QCD cusp anomalous dimension

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Wilson lines

$$W = \left\langle P \exp\left[ig \int_C dx^{\mu} A_{\mu}(x)\right] \right\rangle \qquad A_{\mu}(x) = A^a_{\mu}(x) t^a_R$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R & - \mbox{ some representation of the color group} \\ x & W(x, x_0) = W(x, x_{N-1}) \cdots W(x_2, x_1) W(x_1, x_0) \\ A_{\mu}(x) \rightarrow U(x) A_{\mu}(x) U^{-1}(x) + \frac{i}{g} (\partial_{\mu} U(x)) U^{-1}(x) \\ W(x_{i+1}, x_i) \rightarrow U(x_{i+1}) W(x_{i+1}, x_i) U^{-1}(x_i) \\ W(x, x_0) \rightarrow U(x) W(x, x_0) U^{-1}(x_0) \\ \varphi^+(x) W(x, x_0) \varphi'(x_0) = \mbox{inv} \end{array}$$

$$W_0 = Z_W(\alpha_s(\mu), a(\mu))W(\mu)$$

IR divergences of a scattering amplitude can be found in the eikonal approximation. It turns the amplitude to a product of straight semi-infinite Wilson lines along its external momenta. However, it introduces UV divergences which were absent in the original amplitude. These UV divergences are equal to the IR divergences of the amplitude with the opposite sign.

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HQET

- ▶ QED: Bloch, Nordsieck (1937)
- ▶ Wilson lines: Gervais, Neveu (1980); Aref'eva (1980)
- ► HQET: (1990)

QCD with n_f flavors plus a single heavy colored particle (R)

 $P = Mv + p, \, p \ll M, \, p_i \ll M, \, m_i \ll M$

$$L = h_{v0}^* i D_0 \cdot v h_{v0} + L_{\text{QCD}} \qquad \left[\sum_i h_{v_i 0}^* i D_0 \cdot v_i h_{v_i 0} \right]$$

At the leading order in 1/M the heavy-particle spin does not interact with gluons and can be freely rotated (heavy quark symmetry). Moreover, it can be switched off (superflavor symmetry).

Renormalization

$$\begin{array}{l} \overbrace{p}{} = iS_{h0}(p \cdot v) \qquad S_{h0}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega} \\ \overbrace{p}{} = ig_0 v^{\mu} t_R^a \\ h_{v0} = Z_h^{1/2}(\alpha_s(\mu), a(\mu))h_v(\mu) \\ \overbrace{\omega}{} = iS_h(\omega) \qquad S_h(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - \Sigma_h(\omega)} \\ \log \frac{S_h(\omega)}{S_{h0}(\omega)} = \log Z_h + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0) \\ \gamma_h(\alpha_s(\mu)) = \frac{d\log Z_h(\alpha_s(\mu), a(\mu))}{d\log \mu} \end{array}$$

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 Z_h does not depend on ω

Coordinate space

$$\underbrace{0 \qquad x}_{v \text{ rest frame } \delta(\vec{x}) S_{h0}(x^0), i S_{h0}(t) = \theta(t)}$$

$$x \xrightarrow{y} = x \xrightarrow{y} \times \left\langle P \exp\left[ig_0 \int_x^y dx_\mu A_0^{a\mu}(x) t_R^a\right] \right\rangle$$

v rest frame $S_h(t) = S_{h0}(t)W(t)$

$$W(t) = \left\langle P \exp\left[ig_0 \int_0^t dt \, v_\mu A_0^{a\mu}(vt) t^a\right] \right\rangle$$
$$\log W(t) = \log Z_h + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0)$$

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 Z_h does not depend on t

Cusp

$$\varphi v'$$

$$J_0 = h_{v'0}^* h_{v0} = Z_J(\alpha_s(\mu), \varphi) J(\mu) \qquad \cosh \varphi = v \cdot v'$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s(\mu), \varphi) = \frac{d \log Z_J(\alpha_s(\mu), \varphi)}{d \log \mu}$$

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Dependence of the Isgur–Wise function on μ 1/ ε IR divergence of massive QCD form factors

Renormalization

$$V(\omega, \omega', \varphi) = 1 + \Lambda(\omega, \omega', \varphi)$$
$$\log V(\omega, \omega', \varphi) = \log Z_J(\varphi) - \log Z_h + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0)$$

 $\varphi=0{:}$ Ward identity

$$\Lambda(\omega, \omega', 0) = -\frac{\Sigma_h(\omega) - \Sigma_h(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}$$
$$V(\omega, \omega', 0) = \frac{S_h^{-1}(\omega) - S_h^{-1}(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}$$
$$\log V(\omega, \omega', 0) = -\log Z_h + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0) \qquad Z_J(\alpha_s, 0) = 1$$

 $\Gamma(\alpha_s, 0) = 0$

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Coordinate space

$$\langle h_{v'0}(x')J_0(0)h_{v0}^*(x)\rangle = (\delta \text{-functions}) \times W(t, t', \varphi)$$
$$\log W(t, t', \varphi) = \log Z_J(\varphi) + \log Z_h + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0)$$
$$\varphi = 0: W(t, t', 0) = W(t + t'), Z_J(0) = 1$$

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 $\varphi \to 0$

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s, \varphi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n(\alpha_s) \varphi^{2n}$$

 $B_1(\alpha_s)$ — Bremsstrahlung function A classical pointlike charge + free electromagnetic field

$$\Delta E = 2\pi B_1(\alpha) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \, (-a^2(t))$$
$$B_1(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi}$$

