

Application and calculation of amplitudes with off-shell partons

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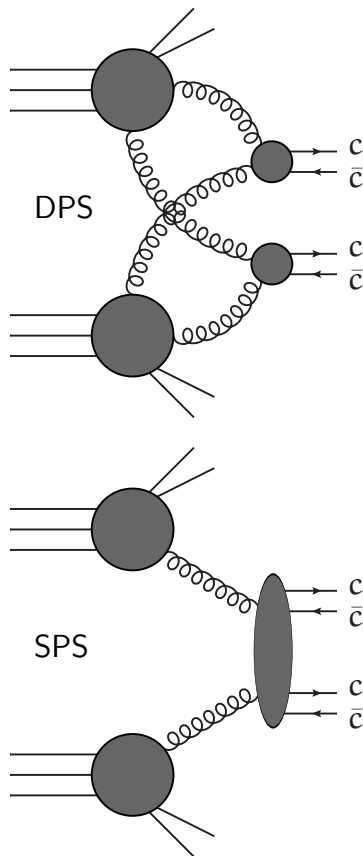
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Outline

- DPS vs SPS for $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$
- k_T -factorization vs collinear factorization for $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$
- Off-shell amplitudes
- BCFW recursion for off-shell amplitudes
- Conclusions

DPS vs SPS for $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$

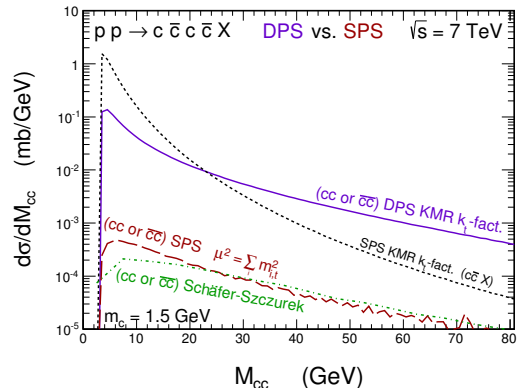
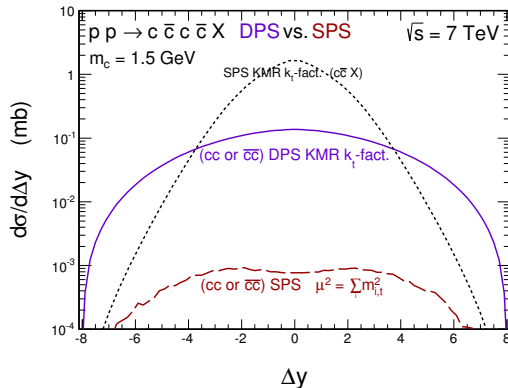
- production of $c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$ is a good place to study DPS effects
[Łuszczak, Maciuła, Szczurek 2012](#)
- DPS $c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$ cross section approaches $c\bar{c}$ cross section for large energies
- DPS $c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$ cross section is orders of magnitude larger than LO SPS $c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$ cross section
[Schäfer, Szczurek 2012, Maciuła, Szczurek, AvH 2014](#)
- LHCb measured a surprisingly large cross section for the production of D-meson pairs [JHEP 06 141 \(2012\)](#)



