



# Photon-Photon Diffractive Interaction at High Energies

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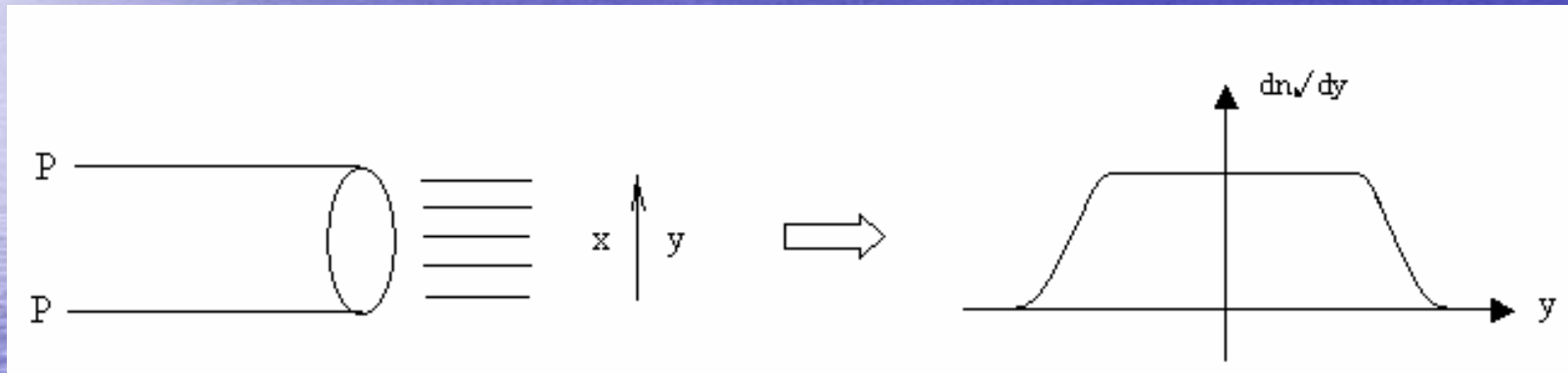


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# Diffraction Interaction

- Non-Diffractive



- Rapidity  $y \equiv \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + P_z}{E - P_z} \approx -\ln \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \eta$

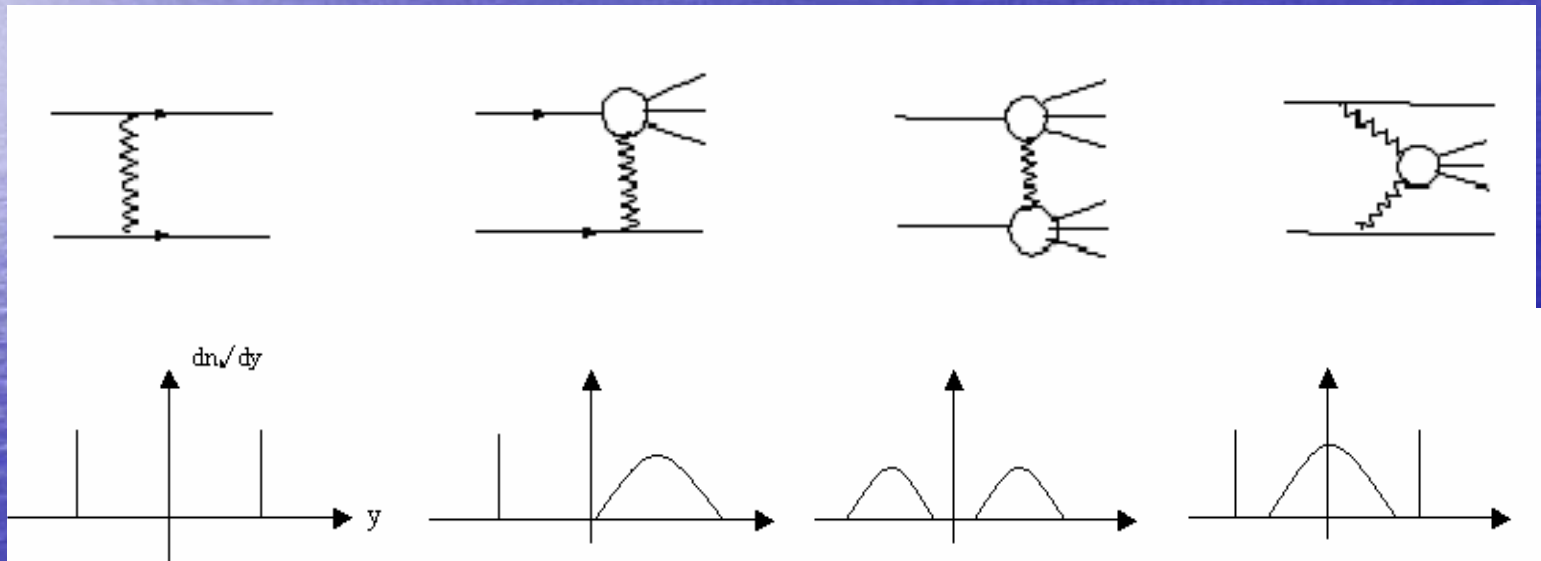
- e.g. In  $pp(\bar{p})$  Diffractive Scattering

Elastic

single diffra.

