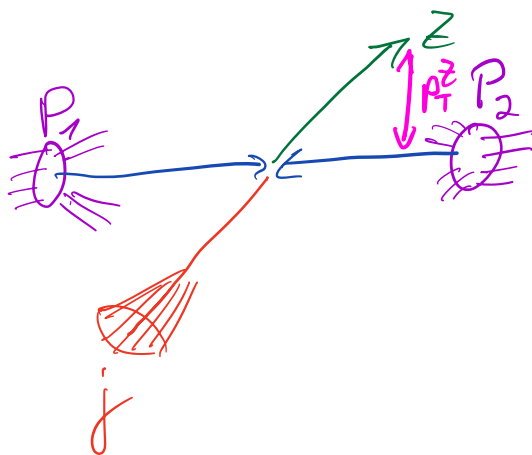


Recap: Higher-order calculations



$$p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

cross section:

$$d\sigma^{\text{had.}} = \sum_{i,j} dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu_F) f_j(x_2, \mu_F) \underbrace{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(x_1 P_1, x_2 P_2, \mu_F)}_{= d\phi_n \frac{1}{2s} |\overline{M}_{ij}|^2}$$

example $p \rightarrow Z + X$
 $X = \text{anything else}$

average/sum over spin & colour
for incoming/outgoing particles

LO: $|\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{min } Z|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^B$ (Born)

NLO: $\left| \begin{array}{c} q \\ \bar{q} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} m \\ g \end{array} \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^R(\text{Real})$

PDF collinearity counterterm
let's assume to be implicit here

$2 \operatorname{Re} \left| \text{Diagram with self-energy loop} \right| \otimes \left| \text{Diagram with vertex correction} \right| \rightarrow d\Omega_{+}^{(\text{PDF})} \text{ (Virtual)}$

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NLO cross section• (local) subtraction

$$\sigma^{NLO} = \int_1 d\sigma^B + \int_2 (d\sigma^R - d\sigma^{CT}) + \int_1 (d\sigma^V + \int_1 d\sigma^{CT})$$

$\rightarrow$ finite phase-space integration $\rightarrow$ finite in $d=4$,
 cancellation of $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ poles

- FKS [Frixione, Kunszt, Signer hep-ph/9512328]

- Dipole subtraction [Catani, Seymour hep-ph/9605323]

• slicing

- non-local subtraction (subtraction term not defined in full real phase space)
- uses slicing cut to regulate real
- simple and therefore powerful at higher orders (NNLO, N³LO, ...)

e.g. q_T slicing [Catani, Grazzini hep-ph/0703012]

$$\sigma^{NLO} = \int_1 d\sigma^B + \int_2^{q_T > q_T^{cut}} d\sigma^R - \int_{1+q_T}^{q_T > q_T^{cut}} d\sigma^{CT} + \int_1 \left[d\sigma^V + \int_{q_T} d\sigma^{CT}(q_T^{cut}) \right]$$

take limit $q_T^{cut} \rightarrow 0$ by computing several small q_T^{cut} values.

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Resummation (in PT)

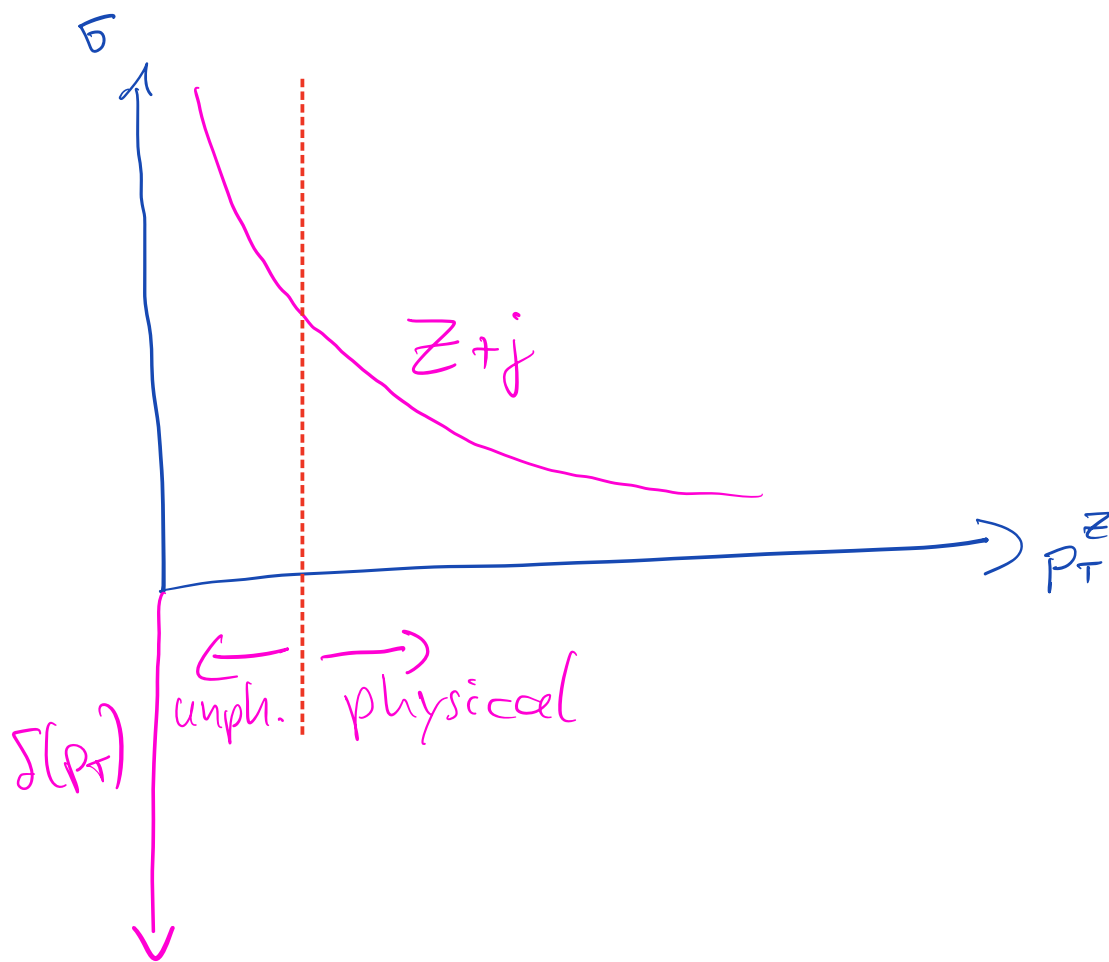
- limitation of fixed-order calculations

cancellation of real & virtual singularities is spoiled in certain phase-space regions (when observable sensitive to soft/coll. rad.)

