

# Analytic Solution for the Revised Helicity Evolution at Small $x$ and Large $N_c$ : New Resummed Gluon-Gluon Polarized Anomalous Dimension and Intercept

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## Motivation

Proton spin sum rule:  $S_q + L_q + S_G + L_G = \frac{1}{2}$  (Jaffe, Manohar) [10.1016/0550](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1016/0550)

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$$S_q(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx \Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2)$$

$$S_q(Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx 0.15 \div 0.20$$

for

$$x \in [0.001, 0.7]$$

(see e.g. [arXiv:1212.1701v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.1701v3))

$$S_G(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \Delta G(x, Q^2)$$

$$S_G(Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx 0.13 \div 0.26$$

for

$$x \in [0.05, 0.7]$$

Still short of  $\frac{1}{2}$

How much spin at small-x?

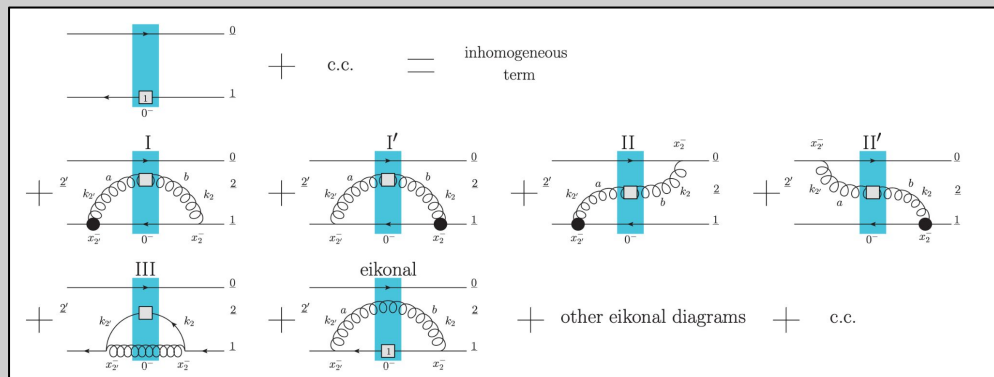
# Small-x Helicity Evolution

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Novel small-x helicity evolution equations  
(KPS-CTT)

Already solved numerically (at large- $N_c$ ),  
giving numerical agreement with  
existing results (BER)

Bartels, Ermolaev, Ryskin [arXiv:hep-ph/9603204v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9603204v1)



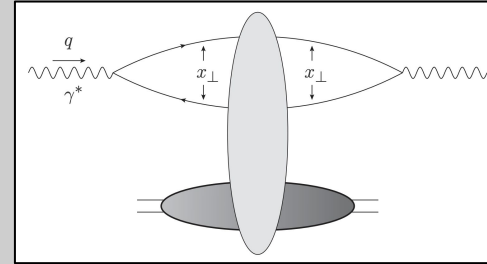
What about an analytic solution?



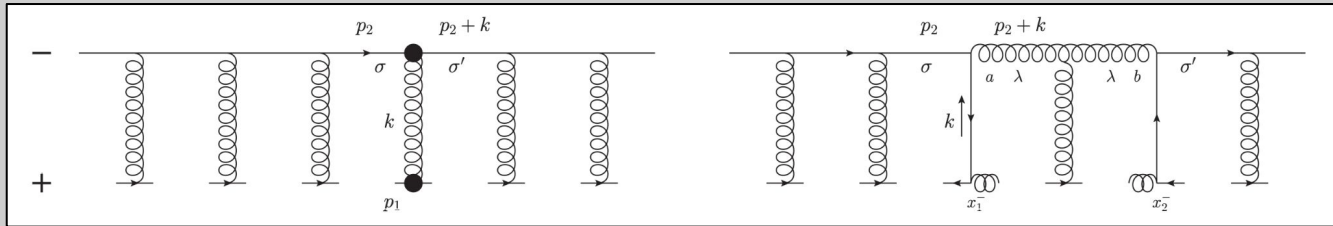
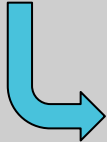
Cross check numerical results.  
Anything new to learn?

# Quark and gluon helicity evolution at small-x

Dipole picture of DIS



Helicity evolution enters at the sub-eikonal level



$g_1$  structure function expressed in terms of the ‘polarized dipole amplitudes’

$$G(x_{10}^2, zs), G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)$$

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = - \sum_f \frac{N_c Z_f^2}{4\pi^3} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int_{\frac{1}{zs}}^{\min\{\frac{1}{zQ^2}, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\}} \frac{dx_{10}^2}{x_{10}^2} [G(x_{10}^2, zs) + 2G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)]$$

