# Proton elastic impact factors for 2,3 and 4 gluons

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# **Overview**

Motivation

Baryon light-cone wave functions

Baryon impact factors

Small x evolution in the t-channel

Implications

Based on results obtained with Jochen Bartels

# **Motivation**

Small x evolution of color dipole (photon) scattering is well known: BFKL equation + unitarity corrections

Pattern of unitarisation for color dipole scattering was established: BFKL Pomeron fan diagrams ( $\gamma^*A$ ) and BFKL Pomeron loops ( $\gamma^*\gamma^*$ )

Neccessary to describe DIS at low  $Q^2 \ {\rm and} \ {\rm DDIS}$  in HERA



In contrast, little is know about baryon scattering and small-x evolution of baryon scattering amplitudes

Important problem: color dipole formalism justified for  $N_c 
ightarrow \infty$ 

Non-planar corrections get enhanced by number of quarks =  $N_c$ .

Dipole model approach does not seem to close [Praszałowicz, Rostworowski]

 $\longrightarrow$  We try conventional *t*-channel evolution approach at  $N_c = 3$ 

#### Baryon wave function in infinite momentum frame

loffe current for the proton

$$\eta(x) = \varepsilon_{\kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3} \left[ \left( u^{\kappa_1}(x) \right)^T C \gamma^{\mu} u^{\kappa_2}(x) \right] \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 d^{\kappa_3}(x)$$

Vertex: proton  $\rightarrow$  quarks



Gluon coupling



Evaluation in helicity basis in infinite momentum frame  $\longrightarrow$  proton light cone wave function

#### Baryon wave function from gluon coupling

In high energy limit all diagrams for proton  $\rightarrow$  quarks transition

$$p + \overbrace{g + g + \dots + g}^{n \text{ gluons}} \longrightarrow u u d$$

with any number n of gluons give universal amplitudes with quark momenta  $\boldsymbol{p}_i$  evaluated at the vertex

These amplitudes need to be Borel-transformed in order to eliminate poles of quark propagators [Balitsky, Lipatov]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}' \,\mathcal{B} \,f(P^2, P'^2) & \text{with} \quad f(P^2, P'^2) & \sim \quad \frac{1}{P^2 + P^2 - M_X^2} \frac{1}{P'^2 + P'^2 - M_X'^2} \\ \\ \frac{1}{P^2 + P^2 - \frac{p_1^2}{\alpha_1} - \frac{p_2^2}{\alpha_2} - \frac{p_3^2}{\alpha_3}} & \longrightarrow \quad \exp\left[-\left(\frac{p_1^2}{\alpha_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{\alpha_2} + \frac{p_3^2}{\alpha_3} - P^2\right) / M^2\right] \\ \end{aligned}$$
[Brodsky, Lepage]

-----> Baryon wave function dependent on quark longitudinal and transverse momenta, and helicities

## The impact factor



Baryon impact factor



Color factor:

$$\mathcal{C}(\text{diagram}) = \frac{\varepsilon^{\kappa_1' \kappa_2' \kappa_3'} \varepsilon^{\kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3}}{3!} \left[ t^{a_l} t^{a_{l-1}} \dots t^{a_1} \right]_{\kappa_1' \kappa_1} \left[ t^{b_m} t^{b_{m-1}} \dots t^{b_1} \right]_{\kappa_2' \kappa_2} \left[ t^{c_n} t^{c_{n-1}} \dots t^{c_1} \right]_{\kappa_3' \kappa_3}$$

Kinematic part:

$$\mathcal{F}^{\lambda\lambda'}(\{\boldsymbol{l}_i\};\boldsymbol{P},\boldsymbol{P}') = \sum_{\lambda_1,\lambda_2,\lambda_3} \int [d^2\boldsymbol{p}_i] [d\alpha_i] \Psi_{\lambda}^{(\lambda_1,\lambda_2)\lambda_3}(\{\alpha_i\},\{\boldsymbol{p}_i\};\boldsymbol{P}) \left[\Psi_{\lambda'}^{(\lambda_1,\lambda_2)\lambda_3}\left(\{\alpha_i\},\{\boldsymbol{p}_i+\boldsymbol{l}_i\};\boldsymbol{P}'\right)\right]^*$$

