



# Coulomb gluons and the ordering variable

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## Motivation: Factorisation breaking

- Is it possible to factorise all collinear singularities into process independent & universal function?

“Only for sufficiently inclusive observables or for processes involving 0 (e +e-) or 1 (DIS) incoming parton”. Collins, Soper & Sterman (Nucl. Phys. B 308(1988) 833)

### -Recent progress in understanding how factorisation is broken

Forshaw, Seymour & Siodmok JHEP 11(2012)066

Catani, de Florian, Rodrigo JHEP 07(2012)026

“...in hadron-hadron collisions, the violations of strict collinear factorisation has implications on the non-abelian structure of logarithmic enhanced terms in perturbative calculations (starting from the N<sup>2</sup>LO) and on various factorisation issues of mass singularities (starting from the N<sup>3</sup>LO)“.

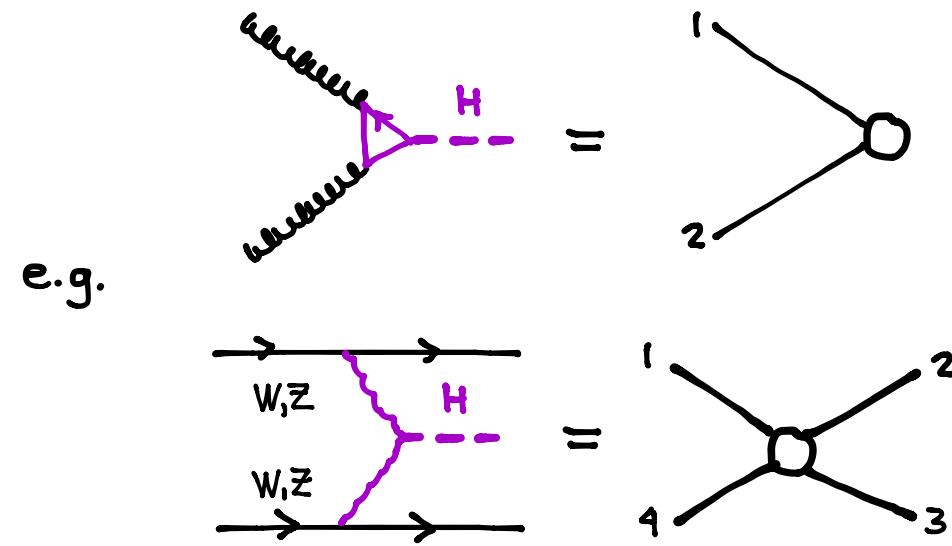
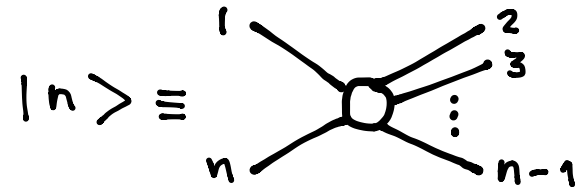
e.g.

- Non-global observables, Gaps between jets (Kyrieleis, Forshaw, Seymour JHEP 0809(2008)128)
- MPIs observables (Gaunt JHEP 07(2014)110)

Although progress has been made it is not entirely clear how to include these effects.

# Notation I: One soft emission correction to a hard process

Hard process amplitude:  
a vector in colour and spin spaces.

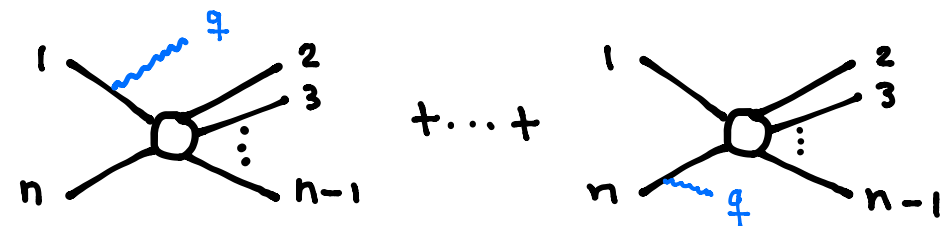


Soft gluon corrections (Eikonal rules)

$$i \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{g T_a p_a^\mu}{p_a \cdot q + \delta} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q^\nu \dots \approx g \frac{T_a p_a^\mu}{p_a \cdot q + \delta}$$

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } q \text{ Real} \\ i\epsilon & \text{if } q \text{ Virtual \& } a \text{ Outgoing} \\ -i\epsilon & \text{if } q \text{ Virtual \& } a \text{ Incoming} \end{cases}$$

Amplitude can be expressed as



$$J(q)|n\rangle \equiv \left[ g \frac{T_i p_i \cdot \epsilon}{p_i \cdot q} + \dots + g \frac{T_n p_n \cdot \epsilon}{p_n \cdot q} \right] |n\rangle$$

$$\sigma_1 = \int_{\text{Eikonal gluons (real)}} d[q] \langle n | J(q) \cdot J(q) | n \rangle \phi(q)$$



# Notation II: One loop soft correction to a hard process.

$$\sigma_0 = \left[ \text{tree} \right]^+ \left\{ \text{loop} + \text{loop} + \dots \right\} + \text{h.c.}$$

CUT GRAPH (ABSORPTIVE)  
SUM OVER ON-SHELL STATES.

$$= \left[ \text{tree} \right]^+ \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int d[k] \left[ \text{loop} + \text{loop} + \dots \right] + \left[ \text{cut} + \text{cut} + \dots \right] \right\} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \langle n | \left[ -\int d[k] J(k) \cdot J(k) + \sum_{a,b \in \text{in or out}} C^{ab}(0,Q) \right] | n \rangle + \text{h.c.}$$

Eikonal gluons (virtual)

