

Geometric scaling in high-energy QCD

nonzero momentum transfer and fluctuation effects

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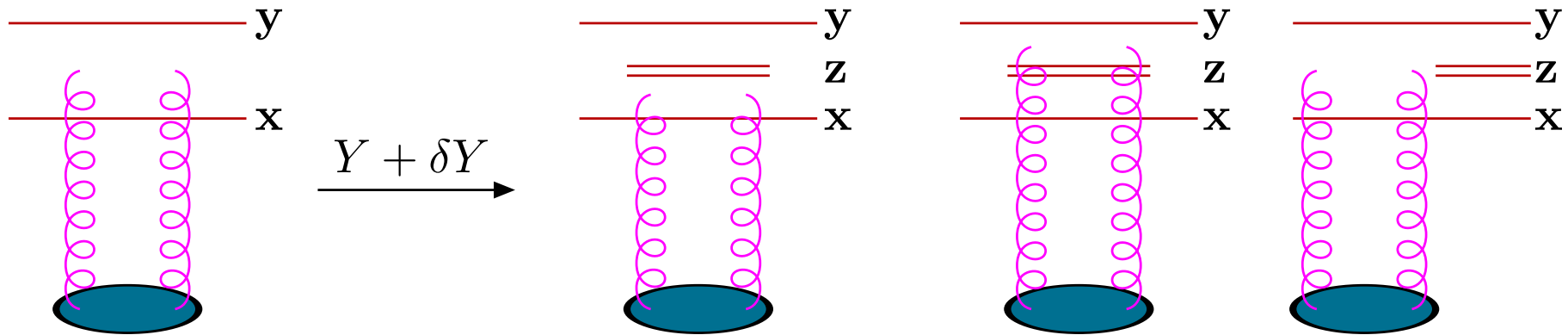
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- Introduction: **BFKL and BK equations**
- Asymptotic solutions: **the b -independent case**
 - Diffusive approximation: **F-KPP equation**
 - Geometric scaling from statistical physics
- Asymptotic solutions: **the full case**
 - **Coordinate** vs. **momentum** space
 - BFKL dynamics and geometric scaling
 - Numerical solutions
- Effects of **fluctuations**
 - Evolution equation: **JIMWLK & fluctuations**
 - Hierarchy (master eq.) vs. Langevin equation
 - Noise term: probability and front compacity
 - Saturation scale and geometric scaling violations
- Conclusions and perspectives

Consider a $q\bar{q}$ dipole at large rapidity $Y = \log(s)$

BFKL: Rapidity increase \Rightarrow Splitting into 2 dipoles



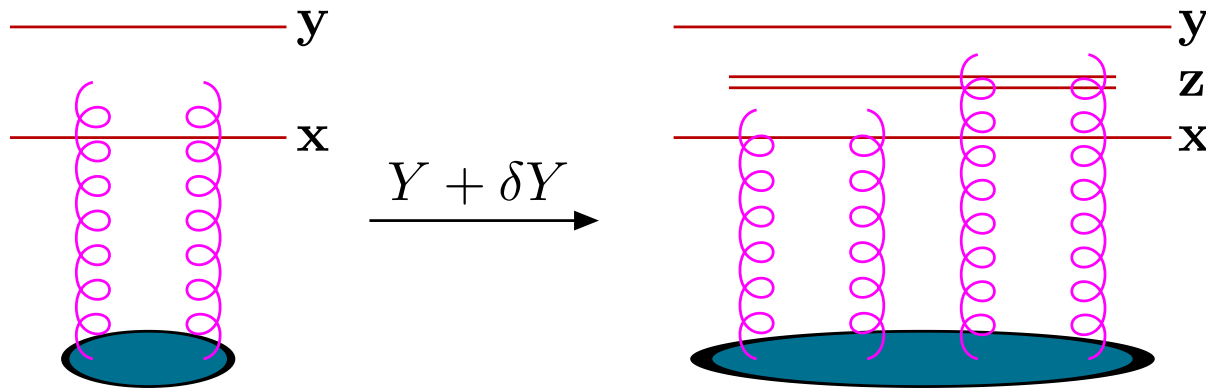
$$\partial_Y T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \bar{\alpha} \int d^2 z \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^2}{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})^2 (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y})^2} [T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) + T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) - T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})]$$

Solution: $T \propto e^{\omega Y}$

Violates unitarity $T(x, y) \leq 1$

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BK: $T^2 \approx T \approx 1 \Rightarrow$ multiple scattering



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Evolution for $\langle T \rangle$:

$$\partial_Y \langle T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \int_z \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{z}} [\langle T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \rangle + \langle T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle - \langle T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle - \langle T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle]$$

Higher-order correlations:

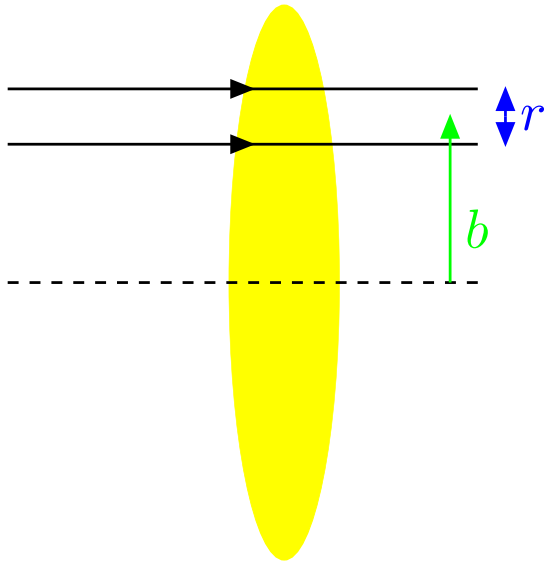
- $\langle T \rangle, \langle T^2 \rangle, \dots$: **JIMWLK/Balitsky equations**
- Mean-field approximation: $\langle T^2 \rangle = \langle T \rangle^2$ (**BK equation**)

What are the solutions of this equation ?

Asymptotic solutions

The b independent case

We start to study the impact-parameter-independent situation:



$$T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \equiv T(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{b}) \longrightarrow T(\mathbf{r})$$

$$T(k) = \int \frac{d^2 r}{r^2} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} T(r)$$

BK equation in momentum space:

$$\partial_Y T(k) = \underbrace{\frac{\bar{\alpha}}{\pi} \int \frac{dp^2}{p^2} \left[\frac{p^2 T(p) - k^2 T(k)}{|k^2 - p^2|} + \frac{k^2 T(k)}{\sqrt{4p^4 + k^4}} \right]}_{\bar{\alpha}\chi(-\partial_L)} - \bar{\alpha} T^2(k)$$

