

Baryon number dynamics from RHIC to the EIC

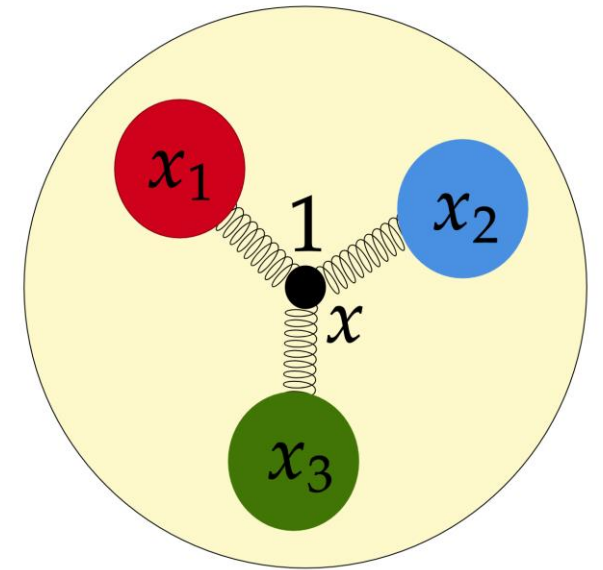
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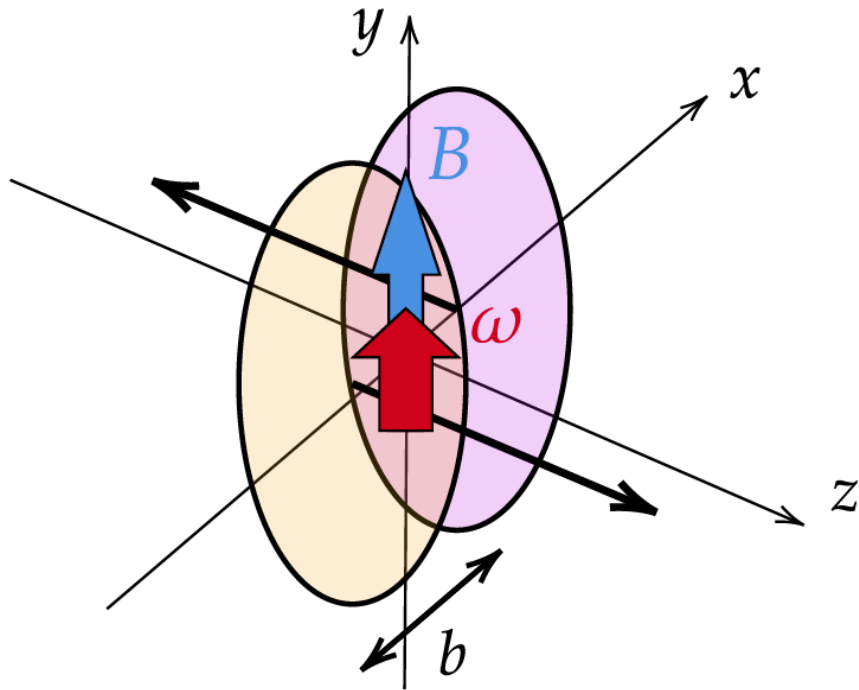
- ❖ CME/CVE overview
- ❖ New gamma-type correlator linear in baryon asymmetry

Part 2: Signatures of baryon junctions in hadronic interactions

- ❖ Baryon junctions overview
- ❖ New results on Regge intercepts
- ❖ Semi-inclusive DIS and other experimental signatures

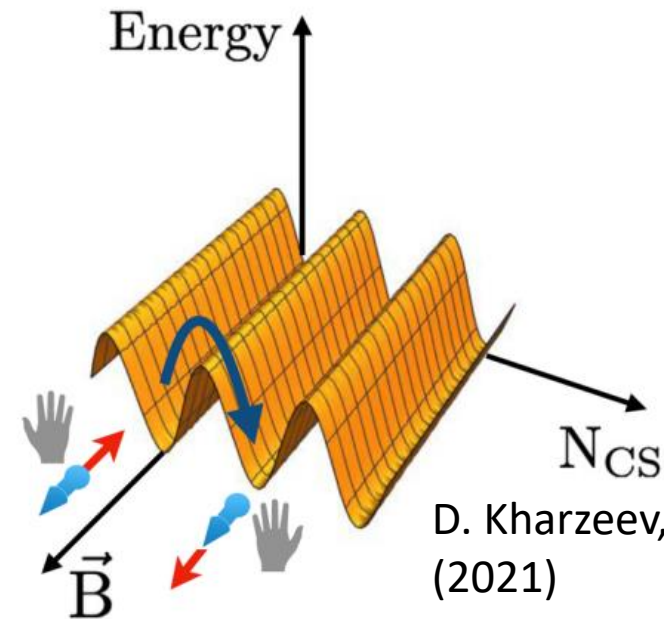
PART 1

Anomalous transport effects

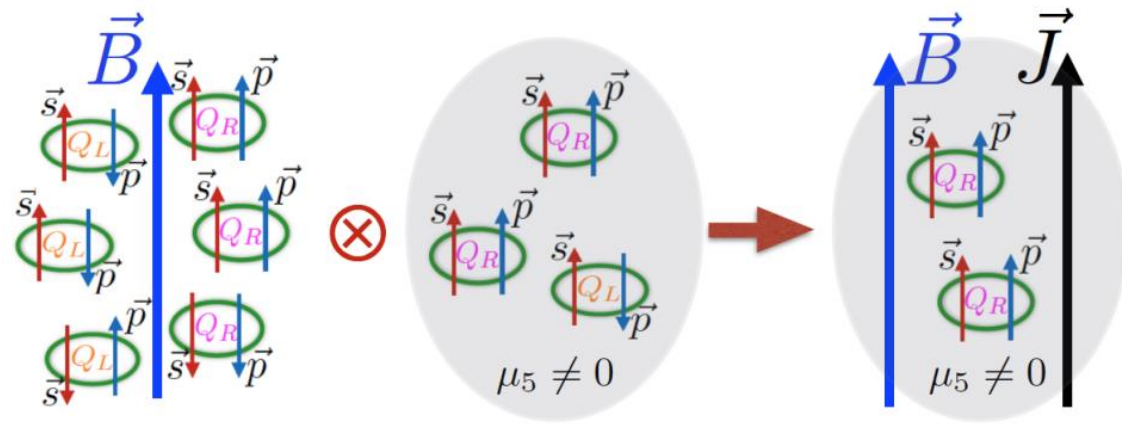


Heavy ion collision:

- Strong magnetic field
- Vorticity
- Chiral imbalance from sphaleron transitions



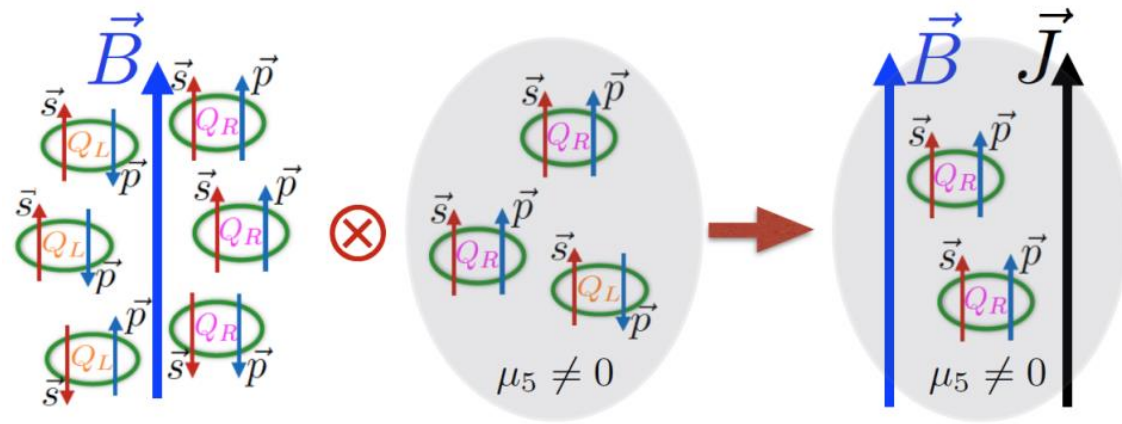
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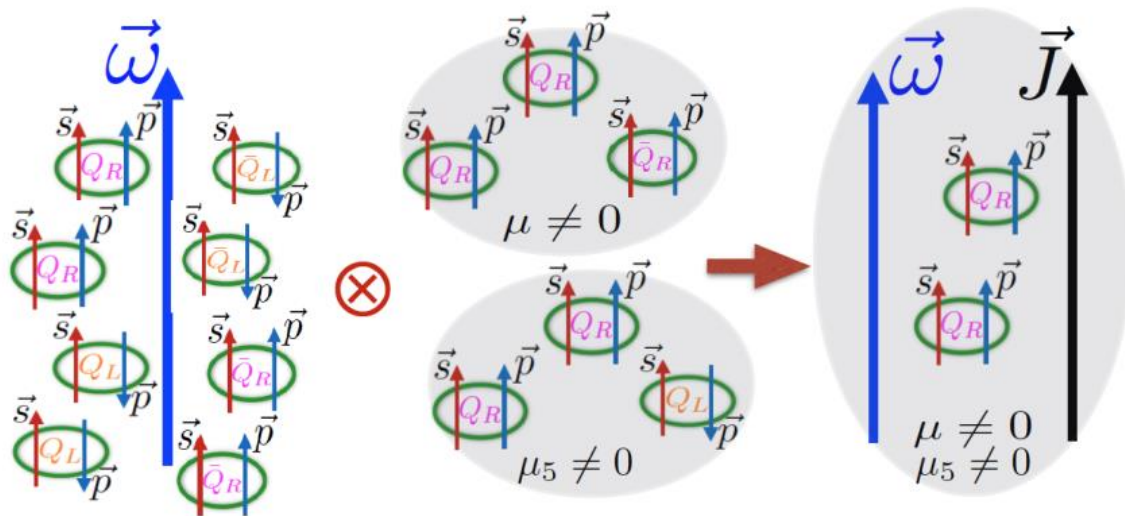
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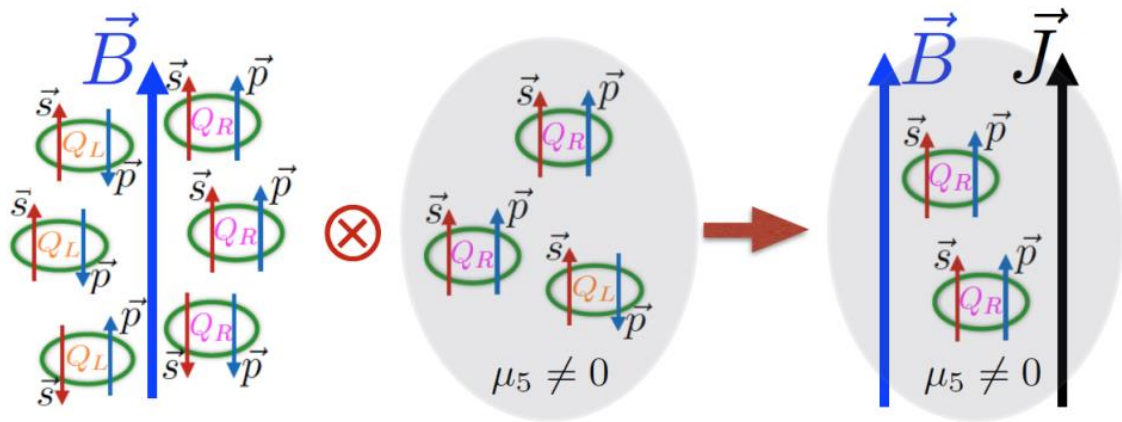
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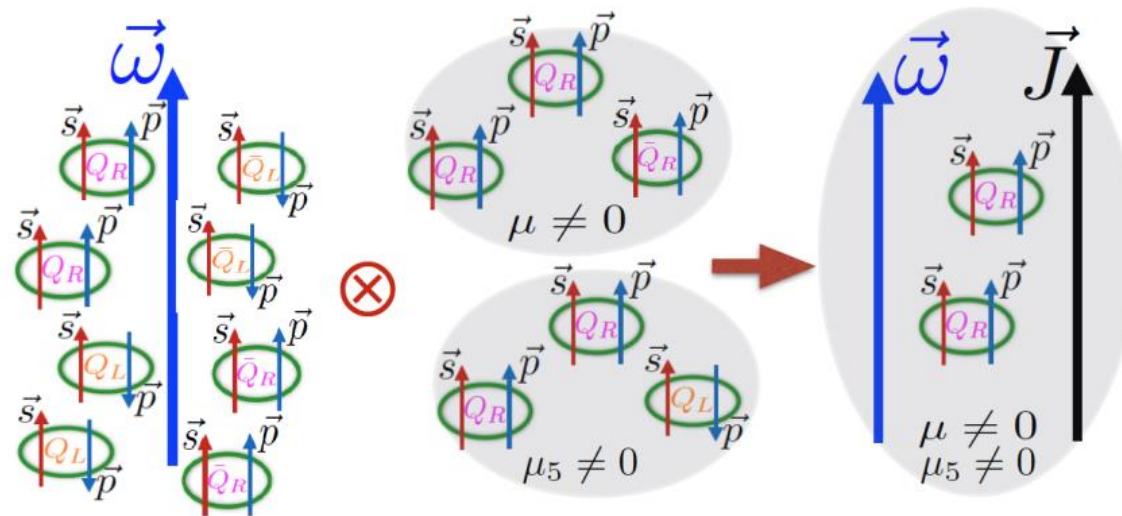
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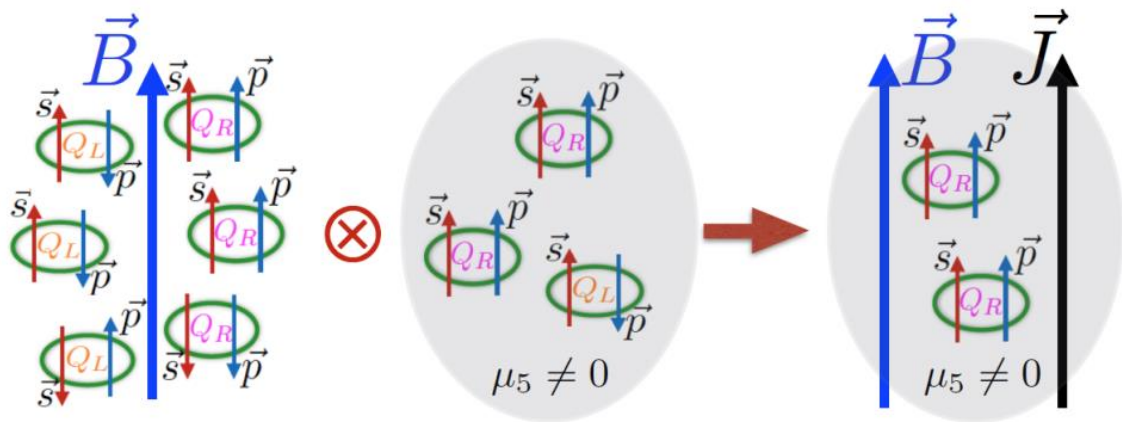
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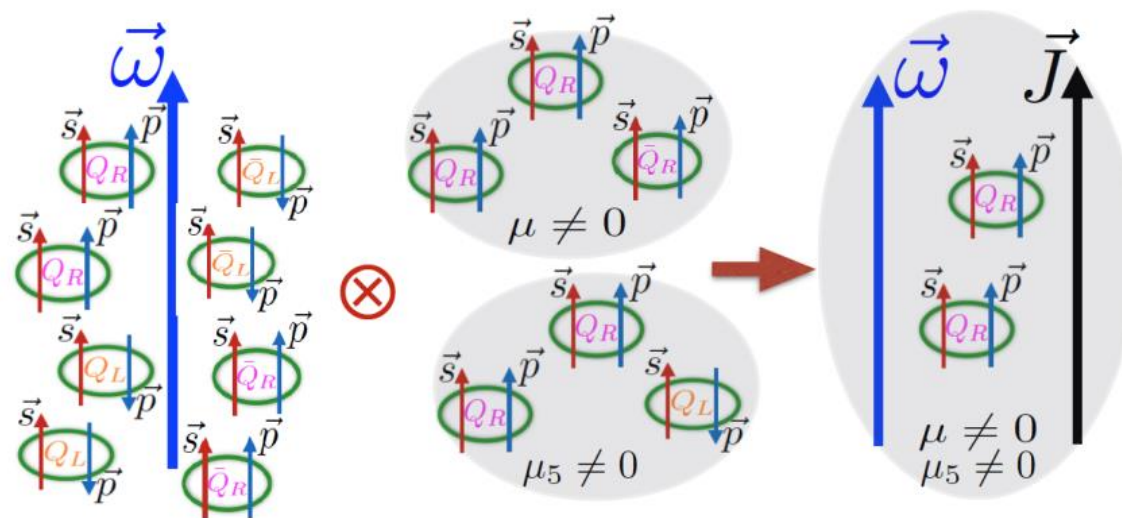
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How to look for the CME?

