

Hard Multi-Jet Predictions using High Energy Factorisation

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What is a jet (-algorithm)?

Organisational principle for events, which allows for a relation between the perturbative calculations with a few, hard partons (**theory**) and the many-hadron events observed in **experiments**.

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What is a jet?

- Experimentally: Collimated spray of (colour s.) particles
- Theoretically:
 - 1 LO: A single coloured particle (parton \leftrightarrow hadron duality)
 - 2 NLO: Possibly two particles
 - 3 Parton Shower and Hadronisation MC (a la Herwig):
Collimated spray of (colour singlet) particles
But tends to describe only few hard jets

The current discussion is independent on the exact jet-definition (kt , $S/\text{Score}, \dots$), although some reasonable (i.e. IR-safe) algorithm obviously is necessary to guarantee the relation between theoretical calculation and experimental observation

Why Study Multi-jet Observables?

We don't have a choice!

- 1 Many BSM (e.g. SUSY) particles will have *decay chains* involving the production of jets (e.g. lepton, 4 jets + p_T). Calculation of signal is easy (one process), SM contribution is very hard (several processes).
- 2 **All** LHC processes involves QCD-charged particles; sometimes the $(n+1)$ -jet cross section is as large as the n -jet cross section!
- 3 It is a challenge we cannot ignore !

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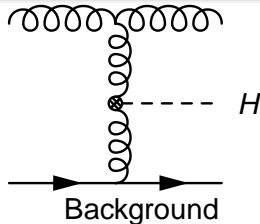
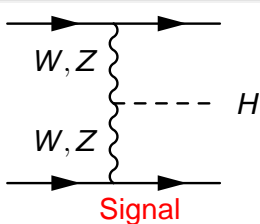
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- 1 When (!) a fundamental scalar has been found at the LHC we need to determine whether this one is responsible for the observed EWSB
- 2 Determine the couplings to Z or W by studying the angular distribution of the jets

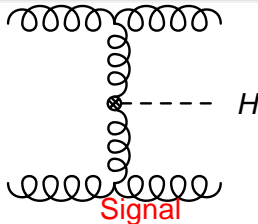
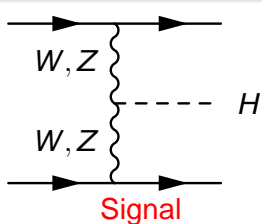


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Search for the **Higgs Boson!** May **relax** traditional Weak Boson Fusion cuts; then the QCD process can dominate. The two jets may help **give significance over background** compared to fully inclusive Higgs boson production.



Important to understand the behaviour of the **QCD process** in order to separate **from non-Higgs boson related background**.

Do we need a new approach?

Already know how to calculate. . .

- Shower MC: at most $2 \rightarrow 2$ "hard" processes with additional parton shower
- Flexible Tree level calculators:
MadGraph, AlpGen, SHERPA, . . .
Allow most $2 \rightarrow 4$, some $2 \rightarrow 6$ processes to be calculated at tree level.
Interfaced with Shower MC makes for a powerful mix!
- MCFM: Many relevant $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes at up to NLO (i.e. including $2 \rightarrow 4$ -contribution).
- . . . ⟨your favourite method here⟩

Could all be labelled "Standard Model contribution", but give vastly different results depending on the question asked!

Resummation and Matching

Consider the **perturbative expansion** of an observable

$$R = r_0 + r_1 \alpha_s + r_2 \alpha_s^2 + r_3 \alpha_s^3 + r_4 \alpha_s^4 + \dots$$

Fixed order pert. QCD will calculate a fixed number of terms in this expansion. r_n may contain **large logarithms** so that $\alpha_s \ln(\dots)$ is large.

$$\begin{aligned} R &= r_0 + (r_1^{LL} \ln(\dots) + r_1^{NLL}) \alpha_s + \left(r_2^{LL} \ln^2(\dots) + r_2^{NLL} \ln(\dots) + r_2^{SL} \right) \alpha_s^2 + \dots \\ &= r_0 + \sum_n r_n^{LL} (\alpha_s \ln(\dots))^n + \sum_n r_n^{NLL} \alpha_s (\alpha_s \ln(\dots))^n + \text{sub-leading terms} \end{aligned}$$

Need simplifying assumptions to get to all orders - useful **iff the terms** really do describe **the dominant part** of the **full pert. series**.