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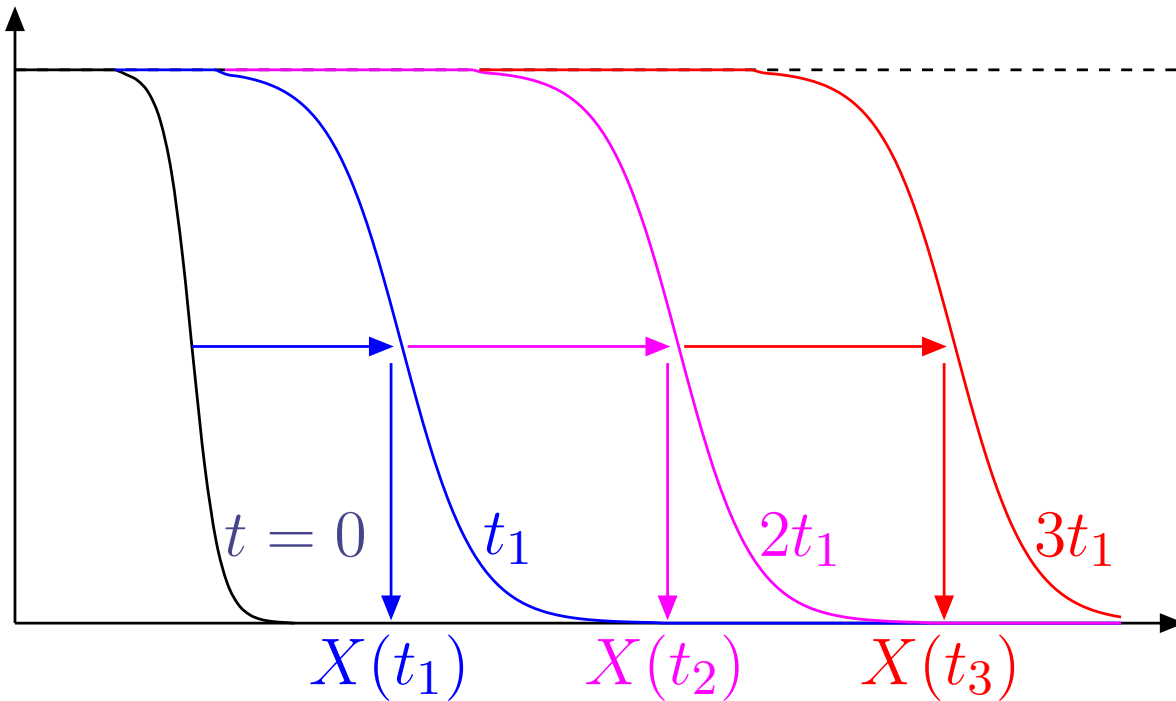
Saddle point/diffusive approximation:

$$\chi(\gamma) = \chi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\chi''\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\gamma - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

+ linear change of variable: $t = \bar{\alpha}Y$, $x \approx L = \log(k^2/k_0^2)$

→ Fisher-Kolmogorov-Petrovsky-Piscounov equation

$$\partial_t u(x, t) = \partial_{xx} u(x, t) + u(x, t) - u^2(x, t)$$



Asymptotic solution:
traveling wave

$$u(x, t) = u(x - v_c t)$$

Position: $X(t) = X_0 + v_c t$

Traveling waves under more general conditions:

- 0 is an unstable solution, 1 is a stable solution
- The initial condition is steep enough
- The linear equation admits superposition of waves as solution

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BFKL growth, BK damping
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Colour transparency
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$$\text{BFKL: } \omega(\gamma) = \bar{\alpha}\chi(\gamma) = \bar{\alpha} [2\psi(1) - \psi(\gamma) - \psi(1 - \gamma)]$$

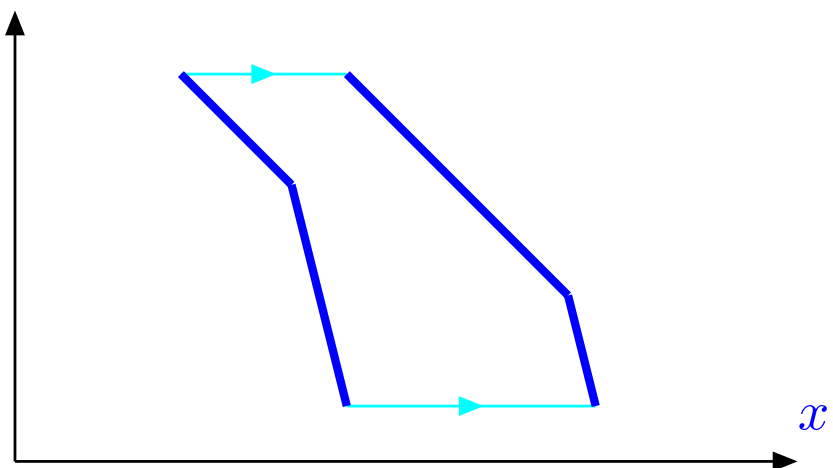
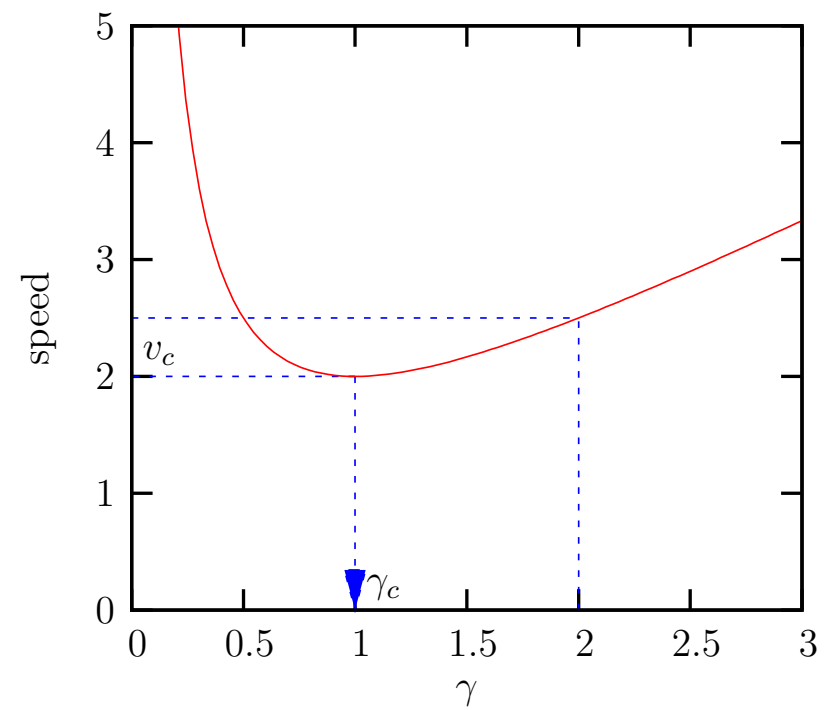
Asymptotic behaviour (2/3)

Wave $\sim e^{-\gamma L}$

→ speed $v(\gamma) = \frac{\omega(\gamma)}{\gamma}$

γ_c, v_c :

$$\omega'(\gamma_c) = \frac{\omega(\gamma_c)}{\gamma_c} = \min \frac{\omega(\gamma)}{\gamma}$$



For the BK equation:

- non-linearities select γ_c
- Asymptotics from linear BFKL kernel only

Tail of the front:

$$T(k, Y) = T\left(\frac{k^2}{Q_s^2(Y)}\right) \approx \log\left(\frac{k^2}{Q_s^2(Y)}\right) \left|\frac{k^2}{Q_s^2(Y)}\right|^{-\gamma_c}$$

Saturation Scale:

$$\log(Q_s^2(Y)) = v_c Y - \frac{3}{2\gamma_c} \log(Y)$$

⇒ geometric scaling in terms of $\frac{k^2}{Q_s^2(Y)}$

Asymptotic solutions

The full BK equation

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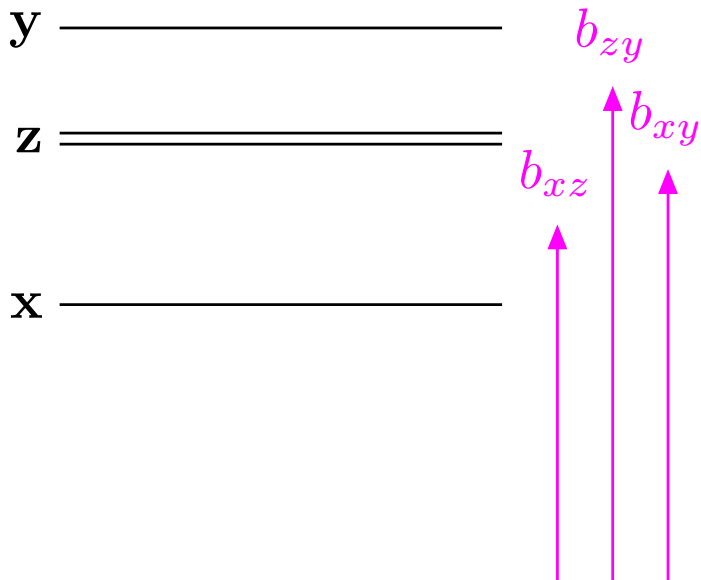
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Problem:



Diffusion/non-locality in b



Solutions of the full BFKL kernel:

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\gamma}{2i\pi} e^{\bar{\alpha}\chi(\gamma)Y} f^\gamma(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \phi_0(\gamma, \mathbf{q})$$

with

$$f^\gamma(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{\Gamma^2(\gamma)}{\Gamma^2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \gamma\right)} \frac{2}{|k|} \left| \frac{q}{4k} \right|^{2\gamma-1} \underbrace{{}_2F_1\left(\gamma, \gamma; 2\gamma; \frac{q}{k}\right) {}_2F_1\left(\gamma, \gamma; 2\gamma; \frac{\bar{q}}{k}\right)}_{\rightarrow 1 \text{ when } k \gg q} - (\gamma \rightarrow 1-\gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{T}_{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\gamma}{2i\pi} \phi_0(\gamma, \mathbf{q}) \exp \left[\bar{\alpha}\chi(\gamma)Y - \gamma \log \left(\frac{k^2}{q^2} \right) \right]$$

Recall the b -independent case:

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{lin}} = \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{d\gamma}{2i\pi} a_0(\gamma) \exp [\omega(\gamma)Y - \gamma L]$$

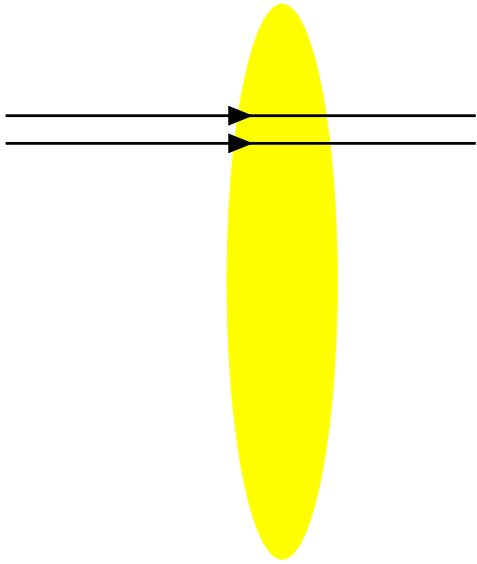
⇒ *geometric scaling for the full BK equation*

Saturation Scale: same Y dependence as previously

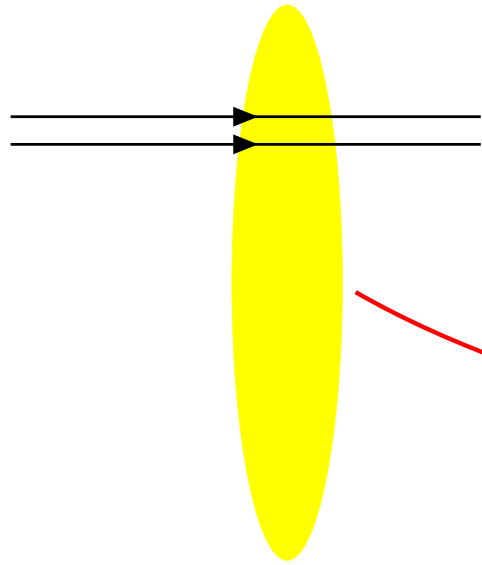
$$\begin{aligned} Q_s^2(Y) &\sim q^2 \exp \left[v_c Y - \frac{3}{2\gamma_c} \log(Y) - \frac{3}{\gamma_c^2} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\bar{\alpha}\chi''(\gamma_c)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{Y}}} \right] \\ &\sim q^2 \Omega_s^2(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Tail of the front: same slope γ_c

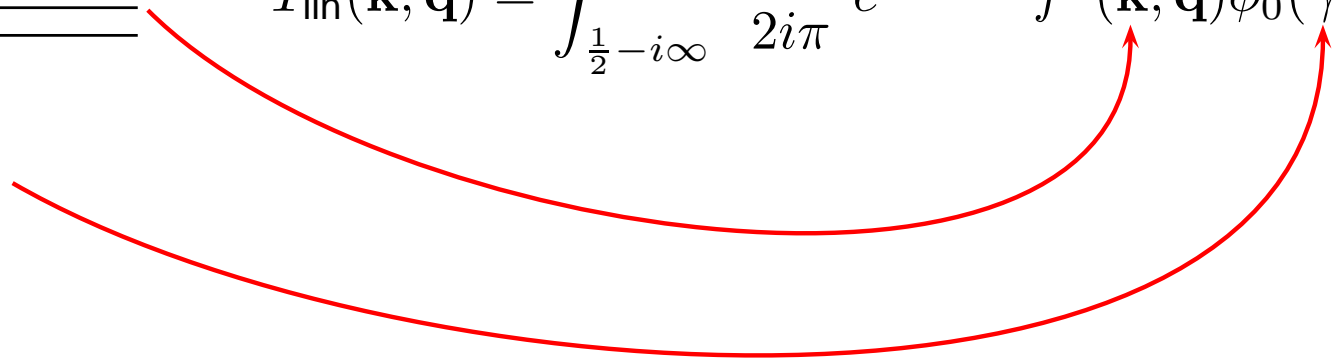
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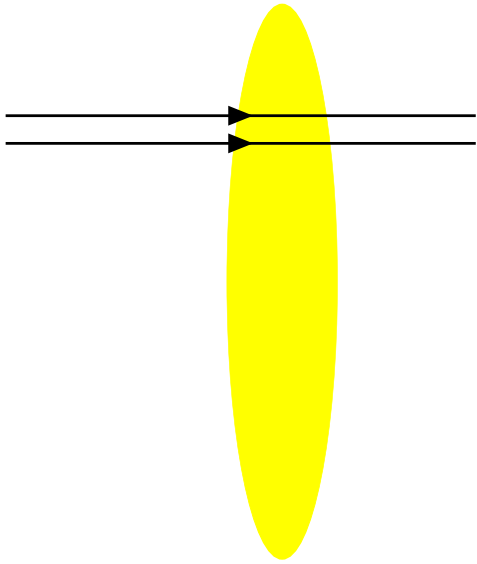


