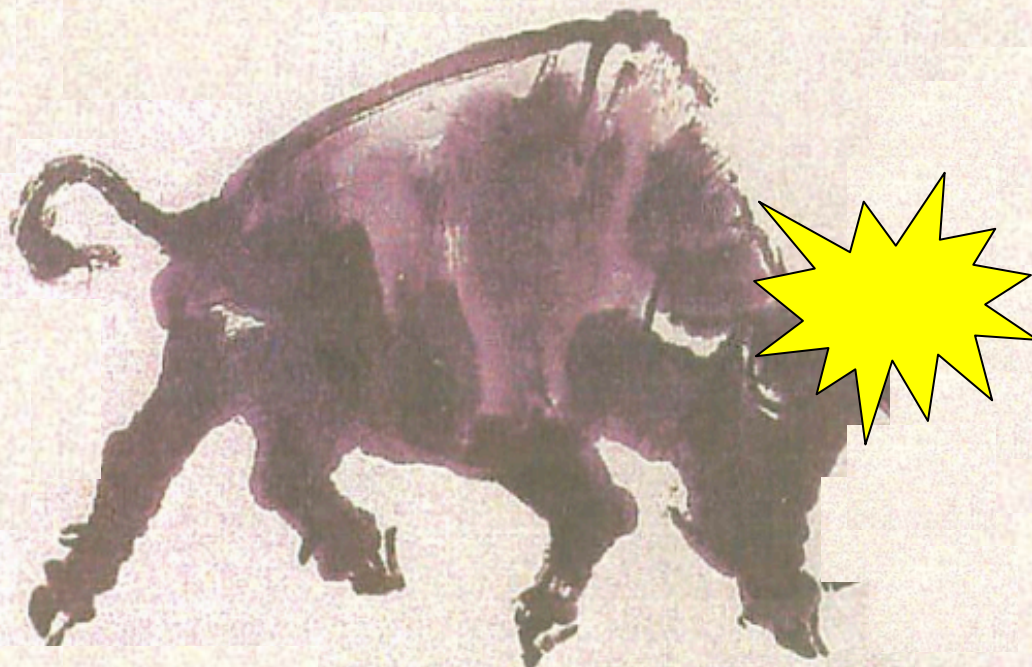


# *Gluon production at small-x*



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# *Outline*

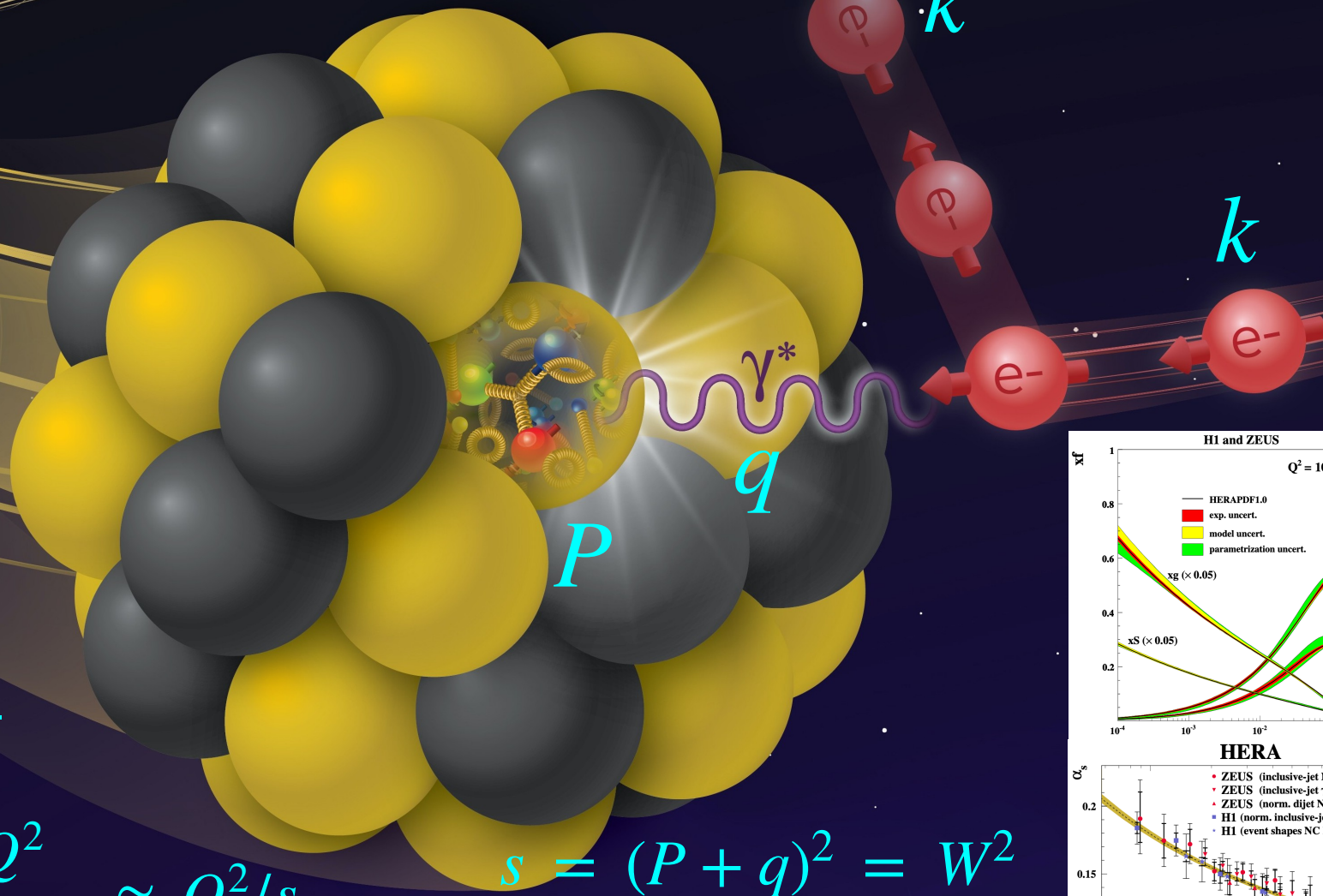
- **Brief summary of our theoretical achievements in high energy DIS.**
- **Multiplicity distribution of the produced gluons in high energy DIS:**
  - **The linear but with complicated kernel and non-homogeneous evolution equations for the cross sections of n-cut BFKL Pomeron production in the final states.**
  - **Approximate analytical solution to the equation (homotopy and large n solution)**
  - **Calculation of the multiplicity distribution and related quantities**
  - **Future work**

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# Deep inelastic scattering

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = (k - k')^2$$

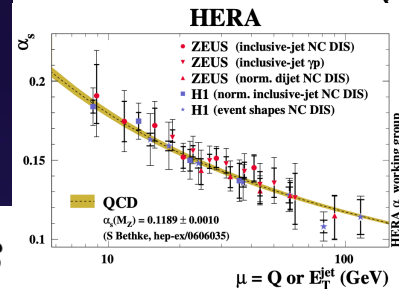
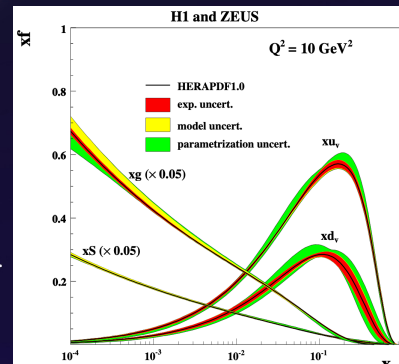


$$y = \frac{Q^2}{sx}$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \approx Q^2/s$$

$$s = (P + q)^2 = W^2$$

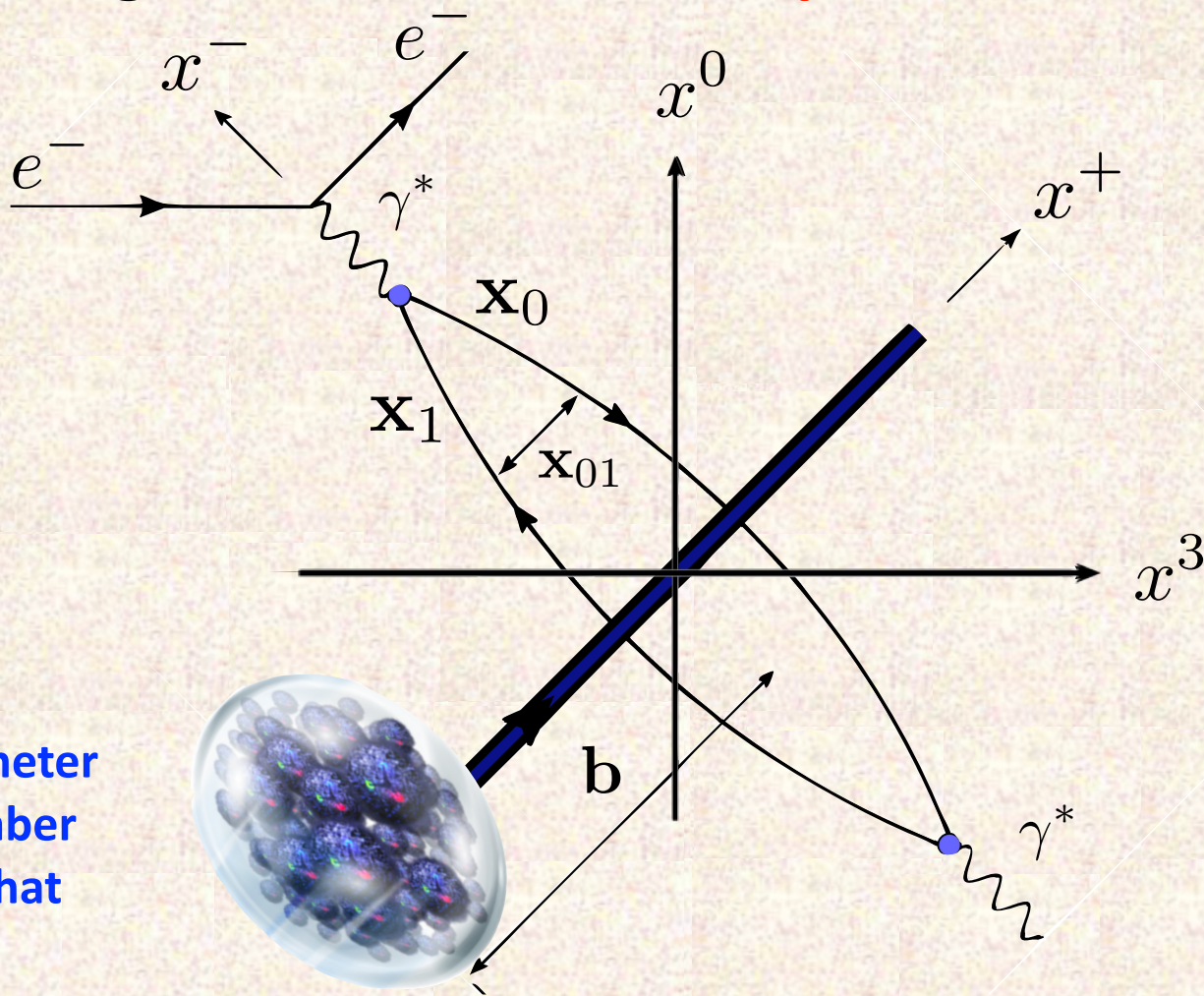
Small- $x \Leftrightarrow$  High energy  $s$



# Dipole picture of DIS

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- We consider DIS for  $Q^2 \geq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  and in the region of small  $x$ .
- For  $x < 0.01$ , the quark loop diagram dominates over the handbag diagram and we have a **dipole-nucleus** scattering.



