, coordinate space entanglement, Wehrl entropy,...

K. Kutak '11, R. Peschanski '13,

A. Kovner, M. Lublinsky '15, A. Kovner, M. Lublinsky, M. Serino '18,

Hagiwara, Y, Hatta, B. Xiao, Yuan '18, N. Armesto, F. Dominguez, A. Kovner, M. Lublinsky, V. Skokov '19

Z. Tu, D. Kharzeev, T. Ulrich '20, C. Akkaya, H. Duan, A. Kovner, V. Skokov '20

K. Zhang, K. Hao, D. Kharzeev, V. Korepin '21, E. Levin, D. Kharzeev '21,

D. Kharzeev '21, M. Hentschinski, K. Kutak '21,

Dvali, Venugopalan '21 Liu, Nowak, Zahed, 21;

A. Dumitriu, Kolbusz '22, H. Duan, A. Kovner, V. Skokov '22

# Boltzman and von Neuman entropy formulas – reminder

The entropy  $S$  of macrostate is given by the log of number  $W$  of distinct microstates that compose it

$$S = - \sum_{i=1}^W p(i) \ln p(i) \quad \text{Gibbs entropy}$$

For uniform distribution  $p(i) = \frac{1}{W}$  the entropy is maximal Boltzmann entropy

$$S = \ln W$$

Since partons are introduced as the microscopic constituents that compose the macroscopic state of the proton, it is natural to evaluate the corresponding entropy or entropy corresponding to parton density.

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D. Kharzeev, E. Levin '17,...

But proton as a whole is a pure state and the von Neuman entropy is 0. Can one get any nontrivial result?

For pure state (one state) density matrix is: For mixed state i.e. classical statistical mixture

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

$$S_{VN} = -\text{Tr}[\rho \ln \rho] = -1 \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\rho = \sum p(i) |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

$$S_{VN} \neq 0$$

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# Entanglement entropy in DIS

The composite system is described by

$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle$  in  $A \cap B$  / physical state in A  
physical state in B

$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} |\varphi_i^A\rangle \otimes |\varphi_j^B\rangle$$

entangled

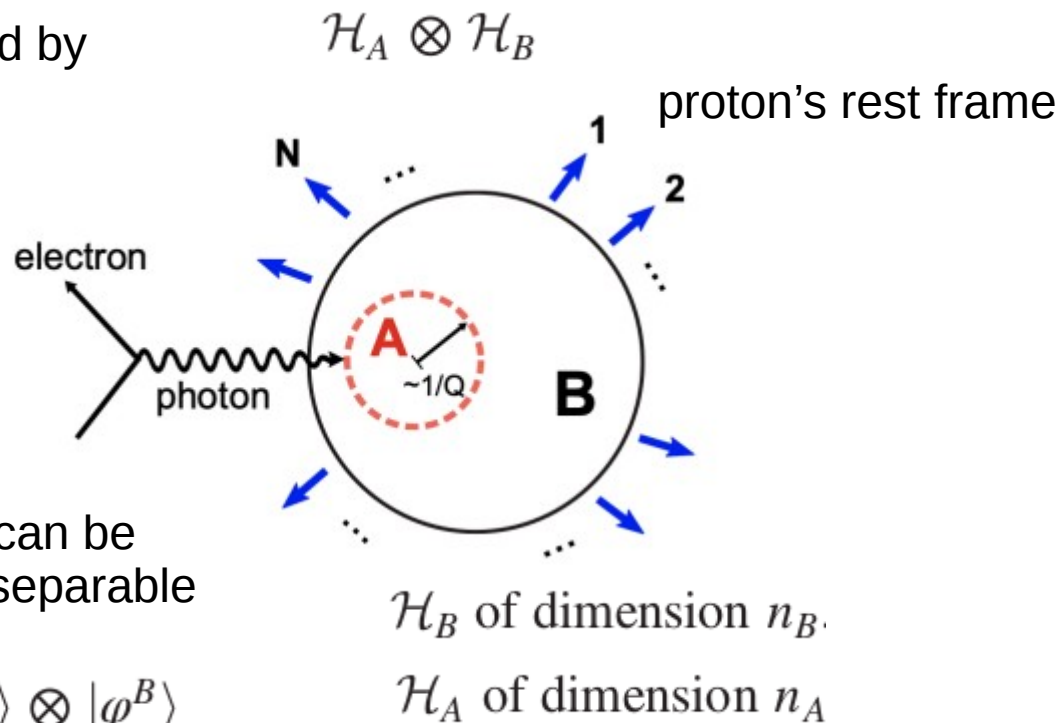
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We perform Schmidt decomposition

$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum \alpha_n |\Psi_n^A\rangle |\Psi_n^B\rangle$

- orthonormal states belonging to A
- orthonormal states belonging to B
- related to matrix C

# Entanglement entropy in DIS

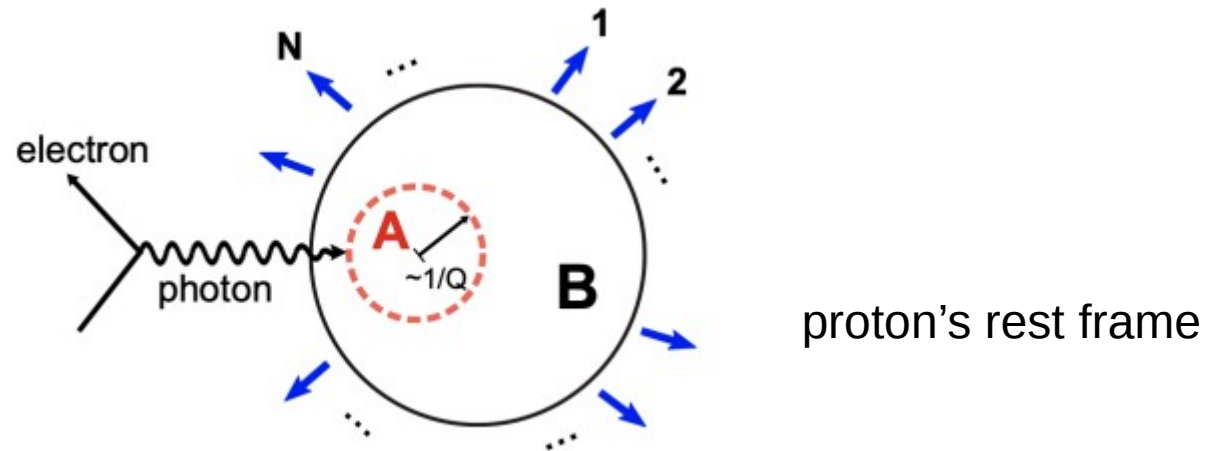
$$|\Psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_n \alpha_n |\Psi_n^A\rangle |\Psi_n^B\rangle$$

$$\rho_{AB} = |\Psi_{AB}\rangle \langle \Psi_{AB}|$$

$$\rho_A = \text{tr}_B \rho_{AB} = \sum_n \alpha_n^2 |\Psi_n^A\rangle \langle \Psi_n^A|$$

← The density matrix of the mixed state probed in region A

$$\alpha_n^2 \equiv p_n \quad \text{probability of state with } n \text{ partons}$$



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$$S = - \sum_n p_n \ln p_n$$

entropy results from the entanglement between the regions A and B, and can thus be interpreted as the entanglement entropy. Entropy of region A is the same as entropy in region B.

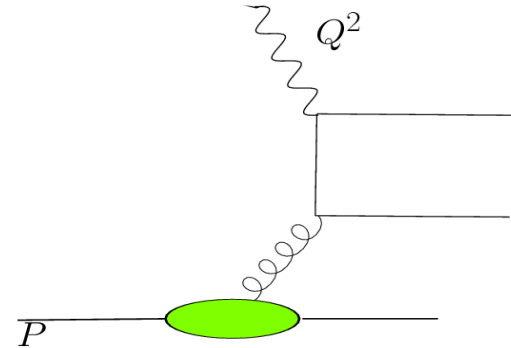
# Proton structure function and dipole cross section

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2} \alpha_s \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2k \mathcal{F}(x, k^2) (S_L(k^2, Q^2, m_q^2) + S_T(k^2, Q^2, m_q^2))$$

Enters also into inclusive gluon production in adjoint representation recently called dipole gluon density

Impact factors from Feynman diagrams in momentum space

In the kt factorization

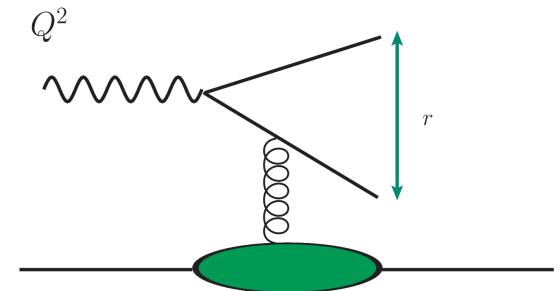


$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2 \alpha_{em}} \int d^2b \int_0^1 dz \int d^2r (|\psi_L(z, r)|^2 + |\psi_T(z, r)|^2) N(x, r, b)$$

wave function

Dipole cross section

In the dipole formalism

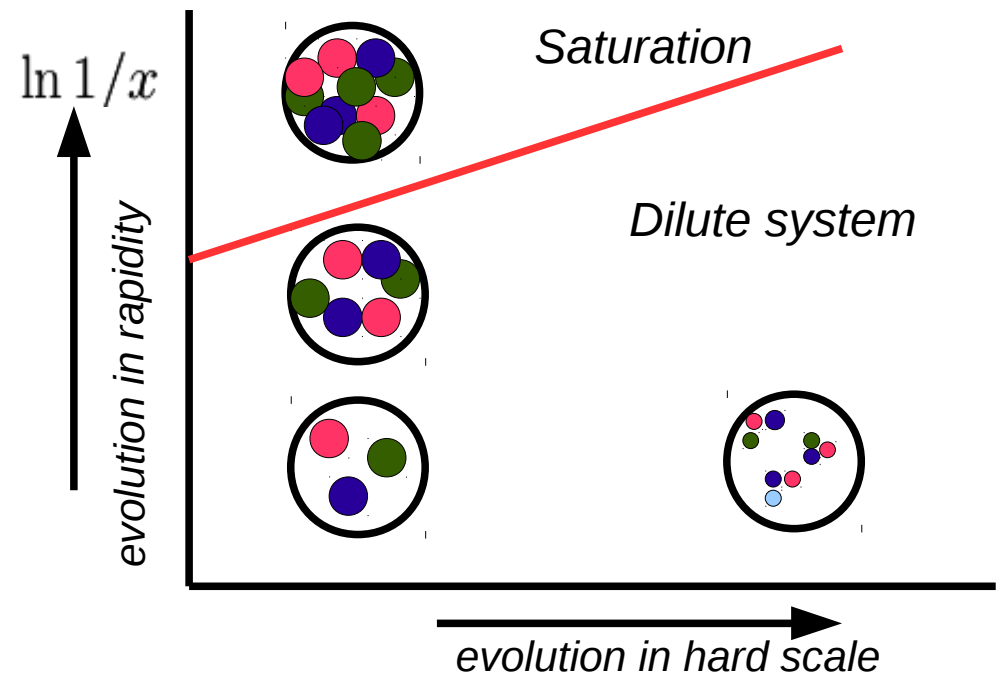


# Gluons at high energies

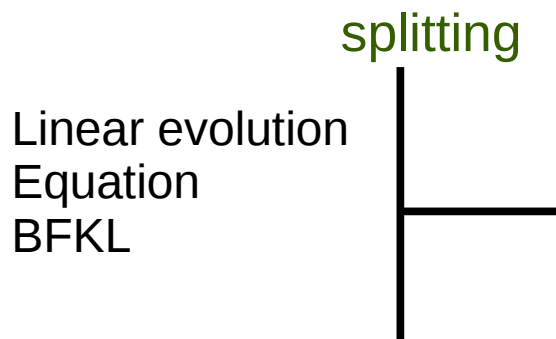
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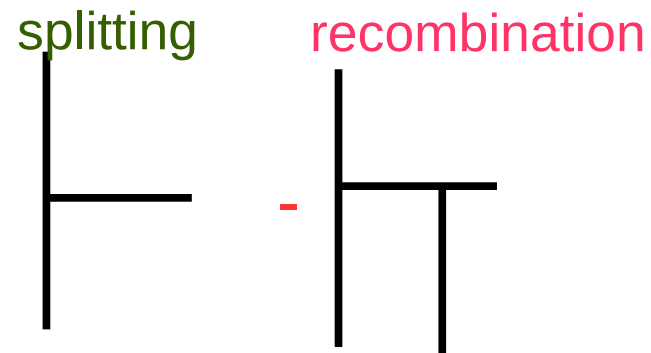