Charged particle azimuthal distribution:

$$\frac{dN_{\pm}}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos \phi + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi + \dots + 2a_{\pm} \sin \phi + \dots$$

CME contribution



However, $\langle \mu_5 \rangle = 0 \implies \langle a_{\pm} \rangle = 0$ averaging over many events

Solution: consider

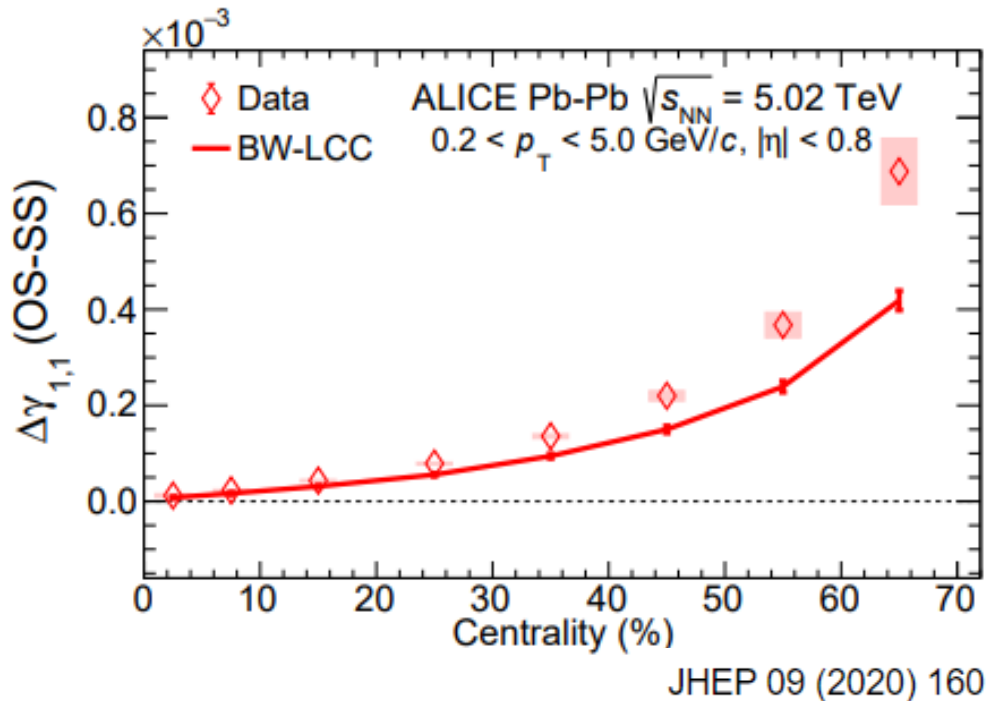
$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \cos(\phi_{\alpha} + \phi_{\beta} - \Psi_{RP}) \rangle \propto \langle a_{\alpha} a_{\beta} \rangle \propto \langle \mu_5^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

Comes at a price of introducing P-even background contributions

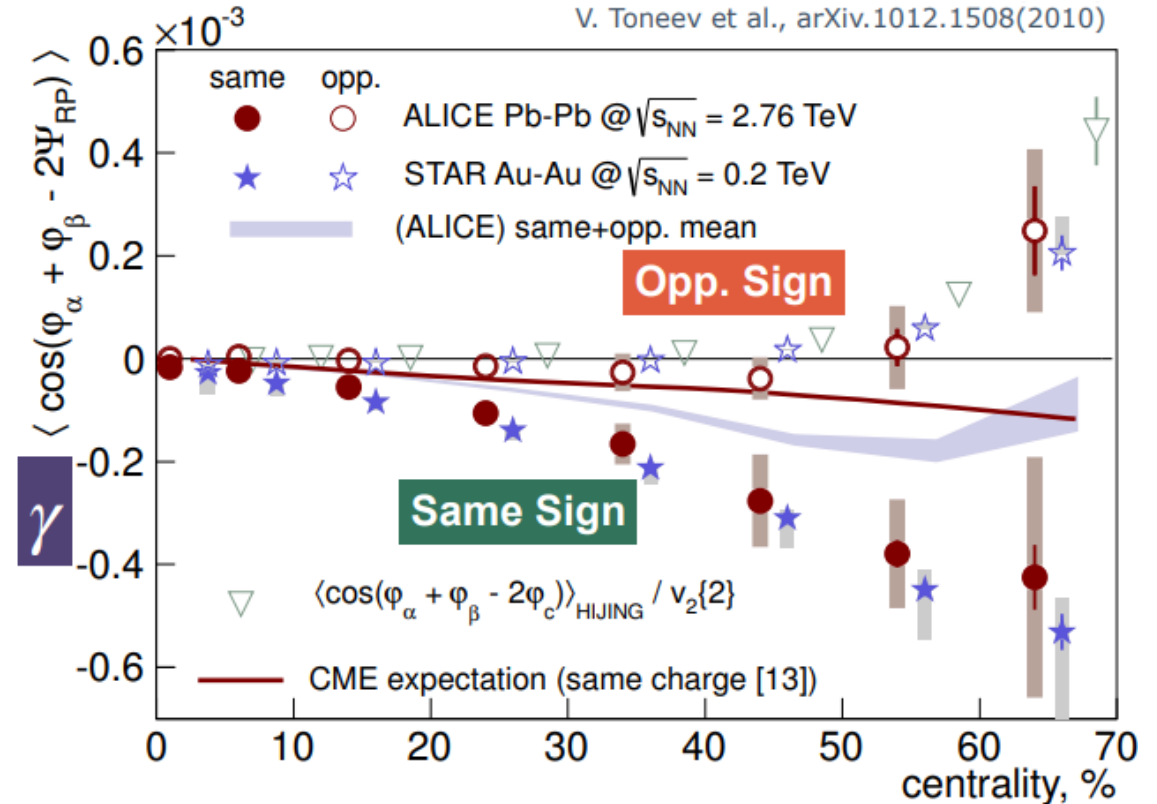
CME search in heavy ion collisions

$$\Delta\gamma = \gamma_{OS} - \gamma_{SS}$$

Eliminates some systematic backgrounds, but many remain



STAR, PRL 103, 251601 (2009)
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 V. Toneev et al., arXiv.1012.1508(2010)

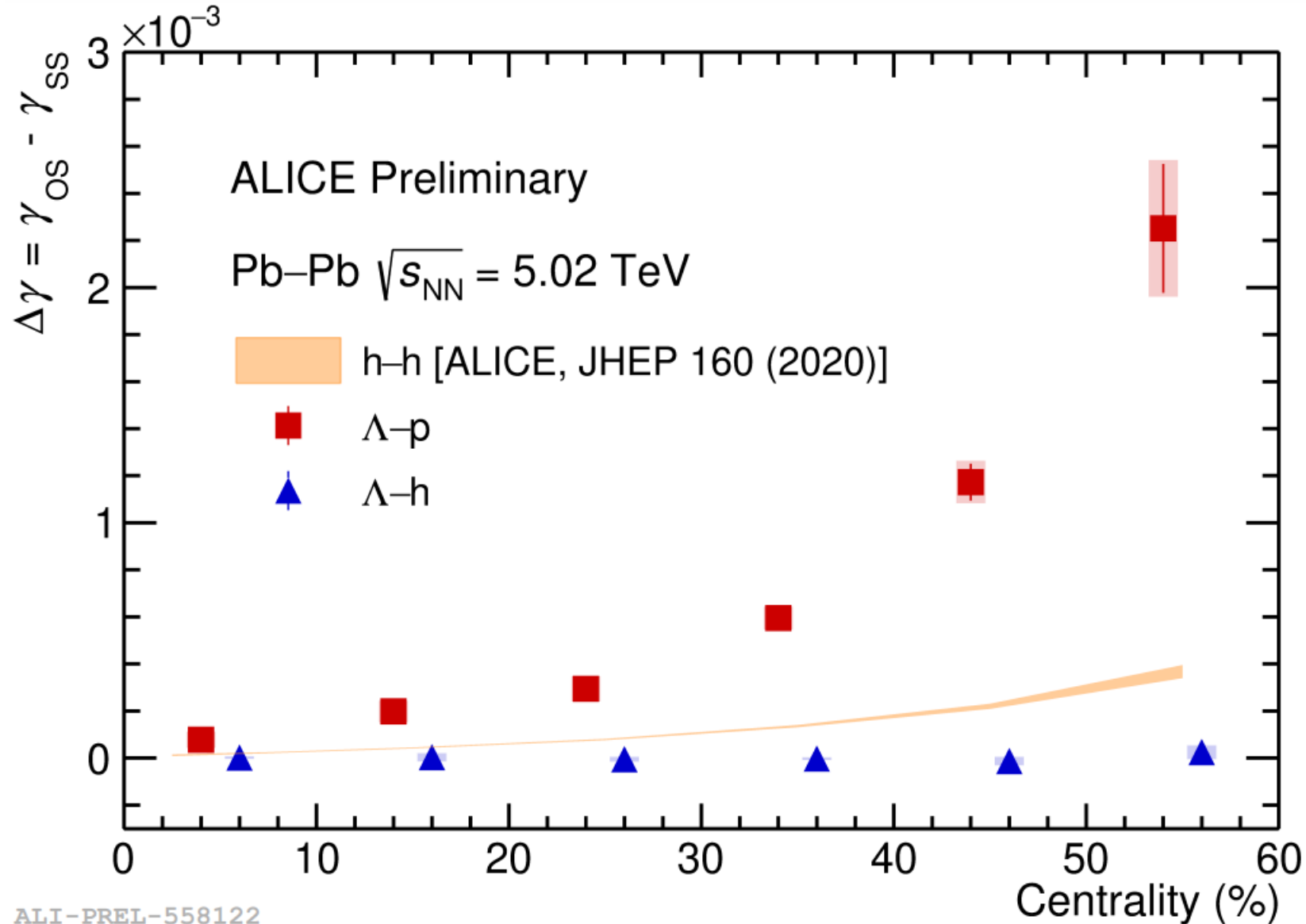


C.-Z.Wang, QM 2023

$$\Delta\gamma_{CME} = f_{CME} \Delta\gamma^{\text{obs.}}$$

$$f_{CME} \sim 10\%$$

CVE search: baryons instead of electric charge



p, Λ are identified

$$\gamma_{OS} = \gamma_{p\bar{\Lambda}} + \gamma_{\bar{p}\Lambda}$$

$$\gamma_{SS} = \gamma_{p\Lambda} + \gamma_{\bar{p}\bar{\Lambda}}$$

Baryon separation

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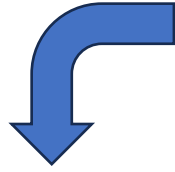
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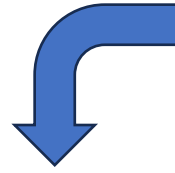
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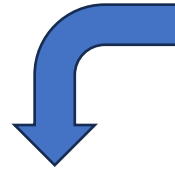


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A correlator linear in baryon asymmetry is desirable

