

# High-energy amplitudes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM at the next-to-leading order

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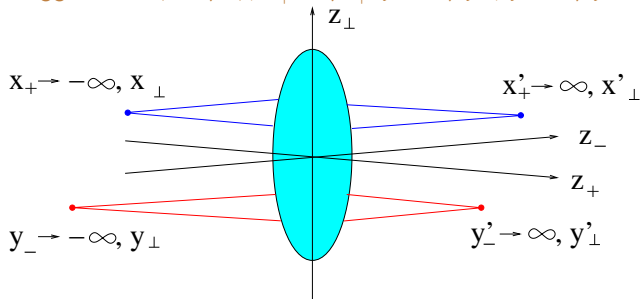
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Our goal is perturbative expansion and resummation of  $(\lambda \ln s)^n$  at large energies in the next-to-leading approximation

$$(\lambda \ln s)^n (c_n^{\text{LO}} + c_n^{\text{NLO}} \lambda)$$

# Regge limit in the coordinate space

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Full 4-dim conformal group:  $A = F(R, r)$

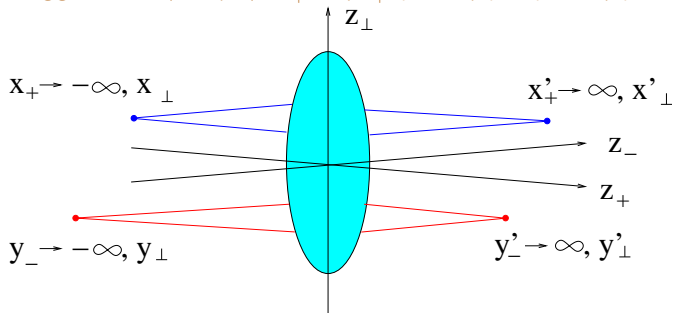
$$R = \frac{(x-y)^2(x'-y')^2}{(x-x')^2(y-y')^2} \rightarrow \frac{\rho^2 \rho'^2 x_+ x'_+ y_- y'_-}{(x-x')_{\perp}^2 (y-y')_{\perp}^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$r = \frac{[(x-y)^2(x'-y')^2 - (x'-y)^2(x-y)^2]^2}{(x-x')^2(y-y')^2(x-y)^2(x'-y')^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{[(x'-y')_{\perp}^2 x_+ y_- + x'_+ y'_- (x-y)_{\perp}^2 + x_+ y'_- (x'-y)_{\perp}^2 + x'_+ y_- (x-y')_{\perp}^2]^2}{(x-x')_{\perp}^2 (y-y')_{\perp}^2 x_+ x'_+ y_- y'_-}$$

## 4-dim conformal group versus $SL(2, C)$

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Regge limit symmetry: 2-dim conformal group  $SL(2, C)$  formed from  $P_1, P_2, M^{12}, D, K_1$  and  $K_2$  which leave the plane  $(0, 0, z_\perp)$  invariant.

$$A(x, y; x', y') \stackrel{s \rightarrow \infty}{=} \frac{i}{2} \int d\nu f_+(\omega(\lambda, \nu)) F(\lambda, \nu) \Omega(r, \nu) R^{\omega(\lambda, \nu)/2}$$

L. Cornalba (2007)

$$f_+(\omega) = \frac{e^{i\pi\omega} - 1}{\sin \pi\omega} - \text{signature factor}$$

$\Omega(r, \nu)$  - solution of the eqn  $(\square_{H_3} + \nu^2 + 1)\Omega(r, \nu) = 0$ .

Explicit form:

$$\Omega(r, \nu) = \frac{\nu^2}{\pi^3} \int d^2z \left( \frac{\kappa^2}{(2\kappa \cdot \zeta)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} + i\nu} \left( \frac{\kappa'^2}{(2\kappa' \cdot \zeta)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - i\nu}$$

$$\zeta = p_1 + \frac{z_\perp^2}{s} p_2 + z_\perp, \quad p_1^2 = p_2^2 = 0, \quad 2(p_1, p_2) = s$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2x_+} (p_1 - \frac{x_\perp^2}{s} p_2 + x_\perp) - \frac{1}{2y_+} (p_1 - \frac{y_\perp^2}{s} p_2 + y_\perp), \quad \kappa^2 \kappa'^2 = \frac{1}{R}$$

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The dynamics is described by  $\omega(\lambda, \nu)$  and  $F(\lambda, \nu)$ .