Coulomb gluons  
Only between pairs of incoming or outgoing partons

$$(J(k) \cdot J(k))^+ = J(k) \cdot J(k)$$

$$C^{ab}(\alpha, \beta) = -i\pi g_s^2 T_a \cdot T_b \int_{\alpha^2}^{\beta^2} \frac{dK_T^2}{K_T^2}$$

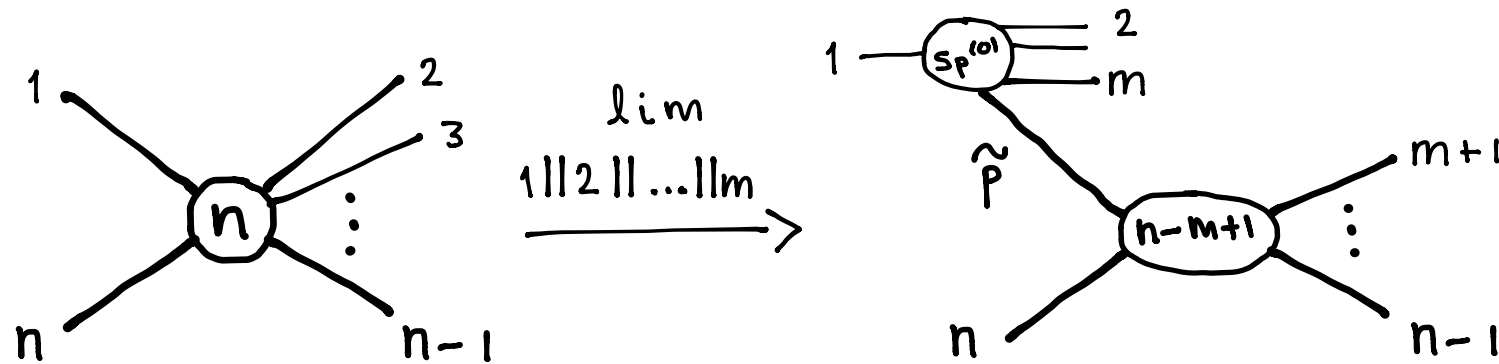
$$C = -C^+$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_0 + \sigma_1 = \langle n | \int d[q] J(q) \cdot J(q) [\phi(q) - 1] | n \rangle,$$

$$\phi \sim \alpha_s \ln^\gamma(u), \quad \gamma = \{0, 1, 2\}.$$

# Collinear factorisation at tree level

Catani, de Florian, Rodrigo JHEP 07(2012)026



$$|n\rangle \simeq S_P^{(0)} |n-m+1\rangle \quad \left( \tilde{P}: \text{SINGLE PARTON} \right. \\ \left. (1+\dots+m) \right)$$

Depends only on collinear partons

Depends only on non-collinear partons

$$S_P^{(0)} = S_P^{(0)}(\tilde{P}, 1, \dots, m)$$

$$|n-m+1(\tilde{P}, m+1, \dots, n)\rangle$$

Hence, universal (process independent) contributions at cross section level

$$\langle n|n\rangle \simeq \langle n-m+1| S_P^{(0)\dagger} S_P^{(0)} |n-m+1\rangle, \\ \equiv \langle n-m+1| P^{(0)} |n-m+1\rangle. \quad \checkmark$$

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# Collinear factorisation (breaking) beyond tree level

Catani, de Florian, Rodrigo JHEP 07(2012)026  
 Forshaw, Seymour, Siodmok JHEP 11(2012)066

$$S_p^{(\lambda)} |n-m+1\rangle, \quad \lambda\text{-loops}$$

but, in general,

$$S_p^{(\lambda)} = S_p^{(\lambda)}(\tilde{P}, 1, \dots, m, m+1, \dots, n)$$

Exceptions:

- 0 incoming partons (e.g. e+e-).
- 1 incoming parton (e.g. DIS).
- Or sufficiently inclusive observables (e.g. inclusive Drell-Yan)

The problem seeds at 1-loop order and is specific to the initial state

$$S_{NF}^{(1)} |n-m+1\rangle = \text{Diagram 1} - \text{Diagram 2} \neq 0 = [C^{1n} - C^{\tilde{P}n}] S_p^{(0)} |n-m+1\rangle.$$

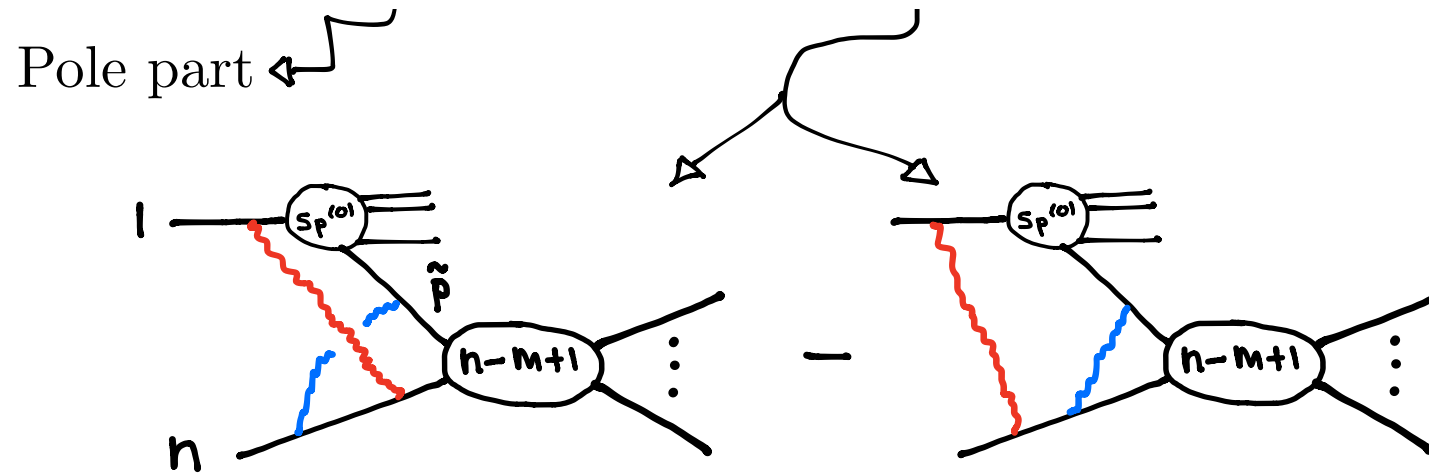
Pole part ( $k \rightarrow 0$ )

