

# Small x physics

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# Outline

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## Lecture 1:

Introduction to Deep Inelastic Scattering  
Parton model  
Collinear framework: factorization  
DGLAP evolution equations  
Parton distribution functions from DGLAP  
Nuclear structure functions  
Nuclear PDFs  
EIC prospects for inclusive DIS and nPDFs

## Lecture 2:

Intro: Regge theory and Pomeron  
Outline of BFKL construction:  
    Effective Lipatov vertex  
    Gluon reggeization: trajectory  
BFKL equation  
Eigenvalue. Collinear structure  
Properties of the solution:  
    Diffusion  
    Increase with energy  
Small  $x$  anomalous dimension

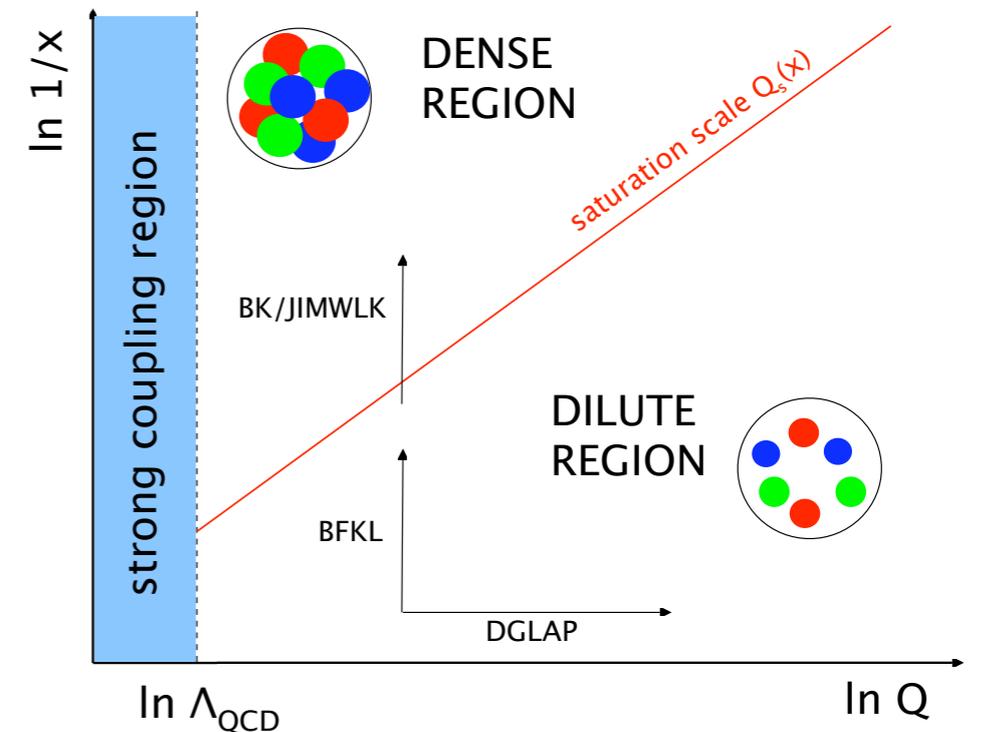
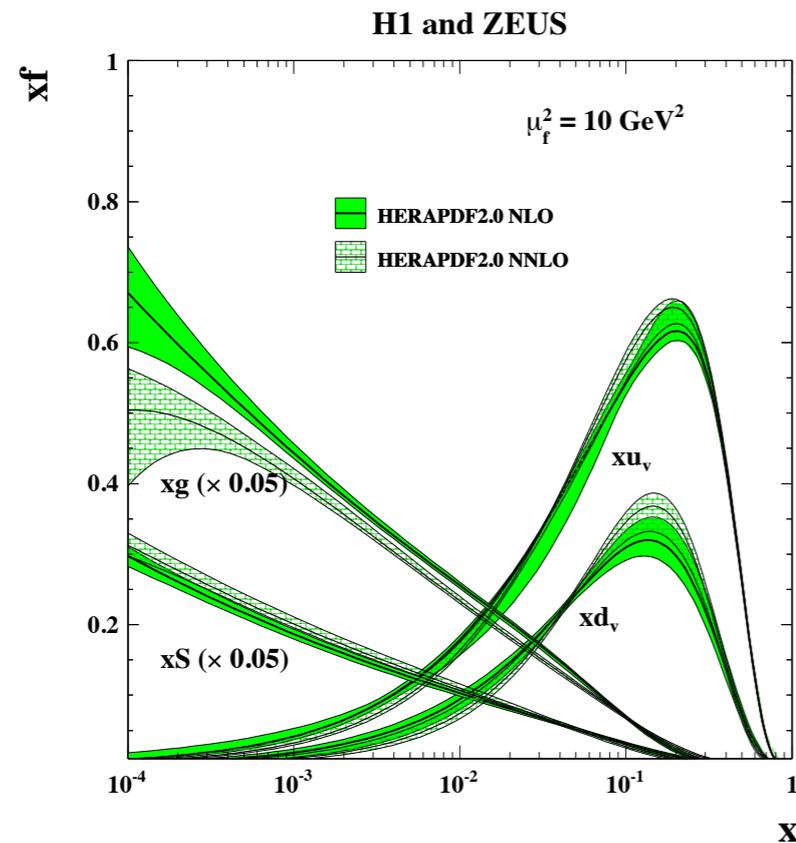
## Lecture 3:

BFKL at NLO: large correction  
Collinear limit of NLO BFKL  
Resummation:  
    Kinematical constraint, shifts of poles  
    DGLAP anomalous dimension  
Resummed result in Mellin space  
Resummed result in momentum space  
Improved small  $x$  splitting function  
Phenomenology examples

## Lecture 4:

Dipole model: GBW example  
BFKL revisited: Mueller dipole evolution  
Multiple rescattering: BK evolution  
Properties of solution to BK equation  
Saturation scale  
Impact parameter dependence  
Phenomenology examples: structure functions, diffraction, angular decorrelations

# Parton saturation



Gribov, Levin, Ryskin

QCD evolution leads to the **strong growth of the gluon density**

**Parton saturation:** additional modification due to the **gluon recombination**

Evolution will include **nonlinear** terms in density

**Saturation scale:** divide between dilute and dense region

$$\frac{A \times xg(x, Q_s^2)}{\pi A^{2/3}} \times \frac{\alpha_s(Q_s^2)}{Q_s^2} \sim 1 \quad Q_s^2 \sim A^{1/3} Q_0^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\lambda \quad \text{Saturation scale}$$

# Theoretical frameworks for describing parton saturation

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Nonlinear evolution equations in QCD:

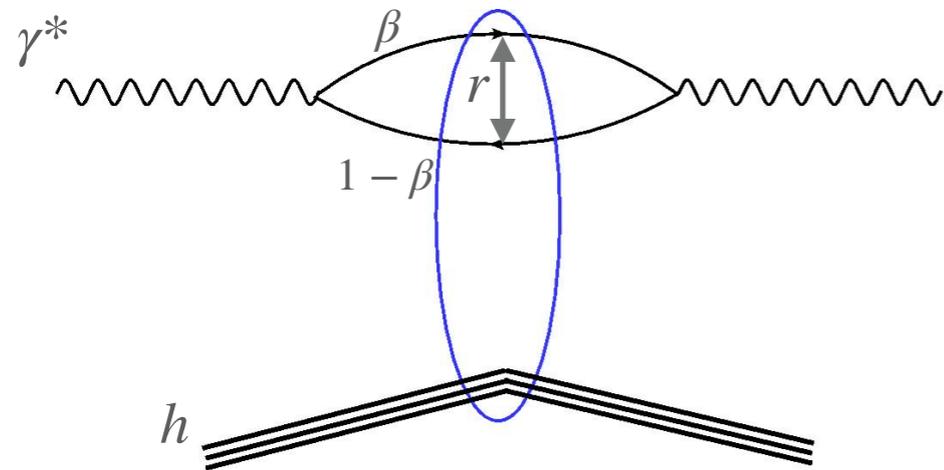
- *Gribov-Levin-Ryskin* nonlinear equation
- *Mueller-Qiu* equation
- *Kovchegov* nonlinear equation for dipoles
- *Balitsky* hierarchy for correlators of Wilson lines.
- Color Glass Condensate (*McLerran-Venugopalan*) with JIMWLK (*Jalilian-Marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner*) renormalization group equation for high density QCD.

Models implementing saturation:

- Golec-Biernat and Wusthoff saturation model
- McLerran-Venugopalan
- ...many others

# Dipole representation

DIS at small  $x$  / high energy: **dipole** representation



The virtual photon fluctuates into quark-antiquark pair

The quark-antiquark pair interacts with the target

In the proton rest frame the Ioffe time

$$\tau_{q\bar{q}} \sim \frac{1}{\Delta E} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta E \simeq xM_p$$

The transverse momentum of the quark  $\boldsymbol{\kappa}$  is traded for the Fourier conjugate variable  $\mathbf{r}$ , the transverse separation of the  $q\bar{q}$  pair

Recall: DIS cross section at small  $x$  for transverse polarized photons ( $k_T$  factorization):

$$\sigma_T(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \sum_q e_q^2 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{k^4} \int_0^1 d\beta \int d^2\boldsymbol{\kappa} \alpha_s \left\{ [\beta^2 + (1 - \beta^2)] \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}{D_{1q}} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\kappa} - \mathbf{k}}{D_{2q}} \right)^2 + m_q^2 \left( \frac{1}{D_{1q}} - \frac{1}{D_{2q}} \right)^2 \right\} f(x, k^2)$$

In the strict high energy limit, argument of the gluon  $x$  is the same as Bjorken  $x$

$\boldsymbol{\kappa}$  transverse momentum of quark

$\mathbf{k}$  transverse momentum of the gluon

$\beta$  fraction of the momentum of the photon carried by the quark

$$D_{1q} = \boldsymbol{\kappa}^2 + \beta(1 - \beta)Q^2 + m_q^2, \quad D_{2q} = (\boldsymbol{\kappa} - \mathbf{k})^2 + \beta(1 - \beta)Q^2 + m_q^2$$

# Dipole representation

Using the Fourier transforms

$$\left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}{D_{1q}} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\kappa} - \mathbf{k}}{D_{2q}} \right) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{2\pi} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\kappa}\cdot\mathbf{r}} (1 - e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}) i \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r} \bar{Q} K_1(\bar{Q}r)$$

$$\bar{Q}^2 = \beta(1 - \beta)Q^2 + m_q^2$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{D_{1q}} - \frac{1}{D_{2q}} \right) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{2\pi} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\kappa}\cdot\mathbf{r}} (1 - e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}) K_0(\bar{Q}r)$$

DIS cross section ( $k_T$  factorization transformed into coordinate space)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_T(x, Q^2) = & \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\mathbf{r} \int_0^1 d\beta \left\{ [\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2] \bar{Q}^2 K_1^2(\bar{Q}r) + m_q^2 K_0^2(\bar{Q}r) \right\} \\ & \times \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{k^4} \alpha_s f(x, k^2) (1 - e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}) (1 - e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}) \end{aligned}$$

photon wave function

$$|\Psi_T^q(\mathbf{r}, \beta, Q^2)|^2 = \frac{3\alpha_{em}}{2\pi^2} e_q^2 \left\{ [\beta^2 + (1 - \beta)^2] \bar{Q}^2 K_1^2(\bar{Q}r) + m_q^2 K_0^2(\bar{Q}r) \right\}$$

dipole cross section

$$\hat{\sigma}(x, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{2\pi}{3} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{k^4} \alpha_s f(x, k^2) (1 - e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}) (1 - e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}})$$

**dipole representation for DIS**

$$\sigma_{T,L}(x, Q^2) = \int d^2\mathbf{r} \int_0^1 d\beta \sum_q |\Psi_{T,L}^q(\mathbf{r}, \beta, Q^2)|^2 \hat{\sigma}(x, \mathbf{r})$$

# Model with saturation

*Golec-Biernat and Wusthoff (GBW) model*

$$\hat{\sigma}(x, r) = \sigma_0 \left[ 1 - \exp(-Q_s^2(x)r^2/4) \right]$$

x dependent saturation scale

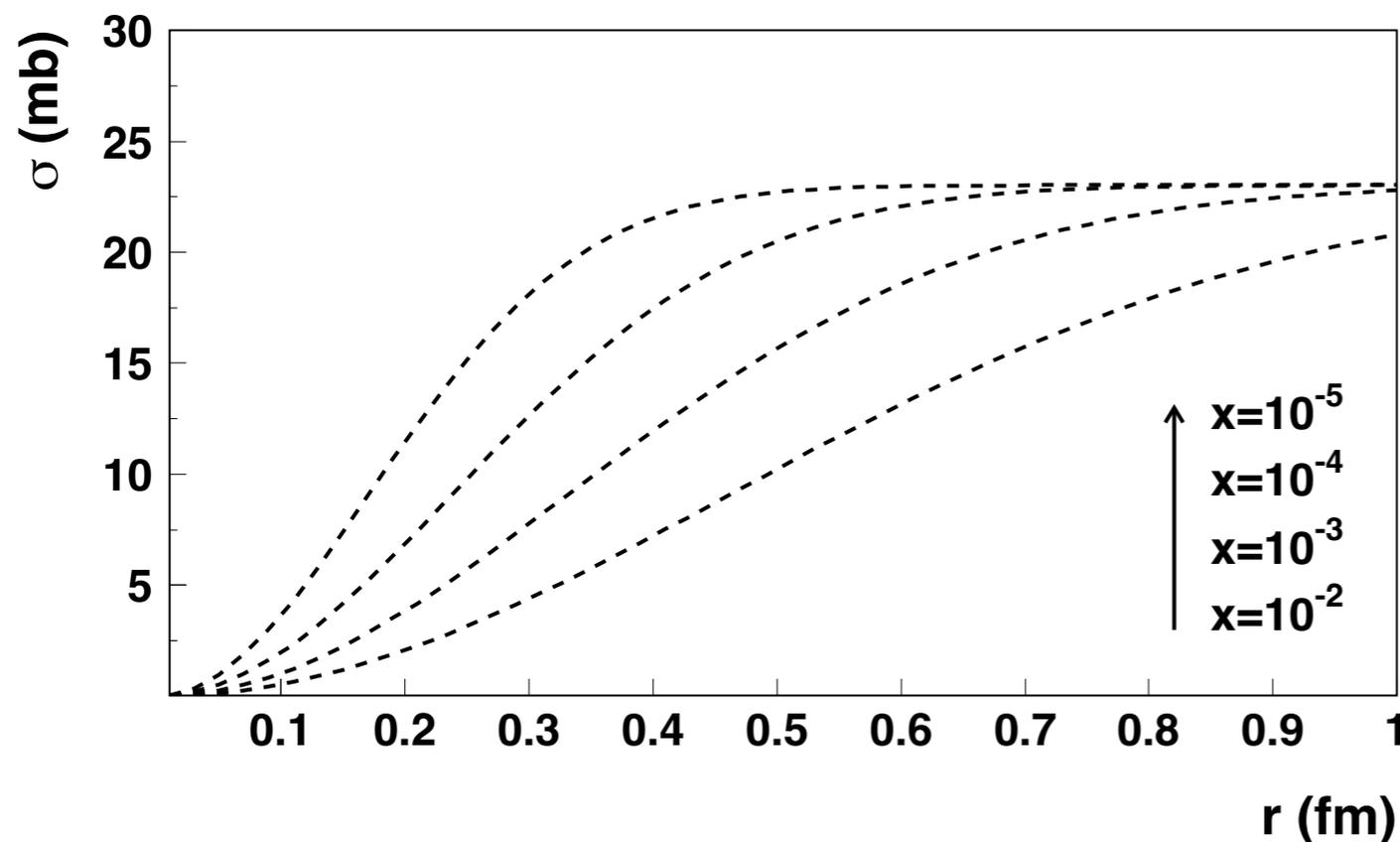
$$Q_s^2(x) = Q_0^2 \left( \frac{x}{x_0} \right)^{-\lambda}$$

Fit parameters:

$$\sigma_0, Q_0, x_0, \lambda$$

(or saturation radius )

$$R_0(x) = 1/Q_s(x)$$



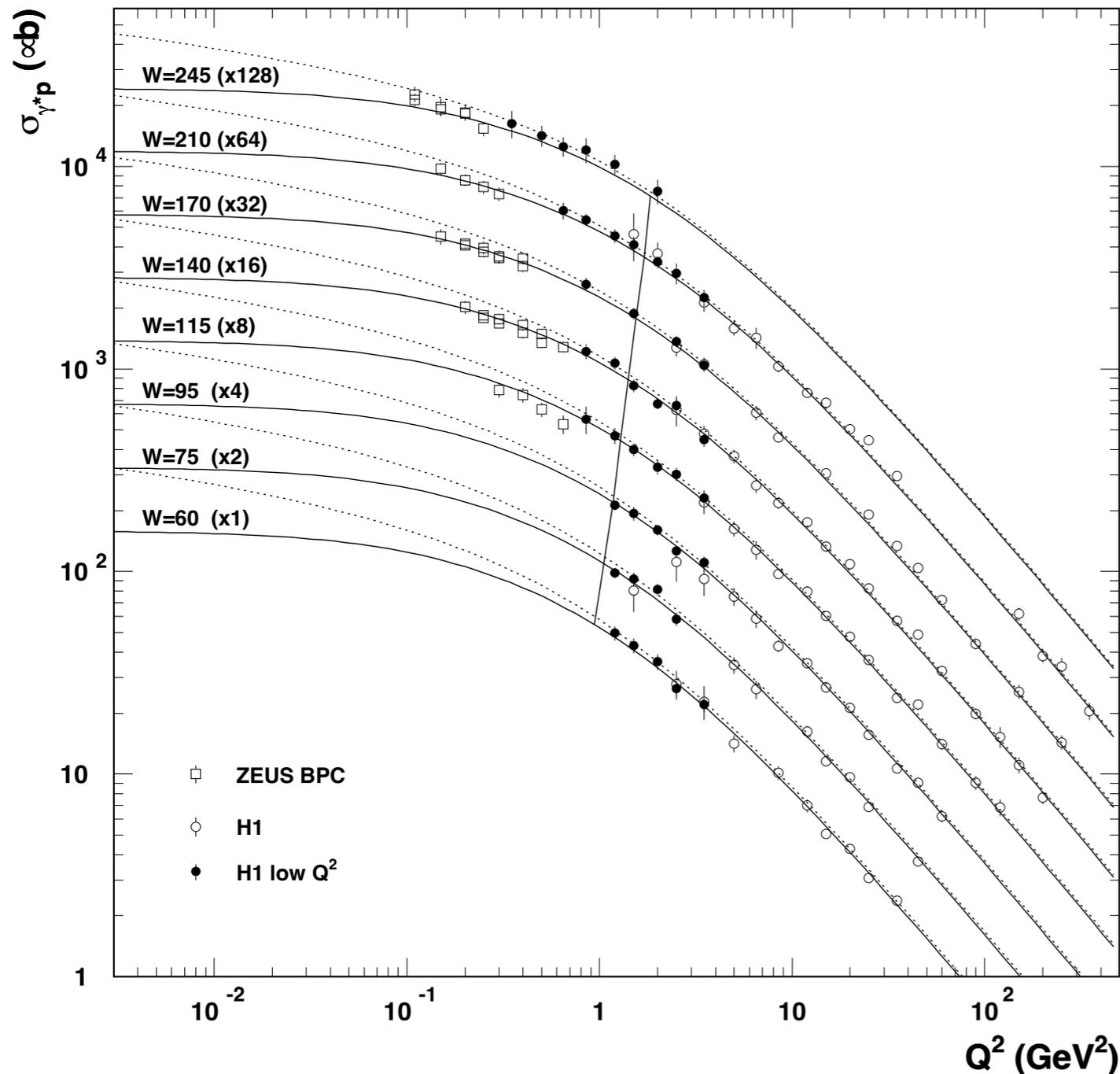
For large dipoles cross section goes to a constant

For small perturbative dipoles the cross section is  $\sim r^2 Q_s^2(x)$

Saturation scale divides the dilute and dense regions

It is x-dependent and the transition occurs for smaller dipoles as x decreases

# GBW model and HERA data



$\gamma^*p$  cross section  $\sigma_T + \sigma_L$  from HERA  
for various energies as a function of  $Q^2$

Dashed line: massless quarks

Solid line:  $m_q = 140$  MeV

Masses important for low values of  $Q^2$

Diagonal line: position of the saturation  
scale

Successful description of the inclusive  
HERA data

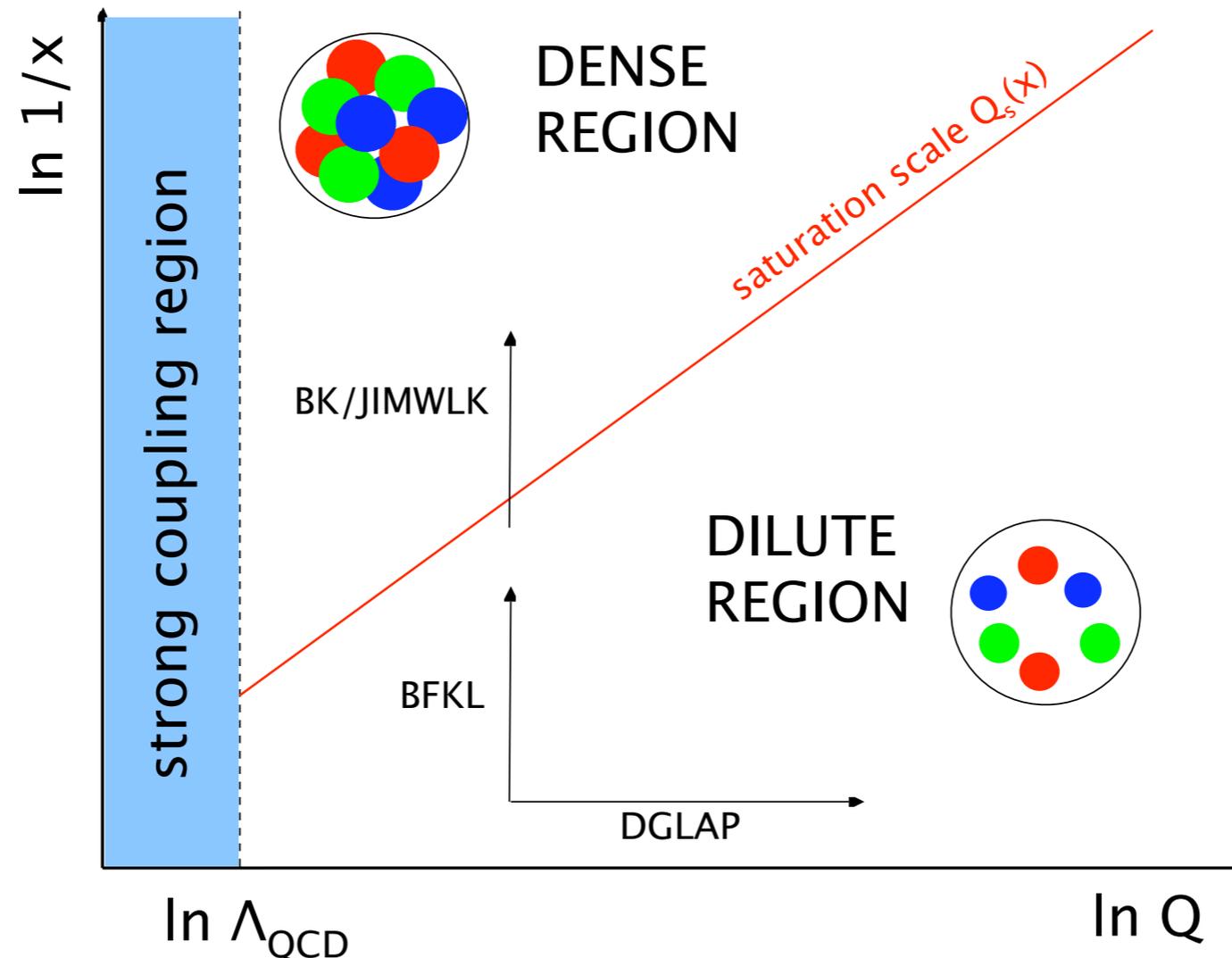
Good description of the diffraction

*Golec-Biernat, Wusthoff*

# Parton saturation and nonlinear evolution

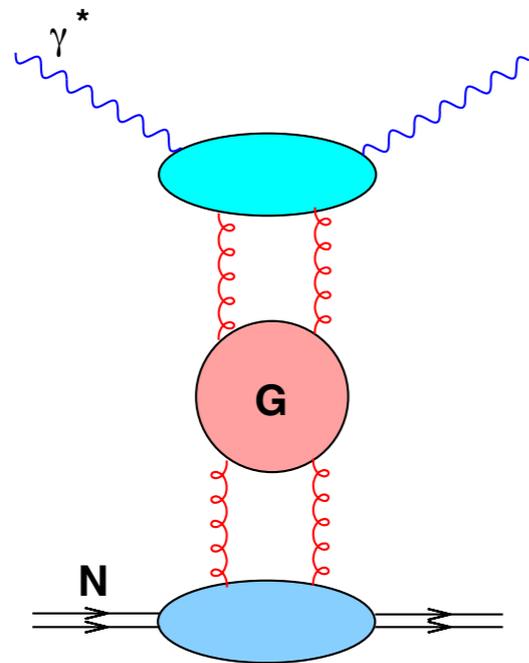
GBW model incorporates the **saturation** scale which divides dense and dilute regime

How such corrections can be included within the **parton evolution** ?

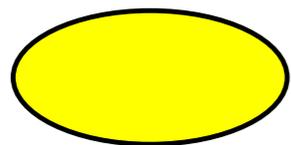
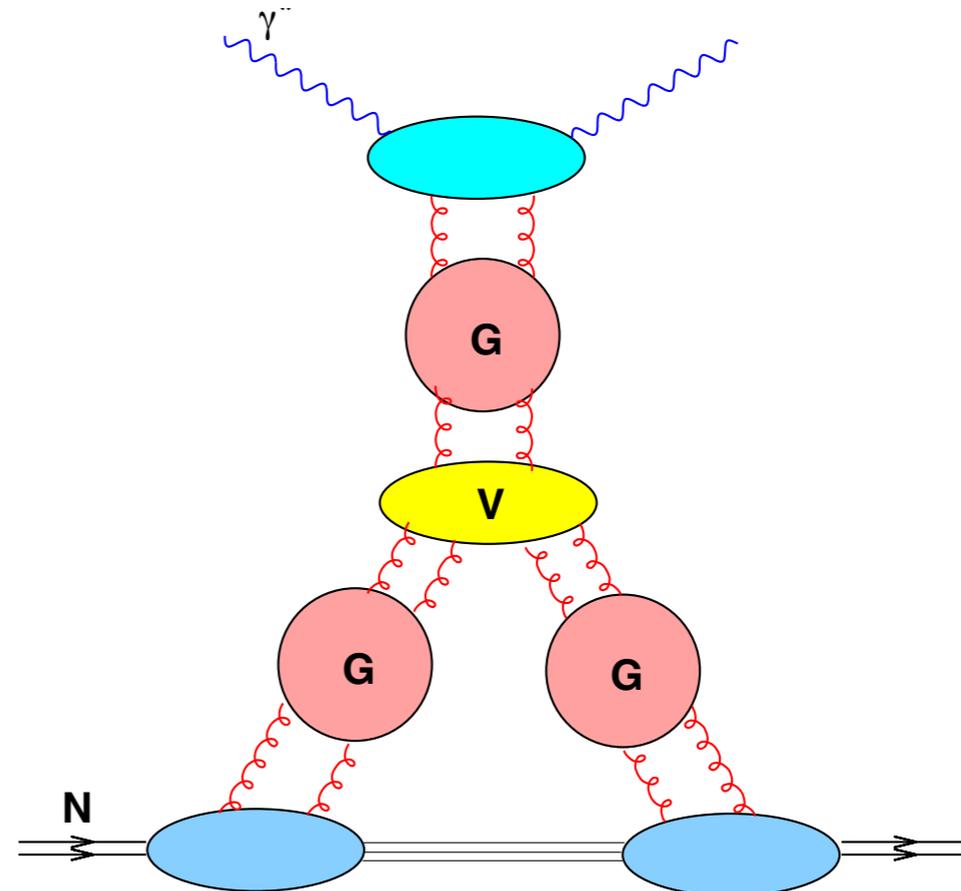


# Nonlinear evolution for the gluon density

Linear evolution



'Fan' diagram structure



is a  $2 \rightarrow 4$  gluon transition vertex.

'Fan' diagrams are contained in GLR equation

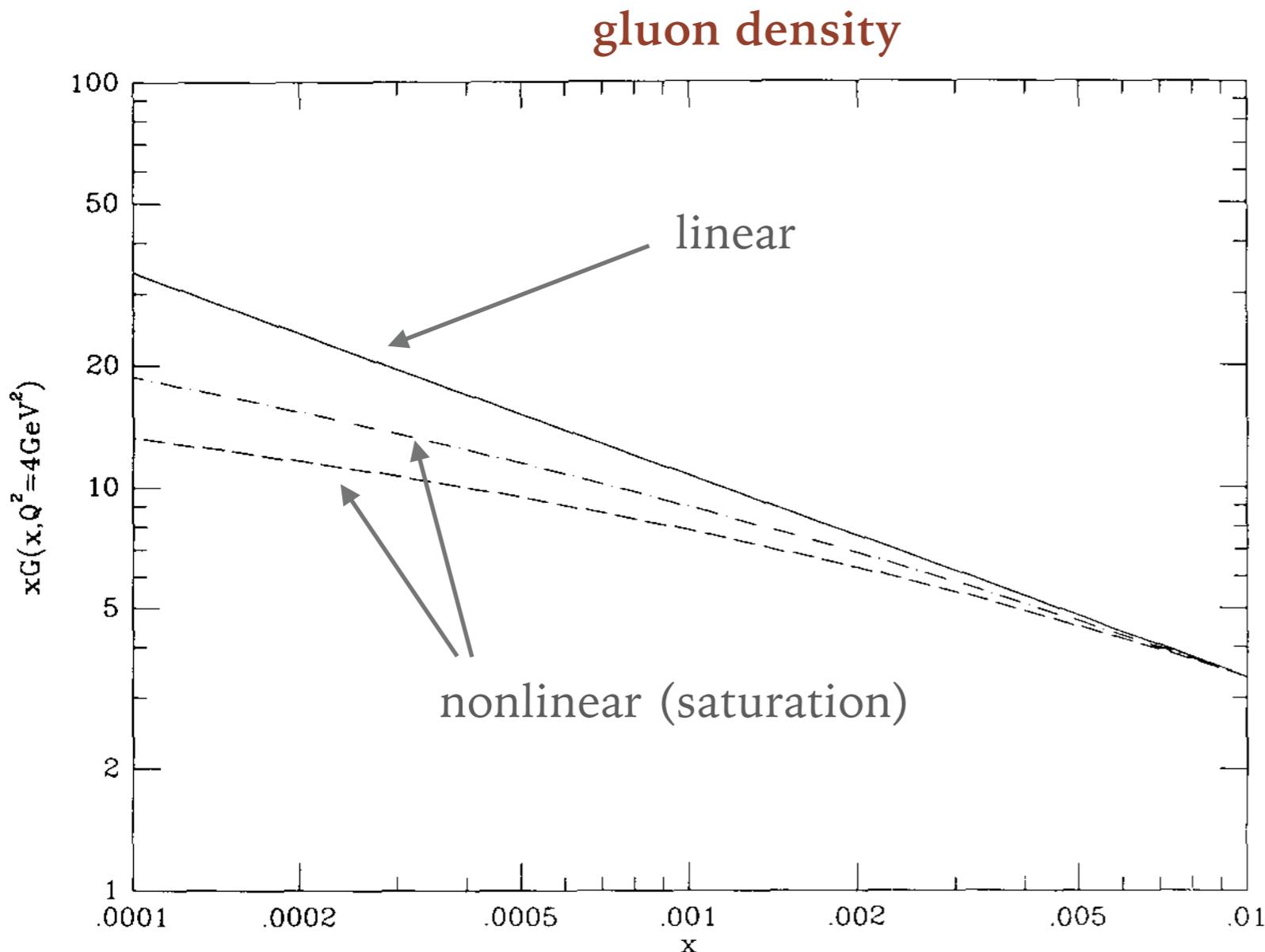
$$\frac{\partial^2 xg(x, t)}{dt d \ln 1/x} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} xg(x, t) - \frac{81\alpha_s^2}{16} \frac{1}{R^2 Q^2} [xg(x, t)]^2$$

*Gribov, Levin, Ryskin*

with  $t = \ln Q^2/Q_0^2$ .  $R$  target radius.

