

# Soft Anomalous Dimension in QCD

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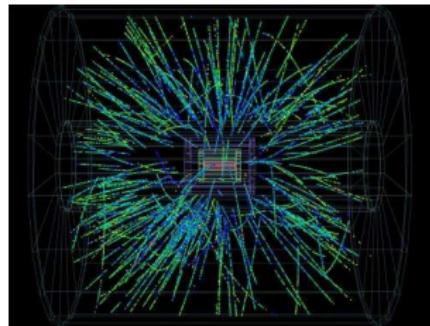
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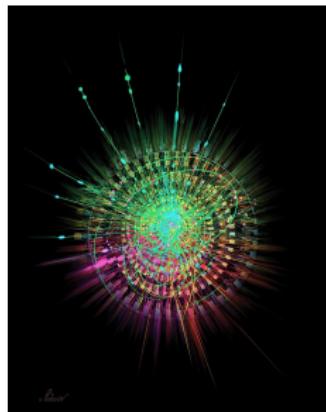
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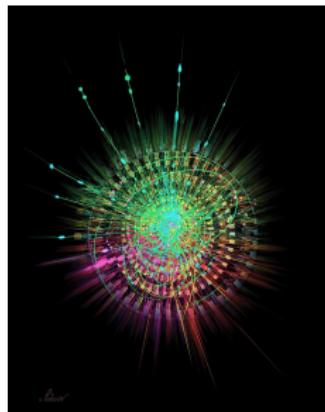
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- Dipole Constraints and other limits

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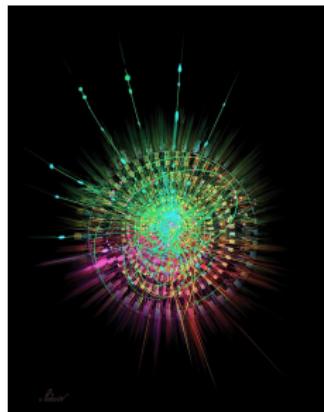
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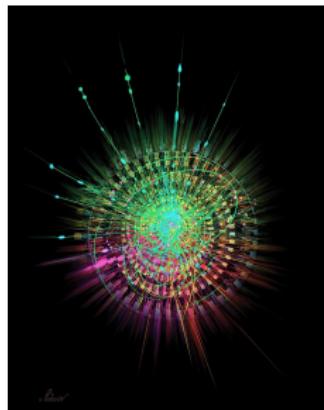
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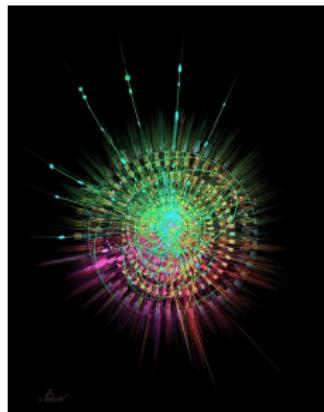


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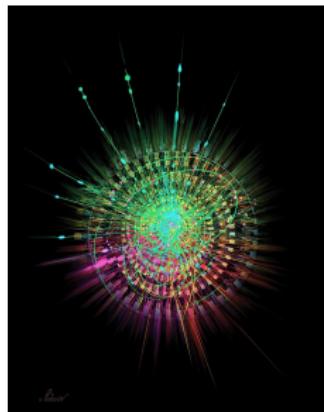
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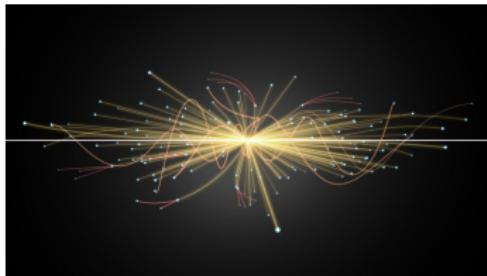
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# Motivation



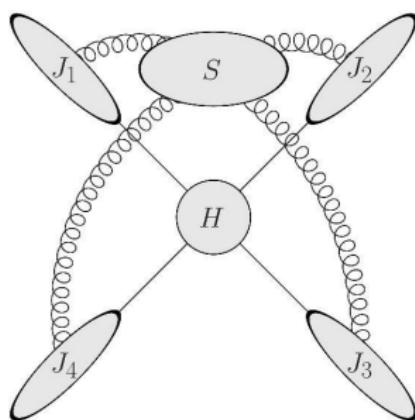
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- Infrared singularities
- Cross section  $\sigma$  and precision
- Mathematical relations for kinematics functions with bootstrapping

