

Homotopy approach for scattering amplitude for running QCD coupling

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#### Deep Inelastic Scattering DIS process at small-x in the space-time representation



#### **Deep Inelastic Scattering**







# The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation We find (Balitsky 1996 & Kovchegov 1999)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial N\left(\underline{x}_{10}, Y; \underline{b}\right)}{\partial Y} &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{10}^2}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} \\ &\times \left\{ N\left(\underline{x}_{21}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{2}\right) + N\left(\underline{x}_{20}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{2}\right) - N\left(\underline{x}_{10}, Y; \underline{b}\right) \\ &- N\left(\underline{x}_{21}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{2}\right) N\left(\underline{x}_{20}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{2}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $ar{lpha}_S = lpha_S N_c/\pi$  ,

Its convenient to redefine the dipole sizes as

 $x_{10} \equiv r$   $x_{20} \equiv r_1$   $x_{21} \equiv r_2 = r - r_1$ and take  $b \gg r$ . We obtain  $\partial N(r, Y; b) = \bar{\alpha} c \int c r^2 c$ 

$$\frac{\partial N\left(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{1}, \underline{\underline{b}}\right)}{\partial Y} = \frac{\alpha S}{2\pi} \int d^2 r_1 \frac{1}{r_1^2 r_2^2} \Big\{ N\left(\underline{r}_1, Y; \underline{b}\right) + N\left(\underline{r}_2, Y; \underline{b}\right) - N\left(\underline{r}, Y; \underline{b}\right) \\ - N\left(\underline{r}_1, Y; \underline{b}\right) N\left(\underline{r}_2, Y; \underline{b}\right) \Big\}$$

## The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation

Map of QCD: Color Glass Condensate framework



# $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{The BFKL equation} \\ \mbox{In the region of } r^2 < 1/Q_s^2 \ \mbox{solution is given by} \\ \\ \frac{\partial N^{\rm BFKL}\left(\underline{r},Y;\underline{b}\right)}{\partial Y} &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S}{2\pi} \int d^2r_1 \frac{r^2}{r_1^2 r_2^2} \\ &\times & \left\{ N^{\rm BFKL}\left(\underline{r}_1,Y;\underline{b}\right) + N^{\rm BFKL}\left(\underline{r}_2,Y;\underline{b}\right) - N^{\rm BFKL}\left(\underline{r},Y;\underline{b}\right) \right\} \end{array}$

using the Mellin representation of N

$$N^{
m BFKL}(r,Y;\underline{b}) = \int d\nu \ r^{2\gamma} \tilde{N}^{
m BFKL}(\nu,Y;\underline{b}) \text{ with } \gamma \equiv \frac{1}{2} + i\nu$$

 $\chi(\gamma)$ 

0

0.37

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we obtain

$$\int d^2 r_1 \frac{r^2}{r_1^2 r_2^2} \Big[ (r_1^2)^{\gamma} + (r_2^2)^{\gamma} - (r^2)^{\gamma} \Big] = 2\pi \chi(\gamma) (r^2)^{\gamma}$$

where

$$\chi(\gamma) = 2\psi(1) - \psi(\gamma) - \psi(1 - \gamma)$$

# The BFKL equation

#### Therefore

 $\frac{d\tilde{N}^{\rm BFKL}(\nu,Y;\underline{b})}{dY} = \bar{\alpha}_S \chi(\gamma) \tilde{N}^{\rm BFKL}(\nu,Y;\underline{b}) \Rightarrow \tilde{N}^{\rm BFKL}(\nu,Y;\underline{b}) = \exp(\bar{\alpha}_S \chi(\gamma)Y)$ which leads to

