

# What is the Pomeron? Recent Results on Diffraction from the HERA $ep$ Collider

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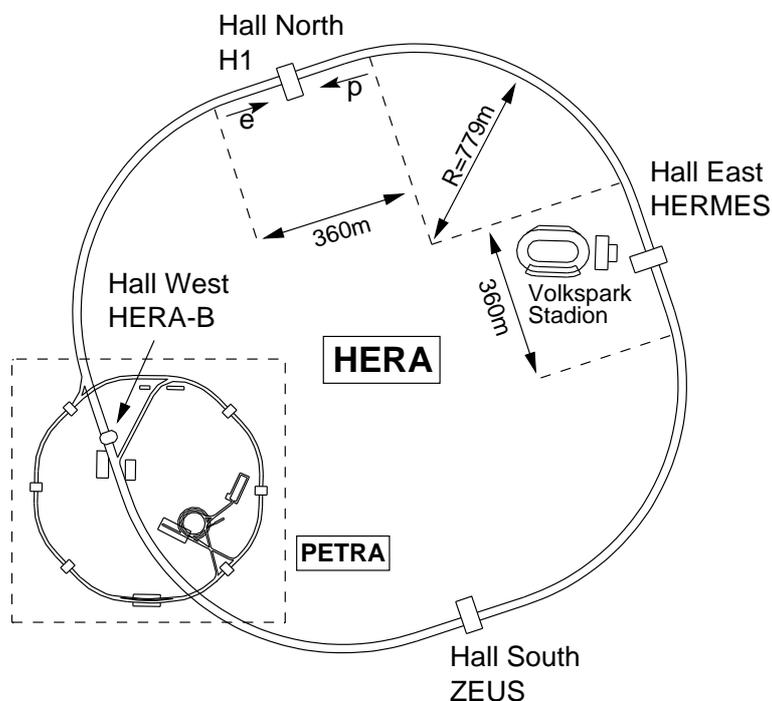


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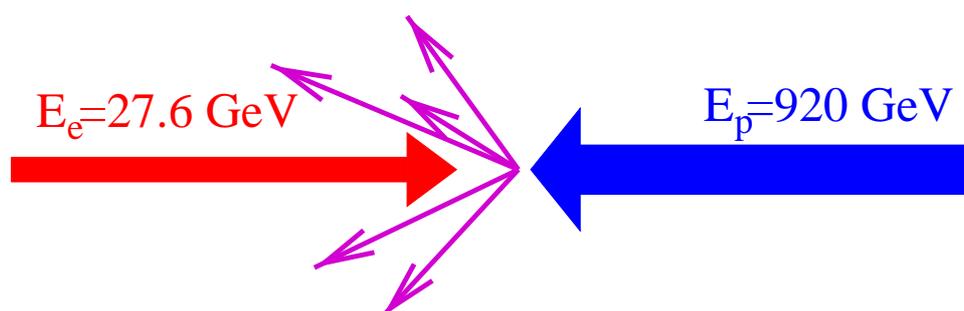
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## The HERA $ep$ collider



- HERA is the first and only accelerator in which electrons and protons are stored in two counterrotating beams



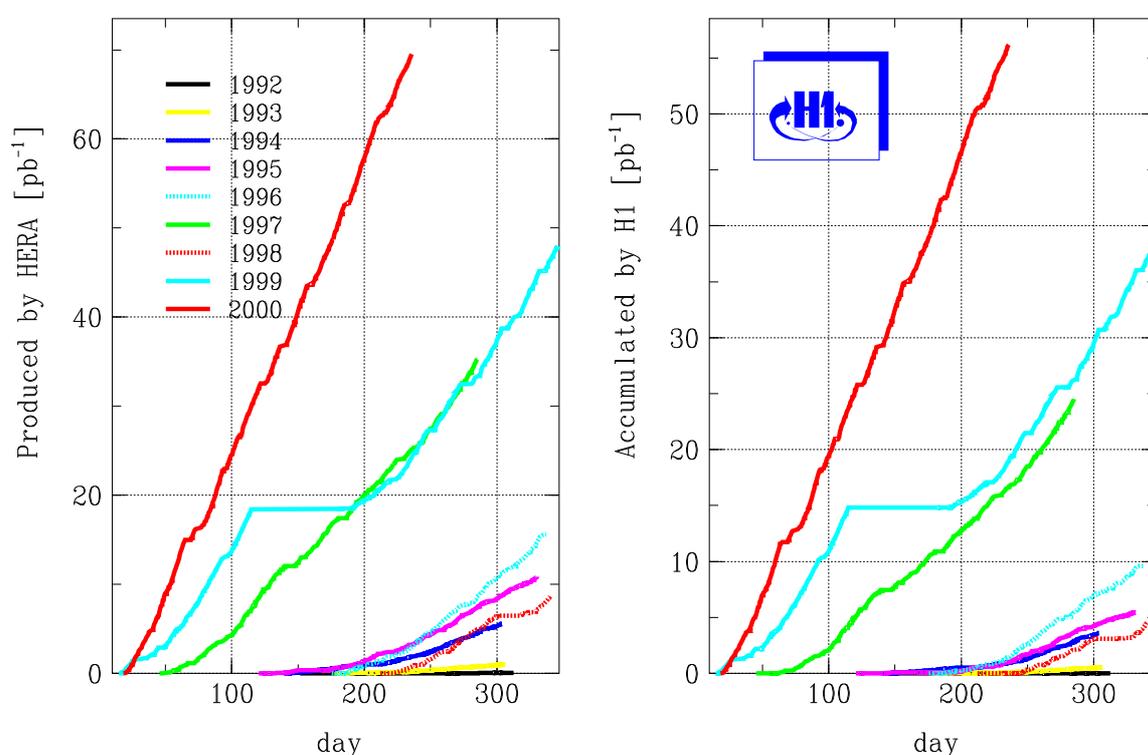
H1, ZEUS:  $ep$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 320$  GeV

HERA-B:  $p$ -beam on fixed target: CP violation in  $B^0 \bar{B}^0$

HERMES:  $e$ -beam on polarized target: Spin structure

## H1 and ZEUS: $ep$ collisions

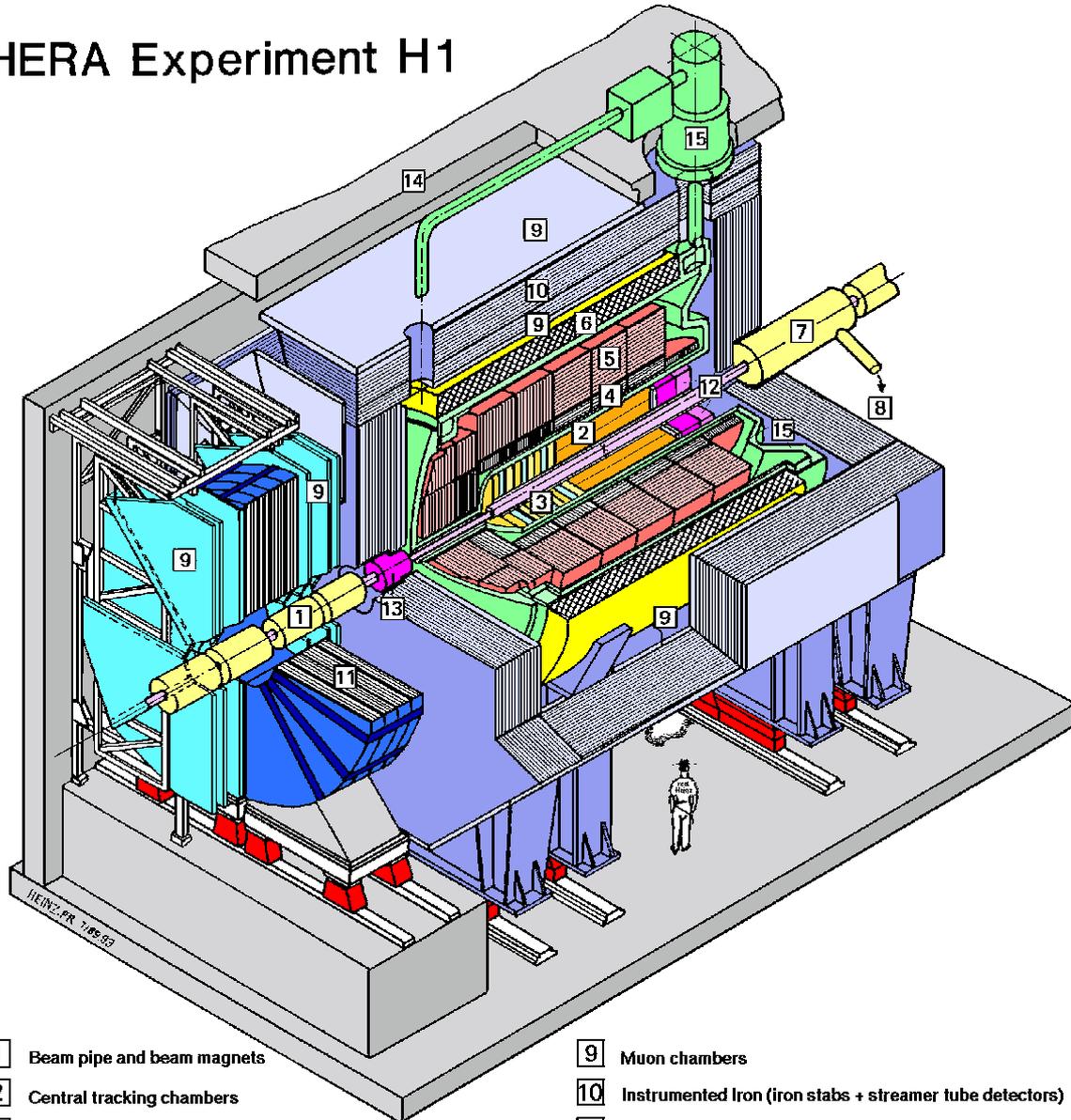
- HERA Run I (1993-2000) just completed in September
- Impressive Performance: HERA now performing at design parameters:  $L = 1.5 \cdot 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- H1 and ZEUS now each have  $> 100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  on tape



- Lumi upgrade program (Machine and Experiments) in progress to **increase Luminosity by factor 5 !**
- HERA Run II will start Summer 2001

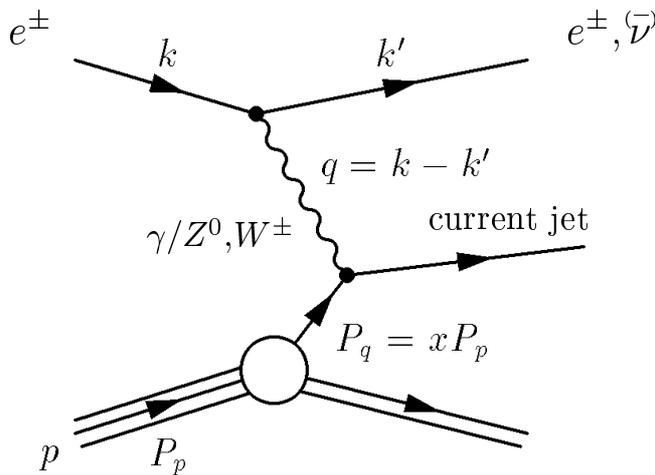
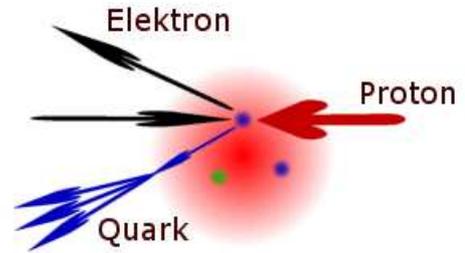
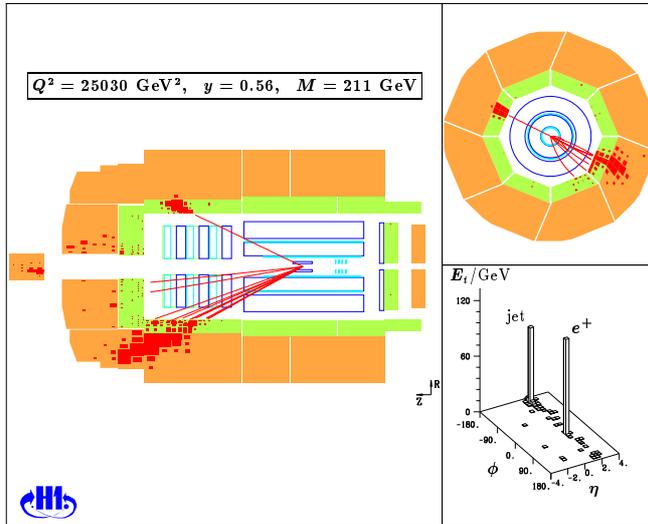
# The H1 Detector at HERA

