

# Vector meson production in ultraperipheral collisions: accessing the small- $x$ gluon

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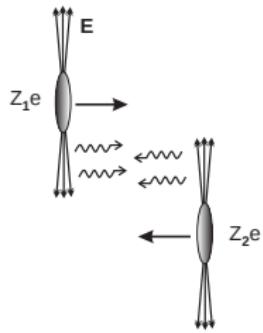
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# Ultraperipheral collision as a deep inelastic scattering

$b \gtrsim 2R_A$ : strong interactions are suppressed



- ① Nucleus creates a (real) photon flux  $n(\omega)$
- ② Photon-nucleus scattering

$$\sigma^{AA \rightarrow AA + V} \sim n(\omega) \sigma^{\gamma A \rightarrow VA}(\omega)$$

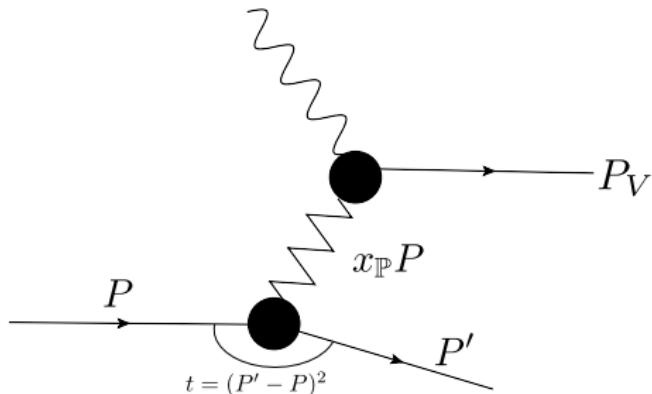
J. Nystrand et al, nucl-ex/0502005

Interesting QCD part: high-energy  $\gamma$ -nucleus or  $\gamma$ -proton scattering.

# Diffractive vector meson production as a probe of small $x$

Exclusive production of vector meson

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma p &\rightarrow Vp \\ \gamma A &\rightarrow VA\end{aligned}$$

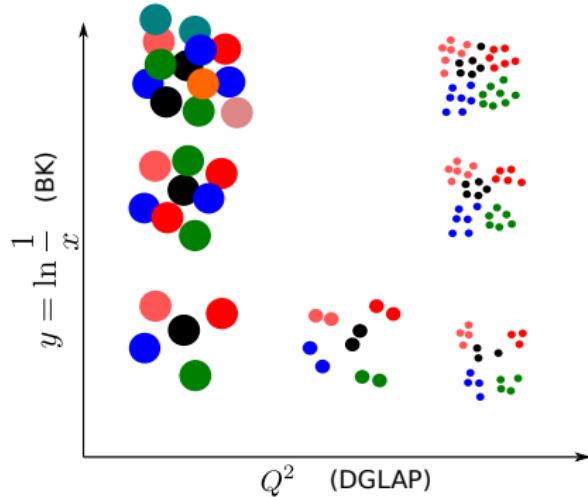


Pocket formula for diffraction (2-gluon exchange)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* H \rightarrow VH}}{dt} = \frac{16\pi^3 \alpha_s^2 \Gamma_{ee}}{3\alpha_{em} M_V^5} \left[ x g(x, Q^2) \right]^2$$

- Diffraction is very sensitive to (small- $x$ ) gluons!
- UPC is  $\gamma - p$  or  $\gamma - A$  collision
  - Nuclear DIS before the EIC era - and at very high energies!

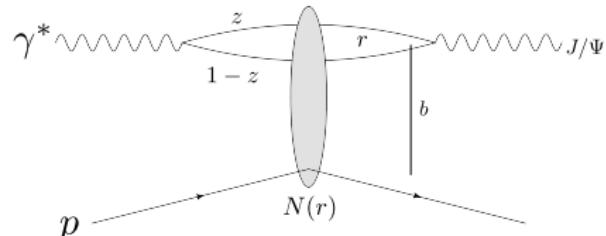
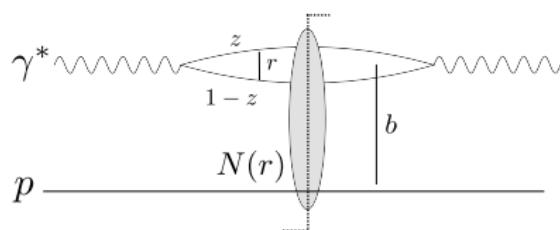
# QCD at high energy: Color Glass Condensate



- CGC = QCD at high energies
- $x$  (energy) dependence:  
BK/JIMWLK (perturbative)
- Saturation of gluon density at small  $x$
- Saturation scale  $Q_s^2$

Natural framework to describe high energy scattering.

# Deep inelastic scattering at high energy: dipole picture



Optical theorem:

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* p} \sim \text{dipole amplitude}$$

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* p \rightarrow V p} \sim |\text{dipole amplitude}|^2$$

## Universal dipole amplitude

Same universal QCD evolved **dipole amplitude  $N$**  appears in calculations of

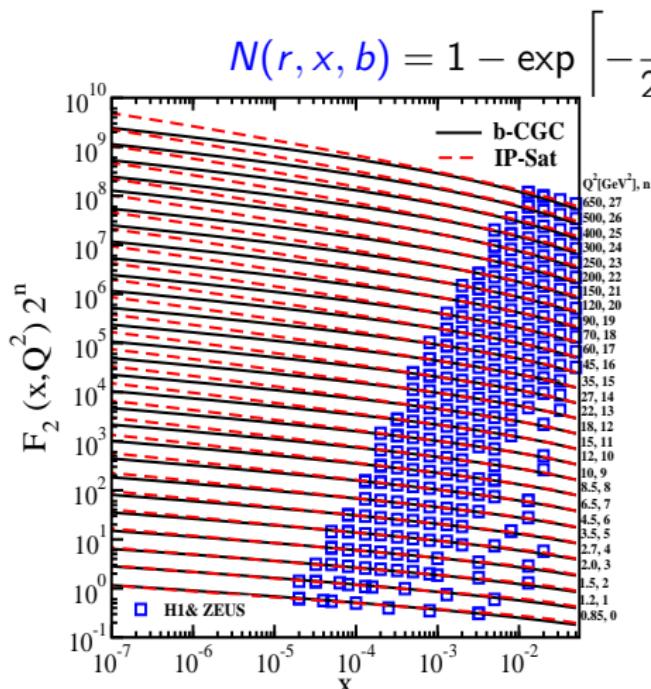
- DIS
- Diffraction
- Particle spectra in  $pp/pA$
- ...

Non-perturbative input from a fit to HERA  $F_2$  data.