Simple factorized model

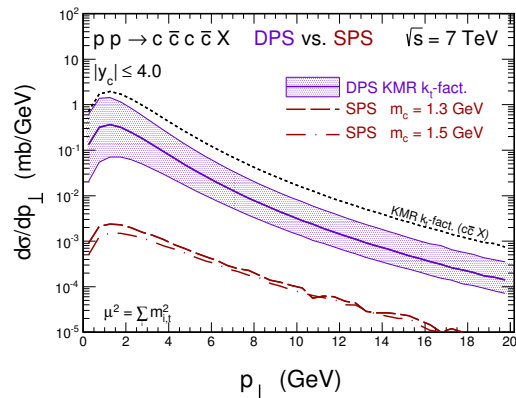
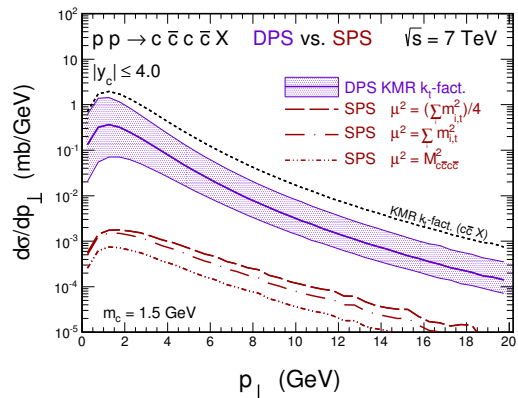
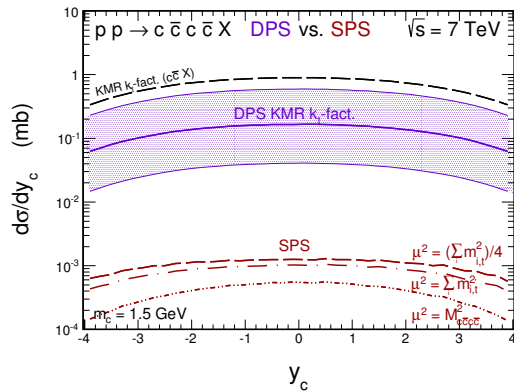
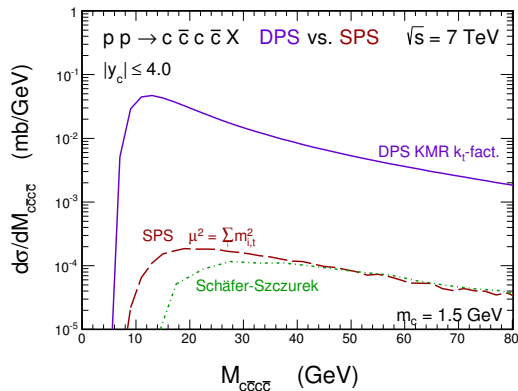
$$d\sigma^{\text{DPS}}(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} c\bar{c} X) = \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\text{eff}}} d\sigma^{\text{SPS}}(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} X_1) d\sigma^{\text{SPS}}(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} X_2)$$

with $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = 15\text{mb}$.



DPS vs SPS for $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}c\bar{c}$

Maciuła, Szczurek, AvH 2014



High Energy Factorization

a.k.a. k_T -factorization

Catani, Ciafaloni, Hautmann 1991

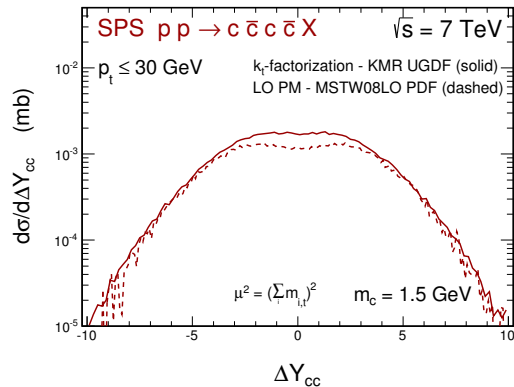
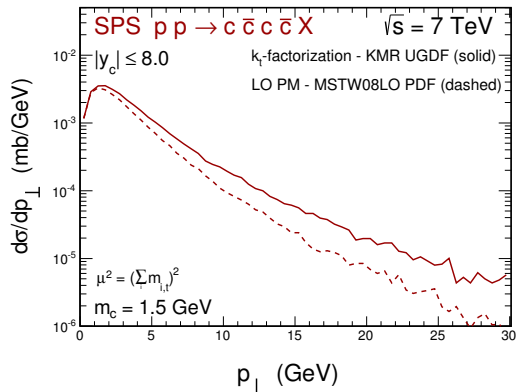
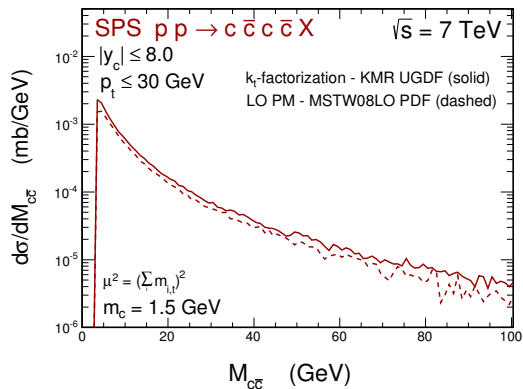
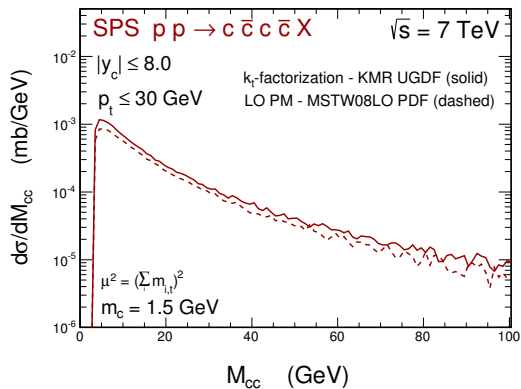
Collins, Ellis 1991