Also in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever (2012)

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 $\varphi \to \infty$

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s,\varphi) = K(\alpha_s)\varphi + \mathcal{O}(\varphi^0)$$

K — light-like cusp anomalous dimension Related to renormalization of Wilson lines with light-like segments: Korchemskaya, Korchemsky (1992)



 $\frac{d\log W}{d\log \mu} + 2K(\alpha_s) \left[\log(\mu^2(x \cdot y) + i0) + \log(-\mu^2(x \cdot y) + i0) \right] + \gamma(\alpha_s) = 0$

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In SCET many anomalous dimensions have log parts with the coefficient $K(\alpha_s)$ plus non-log parts

The DGLAP kernels P(x) have singularities at $x \to 1$: $\delta(1-x), 1/(1-x)_+$ plus weaker ones like $\log^n(1-x)$ The coefficient of $1/(1-x)_+$ is $K(\alpha_s)$ Similarly, the coefficient of $1/(x-y)_+$ in the ERBL kernels V(x,y) is $K(\alpha_s)$

IR $1/\varepsilon^2$ divergences of form factor of massless particles are also determined by $K(\alpha_s)$



UV — small distances, any smooth line is straight The only UV divergence — residual mass $\Sigma_h(0)$ Linear $\Rightarrow 0$ Exponentiation

QED
$$n_f = 0$$

 $0 < t_1 < t_2 < t, \ 0 < t'_1 < t'_2 < t$









$$\gamma_h(\alpha) = 2(a-3)\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}$$

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Nonabelian exponentiation



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Color factors

 $\operatorname{Tr} t_R^a t_R^b = T_R \delta^{ab} \qquad t_R^a t_R^a = C_R \mathbf{1}_R \qquad N_R = \operatorname{Tr} \mathbf{1}_R$ $d_{RR'} = \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_{R'}^{abcd}}{N_R} \qquad d_R^{abcd} = \operatorname{Tr} t_R^{(a} t_R^b t_R^c t_R^d)$ $\operatorname{Tr} t_R^a t_R^a = C_R N_R = T_R N_A \implies C_R = \frac{T_R N_A}{N_R} \quad \text{e.g.} \quad C_A = T_A$

 γ_h , Γ without n_f : 1 loop C_R 2 loops $C_R C_A$ 3 loops $C_R C_A^2$ 4 loops $C_R C_A^3$, d_{RA} At least 1 quark loop (n_f) — anything Up to 3 loops — Casimir scaling 4 loops — d_{RA} , $d_{RF} n_f$ 1 loop

$$\left|\left|\left|\right| + \left|\left|\right|^{2}\right|^{2} + \int \left|\left|\right| + \left|\left|\right|^{2}\right|^{2} = 1$$

Classical electrodynamics (Landau, Lifshitz; Jackson)

$$dE = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} (\varphi \coth \varphi - 1) \, d\omega$$

In any frame!

$$\int \frac{d^4k \,\delta(k^2)\delta(k \cdot v - \omega)}{(k \cdot v_1)(k \cdot v_2)} \quad \text{does not depend on } v$$

In textbooks

$$\varphi \coth \varphi - 1 = \frac{1}{2u} \log \frac{1+u}{1-u} - 1$$
 $u = \tanh \varphi$

Dim. reg.

$$dE = C(\varepsilon, \varphi) \frac{e^2 \omega^{-2\varepsilon}}{2\pi^2} (\varphi \coth \varphi - 1) \, d\omega \qquad C(0, \varphi) = 1$$

Photon emission probability dE/ω

$$F = 1 - \frac{C(\varepsilon)}{2} \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} (\varphi \coth \varphi - 1) \frac{d\omega}{\omega^{1+2\varepsilon}}$$
$$= 1 - 2\frac{\alpha}{4\pi\varepsilon} (\varphi \coth \varphi - 1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon))$$

$$\Gamma = 4 \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (\varphi \coth \varphi - 1)$$

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2 loops

γ_h

- ► Aoyama (1982) wrong!
- ▶ Knauss, Scharhorst (1984) $(n_f = 0)$
- ▶ Broadhurst, Gray, Schilcher (1991) (Z_Q^{os})
- ▶ Ji, Musolf (1991); Broadhurst, Grozin (1991) (HQET)

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2 loops

$\Gamma(\varphi)$

- Knauss, Scharhorst (1984) $(n_f = 0)$ complicated double and triple integrals
- Korchemsky, Radyushkin Yad. Fiz. (1986), Phys. Lett. B (1986), Nucl. Phys. B (1987) Referee: nobody will ever need this; now 789 citations 3 single integrals

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- ▶ Kilian, Manakos, Mannel (1993)
- Grozin (2004) 2 integrals via $Li_{2,3}$
- ▶ Kidonakis (2009) (only $Li_{2,3}$)

3 loops

γ_h

- ▶ Melnikov, van Ritbergen (2000) (Z_Q^{os})
- ▶ Chetyrkin, Grozin (2003) (HQET)

K

- ▶ Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004) (DGLAP)
- ▶ Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2005) (form factors) $\Gamma(\varphi)$

Grozin, Henn, Korchemsky, Marquard (2015–16)

$$K(\alpha_s) = 4C_R A$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s, \varphi) = \Omega(A, \varphi)$$

$$= C_R \bigg[\Omega_1(\varphi) A + C_A \Omega_A(\varphi) A^2 + C_A^2 \Omega_{AA}(\varphi) A^3 + \cdots \bigg]$$