Matching combines **best of both worlds**:

$$R = r_0 + r_1 \alpha_s + r_2 \alpha_s^2 + \left(r_3^{LL} \ln^3(\dots) + r_3^{NLL} \ln^2(\dots) + r_3^{SL} \right) \alpha_s^3 + \dots$$

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Regge and High Energy Factorisation

In the High Energy Limit, $2 \rightarrow 2$ **scattering amplitudes** are **dominated** by the **t -channel exchange** of the particle of the **highest spin** allowed by the scattering theory

$$\mathcal{M}^{p_a p_b \rightarrow p_1 p_2} \xrightarrow{\text{Regge limit}} \hat{s}^{\hat{\alpha}(\hat{t})} \gamma(\hat{t})$$

Regge (1959)

$\hat{s} = (p_a + p_b)^2$, $\hat{t} = (p_a - p_1)^2$, Regge limit: $\hat{s} \rightarrow \infty$, \hat{t} fixed.

Multi-particle generalisation?

$$\mathcal{M}^{p_a p_c \rightarrow p_{a'} p_b p_{c'}} \xrightarrow{\text{Multi Regge limit}}$$

$$\hat{s}_1^{\hat{\alpha}(\hat{t}_1)} \hat{s}_2^{\hat{\alpha}(\hat{t}_2)} \gamma(\hat{t}_1, \hat{t}_2, \frac{S_{12}}{S_1 S_2})$$

MRK: $\hat{s}_{12}, \hat{s}_1, \hat{s}_2 \rightarrow \infty$, t_1, t_2 fixed

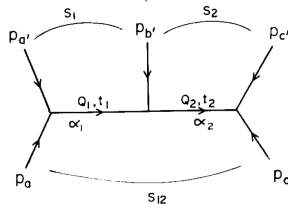


Fig. 2.1. Five-particle diagram showing notation.

Brower, DeTAR, Weis (1974)

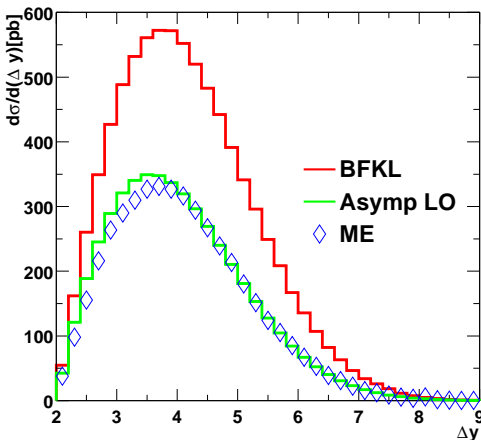
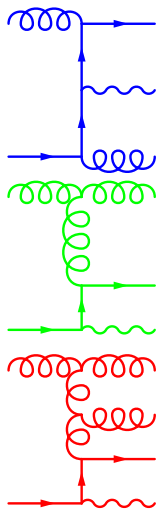
High Energy Factorisation - t -channel dominance

Process	Diagrams	$\overline{\sum} \mathcal{M} ^2 / g^4$
$qq' \rightarrow qq'$		$\frac{4}{9} \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2}$
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$		$\frac{4}{9} \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{s}^2}$
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$		$\frac{32}{27} \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}\hat{u}} - \frac{8}{3} \frac{\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{s}^2}$

High Energy Limit: $|\hat{t}|$ fixed, $\hat{s} \rightarrow \infty$

t -channel dominance

Example: $W+n$ -jet production at the LHC

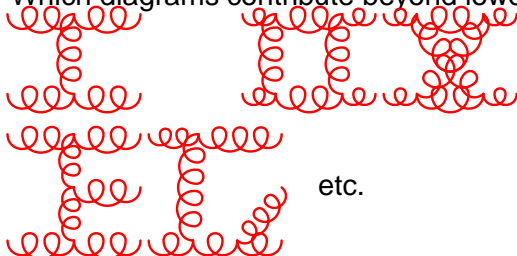


$$\Delta y = y_{j_2} - y_{j_1}, y_W, y_{j_2} \geq 1, y_{j_1} \leq -1$$

FKL at Leading Logarithmic Accuracy

Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov

Which diagrams contribute beyond lowest order?