- For DIS with nucleus the impact parameter fixes the number of nucleons that interact.

# The scattering amplitude

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- The basics of the scattering theory: the final and initial states are related by the S-matrix operator

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \hat{S} |\psi_i\rangle$$

- The high energy scattering amplitudes must satisfy Lorentz-invariance, unitarity of S-matrix and analyticity.
- For  $S=I+iT$ , the unitarity of the S-matrix,  $SS^\dagger=I$ , leads to:

$$i(T^\dagger - T) = T^\dagger T$$

where T is the forward scattering amplitude.

- Define the dipole amplitude N as the imaginary part of the dipole T-matrix, to rewrite the unitarity conditions as:

$$2 N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = |N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})|^2 + G_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})$$

where  $G_{in}$  stands for the contribution of all inelastic processes

# *The scattering amplitude*

- The previous constraint has a general solution if we assume that the scattering amplitude is pure imaginary at high energy, namely:

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) &= 1 - e^{-\Omega(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k!} \Omega^k
 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\Omega$  is the Pomeron exchange.

- We can rewrite the s-channel unitarity constraints as

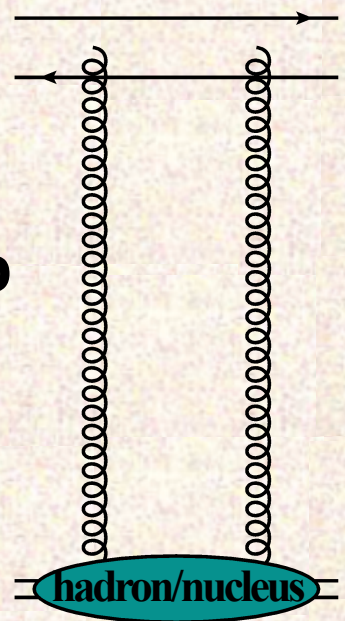
$$2 N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \sigma_{SD}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) + \sigma_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})$$

where  $\sigma_{sd}$  and  $\sigma_{in}$  are the single diffraction and inelastic cross sections at fixed dipole size and impact parameter  $\mathbf{b}$ .

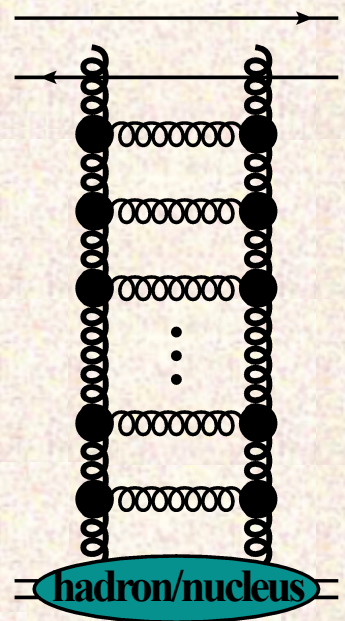
# The scattering amplitude

- In QCD the interaction with the target occurs due two gluon exchange.
- The t-channel unitarity is the same as s-channel but for the t-channel reaction. In framework of QCD the reggeization of the gluon provides the t-channel unitarity for the effective theory based on BFKL Pomeron calculus.

two gluons (no energy)



Bound state of two reggeized gluons (due to evolution equation)

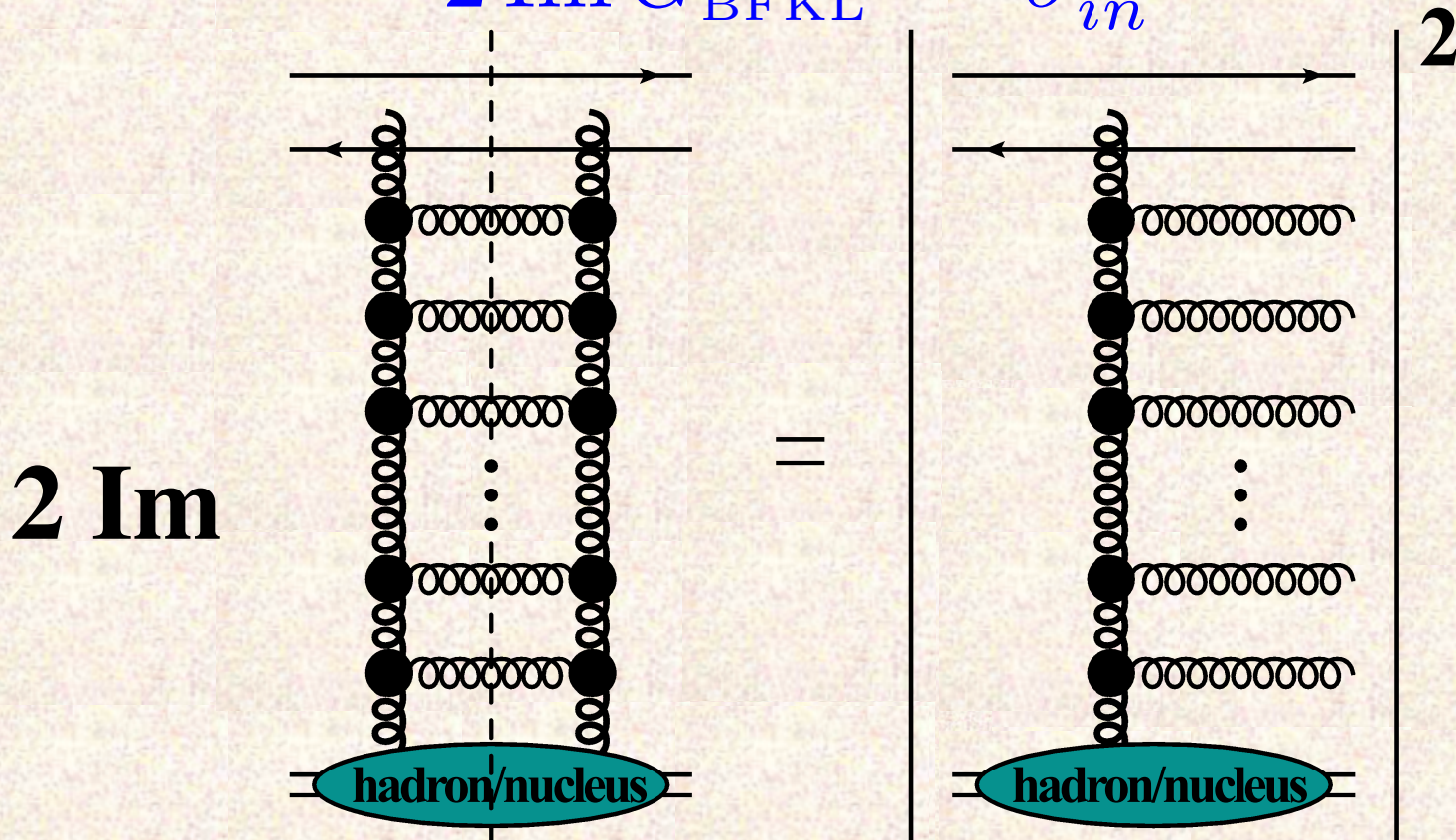


- The reggeized gluon has spin different from one.

# The Cut Pomeron

- In the single-Pomeron approximation, the scattering amplitude is small,  $N \ll 1$ . If  $N \ll 1$ , then the elastic contribution  $N^2 \ll N$  can be neglected:

$$2 \operatorname{Im} G_{\text{BFKL}} = \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}}$$



- it gives the “cut pomeron”, and, hence, particle production with average multiplicity  $n_{\text{BFKL}} = \Delta_{\text{BFKL}} Y$ .

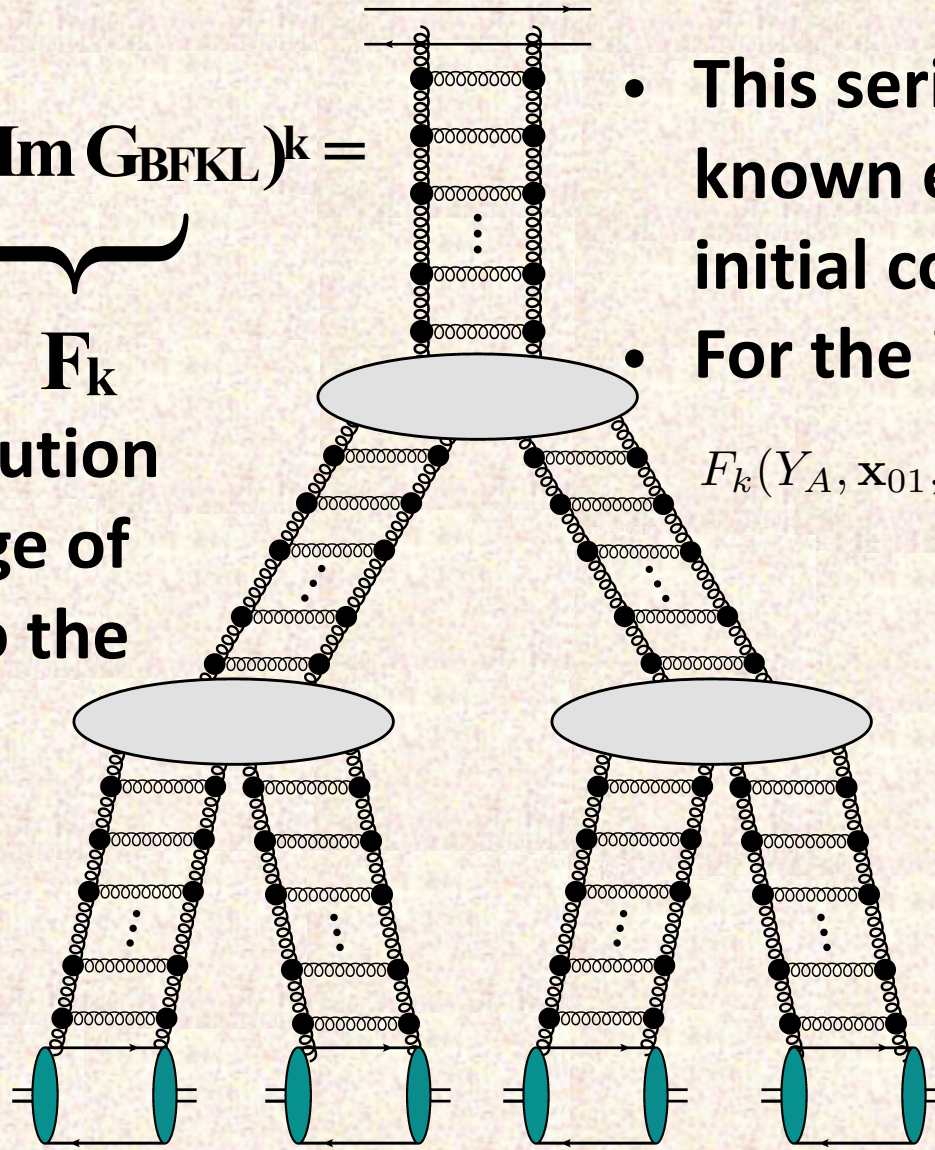
# The scattering amplitude

- The scattering amplitude, can also be calculated as the sum of the “fan” diagrams of the BFKL Pomeron calculus.

