

Zero-jettiness soft and beam functions at NNLO to higher orders in epsilon

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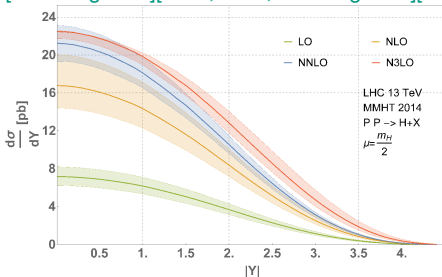
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- *Fully differential* colour singlet production $pp \rightarrow V + \text{jets}$ currently known at N²LO
- Few processes already known at N³LO: Higgs rapidity distribution, fully inclusive cross section for $gg \rightarrow H$, $pp \rightarrow \gamma^*$ and $bb \rightarrow H$ [Dulat, Mistlberger, Piloni'18]

[Mistlberger'18][Duhr,Dulat,Mistlberger'20][Duhr,Dulat,Hirschi,Mistlberger'20]



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- High experimental precision requires knowledge of N³LO corrections to interesting processes: Higgs boson production, Drell-Yan, ...

■ Problem:

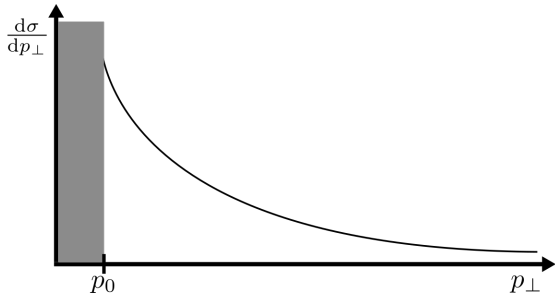
- Soft, collinear and virtual singularities have to cancel each other
→ spread across phase-spaces with different jet multiplicity
- Systematic approach to compensate singularities(subtraction schemes) only known at $N^2\text{LO}$ → not at $N^3\text{LO}$

■ Solution:

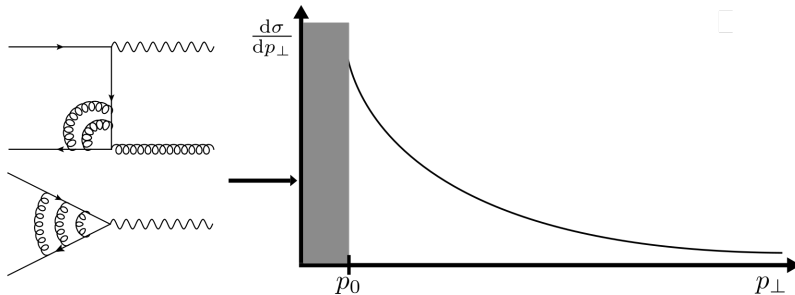
- Concentrate the most offending singularities in one phase-space region through smart choice of an observable

■ Example:

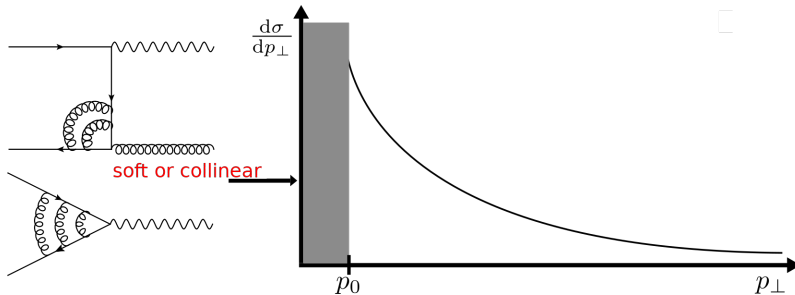
- Vector boson production $pp \rightarrow V + \text{jets}$ with $p_\perp$ as observable