## HERA Experiment H1



- |   |   |    |  |
|---|---|----|--|
| 1 | Beam pipe and beam magnets                | 9  | Muon chambers  |
| 2 | Central tracking chambers                 | 10 | Instrumented Iron (iron stabs + streamer tube detectors) |
| 3 | Forward tracking and Transition radiators | 11 | Muon toroid magnet                                       |
| 4 | Electromagnetic Calorimeter (lead)        | 12 | Warm electromagnetic calorimeter                         |
| 5 | Hadronic Calorimeter (stainless steel)    | 13 | Plug calorimeter (Cu, Si)                                |
| 6 | Superconducting coil (1.2T)               | 14 | Concrete shielding                                       |
| 7 | Compensating magnet                       | 15 | Liquid Argon cryostat                                    |
| 8 | Helium cryogenics                         |    |  |

# Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



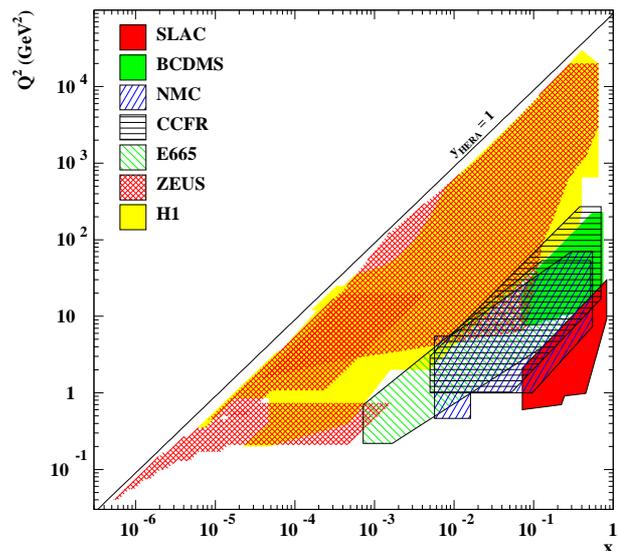
$$Q^2 = -q^2 = (k - k')^2$$

Photon virtuality,  
"Resolution power"

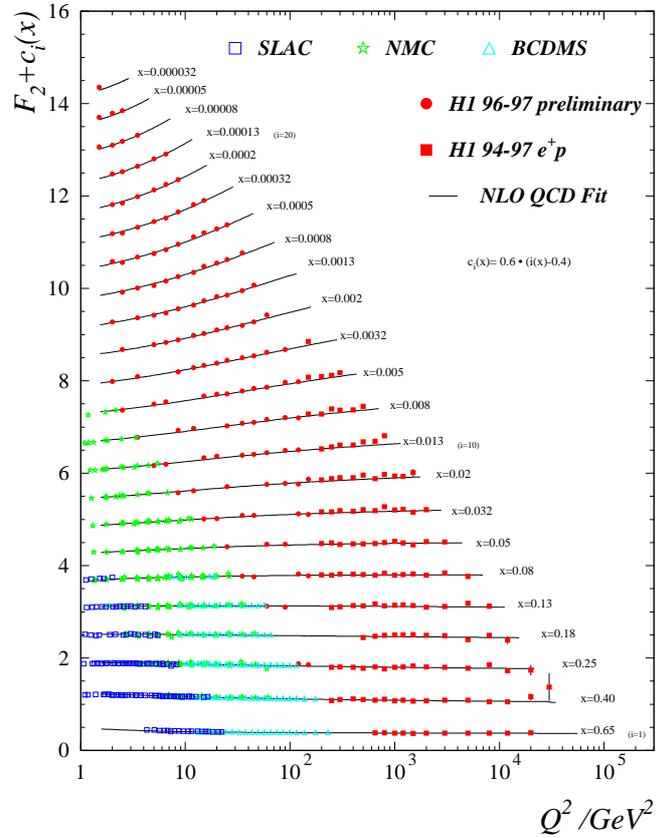
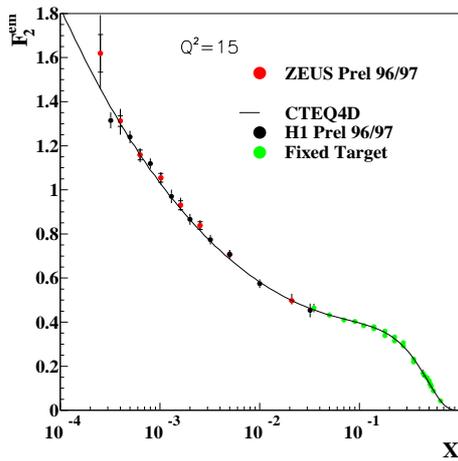
$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2P \cdot q} \quad (0 < x < 1)$$

Parton momentum  
fraction in  $p$

HERA probes  $p$  at two orders of magnitude higher  $Q^2$  at fixed  $x$  than fixed target experiments

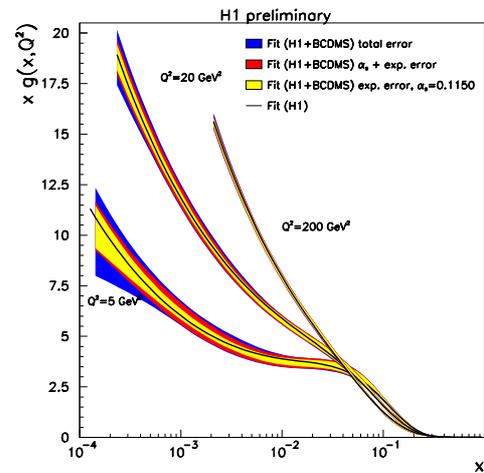
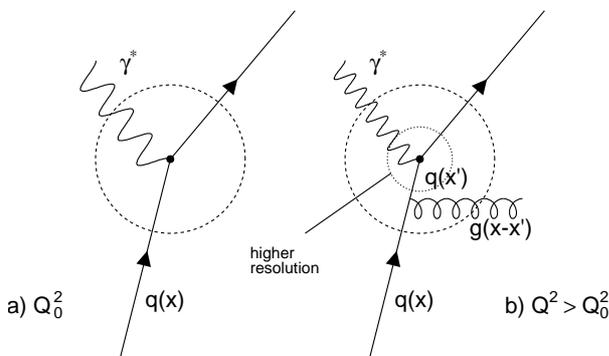


# Proton Structure $F_2(x, Q^2)$



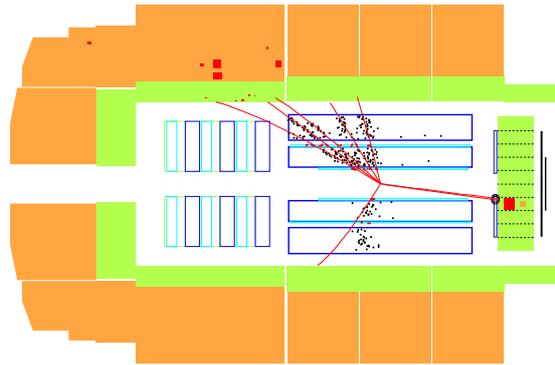
$$\frac{dq_i(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \left[ q_i(z, Q^2) P_{qq} \left( \frac{x}{z} \right) + g(z, Q^2) P_{qg} \left( \frac{x}{z} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{dg(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \left[ \sum_i q_i(z, Q^2) P_{gq} \left( \frac{x}{z} \right) + g(z, Q^2) P_{gg} \left( \frac{x}{z} \right) \right]$$

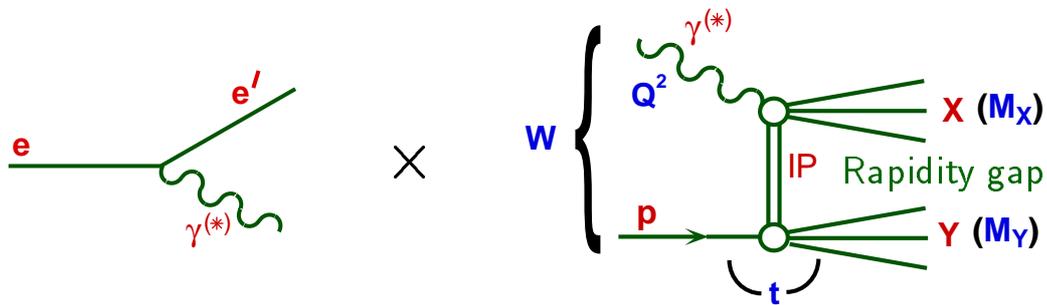


## “Large Rapidity Gap” (LRG) Events

- 10% of DIS events at low  $Q^2 = 4 \dots 100 \text{ GeV}^2$  exhibit large gap without hadronic activity in outgoing  $p$  region



- $\gamma^*$  scatters off colorless state in  $p$ , the “Pomeron”
- $p$  (or low-mass excitation) escapes through beampipe



$t = (p - p')^2$ : (momentum transfer)<sup>2</sup> at  $p$  vertex  
 $M_X, M_Y$ : Masses of  $X$  and  $Y$

$$x_{IP} = \frac{q \cdot (p - Y)}{q \cdot p} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2 - M_p^2}$$

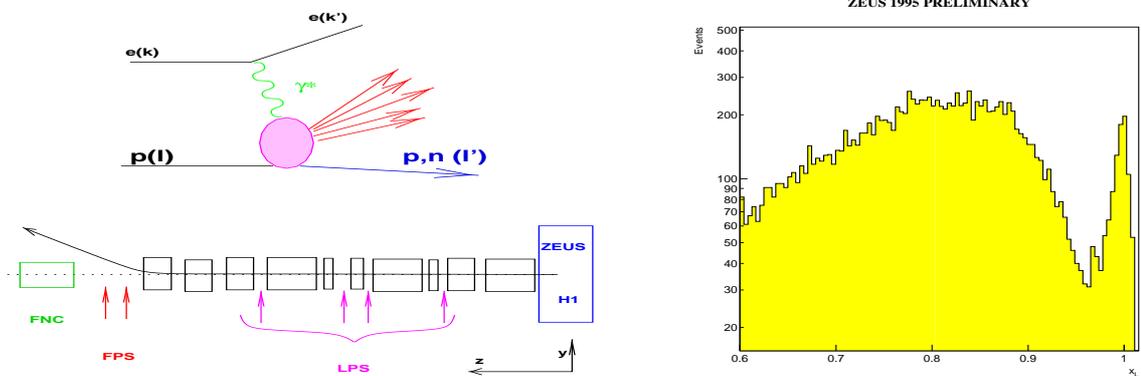
→ long. momentum fraction transferred from  $p$  to exchange

$$\beta = \frac{-q^2}{q \cdot (p - Y)} = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}$$

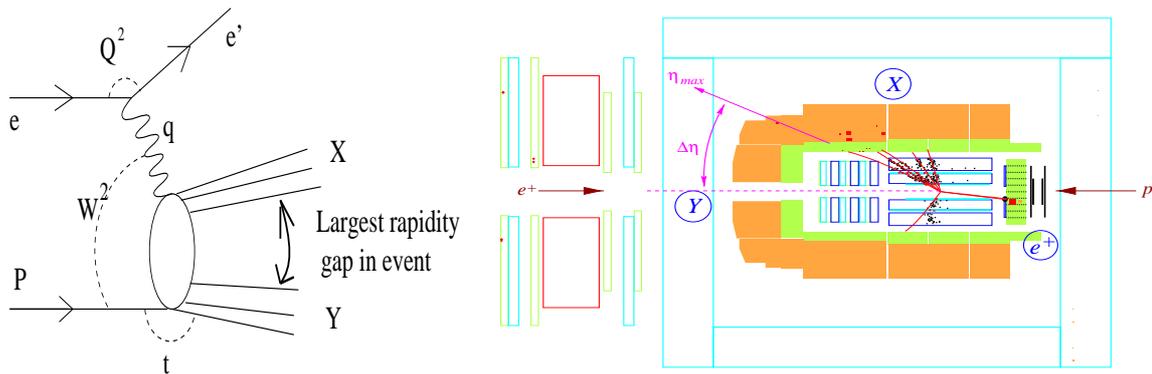
→ fraction of exchange momentum carried by  $q$  coupling to  $\gamma$

