

# High energy resummation effects in heavy quarkonium production at LLA and beyond

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4. Beyond DLA: NLO impact-factor for the forward  $\eta_c$  hadroproduction and comparisons with Collinear Factorisation at NLO

Overview: inclusive  
heavy-quarkonium production,  
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## Motivations (I): understanding hadronisation

Description of production of any high- $p_T$  ( $\gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ ) hadrons in QCD = (perturbative) production of quarks/gluons + *hadronisation*.

1. For light and heavy-light hadrons, hadronisation is studied phenomenologically:
  - ▶ **Fragmentation Functions**: based on factorisation theorems, fitted to describe data
  - ▶ **Monte-Carlo models**: hard to derive from QCD Lagrangian (string-based in Pythia, cluster hadronisation in Herwig,...)
2. Quarkonia – “Hydrogen atoms of QCD”  $\Rightarrow$  corrections to the “naive” quark model should be suppressed by powers of relative velocity ( $v$ ) of heavy quarks in the bound state:

$$\begin{aligned} |J/\psi\rangle &= O(1) |c\bar{c} [{}^3S_1^{(1)}]\rangle + O(v) |c\bar{c} [{}^3P_J^{(8)}] + g\rangle \\ &+ O(v^2) |c\bar{c} [{}^1S_0^{(8)}] + g\rangle + O(v^2) |c\bar{c} [{}^3S_1^{(8)}] + gg\rangle + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

3.  $\Rightarrow$  let's try to use understand production of quarkonia. **This understanding will be a small- $v$  limit for any future theory of hadronisation!**



## Motivations (II): quarkonia as tools

*If hadronisation mechanism was well understood, then quarkonium production would be:*

1. **An excellent tool to study gluon content of a proton/nucleus:**
  - ▶ Small (or negligible) “valence”  $c$  and  $b$  content – production predominantly through coupling to gluons at high energies
  - ▶ Clean experimental signatures for  $J/\psi$ ,  $\Upsilon(nS)$ , ...
  - ▶ relatively small  $M_{J/\psi} \simeq 3\text{GeV}$  – access to very small  $x \sim Me^{-y}/\sqrt{s} \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-6}$  at the LHC.
2. **A tool to study double/multiple parton scattering:** due to significant cross sections of multiple/associated production and lower  $p_T$ /scales in comparison to vector bosons/jets
3. **A probe for QGP:** melting/recombination/parton energy loss could be studied
4. ...

### Physics case for quarkonium studies at the Electron Ion Collider

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## Quarkonium production models

Unfortunately no existing model can describe all data on inclusive quarkonium hadro/photo/electro/ $e^+e^-$  production and polarisation observables.

### Old ideas:

1. **Colour Singlet Model**: only **colour-singlet**  $Q\bar{Q}$  pairs with the same orbital momentum/spin as corresponding potential-model state hadronise to the quarkonium.
2. **NRQCD factorisation**: based on the hierarchy of different colour/orbital momentum/spin states of the  $Q\bar{Q}$ -pair in the  $v$ -expansion for the quarkonium state
3. **(Improved) Colour Evaporation Model** assumes “democracy” of colour/orbital momentum/spin states of the  $Q\bar{Q}$ -pair

**New ideas:** Potential NRQCD, Soft-gluon factorisation, Shape-functions,  
...

Motivation for new ideas:

- ▶ reduction of the number of free parameters
- ▶ improvement of perturbative convergence
- ▶ phenomenological problems

## Quarkonium in the potential model

Cornell potential:

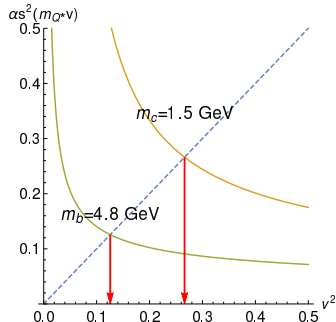
$$V(r) = -C_F \frac{\alpha_s(1/r)}{r} + \sigma r,$$

neglect linear part, because quarkonium is “small” ( $\sim 0.3$  fm)  $\rightarrow$  Coulomb wavefunction (for effective mass  $\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m_Q}{2}$ ):

$$R(r) = \frac{\sqrt{m_Q^3 \alpha_s^3 C_F^3}}{2} e^{-\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2} m_Q r}$$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{C_F^2 \alpha_s^2}{2}, \quad \langle r \rangle = \frac{3}{2C_F} \frac{1}{m_Q v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha_s^2(m_Q v) \simeq v^2}$$



## Non-relativistic QCD

The velocity-expansion for quarkonium eigenstate is a copy of corresponding arguments from atomic physics:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |J/\psi\rangle &= \mathcal{O}(1) \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{(1)} \right] \right\rangle + \mathcal{O}(v) \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3P_J^{(8)} \right] + g \right\rangle \\
 &+ \mathcal{O}(v^2) \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{(8)} \right] + g \right\rangle + \mathcal{O}(v^2) \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{(8)} \right] + gg \right\rangle + \dots,
 \end{aligned}$$

for validity of this arguments, we should work in *non-relativistic EFT*, dynamics of which conserves number of heavy quarks. In such EFT,  $Q\bar{Q}$ -pair is produced in a point, by local operator:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{NRQCD}} = \langle J/\psi + X | \chi^\dagger(0) \kappa_n \psi(0) | 0 \rangle,$$

Different operators “couple” to different Fock states:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi^\dagger(0) \psi(0) &\leftrightarrow \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{(1)} \right] \right\rangle, \quad \chi^\dagger(0) \sigma_i \psi(0) \leftrightarrow \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{(1)} \right] \right\rangle, \\
 \chi^\dagger(0) \sigma_i T^a \psi(0) &\leftrightarrow \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{(8)} \right] \right\rangle, \quad \chi^\dagger(0) D_i \psi(0) \leftrightarrow \left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1P_1^{(8)} \right] \right\rangle, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

squared NRQCD amplitude (=LDME):

$$\sum_X |\mathcal{A}|^2 = \langle 0 | \psi^\dagger \kappa_n^\dagger \chi a_{J/\psi}^\dagger \underbrace{a_{J/\psi} \chi^\dagger \kappa_n \psi}_{\mathcal{O}_n^{J/\psi}} | 0 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_n^{J/\psi} \rangle,$$

## Non-relativistic QCD

Velocity-scaling of LDMEs follows from velocity-scaling of corresponding Fock states and of operators  $\chi^\dagger \kappa_n \psi$ :

	$1S_0^{(1)}$	$3S_1^{(1)}$	$1S_0^{(8)}$	$3S_1^{(8)}$	$1P_1^{(1)}$	$3P_0^{(1)}$	$3P_1^{(1)}$	$3P_2^{(1)}$	$1P_1^{(8)}$	$3P_0^{(8)}$	$3P_1^{(8)}$	$3P_2^{(8)}$
$\eta_c$	1		$v^4$	$v^4$					$v^4$			
$J/\psi$		1	$v^4$	$v^4$						$v^4$	$v^4$	$v^4$
$h_c$			$v^2$	$v^2$	$v^2$							
$\chi_{c0}$			$v^2$	$v^2$	$v^2$							
$\chi_{c1}$			$v^2$	$v^2$	$v^2$							
$\chi_{c2}$			$v^2$	$v^2$	$v^2$							

Note that:

- ▶ Colour-singlet LDMEs are LO in  $v$  for  $S$ -wave states  $\Rightarrow$  *Colour-Singlet Model*
- ▶ For  $P$ -wave states the CS and CO LDMEs are of the same order  $\Rightarrow$  *mixing*
- ▶ Connection between LDMEs for  $\eta_c$  and  $J/\psi$  through *Heavy-Quark Spin Symmetry*

Matching procedure between QCD and NRQCD:

$$v \ll 1 : \mathcal{A}_{\text{QCD}}(gg \rightarrow Y_{Q\bar{Q}(v)}) = \sum_n f_n \langle Y_{Q\bar{Q}(v)} | \chi^\dagger(0) \kappa_n \psi(0) | 0 \rangle + O(v^\#),$$

$\Rightarrow$  NRQCD factorization formula (“theorem”) [Bodwin, Braaten, Lepage 95’]:

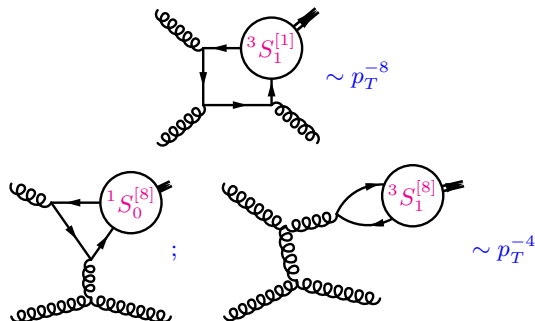
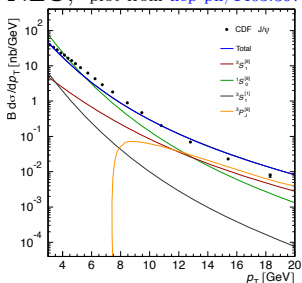
$$\sigma(gg \rightarrow \mathcal{H} + X) = \sum_n \sigma(gg \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}[n] + X) \langle \mathcal{O}_n^{\mathcal{H}} \rangle.$$

# NRQCD factorisation: $p_T$ -behaviour in $pp$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2}(pp \rightarrow \mathcal{H} + X) = \sum_n \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2}(pp \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}[n] + X) \langle \mathcal{O}_n^{\mathcal{H}} \rangle.$$

At LO:

NLO, plot from [hep-ph/1403.3970](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/1403.3970) :



Free parameters:

- ▶ For  $S$ -wave ( $S = 1$ ) state ( $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(nS)$ ):  $3S_1^{[1]}$  – known from potential model,  $1S_0^{[8]}$ ,  $3S_1^{[8]}$ ,  $3P_0^{[8]}$  – are fitted
- ▶ For  $P$ -wave ( $S = 1$ ) state ( $\chi_{cJ}$ ,  $\chi_{bJ}$ ):  $3P_0^{[1]}$  – known from potential model,  $3S_1^{[8]}$  is fitted.
- ▶ LDMEs for  $S = 0$  states ( $\eta_{c,b}$ ,  $h_{c,b}$ ) are obtained from  $S = 1$  ones through the HQSS

## Potential NRQCD: more relations between LDMEs

The NRQCD logic can be pushed even further by assuming that  $mv^2 \ll mv$

[Brambilla et.al., '22] . **At LO in  $v$** :

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{H}}(^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle = \frac{3N_c}{2\pi} |R_{\mathcal{H}}(0)|^2,$$

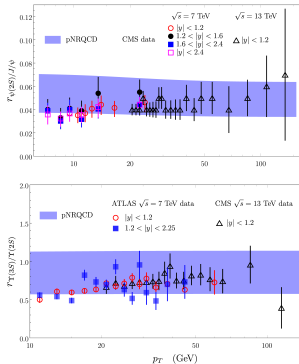
$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{H}}(^3P_J^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{2J+1}{18N_c} \frac{3|R_{\mathcal{H}}(0)|^2}{4\pi} \mathcal{E}_{00},$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{H}}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{6N_c m^2} \frac{3|R_{\mathcal{H}}(0)|^2}{4\pi} c_F^2 \mathcal{B}_{00},$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\mathcal{H}}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2N_c m^2} \frac{3|R_{\mathcal{H}}(0)|^2}{4\pi} \mathcal{E}_{10;10},$$

where  $|R_{\mathcal{H}}(0)|^2$  – radial wave function at the origin from **potential model** for the quarkonium  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_{00}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{00}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{10;10}$  – chromo electric/magnetic field correlators over QCD vacuum (i.e. **independent on  $\mathcal{H}$**  up to RG running  $m_c \rightarrow m_b$ ).

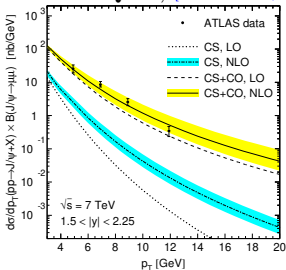
Prompt cross section ratios:



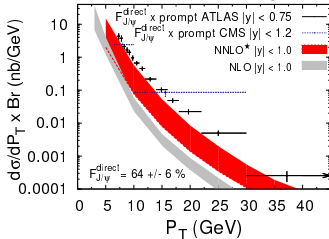
## NRQCD factorisation: what does work?

