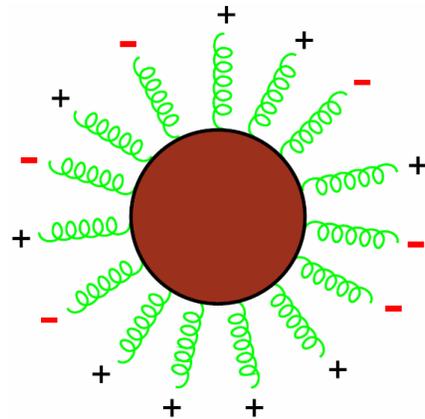


# QCD at Colliders

## Lecture 3



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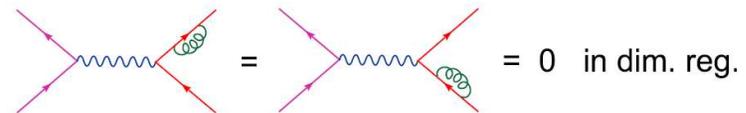
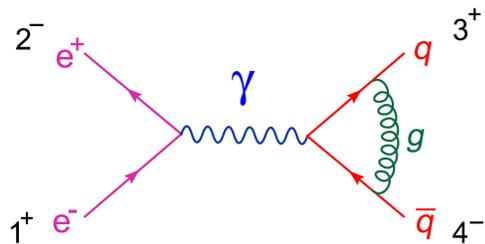
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# Lecture 3 Outline

- Virtual corrections
- NLO Drell-Yan example
- Catani-Seymour dipole formalism
- Why are K factors so big?
- Resummations
- NNLO status

# Virtual Corrections

The simplest process:



cancellation of UV & IR divergences!

overlap of soft & collinear IR divergences

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{1\text{-loop}} = \mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}} \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \exp[\epsilon(\ln(4\pi) - \gamma_E)] \times 2C_F \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{12}} \right)^\epsilon \left[ -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{2\epsilon} - \frac{7}{2} - \frac{\delta_R}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right]$$

for  $2 - 2\epsilon\delta_R$  virtual-gluon helicity states

$\delta_R = 1$  for CDR & HV schemes;  $\delta_R = 0$  for FDH  $\approx$   $\overline{\text{DR}}$  scheme

# More complicated 1-loop amplitudes

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$$\begin{aligned} \left( \begin{array}{c} + + + + + \\ - + + + + \end{array} \right) &= \frac{i}{96\pi^2} \frac{s_{12}s_{23} + s_{23}s_{34} + s_{34}s_{45} + s_{45}s_{51} + s_{51}s_{12} + \varepsilon(1,2,3,4)}{(12)(23)(34)(45)(51)}, \\ &= \frac{i}{48\pi^2} \frac{1}{[12](23)(34)(45)[51]} \left[ (s_{23} + s_{34} + s_{45})[25]^2 - [24](43)[35][25] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{[12][15]}{(12)(15)} \left( (12)^2(13)^2 \frac{[23]}{(23)} + (13)^2(14)^2 \frac{[34]}{(34)} + (14)^2(15)^2 \frac{[45]}{(45)} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$V^g = -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \sum_{j=1}^5 \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{j,j+1}} \right)^\epsilon + \sum_{j=1}^5 \ln \left( \frac{-s_{j,j+1}}{-s_{j-2,j-1}} \right) \ln \left( \frac{-s_{j+2,j-2}}{-s_{j-2,j-1}} \right) + \frac{5}{6}\pi^2 - \frac{\delta_R}{3}$$

the following functions for the  $(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+)$  helicity configuration,

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$$\begin{aligned} V^f &= \frac{5}{2\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{23}} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{51}} \right) \right] - 2, & V^s &= -\frac{1}{3}V^f + \frac{2}{9} \\ F^f &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(12)^2(23)[34](41) + (24)[45](51) \text{Lo} \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{s_{51}} \right)}{(23)(34)(45)(51)} \\ F^s &= -\frac{1}{3} \frac{[34](41)(24)[45](23)[34](41) + (24)[45](51) \text{L}_2 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{s_{51}} \right)}{(34)(45)} - \frac{1}{3} F^f \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3} \frac{(35)[35]^3}{[12][23](34)(45)[51]} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{(12)[35]^2}{[23](34)(45)[51]} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(12)[34](41)(24)[15]}{s_{23}(34)(45)s_{51}} \end{aligned}$$

and the corresponding ones for the  $(1^-, 2^+, 3^-, 4^+, 5^+)$  helicity configuration,

$$\begin{aligned} V^f &= \frac{5}{2\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{34}} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{51}} \right) \right] - 2, & V^s &= -\frac{1}{3}V^f + \frac{2}{9} \\ F^f &= \frac{(13)^2(41)[24]^2 \text{Ls}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{s_{51}}, \frac{-s_{34}}{s_{51}} \right) + (13)^2(53)[25]^2 \text{Ls}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{-s_{34}}, \frac{-s_{34}}{-s_{51}} \right)}{(45)(51)} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(13)^3(15)[52](23) - (34)[42](21) \text{Lo} \left( \frac{-s_{34}}{s_{51}} \right)}{(12)(23)(34)(45)(51)} \\ F^s &= -\frac{(12)(23)(34)(41)^2[24]^2}{(45)(51)(24)^2} 2 \text{Ls}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{-s_{51}}, \frac{-s_{34}}{-s_{51}} \right) + \text{L}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{-s_{51}} \right) + \text{L}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{34}}{-s_{51}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{(32)(21)(15)(53)^2[25]^2}{(54)(43)(25)^2} 2 \text{Ls}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{-s_{34}}, \frac{-s_{34}}{-s_{51}} \right) + \text{L}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{-s_{34}} \right) + \text{L}_1 \left( \frac{-s_{34}}{-s_{51}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2(23)^2(41)^2[24]^3 \text{L}_2 \left( \frac{-s_{23}}{s_{51}} \right) - 2(21)^2(53)^3[25]^3 \text{L}_2 \left( \frac{-s_{34}}{s_{34}} \right)}{3(45)(51)(24)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\text{L}_2 \left( \frac{-s_{34}}{s_{51}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} (13)[24][25](15)[52](23) - (34)[42](21) \right)}{s_{51}^2(45)} \\ &\quad + \frac{2(12)^2(34)^2(41)[24]^3}{3(45)(51)(24)} - \frac{2(32)^2(15)^2(53)[25]^3}{3(54)(43)(25)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(13)^3(15)[52](23) - (34)[42](21) \text{Lo} \left( \frac{-s_{34}}{s_{51}} \right)}{(12)(23)(34)(45)(51)} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{[24]^2[25]^2}{[12][23][34](45)[51]} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3} \frac{(12)(41)^2[24]^3}{(45)(51)(24)[23][34]s_{51}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{(32)(53)^2[25]^3}{5(4)(43)(25)[15]s_{34}} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(13)^3[24][25]}{s_{34}(45)s_{51}} \end{aligned}$$

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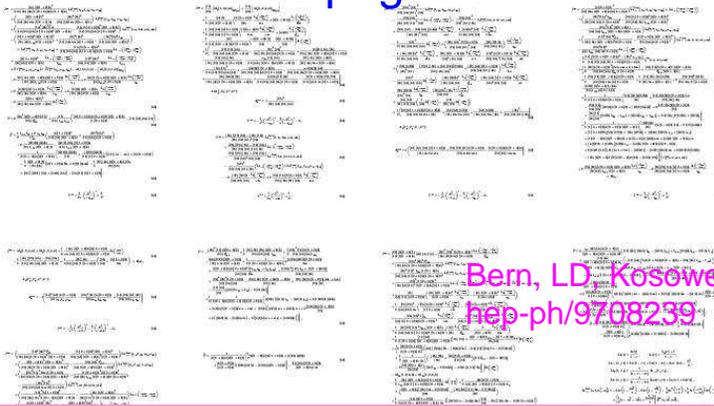
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*V = W, Z, γ\**



More legs, or massive legs, rapidly increases complexity!

