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COLLINEARLY IMPROVED IMPACT-PARAMETER DEPENDENT BALITSKY-KOVCHEGOV EVOLUTION

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OUTLINE

I. Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution equation
II. Impact-parameter-dependent computation
III. The problem of Coulomb tails
IV. Collinearly improved BK equation and suppression of large daughter dipoles
V. Results
VI. Conclusions

BK EQUATION

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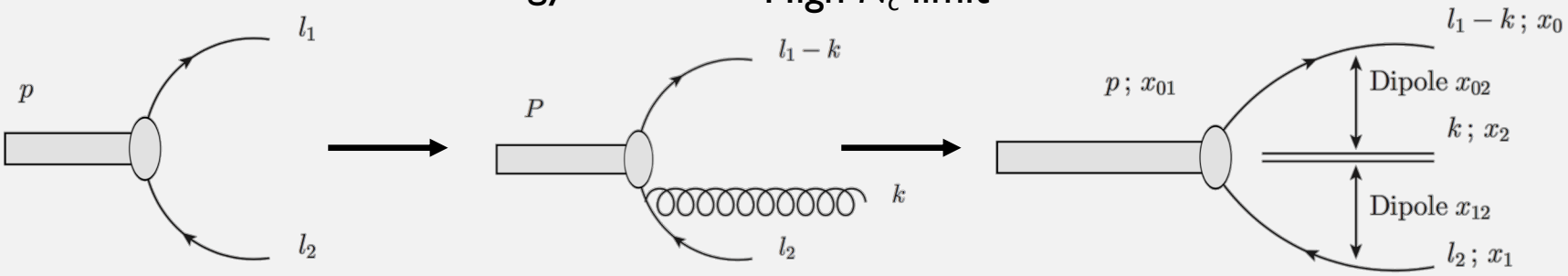
BK equation describes the dressing of a color-dipole under the evolution towards higher energies.

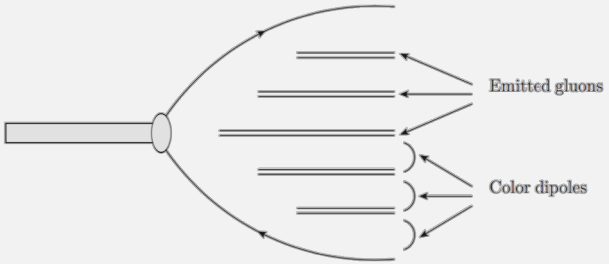
It has been used to predict structure functions, vector meson production, as well as transverse momentum distributions of partons in hadrons.

Add a bit of energy

High N_c limit



After some time, the initial dipole becomes dressed.



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The Balitsky-Kovchegov equation describes the evolution of a color dipole scattering amplitude $N(\vec{r},\vec{b},Y)$ in rapidity

$$\frac{\partial N(\vec{r},\vec{b},Y)}{\partial Y} = \int d\vec{r_1} K(r,r_1,r_2)(N(\vec{r_1},\vec{b_1},Y) + N(\vec{r_2},\vec{b_2},Y) - N(\vec{r},\vec{b},Y) - N(\vec{r_1},\vec{b_1},Y)N(\vec{r_2},\vec{b_2},Y))$$

given by $Y = \ln \frac{x_0}{x}$.

Since the process of gluon emission can be computed under different approximations, we have a number of kernels derived such as

Running coupling kernel:

$$K^{run}(r,r_1,r_2) = \frac{N_c \alpha_s(r^2)}{2\pi^2}\left(\frac{r^2}{r_1^2 r_2^2} + \frac{1}{r_1^2}\left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_1^2)}{\alpha_s(r_2^2)} - 1\right) + \frac{1}{r_2^2}\left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_2^2)}{\alpha_s(r_1^2)} - 1\right)\right)$$

Collinearly improved kernel:

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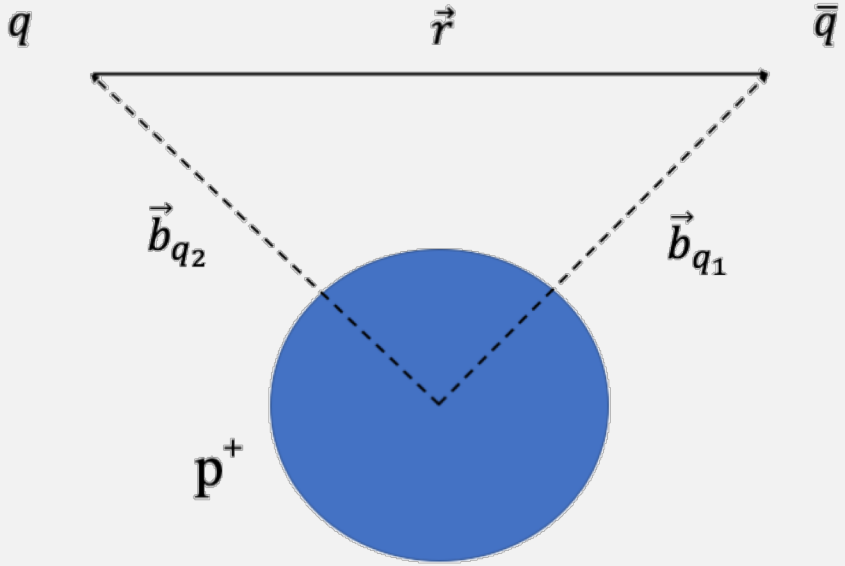
For solving this equation numerically, we choose an initial condition

$$N(r, b, Y = 0) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{Q_s^2}{4} r^2 T(b_{q_1}, b_{q_2})\right), \qquad \text{where} \quad T(b_{q_1}, b_{q_2}) = \left[\exp\left(-\frac{b_{q_1}^2}{2B}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{b_{q_2}^2}{2B}\right)\right].$$

There are two free parameters; saturation scale $Q_s^2 = 0.49\ \mathrm{GeV}^2$ and variance of the profile distribution $B_G = 3.22\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$.

- The *r* behavior mimics that of the GBW model.
- The *b* behavior exhibits the exponential fall-off calculated for the individual quarks.



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IMPACT-PARAMETER DEPENDENCE OF THE BK EQUATION

IMPACT PARAMETER DEPENDENT BK

There are two main options for treating the impact-parameter dependence of the scattering amplitude:

Option a) Factorizing the impact-parameter dependence. $N(\vec{r}, \vec{b}, x) \cong T(\vec{b})N(\vec{r}, x)$

If we factorize the impact-parameter dependence, we can integrate over it and replace it with a multiplicative factor.

$$\sigma^{q\bar{q}}(\vec{r}, x) = \int d\vec{b} N(\vec{r}, \vec{b}, x) = \sigma_0 N(x, \vec{r})$$

This factor then stays the same for all energies and dipole sizes and is usually fit to data.

Option b) Solving the equation with the impact-parameter dependence on rapidity.

This adds two additional dimensions to the computation. The usual grid size in these two dimensions is 225x20. Which in turn means, that the CPU time gets increased with a factor of 4500.

This is not the only problem. When one tries to run the computation with the usual choice of kernels, one encounters the problems of Coulomb tails.

