

Full NLO corrections for DIS structure functions in the dipole factorization formalism

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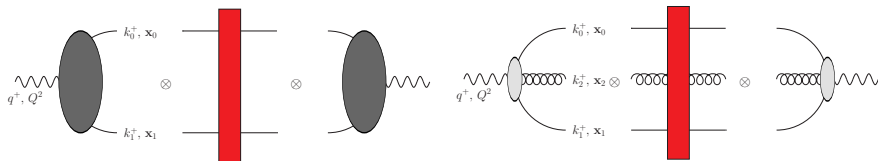
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In the last 10 years, many theoretical (including numerical) progresses towards NLO/NLL accuracy for gluon saturation/CGC.

Obviously, DIS structure functions at NLO in the dipole factorization are required to push the fits beyond LO+LL accuracy.

DIS at NLO: general structure in dipole factorization



$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{T,L}(Q^2, x_{Bj}) &= \sum_{q\bar{q} \text{ states}} \left| \tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*} \right|^2 \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{01} \rangle_0 \right] \\
 &+ \sum_{q\bar{q}g \text{ states}} \left| \tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}g}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*} \right|^2 \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_0 \right] + O(\alpha_{em} \alpha_s^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

With:

- $\tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}(g)}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*}$: LFWF for a $q\bar{q}(g)$ Fock state (in mixed space) inside an incoming γ^* (in momentum space)
- $\langle \mathcal{S}_{01(2)} \rangle_0$: dipole and tripole operators in the quasi-classical approximation

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However, in both papers only the $q\bar{q}g$ contribution was calculated explicitly, whereas **NLO corrections to the $q\bar{q}$ contribution were guessed**.
Methods used for that:

① In **Balitsky, Chirilli, PRD83 (2011)**:

Matching with older vacuum results. (But not very clear to me.)

② In **G.B., PRD85 (2012)**:

Unitary argument. But I realized later that it does not work...

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Fock state decomposition of the physical state of an incoming γ :

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Normalization of both the physical state and the Fock states implies:

$$\frac{1-Z_\gamma}{Z_\gamma} = \sum_{l\bar{l} \text{ states}} |\psi_{l\bar{l}}^\gamma|^2 + \sum_{q\bar{q} \text{ states}} |\psi_{q\bar{q}}^\gamma|^2 + \sum_{q\bar{q}g \text{ states}} |\psi_{q\bar{q}g}^\gamma|^2 + O(\alpha_{em} \alpha_s^2)$$

Perturbative expansion \Rightarrow at each order, one gets a new relation .

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However, there is a non-trivial (and finite) contribution to $\left(1 - Z_\gamma\right)$ at order $\alpha_{em} \alpha_s$.

\Rightarrow In this approach, not possible to get the $|\Psi_{q\bar{q}}^\gamma|^2$ at NLO from unitarity!

\Rightarrow **One-loop correction to $\Psi_{q\bar{q}}^\gamma$ has to be calculated independently**

Calculation of the $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LF wave-functions at NLO

- Calculation done in Light-front perturbation theory for QCD+QED
- Cut-off k_{\min}^+ introduced to regulate the small k^+ (soft) divergences
- No collinear divergence can show up in this calculation ($Q^2 > 0$)
- UV divergences from various tensor integrals, but no UV renormalization at this order.
 - \Rightarrow UV divergences (and finite regularization artifacts) have to cancel at cross-section level
 - \Rightarrow Need a consistent UV regularization (not cut-off!)
 - \Rightarrow Use (Conventional) Dimensional Regularization, and pay attention to rational terms in $(D-4)/(D-4)$
- Convenient trick: Tensor reduction of transverse integrals (Passarino-Veltman)

Allows to organize better the calculation (reduces the number of integrals to calculate and of Dirac structures) and show the cancellation of unphysical divergences already at the integrand level

Diagrams for γ_T and γ_L LFWFs: self-energies

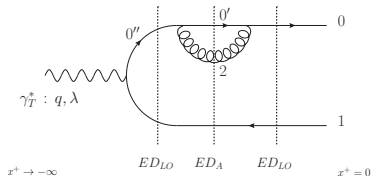


Diagram A

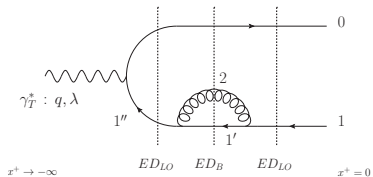


Diagram B

- Straightforward to calculate
- Clearly factors into LO wave-function times Form Factor
- DimReg prevents quadratic UV divergences to appear, only logarithmic ones remain
- Contain not only log but also unphysical \log^2 soft divergences