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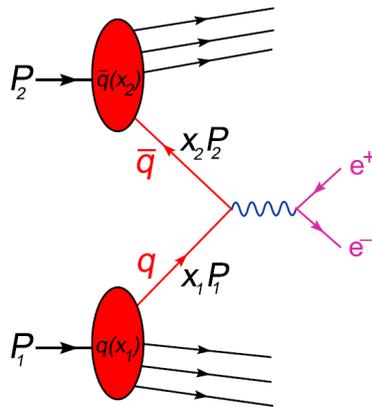


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Some helicity config's more complex than others

Drove many theorists "numerical" eventually

# The Drell-Yan process



LO partonic cross section:

$$\hat{s} = x_1 x_2 s = M_{e^+e^-}^2$$

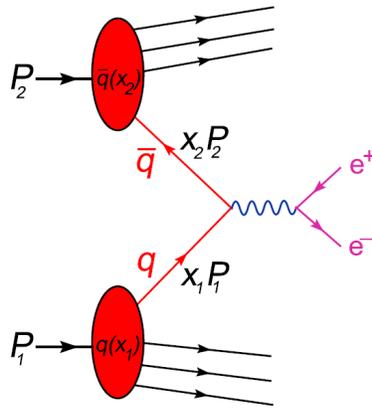
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow e^+e^-) &= \frac{1}{2\hat{s}} \frac{1}{4N_c^2} \sum_{h,c} |\mathcal{A}_4|^2 \\ &= \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3} \frac{1}{N_c} Q_q^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dM^2} = \frac{\sigma_0}{N_c} Q_q^2 \delta(\hat{s} - M^2), \quad \sigma_0 \equiv \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3M^2}$$

LO hadronic cross section:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dM^2} &= \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \sum_q [q(x_1)\bar{q}(x_2) + \bar{q}(x_1)q(x_2)] \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dM^2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_0}{N_c} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \delta(x_1 x_2 s - M^2) \sum_q Q_q^2 [q(x_1)\bar{q}(x_2) + \bar{q}(x_1)q(x_2)] \\ &= \frac{\sigma_0 s}{N_c} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \delta(x_1 x_2 - \tau) \sum_q Q_q^2 [q(x_1)\bar{q}(x_2) + \bar{q}(x_1)q(x_2)], \quad \tau \equiv \frac{M^2}{s} \end{aligned}$$

# Drell-Yan rapidity distribution



rapidity  $Y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right)$

$$\exp(2Y) = \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} = \frac{P_2 \cdot P_Z}{P_1 \cdot P_Z} = \frac{\frac{1}{x_2} p_{\bar{q}} \cdot P_Z}{\frac{1}{x_1} p_q \cdot P_Z} = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

combined with mass measurement,

$$x_1 x_2 = \tau = \frac{M^2}{s}$$

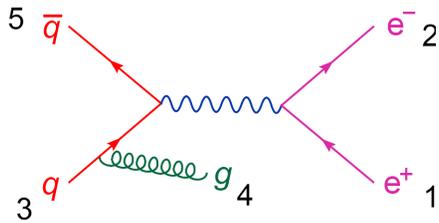
double distribution

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dM^2 dY} = \frac{\sigma_0}{N_c s} \sum_q Q_q^2 [q(x_1) \bar{q}(x_2) + \bar{q}(x_1) q(x_2)]$$

measures product of quark and antiquark distributions at

$$x_1 = \sqrt{\tau} e^Y \quad x_2 = \sqrt{\tau} e^{-Y}$$

# NLO QCD corrections to Drell-Yan production



$$|A_5|^2 = \frac{s_{13}^2 + s_{15}^2 + s_{23}^2 + s_{25}^2}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{45}}$$

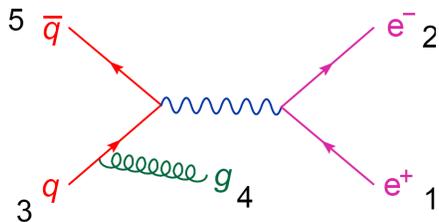
As at LO, average over decay direction of  $e^+$  and  $e^-$ :

$$\langle k_1^\mu k_1^\nu \rangle_\Omega \equiv \int \frac{d\Omega_{e^+e^-}}{4\pi} k_1^\mu k_1^\nu = -\frac{s_{12}}{12} \eta^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3} (k_1 + k_2)^\mu (k_1 + k_2)^\nu = \langle k_2^\mu k_2^\nu \rangle_\Omega$$

$$\langle s_{13}^2 \rangle_\Omega = \langle s_{23}^2 \rangle_\Omega = \frac{1}{3} (s_{13} + s_{23})^2 = \frac{1}{3} (s_{34} + s_{35})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle |A_5|^2 \rangle_\Omega = \frac{2(s_{34} + s_{35})^2 + (s_{35} + s_{45})^2}{3 s_{12}s_{34}s_{45}}$$

# Phase space for DY @ NLO



Could use gluon energy, angle in CM frame,  $E_4, \theta$

Trade for  $z, y \in [0, 1]$  defined by:

$$z = \frac{s_{12}}{s_{35}}$$

$$y = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$$

$$E_4 = -\frac{s_{34} + s_{45}}{2\sqrt{s_{35}}} = -\frac{s_{12} - s_{35}}{2\sqrt{s_{35}}} = \frac{1 - z}{2}\sqrt{s_{35}}$$

$$s_{34} = -\sqrt{s_{35}}E_4(1 - \cos \theta) = -y(1 - z)s_{35}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_{45} = -\sqrt{s_{35}}E_4(1 + \cos \theta) = -(1 - y)(1 - z)s_{35}$$

$$s_{12} = M^2 = zs_{35}$$

cross section:

$$\langle |A_5|^2 \rangle_\Omega = \frac{2}{3M^2} \frac{(1 - y(1 - z))^2 + (1 - (1 - y)(1 - z))^2}{y(1 - y)(1 - z)^2}$$

P.S. measure  
in  $D=4-2\epsilon$ :

$$\propto \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s_{35}}\right)^\epsilon \frac{d^{3-2\epsilon}p_4}{2E_4} \propto \left(\frac{\mu^2 z}{M^2}\right)^\epsilon dE_4 E_4^{1-2\epsilon} d\cos \theta (\sin^2 \theta)^{-\epsilon} d\Omega^{1-2\epsilon}$$

$$\propto \left(\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}\right)^\epsilon dy dz [y(1 - y)]^{-\epsilon} z^\epsilon (1 - z)^{1-2\epsilon}$$

# QCD corrections to DY (cont.)

Integral to do: 
$$I = \left(\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}\right)^\epsilon z^\epsilon (1-z)^{-1-2\epsilon} \times \int_0^1 dy [y(1-y)]^{-\epsilon} \frac{(1-y(1-z))^2 + (1-(1-y)(1-z))^2}{y(1-y)}$$

Hard collinear divergences are at  $y=0,1$

related by symmetry

Separate using 
$$\frac{1}{y(1-y)} = \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{1-y}$$

Expand  $1/y$  term in cross section about  $y=0$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= 2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}\right)^\epsilon z^\epsilon (1-z)^{-1-2\epsilon} \int_0^1 dy y^{-1-\epsilon} \left[1 + z^2 - 2y(1-y)(1-z)^2\right] \\ &\quad \times (1 - \epsilon \ln(1-y)) \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}\right)^\epsilon z^\epsilon (1-z)^{-1-2\epsilon} \left[ -\frac{1+z^2}{\epsilon} - (1-z)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# QCD corrections to DY (cont.)