THE PROBLEM OF COULOMB TAILS

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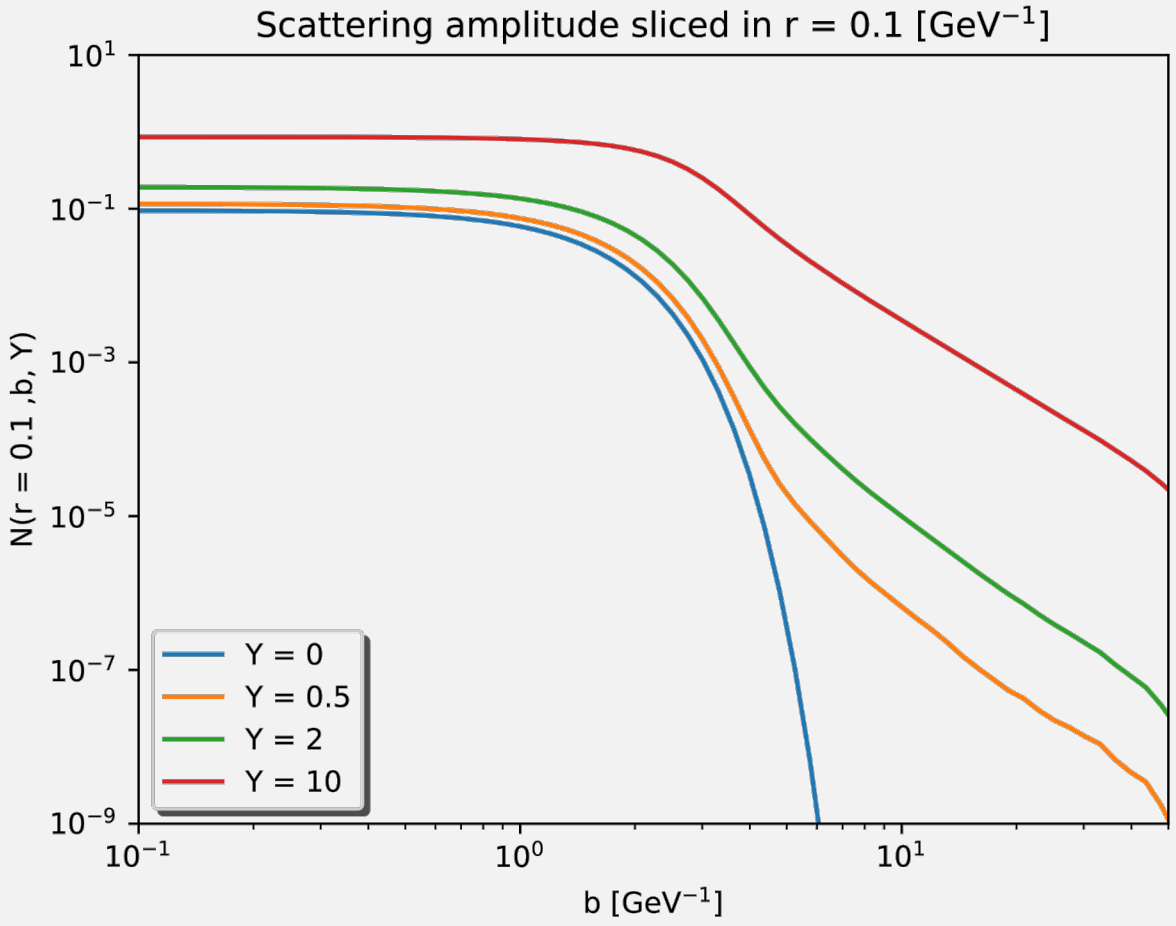

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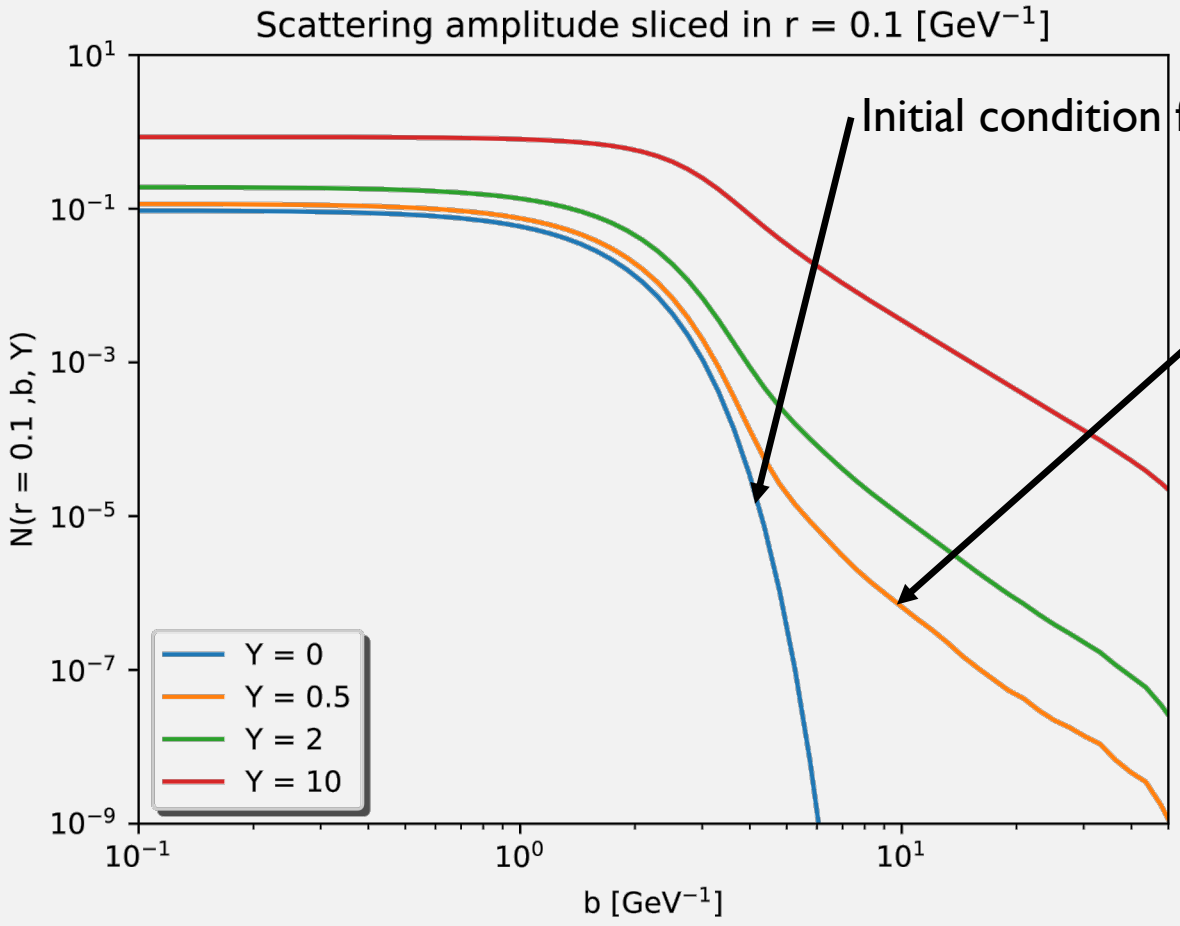

Initial condition falls exponentially

Evolution increases the larger dipoles into a power-like growth.

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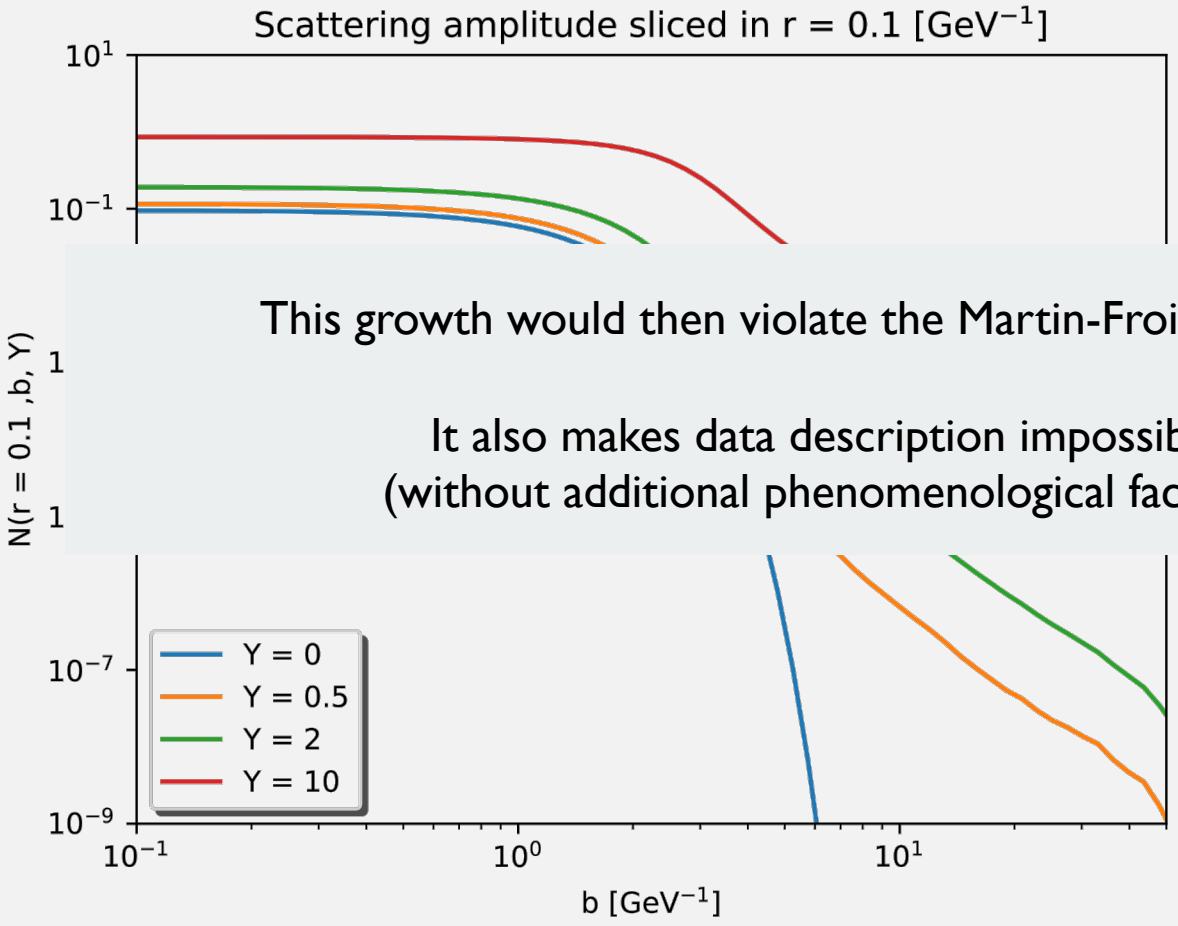