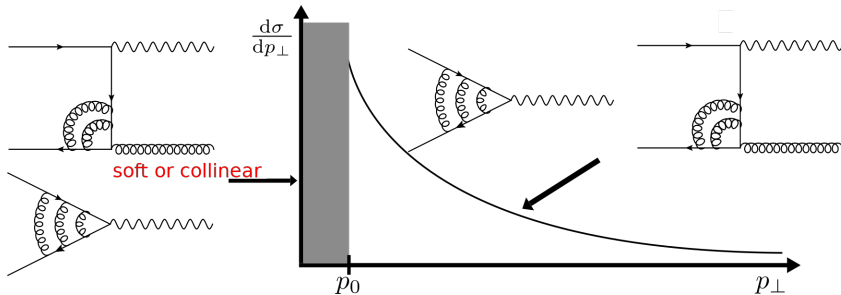
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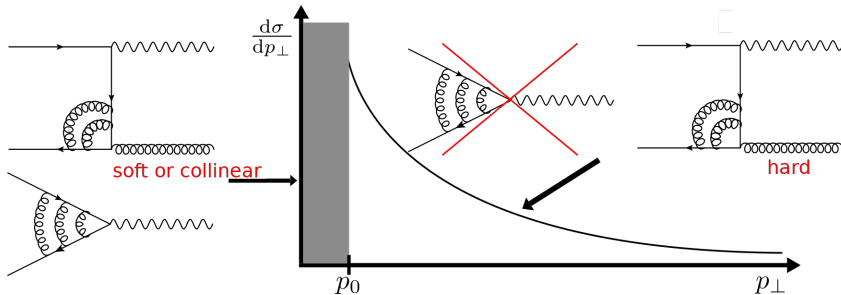
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Motivation

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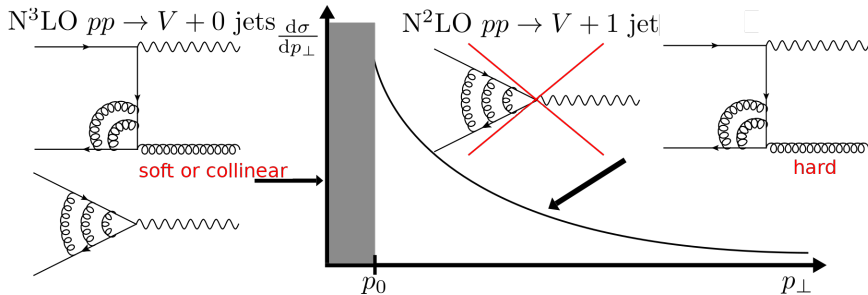
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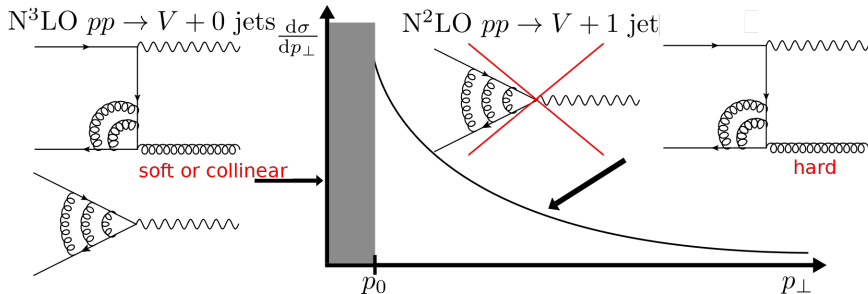
Beam function

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Soft function

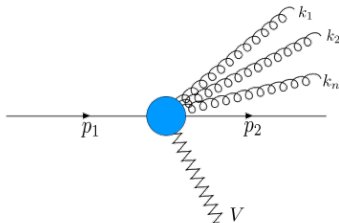
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- $p_\perp > p_0$: $N^2\text{LO} \rightarrow$ known
- $p_\perp < p_0$: $N^3\text{LO} \rightarrow$ unknown, however soft and collinear limits lead to simplification $\Rightarrow$ *Slicing* [Giele, Glover '92]

- zero-jettiness τ instead $p_\perp$ as slicing variable



$$\tau = \sum_j \min_{i \in 1,2} \left[\frac{2p_i \cdot k_j}{Q_i} \right]$$

- simplification through the factorization theorem derived in SCET

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow V}(\tau) = B_\tau \otimes B_\tau \otimes S_\tau \otimes H_\tau \otimes d\sigma_V^{LO}$$

[Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn '10]

- beam function B , describes singularities due to collinear emission of incoming particles
- soft function S , describes singularities due to soft emission
- hard function H , describes corrections to the Born-like process