Including a few other omitted prefactors:

divergence absorbed into  $q(x)$  in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  factorization scheme

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{\text{NLO, real}}}{dM^2} = \frac{\sigma_0}{N_c s} Q_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left[ 2 \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \ln(4\pi) + \gamma \right) \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} - 2 \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \left( -2 \ln(1-z) + \ln z - \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 2(1-z)^2 \right]$$

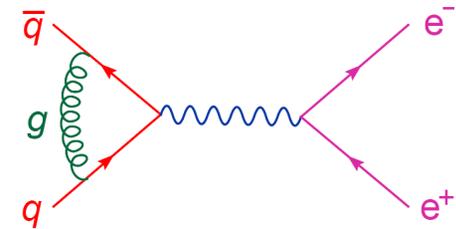
artifact of my using unconventional FDH scheme with 2 gluon helicities, vs. standard  $2-2\epsilon$  of CDR – drop!

correction to cross section

$$\begin{aligned} q(x, \mu) &= q_0(x) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \ln(4\pi) + \gamma_E \right) \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \left[ P_{qq}^{(0)}(x/\xi) q_0(\xi) + P_{qg}^{(0)}(x/\xi) g_0(\xi) \right] \\ &= q_0(x) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \ln(4\pi) + \gamma_E \right) \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \left[ C_F \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} q_0(x/z) + P_{qg}^{(0)}(z) g_0(x/z) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# QCD corrections to DY (cont.)

Finally, virtual graph has support only at  $z=1$ .  
 -- kinematics same as at LO. Regulates  $1/(1-z)$  into plus distribution. Final result:



$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{NLO}}}{dM^2} = \frac{\sigma_0}{N_c s} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 dz \delta(x_1 x_2 z - \tau) \sum_q Q_q^2 \left[ \right.$$

$$q(x_1, \mu_F) \bar{q}(x_2, \mu_F) \left( \delta(1-z) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} C_F D_q(z, \mu_F) \right)$$

$$+ g(x_1, \mu_F) (q(x_2, \mu_F) + \bar{q}(x_2, \mu_F)) \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} T_R D_g(z, \mu_F)$$

$$\left. + (x_1 \leftrightarrow x_2) \right]$$

where

$$D_q(z, \mu_F) = 4(1+z^2) \left( \frac{\ln(1-z) + \ln(M/\mu_F)}{1-z} \right) +$$

$$-2 \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \ln z + \delta(1-z) \left( \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 - 8 \right)$$

singular distribution  
as  $z \rightarrow 1$

# QCD corrections to DY (cont.)

and

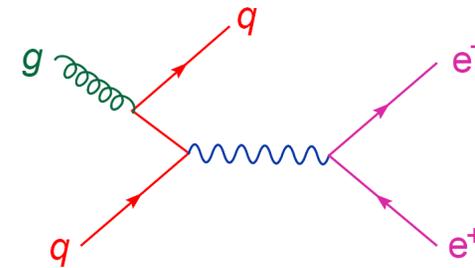
$$D_g(z, \mu_F) = (z^2 + (1-z)^2) \left[ \ln \frac{(1-z)^2}{z} + 2 \ln \frac{M}{\mu_F} \right] + \frac{1}{2} + 3z - \frac{7}{2}z^2$$

comes from the  $qg \rightarrow q\gamma^*$  subprocess:

- Cross section related by crossing to  $\bar{q}q \rightarrow g\gamma^*$

- Remove  $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  collinear singularity in same way

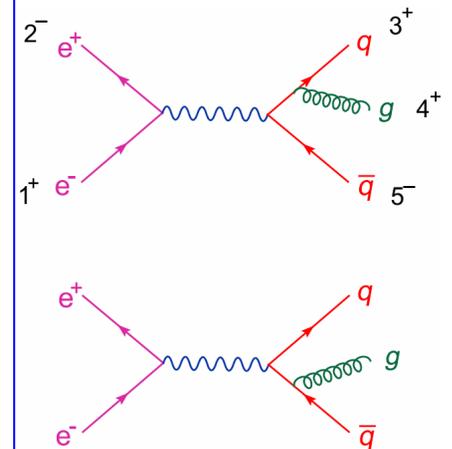
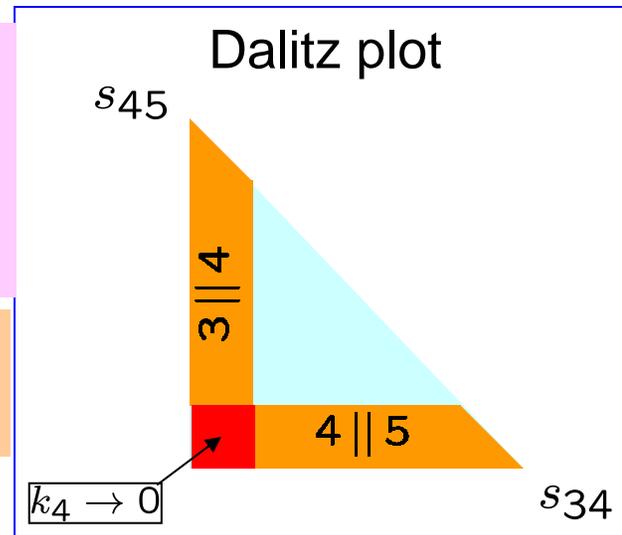
- Note that there is no  $1/(1-z)$  (soft gluon) singularity in this term.



# Real radiation in general case

Cannot perform the phase-space integral **analytically** in  $D=4-2\epsilon$ , especially not for generic experimental cuts

Also can't do it **numerically**, because of  $1/\epsilon^2$  poles



## 2 solutions:

1. **Slice** out singular regions of phase-space, with (**thin**) width  $s_{\min}$ . Perform integral there **approximately**. Rest of integral done **numerically**. Check cancellation of  $s_{\min}$  dependence.
2. **Subtract** a **function** that mimics the soft/collinear behavior of the radiative cross section, and which you can **integrate (analytically)**. Integral of the **difference** can be done **numerically**.

