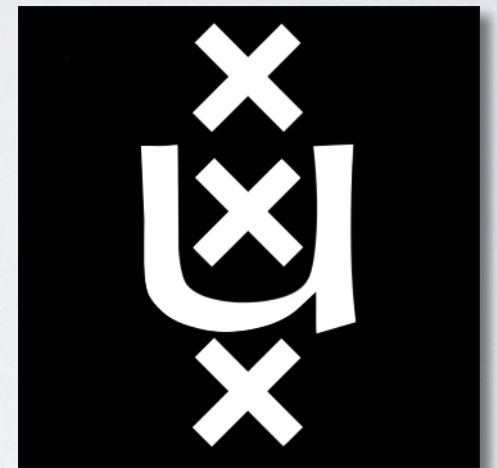


# FROM THE BFKL EQUATION TO TWO-PARTON SCATTERING AMPLITUDES IN THE HIGH-ENERGY LIMIT

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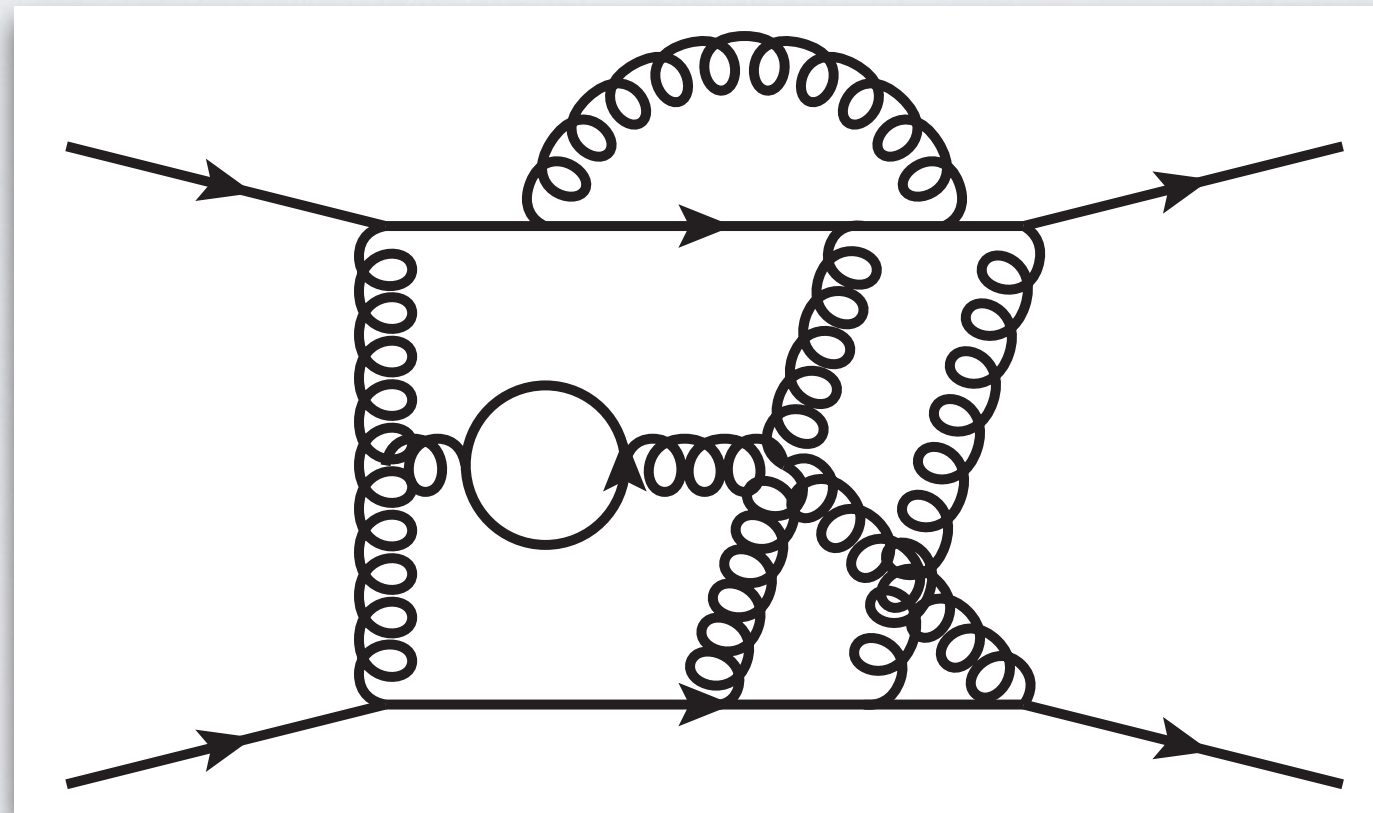


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# OUTLINE

- **Factorisation of amplitudes in the high-energy limit**
- **The two-Reggeon cut: scattering amplitudes by iterated solution of the BFKL equation**
- **Infrared singularities to all orders**
- **The finite wavefunction and amplitude**
  - *In collaboration with  
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  - *Based on  
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# FACTORISATION OF AMPLITUDES IN THE HIGH-ENERGY





# HIGH-ENERGY LIMIT

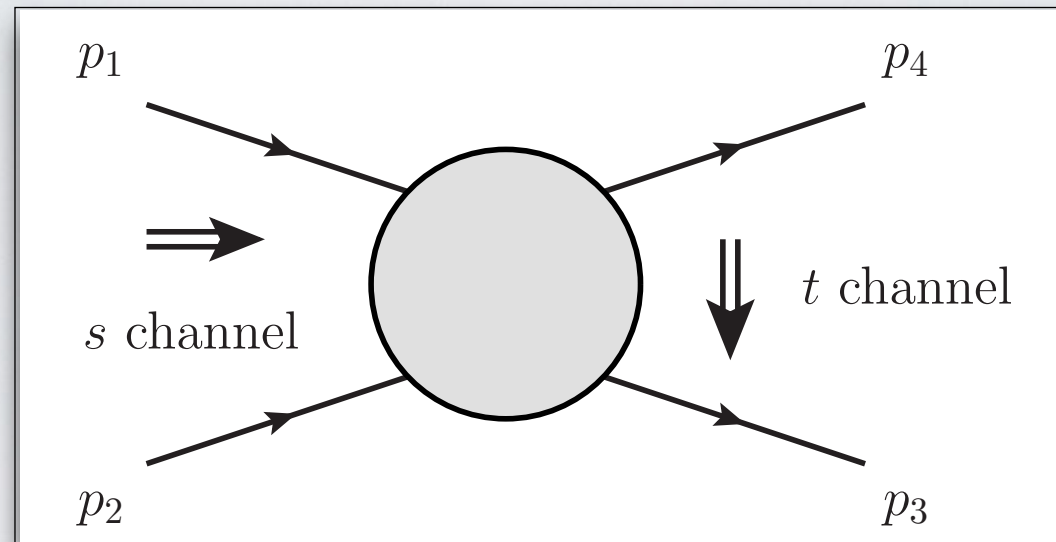
- Very interesting **theoretical problem**:
  - retain **rich dynamic** in the **2D transverse plane**,
  - **toy model** for full amplitude,
  - **non-trivial** function spaces,
  - predict amplitudes and other observables in **overlapping limits**:
    - **soft limit, infrared divergences**.
- **Relevant** for phenomenology at the **LHC** and **future colliders**:
  - perturbative phenomenology of **forward scattering**, e.g.
    - **Deep inelastic scattering/saturation** (small  $x$  = **Regge**, large  $Q^2$  = **perturbative**),
    - **Mueller-Navelet**:  $pp \rightarrow X+2\text{jets}$ , forward and backward.

MRK in N=4 SYM: Dixon, Pennington, Duhr, 2012; Del Duca, Dixon, Pennington, Duhr, 2013; Del Duca, Druc, Drummond, Duhr, Dulat, Marzucca, Papathanasiou, Verbeek 2016, ...

See e.g. Andersen, Smillie, 2011; Andersen, Medley Smillie, 2016; Andersen, Hapola, Maier, Smillie, 2017; ...



## 2 → 2 SCATTERING IN THE HIGH-ENERGY LIMIT



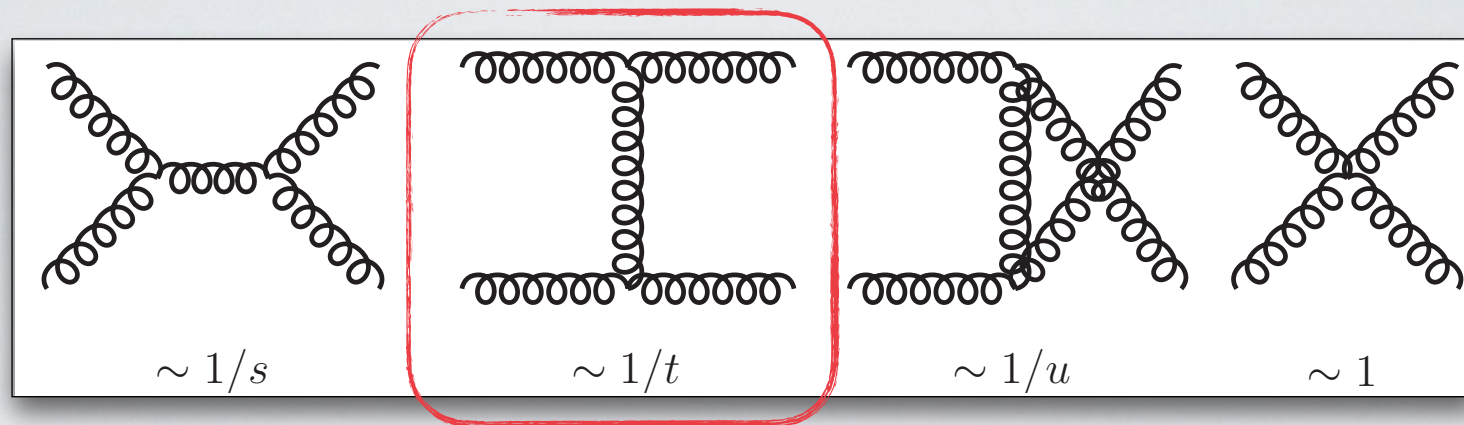
- Consider  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering amplitudes in the **high-energy limit**:

