

Structure Functions at small x

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HERA: F_2 increases as $x \rightarrow 0$

DGLAP \rightarrow evolution for large $-q^2$ at fixed x

breaks down at small x

BFKL $\rightarrow F_2 \sim x^{-\nu(-q^2)}$, $x \rightarrow 0$

seems to violate Froissart bound

Saturation models (e.g. “color glass”): $F_2 \sim \ln^p x$

Need non-perturbative input

but NOT amenable lattice simulations

HONEST TITLE:

Structure Functions in 2d asymptotically free models

organizers worried audience would go out for tea!

patience, main result concerns small x

WHY CONSIDER $(1 + 1)D$?

Test general methods (ideas)

Historical source of “structural inspiration”

- * non-Euclidean geometry (Lobachevsky 1829)
- * solitons, integrability,...
- * duality
- * SUSY,
- * “STRING THEORY”

Beware! Many results special to 2D

- * no (usual) spin
- * no spontaneous symmetry breaking
but see Seiler, Niedermaier, Duncan
- * non-trivial S-matrices with no particle production

NON-LINEAR $O(n)$ σ -MODEL IN 2d

Fields: $\sigma^a(x)$, $a = 1, \dots, n$, $\sigma^2 = 1$

Action: $S = \frac{1}{2g_0^2} \int d^2x (\partial_\mu \sigma^a)^2$

asymptotically free

Noether current: $j_\mu^{ab} = g_0^{-2} \sigma^a \partial_\mu \sigma^b - (a \leftrightarrow b)$

OPE: $j(x)j(0) \sim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sum_j C_j(x) \mathcal{O}_j$

NON-PERTURBATIVE METHODS

$1/n$ -expansion

Lattice

→ spectrum: one massive $O(n)$ vector multiplet

Form Factor Bootstrap (“on-shell to off-shell”)

Integrability → purely elastic S-matrix

→ form factors: $\langle \Omega | j_{\mu}^{ab}(0) | p_1, a_1; \dots; p_r, a_r \rangle^{\text{in}}$

→ correlation functions

STRUCTURE FUCTIONS

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{ab; cdef}(p, q) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2x e^{iqx} \langle a, p | [j_{\mu}^{cd}(x), j_{\nu}^{ef}(0)] | b, p \rangle$$

relevant domain: $q^2 < 0, (p + q)^2 \geq M^2$:

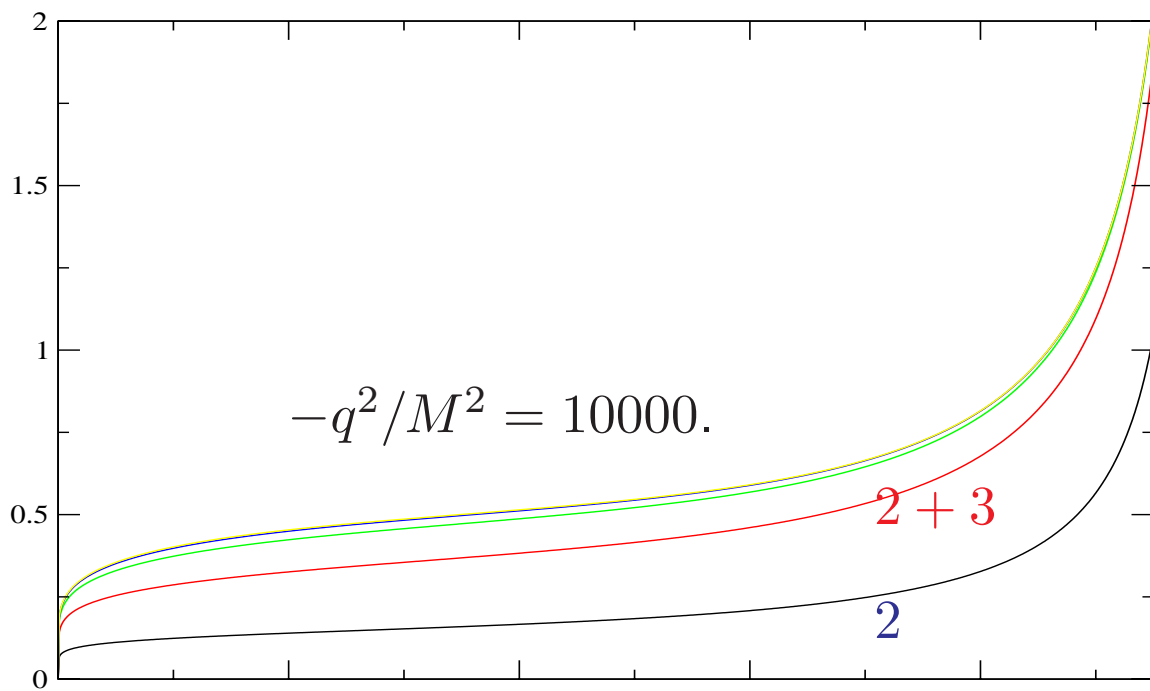
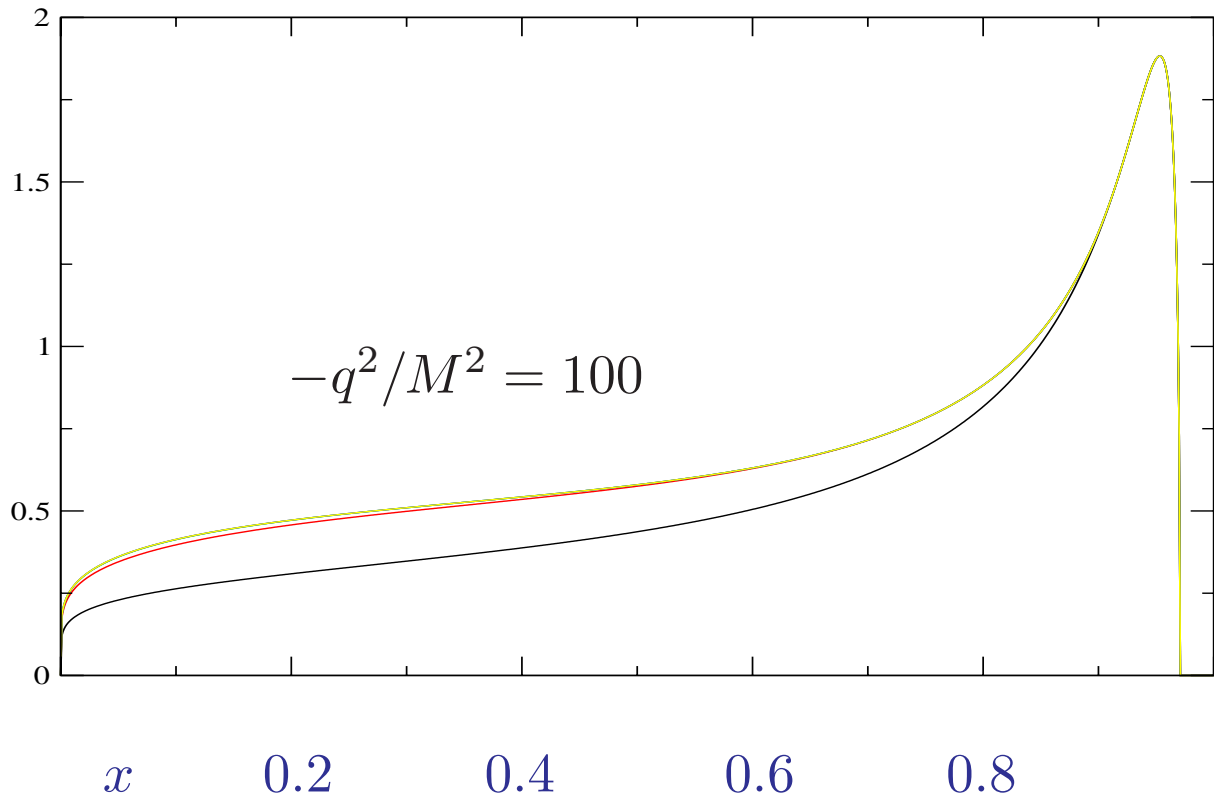
$$\begin{aligned} W_{\mu\nu}^{ab; CD}(p, q) &= \pi \langle a, p | j_{\mu}^C(0) \sum_r |r\rangle \langle r| j_{\nu}^D(0) | b, p \rangle \delta(p + q - P_r) \\ &= \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2} \right) \sum_{l=0}^2 w_l(q^2, x) R_l^{ab; CD}, \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for the field operator: $\tilde{w}_l(q^2, x)$