This growth would then violate the Martin-Froisart bound.

It also makes data description impossible.
(without additional phenomenological factors)

HIGH-b SUPPRESSION

The kernel itself does not depend on b. We can however tame the growth in b by suppressing evolution at big sizes of daughter dipoles.

Why?

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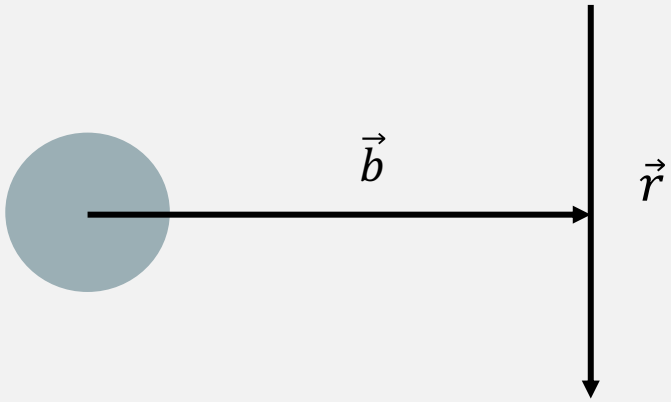

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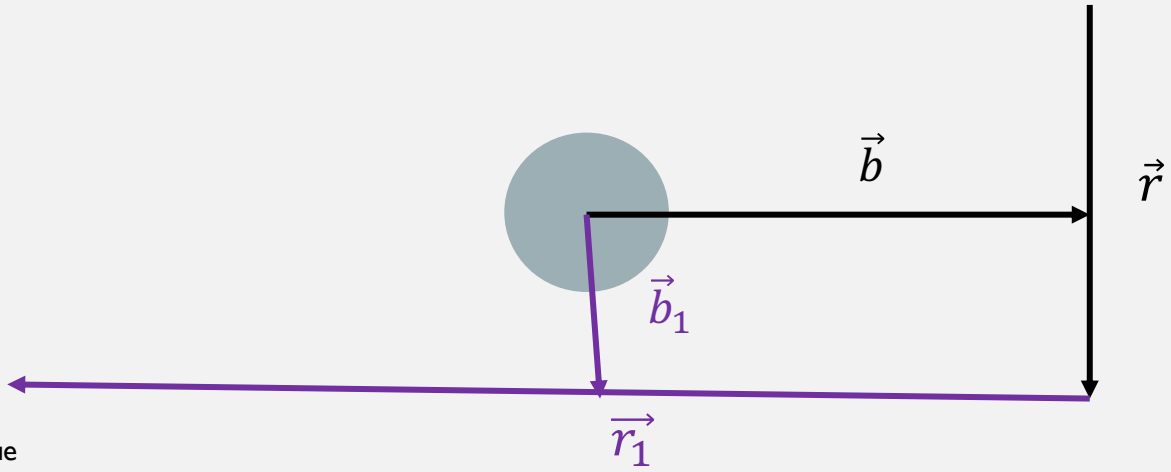

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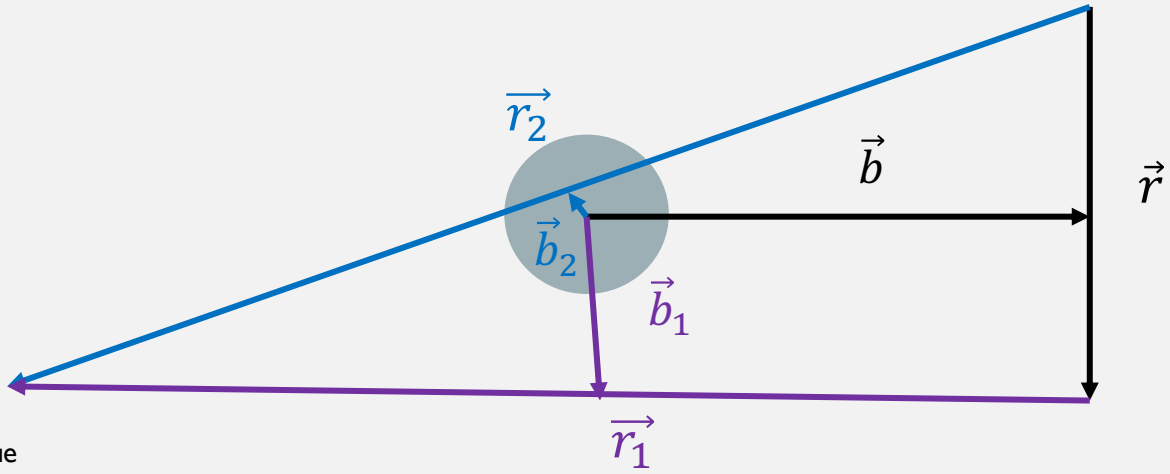
The only amplitudes that could be non-zero are those with small impact parameter.

These have $r_{1,2} \sim 2b$, which is large.



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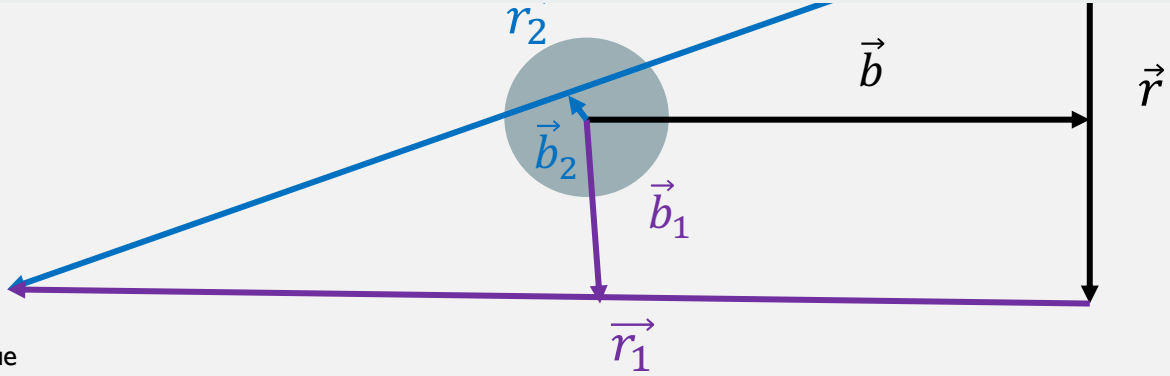
Therefore if we suppress kernel at high r_1 and r_2, we suppress the evolution at high-*b* and maintain the exponential falloff of the scattering amplitude.



HOW TO SUPPRESS LARGE DAUGHTER DIPOLES

KERNEL CUTOFF

One possible solution to this problem is that we can cut the kernel, so that dipoles, that are too big would not contribute to the evolution.

$$\frac{\partial N(r,\vec{b},Y)}{\partial Y} = \int d\vec{r_1} K^{run}(r,r_1,r_2)\Theta\left(\frac{1}{m^2}-r_1^2\right)\Theta\left(\frac{1}{m^2}-r_2^2\right)$$
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Mass of the emitted gluon is a free parameter, that is fitted to data.