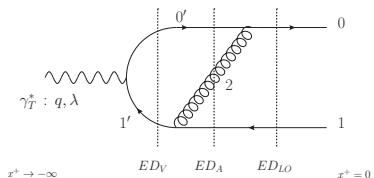
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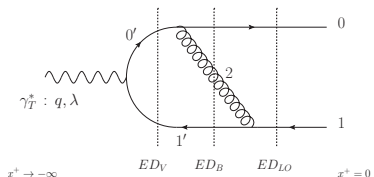


Diagram 2

- By far the hardest to calculate
- Involves various tensor integrals in transverse-momentum as well as various Dirac structures
- Contain unphysical \log^2 soft divergences which cancel the ones of the previous graphs.
- In the γ_L case: contain unphysical power-like soft divergences.
- In the γ_T case: even after tensor reduction, still not proportional to the LO LFWF: one extra piece remain. However, it cancels between the diagrams 1 and 2.

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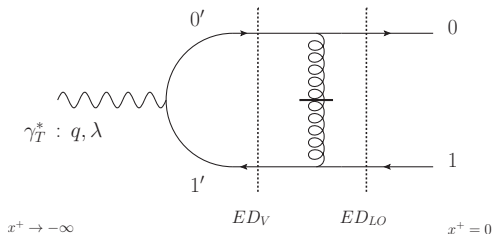
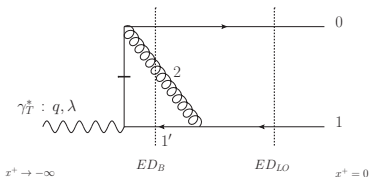
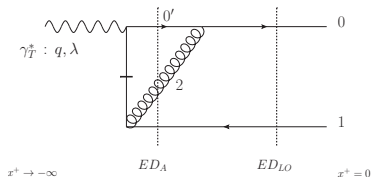
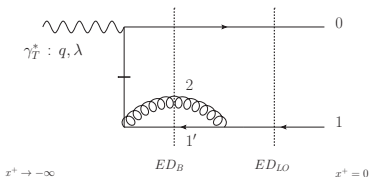
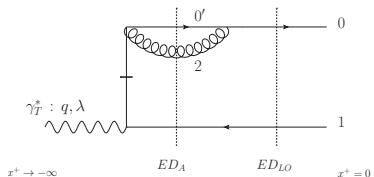


Diagram 3

- In the γ_T case: vanishes due to Lorentz symmetry
- In the γ_L case: non-zero, and cancels the unphysical power-like soft divergences of the other vertex correction graphs.

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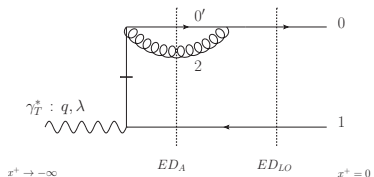


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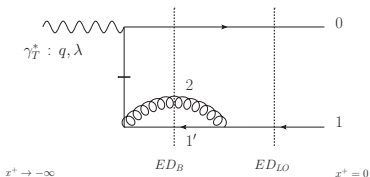


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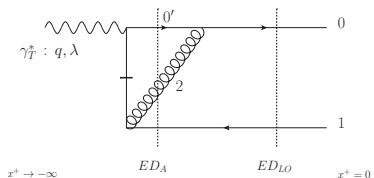


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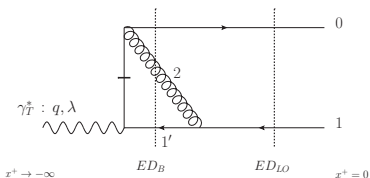


Diagram 2'

All four vanish due to Lorentz symmetry!

Results for NLO $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LFWFs in momentum space

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Remark: results consistent with the ones of [Boussarie](#), [Grabovsky](#),
[Szymanowski and Wallon](#), [arXiv:1606.xxxxx](#)

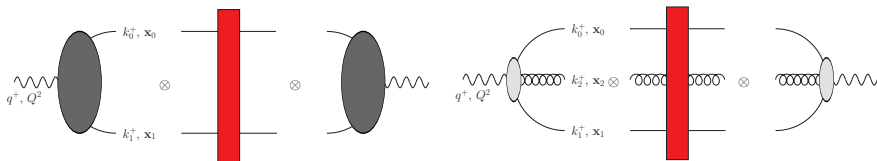
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$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^T &= \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^L + \mathcal{O}(D-4) \\ &= 2 \left[\log \left(\frac{k_{\min}^+}{\sqrt{k_0^+ k_1^+}} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] \left[\frac{\Gamma(2-\frac{D}{2})}{(4\pi)^{\frac{D}{2}-2}} + \log \left(\frac{x_{01}^2 \mu^2}{4} \right) - 2\psi(1) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[\log \left(\frac{k_0^+}{k_1^+} \right) \right]^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 3 + \mathcal{O}(D-4) \end{aligned}$$

- In mixed space: NLO corrections \Rightarrow rescaling of the LO $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LFWFs by a factor **independent of the photon polarization and virtuality** !
- Leftover logarithmic UV and soft divergences to be dealt with at cross-section level.

