

# **On the Regge limit of polygonal WLs**

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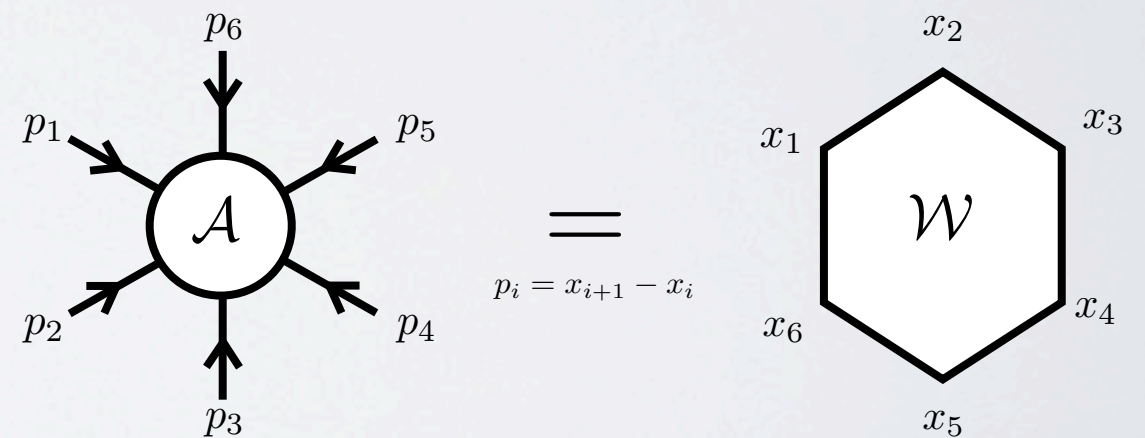
work in progress with Simon Caron-Huot and Amit Sever

# Two important corners

Collinear limit (WL side)

Regge limit (SA side)

Rich interplay



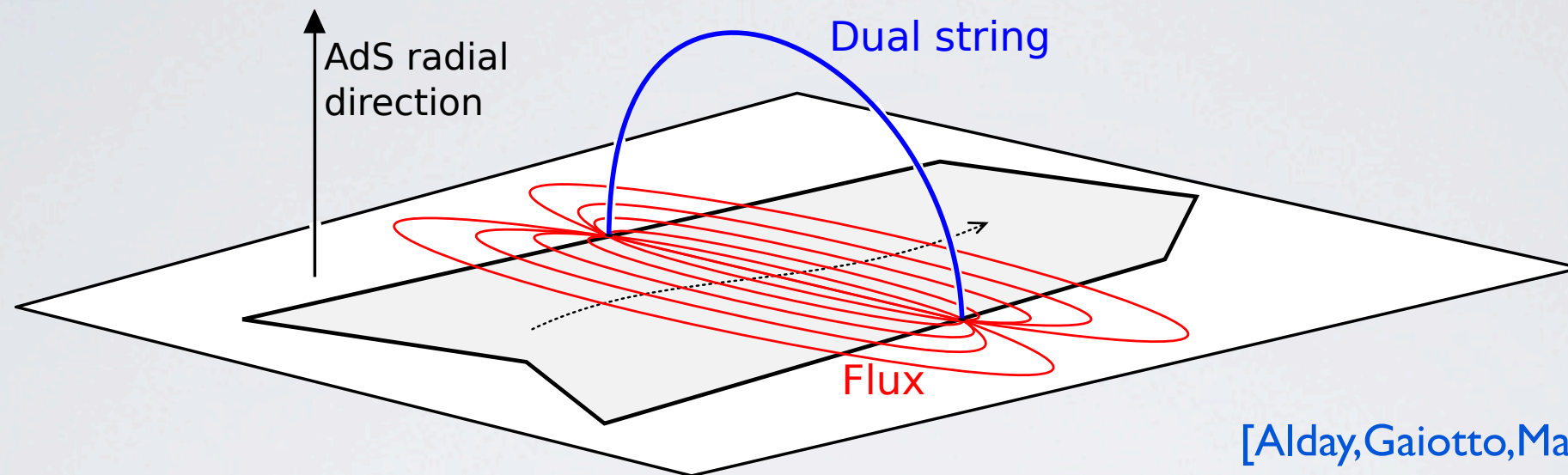
[Alday,Maldacena'07]

[Drummond,Korchemsky,Sokatchev'07]

[Brandhuber,Heslop,Travaglini'07]

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# Collinear / OPE regime



1+1d background : **flux tube** sourced by two parallel null lines  
 bottom&top cusps excite the flux tube out of its ground state

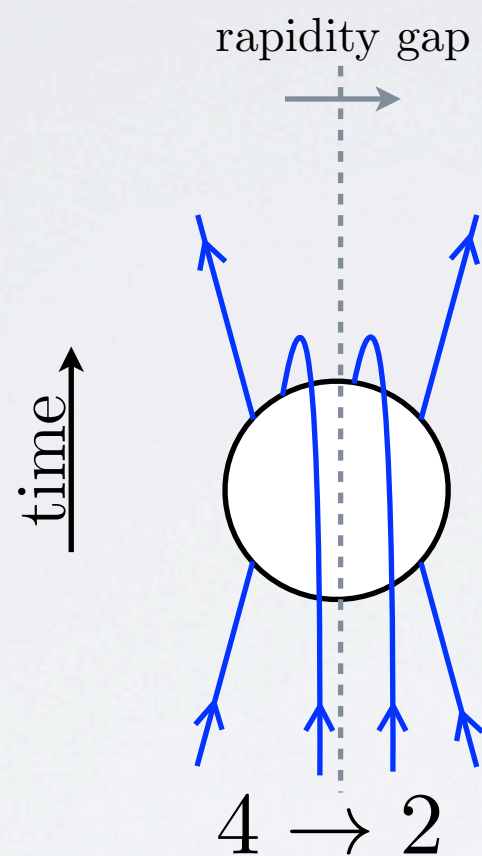
→ *Sum over all flux-tube eigenstates*

$$\mathcal{W} = \sum_{\text{states } \psi} C_{\text{bot}}(\psi) \times e^{-E(\psi)\tau + ip(\psi)\sigma + im(\psi)\phi} \times C_{\text{top}}(\psi)$$



# Regge / BFKL regime

- High energy scattering
- Become very interesting in Mandelstam regions



[Bartels,Lipatov,Sabio Vera'08]  
[Bartels,Lipatov,Prygarin'10]

- Picture in terms of Reggeons (pole and cuts)
- Energy dependence governed BFKL eigenvalues

$$s^\omega$$

$$\omega = \omega(m, \nu)$$

# OPE versus BFKL

OPE 
$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{hex}} = 1 + \sum_{m \neq 0} (-1)^m e^{im\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \hat{\mu}_m(p) e^{ip\sigma - \tau E_m(p)} + \dots$$

leading twist dominates at large  $\tau$

BFKL 
$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{hex}}^{\circ} e^{-i\pi\delta'} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^m e^{im\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi} \hat{\mu}_{\text{BFKL}}(\nu, m) e^{i(\sigma-\tau)\nu + (\sigma+\tau)\omega(\nu, m)} + \dots$$

leading spin dominates at large  $\tau + \sigma$

Both are valid at any coupling

Two different pictures, two different expansions, two different kinematics

**Leading term**  
in one expansion



Resummation of **infinitely many**  
terms in the other

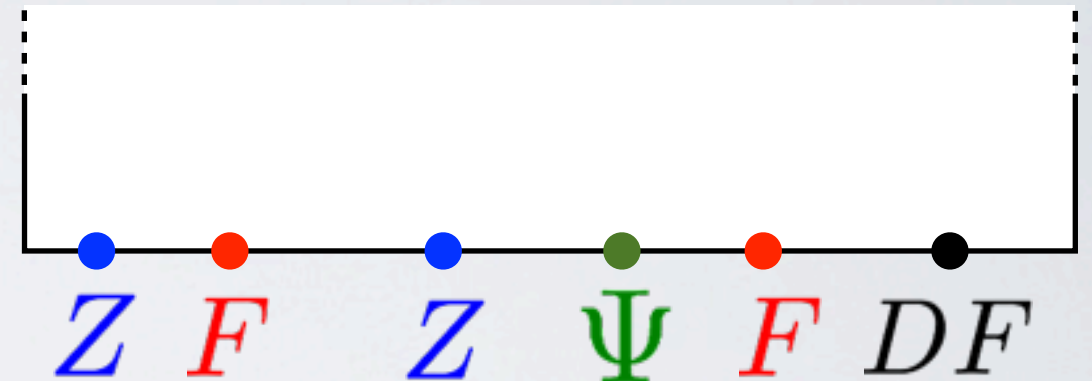
Strikingly similar. Why? How far does the parallelism go?

One side (OPE) much more well understood / developed

# Flux-tube spectrum

Well understood....

as field insertions along a light-ray:  
create/annihilate state on the flux tube



or discretized version of light-ray:  
bath of covariant derivatives

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{tr} \left( Z D D D D \dots D D D D \overset{\overrightarrow{p_1}}{\color{blue}F} D D D D \dots D D D D \overset{\overrightarrow{p_2}}{\color{blue}F} D D D D \dots D D D D Z \right)$$

