



# Gaps between jets

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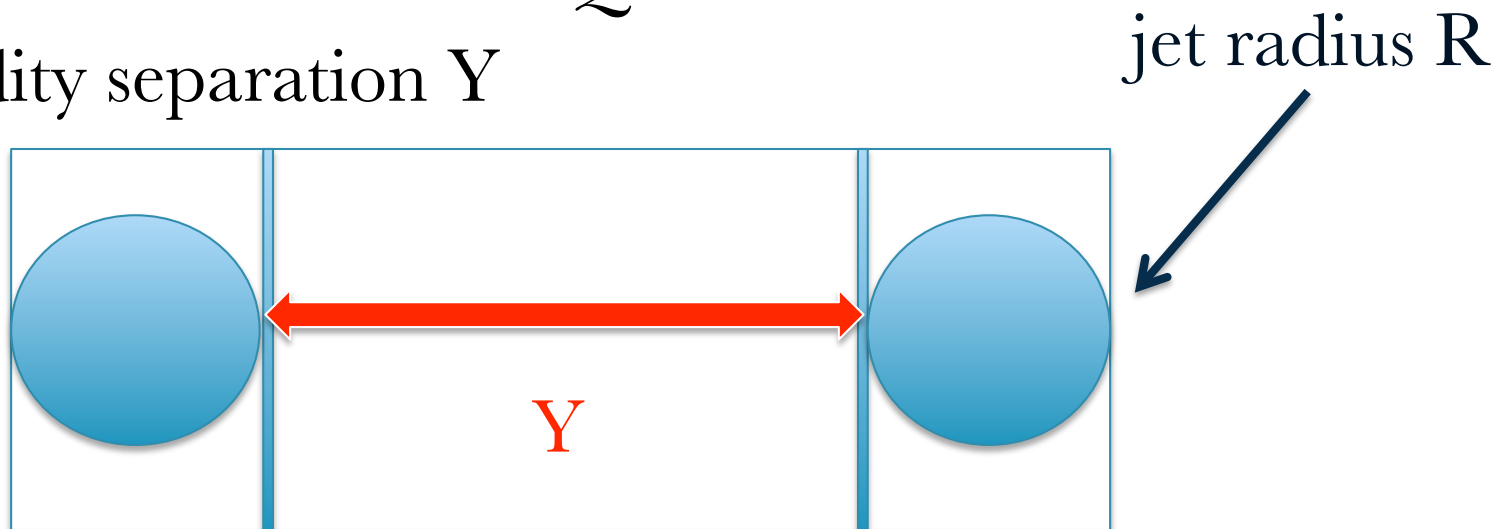
# Outline

- Importance of rapidity gaps for LHC physics
- Soft gluons
- Discovery of super-leading logarithms
- Some phenomenological studies
- Conclusions and Outlook

# The observable

Production of two jets with

- transverse momentum  $Q$
- rapidity separation  $Y$



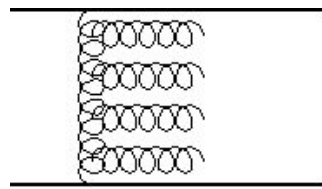
- Emission with  $k_T > Q_0$   
forbidden in the inter-jet region

# Plenty of QCD effects

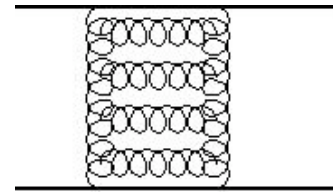
“wider” gaps

Y

BFKL  
(Muller-Navale jets)