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 \gg -t = -(p_1 - p_4)^2 > 0.$$

- The amplitude is expanded in the small ratio  $|t/s|$ ; we consider here the **leading power term**:

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}(s, t, \mu^2) = \frac{s}{t} \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{[-1]} \left( \frac{-t}{\mu^2} \right) + \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{[0]} \left( \frac{-t}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{t}{s} \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{[1]} \left( \frac{-t}{\mu^2} \right) + \dots$$

# HIGH ENERGY LIMIT AT LL: REGGE POLES



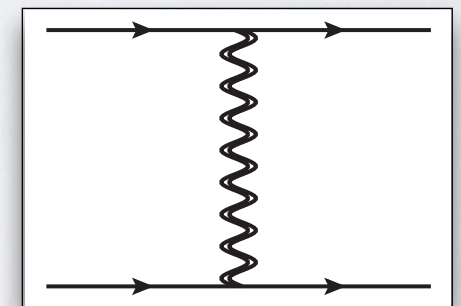
- At leading power, gluon exchanges in the t-channel:

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(0)} = \frac{2s}{t} (T_i^b)_{a_1 a_4} (T_j^b)_{a_2 a_3} \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_4} \delta_{\lambda_2 \lambda_3}.$$

- The amplitude contains **logarithms** of the ratio  $|s/t|$ .  
 → Characterised in terms of **Regge poles** at LL:

**Regge, Gribov**

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}|_{\text{LL}} = \left( \frac{s}{-t} \right)^{\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_A \alpha_g^{(1)}(t)} 4\pi\alpha_s \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(0)},$$



- The function  $\alpha_g(t)$  is known as the **Regge trajectory**:

$$\alpha_g^{(1)}(t) = \frac{r_\Gamma}{2\epsilon} \left( \frac{-t}{\mu^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} \stackrel{\mu^2 \rightarrow -t}{=} \frac{r_\Gamma}{2\epsilon}, \quad r_\Gamma = e^{\epsilon\gamma_E} \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_2 \epsilon^2 - \frac{7}{3} \zeta_3 \epsilon^3 + \dots$$

# BEYOND LL: REGGE CUTS

- **Crossing symmetry**  $s \leftrightarrow u$ :

→ project onto **eigenstates of signature**:

$$\mathcal{M}^{(\pm)}(s, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{M}(s, t) \pm \mathcal{M}(-s - t, t) \right).$$

→ Express amplitudes in terms of the **signature-even** combination of logs:

$$L \equiv \log \left| \frac{s}{t} \right| - i \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \log \frac{-s - i0}{-t} + \log \frac{-u - i0}{-t} \right).$$

→  $M^{(+)}$  and  $M^{(-)}$  are respectively **imaginary** and **real**.

- **Color**: beyond tree level

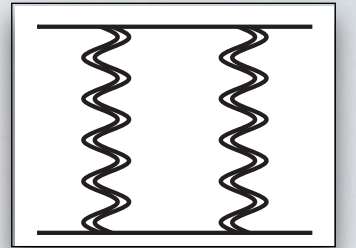
$$\mathcal{M}(s, t) = \sum_i c^{[i]} \mathcal{M}^{[i]}(s, t).$$

→ Decompose the amplitude in a **color orthonormal basis** in the t-channel

$$8 \otimes 8 = 1 \oplus 8_s \oplus 8_a \oplus 10 \oplus \bar{10} \oplus 27$$

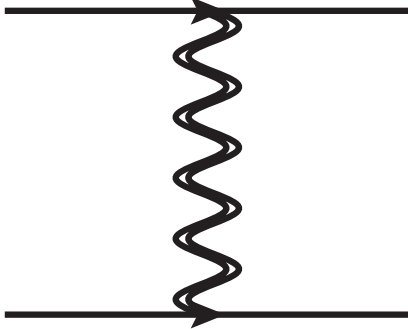
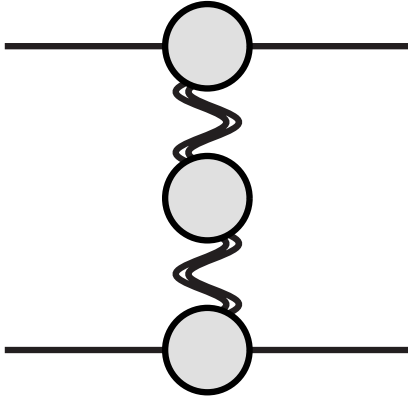
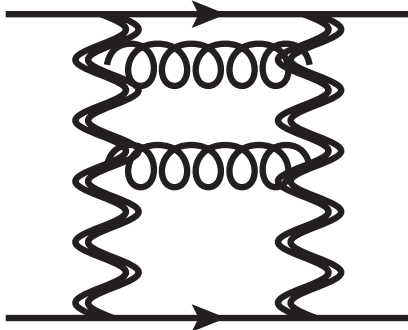
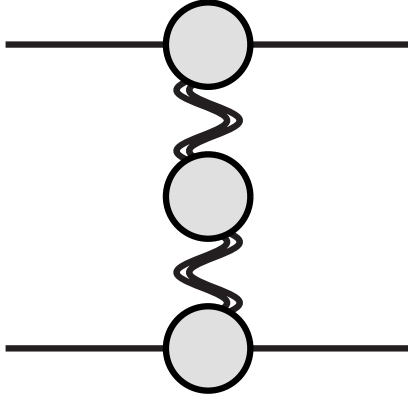
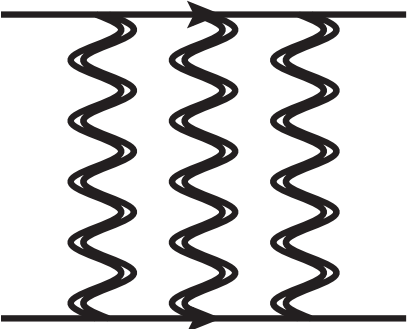
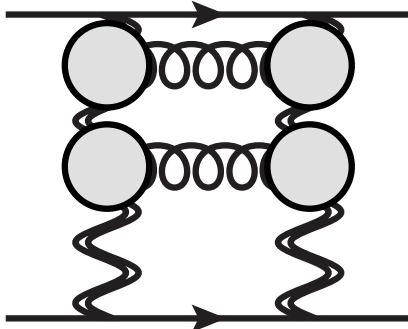
→ Invoking **Bose symmetry** we deduce (gg scattering)

$$\text{odd: } \mathcal{M}^{[8_a]}, \mathcal{M}^{[10+\bar{10}]}, \quad \text{even: } \mathcal{M}^{[1]}, \mathcal{M}^{[8_s]}, \mathcal{M}^{[27]}.$$





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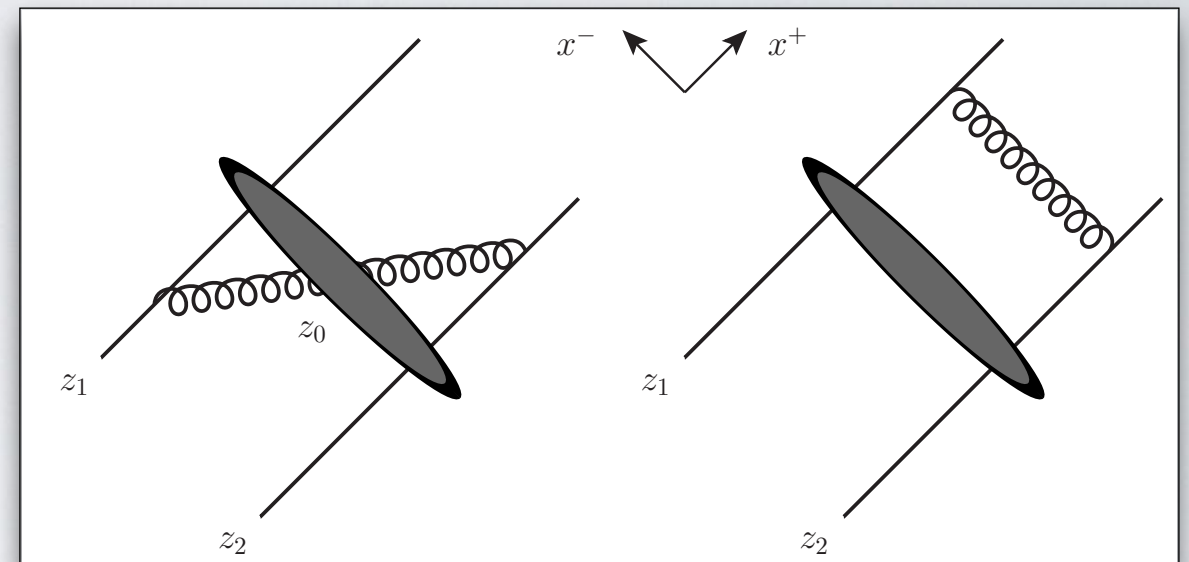
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# FROM BALITSKY-JIMWLK TO AMPLITUDES

- **High-energy limit = forward scattering:** to leading power, the fast projectile and target described in terms of **Wilson lines**:

$$U(z_{\perp}) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ ig_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} A_+^a(x^+, x^-=0, z_{\perp}) dx^+ T^a \right].$$