Baryon form-factor:  $F(l_1, l_2, l_3)$  depends on overall momentum transfers  $l_i$  to the quark lines

#### 2 gluon baryon impact factor



Decomposition of amplitude into gauge invariant pieces — with one spectator quark



Structure of  $D_{2;0}^{\{1,2\}}$  resembles color dipole, but with half of the coupling

$$D_{2;0}^{\{1,2\}}(\boldsymbol{k}_1,\boldsymbol{k}_2) = \frac{-g^2}{12} \left[ F(\boldsymbol{k},0,\boldsymbol{0}) + F(0,\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{0}) - F(\boldsymbol{k}_1,\boldsymbol{k}_2,\boldsymbol{0}) - F(\boldsymbol{k}_2,\boldsymbol{k}_1,\boldsymbol{0}) \right]$$

Full impact factor: the sum over quasi-dipoles

$$B_{2;0}(\boldsymbol{k}_1, \boldsymbol{k}_2) = \delta^{a_1 a_2} \left[ D_{2;0}^{\{1,2\}}(\boldsymbol{k}_1, \boldsymbol{k}_2) + D_{2;0}^{\{1,3\}}(\boldsymbol{k}_1, \boldsymbol{k}_2) + D_{2;0}^{\{2,3\}}(\boldsymbol{k}_1, \boldsymbol{k}_2) \right]$$

#### **3-gluon** *C*-even baryon impact factor



3-gluon C-even impact factor may be decomposed

$$B_{3;0} = D_{3;0}^{\{1,2\}} + D_{3;0}^{\{1,3\}} + D_{3;0}^{\{2,3\}}$$

and  $D_{3;0}^{\{i,j\}}$  have the color/momentum structure known from the photon/dipole



$$D_{3;0}^{\{i,j\}}(1,2,3) = \frac{1}{2} g f^{a_1 a_2 a_3} \left[ D_{2;0}^{\{i,j\}}(12,3) - D_{2;0}^{\{i,j\}}(13,2) + D_{2;0}^{\{i,j\}}(23,1) \right]$$

Suggestive of independent Reggeization of dipole-like components  $D_{3;0}^{\{i,j\}}$ 

## **3-gluon** *C***-odd baryon impact factor**

All topologies contribute:



C-odd baryon impact factor

$$ilde{B}_{3;0}({m k}_1,{m k}_2,{m k}_3) = d^{a_1a_2a_3} E_{3;0}({m k}_1,{m k}_2,{m k}_3)$$

Impact factor

$$E_{3;0}(m{k}_1,m{k}_2,m{k}_3) \;=\; rac{g^3}{24} \sum_{\sigma} \left[ 2F^{\sigma}(m{k}_1,m{k}_2,m{k}_3) - \sum_{i=1}^3 F^{\sigma}(m{k}_i,m{k}-m{k}_i,0) + F^{\sigma}(m{k},0,0) 
ight]$$

is Bose symmetric:  $E_{3;0}\left(\boldsymbol{k}_{\sigma(1)},\boldsymbol{k}_{\sigma(2)},\boldsymbol{k}_{\sigma(3)}\right) = E_{3;0}(\boldsymbol{k}_1,\boldsymbol{k}_2,\boldsymbol{k}_3)$  for any  $\sigma$ 

and gauge invariant:  $E_{3;0}(\boldsymbol{k}_1, \boldsymbol{k}_2, \boldsymbol{k}_3) = 0$  for any  $\boldsymbol{k}_j \to 0$ .