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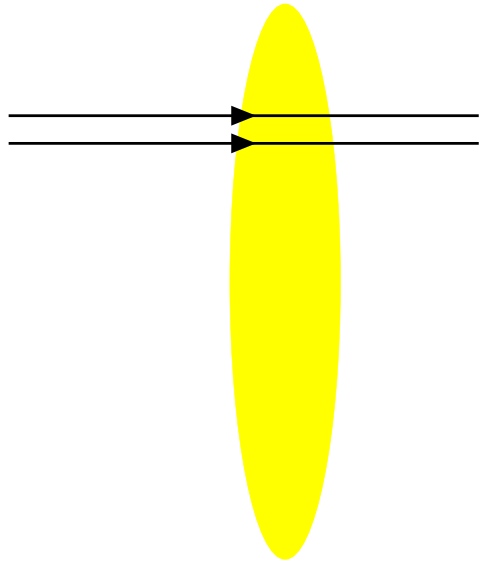
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$$\phi_0(\gamma, \mathbf{q}) \sim \left| \frac{q^2}{Q_T^2} \right|^{1-\gamma} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{q}{Q_T}\right) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{Q}_T}\right) \xrightarrow{q \gg Q_T} 1$$

$$\xrightarrow{Q_T \gg q} \left| \frac{q^2}{Q_T^2} \right|^{1-\gamma}$$

$Q_T \equiv$ characteristic scale of the target

$$Q_T \ll q \ll k$$

$$f^\gamma(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})\phi_0(\gamma, \mathbf{q}) \sim \left| \frac{k^2}{q^2} \right|^{-\gamma}$$

$$Q_s^2 \sim q^2 \Omega^2(Y)$$

$$q \ll Q_T \ll k$$

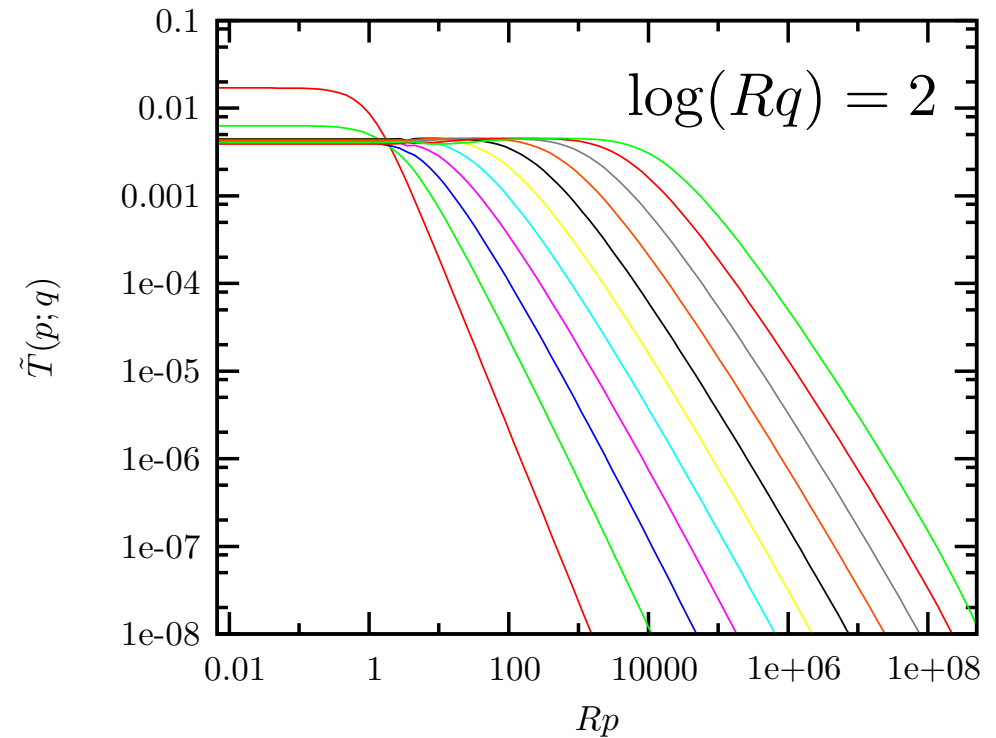
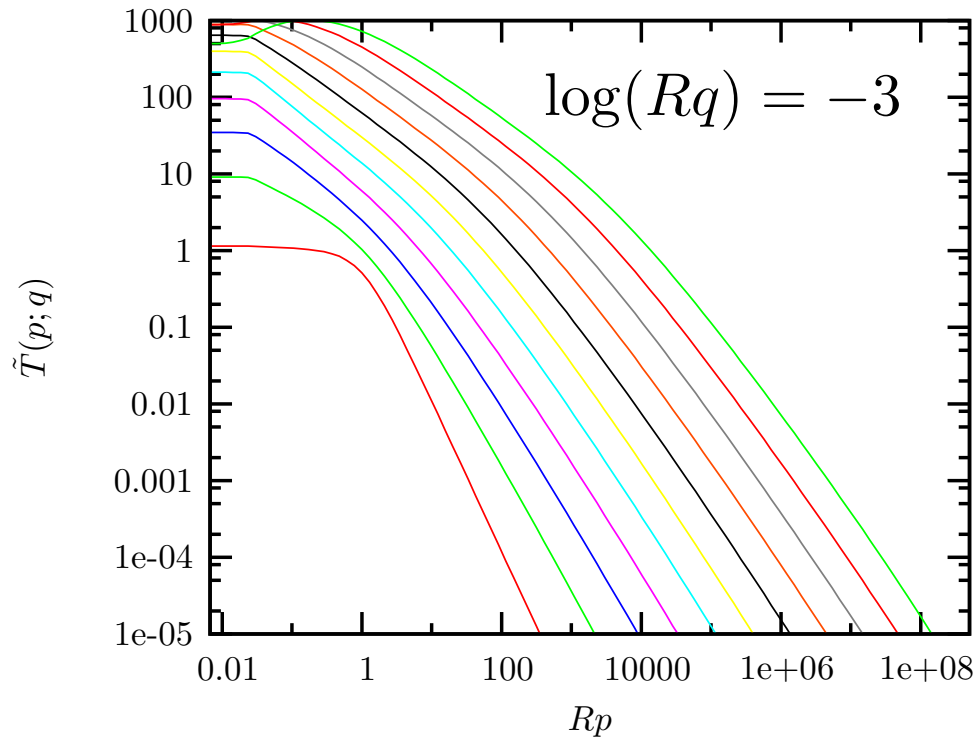
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- same rapidity dependence
- smooth transition from Q_T to q
- scaling for $k \gg q, Q_T$

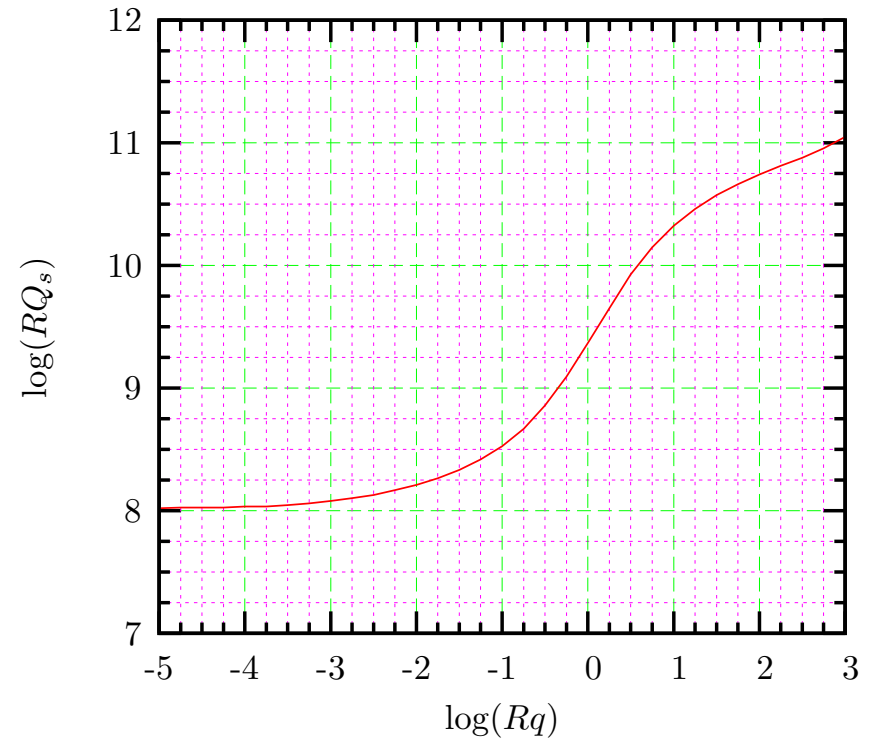
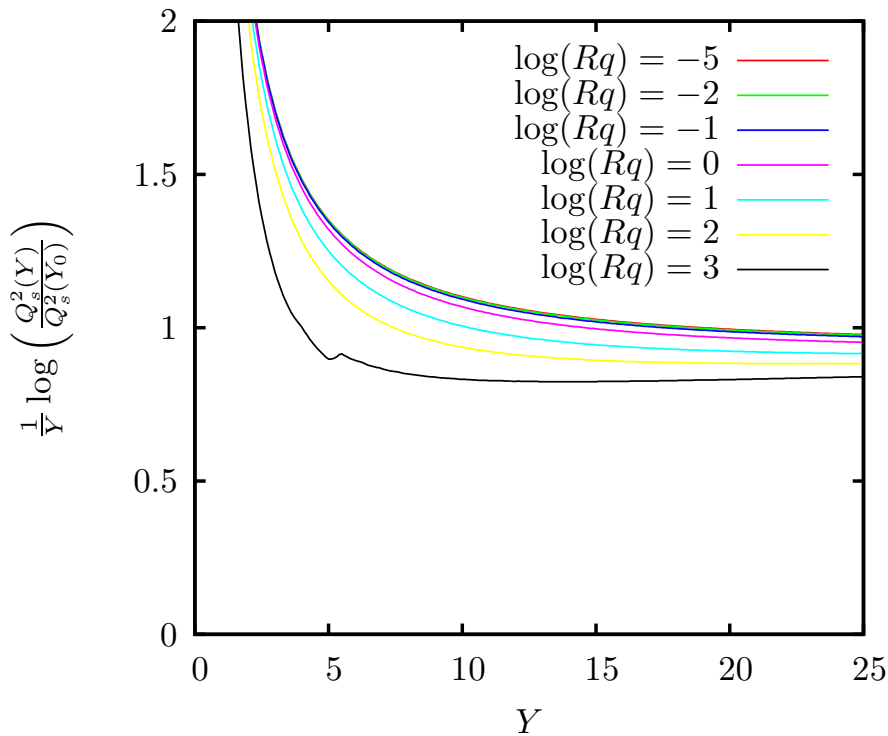
Dependence on momentum transfer k : traveling waves

