

# Subeikonal corrections to dijet production in DIS

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# Dijet Production in DIS

- Saturation at EIC: What are the emergent properties of dense system of the gluons?
- Dijet production will be the golden channel to detect saturation at EIC.

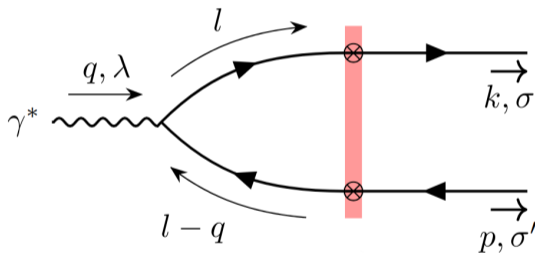


Figure: Caucal, Salazar, Venugopalan, 2108.06347

- Small  $x \Rightarrow$  the dipole picture of DIS.

# Motivation: Precision Calculation

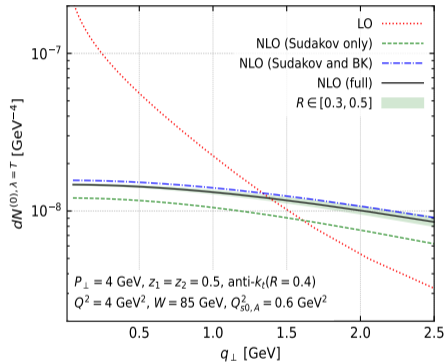


Figure: Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Stebel, Venugopalan, 2308.00022

$$d\sigma^{\gamma^* A \rightarrow q\bar{q}x} = \underbrace{\text{LO}}_{\alpha_s^0 s^0} + \underbrace{\text{NLO}}_{\alpha_s^1 s^0} + \underbrace{\text{SubEik}}_{\alpha_s^0 s^{-1}} + \dots \quad (1)$$

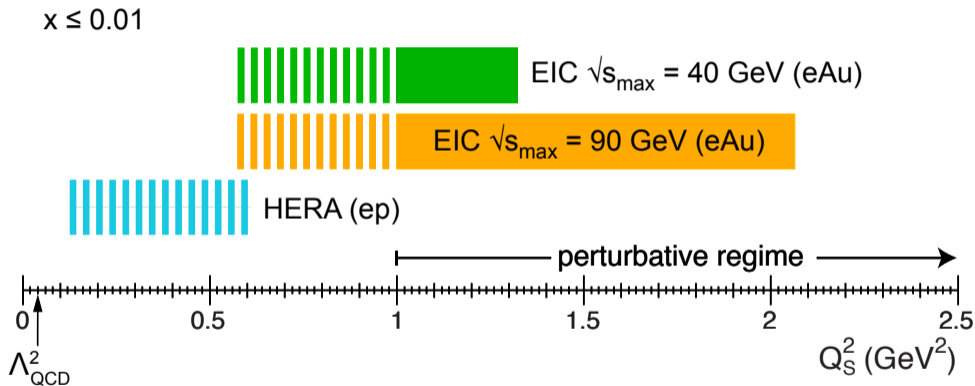
NLO calculations to dijet:

- Caucal, Salazar, Schenke, Stebel, Venugopalan, 2308.00022.
- Caucal, Salazar, Venugopalan, 2108.06347.
- Boussarie, Grabovsky, Szymanowski, Wallon, 1606.00419.
- Beuf, 1708.06557.

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# Motivation: EIC

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# Motivation: The Precursors

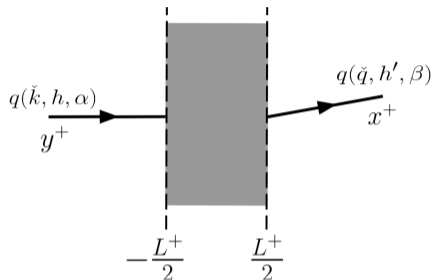
- Previous calculation of dijet production in small  $x$ :

[Agostini, Altinoluk, Armesto,

2403.04603, Altinoluk, Beuf, Czayka, Tymowska, 2012.03886]

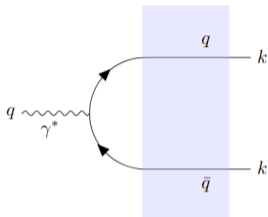
- **Drawback:** Final result depends explicitly on the finite width  $L^+$ .

