

# N-jettiness Subtractions

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# Subtractions.

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(X) &\equiv \int d\mathcal{T}_N \frac{d\sigma(X)}{d\mathcal{T}_N} \\ &= \underbrace{\int^{\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}} d\mathcal{T}_N \frac{d\sigma(X)}{d\mathcal{T}_N}}_{\sigma(X, \mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}})} + \int_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}} d\mathcal{T}_N \frac{d\sigma(X)}{d\mathcal{T}_N} \\ &= \sigma(X, \mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}) + \int_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}} d\mathcal{T}_N \frac{d\sigma(X)}{d\mathcal{T}_N}\end{aligned}$$

- $\sigma(X)$ : generic N-jet cross section
  - ▶  $X$  denotes all defining Born-level measurements/cuts (mostly irrelevant and suppressed in the following)
  - ▶  $\Phi_N$  is the N-parton Born phase space (including helicity and flavor labels and possible color-singlet final state)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{\text{LO}}(X) &= \int d\Phi_N B_N(\Phi_N) X(\Phi_N) \\ B_N(\Phi_N) &= f_a f_b \sum_{\text{color}} |\mathcal{A}_{ab \rightarrow N}^{\text{LO}}(\Phi_N)|^2\end{aligned}$$

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- $\mathcal{T}_N$ : physical IR-safe N-jet resolution variable

$$\mathcal{T}_N(\Phi_N) = 0 \quad \mathcal{T}_N(\Phi_{\geq N+1}) > 0 \quad \mathcal{T}_N(\Phi_{\geq N+1} \rightarrow \Phi_N) \rightarrow 0$$

- $\frac{d\sigma(X)}{d\mathcal{T}_N}$ : differential  $\mathcal{T}_N$  spectrum

- ▶ At LO<sub>N</sub>  $\frac{d\sigma(X)}{d\mathcal{T}_N} = \sigma^{\text{LO}}(X) \delta(\mathcal{T}_N) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

- ▶ For any  $\mathcal{T}_N > 0$  given by an N+1-jet N<sup>n</sup>-1LO calculation

# Subtractions.

Add and subtract 
$$\int_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}}^{\mathcal{T}_{\text{off}}} d\mathcal{T}_N \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sub}}}{d\mathcal{T}_N} = \sigma^{\text{sub}}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{off}}) - \sigma^{\text{sub}}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}})$$

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- $\mathcal{T}_{\text{off}}$  is a priori arbitrary and exactly cancels
  - ▶ Determines  $\mathcal{T}_N$  range over which subtraction acts differentially in  $\mathcal{T}_N$
  - ▶ Last line: setting  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{off}} = \mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}$  reduces it to a global subtraction (aka slicing)

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## • Conditions on $\sigma^{\text{sub}}$

- ▶ Need to be able to explicitly calculate  $\sigma^{\text{sub}}(\mathcal{T})$  (and  $d\sigma^{\text{sub}}/d\mathcal{T}_N$ ) to N<sup>n</sup>LO
- ▶ Has to reproduce singular limit of  $\sigma(\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}})$  (and  $d\sigma/d\mathcal{T}_N$ ), such that for  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}} \rightarrow 0$  we can neglect

$$\Delta\sigma(\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}) \equiv \sigma(\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}) - \sigma^{\text{sub}}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}) \rightarrow 0$$

# Power Expansion.

Expand cross section in powers of  $\tau_N \equiv \frac{\mathcal{T}_N}{Q}$  and  $\tau_{\text{cut}} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{T}_{\text{cut}}}{Q}$   
(where  $Q$  is a typical hard scale whose precise choice is irrelevant for now)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau_N} = \frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{d\tau_N} + \frac{d\sigma^{(2)}}{d\tau_N} + \frac{d\sigma^{(4)}}{d\tau_N} + \dots$$
$$\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sigma^{(0)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) + \sigma^{(2)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) + \sigma^{(4)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) + \dots$$

- Singular (leading-power) terms

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}}{d\tau_N} \equiv \frac{d\sigma^{(0)}}{d\tau_N} \sim \delta(\tau_N) + \left[ \frac{\mathcal{O}(1)}{\tau_N} \right]_+$$
$$\sigma^{\text{sing}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \equiv \sigma^{(0)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

- Nonsingular (subleading-power) terms

$$\tau_N \frac{d\sigma^{(2k)}}{d\tau_N} \sim \mathcal{O}(\tau_N^k) \quad \sigma^{(2k)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \mathcal{O}(\tau_{\text{cut}}^k)$$

# Putting Everything Together.

$$\sigma = \underbrace{\sigma^{\text{sub}}(\tau_{\text{cut}})}_{\text{NNLO}_N} + \underbrace{\int_{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau_N \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau_N}}_{\text{NLO}_{N+1}} + \underbrace{\Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}})}_{\text{neglect}}$$

where we have to choose

$$\sigma^{\text{sub}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sigma^{\text{sing}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) [1 + \mathcal{O}(\tau_{\text{cut}})]$$

So neglecting  $\Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}})$  we only miss  $\mathcal{O}(\tau_{\text{cut}})$  power-suppressed terms

$$\Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) - \sigma^{\text{sub}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sigma^{(2)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) + \dots \sim \mathcal{O}(\tau_{\text{cut}})$$

The tradeoff: Lowering  $\tau_{\text{cut}}$  ...

