



Gaps between jets at the LHC

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Outline

- Introduction: soft gluons in QCD
- Jet vetoing
 - Global and non-global logarithms
 - Discovery of super-leading logarithms
- Some phenomenological studies
 - Global logarithms
 - Super-leading logarithms
- Conclusions and Outlook

Resummation in QCD

- Given a particular hard scattering process we can study how it is modified by (perturbatively calculable) additional radiation.
- The most important emissions are those involving either *collinear* quarks and gluons or *soft* gluons.
- They are important because the usual suppression in the strong coupling is compensated by a large logarithm

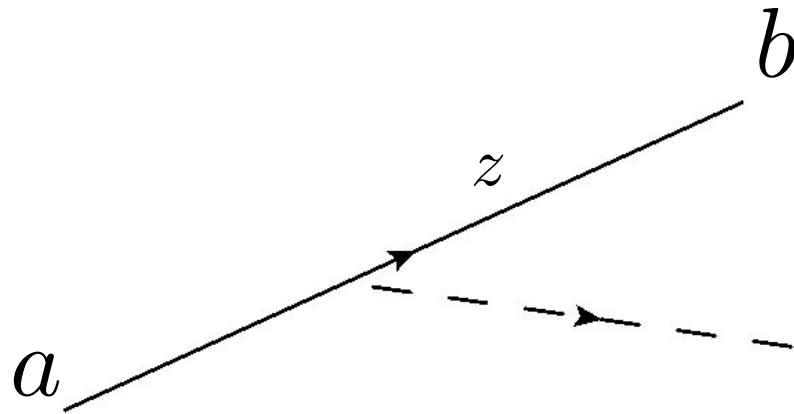
$$\sigma = \alpha_s a_0 \ln \omega + \alpha_s^2 (a_1 \ln^2 \omega + b_0 \ln \omega) + \dots$$

- It is important to reorganise (i.e. resum) the perturbative series in order to obtain meaningful predictions

$$\sigma = \sum_k (\alpha_s \ln \omega)^{k+1} a_k + \alpha_s \sum_k (\alpha_s \ln \omega)^{k+1} b_k + \dots$$

Collinear emissions

- It is as if emission is off the parton to which it is collinear
~ “classical branching”
- Colour structure is easy



$$d\sigma_{n+1} = d\sigma_n \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} dz P_{ba}(z)$$

- DGLAP evolution enables us to resum collinear logarithms

$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} f(x, \mu^2) = \int dz P(x/z) f(z, \mu^2)$$

- Splitting functions known at NNLO

$$P(x) = \alpha_s P^{(0)}(x) + \alpha_s^2 P^{(1)}(x) + \alpha_s^3 P^{(2)}(x)$$

Soft emissions

The eikonal approximation

$$p_{\mu, \lambda} \xrightarrow{\text{soft gluon } q_{\mu}} p_{\mu} - q_{\mu, \lambda'} = 2gp_{\mu} \delta_{\lambda\lambda'} T_{ij}^a$$

$$d\sigma_{n+1} = d\sigma_n \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} \sum_{ij} C_{ij} E^2 \frac{p_i \cdot p_j}{p_i \cdot q p_j \cdot q}$$

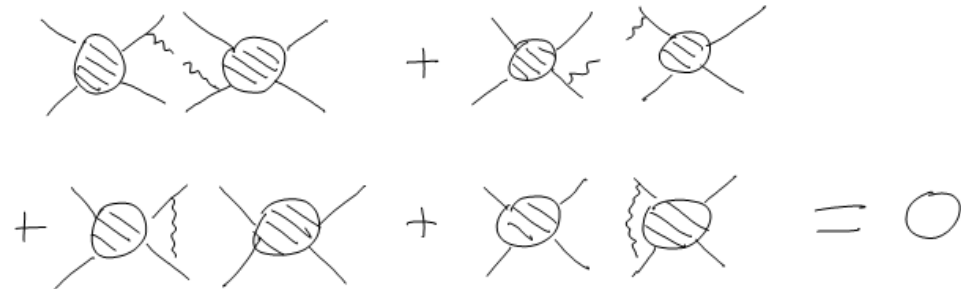
- Colour factor is the “problem”

In the Monte Carlo parton showers soft and/or collinear radiation is handled simultaneously using “angular ordered parton evolution”

Is this good enough ?

Soft gluons in QCD

- What happens if we dress a hard scattering with soft gluons?
- Sufficiently inclusive observables are not affected: real and virtual cancel via [Bloch-Nordsieck theorem](#)



- Soft gluon corrections play a role if the real radiation is constrained into a region of phase-space
- In such cases BN fails and miscancellation between real and virtual induces potentially large logarithms

$$-\alpha_s \int_0^{Q_0} \frac{dE}{E} \Big|_{\text{real}} + \alpha_s \int_0^Q \frac{dE}{E} \Big|_{\text{virtual}} = \alpha_s \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dE}{E} \Big|_{\text{virtual}} = \alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0}$$

Soft gluon corrections are important for observables that insist on only *small deviations from lowest order kinematics*

In such cases real radiation is constrained to a small corner of phase space and the logarithms are large

Some examples ...

If V measures the ‘distance’ from the lowest order kinematics:

- Event shapes such as thrust $V = 1 - T$

- Production near threshold $V = 1 - \frac{M^2}{\hat{s}}$

- Drell- Yan at low transverse momentum $V = \frac{M^2}{q_T^2}$

- DIS at large x $V = 1 - x$

Recent developments

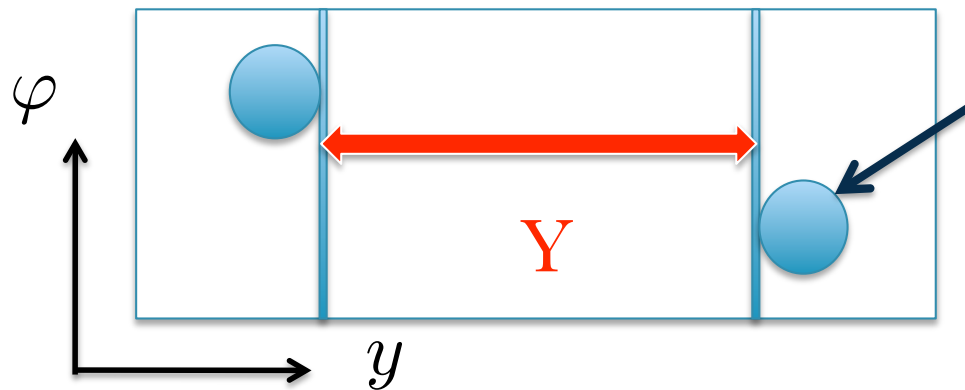
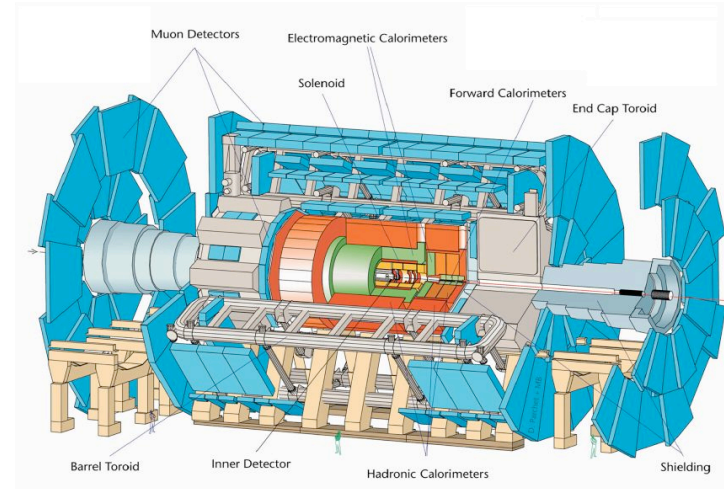
- Structure of soft singularities in QCD amplitudes
 - 2 loop soft anomalous dimension Sterman *et al.*
hep-ph/0607309
arXiv:0903.3241 [hep-ph]
 - Symmetry of the massless case: all order structure of IR singularities (Dixon), Gardi and Magnea
arXiv:0901.1091 [hep-ph]
(arXiv:0910.3653 [hep-ph])
 - Soft Collinear Effective Theory Becher and Neubert
arXiv:0904.1021 [hep-ph]
- Beyond the eikonal approximation: next-to-eikonal via path integral Laenen, Stavenga, White
arXiv:0811.2067 [hep-ph]