$$N = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} C_k \underbrace{(\text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}})^k}_{F_k} =$$

$F_k$ : the contribution of the exchange of  $k$ -Pomerons to the cross section

Nucleus



- This series we do not know except for the initial conditions
- For the initial condition

$$F_k(Y_A, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{x_{01}^2 Q_{s0}^2}{4} \right)^k$$

nucleons

# *The scattering amplitude*

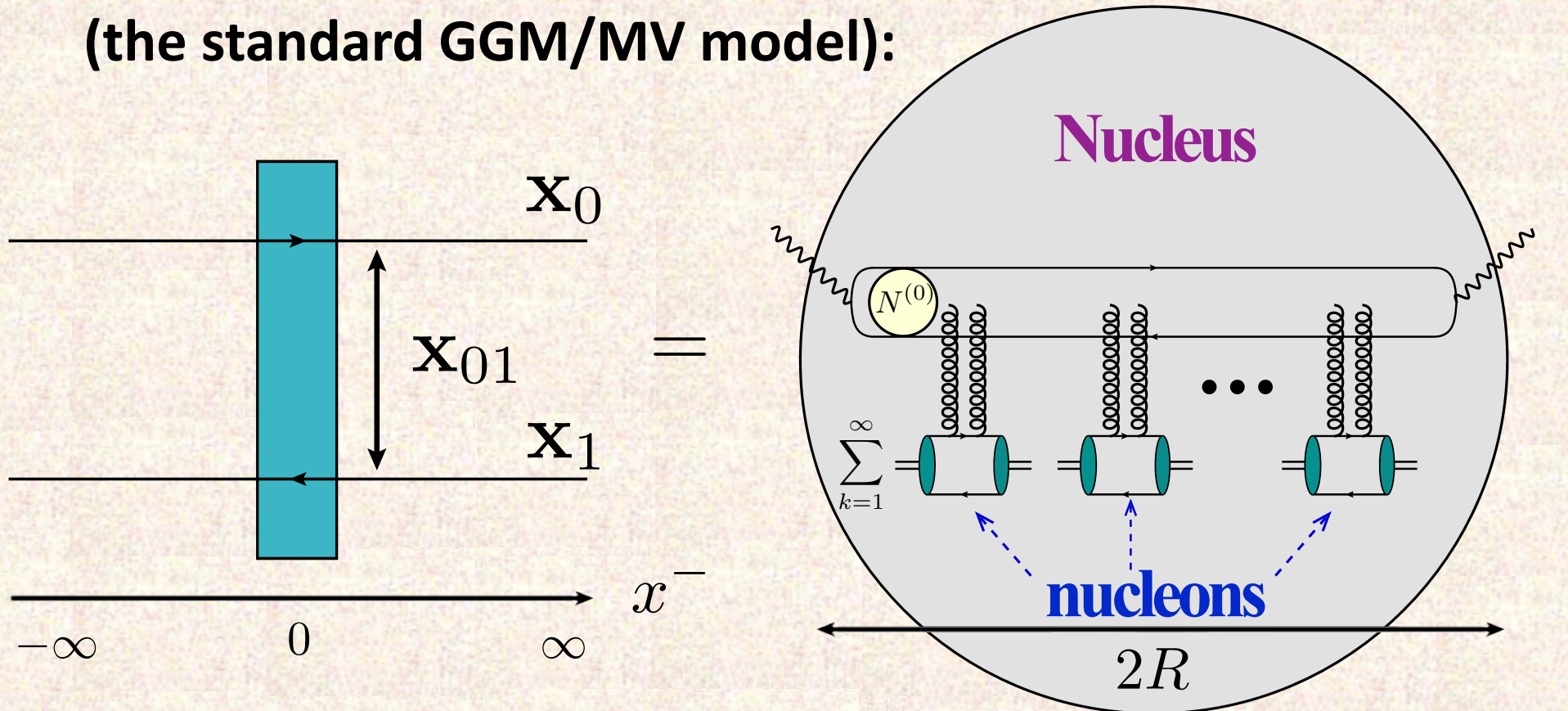
- In QCD in the LLA, there is an equivalence between the pomeron theory of high energy strong interactions and the dipole approach to QCD (almost always work).

## **Multiple Pomerons $\leftrightarrow$ Non-linear evolution**

- We learned how to write nonlinear corrections only when the amplitude is the sum of 'fan' diagrams, in which we have  $P \rightarrow 2 P$  vertex.
- In our treatment of the multiplicity distributions, we are going to explore again this equivalence.

# The scattering amplitude

- For the calculation of the  $q\bar{q}$  propagator through the nucleus, we make use of the quasi-classical approximation (the standard GGM/MV model):



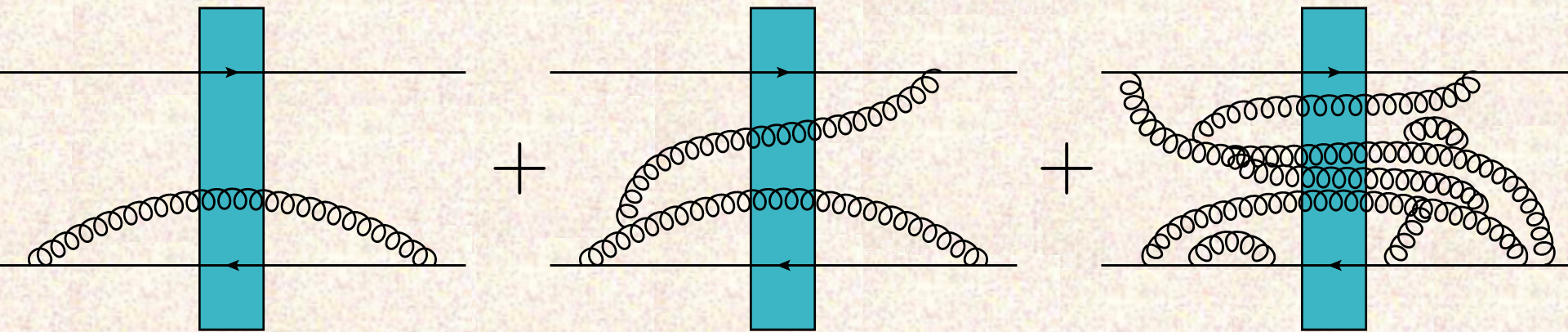
$$N(Y = Y_A, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{x_{01}^2 Q_s^2(Y_A, \mathbf{b})}{4} \right)^k = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} x_{01}^2 Q_s^2(Y_A, \mathbf{b})\right)$$

where  $Q_s(\mathbf{b})$  is the initial saturation scale.

# *The scattering amplitude*

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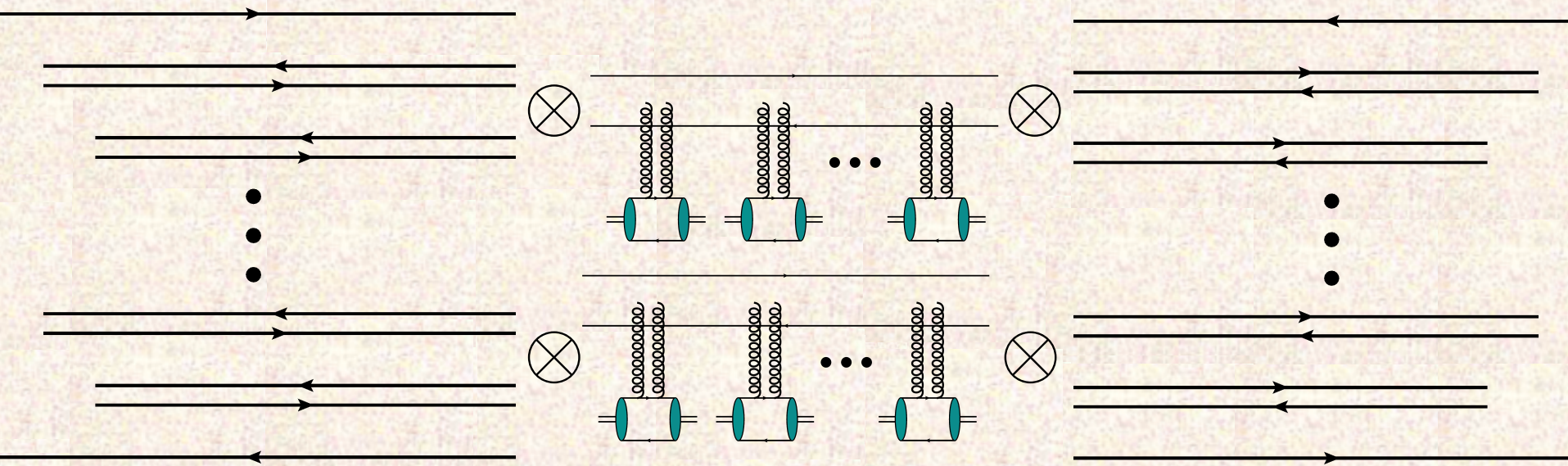
- To include the quantum evolution corrections to the quasi-classical scattering amplitude, we consider only long-lived gluons emissions and virtual gluons (as gluons emitted inside the shockwave are suppressed):



- The gluon cascade includes all possible emissions, both from the quark and the antiquark. Further, gluons emit gluons (recombination), etc.
- We can resum the cascade but only can do it at leading-log (and next-to-leading log), we cannot sum it exactly.

