

Gluons will evolve similarly DGLAP

 $\frac{d g(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2 \pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \Big[ P_{\text{gq}} \Big( \frac{x}{y} \Big) q(y, Q^2) + P_{\text{gg}} \Big( \frac{x}{y} \Big) g(y, Q^2)$ Summed over all quark parents  $\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{g}\mathsf{q}}$ Gluon of momentum xP from *quark* of momentum yP q  $P_{gg}$ Gluon of momentum  $xP$  from gluon of momentum  $yP$ 7000000 Note:  $\Delta q(x, Q^2) \sim \alpha_s \ln Q^2$  So far considered fixed  $\alpha_s$ , but  $\alpha_s \sim \frac{1}{\ln Q^2}$  RUNS,  $\alpha_s \ln Q^2$  is  $O(1)$ <br>So must sum all terms  $\alpha_s''(\ln Q^2)^n$  "leading logs" LLA. Formally,  $\alpha_s \to \alpha_s(Q^2)$ Consider the optical theorem equivalence a хP. χP. Total cross section = 777.XX IXIII 9 Imaginary part of forward elastic уP scattering amplitude o p

Extension to leading logs is,



where  $x_{i-1} > x_i > x_{i+1}$ x decreasing from target to probe  $p_{t_{t-1}}^2 < p_{t_t}^2 < p_{t_{t+1}}^2$ 

 $p_t^2$  increasing from target to probe

The dominant diagrams are STRONGLY ordered in  $p_t^2$ 

BUT NOTE: These are NOT the only diagrams which may need to be summed. They are only the dominant ones in the kinematic region considered  $(Q^2 \geq 4 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad x \geq 0.01)$ 

The DGLAP equations are a coupled set of equations for the evolution of quark and gluon densities

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln Q^2}\left(\begin{matrix} q_i(x,Q^2)\\ g(x,Q^2) \end{matrix}\right) \;\;=\;\; \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{2\pi}\sum_i \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \;\; \left(\begin{matrix} P_{q_iq_j}(\frac{x}{\xi},\alpha_s(Q^2)) & P_{q_ig}(\frac{x}{\xi},\alpha_s(Q^2))\\ P_{gq_j}(\frac{x}{\xi},\alpha_s(Q^2)) & P_{gg}(\frac{x}{\xi},\alpha_s(Q^2)) \end{matrix}\right) \left(\begin{matrix} q_j(\xi,Q^2) \\ g(\xi,Q^2) \end{matrix}\right)$ 



And F2 is no longer so neatly expressed in terms of parton distributions at NLO

And FL is no longer zero It has a strong gluon dependence  $\frac{F_2(x,Q^2)}{x} = \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{x} \left[ \Sigma_5 C_2(x,\alpha_s) q_5(x,Q^2) + C_g(x,\alpha_s) g(y,Q^2) \right]$ 

$$
C_2(z,\alpha_s)=\kappa_s^2\left[\delta(1-z)+\alpha_s f_2(z)\right]
$$

$$
C_g(\mathbf{z},\alpha_s)=\alpha_s f_g(\mathbf{z})
$$

$$
F_L(x,Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_x}{x} \left[ \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{y} x^2 F_2(y,Q^2) + 2\Sigma_4 r_s^2 \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{y} x^2 (1-z) y g(y,Q^2) \right]
$$

But we may want to go beyond LO



But everything is still perturbatively QCD calculable apart from the parton starting distributions

The evolution of valence quarks does not involve the gluon since the gluon splits to q-qbar flavour blind and thus makes sea quarks, hence valence distributions evolve slowly



whereas the evolution of the singlet combination and the gluon are coupled





So how do we determine parton distributions?- they are not perturbatively calculable lattice gauge theory not yet able to tell us