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- formation of a traveling wave at large $p = k - \frac{q}{2}$ (or k)
- cut-off effect in the infrared region

Saturation scale

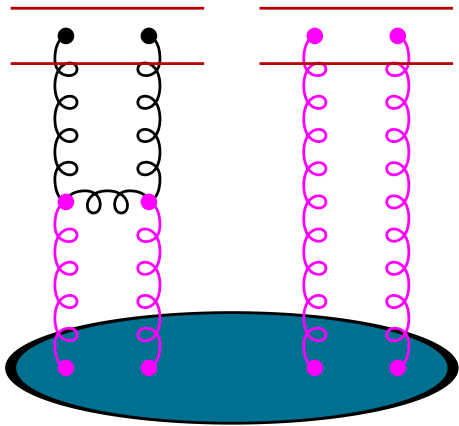


- Y dependence: converges to v_c
- q dependence: scales like a constant or linearly ($Y = 25$)

Effects of fluctuations

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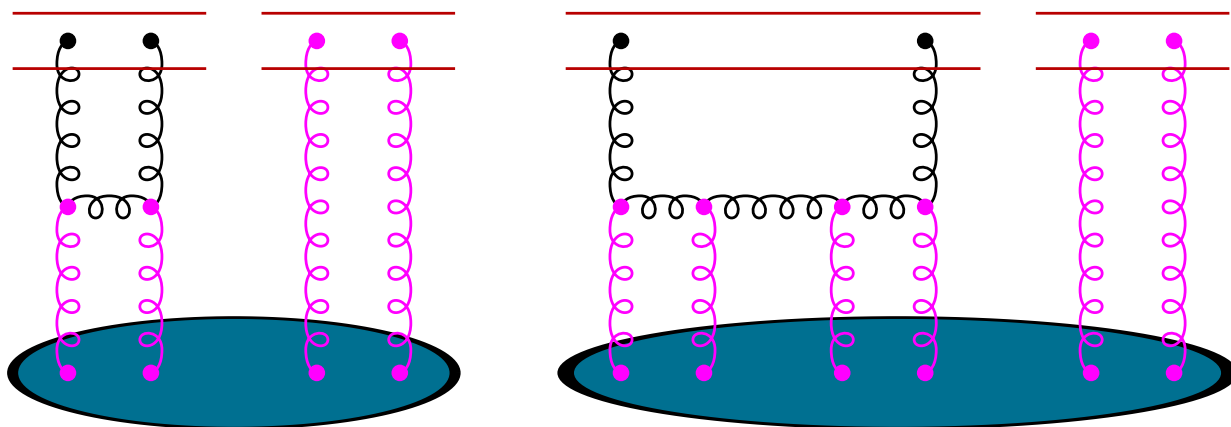


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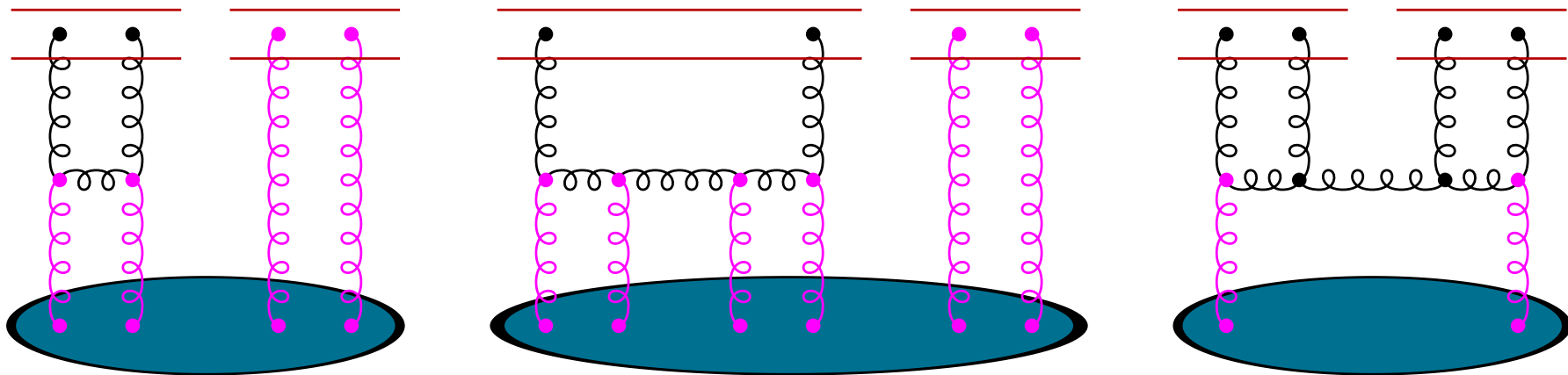
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- fan diagram \longrightarrow saturation effects
- splitting \longrightarrow fluctuations, pomeron loops

$$T^{(k)} \rightarrow T^{(k)}$$

$$T^{(k+1)} \rightarrow T^{(k)}$$

$$T^{(k-1)} \rightarrow T^{(k)}$$

⇒ complicated hierarchy

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_Y T^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1; \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2; Y) \\ &= \bar{\alpha} \int d^2 z \frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{y}_1)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{z})^2 (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}_1)^2} \left[T^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1; \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{z}; Y) + T^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1; \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}_2; Y) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - T^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1; \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2; Y) - T^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1; \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{z}; \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}_2; Y) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \right] \\ &+ \bar{\alpha} \alpha_s^2 \kappa \frac{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{y}_1)^2 (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{y}_2)^2}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2)^2} T^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_2; Y) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2). \end{aligned}$$