# The scattering amplitude

- To further simplify it, we employ the 't Hooft's large- $N_c$  limit, where only the planar diagrams survive and our gluon cascade turns into a cascade of color dipoles:



- Each dipole, that was developed through the QCD evolution, later interacts with the nucleus by a series of Glauber-type multiple rescatterings on the nucleons.
- Resuming this cascade, we arrive at the following evolution equation for the dipole S-matrix:

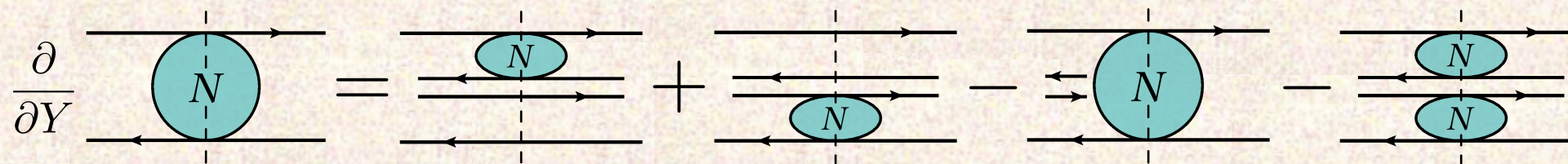
# The scattering amplitude

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} S(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{02}^2} \left[ S(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) S(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) - S(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) \right]$$

where  $Y = \ln 1/x \sim \ln s$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}_S = \alpha_S N_c / \pi$ . For N=1-S:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} N(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{02}^2} [N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) + N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) - N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) - N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b})]$$

**Balitsky and Kovchegov (BK), 1999**



with initial condition  $N(Y = Y_A, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4} x_{01}^2 Q_s^2(Y_A, \mathbf{b})\right)$

- the nonlinear BK evolution equation describe the transition into the saturation region, along with the physics inside that region. To date, there is no exact solution (but we have a number of known approximate analytical solutions).

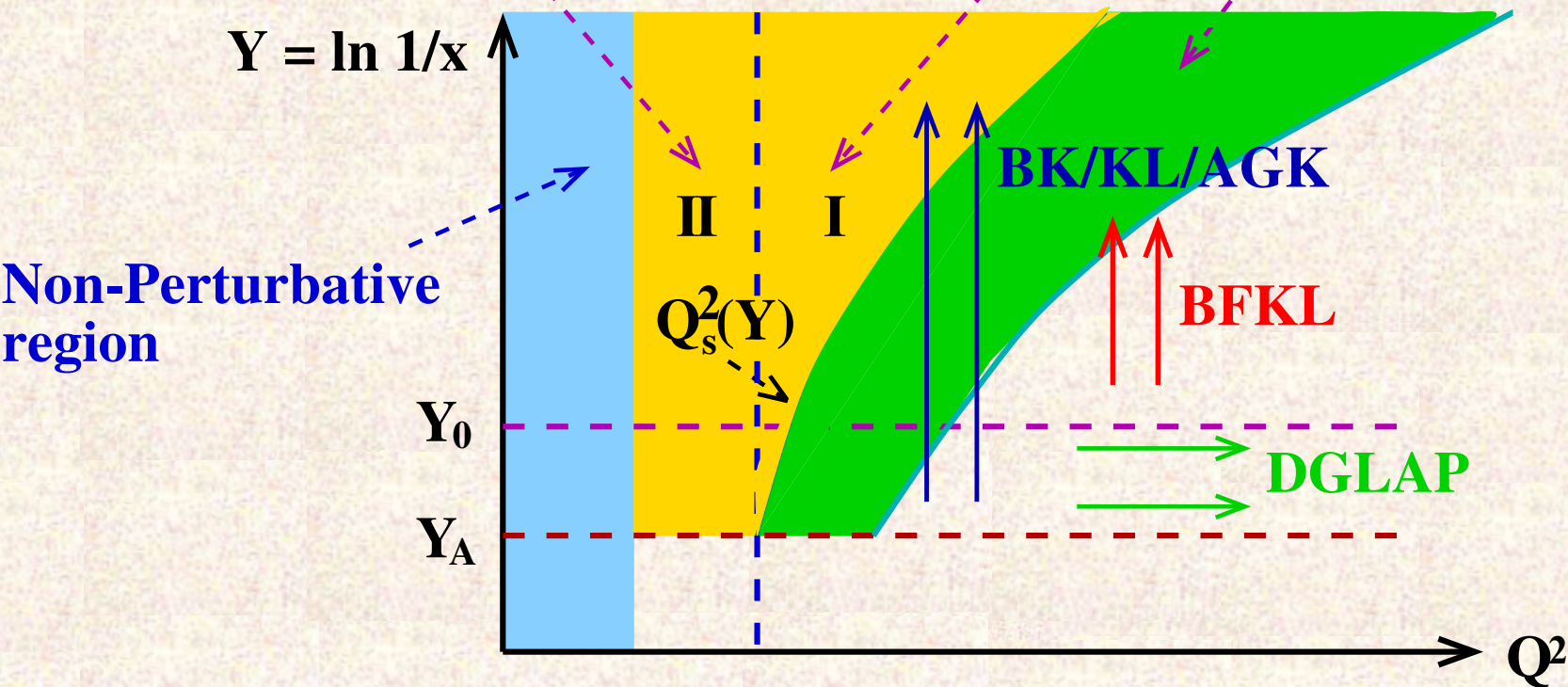
# The scattering amplitude

Color Glass Condensate/Saturation region

No Geometric  
Scaling region

Geometric  
Scaling region

Extended Geometric  
Scaling region



- Three regions: pQCD ( $x_{01}^2 Q_s^2 < 1$ ), vicinity of saturation region ( $x_{01}^2 Q_s^2 \sim 1$ ) and the saturation region ( $x_{01}^2 Q_s^2 > 1$ )

# The AGK cutting rules

- The Abramovsky-Gribov-Kancheli (AGK) cutting rules allows us to calculate the cross sections for production of n-cut Pomerons if we know  $F_k$ : the contribution of the exchange of k-Pomerons to the cross section

$$\sigma_n^{\text{AGK}}(Y; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \sigma_n^k(Y; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b})$$

where

$$\sigma_n^k(Y; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) = \begin{cases} (-1)^k (2^k - 2) F_k(Y; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) & \text{for } n = 0 \\ (-1)^{k-n} \frac{k!}{(k-n)! n!} 2^k F_k(Y; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) & \text{for } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_k(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = C_k(\mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) (\text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}))^k$$

# The AGK cutting rules

## • n=1

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1^{\text{AGK}} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{k!}{(k-1)! 1!} 2^k C_k (\text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}})^k \\ &= C_1 \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}} + C_2 2 (2 \text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}}) \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}} \\ &+ C_3 3 (2 \text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}})^2 \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

## • n=2

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_2^{\text{AGK}} &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-2} \frac{k!}{(k-2)! 2!} 2^k C_k (\text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}})^k \\ &= C_2 (\sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}})^2 + C_3 3 (2 \text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}}) (\sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}})^2 \\ &+ C_4 6 (2 \text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}})^2 (\sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}})^2 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

# The AGK cutting rules

- AGK cutting rules give the answer for the square of the amplitude. 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_1^{\text{AGK}} = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 4} \\ \text{Diagram 5} \\ \text{Diagram 6} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 7} \\ \text{Diagram 8} \\ \text{Diagram 9} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] + \dots \\
 = & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 10} \\ \text{Diagram 11} \\ \text{Diagram 12} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 13} \\ \text{Diagram 14} \\ \text{Diagram 15} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 16} \\ \text{Diagram 17} \\ \text{Diagram 18} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] + \dots \\
 & C_1 \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}} \quad C_2 2 (2 \text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}}) \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}} \quad C_3 2 (2 \text{Im } G_{\text{BFKL}})^2 \sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Produced particles

- To find the multiplicity distribution of particles in the final states one needs to convolute  $\sigma_k$  with the distribution of particles inside k-cut Pomerons

$$\sigma_n^{f.s.}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\sigma_k^{\text{AGK}}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})}_{\propto (\sigma_{in}^{\text{BFKL}})^k} \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_n^{\text{IP}}(k \Delta_{\text{BFKL}} Y)}_{\text{Poisson distribution}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{Y \gg 1} \sigma_{k=n}^{\text{AGK}} / (\Delta_{\text{BFKL}} Y) (Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})$$

# The AGK cutting rules

- We don't know how to sum this series except for the initial condition:

$$F_k(Y = Y_A; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{x_{01}^2 Q_{s0}^2}{4} \right)^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{n,01}^{\text{AGK}}(Y = Y_A) &= \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-n} \frac{k!}{(k-n)! n!} 2^k \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{x_{01}^2 Q_{s0}^2}{4} \right)^k \\ &= \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} x_{01}^2 Q_{s0}^2 \right)^n}{n!} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} x_{01}^2 Q_{s0}^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- For  $\xi = \ln(x_{01}^2 Q_{s0}^2)$

$$\sigma_n^{\text{AGK}}(Y = Y_A; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} e^\xi \right)^n}{n!} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} e^\xi \right\}$$

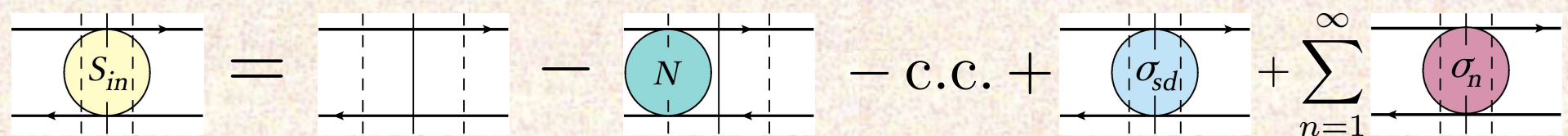
# The particle production S-matrix<sup>19</sup>

- Note that in the saturation region  $|A_{el}|^2 \sim \sigma_{in}$ .
- We can give a more simple derivation of the equations of  $\sigma_n$  from the s-channel unitarity (for an alternative derivation, see [arXiv:0807.3413 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/0807.3413))

$$2N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) = \sigma_{SD}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) + \sigma_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})$$

- We define a new quantity – the particle production S-matrix “ $S_{in}$ ”: it includes  $\sigma_n$  along with the no-interaction term (=1) and all the interaction terms (N and  $\sigma_{sd}$ ) on either side (or both sides) of the final state cut:

$$S_{in} = 1 - 2N + \sigma_{SD} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_n$$