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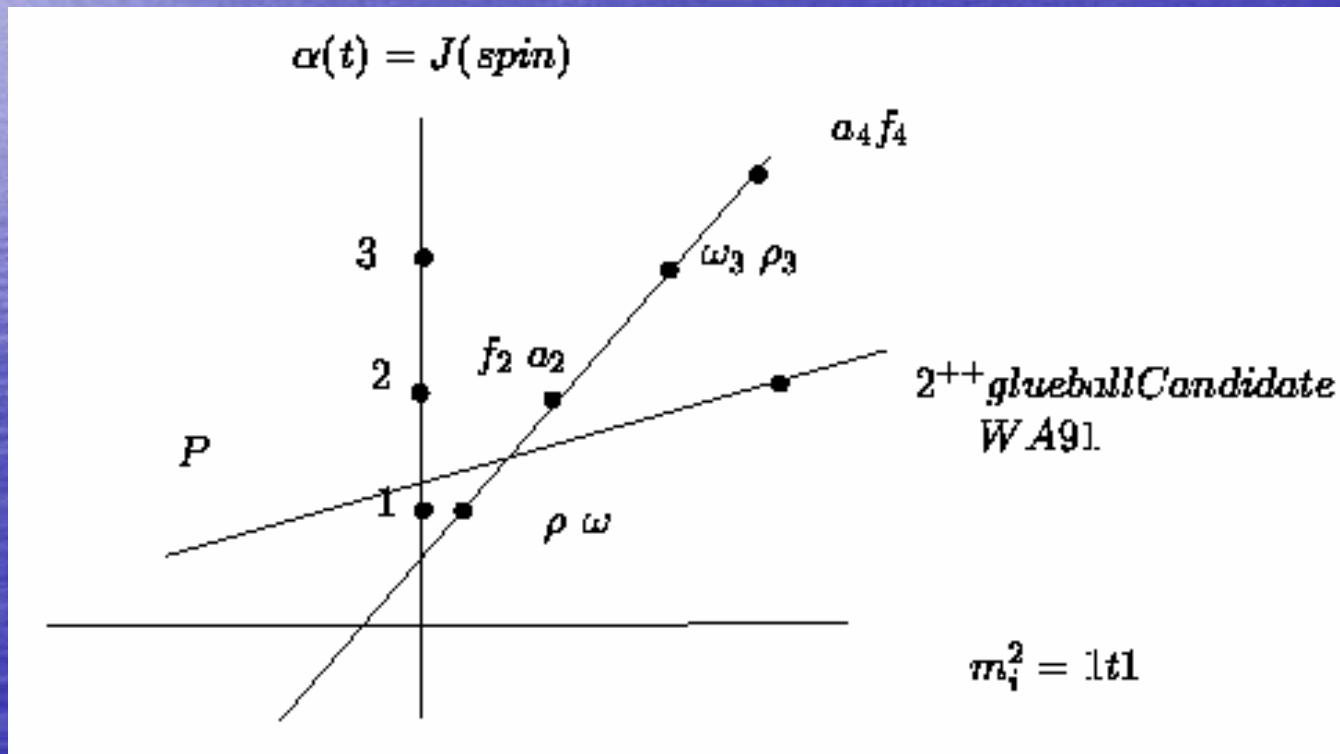


[J.D. Bjorken, 1993]

# Regge trajectories

Exchanged Objects:  $m_i^2 = |t|$

[Donnachie and Landshoff 1992]



# The Single Pole Contribution in Regge Theory

$$\sigma_{tot} \underset{s \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \frac{1}{s} \text{Im} A(s, t = 0) \underset{s \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} s^{\alpha(0)-1}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} = F(t) s^{2\alpha(t)-2} \underset{t \rightarrow 0}{\sim} s^{2\alpha(0)-2}$$

- Regge trajectories have intercepts which do not exceed 0.5. Their exchange leads to total cross sections decreasing, which contradicts to experiment.
- In order to account for the experimental results, the reggeon with intercept larger than one was introduced, named Pomeron, IP [Pomeranchuk, 1956; Foldy & Peierls, 1963]

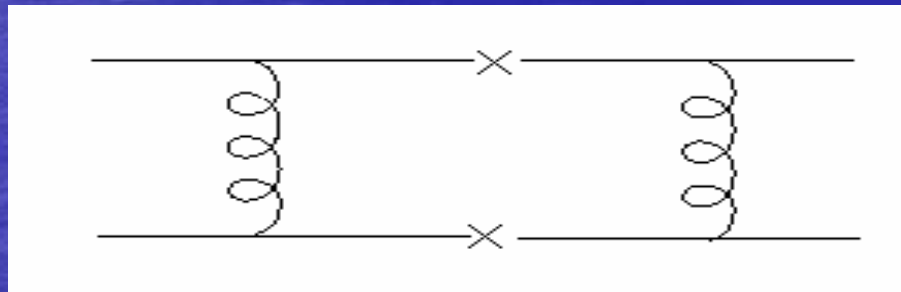
- Pomeron carries the quantum number of the vacuum
- Is Pomeron  $\mathbb{P}$  the glueball ?

# QCD Description of Pomeron (BFKL Equation)

[Balitsky, Fadin, Lipatov Kuraev, 1976,1977,1978]

In perturbative QCD, in the limit  $s \gg t$   
and in leading logarithm  $\ln(s/t)$   
approximation (LLA).

e.g. quark-quark scattering



- The gluon is reggized to all orders

$$D_{\mu\nu}(s, q^2) = -i \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2} \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{\alpha_g(q^2)-1}$$

$\alpha_g(q^2) = 1 + \varepsilon(q^2)$  is the Regge trajectory of gluon.

- Pomeron emerges as a reggized gluon ladder in color-singlet.