- ... reduces size of missing power corrections
- ... increases numerical cancellations between first two terms
  - ▶ Requires numerically more precise calculation of  $d\sigma/d\tau_N$  in a region where the N+1-jet NLO calculation quickly becomes much less stable
  - ▶ Computational cost increases substantially

# Estimating Size of Missing Power Corrections.

There is one more important caveat

- Power suppression gets weaker at higher orders in  $\alpha_s$  due to stronger log enhancement

$$\sigma^{(2)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sum_{n=0} \sigma^{(2,n)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^n$$

$$\sigma^{(2,n)}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \tau_{\text{cut}} \sum_{m=0}^{2n-1} A_m^{(2,n)} \ln^m \tau_{\text{cut}}$$

⇒ Dominant missing  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$  terms actually scale as

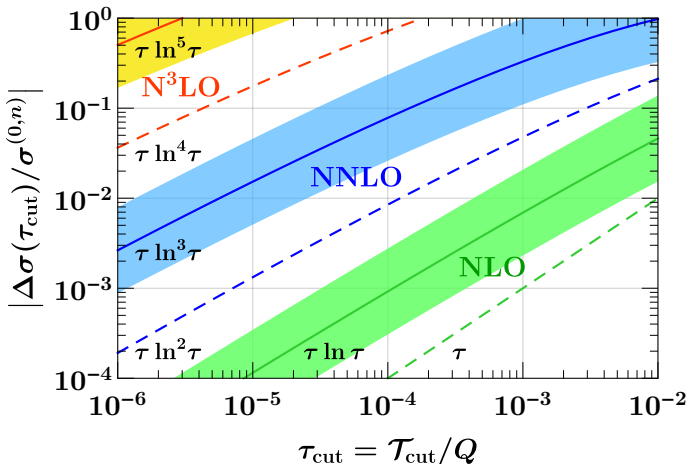
$$\Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) \sim \alpha_s^n \tau_{\text{cut}} \ln^{2n-1} \tau_{\text{cut}}$$

- ▶ Can use this to get a rough order of magnitude estimate of their size by taking  $A^{(2,n)} = \sigma^{(0,n)} \times [1/3, 3]$
- ▶ Works quite well for the cases we have checked

# Estimating Size of Missing Power Corrections.

Estimate  $\Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}})$  at  $N^n\text{LO}$

- relative to full  $N^n\text{LO}$  coefficient

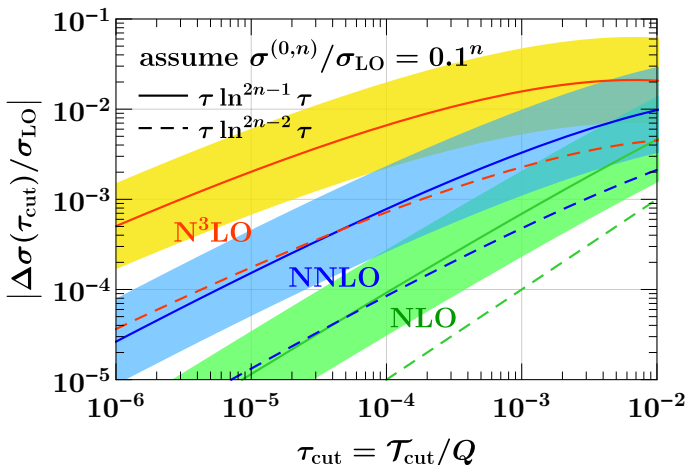


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- relative to  $\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ , assuming a 10% correction at each  $\alpha_s$  order



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# The Upshot (or an early summary).

All IR-singular contributions are projected onto the physical observable  $\mathcal{T}_N$

## The drawback

- Subtractions are nonlocal, i.e. not point-by-point in the real emission phase-space
  - ▶ Phase-space slicing in  $\mathcal{T}_N$  = global (maximally nonlocal) subtraction
- In practice, it is a question of numerical stability whether this is a disadvantage or not
  - ▶ Naively expect larger numerical cancellations (since they happen later)
  - ▶ On the other hand, simpler structure and fewer subtraction terms

## The advantage

- Subtractions are given by singular limit of a physical cross section
  - ▶ By choosing the “right” observable they can be computed using a factorization theorem
  - ▶ Also allows computing power corrections, giving significant improvements
- All nonsingular contributions are immediately given in terms of existing lower-order Born+1-jet calculations

# Resolution Variables for Physical Subtractions.

In principle, any IR-sensitive resumable variable could be used

In fact, in the context of resummation, the singular terms are routinely obtained as a “by-product” of the resummation and used as subtraction to get the nonsingular terms.

