

# Vector boson production in joint resummation

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# Introduction

- Electro-weak boson distributions reached percent level uncertainty  
*[ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, 15]*
- Fixed order computed at NNLO accuracy  
*[Gehrmann-De-Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Morgan '15]*  
*[Boughezal, Campbell, Ellis, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello, '15]*
- Differential  $\rightarrow$  Additional scales  $\rightarrow$  Different types of logarithms
- Threshold resummation improved precision and small  $q_T$  logarithms

# Joint threshold and $Q_T$ resummation

- Original formalism for joint  $q_T$  and threshold  
*[Laenen, Sterman, Vogelsang, '00]*
- Applied at NLL to prompt photon *[Laenen, Sterman, Vogelsang, '00]*,  
Higgs and DY *[Kulesza, Sterman, Vogelsang, '02, '03]*, top *[Banfi, Laenen, '05]*,  
EW SUSY *[Fuks et al., '13]*
- Recent resurgence *[Li, Neill, Zhu, '16]*  
*[Lustermans, Waalewijn, Zuene, '16][Forte, Muselli, Ridolfi, '17 ]*
- Parton shower with threshold resummation *[Nagy, Soper, '16]*
- This talk  $\rightarrow$  extension to NNLL *[Marzani, VT, '16]*

# Definition of Threshold

Threshold variable  $\hat{\tau} = \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}}$

$Q^2$ : the invariant mass final state particles

$$1 - \hat{\tau} = 1 - \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}}$$

$$\sim \frac{\text{energy of the emitted gluons}}{\text{total available energy}}$$

The IR divergences lead to logarithms:

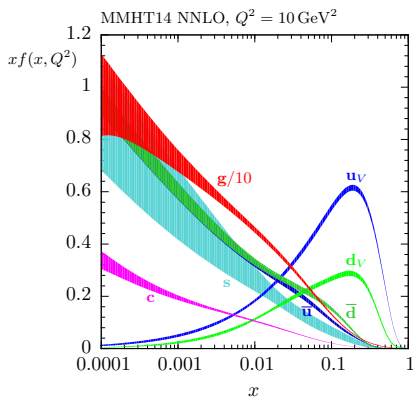
$$(1 - \hat{\tau})^{-1-2\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon} \delta(1 - \hat{\tau}) + \left( \frac{1}{1 - \hat{\tau}} \right)_+ - 2\epsilon \left( \frac{\log(1 - \hat{\tau})}{1 - \hat{\tau}} \right)_+$$

$$\alpha_s^n \left( \frac{\log^m(1 - \hat{\tau})}{1 - \hat{\tau}} \right)_+$$

$\log^n(1 - \hat{\tau}) \Rightarrow \log^n N$  and threshold  $\hat{\tau} \rightarrow 1 \sim N \rightarrow \infty$

# Motivation for threshold resummation

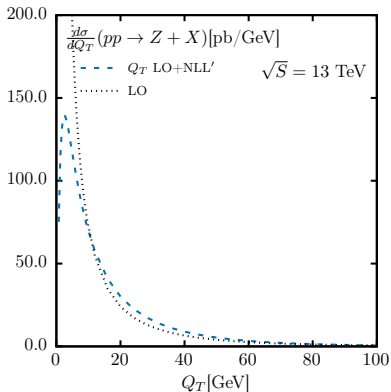
- Not close to hadronic absolute threshold
- PDFs large in low  $x$  region
- Close to partonic absolute threshold
- Allows us to go beyond the current scope of fixed order



[Harland-Lang, Martin, Motylinski, Thorne, '14]

# $Q_T$ distribution

$Q_T$  resummation needed for  $Q_T$  distributions in the small  $Q_T$  limit



Fourier transform:  $\frac{\log^n(Q_T)}{Q_T} \Rightarrow \log^{n+1} b$  and threshold  $Q_T \rightarrow 0 \sim b \rightarrow \infty$