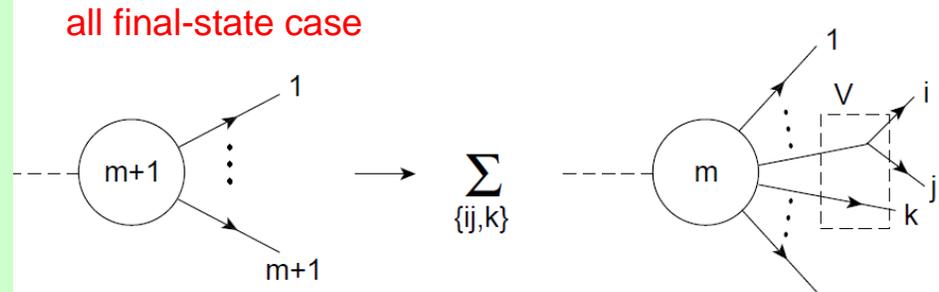
# Dipole formalism

Catani, Seymour, hep-ph/9602277, hep-ph/9605323. Recently automated by several groups

Popular version of the subtraction method

Using Altarelli-Parisi kernels, build dipole subtraction function  $D_{ij,k}$  for each pair of partons  $i,j$  that can get singular, and for each “spectator” parton  $k$

The  $D_{ij,k}$  multiply the LO cross section, at a boosted phase-space point:



$$D_{ij,k}(p_1, \dots, p_{m+1}) = -\frac{1}{2p_i \cdot p_j} \cdot \langle m < 1, \dots, \tilde{i}, \dots, \tilde{k}, \dots, m+1 | \frac{T_k \cdot T_{ij}}{T_{ij}^2} V_{ij,k} | 1, \dots, \tilde{i}, \dots, \tilde{k}, \dots, m+1 \rangle_m$$

$$\tilde{p}_k^\mu = \frac{1}{1 - y_{ij,k}} p_k^\mu, \quad \tilde{p}_{ij}^\mu = p_i^\mu + p_j^\mu - \frac{y_{ij,k}}{1 - y_{ij,k}} p_k^\mu$$

$$y_{ij,k} = \frac{p_i p_j}{p_i p_j + p_j p_k + p_k p_i}$$

$$\tilde{z}_i = \frac{p_i p_k}{p_j p_k + p_i p_k} = \frac{p_i \tilde{p}_k}{\tilde{p}_{ij} \tilde{p}_k}$$

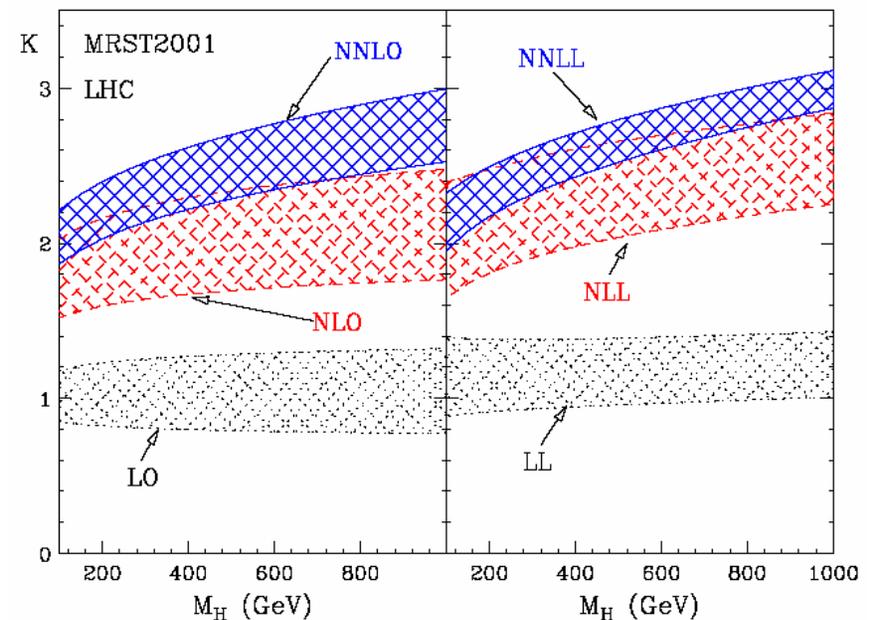
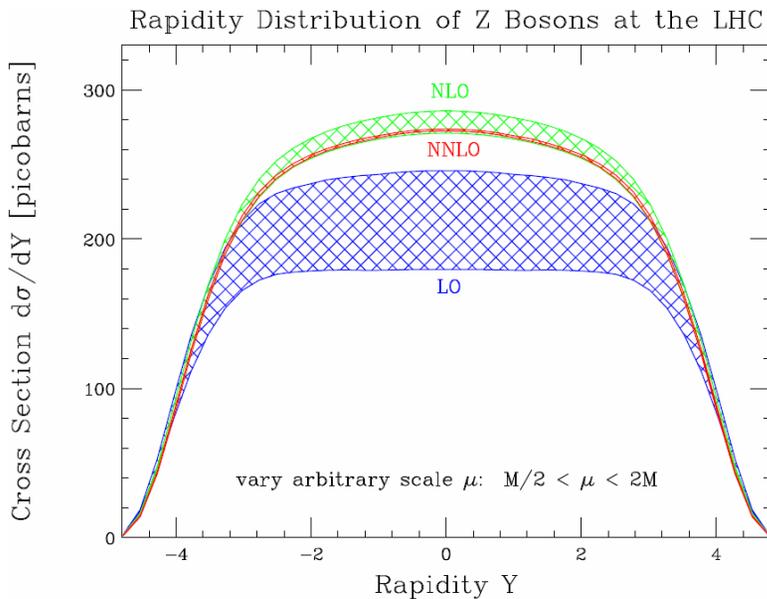
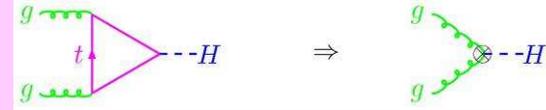
$$\langle s | \mathbf{V}_{q_i g_j, k}(\tilde{z}_i; y_{ij,k}) | s' \rangle = 8\pi\mu^{2\epsilon} \alpha_S C_F \left[ \frac{2}{1 - \tilde{z}_i(1 - y_{ij,k})} - (1 + \tilde{z}_i) - \epsilon(1 - \tilde{z}_i) \right] \delta_{ss'}$$

All dipole integrals can be done analytically

# Why are (N)NLO corrections large?

+ 30% typical for  
quark-initiated (W/Z, ...)

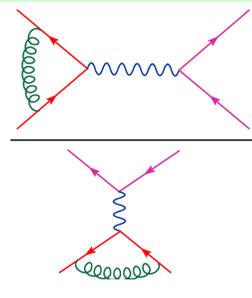
+ 80-100%  
for some  
gluon-initiated (  $gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs} + X$  )



This is much bigger than  $R_{e^+e^-} = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \approx 1 + \frac{0.1}{\pi} \approx 1 + 0.03$  !!

# Some answers (not all for all processes)

1. LO parton distribution fits not very reliable due to large theory uncertainties
2. **New processes** can open up at NLO. In  $W/Z$  production at Tevatron or LHC,  $qg \rightarrow \gamma^* q$  opens up, and  $g(x)$  is very large – but correction is **negative!**
3. Large  $\pi^2$  from analytic continuation from space-like region where pdfs are measured (DIS) to time-like region (Drell-Yan/ $W/Z$ ):



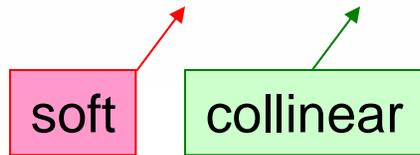
$$\begin{aligned}
 2 \operatorname{Re} \frac{\text{[Diagrams]}}{\text{[Denominator]}} &= 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \right) \operatorname{Re} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-Q^2} \right)^\epsilon - \left( \frac{\mu^2}{+Q^2} \right)^\epsilon \right] \\
 &= 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \right) \operatorname{Re} [\exp(i\pi\epsilon) - 1] = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \frac{\pi^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

# 4. Soft-gluon/Sudakov resummation

- A prevalent theme in QCD whenever one is at an edge of phase space.
- Infrared-safe but sensitive to a second, smaller scale
- Same physics as in (high-energy) QED:  $e^+e^- = e^+e^-(\gamma)$
- What is prob. of no  $\gamma$  with  $E > \Delta E, \theta > \Delta \theta$ ?

$$P = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_{\Delta E} \frac{dE}{E} \int_{\Delta \theta} \frac{d\theta}{\theta} + \dots = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \ln \Delta E \ln \Delta \theta + \dots$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \ln \Delta E \ln \Delta \theta\right) + \dots$$



leading **double** logarithms  
 -- in contrast to single logs  
 of renormalization group,  
 DGLAP equations.

exponentiation because soft emissions  
 are **independent**

A diagram showing two wavy lines representing soft emissions. Each wavy line is connected to a red arrow pointing to the right, indicating the direction of the emission. The two emissions are shown as independent events.