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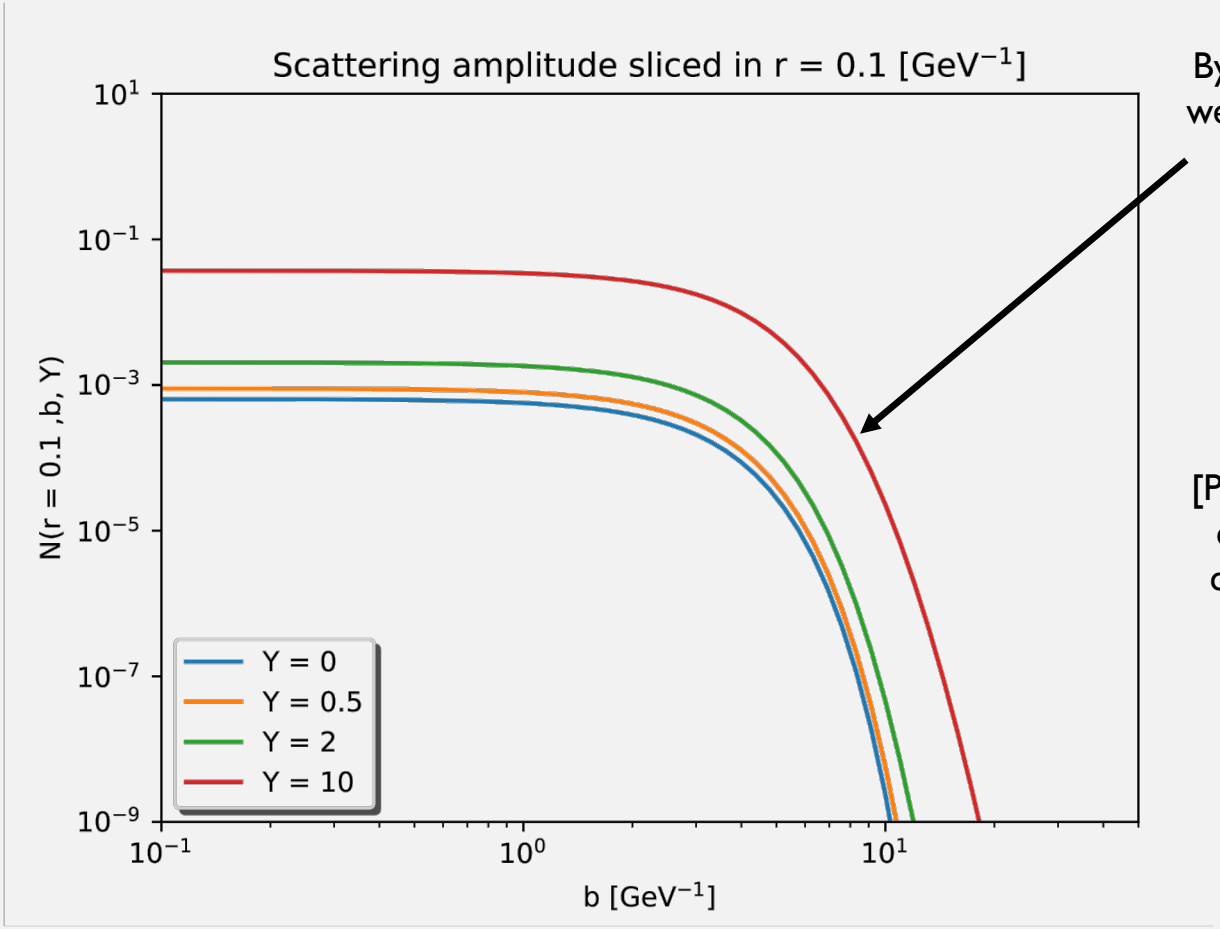

By imposing the cutoff of the kernel, we maintain the exponential falloff of the scattering amplitude.

However, as was shown in [Phys. Rev. D84(2011)094022], we still cannot describe the data, since the cutoff is too strong and we need to impose new phenomenological constants to cure this.

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The recently proposed collinearly improved kernel is by its nature suppressed at high $r_{1,2}$ and does not require additional dimensional parameters.

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where $K_{DLA}(\rho) = \frac{J_1(2\sqrt{\overline{\alpha}_s\rho^2})}{\sqrt{\overline{\alpha}_s\rho}}$ with $L_{r_i r} = \ln\left(\frac{r_i^2}{r^2}\right)$

$\pm\overline{\alpha}_s A_1$ is positive when r is smaller than the daughter dipoles and negative otherwise and $A_1 = 11/12$

Running coupling is of the usual scheme for the BK computations as in [J. L. Albacete at al, Eur.Phys.J. C71 (2011) 1705] at the minimal scale given by

$$\overline{\alpha}_s = \alpha_s\frac{N_c}{\pi} \qquad \alpha_s = \alpha_s(r_{\min}) \qquad r_{\min} = \min(r_1,r_2,r) \qquad \text{with C = 9.}$$

The factor in square brackets represents the contribution of single collinear logarithms and DLA term resums double collinear logarithms to all orders.

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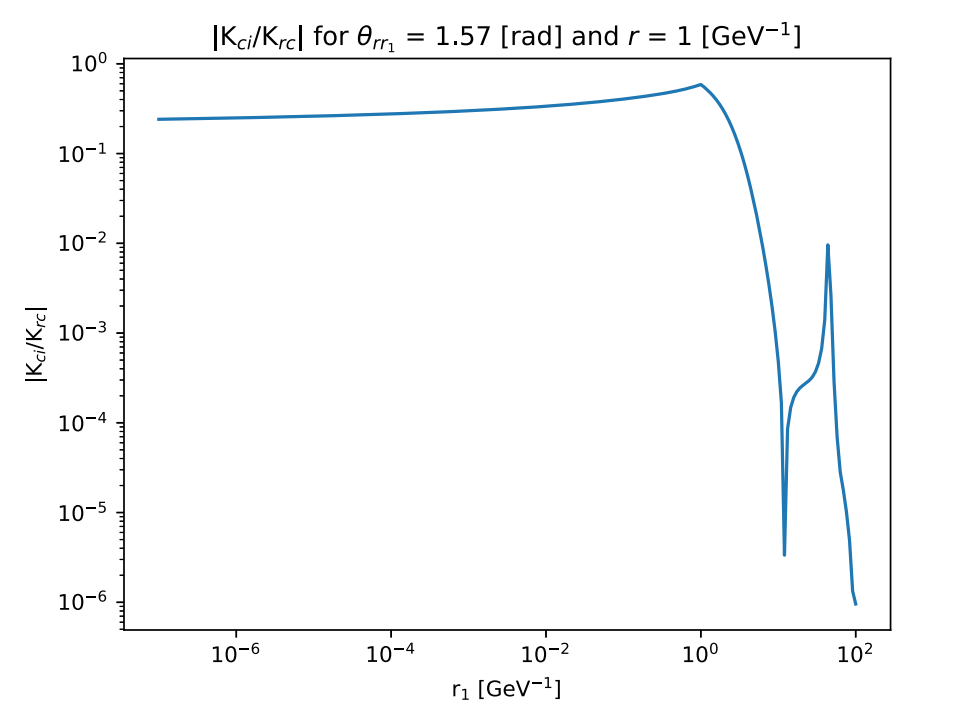

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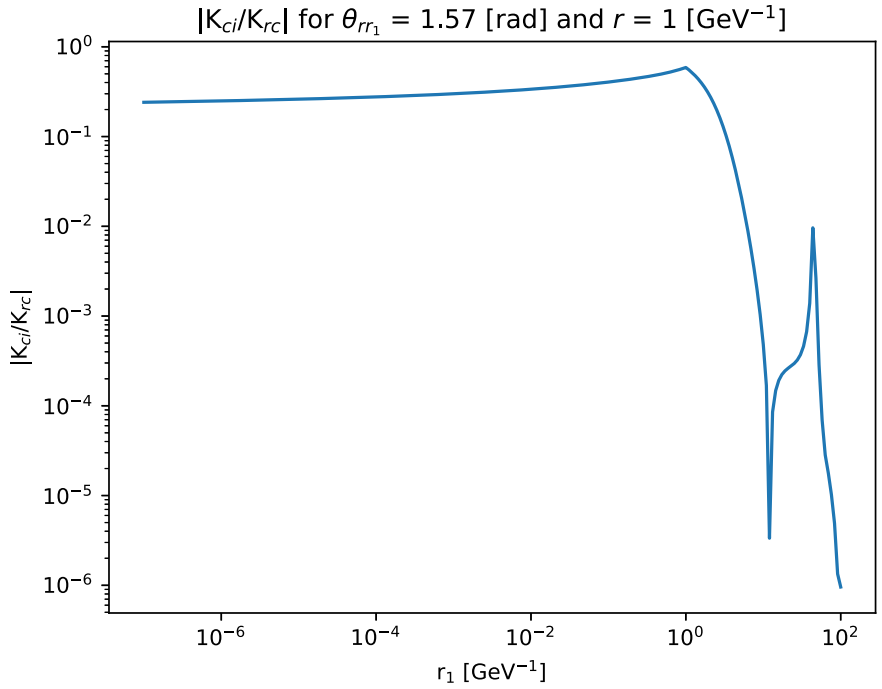