$$2\pi\delta(k_1^+ + k_2^+ - q^+) N_c \alpha_{\text{em}} e_f^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{k_2^+ - k_1^+}{q^+} \right)^2 \right] 2\text{Re} \left( -i \frac{L^+}{2} \int_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{w}'} e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}' - \mathbf{z})} e^{i\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{w}' - \mathbf{z})} \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{(\mathbf{w}'^j - \mathbf{v}'^j)}{|\mathbf{w}' - \mathbf{v}'|} \bar{Q} K_1(\bar{Q} |\mathbf{w}' - \mathbf{v}'|) \left\langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} [\mathcal{U}_F(\mathbf{w}') \mathcal{U}_F^\dagger(\mathbf{v}') - 1] [\mathcal{U}_F(\mathbf{z}) \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{\mathbf{z}^j} \mathcal{U}_F^\dagger(\mathbf{z})] \right\rangle \right)$$



- **Alternative approach:** Application of background field method techniques.

# Our Approach: The Background Field Method



- The amplitude of  $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ :

$$i\mathcal{M} = ie \int d^4y \bar{u}(k_1) \gamma^\mu v(k_2) \epsilon_\mu(q) e^{ik_1y} e^{ik_2y} e^{-iqy} \quad (2)$$

- Inserting 2 complete sets of states using the Schwinger's notation,

$$i\mathcal{M} = -ie \int d^4y \int d^4x_1 \int d^4x_2 \bar{u}(k_1) e^{ik_1x_1} (x_1 | \not{p} \frac{i}{\not{p}} | y) \gamma^\mu (y | \frac{i}{\not{p}} | x_2) e^{ik_2x_2} v(k_2) \epsilon_\mu(q) e^{-iqy} \quad (3)$$

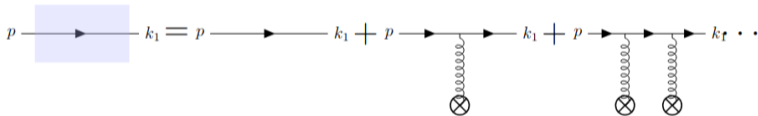
- To account for multi-gluon background interactions, we promote

$$\frac{i}{\not{p}} \rightarrow \frac{i}{\not{P}} \quad \text{where} \quad P_\mu = p_\mu + gA_\mu. \quad (4)$$

# The Quark Propagator in the Background Field

- The quark propagator upon expansion in  $g$ :

$$\int d^4x_1 \bar{u}(k_1) e^{ik_1x_1} (x_1 | \not{p}_1 \frac{i}{\not{p}} - \not{p}_1 \frac{i}{\not{p}} \cancel{A} \not{p} \frac{1}{p^2} + \not{p}_1 \frac{i}{\not{p}} \cancel{A} \not{p} \frac{1}{p^2} \cancel{A} \not{p} \frac{1}{p^2} + \dots | y) \quad (5)$$



- This series can be resummed using the standard commutation relations

$$i \int d^4x_1 \bar{u}(k_1) e^{ik_1x_1} k_1^2 (x_1 | \frac{1}{P^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}} | y) \quad (6)$$

## Orders of Eikonality

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- We consider the nucleus to be boosted along the  $x^+$  direction with the boost parameter  $\lambda$ .

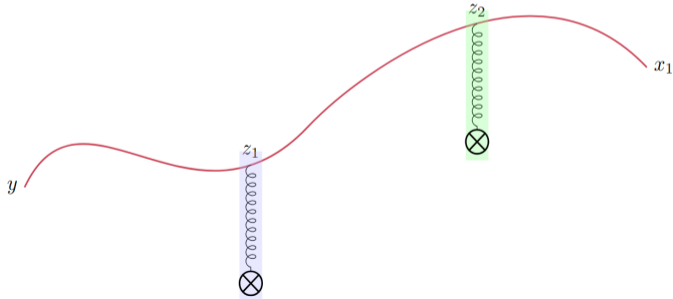
$$\begin{aligned} A_{-}(x^{+}, x^{-}, x_{\perp}) &\sim \lambda \tilde{A}_{-}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} x^{+}, \lambda x^{-}, x_{\perp}\right) & F_{-\perp} &\sim \lambda \tilde{F}_{-\perp} \\ A_{\perp}(x^{+}, x^{-}, x_{\perp}) &\sim \tilde{A}_{\perp}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} x^{+}, \lambda x^{-}, x_{\perp}\right) & F_{-+} &\sim \tilde{F}_{-+} \\ A_{+}(x^{+}, x^{-}, x_{\perp}) &\sim \frac{1}{\lambda} \tilde{A}_{+}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} x^{+}, \lambda x^{-}, x_{\perp}\right) & F_{ij} &\sim \tilde{F}_{ij} \\ & & F_{+\perp} &\sim \frac{1}{\lambda} \tilde{F}_{+\perp} \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$



