

MULTILOOP CORRECTIONS TO TWO-PARTON SCATTERING AMPLITUDES IN THE REGGE LIMIT FROM BFKL EVOLUTION

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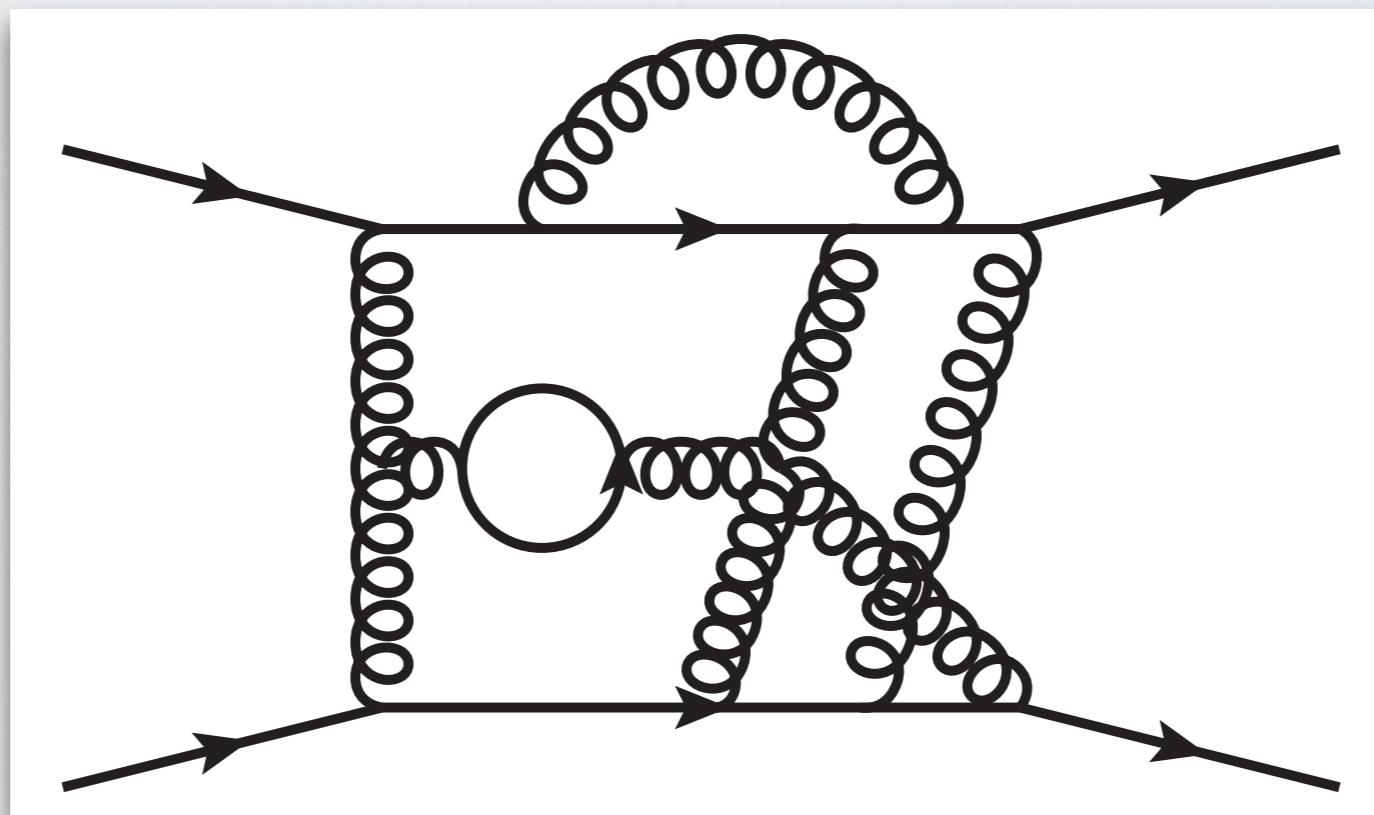


Towards accuracy at small x , Edinburgh, 12/09/2019

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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FACTORIZATION OF AMPLITUDES IN THE HIGH-ENERGY



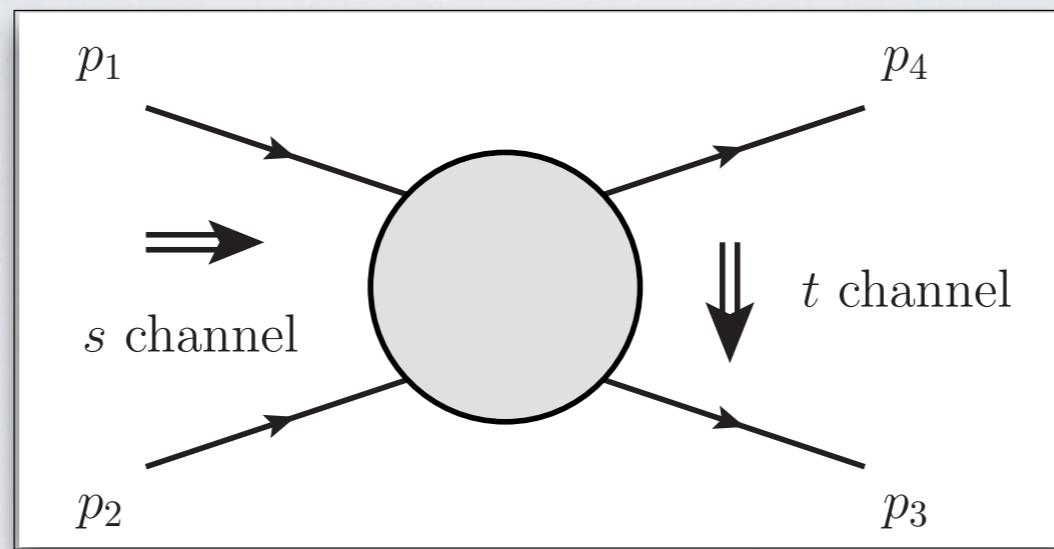
HIGH-ENERGY LIMIT

- 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 talks by **Andersen, Bonvini, Chirilli, Forshaw, Forte, Giani, Hautmann, Iancu, Mulian, Nagy, Newman, Wallon**

$2 \rightarrow 2$ SCATTERING IN THE HIGH-ENERGY LIMIT



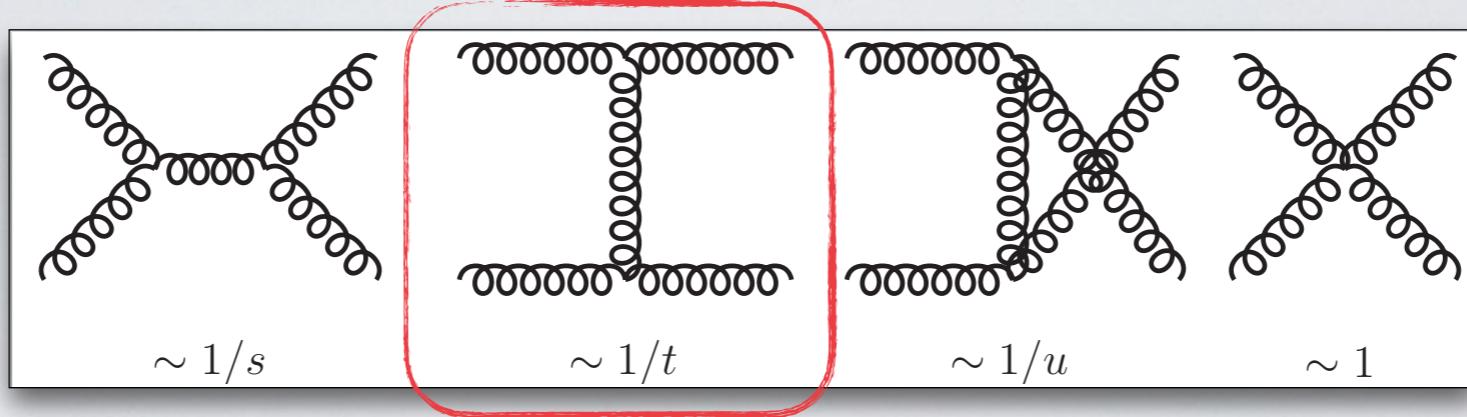
- Consider $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering amplitudes in the **high-energy limit**:

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

- 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



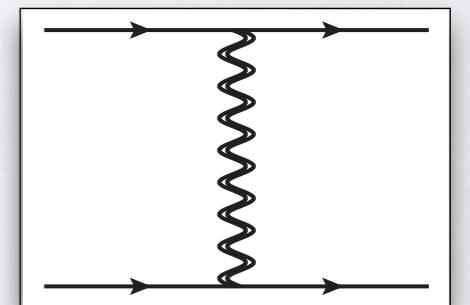
- At leading power, gluon exchanges in the t-channel:

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

- 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**:

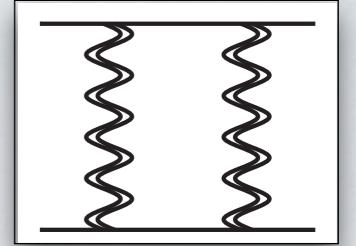
$$\alpha_g^{(1)}(t) = \frac{r_\Gamma}{2\epsilon} \left(\frac{-t}{\mu^2}\right)^{-\epsilon} \stackrel{\mu^2 \rightarrow -t}{=} \frac{r_\Gamma}{2\epsilon}, \quad r_\Gamma = e^{\epsilon \gamma_E} \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_2 \epsilon^2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

BEYOND LL: REGGE CUTS

- Crossing symmetry $s \leftrightarrow u$:

→ project onto eigenstates of signature:

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



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

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

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

- Color: beyond tree level

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

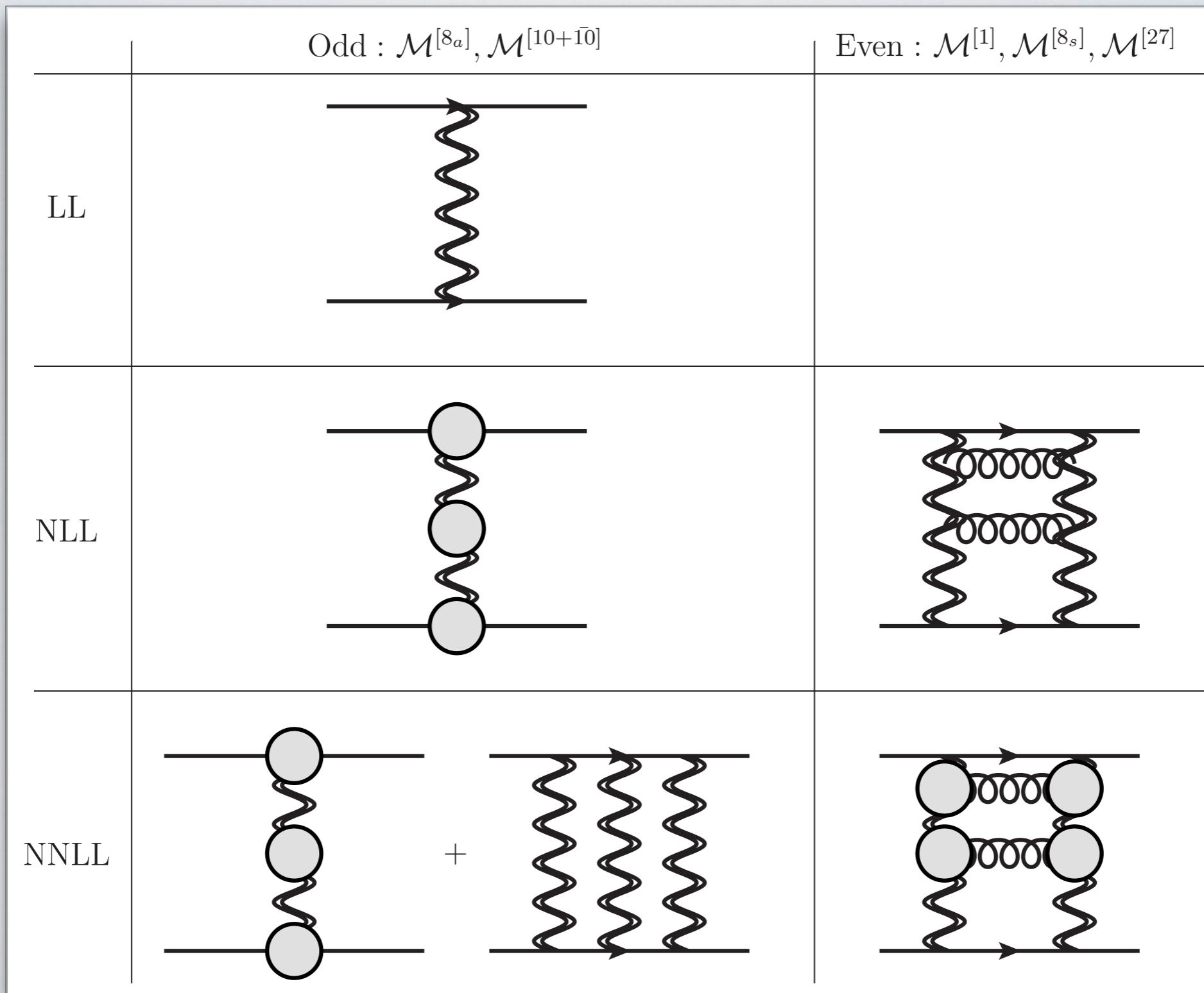
→ Decompose the amplitude in a color orthonormal basis in the t-channel

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

→ Invoking Bose symmetry we deduce (gg scattering)

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

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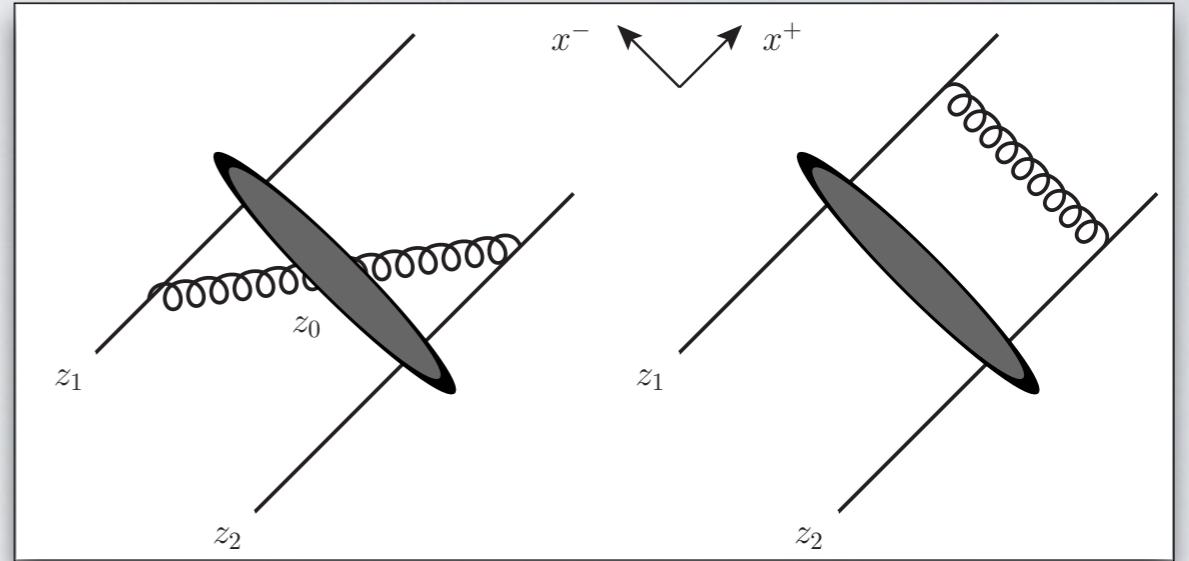


FROM BALITSKY-JIMWLK TO AMPLITUDES

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

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

Korchemskaya, 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:

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

with

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

- 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 Reggeised 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 ←

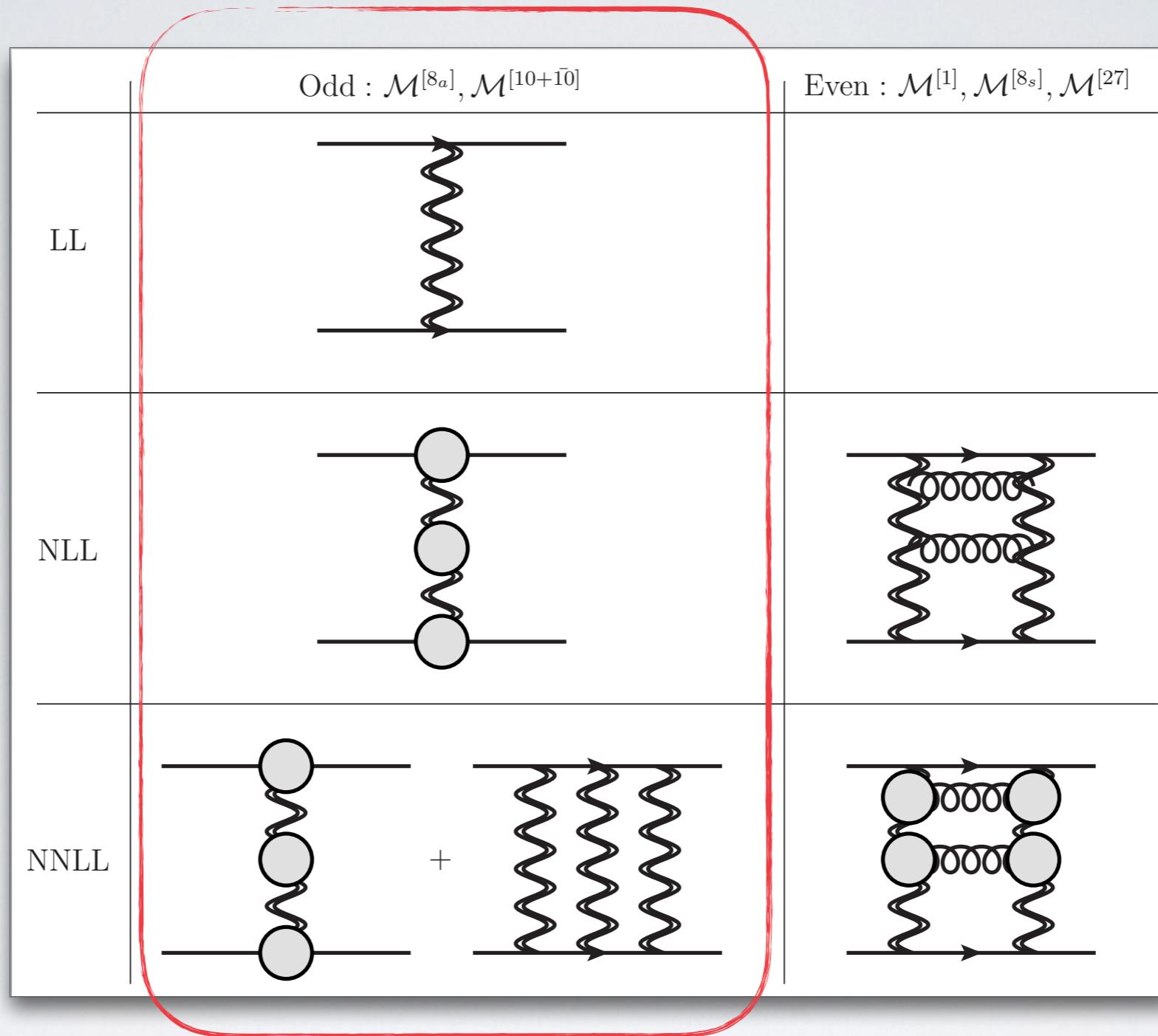
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} g_s^2 & 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^6 & \dots \\ 0 & g_s^2 & 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & \dots \\ g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^2 & 0 & g_s^4 & \dots \\ 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^2 & 0 & \dots \\ g_s^6 & 0 & g_s^4 & 0 & g_s^2 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W \\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

→ **Terms in NNLO**
B-JIMWLK -
predicted by
symmetry $H = H^\top$

- 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 → **the LO BFKL kernel**.

See Rothstein, Stewart 2016 for a SCET approach

THE ODD AMPLITUDE UP TO THREE LOOPS



Del Duca, Glover, 2001;
Del Duca, Falcioni, Magnea, LV, 2013, 2014,
Caron-Huot, Gardi, LV, 2017

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- Odd and even sectors are **orthogonal** and **closed** under the action of \hat{H} (**signature symmetry**):

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

- The **signature odd** amplitude becomes to **three loops**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-) \text{ tree}} &= \langle \psi_{j,1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{LO})}, & \text{Diagram: } & \text{Two horizontal lines with a shaded oval loop between them.} \\
 \frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-) \text{ 1-loop}} &= -L \langle \psi_{j,1} | \hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{LO})} + \langle \psi_{j,1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{NLO})}, & \text{Diagram: } & \text{Two horizontal lines with a shaded circle at the top and a wavy line loop below it.} \\
 \frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-) \text{ 2-loops}} &= +\frac{1}{2} L^2 \langle \psi_{j,1} | (\hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 1})^2 | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{LO})} - L \langle \psi_{j,1} | \hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{NLO})} \\
 &\quad + \langle \psi_{j,3} | \psi_{i,3} \rangle^{(\text{LO})} + \langle \psi_{j,1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{NNLO})}, & \text{Diagram: } & \text{Two horizontal lines with two wavy line loops between them.} \\
 \frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-) \text{ 3-loops}} &= -\frac{1}{6} L^3 \langle \psi_{j,1} | (\hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 1})^3 | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{LO})} + \frac{1}{2} L^2 \langle \psi_{j,1} | (\hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 1})^2 | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{NLO})} \\
 &\quad - L \left\{ \langle \psi_{j,1} | \hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{NNLO})} + \left[\langle \psi_{j,3} | \hat{H}_{3 \rightarrow 3} | \psi_{i,3} \rangle + \langle \psi_{j,3} | \hat{H}_{1 \rightarrow 3} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \langle \psi_{j,1} | \hat{H}_{3 \rightarrow 1} | \psi_{i,3} \rangle \right]^{(\text{LO})} \right\} + \langle \psi_{j,3} | \psi_{i,3} \rangle^{(\text{NLO})} + \langle \psi_{j,1} | \psi_{i,1} \rangle^{(\text{N}^3\text{LO})}.
 \end{aligned}$$

THE ODD AMPLITUDE UP TO THREE LOOPS

- Needs $l \rightarrow 3$ transitions:

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$$\begin{aligned} H_{k \rightarrow k+2} &= \frac{\alpha_s^2}{3\pi} \int [dz_i][dz_0] K_{ii;0} (W_i - W_0)^x W_0^y (W_i - W_0)^z \text{Tr}[F^x F^y F^z F^a] \frac{\delta}{\delta W_i^a} \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_s^2}{6\pi} \int [dz_i][dz_j][dz_0] K_{ij;0} (F^x F^y F^z F^t)^{ab} \left[(W_i - W_0)^x W_0^y W_0^z (W_j - W_0)^t \right. \\ &\quad \left. - W_i^x (W_i - W_0)^y W_0^z (W_j - W_0)^t - (W_i - W_0)^x W_0^y (W_j - W_0)^z W_j^t \right] \frac{\delta^2}{\delta W_i^a \delta W_j^b}. \end{aligned}$$

THE ODD AMPLITUDE AT NNLL TO THREE LOOPS

- Up to three loops the amplitude reads

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-,1)} = \left(D_i^{(1)} + D_j^{(1)} \right) \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(0)},$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-,2)} = \left[D_i^{(2)} + D_j^{(2)} + D_i^{(1)} D_j^{(1)} + \pi^2 R^{(2)} \left((\mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2)^2 - \frac{1}{12} (C_A)^2 \right) \right] \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(0)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(-,3)} = & \left[D_i^{(3)} + D_j^{(3)} + D_i^{(2)} D_j^{(1)} + D_i^{(1)} D_j^{(2)} \right. \\ & \left. + \pi^2 \left(R_A^{(3)} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 [\mathbf{T}_t^2, \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2] + R_B^{(3)} [\mathbf{T}_t^2, \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 + R_C^{(3)} (C_A)^3 \right) \right] \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

with loop functions R (Regge cut-contribution)

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(2)} &= (r_\Gamma)^2 \left(-\frac{1}{8\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{4}\epsilon\zeta_3 + \frac{9}{8}\epsilon^2\zeta_4 + \dots \right), & R_A^{(3)} &= (r_\Gamma)^3 \left(\frac{1}{48\epsilon^3} + \frac{37}{24}\zeta_3 + \dots \right), \\ R_B^{(3)} &= (r_\Gamma)^3 \left(\frac{1}{24\epsilon^3} + \frac{1}{12}\zeta_3 + \dots \right), & R_C^{(3)} &= (r_\Gamma)^3 \left(\frac{1}{864\epsilon^3} - \frac{35}{432}\zeta_3 + \dots \right). \end{aligned}$$

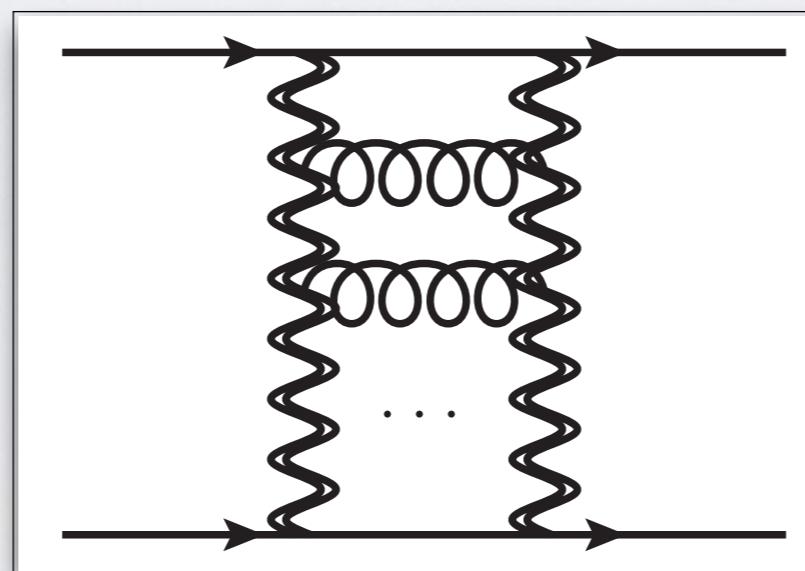
- ✓ Agreement with the quadrupole correction to the soft anomalous dimension

Almelid, Duhr, Gardi 2015, 2016;

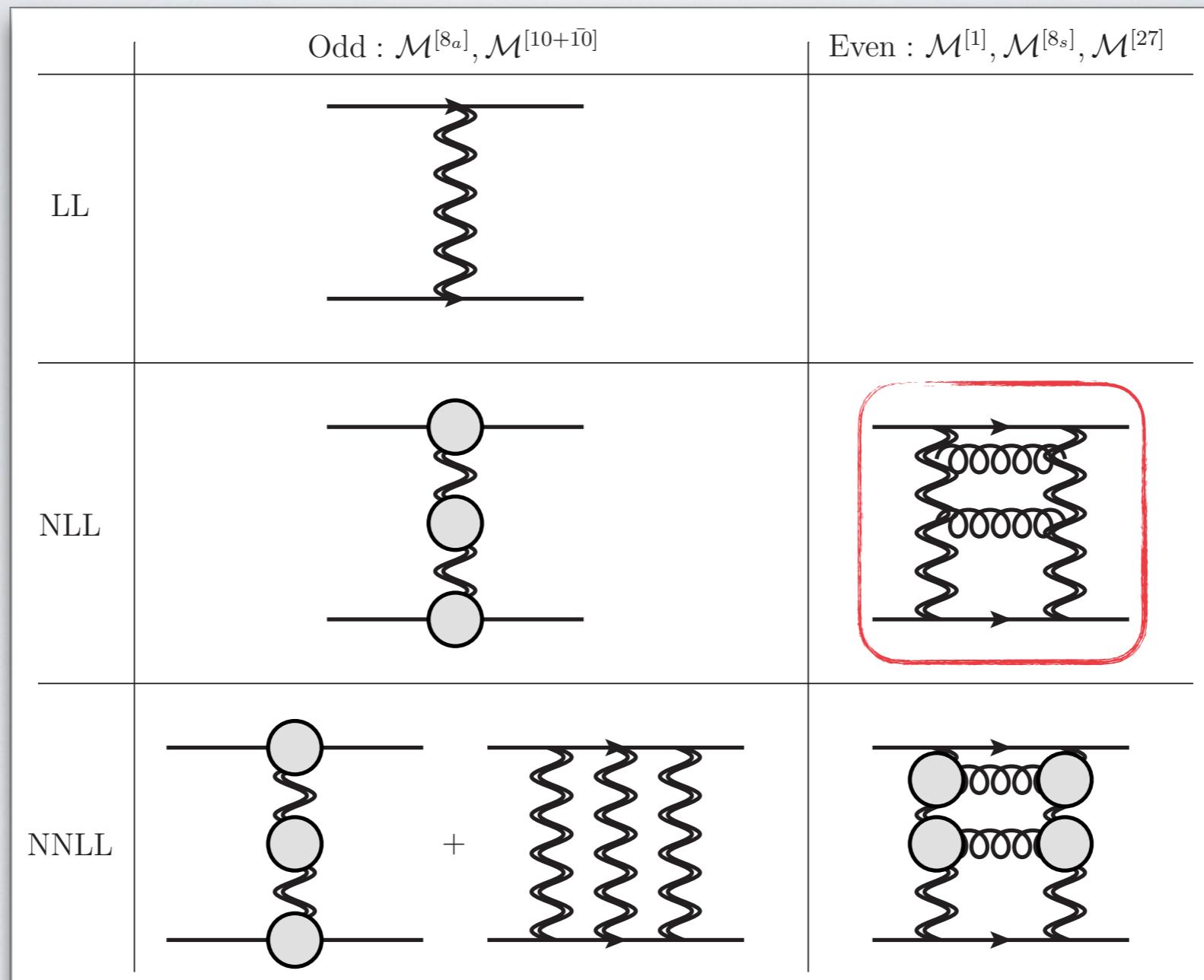
- ✓ Agreement with three-loop computation of gluon-gluon amplitude in N=4 SYM

Henn, Mistlberger, 2016

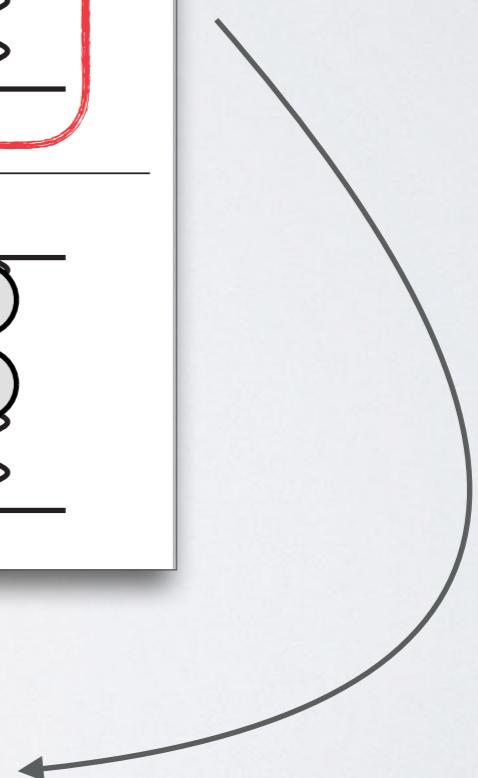
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$$\frac{i}{2s} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij \rightarrow ij}^{(+), \text{NLL}} \equiv \langle \psi_{j,2}^{(+)} | e^{-\hat{H}L} | \psi_{i,2}^{(+)} \rangle.$$



THE TWO-REGGEON CUT

- The BFKL equation for the even amplitude takes the form

$$\frac{d}{dL} \Omega(p, k) = \frac{\alpha_s B_0(\epsilon)}{\pi} \hat{H} \Omega(p, k), \quad B_0 = e^{\epsilon \gamma_E} \frac{\Gamma^2(1 - \epsilon) \Gamma(1 + \epsilon)}{\Gamma(1 - 2\epsilon)}.$$

- The BFKL kernel is non-trivial, and we do not know how to diagonalise it. However, we can derive an iterative (perturbative) solution: define

$$\Omega(p, k) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} B_0 \right)^{\ell} \frac{L^{\ell-1}}{(\ell-1)!} \Omega^{(\ell-1)}(p, k),$$

the “wavefunction” is defined order by order by iterating the BFKL kernel

$$\Omega^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) = \hat{H} \Omega^{(\ell-2)}(p, k),$$

