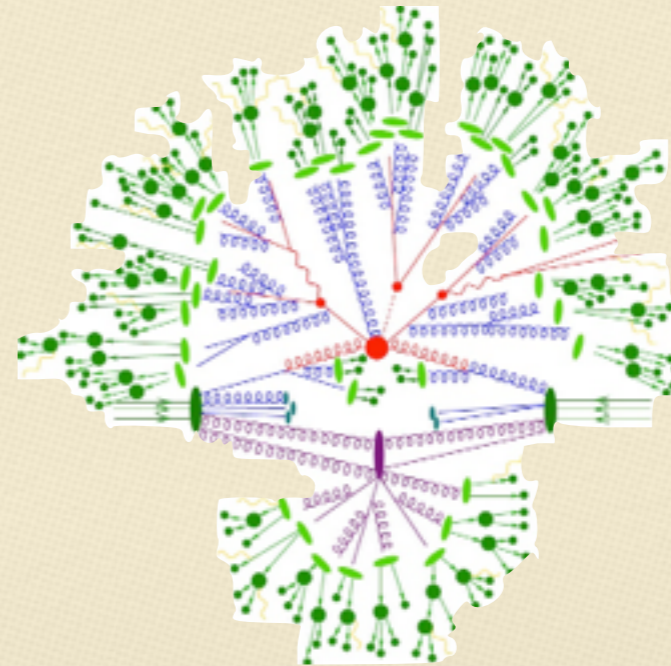


$$\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}[G^2] - \bar{\psi}(\not{D} - m)\psi$$



QCD

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Lecture 4:
All orders in QCD: resummation

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ON ALL ORDERS*

So far

- ◆ We have discussed the structure of fixed order calculations in perturbative QCD
 - ▶ PDF's: what they mean and how they are made
 - ▶ LO: methods for computation, e.g. spinor helicity methods, MHV amplitudes, recursion relations
 - ▶ NLO: divergences, how they are consistently removed
- ◆ We also discussed the basics of the parton shower, and reviewed (superficially) how it is used in Monte Carlo's.
 - ▶ Monte Carlo's can produce an arbitrary number of partons, but that does not make them NNN...NLO accurate
 - ▶ Yet they should get some of the all-order soft and collinear physics right.
- ◆ This lecture: how can we say something systematic about all-order predictions, even though we cannot compute arbitrarily higher orders exactly?
 - ▶ Aka: "Resummation"

Perturbative series in QFT

- ◆ Typical perturbative behavior of observable

$$\hat{O}_2 = 1 + \alpha(L^2 + L + 1) + \alpha^2(L^4 + L^3 + L^2 + L + 1) + \dots$$
 - ▶ α is the coupling of the theory (QCD, QED, ..)
 - ▶ L is some numerically large logarithm
 - ▶ “1” = π^2 , $\ln 2$, anything no
 - ▶ Notice: *effective* expansion parameter is αL^2 . Problem occurs if is this $> 1!!$
 - ▶ Possible fix: reorganize/resum terms such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{O} &= 1 + \alpha_s(L^2 + L + 1) + \alpha_s^2(L^4 + L^3 + L^2 + L + 1) + \dots \\ &= \exp \left(\underbrace{\underbrace{Lg_1(\alpha_s L) + g_2(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L) + \dots}_{LL}}_{NLL} \right) \underbrace{C(\alpha_s)}_{\text{constants}} \\ &\quad + \text{suppressed terms} \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Notice the definition of LL, NLL, etc

LL, NLL,.. and matching to fixed order

- ✦ This is nomenclature you see very often: leading-log, next-to-leading log, etc

- ▶ Here is the schematic overview of accuracy in resummation

$$O = \alpha_s^p \left(\underbrace{C_0 + C_1 \alpha_s + \dots}_{\text{LL, NLL}} \right) \exp \left[\underbrace{\left(\sum_{n=1} \alpha_s^n L^{n+1} c_n \right)}_{\text{LL}} + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{n=1} \alpha_s^n L^n d_n \right)}_{\text{NLL}} + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{n=1} \alpha_s^n L^{n-1} e_n \right)}_{\text{NNLL}} + \dots \right]$$

- ▶ This is a systematic expansion in α_s in the exponent

- ✓ If we can find the coefficients c_n, d_n, e_n, C_0, C_1 etc

- ▶ It is directly clear how to combine this with an exact NLO or NNLO calculation

- ✓ Expand the resummed version to the next order in α_s . Add the NLO and resummed, but subtract the order α_s -expanded resummed result, to avoid double counting.

$$O_{\text{NLO matched}} = O_{\text{NLO}} + O_{\text{resummed}} - (O_{\text{resummed}}) \Big|_{\text{expanded to } \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)}$$

- generalization to NNLO is obvious

- ✦ But what can L be the logarithm of?

Benefits of resummation

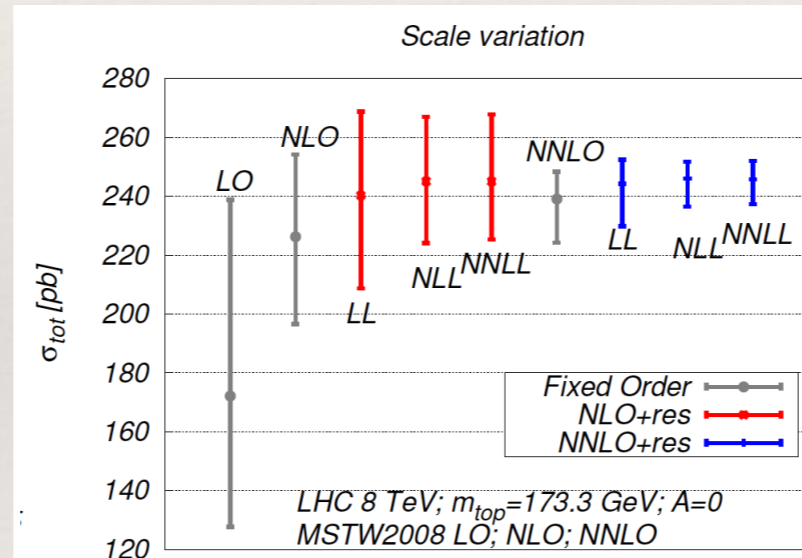
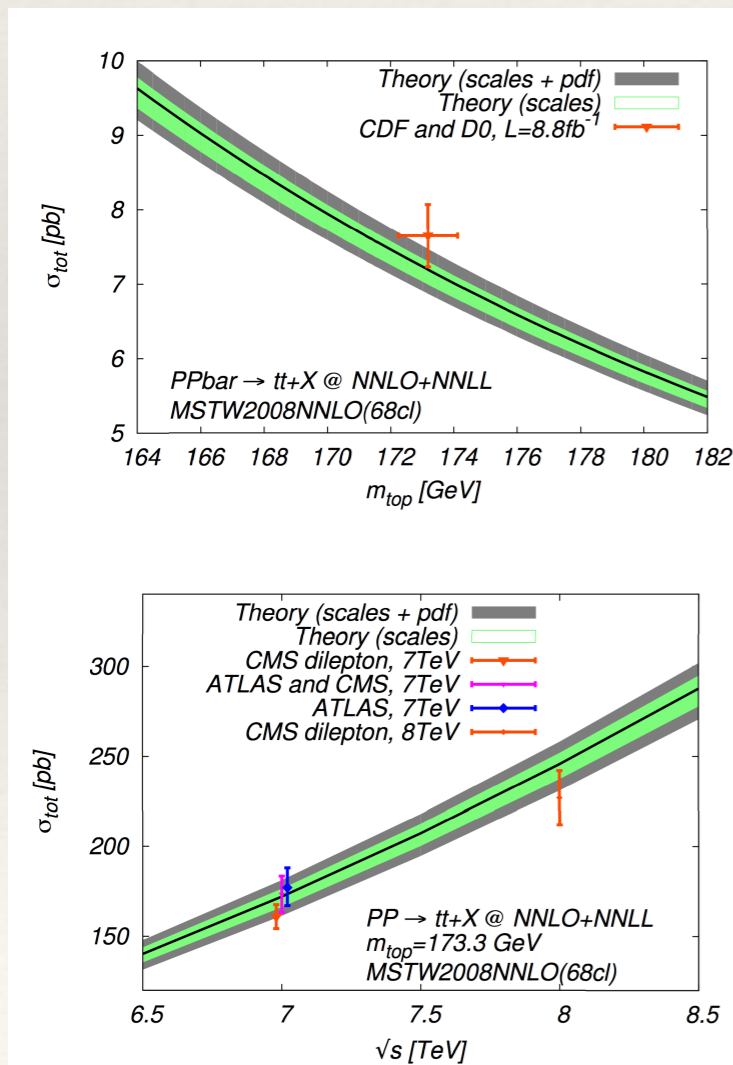
- ✦ It can rescue predictive power
 - ▶ when perturbative series converges poorly
 - ▶ and can predict terms in next order when they are not known exactly yet (“approximate NNLO”)
 - ✓ by expanding the resummed cross section to that order
- ✦ Better physics description (small p_T e.g., more later)
- ✦ Lessens the renormalization/factorization scale uncertainty,
 - ▶ the inclusive top quark cross section
 - ▶ the Higgs cross section

NNLO-NNLL inclusive cross section

Baernreuther, Fiedler, Mitov, Czakon

- ◆ A milestone in QCD, with clear benefits. Logarithm is “threshold logarithm”
 - ▶ precision top physics is here
 - ▶ new calculational methods developed
 - ▶ use for gluon density at large x , and α_s

Czakon, Mitov, Mangano, Rojo



Concurrent uncertainties:

- Scales $\sim 3\%$
- pdf (at 68%cl) $\sim 2-3\%$
- α_s (parametric) $\sim 1.5\%$
- m_{top} (parametric) $\sim 3\%$

