

# Soft-gluon effective coupling

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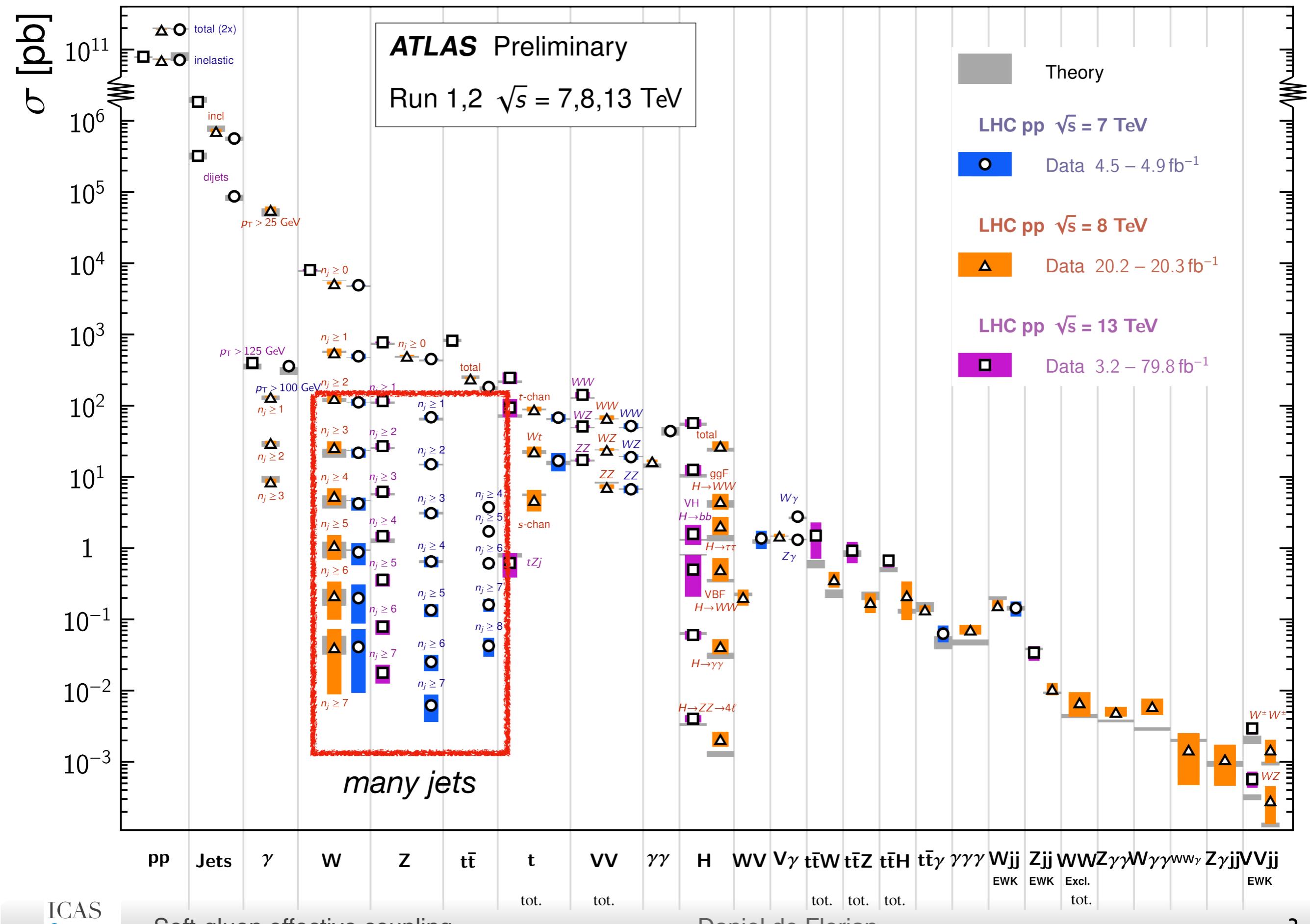


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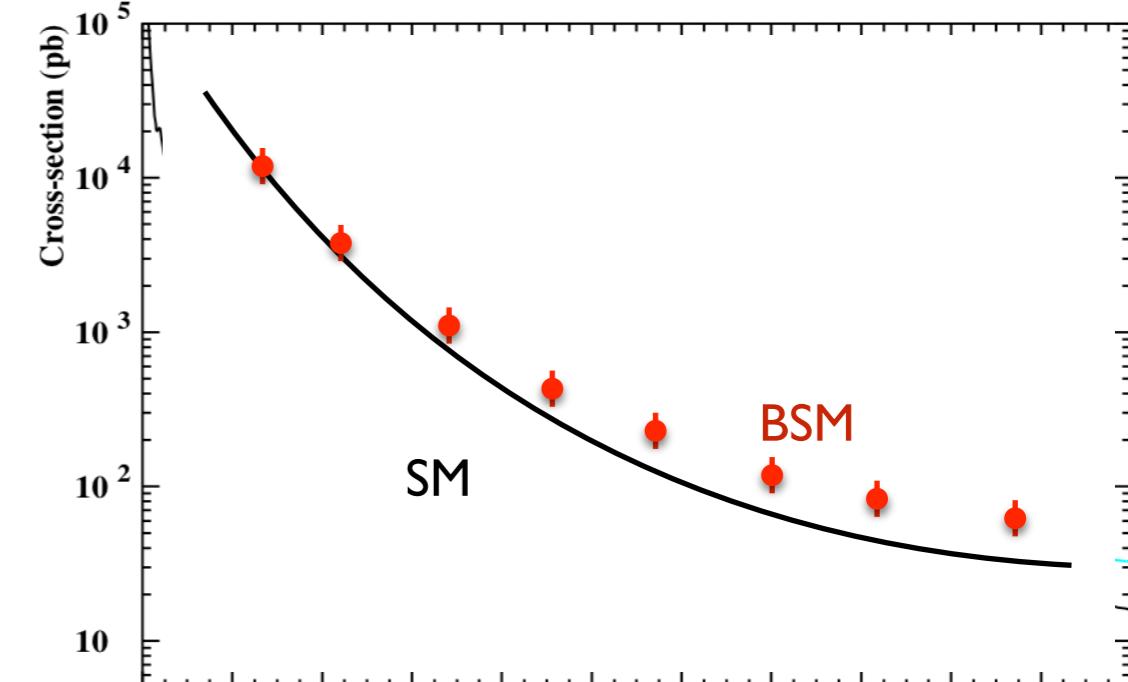
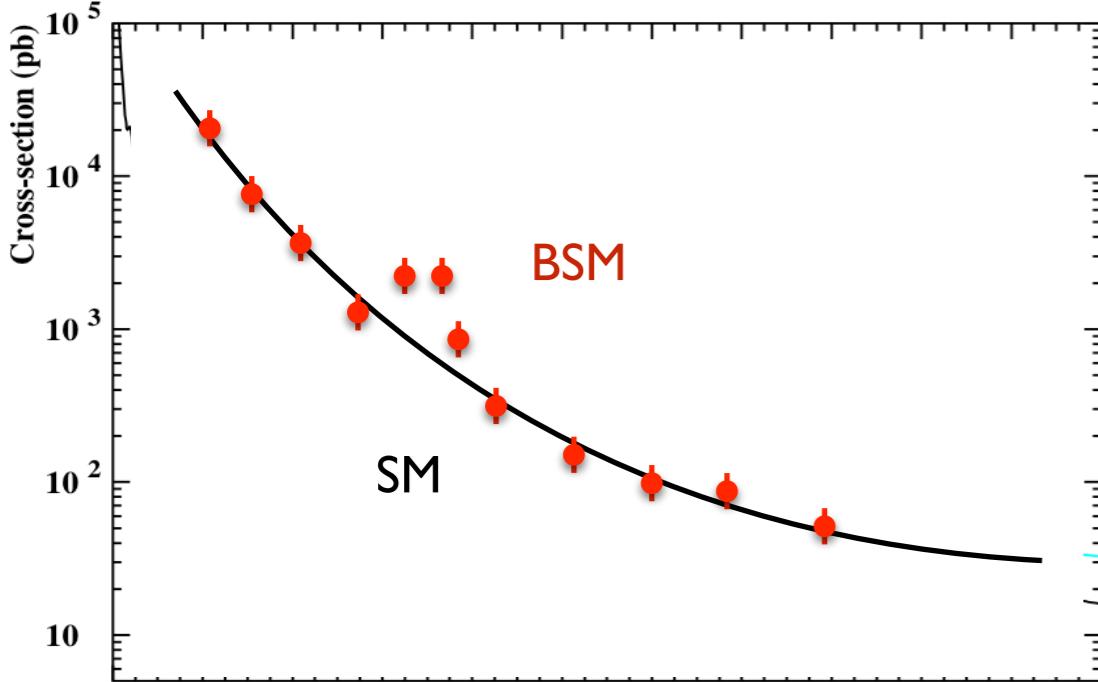
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- Resummation
- Soft-gluon effective coupling
- NLO, NNLO and beyond
- Conformal relation (all orders)
- Conclusions

# Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

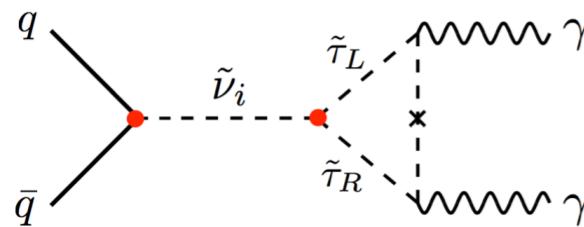
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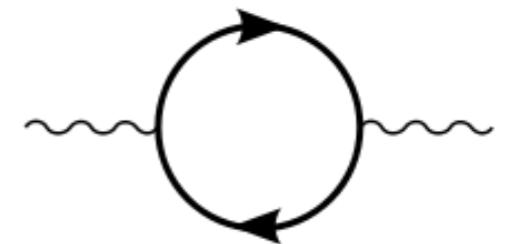
# There should be Physics BSM: search is DRIVEN BY EXPERIMENTS now



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new *states*  
Resonances  
“Descriptive TH”

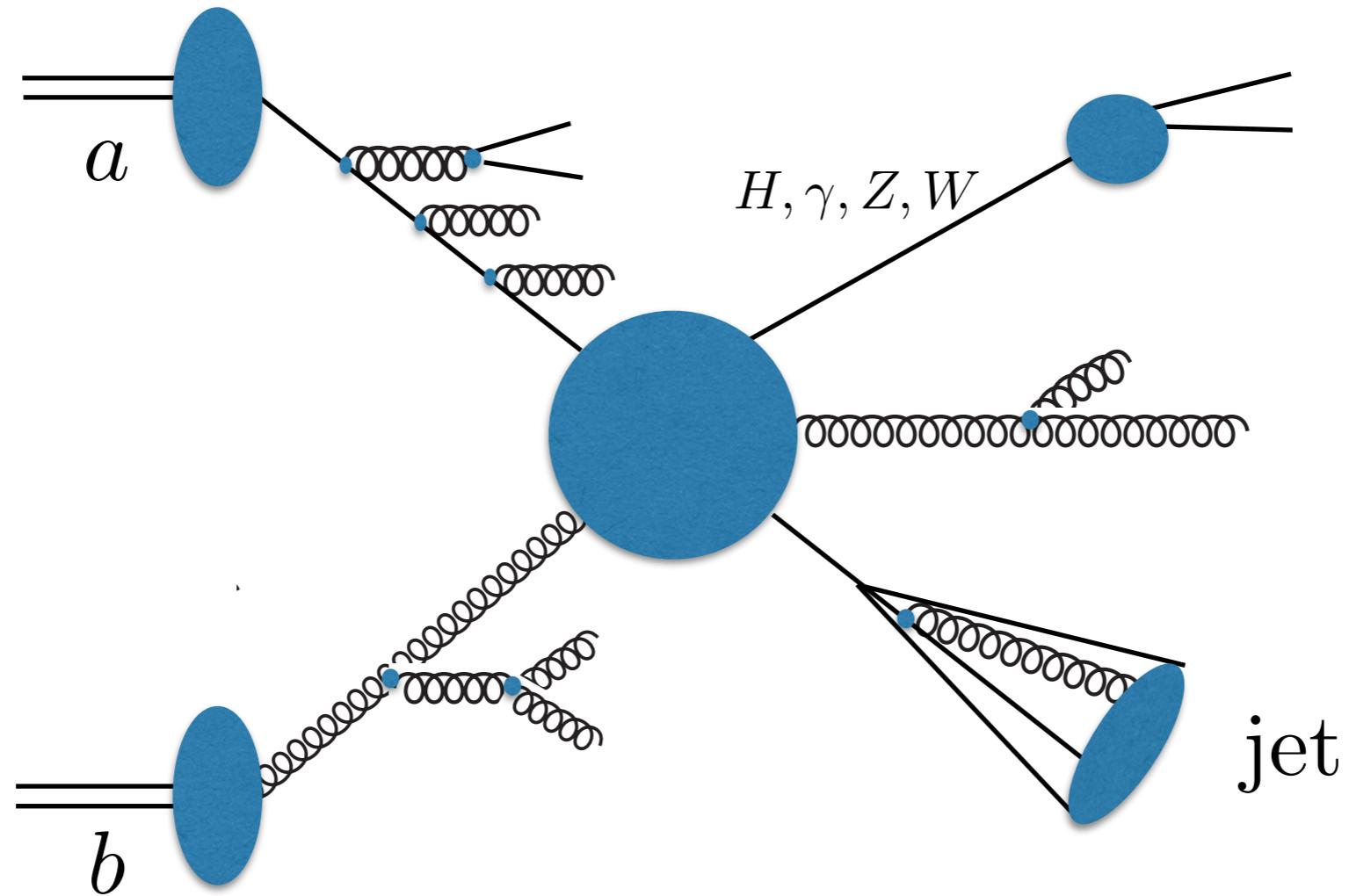


Search for new  
*interactions*  
Deviations from TH  
“Precision TH”



► Need for precision  $\sim 1\%$  EXP-TH accuracy (HIGGS very relevant)

- In the LHC era, QCD is everywhere!