Jet vetoing:
Gaps between jets

The observable

Production of two jets with

- transverse momentum Q
- rapidity separation Y



- Emission with $k_T > Q_0$ forbidden in the inter-jet region

Q_0 can be rather large:
the gap is a region of
limited hadronic activity

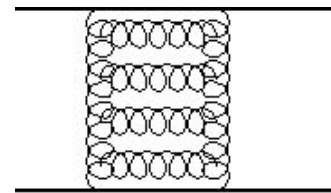
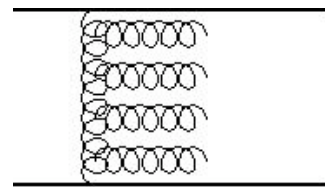
Plenty of QCD effects

“wider” gaps

Y

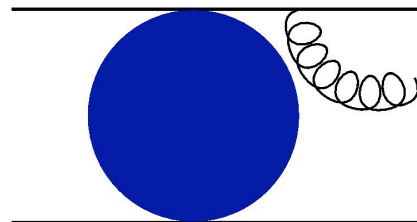
BFKL
(Mueller-Navelet jets)

Non-forward BFKL
Mueller-Tang jets



Super-leading
logs

Wide-angle soft
radiation

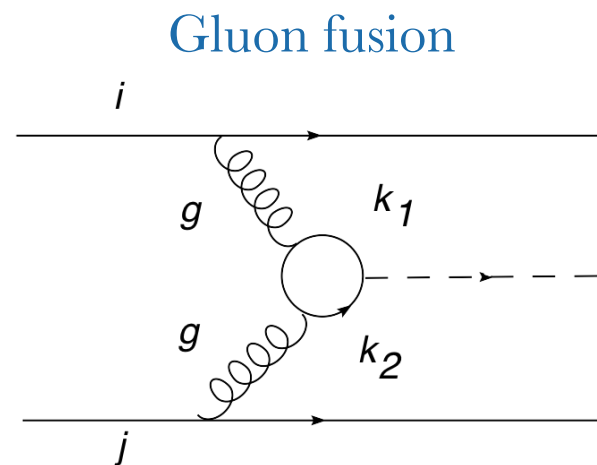
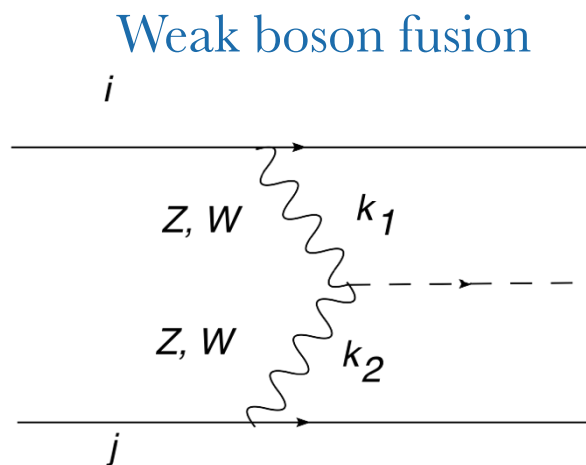


Fixed order

$$L = \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0}$$

“emptier” gaps

Higgs + 2 jets



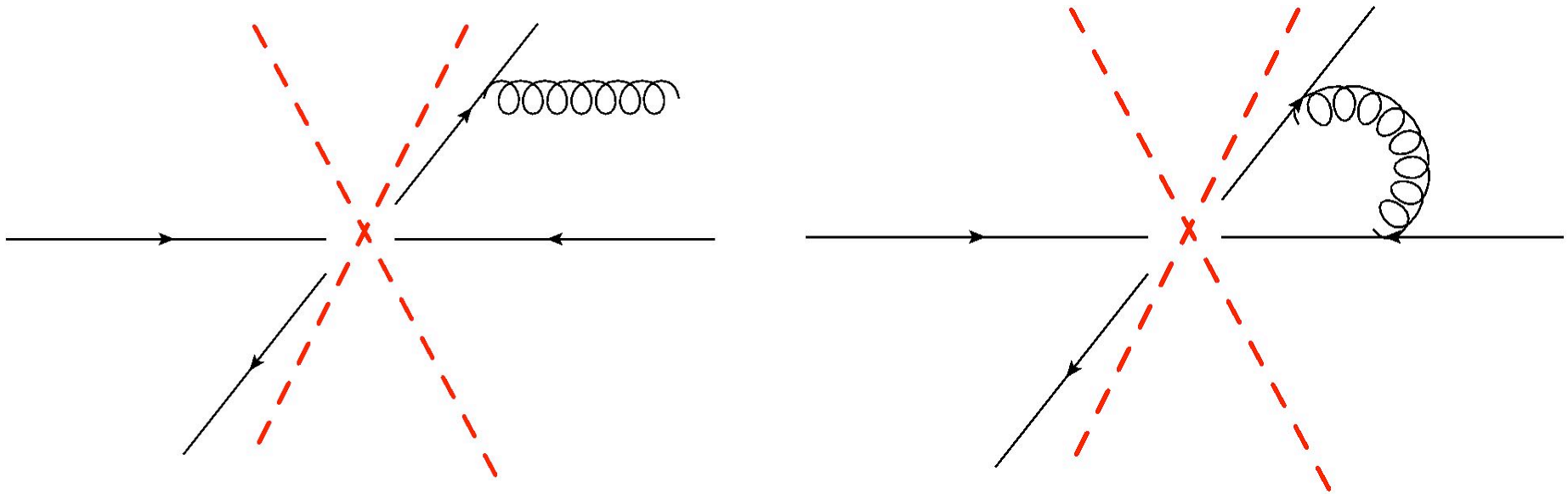
- Different QCD radiation in the inter-jet region
- To enhance the WBF channel, one can make a veto Q_0 on additional radiation between the tagged jets
- QCD radiation as in dijet production
- Important in order to extract the VVH coupling

Forshaw and Sjödal
arXiv:0705.1504 [hep-ph]

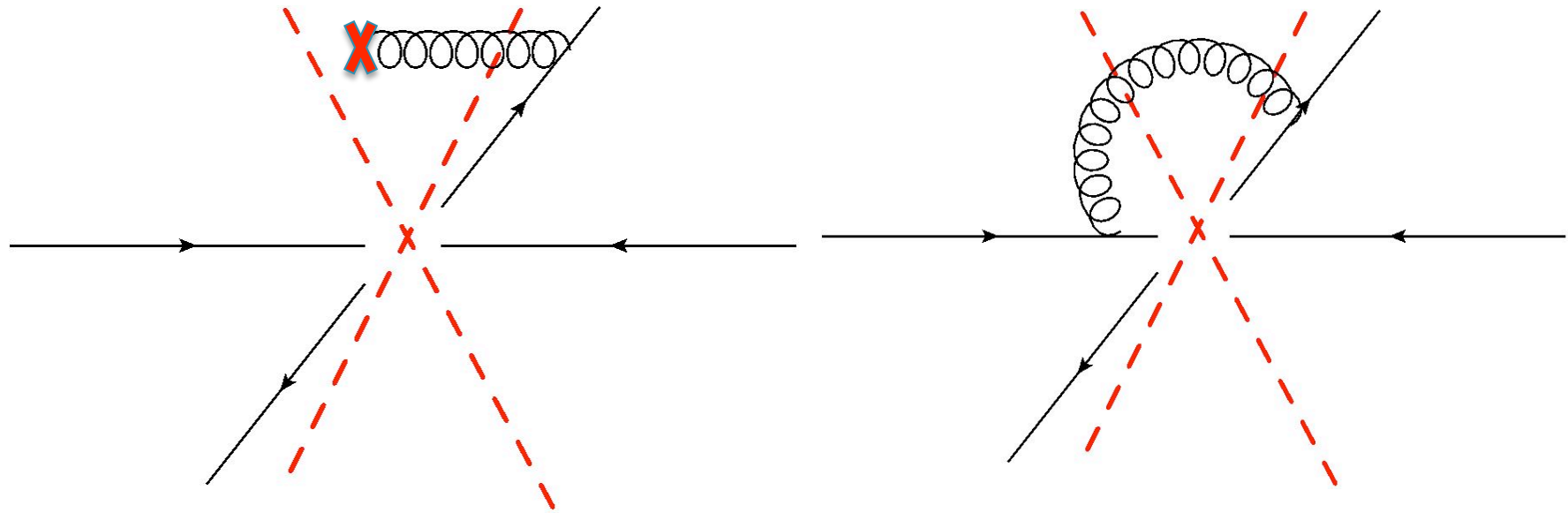
Soft gluons in gaps between jets: the old way