- gluon radiation produces $\log^2$ behavior (1 coll. & 1 soft log)

$$\frac{1}{\text{tree}} \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{d\Theta}{\Theta^2} \frac{dE}{E}$$

p_T distribution



Why?

→ large logarithms $L = \ln\left(\frac{M^2}{P_T^2}\right)$ $M \sim \sqrt{s}$

$$\sigma^{\text{cum.}}(P_T^{\text{cut}}) \equiv \int_0^{P_T^{\text{cut}}} \frac{d\sigma}{dP_T} dP_T \Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dP_T} = \frac{d}{dP_T} \sigma^{\text{cum.}}$$

cumulant

$$\begin{aligned} \sim \alpha_s : & L^2, L \\ \sim \alpha_s^2 : & L^4, L^3, L^2, L \\ \sim \alpha_s^3 : & L^6, L^5, L^4, L^3, L^2, L \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s^n L^{2n-k} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2n \end{aligned}$$

differential

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{P_T} L, \frac{1}{P_T} \\ & \frac{1}{P_T} L^3, \frac{1}{P_T} L^2, \dots \\ & \frac{1}{P_T} L^5, \frac{1}{P_T} L^4, \dots \\ & \alpha_s^n \frac{1}{P_T} L^{2n-k-1} \end{aligned}$$

• factorization of soft/collinear radiation

$$\left| \text{diagram with } eee \text{ lines} \right|^2 \xrightarrow{\text{gluon soft/coll.}} F(\text{diagram with } eee \text{ lines}) \otimes \left| \text{diagram with } m \text{ lines} \right|^2$$

$$|M_{n+1}|^2 \rightarrow F \otimes |M_n|^2$$

L eikonal in soft limit
splitting function in coll. limit
(& colour factors)

important concept,
appearing through-
out QFT calc. :

- * subtraction
- * resummation
- * showers

4.2

example: (exercise)

determine $\frac{L}{p_T} (L^2)$ term at $O(\alpha)$ in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

$$|e^+(p_1) e^-(p_2) \rightarrow \mu^+(p_1') \mu^-(p_2') \gamma(k)|^2 = |M(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma)|^2 \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} e^2 \frac{2 p_1 \cdot p_2}{(p_1 \cdot k)(p_2 \cdot k)} |M(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)|^2$$

$= 4\pi\alpha$ EIKONAL FAKTOR

$$p_1 = E_1(1, 0, 0, 1), p_2 = (1, 0, 0, -1)$$

$$k = \omega(1, \sin\theta \cos\varphi, \sin\theta \sin\varphi, \cos\theta)$$



$$\Rightarrow (p_1 k)(p_2 k) = E_1 E_2 \omega^2 \underbrace{(1 - \cos\theta)(1 + \cos\theta)}_{= \sin^2\theta} = E_1 E_2 k_T^2, \quad 2 p_1 \cdot p_2 = 4 E_1 E_2$$

$$\Rightarrow |M(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma)|^2 \rightarrow \frac{16\pi\alpha}{k_T^2} |M(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)|^2$$

phase space: $\frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega} = \frac{d\cos\theta d\varphi \omega d\omega}{16\pi^3} \xrightarrow{\text{integrate over } \varphi} \frac{d\cos\theta \omega d\omega}{8\pi^2}$, $\omega \sin\theta = k_T$

(neglect soft k in mom. cons. δ -function)

$$= \frac{2k_T dk_T d\omega}{8\pi^2 \sqrt{\omega^2 - k_T^2}} \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_T^2}{\omega^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\cos\theta = \frac{2k_T d\omega}{\omega \sqrt{\omega^2 - k_T^2}} \quad \& \quad 0 \leq k_T \leq \omega$$

$$\int \frac{d\omega}{\sqrt{\omega^2 - k_T^2}} = \int_{k_T}^{\sqrt{s}} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{k_T}\right)$$

leading log as $k_T \rightarrow 0$ $\omega \geq k_T$ δ function without y momentum in soft limit

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma)}{dk_T} = \sigma_0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) \frac{16\pi\alpha}{k_T^2} \frac{2k_T}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{s}{k_T^2}\right)$$

$$= \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{2}{k_T} \ln\left(\frac{s}{k_T^2}\right)$$

double-log divergence as $k_T \rightarrow 0$

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cumulant

$$\sim \alpha_s : L^2, L$$

$$\sim \alpha_s^2 : L^4, L^3, L^2, L$$

$$\sim \alpha_s^3 : L^6, L^5, L^4, L^3, L^2, L$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\alpha_s^n L^{2n-k} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2n$$