- ▶ *Un-polarized*  $p_T$  distributions of  $J/\psi$ ,  $\chi_{cJ}$  in hadro- and photoproduction, as well as  $e^+e^-$  data can be described. The same is true for  $\Upsilon(nS)$ ,  $\chi_{bJ}(nS)$ .
- ▶ Solves the problem of non-cancelling IR divergence at NLO in CSM for  $P$ -wave states production and decay through mixing with  $^3S_1^{(8)}$  or  $^1S_0^{(8)}$  states at  $O(v^2)$ .
- ▶ Covers the gap between CSM (@LO and NLO) and data at high- $p_T$  in hadroproduction, due to contribution of CO states. **If NNLO corrections in CS are as large as needed to close this gap, then perturbative expansion is just useless and we should stop doing quarkonia.**

NLO NRQCD, [Butenschön, Kniehl, '11]



NLO and NNLO\* CSM [Lansberg '11]

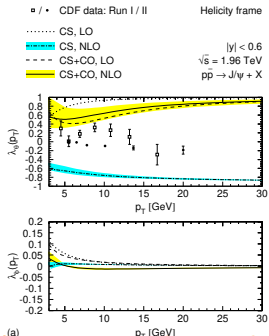




# Problems: Polarisation

LDME fit	$J/\psi$ hadropr.	$J/\psi$ photopr.	$J/\psi$ polar.	$\eta_c$ hadropr.
Butenschön et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 3$ GeV)	✓	✗	✗
Chao et al. + $\eta_c$	✓ ( $p_T > 6.5$ GeV)	✗	✓	✓
Zhang et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 6.5$ GeV)	✗	✓	✓
Gong et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 7$ GeV)	✗	✓	✗
Chao et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 7$ GeV)	✗	✓	✗
Bodwin et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 10$ GeV)	✗	✓	✗

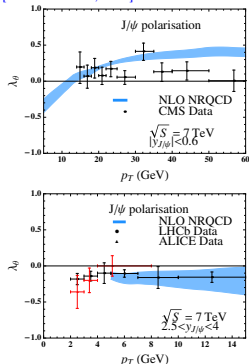
## Global fit [Butenschön, Kniehl, '12]



(a) Strong transverse polarisation due to  $3S_1^{[8]}$  and  $3P_J^{[8]}$  states at high  $p_T$

## E.g. hadroproduction dominated fit

[Chao et al., '14]

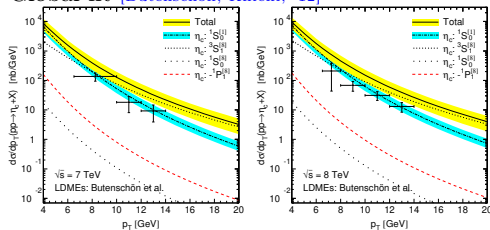


# Problems: HQSS and photoproduction

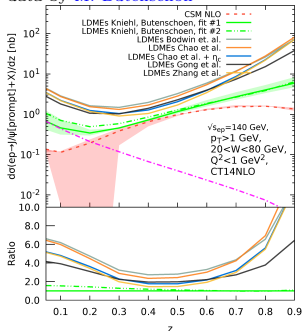
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$J/\psi$ -photoproduction at the EIC vs  
 $z = (p_{J/\psi} P)/(qP)$ , using NLO calculation

## Global fit [Butenschön, Kniehl, '12]

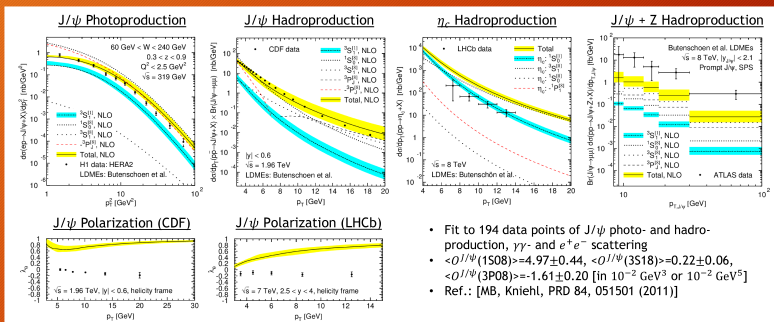


data by M. Butenschön



# 3.2 Butenschön et al. LDMEs

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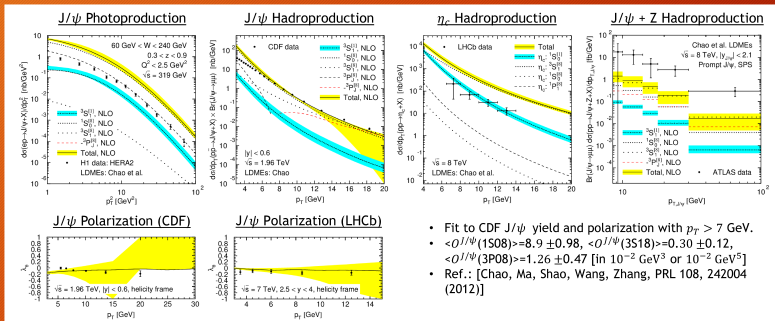


- Fit to 194 data points of  $J/\psi$  photo- and hadro-production,  $\gamma\gamma$ - and  $e^+e^-$  scattering
- $\langle O^{J/\psi}(1S08) \rangle = 4.97 \pm 0.44$ ,  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3S18) \rangle = 0.22 \pm 0.06$ ,  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3P08) \rangle = -1.61 \pm 0.20$  [in  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3$  or  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^5$ ]
- Ref.: [MB, Kniehl, PRD 84, 051501 (2011)]

- Data fitted to is described within scale uncertainties, other observables not.

# 3.4 Chao et al. LDMEs

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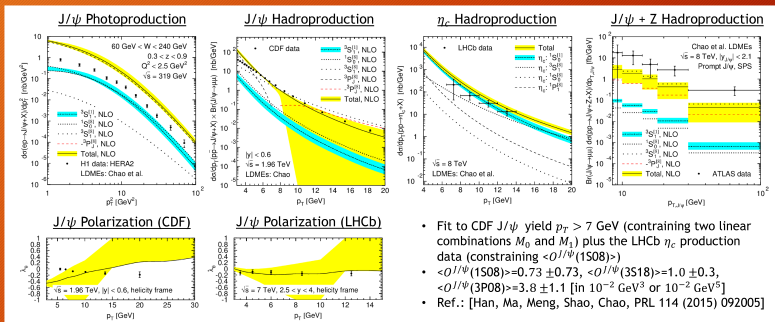


- Fit to CDF  $J/\psi$  yield and polarization with  $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ .
- $\langle O^{J/\psi}(1S08) \rangle = 8.9 \pm 0.98$ ,  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3S18) \rangle = 0.30 \pm 0.12$ ,
- $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3P08) \rangle = 1.26 \pm 0.47$  [in  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3$  or  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^5$ ]
- Ref.: [Chao, Ma, Shao, Wang, Zhang, PRL 108, 242004 (2012)]

- Data fitted to is described, other observables not.

# 3.5 Chao et al. LDMEs: With $\eta_c$

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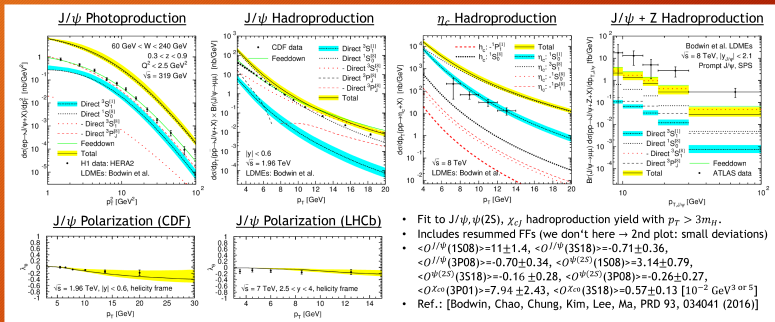


- Fit to CDF  $J/\psi$  yield  $p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$  (constraining two linear combinations  $M_0$  and  $M_1$ ) plus the LHCb  $\eta_c$  production data (constraining  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(1S08) \rangle$ )
- $\langle O^{J/\psi}(1S08) \rangle = 0.73 \pm 0.73$ ,  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3S18) \rangle = 1.0 \pm 0.3$ ,  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3P08) \rangle = 3.8 \pm 1.1$  [in  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3$  or  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^5$ ]
- Ref.: [Han, Ma, Meng, Shao, Chao, PRL 114 (2015) 092005]

- Nontrivial: Largely unpolarized  $J/\psi$  compatible with data (although tensions to CDF data). But:  $J/\psi$  hadroproduction  $p_T < 7 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $J/\psi$  photo- and  $J/\psi + Z$  production not described.

# 3.7 Bodwin et al. LDMEs

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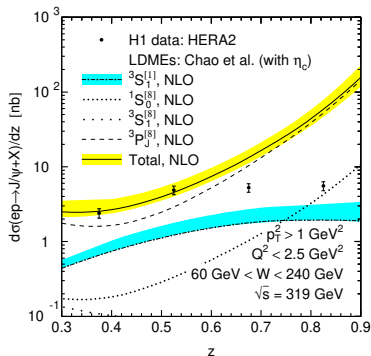
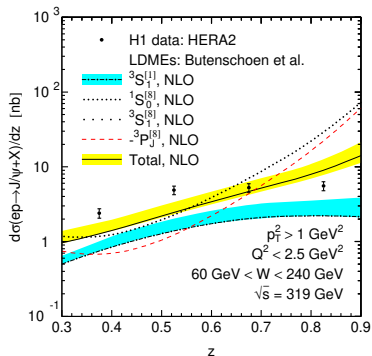


- Fit to  $J/\psi, \psi(2S), \chi_{cJ}$  hadroproduction yield with  $p_T > 3m_H$ .
- Includes resummed FFs (we don't here  $\rightarrow$  2nd plot: small deviations)
- $\langle O^{J/\psi}(1S08) \rangle = 11 \pm 1.4$ ,  $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3S18) \rangle = -0.71 \pm 0.36$ ,
- $\langle O^{J/\psi}(3P08) \rangle = -0.70 \pm 0.34$ ,  $\langle O^{\psi(2S)}(1S08) \rangle = 3.14 \pm 0.79$ ,
- $\langle O^{\psi(2S)}(3S18) \rangle = -0.16 \pm 0.28$ ,  $\langle O^{\psi(2S)}(3P08) \rangle = -0.26 \pm 0.27$ ,
- $\langle O^{\chi_{c0}}(3P01) \rangle = 7.94 \pm 2.43$ ,  $\langle O^{\chi_{c0}}(3S18) \rangle = 0.57 \pm 0.13 [10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3 \text{ or } 5]$
- Ref.: [Bodwin, Chao, Chung, Kim, Lee, Ma, PRD 93, 034041 (2016)]

- Nontrivial outcome: Unpolarized  $J/\psi$  compatible with data.  
 But: Small- and mid- $p_T$   $J/\psi$  hadro-;  $J/\psi$  photo-,  $\eta_c$  and  $J/\psi + Z$  production not described.