But they these cancel at cross section level

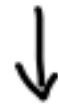
$$C^{1n} - C^{\tilde{P}n} + \text{h.c.} = 0. \quad \checkmark$$

## 2-loops

$$|S_{P_{NF}}^{(2)}|^2 \sim \left[ \int d[\varphi] J^2(\varphi), C^{1n} - C^{\tilde{P}n} \right] + \dots$$



$$d\sigma = \text{Tr} \left( |\bar{n}\rangle \langle \bar{n}| [T_a \cdot T_b, T_e \cdot T_d] \right) = 0.$$



Cancel for pure QCD.

Seymour & Sjö Dahl

HEP/0810.5756

## 3-loops: No scape

$$|S_{P_{NF}}^{(3)}|^2 \sim \left[ \left[ \int d[\varphi] J^2(\varphi), C^{1n} - C^{\tilde{P}n} \right], C^{1n} - C^{\tilde{P}n} \right] + \dots \neq 0$$

Pole part  $\leftarrow$

The interplay between Eikonal and Coulomb gluons breaks factorisation!

## In pursuit of a general algorithm

Soft gluon insertion technique (Catani, Ciafaloni Nucl.Phys. B249 (1985) 301): Leading infrared behaviour of soft corrections to a hard wide angle scattering. The real emission matrix elements yield

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \\ \vdots \\ \text{circle} \\ \vdots \\ \text{diagram} \end{array} \right], \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \\ \vdots \\ \text{circle} \\ \vdots \\ \text{diagram} \end{array} \right]^{(E_1 < Q)}, \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \\ \vdots \\ \text{circle} \\ \vdots \\ \text{diagram} \end{array} \right]^{(E_2 < E_1 < Q)}, \quad \dots$$

$$|n\rangle, \quad J(1)|n\rangle, \quad J(2)J(1)|n\rangle, \quad \dots$$

Similarly, within this approximation, virtual exchanges are assumed to be nearly on-shell (Eikonal) and, hence, they can be organised as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{diagram} + \text{diagram} + \text{diagram} + \dots \\
 & J(2)J(1)|n\rangle + J(2) \left[ \frac{-1}{2} \int_{E_2}^{E_1} (J(k_1))^2 dk_1 \right] J(1)|n\rangle + J(2) \left[ \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^2 \int_{E_2}^{E_1} J^2(k_2) dk_2 \int_{E_2}^{k_2^0} J^2(k_1) dk_1 \right] J(1)|n\rangle + \dots \\
 & = J(2) \tilde{V}(2,1) J(1)|n\rangle \quad \text{WITH} \quad \tilde{V}(2,1) \equiv \text{EXP} \left( \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) \int_{E_2}^{E_1} (J(k))^2 dk \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

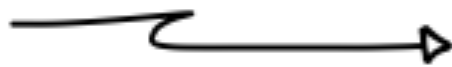
Then, the m emissions amplitude to all orders yields (massive simplification!)

$$\tilde{V}(0,m) J(m) \cdots J(2) \tilde{V}(2,1) J(1) \tilde{V}(1,Q) |n\rangle$$

But no Coulomb interactions!

# Generalised Forshaw - Kyrieliis - Seymour algorithm for the leading Eikonal and Coulomb gluons

The leading corrections due to 0,1,2,... real emissions at ALL orders

No emissions:  $\sigma_0 = |V(0, Q) |n\rangle|^2$  

Two loops  
Catani JHEP07(2012)026  
Eikonal exponentiation  
Vladimirov, arxiv:1501.03316

1 real emission:  $d\sigma_1 = |V(0,1) J(1) V(1, Q) |n\rangle|^2 \phi(q_1, q_2) d[q_1]$

2 real emissions:  $d\sigma_2 = |V(0,2) J(2) V(2,1) J(1) V(1, Q) |n\rangle|^2 \theta(q_{2T} < q_{1T}) \phi(q_1, q_2) d[q_1] d[q_2]$

⋮

etc

But this time, V also inserts Coulomb interactions

$$V(a,b) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int d[K] J(K) \cdot J(K) \theta(q_{aT} < k_T < q_{bT}) + \sum_{\substack{a \neq b \\ \text{in or out}}} C^{ab}(q_{aT}, q_{bT}) \right\}$$