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Pomeron intercept  $\omega(\nu, \lambda)$  is known in two limits:

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$$\chi(\nu) = 2\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2} - i\nu\right) - \text{BFKL intercept,}$$

$\omega_1(\nu)$  - NLO BFKL intercept

Lipatov, Kotikov (2000)

$$2. \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty: \quad \text{AdS/CFT} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega(\nu, \lambda) = 2 - \frac{\nu^2 + 4}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

2 = graviton spin , next term -

Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, Tan (2006)

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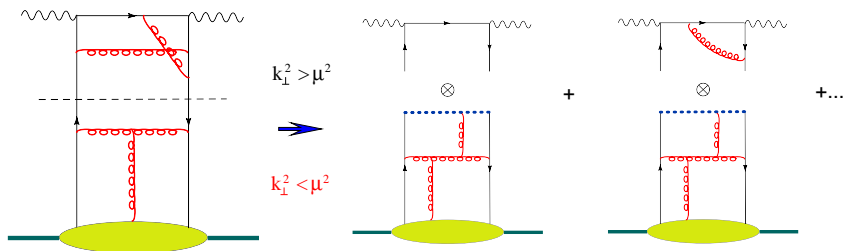
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We calculate  $F_1(\nu)$  (and confirm  $\omega_1(\nu)$ ) using the expansion of high-energy amplitudes in Wilson lines (color dipoles)

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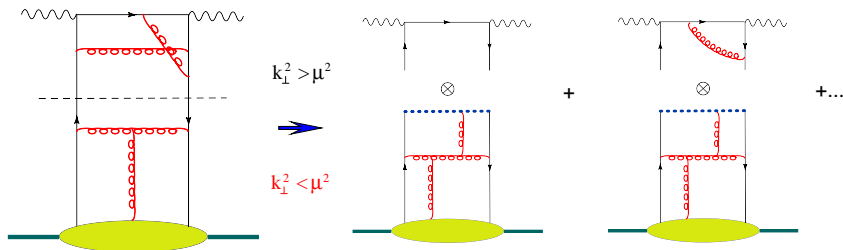


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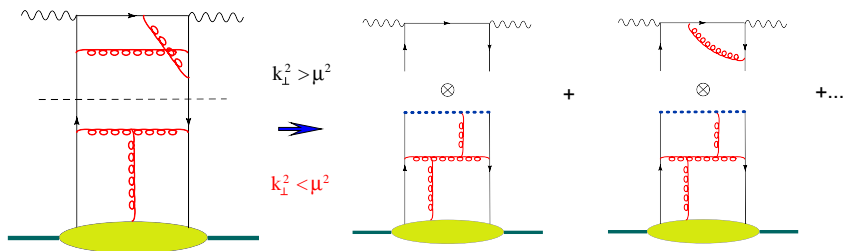
OPE in light-ray operators

$$(x - y)^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$T\{j_{\mu}(x)j_{\nu}(y)\} = \frac{x_{\xi}}{2\pi^2 x^4} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} (\ln x^2 \mu^2 + C) \right] \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_{\mu} \gamma^{\xi} \gamma_{\nu} [x, y] \psi(y) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

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

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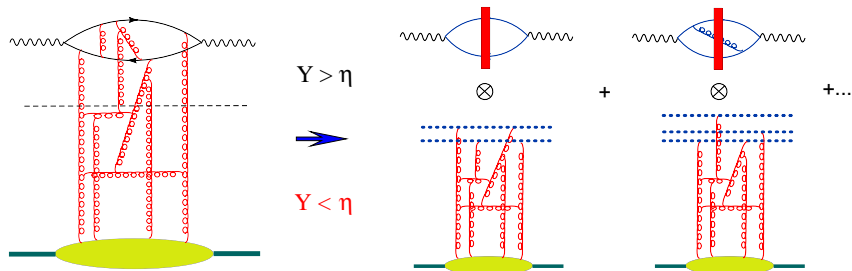
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# Expansion of the amplitude in color dipoles in the NLO



