

High-energy resummation for rapidity distributions

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Resummation of large logs:

Logs must be under control for high precision physics.

Basically two classes of large logs:

- Sudakov logs
- High-energy (or small- x) logs

Sudakov resummation:

Formalism **known in all interesting cases:**

- Inclusive cross sections
- Rapidity distributions
- k_T distributions...

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High energy resummation:

- Up to now: simple recipe only for the inclusive case
[Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann (1991)]
 - Corrections can be as large as NNLO
- Not enough! Extension to differential quantities needed:
 - Better resolution of PDFs x -dependence
 - “Cure” perturbative instabilities at small- x (e.g. DY)
 - Needed for resummed PDFs fit

In the following:

Resummation formalism for rapidity distributions

Outline:

Resummation for inclusive quantities

- The standard argument [Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann (1991)]:
 - k_T -factorization, BFKL and the gluon Green function
- A different perspective:
 - Collinear factorization
 - Iteration *à la* Curci, Furmanski, Petronzio
 - DGLAP-BFKL duality

Extension to rapidity distributions

- Rapidity and kinematics at small- x
- Rapidity evolution along a CFP ladder

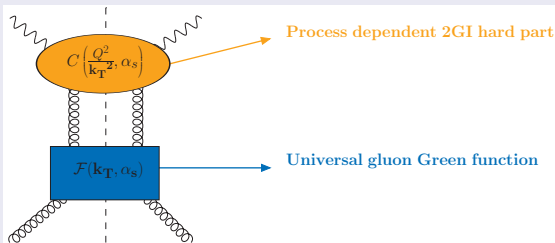
A phenomenological playground: Higgs

- Higgs: dominated by large- x region
- Small- x : control on the $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ approximation

Resummation: Inclusive cross sections

The k_T -factorization theorem (Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann (1991))

Power counting plus kinematics at $Q^2 \ll S$:



k_T -factorization formula

$$\sigma = \int \frac{dz}{z} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2} C\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{Q^2}{k_T^2}\right) \mathcal{F}(z, k_T^2)$$

- Process dep. C : off-shell cross section with eikonal gluons
- Universal gluon Green function \mathcal{F} : solution of BFKL equation

k_T -factorization and resummation

Factorization in Mellin space

$$\sigma = \int \frac{dz}{z} \frac{d\mathbf{k}_T^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} C\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{Q^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2}\right) \mathcal{F}(z, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$$

Undo the convolution in Mellin space \rightarrow define the *impact factor*

$$h(M, N) \equiv M \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{k}_T^2 (\mathbf{k}_T^2)^{M-1} C(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$$

BFKL evolution of \mathcal{F} gives the condition $M = \gamma_s \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{N}\right)$

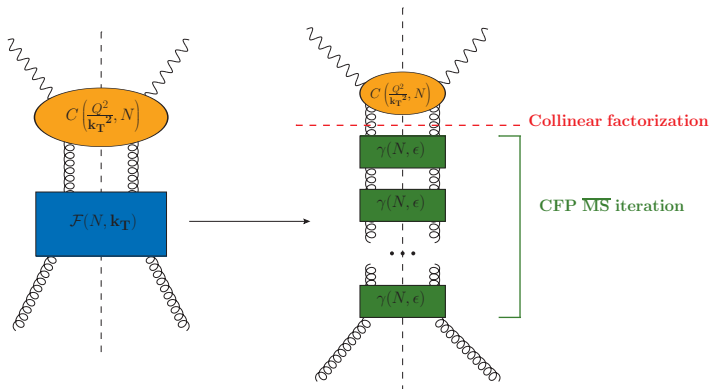
Resummed result:

$$\sigma(N) = h\left(\gamma_s \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{N}\right), N\right) \approx h\left(\gamma_s \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{N}\right), 0\right)$$

Power series in $\frac{\alpha_s}{N} \rightarrow \alpha_s \ln x$

Inclusive resummation: A new perspective

- Do not solve BFKL for \mathcal{F}
- \mathcal{F} : CFP t -channel iteration of collinear safe kernels γ



- k_T dependence is now trivial (γ : k_T -independent)
- Non trivial information now encoded in γ