# $z$ -differential $J/\psi$ photoproduction

$$\text{Variable } z = \frac{p_{J/\psi} \cdot P}{q \cdot P}.$$

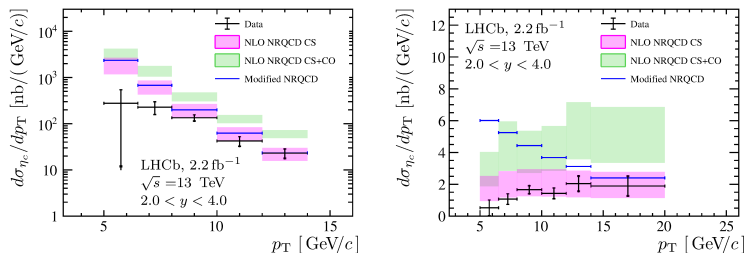


The “hadroproduction-dominated” fits actually describe the data for  $z < 0.6$

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## Inclusive heavy quarkonium production at moderate $p_T$

Quarkonium production  $p_T$  spectra at  $p_T \gtrsim M$  are not described by collinear factorisation computations at NLO. Example:  $\eta_c$  production at LHCb [LHCb, '24] (left panel  $d\sigma/dp_T$ , right panel: ratio to  $J/\psi$ ):



- ▶ NLO CF overshoots the data for  $5 < p_T < 8$  GeV: nothing to do with TMD/Sudakov logs ( $\ln p_T/M$ ) which contribute only at  $p_T \ll M \simeq 3$  GeV
- ▶ Physical shape of the  $p_T$ -spectrum is reproduced in  $k_T$ -factorisation [Kniehl, Vasin, Saleev '06;...;MN,Saleev,Shipilova '12;...] and Saturation/CGC calculations [Kang, Ma, Venugopalan '13; ... Mantysaari *et al.* '24] **at LO in  $\alpha_s$**



## Intermediate conclusions

- ▶ NRQCD factorisation remains the “standard theory” of quarkonium production, pNRQCD factorisation or introduction of shape functions (talk of [Luca Maxia](#) last week) are based on the  $v^2$ -expansion
- ▶ The main phenomenological problem of NRQCD-factorisation is the inconsistency between hadroproduction and photoproduction at  $z \rightarrow 1$ .
- ▶ The problems with  $p_T$ -spectrum at  $p_T \lesssim M$  and with  $p_T$ -integrated cross sections can be resolved within perturbation theory (this talk)

# I. Inclusive quarkonium production at high energy

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work

# Perturbative instability of quarkonium total cross sections

## Inclusive $\eta_c$ -hadroproduction (CSM)

[Mangano *et al.*, '97, ..., Lansberg, Ozcelik, '20]

$$p+p \rightarrow c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{[1]} \right] + X, \text{ LO: } g(p_1)+g(p_2) \rightarrow c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{[1]} \right],$$

$$\sigma(\sqrt{s_{pp}}) = f_i(x_1, \mu_F) \otimes f_j(x_2, \mu_F) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(z),$$

where  $z = \frac{M^2}{\hat{s}}$  with  $\hat{s} = (p_1 + p_2)^2$ .

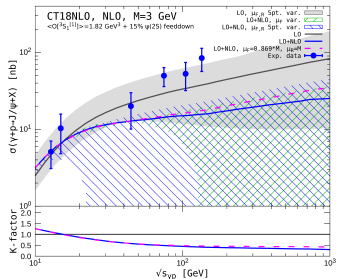
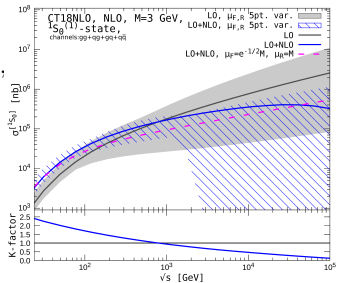
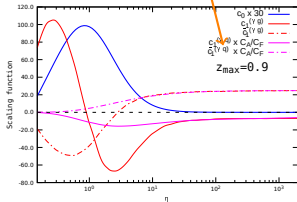
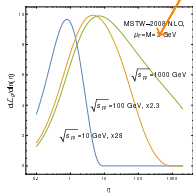
## Inclusive $J/\psi$ -photoproduction (CSM)

[Krämer, '96, ..., Colpani Serri *et al.*, '21]

$$\gamma+p \rightarrow c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{[1]} \right] + X, \text{ LO: } \gamma(q)+g(p_1) \rightarrow c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{[1]} \right] + g,$$

$$\sigma(\sqrt{s_{\gamma p}}) = f_i(x_1, \mu_F) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(\eta),$$

where  $\eta = \frac{\hat{s}-M^2}{M^2}$  with  $\hat{s} = (q + p_1)^2$ ,  $z = \frac{pP}{qP}$ .



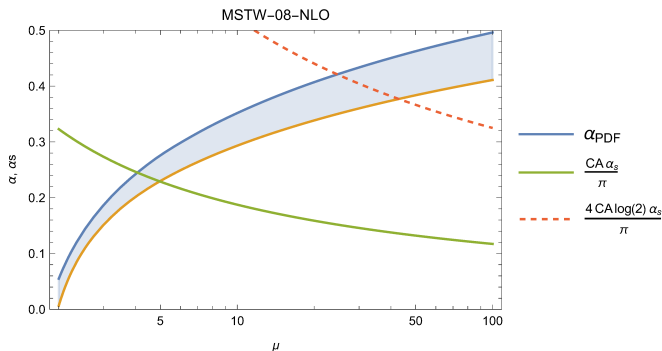
## Partonic high-energy logarithms

$$\sigma(x) \propto \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} C(z) \tilde{f}_g(x/z, \mu^2),$$

where  $\tilde{f}_g(x, \mu^2) = x f_g(x, \mu^2)$ .

Suppose for  $z \ll 1$ :  $C(z) \sim \alpha_s^n(\mu) \ln^{n-1}(1/z)$  and  $\tilde{f}_g(x, \mu^2) \sim x^{-\alpha(\mu)}$ . Then for  $x \ll 1$ :

$$\sigma(x) \sim x^{-\alpha} \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha(\mu)} \right)^n,$$



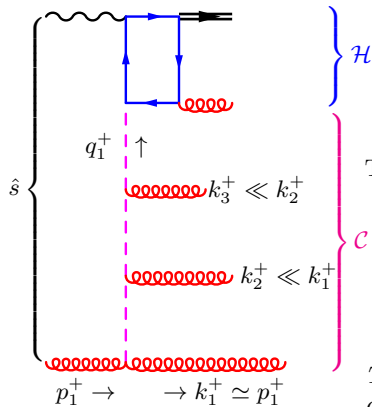
# High-Energy Factorization ( $J/\psi$ photoproduction)

The **LLA** ( $\sum_n \alpha_s^n \ln^{n-1}$ ) formalism [Collins, Ellis, '91; Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann,

'91, '94]

Physical picture in the **LLA** for photoproduction:

The LLA in  $\ln \frac{1}{\xi} = \ln \frac{p_1^+}{q_1^+} \sim \ln(1 + \eta)$ :



$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}^{\ln(1/\xi)}(\eta) \propto \int_{1/z}^{1+\eta} \frac{dy}{y} \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{q}_{T1}^2 \mathcal{C}\left(\frac{y}{1+\eta}, \mathbf{q}_{T1}^2, \mu_F, \mu_R\right) \mathcal{H}(y, \mathbf{q}_{T1}^2),$$

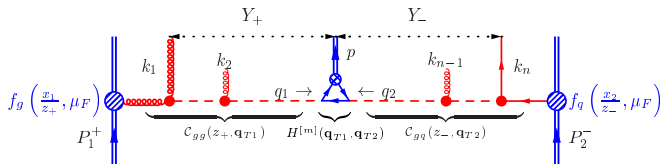
The **strict LLA** in  $\ln(1 + \eta) = \ln \frac{\hat{s}}{M^2}$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}^{\ln(1+\eta)}(\eta) \propto \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{q}_{T1}^2 \mathcal{C}\left(\frac{1}{1+\eta}, \mathbf{q}_{T1}^2, \mu_F, \mu_R\right) \int_{1/z}^\infty \frac{dy}{y} \mathcal{H}(y, \mathbf{q}_{T1}^2).$$

The LLA ( $\ln(1/\xi)$ ) contains some ( $N..$ )NLLA contributions relative to the LLA ( $\ln(1 + \eta)$ ).

The coefficient function  $\mathcal{H}$  has been calculated at LO [Kniehl, Vasin, Saleev, '06] and decreases as  $1/y^2$  for  $y \gg 1$ .

# High-Energy Factorization ( $\eta_c$ hadroproduction)



Small parameter:  $z = \frac{M^2}{\hat{s}}$ , LLA in  $\alpha_s^n \ln^{n-1} \frac{1}{z}$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{[m], \text{HEF}}(z, \mu_F, \mu_R) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta \int_0^{\infty} d\mathbf{q}_{T1}^2 d\mathbf{q}_{T2}^2 C_{gi} \left( \frac{M_T}{M} \sqrt{z} e^{\eta}, \mathbf{q}_{T1}^2, \mu_F, \mu_R \right) \\ \times C_{gj} \left( \frac{M_T}{M} \sqrt{z} e^{-\eta}, \mathbf{q}_{T2}^2, \mu_F, \mu_R \right) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2} \frac{H^{[m]}(\mathbf{q}_{T1}^2, \mathbf{q}_{T2}^2, \phi)}{M_T^4}$$

The coefficient functions  $H^{[m]}$  are known at LO in  $\alpha_s$  [Hagler *et.al.*, 2000; Kniehl, Vasin, Saleev 2006] for  $m = {}^1S_0^{(1,8)}, {}^3P_J^{(1,8)}, {}^3S_1^{(8)}$ .

The  $H^{[m]}$  is a tree-level “squared matrix element” of the  $2 \rightarrow 1$ -type process:

$$R_+(\mathbf{q}_{T1}, q_1^+) + R_-(\mathbf{q}_{T2}, q_2^-) \rightarrow c\bar{c}[m].$$

## LLA evolution w.r.t. $\ln 1/\xi$

In the LL( $\ln 1/\xi$ )-approximation, the  $Y = \ln 1/\xi$ -evolution equation for *collinearly un-subtracted*  $\tilde{C}$ -factor has the form:

$$\tilde{C}(\xi, \mathbf{q}_T) = \delta(1 - \xi)\delta(\mathbf{q}_T^2) + \hat{\alpha}_s \int_{\xi}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int d^{2-2\epsilon} \mathbf{k}_T K(\mathbf{k}_T^2, \mathbf{q}_T^2) \tilde{C}\left(\frac{\xi}{z}, \mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T\right)$$

with  $\hat{\alpha}_s = \alpha_s C_A / \pi$  and

$$K(\mathbf{k}_T^2, \mathbf{q}_T^2) = \frac{1}{\pi(2\pi)^{-2\epsilon} \mathbf{k}_T^2} + \delta^{(2-2\epsilon)}(\mathbf{k}_T) 2\omega_g(\mathbf{q}_T^2),$$

where  $\omega_g(\mathbf{q}_T^2)$  – 1-loop Regge trajectory of a gluon. It is convenient to go from  $(z, \mathbf{q}_T)$ -space to  $(N, \mathbf{x}_T)$ -space:

$$\tilde{C}(N, \mathbf{x}_T) = \int d^{2-2\epsilon} \mathbf{q}_T e^{i\mathbf{x}_T \mathbf{q}_T} \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} \tilde{C}(x, \mathbf{q}_T),$$

because:

▶ Mellin convolutions over  $z$  turn into products:  $\int \frac{dz}{z} \rightarrow \frac{1}{N}$

▶ Large logs map to poles at  $N = 0$ :  $\alpha_s^{k+1} \ln^k \frac{1}{\xi} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s^{k+1}}{N^{k+1}}$

▶ All *collinear divergences* are contained inside  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathbf{x}_T$ -space.