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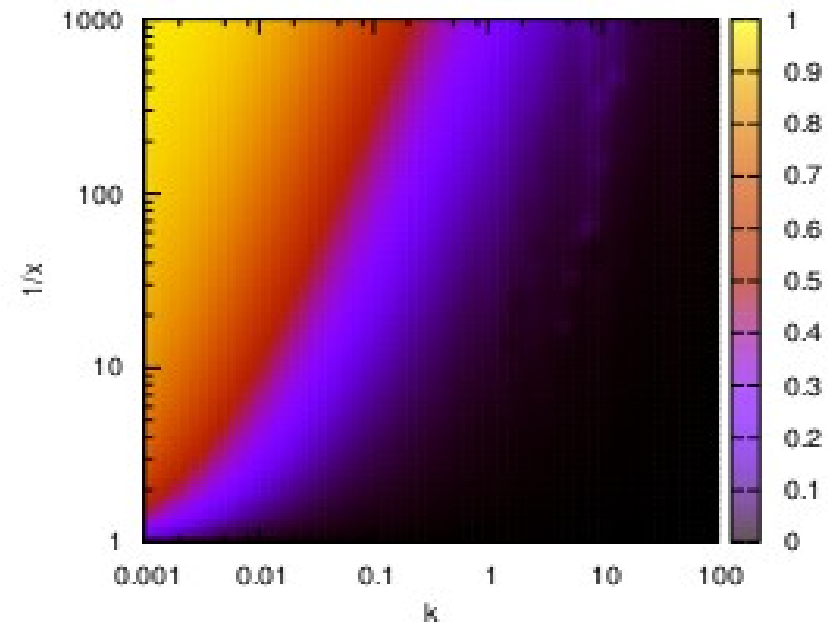


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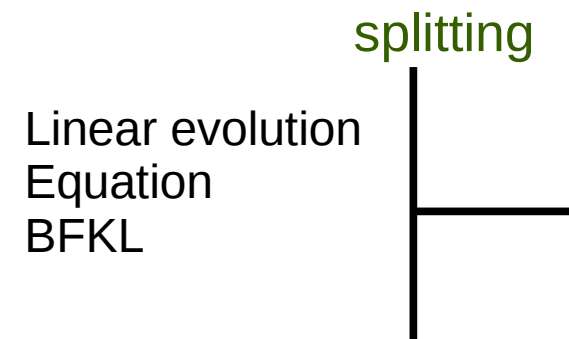
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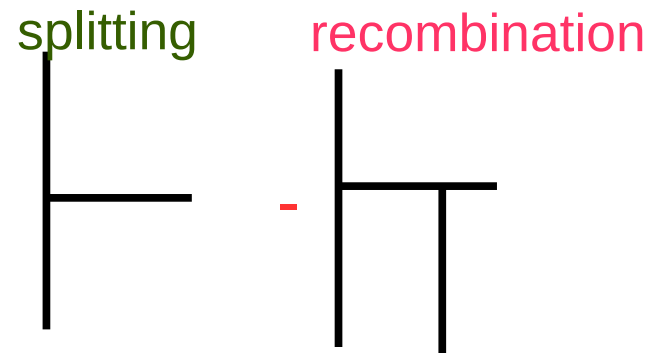


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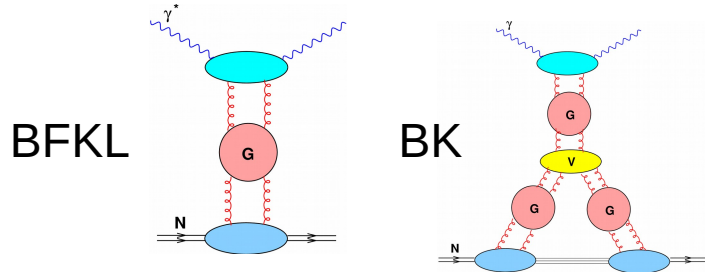
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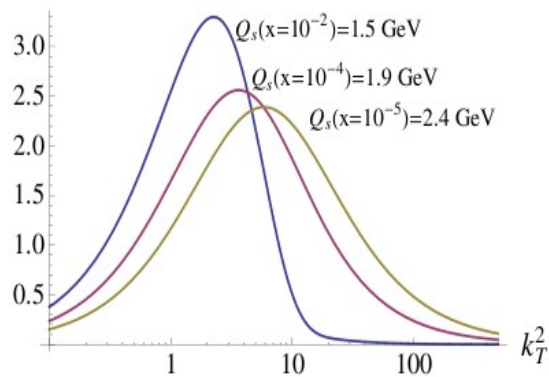
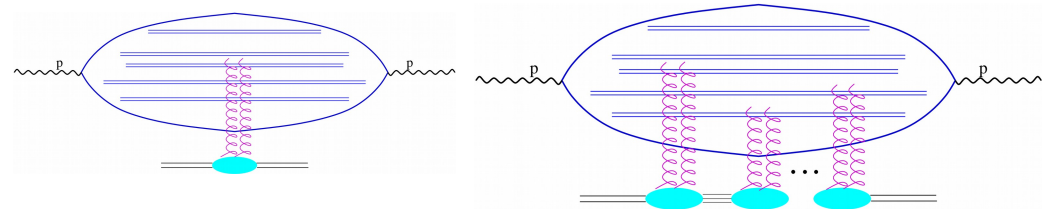


# Momentum space vs coordinate space

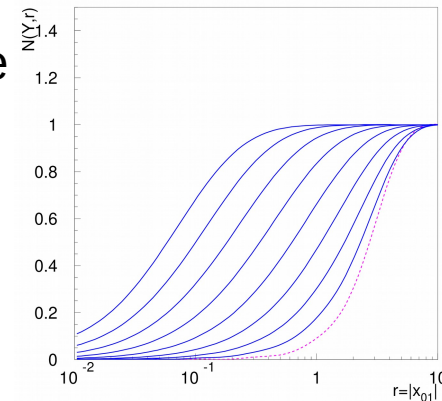
momentum space - Bjorken frame



position space - Mueller frame



gluon  $\sim$  color dipole



from A. Stasto  
*Acta Phys. Polon.*  
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$$\mathcal{F}(x, k) = \mathcal{F} + K_{ms} \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, k) - \frac{1}{R^2} TPV \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, k)^2 \quad N(x, r, b) = N_0 + K_{ps} \otimes (N(x, r, b) - N(x, r, b)^2)$$

dipole unintegrated gluon density

related by Fourier transform

Evolved with BK dipole amplitude –  
expectation value of product of Wilson  
lines in fundamental representation

# The dipole cross section and integrated gluon

$$\sigma(x, r) = \frac{4\pi^2}{N_c} \int \frac{dk^2}{k^2} (1 - J_0(kr)) \mathcal{F}(x, k^2)$$

$$\sigma(x, r) \approx \frac{4\pi^2}{N_c} \int \frac{dk^2}{k^2} \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{k^2 r^2}{4} \right) \right) \mathcal{F}(x, k^2)$$

$$\sigma(x, r) \approx \frac{\pi^2}{N_c} r^2 xg(x, 1/r^2)$$

$$\sigma(x, r) = \sigma_0 N(x, r)$$

$$N(x, r) \approx xg(x, 1/r^2)$$

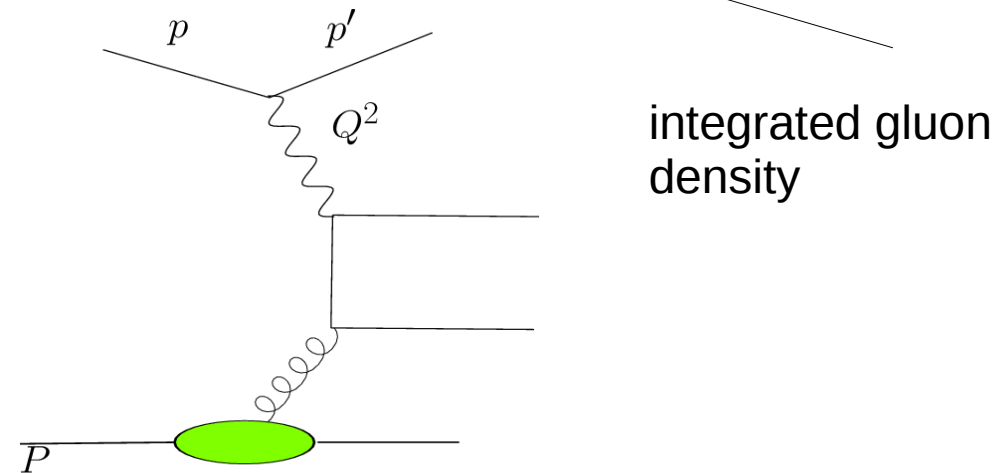
For fixed dipole size one has.

$$N(x) = 1 - Z(x)$$

$$Z(x) \propto \sum_n P_n$$

generating function for dipoles

$$xg(x, Q^2) \equiv \int^{Q^2} dk^2 \mathcal{F}(x, k^2)$$



In the context of the scale dependent GBW model this approximation is viewed as linear approximation

# Partonic, dipole cascade

$$p_n = P_n \quad Z(x) \propto \sum_n P_n$$

$$\frac{dP_n(Y)}{dY} = -\lambda n P_n(Y) + (n-1)\lambda P_{n-1}(Y)$$

$$P_n(Y) = e^{-\lambda Y} (1 - e^{-\lambda Y})^{n-1}$$

$$S = -\sum_n p_n \ln p_n$$

$$S(Y) = \ln(e^{\lambda Y} - 1) + e^{\lambda Y} \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda Y}}\right)$$

$$S(Y) \approx \lambda Y \quad \text{where} \quad Y = \ln 1/x$$

$$\langle n \rangle = \sum_n n P_n(Y) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\lambda$$

Assumption  $xg(x) = \langle n \rangle$

$$S(x) = \ln(xg(x))$$

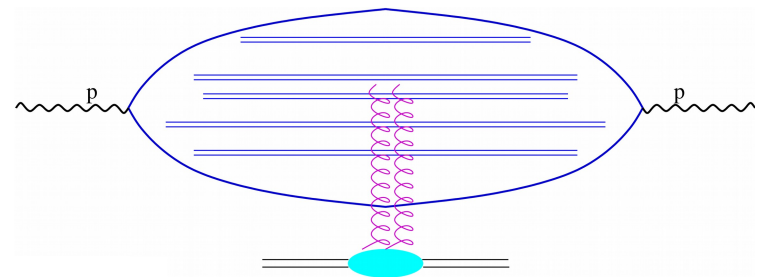
set of partons is described by set of dipoles with fixed sizes,  $Y$  is rapidity and is related to energy

Lublinsky, Levin '03

depletion of the probability to find  $n$  dipoles due to the splitting into  $(n+1)$  dipoles.

the growth due to the splitting of  $(n-1)$  dipoles into  $n$  dipoles.