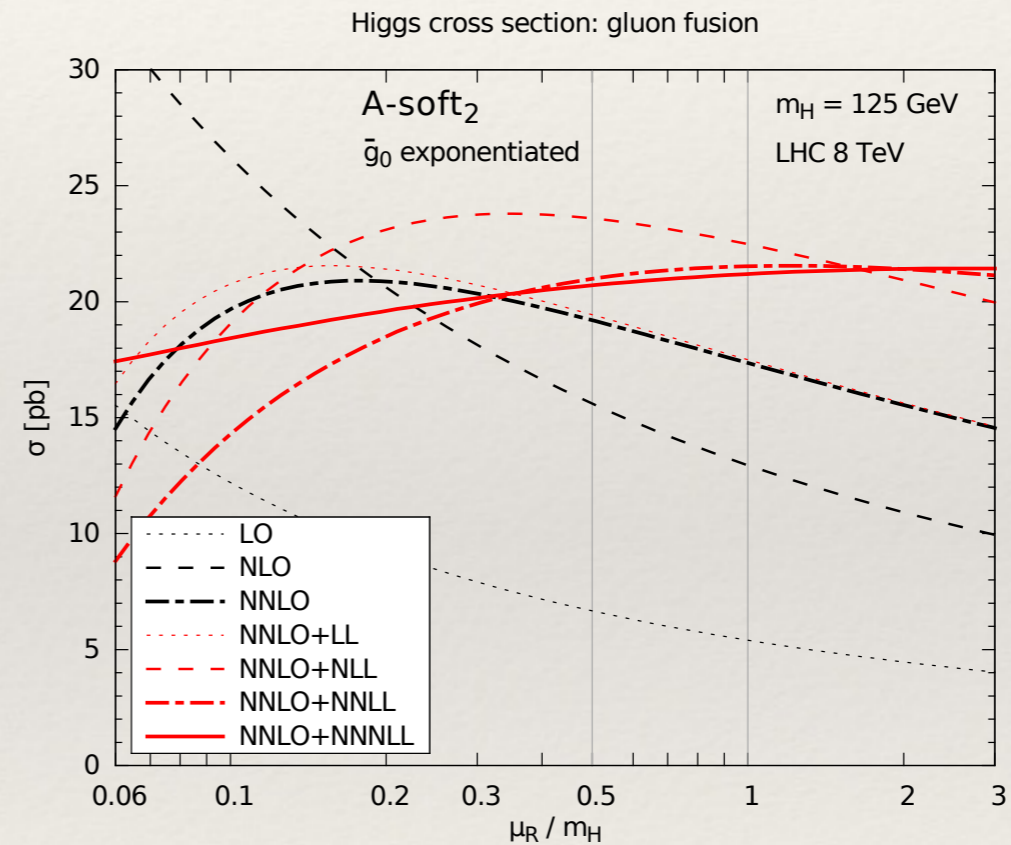
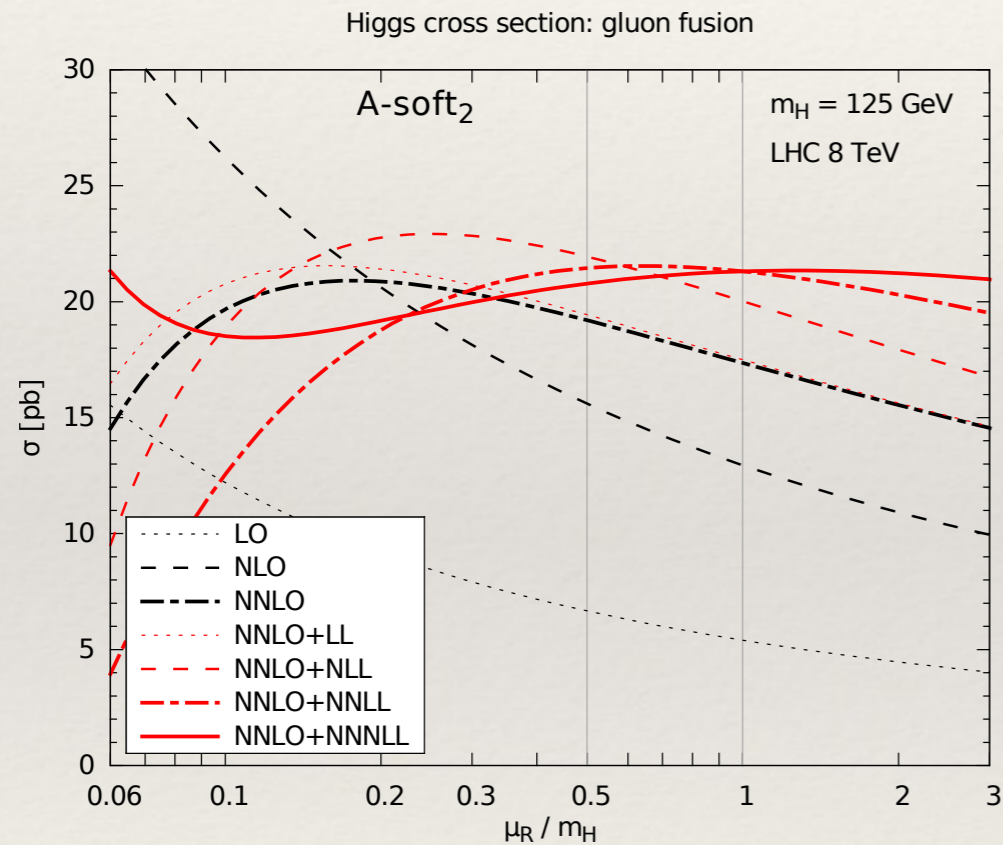
Soft gluon resummation makes a difference

5% \rightarrow 3%

N^3LL resummation for Higgs production

- ◆ Logarithm is threshold logarithm
 - ▶ Nice progression, especially with exponentiated constants

Bonvini, Marzani

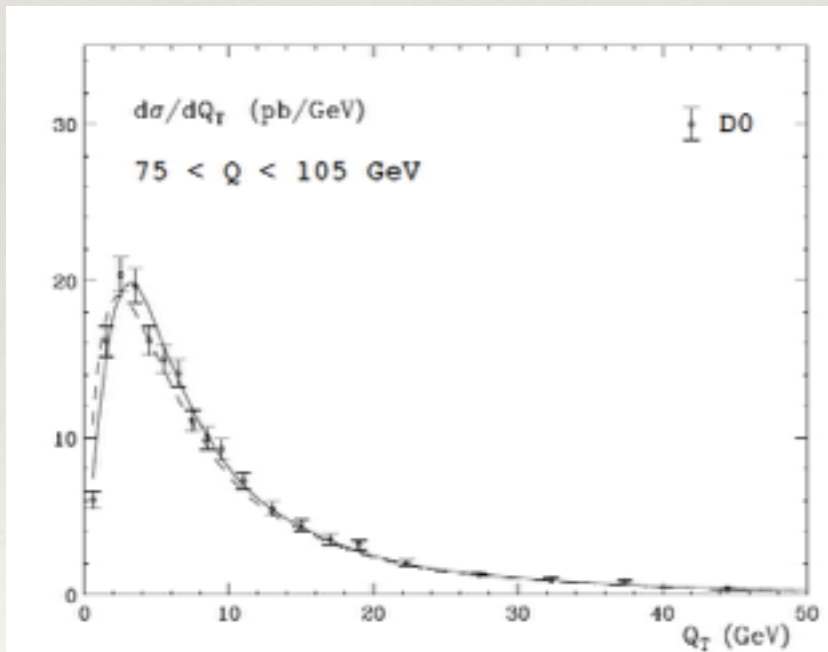


Resummation of what logarithm?

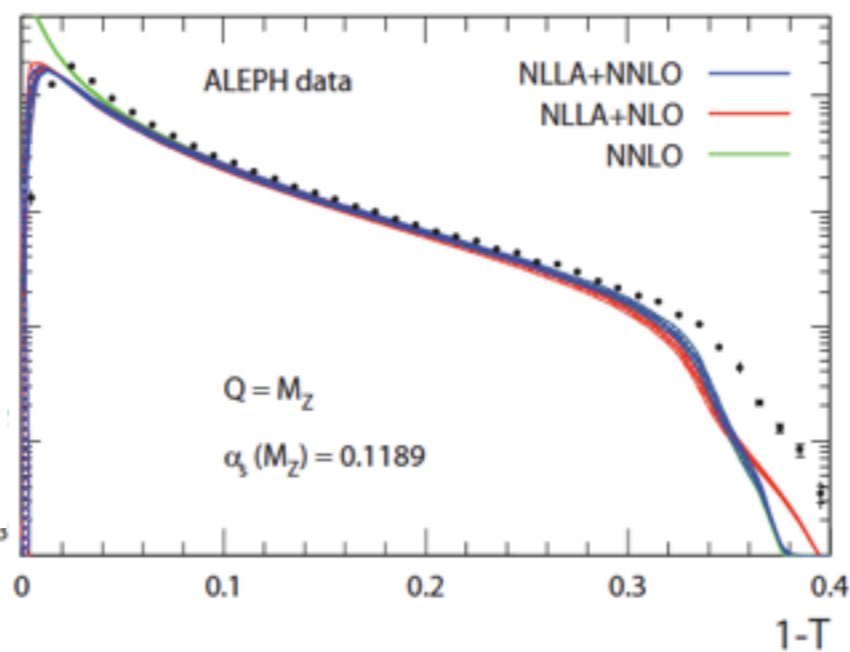
- So many variables, so many logs,...

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \ln(1-T) \quad \ln(p_T/m_Z) \\
 & \ln(1/x) \quad \ln(k_T/x) \\
 & \ln(b) \quad \ln(N)
 \end{aligned}$$