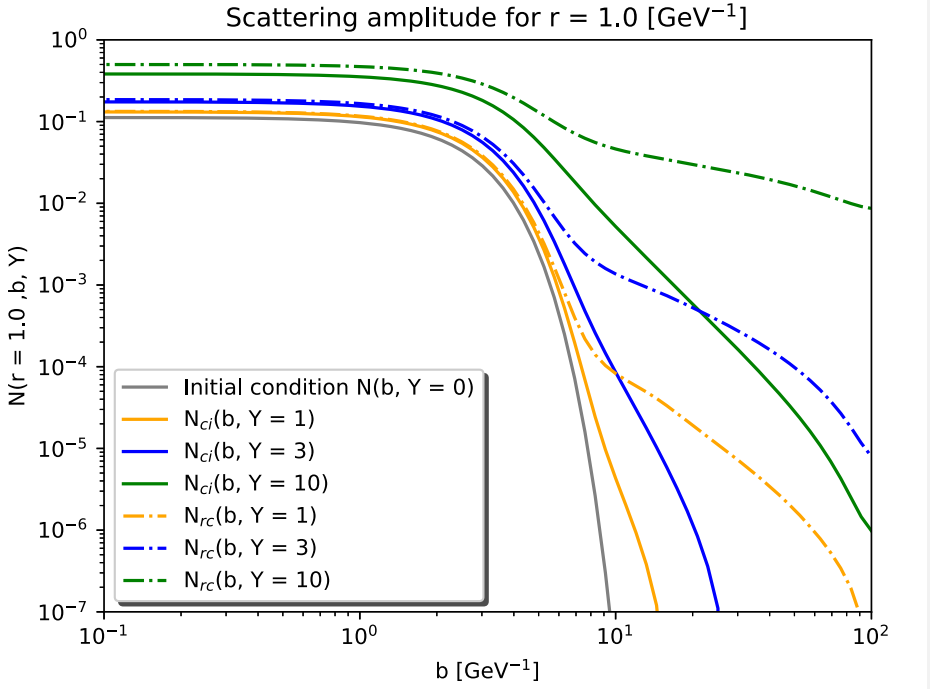

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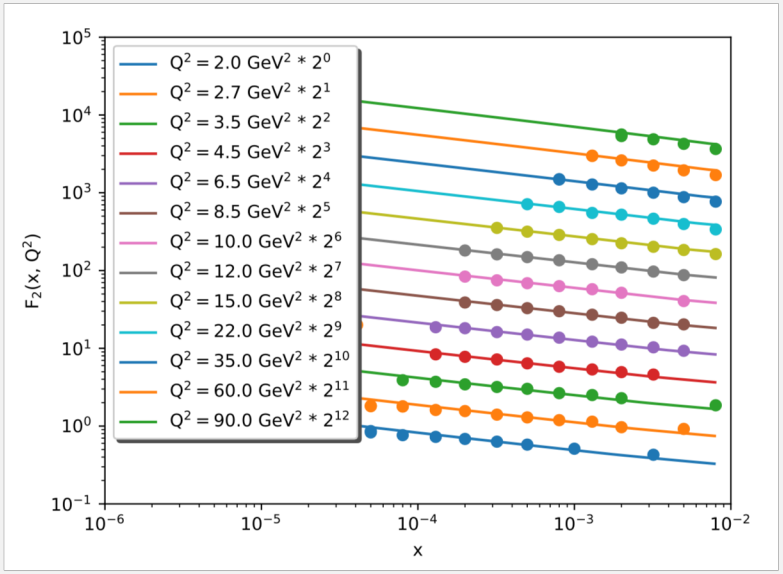

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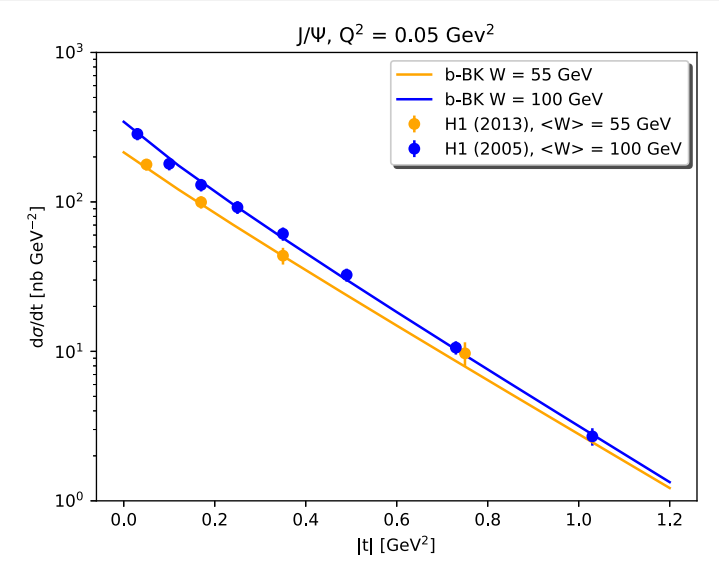

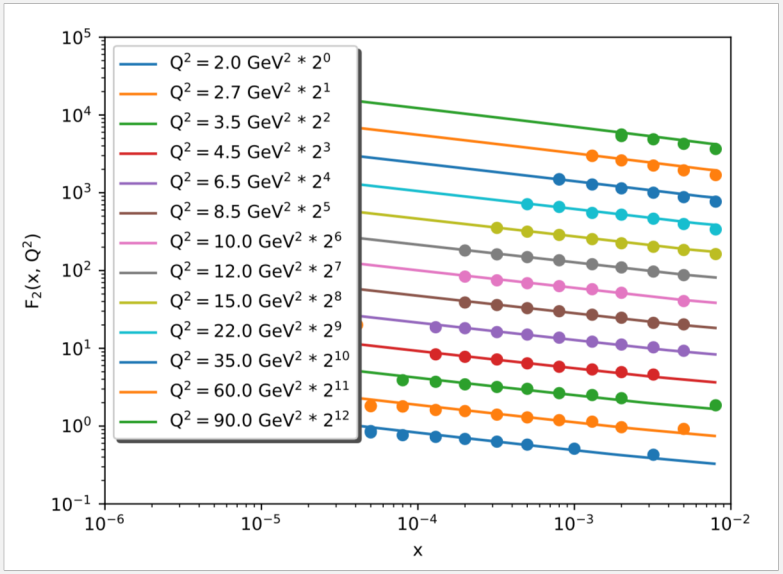

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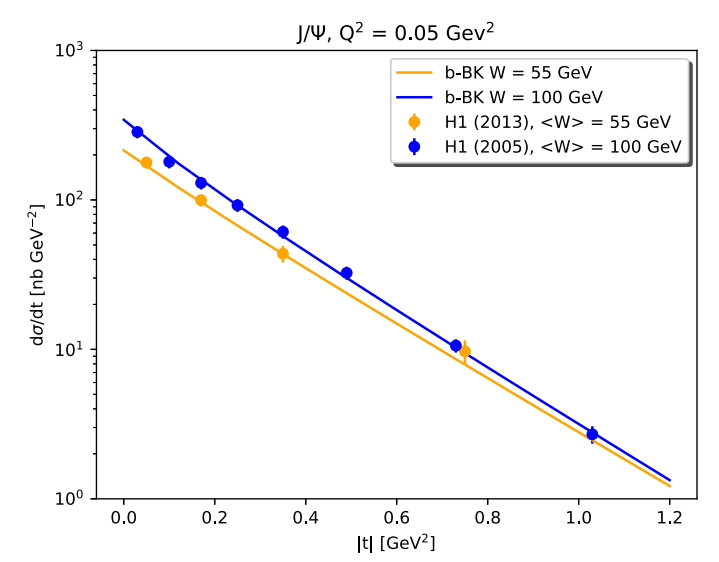