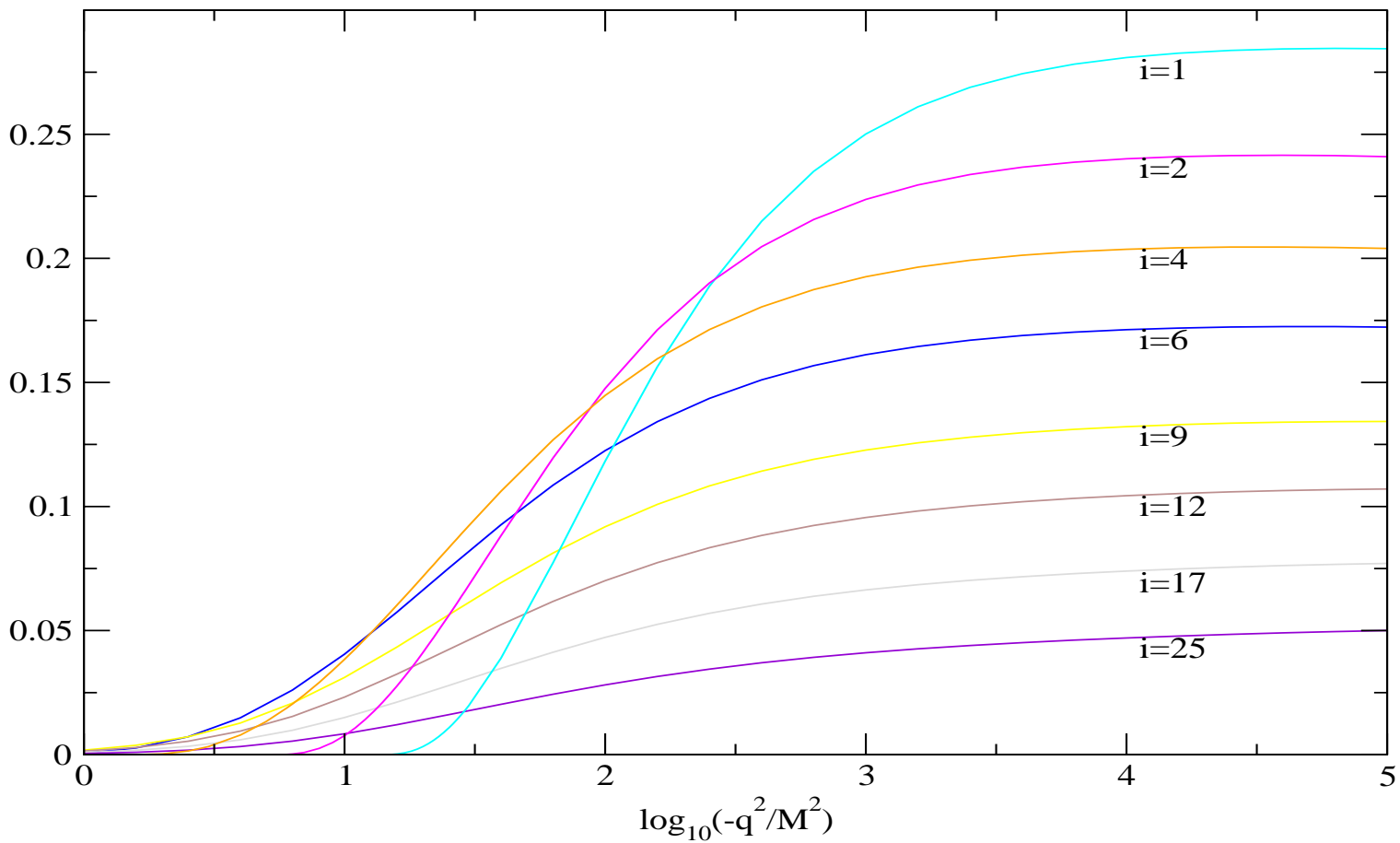
Bjorken $x = -q^2/(2pq)$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$

EXACT NON-PERTURBATIVE STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS!