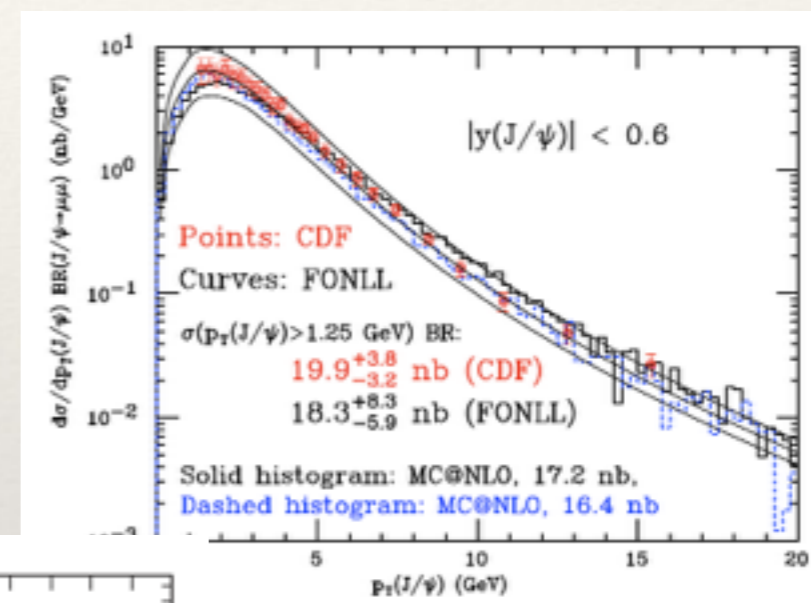
pT of Z @ Tevatron



Thrust T @ LEP



pT of b @ Tevatron



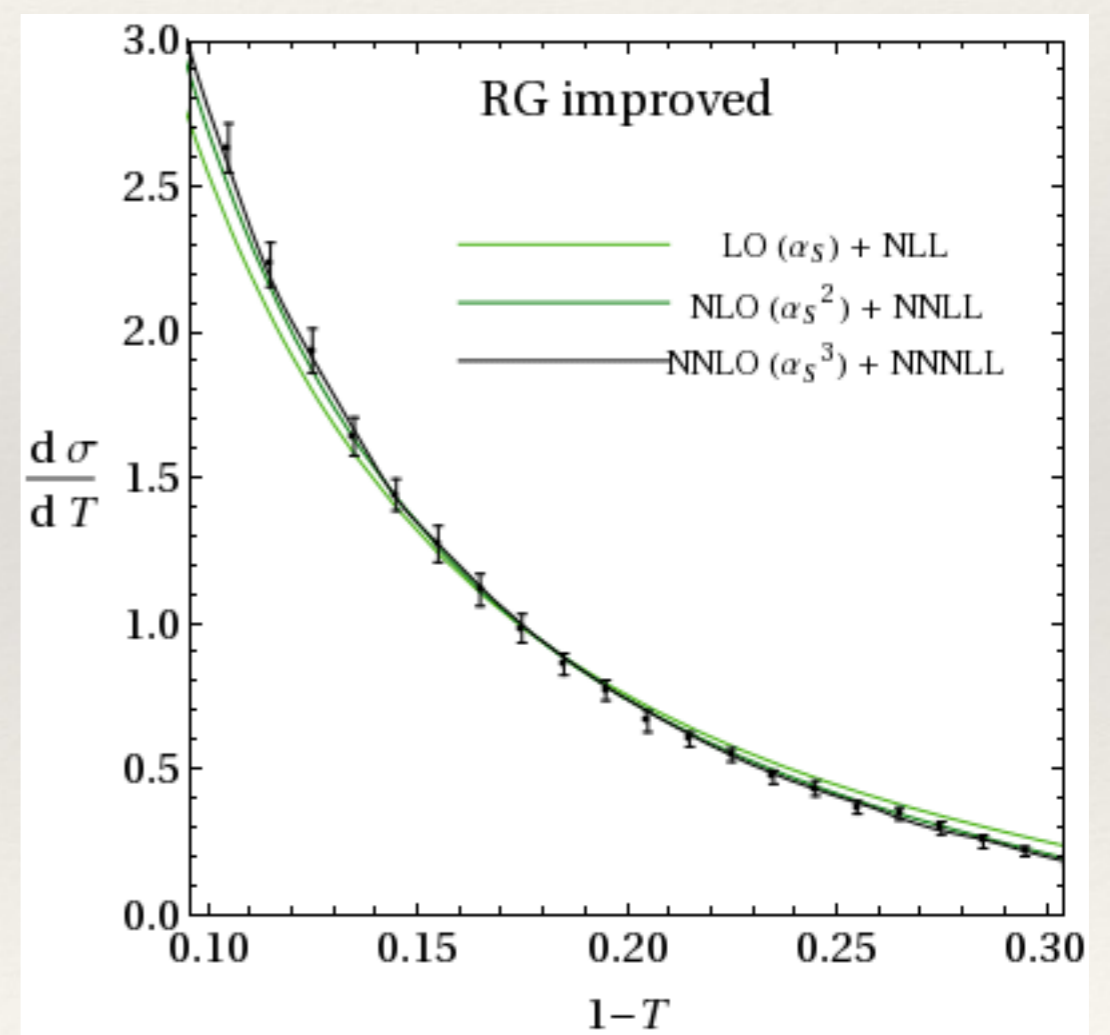
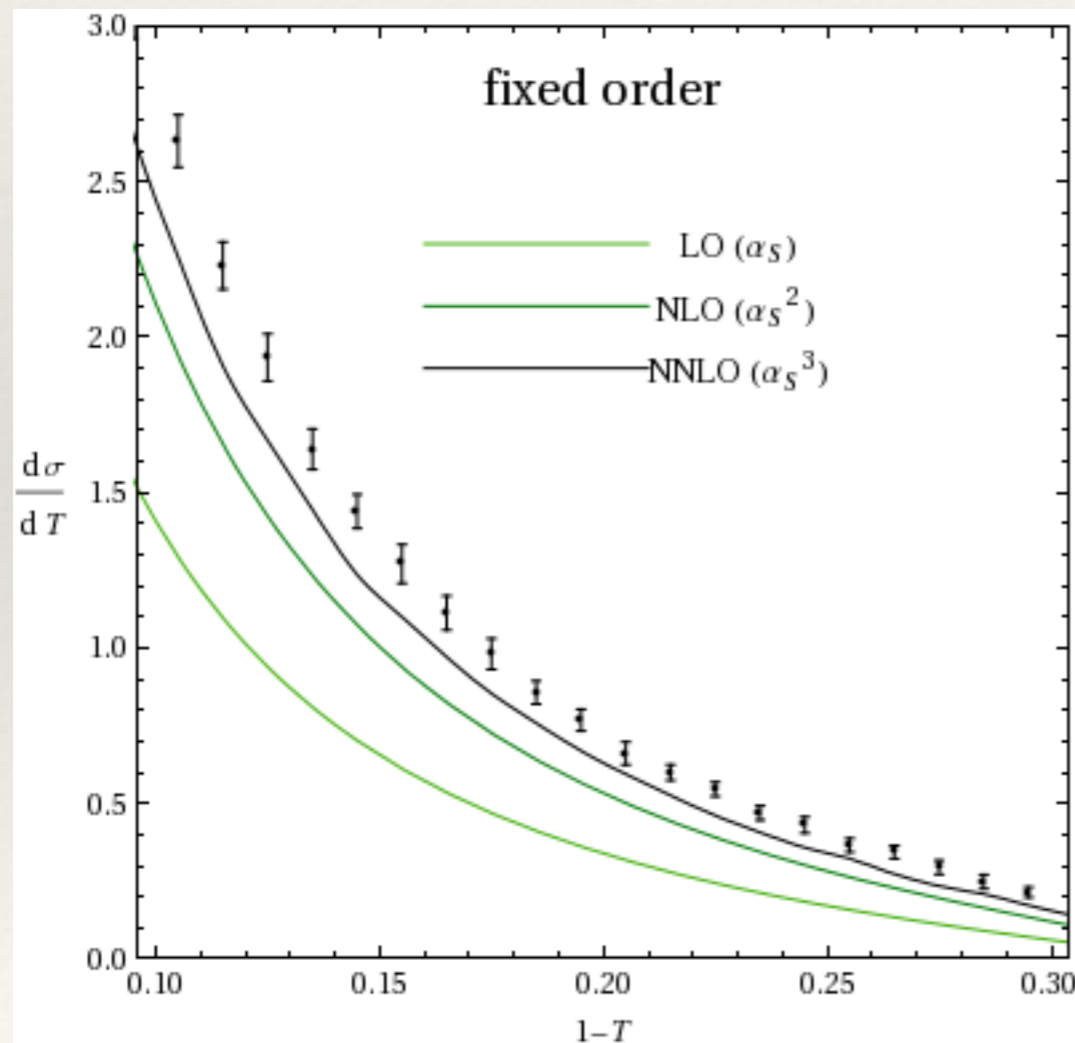
1st example of double logs: thrust

- ◆ Near $T=1$ the final state looks like two very narrow jets
 - ▶ emission must then be either very soft, and/or very collinear. Large logs:

$$\ln^2(1 - T)$$

- ▶ Data (ALEPH) vs fixed order and vs resummation

Becher, Schwartz



2nd example of double log: recoil logs

◆ Eg. p_T of Z-bosons produced at Tevatron

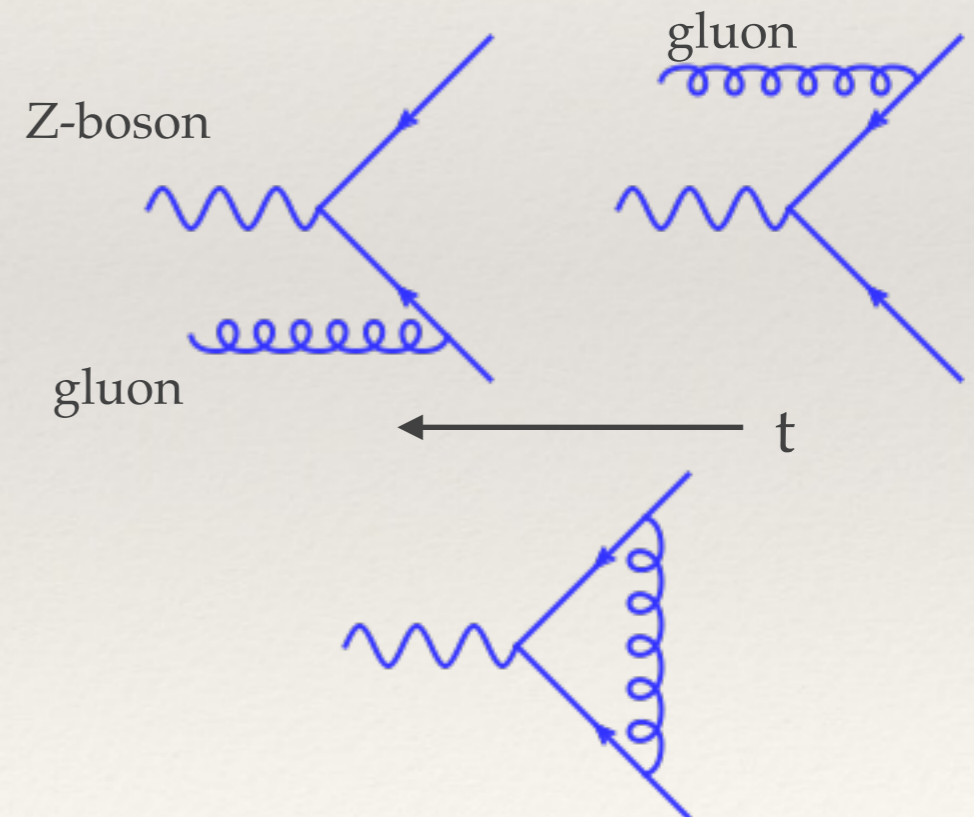
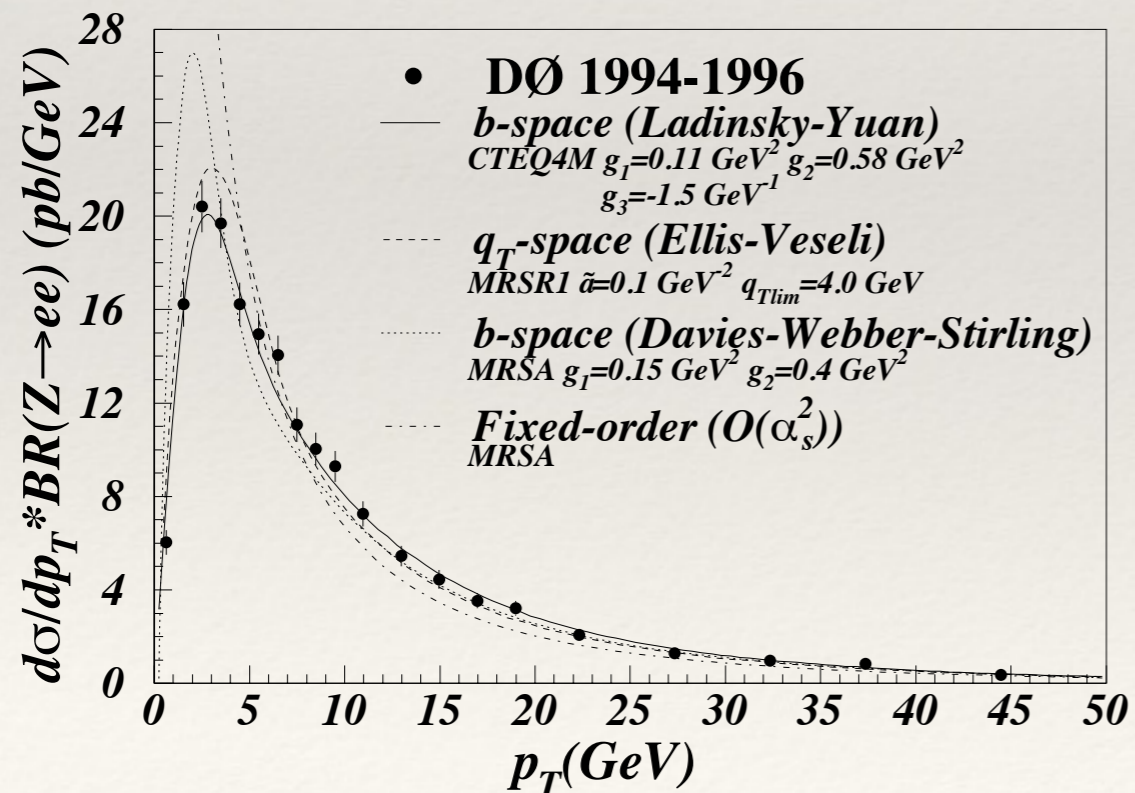
▶ Z-boson gets p_T from recoil against (soft) gluons