BFKL intercept =  $4 \ln 2 \bar{\alpha}_S$



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The model can be generalized within 3+1 BK and one can argue how to account for hard scale dependence.

$$S(x, Q) = \ln(xg(x, Q))$$

# KL entropy formula - interpretation

$$P_n(Y) = e^{-\lambda Y} (1 - e^{-\lambda Y})^{n-1}$$

At low  $x$  partonic microstates have equal probabilities

In this equipartitioned state the entropy is maximal – the partonic state at small  $x$  is maximally entangled.

In terms of information theory as Shannon entropy:

- equipartitioning in the maximally entangled state means that all “signals” with different number of partons are equally likely
- it is impossible to predict how many partons will be detected in a given event.
- structure function at small  $x$  should become universal for all hadrons.

From strict bounds on entanglement entropy (from conformal field theory) one can obtain that at low  $x$  (in conformal regime) one has

$$xg(x) \leq \text{const } x^{-1/3}$$

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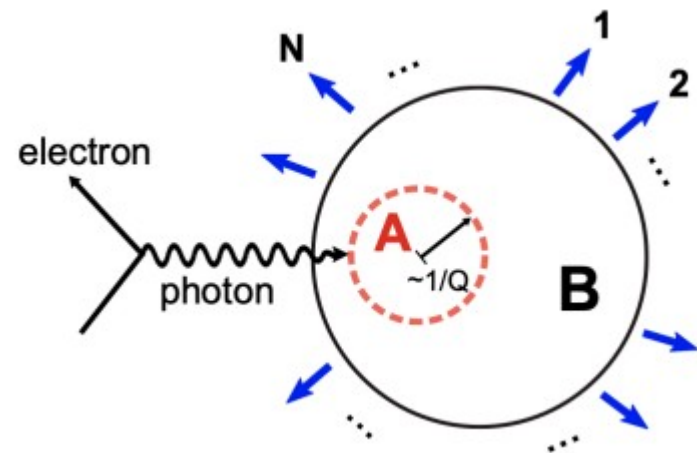
Furthermore entropy of the final state hadrons can not be smaller than entropy of partons.

# Entanglement entropy – calculation and measurement

For DIS at high energies, this entanglement entropy can be calculated using

$$S(x, Q^2) = \ln \left\langle n \left( \ln \frac{1}{x}, Q \right) \right\rangle$$

$$S_{hadron} = \sum P(N) \ln P(N)$$



The charged particle multiplicity distribution measured in either the current fragmentation region or the target fragmentation region.

Fraction of events with charged hadron

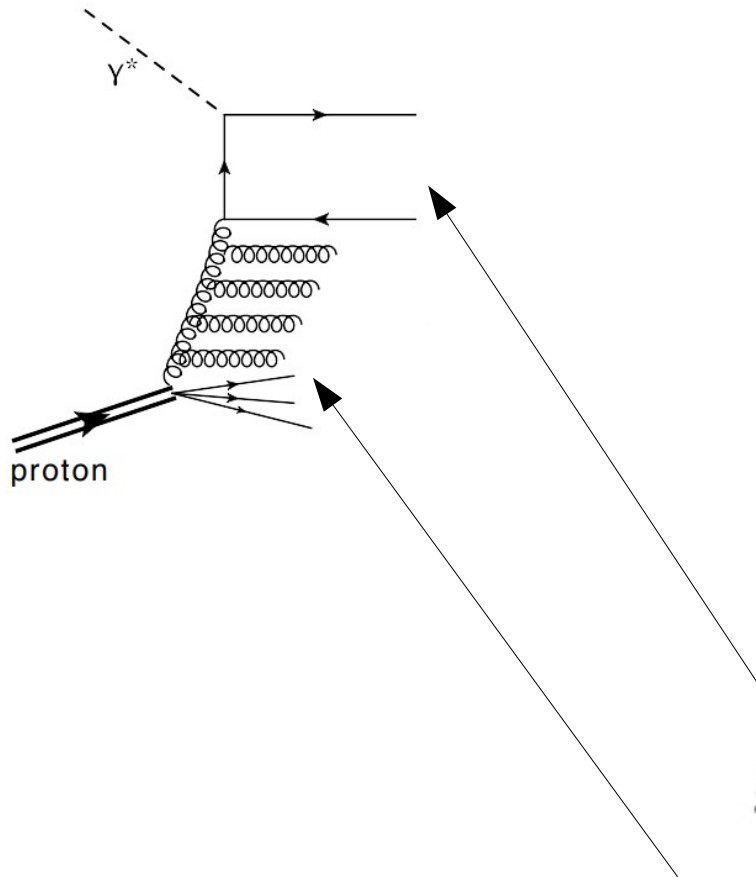
# Extension of KL entropy formula

Hentschinski, Kutak '21

$$\left\langle n \left( \ln \frac{1}{x}, Q \right) \right\rangle = xg(x, Q) + x\Sigma(x, Q)$$

To get the entropy of system of partons one needs to account for both quarks and gluons. One can view this as a higher order correction to KL formula. Furthermore it is impossible to isolate quarks from gluons therefore the complete entropy formula should receive contributions from quarks and gluons

# Gluon and quark distribution



In the linear regime obeys BFKL equation. In our calculations we use NLO BFKL with kinematical improvements and running coupling. The gluon density has been fitted to  $F_2$  data (exact kinematics was used)

Hentschinski, Sabio-Vera, Salas.  
 Phys.Rev.D 87 (2013) 7, 076005  
 Phys.Rev.Lett. 110 (2013) 4, 041601

We calculate the sea quarks distribution using

$$x\Sigma(x, Q) = P_{qg}(Q, \mathbf{k}) \otimes \mathcal{F}(x, \mathbf{k}^2)$$

$$xg(x, Q) = \int_0^{Q^2} d\mathbf{k}^2 \mathcal{F}(x, \mathbf{k}^2)$$

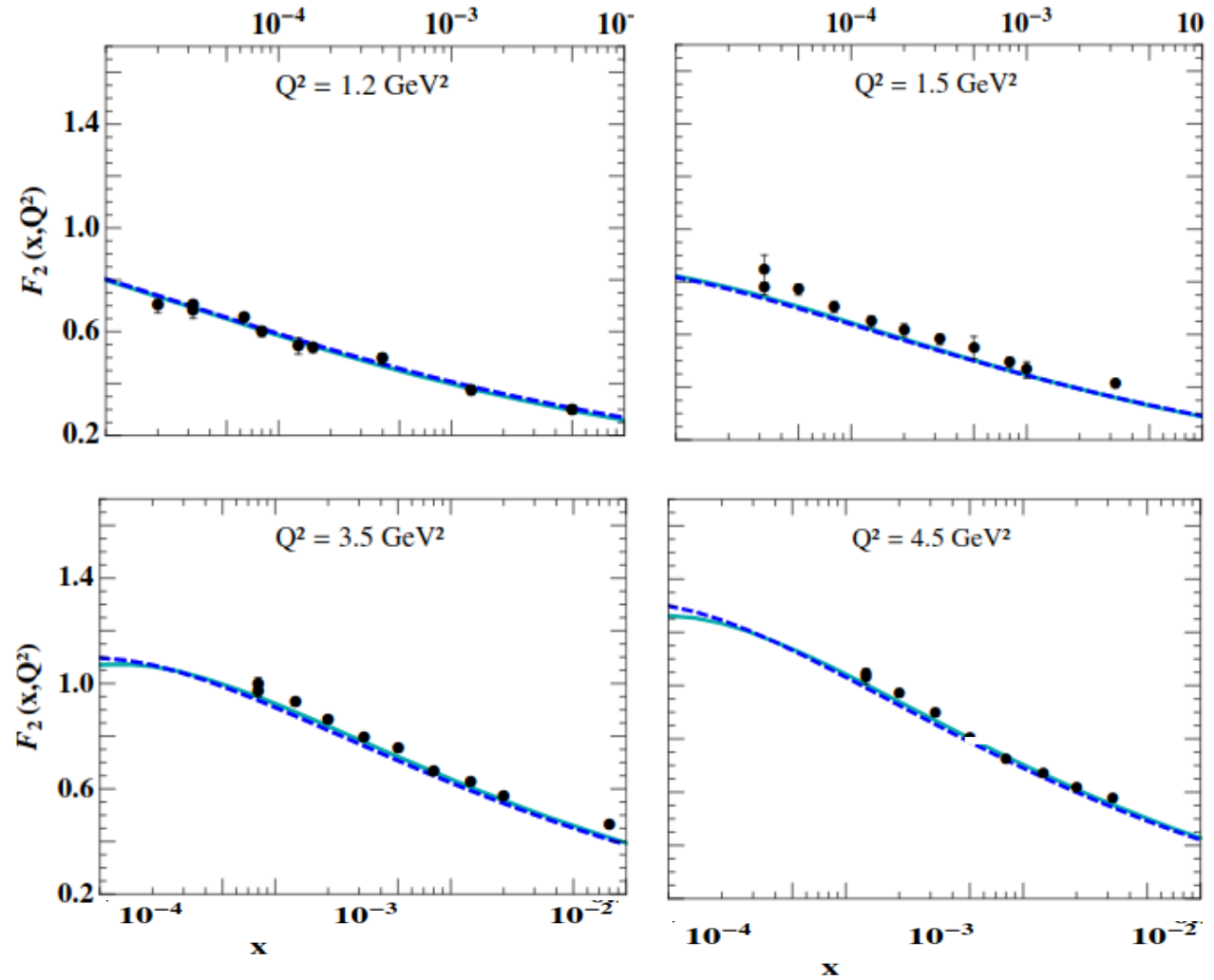
Transverse momentum dependent splitting function

Catani, Hautmann  
 Nucl.Phys. B427 (1994) 475-524

Other methods for resummation:  
 KMS (Kwiecinski, Martin, Stasto);  
 CCSS (Colferai, Ciafaloni, Staśto, Salam)