 $N^{\rm BFKL}(r,Y;\underline{b}) = \int_{\epsilon-i\infty}^{\epsilon+i\infty} \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\bar{\alpha}_S \chi(\gamma)Y + \gamma\xi} \propto N_0 \left(r^2 Q_s^2(Y,b)\right)^{1-\gamma_{cr}} = N_0 e^{\bar{\gamma}z}$ where

$$egin{aligned} \xi &= \ln r^2 Q_s^2 (Y=0,b), \quad \xi_s \,= \,\ln \left( Q_s^2 (Y,b) / Q_s^2 (Y=Y_0,b) 
ight) \ &z \,= \,\ln (r^2 Q_s^2 (Y,b)) \,= \,ar{lpha}_S \kappa Y \,+\, \xi \,=\, \xi_s \,+\, \xi \ Q_s^2 (Y,b) \,=\, Q_s^2 (Y=0;b) e^{ar{lpha}_S \kappa Y}, \quad \kappa \,=\, rac{\chi (\gamma_{cr})}{1-\gamma_{cr}} \ &\gamma_{cr} \,=\, 0.37 \qquad ar{\gamma} \,=\, 1-\gamma_{cr} \end{aligned}$$

The boundary condition for the nonlinear equation are  $N(Y,\xi = -\xi_s;b) = N_0$ ,  $\frac{\partial N(Y,\xi = -\xi_s;b)}{\partial \xi} = \bar{\gamma} N_0$ 

The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation Levin-Tuchin solution: Simplify the kernel by taking into account only log contributions (leading-twist approach)

$$\chi(\gamma) \approx \frac{1}{\gamma} + \text{higher twist contributions}$$

in this approximation, the BK equation reads

$$\frac{\partial^2 \widetilde{N}(Y,\xi;\underline{b})}{\partial Y \partial \xi} = \bar{\alpha}_S \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{\partial \widetilde{N}(Y,\xi;\underline{b})}{\partial \xi} \right) \widetilde{N}(Y,\xi;\underline{b}) \right\}$$
  
where  $\widetilde{N}(Y,\xi;b) = \int_{-\xi_s}^{\xi} d\xi' N(Y,\xi';\underline{b})$   
Introducing  $N(r,Y;b) = 1 - e^{-\Omega(r,Y;b)}$ , sol. for  $\Omega(r,Y;\underline{b}) \equiv \Omega(z)$   
 $\kappa \frac{d^2 \Omega(z)}{dz^2} = 1 - e^{-\Omega(z)} \longrightarrow \int_{\Omega_0}^{\Omega} \frac{d\Omega'}{\sqrt{-1 + \Omega' + e^{-\Omega'}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\kappa}z}$ 

For small  $\Omega$  the scattering amplitude is given by  $N^{DIS}(r,Y;b) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\kappa}\right)$ 





We will obtain the BK equation with  $\alpha_s N_f$  corrections.

To obtain higher order  $\alpha_s N_f$  corrections to the kernel of the BK small-x evolution equation, insert infinite chains of quark loops onto the gluon lines



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And take the leading log approximation (LLA) with  $\alpha_s \ll 1$ 

#### Quark loop contribution Balitsky prescription

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial N\left(\underline{x}_{10}, Y; \underline{b}\right)}{\partial Y} &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{S}(1/x_{10}^{2})}{2\pi} \int d^{2}x_{20} \Big\{ N\left(\underline{x}_{21}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{2}\right) + N\left(\underline{x}_{20}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{2}\right) \\ &- N\left(\underline{x}_{10}, Y; \underline{b}\right) - N\left(\underline{x}_{21}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{2}\right) N\left(\underline{x}_{20}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{2}\right) \Big\} \\ &\times \left[ \frac{x_{10}^{2}}{x_{20}^{2}x_{21}^{2}} + \frac{1}{x_{20}^{2}} \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{S}(1/x_{20}^{2})}{\bar{\alpha}_{S}(1/x_{21}^{2})} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{x_{21}^{2}} \left( \frac{\bar{\alpha}_{S}(1/x_{20}^{2})}{\bar{\alpha}_{S}(1/x_{20}^{2})} - 1 \right) \Big] \end{aligned}$$