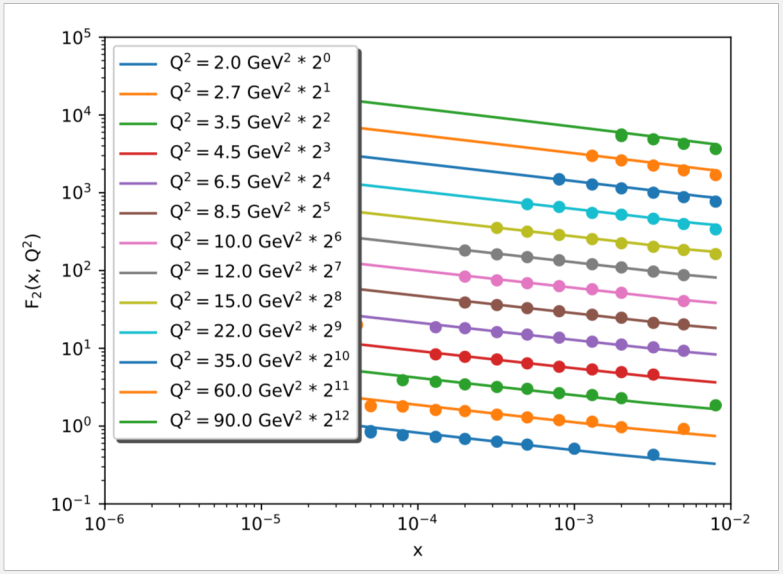

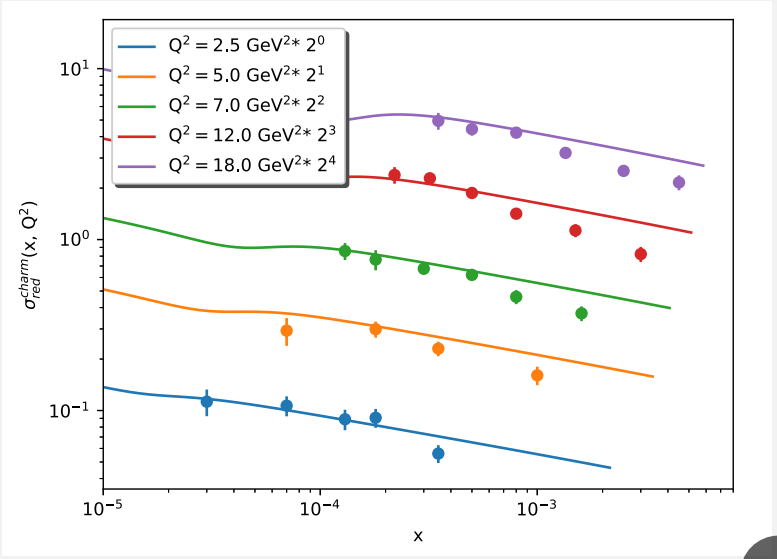

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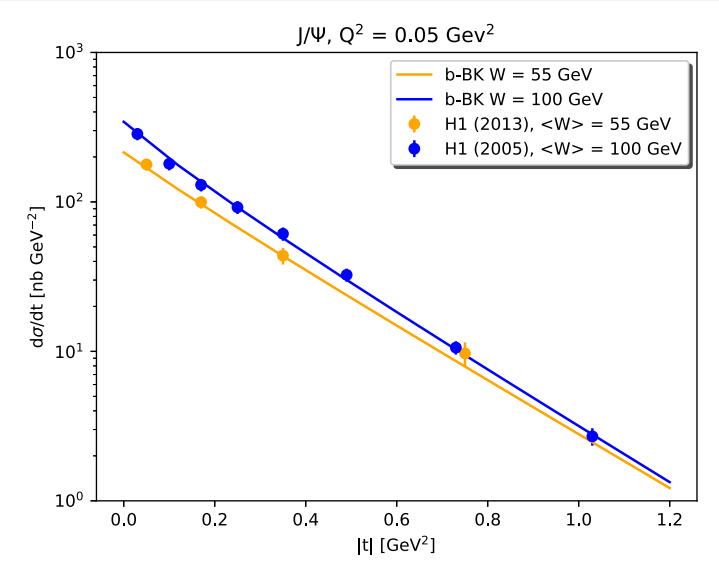