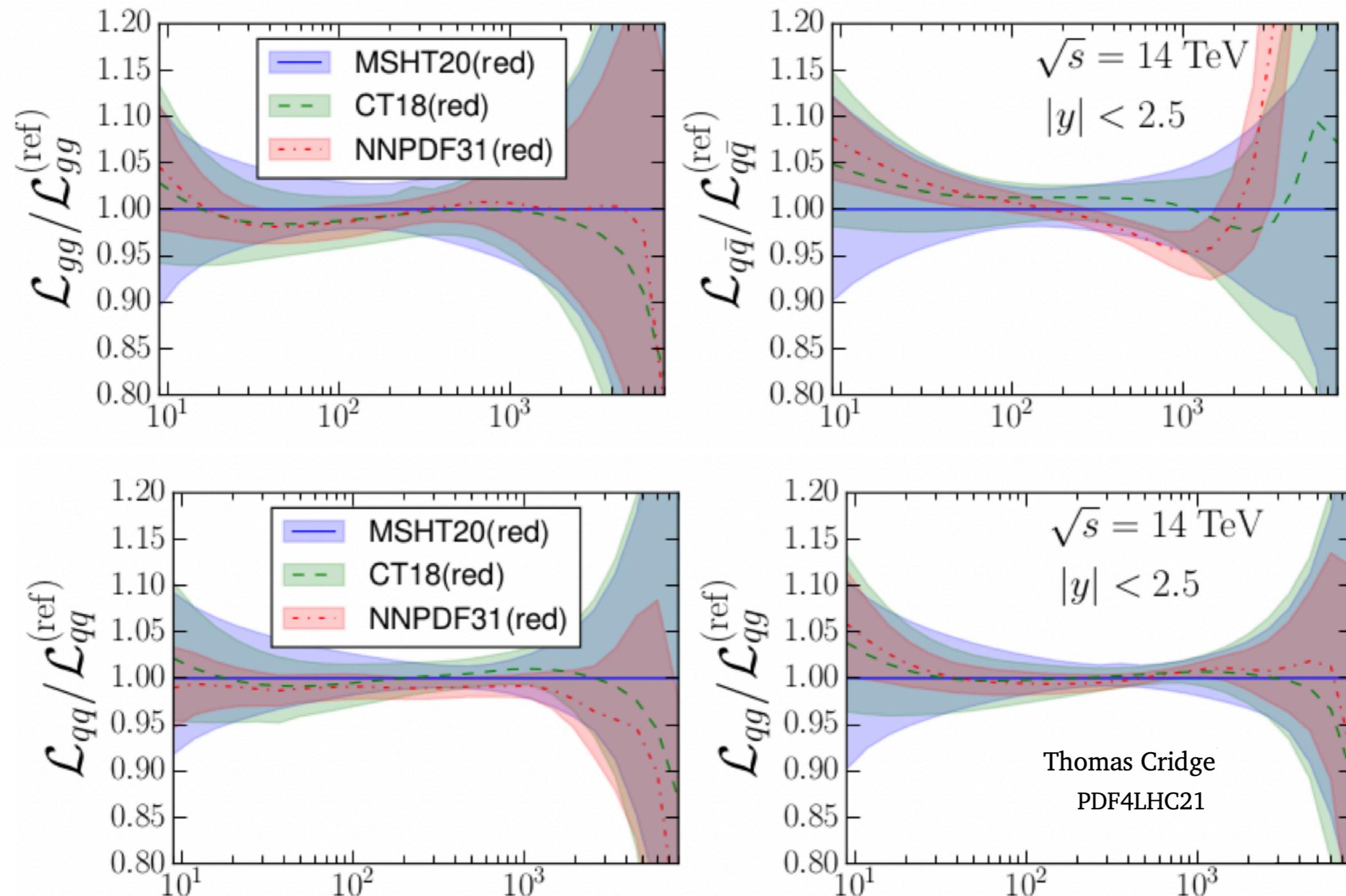
non-perturbative parton distributions

$$d\sigma = \sum_{ab} \int dx_a \int dx_b f_a(x_a, \mu_F^2) f_b(x_b, \mu_F^2) \times d\hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b, Q^2, \alpha_s(\mu_R^2)) + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{\Lambda}{Q}\right)^m\right)$$

perturbative partonic cross-section

- Require precision for perturbative and non-perturbative contribution

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central values and uncertainties  $\sim$  at the few percent level

# The perturbative toolkit for precision at colliders



# Resummation

- QCD based on convergence of perturbative expansion

$$\sigma = \mathcal{C}_0 + \alpha_s \mathcal{C}_1 + \alpha_s^2 \mathcal{C}_2 + \alpha_s^3 \mathcal{C}_3 + \dots$$

requires  $\alpha_s \ll 1$  ,  $\mathcal{C}_n \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

In the boundaries of phase space  soft and collinear emission  
unbalance cancellation of infrared singularities  
between real and virtual contributions