Kovchegov-Weigert prescription

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial N\left(\underline{x}_{10}, Y; \underline{b}\right)}{\partial Y} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2 x_{20} \Big\{ N\left(\underline{x}_{21}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{2}\right) + N\left(\underline{x}_{20}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{2}\right) - \\ &- N\left(\underline{x}_{10}, Y; \underline{b}\right) - N\left(\underline{x}_{21}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{2}\right) N\left(\underline{x}_{20}, Y; \underline{b} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{2}\right) \Big\} \\ &\times \left[ \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S(1/x_{21}^2)}{x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S(1/x_{20}^2)}{x_{20}^2} - 2 \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S(1/x_{21}^2)\bar{\alpha}_S(1/x_{20}^2)}{\bar{\alpha}_S\left(1/\left(x_{20}x_{21}\left(\frac{x_{21}}{x_{20}}\right)^{\frac{x_{20}^2 + x_{21}^2}{x_{20}^2 - x_{21}^2} - 2\frac{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} \right)}{\bar{x}_{20}^2 - x_{21}^2} \frac{\bar{x}_{21} \cdot \underline{x}_{20}}{x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} - 2 \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} - 2 \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{20}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2} + \frac{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2}}{\bar{x}_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x_{21}^2 - x$$

# Quark loop contribution

They differ as both models neglect different contributions (subtraction term), but they agree when added this term



$$K(r;r_1,r_2) = \bar{lpha}_S(r^2) \frac{r^2}{r_1^2 r_2^2}$$

#### The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation This results in a saturation momentum of the form



Such simple modification affects a lot to our equations

The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation The rcBK equation in the leading twist approach is

$$rac{\partial N\left(r,Y;b
ight)}{\partial Y} \;=\; ilde{N}\left(r,Y;b
ight) \, \left(1 \;-\; N\left(r,Y;b
ight)
ight)$$

where 
$$\tilde{N}(r,Y;b) = \int_{1/Q_s^2}^{r^2} dr'^2 \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S(r'^2)}{r'^2} N(r',Y;b)$$

Introducing  $N(r, Y; b) = 1 - e^{-\Omega(r, Y; b)}$ 

$$rac{\partial^2 \Omega \left( r,Y;b
ight) }{\partial Y \partial l} \;=\; 1 \;\;-\;\; e^{-\Omega \left( r,Y;b
ight) }$$

where

$$l = \int^{r^2} dr'^2 \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S(r'^2)}{r'^2} = -\frac{4N_c}{b_0} \ln\left(4N_c/\left(b_0 \,\bar{\alpha}_S(r^2)\right)\right) = -\frac{4N_c}{b_0} \ln\left(\bar{\xi}\right)$$

with  $\xi = -\ln \left(r^2 \Lambda_{QCD}^2\right) \equiv -\xi$ 

The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation Eq. for  $\Omega(r, Y; \underline{b}) \equiv \Omega(z)$ , with  $z = \xi_s - \overline{\xi}$  gives

$$\sqrt{\frac{16N_c}{b_0}} \frac{\tilde{z}}{\sqrt{2Y}} \frac{d^2\Omega\left(\tilde{z};b\right)}{d\,\tilde{z}^2} + \frac{d^2\Omega\left(\tilde{z};b\right)}{d\,\tilde{z}^2} = 1 - e^{-\Omega(\tilde{z};b)}$$
  
where  $\tilde{z} = \sqrt{\frac{16N_c}{b}} z$ . We cannot solve this equation.

Therefore we search a solution in the form  $\Omega(Y, l; b) = \Omega(\zeta; b)$ with  $\zeta = Y l$ . It leads to

$$\zeta \, rac{d^2 \Omega \left(\zeta;b
ight)}{d\zeta^2} \, + \, rac{d \, \Omega \left(\zeta;b
ight)}{d\zeta} \, = \, 1 \, - \, e^{-\Omega \left(\zeta;b
ight)}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\Omega\left(\zeta = Y \, l_s; b\right) = \Omega_0;$$

$$\frac{d\Omega\left(\zeta = Y \, l_s; b\right)}{d\zeta} = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega_0/\xi_s = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega_0/\sqrt{\frac{32N_c}{b}Y}$$

Again, we cannot solve the equation with those boundary conditions (not constant).