▶ Visible logs (argument made of measured quantities)

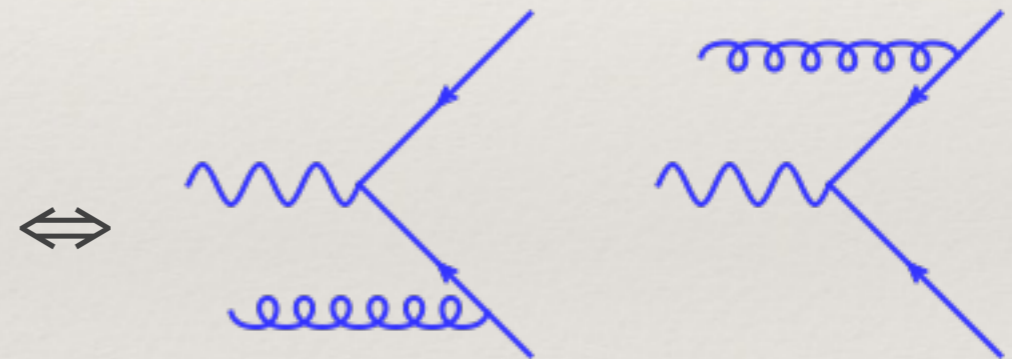
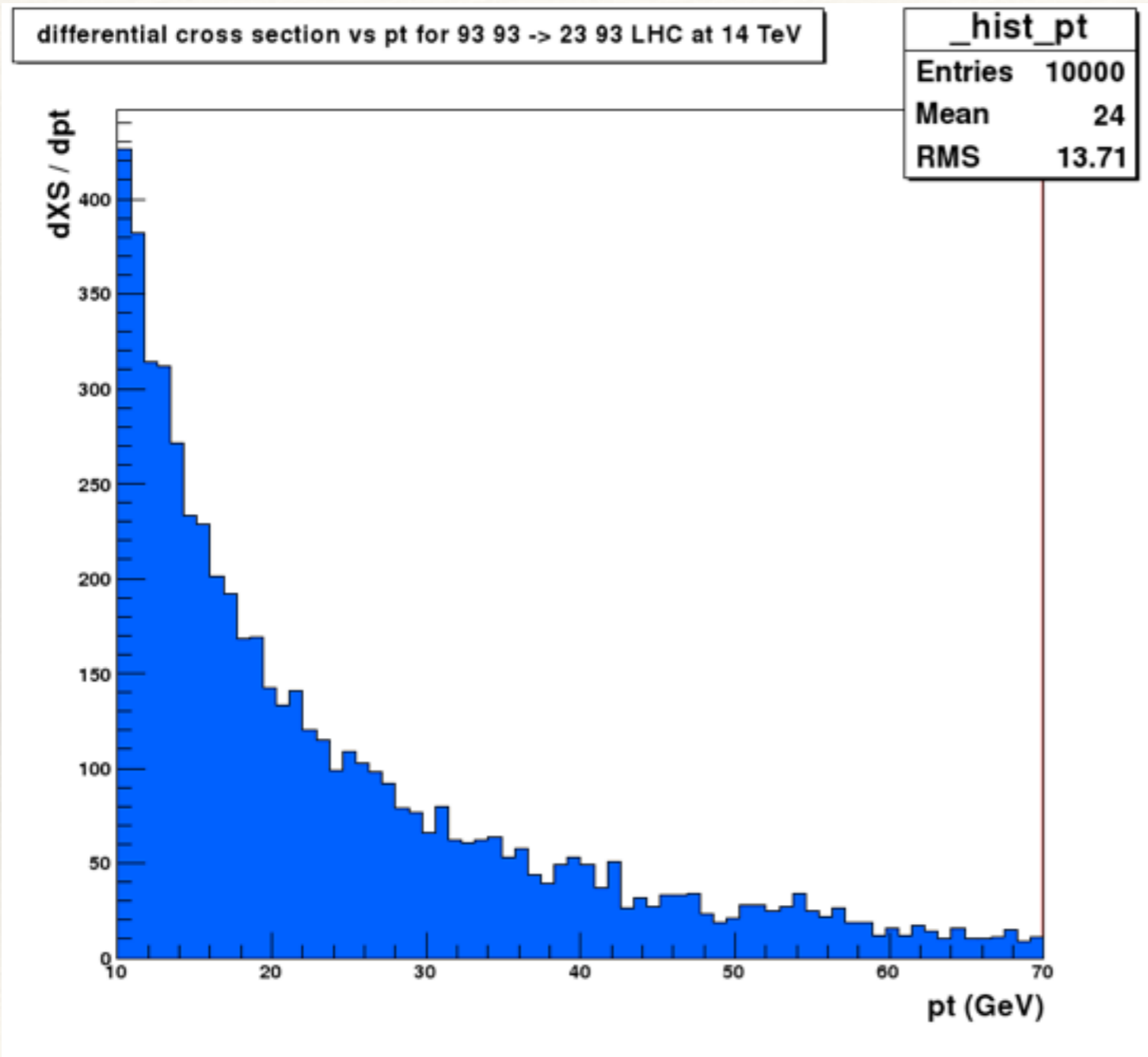
✓ 1 emission: with gluon very soft: divergent

- virtual: large negative bin at $p_T=0$

▶ The turn-over at p_T around 5 GeV is only explained by resummation, not by finite order calculations



Divergence near $p_T=0$



Physics near small p_T

- ◆ At finite order

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T} = c_0 \delta(p_T) + \alpha_s \left(c_2^1 \frac{\ln p_T}{p_T} + c_1^1 \frac{1}{p_T} + c_0^1 \delta(p_T) \right) + \dots$$

- ▶ hence the real divergence toward p_T near zero

- ◆ Resummed

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T} = c_0 \exp \left[-c_2^1 \alpha_s \ln^2(p_T) + \dots \right]$$

- ✓ this is also the effective behaviour of the parton shower there

- ◆ Notice:

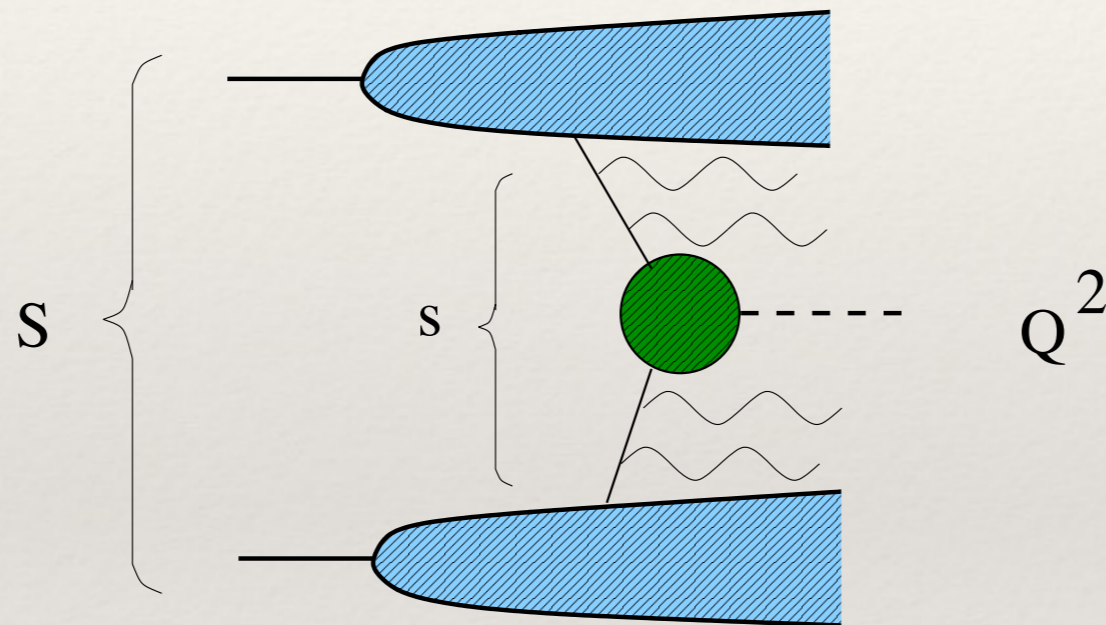
- ▶ finite order oscillates wildly near small p_T , and may be negative
- ▶ resummed is positive, and it tracks the data well

- ◆ Physics of resummed answer:

- ▶ probability of the process **not** to emit at small p_T is vanishingly small
- ✓ There is violent acceleration of color charges after all..