# Expansion of the Resummed Propagator

- Expanding the propagator,

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1^2(k_1 | \frac{1}{P^2 + \frac{g}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}} | k + q) &= k_1^2(k_1 | \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p^2} (g\{p^\mu, A_\mu\} + g^2 A^\mu A_\mu + \frac{g}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}) \frac{1}{p^2} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{p^2} (g\{p^\mu, A_\mu\} + g^2 A^\mu A_\mu + \frac{g}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}) \frac{1}{p^2} (g\{p^\mu, A_\mu\} + g^2 A^\mu A_\mu + \frac{g}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}) \frac{1}{p^2} - \dots | k + q)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$



## Example

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- Keeping the dominant component of the background field  $A_-$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1^2(k_1 | \frac{1}{p^2 + 2p^- A_- + i\epsilon} | k + q) &= k_1^2(k_1 | \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} 2p^- A_- \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} 2p^- A_- \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} 2p^- A_- \frac{1}{p^2 + i\epsilon} - \dots | k + q)
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

- Taking the poles  $p^+$  of the intermediate propagator,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\{ (k_{1\perp} | k_{\perp} + q_{\perp}) 2\pi \delta(k_1^+ - k^+ - q^+) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- e^{-i(k^+ + q^+)z^-} (k_{1\perp} | i \int_{z^-}^{\infty} dz_1^- e^{i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z_1^-} \right. \\
 &A_-(z_1^-) e^{-i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z_1^-} e^{i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z^-} + (i)^2 \int_{z^-}^{\infty} dz_2^- \int_{z_2^-}^{\infty} dz_1^- e^{i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z_1^-} A_-(z_1^-) e^{-i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z_1^-} e^{i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z_2^-} \\
 &A_-(z_2^-) e^{-i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z_2^-} e^{i \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1^-} z^-} - \dots | k_{\perp} + q_{\perp}) \left. \right\} 2\pi \delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-)
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

- Exponential phases describe the transverse motion of quarks inside the background field.

- Expansion of the phase:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{i\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1}z_1^-} A_-(z_1^-) e^{-i\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1}z_1^-} &= A_-(z_1^-) + \frac{iz_1^-}{2k_1} [p_{\perp}^2, A_-(z_1^-)] + \dots \\
 &= A_-(z_1^-) - \frac{iz_1^-}{2k_1} \{p^k, i\partial_k A_-(z_1^-)\} + \dots
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

- Power counting scheme  $\implies$  Each subsequent term is suppressed by powers of  $z^-$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_-(z^-) &\sim \lambda \tilde{A}_-(\lambda x^-) \\
 \implies \int dz^- A_-(z^-) &\sim \int d\tilde{z}^- \tilde{A}_-(\tilde{z}^-) \\
 \implies \int dz^- z^- A_-(z^-) &\sim \frac{1}{\lambda} \int d\tilde{z}^- \tilde{z}^- \tilde{A}_-(\tilde{z}^-)
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

# The Eikonal Propagator

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- Keeping the leading term,

$$e^{i\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-}z_1^-} A_-(z_1^-) e^{-i\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-}z_1^-} \rightarrow A_-(z_1^-) \quad (13)$$

- We reproduce the eikonal result:

$$k_1^2(k_{1\perp} | \frac{1}{p^2 + 2p^- A_- + i\epsilon} | k + q) = 2\pi\delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-)(k_{1\perp} | 2\pi\delta(k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-}) \\ + (U - 1) \frac{i}{k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-}} | k_{\perp} + q_{\perp}) \quad (14)$$

