

Soft-gluon effective coupling

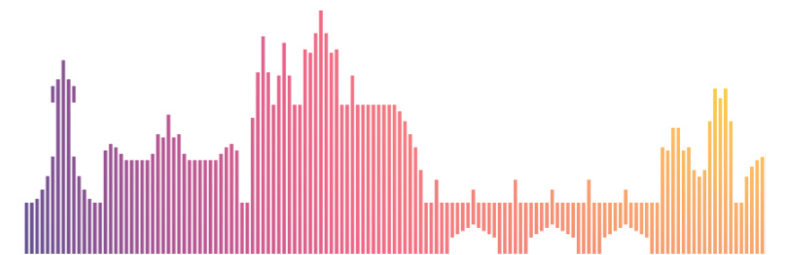
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Outline

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▶ Hard scattering observables sensitive to soft-gluon effects

- originate from boundaries of phase space
- real-radiation strongly suppressed : unbalance virtual-radiation
- generate large logarithmic corrections $\alpha_s^n L^{2n}$

low transverse momentum $\log \frac{q_T}{Q}$

threshold $\log \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}} \right)$

▶ Need to be resummed to some logarithmic accuracy to improve convergence of perturbative expansion

► Threshold resummation (invariant mass M)

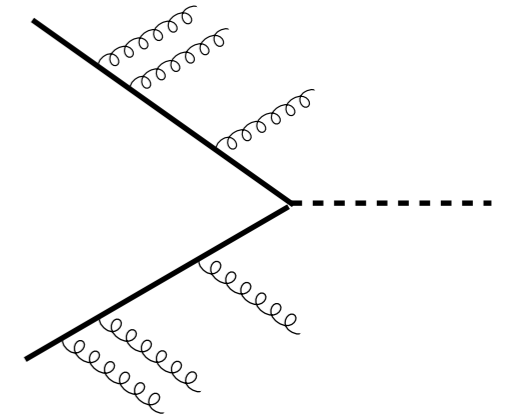
$$c\bar{c} \rightarrow F$$

DY $q\bar{q}$

- resummed partonic cross-section in Mellin space (N)

Higgs gg

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i\bar{i},N}^{F(\text{res})} \left(M^2; \alpha_S (M^2) \right) = \sigma_{i\bar{i} \rightarrow F}^{(0)} \left(M^2; \alpha_S (M^2) \right) C_{i\bar{i} \rightarrow F}^{\text{th}} \left(\alpha_S (M^2) \right) \Delta_{i,N} (M^2)$$



► Sudakov form factor

$$\Delta_{i,N} (M^2) = \exp \left\{ \int_0^1 dz \frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1-z} \left[2 \int_{\mu_F^2}^{(1-z)^2 M^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} A_i \left(\alpha_S (q^2) \right) + D_i \left(\alpha_S \left((1-z)^2 M^2 \right) \right) \right] \right\}$$


- process independent (and free of logs)

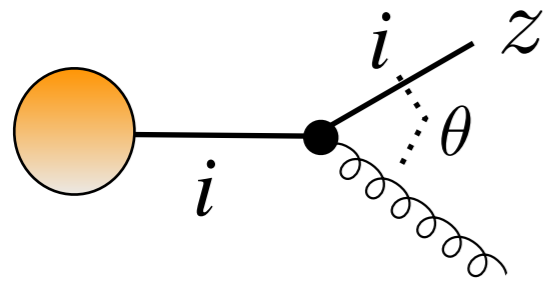
$$P_{ii} (\alpha_S; z) = \frac{1}{1-z} A_i (\alpha_S) + \dots$$

$$A_i (\alpha_S) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^n A_i^{(n)} \quad \text{soft-collinear emission}$$

$$D_i (\alpha_S) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^n D_i^{(n)} \quad \text{soft non-collinear radiation}$$

