Evolution equation for 3-quark Wilson loop operator

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ABSTRACT: The evolution equation for the 3 quark Wilson loop operator has been derived in the leading logarithm approximation within Balitsky high energy operator expansion.
1 Introduction

There are two principal approaches to the description of semihard processes in QCD. The first one is based on the Balitsky-Fadin-Kuraev-Lipatov (BFKL) equation [1]–[3], while the second one stems from the dipole picture of high energy scattering [4]–[7] and is based on the Balitsky-Kovchegov (BK) equation [8]–[10]. Both these approaches are now developed in the next to leading approximation (see [11]–[15] and [16]–[21], respectively) and it was shown that for the scattering of colorless particles in the linear regime they coincide [22]–[26].

In many technical details of these approaches special attention was payed to the specific form of the colliding particle, namely to the color dipole. At the same time there is one more fundamental object. It is the colorless color triplet Green function, describing the evolution of the proton Green function with energy. This case was analyzed first in [27], where the linear evolution was studied. Later in [28] the nonlinear evolution equation and impact factors for baryon scattering were obtained. Here this case is studied in the leading logarithm approximation within the Wilson line approach, proposed by I. Balitsky [8],[9]. In fact in this paper, the same steps are done to come to the evolution equation for the 3-quark Wilson line \( \varepsilon^{i'j'h'} \varepsilon_{i'j'h} U^i_{1'i} U^j_{2'j} U^h_{3'h'} \), as in [8],[9] for the color dipole operator.

The paper is organized as follows. In the next section the leading order evolution equation for the 3-quark Wilson loop is derived. In section 3 and 4 the cases of C-even and C-odd exchanges are discussed. Section 5 concludes the paper.

2 3-quark Wilson loop evolution equation

We introduce the light cone vectors \( n_1 \) and \( n_2 \)

\[
n_1 = (1, 0, 0, 1), \quad n_2 = \frac{1}{2} (1, 0, 0, -1), \quad n_1^+ = n_2^- = n_1 n_2 = 1
\] (2.1)
and for any vector \( p \) we have
\[
p^+ = p_- = pn_2 = \frac{1}{2} (p^0 + p^3), \quad p_+ = p^- = pn_1 = p^0 - p^3, \tag{2.2}
\]
\[
p = p^+_1 n_1 + p^- n_2 + p_\perp, \quad p^2 = 2p^+ p^- - p_\perp^2, \tag{2.3}
\]
\[
p k = p^\mu k_\mu = p^+ k^- + p^- k^+ - \vec{p} \vec{k} = p_+ k_- + p_- k_+ - \vec{p} \vec{k}. \tag{2.4}
\]

We would like to write an evolution equation for the 3-quark Wilson loop operator
\[
B^\eta_{123} = \varepsilon^{ij} \varepsilon^{i'j'} \varepsilon_{ijk} U (\vec{z}_1, \eta)_{i'}^1, U (\vec{z}_2, \eta)_{j'}^2, U (\vec{z}_3, \eta)_{k'}^3 \tag{2.5}
\]
describing baryon scattering off the shock wave. Hereafter we will use the following notation for such convolutions
\[
\varepsilon^{ij} \varepsilon^{i'j'} \varepsilon_{ijk} U_{i'} U_{j'} U_{k'} = U_1 \cdot U_2 \cdot U_3. \tag{2.6}
\]
Here
\[
U (\vec{z}, \eta) = Pe^{ig} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} b^- (z^+, \vec{z}) dz^+, \tag{2.7}
\]
and \( b^- \) is the external shock wave field built from only slow gluons
\[
b^- = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ipz} b^- (p) \theta (e^{|\eta|} - p^+). \tag{2.8}
\]
The parameter \( \eta \) separates the slow gluons entering the Wilson lines from the fast ones in the impact factors. The shape of the path at \( z^+ = \pm \infty \) in (2.7) is not important because the field is concentrated at \( z^+ = 0 \)
\[
b^\mu (z) = b^-(z^+, \vec{z}) n^\mu_2 = \delta (z^+) b^-(\vec{z}) n^\mu_2. \tag{2.9}
\]
Therefore one can connect the three lines in (2.5) in one point \( x \) at \( z^+ = +\infty \) and in one point \( y \) at \( z^+ = -\infty \). Then the operator \( B^\eta_{123} \) is evidently gauge invariant since under a gauge rotation the Wilson lines change
\[
U (\vec{z}_1, \eta)^i \rightarrow V(x)^i_k U (\vec{z}_1, \eta)^k \rightarrow V(y)^i_k, \quad V \in SU(3). \tag{2.10}
\]
The gluon propagator in the shock wave background reads
\[
G_{\mu \nu}^\eta (x, y)^{ab} \big|_{x^+ > 0 > y^+} = - \int \frac{dp^+}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^+ \theta (p^+)}{2x^+ y^+} \int d\vec{z} e^{+ip^+ \left\{ x^- - y^- + \frac{(x - y)^2 + 4\eta^2}{2y^2} - \frac{(x - y)^2 + 4\eta^2}{2x^+} \right\}}
\]
\[\times \frac{g_{\perp \mu} x^+ - (x - z)^n_2 n^\mu_{2\nu} U_{i'}(\vec{z}, \eta)^i_k g_{\perp \alpha} (z^- y^+) - (z - y)_{\perp \alpha} n^\nu_2. \tag{2.11}\]
To derive the evolution equation we have to change \( \eta \rightarrow \eta + \Delta \eta \)
\[
b^- = b^- + b^- \Delta \eta, \quad b^- \Delta \eta (z^+, \vec{z}) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ipz} b^- (p) \theta (e^{\eta_1} - p^+) \theta (p^+ - e^{\eta_2}). \tag{2.12}
\]
Therefore we have to include the gluons with $\eta_1 > \ln p^+ > \eta_2$ into the Wilson lines, namely