- The leading logarithm result of Pomeron trajectory

$$\alpha_p(t) = 1 + 4\bar{\alpha}_s \ln 2$$

- This is much larger than the phenomenologically obtained intercept of the pomeron
- The leading order (Log) result violate the Froissart bound, that is  $Ln^2 s$ , at high energy  
[Froissart(1961), Martin(1963)]
- NLO corrections to BFKL Kernel greatly reduce the pomeron trajectory  
[Fadin and Lipatov, 1998; Ciafaloni and Camici, 1998]

# Leading order photon wave function

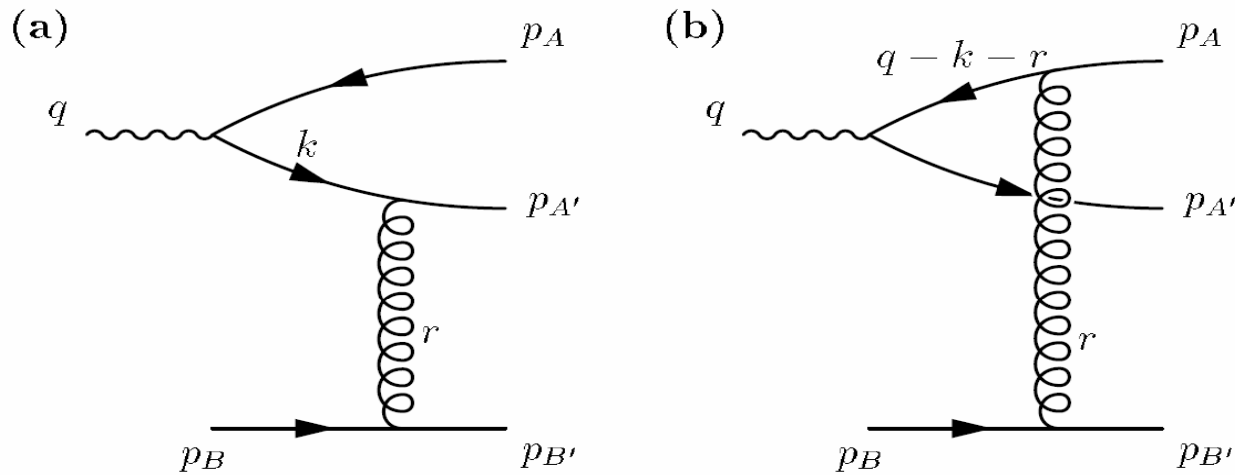


Figure 1: The Feynman diagrams contributing to  $\gamma^* + q' \rightarrow q\bar{q} + q'$  in the high energy limit.

[Gieseke & Qiao 2000; Muller 1990; Nikolaev 1992...]



- Diffractive photon-proton scattering is of particular interest in testing the perturbative QCD, because of not only the HERA prolific experimental data, but also the theoretical development



## In Sudakov decomposition

$$k = \alpha q' + \beta p' + k_{\perp}$$

$$r = \frac{t}{s} q' + x_P p' + r_{\perp}$$

$$x \equiv x_{Bj} = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q} \quad x_P \equiv \frac{q \cdot (p - p')}{p \cdot q}$$

$$B = \frac{x}{x_P} = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_x^2 - t} \quad \beta = x_P - \frac{x_B t}{s}$$

$$Q^2 = -q^2 \sim |r^2 = t| \sim M_x^2 \ll s$$

- In the above limit, the metric tensor decomposes like  $g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{s}(p'_\mu q'_\nu + p'_\nu q'_\mu) + g_{\mu\nu}^\perp$  for the gluon propagator, only retain the first term, while other terms are suppressed by power of  $t/s$

- The photon polarization vectors can be chosen as

$$\varepsilon^0 = \frac{1}{Q}(q') + x_B p' \quad \varepsilon(\pm)_\perp = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 1, \gamma i, 0)$$

for longitudinal and transverse ( $\gamma = \pm$ ) cases

- The  $\gamma P$  scattering amplitude can be expressed as

$$A = eg^2 \frac{2s}{t} \delta_{\lambda_B \lambda_{B'}} C \sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)} (\Psi(k, \alpha) - \Psi(k+r, \alpha))$$

- Here

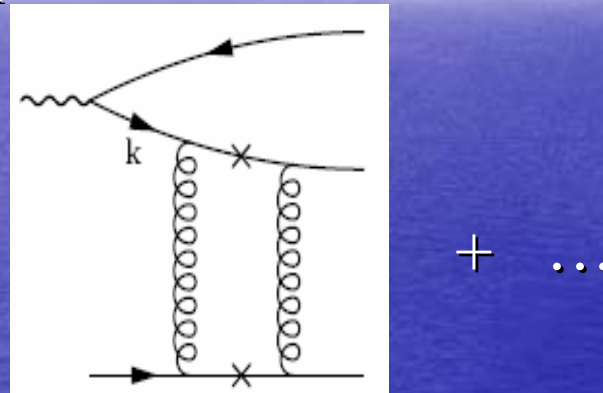
$$\Psi_{\pm\mp}^0(k, \alpha) = \frac{2e_+ \alpha(1-\alpha)Q}{\alpha(1-\alpha)Q^2 + k^2 + m^2} \quad \Psi_{\pm\mp}^{\pm}(k, \alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{2}e_f \alpha \not{k}}{\alpha(1-\alpha)Q^2 + k^2 + m^2}$$

$$\Psi_{\mp\pm}^{\pm}(k, \alpha) = \frac{i\sqrt{2}e_f m}{\alpha(1-\alpha)Q^2 + k^2 + m^2} \quad \Psi_{\pm\pm}^0(k, \alpha) = \Psi_{\mp\mp}^{\pm}(k, \alpha) = 0$$

$$\Psi_{\mp\pm}^{\pm}(K, \alpha) = \frac{-\sqrt{2}e_f(1-\alpha)\not{k}}{\alpha(1-\alpha)Q^2 + K^2 + m^2} \quad \not{k} = k_x + i\gamma k_y$$

# The Application of Photon wave function

- To the photon-proton diffractive interaction in two gluon model



- Using Cutkosky rules the full amplitude can be written in “double difference” form

$$A = ieg_s^4 \frac{s}{t} \delta_{\lambda_B \lambda'_B} C' \sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)} \int \frac{d^2 l}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{r^2}{l^2 (r-l)^2} \times$$

$$\{\Psi(k, \alpha) + \Psi(k+r, \alpha) - \Psi(k+l, \alpha) - \Psi(k+r-l, \alpha)\}$$