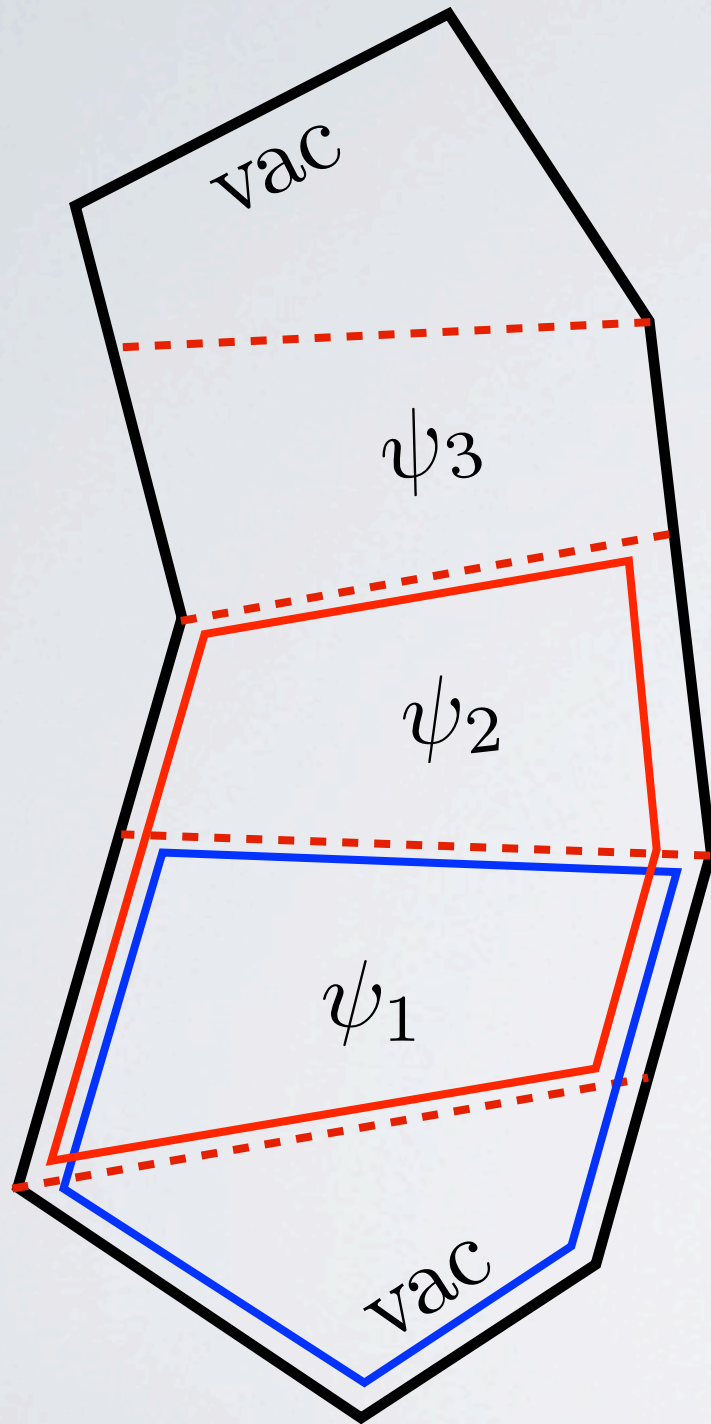
flux tube states  $\longleftrightarrow$  large spin operators

Both pictures support integrable  
structures; well described at all loops  
in the spin chain approach

Can get dispersion relations, flux tube  
S-matrix, etc. from that  $E = E(p)$



# Pentagon OPE



Much is known about OPE  
at any coupling  
thanks to integrability

[BB,Sever,Vieira'13]

$$= \sum_{\psi_i} \left[ \prod_i e^{-\textcolor{red}{E}_i \textcolor{blue}{\tau}_i + i \textcolor{red}{p}_i \textcolor{blue}{\sigma}_i + i \textcolor{red}{m}_i \textcolor{blue}{\phi}_i} \right] \times$$

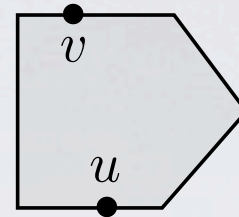
$$\textcolor{blue}{P}(0|\psi_1) \textcolor{red}{P}(\psi_1|\psi_2) \textcolor{blue}{P}(\psi_2|\psi_3) \textcolor{red}{P}(\psi_3|0)$$

Flux-tube states  $\psi$

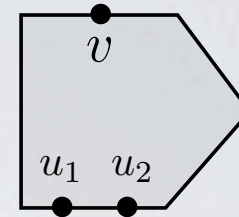
Pentagon transitions  $P(\psi_1|\psi_2)$

# Pentagon OPE

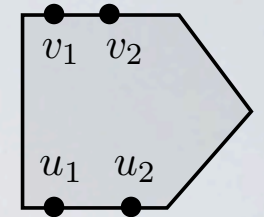
All transitions are known



$$P(u|v)$$



$$P(u_1, u_2|v)$$



$$P(u_1, u_2|v_1, v_2)$$

...

Main ingredients are the elementary transitions :  
multi-particle transitions are believed to factorize

[BB,Sever,Vieira'13]

[Belitsky,Derkachov,Manashov'13]

[Belitsky'15]

$$P(\{u_i\}|\{v_i\}) = \frac{\prod_{i,j} P(u_i|v_j)}{\prod_{i>j} P(u_i|u_j) \prod_{i<j} P(v_i|v_j)}$$



# All pentagon transitions

$$P_{A|B}(u|v)^2 = \mathcal{F}_{A|B}(u|v) \times \frac{S_{AB}(u, v)}{S_{AB}(u^\gamma, v)}$$

$\phi$  : scalar

$\psi$  : fermion

$F$  : gluon

$$\mathcal{F}_{\phi F}(u|v) = 1,$$

[BB,Sever,Vieira'13'14]

$$\mathcal{F}_{\phi\psi}(u|v) = -\frac{1}{(u-v+\frac{i}{2})},$$

[BB,Caetano,Cordova,Sever,Vieira'15]

[Belitsky'14'15]

$$\mathcal{F}_{\phi\phi}(u|v) = \frac{1}{(u-v)(u-v+i)},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{FF}(u|v) = \frac{(x^+y^+ - g^2)(x^+y^- - g^2)(x^-y^+ - g^2)(x^-y^- - g^2)}{g^2x^+x^-y^+y^-(u-v)(u-v+i)},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{F\psi}(u|v) = -\frac{(x^+y - g^2)(x^-y - g^2)}{g\sqrt{x^+x^-}y(u-v+\frac{i}{2})},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{F\bar{\psi}}(u|v) = -\frac{g\sqrt{x^+x^-}y(u-v+\frac{i}{2})}{(x^+y - g^2)(x^-y - g^2)},$$

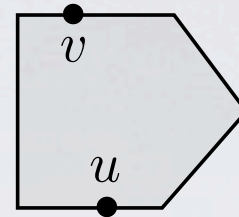
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$$\mathcal{F}_{\psi\psi}(u|v) = -\frac{(xy - g^2)}{\sqrt{gxy}(u-v)(u-v+i)},$$

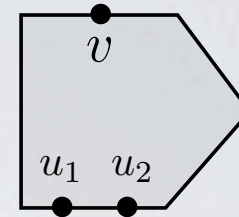
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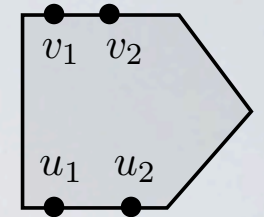
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Simple rules generalizing all this to non-MHV amplitudes

[BB,Caetano,Cordova,Sever,Vieira'15]

[Belitsky'14'15]

[BB,Coronado,Sever,Vieira' to appear]

Systematic expansion around collinear limit (euclidean)

# Full 6-gluon amplitude

[BB, Sever, Vieira'15]

OPE series :

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{hex}} = \text{[Diagram of a hexagon with internal red and blue lines]} = \sum_n \frac{1}{S_n} \int \frac{du_1 \dots du_n}{(2\pi)^n} \Pi(\{u_i\})$$

Flux tube integrand :

(everything here is known at any coupling)

$$\Pi(\{u_i\}) = \Pi_{\text{dyn}} \times \Pi_{\text{mat}}$$

$$\Pi_{\text{dyn}} = \prod_i \mu(u_i) e^{-E(u_i)\tau + ip(u_i)\sigma + im_i\phi} \prod_{i < j} \frac{1}{|P(u_i|u_j)|^2}$$



# What about MRK limit?

What are the main ingredients?

Can we find their expression at finite coupling?

Is there a systematic expansion in that regime?

Today : see how much we can learn / guess about all that starting / using OPE / pentagons

# Plan

Crossing the kinematics from OPE to Regge  
Review of hexagon

Application to heptagon  
Regge pentagons

Conjecture for higher polygons

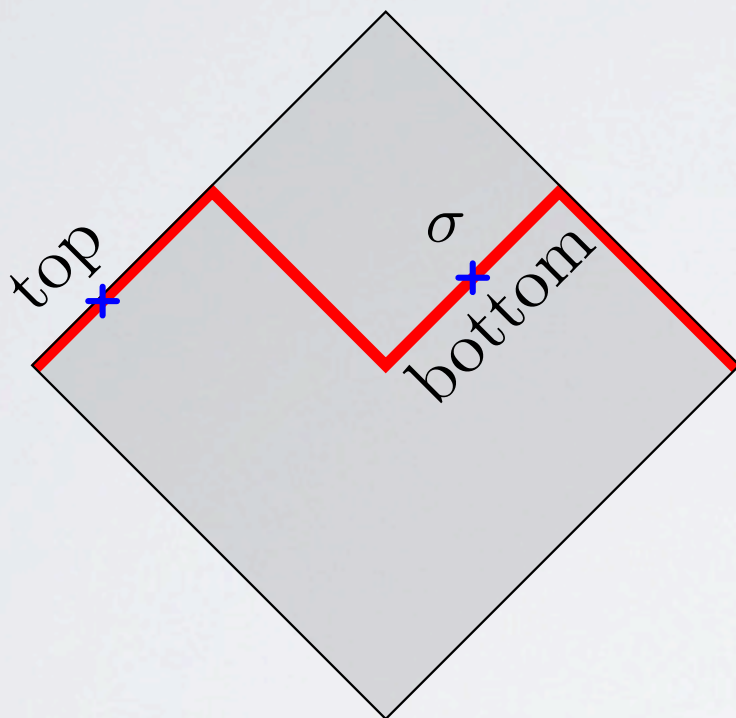
# ***The route to the Regge limit***



# Passing to the real kinematics

Hexagon in collinear limit

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{hex}} = 1 + \sum_m e^{im\phi} \int \frac{du}{2\pi} \mu_m(u) e^{ip_m(u)\sigma - E_m(u)\tau}$$



- Leading twist approximation :  
bottom/top cusps are replaced by  
insertions of field strength tensor

- Insertions are spacelike  
separated

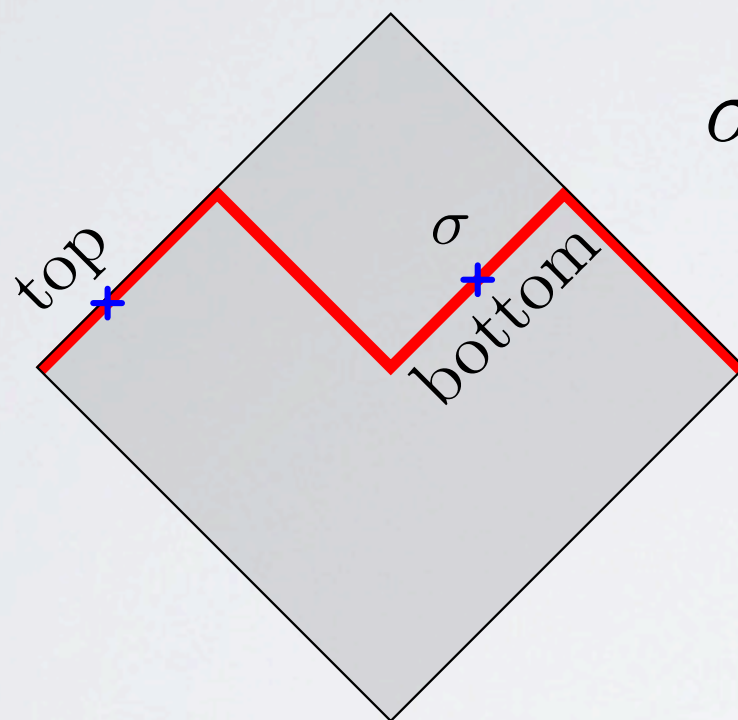
$$\sim \frac{1}{e^\sigma + e^{-\sigma}}$$