- Convergence spoiled when two scales are very different

$$L = |\log \frac{E_1}{E_2}| \gg 1$$

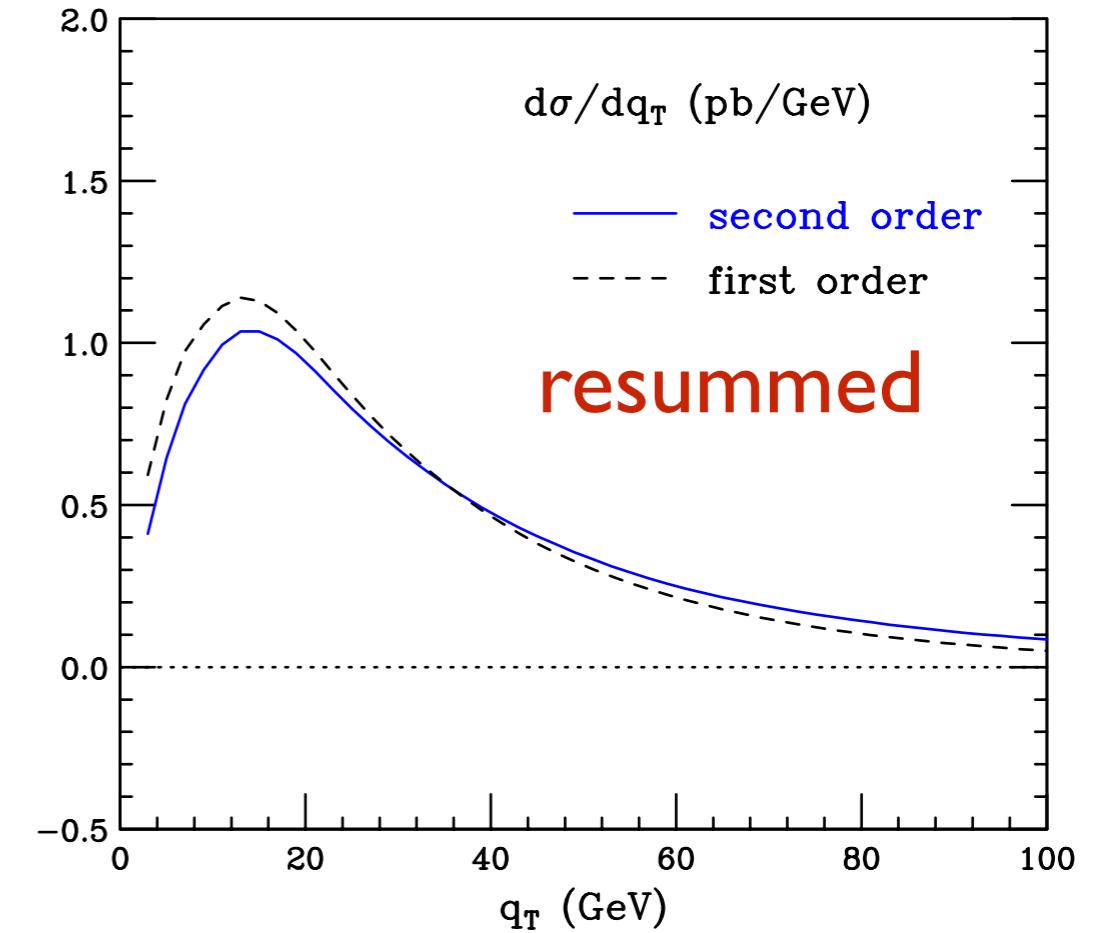
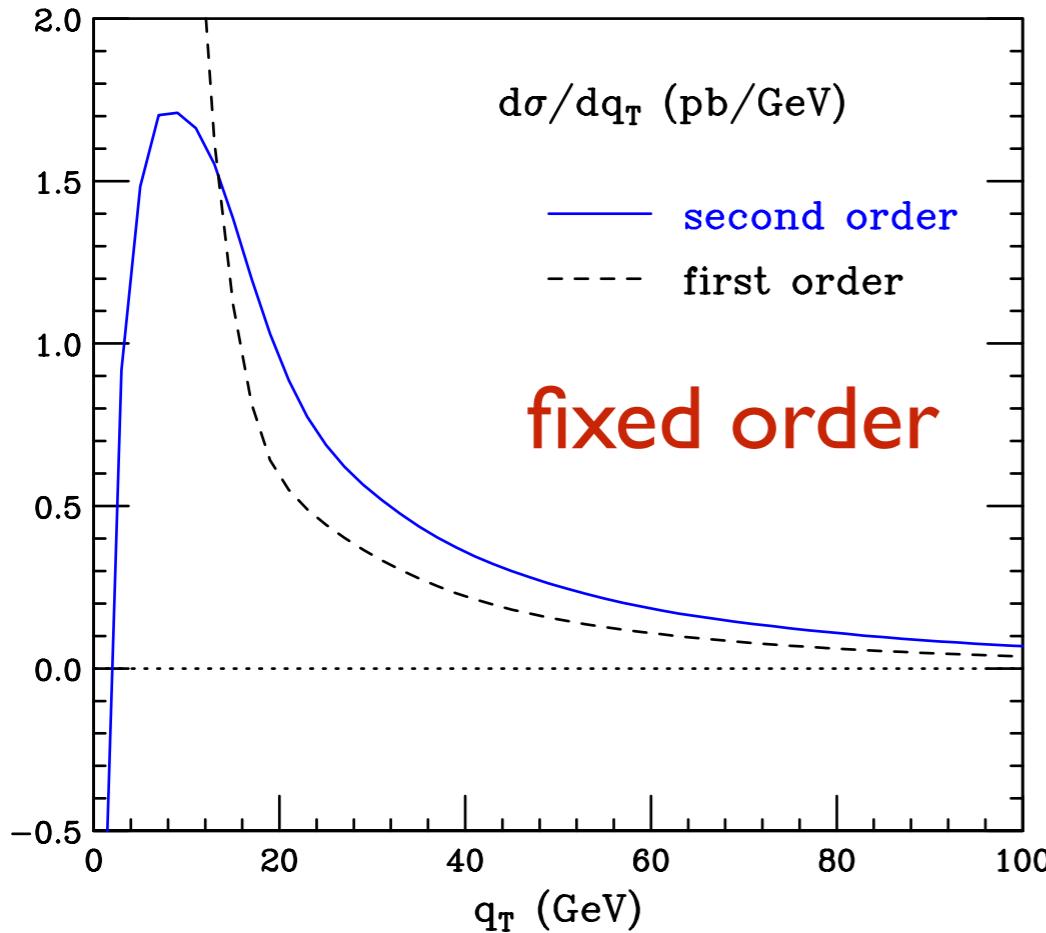
$$\mathcal{C}_m \sim L^n \quad n \sim 2m$$

low transverse momentum	$\log \frac{q_T}{Q}$	DY, Higgs
threshold	$\log \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s}}\right)$	Higgs, HQ
high energy	$\log x$	DIS BFKL

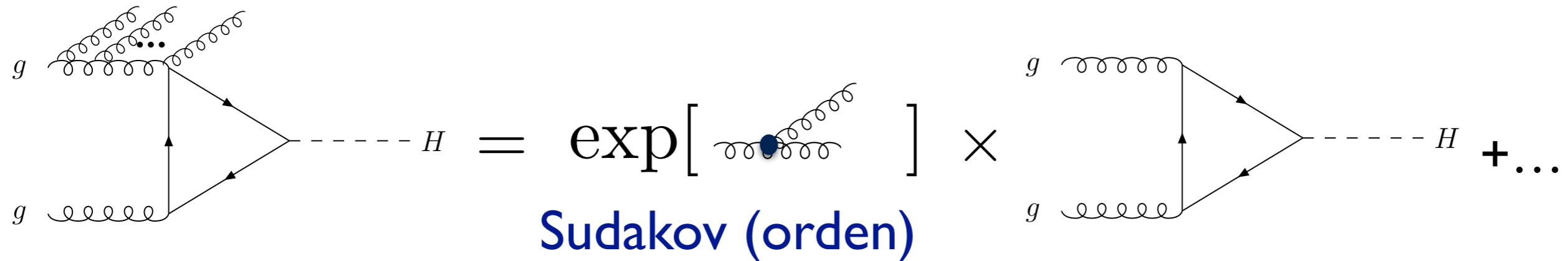
- Need to be resummed to some logarithmic accuracy to improve convergence of perturbative expansion

# Higgs transverse momentum

$$\alpha_s^n \log^{2n} \frac{q_T}{M_H}$$

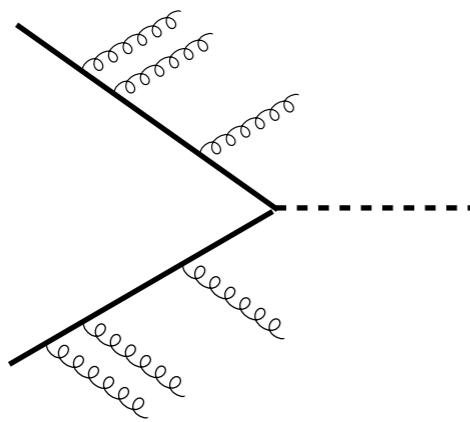


► Sum large log. corrections to all orders: restore convergence



## ► Threshold resummation (invariant mass $M$ )

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



DY     $q\bar{q}$   
Higgs     $gg$

$$\log \left( 1 - \frac{M^2}{\hat{s}} \right) \equiv \log(1 - z)$$

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

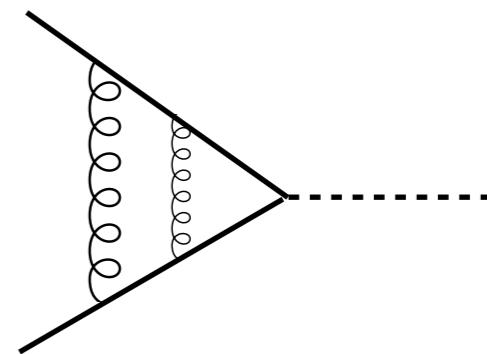
$$\int_0^1 dz \ z^{N-1} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{large } N} \quad \log N$$

