

Extending Precision Perturbative QCD with Track Functions

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Based on:

[YL, Ian Moulton, Solange Schrijnder van Velzen, Wouter Waalewijn, HuaXing Zhu: arXiv:2108.01674]

[Max Jaarsma, YL, Ian Moulton, Wouter Waalewijn, HuaXing Zhu: arXiv:2201.05166]

Motivation

Track-based measurements offer:

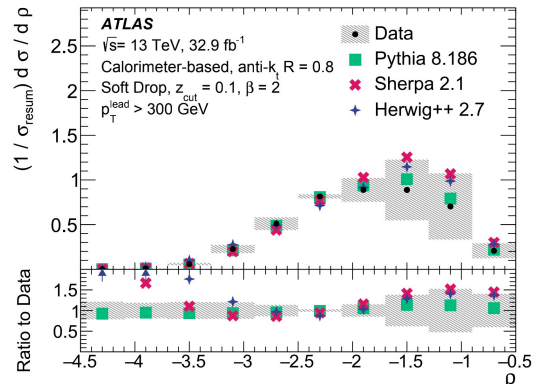
- Superior angular resolution
- Pileup mitigation
- One problem: Track-based calculations are **not** IR safe in perturbation theory.



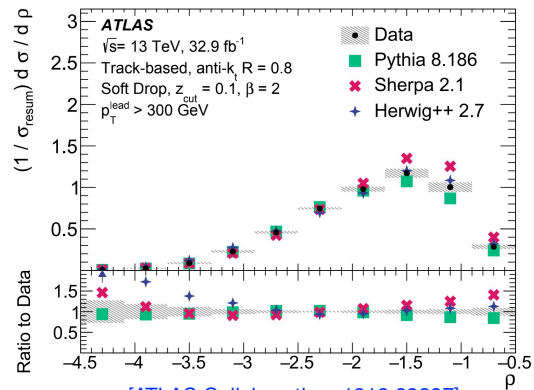
Track Functions

- ▶ IR divergences are absorbed into **universal** non-perturbative functions.

calorimeter-based
(all-particle)



track-based
(charged-particle)



[ATLAS Collaboration, 1912.09837]

✓ Track functions introduced and studied at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$.

[H. Chang, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Waalewijn, 1303.6637, 1306.6630]

● But complicated:

observables. For all of these observables, the uncertainties for the track-based observables are significantly smaller than those for the calorimeter-based observables, particularly for higher values of β , where more soft radiation is included within the jet. However, **since no track-based calculations exist at the present time**, calorimeter-based measurements are still useful for precision QCD studies. [ATLAS Collaboration, 1912.09837]

the selection of charged particle jets. Note that track-based observables are IRC-unsafe. In general, nonperturbative track functions can be used to directly compare track-based measurements to analytical calculations [67–69]; **however, such an approach has not yet been developed for jet angularities**. Two techniques are used, described in the following subsections, to apply the nonperturbative corrections. [ALICE Collaboration, 2107.11303]

only the charged constituents in anti- k_T algorithm (“charged”). **While observables computed with both charged and neutral constituents can be described more easily from first-principle calculations**, the charged variants can be measured with a better resolution as a result of the high efficiency and precision of the tracking detector. [CMS Collaboration, 2109.03340]

✓ This talk: Track function formalism beyond leading order.

- ▶ Energy correlators are much simpler to interface with track functions.
- ▶ Moments of track functions have simple evolution.

 higher order calculation

◆ New: Preliminary results for the nonlinear x -space evolution at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$.

Outline

- Introduction to Track Functions

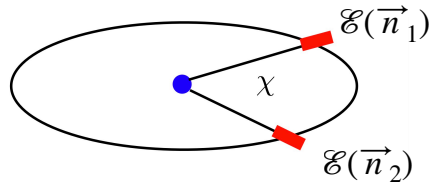
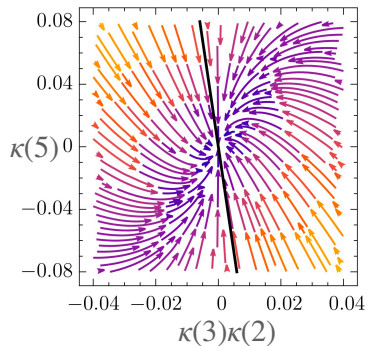
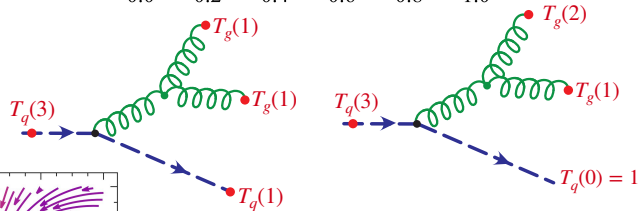
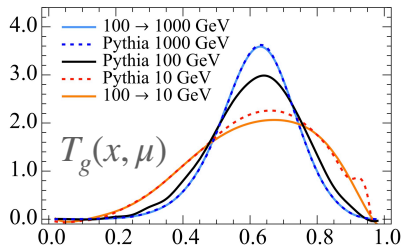
- Definition
- Incorporating tracks in observables

- Track Function Evolution in Moment Space

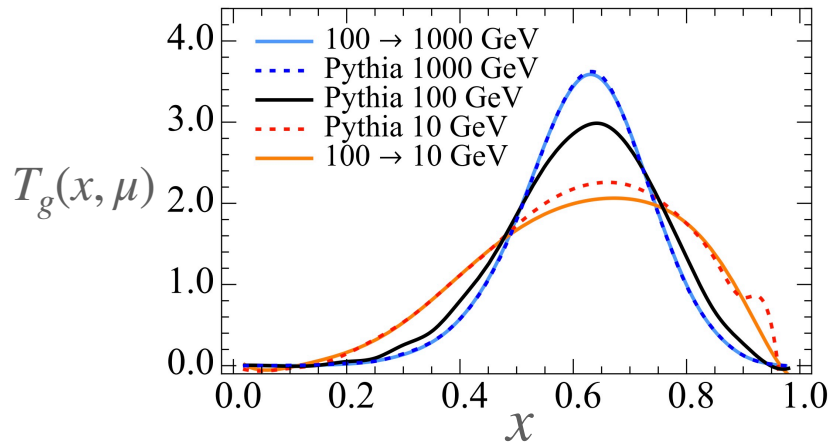
- Results at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$
- RG flows for the moments

- Predictions for Track EECs

- Full nonlinear x -Space Evolution



Introduction to Track Functions

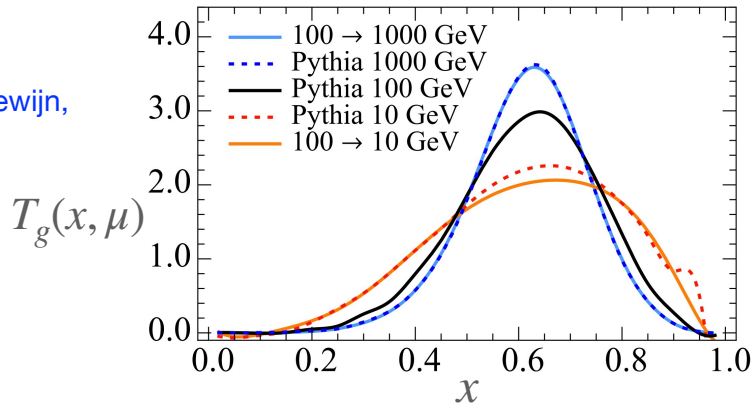


Track Functions

Features [H. Chang, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Waalewijn, 1303.6637, 1306.6630]

- A generalization of the fragmentation function (FF).
 - Independent of hard process.
 - Fundamentally non-perturbative, with a calculable scale (μ) dependence.
 - Incorporating correlations between final-state hadrons, like multi-hadron FFs.