# Solution to the nonlinear GLR equation

Collins, Kwiecinski



Solution to the nonlinear evolution  
(with saturation corrections)

Compared to the pure DGLAP  
(linear evolution)

Reduction at smallest x

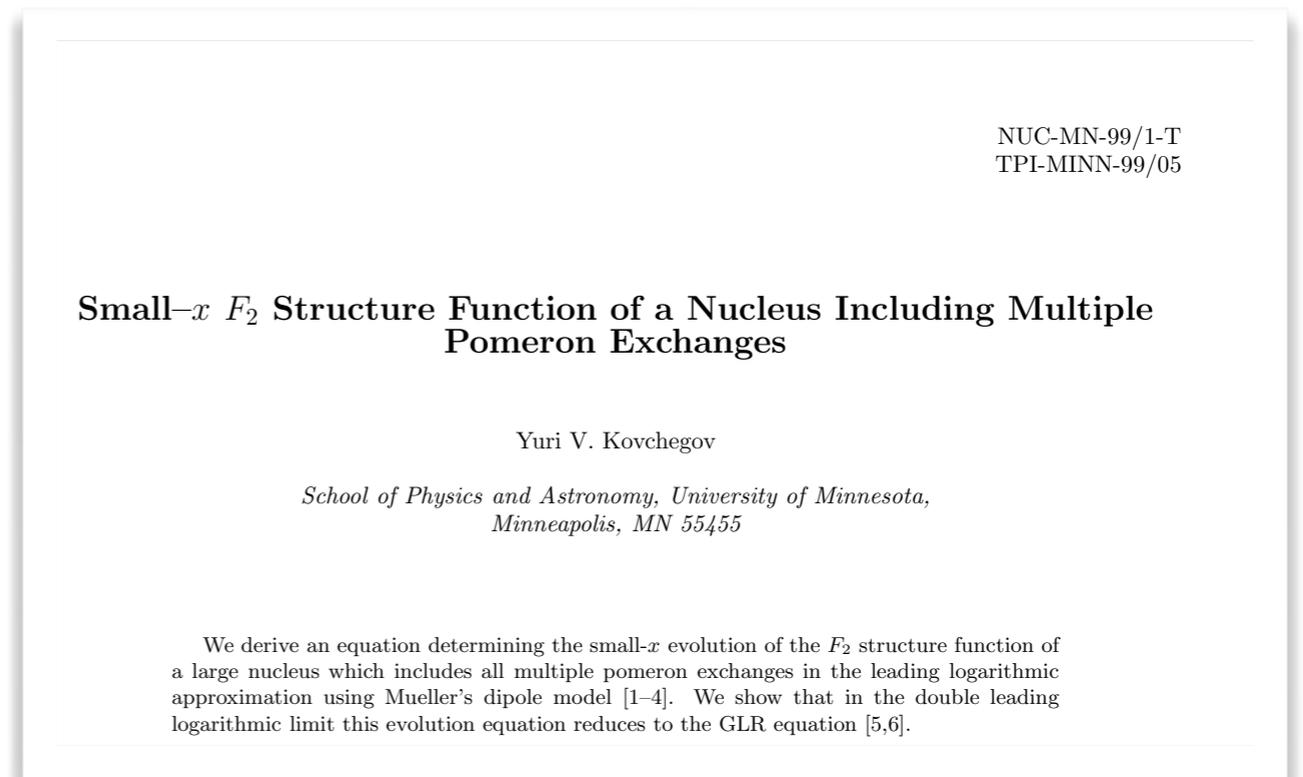
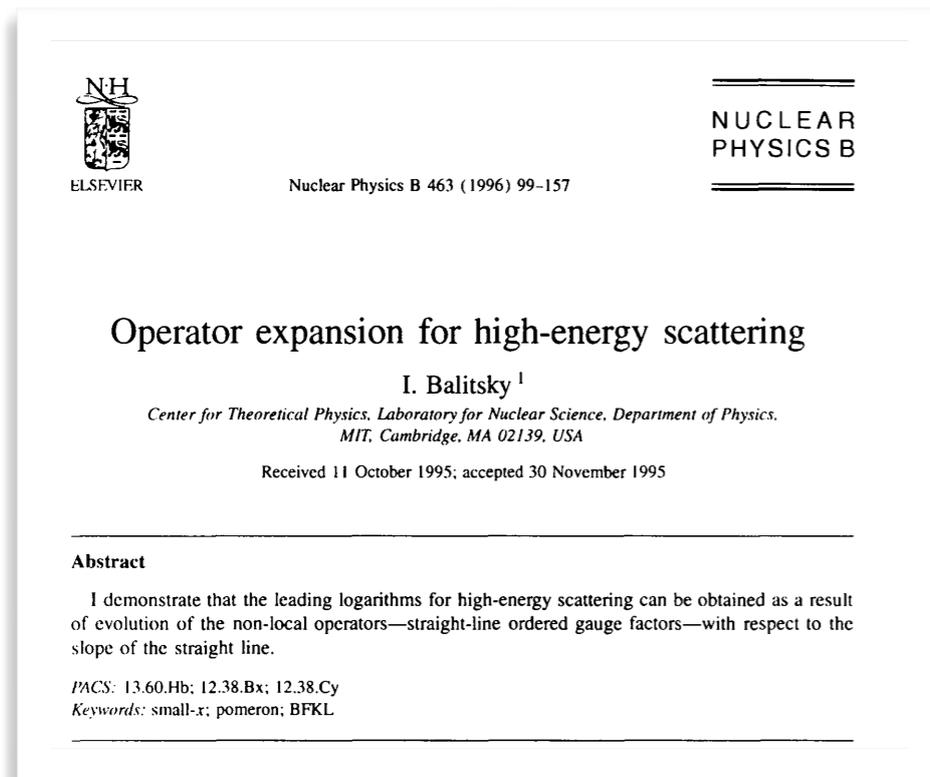
The reduction depends on the  
parameter R

Smaller R : stronger reduction  
( $5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ ,  $5/\sqrt{2} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ )

$$\frac{\partial^2 xg(x, t)}{dt d \ln 1/x} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} xg(x, t) - \frac{81\alpha_s^2}{16} \frac{1}{R^2 Q^2} [xg(x, t)]^2$$

DLLA approximation

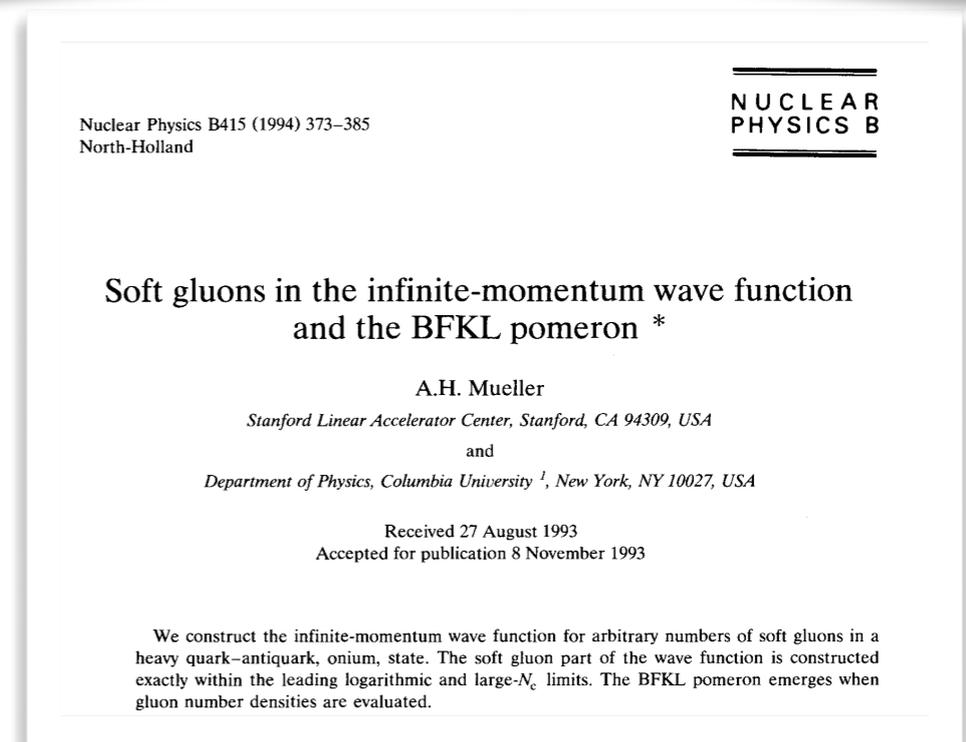
# Nonlinear equation at small $x$ : BK equation and CGC



*Kovchegov* approach based on the Mueller dipole framework to BFKL

*Balitsky*: Wilson line operators, arrives at hierarchy of equations, the first of which can be recast into Balitsky- Kovchegov (BK) equation

Color Glass Condensate (*McLerran-Venugopalan*) with corresponding JIMWLK equation (*Jalilian-Marian, Iancu, McLerran, Weigert, Leonidov, Kovner*)



# Dipole picture: onium wavefunction

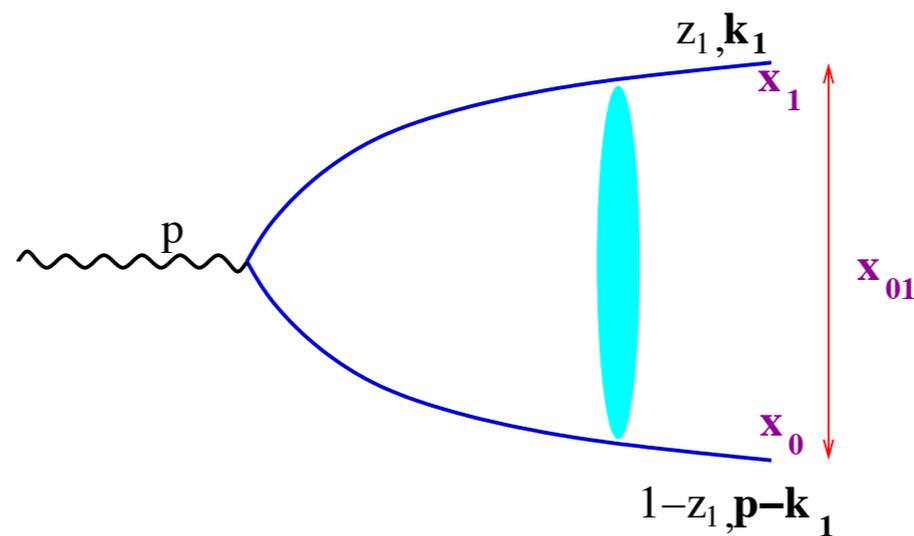
A.H.Mueller 94:

Heavy quark-antiquark (onium) wavefunction (without any gluons):

$$\psi_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, z_1) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}_1}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{x}_{01}\cdot\mathbf{k}_1} \psi_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}_1, z_1)$$

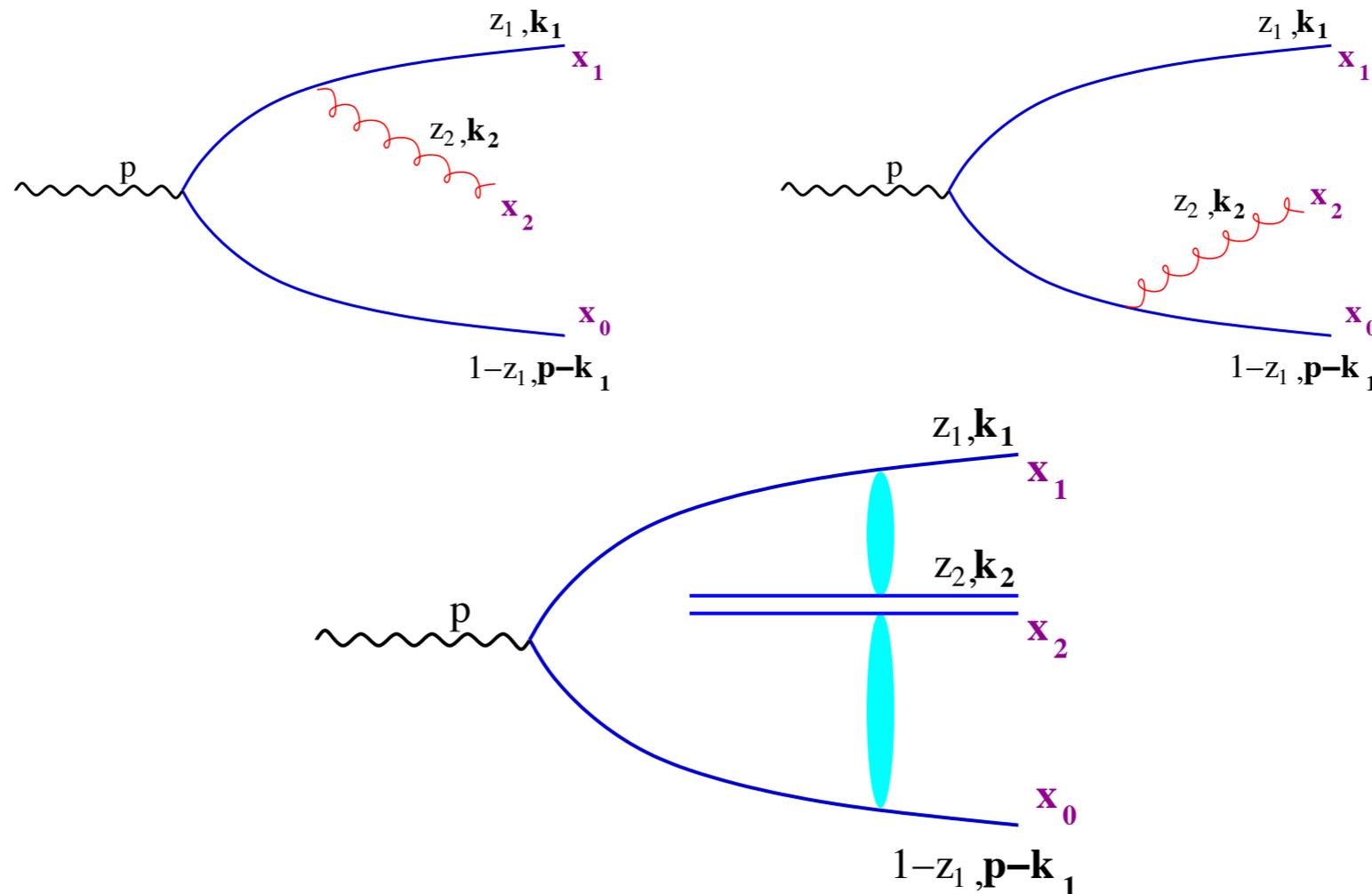
$$\Phi^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, z_1) = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} |\psi_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, z_1)|^2$$

$\mathbf{x}_{01} = \mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_1$  is a transverse size of the  $q\bar{q}$  - onium pair,  $z_1 = \frac{k_{1+}}{p_+}$  ( $p$  photon momentum),  $\mathbf{k}_1$  transverse momentum.



# Dipole picture: onium wavefunction with one gluon

Onium wavefunction with **one soft** gluon. Soft means  $z_2/z_1 \ll 1$  :

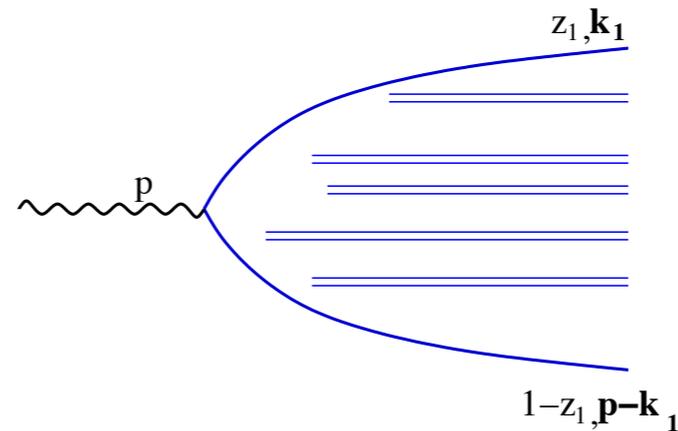


$$\Phi^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, z_1) = \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi^2} \int_{z_0}^{z_1} \frac{dz_2}{z_2} \int d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \frac{x_{01}^2}{x_{20}^2 x_{12}^2} \Phi^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, z_1)$$

Branching of a single dipole  $\mathbf{x}_{01}$  into two  $\mathbf{x}_{20}, \mathbf{x}_{12}$

# Generating functional for dipoles

Wavefunction with  
 $n$  dipoles:



$$\Phi^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n+1}) = \Phi^{(0)} \frac{\delta}{\delta u(\mathbf{x}_2)} \frac{\delta}{\delta u(\mathbf{x}_3)} \cdots \frac{\delta}{\delta u(\mathbf{x}_{n+1})} Z(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, z_1, u) \Big|_{u=0}$$

probability of finding  $n$  dipoles at positions  $\mathbf{x}_k, k = 2, \dots, n$ .

Generating functional:  $Z(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, z_1, u = 1) = 1$

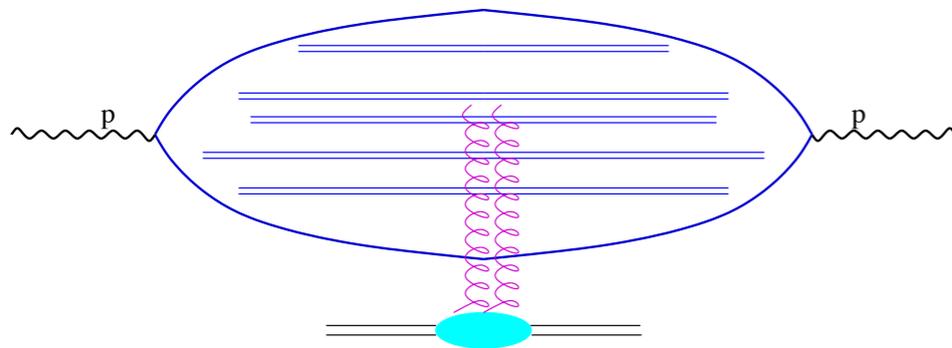
$$\frac{dZ(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, y, u)}{dy} = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ Z(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, y, u) Z(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, y, u) - Z(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, y, u) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{01} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_1}{2}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{01} \equiv \mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_1$$

# Dipole scattering amplitude

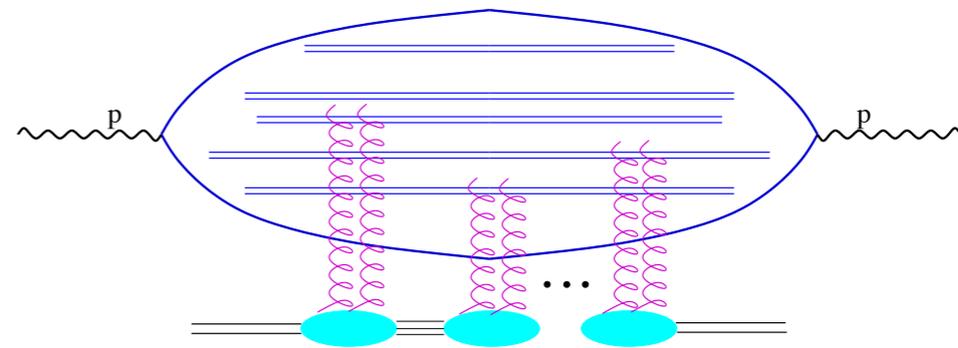
Need to construct the amplitude for scattering of dipoles on target.

One scattering



Linear evolution

Multiple scatterings



Nonlinear evolution

Dipole number densities:

$$n_1(x_{01}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_0, Y) = \frac{\delta}{\delta u(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x})} Z(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y, u)|_{u=1}$$

Generally for  $k$  dipoles:

$$n_k = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{\delta}{\delta u(\mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{x}_i)} Z|_{u=1}$$

# Amplitude for dipole target scattering

One scattering:

$$N_1(\mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}_{01}, Y) = \int d[\mathcal{P}_1] n_1 \gamma_1$$

Multiple scatterings:

$$N(\mathbf{x}_{01}, \mathbf{b}_{01}, Y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int d[\mathcal{P}_k] n_k \gamma_1 \cdots \gamma_k$$

- $d[\mathcal{P}]_k = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_i}{2\pi x_i^2} d^2 \mathbf{b}_i$  phase space measure
- $\gamma_k \equiv \gamma_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{b}_k)$  propagator of single dipole in the nucleus.

Equation for generating functional  $Z$



Set of equations for densities  $n_k$



Closed equation for amplitude  $N$

Dipole cross section vs dipole scattering amplitude:  $\hat{\sigma}(x, r) = 2 \int d^2 \mathbf{b} N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}, Y = \ln 1/x)$

# Equations for the dipole amplitude

Linear equation for 'one-scattering' amplitude  $N_1$  (A.H.Mueller 94):

$$\frac{dN_1(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N_1\left(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y\right) + N_1\left(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y\right) - N_1(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) \right]$$

Dipole version of the BFKL equation

Non-linear equation for 'multiple-scattering' amplitude  $N$  (Yu.Kovchegov 99):

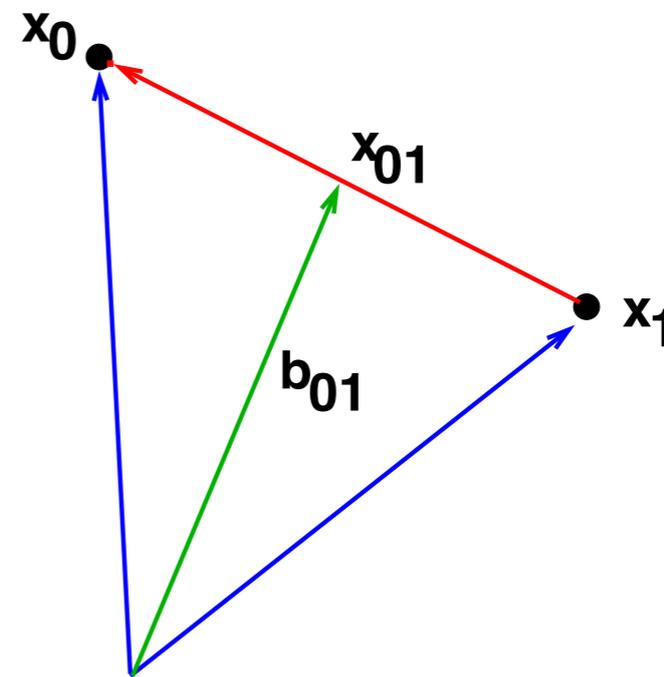
$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N\left(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y\right) + N\left(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y\right) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) - N\left(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y\right) N\left(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y\right) \right]$$

# Solution to BK

$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) + N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right]$$

$N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)$  - amplitude for dipole-hadron scattering

- Evolution in  $Y = \ln 1/x$  rapidity
- Need to specify initial conditions  $N^{(0)}(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y = 0)$  which depend on the target.
- $\alpha_s$  fixed  $\rightarrow$  LLx approximation
- $\mathbf{b}_{01}$  impact parameter of dipole,  $\mathbf{x}_{01}$  size of the dipole  $\rightarrow (4 + 1)$  dimensions



$$\mathbf{r}_{01} \equiv \mathbf{x}_{01}$$

# Solution to BK

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$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) + N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right. \\ \left. - N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right]$$

Search for fixed points:

$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = 0$$

●  $N = 0$

●  $N = 1$

Toy model in  $(0 + 1)$  dimensions,  $N \equiv N(Y)$ :

$$\frac{dN}{dY} = \omega (N - N^2), \quad \omega > 0$$

**Verhulst or logistic** equation used as a model for population growth

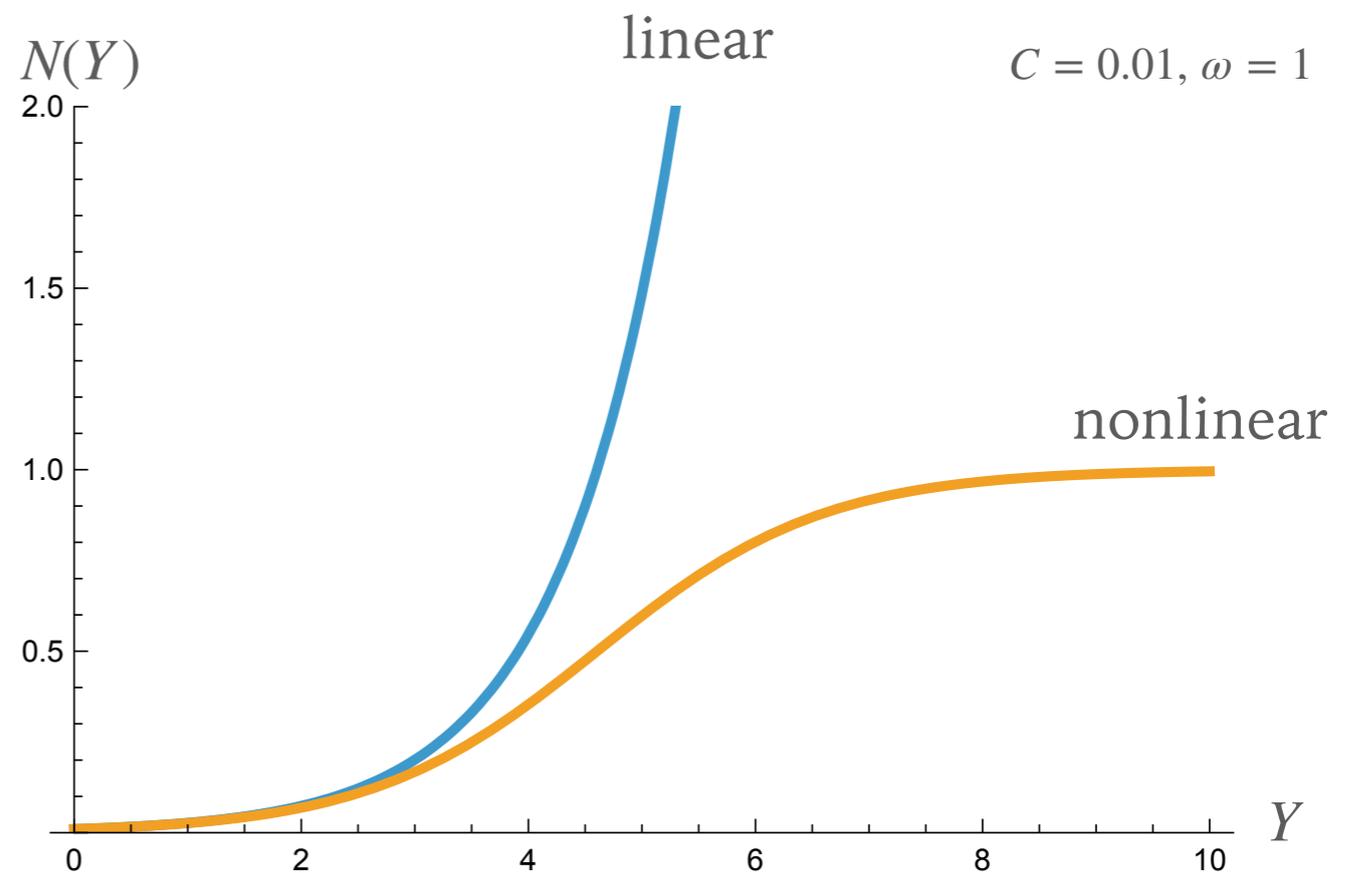
# Toy model: 0 transverse dimensions

- Solution to linear part:

$$N_1 = Ce^{\omega Y}$$

- Solution to nonlinear eqn.:

$$N = \frac{Ce^{\omega Y}}{1 + Ce^{\omega Y}}$$



Nonlinear solution saturates to **1** at large  $Y$

$$\forall C \neq 0 \quad N(Y) \xrightarrow{Y \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

# Solution to BK: 1 transverse dimension

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$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) + N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right. \\ \left. - N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right]$$

- Kernel depends only on sizes  $x_{01}, x_{02}, x_{12}$ .
- Assume solution has translational invariance:

