

Higher-twist corrections to gluon TMD factorization

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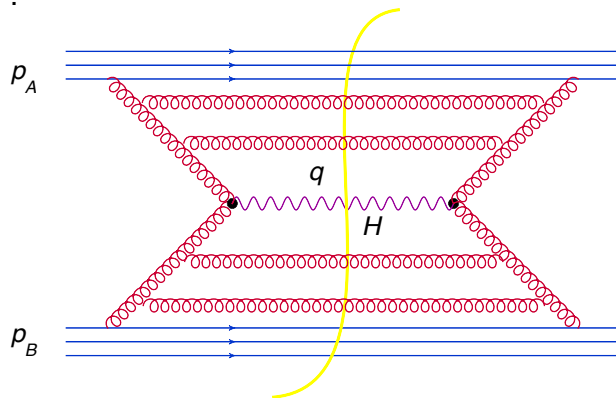
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Particle production by gluon fusion in pp scattering

Suppose we produce a scalar particle (e.g. Higgs) in a gluon-gluon fusion.

For simplicity, assume the vertex is local:

$$\mathcal{L}_\Phi = g_\Phi \int dz \Phi(z) F^2(z), \quad F^2 \equiv F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu}$$



$$s \gg Q^2 \gg Q_\perp^2$$

$$q^2 = Q^2 = M_H^2$$

Matrix element between hadron states $\Rightarrow \sum_X = 1$

“Hadronic tensor”

$$\begin{aligned} W(p_A, p_B, q) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_X \int d^4x e^{-iqx} \langle p_A, p_B | F^2(x) | X \rangle \langle X | F^2(0) | p_A, p_B \rangle \\ &= \int d^4x e^{-iqx} \langle p_A, p_B | F^2(x) F^2(0) | p_A, p_B \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Double functional integral for W

$$\begin{aligned} W(p_A, p_B, q) &= \sum_X \int d^4x e^{-iqx} \langle p_A, p_B | F^2(x) | X \rangle \langle X | F^2(0) | p_A, p_B \rangle \\ &= \lim_{t_i \rightarrow -\infty}^{t_f \rightarrow \infty} \int d^4x e^{-iqx} \int^{\tilde{A}(t_f)=A(t_f)} D\tilde{A}_\mu D A_\mu \int^{\tilde{\psi}(t_f)=\psi(t_f)} D\tilde{\psi} D\tilde{\bar{\psi}} D\bar{\psi} D\psi \Psi_{p_A}^*(\vec{\tilde{A}}(t_i), \tilde{\psi}(t_i)) \\ &\quad \times \Psi_{p_B}^*(\vec{\tilde{A}}(t_i), \tilde{\psi}(t_i)) e^{-iS_{\text{QCD}}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{\psi})} e^{iS_{\text{QCD}}(A, \psi)} \tilde{F}^2(x) F^2(y) \Psi_{p_A}(\vec{\tilde{A}}(t_i), \psi(t_i)) \Psi_{p_B}(\vec{\tilde{A}}(t_i), \psi(t_i)) \end{aligned}$$

“Left” A, ψ fields correspond to the amplitude $\langle X | F^2(0) | p_A, p_B \rangle$,

“right” fields $\tilde{A}, \tilde{\psi}$ correspond to amplitude $\langle p_A, p_B | F^2(x) | X \rangle$

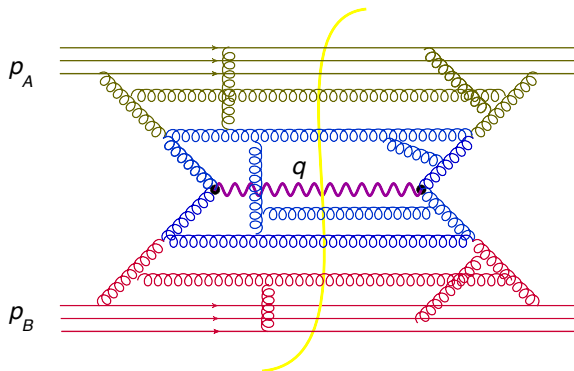
The boundary conditions $\tilde{A}(t_f) = A(t_f)$ and $\tilde{\psi}(t_f) = \psi(t_f)$ reflect the sum over intermediate states X .