# IPsat model and DIS

Use impact parameter dependent dipole amplitude (IPsat) fitted to HERA

(Kowalski, Motyka, Watt, 2006; Rezaeian et al, 2012)

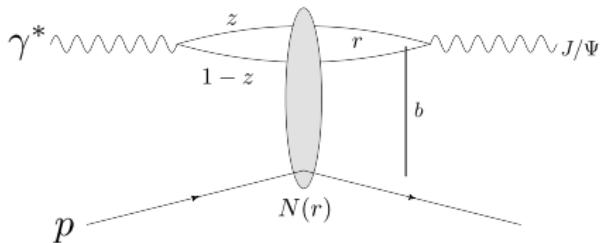


Rezaeian et al, 1307.0825

- DGLAP evolved gluon distribution  $xg(x, \mu^2)$
- Proton profile  $T_p$  Gaussian
- Very good agreement with structure function data
- Generalization for nuclei:  
 $S_A(r, b, x) = \prod_{i=1}^A S_p(r, b - b_i, x)$
- Extremely good description of the precise HERA data

# Diffractive vector meson production

- ①  $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  splitting, wave function  $\Psi^\gamma(r, Q^2, z)$
- ②  $q\bar{q}$  dipole scatters elastically
- ③  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow J/\Psi$ , wave function  $\Psi^V(r, Q^2, z)$



## Diffractive scattering amplitude

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \int d^2 b dz d^2 r \Psi^{\gamma*} \Psi^V(r, z, Q^2) e^{-ib \cdot \Delta} N(r, x, b)$$

- Fourier transfer from impact parameter to transverse momentum  $\Delta$   
→ access to spatial structure

Still need to average over target configurations!

# Coherent diffraction = target remains intact

Target is at the same quantum state before and after the scattering (Miettinen, Pumplin, PRD 18, 1978, ...)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* p \rightarrow Vp}}{dt} \sim |\langle A(x, Q^2, t) \rangle|^2$$

with

$$A \sim \int d^2 b dz d^2 r \Psi^* \Psi^V(r, z, Q^2) e^{-ib \cdot \Delta} N(r, x, b)$$

- Coherent  $t = -\Delta^2$  spectra is Fourier transfer of the **average density**

# Incoherent diffraction = target breaks up

Total diffractive cross section – coherent cross section  $\Rightarrow$  target breaks up

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* p \rightarrow V p^*}}{dt} \sim \langle |\mathcal{A}(x, Q^2, t)|^2 \rangle - |\langle \mathcal{A}(x, Q^2, t) \rangle|^2$$

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- Incoherent cross section is proportional to the amount of fluctuations in the impact parameter space

Cross section for incoherent  $\gamma A$  diffraction: T. Lappi, H.M, 1011.1988

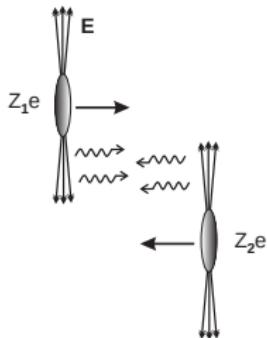
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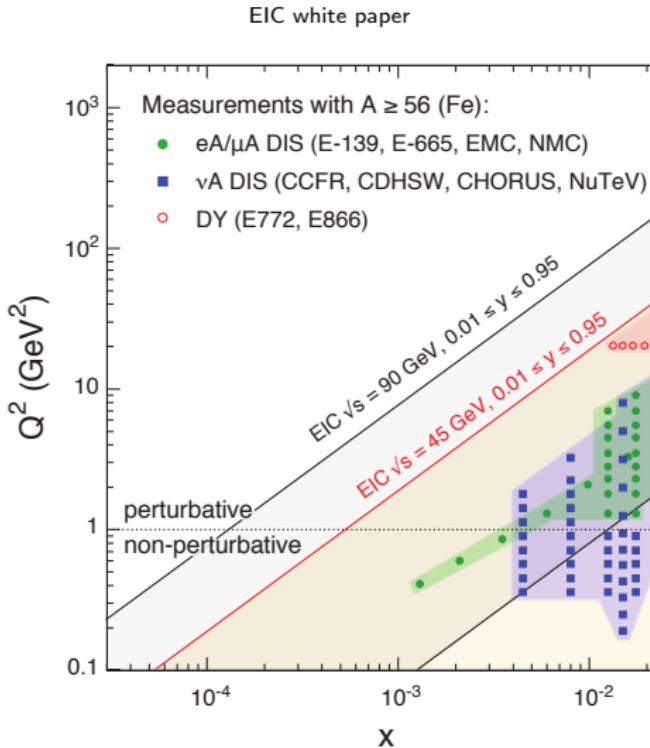
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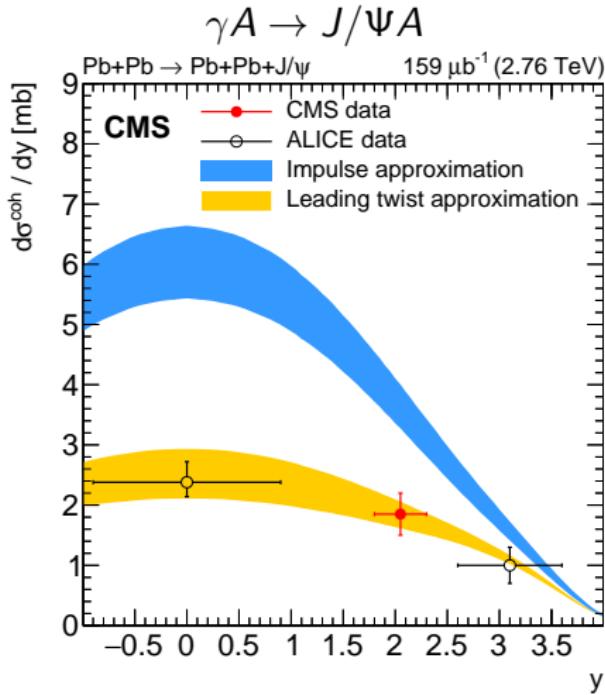
# Going to small $x$ with nuclei



- Currently there is basically no small- $x$  nuclear DIS data
- Momentum fraction  
 $x = M_V e^y / \sqrt{s}$
- Midrapidity  $J/\Psi$  at the LHC:  
 $x \sim 10^{-3}$
- Forward  $J/\Psi$  at the LHC  $x \sim 10^{-2}$  and  $x \sim 10^{-5}$



# Signal of nuclear effects seen in $\gamma A$ diffraction

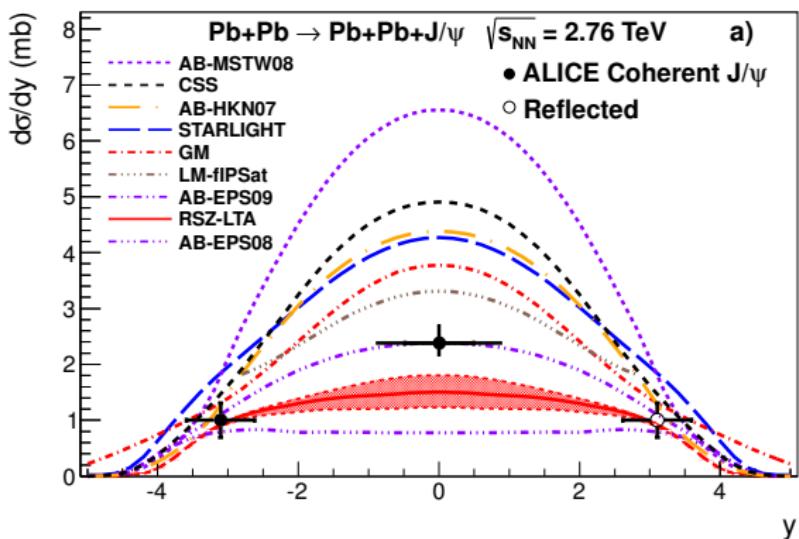


Impulse approximation = scaled  $\gamma p$

- Clear nuclear effects seen  
(e.g. saturation, shadowing)