## Other variables used as subtractions for NNLO calculations

- Color-singlet production:  $q_T$  subtractions utilize  $q_T$  of color-singlet system [Catani, Grazzini '07]
  - ▶ Very successfully applied to Higgs, Drell-Yan, and essentially any combination of diboson production  
[Catani et al. '07, '09, '11; Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano '11, '14; Cascioli et al. '14; Gehrmann et al. '14; Grazzini, Kallweit, Rathlev, Torre '13, '15; several more implementations]
  - ▶ Primarily used as global subtraction (as far as I know)
- Top-quark decay rate: inclusive jet mass (global) [Gao, Li, Zhu '12]
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ : Total radiation energy (global) [Gao, Zhu '14]

N-jettiness event shape is explicitly designed as N-jet resolution variable with simplest possible factorization/resummation properties

- Differential 0-jettiness subtractions are implemented in GENEVA Monte-Carlo (as basis of its NNLO+NNLL'+PS matching) [Alioli et al. '13, '15]
- Global 0-jettiness (beam thrust)
  - ▶ Drell-Yan and Higgs [Gaunt, Stahlhofen, FT, Walsh '15]
  - ▶  $VH$ , diphoton [Campbell, Ellis, Li, Williams '16]
  - ▶ NNLO Color-singlet in MCFM 8 [Boughezal et al. '16]
- Global 1-jettiness
  - ▶  $pp \rightarrow V/H + j$  [Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello + Campbell, Ellis, Giele '15, '16]
  - ▶  $pp \rightarrow \gamma + j$  [Campbell, Ellis, Williams '16]

# N-Jettiness.

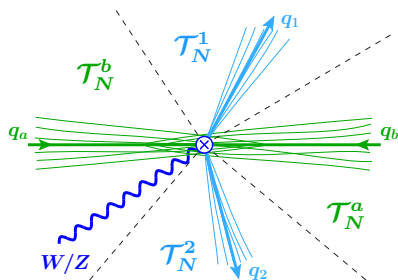
# N-Jettiness Event Shape.

[Stewart, FT, Waalewijn, '10]

$$\mathcal{T}_N = \sum_k \min \left\{ \frac{2q_a \cdot p_k}{Q_a}, \frac{2q_b \cdot p_k}{Q_b}, \frac{2q_1 \cdot p_k}{Q_1}, \frac{2q_2 \cdot p_k}{Q_2}, \dots, \frac{2q_N \cdot p_k}{Q_N} \right\}$$
$$\equiv \mathcal{T}_N^a + \mathcal{T}_N^b + \mathcal{T}_N^1 + \dots + \mathcal{T}_N^N$$

- Partitions phase space into  $N$  jet regions and 2 beam regions
- $Q_{a,b}, Q_j$  determine distance measure
  - ▶ Geometric measures:  $Q_i = 2\rho_i E_i$
- Born reference momenta  $q_i$

$$q_{a,b} = x_{a,b} \frac{E_{\text{cm}}}{2} (1, \pm \hat{z})$$
$$q_j = E_j (1, \vec{n}_j)$$



Specifying them corresponds to choosing an (IR-safe) Born projection

- ▶ Specific choice is part of N-jettiness definition but only affects the power-suppressed terms and is therefore not needed for singular terms

# All-order Singular Structure.

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}(X)}{d\tau_N} = \int d\Phi_N \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}(\Phi_N)}{d\tau_N} X(\Phi_N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}(\Phi_N)}{d\tau_N} &= \mathcal{C}_{-1}(\Phi_N) \delta(\tau_N) + \sum_{m \geq 0} \mathcal{C}_m(\Phi_N) \mathcal{L}_m(\tau_N) \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left[ \mathcal{C}_{-1}^{(n)}(\Phi_N) \delta(\tau_N) + \sum_{m=0}^{2n-1} \mathcal{C}_m^{(n)}(\Phi_N) \mathcal{L}_m(\tau_N) \right] \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

- Singular only depend on Born phase space  $\Phi_N \equiv \{q_i, \lambda_i, \kappa_i\}$ 
  - ▶ Subtractions are FKS-like in this respect
- Plus distributions encode cancellation of real and virtual IR divergences

$$\mathcal{L}_m(\tau_N) = \left[ \frac{\theta(\tau_N) \ln^m(\tau_N)}{\tau_N} \right]_+ \quad \int^{\tau^{\text{cut}}} d\tau_N \mathcal{L}_m(\tau_N) = \frac{\ln^{m+1}(\tau^{\text{cut}})}{m+1}$$

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- Integrated subtractions

$$\sigma^{\text{sing}}(\Phi_N, \tau_{\text{cut}}) = \mathcal{C}_{-1}(\Phi_N) + \sum_{m \geq 0} \mathcal{C}_m(\Phi_N) \frac{\ln^{m+1}(\tau_{\text{cut}})}{m+1}$$

- $\mathcal{C}_{-1}(\Phi_N)$  contains finite remainder of N-parton virtuals

- ▶ At LO:  $\mathcal{C}_{-1}^{(0)}(\Phi_N) = B_N(\Phi_N)$
- ▶ Most nontrivial piece, corresponds to virtual plus integrated subtraction in other subtraction schemes

# Factorization Theorem.

[Stewart, FT, Waalewijn, '09, '10]