# NLL exponent

Generalizes to:

$$E_{ab}(b, N, Q, \mu_F) = \int_0^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=a,b} A_i(\alpha_s(k_T)) \left[ J_0(bk_T) K_0\left(\frac{2Nk_T}{Q}\right) + \log\left(\frac{\bar{N}k_T}{Q}\right) \right] \right\} \\ - \log \bar{N} \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} \sum_{i=a,b} A_i(\alpha_s(k_T))$$

Approximates to:

$$E_{a\bar{a}}(\chi, N, Q, \mu_F) = 2 \int_{Q^2/\chi^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T)) \log\left(\frac{\bar{N}k_T}{Q}\right) \\ - 2 \log \bar{N} \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T))$$

# Joint function $\chi$

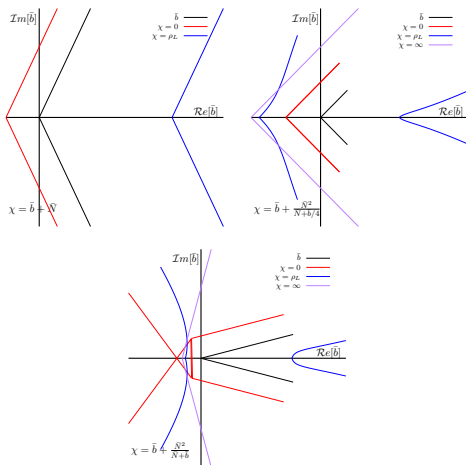
- $\chi$  reproduces threshold limit:  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \chi(\bar{N}, \bar{b}) = \bar{N}$
- $\chi$  reproduces  $q_T$  limit:  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \chi(\bar{N}, \bar{b}) = \bar{b} = Qb e^{\gamma_E}/2$
- Function determines power suppressed terms
- Contour needs to avoid poles and branch-cuts

Examples:

- $\chi = \bar{b} + \bar{N}$ , simple pole and branch-cut structure,  $\bar{N}/\bar{b}$  and  $\bar{b}/\bar{N}$  power suppressed terms
- $\chi = \bar{b} + \frac{\bar{N}}{1 + \bar{b}\eta/\bar{N}}$ ,  $\eta > 0$ ,  $(\bar{N}/\bar{b})^2$  and  $\bar{b}/\bar{N}$  power suppressed terms, more complicated pole and branch-cut structure, angular restrictions for  $\eta \neq 1/4$



# Contour



$$\chi = 0, \chi = \exp[1/(2\alpha_s b_0)], \chi = \infty, \bar{b}$$

# Interlude: $\tilde{B}_N$

Usually  $\tilde{C}(N, \alpha_s(Q/\chi))$

All hard contributions computed at the same scale ( $Q$ ), can be described as:

$$\tilde{B}_N(\alpha_s) = B(\alpha_s) + 2\beta(\alpha_s) \frac{d \log C_N(\alpha_s)}{d \log \alpha_s} + 2\gamma(N, \alpha_s)$$

# Hard contribution

Difference hard contribution threshold and  $q_T$ .

Can be computed based on eikonal integral

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\mathcal{H}^{(1)} &= A^{(1)} \left[ 2 \log^2 \bar{N} + \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{\bar{b}^2}{\bar{N}^2} \right) + \zeta_2 + 2 \log^2 \chi - 4 \log \chi \log \bar{N} \right] \\ &= A^{(1)} \left[ \zeta_2 + \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{\bar{b}^2}{\bar{N}^2} \right) + 2 \log^2 (\chi/\bar{N}) \right] \simeq A^{(1)} \left[ \zeta_2 - \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{\bar{b}^2}{\chi^2} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Changes  $C_{qq}$  affects  $\tilde{B}$

$$\tilde{B}^{(2)} \rightarrow \tilde{B}^{(2)} - 2\beta_0 \Delta\mathcal{H}^{(1)}$$