3rd example of double log: threshold logs

- ◆ Logarithm of “energy above threshold Q^2 ” $\ln^2(1 - Q^2/s)$
 - ▶ “Invisible” logs: argument made up of integration variables
 - ▶ Typical effect: enhancement of cross section



$$S \geq s \geq Q^2$$

Threshold log rule of thumb

- ✦ Why do they increase the cross section? (N large = near threshold)

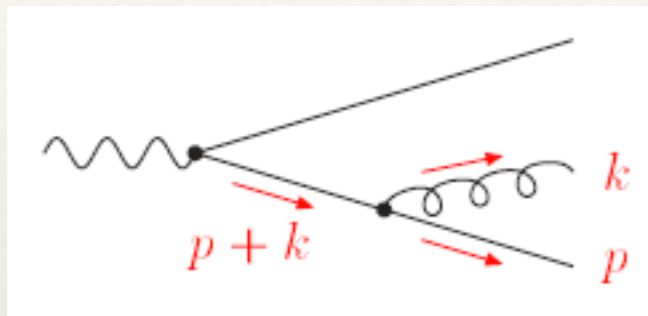
$$\sigma_{partonic,resum}(N) = \frac{\sigma_{hadronic}(N)}{\phi^2(N)} = \frac{\exp(-\ln^2 N)}{(\exp(-\ln^2 N))^2} = \exp(+\ln^2 N)$$

- ✦ In words:

- ▶ The hadronic cross section is a product/convolution of PDF's and the partonic cross section
- ▶ In both factors emissions may, and should occur.
 - ✓ The contribution from the PDF's is too stingy
 - ✓ The partonic cross section has to overcompensate in order to get the right amount for the hadronic cross section

Reminder of origin of double (“Sudakov”) logs

- Double logarithms in cross sections are related to IR divergences

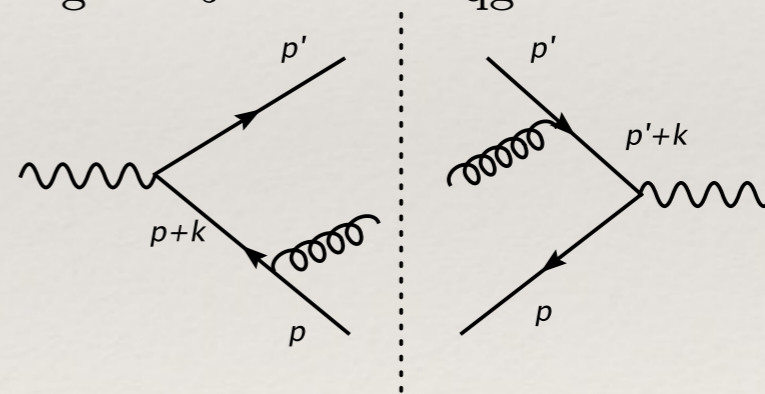


$$\frac{1}{(p+k)^2} = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k} = \frac{1}{2E_g E_q (1 - \cos\theta_{qg})}$$

Phase space integration

$$\alpha_s \int \frac{d^{4-2\epsilon}k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{p \cdot p'}{p \cdot k p' \cdot k} \sim \alpha_s \int^K \frac{dE_g E_g^{-\epsilon}}{E_g} \int \frac{d\theta_{qg} \sin^{-\epsilon} \theta_{qg}}{\theta_{qg}}$$

$$\sim \alpha_s \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \ln^2(K) \right).$$



Decoupling of IR effects

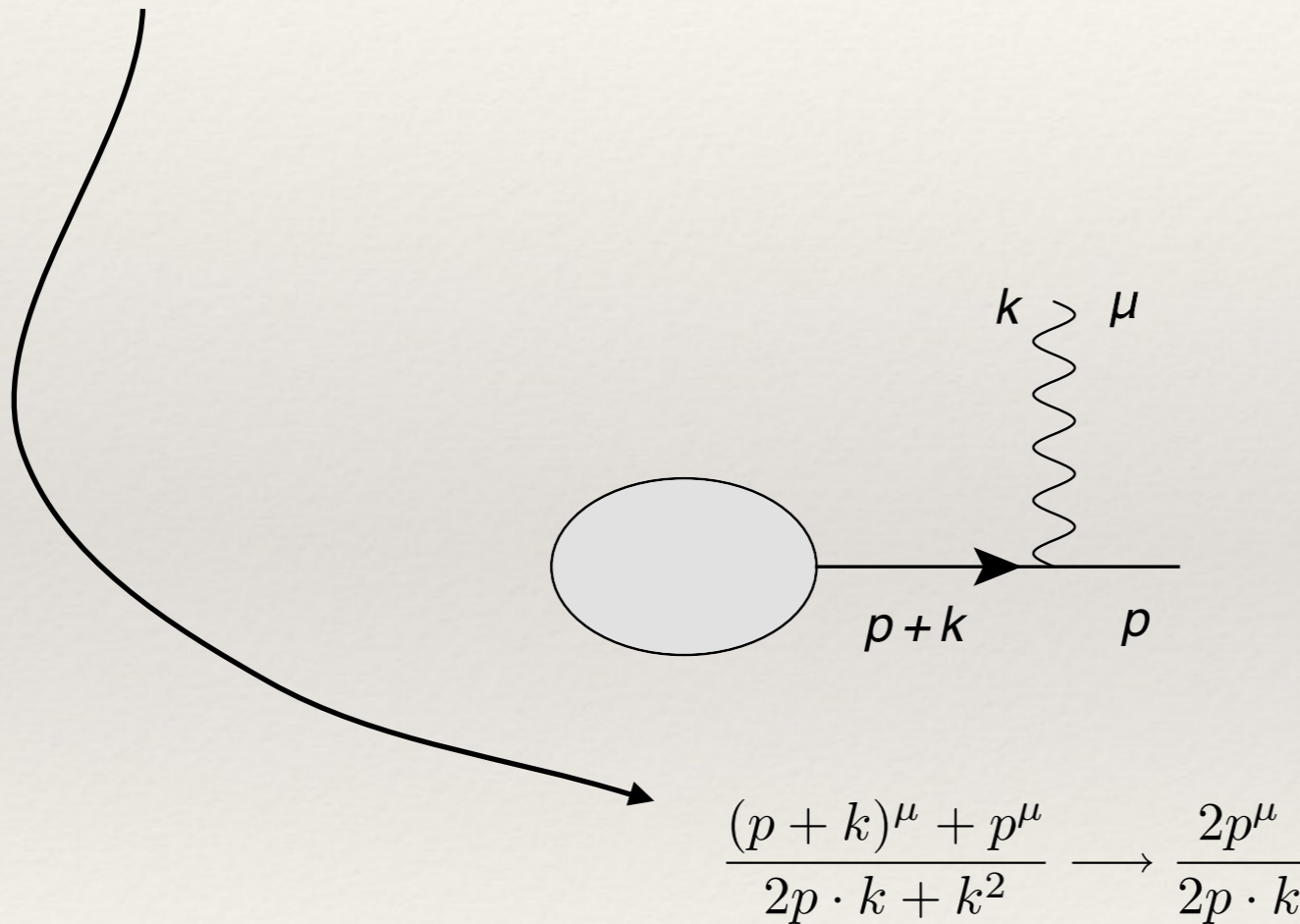
- ✦ We saw already for the spinor methods that the part with the soft (k5) gluon decouples from the rest

$$\mathcal{M}(1^+, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^+) = 2\sqrt{2}e^2 gT_a \frac{\langle 24 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 35 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle} = \frac{\langle 24 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle} \times \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 35 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle}$$

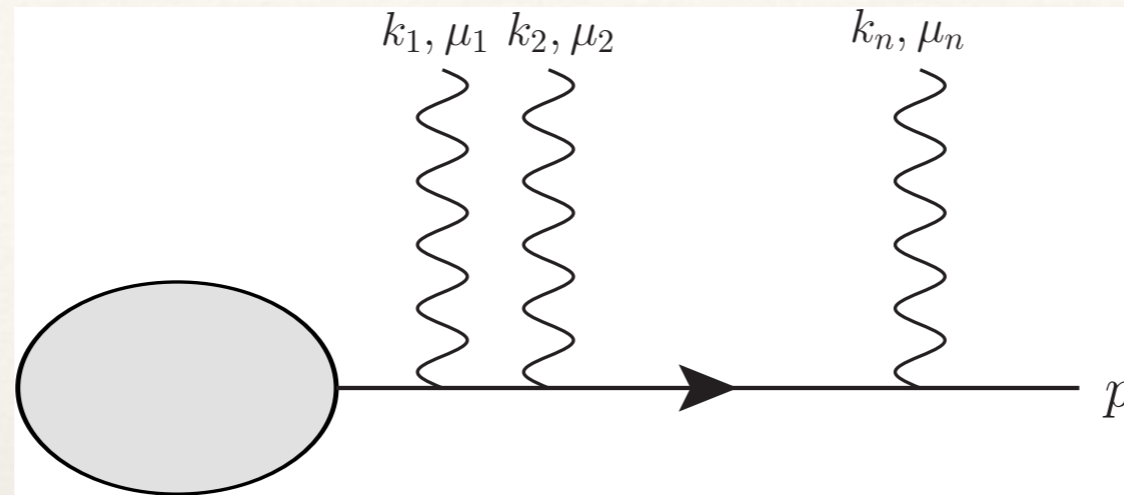
- ✦ This is in fact quite general, and it is essence of why we can resum double logarithms to all orders.
- ✦ The soft approximation is also known as the “eikonal” approximation
 - ▶ Simplification, gives nice and very insightful results

Basics of eikonal approximation: QED

- ◆ Charged particle emits softly
 - ▶ Propagator: expand numerator & denominator in soft momentum, keep lowest order
 - ▶ Vertex: expand in soft momentum, keep lowest order



Basics of eikonal approximation in QED



Exact:
$$\frac{1}{(p + K_1)^2} (2p + K_2 + K_1)^{\mu_1} \dots \frac{1}{(p + K_n)^2} (2p + K_n)^{\mu_n}, \quad K_i = \sum_{m=i}^n k_m.$$

Approx:
$$\frac{1}{2pK_1} 2p^{\mu_1} \dots \frac{1}{2pK_n} 2p^{\mu_n}$$

Eikonal identity:
$$\frac{1}{p \cdot (k_1 + k_2) p \cdot k_2} + \frac{1}{p \cdot (k_1 + k_2) p \cdot k_1} = \frac{1}{p \cdot k_1 p \cdot k_2}$$

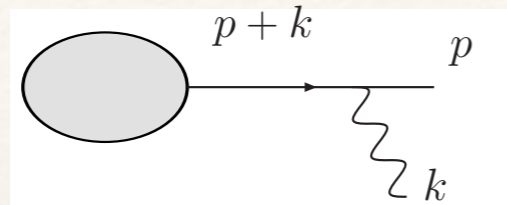
Sum over all perm's:
$$\prod_i \frac{p^{\mu_i}}{p \cdot k_i}.$$

Independent, uncorrelated emissions, Poisson process

Eikonal approximation: no dependence on emitter spin

- ◆ Emitter spin becomes irrelevant in eikonal approximation

- ▶ Fermion



$$M\left(\frac{i(\not{p} + \not{k})}{(p+k)^2} (-ig_s \gamma^\mu) u(p)\right)$$

- ▶ Approximate, and use Dirac equation $\not{p}u(p) = 0$

- ▶ Result:

$$g(M u(p)) \times \frac{p^\mu}{p \cdot k}$$

- ▶ Two things have happened

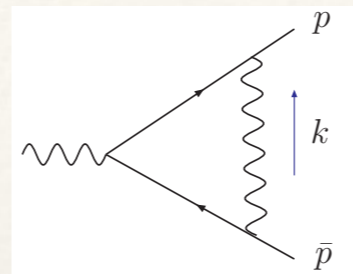
- ✓ No sign of emitter spin anymore
- ✓ Coupling of photon proportional to p^μ !