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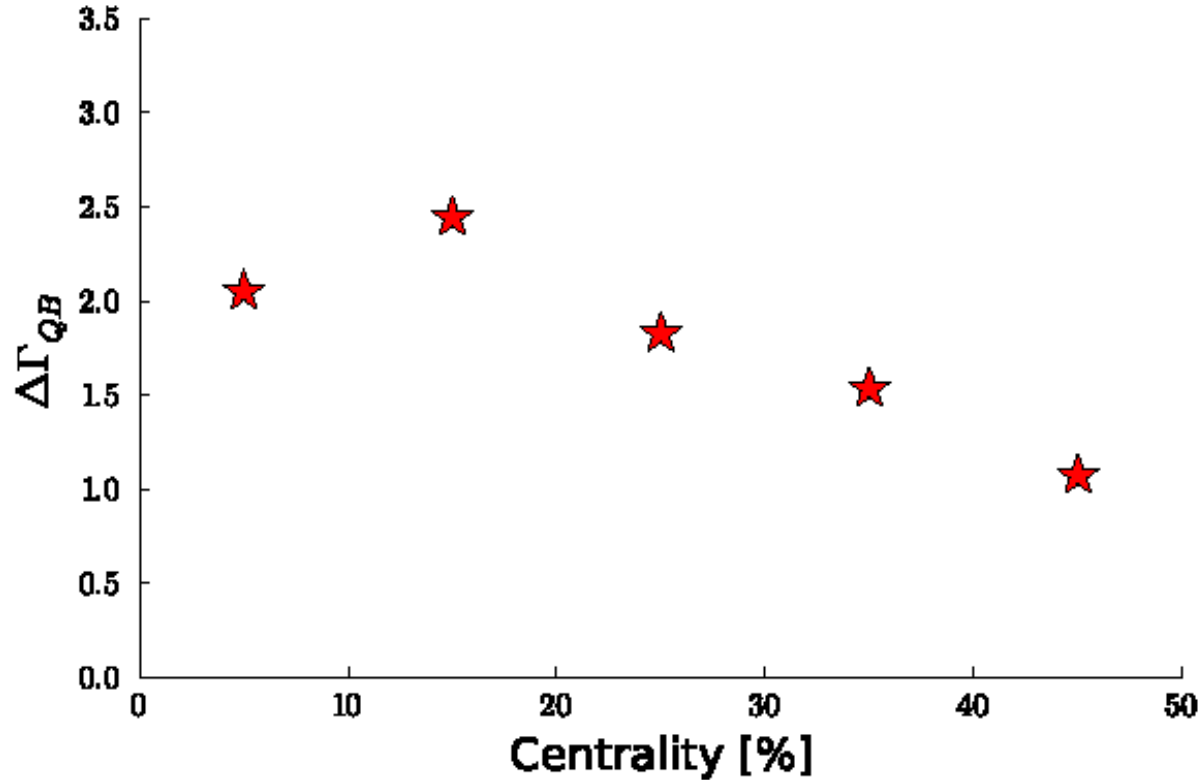
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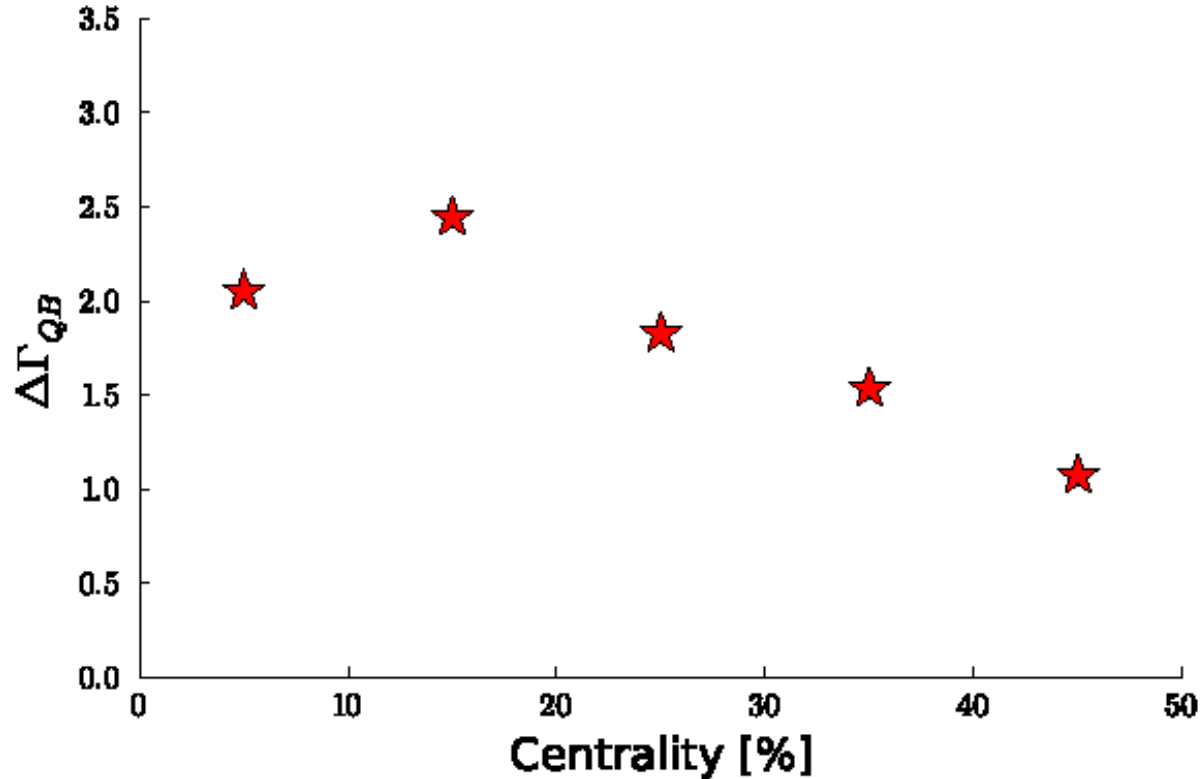
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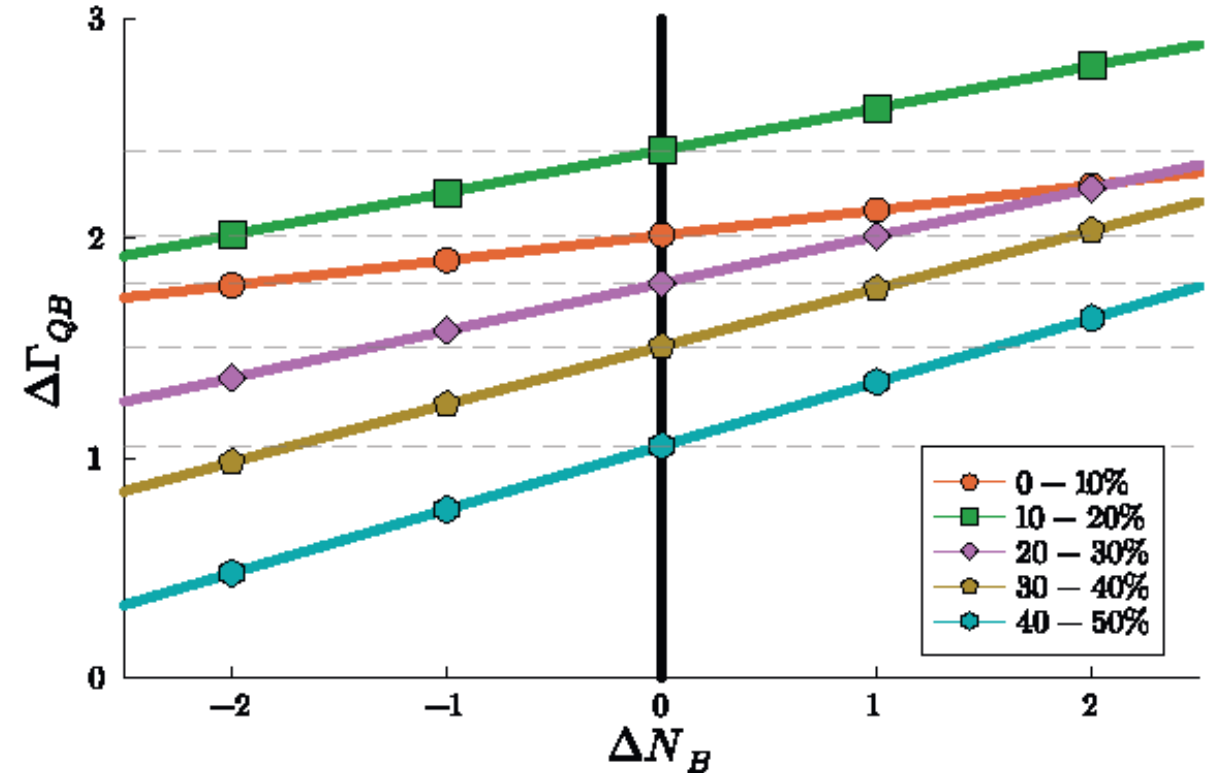
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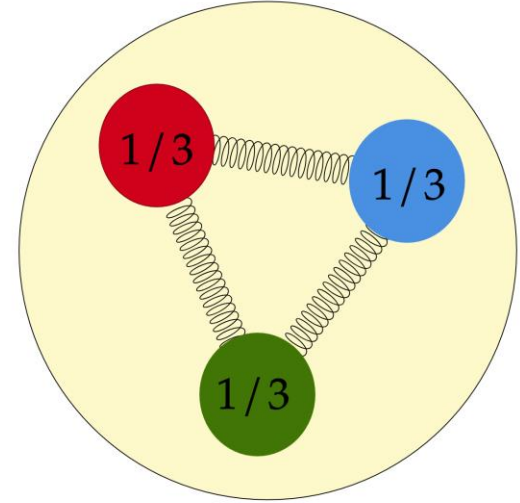
Linear dependence on ΔN_B should help separate signal and background

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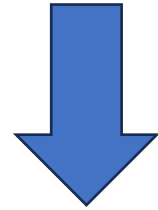
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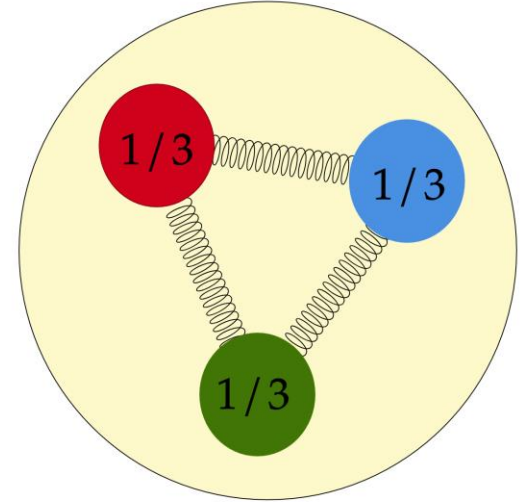


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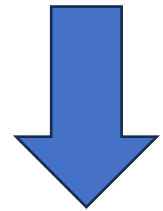


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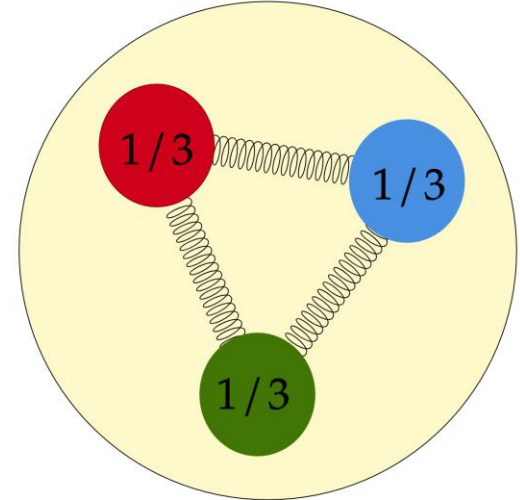


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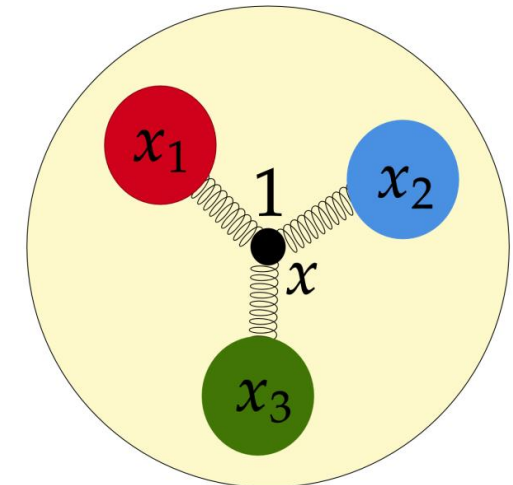


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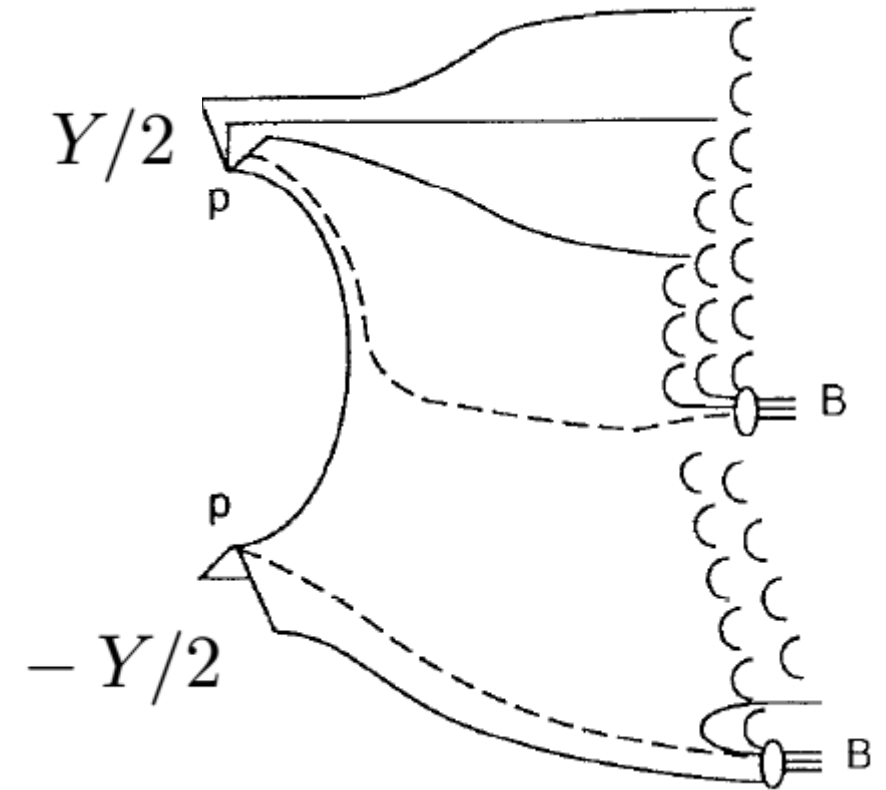