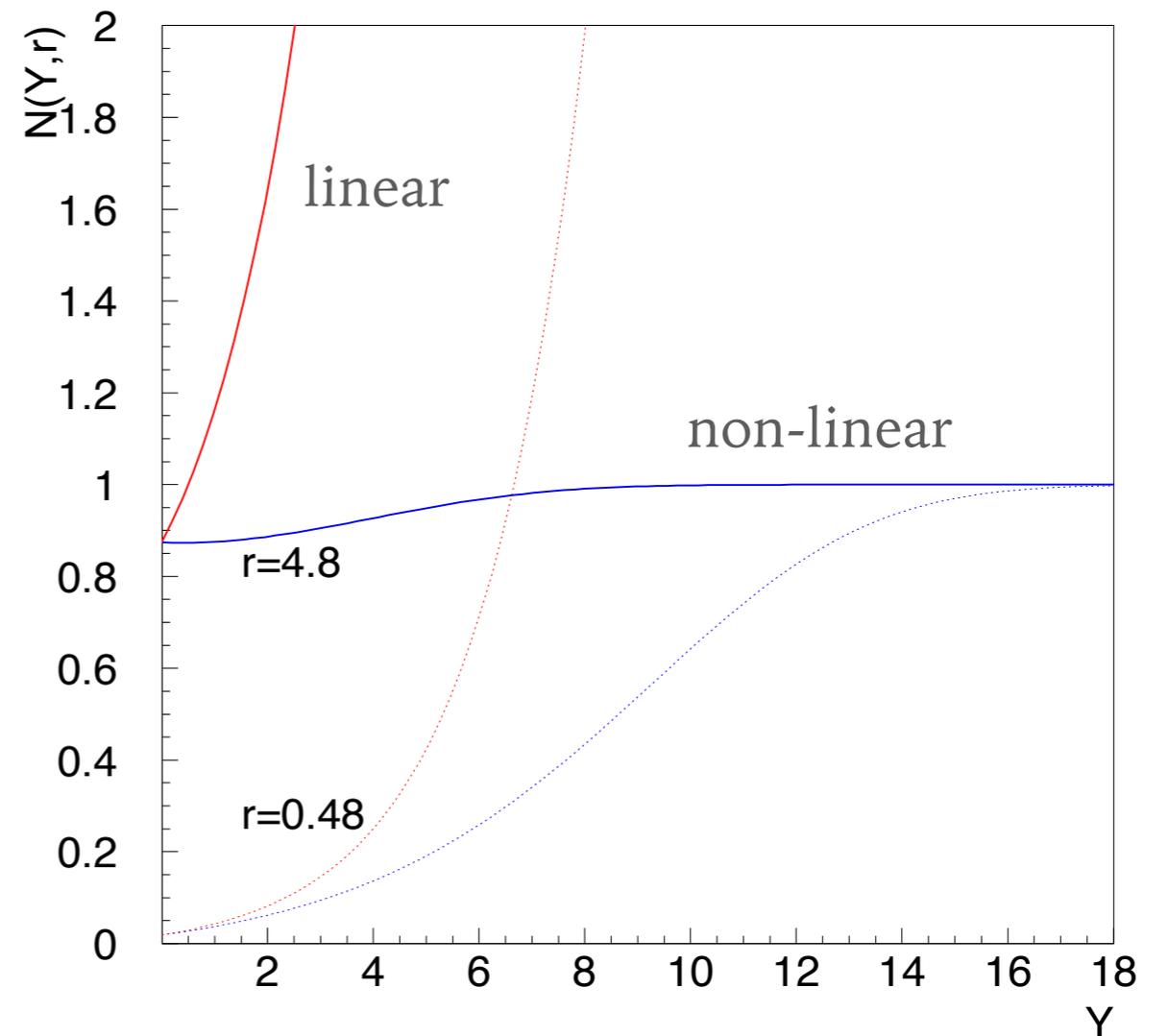
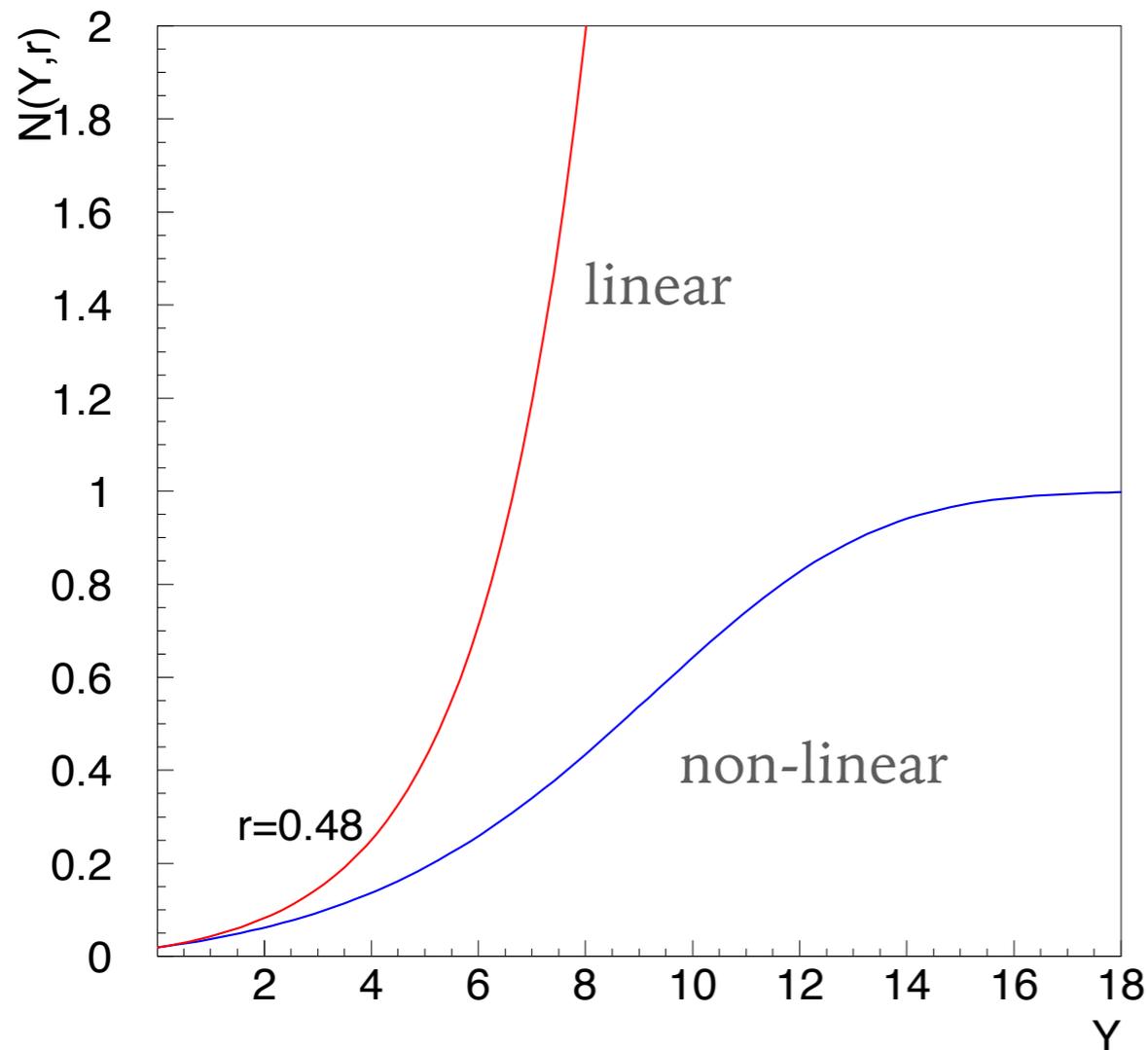
$$N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) \rightarrow N(|\mathbf{x}_{01}|, Y)$$

No impact parameter  $b_{01}$  dependence

- Physically corresponds to uniform and infinite nucleus.

# Solution to BK: 1 transverse dimension

Rapidity dependence of  $N(Y, r = |x_{01}|)$ :

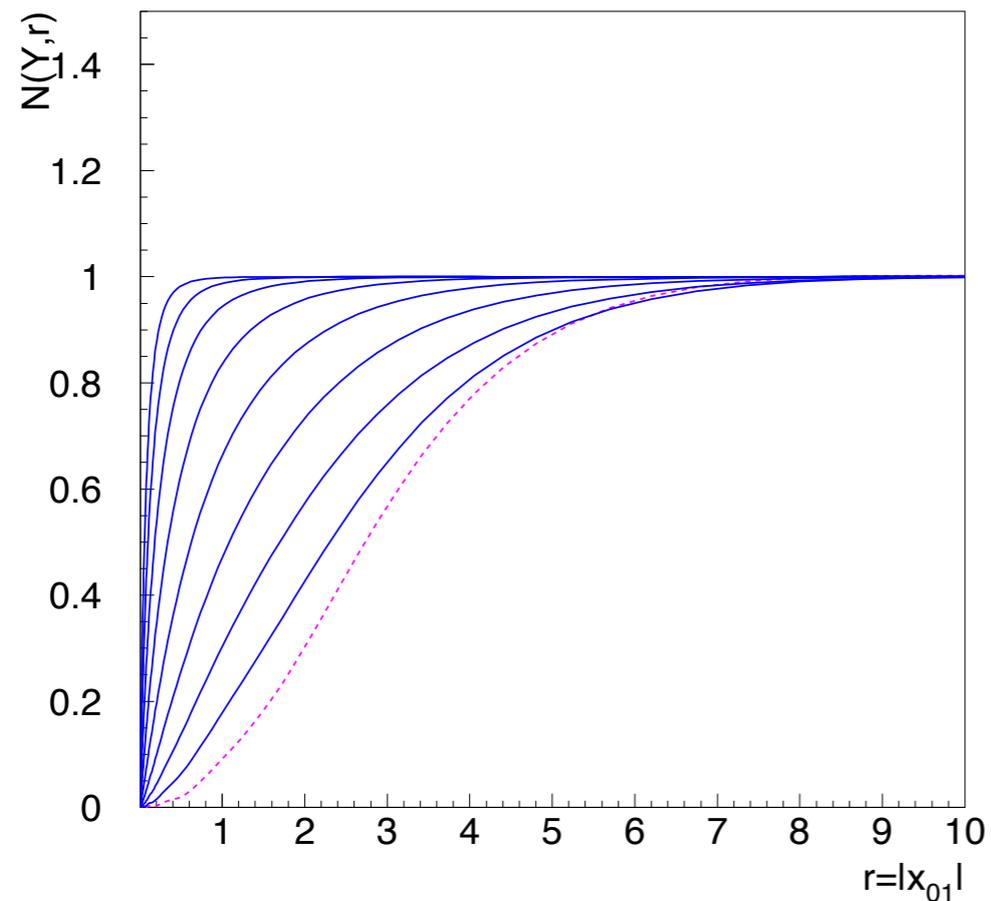


System saturates earlier (i.e. at smaller  $Y$ 's) for larger dipole sizes.

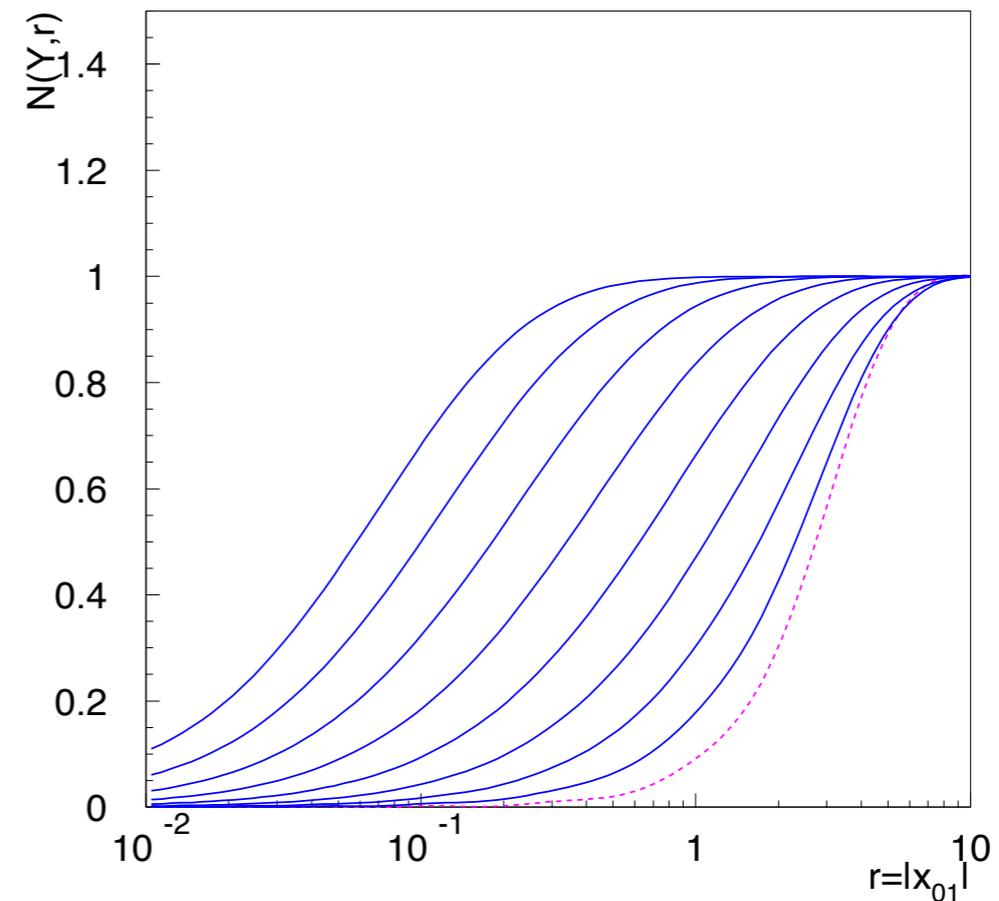
# Solution to BK: 1 transverse dimension

Dipole size dependence at different  $Y: 0, 1.95, \dots, 15.6$

Linear scale



Log scale

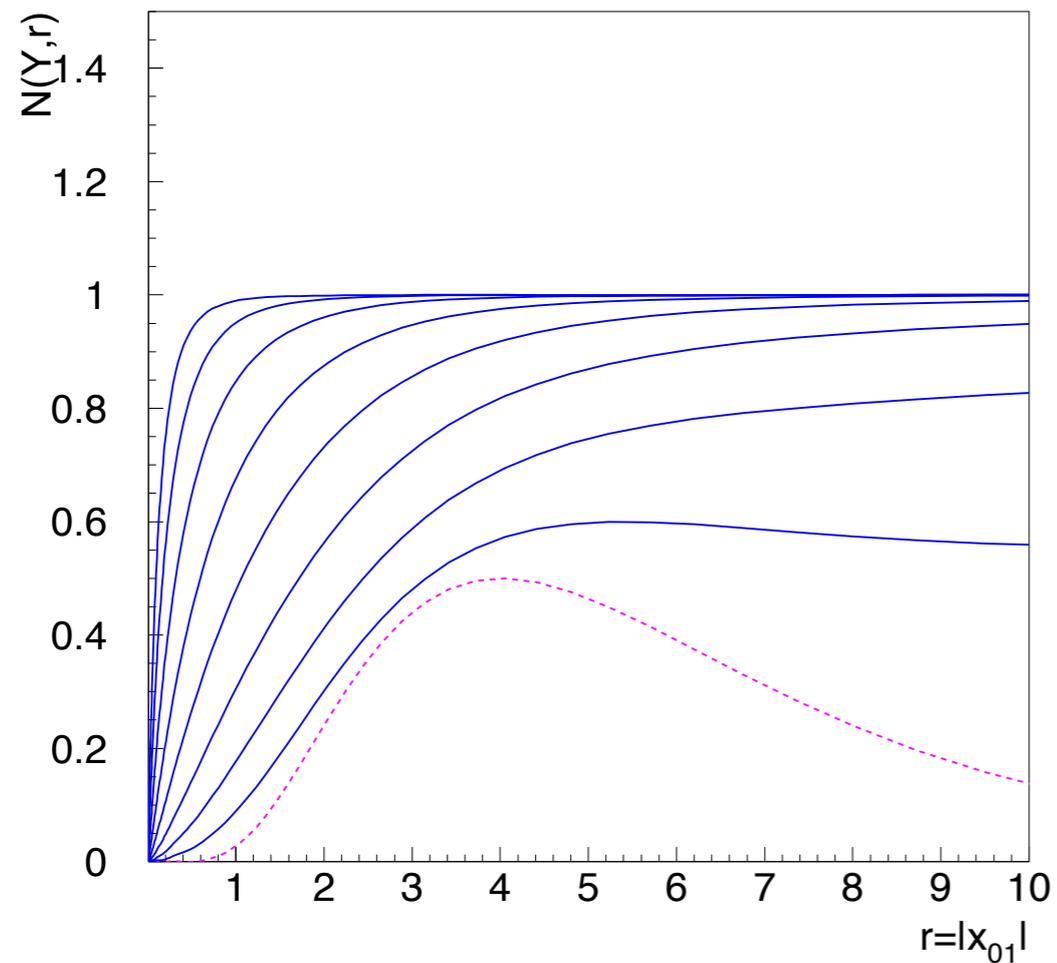


$N$  becomes  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  for smaller dipoles as  $Y$  increases.

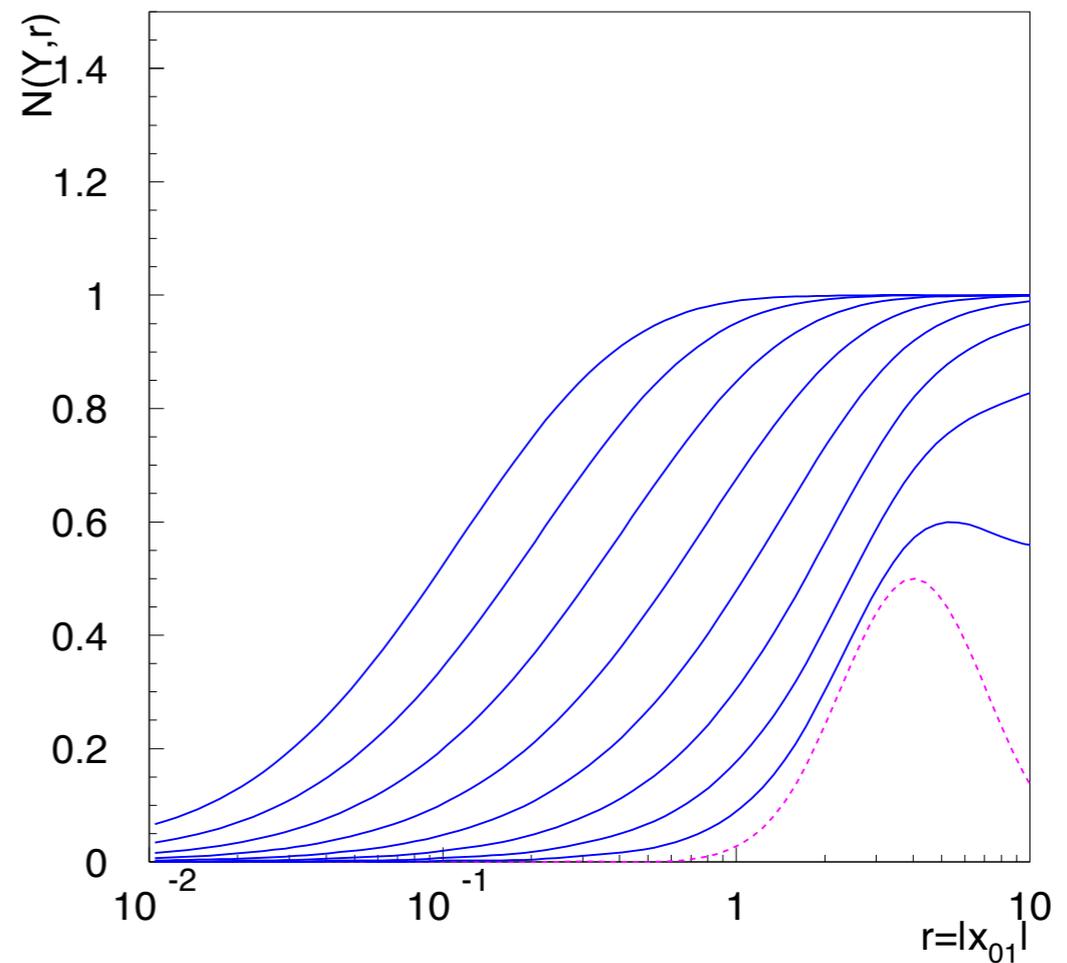
# Solution to BK: 1 transverse dimension

## Dependence on initial conditions

### Linear scale



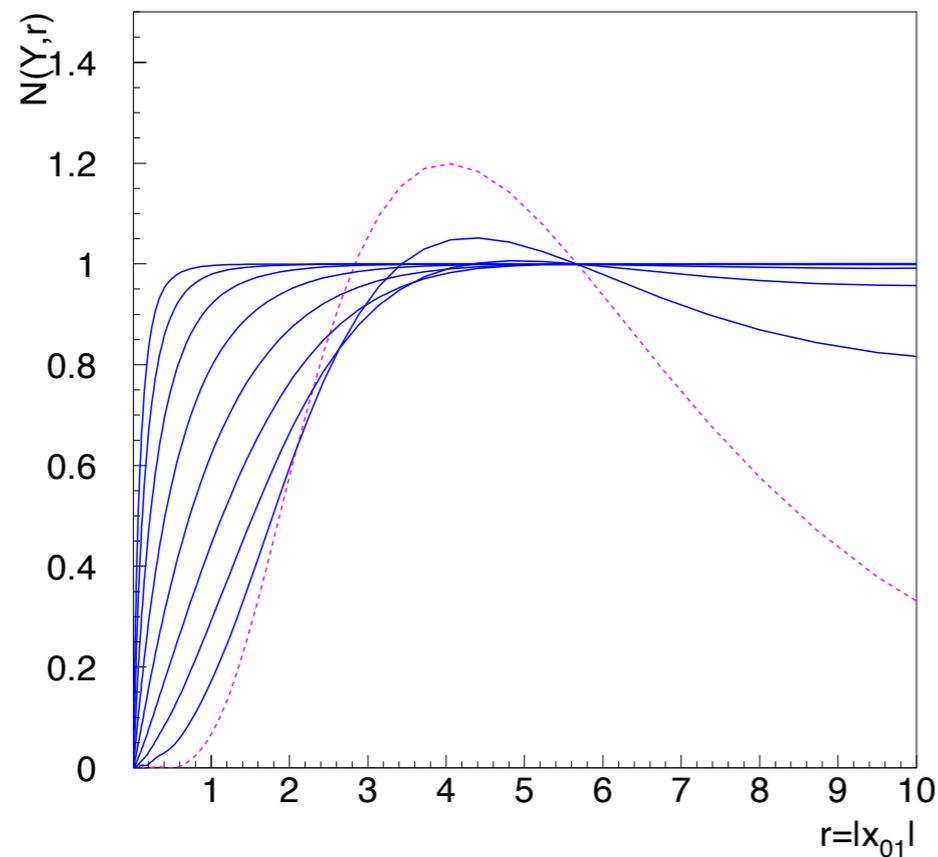
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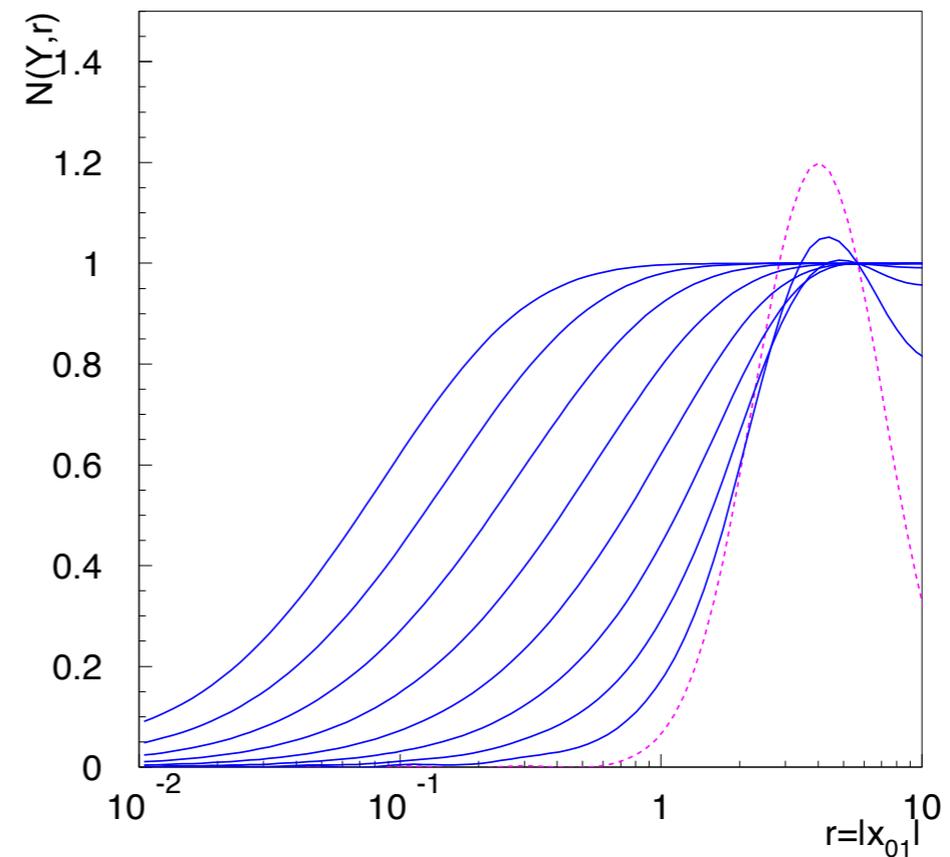
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### Log scale



**Universal behaviour of solution for different initial condition.**

$N = 0$  unstable fixed point

$N = 1$  stable fixed point

# Saturation scale

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Introduce saturation scale  $Q_s(Y)$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} r < \frac{1}{Q_s(Y)} &\longrightarrow N \ll 1 \longrightarrow \text{dilute system} \\ r > \frac{1}{Q_s(Y)} &\longrightarrow N \sim 1 \longrightarrow \text{dense system} \end{aligned}$$

Saturation scale is rapidity dependent:

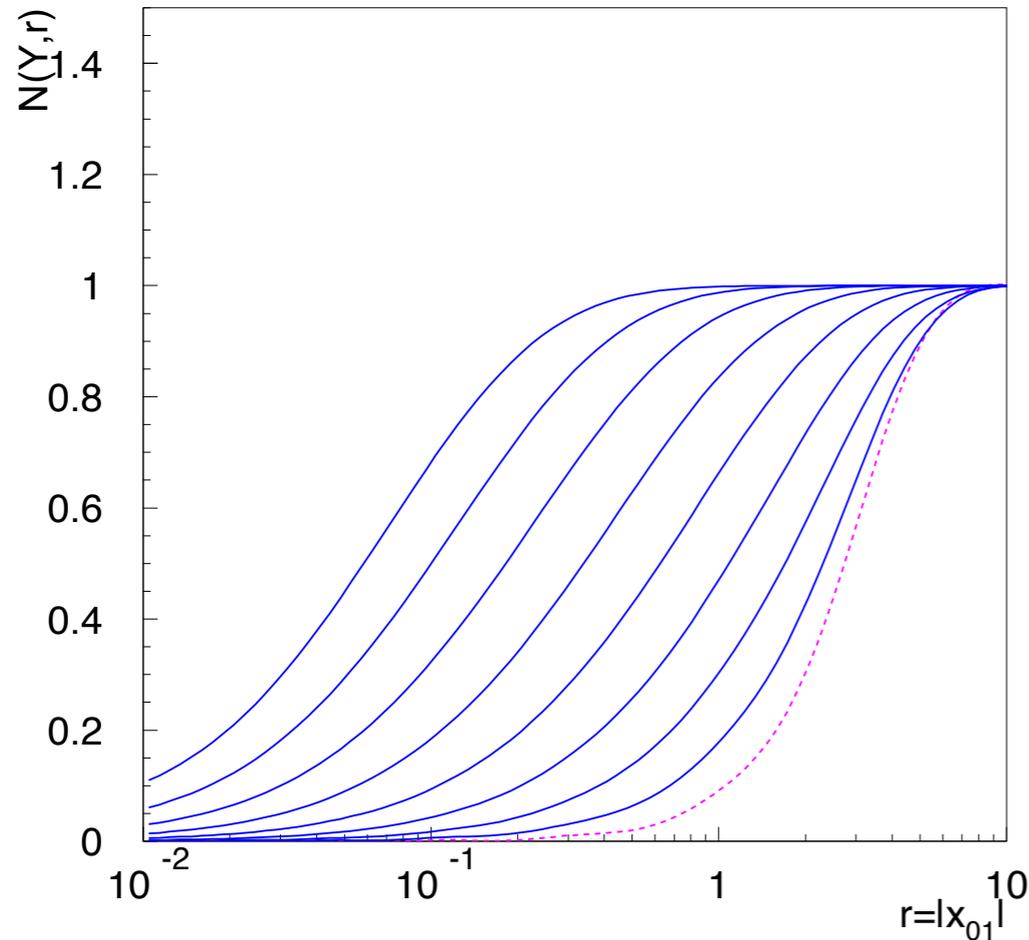
$$Q_s(Y) = Q_0 \exp(\bar{\alpha}_s \lambda Y) Y^{-\beta}, \quad \lambda \simeq 2.4$$

Properties of BK solution are similar to the dipole cross section from Golec-Biernat & Wüsthoff saturation model (*K.Golec-Biernat, M.Wusthoff 98*):

$$\hat{\sigma}(r, x) \equiv 2 \int d^2\mathbf{b} N(\mathbf{b}, r, Y) = \sigma_0 \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r^2 Q_s^2(x)}{4}\right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} r < \frac{1}{Q_s(Y)} &\longrightarrow \sigma(Y, r)/\sigma_0 \simeq r^2 Q_s^2(Y)/4 \\ r > \frac{1}{Q_s(Y)} &\longrightarrow \sigma(Y, r)/\sigma_0 \simeq 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Scaling properties of BK solution



Universal shape of solution.  
Solution has property of  
**(geometrical) scaling**

$$N(r, Y) = N(r Q_s(Y))$$

$$Q_s(Y) = Q_0 \exp(\bar{\alpha}_s \lambda Y) Y^{-\beta}$$

$$\ln r + \ln Q_s(Y) = \ln r + \bar{\alpha}_s \lambda Y + \mathcal{O}(\ln Y)$$

Travelling wave solution

**Soliton** (*M. Braun 00*)

Scaling region  $r \gtrsim 1/Q_s(Y)$ . For small  $r$ , scaling violations.

GBW model also has scaling property.

# Geometrical scaling

Interestingly if the dipole cross section approximately has geometrical scaling, i.e. depends on the combination of dipole size and saturation scale

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}(x, r) &= \sigma_0 [1 - \exp(-Q_s^2(x)r^2/4)] \\ &= \sigma_0 g(rQ_s(x))\end{aligned}$$

The cross section should also depend on one combined variable in the small x region

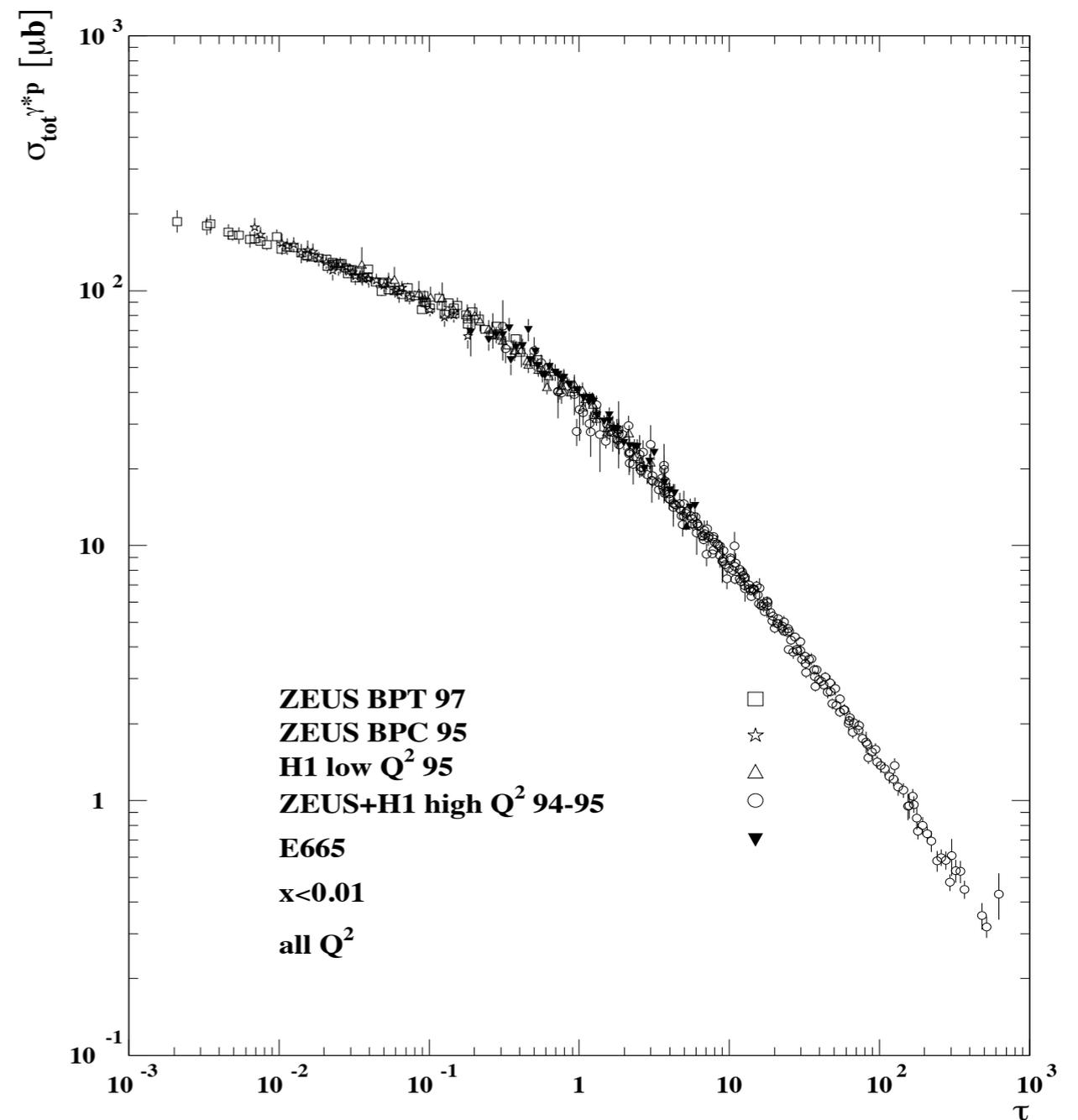
$$\sigma^{\gamma^*p}(x, Q^2) = \sigma^{\gamma^*p}(\tau) \quad \tau = Q^2/Q_s^2(x)$$

Interestingly, data seem to support this trend

Many questions: the same data can be described by DGLAP linear evolution

Further analysis showed that DGLAP could preserve scaling in the evolution if there is scaling in the initial conditions : extended geometrical scaling

Small  $x < 0.01$  data for DIS



# BK in momentum space

$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) + N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right]$$

Fourier transform to momentum space:

$$\phi(k, Y) := \int_0^\infty \frac{dr}{r} J_0(kr) N(r, Y)$$

BK equation ((1 + 1) dim.) in momentum space:

$$\frac{d\phi(k, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{dk'}{k'} \mathcal{K}(k, k') \phi(k', Y) - \bar{\alpha}_s \phi^2(k, Y)$$

where  $\mathcal{K}$  is usual BFKL kernel in momentum space.