- To include the non-perturbative coupling of the two gluons for the proton, one need to introduce the unintegrated off-diagonal gluon distribution

$$F(x, x', l^2, r^2)$$

and after integrating over  $l$ , we would get an off-diagonal gluon distribution

$$\int_0^{Q^2} d^2l F(x, x', l^2, r^2) = G(x, x', l^2, r^2)$$

- In the limit  $x \approx x'$ ,  $G(x, x, r^2 = 0, Q^2) = xg(x, Q^2)$
- Therefore, the general amplitude for diffractive scattering off the proton is

$$A = i \frac{\pi}{4} e g_s^4 \sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)} \int \frac{d^2 l}{\pi l^2} \frac{r^2}{l^2 (r-l)^2} F(x, x', l^2, r^2) D\Psi(k, r, l)$$

- Here,

$$D\Psi(k, r, l) = \Psi(k, \alpha) + \Psi(k+r, \alpha) - \Psi(k+l, \alpha) - \Psi(k+r-l, \alpha)$$



- The variable conjugate to  $k$  is the transverse separation of the  $q\bar{q}$  pair, the  $\rho$ , which is called the “dipole size”
- The variable conjugated to the momentum transfer between the diffractive system and the proton is the impact parameter  $b$

- The conjugated photon wave functions are

$$\Psi_{\pm\mp}^0(\rho, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\pi} e_f \alpha(1-\alpha) Q K_0(\delta\rho)$$

$$\Psi_{\pm\mp}^{\pm}(\rho, \alpha) = \frac{i}{\pi} e_f \alpha \delta \frac{\rho \cdot \varepsilon}{\rho} K_1(\delta\rho)$$

$$\Psi_{\mp\pm}^{\pm}(\rho, \alpha) = -\frac{i}{\pi} e_f (1-\alpha) \frac{\rho \cdot \varepsilon}{\rho} K_1(\delta\rho)$$

$$\Psi_{\pm\pm}^{\pm}(\rho, \alpha) = \frac{im}{2\pi} e_f K_0(\delta\rho)$$

$\delta^2 = \alpha(1-\alpha)Q^2 + m^2$ ;  $K_\nu(z)$  is the modified Bessel function

- The diffractive amplitude configuration space is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{A}^D(\rho, b) &= \int \frac{d^2 k}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2 r}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ik \cdot s} e^{ir \cdot b} A^D(k, r) \\
 &= B\Psi(\rho, \alpha) \int \frac{d^2 r}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ir \cdot b} \int \frac{d^2 l}{\pi l^2} \alpha_s(\mu^2) F(x, x', l^2, r^2) \times \\
 &\quad [1 - e^{-il \cdot s}] [1 - e^{-i(r-l) \cdot s}] \\
 &= \Psi(s, \sigma) \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(\rho, b)
 \end{aligned}$$

- The dipole picture of diffractive interaction

# NLO Photon Impact Factor

- People believe that at LCs things would be much clear
- To make full NLO prediction, we have the NLO BFKL Kernel, but no NLO Photon impact factor yet

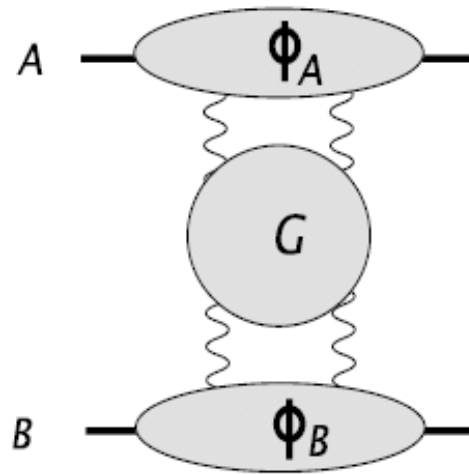
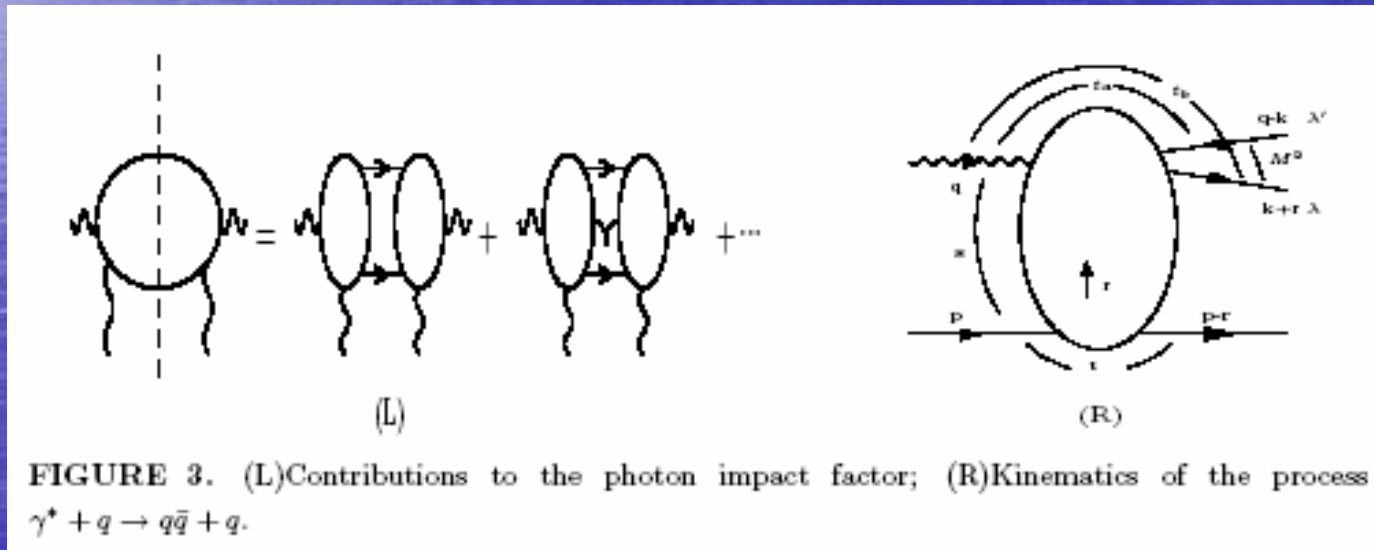


Fig.1: the elastic high energy scattering process  $AB \rightarrow AB$ .