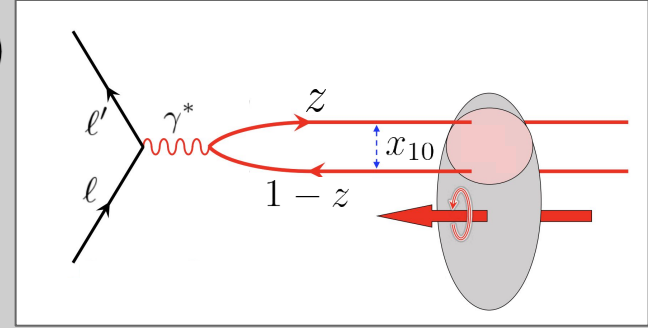
# Polarized Dipole Amplitudes

$$G_{10}(zs) = \frac{1}{2N_c} \text{Re} \left\langle \left\langle \text{T tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{G[1]\dagger} \right] + \text{T tr} \left[ V_{\underline{1}}^{G[1]} V_{\underline{0}}^\dagger \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle (zs)$$

$$G_{10}^i(zs) = \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}}^\dagger V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]} + \left( V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]} \right)^\dagger V_{\underline{0}} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle (zs)$$

$$\int d^2 \left( \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2} \right) G_{10}(zs) = \underline{G(x_{10}^2, zs)}$$

$$\int d^2 \left( \frac{x_0 + x_1}{2} \right) G_{10}^i(zs) = (x_{10})_{\perp}^i G_1(x_{10}^2, zs) + \epsilon^{ij} (x_{10})_{\perp}^j \underline{G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)}$$



$V_{\underline{0}}$  is ordinary (unpolarized)  
fundamental Wilson line

$$V_{\underline{x}} = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^- A^+ (0^+, x^-, \underline{x}) \right]$$

$V_{\underline{1}}^{G[1]}, V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]}$  are polarized Wilson line operators

↓  
polarization-dependent interactions sandwiched  
between ordinary Wilson lines

# Dipole Amplitudes Also Give helicity TMDs, PDFs

Gluon helicity TMD

$$g_{1L}^{G dip}(x, k_T^2) = \frac{N_c}{\alpha_s 2\pi^4} \int d^2 x_{10} e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_{10}} \left[ 1 + x_{10}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{10}^2} \right] \underline{G_2 \left( x_{10}^2, zs = \frac{Q^2}{x} \right)}$$

Flavor Singlet quark helicity TMD

$$g_{1L}^S(x, k_T^2) = \frac{8iN_c N_f}{(2\pi)^5} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int d^2 x_{10} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_{10}} \frac{x_{10}}{x_{10}^2} \cdot \frac{\underline{k}}{\underline{k}^2} \left[ \underline{G(x_{10}^2, zs)} + 2\underline{G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)} \right]$$

Gluon helicity PDF

$$\Delta G(x, Q^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^2} \left[ \left( 1 + x_{10}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{10}^2} \right) \underline{G_2 \left( x_{10}^2, zs = \frac{Q^2}{x} \right)} \right]_{x_{10}^2=1/Q^2}$$

Flavor Singlet quark helicity PDF

$$\Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2) = -\frac{N_c N_f}{2\pi^3} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int_{\frac{1}{zs}}^{\min\{\frac{1}{zQ^2}, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\}} \frac{dx_{10}^2}{x_{10}^2} \left[ \underline{G(x_{10}^2, zs)} + 2\underline{G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)} \right]$$

$g_1$  structure function

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = -\sum_f \frac{N_c Z_f^2}{4\pi^3} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int_{\frac{1}{zs}}^{\min\{\frac{1}{zQ^2}, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\}} \frac{dx_{10}^2}{x_{10}^2} \left[ \underline{G(x_{10}^2, zs)} + 2\underline{G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)} \right]$$