Inclusive resummation: A new perspective

$\overline{\text{MS}}$ result for n kernels

$$\sigma_n \left(N, Q^2, \alpha_s \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon, \epsilon \right) = \gamma \left(N, \alpha_s \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon, \epsilon \right) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\xi_n}{\xi_n^{1+\epsilon}} C \left(N, \xi_n, \alpha_s \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} \right)^\epsilon, \epsilon \right) \times \\ \times \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \frac{1}{\epsilon^{n-1}} \left[\sum_i \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s^i}{i} \gamma_i(N, 0) \left(1 - \left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2 \xi_n} \right)^{i\epsilon} \frac{\gamma_i(N, \epsilon)}{\gamma_i(N, 0)} \right) \right]^{n-1}$$

- Small- x information encoded in universal functions $\gamma(N, \epsilon)$
- Control over the factorization scale μ
- Easy to incorporate running coupling effects

Who is γ ?

γ is k_T independent \rightarrow reconstructed from collinear limit!

γ is a (generalized) anomalous dimension (residue of a coll. pole)

Inclusive resummation: A new perspective

The full result exponentiates:

$$\sigma(N, Q^2, \alpha_s) = \gamma(N, \alpha_s) \int_0^\infty d\xi \xi^{\gamma(N, \alpha_s) - 1} C(N, \xi, Q^2, \alpha_s),$$

with $\xi \equiv \frac{k_T^2}{Q^2}$

- The small- x anomalous dimension:

BFKL-DGLAP duality $\rightarrow \gamma(N, \alpha_s) = \gamma_s \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{N} \right)$

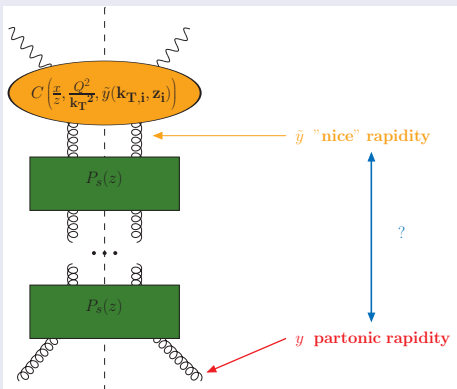


We have recovered the Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann result!

Resummation: Rapidity distributions

Upstairs vs. downstairs rapidity

Towards a factorized formula:



- Process dependent rapidity distribution C : distribution in \tilde{y}

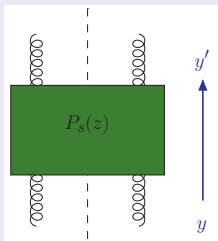
- True distribution: partonic rapidity y

Kinematical problem!

How to relate $\tilde{y} \longleftrightarrow y$?

Rapidity evolution along the ladder

Rapidity evolution at small- x



After each kernel:

- The effect of $P_s(z)$ on y :
longitudinal boost
- In the small- x limit:
 $y' = y + \frac{1}{2} \ln z$

Relating \tilde{y} to y

At small- x the relation is very simple!

$$\tilde{y} = y + \frac{1}{2} \ln z_1 z_2 \dots z_n$$

A resummed formula

The "right" space

This time everything factorizes in Fourier-Mellin space:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}(N, b) \equiv \int dx x^{N-1} \int dy e^{iby} \frac{d\sigma}{dy}(x, y)$$

Not a surprise, see collinear factorization!

The resummed result

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dy}(N, b) &= \int_0^\infty d\xi_1 \gamma_s \left(N + \frac{ib}{2} \right) \xi_1^{\gamma_s(N + \frac{ib}{2})-1} \times \\ &\times \int_0^\infty d\xi_2 \gamma_s \left(N - \frac{ib}{2} \right) \xi_2^{\gamma_s(N - \frac{ib}{2})-1} C(N, \xi_1, \xi_2, b) \end{aligned}$$

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Some comments:

- Non universal part: off-shell rapidity distribution $C(N, \xi, b)$
Computed with eikonal off-shell gluons (see inclusive)
- For $b = 0 \rightarrow$ inclusive result OK!
- Full $\overline{\text{MS}}$ computation *ab initio*
- Full μ dependence under control
- Note similarities with collinear factorization!