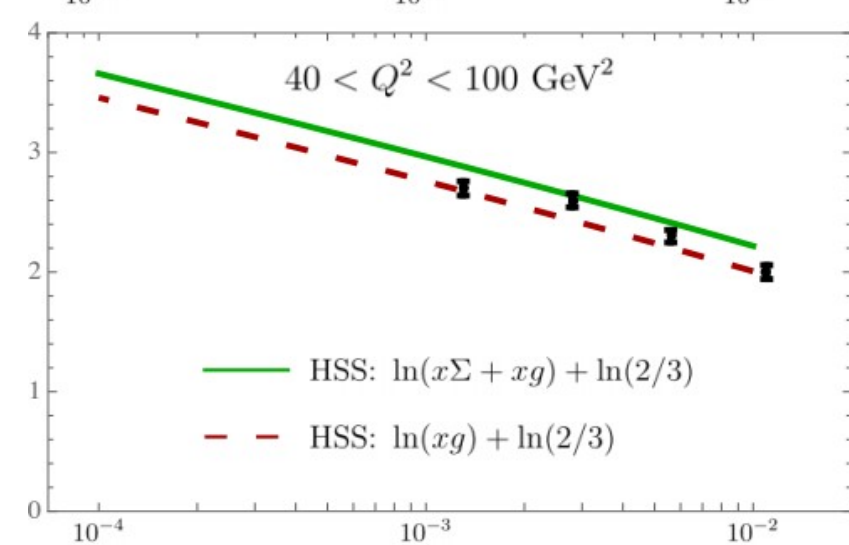
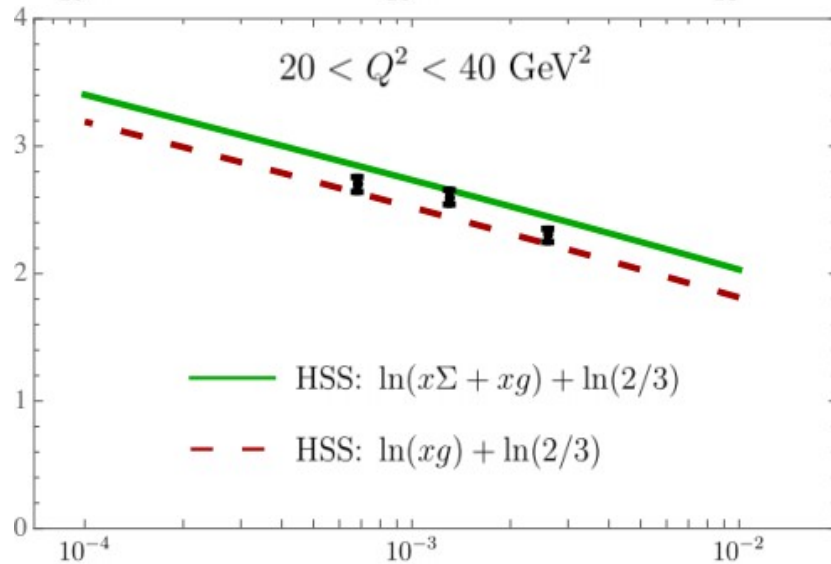
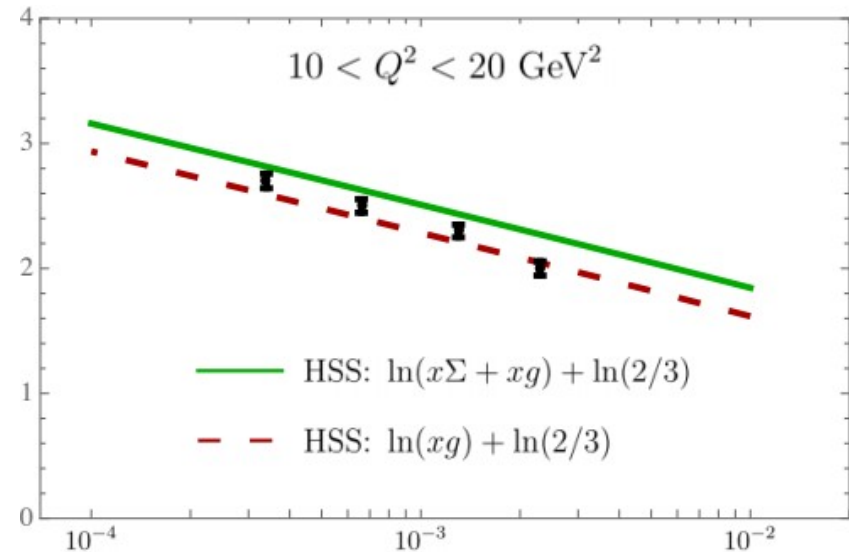
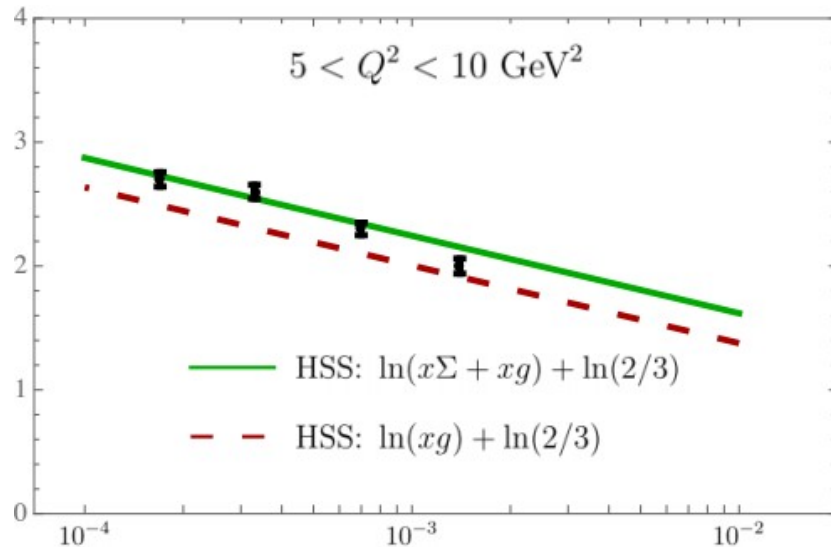
# Proton structure function from HSS fit

$F_2$  data description



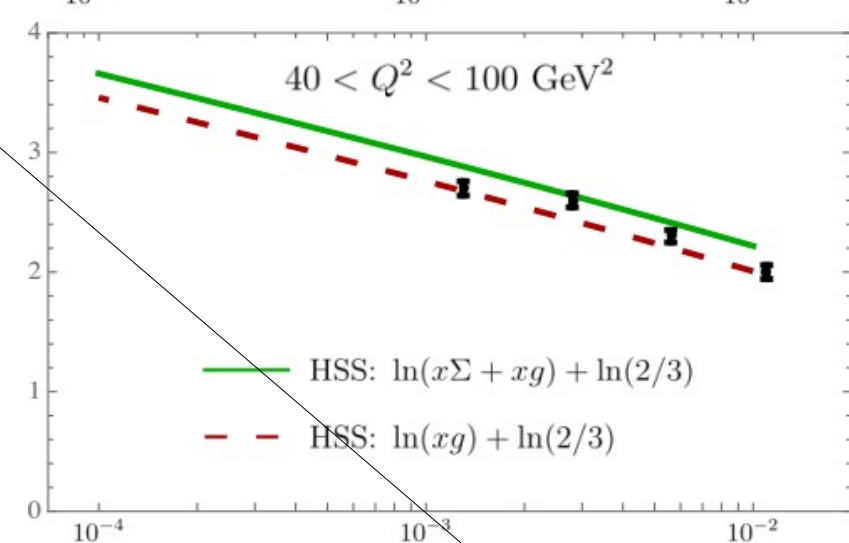
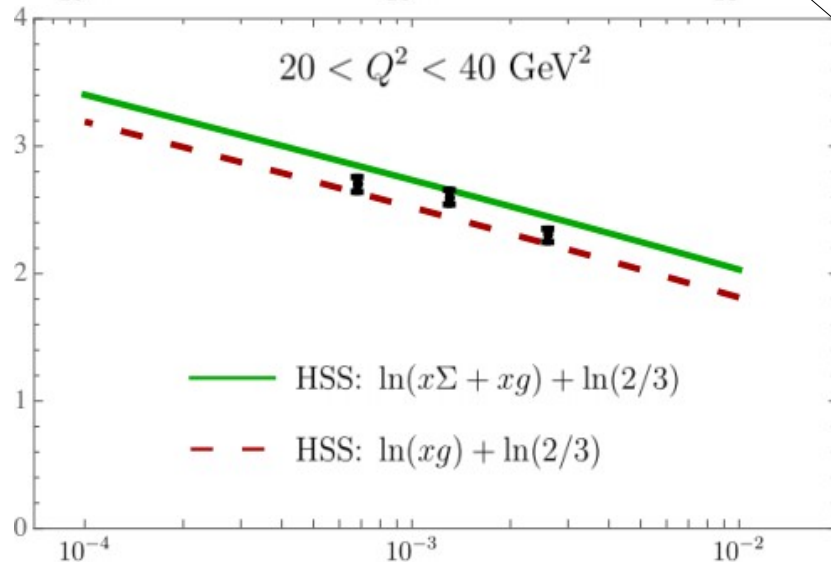
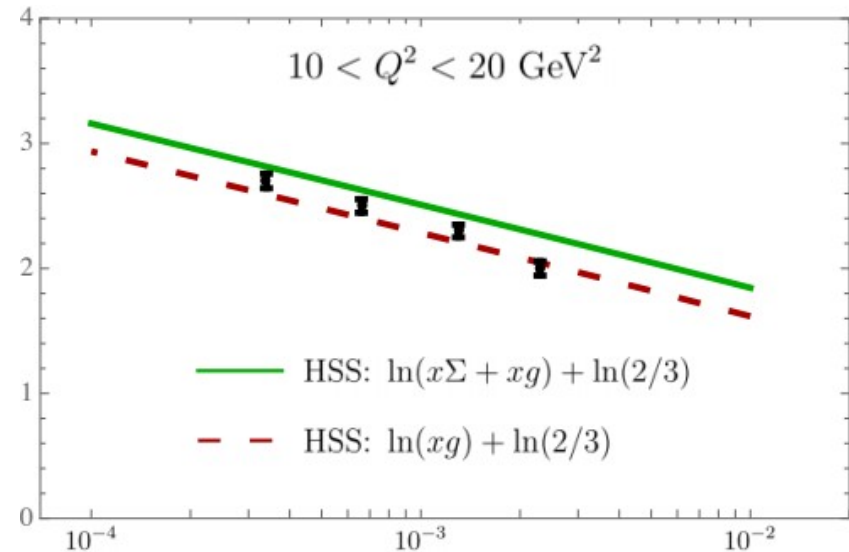
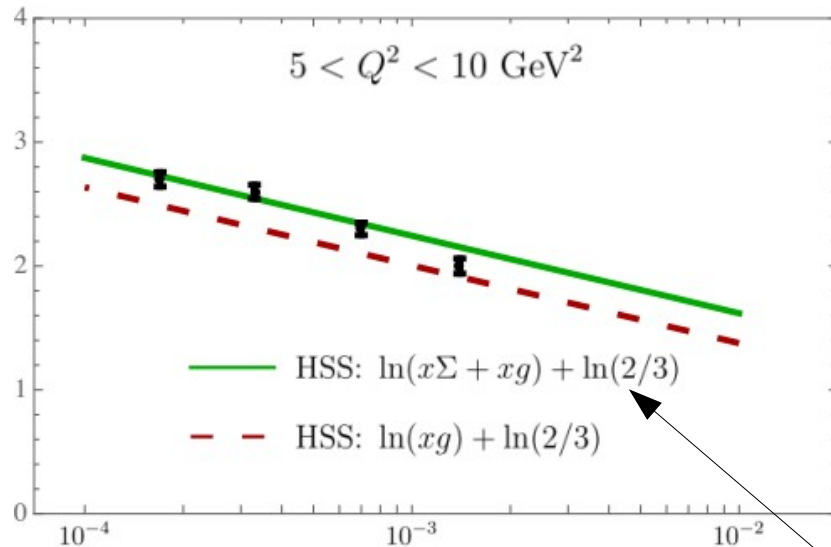