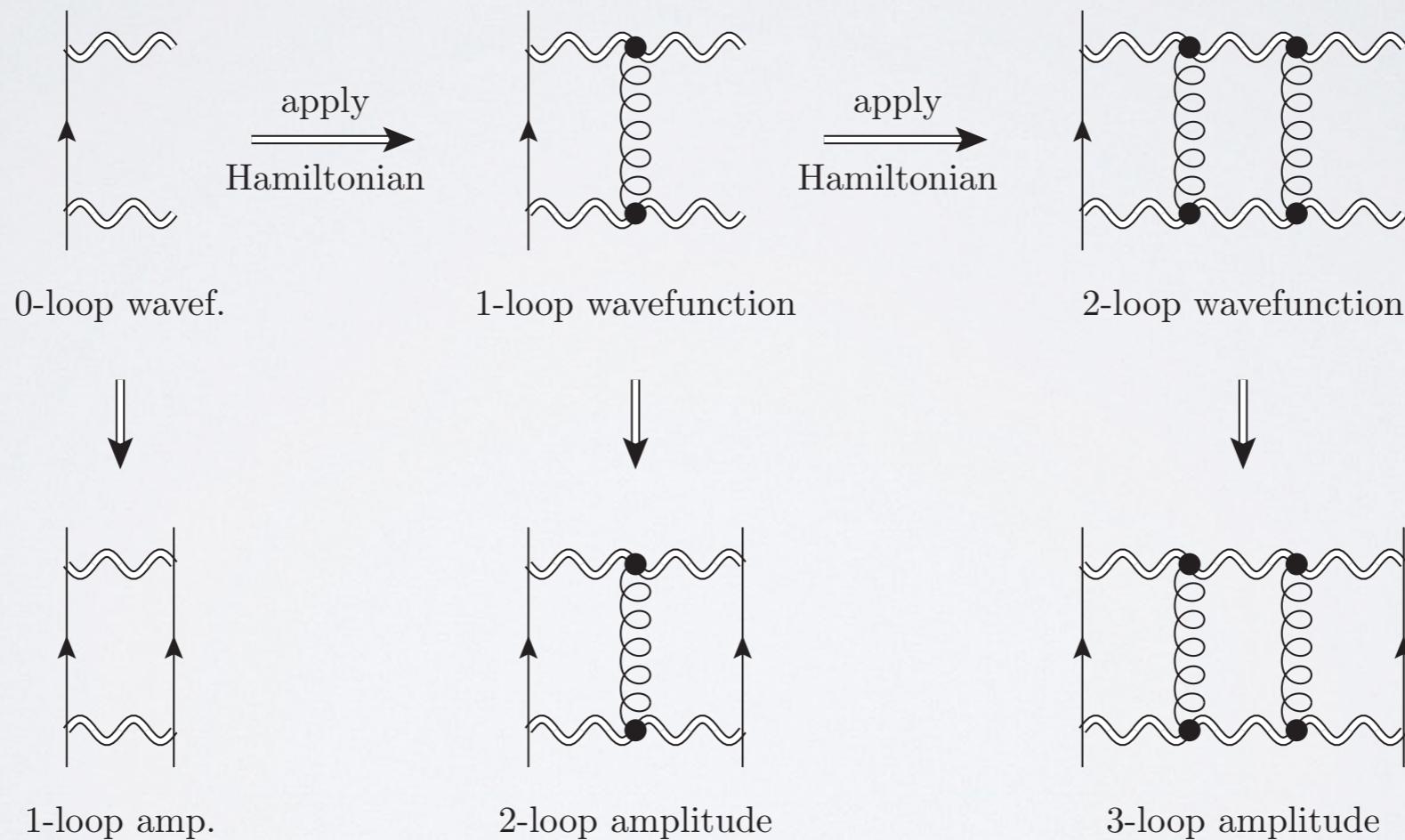
with initial condition

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

THE TWO-REGGEON CUT

- At each order the amplitude is:

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,\ell)} = -i\pi \frac{(B_0)^\ell}{(\ell-1)!} \int [Dk] \frac{p^2}{k^2(k-p)^2} \Omega^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}, \quad [Dk] = \frac{\pi}{B_0} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}} \right)^\epsilon \frac{d^{2-2\epsilon}}{(2\pi)^{2-2\epsilon}}.$$



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

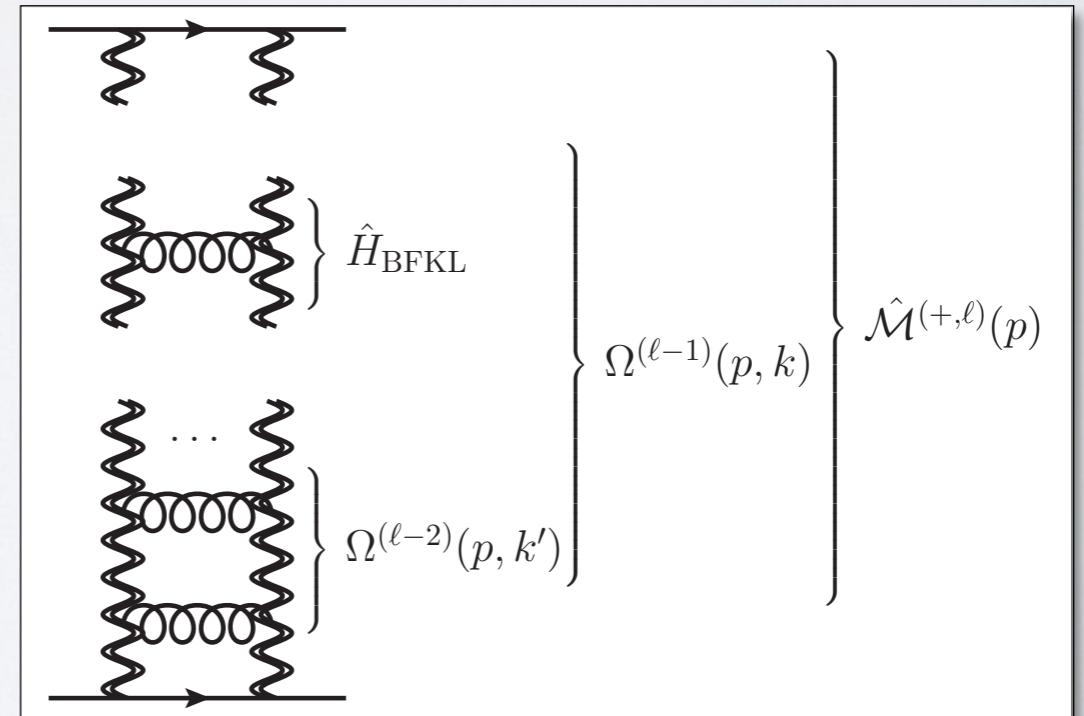
$$\Omega^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) = \hat{H} \Omega^{(\ell-2)}(p, k), \quad \hat{H} = (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \hat{H}_{\text{i}} + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \hat{H}_{\text{m}}$$

- “Integration” part:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{i}} \Psi(p, k) &= \int [Dk'] f(p, k, k') \left[\Psi(p, k') - \Psi(p, k) \right], \\ f(p, k', k) &= \frac{k'^2}{k^2(k-k')^2} + \frac{(p-k')^2}{(p-k)^2(k-k')^2} - \frac{p^2}{k^2(p-k)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- “Multiplication” part:

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



THE TWO-REGGEON CUT

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

- First few orders:

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

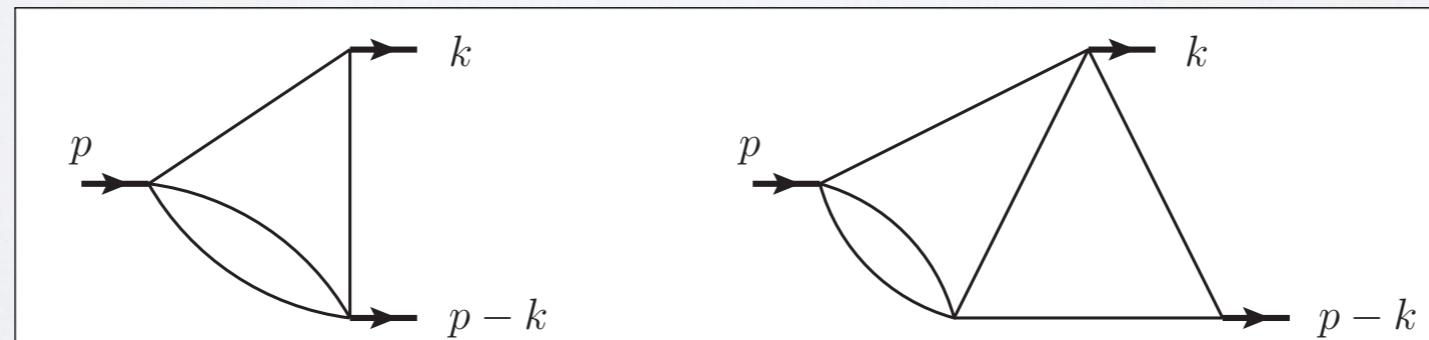
$$\Omega^{(1)} = (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) J(p, k),$$

$$\Omega^{(2)} = (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2 J^2(p, k) + (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2) \int [Dk] f(p, k, k') [J(p, k') - J(p, k)],$$

- At higher orders one gets increasingly difficult integrals.

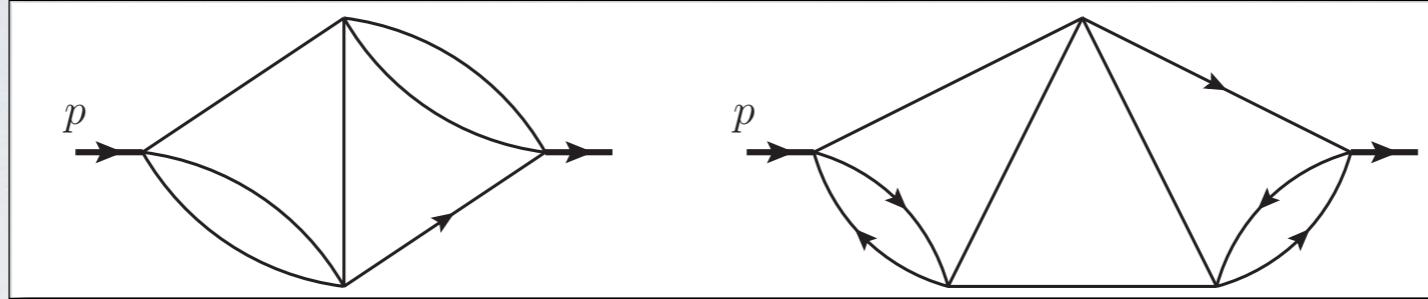
$$\Omega^{(2)} \ni \int [Dk'] \frac{(p - k)^2}{(p - k')^2(k - k')^2} \left(\frac{p^2}{(k')^2} \right)^\epsilon,$$

$$\Omega^{(3)} \ni \int [Dk'][Dk''] \frac{k^2(p - k'')^2}{(k'')^2(p - k')^2(k - k'')^2(k' - k'')^2} \left(\frac{p^2}{(k')^2} \right)^\epsilon.$$



THE TWO-REGGEON CUT

- At the level of the **amplitude** these integrals corresponds to



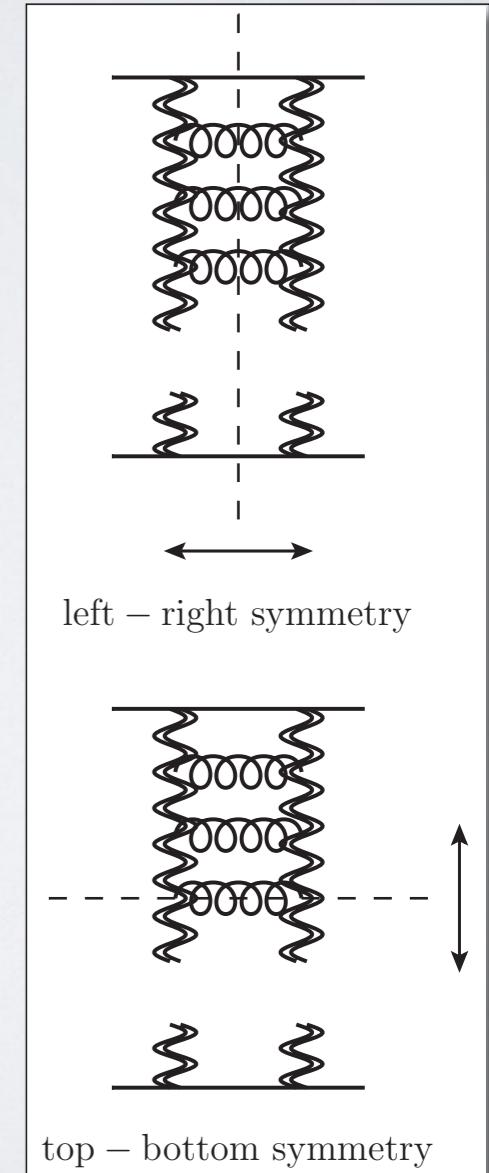
- We obtain the amplitude **analytically to 4 loops, numerically (pySecDec) to 5 loops:**

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

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,5)} = i\pi \frac{B_0^5}{5!} \left\{ (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4 \left(\frac{1}{32\epsilon^5} - \frac{53\zeta_5}{2} \right) + C_A(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^3 \left(-\frac{\zeta_3}{16\epsilon^2} - \frac{3\zeta_4}{32\epsilon} + \frac{253\zeta_5}{16} \right) - \frac{5}{2} C_A^2 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2 \zeta_5 \right\} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}.$$

- General features:

- “top-bottom” and “left-right” ladder symmetry;
- outermost rungs are always **easy** (multiplication);
- first **non-trivial** integration at 4-loops.