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}(\Phi_N)}{d\mathcal{T}_N} = \int dt_a B_a(t_a, x_a, \mu) \int dt_b B_b(t_b, x_b, \mu) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N \int ds_i J_i(s_i, \mu) \right] \\ \times \vec{C}^\dagger(\Phi_N, \mu) \hat{S}_\kappa \left( \mathcal{T}_N - \frac{t_a}{Q_a} - \frac{t_b}{Q_b} - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{s_i}{Q_i}, \{\hat{q}_i\}, \mu \right) \vec{C}(\Phi_N, \mu)$$

- All functions are IR finite and have an operator definition in SCET
- Simplifying features of N-jettiness
  - ▶ No dependence on jet algorithm (jet clustering, jet radius, etc.)
  - ▶ No recoil effects from soft radiation
  - ▶ No additional  $\vec{p}_T$  dependence or convolutions, no rapidity divergences
- To obtain subtraction coefficients simply expand and collect terms, e.g.,

$$\mathcal{C}_{-1}^{(2)} = f_a f_b [\vec{C}^{\dagger(0)} \vec{C}^{(2)} + \vec{C}^{\dagger(2)} \vec{C}^{(0)}] \\ + \vec{C}^{\dagger(0)} [B_a^{(2)} f_b + f_a B_b^{(2)} + f_a f_b \hat{S}^{(2)}] \vec{C}^{(0)} \\ + 1\text{-loop cross terms}$$

# Hard Matching Coefficients.

Encode the process-dependent N-parton virtual QCD corrections

Arise from matching QCD onto SCET

- In pure dimensionless regularization with  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  given in terms of IR-finite ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -subtracted) N-parton QCD amplitudes
- General formalism using SCET helicity operator basis

[Moult, Stewart, FT, Waalewijn '15]

- ▶ Using same color basis  $\bar{T}^{a_1 \dots a_n}$  as in QCD calculation, directly given by corresponding color-ordered helicity amplitudes

$$\bar{T}^{a_1 \dots a_n} i\vec{C}_{\pm \dots \pm} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{fin}}(g_1^\pm \dots q_n^\pm) \equiv \frac{\bar{T}^{a_1 \dots a_n} \hat{Z}_C^{-1} \vec{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{ren}}(g_1^\pm \dots q_n^\pm)}{Z_\xi^{n_q/2} Z_A^{n_g/2}}$$

- ▶  $\hat{Z}$ ,  $Z_\xi$ ,  $Z_A$  are SCET  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  renormalization constants (in pure dimensional regularization equivalent to QCD  $1/\epsilon_{\text{IR}}$  divergences)
- ▶ QCD helicity amplitudes should be UV-renormalized in CDR or HV

# Beam and Jet Functions.

Encode cancellation of IR singularities between collinear real and virtual radiation and corresponding IR-finite remainder

- Inclusive virtuality-dependent (SCET-I) beam and jet functions
  - ▶ Universal for any N, only depend on parton type (quark vs. gluon)
  - ▶ Important: Overlap with soft contributions (known as zero bins in SCET) is scale-less and vanishes in pure dimensionless regularization

## Jet functions

- (Straight)forward IR-finite vacuum matrix element of collinear quark or gluon operator

[NLO: Bauer, Manohar '03, Fleming, Leibovich, Mehen '03, Becher, Schwartz '06;

NNLO: Becher, Neubert '06, Becher, Bell '10]

## Beam functions

- Require matching onto PDFs in terms of IR-finite matching coefficients

[NLO: Stewart, FT, Waalewijn '09, '10; NNLO: Gaunt, Stahlhofen, FT '14]

$$B_i(t, x) = \sum_j \int \frac{dz}{z} \mathcal{I}_{ij}(t, z) f_j\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)$$

- ▶ NNLO beam functions are key ingredient for color-singlet production

Encodes cancellation of IR singularities between soft real and virtual radiation and corresponding IR-finite remainder

- Matrix element of  $N+2$  lightlike soft Wilson lines along collinear directions
  - ▶ Matrix acting on external color space, accounts for all color correlations in soft IR divergences
- Explicitly depends on  $N$ -jettiness measurement and partitioning
  - ▶ with respect to fixed collinear directions (no soft recoil effects)
- NLO: Known for any number of Wilson lines (and any  $Q_i$ ) using on hemisphere decomposition [Jouttenus, Stewart, FT, Waalewijn '11]
- NNLO
  - ▶ 2 partons: Hemisphere soft function [Kelley, Schwartz, Schabinger, Zhu '11; Monni, Gehrmann, Luisoni '11; Hornig, Lee, Stewart, Walsh, Zuberi '11; Kang, Labun, Lee '15]
  - ▶ 3 partons: Numerically for  $pp \rightarrow L + 1j$  [Boughezal, Liu, Petriello '15] recently for massive 3rd parton [Li, Wang '16]
  - ▶ Not yet known for general  $N$

# Subleading Power Corrections.

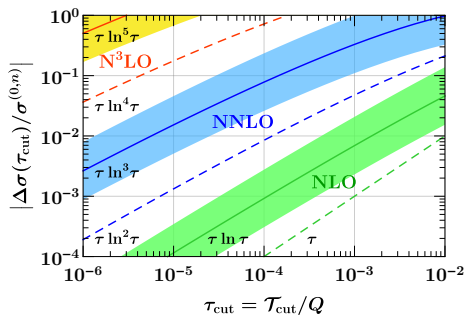
# Basic Idea.