#### 4-gluon C-even baryon impact factor



Dipolar terms  $D_{4;0}$  found again in C-even impact factor

$$B_{4;0} = D_{4;0}^{\{1,2\}} + D_{4;0}^{\{1,3\}} + D_{4;0}^{\{2,3\}} + Q_{4;0}$$

'Dipole-like' components again follow the pattern found for the photon scattering

Reggeizing terms:



#### New structure found in baryon impact factor

All topologies contribute:







$$Q_{4,0}(1,2,3,4) = \frac{1}{2}g \left[ d^{a_1a_2b} d^{ba_3a_4} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{a_1a_2}\delta^{a_3a_4} \right] \left[ E_{3,0}(12,3,4) + E_{3,0}(34,1,2) \right] + \frac{1}{2}g \left[ d^{a_1a_3b} d^{ba_2a_4} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{a_1a_3}\delta^{a_2a_4} \right] \left[ E_{3,0}(13,2,4) + E_{3,0}(24,1,3) \right] + \frac{1}{2}g \left[ d^{a_1a_4b} d^{ba_2a_3} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{a_1a_4}\delta^{a_2a_3} \right] \left[ E_{3,0}(14,2,3) + E_{3,0}(23,1,4) \right]$$



Bose symmetry and gauge invariance:  $Q_{4;0}(\boldsymbol{k}_1, \boldsymbol{k}_2, \boldsymbol{k}_3, \boldsymbol{k}_4) = 0$  for any  $\boldsymbol{k}_j \to 0$ 

## 4-gluon C-odd impact factor

Impact factor suggestive of Reggeizing form

$$\begin{split} \tilde{B}_{4;0}(1,2,3,4) &= f^{a_1a_2b} d^{ba_3a_4} E_{3;0}(12,3,4) + f^{a_1a_3b} d^{ba_2a_4} E_{3;0}(13,2,4) + \\ &+ f^{a_1a_4b} d^{ba_2a_3} E_{3;0}(14,2,3) + f^{a_2a_3b} d^{ba_1a_4} E_{3;0}(23,1,4) + \\ &+ f^{a_2a_4b} d^{ba_1a_3} E_{3;0}(24,1,3) + f^{a_3a_4b} d^{ba_1a_2} E_{3;0}(34,1,2) \end{split}$$



#### Small-x evolution of multiple discontinuities

Ingredients of EGGLA formalism [I. Balitsky, V. Fadin, E. Kuraev, L. Lipatov; J. Bartels; J. Kwieciński, M. Praszałowicz, M. Wüsthoff, C. Ewerz]:

Reggeized gluon trajectory  $\beta(\mathbf{k})$  and  $2 \rightarrow 2$  BFKL interaction kernel,  $2 \rightarrow n$  transition kernels



#### **Bootstrap in gluon trajectory and 3-Pomeron vertex**



#### **Solutions: Odderon**

 $\tilde{B}_3 = E_3$  — solution of BKP equation with initial condition  $E_{3,0}$  (Janik–Wosiek solution)

$$\left( \omega - \sum_i eta({m k}_i) 
ight) \; E_3 \; = \; E_{3;0} \; + \; \sum_{(r,s)} \; K_{2 
ightarrow 2} \; \otimes \; E_3$$

4 gluons: solution saturated by Reggeizing contribution



## **Solutions: Pomeron**

Two-gluon impact factors  $D_2^{\{i,j\}}$  are solutions of BFKL equation with initial conditions  $D_{2;0}^{\{i,j\}}$ 

$$\left(\omega - \sum_{i=1}^{2} \beta(\boldsymbol{k}_{i})\right) D_{2}^{\{i,j\}} = D_{2;0}^{\{i,j\}} + K_{2\to 2} \otimes D_{2}^{\{i,j\}}$$

For three gluons — impact factor is also superposition of evolving dipolar pieces:

$$B_3 = D_3^{\{1,2\}} + D_3^{\{1,3\}} + D_3^{\{2,3\}}$$

and solutions for  $D_3^{\{i,j\}}$  have Reggeizing form

$$D_{3}^{\{i,j\}}(1,2,3) = \frac{1}{2}g f^{a_{1}a_{2}a_{3}} \left[ D_{2}^{\{i,j\}}(12,3) - D_{2}^{\{i,j\}}(13,2) + D_{2}^{\{i,j\}}(23,1) \right]$$

For 3 gluons — evolved baryon is a superposition of three possible BFKL solutions