Korchenskaya, Korchemsky, 1994, 1996;  
Babansky, Balitsky, 2002, Caron-Huot, 2013



- The Wilson line stretches from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  and thus develops **rapidity divergencies**. The regularised Wilson lines obeys the (**non linear!**) **Balitsky-JIMWLK** evolution equation:

$$-\frac{d}{d\eta} \left[ U(z_1) \dots U(z_n) \right] = \sum_{i,j=1}^n H_{ij} \cdot \left[ U(z_1) \dots U(z_n) \right],$$

with

$$H_{ij} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int [dz_i][dz_j][dz_0] K_{ij;0} \left[ T_{i,L}^a T_{j,L}^a + T_{i,R}^a T_{j,R}^a - U_{\text{ad}}^{ab}(z_0) (T_{i,L}^a T_{j,R}^b + T_{j,L}^b T_{i,R}^a) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2).$$

- Evolution in **rapidity** resums the high-energy log:

$$\eta = L \equiv \log \left| \frac{s}{t} \right| - i \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

↓  
Balitsky Chirilli, 2013;  
Kovner, Lublinsky,  
Mulian, 2013, 2014, 2016

# FROM BALITSKY-JIMWLK TO AMPLITUDES

- In perturbation theory the unitary matrices  $U(z) \sim \mathbb{1}$ : parametrize in terms of a field  $W$

$$U(z) = e^{ig_s T^a W^a(z)} .$$

Kovner Lublinsky, 2005;  
Caron-Huot, 2013

- The color-adjoint field  $W$  sources a **BFKL Reggeized gluon**: a generic projectile is expanded at weak coupling as

$$|\psi_i\rangle \equiv g_s D_{i,1}(t) |W\rangle + g_s^2 D_{i,2}(t) |WW\rangle + g_s^3 D_{i,3}(t) |WWW\rangle + \dots$$

- Focus on the **Regge-cut** contributions: define a “**reduced**” amplitude by removing the **Reggeized gluon and collinear divergences**

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij} \equiv (Z_i Z_j)^{-1} e^{-\mathbf{T}_t^2 \alpha_g(t) L} \mathcal{M}_{ij \rightarrow ij} ,$$

- Scattering amplitude**: expectation value of Wilson lines evolved to equal rapidity:

$$\frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij} \xrightarrow{\text{Regge}} \frac{i}{2s} \left( \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(+)} + \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-)} \right) \equiv \langle \psi_j^{(+)} | e^{-\hat{H}L} | \psi_i^{(+)} \rangle + \langle \psi_j^{(-)} | e^{-\hat{H}L} | \psi_i^{(-)} \rangle .$$

Caron-Huot, 2013, Caron-Huot, Gardi, LV, 2017



# FROM BALITSKY-JIMWLK TO AMPLITUDES

- An  $m \rightarrow m+k$  transition from the leading-order **Balitsky-JIMWLK** equation is proportional to  $g_s^{2l+k}$ . Thus for  $k \geq 0$ , all the interactions can be extracted from the **leading-order** equation.

Caron-Huot,  
2013, Caron-  
Huot, Gardi,  
LV, 2017

$$H \begin{pmatrix} W \\ (W)^2 \\ (W)^3 \\ (W)^4 \\ (W)^5 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{1 \rightarrow 1} & 0 & H_{3 \rightarrow 1} & 0 & H_{5 \rightarrow 1} & \dots \\ 0 & H_{2 \rightarrow 2} & 0 & H_{4 \rightarrow 2} & 0 & \dots \\ H_{1 \rightarrow 3} & 0 & H_{3 \rightarrow 3} & 0 & H_{5 \rightarrow 3} & \dots \\ 0 & H_{2 \rightarrow 4} & 0 & H_{4 \rightarrow 4} & 0 & \dots \\ H_{1 \rightarrow 5} & 0 & H_{3 \rightarrow 5} & 0 & H_{5 \rightarrow 5} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W \\ (W)^2 \\ (W)^3 \\ (W)^4 \\ (W)^5 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

LO BFKL kernel  $\leftarrow$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} g_s^2 & 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^6 & \dots \\ 0 & g_s^2 & 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & \dots \\ g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^2 & 0 & g_s^4 & \dots \\ 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^2 & 0 & \dots \\ g_s^6 & 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^2 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W \\ (W)^2 \\ (W)^3 \\ (W)^4 \\ (W)^5 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

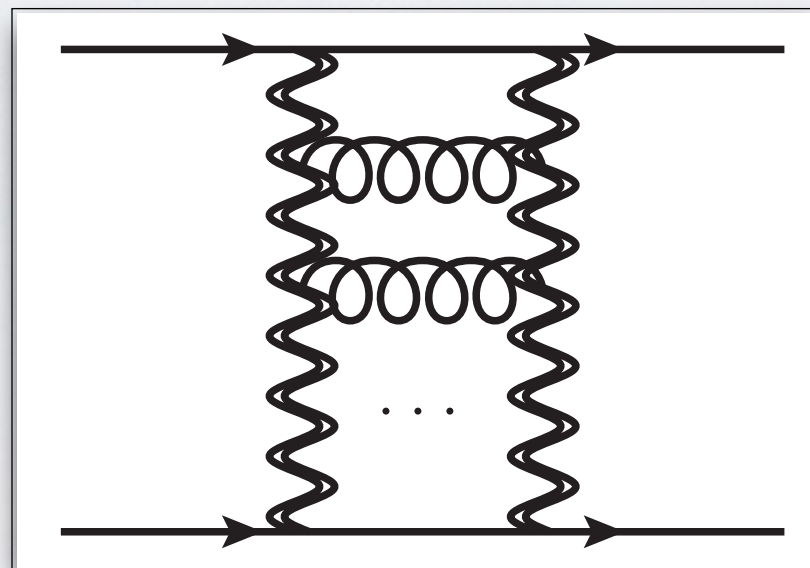
From LO B-JIMWLK  $\leftarrow$

$\rightarrow$  Terms in NNLO B-JIMWLK - predicted by symmetry  $H = H^T$

- Interactions with  $k < 0$  are **suppressed by at least**  $g_s^{2l+|k|}$ , which means that they can first appear in the  $(|k|+l)$ -loop **Balitsky-JIMWLK** Hamiltonian.
- At NLL we need  $m \rightarrow m$  transition only  $\rightarrow$  **the LO BFKL kernel**.

“Reggeon field theory” still elusive; see **Rothstein, Stewart 2016** for a SCET approach

# THE TWO REGGEON CUT



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See Caron-Huot,  
Gardi, LV, 2017

$$\frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(+), \text{NLL}} \equiv \langle \psi_{j,2}^{(+)} | e^{-\hat{H}L} | \psi_{i,2}^{(+)} \rangle.$$



# THE TWO-REGGEON CUT

- The amplitude takes the form of an **iterated integral** over the **BFKL kernel**:

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,\ell)} = -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^\ell}{(\ell-1)!} \int [Dk] \frac{p^2}{k^2(k-p)^2} \Omega^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \quad B_0 = e^{\epsilon\gamma_E} \frac{\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)}.$$

- One “rung” = apply once the BFKL kernel on the **“target averaged wave function”**:

$$\Omega^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) = \hat{H} \Omega^{(\ell-2)}(p, k), \quad \hat{H} = (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \hat{H}_i + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \hat{H}_m$$

- “Integration”** part:

$$\hat{H}_i \Psi(p, k) = \int [Dk'] f(p, k, k') [\Psi(p, k') - \Psi(p, k)],$$

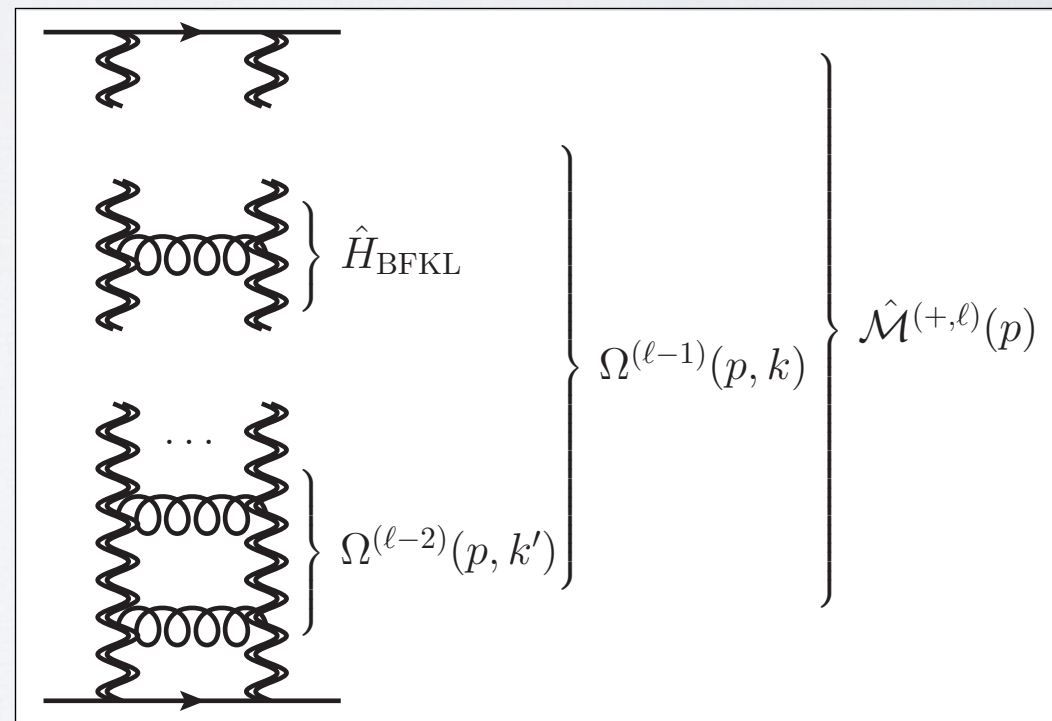
$$f(p, k', k) = \frac{k'^2}{k^2(k-k')^2} + \frac{(p-k')^2}{(p-k)^2(k-k')^2} - \frac{p^2}{k^2(p-k)^2}.$$