**We parametrise the parton distribution functions (PDFs) at some low starting scale:**  $Q^2$ <sub>0</sub> (~1-7 GeV<sup>2</sup>)

$$
xu_{v}(x) = A_{uv}x^{Buv} (1-x)^{Cu v} (1+D_{uv} x + E_{uv} x^{2})
$$
  
\n
$$
xd_{v}(x) = A_{dv}x^{Bdv} (1-x)^{Cdv} (1+D_{dv} x + E_{dv} x^{2})
$$
  
\n
$$
xubar(x) = A_{u}x^{Bu} (1-x)^{Cu} (1+D_{u} x + E_{u} x^{2})
$$
  
\n
$$
xdbar(x) = A_{d}x^{Bd} (1-x)^{Cd} (1+D_{d} x + E_{d} x^{2})
$$
  
\n
$$
xg(x) = A_{g}x^{Bg}1-x)^{Cg} (1+D_{g} x + E_{g} x^{2})
$$
  
\n
$$
-A_{g}^{v} x^{Bg} (1-x)^{Cg}
$$

Alternative forms

 $xf(x) = A_0 x^{A_1} (1-x)^{A_2} e^{A_3 x} (1+e^{A_4 x})^{A_5}$ 

Chebyshev polynomials

Bernstein polynomials

Or don't use a starting parametrization at all let neural nets learn the shape of the data- NNPDF)

Not all parameters are independent,

 $\bullet$  A<sub>g</sub> is determined from the momentum sum-rule

$$
\int_0^1 \sum_{q,\overline{q}} (x q(x) + x \overline{q}(x)) + x g(x) dx =
$$

•  $A_u$ ,  $A_d$  from the number sum-rules :

$$
\int_0^1 u_v(x) \, dx = 2 \qquad \int_0^1 d_v(x) \, dx = 1
$$

Various other restrictions have been imposed --and then dropped ---historically

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Then measurable quantities like,

$$
F_2
$$
,  $x F_3$  for  $\nu$ ,  $\overline{\nu}$ ,  $e^{\pm}$ ,  $\mu^{\pm} \rightarrow p$ , D

Depend on a finite number of parameters ( $\sim$  15-20)

These structure functions are measured over a very wide,  $(x,Q<sup>2</sup>)$  range ~2500 data points  $\overline{R}$ 

So you evolved the partons –using the DGLAP equations--to a  $Q<sup>2</sup>$  value at which you have data and then you predict the measured structure functions from them:

Simply at LO

And by convolution with QCD calculable coefficient functions at NLO and NNLO

Then you fit the data to determine the parameters of the PDFs

The fact that so few parameters allows us to fit so many data points established QCD as the THEORY OF THE STRONG INTERACTION and provided the first measurements of  $\alpha_{s}$  (as one of the fit parameters)

### **Recap how measurable structure functions depend on parton distributions?**

# **Fixed target e/μ p/D data from NMC, BCDMS, E665, SLAC**

$$
F_2(lp) = x(\frac{4}{9}(u+\overline{u}) + \frac{1}{9}(d+\overline{d}) + \frac{1}{9}(s+\overline{s}) + \frac{4}{9}(c+\overline{c})
$$
  

$$
F_2(lN) = \frac{5}{18}x[u+\overline{u} + d+\overline{d} + \frac{2}{9}(s+\overline{s}) + \frac{8}{5}(c+\overline{c})]
$$
  
**For tangent does from CCRB N.**

**v, vbar fixed Fe target data from CCFR,NuTeV, Chorus** 

$$
F_2(v, vN) = x(u + u + d + d + s + s + c + c)
$$

$$
xF_3(v, vN) = x(u - u + d - d) = x(u_v + d_v)
$$
  
Valence information for 0 < x < 1

**Can get ~4 distributions from this: e.g. u, d, ubar, dbar** 

These data are shot on nuclear targets like Fe which suffer from heavy target corrections- even deuterium is not safe