#### **Solutions for Pomeron: four gluons**

Decomposition of 4-gluon evolving baryon impact factor  $B_4$ 

$$B_4 = \underbrace{D_4^{\{1,2\}} + D_4^{\{1,3\}} + D_4^{\{2,3\}}}_{\text{dipole-like}} + Q_4$$

Dipole-like pieces  $D_4^{\{i,j\}}$  similar to photon case: sum of Reggeizing and irreducible contributions

$$D_4^{\{i,j\}} = D_4^{\{i,j\};R} + D_4^{\{i,j\};I}$$

Reggeizing contribution preserves the color-momentum structure of the bare impact factor while...

Irreducible contribution

$$D_4^{\{i,j\}\,;I} = V_{2 \to 4} \otimes D_2$$

defines  $2 \rightarrow 4$  transition vertex  $V_{2\rightarrow 4}$  (triple Pomeron vertex)

#### Solutions for Pomeron: four gluons — new piece

Contributions from the dipole-like pieces of are saturated by  $D_4^{\{i,j\}}$ 

Remaining part of linear integral equations  $\longrightarrow$  BKP evolution equation for  $Q_4$ 

$$\left(\omega - \sum_{i} \beta(\boldsymbol{k}_{i})\right) \underbrace{\boldsymbol{Q}_{4}}_{|||||} = \underbrace{\boldsymbol{Q}_{4,0}}_{|||||} + \sum \underbrace{\boldsymbol{Q}_{4}}_{|||||}$$

 $Q_4$  is decomposed into Reggezing part  $Q_4^R$  and irreducible part  $Q_4^I$ :

$$Q_4 \hspace{0.1in} = \hspace{0.1in} Q_4^R \hspace{0.1in} + \hspace{0.1in} Q_4^I$$

The Reggezing piece  $Q_4^R$  preserves the structure of  $Q_{4;0}$ , but  $E_{3;0} \longrightarrow E_3$ 

$$Q_{4}^{R}(1,2,3,4) = \frac{1}{2}g \left[ d^{a_{1}a_{2}b} d^{ba_{3}a_{4}} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{a_{1}a_{2}}\delta^{a_{3}a_{4}} \right] \left[ E_{3}(12,3,4) + E_{3}(34,1,2) \right] + \frac{1}{2}g \left[ d^{a_{1}a_{3}b} d^{ba_{2}a_{4}} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{a_{1}a_{3}}\delta^{a_{2}a_{4}} \right] \left[ E_{3}(13,2,4) + E_{3}(24,1,3) \right] + \frac{1}{2}g \left[ d^{a_{1}a_{4}b} d^{ba_{2}a_{3}} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{a_{1}a_{4}}\delta^{a_{2}a_{3}} \right] \left[ E_{3}(14,2,3) + E_{3}(23,1,4) \right]$$

Presence of C-even d-Reggeon  $\longrightarrow$  Similar to Bartels-Lipatov-Vacca Odderon solution

## **Transition vertices**

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Irreducible part of  $Q_4$  defines new  $3 \rightarrow 4$  vertex:

$$Q_4^I(1,2,3,4) = (W \otimes E_3)(1,2,3,4)$$



2 triple Pomeron vertices in baryon evolution:

W: transition from (dff) BKP Pomeron state Q into (ffff) BKP Pomeron state V: transition from (ff) BFKL Pomeron state D into (ffff) BKP Pomeron state

Similar vertex W was found in analysis of jet production [Bartels, Salvadore, Vacca]

#### Interpretation

Baryon small x evolution driven by a Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$  in the t-channel

$$rac{\partial ig| \mathcal{B} ig>}{\partial y} \;=\; \mathcal{H} ig| \mathcal{B} ig>$$

 $\longrightarrow$  Basic quanta: Reggeized gluons with odd  $|f\rangle$  and even signatures  $|d\rangle$ .