- “Multiplication”** part:

$$\hat{H}_m \Psi(p, k) = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left[ 2 - \left( \frac{p^2}{k^2} \right)^\epsilon - \left( \frac{p^2}{(p-k)^2} \right)^\epsilon \right] \Psi(p, k).$$

- Initial condition**

$$\Omega^{(0)}(p, k) = 1.$$

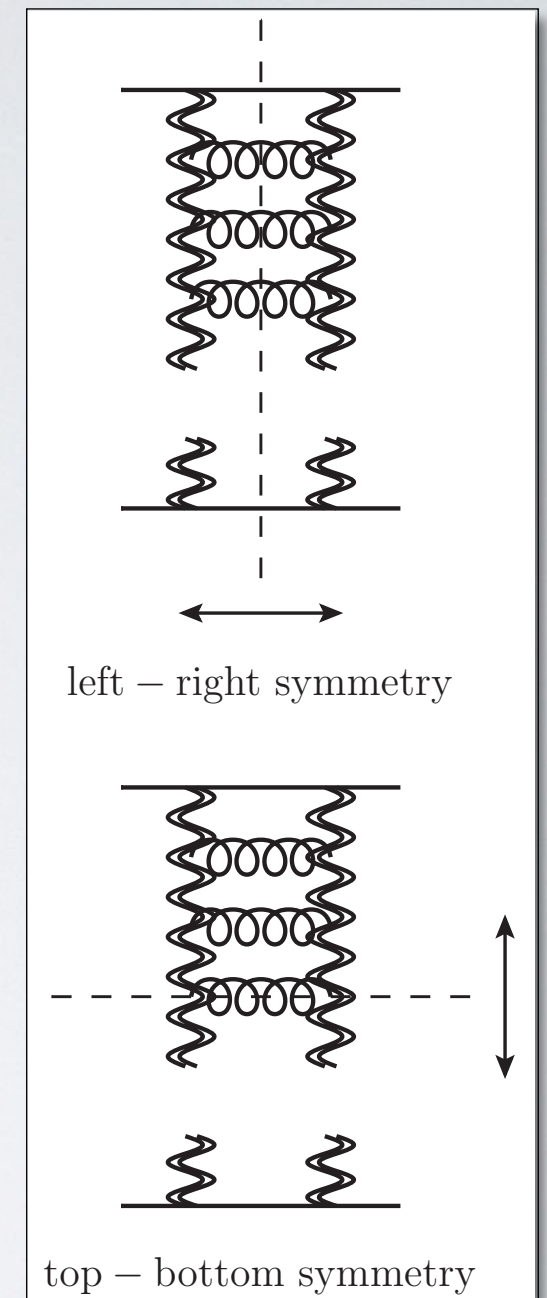


# THE 2-REGGEON CUT

- **Exact solution** in the **adjoint channel**:  $\Omega = 1$ .
- Cases where eigenfunctions are known:
  - **Color singlet dipoles**, **Lipatov**
  - **Color adjoint**.
- For  $d \neq 2$ /other color representations eigenfunctions are **not known**:
  - Iterative solution.
- General features:
  - “**top-bottom**” and “**left-right**” **ladder symmetry**;
  - **outermost** rungs are always **easy** (multiplication);
  - first **non-trivial** integration at **4-loops**: **Caron-Huot, 2013**

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,4)} = i\pi \frac{(B_0)^4}{4!} \left\{ (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^3 \left( \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^4} + \frac{175\zeta_5}{2}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right) + C_A(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2 \left( -\frac{\zeta_3}{8\epsilon} - \frac{3}{16}\zeta_4 - \frac{167\zeta_5}{8}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right) \right\} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 M^{(0)}.$$

- Integration in  $d=2-2\epsilon$  involves **Appell functions** starting at 4 loops.
  - How to predict **higher orders**?



# THE 2-REGGEON CUT

- Observations:

1) The wavefunction  $\Omega(n)(p,k)$  is **finite as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$** :

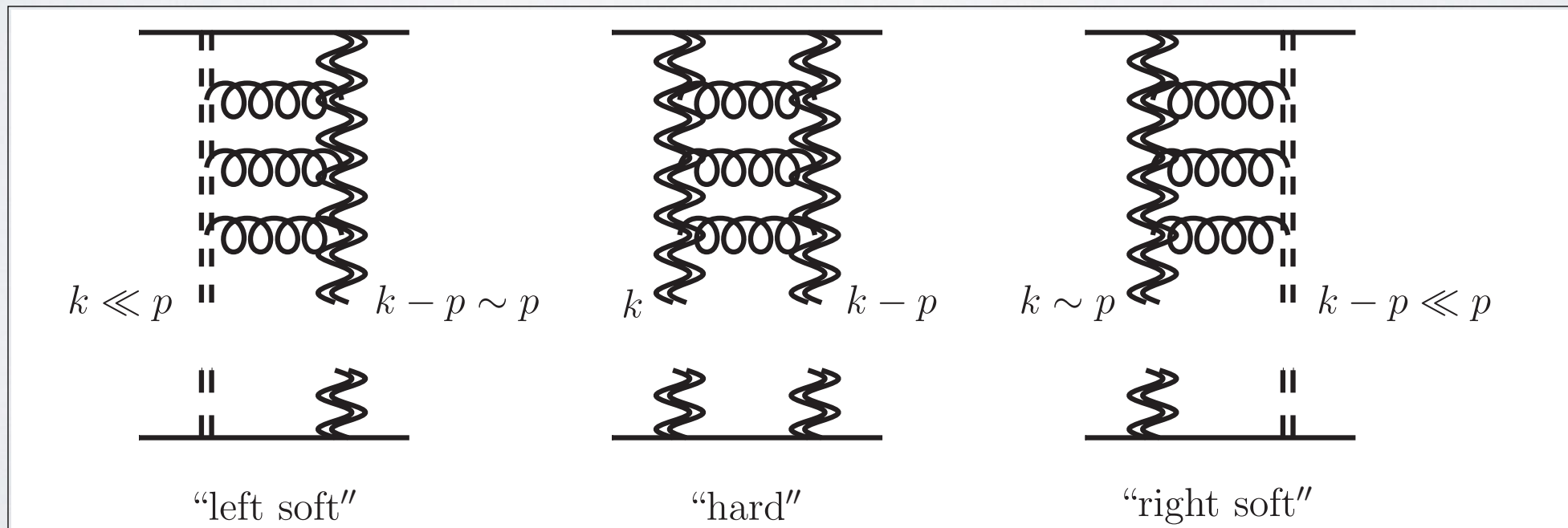
→ **poles** can only appear from **final integration**.

2) Evolution **closes** in the **soft limit**:

$$\int_{k \rightarrow 0} \Omega^{(\ell)}(p, k).$$

→ **IR divergences** occur **only** when a full rail goes **soft**!

→ compute evolution in the **(left) soft region** and multiply by **two**.





## 2-REGGEON CUT: SOFT APPROXIMATION

- The soft function is **polynomial** in  $(p^2/k^2)\epsilon$ :  $\Gamma$  functions

$$\hat{H}_i \left( \frac{p^2}{k^2} \right)^{n\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \frac{B_n(\epsilon)}{B_0(\epsilon)} \left( \frac{p^2}{k^2} \right)^{(n+1)\epsilon},$$

$$\hat{H}_m \left( \frac{p^2}{k^2} \right)^{n\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left[ \left( \frac{p^2}{k^2} \right)^{n\epsilon} - \left( \frac{p^2}{k^2} \right)^{(n+1)\epsilon} \right].$$

- It is easy to compute to **all orders**, and integrate to  $O(\epsilon^{-l})$ : we get the **reduced amplitude**

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,\ell)}|_s = i\pi \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^\ell} \frac{B_0^\ell(\epsilon)}{\ell!} (1 + \hat{B}_{-1}) (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} (-1)^{n+1} \binom{\ell}{n}$$

$$\times \prod_{m=0}^{n-2} \left[ 1 + \hat{B}_m(\epsilon) \frac{2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2} \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0).$$

- The result is highly constrained, the wavefunction **has to be finite!**

→ The amplitude reduces to a **geometric series**, to  $O(\epsilon^{-l})$ :

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,\ell)}|_s = i\pi \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^\ell} \frac{B_0^\ell(\epsilon)}{\ell!} \left( 1 - R(\epsilon) \frac{C_A}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2} \right)^{-1} (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0),$$

where

Caron-Huot, Gardi, Reichel, LV, 2017

$$R(\epsilon) = \frac{\Gamma^3(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} - 1 = -2\zeta_3 \epsilon^3 - 3\zeta_4 \epsilon^4 - 6\zeta_5 \epsilon^5 - (2\zeta_3^2 + 10\zeta_6) \epsilon^6 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^7).$$

# TWO REGGEON CUT: SOFT APPROXIMATION

- A few orders:

Caron-Huot, Gardi,  
Reichel, LV, 2017

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,1)}|_s = i\pi \left[ \frac{1}{2\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)},$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,2)}|_s = i\pi \frac{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2}{2!} \left[ \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)},$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,3)}|_s = i\pi \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2}{3!} \left[ \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^3} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)},$$