◦ Sum rule: $\int_0^1 dx T_i(x, \mu) = 1$.



- The (single-hadron) fragmentation function:
 - The probability of a parton to produce a single-hadron state considered.
 - The momentum sum rule: $\sum_h \int_0^1 dz z D_{i \rightarrow h}(z, \mu) = 1$.

Incorporating Tracks

[1303.6637]

- For a δ -function type observable e measured using partons:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{de} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma_N}{d\Pi_N} \delta \left[e - \hat{e}(p_i^\mu) \right]$$

tracks

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\bar{e}} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\bar{\sigma}_N}{d\Pi_N} \int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i T_i(x_i) \delta \left[\bar{e} - \hat{e}(x_i p_i^\mu) \right]$$

full functional form of T

- For correlations of energy flow: k -point correlation functions

$$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$$

- An energy flow operator that measures energy flow on a restricted set R of final states: \mathcal{E}_R e.g. charged hadrons

- Then, the k -point correlator is

$$\langle \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_k) \rangle$$

- ▶ This can be related to the partonic-level correlation functions by a factorization formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}_R(\vec{n}_k) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} T_{i_1}(1) \cdots T_{i_k}(1) \langle \mathcal{E}_{i_1}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}_{i_2}(\vec{n}_2) \cdots \mathcal{E}_{i_k}(\vec{n}_k) \rangle \\ & \quad + \text{contact terms} \\ & \quad \text{with dependence on higher moments of T} \end{aligned}$$

Incorporating Tracks

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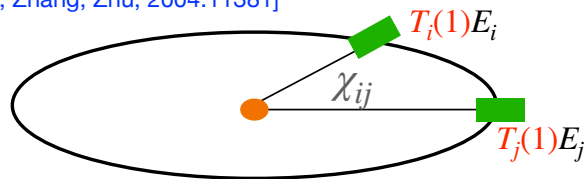
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full functional form of T

- **Energy correlators:** tracking easily included and can use modern fixed-order techniques.



- E.g., 2-point correlator (EEC)

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d \cos \chi} = \sum_{i,j} \int \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta \left(\cos \chi - \cos \chi_{ij} \right) d\sigma$$

$$E_i^n \rightarrow \int dx_i T_i(x_i) x_i^n E_i^n$$

$$= T_i(n) E_i^n$$

Mellin moments

only moments of T

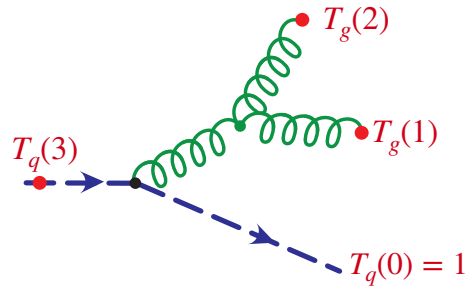
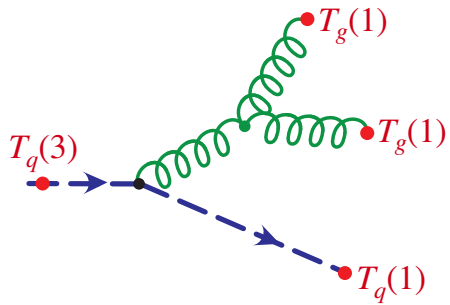
$$\left(\frac{d\Sigma}{d \cos \chi} \right)_{\text{tr}} = \sum_{i \neq j} T_i(1) T_j(1) \int \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta \left(\cos \chi - \cos \chi_{ij} \right) d\bar{\sigma}$$

Track EEC

$$+ \sum_k T_k(2) \int \frac{E_k^2}{Q^2} \delta \left(\cos \chi - 1 \right) d\bar{\sigma}$$

Study of RG equations for moments of track functions

Track Function Evolution



Track Function Evolution

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = \sum_N \sum_{\{i_f\}} \left[\prod_{m=1}^N \int_0^1 dz_m \right] \delta\left(1 - \sum_{m=1}^N z_m\right) P_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}}(\{z_f\})$$

$$\times \left[\prod_{m=1}^N \int_0^1 dx_m T_{i_m}(x_m) \right] \delta\left(x - \sum_{m=1}^N z_m x_m\right)$$

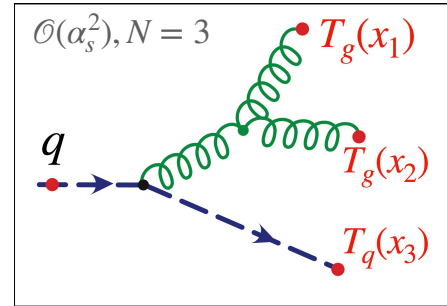
($i, i_f = g, u, \bar{u}, d, \dots$)

- Nonlinear, involving contributions from all branches of splittings.
- LO evolution:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x, \mu) = a_s(\mu) \sum_{\{jk\}} \int dz P_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)}(z_1, z_2) \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2)$$

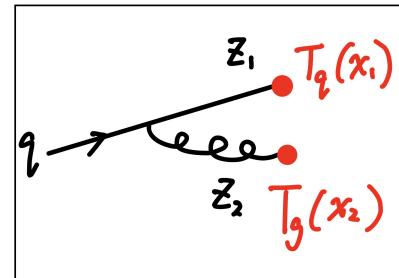
$$\times \int dx_1 dx_2 T_j(x_1, \mu) T_k(x_2, \mu) \delta[x - z_1 x_1 - z_2 x_2] .$$

Involving contributions from both the branches of the splitting.



- While for fragmentation functions:
Only one branch observed \rightarrow Linearity

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(z, \mu) = \sum_j D_{j \rightarrow h} \otimes P_{ji}^T(z, \mu)$$



Track Function Evolution In Mellin Space

$$\int_0^1 dx x^n \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = \sum_N \sum_{\{i_f\}} \left[\prod_{m=1}^N \int_0^1 dz_m \right] \delta\left(1 - \sum_{m=1}^N z_m\right) P_{i \rightarrow \{i_f\}}(\{z_f\})$$

$$\times \left[\prod_{m=1}^N \int_0^1 dx_m T_{i_m}(x_m) \right] \delta\left(x - \sum_{m=1}^N z_m x_m\right)$$

- RG equations for $\mathbf{T} =$

$$\{T_i(n), \dots, T_{i_1}(k)T_{i_2}(n-k), \dots, T_{i_1}(1)\dots T_{i_n}(1)\}^t$$

- For fragmentation functions:

- ▶ Matrix form: $\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \mathbf{T} = \mathbb{R} \mathbf{T}$

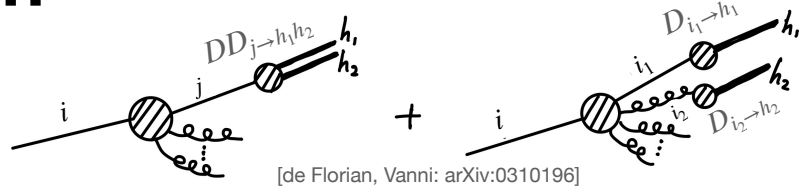
$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(n) = - \sum_j D_{j \rightarrow h}(n) \gamma_{ji}^T(n+1)$$

- ▶ \mathbb{R} : related to moments of timelike splitting functions.