# Small- $x$ evolution of the dipole amplitudes

Cougoulic, Kovchegov, Tarasov, Tawabutr

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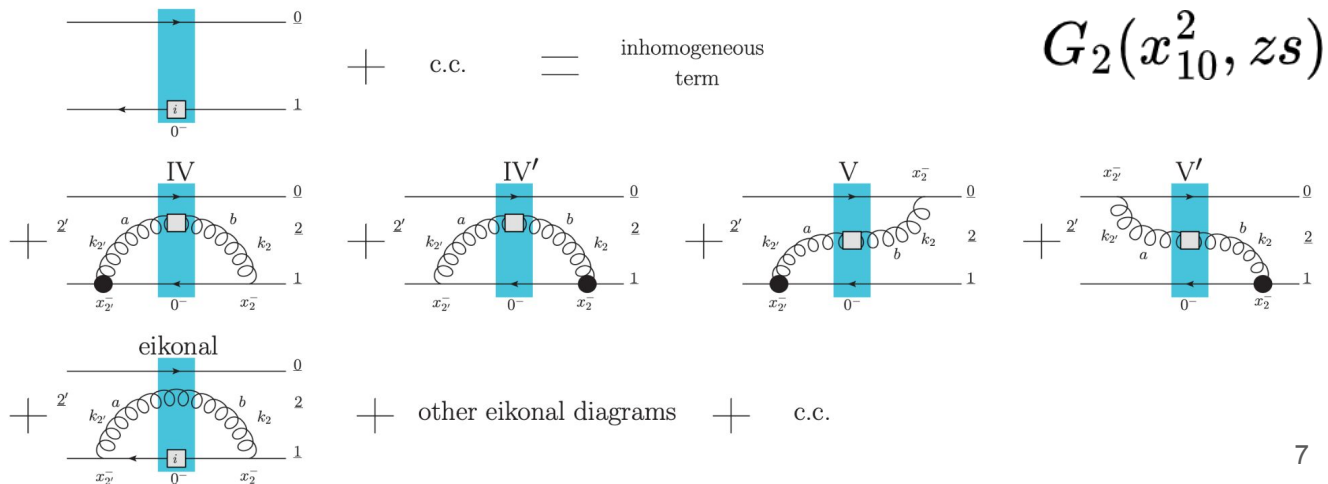
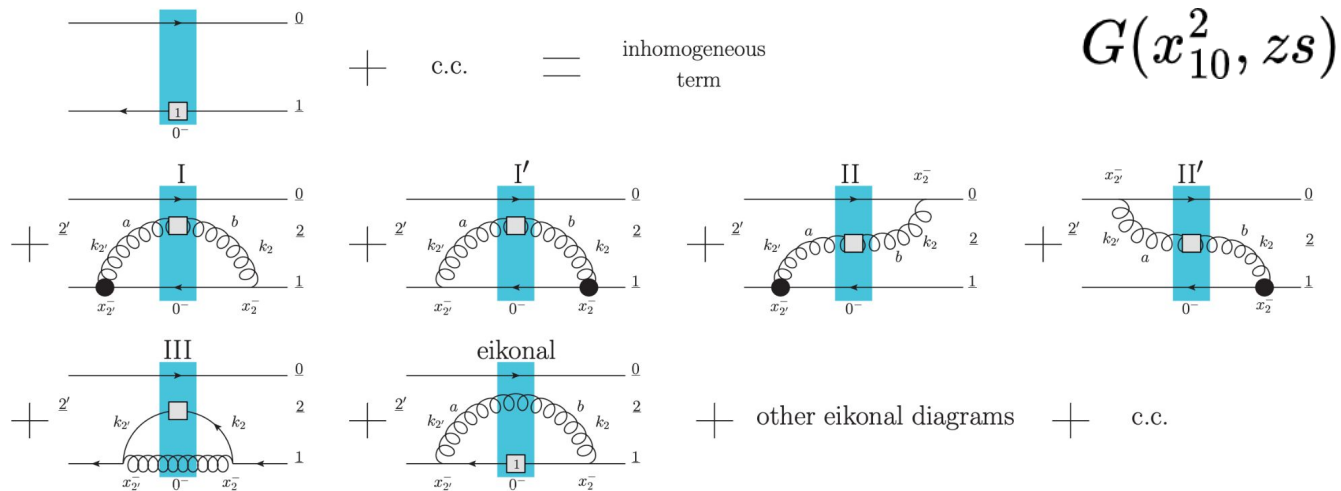
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Double-logarithmic -  
resumming powers of  
 $\alpha_s \ln^2(1/x)$

Full evolution equations don't  
close  
(like Balitsky hierarchy)

See Balitsky [arXiv:hep-ph/9509348v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9509348v1),  
[arXiv:hep-ph/9812311v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9812311v1)



# Equations do close in the large- $N_c$ limit

Cougoulic, Kovchegov,  
Tarasov, Tawabutr  
[arXiv:2204.11898v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.11898v3)

$$G(x_{10}^2, zs) = G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_{1/sx_{10}^2}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{1/z's}^{x_{10}^2} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} [\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) + 3G(x_{21}^2, z's) + 2G_2(x_{21}^2, z's) + 2\Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's)]$$

$$\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) = G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z's) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_{1/sx_{10}^2}^{z'} \frac{dz''}{z''} \int_{1/z''s}^{\min\{x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2 \frac{z'}{z''}\}} \frac{dx_{32}^2}{x_{32}^2} [\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z''s) + 3G(x_{32}^2, z''s) + 2G_2(x_{32}^2, z''s) + 2\Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z''s)]$$

$$G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) = G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{\max\{x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{z's}\}}^{\min\{x_{10}^2 \frac{z}{z'}, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\}} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} [G(x_{21}^2, z's) + 2G_2(x_{21}^2, z's)]$$

$$\Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) = G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z's) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^{z' \frac{x_{21}^2}{x_{10}^2}} \frac{dz''}{z''} \int_{\max\{x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{z''s}\}}^{\min\{x_{21}^2 \frac{z'}{z''}, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\}} \frac{dx_{32}^2}{x_{32}^2} [G(x_{32}^2, z''s) + 2G_2(x_{32}^2, z''s)]$$