CMS, 1605.06966

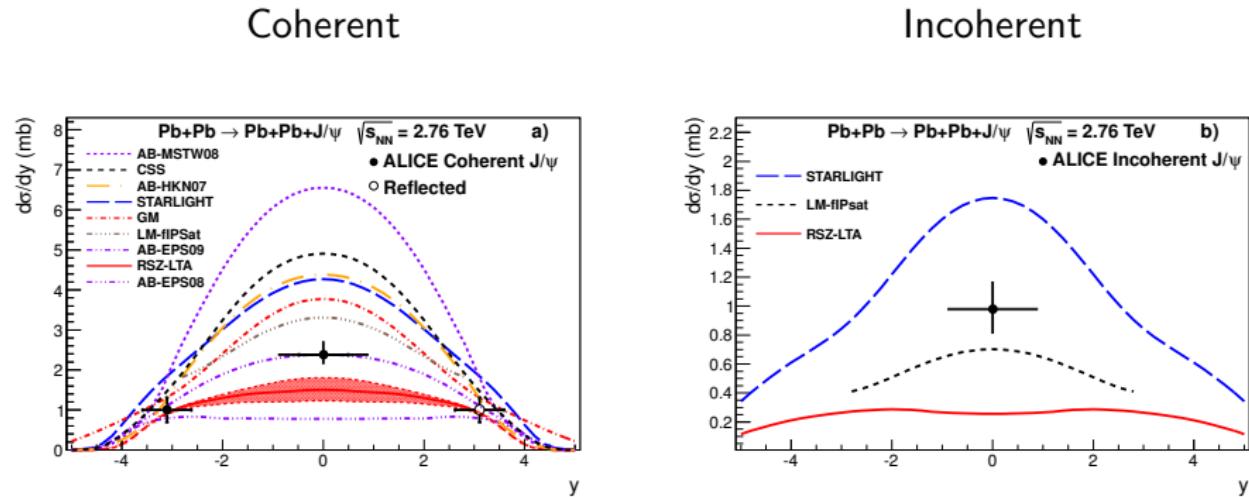
# Coherent diffraction, model comparison



ALICE, 1305.1467

Shadowing/saturation needed, compare e.g.  
AB-MSTW08 and AB-EPS09 (nuclear pdf) / LM-fIPSat (saturation)

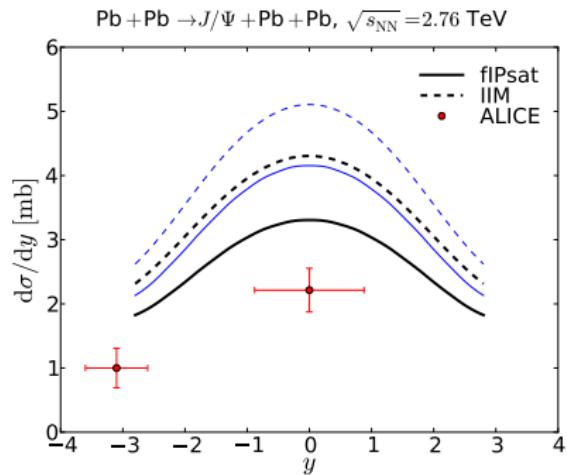
# Coherent and incoherent diffraction



Dipole model calculation (LM-fIPsat): ok simultaneous description

- More LHC data coming
  - $\sqrt{s} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ :  $x$  dependence of the gluon density
  - Spectra differentially in  $t \rightarrow$  Geometric structure and fluctuations
  - **QM2017**: Neutron tagging  $\Rightarrow$  large  $x$ /small  $x$  separation

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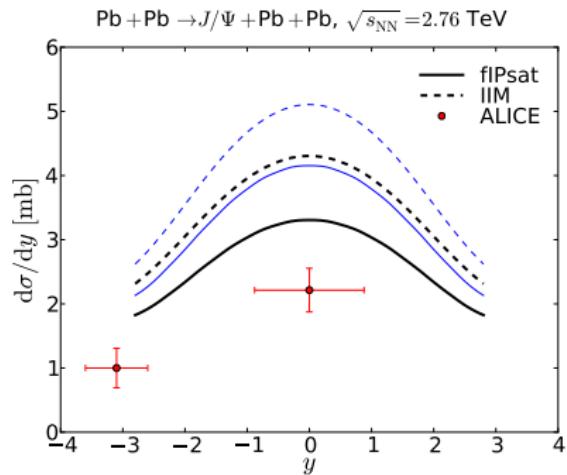


T. Lappi, H.M., 1301.4095

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  - But other data, e.g.  $R_{pA}$
- Vector meson wave function (thin-thick lines)
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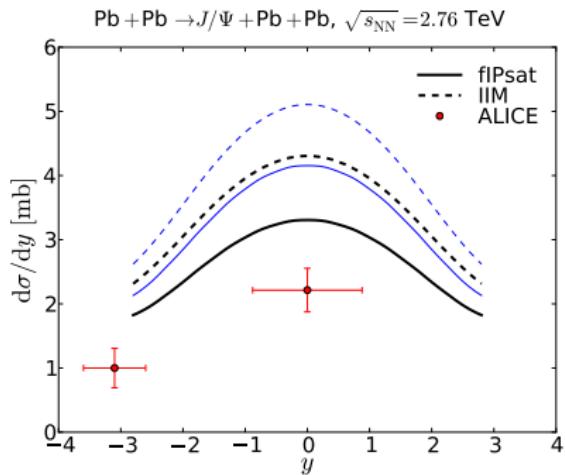


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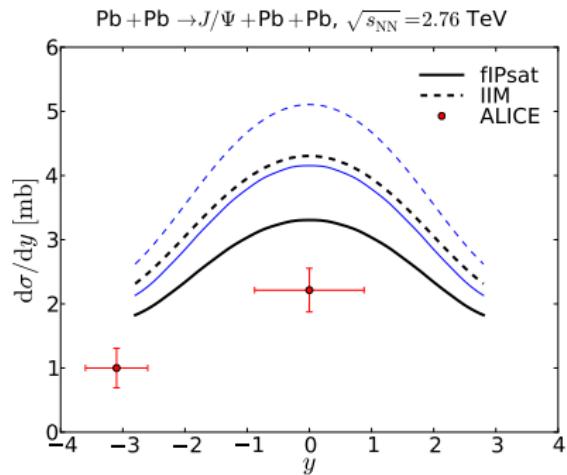


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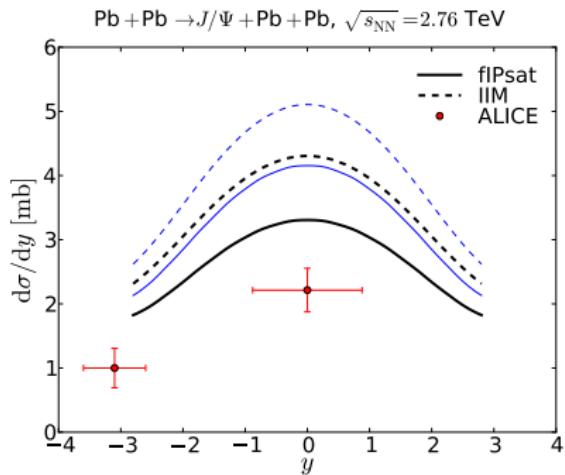