Oderda and Sterman
hep-ph/9806530

- Naive application of BN:
real and virtual contributions cancel **outside the gap**
for every k_t :



The cancellation fails for in-gap gluons with $k_T > Q_0$



$$-\alpha_s \int_0^{Q_0} \frac{dk_T}{k_T} \Big|_{\text{real}} + \alpha_s \int_0^Q \frac{dk_T}{k_T} \Big|_{\text{virtual}} = \alpha_s \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dk_T}{k_T} \Big|_{\text{virtual}} = \alpha_s L$$

One only needs to consider **virtual corrections** with

$$Q_0 < k_T < Q$$

Soft gluons exponentiation

- Leading logs (LL) are resummed by iterating the one-loop result
- This contribution exponentiates

$$\mathcal{M} = e^{-\alpha_s L \Gamma} \mathcal{M}_0$$

The diagram shows the equation $\mathcal{M} = e^{-\alpha_s L \Gamma} \mathcal{M}_0$. A blue arrow points from the text "soft anomalous dimension" (in red) to the exponent $-\alpha_s L \Gamma$. Another blue arrow points from the text "Born" (in green) to the term \mathcal{M}_0 .

- The colour structure is not trivial
- The soft anomalous dimension is an operator in colour space
- Once we have fixed a basis it is represented by a matrix

Colour evolution

- The anomalous dimension can be written as

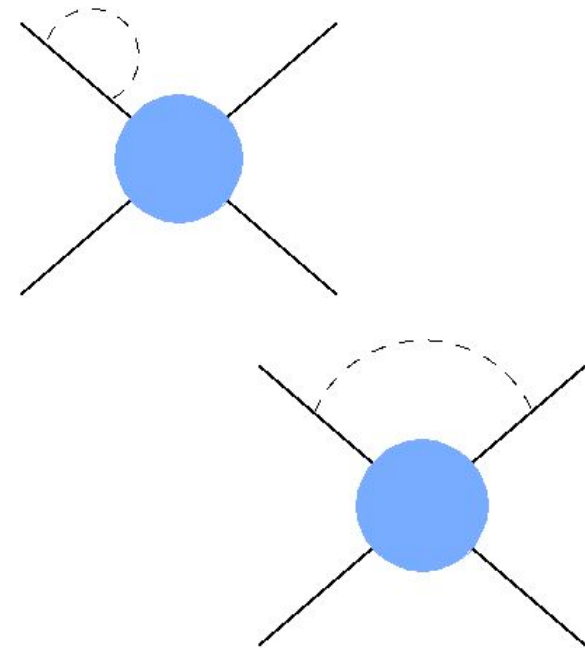
$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} Y T_t^2 + i\pi T_1 \cdot T_2 + \frac{1}{4} \rho (T_3^2 + T_4^2)$$

- T_i is the colour charge of parton I

- T_i^2 is a Casimir

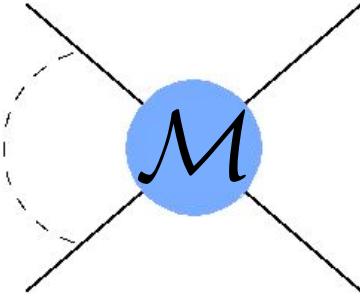
- $T_t^2 = (T_1^2 + T_3^2 + 2T_1 \cdot T_3)$

is the colour exchange in the t -channel



Coulomb gluons

- The $i\pi$ term is due to Coulomb gluon exchange

$$i\pi T_1 \cdot T_2 \mathcal{M} = \text{Diagram}$$


- Coulomb gluons put on-shell the parton propagators
- It doesn't play any role for processes **with less than 4 coloured** particles (e.g. DIS or DY)

$$T_1 + T_2 + T_3 = 0 \Rightarrow T_1 \cdot T_2 = \frac{1}{2} (T_3^2 - T_1^2 - T_2^2)$$

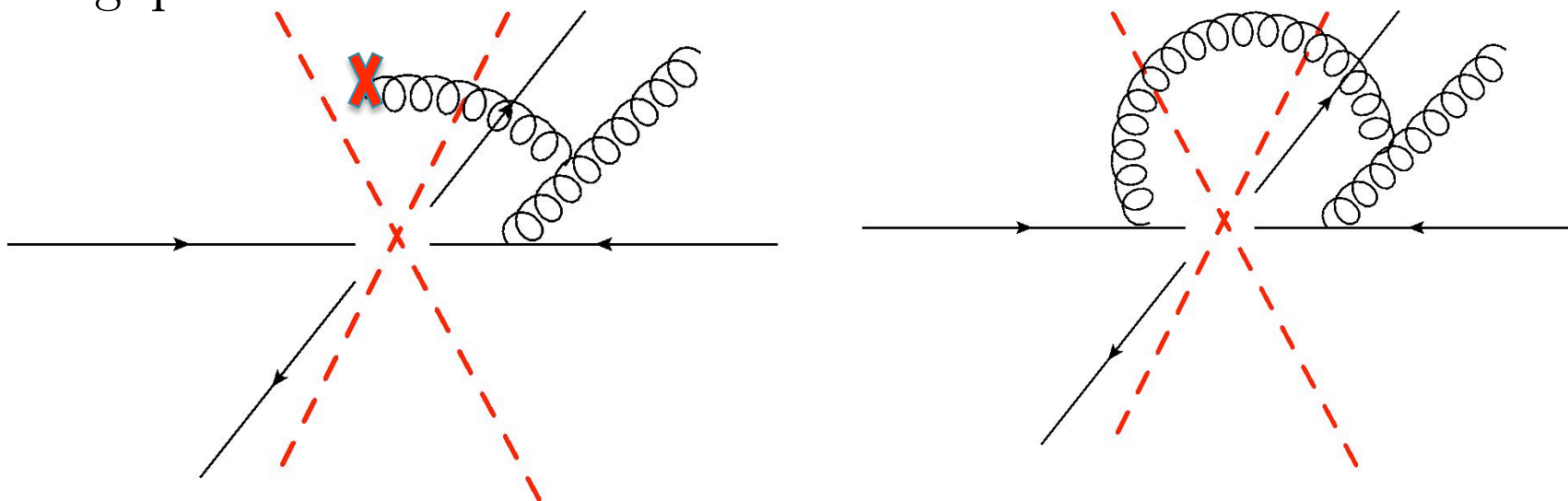
leading to an unimportant overall phase

- Coulomb gluon contributions are *not* implemented in parton showers

Non-global effects

Dasgupta and Salam
hep-ph/0104277

- However this naive approach completely ignores a whole tower of LL
- Virtual contributions are not the whole story because real emissions out of the gap are forbidden to remit back into the gap



Resummation of non-global logarithms

- The full LL result is obtained by dressing the $2 \rightarrow n$ (i.e. $n-2$ out of gap gluons) scattering with virtual gluons (and not just $2 \rightarrow 2$)
- The colour structure soon becomes intractable
- Resummation can be done (so far) only in the large N_c limit

Dasgupta and Salam
hep-ph/0104277

Banfi, Marchesini and Smye
hep-ph/0206076

Back to gaps between jets

- One would like to resum the non-global logs but keeping the full N_c dependence
- We can start by considering **only one out-of-gap gluon**

Forshaw Kyrieleis Seymour
hep-ph/0604094

- We need to consider $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes dressed with virtual in-gap gluons
- The one gluon outside the gap cross section is

$$\sigma^{(1)} = -\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dk_T}{k_T} \int_{\text{out}} (\Omega_R + \Omega_V)$$

The real contribution

- Real emission vertex D^μ
- 5 - parton anomalous dimension Λ
- Computed now for all partonic processes

Sjödahl
arXiv:0807.0555 [hep-ph]

$$\Omega_R = M_0^\dagger \exp\left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{k_T}^Q \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Gamma^\dagger\right) D_\mu^\dagger \exp\left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^{k_T} \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Lambda^\dagger\right) S_R \\ \exp\left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^{k_T} \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Lambda\right) D^\mu \exp\left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{k_T}^Q \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Gamma\right) M_0$$

