High-energy Amplitudes and Impact Factors at next-to-leading-order

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Outline

- Light-cone OPE versus OPE in color dipoles.
- High-energy scattering and Wilson lines formalism.
- Factorization in rapidity.
- NLO Photon Impact Factor: analytic result.
- Brief review of the LO and NLO BK equation.
- Triple Pomeron vertex through Wilson line formalism: planar (leading N_c) and non-planar (next to-leading N_c) contribution.
- Conclusions and outlook.

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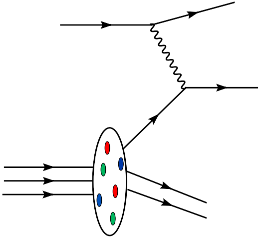

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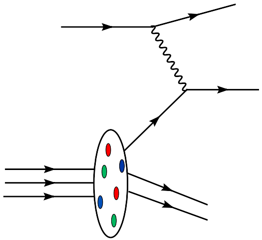

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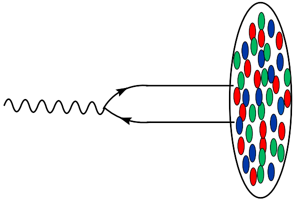

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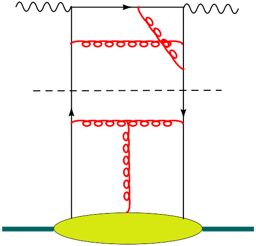

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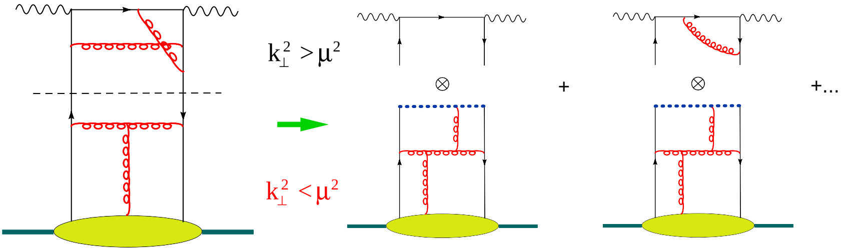

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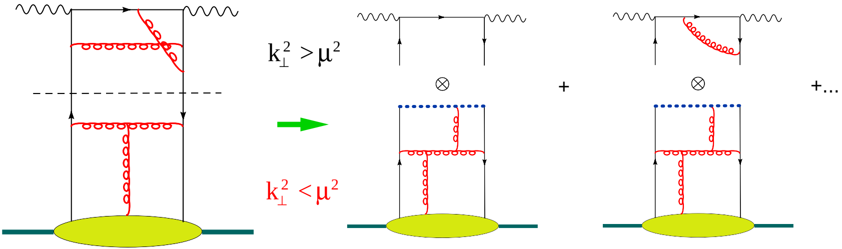

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OPE in light-ray operators $(x-y)^2 \to 0$

$$T\{j_\mu(x)j_\nu(y)\} = \frac{(x-y)_\xi}{2\pi^2(x-y)^4}\Big[1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}(\ln(x-y)^2\mu^2 + C)\Big]\bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu\gamma^\xi\gamma_\nu[x,y]\psi(y)$$

$$[x,y] \ \equiv \ Pe^{ig\int_0^1 du \ (x-y)^\mu A_\mu(ux+(1-u)y)}$$ - gauge link

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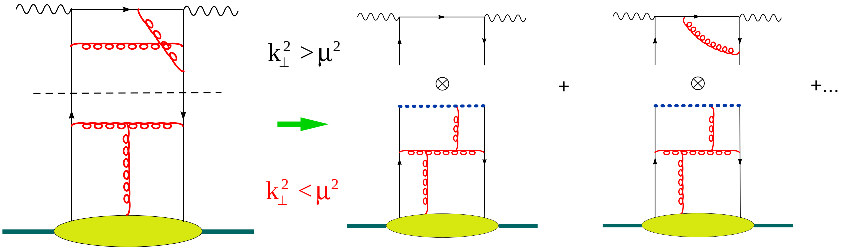

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Renorm-group equation for light-ray operators $\Rightarrow$ DGLAP evolution of parton densities $(x-y)^2 = 0$

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \bar\psi(x)[x,y]\psi(y) \; = \; K_{\rm LO}\bar\psi(x)[x,y]\psi(y) + \alpha_s K_{\rm NLO}\bar\psi(x)[x,y]\psi(y)$$

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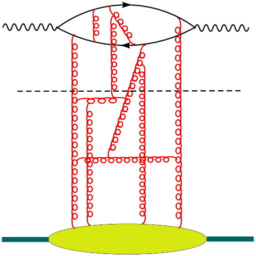

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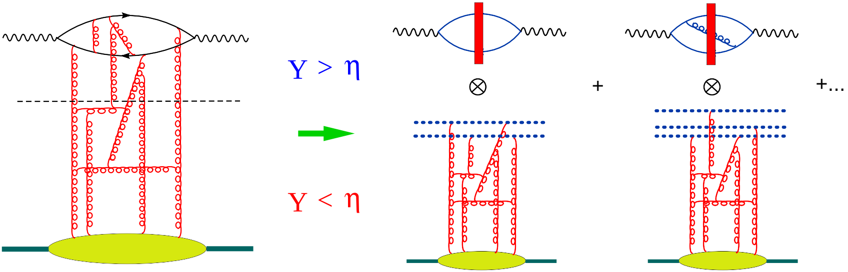

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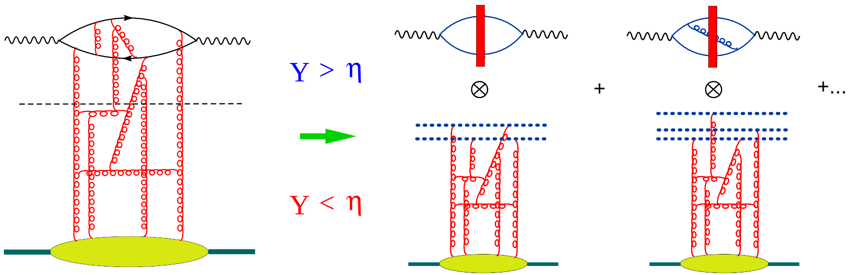

η - rapidity factorization scale

Rapidity Y > η - coefficient function ("impact factor")
Rapidity Y < η - matrix elements of (light-like) Wilson lines with rapidity divergence cut by η

$$U^\eta_x = \text{Pexp}\Big[ig\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^+ A^\eta_+(x_+, x_\perp)\Big]$$

$$A^\eta_\mu(x) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4}\theta(e^\eta - |\alpha_k|)e^{-ik\cdot x}A_\mu(k)$$