differential

$$\frac{1}{p_T} L, \frac{1}{p_T}$$

$$\frac{1}{p_T} L^3, \frac{1}{p_T} L^2, \dots$$

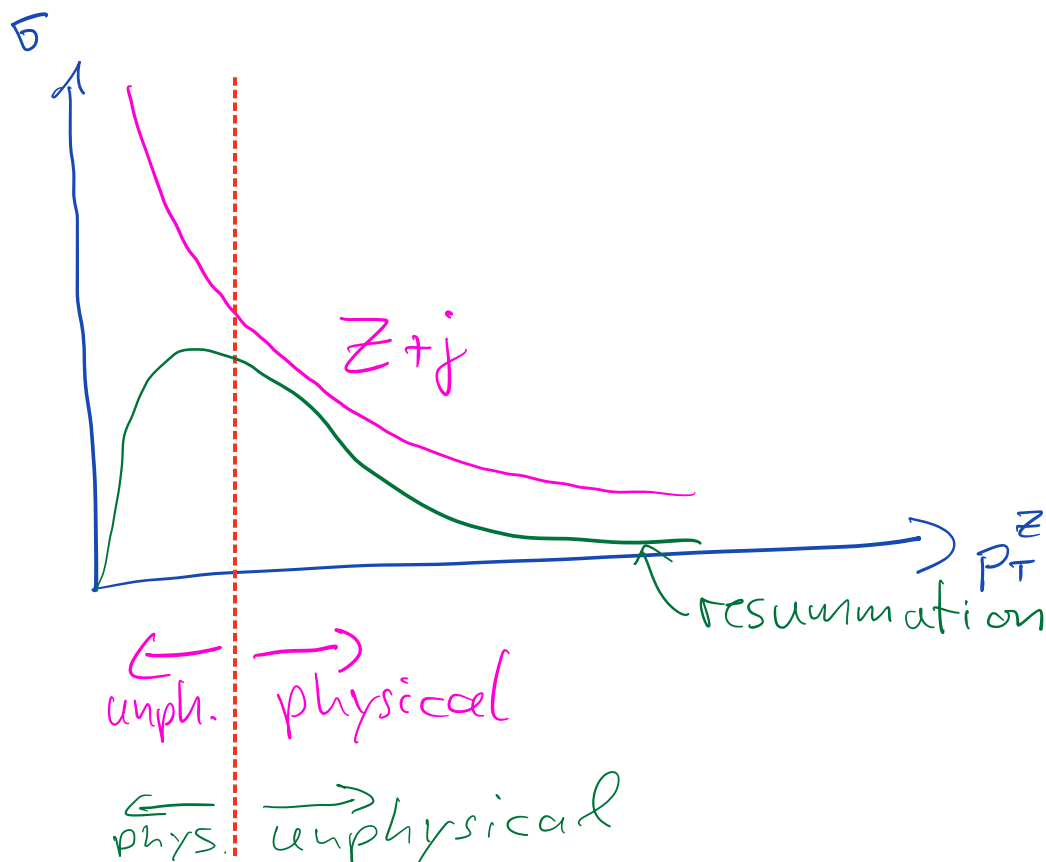
$$\frac{1}{p_T} L^5, \frac{1}{p_T} L^4, \dots$$

$$\alpha_s^n \frac{1}{p_T} L^{2n-k-1}$$

solution: resummation of L

$$e^{-\alpha_s L^2} = 1 - \alpha_s L^2 + \alpha_s^2 \frac{L^4}{2} - \alpha_s^3 \frac{L^6}{6} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4) \text{ (cumulant)}$$

$$\alpha_s \frac{L}{p_T} e^{-\alpha_s L^2} = \alpha_s \frac{L}{p_T} - \alpha_s^2 \frac{L^3}{p_T} + \alpha_s^3 \frac{L^5}{2 p_T} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4) \text{ (differential)}$$



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recursive: multiple soft/coll. radiation

$$\left| \text{Diagram} \right|^2 \rightarrow \underbrace{F \otimes F \otimes \dots \otimes F}_{\exp(-S)} \otimes \left| \text{Diagram} \right|^2$$

* of course there can be all kinds of splittings $q \rightarrow gq$
 $q \rightarrow qg$
 $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
 $g \rightarrow g\bar{g}$

factorize phase space using conjugate impact parameter $b \sim \frac{1}{p_T}$

$$\delta^{(2)}(\vec{p}_T - \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{p}_T^{ji}) \rightarrow \int \frac{d^2 \vec{b}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{b} \cdot \vec{p}_T} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{i\vec{b} \cdot \vec{p}_T^{ji}}$$

Diagram showing a hard process (red) with momenta $p_T^{d1}, p_T^{d2}, p_T^{d3}$ and a soft/collinear process (blue) with momenta $p_T^{j1}, p_T^{j2}, p_T^{j3}$.

see e.g. [Parisi, Petronzio '79], [Collins, Soper, Sterman '84]

p_T resummation formula (no derivation)

$$d\sigma_{cum.}^{res}(p_T) = p_T \int_c \bar{\sigma}_{c\bar{c}} \int db J_1(b \cdot p_T) e^{-S_c(b)} \sum_{i,j} H_{c\bar{c}}(C_{ci} \otimes f_i)(C_{\bar{c}j} \otimes f_j)$$