The virtual contribution

- Virtual eikonal emission γ
- 4-parton anomalous dimension Γ

$$\Omega_V = \left[\mathbf{M}_0^\dagger \exp \left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Gamma^\dagger \right) \right. \\ \left. \exp \left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{Q_0}^{k_T} \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Gamma \right) \gamma \exp \left(-\frac{2\alpha_s}{\pi} \int_{k_T}^Q \frac{dk'_T}{k'_T} \Gamma \right) \mathbf{M}_0 + \text{c.c.} \right]$$

A big surprise

Conventional wisdom (“plus prescription” of DGLAP)

when the out-of-gap gluon becomes collinear with one of the external partons the real and virtual contributions should cancel

- It works when the out-of-gap gluon is collinear to one of the outgoing partons ✓
- But it fails for **initial state collinear emissions** ✗
- Cancellation *does* occur for up to 3rd order relative to the Born, but fails at 4th order
- The problem is entirely due to the exchange of Coulomb gluons, i.e. cancellation is restored if one artificially considers only the real part of the anomalous dimension

The collinear limit

- Let's look more in details at what is happening
- The virtual contribution has the expected form:

$$\Omega_V^{\text{coll}} = \frac{1}{V_c} \langle m_0 | \mathbf{t}_i^2 e^{-\xi \Gamma^\dagger} e^{-\xi \Gamma} | m_0 \rangle$$

- The real contribution is more complicated and cancellation fails at 4th order and beyond

$$\Omega_R^{\text{coll}} = -\frac{1}{V_c} \langle m_0 | e^{-\xi(k_T, Q) \Gamma^\dagger} \mathbf{t}_i^{a\dagger} e^{-\xi(Q_0, k_T) \Lambda^\dagger} e^{-\xi(Q_0, k_T) \Lambda} \mathbf{t}_i^a e^{-\xi(k_T, Q) \Gamma} | m_0 \rangle$$

- As result we are left with **super-leading logarithms** (SLL):

$$\sigma^{(1)} \sim -\alpha_s^4 L^5 \pi^2 + \dots$$

Effects on other observables

- Resummation of soft gluons is based on the idea of coherence: large-angle radiation only sees the sum of the colour charges of a bunch of collinear partons
- The appearance of SLL challenges this picture
- Does this effect other observables, i.e. event shapes ?
- Coherence Violating Logarithms are worst in forward suppressed observables

$$V \sim k_t^a e^{-by} \Rightarrow \alpha_s^n L^{2n-3}$$

Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi
arXiv:1001.4082 [hep-ph]

- They are NLL in the exponent but NNNLL in the expansion

Some LHC phenomenology

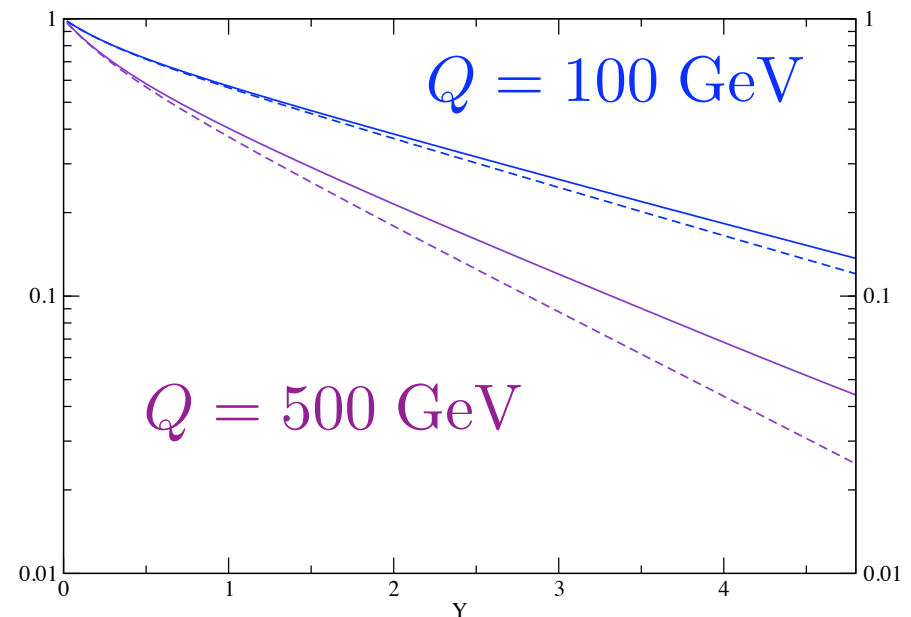
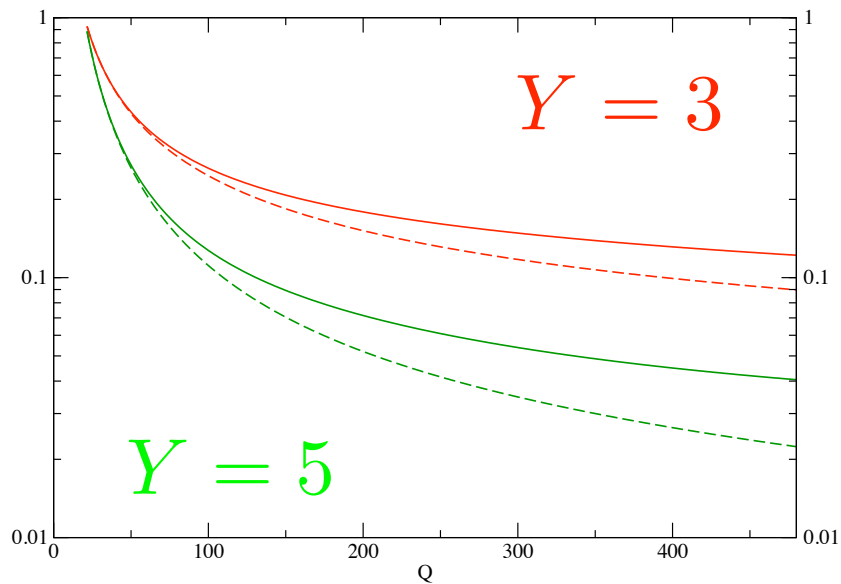
Forshaw, Keates, SM
arXiv:0905.1350

And work in progress with Duran, Forshaw and Seymour

Global logs and Coulomb gluons (no gluon outside the gap)

$$f^{(0)} = \sigma^{(0)} / \sigma^{\text{born}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{S} &= 14 \text{ TeV} \\ Q_0 &= 20 \text{ GeV} \\ R &= 0.4 \\ \eta_{\text{cut}} &= 4.5 \end{aligned}$$



- solid lines: full resummation
- dashed lines: ignoring $i\pi$'s

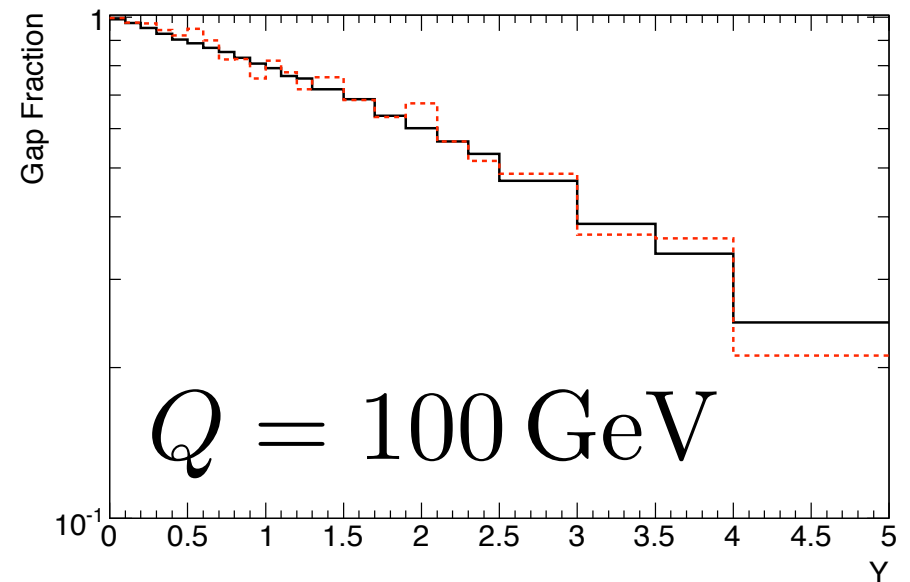
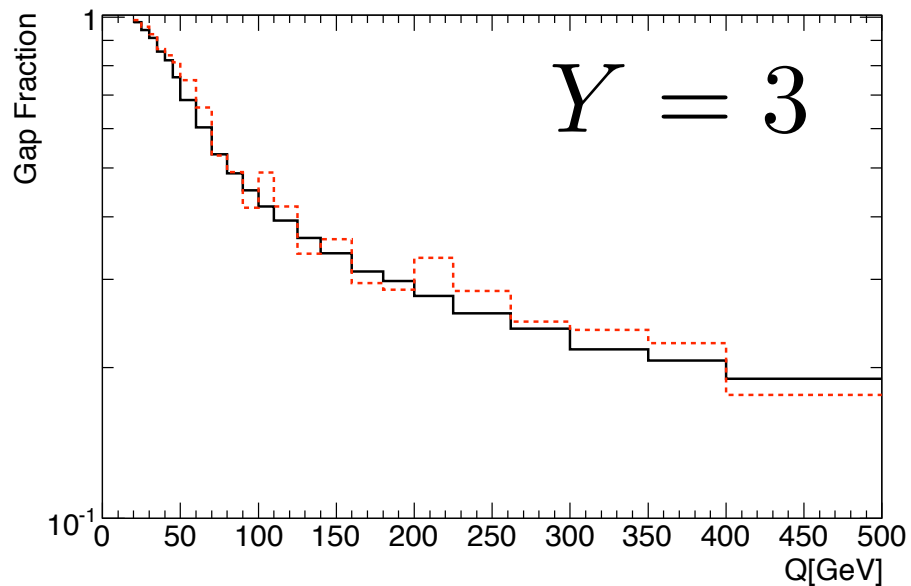
Large Coulomb gluon
contributions !