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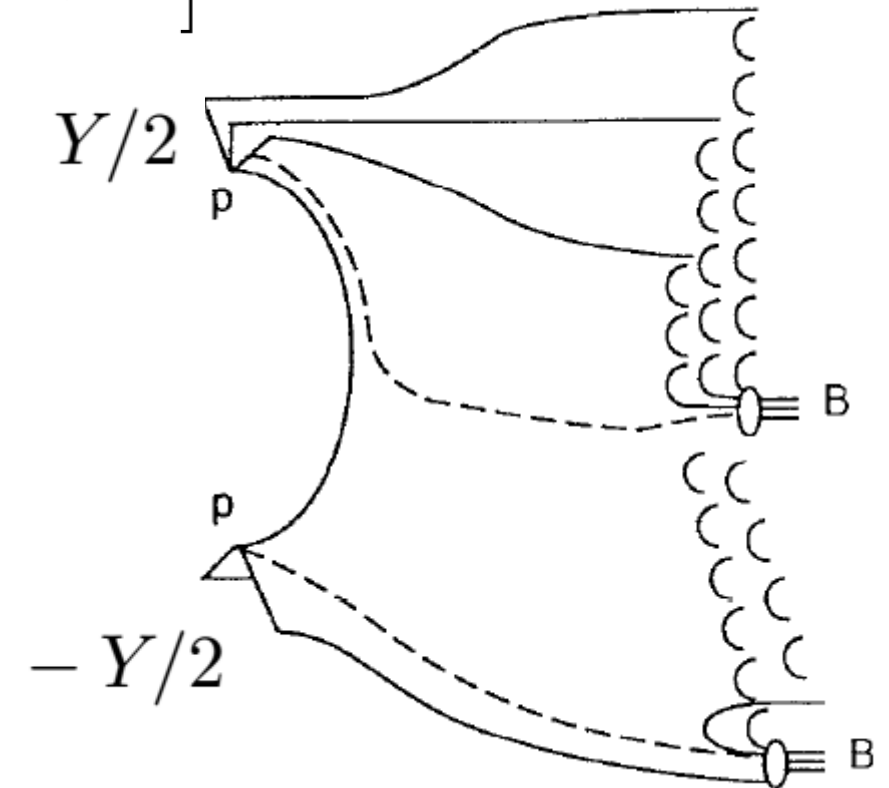
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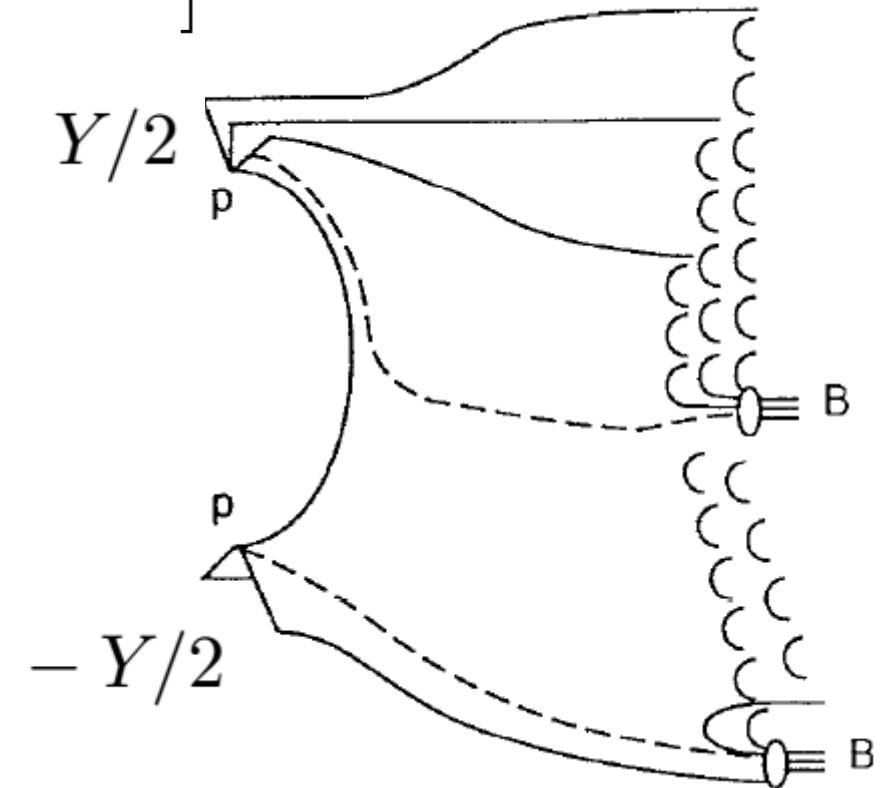
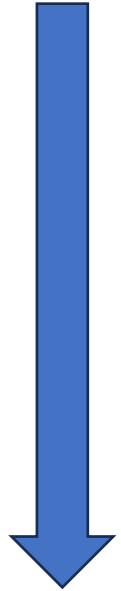
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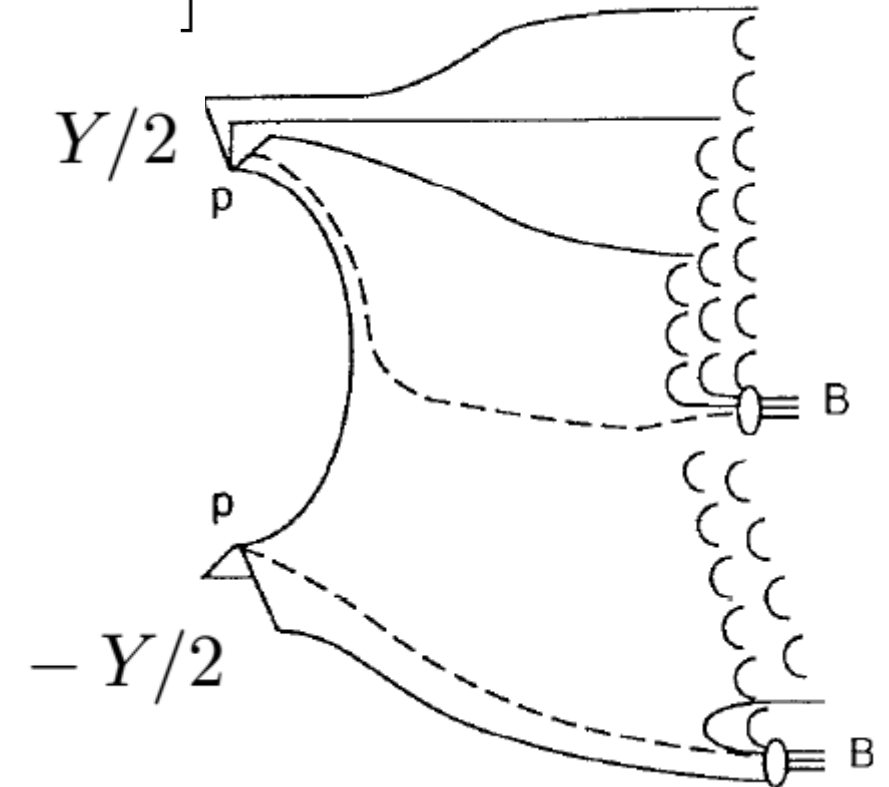
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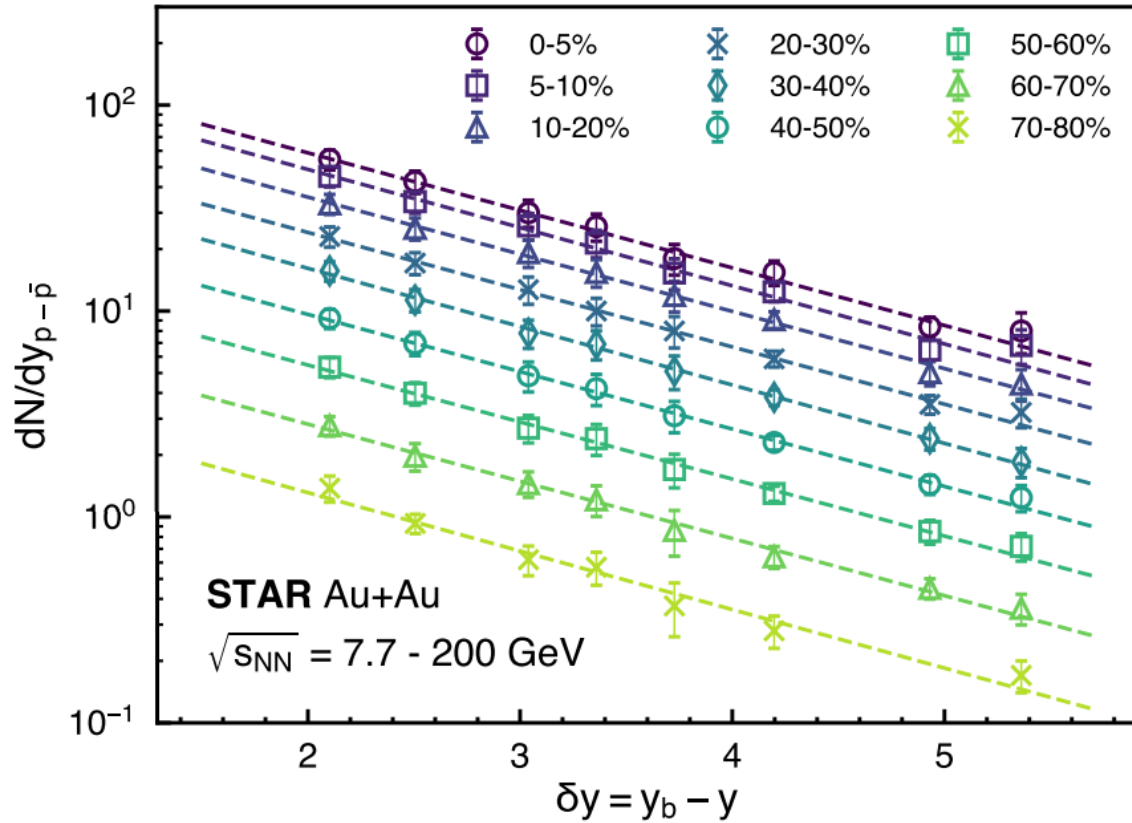
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RHIC Beam Energy Scan data

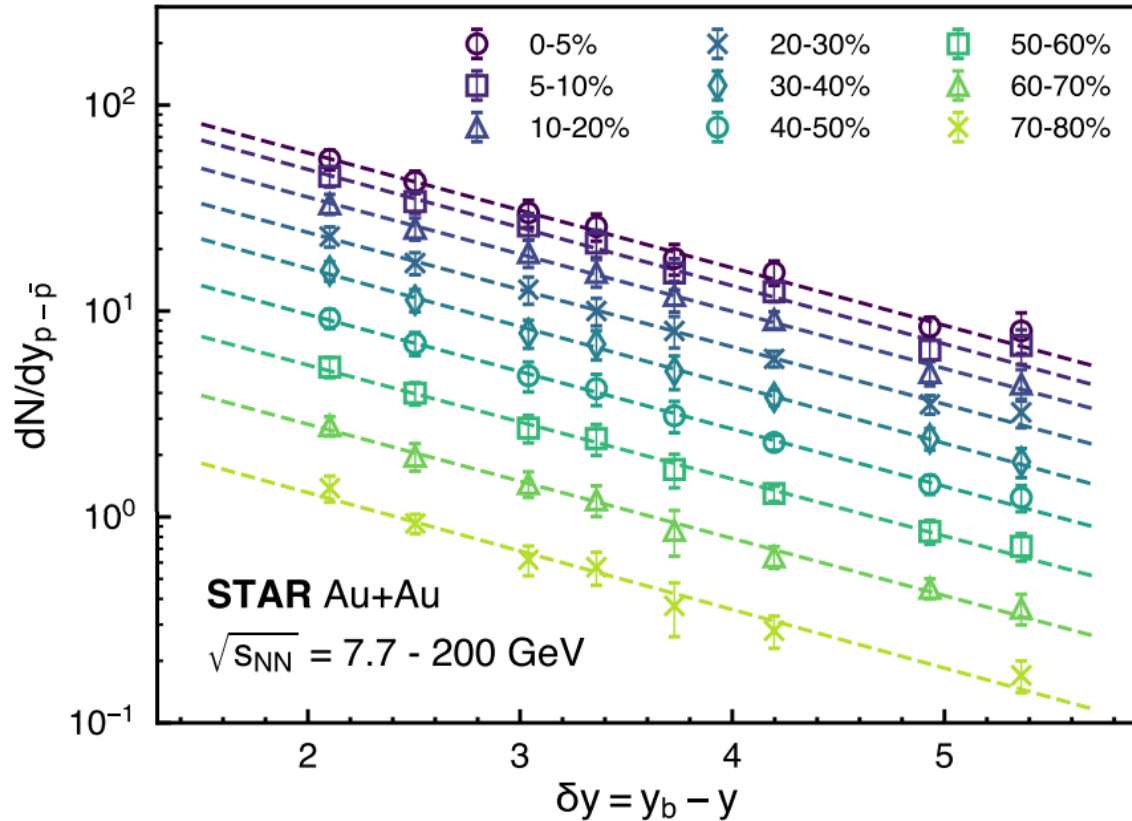


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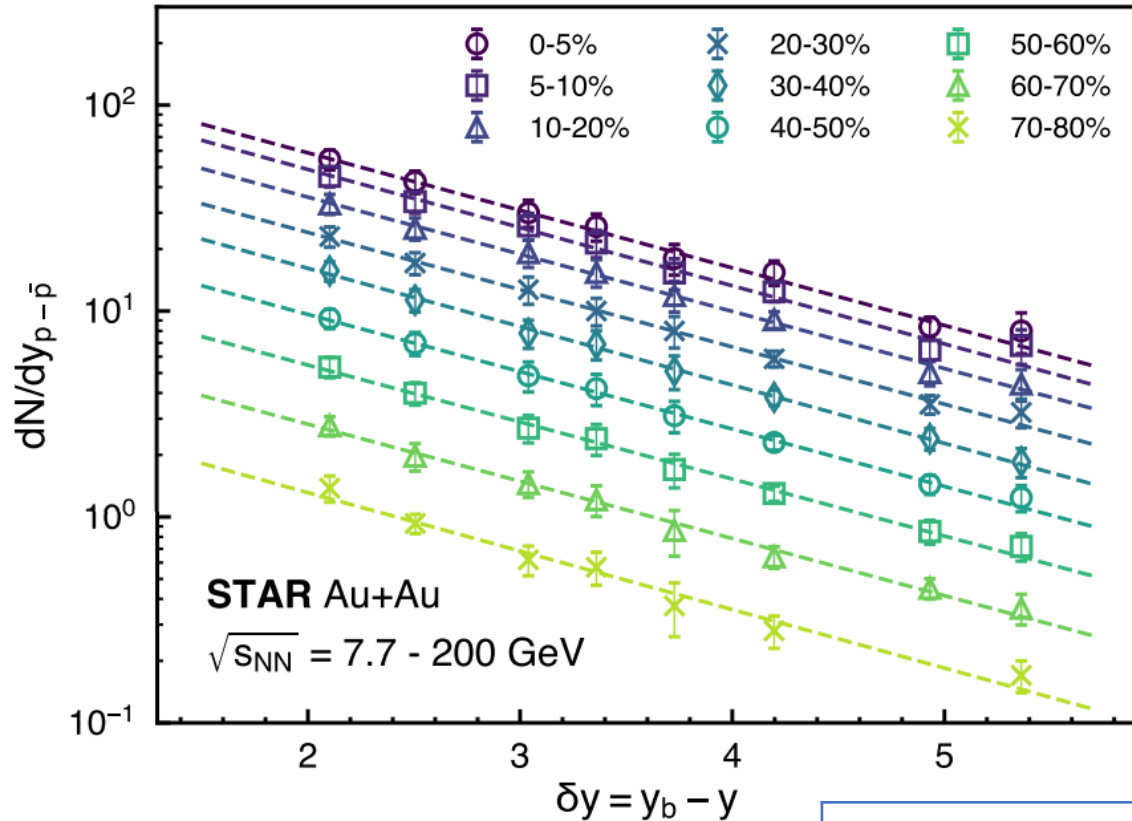
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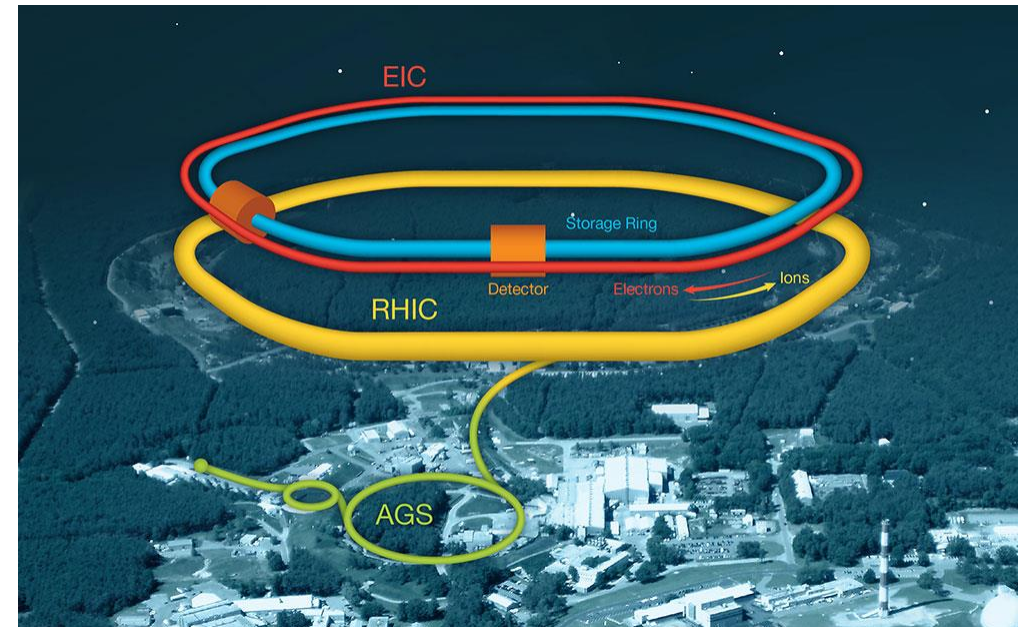
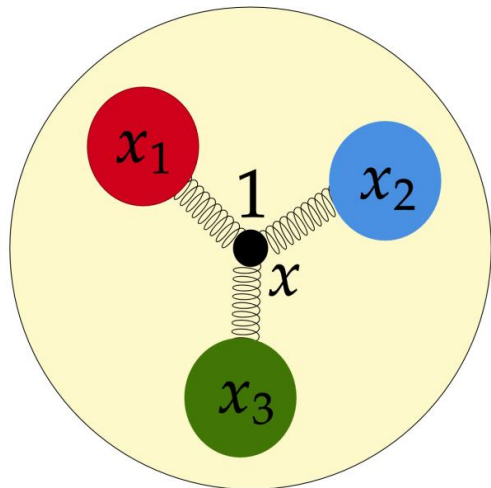
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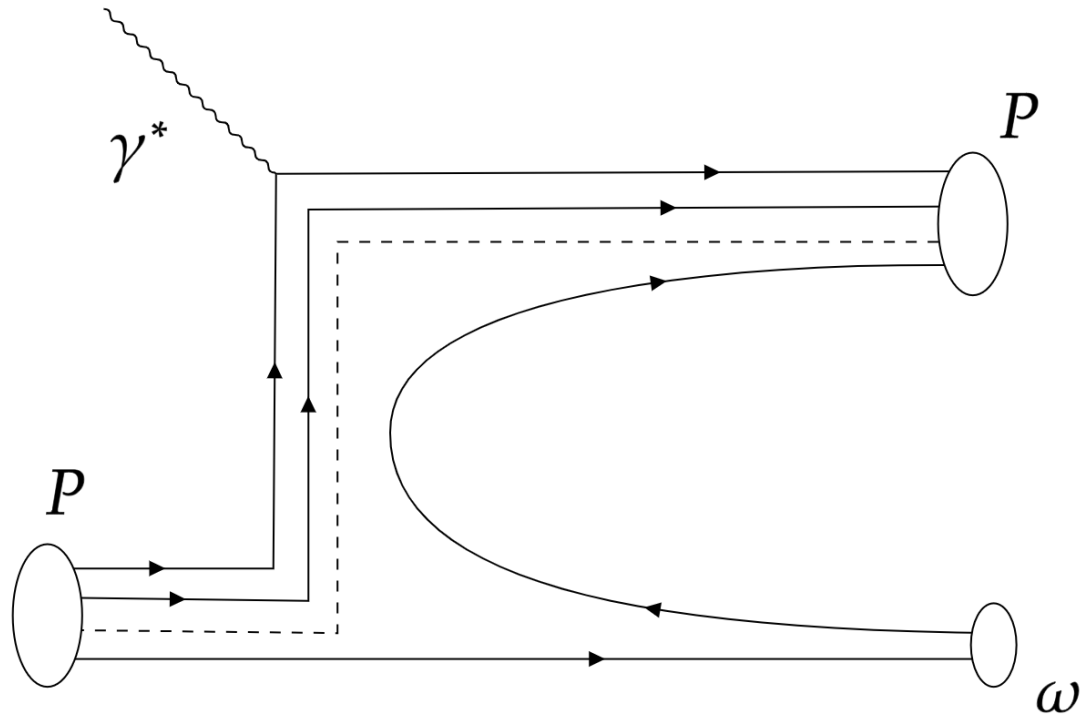
$$|\alpha_{J_0} + \alpha_P - 2|$$