# The particle production $S$ -matrix <sup>20</sup>

- The evolution equation for  $S_{in}$  is

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} S_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})}_{\text{select fixed multiplicity terms}} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{02}^2} \underbrace{[S_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) S_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) - S_{in}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})]}_{\text{select fixed multiplicity terms}}$$

select fixed multiplicity terms

select fixed multiplicity terms

- Replacing  $S_{in} = 1 - 2N + \sigma_{SD} + \sum_n \sigma_n$  in the equation for the  $S_{in}$ -matrix, we obtain the BK, the KL and the AGK/KLP evolution equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{02}^2 x_{12}^2} \\ &\times [\sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) + \sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) - \sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) \\ &+ \sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) \sigma_{SD}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) + \sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) \sigma_{SD}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sigma_{n-k}(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) \sigma_k(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) \\ &- 2\sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) - 2\sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) N(Y; \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b})] \end{aligned}$$



# Evolution of $\sigma_n$ at large $N_c$

- Lets note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & 0 \\ \hline \sigma_n & 2 & \\ \hline & & 1 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & 0 \\ \hline \sigma_n & 2 & \\ \hline \sigma_{SD} & & 1 \end{array} \right) - 2 \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & 0 \\ \hline \sigma_n & 2 & \\ \hline & & N \end{array} \right) \\
 = & \sigma_n^{02}(Y) (1 + \sigma_{SD}^{12}(Y) - 2 N_{12}(Y)) = \sigma_n^{02}(Y) \Delta_{12}(Y) \\
 & \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & 0 \\ \hline & 2 & \\ \hline \sigma_n & & 1 \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & 0 \\ \hline \sigma_{SD} & 2 & \\ \hline \sigma_n & & 1 \end{array} \right) - 2 \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} & & 0 \\ \hline N & 2 & \\ \hline & & \sigma_n \end{array} \right) \\
 = & \sigma_n^{12}(Y) (1 + \sigma_{SD}^{02}(Y) - 2 N_{02}(Y)) = \sigma_n^{12}(Y) \Delta_{02}(Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

- we reduce to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{02}^2} \\
 &\times [-\sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) + \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) \Delta(Y, \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) \\
 &+ \Delta(Y, \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b}) \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sigma_{n-k}(Y, \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) \sigma_k(Y, \mathbf{x}_{12}, \mathbf{b})]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Evolution of $\sigma_n$ at large $N_c$

- Now we take the evolution kernel with leading logarithmic terms only (  $x_{01} \approx x_{02} \gg x_{12} \gg 1/Q_s$  )  
 $( x_{01} \approx x_{12} \gg x_{02} \gg 1/Q_s )$

$$\frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{02}^2} \rightarrow \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2} \int_{Q_s^{-2}(Y,b)}^{x_{01}^2} \frac{dx_{02}^2}{x_{02}^2} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2} \int_{Q_s^{-2}(Y,b)}^{x_{01}^2} \frac{dx_{12}^2}{x_{12}^2} \equiv \int_{-\xi_s}^{\xi} K_{LT}(\xi, \xi') d\xi'$$

- The equations for  $\sigma_n$  for the leading twist BFKL kernel take the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) &= \bar{\alpha}_S \left\{ - \ln(x_{01}^2 Q_s^2(Y, \mathbf{b})) \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) \right. \\ &+ \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) \int_{\ln(Q_s^{-2}(Y, \mathbf{b}))}^{\ln(x_{01}^2)} d \ln(x_{02}^2) \Delta(Y, \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) + \Delta(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) \int_{\ln(Q_s^{-2}(Y, \mathbf{b}))}^{\ln(x_{01}^2)} d \ln(x_{02}^2) \sigma_n(Y, \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) \\ &+ \left. \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{\ln(Q_s^{-2}(Y, \mathbf{b}))}^{\ln(x_{01}^2)} d \ln(x_{02}^2) \sigma_{n-k}(Y, \mathbf{x}_{02}, \mathbf{b}) \sigma_k(Y, \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Evolution of $\sigma_n$ at large $N_c$

- Defining the geometric scaling variables

$$z = \ln \left( x_{01}^2 Q_s^2(Y, \mathbf{b}) \right); \quad z' = \ln \left( x_{02}^2 Q_s^2(Y, \mathbf{b}) \right)$$

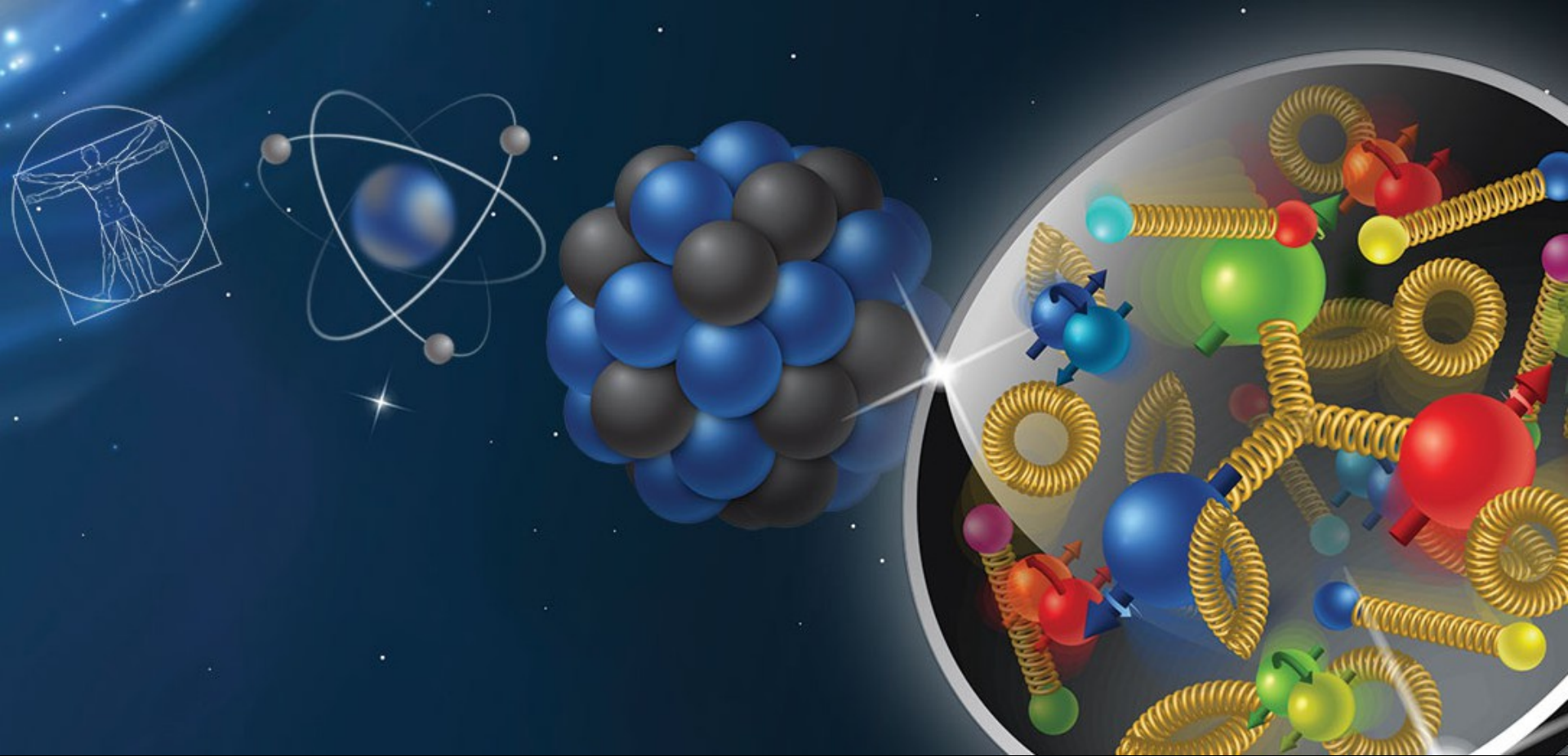
and the rescaled variable  $\delta\tilde{Y} = \bar{\alpha}_S (Y - Y_A)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta\tilde{Y}} \sigma_n \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z \right) + \kappa \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma_n \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z \right) = -z \sigma_n \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z \right) \\ & + \sigma_n \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z \right) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \Delta \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z' \right) + \Delta \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z \right) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \sigma_n \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z' \right) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \sigma_{n-k} \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z' \right) \sigma_k \left( \delta\tilde{Y}, z \right) \end{aligned}$$

where we used  $Q_s^2(Y, \mathbf{b}) = Q_{s0} e^{\bar{\alpha}_S \kappa (Y - Y_A)}$  with  $\kappa \equiv \frac{\chi(\gamma_{cr})}{1 - \gamma_{cr}}$

- The minimum  $z$  is at  $Y=Y_A$  ( $\delta\tilde{Y}=0$ ), i.e.

$$z = \kappa \delta\tilde{Y} + \xi; \quad z \stackrel{\delta\tilde{Y} \rightarrow 0}{=} \xi \quad \text{or for GS case } z = \xi_0^A$$



$$\sigma_n(Y; \mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b})$$

# $\sigma_1$ : region I (GS)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \kappa \frac{d\sigma_1(z)}{dz} &= -z\sigma_1(z) + \sigma_1(z) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \Delta(z') + \Delta(z) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \sigma_1(z') \\
 &= - \left( z - \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \Delta(z')}_{T(z)} \right) \sigma_1(z) + \Delta(z) \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \sigma_1(z')} \\
 &\quad \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \sigma_1(z') = \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0^A}^{\infty} dz' \sigma_1(z')}_{=\sigma_{0,1}} - \underbrace{\int_z^{\infty} dz' \sigma_1(z')}_{=\tilde{\Sigma}_1(z)} \\
 &= -T(z)\sigma_1(z) + \sigma_{0,1}\Delta(z) - \Delta(z)\tilde{\Sigma}_1(z) \\
 \Rightarrow \kappa \frac{d\sigma_1(z)}{dz} + \underbrace{T(z)\sigma_1(z) - \sigma_{0,1}\Delta(z)}_{\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1]} + \underbrace{\Delta(z)\tilde{\Sigma}_1(z)}_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{L}}[\sigma_1]} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

# $\sigma_1$ : region I (GS)

- We have divided the equation in two parts

$$\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1] = \kappa \frac{d\sigma_1(z)}{dz} + T(z) \sigma_1(z) - \sigma_{0,1} \Delta(z)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{L}}[\sigma_1] = \Delta(z) \tilde{\Sigma}_1(z)$$

- As a solution, we introduce

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_1^{(0)} + p \sigma_1^{(1)} + p^2 \sigma_1^{(2)} + \dots$$

such that  $\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1^{(p)}] + p \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{L}}[\sigma_1^{(p)}] = 0$