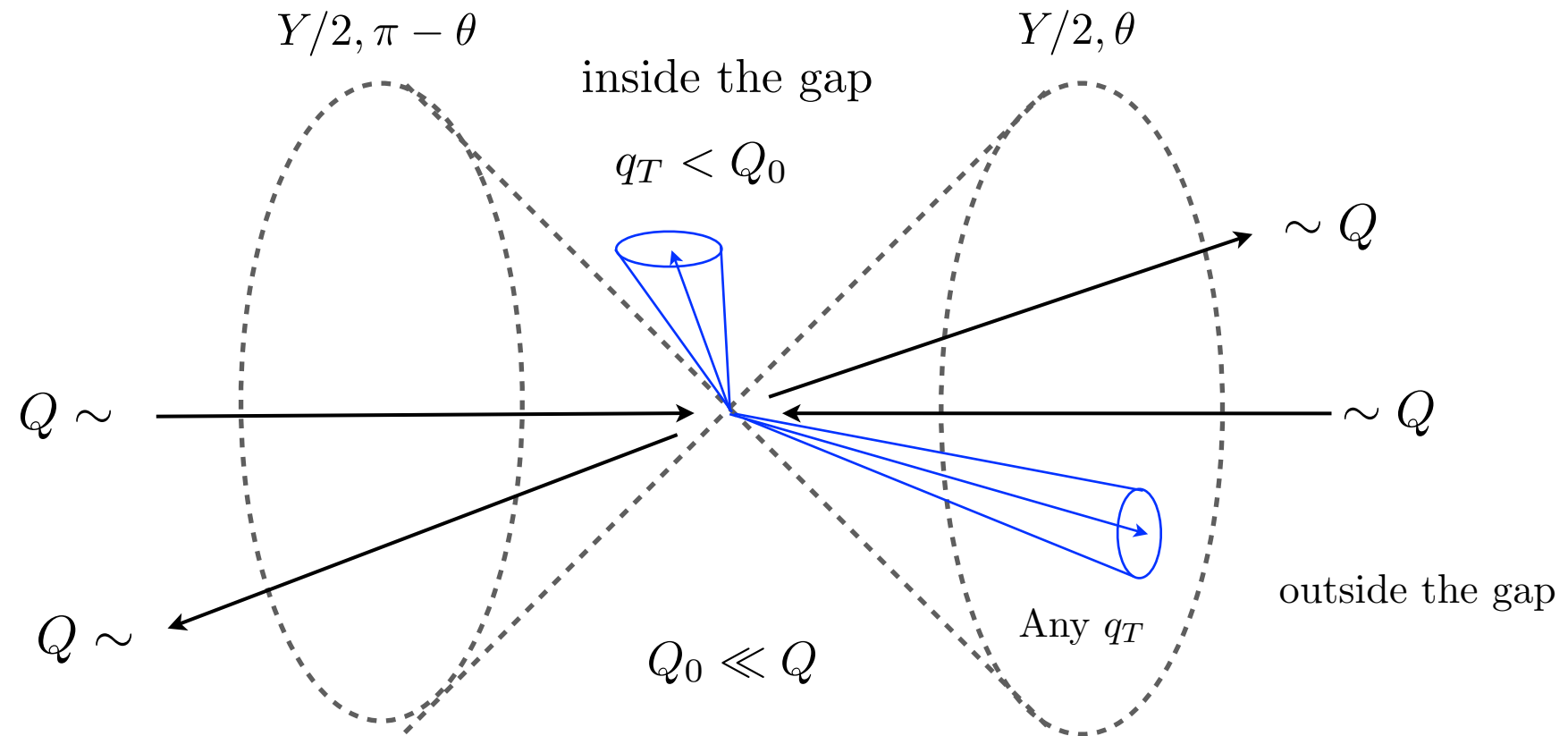
$$C^{ab}(\alpha, \beta) = -i\pi g^2 T_a \cdot T_b \int_{\alpha^2}^{\beta^2} \frac{dK_{\perp}^2}{K_{\perp}^2}$$

Is this structure correct? and if it is, is it correct to order w.r.t.  $k_T$ ?

It could be applied to any observable!

# An interesting application: Gaps between Jets

( Forshaw, Kyrieleis & Seymour hep /0604094 ; /0808.1269 )



Soft corrections

Leadings logs

Super-leading logs  
(due to Coulomb gluons)

$$d\sigma_m = |\mathcal{M}(q_1, \dots, q_m)|^2 \phi dPS \quad \sim \alpha_s^n \ln^n \left( \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2} \right) \quad \sim \alpha_s^3 \ln^4 \left( \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2} \right), \alpha_s^4 \ln^5 \left( \frac{Q^2}{Q_0^2} \right)$$





# Consistency cross-checks

- It yields gauge invariance amplitudes

$$|n + m\rangle \Big|_{\varepsilon(q_m) \rightarrow q_m} = 0$$

- Order by order corrections cancel if integrated inclusively (E and kT ordering)

$$\sigma_0 + \int_1 d\sigma_1 + \int_1 \int_2 d\sigma_2 + \dots = \sigma_0$$

- Consistent with reported violations of collinear factorisation.

**But, there is an ordering problem**

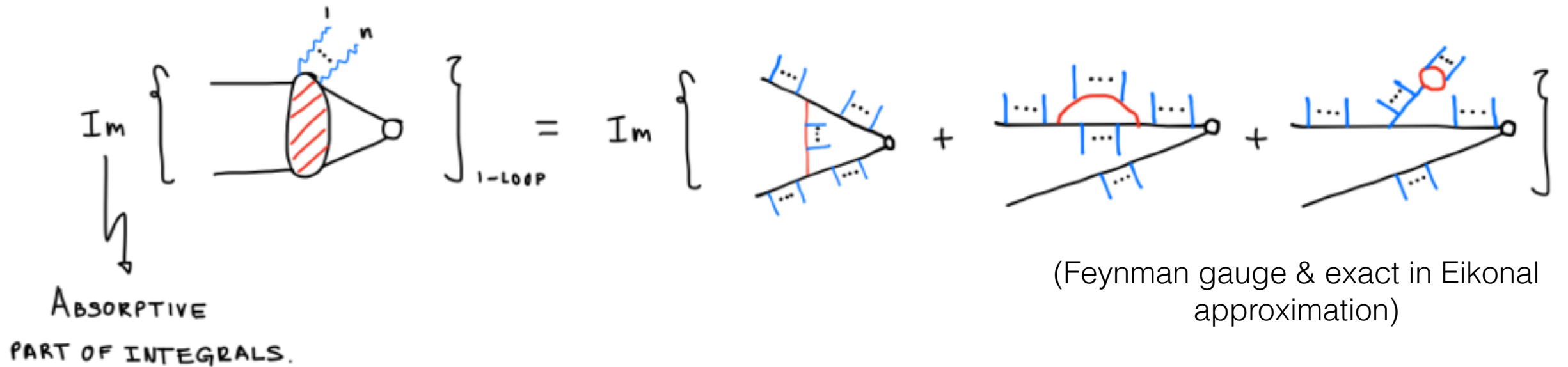
(Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi JHEP06(2010)038)

The coefficient of super-leading log in GBJ varies for different ordering variables:

- Angular ordering: zero.
- Energy ordering: infinite.
- Transverse momentum ordering: finite.
- Virtuality ordering: 1/2.