	Rapidity slope	α_{J_0} intercept
Experiment	$\sim 0.65 \pm 0.1$	
“Old” theory	0.42	0.5
“New” theory	0.66	0.26

What other processes can probe the carrier of baryon number?

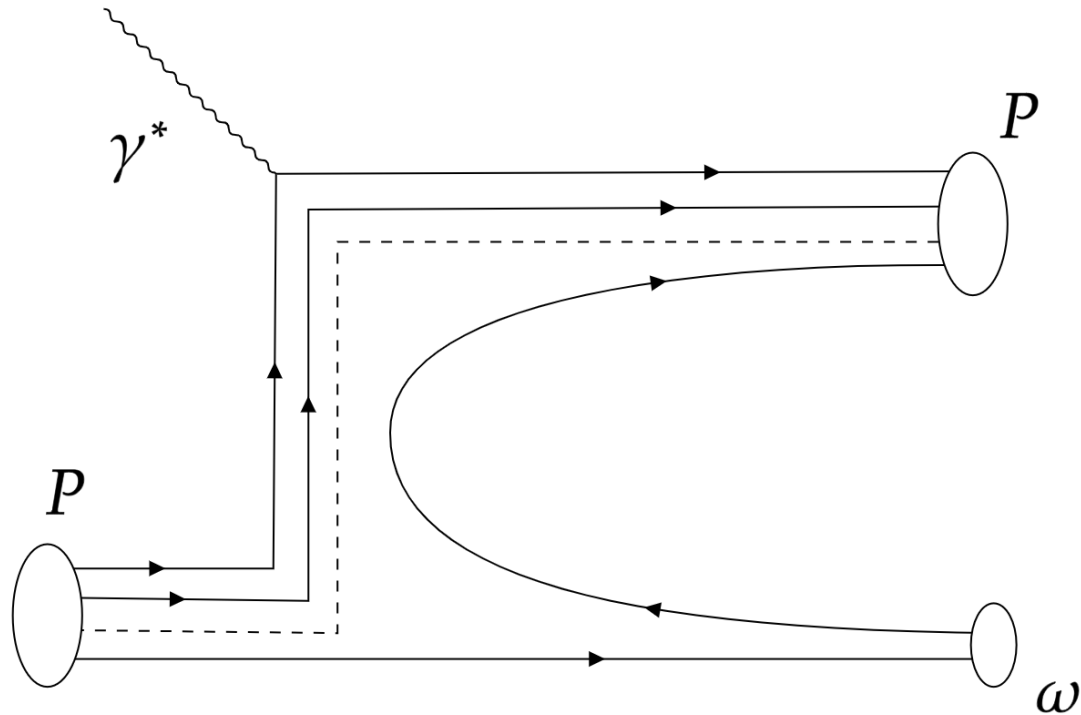


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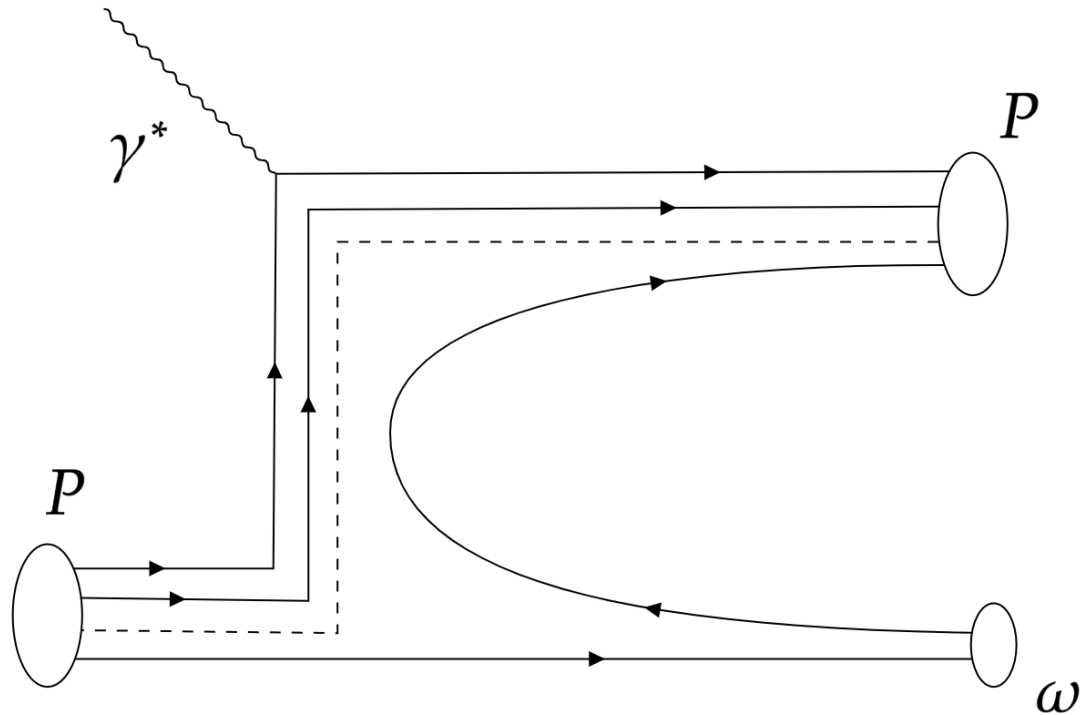
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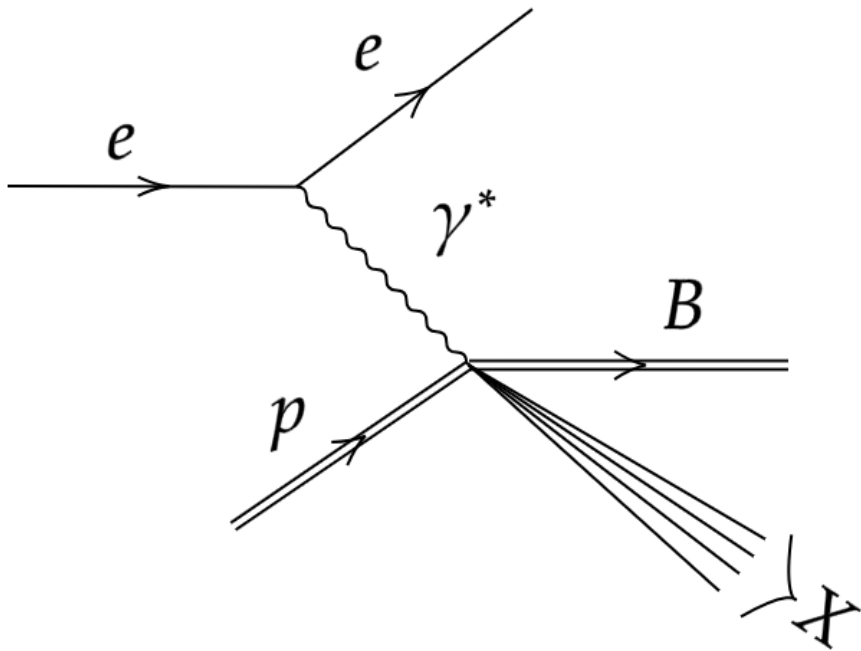
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Need a semi-inclusive process

Semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (DIS)



γ^*p center of mass frame:

$$p_{\gamma^*} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, 0^\perp \right)$$

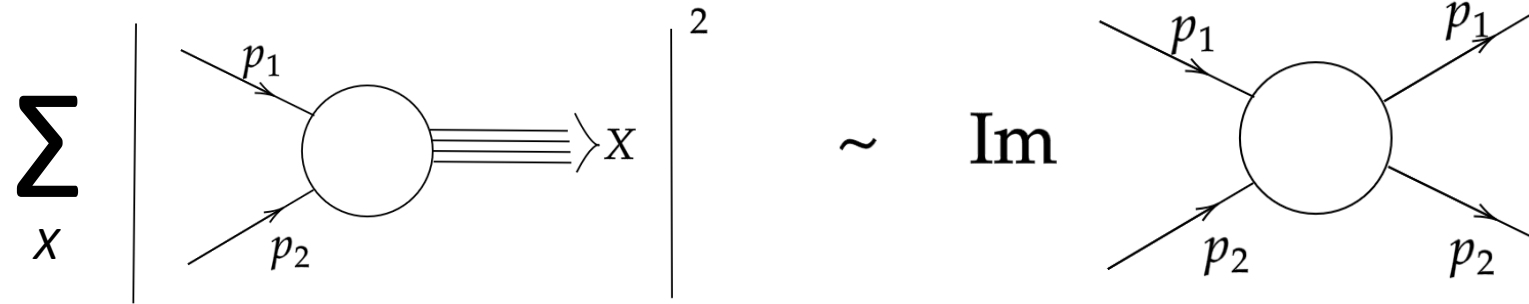
$$p_p = \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, 0^\perp \right)$$

$$p_B = \left(m_t \cosh y^*, m_t \sinh y^*, p_B^\perp \right)$$

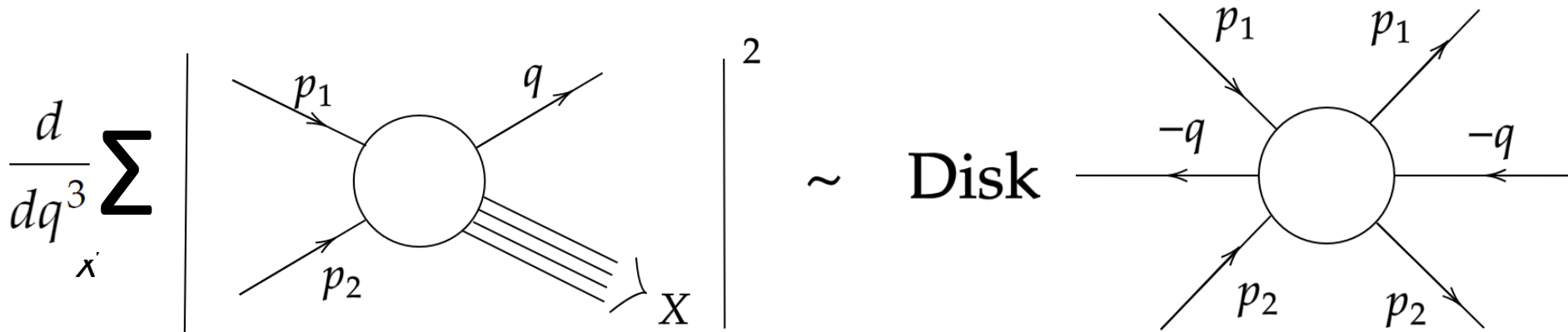
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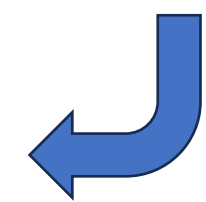
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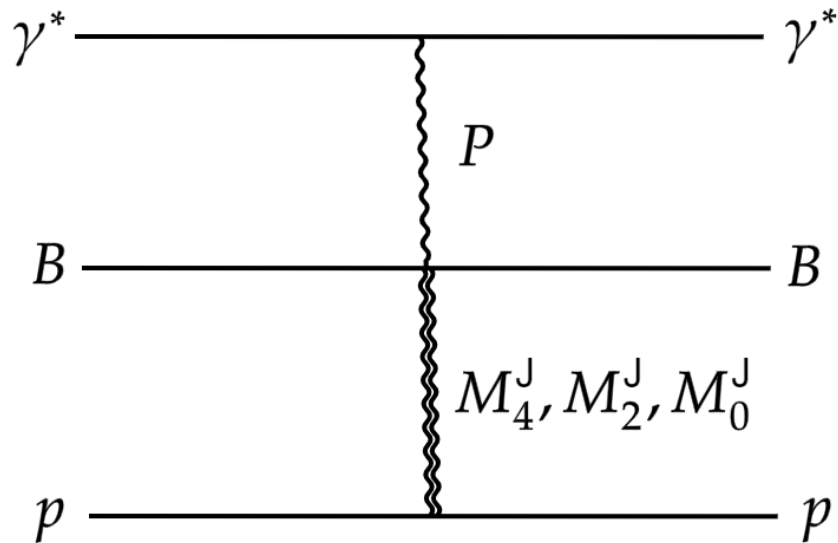
Generalized to semi-inclusive scattering:



Study in Regge theory



3 → 3 forward scattering in double Regge limit



$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) \propto s^{\alpha(t)}, s \rightarrow \infty$$

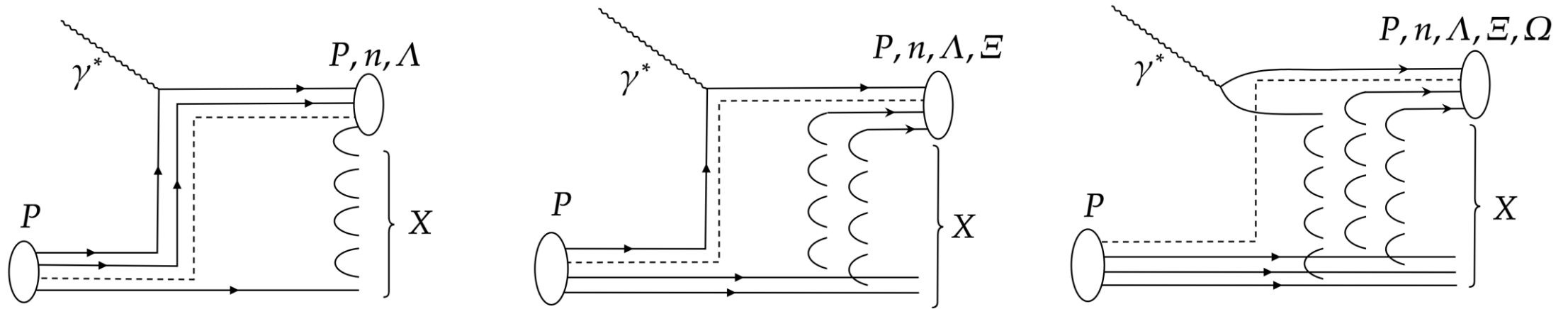
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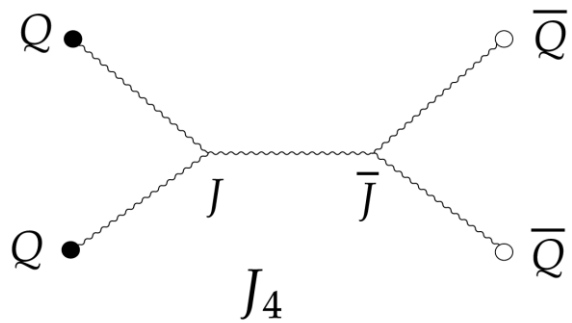
$$E_B \frac{d^3 \sigma}{dp_B^3} \propto s_1^{\alpha_P(0)-1} s_2^{\alpha_M(0)-1}$$

The largest $\alpha_M(0)$ is leading

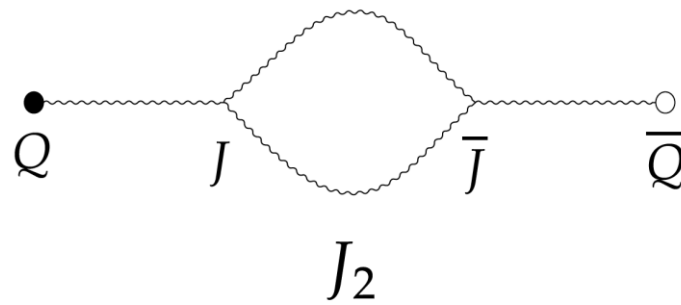
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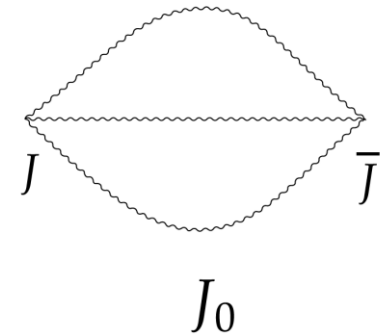
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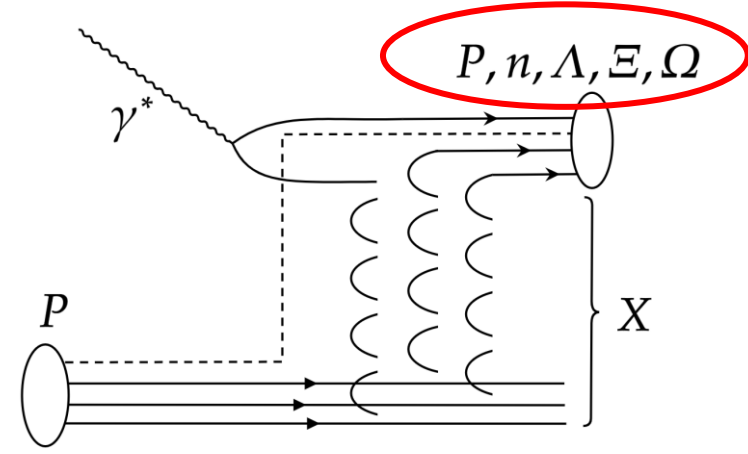
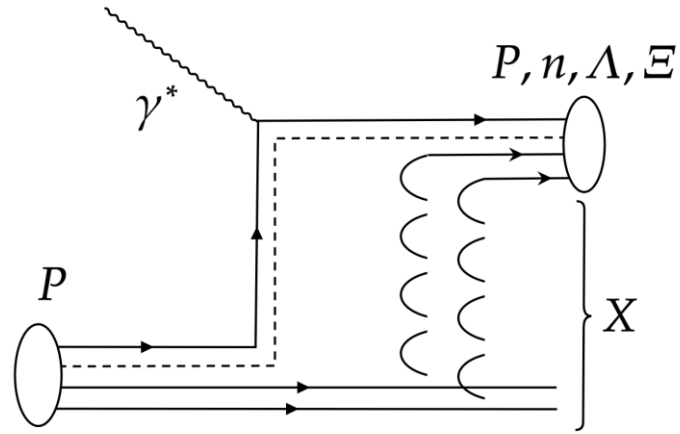
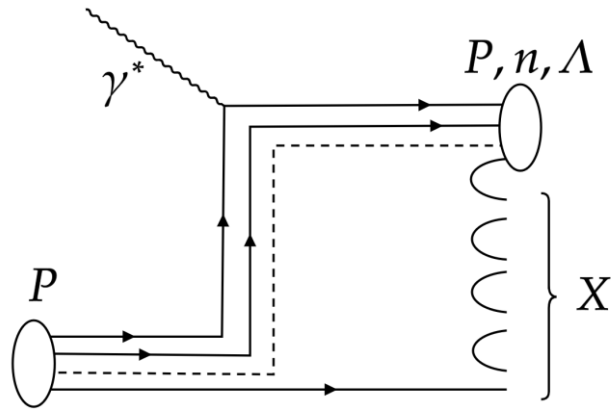
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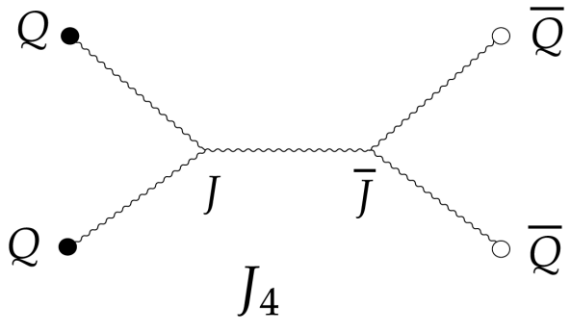
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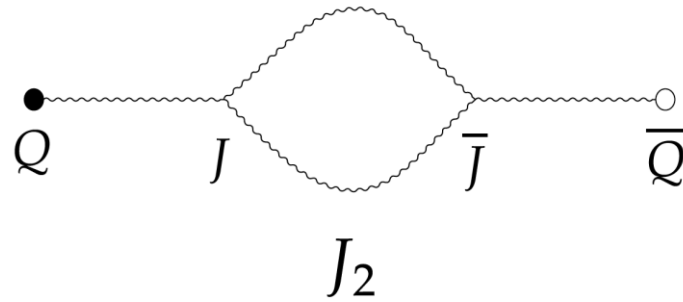
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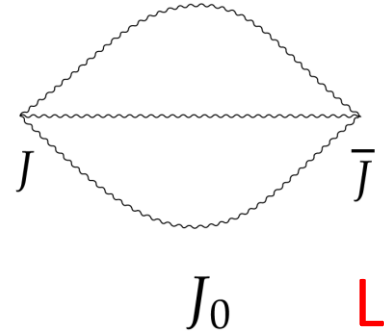
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Leading

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Rapidity distribution of baryons in DIS

$$E_B \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_B^3} \propto s_1^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0)-1} s_2^{\alpha_{\mathbb{J}_0}(0)-1}$$

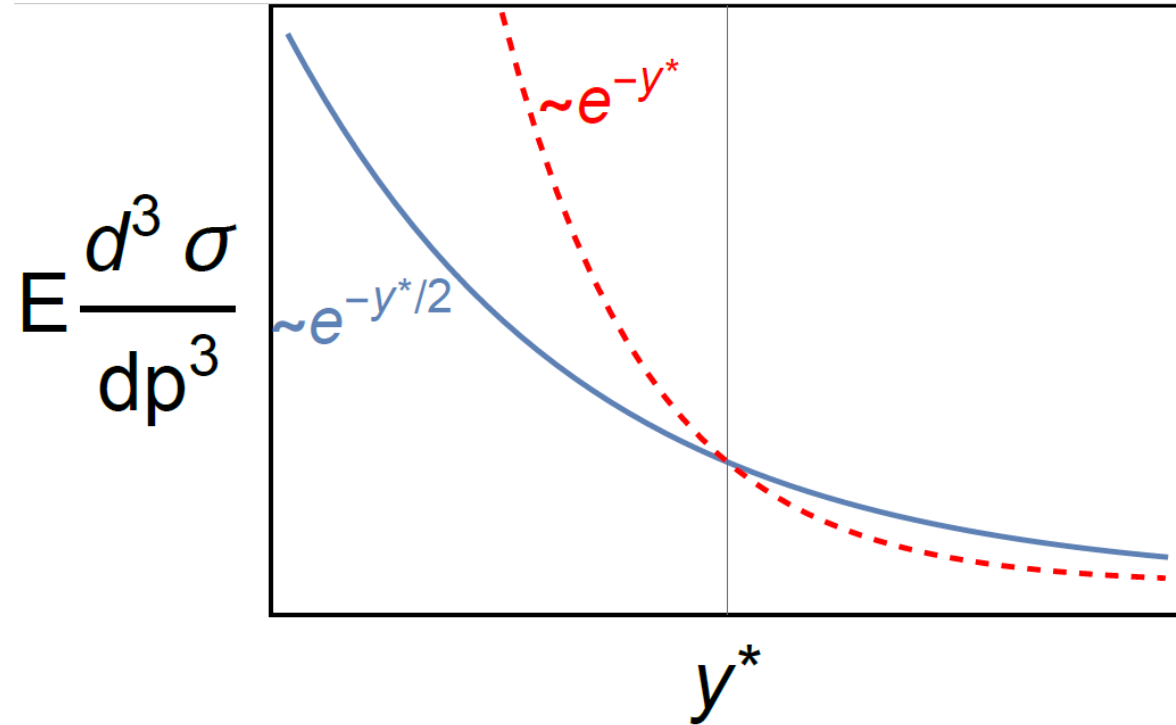
$$s_1 = (p_1 + p_B)^2 = \sqrt{s} m_t e^{-y^*}$$

$$s_2 = (p_2 + p_B)^2 = \sqrt{s} m_t e^{y^*}$$

assuming $\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) \approx 1$, $\alpha_{\mathbb{J}_0}(0) \approx 0.5$

$$E_B \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_B^3} \propto s^{-1/4} e^{-y^*/2}$$

Prediction for the EIC and Jlab



For pp collision the derivation is similar but the final baryon can arise from either of the two initial ones.

Feynman-Wilson gas (FWG)

Some Experiments on Multiple Production*

Kenneth G. Wilson

Generating functional of exclusive cross-sections:

CLNS-131
November 1970
September 1973

$$\Sigma[z(x)] = \sum_n \int \prod_{j=1}^n (dx^j z(x^j)) \frac{1}{\sigma_t} \frac{d\sigma(a + b \rightarrow x^1, x^2 \dots x^n)}{dx^1 dx^2 \dots dx^n}$$

Functional derivatives of the form $\frac{\delta}{\delta z(x)\delta z(y)\dots}$ at $z(x) = 0$ yield exclusive cross sections:

$$\left. \frac{\delta \Sigma[z]}{\delta z(x)\delta z(y)\dots} \right|_{z=0} = \frac{1}{\sigma_t} \frac{d\sigma(a + b \rightarrow x + y + \dots)}{dx dy \dots}$$

The same functional derivatives at $z(x) = 1$ yield n -particle inclusive cross sections:

$$\left. \frac{\delta \Sigma[z]}{\delta z(x)\delta z(y)\dots} \right|_{z=1} = \frac{1}{\sigma_t} \sum_X \frac{d\sigma(a + b \rightarrow x + y + \dots + X)}{dx dy \dots}$$

Connected correlators in FWG

From the generating functional to connected correlators:

$$\log \Sigma[z(x)] = \sum_m \frac{1}{m!} \int \prod_{j=1}^m [dx^j (z(x^j) - 1)] c_m(x^1, x^2 \dots x^m) \equiv p[z(x)] Y$$

For a large total rapidity separation $Y \propto \log s$ one has

$$\prod dx^j c_m \propto Y \quad (\text{not } Y^m)$$

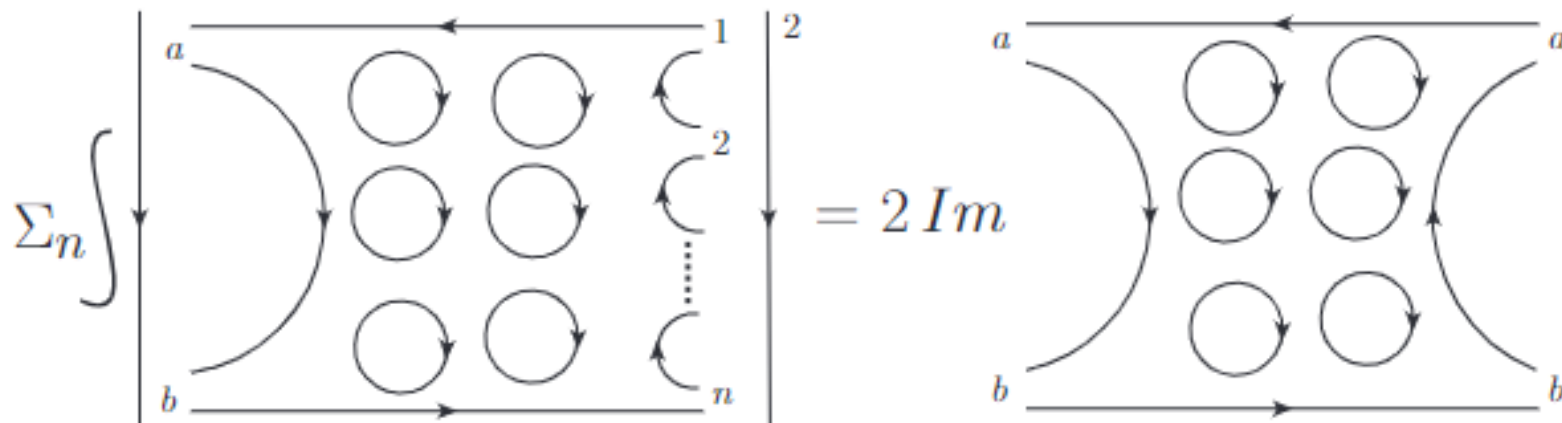
Y plays the role of the volume of the gas.