- The 0th iteration is

$$\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1^{(0)}]; \quad \kappa \frac{d\sigma_1^{(0)}(z)}{dz} = -T(z) \sigma_1^{(0)}(z) + \sigma_{0,1} \Delta(z)$$

# $\sigma_1$ : region I (GS)

- The solution is a sum of the solution to the homogeneous part of the equation and the particular solution of the non-homogeneous one. We obtain

$$\sigma_1^{(0,I)}(z) = \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' T(z')\right)}_{\tilde{\sigma}_1^{(0)}} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_{0,1}}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \Delta(z') \exp\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^{z'} dz'' T(z'')\right)}_{\tilde{\sigma}_1^{(0,I)}} + C_\phi^{(1)} \right\}$$

where  $C_\phi^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} e^{\xi_0^A} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} e^{\xi_0^A}\right)$

- For the next homotopy iteration we need to account for the linear terms in  $p$ :  $\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1^{(0)} + p \sigma_1^{(1)}] + p \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{L}}[\sigma_1^{(0)}] = 0$
- The equation takes the form

$$\kappa \frac{d\sigma_1^{(1,I)}(z)}{dz} = -T(z) \sigma_1^{(1,I)}(z) - \Delta(z) \tilde{\Sigma}_1^{(0)}(z)$$

# $\sigma_1$ : region I (GS)

where  $\tilde{\Sigma}_1^{(0)}(z) = \int_z^\infty dz' \sigma_1^{(0)}(z')$ . The general solution is

$$\sigma_1^{(1,I)}(z) = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' T(z')\right) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \Delta(z') \tilde{\Sigma}_1^{(0)}(z') \exp\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^{z'} dz'' T(z'')\right)$$

- In general, the equation for the p-iteration ( $p \geq 1$ ) in region I takes the form

$$\kappa \frac{d\sigma_1^{(p,I)}(z)}{dz} = -T(z) \sigma_1^{(p,I)}(z) - \Delta(z) \tilde{\Sigma}_1^{(p-1)}(z)$$

with solution

$$\sigma_1^{(p,I)}(z) = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' T(z')\right) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \Delta(z') \tilde{\Sigma}_1^{(p-1)}(z') \exp\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^{z'} dz'' T(z'')\right)$$

# $\sigma_1$ : region II (no GS)

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)}{\partial \delta\tilde{Y}} + \kappa \frac{\partial \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)}{\partial z} =$$

$$- \left( z - \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz'}_{T(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)} \Delta(\delta\tilde{Y}, z') \right) \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) + \Delta(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz'}_{\int_{\xi_0^A}^z \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z')} \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z')$$

$$T(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z') = \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0}^{\infty} dz' \sigma_1(z')}_{=\sigma_{0,1}} + \underbrace{\int_{\xi_0^A}^{\infty} dz' (\sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z') - \sigma_1(z'))}_{=\delta\Sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y})} - \underbrace{\int_z^{\infty} dz' \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z')}_{=\tilde{\Sigma}_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)}{\partial \delta\tilde{Y}} + \kappa \frac{\partial \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)}{\partial z} + T(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) \sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) - \sigma_{0,1} \Delta(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) + \Delta(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) \delta\Sigma_1(\delta\tilde{Y})}_{\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1]} - \underbrace{\Delta(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) \tilde{\Sigma}_1(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)}_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{L}}[\sigma_1]} = 0$$

# $\sigma_1$ : region II (no GS)

- In this case, the solution is more complex. After some algebra, the general solution takes the form

$$\sigma_1^{(0,II)}(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) = \Phi_1(-\kappa\delta\tilde{Y} + z) \sigma_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) + \sigma_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) \tilde{\sigma}_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y}, z)$$

where

$$\sigma_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) = \exp\left(-\int_0^{\delta\tilde{Y}} d\delta\tilde{Y}' T\left(\delta\tilde{Y}', -\kappa(\delta\tilde{Y} - \delta\tilde{Y}') + z\right)\right)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y}, z) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' \frac{\sigma_{0,1}}{\sigma_1^{0'}\left(\delta\tilde{Y} - \frac{z-z'}{\kappa}, z'\right)} \Delta\left(\delta\tilde{Y} - \frac{z-z'}{\kappa}, z'\right) + C_{\sigma_1}$$

$$\Phi_1(\xi) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}e^\xi \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}e^\xi\right)}{\sigma_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y} = 0, z = \xi)} - \tilde{\sigma}_1^{0'}(\delta\tilde{Y} = 0, z = \xi)$$

- For other iterations, we just modify our definition of the non-homogeneous term by adding the contribution from  $N_L$

# σ<sub>n</sub>

- Now we need to add to our definition of  $\mathcal{L}[\sigma_1]$  the non-homogeneous term

$$\mathcal{L}[\sigma_n] = \kappa \frac{d\sigma_n(z)}{dz} + T(z)\sigma_n(z) - \underbrace{\sigma_{0,n} \Delta(z) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \Sigma_{n-k}(z) \sigma_k(z)}_{-U_n(z)}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{L}}[\sigma_n] = \Delta(z) \tilde{\Sigma}_n(z)$$

- We solve the equation in a similar way to  $\sigma_1$ , yielding

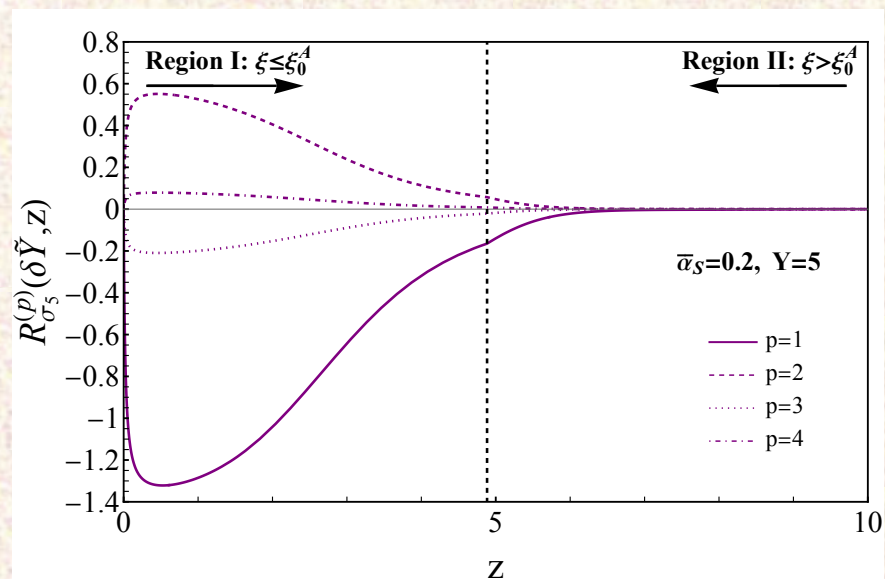
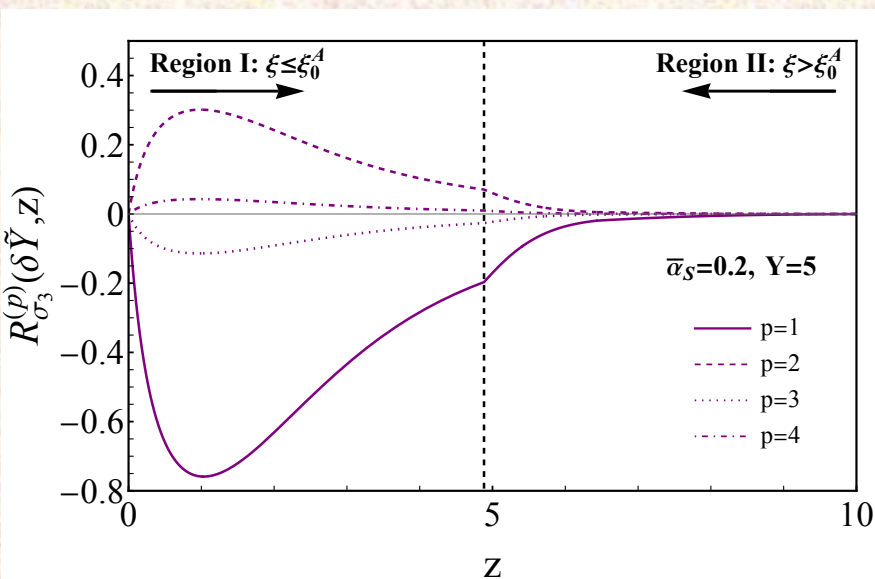
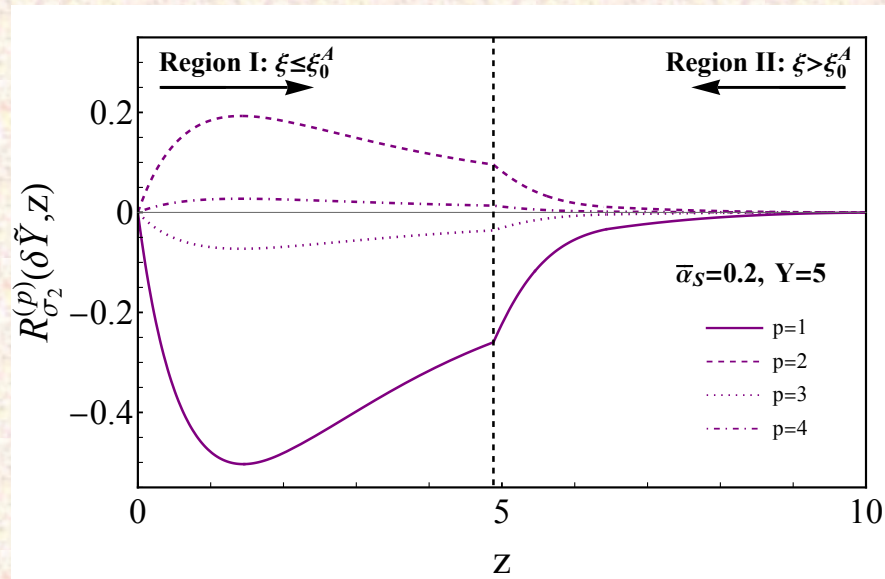
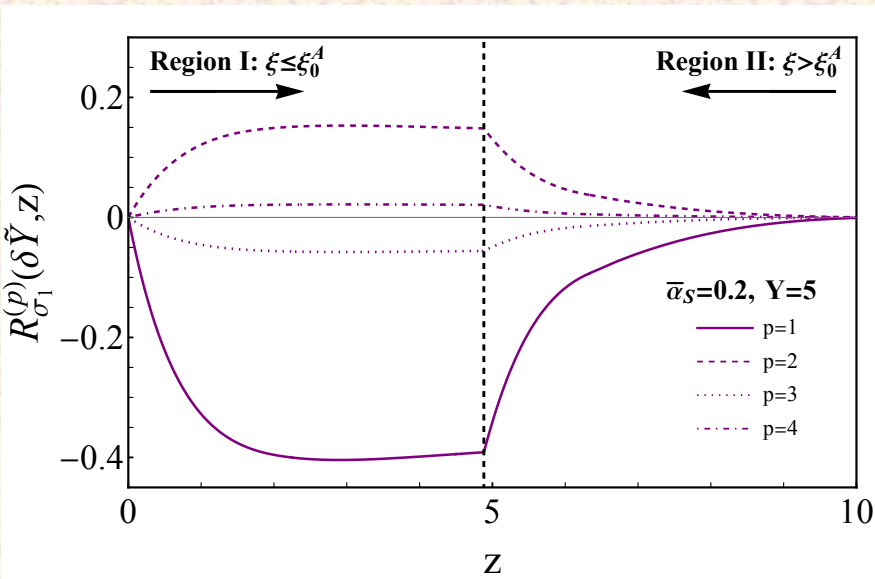
$$\sigma_n^{(0,I)}(z) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' T(z')\right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' U_n(z') \exp\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^{z'} dz'' T(z'')\right) + C_\phi^{(n)} \right\}$$

