Deep inelastic scattering in the dipole picture at next-to-leading order

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Figure: Deep inelastic scattering.



Figure: At small Bjorken-x dipole picture models the target nucleon as Color Glass Condensate, i.e. the virtual photon scatters from a semi-classical color field by fluctuating into a quark-antiquark dipole.

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This LO result has been fit to HERA data using LO BK target evolution with $\chi^2/d.o.f \sim 1.15$, e.g. arXiv:1309.6963 [hep-ph].

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Figure: Virtual photon fluctuation diagrams relevant to the scattering at next-to-leading order where the emitted gluon takes part in the scattering off the color field. At soft limit of the longitudinal momentum of the gluon there is a logarithmic divergence in the NLO total cross section. Calculated by G. Beuf, arXiv:1708.06557 [hep-ph]

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Figure: Loop diagrams relevant at next-to-leading order. These do not contribute to the soft divergence. Calculated by G. Beuf, arXiv:1606.00777 [hep-ph]

Results: Regularization schemes



Figure: Comparison of two regularization schemes. NLO result of F_L separated into two parts, (dip) and (qg), latter of which contains the soft divergence. Left: A naive resummation scheme leads to too large (qg) contribution. Right: Results of a working resummation scheme.

Results: Magnitude of corrections



Figure: NLO/LO ratio for F_L and F_T as a function of Q^2 at $x_{Bj} = 10^{-3}$ with fixed (solid) and parent dipole running (dashed) coupling.

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