## Selection of LRG events

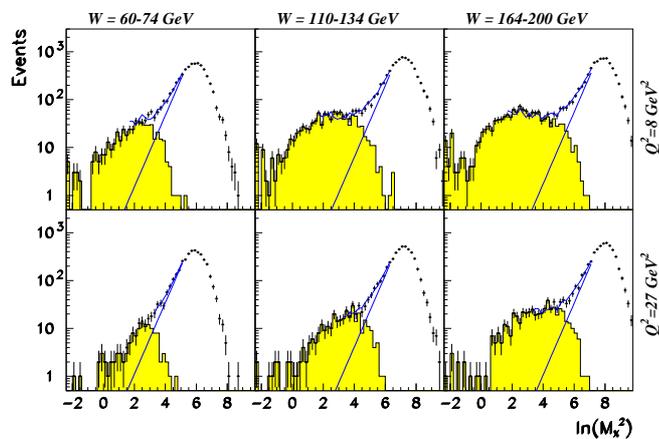
1. Tagging of  $p$  with "Roman Pots" (measure  $t$ , but low stat.):



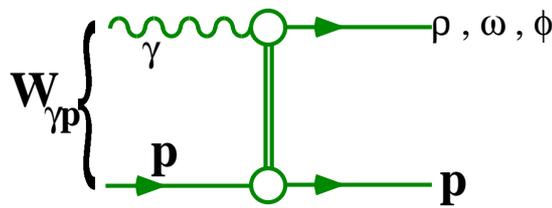
2. Large Rapidity Gap Requirement (integr. over  $M_Y, t$ ):



3. Analysis of final state  $M_X$  system (integr. over  $M_Y, t$ ):



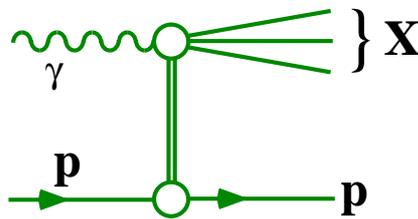
## Colour singlet exchange processes in $\gamma^*p$ interactions



QUASI ELASTIC  
VECTOR MESON  
PRODUCTION

**(EL)**

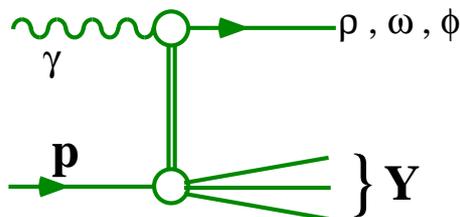
$$\gamma p \longrightarrow V p$$



SINGLE PHOTON  
DISSOCIATION

**(GD)**

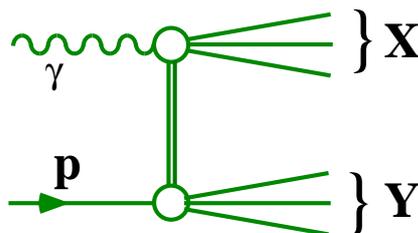
$$\gamma p \longrightarrow X p$$



SINGLE PROTON  
DISSOCIATION

**(PD)**

$$\gamma p \longrightarrow V Y$$



DOUBLE  
DISSOCIATION

**(DD)**

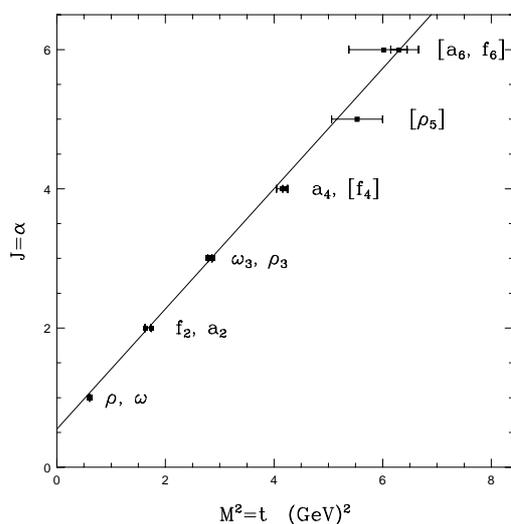
$$\gamma p \longrightarrow X Y$$

→ Photon  $\gamma^*$  can either fluctuate into vector meson or dissociate into high-mass system  $X$

→ Proton  $p$  either stays intact (elastic scattering) or dissociates into low-mass baryonic system  $Y$

## History: The Pomeron in soft Hadron-Hadron Interactions

- 1960's: pre-QCD era
- **Regge model**: Describe soft hadron-hadron interactions by exchange of mesons with appropriate quantum numbers
- Observation: Family of mesons with same quantum numbers (except  $J$ ) lie on "Trajectory" in  $(m^2, J)$  space:



$\alpha(t)$ : generalized complex  $J$

Parameterisation:

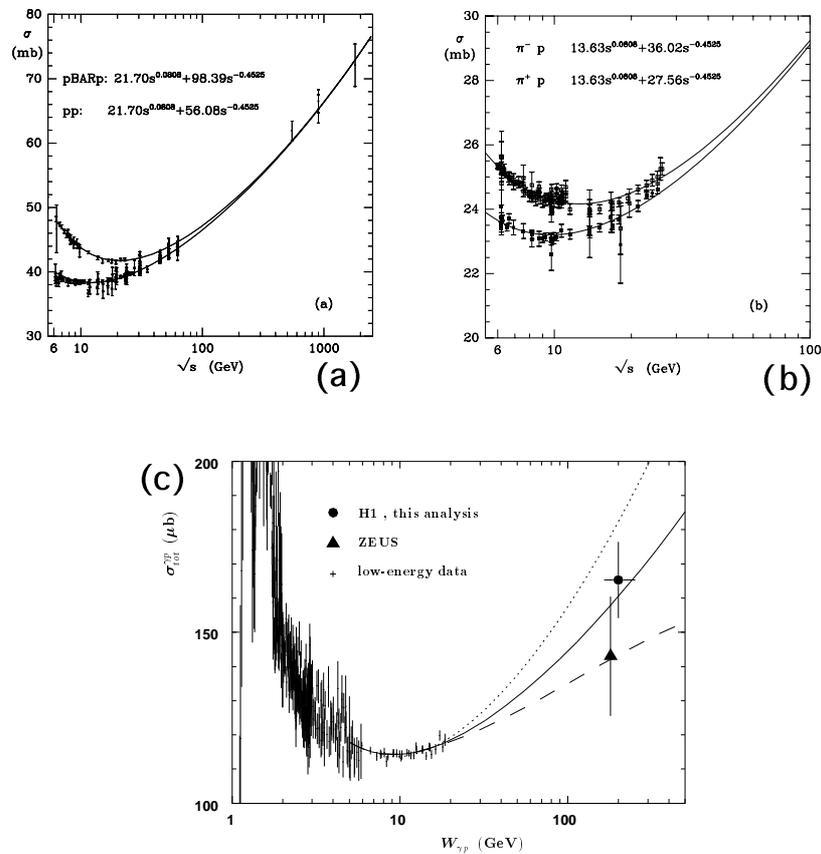
$$\alpha(t) = \alpha(0) + \alpha' t$$

- Express elastic and total cross sections in terms of  $\alpha(t)$ :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim \frac{1}{s^2} |T(s, t)|^2 = f(t) \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{2\alpha(t)-2}$$

$$\sigma_{tot} \sim \frac{1}{s} \text{Im}(T(s, t))|_{(t=0)} = s^{\alpha(0)-1}$$

## Can Meson Trajectories fully describe soft hadronic hadrons?



→ **No!** Increase of  $\sigma_{tot}$  at high energies can not be described by known Meson Trajectories

$$\sigma_{tot}(s) \sim s^{\alpha(0)-1} \sim s^{-0.5} \quad (\alpha_{\text{Mesons}}(0) = 0.5)$$

- New Trajectory invented, the **“Pomeron”**
- carries vacuum quantum numbers

$$\alpha_{IP}(t) = 1.08 + 0.25 t$$

But today's question:

Can we understand the **“Pomeron”** in terms of QCD ??

## LRG at HERA: DIS off the “Pomeron”

Most general case: Define five-fold differential cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma(ep \rightarrow eXY)}{dx_{\mathbb{P}} dt dM_Y d\beta dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{\beta Q^4} \left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2(1+R^{D(5)})}\right) \times F_2^{D(5)}(x_{\mathbb{P}}, t, M_Y, \beta, Q^2)$$

$R^{D(5)}$  : Ratio  $\sigma_L/\sigma_T \rightarrow$  neglected!

If  $Y$  is not measured, integrate over  $M_Y, t$

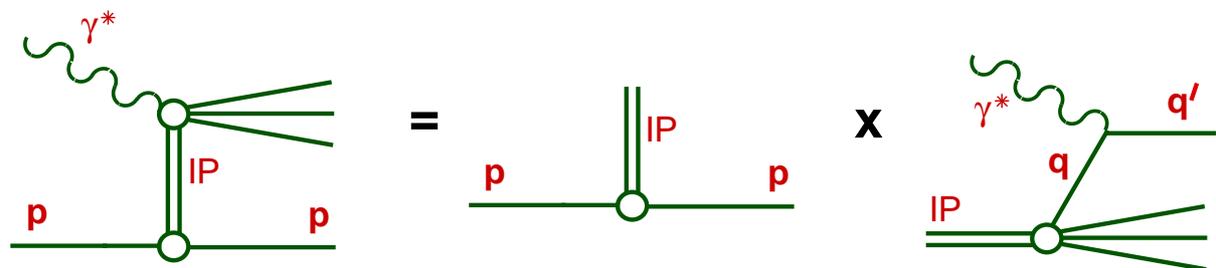
$$\frac{d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow eXY}}{dx_{\mathbb{P}} d\beta dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{\beta Q^4} \left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2}\right) F_2^{D(3)}(x_{\mathbb{P}}, \beta, Q^2)$$

Inclusive diffractive DIS:

$Q^2 \gg 0 \text{ GeV}^2$ , small  $M_X$ , small  $M_Y$ :

- $x_{\mathbb{P}} \ll 1$  (H1:  $x_{\mathbb{P}} < 0.05$ )
- small  $|t|$  (H1:  $|t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
- small  $M_Y$  (H1:  $M_Y < 1.6 \text{ GeV}$ )