$$B^n_{123} = B^n_{123} + \frac{\langle 0 | T(\mathcal{B}^{\Delta} \epsilon^{ij} \mathcal{C}(z) dz) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | T(\epsilon^{ij} \mathcal{C}(z) dz) | 0 \rangle}. \quad (2.13)$$

Via the Wilson line definition

$$U(\vec{z}, \eta) = (1 + igb\eta^\nu (z^+ + \Delta z^+, \vec{z}) \Delta z^+) \times (1 + igb\eta^\nu (z^+ - \Delta z^+, \vec{z}) \Delta z^+) \ldots, \quad (2.14)$$

we get

$$B^n_{123} = B^n_{123} + \Delta B_r + \Delta B_v. \quad (2.15)$$

One can find the real contribution $\Delta B_r$ using (2.11) and (2.14)

$$\Delta B_r = \frac{\Delta \eta_{\alpha\varepsilon}}{\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_4 U^{ab}(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2)
\times \left[ \frac{1}{x^2} x^{41} \left( t^a U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2) t^b \right) \cdot U(\vec{z}_2, \eta_2) \cdot U(\vec{z}_3, \eta_2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) \right.
\quad + \frac{\eta_{21} \eta_{12} \eta_{23} \eta_{34}}{\eta_{41} \eta_{23}} \left( (t^a U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2)) \cdot (\vec{z}_2, \eta_2) t^b) + (U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2) t^b) \cdot (t^a U(\vec{z}_2, \eta_2)) \right) \cdot U(\vec{z}_3, \eta_2)
\quad + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) \right]. \quad (2.16)$$

The virtual contribution is easier to find from the requirement that there is no evolution in $\eta$ without the shock-wave. Hereafter we will write $N_c = 3$ explicitly since the form of the totally antisymmetric tensor depends on $N_c$. Taking into account

$$\varepsilon^{ijh} \varepsilon_{ijk} = 6, \quad t^a t^a = \frac{4}{3} \varepsilon^{ijk \ell} \varepsilon_{ijk} (t^a)^i (t^a)^j = -\frac{2}{3} \varepsilon^{ijk \ell} \varepsilon_{ijk} \delta_i^\ell \delta_j^\ell, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\varepsilon^{ijh} \varepsilon_{ijk} (t^a U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2))^{i \ell} (t^a U(\vec{z}_2, \eta_2))^{j \ell} = -\frac{2}{3} \varepsilon^{ijk \ell} \varepsilon_{ijk} U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2)^i (t^a U(\vec{z}_2, \eta_2))^{j \ell}, \quad (2.18)$$

we find

$$\Delta B_v = \frac{-\Delta \eta_{\alpha\varepsilon}}{\pi^2} \frac{2}{3} \int d\vec{z}_4
\times \left[ \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{41}^2 z_{42}^2} + \frac{z_{13}^2}{z_{41}^2 z_{43}^2} + \frac{z_{23}^2}{z_{42}^2 z_{43}^2} \right] U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2) \cdot U(\vec{z}_2, \eta_2) \cdot U(\vec{z}_3, \eta_2). \quad (2.19)$$

