

Towards hadronic initial states in CoLoRFuIINNLO

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Introduction

Challenge of high precision

LHC has now produced > 3 years of 13 TeV data, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} > 150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Excellent machine and detector performance in tough environment

- data taking efficiency $\sim 94\%$, at or above 90% used for physics
- average pile-up ~ 38 in 2017 and 2018

Experimental precision reached

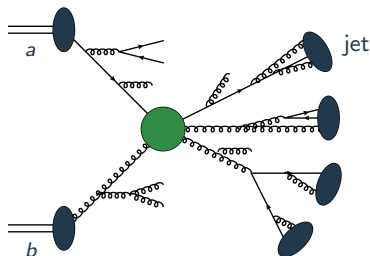
- SM benchmark processes (e.g., W , Z production) measured to 1% exp. precision (important tests of and constraints on theory)
- jets also doing great: total experimental systematic uncertainty in the cross section $\sim 6\%$, at low rapidities ($|y| < 2$)

There is lots more data to come

- HL-LHC approved with integrated luminosity goal of 3000 fb^{-1}
- So far, only a fraction of foreseen data registered and analyzed

Must take up the challenge of high precision also on the theory side

To fully exploit the physics potential of colliders requires **precision**, QCD must be understood/modeled as best as feasible



$$d\sigma = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_a \int dx_b \underbrace{f_a(x_a, \mu_F^2) f_b(x_b, \mu_F^2)}_{\text{non-pert. PDFs}} \times \underbrace{d\hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b, Q^2, \alpha_S(\mu_R^2))}_{\text{pert. partonic x-sec}} + \mathcal{O}((\Lambda/Q)^m)$$

- One particular aspect of precision: calculation of **exact higher order corrections** to physical observables in perturbation theory

Mass production of two-loop amplitudes is becoming a reality: need frameworks to handle all of the other parts of the NNLO calculation too

- We must deal with double real and real-virtual kinematic singularities present at intermediate stages of the calculation
- More and more approaches are maturing to form general prescriptions which can be coded into general numerical tools
- Automated NNLO calculations are on the way

CoLoRFuINNLO is such a framework

CoLoRFuINNLO

Aim: compute cross sections at NNLO with arbitrary acceptance cuts (J) in $d = 4$

$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}[J] = \int_{m+2} d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} J_{m+2} + \int_{m+1} d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV}} J_{m+1} + \int_m d\sigma_m^{\text{VV}} J_m$$

- Phase space integrals must be performed numerically
- All three terms are separately IR divergent in $d = 4$ dimensions
- Infrared singularities cancel between real and virtual quantum corrections at the same order in perturbation theory, for sufficiently inclusive (i.e., IR safe) observables (KLN theorem)

How to make this cancellation **explicit**, so that the various contributions can be computed numerically?

The NNLO correction to a generic m -jet observable is the sum of three terms

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Double real

- Tree level squared MEs with $m + 2$ -parton kinematics
- MEs diverge as one or two partons unresolved
- **phase space integral divergent** (up to $O(\epsilon^{-4})$ poles from PS integration in dim. reg.)
- no loops, so no explicit ϵ poles in dim. reg.

Real-virtual

- One-loop squared MEs with $m + 1$ -parton kinematics
- MEs diverge as one parton unresolved
- **phase space integral divergent** (up to $O(\epsilon^{-2})$ poles from PS integration in dim. reg.)
- one loop, **explicit ϵ poles** up to $O(\epsilon^{-2})$ from loop integration in dim. reg.

Double virtual

- Two-loop squared MEs with m -parton kinematics
- jet function screens divergences in MEs as partons become unresolved
- phase space integral is finite
- two loops, **explicit ϵ poles** up to $O(\epsilon^{-4})$ from loop integration in dim. reg.

CoLoRFuINNLO is built around the idea that the solution should

- Give the exact perturbative result \Rightarrow subtraction (no slicing parameter)
- Be well-defined \Rightarrow completely local counterterms with all spin and color correlations (no integrals that are finite but undefined in $d = 4$)
- Lead to general and explicit expressions (automation, we use color space notation)

It is also advantageous if in addition

- The cancellation of explicit ϵ -poles in virtual contributions is analytic (“mathematical rigor”)
- The option exists to constrain the subtractions to near the singular regions (α_{\max}) (efficiency, important check)
- The construction is algorithmic (valid at any order in perturbation theory, **in principle**)

Use the **same framework** that was successful at NLO: local subtraction scheme

The NLO correction to some m -jet observable J

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}}[J] = \int_{m+1} \left[d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{R}} J_{m+1} - d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{R},A_1} J_m \right]_{d=4} + \int_m \left[d\sigma_m^{\text{V}} + \int_1 d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{R},A_1} \right]_{d=4} J_m$$

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The three contributions are separately IR **divergent** in $d = 4$

- RR: double and single unresolved real emission
- RV: single unresolved real emission \oplus ϵ -poles from $m + 1$ parton one-loop
- VV: ϵ poles from m parton two-loop

For the RR contribution subtractions are needed to regularize single and double unresolved emission

$$\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{m+2} \left\{ d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} J_{m+2} - d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_2} J_m - \left[d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} J_{m+1} - d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_{12}} J_m \right] \right\}_{d=4}$$

- A_1 and A_2 have overlapping singularities $\Rightarrow A_{12}$ is needed to avoid double subtraction

The RV contribution only involves single unresolved emission

$$\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{m+1} \left\{ \left[d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV}} + \int_1 d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} \right] J_{m+1} - \left[d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV},A_1} + \left(\int_1 d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} \right) A_1 \right] J_m \right\}_{d=4}$$

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The m -parton contribution contains the double virtual and integrated subtractions

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For the RR contribution subtractions are needed to regularize **single** and double **unresolved** emission

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The non-trivial role of $d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_{12}}$

The sum of subtractions, symbolically (r, s can become unresolved)

$$d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_2} + d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} - d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_{12}} = \sum_{r,s} [\mathcal{D}_{rs} + (\mathcal{D}_r + \mathcal{D}_s) - (\mathcal{D}_{\hat{s}}\mathcal{D}_r + \mathcal{D}_{\hat{r}}\mathcal{D}_s)]$$

The dual role of A_{12}

- In the double unresolved limits (r, s unresolved), it cancels A_1

$$d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} - d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_2} = d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} - \mathcal{D}_{rs} = \text{"finite"}$$

$$d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1} - d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_{12}} = (\mathcal{D}_r + \mathcal{D}_s) - (\mathcal{D}_{\hat{s}}\mathcal{D}_r + \mathcal{D}_{\hat{r}}\mathcal{D}_s) = \text{"finite"}$$

- In the single unresolved limits (say, r unresolved), it cancels A_2 and part of A_1

$$d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} - \left(\text{part of } d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},A_1}\right) = d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} - \mathcal{D}_r = \text{"finite"}$$

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Repeat what already worked at NLO!