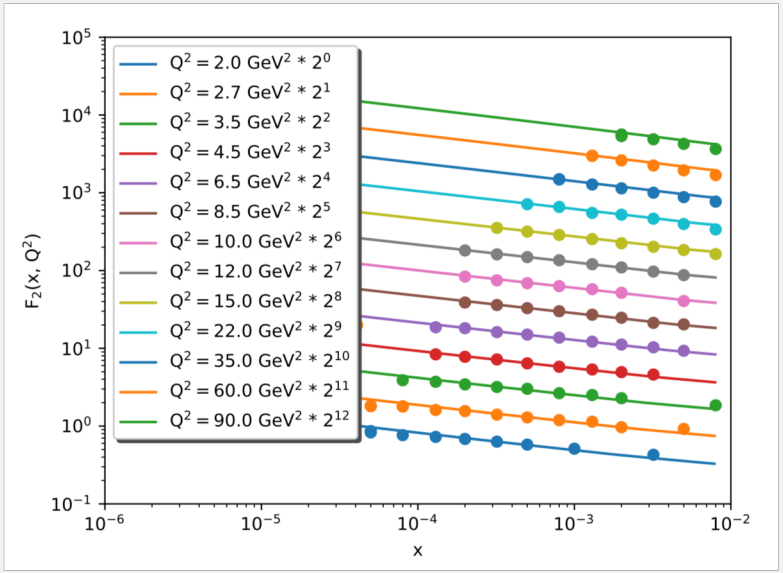

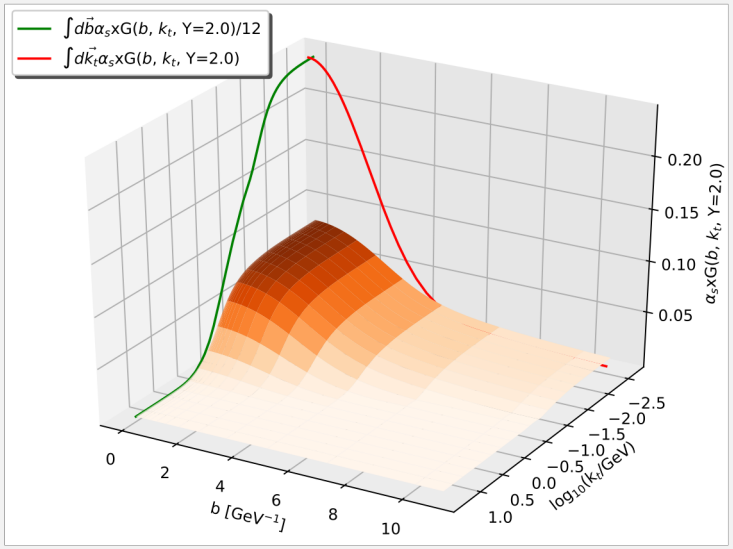

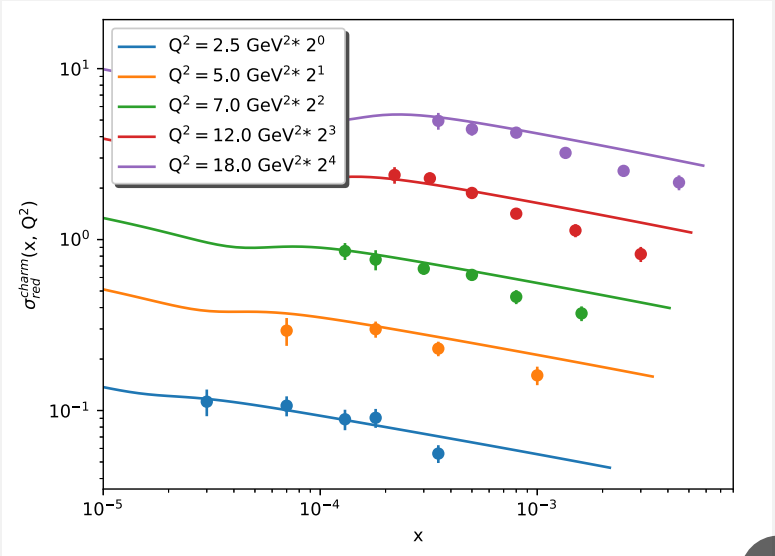

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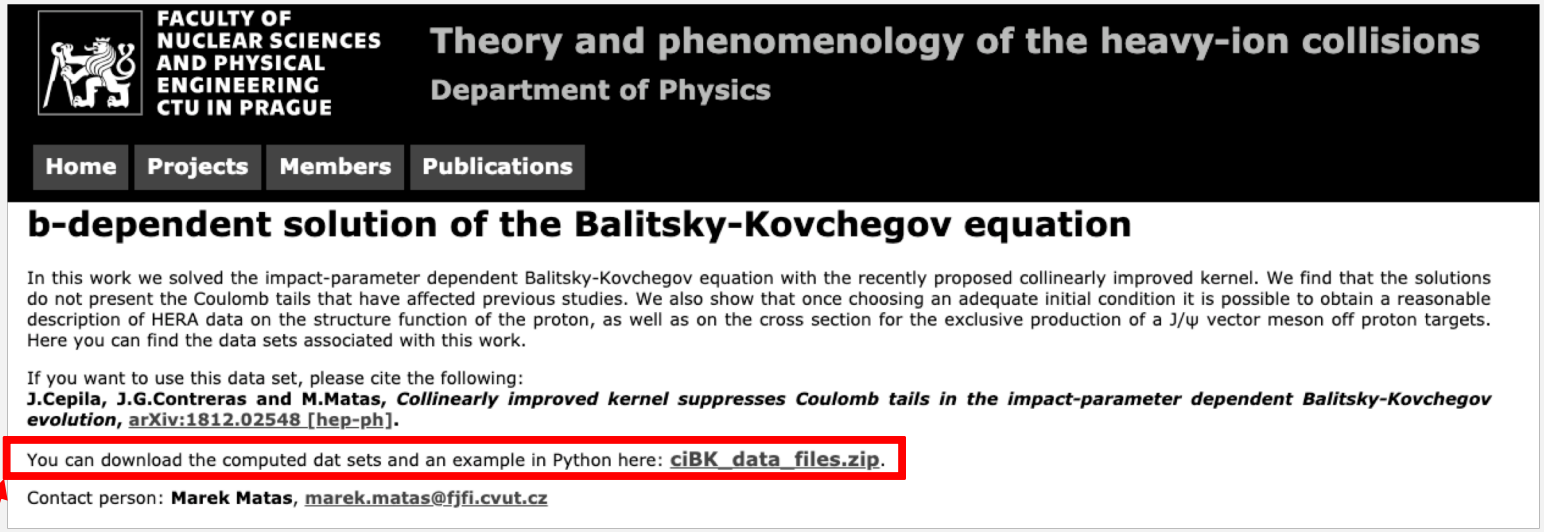

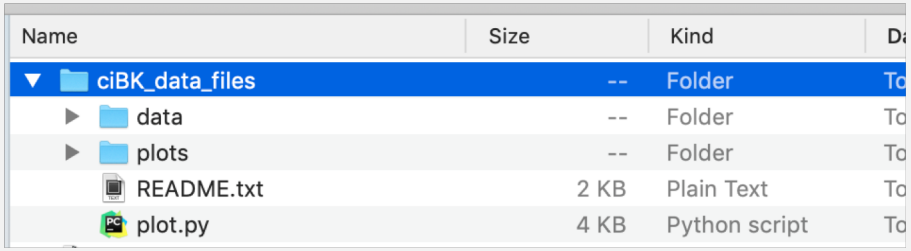

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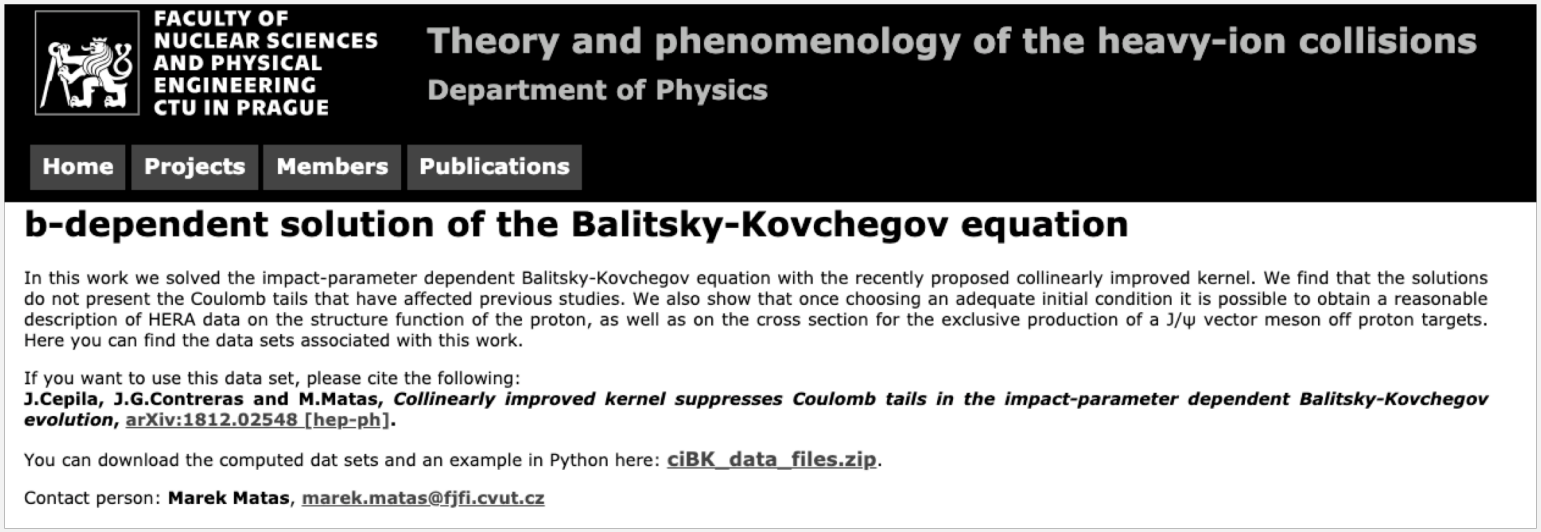

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b-dependent solution of the Balitsky-Kovchegov equation

In this work we solved the impact-parameter dependent Balitsky-Kovchegov equation with the recently proposed collinearly improved kernel. We find that the solutions do not present the Coulomb tails that have affected previous studies. We also show that once choosing an adequate initial condition it is possible to obtain a reasonable description of HERA data on the structure function of the proton, as well as on the cross section for the exclusive production of a J/ψ vector meson off proton targets. Here you can find the data sets associated with this work.

If you want to use this data set, please cite the following:
J.Cepila, J.G.Contreras and M.Matas, *Collinearly improved kernel suppresses Coulomb tails in the impact-parameter dependent Balitsky-Kovchegov evolution*, arXiv:1812.02548 [hep-ph].

You can download the computed dat sets and an example in Python here: **ciBK_data_files.zip**.

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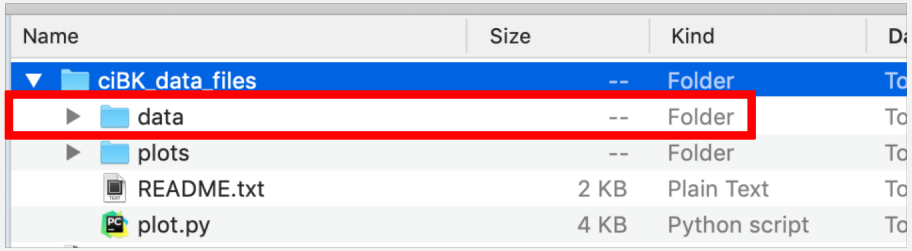