Rapidity factorization for particle production

Sudakov variables:

$$p = \alpha p_1 + \beta p_2 + p_\perp, \quad p_1 \simeq p_A, \quad p_2 \simeq p_B, \quad p_1^2 = p_2^2 = 0$$

$$x_* \equiv p_2 \cdot x = \sqrt{\frac{s}{2}} x^+, \quad x_\bullet \equiv p_1 \cdot x = \sqrt{\frac{s}{2}} x^-$$



"Projectile" fields: $|\beta| < b$

"Central" fields

"Target" fields: $|\alpha| < a$

We integrate over "central" fields in the background of projectile and target fields.

After integration over C fields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & W(p_A, p_B, q) \\
 &= \int d^4x \, e^{-iqx} \int^{\tilde{A}(t_f)=A(t_f)} D\tilde{A}_\mu DA_\mu \int^{\tilde{\psi}_a(t_f)=\psi_a(t_f)} D\bar{\psi}_a D\psi_a D\tilde{\bar{\psi}}_a D\tilde{\psi}_a \\
 &\quad \times e^{-iS_{\text{QCD}}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{\psi}_a)} e^{iS_{\text{QCD}}(A, \psi_a)} \Psi_{p_A}^*(\vec{\tilde{A}}(t_i), \tilde{\psi}_a(t_i)) \Psi_{p_A}(\vec{A}(t_i), \psi(t_i)) \\
 &\quad \times \int^{\tilde{B}(t_f)=B(t_f)} D\tilde{B}_\mu DB_\mu \int^{\tilde{\psi}_b(t_f)=\psi_b(t_f)} D\bar{\psi}_b D\psi_b D\tilde{\bar{\psi}}_b D\tilde{\psi}_b \\
 &\quad \times e^{-iS_{\text{QCD}}(\tilde{B}, \tilde{\psi}_b)} e^{iS_{\text{QCD}}(B, \psi_b)} \Psi_{p_B}^*(\vec{\tilde{B}}(t_i), \tilde{\psi}_b(t_i)) \Psi_{p_B}(\vec{B}(t_i), \psi_b(t_i)) \\
 &\quad \times e^{S_{\text{eff}}(U, V, \tilde{U}, \tilde{V})} \mathcal{O}(q, x, y; A, \psi_a, \tilde{A}, \tilde{\psi}_a; B, \psi_b, \tilde{B}, \tilde{\psi}_b)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{O}$ - sum of the *connected* diagrams for $F^2(x)F^2(0)$ in the background fields

S_{eff} - effective action (sum of disconnected diagrams = $e^{S_{\text{eff}}}$).

Approximations for projectile and target fields

At the tree level $\beta = 0$ for $A, \tilde{A}$ fields and $\alpha = 0$ for $B, \tilde{B}$ fields $\Leftrightarrow$
 $A = A(x_\bullet, x_\perp)$, $\tilde{A} = \tilde{A}(x_\bullet, x_\perp)$ and $B = B(x_*, x_\perp)$, $\tilde{B} = \tilde{B}(x_\bullet, x_\perp)$.

NB: because of boundary conditions $\tilde{A}(t_f) = A(t_f)$ and $\tilde{\psi}(t_f) = \psi(t_f)$ for the purpose of calculating the integral over central fields one can set

$$A(x_\bullet, x_\perp) = \tilde{A}(x_\bullet, x_\perp), \quad \psi_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp) = \tilde{\psi}_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp)$$

and

$$B(x_*, x_\perp) = \tilde{B}(x_*, x_\perp), \quad \psi_b(x_*, x_\perp) = \tilde{\psi}_b(x_*, x_\perp).$$