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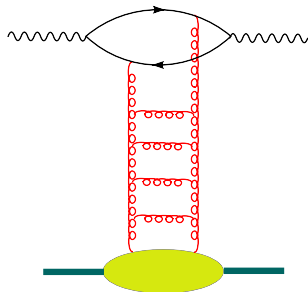
$$T\{\hat{\mathcal{O}}(x)\hat{\mathcal{O}}(y)\} = \int d^2z_1 d^2z_2 I^{\text{LO}}(z_1, z_2) \text{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\} \\ + \int d^2z_1 d^2z_2 d^2z_3 I^{\text{NLO}}(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left[ \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}\{T^n \hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_3}^{\dagger\eta} T^n \hat{U}_{z_3}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\} - \text{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\} \right]$$

In the leading order - conf. invariant impact factor

$$I_{\text{LO}} = \frac{x_+^{-2} y_+^{-2}}{\pi^2 \mathcal{Z}_1^2 \mathcal{Z}_2^2}, \quad \mathcal{Z}_i \equiv \frac{(x - z_i)_\perp^2}{x_+} - \frac{(y - z_i)_\perp^2}{y_+}$$

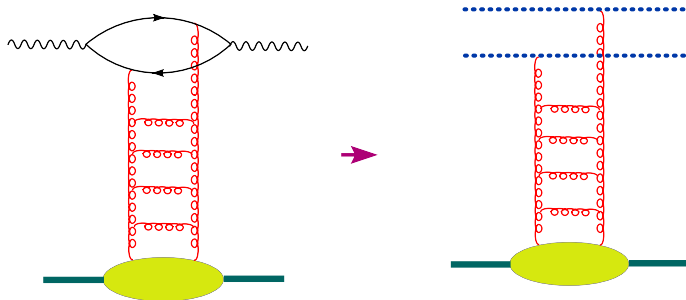
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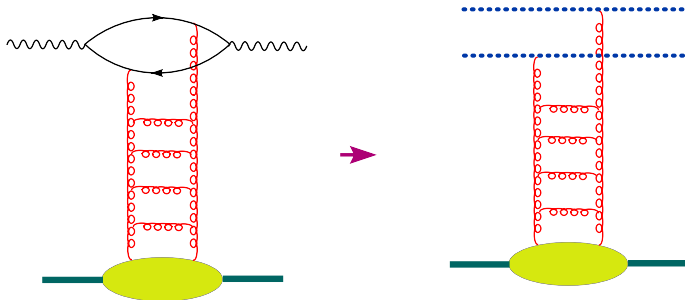




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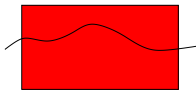
$$A(s) = \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{4\pi^2} I^A(k_{\perp}) \langle B | \text{Tr} \{ U(k_{\perp}) U^{\dagger}(-k_{\perp}) \} | B \rangle$$

$$U(x_{\perp}) = P e^{ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du n^{\mu} A_{\mu}(un+x_{\perp})}$$

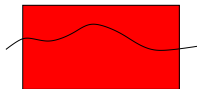
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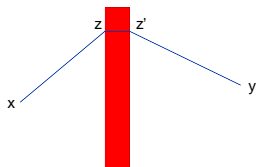


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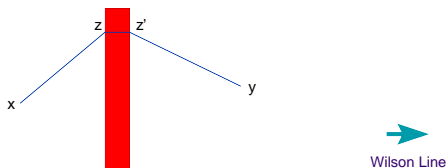




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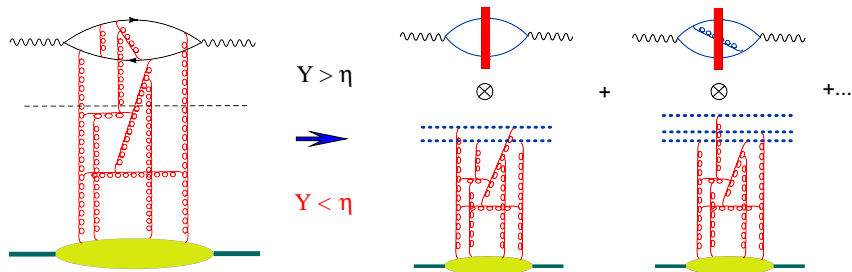