# Amplitude Factorisation

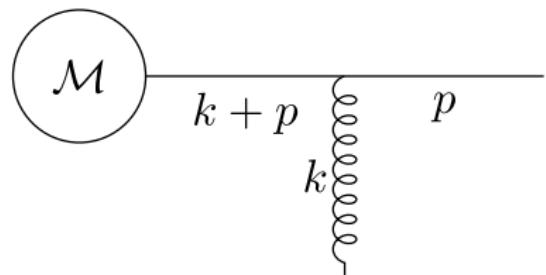
Gardi, Magnea 0901.1091

Credit: Øyvind Almelid



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_L\left(\frac{p_i}{\mu}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon\right) = \\ S_{LK}\left(\beta_i \cdot \beta_j, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon\right) \times \\ H_K\left(\frac{2p_i \cdot p_j}{\mu^2}, \frac{(2p_i \cdot n_i)^2}{n_i^2 \mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2)\right) \times \\ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{J_i\left(\frac{(2p_i \cdot n_i)^2}{n_i^2 \mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon\right)}{\mathcal{J}_i\left(\frac{2(\beta_i \cdot n_i)^2}{n_i^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2) \epsilon\right)} \end{aligned}$$

# Singularities

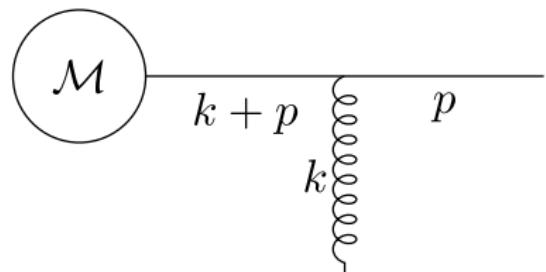


$$\bar{u}(p)(-igT^{(a)})\gamma^\mu \frac{i(p+k)}{(p+k)^2+i0}\mathcal{M}$$

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**IR:**  $k_0 = 0$

**Collinear:**  $\cos \theta_{pk} = 1$

# Eikonal approximation

When the momentum of the soft gluon  $k$  is considered negligible compared to the momentum  $p$  of the parton leg

$$\bar{u}(p) T^{(a)} \gamma^\mu \frac{p^\mu}{p \cdot k + i0}$$

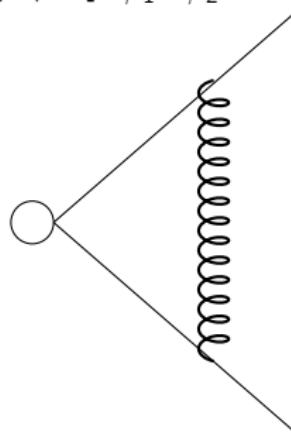
$$T^{(a)} \frac{p^\mu}{p \cdot k + i0} = T^{(a)} \frac{\beta^\mu}{\beta \cdot k + i0}, S_{LK}(\beta_i \cdot \beta_j, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \epsilon)$$

# Wilson Lines

Non-abelian exponentiation: Gardi, Smilie, White 1304.7040

$$\Phi_\beta(0, \infty) = \mathcal{P} \left( \exp \left[ i \int_C dx^\mu \beta_i A_\mu^a(\beta_i x) T^a \right] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\{\beta_i\}, \{\mathbf{T}_i\}, \epsilon, \alpha_s) = \langle 0 | T [\Phi_{\beta_1} \Phi_{\beta_2} \dots \Phi_{\beta_n}] | 0 \rangle$$