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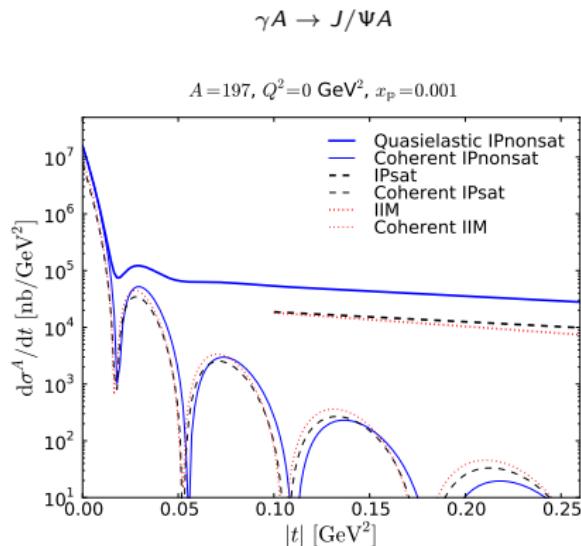


- Model uncertainties mainly affect normalization, not rapidity (Bjorken- $x$ ) dependence.(?)

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# More differential measurements in the near future



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Solid line: no saturation

Dashed lines: with saturation

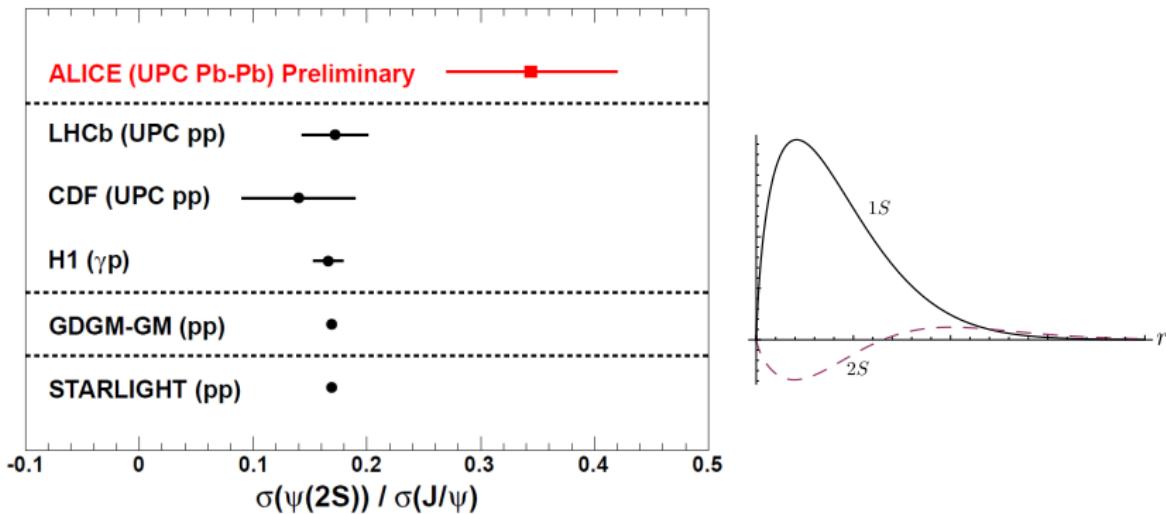
Measure differentially in vector meson momentum  $t = -\Delta^2$

- Incoherent: more sensitive to saturation effects
  - **QM2017, CMS:** No/small incoherent cross section at small  $x!$
  - Qualitatively predicted:  
T. Lappi, H. M., 1011.1988
- Coherent: extract transverse density profile of the small- $x$  gluons in the nucleus

Toll, Ullrich, 1211.3048

# Excited states: $\Psi(2S)/J/\Psi$

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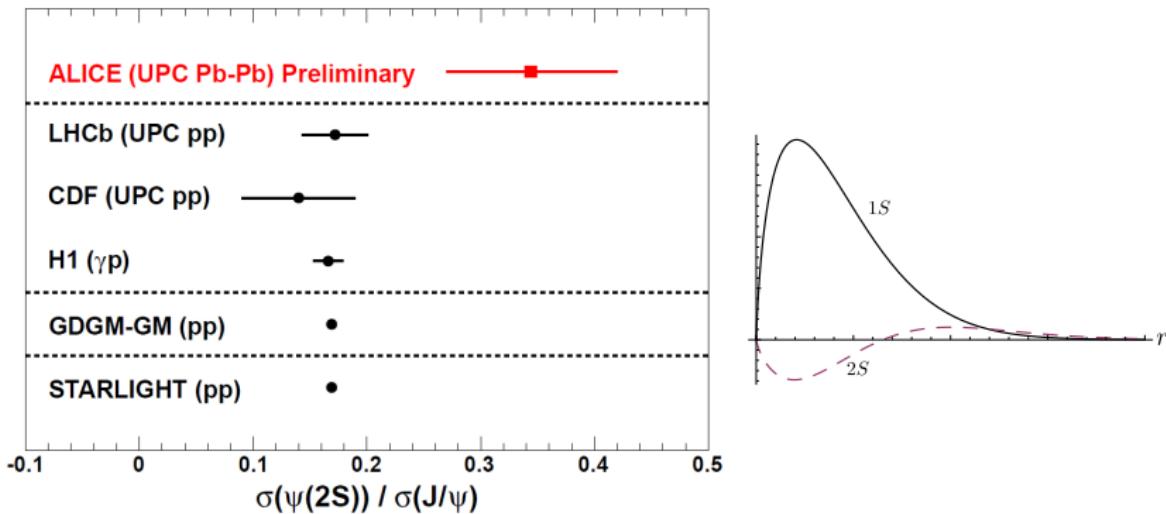


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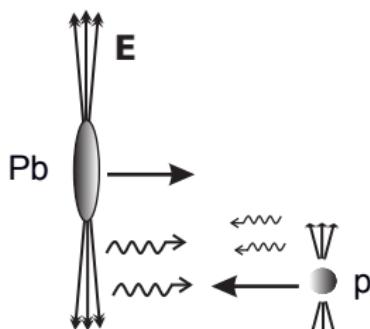
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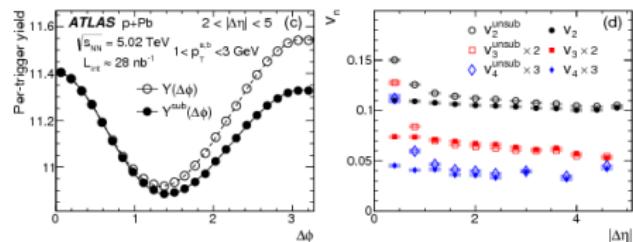
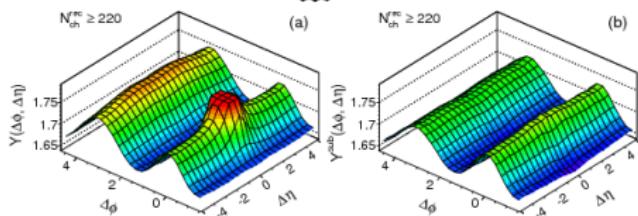
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# Diffraction in pA collisions