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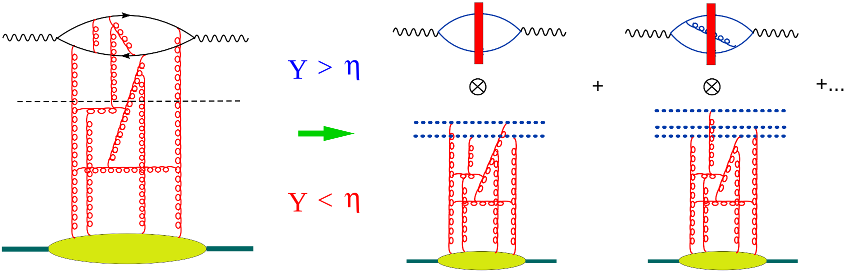


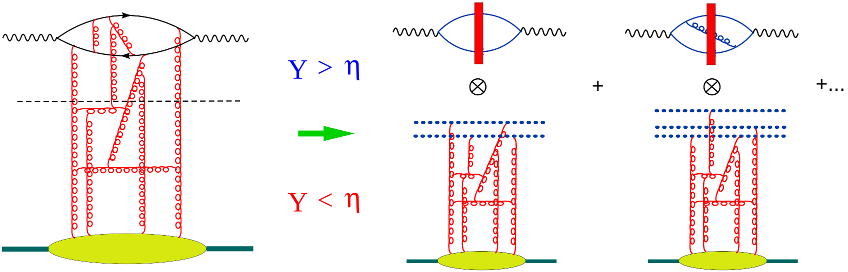
The high-energy operator expansion is

$$T\{\hat{j}_\mu(x)\hat{j}_\nu(y)\} = \int d^2z_1 d^2z_2\ I^{\rm LO}_{\mu\nu}(z_1,z_2,x,y){\rm Tr}\{\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}$$

$$+\int d^2z_1 d^2z_2 d^2z_3\ I^{\rm NLO}_{\mu\nu}(z_1,z_2,z_3,x,y)[{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}\}{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}^\eta_{z_3}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\} - N_c{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}]$$

In the leading order the impact factor is Möbius invariant

In the NLO one should also expect conf. invariance since $I^{\rm NLO}_{\mu\nu}$ is given by tree diagrams



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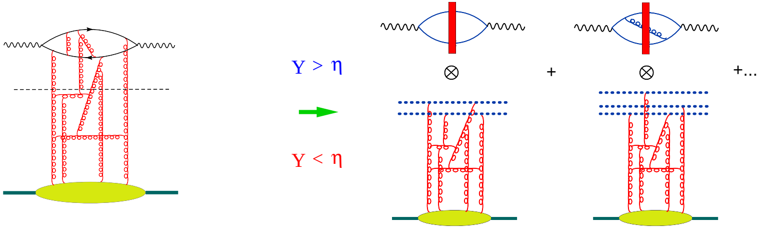
Evolution equation for color dipoles

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_x U^{\dagger\eta}_y\} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2}\int d^2z \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x-z)^2(y-z)^2}[\mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_x U^{\dagger\eta}_y\}\mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_x U^{\dagger\eta}_y\}$$
$$- N_c\mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_x U^{\dagger\eta}_y\}] + \alpha_s K_{\mathrm{NLO}}\mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_x U^{\dagger\eta}_y\} + O(\alpha_s^2)$$

K_{NLO}=? (Linear part of K_{NLO} = $K_{\mathrm{NLO\ BFKL}}$)

Expansion of $F_2(x)$ in color dipoles in the next-to-leading order



$$F_2(x_B) \simeq \int d^2z_1 d^2z_2 \; I^{LO}(z_1, z_2)\langle \mathrm{tr}\{U^{\eta}_{z_1} U^{\dagger\,\eta}_{z_2}\}\rangle \qquad \eta = \ln\frac{1}{x_B}$$

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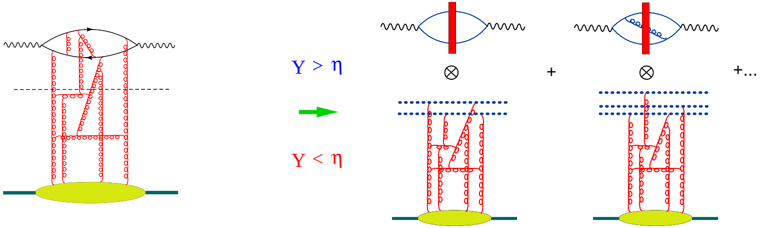

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plan

- Calculate the NLO photon impact factor.
- Calculate the NLO evolution of color dipole.
- Convolute the solution with the initial conditions for the evolution and get the amplitude.

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$$[x, y] = Pe^{ig\int_0^1 du(x-y)^\mu A_\mu(ux+(1-u)y)} \qquad p^\mu = \alpha p_1^\mu + \beta p_2^\mu + p_\perp^\mu$$

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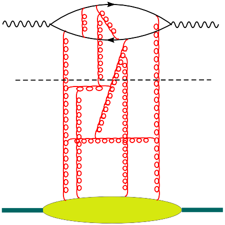

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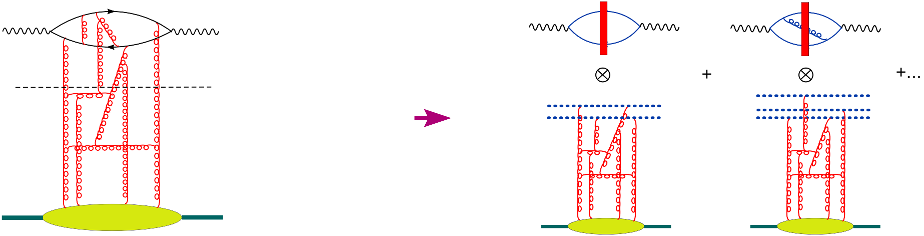

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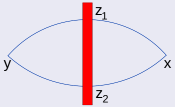

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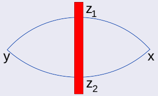
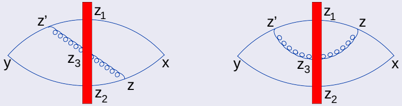
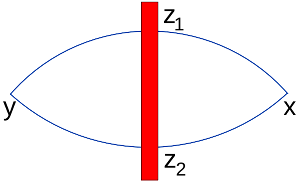


NLO Impact Factor diagrams: $I^{\rm NLO}$





Conformal vectors:

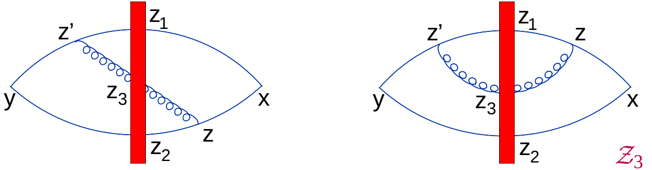
$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2x_*}\left(\frac{p_1}{s} - x^2 p_2 + x_\perp\right) - \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2y_*}\left(\frac{p_1}{s} - y^2 p_2 + y_\perp\right)$$

$$\zeta_1 = \left(\frac{p_1}{s} + z_{1\perp}^2 p_2 + z_{1\perp}\right), \qquad \zeta_2 = \left(\frac{p_1}{s} + z_{2\perp}^2 p_2 + z_{2\perp}\right)$$

Here $x^2 = -x_\perp^2$, $x_* \equiv x_\mu p_2^\mu$ (similarly for y); $\mathcal{R} = \frac{\kappa^2(\zeta_1\cdot\zeta_2)}{2(\kappa\cdot\zeta_1)(\kappa\cdot\zeta_2)}$

$$I^{\mathrm{LO}}_{\mu\nu}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{\mathcal{R}^2}{\pi^6(\kappa\cdot\zeta_1)(\kappa\cdot\zeta_2)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\mu \partial y^\nu}\left[(\kappa\cdot\zeta_1)(\kappa\cdot\zeta_2) - \frac{1}{2}\kappa^2(\zeta_1\cdot\zeta_2)\right]$$

NLO Impact Factor



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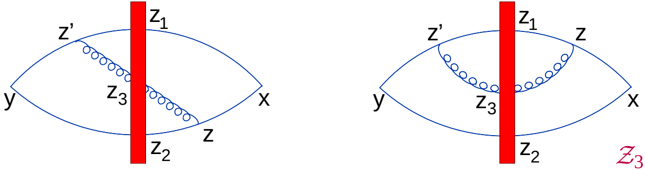

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However, if we define a composite operator (a - analog of μ^{-2} for usual OPE)

$$[\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}]^{\rm conf} = \mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}$$
$$+ \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\int d^2z_3\,\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2}\Big[\frac{1}{N_c}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}\}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_3}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\} - \mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}\Big]\ln\frac{az_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} + O(\alpha_s^2)$$

the impact factor becomes conformal in the NLO.

Conformal Composite Operator

$$[\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}\hat{U}^\dagger_{z_2}\}]^{\mathrm{conf}}_{a,\eta}$$

$$= \mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}^\sigma_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2}\int d^2z_3\ \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}[\mathrm{Tr}\{T^n\hat{U}^\sigma_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_3}T^n\hat{U}^\sigma_{z_3}\hat{U}^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\} - N_c\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}^\sigma_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\}]\ln\frac{4az_{12}^2}{sz_{13}^2z_{23}^2} + O(\alpha_s^2)$$

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Using the leading-order evolution equation

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\sigma_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\} = \sigma\frac{d}{d\sigma}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\sigma_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2}\int d^2z_3\,\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}[\mathrm{Tr}\{T^n\hat U^\sigma_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_3}T^n\hat U^\sigma_{z_3}\hat U^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\} - N_c\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\sigma_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\}]$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\eta}[\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\}]^{\rm conf}_a = 0$ (with $O(\alpha_s^2)$ accuracy).

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choose a rapidity-dependent constant $a \to ae^{-2\eta} \Rightarrow [\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\sigma_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\sigma}_{z_2}\}]^{\rm conf}_a$ does not depend on $\eta = \ln\sigma$ and all the rapidity dependence is encoded into a-dependence:

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$$+2\Big(\ln\frac{1}{R}+\frac{1}{R}-2\Big)\Big(\ln\frac{1}{R}+2C\Big)\Big]+\Big(\frac{\zeta_1^\alpha\zeta_1^\beta}{(\kappa\cdot\zeta_1)^2}+\zeta_1\leftrightarrow\zeta_2\Big)\Big[\frac{\ln R}{R}-\frac{2C}{R}+2\frac{\ln R}{1-R}-\frac{1}{2R}\Big]$$

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Photon Impact Factor at NLO

Conformal vectors

$$\kappa^\mu = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2x_*}(\frac{p_1^\mu}{s} - x^2 p_2^\mu + x_\perp^\mu) - \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2y_*}(\frac{p_1^\mu}{s} - y^2 p_2^\mu + y_\perp^\mu)$$

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DIS photon impact factor is a linear combination of the following tensor basis

$$\mathcal{I}_1^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} \qquad \mathcal{I}_2^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa^\mu\kappa^\nu}{\kappa^2}$$

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$$\mathcal{I}_4^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa^2\zeta_1^\mu\zeta_1^\nu}{(\kappa\cdot\zeta_1)^2} + \frac{\kappa^2\zeta_2^\mu\zeta_2^\nu}{(\kappa\cdot\zeta_2)^2} \qquad \mathcal{I}_5^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\zeta_1^\mu\zeta_2^\nu + \zeta_2^\mu\zeta_1^\nu}{\zeta_1\cdot\zeta_2}$$

Cornalba, Costa, Penedones (2010)

$$(x-y)^4 T\{\bar{\hat{\psi}}(x)\gamma^\mu\hat{\psi}(x)\bar{\hat{\psi}}(y)\gamma^\nu\hat{\psi}(y)\} = \int\frac{d^2z_1d^2z_2}{z_{12}^4}\ \Big\{I^{\mu\nu}_{\rm LO}(z_1,z_2)\Big[1+\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\Big][{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}\hat{U}^\dagger_{z_2}\}]_{a_0}$$

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$$\times[{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}\hat{U}^\dagger_{z_3}\}{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_3}\hat{U}^\dagger_{z_2}\}-N_c{\rm tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}\hat{U}^\dagger_{z_2}\}]_{a_0}\Big\}$$

where

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Projection of the LO impact factor on the eigenfunctions

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where

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$$D_2^{\mu\nu} = -\Delta^2 x_* y_* \partial_x^\mu(\ln\kappa^2)\partial_y^\nu\ln\kappa^2$$
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Mellin representation of the NLO photon impact factor