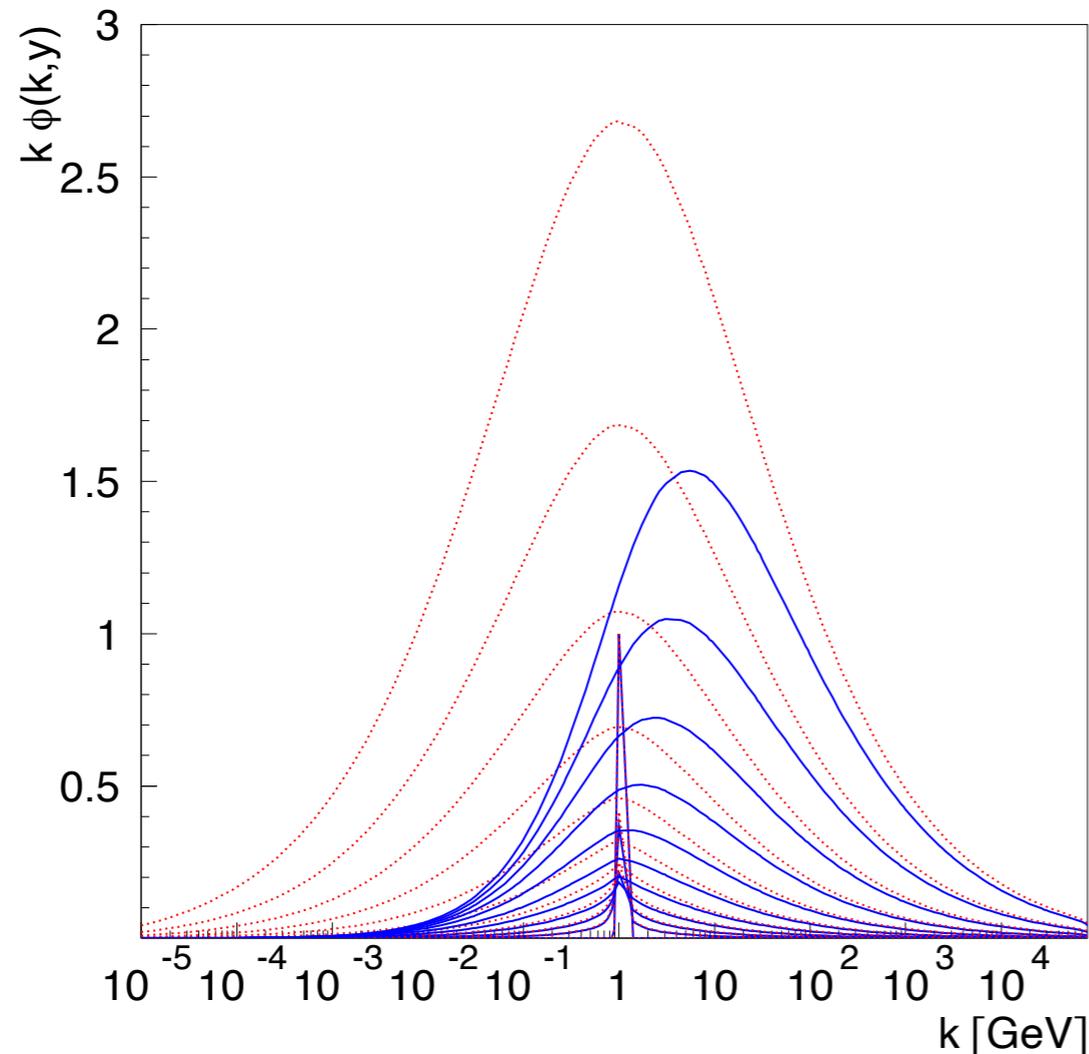
Solution of the linear equation in saddle point approximation:

$$k\phi(k, Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi \bar{\alpha}_s \chi''(0) Y}} \exp(\bar{\alpha}_s \chi(0) Y) \exp\left(-\frac{\ln^2(k^2/k_0^2)}{2\bar{\alpha}_s \chi''(0) Y}\right)$$

Diffusion into infrared region of momenta  $k$

# BFKL vs BK solution

Distribution in momentum  $\ln k$  for increasing rapidities



- Suppression of diffusion into infrared for nonlinear solution (*K.Golec-Biernat, L.Motyka, A.S., 01*)
- Peak moves from  $k_0$  towards larger  $k$  for increasing  $Y$
- Define saturation scale as position of maximum

$$Q_s(Y) \equiv k_{\max}(Y)$$

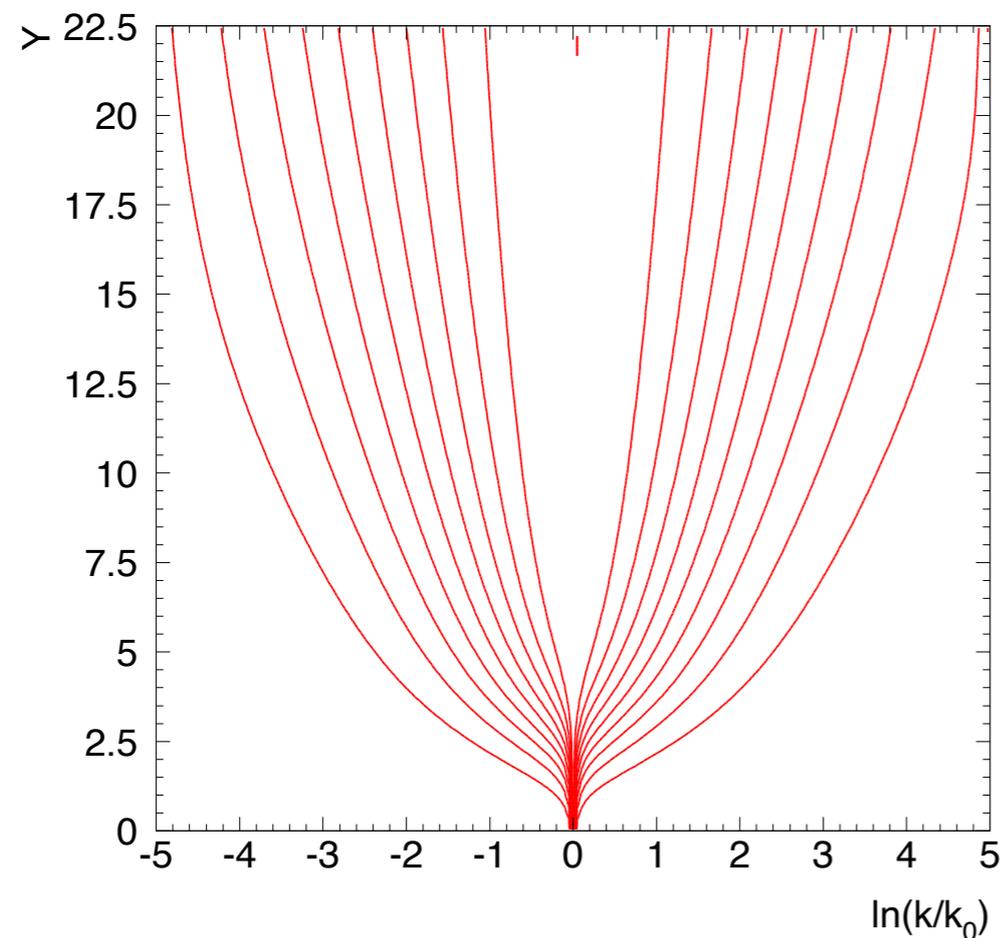
$$k\phi^{(\text{lin})}(k, Y) \sim e^{\bar{\alpha}_s \chi(0)Y} e\left(-\frac{\ln^2(k^2/k_0^2)}{2\bar{\alpha}_s \chi''(0)Y}\right)$$

# Diffusion properties of BK

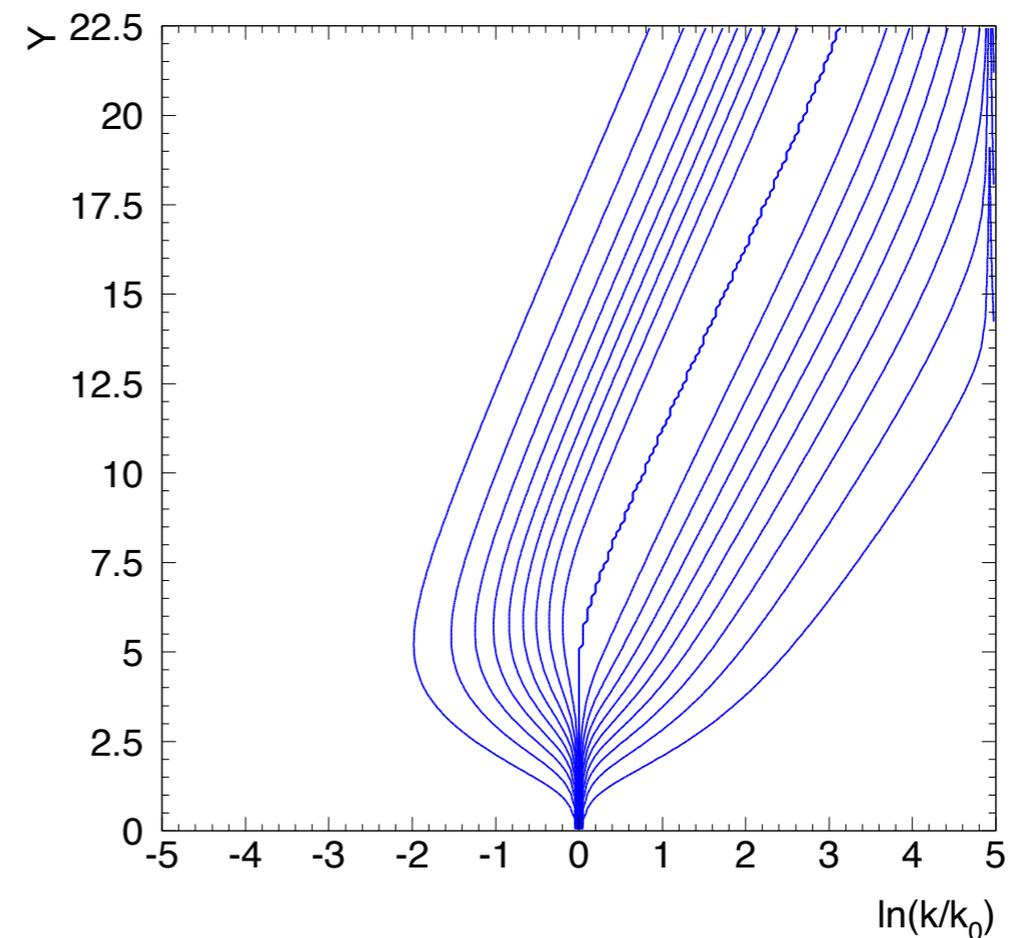
Renormalised distribution:

$$\Psi(k, Y) = \frac{k\phi(k, Y)}{k_{\max}(Y)\phi(k_{\max}(Y), Y)}$$

Linear

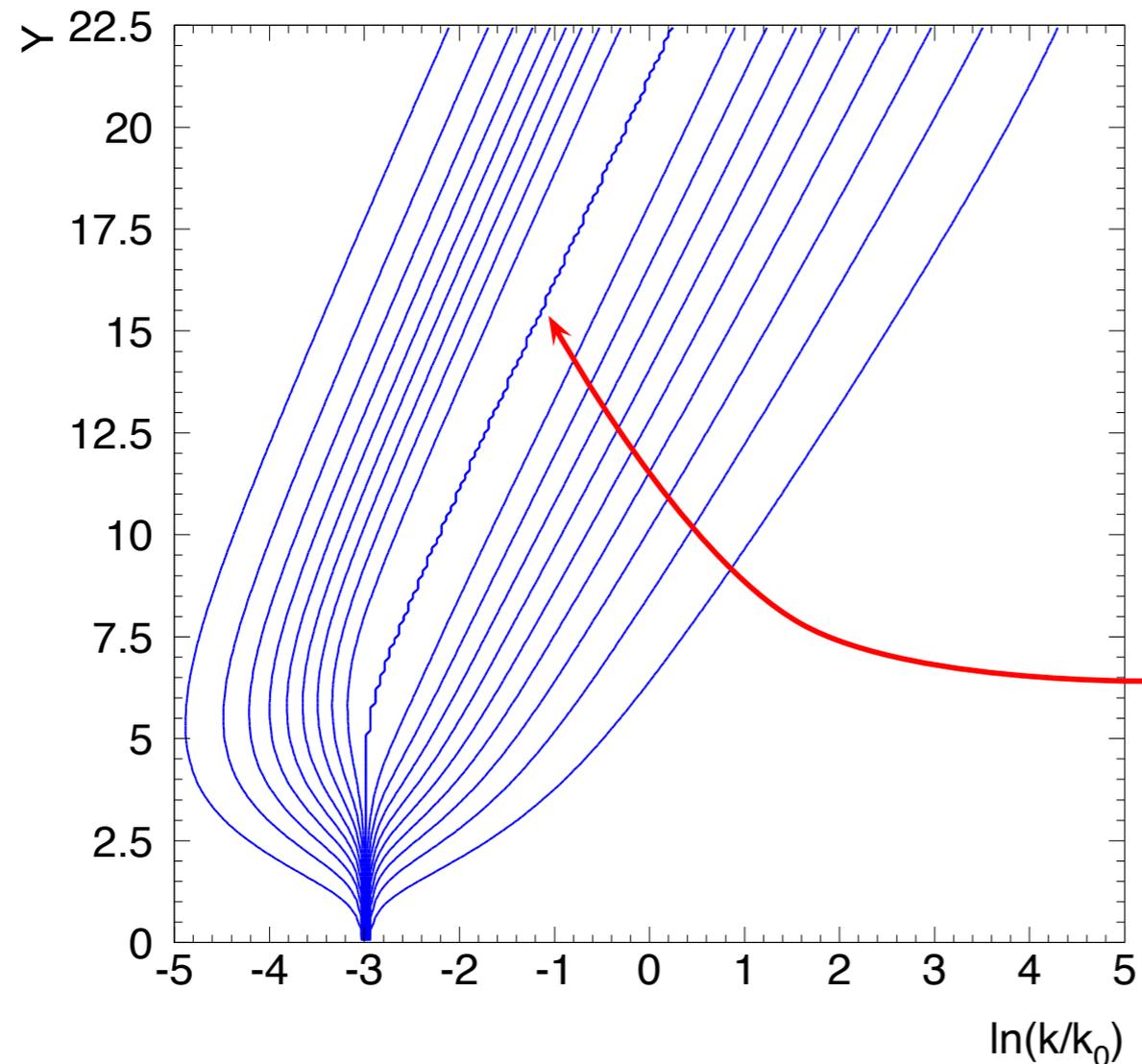


Nonlinear



# Suppression of diffusion and scaling

## Nonlinear: different cuts



- Straight lines  
 $\xi = \ln k/k_0 - \lambda Y$
- Scaling since solution depends only on  $\xi$  (when  $\xi < \xi_s$ )
- Saturation scale  $Q_s(Y)$  defined by critical line  $\xi_s$
- Diffusion to the right of the critical line

Nonlinear equation might be replaced by the linear diffusion equation with the absorptive boundary (A.H. Mueller, D. Triantafyllopoulos, 02)

# Relation of BK to diffusion equation with nonlinear term

BK equation can be approximated as a diffusion equation with nonlinear term (S. Munier, R. Peschanski 03,04):

$$\frac{d\phi(k, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{dk'}{k'} \mathcal{K}(k, k') \phi(k', Y) - \bar{\alpha}_s \phi^2(k, Y)$$

Fisher and Kolmogorov-Petrovsky-Piscounov (FKPP) equation:

$$\partial_t u(t, x) = \partial_x^2 u(t, x) + u(t, x)[1 - u(t, x)]$$

change of variables  $(Y, \ln k) \longrightarrow (t, x)$  and  $\phi \longrightarrow u$

FKPP equation has travelling wave solutions at large  $t$ :

$$u(t, x) \stackrel{t \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} w[x - m_\beta(t)],$$

where initial condition satisfies  $u(t_0, x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} \exp(-\beta x)$ .

Travelling wave  $\leftrightarrow$  Geometrical Scaling

# Running coupling

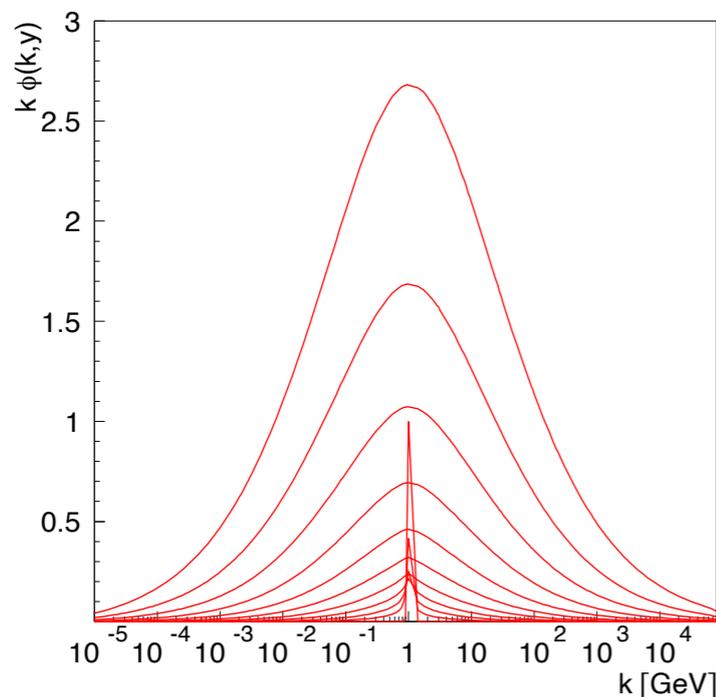
LLx approximation  $\rightarrow \bar{\alpha}_s$  fixed

Phenomenological way of introducing NLLx effect  $\rightarrow \bar{\alpha}_s$  running:

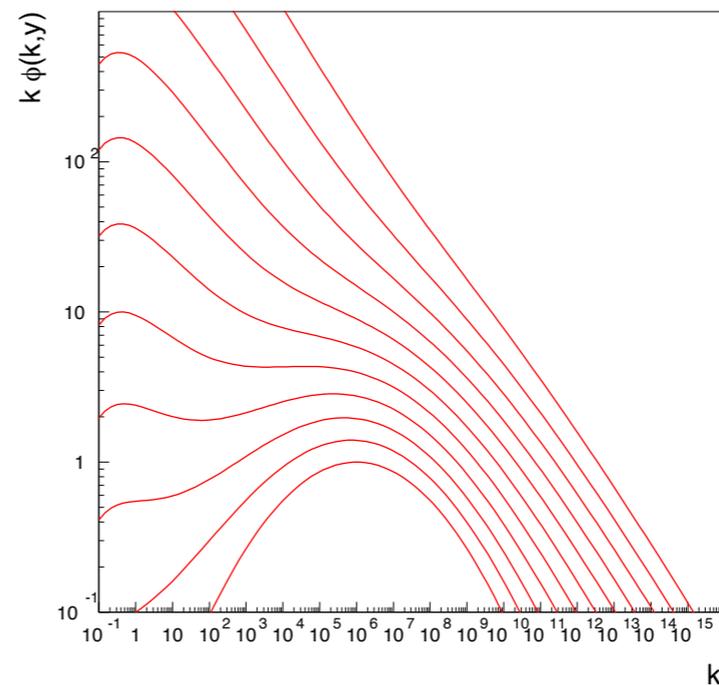
$$\frac{d\phi(k, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s(k) \int \frac{dk'}{k'} \mathcal{K}(k, k') \phi(k', Y) - \bar{\alpha}_s(k) \phi^2(k, Y)$$

It is well known that linear equation becomes very unstable  $\rightarrow$  large sensitivity to the regularisation of  $\bar{\alpha}_s(k)$  in the infrared.

Fixed  $\bar{\alpha}_s$ :

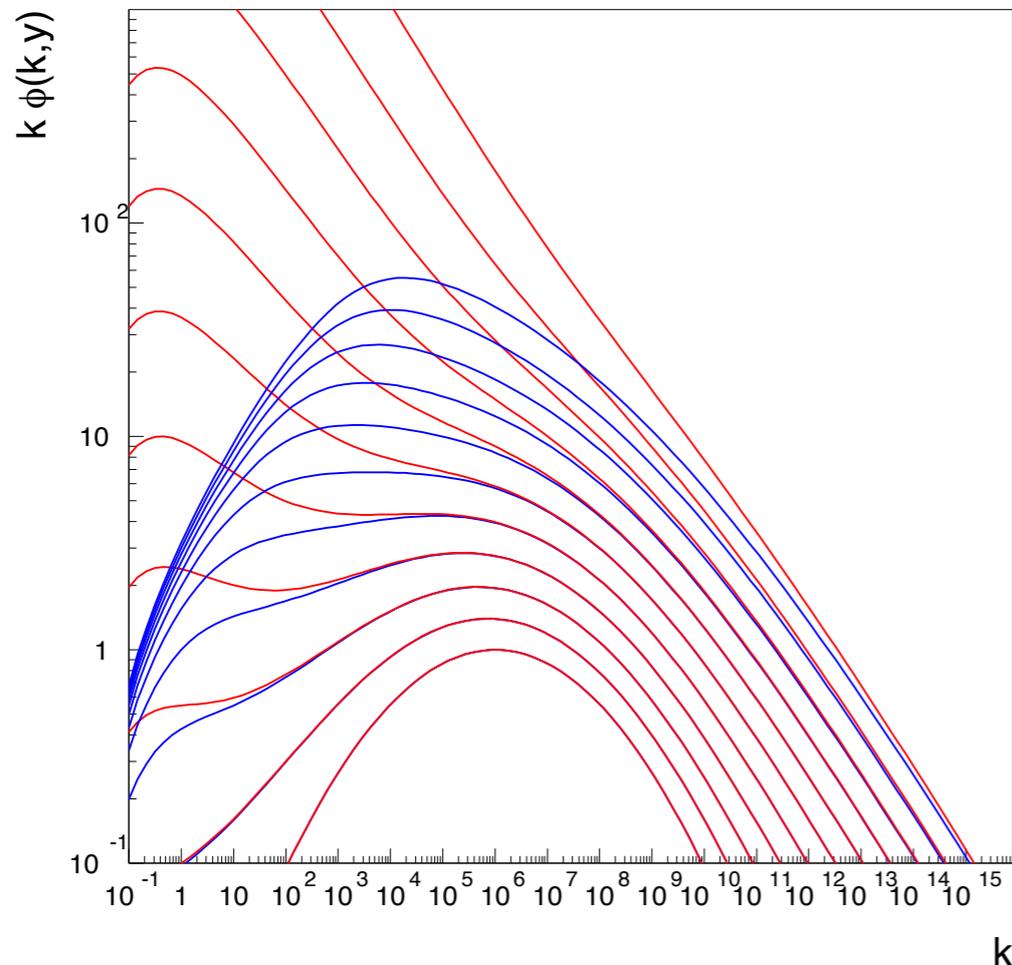


Running  $\bar{\alpha}_s$ :



# Running coupling in BK with 1 spatial dimension

Nonlinear equation has much more stable behaviour:

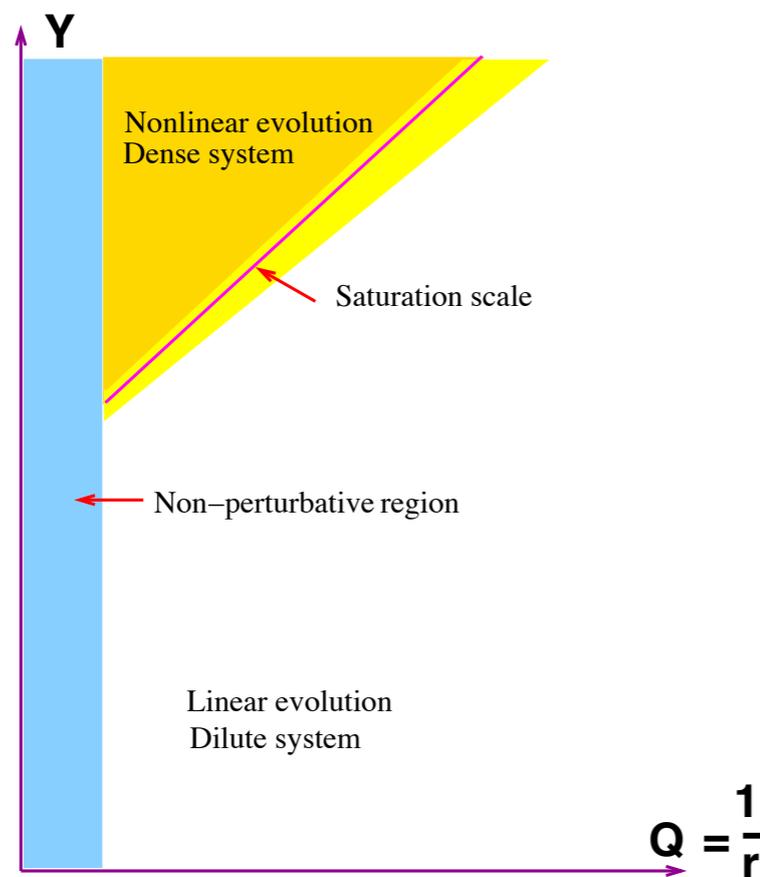


- Nonlinear term damps diffusion into infrared
- Saturation scale  $Q_s(Y)$  provides a natural cutoff for momenta
- No dependence on the regularisation of  $\bar{\alpha}_s(k)$  in the infrared
- Geometrical scaling still holds

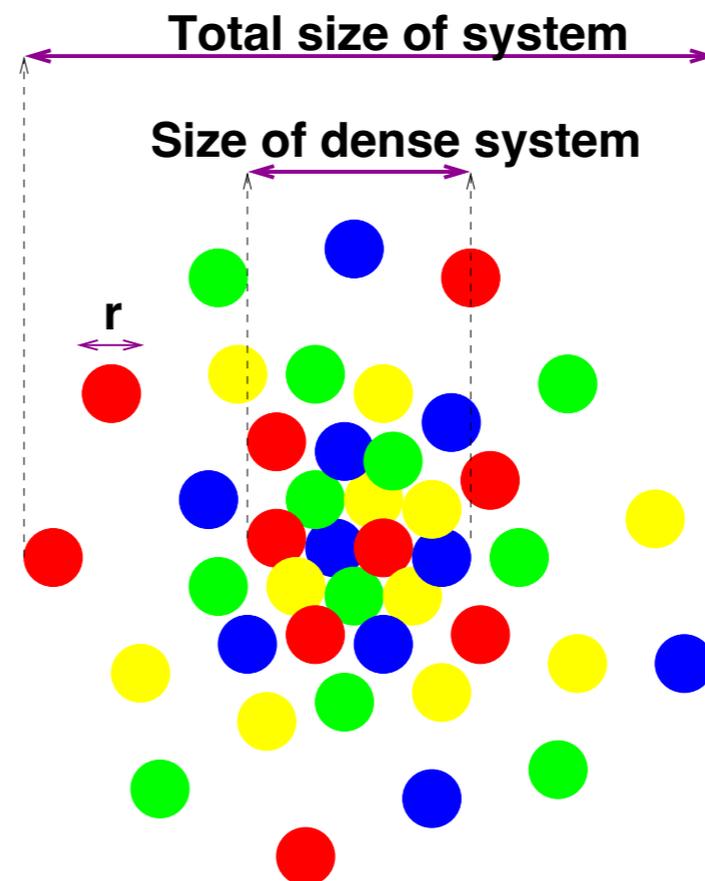
Different rapidity dependence of saturation scale:

$$Q_s(Y) = \Lambda \exp \left( \sqrt{\frac{24}{b_0} (Y - Y_0) + \ln^2 Q_0 / \Lambda} \right)$$

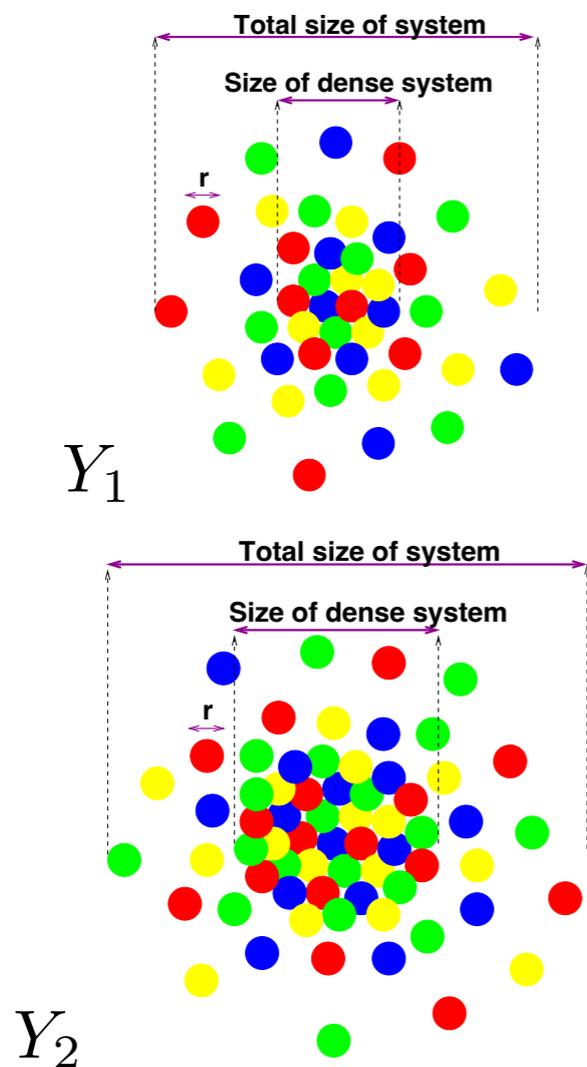
# Spatial distribution: impact parameter dependence



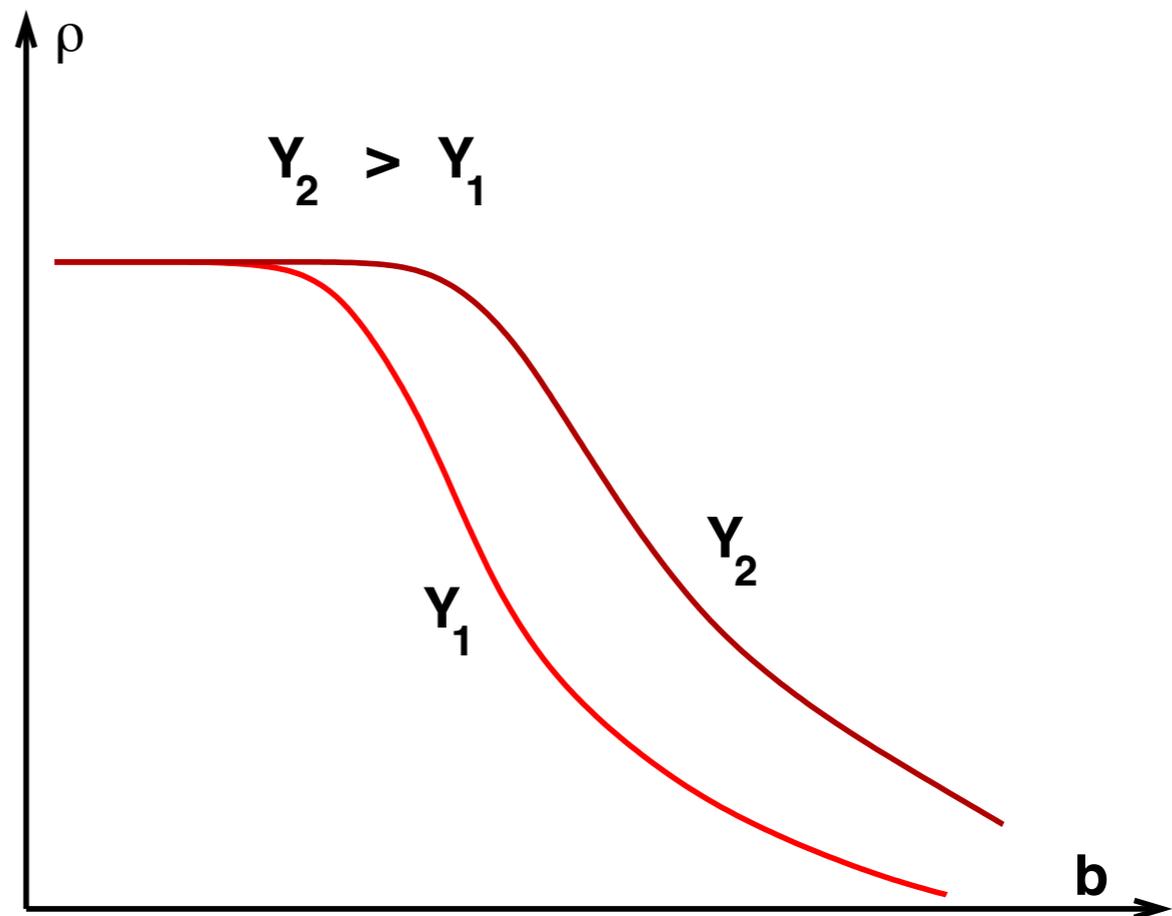
- Approximated picture, densities are averaged
- BK equation only in  $(1 + 1)$  dimension, infinite size of target.
- What about spatial distribution?