$\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are auxiliary  
functions ('neighbor  
dipole amplitudes')

Would like to solve these equations analytically



## Solution

$$G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}$$
$$G(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{\omega\gamma}$$

Starting point - double inverse Laplace transforms for dipole amplitudes  $G_2$  and  $G$  (along with corresponding transforms for the initial conditions of the evolution)

Can then manipulate the large- $N_c$  equations to find expressions for the neighbor dipole amplitudes and constrain the double-Laplace images  $G_{2\omega\gamma}$ ,  $G_{\omega\gamma}$

After some work, the results are...

## Solution

$$G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}$$

$$\bar{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}$$

$$G(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \left[ \frac{\omega\gamma}{2\bar{\alpha}_s} (G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)}) - 2G_{2\omega\gamma} \right]$$

$$G_{2\omega\gamma} = G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega(\gamma - \gamma_\omega^-)(\gamma - \gamma_\omega^+)} \left[ 2(\gamma - \delta_\omega^+) (G_{\delta_\omega^+ \gamma}^{(0)} + 2G_{2\delta_\omega^+ \gamma}^{(0)}) - 2(\gamma_\omega^+ - \delta_\omega^+) (G_{\delta_\omega^+ \gamma_\omega^+}^{(0)} + 2G_{2\delta_\omega^+ \gamma_\omega^+}^{(0)}) + 8\delta_\omega^- (G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} - G_{2\omega\gamma_\omega^+}^{(0)}) \right]$$

$$\delta_\omega^\pm = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \right] \quad \gamma_\omega^\pm = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \right]$$

Note  $G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)}, G_{\omega\gamma}^{(0)}$  are the double-Laplace images of the initial conditions  $G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs), G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs)$

# Using the Dipole Amplitudes

Can write down small-x large- $N_c$  expressions for hTMDs and hPDFs (for arbitrary initial conditions)

$$g_{1L}^{G \text{ dip}}(x, k_T^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^3} \frac{1}{k_T^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{xk_T^2}\right) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{k_T^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)} 2^{2\omega-2\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(\omega - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma - \omega)} G_{2\omega\gamma}$$

$\Gamma$  functions, not  
neighbor dipole  
amplitude

$$g_{1L}^S(x, k_T^2) = -\frac{N_f}{\alpha_s 2\pi^3} \frac{1}{k_T^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \left[ e^{\omega \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{xk_T^2}\right) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{k_T^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)} - e^{(\gamma-\omega) \ln\left(\frac{k_T^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)} \right] 2^{2\omega-2\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(\omega - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\gamma - \omega + 1)} \gamma \left( G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right)$$

$$\Delta G(x, Q^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}$$

$$\Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2) = -\frac{N_f}{\alpha_s 2\pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \frac{\omega}{\omega - \gamma} \left( G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right) e^{\omega \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}$$

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_f Z_f^2 \frac{1}{\alpha_s 2\pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \frac{\omega}{\omega - \gamma} \left( G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right) e^{\omega \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}$$

# Resummed Anomalous Dimension

Now fix the initial conditions of the evolution to be simply  $G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs) = 1$

$$G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs) = 0$$

Gluon helicity PDF becomes:

$$\Delta G(x, Q^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(\frac{1}{x}) + \gamma_\omega^- \ln(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2})} \frac{1}{\omega}$$

Pure-gluon polarized anomalous dimension

$$\bar{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}$$

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}(\omega) = \gamma_\omega^- = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \right] = \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \frac{496\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$$

Agrees with fixed-order calculations up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