At  $\sigma = \pm \frac{i\pi}{2}$  the flat cusps are null separated : a cut starts there

$$F_1(\sigma, \tau) = g^2 e^{-\tau} \left[ -(e^\sigma + e^{-\sigma}) \log(1 + e^{2\sigma}) + 2\sigma e^\sigma \right] + O(g^4)$$

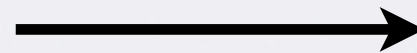
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Euclidian

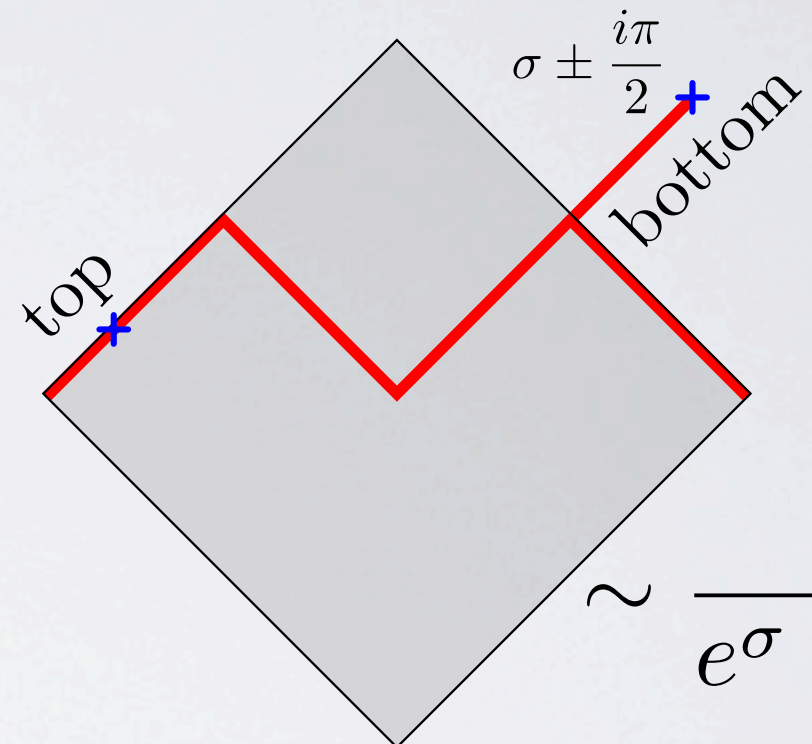


Insertions are  
spacelike separated

$$\sigma \rightarrow \sigma \pm \frac{i\pi}{2}$$



Minkowskian



Insertions are  
timelike separated

Regge/BFKL

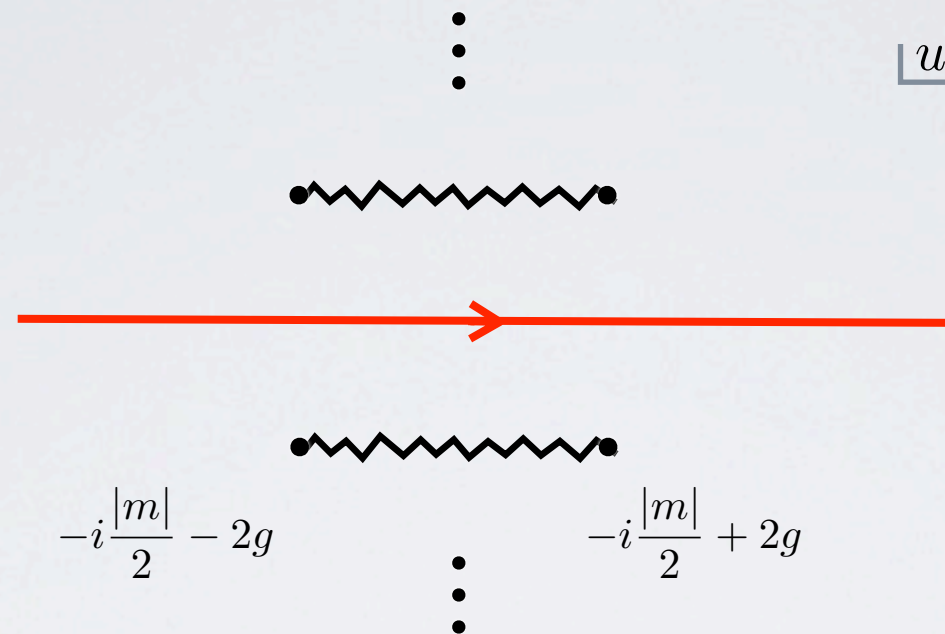
$$\sigma \rightarrow \infty \pm \frac{i\pi}{2}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{e^{\sigma} - e^{-\sigma}}$$

BFKL computes the discontinuity through the cut in the  
large  $\sigma$  limit

# Discontinuity and contour deformation

OPE contour :



- Contour along real line in rapidity plane

- There is an infinite tower of Zhukowski cuts both in lower and upper half planes

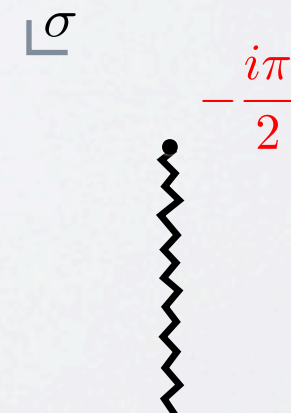
After shifting

$$\sigma \rightarrow \sigma - \frac{i\pi}{2} \quad e^{ip(u)\sigma} \rightarrow e^{\pi u} \times e^{ip(u)\sigma}$$