- B for $p_{\perp}$ known through N³LO QCD
[Luo, Yang, H. Zhu, Y. Zhu '19]
- B and S for zero-jettiness currently known through NNLO QCD
[Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann'14] [Gaunt, Stahlhofen, Tackmann'14]
[Boughezal, Petriello, Schubert, Xing '17][Monni, Gehrmann, Luisoni '11]
[Kelley, Schwartz, Schabinger, Zhu '11]
- Since Yesterday: B for zero-jettiness calculated through N³LO QCD
[Ebert, Mistlberger, Vita '20]
- All quantities needed to N³LO $\rightarrow$ renormalization $\rightarrow$ NNLO through higher orders in ϵ
- In case of S develop tools for N³LO calculation, test them on NNLO

- B_{ij} as an integral over the collinear QCD splitting function $P_{j \rightarrow i^* \{m\}}$

$$B_{ij} \sim \sum_{\{m\}} \int d\text{PS}^{(m)} P_{j \rightarrow i^* \{m\}}$$

[Ritzmann, Waalewijn '14]

- Obtain splitting function through collinear projection operator $\mathcal{P}$

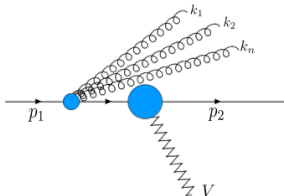
[Catani, Grazzini '00]

$$P_{j \rightarrow i^* \{m\}} \sim \mathcal{P} |M_{j \rightarrow i^* \{m\}}|^2$$

- Since QCD is charge-conjugation invariant we only need to consider the sets $(i, j) \in \{(q_i, q_j), (q_i, g), (q_i, \bar{q}_j), (g, g), (g, q_j)\}$

Phase space measure

- Consider collinear emissions off p_1



$$\tau = \sum_m \min_{i \in 1,2} \left[\frac{2p_i \cdot k_m}{Q_i} \right] \Rightarrow \sum_m \frac{2p_1 \cdot k_m}{Q_1}$$

- m particle phase space now defined as

$$\int d\text{PS}^{(m)} = \left(\prod_m \int \frac{d^d k_m}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta^+(k_m^2) \right) \times \delta \left(2 \sum_m k_m \cdot p - \frac{t}{z} \right) \delta \left(\frac{2 \sum_m k_m \cdot \bar{p}}{s} - (1 - z) \right)$$

- Use reverse unitarity to rewrite phase-space delta functions

[Anastasiou, Melnikov '02]

$$\delta(p^2 - m^2) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 - i\epsilon} \right],$$

- Use Integration-by-parts machinery to reduce beam function to sum of master integrals (MIs) [Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81]
- Compute master integrals

- Example of a master integral:

$$I = \int \frac{d^d k_1}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \int \frac{d^d k_2}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta^+ (k_1^2) \delta^+ (k_2^2) \delta (2k_{12} \cdot p - \frac{t}{z})$$

$$\times \frac{\delta (2k_{12} \cdot \bar{p} - (1 - z))}{(p - k_1)^2 k_{12}^2 \bar{p} \cdot k_2}.$$

- Its solution reads

$$I = - \frac{(\Omega_{d-2})^2}{4(2\pi)^{2d-2}} t^{-1-2\epsilon} \left(\frac{1-z}{z} \right)^{-1-2\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)^2 \Gamma(-\epsilon)^2}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)^2}$$

$$\times {}_3F_2 (1, 1, -\epsilon; 1-2\epsilon, 1-\epsilon, 1)$$

Beam functions at NNLO

- We find that all five beam functions B_{q_i, q_j} , $B_{q_i, g}$, $B_{q_i, \bar{q}_j}$, $B_{g, g}$, B_{g, q_j} can be expressed through 12 master integrals
- Integrals easy enough to be straightforwardly integrated
- Many integrals can be computed in closed form in ϵ
- General structure of the result

$$I_{gg}^{(2)} = \sum_{k=0}^5 \frac{1}{\mu^2} L_k \left(\frac{t}{\mu^2} \right) F_+^{(k)}(z) + \delta(t) F_\delta(z),$$

$$F_\delta(z) = C_{-1} \delta(1-z) + \sum_{k=0}^5 C_k L_k(1-z) + F_{\delta, h}(z),$$

