

Super-Leading Logarithms in $t\text{-}\bar{t}$ Production: Derivation

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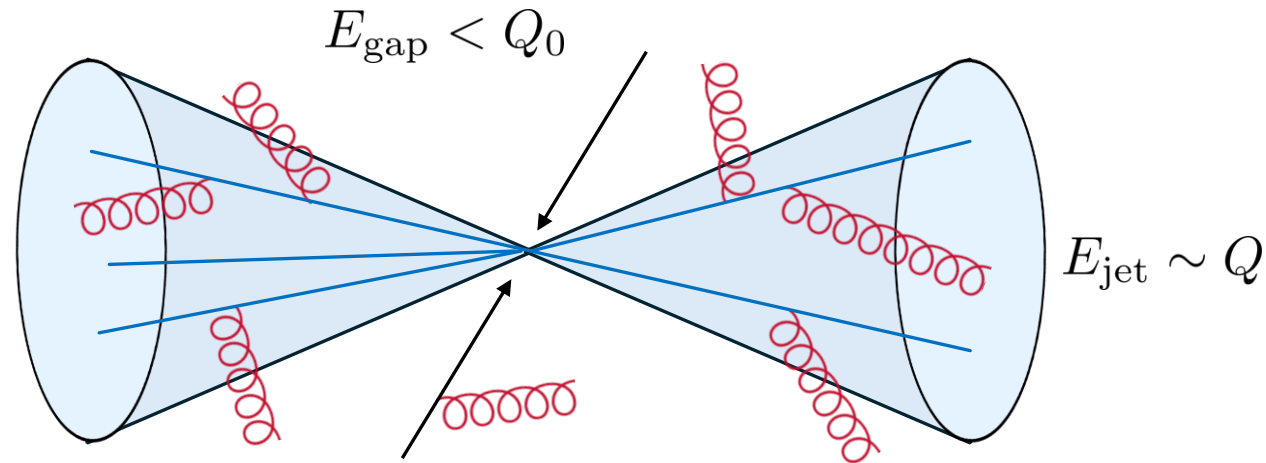
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Super-Leading Logarithms



- Large logarithms in jet processes at hardon colliders ($pp \rightarrow \text{jets}$):

$$\sigma \sim \sigma_{\text{Born}} \times \{1 + \alpha_s L + \alpha_s^2 L^2 + \alpha_s^3 L^3 + \underbrace{\alpha_s^4 L^5 + \alpha_s^5 L^7 + \dots}_{\text{"super-leading logarithms"}}\} \quad L = \ln(Q/Q_0) \gg 1$$

[J. R. Forshaw, A. Kyrieleis, M. H. Seymour (2006)]

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Hard functions
Low-energy matrix elements

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$$\mathcal{H}_m = \frac{1}{2\xi_1\xi_2s} \prod_{i \neq 1,2} \int \frac{dE_i E_i^{d-3}}{\tilde{c}^\varepsilon (2\pi)^2} |\mathcal{M}_m(\{\underline{p}\}, \{\underline{m}\})\rangle \langle \mathcal{M}_m(\{\underline{p}\}, \{\underline{m}\})| \times (\text{phase-space constraints})$$

multiplicity \nearrow \nwarrow only over massless final states, remaining in \otimes \uparrow Momentum conservation + $\Theta_{\text{hard}}(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\})$

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- For resummation, set $\mu = \mu_s \sim Q_0$

$$\mathcal{W}_m(\xi_1, \xi_2, \mu_s) = f_1(\xi_1, \mu_s) f_2(\xi_2, \mu_s) \mathbf{1} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

PDFs

$$\mathcal{H}_m(\mu_s) = \sum_{l \leq m} \mathcal{H}_l(\mu_h) \times \mathbf{P} \exp \left[\int_{\mu_s}^{\mu_h} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \mathbf{\Gamma}^{\mathcal{H}}(\mu) \right]_{lm}$$

Anomalous dimension matrix:

Need to include **massive** final states

Anomalous dimension

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- Virtual contributions: $\sum_{\text{all contributions}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right\} + \dots$
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Distinct pairs Color generators $s_{ij} = \begin{cases} +2p_i \cdot p_j + i\varepsilon & \text{partons both in- or outgoing} \\ -2p_i \cdot p_j + i\varepsilon & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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$$- \beta_{IJ} \coth(\beta_{IJ})$$

Real part:

$$= \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{2E_i} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{2E_j} \right) - \int [d\Omega_k] \overline{W}_{ij}^k$$

$$= \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{2E_j} \right) - \int [d\Omega_k] \overline{W}_{Ij}^k$$

$$= - \int [d\Omega_k] \overline{W}_{IJ}^k$$

subtract collinear limits $n_i || n_k, n_j || n_k$

$$\overline{W}_{ij}^k = \frac{n_i \cdot n_j}{n_i \cdot n_k n_j \cdot n_k} - \frac{1}{n_i \cdot n_k} \delta(n_i - n_k) - \frac{1}{n_j \cdot n_k} \delta(n_i - n_k)$$

Soft dipole
radiators

$$\overline{W}_{Ij}^k = \frac{v_I \cdot n_j}{v_I \cdot n_k n_j \cdot n_k} - \frac{1}{n_j \cdot n_k} \delta(n_j - n_k)$$

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Imaginary part:

$$+ i\pi \Pi_{ij}$$

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$$+ i\pi \frac{(v_I \cdot v_J)}{\sqrt{(v_I \cdot v_J)^2 - 1}}$$

$$\Pi_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{partons both in- or outgoing} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Anomalous dimension: Virtual corrections

- For the hard functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}_m(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \varepsilon) \supset & \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left\{ -\frac{\gamma_0}{4\varepsilon} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} (\mathbf{T}_{\alpha, L} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\beta, L} + \mathbf{T}_{\alpha, R} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\beta, R}) \int \frac{d^2 \Omega_k}{4\pi} \overline{W}_{\alpha\beta}^k \mathcal{H}_m(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \mu) \right. \\
 & + \frac{\gamma_0}{\varepsilon} i\pi \left[(\mathbf{T}_{1, L} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{2, L} - \mathbf{T}_{1, R} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{2, R}) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{(IJ)} (\mathbf{T}_{I, L} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{J, L} - \mathbf{T}_{I, R} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{J, R}) v_{IJ} \right] \mathcal{H}_m(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \mu) \\
 & \left. - \int d\mathcal{E}_m \sum_i \left[\gamma_0 C_i \left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{2E_i} \right) \right) - \frac{\gamma_0^i}{\varepsilon} \right] \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_m(\{\underline{p}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \mu) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Includes massive monopoles
 ← Purely soft
 ← Glauber
 ← Coulomb
 ← Soft+collinear

- With kinematical factor $v_{IJ} \equiv \frac{(v_I \cdot v_J)}{\sqrt{(v_I \cdot v_J)^2 - 1}} - 1$

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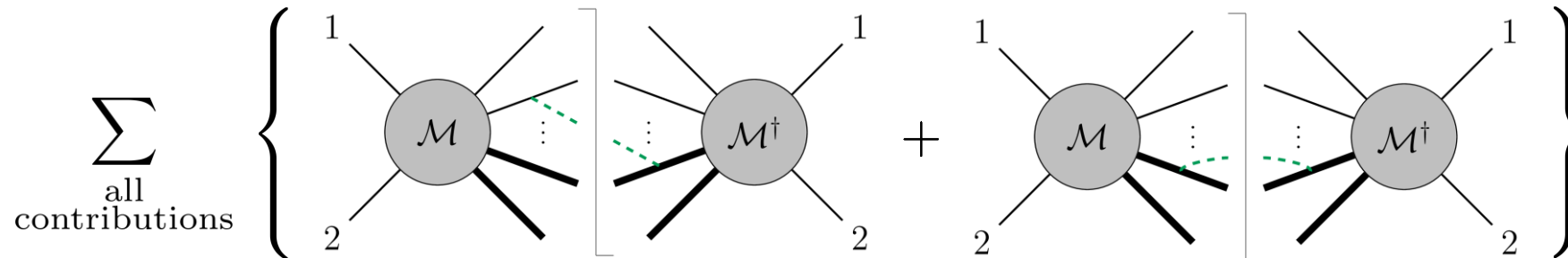
Anomalous dimension: Real emissions