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$\eta$  - rapidity factorization scale

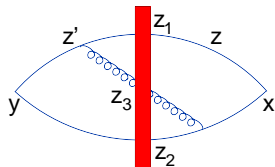
Rapidity  $Y > \eta$  - coefficient function (“impact factor”)

Rapidity  $Y < \eta$  - matrix elements of (light-like) Wilson lines with rapidity divergence cut by  $\eta$

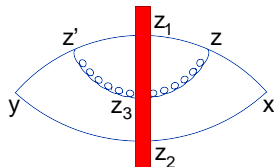
$$U_x^\eta = \text{Pexp} \left[ ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du p_1^\mu A_\mu^\eta(up_1 + x_\perp) \right]$$

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

# NLO impact factor



(a)



(b)

$$I^{\text{NLO}}(x, y; z_1, z_2, z_3; \eta) = -I^{\text{LO}} \times \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \frac{z_{13}^2}{z_{12}^2 z_{23}^2} \left[ \ln \frac{\sigma s}{4} \mathcal{Z}_3 - \frac{i\pi}{2} + C \right]$$

The NLO impact factor is not Möbius invariant  $\Rightarrow$  the color dipole with the cutoff  $\eta$  is not invariant

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

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\}]^{\text{conf}} &= \text{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\} \\ &+ \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 z_3 \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} [\text{Tr}\{T^n \hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_3}^{\dagger\eta} T^n \hat{U}_{z_3}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\} - N_c \text{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\}] \ln \frac{a z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} + O(\lambda^2) \end{aligned}$$

the impact factor becomes conformal in the NLO.

$$\begin{aligned}
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 I^{\text{NLO}} &= -I^{\text{LO}} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \int dz_3 \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} \left[ \ln \frac{z_{12}^2 e^{2\eta} a s^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} \mathcal{Z}_3^2 - i\pi + 2C \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

The new NLO impact factor is conformally invariant

$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{\hat{U}_{z_1}^\eta \hat{U}_{z_2}^{\dagger\eta}\}^{\text{conf}}$  is Möbius invariant

We think that one can construct the composite conformal dipole operator order by order in perturbation theory.

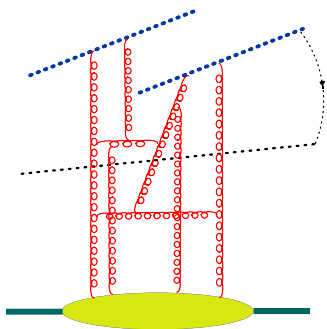
Analogy: when the UV cutoff does not respect the symmetry of a local operator, the composite local renormalized operator in must be corrected by finite counterterms order by order in perturbation theory.



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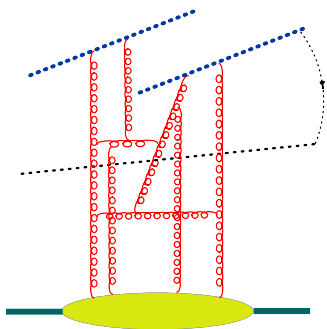
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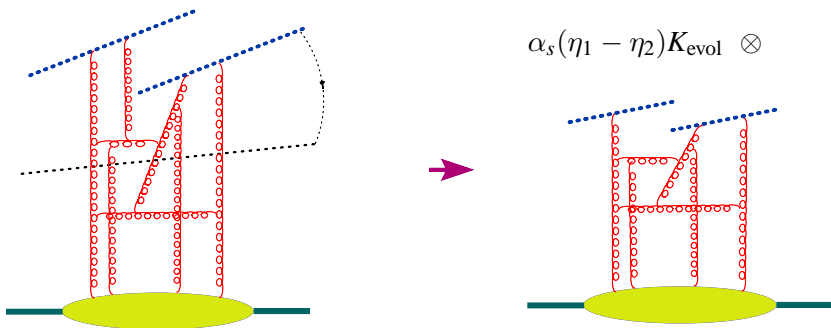
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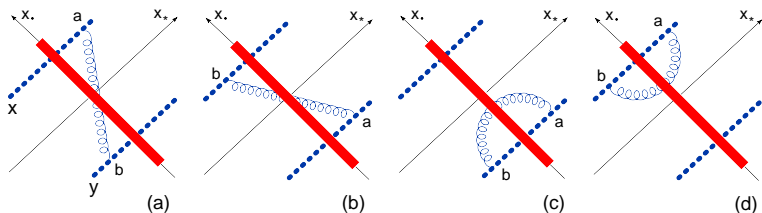
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(s for semiclassical)