- but note we have already assumed
- u in proton= d in neutron and q=qbar in the sea (in practice violations are very small )
- And we need further assumptions like sbar  $= 1/4$  (ubar+dbar) and a heavy quark treatment
- $\rightarrow$  the assumption on sbar is questionable
- $\rightarrow$  but the heavy quarks contributions can be calculated from pQCD
- Note gluon enters indirectly via DGLAP equations for  $Q<sup>2</sup>$  evolution AND directly in the longitudinal structure function  $F<sub>1</sub>$  at NLO and higher orders



# More information from High  $Q^2$  ep scattering data at HERA

HERA data have also provided information at high  $Q^2 \rightarrow Z^0$  and W<sup>+/-</sup> become as important as γ  $exchange \rightarrow NC$  and CC cross-sections comparable

For NC processes  $F_2 = \sum_i A_i(Q^2) [xq_i(x,Q^2) + xq_i(x,Q^2)]$  –  $xF_3 = \sum_i B_i(Q^2) [xq_i(x,Q^2) - xq_i(x,Q^2)]$  $A_i(Q^2) = e_i^2 - 2 e_i v_i v_e P_Z + (v_e^2 + a_e^2)(v_i^2 + a_i^2) P_Z^2$  $B_i(Q^2) = -2 e_i a_i a_e P_Z + 4a_i a_e v_i v_e$   $P_Z$  $P_7^2$  $P_Z^2 = Q^2/(Q^2 + M^2_Z) 1/sin^2\theta_W$ 



 $\rightarrow$ F2 gives the usual information on the Sea but we also have a new valence structure function  $xF_3$  due to Z exchange

This is measurable from low to high x- on a pure proton target  $\rightarrow$  no heavy target corrections- no assumptions about strong isospin



Measurement of high-x  $d<sub>v</sub>$  on a pure proton target (one caveat data only up to  $x\text{-}0.65$ )

d is not well known because u couples more strongly to the photon. Historically information has come from deuterium targets -but even Deuterium needs binding corrections. And you have to assume d in proton = u in neutron



Thus there is enough information to make a PDF using only HERA data, with a consistent set of systematic uncertainties



The PDFs extracted from a fit to the HERA charged and neutral current scattering data

NOTE uncertainties are NOT just from those of experimental data but also from model assumptions and parametrisation variations

### **AND PDFs are extracted by several different groups …..**

### **Why do PDF sets differ?**

- •Data sets included
- •Cuts applied to remain in kinematic region of DGLAP evolution: $Q^2$  cut, W<sup>2</sup> cut, x cuts?
- •Form of parametrization at  $Q^2_{\phantom{2}0}$ , value of  $Q_{0}^{2}$
- •Assumptions on flavour structure of sea and valence
- •heavy flavour scheme, heavy quark masses
- •the value of  $\alpha_{\rm S}(\rm M_Z)$  assumed, or fitted
- We now use many other processes than deep-inelastic scattering:
- Drell-Yan data from fixed targets and the Tevatron and LHC
- W,Z rapidity spectra from Tevatron and LHC
- Jet pT spectra from Tevatron and LHC
- Top-anti-top differential cross-sections
- W and  $Z$  +jet spectra, or W,Z pt spectra
- W and Z +heavy flavours

PDFs also differ in how they evaluate their uncertainties some use inflated χ2 tolerances --closer to the hypothesis testing criterion– but this is a whole lecture series in itself





Drell-Yan is one of the simplest processes

$$
\sigma(pp \to cdX) = \sum \int \int dx_a dx_b f_a(x_a, Q^2) f_b(x_b, Q^2) \hat{\sigma}(ab \to cd)
$$

