

重离子超边缘对撞(UPC)物理近期进展

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Outline:

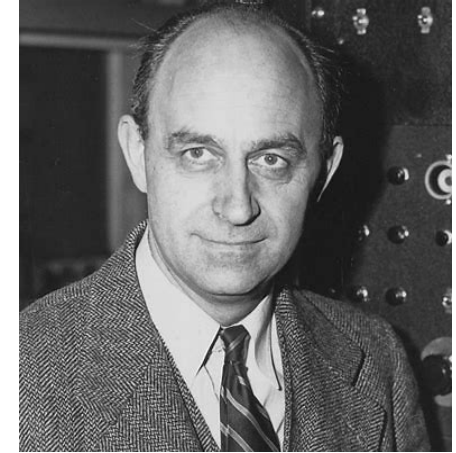
- Background
- Photon-photon interactions in UPCs
- Photon-nuclear interactions in UPCs
- Summary

Focus on theory side, for experimental side, **Wangmei's talk**

Relativistic heavy ion is extremely **bright!**

◆ Treated as a flux of quasi-photons

E. Fermi, 1924
Weizascker--Williams 1934

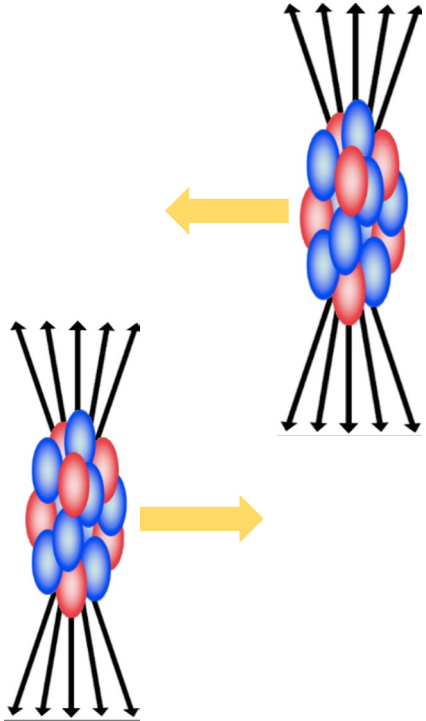


□ Photon wave length $> R$, i.e. $k_t < 30 \text{ MeV}$, enhanced by Z^2

Two type interactions:

- photon-photon collisions
- photon-nuclear interactions

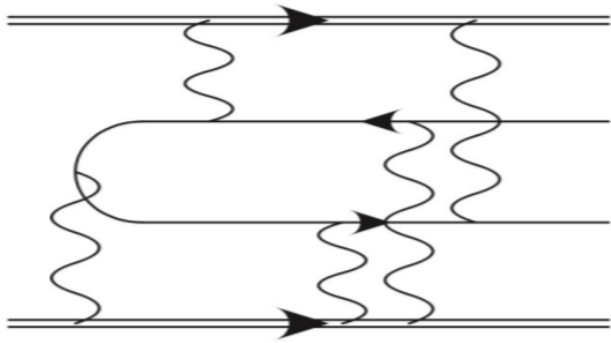
Time evolution of EM field
Deng-Huang, 2012



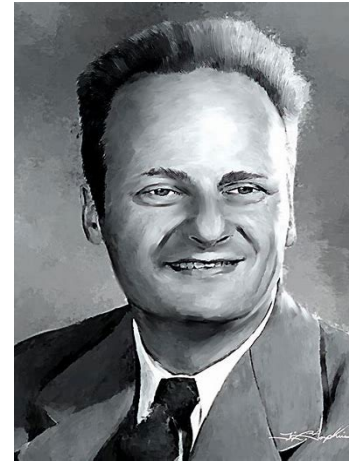
Photon-photon interactions

BSM & strong field QED

➤ Strong field QED Coulomb correction, vacuum birefringence, light by light scattering....

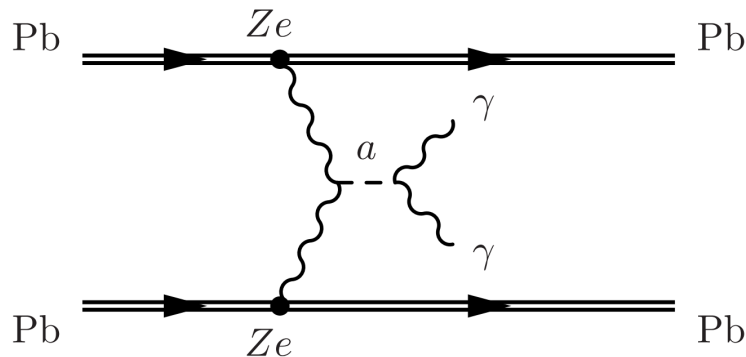


$Z\alpha \sim 0.6$ for Au and Pb,
significant effect?



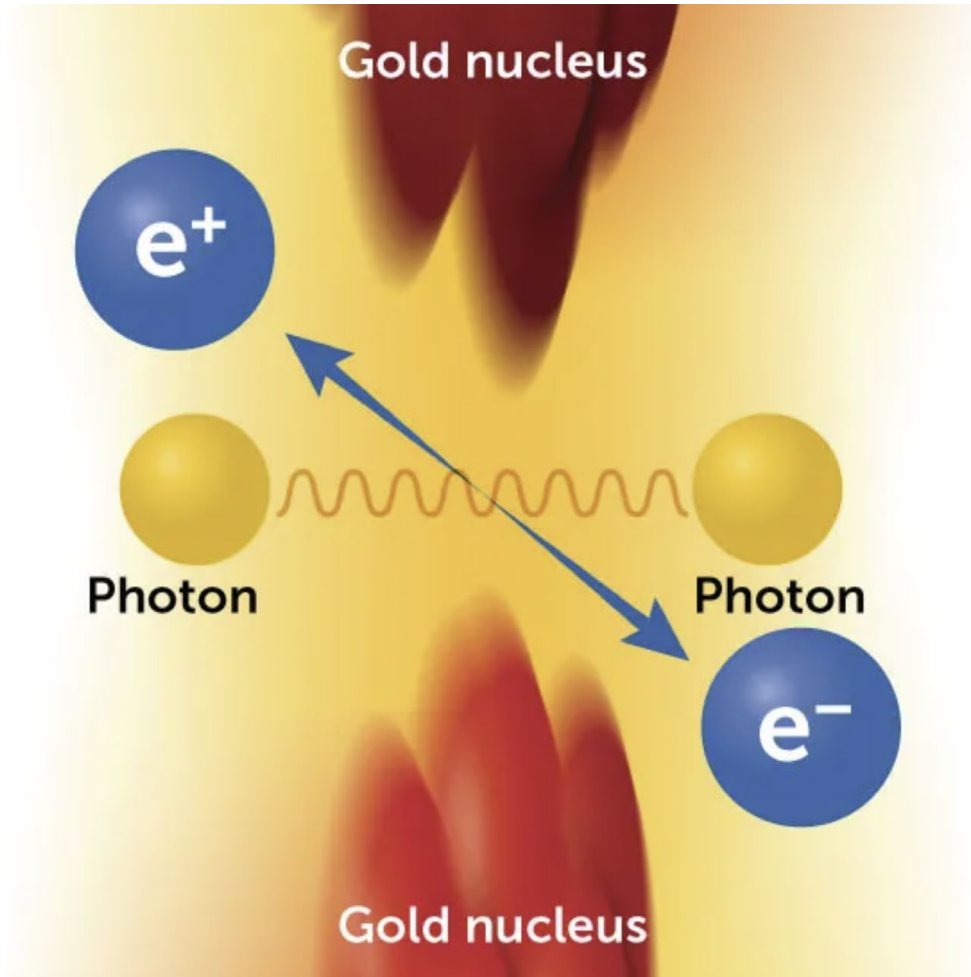
➤ BSM physics axion search, tau anomalous magnetic moment, dark photons...

v.s. pp collisions, 截面大**4千万倍**。



Knapen-Lin-Lou-Melia, 2017

光生物质



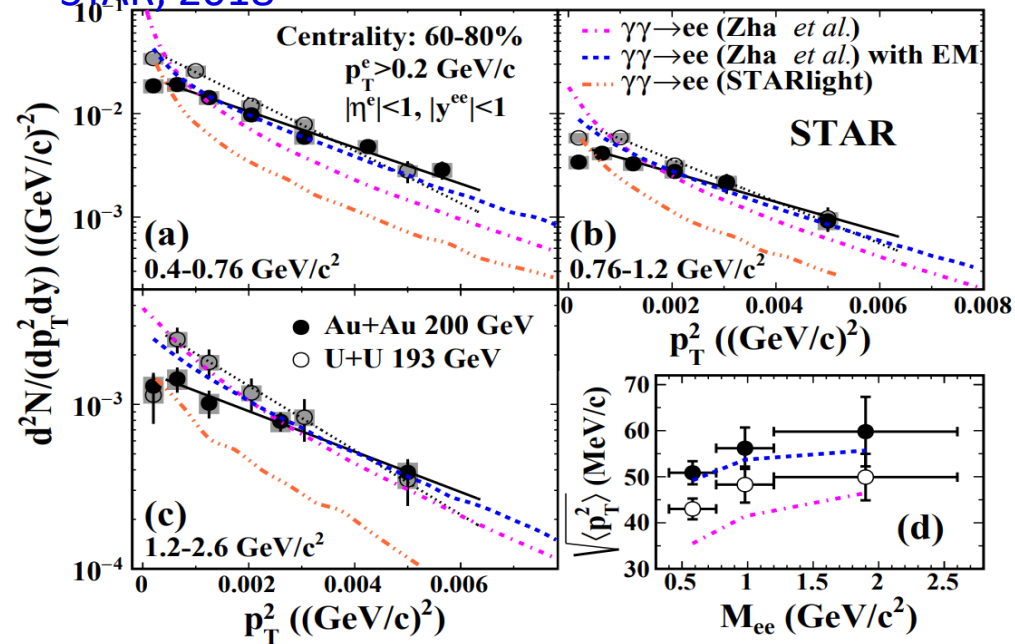
Lepton pair production via photon fusion

- Dip structure at very low q_t
- Mean transverse momentum of pair increases for more central collisions

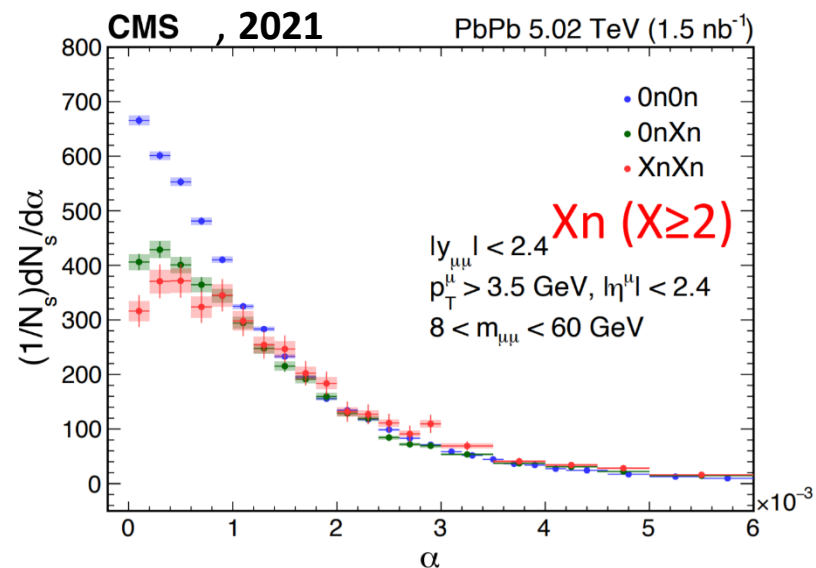
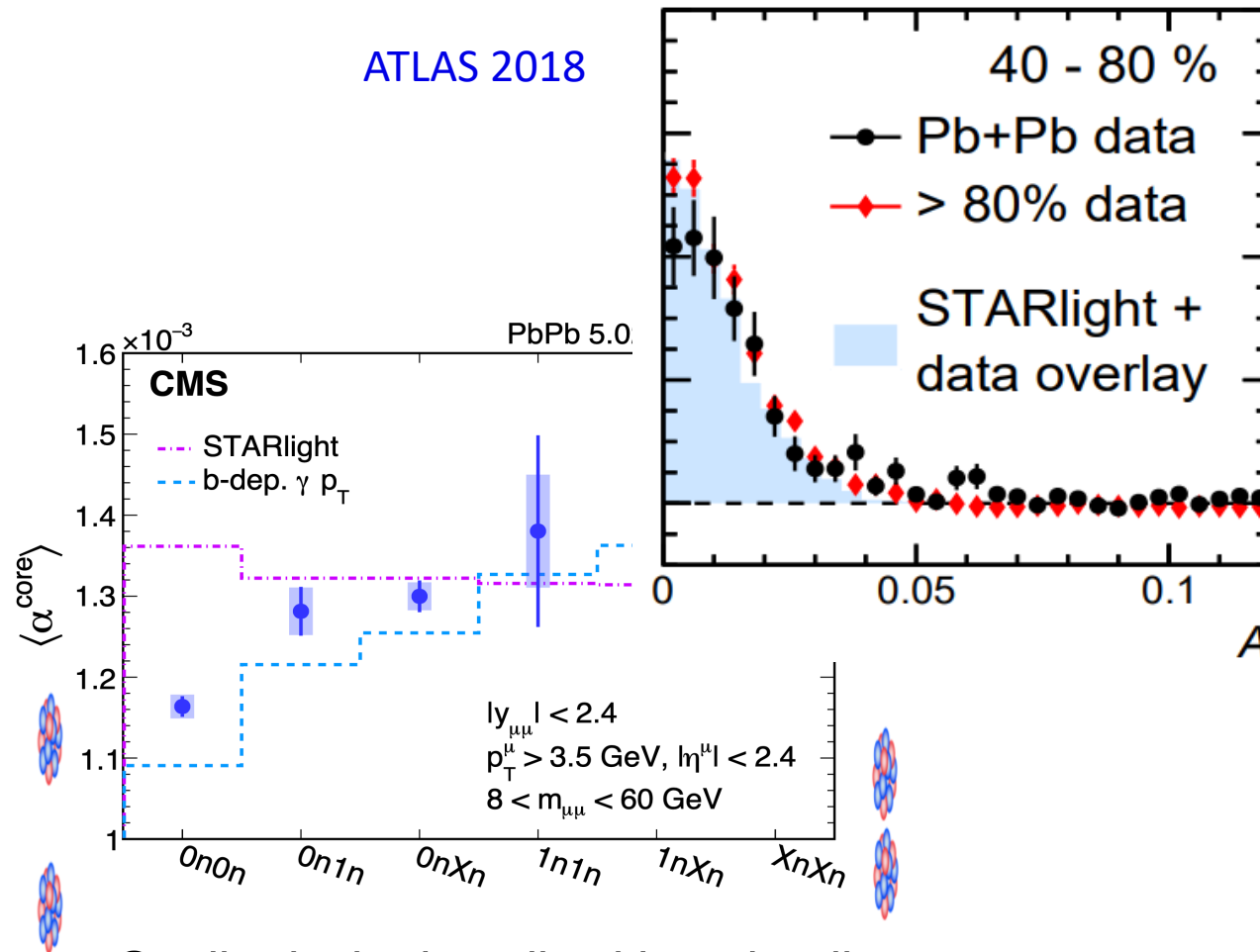
New wave of theory and experiment activities!