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

- Hard factor (Process dependent and free of logs)

$$C_{i \rightarrow F}(\alpha_S) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^n C_{i \rightarrow F}^{(n)}$$

- from virtual corrections and non-log soft



## ► Sudakov form factor (all Logs)

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

- process independent (and free of logs)

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

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

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

soft limit of  
splitting function  
cusp anomalous  
dimension

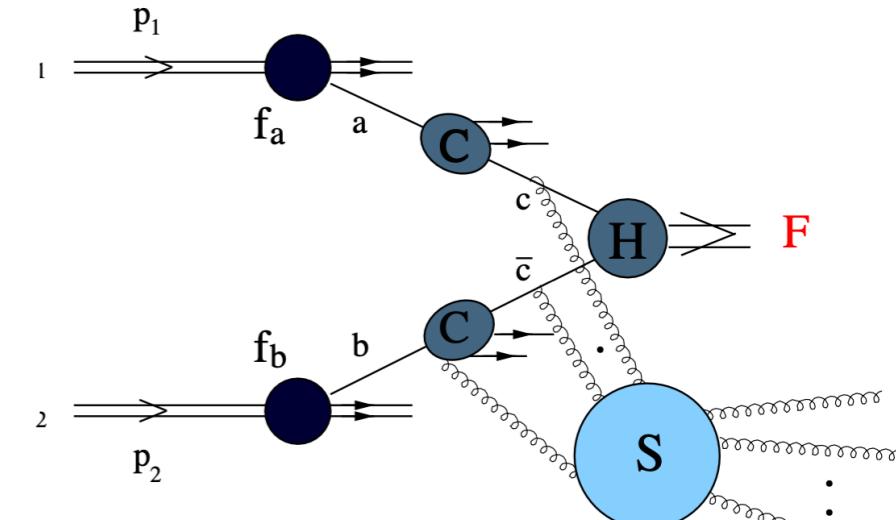
factorization of  
collinear divergences  
Scheme dependent  
 $\overline{MS}$

## ► $q_T$ resummation

- Production of a system with large invariant mass  $Q$  and  $q_T$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T^2 dQ^2 d\phi} = \sum_{a,b,c} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^\infty db \frac{b}{2} J_0(bq_T) \frac{d\sigma_{c\bar{c}}^{(LO)}}{d\phi} H_c^F(\alpha_s(Q^2))$$

$$\delta(Q^2 - x_1 x_2 s) \left( f_{a/h_1} \otimes C_{ca} \right) \left( x_1, \frac{b_0^2}{b^2} \right) \left( f_{b/h_2} \otimes C_{\bar{c}\bar{b}} \right) \left( x_2, \frac{b_0^2}{b^2} \right) S_c(Q, b)$$



- Impact parameter  $b$  space (Fourier)

$$S_c(Q, b) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{b_0^2/b^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \left[ A_c \left( \alpha_s(q^2) \right) \ln \frac{Q^2}{q^2} + B_c \left( \alpha_s(q^2) \right) \right] \right\}$$

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

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

$$H_i^F(\alpha_S) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^n H_i^{F(n)} \quad \text{Hard contribution (process dependent)}$$

- In both  $A$  drives soft-collinear emission
- And they are the same up to second order But different origin!

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

$\overline{MS}$  factorization (subtraction) of collinear singularities : scheme dependent

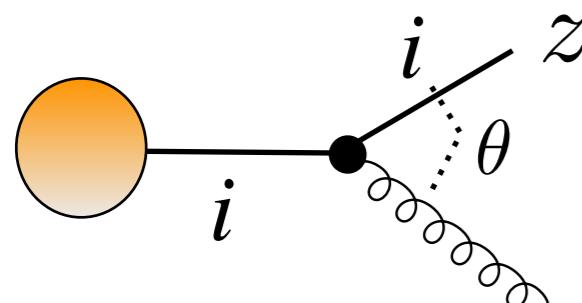
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NO factorization of singularities : regularized by transverse momentum

- Equality up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  not accidental: up to this order cut-off on  $q_T^2$  is essentially equivalent to  $\overline{MS}$  factorization! Not true at higher orders

# Soft-gluon effective coupling

- Another way to resum large logs (and more) → Monte Carlo/PS



collinear branching driven by splitting function

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

soft and collinear emission (DL accuracy)

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

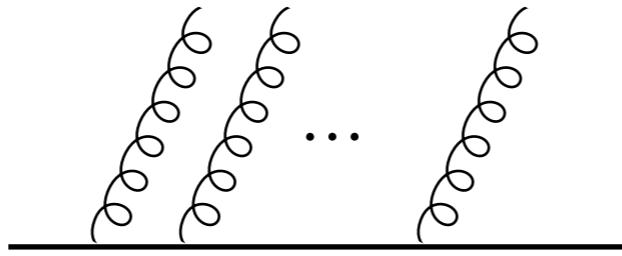
intensity of soft-gluon radiation      double logarithmic spectrum

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

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

$$C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \rightarrow C_i \frac{\alpha_S(q_T^2)}{\pi}$$

coupling evaluated at  $q_T$  (resum)



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

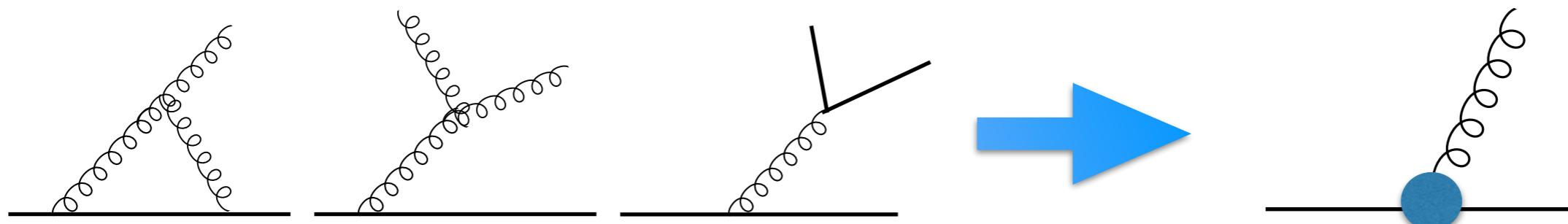
$$C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i^{CMW}(\alpha_S(q_T^2)) = C_i \frac{\alpha_S^{CMW}(q_T^2)}{\pi} = C_i \frac{\alpha_S(q_T^2)}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_S(q_T^2)}{2\pi} K \right)$$

Catani, Marchesini,  
Webber (1991)

soft effective  
coupling at NLL

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

NLL



- Used in Monte Carlo parton shower (partial inclusion of NLL terms)
- Dispersive approach to power corrections
- Analytical resummation
  
- 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

$$\begin{aligned} A_i^{(3)} = C_i & \left[ \left( \frac{245}{96} - \frac{67}{216} \pi^2 + \frac{11}{720} \pi^4 + \frac{11}{24} \zeta_3 \right) C_A^2 + \left( -\frac{209}{432} + \frac{5}{108} \pi^2 - \frac{7}{12} \zeta_3 \right) C_A n_F \right. \\ & \left. + \left( -\frac{55}{96} + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_3 \right) C_F n_F - \frac{1}{108} n_F^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad \text{Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)}$$

