

Beyond LO for Hybrid k_T -factorization

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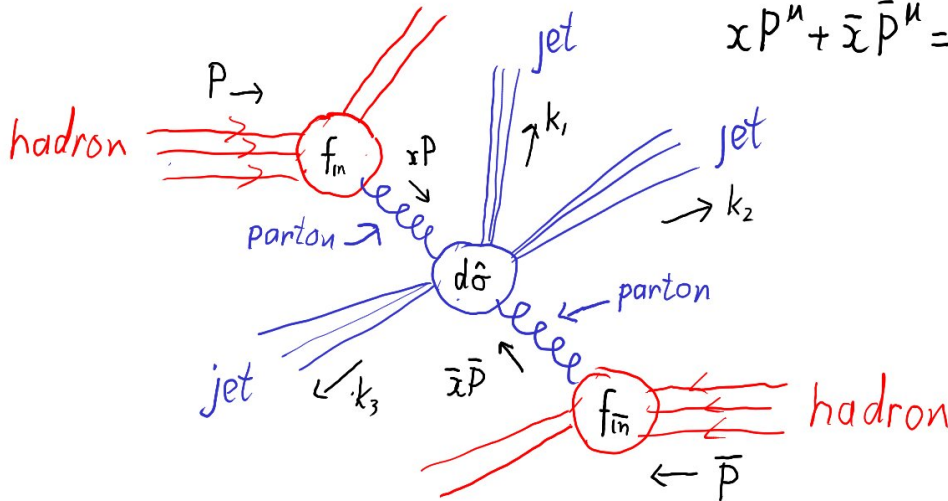
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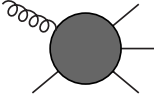
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Objective

Establish the same within hybrid k_T -factorization,
for which the LO cross section formula is

$$d\sigma^{\text{LO}} = \int \frac{dx_{\text{in}}}{x_{\text{in}}} \frac{d^2k_{\perp}}{\pi} \frac{d\bar{x}_{\text{in}}}{\bar{x}_{\text{in}}} F_{\text{in}}(x_{\text{in}}, k_{\perp}) f_{\text{in}}(\bar{x}_{\text{in}}) dB^*(x_{\text{in}}, k_{\perp}, \bar{x}_{\text{in}})$$

- The amplitudes inside $B^*(x_{\text{in}}, k_{\perp}, \bar{x}_{\text{in}})$ depend explicitly on k_{\perp}
- They involve a space-like initial-state gluon with momentum $k_{\text{in}}^{\mu} = x_{\text{in}}P^{\mu} + k_{\perp}^{\mu}$

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A Feynman diagram representing a space-like gluon. It consists of a central grey circle with four lines extending from it. One line on the left is a wavy line representing a gluon, pointing towards the circle. The other three lines are straight lines representing quarks, pointing away from the circle.

- Such amplitudes need care to be well-defined, to be gauge-invariant.
- We apply the auxiliary-parton method, and our **objective** is within this constraint.

Auxiliary parton method (tree-level)

$$k_{in} = x_{in}P + k_{\perp}$$

We desire to obtain the matrix element with one space-like gluon for the process

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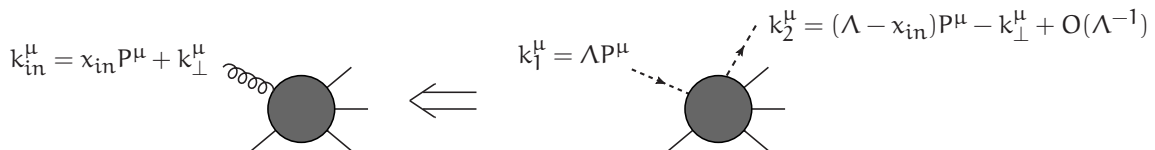
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The factor $x_{in}^2 |k_\perp|^2$ ensures the correct on-shell limit, $1/\Lambda^2$ selects the leading power, $1/g_s^2$ corrects the power of the coupling.