# Subeikonal Propagator

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- Considering the first 2 terms of the expansion,

$$e^{i\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-}z_1^-} A_-(z_1^-) e^{-i\frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-}z_1^-} \rightarrow A_-(z_1^-) - \frac{z_1^-}{2k_1^-} \{p^k, F_{-k}(z_1^-)\} \quad (15)$$

- With the subeikonal correction,

$$k_1^2(k_{1\perp} | \frac{1}{p^2 + 2p^- A_- + i\epsilon} | k + q) = 2\pi\delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-) \quad (16)$$

$$\times (k_{1\perp} | \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- \left\{ [\infty, z^-] - i \int_{z^-}^{\infty} dz_1^- \frac{z_1^-}{2k_1^-} [\infty, z_1^-] \{p^k, F_{-k}(z_1^-)\} [z_1^-, z^-] + \dots \right\} \\ e^{-i(k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2k_1^-})z^-} | k_{\perp} + q_{\perp} ) \quad (17)$$

- This is not the complete subeikonal propagator.
- The general full result with all the components of the background field can be obtained using similar techniques.

# The General Subeikonol Propagator

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- Taking all the terms,

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1^2(k_\perp | \frac{1}{P^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + i\epsilon} | k + q) &= 2\pi\delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-) \left[ (k_{1\perp} | \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- [\infty, z^-] \right. \\
 \times e^{-i(k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-})z^-} &+ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- \int_{z^-}^{\infty} dz_1^- [\infty, z_1^-] \left\{ \frac{1}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-k} F_{-k}(z_1^-) - \frac{iz_1^-}{2k_1^-} \{P^k, F_{-k}(z_1^-)\} \right. \\
 - \frac{z_1^-}{(2k_1^-)^2} [P_\perp^2, \sigma^{-k} F_{-k}(z_1^-)] &+ \frac{i}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{+-} F_{+-}(z_1^-) + \frac{i}{4k_1^-} \sigma^{ij} F_{ij}(z_1^-) \left. \right\} [z_1^-, z^-] e^{-i(k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-})z^-} \\
 |k_\perp + q_\perp \left. \right] & \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Different terms in this equation have different *orders of eikonality*.

# Analyzing the Eikonality of each Insertion

The eikonal entities:

- $[x^-, y^-]$
- $\int dz^- \frac{1}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-i} F_{-i}$

The subeikonal entities:

- $\int dz^- \frac{z^-}{2k_1^-} \{P^k, F_{-k}(z^-)\}$
- $\int dz^- \frac{1}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-+} F_{-+}(z^-)$
- $\int dz^- \frac{1}{4k_1^-} \sigma^{ij} F_{ij}(z^-)$

## Example

$$\begin{aligned} [x^-, y^-] &= 1 + i \int_{y^-}^{x^-} dz^- A_-(z^-) + i^2 \int_{y^-}^{x^-} dz_1^- A_-(z_1^-) \int_{y^-}^{z_1^-} dz_2^- A_-(z_2^-) + \dots \\ &\sim 1 + i \int_{y^-}^{x^-} dz^- \lambda \tilde{A}_-(\lambda z^-) + i^2 \int_{y^-}^{x^-} dz_1^- \lambda \tilde{A}_-(\lambda z_1^-) \int_{y^-}^{z_1^-} dz_2^- \lambda A_-(\lambda z_2^-) + \dots \\ &\sim 1 + i \int_{\tilde{y}^-}^{\tilde{x}^-} d\tilde{z}^- \tilde{A}_-(\tilde{z}^-) + i^2 \int_{\tilde{y}^-}^{\tilde{x}^-} d\tilde{z}_1^- \tilde{A}_-(\tilde{z}_1^-) \int_{\tilde{y}^-}^{\tilde{z}_1^-} d\tilde{z}_2^- \tilde{A}_-(\tilde{z}_2^-) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

## Subeikonal Term from the Expansion of Phase

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- In our technique we observe the appearance of terms like the following.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- [\infty, z^-] e^{-i(k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_1^2}{2k_1})z^-} \quad (19)$$

- No explicit dependence on the finite size of the shockwave!
- This term contains both contribution of eikonal and subeikonal order.