# Spatial distribution: impact parameter dependence



Impact parameter profile:



System expands in space as energy grows.

What is the spatial distribution generated from full (4+1) BK equation

# BK with impact parameter dependence

$$\frac{dN(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y)}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \left[ N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) + N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01}, \mathbf{x}_{01}, Y) - N(\mathbf{b}_{01} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_{12}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{20}, Y) N(\mathbf{b}_{01} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_{20}}{2}, \mathbf{x}_{12}, Y) \right]$$

Difficult problem  $\rightarrow (4 + 1)$  dimensions.

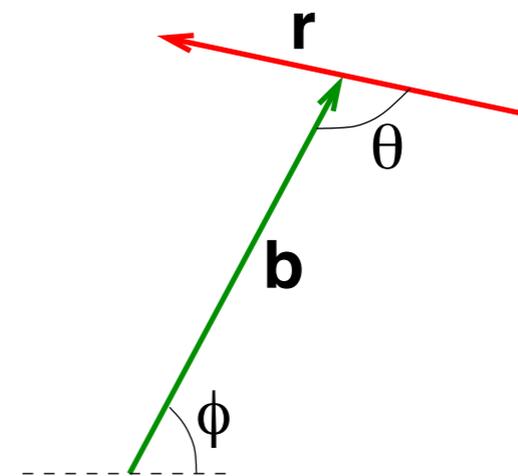
Integral measure

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2}$$

is invariant under rotations in transverse space

$$\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\phi) \mathbf{x}_0, \mathcal{O}(\phi) \mathbf{x}_1, \mathcal{O}(\phi) \mathbf{x}_2$$

Assume that  $N(|\mathbf{b}|, |\mathbf{r}|, \theta; Y)$  cylindrically symmetric  $\rightarrow (3 + 1)$ .



# Solving BK with impact parameter

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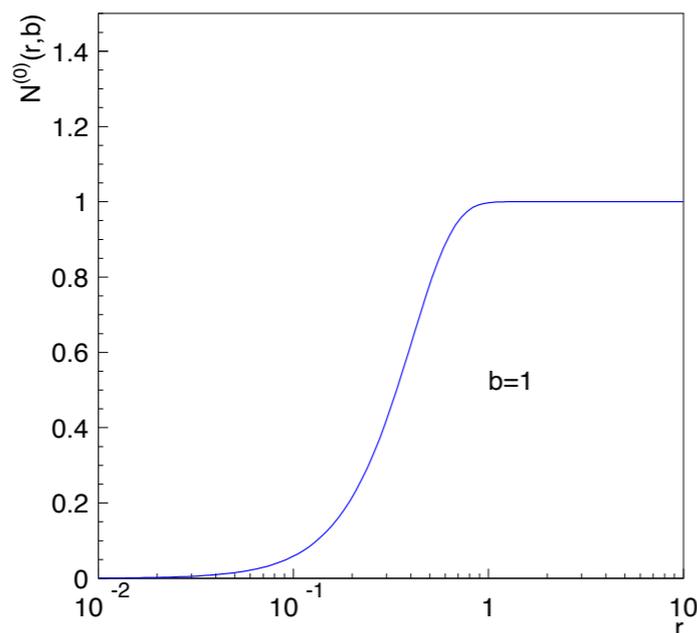
Initial conditions: **Glauber-Mueller** form

$$N^{(0)}(r, b, \theta; Y = 0) = 1 - \exp[-r^2 S(b)]$$

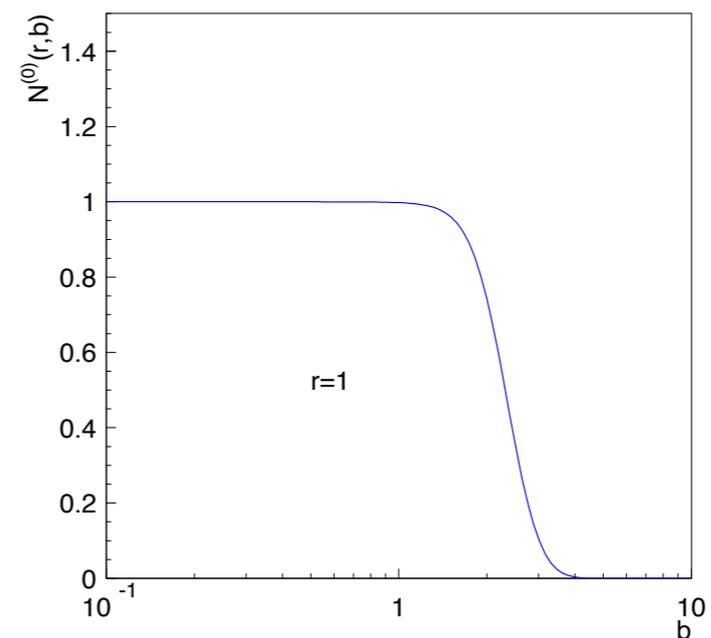
where  $S(b)$  is impact parameter profile

$$S(b) = S_0 \exp\left(-\frac{b^2}{R_0^2}\right)$$

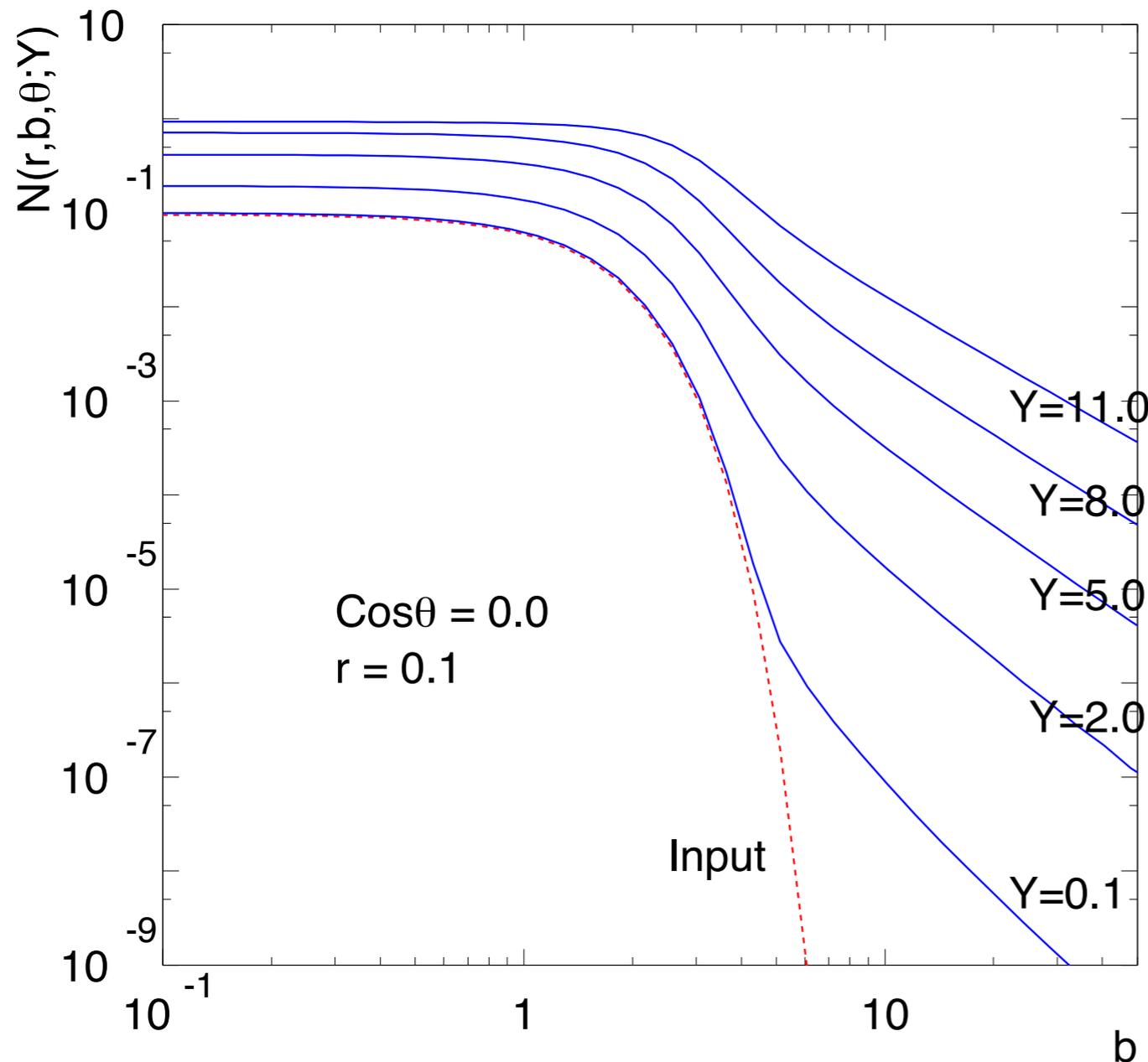
Dipole size profile:



Impact parameter profile:



# BK with impact parameter

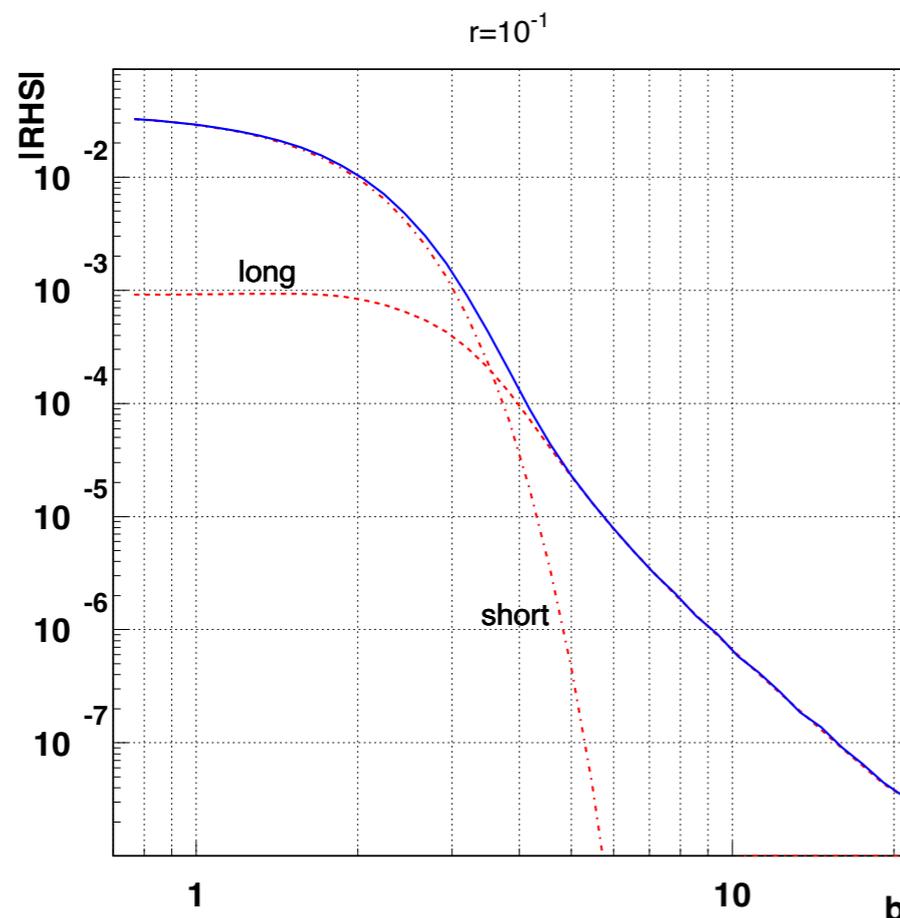


- Saturation for small  $b$ 's, fast growth at larger  $b$ 's
- Expansion of saturated region with increasing rapidity
- Initial impact parameter profile is not preserved
- Power tail  $\sim 1/b^4$  is immediately generated

*Golec-Biernat, AS; Berger, AS*

# Short vs long range contribution

$$\left[ \int^{\text{short}} \Theta(r_0 - |\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{b}|) + \int^{\text{long}} \Theta(|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{b}| - r_0) \right] \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 (\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_1)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2 (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2} \cdot \left( N_{02}^{(0)} + N_{12}^{(0)} - N_{01}^{(0)} - N_{02}^{(0)} N_{12}^{(0)} \right)$$



- **short** → exponential behaviour, factorisation of initial profile at **small  $b$**
- **long** → power behaviour,  $\sim 1/b^4$  at **large  $b$**

# Violation of Froissart bound

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Power tails in  $b \leftarrow$  long range interaction

At large  $b$  there are contributions from large dipoles

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{01}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{20}^2 \mathbf{x}_{12}^2} \simeq d^2 \mathbf{x}_2 \frac{r^2}{b^4}$$

Fast expansion of the system leads of the violation of Froissart bound.  
Instead of :

$$\sigma \leq \frac{\pi}{m_\pi^2} (\ln 1/x)^2$$

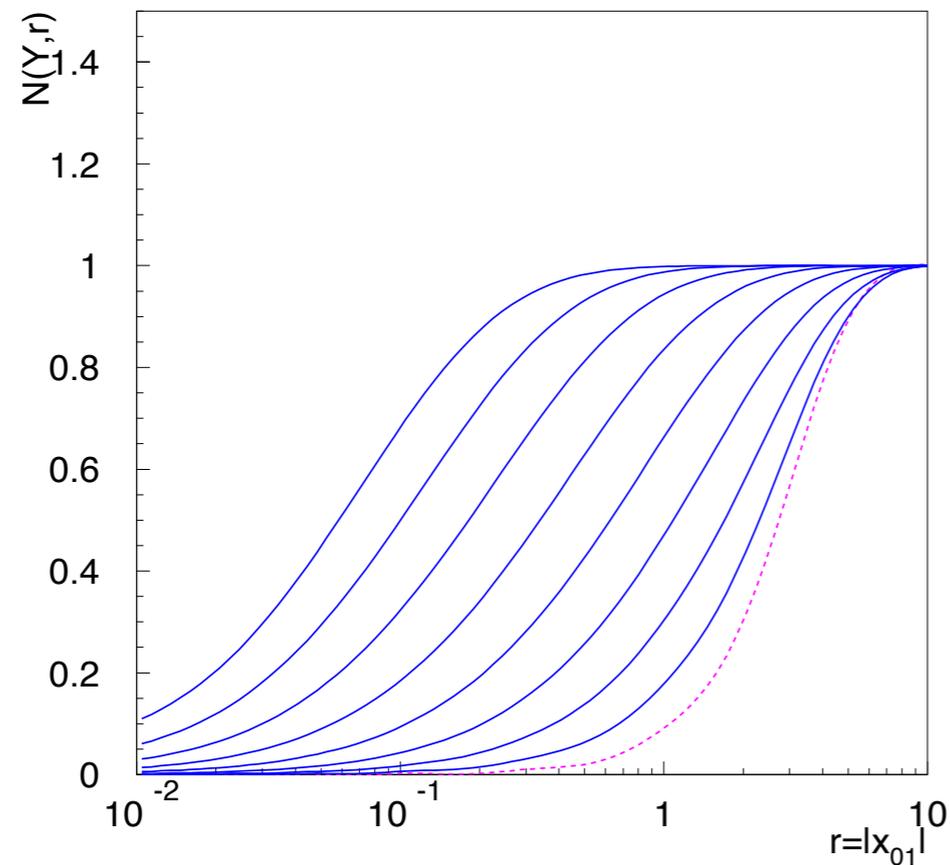
we have :

$$\sigma = \int d^2 \mathbf{b} N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}; Y = \ln 1/x) \sim x^{-\lambda}$$

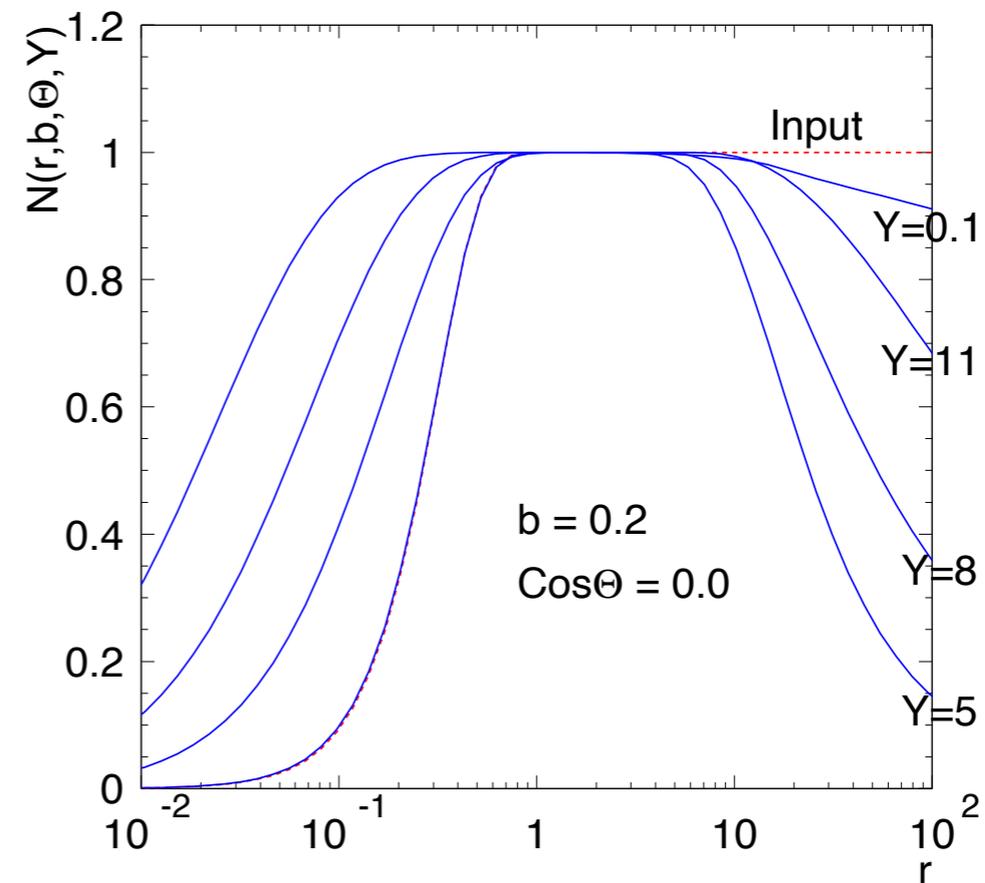
Equation is conformally invariant at LLx: no mass scale

# Dipole size dependence

Without  $b$  dependence:



With  $b$  dependence:

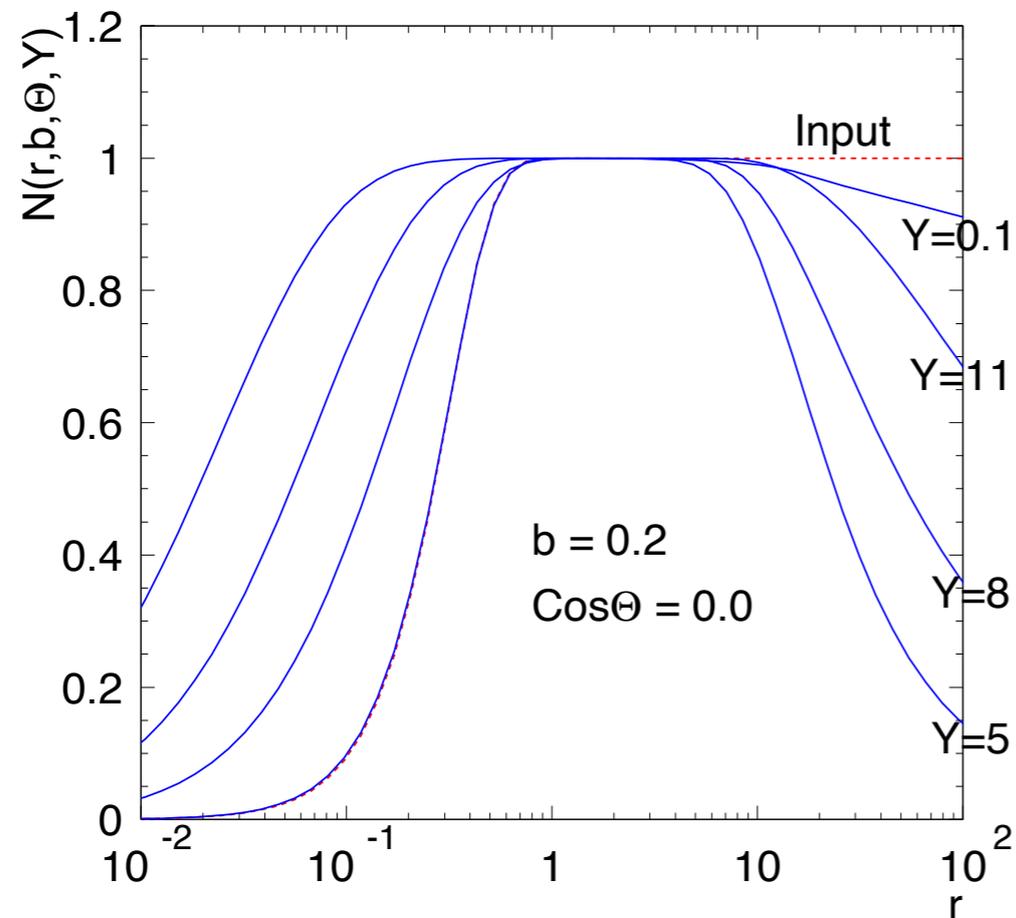


- At small values of  $r$  shape similar to previous analysis.
- Fall-off at large values of  $r$ .
- **Dipole is larger than the target  $\rightarrow$  it misses the target.**

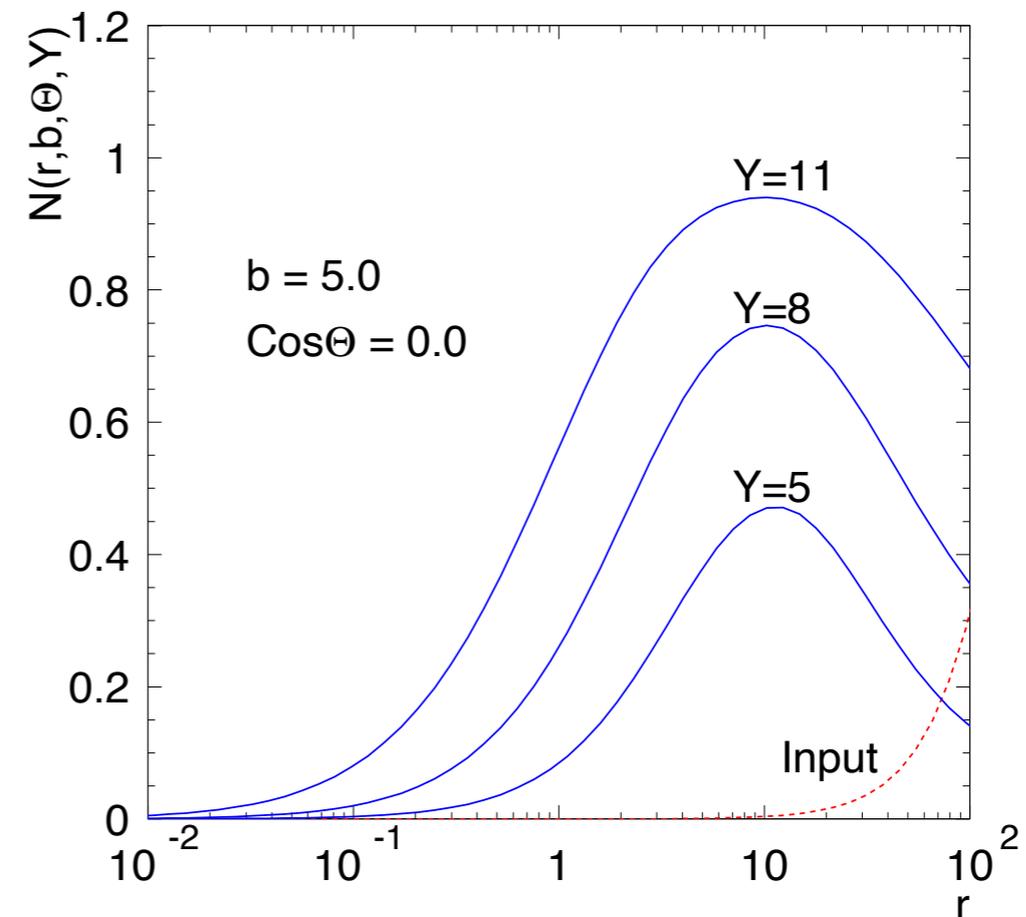
# Dipole size dependence

Study different  $b$ :

Small  $b$



Large  $b$



- Peak around  $b = \frac{r}{2}$
- At large values of  $r \gg b$  amplitude independent of  $b$ .

# Conformal invariance at LLx

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Integral kernel:

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{z} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^2}{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z})^2 (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})^2}$$

is invariant under Möbius transformation:

$$x \rightarrow \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$$

where  $x = x_1 + ix_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  (the same for  $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}$ ).

In the linear case it was shown that the solution depends on one variable

*anharmonic ratio* [L.N. Lipatov 86](#).