Grand canonical partition function of FWG on the planar level

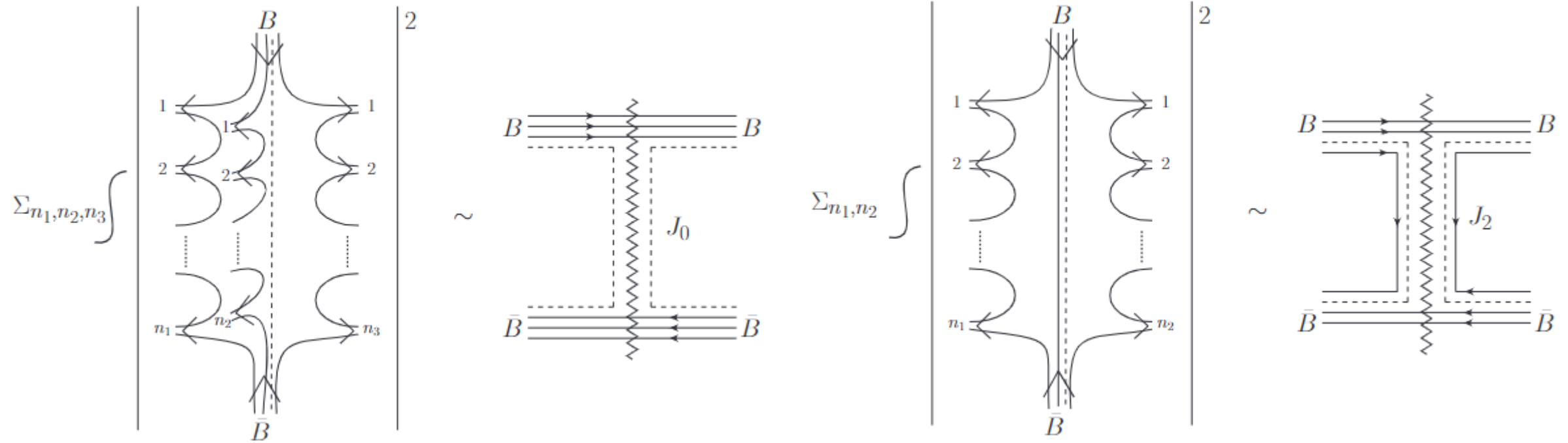
Integrating over all kinematical variables:

$$\Sigma_{pl}(z) = \frac{1}{\sigma_t^{pl}} \sum_n z^n \sigma_n^{pl} \equiv \exp(Y p(z)) = \exp\left(Y \sum_{m \geq 1} c_m \frac{(z-1)^m}{m!}\right)$$

$$p(1) = 0, \quad p'(1)Y = c_1 Y = \langle n \rangle, \quad p''(1)Y = c_2 Y = \langle n(n-1) \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2$$



FWG for $B\bar{B}$ annihilation



$$\Sigma_{ann}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{1}{\sigma_t^{ann}} \sum_{\sum n_i \geq 2} z_1^{n_1} z_2^{n_2} z_3^{n_3} \sigma^{ann}(n_1, n_2, n_3) \equiv e^{Yp(z_1, z_2, z_3)}$$

$$= \exp \left(Y \sum_m c(m_1, m_2, m_3) \frac{(z_1 - 1)^{m_1} (z_2 - 1)^{m_2} (z_3 - 1)^{m_3}}{m_1! m_2! m_3!} \right)$$

Original baryonium intercepts

$Y \propto \log s$, so $\Sigma(\{z_i\}) \propto s^{p(\{z_i\})}$. On the other hand, e.g.

$$\Sigma_{ann}(z_1, z_2, 0) = \frac{\sigma^{ann}(X_1, X_2, 0)}{\sigma_t^{ann}} \propto \frac{s^{\alpha_{J_2}-1}}{s^{\alpha_{J_0}-1}} \implies$$

$$p(1, 1, 0) = \alpha_{J_2} - \alpha_{J_0}$$

Assuming no inter-species correlations (Dalton's law)

$$p(z_1, z_2, z_3) = p_1(z_1) + p_2(z_2) + p_3(z_3),$$

+ similar relations for $\alpha_{J_4} - \alpha_{J_0}$ and $2\alpha_B - 1 - \alpha_{J_0}$

+ the result of similar analysis of planar diagram, $p_i(0) = 1 - \alpha_{\mathbb{R}}$

one recovers

$$\alpha_{J_0} \simeq 2\alpha_B - 1 + 3(\alpha_{\mathbb{R}} - 1) \simeq 0.5 \quad \text{G.C. Rossi and G. Veneziano, Nucl. Phys. B 123 (1977)}$$

and similarly $\alpha_{J_2} \simeq 0$, $\alpha_{J_4} \simeq -0.5$

Corrections to intercepts

Accounting for inter-species correlations

$$p(z_1, z_2, z_3) = p_1(z_1) + p_2(z_2) + p_3(z_3) + C_2(z_1, z_2) + C_2(z_1, z_3) \\ + C_2(z_2, z_3) + C_3(z_1, z_2, z_3)$$

one obtains

$$\alpha_{J_0} = (2\alpha_{\mathbb{B}} - 1) + 3(1 - \alpha_{\mathbb{R}}) - 3C_2(0, 0) - C_3(0, 0, 0) \simeq 0.5 - 3C_2 - C_3$$

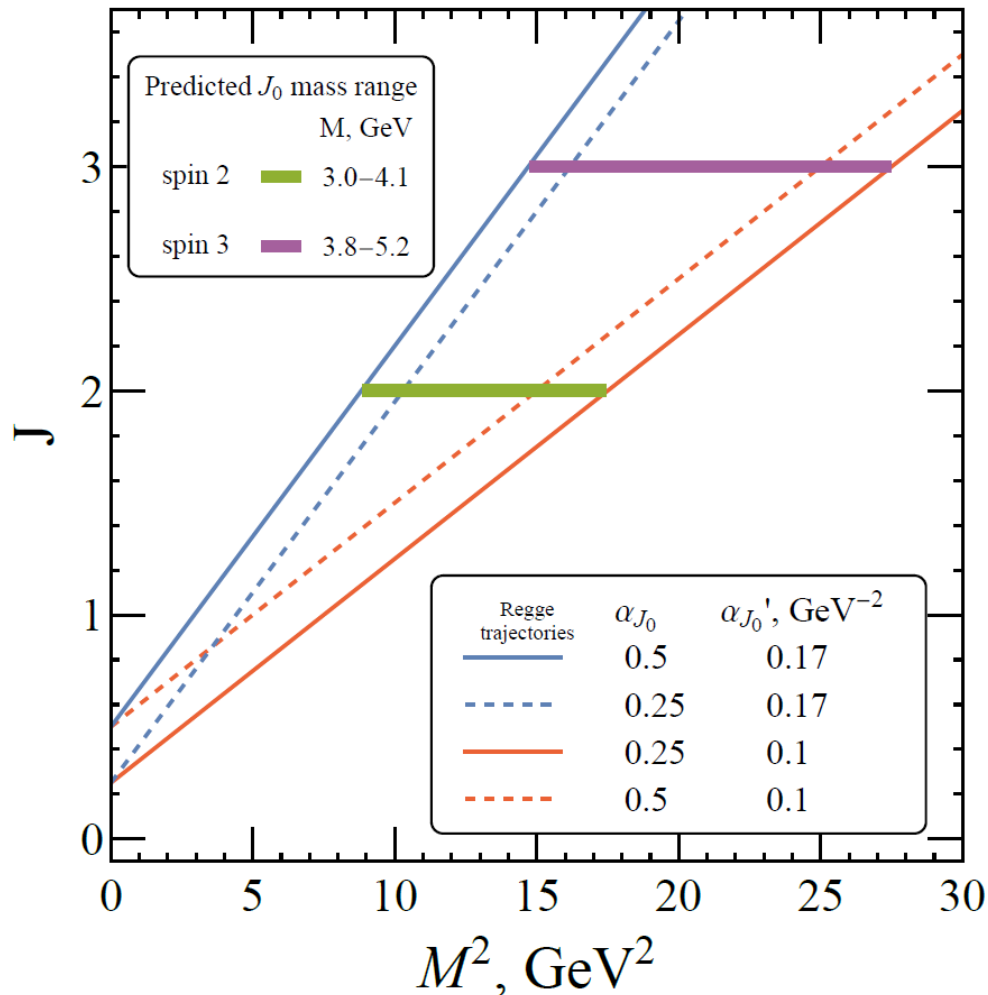
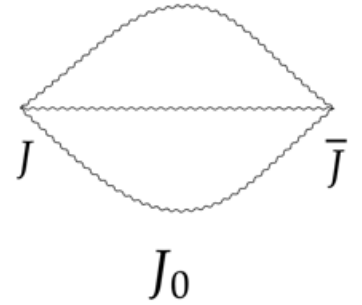
C_2 can be separately inferred from the analysis of Pomeron-dominated cylindrical topology:

$$C_2 = \alpha_{\mathbb{P}} - 1 \simeq 0.08 \implies \alpha_{J_0} \simeq 0.26 - C_3$$

leading to beam rapidity slope $|\alpha_{J_0} + \alpha_{\mathbb{P}} - 2| \simeq 0.66 + C_3$
(compared to 0.65 ± 0.1 from RHIC BES)

J_0 gluonic structure and Regge trajectory

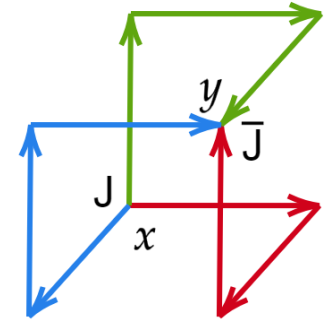
$$G_{J\bar{J}}(x, y) = \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon_{i'j'k'} P \exp \left[ig \int_x^y dz^\mu A_\mu(z) \right]_{i'}^i P \exp \left[ig \int_x^y dz'^\nu A_\nu(z') \right]_{j'}^j P \exp \left[ig \int_x^y dz''^\lambda A_\lambda(z'') \right]_{k'}^k$$



$$\alpha(M^2) = \alpha(0) + \alpha' M^2$$

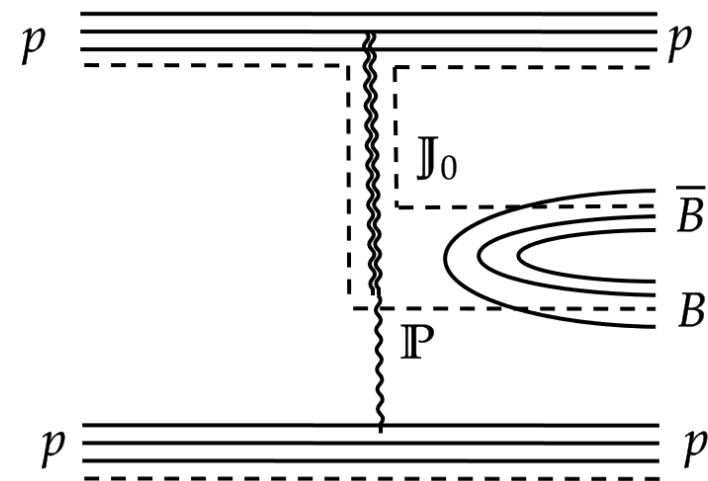
$$\alpha'_{J_0} \simeq \frac{2}{3} \alpha'_{\mathbb{P}} \simeq 0.10 - 0.17 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Can search for such glueballs on the [lattice](#), using operators incorporating junctions.



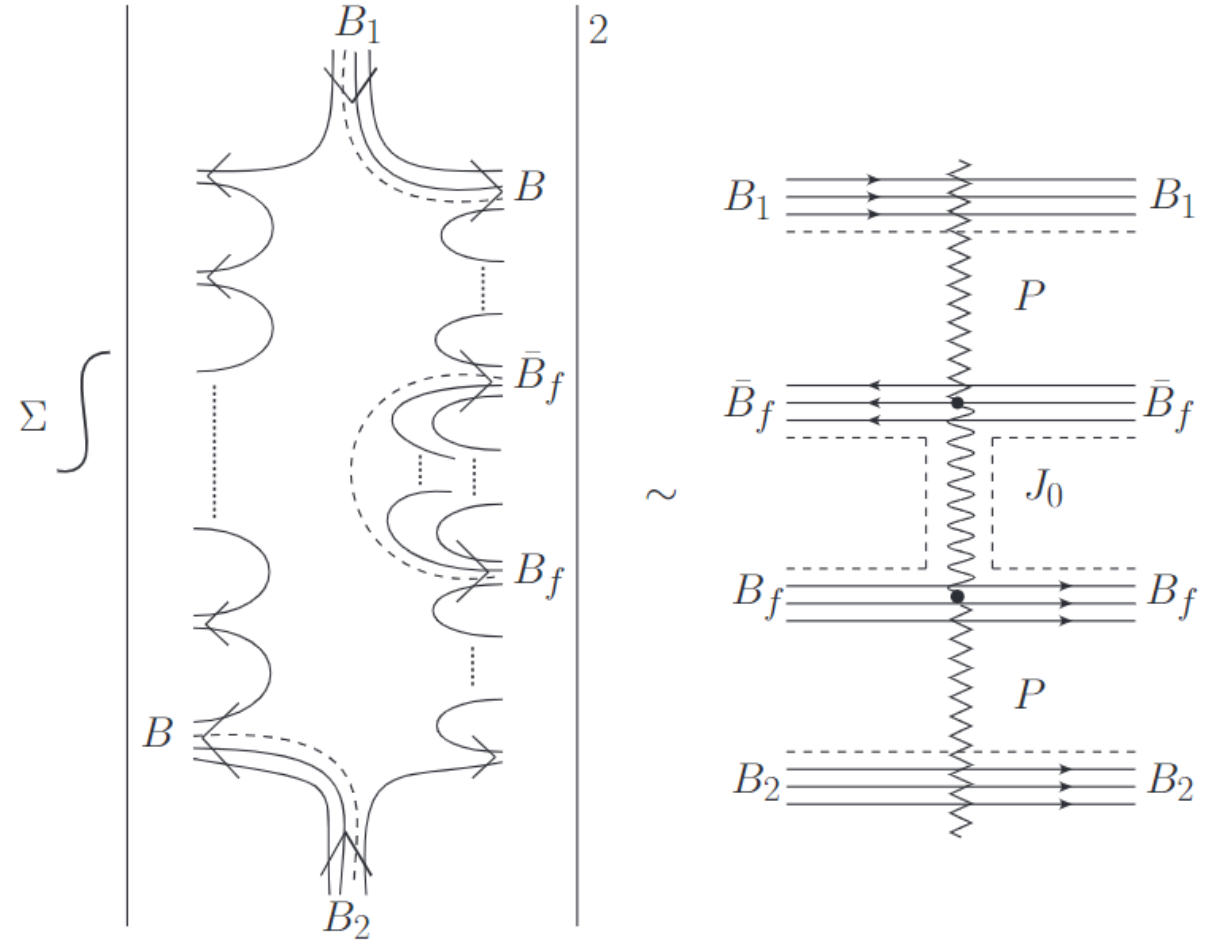
Suggestions for experiment: J_0 trajectory

- Energy and rapidity dependence of baryon stopping in AA , pp , ep - to increase precision of rapidity slope and check J_0 intercept universality.
- Stopping of Ω in AA , pp or ep collision would be a clear evidence of baryon-number – flavor separation. Rapidity distribution would allow for a clean extraction of α_{J_0}
- Search for doubly-diffractive production of a baryon-antibaryon pair in hp collisions to measure $\alpha_{J_0}(t)$ and extract the slope of J_0 trajectory.
- Search for heavy 2^{++} , 3^{--} and 3^{-+} glueballs on the lattice.