# The full propagator

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- Separating eikonal and subeikonal terms in our approach we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2\pi\delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-) \left[ (k_{1\perp} | 2\pi\delta(k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-}) + ([\infty, -\infty] - 1) \frac{1}{k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-}} \right. \\
 & + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1^- [\infty, z_1^-] \left\{ \frac{1}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-k} F_{-k}(z_1^-) \right\} [z_1^-, -\infty] \frac{i}{k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1^- [\infty, z_1^-] \\
 & \left\{ -\frac{iz_1^-}{2k_1^-} \{P^k, F_{-k}(z_1^-)\} - \frac{z_1^-}{(2k_1^-)^2} [P_\perp^2, \sigma^{-k} F_{-k}(z_1^-)] + \frac{i}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{+-} F_{+-}(z_1^-) + \frac{i}{4k_1^-} \sigma^{ij} F_{ij}(z_1^-) \right\} \\
 & [z_1^-, -\infty] \frac{i}{k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-}} - ([\infty, -\infty] - 1) \frac{1}{q^+ - k_1^+ - k_2^+} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- ([\infty, z^-] - 1) e^{-i(q^+ - k_1^+ - k_2^+)z^-} \\
 & + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1^- [\infty, z_1^-] \left\{ \frac{1}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-k} F_{-k}(z_1^-) \right\} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{z_1^-} dz^- [z_1^-, z^-] e^{-i(q^+ - k_1^+ - k_2^+)z^-} \right. \\
 & \left. - [z_1^-, -\infty] \frac{i}{q^+ - k_1^+ - k_2^+} \right) |k_\perp + q_\perp) \Big] \tag{20}
 \end{aligned}$$

## The $x^+$ dependence of the fields

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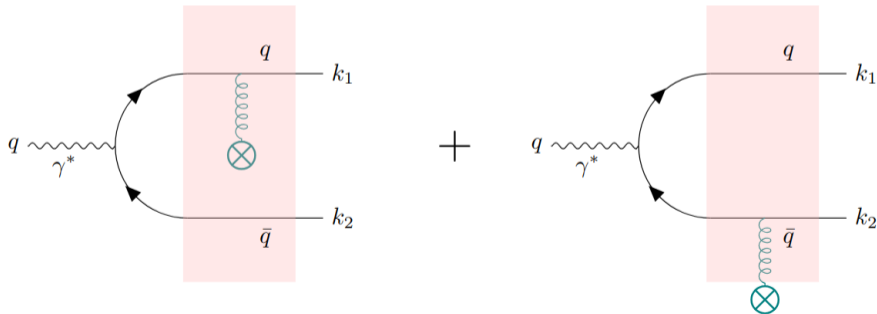
- What if we consider the dependence of the fields on  $x^+$ ?
- This can effectively be of subeikonal order.
- The recoil effect on the quark.

$$2\pi\delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-) \rightarrow \int dx^+ e^{i(k_1^- - k^- - q^-)x^+} \quad (21)$$

# The Amplitude

- In terms of the resummed propagators, the amplitude in the background field is

$$i\mathcal{M} = ie \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \bar{u}(k_1) k_1^2 (k_1 | \frac{1}{P^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}} | k + q) \gamma^\mu (k | \frac{1}{P^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}} | -k_2) k_2^2 v(k_2) \epsilon_\mu(q) \quad (22)$$



## Example: The Eikonal Amplitude

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- In the amplitude we replace

$$k_1^2(k_1 | \frac{1}{P^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}} | k + q) \rightarrow 2\pi\delta(k_1^- - k^- - q^-)(k_{1\perp} | \left( ([\infty, -\infty] - 1) \frac{1}{k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-}} \right. \\ \left. + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1^- [\infty, z_1^-] \left\{ \frac{1}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-k} F_{-k}(z_1^-) \right\} [z_1^-, -\infty] \frac{i}{k^+ + q^+ - \frac{p_\perp^2}{2k_1^-}} \right) | k_\perp + q_\perp) \quad (23)$$

- Entire  $F_{-k}$  is eikonal.

$$F_{-k} = \partial_- A_k - \partial_k A_- - ig[A_-, A_k] \quad (24)$$

- This is mostly replaced by  $\partial_i A_-$ .