Photon flux  $\sim Z^2$

- Ultraperipheral pA collision  $\approx \gamma p$  collision
- Access small- $x$  structure of the proton

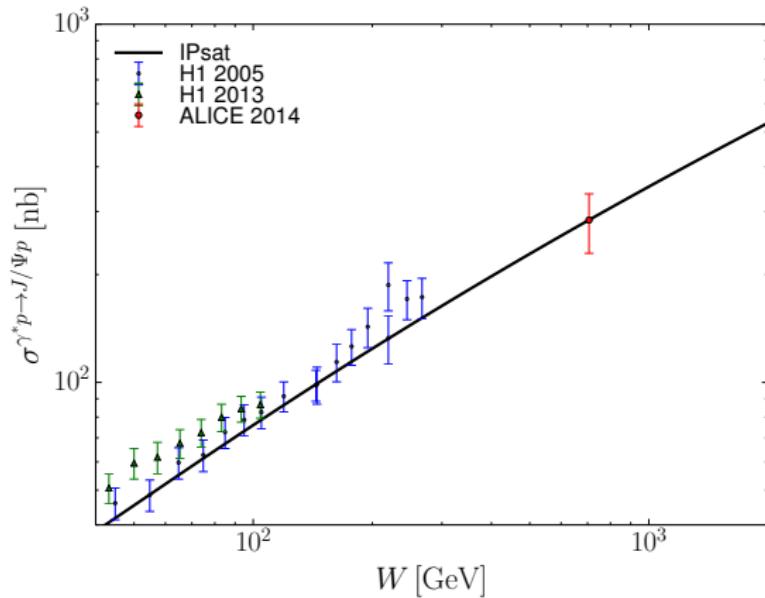


Collective phenomena seen in pp&pA

- Have to understand role of the initial state geometry
- Diffraction: average structure and fluctuations

# Diffraction at the TeV scale

## Total coherent diffractive cross section



Total coherent cross section follows the same  $W^\gamma$  power law as HERA

- No significant saturation effect expected, described by IPsat

# Proton structure fluctuations

Recall:

- Coherent diffraction probes average structure
- Incoherent diffraction is sensitive to amount of fluctuations

## Strategy

Simultaneous description of HERA coherent and incoherent data allow us to constrain event-by-event proton structure fluctuations.

# Constraining proton fluctuations

Start with a simple constituent quark inspired picture:

- Sample quark positions from a Gaussian distribution, width  $B_{qc}$
- Small- $x$  gluons are located around the valence quarks (width  $B_q$ ).
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- Dipole-target scattering: IPsat model fitted to  $F_2$  data

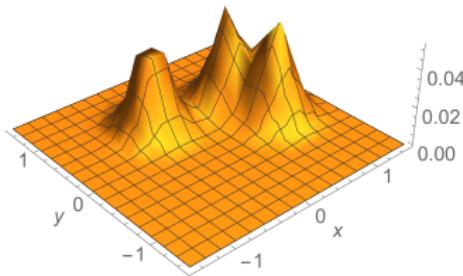
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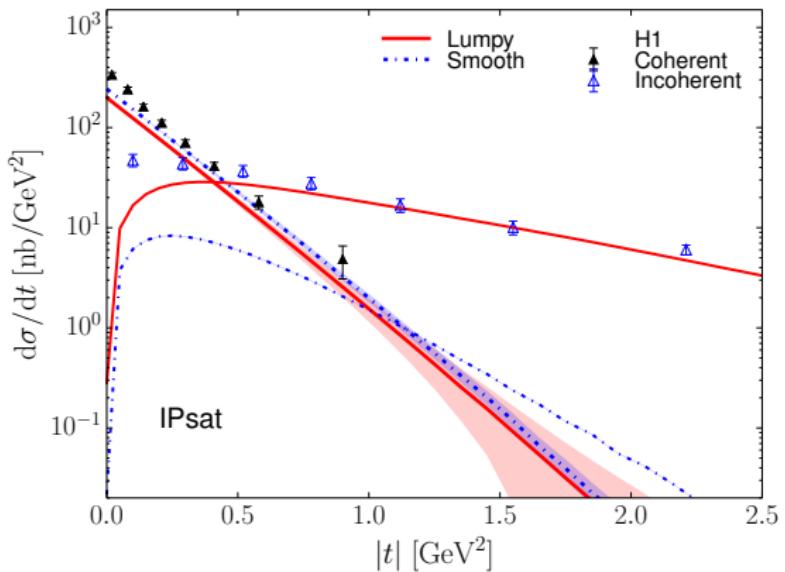
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Now proton = 3 overlapping hot spots.

$$T_{\text{proton}}(b) = \sum_{i=1}^3 T_q(b - b_i) \quad T_q(b) \sim e^{-b^2/(2B_q)}$$



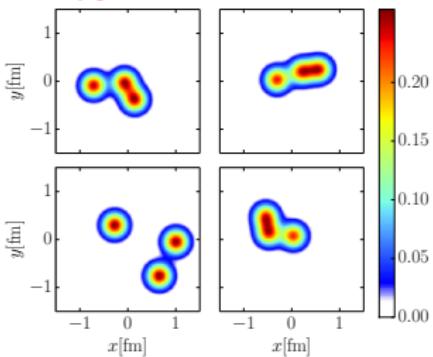
# Lessons from the HERA data



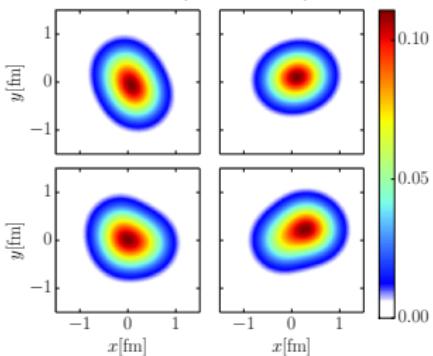
H.M. B. Schenke, PRL 117 (2016), 052301 and PRD94 (2016), 034042

- H1 incoherent data requires large fluctuations
- Proton-photon center-of-mass energy  $W = 75$  GeV, probing  $x \approx 10^{-3}$