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$C_R C_A T_F n_f$





4 loops

color	example	γ_h	$\varphi \ll 1$	$\Gamma(\varphi)$	1L	$\varphi \gg 1$
$C_R (T_F n_f)^3$	ANONONON	[1]		[2,3]	\checkmark	
$C_R C_F (T_F n_f)^2$	And month	[4,5]		[4,5]	\checkmark	[4, 5, 6]
$C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2$	And the second	[7,8]		[8]	+	[6, 9, 10]
$C_R C_F^2 T_F n_f$		[11]		[11]	\checkmark	
$C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f$	And the second	[8]		[8]	+	[12, 8, 13]
$C_R C_A^2 T_F n_f$		[8]	[8]		-	[12, 13]
$d_{RF}n_f$		[14]	[14, 8]	[15]	_	[16, 17]
$C_R C_A^3$	Anno anno anno	[18]	[18]			[12, 13]
d_{RA}		[18]	[18]			[12, 13]

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Conjecture

- + $C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2$ 3 terms at $\varphi \to 0$ and $\varphi \to \infty$ known
- + $C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f 2$ terms at $\varphi \to 0$ known; $\varphi \to \infty$ was known numerically. Analytical expression was predicted and later confirmed.
- $C_R C_A^2 T_F n_f \ 2 \text{ terms at } \varphi \to 0$ Brüser, Grozin, Henn, Stahlhofen (2019)

 $- d_{RF} n_f$

$$A = \dots + \frac{d_{RF}}{C_R} n_f \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^4 + \dots$$

Grozin, Henn, Stahlhofen (2017)

A sad story

A. G. Grozin, R. N. Lee, A. V. Smirnov, V. A. Smirnov, M. Steinhauser (2019–20)









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Sector in b2: DEs cannot be reduced to ε form

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- ► Generate diagrams (qgraf)
- ▶ Partial fractioning \Rightarrow 19 topologies

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10–12 Grozin, Henn, Stahlhofen (2017)
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54 master integrals



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- ▶ 13 recursively 1-loop
- ▶ 10 $_{3}F_{2}(1)$ Beneke, Braun (1994); Grozin (2000, 2004) 1 reduces to Γ functions

▶ all: Lee, Pikelner (2023) DRA, ε exlansions
$\gamma_h - \gamma_q$

$$\gamma_h, \gamma_q \text{ at } L \text{ loops: up to } a^L$$

 $\gamma_h - \gamma_q \ (R = F):$
 $\blacktriangleright \text{ up to 2 loops — gauge invariant}$
 $\blacktriangleright 3 \text{ loops — up to } a$
 $\blacktriangleright 4 \text{ loops — up to } a^2 \ (\gamma_q \text{ — more color structures})$
QED

 $\gamma_h -$ only 1 loop gauge dependent (c-webs)

▶ γ_q — only 1 loop gauge dependent (LKF) Grozin (2010)

 $\gamma_h - \gamma_q$ gauge invariant to all orders

The same for Z_Q^{os}

Heavy-quark field: QCD/HQET matching

$$\begin{split} Q(\mu) &= z(\mu)h_v(\mu) \\ z(\mu) &= \frac{Z_h(\alpha_s^{(n_l)}(\mu), a^{(n_l)}(\mu))Z_Q^{\text{os}}(g_0^{(n_f)}, a_0^{(n_f)})}{Z_Q(\alpha_s^{(n_f)}(\mu), a^{(n_f)}(\mu))Z_h^{\text{os}}(g_0^{(n_l)}, a_0^{(n_l)})} = \text{finite} \\ Z_h^{\text{os}}(g_0^{(n_l)}, a_0^{(n_l)}) &= 1 \end{split}$$

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 $Z_Q^{os}(g_0^{(n_f)}, a_0^{(n_f)})$ at 4 loops: $1/\varepsilon^4 \dots 1/\varepsilon$ all known analytically $z(\mu)$ — the same pattern of a dependence

$\Gamma(\varphi)$ at $\varphi \ll 1$

$$v' = v + \delta v$$
 $\delta v = v(\cosh \varphi - 1) + n \sinh \varphi$
 $v \cdot n = 0$ $n^2 = -1$

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Expand in δv and average over *n* direction in the (d-1)-dimensional subspace orthogonal to *v*

$$\begin{split} \Gamma(\varphi) &= 4 \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} (\varphi \coth \varphi - 1) \left\{ C_R + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[C_A() + T_F n_f() \right] \\ &+ C_R \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[C_A^2() + C_A T_F n_f() + C_F T_F n_f() + (T_F n_f)^2() \right] \\ &+ \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^3 \left[C_R C_A^3() + d_{RA}() + C_R C_A^2 T_F n_f() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_F^2 T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() \\ &+ C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() + C_R C_F (T_F n_f)^2() + C_R (T_F n_f)^3() \right] \right\} \\ &+ \varphi^4 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left\{ C_R C_A() + C_R C_A \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[C_A() + T_F n_f() \right] \\ &+ \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[C_R C_A^3() + d_{RA}() + C_R C_A^2 T_F n_f() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \right] \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\varphi^6, \alpha) \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + d_{RF} n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() + C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2() \\ &+ C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f() \\$$