From LFWFs to DIS cross-section



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{T,L}(Q^2, x_{Bj}) &= \sum_{q\bar{q} \text{ states}} \left| \tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*} \right|^2 \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{01} \rangle_0 \right] \\ &+ \sum_{q\bar{q}g \text{ states}} \left| \tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}g}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*} \right|^2 \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_0 \right] + O(\alpha_{em} \alpha_s^2) \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*}$ now known at NLO accuracy in Dim Reg.

\Rightarrow Need to be combined with the $q\bar{q}g$ contribution

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Psi}_{q\bar{q}g}^{\gamma_{T,L}^*}$ is required also in Dim Reg, in order to cancel UV divergences as well as scheme dependent constants.

Example: γ_L total cross section at NLO

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_L = & 4N_c \alpha_{em} \text{Re} \sum_f e_f^2 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_0}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} dk_0^+ \int_0^{+\infty} dk_1^+ \frac{4Q^2}{q^+} \left(\frac{k_0^+}{q^+}\right)^2 \left(\frac{k_1^+}{q^+}\right)^2 \\
 & \times \left\{ \delta(k_0^+ + k_1^+ - q^+) \left[K_0 \left(Q x_{01} \frac{\sqrt{k_0^+ k_1^+}}{q^+} \right) \right]^2 \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{reg.}}^L \right] \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{01} \rangle_0 \right] \right. \\
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With:

$$\text{leftover} = \left[\left(\frac{k_2^+}{k_0^+} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{k_2^+}{k_1^+} \right)^2 \right] \left[K_0(Q x_{012}) \right]^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}_{20} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{21}}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} \right) \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_0 \right]$$

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With:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{reg.}}^L = \frac{1}{2} \left[\log \left(\frac{k_0^+}{k_1^+} \right) \right]^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{5}{2}$$

UV and soft divergent terms have been moved from $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^L$ to the q and \bar{q} terms, as well as a constant $1/2$ (rational term $(D-4)/(D-4)$)

BK/JIMWLK resummation

- ① Assign k_{\min}^+ to the scale set by the target: $k_{\min}^+ = \frac{Q_0^2}{2x_0 P^-} = \frac{x_{Bj} Q_0^2}{x_0 Q^2} q^+$
- ② Choose a factorization scale $k_f^+ \lesssim k_0^+, k_1^+$, corresponding to a range for the high-energy evolution $Y_f^+ \equiv \log \left(\frac{k_f^+}{k_{\min}^+} \right) = \log \left(\frac{x_0 Q^2 k_f^+}{x_{Bj} Q_0^2 q^+} \right)$
- ③ In the LO term in the observable, make the replacement

$$\langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_0 = \langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_{Y_f^+} - \int_0^{Y_f^+} dY^+ \left(\partial_{Y^+} \langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_{Y^+} \right)$$

with both terms calculated with the **same** evolution equation

- ④ Combine the second term with the NLO correction to cancel its k_{\min}^+ dependence and the associated large logs.

⇒ Works straightforwardly in the case of

- the naive LL BK equation
- the kinematically improved BK equation as implemented in [G.B., PRD89 \(2014\)](#)

Should also work with the other implementation ([Iancu et al., PLB744 \(2015\)](#)), but requires a bit more work.

Conclusions

- Direct calculation of $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LFWFs at NLO both in momentum and in mixed space
- Full NLO correction to F_L and F_T obtained from the combination of the $q\bar{q}$ and $q\bar{q}g$ contributions:
UV Dim. Reg. used in both cases, in order to have the finite terms under control.

Phenomenology outlook : All ingredients soon available for fits at NLO+LL accuracy, and hopefully NLO+NLL accuracy.