All these contributions can be calculated using **effective vertices** and propagators for the **reggeized gluon**.



General form proved using s-channel unitarity and a set of bootstrap relations [NLL: Fadin, Fiore, Kozlov, Reznichenko](#)

FKL formalism (Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov)

FKL: Identification of the **dominant contributions** to the **perturbative series** for processes with two large (perturbative) and disparate energy scales $\hat{s} \gg |\hat{t}|$ ($\hat{s}: E_{\text{cm}}^2, \hat{t}: p_{\perp}^2$)



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$$C_L^\mu(q_{i-1}, q_i) = \left[-(q_i + q_{i+1})^{\mu_i} + p_a^\mu \left(\frac{q_i^2}{k_j \cdot p_1} + 2 \frac{k_j \cdot p_b}{p_a \cdot p_b} \right) - p_b^\mu \left(\frac{q_{i+1}^2}{k_j \cdot p_b} + 2 \frac{k_j \cdot p_a}{p_a \cdot p_b} \right) \right]$$

Framework exact in the limit of Multi Regge Kinematic (MRK)

$$y_0 \gg y_1 \gg \dots \gg y_n, \quad |k_{i\perp}| \approx |k_{j\perp}|, \quad q_i^2 \approx q_j^2$$

Reproduces the **MHV Parke-Taylor amplitudes** in the **High Energy Limit**

Checking effective vertices

The Ingredients of the NLL Vertex

$$V(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) = \left| \text{Diagram 1} \right|^2 + \int d\mathcal{P} \left| \text{Diagram 2} \right|^2 + \int d\mathcal{P} \left| \text{Diagram 3} \right|^2$$

Two methods for obtaining the vertices at NLL:

- Fadin & Lipatov:

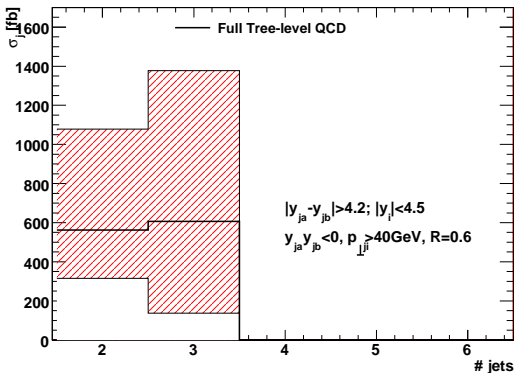
$$\text{Diagram 3} = \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 1}$$

- V. Del Duca:

$$\text{Diagram 3} = \lim \left(\text{Diagram 5} \right) / \left(\text{Diagram 6} \times \text{Diagram 7} \right)$$

Case study and Validation

Tree level results for $pp \rightarrow \text{Higgs} + \text{jets}$



Necessary to understand multi-emission topologies in order to

- cleanly extract WBF signal (c. jet veto, angular dist. of jets, ...)
- use H+jets as a discovery channel

Previous studies of Higgs Boson plus jets

- h_{jj} @full NLO: Increase in cross section over LO estimate of factors 1.2-1.3 or 1.7-1.8 depending on cuts (note: discussion of K -factors not really useful for a multi-scale problem).

J. Campbell, K. Ellis, G. Zanderighi

- h_{jj} @LO+parton showers: Focus on effects of soft and collinear radiation to all orders. Find significant effects beyond NLO.

V. Del Duca, G. Klämke, D. Zeppenfeld, M.L. Mangano, M. Moretti, F. Piccinini, R. Pittau, A.D. Polosa

Will focus on **developing a framework** which captures an alternative part of the **perturbative series to all orders (not relying** on soft and collinear factorisation) - and **compare it order by order** to the full result where known.