**Parton kinematics** 

$$
\vec{p}_A = x_A \left( \sqrt{s} / 2 \right); \vec{p}_B = -x_B \left( \sqrt{s} / 2 \right)
$$
  

$$
\hat{s} = (E_A + E_B)^2 - (\vec{p}_A - \vec{p}_B)^2
$$
  

$$
\hat{s} = 4 p_A p_B = x_A x_B s
$$

 $Q^2$ : scale of parton -parton reaction, e.g.  $M^2$ 

•  $\mu^+\mu^-$  via virtual photon: parton-parton cross

$$
\hat{\sigma}(q_a \overline{q}_a \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{e_a^2}{3} \frac{4\pi \alpha^2}{3 \overline{\hat{s}}}
$$

**Master formula:** ۰

$$
\frac{d^2\sigma(\mu^+\mu^-)}{dx_a dx_b} = \Big[f_A(x_a)f_B(x_b) + \leftrightarrow\Big]\frac{e_a^2}{3}\frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3\hat{s}}
$$

- Change variables (appendix)  $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E p_z} \right); \tau = \hat{s}/s = M^2/s$  $\bullet$
- **Scaling cross section:**  $\bullet$

$$
\frac{d^2\sigma(\mu^+\mu^-)}{d\tau dy} = \Big[f_A(x_a)f_B(x_b) + \leftrightarrow\Big]\frac{e_a^2}{3}\frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3\hat{s}}
$$

 $\tau = M^2 / s = x_a x_b$  $2y = \ln\left(\frac{x_a}{x_a}\right)$ 

Can get  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  and  $Q^2$ from the kinematics of the process

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#### **What are the consequences of using a free value of**  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\rm s}$ **(M<sub>z</sub>) in a PDF fit?** Fixed α<sub>S</sub>(M<sub>z</sub>  $\mathsf{Free}\ \alpha_{\mathsf{S}}(\mathsf{M}_Z)$



Many PDFs use a fixed value of  $\alpha_{\rm S}({\rm M}_{\rm Z})$ CT (EQ) , NNPDF, HERAPDF And supply PDFs for various different fixed values

Look what happens when you free  $\alpha_{\rm S}(\rm M_Z)$ … and you ONLY have Deep Inelastic Scattering data.

The gluon density and  $\alpha_{\rm S}(\rm M_{Z})$  are coupled by the DGLAP equations

BEYOND inclusive DIS: Jet studies in the Hadron Final state gives us more information



This helps to break the  $\alpha_{\rm S}({\sf Q}^2)$  / gluon PDF correlation

Use more information that depends directly on the gluon -- jet cross-sections

To get x  $g(x,Q^2)$ 

- Assume  $\alpha_{\rm S}$  is known
- Choose kinematic region  $\mathsf{BGF} > \mathsf{QCDC}$  (i.e. low x,  $\mathsf{Q}^2$ )

To get  $\alpha_{\mathrm{S}}(\mathsf{Q}^2)$ 

• Choose kinematic region where PDFs *xq(x), x g(x)* are well known. (i.e.  $x_g > 10^{-2}$ ,  $x_q > 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{BGF}} \sim \sigma_{\text{OCDC}}$ 

In practice we fit jets in all kinematic regions and hope to determine  $xg(x,Q2)$ and  $\alpha_{\mathrm{S}}(\mathsf{Q}^2)$  simultaneously

# **) w**ithout jets PDF fit with free  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_\mathbf{S}(\mathsf{M}_\mathsf{Z})$  with jets



Look what happens when you keep  $\alpha_{\text{S}}(\mathsf{M}_\mathsf{Z})$  free but add jets---

**Beyond DGLAP? QCD at low-x**



**Before the HERA measurements most of the predictions for low-x behaviour of the structure functions and the gluon PDF were wrong**

**It was expected that F2- and the gluon that we deduce from its scaling violations- would flatten – WHY?**

Now it seems that the conventional NLO DGLAP formalism works TOO WELL !

$$
\frac{d g(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \Big[ P_{\text{gq}} \Big( \frac{x}{y} \Big) q(y, Q^2) + P_{\text{gg}} \Big( \frac{x}{y} \Big) g(y, Q^2) \Big]
$$
  