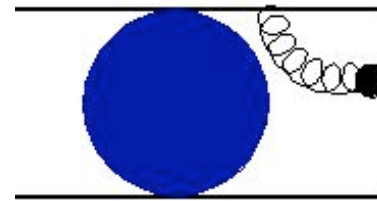


Non-forward BFKL  
 $-t = Q^2$



Super-leading  
logs

Wide-angle soft  
radiation

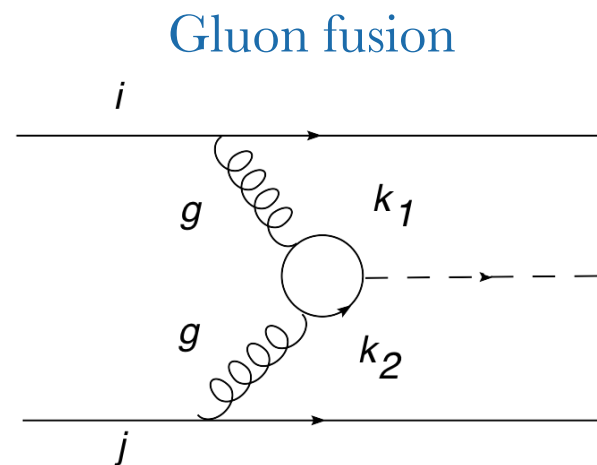
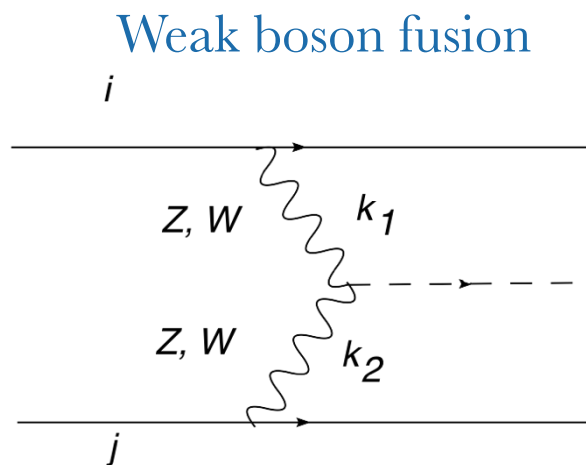


Fixed order

$$L = \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0}$$

“emptier” gaps

# Higgs + 2 jets



- Different QCD radiation in the inter-jet region
- To enhance the WBF channel, one can make a veto  $Q_0$  on additional radiation between the tagged jets
- QCD radiation as in dijet production

Forshaw and Sjö Dahl

- Important in order to extract the VVH coupling

# Soft gluons in QCD

- What happens if we dress a hard scattering with soft gluons?
- Sufficiently inclusive observables are not affected: real and virtual cancel via Bloch-Nordsieck theorem

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{[Real Emission]} + \text{[Virtual Loop]} \\
 + \text{[Virtual Loop]} + \text{[Real Emission]} = 0
 \end{array}$$

- Soft gluon corrections are important if the real radiation is constrained into a small region of phase-space
- In such cases BN fails and miscancellation between real and virtual induces large logarithms

$$-\alpha_s \int_0^{Q_0} \frac{dE}{E} \Big|_{\text{real}} + \alpha_s \int_0^Q \frac{dE}{E} \Big|_{\text{virtual}} = \alpha_s \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dE}{E} \Big|_{\text{virtual}} = \alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0}$$

# Soft gluons in gaps between jets

- Naive application of BN:  
real and virtual contributions cancel everywhere  
except within the gap region for  $k_T > Q_0$
- One only needs to consider **virtual corrections** with  
 $Q_0 < k_T < Q$
- Leading logs (LL) are resummed by iterating the one-loop result:

$$\mathcal{M} = e^{-\alpha_s L \Gamma} \mathcal{M}_0$$

soft anomalous dimension

Born

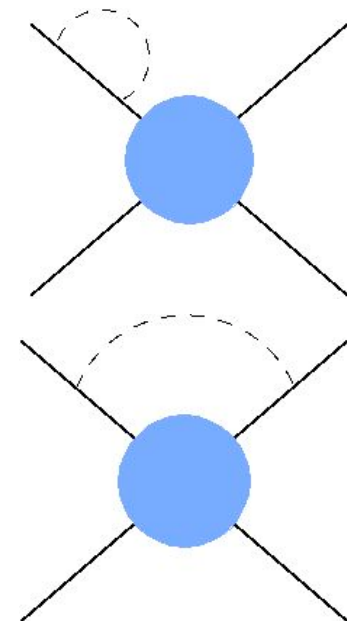
Oderda and Sterman  
hep-ph/9806530

# Colour evolution (I)

- The anomalous dimension can be written as

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} Y T_t^2 + i\pi T_1 \cdot T_2 + \frac{1}{4} \rho (T_3^2 + T_4^2)$$

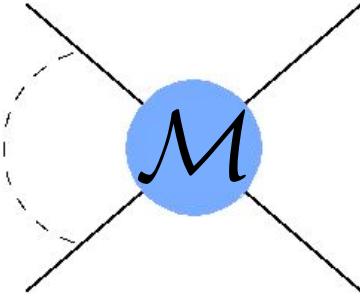
- $T_i$  is the colour charge of parton  $i$
- $T_i^2$  is a Casimir
- $T_t^2 = (T_1^2 + T_3^2 + 2T_1 \cdot T_3)$   
is the colour exchange in the  $t$ -channel