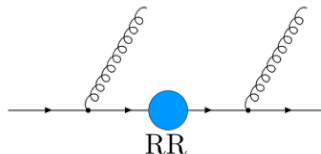
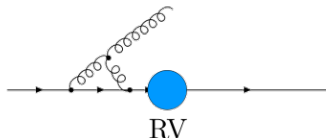
where we define the plus distribution

$$L_n(z) = \left[\frac{\ln^n(z)}{z} \right]_+$$

- Soft function S as an integral over soft emission functions (eikonals) $\xi_{\{m\}}$

$$S \sim \sum_{\{m\}} \int d\text{PS}^{(m)} \xi_{\{m\}}$$

- RV contribution simple, focus on RR



Phase space measure

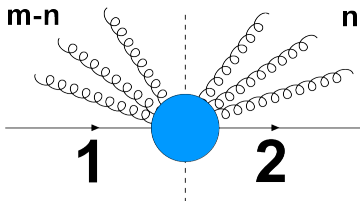
- No simplification of τ due to soft limit

$$\tau = \sum_m \min_{i \in 1,2} \left[\frac{2p_i \cdot k_m}{Q_i} \right]$$

- The m particle phase space reads

$$\int d\text{PS}^{(m)} = \prod_n^m \frac{d^d k_n}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta^+(k_n^2) M_m$$

- m particle measurement function M_m splits integrand into sectors according to the emission of partons into different hemispheres



$$M_2 = \delta(\tau - 2p \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_2) \theta(2\bar{p} \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_1) \theta(2\bar{p} \cdot k_2 - 2p \cdot k_2) + (p^\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{p}^\mu) \\ + \delta(\tau - 2\bar{p} \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_2) \theta(2p \cdot k_1 - 2\bar{p} \cdot k_1) \theta(2\bar{p} \cdot k_2 - 2p \cdot k_2) + (p^\mu \leftrightarrow \bar{p}^\mu)$$

- Integrand symmetric under exchange of p and $\bar{p} \rightarrow$ only need to consider two configurations A and B
- Partons emitted into the same hemisphere

$$M_A(k_1, k_2) = \delta(\tau - 2p \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_2) \theta(2\bar{p} \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_1) \theta(2\bar{p} \cdot k_2 - 2p \cdot k_2)$$

- Partons emitted into different hemispheres

$$M_B(k_1, k_2) = \delta(\tau - 2\bar{p} \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_2) \theta(2p \cdot k_1 - 2\bar{p} \cdot k_1) \theta(2\bar{p} \cdot k_2 - 2p \cdot k_2)$$

Treatment of θ functions

- We would like to use IBP through reversed unitarity. But what do with θ functions?
- Use the identity

$$\theta(b-a) = \int_0^1 dz \delta(zb-a)$$

which holds for $a, b \in [0, \infty)$.

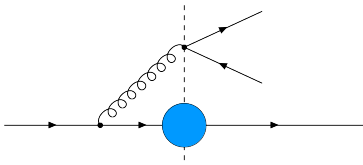
- $M_{A,B}$ now functions of auxillary parameters z_1 and z_2

$$M_A = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^1 dz_2 \delta(\tau - 2p \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_2) \delta(2z_1 \bar{p} \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_1) 2\bar{p} \cdot k_1 \\ \times \delta(2z_2 \bar{p} \cdot k_2 - 2p \cdot k_2) 2\bar{p} \cdot k_2$$

- Commute z_i and k_i integration, use reverse unitarity and IBPs to obtain master integrals

- Only 9 MIs that can be solved in closed form in ϵ
- For example

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \left(\prod_n^2 \int \frac{d^d k_n}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta^+(k_n^2) \right) \delta(\tau - 2p \cdot k_1 - 2p \cdot k_2) \delta(2p \cdot k_1 - z_1 2\bar{p} \cdot k_1) \\
 &\times \delta(2p \cdot k_2 - z_2 2\bar{p} \cdot k_2) \left(p \cdot k_1 - \frac{\tau z_1}{2(z_1 - z_2)} \right)^{-1} (k_1 \cdot k_2)^{-1} \\
 &= -\frac{\tau^{-2-4\epsilon}}{(z_1 z_2)^{1-\epsilon}} \frac{\Gamma^2(-2\epsilon)}{\Gamma(-4\epsilon)} z_2 \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1} {}_2F_1 \left(1, 1 + \epsilon, 1 - \epsilon, \frac{z_2}{z_1} \right) \\
 &\times {}_2F_1 \left(1, -2\epsilon, -4\epsilon, \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