Since

$$U^{ab}(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2) = 2 tr \left( t^a U(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2) t^b U(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2)^\dagger \right), \quad (2.20)$$

we have

$$U^{ab}(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2) \left( t^a U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2) t^b \right)^i_{\ell j} = \frac{1}{2} tr \left( U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2) U(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2)^\dagger \right) U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2)^i_{\ell j} - \frac{1}{6} U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2)^i_{\ell j}, \quad (2.21)$$

$$U^{ab}(\vec{z}_4, \eta_2) \left( t^a U(\vec{z}_1, \eta_2) t^b \right)^i_{\ell j} \left( U(\vec{z}_2, \eta_2) t^b \right)^j_{\ell j'}, \quad (2.22)$$
\[
\frac{\partial B_{123}^0}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int d\bar{z}_4 \left[ \left\{ \frac{C_1}{z_{41}^2} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) \right\} \right.
\nonumber \\
+ \left. \left\{ \frac{z_{41} \bar{z}_{42}}{z_{41}^2 \bar{z}_{42}} C_{12} + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) \right\} \right].
\]

where
\[
C_1 = tr \left( U (\bar{z}_1, \eta) U (\bar{z}_4, \eta) \right) B_{423}^0 - 3B_{123}^0,
\]
\[
C_{12} = 2B_{123}^0
\]
\[
- \left( U (\bar{z}_2, \eta) U (\bar{z}_4, \eta) + U (\bar{z}_1, \eta) U (\bar{z}_4, \eta) \right) \cdot U (\bar{z}_4, \eta) \cdot U (\bar{z}_3, \eta).
\]

For brevity we will simplify the notation henceforth
\[
U (\bar{z}_1, \eta) \equiv U_1.
\]

Wilson lines are elements of SU(3). Hence, we have
\[
\varepsilon^{ijh} U_i^j U_j^h = \delta^{ijh},
\]
\[
\varepsilon^{ijh} \varepsilon^{j'k'} U_i^j U_j^{j'} U_k^{k'} = \delta^{ijh},
\]
\[
U_i \cdot U_j \cdot U_k = (U_i U_j^\dagger) \cdot (U_j U_k^\dagger) \cdot (U_k U_i^\dagger).
\]

In fact, the latter identity states that quark-diquark and quark-antiquark systems are described by the same operator. As a result,
\[
C_1 = \frac{1}{2} B_{144}^0 B_{423}^0 - 3B_{123}^0;
\]
\[
C_{12} = 2B_{123}^0 - \left( U_2 U_4^\dagger U_1 + U_1 U_4^\dagger U_2 \right) \cdot U_4 \cdot U_3
\]
\[
= 3B_{123}^0 - \frac{1}{2} (B_{144}^0 B_{324}^0 + B_{244}^0 B_{314}^0 - B_{344}^0 B_{214}^0).
\]

This identity follows from (2.29-2.30) directly. Indeed, one can rewrite \(C_{12}\) as
\[
C_{12} = 2(U_1 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_2 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_3 U_4^\dagger) - \left( U_2 U_4^\dagger U_1 U_4^\dagger + U_1 U_4^\dagger U_2 U_4^\dagger \right) \cdot E \cdot (U_3 U_4^\dagger)
\]
and the right hand side of (2.32) as
\[
\text{r.h.s. of (2.32)} = 3(U_1 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_2 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_3 U_4^\dagger)
\]
\[+ tr(U_1 U_4^\dagger) (U_3 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_2 U_4^\dagger) \cdot E - tr(U_2 U_4^\dagger) (U_3 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_1 U_4^\dagger) \cdot E
\]
\[
+ tr(U_3 U_4^\dagger) (U_2 U_4^\dagger) \cdot (U_1 U_4^\dagger) \cdot E.
\]
Next, expanding the Levi-Civita symbols as
\[ \varepsilon_{ijh} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta^i_{i'} & \delta^j_{j'} & \delta^h_{h'} \\ \delta^j_{i'} & \delta^j_{j'} & \delta^h_{h'} \\ \delta^h_{i'} & \delta^j_{j'} & \delta^h_{h'} \end{vmatrix}, \]
one proves (2.32). Finally, one gets the following evolution equation
\[ \frac{\partial B^n_{123}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_4 \left[ \frac{z^2}{z_1^2 + z_2^2} \left( -B^n_{123} + \frac{1}{6} (B^n_{144} B^n_{324} + B^n_{244} B^n_{314} - B^n_{344} B^n_{214}) \right) \\
+ (1 \leftrightarrow 3) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) \right]. \tag{2.35} \]

Equation (2.35) has several important properties. First, it has no singularities at \( \vec{z}_4 = \vec{z}_{1,2,3} \). Then, this equation changes into the BK equation if two of the three quark coordinates coincide. One can check it straightforwardly using (2.30). It means that \( q\bar{q} \) and \( q \)-diquark systems obey the same equation.