The integral becomes marginally convergent

Singularity at

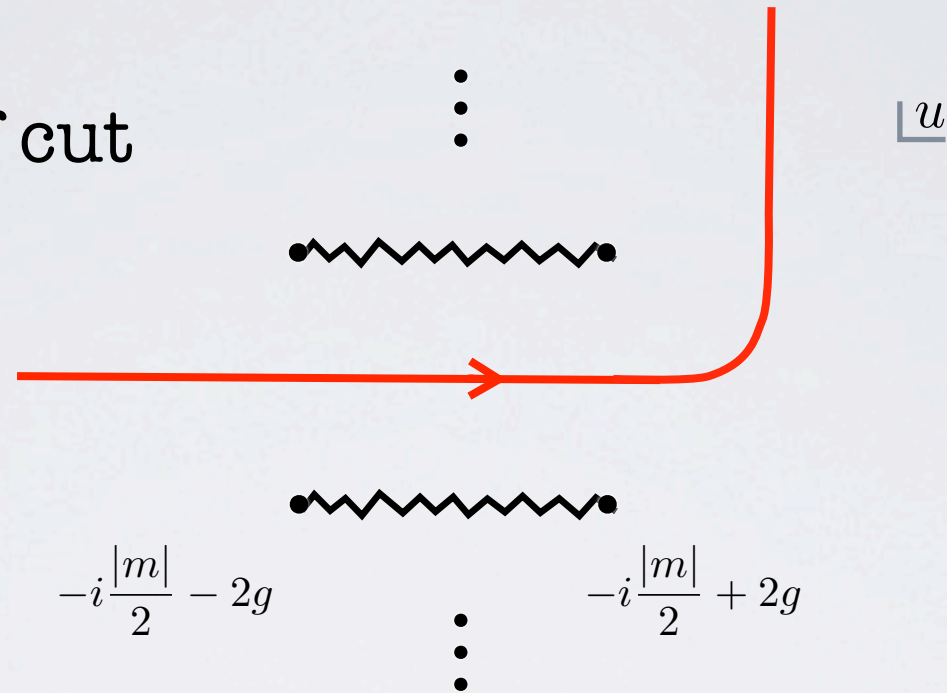
$$\sigma = -\frac{i\pi}{2}$$



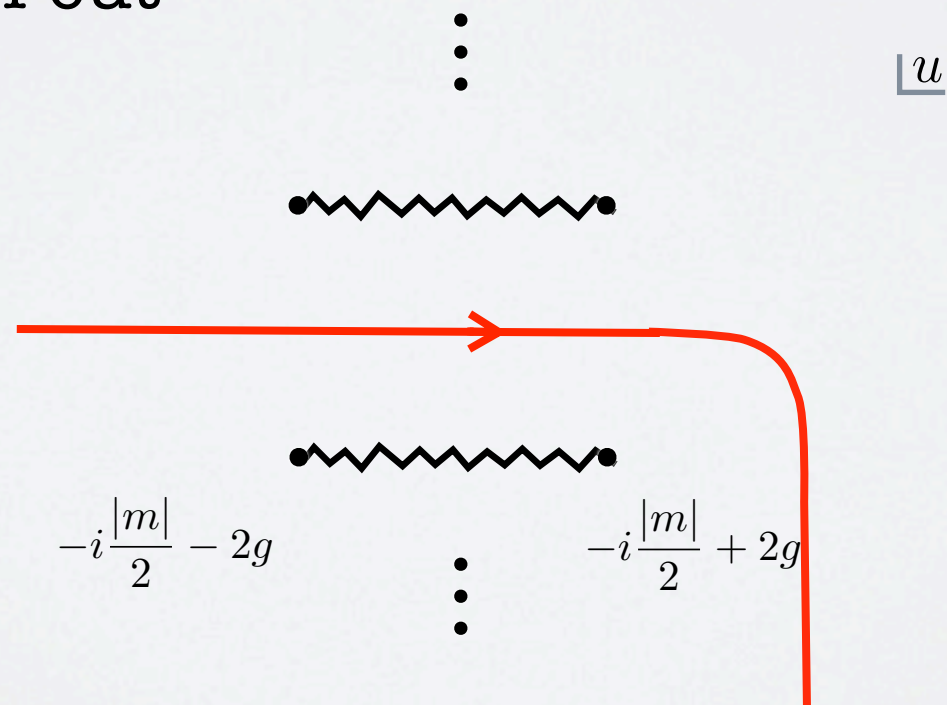


# Discontinuity and contour deformation

Move to left side of cut

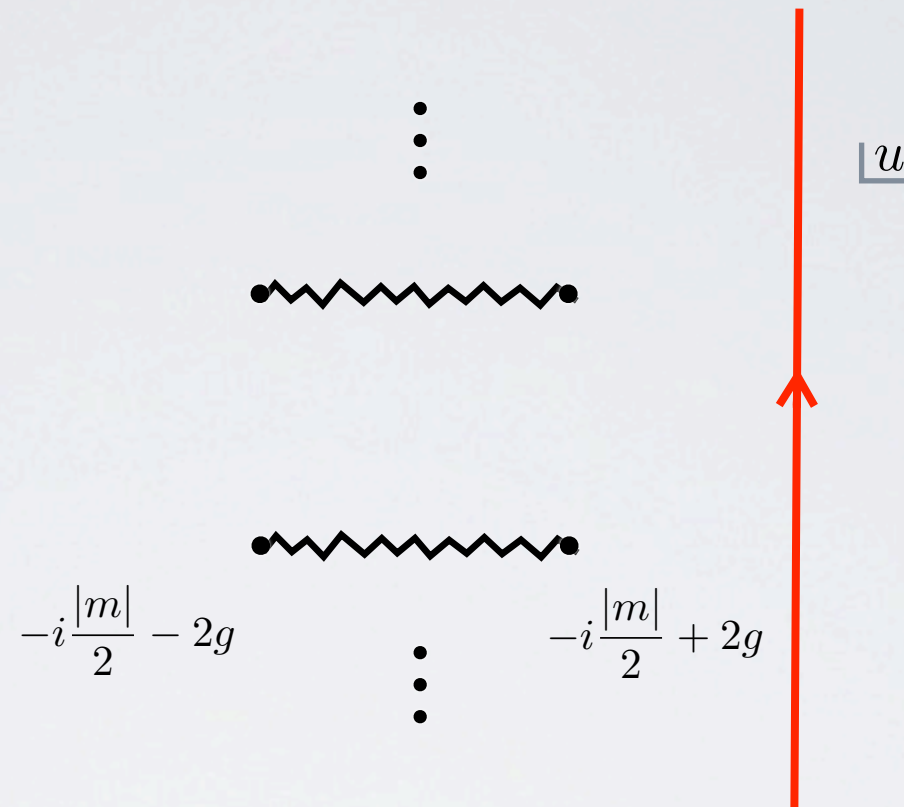


Move to right side of cut



# Discontinuity and contour deformation

Difference =  
discontinuity

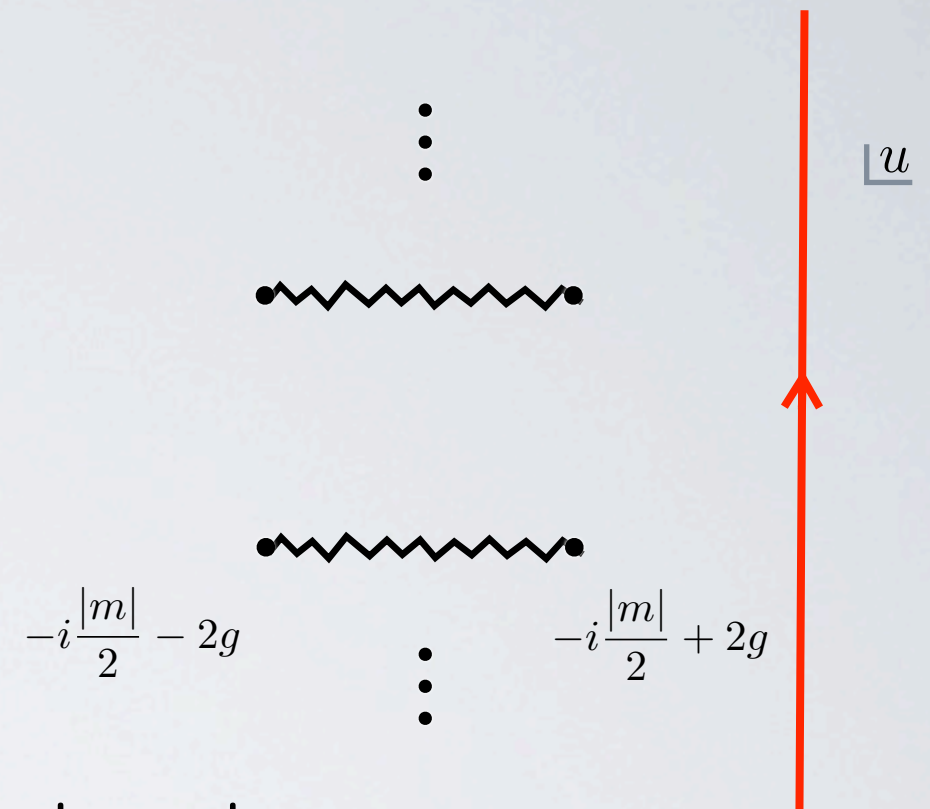


Main message : the discontinuity through the cut is controlled by the same OPE integrand but with a vertical (inverse Laplace like) contour

# Discontinuity and contour deformation

Regge limit has to do with enhancement of discontinuity in limit

$$\sigma \rightarrow \pm\infty$$



To study this regime we must rotate the contour to lower/upper half plane

Problem : Must avoid infinite sequence of cuts there

Remedy : Redefine the OPE integrand such that this sequence of cuts terminates

Freedom : Vertical contour allows us to add/remove exponentially small terms at large rapidity

This give rise to a new object : the sister trajectory

[BB,Caron-Huot,Sever'14]



# Sister map

One loop example : Take energy

$$\psi\left(1 + \frac{|m|}{2} + iu\right) + \psi\left(1 + \frac{|m|}{2} - iu\right) - 2\psi(1)$$

Use reflection property and drop exponentially small terms

$$\psi\left(1 + \frac{|m|}{2} \pm iu\right) \rightarrow \psi\left(-\frac{|m|}{2} \mp iu\right) \pm i\pi + O(e^{-2\pi u})$$

It gives rise to the sister energy in lower/upper half plane

$$\psi\left(1 + \frac{|m|}{2} \pm iu\right) + \psi\left(-\frac{|m|}{2} \pm iu\right) \mp i\pi$$

with infinite sequence of cuts (here poles) in upper/lower plane

# Sister map

It is easy to generalize that to all loops since the flux tube data is expressed in terms of psi-function and its derivatives

Before map : all loop dispersion relation for flux tube gluon

[BB'10]

$$E_\ell(u) = \ell + \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} K(t) \left( \cos(ut) e^{-\ell t/2} - 1 \right)$$

$$p_\ell(u) = 2u + \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} K(-t) \sin(ut) e^{-\ell t/2}$$

$$K(t) = \frac{2}{1 - e^{-t}} \sum_{n \geq 1} (2n) \gamma_{2n} J_{2n}(2gt) - \frac{2}{e^t - 1} \sum_{n \geq 1} (2n - 1) \gamma_{2n-1} J_{2n-1}(2gt) \quad (\text{kernel of BES equation})$$

After map : all loop sister dispersion relation

[BB, Caron-Huot, Sever'14]

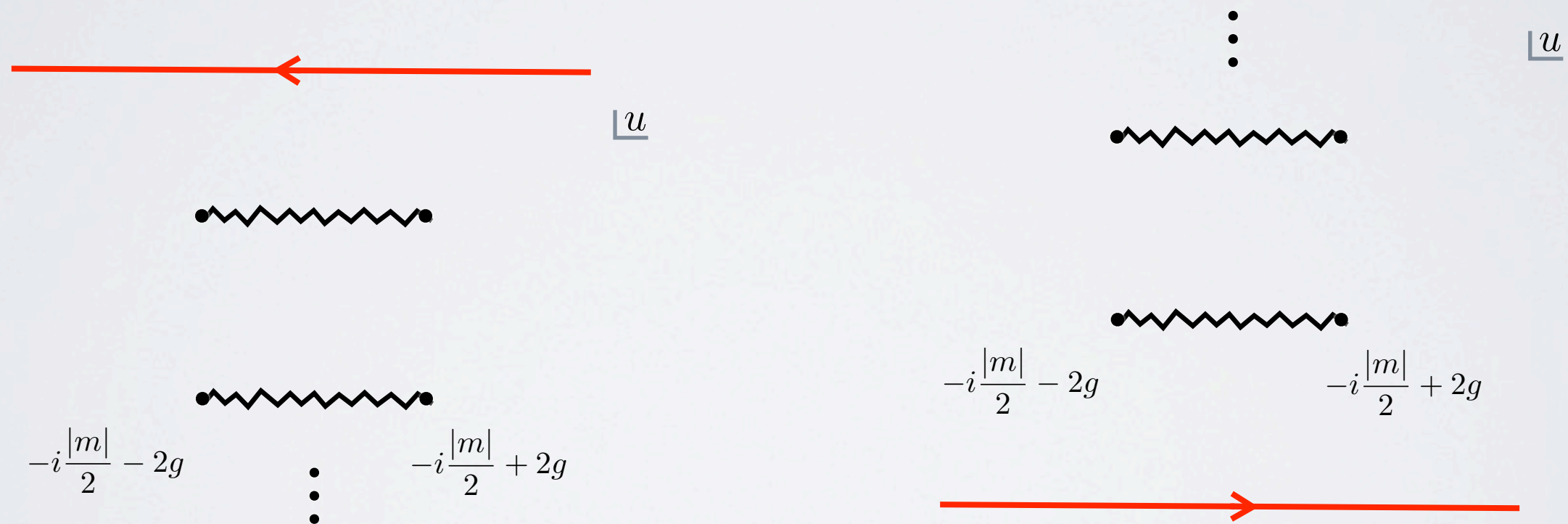
$$\check{E}_\ell(u) = \ell + \frac{i\pi}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}} + \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \left[ K(t) \frac{e^{-iut - \ell t/2} - 2}{2} + K(-t) \frac{e^{-iut + \ell t/2}}{2} \right]$$

$$\check{p}_\ell(u) = 2u + \frac{\pi}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}} - i \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \left[ K(t) \frac{e^{-iut + \ell t/2}}{2} - K(-t) \frac{e^{-iut - \ell t/2}}{2} \right]$$

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It allows us to write an all loop integral representation for the discontinuity



The integrand is just the sister version of the OPE one

Comment : so far all steps can be done order by order in PT



# From sister to BFKL

- OPE for discontinuity (sister trajectory : energy, measure etc.)