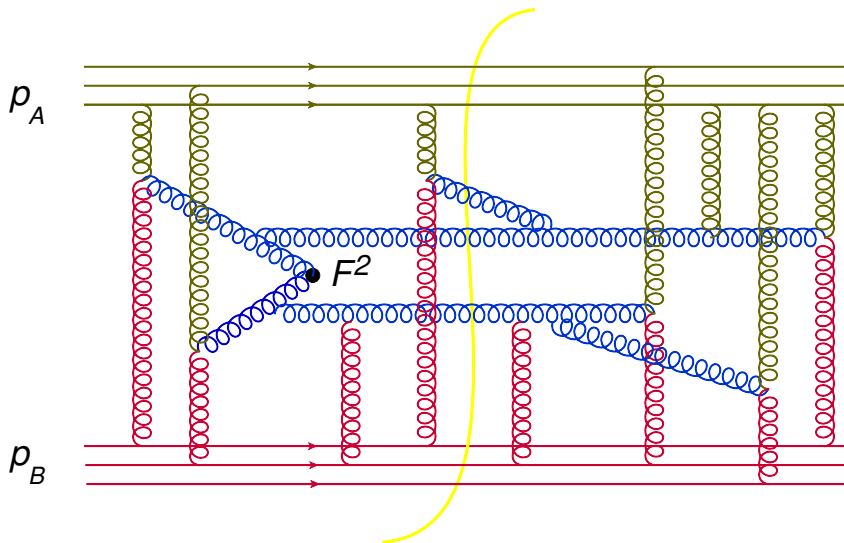
The fields A, ψ and $\tilde{A}, \tilde{\psi}$ do not depend on x_* $\Rightarrow$
if they coincide at $x_* = \infty \Rightarrow$ they coincide everywhere.

Similarly,

B, ψ_b and $\tilde{B}, \tilde{\psi}_b$ do not depend on $x_\bullet \Rightarrow$

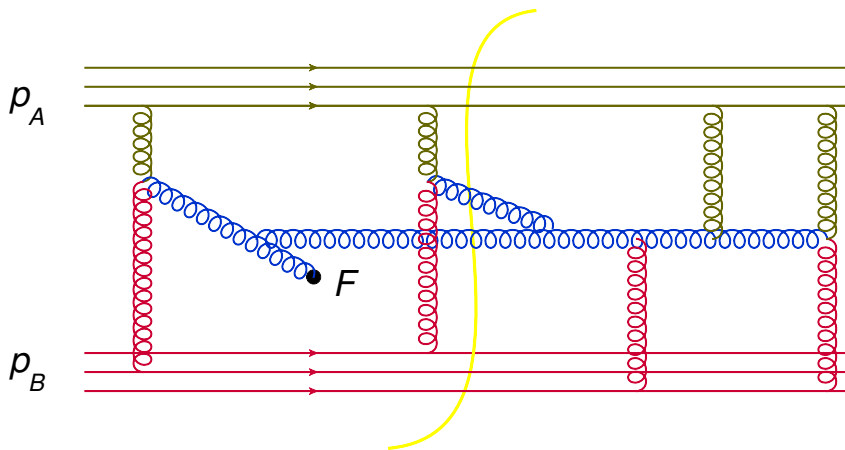
if they coincide at $x_\bullet = \infty$ they should be equal.

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 with sources $\tilde{J}_\mu = D^\mu F_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{A} + \tilde{B})$ and $J_\mu = D^\mu F_{\mu\nu}(A + B)$

Since $\tilde{A} = A$ and $\tilde{B} = B$ the sources and background fields are the same to the left and to the right of the cut

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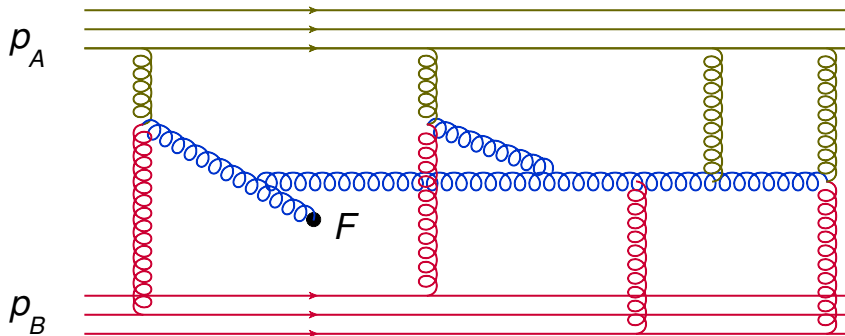
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Classical solution

The sum of diagrams with retarded Green functions $\Leftrightarrow$ solution of classical YM equations

$$D^\nu F_{\mu\nu}^a = \sum_f g \bar{\psi}^f t^a \gamma_\mu \psi^f, \quad (\not{p} + m_f) \psi^f = 0$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu(x) \stackrel{x_* \rightarrow -\infty}{=} \bar{A}_\mu(x_\bullet, x_\perp), \quad \psi(x) \stackrel{x_* \rightarrow -\infty}{=} \psi_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp) \\ A_\mu(x) \stackrel{x_\bullet \rightarrow -\infty}{=} \bar{B}_\mu(x_*, x_\perp), \quad \psi(x) \stackrel{x_\bullet \rightarrow -\infty}{=} \psi_b(x_*, x_\perp) \end{aligned}$$

following from $C_\mu, \psi_c \stackrel{t \rightarrow -\infty}{\rightarrow} 0$.