- $\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(n) = - \sum_j T_j(n) \gamma_{ji}^T(n+1) + \text{terms of products of lower moments}$

Track Function Evolution

In Mellin Space



- Taking the n th moment sets a cutoff at the number of the branches observed, because

$$\int_0^1 dx T_i(x) = 1$$

- The evolution for $T_i(1)$:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(1) = - \sum_j T_j(1) \gamma_{ji}^T(2)$$

- The evolution for $T_i(2)$:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(2) = - \sum_j T_j(2) \gamma_{ji}^T(3) + \sum_{i_1, i_2} \mathbb{R}_{i_1, i_2} T_{i_1}(1) T_{i_2}(1)$$

related to

- The evolution equations for $\leq n$ -hadron FFs.

- For single-hadron FFs:

$$T_i(1) \rightarrow D_{i \rightarrow h}(1),$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(1) = - \sum_j D_{j \rightarrow h}(1) \gamma_{ji}^T(2)$$

- With di-hadron FFs,

$$T_i(2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[D_{i \rightarrow h_1}(2) + D_{i \rightarrow h_2}(2) + 2 DD_{i \rightarrow h_1 h_2}(1,1) \right]$$

A Surprising Symmetry:

- Energy conservation implies the evolution is **shift-symmetric**: $x \rightarrow x + a$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x+a) = \sum_X \int \left(\prod_m dx_m dz_m T_{i_m}(x_m+a) \right) P_{i \rightarrow i_1 \dots i_m}(\{z_m\}) \delta \left(1 - \sum_m z_m \right) \delta \left(x - \sum_m x_m z_m \right)$$

- This uniquely fixes the form of the evolution of the first three moments:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \Delta = [-\gamma_{qq}(2) - \gamma_{gg}(2)] \Delta ,$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(2) \\ \sigma_q(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma_{gg}(3) & -\gamma_{qg}(3) \\ -\gamma_{gq}(3) & -\gamma_{qq}(3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(2) \\ \sigma_q(2) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_g^{\Delta^2} \\ \gamma_q^{\Delta^2} \end{bmatrix} \Delta^2 ,$$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(3) \\ \sigma_q(3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma_{gg}(4) & -\gamma_{qg}(4) \\ -\gamma_{gq}(4) & -\gamma_{qq}(4) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(3) \\ \sigma_q(3) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{gg}^{\sigma\Delta} & \gamma_{qg}^{\sigma\Delta} \\ \gamma_{gq}^{\sigma\Delta} & \gamma_{qq}^{\sigma\Delta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_g(2) \\ \sigma_q(2) \end{bmatrix} \Delta + \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_g^{\Delta^3} \\ \gamma_q^{\Delta^3} \end{bmatrix} \Delta^3$$

Here $\gamma_{ji}(n) = - \int_0^1 dz z^{n-1} P_{ji}(z, a_s)$ where P_{ji} denotes the singlet timelike splitting function.

For fragmentation functions:

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} D_{i \rightarrow h}(z, \mu) = \sum_j D_{j \rightarrow h} \otimes P_{ji}(z, \mu)$$

- Scale invariant $D(y) \rightarrow D(ay)$.


shift-invariant objects:

$$\Delta := T_q(1) - T_g(1)$$

$$\sigma_i(2) := T_i(2) - T_i(1)^2$$

$$\sigma_i(3) := T_i(3) - 3T_i(2)T_i(1) + 2T_i(1)^3$$

Methods of Calculation

- **Two independent approaches to extracting the evolution at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$:**
 - ▶ Calculating two IR-safe observables modified to measure on tracks. When computed on tracks, they have collinear divergences.
absorbed by the track functions
 - ▶ Guideline: By computing the collinear divergences, we can extract the RG evolution for track functions.
 - **(Projected) Energy Correlators**  ○ **Jet Functions** [Ritzmann, Waalewijn, 1407.3272]
 - n -point correlators on tracks involves moments up to $T(n)$.
 - n -point track correlator $\xrightarrow[\text{in collinear limit}]{\text{pole cancellation}}$
 - Evolution for $T(n, \mu)$
 - ▶ The evolution for the lower moments can be checked at wide-angle region.
 - Directly calculating track jet functions $J(s, x)$.
 - Taking n -th moments to extract the evolution for $T(n, \mu)$.
- ✓ check on the track function formalism**

Track Function Evolution at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

In Mellin Space

$$\Delta_{q_i} = T_{q_i}(1) - T_g(1)$$

➔ For the higher moments, there're **three** parts: a linear part fixed by DGLAP, corrections proportional to powers of Δ , and nonlinear terms that are not proportional to powers of Δ .

$$\frac{d\Delta_q}{d \ln \mu^2} = -[\gamma_{qq}(2) + \gamma_{gg}(2)] \Delta_q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_g(2)}{d \ln \mu^2} = & -\gamma_{gg}^{(1)}(3) \sigma_g(2) + \sum_i \left\{ -\gamma_{qg}^{(1)}(3) (\sigma_{q_i}(2) + \sigma_{\bar{q}_i}(2) + \Delta_{q_i}^2 + \Delta_{\bar{q}_i}^2) \right. \\ & \left. + T_F \left[\left(\frac{12413}{1350} - \frac{52}{45} \pi^2 \right) C_A + \frac{1528}{225} C_F - \frac{16}{25} n_f T_F \right] \Delta_{q_i} \Delta_{\bar{q}_i} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_g(3)}{d \ln \mu^2} = & -\gamma_{gg}^{(1)}(4) \sigma_g(3) + \sum_i \left\{ -\gamma_{qg}^{(1)}(4) (\sigma_{q_i}(3) + \sigma_{\bar{q}_i}(3) + 3\sigma_{q_i}(2) \Delta_{q_i} + 3\sigma_{\bar{q}_i}(2) \Delta_{\bar{q}_i} + \Delta_{q_i}^3 + \Delta_{\bar{q}_i}^3) \right. \\ & + T_F \left[\left(-\frac{638}{45} + \frac{8}{3} \pi^2 \right) C_A - \frac{3803}{250} C_F \right] \sigma_g(2) (\Delta_{q_i} + \Delta_{\bar{q}_i}) \\ & \left. + T_F \left[\left(\frac{5321}{3000} - \frac{2}{5} \pi^2 \right) C_A + \frac{1523}{240} C_F - \frac{12}{25} n_f T_F \right] (\sigma_{q_i}(2) \Delta_{\bar{q}_i} + \sigma_{\bar{q}_i}(2) \Delta_{q_i} + \Delta_{q_i}^2 \Delta_{\bar{q}_i} + \Delta_{\bar{q}_i}^2 \Delta_{q_i}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