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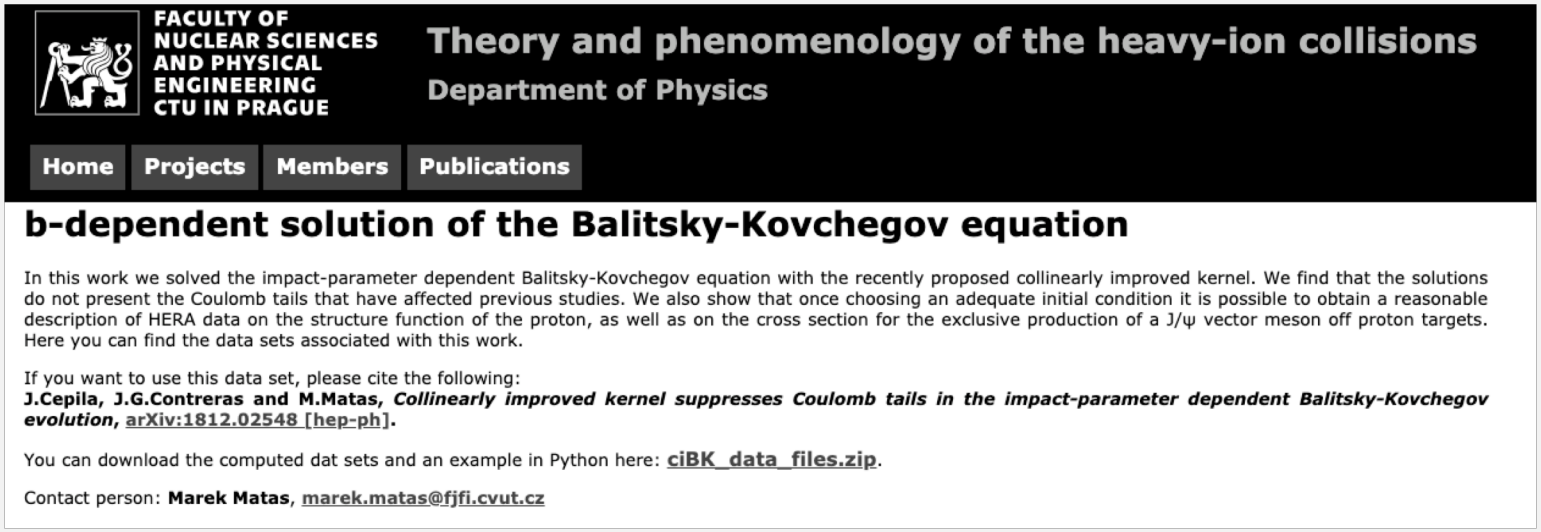

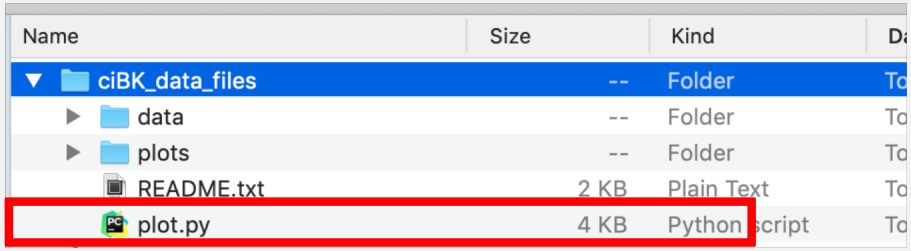

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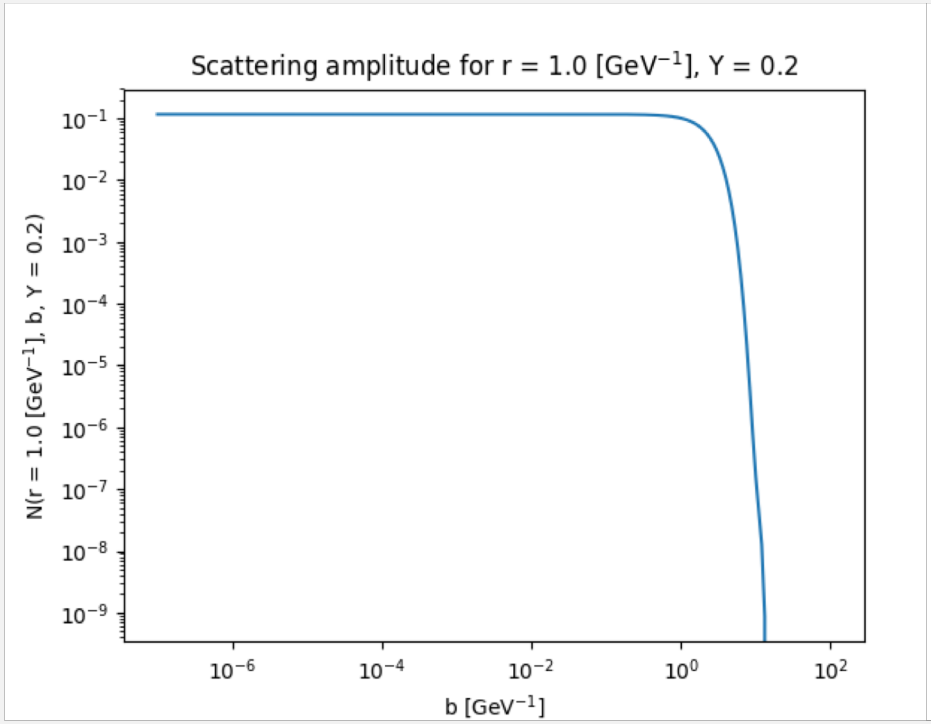

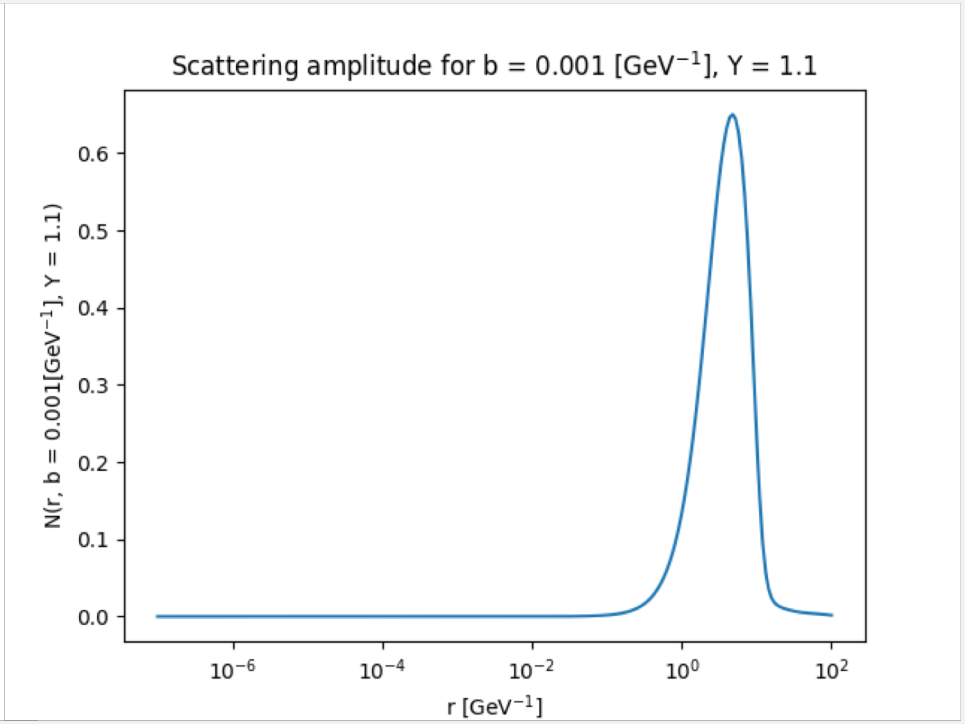

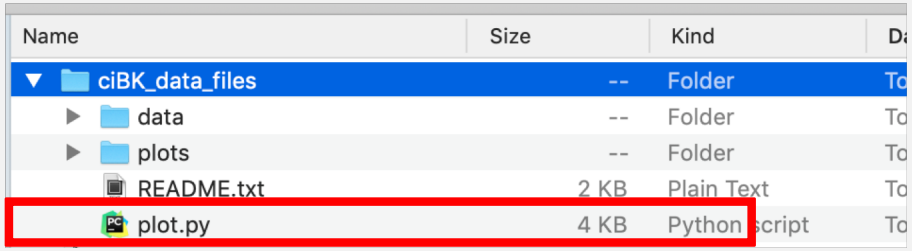

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CONCLUSIONS

- The predictive power of the the impact-parameter dependent BK equation can be spoiled by the unphysical growth of the so-called Coulomb tails.
- These can be suppressed by suppressing the evolution for large daughter dipoles r_1 and r_2.
- The collinearly improved kernel suppresses the Coulomb tails so that the b-dependent BK equation describes data over a large phase-space and various processes.
- We are currently working on a paper with all details soon to be submitted to arXiv.

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