$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SYM}$

Supersymmetric cusp $\vartheta = 0$ $SU(N_c), N_c \to \infty$

► B_1 exactly in $N_c \alpha_s$ Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever (2012)

$$\Gamma = \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_L \left(\frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^L \qquad \Gamma_L = \sum_{n=1}^{L} \Gamma_{Ln} \tanh^n \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

 Γ_L known to L = 4Henn, Huber (2013)

Arbitrary group B_1

Fiol, Martinez-Montoya, Fukelman (2019)

$$\begin{split} \Gamma &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \varphi \tanh \frac{\varphi}{2} \bigg\{ C_R - \frac{1}{6} C_R C_A \pi \alpha_s + \frac{1}{24} C_R C_A^2 (\pi \alpha_s)^2 \\ &- \bigg(\frac{5}{24} C_R C_A^3 - \frac{d_{RA}}{5} \bigg) \frac{(\pi \alpha_s)^3}{18} \bigg\} \\ &+ \frac{N_c \alpha_s \varphi^4}{2\pi} \bigg\{ \frac{1}{6} - \frac{3}{2} \zeta_3 \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi} + \bigg(\frac{45}{4} \zeta_5 + \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 \zeta_3 - \frac{2}{45} \pi^4 \bigg) \bigg(\frac{N_c \alpha_s}{2\pi} \bigg)^2 \bigg\} \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(\varphi^6, \alpha_s^5) \end{split}$$

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Maximal transcendentality: Kotikov, Lipatov (2003); Kotikov, Lipatov, Onishchenko, Velizhanin (2004) Euclidean $\phi = \pi - \delta$

$$\Gamma(\pi - \delta) = \frac{r V(r)}{\delta} = \frac{\vec{q}^2 V(\vec{q})}{4\pi\delta}$$

at 2 loops: Kilian, Mannel, Ohl (1993)

Conformal symmetry

$$ds^{2} = dx_{0}^{2} + d\vec{x}^{2}$$

$$x_{0} = r\cos\delta \qquad \vec{x} = r\vec{n}\sin\delta \qquad ds^{2} = dr^{2} + r^{2}(d\delta^{2} + \sin^{2}\delta d\vec{n}^{2})$$

$$\delta \ll 1 \qquad r = e^{y_{0}} \qquad \vec{y} = \delta\vec{n} \qquad ds^{2} = e^{2y_{0}}\left(dy_{0}^{2} + d\vec{y}^{2}\right)$$
conformally flat

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Conformal symmetry



 $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM checked up to 3 loops

Conformal anomaly

$$4\pi\Delta(\alpha_s(|\vec{q}\,|)) = \left[\delta\,\Gamma(\alpha_s(|\vec{q}\,|),\pi-\delta)\right]_{\delta\to 0} - \frac{\vec{q}^2 V(\alpha_s(|\vec{q}\,|),\vec{q}\,)}{4\pi}$$
$$\Delta(\alpha_s) = \frac{4}{27}\beta_0 C_R(47C_A - 28T_F n_f) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$$

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vanishes when $\beta_0 = 0$.

Conjecture (like the Crewther–Broadhurst–Kataev relation)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\alpha_s) &= \beta(\alpha_s) C(\alpha_s) \\ C(\alpha_s) &= \frac{4}{27} C_R (47C_A - 28T_F n_f) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \\ &+ 4C_R \left[?C_A^2 - \left(5\zeta_3 + \frac{\pi^4}{6} - \frac{79}{648}\right) C_A T_F n_f \\ &+ \frac{2}{3} \left(19\zeta_3 + \frac{\pi^4}{10} - \frac{1711}{48}\right) C_F T_F n_f \\ &+ \frac{8}{9} \left(\zeta_3 + \frac{58}{27}\right) (T_F n_f)^2 \left[\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Brüser, Grozin, Henn, Stahlhofen (2019)

- $\triangleright C_F \alpha_s^2, C_F^2 \alpha_s^3$ vanish
- Known $\Gamma_{fff} \Rightarrow (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^3$ in $C \Rightarrow \Gamma_{Aff}$ at $\delta \to 0$ agrees with the *conjecture*
- Known $\Gamma_{Fff} \Rightarrow C_F T_F n_f \alpha_s^3$ in $C \Rightarrow \Gamma_{FAf}$ at $\delta \to 0$ agrees with the *conjecture*

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- Conjectured Γ_{Aff} at $\delta \to 0 \Rightarrow C_A T_F n_f \alpha_s^3$ in C
- ► No $d_{FF}n_f\alpha_s^4$ in Δ not *explicitly* checked yet

Kataev, Molokoedov (2022) conjectured

$$C(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(\alpha_s) \left[\beta(\alpha_s)\right]^n$$

 $C_n(\alpha_s)$ don't contain $T_F n_f$ An arbitrary series

$$C(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(T_F n_f) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^{n+1}$$

can be written in this form P approach T in via

In
$$P_1$$
 express $T_F n_f$ via

$$\beta(\alpha_s) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^{n+1}$$

(β_{n≥1} is a polynomial in T_Fn_f of degree n) and update P_{≥2}(T_Fn_f) by incorporating this sum
Repeat for P₂ and so on

At the N-th step, 3 kinds of terms appear:

- $[\beta(\alpha_s)]^m$ with coefficients not containing $\beta_{\geq 1}$ $(m \in [0, N])$; these terms become a part of the final result.
- $[\beta(\alpha_s)]^m$ times some series having the form (*) $(m \in [1, N-1])$; for these series, we call the algorithm recursively.
- ► terms without $\beta(\alpha_s)$ containing $\beta_{\geq 1}$; they are absorbed into $P_{\geq N+1}(T_F n_f)$.