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



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$K_{NLO}$  is the next-to-leading order correction to the dipole kernel and  $K_4$  and  $K_6$  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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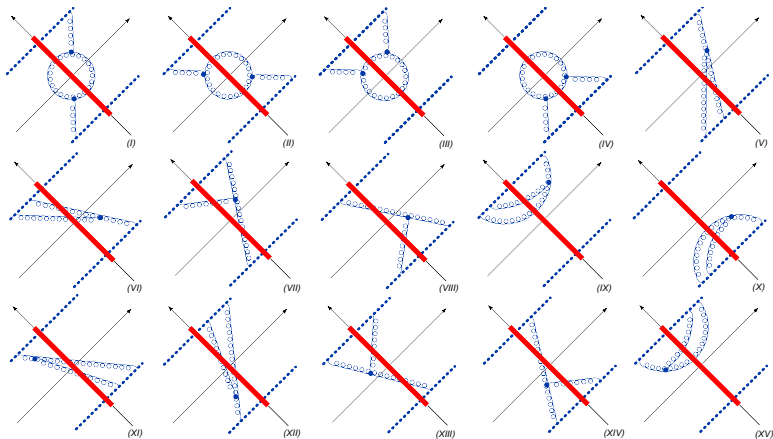
Subtraction of the (LO) contribution (with the rigid rapidity cutoff)

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

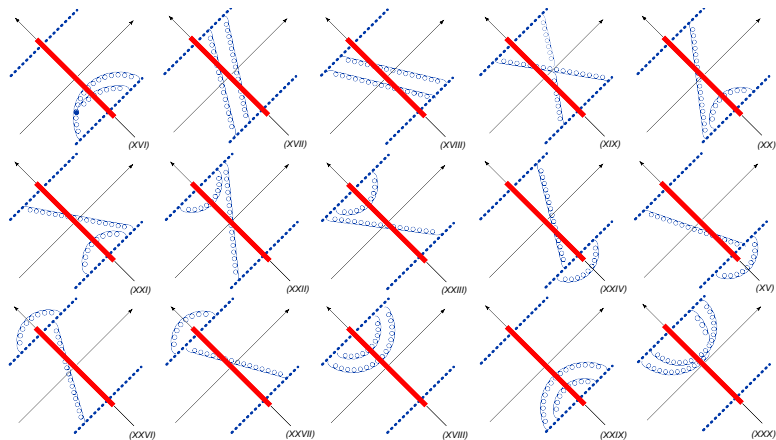
Typical integral

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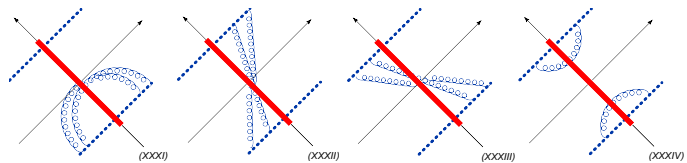
# Gluon part of the NLO BK kernel: diagrams



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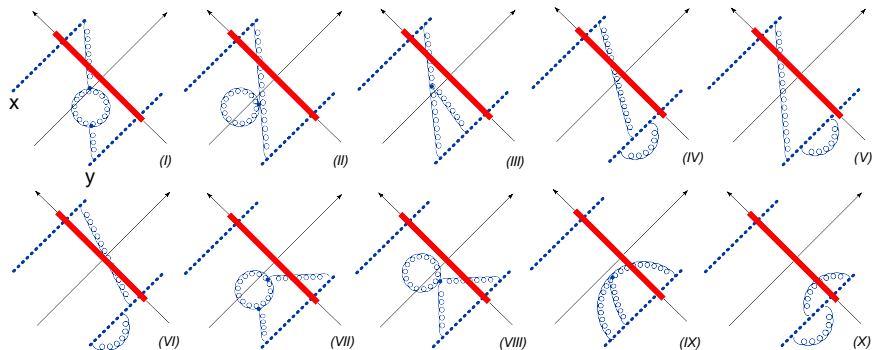