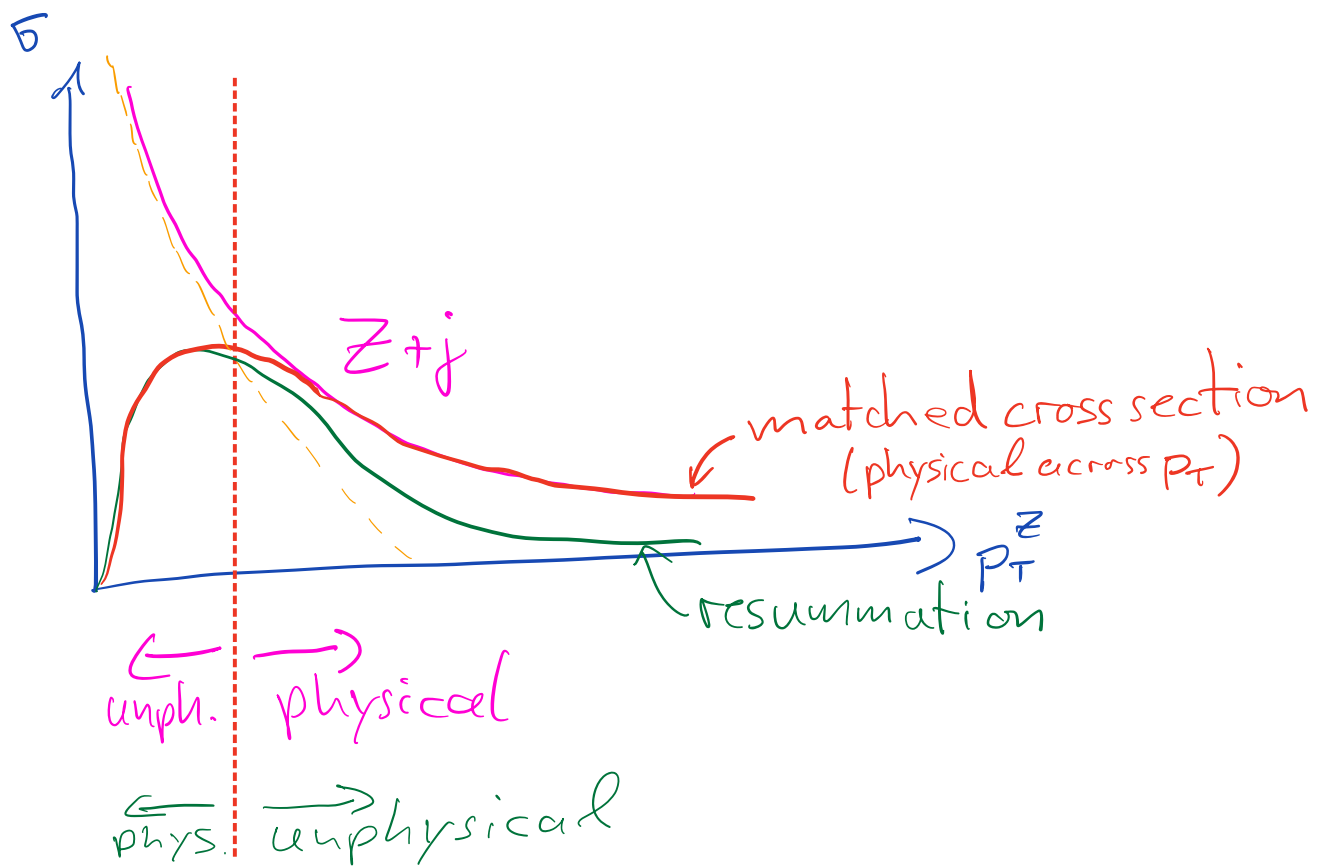
- Fourier transformation from b (impact parameter) to p_T space, J_1 : besseL function (from $e^{-i\vec{b} \cdot \vec{p}_T}$)
- H : hard function containing virtual correction
- C : Collinear functions - convolution $(g \otimes h)(z) = \int_x^1 dx g(x) f(\frac{z}{x})$
- e^{-S} : Sudakov form factor $\rightarrow$ determines logarithmic acc.

$$S = \underbrace{\underbrace{L g^{(1)}(d_S L)}_{LL} + g^{(2)}(d_S L) + d_S g^{(3)}(d_S L) + d_S^2 \dots}_{NLL} \quad \bigg| \quad \underline{\underline{d_S L \sim 1}}$$

NNLL

7] Matching with fixed-order

- resummation provides "just" logarithmic (and constant) terms in p_T , but to all orders $\rightarrow$ physical at low p_T
 - fixed-order provides all terms in p_T (including power corrections), but to finite order $\rightarrow$ physical at large p_T
- $\rightarrow$ matching: combine both consistently



$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{matched}}}{dp_T} = \underbrace{\frac{d\sigma_{Z+j}^{\text{f.o.}}}{dp_T} - \left[\frac{d\sigma^{\text{res}}}{dp_T} \right]_{\text{f.o.}}}_{\Rightarrow \text{finite}} + \frac{d\sigma^{\text{res}}}{dp_T} \quad (\text{additive})$$

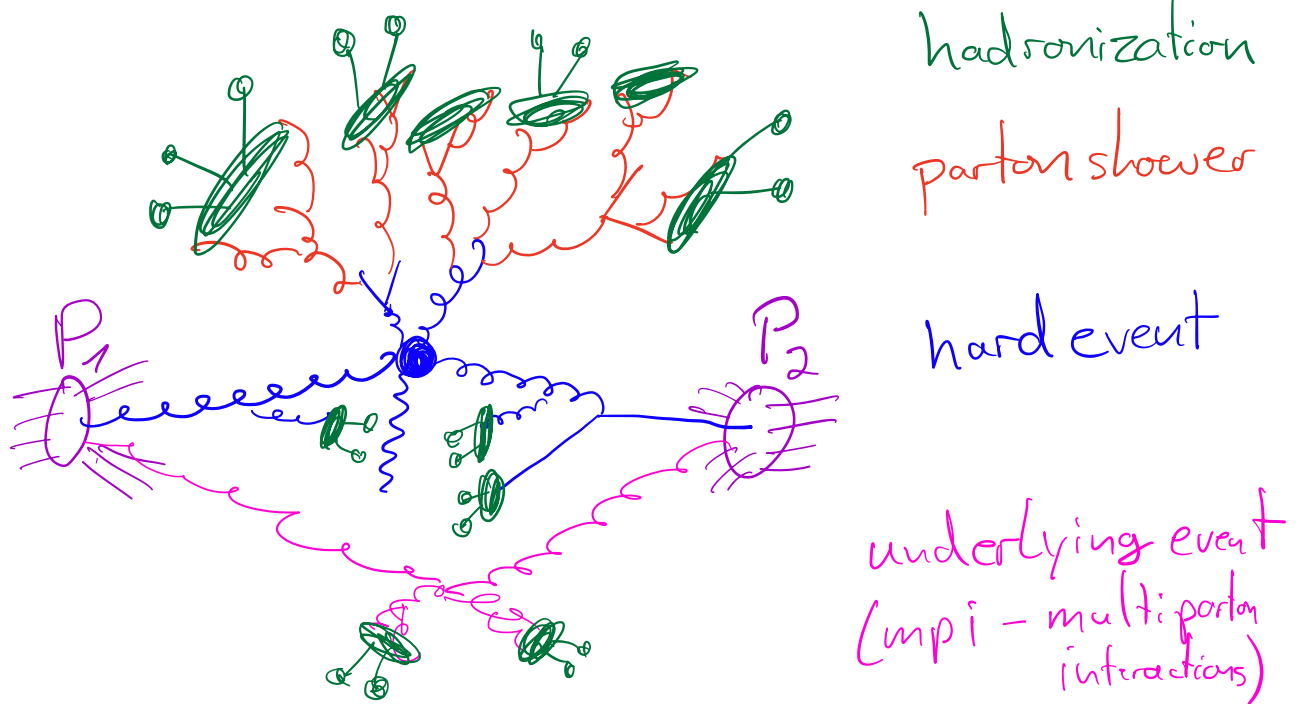
$\rightarrow$ removes double counting & makes $d\sigma^{\text{f.o.}}$ finite

* integrated over $p_T \Rightarrow$ f.o. cross section

* starting point for fixed-order method $\rightarrow q_T$ slicing (non local)
[Catani, Grazzini arXiv: ...]