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{hex}}^{\uparrow} = \sum_m (-1)^m e^{im\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \hat{\mu}_{|m|}^{\uparrow}(p) e^{i\sigma p - \tau \check{E}_{|m|}(p)} + \dots \quad \tau \text{ large}$$

It captures terms of the type

(leading twist, all conformal spins)

$$e^{-|m|(\tau - \sigma)} (1 + e^{-2\sigma} + \dots)$$

- BFKL integral

$\tau + \sigma$  large

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{hex}}^{\uparrow} = e^{\frac{1}{2}i\pi(\sigma - \tau)\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}} \sum_m (-1)^m e^{im\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi} \hat{\mu}_{\text{BFKL}}(\nu, m) e^{i(\sigma - \tau)\nu} e^{(\sigma + \tau)\omega(m, \nu)} + \dots$$

It captures terms of the type

(leading spin, all dimensions)

$$e^{-|m|(\tau - \sigma)} (1 + e^{-2(\tau - \sigma)} + \dots)$$

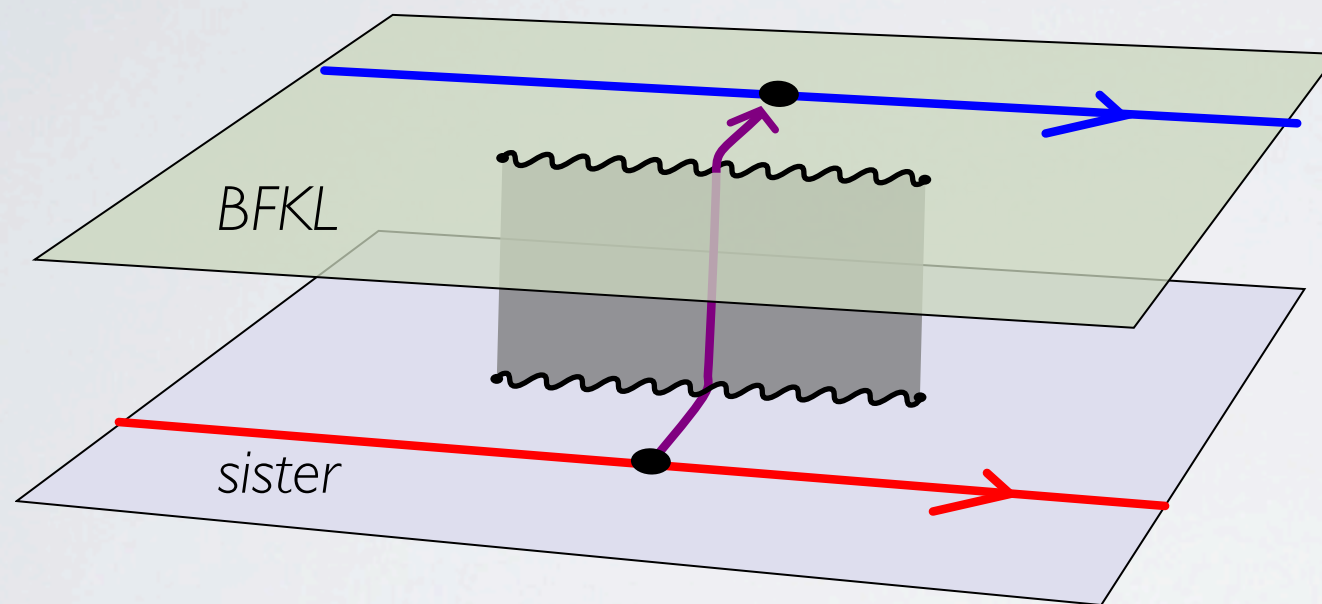
- They operate in different regimes but they should agree in the overlap of their respective domains of validity

Cross-over :  $\tau \sim \sigma \gg 1$

# From sister to BFKL

Follow saddle from sister to BFKL regime

[BB, Caron-Huot, Sever'14]



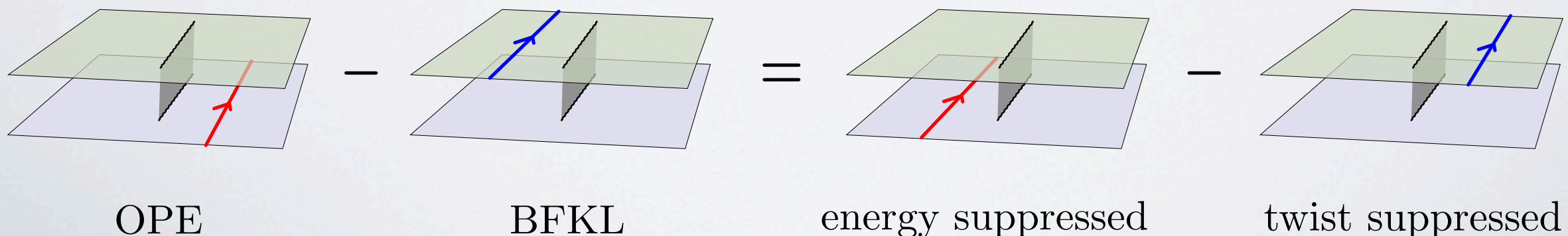
$$\frac{\sigma}{\tau} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d\check{E}}{dp}(p_*)$$

$$\frac{\tau - \sigma}{\tau + \sigma} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d\omega}{d\nu}(\nu_*)$$

$$\omega(\nu_*) = \frac{i}{2} [p_* + i\check{E}(p_*)]$$

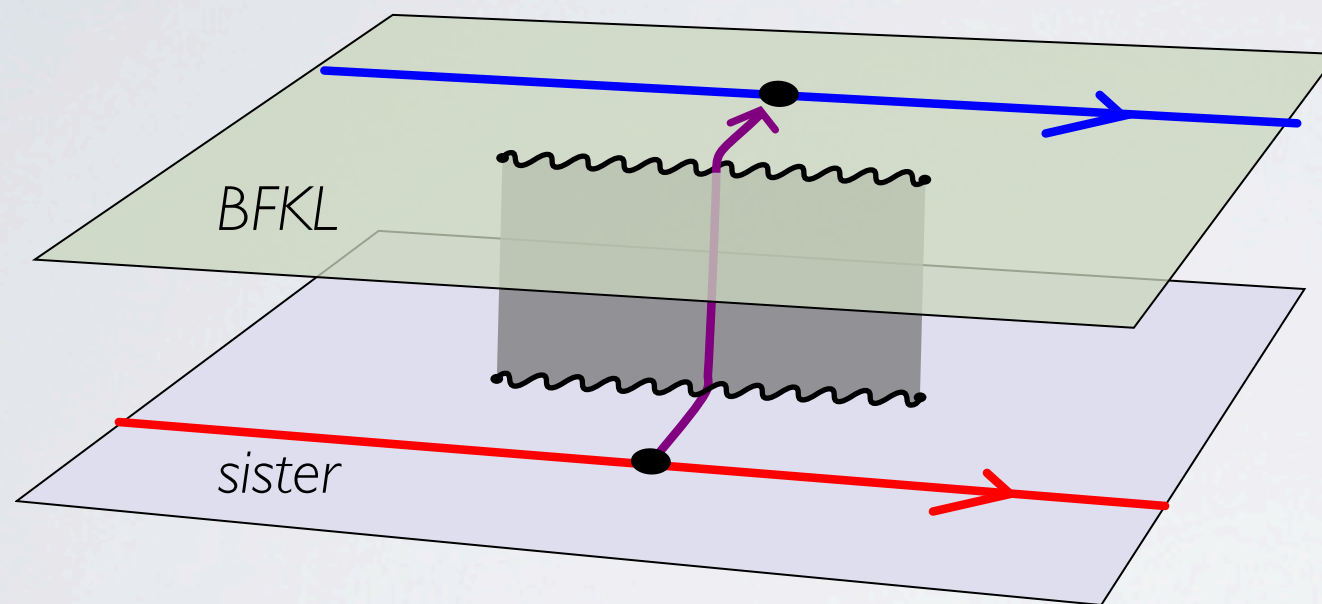
$$\nu_* = \frac{1}{2} [p_* - i\check{E}(p_*)] - \frac{\pi}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}$$

Equivalently : wrap contour around the cut and move it to 2nd sheet



# From sister to BFKL

Follow saddle from sister to BFKL regime



At finite coupling  
it is easy to  
navigate between  
the two pictures

Give BFKL eigenvalue from the sister flux tube energy to all loops

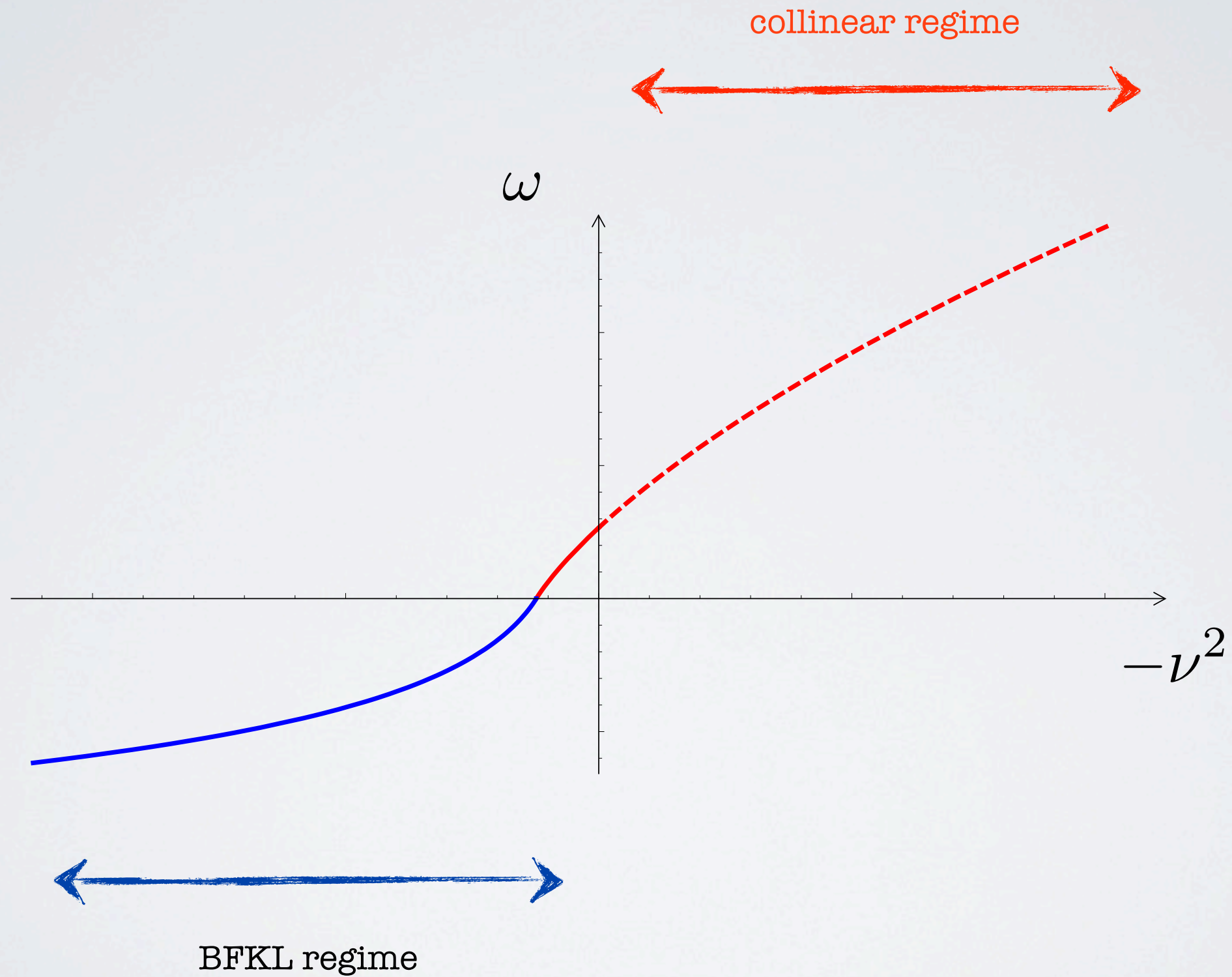
$K$  = BES kernel

$$\omega(u, m) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \left( K(t) - \frac{K(-t) + K(t)}{2} \cos(ut) e^{-|m|t/2} \right)$$

$$\nu(u, m) = 2u + \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \frac{K(-t) - K(t)}{2} \sin(ut) e^{-|m|t/2}$$