1. Compute relevant IR factorization formulae for squared matrix elements
2. Use those to construct general, explicit, local subtractions
3. Integrate the subtractions once and for all, check cancellation of ϵ -poles
4. Apply to specific process

Collinear and soft factorization of QCD matrix elements at NNLO known

- Tree level 3-parton splitting functions and double soft gg and $q\bar{q}$ currents



[Campbell, Glover 1997; Catani, Grazzini 1998;
Del Duca, Frizzo, Maltoni 1999; Kosower 2002]

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Use known ingredients

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But note

- Unresolved regions in phase space overlap
- Quantities in factorization formulae (z, k_{\perp}) are only well-defined in the strict limit

Defining the subtraction terms – issues

1. **Matching of limits** to avoid multiple subtraction in overlapping singular regions of phase space. General structure dictated by “sieve principle”. E.g., at NLO simply: collinear limit + soft limit – collinear–soft limit.

$$A_1 = \sum (\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{C} \cap \mathbf{S})$$

At NNLO for double radiation we have

$$A_2 = \sum \left[\mathbf{C}_3 + \mathbf{C}_{2;2} + \mathbf{CS} + \mathbf{S} - (\mathbf{C}_3 \cap \mathbf{CS} + \mathbf{C}_3 \cap \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{C}_{2;2} \cap \mathbf{CS} + \mathbf{C}_{2;2} \cap \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{CS} \cap \mathbf{S}) + (\mathbf{C}_3 \cap \mathbf{CS} \cap \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{C}_{2;2} \cap \mathbf{CS} \cap \mathbf{S}) \right]$$

2. **Extension** of IR factorization formulae over full phase space: define momenta entering factorized matrix elements and momentum fractions in splitting kernels. Requires momentum mappings that respect factorization and delicate structure of cancellations in all limits.

$$\{\mathbf{p}\}_{m+1} \xrightarrow{r} \{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}\}_m : \quad d\phi_{m+1}(\{\mathbf{p}\}_{m+1}; Q) = d\phi_m(\{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}\}_m; Q)[dp_{1,m}]$$

$$\{\mathbf{p}\}_{m+2} \xrightarrow{r,s} \{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}\}_m : \quad d\phi_{m+2}(\{\mathbf{p}\}_{m+2}; Q) = d\phi_m(\{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}\}_m; Q)[dp_{2,m}]$$

3. **Integration** of the counterterms over the phase space of unresolved emission.

Issues specific to NNLO

1. Matching: since **limits do not commute** in general, care must be taken to specify the proper ordering.
2. Extension: the A_1 **counterterms** for single unresolved real emission (unintegrated and integrated) **must have universal IR limits**, so that A_{12} can be constructed in general. This is (obviously) **not guaranteed** by QCD factorization.
3. Choosing the counterterms such that integration over the unresolved phase space becomes more straightforward may conflict with the delicate internal cancellations between subtractions. Integrating the counterterms is tedious.

General features of CoLoRFuINNLO

CoLoRFuINNLO: Completely Local subtractions for Fully differential NNLO

Subtractions built using universal IR limit formulae and exact PS factorization

- Altarelli-Parisi splitting functions, soft currents
- PS factorizations based on momentum mappings that can be generalized to any number of unresolved partons

Completely local in color \otimes spin space, fully differential in phase space

- No need to consider the color decomposition of real emission ME's
- Azimuthal correlations correctly taken into account in gluon splitting
- Can check explicitly that the ratio of the sum of counterterms to the real emission cross section tends to unity in any IR limit

Poles of integrated subtraction terms computed analytically

- Can check pole cancellation in (double) virtual contribution explicitly

Explicit formulae for processes with colorless initial state

- Automation is possible (MCCSM)

Towards processes with hadronic initial states

The NNLO cross section with hadronic initial states

Overall structure unchanged, but must include (known) mass factorization counterterms

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}[J] = & \int_{m+2} d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR}} J_{m+2} + \int_{m+1} d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{RV}} J_{m+1} + \int_m d\sigma_m^{\text{VV}} J_m \\ & + \int_{m+1} d\sigma_{m+1}^{\text{C}_1} J_{m+1} + \int_m d\sigma_m^{\text{C}_2} J_m\end{aligned}$$

“No new conceptual issues, but lots of tedious details to work out.”

Morally true ✓

- IR factorization formulae known from crossing and/or direct computation
- Principles of matching, extension unchanged (only more terms to catalog)

But ✗

- Need new mappings for initial-final collinear limits
- Naive crossing of momentum fractions z and transverse momenta k_{\perp} will not work

When defining the new subtraction terms for ISR, we must keep in mind

- In CoLoRFulNNLO, no sectoring functions are used so each subtraction term is defined and subtracted over the whole phase space.
- Because of the delicate structure of cancellations between various subtraction terms (recall non-trivial role of $d\sigma_{m+2}^{\text{RR},\text{A}12}$), special care must be taken to define momentum mappings and momentum fractions that respect the structure of these cancellations.
- E.g., 3-particle momentum fractions must tend to specific 2-particle momentum fractions in appropriate limits.
- Naive crossing does not work for defining 3-particle momentum fractions for initial-final-final collinear splitting.

Defining the subtraction terms for ISR

Momentum fractions from crossing?

- Single collinear ✓

$$z_{i,r} = \frac{p_i \cdot Q}{(p_i + p_r) \cdot Q} \Rightarrow x_{a,r} = \frac{1}{z_{i,r}} \Big|_{p_i \rightarrow -p_a} = 1 - \frac{p_r \cdot Q}{p_a \cdot Q}$$

It is easy to see that $x_a \in [0, 1]$.

- Triple collinear ✗

$$z_{i,rs} = \frac{p_i \cdot Q}{(p_i + p_r + p_s) \cdot Q} \Rightarrow x_{a,rs} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{z_{i,rs}} \Big|_{p_i \rightarrow -p_a} = 1 - \frac{p_r \cdot Q}{p_a \cdot Q} - \frac{p_s \cdot Q}{p_a \cdot Q}$$

But we find that $x_{a,rs} \notin [0, 1]$! In fact, $x_{a,rs}$ can **vanish** at “ordinary” points inside the double real phase space.

Momentum fractions for initial-final collinear splitting **cannot** be defined by naive crossing.

We have **tentative** definitions for momentum fractions and transverse momenta for all single and double limits, the specific formulae are somewhat elaborate.