$$\sigma_{h_1, h_2 \rightarrow QQ} = \int d^2 k_{1\perp} \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \mathcal{F}(x_1, k_{1\perp}) d^2 k_{2\perp} \frac{dx_2}{x_2} \mathcal{F}(x_2, k_{2\perp}) \hat{\sigma}_{gg} \left(\frac{m^2}{x_1 x_2 s}, \frac{k_{1\perp}}{m}, \frac{k_{2\perp}}{m} \right)$$

- to be applied in the 3-scale regime $s \gg m^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$
- reduces to collinear factorization for $s \gg m^2 \gg k_{\perp}^2$, but holds also for $s \gg m^2 \sim k_{\perp}^2$
- typically associated with small- x physics
- relevant for forward physics, saturation physics, heavy-ion physics. . .
- k_{\perp} gives a handle on the size of the proton
- allows for higher-order kinematical effects at leading order
- requires matrix elements with *off-shell* initial-state partons with $k_i = x_i p_i + k_{i\perp}$
- k_{\perp} -dependent \mathcal{F} may satisfy BFKL-eqn, CCFM-eqn, BK-eqn, KGBJS-eqn, . . .
- in particular KMR-type unintegrated pdfs contain essential hard scale dependence via Sudakov resummation

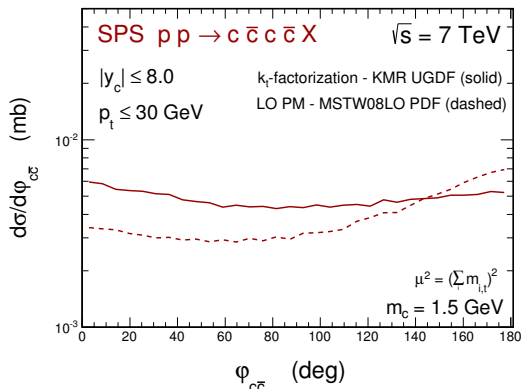
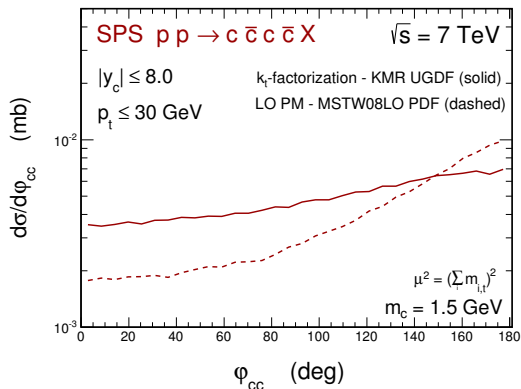
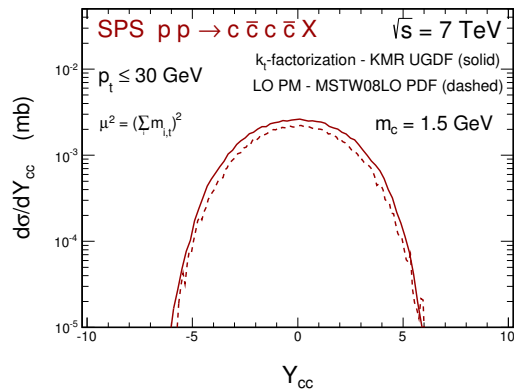
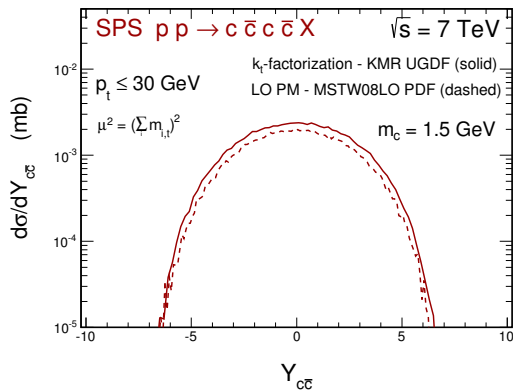
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Maciula, Szczurek,
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Dyson-Schwinger equations:

- Sums are over partitions of on-shell particles over the blobs, and over possible flavors for virtual particles.
- Current with $n = \# \text{external particles} - 1$ is completely on-shell and gives the amplitude.
- Solution can be represented as a sum of Feynman graphs,
- but recursion can also be used to construct amplitude directly.

Theories with four-point vertices:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\textcircled{n} &= \sum_{i+j=n} \text{blob}(i,j) + \sum_{i+j+k=n} \text{blob}(i,j,k) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \text{blob}(n) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j=n} \text{blob}(i,j) + \frac{1}{6} \text{blob}(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Theories with more types of currents:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{wavy}(n) &= \sum_{i+j=n} \text{blob}(i,j) + \text{wavy}(n) \\
 \rightarrow(n) &= \sum_{i+j=n} \text{blob}(i,j) + \rightarrow(n) \\
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Dyson-Schwinger at tree-level

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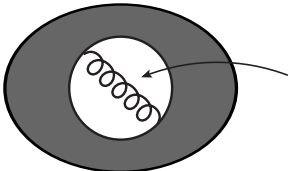
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Gauge invariance


In order to be physically relevant, any scattering amplitude following the constructive definition given before must satisfy the following

Freedom in choice of gluon propagator:



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{-i}{k^2} \left[g^{\mu\nu} - (1 - \xi) \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2} \right] \\ \frac{-i}{k^2} \left[g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{k^\mu n^\nu + n^\mu k^\nu}{k \cdot n} + (n^2 + \xi k^2) \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{(k \cdot n)^2} \right] \end{array} \right.$$

Ward identity:



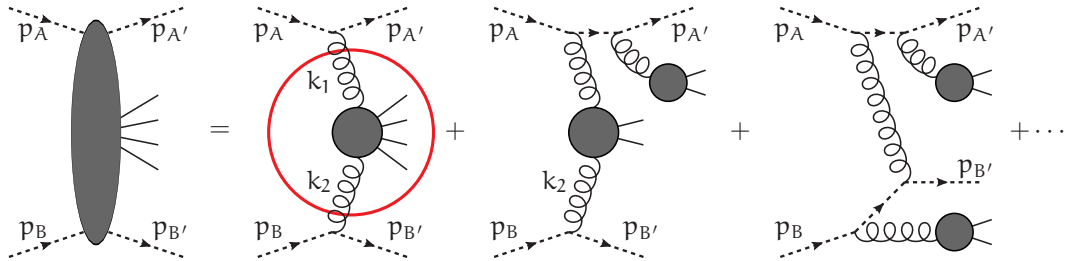
$$\mu \varepsilon^\mu(k) \rightarrow \mu k^\mu = 0$$

- Only holds if all external particles are on-shell.
- k_T -factorization requires off-shell initial-state momenta $k^\mu = p^\mu + k_T^\mu$.
- How to define amplitudes with off-shell initial-state momenta?