Conformal spin 0: NLO impact factor for the unpolarized forward structure functions

$$\int \frac{d^2z_1 d^2z_2}{z_{12}^4} I^{\mu\nu}_{NLO}(z_1,z_2)\left(\frac{\kappa^2}{(2\kappa\cdot\zeta_0)^2}\right)^\gamma = \alpha_s \frac{B(1-\gamma)\Gamma(3-\gamma)\Gamma(2+\gamma)}{(2-\gamma)(1+\gamma)} \times$$

$$\Bigg\{ \frac{D_1^{\mu\nu}}{3\sin^2(\gamma\pi)}\left[(1-\cos(2\gamma\pi))\left(\chi - 1 - \gamma(1-\gamma)\left(C\chi - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) - \gamma(1-\gamma)\frac{\pi^2}{3}(5+\cos(2\gamma\pi))\right]$$

$$+D_2^{\mu\nu}\left[-\frac{3}{\gamma(1-\gamma)} + 2\chi\left(\frac{1}{\gamma(1-\gamma)} - 2C + 1\right) + \frac{4}{3}\pi^2(1 - \frac{3}{\sin^2(\gamma\pi)})\right]$$

$$+D_3^{\mu\nu}\left[C\chi - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\gamma(1-\gamma)} - \frac{\chi}{4}\left(1 + \frac{2}{\gamma(1-\gamma)}\right) - \frac{\pi^2}{3}(1 - \frac{3}{\sin^2(\gamma\pi)})\right]$$

$$+\frac{D_4^{\mu\nu}}{4[3+4\gamma(1-\gamma)]}\left[\frac{15}{\gamma(1-\gamma)} + 10 + \gamma(1-\gamma) - \chi - 2\gamma(1-\gamma)\left(C\chi - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\gamma\pi)}\right)\right]$$

$$+\frac{D_1^{\mu\nu} + D_2^{\mu\nu}}{[2+\gamma(1-\gamma)]^{-1}}\left[-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2\pi\gamma} + \frac{4\gamma(1-\gamma)+3}{2\gamma(1-\gamma)(1+\gamma)(2-\gamma)}\right.$$

$$\left.+C\chi(\gamma) - \frac{1+2\gamma(1-\gamma)}{\gamma(1-\gamma)(1+\gamma)(2-\gamma)}\chi(\gamma)\right]\Bigg\}$$

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

C is the Euler constant.

Mellin representation of the NLO photon impact factor

Conformal spin 2: NLO impact factor for the polarized forward structure functions

$$\frac{N_c}{\pi^6(x-y)^4}\int\frac{d^2z_1d^2z_2}{z_{12}^4}\left[I^{\mu\nu}_{LO}(z_1,z_2)+I^{\mu\nu}_{NLO}(z_1,z_2)\right]\left(\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{10}^2z_{20}^2}\right)^\gamma\left(\frac{\tilde{z}_{12}}{\tilde{z}_{10}\tilde{z}_{20}}\right)\left(\frac{\bar{z}_{12}}{\bar{z}_{10}\bar{z}_{20}}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{N_c}{\pi^4\Delta^4}\frac{B(2-\gamma)}{2\Delta^2}\Gamma(3-\gamma)\Gamma(\gamma+2)\left(\frac{\Delta^2}{x_*y_*\mathcal{Z}_0^2}\right)^\gamma$$

$$\times\left[g^{\mu1}-ig^{\mu2}+2x^\mu\frac{\bar{x}y_*-\bar{y}x_*}{x_*y_*\mathcal{Z}_0}+p_2^\mu\frac{x^2\bar{y}-y^2\bar{x}}{x_*y_*\mathcal{Z}_0}\right]\left[g^{\nu1}-ig^{\nu2}+2y^\nu\frac{\bar{x}y_*-\bar{y}x_*}{x_*y_*\mathcal{Z}_0}+p_2^\nu\frac{x^2\bar{y}-y^2\bar{x}}{x_*y_*\mathcal{Z}_0}\right]$$

$$\times\left[1+\frac{\alpha_sN_c}{4\pi}\left\{\frac{4\pi^2}{\sin^2\pi\gamma}-\frac{4\pi^2}{3}+4C\chi(2,\gamma)-\frac{4}{\gamma^2}-\frac{4}{\bar{\gamma}^2}-2-6\frac{1+\chi(2,\gamma)}{2+\bar{\gamma}\gamma}\right\}\right]$$

$\chi(2,\gamma)=\chi(\gamma)-\frac{1}{\gamma(1-\gamma)}$ $\quad\quad \bar{x}=x^1-ix^2$

Fourier transform of the Photon Impact Factor

Unpolarized Structure Functions at NLO

$$\int d^4x d^4y\, e^{iq\cdot(x-y)} \int \frac{d^2z_1 d^2z_2}{z_{12}^4}\left[I^{\mu\nu}_{LO}(x,y;z_1,z_2) + I^{\mu\nu}_{NLO}(x,y;z_1,z_2)\right]\left(\frac{\kappa^2}{(2\kappa\cdot\zeta_0)^2}\right)^{\gamma}$$

$$\propto 4\frac{B(1-\gamma)B(2-\gamma)\Gamma(1-\gamma)\Gamma(2-\gamma)}{(2\gamma-1)(2\gamma+1)}\Big[q_*\Big(g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2}\Big)\big[F_1^{\rm LO} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}F_1^{\rm NLO}\big]$$

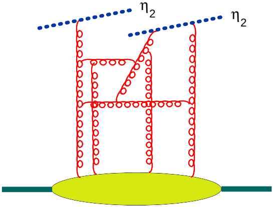
$$+\frac{q_*}{q^2}\Big(q^\mu - \frac{p_2^\mu q^2}{q_*}\Big)\Big(q^\nu - \frac{p_2^\nu q^2}{q_*}\Big)\big[F_2^{\rm LO} + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}F_2^{\rm NLO}\big]\Big]$$

$$F_1^{\rm LO} = 2 + \gamma(1-\gamma)$$
$$F_2^{\rm LO} = -[2 + 3\gamma(1-\gamma)]$$

$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} + i\nu$

Regularization of the rapidity divergence

Matrix elements of Wilson lines: $\langle \mathrm{Tr}\{U(x)U^\dagger(y)\}\rangle_A$ are divergent



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$$F(x_B) \simeq \int d^2z_1 d^2z_2 \; I^{LO}(z_1,z_2)\langle \mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_{z_1} U^{\dagger\,\eta}_{z_2}\}\rangle \qquad \eta = \ln\frac{1}{x_B}$$

$$+\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\int d^2z_1 d^2z_2 d^2z_3 \; I^{NLO}(z_1,z_2,z_3)\langle \mathrm{tr}\{U^\eta_{z_1} U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}\}\mathrm{tr}\{U_{z_3} U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}\rangle$$

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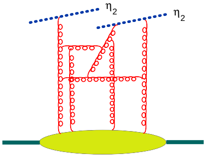