## Exact LL solution and the DLA

In  $(N, \mathbf{q}_T)$ -space, subtracted  $\mathcal{C}$ , which resums all terms  $\propto (\hat{\alpha}_s/N)^n$  (complete LLA) has the form [Collins, Ellis, '91; Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann, '91, '94]:

$$\mathcal{C}(N, \mathbf{q}_T, \mu_F) = R(\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s)) \frac{\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s)}{\mathbf{q}_T^2} \left( \frac{\mathbf{q}_T^2}{\mu_F^2} \right)^{\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s)},$$

where  $\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s)$  is the solution of [Jaroszewicz, '82]:

$$\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N} \chi(\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s)) = 1, \text{ with } \chi(\gamma) = 2\psi(1) - \psi(\gamma) - \psi(1 - \gamma),$$

where  $\psi(\gamma) = d \ln \Gamma(\gamma) / d\gamma$  - Euler's  $\psi$ -function. The first few terms:

$$\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s) = \underbrace{\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N}}_{\text{DLA [Blümlein, '95]}} + 2\zeta(3) \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^4}{N^4} + 2\zeta(5) \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^6}{N^6} + \dots$$

LLA

$$\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N} \leftrightarrow P_{gg}(z \rightarrow 0) = \frac{2CA}{z} + \dots$$

The function  $R(\gamma)$  is

$$R(\gamma_{gg}(N, \alpha_s)) = 1 + O(\alpha_s^3).$$



## Fixed-order asymptotics from HEF

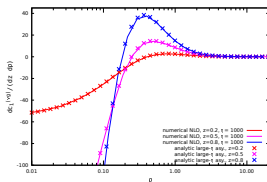
When expanded up to  $O(\alpha_s)$  the HEF resummation should predict the  $\hat{s} \gg M^2$  asymptotics of the CF coefficient function  $\hat{\sigma}$

For the  $g + g \rightarrow c\bar{c} [^1S_0^{(1)}, ^3P_0^{(1)}, ^3P_2^{(1)}]$  the NLO and NNLO ( $\alpha_s^2 \ln(1/z)$ ) terms in  $\hat{\sigma}$  are predicted [M.N., Lansberg, Ozcelik '22]:

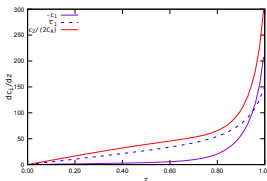
State	$A_0^{[m]}$	$A_1^{[m]}$	$A_2^{[m]}$	$B_2^{[m]}$
$^1S_0$	1	-1	$\frac{\pi^2}{6}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{6}$
$^3S_1$	0	1	0	$\frac{\pi^2}{6}$
$^3P_0$	1	$-\frac{43}{27}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{40}{27}$
$^3P_1$	0	$\frac{5}{54}$	$-\frac{1}{9}$	$-\frac{2}{9}$
$^3P_2$	1	$-\frac{53}{36}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{11}{9}$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg}^{[m]}(z \rightarrow 0) = \sigma_{\text{LO}}^{[m]} \left\{ A_0^{[m]} \delta(1-z) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} 2C_A \left[ A_1^{[m]} + A_0^{[m]} \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu_F^2} \right] + \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^2 \ln \frac{1}{z} \cdot C_A^2 \left[ 2A_2^{[m]} + B_2^{[m]} \right] + 4A_1^{[m]} \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu_F^2} + 2A_0^{[m]} \ln^2 \frac{M^2}{\mu_F^2} \right\} + O(\alpha_s^3),$$

For the  $\gamma + g \rightarrow c\bar{c} [^3S_1^{(1)}] + g$  we have computed  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$  limit of the  $z$  and  $\rho = \mathbf{p}_T^2/M^2$ -differential NLO “scaling functions” in closed analytic form,



and obtained numerical results for NNLO “scaling function”  $c_2$  in front of  $\alpha_s \ln(1+\eta)$ .



## Inverse Error Weighting (InEW) matching

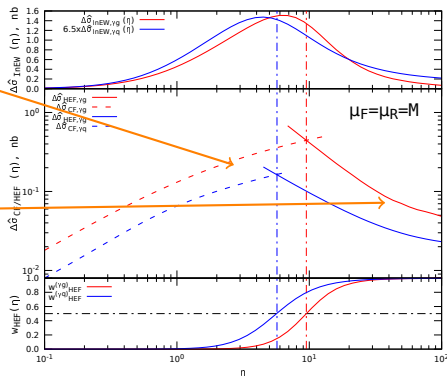
Development of an idea from [Echevarria *et al.*, 18'] :

$$\hat{\sigma}(\eta) = w_{\text{CF}}(\eta)\hat{\sigma}_{\text{CF}}(\eta) + (1 - w_{\text{CF}}(\eta))\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}(\eta),$$

the weights are determined through the estimates of “errors”:

$$w_{\text{CF}}(\eta) = \frac{\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\text{CF}}^{-2}(\eta)}{\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\text{CF}}^{-2}(\eta) + \Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}^{-2}(\eta)}, \quad w_{\text{HEF}}(\eta) = 1 - w_{\text{CF}}(\eta).$$

- ▶  $\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\text{CF}}(\eta)$  is due to **missing higher orders and large logarithms**, it can be estimated from the  $\alpha_s$  expansion of  $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}(\eta)$ .
- ▶  $\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}(\eta)$  is (mostly) due to **missing power corrections in  $1/\eta$** :  $\Delta\hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}(\eta) \sim A\eta^{-\alpha_{\text{HEF}}}$ . We determine  $A$  and  $\alpha_{\text{HEF}}$  from behaviour of  $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{CF}}(\eta) - \hat{\sigma}_{\text{CF}}(\infty)$  at  $\eta \gg 1$ .

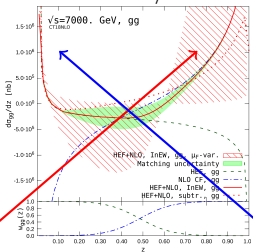


# Matching with NLO

The HEF is valid in the **leading-power** in  $M^2/\hat{s}$ , so for  $\hat{s} \sim M^2$  we match it with NLO CF by the *Inverse-Error Weighting Method* [Echevarria et al., 18'].

$\eta_c$ -hadroproduction,

$$z = M^2/\hat{s}:$$

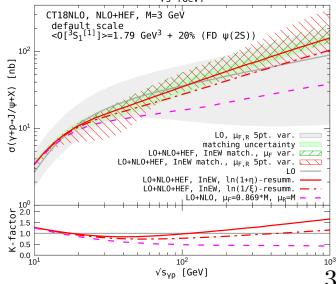
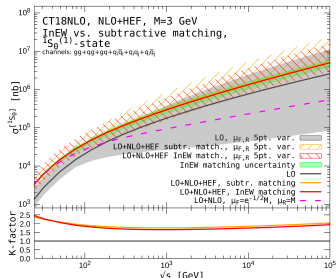
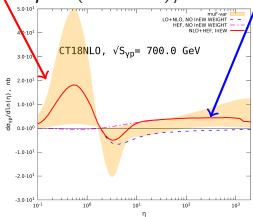


NLO

HEF

$J/\psi$ -photoproduction,

$$\eta = (\hat{s} - M^2)/M^2:$$

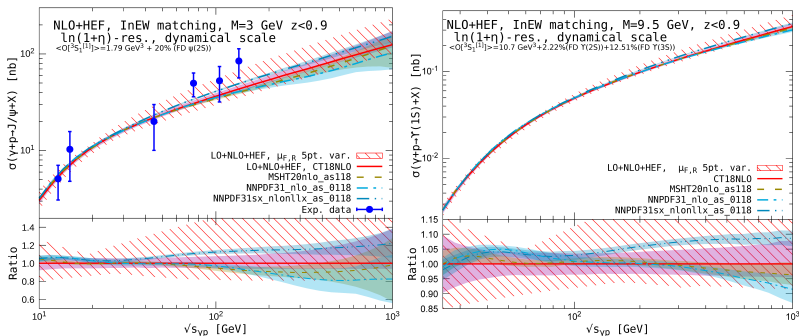


## Vector quarkonium photoproduction: dynamical scale

Matched results for  $J/\psi$  photoproduction can be further improved by noticing that in the LO process:

$$\gamma(q) + g(p_1) \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} \left[ {}^3S_1^{[1]} \right] + g,$$

the emitted gluon can not be soft, so that  $\langle \hat{s} \rangle_{\text{LO}}$  ( $\sim 25 \text{ GeV}^2$  at high  $\sqrt{s_{\gamma p}}$  for  $J/\psi$ ) rather than  $M^2$  can be taken as a default value of  $\mu_F^2$  and  $\mu_R^2$ :

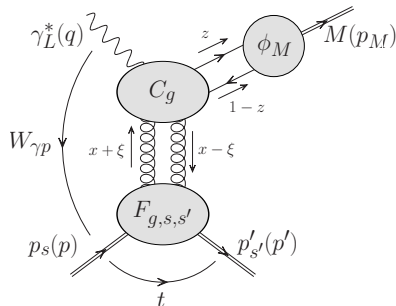


## II. Exclusive $J/\psi$ photoproduction at high energy

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## Exclusive photoproduction of vector quarkonia



+ similar diagram with quark GPDs, starting from NLO.

- ▶ Hard exclusive reaction, similar to DVMP, but not “deeply virtual” ( $q^2 \simeq 0$ ,  $\perp$  photon). The quarkonium ( $J/\psi$ ,  $\Upsilon$ ) mass  $M_Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$  provides the hard scale
- ▶ Experimental data on  $\sigma(W_{\gamma p})$  and  $d\sigma/dt$  are available from  $ep$ -collisions (JLAB, HERA, COMPASS) and UPCs (ALICE, CMS, LHCb)
- ▶ Collinear Factorisation(CF) is not proven to all orders for the case when  $q^2 \simeq 0$ , but **complete** NLO computation [Ivanov, Schaefer, Szymanowsky, Krasnikov, 2004] in CF was done and it formally works.

Quarkonium is treated **non-relativistically**, either using  $\phi(z, k_T)$  obtained from Schrödinger wavefunction (only at LO and usually in the high-energy regime) or even resorting to the “static” approximation  $\phi(z) \propto R(0)\delta(z - 1/2)$ , which corresponds to the strict LO in relative velocity of  $Q\bar{Q}$  in the bound state ( $v^2$ ).

## Collinear factorisation

$$\mathcal{A} = -(\varepsilon_\mu^{*(Q)} \varepsilon_\nu^{(\gamma)} g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) \sum_{i=q, g_{-1}} \int \frac{dx}{x^{1+\delta_{ig}}} C_i(x, \xi) F_i(x, \xi, t, \mu_F),$$

CF coefficient function:  $C_i = C_i^{(0)} + (\alpha_s(\mu_R)/\pi)C_i^{(1)} + \dots$ , with LO:

$$C_g^{(0)}(x, \xi) = \frac{x^2 c}{[x + \xi - i\varepsilon][x - \xi + i\varepsilon]},$$

where  $c = (4\pi\alpha_s e e_Q R(0))/(m_Q^{3/2} \sqrt{2\pi N_c})$ .  $R_{J/\psi}(0) = 1 \text{ GeV}^{3/2}$  and  $R_\Upsilon(0) = 3 \text{ GeV}^{3/2}$  from potential models and NLO decay widths.

**In our calculation we use the complete NLO result for coefficient functions** [Ivanov, Schafer, Szymanowsky, Krasnikov, 2004] .

GPDs:

$$F_{q,ss'} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+y^-} \langle p', s' | \bar{\psi}^q \left(\frac{-y}{2}\right) \gamma^+ \psi^q \left(\frac{y}{2}\right) | p, s \rangle |_{y^+=y_\perp=0},$$

$$F_{g,ss'} = \frac{1}{P^+} \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+y^-} \langle p', s' | F^{+\mu} \left(\frac{-y}{2}\right) F_\mu^+ \left(\frac{y}{2}\right) | p, s \rangle |_{y^+=y_\perp=0},$$

are parametrised as ( $j = g, q$ ):

$$F_{j,ss'} = \frac{1}{2P^+} \left[ \bar{u}_{s'}(p') \left( H_j \gamma^+ + E_j \frac{i\sigma^{+\Delta}}{2m_p} \right) u_s(p) \right].$$

For numerical calculations we use GPDs obtained as the result of **full LO GPD evolution** w.r.t.  $\mu_F$  with initial condition at  $\mu_0 = 2$  GeV, given by the double-distribution ansatz (without D-term):

$$H_i(x, \xi) = \int_{-1}^1 d\beta \int_{-1+|\beta|}^{1-|\beta|} d\alpha \delta(\beta + \xi\alpha - x) f_i(\beta, \alpha),$$

with the following model for DDs:

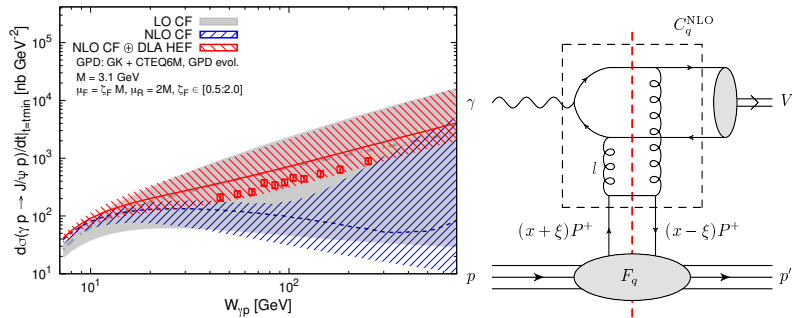
$$f_i(\beta, \alpha) = h_i(\beta, \alpha) \times \begin{cases} |\beta|g(|\beta|) & \text{for } i = g, \\ \theta(\beta)q_{\text{val}}(|\beta|) & \text{for valence } q, \\ \text{sgn}(\beta)q_{\text{sea}}(|\beta|) & \text{for sea } q. \end{cases}$$

where the profile function  $h_i(\beta, \alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(2n_i+2)}{2^{2n_i+1}\Gamma^2(n_i+1)} \frac{((1-|\beta|)^2 - \alpha^2)^{n_i}}{(1-|\beta|)^{2n_i+1}}$ , with  $n_g = n_q^{\text{sea}} = 2$  and  $n_q^{\text{val}} = 1$  as in GK model. A range of values for  $n_g$  was tried with very small (few %) numerical effects on the cross section.