The projectile and target fields satisfy YM equations

$$\begin{aligned} D^\nu F_{\mu\nu}^a &= \sum_f g \bar{\psi}_a^f t^a \gamma_\mu \psi_a^f, \quad (\not{p} + m_f) \psi_a^f = 0 \\ D^\nu F_{\mu\nu}^a &= \sum_f g \bar{\psi}_b^f t^a \gamma_\mu \psi_b^f, \quad (\not{p} + m_f) \psi_b^f = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Method of solution: start with $\bar{A}_\mu + \bar{B}_\mu$ and correct by computing Feynman diagrams (with retarded propagators) with a source $J_\nu = D^\mu F^{\mu\nu} (U + V)$

Power counting for background fields

To get the relative strength of Lorentz components of background $A(x_\bullet, x_\perp)$ and $B(x_*, x_\perp)$ fields, we compare the typical term in the leading contribution to possible higher-twist corrections

Leading-twist operator

$$\langle p_A | U_*^{mi}(x_\bullet, x_\perp) U_*^{mj}(0) | p_A \rangle \sim s^2 \left(g_{ij}^\perp + \frac{x_i^\perp x_j^\perp}{x_\perp^2} \right)$$

$$U_{*i}^a(z_\bullet, z_\perp) \equiv \left([-\infty_\bullet, z_\bullet]_{z_\perp}^{\bar{A}_*} \right)^{ab} \bar{A}_{*i}^b(z_\bullet, z_\perp)$$

Higher-twist operator

$$\begin{aligned} & d^{mnl} \langle p_A | U_*^{mi}(x_\bullet, x_\perp) U_*^{nk}(x'_\bullet, x_\perp) U_*^{lj}(0) | p_A \rangle \\ & \sim s^3 \left(g_{ij}^\perp \frac{x^k}{x_\perp^2} + g_{ik}^\perp \frac{x^j}{x_\perp^2} + g_{jk}^\perp \frac{x^i}{x_\perp^2} + \frac{x_i^\perp x_j^\perp x^k}{x_\perp^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{*k} \sim s \frac{x_k}{x_\perp^2} \sim sm_\perp. \text{ Similarly, } V_{\bullet k} \sim s \frac{x_k}{x_\perp^2} \sim sm_\perp$$

(For the purpose of power counting $m_\perp \sim q_\perp, m_N$)

In this way we get the relative strength of the background gluon fields in projectile and target:

$$\begin{aligned} A_*(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim s, & A_\bullet(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^2, & A_i(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp, \\ B_*(x_*, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^2, & B_\bullet(x_*, x_\perp) &\sim s, & B_i(x_*, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp \end{aligned}$$

for the gluon fields and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_1 \psi_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^{5/2}, & \gamma_i \psi_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^{3/2}, & \hat{p}_2 \psi_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim s\sqrt{m_\perp}, \\ \hat{p}_1 \psi_b(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim s\sqrt{m_\perp}, & \gamma_i \psi_b(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^{3/2}, & \hat{p}_2 \psi_b(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^{5/2} \end{aligned}$$

for quark fields.

We see that there large background fields $A_*, B_\bullet \sim s$ so the linear term $J_\nu \sim D^\mu F_{\mu\nu}(A+B) \sim s^2 \Rightarrow$ the expansion in powers of J_ν is bad.

Way out: gauge transformation

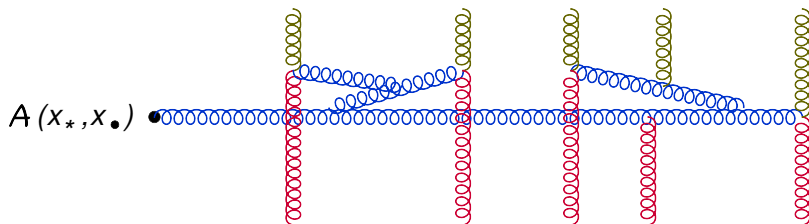
Gauge transformation with a matrix $\Omega(x)$ such that

$$\Omega(x_*, x_\bullet, x_\perp) \xrightarrow{x_* \rightarrow -\infty} [x_\bullet, -\infty_\bullet]_{x_\perp}^{\bar{A}_*}, \quad \Omega(x_*, x_\bullet, x_\perp) \xrightarrow{x_\bullet \rightarrow -\infty} [x_*, -\infty_*]_x^{\bar{B}_\bullet}$$