Recall

$$\sigma^{\text{sub}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sigma^{\text{sing}}(\tau_{\text{cut}}) [1 + \mathcal{O}(\tau_{\text{cut}})]$$

$$\Delta\sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) = \sigma(\tau_{\text{cut}}) - \sigma^{\text{sub}}(\tau_{\text{cut}})$$

$$\sim \tau_{\text{cut}} \ln^n \tau_{\text{cut}}$$



Calculating the dominant power corrections

they can be included in the subtraction to reduce the size of the missing terms

- Each factor of log can potentially give an order of magnitude numerical improvement
  - ▶ Even the LL next-to-leading power (NLP) terms are very interesting
- Many things that could be ignored at leading power start to matter at subleading power.
  - ▶ Choice of N-jettiness definition can strongly impact size of power corrections

# SCET at Subleading Power.

SCET is explicitly constructed to maintain manifest power counting at all stages of a calculation

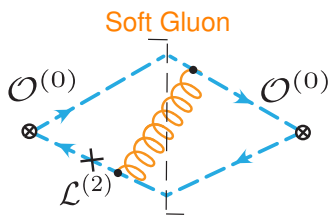
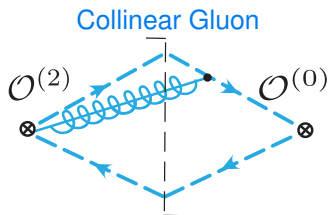
Provides natural organization of different sources of power corrections

- Insertions of subleading SCET Lagrangian
  - ▶ Corrects dynamics of propagating soft and collinear particles
- Subleading hard-scattering operators
  - ▶ Helicity operator basis extended to subleading power
- Subleading corrections to the measurement

Since we don't care about resummation, we don't actually need a full factorization theorem at subleading power

Instead, we can perform the calculation at fixed order with SCET as organizational principle, focusing on the highest logarithmic terms

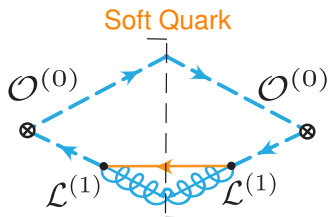
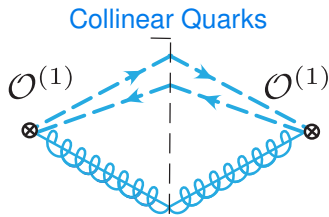
# Example: Thrust at NLO.



$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma^{(2,1)}}{d\tau} = 8C_F \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2\tau} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2\tau^2} \right) \right] = 8C_F \ln \tau,$$

- Result gives directly (no additional expansions) the NLP contribution
- Total NLP result reproduces known thrust result
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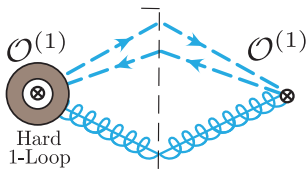
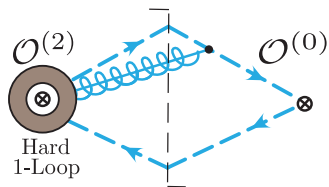
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma^{(2,1)}}{d\tau} = 4C_F \left[ -\left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2\tau} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2\tau^2} \right) \right] = -4C_F \ln \tau$$

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# Going to NNLO.

## Same cancellation of $1/\epsilon$ poles must happen at NNLO

- Yields nontrivial constraints (consistency relations) on the different contributions from hard, collinear, and soft sectors
  - ▶ Significantly reduces number of NNLO coefficients that must be calculated
  - ▶ Equivalently provides for nontrivial cross checks
- The LL NNLO result is determined by a single coefficient
  - ▶ hard-collinear (easiest) or collinear-soft or soft-softor



$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma^{(2,2)}}{d\tau} = \left[ -32C_F^2 + 8C_F(C_F + C_A) \right] \ln^3 \tau + \dots$$

- ▶ New color structure compared to leading power from quark channel

Crossing the thrust calculation and taking into account differences in measurement, phase space, and PDFs

Coefficients of the partonic cross section

with  $\delta_a \equiv \delta(\xi_a - x_a)$  and  $\delta'_a \equiv x_a \delta'(\xi_a - x_a)$  and  $\tau \equiv \mathcal{T}_0/Q$