Higgs Boson plus $n \geq 2$ jets in the HE limit



Extract the effective Higgs Boson vertex using the method of VDD

Only two diagrams contribute to the process Higgs Boson plus 3 jets in the High Energy Limit!

Some contributions have suppressed HE limit. . .

$pp \rightarrow h + \text{jets}$ with vanishing HE limit

sub-processes **not contributing at all** in the HE limit:

$$u\bar{u} \rightarrow ghg(g), gg \rightarrow uh\bar{u}(g)$$

or not in **special rapidity configurations** (at LL):

$$gu \rightarrow uhg, ud \rightarrow dhu, gu \rightarrow ghug, \dots$$

Total contribution from full QCD ME of these contributions:

$$\sigma_{hjj}^{\text{non-FKL-conf.}} < 0.3\%$$

$$\sigma_{hjjj}^{\text{non-FKL-conf.}} < 10\% \text{ (most will be captured by allowing one } t\text{-channel quark propagator)}$$

Contributes less than 10% of the cross section. The HE limit will approximate the remaining configurations (will later add back the missing pieces by matching to the fixed order results)

The Scattering Amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 i\mathcal{M}_{\text{HE}}^{ab \rightarrow p_0 \dots p_j h p_{j+1} p_n} &= 2i\hat{s} \\
 &\cdot \left(ig_s f^{ad_0 c_1} g_{\mu_a \mu_0} \right) \\
 &\cdot \prod_{i=1}^j \left(\frac{1}{q_i^2} \exp[\hat{\alpha}(q_i^2)(y_{i-1} - y_i)] \left(ig_s f^{c_i d_i c_{i+1}} \right) C_{\mu_i}(q_i, q_{i+1}) \right) \\
 &\cdot \left(\frac{1}{q_h^2} \exp[\hat{\alpha}(q_h^2)(y_j - y_h)] C_H(q_{j+1}, q_h) \right) \\
 &\cdot \prod_{i=j+1}^n \left(\frac{1}{q_i^2} \exp[\hat{\alpha}(q_i^2)(y'_{i-1} - y'_i)] \left(ig_s f^{c_i d_i c_{i+1}} \right) C_{\mu_i}(q_i, q_{i+1}) \right) \\
 &\cdot \frac{1}{q_{n+1}^2} \exp[\hat{\alpha}(q_{n+1}^2)(y'_n - y_b)] \left(ig_s f^{bd_{n+1} c_{n+1}} g_{\mu_b \mu_{n+1}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Have: **exact** result in the **very exclusive limit** of **infinite separation** between **all particles**

Want: **inclusive** cross sections. . .

The Traditional Implementation Using the BFKL Eqn*

Adding one emission \rightarrow emergence of extra factor in $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ of

$$\frac{-C^{\mu_i} \cdot C_{\mu_i}}{t_j t_{j+1}} \xrightarrow{\text{Ultimate MRK limit}} \frac{4}{p_{i\perp}^2}$$

Taking into account contraction of colour factors, the addition of an emission leads to the following factor in the colour and spin summed and averaged square of the matrix element

$$\frac{4 g_s^2 C_A}{p_{i\perp}^2}$$

Only **transverse degrees of freedom** left!

*Now is a good time to take a nap - in a few minutes I will ask you to forget all about the BFKL eqn.

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$$\left| \mathcal{M}^{gg \rightarrow hgg} \right|^2 = \frac{4\hat{s}^2}{N_c^2 - 1} \frac{C_A g_s^2}{p_{0\perp}^2} \left| C_{HEL}^H(-p_{0\perp}, p_{1,\perp}) \right|^2 \frac{C_A g_s^2}{p_{1\perp}^2}$$