$$x(w_0 + \tilde{w}_0)$$



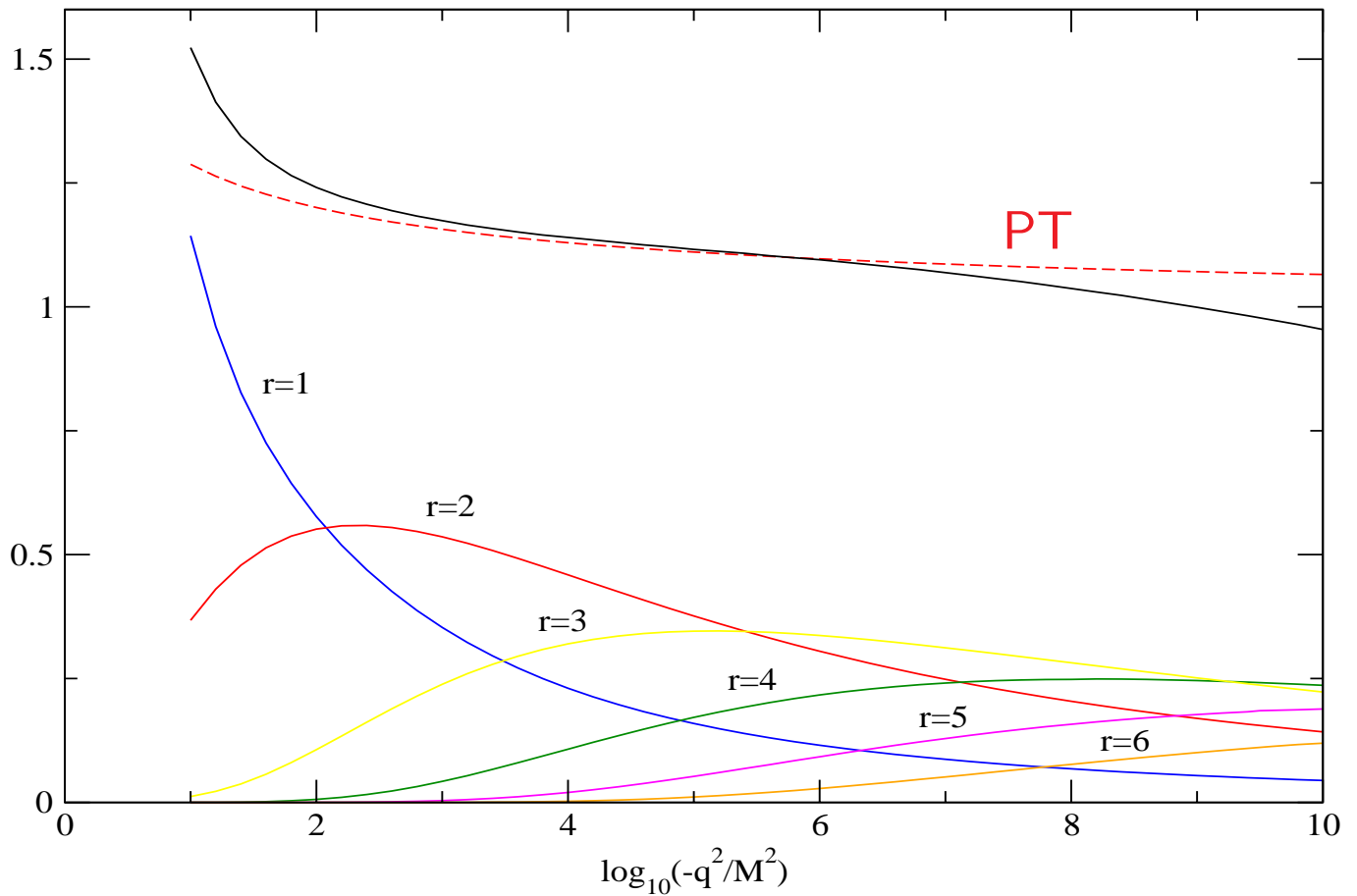
“HERA PLOT”: xw_0 for various values of $x = 10^{-i/5}$.



Bjorken scaling!

Comparison with Perturbation theory

MOMENTS: e.g. $M_{0;2}(q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x [w_0 + \tilde{w}_0](q^2, x)$



cf Momentum sum rule in QCD

Exact asymptotic small x behavior

$$xw_l(q^2, x) \sim C(l, n) \frac{1}{\ln^2 x} \times A_J(-q^2)$$

“Adler function”: $A_J(z) = -z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} I(z)$

$$\int d^2x e^{iqx} \langle \Omega | T (j_\mu^C(x) j_\nu^D(0)) | \Omega \rangle = i\delta^{CD} I(-q^2) (\eta_{\mu\nu} q^2 - q_\mu q_\nu)$$

UNIVERSAL STRUCTURE!