Logarithmic term



Coulomb gauge

$$V(\vec{q}) = -C_F \frac{g_0^2}{\vec{q}^2} \qquad V(\vec{r}) = -C_F \kappa_0 \frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^{1-2\varepsilon}}$$

▶ Ultrasoft t₁ ~ t₂ ~ t₂ - t₁: Coulomb q ~ 1/(ut_{1,2}), transverse k ~ 1/t_{1,2} ≪ q
 ▶ Soft t₂ - t₁ ~ ut_{1,2}: k ~ 1/(t₂ - t₁) ~ q

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Ultrasoft: neglect k

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The ratio of W with/without transverse gluon $1 + R_{\rm us} + R_{\rm soft}$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\rm us} &= \int_0^T dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_1 \, K(t_1, t_2) \\ K(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{1}{4} C_F C_A^2 \kappa_0^2 \frac{g_0^6}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{r_1^i}{r_1^{1-2\varepsilon}} \frac{r_2^j}{r_2^{1-2\varepsilon}} \\ &\times D^{ij}(v(t_2 - t_1)) \exp\left[-i \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \, \Delta V(ut)\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} \Delta V(r) &= V_o(r) - V(r) \qquad V_o(r) : V(r) \text{ with } C_F \to C_F - C_A/2\\ D^{ij}(vt) &= 8(i/2)^{2\varepsilon} \frac{\Gamma(2-\varepsilon)}{3-2\varepsilon} \frac{t^{-2+2\varepsilon}}{(4\pi)^{2-\varepsilon}} \delta^{ij}\\ K(t_1,t_2) &= \frac{2}{3} C_F C_A^2 \kappa_1 \frac{g_0^6}{(4\pi)^4} u^{4\varepsilon} t_1^{2\varepsilon} t_2^{2\varepsilon} (t_2-t_1)^{-2+2\varepsilon}\\ &\times \exp\left[-\frac{i}{4} C_A \kappa_0 \frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} \frac{t_2^{2\varepsilon} - t_1^{2\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon u^{1-2\varepsilon}}\right] \end{split}$$

1 Coulom
g gluon between t_1 and t_2

$$K^{(1)}(t_1, t_2) = -\frac{i}{6} C_F C_A^3 \kappa_2 \frac{g_0^8}{(4\pi)^5} \frac{t_1^{2\varepsilon} t_2^{2\varepsilon} (t_2^{2\varepsilon} - t_1^{2\varepsilon}) (t_2 - t_1)^{-2 + 2\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon u^{1 - 6\varepsilon}}$$
$$R^{(1)}_{\rm us} = -\frac{i}{48} C_F C_A^3 \kappa_3 \frac{g_0^8}{(4\pi)^5} \frac{T^{8\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon^2 u^{1 - 6\varepsilon}}$$

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Soft $t_2 - t_1 \sim u t_{1,2} \ll t_{1,2}$

$$V_{\text{soft}}^{(1)}(r) = cC_F C_A^3 \frac{g_0^8}{r^{1-8\varepsilon}}$$
$$R_{\text{soft}}^{(1)} = -i \int_0^T dt \, V_{\text{soft}}^{(1)}(ut) = -icC_F C_A^3 \frac{g_0^8 T^{8\varepsilon}}{8\varepsilon u^{1-8\varepsilon}}$$

 $R^{(1)} = R^{(1)}_{us} + R^{(1)}_{soft}$: $1/\varepsilon^2$ cancels

$$R^{(1)} = -\frac{i}{48} C_F C_A^3 \frac{g_0^8 T^{8\varepsilon}}{(4\pi)^5} \frac{\kappa_3 u^{6\varepsilon} - \kappa_4 u^{8\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon^2 u}$$
$$= \frac{i}{24} C_F C_A^3 \frac{\alpha_s^4(\mu)(\mu T)^{8\varepsilon}}{4\pi} \frac{\log u + \text{const}}{\varepsilon u}$$
$$\Delta \Gamma = -\frac{i}{3} C_F C_A^3 \frac{\alpha_s^4}{4\pi} \frac{\log u + \text{const}}{u}$$

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To Euclidean $\varphi_E = \pi + i\varphi_M, \ \varphi_M = u$

$$\Delta\Gamma(\pi - \delta) = -\frac{1}{3}C_F C_A^3 \frac{\alpha_s^4}{4\pi} \frac{\log \delta + \text{const}}{\delta}$$

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Grozin, Stahlhofen (2018)

Abelian structures: 2-leg c-web

Set S of color structures

- 1. the contributions of the color structures $C_R \times S$ to bare log W are given by 2-leg c-webs only
- 2. no color factor $C \notin S$ being multiplied by a color factor in Z_{α} can produce a color factor $C' \in S$

$$D_{S}^{\mu\nu}(k) = \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} d_{S}^{(L)} D_{L}^{\mu\nu}(k) A_{0}^{L} \qquad A_{0} = e^{-\gamma\varepsilon} \frac{e_{0}^{2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}}$$
$$D_{L}^{\mu\nu}(k) = \frac{1}{(-k^{2})^{1+L\varepsilon}} \left(g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{k^{\mu}k^{\nu}}{-k^{2}} \right)$$
$$D_{L-1}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{\Gamma(1-u)}{\Gamma(2+u-\varepsilon)} \frac{2^{1-2u}}{(-x^{2})^{1-u}}$$
$$\times \left[(1+2(u-\varepsilon))g^{\mu\nu} - 2(1-u)\frac{x^{\mu}x^{\nu}}{-x^{2}} \right] \qquad u = L\varepsilon$$