Consider the $p_a || p_r || p_s$ limit: the factorization formula reads

$$C_{ars} |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}(\{p_i\}, p_r, p_s; p_a + p_b)|^2 = (8\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon})^2 \frac{1}{x_a} \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s}(\{s_{jk}, x_j, k_{\perp,j}\}) \otimes |\mathcal{M}_m^{(0)}(\{p_i\}; x_a p_a + p_b)|^2$$

Define the **subtraction term** as

$$C_{ars}^{IFF}(p_r, p_s, \dots; p_a + p_b) \equiv (8\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon})^2 \frac{1}{\tilde{x}_a} \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s}(\{s_{jk}, \tilde{x}_j, \tilde{k}_{\perp,j}\}) \otimes |\mathcal{M}_m^{(0)}(\{\tilde{p}_i\}; \tilde{p}_a + \tilde{p}_b)|^2$$

Must specify explicitly

- the set momenta $\{\tilde{p}_i\} \equiv \{\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_{m+2}\}$ entering the m -parton factorized ME
- the momentum fractions \tilde{x}_j and transverse momenta $\tilde{k}_{\perp,j}$ ($j = a, r, s$)

Triple collinear IFF mapping

The mapping must implement **momentum conservation** and the **mass-shell conditions**

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{p}_a^\mu &= \xi_a p_a^\mu \\ \tilde{p}_b^\mu &= p_b^\mu \\ \tilde{p}_i^\mu &= \Lambda(K, \tilde{K})^\mu{}_\nu p_i^\nu\end{aligned}$$

where $\Lambda(K, \tilde{K})^\mu{}_\nu$ is a proper Lorentz transformation which takes \tilde{K}^μ into K^μ , where

$$K^\mu = p_a^\mu + p_b^\mu - p_r^\mu - p_s^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{K}^\mu = \tilde{p}_a^\mu + \tilde{p}_b^\mu$$

Requiring $K^2 = \tilde{K}^2$ fixes ξ_a (note p_a , p_b , p_r and p_s are assumed massless),

$$\xi_a = \frac{(p_a + p_b - p_r - p_s)^2}{(p_a + p_b)^2} = 1 - \frac{p_r \cdot Q}{p_a \cdot Q} - \frac{p_s \cdot Q}{p_a \cdot Q} + \frac{2p_r \cdot p_s}{Q^2},$$

with $Q = p_a + p_b$

Triple collinear IFF momentum fractions

We want to define $\tilde{x}_a, \tilde{x}_r, \tilde{x}_s$ such that

- $\tilde{x}_a, \tilde{x}_r, \tilde{x}_s \in [0, 1]$ over the full phase space
- $\tilde{x}_a + \tilde{x}_r + \tilde{x}_s = 1$, i.e., they sum to one
- have the correct behavior in the single unresolved limits (e.g., C_{ar}, C_{rs} , etc.) to match iterated single unresolved subtractions (recall role of A_{12})

One option:

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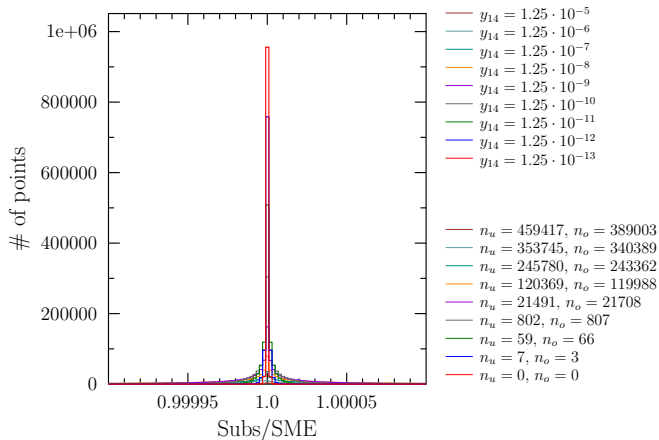
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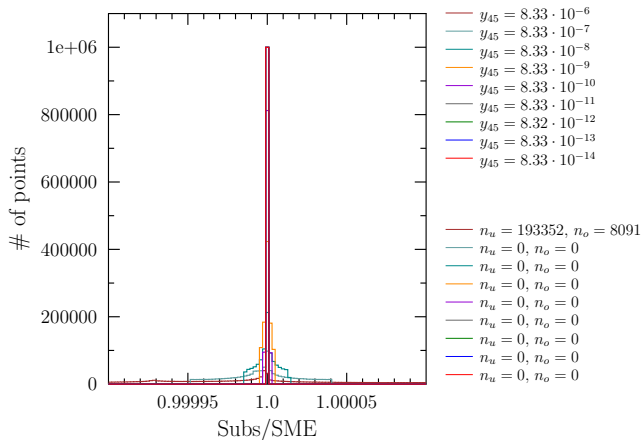
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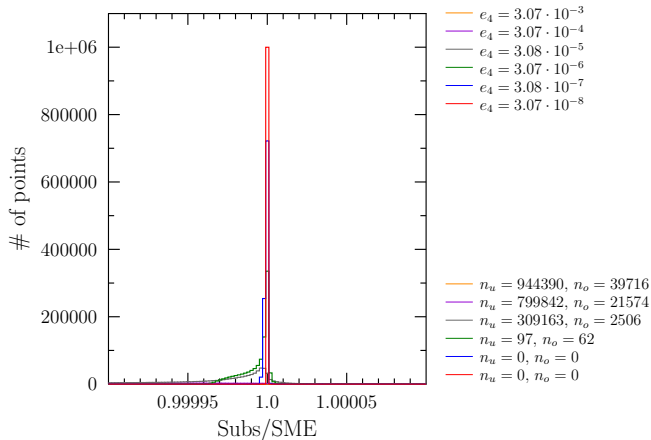
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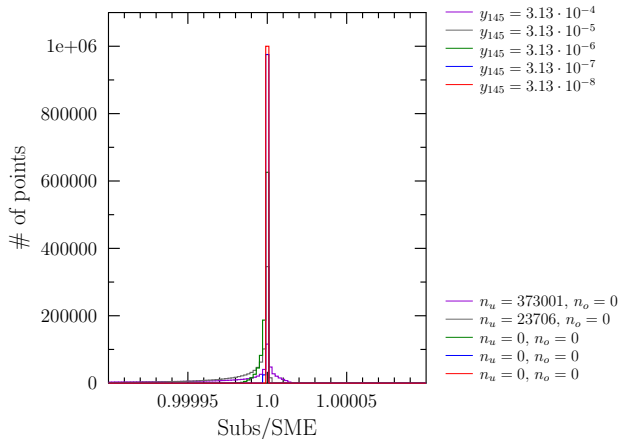
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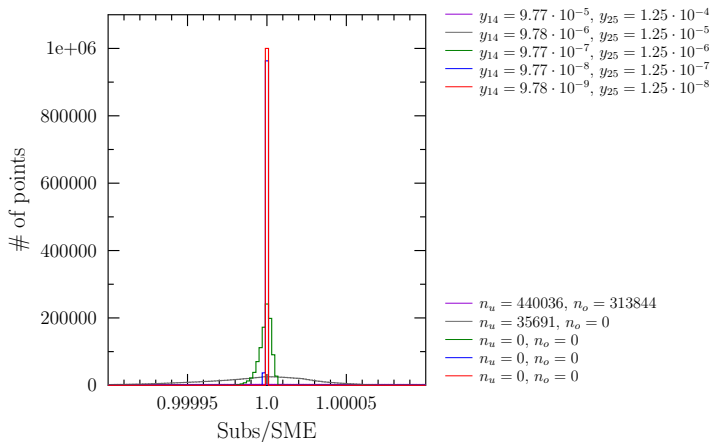