TWO-REGGEON CUT: SOFT APPROXIMATION

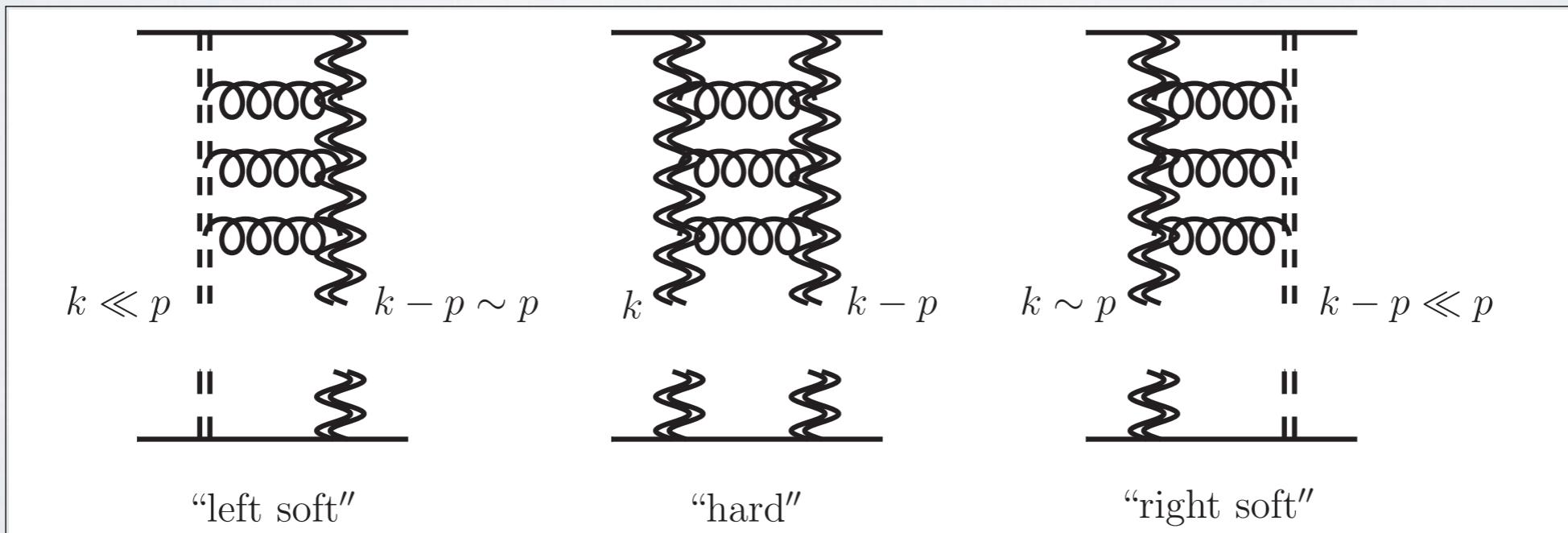
- Observations:

- I) 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.



TWO-REGGEON CUT: SOFT APPROXIMATION

- The soft wavefunction is polynomial in $(p^2/k^2)^\epsilon$:

Γ functions

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

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

- This allows to obtain the wavefunction at order $(\ell-1)$:

$$\Omega_s^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) = \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1}}{(2\epsilon)^{\ell-1}} \sum_{n=0}^{\ell-1} (-1)^n \binom{\ell-1}{n} \left(\frac{p}{k} \right)^{n\epsilon} \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \left\{ 1 - \hat{B}_m(\epsilon) \frac{(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)}{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \right\},$$

with

$$\hat{B}_n(\epsilon) \equiv 1 - \frac{B_n(\epsilon)}{B_0(\epsilon)} = 2n(2+n)\zeta_3\epsilon^3 + 3n(2+n)\zeta_4\epsilon^4 + \dots.$$

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- It is easy to compute the amplitude at **order ℓ** , accurate to $O(\epsilon^{-\ell})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,\ell)}|_s &= i\pi \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^\ell} \frac{B_0^\ell(\epsilon)}{\ell!} (1 + \hat{B}_{-1}) (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} (-1)^{n+1} \binom{\ell}{n} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=0}^{n-2} \left[1 + \hat{B}_m(\epsilon) \frac{2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2} \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0). \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

In this form, the amplitude can be **summed** into a **closed form expression**:

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}, \text{simpl.}} = \frac{i\pi}{L(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \left\{ \left(e^{\frac{B_0}{2\epsilon}(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x} - 1 \right) \frac{B_{-1}(\epsilon)}{B_0(\epsilon)} \left(1 - \hat{B}_{-1}(\epsilon) \frac{(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)}{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \right)^{-1} \right\} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)},$$

where $x = L \alpha_s/\pi$.

TWO REGGEON CUT: SOFT APPROXIMATION

- A few orders:

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

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Reichel, LV, 2017

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

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

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,4)}|_s = i\pi \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^3}{4!} \left[\frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^4} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \frac{\zeta_3 C_A}{4(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)},$$

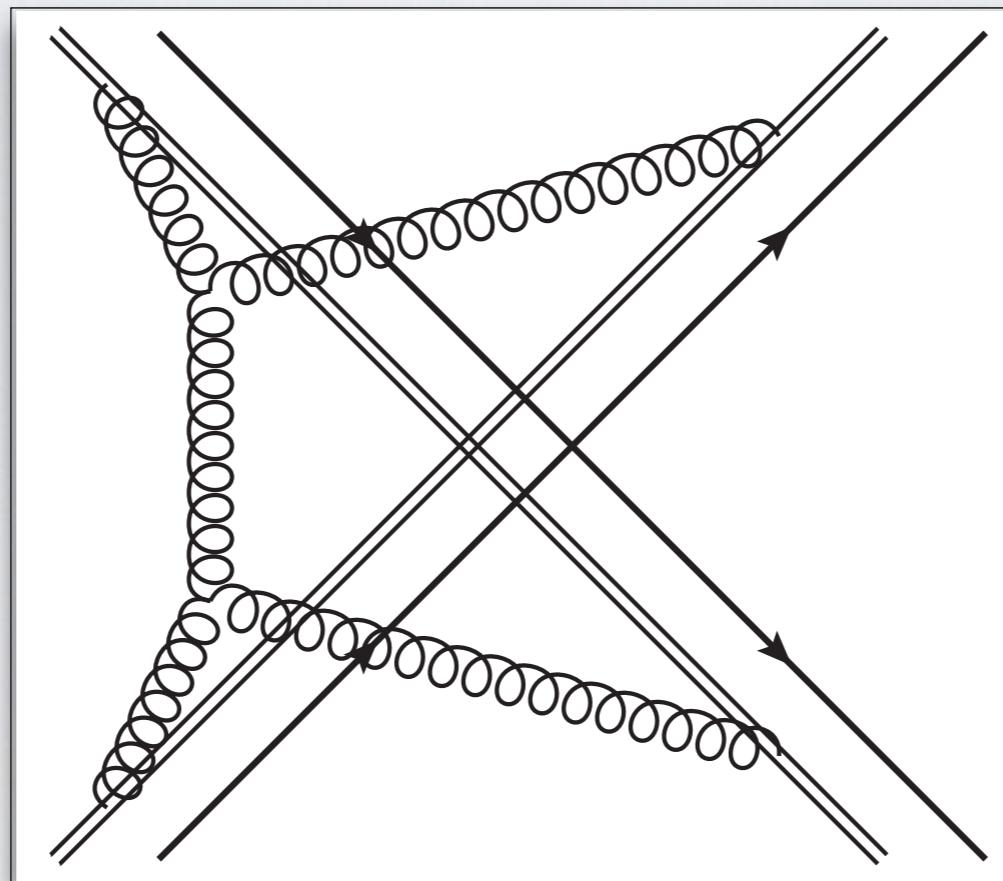
$$\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,5)}|_s = i\pi \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4}{5!} \left[\frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^5} - \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^2} - \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \frac{3\zeta_4 C_A}{16(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)}.$$