soft limit of
splitting function
cusp anomalous
dimension

▶ Another way to resum large logs (and more)  Monte Carlo



collinear branching driven by splitting function

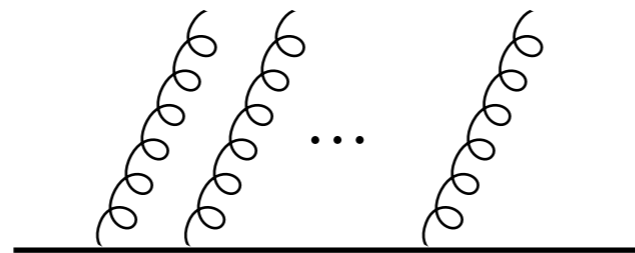
$$dw_i^{DL} = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} P_{ii}(z) dz \frac{d\theta^2}{\theta^2} \simeq C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \frac{dz}{1-z} \frac{dq_T^2}{q_T^2}$$

soft and collinear emission
(DL accuracy)

▶ Intensity of soft-gluon radiation at LO given by $C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}$ $C_i = C_F(q), C_A(g)$

▶ The resummation of soft-collinear terms at LL achieved by

$$C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \rightarrow C_i \frac{\alpha_S(q_T^2)}{\pi} \quad \text{coupling evaluated at } q_T \text{ (resum)}$$

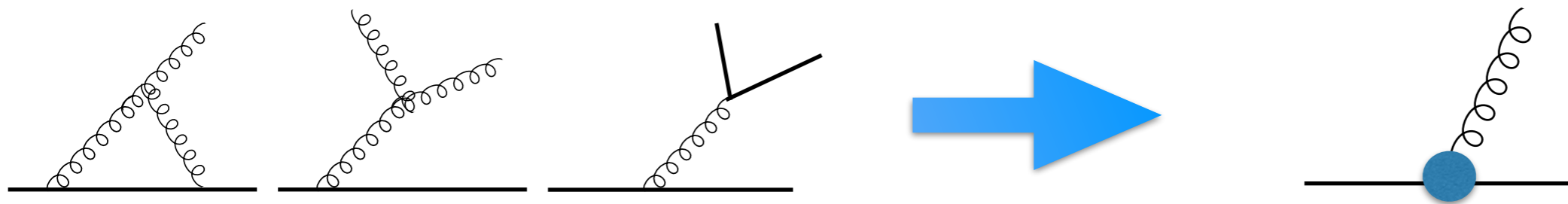


- ▶ The resummation of soft-collinear terms at NLL achieved by (MC@NLL)

$$C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i^{CMW} \left(\alpha_S (q_T^2) \right) = C_i \frac{\alpha_S^{CMW} (q_T^2)}{\pi} = C_i \frac{\alpha_S (q_T^2)}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_S (q_T^2)}{2\pi} K \right) \quad \text{Catani, Marchesini, Webber (1991)}$$

soft effective
coupling at NLL

$$K = \left(\frac{67}{18} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) C_A - \frac{5}{9} n_F \quad \text{NLL}$$



- ▶ Up to 2-loops, the soft-gluon effective coupling is still given by the cusp anomalous dimension

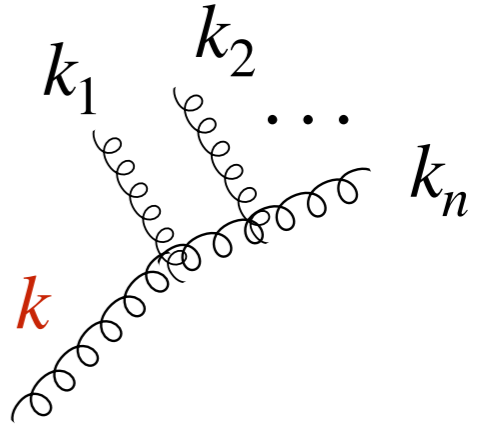
$$A_i^{(1)} = C_i, \quad A_i^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} C_i \left[C_A \left(\frac{67}{18} - \frac{1}{6} \pi^2 \right) - \frac{5}{9} N_f \right] \equiv \frac{1}{2} C_i K$$

- Higher orders of cusp known
- ▶ But, cusp=soft coupling beyond 2-loops?
 - All order definition for soft effective coupling