Lumpy:  $B_{qc} = 3.3, B_q = 0.7$



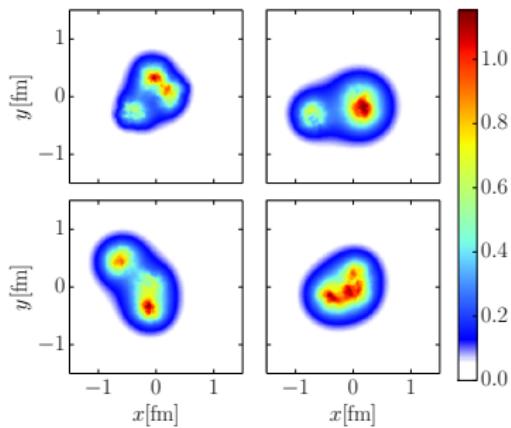
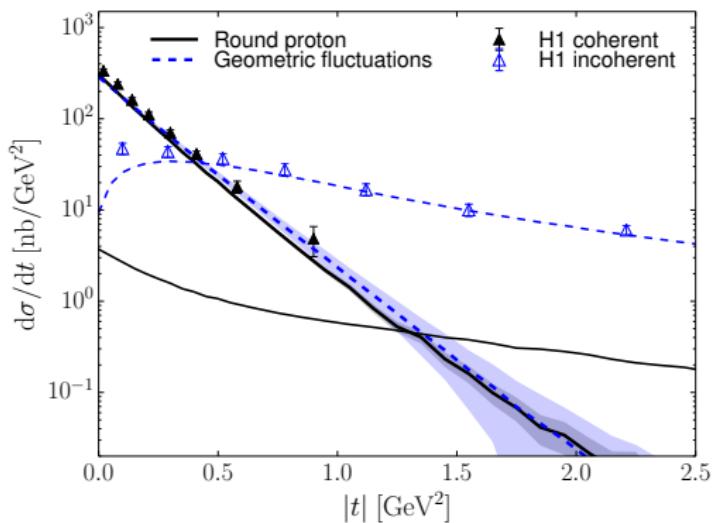
Smooth:  $B_{qc} = 1.0, B_q = 3.0$



Units: GeV $^{-2}$

# IP-Glasma and HERA data

Include color charge fluctuation, parameters fitted to H1 data

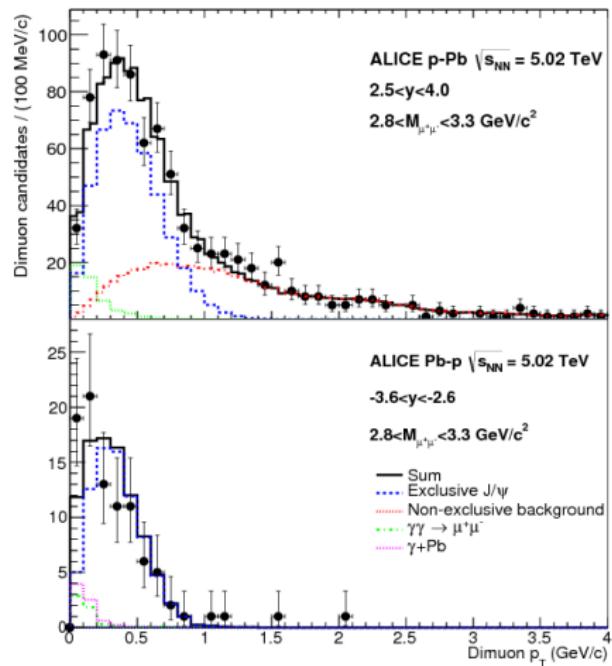


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- Initial condition for pA hydro, good description of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  data!

# Towards smaller $x$ / larger $W$ in $\gamma p$

ALICE measurement in  $\gamma + p \rightarrow J/\Psi + p(p^*)$  collisions

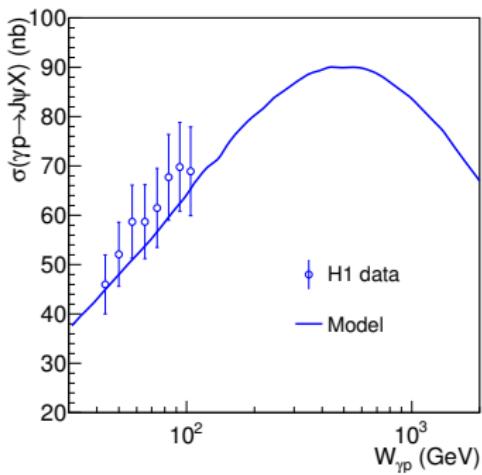


$$x \sim 10^{-2} \rightarrow 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

- Incoherent cross section not observed at small  $x$
- Signature of smoothening at small  $x$ ?
- Proton grows, diffractive slope  $B_p : 4 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \rightarrow \sim 6.7 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

# Proton smoothening at small $x$ ?

Cepila, Contreras, Takaki (1608.07559): Number of constituent quarks  
 $\sim x^a(1 + b\sqrt{x})$ , parameters fitted to HERA data

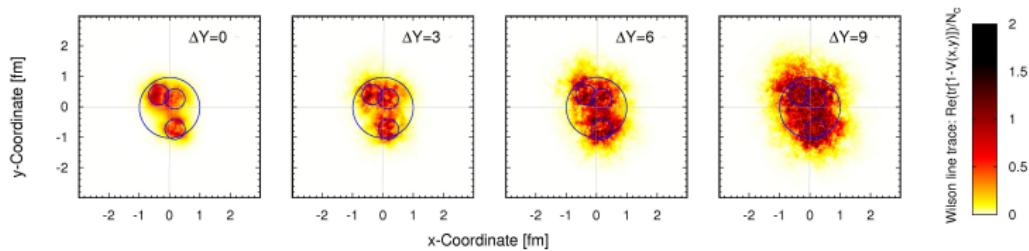


- Qualitatively expect incoherent cross section to decrease at high  $W$
- Still expect to see significant incoherent contribution at  $\sim 1$  TeV

# Evolution to small $x$ (work in progress)

HERA data constrains proton structure at  $x \sim 10^{-3}$ .

Evolve to smaller  $x$  by perturbative CGC evolution equation (JIMWLK)

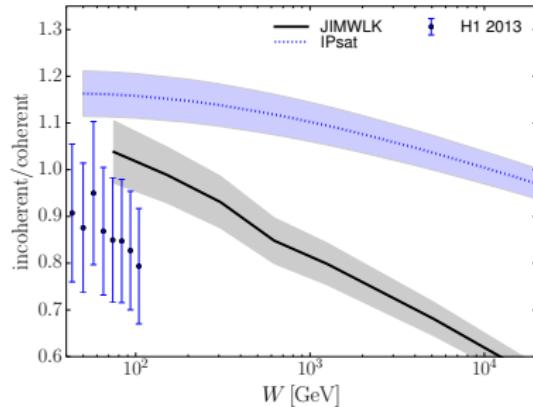


B. Schenke, S. Schlichting, Phys.Lett. B739 (2014) 313-319

- Proton grows
- Proton gets smoother

# Energy evolution of diffractive $J/\Psi$ production

Work in progress / preliminary (qualitative results at this point)



- Incoherent cross section grows more slowly
  - Proton gets smoother
  - Dipole must not scatter off other constituent quarks  
(included in IPsat calculation T. Lappi, H.M., 1011.1988)
- We would expect to still see a large incoherent contribution at  $W \sim 700$  GeV

# Conclusions

- UPC: diffractive vector meson production at very high energy
- CGC calculations compatible with both coherent and incoherent  $J/\Psi$  measurements from the LHC
- Signatures of saturation/shadowing in heavy ion collisions
  - Still largish model dependence
- pA collisions: study proton structure at high energies
  - Description of HERA data requires large proton structure fluctuations
  - LHC pA data hints for smoothening at small  $x$
  - Fluctuations applied to hydro calculations of pA collisions: good description of the  $v_n$  measurements (backup)
- Lots of new data coming!