3 C-even exchange

To separate the C-odd and the C-even contributions we have to write down the evolution equation for \( B^n_{123} \), i.e. the 3-antiquark Wilson loop operator
\[ B^n_{123} = U^\dagger_1 \cdot U^\dagger_2 \cdot U^\dagger_3, \tag{3.1} \]
describing antibaryon scattering off the shock wave. One can get such an equation from the equation for \( B^n_{123} \) changing all the Wilson lines to their conjugates \( U_i \leftrightarrow U^\dagger_i \). The C-even Green function has the following form
\[ B^+_{123} = B^n_{123} + B^n_{123} - 12. \tag{3.2} \]
The operator
\[ B^-_{123} = B^n_{123} - B^n_{123} \tag{3.3} \]
changes its sign under \( C \) transformation, hence it describes the C-odd Green function. Rewriting evolution equation (2.35) in terms of (3.2) and (3.3), we have
\[ \frac{\partial B^+_{123}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_4 \left[ \frac{z^2}{z_1^2 + z_2^2} \left( B^+_{144} + B^+_{244} - B^+_{344} \\
+ B^+_{133} + B^+_{122} - B^+_{123} + B^+_{124} + \frac{1}{12} \left( B^+_{144} B^+_{324} + B^+_{244} B^+_{314} - B^+_{344} B^+_{214} \right) \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{12} \left( B^-_{144} B^-_{324} + B^-_{244} B^-_{314} - B^-_{344} B^-_{214} \right) \right] + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3). \tag{3.4} \]
Pomeron exchange starts from the 2-gluon exchange. One can show that
\[ B^+_{123} = \frac{1}{2} (B^+_{133} + B^+_{211} + B^+_{322}) + B^+_{123}. \tag{3.5} \]
where $\tilde{B}_{123}^+$ works from the 4-gluon exchange. Indeed, in the 2- and 3-gluon approximations one can consider

$$0 = (U_1 - U_2) \cdot (U_2 - U_3) \cdot (U_3 - U_2) + (U_1^t - U_2^t) \cdot (U_2^t - U_3^t) \cdot (U_3^t - U_2^t) =$$

$$= 2B_{123}^+ - B_{122}^+ - B_{133}^+ - B_{223}^+, \quad (3.6)$$

which is clear in the 2-gluon approximation, and which follows from

$$(U_1 - U_2) \cdot (U_2 - U_3) \cdot (U_3 - U_2)$$

$$= U_1^t (U_1 - U_2) U_2^t \cdot U_2^t (U_2 - U_3) U_3^t \cdot U_3^t (U_3 - U_2) U_2^t$$

$$= (U_3^t - U_1^t) \cdot (U_1^t - U_2^t) \cdot (U_2^t - U_3^t) \quad (3.7)$$

in the 3-gluon one. As a result, one can write the linear equation in the 2- and 3-gluon approximations for $B_{123}^+$

$$\frac{\partial B_{123}^+}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left( B_{133}^+ + B_{211}^+ + B_{322}^+ \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_1 \left[ \frac{\vec{z}_1^2}{\vec{z}_1^2 \vec{z}_2^2} \left( B_{144}^+ + B_{244}^+ - B_{122}^+ \right) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) \right], \quad (3.8)$$

which is a sum of 3 independent BFKL equations.

In further approximations one should take into account $\tilde{B}_{ijk}^+$. It leads us to the following evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial B_{123}^+}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left( B_{133}^+ + B_{211}^+ + B_{322}^+ \right) + \frac{\partial \tilde{B}_{123}^+}{\partial \eta}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_1 \left[ \frac{\vec{z}_1^2}{\vec{z}_1^2 \vec{z}_2^2} \left( B_{144}^+ + B_{244}^+ - B_{122}^+ \right) + (\tilde{B}_{134}^+ + \tilde{B}_{234}^+ - \tilde{B}_{212}^+ - \tilde{B}_{124}^+) \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{24} \left( B_{144}^+ B_{322}^+ + 2B_{144}^+ B_{244}^+ + B_{244}^+ B_{311}^+ - B_{344}^+ B_{211}^+ \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^+ \tilde{B}_{324}^+ + B_{244}^+ \tilde{B}_{314}^+ - B_{344}^+ \tilde{B}_{214}^+ \right)$$

$$+ \left. \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^+ B_{324}^+ + B_{244}^+ B_{314}^+ - B_{344}^+ B_{214}^+ \right) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) \right]. \quad (3.9)$$