▶ all-order definition provided in terms of a **web** Banfi, El-Menoufi, Monni (2018)

$$w(k; \epsilon) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^n [dk_i] \right) \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1, \dots, k_n) (2\pi)^d \delta^{(d)} \left(k - \sum_i k_i \right)$$

depends only on k_T and $m_T^2 = k_T^2 + k^2$ and finite



▶ given the two variables, propose two definitions for soft-coupling

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}(\alpha_S(\mu^2); \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \int_0^{\infty} dm_T^2 dk_T^2 \delta(\mu^2 - k_T^2) w_i(k; \epsilon) \quad \text{defined at fixed value of } k_T$$

Banfi, El-Menoufi, Monni (2018)

suitable for q_T -related observables

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}(\alpha_S(\mu^2); \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \int_0^{\infty} dm_T^2 dk_T^2 \delta(\mu^2 - m_T^2) w_i(k; \epsilon) \quad \text{defined at fixed value of } m_T$$

suitable for threshold-related observables

▶ can take limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ to obtain the physical couplings: keep D -dimensional

▶ at lowest order both couplings agree to all orders in ϵ

▶ we computed both couplings at α_s^2 (all orders in ϵ)

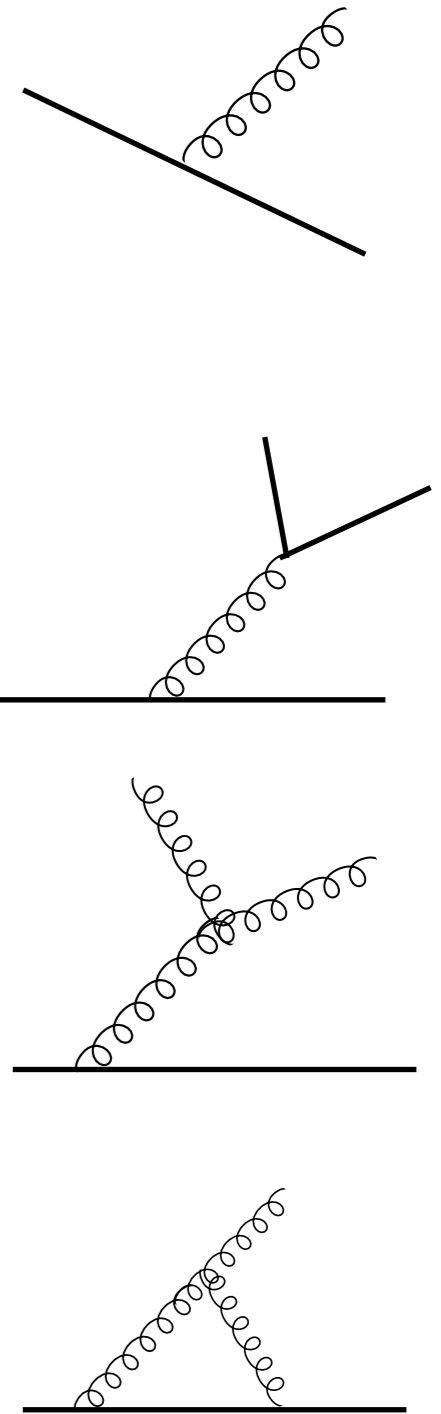
$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}^{(2)}(\epsilon) = & A_i^{(2)} + \epsilon C_i \left[C_A \left(\frac{101}{27} - \frac{11\pi^2}{144} - \frac{7\zeta_3}{2} \right) + n_F \left(\frac{\pi^2}{72} - \frac{14}{27} \right) \right] \\ & + \epsilon^2 C_i \left[C_A \left(\frac{607}{81} - \frac{67\pi^2}{216} - \frac{77\zeta_3}{36} - \frac{7\pi^4}{120} \right) + n_F \left(\frac{5\pi^2}{108} - \frac{82}{81} + \frac{7\zeta_3}{18} \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}^{(2)}(\epsilon) = & A_i^{(2)} + \epsilon C_i \left[C_A \left(\frac{101}{27} - \frac{55\pi^2}{144} - \frac{7\zeta_3}{2} \right) + n_F \left(\frac{5\pi^2}{72} - \frac{14}{27} \right) \right] \\ & + \epsilon^2 C_i \left[C_A \left(\frac{607}{81} - \frac{67\pi^2}{72} - \frac{143\zeta_3}{36} - \frac{\pi^4}{36} \right) + n_F \left(\frac{5\pi^2}{36} - \frac{82}{81} + \frac{13\zeta_3}{18} \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