## High-energy instability of NLO CF

The  $\mu_F$ -dependence of the **LO** vs. **NLO** CF calculation:



The instability is caused by the high-partonic-energy ( $\xi \ll |x| \lesssim 1$ ) DGLAP region [Ivanov, 2007] :

$$\int_{\xi}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2} F_g(x, \xi, \mu_F) C^{(1)}(x, \xi) \sim \int_{\xi}^1 \frac{dx}{x} = \ln \frac{1}{\xi}, \text{ if } F_g(x) \sim \text{const. and } C^{(1)} \sim x.$$

And for  $\xi \ll x$  we actually have:

$$C_{g,q}^{(1)}(x, \xi) \sim -\frac{i\pi|x|}{2\xi} \ln\left(\frac{M_Q^2}{4\mu_F^2}\right) \times \left\{ C_A, 2C_F \right\} \equiv C_{\{g,q\}}^{(1, \text{asy.})}(x, \xi).$$



## HEF-resummed coefficient function

Resummed coefficient function in  $N$ -space ( $\gamma_N = \hat{\alpha}_s(\mu_R)/N$ ):

$$C_g^{(\text{HEF})}(N) = \frac{-i\pi c}{2} \left( \frac{M_Q^2}{4\mu_F^2} \right)^{\gamma_N} \frac{\pi\gamma_N}{\sin(\pi\gamma_N)}.$$

Resummed coefficient function in  $\rho$ -space:

$$\check{C}_g^{(\text{HEF})}(\rho) = \frac{-i\pi c}{2} \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{|\rho|} \sqrt{\frac{L_\mu}{L_\rho}} \left\{ I_1 \left( 2\sqrt{L_\rho L_\mu} \right) - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{Li}_{2k}(-1) \left( \frac{L_\rho}{L_\mu} \right)^k I_{2k-1} \left( 2\sqrt{L_\rho L_\mu} \right) \right\},$$

where  $L_\rho = \hat{\alpha}_s \ln 1/|\rho|$  and  $L_\mu = \ln[M_Q^2/(4\mu_F^2)]$ .

The  $\rho \ll 1$ -behaviour is governed by the singularity at  $N = \hat{\alpha}_s$ :

$$\check{C}_g^{(\text{HEF})}(\rho) \sim \rho^{-\hat{\alpha}_s},$$

so the *hard Pomeron intercept* in DLA is  $\hat{\alpha}_s$ , not  $4\hat{\alpha}_s \ln 2$  like in the full LLA.

## Matching of the CF NLO and HEF-resummed coefficient functions

The  $C_g^{(\text{HEF})}(\rho)$  can be expanded in  $\alpha_s$  (up to overall factor  $-i\pi c/2$ ):

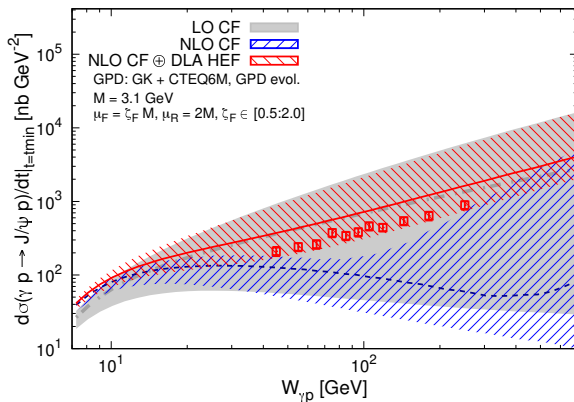
$$\underbrace{\delta(|\rho| - 1)}_{\text{LO}} + \underbrace{\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{|\rho|} \ln \left( \frac{M_Q^2}{4\mu_F^2} \right)}_{= \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_g^{(1, \text{asy.})}(x, \xi)} + \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^2}{|\rho|} \ln \frac{1}{|\rho|} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \left( \frac{M_Q^2}{4\mu_F^2} \right) \right] + O(\alpha_s^3),$$

To avoid double-counting with NLO, we use the following *subtractive matching prescription*:

$$C_{g,q}^{(\text{match.})}(x, \xi) = C_{g,q}^{(0)}(x, \xi) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{\pi} C_{g,q}^{(1)}(x, \xi) + \left[ \check{C}_{g,q}^{(\text{HEF})}(\xi/|x|) - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{\pi} C_{g,q}^{(1, \text{asy.})}(x, \xi) \right] \theta(|x| - \xi).$$

## Numerical results, $\mu_R = 2M$ , $\mu_F$ -variation

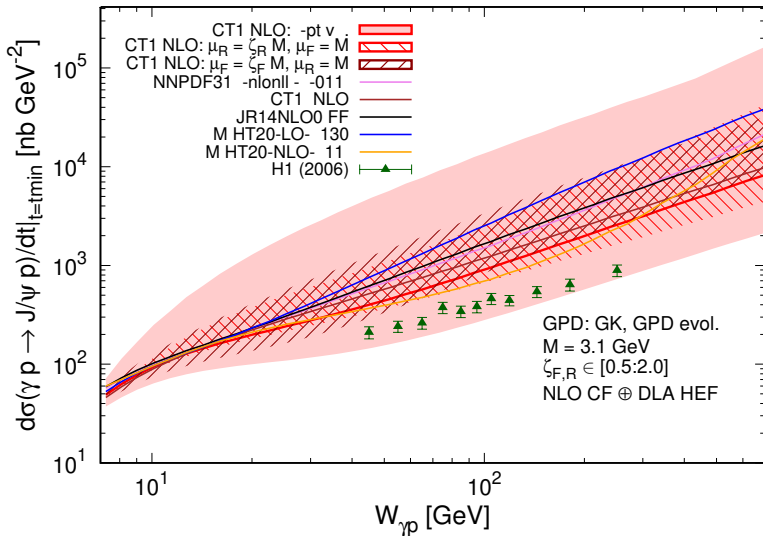
The  $\mu_F$ -dependence of the **LO** vs. **NLO CF** and **NLO CF $\oplus$ DLA HEF** **matched** calculation:



Points – H1 data on  $d\sigma/dt$  at  $t \simeq 0$ .

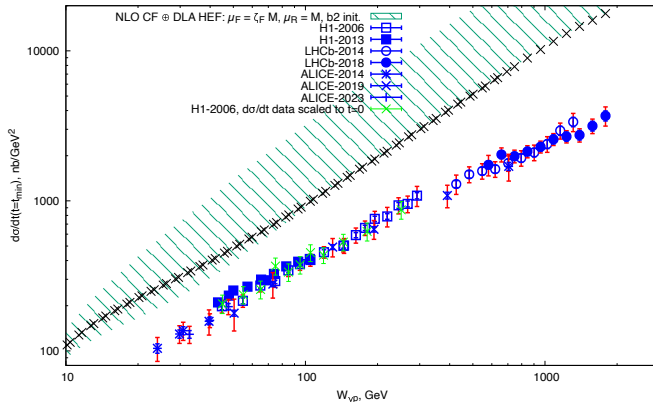
# Exclusive $J/\psi$ photoproduction in $CF \oplus HEF$

9- $\mu_F$  and  $\mu_R$  variation:

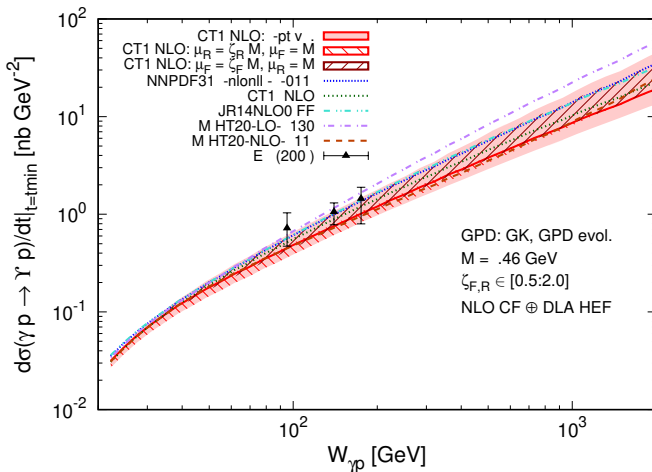


# Exclusive $J/\psi$ photoproduction in $CF\oplus HEF$

Comparison to data on  $d\sigma/dt(t_{\min})$ , extrapolated from total cross section data at various energies:



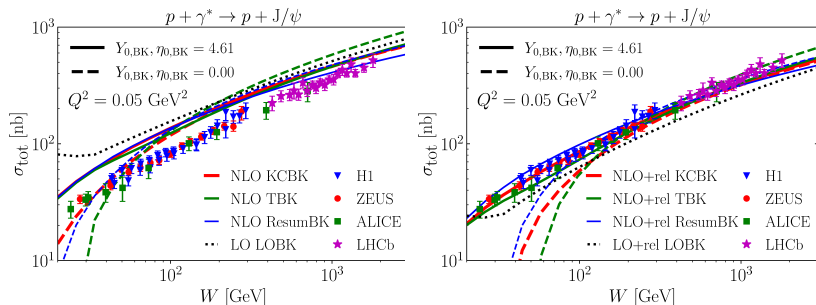
# Results for $\Upsilon(1S)$





# $v^2$ -corrections to exclusive $J/\psi$ photoproduction CGC

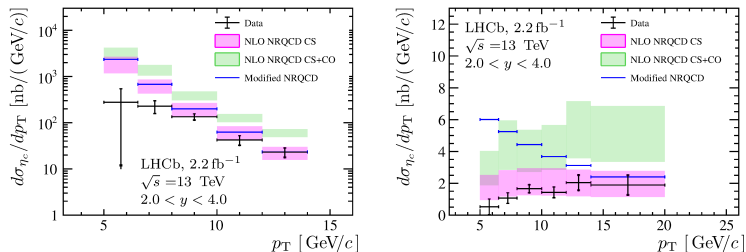
Plots from hep-ph/2204.14031 CGC calculation without and with  $O(v^2)$ -correction:



### III. NLO impact-factor for the forward $\eta_c$ hadroproduction

## Inclusive heavy quarkonium production at moderate $p_T$ in CF

It is well known that quarkonium production  $p_T$  spectra at  $p_T \gtrsim M$  are not described by collinear factorisation computations at NLO. Example:  $\eta_c$  production at LHCb [LHCb, '24] (left panel  $d\sigma/dp_T$ , right panel: ratio to  $J/\psi$ ):



$p(P_1) + p(P_2) \rightarrow \eta_c(p) + X$ , parton level e.g.:  $g(x_1 P_1) + g(x_2 P_2) \rightarrow c\bar{c}[^1S_0^{[1]}] + X$ , with  $S = (P_1 + P_2)^2$  and  $p^2 = M^2$ . Cross section in **collinear factorisation**:

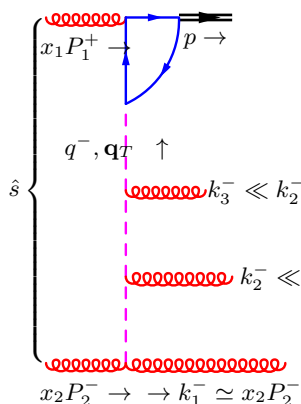
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^2 dy} = \frac{M^2}{S} \int_0^{\eta_{\max}} d\eta \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz f_i \left( \frac{M_T e^y}{\sqrt{S} z}, \mu_F \right) f_j \left( \frac{M^2 z(1+\eta)}{M_T \sqrt{S}} e^{-y}, \mu_F \right) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}(\eta, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2)}{dz d\mathbf{p}_T^2},$$

where  $\eta = \hat{s}/M^2 - 1$  with  $\hat{s} = Sx_1x_2$ ,  $z = \frac{p_+}{x_1 P_1^+}$ ,  $M_T = \sqrt{M^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2}$ .