At low x,  $\frac{x}{y} = z \to 0$   $P_{\text{gq}} \to \frac{C_F}{z}$   $P_{\text{gg}} \to \frac{2 C_A}{z}$ 

The gluon splitting functions are singular *Pgg* dominates so the equation becomes

$$
\frac{d g(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \frac{\sigma}{z} g(y, Q^2)
$$
  
Which gives,  $x g(x, Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda g}$   

$$
\lambda_g = \left[\frac{12 \ln(t/t_0)}{\beta_0 \ln(1/x)}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$
  $t = \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\lambda^2}\right)$ 

( $\Lambda$  relates to  $\alpha_{\rm S}$ )

At low-x the evolution of  $F_2$  becomes gluon dominated

$$
\frac{\partial F}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \Big[ P_{\text{qg}} \Big( \frac{x}{y} \Big) 2 \sum_i e_i^2 x g(y, Q^2) \Big] \n\to F_2(x, Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda s} \quad \text{where } \lambda_s = \lambda_g - \epsilon
$$

So slope of low x gluon gets steeper as  $Q^2$  increases.  $\rightarrow$  Slope of F<sub>2</sub> at low x gets steeper as Q<sup>2</sup> increases.



 $F_2(x,Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda s}$ ,  $\lambda s = \lambda g - \varepsilon$ 

So what's the problem?– this expected steepness of  $\mathsf{F}_2$  is happening TOO EARLY



Should perturbative QCD work?  $\alpha_s$  is becoming large  $-\alpha_s$  at Q<sup>2</sup> ~ 1 GeV<sup>2</sup> is ~ 0.4

There is another reason why the application of conventional DGLAP at low x is questionable:

The splitting functions,  $P(x) = P^0(x) + P^1(x) \alpha_s(Q^2) + P^2(x) \alpha_s^2(Q^2)$ have contributions,  $\blacksquare$  $\times$  1  $\times$  $(1)$ 

$$
P^{n}(x) = \frac{1}{x} \left[ a_n \ln^{n} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + b_n \ln^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) \right]
$$

dominant at small x

Their contribution to the PDF comes from,

$$
\frac{\partial q(x, Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} P(x) q(y, Q^2)
$$

 $\rightarrow$  and thus give rise to contributions to the PDF of the form,  $\alpha_s^P(Q^2)(\ln Q^2)^q\left(\ln\frac{1}{r}\right)^r$ 

> $LL(Q^2)$  $NLL(Q<sup>2</sup>)$ Leading  $log(Q^2)$ :

conventionally in LO DGLAP:  $p = q \ge r \ge 0$ NLO:  $p = q + 1 \ge r \ge 0$ 

But if  $\ln(1/\chi)$  is large, we should also consider,

$$
p = r \ge q \ge 1
$$
  

$$
p = r + 1 \ge q \ge 1
$$

 $LL(1/x)$  $NLL(1/x)$ Leading log(1/x):

This is what is meant by BFKL summation.



Diagrammatically, Leading  $logQ^2 \rightarrow$  *strong*  $p_t$  ordering

$$
Q^2 >> p_{t_i}^2 >> p_{t_i-1}^2 ... >> p_{t_1}^2
$$

and at small *x* we also have strong ordering in *x*

$$
x \ll x_i \ll x_{i-1} \ldots \ll p_{t_1}^2
$$
  
\n
$$
\Rightarrow
$$
 leading ln(1 / x)

 $\rightarrow$  double leading logs  $\alpha_s \ln Q^2 \ln(1/x)$  at small x But why not sum up  $\alpha_s \ln(1/x)$  independent of Q<sup>2</sup>?

 $\rightarrow$  Diagrams ordered in *x*, but *not* in  $p_t$ BFKL formalism

$$
\Rightarrow x g(x, Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda}
$$
  

$$
\lambda = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_A \ln 2 \approx 0.5
$$
 for  $\alpha_s \sim 0.25$  (low Q<sup>2</sup>)

 $\rightarrow$  A singular gluon behaviour even at moderate Q<sup>2</sup>

 $\rightarrow$  Is this the reason for the steep behaviour of F2 at low-x?