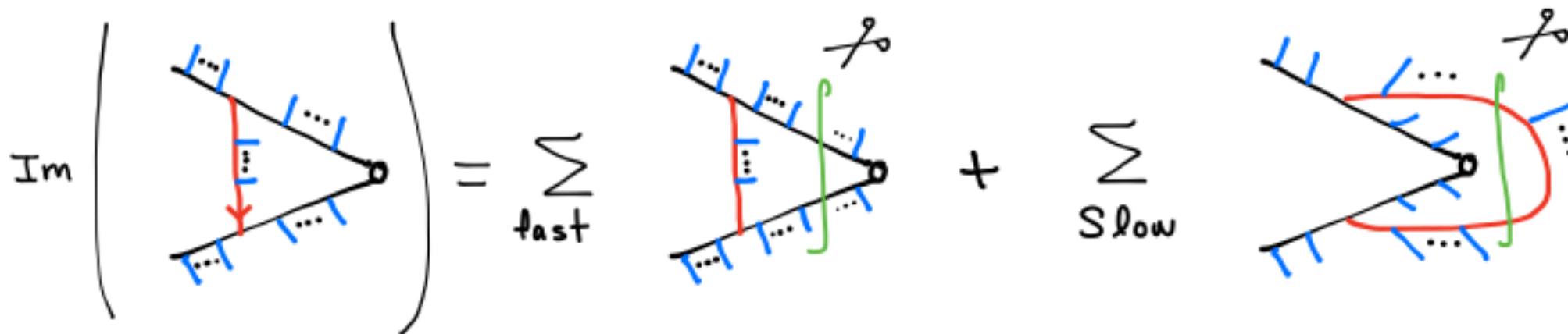
# Strategy for testing the ordering variable

Compare with 1-loop fixed order calculation



Key step: Integration without assuming any ordering between virtual and real emissions!

## Step 1: Cutting rules



Bottom line: Sum over cuts over fast (Eikonal) or slow (soft gluon) lines.

# One emission case

$(Q = 2P_i \cdot P_j)$

$$-i\pi \frac{P_i \cdot \epsilon}{P_i \cdot q} \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dK_T^2}{K_T^2} \left\{ T_i (T_i \cdot T_j) - T_i \cdot T_j T_i + T_i \cdot T_j T_i \right\} |2\rangle$$

Non-abelian

$$-i\pi \frac{P_i \cdot \epsilon}{P_i \cdot q} \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dK_T^2}{K_T^2} \frac{q_T^2}{K_T^2 + q_T^2} [T_i \cdot T_j T_i - T_i T_i \cdot T_j] |2\rangle$$

$\int_0^{q_T^2} \frac{dK_T^2}{K_T^2} + (i \leftrightarrow j)$

The triple gluon vertex graph triggers  $k_T$  ordering!

# Putting all terms together


$\text{Im} \left\{ \left[ \text{1-LOOP} \right] \right\} = \left[ \text{diagram 1} \right] + \left[ \text{diagram 2} \right]$

$\downarrow$   
 ABSORPTIVE PART

$= \left[ C^{ij}(\alpha, \beta) J(\varphi) + J(\varphi) C^{ij}(\varphi_T, Q) \right] |2\rangle$

$$C^{ij}(\alpha, \beta) = -i\pi g^2 T_i \cdot T_j \int_{\alpha^2}^{\beta^2} \frac{dK_L^2}{K_L^2}$$

$$|2\rangle \left[ C^{ij}(\alpha, \beta) J_i(\varphi) + J_i(\varphi) C^{ij}(\varphi_T, Q) \right] |2\rangle$$



$$J_i(\varphi) \equiv g T_i \frac{P_i \cdot \varepsilon}{P_i \cdot \varphi}$$

✓

$$= \text{Im} \left\{ V_{01} J(i) V_{1Q} |2\rangle \right\}_{\text{1-LOOP}}$$

# Two emissions case

$$\text{Im} \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} i \\ j \end{array} \right] \right\}_{1\text{-LOOP}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 1]} \\ \text{[diagram 2]} \\ \text{[diagram 3]} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 4]} \\ \text{[diagram 5]} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 6]} \\ \text{[diagram 7]} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 8]} \\ \text{[diagram 9]} \end{array} \right\} \quad (132 \text{ cuts})$$

GHOSTS

e.g.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 10]} \\ \text{[diagram 11]} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 12]} \\ \text{[diagram 13]} \\ \text{[diagram 14]} \\ \dots \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 15]} \\ \text{[diagram 16]} \\ \text{[diagram 17]} \\ \text{[diagram 18]} \end{array} \right\}$

