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## Finite $N_c$ corrections in the Balitsky-Kovchegov equation at next-to-leading order

The Colour Glass Condensate effective field theory is a useful framework for studying heavy ion collisions at ultra-relativistic energies. In this framework, we study the rapidity evolution of Wilson lines that appear explicitly in cross section expressions. The next-to-leading order BK (Balitsky-Kovchegov) equation for the 2-point Wilson line correlator involves 6-point correlators of Wilson lines. These correlators are typically calculated only in the large- $N_c$  limit. I will present a fully analytic calculation of these correlators in the finite- $N_c$  case, using the Gaussian Approximation. We use these results to find the relative importance of finite- $N_c$  corrections to the next-to-leading order (NLO) evolution equation. I will also present some results from our study of the correlators that appear in the NLO BK equation and in the equation itself.

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