IS there a "BFKL Pomeron".

Pomerons are another story: basically they control the rise with energy of total hadron-hadron cross section, related by the optical theorem to the hadron-hadron elastic amplitude. The flavourless exchange in this could be mediated by a 'Pomeron' now believed to be multi-gluon exchange

## Need to extend the formalism?





AND there are further theoretical problems from non-linear effects.

What if the steep rise of the gluon density at small x means that the gluon density becomes so large that gluon recombination becomes important?



gluon ladders recombine

and why stop at only  $2$ ?  $-$  this is a kind of low x "higher twist" effect



- SO there are various reasons to worry that conventional LO, NLO, NNLO  $ln(Q^2)$ summations – as embodied in the DGLAP equations may be inadequate
- It was a surprise to see  $F_2$  steep at small x - even for very very low  $Q^2$ ,  $Q^2 \sim 1$ GeV<sup>2</sup>
- 1. Should perturbative QCD work?  $\alpha_s$  is becoming large  $-\alpha_s$  at Q<sup>2</sup> ~ 1 GeV<sup>2</sup> is ~ 0.4
- 2. There hasn't been enough lever arm in Q<sup>2</sup> for evolution, but even the starting distribution is steep- **this HUGE rise at low-x makes us think**
- 3. there **should be** ln(1/x) resummation  $(BFKL)$  as well as the traditional  $In(Q<sup>2</sup>)$ DGLAP resummation- BFKL predicted  $F_2(x,Q^2) \sim x^{-\lambda s}$ , with  $\lambda_s = 0.5$ , even at low  $Q^2$
- 4. and/or there should be non-linear high density corrections for  $x < 5$  10  $^{-3}$

#### Colour Glass Condensate, JIMWLK, BK



Higher twist

$$
\ln Q^2 \longrightarrow
$$

Extending the conventional DGLAP equations across the x, Q2 plane

Plenty of debate about the positions of these lines!



Does the data need unconventional explanations?

- $\ln(1/\sqrt{2})$  terms in the splitting factors
- **CCFM** ٠
- modified BFKL

Afficionados claim  $\chi^2$  improvements over conventional NLLA DGLAP...

But, one seems to be able to use DGLAP by absorbing unconventional behaviour in the boundary conditions i.e. the unknown shapes of the non-perturbative parton distributions at  $Q_0^2$ 

We measure, 
$$
F_2 \sim x q
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{dF_2}{d \ln Q^2} \sim P_{qg} \cdot x g
$$
\nwe can explain unusually steep  $\frac{dF_2}{d \ln Q^2}$  by:

unusual  $P_{\alpha\alpha} \rightarrow$  eg  $ln(^{1}/_{x})$  BFKL OR unusual  $x g(x,Q_0^2) \rightarrow$  "valence-like" gluon etc.

 $\rightarrow$  measure other gluon sensitive quantities at low x:  $F_1$ ,  $F_{c\overline{c}}^2$ 

But  $F^2$ <sub>c</sub> gave us more information on the heavy quark scheme than on the gluon....



And  $F_1$  ? Well  $F_1$  was never very accurately measured at HERA (or anywhere else)



The red is the usual DGLAP The green adds  $ln(1/x)$  resummation

# BUT…

arXIV:1710.05935

A paper in which ln(1/x) BFKL resummation is worked out in detail and applied to the NNPDF fits giving NNPDF3.1sx PDF set.

WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG?