One can use auxiliary quarks, as well as gluons, by including the color-correction factor

$$C_{aux-q} = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{N_c}, \quad C_{aux-g} = 2N_c$$

Auxiliary parton method

- the auxiliary parton method can be applied to Feynman graphs, from which one can derive eikonal Feynman rules for the auxiliary partons

$$\begin{array}{c} j \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ i \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \mu, a \end{array} = -i T_{i,j}^a p^\mu \qquad j \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \xrightarrow{K} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} i = \delta_{i,j} \frac{i}{p \cdot K}$$

- this works unambiguously at tree-level (arbitrary number of jets etc.), but needs a treatment of the linear denominators for loop graphs
- the auxiliary parton method can also be applied on closed expressions for complete on-shell amplitudes
- then Λ effectively works as a regulator for linear denominators

$$\frac{1}{p \cdot K} \xleftarrow{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\Lambda}{(\Lambda p + K)^2} \implies \ln \Lambda \text{ in loop integrals}$$

- we performed this exercise in (Blanco, Giachino, AvH, Kotko 2023) using on-shell expressions by (Bern, Dixon, Kosower 1994, 1998, and Schmidt 1997) to obtain one-loop amplitudes for $\emptyset \rightarrow g^* g g$, $\emptyset \rightarrow g^* q \bar{q}$, $\emptyset \rightarrow g^* g H$, $\emptyset \rightarrow g^* q \bar{q} e^+ e^-$

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For example, apply Λ limit on $A^{\text{loop}}(1_{\bar{Q}}, 6_Q, 2_{\bar{q}}, 3_q, 4_{e^+}, 5_{e^-})$ (Bern, Dixon, Kosower 1998) to get $A^{\text{loop}}(1^*, 2_{\bar{q}}, 3_q, 4_{e^+}, 5_{e^-})$. The pole-part is proportional to the tree-level amplitude with factor

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left[\left(\frac{\mu^2}{-s_{p3}} \right)^\epsilon + \left(\frac{\mu^2}{-s_{p2}} \right)^\epsilon \right] - \frac{3}{2\epsilon} \right\} A^{\text{tree}}(1^*, 2_{\bar{q}}, 3_q, 4_{e^+}, 5_{e^-}),$$

with s_{p2} and s_{p3} involving only the longitudinal part of $k_1 = p + k_\perp$.

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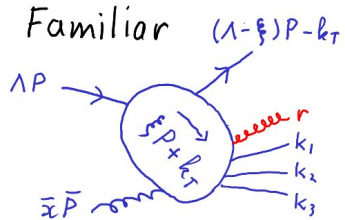
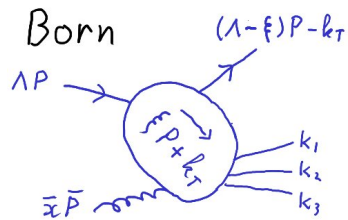
More-or-less proven using known universal collinear limits of one-loop amplitudes

(Bern, Chalmers 1995, Bern, Del Duca, Kilgore, Schmidt 1999).

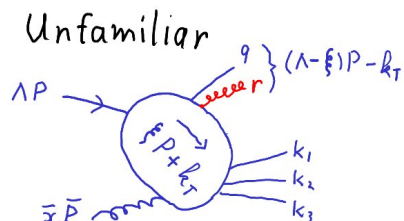
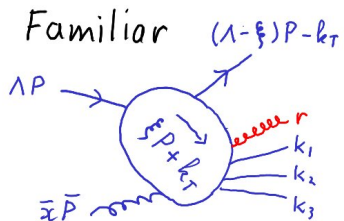
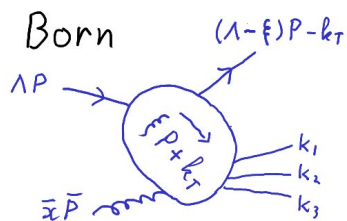
Before the large- Λ , the small- $|k_\perp|$ corresponds to a collinear limit of auxiliary partons.