Theory outlook :

- Application of the NLO $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LFWFs to calculate other DIS observables at NLO?
- Extension to the case of massive quarks?
- General method of calculation should be useful for most future NLO calculations in the CGC

LO $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LFWFs in momentum space

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{q_0\bar{q}_1,LO}^{\gamma_T^*} &= (2\pi)^{D-1} \delta^{(D-1)}(\underline{k}_1 + \underline{k}_0 - \underline{q}) \delta_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1} \mu^{2-\frac{D}{2}} e e_f \\ &\times \left(\frac{-2k_0^+ k_1^+}{q^+ [\mathbf{P}^2 + \overline{Q}^2 - i\epsilon]} \right) \bar{u}(0) \not{\epsilon}_\lambda(\underline{q}) v(1) \end{aligned}$$

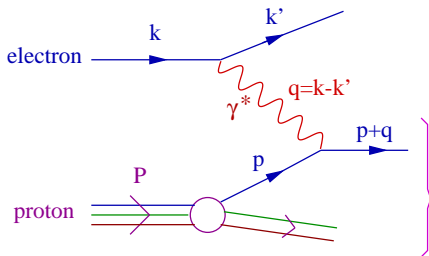
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LO $\gamma_{T,L} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ LFWFs in mixed space

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\Psi}_{q_0\bar{q}_1,LO}^{\gamma_T^*} &= 2\pi \delta(k_0^+ + k_1^+ - q^+) \delta_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1} e^{i \frac{\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot (\mathbf{x}_0^+ \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{x}_1^+ \mathbf{x}_1)}{q^+}} e_{ef} \mu^{2-\frac{D}{2}} (2\pi)^{1-\frac{D}{2}} \\
&\times (-i) \left(\frac{\bar{Q}}{|\mathbf{x}_{01}|} \right)^{\frac{D}{2}-1} K_{\frac{D}{2}-1} \left(|\mathbf{x}_{01}| \bar{Q} \right) \varepsilon_\lambda^i \mathbf{x}_{01}^j \\
&\times \left\{ \left(\frac{k_0^+ - k_1^+}{q^+} \right) \delta^{ij} \overline{u}_G(0) \gamma^+ v_G(1) - \frac{1}{2} \overline{u}_G(0) \gamma^+ [\gamma^i, \gamma^j] v_G(1) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

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\end{aligned}$$

Kinematics for Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



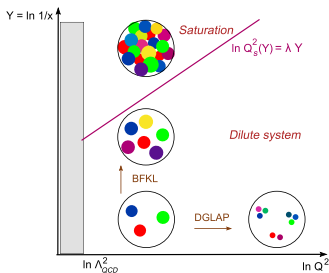
$$\frac{d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow e+X}}{dx_{Bj} d^2Q} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi x_{Bj} Q^2} \left[\left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \sigma_T^{\gamma p \rightarrow X}(x_{Bj}, Q^2) + (1 - y) \sigma_L^{\gamma p \rightarrow X}(x_{Bj}, Q^2) \right]$$

Photon virtuality: $Q^2 \equiv -q^2 > 0$

Bjorken x variable: $x_{Bj} \equiv \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \in [0, 1]$

Inelasticity: $y \equiv \frac{2P \cdot q}{(P+k)^2} \in [0, 1]$

Kinematical regimes of DIS



- For $Q^2 \rightarrow +\infty$: target more and more dilute due to DGLAP evolution.
 \Rightarrow QCD-improved parton model more and more valid.
- For $x_{Bj} \rightarrow 0$: target more and more dense
 \Rightarrow Linear BFKL evolution eventually breaks down, as well as parton picture.

Onset of nonlinear collective effects: Gluon saturation!

Dilute-dense processes at high-energy

High energy scattering:

projectile : momentum $q^\mu \simeq \delta^{\mu+} q^+$

target : momentum $P^\mu \simeq \delta^{\mu-} P^-$

\Rightarrow Mandelstam s variable: $s \simeq 2P^- q^+$

Eikonal approximation: Take the high-energy limit $s \rightarrow +\infty$ and drop power-suppressed contributions.

Semi-classical approximation: At weak coupling g , dense target \rightarrow random classical background field $\mathcal{A}_a^\mu(x) = O(1/g)$.