# Colour evolution (II)

- The  $i\pi$  term is due to Coulomb gluon exchange

$$i\pi T_1 \cdot T_2 \mathcal{M} = \text{Diagram}$$


- It doesn't play any role for processes with less than 4 coloured particles (e.g. DIS or DY)

$$T_1 + T_2 + T_3 = 0 \Rightarrow T_1 \cdot T_2 = \frac{1}{2}(T_3^2 - T_1^2 - T_2^2)$$

leading to an unimportant overall phase

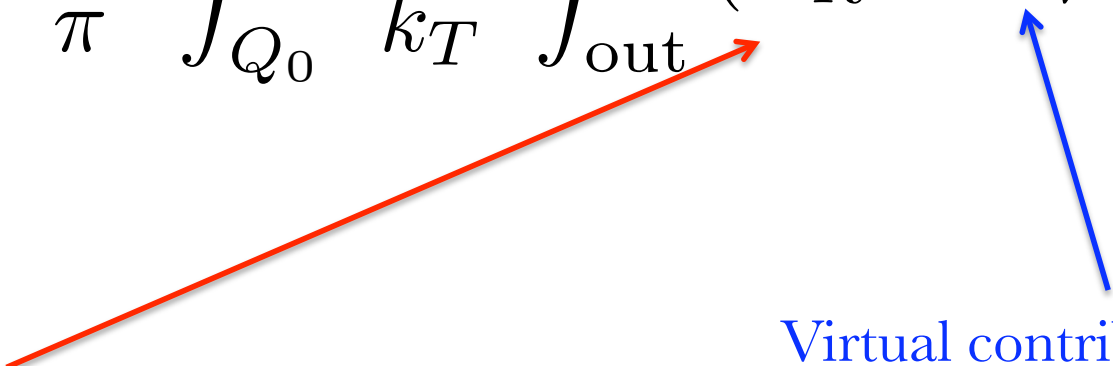
- Coulomb gluon contributions are *not* implemented in parton showers

# Non-global effects

- However this naive approach completely ignores a whole tower of LL
- Virtual contributions are not the whole story because real emissions out of the gap are forbidden to remit back into the gap
- The full LL result is obtained by dressing the  $2 \rightarrow n$  (i.e.  $n-2$  out of gap gluons) scattering with virtual gluons (and not just  $2 \rightarrow 2$ )
- Resummation can be done (so far) only in the large  $N_c$  limit

# One gluon outside the gap

- As a first step we compute the tower of logs coming from only one out-of-gap gluon:

$$\sigma^{(1)} = -\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dk_T}{k_T} \int_{\text{out}} (\Omega_R + \Omega_V)$$


Real contribution:

- real emission vertex  $D^u$
- 5 - parton anomalous dimension  $\Lambda$

Sjödahl

Virtual contribution:

- virtual eikonal emission  $\gamma$
- 4-parton anomalous dimension  $\Gamma$

# A big surprise

## Conventional wisdom (“plus prescription” of DGLAP)

when the out-of-gap gluon becomes collinear with one of the external partons the real and virtual contributions should cancel

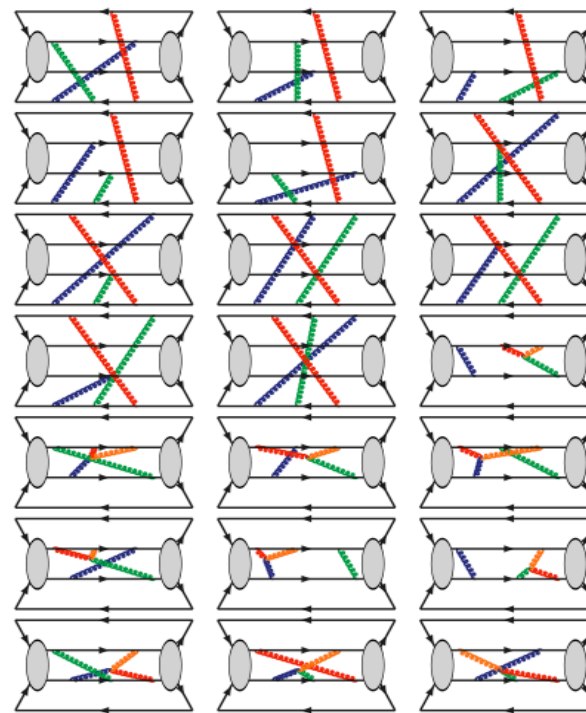
- It works when the out-of-gap gluon is collinear to one of the outgoing partons ✓
- But it fails for **initial state collinear emission** ✗
- Cancellation *does* occur for up to 3<sup>rd</sup> order relative to the Born, but fails at 4<sup>th</sup> order
- The problem is entirely due to the emission of Coulomb gluons
- As result we are left with **super-leading logarithms** (SLL):