- To calculate the NLO Impact factor, we can use  $\gamma^* q \rightarrow (q\bar{q})q$  scattering as the starting point, in the high energy limit

$$t, Q^2, t_a, t_b, M^2 \ll S$$



- Taking the Regge ansatz for the scattering amplitude

$$A = \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^a \frac{S}{t} \left[ \left( \frac{S}{-t} \right)^\omega + \left( \frac{S}{-t} \right)^\omega \right] \Gamma_{qq}^a$$

- $1 + \omega$  is the gluon trajectory. Expanding all terms in powers on the strong coupling  $g_s$

$$\omega = g_s^2 \omega^{(1)} + g_s^4 \omega^{(2)}$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^a = g_s \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(0),a} + g_s^3 \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(1),a}$$

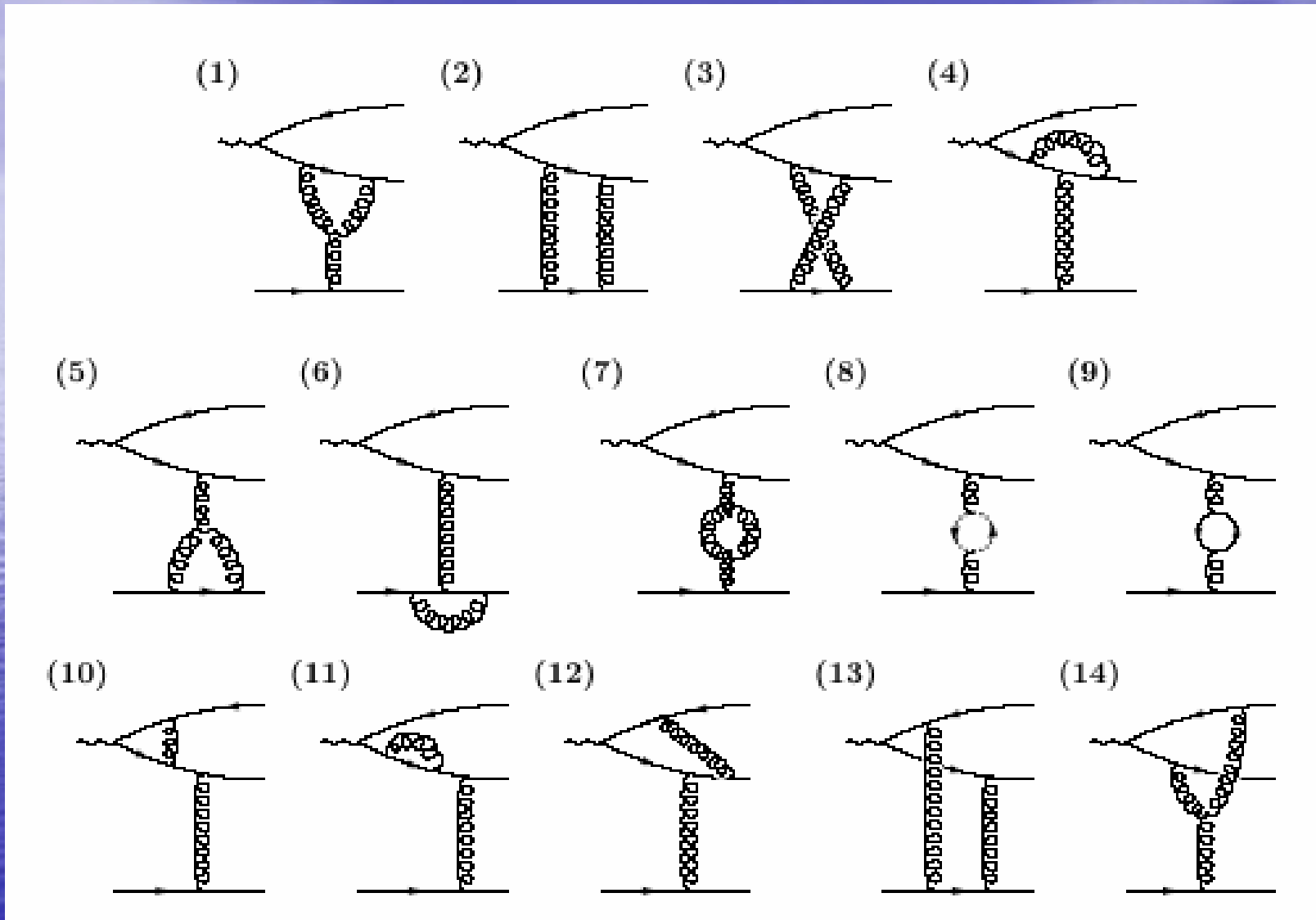
$$\Gamma_{qq}^a = g_s \Gamma_{qq}^{(0),a} + g_s^3 \Gamma_{qq}^{(1),a}$$

- Then  $T = g_s^2 T^{(0)} + g_s^4 T^{(1)}$  [Bartels, Gieseke,

$$T^{(0)} = \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(0),a}(-) \frac{2s}{t} \Gamma_{qq}^{(0),a} \quad \text{Qiao, 2001]}$$

$$\text{And } T^{(1)} = \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(1),a}(-) \frac{2s}{t} \Gamma_{qq}^{(0),a} + \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(0),a}(-) \frac{2s}{t} \Gamma_{qq}^{(1),a} \\ + \Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(0),a}(-) \frac{s}{t} \Gamma_{qq}^{(0),a} \omega^{(1)} \left[ \ln \frac{s}{-t} + \ln \frac{-s}{-t} \right] \Gamma_{qq}^{(0),a}$$

- The calculation of virtual correction to  $\Gamma_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(1),a}$  involving 14 diagrams