Angular-ordered parton showers

- We want to compare our resummed calculation to a standard event generator
- Thanks to coherent branching soft gluon contributions can be computed to all orders in parton showers
(but Coulomb gluons)
- Coherent branching is obtained by considering the opening angle as the evolution variable
- **HERWIG** has an angular-ordered parton shower

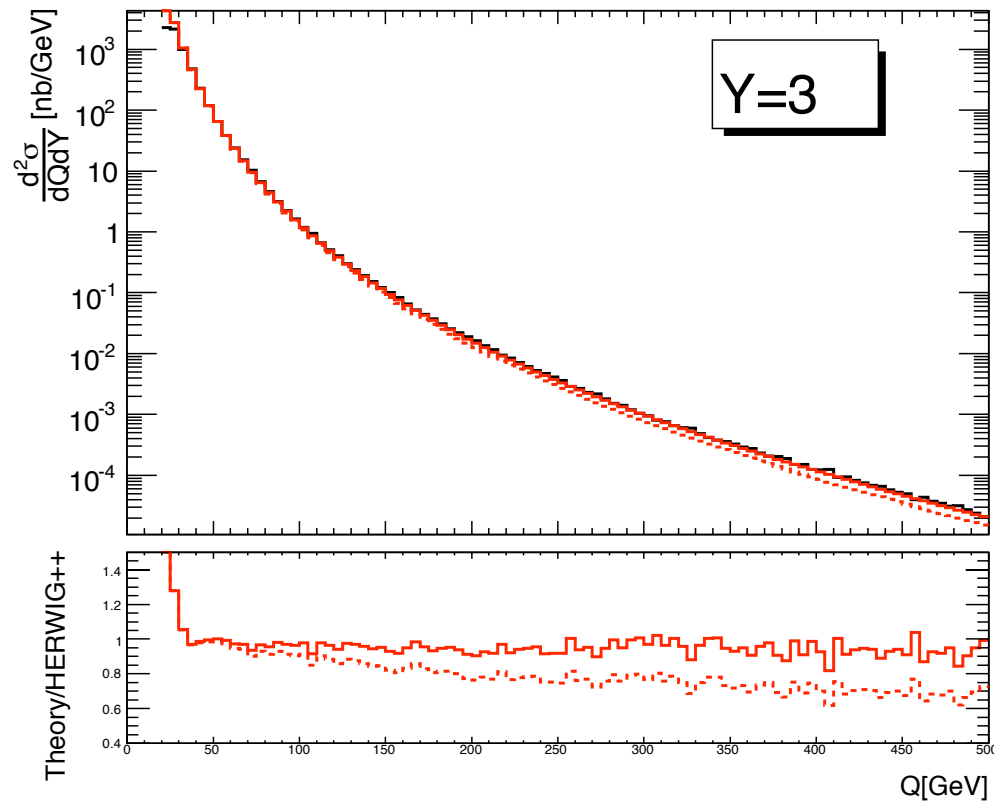
Hadronisation effects

- Hadronisation is “gentle”
- It does not spoil the gap fraction



black line: after parton shower
red line: after hadronisation

Comparison to HERWIG++ (gap cross-section)



- We compare our results to HERWIG++
- LO scattering + parton shower (no hadronisation)
- Q is the mean p_T of the leading jets
- Jet algorithm SIScone

- The overall agreement is encouraging
- One should compare the histogram to the dotted curve (no Coulomb gluons)

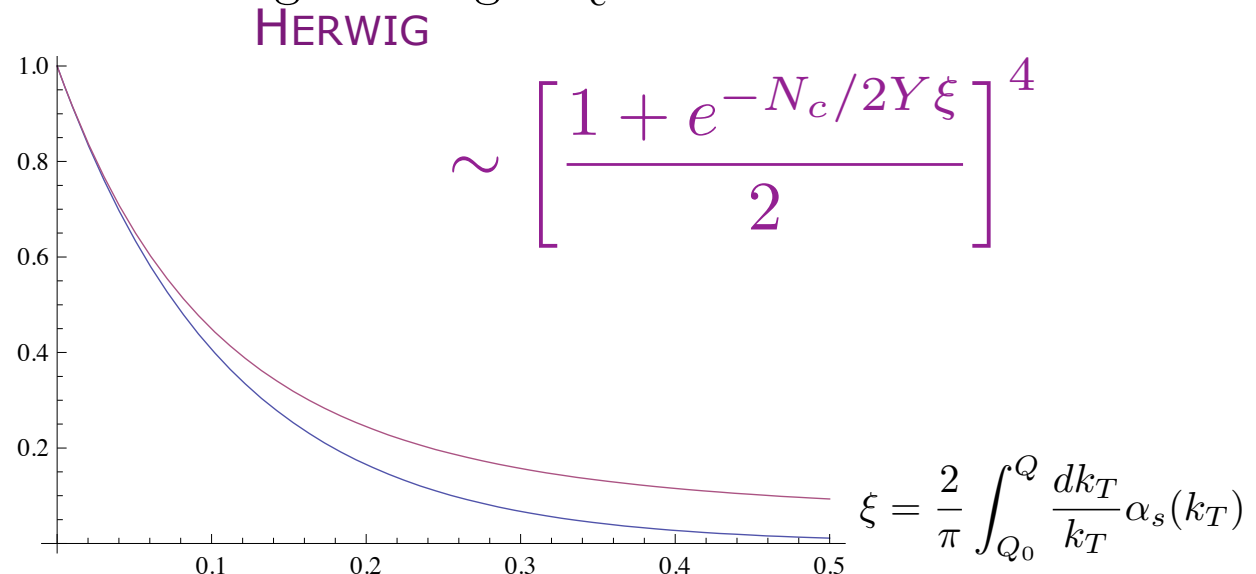
Parton shower VS resummation (i)

HERWIG parton shower

- enforces energy-momentum conservation
- misses Coulomb gluons
- contains *some* non-global contributions
- does not have the full colour structure: \sim large N_c
 - the colour partner of a parton is chosen in each event with equal probability
 - this is not the same as taking the large N_c limit