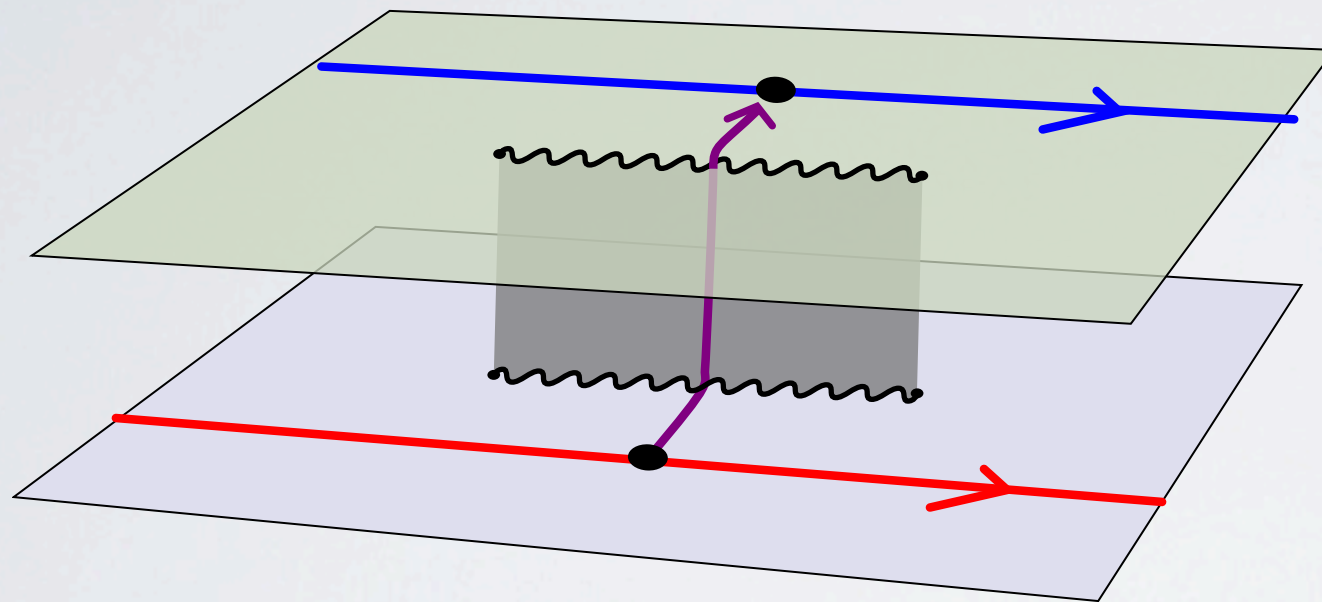


# Chew-Frautschi plot



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Same applies to measure a.k.a  
impact factor

$$\mu_m^{\text{OPE}}(u) \rightarrow \mu_m^{\uparrow\downarrow}(u) \rightarrow \mu_m^{\text{BFKL}}(u)$$

# Tests

## - Weak coupling

$$-\omega(\nu, m) = 2g^2 \left\{ -\frac{2|m|}{\nu^2 + m^2} + \psi \left( 1 + \frac{|m| + i\nu}{2} \right) + \psi \left( 1 + \frac{|m| - i\nu}{2} \right) - 2\psi(1) \right\} + O(g^4)$$

+ higher loop matches

[Bartels,Lipatov,Sabio Vera'08],[Fadin,Lipatov],  
[Dixon,Duhr,Pennington'12],[Dixon,Drummond,Duhr,Pennington'14]

## - Finite coupling

constraint from  
collinear limit



$$\omega(\nu = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}, m = 0) = 0$$

[Caron-Huot]

## - Strong coupling

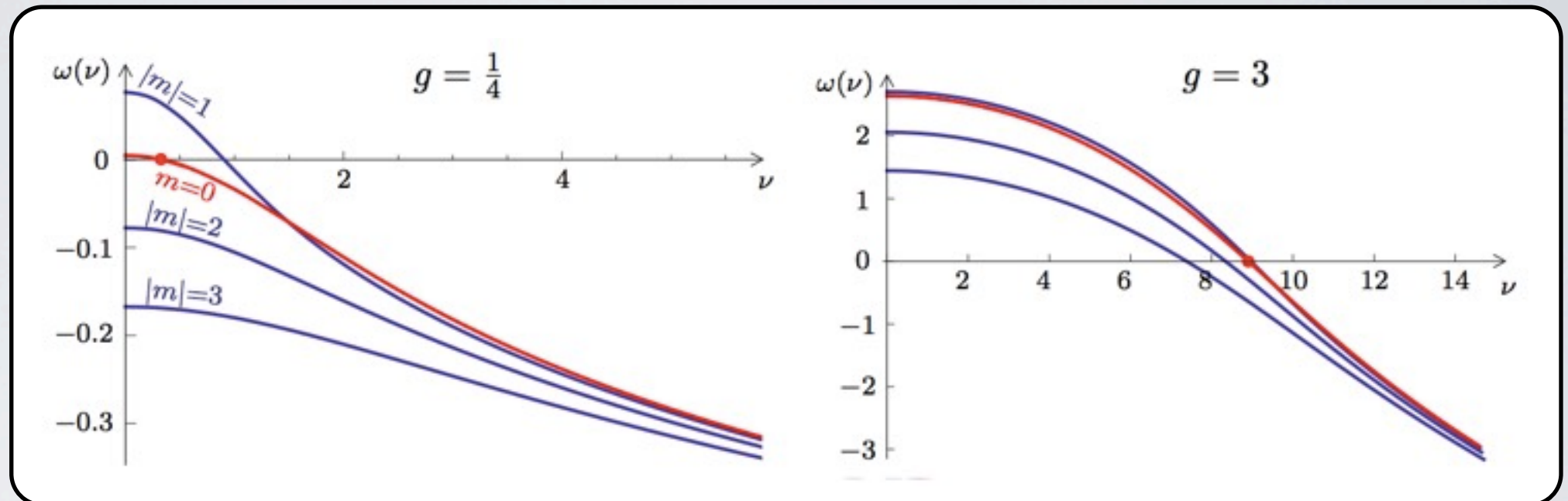
$$\omega(\nu) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} (\sqrt{2} - \log(1 + \sqrt{2})) + O(1)$$

[Bartels,Kotanski,Schomerus,Sprenger]

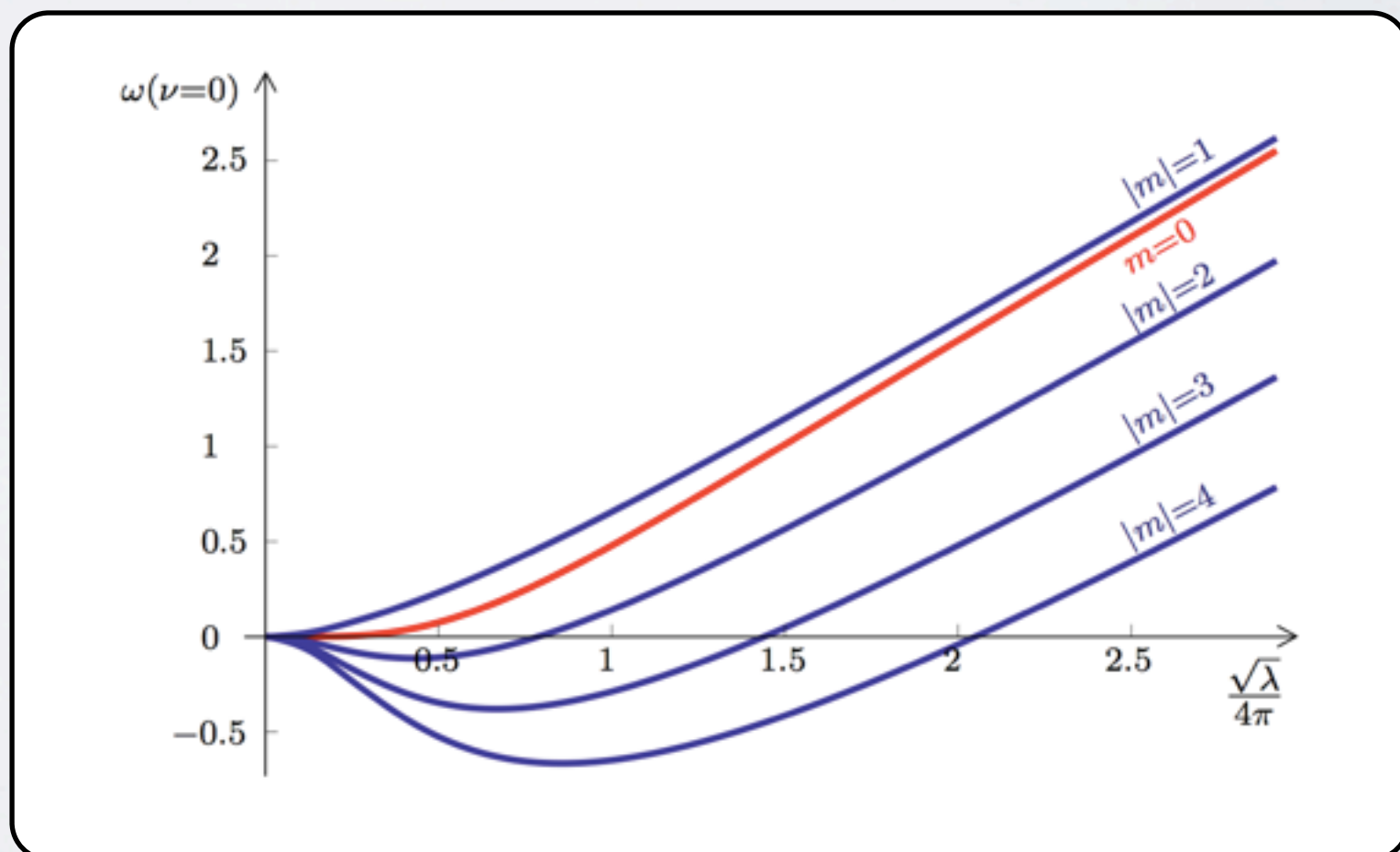


# Adjoint eigenvalues at finite coupling

Eigenvalues :

