

# QCD threshold resummation for gluino pair production at NNLL

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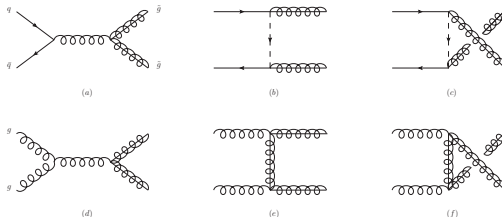
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- Hadron colliders as the LHC are especially appropriated to produce color-charged particles, such as the gluino as Superpartner of the gluon in supersymmetric models.
- In models with R-parity conservation, SUSY particles can only be pair-produced.
- The gluino is special in that sense, that its inclusive hadronic production cross section basically depends on the cms energy  $\sqrt{s}$  and the gluino mass  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ , but barely on the masses of the other SUSY particles.
- Production channels: gluon fusion, quark-antiquark annihilation (At NLO also  $gq$  annihilation, but suppressed near the threshold)
- The hadr. production cross section is mainly driven by gluon fusion (about 99%) !



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ATLAS and CMS analysis (see for instance arXiv:1208.0949 and 1212.6961)

[see also Krämer et al., 2012]

If gluinos are heavy, they are produced close to the threshold.

⇒ **Soft gluon exchange** is important. Do we have to go beyond NLL?

# Threshold limit

Recall the (partonic) production cross section in the channel  $ij$  near threshold for a common renormalization and factorization scale  $\mu_r = \mu_f = \mu$ :

$$\sigma_{ij}^{\text{NLO}}(\mu = m_{\tilde{g}}) = \sigma_{ij}^{\text{Born}} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[ A_{ij} \ln^2(\beta) + B_{ij} \ln(\beta) + \frac{C_{ij}}{\beta} + C_1^{ij}(r) + \mathcal{O}(\beta) \right] \right)$$

- $\beta = \sqrt{1 - \rho}$ ,  $\rho = 4m_{\tilde{g}}^2/\hat{s}$ ,  $r = m_{\tilde{q}}^2/m_{\tilde{g}}^2$  (squark masses assumed to be degenerated)
- threshold limit  $\beta \rightarrow 0$
- Born cross section factors out
- $C_1^{ij}(r)$ : One-loop matching constant extracted from fixed NLO
- Soft and collinear gluon radiation  $\Rightarrow \ln^k(\beta)$   
 Soft-gluon exchange between the final-state particles  $\Rightarrow 1/\beta^l$   
 (Coulomb corrections)
  - NLO:  $k \leq 2$ ,  $l = 1$
  - NNLO:  $k \leq 4$ ,  $l \leq 2$ , interference terms

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Neglecting Coulomb terms, the general resummation formula reads:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij, \mathbf{l}}^N(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) = \hat{\sigma}_{ij, \mathbf{l}}^{N, B}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) g_{ij, \mathbf{l}}^0(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) \exp \left[ G_{ij, \mathbf{l}}(N+1) \right] + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1} \ln^n N)$$

$$G_{ij, \mathbf{l}}(N) = \underbrace{\ln(N) \cdot g_{ij}^1(\lambda)}_{\text{LL}} + \underbrace{g_{ij, \mathbf{l}}^2(\lambda)}_{\text{NLL}} + \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} g_{ij, \mathbf{l}}^3(\lambda)}_{\text{NNLL}} + \dots, \quad \lambda = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \beta_0 \ln N$$

# Exponent of the resummation formula

$$G_{ij, \mathbf{l}}(N) = \int_0^1 dz \frac{z^{N-1} - 1}{1 - z} \left\{ \int_{\mu_f^2}^{4m_g^2(1-z)^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \left( A_i(\alpha_s(q^2)) + A_j(\alpha_s(q^2)) \right) \right. \\ \left. + D_{ij, \mathbf{l}}(\alpha_s(4m_g^2(1-z)^2)) \right\}.$$

where  $D_{ij, \mathbf{l}}(\alpha_s) = \frac{1}{2} (D_i(\alpha_s) + D_j(\alpha_s)) + D_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \mathbf{l}}(\alpha_s)$

Anomalous dimension functions:

- $A_{i,j}$ : initial-state collinear gluon radiation (process independent)
- $D_{i,j}$ : initial-state soft radiation (process independent)
- $D_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \mathbf{l}}$ : final-state soft radiation

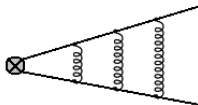
The process independent functions are known up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$  from top-quark pair production [Kodaira, Trentadue, 1982; S. Moch, J. A. M. Vermaseren, A. Vogt, 2004]

The functions  $D_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \mathbf{l}}$  are known to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  [Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn, 2010]

# Coulomb corrections

- Coulomb corrections can be summed in momentum ( $\beta$ )-space to all orders by means of NRQCD (pure Coulomb terms  $\rightarrow$  Sommerfeld factor).

[Fadin, Khoze, Sjostrand, 1990; Beneke, Kiyo, Schuller, 2005]



- Interference of soft and Coulomb corrections requires combined soft and Coulomb resummation in momentum space.  
 [Beneke, Falgari, Klein, Schwinn, 2010; 2011]
- A resummation in Mellin space would require the Mellin transforms of the NRQCD expressions at least in a semi-analytical form. **Not available.**

$\Rightarrow$  include Coulomb terms at fixed order

$\Rightarrow$  The matching constant depends on  $N$ :  $g_{ij,1}^0(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) \rightarrow g_{ij,1}^0(N, m_{\tilde{g}}^2)$

# Color-decomposed NLO cross section

- For NNLL resummation one needs the color decomposition of the NLO cross section.
- We have taken results from gluino-bound state production.

[Kauth, Kühn, Marquard, Steinhauser, 2011]

Idea:

In the threshold approx., only the Born term distinguishes between the  $2 \rightarrow 1$  and the  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process, the virtual and real quantum corrections agree.  $\Rightarrow$  Replace Born term

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow T, 1} = \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow T, 1}^{\text{Born}} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_r)}{\pi} \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{ij, 1} \right) \left[ \delta(1-z) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_r)}{\pi} \bar{\mathcal{R}}_{ij, 1}(z) \right]$$

- Decomposition:

- $ij = gg$ :  $8 \times 8 = 1_s + 8_s + 8_a + 10 + \bar{10} + 27_s$

only symmetric contributions near t.h.

- $ij = q\bar{q}$ :  $3 \times \bar{3} = 1_s + 8_s + 8_a$

only anti-symmetric contributions near t.h.

# NLO results and one-loop matching constants

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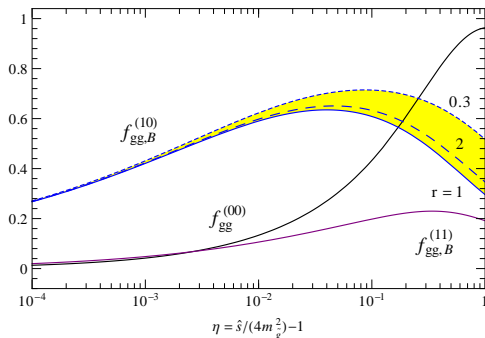
However, remember that the hadronic cross section is based on gluon fusion by about 99%!

⇒ Error negligible for practical purposes!

# Dependence on $r = m_{\tilde{q}}^2/m_{\tilde{g}}^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij,l} = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \left[ f_{ij,l}^{(00)} + 4\pi\alpha_s \left( f_{ij,l}^{(10)} + f_{ij,l}^{(11)} \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \right) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right]$$

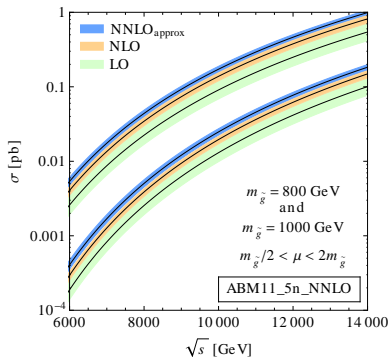
$$f_{ij,B}^{(10)} = \sum_l f_{ij,l}^{(00)} f_{ij,l}^{(10)}, \text{ etc.} \quad f_{ij,l}^{(10)} \text{ and } f_{ij,l}^{(11)} \text{ in the threshold limit}$$