*A phenomenological
playground:
Higgs rapidity distribution*

Higgs rapidity distribution

Higgs dominated by large- x

Why Higgs rapidity distribution at small- x ?

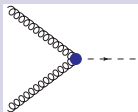
- Higgs: simplest possible case (1 particle in the final state)
- Analytic results exist (Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov (2003)) →
cross-check of our method!
- Small- x : very hard gluons → sensitive to finite m_t effect
Match small- x to (N)NLO to assess quality of HEFT
(At NLO: : Anastasiou, Bucherer, Kunszt (2009))

Higgs Effective Theory

Point-like approximation and small- x

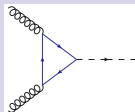
Small- x : high-energy gluon \rightarrow can resolve the loop

$m_t \rightarrow \infty$ (HEFT)



$$\sigma \sim \sigma_0 \times \left(\delta(1-x) + \sum_k c_k \alpha_s^k \ln^{2k-1} \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

Finite m_t



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Small- x sensitive to finite m_t effects!

Use (N)NLO + small- x to assess finite m_t corrections

Inclusive: Marzani et al. (2009); Harlander, Ozeren (2009); Pak et al. (2010); Harlander et al. (2010)

The small- x NLO rapidity distribution: LLx contribution

$m_t \rightarrow \infty$ approximation

Introduce $u \equiv \exp(-2y)$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{du}(x, u) = 3\sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{(u-x)_+} - \delta(u-x) \ln x + \left(u \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{u} \right) \right]$$

- In agreement with Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov (2003) ✓
- Note that in rapidity distributions **small- $x \neq \ln x$** !

Finite m_t

Our result:

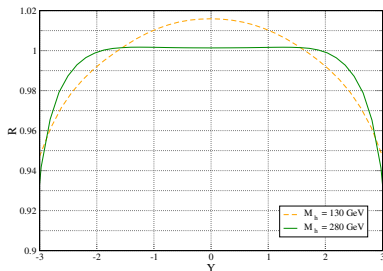
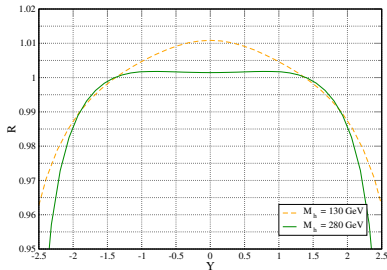
$$\frac{d\sigma}{du} = \sigma_0(\tau) c_1(\tau) \delta(u-x) + \left(u \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{u} \right), \quad \tau \equiv \frac{4m_t^2}{m_h^2}$$

Different partonic rapidity distributions!

Matching and K -factor at NLO: Effects at the % level!

$$K = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{NLO}} \frac{d\sigma_{NLO}}{dY} \right)_{m_t \rightarrow \infty} / \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{NLO}} \frac{d\sigma_{NLO}}{dY} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{S} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$



- $\sqrt{S} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
- $\mu_R = \mu_F = m_H$
- NNPDF2.0 central set

Consistent with Anastasiou et al. (2009)

Conclusions

A simple recipe for computing resummed rapidity distributions

- Everything in terms of an **off-shell rapidity distribution**
- Factorization in Fourier-Mellin space

Application: finite m_t effects in Higgs rapidity distributions

- NLO: effects within 5%, as in Anastasiou et al. (2009)
- NNLO (preliminary): - negligible effects at 7 TeV
- at most 2% at 14 TeV

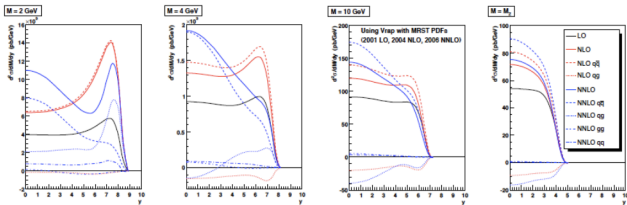
Extend to other processes: Drell-Yan!

Systematics



Geometric and kinematic acceptance:

A word about low mass Drell-Yan



LO - NLO - NNLO convergence gets worse as you go to lower masses

Jonathan Anderson, VRAP with MRST PDFs

Extend beyond LLx accuracy