$A_i^{(4)}$  known

Moch, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt (2018)  
Henn, Korchemsky, Mistlberger (2019)  
von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger (2020)

- But, cusp=soft coupling beyond 2-loops? **Can no hold in general**
  - Need all order definition for soft effective coupling

- all-order definition provided in terms of a **web** Banfi, El-Menoufi, Monni (2018)
- Probability of correlated emission of an arbitrary number of soft-collinear partons with total momentum  $k$  in  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$  dimensions

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

$$M_s^2(k_1) = \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1)$$

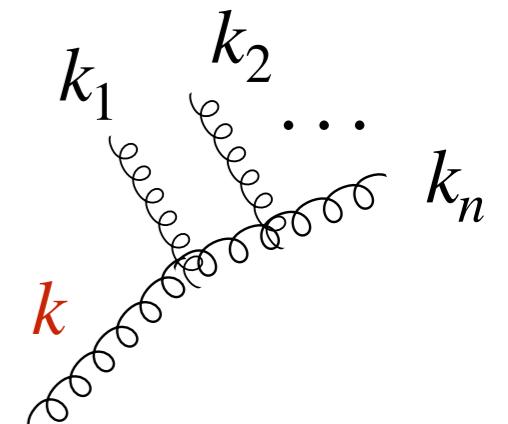
$$M_s^2(k_1, k_2) = \left[ \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1) \tilde{M}_s^2(k_2) \right]_{\text{sym}} + \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1, k_2)$$

$$M_s^2(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \left[ \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1) \tilde{M}_s^2(k_2) \tilde{M}_s^2(k_3) \right]_{\text{sym}} + \left[ \left( \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1) \tilde{M}_s^2(k_2, k_3) \right)_{\text{sym}} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + (1 \leftrightarrow 3) \right] + \tilde{M}_s^2(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

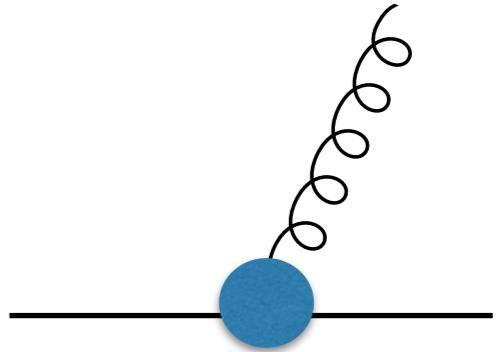
$$\tilde{M}_s^2(k_1, \dots, k_n) = \tilde{M}_{s,0}^2(k_1, \dots, k_n) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \tilde{M}_{s,1}^2(k_1, \dots, k_n) + \dots$$

The web is boost invariant: depends only on  $k_T$  and  $m_T^2 = k_T^2 + k^2$

It is finite, can be computed in 4 dimensions, but better keep  $d$



- At lowest order (and for the soft-effective coupling) gluon is on-shell  $m_T^2 = k_T^2$  ( $k^2 = 0$ )



- But in general  $k_T$  and  $m_T^2 = k_T^2 + k^2$

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

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

Banfi, El-Menoufi, Monni (2018)

suitable for  $q_T$ -related observables

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

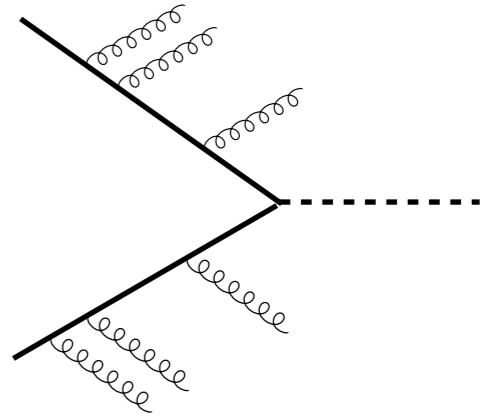
suitable for threshold-related observables

- can take limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  to obtain the physical couplings

- But convenient to keep  $D$ -dimensional definition

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(n)}(\epsilon) = \mathcal{A}_i^{(n)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \epsilon^k \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(n;k)}$$

## ► How to compute it? Use soft factorization formula

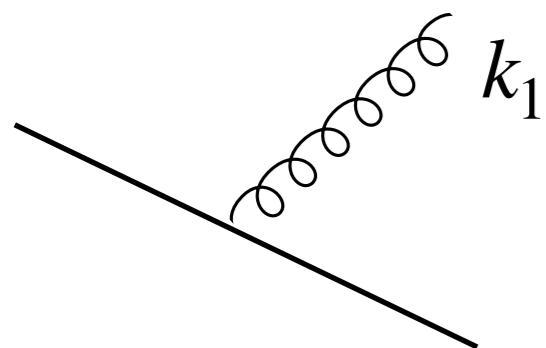


$$\left| \mathcal{M}_{i\bar{i}}(p_1, p_2; k_1, \dots, k_N) \right|^2 \simeq \left| \mathcal{M}_{i\bar{i}}(p_1, p_2) \right|^2 \left| J_i(k_1, \dots, k_N) \right|^2$$

Born ME      squared soft-parton  
current

### ► Lowest order:

soft current     $\tilde{M}_s^2(k_1) = |J_i(k_1)|_{LO}^2 = 8\pi^2 \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{p_1 \cdot k_1 p_2 \cdot k_1} C_i \frac{\alpha_s^0 \mu_0^{2\epsilon}}{\pi}$



Web       $w_{i,LO}(k, \epsilon) = \frac{2}{m_T^2} C_i \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R^2)}{\pi} \delta(m_T^2 - k_T^2) \left( \frac{\mu_R^2}{k_T^2} \right)^\epsilon c(\epsilon)$

► at lowest order both couplings agree  $w_i(k; \epsilon) \sim \delta(k^2) = \delta(m_T^2 - k_T^2)$

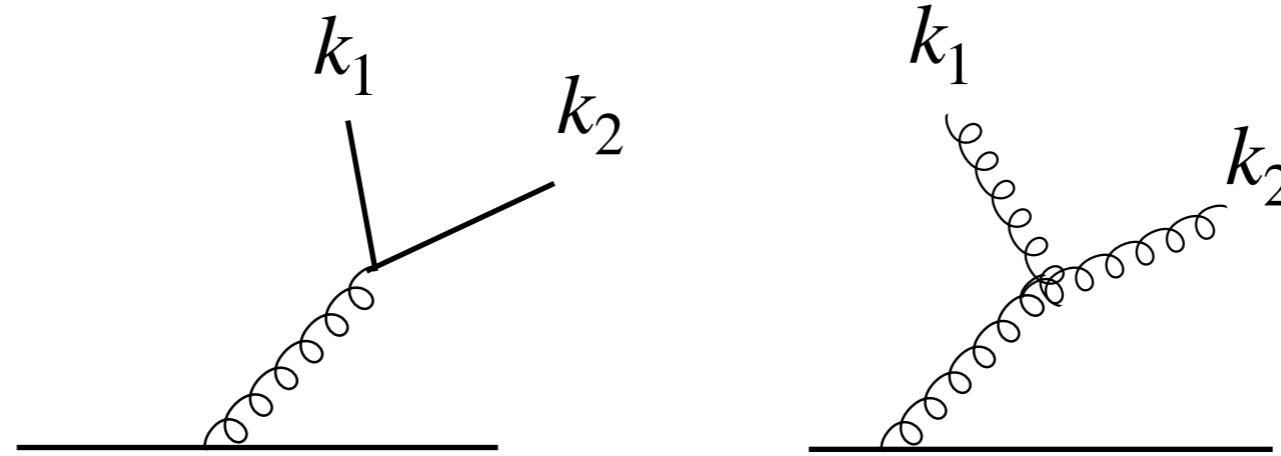
$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}^{(1)}(\epsilon) = \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}^{(1)}(\epsilon) = C_i c(\epsilon)$$