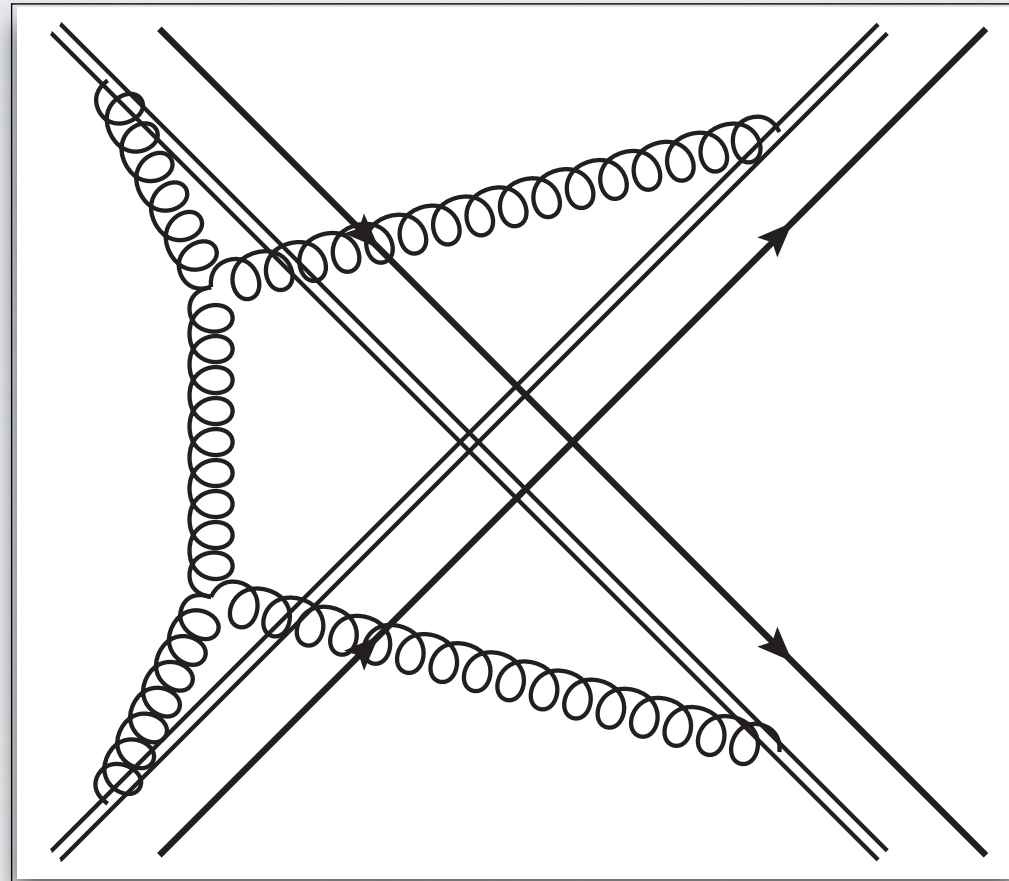
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$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,5)}|_s = i\pi \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4}{5!} \left[ \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^5} - \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^2} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \frac{3\zeta_4 C_A}{16(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}.$$

iteration of lower loops

determines the soft  
anomalous dimension

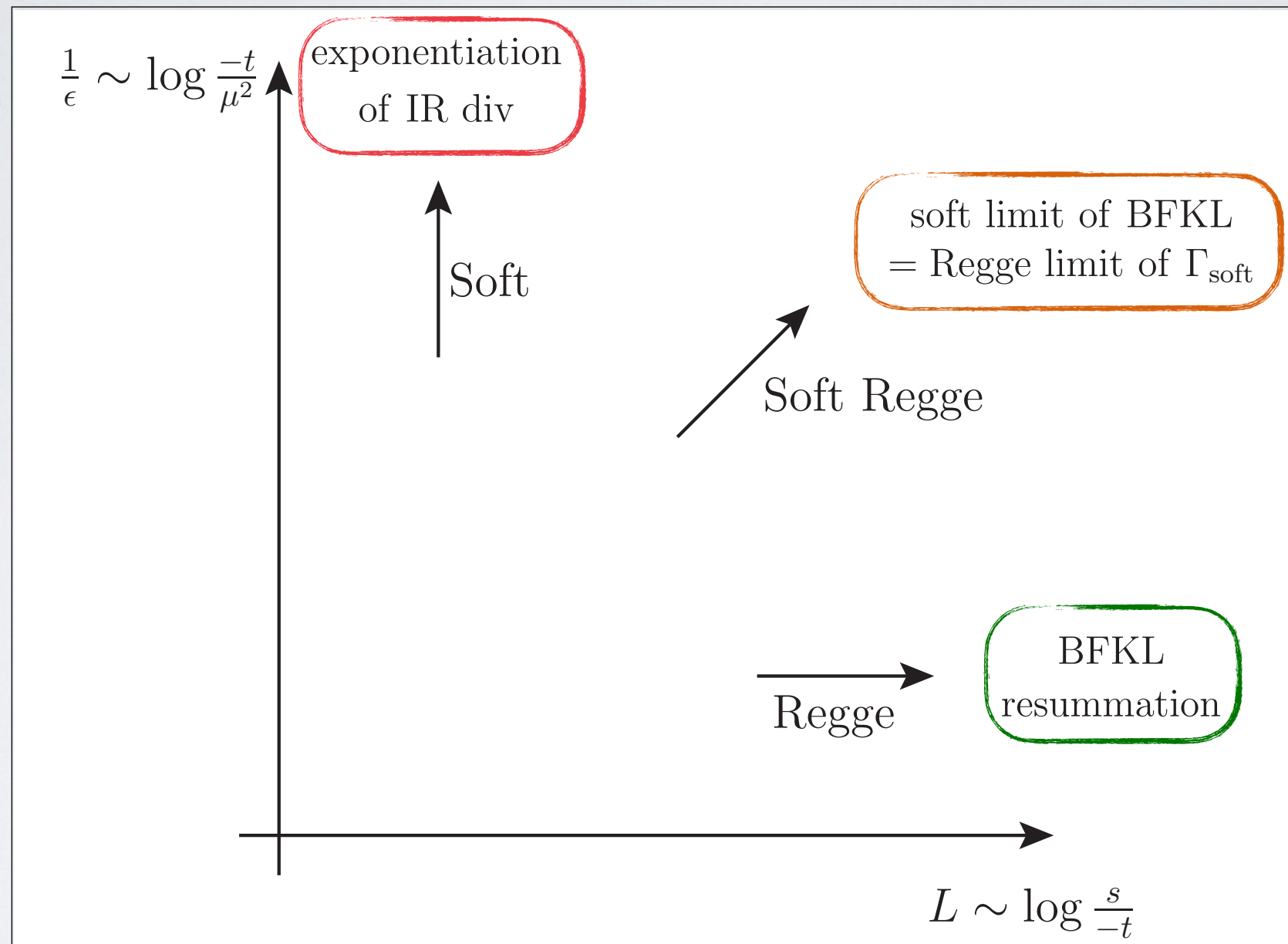
# 2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES





# REGGE VS INFRARED FACTORISATION

- $2 \rightarrow 2$  kinematic limits:



- **Application:** test (and predict) the analytic structure of **infrared divergences**.

# REGGE VS INFRARED FACTORISATION

- The infrared divergences of amplitudes are controlled by a **renormalization group equation**:

$$\mathcal{M}_n(\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)) = \mathbf{Z}_n(\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)) \mathcal{H}_n(\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)),$$

where  $\mathbf{Z}_n$  is given as a path-ordered exponential of the soft-anomalous dimension:

**Becher, Neubert, 2009; Gardi, Magnea, 2009**

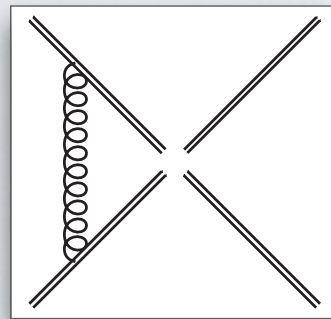
$$\mathbf{Z}_n(\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\mu^2} \frac{d\lambda^2}{\lambda^2} \mathbf{\Gamma}_n(\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) \right\},$$

- The soft anomalous dimension for scattering of massless partons ( $p_i^2 = 0$ ) is an **operators in color space** given, to three loops, by

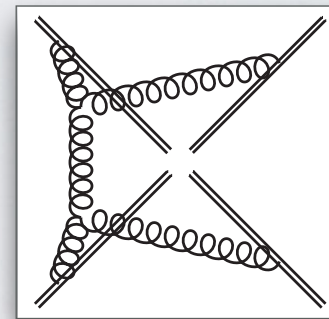
$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_n(\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) = \mathbf{\Gamma}_n^{\text{dip.}}(\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) + \mathbf{\Delta}_n(\{\rho_{ijkl}\}).$$

# REGGE VS INFRARED FACTORISATION

$$\Gamma_n(\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) = \Gamma_n^{\text{dip.}}(\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) + \Delta_n(\{\rho_{ijkl}\}).$$

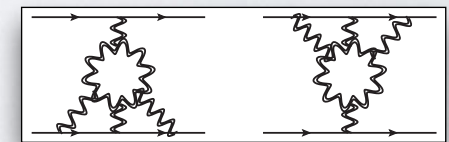
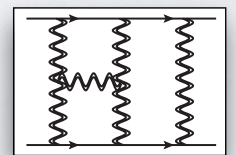
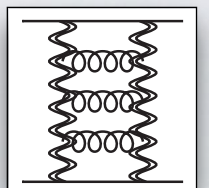


“dipole formula”



“quadrupole correction”

- Early studies of constraints from **soft-collinear factorisation**, **collinear limits**, and the **high-energy limit** in Becher, Neubert, 2009; Dixon, Gardi, Magnea, 2009; Del Duca, Duhr, Gardi, Magnea, White, 2011; Neubert, LV, 2012;
- First **evidence** of “**beyond dipole**” contribution at **four loops** in Caron-Huot, 2013;
- Calculated a three loops in Almelid, Duhr, Gardi, 2015, 2016;
- Confirmed, in  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering in N=4 SYM in Henn, Mistlberger, 2016;
- Confirmed, in the high energy limit, in Caron-Huot, Gardi, LV, 2017;
- Re-derived based on a **bootstrap approach** in Almelid, Duhr, Gardi, McLeod, White, 2017.