- **Merging term:** important when $T^{(2)} \sim T^{(1)} \sim 1$ i.e. **at saturation**
- **Splitting term:** important when $T^{(2)} \sim \bar{\alpha}^2 T^{(1)}$ or $T \sim \bar{\alpha}^2$ i.e. **in the dilute regime**

Hierarchy \equiv master equation

\Rightarrow without b -dependence, equivalent to a Langevin equation

$$\partial_Y T(k, Y) = \bar{\alpha} K_{\text{BFKL}} \otimes T(k, Y) - \bar{\alpha} T^2(k, Y) + \bar{\alpha} \sqrt{\kappa \alpha_s^2 T(k, Y)} \nu(k, Y)$$

with

$$\langle \nu(k, Y) \rangle = 0 \quad \langle \nu(k, Y) \nu(k', Y') \rangle = \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}} \delta(Y - Y') k \delta(k - k')$$

Note: diffusive approximation \rightarrow stochastic F-KPP equation

$$\partial_t u(x, t) = \partial_x^2 u + u - u^2 + \sqrt{2\kappa u} \nu(x, t)$$

- From noise term to fluctuations (local noise \leftrightarrow no space dependence)

$$\begin{aligned} du = \sqrt{2\kappa u} \nu(t) &\xrightarrow{\text{Ito}} u_{j+1} = u_j + \delta t \sqrt{2\kappa u_j} \nu_j \quad \text{with } \langle \nu_i \nu_j \rangle = \frac{1}{\delta t} \delta_{ij} \\ &\Rightarrow F(u_{j+1}) = F(u_j) + \delta t \sqrt{2\kappa u_j} \nu_j F'(u_j) + \delta t^2 \kappa u_j \nu_j^2 F''(u_j) \\ &\Rightarrow \partial_t \langle F(u) \rangle = \kappa \langle u F''(u) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Note: $F(u) = u^n$ gives the hierarchy

- Associated probability

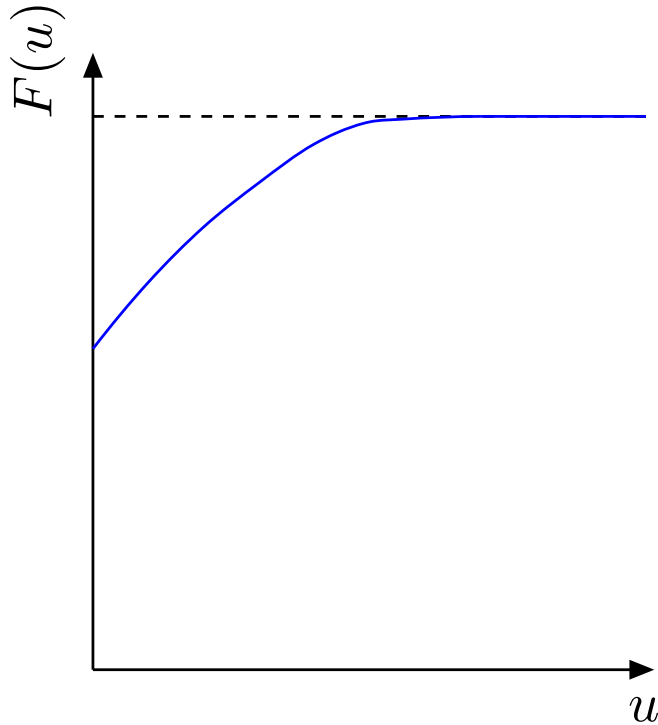
$$\langle F(u) \rangle = \int du F(u) P(u, t) \quad \xrightarrow{\partial_t} \quad \partial_t P(u, t) = \kappa \partial_u^2 [u P(u, t)]$$

Including the initial condition $u(t=0) = u_0$, we get

$P_t(u_0 \rightarrow u) \equiv$ probability to go from u_0 to u in a time t .

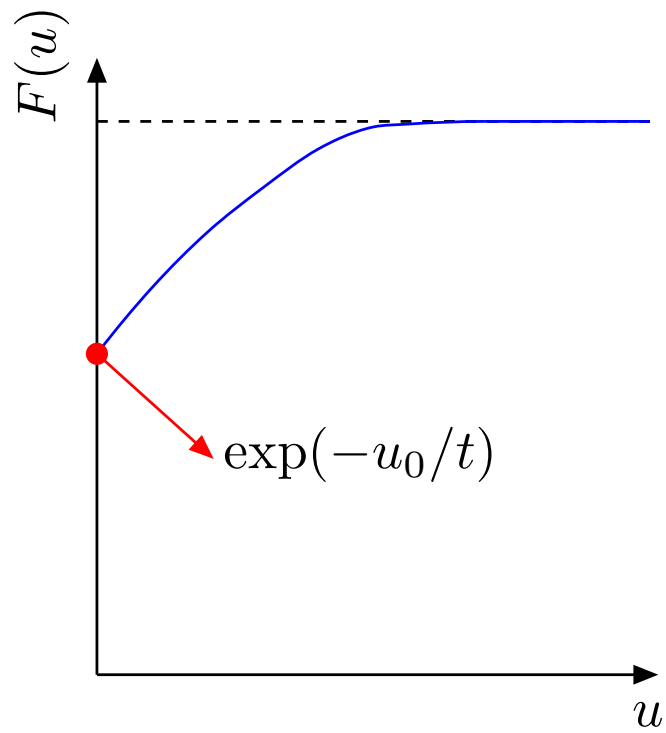
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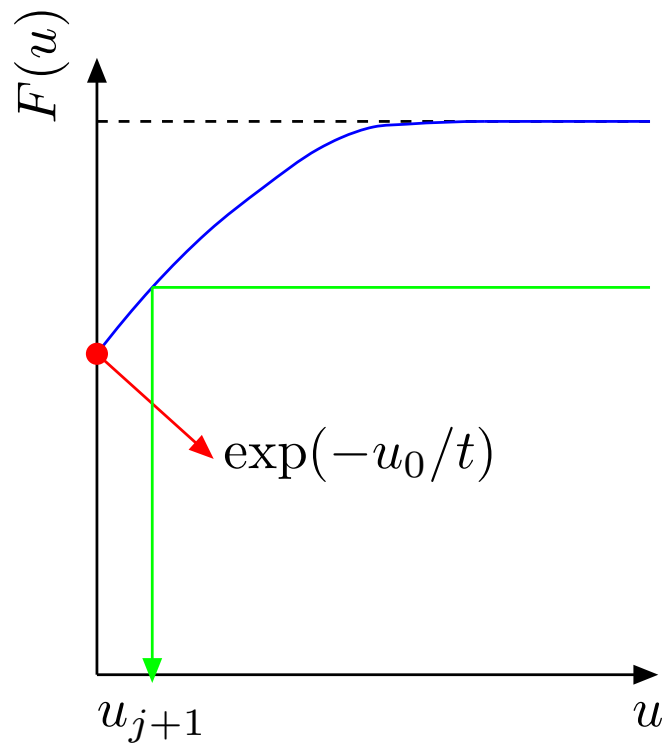
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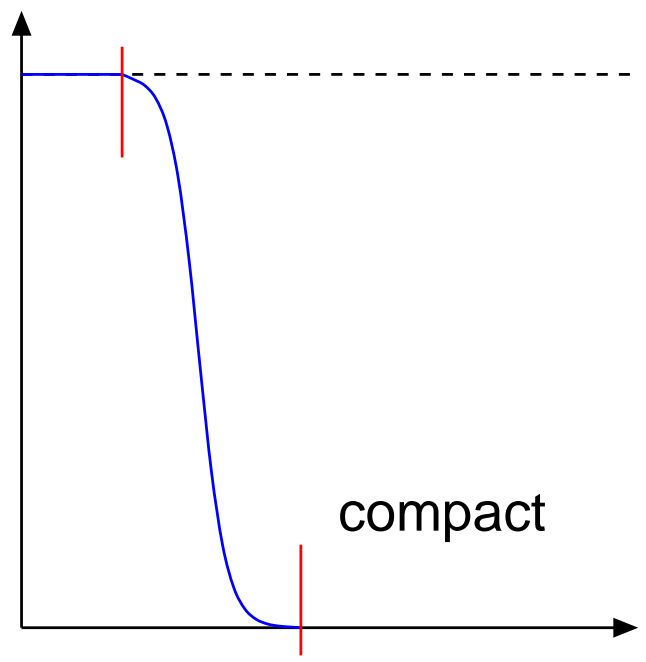
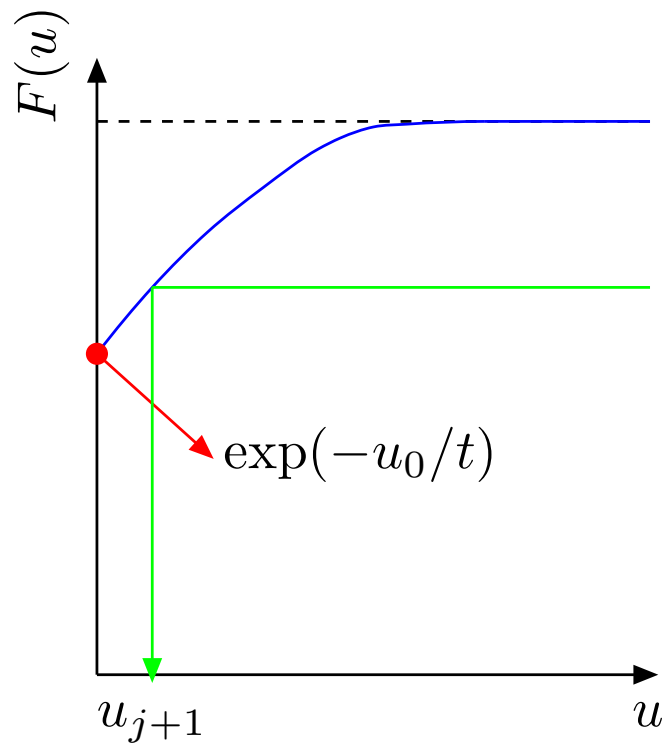
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Rapidity step δY :