# Hadron collider examples

$p_T(Z)$ , important application to  $p_T(W)$ ,  
 $m_W$  measurement at Tevatron

Production of heavy states, like

- top quark at the Tevatron ( $W$  and  $Z$  production less so),
- even a light Higgs boson at the LHC, via  $gg \rightarrow H$

Called threshold resummation or  $z \rightarrow 1$  limit,  
where  $z = M^2/s$ .

Can be important for  $z \ll 1$  though.

For  $m_H = 120$  GeV at 14 TeV LHC,  $x = 10^{-4}$  !

Radiation is being suppressed because you are  
running out of phase space – parton distributions are falling fast.

# Threshold Resummation

Can see the first threshold log in the NLO corrections to **Drell-Yan/W/Z** production:

$$C_F D_q(z, \mu_F) = 4C_F(1+z^2) \left( \frac{\ln(1-z) + \ln(M/\mu_F)}{1-z} \right)_+ - 2 \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \ln z + \delta(1-z) \left( \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 - 8 \right)$$

It is a double-log expansion:

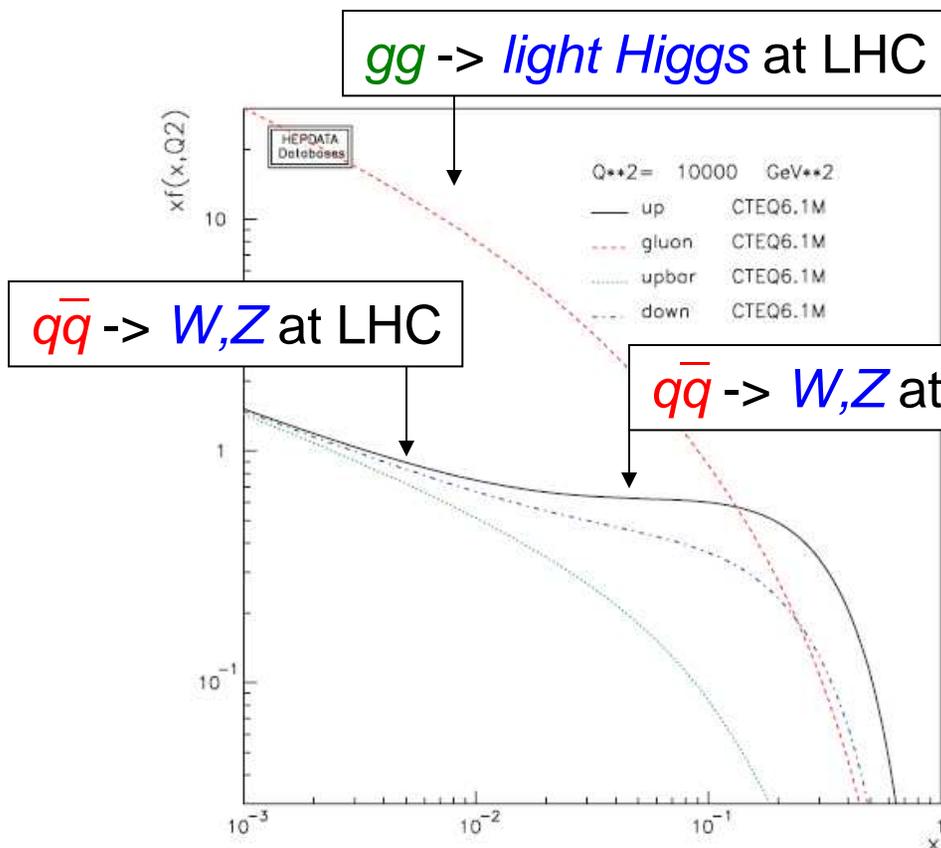
$$D_q^{(n)}(z, \mu_F) \propto (C_F \alpha_s)^n \left[ \left( \frac{\ln^{2n+1}(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ + \dots \right]$$

For  $gg \rightarrow H$ , same leading behavior at large  $z$ .

Except color factor is much bigger:  $C_A = 3$ , not  $C_F = 4/3$

$$D_{gg \rightarrow H}^{(n)}(z, \mu_F) \propto (C_A \alpha_s)^n \left[ \left( \frac{\ln^{2n+1}(1-z)}{1-z} \right)_+ + \dots \right]$$

# Fast falling pdfs -- worse for gluons



$gg \rightarrow \text{light Higgs}$  at LHC

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow W, Z$  at LHC

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow W, Z$  at Tevatron

Q: If it is called Sudakov suppression, why does it increase the cross section?

A. Because the same suppression happens in the DIS process used to measure the pdfs. Both parton distributions “bigger than you thought”:

pdfs  $\rightarrow 2 - 1 > 0$ .  
 partonic cross section

# The NNLO Frontier

NNLO QCD required for high precision at LHC:

- parton distributions
  - evolution (NNLO DGLAP kernels)
  - fits to DIS, Drell-Yan, and jet data
- LHC production of single  $W$ s and  $Z$ s
  - “partonic” luminosity monitor
  - precision  $m_W$
- Higgs production via gluon fusion and extraction of Higgs couplings

- NNLO progress historically in terms of number of scales: 0,1,2,  $\infty$
- More scales tougher, but more flexible applications

# No-scale, inclusive problems

$R(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$  &  $R(\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})$

Gorishnii, Kataev, Larin;  
Surguladze, Samuel (1990)

DIS sum rules:  $\int_0^1 dx F_n(x)$

Bjorken ( $\bar{\nu}p - \nu p$ )

Larin, Tkachov, Vermaseren (1990)

Bjorken ( $\bar{e}p$ ) & Gross-Llewellyn-Smith ( $\nu p + \bar{\nu}p$ ) Larin, Vermaseren (1991)

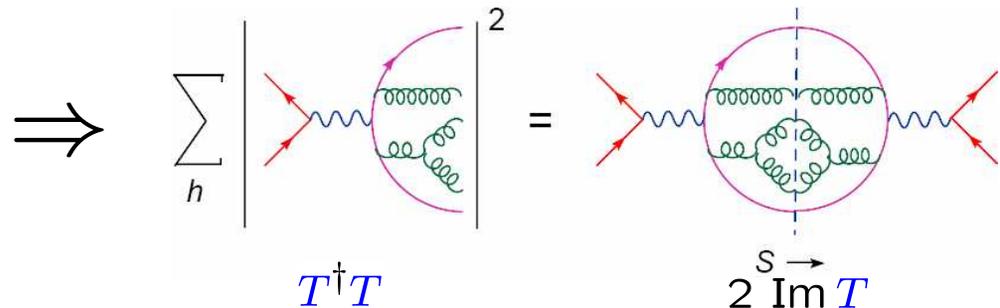
Use **unitarity** of S-matrix to relate **real** production of hadrons to **imaginary part** of virtual-photon forward scattering:

$$S = 1 + iT$$

$$1 = S^\dagger S = (1 - iT^\dagger)(1 + iT)$$

$$2 \operatorname{Im} T = T^\dagger T$$

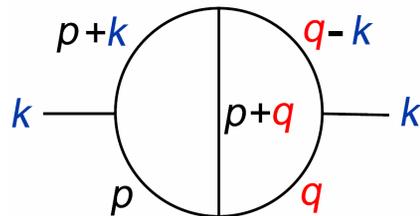
cut imposes  $\delta(p_i^2 - m_i^2)$



Transforms **inclusive phase-space integrals** into **loop integrals** for virtual photon propagator.  $s$  (or  $Q^2$ ) factors out by dim. analysis