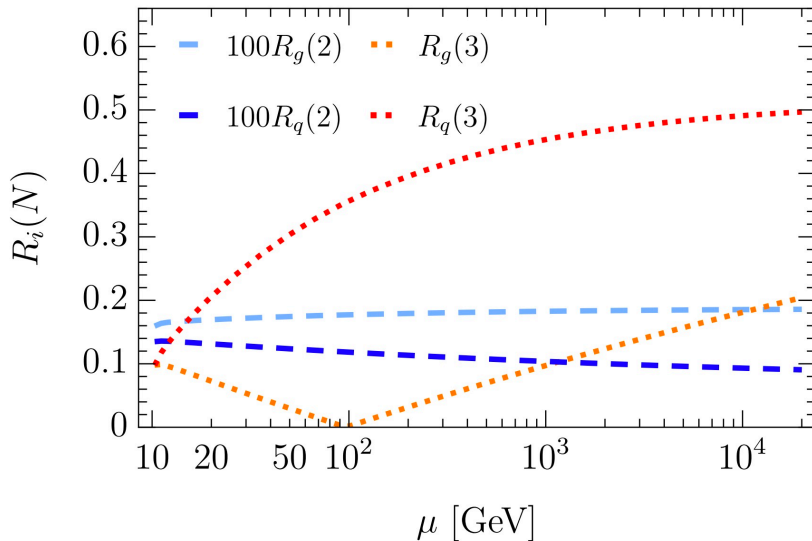
- The evolution for Δ is fixed by DGLAP to all orders.
- For the second and the third moments, the evolution can be divided into **two** parts: a linear part fixed by DGLAP, and corrections proportional to powers of Δ .

The Size of Δ in QCD

For the evolution of $\sigma_i(n)$ ($i = q, g ; n = 2,3$),

$$R_i(n) = \left| \frac{\text{effect of } \Delta\text{-terms at NLO}}{\text{effect of the DGLAP part at NNLO}} \right|$$

- The effect of Δ on the evolution of the second central moment is much smaller than for the higher moments.
- The Δ terms are effectively suppressed by one order in the perturbative expansion.



→ NNLO

Non-Linearities

in the 4th and 5th Moments

QCD:

Notation: $\vec{\sigma}(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^g(n) \\ \sigma^q(n) \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{\gamma}(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{gg}(n) & \gamma_{qg}(n) \\ \gamma_{gq}(n) & \gamma_{qq}(n) \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \vec{\sigma}(4) = \underbrace{-\hat{\gamma}(5) \vec{\sigma}(4)}_{\text{linear term fixed by DGLAP}} + \underbrace{\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma_2 \sigma_2} [\vec{\sigma}(2) \cdot \vec{\sigma}^T(2)]}_{\text{nonlinear terms not proportional to powers of } \Delta} + \underbrace{\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma_3 \Delta} \vec{\sigma}(3) \Delta + \hat{\gamma}_{\sigma_2 \Delta^2} \vec{\sigma}(2) \Delta^2 + \vec{\gamma}_{\Delta^4} \Delta^4}_{\text{corrections proportional to powers of } \Delta}$$

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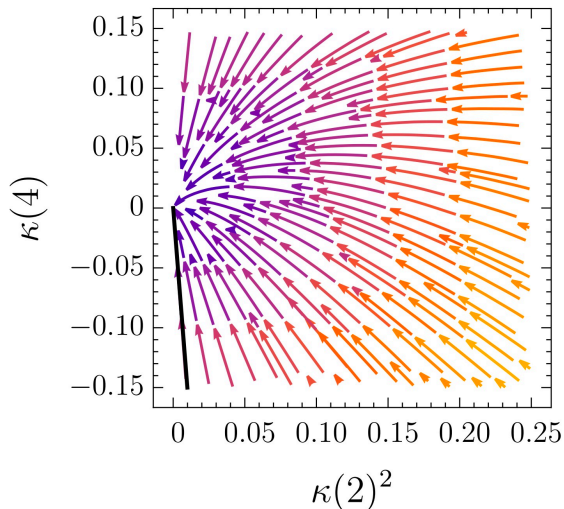
Non-Linearities in the 4th and 5th Moments

Pure Yang-Mills theory:

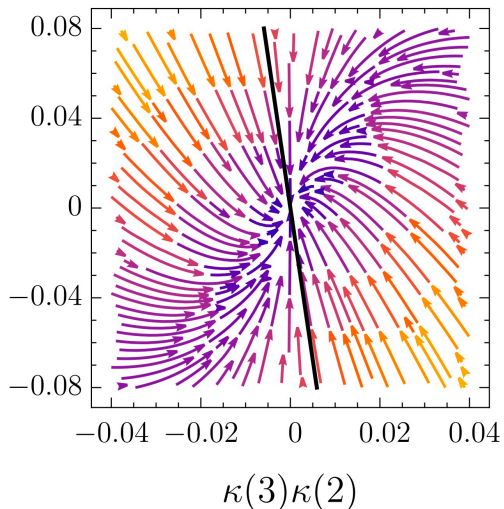
κ : cumulants $\kappa(4) = \sigma(4) - 3\sigma^2(2)$
 $\kappa(5) = \sigma(5) - 10\sigma(3)\sigma(2)$

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} \kappa(4) = \underbrace{-\gamma_{gg}(5)\kappa(4)}_{\text{linear term fixed by DGLAP}} + \underbrace{\gamma_{\kappa_2\kappa_2}\kappa^2(2)}_{\text{nonlinear term}}$$

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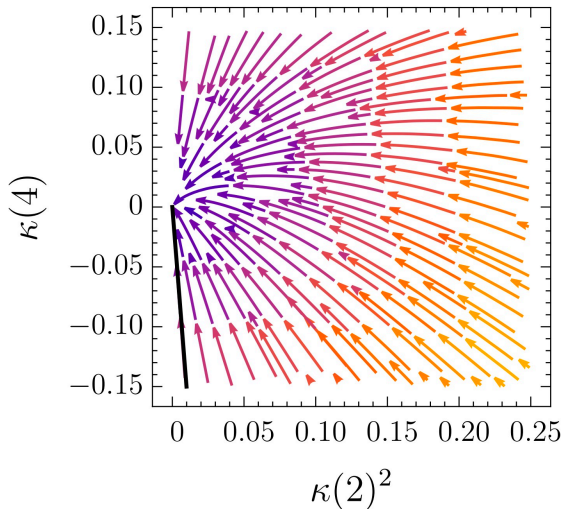


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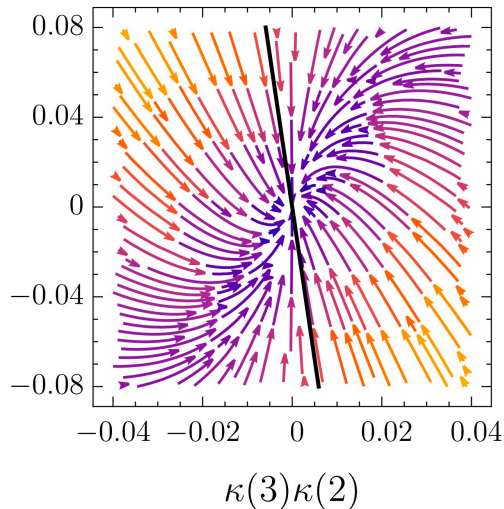
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Pure Yang-Mills theory:

- Arrows denote the direction of the derivatives with respect to $\ln \mu$.
- A single fixed-point in the evolution at the origin, corresponding to the trivial fixed point where all cumulants vanish.