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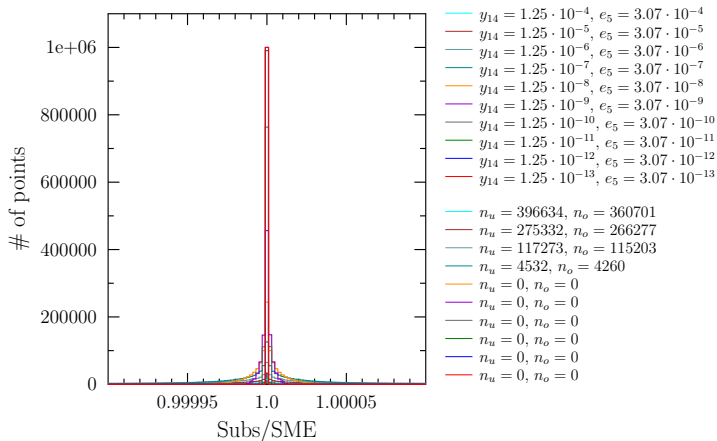
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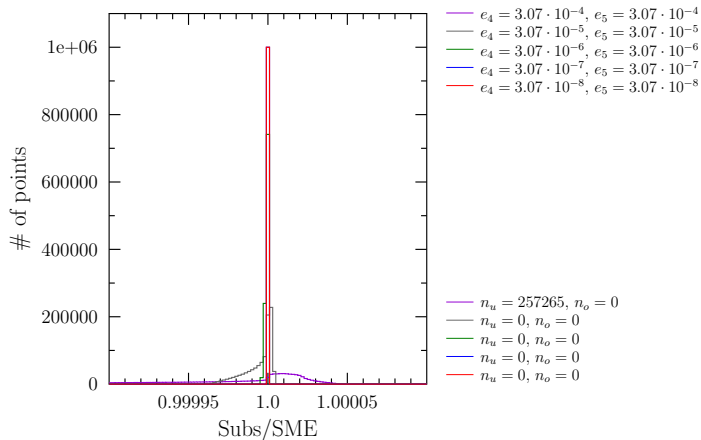
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S₄₅ limit

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- Every partonic MC calculation has a cutoff parameter: e.g., minimal two-particle invariants allowed

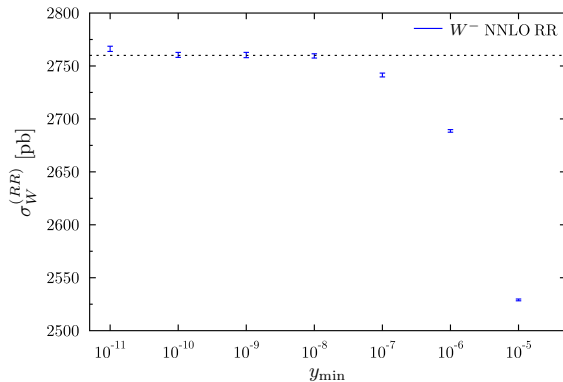
$$y_{ij} = \frac{(p_i + p_j)^2}{\hat{s}} > y_{\min}, \quad \forall i, j$$

- This is **not a slicing parameter**, but a technical cutoff parameter.
- It is necessitated by **floating point arithmetics**.
- The minimal possible choice of y_{\min} depends on the floating point number representation used.
- The dependence of physical quantities on y_{\min} should cancel as $y_{\min} \rightarrow 0$ if the subtraction terms are correct.

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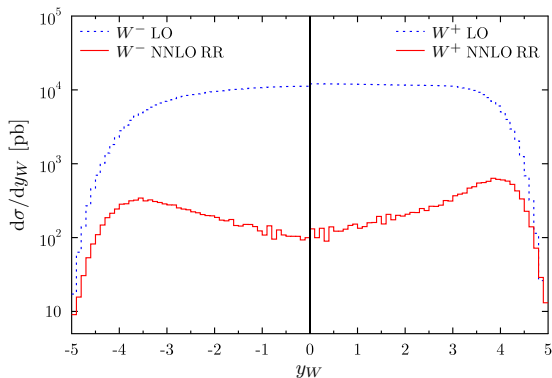
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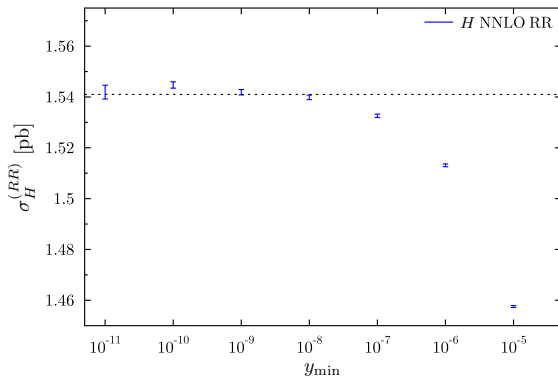
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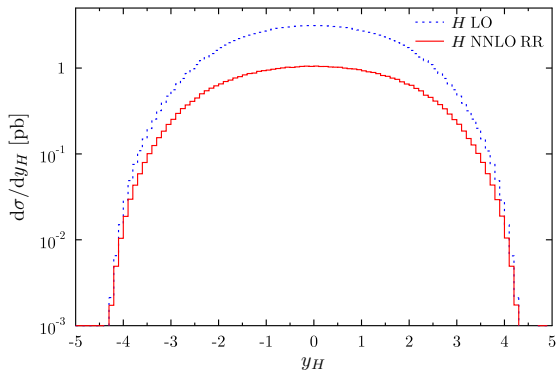
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Integrating the triple collinear subtraction

Momentum mapping used to define C_{ars}^{IFF} leads to phase space convolution of the form

$$d\phi_{m+2}(\{p_i\}, p_r, p_r; p_a + p_b) = \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} d\xi d\phi_m(\{\tilde{p}_i\}; \xi p_a + p_b) \frac{Q^2}{2\pi} d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q)$$

- momentum P is massive with $P^2 = \xi Q^2$

The subtraction term is a product (in spin space) of

- the factorized matrix element depending on $\{\tilde{p}_i\}$
- a singular factor $\frac{1}{\tilde{x}_a} \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s}$, to be integrated over $d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q)$

Can compute **once and for all** the integral over unresolved partons

$$\int_2 C_{ars}^{IFF} = (8\pi\alpha_s\mu^{2\epsilon})^2 \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} d\xi \left[\int d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q) \frac{1}{\tilde{x}_a} \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s} \right] \otimes |\mathcal{M}_m^{(0)}(\{\tilde{p}_i\}; \xi p_a + p_b)|^2$$

We must evaluate

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- Use $\tilde{x}_a = \xi$, integrate over the three-parton phase space first
- \tilde{x}_a dependence of $\hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s}$ is simple: all terms contain just a power of \tilde{x}_a and/or $(1 - \tilde{x}_a)$
- First step: compute (with \tilde{x}_a fixed)