The matrix Ω is obtained in a following way:

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu(x_*, x_\bullet) = \Omega^\dagger(x_*, x_\bullet) \partial_\mu \Omega(x_*, x_\bullet)$$

is a solution of our YM equation in 2 longitudinal dimensions.



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The initial conditions turn to

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu(x) &\stackrel{x_* \rightarrow -\infty}{=} U_\mu(x_\bullet, x_\perp), & \psi(x) &\stackrel{x_* \rightarrow -\infty}{=} \Sigma_a(x_\bullet, x_\perp) \\ A_\mu(x) &\stackrel{x_\bullet \rightarrow -\infty}{=} V_\mu(x_*, x_\perp), & \psi(x) &\stackrel{x_\bullet \rightarrow -\infty}{=} \Sigma_b(x_*, x_\perp) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U_\mu(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\equiv \frac{2}{s} p_{2\mu} U_\bullet(x_\bullet, x_\perp) + U_{\mu\perp}(x_\bullet, x_\perp), \\ V_\mu(x_*, x_\perp) &\equiv \frac{2}{s} p_{1\mu} V_*(x_*, x_\perp) + V_{\mu\perp}(x_*, x_\perp), \\ U_i(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\equiv \frac{2}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{x_\bullet} dx'_\bullet U_{*i}(x'_\bullet, x_\perp), & V_i(x_*, x_\perp) &\equiv \frac{2}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{x_*} dx'_* V_{\bullet i}(x'_*, x_\perp) \\ \Sigma_a(z_\bullet, z_\perp) &\equiv [-\infty_\bullet, z_\bullet]_z \psi(z_\bullet, z_\perp), & \Sigma_b(z_*, z_\perp) &\equiv [-\infty_*, z_*]_z \psi(z_*, z_\perp) \end{aligned}$$

New initial conditions look like the projectile fields in the light-like gauge $p_2^\mu A_\mu = 0$
and target fields in the light-like gauge $p_1^\mu A_\mu = 0$

Classical solution with new background fields

Now all background fields are $\sim m_\perp$

$$\begin{aligned} U_i(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp, & U_\bullet(x_\bullet, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^2, & U_* &= 0 \\ V_i(x_*, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^2, & V_*(x_*, x_\perp) &\sim m_\perp^2, & V_\bullet &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and we have to solve

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Expansion at small momentum transfer

The solution of YM equations in general case (scattering of two “color glass condensates”) is yet unsolved problem.

Fortunately, for our case of particle production with $\frac{q_{\perp}}{Q} \ll 1$ we can use this small parameter and construct the approximate solution as a series in $\frac{q_{\perp}}{Q}$.

Example:

$$A_{\bullet} = U_{\bullet} + \int dz (x | \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon p_0} p_{\bullet} | z) [U_j, V^j](z) = U_{\bullet} + \frac{1}{2} \int dz (x | \frac{1}{\alpha - \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{\beta s} + i\epsilon} | z) [U_j, V^j](z)$$

The characteristic $\alpha \geq \alpha_q$ and $\beta \geq \beta_q$ so $\alpha \gg \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{\beta s}$

$$\Rightarrow (x | \frac{1}{\alpha - \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{\beta s} + i\epsilon} | z) = (x | \frac{1}{\alpha + i\epsilon} | z) + (x | \frac{1}{\alpha + i\epsilon} \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{\beta s} \frac{1}{\alpha + i\epsilon} | z) + \dots$$

and in the leading order in $p_{\perp}/p_{\parallel}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\bullet}(x) &= U_{\bullet}(x_{\bullet}, x_{\perp}) + \frac{1}{2} \int dz (x | \frac{1}{\alpha + i\epsilon} | z) [U_j, V^j](z) \\ &= U_{\bullet}(x_{\bullet}, x_{\perp}) - \frac{i}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{x_{\bullet}} dx'_{\bullet} [U_j(x'_{\bullet}, x_{\perp}), V^j(x_{\bullet}, x_{\perp})] \end{aligned}$$

Gluon fields in the leading order in $p_{\perp}^2/p_{\parallel}^2 \sim q_{\perp}^2/Q^2$

With the expansion

$$\frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon p_0} = \frac{1}{p_{\parallel}^2 - p_{\perp}^2 + i\epsilon p_0} = \frac{1}{p_{\parallel}^2} - \frac{1}{p_{\parallel}^2 + i\epsilon p_0} p_{\perp}^2 \frac{1}{p_{\parallel}^2 + i\epsilon p_0} + \dots$$

the dynamics in transverse space is trivial.