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Coordinate space



Momentum space



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Cusp



 $V_L(1,\varphi)$ via $_2F_1$ Grozin (2018)

Momentum space

$$\omega \qquad \omega' \qquad \omega' \qquad \times \tilde{V}_S(\omega, \omega', \varphi)$$
$$\tilde{V}_S(\omega, \omega', \varphi) = \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} d_S^{(L-1)} \tilde{V}_L(\omega'/\omega, \varphi) \left[A_0 (4\omega\omega')^{-\varepsilon} \right]^L$$

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 $\tilde{V}_L(1,\varphi)$ via $_2F_1$ Grozin, Kotikov (2011)

Potential



$$V_S(\vec{q}\,) = -(4\pi)^{d/2} e^{\gamma \varepsilon} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_S^{(L-1)}}{(\vec{q}\,^2)^{1+(L-1)\varepsilon}} A_0^L$$

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Leading large β_0

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HQET field

 $d_{\rm c}^{(L)} = \prod_{0}^{L} \qquad k^2 = (-2\omega)^2$ $\tilde{w}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon)}{L} \left[\Pi_0(k^2) \right]^L + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_c^2}\right)$ $= \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{z=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon)}{L} \left(\frac{b}{\varepsilon+b}\right)^L + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_c^2}\right)$ $\mu = (-2\omega)D(\varepsilon)^{-1/(2\varepsilon)} \to (-2\omega)e^{-5/6}$ $\tilde{f}(\varepsilon, u) = \frac{u\tilde{w}_L}{D(\varepsilon)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{f}_{nm} \varepsilon^n u^m$ $z_{h1}(b) = -\frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_{n0}}{n+1} (-b)^{n+1} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right)$ $\gamma_h(b) = -2\frac{b}{\beta_0}\tilde{f}(-b,0) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right)_{\text{c}}$

Coordinate space

$$\begin{split} w(\tau) &= \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon)}{L} \big[\Pi_0(k^2) e^{\gamma \varepsilon} \big]^L + \mathcal{O} \bigg(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2} \bigg) \quad (k^2 = (2/\tau)^2) \\ f(\varepsilon, u) &= \frac{uw_L}{D(\varepsilon)} \qquad \mu = \frac{2}{\tau} e^{-\gamma} D(\varepsilon)^{1/(2\varepsilon)} \rightarrow \frac{2}{\tau} e^{-\gamma - 5/6} \\ w(\tau) &= \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon)}{L} \bigg(\frac{b}{\varepsilon + b} \bigg)^L + \mathcal{O} \bigg(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2} \bigg) \\ f(-b, 0) &= \tilde{f}(-b, 0) \\ \gamma_h(b) &= -6 \frac{b}{\beta_0} \gamma_0(b) + \mathcal{O} \bigg(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2} \bigg) \\ \gamma_0(b) &= \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}b\right)^2 \Gamma(2 + 2b)}{(1 + b)^2 \Gamma^3(1 + b) \Gamma(1 - b)} \end{split}$$

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Broadhurst, Grozin (1994)

Cusp

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\bar{V}}(\omega,\omega,\varphi) &= \tilde{V}(1,\varphi) - \tilde{V}(1,0) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{f}(\varepsilon,L\varepsilon,\varphi)}{L} \left[\Pi_0(k^2) \right]^L + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{f}(\varepsilon,L\varepsilon,\varphi)}{L} \left(\frac{b}{\varepsilon+b}\right)^L + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \\ \Gamma(b,\varphi) &= 4(\varphi \coth\varphi - 1) \frac{b}{\beta_0} \Gamma_0(b) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \\ \Gamma_0(b) &= \hat{f}(-b) = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}b\right) \Gamma(2 + 2b)}{(1+b) \Gamma^3(1+b) \Gamma(1-b)} \end{split}$$

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Gracey (1994); Beneke, Braun (1995) coordinate space — similar

Potential

$$\begin{split} \mu &= |\vec{q}| \qquad V(\vec{q}) = -\frac{(4\pi)^{d/2} e^{\gamma\varepsilon}}{\beta_0 D(\varepsilon)(\vec{q}^2)^{1-\varepsilon}} \varepsilon S \\ S &= \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} g(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon) \left(\frac{b}{\varepsilon+b}\right)^L = \frac{b}{\varepsilon} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! \, g_{0n} b^n + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0) \\ g(\varepsilon, u) &= D(\varepsilon)^{u/\varepsilon} = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} g_{nm} \varepsilon^n u^m \\ g(0, u) &= e^{\frac{5}{3}u} \qquad g_{0n} = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^n \\ V(\vec{q}) &= -\frac{(4\pi)^2}{\vec{q}^2} \frac{b}{\beta_0} V_0(b) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \qquad V_0(b) = \frac{1}{1-\frac{5}{3}b} \\ C &= \frac{b^2}{\beta_0} C_0(b) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \qquad C_0(b) = \frac{V_0(b) - \Gamma_0(b)}{b^2} \end{split}$$