The beauty of experimental data

STAR, 2018

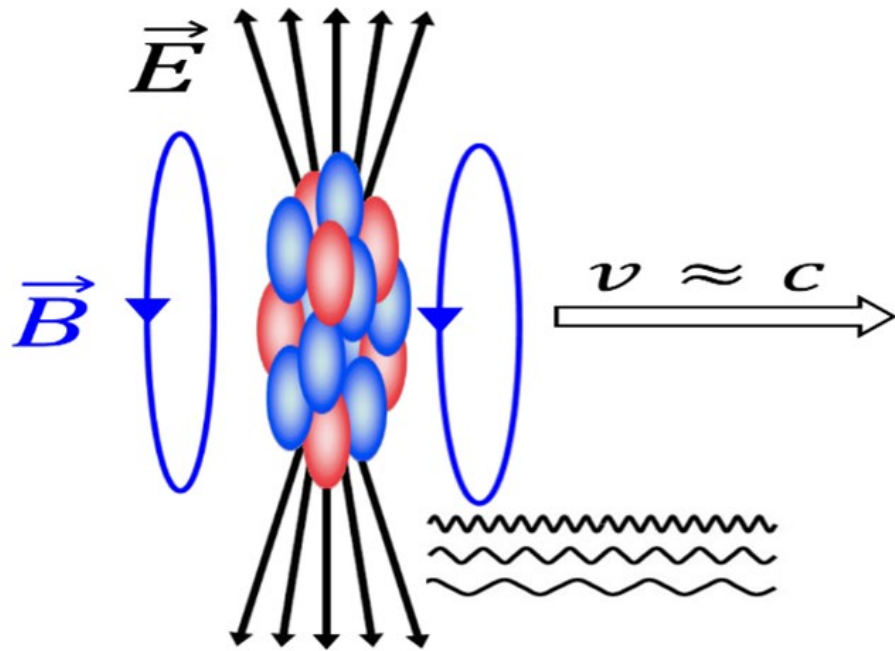


ATLAS 2018

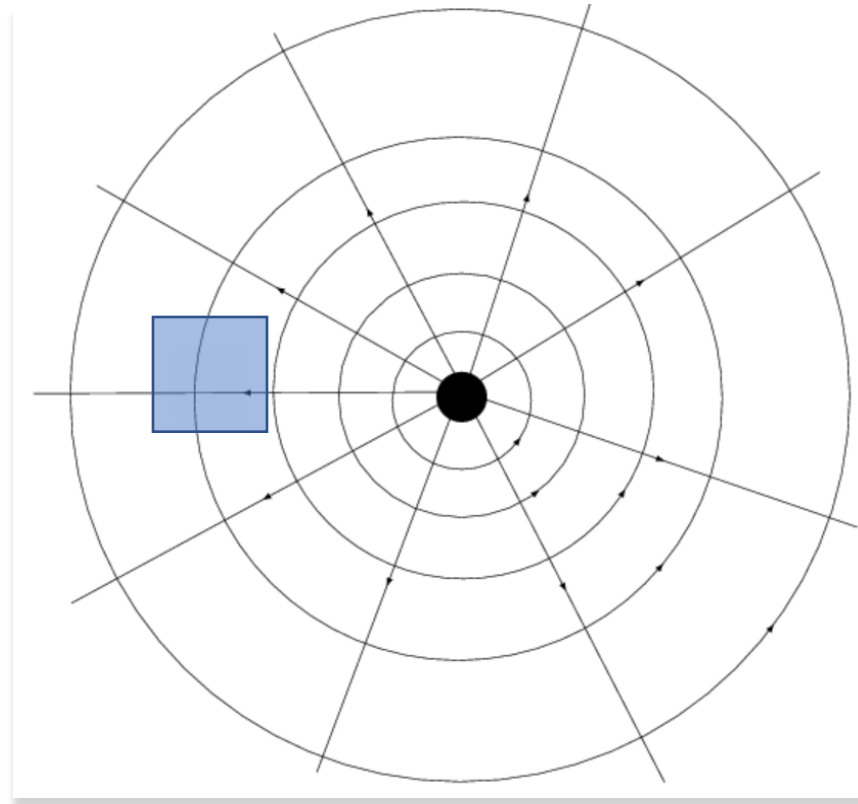


Mysterious dip in more central collisions can not be reproduced using the WW approximation.

The boosted Coulomb potential

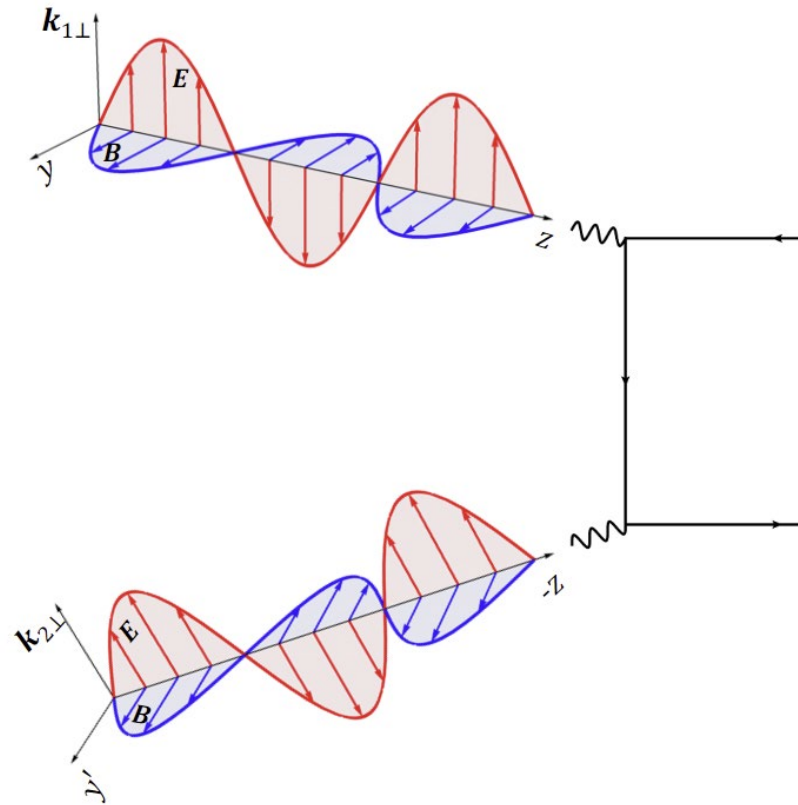


Side view



Head on view

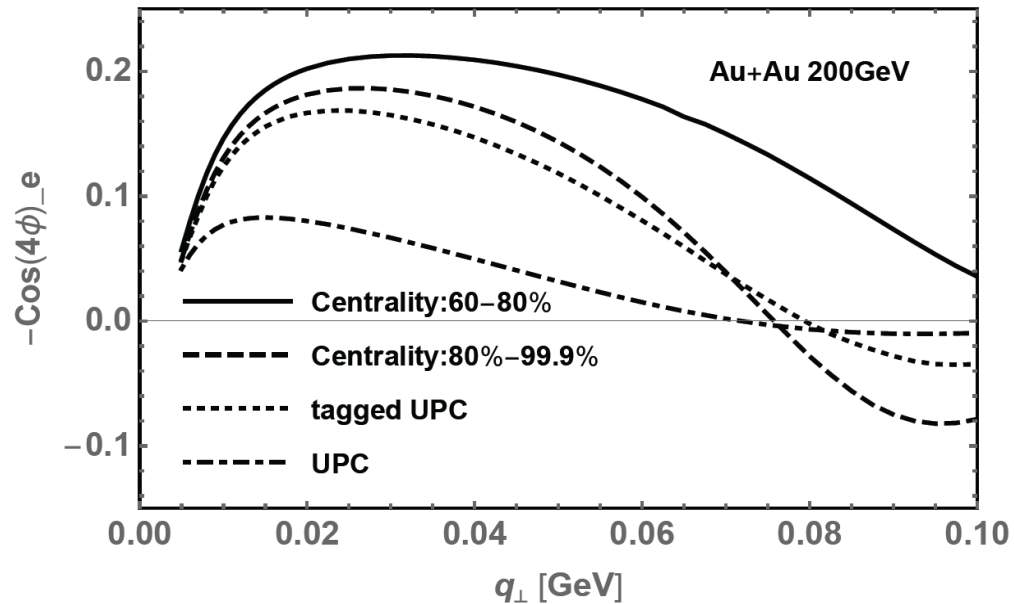
The $\cos 4\phi$ modulation in di-lepton production



Li-JZ-Zhou, 2019

Linear polarization of photons: induce $\cos 4\phi$ modulation in di-lepton production.

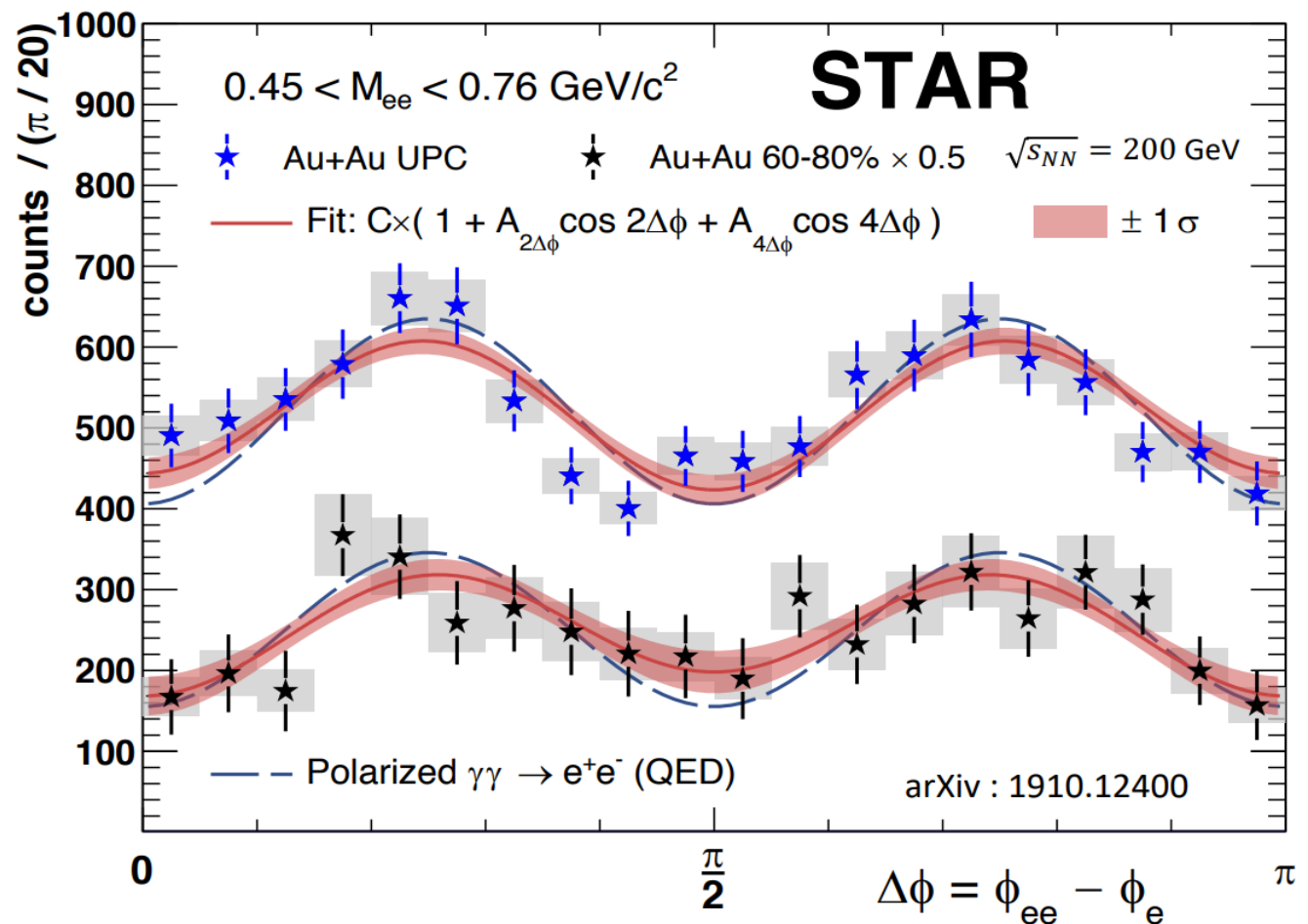
Verified by STAR experiment



Li-JZ-Zhou, 2020

	Measured	QED calculation
Tagged UPC	16.8%±2.5%	16.5%
60%-80%	27%±6%	34.5%

STAR collaboration, **PRL**, 2021



Dipion production in e^+e^- collider, data-driven method

cross section in helicity amplitude form with linealy polarized photon:

贾宇, 周剑, 周雅瑾, PRL, 2025

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{d^2p_{1\perp}d^2p_{2\perp}dy_1dy_2} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2Q^4} \int d^2k_{1\perp}d^2k_{2\perp} \\
 &\times \delta^2(q_{\perp} - k_{1\perp} - k_{2\perp}) x_1 x_2 \\
 &\times \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (|M_{+-}|^2 + |M_{++}|^2) f(x_1, k_{1\perp}^2) f(x_2, k_{2\perp}^2) \right. \\
 &\quad - \cos(2\phi_1) \text{Re}[M_{++}M_{+-}^*] f(x_2, k_{2\perp}^2) h_1^{\perp}(x_1, k_{1\perp}^2) \\
 &\quad - \cos(2\phi_2) \text{Re}[M_{++}M_{+-}^*] f(x_1, k_{1\perp}^2) h_1^{\perp}(x_2, k_{2\perp}^2) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} [\cos 2(\phi_1 - \phi_2) |M_{++}|^2 + \cos 2(\phi_1 + \phi_2) |M_{+-}|^2] \\
 &\quad \times \left. h_1^{\perp}(x_1, k_{1\perp}^2) h_1^{\perp}(x_2, k_{2\perp}^2) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ Reduce to collinear factorization after integrating over $k_{1,2\perp}$, $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(|M_{++}|^2 + |M_{+-}|^2)ff$
→ Contribute to $\cos(2\phi)$ azim. Assym., induced by linearly polarized photon, Involve the relative phase between M_{++} and M_{+-}
→ Contribute to $\cos(4\phi)$ azim. Assym.