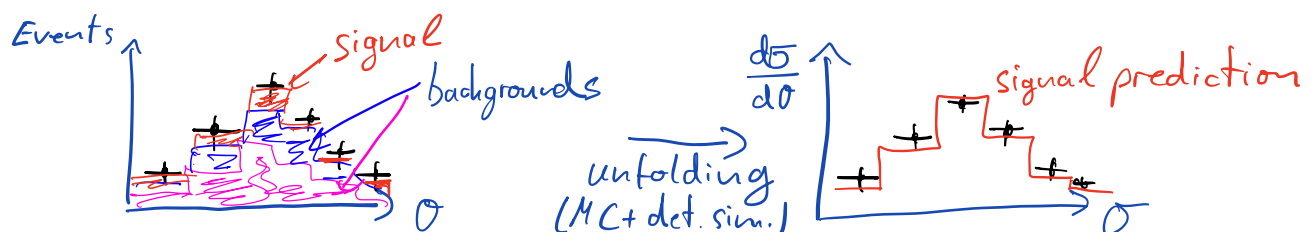
Parton Showers (PS)

- based on recursive algorithm of soft/collinear emissions
- essentially a numerical approach to resummation
- BUT low accuracy
- INSTEAD fully exclusive description of partonic events in soft/coll. approximation $\Rightarrow$ resummation of several observables
- + typically combined with hadronization/underlying event models (Rhorry's lecture)



PS event generators simulate the entire hadronic event

- theoretical foundation of exp. analyses
- most used theoretical tools (by far)
- connect detector-level events (what is measured) with fiducial cross sections (what can be predicted in QFTs)



9.1 PS algorithm

simple example: consider isotope with average lifetime τ

→ probability of decay is always related to probability of no decay

probability of no decay up to t :

$$P_{\text{no-dec}} = e^{-t/\tau} = e^{-\Gamma t} \quad \text{decay rate}$$

decay probability:

$$P_{\text{dec}} = 1 - P_{\text{no-dec}} = 1 - e^{-\Gamma t}$$

$$\frac{dP_{\text{dec}}(t)}{dt} \propto P_{\text{no-dec}}(t)$$

$\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma(t)$:

$$P_{\text{no-dec}}(t) = e^{-\int_0^t dt' \Gamma(t')}, \quad \frac{dP_{\text{dec}}(t)}{dt} = \Gamma(t) P_{\text{no-dec}}(t)$$

$$P_{\text{dec}}(t) = \int_0^t dt' \Gamma(t') P_{\text{no-dec}}(t')$$

→ PS follows same idea:

$$\Delta t \Gamma(t) \rightarrow d\phi \mathcal{P}(\phi) \stackrel{\text{approx. of coll. rad.}}{=} dv dz d\phi \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{v} \mathcal{P}(z)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{in principle: several possible parametrizations (should cover coll./soft limits)}}{=} dv dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{v} \mathcal{P}(z)$$

⇒ probability for no emission between v_i and $v_j < v_i$:

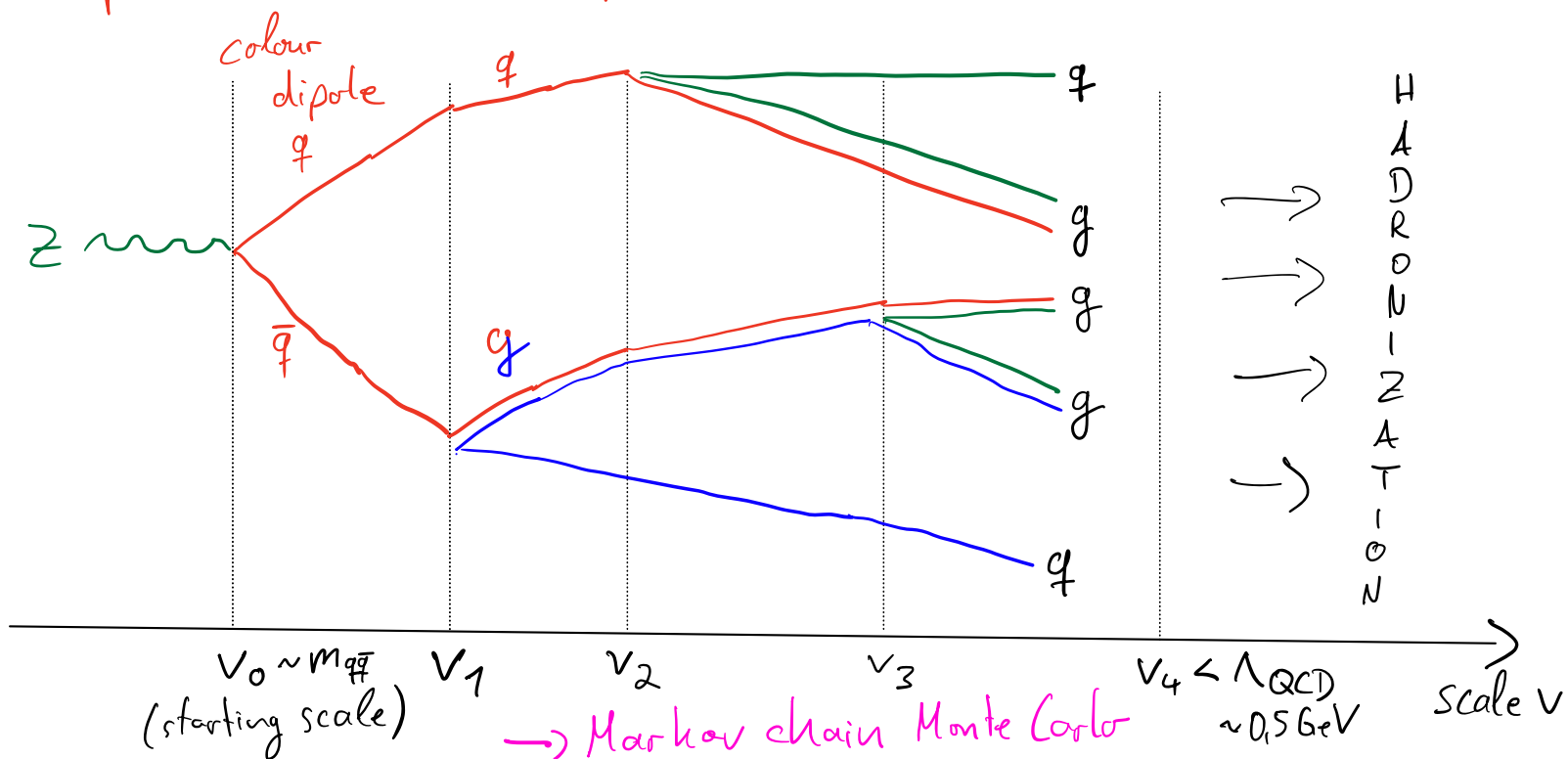
$$\Delta(v_i, v_j) = \exp\left(-\int_{v_j}^{v_i} d\phi \mathcal{P}(\phi)\right)$$