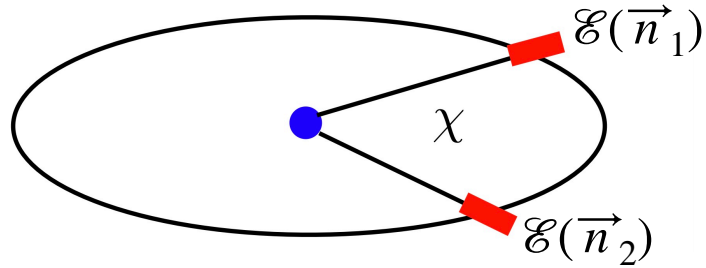
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- $\kappa(5) \rightarrow -\kappa(5)$,
 $\kappa(3) \rightarrow -\kappa(3)$ symmetry

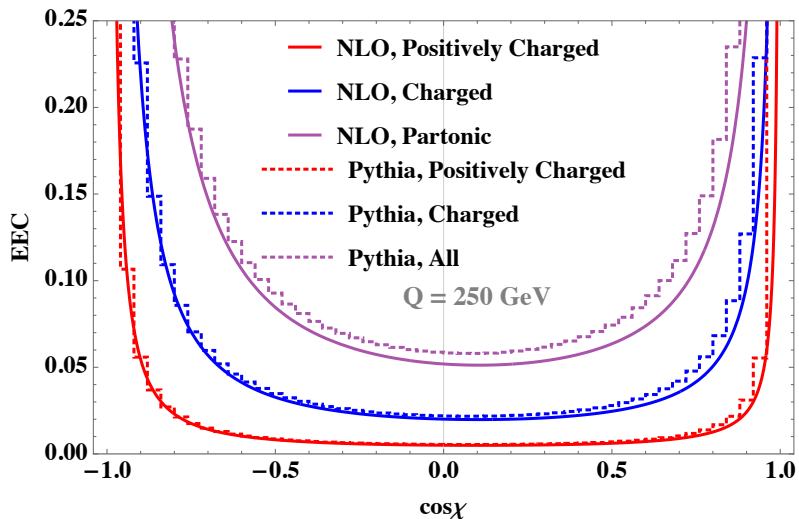
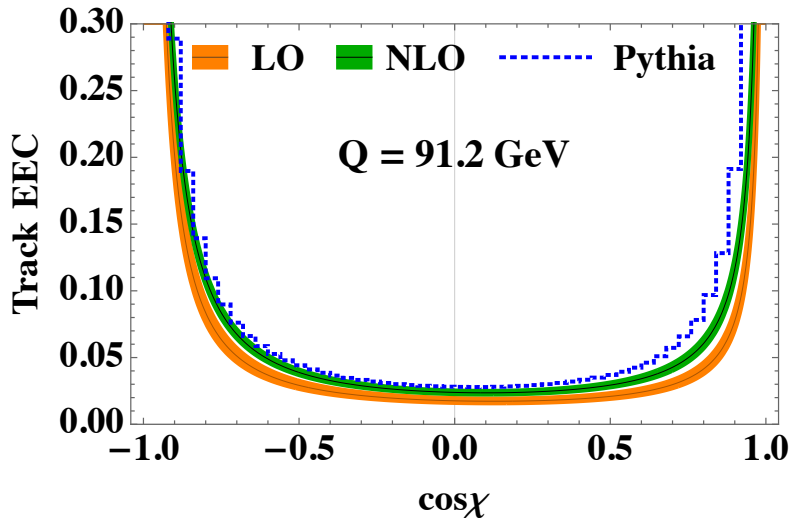
Predictions for Track EECs



Track EEC for e^+e^- annihilation

- First NLO ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$) calculations for track-based observables
- Results are available in completely analytical form.

- Track function formalism can be applied to other subsets of hadrons specified by their quantum numbers.



Jet Substructure

In the collinear limit:

- The energy correlator is a jet observable: $\Sigma(x_L) = \vec{J} \otimes \vec{H}$.

- Jet functions for projected energy correlators **on tracks**,

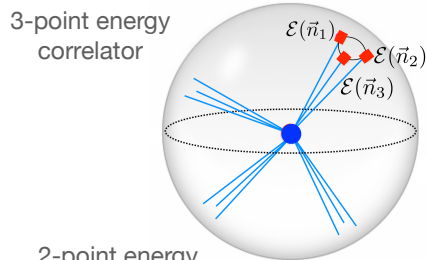
$$\vec{J}_{\text{tr}}\left(\ln \frac{x_L Q^2}{\mu^2}, a_s(\mu)\right): \text{Moments } T_i(n, \mu) \text{ appear as the coefficients.}$$

- The jet function constants (the jet functions with the logarithmic dependence excluded): e.g. for track EECs, up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

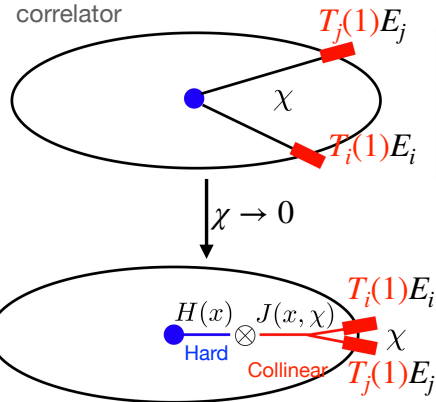
$$j^g = \frac{1}{4} T_g(2) + a_s \left\{ T_g(1) T_g(1) C_A \left(-\frac{449}{150} \right) + \sum_q T_q(1) T_{\bar{q}}(1) T_F \left(-\frac{7}{25} \right) \right\} \\ + a_s^2 \left\{ T_g(1) T_g(1) \left[C_A^2 \left(-\frac{527\zeta_3}{10} + \frac{133639871}{3240000} - \frac{2159\pi^2}{1800} + \frac{19\pi^4}{90} \right) + C_A n_f T_F \frac{139}{270} \right] + \sum_q T_q(1) T_{\bar{q}}(1) \dots \right\}$$

- Matches the state-of-the-art calculation for jet substructure, but now on tracks!