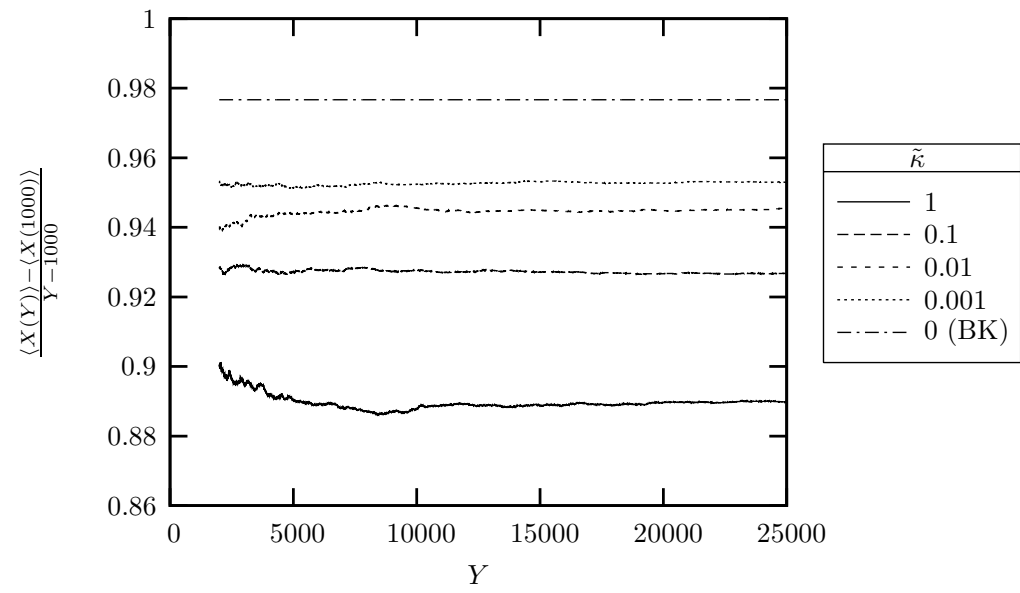
- Step 1: **Use probability**: $0 < y < 1$ uniform random variable

$$T_{\text{noise}}(k, Y) = F_{T(k, Y), \delta Y}^{-1}(y)$$

- Step 2: Apply the remaining equation

$$T(k, Y + \delta Y) = T_{\text{noise}}(k, Y) + \delta Y [\bar{\alpha} K_{\text{BFKL}} \otimes T_{\text{noise}}(k, Y) - \bar{\alpha} T_{\text{noise}}^2(k, Y)]$$

[G.S.]

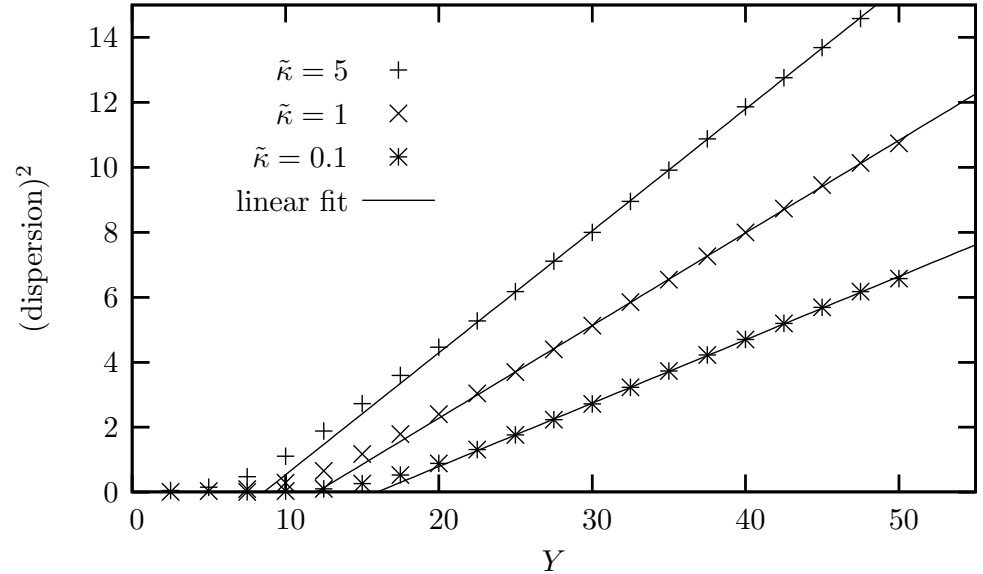
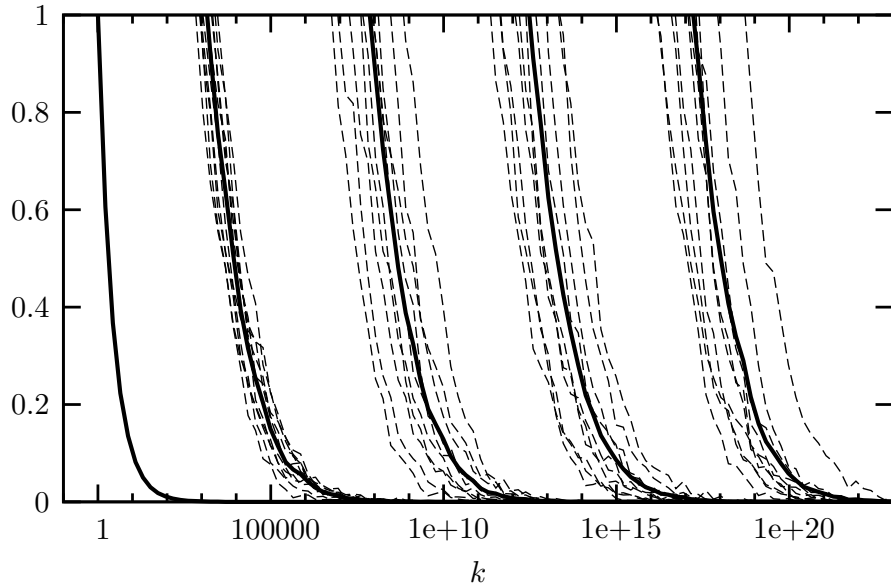