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Solving the integrals by direct integration

A possible strategy: **direct integration**

1. choose explicit phase space parametrization of phase space
2. write the parametric integral representation in chosen variables
3. resolve ϵ poles by sector decomposition
4. pole coefficients are finite multidimensional parametric integrals
5. evaluate the parametric integrals numerically or analytically if feasible

Status:

- derived two separate explicit parametrizations of phase space based on different variables (useful check)
- in one, we can “solve” angular integrals in terms of hypergeometric (${}_2F_1$, Appell F_1) functions (reduce dimensionality of integral)
- accurate numerical integration is feasible
- analytic integration of at least some poles is feasible

Direct integration: an example

Consider the integral (of mass dimension zero)

$$I(\xi, \epsilon) = \frac{Q^2}{V_3} \int d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q) \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \frac{s_{as}}{s_{rs} \tilde{x}_r}$$

It is easy to show that the integral can only depend on ξ and we obtain e.g.,

$$I(\xi = 0.2, \epsilon) = -\frac{0.833333}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{3.67679}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{10.4127}{\epsilon} - 2.10664 + 8.35941\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$I(\xi = 0.5, \epsilon) = -\frac{1.33333}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{2.76531}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{0.375613}{\epsilon} - 5.68314 + 21.2348\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$I(\xi = 0.8, \epsilon) = -\frac{3.33333}{\epsilon^3} - \frac{6.08727}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{4.93674}{\epsilon} + 27.9761 + 102.051\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

- relative accuracy is 10^{-6} on $O(\epsilon)$ part and 10^{-7} or better on rest
- timing per point ≤ 15 s on a single core (only 3d numerical integral)

Can also compute first two poles analytically from sector decomposition representation

$$I(\xi, \epsilon) = -\frac{2}{3(1-\xi)\epsilon^3} + \frac{9 + 8\ln(1-\xi) - \ln\xi}{3(1-\xi)\epsilon^2} + O(\epsilon^{-1})$$

$$\int d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q) \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \frac{1}{s_{ar}^j s_{as}^k s_{rs}^l \tilde{x}_r^p \tilde{x}_s^q}$$

A possible strategy: **reverse unitarity**

1. rewrite δ -functions in the phase space measure as (differences of) propagators, i.e., phase space integrals \Rightarrow loop integrals
2. perform IBP reduction to identify a set of master integrals
3. evaluate the master integrals e.g., by the method of differential equations

Status:

- when no \tilde{x}_r or \tilde{x}_s is involved (i.e., $p = q = 0$) we find only two MIs which can be evaluated in terms of ${}_2F_1$ functions ✓
- the appearance of \tilde{x}_r or \tilde{x}_s in the numerator (i.e., $p < 0$ or $q < 0$) causes no issues: all denominators are still of the standard $1/(p^2 \pm m^2)$ or $1/(p \cdot q \pm m^2)$ type ✓
- when we have $1/\tilde{x}_r$ or $1/\tilde{x}_s$, denominators quadratic in scalar products involving loop momenta appear, e.g., $1/[(p_r \cdot Q)(p_a \cdot p_r + p_a \cdot p_s) - (p_r \cdot p_s)(p_a \cdot p_r)]$ ✗

From basic integrals to integrated counterterms

Recall that we must finally evaluate (note $\xi_{\min} = (\sum_i m_i)^2 / Q^2$ and $\xi_{\max} = 1$)

$$\int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} d\xi \left[\int d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q) \frac{1}{\tilde{x}_a} \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s} \right]$$

So far, discussed only computing

$$I(\xi, \epsilon) = \int d\phi_3(p_r, p_s, P; Q) \frac{1}{\tilde{x}_a} \frac{1}{s_{ars}^2} \hat{P}_{f_a f_r f_s}$$

The ξ dependence of $I(\xi, \epsilon)$ must be interpreted with care: the $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit must be taken uniformly in ξ . Hence, $I(\xi, \epsilon)$ must be interpreted as a **ξ -distribution** whose coefficients contain poles in ϵ .

$$I(\xi, \epsilon) = [I(\xi, \epsilon)]_+ + \delta(1 - \xi) \int_{\xi_{\min}}^{\xi_{\max}} d\xi' I(\xi', \epsilon)$$

- need to know the all-order (in ϵ) behavior of $I(\xi, \epsilon)$ around $\xi = 1$
- in particular the fixed-order ϵ -expansion of $I(\xi, \epsilon)$ is not quite enough

Extension to hadronic initial states on the way

- Subtraction terms for double real radiation defined for generic processes
- Tested convergence of regularized double real part in simplest processes
- Subtraction terms for real-virtual radiation tentatively defined for generic processes

TODO:

- More testing of double real and real-virtual subtractions
- Subtraction terms for mass factorization counterterms (NLO complexity)
- Some integrals done, but many more to do
- Can we use reverse unitarity with non-standard propagators? Note similarity to the analytic computation of energy-energy correlation at NLO by Dixon et al.

[Dixon, Luo, Shtabovenko, Yang, Zhu 2018]

Conclusions

Amazing progress in fixed order calculations in the past decade

- Automation of NLO
- Mass production of two-loop amplitudes is becoming a reality
- Approaches to NNLO are maturing into general frameworks

CoLoRFuNNLO method: Completely Local subtractions for Fully differential NNLO

- Construction of subtraction terms based on IR limit formulae
- Analytic integration of subtraction terms feasible with modern techniques
- Good numerical convergence and stability for $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons

Extension to hadronic initial states on the way

- Defined subtraction terms for regularizing infrared singularities in double real radiation for generic processes
- Cancellation of kinematic singularities and stability in double real radiation demonstrated for W and Higgs production
- Main remaining challenge: integration of subtraction terms

Thank you for your attention!

Extra material

The symbolic operators \mathbf{C}_{ir} and \mathbf{S}_r denote taking the single collinear and single soft limits

- Collinear: $p_i || p_r$ ($p_i \rightarrow z_i p_{ir} + k_\perp + \mathcal{O}(k_\perp^2)$, $p_r \rightarrow z_r p_{ir} - k_\perp + \mathcal{O}(k_\perp^2)$)

$$\mathbf{C}_{ir} |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}(p_i, p_r, \dots)|^2 = 8\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon} \frac{1}{s_{ir}} \hat{P}_{f_i f_r}(z_i, z_r, k_\perp; \epsilon) \otimes |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)}(p_{ir}, \dots)|^2$$

- Soft: $p_r \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbf{S}_r |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}(p_r, \dots)|^2 = -8\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon} \sum_{j,k} \frac{s_{jk}}{s_{jr} s_{kr}} |\mathcal{M}_{m+1, (i,k)}^{(0)}(\cancel{p_r}, \dots)|^2$$

In order to avoid double subtraction when p_r is both soft and collinear to another momentum p_i , we need to remove the “collinear-soft” contribution.