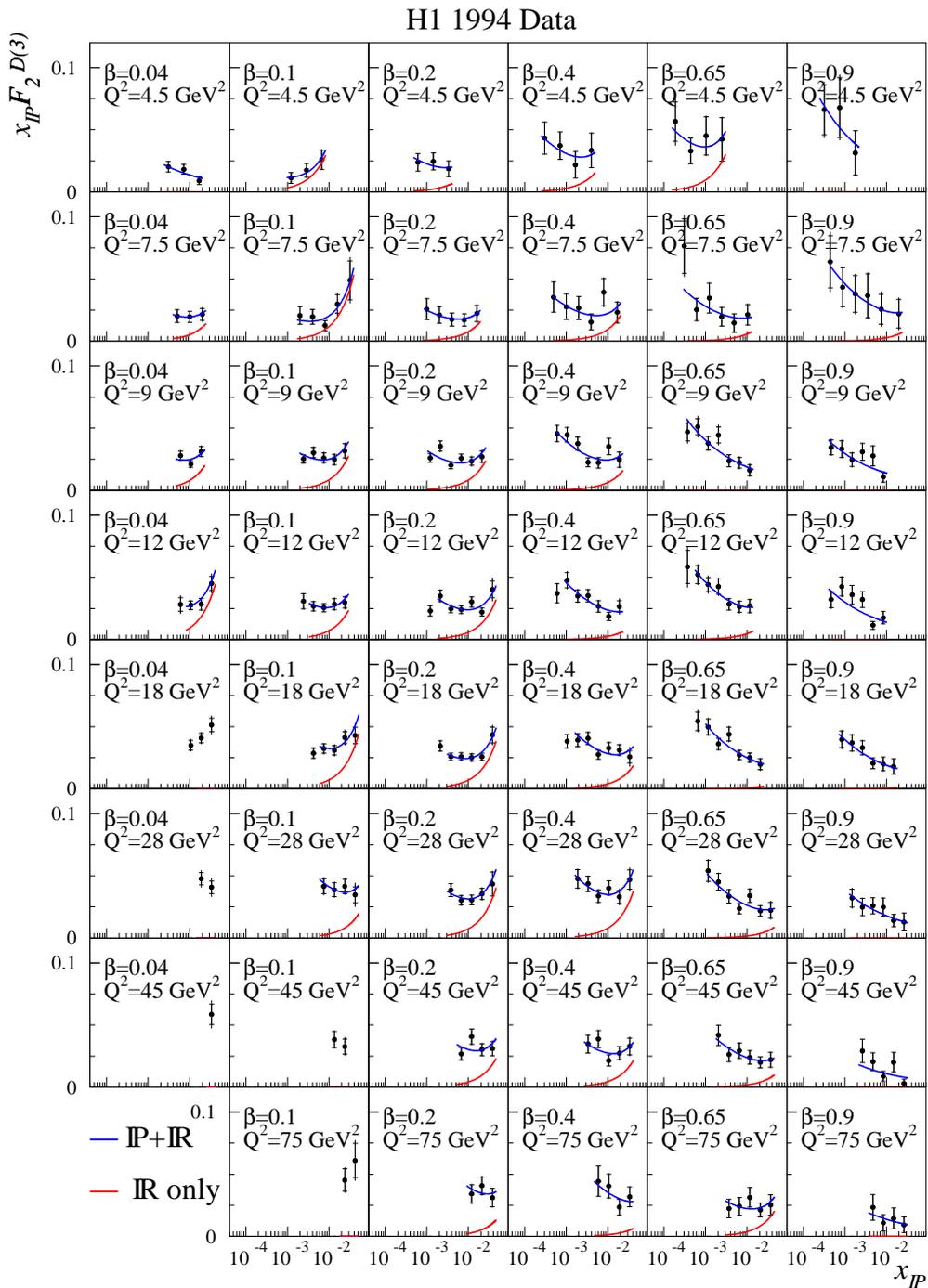
Factorizable Ansatz (Ingelman-Schlein, “resolved Pomeron”):



$$F_2^{D(3)}(x_{\mathbb{P}}, \beta, Q^2) \propto f_{\mathbb{P}/p}(x_{\mathbb{P}}) \times F_2^{\mathbb{P}}(\beta, Q^2)$$

# The diffractive Structure Function $F_2^{D(3)}$

Measurement of  $F_2^{D(3)}(x_{IP}, \beta, Q^2)$  by H1:



## Regge parametrization of $F_2^{D(3)}$

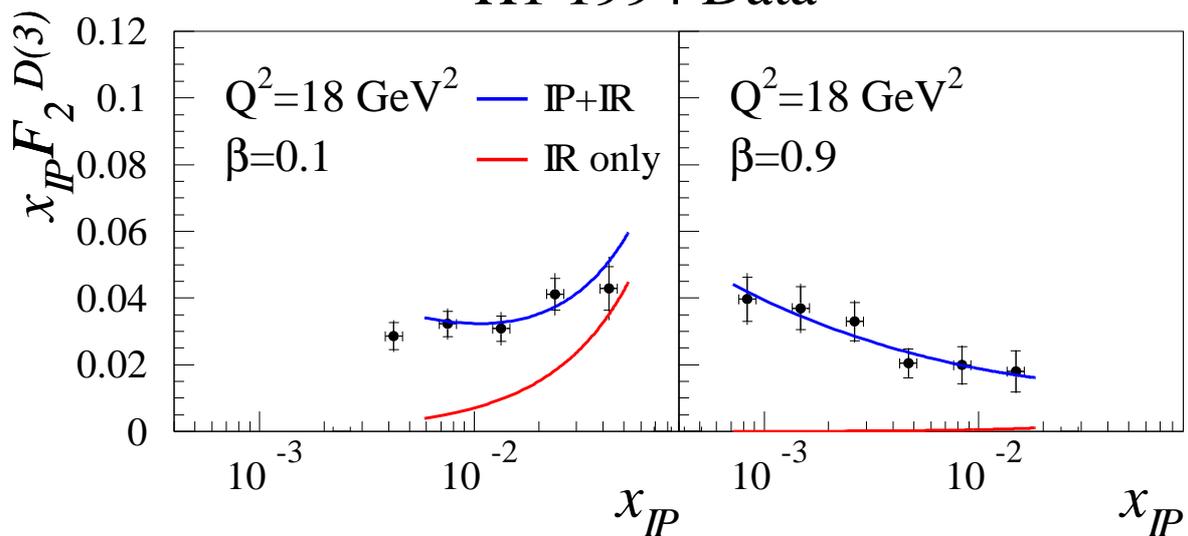
Parametrize long-distance physics at  $p$  vertex using Regge phenomenology:

$$f_{\mathbb{P}/p}(x_{\mathbb{P}}) = \int_{-1 \text{ GeV}^2}^{t_{\min}(x_{\mathbb{P}})} \left( \frac{1}{x_{\mathbb{P}}} \right)^{2\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t)-1} e^{b_{\mathbb{P}}t} dt$$

with  $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t) = \alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) + \alpha'_{\mathbb{P}}t$

$F_2^{D(3)}$  (H1 1994):  $x_{\mathbb{P}}$  dependence varies with  $\beta$

### H1 1994 Data



→ Additional sub-leading exchange necessary:

$$F_2^{D(3)} = f_{\mathbb{P}/p}(x_{\mathbb{P}}) F_2^{\mathbb{P}}(\beta, Q^2) + f_{\mathbb{R}/p}(x_{\mathbb{P}}) F_2^{\mathbb{R}}(\beta, Q^2)$$

H1 phenomenological Regge fits with free parameters:

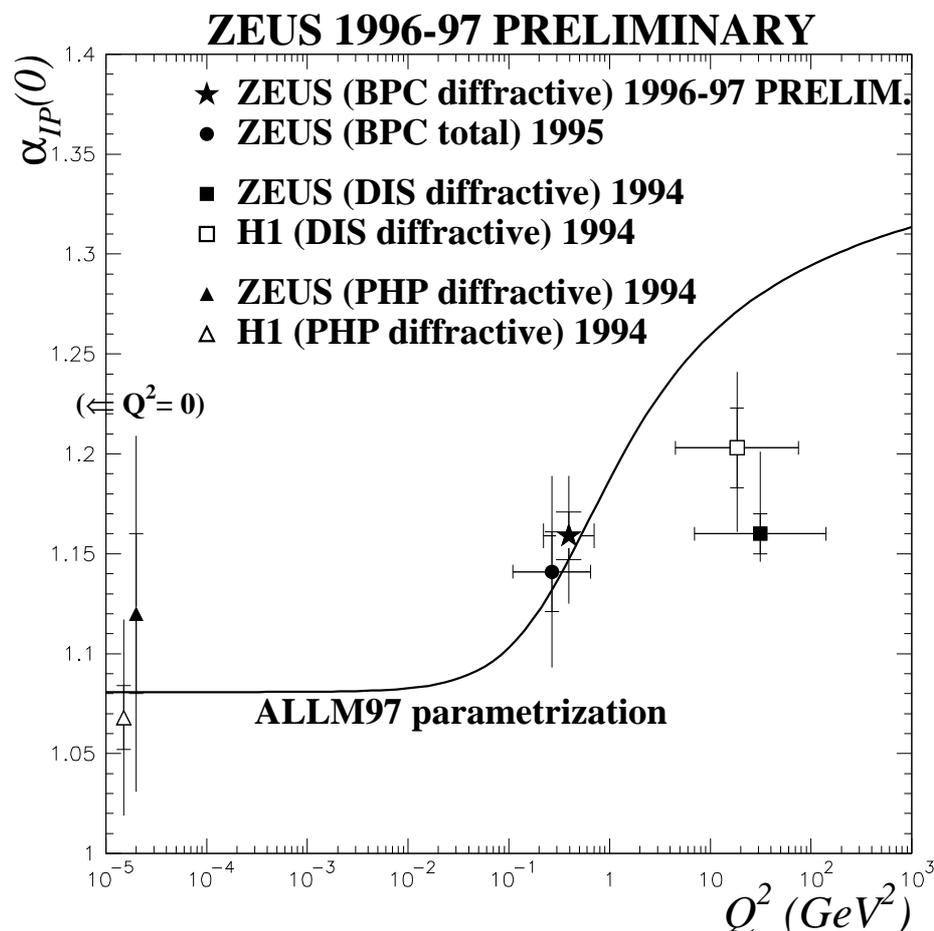
$$\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0), \alpha_{\mathbb{R}}(0), F_2^{\mathbb{P}}(\beta, Q^2), F_2^{\mathbb{R}}(\beta, Q^2)$$

## The Pomeron intercept $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0)$

Result from the H1 Regge fit:

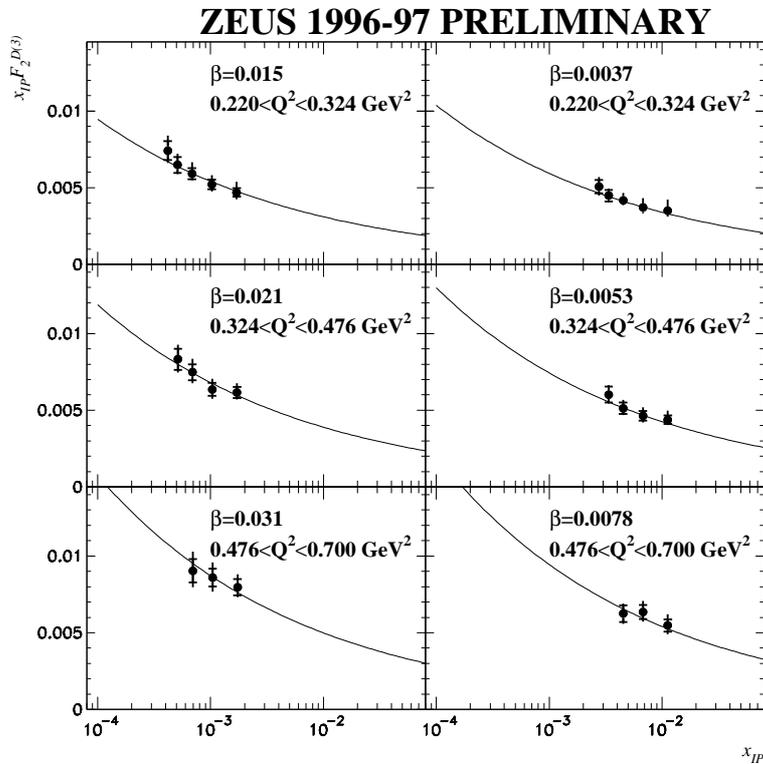
- $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) = 1.203 \pm 0.020 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.035$   
higher than in soft hadron-hadron physics ( $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}^{soft} = 1.08$ )
- $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}(0) = 0.50 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.10$   
consistent with  $f, \omega, \rho$ , etc. exchange

→ Diffractive DIS at HERA dominated by  $\mathbb{P}$  exchange!