Amplitudes with off-shell partons

AvH, Kutak, Kotko 2013:

Embed the process in an on-shell process with auxiliary partons



Hadron momenta p_1, p_2 :

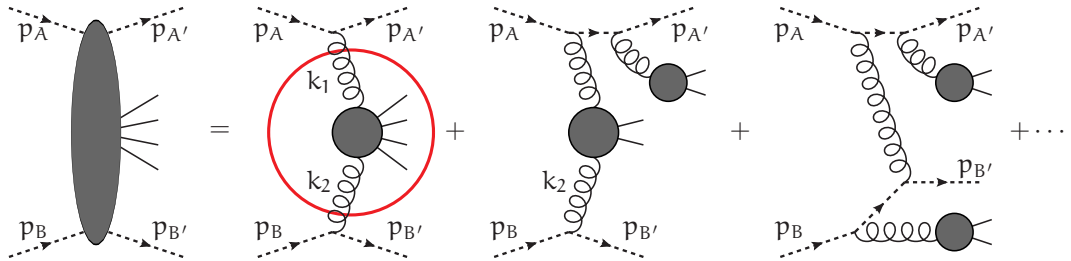
$$p_1 \cdot p_A = p_1 \cdot p_{A'} = p_1 \cdot k_1 = 0$$

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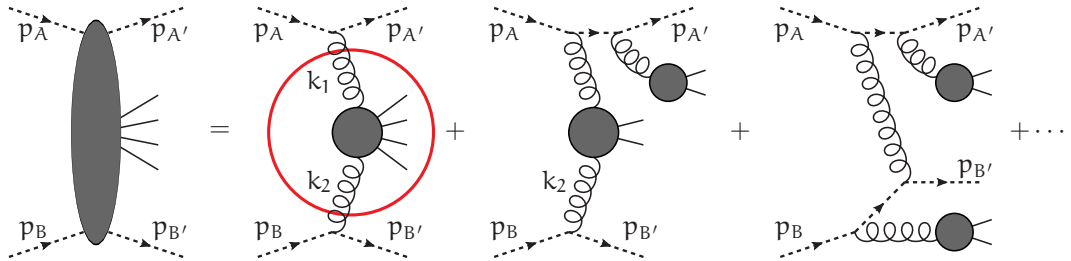
$$\begin{array}{c} j \text{---} \text{---} i \\ | \\ \text{wavy line} \\ \mu, a \end{array} = -i T_{i,j}^a p_1^\mu$$

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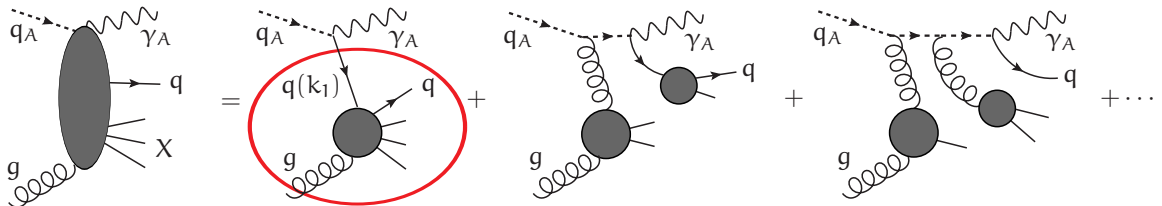
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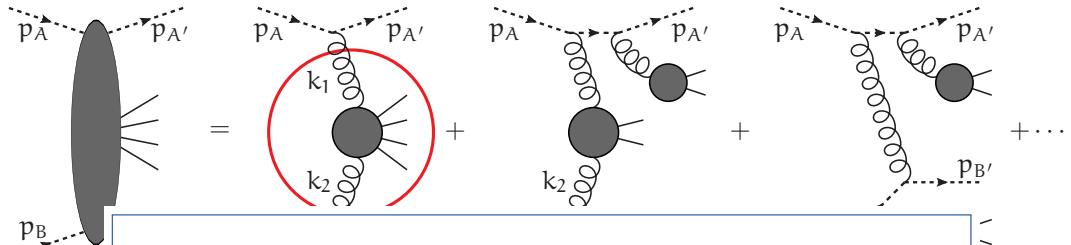
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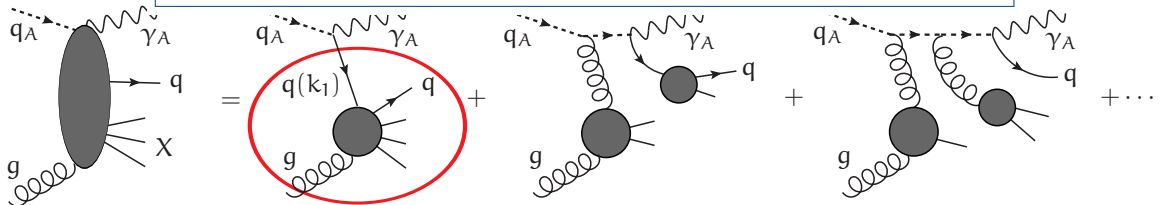
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In agreement with the effective action approach of
 Lipatov 1995, Antonov, Lipatov, Kuraev, Cherednikov 2005
 Lipatov, Vyazovsky 2000, Nefedov, Saleev, Shipilova 2013
 and the Wilson-line approach of
 Kotko 2014