$$\sigma^{(1)} \sim -\alpha_s^4 L^5 \pi^2 + \dots$$

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# Fixed order calculation

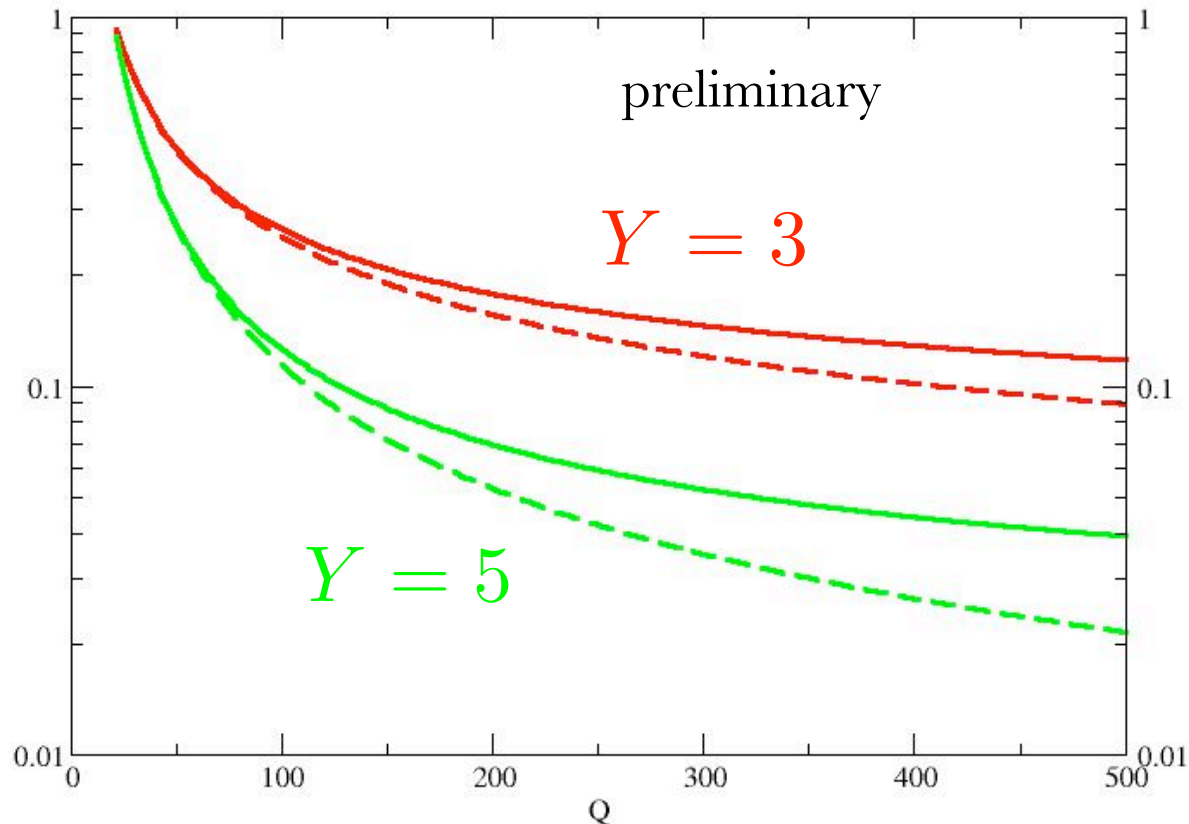
- Gluons are added in all possible ways to trace diagrams and colour factors calculated using COLOUR
- Diagrams are then cut in all ways consistent with strong ordering
- At fourth order there are 10,529 diagrams and 1,746,272 after cutting.
- SLL terms are confirmed at fourth order and **computed for the first time at 5<sup>th</sup> order**