# First phenomenological application: NNLO approximation

The expansion of the NNLL resummation formula up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  produces all threshold logarithms at NNLO. After the expansion, the Mellin inversion can easily be done analytically in the leading  $1/N$  approximation. [Moch, Uwer, 2008]  
 Adding the  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  part to the full NLO result gives a first hint of the threshold effects. [formulas given in Langenfeld, Moch, TP, 2012]



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- Solving RGEs for  $W_I(\omega, \mu_s) \rightarrow W_I(\omega, \mu_f)$  sums soft logs.
- Also evolve  $H_I(\mu_h) \rightarrow H_I(\mu_f)$  for a separate treatment of the scale of the hard interaction and the factorization scale.  $\Rightarrow$  Enhanced error estimation

# Matching of the hard function

Master formula: [\[Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn, 2011\]](#)

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$\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme,  $\mu = \mu_r = \mu_f$ ,  $L_\mu = \ln(\mu^2/m_{\tilde{g}}^2)$ : [TP, 2013]

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# Implementation of the resummation formulas

Both approaches are kind of tricky when it comes to the numerical implementation:

- Within the momentum-space approach, the integral over the energy requires analytic continuation to negative values of the variable  $\eta$ .

[Becher, Neubert, Pecjak, 2007]

In general, the analytic continuation has to be generalized such that the hadronic convolution is well defined, i.e. the partonic cross section has to be understood as a distribution. [Beneke, Falgari, Klein, Schwinn, 2012]

- Within the Mellin-space approach, a numerical Mellin inversion is required. Here, it is common to exclude the Landau pole singularity from the integration contour. [Catani, Mangano, Nason, Trentadue, 1996]
- In both approaches, one wants to keep the information of the full fixed order result. Therefore, a matching procedure is required in order to avoid double-counting.
- The matching procedure is not unique, different approaches differ by higher order terms.

# Implementation of the Mellin-space formalism

- Match resummed cross section  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{NNLL}}$  to the NNLO threshold approx. by subtracting all terms up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  of the expanded resummation formula  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{NNLL}(2)}$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{res, NNLO approx}} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \left[ \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{NNLL, N}} - \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{NNLL}(2), \text{N}} \right] + \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{NNLO approx}}$$

- The Mellin inversion  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  can be implemented according to

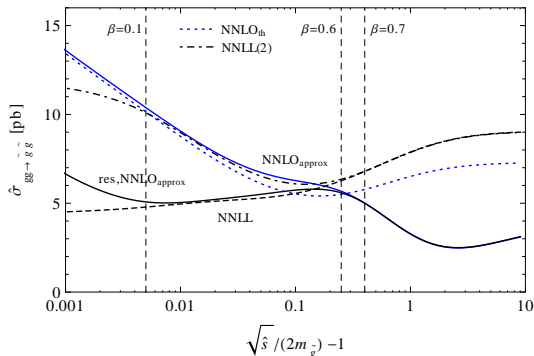
$$f(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dz \operatorname{Im} [e^{i\Phi} \rho^{-c(z)} \mathbf{M}[f](c(z))]$$

where Mellin- $N$  is identified with  $c(z) = c_0 + ze^{i\Phi}$ . [Blümlein, 2000]

The parameter integral over  $z$  is divided logarithmically into 20 pieces, where each segment is performed by the 32-point Gauss formula.



Cross check: Near the threshold, the inverted expansion  $\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}}^{\text{NNLL}(2)}$  should be in the vicinity of the threshold limit  $\text{NNLO}_{\text{th}} = \text{NLO}_{\text{th}} + \text{NNLO logs}$ . It can not fit exactly as  $1/N$  terms have been dropped in the construction of the resummation formula.



(For very small energies ( $\beta < 0.1$ ), the quality of the numerical inversion seems to decrease. However, this hardly affects the outcome of the hadronic convolution, which mainly follows from the region  $\beta > 0.1$ .)