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BCFW recursion for on-shell amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}(i^-, j^-, (\text{the rest})^+) = \frac{\langle p_i p_j \rangle^4}{\langle p_1 p_2 \rangle \langle p_2 p_3 \rangle \cdots \langle p_{n-2} p_{n-1} \rangle \langle p_{n-1} p_n \rangle \langle p_n p_1 \rangle}$$

Color decomposition of multi-gluon amplitudes in terms of color-ordered amplitudes

$$\mathcal{M}(\{p_i, \lambda_i, a_i\}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} \text{Tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} T^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \cdots T^{a_{\sigma(n-1)}} T^{a_n}) \mathcal{A}(\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n-1), n)$$

The *color-ordered* or *dual* amplitudes \mathcal{A} are functions of the momenta and helicities only.

This decomposition also holds for off-shell gluons.

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Multi-gluon amplitudes have much simpler expressions than one would expect from the Feynman graphs, in particular the MHV amplitudes:

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BCFW recursion (Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten 2005) allows for easy construction of such simple expressions

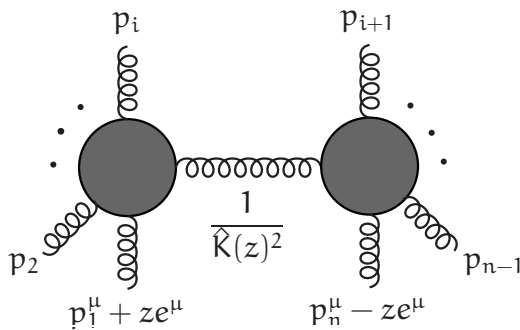
- it is a recursion of *on-shell amplitudes*, rather than off-shell Green functions
- it is most efficiently applied as a recursion of *expressions*
- it is easily proven using Cauchy's theorem

For a rational function f of a complex variable z which vanishes at infinity, we have

$$\oint_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \frac{f(z)}{z} \stackrel{\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \infty}{=} 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(0) = \sum_i \frac{\text{Residue}(f @ z = z_i)}{-z_i}$$

This is applied to amplitudes by turning them into functions of a complex variable by analytical continuation of the momenta to complex values.

BCFW recursion for on-shell amplitudes



$$\begin{aligned}\hat{K}^\mu(z) &= p_1^\mu + \cdots + p_i^\mu + ze^\mu \\ &= -p_{i+1}^\mu - \cdots - p_n^\mu + ze^\mu \\ e^\mu &= \frac{1}{2} \langle p_1 | \gamma^\mu | p_n \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{K}(z)^2 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad z = -\frac{(p_1 + \cdots + p_i)^2}{2(p_2 + \cdots + p_i) \cdot e}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(1^+, 2, \dots, n-1, n^-) = \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{h=+,-} \mathcal{A}(\hat{1}^+, 2, \dots, i, -\hat{K}_{1,i}^h) \frac{1}{K_{1,i}^2} \mathcal{A}(\hat{K}_{1,i}^{-h}, i+1, \dots, n-1, \hat{n}^-)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(1^+, 2^-, 3^-) = \frac{\langle 23 \rangle^3}{\langle 31 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle} \quad , \quad \mathcal{A}(1^-, 2^+, 3^+) = \frac{[32]^3}{[21][13]}$$