Altarelli, Parisi [10.1016/0550-3213\(77\)90384-4](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1016/0550-3213(77)90384-4)  
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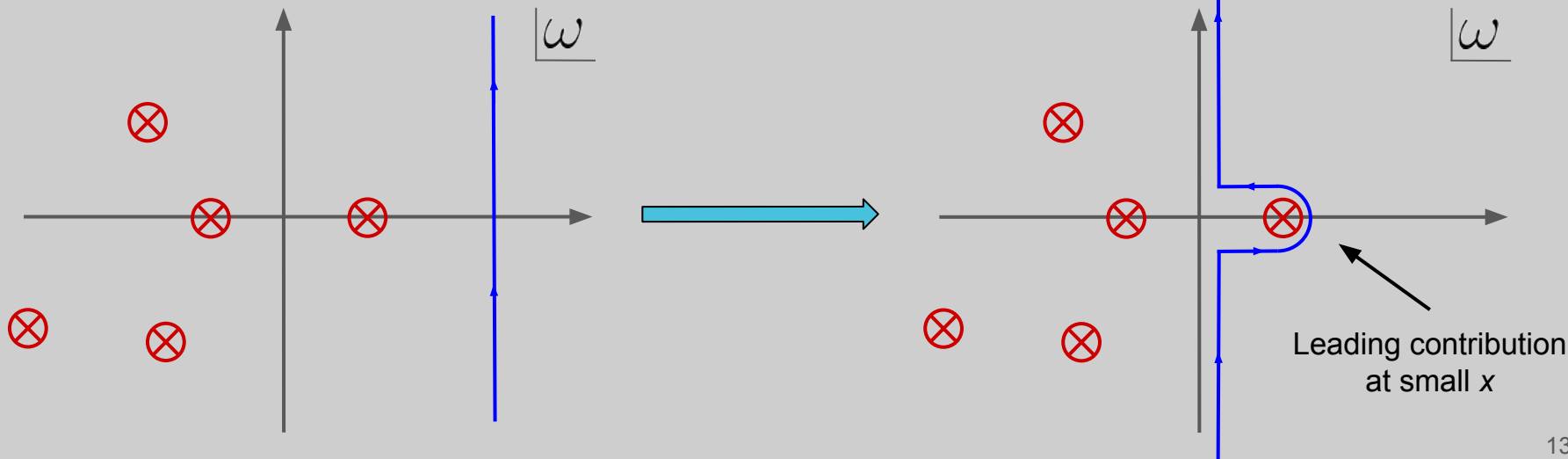
# Small-x Asymptotics

Asymptotics governed by the intercept  $\alpha_h \longrightarrow \Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim g_1(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\alpha_h}$

$$F(t) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} e^{\omega t} f_\omega$$

corresponds to the rightmost singularity in the  $\omega$ -plane

Contour for inverse Laplace - parallel to imaginary axis,  
right of all singularities



# Small-x Asymptotics

Rightmost singularity here comes from the polarized anomalous dimension  $\Delta\gamma_{GG}(\omega) = \gamma_{\omega}^{-}$

See e.g. gluon helicity PDF 
$$\Delta G(x, Q^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^2} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(\frac{1}{x}) + \gamma_{\omega}^{-} \ln(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2})} \frac{1}{\omega}$$

$$\gamma_{\omega}^{-} = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}}} \right]$$

Branch point from the large square root



$$\alpha_h = \frac{4}{3^{1/3}} \sqrt{\text{Re} \left[ \left( -9 + i\sqrt{111} \right)^{1/3} \right]} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}} \approx 3.66074 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$$

# Comparison to BER

Bartels, Ermolaev, and Ryskin (BER) IR evolution

Bartels, Ermolaev, Ryskin [9603204v1](#)

$$\bar{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}$$

Polarized GG anomalous dimension

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}^{\text{BER}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2} \frac{1 - \frac{3\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}}{1 - \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}}} \right] = \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \frac{504\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$$

Compare to us

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}(\omega) = \gamma_{\omega}^{-} = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \right] = \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \frac{496\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$$

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Small-x (pure-gluon) intercept

$$\alpha_h^{\text{BER}} = \sqrt{\frac{17 + \sqrt{97}}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}} \approx \underline{3.66394} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$$

Compare to us

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Why the (*very small*) disagreements with BER?

No hard non-ladder gluons in IREE (?)

Kovchegov, Pitonyak, & Sievert [1610.06197v1](#)

See also Boussarie, Hatta, Yuan [arXiv:1904.02693v2](#)



# Takeaways

- Analytic solution at small- $x$  and large- $N_c$  for the dipole amplitudes
  - → Analytic expressions in the same regime for gluon and flavor-singlet quark helicity TMDs and PDFs, along with  $g_1$

- Small- $x$  asymptotics  $\Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim g_1(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\alpha_h}$   $\alpha_h \approx \underline{3.66074} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$

- A very small discrepancy compared to the prediction of BER:  $\alpha_h^{\text{BER}} \approx \underline{3.66394} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$

- Resummed small- $x$  anomalous dimension

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}(\omega) = \gamma_\omega^- = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}}} \right] = \underline{\frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega}} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \underline{\frac{496\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$$

- Comparison with BER again yields a very small discrepancy, only at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}^{\text{BER}}(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2} \frac{1 - \frac{3\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}}{1 - \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}}} \right] = \underline{\frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega}} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \underline{\frac{504\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7}} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)$$

- All in all, very good agreement
- Large-  $N_c$  &  $N_f$  limit next

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# Extra Slides

## Polarized (Fundamental) Wilson Line Operators

$$V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{pol}[1]} = V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]} + V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{q}[1]}, \quad V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{pol}[2]} = V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{G}[2]} + V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{q}[2]} \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{y}),$$

$$V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]} = \frac{i g P^+}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x^-] F^{12}(x^-, \underline{x}) V_{\underline{x}}[x^-, -\infty],$$