Suggestions for experiment: $B\bar{B}$ pair production

- Measure distribution of produced baryon-antibaryon pairs as a function of rapidity separation Δy .
- We expect $\sim e^{-0.5\Delta y}$ at large Δy due to J_0 dominance
- Also expect $\frac{n(\Delta y)}{\Delta y} \simeq \frac{3}{2} \frac{dn}{dy} \Big|_{incl}$



Summary of part 2

- Search for signatures of baryon junctions in semi-inclusive DIS
- Accounting for inter-species correlations in Feynman-Wilson gas improves agreement with the existing baryon stopping data
- There is a candidate for J_0 glueball in the lattice QCD measurements
- Suggestions for experiment on baryon-number – flavor separation, studying J_0 trajectory further with tetraquark production and analyzing $B\bar{B}$ pair production

Backup

Optical theorem

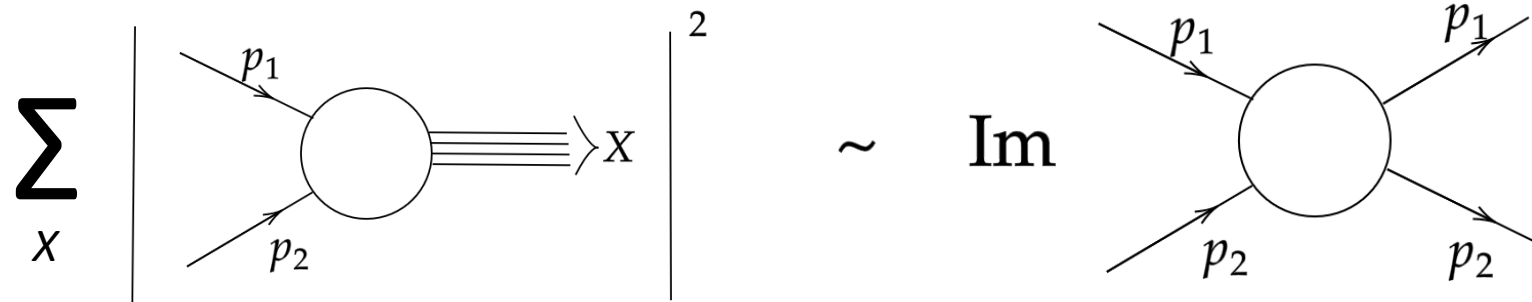
$$SS^\dagger = S^\dagger S = \mathbb{1}, \quad S = \mathbb{1} + iT \implies i(T^\dagger - T) = T^\dagger T$$

Sandwich in between $|f\rangle$ and $\langle i|$ and insert $\mathbb{1} = \sum_n |n\rangle\langle n|$:

$$2 \operatorname{Im} T_{if} = \sum_n T_{fn}^* T_{in}$$

choosing $|i\rangle = |f\rangle$ and going to amplitudes

$$\sigma_{tot} \simeq \frac{1}{s} \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{A}_{el}(s, t=0) = \frac{1}{s} \operatorname{Disc}_s \mathcal{A}_{el}(s, t=0)$$



Mueller-Kancheli theorem

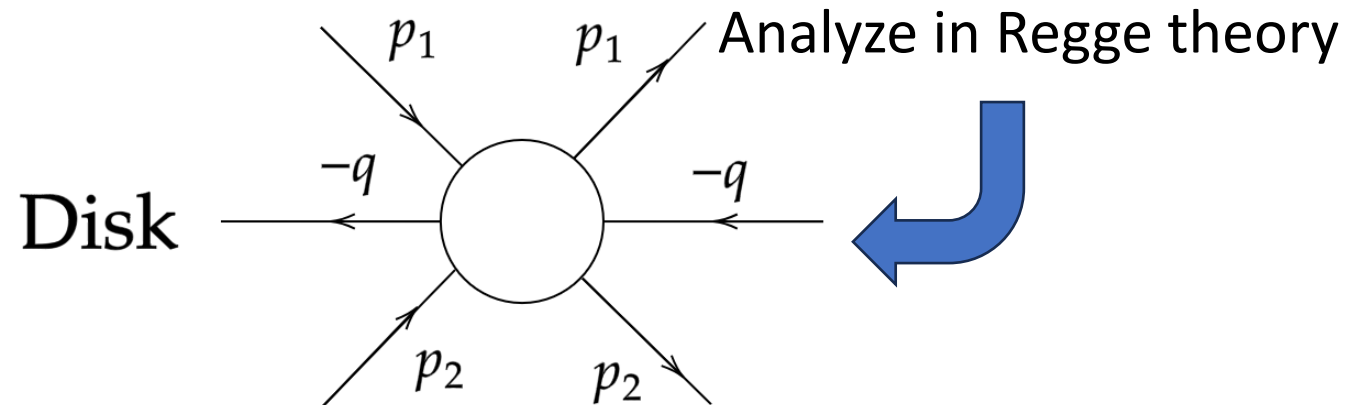
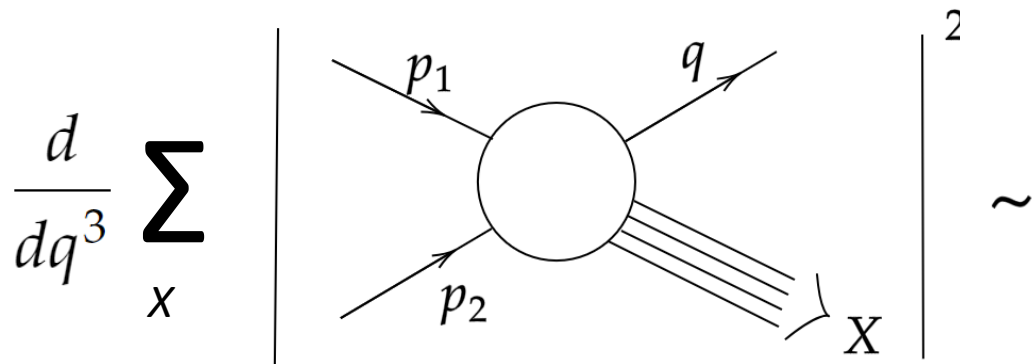
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$$(2\pi)^3 2E \frac{d\sigma}{d^3q} \simeq \frac{1}{2s} \sum_X |\langle 3X | T | 12 \rangle|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_X |\langle 3X | T | 12 \rangle|^2 &= \sum_X \langle 12\bar{3} | T^\dagger | X \rangle \langle X | T | 12\bar{3} \rangle \\ &= i \langle 12\bar{3} | T^\dagger | 12\bar{3} \rangle - i \langle 12\bar{3} | T | 12\bar{3} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\longrightarrow (2\pi)^3 2E \frac{d\sigma}{d^3q} \simeq \frac{1}{s} \text{Disc}_{M^2} \mathcal{A}_{12\bar{3}}^{el}(s, t, M^2)$$

Generalization of the optical theorem for single particle inclusive processes



Basics of Regge theory

S-matrix unitarity + analyticity + crossing symmetry

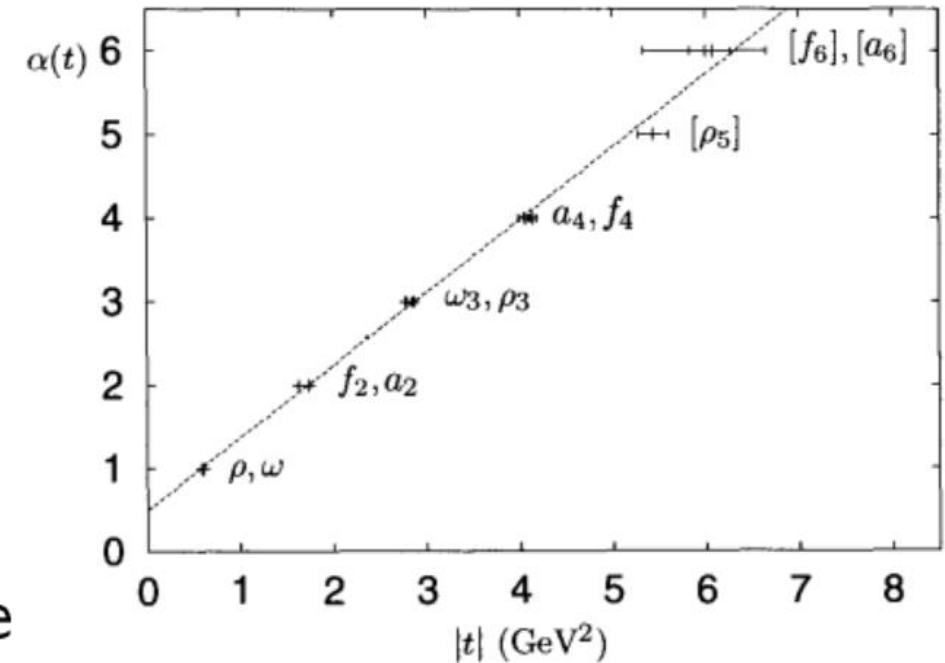
fix the leading behavior of scattering amplitudes at very high energy.

For $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) \sim s^{\alpha(t)} \text{ at } s \gg |t|, m^2$$

where $\alpha(t) = \alpha(0) + \alpha' t$ are Regge trajectories containing physical states that can be exchanged in the t -channel.

Then $\alpha(M^2) = J$ - spin of the exchanged state



Cross sections in Regge theory

Total inclusive cross-section: optical theorem + Regge behavior of the amplitude

$$\sigma_{tot} \simeq \frac{1}{s} \text{Im } \mathcal{A}(s, t = 0) \sim \frac{1}{s} s^{\alpha(0)} = s^{\alpha(0)-1}$$

Exclusive $2 \rightarrow 2$ cross-section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto \frac{|\mathcal{A}(s, t)|^2}{s^2} \sim s^{2\alpha(t)-2}$$

When integrated over t the largest $\alpha(t) = \alpha(0)$ dominates:

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2} \sim s^{2\alpha(0)-2}$$

The Pomeron

All reliably known mesons and baryons have Regge intercept $\alpha(0) < 1$.

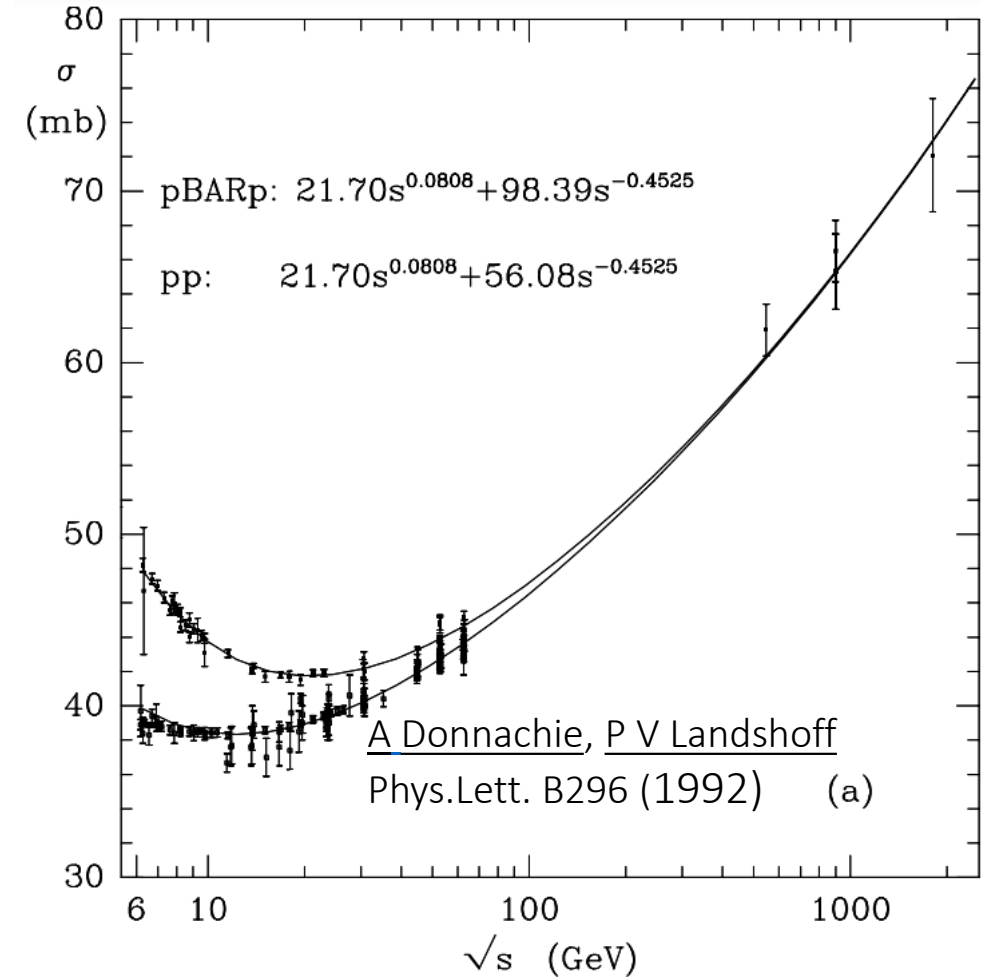
Does it imply $\sigma_{tot} \sim s^{\alpha(0)-1}$ decreases with c.o.m. energy?

Experiment: NO! Instead, it steadily grows.

To describe it in Regge theory a new object - the Pomeron is introduced

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{P}} = 1 + \Delta \simeq 1.08$$

It has vacuum quantum numbers and dominates any inclusive hadronic process at very high energy.



P.S.

Call for proposals

- Looking for collaboration on weekend outdoor adventures
- Ideally 20-25 km mountain hike
- (Nothing arranged yet)