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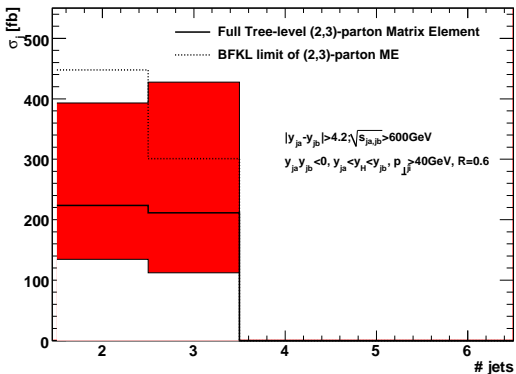
$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow g \dots h \dots g}}{dp_{a\perp}^2 dy_a dp_{b\perp}^2 dy_b dp_{H\perp}^2 dy_H} = \int d^2 q_{a\perp} d^2 q_{b\perp} \left(\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{p_{a\perp}^2} \right) f(-p_{a\perp}, q_{a,\perp}, \Delta y_{aH})$$

$$\cdot \left| C_{HEL}^H(q_{a,\perp}, q_{b,\perp}) \right|^2 f(q_{b\perp}, p_{b,\perp}, \Delta y_{Hb}) \left(\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{p_{b\perp}^2} \right)$$

$$\text{BFKL eqn : } \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(q_a, q_b, y) = \int d^{D-2} \mathbf{q} K(q_a, \mathbf{q}) f(\mathbf{q}, q_b, y)$$

Applies **factorisation** and **kinematic approximations** in **all of phase space**

Comparison between BFKL and Full Matrix Element



C.D. White, JRA

Not convincing*. Can obviously match to FO, but better also improve resumⁿ!

* And this is even the energy and momentum conserving variant of BFKL - please ask about this point if you want to see something crazy. It is actually a very important point.

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The full scattering amplitude is divergent for several momentum configurations, for which the BFKL approximations of is finite. These divergences obviously lie explicitly outside of MRK. However, we choose to re-instate several of these divergences by using **the full momentum dependence of all invariants**. Result differ from the BFKL equivalent only in the sub-MRK region.

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Using full expression for propagators **automatically takes into account the dominant source of NLL corrections** to *any* logarithmic accuracy. NLL corrections to Lipatov Vertex C^μ starts to address the dependence on longitudinal momenta between two neighbouring partons. We can restore the **full** propagator between all gluons.

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Choose form of Lipatov vertex satisfying $C^\mu k_\mu = 0$. The gauge terms are automatically suppressed in the HE limit, but we are seeking a form which works *everywhere*. Simultaneously ensures amplitude is positive definite.

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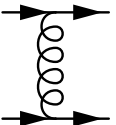
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These two constrains the subasymptotic form of the amplitude (and obviously does not alter the asymptotic form). Approximates the full results well where known. Sufficiently simple to allow an all-order resummation.

* Now would be a good time to wake up. Any time now. Please.

What basically does this amount to?

Consider again $qq' \rightarrow qq'$ scattering:

Process	Diagrams	$\overline{\sum} \mathcal{M} ^2 / g^4$
$qq' \rightarrow qq'$		$\frac{4}{9} \frac{\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2}$

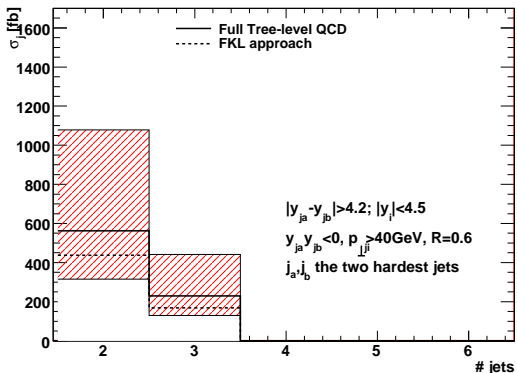
$$\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u} = 0, \text{ i.e. } \hat{u} = -(\hat{s} + \hat{t}), \hat{u}^2 = \hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2 + 2\hat{s}\hat{t}.$$

$$\text{BFKL result: } \frac{4}{9} \frac{2\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2 + 2\hat{s}\hat{t}}{\hat{t}^2} \rightarrow \frac{8}{9} \frac{\hat{s}^2}{k_{\perp}^4}$$

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Formalism re-introduces the right position of divergences in the sub-MRK region to all orders.