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Next-to-leading large β_0



 $_{3}F_{2}(1)$ Kotikov (1995); Broadhurst, Gracey, Kreymer (1996)

$$\beta(b) = b + \frac{b^2}{\beta_0} B_1(b) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^2}\right) \qquad B_1(b) = 3\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{F_{n0}(-b)^n}{n+1}$$

Palanques-Mestre, Pascual (1984)

HQET field



$$\begin{split} \tilde{w}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\beta_0} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{f}(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon)}{L} \left(\frac{b}{\varepsilon+b}\right)^L \\ &\times \left[1 + L \frac{Z_{\alpha 1}}{\beta_0} + \frac{3\varepsilon}{\beta_0} \sum_{L'=2}^{L-1} \frac{L-L'}{L'} F(\varepsilon, L'\varepsilon)\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^3}\right) \\ \gamma_h(b) &= -6 \left[\frac{b}{\beta_0} \gamma_0(b) - \frac{b^3}{\beta_0^2} \gamma_1(b)\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^3}\right) \end{split}$$

 $\gamma_1(b)$ up to b^5 (8 loops) — F_{nm} up to n + m = 6 ($\zeta_{5,3}$, but cancels in $F_{51} + F_{42} + F_{33} + F_{24} + F_{15}$). Grozin (2016)

$$\Gamma(b,\varphi) = 4(\varphi \cot \varphi - 1) \left[\frac{b}{\beta_0} \Gamma_0(b) - \frac{b^3}{\beta_0^2} \Gamma_1(b) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^3}\right)$$

 $\Gamma_1(b)$ up to b^5 (8 loops), the same combination of F_{nm} with $n + m = 6 - \zeta_{5,3}$ cancels. Grozin (2016)

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Potential

$$V(\vec{q}) = -\frac{(4\pi)^2}{\beta_0 \vec{q}^2} \varepsilon \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} g(\varepsilon, L\varepsilon) \left(\frac{b}{\varepsilon+b}\right)^L$$
$$\times \left[1 + L\frac{Z_{\alpha 1}}{\beta_0} + \frac{3\varepsilon}{\beta_0} \sum_{L'=2}^{L-1} \frac{L-L'}{L'} F(\varepsilon, L'\varepsilon)\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^3}\right)$$
$$V(\vec{q}) = -\frac{(4\pi)^2}{\vec{q}^2} \left[\frac{b}{\beta_0} V_0(b) - \frac{b^3}{\beta_0^2} V_1(b)\right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^3}\right)$$

 $V_1(b)$ contains only $g_{0n}, F_{n0}, F_{0m} - \Gamma \Rightarrow \zeta_n$ Highest weights: 3,3,5,5,7,7

$$C = \frac{b^2}{\beta_0} C_0(b) - \frac{b^3}{\beta_0^2} C_1(b) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\beta_0^3}\right)$$

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Abelian $(T_F n_f)^1$

$$S = \{1\} \cup \{C_L^{L-1}T_F n_f, L \ge 1\}$$

$$\Pi_{L-1} = \tilde{\Pi}_{L-1}n_f + (n_f^{>1} \text{ terms})$$

$$D^{\mu\nu}(k) = D_0^{\mu\nu}(k) + n_f \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\Pi}_{L-1} D_L^{\mu\nu}(k) A_0^L + (n_f^{>1} \text{ terms})$$

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$$\tilde{\Pi}_{L-1} = \frac{\bar{\beta}_{L-1}}{L\varepsilon} + \bar{\Pi}_{L-1} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$
$$\bar{\beta}_0 = -\frac{4}{3} \qquad \bar{\beta}_1 = -4 \qquad \bar{\beta}_2 = 2 \qquad \bar{\beta}_3 = 46$$

Gorishnii, Kataev, Larin, Surguladze (1991)

$$\bar{\Pi}_{0} = -\frac{20}{9} \qquad \bar{\Pi}_{1} = 16\zeta_{3} - \frac{55}{3}$$
$$\bar{\Pi}_{2} = -2\left(80\zeta_{5} - \frac{148}{3}\zeta_{3} - \frac{143}{9}\right)$$
$$\bar{\Pi}_{3} = 2240\zeta_{7} - 1960\zeta_{5} - 104\zeta_{3} + \frac{31}{3}$$
Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt (2017)

HQET field

$$\tilde{w}(\omega) = \tilde{w}_1 A_0 (-2\omega)^{-2\varepsilon} + n_f \sum_{L=2}^{\infty} \tilde{\Pi}_{L-2} \tilde{w}_L \left[A_0 (-2\omega)^{-2\varepsilon} \right]^L$$

$$+ (n_f^{>1} \text{ terms}) + (w_{>2 \text{ legs terms}})$$

$$\tilde{w}_L = \frac{3}{L\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{L} + 3 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

$$Z_\alpha = 1 - \frac{n_f}{\varepsilon} \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{\beta}_{L-1}}{L} \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^L + (n_f^{>1} \text{ terms})$$

$$\gamma_h = -2C_R \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[3 + T_F n_f \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} (3\bar{\Pi}_L - \bar{\beta}_L) \left(C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^L \right] + \cdots$$

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coordinate space similar. Grozin (2018)