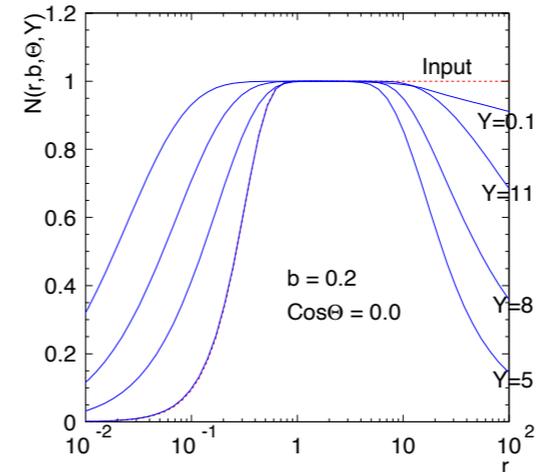
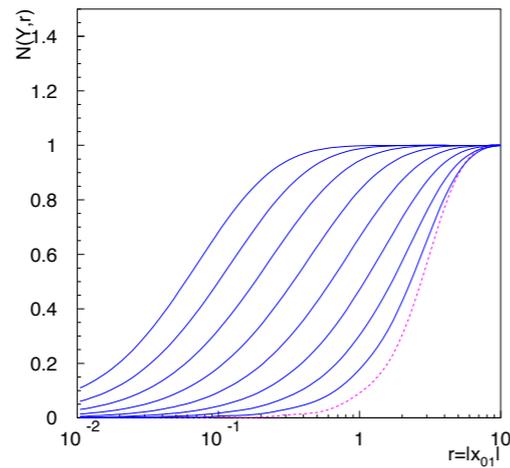
This means that:

$$N\left(\frac{r^2 r_0^2}{b^4}\right) \quad \text{when } r, r_0 \ll b$$

$$N\left(\frac{r_0^2}{r^2}\right) \quad \text{when } r \gg b, r_0$$

$r_0$  is given by initial conditions

# Saturation scale



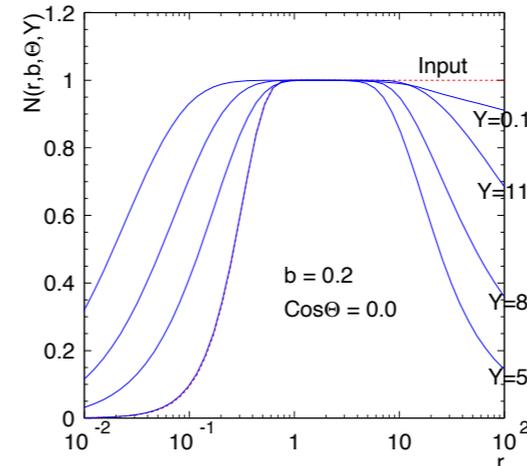
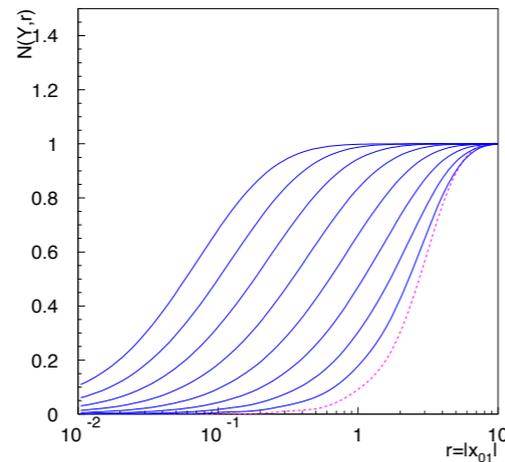
Saturation scale:  $\langle N(r = 1/Q_s, b, \theta; Y) \rangle_\theta = \kappa, \quad \kappa \sim 0.5$

Two solutions. Saturation,  $N \sim 1$  when:

$$\frac{1}{Q_s(b, Y)} < r < R_H(b, Y), \quad R_H(b, Y) \sim R_H(Y)$$

$Q_s(b, Y) \rightarrow b$ -dependent saturation scale

# Saturation scale from BK with b impact parameter



Saturation scale:  $\langle N(r = 1/Q_s, b, \theta; Y) \rangle_\theta = \kappa, \quad \kappa \sim 0.5$

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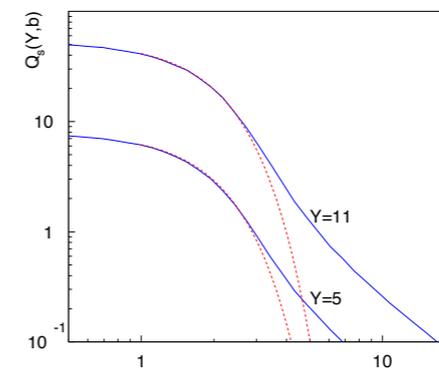
$$Q_s^2(b, Y) \simeq g(b) \exp(\bar{\alpha}_s 2\lambda_s Y), \quad \lambda_s \simeq 2$$

where

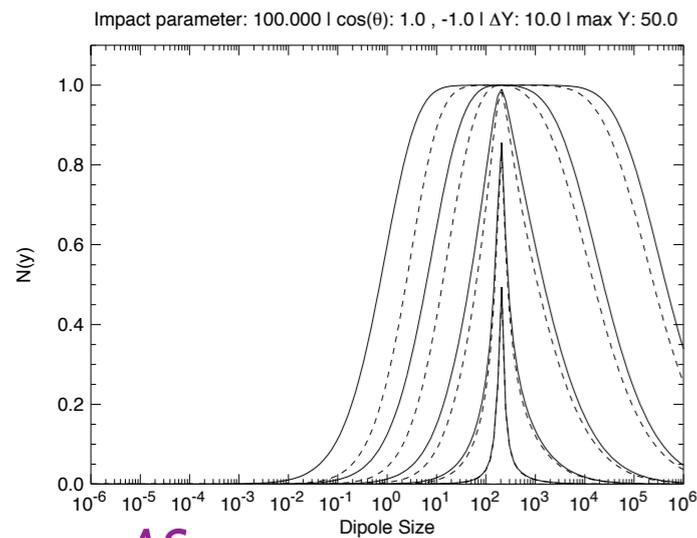
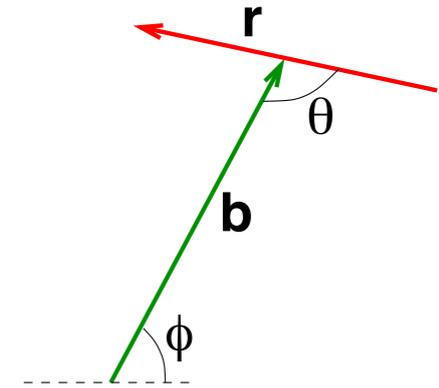
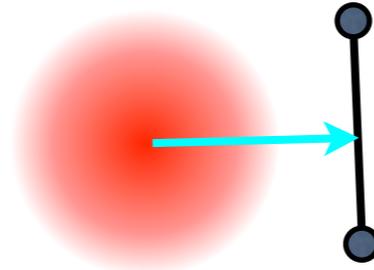
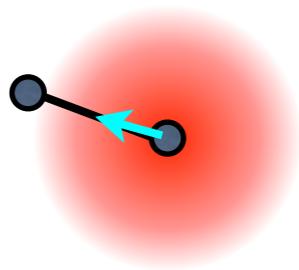
$$g(b) = \exp(-b^2/2) \leftarrow b \text{ small,}$$

$$g(b) = 1/b^4 \leftarrow b \text{ large}$$

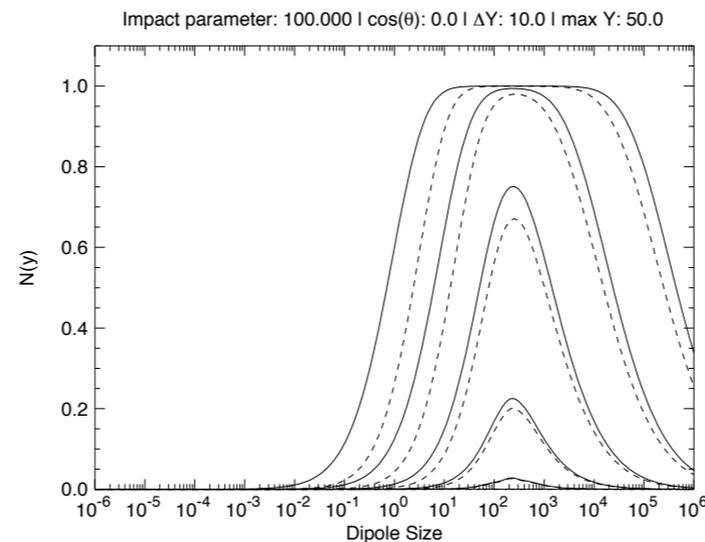
Saturation scale:



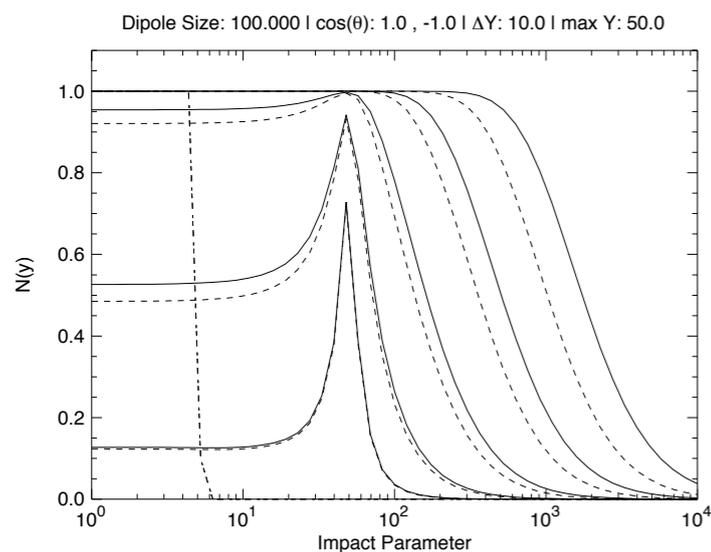
# Angular correlations in BK with impact parameter



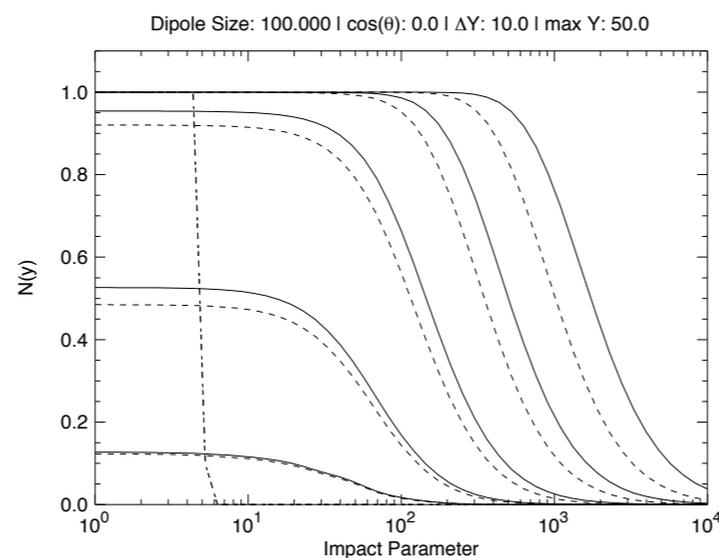
(a)  $\cos(\theta) = 1.0, -1.0$



(b)  $\cos(\theta) = 0.0$



(a)  $\cos(\theta) = 1.0, -1.0$



(b)  $\cos(\theta) = 0.0$

Angular correlations present in the solution

Amplitude larger for aligned configurations of the dipole

Could be relevant for the angular sensitive observables

Possible sensitivity through diffractive dijet in photoproduction/DIS

*Hatta, Xiao, Yuan;  
Altinoluk, Armesto, Beuf, Rezaeian;*

# Next to leading order calculations at small $x$

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## First NLL calculations in small $x$

NLL BFKL equation: *Fadin, Lipatov; Camici, Ciafaloni*

## NLL calculation for the nonlinear evolution

NLL calculation of BK equation: *Balitsky-Chirilli*

NLL calculation of JIMWLK equation: *Kovner, Lublinsky, Mulian*

Impressive progress has been achieved in calculations of hard factors at NLO e.g.:

Photon-gluon impact factors: *Balitsky-Chirilli;*  
Total DIS cross section in dipole framework: *Beuf; Hanninen et al*

Heavy quarks in DIS: *Beuf, Lappi, Paateleinen*  
Vector mesons in DIS: *Boussarie et al, Mantysaari, Penttala*

Dihadrons/jets in DIS: *Caucal et al, Bergabo, Jalilian-Marian, Taels et al*

Diffraction DIS: *Beuf et al*

Diffraction dijet: *Boussarie et al, Iancu et al*

Photon+dijet in DIS: *Roy, Venugopalan*

inclusive hadron production in pA : *Chirilli et al;*

single jet production in pA: *Liu et al*

...

# Fits to DIS structure function from rcBK

Successful fits to DIS structure functions. Example running coupling(rc) LL BK (no b dependence)  
*Albacete, Armesto, Guilherme Milhano, Salgado*

Impact parameter is integrated out and enters as a parameter

Initial conditions:

$$\hat{\sigma}(r, Y) = \sigma_0 N(r, Y)$$

**GBW-like :**

$$N(r, Y = 0) = 1 - \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{r^2 Q_{s0}^2}{4} \right)^\gamma \right]$$

**McLerran-Venugopalan  
(MV)-like**

$$N(r, Y = 0) = 1 - \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{r^2 Q_{s0}^2}{4} \right)^\gamma \ln \left( \frac{1}{r \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} + e \right) \right]$$

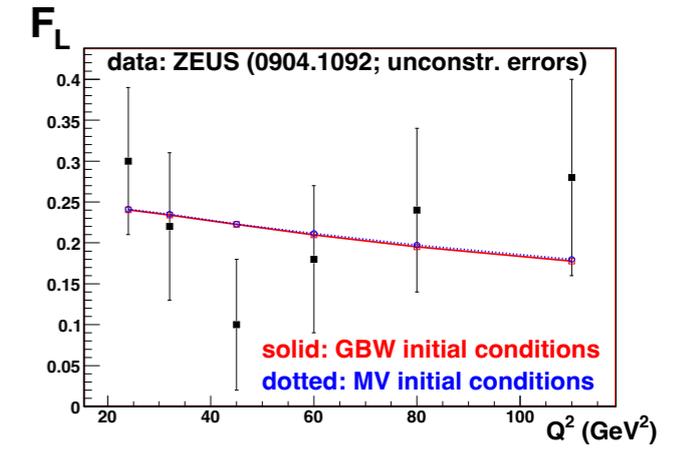
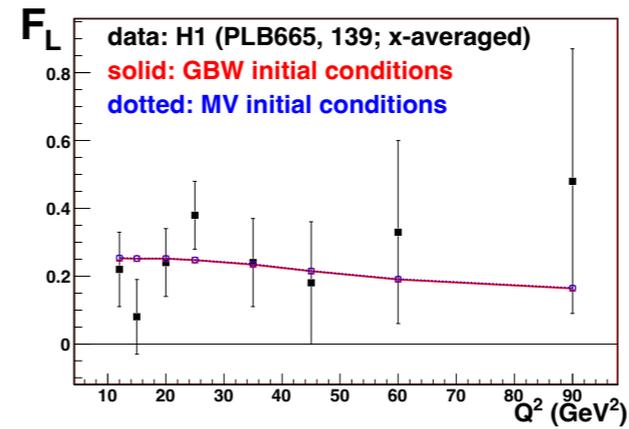
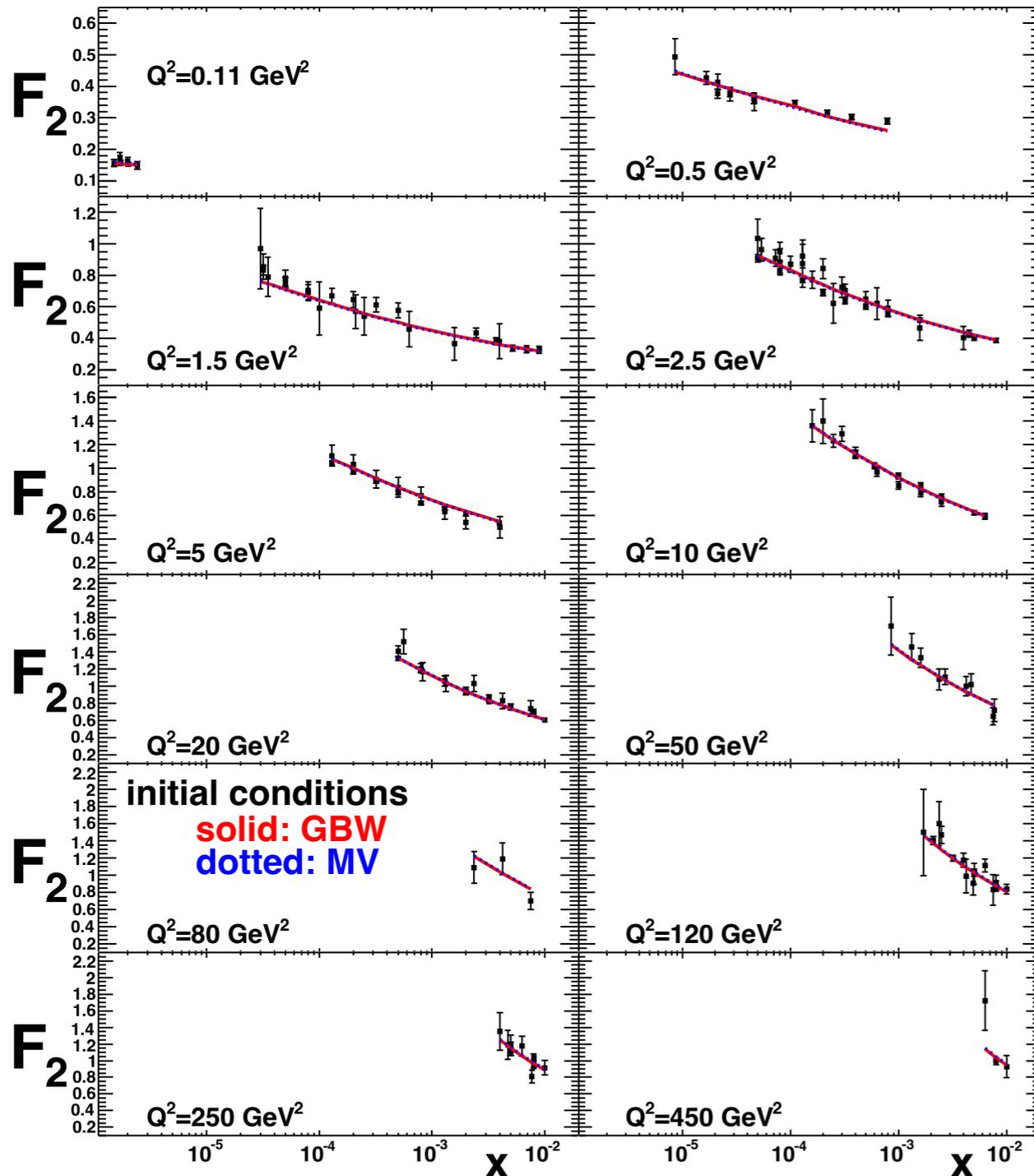
fit parameters:

- $\sigma_0$  : total normalization
- $Q_{s0}^2$  saturation scale at the initial scale
- $\gamma$  : anomalous dimension in the initial condition
- C: parameter relating running coupling in coordinate space to momentum space
- Additionally: freezing parameter for the coupling at large dipoles

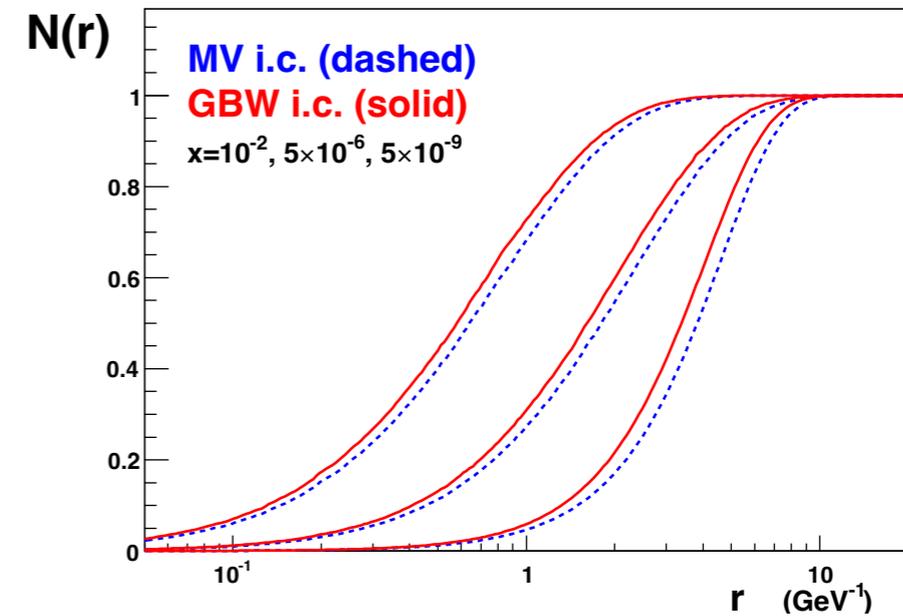
$$\alpha_s(r^2) = \frac{12\pi}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln\left(\frac{4C^2}{r^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}\right)}$$

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Initial condition	$\sigma_0$ (mb)	$Q_{s0}^2$ (GeV $^2$ )	$C^2$	$\gamma$	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
GBW	31.59	0.24	5.3	1 (fixed)	916.3/844=1.086
MV	32.77	0.15	6.5	1.13	906.0/843=1.075

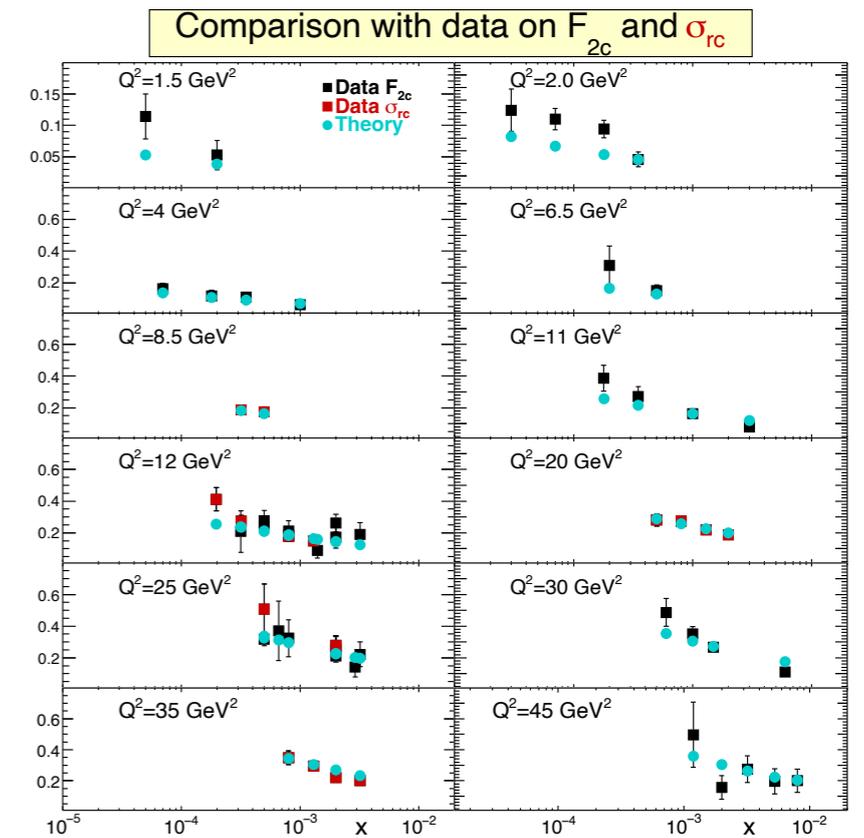
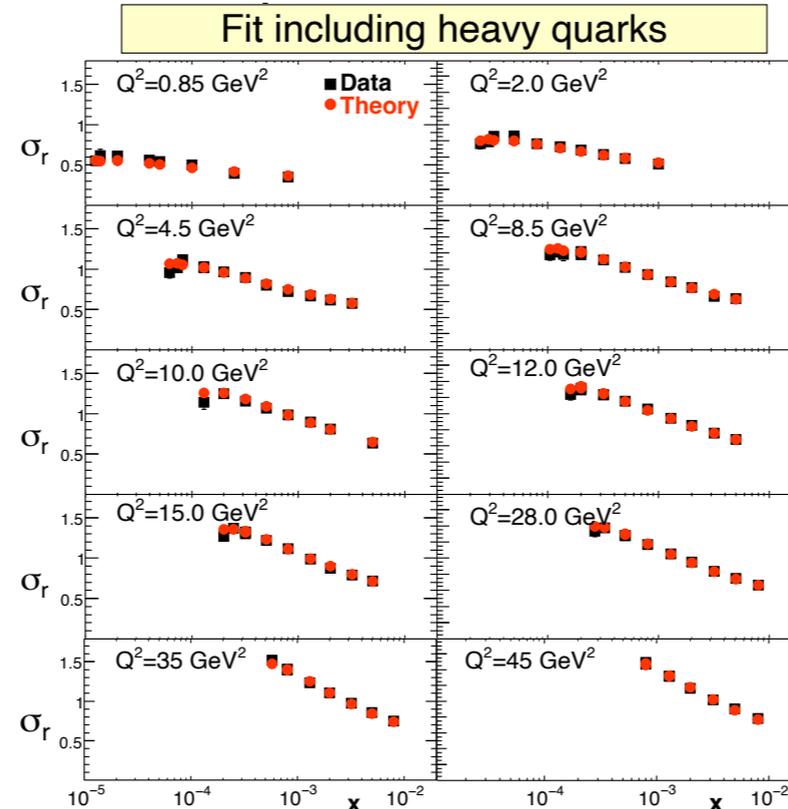
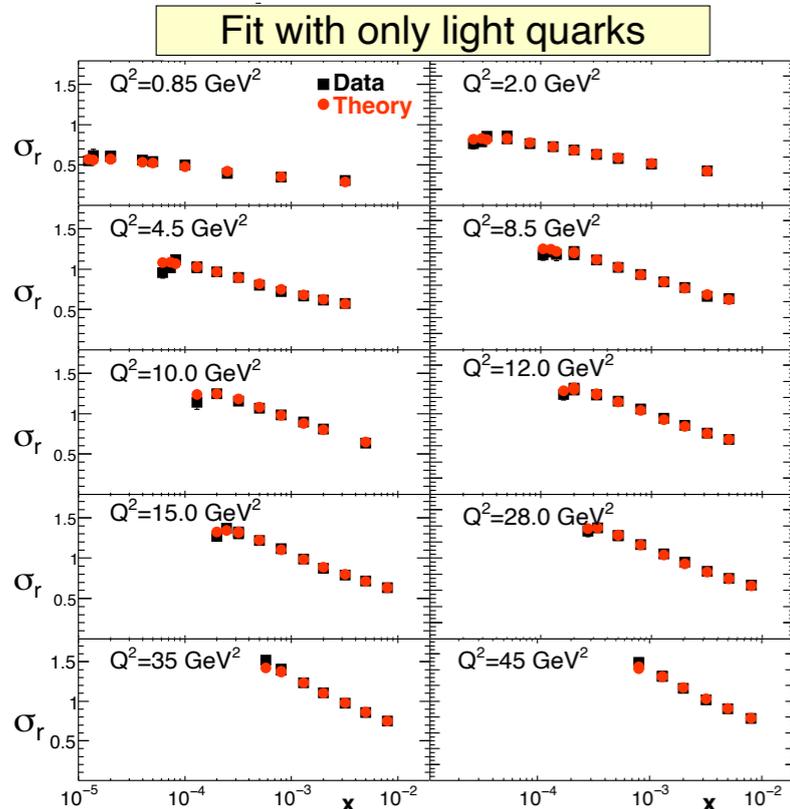


# Fits to DIS structure function from rcBK

Albacete, Armesto, Guilherme Milhano, Quiroga, Salgado

	fit	$\frac{\chi^2}{d.o.f}$	$Q_{s0}^2$	$\sigma_0$	$\gamma$	$Q_{s0c}^2$	$\sigma_{0c}$	$\gamma_c$	$C$	$m_l^2$
	GBW									
a	$\alpha_{fr}=0.7$	1.269	0.2294	36.953	1.259	0.2289	18.962	0.881	4.363	fixed
a'	$\alpha_{fr}=0.7 (\Lambda_{m\tau})$	1.302	0.2341	36.362	1.241	0.2249	20.380	0.919	7.858	fixed
b	$\alpha_{fr}=0.7$	1.231	0.2386	35.465	1.263	0.2329	18.430	0.883	3.902	1.458E-2
c	$\alpha_{fr}=1$	1.356	0.2373	35.861	1.270	0.2360	13.717	0.789	2.442	fixed
d	$\alpha_{fr}=1$	1.221	0.2295	35.037	1.195	0.2274	20.262	0.924	3.725	1.351E-2
	MV									
e	$\alpha_{fr}=0.7$	1.395	0.1673	36.032	1.355	0.1650	18.740	1.099	3.813	fixed
f	$\alpha_{fr}=0.7$	1.244	0.1687	35.449	1.369	0.1417	19.066	1.035	4.079	1.445E-2
g	$\alpha_{fr}=1$	1.325	0.1481	40.216	1.362	0.1378	13.577	0.914	4.850	fixed
h	$\alpha_{fr}=1$	1.298	0.156	37.003	1.319	0.147	19.774	1.074	4.355	1.692E-2

Fits with heavy quarks  
with LL rcBK required separate  
parameters for heavy quarks



# Fits to DIS structure function from rcBK at NLL

*Beuf, Hanninen, Lappi, Mantysaari; Hanninen, Mantysaari, Paatelainen, Penttala*

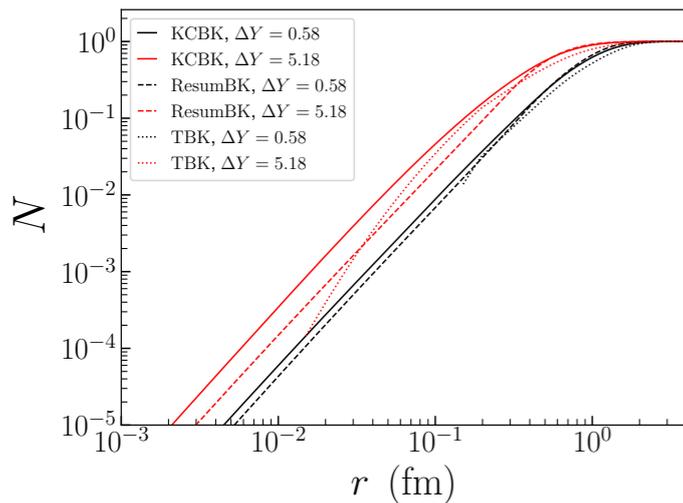
Beyond rcBK, including kinematically improved BK and NLL impact factors

Including NLO impact factors for heavy quarks

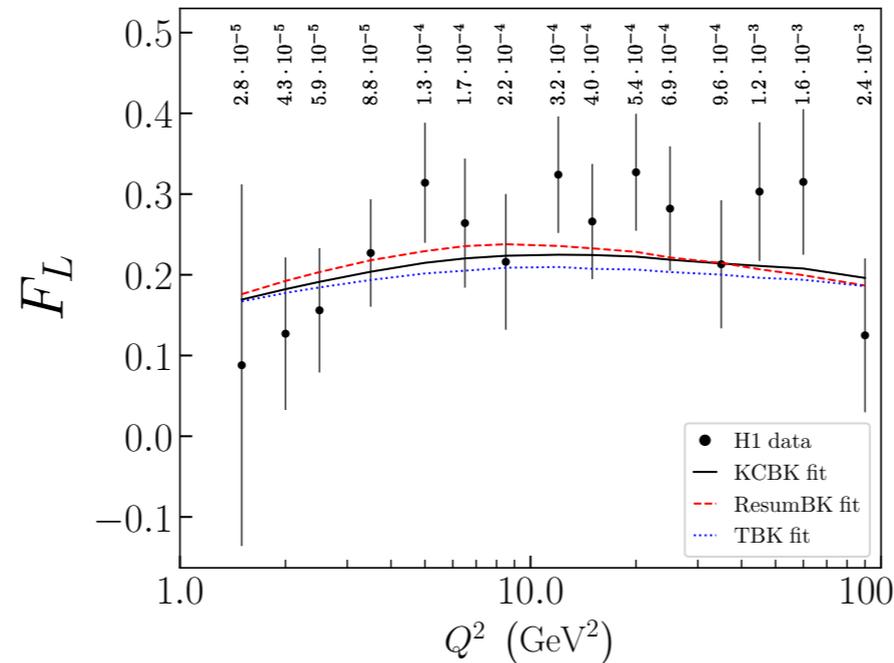
Consistent description of charm within the dipole+rcBK framework

Data	$\alpha_s$	$Y_{0,BK}$	$\chi^2/N$	$Q_{s,0}^2$ [GeV <sup>2</sup> ]	$C^2$	$\gamma$	$\sigma_0/2$ [mb]	$Q_s^2(Y = \ln \frac{1}{0.01})$ [GeV <sup>2</sup> ]
HERA	parent	$\ln \frac{1}{0.01}$	1.85	0.0833	3.49	0.98	9.74	0.11
light-q	parent	$\ln \frac{1}{0.01}$	1.58	0.0753	37.7	1.25	18.41	0.11
HERA	parent	0	1.24	0.0680	79.9	1.21	18.39	0.20
light-q	parent	0	1.18	0.0664	1340	1.47	27.12	0.14
HERA	Bal + SD	$\ln \frac{1}{0.01}$	1.89	0.0905	0.846	1.21	8.68	0.13
light-q	Bal + SD	$\ln \frac{1}{0.01}$	2.63	0.0720	1.91	1.55	12.44	0.11
HERA	Bal + SD	0	1.49	0.1114	0.846	1.94	8.53	0.26
light-q	Bal + SD	0	1.69	0.1040	2.87	7.70	12.09	0.14

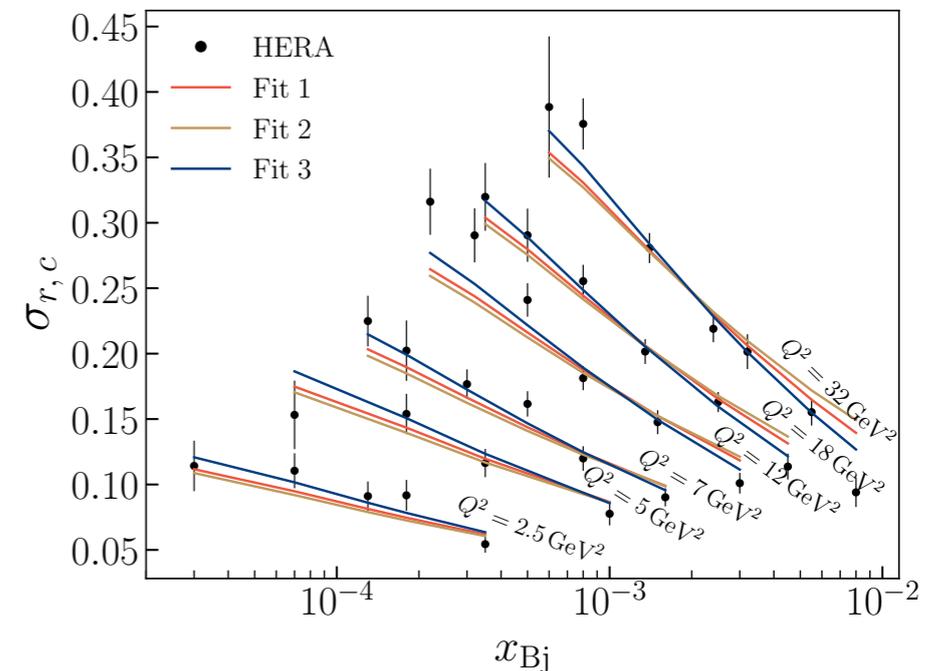
TABLE I: Fits to HERA and light quark data with the Kinematically Constrained BK evolution (KCBK).