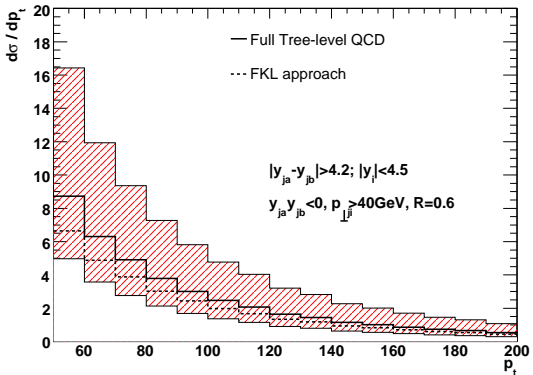
Comparison between FKL and Full Matrix Element



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Difference between FKL (2 diagrams) and full result (10^3 diagrams) is much less than the renormalisation and factorisation scale uncertainty. Repair with matching corrections.

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Performing the Explicit Resummation

Soft divergence from real radiation:

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\text{HE}}^{p_a p_b \rightarrow p_0 p_1 p_h p_2}|^2 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{p}_1^2 \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{4g_s^2 C_A}{\mathbf{p}_1^2} \right) |\mathcal{M}_{\text{HE}}^{p_a p_b \rightarrow p_0 p_h p_2}|^2$$

Integrate over the soft part $\mathbf{p}_i^2 < \lambda^2$ of phase space in $D = 4 + 2\varepsilon$ dimensions

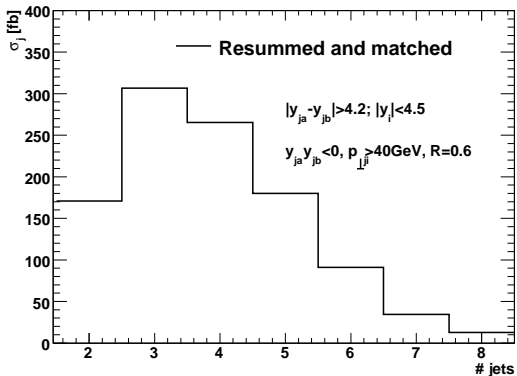
$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\lambda \frac{d^{2+2\varepsilon} \mathbf{p} dy_1}{(2\pi)^{2+2\varepsilon} 4\pi} \left(\frac{4g_s^2 C_A}{\mathbf{p}^2} \right) \mu^{-2\varepsilon} \\ &= \frac{4g_s^2 C_A}{(2\pi)^{2+2\varepsilon} 4\pi} \Delta y_{0h} \frac{\pi^{1+\varepsilon}}{\Gamma(1+\varepsilon)} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (\lambda^2/\mu^2)^\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Pole in ε cancels with that from the virtual corrections

$$\hat{\alpha}(t) = -\frac{g_s^2 C_A \Gamma(1-\varepsilon)}{(4\pi)^{2+\varepsilon}} \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \left(\mathbf{q}^2/\mu^2 \right)^\varepsilon.$$

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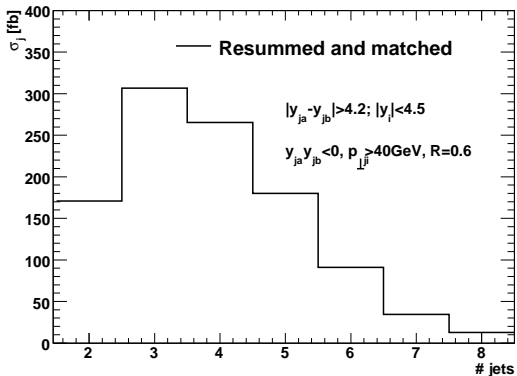


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Can sum over n -parton inclusive samples (both real and virtual contributions included). Matching to the tree level n -parton matrix elements.