Decrease of the asymptotic velocity

For asymptotically small α_s (not true here)

$$v^* \xrightarrow{\alpha_s^2 \kappa \rightarrow 0} v_c - \frac{\bar{\alpha} \pi^2 \gamma_c \chi''(\gamma_c)}{2 \log^2(\alpha_s^2 \kappa)}$$

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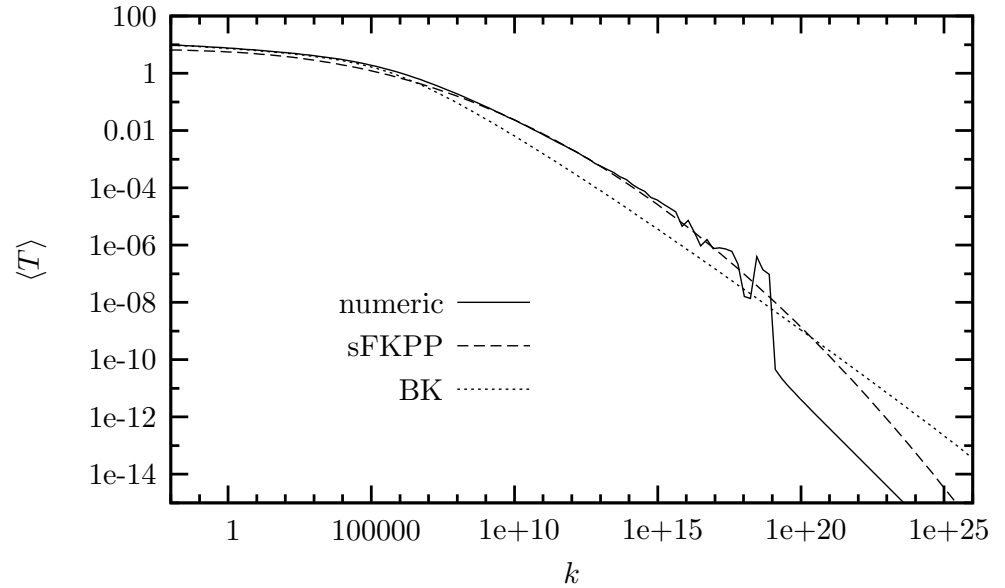
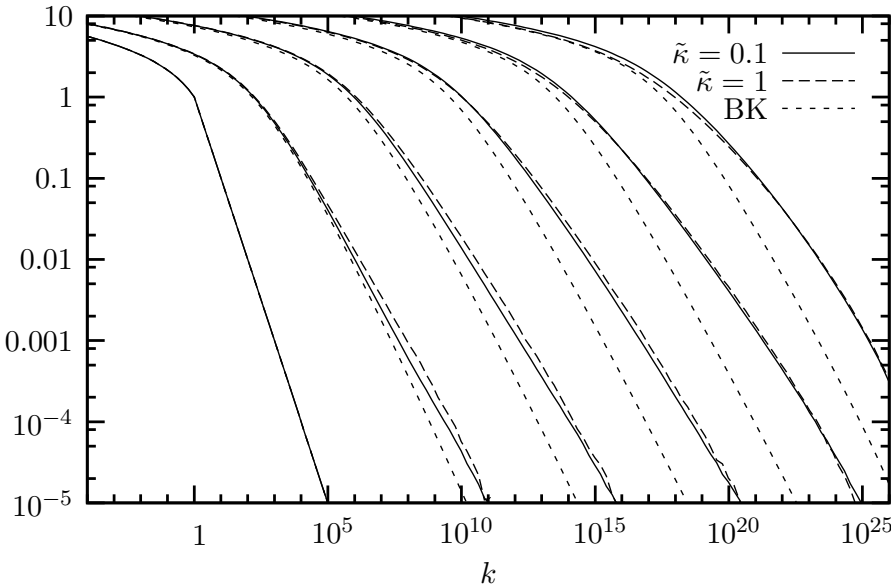


● Dispersion of the events

$$\Delta \log[Q_s^2(Y)] \approx \sqrt{D_{\text{diff}} \bar{\alpha} Y} \quad \text{with} \quad D_{\text{diff}} \underset{\alpha_s^2 \kappa \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \frac{1}{|\log^3(\alpha_s^2 \kappa)|}.$$

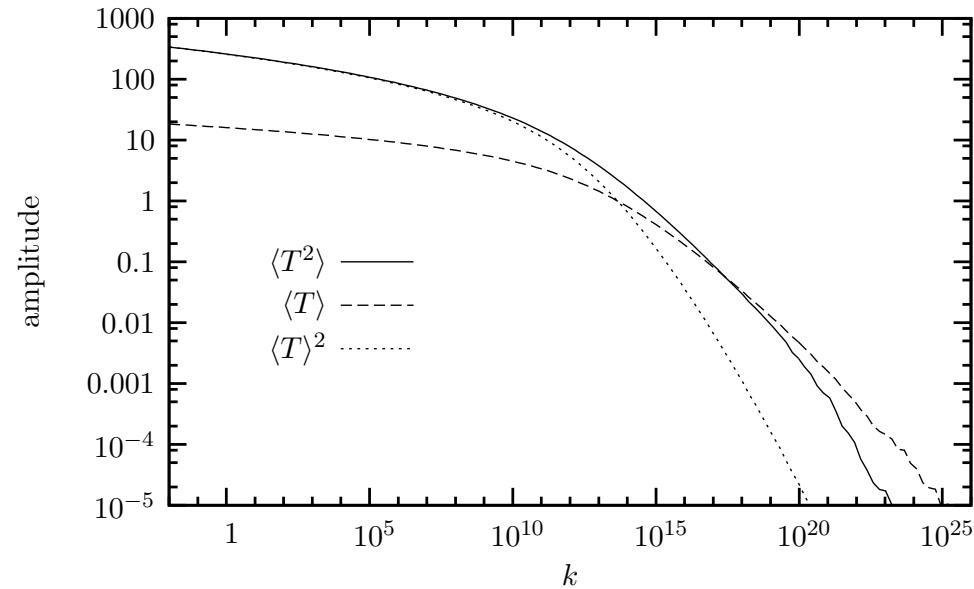
● No important dispersion in early stages of the evolution !

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- Clear effect of fluctuations
- Violations of geometric scaling (not in early stages)
- Agrees with predictions

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- Dense regime: $\langle T^2 \rangle \approx \langle T \rangle^2$
- Dilute regime: $\langle T^2 \rangle \approx \langle T \rangle$

- New form of the BK equation in momentum space (locality)
- Geometric scaling for $k \gg q$
 - same critical speed and slope as in the b -independent case
 - saturation scale proportional to momentum transfer

$$Q_s^2(Y) \sim \max(q^2, 1/R^2)\Omega_s^2(Y) \sim \max(q^2, 1/R^2)e^{v_c Y}$$

- Confirmed by numerical simulations
- Fluctuation effects: first numerical studies
 - slower speed, dispersion
 - violations of geometric scaling (maybe not so important!)

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