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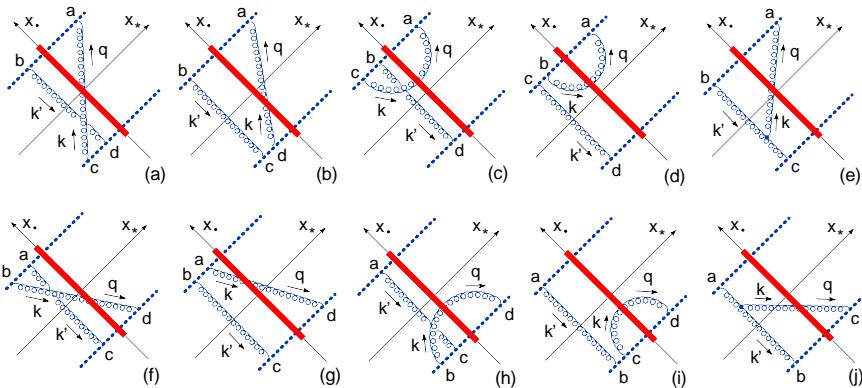




# "Running coupling" diagrams



# 1 $\rightarrow$ 2 dipole transition diagrams



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such that  $\frac{d}{d\eta} \hat{U}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_1, z_2) = 0$ .

⇒ The evolution can be rewritten in terms of  $a$

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 &= \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int d^2 z_3 \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right] [\hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_1, z_3) + \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_2, z_3) - \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_1, z_2)] \\
 &+ \frac{\alpha_s^2 N_c^2}{8\pi^4} \int \frac{d^2 z_3 d^2 z_4}{z_{34}^4} \frac{z_{12}^2 z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{24}^2} \left\{ 2 \ln \frac{z_{12}^2 z_{34}^2}{z_{14}^2 z_{23}^2} + \left[ 1 + \frac{z_{12}^2 z_{34}^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{24}^2 - z_{14}^2 z_{23}^2} \right] \ln \frac{z_{13}^2 z_{24}^2}{z_{14}^2 z_{23}^2} \right\} \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_3, z_4) \\
 &\quad + \frac{3\alpha_s^2 N_c^2}{2\pi^3} \zeta(3) \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_1, z_2)
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Eigenfunctions are determined by conformal invariance

$$E_{\nu, n}(z_{10}, z_{20}) = \left[ \frac{\tilde{z}_{12}}{\tilde{z}_{10} \tilde{z}_{20}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2} + i\nu + \frac{n}{2}} \left[ \frac{\bar{z}_{12}}{\bar{z}_{10} \bar{z}_{20}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2} + i\nu - \frac{n}{2}}$$

The expansion in eigenfunctions

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\text{conf}}^a(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int d^2 z_0 \int d\nu E_{\nu, n}(z_{10}, z_{20}) \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{z_0, \nu, n}^a \Rightarrow a \frac{d}{da} \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{z_0, \nu, n}^a = \omega(n, \nu) \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{z_0, \nu, n}^a$$

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$$\omega(n, \nu) = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \left[ \chi(n, \frac{1}{2} + i\nu) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \delta(n, \frac{1}{2} + i\nu) \right],$$

$$\delta(n, \gamma) = 6\zeta(3) - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \chi(n, \gamma) - \chi''(n, \gamma) - 2\Phi(n, \gamma) - 2\Phi(n, 1 - \gamma)$$

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

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Coincides with Lipatov & Kotikov

Agrees with  $j \rightarrow 1$  asymptotics of 3-loop splitting functions

Vogt, Moch, Vermaseren, (2003)

$$(x-y)^4 T\{\hat{\mathcal{O}}(x)\hat{\mathcal{O}}(y)\} = \frac{(x-y)^4}{\pi^2} \int d^2 z_1 d^2 z_2 \frac{(x+y)^{-2}}{z_1^2 z_2^2} \left\{ \hat{U}^{\text{conf}} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2 z_3}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} \left[ \ln \frac{a z_{12}^2 z_3^2}{z_{13}^2 z_{23}^2} - i\pi \right] [\hat{U}^{\text{conf}}(z_1, z_3) + \hat{U}^{\text{conf}}(z_2, z_3) - \hat{U}^{\text{conf}}(z_1, z_2)] \right\}$$