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Regularization by: slope

$$U^\eta(x_\perp) = \mathrm{Pexp}\Big\{ig\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du\, n_\mu\, A^\mu(un + x_\perp)\Big\} \qquad n^\mu = p_1^\mu + e^{-2\eta} p_2^\mu$$

Regularization of the rapidity divergence

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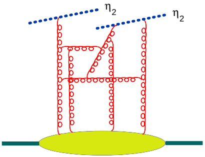


For light-like Wilson lines loop integrals are divergent in the longitudinal direction

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta = \infty$$

Regularization by: slope

$$U^\eta(x_\perp) = \mathrm{Pexp}\Big\{ig\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du\, n_\mu\, A^\mu(un + x_\perp)\Big\} \qquad n^\mu = p_1^\mu + e^{-2\eta} p_2^\mu$$

Regularization by: Rigid cut-off (used in NLO)

$$U_x^\eta = \mathrm{Pexp}\Big[ig\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du\, p_1^\mu A_\mu^\eta(up_1 + x_\perp)\Big]$$

$$A_\mu^\eta(x) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4}\theta(e^\eta - |\alpha_k|)e^{-ik\cdot x}A_\mu(k)$$

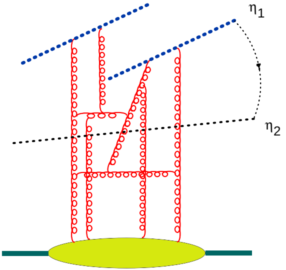
$k^\mu = \alpha_k p_1^\mu + \beta_k p_2^\mu + k_\perp^\mu$

Evolution Equation

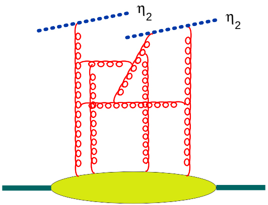
$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_x\hat{U}^\dagger_y\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{d\eta}\langle\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_x\hat{U}^\dagger_y\}\rangle$$

To get the evolution equation, consider the dipole with the rapidies up to η_1 and integrate over the gluons with rapidity $\eta_1 > \eta > \eta_2$. This integral gives the kernel of the evolution equation (multiplied by the dipole(s) with rapidity up to η_2).

In the frame $||$ to η_1 the gluons with $\eta < \eta_1$ are seen as pancake.

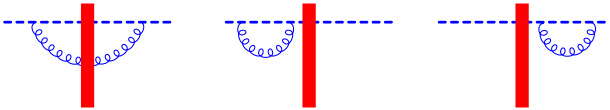


$$\alpha_s(\eta_1 - \eta_2)K_{\mathrm{evol}} \quad \otimes$$



Particles with different rapidity perceive each other as Wilson lines.

non-linear evolution equation



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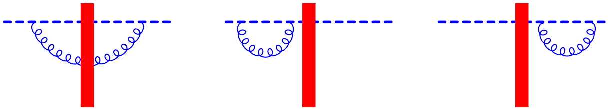

$$\langle\{U_x^{\eta_1}\}_{ij}\rangle_A = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2}\Delta\eta\int\frac{d^2z_\perp}{(x-z)_\perp^2}\left[\langle \mathrm{tr}\{U_x^{\eta_2}U_z^{\eta_2\dagger}\}\{U_z^{\eta_2}\}_{ij}\rangle_A - \langle\frac{1}{N_c}\{U_x^{\eta_2}\}_{ij}\rangle_A\right]$$

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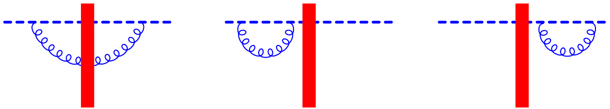

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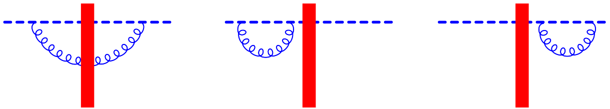

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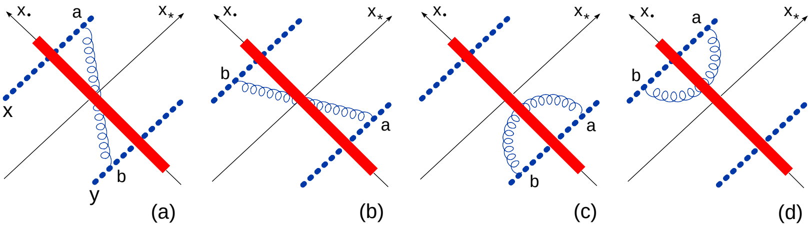
Obtain a set of rules that allow one to get the LO evolution of any trace or product of traces of Wilson lines

Leading order: BK equation

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_x\hat{U}^\dagger_y\} = K_{\mathrm{LO}}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_x\hat{U}^\dagger_y\} + \ldots \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\langle\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_x\hat{U}^\dagger_y\}\rangle_{\mathrm{shockwave}} = \langle K_{\mathrm{LO}}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}_x\hat{U}^\dagger_y\}\rangle_{\mathrm{shockwave}}$$



$x_\bullet = \sqrt{\frac{s}{2}}x^-$ $\qquad$ $x_* = \sqrt{\frac{s}{2}}x^+$

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(s for semi-classical)

The triple Pomeron vertex: Fan Diagrams

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We extract the non planar (next-to-leading in N_c) contribution from $\langle \hat{\mathcal{U}}(x,z)\hat{\mathcal{U}}(z,y)\rangle$ for diffractive processes and for "fan" diagrams.
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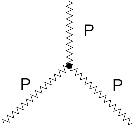

We get

$$\int d^2\rho_a d^2\rho_b\; 16\, h_\alpha(h_\alpha - 1)\bar{h}_\alpha(\bar{h}_\alpha - 1)E_{h_\alpha \bar{h}_\alpha}(\rho_{a\alpha}, \rho_{b\alpha})\Bigg[\int d^2\rho_c\; \frac{1}{|\rho_{ab}|^2|\rho_{ac}|^2|\rho_{bc}|^2}E_{h_\beta\bar{h}_\beta}(\rho_{a\beta}, \rho_{c\beta})E_{h_\gamma\bar{h}_\gamma}(\rho_{b\gamma}, \rho_{c\gamma})$$
$$-\frac{2\pi}{N_c^2}\frac{1}{|\rho_{ab}|^4}\mathrm{Re}\{\psi(1) + \psi(h_\alpha) - \psi(h_\beta) - \psi(h_\gamma)\}E_{h_\beta\bar{h}_\beta}(\rho_{a\beta}, \rho_{b\beta})E_{h_\gamma\bar{h}_\gamma}(\rho_{b\gamma}, \rho_{c\gamma})\Bigg]$$

which agrees with Bartels and Wusthoff (1995)

Motivation: Why NLO correction?