→ Physical states: multi-Reggeon states in color singlet, gauge invariant, Bose symmetric
 → Number of Reggeons is not conserved

Initial condition decomposition

$$|\mathcal{B}\rangle = \overbrace{|\mathcal{D}_{2;0}^{\{1,2\}}\rangle + |\mathcal{D}_{2;0}^{\{1,3\}}\rangle + |\mathcal{D}_{2;0}^{\{2,3\}}\rangle + |\mathcal{Q}_{4;0}\rangle}^{C \text{ odd}} + \overbrace{|\mathcal{E}_{3;0}\rangle}^{C \text{ odd}}$$

indicates that only single Pomeron (BFKL or BKP) couples to proton (valence d.o.f.)

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{2 \to 2}^{BFKL} + \mathcal{H}_{3 \to 3}^{BKP} + \mathcal{H}_{4 \to 4}^{BKP} + \mathcal{H}_{2 \to 4}^{\operatorname{vertex} V} + \mathcal{H}_{3 \to 4}^{\operatorname{vertex} W} + \dots$$

## Summary

- A model for a proton light cone wave function was constructed: dependent on quark momenta (longitudinal and transverse) and helicities
- Proton (valence) couples to BFKL Pomerons, 3-Reggeon BKP Odderon, and 3-Reggeon BKP Pomeron. No indications of direct two Pomeron coupling

Proton resembles superposition of color 3 dipoles... but there is an extra component

- New triple Pomeron vertex: BKP Pomeron  $\longrightarrow$  2 BFKL Pomerons
- Unitarisation of scattering amplitudes on valence proton:
   Pomeron loops not fans!
- Phenomenological applications?

# BACKUP

# Strategy

#### Basic objects: multiple discontinuities

- $\longrightarrow$  May be constructed using  $M \rightarrow N$  scattering amplitudes
- $\longrightarrow$  Obey small x integral evolution equations
- $\longrightarrow$  Contain information about full amplitudes

#### Bootstrap for gluon trajectory

- $\longrightarrow$  Reduction of discontinuities to *t*-channel physical states
- Bose symmetric, gauge invariant BKP states (e.g. BFKL)
- $\longrightarrow$  Isolation of irreducible pieces
- $\longrightarrow$  Gauge invariant transition vertices e.g. 3–Pomeron vertex

#### Regge factorisation

 $\longrightarrow$  Physical amplitudes may be built from the gauge invariant states and transition vertices between them



#### Baryon wave function: gluon coupling

In high energy limit all diagrams

$$p + \overbrace{g + g + \dots + g}^{n \text{ gluons}} \longrightarrow u u d$$

with any n give universal amplitudes with quark momenta  $p_i$  evaluated at the vertex

$$\begin{split} \Theta_{\lambda}^{(\lambda_{1},\lambda_{2})\lambda}(\{\alpha_{i}\},\{\pmb{p}_{i}\};\pmb{P}) &= \lambda \mathcal{N} \frac{2\sqrt{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\alpha_{3}}}{M^{2}+\pmb{P}^{2}-\frac{p_{1}^{2}}{\alpha_{1}}-\frac{p_{2}^{2}}{\alpha_{2}}-\frac{p_{3}^{2}}{\alpha_{3}}} \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum \pmb{p}_{i}-\pmb{P}\right) \times \\ \delta_{-\lambda_{1},\lambda_{2}} \left\{ \delta_{\lambda_{1},\lambda}\left(\frac{p_{2}}{\alpha_{2}}-P\right)\left(\frac{p_{1}}{\alpha_{1}}-\frac{p_{3}}{\alpha_{3}}\right)^{*}+\delta_{\lambda_{2},\lambda}\left(\frac{p_{1}}{\alpha_{1}}-P\right)\left(\frac{p_{2}}{\alpha_{2}}-\frac{p_{3}}{\alpha_{3}}\right)^{*}\right\}^{C(\lambda)} \\ \Theta_{\lambda}^{(\lambda_{1},\lambda_{2})-\lambda}(\{\alpha_{i}\},\{\pmb{p}_{i}\};\pmb{P}) &= \mathcal{N} \frac{2M\sqrt{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\alpha_{3}}}{M^{2}+\pmb{P}^{2}-\frac{p_{1}^{2}}{\alpha_{1}}-\frac{p_{2}^{2}}{\alpha_{2}}-\frac{p_{3}^{2}}{\alpha_{3}}} \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum \pmb{p}_{i}-\pmb{P}\right) \times \\ \delta_{-\lambda_{1},\lambda_{2}} \left\{ \delta_{\lambda_{1},\lambda}\left(\frac{p_{3}}{\alpha_{3}}-\frac{p_{2}}{\alpha_{2}}\right)+\delta_{\lambda_{2},\lambda}\left(\frac{p_{3}}{\alpha_{3}}-\frac{p_{1}}{\alpha_{1}}\right) \right\}^{C(\lambda)} \end{split}$$