⇒ probability for one emission at scale v_1 starting from v_0 :

$$\int d\phi_1 \mathcal{P}(\phi_1) v(v_0, v_1), \quad \phi_1 \equiv \phi(v_1)$$

IMPORTANT that directly related

- colour
dipole
♀


$$\Delta(v_i, v_j) = \exp\left(-\int_{v_j}^{v_i} d\phi \mathcal{P}_{q\bar{q}}(\phi)\right), \quad \phi = \{v, z, \tau\}$$

Disorder

→ throw random number $\tau_1 \in [0, 1]$ dipole fraction
alla Catani-Seymour
(covering soft & coll. limit)

and solve for scale v_1 : $\Delta(v_0, v_1) = \sqrt{1}$

→ determines to what scale $q\bar{q}$ system persists

→ at v_1 dipole splits ($2 \rightarrow 3$), emitting a gluon
determine kinematics ($v_1 + z, \varphi$)

& momentum conservation by absorbing recoil into $q, \bar{q}$

→ now we have two dipoles $(qg), (g\bar{q})$

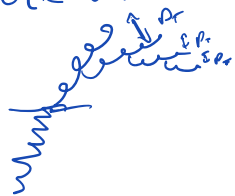
→ $ITERATE$ independently with v_1 as starting scale
break condition: $v_{n+1} < \Lambda_{QCD} \sim 0,5 \text{ GeV}$

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ordering variable v :

$v \sim p_T$

- Pythia
- Sherpa



$v \sim \text{angle}$



- Herwig

PS formula

$$B \stackrel{!}{=} |\gamma_m|^2$$

$$d\sigma^0 = d\phi_0 B$$

$$d\sigma_{PS} = d\phi_B B \times \left\{ \underbrace{\Delta(v_0, 1_{QCD})}_{\text{no emission}} + \underbrace{d\phi_1 \Delta(v_0, v_1) \mathcal{P}(d\phi_1)}_{\text{emission at } v_1} \right\}$$

integrates to 1 $\Rightarrow$ "unitarity" of PS

$\rightarrow$ ITERATE!

$$d\sigma_{PS} = d\phi_B B \times \left\{ \underbrace{\Delta(v_0, 1_{QCD})}_{0 \text{ emissions}} + \underbrace{d\phi_1 \Delta(v_0, v_1) \mathcal{P}(d\phi_1)}_{1 \text{ emission}} \times \left\{ \underbrace{\Delta(v_1, 1_{QCD})}_{0 \text{ emissions}} + \underbrace{d\phi_2 \Delta(v_1, v_2) \mathcal{P}(d\phi_2)}_{2 \text{ emissions}} \right. \right. \\ \left. \times \left\{ \underbrace{\Delta(v_2, 1_{QCD})}_{0 \text{ emissions}} + \underbrace{d\phi_3 \Delta(v_2, v_3) \mathcal{P}(d\phi_3)}_{3 \text{ emissions}} \times \left\{ \dots \right\} \dots \right\} \right\} \left. \right\}$$

$=: I_{PS}^{(n)}$ shower emissions from n -parton final state

11] Matching PS & fixed order

$$d\sigma^V = d\phi_B V, \quad d\sigma^R = d\phi_R R, \quad d\phi_R = d\phi_B \cdot d\phi_{\text{rad}}$$

$$d\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = d\phi_B (B + V + d\phi_{\text{rad}} R)$$

MC@NLO (additive matching) [Frixione, Webber, hep-ph/0204244]

shower formula: $d\sigma_{\text{PS}} = d\phi_B B \times \{ \Delta(\nu_0, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) + d\phi_1 \Delta(\nu_0, \nu_1) \mathcal{P}(d\phi_1) \}$

~~naive~~ $d\sigma_{\text{MC@NLO}} = [d\phi_B (B + V + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \text{CT})] \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n)} + [d\phi_B d\phi_{\text{rad}} (R - \text{CT})] \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)}$

→ double counting! 1st radiation in both $(B \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n)})$ & (R)

$\text{CT}^{\text{PS}} := B \times \left[\frac{d\phi_1}{d\phi_{\text{rad}}} \mathcal{P}(d\phi_1) \right]$

PS counterterm

NOTE: unlike local subtraction, we are not adding a "0"

NLO accuracy? → expand to NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \text{expansion of } [I_{\text{PS}}^{(n)}]_{\text{NLO}} &= \left\{ (1 - \int d\phi_1 \mathcal{P}(d\phi_1)) + d\phi_1 \mathcal{P}(d\phi_1) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ 1 - \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{\text{CT}}{B} + d\phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{\text{CT}}{B} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [d\sigma_{\text{MC@NLO}}]_{\text{NLO}} &= d\phi_B \left(\underbrace{B \times [I_{\text{PS}}^{(n)}]_{\text{NLO}}}_{\text{S events}} + V + \cancel{\int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \text{CT}} + d\phi_B d\phi_{\text{rad}} (R - \cancel{\text{CT}}) \right) \\ &= B - \cancel{\int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \text{CT}} + \cancel{\int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \text{CT}} \\ &= d\sigma^{\text{NLO}} \quad \text{q.e.d.} \end{aligned}$$

$$d\sigma_{\text{MC@NLO}} = \underbrace{[d\phi_B (B + V + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \text{CT})]}_{\text{"S" events (soft)}} \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n)} + \underbrace{[d\phi_B d\phi_{\text{rad}} (R - \text{CT})]}_{\text{"H" events (hard)}} \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)}$$