Correct large N_c limit

$$\sim e^{-N_c Y \xi}$$



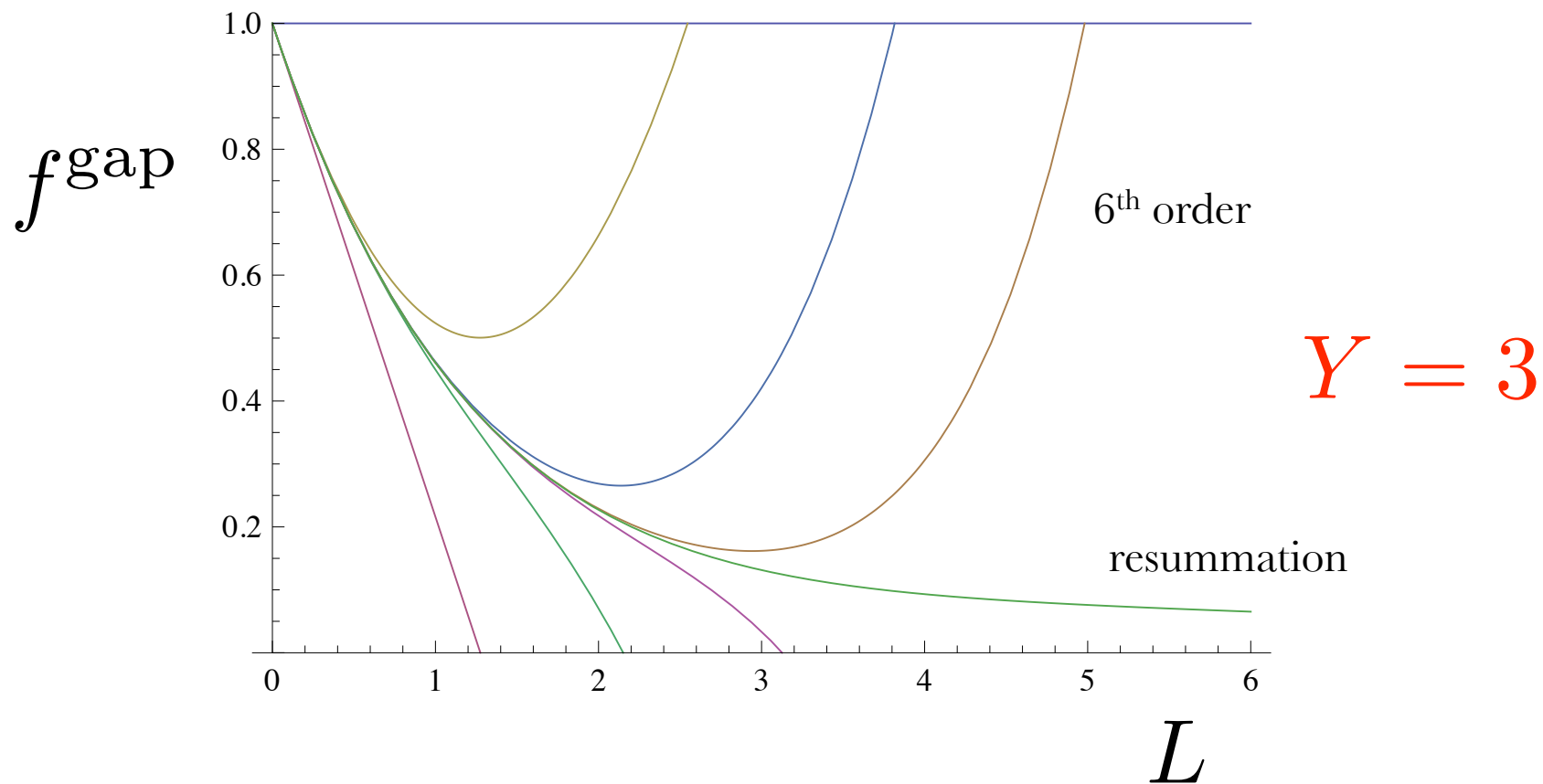
Thanks to Mike Seymour

Parton shower VS resummation (ii)

Soft gluon resummation

- has the full colour structure
- doesn't have non-global logs (yet)
- does not conserve energy and momentum (eikonal approximation)
- Because of the fairly large value of Q_0 the region considered is not asymptotic and fixed-order effects are not negligible
- Thus we need matching to fixed order

Order by order contributions



Toy: qg channel only, no PDFs

Matching to fixed order

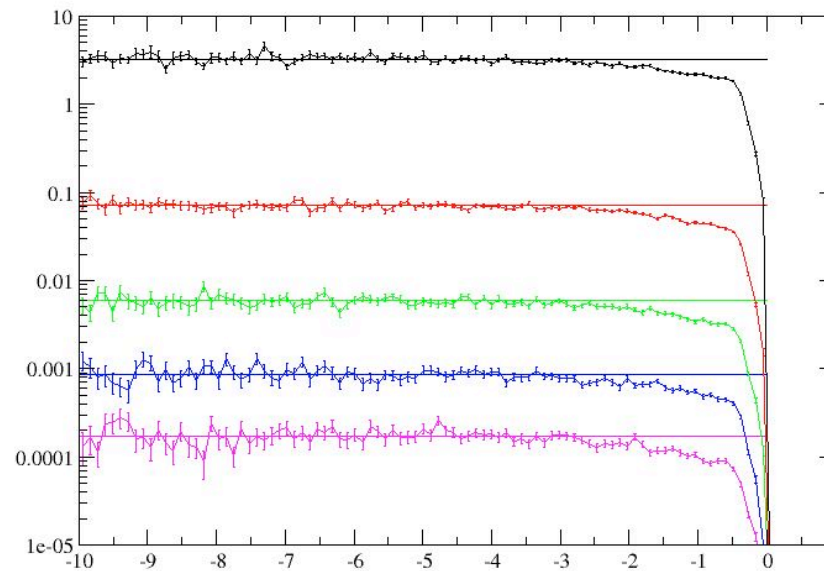
$$f = 1 + \alpha_s c_1 + \alpha_s^2 c_2 + \dots$$

- Fixed order computed with NLOJET++
- Check of the logs using the distribution

$$Y = 3$$

$$Q = 100 - 500 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\ln Q_0 dQ dY}$$

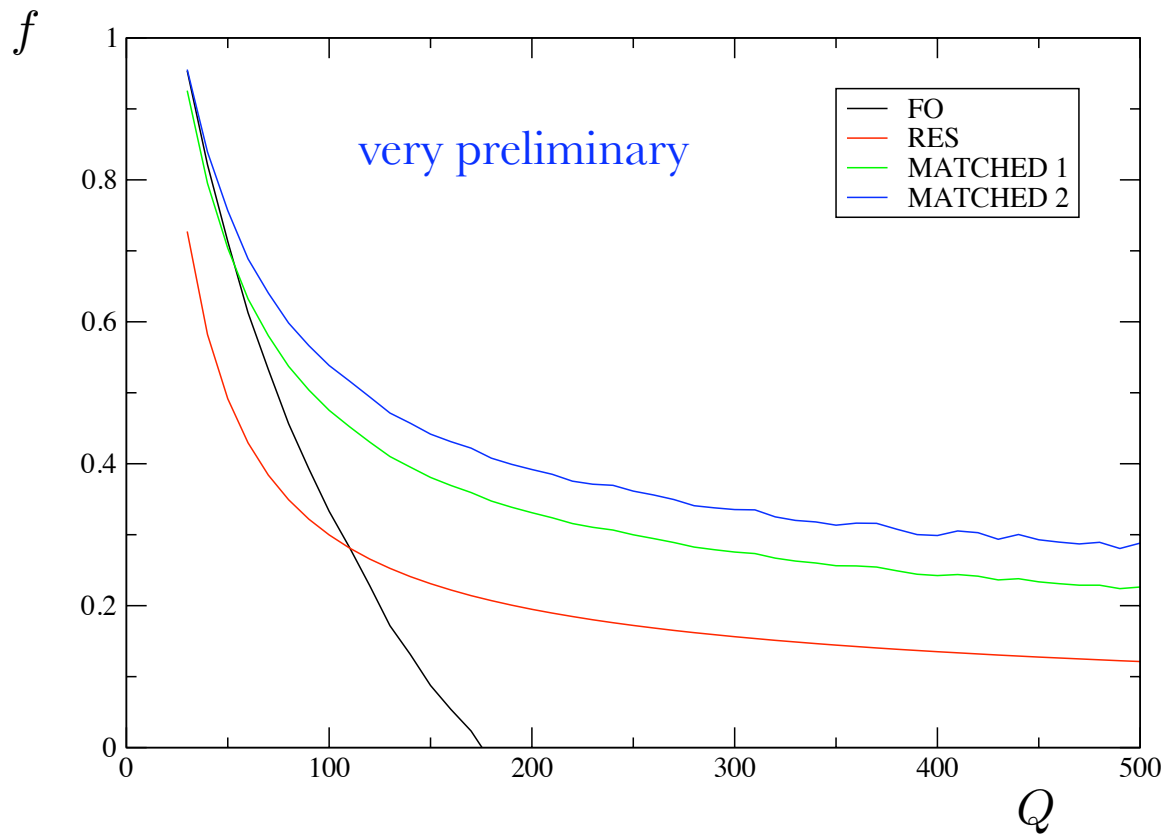


$$\ln \frac{Q_0}{Q}$$

- The LO matching can be done with just tree-level matrix elements: studies with Madgraph as well