# No-scale problems (cont.)

- Multi-loop integral technology: **Integration by parts (IBP)**



Chetyrkin, Tkachov (1981)

$$0 = \int d^D p d^D q \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial q^\mu} \frac{k^\mu}{p^2 q^2 (p+q)^2 \dots}$$

- Reduces problem to system of linear equations, solved recursively by **MINCER**, in terms of few “master integrals”

Gorishnii, Larin, Surguladze, Tkachov (1989)

No-scale  $\Rightarrow$   
analytic simplicity  
– pure numbers

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R_{e^+e^-}}{R^{(0)}} = & 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \left[ -11\zeta(3) + \frac{365}{24} + n_f \left( \frac{2}{3}\zeta(3) - \frac{11}{12} \right) \right] \\ & + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^3 \left[ \frac{275}{6}\zeta(5) - \frac{1103}{4}\zeta(3) - \frac{121}{8}\zeta(2) + \frac{87029}{288} \right. \\ & \left. + n_f \left( -\frac{25}{9}\zeta(5) + \frac{262}{9}\zeta(3) + \frac{11}{6}\zeta(2) - \frac{7847}{216} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + n_f^2 \left( -\frac{19}{27}\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{18}\zeta(2) + \frac{151}{162} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# 1-scale, inclusive problems

Drell-Yan,  $W, Z$  total cross section

$$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow V + X) \quad \text{Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura (1990)}$$

Higgs total cross section ( $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow H + X) \quad \text{Harlander, Kilgore; Anastasiou, Melnikov (2002); Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven (2003)}$$

$$\hat{\sigma} \text{ depends on } z = M_{V,H}^2/\hat{s}$$

DIS coefficient functions  $C_i(z)$  Van Neerven, Zijlstra (1991)

$$F_L \text{ -- Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)}$$

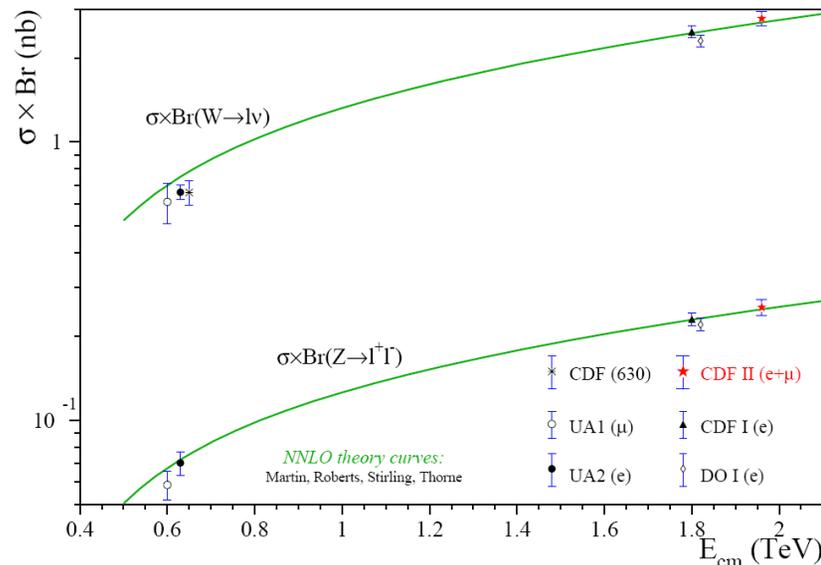
Leading-twist anomalous dimensions

DGLAP kernels  $P_{ij}(x)$  Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)



# 1-scale applications

- Precise prediction of total cross sections  $\sigma_W$  and  $\sigma_Z$  at Tevatron (and LHC) – use **ratio** to measure  **$\text{Br}(W \rightarrow l\nu)$**

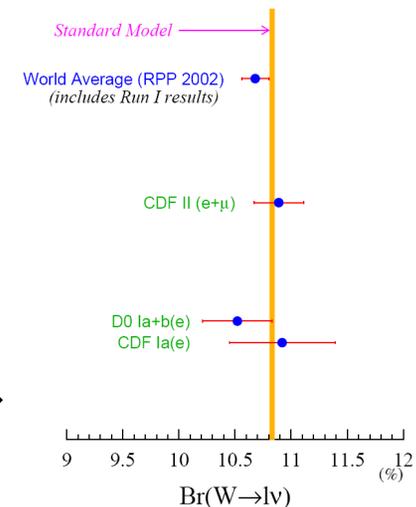


Hamberg, van Neerven,  
Matsuura (1991);  
Harlander, Kilgore (2002)

$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma_W \text{Br}(W \rightarrow l\nu)}{\sigma_Z \text{Br}(Z \rightarrow ll)} = 10.92 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.14$$

NNLO theory

LEP



CDF, hep-ex/0508029

# 2-scale, semi-inclusive problem

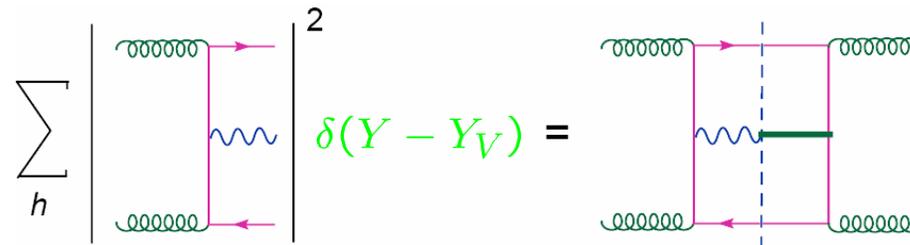
Drell-Yan,  $W, Z$  rapidity distribution  $Y_V = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right)$

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow V + X)}{dY_V}$$

Anastasiou, LD, Melnikov, Petriello (2003)