iteration of lower loops

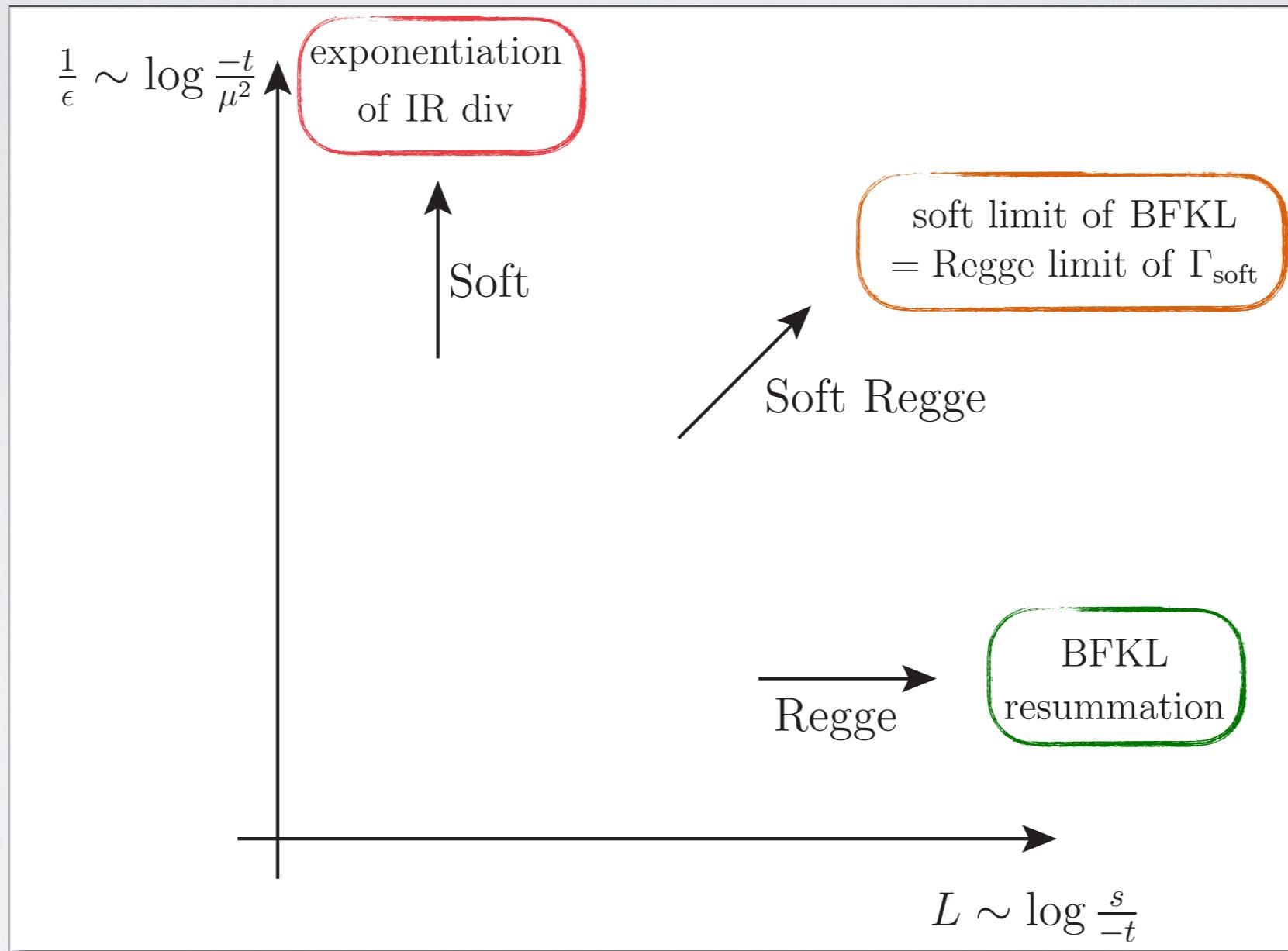
determines the soft
anomalous dimension

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

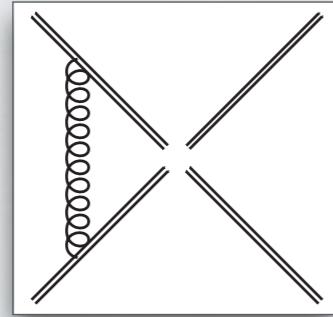
$$\mathbf{Z}_n (\{p_i\}, \mu, \alpha_s(\mu^2)) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\mu^2} \frac{d\lambda^2}{\lambda^2} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_n (\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) \right\},$$

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

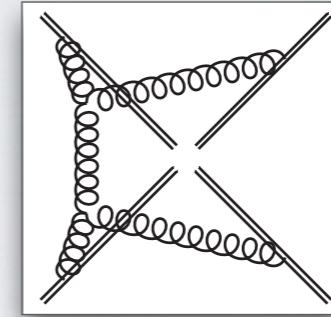
$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_n (\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_n^{\text{dip.}} (\{p_i\}, \lambda, \alpha_s(\lambda^2)) + \boldsymbol{\Delta}_n (\{\rho_{ijkl}\}).$$

REGGE VS INFRARED FACTORISATION

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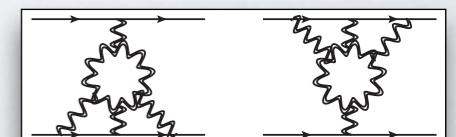
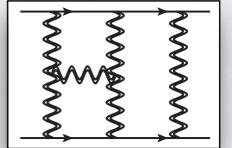
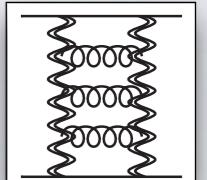


“dipole formula”



“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 Γ_{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**

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

- with

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

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

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

2-REGGEON CUT: INFRARED SINGULARITIES

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

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

- we obtain

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

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

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

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 $x = L \alpha_s/\pi$:

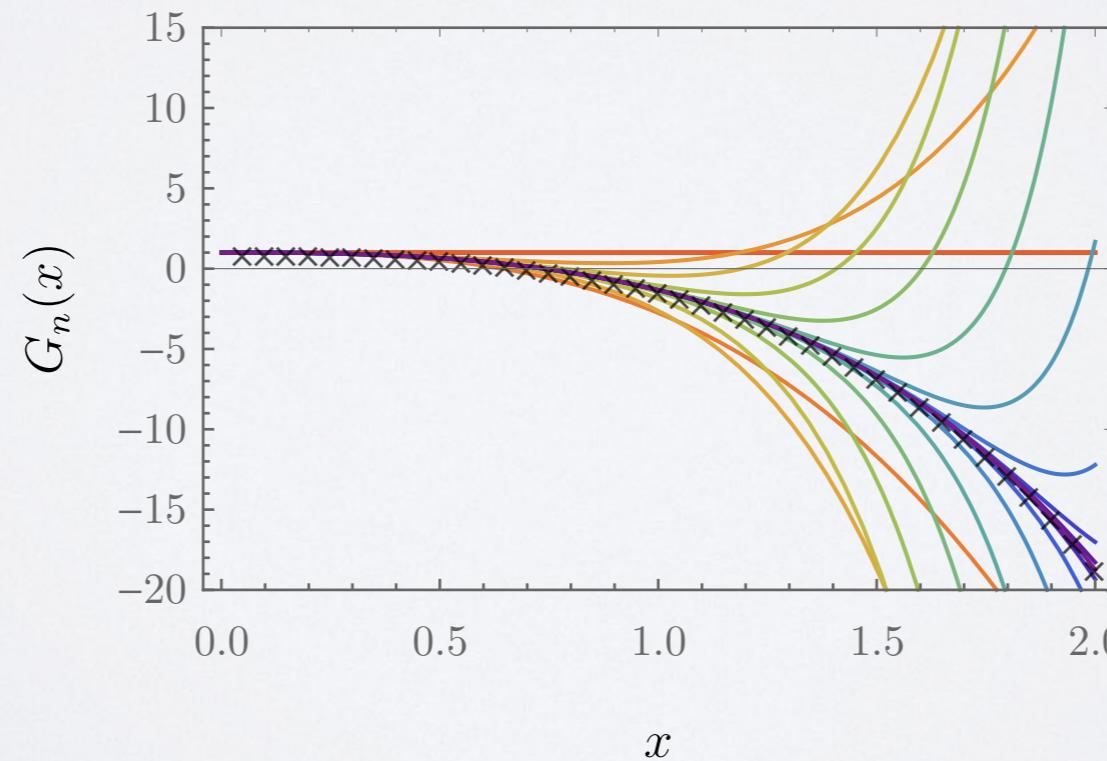
$$\Gamma_{\text{NLL}}^{(-)} = i\pi \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} L\right) \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2, \quad G(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} x^{\ell-1} G^{(\ell)}.$$

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

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

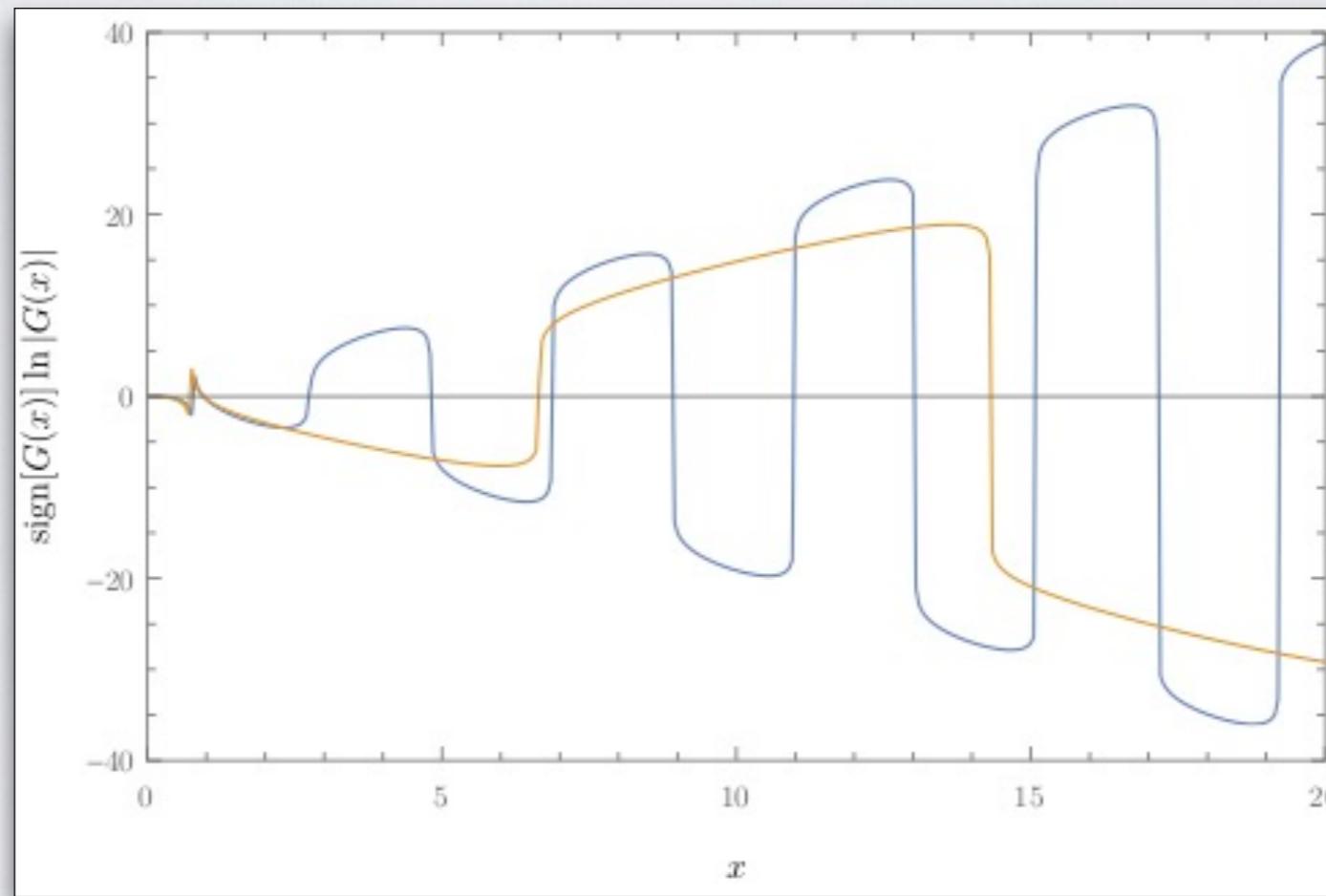
$g(l/\eta)$ has isolated singularities away from the origin:

- $G(x)$ has an **infinite radius of convergence**.
- it is an **entire function**: valid to $x = L \alpha_s/\pi \gg l$, i.e. at **asymptotically high energies**.