- In practical calculation, we have used the computer algebra system Mathematica with package FeynCalc
- Using the loop integral technique given by [Bern, Dixon and Kosower, 1994], all the results are presented analytically. Finally, we need to take the high energy limit
- It has been showed that the ultra-violet divergencies are removed in  $\overline{MS}$  scheme; the infrared divergencies are cancelled out by adding real corrections [Bartels, Gieseke and Kyrieleis, 2002]

# Photon-Photon Diffractive Scattering

$\gamma^* \gamma^*$  diffractive scattering cross section can be expressed as

$$\sigma_{AB} = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}'}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^\omega \Phi_A \frac{1}{r^2} G_{s_0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) \frac{1}{r'^2} \Phi_B,$$

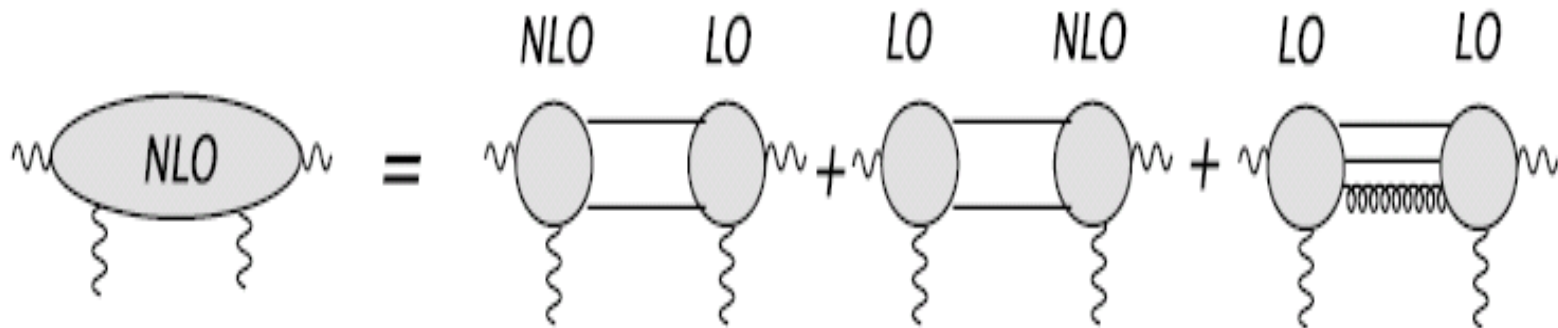


Fig.2: quark-antiquark (virtual) and quark-antiquark-gluon (real) contributions to the NLO impact factor.

# $\gamma^* \gamma^*$ diffractive scattering cross section up to order $\alpha_s^3$

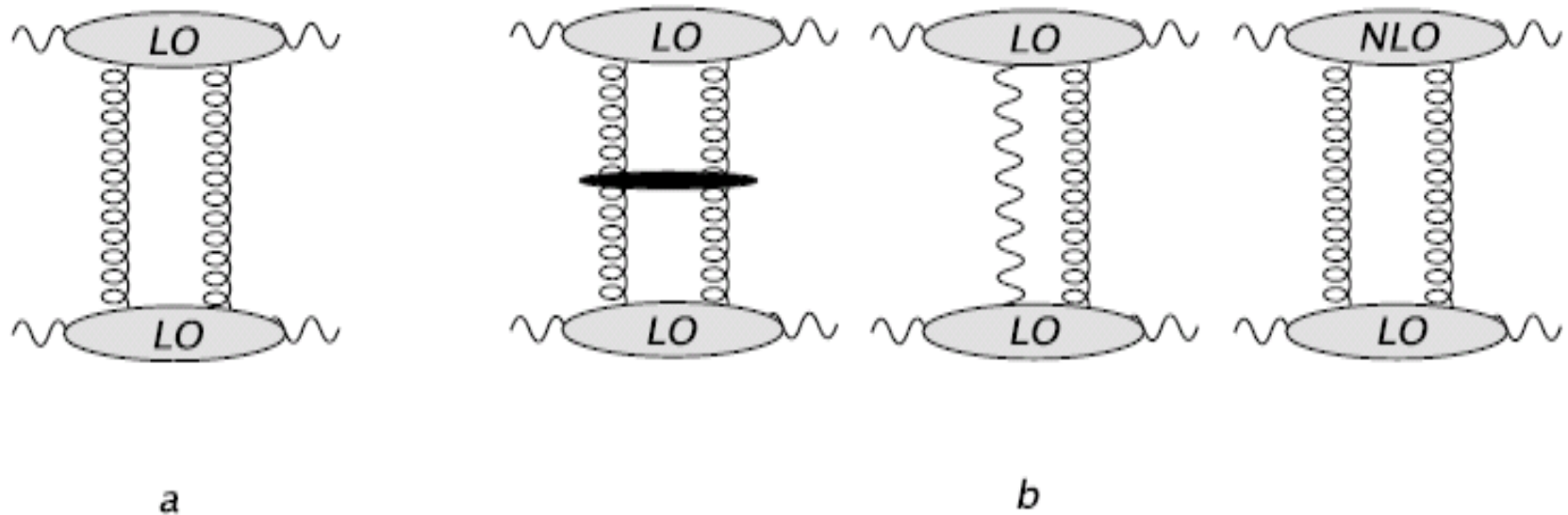


Fig.3:  $\gamma^* \gamma^*$  scattering at fixed order  $\alpha_s$ :

(a) order  $\alpha_s^2$ ; (b)  $\alpha_s^3$ : in the second diagram, one of the gluons (left) is reggeized, all other  $t$ -channel gluons are elementary.