# Overview at NNLL

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\{I\}}(\alpha_s(\mu_R), b, N, Q^2/\mu_R^2, Q^2/\mu_F^2) = & \\
 & - \int_{Q^2/\chi^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \left[ A(\alpha_s(q)) \log \frac{Q^2}{q^2} + \tilde{B}(N, b, \alpha_s(q)) + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{D}(\alpha_s(q)) \right] \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\bar{N}^2}{\chi^2} \right) \tilde{D} \left( \alpha_s \left( \frac{Q}{\chi} \right) \right) + 2 \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \gamma_{\text{soft}}(N, \alpha_s(q)), \\
 \tilde{B}(N, b, \alpha_s) = & B(\alpha_s) + 2\beta(\alpha_s) \frac{d \log \tilde{C}(N, b, \alpha_s)}{d \log \alpha_s} + 2\gamma(N, \alpha_s).
 \end{aligned}$$

# Orders of Resummation

Perturbation reordered in  $\alpha_s$  and  $L$ :

$$\tilde{\sigma} \sim \tilde{\sigma}_{LO} \times \mathcal{C}(\alpha_s) \exp[ Lg_1(\alpha_s L) + g_2(\alpha_s L) + \alpha_s g_3(\alpha_s L) + \dots ]$$

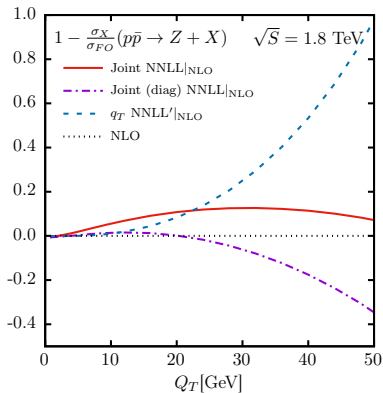
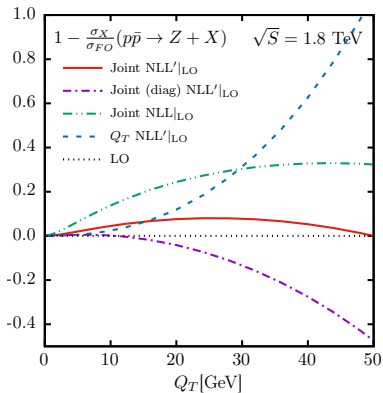
With orders of precision:

↓	↓	↓
<b>LL</b>	<b>NLL</b>	<b>NNLL</b>
↓	↓	↓
$\alpha_s^n L^{n+1}$	$\alpha_s^n L^n$	$\alpha_s^{n+1} L^n$