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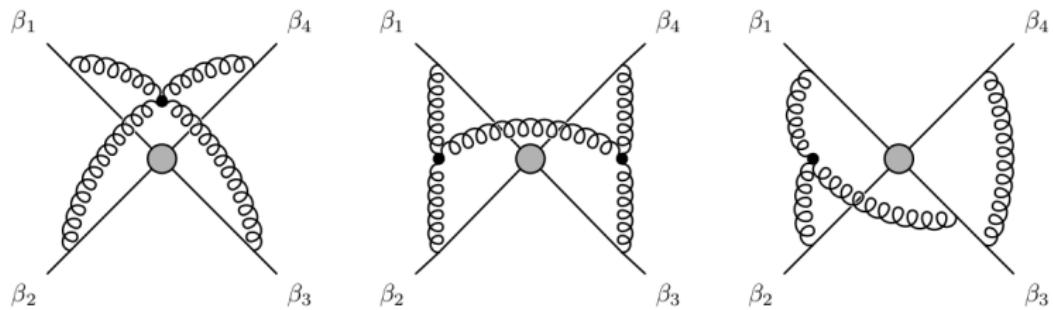
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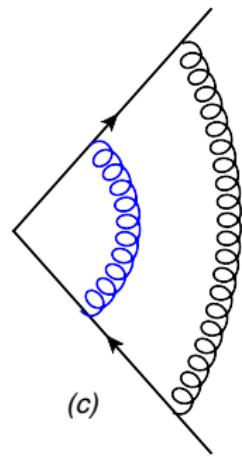
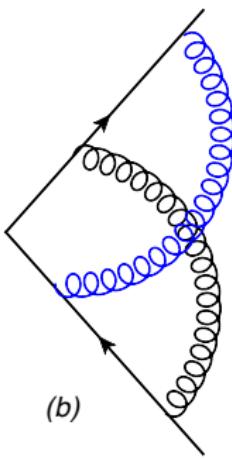
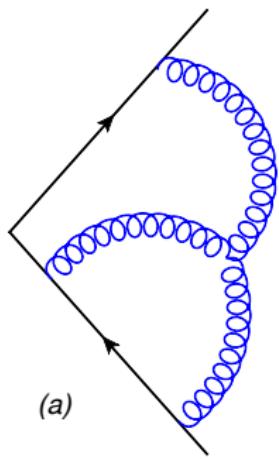
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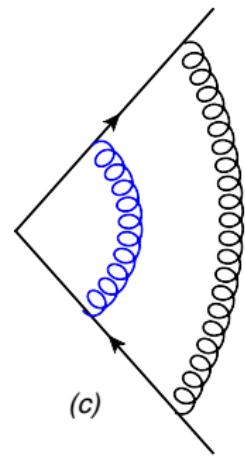
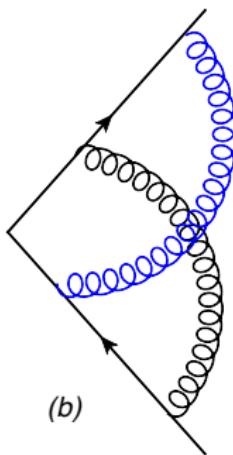
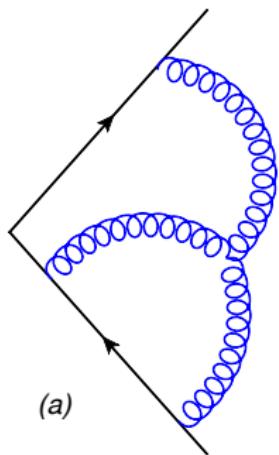
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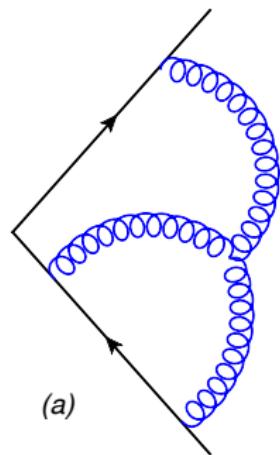
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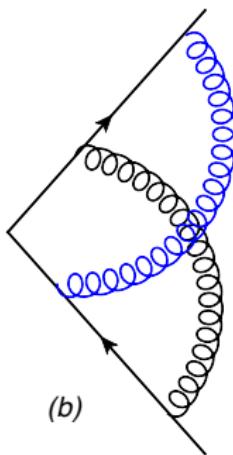
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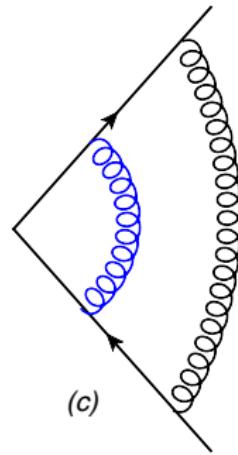
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(b)