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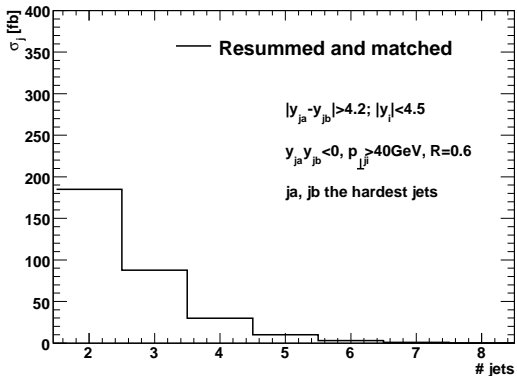


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Significant jet activity

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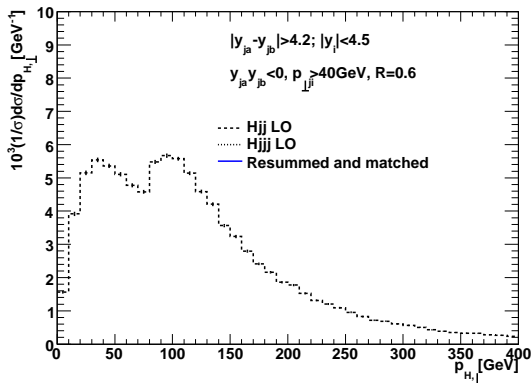
$$\sigma_{hjj}^{LO} : 562\text{fb}; \sigma_{hjj}^{\text{resummed+matched}} : 316\text{fb}$$



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Most events are rejected because of the central jet activity

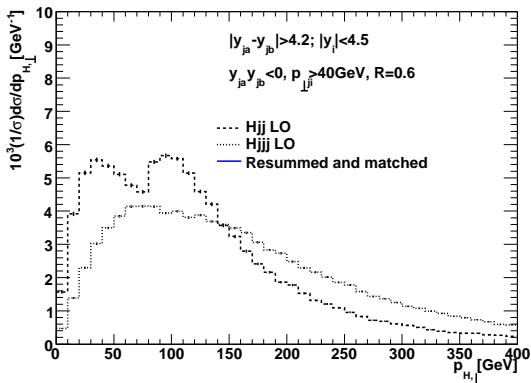
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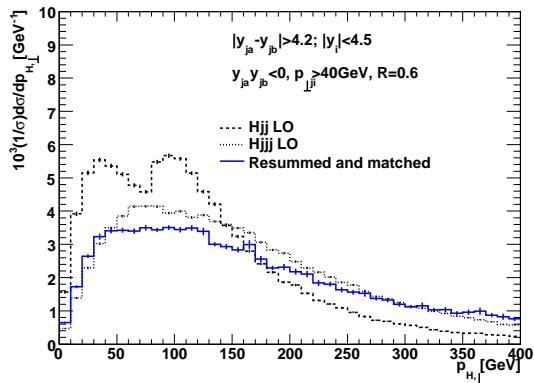
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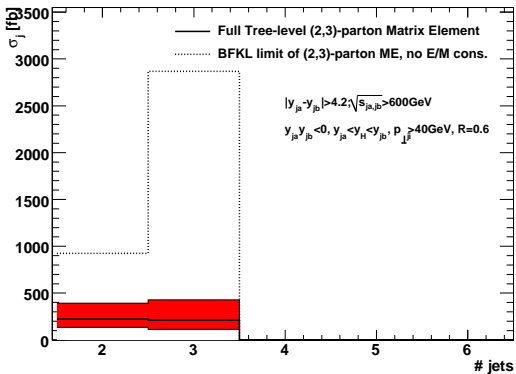
Conclusions

- Emerging framework for the study of processes with multiple hard jets
- Working implementation, including matching to the known fixed order results; public code available
- Impact many studies: jet correlations, . . .
- Les Houches Interface to study effects of showering

Outlook

- Implement other processes and test against Tevatron Data
- Include t -channel quark propagators (include more partonic channels)
- Matching to shower algorithms
- . . .

Thank you for asking that question. . .



Formulation valid for $\hat{s} \rightarrow \infty, |t|$ fixed. But $\hat{s} < s$ fixed at any collider! E/M conserv. not just “subleading corrections” in partonic scattering, but stops the evolution all together (even before the strict MRK limit is reached!).