# Results

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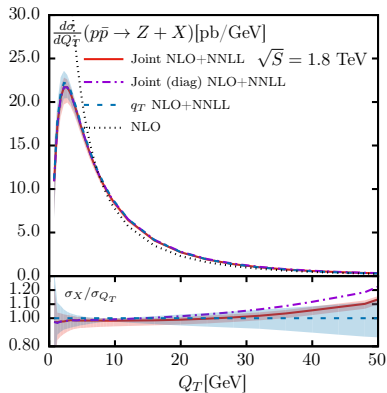
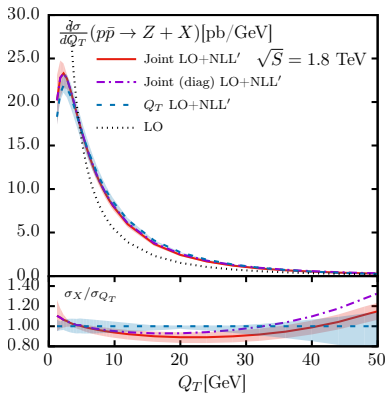
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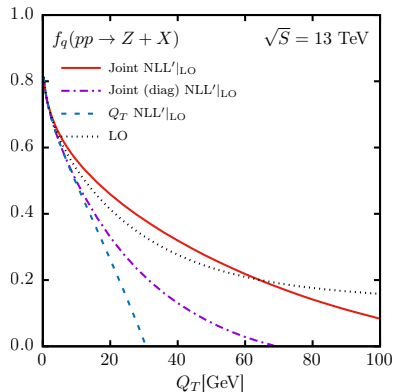
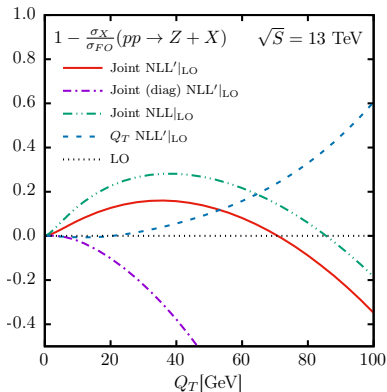
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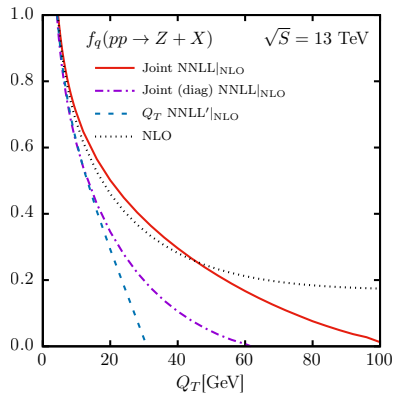
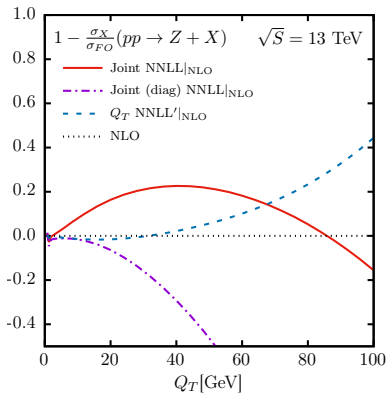




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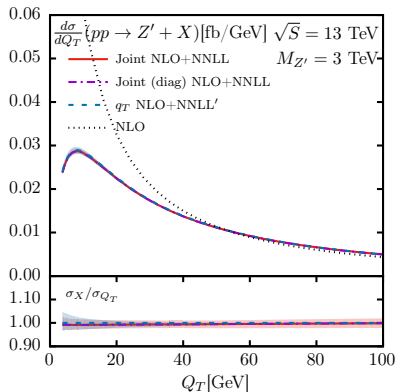
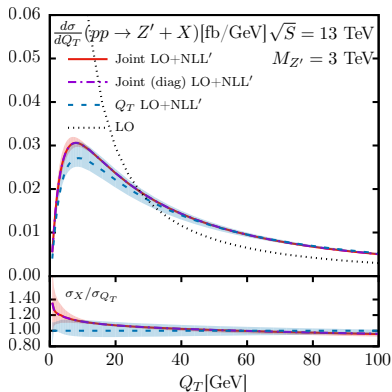
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**Thank you for your attention**

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Becomes threshold exponential for  $\chi \rightarrow \bar{N}$

$$E_{a\bar{a}}(\chi, N, Q, \mu_F) = - \int_{Q^2/\chi^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} \left[ A_a(\alpha_s(k_T)) \log\left(\frac{Q^2}{k_T^2}\right) + B(\alpha_s(k_T)) \right] \\ + \int_{\mu_F^2}^{Q^2/\chi^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} \left[ -2 \log \bar{N} A_a(\alpha_s(k_T)) - B(\alpha_s(k_T)) \right]$$

Becomes  $q_T$  exponential for  $\chi \rightarrow \bar{b}$

# Overview at NLL

Written similar to [Bozzi, Catani, de Florian, Grazzini, '06]

$$\frac{d\sigma_F^{(\text{res})}}{dQ_T^2} = \int_0^\infty db \frac{b}{2} J_0(bQ_T) \int_{C_T} \frac{dN}{2\pi i} \left( \frac{Q^2}{s} \right)^{-N+1} \tilde{W}^F(b, N, Q)$$

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Sudakov factor



## Backup

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