# 2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES

- Expand the **soft anomalous dimension** in the high-energy logarithm:

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s(\lambda)) = \Gamma_{\text{LL}}(\alpha_s(\lambda), L) + \Gamma_{\text{NLL}}(\alpha_s(\lambda), L) + \Gamma_{\text{NNLL}}(\alpha_s(\lambda), L) + \dots$$

- At LL gluon Reggeization fixes  $\Gamma_{\text{LL}}$  from gluon trajectory:

$$\Gamma_{\text{LL}}(\alpha_s(\lambda)) = \frac{\alpha_s(\lambda)}{\pi} \frac{\gamma_K^{(1)}}{2} L \mathbf{T}_t^2 = \frac{\alpha_s(\lambda)}{\pi} L \mathbf{T}_t^2.$$

- At NLL

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}} = \Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} + \Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-)},$$

Del Duca,  
Duhr, Gardi,  
Magnea,  
White, 2011

- with

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} = \frac{\alpha_s(\lambda)}{\pi} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( \frac{\gamma_K^{(1)}}{2} C_i \log \frac{-t}{\lambda^2} + 2\gamma_i^{(1)} \right) + \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\lambda)}{\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\gamma_K^{(2)}}{2} L \mathbf{T}_t^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-)} = i\pi \frac{\alpha_s(\lambda)}{\pi} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 + O(\alpha_s^4 L^3).$$

# 2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES

- Derive an **Infrared-factorised representation** of the **reduced amplitude**: start from

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} = \exp \left\{ - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \frac{B_0(\epsilon)}{2\epsilon} L \mathbf{T}_t^2 \right\} \left[ \mathbf{Z}_{\text{NLL}}^{(-)} \left( \frac{s}{t}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) \mathcal{H}_{\text{LL}}^{(-)} (\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu)) \right. \\ \left. + \cancel{\mathbf{Z}_{\text{LL}}^{(+)} \left( \frac{s}{t}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu) \right) \mathcal{H}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} (\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu))} \right],$$

**No poles**

- we obtain

$$\exp \left\{ \frac{1 - B_0(\epsilon)}{2\epsilon} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} L (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \right\} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}} \\ = - \int_0^p \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \frac{\alpha_s(p)}{\pi} L (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{p}{\lambda} \right)^\epsilon \right] \right\} \mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{NLL}}^{(-)} (\alpha_s(\lambda)) \mathcal{M}^{(\text{tree})} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0).$$

- By matching we get the soft anomalous dimension to all orders:

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,\ell)} = \frac{i\pi}{(\ell-1)!} \left( 1 - R \left( \frac{x}{2} (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \right) \frac{C_A}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2} \right)^{-1} \Bigg|_{x^{\ell-1}} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2,$$

with

$$R(\epsilon) = \frac{\Gamma^3(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} - 1 = -2\zeta_3 \epsilon^3 - 3\zeta_4 \epsilon^4 - 6\zeta_5 \epsilon^5 - (2\zeta_3^2 + 10\zeta_6) \epsilon^6 + \dots$$



# 2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES

- Explicitly, for the first few orders we have:

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,1)} = i\pi \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2, \quad \Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,2)} = 0, \quad \Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,3)} = 0,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,4)} = -i\pi \frac{\zeta_3}{24} C_A (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2 \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,5)} = -i\pi \frac{\zeta_4}{128} C_A (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^3 \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,6)} = -i\pi \frac{\zeta_5}{640} C_A (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4 \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,7)} = i\pi \frac{1}{720} \left[ \frac{\zeta_3^2}{16} C_A^2 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4 + \frac{1}{32} (\zeta_3^2 - 5\zeta_6) C_A (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^5 \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2,$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-,8)} = i\pi \frac{1}{5040} \left[ \frac{3\zeta_3\zeta_4}{32} C_A^2 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^5 + \frac{3}{64} (\zeta_3\zeta_4 - 3\zeta_7) C_A (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^6 \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2.$$

Caron-Huot, Gardi,  
Reichel, LV, 2017

- The result can be used as **constraint** in a **bootstrap approach** to the **soft anomalous dimension**.



See e.g. **Almelid, Duhr, Gardi, McLeod, White, 2017**



# 2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES

- Write the soft anomalous dimension as a function  $x = L \alpha_s / \Pi$ :

$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-)} = i\pi \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} L\right) \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2, \quad G(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} x^{\ell-1} G^{(\ell)}.$$

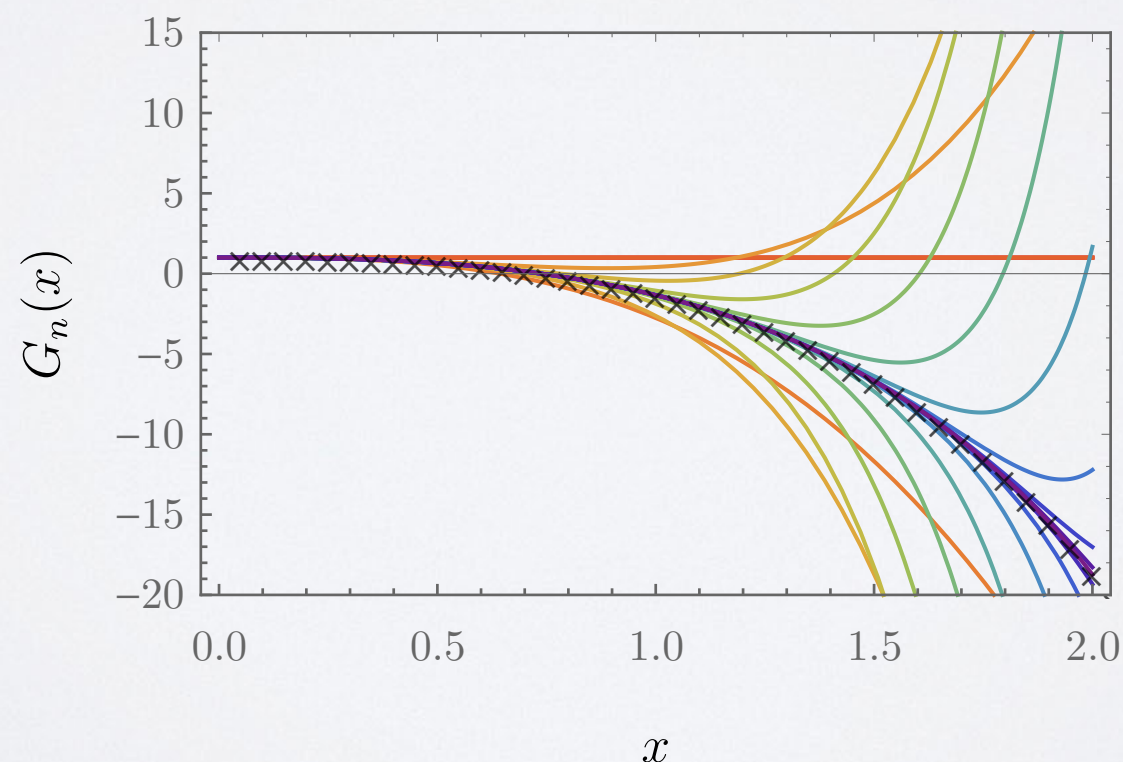
- Write  $G(x)$  as the Borel transform of some function  $g(l/\eta)$ :

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{w-i\infty}^{w+i\infty} d\eta g\left(\frac{1}{\eta}\right) e^{\eta x},$$

$g(l/\eta)$  has isolated singularities away from the origin:

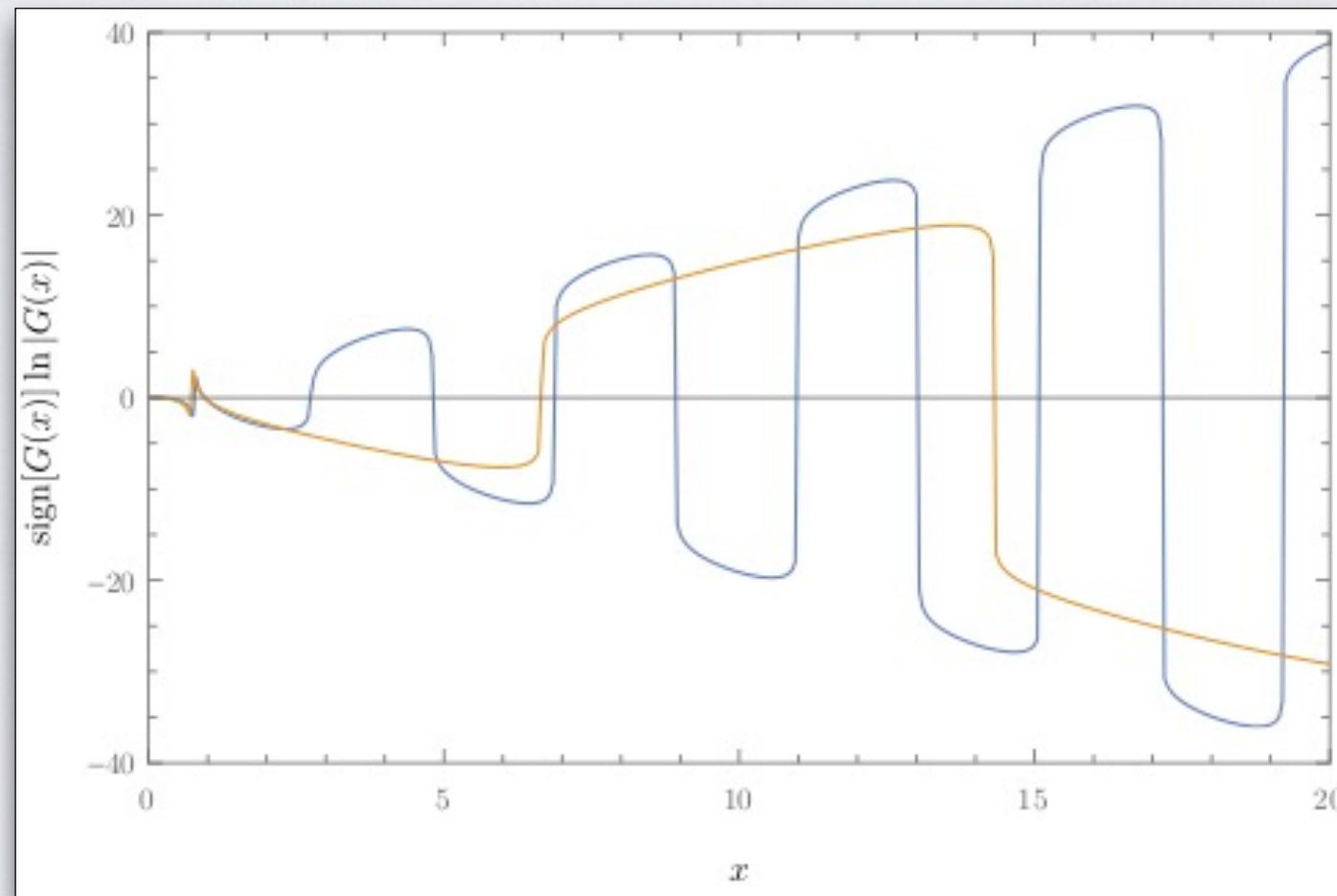
→  $G(x)$  has an **infinite radius of convergence**.

→ **it is an entire function**, free of any singularities for any finite  $x$ .



# 2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES

- Plotting  $G(x)$  for larger values of  $x$  reveals **oscillations** with a **constant period** and an **exponentially growing** amplitude.
- Here we plot the logarithm of  $|G(x)|$  weighted by the sign of  $G(x)$ :



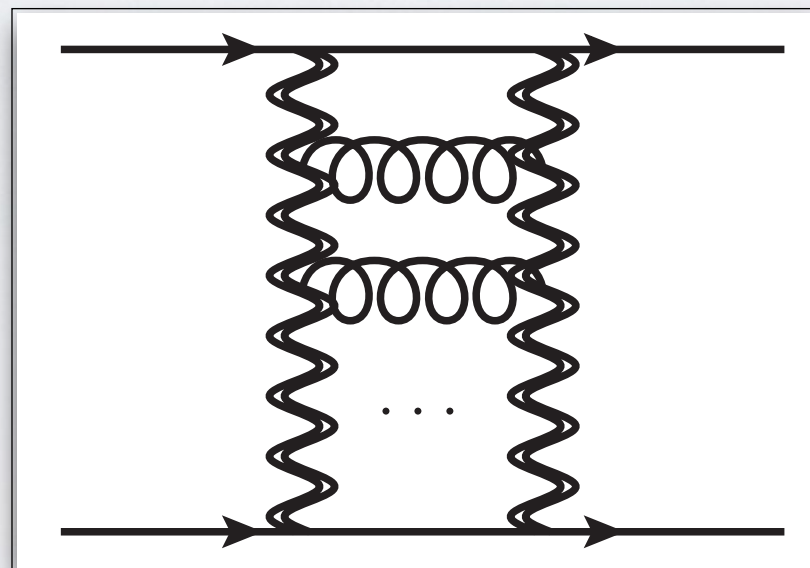
Caron-Huot,  
Gardi, Reichel,  
LV, 2017

- The function is well approximated by

$$G(x) \rightarrow c e^{ax} \cos (bx + d) ,$$

	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
1	1.97	1.52	0.25	0.48
27	1.46	0.41	0.58	2.01

# FINITE WAVEFUNCTION AND AMPLITUDE





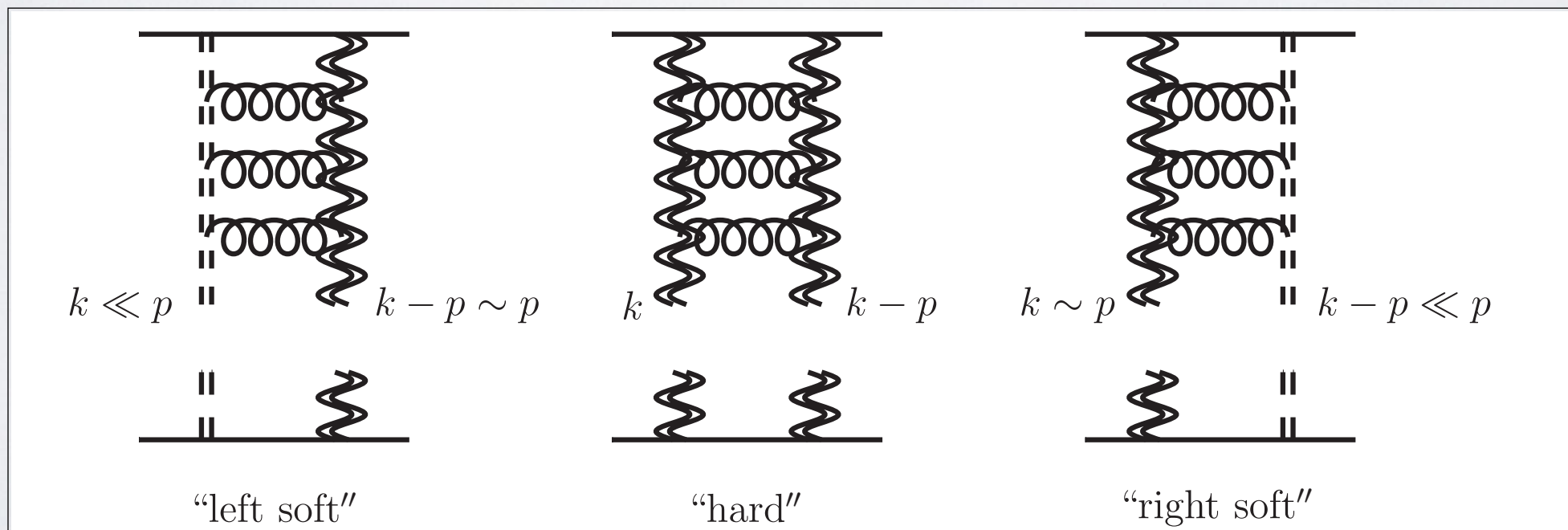
# FINITE WAVEFUNCTION AND AMPLITUDE

- What about the **finite part**?

→ **Claim:**  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  limit determined from evolution with  $\epsilon = 0$ .

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} = \underbrace{\int_{k \text{ soft}} d^{2-2\epsilon} k \Omega(p, k) - (\text{subtractions})}_{\text{computable using soft limit of wavefunction in } D \text{ dimensions}} + \underbrace{\int_{k \text{ hard}} d^2 k \Omega(p, k) \Big|_{\epsilon=0}}_{\text{wavefunction in } D=2}.$$

Recall: the wavefunction is **finite**, **singularities** are generated upon the **last integration** for  $k \rightarrow 0$ .



# WAVEFUNCTION IN D=2

- Introduce **complex variables**

$$\frac{k}{p} = \frac{z}{z-1}, \quad \frac{k'}{p} = \frac{w}{w-1}.$$

- BFKL kernel in D=2:

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$$\hat{H}_{2d} = (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \hat{H}_{2d,i} + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \hat{H}_{2d,m}$$

- **“Integration”** part:

$$\hat{H}_{2d,i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2w K(w, \bar{w}, z, \bar{z}) \left[ \Psi(w, \bar{w}) - \Psi(z, \bar{z}) \right],$$

$$K(w, \bar{w}, z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{\bar{w}(z-w)} + \frac{2}{(z-w)(\bar{z}-\bar{w})} + \frac{1}{w(\bar{z}-\bar{w})}.$$

- **“Multiplication”** part:

$$\hat{H}_{2d,m} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left[ \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \frac{\bar{z}}{(1-\bar{z})^2} \right] \Psi(z, \bar{z}).$$



# WAVEFUNCTION IN D=2

- Translate the action of the **BFKL** kernel into a set of **differential equations**, thanks to

$$z \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \hat{H}_{2d,i} \Psi(z, \bar{z}) \right] = \hat{H}_{2d,i} \left[ z \frac{d}{dz} \Psi(z, \bar{z}) \right].$$

- The full algorithms requires taking care of **contact terms**,

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \log(z\bar{z}) = \pi \delta^2(z),$$

- and to considering the action of  $(1-z)d/dz$  as well.