However, the soft and collinear **limits do not commute** at the level of factorization formulae.

Consider the soft limit of the collinear formula: $\mathbf{S}_r \mathbf{C}_{ir}$

- Momentum fractions:

$$\mathbf{S}_r z_i \rightarrow 1, \quad \mathbf{S}_r z_r \rightarrow 0$$

- Altarelli-Parisi splitting kernels: e.g., for $q \rightarrow qg$ splitting ($z_i + z_r = 1$)

$$P_{qg}(z_i, z_r; \epsilon) = C_F \left[\frac{1 + z_i^2}{1 - z_i} - \epsilon(1 - z_i) \right] \Rightarrow \mathbf{S}_r P_{qg}(z_i, z_r; \epsilon) \rightarrow \frac{2}{z_r} C_F$$

and in general

$$\mathbf{S}_r P_{f_i f_r}(z_i, z_r, k_\perp; \epsilon) \rightarrow \frac{2}{z_r} T_{ir}^2$$

- Soft-collinear limit

$$\mathbf{S}_r \mathbf{C}_{ir} |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}(p_i, p_r, \dots)|^2 = 8\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon} \frac{1}{s_{ir}} \frac{2}{z_r} T_{ir}^2 |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)}(p_i, \dots)|^2$$

Consider the collinear limit of the soft formula: $C_{ir}S_r$

- Two-particle invariants

$$C_{ir}S_{il} \rightarrow z_i S_{(ir)l}, \quad C_{ir}S_{lr} \rightarrow z_r S_{(ir)l}, \quad l = j, k$$

- Eikonal factor

$$C_{ir} \sum_{j,k} \frac{S_{jk}}{S_{jr}S_{kr}} \mathbf{T}_j \mathbf{T}_k = C_{ir} \sum_k \frac{2S_{ik}}{S_{ir}S_{kr}} \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_k \rightarrow \sum_k \frac{2}{S_{ir}} \frac{z_i}{z_r} \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_k = -\frac{2}{S_{ir}} \frac{z_i}{z_r} \mathbf{T}_i^2$$

- Collinear-soft limit

$$C_{ir}S_r |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}(p_i, p_r, \dots)|^2 = 8\pi\alpha_s\mu^{2\epsilon} \frac{1}{S_{ir}} \frac{2z_i}{z_r} \mathbf{T}_i^2 |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)}(p_i, \dots)|^2$$

Non-commuting IR limits

Hence limits do not commute: $S_r C_{ir} \neq C_{ir} S_r$

$$S_r C_{ir} |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}|^2 \propto \frac{1}{s_{ir}} \frac{2}{z_r} T_{ir}^2 |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)}|^2 \quad \text{but} \quad C_{ir} S_r |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}|^2 \propto \frac{1}{s_{ir}} \frac{2z_i}{z_r} T_i^2 |\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)}|^2$$

- Reason: soft operators send some momentum fractions to one: $S_r z_i \rightarrow 1$
- Note: no explicit phasespace parametrization, so no specific parameter controls the approach to limits

Which ordering to use?

- $S_r C_{ir}$ will not work in the collinear limit

$$S_r (C_{ir} - S_r C_{ir}) |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}|^2 = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad C_{ir} (S_r - S_r C_{ir}) |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}|^2 \neq 0$$

- $C_{ir} S_r$ will work in both limits

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This phenomenon arises also in double unresolved limits. In general, limits must be ordered from “more soft” to “less soft”.

Universal limits for subtraction terms

The existence of universal IR limits of approximate cross sections is (clearly) not guaranteed by QCD factorization.

- We do not specify which momenta can become unresolved, hence the single unresolved subtraction terms must themselves have universal IR limits
- In the real-virtual contribution, these terms appear in integrated form, and these forms again must have universal IR limits
- These are non-trivial constraints, since the (unintegrated and integrated) single soft factorization formula involves color-correlated matrix elements

$$\mathcal{S}_r^{(0,0)} \propto \sum_{i,k} \frac{s_{ik}}{s_{ir}s_{kr}} \langle \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)} | \mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{T}_k | \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)} \rangle$$

- In, say, the $p_j || p_s$ limit only the sum

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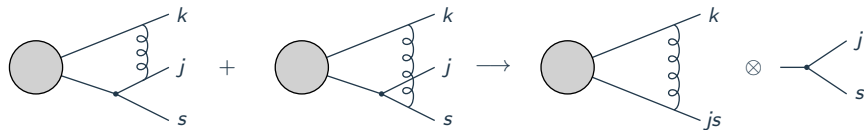
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Universal limits for subtraction terms

Then we must make sure that in any collinear limit (for any i and r), the two appropriate terms from the soft formula actually go to the same limit

- The eikonal factors are homogeneous in p_j and p_s , so they go to the same limit (note no partial fraction decomposition)

$$C_{js} \frac{s_{jk}}{s_{jr} s_{kr}} = \frac{z_j s_{(js)k}}{z_j s_{(js)r} s_{kr}} = \frac{s_{(js)k}}{s_{(js)r} s_{kr}} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{js} \frac{s_{sk}}{s_{rs} s_{kr}} = \frac{z_s s_{(js)k}}{z_s s_{(js)r} s_{kr}} = \frac{s_{(js)k}}{s_{(js)r} s_{kr}}$$

- But we must also have that the mapped momenta that appear in the factorized matrix elements in

$$\langle \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)} | \mathbf{T}_j \mathbf{T}_k | \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)} | \mathbf{T}_s \mathbf{T}_k | \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{(0)} \rangle$$

also go to the same limit.

- Constrains the soft momentum mapping. A trivial way of satisfying this constraint is to use the same mapped momenta in all terms in the soft formula \Leftrightarrow dipole picture.

Energy weighted distribution of angles χ between particles

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\Sigma(\chi)}{d \cos \chi} \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \int \sum_{i,j} \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} d\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow ij+\chi} \delta(\cos \chi - \cos \theta_{ij})$$

Was measured extensively at LEP and predecessors

Accurate theory predictions available

- NNLO fixed order from CoLoRFuNNLO
- NNLL resummation in back-to-back region

[de Florian, Grazzini 2005]

Potential for yapa (yet another precision $\alpha_s(M_Z)$)

- EEC one of the oldest event shapes

[Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love 1978]

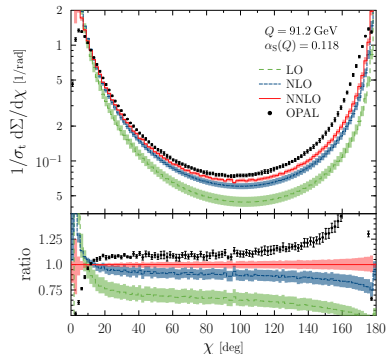
- However, no measurements after LEP1...