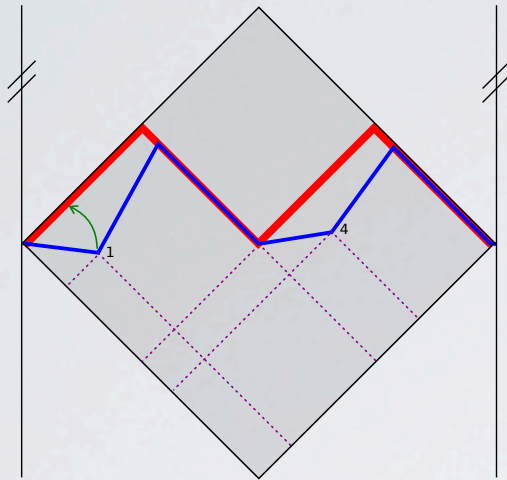


Intercepts :



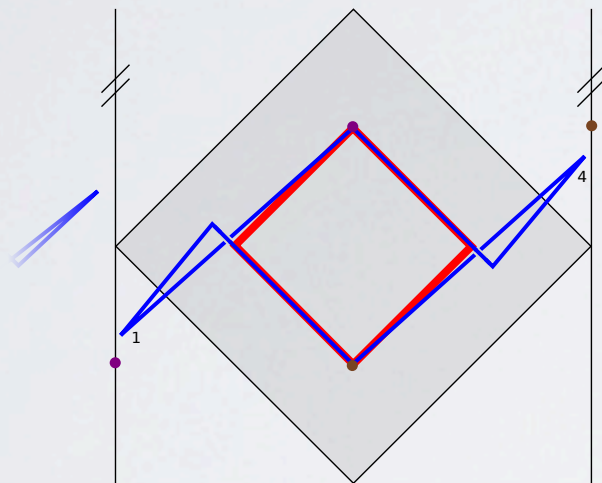
# Summary

OPE



$$= 1 + \sum_{m \neq 0} (-1)^m e^{im\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \hat{\mu}_m(p) e^{ip\sigma - \tau E_m(p)} + \dots$$

BFKL



$$= -2\pi i \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^m e^{im\phi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi} \hat{\mu}_{\text{BFKL}}(\nu, m) e^{i(\sigma-\tau)\nu + (\sigma+\tau)\omega(\nu, m)} + \dots$$

See [Bartels et al.],[Hatsuda]  
for related ideas  
See [Drummond,Papathanasiou]  
for a direct path at function level

## Two-step analytic continuation

1. In external momenta  $\tau, \sigma, \phi \Rightarrow$  OPE for discontinuity
2. In flux tube momentum  $p$  : crossing the cut between Regge and OPE

# ***Higher polygons***



# Heptagon

OPE pentagon transition

$$\int \frac{dudv}{(2\pi)^2} \mu(u) \mu(v) e^{-ip(u)\sigma_1 + ip(v)\sigma_2} P(u - i0 | v + i0)$$

Gluon transition

$$P(u|v) = - \frac{(\frac{1}{2} - iu) \Gamma(iu - iv) (\frac{1}{2} + iv)}{g^2 \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + iu) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - iv)}$$

Position space

$$P(\sigma_1 | \sigma_2) = \frac{e^{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}}{2} \log \frac{(e^{2\sigma_1} + 1)(e^{2\sigma_2} + 1)}{e^{2\sigma_1} + e^{2\sigma_2} + e^{2\sigma_1 + 2\sigma_2}} \\ + e^{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1} \log \frac{e^{2\sigma_2} (e^{2\sigma_1} + 1)}{e^{2\sigma_1} + e^{2\sigma_2} + e^{2\sigma_1 + 2\sigma_2}} + (\sigma_1 \leftrightarrow \sigma_2)$$

# Heptagon

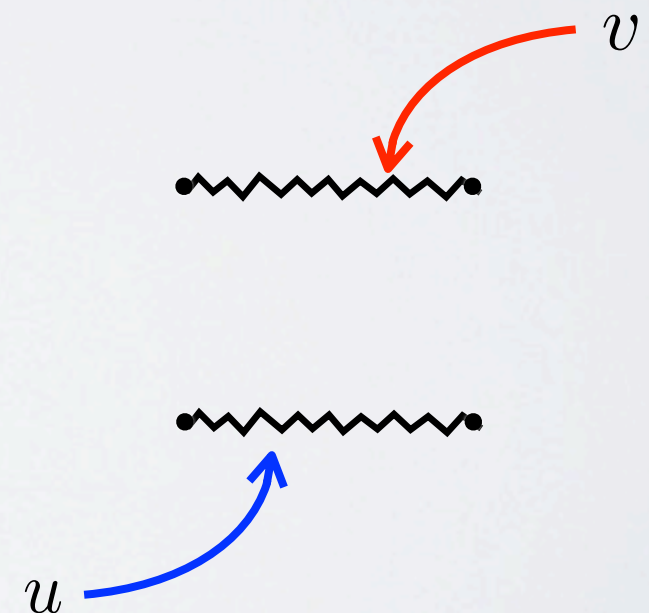
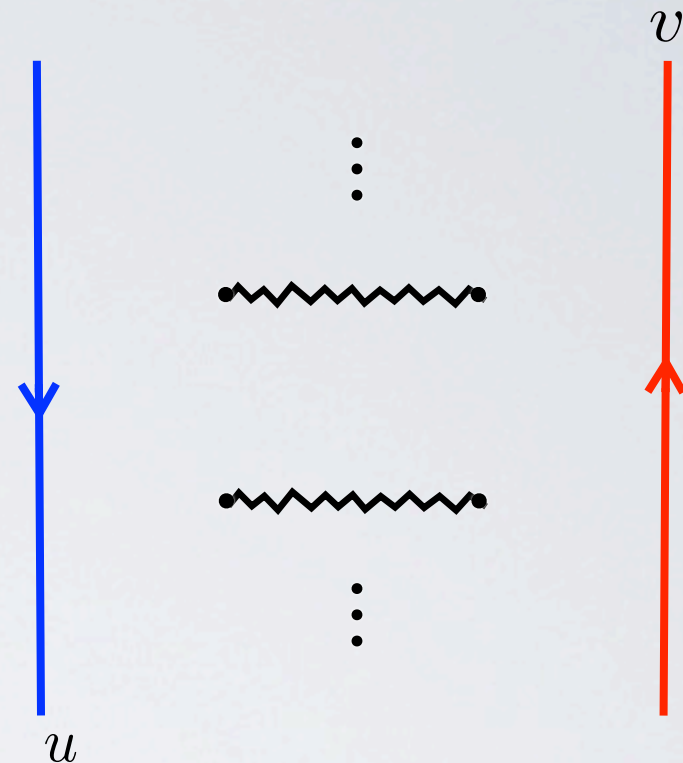
Double discontinuity

$$\sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_i - \frac{i\pi}{2}$$

Sister map both  
and take Regge limit

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i &\rightarrow -\infty \\ \tau_i &\rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad \tau_i + \sigma_i \text{ fixed}$$

We get the Regge pentagon a.k.a  
central emission vertex at an coupling



known at weak coupling from  
[Bartels,Kormilitzin,Lipatov,Prygarin'12]

# Regge pentagon

Structure is essentially the same as for pentagon transitions

$$\text{tree} \times \exp \left[ \text{bilinears in } \psi \text{ functions and derivatives} \right]$$

Few important properties :

- Decoupling pole

$$P(u|v) \sim \frac{1}{i\mu(u)(u-v)}$$

- Reggeon zeroes for mode zero

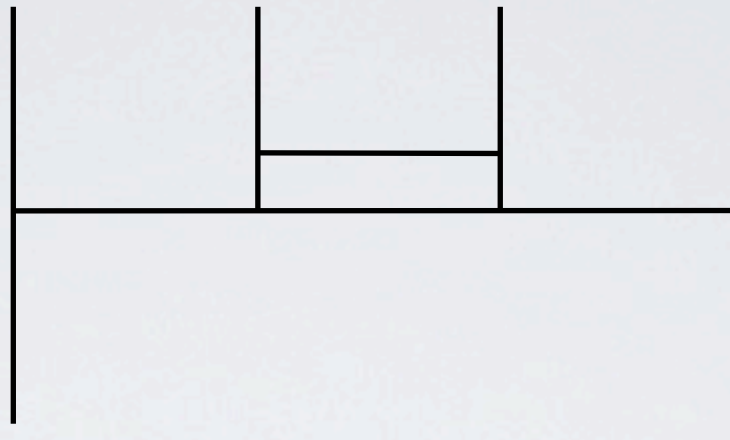
$$\lim_{\nu(u) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}} P(u|v) = 0$$

$$\lim_{\nu(v) \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}} P(u|v) = 0$$



# Regge picture

Hexagon gives  
measure a.k.a  
impact factor

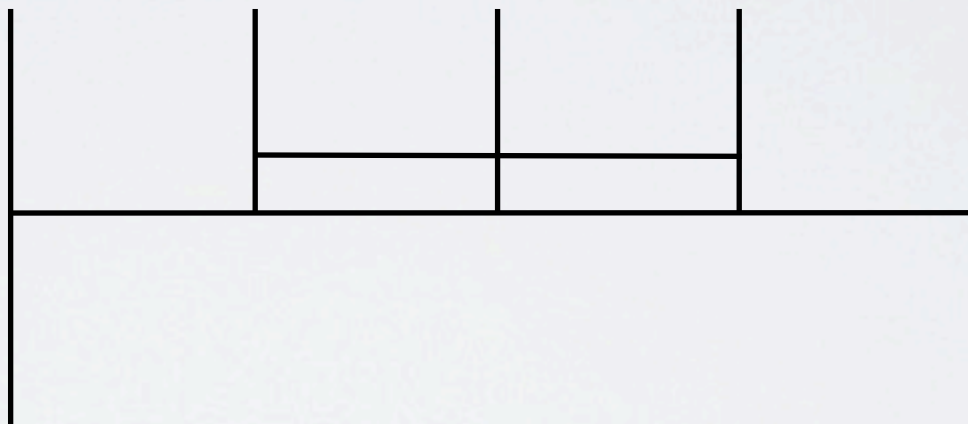


Diagram

$$\bigcirc$$
  

$$\mu(u)$$

Heptagon gives  
pentagon  
transition  
a.k.a central  
emission vertex



Diagram



$$\mu(u) \times P(u|v) \times \mu(v)$$

# Higher polygons

recent discussions :  
[Bargheer'16],  
[Del Duca et al.'16]