# Results



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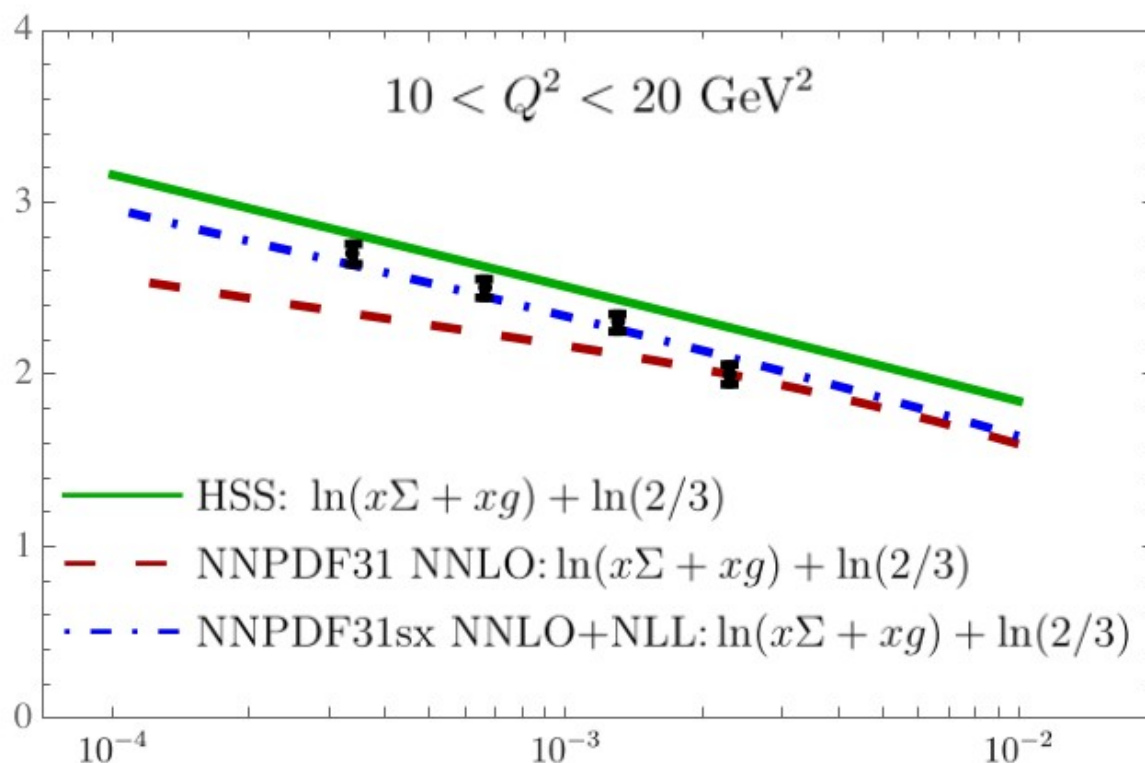
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Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 2, 111 Hentschinski, Kutak



Low x resummation is essential

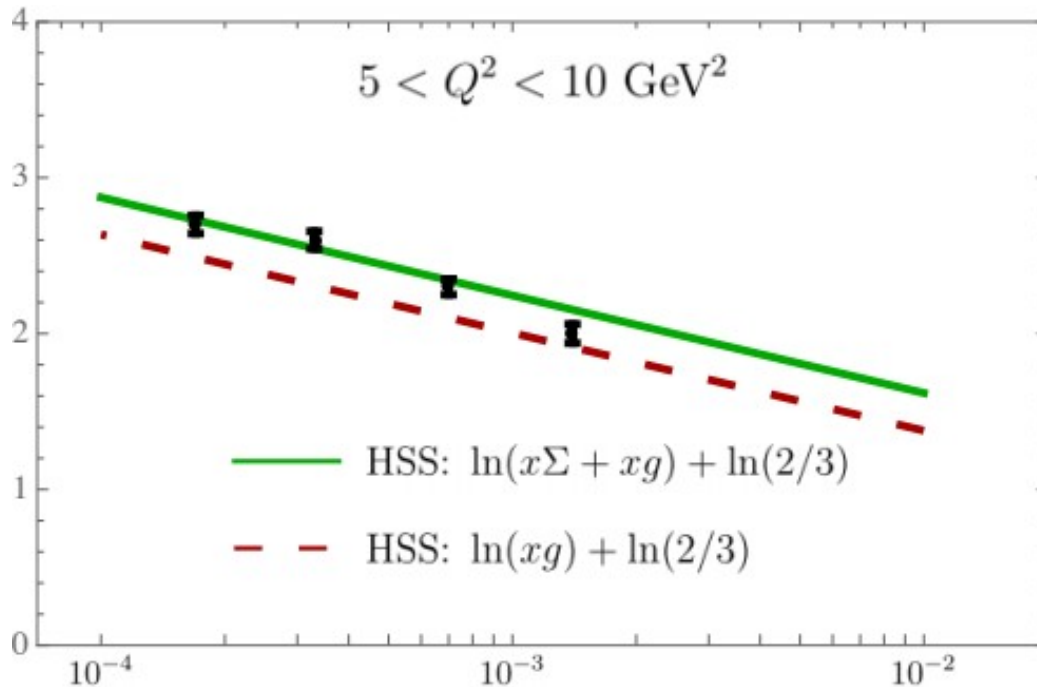
HSS gluon density used  
i.e. NLO BFKL + kinematical  
Improvements

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NNPDF 31 → DGLAP  
NNPDF 31sx → DGLAP + low x resummation

Large uncertainties of pdfs.  
In this study we did not take  
them into account.

# Dipoles and mechanism of entanglement



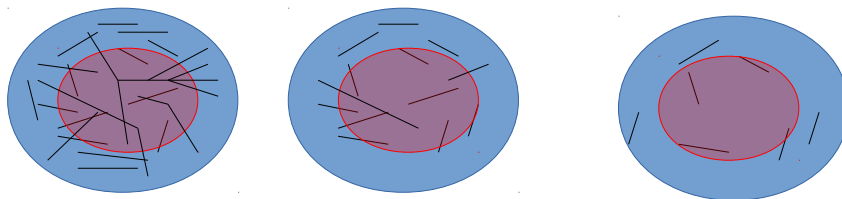
segments – **dipoles, color singlets**  
maximally entangled states

red circle – **resolved area defined by photon**

entanglement arises because  
of **dipoles that are partially in the red circle and partially in blue.**

The broken dipoles contribute to final state hadron multiplicity and entropy of proton

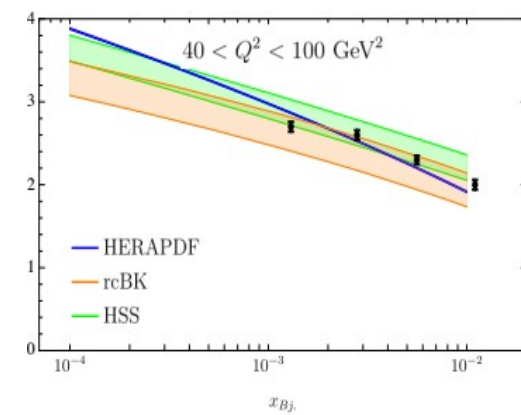
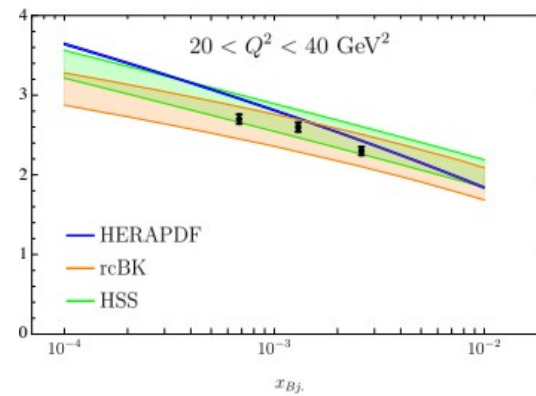
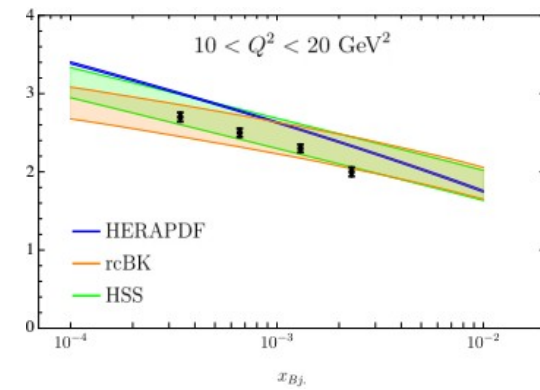
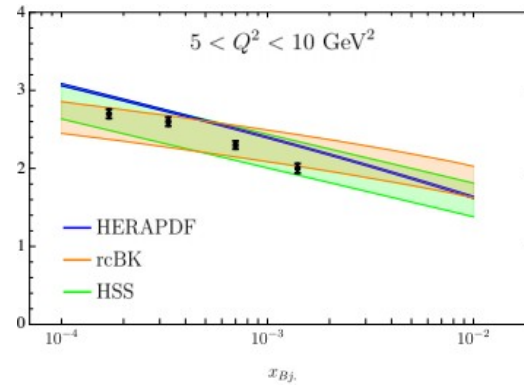
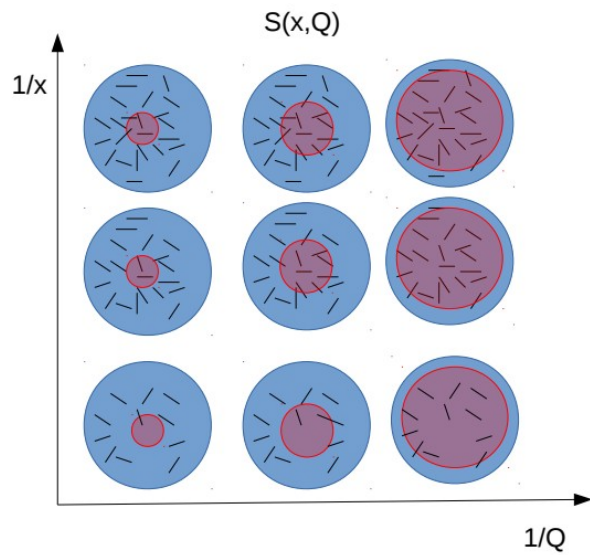
If we go to lower  $x$  we have more and more dipoles that cross the red line and entanglement grows