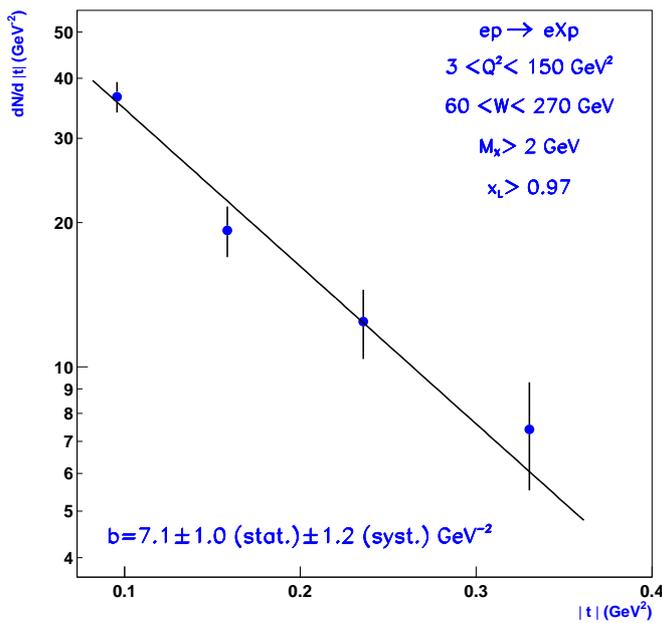


Does  $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0)$  vary with scale ( $Q^2$ ) ?

# ZEUS measurement of $F_2^D$ at very low $Q^2$



## Measurement of the $t$ dependence



$t$  measured tagging  
outgoing  $p$  in  
Roman Pots

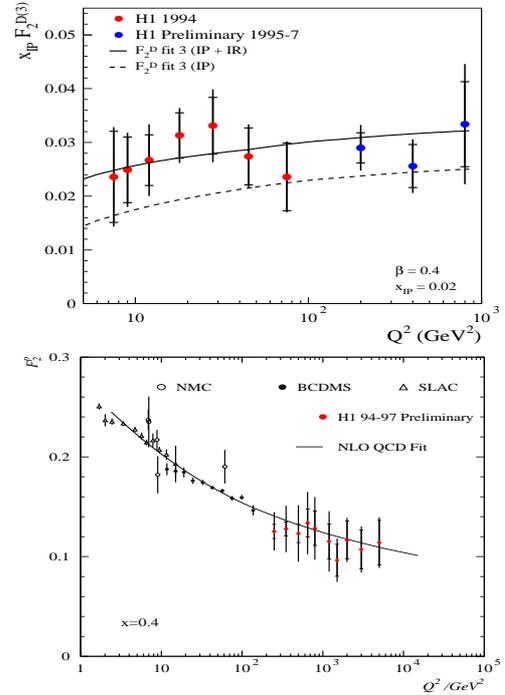
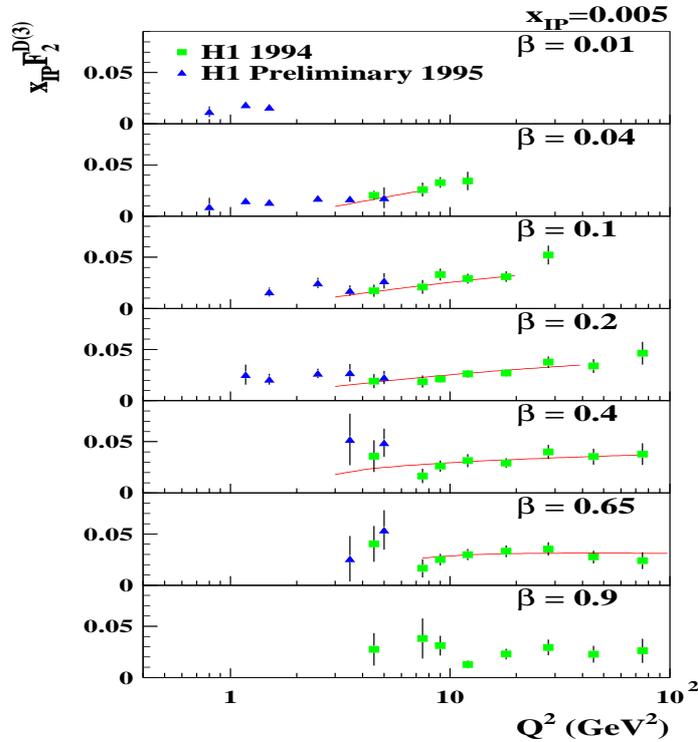
Fit to  $\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto e^{bt}$  yields:

$$b = 7.1 \pm 1.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Consistent with  
hadron-hadron scattering

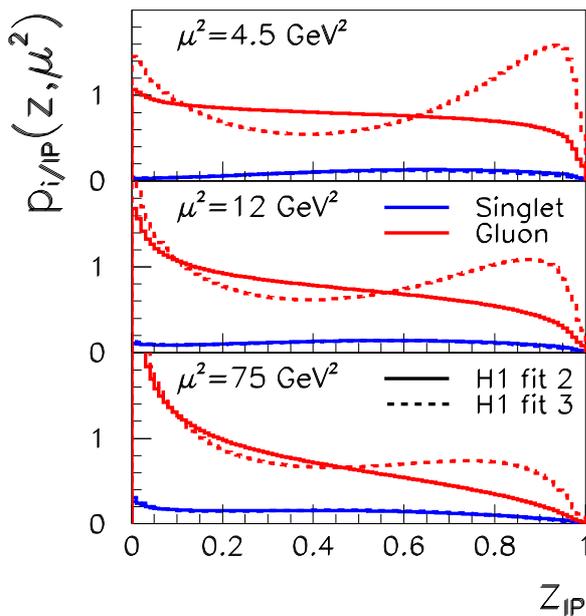
# QCD Analysis of $F_2^{IP}(\beta, Q^2)$ (H1)

H1 observes scaling violations:



Strongly suggestive of exchange driven by gluons!

DGALP QCD analysis of scaling violations (a la  $F_2(x, Q^2)$ ):



→ Gluons carry  
80...90% of  
 $IP$  momentum!

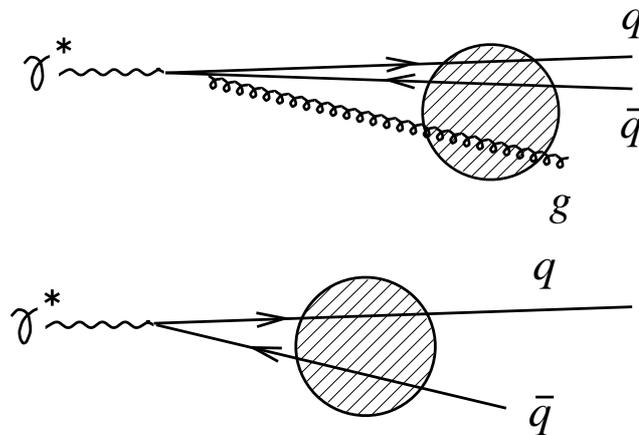
→ Large uncertainty  
in shape of gluon  
distribution!

## Phenom. Models / QCD Calculations

“partonic Pomeron” model not only way to explain LRG events!

Color Dipole / 2-gluon Exchange Models:

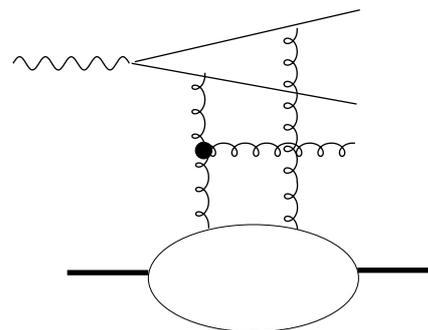
- In proton rest frame:  $q\bar{q}$  and  $q\bar{q}g$  fluctuations of  $\gamma^*$ :



$$\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma^* p}(x, Q^2) \sim \int d^2r \int_0^1 d\alpha |\Psi_{T,L}(\alpha, r)|^2 \hat{\sigma}(x, r^2)^2$$

- Simplest case: 2 gluons:

- $\hat{\sigma}^2 \sim |x_{IP} g(x_{IP}, \mu^2)|^2$



- Small size, high  $p_T$  dipole x.sec. should be calc. in QCD
- Large size, small  $p_T$  dipole x.sec. sim. to soft  $pp$

## Dipole models which treat interaction by 2-gluon exchange:

### (1) Saturation Model

- by Golec-Biernat, Wüsthoff
- Ansatz for  $\sigma_{Dipole}$  which interpolates between pert. ( $\sim 1/Q^2$ ) and non-pert. ( $\sim const.$ ) parts of  $F_2(x, Q^2)$
- parameters fixed by fit to  $F_2(x, Q^2)$ ,  $\sigma^D$  then predicted
- implemented assuming **strong  $p_T$  ordering**  $p_{T,g} \ll p_{T,q\bar{q}}$

### (1) BJLW Model

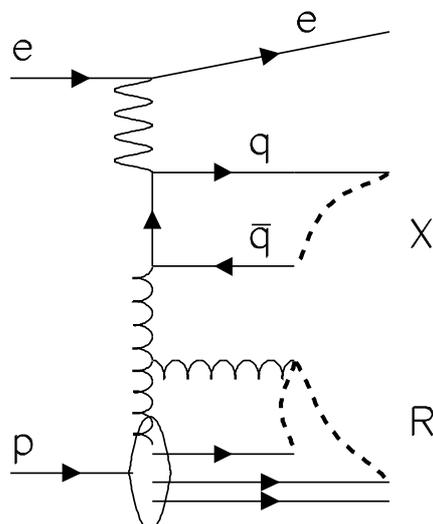
- by Bartels, Jung, Lotter, Wüsthoff
- calculation in low- $\beta$ , low- $x_{IP}$  limit
- for  $q\bar{q}g$  require high  $p_T$  of all 3 partons (only for Jets!)  
i.e. NO soft  $IP$  remnant!
- **non  $p_T$ -ordered contri**s included

## Dipole model with non-perturbative treatment of interaction:

### (3) Semiclassical Model

- by Buchmüller, Gehrman, Hebecker
- in  $p$  rest frame:  $q\bar{q}$ ,  $q\bar{q}g$  states scatter off soft colour field of large  $p$

## Soft Colour Interaction Model (SCI):



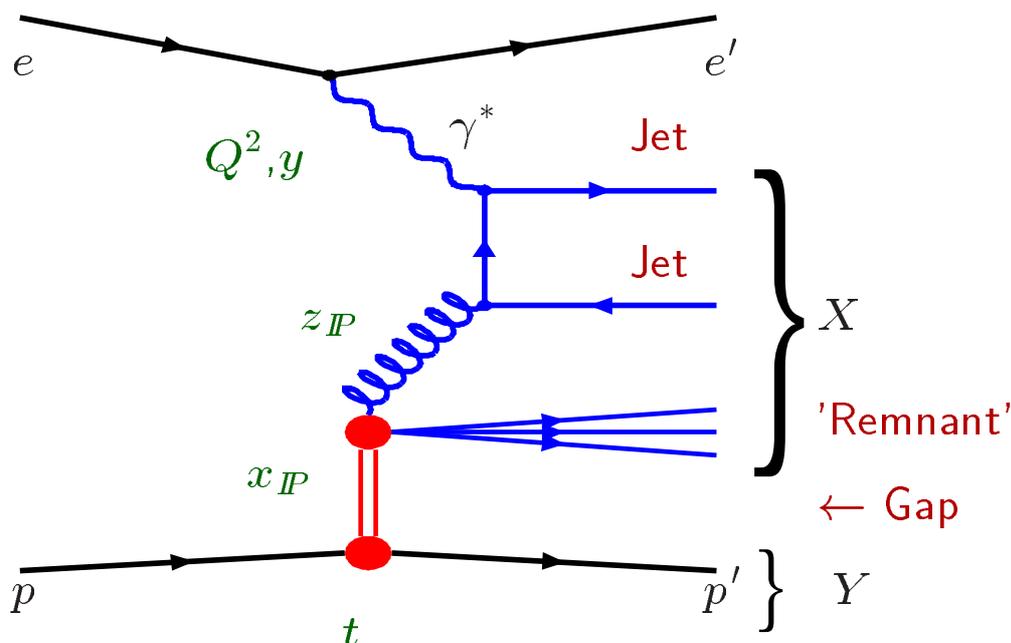
- by Edin, Ingelman, Rathsman
  - standard DIS plus soft color rearrangements
  - **Version 1:** simple, one parameter probability  $R_0$  for color rearrangements
  - **Version 2:** based on “Generalized Area Law” ansatz, better description of  $F_2^D$  at low  $Q^2$
- All models (with exception of BJLW, which is tailored to high  $p_T$  processes) can describe  $F_2^{D(3)}$  reasonably !