This is partly because a) it's a very difficult calculation- the program is called HELL (High Energy Leading Log resummation)

b) Data were not accurate enough until the final HERA combination data arXIV: 1506.06042

### Consequences for the HERAPDF PDF fit (arXIV:1802.00064) 1.The χ2 is VASTLY improved– not just a bit





2. The improvement comes at low-x and low- $Q<sup>2</sup>$  the worst fitted region



where the xF3 structure function is negligible and the reduced cross section is

$$
\sigma_{\rm red} = F_2 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L \,,
$$

3. And affects the high-y/low-x turn over of the cross-section  $y=Q^2/(s.x)$ , which fits much better because  $\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{L}}$  is predicted to be larger

4. FL is gluon dominated and the gluon now has a much more reasonable shape…..and relationship to the sea

This is really all we have time for

But there are many other interesting topics

What happens at lower Q2, where the scattering is not so deep and perturbative QCD cannot be used?

What can semi-inclusive final states e,g, vector meson production tell us

What can diffractive processes tell us

I encourage you to carry on studying

### Linear DGLAP evolution doesn't work for  $\leq$  1 GeV2, WHAT does? – REGGE ideas?



Small x is high W<sup>2</sup>, x=Q<sup>2</sup>/2p.q Q<sup>2</sup>/W<sup>2</sup>

 $Q^2$ 

q

 $\sum_{x} p_x^2 = W^2$  $\sigma(\gamma^*p) \sim (W^2)^{\alpha-1}$  – Regge prediction for high-energy hadron-hadron cross sections  $\alpha$  is the intercept of the Regge trajectory  $\alpha$ =1.08 for the SOFT POMERON

Such energy dependence is well established from the SLOW RISE of all hadron-hadron cross-sections - including  $\sigma(\gamma p) \sim (W^2)^{0.08}$ for real photon-proton scattering

For virtual photons, at small x  $\sigma(\gamma^*p) = 4\pi^2\alpha$  F<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow \quad \sigma \sim (W^2)^{\alpha-1} \rightarrow F_2 \sim X^{1-\alpha} = X^{-\lambda}$ so a SOFT POMERON would imply  $\lambda = 0.08$  gives only a very gentle rise

of  $F_2$  at small x

For  $Q^2 > 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup> we have observed a much stronger rise.....





So is there a HARD POMERON corresponding to this steep rise?

A QCD POMERON,  $\alpha(Q^2) - 1 = \lambda(Q^2)$ 

A BFKL POMERON,  $\alpha - 1 = \lambda = 0.5$ 

A mixture of HARD and SOFT Pomerons to explain the transition  $Q^2 = 0$  to high  $Q^2$ ?

# Dipole models provide another way to model the transition  $Q^2=0$  to high  $Q^2$

At low x,  $\gamma^*$  toqq and the LONG LIVED (qq) dipole scatters from the proton



The dipole-proton cross section depends on the relative size of the dipole  $r \sim 1/Q$  to the separation of gluons in the target  $R_0$ 





### GBW dipole model



is a new scaling variable, applicable at small x τ

It can be used to define a 'saturation scale',  $Q^2$ <sub>s</sub> =  $1/R_0^2(x) \sim x^{-\lambda} \sim x g(x)$ , gluon density

- such that saturation extends to higher  $Q^2$  as x decreases

Some understanding of this scaling, of saturation and of dipole models is coming from work on non-linear evolution equations applicable at high density– Colour Glass Condensate, JIMWLK, Balitsky-Kovchegov. There can be very significant consequences for high energy cross-sections e.g. neutrino cross-sections – also predictions for heavy ions-RHIC, diffractive interactions – Tevatron, HERA and the LHC- even some understanding of soft hadronic physics

Do we understand the rise of hadron-hadron cross-sections at all?

Could there always have been a hard Pomeron- is this why the effective Pomeron intercept is 1.08 rather than 1.00?

Does the hard Pomeron mix in more strongly at higher energies? What about the at the LHC?





Pre ATLAS prediction with uncertainty from assumptions on mixing in of hard Pomeron

### If anything TOTEM result looks even steeper

### What about the Froissart bound?