The matched gap fraction

$$f = f_{\text{res}}(1 + \alpha_s c_0)e^{\alpha_s d_0}$$



$$b_0 = c_0 + d_0$$

Obtained from fixed order calculation with the logarithm subtracted

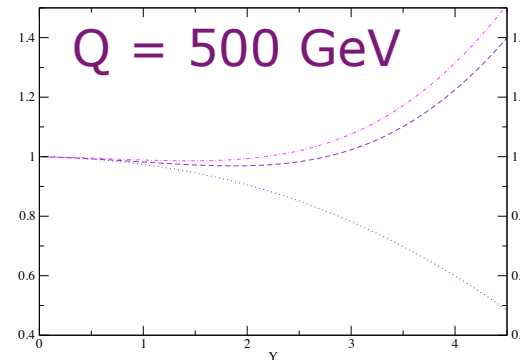
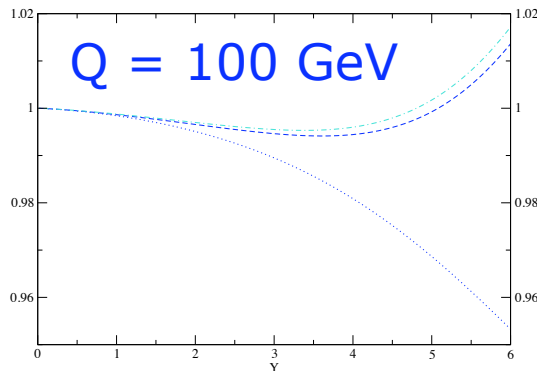
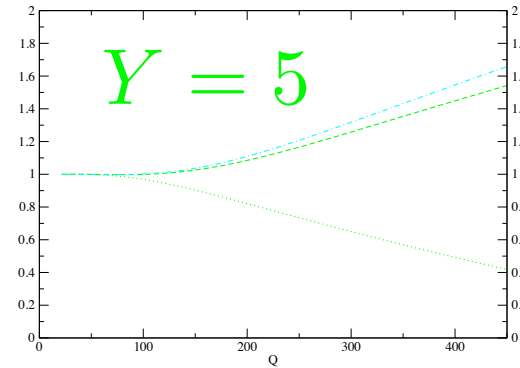
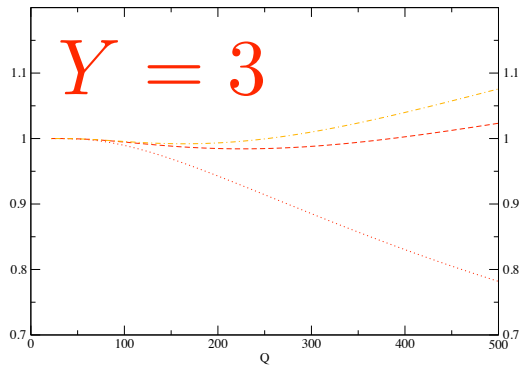
To do:

- check these results
- include non-global logs
- include scale uncertainties
- matching to the next order

Back to
super-leading logarithms

Super-leading logarithms (fixed order)

$$(\sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)}) / \sigma^{(0)}$$

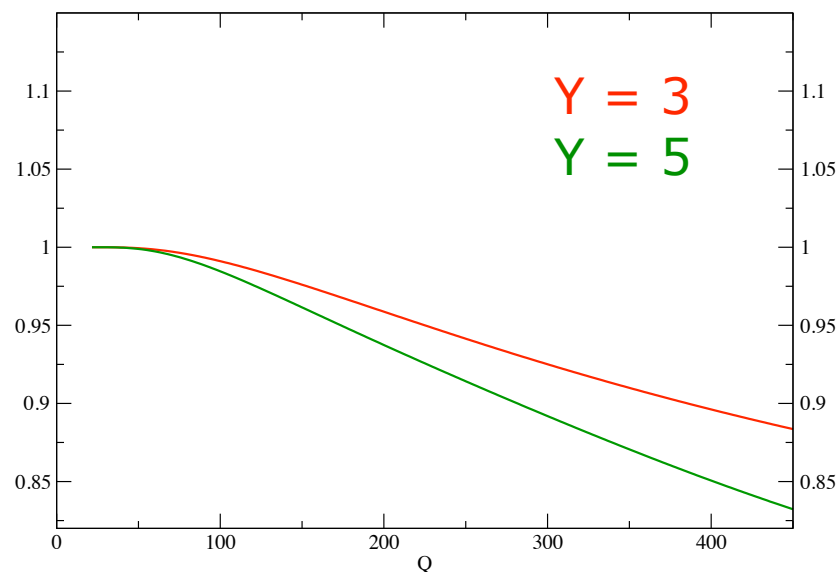


- dotted, one gluon, α_s^4
- dashed: one gluon, up to α_s^5
- dash-dotted: one+two gluons, up to α_s^5

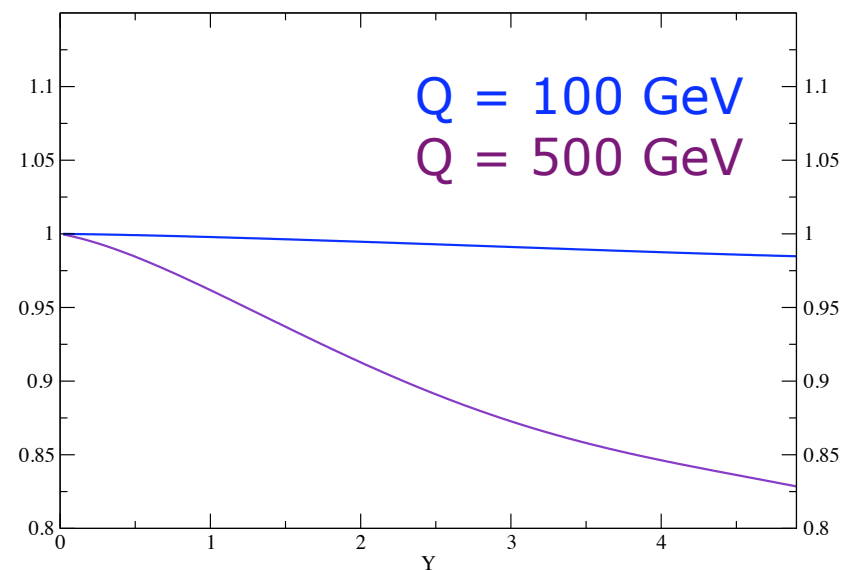
instability:
need of resummation

Resummation of SLL

Resummed results (one out-of-gap gluon) $\sigma_{\text{res}}^{(1)} / \sigma^{(0)}$



- $Y = 3$, $\sim 5 - 10 \%$
- $Y = 5$, $\sim 10 - 15 \%$



- $Q = 100 \text{ GeV}$, $\sim 2 \%$
- $Q = 500 \text{ GeV}$, $\sim 10 - 15 \%$

- SLL could have an effect as big as 10-15 % in quite extreme dijet configurations
- There are no SLL effect on Higgs+ jj, unless $Q_0 < 10 \text{ GeV}$

Conclusions

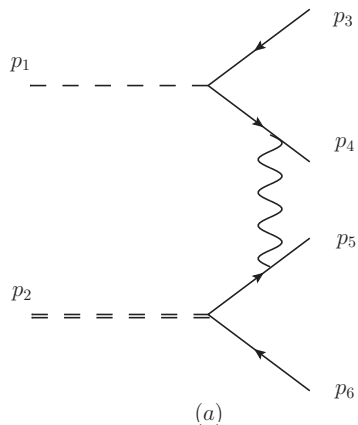
- There is plenty of interesting QCD physics in gaps between jets
- Soft logs may be relevant for extracting the Higgs coupling to the weak bosons
- Coulomb gluons play an important role: at large enough transverse momenta the PS approach is not valid
- Dijet cross-section could be sensitive to SLL at large Y and L (e.g. 300 GeV and $Y = 5$, $\sim 15\%$)

Outlook (phenomenology)

- Compute the best theory prediction for gaps between jets at the LHC:
 - matching with NLO
 - complete one gluon outside the gap
 - jet algorithm dependence
 - BFKL resummation

Outlook (theory)

- What is the origin of super-leading logs?
- We need to test the hypothesis of the calculation:
 - k_t ordering ?
 - interaction with the remnants ?