# LHC results: no gluon outside the gap

$$\sigma^{(0)} / \sigma^{\text{born}}$$

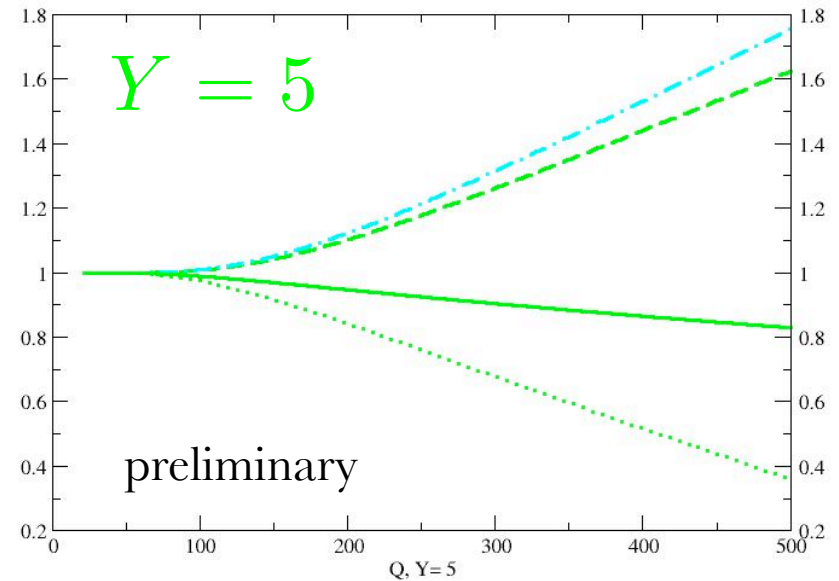
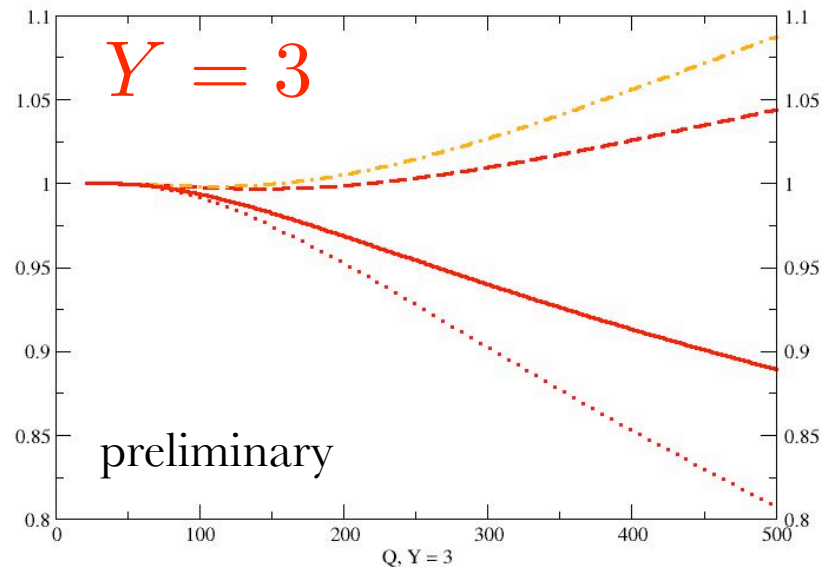
$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{s} &= 14 \text{ TeV} \\ Q_0 &= 20 \text{ GeV} \\ R &= 0.4 \\ \eta_{\text{cut}} &= 4.5 \end{aligned}$$



- solid line:  
full resummation
- dashed line:  
ignoring  $i\pi$ 's

# Phenomenology of SLL

$$(\sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)}) / \sigma^{(0)}$$



- dotted, one gluon,  $\alpha_s^4$
- dashed: one gluon, up to  $\alpha_s^5$
- solid: one gluon resummed
- dash-dotted: one+two gluons, up to  $\alpha_s^5$  (only fixed order)

- fixed order expansion unstable
- $\sigma^{(2)}$  less important than  $\sigma^{(1)}$
- $Y = 3$ ,  $\sim 5\%$
- $Y = 5$ ,  $\sim 10-15\%$
- no effect for Higgs, unless  $Q_0 < 10$  GeV

# Conclusions

- Early data: there is plenty of interesting QCD physics in gaps between jets
- More data: Higgs coupling to weak bosons
- Coulomb gluons play an important role
- Dijet cross-section could be sensitive to SLL at large  $Y$  and  $L$  (e.g. 300 GeV and  $Y = 5$ ,  $\sim 15\%$ )
- There is an interesting link between non-global logs and BK equation

Banfi, Marchesini and Smye  
hep-ph/0206076  
Avsar, Hatta and Matsuo  
arXiv:0903.4285 [hep-ph]



# Outlook (pheno)

Collect all the possible information and build up the best theory prediction for LHC:

- matching with NLO
- complete one gluon outside the gap
- non-global (large  $\mathcal{N}_c$ )
- jet algorithm dependence
- BFKL resummation

# Outlook (theory)

- Understanding the origin of SLL
- $k_t$  ordering ?
- interactions with the remnants ?