- NLO

$$C_{q\bar{q}}^{(2,1)}(\xi_a, \xi_b) = 8C_F \left( \delta_a \delta_b + \frac{\delta'_a \delta_b}{2} + \frac{\delta_a \delta'_b}{2} \right) \ln \tau + \dots$$

$$C_{qg}^{(2,1)}(\xi_a, \xi_b) = -2T_F \delta_a \delta_b \ln \tau + \dots$$

- NNLO

$$C_{q\bar{q}}^{(2,2)}(\xi_a, \xi_b) = -32C_F^2 \left( \delta_a \delta_b + \frac{\delta'_a \delta_b}{2} + \frac{\delta_a \delta'_b}{2} \right) \ln^3 \tau + \dots$$

$$C_{qg}^{(2,2)}(\xi_a, \xi_b) = 4T_F(C_F + C_A) \delta_a \delta_b \ln^3 \tau + \dots$$

- ▶ *qg* channel already contributes at leading-log, in contrast to leading power

# Numerical Results for Drell-Yan.

We can obtain the full nonsingular numerically

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{nons}}}{d \ln \mathcal{T}_0} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d \ln \mathcal{T}_0} - \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{LO}}} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{sing}}}{d \ln \mathcal{T}_0}$$

- Use  $Z + j$  NLO calculation from MCFM 8 for  $d\sigma/d \ln \mathcal{T}_0$
- Perform a  $\chi^2$  fit to (with  $\tau \equiv \mathcal{T}_0/m_Z$ )

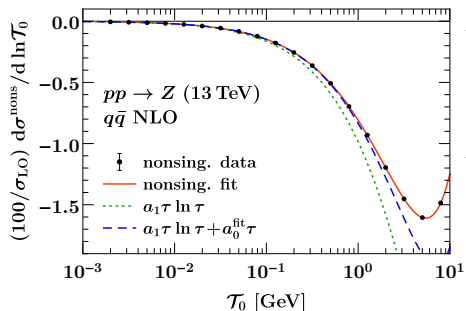
$$F_{\text{NLO}}(\tau) = \frac{d}{d \ln \tau} \left\{ \tau \left[ (a_1 + b_1 \tau + c_1 \tau^2) \ln \tau + a_0 + b_0 \tau + c_0 \tau^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$F_{\text{NNLO}}(\tau) = \frac{d}{d \ln \tau} \left\{ \tau \left[ (a_3 + b_3 \tau) \ln^3 \tau + (a_2 + b_2 \tau) \ln^2 \tau + a_1 \ln \tau + a_0 \right] \right\}$$

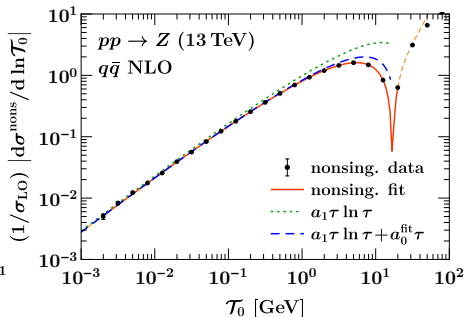
- ▶ Requires high MC statistics to get precise enough nonsingular data to be able to distinguish different terms of similar shape
- ▶ Important to include  $b_i, c_i$  coefficients in the fit to avoid biasing the fit result for the NLP  $a_i$  coefficients we are interested in
- ▶ Important to carefully select fit range in  $\mathcal{T}_0$  and validate fit stability