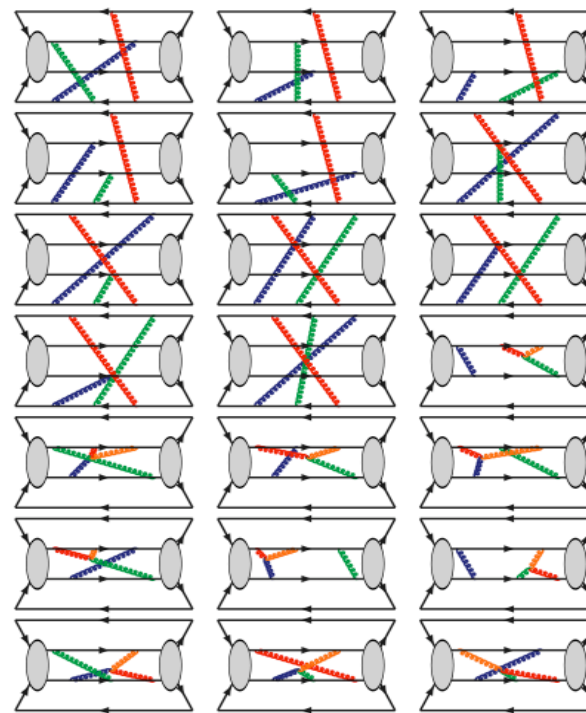
on-going projects in Manchester

Thank you !!!

BACKUP SLIDES

Fixed order calculation

- Gluons are added in all possible ways to trace diagrams and colour factors calculated using COLOUR
- Diagrams are then cut in all ways consistent with strong ordering
- At fourth order there are 10,529 diagrams and 1,746,272 after cutting.
- SLL terms are confirmed at fourth order and **computed for the first time at 5th order**



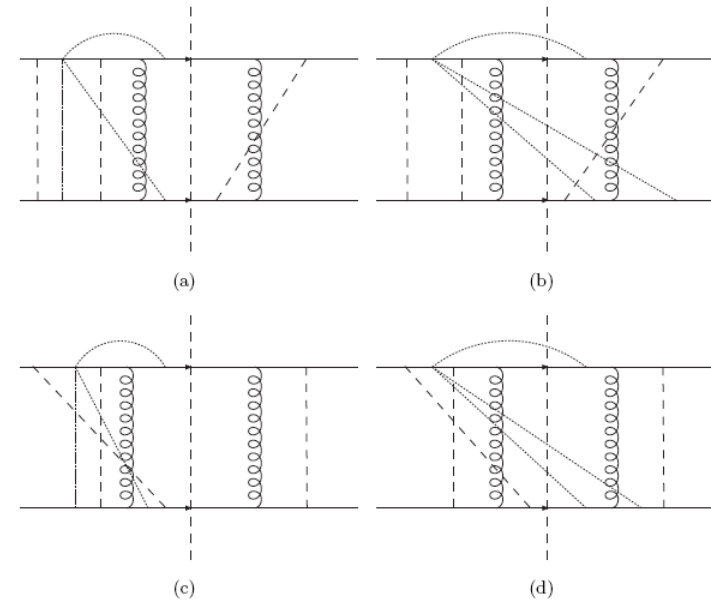
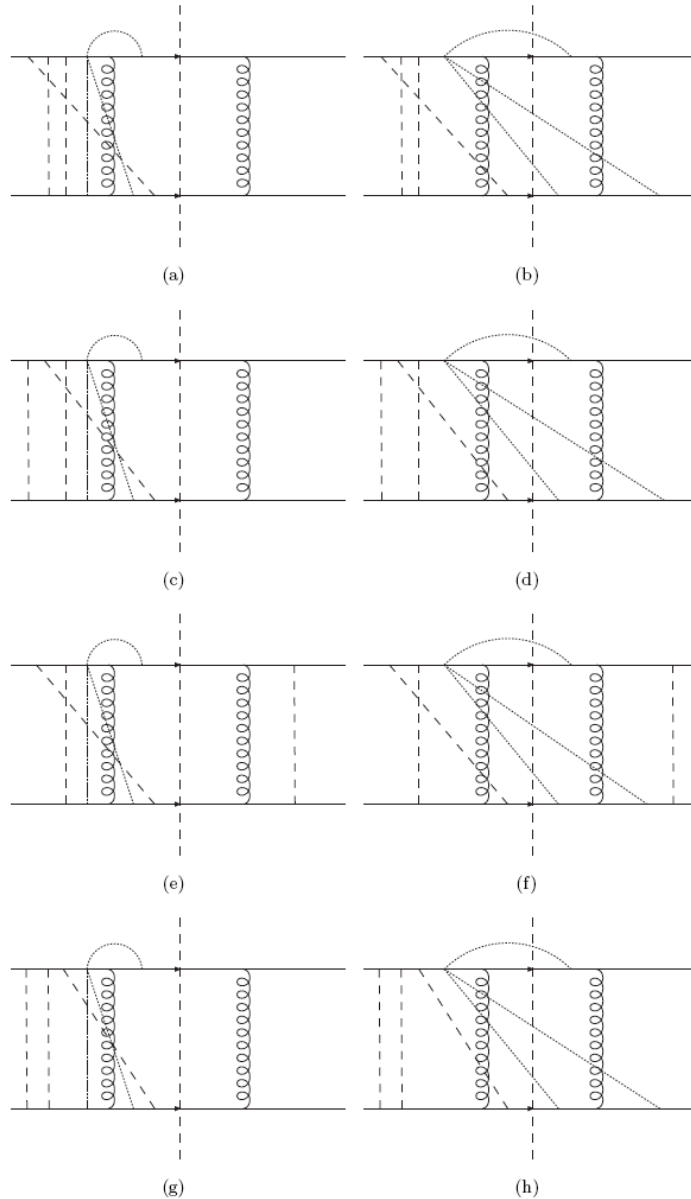
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The non-cancelling diagrams (Feynman gauge)

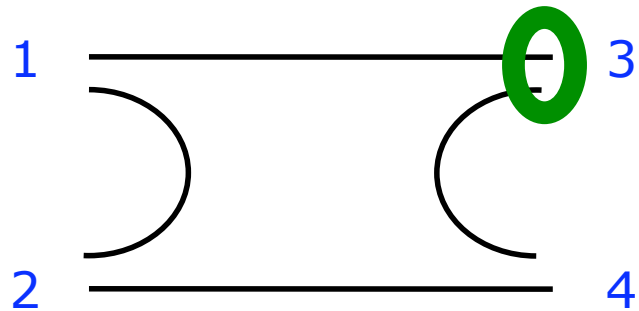
Dotted line is the out-of-gap gluon.

Dashed lines are in-gap & Coulomb gluons.

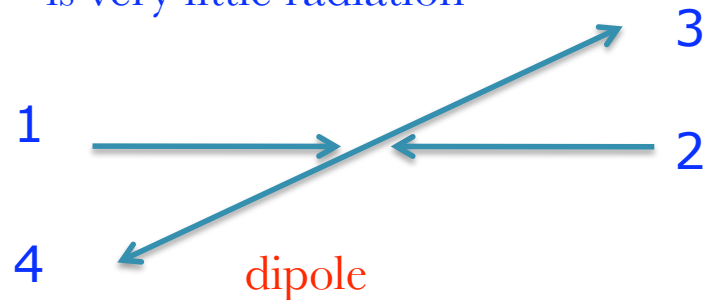
Springs are hard scatter gluons.



The large N_c limit in HERWIG



- The colour partner of gluon 3 is chosen in each event between 1 and 4 with equal probability
- If the partner is on the same side of the gap there is very little radiation



- Inclusive interjet radiation

$$4 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times N_c = N_c$$

jets Partner across the gap

- No radiation probability

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-N_c/2Y\xi} \right]^4$$

Thanks to Mike Seymour

An interesting link to small- x

- The non-linear evolution equation which resums non-global logs resembles the BFKL/BK equations (in the dipole picture)

$$\frac{d^2 \Omega_c}{4\pi} \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ab}}{(1 - \cos \theta_{ac})(1 - \cos \theta_{cb})} \rightarrow \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_c}{2\pi} \frac{\mathbf{x}_{ab}^2}{\mathbf{x}_{ac}^2 \mathbf{x}_{cb}^2}$$

- The two kernels can be mapped via a stereographic projection

$$\Omega = (\theta, \phi) \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = (x^1, x^2)$$

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- Is there a fundamental connection between non-global (soft) evolution and small- x ?