Amplitudes with off-shell gluons

n -parton amplitude is a function of n momenta k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n
and n directions p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n , satisfying the conditions

$$k_1^\mu + k_2^\mu + \dots + k_n^\mu = 0 \quad \text{momentum conservation}$$

$$p_1^2 = p_2^2 = \dots = p_n^2 = 0 \quad \text{light-likeness}$$

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$$k_T^\mu(q) = k^\mu - \chi(q)p^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad \chi(q) \equiv \frac{q \cdot k}{q \cdot p}$$

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Besides the spinors of directions and light-like momenta, κ and κ^* will show up in expressions for off-shell amplitudes.

The BCFW recursion formula becomes

$$2 \begin{array}{c} \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \sum_{h=+,-} A_{i,h} + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} B_i + C + D ,$$

where

$$A_{i,h} = \begin{array}{c} i \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} h \\ \text{---} \end{array} \frac{1}{K_{1,i}^2} \begin{array}{c} i+1 \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} -h \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad B_i = \begin{array}{c} i-1 \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i \\ \text{---} \end{array} \frac{1}{2p_i \cdot K_{i,n}} \begin{array}{c} i \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i+1 \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{\kappa_1} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad D = \frac{1}{\kappa_n^*} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

The hatted numbers label the shifted external gluons.

Example of a 4-gluon amplitude

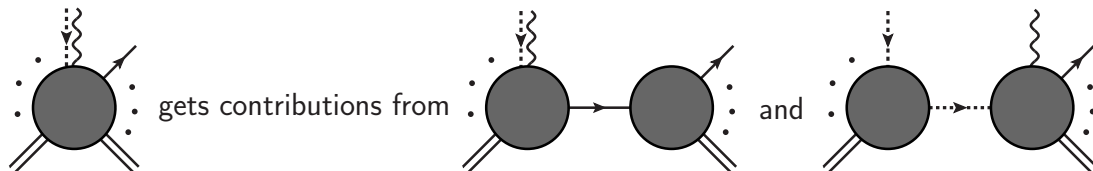
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(1^*, 2^-, 3^*, 4^+) = & \frac{\langle 13 \rangle^3 [13]^3}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle \langle 1 | \not{k}_3 + \not{p}_4 | 3 \rangle \langle 3 | \not{k}_1 + \not{p}_4 | 1 \rangle [32] [21]} \\ & + \frac{1}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_3} \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^3 [43]^3}{\langle 2 | \not{k}_3 | 4 \rangle \langle 1 | \not{k}_3 + \not{p}_4 | 3 \rangle (k_3 + p_4)^2} + \frac{1}{\kappa_1 \kappa_3^*} \frac{\langle 23 \rangle^3 [14]^3}{\langle 2 | \not{k}_1 | 4 \rangle \langle 3 | \not{k}_1 + \not{p}_4 | 1 \rangle (k_1 + p_4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

- Eventual matrix element needs factor $k_1^2 k_3^2 = |\kappa_1|^2 |\kappa_3|^2$.
This *must not* be included at the amplitude level not to spoil analytic structure.
- Last two terms dominate for $|k_1| \rightarrow 0$ and $|k_3| \rightarrow 0$, and give the on-shell helicity amplitudes in that limit.

$$\mathcal{A}(1^*, 2^-, 3^*, 4^+) \xrightarrow{|k_1|, |k_3| \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_3} \mathcal{A}(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+) + \frac{1}{\kappa_1 \kappa_3^*} \mathcal{A}(1^+, 2^-, 3^-, 4^+)$$

- Coherent sum of amplitudes becomes incoherent sum of squared amplitudes via angular integrations for \vec{k}_{1T} and \vec{k}_{3T} .