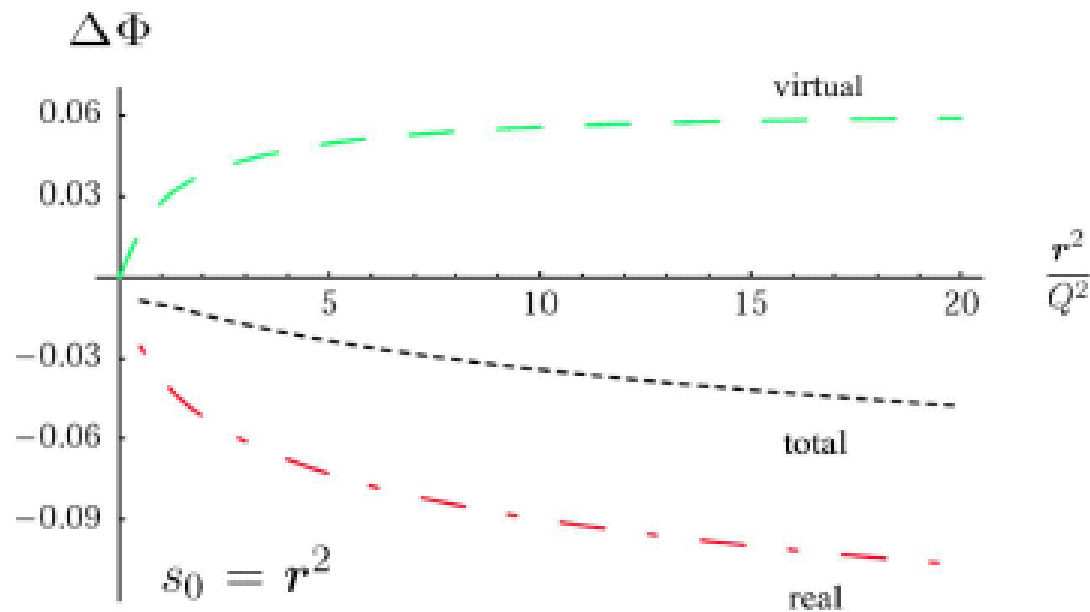
$\gamma^* \gamma^*$  diffractive scattering cross section at order  $\alpha_s^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{AB}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{s} \text{Im} T_{AB}^{(1)}(s, t=0) \\
 &= \ln(s/s_0) \int \frac{d^{D-2}\mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \frac{d^{D-2}\mathbf{r}'}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \Phi_A^{(0)} \frac{1}{r^4} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')_{real} \frac{1}{r'^4} \Phi_B^{(0)} \\
 &\quad + \int \frac{d^{D-2}\mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \Phi_A^{(0)} \ln(s/r^2) 2\omega^{(1)}(r^2) \frac{1}{r^4} \Phi_B^{(0)} \\
 &\quad + \int \frac{d^{D-2}\mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \Phi_A^{(1)} \frac{1}{r^4} \Phi_B^{(0)} + \int \frac{d^{D-2}\mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \Phi_A^{(0)} \frac{1}{r^4} \Phi_B^{(1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Photon Impact Factor at NLO

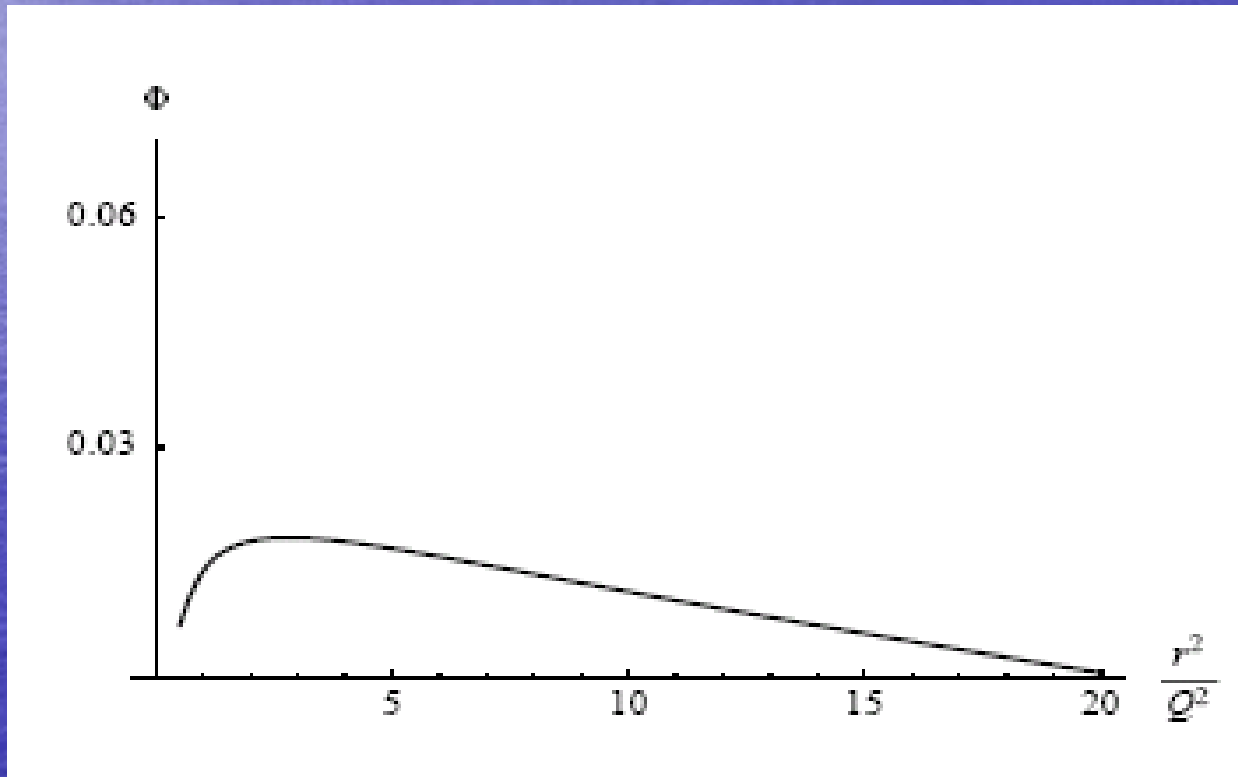
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{\gamma^*}^{(1)} = & \Phi_{\gamma^*}^{(1, \text{virtual})} \Big|_{\text{finite}} - \frac{2\Phi_{\gamma^*}^{(0)}}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \beta_0 \ln \frac{r^2}{\mu^2} + C_F \ln(r^2) \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \int d\mathbf{k} \int_0^1 d\alpha \mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, \mathbf{k}) \left\{ C_A \left[ \ln^2 \alpha(1-\alpha) s_0 - \ln^2 M^2 - 2 \ln r^2 \ln \frac{s_0}{r^2} \right] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 2C_F \left[ 8 - 3 \ln \alpha(1-\alpha) \Lambda^2 + \ln^2 M^2 + \ln^2 \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right] \right\} \\
 & + C_A \Phi_{\gamma^*}^{(1, \text{real})} \Big|_{C_A}^{\text{finite}} + C_F \Phi_{\gamma^*}^{(1, \text{real})} \Big|_{C_F}^{\text{finite}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