# Numerical Results at NLO.

linear scale



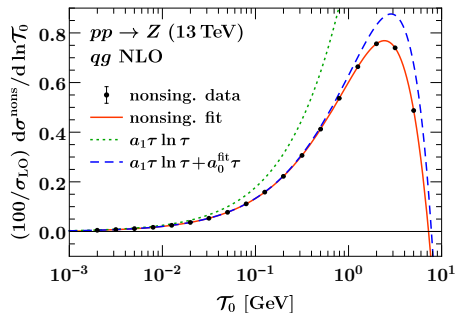
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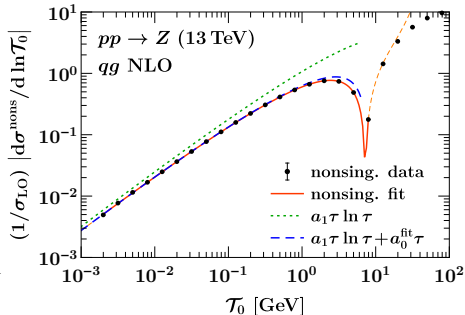
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$q\bar{q}$ NLO	$a_0$	$+0.13738 \pm 0.00057$	
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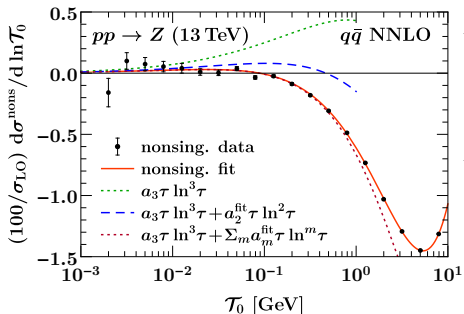
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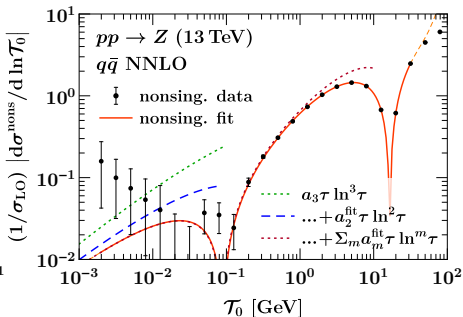
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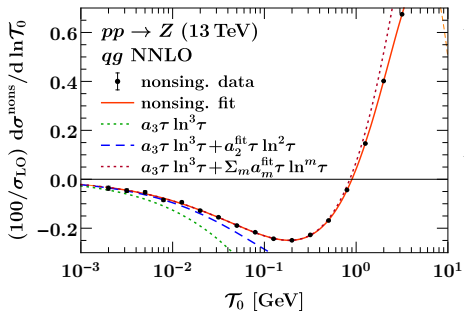
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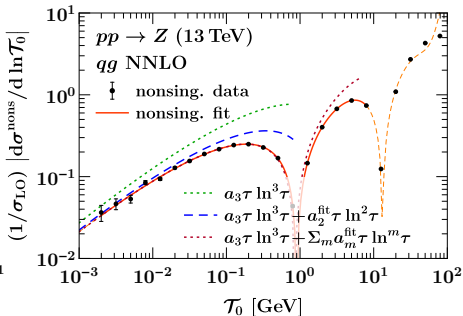
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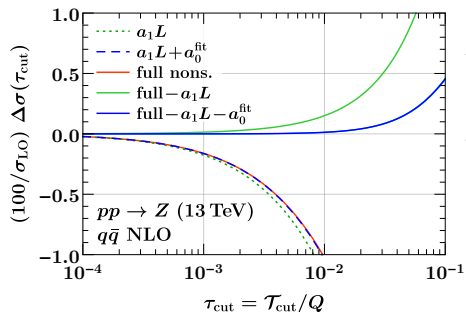
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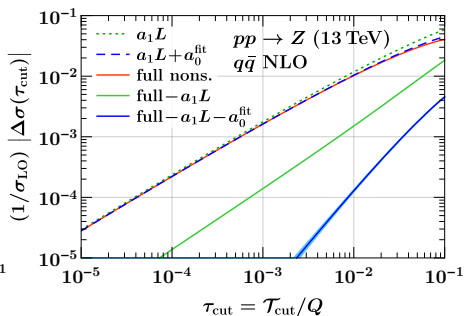
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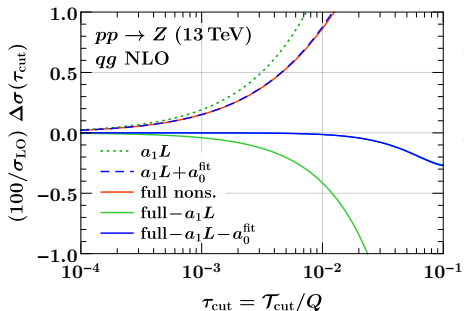


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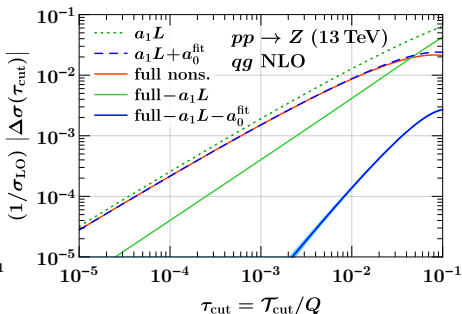


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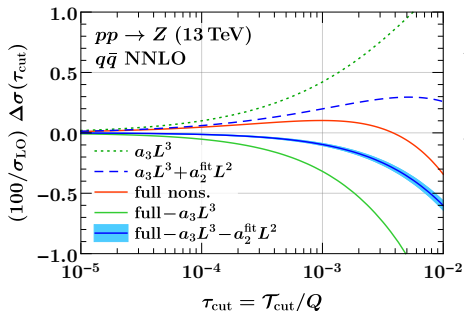


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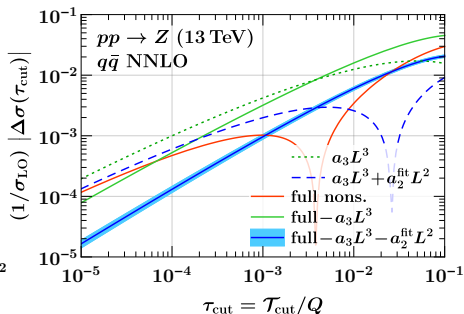


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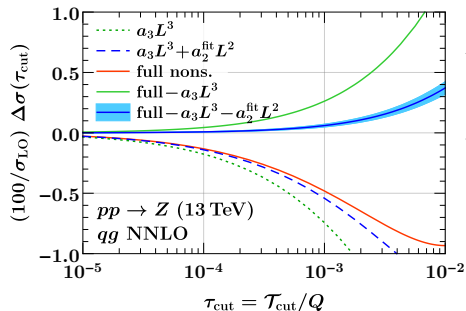