where  $C_\phi^{(n)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}e^{\xi_0^A}\right)^n}{n!} e^{-\frac{1}{2}e^{\xi_0^A}}$ . The formula for the p-iteration is

$$\sigma_n^{(p,I)}(z) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' T(z')\right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^z dz' U_n(z') \tilde{\Sigma}_n^{(p-1)}(z') \exp\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \int_{\xi_0^A}^{z'} dz'' T(z'')\right) + C_\phi^{(n)} \right\}$$

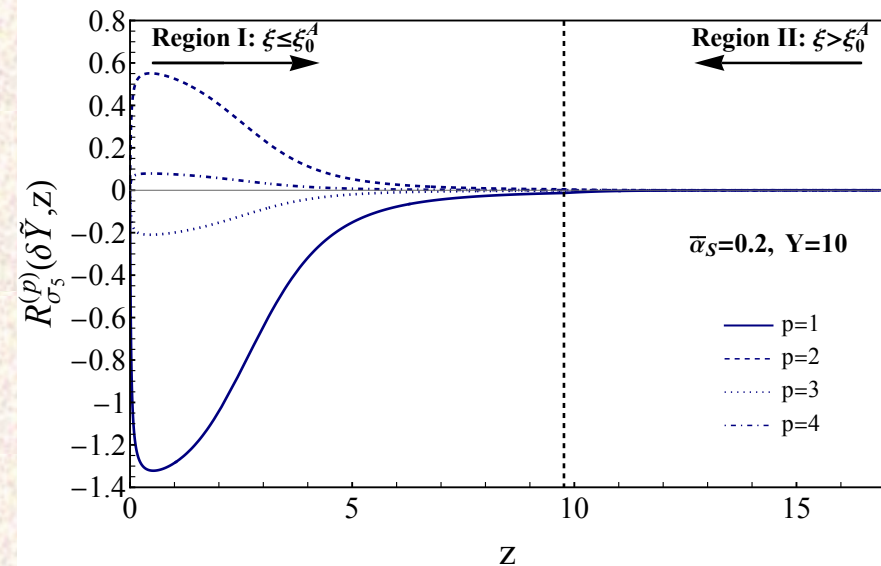
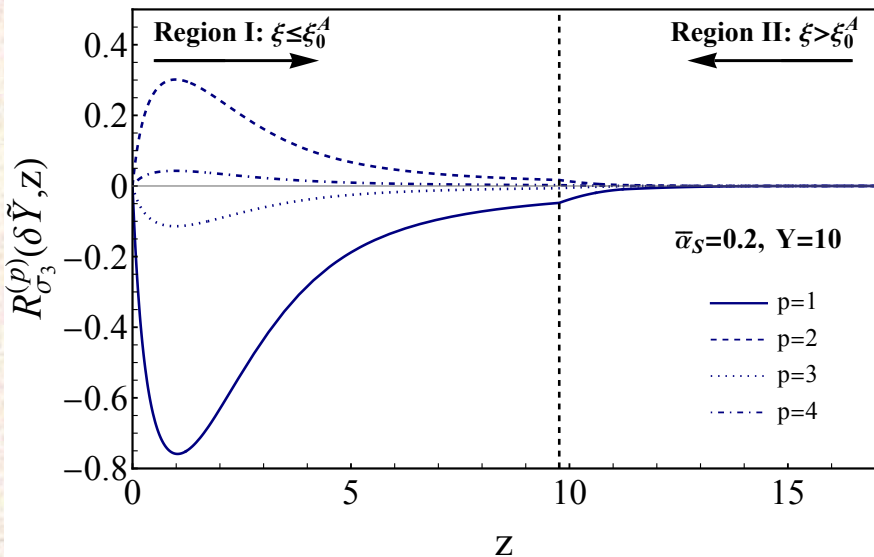
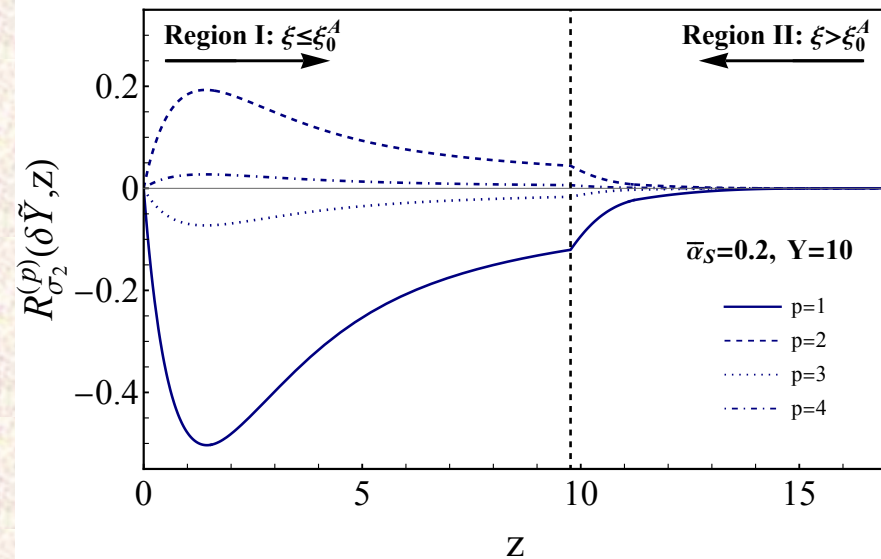
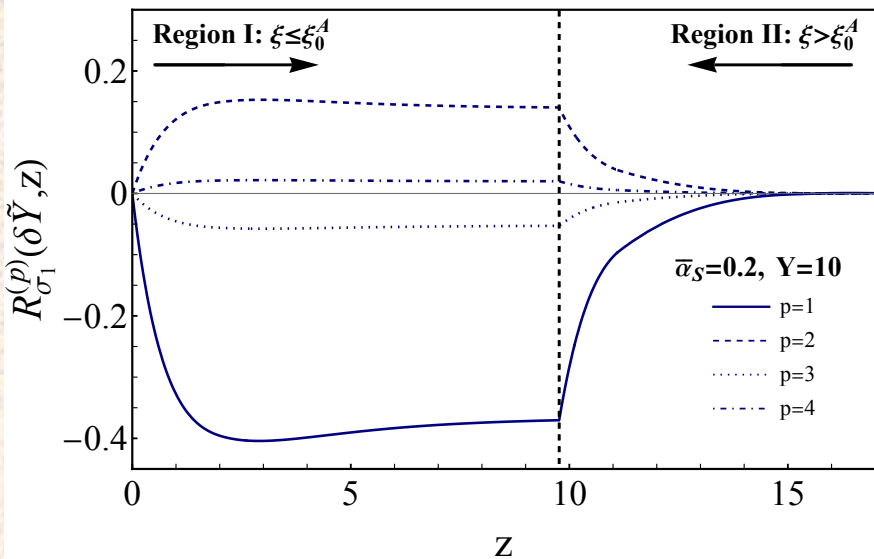
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# *Numerical estimates*

- One can see that the first iteration turns out to be rather large in the small- $z$  region which corresponds to region I.
- Despite the fact that after an appropriate number of iterations the corrections become small, the approach may break down for a sufficiently large  $n$ . For this reason, we use this method only for small values of  $n$ .
- We solve the equation in the large- $n$  limit, and study the possible matching with this solution.

# The large $n \approx N$ Solution

- We start with our equation

$$\kappa \frac{d\sigma_n(z)}{dz} = -(z - \Sigma_\Delta(z)) \sigma_n(z) + \Delta(z) \Sigma_n(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \Sigma_{n-k}(z) \sigma_k(z)$$

where  $\Sigma_n(z) = \int^z dz' \sigma_n(z')$  and  $\Sigma_\Delta(z) = \int^z dz' \Delta(z')$

- We suggest that the solution has the following form

$$\Sigma_n(z) = \phi(z) \exp(-n \Phi(z))$$

- Functions  $\Phi(z)$  and  $\phi(z)$  we will find from the equation.

Noticing that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \Sigma_{n-k}(z) \sigma_k(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \Sigma_{n-k}(z) \Sigma_k(z) = \frac{n-1}{2} \frac{d}{dz} \phi^2(z) \exp(-n \Phi(z))$$

- The equation can be rewritten as

$$\kappa \frac{d^2 \Sigma_n}{dz^2} = -\frac{d}{dz} ((z - \Sigma_\Delta(z)) \Sigma_n(z)) + \Sigma_n(z) + \frac{n-1}{2} \frac{d}{dz} (\phi(z) \Sigma_n(z))$$

# The large $n \geq N$ Solution

- Introducing

$$\mathcal{S}_n(z) = \int^z dz' \Sigma_n(z')$$

and assuming that all functions decreases at large  $z$ , we have

$$\kappa \frac{d\Sigma_n}{dz} = -(z - \Sigma_\Delta(z))\Sigma_n(z) + \mathcal{S}_n(z) + \frac{n-1}{2}\phi(z)\Sigma_n(z)$$

- Using  $\frac{d\Sigma_n}{dz} = (\phi'(z) - n\phi(z)\Phi'(z))\exp(-n\Phi(z))$

we can find now all unknown functions  $\Phi$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ .

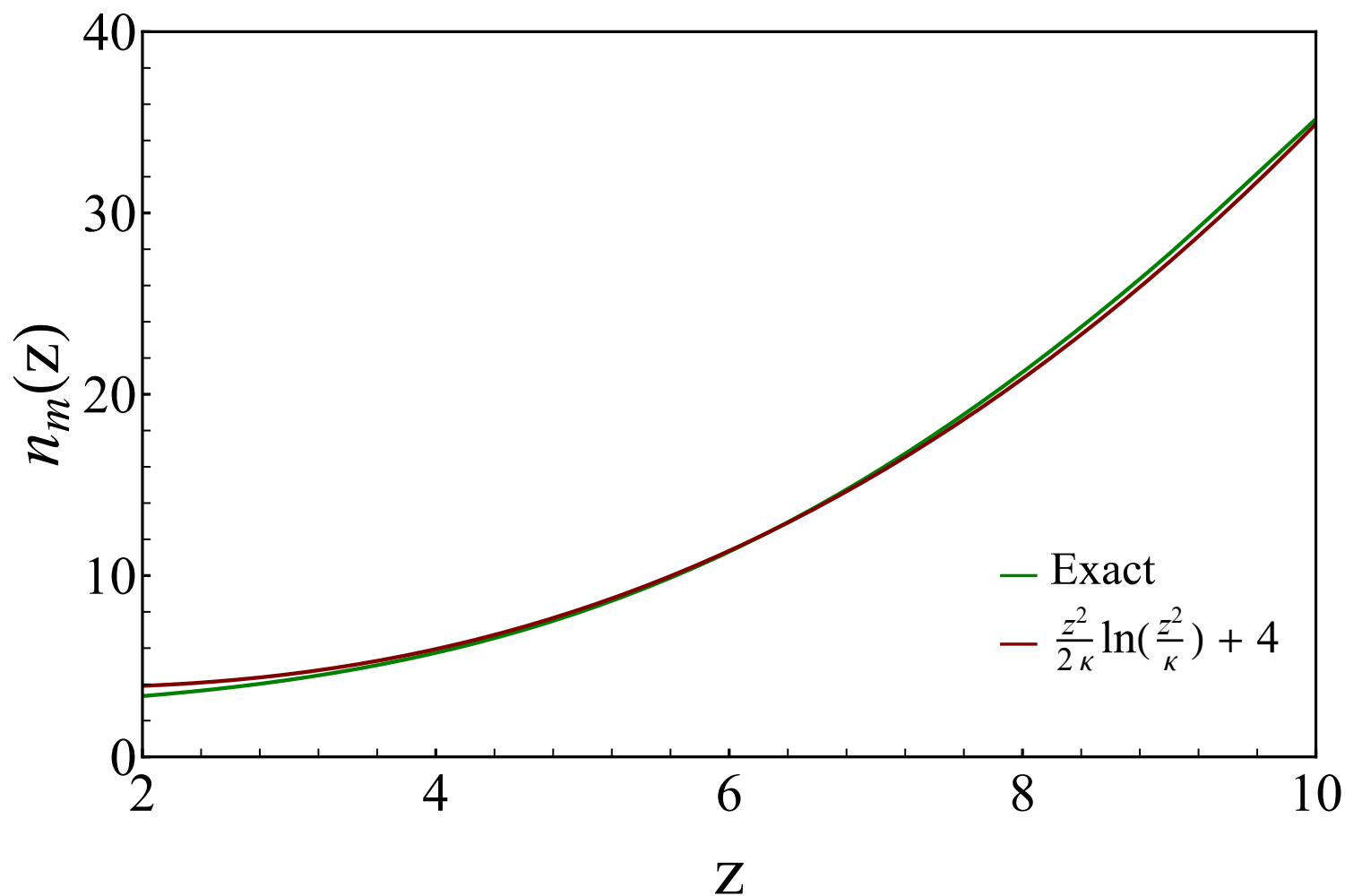
- Taking the large  $z$  and  $n$  limit, we find for **DIS**:

$$\sigma_n(z) = \left( \phi'(z) - n\phi(z)\Phi'(z) \right) \exp(-n\Phi(z)) \xrightarrow{n \geq N(z)} \frac{2}{\kappa} \frac{z^2}{N(z)} \Psi \left( \xi = \frac{n}{N(z)} \right)$$

where  $\Psi(\xi) = \xi e^{-\xi}$  and  $N(z) = \frac{2z}{C_\phi} e^{\frac{(z-z_\Delta)^2}{2\kappa}}$

# Matching of the solutions

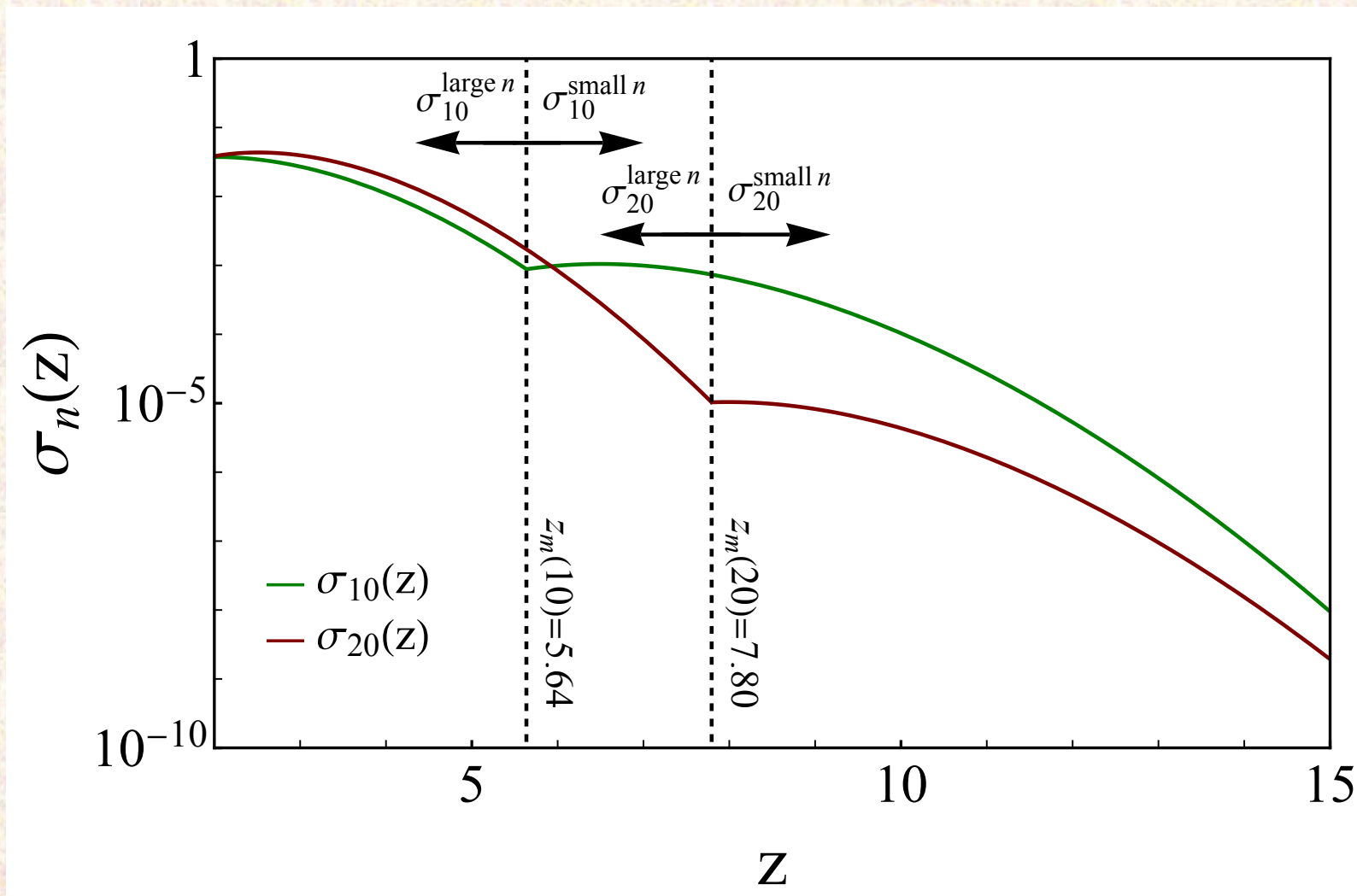
$$\sigma_{\text{small } n} = \sigma_{n_m}^{(0)}(z) \left( 1 + \sum_{p=1}^{p_{\text{max}}} \frac{\sigma_{n_m}^{(p)}(z)}{\sigma_{n_m}^{(0)}(z)} \right) = \sigma_{\text{large } n} = \frac{2}{\kappa} \frac{z^2}{N(z)} \Psi \left( \frac{n_m}{N(z)} \right)$$



# Matching of the solutions

- From the previous plot, we can invert  $n$  to obtain the matching  $z$

$$\sigma_n(z) = \sigma_{\text{large } n}(z) \Theta(z_m - z) + \sigma_{\text{small } n}(z) \Theta(z - z_m)$$



The image features a dark blue background with several glowing, stylized atomic models. Each model consists of a central nucleus of yellow and orange spheres, surrounded by a translucent blue sphere representing the electron cloud. Inside this cloud, several small green spheres are positioned at various points, connected by thin, glowing lines that suggest electron orbits or probability distributions. A bright, multi-colored beam of light, transitioning from purple to yellow to white, originates from the left and extends towards the right, passing through the center of the text. The overall aesthetic is scientific and futuristic, with a focus on quantum physics.

*Quantum entanglement in  
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# Entropy of produced gluons

- The probability to have  $n$ -cut BFKL Pomerons in the final state is equal to

$$\mathcal{P}_n^{\text{AGK}}(z) \equiv \frac{\sigma_n^{\text{AGK}}(z)}{\sigma_{in}^{\text{AGK}}(z)} = \frac{2}{\kappa} \frac{z^2}{N(z)} \Psi\left(\frac{n}{N(z)}\right)$$

- The entropy content of multiplicity distributions is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} S_E(z) &= - \sum_n \mathcal{P}_n^{\text{AGK}}(z) \ln(\mathcal{P}_n^{\text{AGK}}(z)) \\ &= \frac{(z - z_\Delta)^2}{2\kappa} - \ln z - \ln\left(\frac{C_\phi}{\kappa}\right) + \frac{2}{\kappa} \ln 2 \\ &\xrightarrow{z \gg 1} \frac{z^2}{2\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

# *Conclusions and outlook*

- We calculated the entropy and the multiplicity distributions directly from QCD evolution equations and the s-channel unitarity constraints. We obtained a much larger entropy than other QCD models ( $\propto z^2$ ). We plan to clarify this discrepancy in our further publications.
- $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  are cross sections for 1, 2 and 3 cut Pomeron production which are closely related to  $\langle n \rangle$ ,  $\langle n^2 - n \rangle$ ,  $\langle n^3 - 3n^2 + 3n \rangle$  moments of the multiplicity distributions for DIS experiment. Calculations of the moments  $\langle n^k \rangle$  for small  $k$  will be subject of next papers.



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