- Because of the complexity, the NLO corrections to photon impact factor are only presented numerically

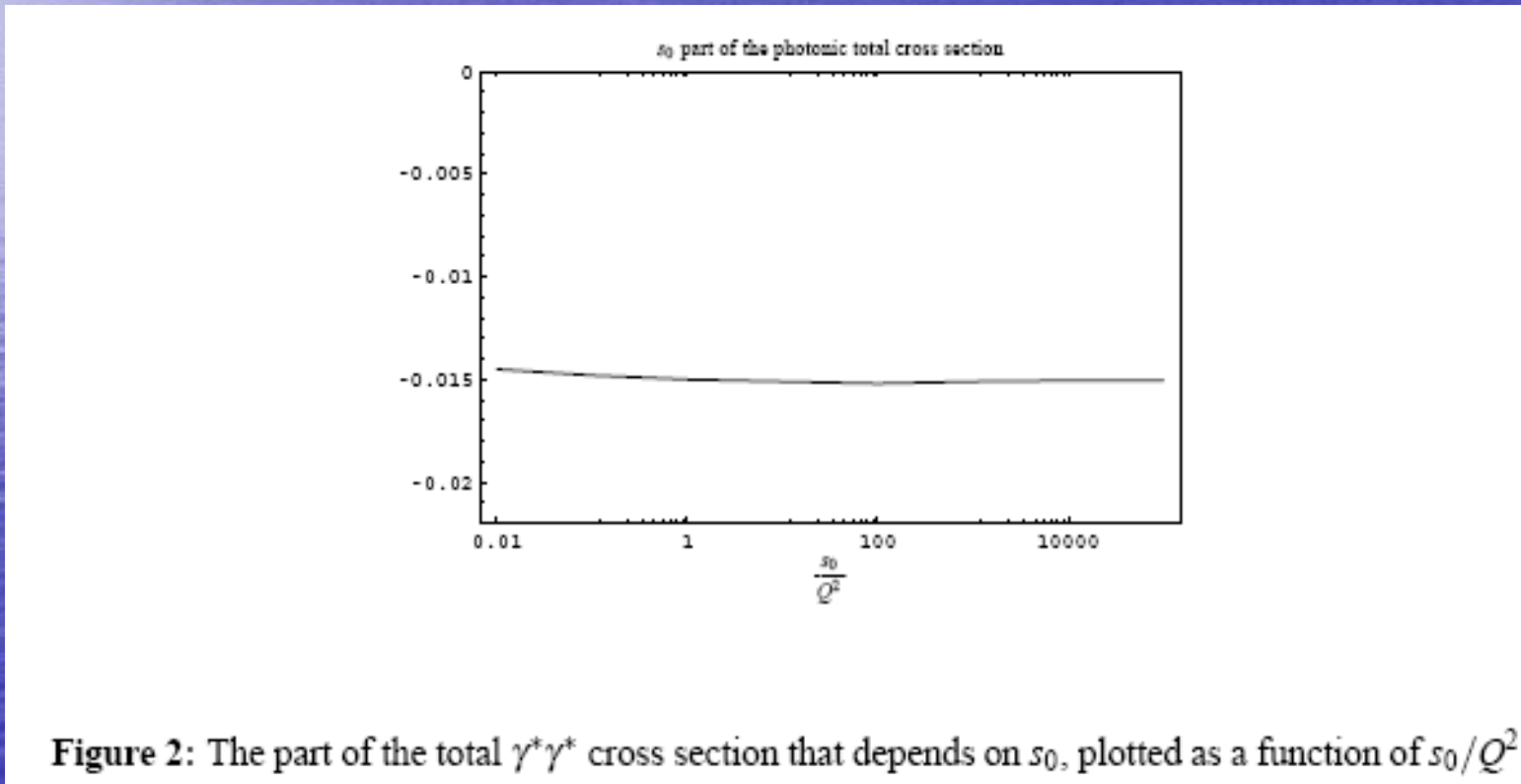


**Figure 3:** Virtual, real and total NLO corrections to the photon impact factor for  $s_0 = r^2$ .

- The full next-to-leading order photon impact factor at  $S_0 = |\vec{r}|^2$



- To check the numerical result, one should get the  $s_0$  independence of NLO  $\gamma^* \gamma^*$  total cross section



# Summary & Outlook

- The full fixed order ( $\alpha_s^3$ ) prediction for  $\gamma^* \gamma^*$  total cross-section well come soon
  - [Bartels, Chachamis and Qiao, in preparation]
- In the future, our NLO photon impact factor should convoluted with NLO BFKL Green's function in making predictions

- The ILC provide us a very good play ground for testing and understanding the QCD. The diffractive interaction would be one of the emphases
- So far, the meaning of the NLO calculation for hard diffractive interaction is more on the theoretical side, rather than for the phenomenological sense



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