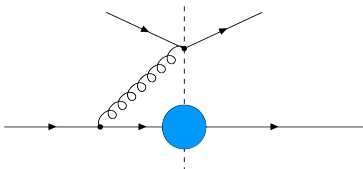


- Integrate over z_1 and z_2

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{q\bar{q},A}^{(2)} = & 2 \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \left[\frac{32\epsilon(2\epsilon-1)z_1z_2}{\tau^2(z_1-z_2)^2} I_{00}^{q\bar{q},3} + \frac{8\epsilon(2\epsilon-1)z_1z_2(z_1+z_2)}{\tau(z_1-z_2)^3} I_{10}^{q\bar{q},3} \right. \\
 & + \frac{8(z_1+z_2)(16\epsilon^3z_1z_2 - \epsilon^2(z_1+z_2)^2 + \epsilon(z_1^2 - 6z_1z_2 + z_2^2) + z_1z_2)}{(4\epsilon-1)(z_1-z_2)^4} I_{01}^{q\bar{q},3} \\
 & \left. + \frac{8\tau z_1z_2(\epsilon^2(z_1+z_2)^2 - z_1z_2)}{(z_1-z_2)^5} I_{11}^{q\bar{q},3} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Rescale $z_2 = tz_1 \rightarrow z_1$ completely factors out
- Remaining integral singular in $t = 1 \rightarrow$ endpoint subtraction

Integration over auxillary parameters



$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{q\bar{q},B}^{(2)} = & 2 \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^{z_1} dz_2 \left[\frac{32\epsilon(4\epsilon-1)z_1z_2}{\tau^2(z_1z_2-1)^2} I_{00}^{q\bar{q},2} \right. \\
 & - \frac{8\tau z_2 \left(\epsilon^2(z_2+1)(z_1^2z_2^2-1) + \epsilon(z_1-1)z_2(z_1z_2+1) - z_1(z_2-1)z_2 \right)}{(z_2-1)^3(z_1z_2-1)^3} I_{11}^{q\bar{q},4} \\
 & + \left(\frac{16z_1z_2(z_1(-z_2)+z_1+z_2-1)}{(z_1-1)^2(z_2-1)^2(z_1z_2-1)^2} \right. \\
 & + \epsilon \frac{8 \left(z_1^3(-(z_2-3))z_2^2 + z_1^2z_2(3z_2^2-11z_2+6) + z_1(6z_2^2-11z_2+3) + 3z_2-1 \right)}{(z_1-1)^2(z_2-1)^2(z_1z_2-1)^2} \\
 & \left. \left. + \epsilon^2 \frac{32 \left(z_1^3z_2^2 + z_1^2z_2(z_2^2-4z_2+2) + z_1(2z_2^2-4z_2+1) + z_2 \right)}{(z_1-1)^2(z_2-1)^2(z_1z_2-1)^2} \right) I_{01}^{q\bar{q},2} + \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

■ Emission into different hemispheres → "finite" → expand in ϵ

- The final result has the following form

$$S^{(2)} = \tau^{-1-4\epsilon} \left(C_a^2 S_A^{(2)} + C_a T_F n_f S_B^{(2)} + C_A C_a S_C^{(2)} \right)$$

- For example

$$S_A^{(2)} = -\frac{8}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{16\pi^2}{3\epsilon} + 128\zeta(3) + \epsilon \frac{16\pi^4}{5} + \epsilon^2 \left(1536\zeta(5) - \frac{256\pi^2\zeta(3)}{3} \right) + \epsilon^3 \left(\frac{2528\pi^6}{945} - 1024\zeta(3)^2 \right)$$

- Simplification of already existing NNLO calculations due to advanced tools
- Beam functions can be calculated as phase space integrals over matrix elements squared in the collinear limit
- Soft function can be calculated as phase space integrals over eikonal functions
- The identity $\theta(b-a) = \int_0^1 dz \delta(zb-a)$ allows for the use of multi-loop technology
- At NNLO all five partonic beam functions B_{q_i,q_j} , $B_{q_i,g}$, $B_{q_i,\bar{q}_j}$, $B_{g,g}$, B_{g,q_j} in terms of 12 MIs, soft function in terms of 9 MIs
- All quantities successfully calculated to order ϵ^2 , and $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ results checked against literature [DB'20]
- Outlook: N3LO beam function calculations [Ebert et al.'20][Behring et al.'19]
N3LO soft function calculation ongoing...