While the large- Λ and small- $|k_\perp|$ limit commute at tree-level, they do not at one loop.

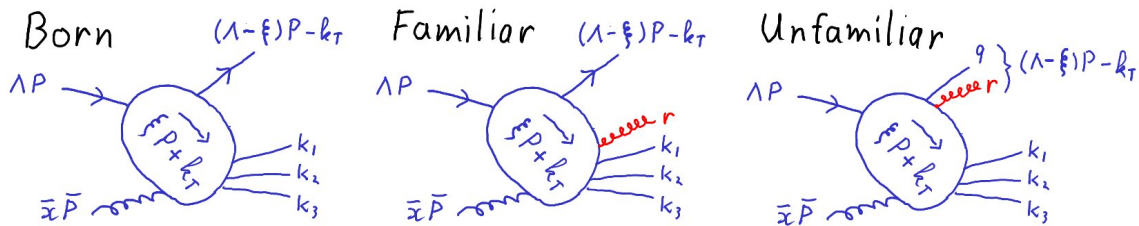
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The differential phase space and the matrix element factorize for the *unfamiliar* case, where the radiative gluon participates in the consumption of Λ .

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{aux}}} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}^{\text{aux}}|^2 ((\Lambda + x_{\text{in}})P, k_{\text{in}}; x_r \Lambda P + r_{\perp} + \bar{x}_r \bar{P}, x_q \Lambda P + q_{\perp} + \bar{x}_q \bar{P}, \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} Q_{\text{aux}}(x_q, q_{\perp}, x_r, r_{\perp}) \frac{\Lambda^2 |\overline{\mathcal{M}}^*|^2 (x_{\text{in}}P - q_{\perp} - r_{\perp}, k_{\text{in}}; \{p_i\}_{i=1}^n)}{x_{\text{in}}^2 |q_{\perp} + r_{\perp}|^2}$$

$$Q_{\text{aux}}(x_q, q_{\perp}, x_r, r_{\perp}) = x_q x_r \mathcal{P}_{\text{aux}}(x_q, x_r) |q_{\perp} + r_{\perp}|^2$$

$$\times \left[\frac{c_{\bar{q}}}{|q_{\perp}|^2 |r_{\perp}|^2} + \frac{1}{x_r |q_{\perp}|^2 + x_q |r_{\perp}|^2 - x_q x_r |q_{\perp} + r_{\perp}|^2} \left(\frac{c_r x_r^2}{|r_{\perp}|^2} + \frac{c_q x_q^2}{|q_{\perp}|^2} \right) \right]$$

- Phase space also factorizes and the contribution can be calculated analytically.
- The result contains $\ln \Lambda$ and depends on the type of auxiliary partons.

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where

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Soft and collinear singularities in the the real radiation integral of the tree-level matrix element are typically dealt with using subtraction (Catani-Seymour, FKS, etc.):

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where the p_r -integrals are supposed to be performable analytically within dimreg.

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Essentially identical to formula from [Nefedov 2020](#) for multi-Regge evolution.

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Real contribution to the non-cancelling collinear remnant.

Summary

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = & \int \frac{d\mathbf{x}_{\text{in}}}{x_{\text{in}}} d^2\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \frac{d\bar{x}_{\text{in}}}{\bar{x}_{\text{in}}} \left\{ F(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) f(\bar{x}_{\text{in}}) \left[dV^*(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \bar{x}_{\text{in}}) + dR^*(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \bar{x}_{\text{in}}) \right]_{\text{cancelling}} \right. \\
 & + \left[F^{\text{NLO}}(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) + F(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) \Delta_{\text{unf}}(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) + \Delta_{\text{coll}}^*(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) \right] f(\bar{x}_{\text{in}}) dB^*(x_{\text{in}}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \bar{x}_{\text{in}}) \\
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