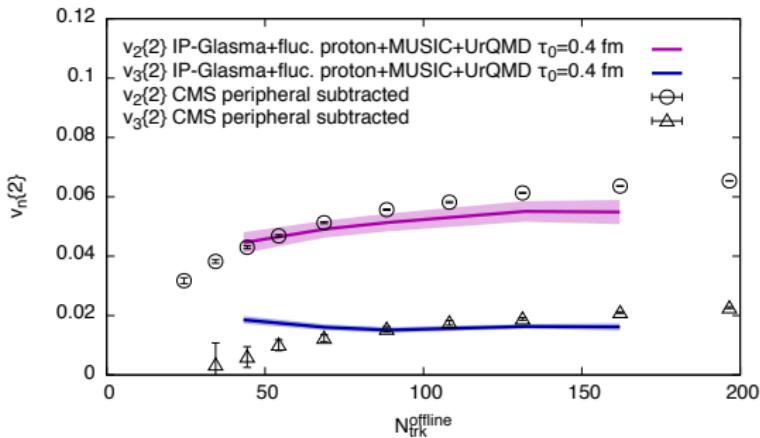
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# Fluctuating protons in pA collisions

Hydro calculations with proton fluctuations from HERA

## Hydro numbers

- $\tau_0 = 0.4 \text{ fm}$
- $T_{\text{fo}} = 155 \text{ MeV}$
- Shear and bulk viscosity
- Initial  $\pi^{\mu\nu}$
- $\eta/s = 0.2$



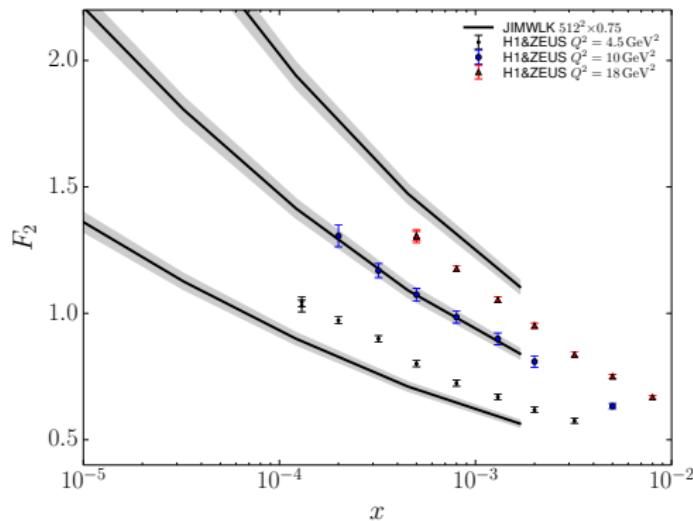
Large  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  at largest centrality bins reproduced well.

In preparation with B. Schenke, C. Shen, P. Tribedy

# Constrain evolution speed

Work in progress / preliminary

$$\alpha_s = 0.15$$



- $F_2$  data at  $Q^2 = 4.5 \dots 18 \text{ GeV}^2 \sim M_{J/\psi}^2$  constrain  $\alpha_s$
- MV model does not give exactly correct  $Q^2$  dependence

# Adding color charge fluctuations: IP-Glasma

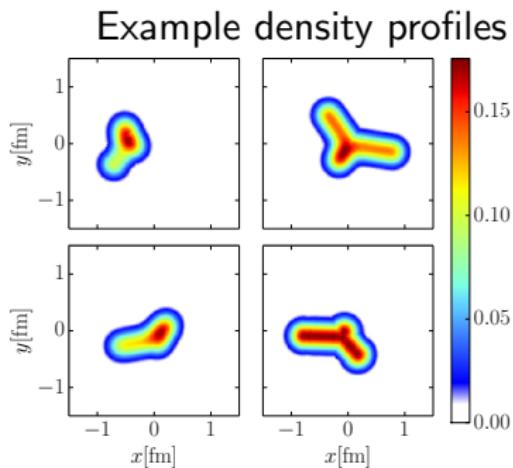
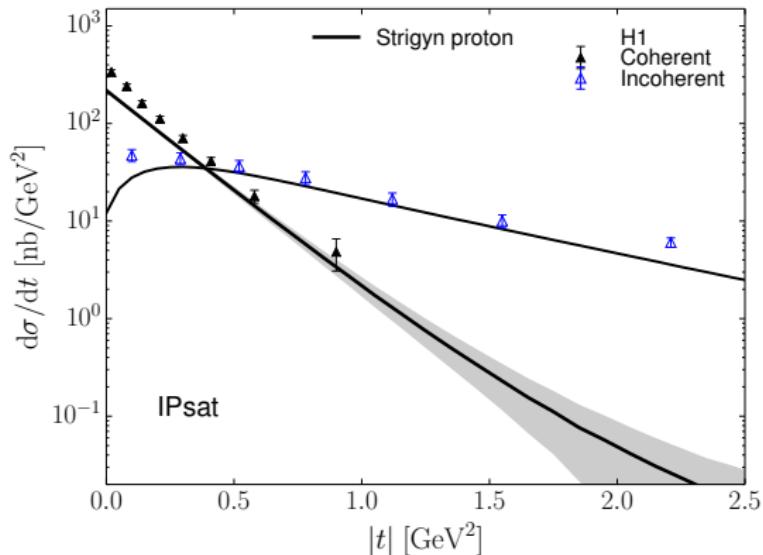
- Obtain saturation scale  $Q_s(x_T)$  from IPsat (with fluctuations)
- MV-model: Sample color charges, density  $\sim Q_s(x_T)$
- Solve Yang-Mills equations to obtain the Wilson lines

$$V(x_T) = P \exp \left( -ig \int dx^- \frac{\rho(x^-, x_T)}{\nabla^2 + m^2} \right)$$

- Dipole amplitude:  $N(x_T, y_T) = 1 - \text{Tr } V(x_T)V^\dagger(y_T)/N_c$
- Fix parameters  $B_{qc}$ ,  $B_q$  and  $m$  with HERA data

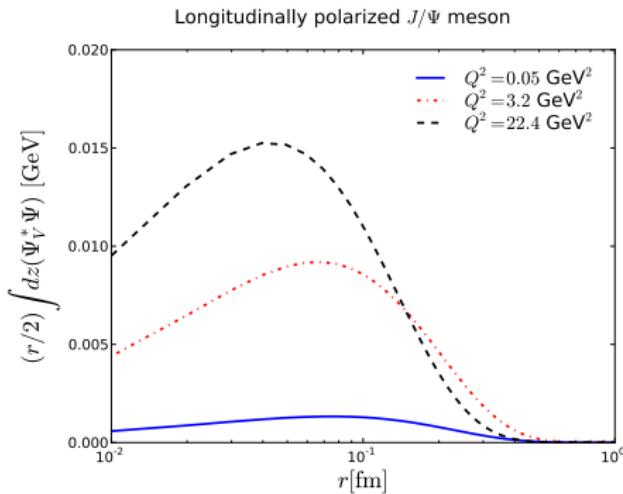
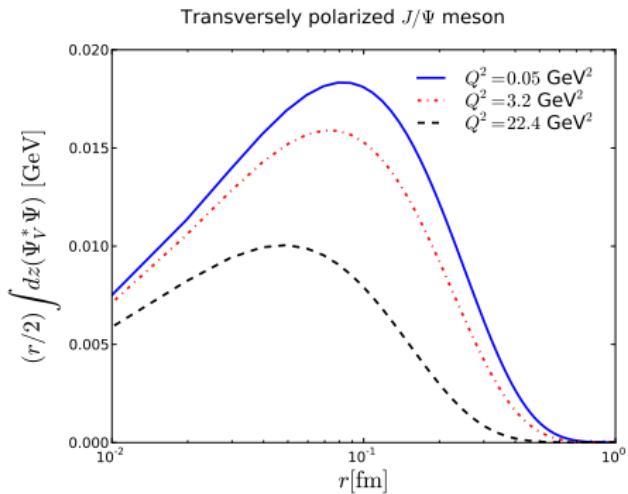
# Lumpiness matters, not details of the density profile