Cusp

$$\tilde{\bar{V}}(\varphi) = -2\frac{\varphi \coth \varphi - 1}{L\varepsilon} + V(\varphi) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

$$V(\varphi) = V(-\varphi) \text{ does not depend on } L \Rightarrow \bar{\beta}_{L-2} \text{ cancels}$$

$$\Gamma(\varphi) = 4C_R(\varphi \coth \varphi - 1)\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[1 + T_F n_f \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \bar{\Pi}_L \left(C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^L \right] + \cdots$$

coordinate space similar. Grozin (2018) Potential

$$V(\vec{q}\,) = -C_R \frac{4\pi\alpha_s}{\vec{q}^{\,2}} \left[1 + T_F n_f \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \bar{\Pi}_L \left(C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^L \right] + \cdots$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \Delta: \ C_F^{L-1}T_Fn_f \text{ absent to all orders} \Rightarrow \\ C(\alpha_s): \ C_RC_F^{L-1}\alpha_s^L \text{ absent to all orders} \end{array}$

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2 more 5-loop terms

We considered $C_R C_F^{L-n-1} (T_F n_f)^n \alpha_s^L$ The only missing 5-loop term $C_R C_F^2 (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^5$ $S = \{1, T_F n_f, C_F T_F n_f, C_F^2 T_F n_f, C_F^2 (T_F n_f)^2\}$



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$\gamma_h, \, \Gamma(\varphi), \, V$

- ▶ $L\beta_0$ from time immemorable
- \triangleright NL β_0 Grozin (2016)
- \triangleright $C_R C_F^{L-2} T_F n_f \alpha_s^L$ Grozin (2018–19)
- $\triangleright C_R C_F^2 (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^5$



 $C_R \frac{d_F^{abcd} d_F^{abcd}}{N_A} n_f^2 \alpha_s^5$

$C(\alpha_s)$

- $C_R(T_F n_f)^3 \alpha_s^4$ in $\Gamma(\delta \to 0) \Rightarrow C_R(T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^3$ in $C \Rightarrow C_R C_A(T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^4$ in $\Gamma(\delta \to 0)$ agrees with the conjecture
- $C_R C_F (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^4$ in $\Gamma(\delta \to 0) \Rightarrow C_R C_F T_F n_f \alpha_s^3$ in $C \Rightarrow C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f \alpha_s^4$ in $\Gamma(\delta \to 0)$ agrees with the conjecture
- $C_R C_A T_F n_f \alpha_s^3$ in C follows from conjectured $C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^4$ in $\Gamma(\delta \to 0)$
- $\blacktriangleright d_{RF} n_f \alpha_s^4$ cancels in Δ
- $\blacktriangleright C_R C_F^{L-2} T_F n_f \alpha_s^L \text{ cancel in } \Delta \ \forall L$
- $\triangleright C_R d_F^{abcd} d_F^{abcd} / N_A n_f^2 \alpha_s^5$ cancel in Δ
- $\blacktriangleright C_R C_F^2 (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^5 \text{ in } \Gamma(\delta \to 0) \Rightarrow C_R C_F^2 T_F n_f \alpha_s^4 \text{ in } C$

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Conclusion

- $\triangleright \gamma_h$ is known to 4 loops
- $\Gamma(\varphi)$ is known to 4 loops up to φ^4 (for some color structures, up to φ^6)
- \blacktriangleright K is known up to 4 loops
- ► $d_{RF}n_f\alpha_s^4$ in $\Gamma(\varphi)$ is known
- ► $C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^4$, $C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f \alpha_s^4$ are known from the conjecture
- $\blacktriangleright C_R C_A^2 T_F n_f \alpha_s^4, C_R C_A^3 \alpha_s^4, d_{RA} \alpha_s^4 \text{ are not known}$
- ► $C_R C_F^2 (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^5$, $C_R d_F^{abcd} d_F^{abcd} A_F^{abcd} N_A n_f^2 \alpha_s^5$ are known in γ_h , Γ at 5 loops and in V at 4 loops
- $C_R(T_F n_f)^{L-1} \alpha_s^L$ in γ_h , Γ , V are known $\forall L$
- $C_R C_F (T_F n_f)^{L-2} \alpha_s^L$ in γ_h , Γ , V are known, in principle, $\forall L$
- $C_R C_F^{L-2} T_F n_f \alpha_s^L$ in γ_h , Γ , V are known up to L = 5

- ► How to formulate the conjecture consistently beyond Casimir scaling? Why does it work for $C_R C_A T_F n_f \alpha_s^3$, $C_R C_A (T_F n_f)^2 \alpha_s^4$, $C_R C_F C_A T_F n_f \alpha_s^4$? Why does it fail for $C_R C_A^2 T_F n_f \alpha_s^4$, $d_{RF} n_f \alpha_s^4$?
- Why are Z_Q^{os} , $\gamma_h \gamma_q$, z gauge-nivariant up to 2 loops, linear in a at 3 loops, and quadratic in a at 4 loops? Does it continue at higher loops?
- ▶ In Z_Q^{os} at 4 loops all coefficients of ε^{-n} are known analytically (some ε^0 coefficients are still only known numerically)
- Principle of maximal transcendentality works for the Bremsstrahlung function and light-like K up to 4 loops
- Why does it work? Is the maximum-weight part of γ_h related to renormalization of an end of a Wilson line in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM?

• How to define Δ consistently, in spite of log δ terms? How to sum highest powers of log δ in $\delta \Gamma(\pi - \delta)$? What if we sum over the number of Coulomb exchanges? Is $\Delta(\alpha_s) = \beta(\alpha_s)C(\alpha_s)$? Is it possibly to calculate $C(\alpha_s)$ (or $\Delta(\alpha_s)$) more directly?

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