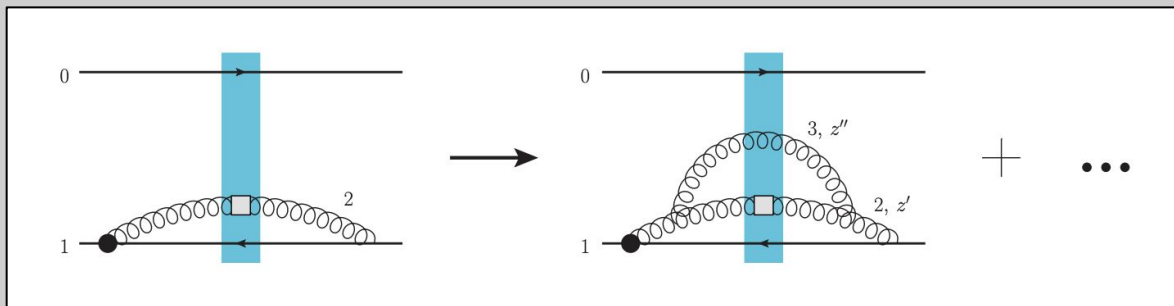
$$V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{q}[1]} = \frac{g^2 P^+}{2 s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1^- \int_{x_1^-}^{\infty} dx_2^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x_2^-] t^b \psi_{\beta}(x_2^-, \underline{x}) U_{\underline{x}}^{ba}[x_2^-, x_1^-] [\gamma^+ \gamma^5]_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_{\alpha}(x_1^-, \underline{x}) t^a V_{\underline{x}}[x_1^-, -\infty],$$

$$V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{G}[2]} = -\frac{i P^+}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- d^2 z V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, z^-] \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{z}) \tilde{D}^i(z^-, \underline{z}) D^i(z^-, \underline{z}) V_{\underline{y}}[z^-, -\infty] \delta^2(\underline{y} - \underline{z}),$$

$$V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{q}[2]} = -\frac{g^2 P^+}{2 s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx_1^- \int_{x_1^-}^{\infty} dx_2^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x_2^-] t^b \psi_{\beta}(x_2^-, \underline{x}) U_{\underline{x}}^{ba}[x_2^-, x_1^-] [\gamma^+]_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_{\alpha}(x_1^-, \underline{x}) t^a V_{\underline{x}}[x_1^-, -\infty].$$

$$V_{\underline{z}}^{i \text{G}[2]} \equiv \frac{P^+}{2 s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- V_{\underline{z}}[\infty, z^-] \left[ D^i(z^-, \underline{z}) - \tilde{D}^i(z^-, \underline{z}) \right] V_{\underline{z}}[z^-, -\infty].$$

## Neighbor Dipole Amplitudes



One step in evolution of neighbor dipole amplitude

(1) DLA lifetime ordering  $\longrightarrow x_{21}^2 z' \gg x_{32}^2 z''$

(2) But also have IR cutoff for dipole 02  $\longrightarrow x_{32} \ll x_{20}$

When  $x_{20}^2 > x_{21}^2 \frac{z'}{z''}$   $\longrightarrow$  (1) is more constraining than (2)

So for everything to be ordered properly, subsequent evolution in dipole 02 (here evolving to give dipole 32) 'knows' about dipole 21

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle(zs) &= \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle_0(zs) & G(x_{10}^2, zs) \\
+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\Delta_s^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2 x_2 \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{x_{21}^2} - \frac{\underline{x}_{21}}{x_{21}^2} \cdot \frac{\underline{x}_{20}}{x_{20}^2} \right] \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{1}}^\dagger \right] \left( U_{\underline{2}}^{\text{pol}[1]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) \right. \\
+ \left[ 2 \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^4} - \frac{\epsilon^{ij} (x_{20}^j + x_{21}^j)}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} - \frac{2 \underline{x}_{20} \times \underline{x}_{21}}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} \left( \frac{x_{21}^i}{x_{21}^2} - \frac{x_{20}^i}{x_{20}^2} \right) \right] \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{1}}^\dagger \right] \left( U_{\underline{2}}^{iG[2]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) \Big\} \\
+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\Delta_s^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int \frac{d^2 x_2}{x_{21}^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{2}}^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] U_{\underline{1}}^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) + 2 \frac{\epsilon^{ij} \underline{x}_{21}^j}{x_{21}^2} \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{2}}^{iG[2]\dagger} \right] U_{\underline{1}}^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) + \text{c.c.} \right\} \\
+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\Delta_s^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{10}^2}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{1}}^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] U_{\underline{2}}^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) - \frac{C_F}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) + \text{c.c.} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Full equations for  
the fundamental  
dipole amplitudes  
(don't close)**