$K(1,2) |2\rangle \xrightarrow{1 \gg 2} J(2)J(1) |2\rangle$

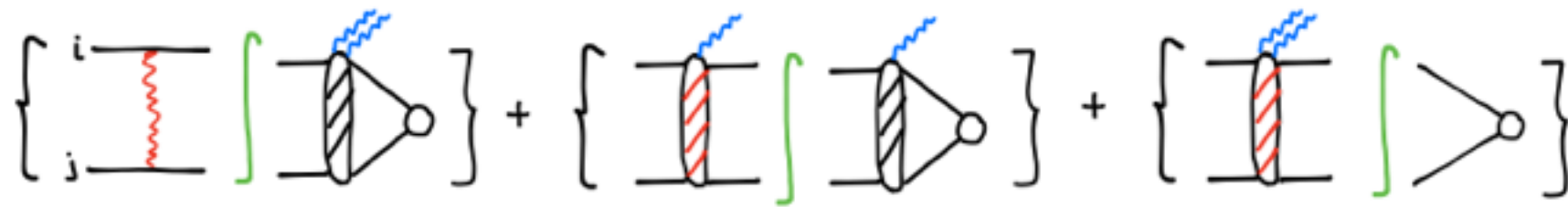
A complicated operator (for general kinematics) in spin-colour space but the UV and IR divergences have a simple structure

$\ln Q^2$ -terms  $\text{Im} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 19]} \end{array} \right\}_{1-L} = K(1,2) C^{ij}(Q) |2\rangle,$   $C^{ij}(Q) = -i\pi T_i \cdot T_j \int_0^{Q^e} \frac{dK_T^2}{K_T^2},$

SOFT POLES  
+  
COLLINEAR POLES  
~~CANCEL~~

$\text{Im} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[diagram 20]} \end{array} \right\}_{1-L} = [C^{ij}(0) + C^{i'j'}(0)] K(1,2) |2\rangle,$   $C^{ab}(0) = -i\pi g_s T_a \cdot T_b \int_0 \frac{dK_T^2}{K_T^2}.$

## Leading behaviour: Eikonal cuts



Strongly ordered energies

$$\approx \left[ C^{ij}(0, q_{2T}) J(2) J(1) + J(2) C^{ij}(q_{2T}, q_{1T}) J(1) + J(2) J(1) C^{ij}(q_{1T}, Q_{ij}) \right] |2\rangle.$$

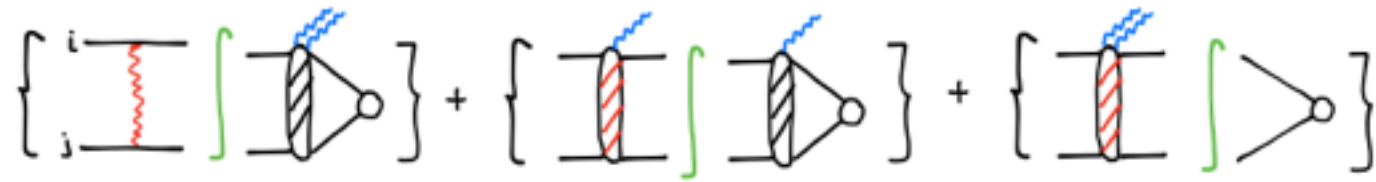
$q_1^0 \gg q_2^0$

Single collinear limits

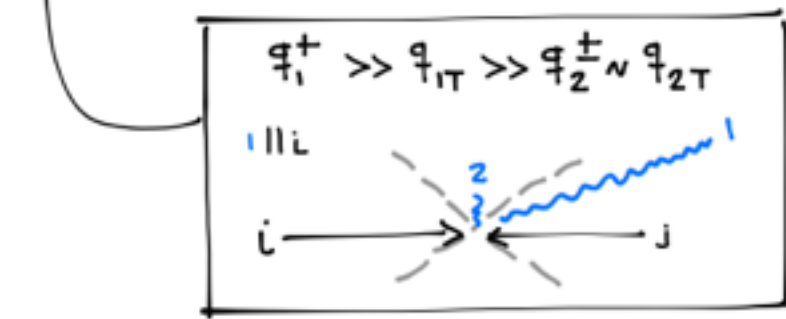
$$\approx \left[ C^{ij}(0, q_{2T}) J_i(2) J(1) + J_i(2) C^{ij}(q_{2T}, q_{1T}) J(1) + J_i(2) J(1) C^{ij}(q_{1T}, Q_{ij}) \right] |2\rangle.$$

$q_1^\pm \sim q_{1T}, q_2^+ \gg q_{2T}$

$$\left( J_i(q) \equiv g T_i \frac{P_i \cdot \epsilon}{P_i \cdot q} \right)$$



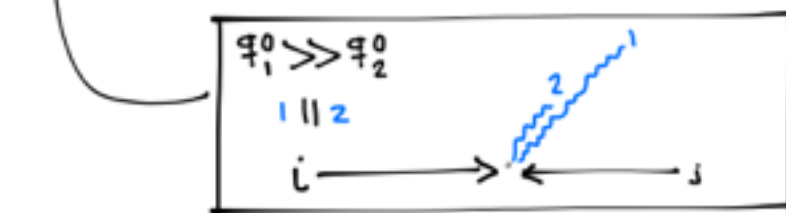
$$\approx \left[ C^{ij}(0, q_{2T}) J(2) J_i(1) + J(2) C^{ij}(q_{2T}, q_{1T}) J_i(1) + J(2) J_i(1) C^{ij}(q_{1T}, Q_{ij}) \right] |2\rangle.$$



$$\left( J_i(q) \equiv g T_i \frac{p_i \cdot \epsilon}{p_i \cdot q} \right)$$

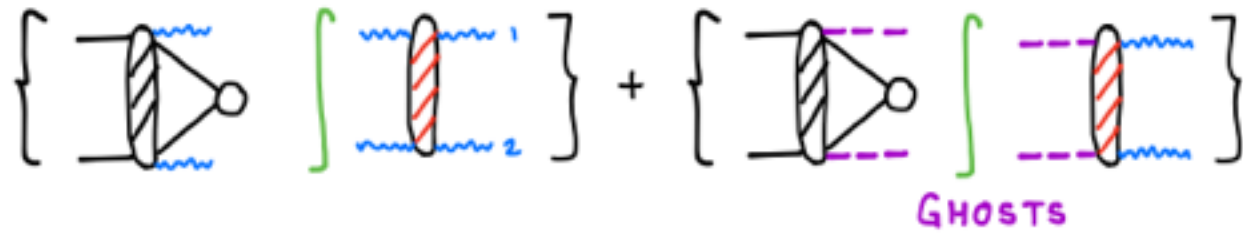
In exact agreement with the calculation of the super-logs!