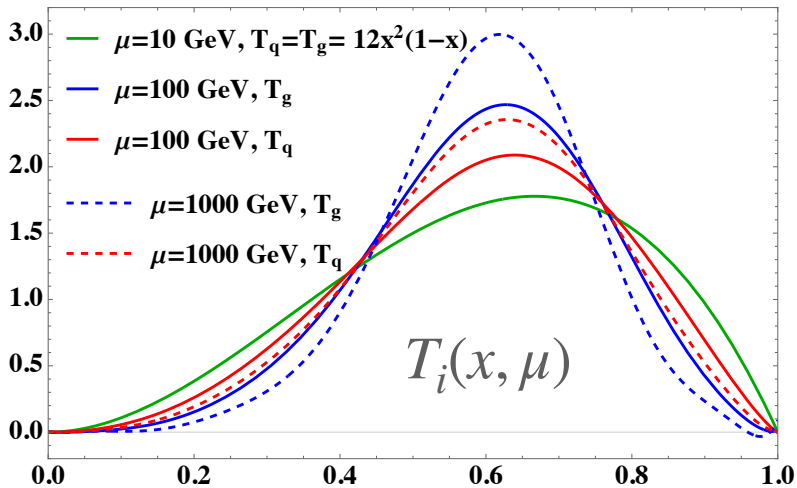
[Kardos, Larkoski, Trocsanyi, 2002.05730]



2-point energy correlator



Full Non-Linear x-Space Evolution



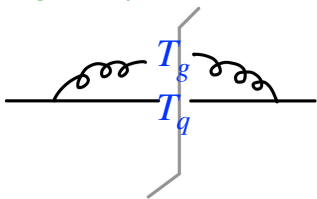
Track Jet Functions

To calculate directly...

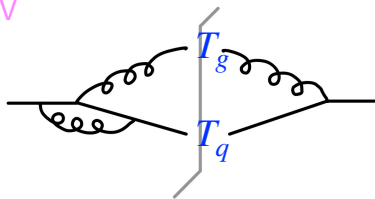
The definition for track jet functions is that

$$J_{a,\text{bare}}(s, x) = \sum_N \sum_{\{a_f\}} \int d\Phi_N^c \delta(s - s') \sigma_{a \rightarrow \{a_f\}}^c(\{z_f\}, \{s_{ff'}\}) \int \left[\prod_{i=1}^N dx_i T_{a_i}^{(0)}(x_i) \right] \delta\left(x - \sum_{i=1}^N x_i z_i\right)$$

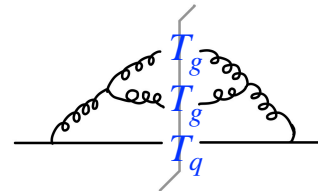
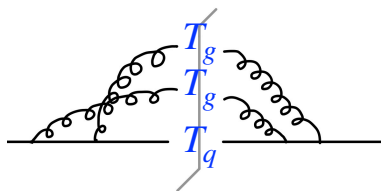
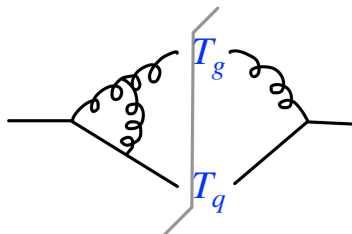
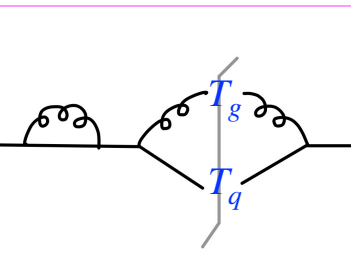
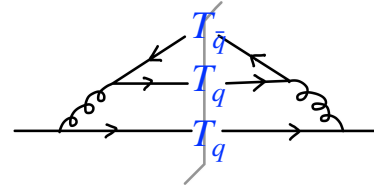
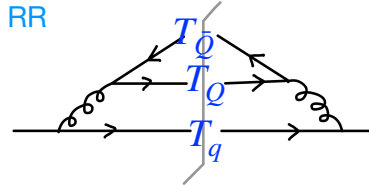
E.g., the quark case:



RV



RR



[S. Catani, M. Grazzini: arXiv:hep-ph/9908523]

In DR: $T_a^{(0)} = T_a^{\text{bare}}$

LO track jet function:

$$J_a^{(0)} = \delta(s) T_a^{(0)}$$

Calculation of Track Jet Functions

After integration over angular variables,

$$J_a(s, x) \supset \int dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \int_0^1 dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z_3) P_{a \rightarrow a_1 a_2 a_3}(z_1, z_2, z_3) \times T_{a_1}^{(0)}(x_1) T_{a_2}^{(0)}(x_2) T_{a_3}^{(0)}(x_3) \delta(x - z_1 x_1 - z_2 x_2 - z_3 x_3)$$

have not been expanded in ϵ

- For $z_{i_1} < z_{i_2} < z_{i_3}$ ($i_1, i_2, i_3 = 1, 2, 3$), do the coordinate transformation

$$z_{i_1} \rightarrow \frac{zt}{1+z+zt}, z_{i_2} \rightarrow \frac{z}{1+z+zt}, z_{i_3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+z+zt}$$

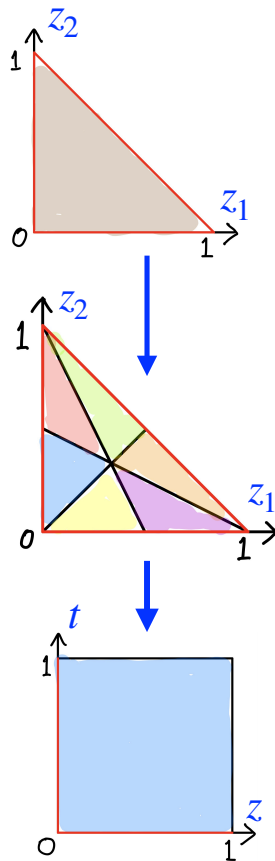
[Sector decomposition (Heinrich, arXiv:0803.4177)]

- For $1 \rightarrow n+1$ splitting $P_{1 \rightarrow n+1}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n+1})$, we can set

$$z_{i_1} < z_{i_2} < \dots < z_{i_n} < z_{i_{n+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad t_1 \rightarrow \frac{z_{i_1}}{z_{i_2}}, t_2 \rightarrow \frac{z_{i_2}}{z_{i_3}}, \dots, t_n \rightarrow \frac{z_{i_n}}{z_{i_{n+1}}}$$

to divide the integration region and then separate the singularities.

- For $1 \rightarrow 2$ splittings, $z_{i_1} \rightarrow \frac{z}{1+z}$, $z_{i_2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+z}$ for $z_{i_1} < z_{i_2}$.