#### Baryon wave function in infinite momentum frame

Point-like baryon-quarks vertex is unrealistic — baryon is a bound state

 $\longrightarrow$  Severe ultraviolet divergences, on-shell poles in energy denominators

 $\longrightarrow$  Need to perform Borel transform (QCD sum rules)

$$\mathcal{B}f(s) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{s^{n+1}}{n!} \left(-\frac{d}{ds}\right)^n f(s), \qquad s \to \infty, \quad s/n \to M^2$$

We apply two independent Borel transforms w.r.t. virtualities of incoming and outgoing baryon

$$\mathcal{B}' \mathcal{B} f(P^2, P'^2)$$
 with  $f(P^2, P'^2) \sim \frac{1}{P^2 + P^2 - M_X^2} \frac{1}{P'^2 + P'^2 - M_X'^2}$ 

[Balitsky, Lipatov]

$$\frac{1}{P^2 + \boldsymbol{P}^2 - \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_1^2}{\alpha_1} - \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_2^2}{\alpha_2} - \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_3^2}{\alpha_3}} \longrightarrow \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{p}_1^2}{\alpha_1} + \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_2^2}{\alpha_2} + \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_3^2}{\alpha_3} - \boldsymbol{P}^2\right) / M^2\right]$$

# Baryon scattering in position space

$$\mathcal{B} = \sum_{\text{diagrams}} \int [d^2 \boldsymbol{r}_i] \left[ \tilde{\Psi}^{\lambda_i} (\{\boldsymbol{r}_i\}) \right] \left[ \mathcal{C}(\text{diagram}) \prod_j \exp\left(-i\boldsymbol{l}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{r}_j\right) \right] \left[ \tilde{\Psi}^{\lambda_i}_{\lambda} (\{\boldsymbol{r}_i\}) \right]^*$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\text{diagram}) \sim \varepsilon^{\kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3} \left[ t^{a_l} t^{a_{l-1}} \dots t^{a_1} \right]_{\kappa_1' \kappa_1} \left[ t^{bm} t^{bm-1} \dots t^{b_1} \right]_{\kappa_2' \kappa_2} \left[ t^{cn} t^{c_n-1} \dots t^{c_1} \right]_{\kappa_3' \kappa_3} \varepsilon^{\kappa_1' \kappa_2' \kappa_3'}$$

Wilson lines

$$W(oldsymbol{r}) \;=\; \mathcal{P}\; \exp\left(ig\int dr^{\mu}A_{\mu}
ight)$$

Color dipole scattering:

$$S(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2) ~\sim~ \left\langle ~ [W(\boldsymbol{r}_1)]_{\kappa\kappa'} ~ [W(\boldsymbol{r}_2)]^*_{\kappa'\kappa} ~ 
ight
angle$$

Baryon scattering

$$S(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2, \boldsymbol{r}_3) \sim \left\langle \varepsilon^{\kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3} \left[ W(\boldsymbol{r}_1) \right]^*_{\kappa_1 \kappa_1'} \left[ W(\boldsymbol{r}_2) \right]^*_{\kappa_2 \kappa_2'} \left[ W(\boldsymbol{r}_3)^* \right]_{\kappa_3 \kappa_3'} \varepsilon^{\kappa_1' \kappa_2' \kappa_3'} \right\rangle$$

# **Dipole vs baryon scattering**