$$\approx \left[ C^{ij}(0, q_{1T}) J_i(2) J(1) + J_i(2) J(1) C^{ij}(q_{1T}, Q_{ij}) \right] |2\rangle.$$



$$\left( J_i(q_2) \equiv g T_{q_1} \frac{q_1 \cdot \epsilon_2}{q_1 \cdot q_2} \right)$$

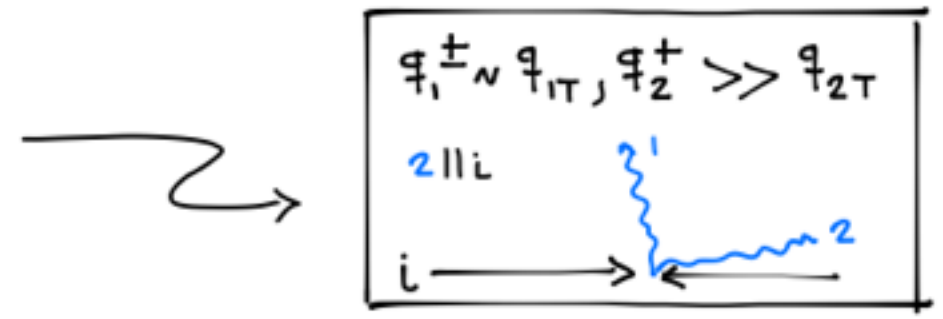
# Leading behaviour: soft gluon cuts



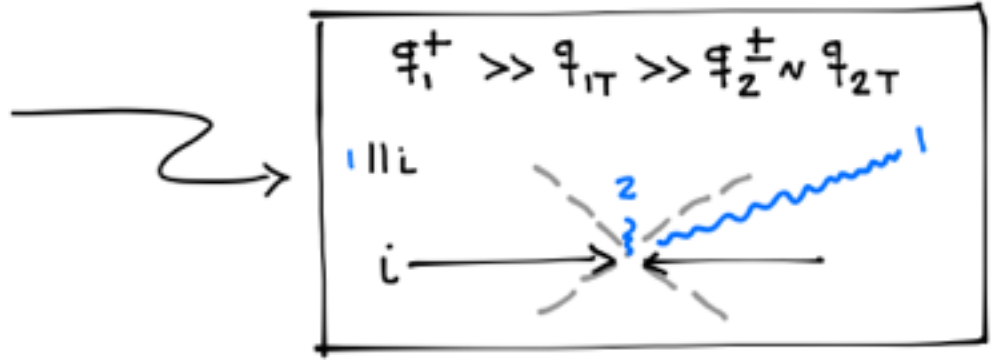
$$|2\rangle \left[ C^{12}(0, q_{2T}) (J_i(2) + J_j(2)) + C^{12}(0, q_{2T}^1) J_i(2) \right] J(1) |2\rangle.$$

$$\boxed{q_1^0 \gg q_2^0}$$

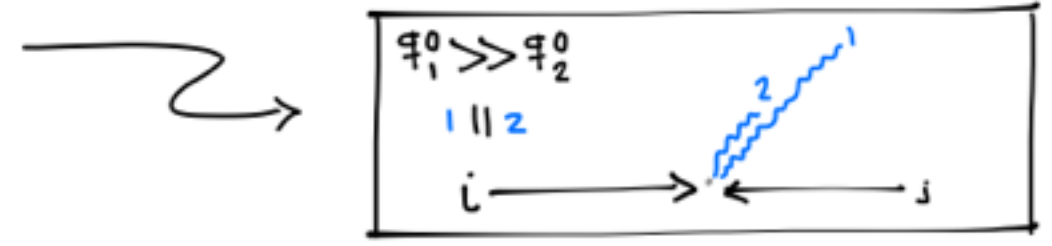
$$|2\rangle C^{12}(0, q_{2T}) J_i(2) J(1) |2\rangle$$