- The **2D** wavefunction is expressed as function of **SVHPLs**, e.g.

$$\Omega_{2d}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} C_2 (\mathcal{L}_0 + 2\mathcal{L}_1)$$

$$\Omega_{2d}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} C_2^2 (\mathcal{L}_{0,0} + 2\mathcal{L}_{0,1} + 2\mathcal{L}_{1,0} + 4\mathcal{L}_{1,1}) + \frac{1}{4} C_1 C_2 (-\mathcal{L}_{0,1} - \mathcal{L}_{1,0} - 2\mathcal{L}_{1,1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{2d}^{(3)} = & \frac{1}{4} C_1 C_2^2 (-2\mathcal{L}_{0,0,1} - 3\mathcal{L}_{0,1,0} - 7\mathcal{L}_{0,1,1} - 2\mathcal{L}_{1,0,0} - 7\mathcal{L}_{1,0,1} - 7\mathcal{L}_{1,1,0} \\ & - 14\mathcal{L}_{1,1,1} + 2\zeta_3) + \frac{3}{4} C_2^3 (\mathcal{L}_{0,0,0} + 2\mathcal{L}_{0,0,1} + 2\mathcal{L}_{0,1,0} + 4\mathcal{L}_{0,1,1} + 2\mathcal{L}_{1,0,0} \\ & + 4\mathcal{L}_{1,0,1} + 4\mathcal{L}_{1,1,0} + 8\mathcal{L}_{1,1,1}) + \frac{1}{16} C_1^2 C_2 (\mathcal{L}_{0,0,1} + 2\mathcal{L}_{0,1,0} + 4\mathcal{L}_{0,1,1} \\ & + \mathcal{L}_{1,0,0} + 4\mathcal{L}_{1,0,1} + 4\mathcal{L}_{1,1,0} + 8\mathcal{L}_{1,1,1}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $(C_1 = 2C_A - T_t^2, C_2 = C_A - T_t^2)$  and, e.g.,

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,0,1,1}(z, \bar{z}) = H_{0,0,1,1}(z) + H_{1,1,0,0}(\bar{z}) + H_{0,0,1}(z)H_1(\bar{z}) + H_0(z)H_{1,1,0}(\bar{z}) + H_{0,0}(z)H_{1,1}(\bar{z}) - 2\zeta_3 H_1(\bar{z}).$$

Brown, 2004, 2013,  
Schnetz, 2013

Dixon, Pennington, Duhr, 2012;  
Del Duca, Dixon, Pennington,  
Duhr, 2013; Del Duca, Druc,  
Drummond, Duhr, Dulat,  
Marzucca, Papathanasiou,  
Verbeek 2016, ...



# FINITE AMPLITUDE

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} = \underbrace{\int_{k \text{ soft}} d^{2-2\epsilon} k \Omega(p, k) - (\text{subtractions})}_{\substack{\text{computable using soft limit} \\ \text{of wavefunction in } D \text{ dimensions}}} + \underbrace{\int_{k \text{ hard}} d^2 k \Omega(p, k) \Big|_{\epsilon=0}}_{\text{wavefunction in } D=2}.$$

- **Two methods** to perform the **last integration**, and sum consistently **soft** and **hard region**.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(1)}|_{\epsilon^0} &= 0, & \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(2)}|_{\epsilon^0} &= 0, \\ \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(3)}|_{\epsilon^0} &= -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^3}{2!} \left[ C_2^2 \left( -\frac{11}{4} \zeta_3 \right) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \\ \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(4)}|_{\epsilon^0} &= -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^4}{3!} \left[ C_1 C_2^2 \left( -\frac{3}{16} \zeta_4 \right) + C_2^3 \left( \frac{3}{16} \zeta_4 \right) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \\ \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(5)}|_{\epsilon^0} &= -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^5}{4!} \left[ C_2^4 \left( -\frac{717}{16} \zeta_5 \right) + C_1 C_2^3 \left( \frac{333}{16} \zeta_5 \right) + C_1^2 C_2^2 \left( -\frac{5}{2} \zeta_5 \right) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \\ \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(6)}|_{\epsilon^0} &= -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^6}{5!} \left[ C_2^5 \left( -\frac{2879}{32} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{5}{32} \zeta_6 \right) + C_1 C_2^4 \left( \frac{2637}{32} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{5}{32} \zeta_6 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1^2 C_2^3 \left( -\frac{399}{16} \zeta_3^2 \right) + C_1^3 C_2^2 \left( \frac{39}{16} \zeta_3^2 \right) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

...

# FINITE AMPLITUDE

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(11)}|_{\epsilon^0} = & -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^{11}}{10!} \left[ C_2^{10} \left( -\frac{958003197}{512} \zeta_3^2 \zeta_5 + \frac{15}{512} \zeta_5 \zeta_6 + \frac{27}{1024} \zeta_4 \zeta_7 + \frac{147}{4096} \zeta_3 \zeta_8 - \frac{7424524707}{1024} \zeta_{11} \right) \right. \\
 & + C_1 C_2^9 \left( \frac{2676706539}{512} \zeta_3^2 \zeta_5 - \frac{45}{512} \zeta_5 \zeta_6 - \frac{81}{1024} \zeta_4 \zeta_7 - \frac{525}{4096} \zeta_3 \zeta_8 + \frac{19105018467}{1024} \zeta_{11} \right) \\
 & + C_1^2 C_2^8 \left( -\frac{808582491}{128} \zeta_3^2 \zeta_5 + \frac{2744295}{256} \zeta_5 \zeta_6 - \frac{6586245}{512} \zeta_4 \zeta_7 + \frac{63}{512} \zeta_3 \zeta_8 \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - \frac{3087315}{16} \zeta_2 \zeta_9 - \frac{10685853783}{512} \zeta_{11} - \frac{68607}{16} \zeta_{5,3,3} \right) + \dots \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Hard regions** contributes only with odd  $\zeta_n$ , consistent with **2D** wavefunction made of **SVHPLs**.
- **Finite (hard) amplitude** contains  $\zeta_{533}$  at **11 loops**: **no** exponentiation in terms of  **$\Gamma$**  functions.

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# FINITE AMPLITUDE

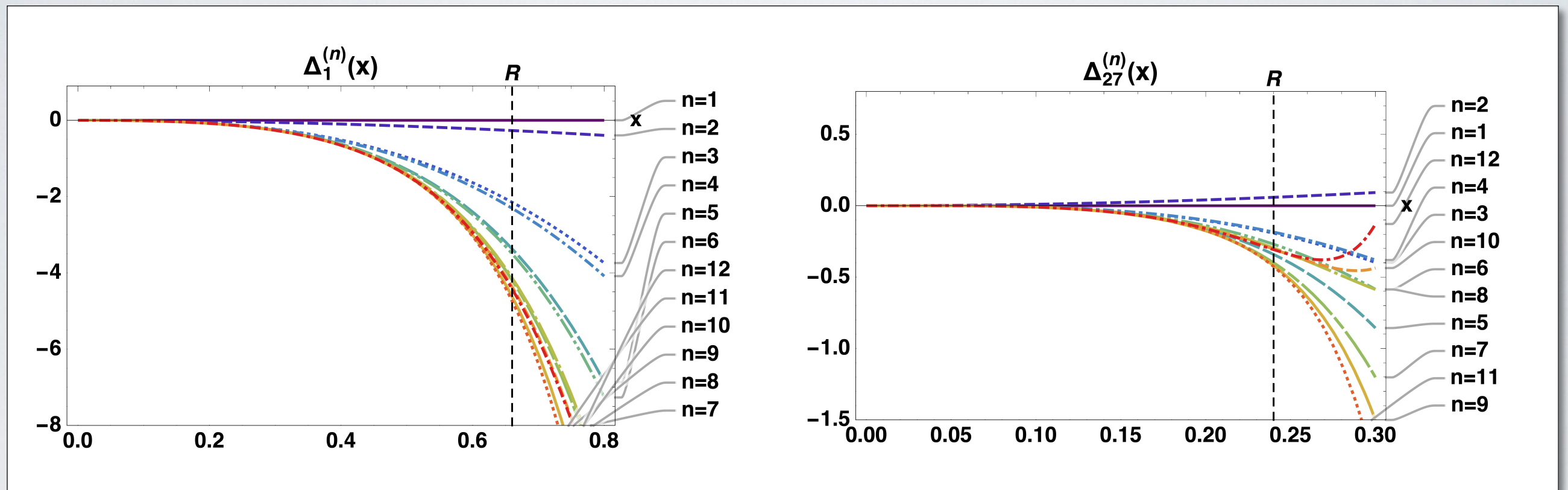
PRELIMINARY

- Series seems **alternating**;
- Coefficient **grows exponentially**: finite radius of convergence in  $(\alpha_s/\pi L)$ : define

$$\mathcal{M}^{(n)}|_{\epsilon^0} = -i\pi \mathcal{G}_{\text{color}}^{(n)} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \quad \Delta_{\text{color}}^{(n)} \left( \frac{\alpha_s L}{\pi} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\alpha_s L}{\pi} \right)^i \mathcal{G}_{\text{color}}^{(i)}.$$

then

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- Radius of convergence stabilises to  $|R| \approx 0.66$  for singlet,  $|R| \approx 0.24$  for 27 representation after a few orders, by means of a **Padé approximant** (pole at  $-|R|$ ).

See also [Larkoski, Mout, Neill, 2016](#) for a similar analysis in the context of **NGL**.



# CONCLUSION

- **Modern approach** to **high-energy scattering** via **Wilson lines**:
  - new theoretical control up to **NNLL**.
- **2 → 2 amplitude** at **NLL** obtained by **iteration** of the **BFKL kernel**.
- Solved to **all orders** in the **soft limit**: gives the **soft anomalous dimension** in the **high-energy limit** to all orders.
- Ongoing studies of the **finite amplitude**:
  - wavefunction expressed in terms of **SVHPLs**, **analytic expression** to **12 loops**.
  - amplitude expressed in terms of  $\zeta_n$  values, up to **12 loops**.
  - **no exponentiation** in terms of  **$\Gamma$  functions** only.
  - **finite radius** of convergence.