Evolution for Track Functions

NLO, in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

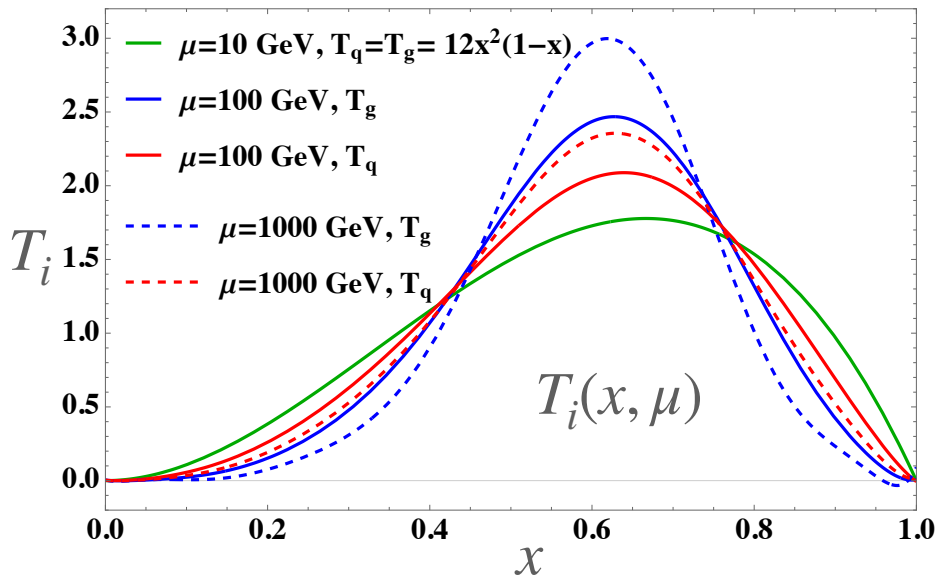
α : t' Hooft coupling constant

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T(x) = & \alpha^2 \left\{ \overset{K_{1 \rightarrow 1}^{(1)}}{\underbrace{-25 \zeta_3 T(x) + \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^1 dz T(x_1) T(x_2) \delta \left(x - x_1 \frac{1}{1+z} - x_2 \frac{z}{1+z} \right)}_{\text{}}} \right. \\
 & \times \left\{ \frac{8}{3} \pi^2 \left[\frac{1}{z} \right]_+ + \frac{32 \ln^2(z+1)}{z} - \frac{16 \ln(z) \ln(z+1)}{z} \right\} \overset{K_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(1)}(z)}{\text{}} \\
 & + \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^1 dx_3 \int_0^1 dz \int_0^1 dt T(x_1) T(x_2) T(x_3) \\
 & \times \delta \left(x - x_1 \frac{1}{1+z+zt} - x_2 \frac{z}{1+z+zt} - x_3 \frac{zt}{1+z+zt} \right) \\
 & \times 8 \left\{ \frac{4 \ln(1+z)}{z} \left[\frac{1}{t} \right]_+ + \left[\frac{1}{z} \right]_+ \left(4 \left[\frac{\ln t}{t} \right]_+ - \frac{\ln t}{1+t} - \frac{7 \ln(1+t)}{t} \right) \right. \\
 & + \frac{2 [\ln(1+tz) - \ln(1+z+tz)]}{(1+t)(1+z)(1+tz)} + \frac{10 [\ln(1+z+tz) - \ln(1+z)]}{tz} \\
 & - \frac{7 \ln(1+tz)}{tz} + \frac{\ln(1+t) - \ln t}{(1+t)(1+tz)} + \frac{\ln(1+z) + \ln(1+t)}{(1+t)(1+z)} - \frac{\ln(1+z)}{(1+t)z} \\
 & \left. - \frac{z \ln(1+z)}{(1+z)(1+tz)} + \frac{\ln(1+tz)}{(1+t)z(1+z)} \right\} \overset{K_{1 \rightarrow 3}^{(1)}(z, t)}{\text{}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving RGEs

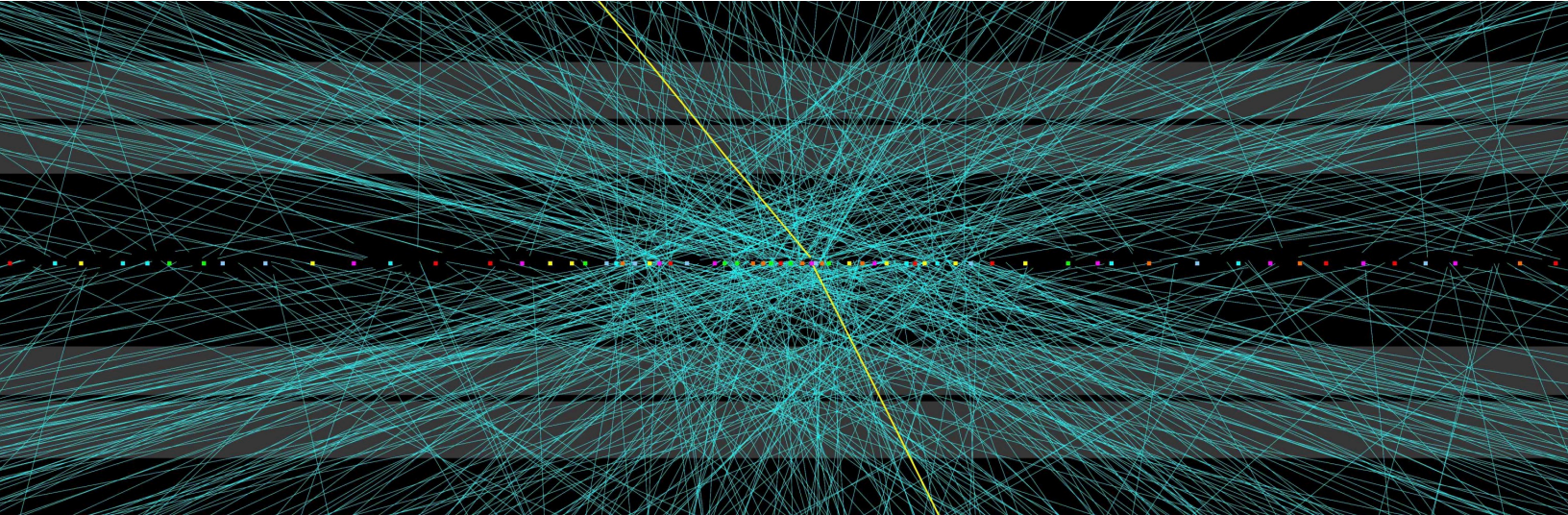
Numerically, at LO

- **A toy model:** at $\mu = 10$ GeV, $T_i(x) = 12x^2(1-x)$ ($i = q, g$) of which the first moment is $0.6 \sim$ that in real world QCD.
- Suppose that the track function at any scale, $T(x, \mu_j)$, can be well described by a polynomial of some degree. $T(x, \mu_j)$ can be restored from a finite number of its moments.



Summary & Outlook

- Track functions offer a QFT approach to calculating track-based observables:
- Track function formalism studied beyond leading order:
 - Evolution for moments of track functions at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$.
 - Numerical studies on the Δ -terms and the RG flows.
 - Energy correlators interface in a simple manner with tracking information through the moments, allowing for high order calculations.
- Preliminary results for the nonlinear x -space evolution at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$
 - Evolution for any moment of the track function is provided.
- This formalism allows IR-safe observables to be computed on any subset of final-state hadrons specified by some particular quantum numbers.



Thank you!