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]\dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle(zs) &= \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]\dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle_0(zs) & G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) \\
+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\Delta_s^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2 x_2 \left\{ \left[ \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^2} - \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{20}^j}{x_{20}^2} + 2x_{21}^i \frac{\underline{x}_{21} \times \underline{x}_{20}}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \right] \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{1}}^\dagger \right] \left( U_{\underline{2}}^{\text{pol}[1]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) \right. \\
+ \left[ \delta^{ij} \left( \frac{3}{x_{21}^2} - 2 \frac{\underline{x}_{20} \cdot \underline{x}_{21}}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} - \frac{1}{x_{20}^2} \right) - 2 \frac{x_{21}^i x_{20}^j}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left( 2 \frac{\underline{x}_{20} \cdot \underline{x}_{21}}{x_{20}^2} + 1 \right) + 2 \frac{x_{21}^i x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left( 2 \frac{\underline{x}_{20} \cdot \underline{x}_{21}}{x_{21}^2} + 1 \right) + 2 \frac{x_{20}^i x_{20}^j}{x_{20}^4} - 2 \frac{x_{21}^i x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^4} \right] \\
\times \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{1}}^\dagger \right] \left( U_{\underline{2}}^{jG[2]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) \Big\} \\
+ \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\Delta_s^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{10}^2}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ t^b V_{\underline{0}} t^a V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]\dagger} \right] \left( U_{\underline{2}} \right)^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) - \frac{C_F}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ V_{\underline{0}} V_{\underline{1}}^{iG[2]\dagger} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle(z's) + \text{c.c.} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

## Useful properties of the large- $N_c$ equations

Scaling between  $\mathbf{G}_2$  and  $\Gamma_2$

$$\Gamma_2(s_{10}, s_{21}, \eta') - G_2^{(0)}(s_{10}, \eta') = G_2(s_{10}, \eta = \eta' + s_{10} - s_{21}) - G_2^{(0)}(s_{10}, \eta = \eta' + s_{10} - s_{21})$$

Boundary conditions for neighbors

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_2(s_{10}, s_{21} = s_{10}, \eta) &= G_2(s_{10}, \eta) \\ \Gamma(s_{10}, s_{21} = s_{10}, \eta) &= G(s_{10}, \eta)\end{aligned}$$

PDE for  $\Gamma$  
$$\frac{\partial^2 \Gamma(s_{10}, s_{21}, \eta')}{\partial s_{21}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Gamma(s_{10}, s_{21}, \eta')}{\partial s_{21} \partial \eta'} + \Gamma(s_{10}, s_{21}, \eta') = -3G(s_{21}, \eta') - 2G_2(s_{21}, \eta') - 2\Gamma_2(s_{10}, s_{21}, \eta')$$

Note the rescaled variables

$$\eta = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s} \ln \frac{zs}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\eta' = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s} \ln \frac{z's}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$s_{10} = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s} \ln \frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}$$

$$s_{21} = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_s} \ln \frac{1}{x_{21}^2 \Lambda^2}$$

with

$$\bar{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}$$

## Full Solution

$$G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}$$

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$$\Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \left[ e^{\omega \ln(z's x_{21}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \left( G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right) + e^{\omega \ln(z's x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right]$$

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$$G(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \left[ \frac{\omega\gamma}{2\bar{\alpha}_s} \left( G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right) - 2G_{2\omega\gamma} \right]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(z's x_{21}^2)} \left[ \Gamma_{\omega}^{+}(x_{10}^2) e^{\delta_{\omega}^{+} \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{21}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} + \Gamma_{\omega}^{-}(x_{10}^2) e^{\delta_{\omega}^{-} \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{21}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \right] \\ &+ \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(z's x_{21}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{21}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \left[ \frac{\left(-\frac{3}{2}\omega\gamma + 4\bar{\alpha}_s\right)G_{2\omega\gamma} + \frac{3}{2}\omega\gamma G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)}}{\gamma^2 - \omega\gamma + \bar{\alpha}_s} \right] \\ &- \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \left[ 2e^{\omega \ln(z's x_{21}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \left( G_{2\omega\gamma} - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right) + 2e^{\omega \ln(z's x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} \right] \end{aligned}$$



# Full Solution

$$G_{2\omega\gamma} = G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega(\gamma - \gamma_\omega^-)(\gamma - \gamma_\omega^+)} \left[ 2(\gamma - \delta_\omega^+) \left( G_{\delta_\omega^+\gamma}^{(0)} + 2G_{2\delta_\omega^+\gamma}^{(0)} \right) - 2(\gamma_\omega^+ - \delta_\omega^+) \left( G_{\delta_\omega^+\gamma_\omega^+}^{(0)} + 2G_{2\delta_\omega^+\gamma_\omega^+}^{(0)} \right) + 8\delta_\omega^- \left( G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)} - G_{2\omega\gamma_\omega^+}^{(0)} \right) \right]$$