## Diffractive Dijet Production

### Why bother with Dijets?

- $p_T$  of Jets introduces another hard scale, which may allow perturbation theory to be applied
- through  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  diagram (see below) **direct sensitivity** to gluons!

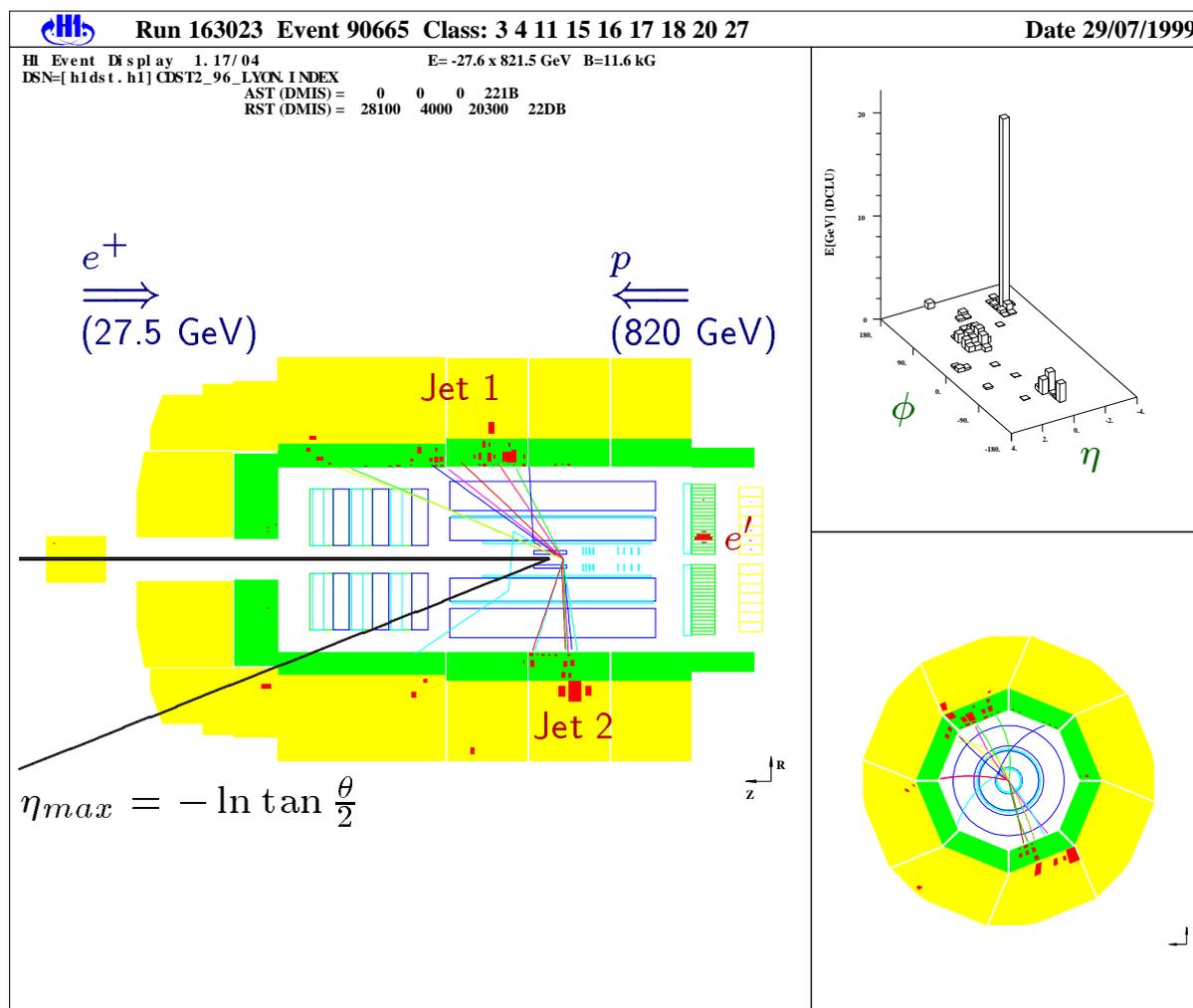
Kinematics, viewed in terms of a resolved “Pomeron” model:



$$z_{IP} \approx \frac{Q^2 + M_{12}^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2} \sim \frac{(\text{Dijet Mass})^2}{(\text{Total Mass})^2}$$

→ momentum fraction of exchange entering hard process

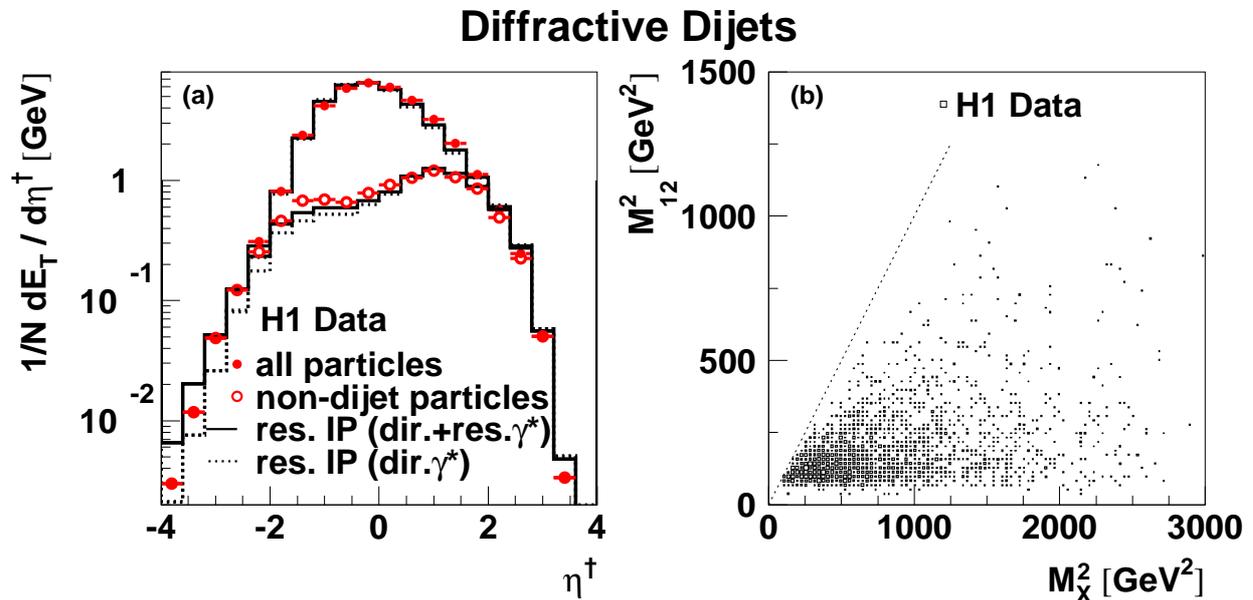
## Data Selection



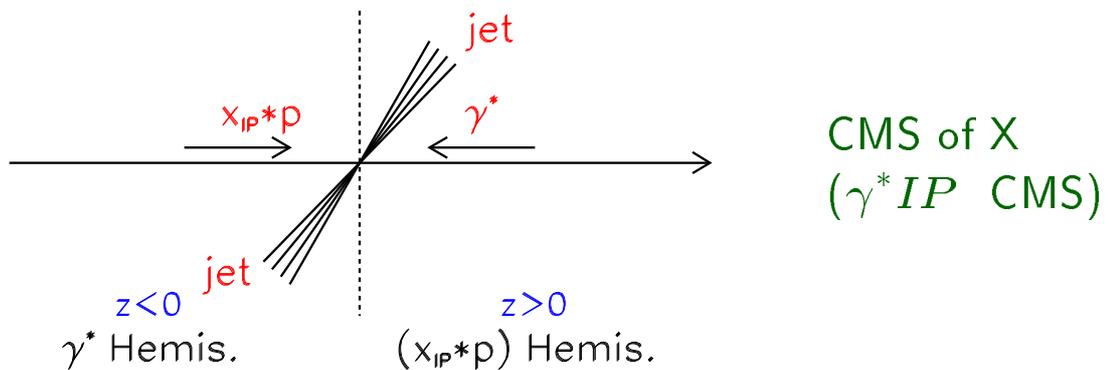
- DIS Signature:  $4 < Q^2 < 80 \text{ GeV}; 0.1 < y < 0.7$   
Scattered electron  $e'$
- Diffractive Signature:  $x_P < 0.05; M_Y, t \text{ small}$   
Rapidity gap in outgoing  $p'$  direction
- 2-Jet Signature:  $N_{\text{Jet}} \geq 2; p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$   
Jet-Algorithm in  $\gamma p$  Centre-of-mass frame

Data from 1996 to 1997:  $\mathcal{L} = 18.0 \text{ pb}^{-1}$   
 $N_{2 \text{ Jet}} \approx 2.500, N_{3 \text{ Jet}} \approx 130$

## Results for Diffractive Dijets



- Mean  $E_T$  flow in rest frame of  $X$  system (left):
  - Significant energy NOT contained in 2-Jet system
  - Remnant slightly asymmetric (towards  $IP$  dir.)

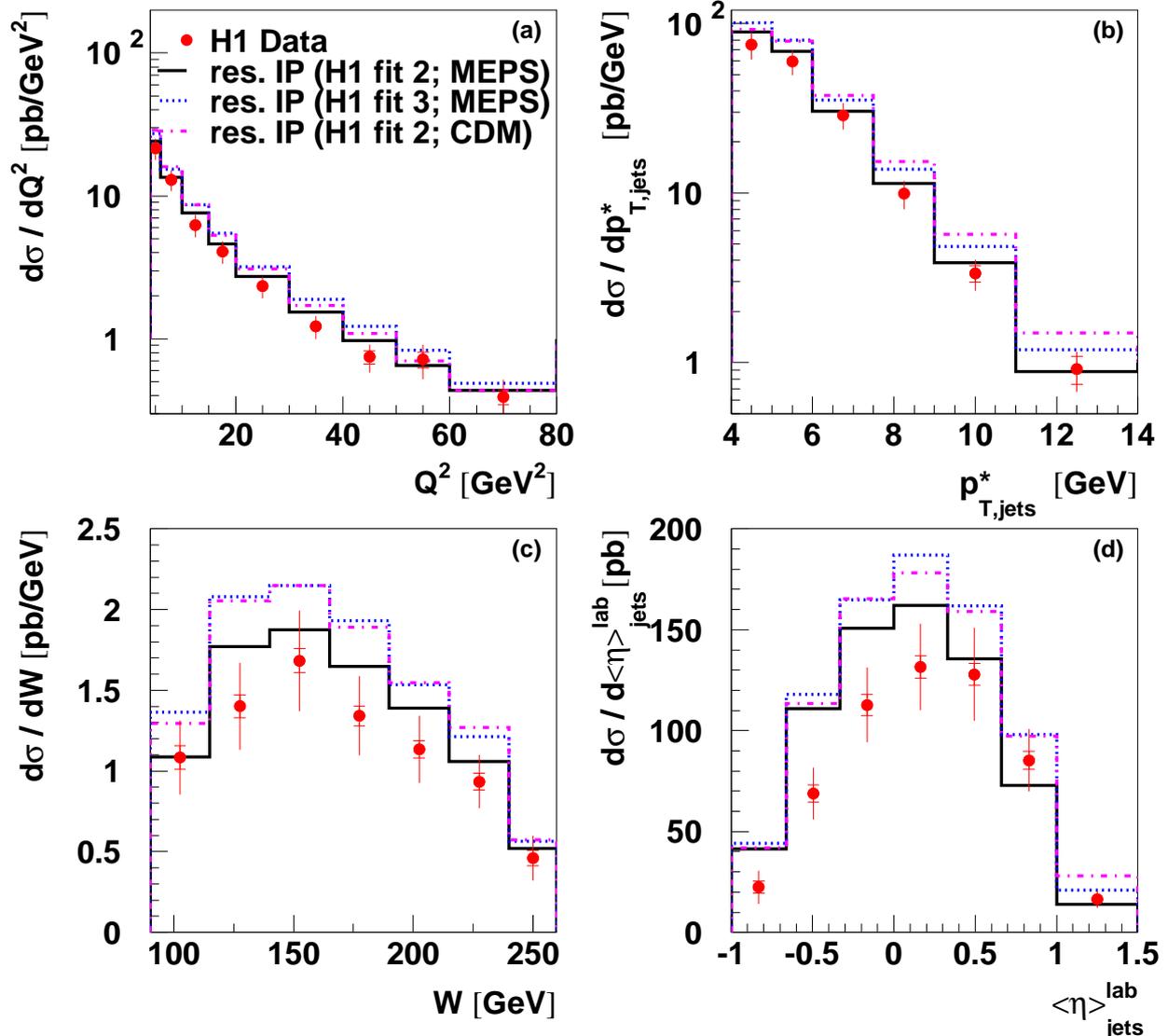


- Correlation  $M_x$  vs.  $M_{12}$  (right):
  - Most events have  $M_{12} < M_X$