Phenomenological impact

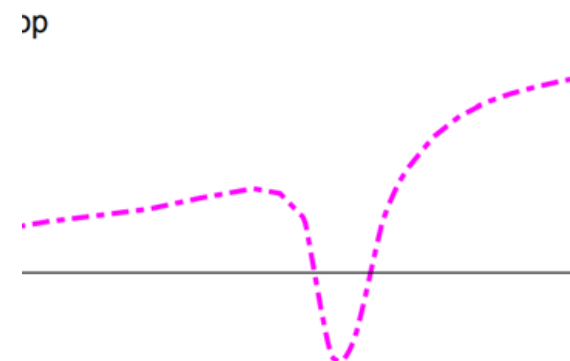
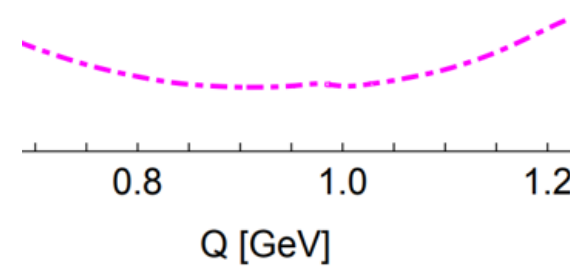
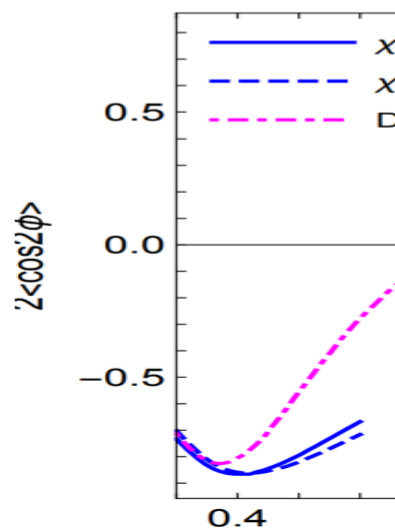
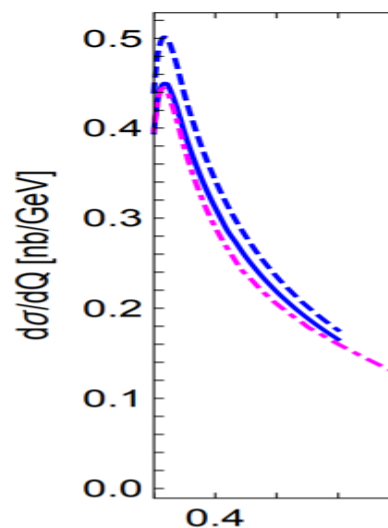
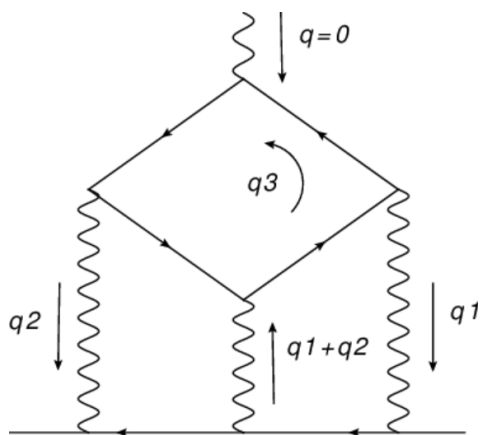
➤ 直接抽取相因子!

➤ 测试手征微扰论适用范围

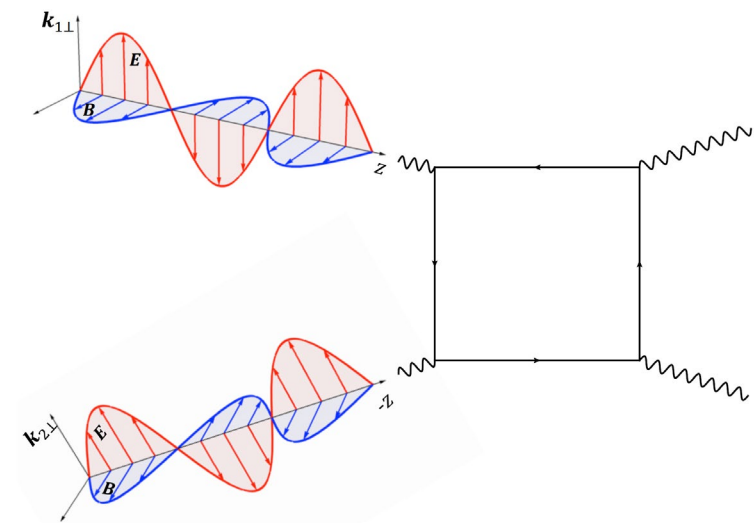
➤ 研究共振态结构

$$\cos(2\phi_1) \text{Re}[M_{++} M_{+-}^*]$$

提供重要的色散关系输入：
hadronic LbL contribution to g_2



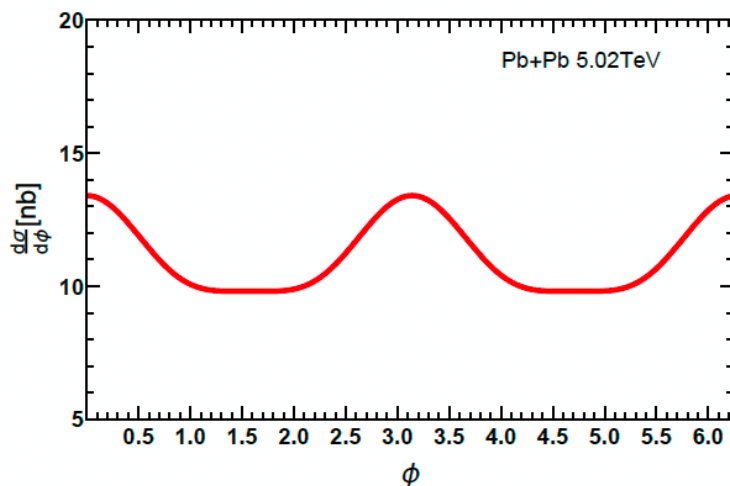
LHC上超边缘碰撞的光光散射中的方位角不对称性



贾宇, 林硕, 周剑, 周雅瑾, arXiv:2410.13781

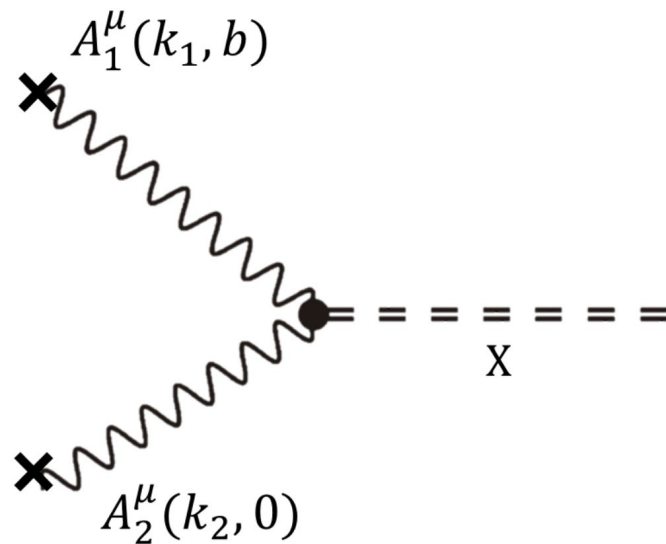
- 作为真空极化和量子非线性的直接表现, 弹性光光散射(LbL)被认为是标准模型最迷人的基本过程之一;
- 强光光散射(HLbL)是缪子反常磁矩理论不确定性的主要来源;
- LHC上最近测量了超边缘碰撞上光光散射过程, 但是与理论计算有一定的偏差。考虑光子的线性极化, 我们重新研究了这个过程。
- 首次在光光散射中研究方位角不对称性。

Numerical results:



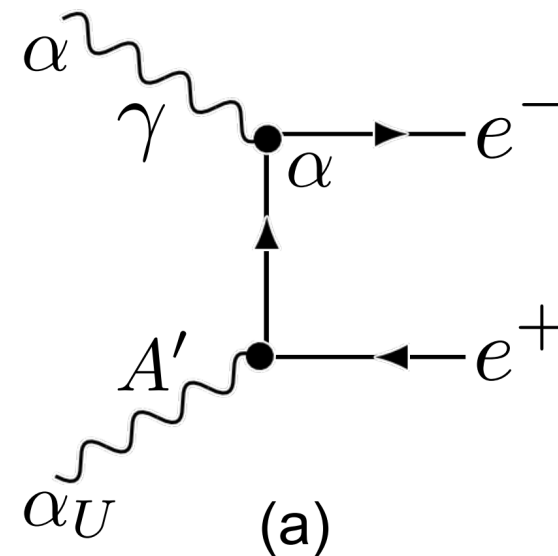
Linearly polarized photons: new experimental tool

➤ **Hadron spectrum:** determine the quantum numbers of $X(6900)$ from photon-photon fusion in UPCs



SCNU team: Niu-Wang-Wang-Yang, 2022

➤ **BSM:** search for dark photons in UPCs

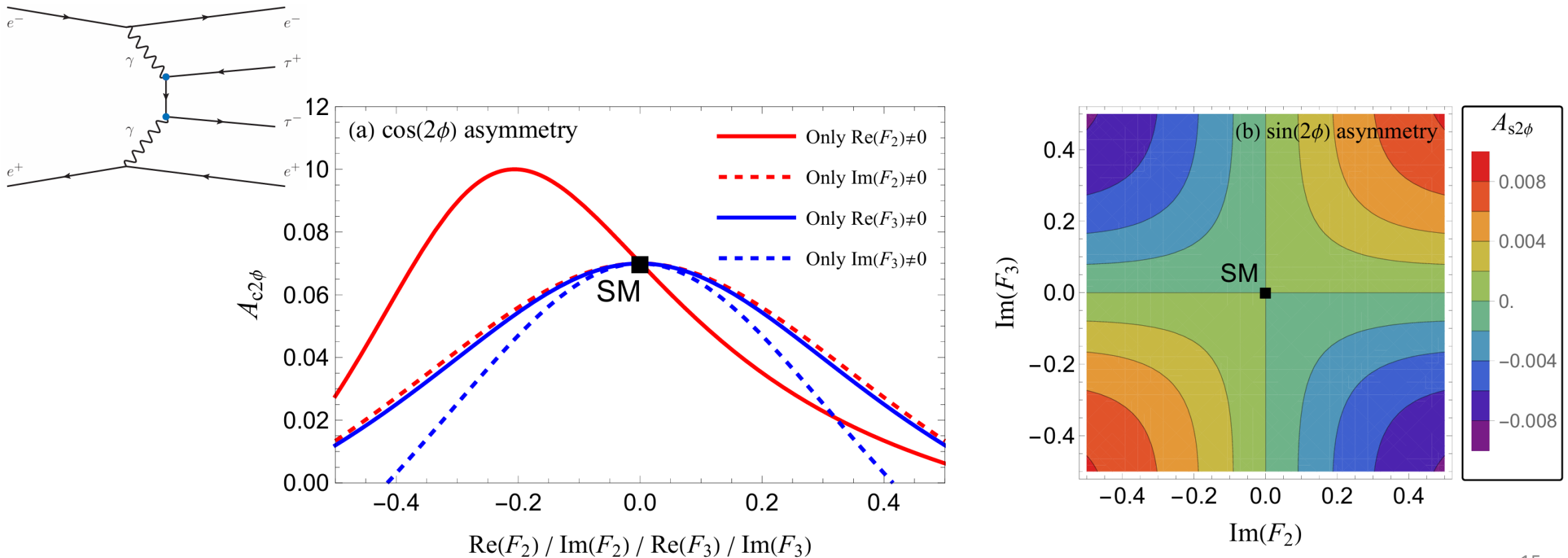


Xu-Lewis-Wang-Brandenburg-Ruan, 2022

e^+e^- 对撞机上双光子过程另外一个有趣应用

Linearly Polarized Photon Fusion as a Precision Probe of the Tau Lepton Dipole Moments at Lepton Colliders

Ding Yu Shao,^{1, 2, 3, *} Hao Xiang,¹ Fang Xu,^{1, †} Bin Yan,^{4, 5, ‡} and Cheng Zhang^{6, §}



Photon-nuclear reactions

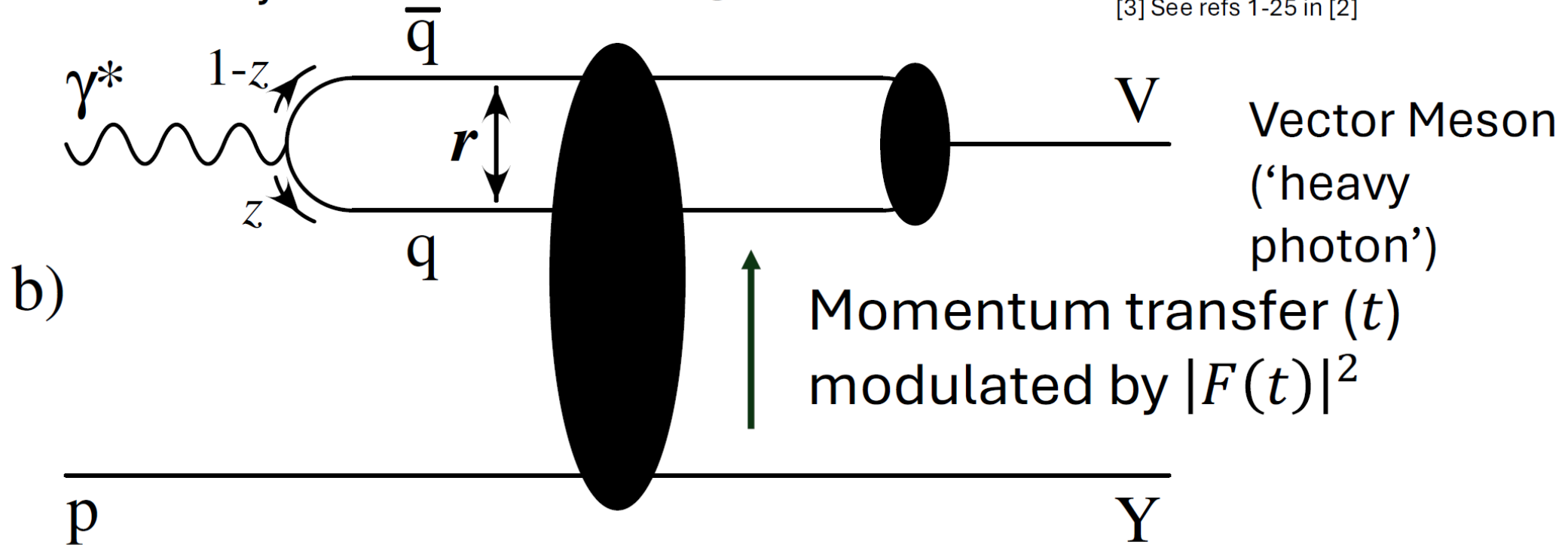
Shining light on Gluons

- Photo-nuclear measurements have been used to study QCD matter already for decades[1-3]

[1] H1 Collaboration. *J. High Energ. Phys.* **2010**, 32 (2010).