$\hat{\sigma}$  depends on  $z = M_{V,H}^2/\hat{s}$  and  $Y_V$

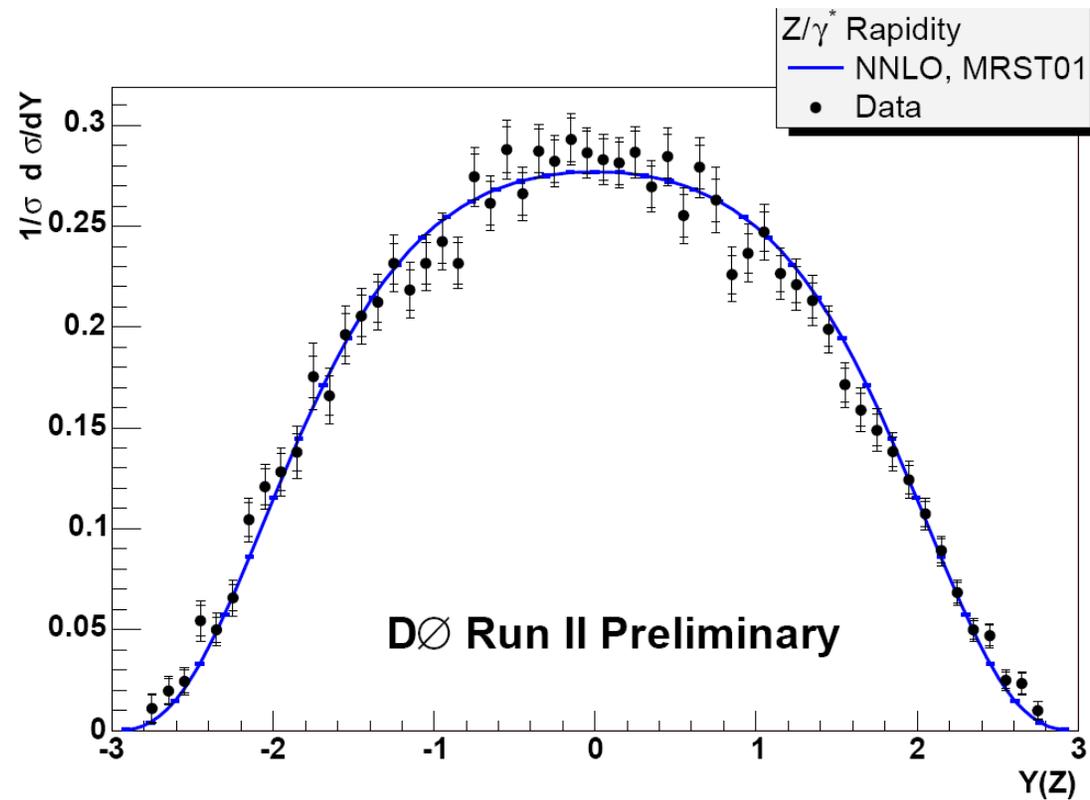
- Unitarity + multi-loop IBP method still works – one more “propagator” to implement rapidity  $\delta$  function



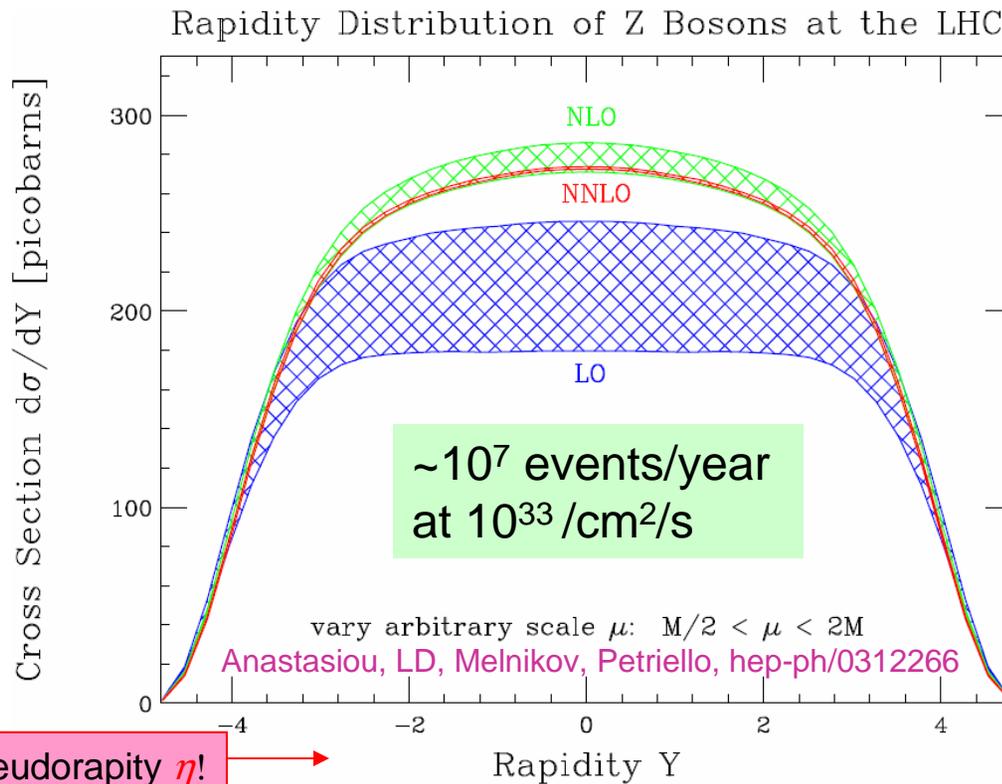
- Complicated analytic structure:  $\text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{u-1-i\sqrt{(4u^2-z(1+u)^2)/z}}{2u} \right)$   
 $u \equiv \frac{x_1}{x_2} \exp(-2Y_V)$

# 2-scale applications

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow V + X)}{dY_V} \text{ at Tevatron}$$



# 2-scale applications (cont.)



- Uncertainty due to omitted higher-order terms very small

- Permits use of  $d\sigma_{W,Z}/dY$  as “partonic luminosity monitor”: use it to normalize other cross sections – pp luminosity, some detector efficiencies, drop out of ratio

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dY} \sim \sum_q [q_1(x_1)\bar{q}_2(x_2) + \bar{q}_1(x_1)q_2(x_2)]$$

$$x_1 = \frac{M_V}{\sqrt{s}} e^Y \quad x_2 = \frac{M_V}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-Y}$$

Dittmar, Pauss,  
Zurcher,  
hep-ex/9705004

# $\infty$ -scale problem

- “Holy grail”: Flexible method for arbitrary (infrared-safe) observable at NNLO. Include isolation,  $p_T$ , rapidity cuts, jet algorithm dependence, ...

## Partial wish list:

- $e^+e^-$  event-shape observables
- $pp$  or  $ep \rightarrow$  inclusive jets, dijets, multijets
- $pp \rightarrow (W, Z, H) + X$  with parton-level cuts
- $pp \rightarrow (W, Z) +$  jets

Now done!

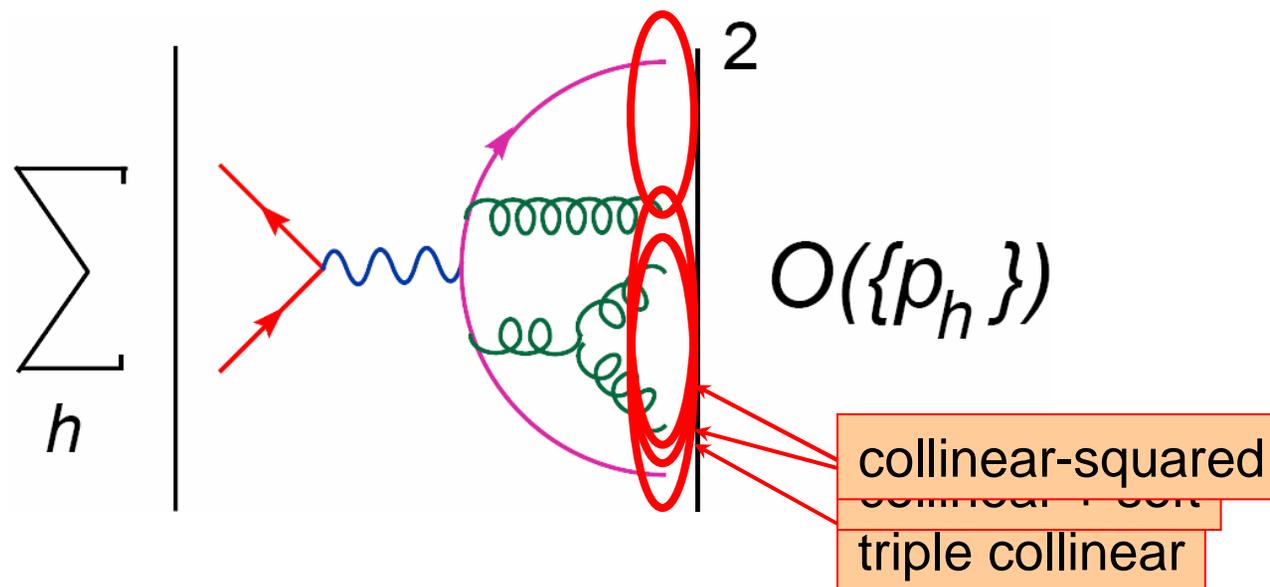
Gehrmann, Gehrmann-de Ridder,  
Glover, Heinrich; Weinzierl