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 $G(x)$:



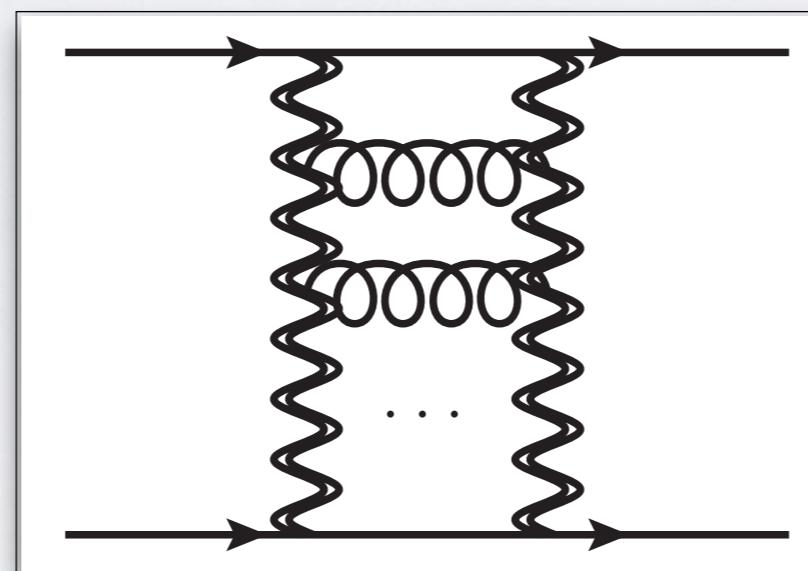
Caron-Huot,
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LV, 2017

- 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



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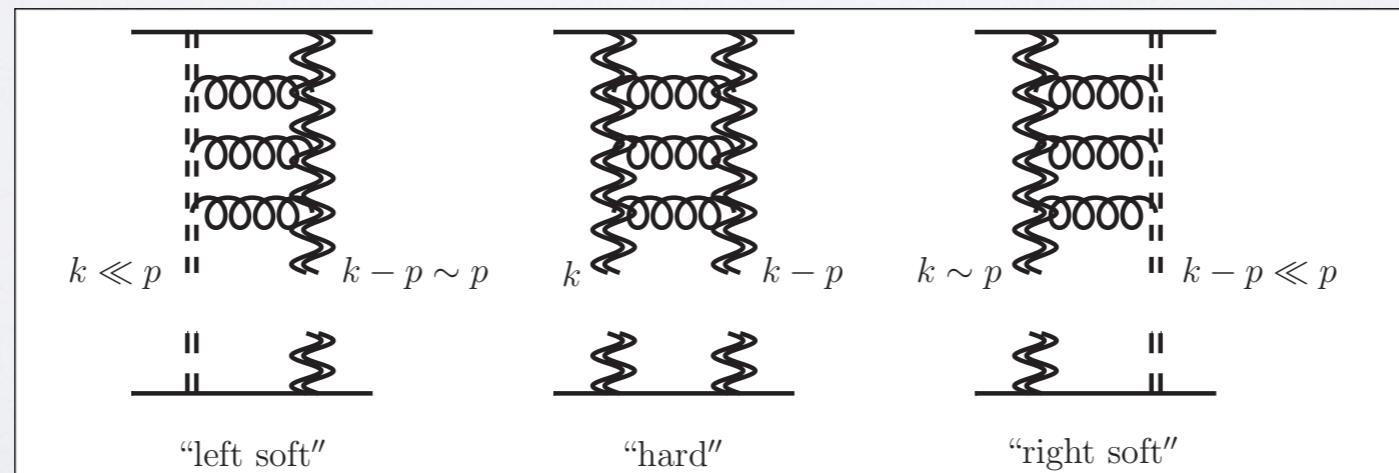
- What about the $O(\epsilon^0)$ contribution?
 - the **soft wavefunction** generates all **IR singularities** in the amplitude:
 - split the wavefunction into **soft** and **hard**, use **dimensional regularisation** for the soft only:

$$\Omega(p, k) = \Omega_s(p, k) + \Omega_h(p, k),$$

$$\Omega_h^{(2d)}(z, \bar{z}) \equiv \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \Omega_h = \Omega_{2d}(z, \bar{z}) - \Omega_s^{(2d)}(z, \bar{z}),$$

- The amplitude then is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} \left(\frac{s}{-t} \right) = -i\pi \left[\underbrace{\int [Dk] \frac{p^2}{k^2(p-k)^2} \Omega_s(p, k)}_{\text{computable using soft limit of wavefunction in } D \text{ dimensions}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^2 z}{z\bar{z}} \Omega_h^{(2d)}(z, \bar{z})}_{\text{compute in } D=2} \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 M^{(0)},$$



FINITE WAVEFUNCTION AND AMPLITUDE

- Let us consider the **soft contribution** first. Recall that we found

$$\Omega_s^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) = \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1}}{(2\epsilon)^{\ell-1}} \sum_{n=0}^{\ell-1} (-1)^n \binom{\ell-1}{n} \left(\frac{p}{k}\right)^{n\epsilon} \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \left\{ 1 - \hat{B}_m(\epsilon) \frac{(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)}{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \right\},$$

this gives the amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,\ell)}|_s &= i\pi \frac{1}{(2\epsilon)^\ell} \frac{B_0^\ell(\epsilon)}{\ell!} (1 + \hat{B}_{-1}) (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} (-1)^{n+1} \binom{\ell}{n} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{m=0}^{n-2} \left[1 + \hat{B}_m(\epsilon) \frac{2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2} \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0). \end{aligned}$$

**Caron-Huot,
Gardi, Reichel, LV,
in preparation**

- This expression **cannot be summed easily**. However, we can modify the soft wavefunction such that it preserve the original **symmetry** $k \leftrightarrow (p-k)$:

$$\Omega_s^{(\ell-1)}(p, k) = \frac{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^{\ell-1}}{(2\epsilon)^{\ell-1}} \sum_{n=0}^{\ell-1} (-1)^n \binom{\ell-1}{n} \left(\frac{p}{k}\right)^{n\epsilon} \left(\frac{p^2}{(p-k)^2}\right)^{n\epsilon} \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \left\{ 1 - \hat{B}_m(\epsilon) \frac{(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)}{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \right\}.$$

- With the **symmetric wavefunction** we obtain an amplitude that **can be summed to all orders**:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL,s}} &= \frac{i\pi}{L(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \left\{ \left(e^{\frac{B_0}{2\epsilon}(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x} - 1 \right) \frac{B_{-1}(\epsilon)}{B_0(\epsilon)} \left(1 - \hat{B}_{-1}(\epsilon) \frac{(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)}{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \right)^{-1} + 1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - e^{-\gamma_E(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x} \frac{\Gamma(1 - (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x)}{\Gamma(1 + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x)} \left(\frac{\Gamma(1 + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)\frac{x}{2})}{\Gamma(1 - (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)\frac{x}{2})} \right)^{-\frac{\mathbf{T}_t^2}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2}} \right\} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 M^{(0)}. \end{aligned}$$

WAVEFUNCTION IN D=2

- Consider now the determination of

$$\Omega_h^{(2d)}(z, \bar{z}) \equiv \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \Omega_h = \Omega_{2d}(z, \bar{z}) - \Omega_s^{(2d)}(z, \bar{z}).$$

Introduce **complex variables**

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

- **BFKL kernel in d=2:**

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

- “**Integration**” part:

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

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

- “**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 algorithm requires to take care of **contact terms**,

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

Brown, 2004, 2013,
Schnetz, 2013

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

- The **2d** wavefunction is computed in terms of single-valued harmonic polylogarithms (SVHPLs): we determine the action of the BFKL kernel on SVHPLs in terms of a set of DEs:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \hat{H}_{2d,i} \mathcal{L}_{0,\sigma}(z, \bar{z}) &= \frac{\hat{H}_{2d,i} \mathcal{L}_\sigma(z, \bar{z})}{z}, \\ \frac{d}{dz} \hat{H}_{2d,i} \mathcal{L}_{1,\sigma}(z, \bar{z}) &= \frac{\hat{H}_{2d,i} \mathcal{L}_\sigma(z, \bar{z})}{1-z} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{1,\sigma}(z, \bar{z})}{z} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{0,\sigma}(z, \bar{z}) + 2\mathcal{L}_{1,\sigma}(z, \bar{z}) - [\mathcal{L}_{0,\sigma}(w, \bar{w}) + \mathcal{L}_{1,\sigma}(w, \bar{w})]_{w, \bar{w} \rightarrow \infty}}{1-z}. \end{aligned}$$

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

WAVEFUNCTION IN D=2

- An **algorithm** is set up to **iteratively** determine the wavefunction to any loop order.
In practice, we stop at **13 loops**. The first few orders:

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

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

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

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

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Reichel, LV, in preparation**

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

- A **closed-form** resummed expression is **not yet known**.

FINITE AMPLITUDE

- We have now all ingredients to obtain

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} \left(\frac{s}{-t} \right) = -i\pi \left[\underbrace{\int [Dk] \frac{p^2}{k^2(p-k)^2} \Omega_s(p, k)}_{\substack{\text{computable using soft limit} \\ \text{of wavefunction in } D \text{ dimensions}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^2 z}{z\bar{z}} \Omega_h^{(2d)}(z, \bar{z})}_{\text{compute in } D=2} \right] \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 M^{(0)},$$

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

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

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FINITE AMPLITUDE

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+,11)} \supset \left(-\frac{149}{688128000} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^8 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2 + \frac{26209}{6193152000} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^7 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^3 \right. \\ - \frac{14813}{442368000} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^6 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4 + \frac{210383}{1548288000} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^5 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^5 \\ - \frac{7549}{25804800} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^4 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^6 + \frac{39257}{129024000} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^3 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^7 \\ \left. - \frac{11}{102400} (2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^2 (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)^8 \right) \times g_{5,3,3}.$$

- Hard regions contributes only with single-valued ζ_n :
→ consistent with 2d wavefunction made of SVHPLs.
- Finite (hard) amplitude contains $g_{5,3,3}$ at 11 loops, $g_{5,5,3}, g_{7,3,3}$ at 13 loops:

$$g_{5,3,3} = -\frac{4}{7} \zeta_2^3 \zeta_5 + \frac{6}{5} \zeta_2^2 \zeta_7 + 45 \zeta_2 \zeta_9 + \zeta_{5,3,3}.$$

No exponentiation in terms of Γ functions.