- In the **soft** limit, the Soft theorem holds
- Separating the soft divergence:

$$\sum_{s_q} \mathcal{H}_{m+1}(\{\underline{p}, q\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \varepsilon) \supset \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \theta_{\text{hard}}(n_q) \bar{W}_{\alpha\beta}^q \mathbf{T}_{\alpha, L} \circ \mathbf{T}_{\beta, R} \mathcal{H}_m(\{\underline{p}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \mu)$$

Color space of
emitted gluon

Monopoles for
massive quarks



Anomalous dimension: Real emissions

- **Collinear** limits: No additional divergences from massive quarks
- Unchanged compared to massless case:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \mathcal{H}_{m+1}(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, \varepsilon) \otimes \mathcal{W}_{m+1}(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \varepsilon) \rangle \\
 & \supset \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \int d\mathcal{E}_m \sum_{i \neq 1,2} \left[C_i \gamma_0 \left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{2E_i} \right) \right) - \frac{\gamma_0^i}{\varepsilon} \right] \\
 & \quad \times \langle \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_m(\{\hat{n}, \hat{v}\}, \{\hat{m}\}, \mu) \otimes \mathcal{W}_m(\{\hat{n}, \hat{v}\}, \mu) \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\{\hat{n}, \hat{v}\}$ and $\{\hat{m}\}$ include parent parton P instead of collinear partons α and β
- Cancellations with virtual corrections

Anomalous dimension


- RG equation:
$$\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} \mathcal{H}_m(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, s, \mu) = - \sum_{l=2+M}^m \mathcal{H}_l(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, \{\underline{m}\}, s, \mu) * \mathbf{\Gamma}_{lm}^{\mathcal{H}}(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, s, \mu)$$

- Infinite matrix in multiplicity space:

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}^{\mathcal{H}}(\{\underline{n}, \underline{v}\}, s, \mu) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{2+M} & \mathbf{R}_{2+M} & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \mathbf{V}_{2+M+1} & \mathbf{R}_{2+M+1} & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{V}_{2+M+2} & \mathbf{R}_{2+M+2} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

- Decomposition:

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}^{\mathcal{H}}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \delta(1 - \xi_1)\delta(1 - \xi_2)\mathbf{\Gamma}^S + \underbrace{\delta(1 - \xi_2)\mathbf{\Gamma}_1^C(\xi_1) + \delta(1 - \xi_1)\mathbf{\Gamma}_2^C(\xi_2)}_{\text{Purely collinear parts: subleading}}$$


Soft part: derived

Soft anomalous dimension including massive final states

$$\Gamma^S = \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \left(\Gamma^c \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_h^2} \right) + \mathbf{V}^G + \mathbf{V}^{\text{Coul}} \right) + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \bar{\Gamma} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

Soft+collinear part

Glauber and **Coulomb** phase

Purely soft part

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$$\bar{\Gamma} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_0 \sum_{\alpha,\beta} (\mathbf{T}_{\alpha,L} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\beta,L} + \mathbf{T}_{\alpha,R} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\beta,R}) \int \frac{d^2\Omega_k}{4\pi} \bar{W}_{\alpha\beta}^k - 4 \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \vartheta_{\text{hard}}(n_k) \bar{W}_{\alpha\beta}^k \mathbf{T}_{\alpha,L} \circ \mathbf{T}_{\beta,R}$$

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Vanishes for $m \rightarrow 0$

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Close to threshold $\rightarrow \infty$: Sommerfeld enhancement

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➤ Resummation of Coulomb SLLs + Numerical results:

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