#### The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation Therefore we search a solution in the form

$$\Omega\left(\zeta,l-l_sb\right) = \underbrace{\Omega^{(0)}\left(\zeta,b\right) + \Omega^{(1)}\left(\zeta,b\right)}_{\Omega_{\zeta}(\zeta)} + \Omega'\left(\zeta,l-l_s;b\right)$$

Where  $\Omega_{\zeta}$  satisfies that self-similar equation but for large

Y, i.e 
$$\frac{d\Omega \left(\zeta=0;b
ight)}{d\zeta} = 0$$

with  $\zeta$  redefined as  $\zeta = Y(l - l_s)$  and  $\Omega'$  satisfies the general equation but with dependence of new variable:

$$l - l_s = \int_{1/Q_s^2}^{r^2} dr'^2 \frac{\bar{\alpha}_S(r'^2)}{r'^2} = -\frac{4N_c}{b_0} \ln\left(\frac{-\xi}{\xi_s}\right)$$



The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation



#### The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation





$$= u_0(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) \left( 1 + p \frac{u_1}{u_0}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) + p^2 \frac{u_2}{u_0}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) + \ldots \right)$$

#### Homotopy approach

At p=1 it gives the solution to the nonlinear equation

$$u = \lim_{p \to 1} u_p = u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + \cdots$$

the convergence of this method has been proved (J.H. He, 1999).

We apply the homotopy approach to the BK equation

 $N(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) = N^{(0)}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) + p N^{(1)}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) + p^2 N^{(2)}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b}) + \dots$  $= N^{(0)}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b})\left(1+p\frac{N^{(1)}}{N^{(0)}}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b})+p^2\frac{N^{(2)}}{N^{(0)}}(r,Y;\boldsymbol{b})+\ldots\right)$  $\stackrel{p \to 1}{=} N^{(0)}(r, Y; \boldsymbol{b}) \left( 1 + \frac{N^{(1)}}{N^{(0)}}(r, Y; \boldsymbol{b}) + \frac{N^{(2)}}{N^{(0)}}(r, Y; \boldsymbol{b}) + \ldots \right)$ where

$$\frac{N^{(0)}(Y, l - l_s)}{N^{(0)}(Y, l - l_s)} = \frac{1 - e^{-\Omega^{(0)}(Y, l - l_s)}}{1 - e^{-\Omega^{(0)}(Y, l - l_s)}}$$

#### Homotopy approach

We define  $\mathscr{L}[u_p] = 0 \qquad \mathscr{L}[\Omega] = \frac{\partial^2 \Omega(r, Y; b)}{\partial V \partial l} - 1 + e^{-\Omega(r, Y; b)}$ We already solved the zero iteration. The next homotopy iteration is  $\mathscr{H}\left(p,\Omega^{(0)}+p\Omega^{(1)}\right) = \mathscr{L}[\Omega^{(0)}+p\Omega^{(1)}] + p\mathscr{N}_{\mathscr{L}}[\Omega^{(0)}] = 0$  $\frac{\partial^2 \Omega^{(1)} \left(Y, l - l_s\right)}{\partial Y \partial l} = \left(1 - e^{-\Omega^{(1)} \left(Y, l - l_s\right)}\right) e^{-\Omega^{(0)} \left(Y, l - l_s\right)} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial l} \left(e^{\Omega^{(0)} \left(Y, l - l_s\right)} \mathscr{N}_{\mathscr{L}}[\Omega^{(0)}]\right)}_{\mathcal{L}}$  $DH^{(0)}(Y, l-l_s)$ 0.02 0.02 N(1)/N(0+1) — Y=1 — Y=5 – Y=10 -0.04— Y=15 2.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.5  $| - |_{s}$ 















### **Unresolved Problems**

Heavy Nuclei <sup>197</sup>Au<sup>79+</sup>, <sup>208</sup>Pb<sup>82+</sup>, <sup>238</sup>U<sup>92+</sup>

#### **Unresolved Problems**

McLerran-Venugopalan initial condition for DIS with nuclei  $N(x_{10}^2, Y = Y_A, b) = 1 - \exp(-r^2 Q_s^2 (Y = Y_A, b)/4)$  $= 1 - \exp(-\frac{1}{4}e^{\xi})$ 

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# Conclusion

Homotopy approach successfully applied to the rcBK equation. Next step use MV initial condition.

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