# High-Energy Factorization, forward $\eta_c$ hadroproduction

The **LLA** ( $\sum_n \alpha_s^n \ln^{n-1}$ ) formalism [Collins, Ellis, '91; Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann, '91, '94]

Physical picture in the **LLA**:



The LLA in  $\ln(x_2 P_2^- / p^-)$ :

$$\mathcal{H} \quad \hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}(p_- / (x_2 P_2^-), z) \propto \int_0^\infty dq^- \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{q}_T^2 \mathcal{C} \left( \frac{q^-}{x_2 P_2^-}, \mathbf{q}_T^2, \mu_F, \mu_R \right) \mathcal{H}(q^-, \mathbf{q}_T^2, z),$$

The LLA in  $\ln(\hat{s}/M^2)$ :

$$\mathcal{C} \quad \hat{\sigma}_{\text{HEF}}(\hat{s}/M^2, z) \propto \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{q}_T^2 \mathcal{C} \left( \frac{\hat{s}}{M^2}, \mathbf{q}_T^2, \mu_F, \mu_R \right) \int_0^\infty dq^- \mathcal{H}(q^-, \mathbf{q}_T^2, z).$$

Two kinds of LLA are equivalent up to NLL terms because

$$\frac{\hat{s}}{M^2} = \frac{x_1 x_2 S}{M^2} = \frac{M^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2}{M^2} \frac{x_2 P_2^-}{q^-} = \frac{M^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2}{M^2} \frac{x_2 P_2^-}{p^-}.$$

## The Leading Order

The LLA resummation formula for  $\mathbf{p}_T^2$  and  $z = p_-/q_-$ -differential partonic cross section:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ig}^{(\text{LLA})}}{dz d\mathbf{p}_T^2} &= \frac{1}{2M^2} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_T}{\pi} \mathcal{C}_{ig}\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M^2}, \mathbf{q}_T^2, \mu_F, \mu_R\right) \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2), \\ &= \frac{1}{2M^2} \mathcal{C}_{ig}\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M^2}, \mathbf{p}_T^2, \mu_F, \mu_R\right) \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \delta(1-z),\end{aligned}$$

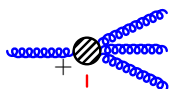
with [Kniehl, Vasin, Saleev, '06]

$$\mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})} = \frac{32\pi^3 \alpha_s^2(\mu_R) M^4}{N_c^2 (N_c^2 - 1) (M^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)^2} \frac{\langle \mathcal{O} [{}^1S_0^{[1]}] \rangle}{M^3} \delta(1-z) \delta(\mathbf{q}_T^2 - \mathbf{p}_T^2),$$

where  $\langle \mathcal{O} [{}^1S_0^{[1]}] \rangle = 2N_c |R(0)|^2 / (4\pi)$ .

In this talk we will compute  $\mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{NLO})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2)$ , which includes **virtual** and **real-emission** corrections.

# The Gauge-Invariant EFT for Multi-Regge processes in QCD



- ▶ Reggeized gluon fields  $R_{\pm}$  carry  $(k_{\pm}, \mathbf{k}_T, k_{\mp} = 0)$ :  $\partial_{\mp} R_{\pm} = 0$ .
- ▶ **Induced interactions** of particles and Reggeons [Lipatov '95, '97; Bondarenko, Zubkov '18]:

$$L = \frac{i}{g_s} \text{tr} \left[ R_+ \partial_{\perp}^2 \partial_- \left( W[A_-] - W^{\dagger}[A_-] \right) + (+ \leftrightarrow -) \right],$$

$$\text{with } W_{x_{\mp}}[x_{\pm}, \mathbf{x}_T, A_{\pm}] = P \exp \left[ \frac{-ig_s}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{x_{\mp}} dx'_{\mp} A_{\pm}(x_{\pm}, x'_{\mp}, \mathbf{x}_T) \right] = (1 + ig_s \partial_{\pm}^{-1} A_{\pm})^{-1}.$$

- ▶ Expansion of the Wilson line generates **induced vertices**:

$$\text{tr} \left[ R_+ \partial_{\perp}^2 A_- + (-ig_s)(\partial_{\perp}^2 R_+)(A_- \partial_-^{-1} A_-) + (-ig_s)^2 (\partial_{\perp}^2 R_+)(A_- \partial_-^{-1} A_- \partial_-^{-1} A_-) + O(g_s^3) + (+ \leftrightarrow -) \right].$$

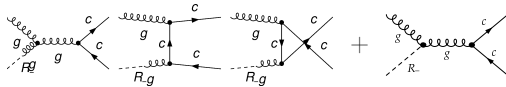
- ▶ The *Eikonal propagators*  $\partial_{\pm}^{-1} \rightarrow -i/(k^{\pm})$  lead to **rapidity divergences**, which are regularized by tilting the Wilson lines from the light-cone [Hentschinski, Sabio Vera, Chachamis *et. al.*, '12-'13; M.N. '19]:

$$n_{\pm}^{\mu} \rightarrow \tilde{n}_{\pm}^{\mu} = n_{\pm}^{\mu} + r n_{\mp}^{\mu}, \quad r \ll 1: \quad \tilde{k}^{\pm} = \tilde{n}^{\pm} k.$$

The terms for conversion of the result into any other regularisation scheme for RDs can be easily computed.

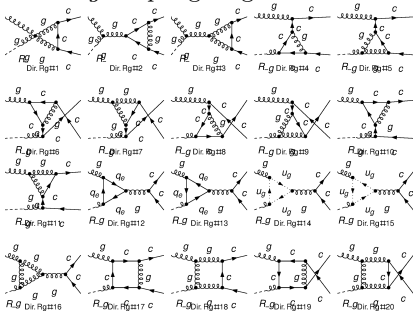
$Rg \rightarrow c\bar{c} [^1S_0^{[1]}]$  and  $c\bar{c} [^3S_1^{[8]}]$  @ 1 loop

Interference with LO:

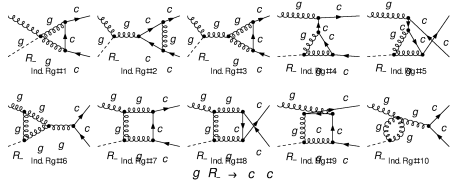


Induced  $Rg$  coupling diagrams:

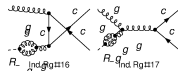
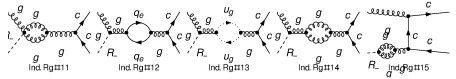
Some  $Rg$ -coupling diagrams:



$g R \rightarrow c c$



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and so on...

- ▶ Diagrams had been generated using custom `FeynArts` model-file, projector on the  $c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{[1]} \right]$ -state is inserted
- ▶ heavy-quark momenta =  $p_Q/2 \Rightarrow$  need to resolve linear dependence of quadratic denominators in some diagrams before IBP
- ▶ IBP reduction to master integrals has been performed using `FIRE`
- ▶ Master integrals with linear and massless quadratic denominators are expanded in  $r \ll 1$  using Mellin-Barnes representation. The differential equations technique is used when the integral depends on more than one scale of virtuality.
- ▶ In presence of the linear denominator the massive propagator can be converted to the massless one:

$$\frac{1}{((\tilde{n}+l) + k_+)(l^2 - m^2)} = \frac{1}{((\tilde{n}+l) + k_+)(l + \kappa\tilde{n}_+)^2} + \frac{2\kappa \left[ (\tilde{n}+l) + \frac{m^2 + \tilde{n}_+^2 + \kappa^2}{2\kappa} \right]}{\cancel{((\tilde{n}+l) + k_+) (l + \kappa\tilde{n}_+)^2} (l^2 - m^2)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  all the masses can be moved to integrals with **only quadratic propagators**.

See [\[hep-ph/2408.06234\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/2408.06234) for details.

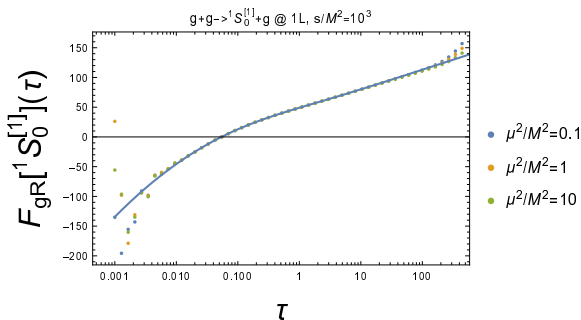


Result:  $Rg \rightarrow c\bar{c} [^1S_0^{[1]}] @ 1 \text{ loop}$

Result [MN, '23, '24] for  $2\Re \left[ \frac{H_{1L} \times \text{LO}(\mathbf{q}_T) - (\text{On-shell mass CT})}{(\alpha_s/(2\pi))H_{LO}(\mathbf{q}_T)} \right]$ :

$$\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mathbf{q}_T^2}\right)^\epsilon \left\{ -\frac{N_c}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ N_c \left( \ln \frac{(x_1 P_1^+)^2}{\mathbf{q}_T^2 r} + \frac{25}{6} \right) - \frac{2n_F}{3} - \frac{3}{2N_c} \right] \right\} - \frac{10}{9}n_F + F_{1S_0^{[1]}}(\mathbf{q}_T^2/M^2)$$

Cross-check against the Regge limit of one-loop amplitude ( $\tau = \mathbf{q}_T^2/M^2$ ):



Points – the function  $F_{1S_0^{[1]}}(\tau)$  extracted from numerical results for interference between **exact** one-loop and tree-level QCD amplitudes of  $g + g \rightarrow c\bar{c}[^1S_0^{[1]}] + g$  at  $s = 10^3 M^2$ . Solid line – analytic result from the EFT.

## Real-emission correction

The real-emission contribution:

$$g(x_1 P_1) + R_-(q) \rightarrow c\bar{c}[^1 S_0^{[1]}](p) + g(k),$$

to the coefficient function is given by:

$$\mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{NLO, R})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int \frac{d\Omega_{2-2\epsilon}}{(2\pi)^{1-2\epsilon}} \frac{\tilde{H}_{Rg}(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T, z)}{z(1-z)\mathbf{q}_T^2},$$

where the **function  $\tilde{H}_{Rg}(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T, z)$  is very complicated**. The following subtraction term ( $O(\epsilon)$  terms not shown):

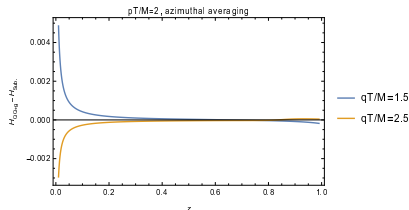
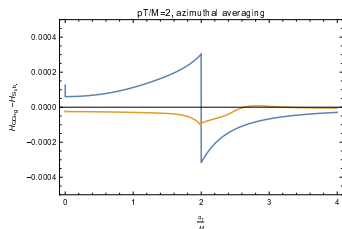
$$\mathcal{J}_{Rj}^{(\text{sub.})} = \frac{2C_A}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \frac{1-z}{(1-z)^2 + r \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2}{(x_1 P_1^+)^2}} + \Delta p_{gg}(z, \mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T) \right],$$

where  $\Delta p_{gg} = z(1-z) + 2 \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2 - (\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{z \mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} - \frac{3\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2 - 2(\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2}$ . captures its singular behaviour in:

- ▶ **Regge limit:**  $z \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_T = \mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T$  - fixed,
- ▶ **Collinear limit:**  $\mathbf{k}_T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $z$ -fixed
- ▶ **Soft limit:**  $\mathbf{k}_T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $z \rightarrow 1$

## Real-emission correction, finite part

$$\mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{fin.})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\tilde{H}_{Rj}(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T, z)}{z(1-z)\mathbf{q}_T^2} - \mathcal{J}_{Rj}^{(\text{sub.})}(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T, z, r=0) \right]$$



This contribution is finite for  $\mathbf{k}_T \rightarrow 0$  and  $z \rightarrow 1$  and can be safely convoluted with the resummation factor or unintegrated-PDF in  $\mathbf{q}_T$  and gluon PDF in  $z$ .