*dipole amplitude*

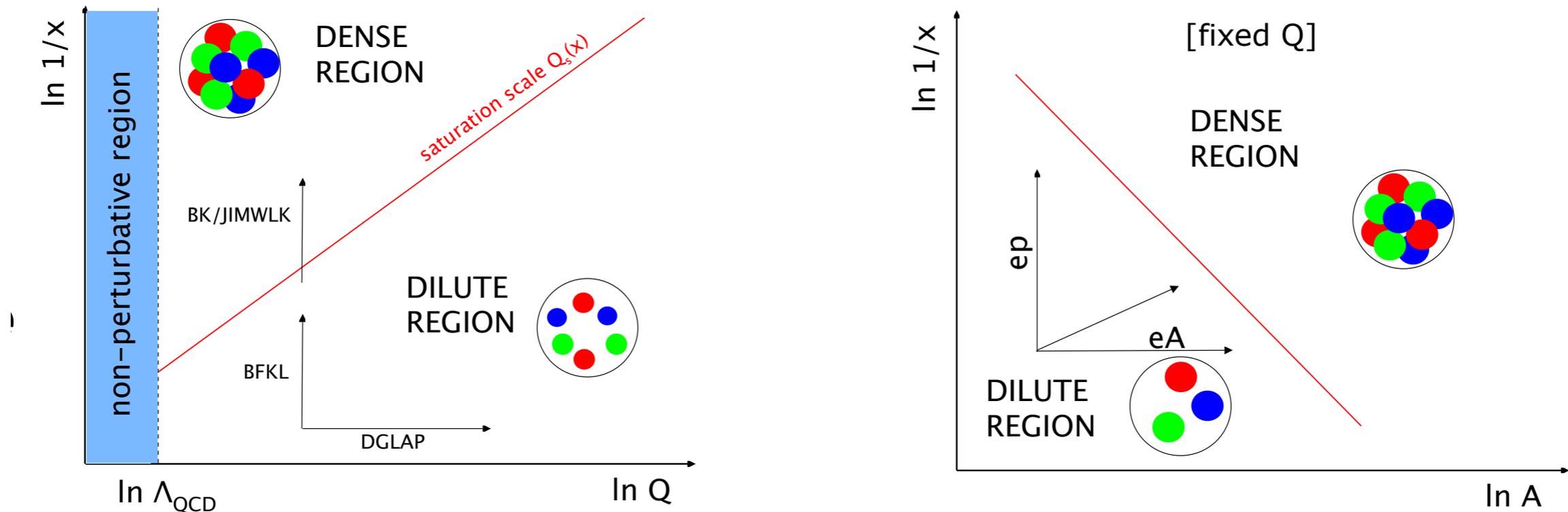


*longitudinal structure function*



*charm structure function*

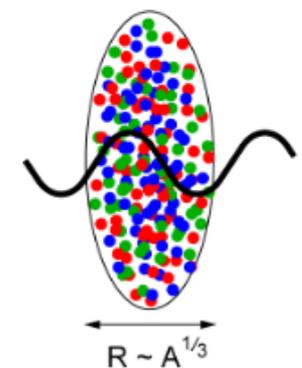
# Studying saturation at EIC with nuclei



Can we study explore the saturation with EIC ?

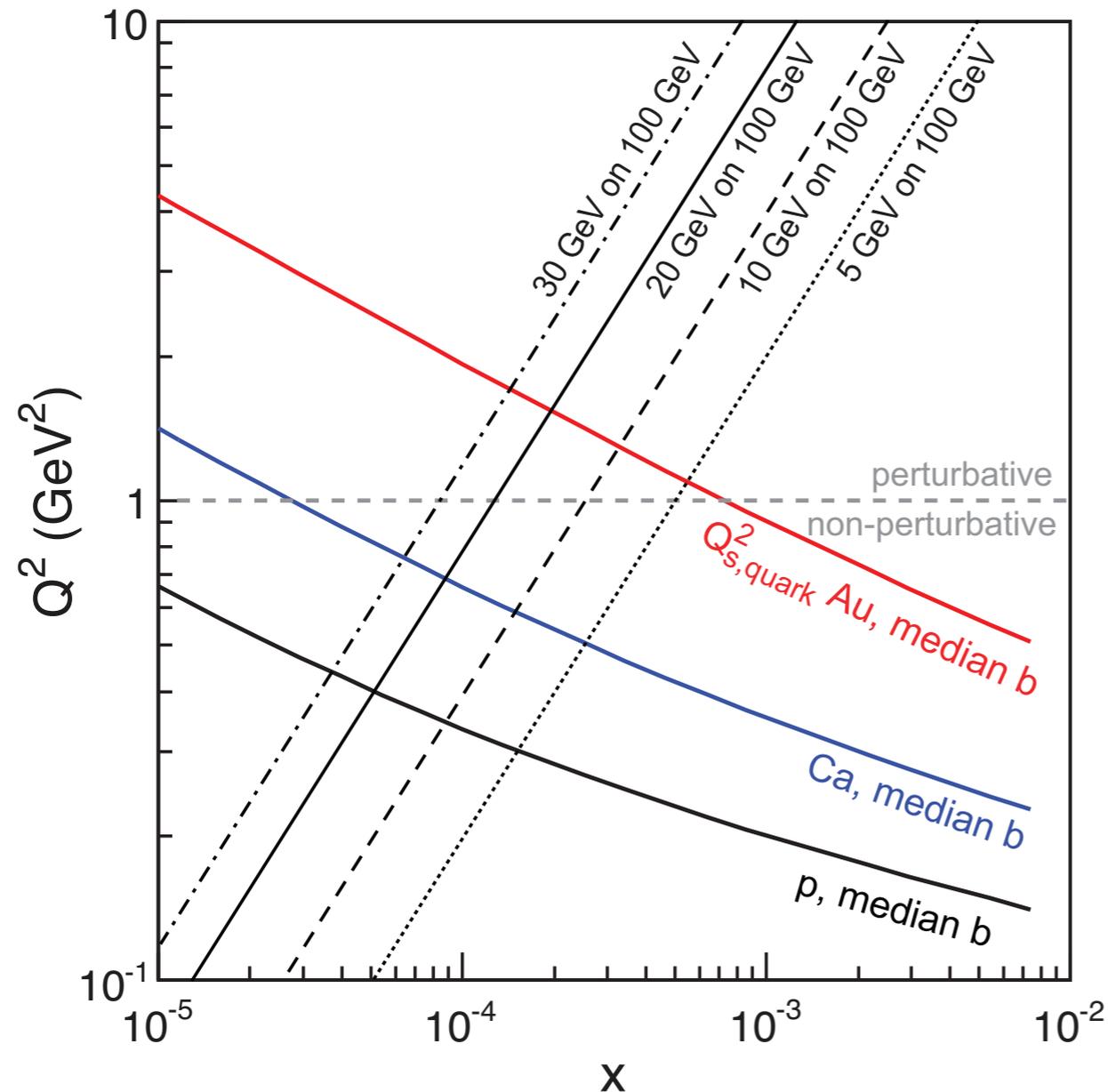
The dense regime can be reached in two ways: **small  $x$**  and/or **large  $A$**

$$\frac{A \times xg(x, Q_s^2)}{\pi A^{2/3}} \times \frac{\alpha_s(Q_s^2)}{Q_s^2} \sim 1 \quad Q_s^2 \sim A^{1/3} Q_0^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\lambda$$



**Nuclei provide enhancement of the density : opportunities to test saturation at EIC**

# EIC sensitivity to saturation scale



$$Q_s^2 \sim A^{1/3} Q_0^2 \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^\lambda$$

**EIC sensitive to perturbative saturation region in scattering with heavy nuclei.**

Shown: median b-impact parameter.

Exclusive processes can be sensitive to different b.

# BK for the nucleus

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One can apply the BK to the case of nucleus, simply by modifying the initial conditions

$$\hat{\sigma}^p(r) = \sigma_0 N^p(r) \quad \text{relation between the dipole cross section and the dipole amplitude for the proton (impact parameter integrated over in the prefactor)}$$

In the dilute limit, small dipole sizes (corresponding to large scales) dipole nucleus cross section should go into incoherent sum of dipole-proton cross sections

$$\hat{\sigma}^A(r) = A \hat{\sigma}^p(r) \quad \text{(impulse-approximation)}$$

On the other hand the dipole-nucleus amplitude should be limited

$$N^A(r, b) \leq 1 \quad \text{(b: impact parameter for nucleus)}$$

For example one can take the following model

$$N^A(r, b) = \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{AT_A(b)}{2} \hat{\sigma}^p\right) \right] \quad \text{with} \quad T_A(b) \quad \text{nuclear profile}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^A(r) = 2 \int d^2\mathbf{b} N^A(r, b)$$

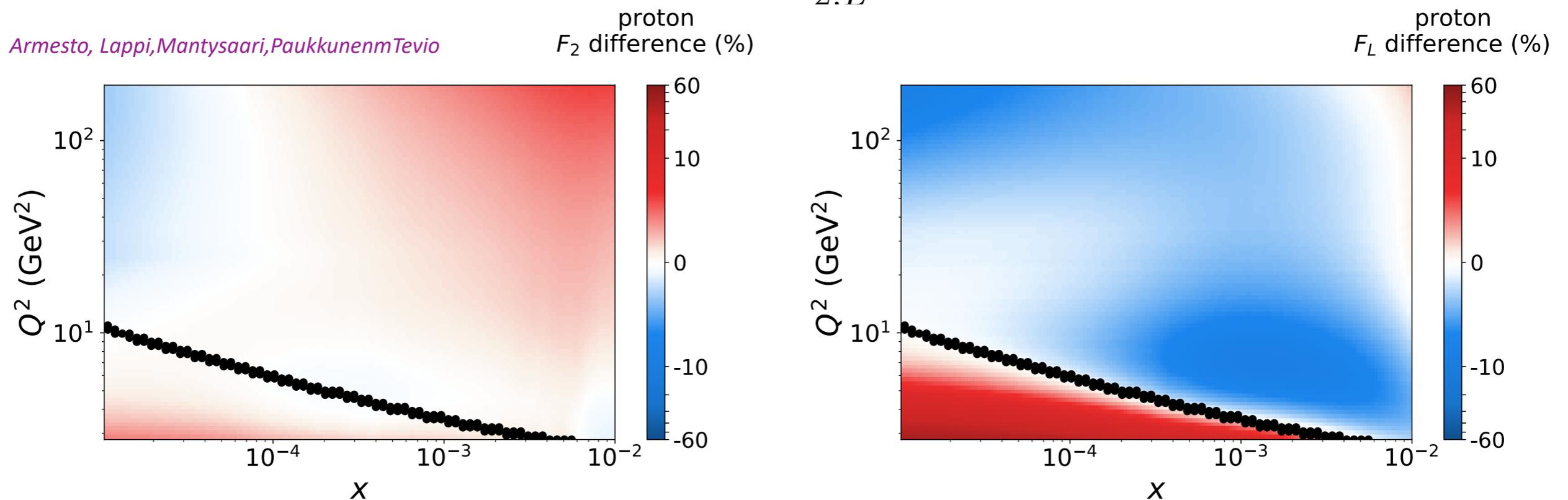
# Testing saturation through inclusive structure functions at EIC

Study differences in evolution between **linear DGLAP** evolution and **nonlinear** evolution with **saturation**  
**Matching** of both approaches in the region where saturation effects expected to be small

Bayesian reweighting method using NNPDF replicas. Matching in the region:  $Q^2 \simeq 10 Q_s(x)^2$

Quantify differences away from the matching region: **differences in evolution dynamics**

$$\frac{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}} - F_{2,L}^{\text{Rew}}}{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}}}$$



Dark line indicates the matching between DGLAP and BK evolution

Proton: difference between DGLAP and nonlinear are small % for  $F_2^p$  and up to 10% for  $F_L^p$ .

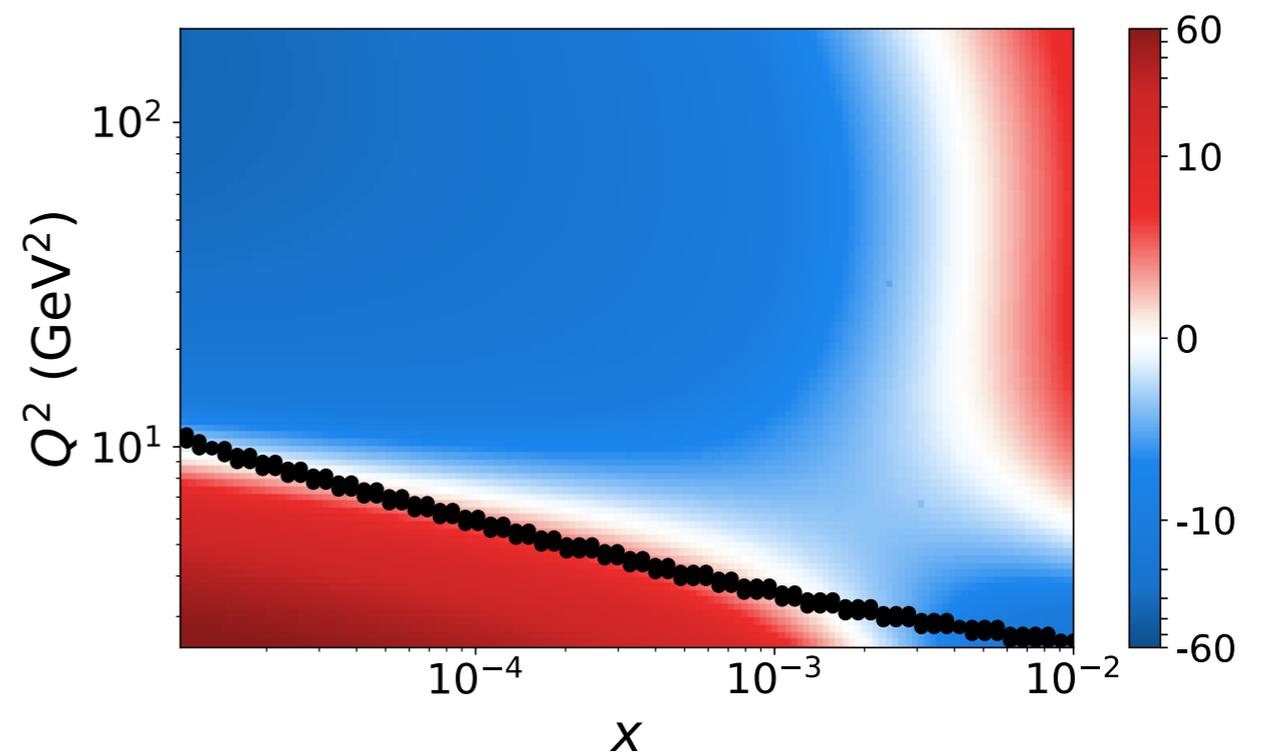
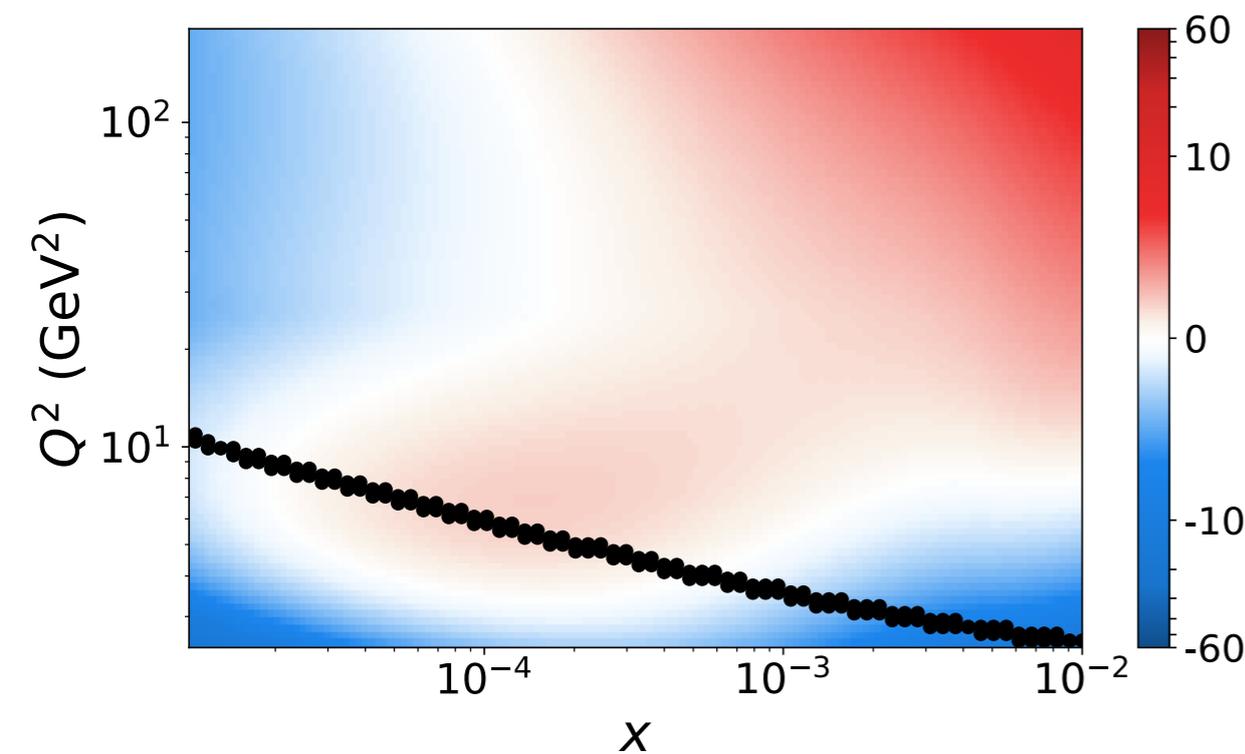
# Testing saturation through inclusive structure functions at EIC

$$\frac{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}} - F_{2,L}^{\text{Rw}}}{F_{2,L}^{\text{BK}}}$$

Armesto, Lappi, Mantysaari, Paukkunen, Tevio

<sup>197</sup>Au  
F<sub>2</sub> difference (%)

<sup>197</sup>Au  
F<sub>L</sub> difference (%)

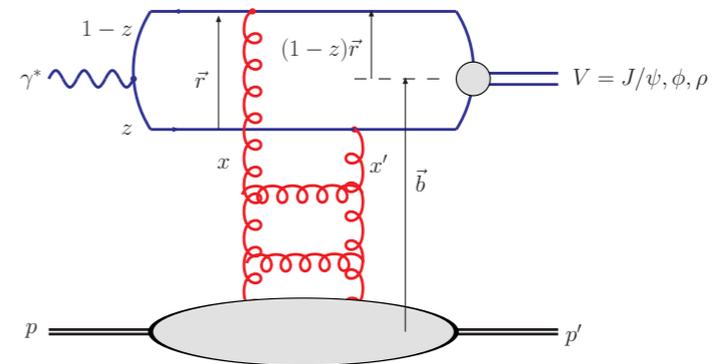
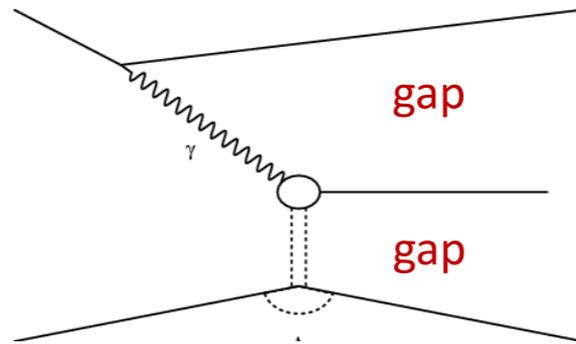


Heavy nucleus: difference between DGLAP and nonlinear are few % for  $F_2^A$  and up to 20% for  $F_L^A$ .  
 Second observable will significantly help constrain the model(s) for the evolution  
**Longitudinal structure function can provide good sensitivity at EIC**

# Exclusive vector meson photo and electro-production

Weiler; Ryskin; Jung, Schuler, Terron; Nemchik, Nikolaev Zakharov...

$$\gamma^{(*)} p \rightarrow V p$$



## Exclusive (photo)production of vector mesons

Mass of the heavy vector meson provides a hard scale

Process sensitive to **square of gluon density**

Explored at HERA collider

$$x = (Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2)/(W^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2)$$

$$\bar{Q}^2 = (Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2)/4,$$

Lowest order perturbative formula for electroproduction

*Ryskin*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} (\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\Gamma_{ee} M_{J/\psi}^3 \pi^3}{48\alpha} \left[ \frac{\alpha_s(\bar{Q}^2)}{\bar{Q}^4} x g(x, \bar{Q}^2) \right]^2 \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{J/\psi}^2} \right)$$

**Can test dynamics at low x and different A if nuclear targets are involved**

# Exclusive vector meson photoproduction

## Measurements in ep

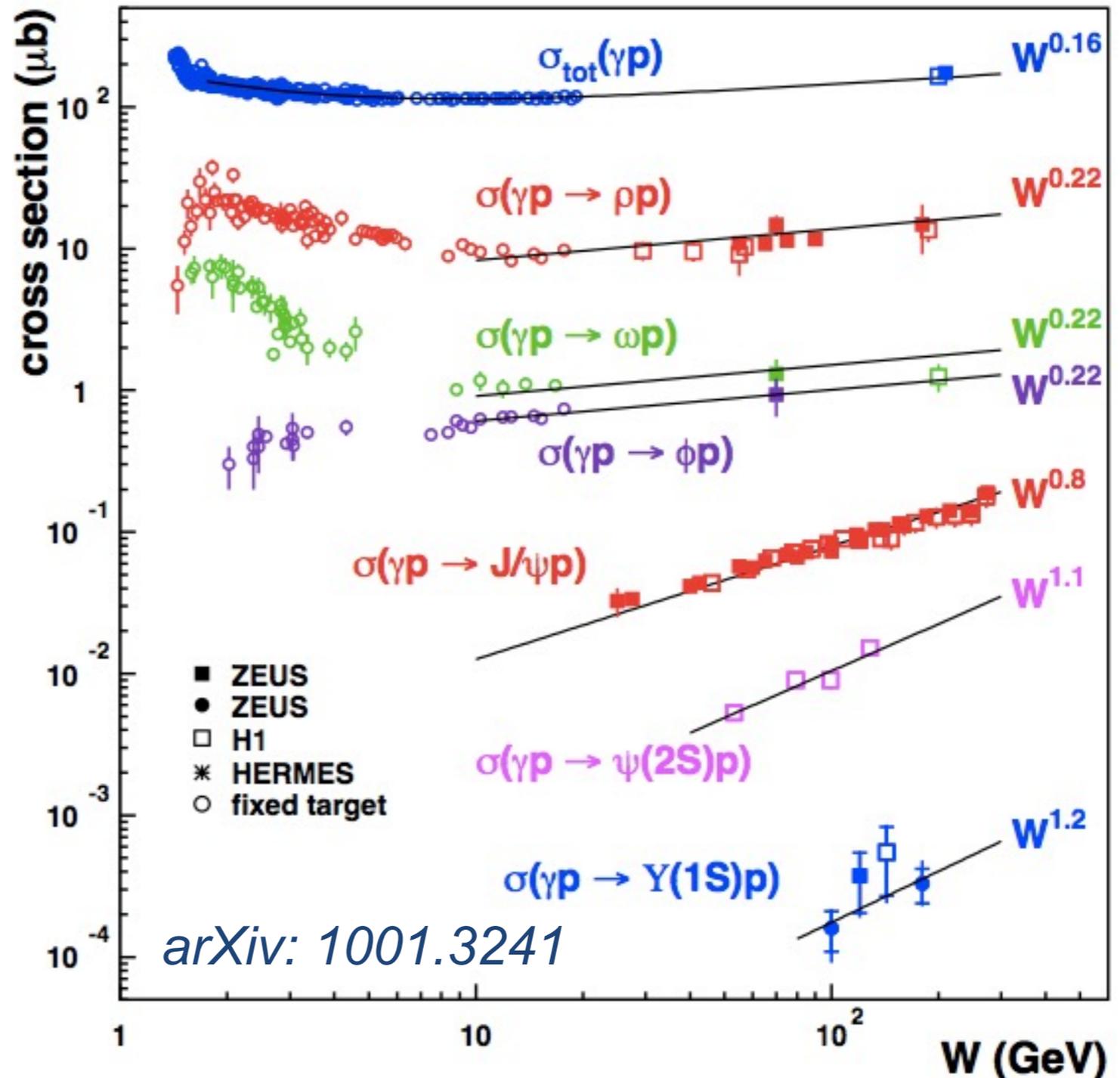
Rise in the slope of the energy with the scale of the process

$$\sigma \sim W^\delta$$

$$\delta \sim 4(\alpha_p(t) - 1)$$

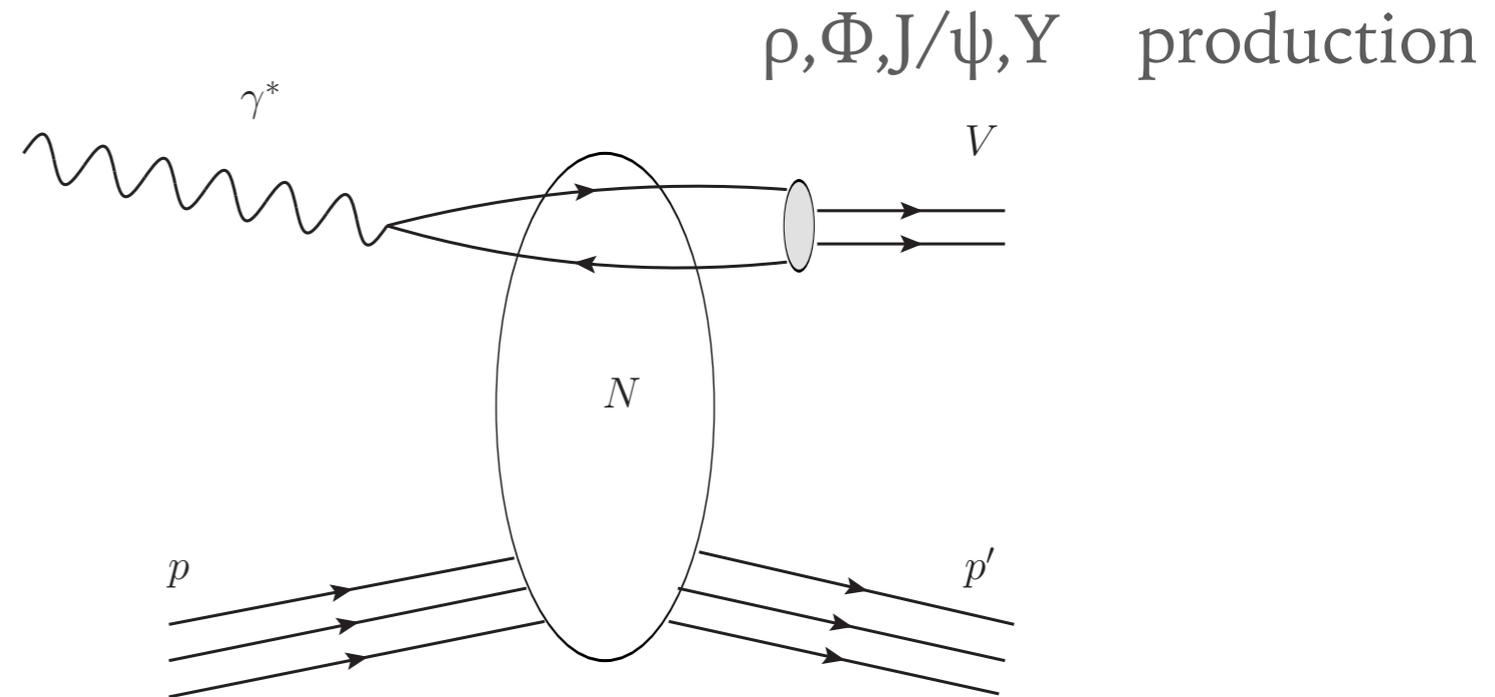
$$\alpha_p(t) = \alpha_p(0) + \alpha' t$$

Transition from soft to hard phenomena



# Exclusive diffractive production of vector mesons

Nikolaev,Zkharov;  
 Strikman,Frankfurt,Rogers;  
 Levin et al;  
 Munier,Mueller,AS;  
 Motyka,Kowalski,Watt;  
 Berger,AS;  
 Armesto,Rezeaian;  
 Lappi,Mantysaari,Schenke;...



## cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} |A(x, \Delta, Q)|^2$$

## amplitude

$$A(x, \Delta, Q) = \sum_{h, \bar{h}} \int d^2\mathbf{r} \int dz \Psi_{h, h^*}(\mathbf{r}, z, Q^2) \mathcal{N}(x, \mathbf{r}, \Delta) \Psi_{h, h^*}^V(\mathbf{r}, z)$$

## dipole cross section

$$\sigma_{\text{dip}}(x, \mathbf{r}) = \text{Im } i\mathcal{N}(x, \mathbf{r}, \Delta = 0)$$

## dipole amplitude

$$\mathcal{N}(x, \mathbf{r}, \Delta) = 2 \int d^2\mathbf{b} N(x, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) e^{i\Delta \cdot \mathbf{b}}$$

$\mathbf{r}$  dipole size

$\mathbf{b}$  impact parameter

$\Delta$  momentum transfer

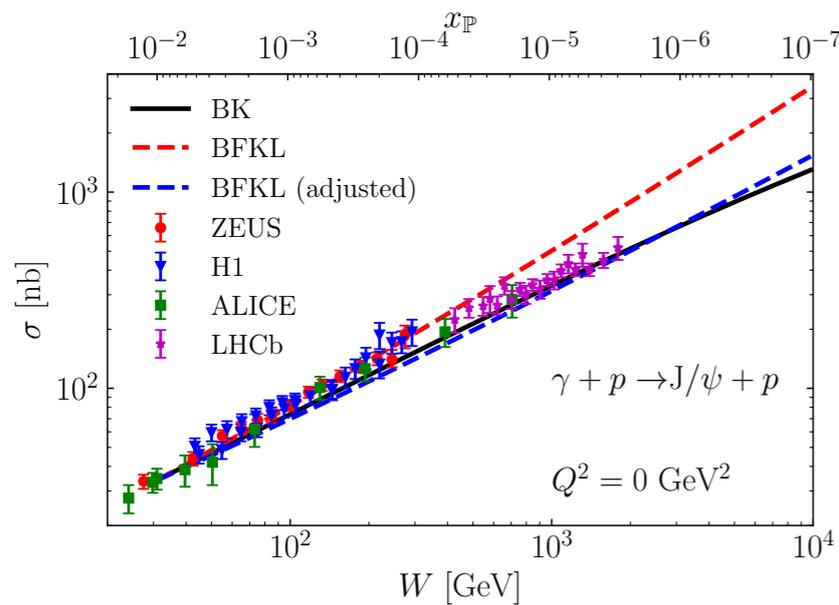
$z, (1 - z)$  fraction of the longitudinal momentum of the photon carried by the quark(anti-quark)

# Exclusive photoproduction of $J/\psi$

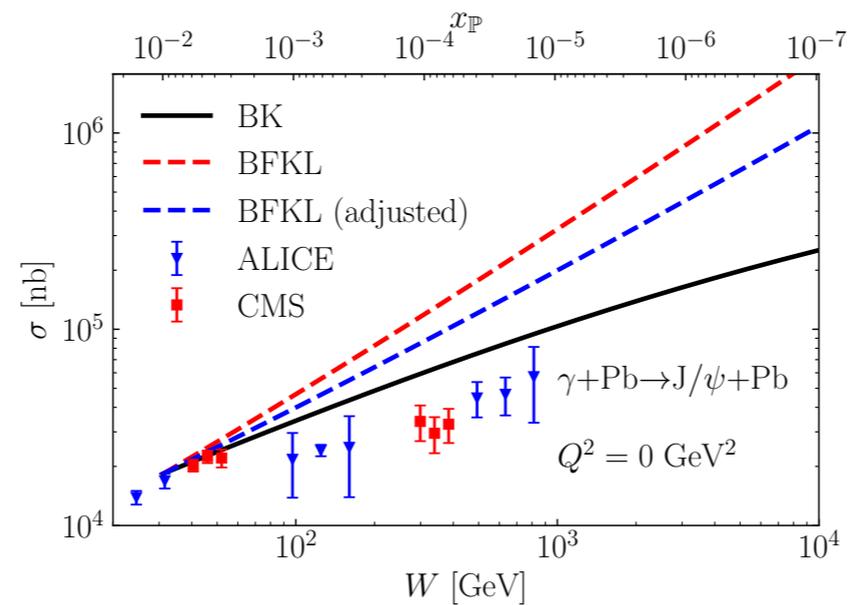
*Penttala, Royon*

Calculation of the processes  $\gamma + p \rightarrow J/\psi + p$  and  $\gamma + Pb \rightarrow J/\psi + Pb$

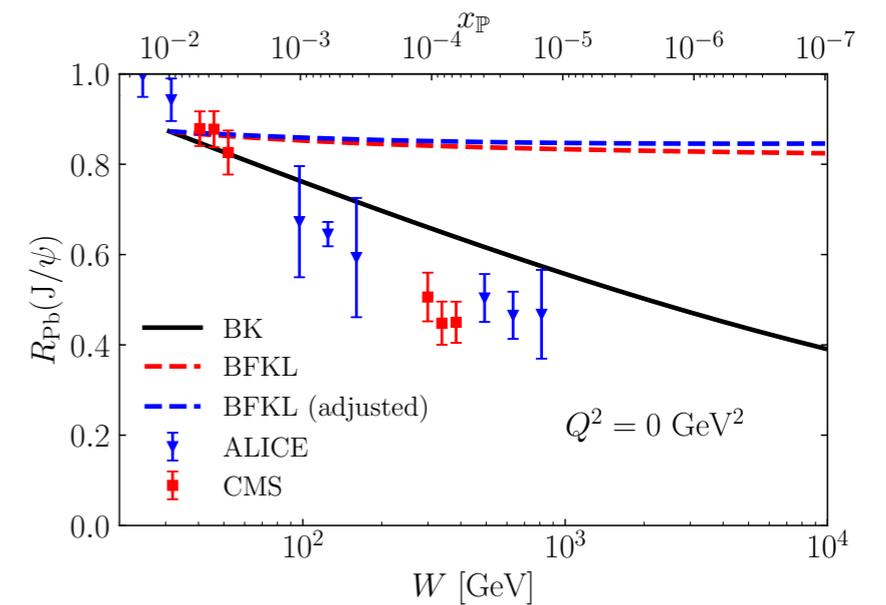
using linear BFKL and non-linear BK evolution



(a) Proton.



(b) Lead.



(c) Nuclear suppression factor.

Proton target: non-linear effects are negligible, linear evolution describes the data

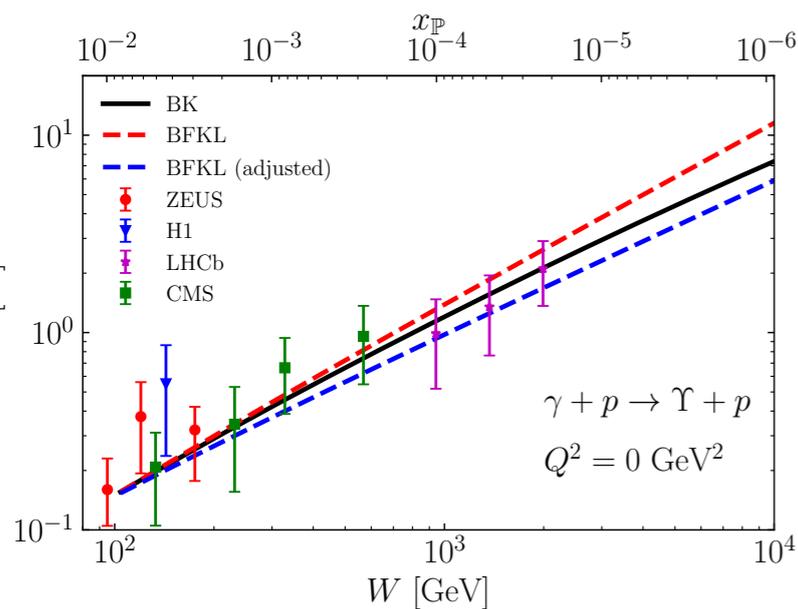
Lead target: non-linear evolution closer to the experimental data

# Exclusive photoproduction of $\Upsilon$

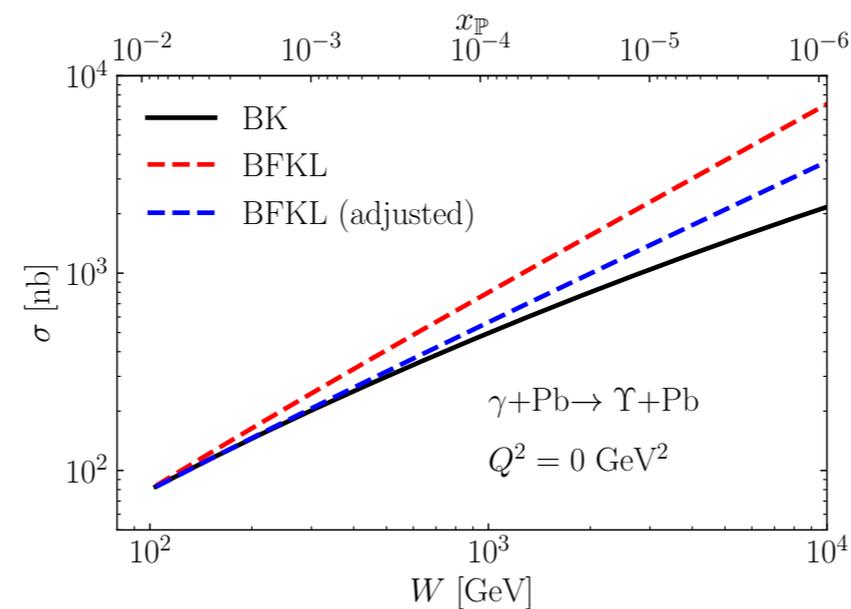
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Calculation of the processes  $\gamma + p \rightarrow \Upsilon + p$  and  $\gamma + Pb \rightarrow \Upsilon + Pb$

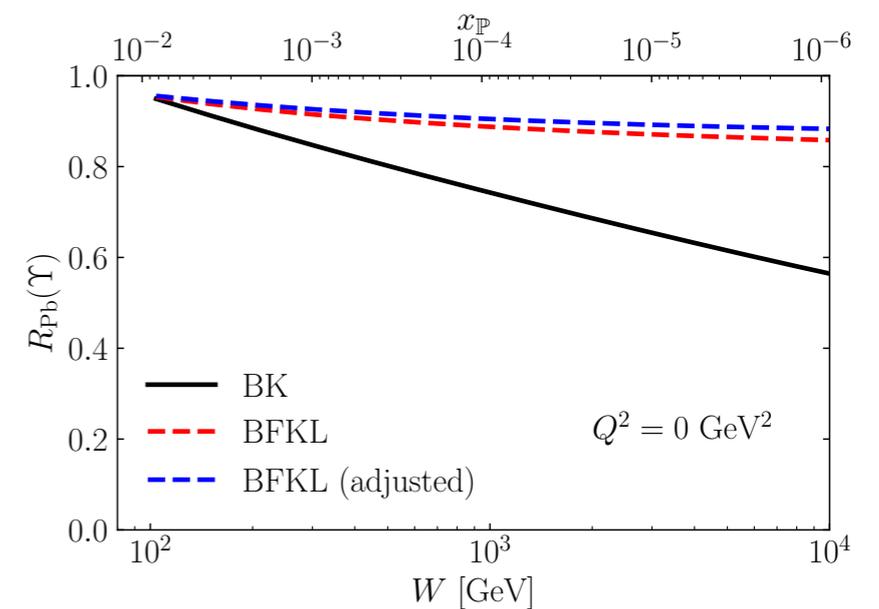
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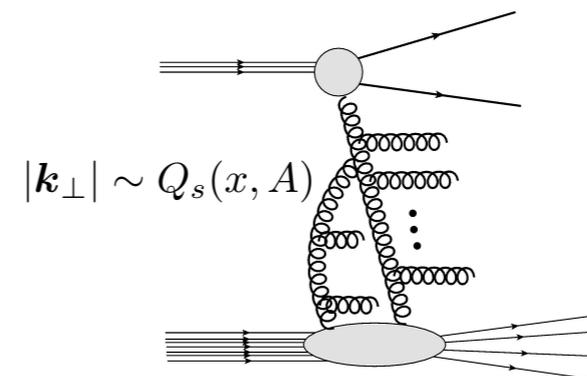
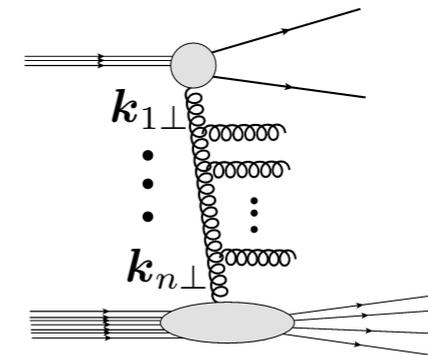
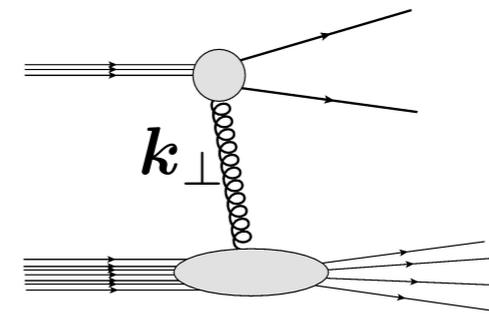
Lead target: predictions from BFKL and BK are closer together, nonlinear effects small

Higher scale: smaller nonlinear effects

# Angular correlations in small x/CGC physics

- **Transverse momentum** from the target can lead to the modification of **angular correlation** between the two produced hadrons/jets (at forward rapidities)
- **Broadening** of angular correlation should be present even in linear BFKL due to the **diffusion** of the transverse momenta at low x
- In the dense regime **decorrelation** due to multiple scatterings and the **saturation scale** being dependent on x and A

*Marquet; Albacete, Marquet*



# Angular (de)correlations in saturation

single inclusive cross section (at LO)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow hX}}{d^2b d^2p_\perp dy_h} = \int_{z_h}^1 \frac{dz_1}{z_1^2} \left[ D_{h/q}(z_1) x_p q_f(x_p) F_{x_g}(k_\perp) \right. \\ \left. + x_p g_f(x_p) \tilde{F}_{x_g}(k_\perp) D_{h/g}(z_1) \right] ,$$

differential crosssection for two-particle production

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{corr.}}^{(pA \rightarrow h_1 h_2)}}{dy_{h_1} dy_{h_2} d^2p_{1\perp} d^2p_{2\perp}} = \int \frac{dz_1}{z_1^2} \frac{dz_2}{z_2^2} \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\hat{s}^2} \left[ x_p q(x_p) \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(i)} \right. \\ \times H_{qg}^{(i)} (D_{h_1/q}(z_1) D_{h_2/g}(z_2) + D_{h_2/q}(z_1) D_{h_1/g}(z_2)) \\ \left. + x_p g(x_p) \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(i)} H_{gg}^{(i)} D_{h_1/g}(z_1) D_{h_2/g}(z_2) \right] ,$$

$g(x), q(x)$  collinear PDFs in the projectile

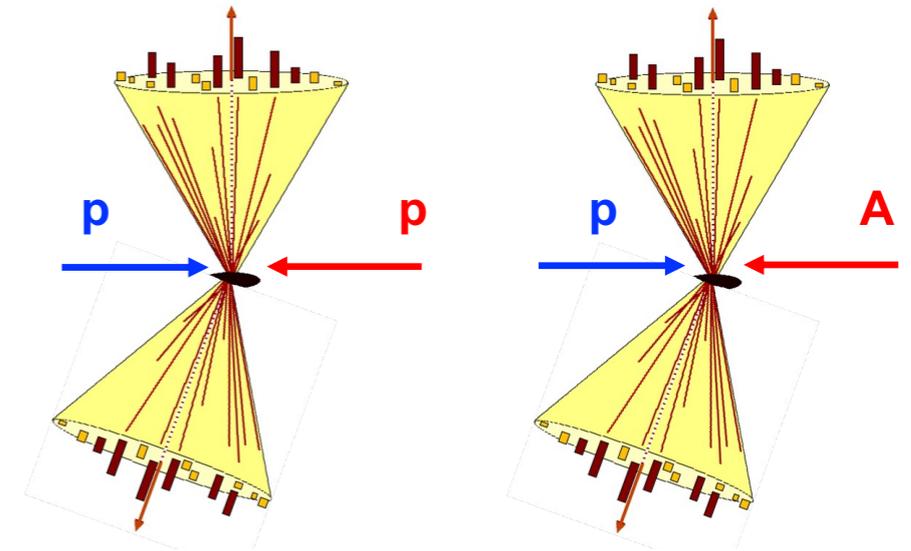
$F_{x_g}(k_T), \tilde{F}_{x_g}(k_T)$  gluon distributions in the target

$D_{h/q}(z), D_{h/g}(z)$  fragmentation functions

di-hadron correlation

$$C(\Delta\phi) = \frac{\int_{|p_{1\perp}|, |p_{2\perp}|} \frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow h_1 h_2}}{dy_1 dy_2 d^2p_{1\perp} d^2p_{2\perp}}}{\int_{|p_{1\perp}|} \frac{d\sigma^{pA \rightarrow h_1}}{dy_1 d^2p_{1\perp}}}$$

Test in dA or pA collisions



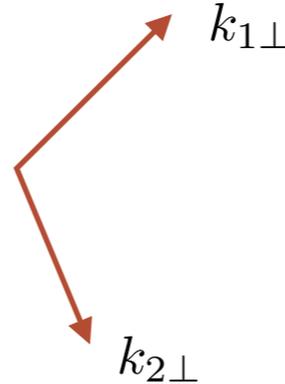
picture from STAR collaboration

# Dihadron correlations: saturation and Sudakov included

Including Sudakov effects in CGC calculations:

*Mueller, Xiao, Yuan*

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{corr.}}^{(pA \rightarrow h_1 h_2)}}{dy_{h_1} dy_{h_2} d^2 p_{1\perp} d^2 p_{2\perp}} = \int \frac{dz_1}{z_1^2} \frac{dz_2}{z_2^2} \frac{\alpha_s^2}{\hat{s}^2} [x_p q(x_p) \mathcal{F}_{qg}^{(i)} \times H_{qg}^{(i)} (D_{h_1/q}(z_1) D_{h_2/g}(z_2) + D_{h_2/q}(z_1) D_{h_1/g}(z_2)) + x_p g(x_p) \mathcal{F}_{gg}^{(i)} H_{gg}^{(i)} D_{h_1/g}(z_1) D_{h_2/g}(z_2)] ,$$



Transverse mom. imbalance

$$k_{\perp} = k_{1\perp} + k_{2\perp}$$

Relative transverse mom.

$$P_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2} |k_{1\perp} - k_{2\perp}|$$

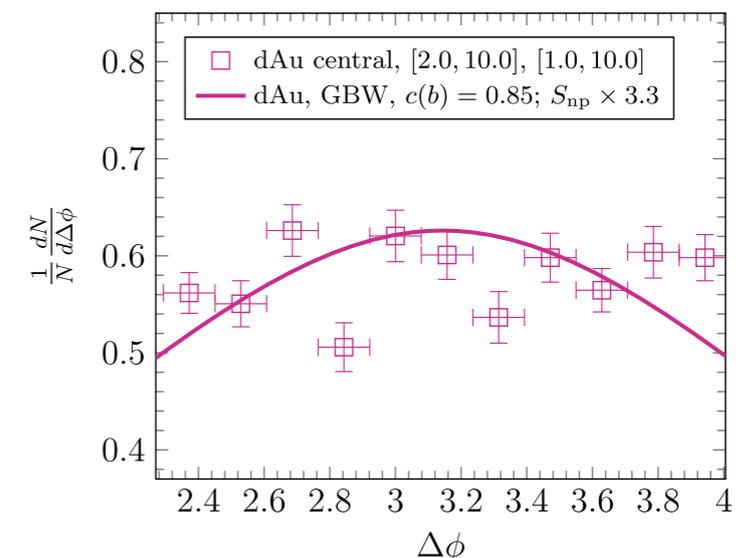
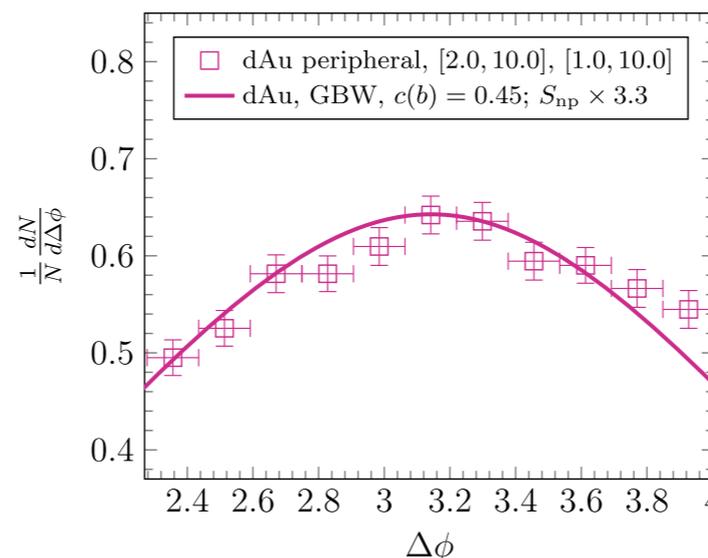
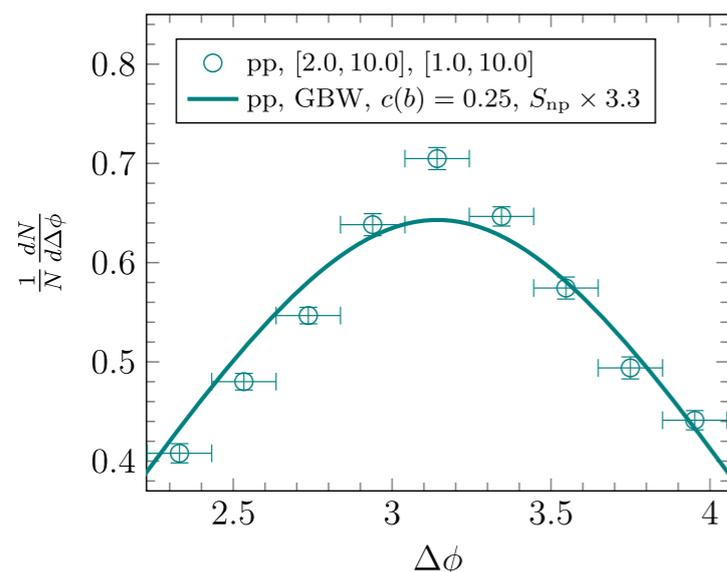
Large logarithms:

$$\alpha_s \ln^2(P_{\perp}^2 / k_{\perp}^2)$$

Sudakov effects factorize

Modify functions  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{(i)}$

Normalized forward dihadron angular correlation compared with the STAR data (also normalized)



In pp Sudakov effects are very important

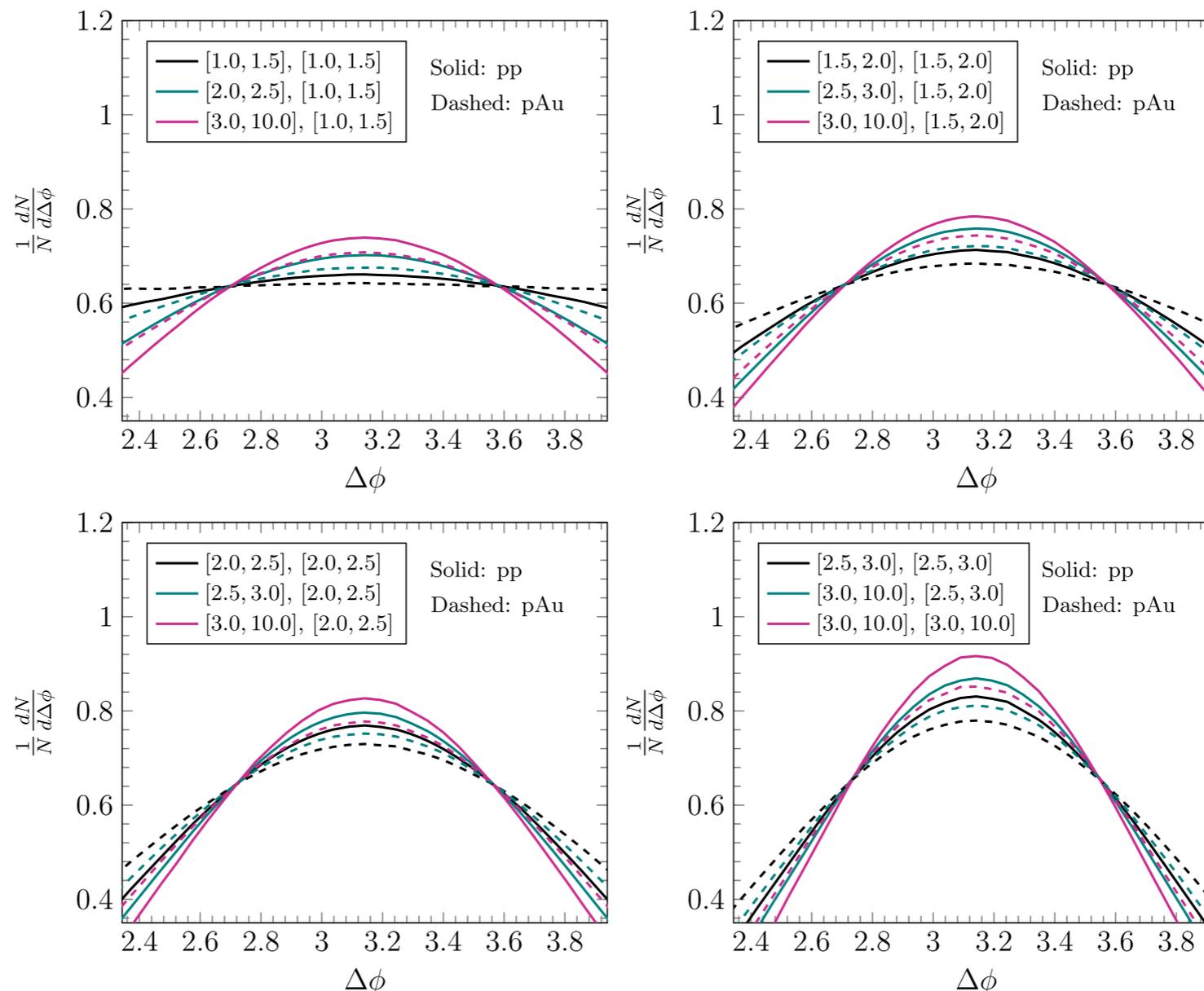
*AS, Wei, Xiao, Yuan*

# Predictions for pA

Normalized forward dihadron angular correlation in pA

Distributions become flat for lower  $p_T$

Still pA always flatter than pp



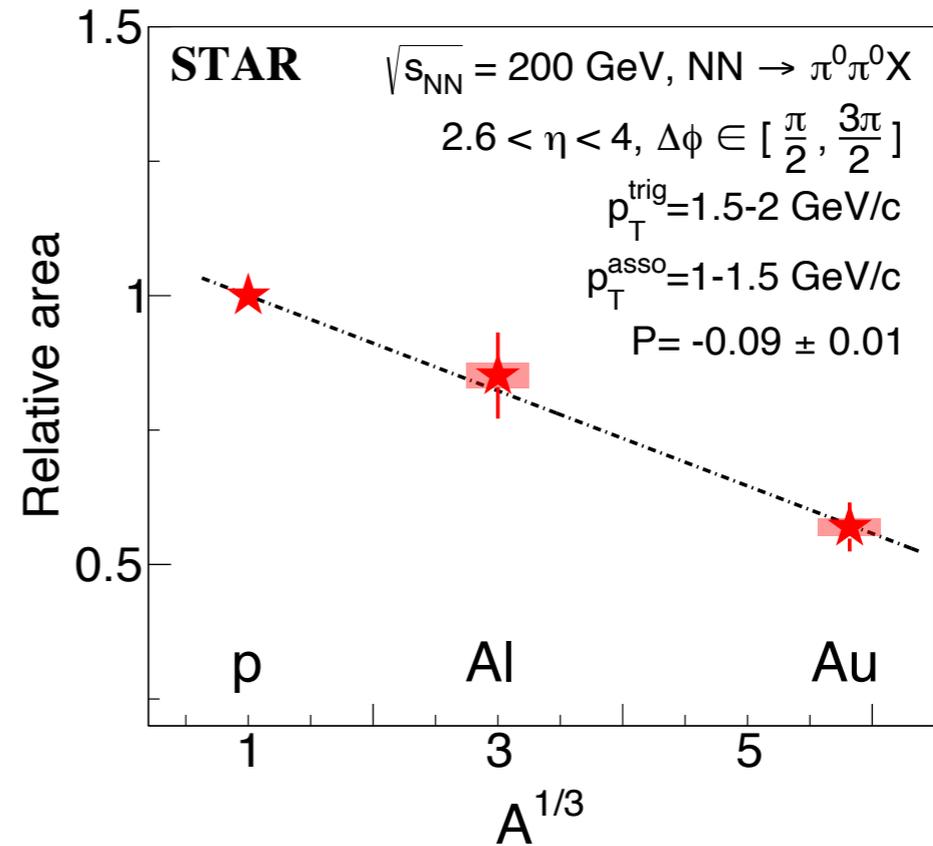
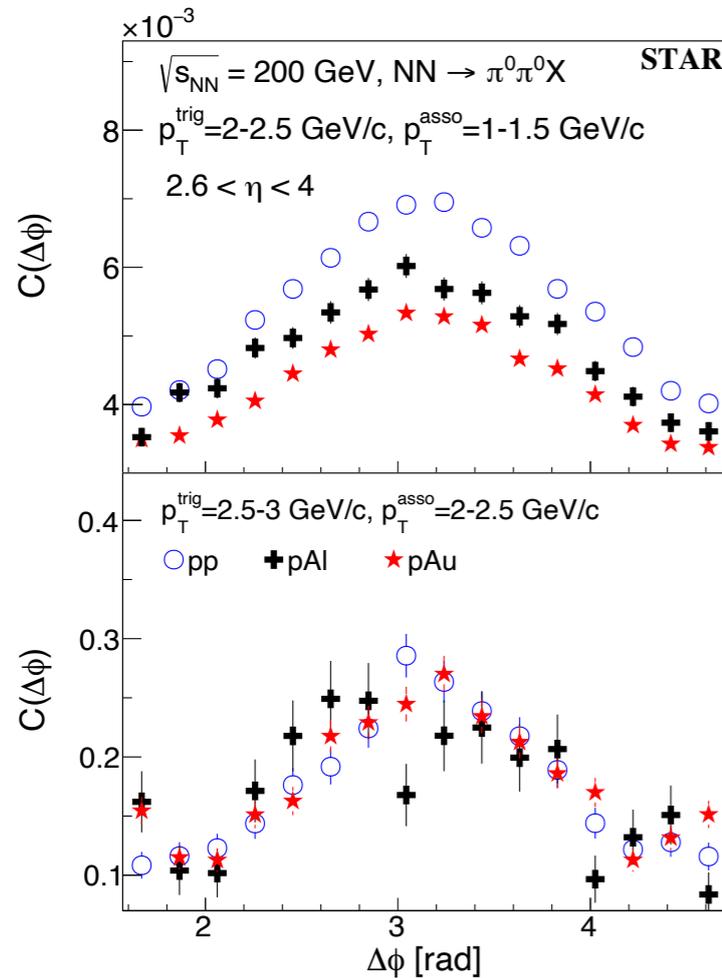
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# Di-hadron correlations in pp,pAl,pAu

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## Evidence for Nonlinear Gluon Effects in QCD and Their Mass Number Dependence at STAR

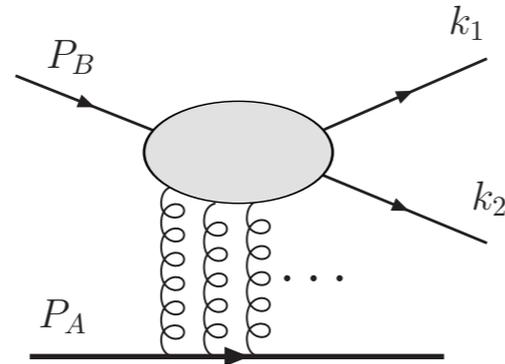
The STAR Collaboration reports measurements of back-to-back azimuthal correlations of di- $\pi^0$ s produced at forward pseudorapidities ( $2.6 < \eta < 4.0$ ) in  $p + p$ ,  $p + \text{Al}$ , and  $p + \text{Au}$  collisions at a center-of-mass energy of 200 GeV. We observe a clear suppression of the correlated yields of back-to-back  $\pi^0$  pairs in  $p + \text{Al}$  and  $p + \text{Au}$  collisions compared to the  $p + p$  data. The observed suppression of back-to-back pairs as a function of transverse momentum suggests nonlinear gluon dynamics arising at high parton densities. The larger suppression found in  $p + \text{Au}$  relative to  $p + \text{Al}$  collisions exhibits a dependence of the saturation scale  $Q_s^2$  on the mass number  $A$ . A linear scaling of the suppression with  $A^{1/3}$  is observed with a slope of  $-0.09 \pm 0.01$ .



Clear suppression observed in pA, scales with  $A$

# Testing saturation through (de)correlations of hadrons in eA

Azimuthal (de)correlations of two hadrons (dijets) in DIS in eA: direct test of the **Weizsacker-Williams unintegrated gluon distribution**



$$C(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SIDIS}}^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+X}}{dz_{h_1}}} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+h_2+X}}{dz_{h_1} dz_{h_2} d\Delta\phi}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow h_1+h_2+X}}{dz_{h_1} dz_{h_2} d^2p_{h_1T} d^2p_{h_2T}} \sim \mathcal{F}(x_g, q_T) \otimes \mathcal{H}(z_q, k_{1T}, k_{2T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h_1}/z_q, p_{1T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h_2}/z_q, p_{2T})$$

- Clear differences between the ep and eA: **suppression** of the correlation peak in **eA** due to **saturation** effects (including the **Sudakov resummation**)
- Further observables: azimuthal correlations of dihadrons/dijets in diffraction, photon+jet/dijet.
- Possibility to test various **CGC correlators**