- ◆ Decoupling again of emission and emitter

Eikonal exponentiation

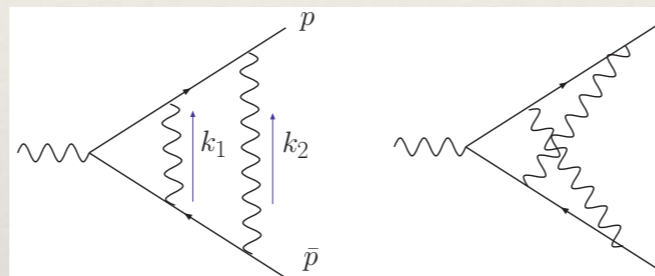
- ◆ In the eikonal approximation, suddenly we see very interesting patterns.

One loop vertex correction, in eikonal approximation



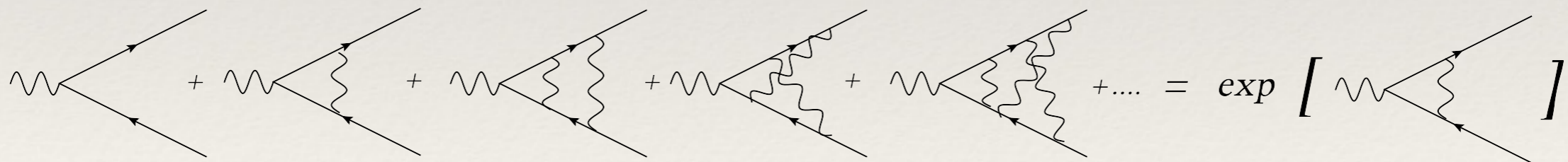
$$\mathcal{A}_0 \int d^n k \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{p \cdot \bar{p}}{(p \cdot k)(\bar{p} \cdot k)}$$

Two loop vertex correction, in eikonal approximation



$$\mathcal{A}_0 \frac{1}{2} \left(\int d^n k \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{p \cdot \bar{p}}{(p \cdot k)(\bar{p} \cdot k)} \right)^2$$

Exponential series! A really beautiful result

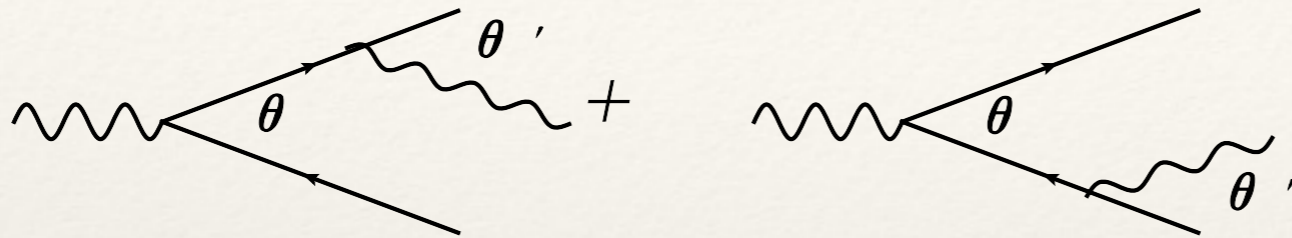


Yennie, Frautschi, Suura

Another eikonal effect: coherence in emission

- ◆ Eikonal approximation in amplitude, coherence possible

- ▶ First in QED



- ▶ Square the amplitude, take the eikonal approximation, and combine with phase. Result

$$d\sigma_R = d\sigma \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dE}{E} d\cos\theta d\phi E^2 \frac{p \cdot \bar{p}}{p \cdot k \bar{p} \cdot k}$$

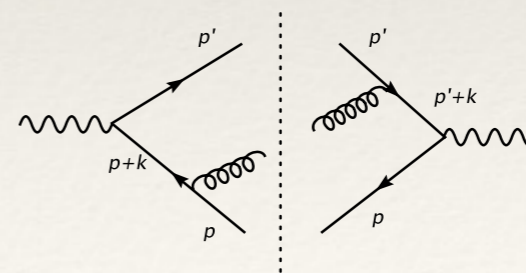
- ▶ Only non-zero when $\theta' < \theta$: angular ordering after azimuthal integral

- ✓ photon that is too soft only see the sum of the charges, which is zero here.

- ▶ In QCD very similar result (after being a little bit more careful with color charges). Radiation function

$$W_{ij} = \frac{\omega^2 p_i \cdot p_j}{p_i \cdot q p_j \cdot q} = \frac{1 - v_i v_j \cos \theta_{ij}}{(1 - v_i \cos \theta_{iq})(1 - v_j \cos \theta_{jq})}$$

- ✓ clearly has eikonal form. Notice, it is an interference effect:



Color coherence

- ◆ Decompose into a part for emitter i and one for emitter j

$$W_{ij} = W_{ij}^{[i]} + W_{ij}^{[j]}$$

- ◆ where

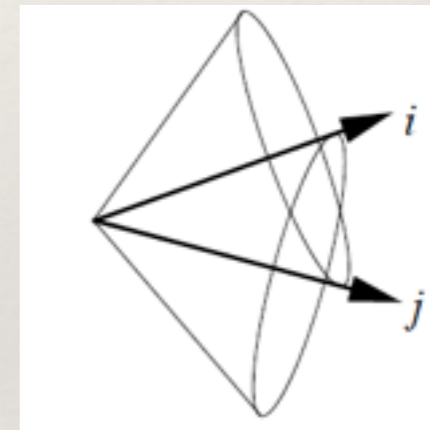
$$W_{ij}^{[i]} = \frac{1}{2} \left(W_{ij} + \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta_{iq}} - \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta_{jq}} \right)$$

- can be checked. Just substitute..

- ◆ Then one can show (as an exact result)

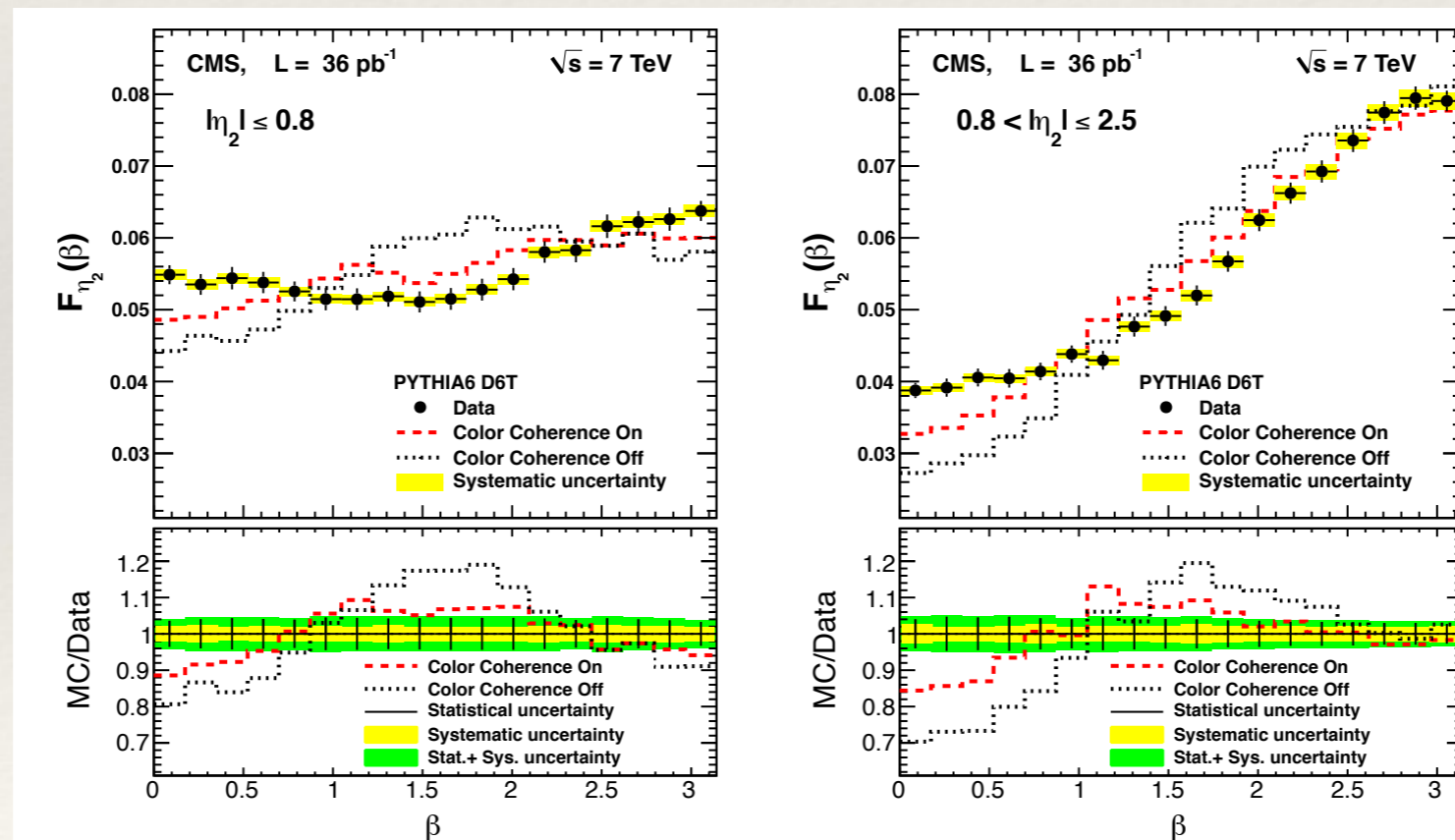
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi_{iq}}{2\pi} W_{ij}^{[i]} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta_{iq}} & \text{if } \theta_{iq} < \theta_{ij} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ color coherence/angular ordering in QCD!
 - ✓ but after azimuthal integration
- ▶ Built-in to the HERWIG parton shower.
- ▶ There is evidence for this in data