- on-shell case treated in [Luo, Wen 2005](#)
 - only gluons are shifted
 - restrictions on allowed combinations of helicities and shift vectors
 - not always possible to have minimal number of terms by shifting adjacent gluons
- any off-shell parton can be shifted: propagators of “external” off-shell partons give the correct power of z in order to vanish at infinity
- different kinds of contributions in the recursion



- many of the MHV amplitudes come out as expected
- some more-than-MHV amplitudes do not vanish, but are sub-leading in k_T

$$\mathcal{A}(1^+, 2^+, \dots, n^+, \bar{q}^*, q^-) = \frac{-\langle \bar{q} q \rangle^3}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n \bar{q} \rangle \langle \bar{q} q \rangle \langle q 1 \rangle}$$

Conclusions

- Double-parton scattering gives an important contribution to the cross section for the process $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$.
- This is confirmed by comparing with single-parton scattering at tree-level both in collinear factorization and k_T -factorization.
- Factorization prescriptions with explicit k_T dependence in the pdfs ask for hard matrix elements with off-shell initial-state partons.
- The necessary amplitudes can be defined in a manifestly gauge invariant manner that allows for Dyson-Schwinger recursion and BCFW recursion, both for off-shell gluons and off-shell quarks.
- Besides $pp \rightarrow c\bar{c} c\bar{c}$ another recent application is $pp \rightarrow 4j$ [AvH, Kutak, Serino 2015](#).

AVHLIB (A Very Handy LIBrary)

- complete Monte Carlo program for tree-level calculations
- any process within the Standard Model
- any initial-state partons on-shell or off-shell
- employs numerical Dyson-Schwinger recursion to calculate helicity amplitudes
- automatic phase space optimization
- flexibility at the cost of user-friendliness

AMP4HEF (AvH, M.Bury, K.Bilko, H.Milczarek)

- only provides tree-level matrix elements (or color-ordered helicity amplitudes)
- available processes (plus those with fewer on-shell gluons):

$$\emptyset \rightarrow g g + 4g$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow g^* g + 4g$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow g^* g^* + 4g$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow \bar{q} q + 3g$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow g^* + \bar{q} q + 2g$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow \bar{q}^* q + 3g$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow \bar{q} q^* + 3g$$

- employs BCFW recursion to calculate color-ordered helicity amplitudes
- easy to use, both in Fortran and C++

Factorized Ansatz and double-parton distributions (DPDFs)

DPDF - emission of parton i with assumption that second parton j is also emitted:

$$\Gamma_{i,j}(b, x_1, x_2; \mu_1^2, \mu_2^2) = F_i(x_1, \mu_1^2) F_j(x_2, \mu_2^2) F(b; x_1, x_2, \mu_1^2, \mu_2^2)$$

- correlations between two partons

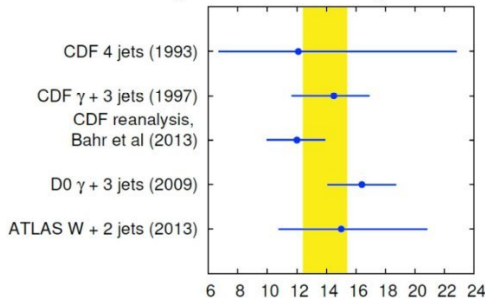
C. Flensburg et al., JHEP 06, 066 (2011)

in general:

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}}(x_1, x_2, x'_1, x'_2, \mu_1^2, \mu_2^2) = \left(\int d^2b F(b; x_1, x_2, \mu_1^2, \mu_2^2) F(b; x'_1, x'_2, \mu_1^2, \mu_2^2) \right)^{-1}$$

factorized Ansatz:

- additional limitations: $x_1 + x_2 < 1$ oraz $x'_1 + x'_2 < 1$
- DPDF in multiplicative form: $F_{ij}(b; x_1, x_2, \mu_1^2, \mu_2^2) = F_i(x_1, \mu_1^2) F_j(x_2, \mu_2^2) F(b)$
- $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \left[\int d^2b (F(b))^2 \right]^{-1}$, $F(b)$ - energy and process independent



phenomenology: $\sigma_{\text{eff}} \Rightarrow$ nonperturbative quantity with a dimension of cross section, connected with transverse size of overlapping protons

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} \approx 15 \text{ mb } (p_{\perp}\text{-independent})$$

a detailed analysis of σ_{eff} :

Seymour, Siódmok, JHEP 10, 113 (2013)