FINITE AMPLITUDE: RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE

- Focus on the singlet and 27 color representations: with

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} = \frac{i\pi}{L} \Xi_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 \mathcal{M}^{(\text{tree})}, \quad x = \frac{L\alpha_s}{\pi}.$$

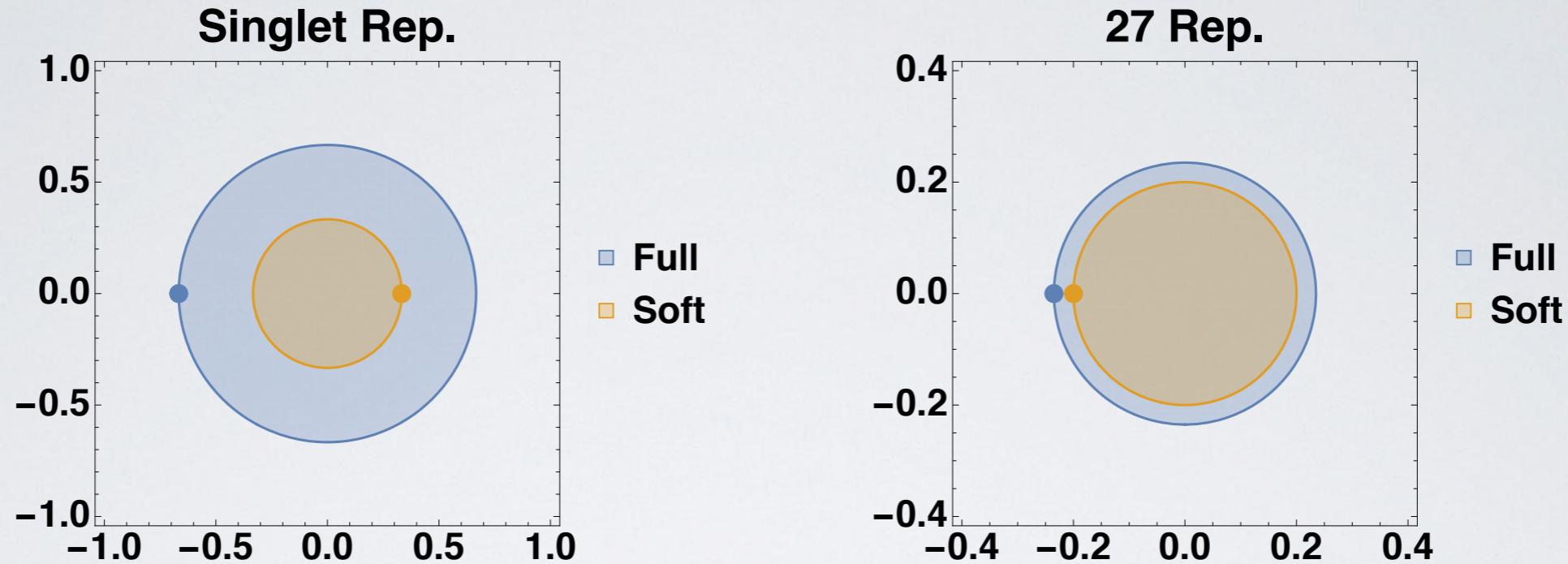
The amplitude reads

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)[1]} = & -0.6169 x^2 - 6.536 x^3 - 0.8371 x^4 - 8.483 x^5 - 1.529 x^6 - 12.67 x^7 + 1.610 x^8 \\ & - 20.62 x^9 + 16.48 x^{10} - 35.98 x^{11} + 46.07 x^{12} - 74.04 x^{13} + \mathcal{O}(x^{14}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_{\text{NLL}}^{(+)[27]} = & 1.028 x^2 - 18.16 x^3 + 2.184 x^4 - 196.0 x^5 + 372.3 x^6 - 2821 x^7 + 9382 x^8 \\ & - 46494 x^9 + 180397 x^{10} - 797524 x^{11} + 3.239 \times 10^6 x^{12} - 1.374 \times 10^7 x^{13} + \mathcal{O}(x^{14}). \end{aligned}$$

FINITE AMPLITUDE: RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE

- Applying Padè approximants we extract the position of the nearest singularity:



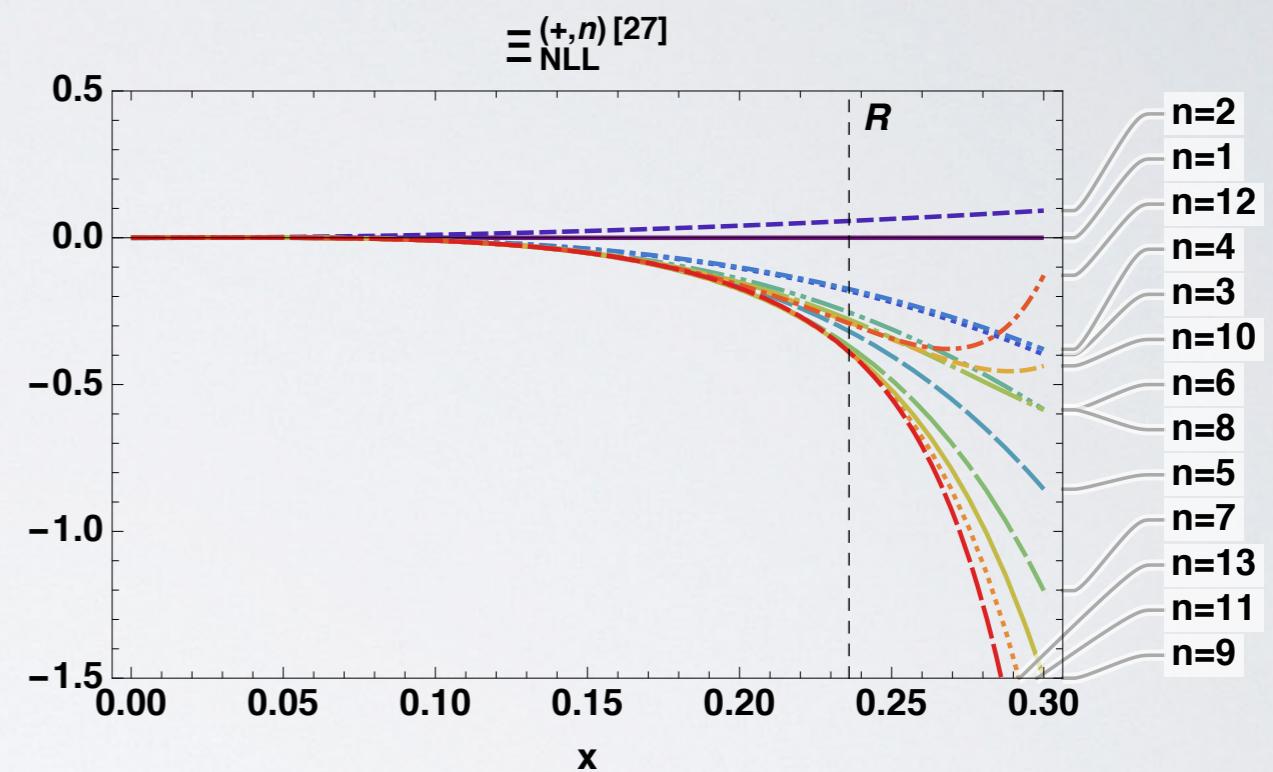
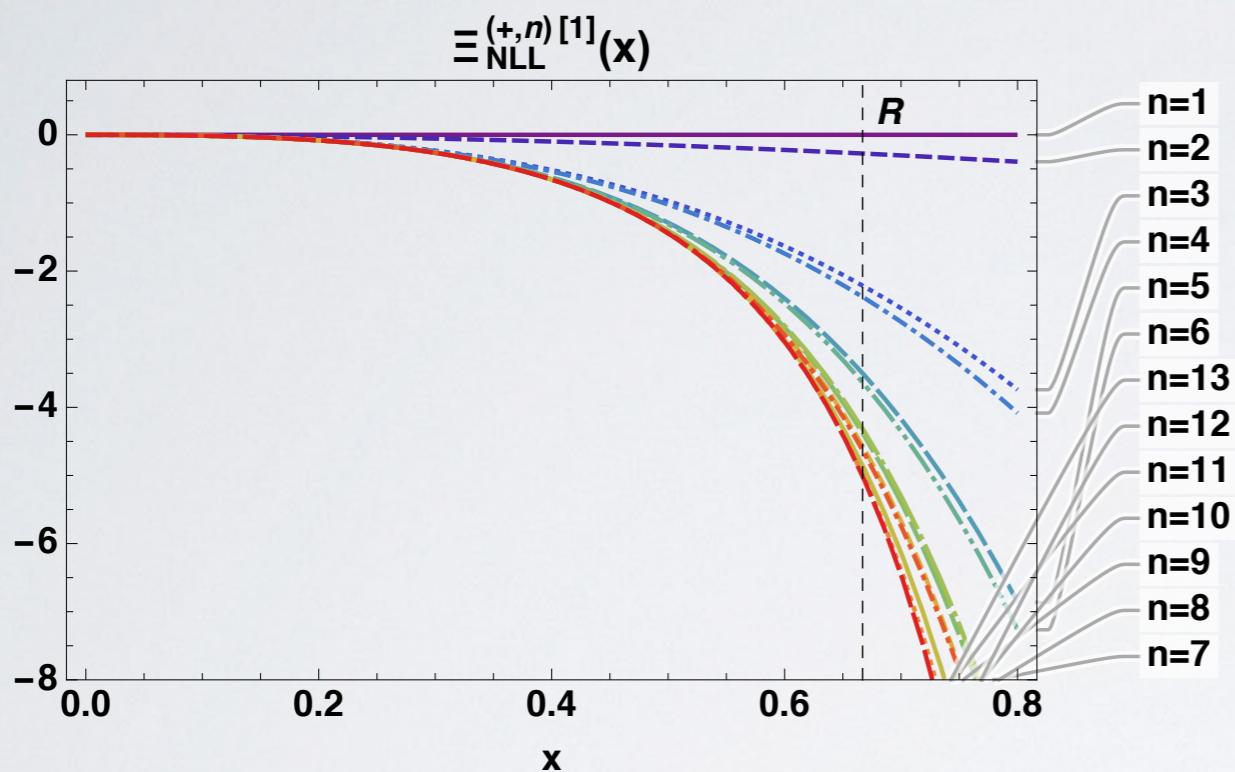
- The soft amplitude provide a check on the Padè analysis:

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{NLL,s}} = \frac{i\pi}{L(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \left\{ \left(e^{\frac{B_0}{2\epsilon}(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x} - 1 \right) \frac{B_{-1}(\epsilon)}{B_0(\epsilon)} \left(1 - \hat{B}_{-1}(\epsilon) \frac{(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)}{(C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)} \right)^{-1} + 1 \right. \\ \left. - e^{-\gamma_E(2C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x} \frac{\Gamma(1 - (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x)}{\Gamma(1 + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)x)} \left(\frac{\Gamma(1 + (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)\frac{x}{2})}{\Gamma(1 - (C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2)\frac{x}{2})} \right)^{-\frac{\mathbf{T}_t^2}{C_A - \mathbf{T}_t^2}} \right\} \mathbf{T}_{s-u}^2 M^{(0)}.$$

- Singularity at $(C_A - T_t^2) x = 1$ cancels in the full amplitude.
- Soft and hard amplitude are not good approximation of the full amplitude.
- The full amplitude has an additional singularity at $[(C_A - T_t^2) - 3/8(2C_A - T_t^2)] x = 1$.

FINITE AMPLITUDE: RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE

- Radius of convergence: $|R| \approx 0.66$ for singlet, $|R| \approx 0.24$ for 27 representation.



See also [Larkoski, Moult, Neill, 2016](#) for a similar analysis in the context of non-global logs.

CONCLUSION

- Modern approach to high-energy scattering via Wilson lines:
 - new theoretical control up to NNLL;
 - complementary to infrared factorisation.
- $2 \rightarrow 2$ amplitude at NLL obtained by iteration of the BFKL kernel.
 - Solved to all orders in the soft limit;
 - Soft anomalous dimension in the high-energy limit to all orders;
 - Algorithm to derive the full amplitude to any given order;
 - Explicit result to 13 loops.
- Number theory findings:
 - Soft amplitude given in terms of Gamma functions;
 - Hard amplitude given in terms of single-valued ζ_n numbers,
no exponentiation in terms of Γ functions only.
- Large order behaviour aspects:
 - The soft anomalous dimension (at NLL in the high-energy limit) is an entire function: valid to $L \alpha_s/\pi \gg 1$;
 - The finite part has a finite radius of convergence, with asymptotically sign-oscillating coefficients.