# TOPICS FOR THE CERN THEORY INSTITUTE

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# PARTON DISTRIBUTIONS

- NNPDF COLLABORATION ⇒ STAY TUNED FOR PDF4LHC
- TREATMENT OF HEAVY QUARKS THRESHOLDS: THEORY (P. NASON) & APPLICATION TO PDF FITS (NNPDF)
- STATISTICS ISSUES  $\Rightarrow$  STAY TUNED FOR PDF4LHC

# ALL-ORDER ANOMALOUS DIMENSIONS

- $\bullet$  STANDARD FOLOKLORE: THRESHOLD RESUMMATION MAY BE RELEVANT EVEN WHEN  $s>>M^2$  if  $\hat{s}<< s$  example: Gluon production @ LHC because of small x growth of gluon
- BUT SMALL x GROWTH OF GLUON DRIVEN BY PERTURBATIVE EVOLUTION  $\Rightarrow$  AFFECTED BY SMALL x RESUMMATION
- IN MELLIN SPACE,  $\sigma(N) = \hat{\sigma}(N) f_1(N) f_2(N)$   $\rightarrow$  DOMINANT N REGION DRIVEN BY INTERPLAY BETWEEN GROWTH OF  $f_i$  @ SMALL N &  $\hat{\sigma}$  @ LARGE N
- IF  $\sigma(N, \alpha) = \exp \int_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{\beta(\alpha)} \gamma_{\text{phys}}(N, \alpha) \sigma(N, \alpha_0)$  Then  $\gamma_{\text{phys}}(N, \alpha)$  Determined by the interplay of two resummations

WHAT ARE THE MOST GENERAL CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON  $P_{\mathrm{phys}}(x,\alpha)$  BY ITS LARGE AND SMALL x ANALYTIC BEHAVIOURS?

CAN ONE GET FURTHER CONSTRAINTS FROM LARGE  $\alpha$  BEHAVIUOUR (FROM ADS/CFT)?

#### SMALL x RESUMMATION

- FULLY MATCHED SMALL x RESUMMATION OF PERTURBATIVE EVOLUTION + HARD PARTONIC CROSS SECTIONS NOW AVAILABLE APPLIED TO DEEP-INELASTIC SCATTERING (ALTARELLI, BALL, SF, 2008)
- RESUMMATION CORRECTIONS AT HERA AS LARGE AS NNLO, BUT OPPOSITE SIGN
- EXPECT SIMILAR EFFECTS AT LHC

#### CAN WE RESUM HADRONIC CORSS SECTIONS?

- HEAVY QUARK PRODUCTION (K. ELLIS AND BALL, 2001); HIGGS PRODUCTION (MARZANI, BALL, DEL DUCA, FORTE, VICINI, 2007); DRELL-YAN (MARZANI AND BALL, 2008); DIRECT PHOTON (G. DIANA, 2009)
- EFFECTS LARGE IN LESS INCLUSIVE OBSERVABLES (RAPIDITY DISTRIBUTIONS)
  OR MORE SINGULAR OBSERVABLES (STERMAN-WEINBERG JETS)

CAN WE EXTEND RESUMMATION DO THESE CASES? WHEN DOES HIGH ENERGY FACTORIZATION APPLY?