Linear sequence



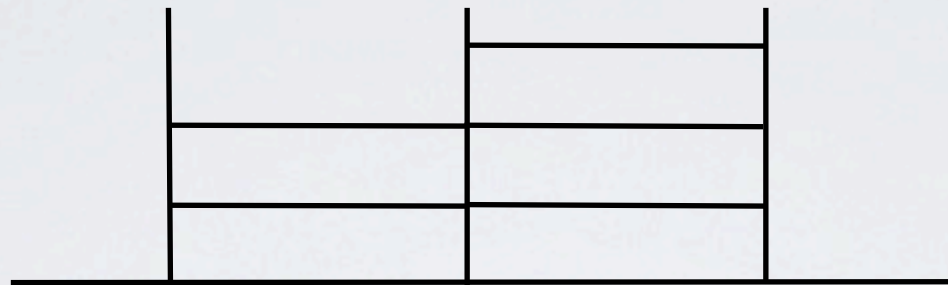
Diagram



$$\mu(u) \times P(u|v) \times \mu(v) \times P(v|w) \times \mu(w) \times P(w|z) \times \mu(z)$$

# Conjectures for higher cuts

Multi-cut transition



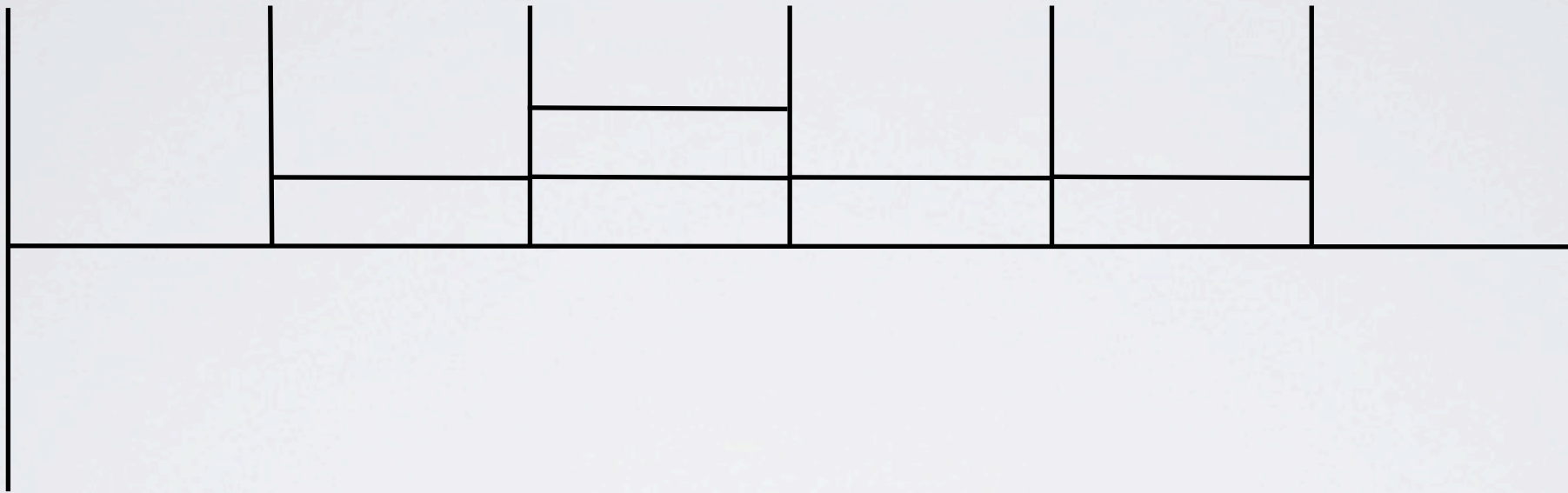
Conjecture (following factorization of OPE transitions) :

$$\frac{\prod_{i,j} P(u_i|v_j)}{\prod_{i<j} P(u_i|u_j) \prod_{i>j} P(v_i|v_j)}$$

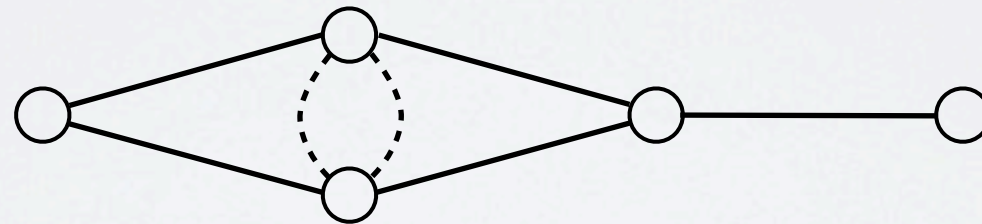


# Conjectures for higher cuts

Example of a sequence with up to 3 Reggeons



Diagram



Integrand

$$P(u|v_1)P(u|v_2) \times \frac{1}{P(v_1|v_2)P(v_2|v_1)} \times P(v_1|w)P(v_2|w) \times P(w|z)$$

# Weak coupling estimate

- A blob (measure) costs one loop
- A link (transition) costs minus one loop
- A linear sequence has  $N$  blobs and  $N-1$  links : it thus appears at one loop

Generalization : if  $n-1$  is the max number of Reggeons in the sequence, then the diagram starts at  $n$  loops

Caveat : Generically true up to mode zero contributions

Mode zero measure has pole at  $\nu = \pm \pi \Gamma_{\text{cusp}} / 2$

- Residue at the pole relates to one Reggeon contribution (OPE vacuum) (integrated with a Feynman like prescription)
- It produces disconnected terms



# Possible tests of this conjecture

Consistency checks : Is the factorized ansatz compatible with everything we know (collinear / soft limits, transcendentality, etc.)?

String coupling saddle point for higher n-gon : looks doable; we could test the factorizability and the presence or not of new stuff (bound states of  $n > 2$  Reggeons)

heptagon strong coupling study :  
[Bartels,Schomerus,Sprenger'14]

First higher cut effect at weak coupling : 2 loop 8 points; comparison with Simon's symbol? or with a function?

recent progress : [Bargheer,Papathanasiou,Schomerus'15],  
[Bargheer'16],[Broedel,Sprenger,Torres Orjuela'16],  
[Del Duca et al.'16]

Direct weak coupling analysis using integrable spin chain?

[Bartels,Lipatov,Prygarin'11]

Integrable system is very similar to the one for the flux tube : expect structure of multi-particle wave functions and pentagons transitions to be the same

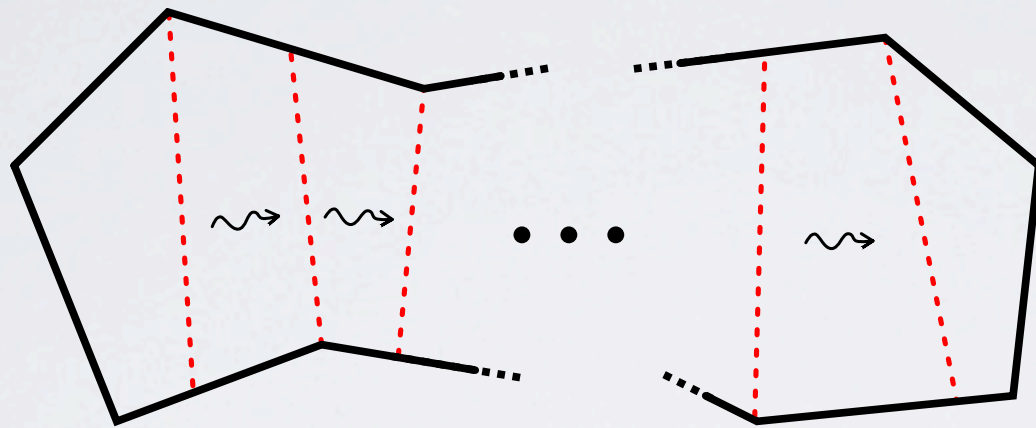
[BB,Sever,Vieira'13]

[Belitsky,Derkachov,Manashov'14]

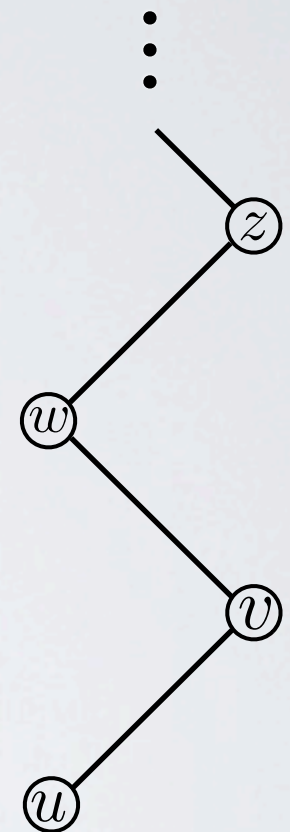


# Derivation from OPE?

OPE best formulated / understood for a zig-zag sequence :



$$P(u|v) \times P(w|v) \times P(w|z) \times P(z|t) \times \dots$$



Not obvious if that configuration admits higher cut version (i.e. that we stack more Reggeons in middle channels)

To find higher cuts we must explore other discontinuities....

# Generalization to non-MHV amplitudes

NMHV form factors :

[BB,Sever,Vieira'13]

[BB,Caetano,Cordova,Sever,Vieira'15]

[Belitsky'14'15]

$$P(u|v) \rightarrow \frac{x^+ x^-}{y^+ y^-} P(u|v)$$

(these are zero-modes of the pentagon bootstrap)

In the Regge domain :

$$P(u|v) \rightarrow \frac{x^+ y^-}{x^- y^+} P(u|v)$$

- They do not change the weak coupling counting
- They break symmetry between positive and negative mode numbers
- Mode zero quantities are unaffected - they are the same for MHV and non MHV

# Conclusion

Regge and OPE regimes are the two sides of a same story

BFKL and collinear eigenvalues the two “branches” of a same function

This only becomes manifest and fully tractable at finite coupling

Crossing the kinematics then becomes equivalent to crossing a cut in internal momentum / rapidity plane



# Conclusion

Clear route from OPE to Regge; OPE / Regge dictionary

Following it we derive the eigenvalue, impact factor and emission vertex directly from the OPE / pentagon data at any coupling

Pushing the analogy further hints at higher cuts with totally factorized structure, like for multiparticle pentagon transitions

Many questions remain : Completeness of states? Can new states appear for  $n \geq 8$ ? Can we go all the way from collinear to Regge for higher  $n$ -gon? Are there Regge islands we cannot reach?

***THANK YOU!***