## The General Eikonal Amplitude ( $\gamma_L^*$ )

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- For the longitudinal polarization of the virtual photon,

$$i\mathcal{M} = -e \int d^2 z_\perp \int d^2 z'_\perp e^{-ik_{1\perp} \cdot z_\perp} e^{-ik_{2\perp} \cdot z'_\perp} ([\infty, -\infty; z_\perp][-\infty, \infty; z'_\perp] - 1) \\ \zeta \bar{\zeta} K_0(\varepsilon_f |z'_\perp - z_\perp|) \bar{u}(k_1) \gamma^- v(k_2) \epsilon_-(q) 2\delta(\zeta + \bar{\zeta} - 1) \quad (25)$$

## The Eikonal Amplitude ( $\gamma_T^*$ )

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For the transverse polarization of the photon:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -ie \int d^2 z_\perp \int d^2 z'_\perp e^{-ik_{1\perp} \cdot z_\perp} e^{-ik_{2\perp} \cdot z'_\perp} 2\pi \delta(k_1^- + k_2^- - q^-) 2q^- \zeta \bar{\zeta} \frac{-i}{2\pi} K_0(\varepsilon_f |z'_\perp - z_\perp|) \\
 & \left( [\infty, -\infty; z_\perp][-\infty, \infty; z'_\perp] - 1 + \int_\infty^{-\infty} dz_1'^- [\infty, -\infty; z_\perp][-\infty, z_1'^-; z'_\perp] \frac{i}{2k_2^-} \sigma^{-i} F_{-i}(z_1'^-, z'_\perp) \right. \\
 & \left. [z_1'^-, \infty; z'_\perp] + \int dz_1^- [\infty, z_1^-; z_\perp] \frac{i}{2k_1^-} \sigma^{-i} F_{-i}(z_1^-, z_\perp) [z_1^-, -\infty; z_\perp][-\infty, \infty; z'_\perp] \right) \\
 & \bar{u}(k_1) \gamma^t v(k_2) \epsilon_t(q)
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

## The General Eikonal Amplitude ( $\gamma_T^*$ )

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$$\begin{aligned} -i\mathcal{M} = & -e \int d^2z_\perp \int d^2z'_\perp e^{-ik_{1\perp} \cdot z_\perp} e^{-ik_{2\perp} \cdot z'_\perp} ([\infty, -\infty; z_\perp][-\infty, \infty; z'_\perp] - 1) \\ & \zeta \bar{\zeta} \frac{(z' - z)^i}{|z'_\perp - z_\perp|} K_1(\varepsilon_f |z'_\perp - z_\perp|) \bar{u}(k_1) \gamma^- \frac{q^-}{k_1^- k_2^-} \left( \frac{(2k_1^- - q^-)}{q^-} \delta^{it} - \frac{[\gamma^i, \gamma^t]}{2} \right) v(k_2) \\ & \epsilon_t(q) \delta(\zeta + \bar{\zeta} - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

- However, one should use  $F_{-k}$  instead of just the transverse derivative of the Wilson line.

## A Subeikonal Amplitude

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- We calculate all subeikonal amplitudes as well.
- An example of a term in the subeikonal order:

$$i\mathcal{M} = -e \int d^2 z_{\perp} \int d^2 z'_{\perp} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} dz'_{1-} e^{-ik_{1\perp} \cdot z_{\perp}} e^{-ik_{2\perp} \cdot z'_{\perp}} \delta(\zeta + \bar{\zeta} - 1) [\infty, -\infty; z_{\perp}]$$
$$[-\infty, z'_{1-}; z'_{\perp}] i\sigma^{ij} F_{ij}(z'_{1-}, z'_{\perp}) [z'_{1-}, \infty; z'_{\perp}] \bar{u}(k_1) \gamma^- v(k_2) \epsilon_-(q) \frac{\zeta}{2q^-} K_0(\varepsilon_f |z'_{\perp} - z_{\perp}|)$$

(28)



# Conclusion

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- We derive the general structure of operators in subeikonal order in the Regge limit using the background field method.
- We rely solely on the power counting of the background field operators without taking a finite size of the shockwave into account.
- Our basic set of operators differs from the standard eikonal calculations (MV model) and available subeikonal results.
- All terms of  $F_{-i}$  are equally important and should be understood as a generalization of  $\partial_i U$ .
- Our set of operators can be directly connected to the TMDPDF operators.