With two-gluon accuracy ( $\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{(x-y)^2 z_{12}^2}{x+y+z_1 z_2}$  - conformal ratio  $\equiv u$  from Joao's talk)

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The impact factor should not scale with energy  $\Rightarrow a = \frac{x+y}{(x-y)^2}$  (analog of  $\mu^2 = Q^2$  in DIS)

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Similarly

“normalization point” for the bottom IF is  $b = \frac{x'-y'}{(x'-y')^2}$

$$\int dz_1 dz_2 (x'-y')^4 T\{\hat{\mathcal{O}}(x')\hat{\mathcal{O}}(y')\} \left(\frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{10}^2 z_{20}^2}\right)^{1-\gamma} = \left(\frac{\kappa^2}{(2\kappa \cdot \zeta_0)^2}\right)^{1-\gamma} [I_{\text{LO}}^A(\gamma) + I_{\text{NLO}}^A(\gamma)] \hat{\mathcal{V}}(z_0, \gamma),$$

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# Assembling NLO $F(\nu)$

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Now one can assemble  $F(\nu)$  in the next-to-leading order

$$F(\nu) = F_{\text{LO}}(\nu) + \lambda F_{\text{NLO}}(\nu) + O(\lambda^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_{\text{LO}}(\nu) = I_{\text{LO}}^A(\nu) A_{\text{LO}}(\nu) I_{\text{LO}}^B(\nu),$$

$$F_{\text{NLO}}(\nu) = I_{\text{NLO}}^A(\nu) A_{\text{LO}}(\nu) I_{\text{LO}}^B(\nu) + I_{\text{LO}}^A(\nu) A_{\text{NLO}}(\nu) I_{\text{LO}}^B(\nu) + I_{\text{NLO}}^A(\nu) A_{\text{LO}}(\nu) I_{\text{NLO}}^B(\nu)$$

The result is

$$F(\nu) = \frac{N_c^2}{N_c^2 - 1} \frac{4\pi^4 \alpha_s^2}{\cosh^2 \pi\nu} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \left[ -2\psi' \left( \frac{1}{2} + i\nu \right) - 2\psi' \left( \frac{1}{2} - i\nu \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{8}{1 + 4\nu^2} \right] + O(\alpha_s^2) \right\}$$

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- The NLO BK kernel in for the evolution of conformal composite dipoles in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM is Möbius invariant in the transverse plane.
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- The correlation function of four  $Z^2$  operators is calculated at the NLO order.

# Outlook: rapidity evolution of TMD's

$$\text{Gluon TMD : } D(x_B, k_\perp) \sim \int d^2 k_\perp e^{ik_\perp \cdot z_\perp} \\ \times \int dudv \langle [-\infty, u]_z G_{+i}(z_\perp + up_1)[u, -\infty]_z [-\infty, u]_0 G_{+i}(vp_1)[u, -\infty]_0 e^{i(u-v)x_B \frac{z}{2}} \rangle$$

Compare to  $(U_i \equiv U_i^\dagger i \partial_i U)$

$$\{U_i(z_\perp)U_i(0_\perp)\}^\eta = \int dudv [-\infty, u]_z G_{+i}(z_\perp + up_1)[u, -\infty]_z [-\infty, u]_0 G_{+i}(vp_1)[u, -\infty]_0$$

⇒ same operator with different rapidity cutoff.

Evolution equation (leading order)

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} (U_i^a(x)U_i^a(y))^\eta \\ = -\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} (\nabla_i^x \int dz \frac{(x-z, y-z)}{(x-z)^2(y-z)^2} (U_x^\dagger U_y + 1 - U_x^\dagger U_z - U_z^\dagger U_y) \overleftarrow{\nabla}_i^y)^{aa} \\ - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \left[ \int \frac{dz}{(x-z)^2} [f^{abc} (U_x^\dagger \partial_i U_z)^{bc} U_i^a(y) + N_c U_i^a(x)U_i^a(y) + x \leftrightarrow y] \right]$$

⇒ Rapidity evolution of TMD's follows from the evolution of color dipoles.