- Transverse EEC in multijet events used successfully at LHC to determine α_s at NLO

[ATLAS coll., Eur. Phys. J. C77 (2017) 872, Phys. Lett. B750 (2015) 427-447]

Experiment	\sqrt{s} , GeV, data	\sqrt{s} , GeV, MC	Events
SLD	91.2(91.2)	91.2	60000
OPAL	91.2(91.2)	91.2	336247
OPAL	91.2(91.2)	91.2	128032
L3	91.2(91.2)	91.2	169700
DELPHI	91.2(91.2)	91.2	120600
TOPAZ	59.0 – 60.0(59.5)	59.5	540
TOPAZ	52.0 – 55.0(53.3)	53.3	745
TASSO	38.4 – 46.8(43.5)	43.5	6434
TASSO	32.0 – 35.2(34.0)	34.0	52118
PLUTO	34.6(34.6)	34.0	6964
JADE	29.0 – 36.0(34.0)	34.0	12719
CELLO	34.0(34.0)	34.0	2600
MARKII	29.0(29.0)	29.0	5024
MARKII	29.0(29.0)	29.0	13829
MAC	29.0(29.0)	29.0	65000
TASSO	21.0 – 23.0(22.0)	22.0	1913
JADE	22.0(22.0)	22.0	1399
CELLO	22.0(22.0)	22.0	2000
TASSO	12.4 – 14.4(14.0)	14.0	2704
JADE	14.0(14.0)	14.0	2112

- NLO correction is large as judged by scale variation \Rightarrow must go to NNLO
- Higher order predictions improve agreement with data
- Fixed order prediction diverges in the forward and back-to-back regions \Rightarrow resummation is required
- Sizeable deviations from data even at NNLO \Rightarrow must take into account hadronization corrections



[Tulipánt, Kardos, GS,
Eur. Phys. J. C 77 (2017) no.11, 749]

Fixed order **diverges** in the back-to-back limit as $\sim \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n-1} y$ where $y = \cos^2(\chi/2)$

Resummation known up to NNLL accuracy (and N³LL is on the way using SCET)

[de Florian, Grazzini 2005; Moutl, Zhu 2018]

$$\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\Sigma(\chi)}{d \cos \chi} \right]_{(\text{res.})} = \frac{Q^2}{8} H(\alpha_s) \int_0^\infty db J_0(b Q \sqrt{y}) S(Q, b)$$

The log-enhanced terms are collected in the Sudakov form factor

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

The $A(\alpha_s)$, $B(\alpha_s)$ and $H(\alpha_s)$ functions can be computed perturbatively

$$A(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n A^{(n)}, \quad B(\alpha_s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n B^{(n)}, \quad H(\alpha_s) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n H^{(n)}$$

Point-by-point multiplicative correction factors were derived using modern MC tools

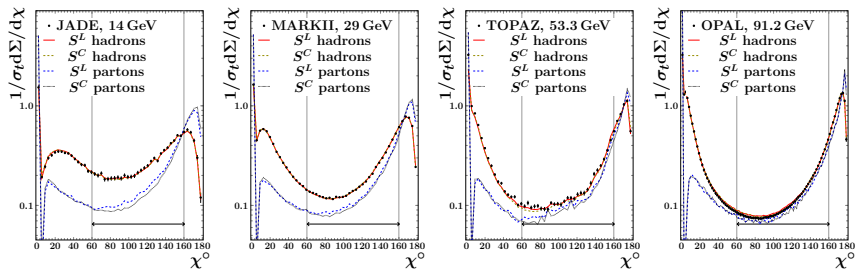
- Sherpa2.2.4 for $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2,3,4,5$ jets, 2 jets at NLO using AMEGIC, COMIX and GoSam, Lund (S^L) or cluster (S^C) hadronization
- Herwig7.1.1 for $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2,3,4,5$ jets, 2 jets at NLO using MadGraph5 and GoSam, cluster (H^M) hadronization only

Hadronization corrections are ratios of hadron to parton level distributions in the MCs

Simulated samples were reweighted to data at hadron level on an event-by-event basis to assure a better description of data (“poor man’s tuning”)

Simultaneously allows for the estimation of the missing statistical correlations of data points

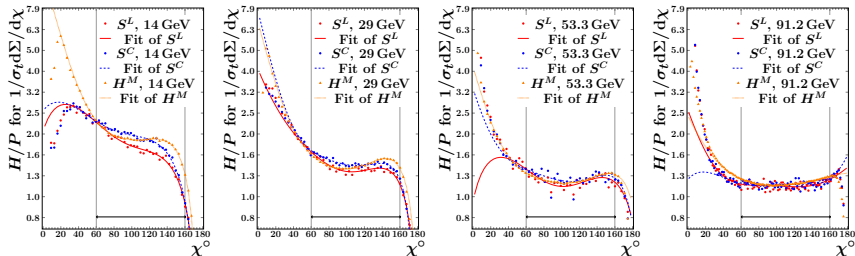
MC predictions at parton and hadron level after reweighting



[Kardos, Kluth, GS, Tulipánt, Verbytskyi
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- Hadronization corrections decrease as $\sim 1/Q$, O(10)% at 91.2 GeV

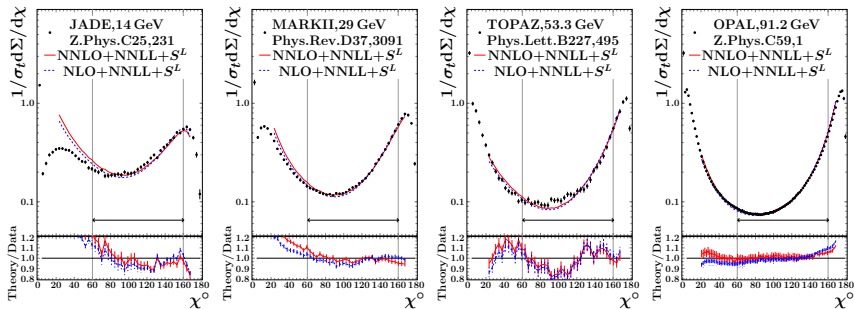
Hadron/parton ratios after reweighting at hadron level



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- Hadronization corrections are parametrized using smooth functions to tame statistical fluctuations (the parametrization is valid only in the fit range)

Fits to data of NNLO+NNLL and NLO+NNLL predictions in the S^L setup



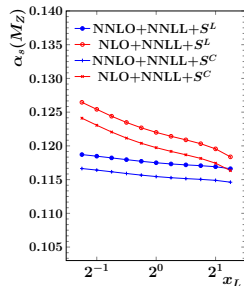
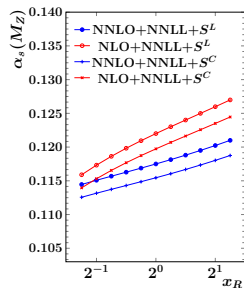
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- Fit range $[60^\circ, 160^\circ]$, chosen to avoid regions where the theoretical prediction or hadronization corrections become unreliable
- The result is insensitive to a $\pm 5^\circ$ change in fit range