- Check the high-energy OPE at the NLO level.
- Determine the argument of the coupling constant.
- Get the region of application of the leading order evolution equation.
- Check conformal invariance (in $\mathcal{N}$=4 SYM)

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$\Rightarrow$The dipole kernel is invariant under the inversion $V(x_\perp) = U(x_\perp/x_\perp^2)$

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In the leading order - OK. In the NLO - ?

Non-linear evolution equation at NLO

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}Tr\{U_xU^\dagger_y\} =$$

$$\int \frac{d^2z}{2\pi^2}\left(\alpha_s\frac{(x-y)^2}{(x-z)^2(z-y)^2} + \alpha_s^2 K_{NLO}(x,y,z)\right)[Tr\{U_xU^\dagger_z\}Tr\{U_zU^\dagger_y\} - N_cTr\{U_xU^\dagger_y\}] +$$

$$\alpha_s^2\int d^2zd^2z'\left(K_4(x,y,z,z')\{U_x,U^\dagger_{z'},U_z,U^\dagger_y\} + K_6(x,y,z,z')\{U_x,U^\dagger_{z'},U_{z'},U_z,U^\dagger_z,U^\dagger_y\}\right)$$

K_{NLO} is the next-to-leading order correction to the dipole kernel and K4 and K6 are the coefficients in front of the (tree) four- and six-Wilson line operators with arbitrary white arrangements of color indices.

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Subtraction of the (LO) contribution (with the rigid rapidity cutoff)

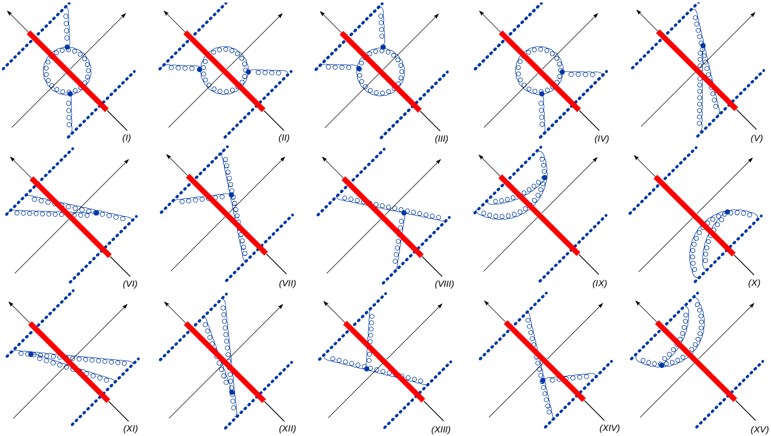
$\Rightarrow$ $\left[\frac{1}{v}\right]_+$ prescription in the integrals over Feynman parameter v

Typical integral

$$\int_0^1 dv\, \frac{1}{(k-p)_\perp^2 v + p_\perp^2(1-v)}\left[\frac{1}{v}\right]_+ = \frac{1}{p_\perp^2}\ln\frac{(k-p)_\perp^2}{p_\perp^2}$$

Diagrams of the NLO gluon contribution

Diagrams with 2 gluons interaction



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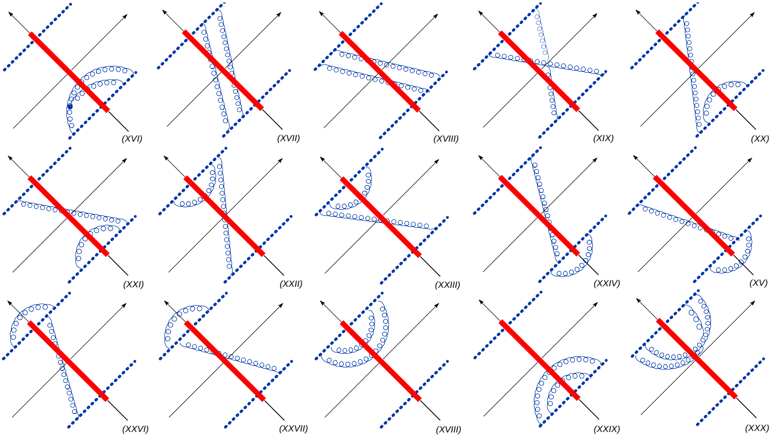

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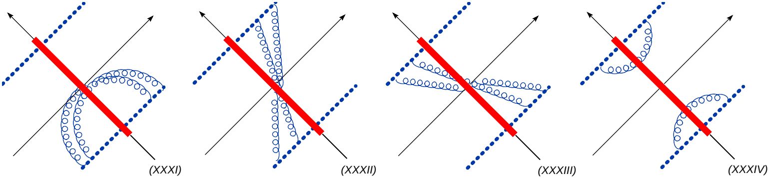
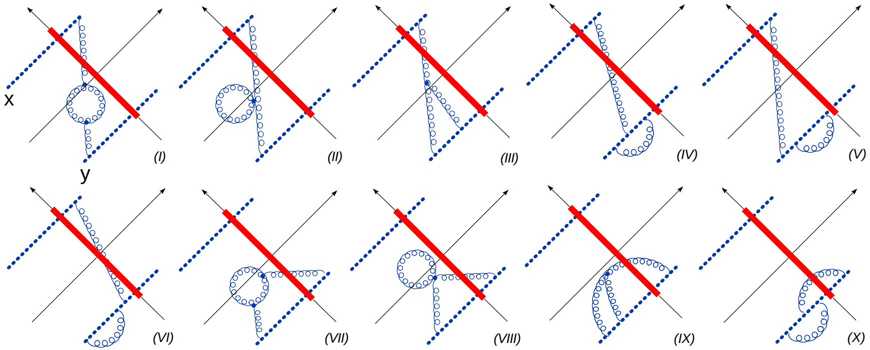


"Running coupling" diagrams



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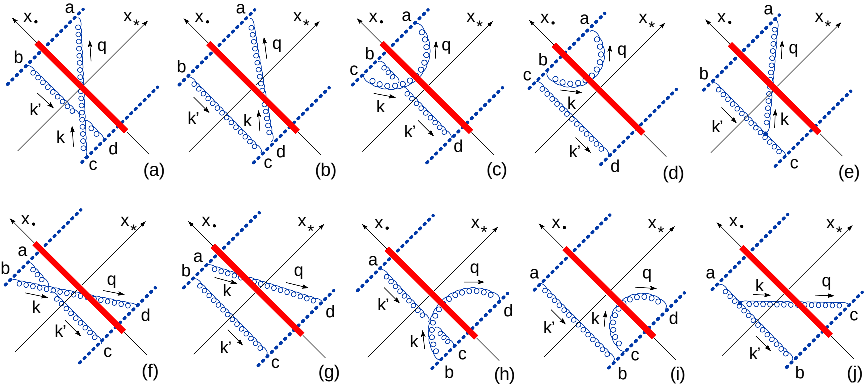
$1 \to 2$ dipole transition diagrams