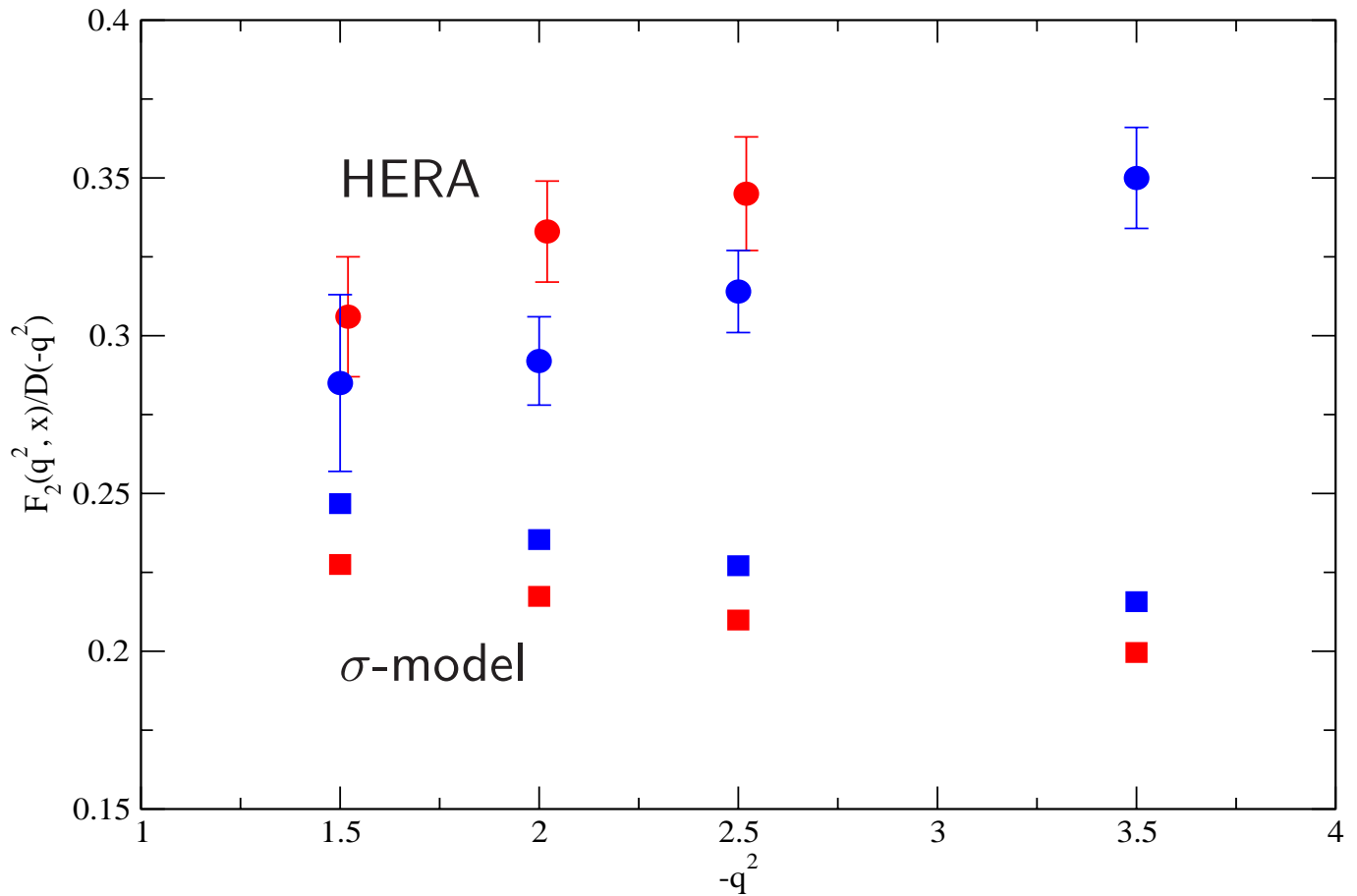
Similar structural aspects in 4d hadronic physics??

in some HE processes may neglect $p_{\text{transverse}}$

Partons in sigma model?

$$n = 3 : \quad \sigma^a = \bar{q} \tau^a q, \quad \bar{q}q = 1, \quad q \text{ confined}$$

Ratio of the structure function to the Adler function



$$x = 8 \times 10^{-5}, \quad x = 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

At what x does the characteristic behavior “set in”?