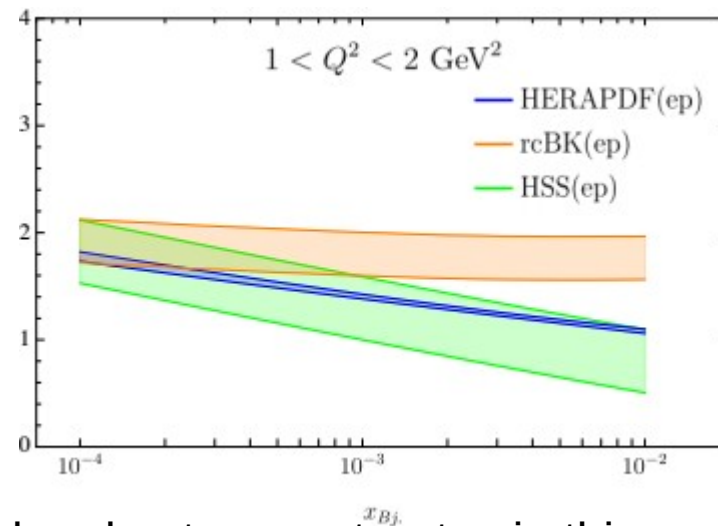
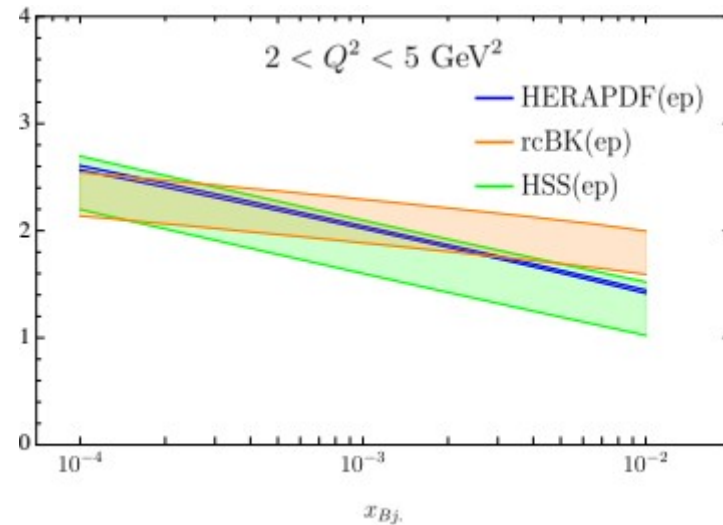
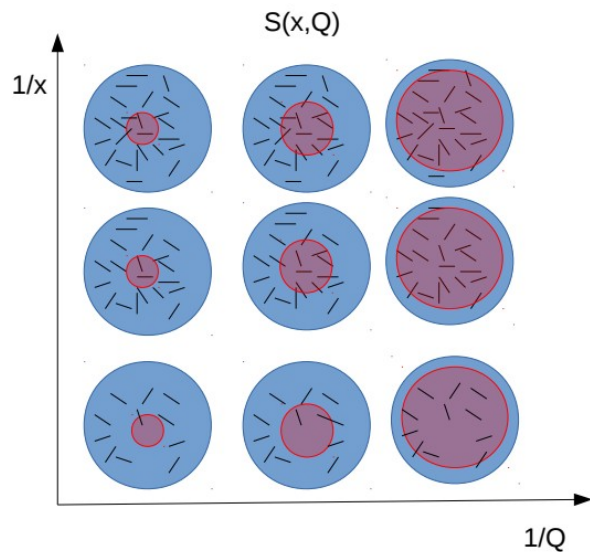
“Entanglement of predictions arises from the fact that the two bodies at some earlier time from in the true sense one system that is were interacting and have left behind choices on each other.”

E. Schrodinger

# Large scales - description



# Small scales - prediction

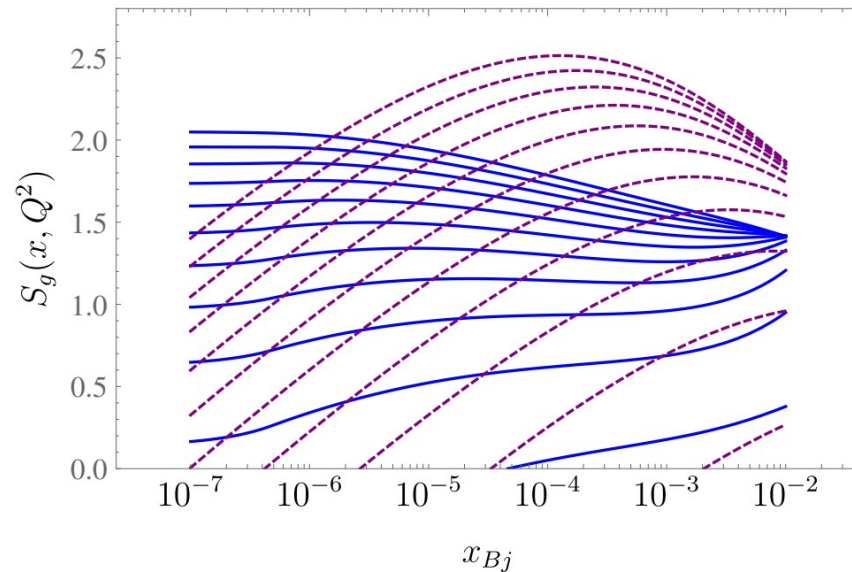
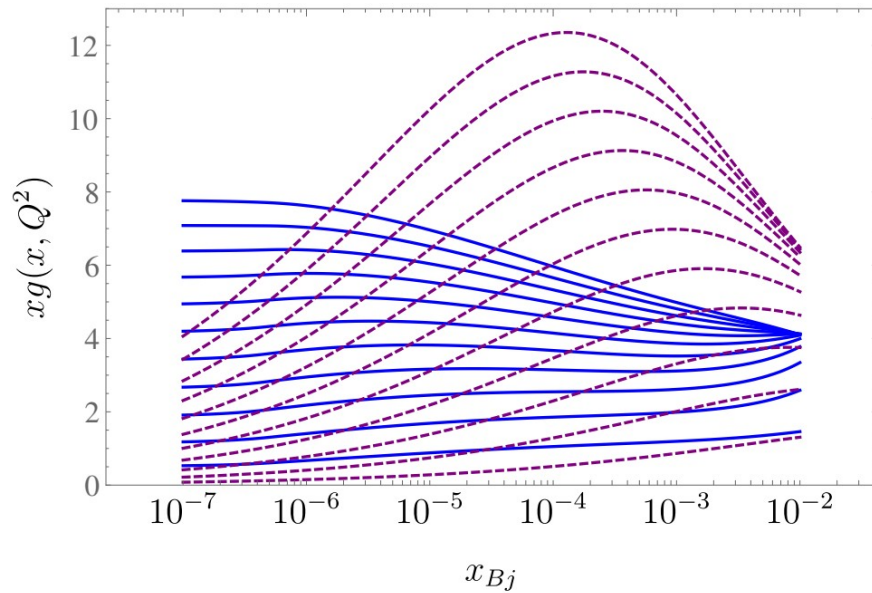


See also Hagivara, Hatta, Xiao '18

The generalized KL model is used and entropy saturates in this approach and Nowak, Liu, Zahed '22



# Integrated gluon and entropy



$$\lim_{Q^2 \gg Q_s^2} S(x, Q^2) = \ln(S_{\perp} Q_s^2(x)) + \ln \frac{N_c}{8\alpha_s \pi^2} = \lambda \ln \frac{1}{x} + \text{const}$$

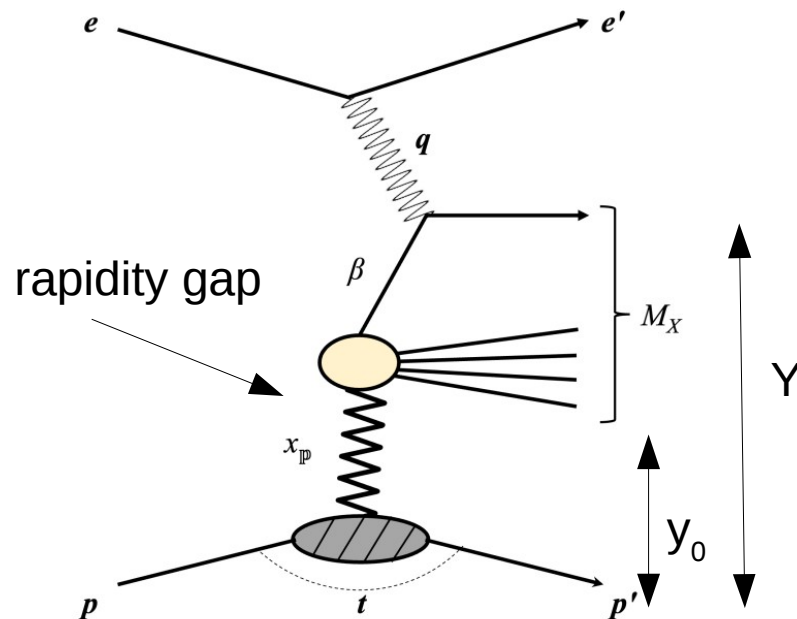
$$\lim_{Q^2 \ll Q_s^2} S(x, Q^2) = \ln \left( \frac{S_{\perp} Q^4}{Q_s^2(x)} \right) + \ln \frac{N_c}{16\alpha_s \pi^2}$$

Photon can not resolve proton anymore therefore the EE vanishes.

But it might be that the formalism breaks down for low scales.

There might be another source of entropy that keep the total entropy not vanishing → **generalized second law Bekenstein**

# EE in Diffractive Deep Inelastic Scattering



$x_{\mathbb{P}}$  proton's momentum fraction carried by the Pomeron

$\beta$  denotes the Pomeron's momentum fraction carried by the quark interacting with the virtual photon

$$x = \beta \cdot x_{\mathbb{P}} \quad \text{Bjorken } x$$

$$y_0 \simeq \ln 1/x_{\mathbb{P}} \quad \text{size of rapidity gap}$$

$$Y = \ln 1/x$$

$$y_X = Y - y_0 \simeq \ln 1/\beta$$

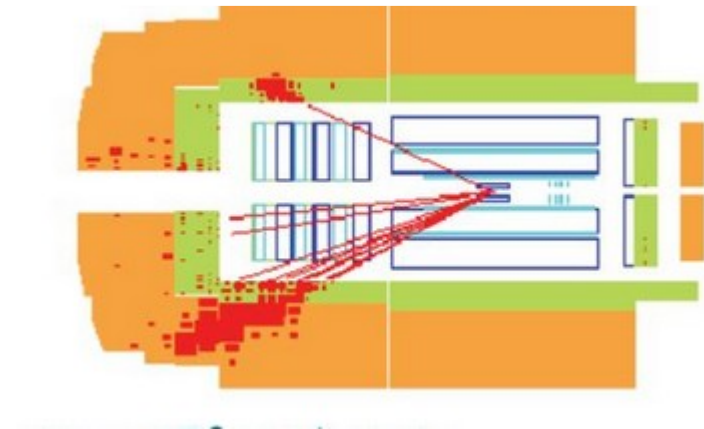
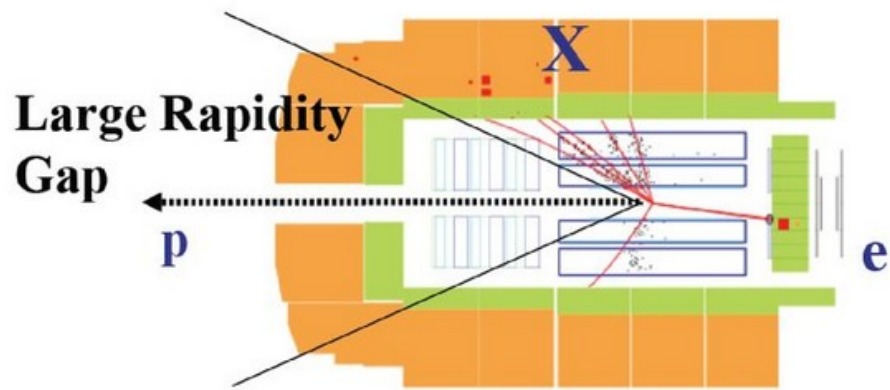
Analogous evolution equation as for non-diffractive case but Initial conditions are different and there is delay because of rapidity gap.