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$$F_{\bullet i}^{(0)a} = U_{\bullet i}^a - iU_{\bullet}^{ab} V_i^b - \frac{i}{2(\alpha + i\epsilon)} \tilde{L}_i^{(0)} - \mathcal{D}_i^{ab} V_j^{bc} \frac{1}{2(\alpha + i\epsilon)} U^{cj},$$

$$F_{*i}^{(0)a} = V_{*i}^a - iV_{*}^{ab} U_i^b - \frac{i}{2(\beta + i\epsilon)} \tilde{L}_i^{(0)} - \mathcal{D}_i^{ab} U_j^{bc} \frac{1}{2(\beta + i\epsilon)} V^{cj},$$

$$F_{ik}^{(0)} = U_{ik} + V_{ik} - i[U_i, V_k] - i[V_i, U_k],$$

where

$$L_i^{(0)a} = -iU^{jab} V_{ji} - iV^{jab} U_{ji} - i\mathcal{D}_j^{ab} (U^{jbc} V_i^c + V^{jbc} U_i^c) \\ - \frac{2i}{s} (U_{*\bullet}^{ab} V_i^b - V_{*\bullet}^{ab} U_i) + \bar{\Sigma}_a t^a \gamma_i \Sigma_b + \bar{\Sigma}_b t^a \gamma_i \Sigma_a$$

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We integrate over α without cutoff $\alpha > \sigma$ since the contour over α can be removed from the pole to the region of large α (if there is no pinch). Similarly, we integrate over all β 's.

(Different from SCET where they keep the cutoffs $\alpha > \sigma_b$ and $\beta > \sigma_a$).

At the tree level

$$F^2(x) = \frac{8}{s} U_{*}^{ai}(x) V_{\bullet i}^a(x) + 2f^{mac} f^{mbd} \Delta^{ij,kl} U_i^a(x) U_j^b(x) V_k^c(x) V_l^d(x) + \dots$$

$$\Delta^{ij,kl} \equiv g^{ij} g^{kl} - g^{ik} g^{jl} - g^{il} g^{jk}$$

$\Rightarrow$ in the region $s \gg Q^2 \gg Q_{\perp}^2$

$$W(p_A, p_B, q) = \frac{64/s^2}{N_c^2 - 1} \int d^2 x_{\perp} e^{i(q, x)_{\perp}} \frac{2}{s} \int dx_{\bullet} dx_{*} e^{-i\alpha_q x_{\bullet} - i\beta_q x_{*}}$$

$$\times \left\{ \langle p_A | U_{*}^{mi}(x_{\bullet}, x_{\perp}) U_{*}^{mj}(0) | p_A \rangle \langle p_B | \mathcal{F}_{\bullet i}^n(x_{*}, x_{\perp}) \mathcal{F}_{\bullet j}^n(0) | p_B \rangle \right.$$

$$- \frac{N_c^2}{N_c^2 - 4} \frac{\Delta^{ij,kl}}{Q^2} \int_{-\infty}^{x_{\bullet}} d\frac{2}{s} x'_{\bullet} d^{abc} \langle p_A | U_{*i}^a(x_{\bullet}, x_{\perp}) U_{*j}^b(x'_{\bullet}, x_{\perp}) U_{*r}^c(0) | p_A \rangle$$

$$\times \int_{-\infty}^{x_{\bullet}} d\frac{2}{s} x'_* d^{mnl} \langle p_B | V_{\bullet k}^m(x_{*}, x_{\perp}) V_{\bullet l}^n(x'_*, x_{\perp}) V_{\bullet r}^n(0) | p_B \rangle + x \leftrightarrow 0 \Big\}$$

The correction is $\sim \frac{Q_{\perp}^2}{Q^2}$ (easy to see e.g. on a quark target).

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