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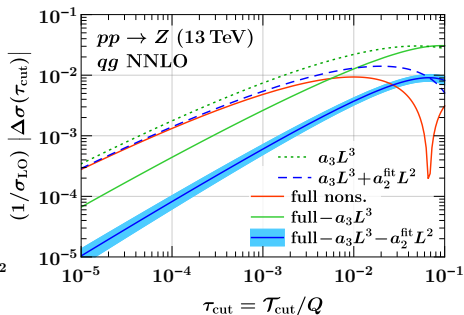


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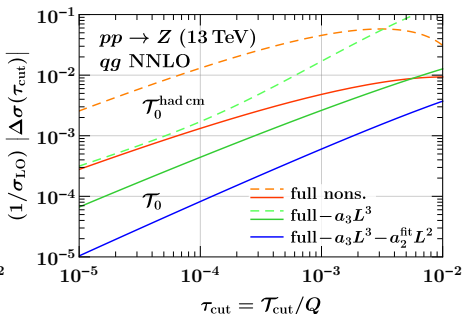
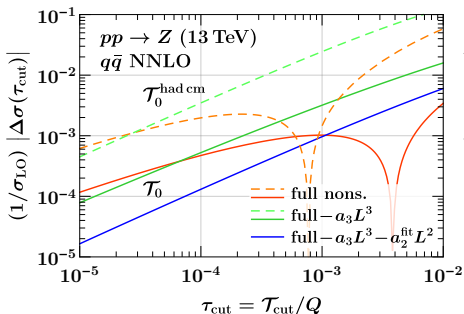
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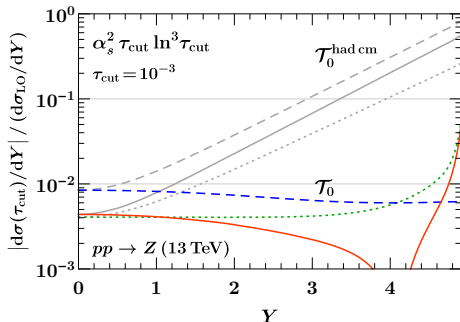
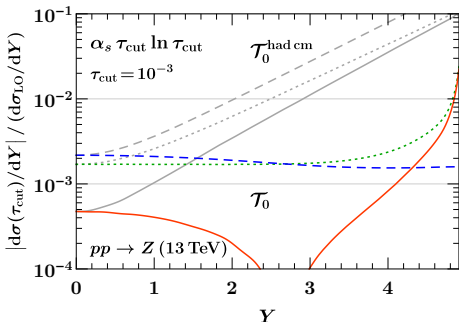
# Dependence on Definition.

$$\mathcal{T}_0^x = \sum_k \min\{\lambda_x p_k^+, \lambda_x^{-1} p_k^-\}$$

- leptonic:  $\lambda = \sqrt{q^-/q^+} = e^Y$ 
  - ▶ Accounts for boost between leptonic (Born) and hadronic cm frame
  - ▶ Most natural (original) definition, power expansion in  $\mathcal{T}_0/Q$
- hadronic:  $\lambda_{\text{had cm}} = 1$  (currently used in MCFM [Boughezal et. al '16])
  - ▶ Defines  $\mathcal{T}_0^{\text{had cm}}$  in hadronic cm frame
  - ▶ Power expansion effectively in  $\mathcal{T}_0^{\text{had cm}}/(Qe^{\pm Y})$  deteriorates for large  $Y$



# Rapidity Dependence of Power Corrections.



- Exponential enhancement of power corrections

$$\tilde{C}_{q\bar{q}}^{(2,2)}(\xi_a, \xi_b) = -16C_F^2 \left[ e^Y \delta_a (\delta_b + \delta'_b) + e^{-Y} (\delta_a + \delta'_a) \delta_b \right] \ln^3 \tau + \dots$$

$$\tilde{C}_{qg}^{(2,2)}(\xi_a, \xi_b) = 4T_F(C_F + C_A) e^Y \delta_a \delta_b \ln^3 \tau + \dots$$

- Explains rapidity cuts needed in MCFM 8 to obtain stable predictions
- Same arguments hold for beam contributions for any N
  - Need to choose  $\rho_{a,b} = 1$  in Born frame or  $\rho_{a,b} = e^{\pm Y}$  in hadronic frame

# Summary and Outlook.

## Features of physical subtractions

- All IR singularities are projected onto physical observable
  - ▶ Also possible to make it more differential, e.g., separating into N-jettiness contributions from individual regions, going double-differential, ...
- Subtraction terms are given by singular contributions of a physical cross section
  - ▶ N-jettiness observable and factorization theorem available for any N
  - ▶ Extension to massive quarks is also possible
- The other key ingredient is a Born+jet NLO calculation that remains stable deep into the IR-singular region
- Can analyze and compute power corrections in SCET
  - ▶ Significant improvements in numerical implementations possible
  - ▶ Currently looking at other (gluon-initiated) color-singlet channels
  - ▶ TODO: Universality of NLP terms, extension to more final-state jets
  - ▶ Similar recent work (without SCET, also for  $gg$ ) in [Boughezal, Liu, Petriello '16]
- Planning to make subtractions publicly available in C++ library SCETlib  
[<http://scetlib.desy.de>]