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$$G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{\omega\gamma}^{(0)}$$

$$G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, zs) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\omega \ln(zs x_{10}^2) + \gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)}$$


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$$\Gamma_\omega^+(x_{10}^2) = \frac{e^{-\delta_\omega^+ \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)}}{\bar{\alpha}_s(\delta_\omega^+ - \delta_\omega^-)} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \frac{\omega \delta_\omega^+}{2(\gamma - \delta_\omega^+)} \left[ G_{2\omega\gamma}(\gamma^2 - \omega\gamma + 4\bar{\alpha}_s - \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} \delta_\omega^-) - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)}(\gamma^2 - \omega\gamma + 4\bar{\alpha}_s) \right]$$

$$\Gamma_\omega^-(x_{10}^2) = \frac{e^{-\delta_\omega^- \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)}}{\bar{\alpha}_s(\delta_\omega^- - \delta_\omega^+)} \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} e^{\gamma \ln\left(\frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}\right)} \frac{\omega \delta_\omega^-}{2(\gamma - \delta_\omega^-)} \left[ G_{2\omega\gamma}(\gamma^2 - \omega\gamma + 4\bar{\alpha}_s - \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} \delta_\omega^+) - G_{2\omega\gamma}^{(0)}(\gamma^2 - \omega\gamma + 4\bar{\alpha}_s) \right]$$


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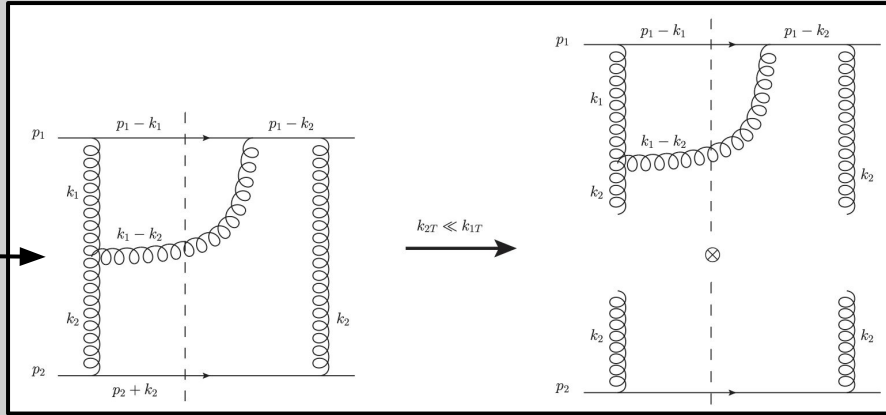
$$\delta_\omega^\pm = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \right]$$

$$\gamma_\omega^\pm = \frac{\omega}{2} \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{16\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega^2}} \right]$$

# Disagreement with BER

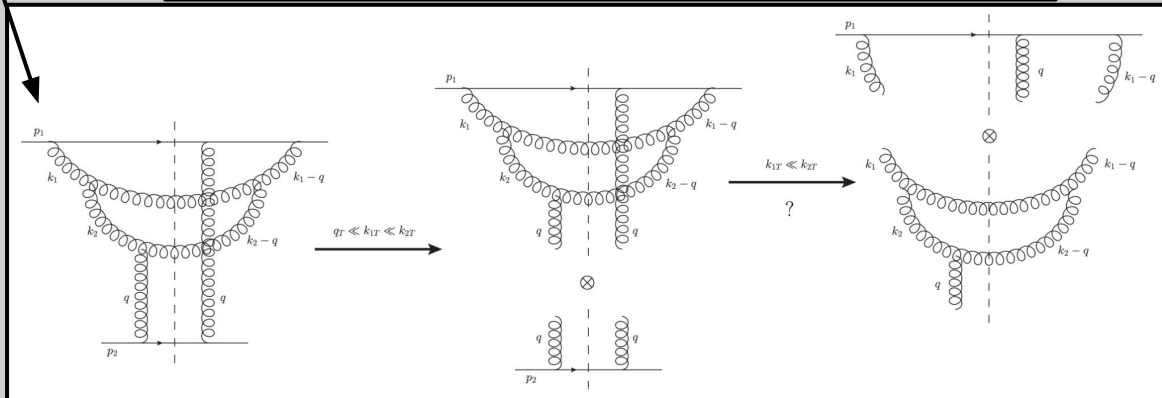
## No hard non-ladder gluons in IREE

Two diagrams  
contained  
within  
KPS-CTT  
evolution



Ladder with rails  $k_1 - k_2$  &  $k_2$ ,  
(uncut) rung  $p_1 - k_2$ , and  
bremsstrahlung gluon  $k_1$

Hard non-ladder gluon  $k_1 - k_2$   
accommodated at  
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$



3- and 5-point Green  
functions (BER IREE have  
only 4-point)

Problem at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$  (?)