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$$T_1^a T_1^b [T_2^a, T_2^b] = T_1^a T_1^b if^{abc} T_2^c$$

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# Dipole Constraint equation

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$$\sum_{j \neq i}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \rho_{ij}} \Gamma_{IJ}^{\bar{S}}(\rho_{ij}, \alpha_s) = 0, \quad \forall i, \quad I \neq J,$$

$$\sum_{j \neq i}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \rho_{ij}} \Gamma_{IJ}^{\bar{S}}(\rho_{ij}, \alpha_s) = \frac{1}{4} \gamma_K^{(i)}(\alpha_s), \quad \forall i, \quad I = J$$

$$\rho_{ij} \equiv \frac{n_i^2 n_j^2 (\beta_i \cdot \beta_j)^2 e^{2\pi i \lambda_{ij}}}{4(\beta_i \cdot n_i)^2 (\beta_j \cdot n_j)^2} \quad \bar{S} = \frac{S}{J}$$

# Cusp anomalous dimension

Henn,Korchemsky, Mistlberger 1911.10174

UV divergences of Wilson loops

Known for QCD and  $\mathcal{N} = 4sYM$

Contains quadratic and quartic Casimirs

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{\text{cusp},R}^{\text{QCD}} &= C_R \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \right. \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 (1.03864 C_A - 0.555556 n_f T_F) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^3 (1.52982 C_A^2 - 1.45614 C_A n_f T_F + \dots) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^4 (2.38379 C_A^3 - 1.44271 C_A^2 n_f T_F + \dots) \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^4 \left( -\frac{d_R^{b-d} d_A^{ab}}{N_R} 1.97915 - n_f \frac{d_R^{ncd} d_F^{abcd}}{N_R} 0.483964 \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Constraints and Limits

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## Collinear Limit

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_{\text{Sp}}(p_1, p_2, \mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2, \mu_f, \alpha_s(\mu_f^2)) \\ & \equiv \Gamma_n(p_1, p_2, \{p_j\}, \mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2, \{\mathbf{T}_j\}, \mu_f, \alpha_s(\mu_f^2)) - \\ & \Gamma_{n-1}(P, \{p_j\}, \mathbf{T}, \{\mathbf{T}_j\}, \mu_f, \alpha_s(\mu_f^2)) \end{aligned}$$

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## High Energy (Regge) Limit

$$s \gg -t$$

Analytic continuation from Euclidean region required and momentum conservation.

# Four loops

Becher, Neubert 1908.11379

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(\{\underline{s}\}, \mu) = & \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{\mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j}{2} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij}} + \sum_i \gamma^i(\alpha_s) \mathbf{1} \\ & + f(\alpha_s) \sum_{(i,j,k)} \mathcal{T}_{ijk} + \sum_{(i,j,k,l)} \mathcal{T}_{ijkl} F(\beta_{ijlk}, \beta_{iklj}; \alpha_s) \\ & + \sum_R g^R(\alpha_s) \left[ \sum_{(i,j)} \left( \mathcal{D}_{ijj}^R + 2\mathcal{D}_{iij}^R \right) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij}} \right] \\ & + \sum_R \sum_{(i,j,k)} \mathcal{D}_{ijkk}^R \ln \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij}} + \sum_{(i,j,k,l)} \mathcal{D}_{ijkl}^R G^R(\beta_{ijlk}, \beta_{iklj}; \alpha_s) \\ & + \sum_{(i,j,k,l)} \mathcal{T}_{ijkl} H_1(\beta_{ijlk}, \beta_{iklj}; \alpha_s) \\ & + \sum_{(i,j,k,l,m)} \mathcal{T}_{ijklm} H_2(\beta_{ijkl}, \beta_{ijmk}, \beta_{ijml}, \beta_{jlm}; \alpha_s) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)\end{aligned}$$

# Conclusion

- Scattering amplitudes factorise and with greater precision can contribute to theoretical cross section values
- Discussed the singularities in the soft anomalous dimension
- The steps for bootstrapping the soft anomalous dimension and limits

Any questions?

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