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# Hadronic convolution

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1000	0.0020 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0030 \\ 0.0014 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0034 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0041 \\ 0.0028 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0046 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0052 \\ 0.0039 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0037 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0044 \\ 0.0032 \end{pmatrix}$

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$\Rightarrow K_{\text{NNLL}} = \sigma_{\text{res,NNLO}_{\text{approx}}} / \sigma_{\text{NLO}} \approx 1.07$  ( $m_{\tilde{g}} = 800$  GeV),  $1.09$  ( $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1$  TeV)

Compare to  $K_{\text{NLL}} = \sigma_{\text{res,NLO}} / \sigma_{\text{NLO}} \approx 1.16$  ( $m_{\tilde{g}} = 800$  GeV),  $1.21$  ( $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1$  TeV) [Beenakker et al. 2011]

Going beyond NLL stabilizes the cross section in the vicinity of the fixed NLO!  
 The error due to scale variation slightly decreases compared to the fixed order.

# Hadronic convolution

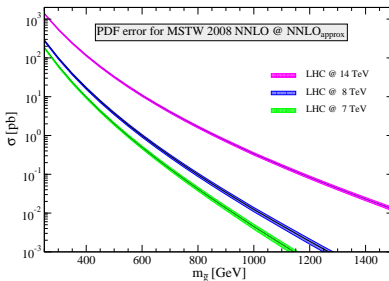
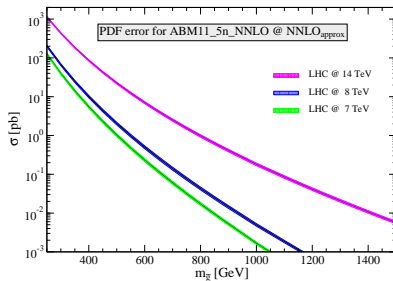
- Result crucially depends on the high- $x$  region of the chosen PDF set and the related value of  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ !
- The central value can differ by a factor of about 2!
- Deviations are not covered by the individual PDF errors!

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{q}}/m_{\tilde{g}} = 4/5$ ,  $\mu = m_{\tilde{g}}$

numbers in brackets:  $\mu = m_{\tilde{g}}/2$  (upper number) and  $\mu = 2m_{\tilde{g}}$

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ABM11 NNLO, $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1134 \pm 0.0011$ , PDF errors not included				
800	0.0087 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0119 \\ 0.0065 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0135 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0151 \\ 0.0117 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0175 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0195 \\ 0.0156 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0142 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0166 \\ 0.0125 \end{pmatrix}$
1000	0.0008 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0011 \\ 0.0006 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0013 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0014 \\ 0.0011 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0017 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0019 \\ 0.0015 \end{pmatrix}$	0.0014 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.0016 \\ 0.0012 \end{pmatrix}$

## PDF errors



The LHC analysis use an 'envelope' of MSTW2008 and CTEQ6.6 PDF sets.

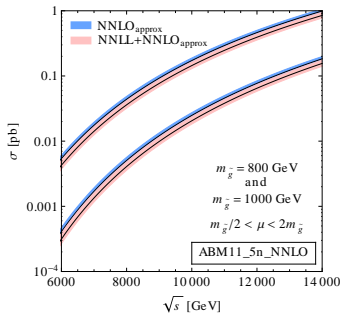
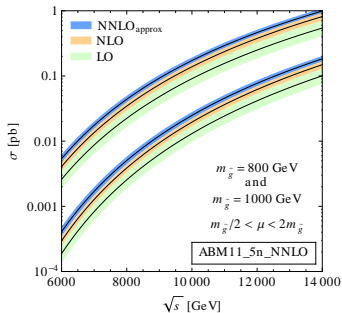
[\[see explanations in Krämer et al., 2012\]](#)

These sets are rather similar, especially in the high- $x$  region.

They go along with a rather high value of  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ .

⇒ Gluino-pair production cross section overestimated?

# Conclusions



- The implementation of the NNLL resummation formula stabilizes the prediction of the production cross section between the fixed NLO and NNLO approximation.
- The central values of the different approximations agree within their errors due to scale variation.
- The NNLL-resummed cross section is close to the fixed NLO:  
 $K_{\text{NNLL}} \approx 1.04 - 1.09$  depending on  $m_{\tilde{g}}$ ,  $\sqrt{s}$ ,  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ , and the PDF set

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