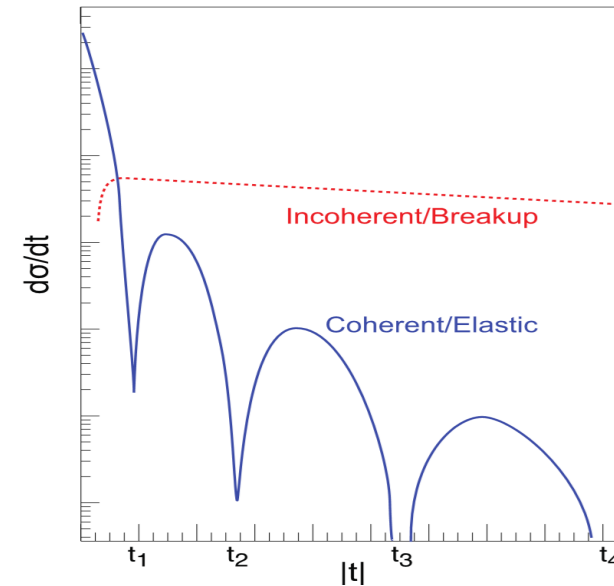
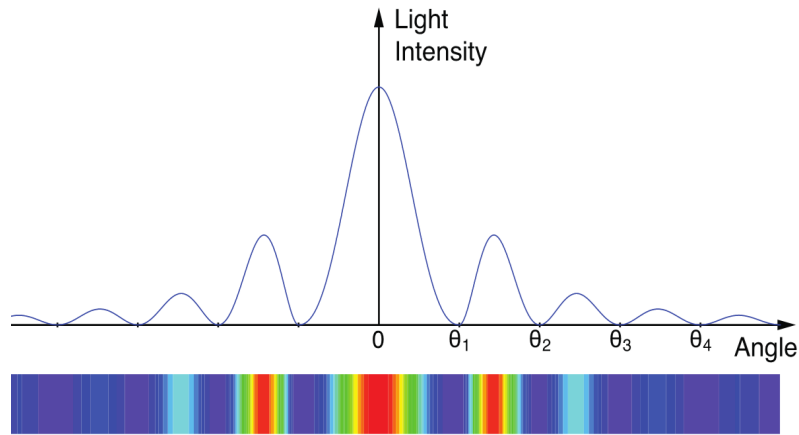
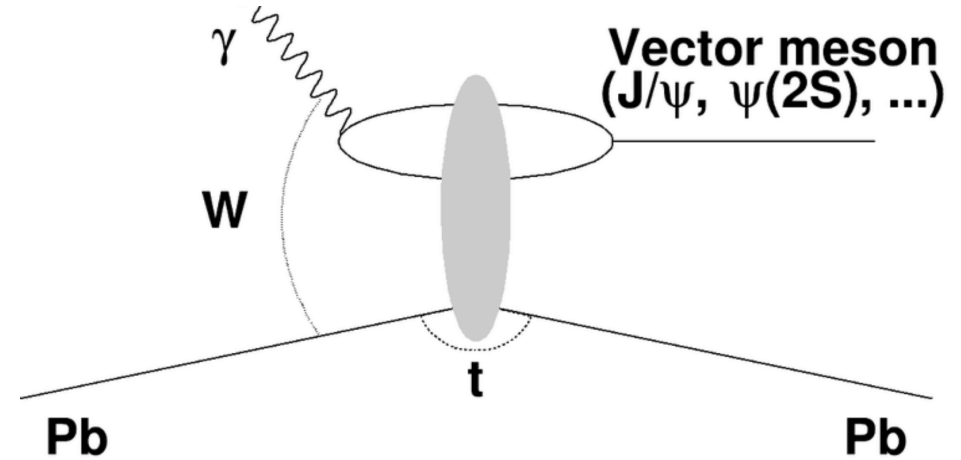
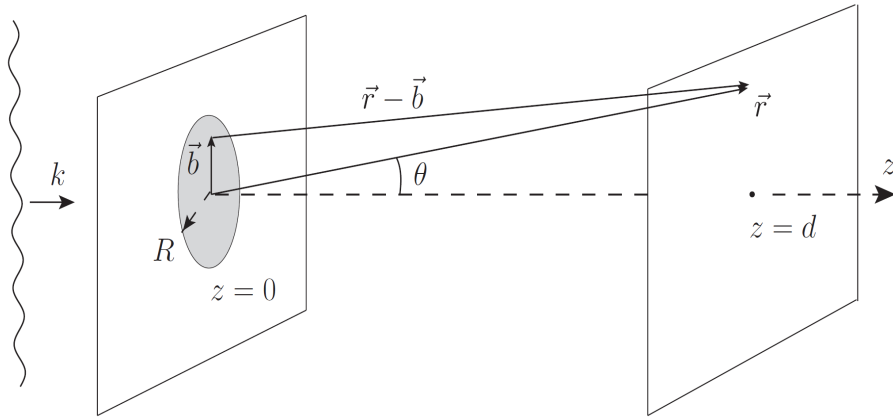
[2] ZEUS Collaboration. *Eur. Phys. J. C* **2**, 247–267 (1998).

[3] See refs 1-25 in [2]



Well known process for probing the **hadronic structure** of the photon and matter distribution of nucleon (nuclear) target

Optical Analogy

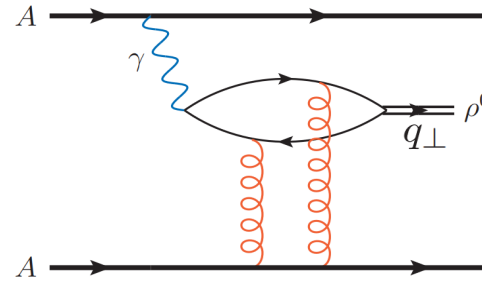


- Reconstruct the size R of the obstacle and the optical “blackness” of the obstacle from the diffractive pattern.

Diffractive vector meson production

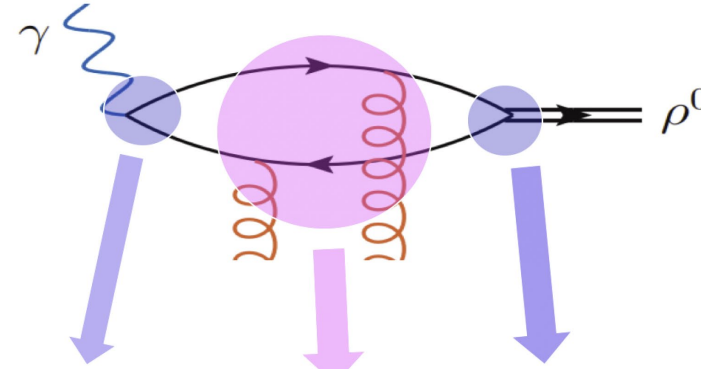
Motivations:

- Studying the saturation effect
- Transverse spatial imaging of gluons



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

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

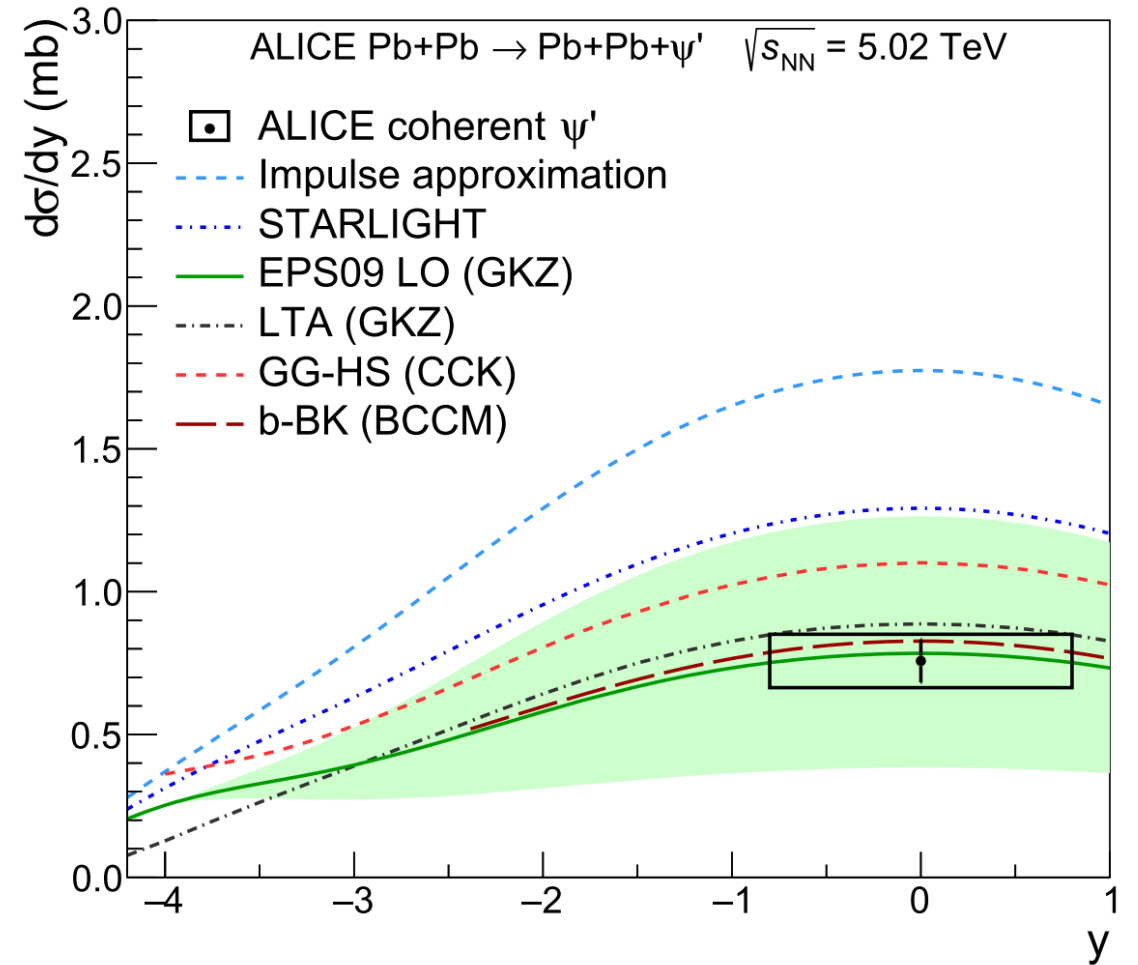
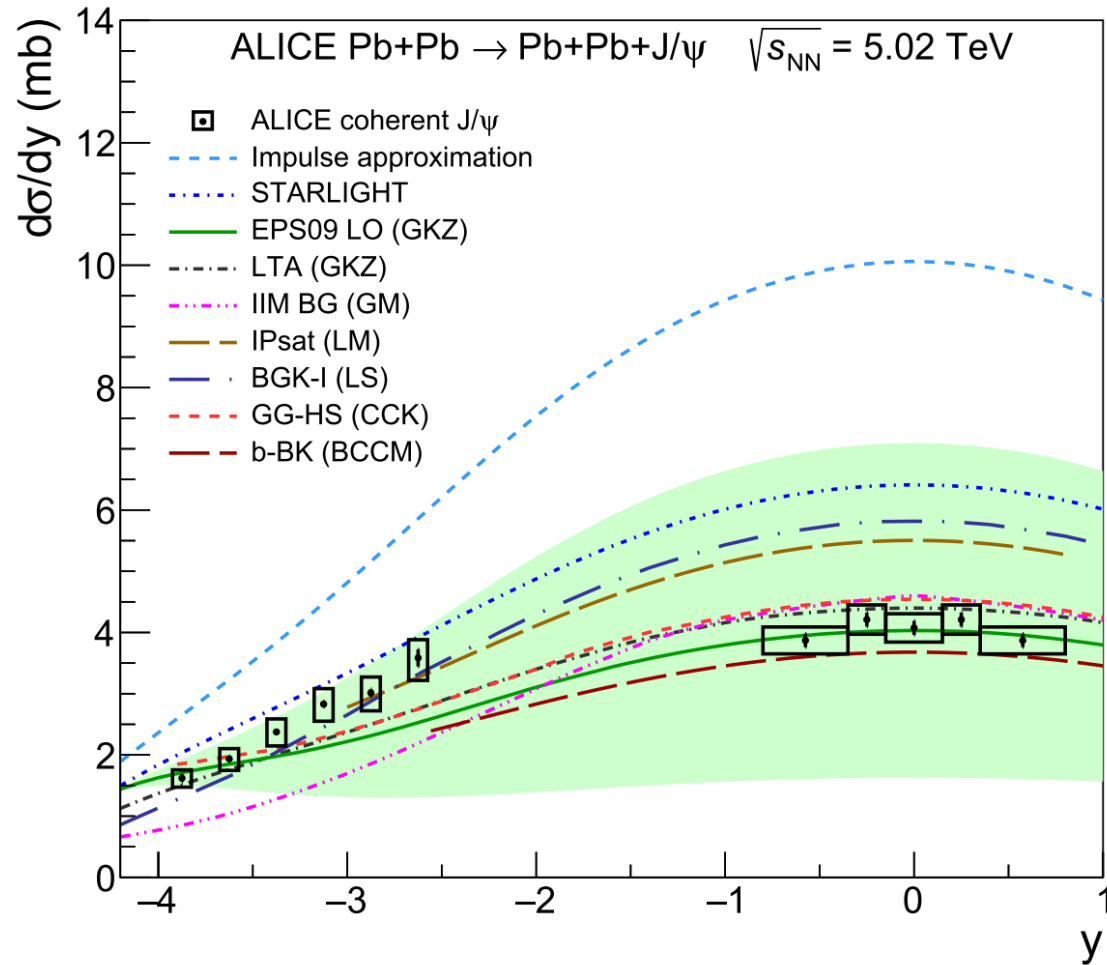


$$\mathcal{A}(\Delta_{\perp}) = i \int d^2b_{\perp} e^{i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot b_{\perp}} \int \frac{d^2r_{\perp}}{4\pi} \int_0^1 dz \Psi^{\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(r_{\perp}, z, \epsilon_{\perp}^{\gamma}) N(r_{\perp}, b_{\perp}) \Psi^{V \rightarrow q\bar{q}^*}(r_{\perp}, z, \epsilon_{\perp}^V)$$