The dipole BK equation has the form

$$\frac{\partial tr(U_1 U_2^t)}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_1 \frac{\vec{z}_1^2}{\vec{z}_1^2 \vec{z}_2^2} \left[ tr(U_1 U_2^t) tr(U_4 U_2^t) - N_c tr(U_1 U_2^t) \right]. \quad (3.10)$$

For C-even exchanges it can be rewritten in our notation as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \frac{1}{2} B_{211}^+ = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_1 \frac{\vec{z}_1^2}{\vec{z}_1^2 \vec{z}_2^2} \left[ (B_{144}^+ + B_{244}^+ - B_{122}^+) + \frac{1}{4N_c} \left( B_{144}^+ B_{242}^+ + B_{144}^+ B_{242}^+ \right) \right]. \quad (3.11)$$
Taking $N_c = 3$ and subtracting 3 BK equations from (3.9) one comes to

$$
\frac{\partial \tilde{B}_{123}^+}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_{12} \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{42}^2} \left[ (\tilde{B}_{14}^+ + \tilde{B}_{234}^+ - \tilde{B}_{123}^+ - \tilde{B}_{124}^+) \\
+ \frac{1}{24} (B_{144}^+ B_{322}^+ + B_{244}^+ B_{311}^+ - B_{344}^+ B_{211}^+) \\
+ \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^+ \tilde{B}_{324}^+ + B_{244}^+ \tilde{B}_{314}^+ - B_{344}^+ \tilde{B}_{214}^+ \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^+ B_{324}^+ + B_{244}^+ B_{314}^+ - B_{344}^+ B_{214}^+ - B_{444}^+ B_{422}^+ \right) \right) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3). \quad (3.12)
$$

4 C-odd exchange

Evolution equation (2.35) for the odderon exchange reads

$$
\frac{\partial B_{123}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_{12} \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{42}^2} \left[ B_{423}^- + B_{43}^- B_{123} \\
- B_{124}^- - B_{44}^- + B_{42}^- + B_{14}^- + \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^- B_{324}^- + B_{244}^- B_{314}^- - B_{344}^- B_{214}^- \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^- B_{324}^+ + B_{244}^- B_{314}^+ - B_{344}^- B_{214}^+ \right) \right] + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3). \quad (4.1)
$$

Here, as in the pomeron case one can express the C-even baryon Green functions through 2- and 4- reggeon pomerons

$$
\frac{\partial B_{123}^-}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \int d\vec{z}_{12} \frac{z_{12}^2}{z_{14}^2z_{42}^2} \left[ B_{423}^- + B_{43}^- B_{123} \\
- B_{124}^- - B_{44}^- + B_{42}^- + B_{14}^- + \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^- B_{324}^- + B_{244}^- B_{314}^- - B_{344}^- B_{214}^- \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{24} \left( B_{144}^+ B_{322}^+ + B_{244}^+ B_{334}^+ \right) + B_{244}^-(B_{311}^- + B_{344}^- + B_{114}^-) \\
- \frac{1}{24} B_{344}^-(B_{211}^- + B_{114}^- + B_{224}^-) \\
+ \frac{1}{12} \left( B_{144}^- \tilde{B}_{324}^- + B_{244}^- \tilde{B}_{314}^- - B_{344}^- \tilde{B}_{214}^- \right) \right] + (2 \leftrightarrow 3) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3). \quad (4.2)
$$

5 Conclusion

In this paper evolution equations for the C-odd and C-even Green functions for the 3 quark Wilson loop are presented in the leading logarithm approximation. The method of high energy operator expansion developed in [8],[9] was used and the result coincides with the dipole BK equation if two of the quarks have the same transverse coordinates. As in [28] the C-even Green function obtained here consists of 3 2-reggeon BFKL pomerons and one 4-reggeon term, while the C-odd term consists of only one 3-reggeon odderon. All the
nonlinear terms describing the interaction of these three Green functions are presented. The 4-reggeon C-even Green function starts from the 4 gluon exchange and therefore it gives a next-to-leading contribution to amplitudes.

In large $N_c$ limit one can treat the matrix element of a product of colorless gauge-invariant operators as a product of the corresponding matrix elements. Going to this limit makes the BK equation closed. The derivation given here can be straightforwardly generalized to the colorless baryon-like state in SU($N_c$) for $N_c > 3$. However, the evolution equation will change not only in the coefficients, but in the form. Therefore taking large $N_c$ limit in such a way will not lead to the physical SU(3) baryon-like Green function. Nevertheless, one may try fixing the form of the equation and formally imposing the large $N_c$ limit on it to get the closed expression. In this case one should consider the Green function for the 3-quark Wilson loop with products of the SU(3) Levi-Civita tensors expanded in terms of Kronecker deltas.

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