Munier, Mueller Phys. Rev. D 98, 034021 (2018)

See also Peschanski, Seki'19 for entanglement in diffraction in p-p

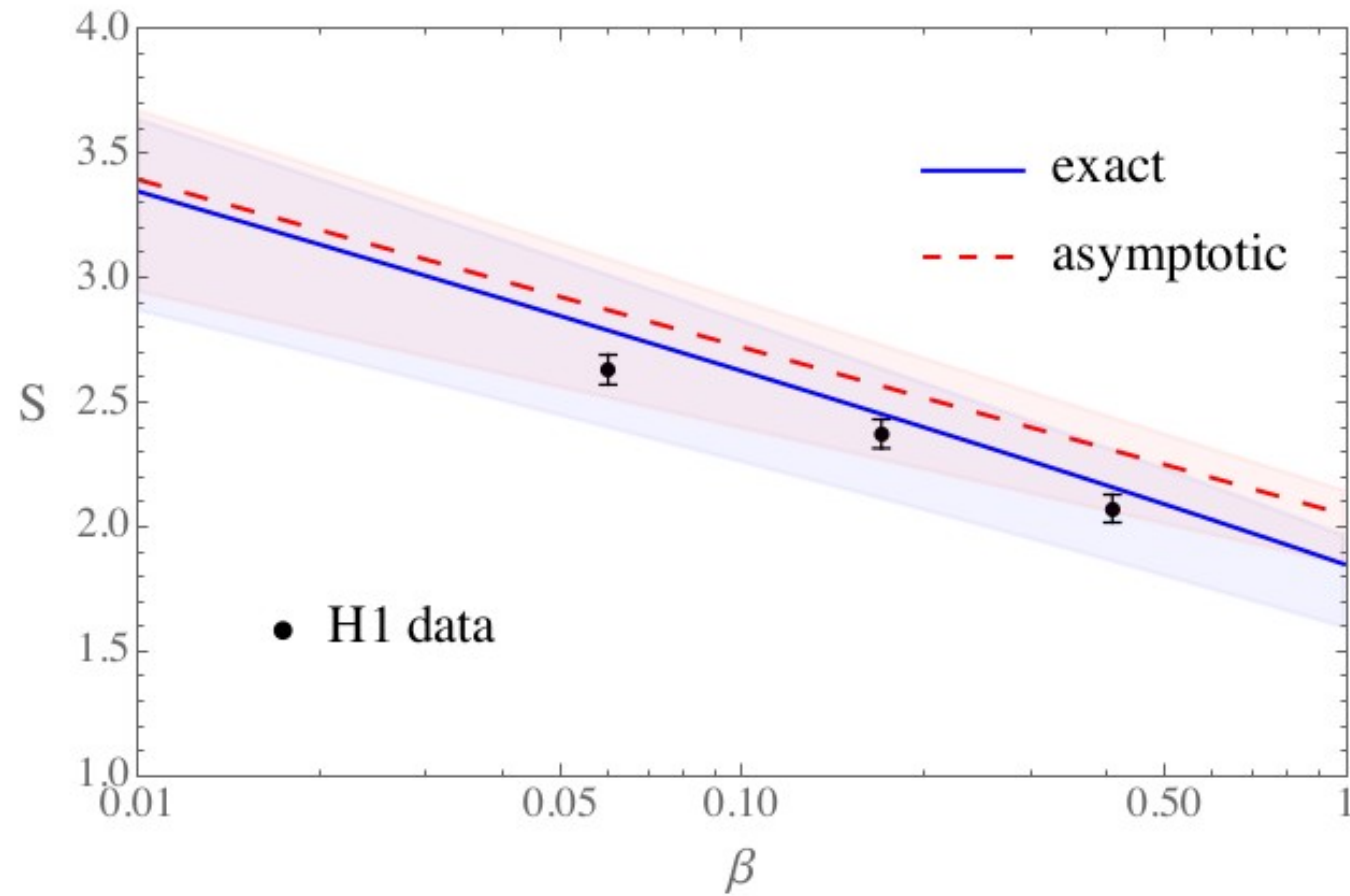


# Diffraction vs. nondiffraction

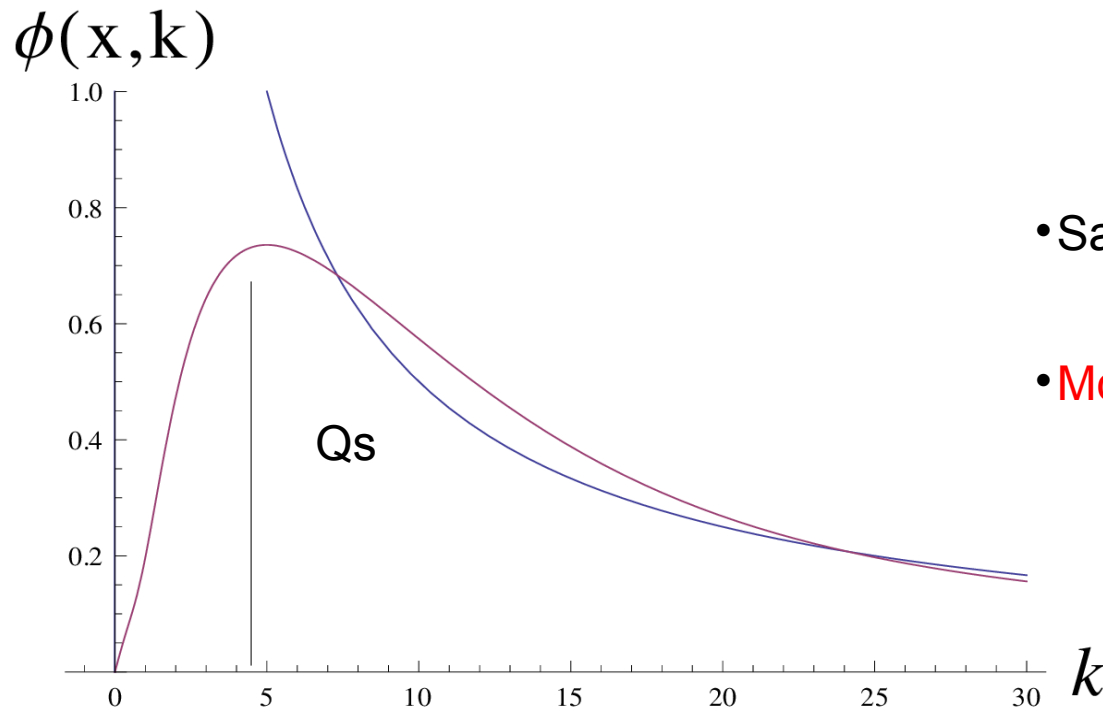


H1 detector

# EE in DDIS

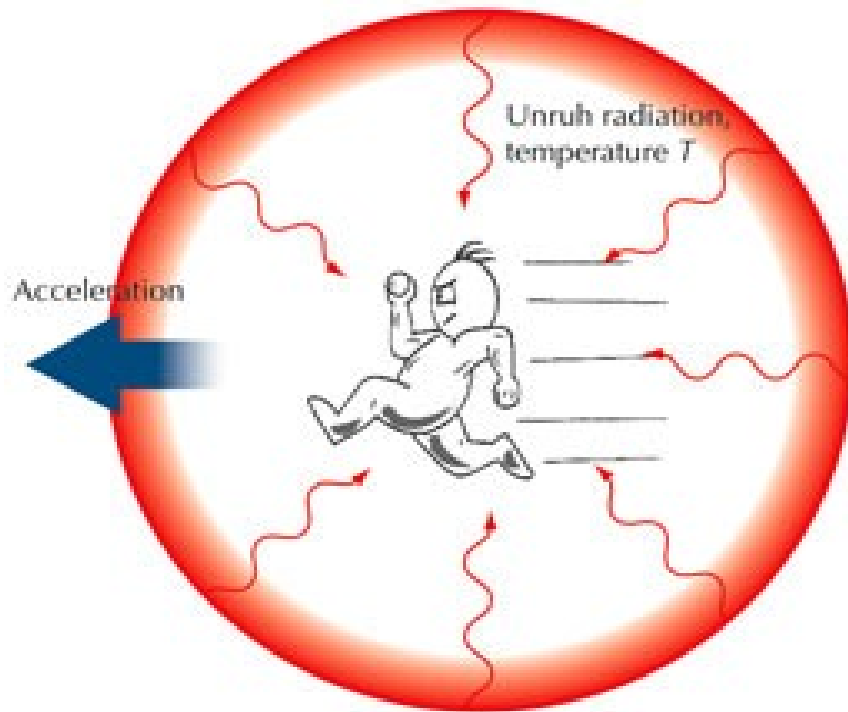


# Saturation and gluon density



- Saturation scale regulates the divergence
- **Most of gluons** have momentum of the order of  $Q_s$

# Unruh effect



Accelerated observer in its rest frame feels thermal radiation or Bose-Einstein distribution with temperature

$$T = \frac{|a|}{2\pi}$$

# Entropy



The relation  $T = \frac{Q_s(x)}{2\pi}$  Can be understood in a generalized sense i.e. that **saturation** scale defines some **temperature**.

Equilibrium thermodynamics relations  $\longrightarrow$  Lower bound on produced entropy

It can be shown that the saturation line has an interpretation of a characteristics i.e. line along which the gluon density has a constant value.

Kutak 2011,  
arxiv v1 and v2

$$dE = TdS$$

$$dM = TdS$$

$$\frac{dQ_s(x)}{Q_s(x)} = \frac{dS}{2\pi}$$

$$dE = dM$$

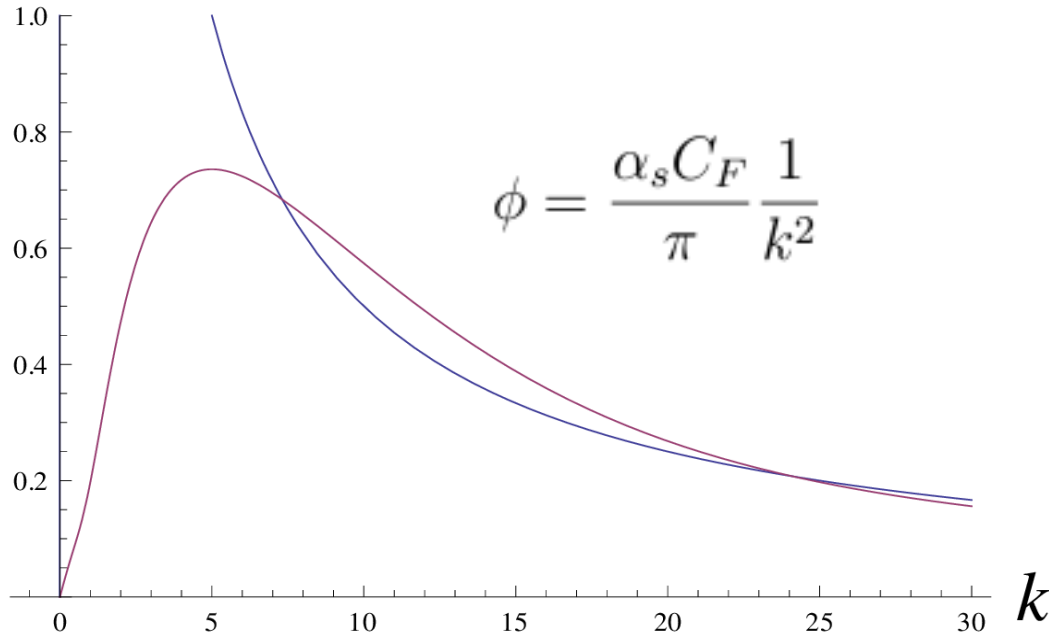
$$dM = dQ_s(x)$$

mass of system  
of gluons

# Gluon density and entropy

Kutak '11

$\phi(x, k)$



Many-body interactions



Medium generated mass of gluon.  
Framework of Hard Thermal Loops.