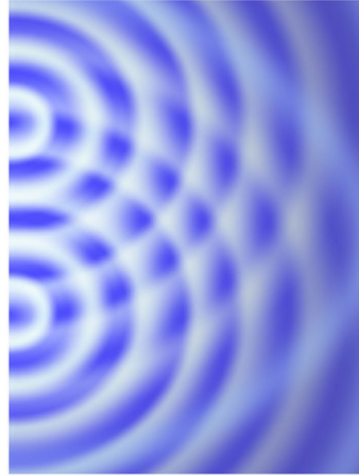
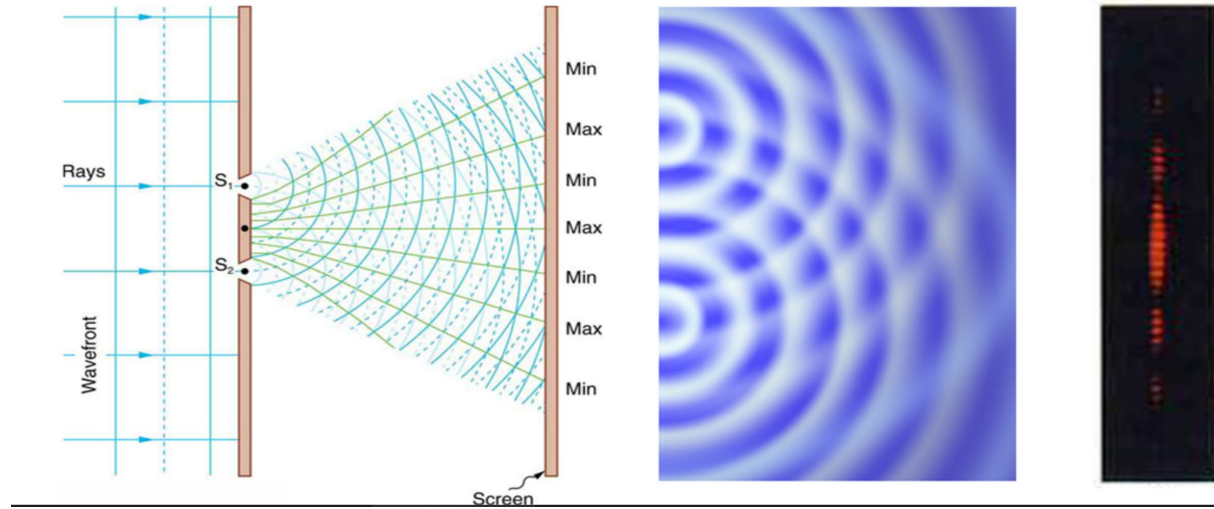
Ryskin, 93; Brodsky, Frankfurt, Gunion, Mueller, Strikman, 94; Klein, Nystrand, 1999; Munier, Stasto, Mueller, 2001, Kowalski, Teaney, 2003; Lappi, Mantysaari, 2011; Rezaeian, Siddikov, Klundert, Venugopalan, 2013; Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov, 2014; Lansberg, Massacrier, Szymanowski, Wagner, 2019; Mäntysaari,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

Test different saturation models

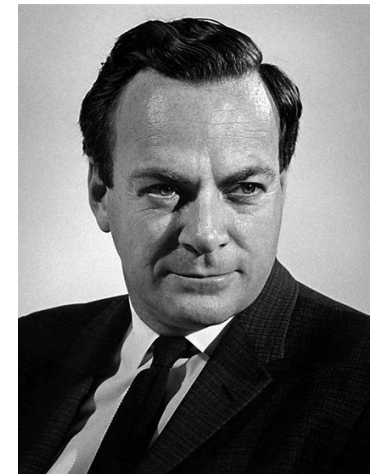
➤ One example:



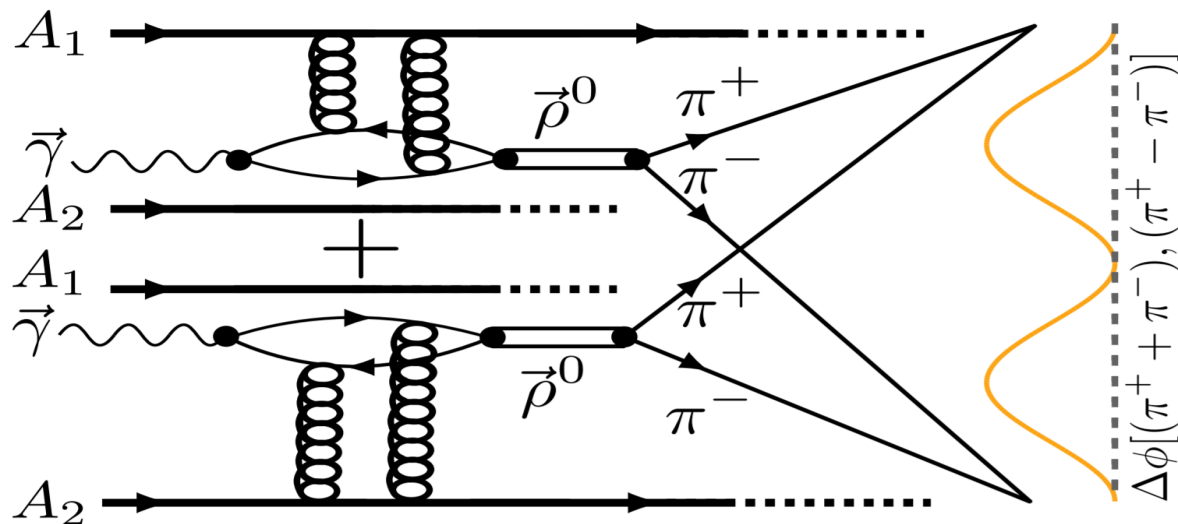
Young's double-slit experiment:



“I will take just this one experiment, which has been designed to contain all of the mystery of quantummechanics”.

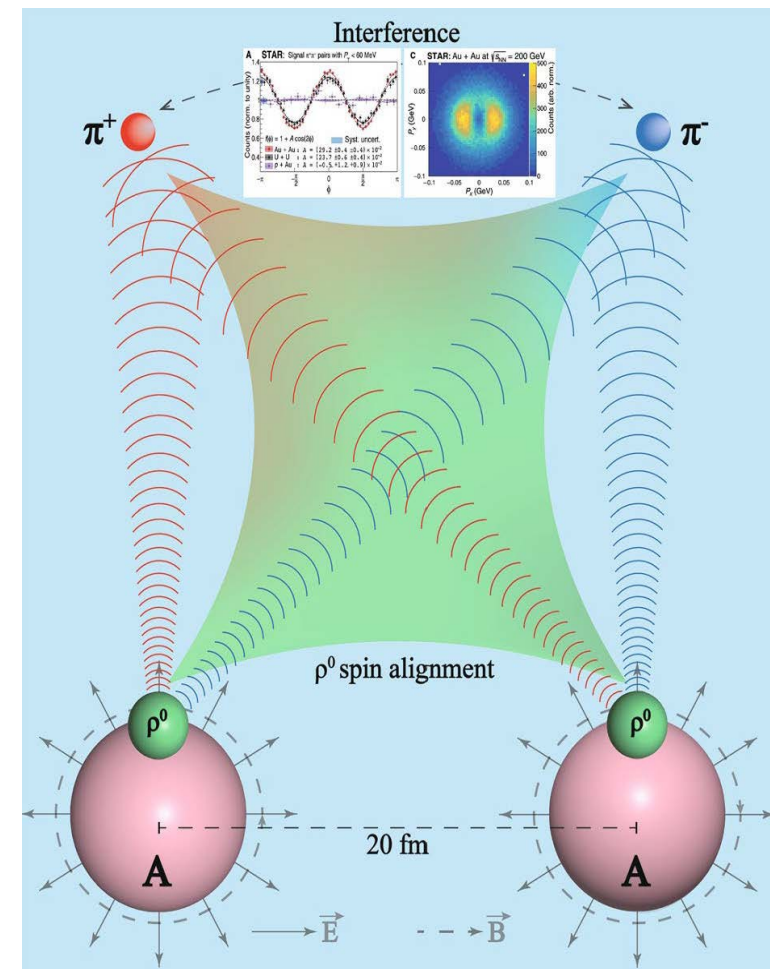


Double-slit effect in UPCs



Klein-Nystrand, 1999

◆ Remark: two different photons



摘自马余刚院士的评述文章

The first theoretical formulation

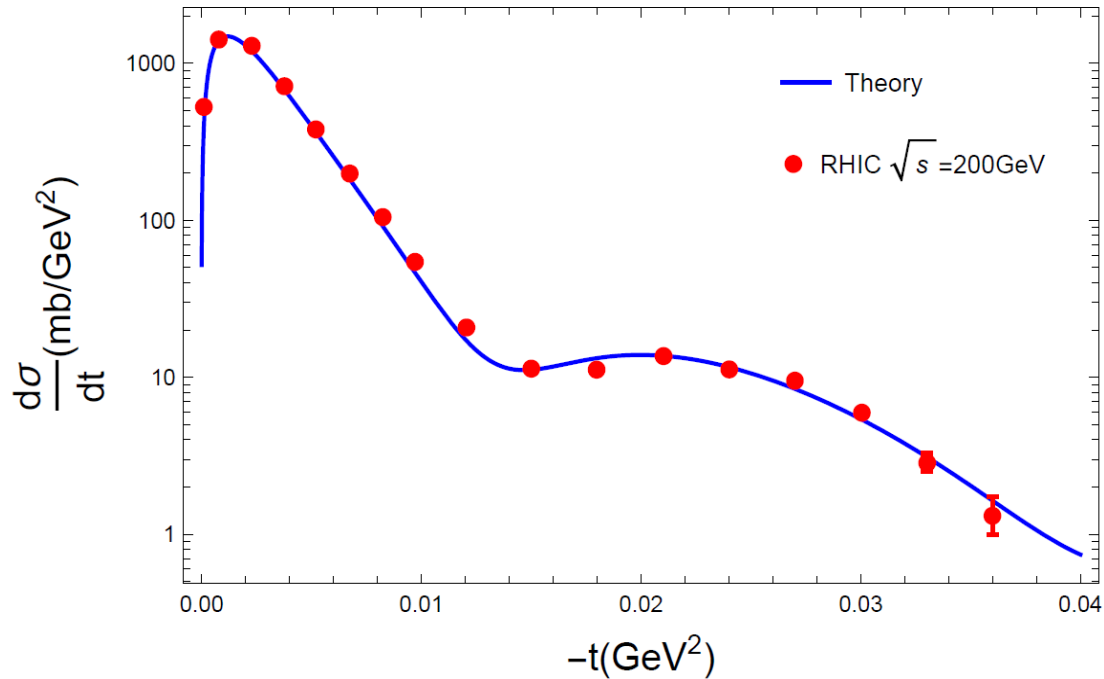
➤ Full cross section in CGC effective theory:

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

Xing-Zhang-ZJ-Zhou, 2020

ρ^0 diffractive pattern

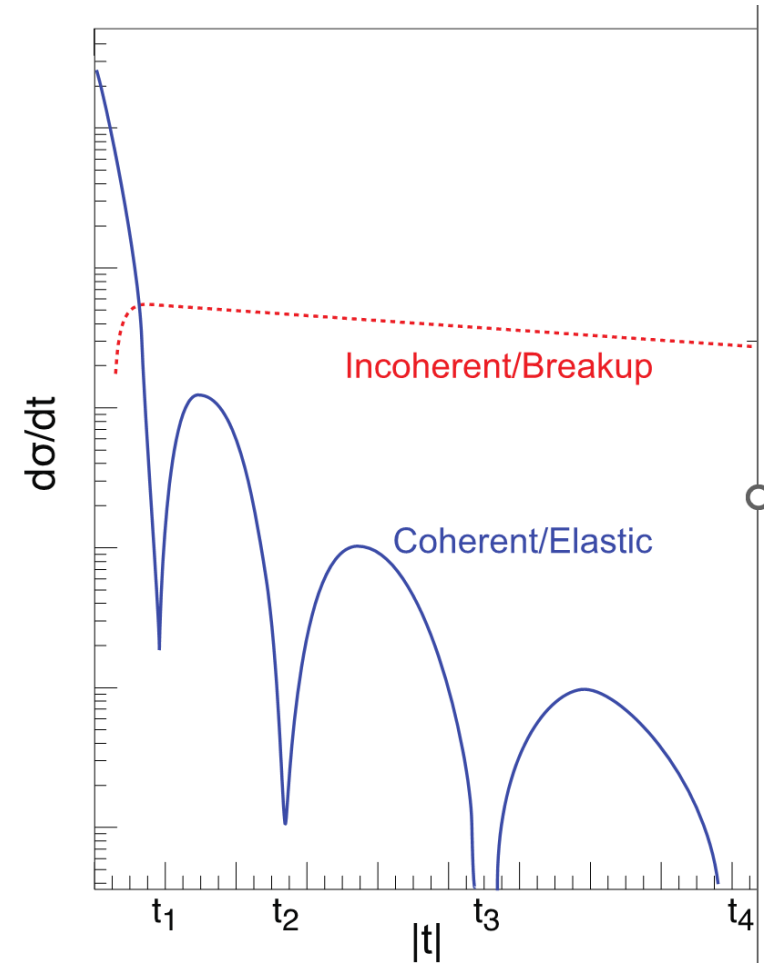
Diffractive VM production in UPC



Xing-Zhang-ZJ-Zhou 2020

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

Diffractive VM production in eA

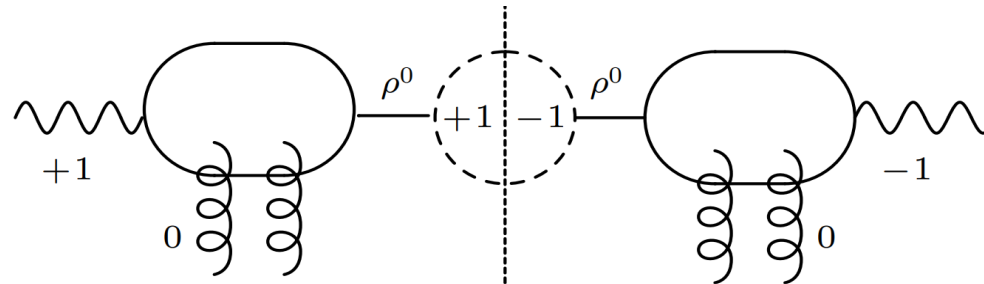


- One slit interference

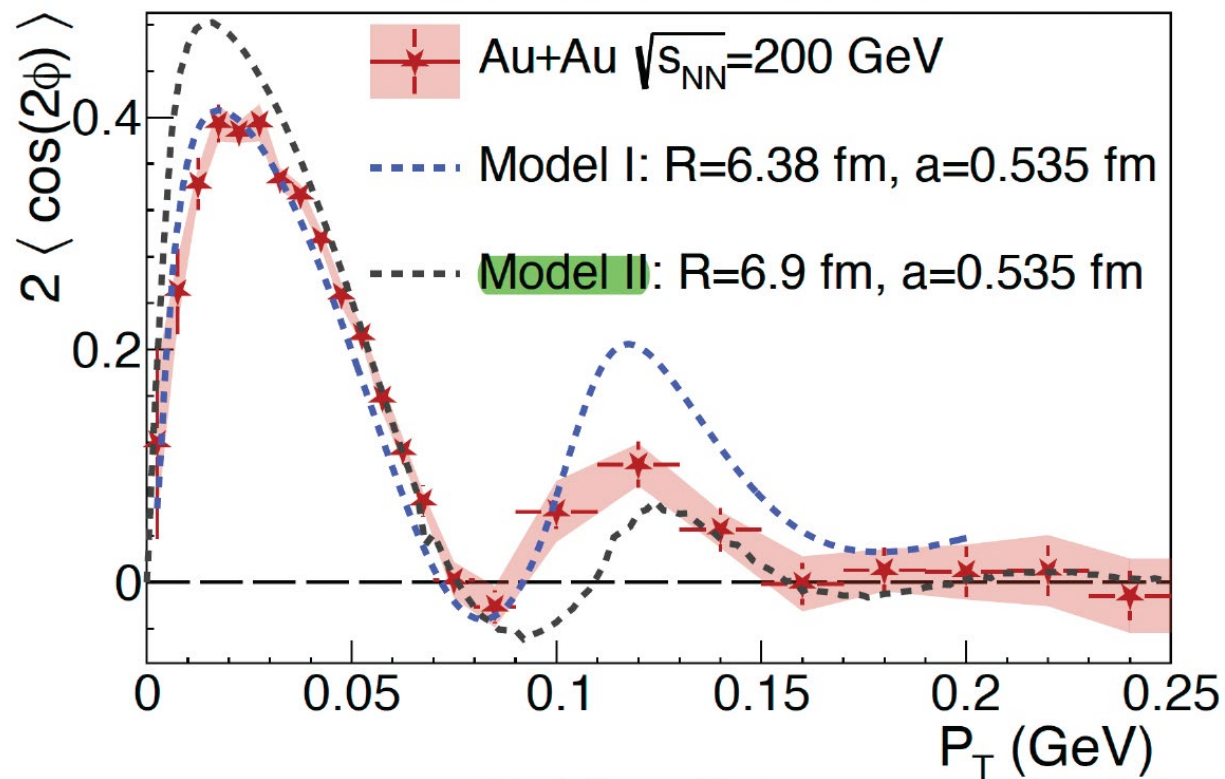
Cos2φ in ρ⁰ production

- ◆ Interference between two p waves

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



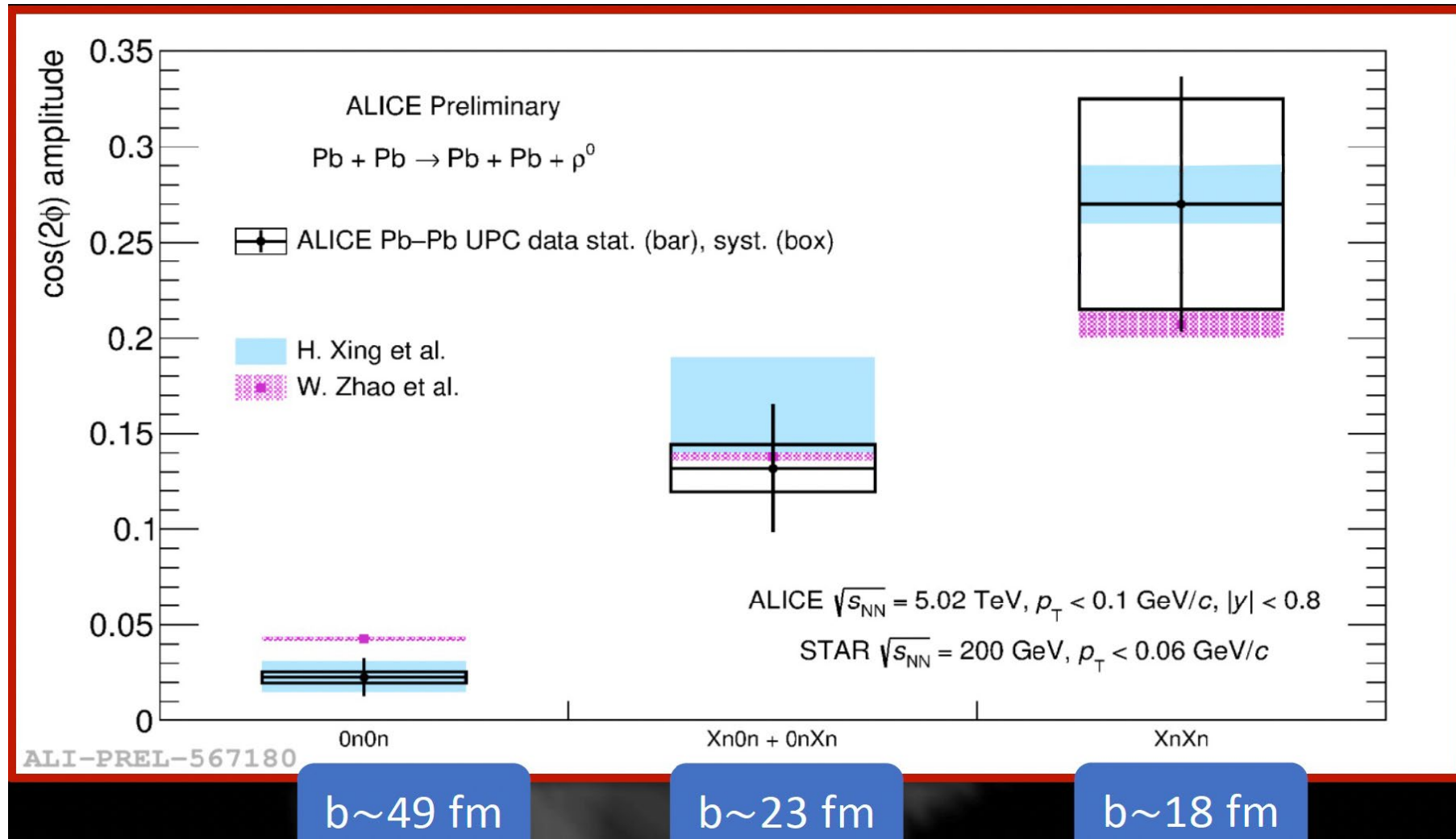
B STAR Signal $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs vs. Models



Theory curve II taken from
Xing-Zhang-ZJ-Zhou, 2020

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

ALICE measurement of $\cos 2\phi$ asymmetry

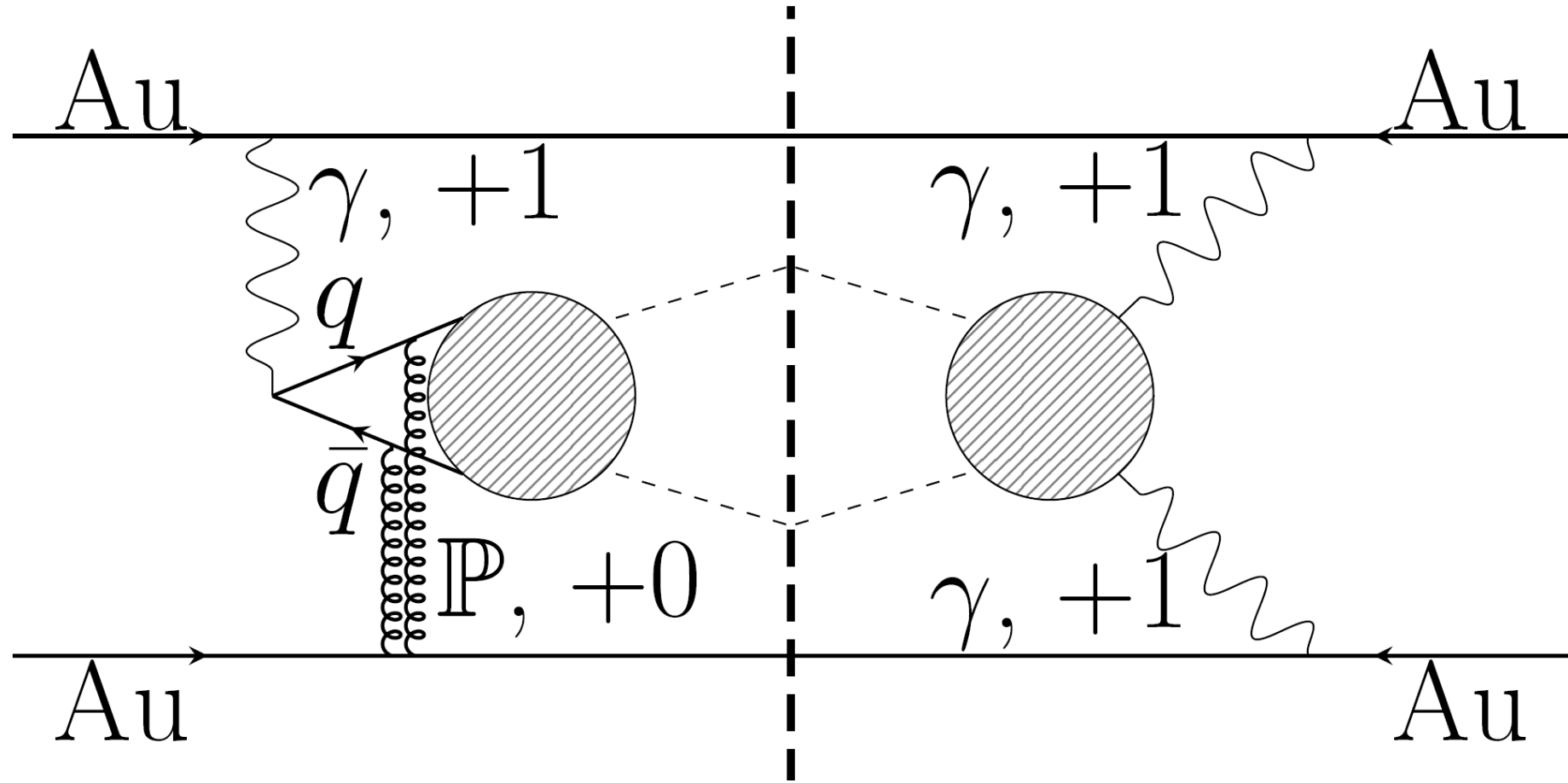


SDU-SCNU组: Hongxi Xing, Cheng Zhang, Jian Zhou, Ya-Jin Zhou *JHEP* 10 (2020) 064

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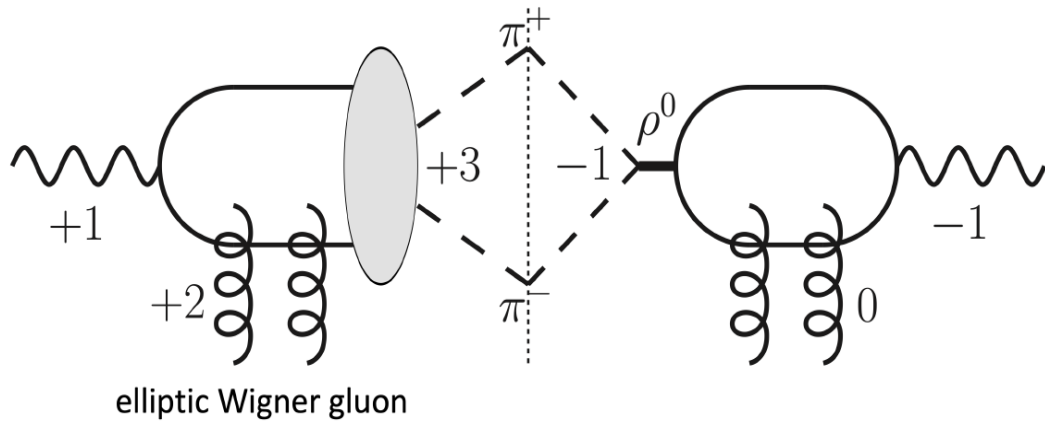
Spin Interference between γA and $\gamma\gamma$

- Interference between γA and $\gamma\gamma$ may also be present.
- This interference is expected to produce a $\cos(\Delta\phi)$ and $\cos(3\Delta\phi)$ anisotropy.