$$c(\epsilon) \equiv \frac{e^{\epsilon \gamma_E}}{\Gamma(1 - \epsilon)} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \epsilon^2 - \frac{1}{3} \zeta_3 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

no  $\epsilon$  term

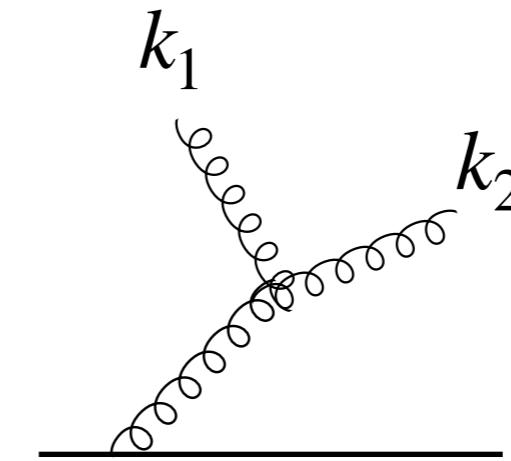
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### Real contributions



$$\mathcal{I}_{ij}(q_1, q_2) = \frac{(p_i \cdot q_1)(p_j \cdot q_2) + (p_j \cdot q_1)(p_i \cdot q_2) - (p_i \cdot p_j)(q_1 \cdot q_2)}{(q_1 \cdot q_2)^2 [p_i \cdot (q_1 + q_2)] [p_j \cdot (q_1 + q_2)]}$$

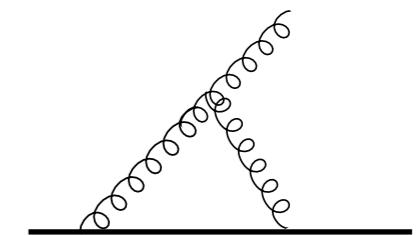
$\int dPS_2$  all poles from integration



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{ij}(q_1, q_2) = & \frac{(1-\epsilon)}{(q_1 \cdot q_2)^2} \frac{p_i \cdot q_1 p_j \cdot q_2 + p_i \cdot q_2 p_j \cdot q_1}{p_i \cdot (q_1 + q_2) p_j \cdot (q_1 + q_2)} \\ & - \frac{(p_i \cdot p_j)^2}{2p_i \cdot q_1 p_j \cdot q_2 p_i \cdot q_2 p_j \cdot q_1} \left[ 2 - \frac{p_i \cdot q_1 p_j \cdot q_2 + p_i \cdot q_2 p_j \cdot q_1}{p_i \cdot (q_1 + q_2) p_j \cdot (q_1 + q_2)} \right] \\ & + \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{2q_1 \cdot q_2} \left[ \frac{2}{p_i \cdot q_1 p_j \cdot q_2} + \frac{2}{p_j \cdot q_1 p_i \cdot q_2} \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{p_i \cdot (q_1 + q_2) p_j \cdot (q_1 + q_2)} \left( 4 + \frac{(p_i \cdot q_1 p_j \cdot q_2 + p_i \cdot q_2 p_j \cdot q_1)^2}{p_i \cdot q_1 p_j \cdot q_2 p_i \cdot q_2 p_j \cdot q_1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

### Virtual contributions

$$\tilde{M}_{s,1}^2(k) = -\tilde{M}_{s,0}^2(k) C_A \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \frac{\Gamma^4(1-\epsilon)\Gamma^3(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma^2(1-2\epsilon)\Gamma(1+2\epsilon)} \left( \frac{4\pi\mu_R^2}{k_t^2} \right)^\epsilon$$



$\int dPS_1$  trivial, all poles from 1 loop soft-current

- we computed both couplings at  $\alpha_s^2$  (all orders in  $\epsilon$ )
- web is the same, differences from “kinematic” integration

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}^{(2)}(\epsilon) = C_i \left\{ -\frac{c(\epsilon)(11C_A - 2n_F)}{12\epsilon} + \frac{c(2\epsilon)\pi}{\sin(\pi\epsilon)} \frac{[C_A(11 - 7\epsilon) - 2n_F(1 - \epsilon)]}{4(3 - 2\epsilon)(1 - 2\epsilon)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C_A c(2\epsilon) h(\epsilon) \pi}{2 \sin(\pi\epsilon)} - \frac{C_A c(2\epsilon) \pi^2}{2 \sin^2(\pi\epsilon)} \left( \frac{2 - \sin^2(\pi\epsilon)}{\cos(\pi\epsilon)} - \frac{2 \sin(\pi\epsilon)}{\pi\epsilon} \right) \right\}$$

where  $h(\epsilon) = \gamma_E + \psi(1 - \epsilon) + 2\psi(1 + 2\epsilon) - 2\psi(1 + \epsilon)$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}^{(2)}(\epsilon) = C_i \left\{ -\frac{c(\epsilon)(11C_A - 2n_F)}{12\epsilon} + \frac{c^2(2\epsilon)}{\epsilon c^2(\epsilon)} \frac{[C_A(11 - 7\epsilon) - 2n_F(1 - \epsilon)]}{4(3 - 2\epsilon)(1 - 2\epsilon)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C_A c^2(2\epsilon) r(\epsilon)}{2(1 - 2\epsilon) c^2(\epsilon)} - \frac{C_A c(2\epsilon)}{2\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{(\pi\epsilon)^2 \cos(\pi\epsilon)}{\sin^2(\pi\epsilon)} + \frac{\pi\epsilon}{\sin(\pi\epsilon)} - \frac{2c(2\epsilon)}{c^2(\epsilon)} \right) \right\}$$

where  $r(\epsilon) = \frac{2}{1 + \epsilon} {}_3F_2(1, 1, 1 - \epsilon; 2 - 2\epsilon, 2 + \epsilon; 1) - \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon} {}_3F_2(1, 1, 1 - \epsilon; 2 - 2\epsilon, 2 - \epsilon; 1)$

► Expanding to  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$

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

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

► agree with cusp anomalous dimension in 4 dimensions

- dominated by  $k^2 \simeq 0$  and equal at first order
- $\epsilon$  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  $\epsilon = \beta(\alpha_s)$

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

- Compute Sudakov (threshold resummation) using soft-coupling
  - Use dimensional regularisation (collinear divergences)
  - Perform factorisation in  $\overline{MS}$  scheme : identify cusp
  - Compare to usual Sudakov from factor