Similarly in QED. Cut on photon's  $k_t$   
Is equivalent to introducing mass.

$$\Delta S = \pi \lambda \Delta y$$

$$\Delta y = \ln(x_0/x)$$

$$Q_s^2 = Q_0^2 (x_0/x)^\lambda$$

In presented approach mass is not fixed it is  $x$  dependent

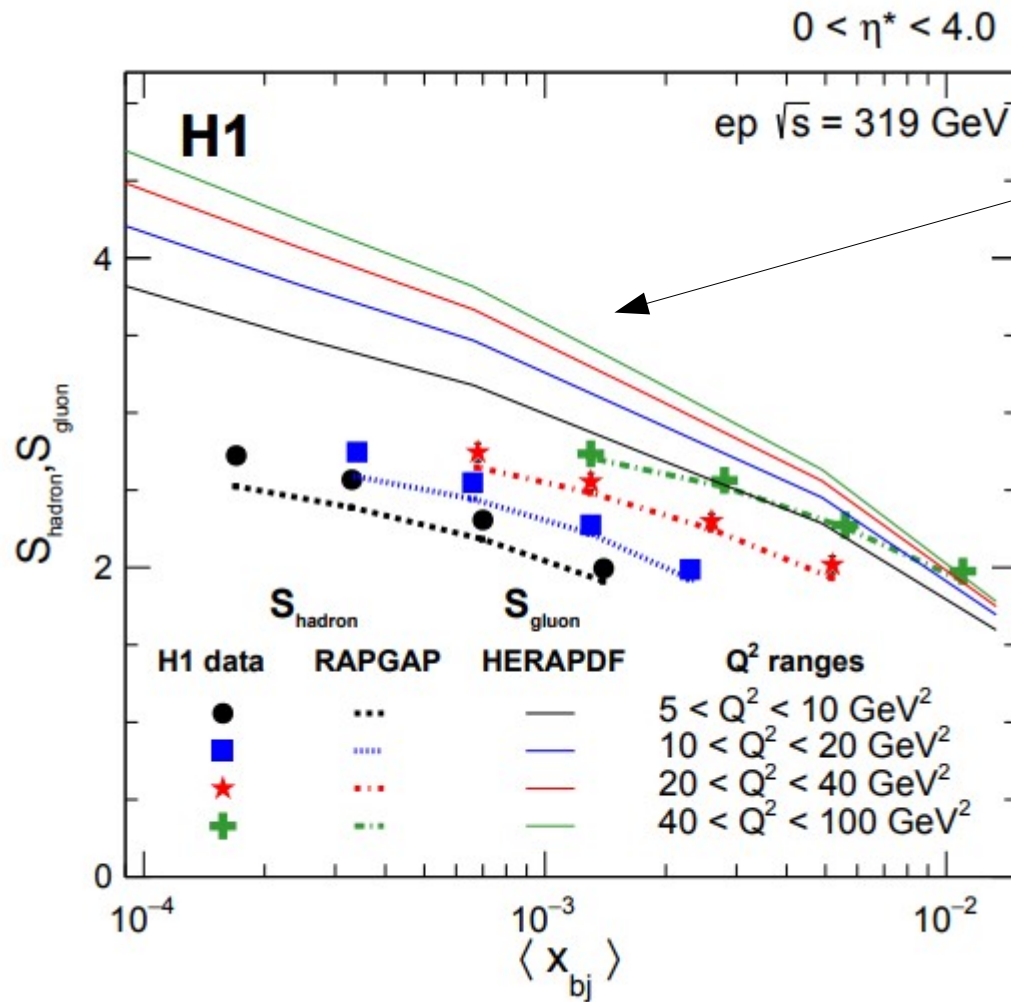
# Conclusions and outlook

- We show evidences for the proposal for low  $x$  maximal entanglement entropy of proton constituents .
- It can be systematically improved (quark contributions, NLO BFKL, rc BK) and can describe successfully H1 data.
- We obtain saturation of entropy at small resolution scales.
- We demonstrate that the proposal works for DDIS and that it can be used to study onset of maximal entanglement
- The thermodynamic based approach agrees with KL approach

# Backup



# Monte Carlo, KL formula, and data



HERA pdf used

$$S(x, Q) = \ln(xg(x, Q))$$

Also attempt by Kharzeev and Levin  
to use quarks instead of gluons  
[Phys. Rev. D 104, 031503 \(2021\)](#)

$$S(x, Q) = \ln(x\Sigma(x, Q))$$

This argument is however based on  
incorrect formula...but it is a illuminating  
mistake

H1

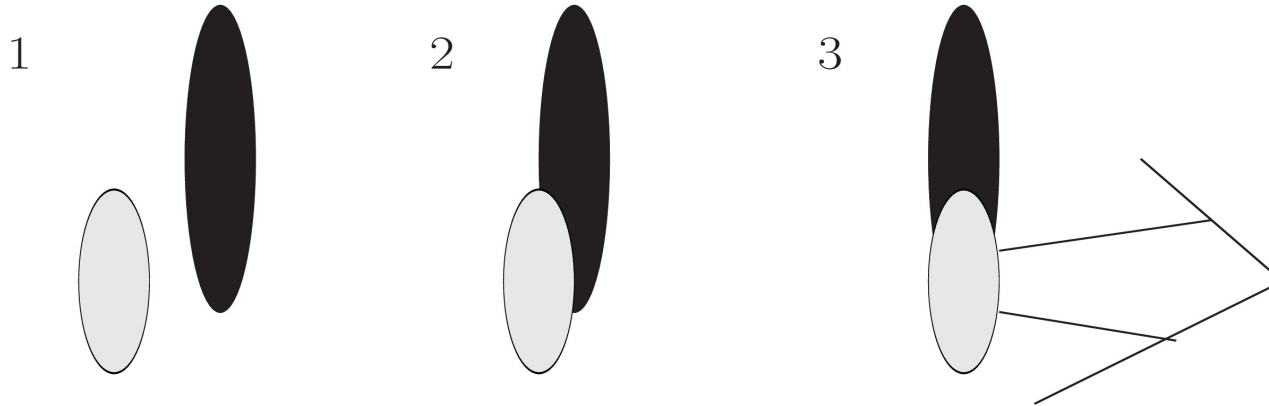
[Eur.Phys.J.C 81 \(2021\) 3, 212](#)

See also [Z. Tu, D. Kharzeev, T. Ulrich '20](#)  
for calculations of EE in p-p.

# Colliding hadrons and Unruh effect

## Stages of collision

Kharzeev, Tuchin '05



$$P(M \leftarrow m) = 2\pi |\mathcal{T}(M \leftarrow m)|^2 \rho(M),$$

$$\int dM P(M \leftarrow m)$$

Probability for transition  
to final state

should be finite

density of states  
determined by typical  
momentum. **Qs emerges**

$$|\mathcal{T}(M \leftarrow m)|^2 \sim \exp(-2\pi M/a)$$

$$\frac{a}{2\pi} \equiv T \leq \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \equiv T_{Hag}$$

$$T = \frac{Q_s(x)}{2\pi}$$

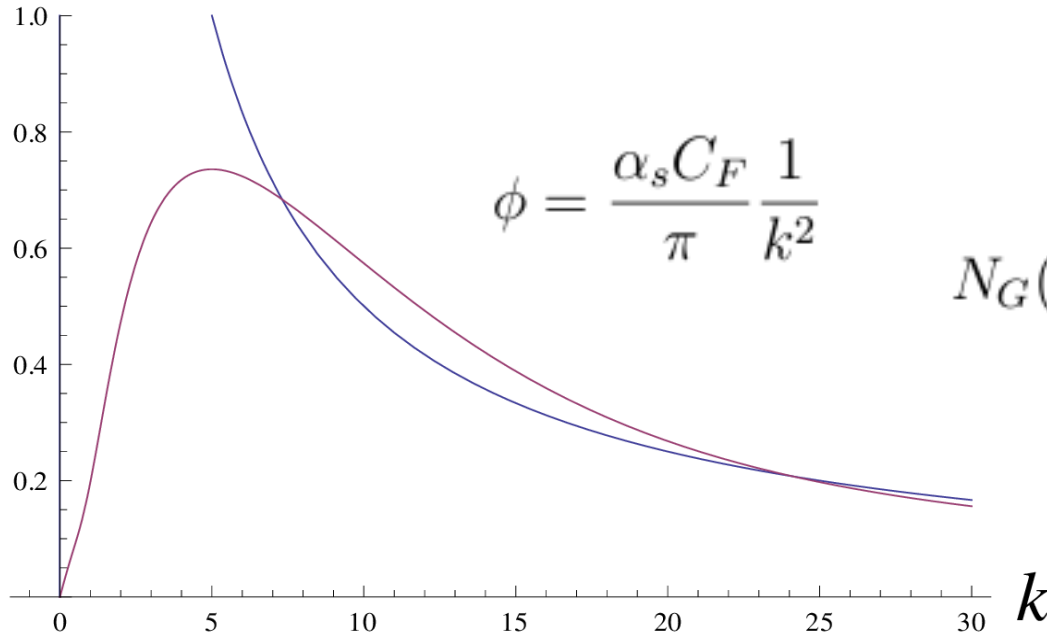
transition amplitude

# Gluon production and entropy – another assumptions

Kutak '11

Bialas; Janik; Fialkowski, Wit; Iancu, Blaizot, Peschanski,...

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$$M_G(x) = Q_s(x)$$

energy dependent  
gluon's mass

$$M(x) = N_G(x) M_G(x)$$

mass of system  
of gluons

$$N_G(x) \equiv \frac{dN}{dy} = \frac{1}{S_{\perp}} \frac{d\sigma}{dy}$$

number of gluons

$$dE = TdS$$

$$dM = TdS$$

$$d[N_G(x) M_G(x)] = \frac{Q_s(x)}{2\pi} dS$$

Entropy due to less  
dense hadron

$$S = \frac{6C_F A_{\perp}}{\pi\alpha_s} Q_s^2(x) + S_0$$

$$S = 3\pi [N_G(x) + N_{G0}]$$