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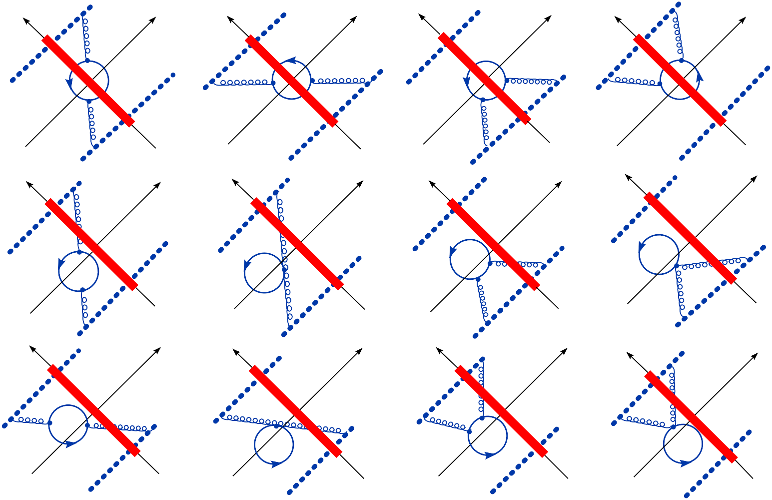
$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM diagrams (scalar and gluino loops)



$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_y^\dagger\} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2}\int d^2z \Big([\mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_z^\dagger\}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_zU_y^\dagger\} - N_c\mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_y^\dagger\}]$$
$$\times \Big\{\frac{(x-y)^2}{X^2Y^2}\Big[1+\frac{\alpha_sN_c}{4\pi}(\frac{11}{3}\ln(x-y)^2\mu^2+\frac{67}{9}-\frac{\pi^2}{3})\Big]$$
$$-\frac{11}{3}\frac{\alpha_sN_c}{4\pi}\frac{X^2-Y^2}{X^2Y^2}\ln\frac{X^2}{Y^2} - \frac{\alpha_sN_c}{2\pi}\frac{(x-y)^2}{X^2Y^2}\ln\frac{X^2}{(x-y)^2}\ln\frac{Y^2}{(x-y)^2}\Big\}$$
$$+\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2}\int d^2z' \Big\{[\mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_z^\dagger\}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_zU_{z'}^\dagger\}\{U_{z'}U_y^\dagger\} - \mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_z^\dagger U_{z'}U_y^\dagger U_zU_{z'}^\dagger\}$$
$$-(z'\to z)]\frac{1}{(z-z')^4}\Big[-2+\frac{X'^2Y^2+Y'^2X^2-4(x-y)^2(z-z')^2}{2(X'^2Y^2-Y'^2X^2)}\ln\frac{X'^2Y^2}{Y'^2X^2}\Big]$$
$$+[\mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_z^\dagger\}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_zU_{z'}^\dagger\}\{U_{z'}U_y^\dagger\} - \mathrm{Tr}\{U_xU_{z'}^\dagger U_zU_y^\dagger U_{z'}U_z^\dagger\} - (z'\to z)]$$
$$\times\Big[\frac{(x-y)^4}{X^2Y'^2(X^2Y'^2-X'^2Y^2)}+\frac{(x-y)^2}{(z-z')^2X^2Y'^2}\Big]\ln\frac{X^2Y'^2}{X'^2Y^2}\Big\}\Big)$$

Our result Agrees with NLO BFKL

(Comparing the eigenvalue of the forward kernel)

It respects unitarity

Gluon contribution to the NLO kernel (I. Balitsky and G.A.C, 2007)

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_y^\dagger\} \;=\; & \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2}\int d^2z\,\Big([\mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_z^\dagger\}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_z U_y^\dagger\} - N_c \mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_y^\dagger\}] \\
& \times \Big\{\frac{(x-y)^2}{X^2Y^2}\Big[1 + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi}\big(\frac{11}{3}\ln(x-y)^2\mu^2 + \frac{67}{9} - \frac{\pi^2}{3}\big)\Big] \\
& - \frac{11}{3}\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi}\frac{X^2-Y^2}{X^2Y^2}\ln\frac{X^2}{Y^2} - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}\frac{(x-y)^2}{X^2Y^2}\ln\frac{X^2}{(x-y)^2}\ln\frac{Y^2}{(x-y)^2}\Big\} \\
& + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2}\int d^2z'\,\Big\{[\mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_z^\dagger\}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_z U_{z'}^\dagger\}\{U_{z'} U_y^\dagger\} - \mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_z^\dagger U_{z'} U_y^\dagger U_z U_{z'}^\dagger\} \\
& - (z' \to z)]\frac{1}{(z-z')^4}\Big[-2 + \frac{X'^2Y^2 + Y'^2X^2 - 4(x-y)^2(z-z')^2}{2(X'^2Y^2 - Y'^2X^2)}\ln\frac{X'^2Y^2}{Y'^2X^2}\Big] \\
& + [\mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_z^\dagger\}\mathrm{Tr}\{U_z U_{z'}^\dagger\}\{U_{z'} U_y^\dagger\} - \mathrm{Tr}\{U_x U_{z'}^\dagger U_z U_y^\dagger U_{z'} U_z^\dagger\} - (z' \to z)] \\
& \times \Big[\frac{(x-y)^4}{X^2Y'^2(X^2Y'^2 - X'^2Y^2)} + \frac{(x-y)^2}{(z-z')^2X^2Y'^2}\Big]\ln\frac{X^2Y'^2}{X'^2Y^2}\Big\}\Big)
\end{aligned}
$$

NLO kernel = Running coupling terms + Non-conformal term + Conformal term

(I. Balitsky and G.A.C. 2009)

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}\\
&= \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2}\int d^2z_3\,\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}\Big\{1-\frac{\alpha_sN_c}{4\pi}\Big[\frac{\pi^2}{3}+2\ln\frac{z_{13}^2}{z_{12}^2}\ln\frac{z_{23}^2}{z_{12}^2}\Big]\Big\}\\
&\times\,[\mathrm{Tr}\{T^a\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}T^a\hat{U}^\eta_{z_3}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}-N_c\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}]\\
&-\frac{\alpha_s^2}{4\pi^4}\int\frac{d^2z_3d^2z_4}{z_{34}^4}\,\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2}\Big[1+\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2-z_{23}^2z_{14}^2}\Big]\ln\frac{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}\\
&\times\,\mathrm{Tr}\{[T^a,T^b]\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}T^{a'}T^{b'}\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}+T^bT^a\hat{U}^\eta_{z_1}[T^{b'},T^{a'}]\hat{U}^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}(\hat{U}^\eta_{z_3})^{aa'}(\hat{U}^\eta_{z_4}-\hat{U}^\eta_{z_3})^{bb'}
\end{aligned}
$$

NLO kernel = Non-conformal term + Conformal term.