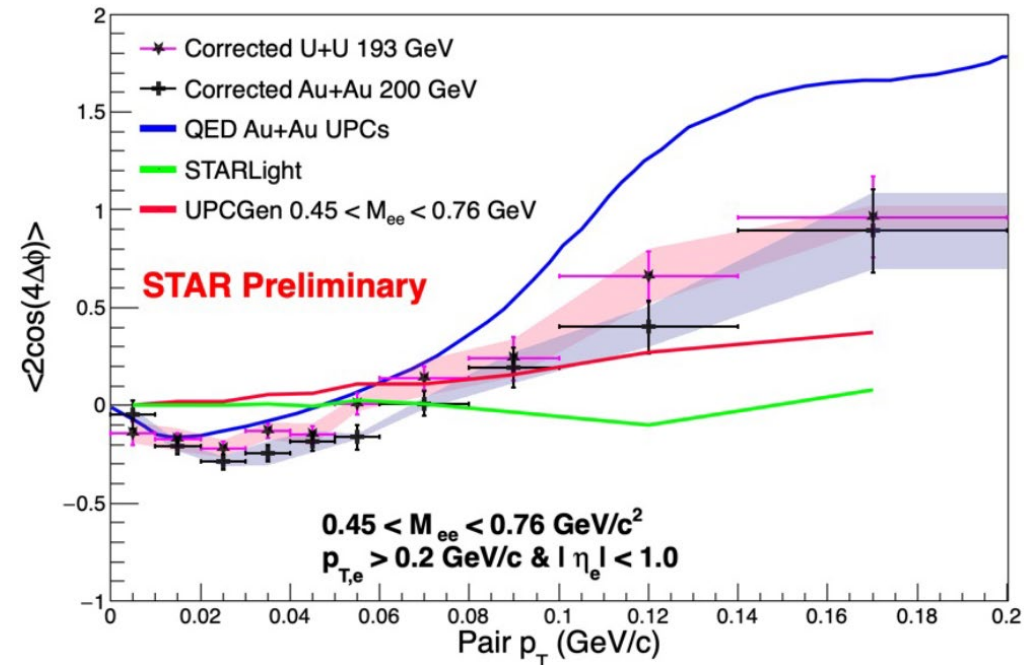


Cos4 ϕ in dipion production I

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



- ◆ STAR measurement:

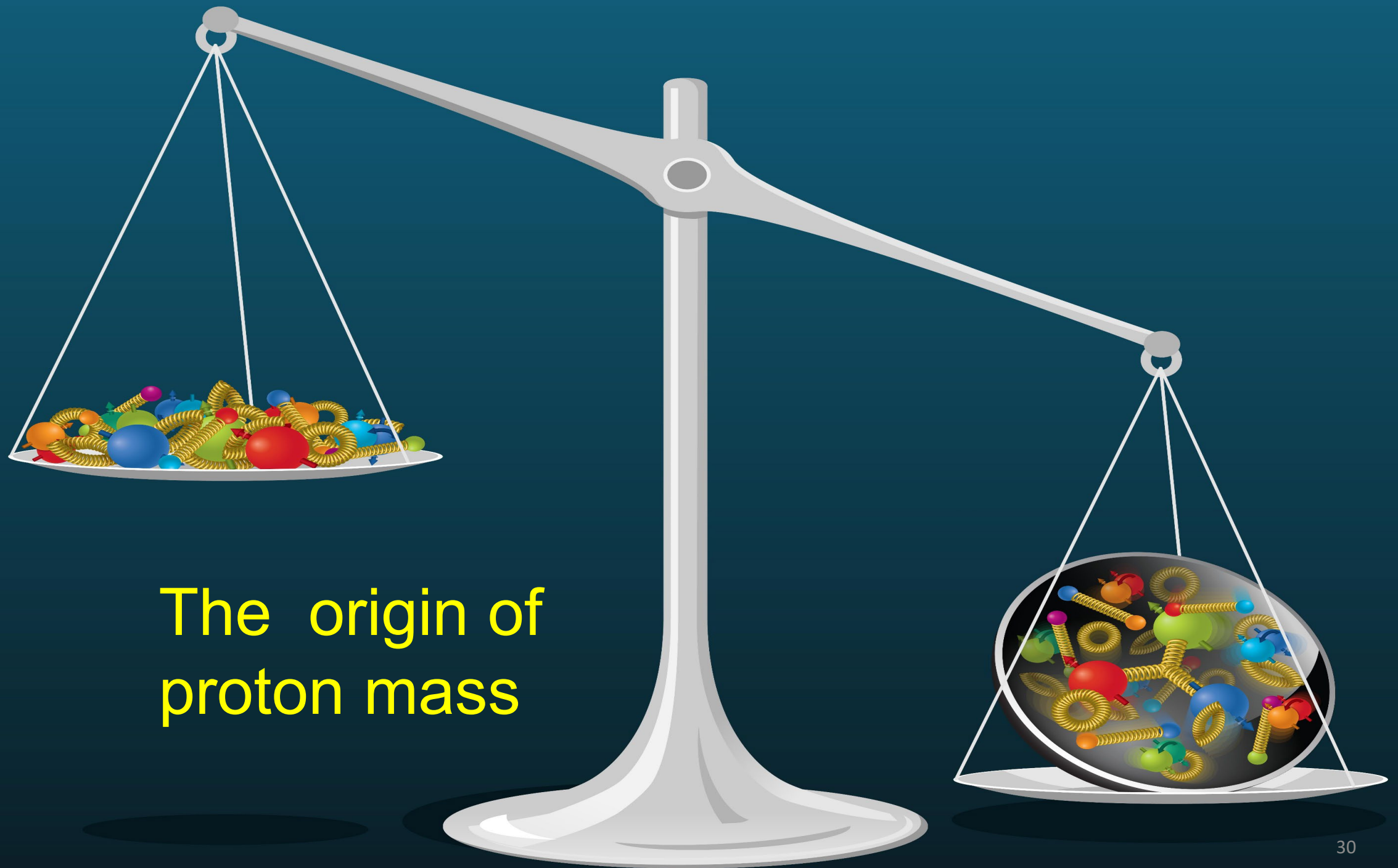


Hatta-Xiao-Yuan, 2016
 ZJ, 2016
 Boussarie-Hatta-Xiao-Yuan, 2018
 Mäntysaari-Mueller-Salazar-Schenke, 2020
 Mäntysaari-Roy-Salazar-Schenke, 2021

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The dawn of EIC era

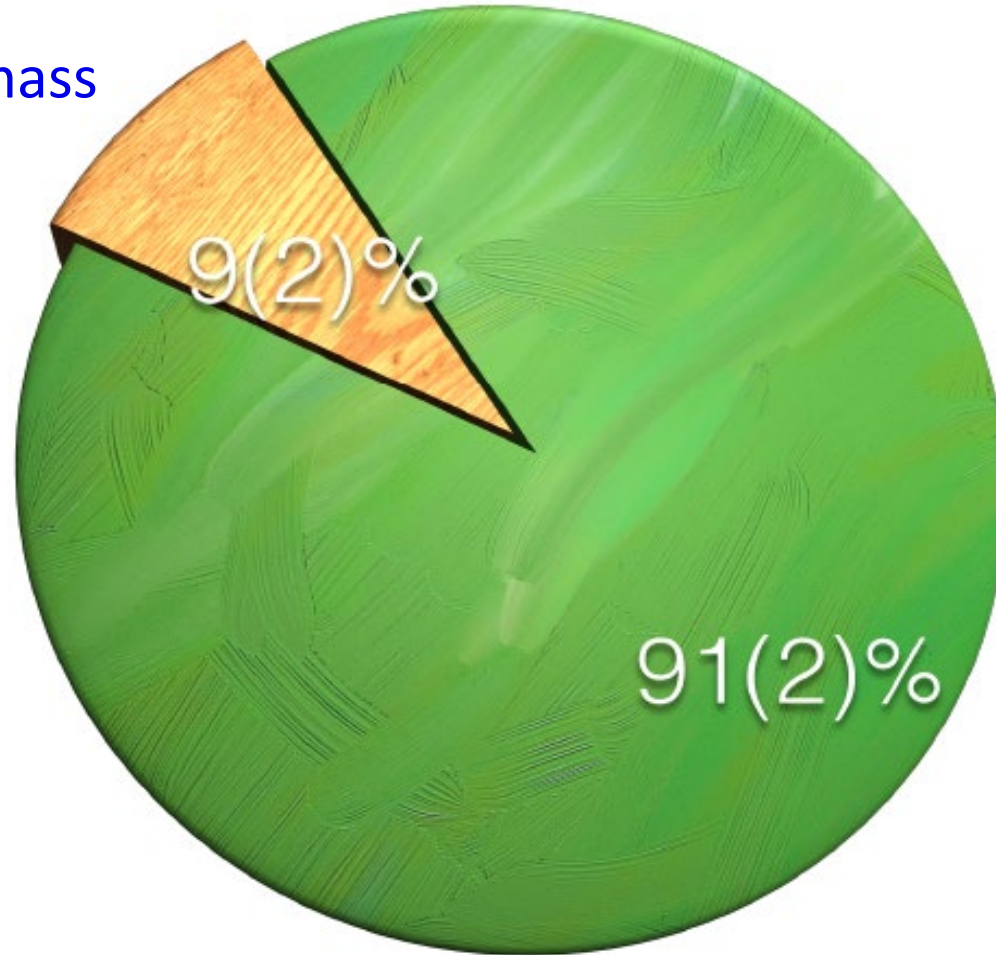




The origin of
proton mass

Proton mass

Quark mass



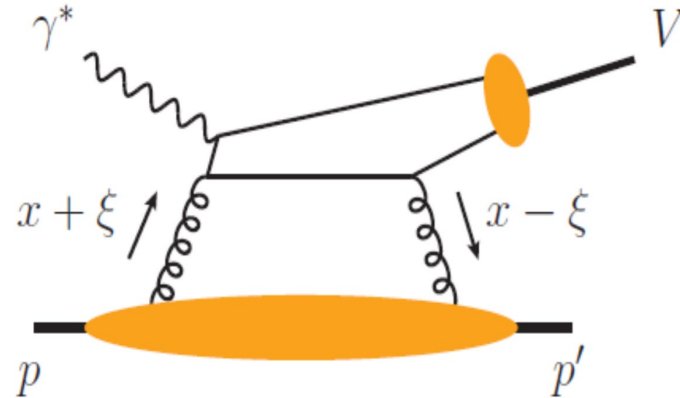
Kinematic & potential energies + Trace anomaly

How to measure trace anomaly

➤ Twist-4 operator: $\langle P' | F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} | P \rangle$

- Threshold J/psi production

Kharzeev, Satz, Syamtomov, 1998



- Threshold J/psi production in pA UPCs Yoshitaka-Yang 2018, Yoshitaka-Rajan-Yang, 2019

- Extractions: Xu-Xie-Wang-Chen, 2020
Wang-Bu-Zeng, 2022

- Intense debates:
Hatta, Ji, Ma, Sun, Tong, Yuan.....

Proton spin decomposition

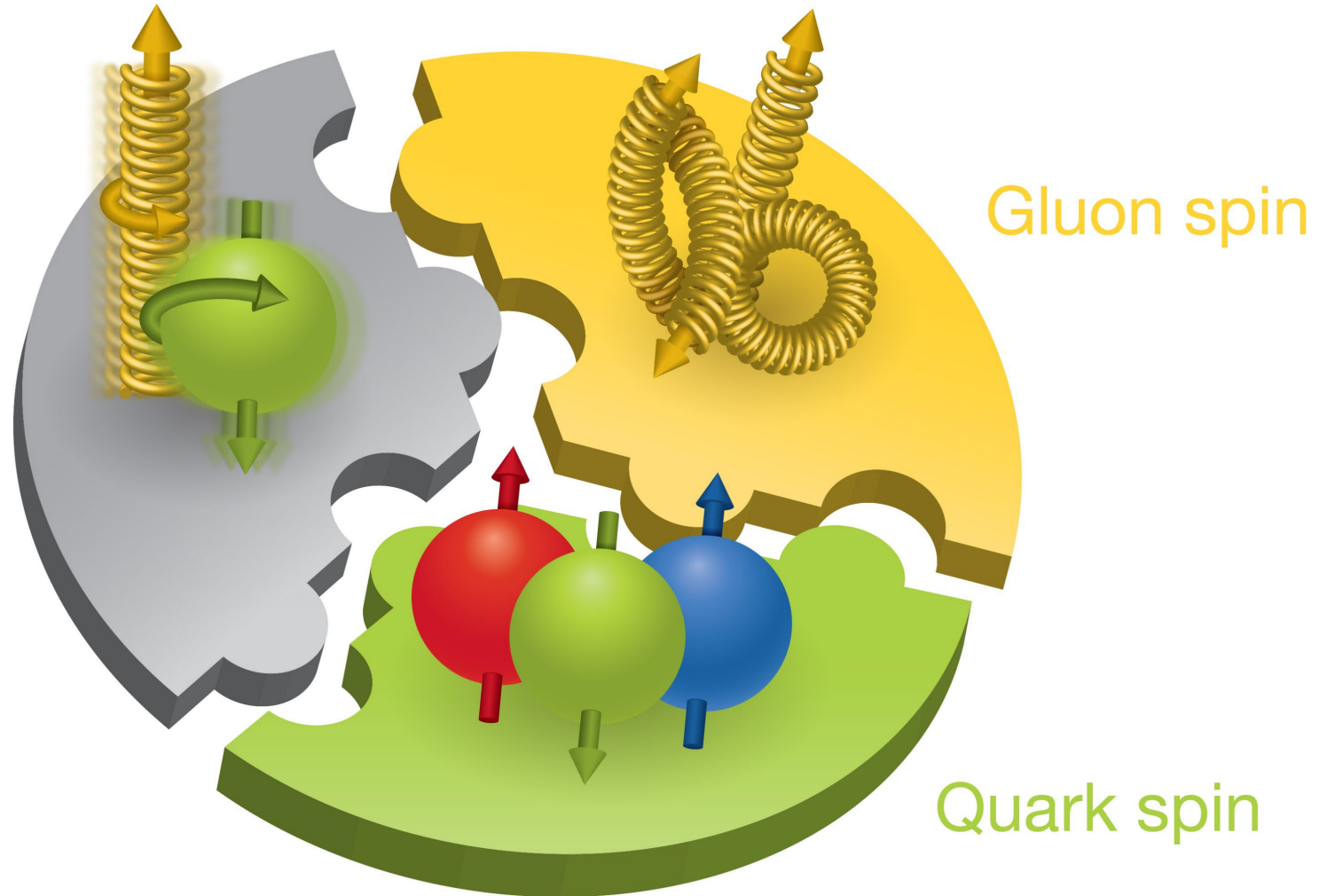
Jaffe, Manohar 1990

Ji, 1997

Chen et.al. 2008

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Quark and gluon
internal motion