## Integrated subtraction term

$$\mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub.})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \frac{\Omega_{2-2\epsilon} \mu^{2\epsilon}}{(2\pi)^{1-2\epsilon}} \int d^{2-2\epsilon} \mathbf{k}_T \mathcal{J}_{Rj}^{(\text{sub.})}(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T, z, r) \\ \times \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T, \mathbf{p}_T) = \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. I})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. II})}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. I})} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R) C_A}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \frac{1}{(1-z)_+} + \Delta p_{gg}(z, \mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T) \right. \\ \left. - \delta(1-z) \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{r \mathbf{k}_T^2}{(x_1 P_1^+)^2} \right] \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \right] \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. II})} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \delta(\mathbf{p}_T^2 - \mathbf{q}_T^2) \frac{(4\pi)^\epsilon}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2} \right)^\epsilon \\ \times \left\{ -\frac{1}{\epsilon} P_{gg}(z) + \delta(1-z) \left[ \frac{C_A}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\beta_0}{2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{C_A}{\epsilon} \ln \frac{r \mathbf{p}_T^2}{(x_1 P_1^+)^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} C_A \right] + O(\epsilon^2) \right\}.$$

## Rapidity factorisation schemes

The  $\ln r$ -regularisation is equivalent to the cut in rapidity, for **HEF** we need to cut in “target light-cone component”  $k_-$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{HEF-sch.})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2) &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, \mathbf{p}_T^2, z) \left[ -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\beta_0}{2} - C_A \right) + \frac{4}{3} C_A - \frac{5}{6} \beta_0 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} C_A \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \right] \\ &\quad \times \left( -\frac{1}{2} \ln r + \ln \frac{|\mathbf{k}_T|}{\Lambda_-} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Lambda_- \simeq q_- = (M^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)/(x_1 P_1^+)$ . The **blue** terms come from  $R$  self-energy.

In **BFKL** we cut in  $\ln(s_{\eta_{cg}}/s_0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{BFKL-sch.})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, z, \mathbf{p}_T^2) &= \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{q}_T^2, \mathbf{p}_T^2, z) \left[ -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\beta_0}{2} - C_A \right) + \frac{4}{3} C_A - \frac{5}{6} \beta_0 \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \right] \\ &\quad \times \left( -\frac{1}{2} \ln r + \ln \frac{x_1 P_1^+}{\sqrt{s_0}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

## Impact factor, HEF scheme

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{NLO, analyt.})}(\mathbf{q}_T, z, \mathbf{p}_T) &= \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. I})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. II})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{NLO, V})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{HEF-sch.})} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \right] \left[ \frac{1}{(1-z)_+} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + z(1-z) + 2 \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2 - (\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{z \mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} - \frac{3 \mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2 - 2(\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} + \delta(1-z) \ln \left( \frac{M^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \delta(\mathbf{q}_T^2 - \mathbf{p}_T^2) \left\{ - \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2} P_{gg}(z) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \delta(1-z) \left[ -\frac{\pi^2}{2} C_A + \frac{4}{3} C_A - \frac{5}{6} \beta_0 - 2C_F \left( 2 + \frac{2}{3} \ln \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{m_c^2} \right) + \beta_0 \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2} + F_{1S_0^{[1]}}(\mathbf{p}_T^2/M^2) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

This result should be added to the  $\mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{fin.})}$ .

## Impact factor, BFKL scheme

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{NLO, analyt., BFKL})}(\mathbf{q}_T, z, \mathbf{p}_T) &= \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. I})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{int. sub. II})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{NLO, V})} + \mathcal{H}_{gj}^{(\text{BFKL-sch.})} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \right] \left[ \frac{1}{(1-z)_+} \right. \\
 &+ z(1-z) + 2 \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2 - (\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{z \mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} - \frac{3 \mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2 - 2(\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} + \delta(1-z) \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{s_0}}{|\mathbf{k}_T|} \right) \left. \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \delta(\mathbf{q}_T^2 - \mathbf{p}_T^2) \left\{ -\ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2} P_{gg}(z) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \delta(1-z) \left[ -\frac{\pi^2}{6} C_A + \frac{4}{3} C_A - \frac{5}{6} \beta_0 - 2C_F \left( 2 + \frac{2}{3} \ln \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{m_c^2} \right) + \beta_0 \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2} + F_{1S_0^{[1]}}(\mathbf{p}_T^2/M^2) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

This result should be added to **the same**  $\mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{fin.})}$ .

## Impact factor, $q + R$ channel

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{H}_{qg}^{(\text{NLO, analyt.})}(\mathbf{q}_T, z, \mathbf{p}_T) \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_T}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) - \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \right] \\
 & \times \left[ \frac{(2-z)^2}{z} - \frac{4(1-z)}{z} \frac{(\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} \right] \\
 & \quad + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \mathcal{H}_{gg}^{(\text{LO})}(\mathbf{p}_T^2) \delta(\mathbf{q}_T^2 - \mathbf{p}_T^2) \left\{ -\ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mathbf{p}_T^2} P_{gq}(z) + C_F z \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This result should be added to  $\mathcal{H}_{qg}^{(\text{fin.})}$  computed using the subtraction term ( $O(\epsilon)$  terms are not shown):

$$\mathcal{J}_{qg} = \frac{C_F}{z \mathbf{k}_T^2} \left[ (2-z)^2 - 4(1-z) \frac{(\mathbf{k}_T \mathbf{p}_T)^2}{\mathbf{k}_T^2 \mathbf{p}_T^2} \right],$$

together with the complete NLO matrix element of the process  $q + R \rightarrow q + g$ :  $\tilde{H}_{Rq}$ .



## Numerical cross-check against NLO CF computation ( $q + g$ channel)

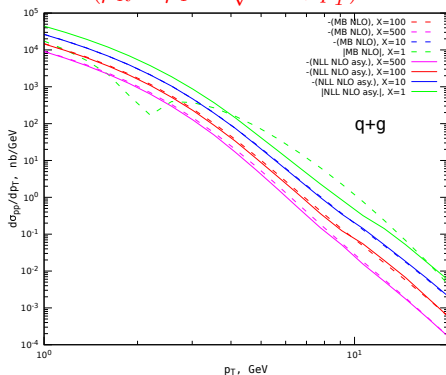
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$$= \hat{\alpha}_s \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}_T}{\pi \mathbf{q}_T^2} \left[ \mathcal{H}_{qq}^{(\text{NLO})}(\mathbf{q}_T, z, \mathbf{p}_T) - \mathcal{H}_{qq}^{(\text{NLO})}(0, z, \mathbf{p}_T) \theta(\mu_F^2 - \mathbf{q}_T^2) \right].$$

Preliminary numerical comparison

( $\mu_R = \mu_F = \sqrt{M^2 + p_T^2}$ ):



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$\hat{s}_{\min} = 2M_T[M_T + |\mathbf{p}_T|] - M^2$  – kinematical lower bound of  $\hat{s}$  for given  $p_T$ .

Green –  $X = 1$ , blue –  $X = 10$  and red –  $X = 100$ , magenta –  $X = 500$ .

## Resummation function beyond DLA

The NLO result for the resummation function  $\mathcal{C}_{gg}(x, \mathbf{q}_T, \mu_F, \mu_R)$  (1-loop virtual  $g + R \rightarrow g + \text{real } g + R \rightarrow g + g$  and  $g + R \rightarrow q + \bar{q}$ ):

$$\mathcal{C}_{gg}^{(\text{NLO})} = \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^2}{\mathbf{q}_T^2} \left[ \ln \frac{1}{x} \ln \frac{\mathbf{q}_T^2}{\mu_F^2} + \left( \frac{11}{12} - \frac{n_F}{6N_c} \right) \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{\mu_F^2} + \left( \frac{n_F}{6N_c} - \frac{n_F}{6N_c^3} - \frac{11}{6} \right) \ln \frac{\mathbf{q}_T^2}{\mu_F^2} + R_{gg}^{(2)} \right],$$

where  $R_{gg}^{(2)} = \frac{67}{36} - \frac{5n_F}{18N_c} - \frac{n_F}{12N_c^3}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha}_s = \alpha_s(\mu_R)C_A/\pi$ .

The **DLA** resums corrections  $\sim \hat{\alpha}_s \left( \hat{\alpha}_s \ln \frac{1}{x} \ln \frac{\mathbf{q}_T^2}{\mu_F^2} \right)^n$ . The **NDLA** has one  $\ln 1/x$  or  $\ln \mu_F^2$  less per power of  $\alpha_s$ . The resummed expression in NDLA can be obtained from RG analysis (running of  $\alpha_s$ +collinear factorisation/DGLAP,  $n_F = 0$ ):

$$\mathcal{C}_{gg}^{(\text{NDLA})} = \left( 1 + 4C_A a_s R_{gg}^{(2)} \right) \left[ 1 + a_s \beta_0 \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{\mu_F^2} \left( 1 + \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mathbf{q}_T^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu_F^2} \right) + a_s \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mathbf{q}_T^2} \left( \frac{22C_A}{3} + \frac{\beta_0}{2} \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mathbf{q}_T^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \mu_F^2} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}_{gg}^{(\text{DLA})}(x, \mathbf{q}_T^2, \mu_F, \mu_R),$$

where  $a_s = \alpha_s(\mu_R)/(4\pi)$ .

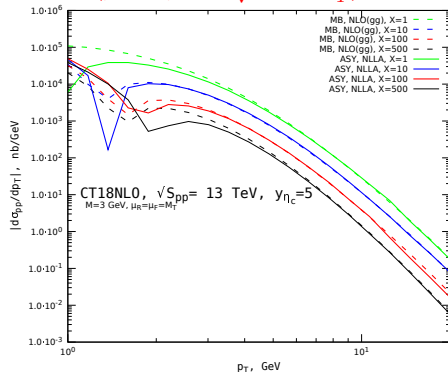
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Preliminary numerical comparison

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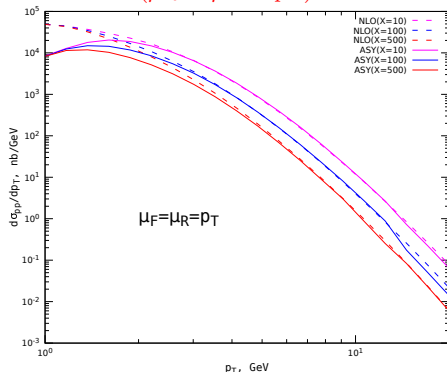
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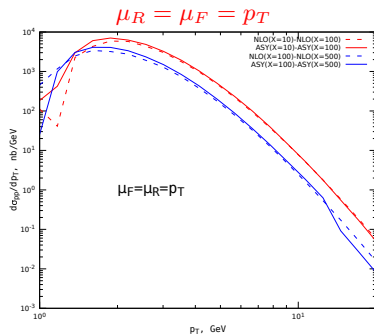
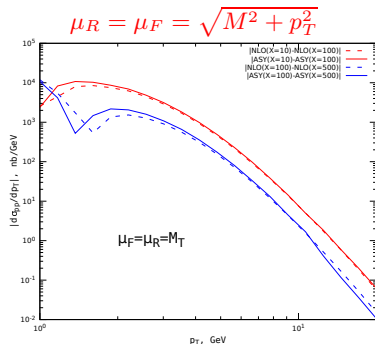
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Magenta –  $X = 10$  and blue –  $X = 100$ , red –  $X = 500$ .

# Numerical cross-check against NLO CF computation ( $g + g$ channel)

Constraining  $\hat{s}$  from both sides:

$$X_1 < \frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{s}_{\min}} < X_2.$$



Red –  $10 < \hat{s}/\hat{s}_{\min} < 100$ , blue –  $100 < \hat{s}/\hat{s}_{\min} < 500$ . Solid lines – HEF prediction, dashed lines – NLO CF.