Estimated the uncertainty by

- Varying the renormalization scale
 $x_R = \mu_R/Q \in [1/2, 2]$: (*ren.*)
- Varying the resummation scale
 $x_L \in [1/2, 2]$: (*res.*)
- Varying the hadronization model
 S^L vs. S^C : (*hadr.*)
- Considering the fit uncertainty
from the $\chi^2 + 1$ criterion as
implemented in MINUIT2: (*exp.*)

Notice reduced slope at NNLO+NNLL



Main result from global fit at NNLO+NNLL with S^L setup

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.11750 \pm 0.00018(\text{exp.}) \pm 0.00102(\text{hadr.}) \pm 0.00257(\text{ren.}) \pm 0.00078(\text{res.})$$

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.11750 \pm 0.00287(\text{comb.})$$

Note using NLO+NNLL only (i.e., no NNLO), we find

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.12200 \pm 0.00023(\text{exp.}) \pm 0.00113(\text{hadr.}) \pm 0.00433(\text{ren.}) \pm 0.00293(\text{res.})$$

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.12200 \pm 0.00535(\text{comb.})$$

Inclusion of **NNLO corrections crucial** in reducing uncertainty: factor of 1/2!

The result is **consistent** with the world average ($\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1175 \pm 0.0029$ vs. 0.1181 ± 0.0011) and **competitive** with other precision event shapes ($1 - T$, C , etc.)

VH production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay at the LHC

Motivations

- Associated VH production is most sensitive production mode to search for $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
 - leptons, missing E_T to trigger
 - high p_T V to suppress backgrounds
- Unique opportunity to study both the Higgs boson coupling to vector bosons and down-type quarks
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ has the largest branching ratio (58%) for $m_H = 125$ GeV
- Drives the uncertainty of the total Higgs boson width

Theory: narrow width approximation very accurate ($\Gamma_H \ll m_H$), so need fully differential calculations for production and decay

- VH production with leptonic V decays known in NNLO QCD (using q_T subtraction)
[Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano 2011]
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ known in NNLO QCD (using sector decomposition and CoLoRFuNNLO)

[Anastasiou, Herzog, Lazopoulos 2012;
Del Duca, Duhr, GS, Tramontano Z. Trócsányi 2015]

Consider $pp \rightarrow VH + X \rightarrow l_1 l_2 b\bar{b} + X$ in the narrow width approximation

$$d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH \rightarrow Vb\bar{b}} = d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH} \times \frac{d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}}{\Gamma_H} = \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(k)} \right] \times \left[\frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(k)}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(k)}} \right] \times \text{Br}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$$

For full NNLO, expand up to second order

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH \rightarrow Vb\bar{b}}^{\text{NNLO}} = & \left[d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(0)} \times \frac{d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} + d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(1)} + d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(2)}}{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} + \Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(1)} + \Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(2)}} \right. \\ & + d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(1)} \times \frac{d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} + d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(1)}}{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} + \Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(1)}} \\ & \left. + d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(2)} \times \frac{d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)}}{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)}} \right] \times \text{Br}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \end{aligned}$$

Previous partial NNLO calculations did not consider NNLO corrections in decay

[Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano 2014-5
Campbell, Ellis, Williams 2016]

$$d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH \rightarrow Vb\bar{b}}^{\text{NNLO(prod)+NLO(dec)}} = \left[d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(0)} \times \frac{d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} + d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(1)}}{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)} + \Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(1)}} + \left(d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(1)} + d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VH}^{(2)} \right) \times \frac{d\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)}}{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow b\bar{b}}^{(0)}} \right] \times \text{Br}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$$

New: include NNLO contributions in decay and the combination of NLO contributions for production and decay

Kinematical selection cuts

$$pp \rightarrow W^+H + X \rightarrow l\nu_l b\bar{b} + X$$

- $p_{\text{T}}^l > 15 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta_l| < 2.5$
- $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $p_{\text{T}}^W > 150 \text{ GeV}$
- at least two b -jets with $p_{\text{T}}^b > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta_b| < 2.5$

$$pp \rightarrow ZH + X \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b} + X$$

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Results: cross sections

Kinematical selection cuts

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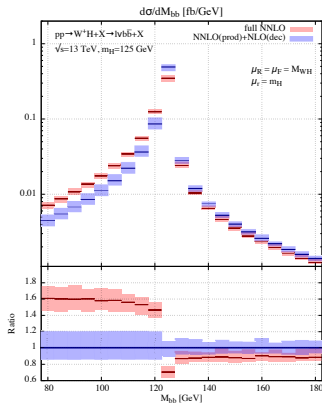
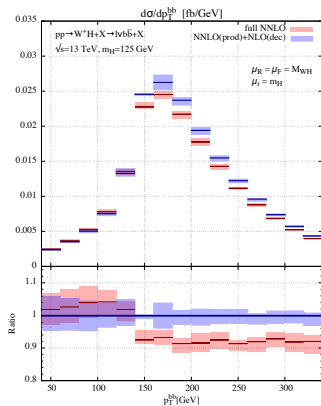
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Cross section predictions at the LHC with $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

σ (fb)	NNLO(prod)+NLO(dec)	full NNLO
$pp \rightarrow W^+ H + X \rightarrow l\nu_l b\bar{b} + X$	$3.94^{+1\%}_{-1.5\%}$	$3.70^{+1.5\%}_{-1.5\%}$
$pp \rightarrow ZH + X \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b} + X$	$8.65^{+4.5\%}_{-3.5\%}$	$8.24^{+4.5\%}_{-3.5\%}$

- Cross sections reduced by $\sim 5\text{--}6\%$ at full NNLO wrt. NNLO(prod)+NLO(dec)
- Uncertainties correspond to scale variation

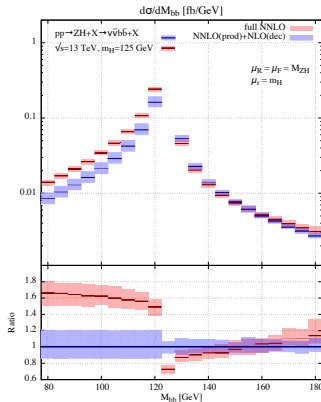
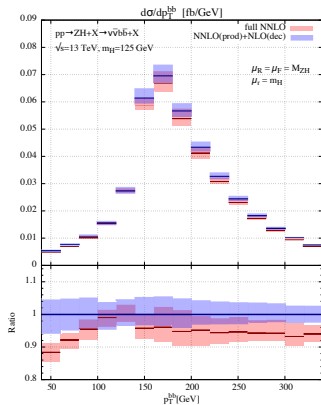
Transverse momentum and invariant mass of leading b -jet pair: $W^+H(b\bar{b})$



[Ferrera, GS, Tramontano Phys. Lett. B 780 (2018) 346-351]

- Contributions included in full NNLO produce important effects on the shapes:
 - $-8\% - +5\%$ corrections in $p_T^{b\bar{b}}$, $-30\% - +60\%$ corrections in $M_{b\bar{b}}$!

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