- Amplitudes known for many of these processes
- Phase-space integration is the stumbling block
- Analytic structure too complicated; go numerical

# Numerical phase-space integration

- Integration has to be done in  $D=4-2\epsilon$  due to severe infrared divergences ( $1/\epsilon^4$ )

Example:  $e^+e^-$  event-shapes



# Phase-space integration (cont.)

Two basic approaches at present:

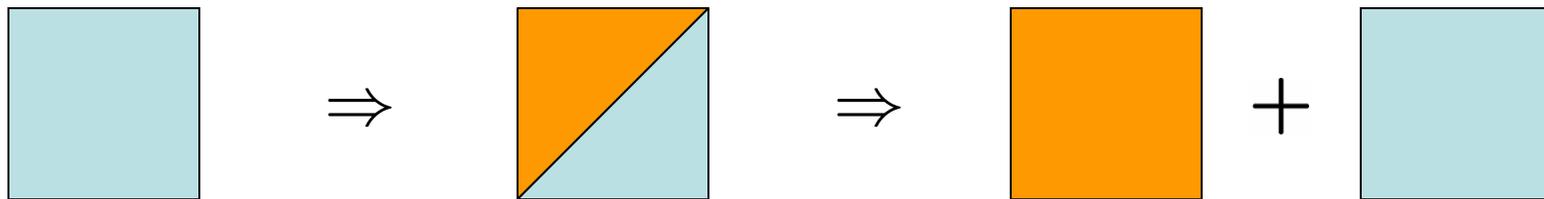
## Method 1. Iterated sector decomposition

**Partition** integration region and **remap** to make divergences “1-dimensional”, let computer find subtraction terms

Binoth, Heinrich;  
Anastasiou, Melnikov,  
Petriello (2003,2004)

Simple example:

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dx dy \frac{x^\epsilon y^\epsilon}{(x+y)^2}$$



# Phase-space integration (cont.)

**Method 2.** Use known factorization properties of amplitudes to build subtraction terms for general processes, and integrate them, a la NLO

Many authors  
(~1997-2003)

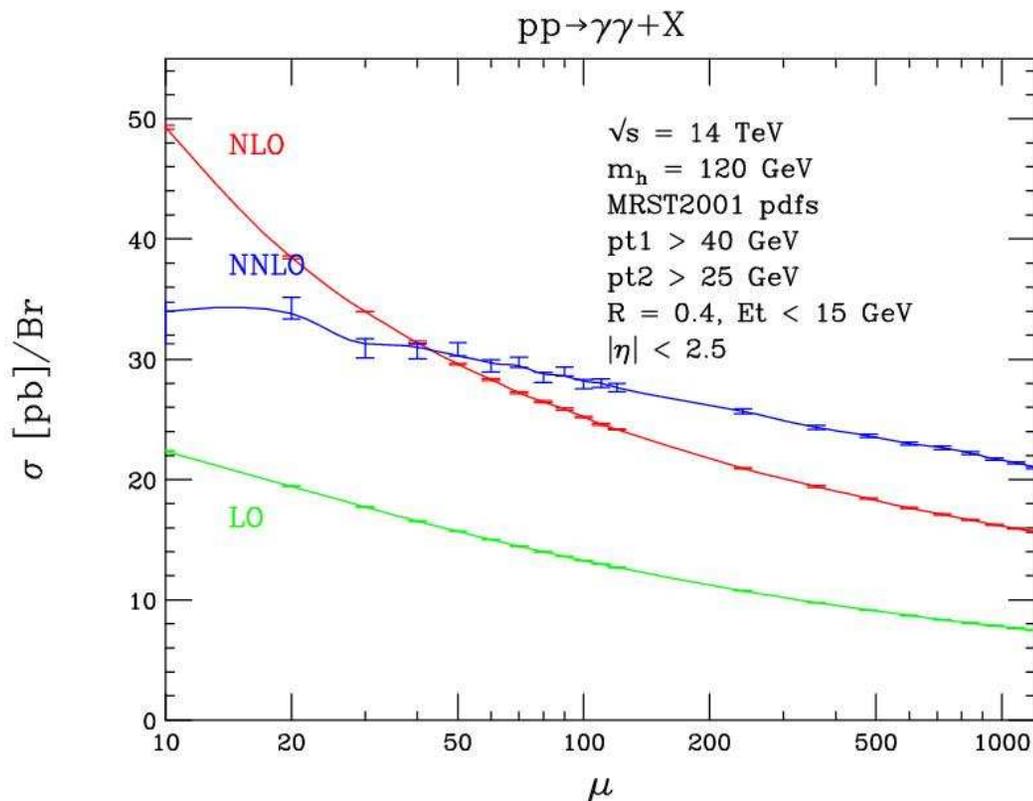
Kosower; Weinzierl; Gehrmann, Gehrmann-de Ridder, Heinrich (2003)  
Frixione, Grazzini (2004); Gehrmann, Gehrmann-de Ridder, Glover (2004,2005);  
Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi (2005)

} used for  
NNLO  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3 \text{ jets}$

# LHC applications

- So far, just from method 1

- $pp \rightarrow H + X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$  with parton-level cuts



Anastasiou, Melnikov,  
Petriello, hep-ph/0409088;  
hep-ph/0501130

# LHC applications (cont.)

- $pp \rightarrow W + X \rightarrow l\nu + X$  with parton-level cuts

Melnikov, Petriello, hep-ph/0603182

Important to constrain **observed lepton rapidity** (not  $W$  rapidity) and to impose realistic cuts on lepton  $p_T$  and missing  $E_T$

$$p_{\perp}^e > p_{\perp}^{e,\min}, \quad |\eta^e| < 2.5, \quad E_{\perp}^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$p_{\perp}^{e,\min}$	LO	NLO	NNLO
Inc	11.70,13.74,15.65	16.31,16.82,17.30	16.31, 16.40, 16.50
20	5.85,6.96,8.01	7.94,8.21,8.46	8.10,8.07,8.10
30	4.305, 5.12,5.89	6.18,6.36,6.54	6.18,6.17,6.22
40	0.628,0.746,0.859	2.07,2.10,2.11	2.62,2.54,2.50
50	0,0,0	0.509,0.497,0.480	0.697,0.651,0.639

As in more inclusive computations, scale uncertainties highly reduced at NNLO

TABLE I: The lepton invariant mass distribution  $d\sigma/dM^2$ ,  $M = m_W$ , for on-shell  $W$  production in the reaction  $pp \rightarrow W^- X \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu} W$ , in  $\text{pb}/\text{GeV}^2$ , for various choices of  $p_{\perp}^{e,\min}$ ,  $\text{GeV}$  and  $\mu = m_W/2, m_W, 2m_W$ .

# End of Lecture 3