## Conclusions and outlook

- ▶ The complete NLO HEF coefficient function (impact factor) for the  $g + R \rightarrow c\bar{c}[^1S_0^{[1]}]$  process is computed, including one-loop and real-emission corrections
- ▶ The computation for other NRQCD-factorisation intermediate states:  $c\bar{c}[^1S_0^{[8]}, ^3S_1^{[8]}, ^3P_J^{[1,8]}]$  are in progress. The  $c\bar{c}[^3S_1^{[1]}]$  is more challenging.
- ▶ The result in HEF scheme is useful for the resummation of  $\ln \hat{s}/M^2$  corrections in CF coefficient function
- ▶ The result in BFKL scheme is useful for the study of double- $\eta_c$  production at large rapidity separation
- ▶ The result in the “shockwave” scheme, corresponding to the cut in “projectile” light-cone component ( $k^+$ ) is easy to obtain. However this is  $1R$ -exchange only.
- ▶ The same computation technology can be applied to the central production vertices  $RR \rightarrow c\bar{c}[n]$ .

Thank you for your attention!

## The $C_F$ coefficient

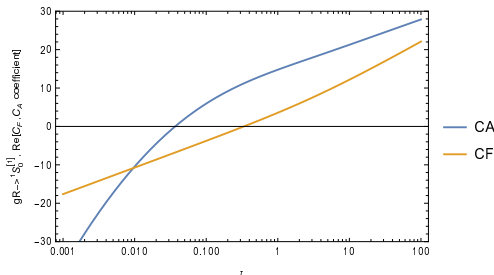
$$C_{gR}[{}^1S_0^{[8]}, C_F] = \frac{1}{6(\tau+1)^2} \left\{ -12\tau(\tau+1)\text{Li}_2(-2\tau-1) + \frac{6L_2}{\tau}(-2L_1\tau + L_1 + 6\tau(\tau+1)) \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{(2\tau+1)^2} \left[ (\tau+1)12\ln(2)(\tau+1)(6\tau^2+8\tau+3) - 8\tau^3(9\ln(\tau+1)+2\pi^2+15) \right.$$

$$- 4\tau^2(30\ln(\tau+1)+\pi^2+63) + 8\tau(-6\ln(\tau+1)+\pi^2-21)$$

$$\left. \left. + 18(\tau+1)(2\tau+1)^2\ln(\tau) + 3\pi^2 - 36 \right] \right\},$$

where  $L_1 = L_1^{(+)} - L_1^{(-)} - L_2/2$  with  $L_1^{(\pm)} = \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \ln(\sqrt{1+\tau} \pm \sqrt{\tau})$  and  $L_2 = \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} \ln(1+2\tau+2\sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)})$ .



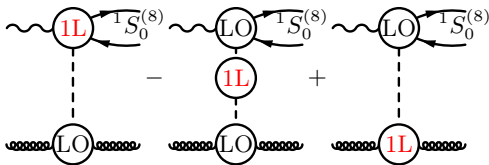
The  $C_A$  coefficient for  $gR \rightarrow c\bar{c} [^1S_0^{[1]}]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{gR}[^1S_0^{[1]}, C_A] &= \frac{2(\tau(\tau(\tau(7\tau + 8) + 2) - 4) - 1)}{(\tau - 1)(\tau + 1)^3} \text{Li}_2(-\tau) \\
 &- \frac{\tau(\tau(4\tau + 5) + 3)}{(\tau + 1)^3} \text{Li}_2(-2\tau - 1) - \frac{L_2^2}{2\tau(\tau + 1)^2} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{18(\tau - 1)(\tau + 1)^3} \left\{ -2(\tau^2 - 1)(18 \ln(2)(\tau - 1)\tau - 67(\tau + 2)\tau - 67) \right. \\
 &+ 18[\ln(\tau)(-2\tau^4 + (\tau(-\tau^3 + \tau + 3) + 2)\tau \ln(\tau) + 2\tau^2 + \ln(\tau)) \\
 &- (\tau - 1)^2(\tau + 1)^3 \ln^2(\tau + 1) + 2(\tau - 1)(\tau + 1)^2(\tau + (\tau + 1)^2 \ln(\tau)) \ln(\tau + 1)] \\
 &\left. + \pi^2(3\tau(\tau(\tau(15\tau + 14) - 3) - 12) - 6) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

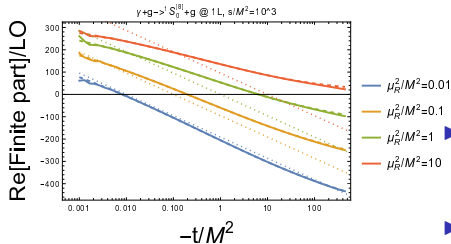


$R\gamma \rightarrow c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{[8]} \right]$  @ 1 loop, cross-check

In the combination of 1-loop results in the EFT:



the  $\ln r$  cancels and it should reproduce the the Regge limit ( $s \gg -t$ ) of the real part of the  $2 \rightarrow 2$  1-loop QCD amplitude:

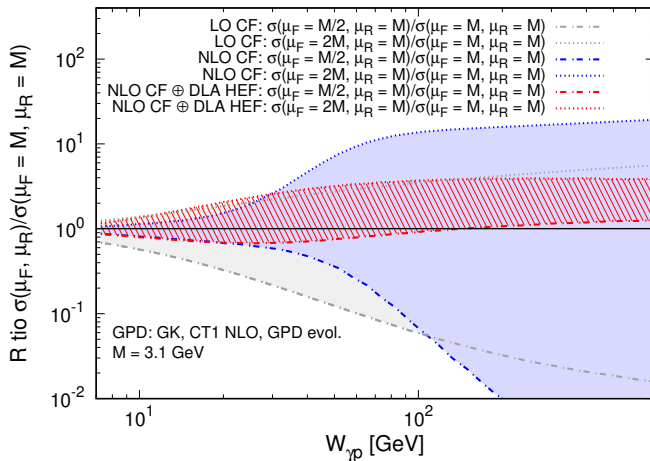


Solid lines – QCD, dashed lines – EFT, dotted

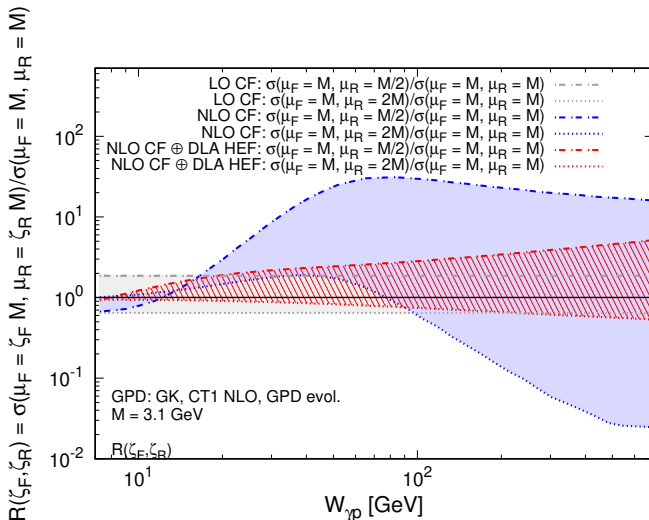
lines –  $-2C_A \ln(-t/\mu_R^2) \ln(s/M^2)$

$$\gamma + g \rightarrow c\bar{c} \left[ {}^1S_0^{(8)} \right] + g.$$

- ▶ The  $2 \rightarrow 2$  QCD 1-loop amplitude can be computed numerically using **FormCalc** (with some tricks, due to Coulomb divergence)
- ▶ The Regge limit of  $1/\epsilon$  divergent part agrees with the EFT result
- ▶ For the finite part agreement within few % is reached, need to push to higher  $s$



## $\mu_R$ -variation



The increase of  $\mu_R$ -variation of the matched result with energy is due to the  $\mu_R$ -dependence of the  $C_i^{(\text{HEF})}(\rho) \sim \rho^{-\hat{\alpha}_s(\mu_R)}$  for  $\rho \rightarrow 0$ .

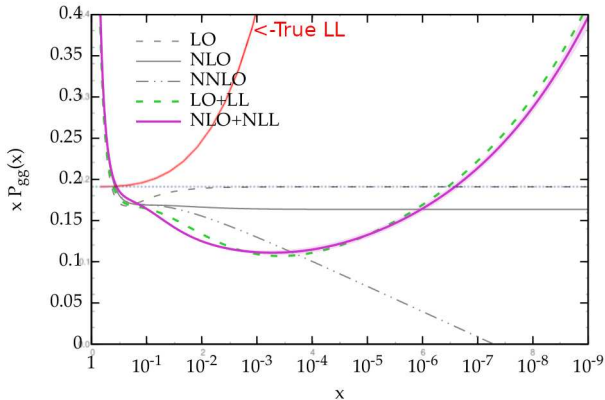
## Backup: DGLAP $P_{gg}$ at small $z$

$$\text{LO: } P_{gg}(z) = \frac{2CA}{z} + \dots \Leftrightarrow \gamma_N = \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N}$$

Plot from [hep-ph/1607.02153](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/1607.02153) with my curve (in red) for the **strict LLA**:

$$\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N} \chi_{LO}(\gamma_{gg}(N)) = 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_{gg}(N) = \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N} + 2\zeta(3) \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^4}{N^4} + 2\zeta(5) \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^6}{N^6} + \dots$$

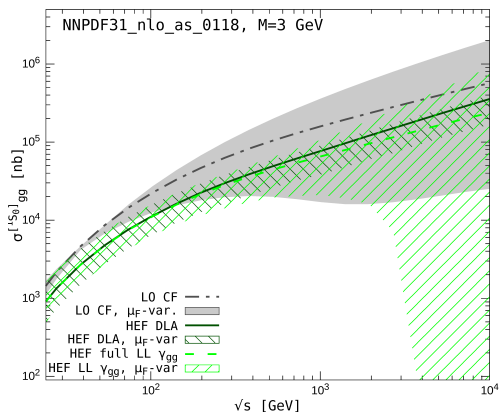
$$\alpha_s = 0.2, n_f = 4, Q_0 \overline{\text{MS}}$$



The “LO+LL” and “NLO+NLL” curves represent a form of matching between DGLAP and BFKL expansions, in a scheme by [Altarelli, Ball and Forte](#) which is more complicated than the **strict LL or NLL approximation**.

## Effect of anomalous dimension beyond LO

Effect of taking **full LLA** for  $\gamma_{gg}(N) = \frac{\hat{\alpha}_s}{N} + 2\zeta(3)\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^4}{N^4} + 2\zeta(5)\frac{\hat{\alpha}_s^6}{N^6} + \dots$   
together with NLO PDF.



## Scale-fixing solution

Studied in [Lansberg, Ozcelik, 20'], [Lansberg et.al, 21']. For  $J/\psi$  photoproduction:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma p}^{(\text{LO+NLO})}}{d \ln \mu_F^2} \propto \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^{\eta_{\max}} d\eta \left\{ \ln(1+\eta) \left[ c_1(\eta \rightarrow \infty) + \bar{c}_1(\eta \rightarrow \infty) \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu_F^2} \right] \right. \\ \left. \times \left( f_g(x_\eta, \mu_F^2) + \frac{C_F}{C_A} f_q(x_\eta, \mu_F^2) \right) + \text{non-singular terms at } \eta \gg 1 \right\}$$

“principle of minimal scale-sensitivity”  $\Rightarrow$  for  $J/\psi$  photoproduction:

$$\hat{\mu}_F = M \exp \left[ \frac{c_1(\eta \rightarrow \infty)}{2\bar{c}_1(\eta \rightarrow \infty)} \right] \simeq 0.87M,$$

for  $\eta_c$ -hadroproduction:

$$\hat{\mu}_F = M \exp \left[ \frac{A_1}{2} \right] = \frac{M}{\sqrt{e}} \simeq 0.61M.$$

The  $\hat{\mu}_F$ -scale removes corrections  $\propto \alpha_s^n \ln^{n-1}(1+\eta)$  from  $\hat{\sigma}_i(\eta)$  and resums them into PDFs. But is such resummation complete?