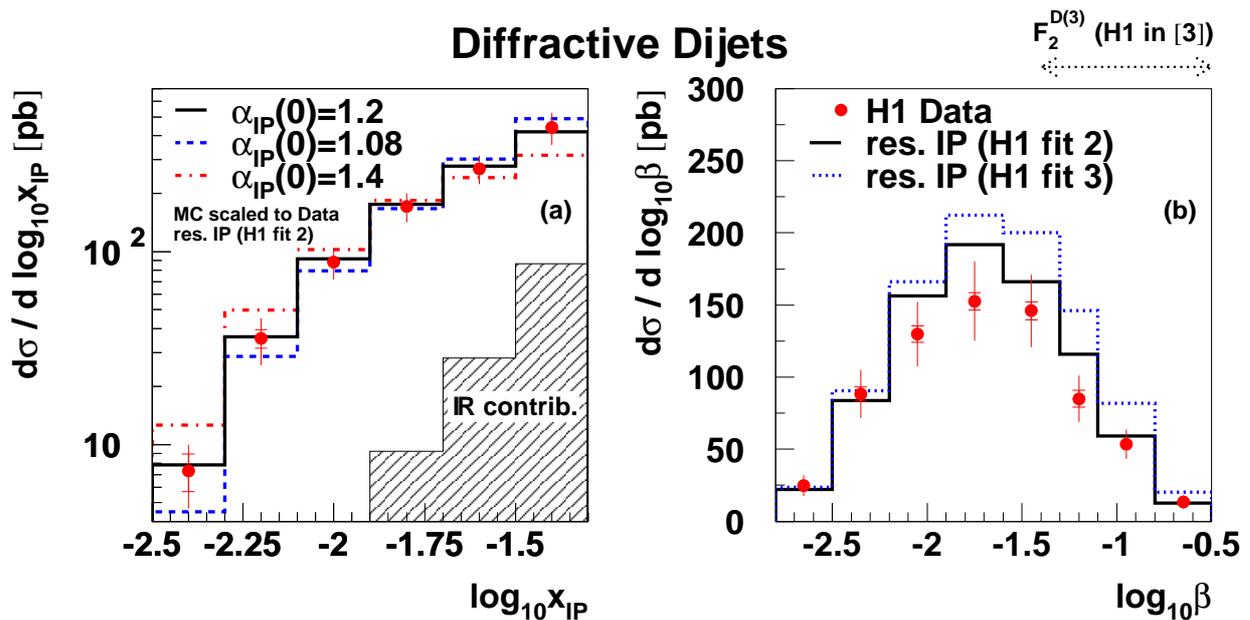
→ In  $p$  rest frame: Dominance of  $q\bar{q}g$  over  $q\bar{q}\gamma$  fluctuations!

## Interpretation in resolved Pomeron model

### Diffractive Dijets



- Jet Cross Sections well described by resolved Pomeron model, where  $IP$  and  $IR$  fluxes and  $IP$  PDF's as obtained from the  $F_2^{D(3)}$  analysis are used
- "H1 fit 2" in close agreement with data
- "H1 fit 3" overestimates cross section



### $x_{IP}$ distribution:

- Secondary exchange contribution ( $IR$ ) small
- Sensitivity to Pomeron Intercept  $\alpha_{IP}(0)$  value
  - not obvious that it should be same as for  $F_2^D$
  - 1.2 preferred w.r.t. 1.08 (soft  $IP$ ) and 1.4
- Explicit fit of  $\alpha_{IP}(0)$  results in:

$$\alpha_{IP}(0) = 1.17^{+0.03}_{-0.03} \text{ (sta.) } ^{+0.06}_{-0.06} \text{ (sys.) } ^{+0.03}_{-0.04} \text{ (mod.)}$$

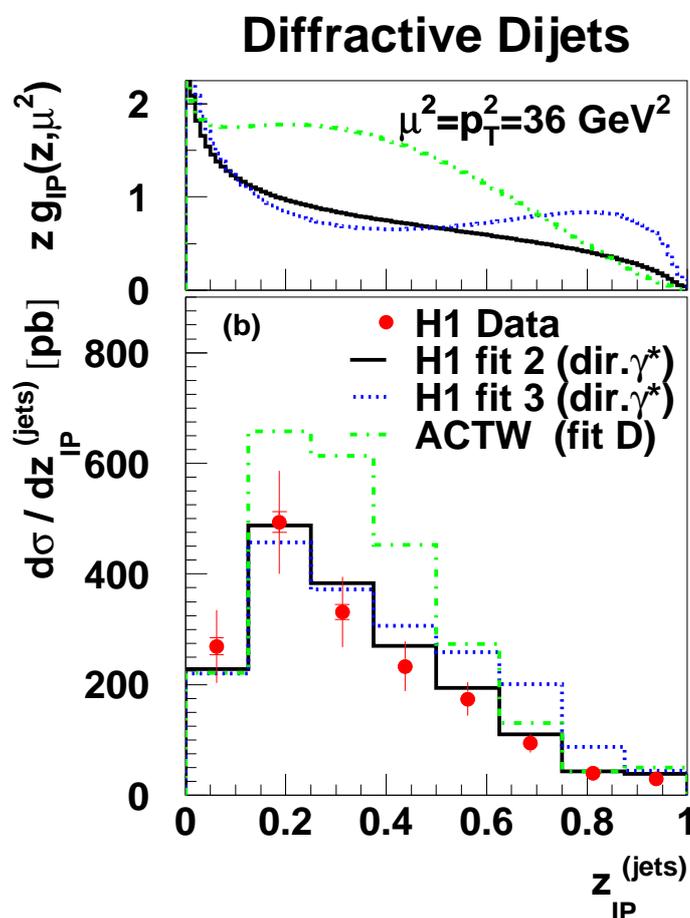
→  $\alpha_{IP}(0) < 1.32$  @ 95% C.L.

(for experts: Hard Pomeron (Lipatov)  $\alpha_{IP}(0) = 1.4 \dots 1.5$ )

### $\beta$ distribution:

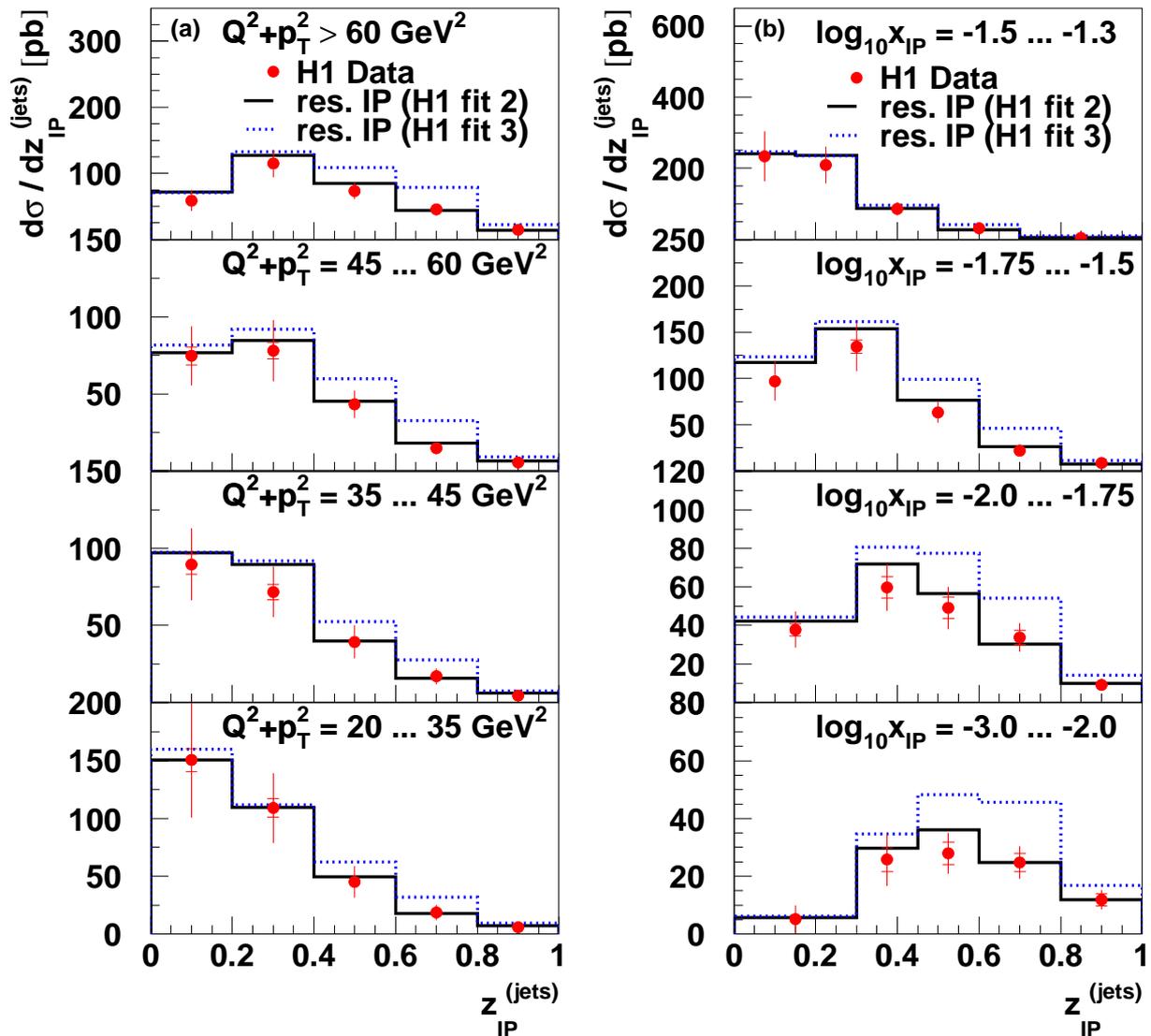
- $\beta$  range is lower than accessed by  $F_2^D$  so far.