In the semi-classical approximation, the eikonal limit can be obtained by an infinite boost $P^- \rightarrow +\infty$ of the target field $\mathcal{A}_a^\mu(x)$. Hence:

- Only the \mathcal{A}_a^- component is relevant
- Infinite Lorentz dilation: $\mathcal{A}_a^\mu(x)$ independent of x^-
- Infinite Lorentz contraction: $\mathcal{A}_a^\mu(x) \propto \delta(x^+)$ (shockwave)

Eikonal dilute-dense scattering

Recipe for *dilute-dense* processes at high-energy,
following Bjorken, Kogut and Soper (1971):

- Decompose the projectile on a Fock basis at the time $x^+ = 0$, with appropriate Light-Front wave-functions.
- Each parton n scatters independently on the target via a light-like Wilson line $U_{\mathcal{R}_n}(\mathbf{x}_n)$ through the target:

$$U_{\mathcal{R}_n}(\mathbf{x}_n) = \mathcal{P}_+ \exp \left[ig \int dx^+ T_{\mathcal{R}_n}^a A_a^-(x^+, \mathbf{x}_n) \right]$$

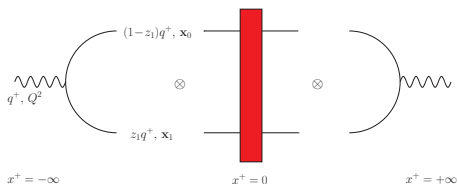
with $\mathcal{R}_n = A, F$ or \bar{F} for g, q or \bar{q} partons.

- Include final-state evolution of the projectile remnants.

Comments:

- ① Light-cone gauge $A_a^+ = 0$ strongly recommended!
- ② At this stage, no apparent dependence on s ...

Dipole factorization for DIS at LO



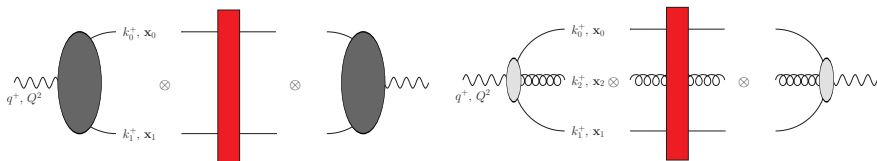
$$\sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma p \rightarrow X}(x_{Bj}, Q^2) = \frac{4N_c \alpha_{em}}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_f e_f^2 \int d^2\mathbf{x}_0 d^2\mathbf{x}_1 \int_0^1 dz_1 \\ \times \mathcal{I}_{T,L}^{q\bar{q},LO}(x_{01}, z_1, Q^2) \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{01} \rangle_\eta \right]$$

Bjorken, Kogut, Soper (1971); Nikolaev, Zakharov (1990)

Dipole operator:
$$\mathcal{S}_{01} = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} \left(U_F(\mathbf{x}_0) U_F^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1) \right)$$

η : regulator of rapidity divergence of light-like Wilson lines $U_F(\mathbf{x}_n)$.

DIS at NLO: general structure and real corrections

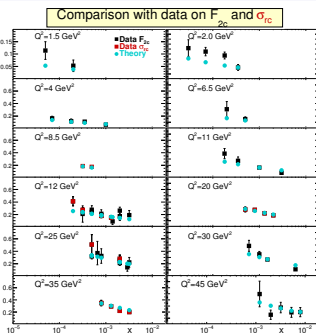
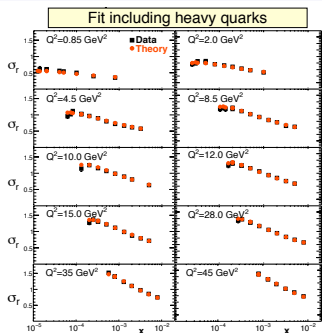


$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{T,L}^{\gamma P}(Q^2, x_{Bj}) &= 2 \frac{2N_c \alpha_{em}}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_f e_f^2 \int d^2\mathbf{x}_0 \int d^2\mathbf{x}_1 \int_0^1 dz_1 \\
 &\times \left\{ \left[\mathcal{I}_{T,L}^{q\bar{q},LO}(x_{01}, z_1, Q^2) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s C_F) \right] \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{01} \rangle_0 \right] \right. \\
 &\left. + \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int_{z_{\min}}^{1-z_1} \frac{dz_2}{z_2} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_2}{2\pi} \mathcal{I}_{T,L}^{q\bar{q}g}(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, z_1, z_2, Q^2) \left[1 - \langle \mathcal{S}_{012} \rangle_0 \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

with $z_n = k_n^+ / q^+$ and $z_{\min} = \frac{x_{Bj}}{Q^2} \frac{Q_0^2}{x_0}$.

G.B. (2012)

DIS phenomenology



Fits of the reduced DIS cross-section σ_r and its charm contribution σ_{rc} at HERA data with numerical solutions of the running coupling BK equation.

Albacete, Armesto, Milhano, Quiroga, Salgado (2011)

see also: Kuokkanen, Rummukainen, Weigert (2012);

Lappi, Mäntysaari (2013); ...

Very good fit, but require a big rescaling of Λ_{QCD} as extra parameter, to slow down the BK evolution.