Gluon OAM

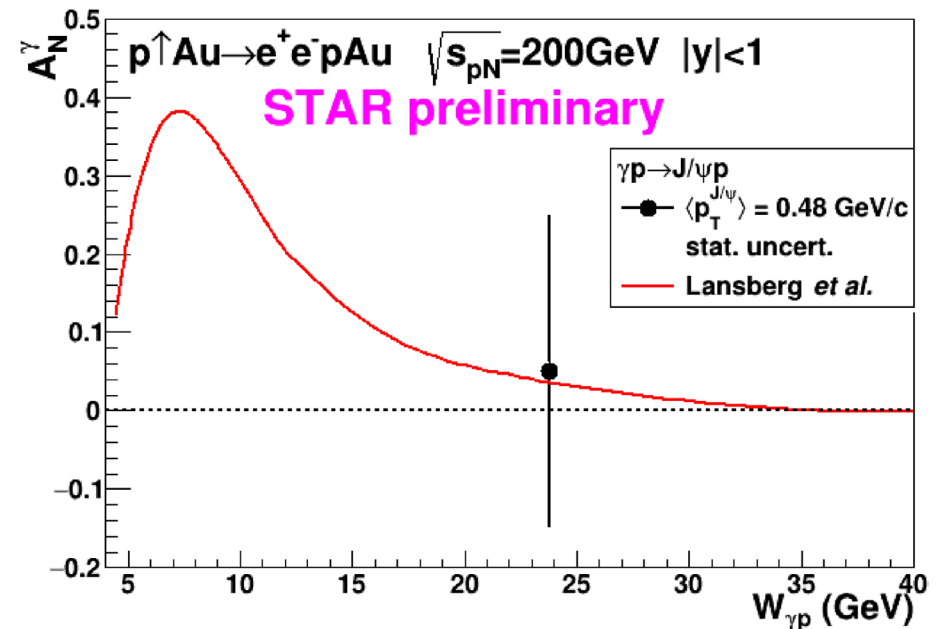
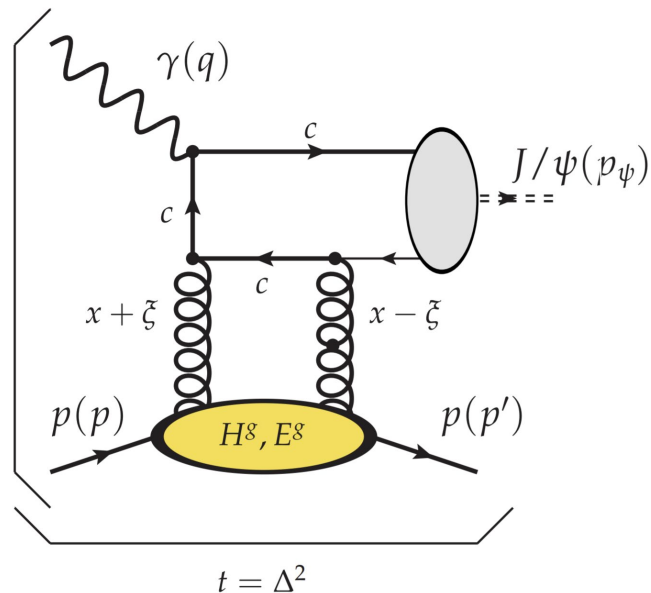
➤ Ji's sum rule
$$J_g = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx \, x [H_g(x, \xi) + E_g(x, \xi)]$$

Ji, 1997

◆ SSA in exclusive J/psi production in polarized pA UPCs

Koempel-Kroll-Metz-ZJ, 2012

Lansberg-Massacrier-Szymanowski-Wagner, 2018



Small x asymptotic behavior of gluon OAM

- Never can reach $x=0$ at any experiment, how to extrapolate down to $x=0$

- Small x evolution equation for $E_g(x)$

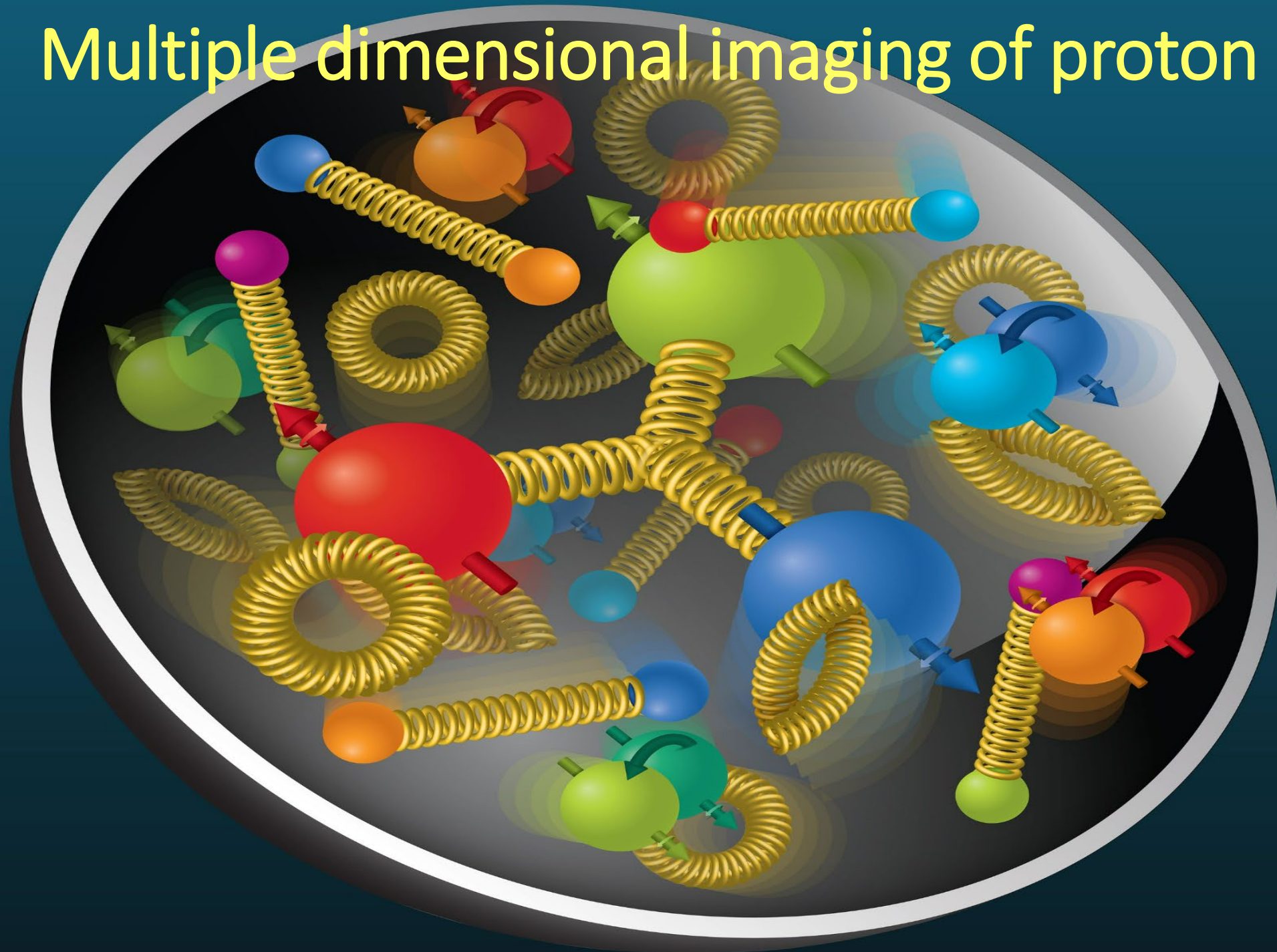
$$\partial_Y \mathcal{E}(k_\perp) = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2 k'_\perp}{(k_\perp - k'_\perp)^2} \left[\mathcal{E}(k'_\perp) - \frac{k_\perp^2}{2k'^2_\perp} \mathcal{E}(k_\perp) \right] - 4\pi^2 \alpha_s^2 \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{1,1}(k_\perp) \mathcal{E}(k_\perp)$$

Hatta, ZJ, 2022

Conclusion: $E_g(x)$ rises as rapidly as the normal unpolarized gluon distribution!

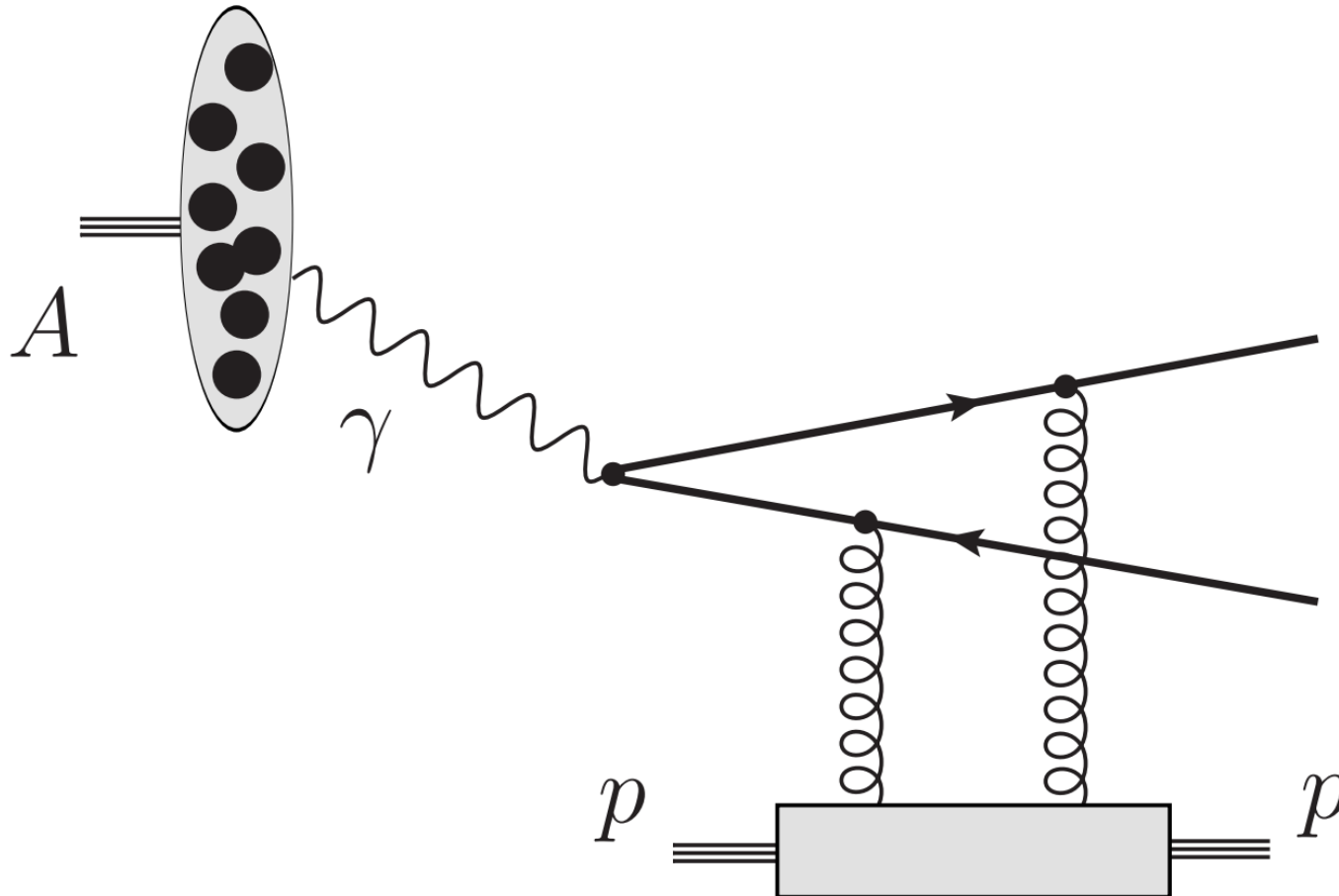
$$x^{-0.3}$$

Multiple dimensional imaging of proton



Gluon Tomography via diffractive di-jet

- 5D imaging of gluon tomography of proton



Braun-Ivanov, 2005
Hatta-Xiao-Yuan, 2016
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Complementary to EIC&EicC

- Virtual photon
- Circularly polarized photons
- (Semi)-Inclusive process

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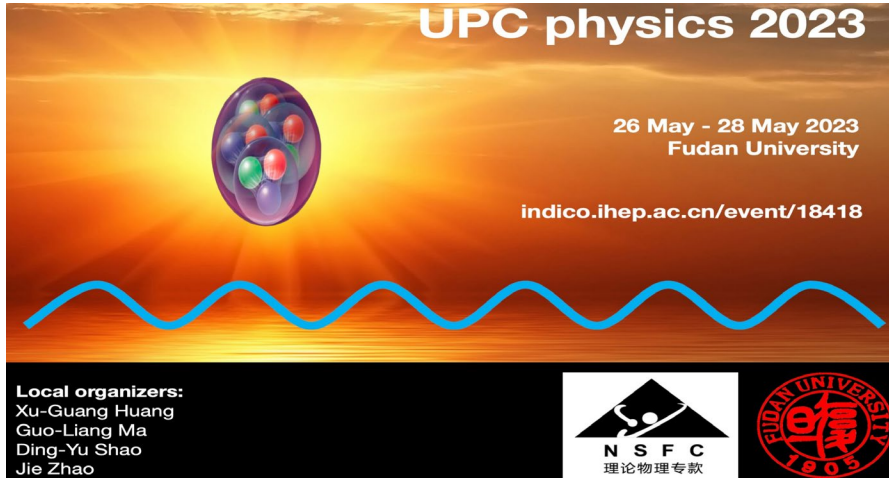
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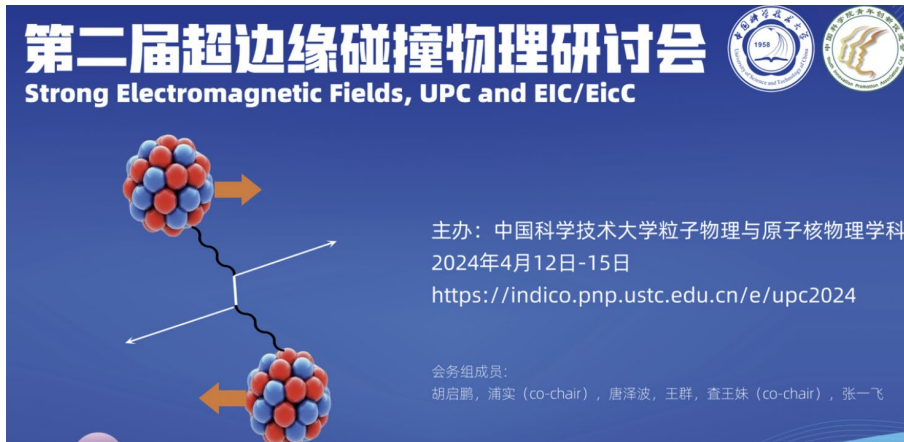
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