Non-conformal term is due to the non-invariant cutoff $\alpha<\sigma=e^{2\eta}$ in the rapidity of Wilson lines.

Evolution equation for color dipoles in $\mathcal{N} = 4$

(I. Balitsky and G.A.C. 2009)

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\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{d\eta}\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}\\
&= \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2}\int d^2z_3\,\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}\Big\{1-\frac{\alpha_sN_c}{4\pi}\Big[\frac{\pi^2}{3}+2\ln\frac{z_{13}^2}{z_{12}^2}\ln\frac{z_{23}^2}{z_{12}^2}\Big]\Big\}\\
&\times[\mathrm{Tr}\{T^a\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}T^a\hat U^\eta_{z_3}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}-N_c\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}]\\
&-\frac{\alpha_s^2}{4\pi^4}\int\frac{d^2z_3d^2z_4}{z_{34}^4}\,\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2}\Big[1+\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2-z_{23}^2z_{14}^2}\Big]\ln\frac{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}\\
&\times\mathrm{Tr}\{[T^a,T^b]\hat U^\eta_{z_1}T^{a'}T^{b'}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}+T^bT^a\hat U^\eta_{z_1}[T^{b'},T^{a'}]\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}(\hat U^\eta_{z_3})^{aa'}(\hat U^\eta_{z_4}-\hat U^\eta_{z_3})^{bb'}
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For the conformal composite dipole the result is Möbius invariant

Evolution equation for composite conformal dipoles in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

$$[\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}]^{\mathrm{conf}} = \mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}$$
$$+\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\int d^2z_3\,\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}[\frac{1}{N_c}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}\}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_3}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}-\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}]\ln\frac{az_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}+O(\alpha_s^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}\big[\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}\big]^{\mathrm{conf}}$$
$$=\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2}\int d^2z_3\,\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}\Big[1-\frac{\alpha_sN_c}{4\pi}\frac{\pi^2}{3}\Big]\big[\mathrm{Tr}\{T^a\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_3}T^a\hat U_{z_3}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}-N_c\mathrm{Tr}\{\hat U^\eta_{z_1}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}\big]^{\mathrm{conf}}$$
$$-\frac{\alpha_s^2}{4\pi^4}\int d^2z_3d^2z_4\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2z_{34}^2}\Big\{2\ln\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}+\Big[1+\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2-z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}\Big]\ln\frac{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}\Big\}$$
$$\times\,\mathrm{Tr}\{[T^a,T^b]\hat U^\eta_{z_1}T^{a'}T^{b'}\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}+T^bT^a\hat U^\eta_{z_1}[T^{b'},T^{a'}]\hat U^{\dagger\eta}_{z_2}\}[(\hat U^\eta_{z_3})^{aa'}(\hat U^\eta_{z_4})^{bb'}-(z_4\to z_3)]$$

Now Möbius invariant!

NLO evolution of composite "conformal" dipoles in QCD

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}[\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1} U^\dagger_{z_2}\}]^{\mathrm{conf}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2}\int d^2z_3 \Big([\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_3}\}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_3}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\} - N_c\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\}]^{\mathrm{conf}}$$
$$\times\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2}\Big[1+\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi}\Big(b\ln z_{12}^2\mu^2 + b\frac{z_{13}^2-z_{23}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{23}^2}\ln\frac{z_{13}^2}{z_{23}^2}+\frac{67}{9}-\frac{\pi^2}{3}\Big)\Big]$$
$$+\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2}\int\frac{d^2z_4}{z_{34}^4}\Big\{\Big[-2+\frac{z_{14}{}^2z_{23}^2+z_{24}{}^2z_{13}^2-4z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{2(z_{14}{}^2z_{23}^2-z_{24}{}^2z_{13}^2)}\ln\frac{z_{14}{}^2z_{23}^2}{z_{24}{}^2z_{13}^2}\Big]$$
$$\times[\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_3}\}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_3}\hat U^\dagger_{z_4}\}\{\hat U_{z_4}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\} - \mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_3}\hat U_{z_4}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\hat U_{z_3}\hat U^\dagger_{z_4}\} - (z_4\to z_3)]$$
$$+\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}{}^2}\Big[2\ln\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}+\Big(1+\frac{z_{12}^2z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2z_{24}^2-z_{14}^2z_{23}^2}\Big)\ln\frac{z_{13}^2z_{24}{}^2}{z_{14}{}^2z_{23}^2}\Big]$$
$$\times[\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_3}\}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_3}\hat U^\dagger_{z_4}\}\mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_4}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\} - \mathrm{tr}\{\hat U_{z_1}\hat U^\dagger_{z_4}\hat U_{z_3}\hat U^\dagger_{z_2}\hat U_{z_4}\hat U^\dagger_{z_3}\} - (z_4\to z_3)]\Big\}$$

$b = \frac{11}{3}N_c - \frac{2}{3}n_f$ I. Balitsky and G.A.C

$K_{\mathrm{NLO\ BK}}$ = Running coupling part + Conformal "non-analytic" (in j) part
+ Conformal analytic ($\mathcal{N}=4$) part

Linearized $K_{\mathrm{NLO\ BK}}$ reproduces the known result for the forward NLO BFKL kernel Fadin and Lipatov (1998).

Conclusions

- High-energy operator expansion in color dipoles works at the NLO level.
- The analytic NLO photon impact factor in coordinate space and in Mellin space has been calculated: the result is conformal invariant.
- The NLO BK kernel in QCD and $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM agrees with NLO BFKL eigenvalues.
- The NLO BK kernel in QCD is a sum of the running-coupling part and conformal part.
- The planar (leading N_c) and non-planar (next-to-leading N_c) contribution to the triple Pomeron vertex has been derived through the Wilson line formalism.

Outlook

- NLO pA.
- Composite conformal dipole from conformal Ward identity.
- B-JIMWLK evolution equation at NLO.
- Application of NLO B-JIMWLK to gluonic TMD.