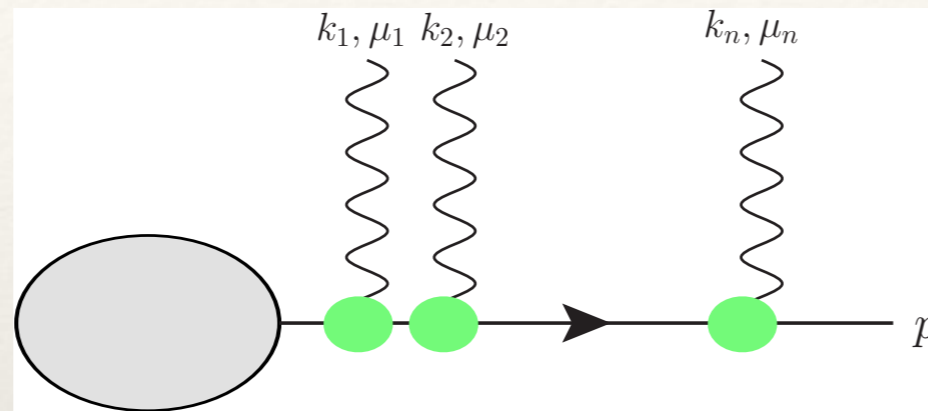
Color coherence in 3-jet events

- Recent CMS study (based on earlier CDF study): order the 3 jets in pT.
- Then study angular correlations between 2nd and 3rd jet. Expressed through parameter β .
 - $\beta = 0$ will be enhanced, when second jet is central
- Study through switching color coherence on and off in Pythia
 - Switched on works better, but no real satisfactory description of data



Non-abelian eikonal approximation

- Same methods as for QED, but organization harder: SU(3) generator at every vertex



- now no obvious decorrelation

Order the T_a according to λ

$$\Phi_n(\lambda_2, \lambda_1) = P \exp \left[ig \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\lambda n \cdot A^a(\lambda n) T_a \right]$$

- Key “object”: Wilson line

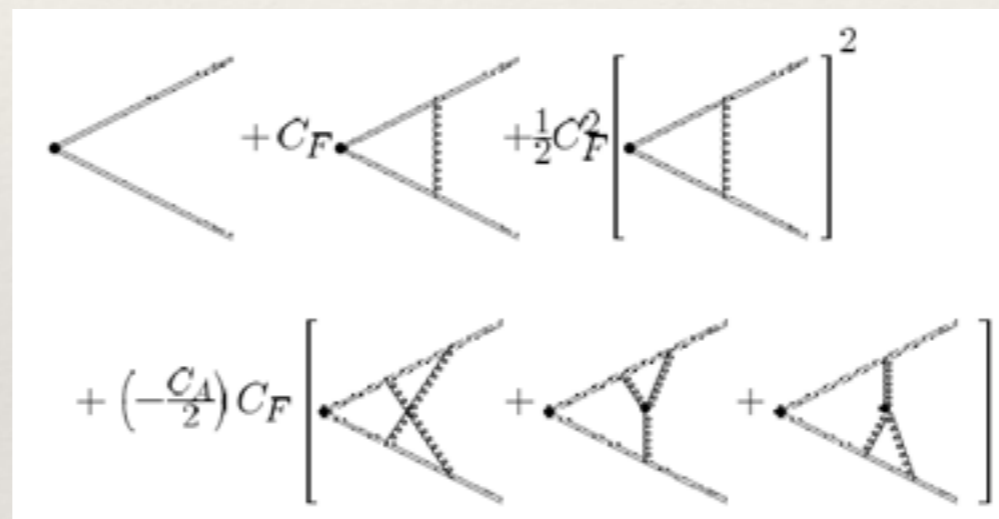
- Order by order in “g”, it generates QCD eikonal Feynman rules, including the SU(3) generators

Non-abelian exponentiation: webs

Gatheral; Frenkel, Taylor; Sterman

- Take quark - antiquark line, connect with soft gluons in all possible ways, and use eikonal approximation
- Exponentiation still occurs! Sum of all eikonal diagrams D with color factor C and momentum space part F

$$\sum C(D)F(D) = \exp [\bar{C}(D)W(D)]$$



- ▶ A selection of diagrams in exponent, but with modified color weights: “webs”
 - ✓ Easy to select webs: they must be two-eikonal line irreducible
 - ✓ More difficult to compute the modified color factors, but can be done also

Multiple colored lines

Structure

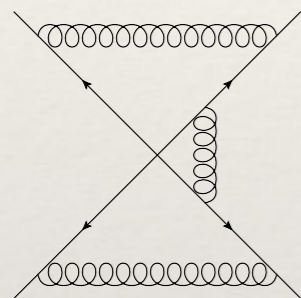
$$\sum \mathcal{F}(D)C(D) = \exp\left[\sum_{d,d'} \mathcal{F}(d) R_{dd'} C(d')\right]$$

Projector matrix

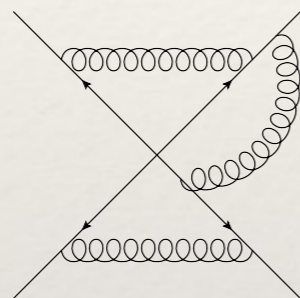
$$\sum_{d'} R_{dd'} = 0$$

Eigenvalues 0 or 1

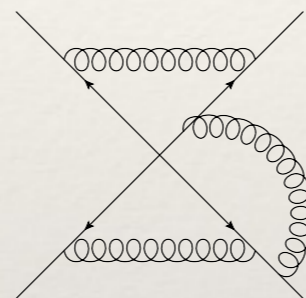
- multi-parton webs are “closed sets” of diagrams, with modified color factors



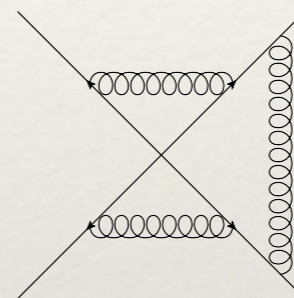
(3a)



(3b)



(3c)



(3d)

= Multiparton Web

Closed form solution for modified color factor

$$\frac{1}{6} \left[C(3a) - C(3b) - C(3c) + C(3d) \right] \times \left[M(3a) - 2M(3b) - 2M(3c) + M(3d) \right]$$

- Interesting properties of projector matrix (reduces degree of divergence)

Projector matrix

$$\sum \mathcal{F}(D)C(D) = \exp\left[\sum_{d,d'} \mathcal{F}(d)R_{dd'}C(d')\right]$$

Gardi, White

- ▶ Projects out contributions that come from exponentiation of lower order diagrams
 - ✓ Interesting combinatorial aspects (Stirling numbers)
 - ✓ Proof of idempotency and zero sum row property
- ▶ Combinatorics involves quite interesting for mathematicians

How to resum?

- ◆ There are many ways, depending on
 - ▶ the observable
 - ▶ the logarithm
 - ▶ the resummer
- ◆ Here we take as key notions
 - ▶ factorization
 - ▶ approximations for kinematic limit (eikonal approximation e.g.)

Resummation 101

- ✦ Cross section for n extra gluons

Phase space measure

Squared matrix element

$$\sigma(n) = \frac{1}{2s} \int d\Phi_{n+1}(P, k_1, \dots, k_n) \times |\mathcal{M}(P, k_1, \dots, k_n)|^2$$

- ✦ When emissions are soft, can factorize phase space measure and matrix element [[eikonal approximation](#)]

$$d\Phi_{n+1}(P, k_1, \dots, k_n) \longrightarrow d\Phi(P) \times \left(d\Phi_1(k) \right)^n \frac{1}{n!}$$

- ✦ Sum over all orders

$$|\mathcal{M}(P, k_1, \dots, k_n)|^2 \longrightarrow |\mathcal{M}(P)|^2 \times \left(|\mathcal{M}_{1 \text{ emission}}(k)|^2 \right)^n$$

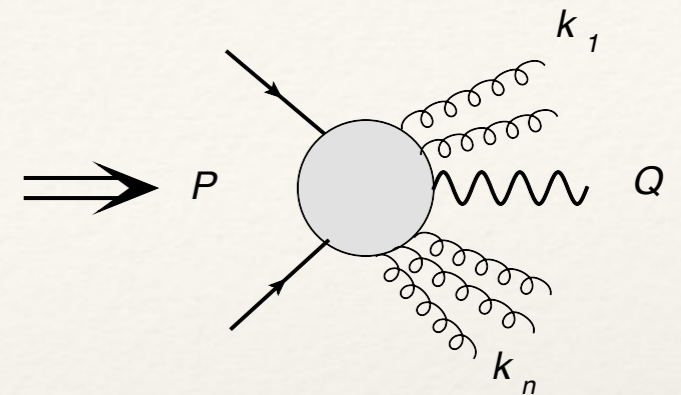
$$\sum_n \sigma(n) = \sigma(0) \times \exp \left[\int d\Phi_1(k) |\mathcal{M}_{1 \text{ emission}}(k)|^2 \right]$$

- ✦ Incorporate Theta or Delta functions in space space
 - ▶ [but these must factorize similarly, or they cannot go into exponent](#)

Phase space in resummation

- ◆ Kinematic condition expresses “z” in terms of gluon energies

$$s = Q^2 - 2P \cdot K - K^2 \quad \delta\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{s} - \sum_i \frac{2k_i^0}{\sqrt{s}}\right)$$



- ▶ or conservation of transverse momentum

$$\delta^2(Q_T - \sum_i p_T^i)$$

- ◆ Transform (e.g. Laplace/Mellin or Fourier) factorizes the phase space

$$\int_0^\infty dw e^{-wN} \delta\left(w - \sum_i w_i\right) = \prod_i \exp(-w_i N)$$

$$\int d^2 Q_T e^{ib \cdot Q_T} \delta^2(Q_T - \sum_i p_T^i) = \prod_i e^{ib \cdot p_T^i}$$

- ◆ So can go into exponent

$$\sum_n \sigma(n) = \sigma(0) \times \exp\left[\int d\Phi_1(k) |\mathcal{M}_{1 \text{ emission}}(k)|^2 (\exp(-wN) - 1)\right]$$

- ▶ Large logs: $\ln(N)$ or $\ln(bQ)$

Resummation and factorization

- Very generically, if a quantity factorizes, one can resum it. Let us consider UV renormalization as an example.

- Renormalization; factorizes UV modes into Z-factor (Λ is an ultraviolet cut-off)

$$G_B(g_B, \Lambda, p) = Z\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}, g_R(\mu)\right) \times G_R\left(g_R(\mu), \frac{p}{\mu}\right)$$

- Evolution equation (here RG equation)

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln G_R\left(g_R(\mu), \frac{p}{\mu}\right) = -\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln Z\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}, g_R(\mu)\right) = \gamma(g_R(\mu))$$

- Notice that γ can only depend on, the only common variable

- Solving the differential equation = resumming

$$G_R\left(\frac{p}{\mu}, g_R(\mu)\right) = G_R(1, g_R(p)) \underbrace{\exp\left[\int_p^\mu \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \gamma(g_R(\lambda))\right]}_{\text{resummed}}$$

- The exponent will be a series in $g_R(\mu)$.