3 valence quarks that are connected by "color flux tubes" (Gaussian density profile, width  $B_q$ ). Also good description of the data

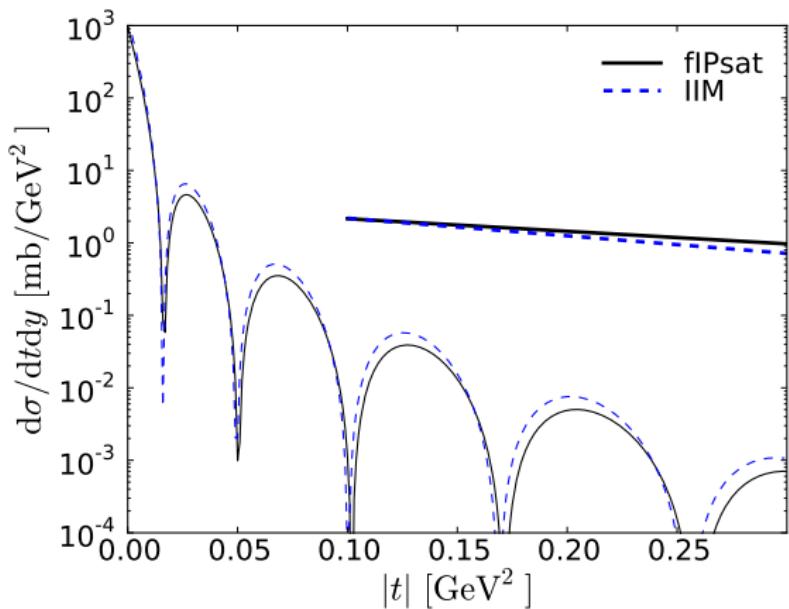


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Flux tubes implementation following results from hep-lat/0606016, used also e.g. in 1307.5911

## Wave function overlap in $J/\Psi$ production:



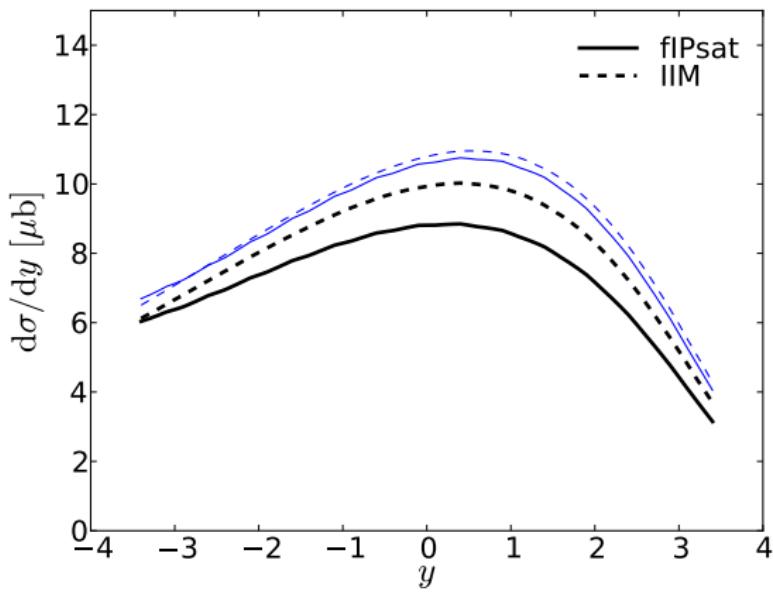
# Differential cross section



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Assuming proton profile function  $T_p(b) \sim e^{b^2/(2B_p)}$   $\Rightarrow$  incoherent cross section  $\sim e^{-B_p t}$ : probes spatial distribution of gluons in proton!

# pA prediction



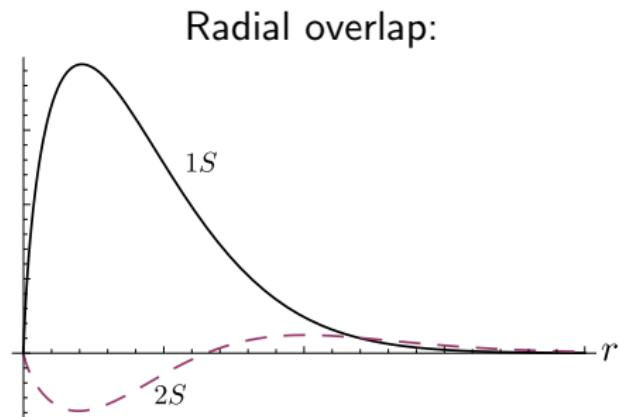
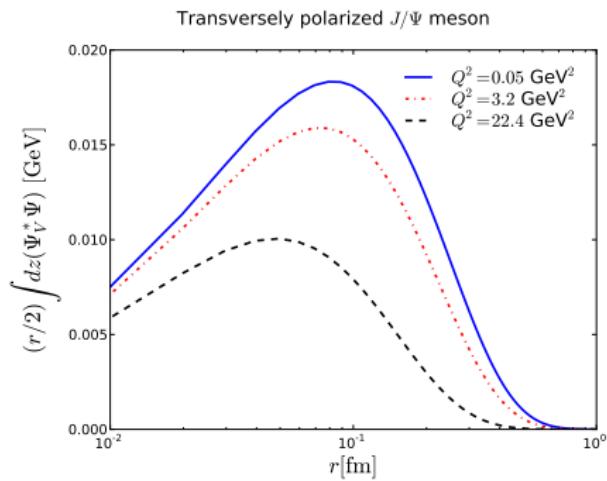
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As the photon flux  $\sim Z^2$ , dominant process is the one where the nucleus emits the photon  $\Rightarrow$  probes mostly proton structure.

# Vector meson wave functions

$\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  can be computed from QED, but  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow$  vector meson requires some modelling, parameters fit to reproduce decay width.

Excited states:  $\Psi(2S)$  wave function has a node (orthogonal to  $J/\Psi$ ).  
Cross section  $\sim \int d^2r \Rightarrow$  large suppression compared to  $J/\Psi$



# Generalization for nuclei

$S$  matrix  $\sim$  probability not to scatter [recall:  $S = 1 - \textcolor{blue}{N}$ ]:

$$S_A(r, b, x) = \prod_{i=1}^A S_p(r, b - b_i, x)$$

Average over nucleon configurations

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\{b_i\}) \rangle_N = \int \prod_{i=1}^A [d^2 b_i T_A(b_i)] \mathcal{O}(\{b_i\})$$