▶ agree with cusp anomalous dimension in 4 dimensions

- ϵ terms different (phase space integration)

$$\Delta = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \pi\beta_0 \epsilon + \dots$$



- ▶ Why interested in D -dimensional expression?

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}(\alpha_S; \epsilon = \beta(\alpha_S)) = \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}(\alpha_S; \epsilon = \beta(\alpha_S)) = A_i(\alpha_S)$$

- ▶ ‘ D -dimensional’ $\beta = 0$ conformal point $\epsilon = \beta(\alpha_S)$

in QCD $\frac{d \ln \alpha_S(\mu^2)}{d \ln \mu^2} = -\epsilon + \beta(\alpha_S(\mu^2)) \quad \beta = -(\beta_0 \alpha_S + \beta_1 \alpha_S^2 + \dots)$

- Obtained from Sudakov (threshold resummation) using soft-coupling

- ▶ Expanding conformal equation to third order one directly obtains

$$\mathcal{A}_i^{(3)} = A_i^{(3)} - (\beta_0 \pi)^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(1;2)} + (\beta_0 \pi) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(2;1)}$$

3-loop soft effective coupling (4- D) is simply given by the cusp anomalous + ϵ^n terms to (D -dimensional) second order (different for each definition)

► q_T resummation

$$\mathcal{A}_{T,i}^{(3)} = A_i^{(3)} + C_i (\beta_0 \pi)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{12} + C_i (\beta_0 \pi) \left[C_A \left(\frac{101}{27} - \frac{11\pi^2}{144} - \frac{7\zeta_3}{2} \right) + n_F \left(\frac{\pi^2}{72} - \frac{14}{27} \right) \right]$$

► Agrees with previous result and 3rd order coefficient for q_T resummation

Banfi, El-Menoufi, Monni (2018)

Becher, Neubert (2011)

► Threshold resummation (**new!**)

$$\mathcal{A}_{0,i}^{(3)} = A_i^{(3)} + C_i (\beta_0 \pi)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{12} + C_i (\beta_0 \pi) \left[C_A \left(\frac{101}{27} - \frac{55\pi^2}{144} - \frac{7\zeta_3}{2} \right) + n_F \left(\frac{5\pi^2}{72} - \frac{14}{27} \right) \right]$$

► Provides the full Sudakov factor for threshold resummation at 3rd order

► Both soft-collinear and soft non-collinear contributions (DY-like)

$$\Delta = C_i \frac{\pi^2}{3} (\pi \beta_0)^2$$

▶ Comparing to Sudakov form factor at 4th order (threshold resummation)

▶ 4th order soft effective coupling (threshold related)

$$\mathcal{A}_{0,i}(\alpha_S) = C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \left[1 + 0.54973\alpha_S - 1.7157\alpha_S^2 - \left(5.980 \delta_{iq} + 6.236 \delta_{ig} \right) \alpha_S^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^4) \right]$$

▶ Full Soft radiation from two hard partons in color singlet

▶ Processes involving several hard partons more complicated (MC)

- need to take into account soft wide-angle emission and collinear radiation

▶ But soft coupling \mathcal{A}_i not affected

- intensity of soft-collinear radiation from parton i

- exactly known to 4th order (for threshold related)

Conclusions

- 📌 Definition(s) of Soft-gluon effective coupling at higher orders
- 📌 Explicit results for NNLO
- 📌 N³LO soft-coupling for threshold related observables
- 📌 Conformal relation (all orders)

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