$$|2\rangle C^{12}(0, q_{2T}) J(2) J_i(1) |2\rangle$$

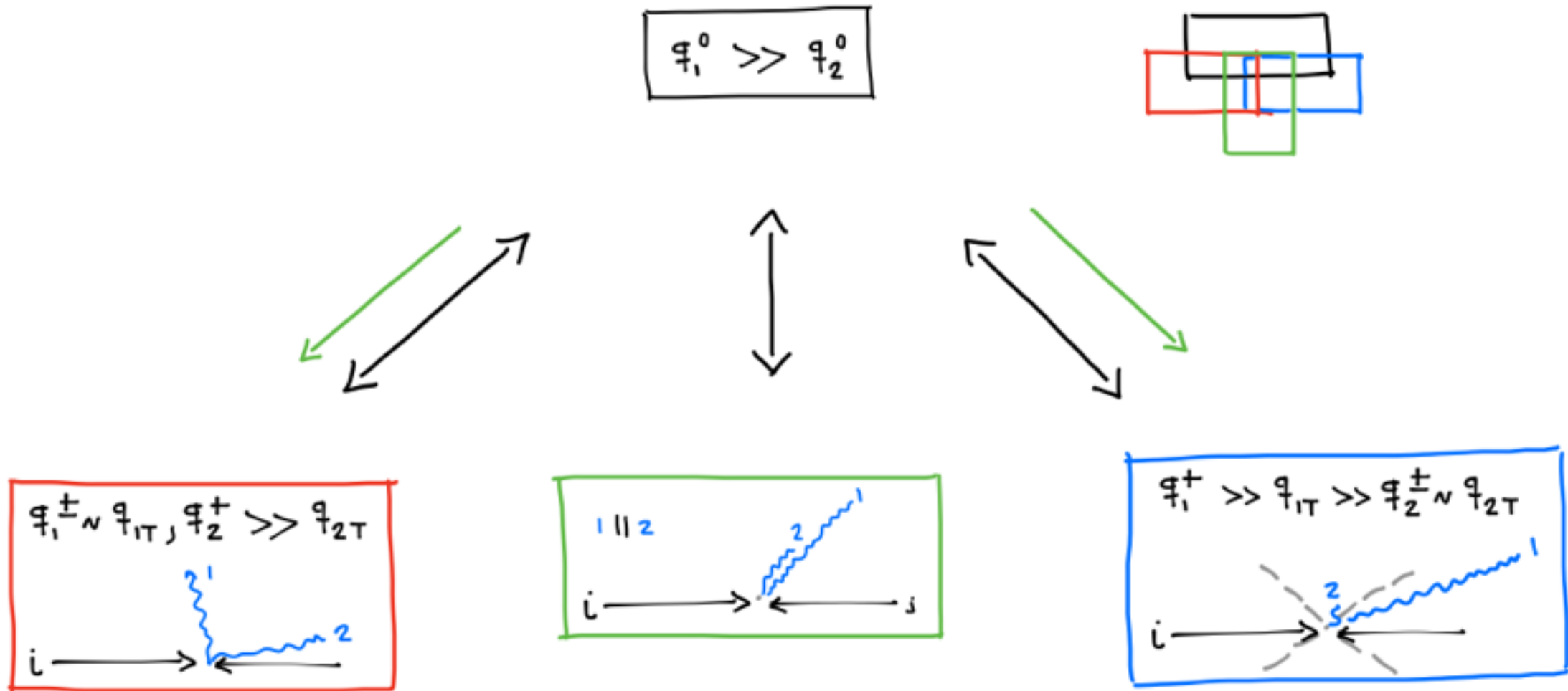


$$|2\rangle C^{12}(0, q_{2T}^1) J_i(2) J(1) |2\rangle$$





# An interesting property



Limits commute



Can be derived from

# Summary

The leading soft behaviour of these amplitudes yields

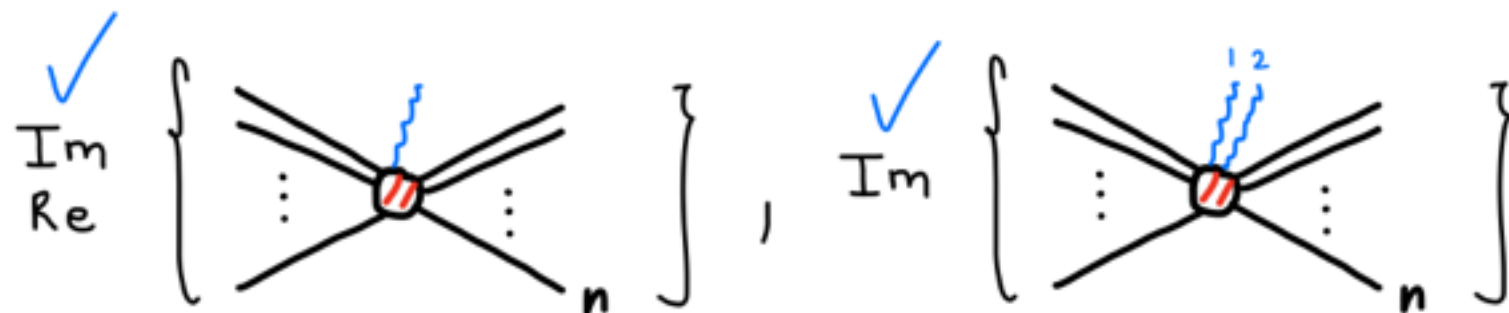
$$\text{Im} \left\{ V_{01} J(1) V_{1Q} |2\rangle \right\} = C^{ij}(0, q_{1T}) J(1) + J(1) C^{ij}(q_{1T}, Q) + \mathcal{O}(2\text{-loops})$$

$$\text{Im} \left\{ V_{02} J(2) V_{21} J(1) V_{1Q} |2\rangle \right\} =$$

$$\left[ C^{ij}(0, q_{2T}) J(2) J(1) + J(2) C^{ij}(q_{2T}, q_{1T}) J(1) + J(2) J(1) C^{ij}(q_{1T}, Q) \right] |2\rangle +$$

$$\left[ C^{i2}(0, q_{2T}) (J_i(2) + J_j(2)) + C^{i2}(0, q_{2T}') J_i(2) \right] J(1) |2\rangle + \mathcal{O}(2\text{-loops}).$$

Paper in preparation with details. One more with generalisations



# Conclusions

- We studied the soft corrections to a hard wide-angle scattering ( $2 \rightarrow 0$ ) due to one virtual gluon and, one or two emissions. We focused on the absorptive part of loop integrals and derived cutting rules to select it.
- The leading behaviour of these amplitudes obeys a simple pattern (analogous to the soft gluon insertion technique). Precisely, these can be written as a product of Eikonal emissions and Coulomb operators whose limits are ordered w.r.t. the  $kT$  of the real emissions.
- The generalisation of this pattern to higher orders could be used to dress a hard wide-angle scattering with all its leading soft corrections, including Coulomb interactions.
- Our current results already show non-trivial evidence of the existence of super-leading logarithms found in the gaps between jets observable.
- The exact UV and IR poles can be expressed in terms of Coulomb operators acting on the external legs.