$z_{IP}$  : Momentum fraction in  $IP$  entering hard interaction



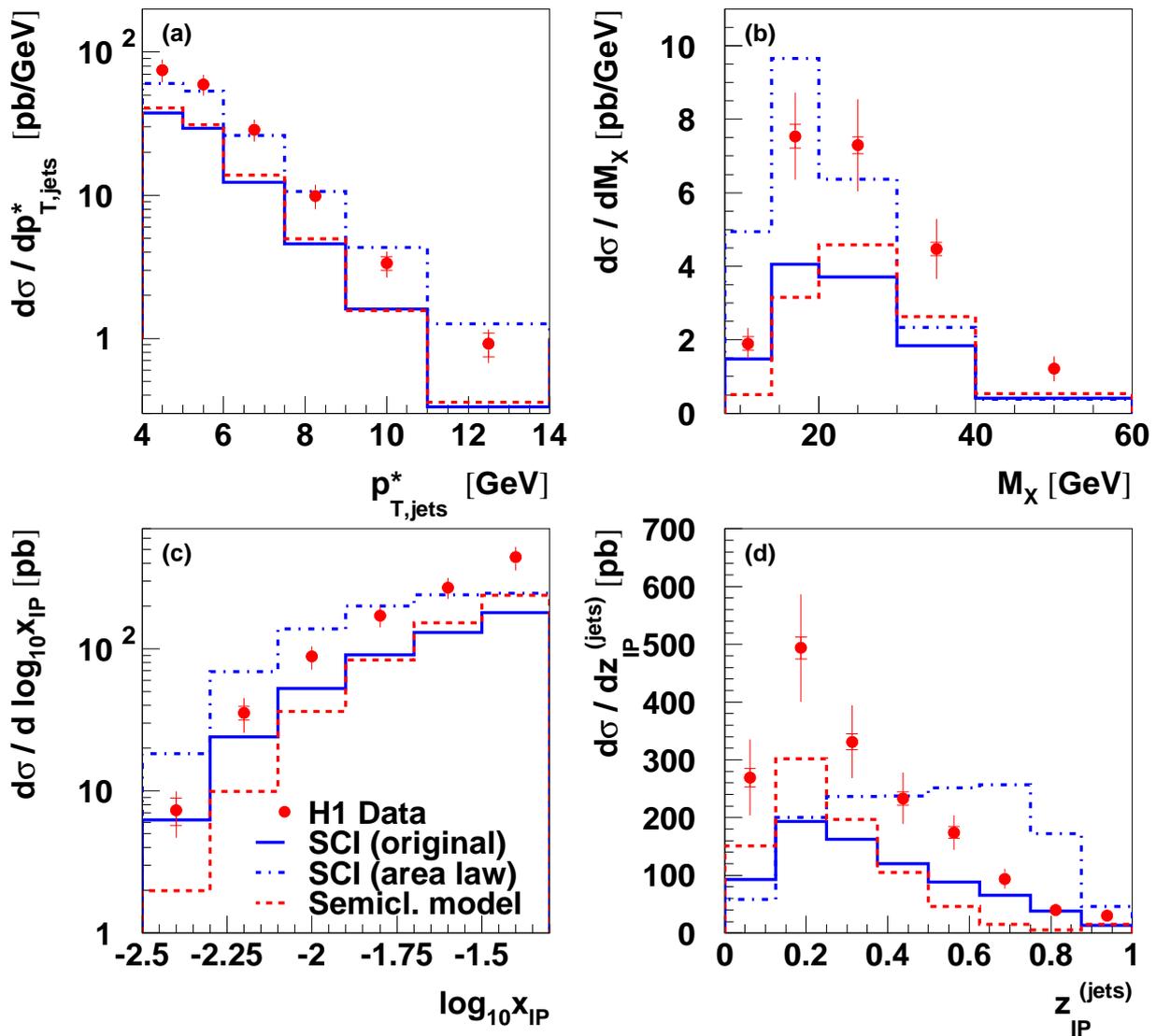
- $q$  density is small (see  $F_2^D$ )
  - Jets are directly sensitive to shape and norm. of  $g$  density!
  - Parameterisation based on 'fit 2' (flat gluon) from incl. measurement in close agreement with data
  - 'fit 3' (peaked gluon) too high at high  $z$
  - ACTW (comb. fit to H1 and ZEUS  $F_2^D$  and ZEUS  $\gamma p$  jets) fails
- Factorization in diff. lepton-hadron scattering!

## Diffractive Dijets



- $z_{IP}$  in  $Q^2 + p_T^2$  bins (scale):
  - Fit 3 overshoots data at high  $z$  in all bins of  $Q^2 + p_T^2$
  - Fit 2 in very good agreement
- $z_{IP}$  in  $x_{IP}$  bins:
  - Data compatible with Regge Factorization
  - Only little freedom e.g. to change  $g_{IP}(z, \mu^2)$  and compensate by adjusting  $\alpha_{IP}(0)$

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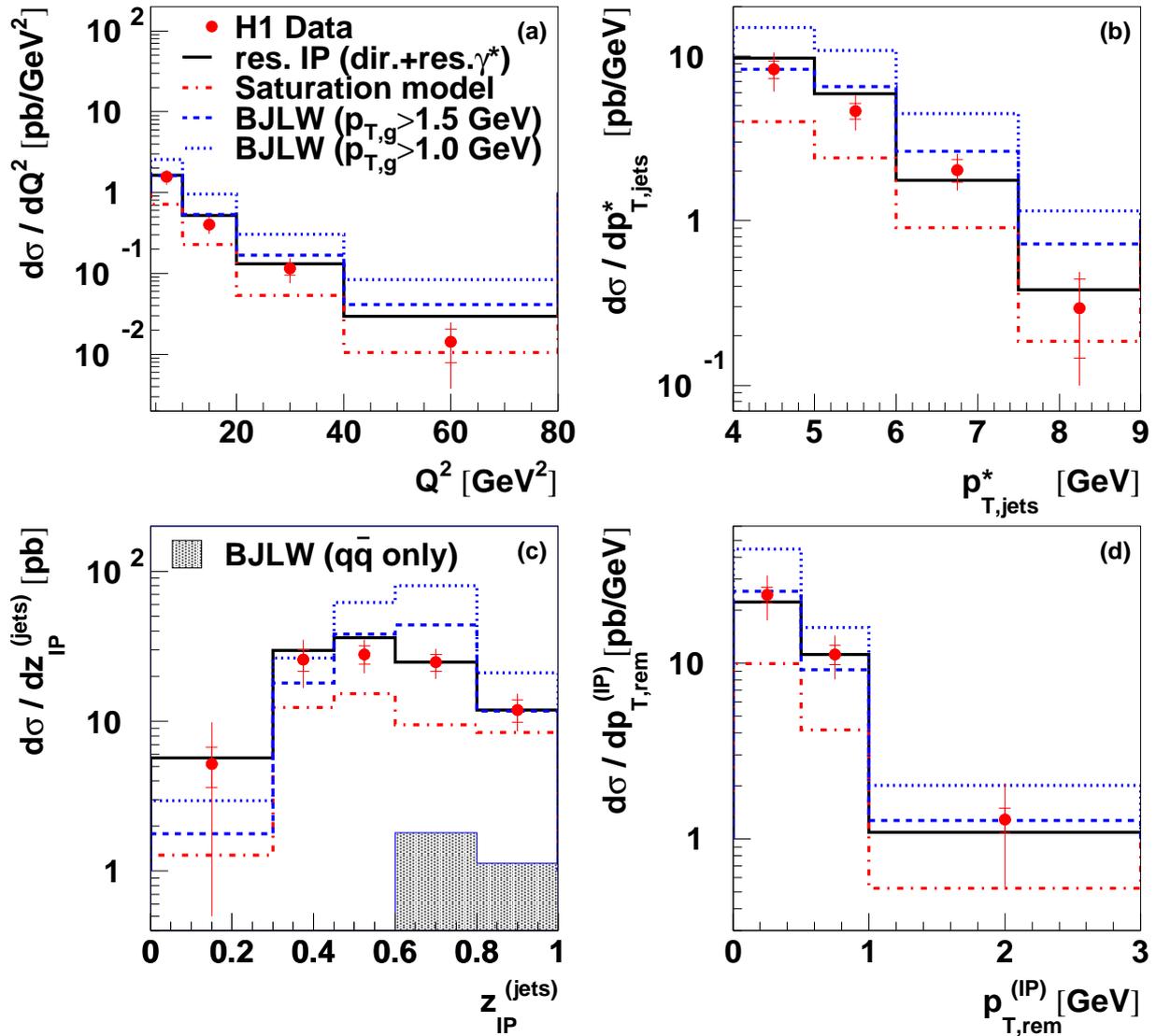


- Original Version of SCI:
  - Too low in normalization by Factor 2 , Shapes  $\sim$  OK
- “Generalized area-law” Version of SCI:
  - Normalization  $\sim$  OK , Shapes not described
- Semiclassical Model:
  - similar to SCI (original), Shapes OK

→ Soft Colour Models in present cannot simultaneously describe shape and normalization!

## 2-gluon exchange models

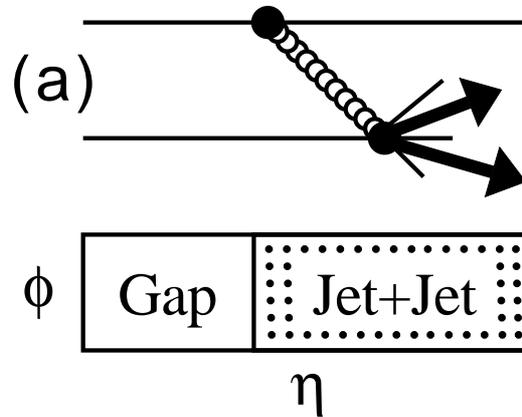
### Diffractive Dijets - $x_{IP} < 0.01$



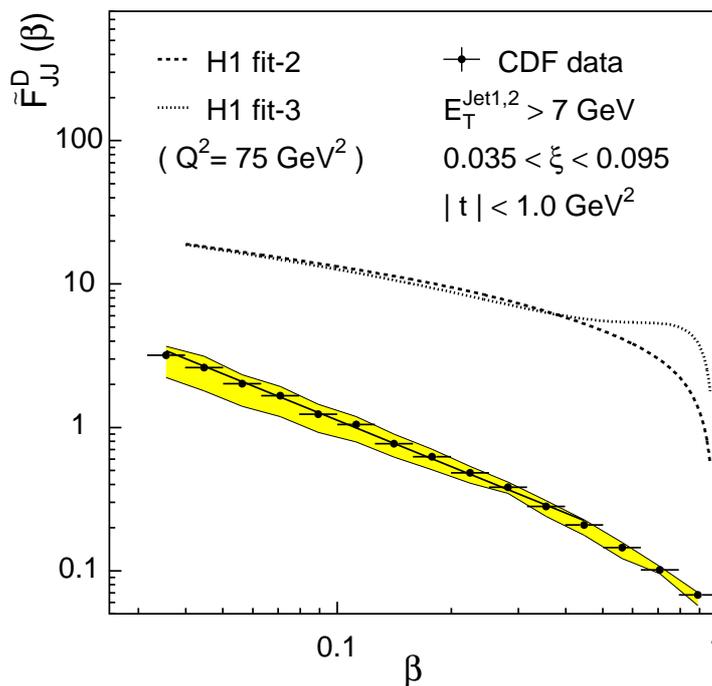
- $q\bar{q}$  alone very tiny !
- Saturation model low by factor 2 (strong  $p_T$  ordering)
- BJLW (Bartels et al.): roughly in agreement with cut-off for gluon:  $p_T > 1.5$  GeV (no  $p_T$  ordering!)
- $p_T > 1.0$  GeV overshoots
- But: also res. IP (collinear IP remnant) describes Data!

## New Results from the Tevatron (CDF)

Diffractive dijets in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$  TeV:



Extraction of diffr. Structure function of  $\bar{p}$  and comparison with results from H1  $F_2^{D(3)}$ :



- Serious **breaking of factorization!**
- “**Survival Probability**” due to remnant interactions, which are absent in lepton proton scattering ?!

## Summary

- Inclusive diffractive DIS ( $F_2^{D(3)}$ ) well described by factorizable “Pomeron exchange” with  $\alpha_{IP}(0) = 1.2$  and Pomeron PDF's strongly dominated by gluons
- Diffractive Jet-Production confirms this picture: PDF's from inclusive measurement can describe exclusive process  
→ Diffractive hard scattering factorization (non-trivial, see proof by Collins; broken at Tevatron)
- -Jets are highly sensitive to diffr. gluon distribution, in contrast to  $F_2^{D(3)}$  (indirect via scaling violations)
  - Best constraint so far on shape of  $g_{IP}(z)$  at high  $z$
  - Compatible with factorizing  $x_{IP}$  dependence with  $\alpha_{IP}(0) = 1.17$  → Regge factorization
- In proton rest frame,  $q\bar{q}g$  states dominate over  $q\bar{q}$
- Soft color neutralization models in present form cannot simultaneously describe shapes and normalization
- - 2-gluon exchange calculations can roughly describe shapes of distributions for  $x_{IP} < 0.01$ 
  - Normalization either low by factor 2 (saturation model) or free parameter (via  $p_T$  cut-off in BJLW)
- Diffractive Jets able to discriminate between models which all can describe inclusive measurements !