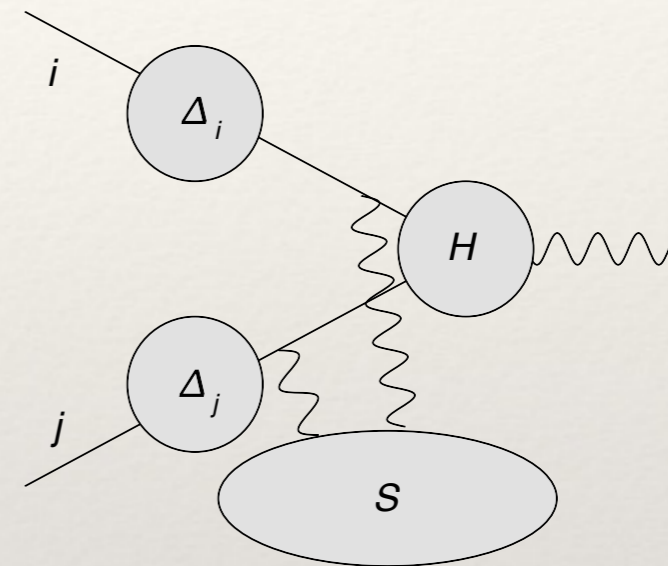
- Exercise: compute the first term in the exponent. Answer: $\frac{g_R^2(p)}{4\pi} \gamma^{(1)} \ln \frac{\mu}{p}$

- This is a very general notion, and can be seen as the basis of resummation.

Factorization and resummation for Drell-Yan

$$\sigma(N) = \Delta(N, \mu, \xi_1) \Delta(N, \mu, \xi_2) S(N, \mu, \xi_1, \xi_2) H(\mu)$$

- ◆ Near threshold, cross section is equivalent to product of 4 well-defined functions
- ◆ Demand independence of
 - ▶ renormalization scale μ
 - ▶ gauge dependence parameter ξ
 - ✓ find exponent of double logarithm



$$0 = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \sigma(N) = \xi_1 \frac{d}{d\xi_1} \sigma(N) = \xi_2 \frac{d}{d\xi_2} \sigma(N)$$

Contopanagos, EL, Sterman

$$\Delta = \exp\left[\int \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \dots\right]$$

Factorization for threshold resummation

- ◆ $\Delta_i(N)$: initial state soft+collinear radiation effects

- ▶ real+virtual

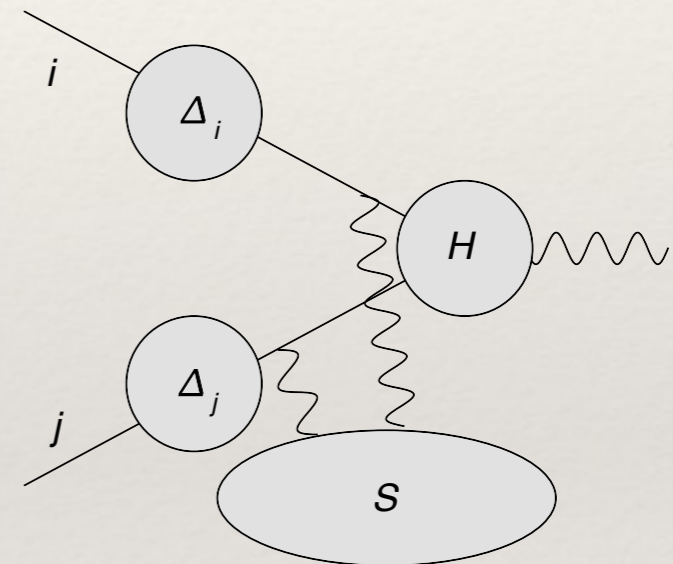
- ▶ $\alpha_s^n \ln^{2n} N$

$$\sigma(N) = \sum_{ij} \phi_i(N) \phi_j(N) \times \underbrace{\left[\Delta_i(N) \Delta_j(N) S_{ij}(N) H_{ij} \right]}_{\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(N)}$$

- ◆ $S_{ij}(N)$: soft, non-collinear radiation effects

- ▶ $\alpha_s^n \ln^n N$

- ◆ H : hard function, no soft and collinear effects



$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_i(N) &= \exp \left[\ln N \frac{C_F}{2\pi b_0 \lambda} \{2\lambda + (1 - 2\lambda) \ln(1 - 2\lambda)\} + .. \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \ln^2 N + .. \right] \end{aligned}$$

From N space back to momentum-space

◆ Parton cross section derived in N space

$$\sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow kl}^{(\text{res})}(\rho^2, \{m^2\}, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dy \text{Im} [e^{i\phi} \rho^{-C_{\text{MP}} - ye^{i\phi}} \times \sigma_{h_1 h_2 \rightarrow kl}^{(\text{res})}(N = C_{\text{MP}} + ye^{i\phi}, \{m^2\}, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2)]$$

◆ PDF's in N space

▶ Use initial conditions in N-space, then QCD-PEGASUS evolution (A. Vogt)

◆ Use inverse Mellin transform

▶ Avoid Landau pole singularity with Minimal Prescription (go left..)

✓ gives Good numerical stability

◆ Exercise:

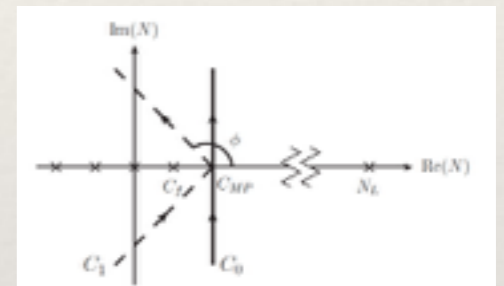
▶ function $f(x) = x^p$

▶ Mellin transform $f(N) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} x^p = \frac{1}{N+p}$

▶ Inverse Mellin transform $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int dN x^{-N} \frac{1}{N+p} = x^p$

✓ Correct!

Catani, Mangano
Nason, Trentadue



Resummed Drell-Yan/Higgs cross section

Sterman; Catani, Trentadue

Threshold-resummed Drell-Yan cross section

Functions in exponent depend only on coupling

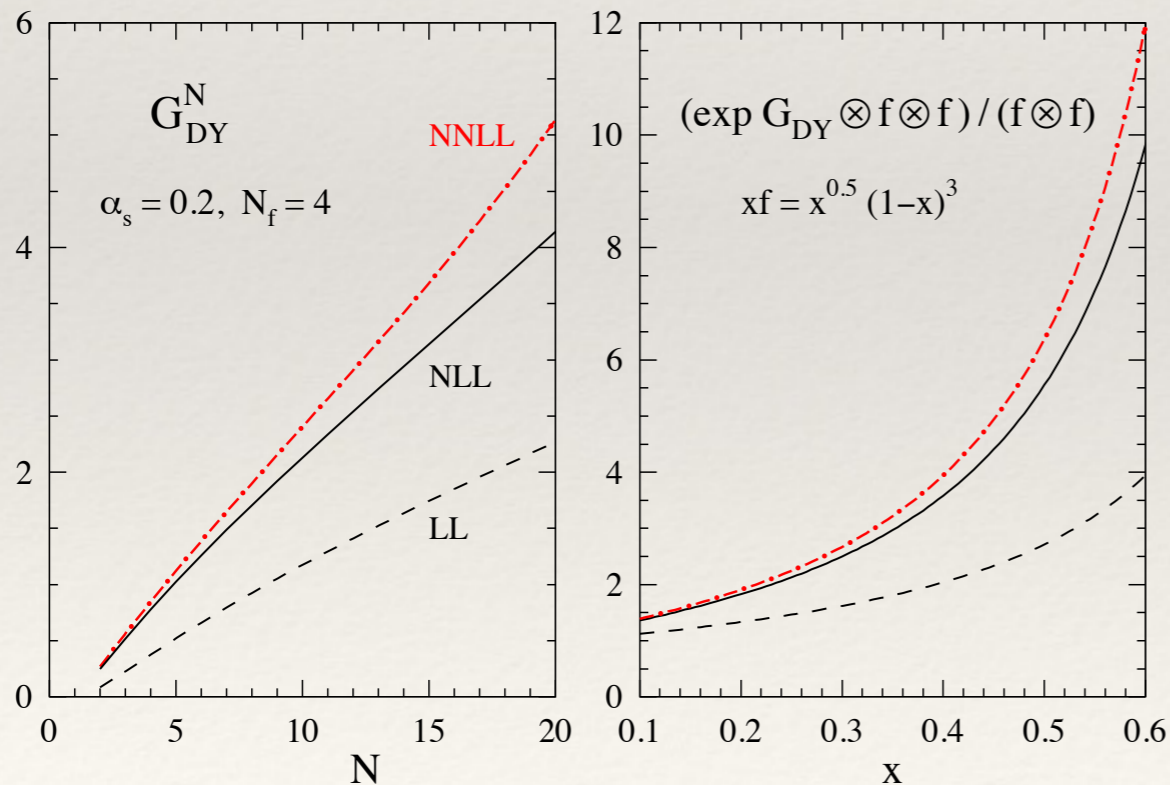
$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{resum}}}{dQ^2}(z) = \int_C \frac{dN}{2\pi i} z^{-N} \hat{\sigma}(N)$$

$$\sigma(N) = \exp \left[- \int_0^1 dx \frac{x^{N-1} - 1}{1-x} \left\{ \int_{Q^2}^{Q^2(1-x)^2} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} A(\alpha_s(\mu)) + D(\alpha_s((1-x)Q)) \right\} \right] \times (1 + \alpha_s(Q^2) \frac{C_F}{\pi} + \dots)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{DY}(N, Q^2) = g_0(Q^2) \exp [G_{DY}^N(Q^2)]$$

$$G_{DY}^N = \ln N g_1(\lambda) + g_2(\lambda) + \alpha_s g_3(\lambda) + \dots, \quad \lambda = \beta_0 \alpha_s \ln N$$

A. Vogt



Good convergence in exponent

Resummation vs parton shower

- ◆ Both account for emission to all orders in perturbative QCD. It's accuracy vs flexibility
 - ▶ Resummation: a formula
 - ✓ accuracy to LL, NLL, NNLL depending on what the theorists did. For specific observables
 - ▶ Parton shower: generate events
 - ✓ very flexible, can use for any observables
 - ✓ but, on the downside, in essence only LL accurate (it never has all the NLL information in it, because that is to some extent observable dependent).
 - Progress is being made here however

Final summary

- ◆ Many concepts in perturbative QCD were discussed, in both their essence and some technical aspects
 - ▶ Formal: symmetries, renormalization, asymptotic freedom
 - ▶ Finite orders, IR and COL divergence-handling
 - ▶ Parton showers
 - ▶ Modern methods: spinor helicity methods, and a glimpse of the NLO revolution
 - ▶ All-orders: resummation, why and how
 - ✓ here there is quite a bit of physics insight possible
- ◆ My hope: that when you see such concepts in workshops or talks, you now have a sense about what this is about.
 - ✓ Don't be blinded by the technicalities, there is room for a lot of physics intuition in QCD
- ◆ Especially I hope that you will feel free to ask, and discuss with QCD theorists when you have questions and/or ideas. Just as how you have done here. I think the success of the LHC and its research program depend on this!