Backup

A Surprising Symmetry:

- $x \rightarrow x + a$ leads to $T_j(n) \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-a)^{n-k} T_j(k)$ in Mellin space, e.g.,

$$T_j(1) \rightarrow T_j(1) - a ,$$

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$$T_j(3) \rightarrow T_j(3) - 3aT_j(2) + 3a^2T_j(1) - a^3$$

- The **shift symmetry** requires that the evolution for moments of track function should *still* hold after the above **transformation**, which constrains the form of the evolution up to all loop orders: e.g.,

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} [T_g(1) - a] = c_1 [T_g(1) - a] + c_2 [T_q(1) - a] ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} [T_g(2) - 2aT_g(1) - a^2] &= b_1 [T_g(2) - 2aT_g(1) - a^2] + b_2 [T_q(2) - 2aT_q(1) - a^2] \\ &\quad + y_1 [T_g(1) - a]^2 + y_2 [T_g(1) - a] [T_q(1) - a] + y_3 [T_q(1) - a]^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_g(2) = & b_1 T_g(2) + b_2 T_q(2) + y_1 T_g(1) T_g(1) + y_2 T_g(1) T_q(1) + y_3 T_q(1) T_q(1) \\ & + a [(-2b_1 - 2y_1 - y_2 + 2c_1) T_g(1) + (-2b_2 - y_2 - 2y_3 + 2c_2) T_q(1)] \\ & + a^2 (b_1 + b_2 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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This implies there is redundancy for these evolution kernels.

- We can use shift invariant objects to reorganize the form of the evolution to avoid this redundancy. (See Page 14.)

Up to this stage we haven't used the Feynman diagram approach.

Track EECs

- The expression for track EEC has the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{d\Sigma}{dz}\right)_{\text{tr}} &= \sum_{a,b} T_a(1, \mu) T_b(1, \mu) \left\{ \sum_{i \neq j} \delta_{a,i} \delta_{b,j} \int \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta\left(z - \frac{1 - \cos \chi_{ij}}{2}\right) d\sigma \right\}_{\text{partonic,subtracted}} \\
 &+ \sum_c T_c(2, \mu) \left\{ \sum_k \delta_{ck} \int \frac{E_k^2}{Q^2} \delta(z) d\sigma \right\}_{\text{partonic,subtracted}} \\
 &\triangleq \sum_{a,b} T_a(1, \mu) T_b(1, \mu) \frac{d\hat{\Sigma}_{ab}}{dz} + \sum_c T_c(2, \mu) \frac{d\hat{\Sigma}_{c^2}}{dz} .
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left(\frac{d\Sigma}{dz}\right)_{\text{tr}} = \frac{d\vec{\Sigma}}{dz} \cdot \underbrace{\left[\mathbf{1} + a_s \frac{\widehat{R}_2^{(1)}}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} a_s^2 \left(\frac{\widehat{R}_2^{(2)}}{\epsilon} + \frac{\widehat{R}_2^{(1)} \widehat{R}_2^{(1)} - \beta_0 \widehat{R}_2^{(1)}}{\epsilon^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(a_s^3) \right]}_{\widehat{\Gamma}_2} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} T_g(2) \\ T_{q_1}(2) \\ \dots \\ T_{q_{n_f-1}}(1) T_{q_{n_f}}(1) \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{T}_2(\mu)}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\vec{T}_{2,\text{bare}}}$$

where $\widehat{\Gamma}_2^{-1}$ has a similar pole structure to the partonic collinear FF.

$$\frac{d\vec{\Sigma}}{dz} = \frac{d\vec{\widehat{\Sigma}}}{dz} \cdot \widehat{\Gamma}_2^{-1}$$

x -Space Evolution

The evolution up to NLO has the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = & a_s \sum_{\substack{\text{tree-level} \\ 1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ splittings}}} \int dx_1 dx_2 dz_1 dz_2 K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)}(z_1, z_2) T_j(x_1) T_k(x_2) \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \delta(x - x_1 z_1 - x_2 z_2) \\
 & + a_s^2 \left[\sum_{\substack{\text{one-loop} \\ 1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ splittings}}} \int dx_1 dx_2 dz_1 dz_2 K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(1)}(z_1, z_2) T_j(x_1) T_k(x_2) \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2) \delta(x - x_1 z_1 - x_2 z_2) \right. \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{\text{tree-level} \\ 1 \rightarrow 3 \text{ splittings}}} \int dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 K_{i \rightarrow jmn}^{(1)}(z_1, z_2, z_3) T_j(x_1) T_m(x_2) T_n(x_3) \\
 & \left. \times \delta(1 - z_1 - z_2 - z_3) \delta(x - x_1 z_1 - x_2 z_2 - x_3 z_3) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where i, j, k, m, n denote parton species (e.g., q, g) and $a_s = \alpha_s(\mu)/(4\pi)$.

x -Space Evolution

For brevity,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} T_i(x) = & a_s K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(0)} \otimes T_j T_k(x) \\ & + a_s^2 \left[K_{i \rightarrow jk}^{(1)} \otimes T_j T_k(x) + K_{i \rightarrow jmn}^{(1)} \otimes T_j T_m T_n(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Track Jet Functions

E.g., The form of the quark jet function on tracks: $\delta(s)$ -terms:

\mathcal{J} : finite matching coefficients

$$J_{\text{tr},q}(s, \mu) = \delta(s) T_q(x, \mu) + a_s \delta(s) \left[\mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow q}^{(1)} T_q(x, \mu) + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(1)} \otimes T_q T_g(x, \mu) \right] \\ + a_s^2 \delta(s) \left[\mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow q}^{(2)} T_q(x, \mu) + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(2)} \otimes T_q T_g(x, \mu) + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qgg}^{(2)} \otimes T_q T_g T_g(x, \mu) + \dots \right]$$

$$J_{\text{tr},q}(s, \mu) = \delta(s) T_q^{(0)}(x) + a_s \delta(s) \left\{ \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\epsilon} K_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(0)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)}}_{\text{LO evolution kernel}} + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow q}^{(1)} T_q^{(0)} + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(1)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} \right\} \\ + a_s^2 \delta(s) \left\{ \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow q}^{(2)} T_q^{(0)} + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(2)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qgg}^{(2)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qq\bar{q}}^{(2)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_q^{(0)} T_{\bar{q}}^{(0)} + \sum_q \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qQ\bar{Q}}^{(2)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_Q^{(0)} T_{\bar{Q}}^{(0)} \right. \\ \left. + \left(-\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \right) \left\{ K_{q \rightarrow qgg}^{(1)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} + K_{q \rightarrow qq\bar{q}}^{(1)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_q^{(0)} T_{\bar{q}}^{(0)} + \sum_{Q \neq q} K_{q \rightarrow qQ\bar{Q}}^{(1)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_Q^{(0)} T_{\bar{Q}}^{(0)} + K_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(1)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} \right\} \right. \\ \left. \text{RHS of the evolution for } T_q(x) \text{ at NLO with } T^{(0)} \text{ in place of } T(x, \mu) \right. \\ \left. + \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \left\{ \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow q}^{(1)} K_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(0)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)}(x) + \mathcal{J}_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(1)} \otimes \left[T_g^{(0)} \left(K_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(0)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} \right) \right. \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left. + T_q^{(0)} \left(K_{g \rightarrow gg}^{(0)} \otimes T_g^{(0)} T_g^{(0)} + \sum_q K_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{(0)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_{\bar{q}}^{(0)} \right) \right] \right\} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} \left\{ \mathcal{K}_{q \rightarrow ab}^{(0)} \otimes \left[T_b^{(0)} \left(K_{a \rightarrow a_1 a_2}^{(0)} \otimes T_{a_1}^{(0)} T_{a_2}^{(0)} \right) \right] \right\} \\ + \mathcal{K}_{q \rightarrow qg}^{(0)} \otimes T_q^{(0)} T_g^{(0)}$$