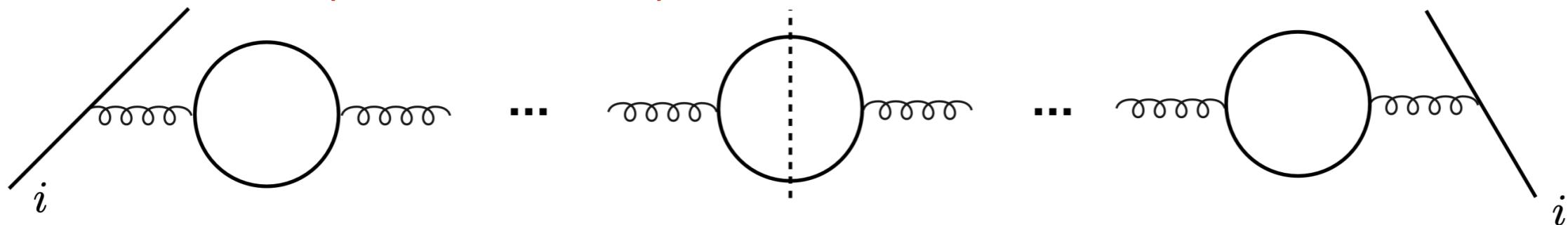
$$A_i \left( \alpha_S \left( \mu_F^2 \right) \right) = \frac{d}{d \ln \mu_F^2} \mathcal{P}_\epsilon \left\{ \int_0^{\mu_F^2} \frac{dq_T^2}{q_T^2} \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i \left( \alpha_S \left( q_T^2 \right); \epsilon \right) \right\}$$

# Conformal relation

- ▶ Explicit check for  $n_F$  leading terms to all orders
- ▶  $n_F$  terms can appear from:

Catani, deF, Devoto, Grazzini,  
Mazzitelli (to appear)

(renormalized) bubble insertions



+ LO Renormalization

$$\times \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\beta_0}{\epsilon} \alpha_s}$$

web: Both can be rearranged as geometric series (keep only  $n_F$  in beta)

- ▶ find all-order expression and sum the series ✓

Beneke, Braun (1995)

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}(\alpha_S; \epsilon = -\beta_0 \alpha_S) = \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}(\alpha_S; \epsilon = -\beta_0 \alpha_S) = A_i = C_i \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(4 + 2\beta_0 \alpha_S)}{6\Gamma(1 - \beta_0 \alpha_S) \Gamma^2(2 + \beta_0 \alpha_S) \Gamma(1 + \beta_0 \alpha_S)}$$

## ► Exploit conformal relation to higher orders

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

$$\beta = -(\beta_0 \alpha_s + \beta_1 \alpha_s^2 + \dots)$$

## ► First and second order...

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i(\alpha_s; \epsilon) = \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \left( A_i^{(1)} + \epsilon \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(1;1)} \right) + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(2;0)} + \dots$$

► set  $\epsilon = -\beta_0 \alpha_s$    $A_i^{(2)} = \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(2;0)} - (\beta_0 \pi) \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(1;1)}$

## ► Reason why for 1st and 2nd order they agree to cusp anomalous dimension

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{T,i}^{(1)}(\epsilon) = \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_{0,i}^{(1)}(\epsilon) = C_i c(\epsilon) \quad c(\epsilon) \equiv \frac{e^{\epsilon \gamma_E}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \epsilon^2 - \frac{1}{3} \zeta_3 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

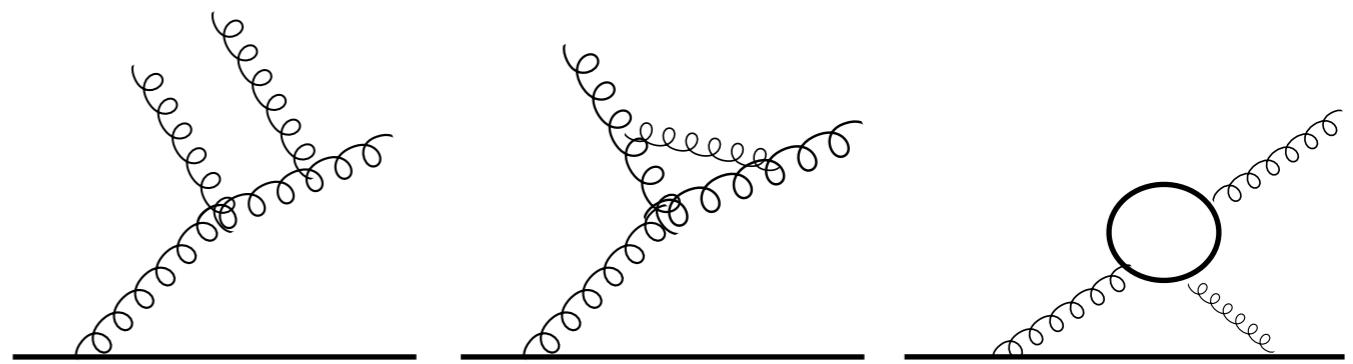
**no  $\epsilon$  term**  $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}_i^{(1;1)} = 0$

► Exploit conformal relation to higher orders

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

► An explicit third order computation would demand evaluation of

- triple soft current (Born)
- double soft current (one loop)
- single soft current (two loops)



► But, 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  
+  $\epsilon^n$  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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 soft-gluon effective coupling for threshold resummation at 3<sup>rd</sup> order
- Full Soft-collinear contributions (DY-like)

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

## ► Comparing to Sudakov form factor at 4<sup>th</sup> order (threshold resummation)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{0,i}^{(4)} = & A_i^{(4)} + C_i \left\{ C_A^3 \left( \frac{121\pi^2\zeta_3}{288} - \frac{21755\zeta_3}{864} + \frac{33\zeta_5}{4} + \frac{33\zeta_5}{17280} - \frac{41525\pi^2}{15552} + \frac{3761815}{186624} \right) \right. \\ & + C_A^2 n_F \left( -\frac{11\pi^2\zeta_3}{144} + \frac{6407\zeta_3}{864} - \frac{3\zeta_5}{2} - \frac{11\pi^4}{432} + \frac{9605\pi^2}{7776} - \frac{15593}{1944} \right) \\ & + C_A C_F n_F \left( \frac{17\zeta_3}{9} + \frac{11\pi^4}{1440} + \frac{55\pi^2}{576} - \frac{7351}{2304} \right) + C_A n_F^2 \left( -\frac{179\zeta_3}{432} + \frac{13\pi^4}{4320} - \frac{695\pi^2}{3888} \right) \\ & \left. + C_F n_F^2 \left( -\frac{19\zeta_3}{72} - \frac{\pi^4}{720} - \frac{5\pi^2}{288} + \frac{215}{384} \right) + n_F^3 \left( -\frac{\zeta_3}{108} + \frac{5\pi^2}{648} - \frac{29}{1458} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$A_i^{(4)}$  known

Moch, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt (2018)  
Henn, Korchemsky, Mistlberger (2019)  
von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger (2020)

only possible for  $\mathcal{A}_0$

- violates Casimir scaling

## ► 4<sup>th</sup> 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-collinear radiation from hard partons

## ► Extra term satisfies Casimir scaling and dominates numerically over cusp

- ▶ Processes involving several hard partons more complicated (MC)
  - need to account for (extra) 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 4<sup>th</sup> order (for threshold related)
- ▶ All information for (threshold) resummation is contained in the **d-dimensional** version of the soft-coupling

# Conclusions

- Definition(s) of Soft-gluon effective coupling at higher orders
- Explicit results for NNLO
- N<sup>3</sup>LO soft-coupling for threshold related observables
- Conformal relation (all orders)

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

- Towards improving the precision of PS : precision QCD for LHC and future colliders