NOTE: S & H events can be negative → only sum positive definite + physical

shower formula: $d\sigma_{PS} = d\phi_B B \times \{ \Delta(v_0, \Lambda_{QD}) + d\phi_1 \Delta(v_0, v_1) P(d\phi_1) \}$

* replace first radiation of shower

subtracted virtual & real (with any local subtraction scheme)

$$d\sigma_{\text{POWHEG}} = d\phi_B \left(B + V^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} R^{\text{fin.}} \right) \times \left\{ \Delta_{\text{pwg}}(\Lambda_{\text{pwg}}) + d\phi_{\text{rad}} \Delta_{\text{pwg}}(p_{T,\text{rad}}) \frac{R}{B} \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)} \right\}$$

$=: \tilde{B}$

→ inclusive NLO cross section

no emission + 1st emission

→ unitar & exclusive real radiation

$$\Delta_{\text{pwg}}(k_T) = \exp \left(- \int_{k_T}^{\hat{s}} d\phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{R}{B} \right), \quad p_{T,\text{rad}}: p_T \text{ of the radiation}$$

$\Lambda_{\text{pwg}}: \text{POWHEG cutoff}$

NLO accuracy?

→ by construction

$$+ V^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} R^{\text{fin.}}$$

expansion to NLO:

$$[d\sigma_{\text{POWHEG}}]_{\text{NLO}} = d\phi_B \left(B \times \left\{ 1 - \cancel{\int d\phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{R}{B}} + d\phi_{\text{rad}} \frac{R^{\text{fin.}}}{B} \right\} + V^{\text{fin.}} + \cancel{\int d\phi_{\text{rad}} R^{\text{fin.}}} \right)$$

$$= d\sigma^{\text{NLO}} \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

MC@NLO vs. POWHEG



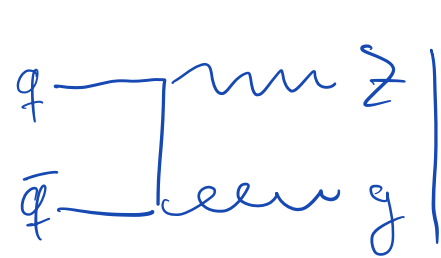
- due to exponentiation of full $\frac{R}{B}$
- reduce effect by redefining $R \rightarrow R^S + R^f$

$$d\sigma_{\text{POWHEG}} = d\phi_B \left(B + V^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} R^{\text{fin.}} \right) \times \left\{ \Delta_{\text{pwg}}^S(1_{\text{pwg}}) + d\phi_{\text{rad}} \Delta_{\text{pwg}}^S(p_{T,\text{rad}}) \frac{R^S}{B} \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)} \right\} \\ + \underbrace{d\phi_B d\phi_{\text{rad}} R^f \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)}}_{\text{"remnant"}}$$

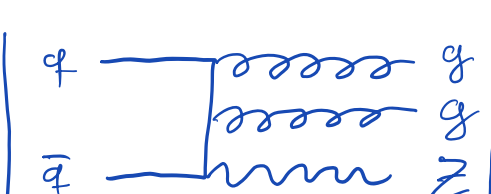
NOTE: There can also be regular real contributions that can just be added separately, since they are finite

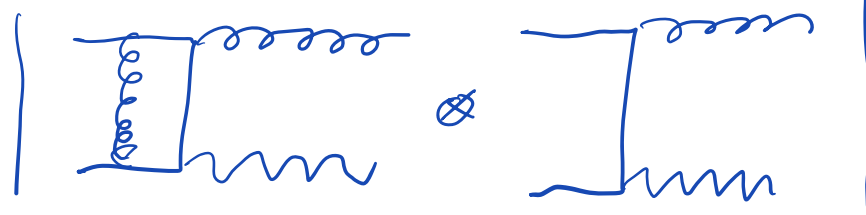
e.g.  → no divergence, treat as "regular" contribution

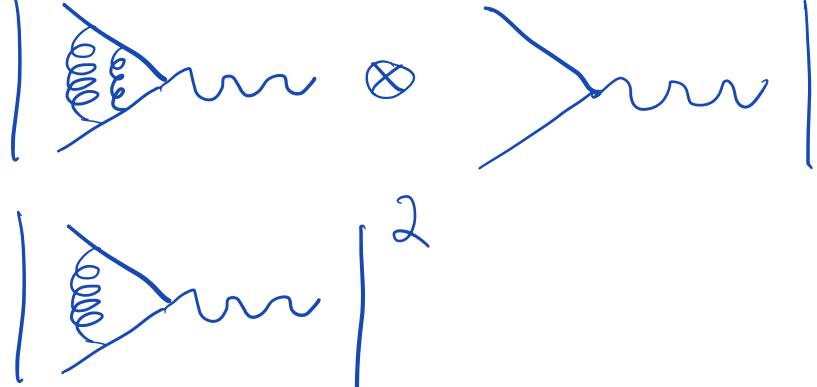
$$LO: \left| q \bar{q} \rightarrow \mu\mu Z \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^B \text{ (Born)}$$

$$NLO: \left| q \bar{q} \rightarrow \mu\mu Z \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^R \text{ (Real)}$$


$$2 \text{Re} \left| \text{Virtual Correction} \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^V \text{ (Virtual)}$$


$$NNLO: \left| q \bar{q} \rightarrow \mu\mu Z \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^{RR} \text{ (Double Real)}$$


$$2 \text{Re} \left| \text{Real-Virtual} \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^{RV} \text{ (Real-Virtual)}$$


$$2 \text{Re} \left| \text{Double Virtual} \right|^2 \rightarrow d\sigma^{VV} \text{ (Double Virtual)}$$


NNLO+PS problems:

- extension of NLO+PS methods non-trivial

→ MC @ NLO: expansion of shower does not reproduce full
RR divergence (2 unresolved) → requires NNLL @ full colour

under development ↙ already difficult
@ LL ↘

→ Powheg: generating 1st & 2nd radiation with $\Delta_{\text{pug}}(\frac{R}{B}, \frac{RR}{R})$
leads to problems

- numerically very challenging

- preserving shower accuracy @ LL (NLL, NNLL in future)
& NNLO accuracy very challenging

⇒ 2 widely used solutions (among other ideas):

- Geneva → uses differential implementation
of resummation to create NNLO
events up to 2 extra partons, then
showers beyond

- MiNNLO_{PS} → focus here

MINNLO_{PS}

- based on POWHEG, start from Z+jet NLO:

$$d\sigma_{\text{POWHEG}}^{Z+j} = d\phi_R (R + RV^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} RR^{\text{fin.}}) \times \left\{ \Delta_{\text{pwg}}(1_{\text{pwg}}) + d\phi_{\text{rad}} \Delta_{\text{pwg}}(P_{T,\text{rad}}) \frac{RR}{R} \times I_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)} \right\}$$

turn $\tilde{B}$ NNLO accurat while respect scaling of resummation
→ use analytic resummation formula

- start from resummation formula (cumulant)

$$d\sigma^{\text{cum.}} = e^{-S} \mathcal{L}, \quad \mathcal{L} = \sum_c \bar{\sigma}_{c\bar{c}}^{(0)} \sum_{i,j} H_{c\bar{c}} (C_{ic} \otimes f_i) (C_{j\bar{c}} \otimes f_j)$$

(transformed from b-space)

- distribution through derivative

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{res}}}{dp_T} = \frac{d}{dp_T} (e^{-S} \mathcal{L}) = e^{-S} \underbrace{(-S' \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}')}_{\equiv \mathcal{D}}$$

- matching with FO (NLO Z+jet):

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma^{\text{MINNLO}} &= \underbrace{d\phi_B dp_T e^{-S} \mathcal{D}}_{\text{resummation}} + \underbrace{d\phi_R (R + RV^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} RR^{\text{fin.}})}_{\text{NLO Z+jet}} - \underbrace{d\phi_B dp_T \left[e^{-S} \mathcal{D} \right]_{\text{NLO}}}_{\text{exp. res.} \rightarrow \text{removes double counting}} \\ &= d\phi_R e^{-S} \left\{ \frac{d\phi_B dp_T}{d\phi_R} \mathcal{D} + \frac{R + RV^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} RR^{\text{fin.}}}{e^{-S}} - \frac{d\phi_B dp_T}{d\phi_R} \frac{[e^{-S} \mathcal{D}]_{\text{NLO}}}{e^{-S}} \right\} \\ &\quad \text{expand \& reorder in } \alpha_s \\ &= d\phi_R e^{-S} \left\{ \underbrace{R(1+S^{(1)})}_{\sim \alpha_s} + \underbrace{RV^{\text{fin.}}}_{\sim \alpha_s^2} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} RR^{\text{fin.}} + \underbrace{\frac{d\phi_B dp_T}{d\phi_R} (\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{D}^{(1)} - \mathcal{D}^{(2)})}_{\sim \alpha_s \geq 3} \right\} \\ &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{MINNLO}'} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{MINNLO}} \\ &=: \tilde{B}^{\text{MINNLO}} \end{aligned}$$

to keep cancellation needs to be treated the same

projection + spreading

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- * regular terms beyond α_s^2 do not contribute at NNLO (expansion up to $S^{(2)}$ only)
- * singular terms of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ (and beyond) do contribute, counting:

$$\int_1^M d p_T \frac{1}{p_T} \alpha_s^m(p_T) \ln^n\left(\frac{Q}{p_T}\right) e^{-S(p_T)} \approx \mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_s^{m - \frac{n+1}{2}}(Q)\right)$$

→ depending on n , α_s^m terms in the p_T distribution contribute at lower orders $\alpha_s^{m - \frac{n+1}{2}}$ in the cumulant
 ⇒ α_s^3 (and beyond) are relevant for NNLO accuracy upon integration over p_T

- * spreading of function $F(\phi_B, p_T)$ in ϕ_R phase space:

$$\int d\phi_B d p_T F(\phi_B, p_T) \stackrel{!}{=} \int d\phi_R f^{\text{spread}} \times F(\phi_B, p_T)$$

→ simplest solution: $f^{\text{spread}} = \frac{1}{\int d\phi'_R \delta(\phi_B - \phi'_B) \delta(p_T - p'_T)}$

→ general solution: $f^{\text{spread}} = \frac{\gamma^{\text{spread}}(\phi_R)}{\int d\phi'_R \delta(\phi_B - \phi'_B) \delta(p_T - p'_T) \gamma^{\text{spread}}(\phi_R)}$

γ^{spread} determines spreading

e.g. $\gamma^{\text{spread}} = |M_R|^2 f_i f_j \rightarrow$ full real cross section

BUT bad scaling with complexity of process

BETTER: collinear limit

$$\gamma^{\text{spread}} = \mathcal{P} \otimes \cancel{|M_B|^2} f_i f_j$$

splitting function → drops out in ratio

⇒ process independent! (doesn't scale with complexity of process)

$\text{MiNNLO}_{\text{PS}}$ master formula

$$d\sigma_{\text{POWHEG}}^{Z+j} = d\phi_R \tilde{B}^{\text{MiNNLO}_{\text{PS}}} \times \left\{ \Delta_{\text{pwg}}(1_{\text{pwg}}) + d\phi_{\text{rad}} \Delta_{\text{pwg}}(p_{T,\text{rad}}) \frac{RR}{R} \times \tilde{I}_{\text{PS}}^{(n+1)} \right\}$$

$$\tilde{B}^{\text{MiNNLO}_{\text{PS}}} = d\phi_R e^{-S} \left\{ R(1+S^{(1)}) + RV^{\text{fin.}} + \int d\phi_{\text{rad}} RR^{\text{fin.}} + \int^{\text{spread}} \times (D-D^{(1)}-D^{(2)}) \right\}$$